Method and Case Study for Wind Power Assessment in Cyprus

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Introduction

• Northern Cyprus

• Southern Cyprus



Focus of this work

- Wind power generation opportunity
- Available data from SE coast (Larnaca region)
- Useful wind speed analysis along with angular direction
- Analysis will be carried out to NW Cyprus (METU NCC)

Wind profile of Cyprus

Average wind speed of 4-5 m/s. (Larnaca)



Related work

- Koroneos et al.
 - Wind and solar power \rightarrow Northern Cyprus \rightarrow Larnaca
 - Weibull distribution, several critical regions.
- Pashardes et al.
 - Statistical approach for wind direction and speed over the island
 - Wind rose map
- Jacovides et al.
 - Possible (promising) wind power plant (WPP) spots on the island including Larnaca

Wind power generation theory

• Kinetic energy \rightarrow Electrical energy

$$P(v) = \frac{1}{2}C_p \rho A v^3$$

- C_p power coefficient (const.)
- A area of blades (const.)
- φ wind density (atmospheric pressure, average temperature) (~const.)
- v wind speed

Wind profile power law (WPPL)

- Project measured speed to desired heights
- Measurement at 2m, possible wind power plant at 60m

$$u/u_{\tau} = (z/z_{\tau})^{\alpha}$$

- Also called 1/7th law
- u wind speed
- z height

Weibull distribution of wind speed (Larnaca, 2 meters height)



Projecting wind speed profile by WPPL



Direction analysis: North or South?



Wind directions from the obtained data

Average wind speed from each direction

Power Analysis: North or South?



Direction weighted with speed* *Unit: m/s times %direction 'Useful' average wind speed

Optimum Direction: North or South?



Wind direction weighted with useful speed

Detailed angle/speed analysis



Best angle for wind energy generation



Best angle for wind energy generation

Conclusion

- Average wind speed of 5 m/s in Larnaca
 - Suitable for wind power generation
- SW is the best direction for energy generation
- For the best outcome, a wind turbine with cut in speed of 3 m/s should be preferred
- Further analysis shall be made for specific wind turbine models
- Different regions in Cyprus shall enhance quality of this work
 - Such measurements are currently being made in METU NCC

Thank you