Small Vertical Axis Wind Turbine Department Of Energy

Conventional wind turbines in small units are costly and do not allow extensive use in our country for small-scale individual purpose. Also the highly efficient aerodynamically designed windmills require high wind velocity, which is not available in many states in India & Abroad. Considering all these an extremely simple design of a vertical axis wind rotor using two flat vertical vanes, swinging vanes has been fabricated and tested to obtain its performance. The torque and power coefficient have been obtained and presented in this Experimental thesis work. The results are highly encouraging and indicate the usefulness of the swingiDrag and torque coefficient of stationary S-shaped rotor have been investigated by measuring the pressure distribution on the blade surfaces for various rotor angles. The experiments have been carried out at a Reynolds number of 1.1 x 105 in a uniform flow jet produced by an open circuit wind tunnel. The measurements indicate that the drag force, and the torque, varies with rotor angle. The maximum net static torque occurs at 450 of rotor angle and it becomes negative in the range of 135 degree to 165degree of rotor angle.
Paul Gipe, one of the world's leading experts on wind power has now created an introductory guide to wind energy systems. This book gives an overview of the burgeoning use of wind energy around the globe, describing and analyzing the most affordable small wind generators, including the new generation of highly practical micro turbines. Wind Energy Basics includes detailed information on planning, purchasing, siting, and installing a wind system, and on integrating wind power with solar photovoltaics for more cost-effective and reliable off-the-grid applications.
The Center for Energy Efficient Design at the Gereau Center in Rocky Mount, VA has three wind turbines: one Southwest Windpower Skystream 3.7 Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) and two Mariah Power Windspire Vertical Axis Wind Turbines (VAWTs). This analysis used proven wind resource assessment techniques to predict the energy production of these three turbines over a 120-day period from November 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. These predictions were compared to actual energy production values. Results showed a predicted output of 55.50 kWh with an actual turbine output of 51.83 kWh for the Skystream HAWT. This under-performance can be explained by nearby obstructions in the path of prevailing winds causing turbulence. Further results showed a predicted output of 9.30 kWh each with actual outputs of 10.39 kWh and 9.45 kWh for the two Windspire VAWTs. This over-performance of the VAWTs can be explained by inaccuracy of predictions caused by the use of hourly wind speed averages instead of the industry standard 10-minute values. Differences in performance between the two VAWTs can be explained by a shadowing effect. The higher-producing VAWT experiences unobstructed prevailing winds from the SSW. The lower-producing VAWT, located to the NE of the higher-producing VAWT, experiences the resulting turbulence from this first interaction. Differences in production between the HAWT and VAWTs can be explained by their relative heights and power curve profiles. The HAWT has a lower cut-in wind speed and larger hub height, meaning it is exposed to faster

winds and is producing electricity more often than the VAWTs.
It will be used as an exhibition model of science projects for inventor mobile to motivate students towards science as a part of their higher education. It will help students to understand the principles and dynamics of wind turbine. The working will be explained with the help of appliances such as DC motor, Heat resistor, etc.
A Performance Characterisation of a Variable Pitch Vertical Axis Wind Turbine with Voith Schneider Linkage Actuated Blades
Fundamentals, Technologies, Application, Economics
Comparisons Between Different Types of Vertical Axis Wind Turbines with More Focus on Savonius and Anemometer Type Wind Turbine with Three Small Cups
Wind Energy Comes of Age
Wind Energy Engineering
World Report 2014

The World Renewable Energy Congress is a key event at the start of the 21st century. It is a vital forum for researchers with an interest in helping renewables to reach their full potential. The effects of global warming and pollution are becoming more apparent for all to see - and the development of renewable solutions to these problems is increasingly important globally. If you were unable to attend the conference, the proceedings will provide an invaluable comprehensive summary of the latest topics and papers.

This book gathers the best articles presented by researchers and industrial experts at the International Conference on "Innovative Design, Analysis and Development Practices in Aerospace and Automotive Engineering (I-DAD 2020)". The papers discuss new design concepts, and analysis and manufacturing technologies, with a focus on achieving improved performance by downsizing; improving the strength-to-weight ratio, fuel efficiency and operational capability at room and elevated temperatures; reducing wear and tear; addressing NVH aspects, while balancing the challenges of Euro VI/Bharat Stage VI emission norms, greenhouse effects and recyclable materials. Presenting innovative methods, this book is a valuable reference resource for professionals at educational and research organizations, as well as in industry, encouraging them to pursue challenging projects of mutual interest.

This book presents numerical and experimental research in the field of wind energy exploitation in urban environments. It comprises a selection of the best papers from the international colloquium "Research and Innovation on Wind Energy Exploitation in Urban Environment" (TUrbWind), held in Riva del Garda, Italy in June 2017. The book includes contributions from different research fields in urban wind resources, wind energy conversion systems, and urban integration, mainly focusing on the following topics: · concepts for urban and open landscape micro wind turbines, · integration of micro wind turbines in existing structures, · built-environment and high-turbulence sites' impacts on urban wind turbines, · measuring and modeling wind resource in built environments, · rotor performance and wake features of micro wind turbines. It is a valuable resource for researchers and practitioners interested in the integration of wind energy systems and turbines in urban areas.

He cites improvements in the performance, reliability, and cost

effectiveness of modern wind turbines to support his contention that wind energy has come of age as a commercial technology.

Concentrator Effects of Buildings

Design of Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

Fundamentals, Resource Analysis and Economics

Small Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

Wind Energy

Pitch Angle Control for a Small-scale Darrieus Vertical Axis Wind Turbine with Straight Blades (H-type VAWT)

In the renewable energy system, clean energy sources that help humans get a sustainable life are different. Wind turbines are one of the clean renewable energy sources that convert wind energy into mechanical energy and thus mechanical energy turns into electrical energy. By knowing the wind speed in the UAE, the right wind turbine design is chosen. Where, wind speed is measured by an engineering tool called anemometer. The purpose of this project is to design and manufacture a wind turbine for clean electric power generation which can be used to power LED light of 5-30 watts. After a series of research and consideration of the pros and cons of each Vertical Axis Wind Turbine, the design of the "H-Rotor" Wind turbine has been selected. The blades used in the turbine were made of foam board according to the NACA 0018 airfoil shape with a chord length of 9 cm. The connecting shaft was made of aluminum. A structural analysis was performed along with other calculations. Based on the wind turbine movement, the test was carried out to measure the voltage, current, power and the number of rotational per minute produced by the wind turbine at different wind speeds. The project will be done following systematic engineering design processes. Moreover, the plan to use engineering tools and techniques to carry out finite element analysis, wind turbine performance and generating solid models of the wind turbine.

Wind Turbines and Aerodynamics Energy Harvesters not only presents the most research-focused resource on aerodynamic energy harvesters, but also provides a detailed review on aeroacoustics characteristics. The book considers all developing aspects of 3D printed miniature and large-size Savonious wind harvesters, while also introducing and discussing bladeless and aeroelastic harvesters. Following with a review of Off-shore wind turbine aerodynamics modeling and measurements, the book continues the discussion by comparing the numerical codes for floating offshore wind turbines. Each chapter contains a detailed analysis and numerical and experimental case studies that consider recent research design, developments, and their application in practice. Written by an experienced, international team in this cross-disciplinary field, the book is an invaluable reference for wind power engineers, technicians and manufacturers, as well as researchers examining one of the most promising and efficient sources of renewable energy. Offers numerical models and case studies by experienced authors in this field Contains an overview and analysis of the latest research Explores 3D printing technology and the production of wind harvesters for real applications Includes, and uses, ANSYS FLUENT case files

Wind energy is a growing sector of renewables, and small wind is a key area for growth. In Portland, Oregon small scale vertical axis wind turbines (VAWTs) will be installed on the Tilikum Crossing bridge. Prior to turbine installation, a wind

resource assessment was conducted to provide details about the wind environment turbines will placed in. For seven months, 12 instruments collected wind and weather data for analysis. Data was analyzed between different locations and over various time scales. Trends pointed to wind dominantly coming from the South and also frequently from the North, generally following the channel of the Willamette River. Month to month, wind speeds fluctuated minimally; however, day to day, wind speeds increase significantly during the daytime hours. For several measuring stations, close proximity to a structure caused reductions in speed compared to stations further away. On the bridge, high levels of turbulence are present, but wind speeds tend to be very low. Based on these findings it will be difficult to generate power from VAWTs because turbines require higher wind speeds.

Wind Energy Engineering: A Handbook for Onshore and Offshore Wind Turbines is the most advanced, up-to-date and research-focused text on all aspects of wind energy engineering. Wind energy is pivotal in global electricity generation and for achieving future essential energy demands and targets. In this fast moving field this must-have edition starts with an in-depth look at the present state of wind integration and distribution worldwide, and continues with a high-level assessment of the advances in turbine technology and how the investment, planning, and economic infrastructure can support those innovations. Each chapter includes a research overview with a detailed analysis and new case studies looking at how recent research developments can be applied. Written by some of the most forward-thinking professionals in the field and giving a complete examination of one of the most promising and efficient sources of renewable energy, this book is an invaluable reference into this cross-disciplinary field for engineers. Contains analysis of the latest high-level research and explores real world application potential in relation to the developments Uses system international (SI) units and imperial units throughout to appeal to global engineers Offers new case studies from a world expert in the field Covers the latest research developments in this fast moving, vital subject

Innovative Design, Analysis and Development Practices in Aerospace and Automotive Engineering

Wind Energy Basics

United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

Events of 2013

Volume 2: Biomass, Fuel Cells, Geothermal Energies, and Smart Grids

Assessing Wind Energy Potential for Vertical Axis Wind Turbines on the Tilikum Crossing

The development of a wind turbine and associated business plan for a wind powered device to charge portable electronic equipment ; design and construct a light-weight, transportable wind turbine that can be used to power small electronics (e.g., cell phone, computer, etc.). The modeling, design and construction of a small vertical axis wind turbine took place over two semesters. Phase one involved analyzing several complex aerodynamic and electromechanical processes. These models were then used to determine the forces involved to adequately construct the structure of the turbine. Unfortunately, the turbine didn't spin up to the speed required to produce usable power. The initial design had assumed that the optimum operating state would be

attainable. However, due to a combination of factors, such as low Reynolds number effects and its ability to reliably self-start, this initial assumption was flawed. In order to sufficiently design a small VAWT, it is recommended that future designers take the following considerations into account: the ability to self-start cannot be neglected for a turbine of this size and low Reynolds number effects need to be understood and accounted for.

The purpose of this book is to provide engineers and researchers in both the wind power industry and energy research community with comprehensive, up-to-date, and advanced design techniques and practical approaches. The topics addressed in this book involve the major concerns in the wind power generation and wind turbine design. As the fastest growing source of energy in the world, wind has a very important role to play in the global energy mix. This text covers a spectrum of leading edge topics critical to the rapidly evolving wind power industry. The reader is introduced to the fundamentals of wind energy aerodynamics; then essential structural, mechanical, and electrical subjects are discussed. The book is composed of three sections that include the Aerodynamics and Environmental Loading of Wind Turbines, Structural and Electromechanical Elements of Wind Power Conversion, and Wind Turbine Control and System Integration. In addition to the fundamental rudiments illustrated, the reader will be exposed to specialized applied and advanced topics including magnetic suspension bearing systems, structural health monitoring, and the optimized integration of wind power into micro and smart grids.

Wind energy's bestselling textbook- fully revised. This must-have second edition includes up-to-date data, diagrams, illustrations and thorough new material on: the fundamentals of wind turbine aerodynamics; wind turbine testing and modelling; wind turbine design standards; offshore wind energy; special purpose applications, such as energy storage and fuel production. Fifty additional homework problems and a new appendix on data processing make this comprehensive edition perfect for engineering students. This book offers a complete examination of one of the most promising sources of renewable energy and is a great introduction to this cross-disciplinary field for practising engineers. "provides a wealth of information and is an excellent reference book for people interested in the subject of wind energy." (IEEE Power & Energy Magazine, November/December 2003) "deserves a place in the library of every university and college where renewable energy is taught." (The International Journal of Electrical Engineering Education, Vol.41, No.2 April 2004) "a very comprehensive and well-organized treatment of the current status of wind power." (Choice, Vol. 40, No. 4, December 2002)

With Emphasis on Darrieus Concept

Small Scale Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

Fundamental and Advanced Topics in Wind Power

CFD Based Analysis and Parametric Study of a Novel Wind Turbine Design

Small-Scale Vertical Axis Wind Turbine Design

Performance Analysis of Small-scale Vertical and Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines

Designing buildings that maximize wind harvest and drive a set of turbines that provide power for buildings is the architectural concept presented in this scientific analysis. The practicalities presented in this design concept will interest engineers and architects, while the possibilities of wind power being used at a domestic level will delight proponents of renewable energy.

The thesis focuses on the design of a small vertical axis wind turbine rotor with solid wood as a construction material. The aerodynamic analysis is performed implementing a momentum based model on a mathematical computer program. A three bladed wind turbine is proposed as candidate for further prototype testing after evaluating the effect of several parameters in turbine efficiency, torque and acceleration. The results obtained indicate that wood is a suitable material for rotor construction and a further development of the computer algorithm is needed in order to improve the flow conditions simulation.

Wind Turbines addresses all those professionally involved in research, development, manufacture and operation of wind turbines. It provides a cross-disciplinary overview of modern wind turbine technology and an orientation in the associated technical, economic and environmental fields. It is based on the author's experience gained over decades designing wind energy converters with a major industrial manufacturer and, more recently, in technical consulting and in the planning of large wind park installations, with special attention to economics. The second edition accounts for the emerging concerns over increasing numbers of installed wind turbines. In particular, an important new chapter has been added which deals with offshore wind utilisation. All advanced chapters have been extensively revised and in some cases considerably extended

This report describes the design, fabrication, installation and testing of a small variable-speed vertical axis wind turbine (VAWT). This VAWT is unique in its installation using hand tools only; unconventional and simple support system; and variable speed operation under microprocessor control. Initial testing confirmed that the turbine can be controlled by commanded alternator field modulation. Further studies will be directed toward determination of an optimum control algorithm.

Rotating Machinery

Design and Development of Small Solar Vertical Axis Wind Turbine with NACA 4418 Turbine Blades

Wind Energy in the Built Environment

Developing a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

TUrbWind 2017 Colloquium

A Sailwing Vertical Axis Wind Turbine for Small Scale Applications

A revolution is ongoing in the field of small-scale energy solutions, which can enable lower impact on the environment, more robust supply and self-determination. Solar power and other forms of renewable energy sources, which you can implement to generate your own electricity, are growing quickly. Electromobility is transforming the car industry and transportation systems and can also play a role in your energy system. Electricity can be used much more efficiently than before, for example by using LED light, variable speed motor drives and efficient home appliances. Smart controls are available, sometimes with free open source software. All this opens up tremendous opportunities for energy independence, which is the focus of this book. The book introduces the reader to a number of renewable energy sources, to different options for storing

electricity and to smart use of electricity, particularly in the context of small isolated systems. This is important because many renewable energy sources are weather- and season-dependent and usually require storage and smart control, in order to obtain a system that is completely independent of the electricity grid. In the book, overall system design is explained, including how to combine different sources in a hybrid system. Different system sizes and architectures are also covered. A number of real cases are described, where homes, businesses and communities have achieved a high level of energy independence or are on their way to achieving it. This book will prove useful in university education in renewable energy at bachelor and master level, and also for companies and private individuals, who want to start or expand activities in the area of renewable energy.

Rotating machinery or turbomachinery is a machine with a rotating component that transfers energy to a fluid or vice versa. Rotating machines are one of the most widely used machines. They are used in everyday life, at least once a day. We find a turbomachine (fan) in a hair dryer and in a computer. We find a turbomachine (pump) in a refrigerator. Other commonly used household machines are clothes washers and dish washers. These machines need to drain the dirty water and replace with clean water. To do so an important component of these machines is a pump that is used to remove the dirty water. A water pump (hydrodynamic pump) is also essential to our car?s operation by maintaining an optimum operating temperature of the engine. The pump ensures that the coolant keeps circulating through the engine block, hoses and radiator, and maintains an optimum operating temperature. Turbomachines are also key machines used in power generation, fluid transportation, the processing industry and energy conversion. This book presents recent developments in improving the aero-thermal performance and the efficiencies of rotating machines.

Advances in Renewable Energies and Power Technologies Volume 2: Biomass, Fuel Cells, Geothermal Energies, and Smart Grids examines both the theoretical and practical elements of renewable energy sources, covering biomass, fuel cells, geothermal energy, RES, distributed energy, smart grids, and converter control. Dr. Yahyaoui and a team of expert contributors present the most up-to-date information and analysis on renewable energy generation technologies in this comprehensive resource. This volume covers the principles and methods of each technology, an analysis of their implementation, management and optimization, and related economic advantages and limitations, in addition to recent case studies and models of each technology. Advances in Renewable Energies and Power Technologies: Volume 2: Biomass, Fuel Cells, Geothermal Energies, and Smart Grids is a valuable resource for anyone working in renewable energy or wanting to learn more about theoretical and technological aspects of the most recent inventions and research in the field. Offers a comprehensive guide to the most advanced contemporary renewable power generation technologies written by a team of top experts Discusses power control

and limitations of each technology Includes global case studies and models to exemplify the technological possibilities and limitations of each power generation method

In today ' s world, clean and robust energy sources are being sought to provide power to residences, commercial operations, and manufacturing enterprises. Among the most appealing energy sources is wind power—with its high reliability and low environmental impact. Wind power ' s rapid penetration into markets throughout the world has taken many forms, and this book discusses the types of wind power, as well as the appropriate decisions that need to be made regarding wind power design, testing, installation, and analysis. Inside, the authors detail the design of various small-wind systems including horizontal-axis wind turbines (HAWTs) and vertical-axis wind turbines (VAWTs). The design of wind turbines takes advantage of many avenues of investigation, all of which are included in the book. Analytical methods that have been developed over the past few decades are major methods used for design. Alternatively, experimentation (typically using scaled models in wind tunnels) and numerical simulation (using modern computational fluid dynamic software) are also used and will be dealt with in depth. In addition to the analysis of wind turbine performance, it is important for users to assess the economic benefits of using wind power. An entire chapter of this book is devoted to this topic, as well as case studies that help elucidate the issues that you ' ll need to consider, from siting and mechanical complications, to performance and maintenance.

Wind Turbines and Aerodynamics Energy Harvesters

Theory, Design and Application

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Structural and Aerodynamic Design, Procedure and Analysis of a Small V-shaped Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

Author's abstract: Over the last two decades there has been a renewed interest in Vertical Axis Wind Turbines. This turbine configuration though unpopular for large-scale generation has found a niche market in the way of offshore energy harvesting. However, offshore wind has its challenges. In this thesis a detailed comprehensive study of a proposed V-shaped vertical axis turbine rotor is performed in order to examine its structural and aerodynamic characteristics. The design met and exceeded the safety parameters establish for test bed operation, showing a factor of safety of 1.87 with regard to fatigue stress response. A satisfactory fatigue stress design life was also achieved. Both experimental and numerical aerodynamic data have relatively good agreement achieving an overall maximum power coefficient of 0.2589 numerically and 0.251 experimentally.

Unlike the horizontal axis wind turbines, only a few studies have been conducted recently to improve the performance of a Darrieus Vertical Axis Wind Turbine with straight

blades (H-type VAWT). Pitch angle control technique is used to enhance the performance of an H-type VAWT in terms of power output and self-starting capability. This thesis aims to investigate the performance of an H-type VAWT using an intelligent blade pitch control system. Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is used to determine the optimum pitch angles and study their effects on the aerodynamic performance of a 2D H-type VAWT at different Tip Speed Ratios (TSRs) by calculating the power coefficient (Cp). The results obtained from the CFD model are used to construct the aerodynamic model of an H-type VAWT rotor, which is required to design an intelligent pitch angle controller based on Multi-Layer Perceptron Artificial Neural Networks (MLP-ANN) method. The performance of the blade pitch controller is investigated by adding a conventional controller (PID) to the MLP-ANN controller (i.e., Hybrid controller). For stability analysis, an H-type VAWT is modeled in nonlinear state space by determining the mathematical models for an H-type VAWT components along with Hybrid control scheme. The effectiveness of proposed pitch control system and the CFD results are validated by building an H-type VAWT prototype. This prototype is tested outdoor extensively at different wind conditions for both fixed and variable pitch angle configurations. Results demonstrate that the blade pitching technique enhanced the performance of an H-type VAWT in terms of power output by around 22%.

There is currently an increasing desire for local small-scale sustainable energy generation. This has lead to increased interest in the concept of the vertical axis wind turbine (VAWT), which is potentially well-suited to operation within the built environment. This study investigates the performance and flow physics of a small-scale VAWT using experimental and computational methods. The experiments utilise the University's low-speed open-section wind tunnel. The design and use of a variety of existing and newly developed methods and apparatus is detailed, this includes the development of an entire VAWT-testing rig and associated measurement equipment. Also included, is a new method for the experimental determination of the power performance. A full performance curve is shown to be determined using a short test taking a few minutes. The near-blade flow physics of the rotating blades were interrogated using particle image velocimetry (PIV) as part of a measurement campaign which goes beyond the existing literature in both the range of measurements taken and the subsequent analysis which is presented. Details of the effect of changes in azimuthal position, tip speed ratio and fixing angle on the flow physics are presented. Comparable CFD simulations are first validated against the PIV measurements before they are used to provide additional information for the performance analysis. A new methodology for determining flowfield-corrected lift and drag polars from a CFD solution allows detailed examination of the performance-impact of the changes in the aerodynamic forces with azimuthal position and tip speed ratio.

Small Vertical Axis Wind Turbines (VAWTs) are good candidates to extract energy from wind in urban areas because they are easy to install, service and do not generate much noise; however, the aerodynamic efficiency of small turbines is low. Here-in a new turbine, with high aerodynamic efficiency, is proposed. The novel design is based on the classical H-Darrieus VAWT. VAWTs produce the highest power when the blade chord is

perpendicular to the incoming wind direction. The basic idea behind the proposed turbine is to extend that said region of maximum power by having the blades continue straight instead of following a circular path. This motion can be performed if the blades turn along two axes; hence it was named Dual Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (D-VAWT). The analysis of this new turbine is done through the use of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) with 2D and 3D simulations. While 2D is used to validate the methodology, 3D is used to get an accurate estimate of the turbine performance. The analysis of a single blade is performed and the turbine shows that a power coefficient of 0.4 can be achieved. So far, reaching performance levels high enough to compete with the most efficient VAWTs. The D-VAWT is still far from full optimization, but the analysis presented here shows the hidden potential and serves as proof of concept. The study of the D-VAWT is concluded with a preliminary parametric study of the turbine sensitivity to different incoming wind angles, turbine axes spacing, number of blades, airfoil profile and blade mounting point.

Design, Analysis, and Environmental Impacts

Power Performance Investigation and Control System Design of Grid-connected Small Wind Turbines

Complementary Resources for Tomorrow

Wind Energy Explained

A Handbook for Onshore and Offshore Wind Turbines

The Dual Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

Wind Energy for the Rest of Us straddles two or more worlds. The book is about wind energy. It s not just about small wind turbines. It s not just about large wind turbines. It s about the depth and breadth of wind energy, encompassing more than either type of wind turbine. It includes water-pumping windmills and sailing ships. It s a sprawling book, one minute discussing how to install small wind turbines safely, the next explaining how farmers in Indiana can earn millions by installing their own multimegawatt wind turbines. If it s a book hard to categorize, that suits its author, Paul Gipe, who likes to think he s hard to categorize after four decades at the frontiers of renewable energy. His book tells the story of modern wind energy in all its complexity and introduces a North American audience to the trailblazing electricity rebels who have launched a renewable energy revolution in Europe. The book debunks novel wind turbines their promoters claim will generate electricity too cheap to meter, and rebukes revisionist historians who falsely argue that it was the aerospace industry that delivered today s modern wind turbines. Gipe explains why new wind turbines are part of a silent revolution that is changing the way we use wind energy. This revolution doesn t garner headlines, but is making wind turbines more cost-effective in more places than ever before, lessening the need for new transmission lines, obviating the need for storage, and fueling rapid growth. Gipe refutes many common myths surrounding wind energy and argues persuasively that wind turbines are productive, effective, and environmentally sound. Gipe argues that wind energy is too important to be left to electric utilities and their subsidiaries alone. Wind energy is also for the rest of us, he says. It is our resource. We can develop it and we can own it--ourselves."

This book brings together the state-of-the-art in energy and resources research. It

covers wind, solar, hydro and geothermal energy, as well as more conventional power generation technologies, such as internal combustion engines. Related areas of research such as the environmental sciences, carbon dioxide emissions, and energy storage are also addressed.

The depletion of global fossil fuel reserves combined with mounting environmental concerns has served to focus attention on the development of ecologically compatible and renewable alternative sources of energy. Wind energy, with its impressive growth rate of 40% over the last five years, is the fastest growing alternate source of energy in the world since its purely economic potential is complemented by its great positive environmental impact. The wind turbine, whether it may be a Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) or a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT), offers a practical way to convert the wind energy into electrical or mechanical energy. Although this book focuses on the aerodynamic design and performance of VAWTs based on the Darrieus concept, it also discusses the comparison between HAWTs and VAWTs, future trends in design and the inherent socio-economic and environmental friendly aspects of wind energy as an alternate source of energy.

Human Rights Watch's World Report 2014 is the global rights watchdog's flagship 24th annual review of global trends and news in human rights. An invaluable resource for journalists, diplomats, and citizens, it features not only incisive country surveys but also hard-hitting essays highlighting key human rights issues and striking photo essays by award-winning photographers. Customers outside of the UK and Europe: copies are available from Sevenstories.com

Wind Energy for the Rest of Us

Small-Scale Renewable Energy Systems

A Comprehensive Guide to Wind Power and How to Use It

A Guide to Small and Micro Wind Systems

Wind Energy Exploitation in Urban Environment

Growing energy demand and environmental consciousness have re-evoked human interest in wind energy. As a result, wind is the fastest growing energy source in the world today. Policy frame works and action plans have already been for- lated at various corners for meeting at least 20 per cent of the global energy - mand with new-renewables by 2010, among which wind is going to be the major player. In view of the rapid growth of wind industry, Universities, all around the world, have given due emphasis to wind energy technology in their undergraduate and graduate curriculum. These academic programmes attract students from diver- fied backgrounds, ranging from social science to engineering and technology. Fundamentals of wind energy conversion, which is discussed in the preliminary chapters of this book, have these students as the target group. Advanced resource analysis tools derived and applied are beneficial to academics and researchers working in this area. The Wind Energy Resource Analysis (WERA) software, provided with the book, is an effective tool for wind energy practitioners for - sessing the energy potential and simulating turbine performance at prospective sites.

Vertical axis Darrieus type wind turbines are lift based devices offering comparable peak efficiencies to the standard horizontal axis wind turbine. For small scale power generation they have several desirable characteristics. These include potential for direct mechanical power transmission to ground level, low noise, and they require no yaw system as they are omnidirectional. Darrieus turbines however

have an inherent drawback. They have poor low speed efficiency, and generally require being driven up to the operating speed using a motor. The aim for this project is to investigate a means for improving the low speed performance of the Darrieus turbine, by the use of what is termed a 'variable pitch' system. For such a system the angle of each turbine blade is changed to a more aerodynamically desirable position. In this project a blade pitch actuation linkage based on a marine propulsion drive called the Voith-Schneider propeller is investigated. A combined theoretical and experimental approach was taken. A mathematical model was written using MATLAB to calculate time averaged span-wise and through-turbine flow velocities, as well as blade forces. This was used to investigate the effects on turbine performance due to the blade actuation system. A turbine test rig incorporating the variable blade pitch system, as well an eddy current brake with a load cell for power measurement, dissipation, and speed control was designed and constructed. This turbine was tested at the University of Auckland Twisted Flow Wind Tunnel, and compared to the predictions from the mathematical model. There was good agreement between the mathematical model and the experimental performance of the test rig. The variable pitch system removed the poor low speed performance typical of Darrieus turbines, and instead developed high torque at all speeds. At a tip speed ratio of = 1:5 the blade pitch system improved power output of the turbine by as much as 400%, while the peak efficiency increased by 40% from CP = 0:23 to CP = 0:32.

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