

# Wind Statistics

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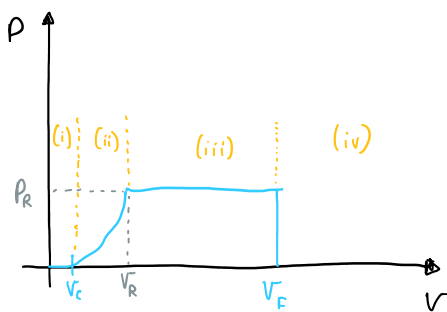
Recap: Power in the wind:  $P_w = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3$

Power produced by turbine:  $P = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3 \cdot C_p$  ← "efficiency"

Also,  $\left(\frac{v}{v_0}\right) = \left(\frac{H}{H_0}\right)^\alpha$ ,  $\frac{P_w}{P_{w_0}} = \left(\frac{H}{H_0}\right)^{3\alpha} = \left(\frac{v}{v_0}\right)^3$  ← metric for "roughness around turbine"

## Relationship between wind speed and electrical power

→ ideal power curve



(i)  $0 \leq v \leq v_c : P = 0$

- not enough power to overcome friction/inertia of turbine
- $v_c$  is the minimum speed needed to produce net positive generation

(ii)  $v_c < v \leq v_R$

•  $P \propto v^3$

(iii)  $v_R < v \leq v_F : P = P_R$

- reaches generator rated power
- must shed power via mechanical alterations of turbine (7.2 in textbook)

(iv)  $v > v_F : P = 0$

- winds are too strong

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• must shut down to avoid damage to equipment

Q: How much energy to expect from turbine?

(i)  $V \leq V_c$  ? easy  $\rightarrow 0$ !

(iv)  $V > V_F$  ? also easy  $\rightarrow 0$ !

(ii)  $V_r < V < V_F$  ?  $P = P_r \rightarrow E = P_r \cdot t$

(iii)  $V_c < V \leq V_r$  ?  $P$  is not constant.

$$P = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \rho A V^3}_{P_w} \cdot C_p$$

• Try average power:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ave} &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho A V^3 \right)_{\text{density}_{ave}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A V_{ave}^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho A (V^3)_{ave} \end{aligned}$$

• Need to look at wind power statistics

Ex 10-h period: 3hr no wind, 3hr 5m/s, 4hr 10m/s

$$V_{AVE} = \frac{3 \times 0 + 3 \times 5 + 4 \times 10}{10} = 5.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$(V^3)_{AVE} = \frac{3 \times 0^3 + 3 \times 5^3 + 4 \times 10^3}{10} = 437.5 (\text{m/s})^3 \neq 5.5^3$$

OR

$$V_{AVE} = 0 \times \frac{3}{10} + 5 \times \frac{3}{10} + 10 \times \frac{4}{10}$$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ V_1 & & V_2 & & V_3 & \\ P\{V=0\} & P\{V=5\} & P\{V=10\} \\ \uparrow \text{probability} \end{matrix}$

$$V = \sum_i V_i P\{V=V_i\}$$

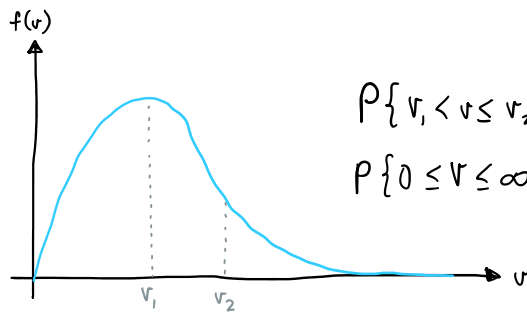
$$\bar{v}_{AVE} = \sum_i v_i P\{v=v_i\}$$

↑ probability

$$(\bar{v}^3)_{AVE} = \sum_i v_i^3 P\{v=v_i\}$$

→ probability mass function — pmf  
(discrete)

→ (continuous)  
→ probability density function — pdf



$$P\{v_1 < v \leq v_2\} = \int_{v_1}^{v_2} f(v) dv$$

$$P\{0 \leq v \leq \infty\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(v) dv = 1$$

$$\bar{v}_{AVE} = \int_0^{\infty} v f(v) dv$$

$$(\bar{v}^3)_{AVE} = \int_0^{\infty} v^3 f(v) dv$$

### Cumulative Distribution Function

• Def  $F(V) = P\{v \leq V\} = \int_0^V f(v) dv$

$$F(0) = P\{v \leq 0\} = 0$$

$$F(\infty) = P\{v \leq \infty\} = 1$$

$$P\{v_1 \leq v \leq v_2\} = F(v_2) - F(v_1)$$

### Weibull Statistics

$$f(v) = \frac{k}{c} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^{k-1} e^{-\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^k}$$

$k$ : shape parameter  
 $c$ : scale parameter

$k=2$  typically used.

Special case:  $k=2$  Rayleigh pdf  
 $f(v) = \frac{2}{c^2} v e^{-\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}$

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$$f(v) = \frac{2v}{c^2} e^{-(\frac{v}{c})^2}$$

$c$  is a parameter that is determined by wind characteristics

↳ Can relate  $c$  to  $v_{AVE}$

$$v_{AVE} = \int_0^{\infty} 2\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2 e^{-(\frac{v}{c})^2} dv$$

Gaussian  
Integral

$$= c \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \rightarrow c = \frac{2 v_{AVE}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

• So if we know  $v_{AVE}$  for a particular site, then we can use Rayleigh pdf to model wind speed stats

$$f(v) = \frac{2v}{\frac{4 v_{AVE}^2}{\pi}} e^{-\left(\frac{v}{\frac{2 v_{AVE}}{\sqrt{\pi}}}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi v}{2 v_{AVE}^2} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{v}{v_{AVE}}\right)^2}$$

### Average Power in Wind

• Start with  $v_{AVE}$  → assume Rayleigh statistics → estimate average power → used in wind farm siting

$$P_{AVE} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A (v^3)_{AVE}$$

• Need  $(v^3)_{AVE} = \int_0^{\infty} v^3 F(v) dv$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} v^3 \cdot \frac{2v}{c^2} e^{-(\frac{v}{c})^2} dv$$

= "magic" ...

$$= \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\pi} c^3$$

↖  $\frac{2 v_{AVE}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\pi} \left( \frac{2 v_{AVE}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^3 = \frac{6}{\pi} v_{AVE}^3$$

$$P_{AVE} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A (v^3)_{AVE} = \frac{6}{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \rho A v_{AVE}^3$$

★ With Rayleigh Statistic,  $P_{AVE}$  is a function of  $v_{AVE}$  only!

So for Found average power in wind  $\rightarrow$  Energy in wind

$$E = P_{AVE} \times t$$

But Want to find expected energy from turbine

> need to couple wind speed statistics with the power curve