

Characteristics of wind Power Systems

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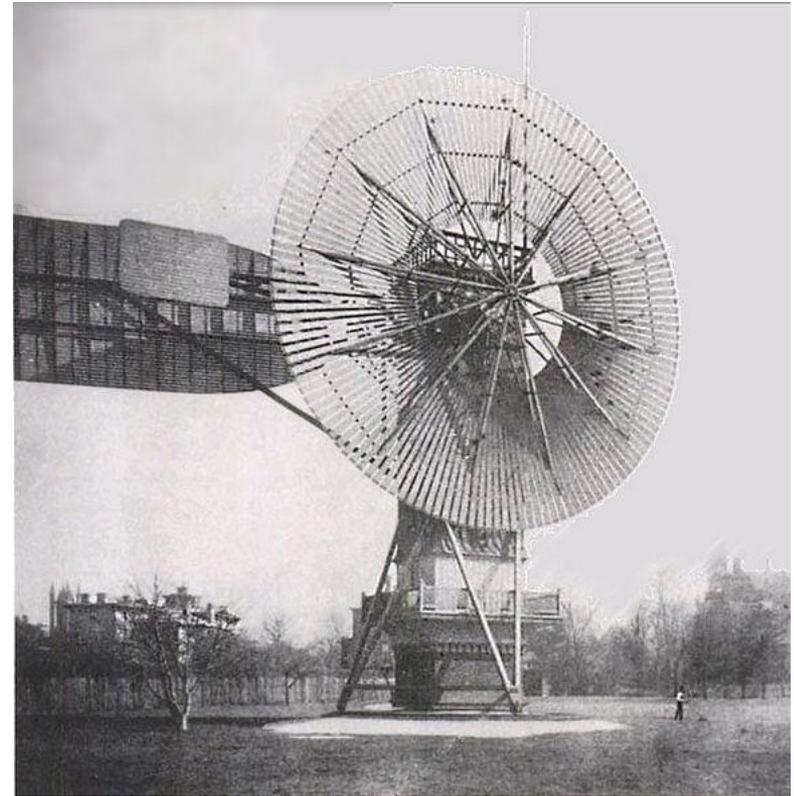
Wind Power

Since ancient times, people have harnessed the wind's energy for sailing. Centuries later, people improved the basic design of the windmill as they gave it propeller-type blades to pump water and grind grains.



Wind power – brief history

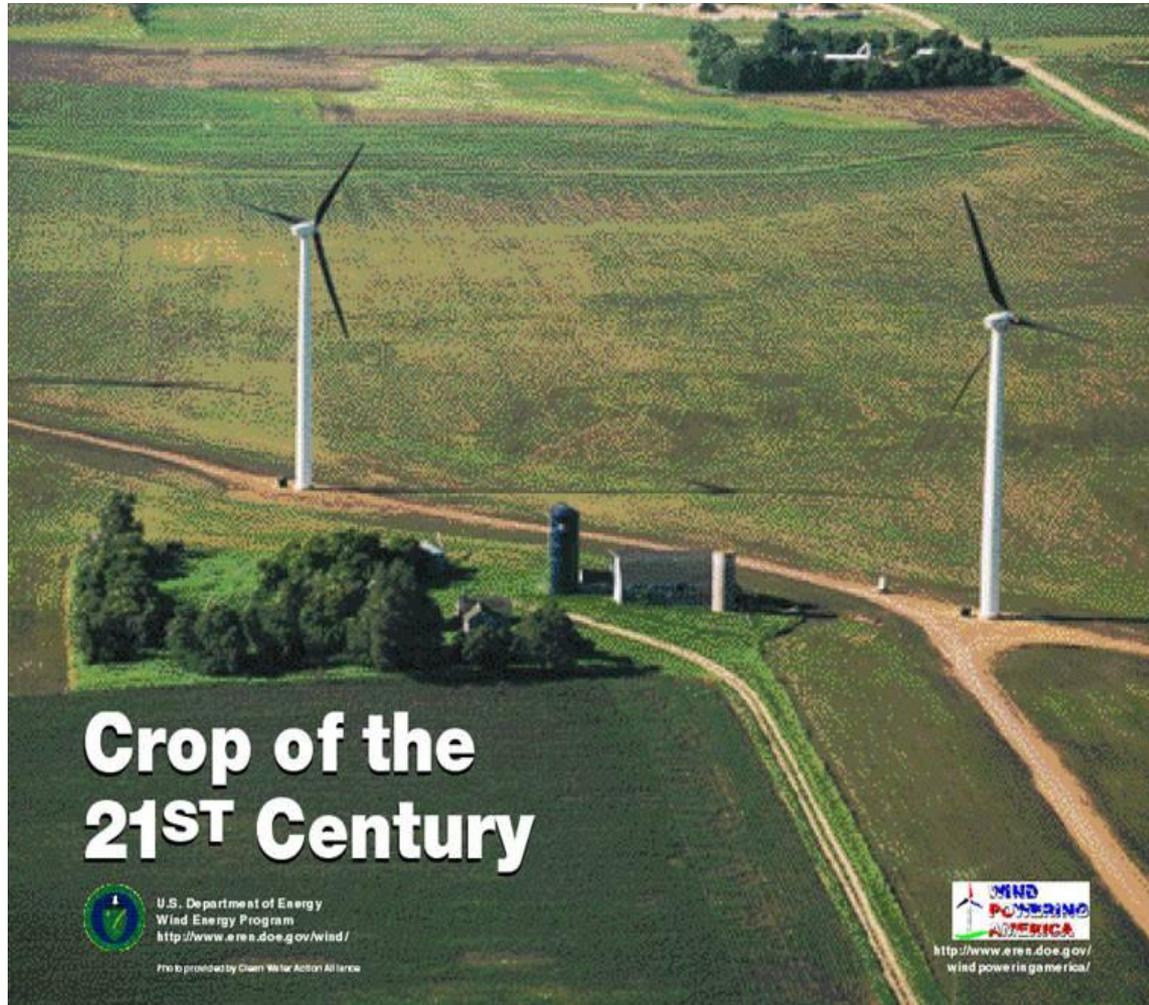
- First wind mill used to generate electricity (year: 1888, rated power: 12 kW)
- Death to this industry by rural electrification.
- Renewed interest in US in the 1970's due the oil shock, followed government incentives.
- US stopped installations in the late 1980's due to expiration of tax credits, but wind turbine technology continued in Europe.
- World-wide boom began in the mid 1990's.



Source: Robert W. Righter, Wind Energy in America: A History

Drivers of Wind Energy

Declining Wind Generator Costs - Fuel Price Uncertainty - Federal and State Policies - Economic Development - Green Power Marketing.



Wind turbine Designs

- Horizontal axis wind turbines (HAWT) are the most popular - compared to vertical axis wind turbines (VAWT).
 - Advantages of VAWT: (a) automatically faces the wind, (b) the heavy machinery can be located on the ground, (c) lightweight.
 - Disadvantages of VAWT: (a) the blades are close to the ground (low speed, turbulent wind), (b) hard to spill the wind.

HAWT

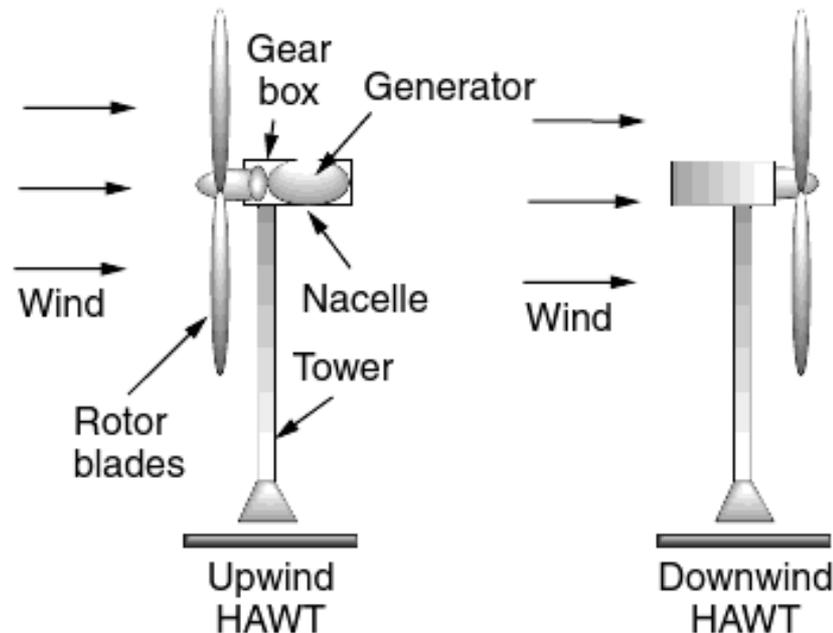


VAWT



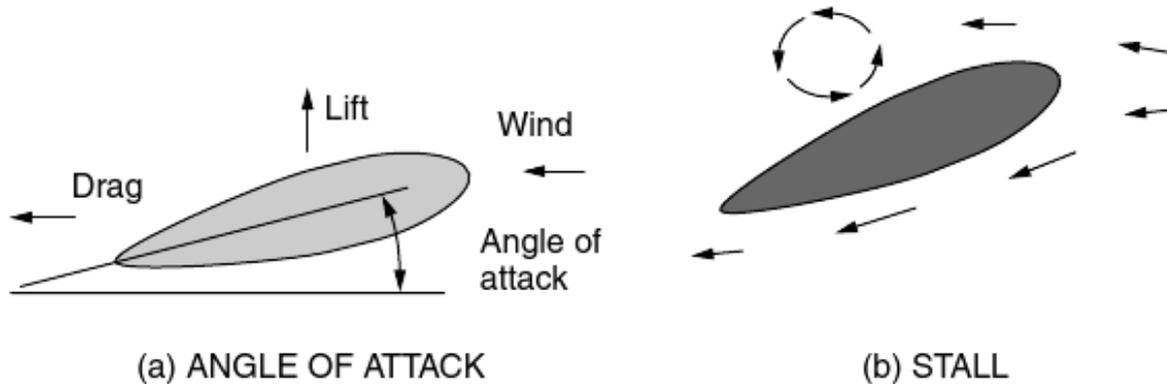
Upwind versus Downwind HAWT

- **Downwind:** the wind controls the yaw (left– right motion), i.e., it orients itself with respect wind direction. But the shadowing effects of the tower causes the blade to flex, thus resulting in fatigue, noise and reduces power output.
- **Upwind:** requires a complex yaw control systems to keep the blades facing into the wind, but operates more smoothly and deliver more power. Most modern wind turbines are of the upwind type.



Specific wind turbine performance

- The blades convert the kinetic energy in the wind into rotating shaft power to spin a generator that produces electric power.
- The rotor blades extract energy from the wind based on Bernoulli's principle to obtain lift (i.e., due to pressure difference).



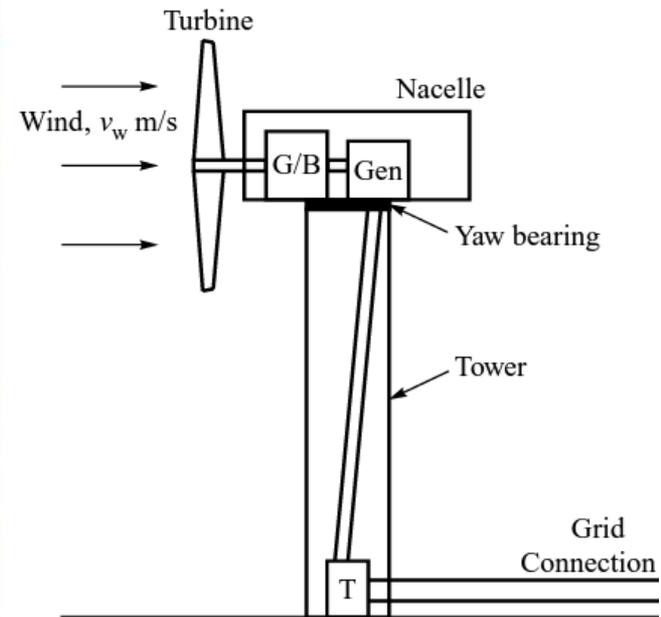
- Since the blade is moving much faster at the tip than near the hub, the blade must be twisted along its length to keep the angles right.
- Increasing the angle of attack too much can result in a stall. When a wing stalls, the airflow over the top no longer sticks to the surface and the resulting turbulence destroys lift.

Optimal Number of blades



- If more than 3 blades, the turbulence caused by one blade affects the efficiency of the blade that follows.
- If less than 3 blades, power and torque pulsations will appear at the generator terminals
- Three-bladed turbines show smoother and quieter operation, with minimum aerodynamic interference.

Components of a wind mill



Capacitor Factor

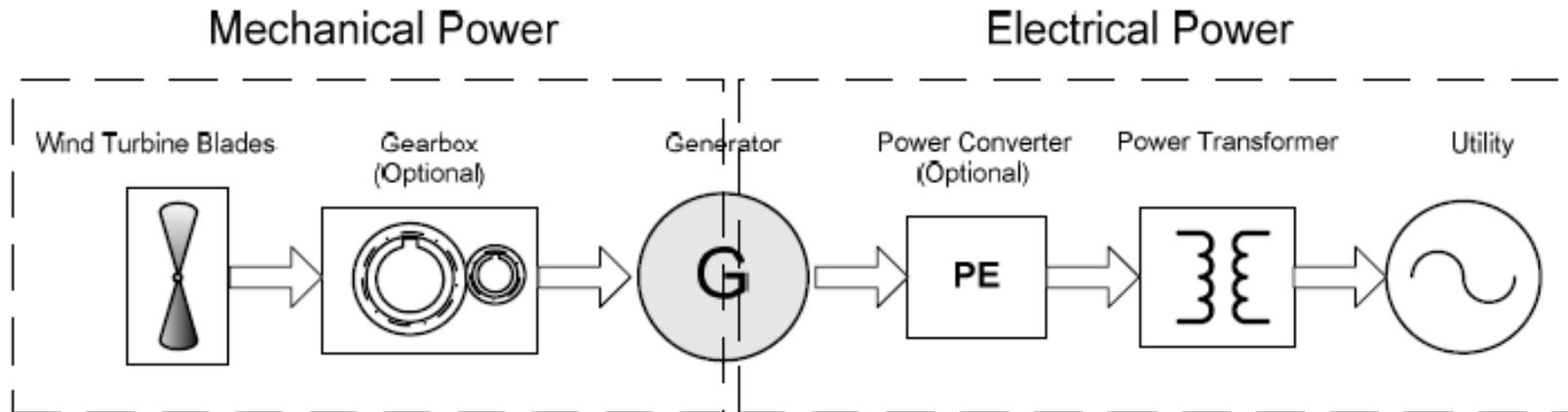
- Capacity factor of a wind power generator is defined as

$$c_f = \frac{\text{actual annual energy production}}{\text{maximum plant rating} \times 8760}$$

for a site with an average wind speed of 7 m/s, c_f is about 30%.

for a site with an average wind speed of 5 m/s, c_f is about 12%.

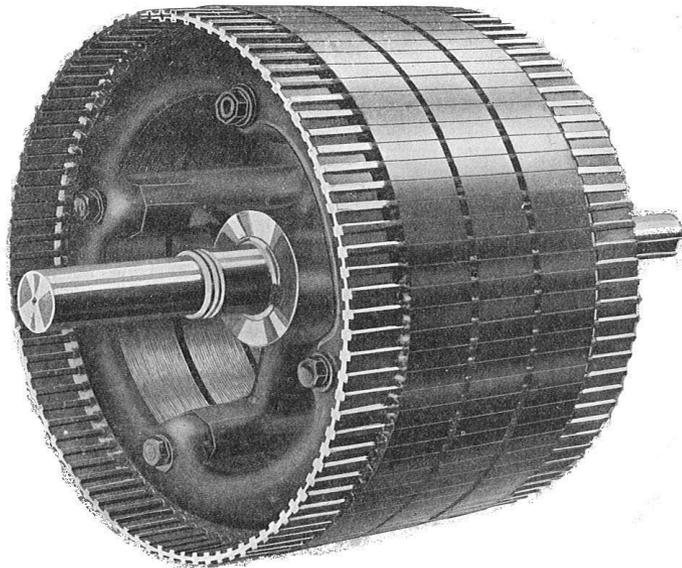
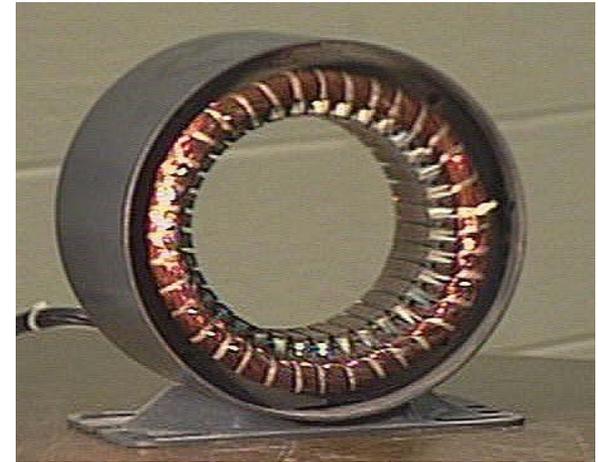
Rotating machine-based interconnection



- There are four types of utility-scale wind turbine generators (WTG) in the market, based on the generator topology and grid interface:
 - **Type 1:** squirrel cage induction generator
 - **Type 2:** wound-rotor induction generator with adjustable external rotor resistance
 - **Type 3:** doubly-fed induction generator
 - **Type 4:** induction generator with full converter interface

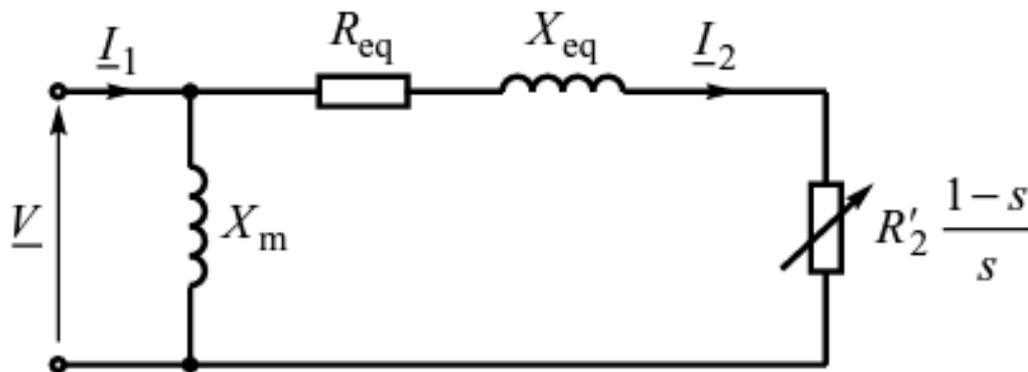
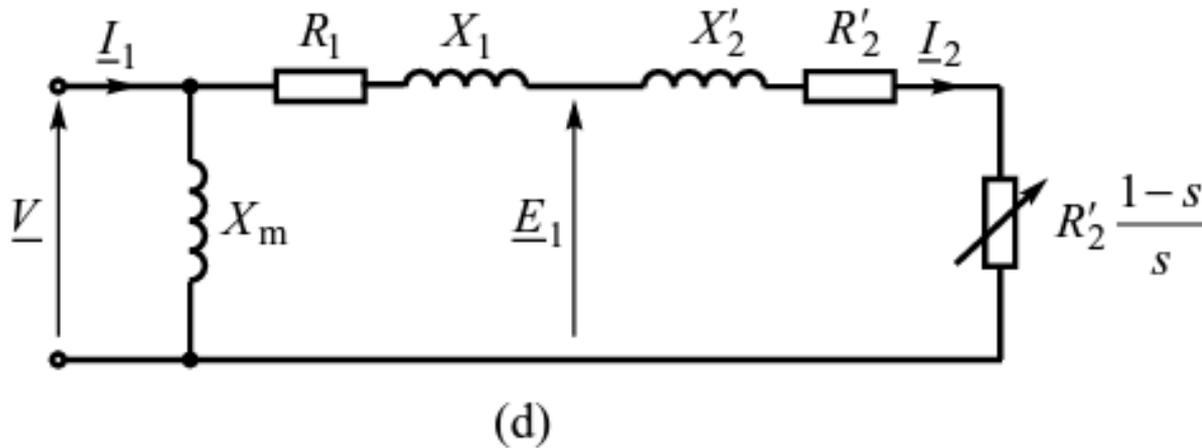
3-Phase induction machine construction

- 3 stator windings (uniformly distributed as in a synchronous generator)
- Two types of rotor:
 - Squirrel cage
 - Wound rotor (with slip rings)



Induction motor equivalent circuit

- Induction always run at a mechanical n_m speed below the synchronous speed n_s .
- The relative difference between the synchronous speed and mechanical speed is Described by the motor slip (s).



Motor slip:
$$s = \frac{n_s - n_m}{n_s}$$

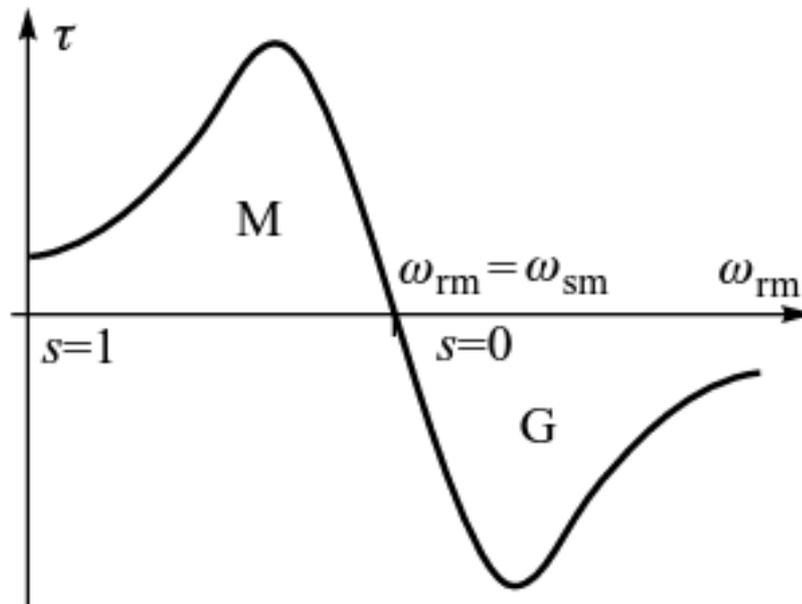
Torque-speed curve of induction machine

- Mechanical power delivered to the shaft:

$$P_m = 3I_2^2 \frac{R_2(1-s)}{s} = \tau_m \omega_{rm}.$$

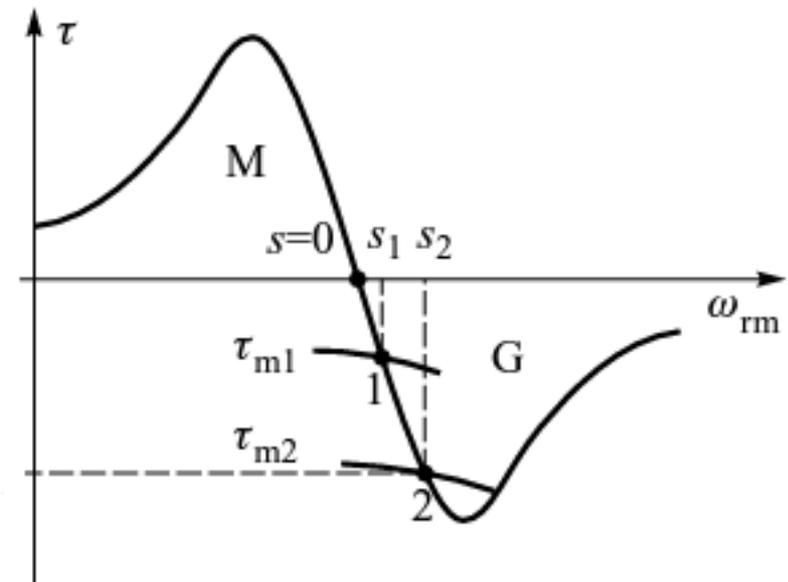
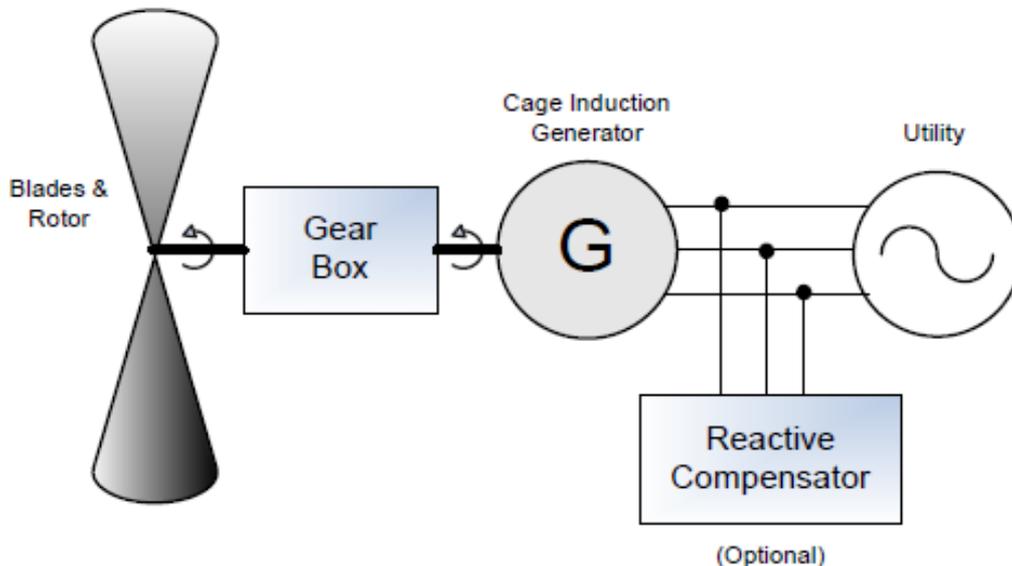
- Mechanical torque:

$$\tau_m = \frac{P_m}{\omega_{rm}} = \frac{P_m}{\omega_{sm}(1-s)} = \frac{3}{\omega_{sm}} \frac{V^2}{\left[\left(R_1 + \frac{R_2'}{s} \right)^2 + (X_1 + X_2')^2 \right]} \frac{R_2'}{s}.$$



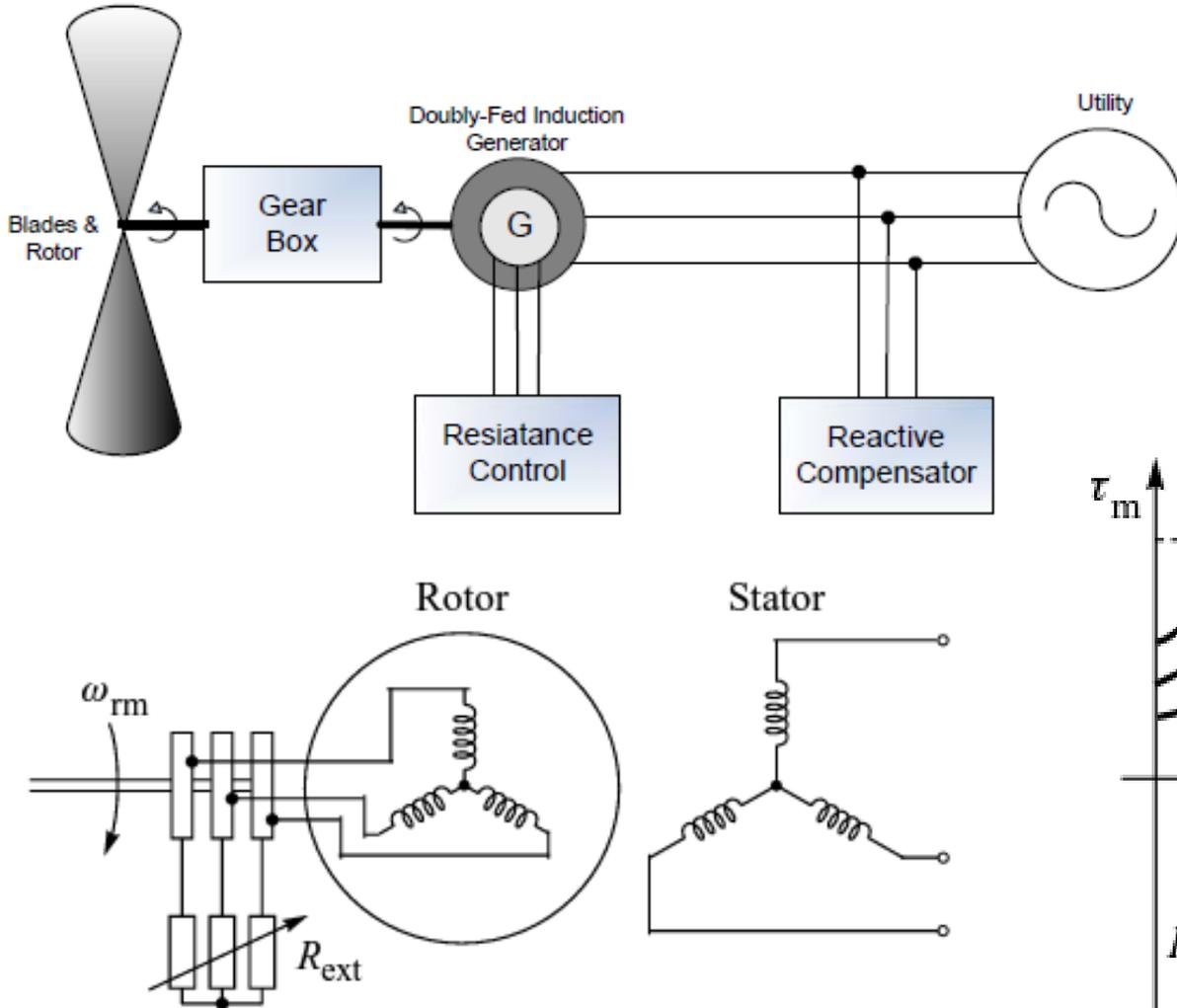
Type 1 generator configuration

- Squirrel cage induction generator (energy capture cannot be maximized due to nearly fixed speed range).
- Induction generators require reactive power to operate. This can be drawn from the utility source or by local shunt capacitors.

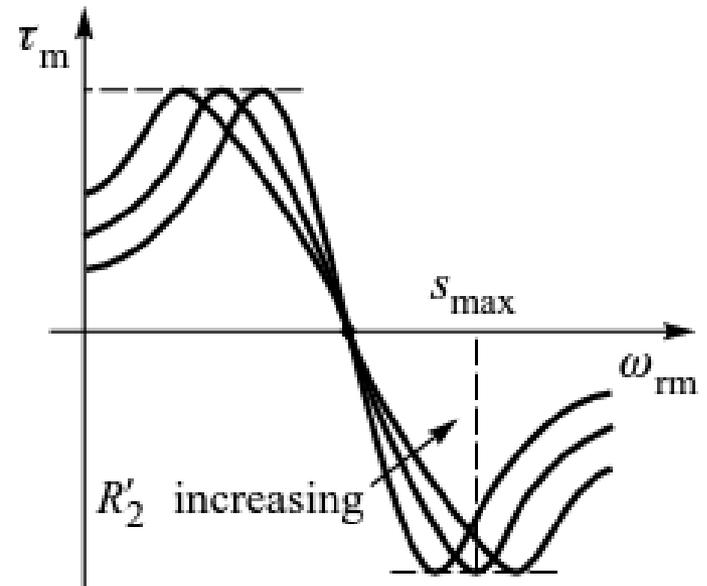


Type 2 generator configuration

- Wound rotor induction generator with external resistance (limited speed range, i.e., around 10%)

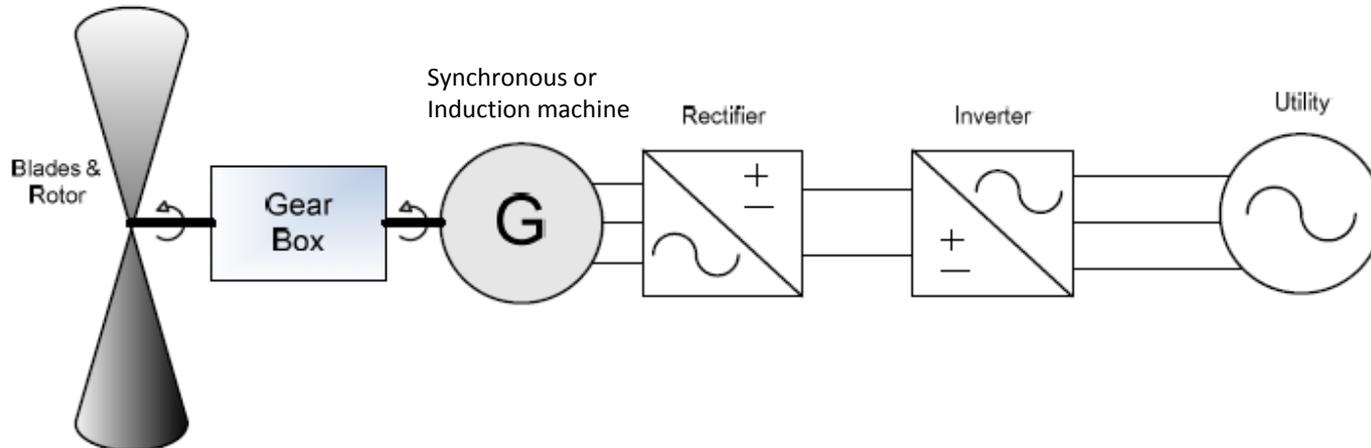


The gain in energy by allowing more speed variation should be balanced against reduced efficiency.



Type 4 generator configuration

- Connection through a fully rated power converter provides a wide range of speed.
 - The machine-side converter is operated to control the generator torque loading at a particular speed (for max power), while the grid-side inverter is operated to maintain constant DC bus voltage.
- The electric machine used can be an induction machine, wound field or permanent magnet synchronous machine. The latter is often found in relatively small wind generators (up to 50 kW) which use a permanent magnet (PM).

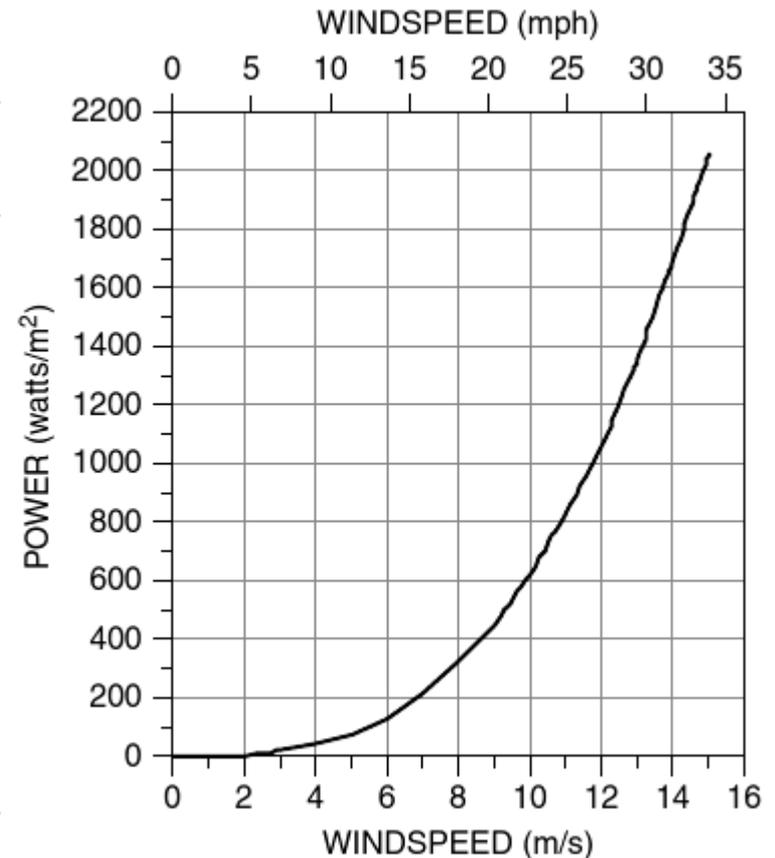


Power in the wind

$$P_w = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3$$

where

- ρ = air density (kg/m^3).
At 15°C and 1 atm , $\rho = 1.225 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$
- A = cross-sectional area through which the wind passes (m^2)
- v = wind speed normal to A (m/s)



Be careful when using average wind speed!

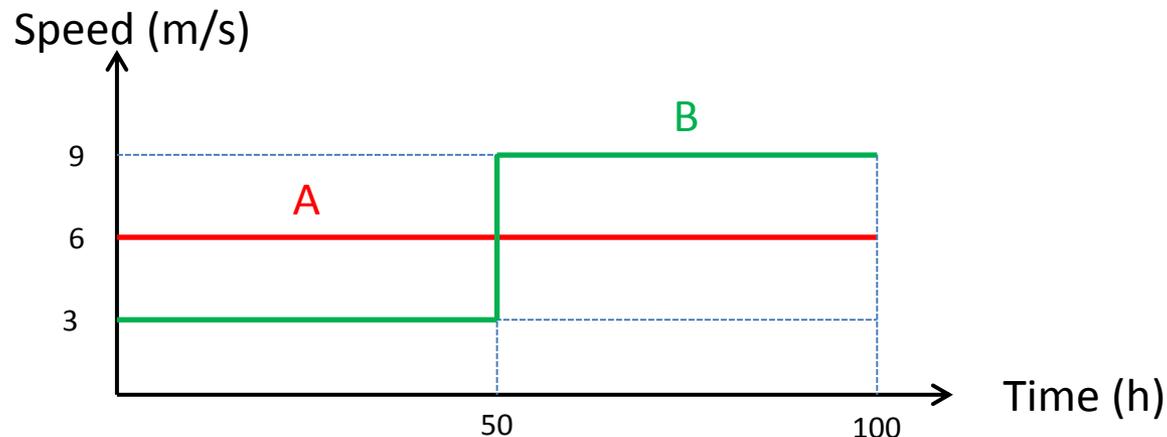
- Compare the energy at 15° C, 1 atm. pressure, contained in 1 m² for the following wind regimes:

(A) 100 hours of 6-m/s winds

Answer: 13.23 kWh

(B) 50 hours at 3 m/s plus 50 hours at 9 m/s

Answer: 23.15 kWh → 75% more energy in (B) than (A)!



Temperature and altitude correction

- When wind power data are presented, it is often assumed that the air density is 1.225 kg/m^3 (air temp = 15° C and pressure = 1 atm)
- Approximate variation in air density: $\rho = 1.225 K_T K_A$
where the correction factors K_T and K_A are tabulated below

Temperature ($^\circ\text{C}$)	Temperature ($^\circ\text{F}$)	Density (kg/m^3)	Density Ratio (K_T)	Altitude (meters)	Altitude (feet)	Pressure (atm)	Pressure Ratio (K_A)
-15	5.0	1.368	1.12	0	0	1	1
-10	14.0	1.342	1.10	200	656	0.977	0.977
-5	23.0	1.317	1.07	400	1312	0.954	0.954
0	32.0	1.293	1.05	600	1968	0.931	0.931
5	41.0	1.269	1.04	800	2625	0.910	0.910
10	50.0	1.247	1.02	1000	3281	0.888	0.888
15	59.0	1.225	1.00	1200	3937	0.868	0.868
20	68.0	1.204	0.98	1400	4593	0.847	0.847
25	77.0	1.184	0.97	1600	5249	0.827	0.827
30	86.0	1.165	0.95	1800	5905	0.808	0.808
35	95.0	1.146	0.94	2000	6562	0.789	0.789
40	104.0	1.127	0.92	2200	7218	0.771	0.771

Impact of tower height

- Smooth surfaces, such as a calm sea, offer very little resistance to wind, and the variation of speed with elevation is only modest.
- At the other extreme, surface winds are slowed considerably by high irregularities such as forests and buildings.
- One expression that is often used to characterize the impact of the roughness of the earth's surface on wind speed is the following: - first approximation

$$\left(\frac{v}{v_0}\right) = \left(\frac{H}{H_0}\right)^\alpha$$

where v is the wind speed at height H , v_0 is the wind speed at height H_0 - typically a reference height of 10 m), and α is the friction coefficient.

Wind power classification

Terrain Characteristics	Friction Coefficient α
Smooth hard ground, calm water	0.10
Tall grass on level ground	0.15
High crops, hedges and shrubs	0.20
Wooded countryside, many trees	0.25
Small town with trees and shrubs	0.30
Large city with tall buildings	0.40

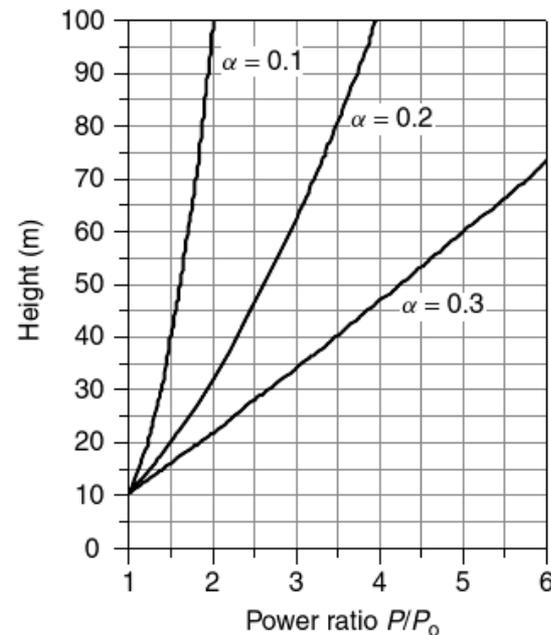
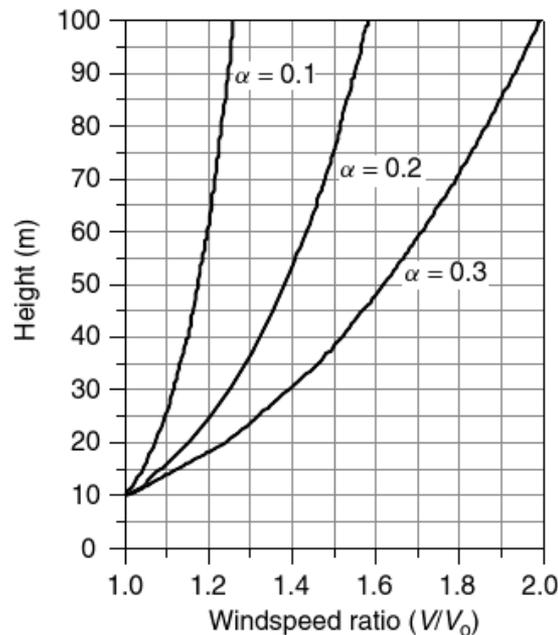
- Based on average wind speed (using an anemometer 10 m above ground), estimates of power density at a height of 50 m above ground are listed below.

Wind Power Class	Avg Windspeed at 10 m (m/s)	Avg Windspeed at 50 m (mph)	Wind Power Density at 10 m (W/m^2)	Wind Power Density at 50 m (W/m^2)
1	0–4.4	0–9.8	0–100	0–200
2	4.4–5.1	9.8–11.4	100–150	200–300
3	5.1–5.6	11.4–12.5	150–200	300–400
4	5.6–6.0	12.5–13.4	200–250	400–500
5	6.0–6.4	13.4–14.3	250–300	500–600
6	6.4–7.0	14.3–15.7	300–400	600–800
7	7.0–9.5	15.7–21.5	400–1000	800–2000

^aAssumptions include Rayleigh statistics, ground friction coefficient $\alpha = 1/7$, sea-level 0°C air density $1.225 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$, 10-m anemometer height, 50-m hub height.

Increased Wind power with a Taller Tower

- Example: An anemometer mounted at a height of 10 m shows a wind speed of 5 m/s. Estimate the wind speed and the specific power in the wind at a height of 50 m. Assume 15° C and 1 atm of pressure. Assume a friction coefficient $\alpha = 0.2$.
- Ans. Speed: 6.9 m/s, power = 76.5W/m² (2.5 times more!)



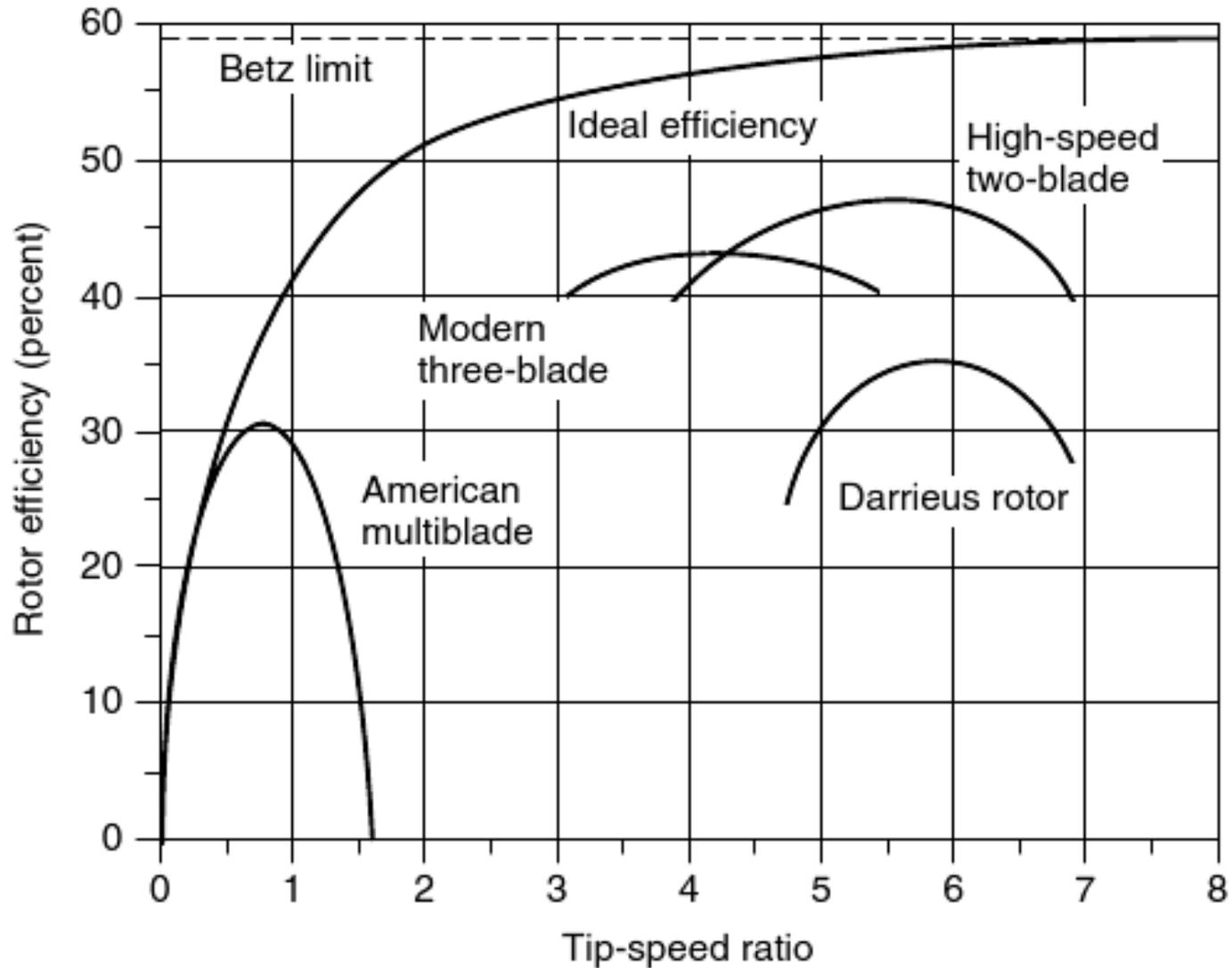
Maximum rotor efficiency

- **Betz's law (1919):** *The wind turbine blade efficiency is maximum when it slows the wind to one-third of its original velocity.*
- → *Maximum theoretical rotor efficiency = 59.3%*
- Modern wind turbine blades can approach 80 percent of the above limit, i.e., 45% - 50% efficiency in converting the power in the wind into the power of a rotating generator shaft.
- For a given wind speed, rotor efficiency is a function of the rate at which the rotor turns. A common way to illustrate rotor efficiency is to present it as a function of the tip-speed-ratio:

$$\text{Tip-Speed-Ratio (TSR)} = \frac{\text{Rotor tip speed}}{\text{Wind speed}} = \frac{\text{rpm} \times \pi D}{60 v}$$

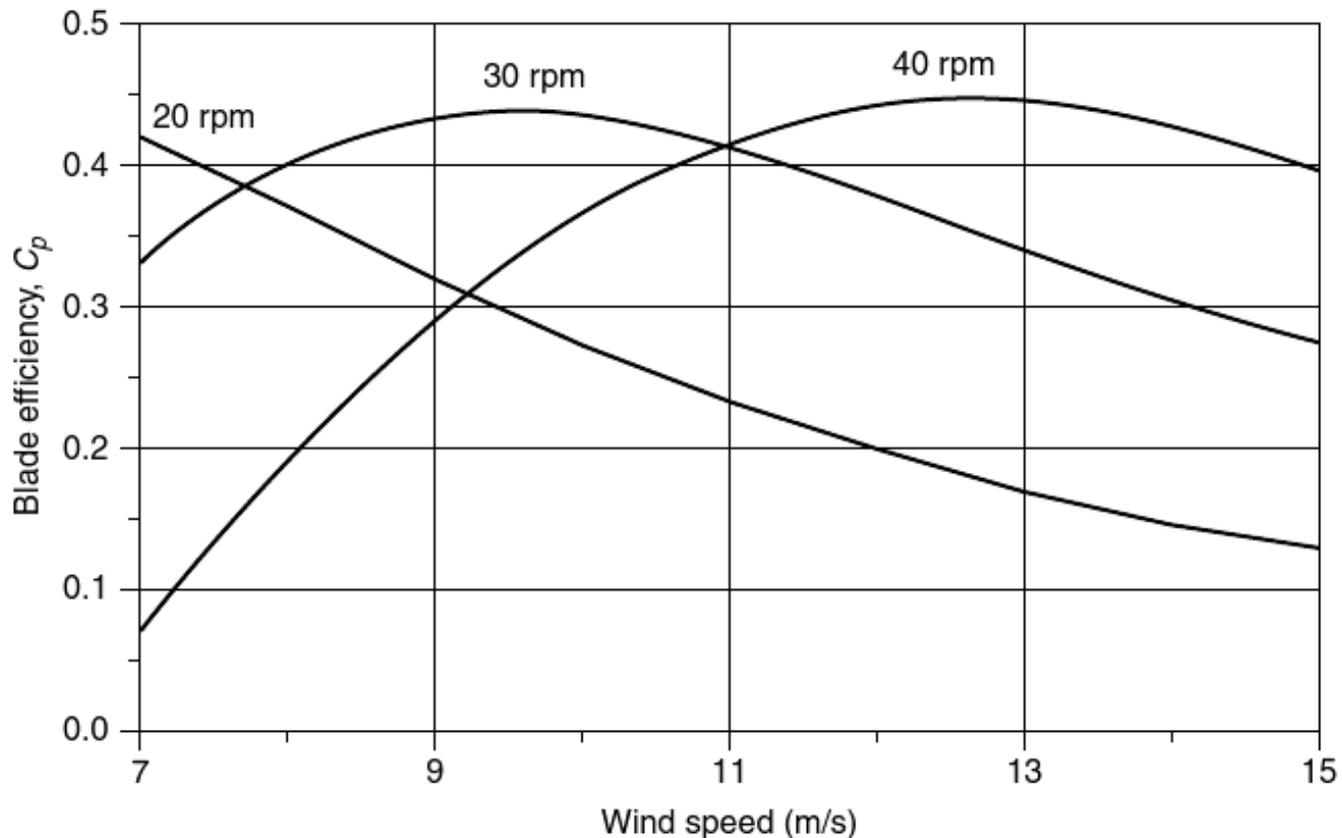
where rpm is the rotor speed, D is the rotor diameter (m); and v is the wind speed (m/s) upwind of the turbine.

Rotor efficiency as a function of TSR



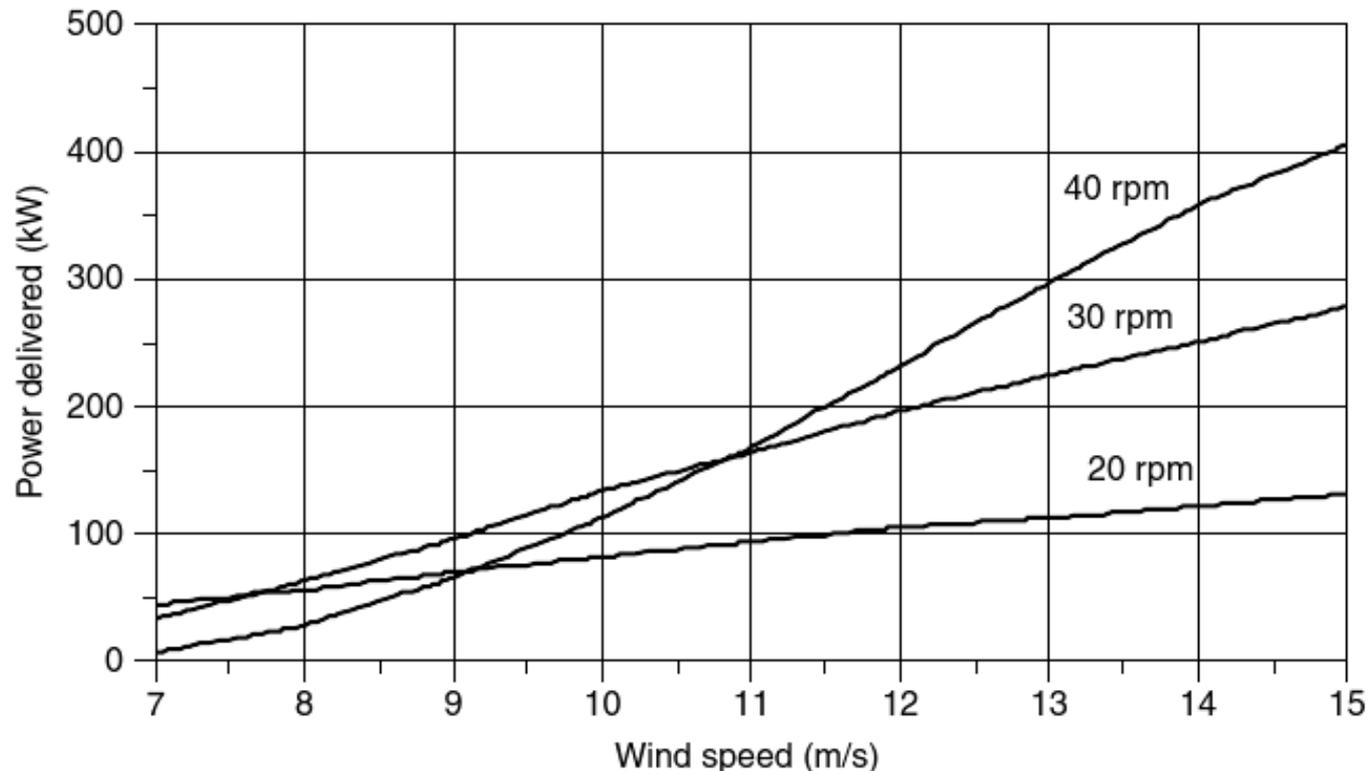
Wind turbine generators

- Since the blade efficiency depends the TSR, the turbine blades should change their speed as the wind speed changes.



Desire for both constant as variable rotor speed

- The impact on power produced (assuming generator & gear box efficiency of 70%) is shown below.
- For grid-connected turbines, the challenge is to design machines that can somehow accommodate variable rotor speed and somewhat fixed generator speed.



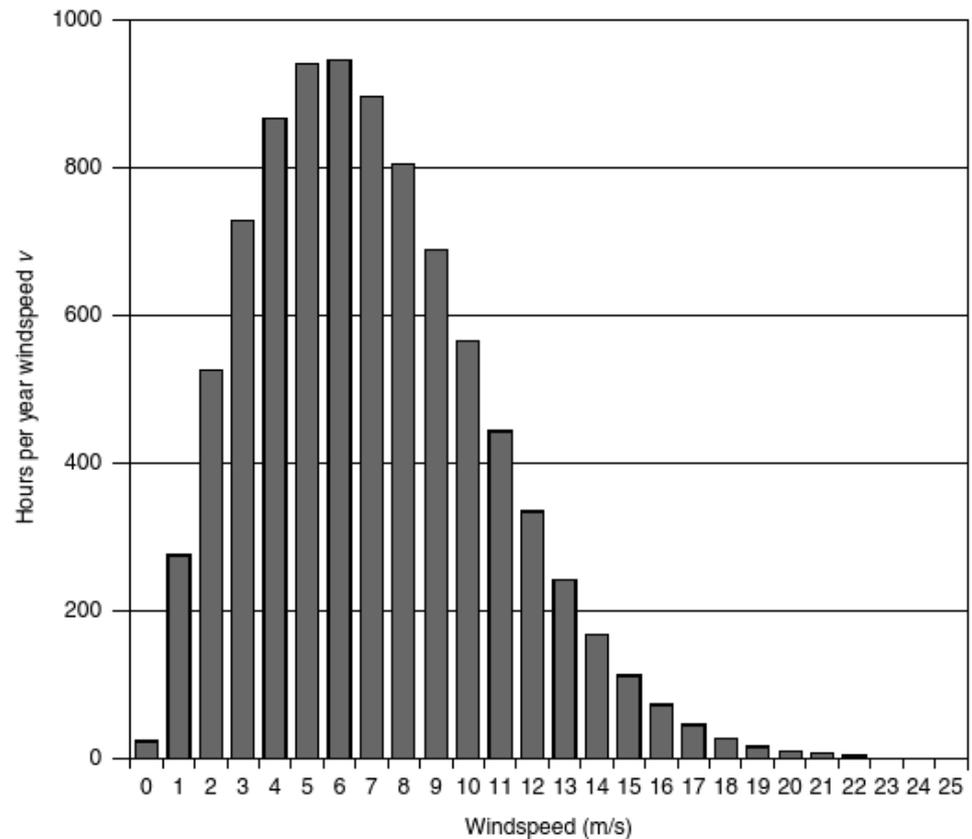
Average power in the wind

To determine the average power, we need to find the average value of the cube of velocity. To do so will require that we introduce some statistics.

$$P_{\text{avg}} = 400 \text{ W/m}^2$$
$$P(V_{\text{avg}}) = 210 \text{ W/m}^2$$

The curve can often be approximated
By a Rayleigh probability density function with scale parameter c :

$$f(v) = \frac{2v}{c^2} \exp \left[- \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \right]$$



Average power in the wind

- If we assume Rayleigh statistics then the average of the cube of wind speed is 1.91 times the average wind speed cubed.
- Therefore, we can rewrite the fundamental relationship for average power in the wind as

$$\overline{P} = \frac{6}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \rho A \overline{v}^3 \quad (\text{Rayleigh assumptions})$$

→ the average power in the wind is equal to the power found at the average wind speed multiplied by $6/\pi$ or 1.91.

Wind Turbine Power Equation

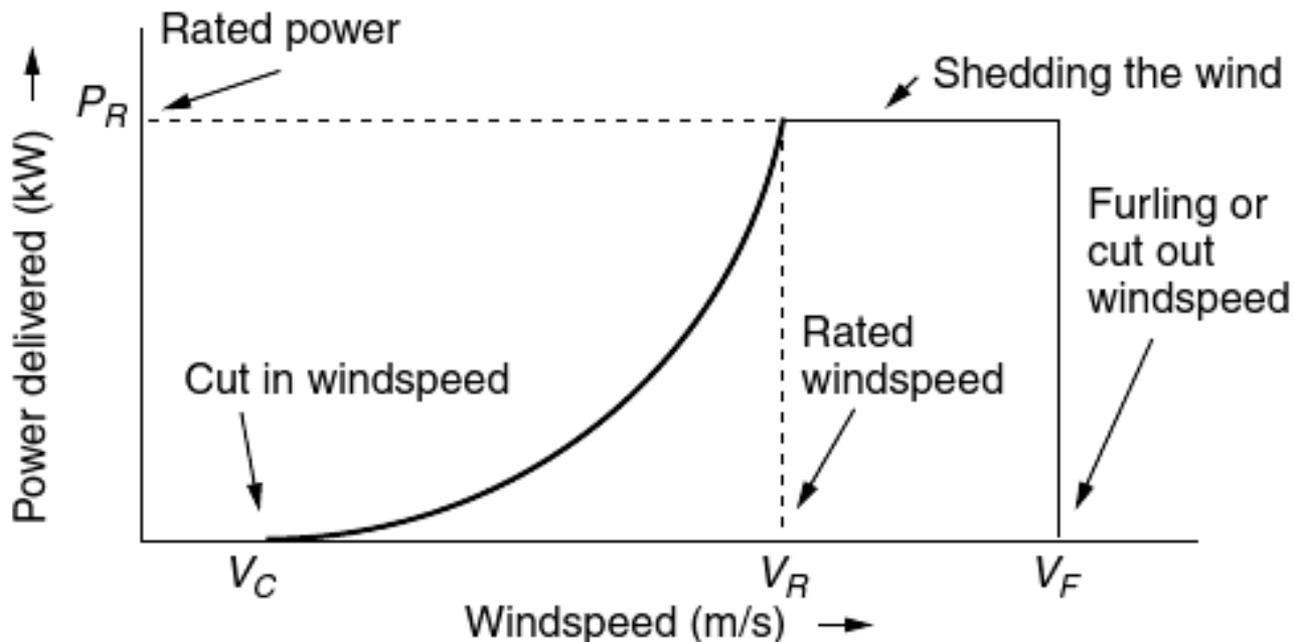
$$\text{Turbine Power} = (0.5\rho AV_{Wind}^3)C_p$$

- ρ : The density of the air measure in kg/m^3
- A : The area swept by the turbine
- V_{Wind} : The wind speed in meters per second
- C_p : Turbine power coefficient

$$C_P = \frac{P_{Turbine}}{P_{Wind}}$$

Idealized wind turbine Power Curve

- *Cut-in wind speed*: barely enough to overcome friction and generate net power.
- *Rated wind speed*: where the generator delivers rated power. Above this, wind power shedding is necessary to avoid damage to the generator (see approaches in next slide).
- *Cut-out or furling wind speed*: speed at which the machine must be shut down to avoid damage to the turbine. This is achieved by rotating the blades 90 degrees away from the wind direction.

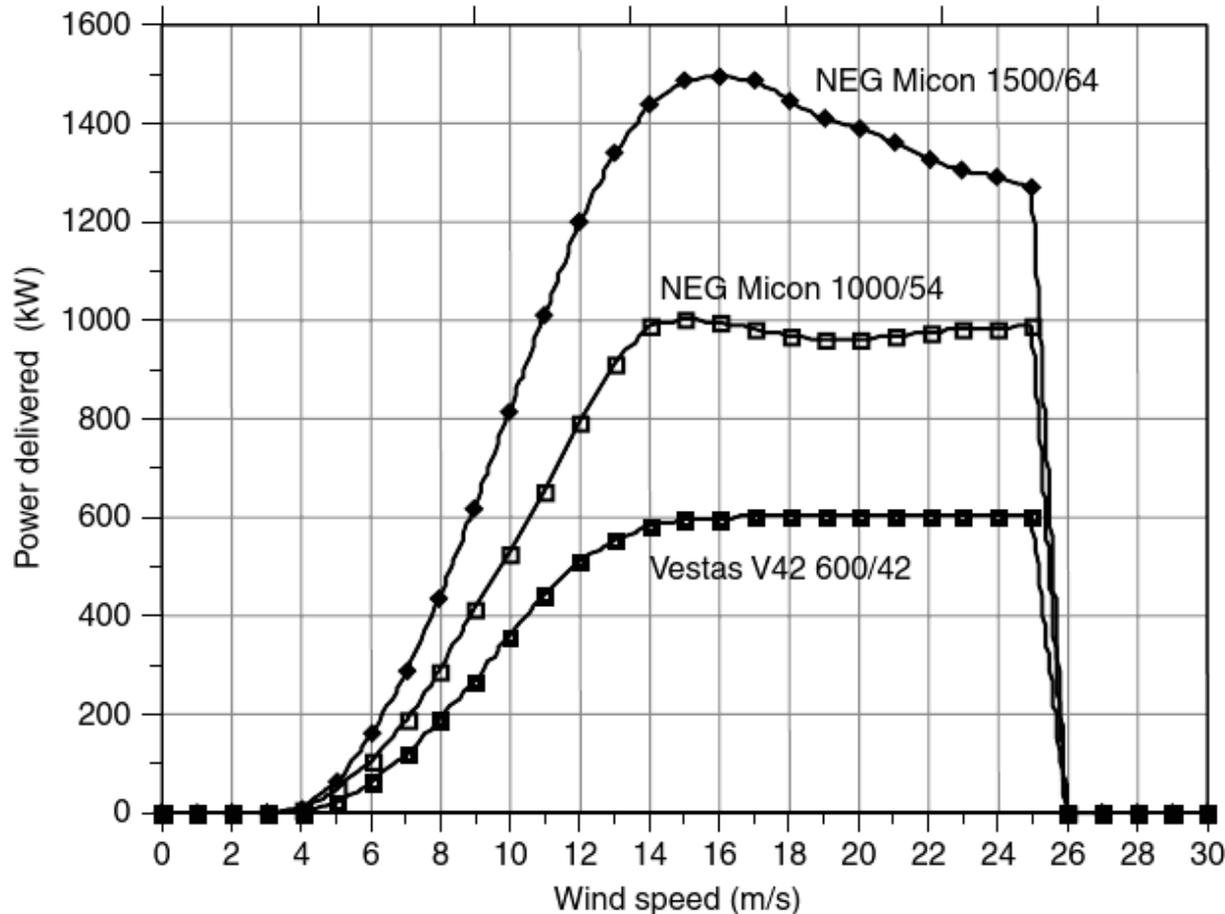


Common methods to spill wind power

- ***Stall-controlled machines***: the aerodynamics of the blades, specially their twist as a function of distance from the hub, are carefully designed to automatically reduce efficiency under excessive wind speed. The majority of modern large wind turbines use this passive approach.
- ***Pitch-controlled turbines***: reduce the blade angle of attack by rotating the blades about their axis few degrees at a time (with a hydraulic system).

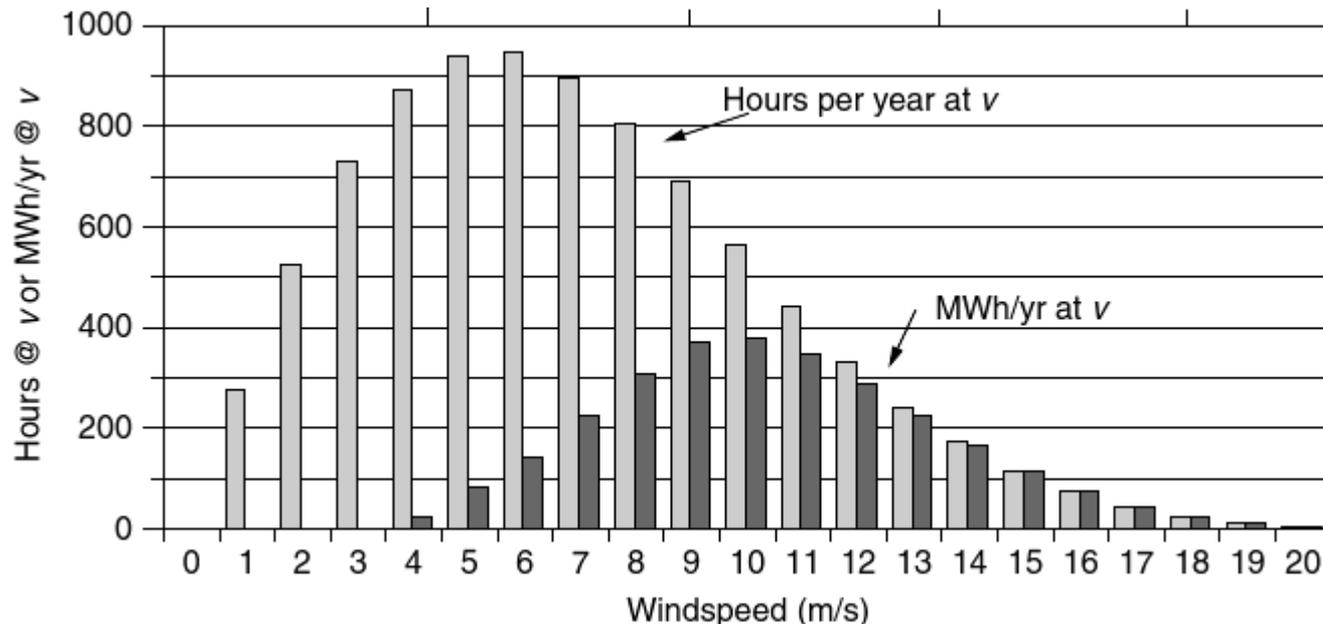
Actual wind turbine power curves

- **Discrepancy:** inability of wind shedding techniques to precisely control output when winds exceed the rated wind speed. This is most pronounced in passive stall-controlled rotors.



Estimating the annual energy production

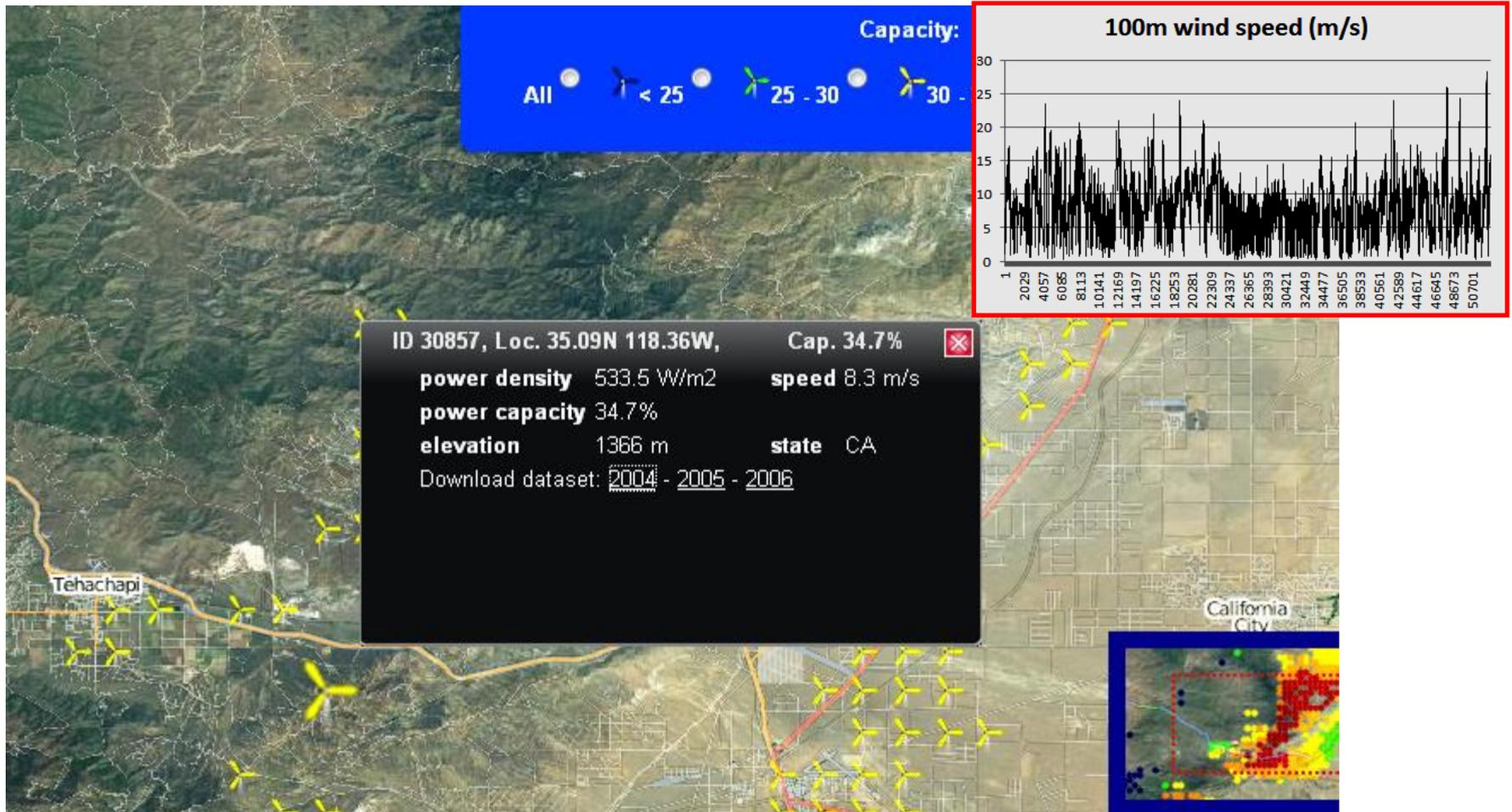
- With the power curve in hand, we can combine the power at any wind speed with the hours the wind blows at that speed to come up with the total kWh of energy produced.
- If the site has data (hours at each wind speed), those would be used to calculate the energy delivered. If only the average wind speed is known, we can use the Rayleigh statistical distribution.
- The graph below corresponds to a NEG Micon (1000/60) turbine and Rayleigh winds with average speed 7 m/s.



Wind Data

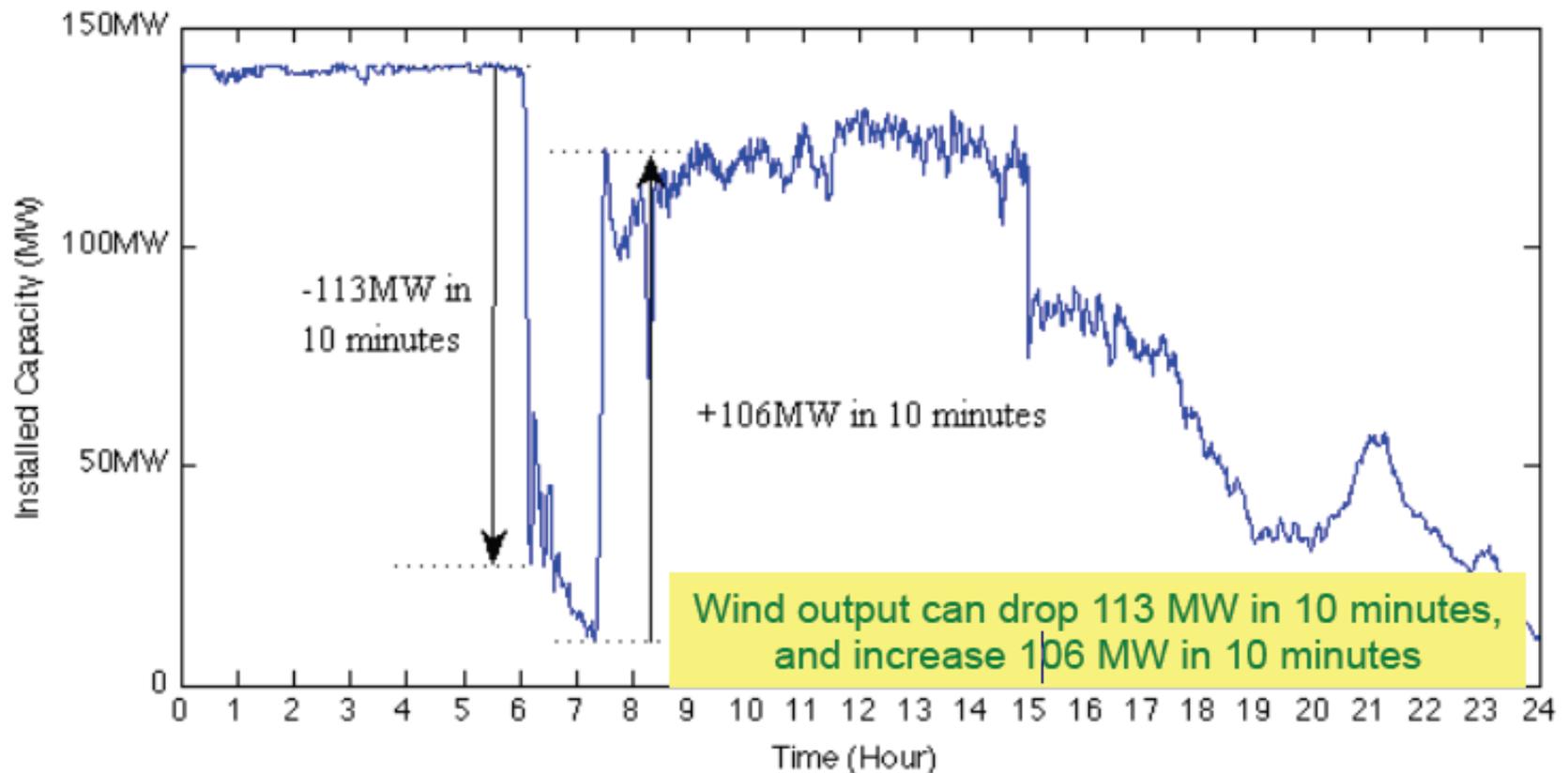
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- Wind data is available for a 3 year period (10 min interval) at nearly 35,000 locations in the USA.



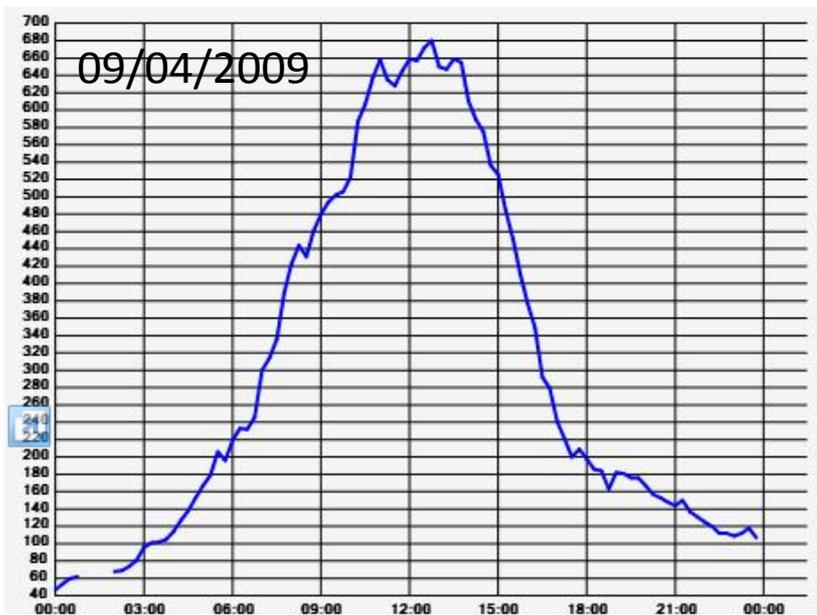
Variability and Uncertainty of Wind Power

Like solar resources, wind power can be highly variable due to sudden changes in wind speed, and uncertain as timing of this variable generation is less predictable.



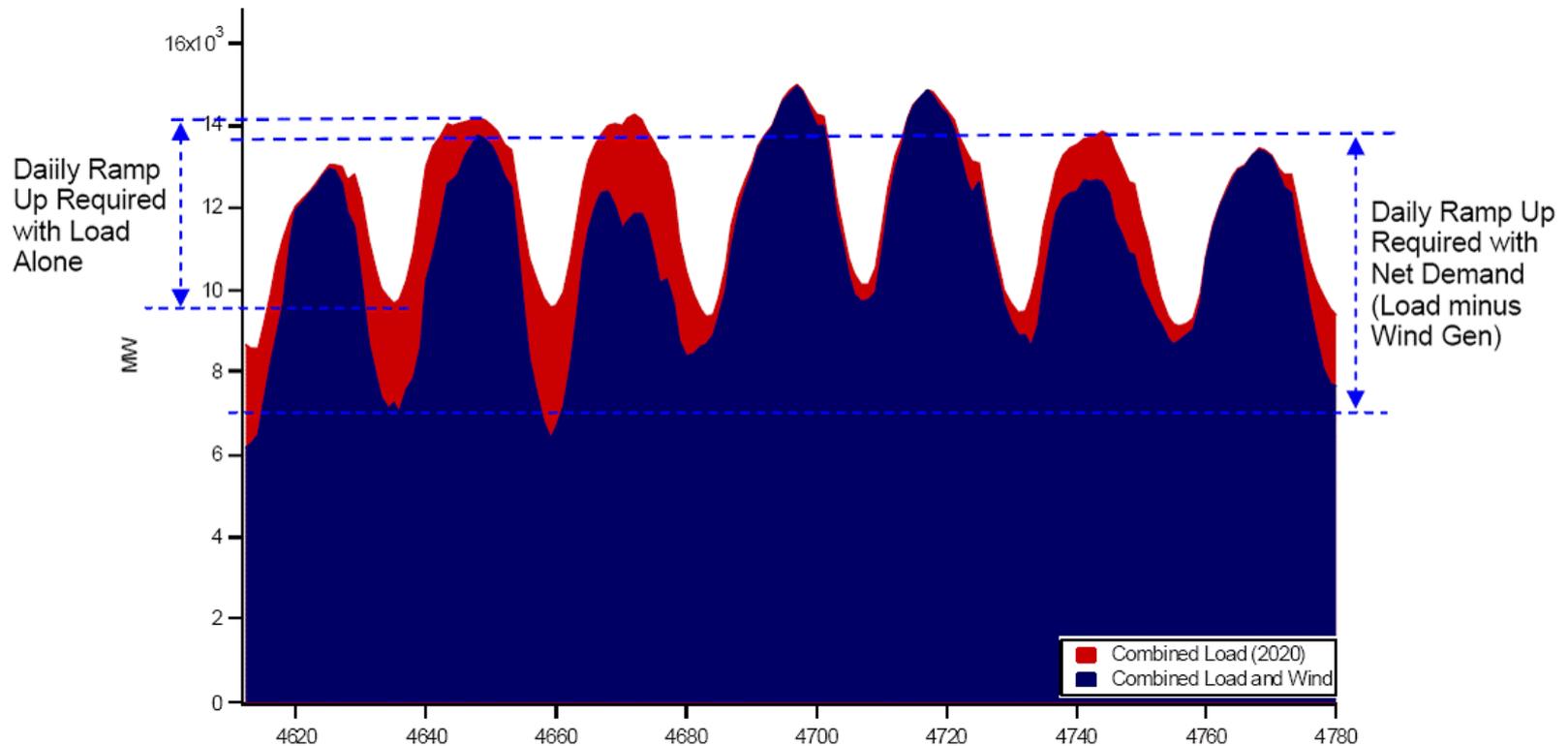
Source: NREL

Daily Wind Power Production in Ireland (MW)



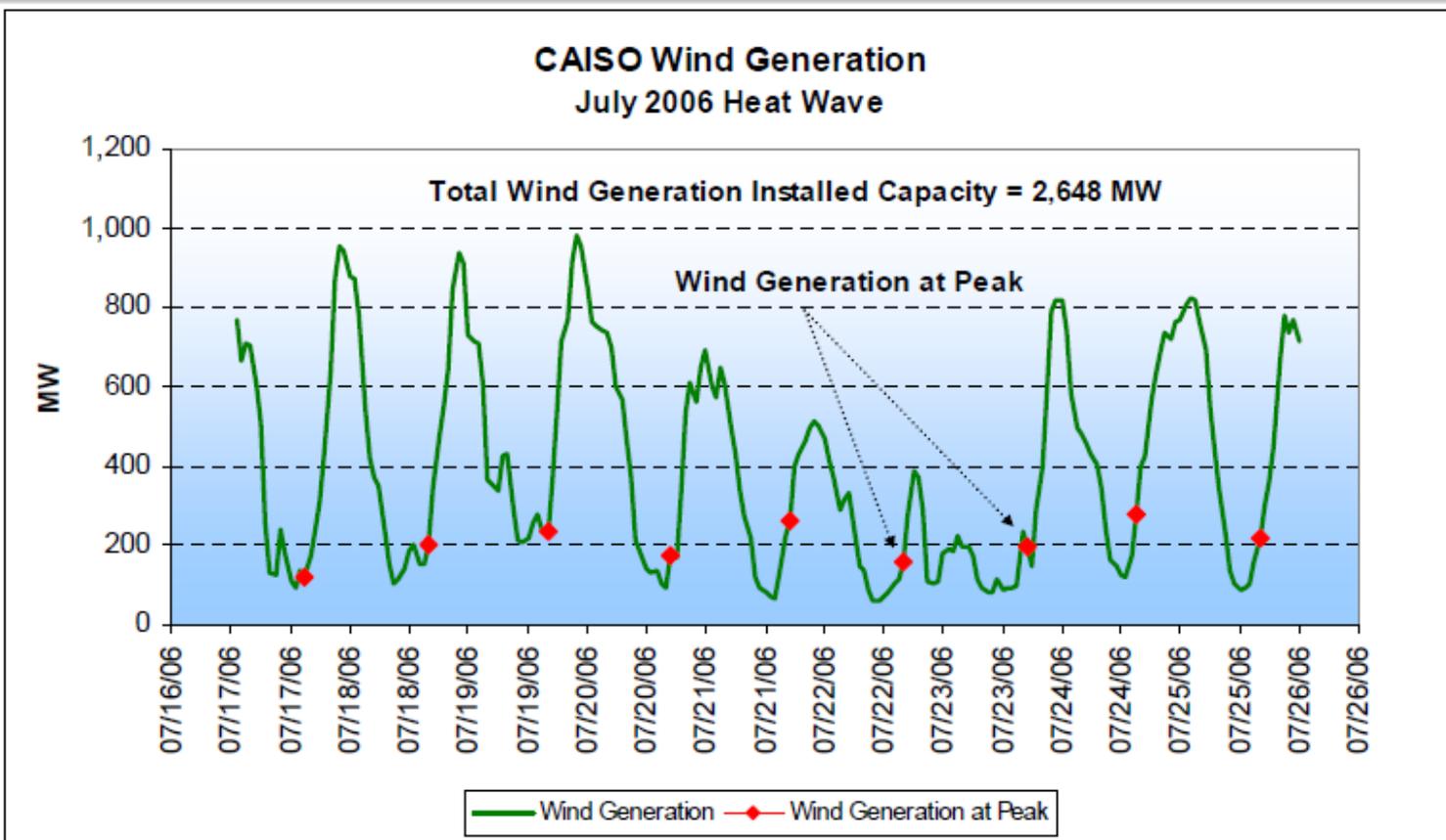
Wind power can reduce maximum and minimum load

Since wind power can be produced both during daylight and night time, it can increase the gap between net demand at peak and off-peak periods, thus increasing the need for more dispatchable ramping capability from conventional resources.



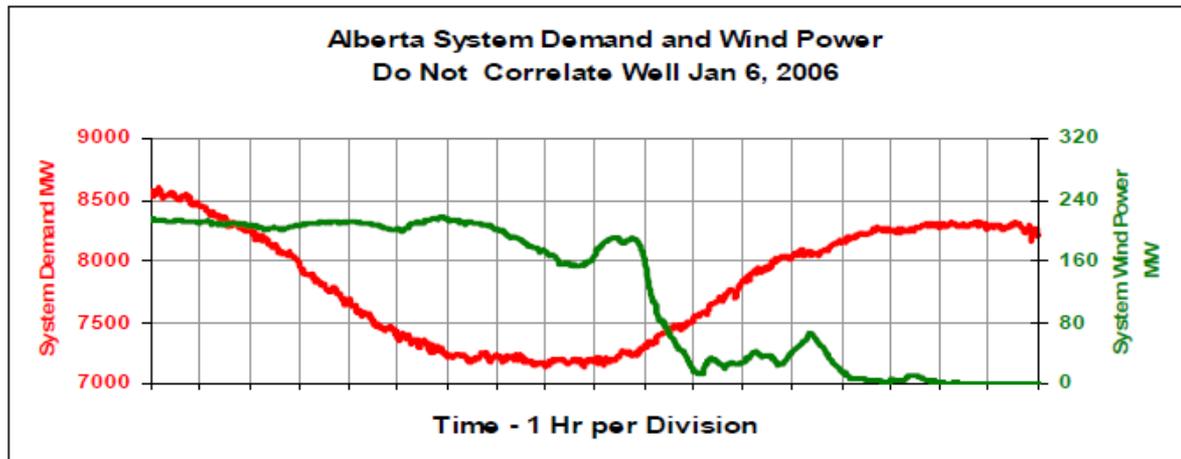
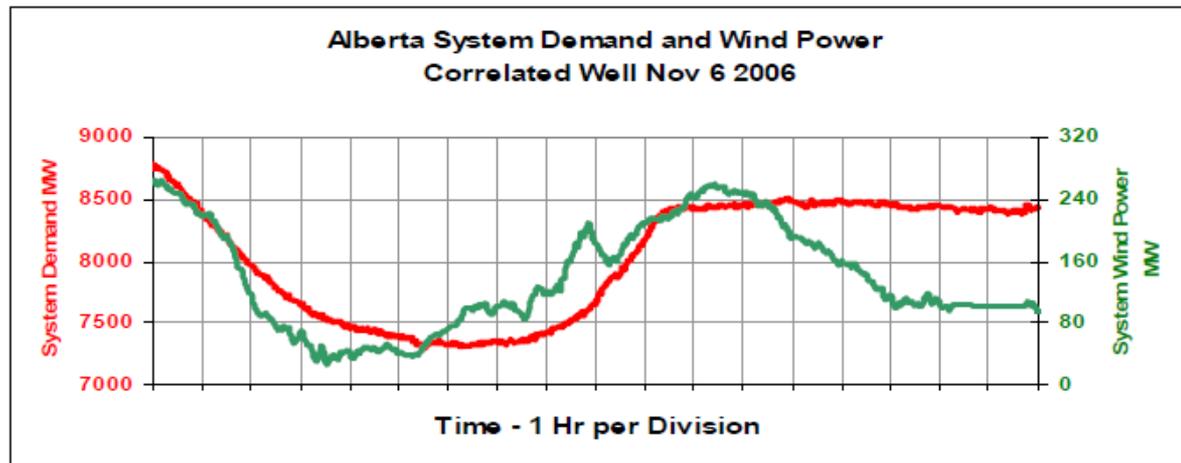
Timing of wind power generation

In some cases, due to diurnal heating and cooling patterns, wind generation output tends to peak during daily off-peak periods. The figure below shows the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) aggregate wind generation output over the ten-day July 2006 heat-wave

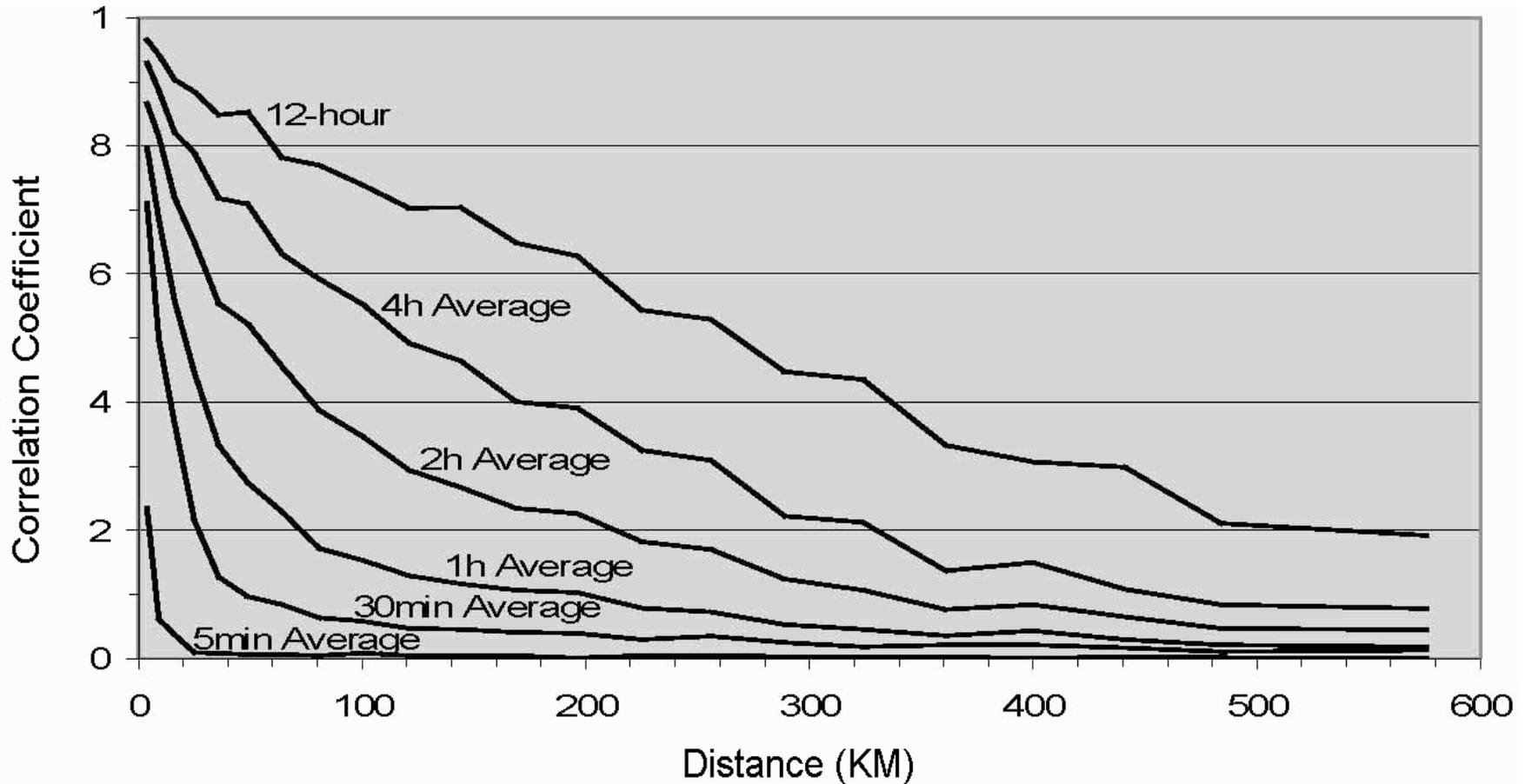


Timing of wind power generation

- Variable generation can ramp-up in unison with demand, easing ramping requirements from conventional generators.
- It can also ramp in opposition to demand, increasing system ramping requirements and thereby creating operational challenges.



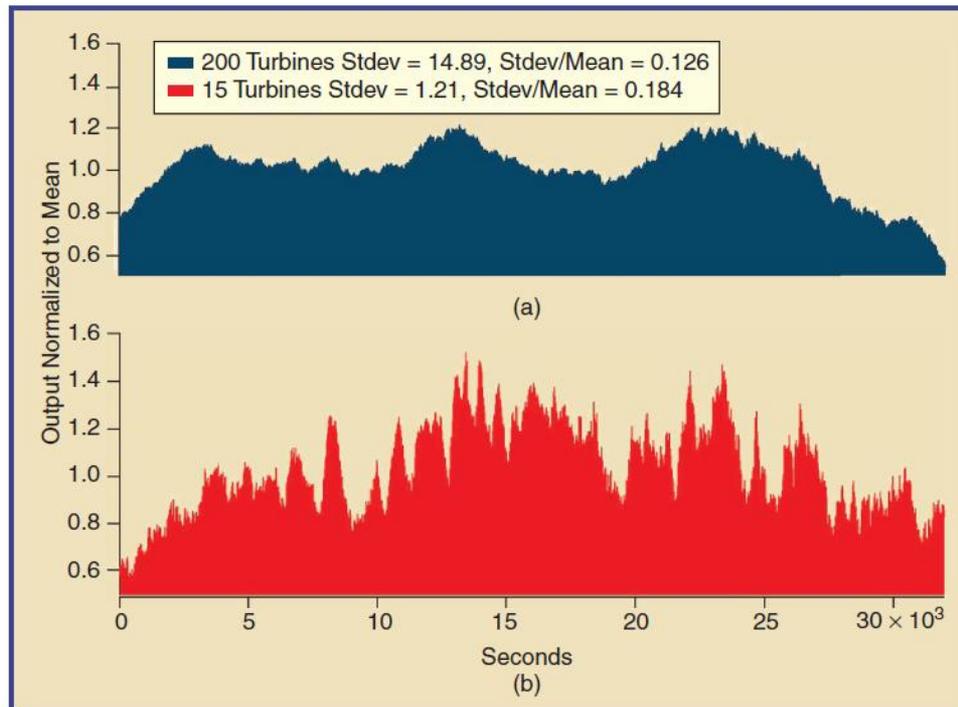
Wind generator variability loses correlation as distance between machines increases and time frame of interest decreases



Source: Ernst, B. and B. Oakleaf, M. Ahlstrom, M. Lange, C. Moehrlen, B. Lange, U. Focken, K. Rohrig, Predicting the Wind, IEEE Power and Engineering Magazine, Nov/Dec 2007.

Wind power variability

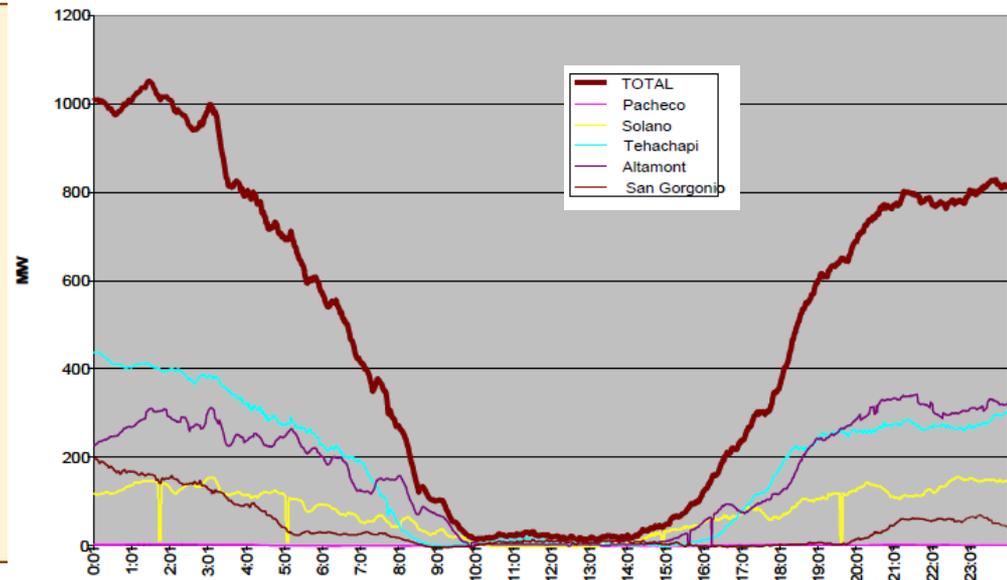
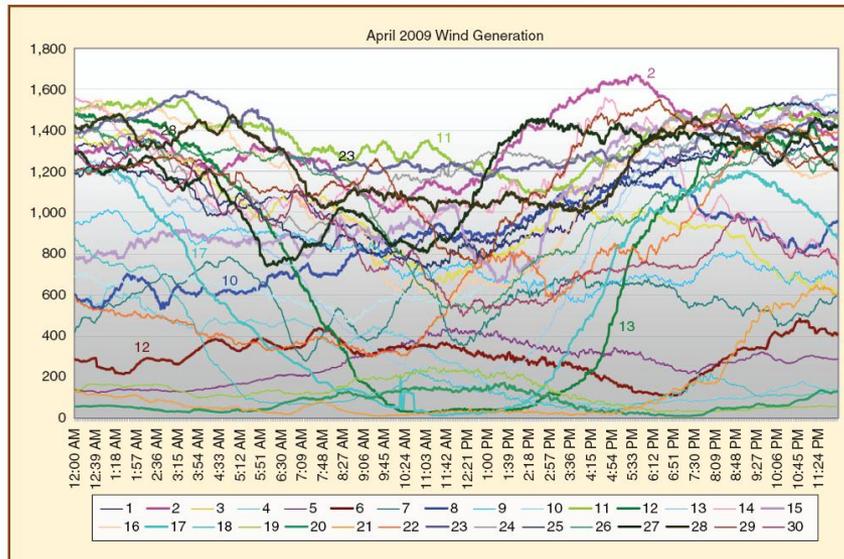
- Generally, the (relative) variability of wind decreases as the generation of more wind power plants is combined.
- The normalized wind variability is reduced with aggregation. This principle applies to small-scale and large-scale geographical aggregation and to all timescales of grid operation: Wind variability is smoothed over larger geographic areas.



Source: NREL

California wind power ramps from diverse locations

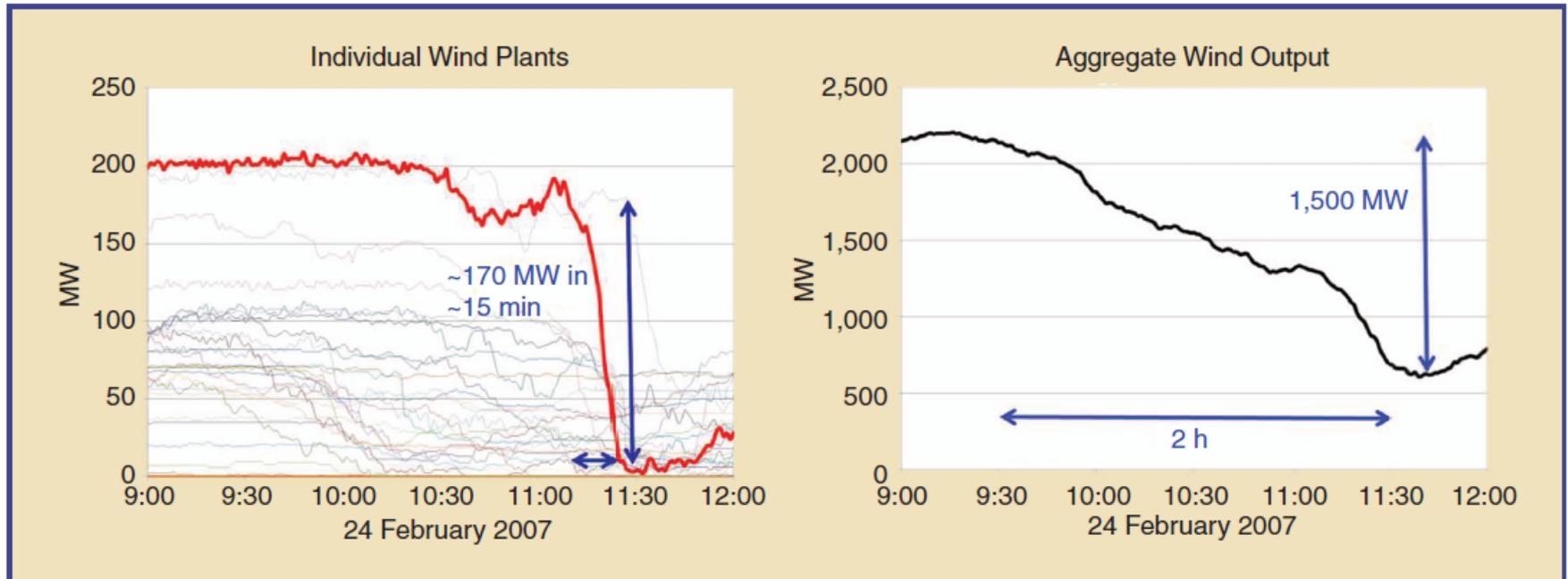
- Like PV power plants, there is considerable diversity among wind plants dispersed over a wider geographic area. Such spatial variation in wind speed makes the combined output from many turbines significantly less variable than that of a single turbine.
- The aggregate energy output from wind plants spread over a reasonably large area tends to remain relatively constant on a minute-to-minute time frame, with changes in output tending to occur gradually over an hour or more.



Source: California ISO

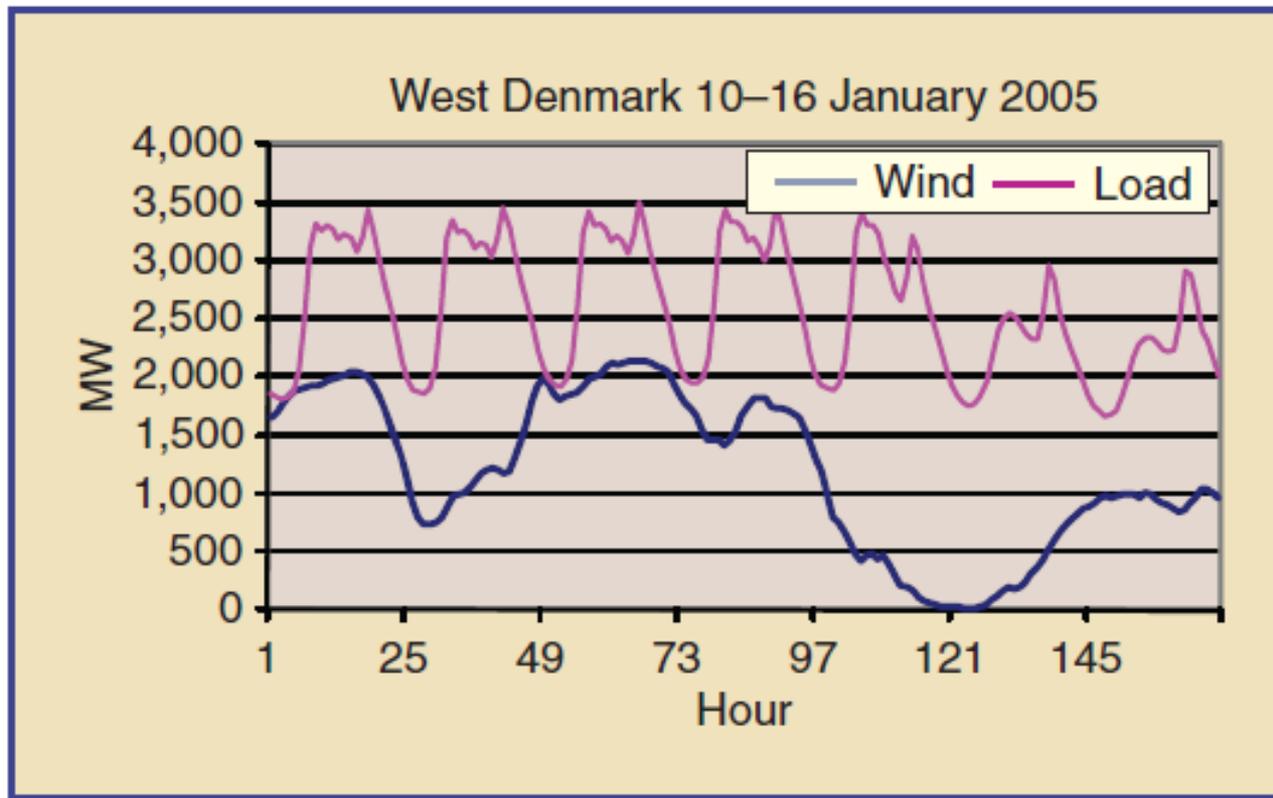
Aggregation benefits large and rare events

- For a single wind turbine, generation can decrease from full power to zero very rapidly. The aggregation of wind capacity, however, turns the sudden interruption of power into a multi-hour downward ramp.
- The figure below illustrates how the output from a single wind plant in Texas dropped by 170 MW over approximately 15 minutes. Over all wind projects, the aggregate wind capacity decrease was much greater, at 1,500 MW, but it took two hours to occur.



Case of high wind penetration

The figure below shows one week of the actual load and the net load in West Denmark. Higher wind production drove net load near zero in some hours.



Source: *Energinet.dk*

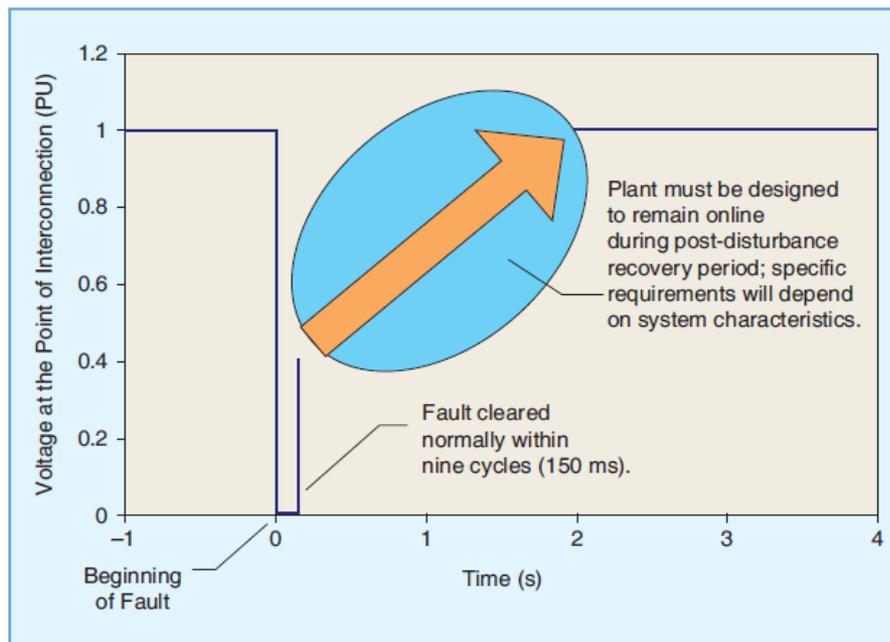
Wind Power Generation Control

The major functional control capabilities of modern wind turbine generation include:

- **Voltage/VAR control/regulation:** Reactive support and power factor control can be provided either through built-in capability (available for wind turbine generators Types 3 and 4) or through switched capacitor banks.
- **Voltage ride-through*:** Voltage ride-through can be achieved with all modern wind turbine generators, mainly through modifications of the turbine generator controls.
- **Power curtailment and ramping:** Power curtailment and ramping can be achieved through unit active-stall or pitch control, and/or discrete tripping of individual units.
- **Primary frequency regulation:** Primary frequency regulation can be supplied by all turbines that are equipped with some form of pitch regulation (i.e., active-stall or pitch control).
- **Inertial response:** Inertial response is inherent in Type 1 and 2 units and can be achieved through supplemental controls in the converter to emulate inertial behavior for Type 3 and 4 units.

FERC Order 661A

- The order states that wind generating plants are required to remain in service during three-phase faults with normal clearing (which is a time period of approximately four to nine cycles) and single line-to-ground faults with delayed clearing, and subsequent post-fault voltage recovery to pre-fault voltage unless clearing the fault effectively disconnects the generator from the system.
- Additionally, the required reactive power range for wind plants is specified, and some relatively nonspecific language about requirements for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) and interoperability with the network is also included.



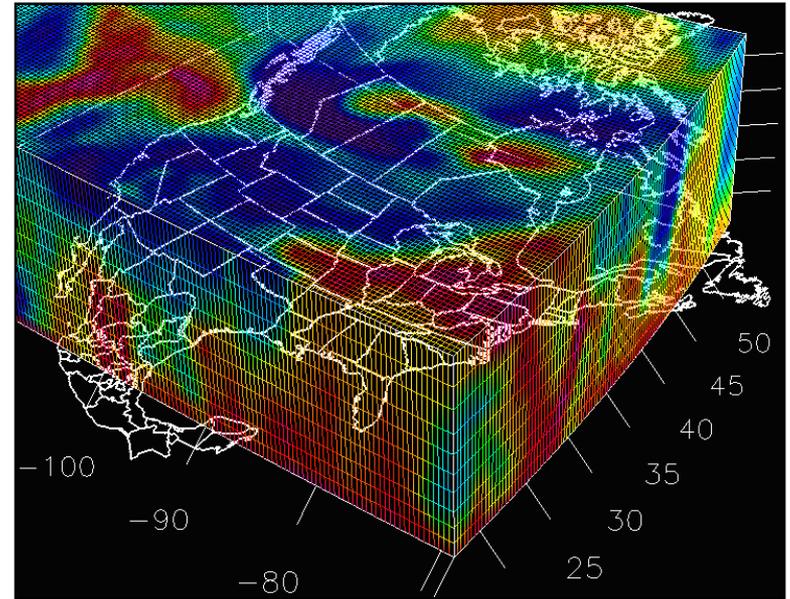
Complexity of Wind Energy



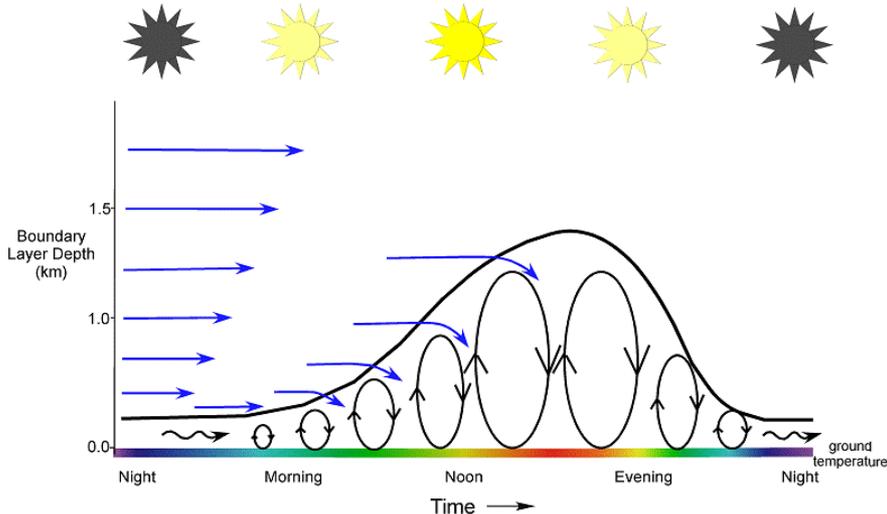
- Location & terrain make big difference
- Power in the wind is proportional to the cube of wind speed, so must optimize location, layout & height
- A constantly changing fuel supply
 - Horizontal variation (patterns of wind flow)
 - Shear (wind speed increases with height)
 - Diurnal & seasonal fluctuations
 - Long-term inter-annual variability
- Planning, financing & operating issues
 - Large capital investment with a long timeline
 - Variability on all spatial & temporal scales
 - Implications for utility operations

Wind Forecasting

The atmosphere is a very complex physical system



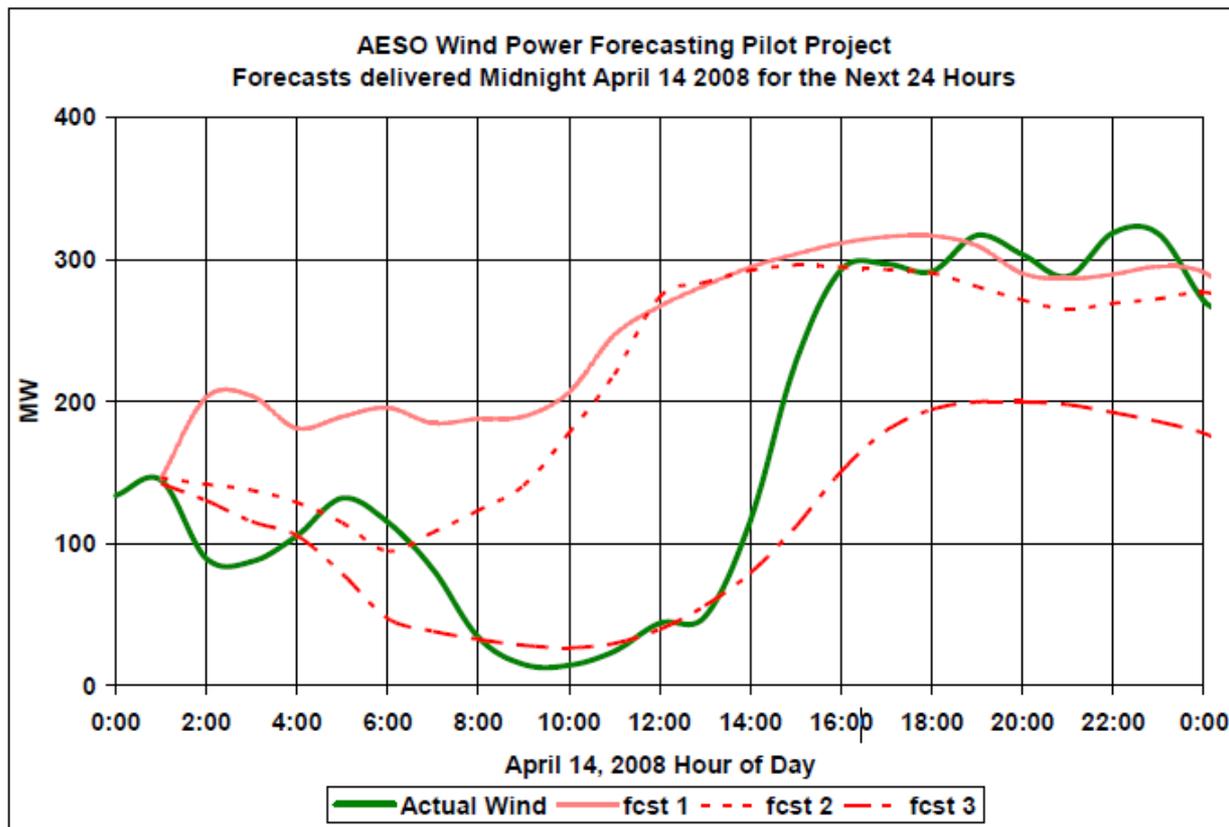
Example of wind patterns over a day



- More physics?
- More models?
- More resolution?
- More frequency?
- More data?
- What type?
- How used?

Accuracy of wind forecasting

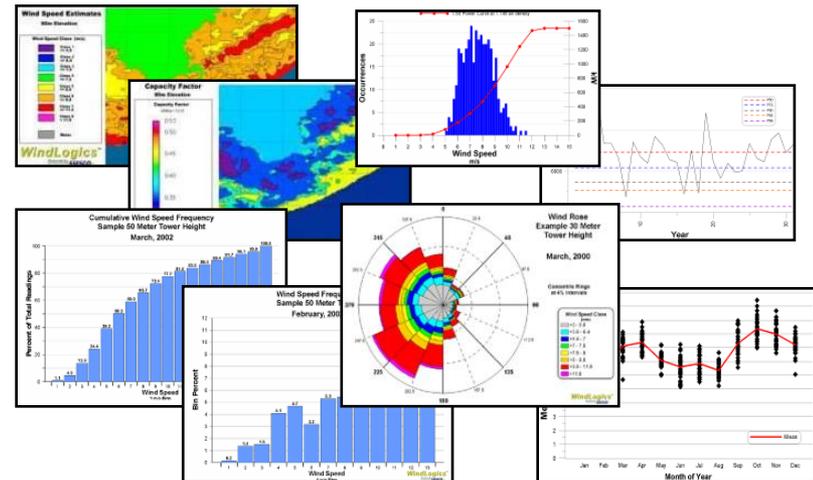
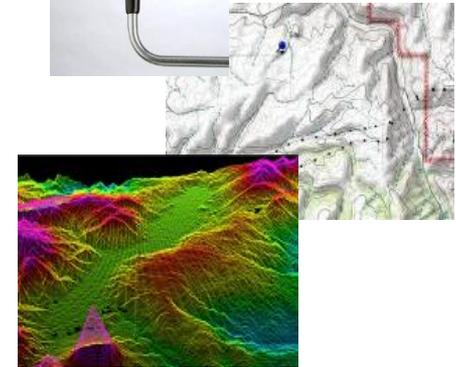
- The figure below shows that there can be significant variations in the amplitude and phase (i.e. timing) between the actual and the forecast wind generation output. Improvements to short term forecasting techniques are necessary to provide the system operator with the needed tool for the reliable operation of the system.



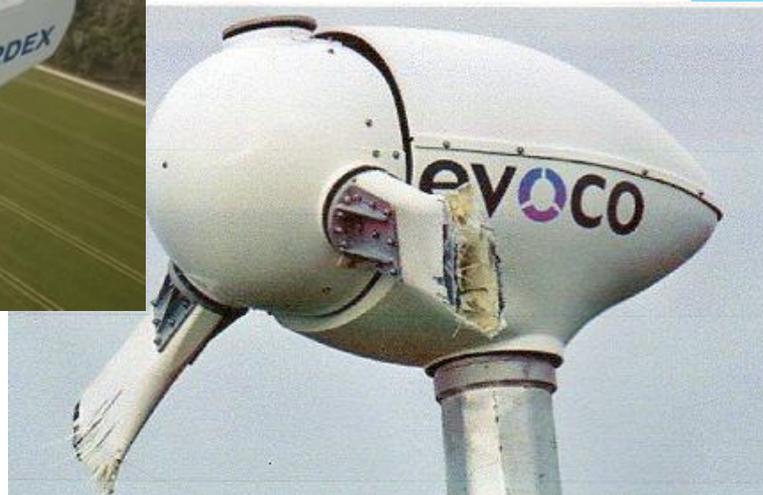
Source: Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)

Wind forecasting: take advantage of all the available data

- ❖ Collect and manage high-quality met tower data
- ❖ Use the best available gridded archives of weather data from numerous government agencies (NOAA, NWS, FAA, ...)
- ❖ Add the best available high-resolution topography and land cover information
- ❖ Apply numerical weather models and local wind field models - integrating data over space and time
- ❖ Analyze long-term variation and the financial impact on your specific situation
- ❖ Use wind forecasting and operational assessment to minimize cost and operating impacts while maximizing revenues
- ❖ Understand the resource variability and risk.



Wind turbines do require maintenance and do fail



BREAK!

