

Renewable Energy Lecture 19: Wind Energy

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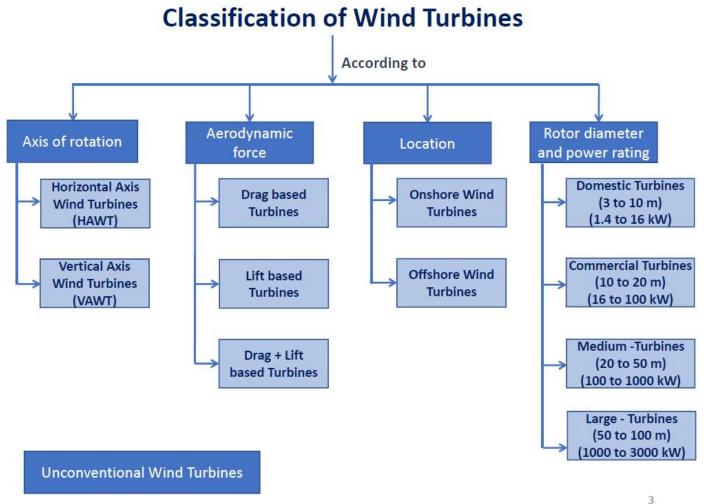
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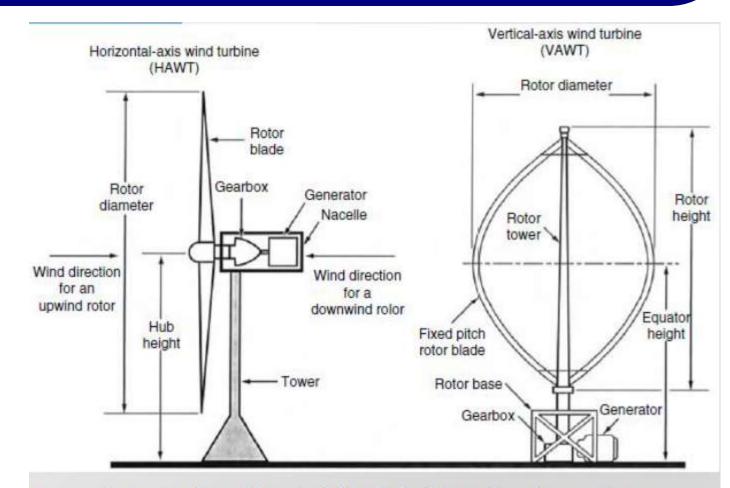


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Components of a wind electric generator

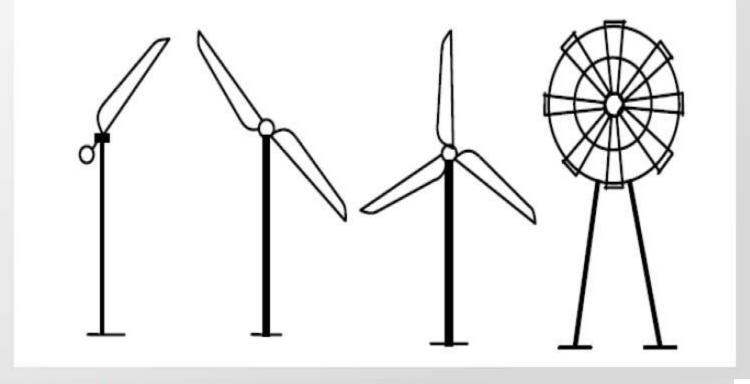
Gear box Generator Hub Main shaft Brake High speed shaft Housing Blade Tower





Schematic of Basic Wind Turbine Configurations.

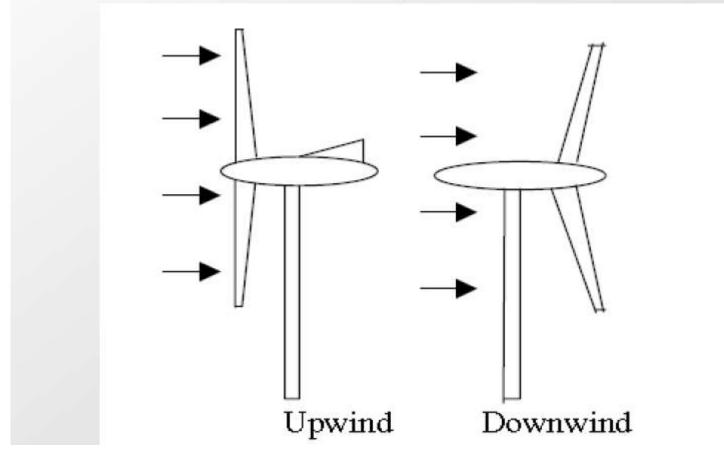
Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines: Depending on the number of blades



Single bladed, two bladed, three bladed and multi bladed turbines

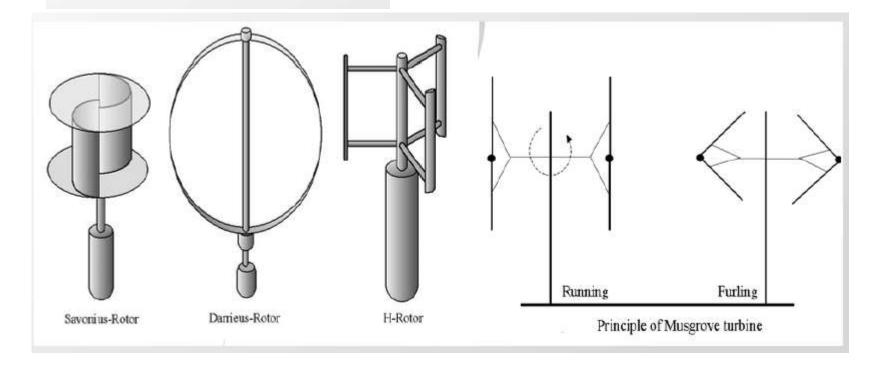


Based on the direction of receiving the wind:





Vertical axis wind turbines:







Comparison between HAWTs and VAWTs.

Items	HA-WTs	VA-WTs
Output power	Wide range	Narrow range
Starting	Self starting	Need starting means
Efficiency	Higher	Lower
Cost	Lower	Higher
Wind direction	Need redirected when the Wind change its direction	Does not needs redirected into the wind direction
Generator and gear box	At the top of the tower	At the ground level
Maintenance	Difficult	Easy

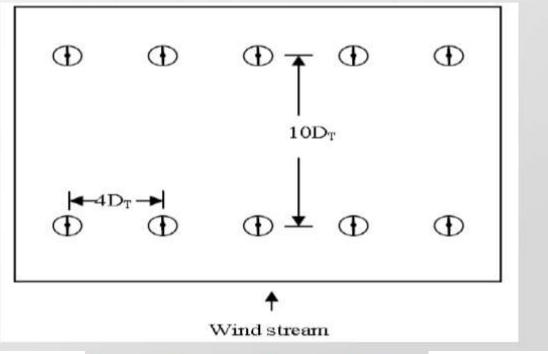


Wind farms

Type of a wind farms

1.Offshore wind farms.

2.Onshore wind farms (a land based wind farms).

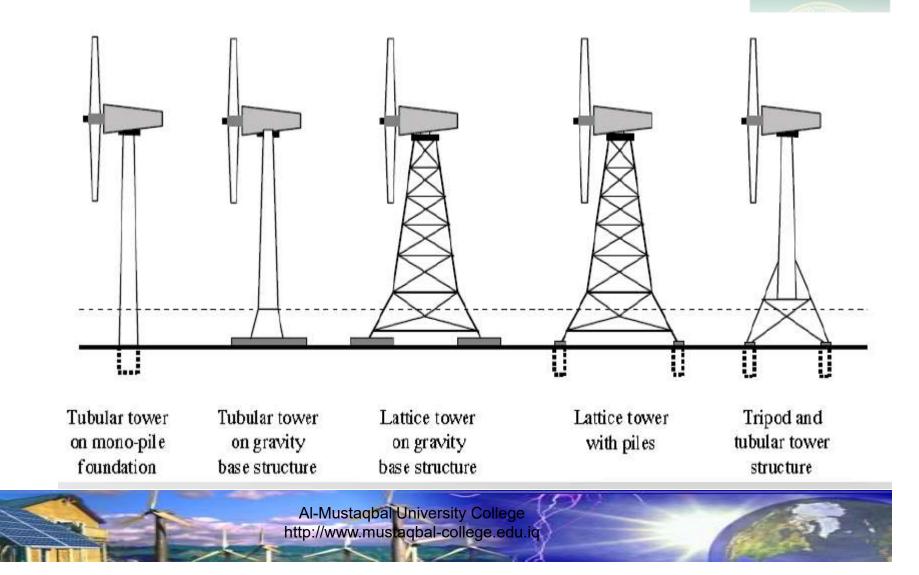


Typical layout of a wind farm



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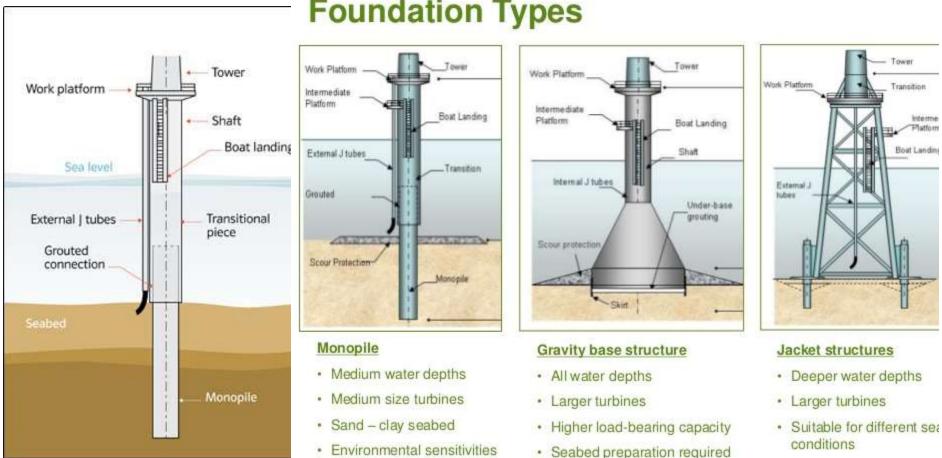
Different foundations for offshore turbines



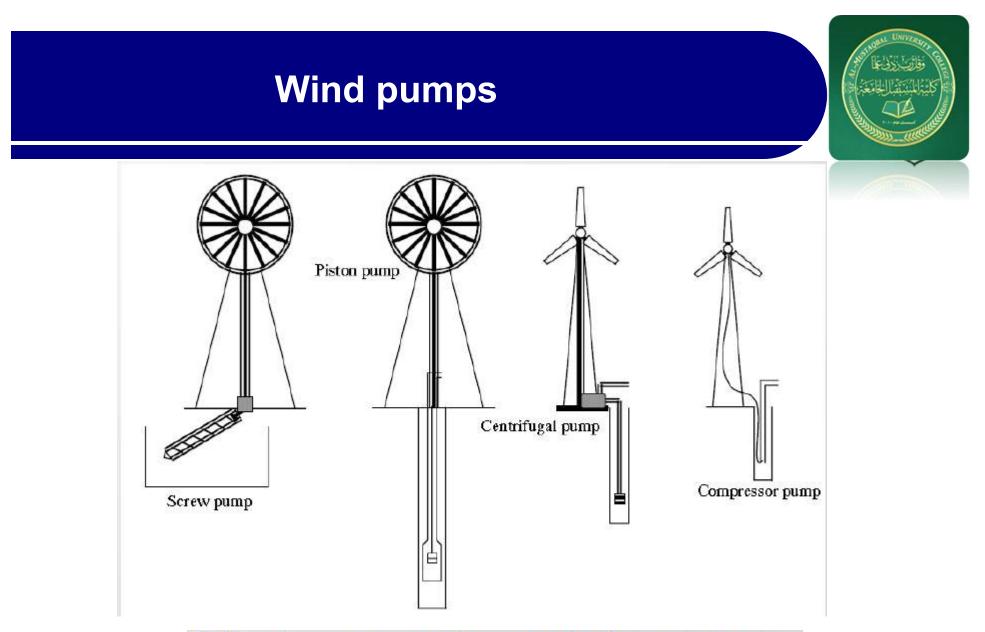
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Foundation Types



Different pumps coupled mechanically to wind rotors



