

A Review : Design & FEM Analysis of Twisted Blade Micro Wind Turbine



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ABSTRACT

This paper presents Design & FEM Analysis of Twisted Blade Micro Wind Turbine. Rapid depletion of fossil fuel resources necessitated research on alternative energy sources. A wind system is a reliable alternative energy source because it uses wind energy to create a stand-alone energy source that is both dependable and consistent. The main objective of this project is to investigate the design and development of micro wind turbines for integration into residential, commercial and industrial complexes. This project mainly focuses on Design of Twisted Blade Micro-Wind Turbine system using computer aided design and FEM analysis technology.

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1. INTRODUCTION

One of the driving forces for social and economic development and a basic demand of nations is energy. Most of the energy production methods are one-way, which requires change of form for the energy. In parallel to developing technology, demand for more energy makes us seek new energy sources. Researches for renewable energies have been initiated first for wind power. Wind energy have been deemed clean, inexhaustible, unlimited, and environmental friendly. Such characteristics have attracted the energy sector to use renewable energy sources on a larger scale. However, all renewable energy sources have drawbacks. Wind sources is dependent on unpredictable factors such as weather and climatic conditions. Due to both sources' complementary nature, some of these problems can be overcome the weaknesses of one with the strengths of the other. Wind energy stations for rural areas have proven to be advantageous for decreasing the depletion rate of fossil fuels, as well as supplying energy to remote rural areas, without harming the environment.

Distributed Generation (DG) refers to micro power plants at or near the loads, operating in a stand-alone mode or connected to a grid at the distribution or sub-transmission level, and geographically scattered throughout the service area. Distributed Generation includes small, modular technologies for electricity generation, located close to the

load. DG technologies are used both in stand-alone mode as well as in grid parallel mode. Conventional electricity generating stations are typically located close to the fuel source and away from the loads, and electricity generated is conveyed through the transmission system to the load centre, which often requires large investment. Regular wind turbines are designed for large electricity production hence occupy large areas of land. These cannot operate in places where the wind speed is below 10m/s. Regular wind turbines can **only** operate given wind-speeds between 10m/s and 25 m/s.

1.2 Wind energy

Wind Power is energy extracted from the wind, passing through a machine known as the windmill. Electrical energy can be generated from the wind energy. This is done by using the energy from wind to run a windmill, which in turn drives a generator to produce electricity. The windmill in this case is usually called a wind turbine. This turbine transforms the wind energy to mechanical energy, which in a generator is converted to electrical power. An integration of wind generator, wind turbine, aero generators is known as a wind energy conversion system. A wind turbine is a machine for converting the kinetic energy in wind into mechanical energy. Wind turbines can be separated into two basic types based on the axis about which the turbine rotates. Turbines that rotate around a vertical axis are more common.

Horizontal-axis turbines are less frequently used. Wind turbines can also be classified by the location in which they are used as Onshore, Offshore, and aerial wind turbines.

II. COMPONENT OF A WIND ENERGY PROJECT

Modern wind energy systems consist of the following components :

- A tower on which the wind turbine is mounted;
- A rotor that is turned by the wind;
- The nacelle which houses the equipment, including the generator that converts the mechanical energy in the spinning rotor into electricity.

The tower supporting the rotor and generator must be strong. Rotor blades need to be light and strong in order to be aerodynamically efficient and to withstand prolonged used in high winds. In addition to these, the wind speed data, air density, air temperature need to be known amongst others.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In this project, we are using CAD tool for designing of micro wind turbine for rural street light, Creo Parametric is sub module of CAD softwares. Also we are using CAE tool for Analyzing of micro wind turbine for rural street light, Ansys Workbench sub module of CAE softwares.

3.1 Creo Parametric 2.0

Creo Parametric 2.0 has been developed by Parametric Technology Corporation (PTC) of U.S.A. This is a CAD/CAM/CAE software but we are using this for only 3-D part modeling (CAD) of chassis.

This CAD includes :

1. Sketcher
2. Part Modeling(part design)
3. Advanced Part Design
4. Surface Design
5. Assembly Design
6. Drafting and Detailing.

3.2 Parametric Modeling Process

The following graphic illustrates the parametric modeling.

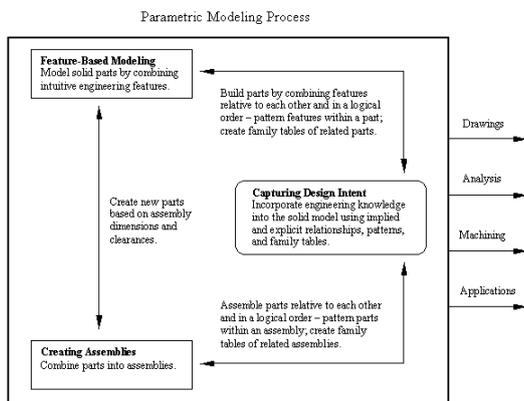
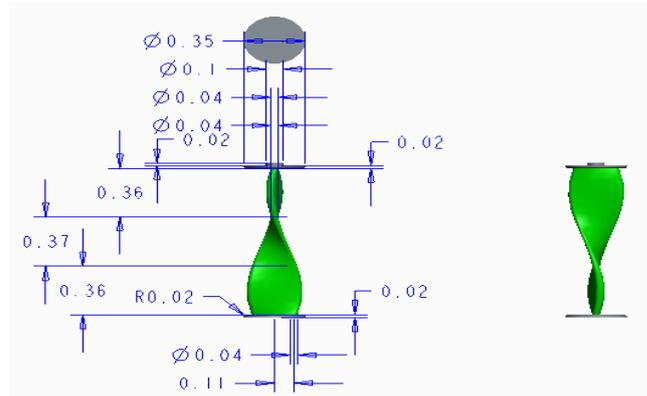


Fig.4.1 Parametric Modeling Process

3.3 CAD MODEL

Drafting & Detailing of Components Turbine Blade



3.4 Meshing

ANSYS meshing technologies provide physics preferences that help to automate the meshing process. For an initial design, a mesh can often be generated in batch with an initial solution run to locate regions of interest. Further refinement can then be made to the mesh to improve the accuracy of the solution. There are physics preferences for structural, fluid, explicit and electromagnetic simulations. By setting physics preferences, the software adapts to more logical defaults in the meshing process for better solution accuracy.

Other physics-based features that help with structural analysis include :

- Automated beam and shell meshing
- Editable contact definitions
- CAD instance modeling/meshing
- Rigid-body contact meshing
- Solver-based refinement
- Thin solid-shell meshing

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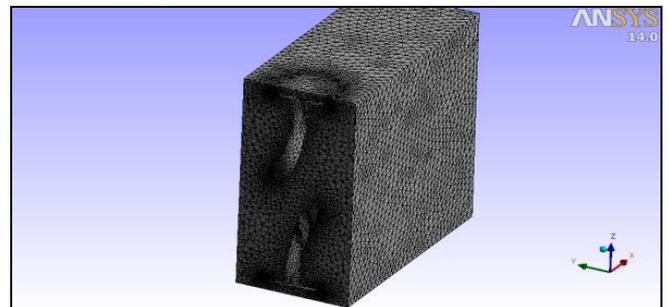


Fig. Meshing

3.5 CFD-Geometry

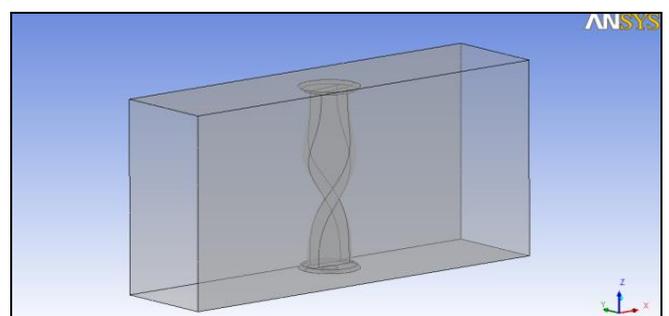
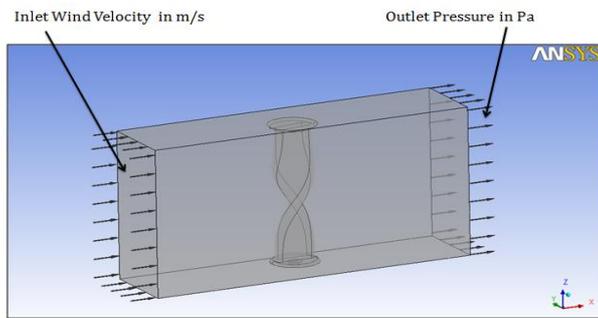


Fig. CFD Geometry

3.6 Boundary Condition



Above figure shows the boundary condition of hybrid wind-solar turbine in CFD software and further process i.e, pressure, velocity and temperature results is explained in next chapter.

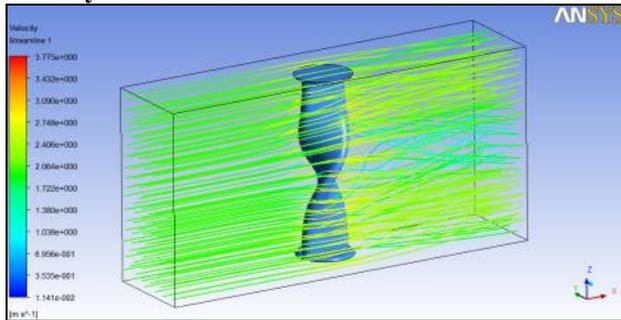
IV.RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In this project, we work on different wind velocities extract in wind turbine and analyzed using CFD-CFX software are as :

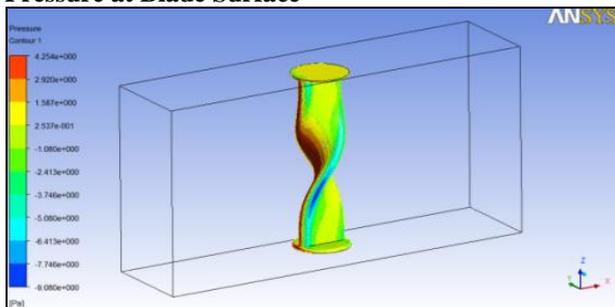
V.RESULTS

- 1) WIND VELOCITY = 2 M/S
- 2) WIND VELOCITY = 5 M/S
- 3) WIND VELOCITY = 8 M/S

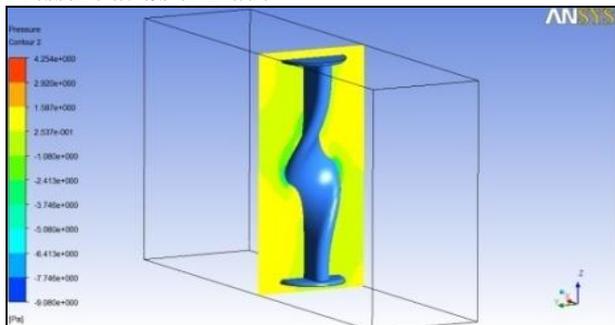
Velocity Streamline :



Pressure at Blade Surface



Pressure at c/s of Blade



V.CONCLUSION

In this project, Turbine power generation system is good and effective solution for power generation than conventional energy resources. It has greater efficiency. It

can provide to remote places where government is unable to reach. So that the power can be utilize where it generated so that it will reduce the transmission losses and cost. Cost reduction can be done by increasing the production of the equipment. People should motivate to use the non conventional energy resources. It is highly safe for the environment as it doesn't produce any emission and harmful waste product like conventional energy resources. It is cost effective solution for generation. It only need initial investment. It has also long life span. Overall it good, reliable and affordable solution for electricity generation.

A turbine Energy System was implemented. A portion of the energy requirement for a private house, farm house, a small company, an educational institution or an apartment house depending on the need at the site where used has been supplied with the electricity generated from the wind and solar power. It reduces the dependence on one single source and has increased the reliability. Hence we could improve the efficiency of the system as compared with their individual mode of generation.

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