Wind Turbine Hydraulic Power Transmission System

Project: Demonstrate viability of combining the power output of <u>multiple wind turbines</u> into a <u>common generator</u> via a hydraulic transmission system.

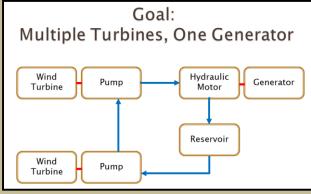
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Objectives:

- 1. Design wind farm model that combines outputs of several wind turbines to a common generator
- 2. Demonstrate viability of sharing concept
- 3. Construct working prototype using readily available parts and tools
- 4. Design system with DIY community in mind

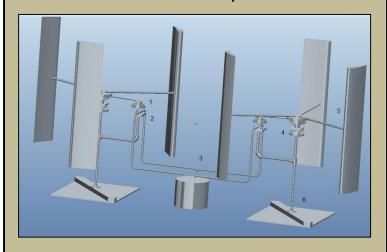






System Model

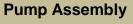
Two turbines combining power into a common output



Emphasis on DIY and Open-source Movement

- Focus on ease of construction and maintenance
- No custom machined components
- Inexpensive and readily available tools and parts







Hub Assembly



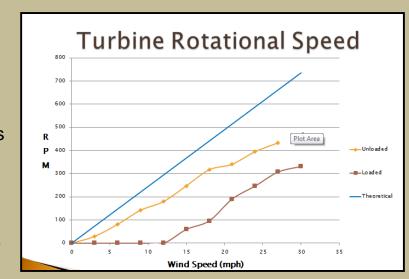
Blade Interior



Support Structure

Key Results:

- Power output of multiple turbines can be combined into a single hydraulic flow and can be extracted to perform various tasks.
- Prototype starts to operate at about 14 mph, which can be decreased with better pumps and broken-in bearings
- Our fabricated blades met expectations and provided high rotational speeds while maintaining rigidity and stability.
- This is a suitable starting design for the DIY community. Improvements can be made which will increase efficiency and power output.



Construction / Assembly Process

