

# Hybrid Power Generation Using Renewable Energy Sources For Domestic Purposes

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**Abstract:** This paper will describe a hybrid system for generating dispatch able electric power using wind, solar and hydro energy combined together for domestic purposes and storage. The essential subsystems include vertical axis wind turbines solar panel and a pico-hydro system. This hybrid power generation system will be particularly useful in charging batteries, lighting up of CFL, playing of radio. This hybrid wind / solar/hydro system would be a more economical means for achieving zero-emission, firm, dispatch able capacity than independent construction of wind and solar plant or a pico- hydro plant generating system.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

A hybrid electric power generation system consists of two or more types of renewable resources. While fossil fuel will be the main fuels for thermal power, there is a fear that they will get exhausted eventually in the next century. Therefore other systems based on non-conventional and renewable sources are being explored and developed by many countries including our India.

Renewable energy sources have attracted special attention due to the security of energy supply by reducing the dependence on imported fossil fuels. And also there is a reduction in emission of green house gases like co<sub>2</sub> from the burning of fossil fuels. Hence renewable energy sources are sustainable energy sources that can be relied upon for a long time span.

## II. SURVEY

At the current energy consumption rate, proven coal resources should last for about 200 years, oil for 40 years and natural gasses for 60 years. As predicted there will be a 40+ percent increase in the world's renewable-generated electricity over next 5 years. Wind energy is the world's fastest growing energy source, expanding globally at a rate of 25% to 35% annually over the last decade. Hydro is the second largest available renewable resource and its energy market is around 20% to 30% annually. Solar technologies are predicted to be 4.9% of global renewable electricity by 2017.

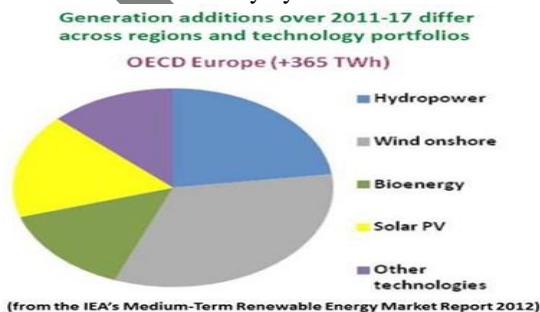


Fig. 1: Global report on renewable energy sources.

## III. METHODOLOGY

If all the three sources are combined into one hybrid power generating system the drawbacks can be avoided partially or completely, depending on the control units. As it is generally seen those in rainy and windy days the solar power is limited and vice versa and hence to overcome this hybrid power generation is very useful. By this the power generation can be maintained in the above stated condition. The control of hydro, solar, and wind power plants is provided through a constant current controller.

A system is proposed in which hybrid power generation system is connected with the utility grid. The parallel combination of these three energy systems has been adopted and for the continuous power flow grid is also connected. In summer, the grid connected solar system supplies the power to the load, hydro and wind system will be disconnected and same applies for the rainy and windy conditions. Hence it is good a option to adopt the proposed system for supplying continuous power to the consumer.

## IV. WORKING

**Solar power generation:** In actual usage, the solar cells are interconnected in certain series or parallel combinations to form modules. These modules are hermetically sealed for protection against corrosion, moisture, pollution and weathering. A combination of suitable module constitutes an array. One Square meter of fixed array kept facing south yields nearly 0.5kWhr of electrical energy on normal sunny day if the orientation of the array is adjusted to face the sun's ray at any time the output can be increased by 30%.

To obtain useful power output from photon interaction in a semi-conductor three processes are required. The photons have to be absorbed in the active part of the material and result in electrons being excited to a higher energy potential. The electron hole charge carrier created by the absorption must be physically separated and moved to the edge of the cell. The charge carriers must be

removed from the cell and delivered to the useful load before they lose their extra potential.

when the water falls on the blade, it starts rotating which induces emf in side the armature of the generator.

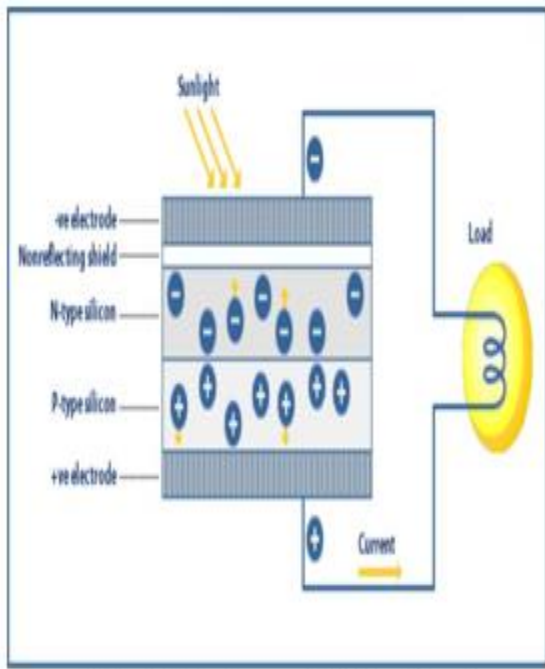


Fig. 2: Solar cell (Working)

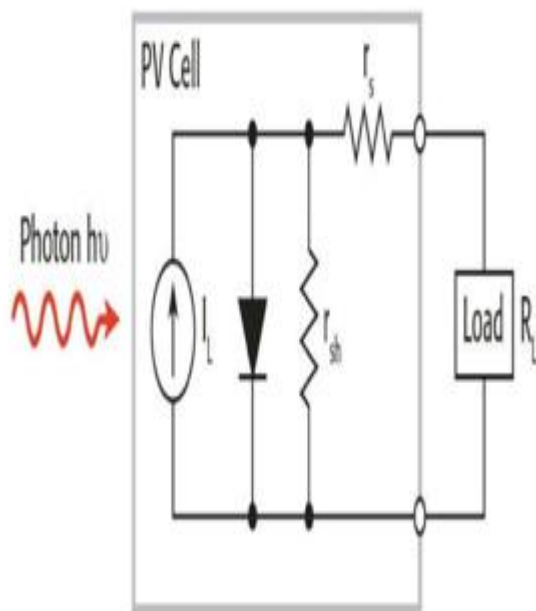


Fig. 3: Equivalent circuit of a solar cell

**Hydro power generation:** When water is pumped into the overhead tank using a motor, the water falling into the tank has certain amount of kinetic energy which can be utilized to generate electricity.

At the point where the water falls into the tank, a generator is connected which is coupled to a blade. And



Fig. 4: Pico-hydro system

**Wind power generation:** Wind power is the conversion of wind energy into useful form of energy, such as using wind turbines to produce electricity. A wind turbine is a device that converts kinetic energy from the wind into electrical power. A wind turbine used for charging batteries may be referred to as a wind charger.

The WECS consists of various components like aero-turbine, gearing, coupling, controller and generator. Aero-turbine converts energy in moving air to rotary mechanical energy. In general they require pitch and yaw control for proper operation.

**How much power is in the wind?**

The power available in the wind, **P**, can be found from the following equation:

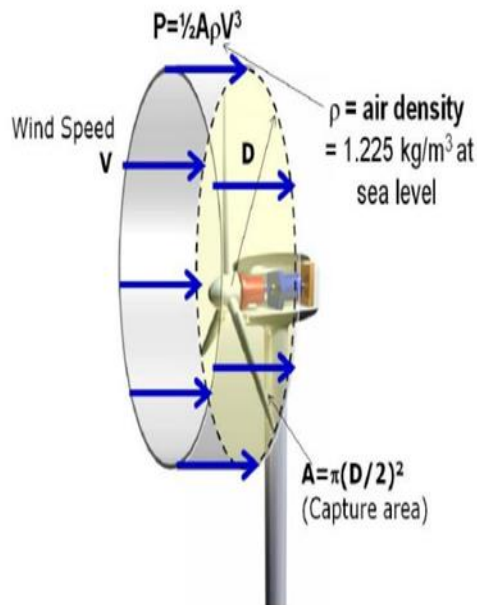
$$P = \frac{1}{2} A \rho V^3$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of the air, **A** is the capture area, and **V** is the wind speed.

Wind speed increases with height above the ground, because of the earth's boundary layer. This effect is modeled using a power law relation

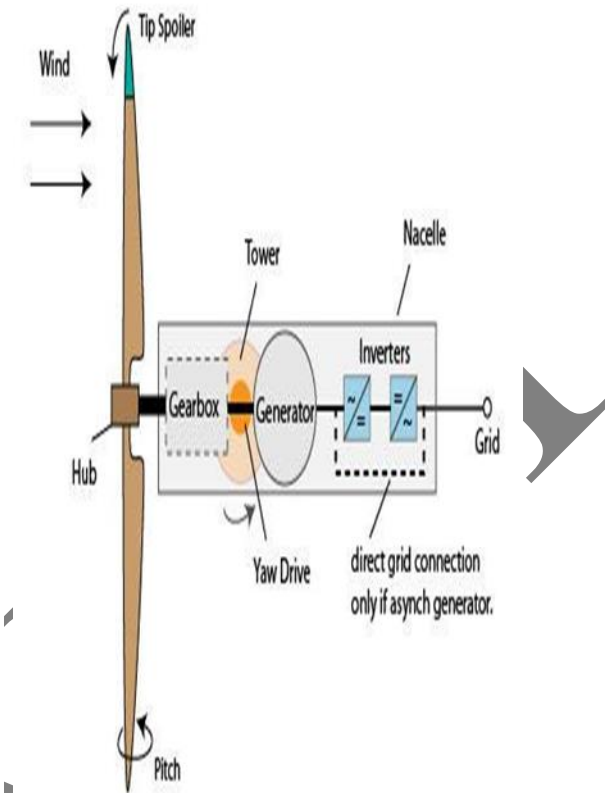
$$V_z = V_{10} (z/10)^\alpha$$

where  $V_z$  is the wind speed at some height **z** (in meters),  $V_{10}$  is the wind speed at 10 meters (the height often used for meteorological reporting of wind speed), and  $\alpha$  is the power law exponent or index.  $\alpha$  varies over a wide range, 0.1 to 0.6 depending on atmospheric conditions and the terrain near the wind turbine, but a value of 0.2 is common for wind turbine analysis.

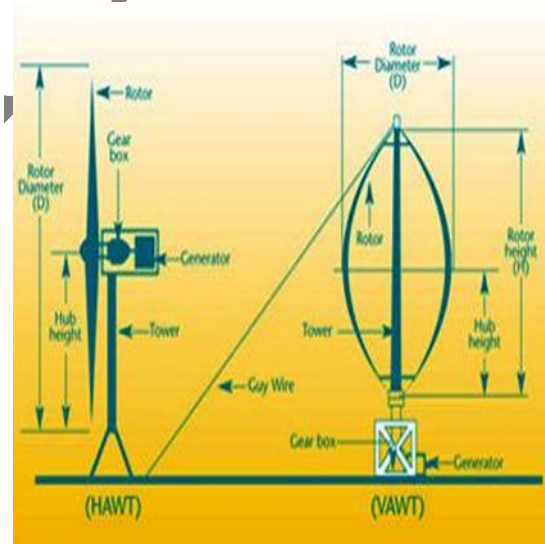


**Fig. 5: concept of energy production in wind turbines**  
 A mechanical interface consisting of a step up gear and a suitable coupling transmits the rotary mechanical energy to an electrical generator. The output of the generator is connected to the battery. The purpose of the controller is to sense the speed and direction of the wind, shaft speed and torques at one or

more points and output power by passing the control signal for matching the output and to protect the system from extreme conditions. The cut-in and cut-out speeds of the wind turbine are 5m/s and 25m/s respectively.



**Fig. 6: Components of WECS**



**Fig. 7: Comparison between HAWT and VAWT. HYBRID POWER GENERATION**

We integrate all the three electric power generating modules to optimize the utilization of renewable energies. Since the output from all the generating modules is variable, we make use of DC – DC converter (Buck converter) to get a fixed magnitude of DC.



A battery is made use of to store the electric power generated. We also make use of a charge controller which facilitates proper and safe charging of the batteries.

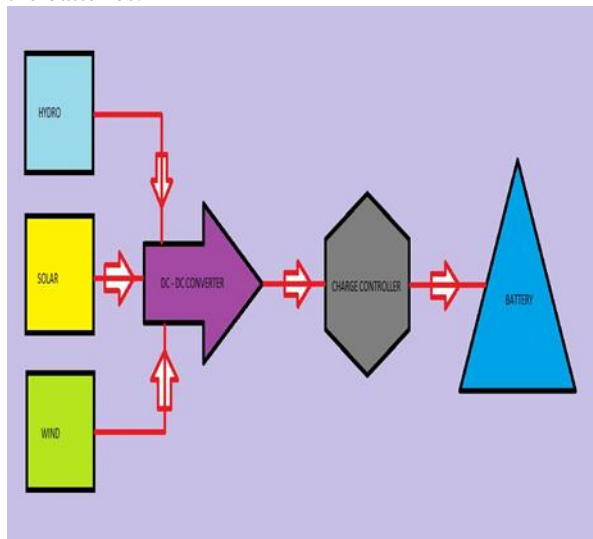


Fig. 8: Integration of all these generating sources

#### V. ADVANTAGES

Hybrid electric power generating systems usually supply island networks that are not connected to an integrated grid covering several houses.

Large potential for rural electrification especially with renewable energy sources can be found in developing countries.

It also provides continuous power supply to the consumers. Hybrid power generation is not seasonal.

Used to provide quality power to the consumers without any fluctuations.

Less maintenance and less maintenance power is required for its operation and control.

#### VI. DISADVANTAGES

Initial cost is high.

Monitoring of turbine speed in WECS is difficult.

Voltage generated is not constant and hence voltage regulators must be made use. Since output is dc in all the three generating modules, inverters should be used.

#### VII. APPLICATIONS

Since the project is being concentrated on fulfilling the domestic electric needs (for individual houses), home appliances such as CFLs, fans, radios can be supplied with the required electric power.

Once the domestic electricity needs are fulfilled, the excess electric power generated can be integrated to a nearby grid. (Micro scale power selling)

They usually supply island networks that are not connected to an integrated grid covering several regions. Used to provide quality power to the consumers without any fluctuations.

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