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Lecture 10

Betz Limit, TSR, Turbine Power Curves

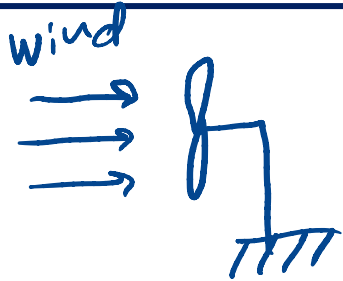
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Can we capture all kinetic energy in the wind?



* If we do, $V_{exit} = 0$
— Can't.

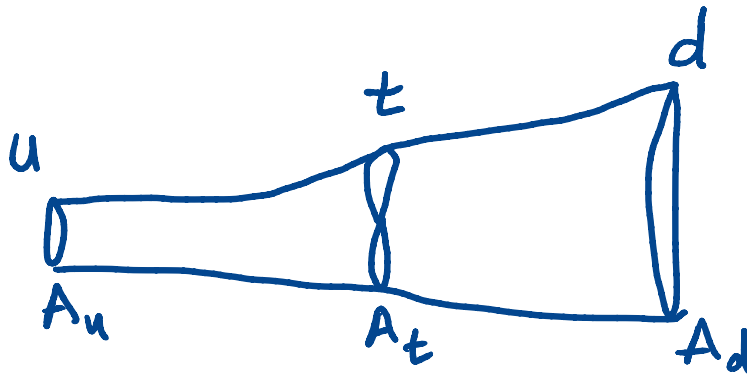


$V_1 < V_0$, won't be 0.

Can we capture all kinetic energy in the wind?



upstream: u
downstream: d
turbine: t



if: $V_u = V_d$, no energy harvesting

$$0 < V_d < V_t < V_u$$

Conservation of mass



$$\frac{dm}{dt} = m_{in} - m_{out}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = 0 \text{ for no mass accumulation}$$

$$m_{in} - m_{out} = 0$$



$$\rho A dx$$

$$\dot{m} = \rho A \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\dot{m}_{in} = \rho_{in} A_{in} V_{in}$$

$$\underbrace{\rho_{in} A_{in} V_{in}}_{\text{mass flow rate}} = \rho_{out} A_{out} V_{out}$$



$$\dot{m}_{out} = \rho_{out} A_{out} V_{out}$$

if ρ is constant

$$\underbrace{A_{in} V_{in}}_{\text{Volumetric flow rate}} = \underbrace{A_{out} V_{out}}_{\text{Volumetric flow rate}}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\Omega} \rho dV \right)$$

$$= \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV}_{\text{Accumulation}} + \underbrace{\int_{\partial \Omega} \rho \underline{v} \cdot \hat{n} dA}_{\text{mass flow rate}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{in} A_{in} v_{in} = \rho_{out} A_{out} v_{out}$$

Bernoulli's principle



— Restatement of Conservation of Energy



$$\Delta KE = W_{\text{on}}$$

$$W = F \cdot x \\ = Fx$$

$$= P_1 A_1 dx_1 - P_2 A_2 dx_2 + W_g$$

$$= P_1 A_1 (v_1 dt) - P_2 A_2 (v_2 dt) + (-\Delta PE)$$

$$= P_1 A_1 v_1 dt - P_2 A_2 v_2 dt + (gmz_1 - gmz_2)$$

$$= P_1 A_1 v_1 dt - P_2 A_2 v_2 dt + P_1 g A_1 v_1 dt - P_2 g A_2 v_2 dt$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (P_2 A_2 v_2 dt)^2 \frac{1}{2} (P_1 A_1 v_1 dt)^2 = P_1 A_1 v_1 dt - P_2 A_2 v_2 dt + P_1 g A_1 v_1 dt - P_2 g A_2 v_2 dt$$

$$\frac{1}{2} P_1 A_1 v_1 dt \cancel{v_1^2} + P_1 A_1 v_1 dt \cancel{g z_1} + P_1 A_1 v_1 dt = \frac{1}{2} P_2 A_2 v_2 dt \cancel{v_2^2} + P_2 A_2 v_2 dt \cancel{g z_2} + P_2 A_2 v_2 dt$$

$$P_1 A_1 v_1 = P_2 A_2 v_2 \Rightarrow \frac{P_2 A_2 v_2}{P_1 A_1 v_1} = 1$$

$$\boxed{\frac{v_1^2}{2} + g z_1 + \frac{P_1}{\rho_1} = \frac{v_2^2}{2} + g z_2 + \frac{P_2}{\rho_2}}$$

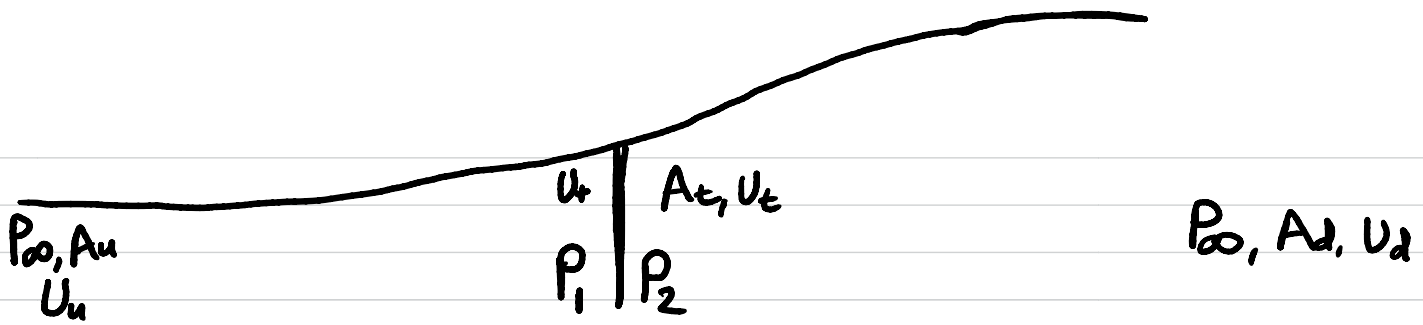
Bernoulli's Equation

* No loss in energy

* Viscosity is negligible

* Flow is incompressible (Ma < 0.3)

* Points 1 and 2 are on same streamline in same flow field



ρ is constant

$$A_u U_u = A_t U_t = A_d U_d$$

Change in Momentum at Turbine

$$F = m \Delta V$$

$$(P_1 - P_2) A_t = (\rho A_t U_t) (U_u - U_d)$$

$$\boxed{P_1 - P_2 = \rho U_t (U_u - U_d)}$$

Bernoulli

$$P_{\infty} + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_u^2 + g z_u = P_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_t^2 + g z_t$$

$$P_{\infty} + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_u^2 = P_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_t^2$$

$$P_{\infty} + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_u^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_t^2$$

$$-(P_{\infty} + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_d^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_t^2)$$

$$\boxed{P_1 - P_2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho (U_u^2 - U_d^2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho (U_u^2 - U_d^2) = \rho U_t (U_u - U_d)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho (U_u + U_d) (U_u - U_d) = \rho U_t (U_u - U_d)$$

$$\boxed{U_t = \frac{U_u + U_d}{2}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}}$$

$$P_{out} = (P_1 - P_2) A_t U_t$$

$$= \rho A_t U_t (U_u - U_d) U_t$$

$$= \rho A_t U_t^2 (U_u - U_d)$$

$$= \rho A_t \left(\frac{U_u + U_d}{2} \right)^2 (U_u - U_d)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \rho A_t (U_u + U_d)(U_u + U_d)(U_u - U_d)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \rho A_t (U_u + U_d)(U_u^2 - U_d^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \rho A_t \left(U_u \left[1 + \frac{U_d}{U_u} \right] \right) \left(U_u^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{U_d}{U_u} \right)^2 \right] \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \rho A_t U_u^3 \left(1 + \frac{U_d}{U_u} \right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{U_d}{U_u} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$b = \frac{U_d}{U_u}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{out} = \frac{1}{4} \rho A_t U_u^3 (1+b)(1-b^2)$$

$$\eta = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \rho A_t U_u^3 (1+b)(1-b^2)}{\frac{1}{2} \rho A_t U_u^3}$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} (1+b)(1-b^2)$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} (1-b^2 + b - b^3)$$

$$\text{Max } \eta: \frac{d\eta}{db} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{2} (-2b + 1 - 3b^2)$$

$$3b^2 + 2b - 1 = 0$$

$$b = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(3)(-1)}}{2(3)} \Rightarrow b = \frac{-2 \pm 4}{6}$$

$$b = -1, \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{if } b = \frac{1}{3}, \eta = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^3 \right)$$

$$\eta = \frac{16}{27} \approx 59.26\%$$

Conservation of mass



Conservation of energy



Betz Efficiency



Tip Speed Ratio (TSR)



- Actual rotor efficiency will be less than the Betz limit
- For a given wind speed, efficiency is a function of the rotor rotational speed
 - Spin too slowly, wind passes by without being “captured”
 - Spin too quickly, blades cause wind turbulence which reduces the efficiency of the blades.
- Rotor efficiency can be expressed as a function of its Tip Speed Ratio:

$$\text{Tip speed ratio (TSR)} = \frac{\text{Rotor tip speed}}{\text{Upwind wind speed}} = \frac{\text{rpm} \times \pi D}{60v} \quad (7.30)$$

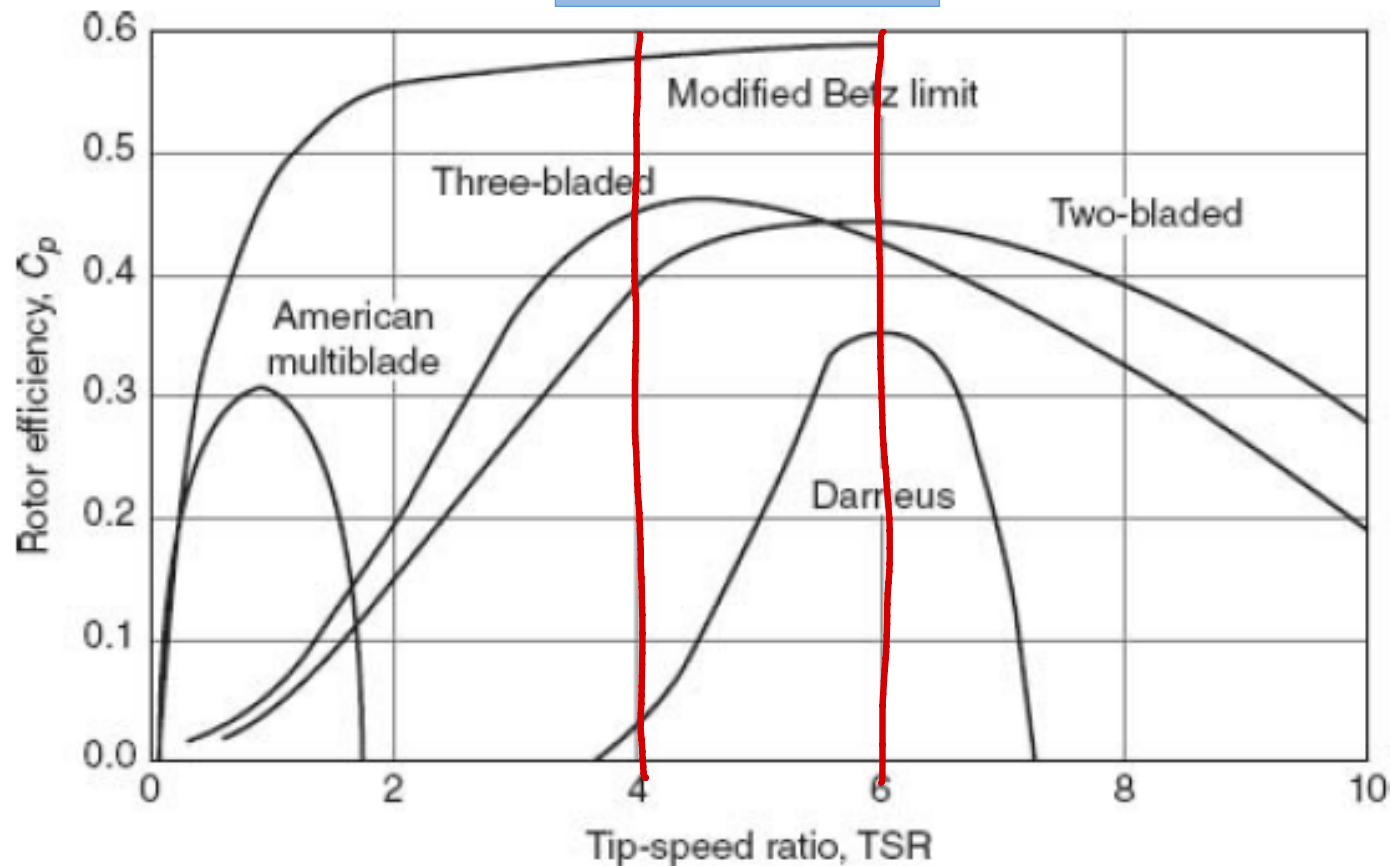
meters (pointing to D)
wind speed (pointing to v)

Tip Speed Ratio



- Optimal TSR for 2- and 3-blade modern turbines is in the 4-6 range.

Fig. 7.18



Idealized Power Curve



Electric machines are limited by their power rating.

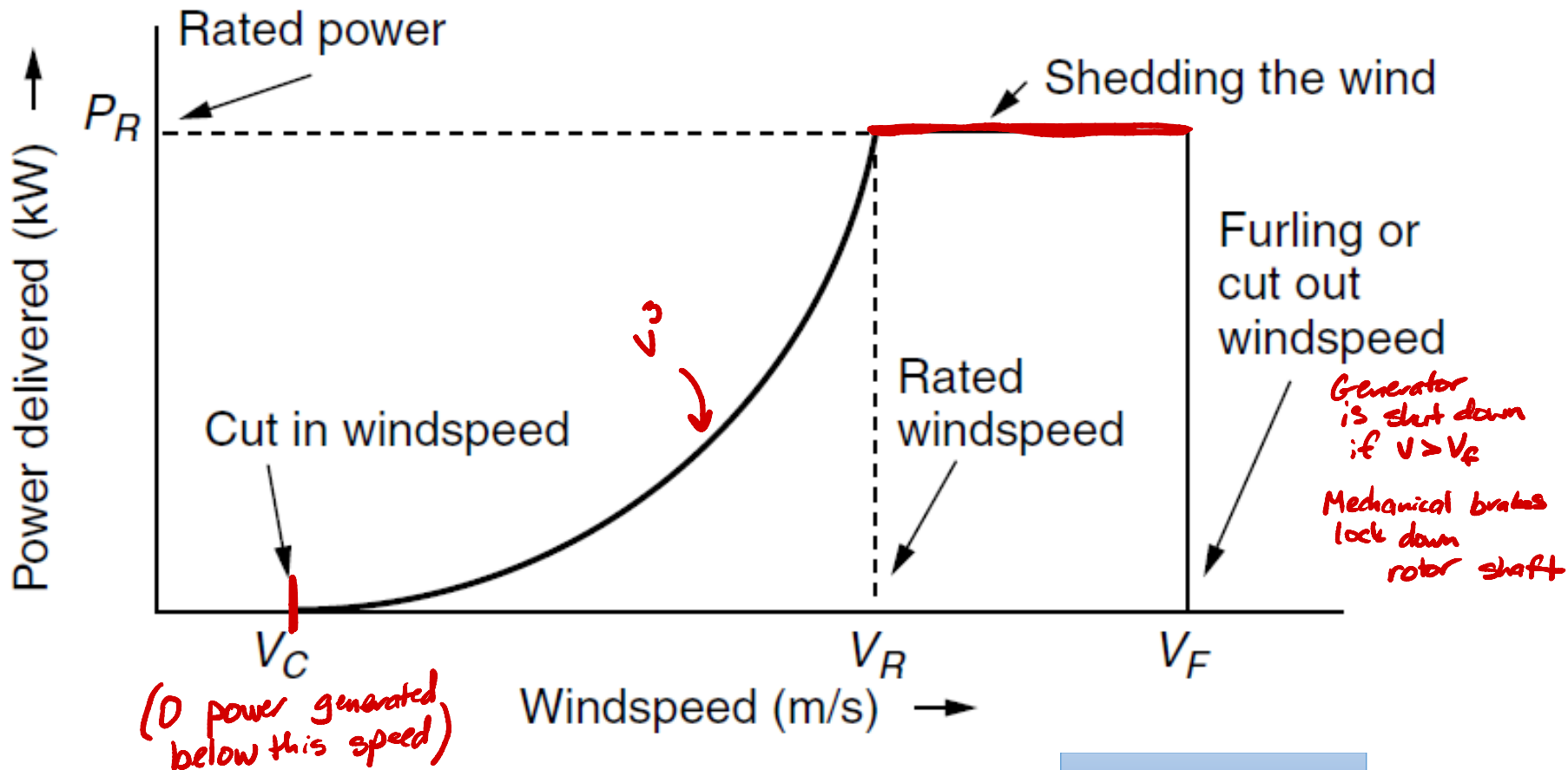


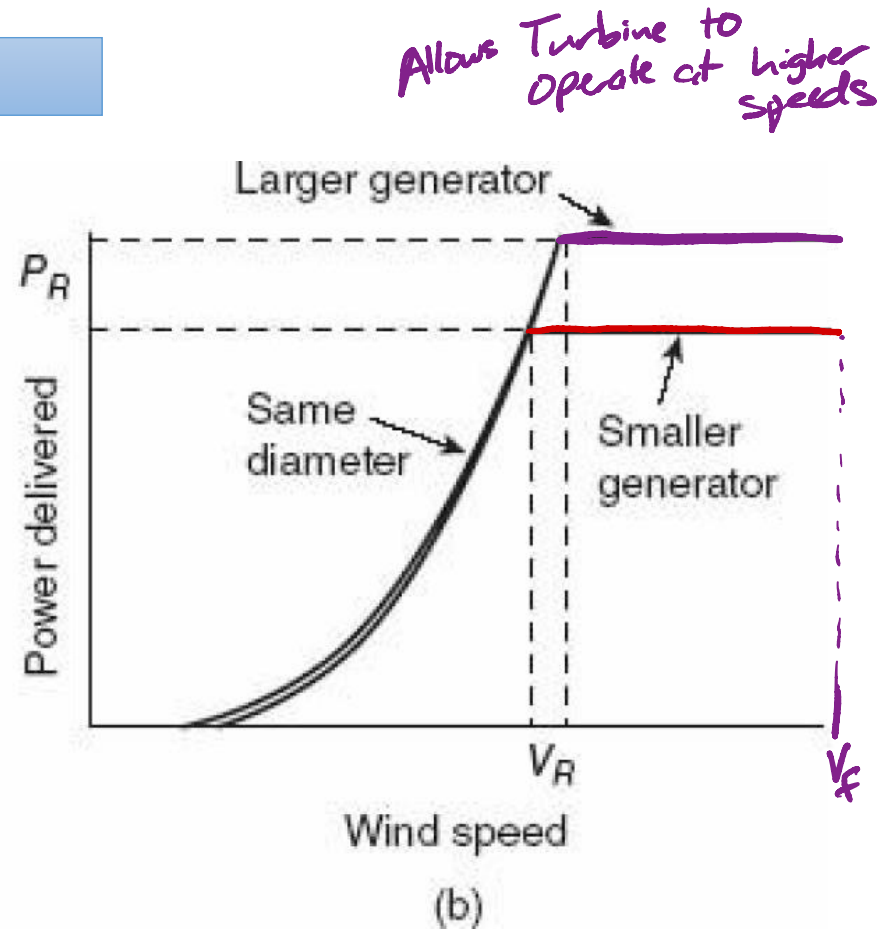
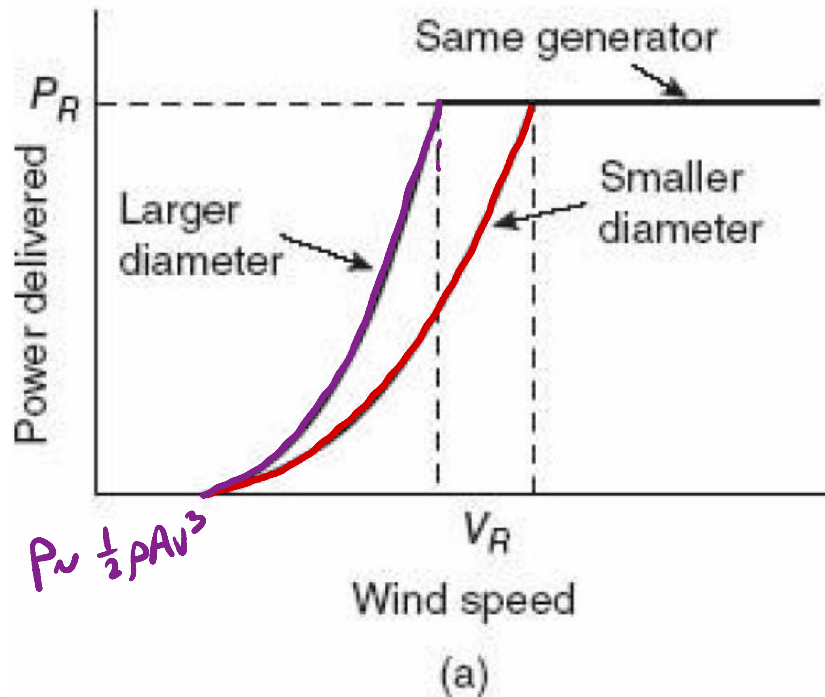
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Impact of design parameters



- Tradeoffs between rotor diameter and generator size (power rating)

Figure 7.20



Real Power Curves



- First number: Power rating
- Second number: Rotor diameter

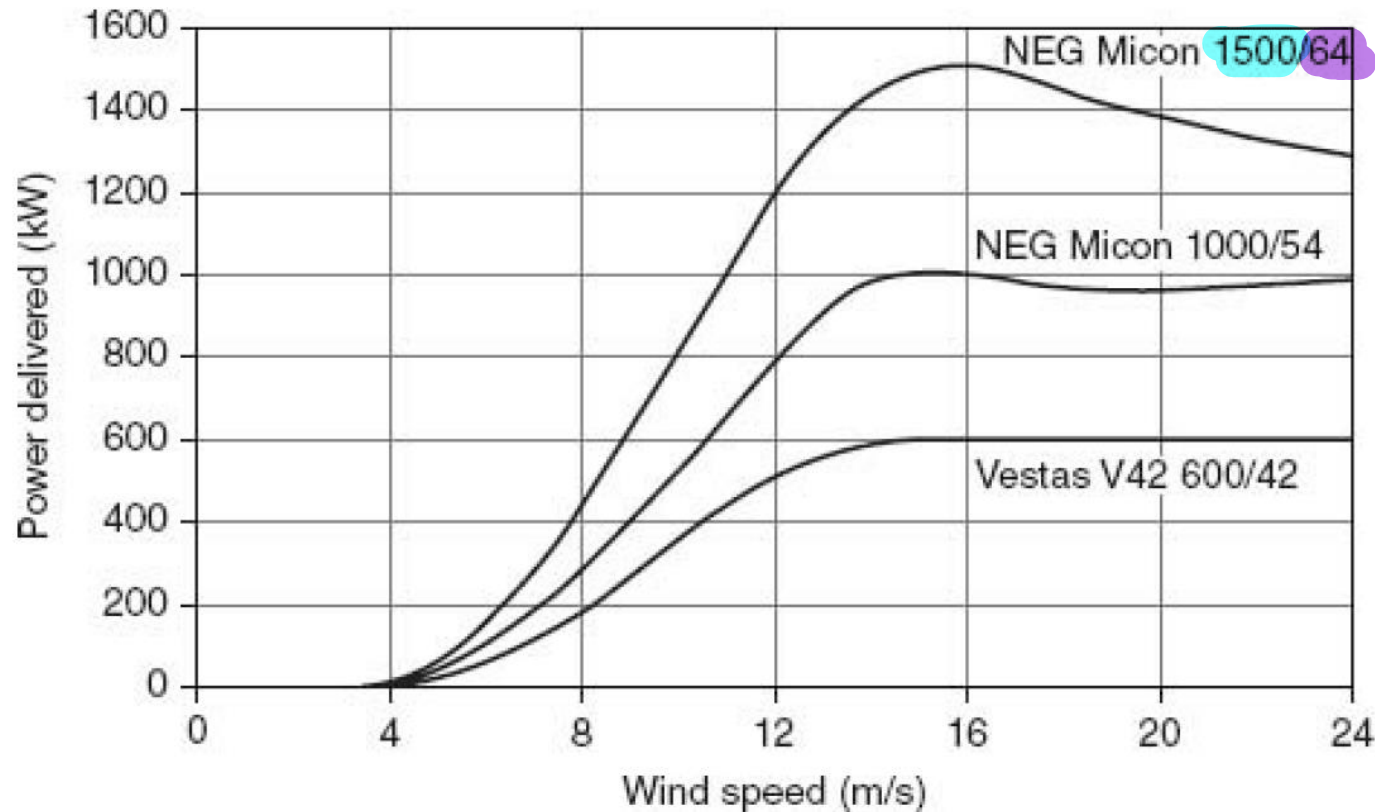


Figure 7.21

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Lecture 11

Average Power in the Wind

Estimating Wind Turbine Energy Production

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Discrete Wind Histogram



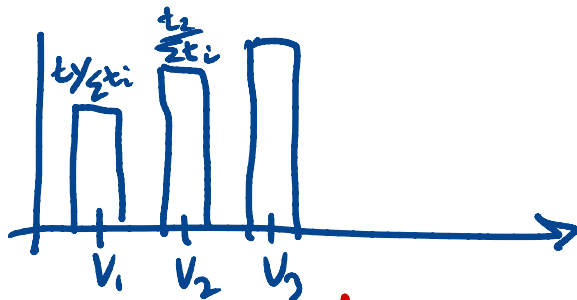
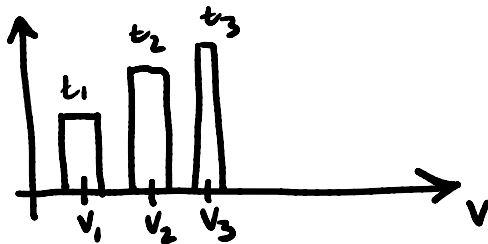
On average, how much energy could we expect to get out of the turbine?

$$\langle P_{\text{wind}} \rangle = \langle \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \rho A \langle v^3 \rangle$$

↑ time average

$$\langle v^3 \rangle \neq \langle v \rangle^3$$

t_i : # of Hours at windspeed v_i



$$\frac{t_i}{\sum t_i} < 1$$

$$\sum \frac{t_i}{\sum t_i} = 1$$

Normalized Histogram

* Probability Mass Function (PMF)

Wind Speed Probability Density Function



* Wind speed is continuous

Continuous Random Variable: probability density function (PDF)

let x continuous random variable
It's PDF $f(x)$



$$f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

(area under curve = 1)

Probability x is between x_1 and x_2

$$P = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx$$

If $x_1 \leq x \leq x_1 + \delta$ $\delta \ll 1$

$$p = f(x_1) \cdot \delta$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

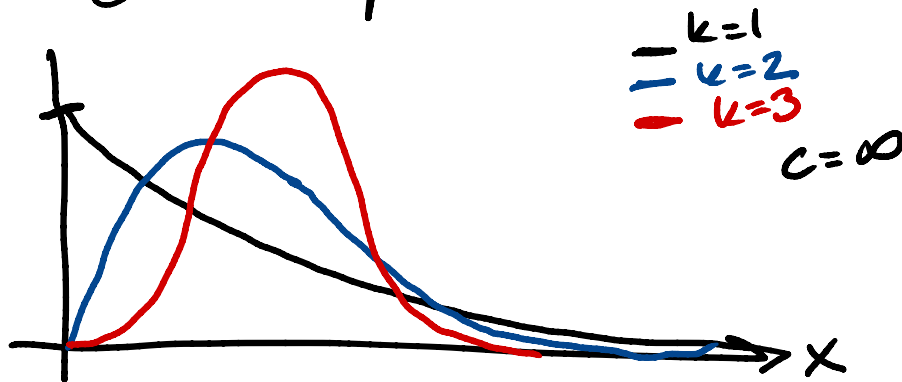
Weibull and Rayleigh Statistics



Weibull

$$f(x) = \frac{k}{c} \left(\frac{x}{c}\right)^{k-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)^k} \quad x > 0$$

k : shape parameter
 c : scale parameter



For $k=2$: Rayleigh PDF

$$f(x) = \frac{2x}{c^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)^2}$$
$$\langle x \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} 2 \left(\frac{x}{c}\right)^2 e^{-\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)^2} dx$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} c \quad \Rightarrow \quad c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \langle x \rangle$$

Average Power in the Wind with Rayleigh Statistics **I**

$$f(x) = \frac{2x}{\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \langle v \rangle\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \langle v \rangle}\right)^2}$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{x}{\langle v \rangle^2}\right) e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{x}{\langle v \rangle}\right)^2}$$

$$P_{\text{wind}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3$$

$$\langle P_{\text{wind}} \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3 \cdot f(v) dv$$
$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{v}{\langle v \rangle^2} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{v}{\langle v \rangle}\right)^2} \right) dv$$

$$\boxed{\langle P_{\text{wind}} \rangle = \frac{6}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho A \langle v^3 \rangle \right)}$$

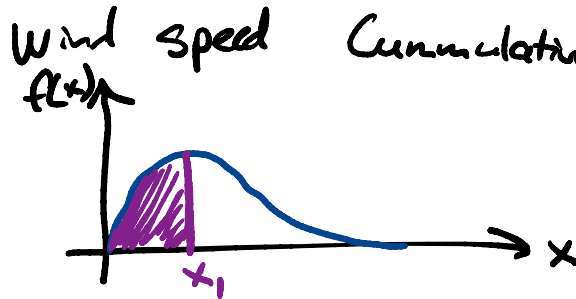
Rayleigh Assumption

Estimating wind turbine energy production



Energy: power curve of the machine
and a statistical model of the wind

Wind speed Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

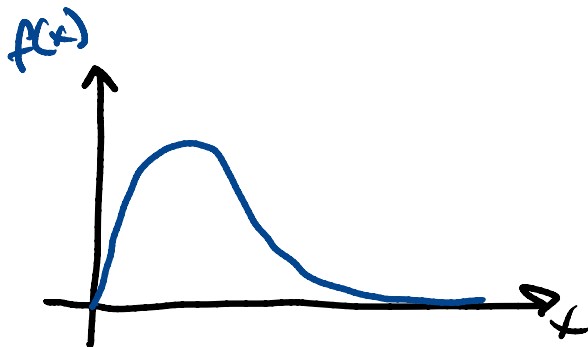


probability that $x \leq x_1 = F(x) = \int_0^{x_1} f(x) dx$

Assume Rayleigh PDF

$$F(v) = \int_0^v \frac{\pi v'}{2Lv^2} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{v'}{Lv}\right)^2} dv'$$

$$F(v) = 1 - e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{v}{Lv}\right)^2}$$



$$P_{add}(v > v_1) = 1 - P_{add}(v \leq v_1)$$

$$P_{add}(v > v_1) = e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{v_1}{Lv}\right)^2}$$

Example (7.7 from Masters)



$$2.1 \text{ MW}$$

$$V_c = 3.7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_R = 11 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_f = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\langle V \rangle = 7 \text{ m/s}$$

a) $V < V_c$
 $V < 3.7 \text{ m/s}$

$$\text{Prob}(V < 3.7) = 1 - e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{3.7}{7}\right)^2}$$
$$= 0.197$$

$$0.197 (8700 \text{ hr/year})$$

$$1714.1 \text{ hrs/year}$$

$$\sim 2.4 \text{ months}$$

b) $V > V_f$

$$\text{Prob}(V > 20) = 1 - \text{Prob}(V < 20)$$
$$= 1 - F(20)$$
$$= e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{20}{7}\right)^2} = 0.00164$$

$$\# \text{ hrs} = 0.00164 (8700)$$

$$= \boxed{14.4 \text{ hrs/year}}$$

Example (7.7 from Masters)

