

Principle of Wind Energy Conversion and

Wind Power:

Wind energy mill works on the principle of converting kinetic energy of the wind to mechanical energy.

U_w = velocity of wind km/h

ρ = density of air (1.225 kg/m^3)

A = Air density

(mass) $M = \rho A U_w$

$$\text{K.E} = \frac{1}{2} m U_w^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\rho A U_w) \times U_w^2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho A U_w^3 \text{ watt}$$

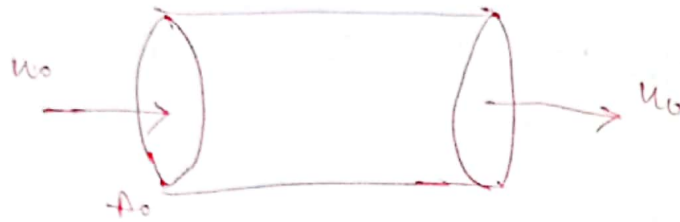
$$\text{Total power} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A U_w^3$$

Power output $\propto U_w^3$

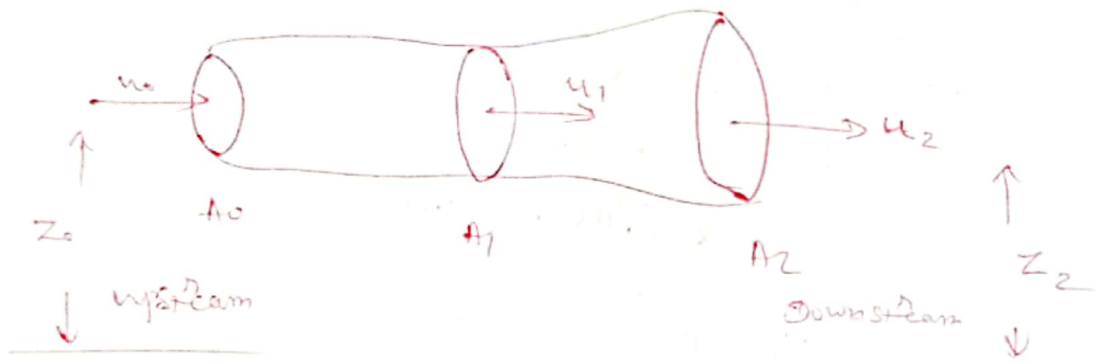
$$P_{\text{Total}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \times \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \times U_w^3 = \frac{1}{8} \rho \pi D^2 U_w^3$$

D = Diameter in meters

Power Extraction from wind:



↑ unperturbed wind stream tube in absence of turbine.



u_0 and u_2 are wind speed of upstream and downstream respectively.

$$F = \dot{m}u_0 - \dot{m}u_2 \quad (\text{mass} \times \text{velocity})$$

At u_1

$$P_T = \text{Power} = \text{force} \times \text{velocity}$$

$$P_T = F \cdot u_1 = \dot{m}(u_0 - u_2)u_1$$

$$u_1 = \frac{u_0 + u_2}{2}$$

$$P_T = \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} (u_0 - u_2) (u_0 + u_1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} (u_0^2 - u_2^2)$$

The interference (or perturbation) factor is defined as the fractional in wind speed at turbine.

$$a = \frac{u_0 - u_1}{u_0}$$

$$a = \frac{u_0 - u_2}{2u_0}$$

$$a = 1 - \frac{b}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{u_2}{u_0}$$

$$u_1 = u_0 (1 - a)$$

$$u_2 = u_0 (1 - 2a)$$

$$P_T = \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} (u_0^2 - u_0^2 (1 - 2a)^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} u_0^2 (1 - 1 + 4a^2 - 4a)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} u_0^2 (4a - 4a^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} u_0^2 (4a) (1 - a)$$

$$\boxed{\dot{m} = \rho A u_1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\rho A u_1] u_0^2 (4a) (1 - a)$$

$$\boxed{u_1 = u_0 (1 - a)}$$

$$\boxed{P_T = \frac{1}{2} [\rho A u_0^3] 4a(1 - a)^2}$$

$$P_T = C_P P_0$$

$$C_P = 4a(1-a)^2$$

C_P = power coefficient

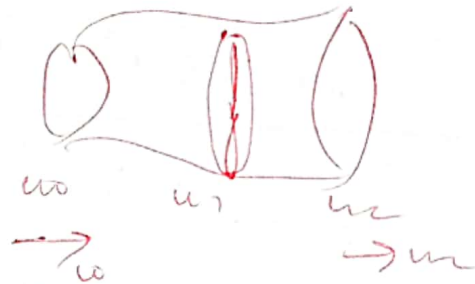
when $u_1 = u_0$

$$a = 0$$

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The turbine does not generate any power

→ The air just passes through the turbine.



differential with respect to a
 $\frac{dC_P}{da} = 0$
 $a = 1/3$

$$P_T = 0.593 \text{ [Power on Free wind]}$$

$$C_P = \frac{16}{27} = 0.593$$

