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Meeting the Electrical Energy Needs of a Residential Building with a Wind-Photovoltaic Hybrid System

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Abstract: A complete hybrid system including a photovoltaic cell, a wind turbine, and battery is modeled to determine the best approach for sizing the system to meet the electrical energy needs of a residential building. In evaluating system performance, the city of Tehran is used as a case study. Matlab software is used for analyzing the data and optimizing the system for the given application. Further, the cost of the system design is investigated, and shows that the electrical cost of the hybrid system in Tehran is 0.62 US\$/kWh, which is 78% less expensive than a wind turbine system and 34% less expensive than a photovoltaic system.

Keywords: residential building; electrical energy need; photovoltaic; wind turbine; hybrid system

1. Introduction

Since the oil crises of the 1970s, solar and wind power have become increasingly significant, attractive and cost-effective. In recent years, the hybrid PV/wind system has become a viable alternative to satisfy environmental protection requirements and electricity demands. With the complementary characteristics of solar and wind energy resources for certain locations, hybrid PV/wind systems with storage units

sometimes are advantageous options for supplying small electrical loads at remote locations that lack utility grid power.

Today, hybrid PV/wind systems are able to offer a high reliability of power supply, but some concerns remain regarding their applications. Due to the stochastic behavior of both solar and wind energy, some major challenges in the design of a HPWS (hybrid photovoltaic and wind turbine system) are the reliability of the supply of power to consumers under varying atmospheric conditions and at reasonable costs. To use solar and wind energy resources more efficiently and economically, the optimum size of a hybrid PV/wind system with batteries is an important consideration.

Various optimization techniques for hybrid PV/wind system sizing have been reported [1,2]. A novel description of the production/consumption phenomenon has been developed and this information has been used to propose a new sizing procedure [2]. Using this procedure, the authors obtain the optimum battery capacity, with the optimum number of PV modules and wind turbines, subject to minimum costs. The authors also determine energy balances and conversion efficiencies for the components of a system, and propose potential improvements to increase efficiency and the surplus energy produced by the wind/solar generator. Energy and exergy analyses have been performed to allow extrapolation of the results to real stand-alone applications providing an uninterrupted power supply to receptors isolated from the grid [3]. An optimal sizing method has been presented, and used to optimize configurations of a hybrid solar-wind system employing battery banks based on a genetic algorithm (GA) to attain the global optimum with relative computational simplicity, and to calculate the optimum system configuration that can achieve the required loss of power supply probability (LPSP) for customers with a minimum annualized cost of system [4]. A simulation has been presented for analyzing the probability of power supply failure in hybrid photovoltaic-wind power generation systems incorporating a storage battery bank and the reliability of the systems. They also presented a case study of hybrid solar-wind power supply for telecommunication systems, which has been analyzed [5]. An exergy analysis has been conducted of the operation of a test-bed hybrid wind/solar generator with hydrogen support [6]. With PV modeling, the effect of using a multi-axis sun-tracking system on electrical generation has been determined and its performance evaluated for the city of Monastir, Tunisia. This investigation considered the effect of azimuth and tilt angles on the output of the photovoltaic panels [7]. The component design and cost of a PV system required to satisfy given energy requirements have been determined and the payback period calculated for the suggested stand-alone PV system [8]. The possibility of improving wind-energy capture under low wind speed conditions in built-up areas has been determined [9]. That work describes the design of a small wind generator for domestic use and the methodology of applying physical tests conducted in a boundary layer wind tunnel and computer modeling using a CFD code [9]. An exergy analysis of atypical wind turbine model (Bargey Excel-S) in two cities of Iran showed that, with regard to the annual average wind data, by varying the cut in, the annual average production is increased by about 20% and the entropy generation is decreased about 77% (2009) [10]. The component design and cost of a PV system to supply the desired energy and the payback period for the suggested stand-alone PV system have been evaluated [11]. Sizing algorithms have been developed for PV modules, wind generators and batteries [12]. The accumulation of energy obtained from renewable sources and stored as hydrogen, for satisfying the electrical supply of several islands, has been determined [13]. An hourly management method has been developed for determining the energy

generated in grid-connected wind farms using hydrogen storage and an hourly management method proposed for energy generated in grid-connected wind farms by storing electrical energy in batteries [14].

The objective of this research is to determine an optimum hybrid system for meeting the electrical energy needs of a residential building. The hybrid system includes a wind turbine and PV power generation system as well as a battery for energy storage. With the method proposed and explained in this paper, the optimum capacity of the wind turbine, the photovoltaic cell and the battery is determined based on a minimum electricity cost.

2. Description of Building

The residential building considered in this study is located in Tehran (Province of Iran) and has an average occupancy (four adults). The building has a total floor area of about 200 m², a height of 3 m, a length of 20 m (aligned in an east-west direction), and a width of 10 m (in a north-south direction). The areas of the windows account for 30% of the area of the south and north walls and 20% of the area of the east and west walls of the building. The external and internal walls are 22 and 12 cm thick, respectively, and are all made of brick with gypsum plaster on the interior walls. The roof is 22 cm thick, and made of brick and roofing materials. No thermal insulation or other energy saving measures is employed in the walls or the roof.

To calculate the electrical load of the building, it is assumed that the 15th day of each month is representative of all the days of the month based on monthly average measurements in this building. These data are registered for 8760 h in the year 2012. To estimate the electrical energy needs of the residential building, we measure the electrical utilization and period of use for each electrical appliance and light. These data are shown in Figure 1 for in 15 January, while Figure 2 displays the total electrical consumption on that day. The electrical loads of the residential building on the 15th of every month are given in Table 1.

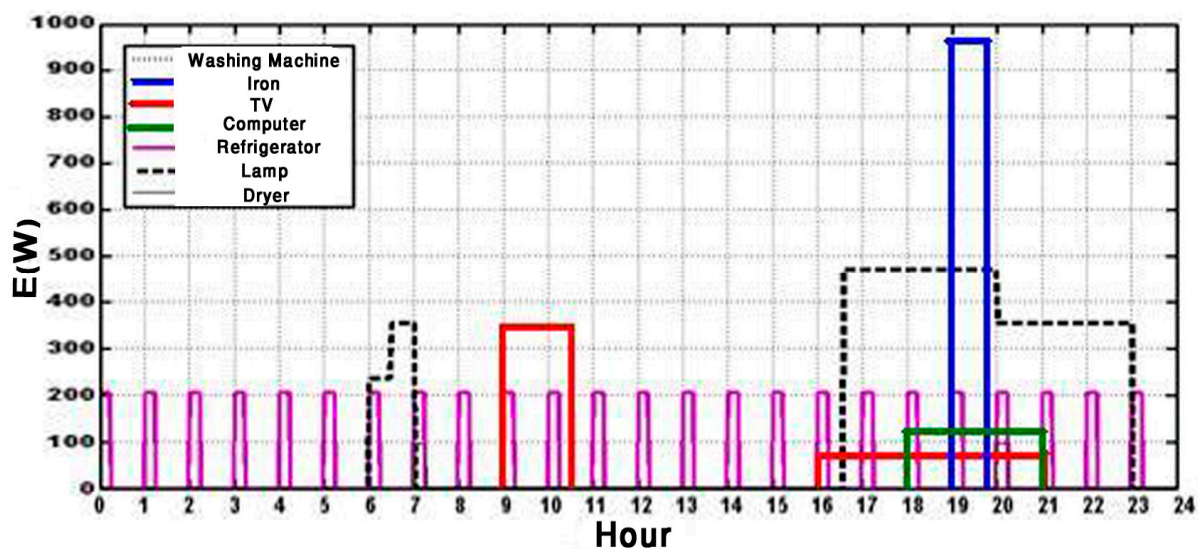


Figure 1. Electrical usage and period of use for electrical appliances and lights on January 15.

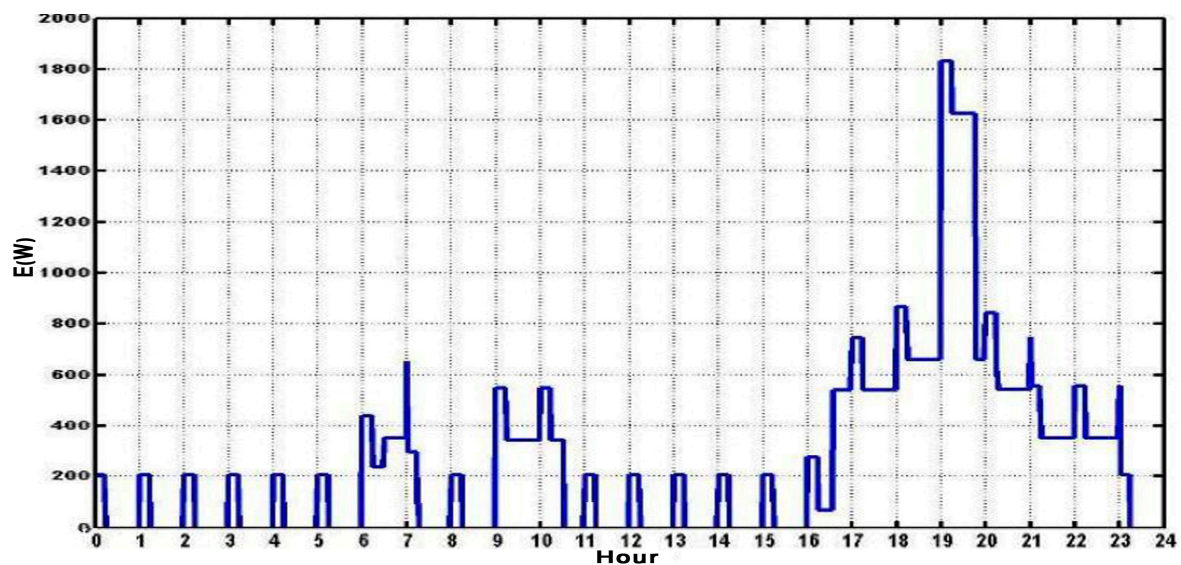


Figure 2. Total electrical consumption of the residential building on January 15.

Table 1. Electrical loads (in kW) of the residential building on the 15th of every month.

Hour	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.055	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
2	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.055	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
3	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.055	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
4	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.055	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
5	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.055	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
6	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.055	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
7	0.41	0.41	0.055	0.055	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
8	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.217	0.221	0.217	0.223	0.22	0.215	0.21	0.204
9	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.217	0.221	0.217	0.223	0.22	0.215	0.21	0.204
10	0.18	0.18	0.189	0.189	0.193	0.197	0.2	0.199	0.196	0.191	0.185	0.181
11	0.18	0.18	0.189	0.189	0.193	0.197	0.2	0.199	0.196	0.191	0.185	0.181
12	0.18	0.18	0.189	0.189	0.193	0.197	0.2	0.199	0.196	0.191	0.185	0.181
13	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
14	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
15	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.064	0.068	0.07	0.07	0.067	0.0615	0.056	0.067
16	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.055	0.064	0.068	0.071	0.07	0.067	0.061	0.056	0.067
17	0.714	0.242	0.246	0.25	0.254	0.258	0.261	0.26	0.257	0.252	0.718	0.714
18	0.714	0.714	0.718	0.723	0.254	0.258	0.261	0.732	0.729	0.724	0.718	0.714
19	0.805	0.806	0.807	0.814	0.817	0.822	0.817	0.823	0.82	0.815	0.809	0.805
20	0.805	0.806	0.807	0.814	0.817	0.822	0.817	0.823	0.82	0.815	0.809	0.805
21	0.71	0.71	0.714	0.719	0.723	0.727	0.73	0.729	0.726	0.721	0.715	0.711
22	0.52	0.52	0.524	0.53	0.533	0.538	0.54	0.539	0.536	0.53	0.524	0.52
23	0.405	0.405	0.409	0.414	0.814	0.422	0.424	0.417	0.421	0.416	0.41	0.406
24	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.06	0.064	0.058	0.071	0.07	0.067	0.062	0.056	0.052

3. Mathematical Models of the Systems

Modeling the energy generated from wind turbines and PV modules together with the energy storage provided by a battery is a critical step for optimization. Data on the operating performances of the system components, which are important in building energy use modeling, are given in Figure 3. There are a number of mathematical models in the literature for both PV modules and wind generators, and many of these models have considered a variety of physical factors for improving accuracy. But as the aim of this study is to illustrate a novel insight into the WPHS (wind photovoltaic cell hybrid system) modeling and to introduce an efficient sizing strategy, complicated component models are avoided and basic mathematical models are for clarity to characterize the system.

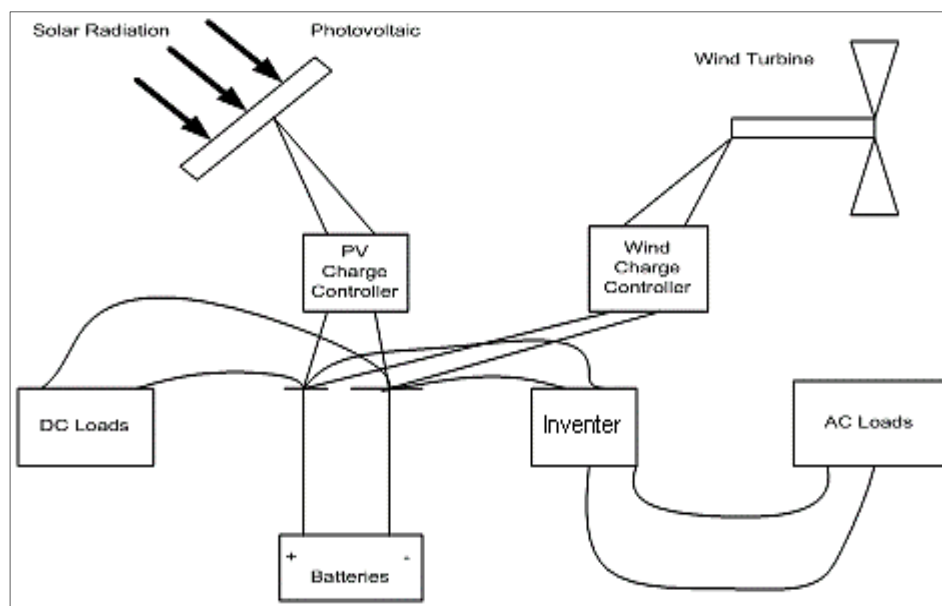


Figure 3. General diagram of a hybrid (wind-PV) system [2].

3.1. Basic Mathematical Model of PV Modules

The electrical power generated from a PV module can be evaluated as follows:

$$P_{pv} = A\eta G_t \quad (1)$$

where A is the solar cell array area (m^2), G_t is the solar radiation incident on the solar cell in its current location (W/m^2) and η is the solar cell efficiency. Basic energy models are selected in this study to illustrate the new methodology for WPHS sizing clearly, but the ideas proposed here remain valid and applicable if more precise energy models are used for characterizing the system.

The parameter β , which is used subsequently in Equations (5) and (8), is given as [15]:

$$\beta = \frac{360(n-1)}{365} \quad (2)$$

where n is the ordinal date ($n = 1$ for January 1 and $n = 365$ for December 31). In terms of ordinal date (n), the declination is expressed as follows [14–16]:

$$\delta = 23.45 \sin\left(360 \frac{284+n}{365}\right) \quad (3)$$

Also the solar time t_s is expressed as follows:

$$t_s = t_c + \frac{\lambda}{15} - Z_c + E \quad (4)$$

Here, Z_c is the time zone east of GMT, t_c is local time, and

$$E = (3.82 \times 10^{-6})(75 + (1868) \cos\beta - (32,077) \sin\beta - (14,619) \cos(2\beta) - (40,890) \sin(2\beta)) \quad (5)$$

The hour angle can be written as follows:

$$w = (t_s - 12) \times 15^\circ \quad (6)$$

The zenith angle is expressed in terms of latitude ϕ , declination δ and hour angle was follows [17]:

$$\cos\theta_z = \cos\phi\cos\delta\cos w + \sin\phi\sin\delta \quad (7)$$

The angle of incidence can be expressed as [17]:

$$\cos\theta = \sin\phi\sin\delta\cos\beta - \cos\phi\sin\delta \sin\beta\cos\gamma + \cos\phi\cos\delta\cos\beta\cos w + \sin\phi\cos\delta \sin\beta\cos\gamma\cos w + \cos\delta \sin\beta \sin\gamma\sin w \quad (8)$$

where ϕ is the latitude, β the mean anomaly, γ the longitude and w the hour angle.

The normal extraterrestrial radiation $G_{on}(W/m^2)$ can be expressed with an accuracy adequate for most engineering calculations as follows [14–16]:

$$G_{on} = G_{sc}(1 + 0.033 \cos(\frac{360n}{365})) \quad (9)$$

where G_{sc} is solar constant ($1367 W/m^2$) and n is ordinal date. The horizontal extraterrestrial radiation can be calculated in terms of the zenith angle θ_z (degree) as follows:

$$G_{oh} = G_{on}\cos\theta_z \quad (10)$$

The average extraterrestrial horizontal radiation over a time step can be calculated as [17]:

$$G_{oh} = (\frac{12}{\pi})G_{on}[\cos\phi\cos\delta (\sin w_2 - \sin w_1) + \pi \frac{(w_2 - w_1)}{180}\sin\phi\sin\delta] \quad (11)$$

Here, w_1 and w_2 are the hour angles at the beginning and end of the time step, respectively.

The mean monthly global radiation $\bar{G}(W/m^2)$ is expressed as follows:

$$\bar{G} = \bar{G}_b + \bar{G}_d \quad (12)$$

where \bar{G}_b (W/m^2) is the mean direct radiation and \bar{G}_d (W/m^2) is the mean diffuse radiation.

The clearness index factor K is defined as the ratio of a particular global radiation to the horizontal extraterrestrial radiation:

$$K = \frac{\bar{G}}{G_{oh}} \quad (13)$$

where G_{oh} (W/m^2) is the horizontal extraterrestrial radiation.

From [14,16] we have:

$$\frac{\bar{G}_d}{\bar{G}} = \begin{cases} 0.98K & (\text{for } K < 0.2) \\ 0.61092 + 3.6259 K - 10.17K_2 + 6.388K_3 & (\text{for } 0.22 < K < 0.8) \\ 0.672 - 0.474K & (\text{for } K > 0.8) \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

The beam radiation on a tilted surface G_{bt} (W/m^2) is expressible as:

$$G_{bt} = G_b R_b \quad (15)$$

where the geometric factor R_b is given by:

$$R_b = \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta_z} \quad (16)$$

The Hay–Davies–KlucherRiendl (HDKR) model estimates the absorbed beam, diffuse and ground reflected solar radiation. According to the HDKR model the diffuse component of radiation incident on a tilted surface can be expressed as follows [17]:

$$G_{dt} = G_d (R_b \cdot A_i) + (1 - A_i) \left(\frac{1 + \cos \beta}{2} \right) [1 + f \sin^3 \left(\frac{\beta}{2} \right)] \quad (17)$$

where β is photovoltaic panel slope (degree).

A correction factor for the diffuse radiation that includes the influence of cloudiness is expressed by:

$$F = \sqrt{\frac{G_b}{G}} \quad (18)$$

The anisotropy index is given by:

$$A_i = \sqrt{\frac{G_b}{G_0}} \quad (19)$$

where G_0 (W/m^2) is the extraterrestrial radiation.

All models assume that the ground reflected component G_r (W/m^2) is isotropic as follows [2,4]:

$$G_r = G \rho \left(\frac{1 - \cos \beta}{2} \right) \quad (20)$$

where ρ is the albedo coefficient of the ground.

The global radiation on a tilted surface is expressible as

$$G_t = G_{bt} + G_{dt} + G_r \quad (21)$$

where G_{bt} (W/m^2) is the beam radiation and G_{dt} (W/m^2) is diffuse component radiation, both incident on a tilted surface.

In this study, the HDKR model is applied assuming that the global radiation on tilted surface is as follows:

$$G_t = (G_b + G_d A_i) R_b + G_d (1 - A_i) R_b [1 + f \sin^3 \left(\frac{\beta}{2} \right)] + G \rho_g R_b \quad (22)$$

Here, f is correction factor of diffuse radiation and R_b is a geometric factor.

The energy balance for a unit area of the module, which is cooled by losses to the surroundings, can be written as:

$$\tau \alpha G_t = \eta_c G_t + U_L (T_c - T_a) \quad (23)$$

where τ is the solar transmittance of the PV array, α the solar absorptance of the PV array, G_t the global radiation striking the PV array, η_c the electrical conversion efficiency of the PV array, U_L the coefficient of heat transfer to the surroundings and T_a the ambient temperature.

Accordingly, the PV cell temperature can be expressed as follows [14–16]:

$$T_c = T_a + G_T \left(\frac{\alpha \tau}{UL} \right) \left(1 - \frac{\eta_c}{\alpha \tau} \right) \quad (24)$$

To estimate the value of $\frac{\alpha \tau}{UL}$, we report the nominal operating cell temperature (NOCT), which is defined as the cell temperature that results in an incident radiation of 0.8 kW/m², an ambient temperature of 20 °C, no load operation ($\eta = 0$) and an average speed of 1 m/s. Substituting these values into the above equation and solving for $\left(\frac{\alpha \tau}{UL} \right)$:

$$\left(\frac{\alpha \tau}{UL} \right) = \frac{T_{c,NOCT} - T_{a,NOCT}}{G_{T,NOCT}} \quad (25)$$

where $T_{c,NOCT}$ is the nominal operating cell temperature, $T_{a,NOCT}$ the nominal ambient temperature and $G_{T,NOCT}$ the nominal global radiation on a tilted surface.

Therefore we have:

$$T_c = T_a + (T_{c,NOCT} - T_{a,NOCT}) \left(\frac{G_T}{G_{T,NOCT}} \right) \left(\frac{1 - \eta_{mp}}{\tau \alpha} \right) \quad (26)$$

and

$$\eta_{mp} = \eta_{mp,stc} [1 + \alpha_p (T_c - T_{c,stc})] \quad (27)$$

The PV array output power is given by:

$$P_{PV} = Y_{PV} f_{PV} \left(\frac{G_T}{G_{T,stc}} \right) [1 + \alpha_p (T_c - T_{c,stc})] \quad (28)$$

Here, Y_{PV} is the rated capacity of the PV array, f_{PV} is its power output under standard test conditions, $G_{T,stc}$ is the PV de rating factor (used to account for such factors as shading, snow cover, aging, *etc.*), α_p is the incident radiation at standard test conditions, T_c is the temperature coefficient of power (which indicates how strongly the PV array power output depends on the cell temperature), and $T_{c,stc}$ is the PV cell temperature in the current time step.

Operating and design parameters for standard PV technologies are shown in Table 2. In this study we use the Mono-Si model.

Table 2. Parameters needed to determine the variation of panel output with temperature.

PV Module Type	η_r (%)	NOCT (°C)	ρ_p (1/°C)
Mono-Si	13	45	0.4
Poly-Si	11	45	0.4
a-Si	5	50	0.11
CdTe	7	46	0.24
CIS	7.5	47	0.46

3.2. Basic Mathematical Model of Wind Generator

Different types of wind generators have different power output performance curves. Consequently, the model used to describe their performance should also differ. A typical model for a wind turbine is described below [18–20]:

$$P_{e,ave} = P_{er} \left\{ \frac{\exp\left(-\left(\frac{u_c}{c}\right)^k\right) - \exp\left(-\left(\frac{u_r}{c}\right)^k\right)}{\left(\frac{u_r}{c}\right)^k - \left(\frac{u_c}{c}\right)^k} - \exp\left(-\left(\frac{u_f}{c}\right)^k\right) \right\} \quad (29)$$

where $P_{e,ave}$ is the average output power of the wind generator at wind speed V (m/s), P_{er} is the nominal power (kW), u_c is the startup rotating speed (m/s), u_r is the nominal speed (m/s), u_f is the final rotating speed (m/s), and c and k are the coefficients of correlation.

A Bergey Excel-S type of wind turbine is considered, for which characteristics are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Bergey Excel-S wind turbine characteristics.

Wind turbine charateritics	Values
Cut-in wind speed (m/s)	3.1
Rate wind speed (m/s)	13.8
Rated power (kW)	10
Furling wind speed (m/s)	15.6
Type	3 blade up wind
Swept area (m ²)	38.47
Gear box	Non-direct drive
Temperature range (°C)	−40 to 60
Generator	Parameters magnet alternator
Tower height (m)	24

Wind speed data in Tehran during various months are shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Number of observations (m_i) of specific wind speed u_i by month in Tehran.

u_i (m/s)	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
1–3	59	62	82	79	71	76	98	106	119	96	64	60	752
4–6	25	36	65	61	53	67	73	51	42	37	31	8	437
7–10	15	22	20	32	27	27	7	5	6	10	14	2	161
11–16	0	2	2	7	12	3	2	1	0	2	2	2	29
>16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The electricity cost for a hybrid PV/wind system can be calculated as [21,22]:

$$C = C_p + C_T + C_B \quad (30)$$

where C is the unit total cost (US\$/kWh), C_p is the unit electricity cost for the photovoltaic system (US\$/kWh), C_T is the unit electricity cost for the wind turbine system (US\$/kWh) and C_B is the unit battery cost (US\$/kWh).

The unit electricity cost for the hybrid system can be calculated as [21,22]:

$$C_p = C_i + C_o \quad (31)$$

where C_i is the unit installation cost (US\$/kWh) and C_o is the unit maintenance cost (US\$/kWh).

The unit installation cost can be determined as:

$$C_i = \frac{C I}{C_{fnd}} \quad (32)$$

where C is the primary installation cost (US\$), I is the initial cost profit, C_f is the average annual electrical use (kWh/day) and n_d is a number of days in a year.

The initial cost profit can be calculated as follows:

$$I = \frac{i(1+i)^L}{(1+i)^{L+1} - 1} \quad (33)$$

and

$$C_f = \frac{P_{e,ave}}{P_{er}} \quad (34)$$

Here, i is interest rate, L is number of years and $P_{e,ave}$ is the power generated by the PV system in a year (kWh) and P_{er} is equal to 4 kW.

The unit maintenance cost can be calculated as:

$$C_o = 3\% C_l \quad (35)$$

With the same procedure we can calculate C_T (US\$/kWh) but with P_{er} for a wind turbine equal to 10.

The cost of usage battery can be calculated as follows:

$$C_B = \frac{C I}{C_f n_d} \quad (36)$$

Here, C is the initial installation cost (US\$), I is the initial cost profit, and n_d is the number of days in a year.

The initial cost profit can be calculated as:

$$I = \frac{i(1+i)^L}{(1+i)^{L+1} - 1} \quad (37)$$

Using the above equations, the electrical cost of our system is calculated to be 0.6225 US\$/kWh for one unit Bergey Excel-S wind turbine and a 26.6 m² Mono-Si photovoltaic panel square.

4. Optimization Procedure

The main aim of this research is the optimization of the photovoltaic-wind turbine hybrid system to meet all electrical power needs over the total number of hours of a year.

The function that we minimize is electricity cost; these costs are affected by the system capacity (PV area, wind turbine and battery capacity). The battery is the most expensive part of the system.

On the other side of the optimization procedure we have the energy function. This equation demonstrates that the sum of the photovoltaic and wind turbine power generation and battery storage capacity should be equal to the electrical power needed of any hour in a day of the year (Equation (38)). We used a searching algorithm for optimization for selecting the optimum wind turbine unit number and the photovoltaic area, and we modified the wind turbine model with a different rated power, PV area and battery storage type and capacity, by noting that the sum of the power generation should meet the electrical power needs of the residential building (Equation (38)). Also we recognize from Equation (30) that the electricity cost should be at the minimum level.

In this study, data for the 15th of every month is taken as representative of that month for designing the system. Calculations for the hybrid system are done for the peak time of usage to ensure adequate energy production for the building needs for the entire day. The hybrid system needs to satisfy the following equation:

$$E = \dot{W}_{PVh} + \dot{W}_{windh} + E_{bat} \quad (38)$$

Here, E is the electrical energy need of the building, $\dot{W}_{wind PV}$ is photovoltaic power supply, \dot{W}_{wind} is the wind turbine power supply and E_{bat} is the electrical capacity of the battery.

First the electrical power supply of the wind turbine is calculated. The type of wind turbine considered is a Bergey Excel-S. The electrical power supply of the wind turbine can be calculated using Equation (29). Next the capacity is determined for the battery, which supplies the electrical requirements of the building at night. Finally the size of the photovoltaic system is calculated; to do this the power generation for a 1 m² photovoltaic system is obtained from Equation (28) and then with Equation (38) the total size of the photovoltaic system is found. All calculations are carried out with the Matlab code.

The results are illustrated in Figures 4–7. The surface area required of the photovoltaic system is found to be 26.58 m² and the capacity of battery is 8.087 kW in Tehran. The electrical usage for the 15th of every month is shown in Figure 4, as is the electrical energy produced by the PV and wind turbine, and the battery capacity in Tehran.

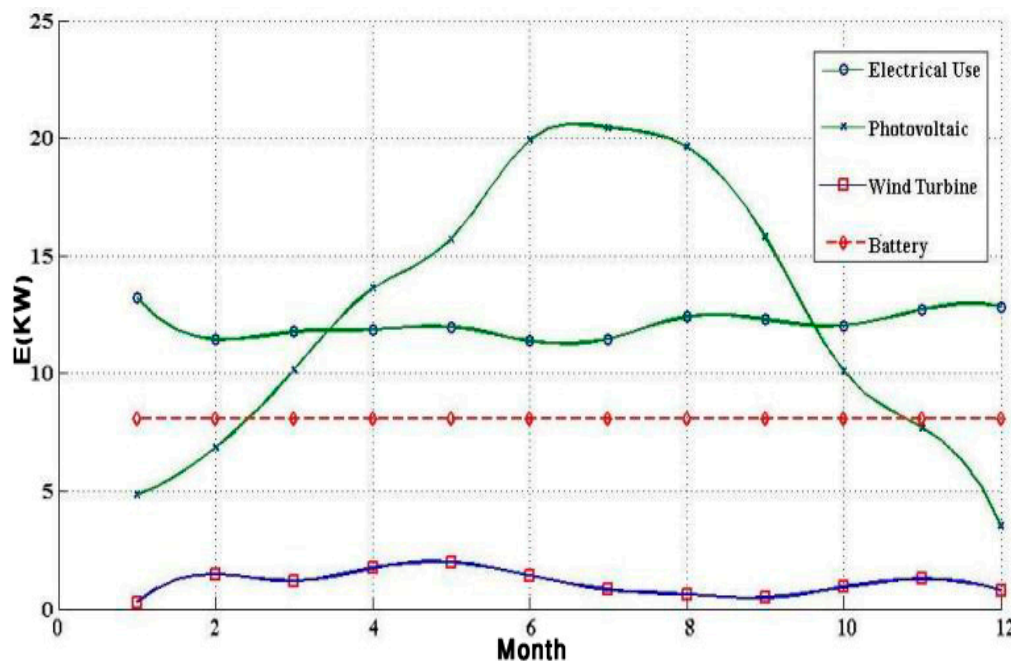


Figure 4. Annual electrical production of the system (PV, wind turbine, battery) and usage.

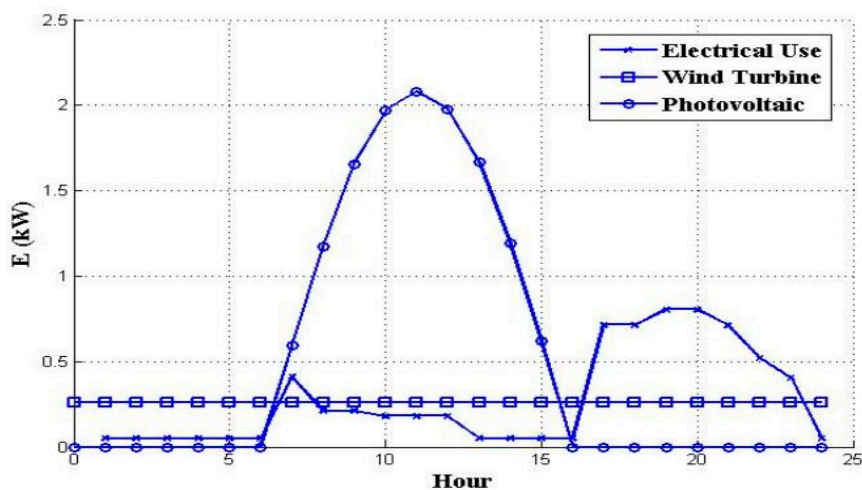


Figure 5. Electrical output of the PV, wind turbine and battery, and electrical usage, on 15 January 2012 in Tehran.

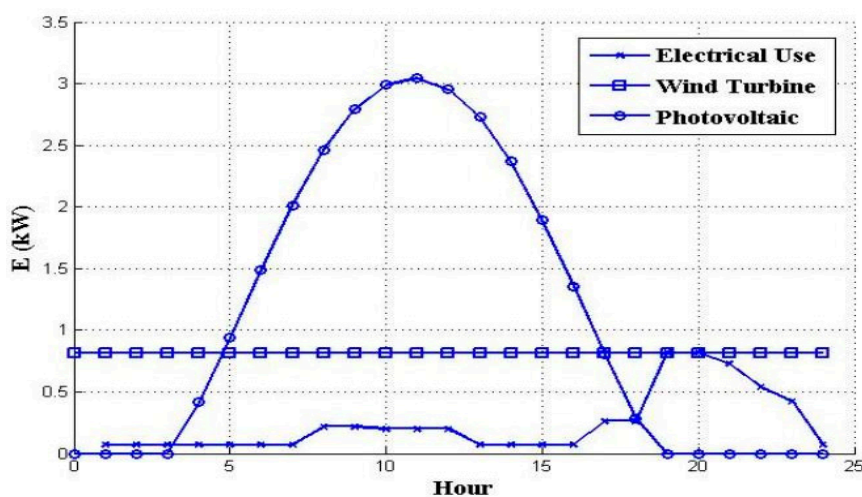


Figure 6. Electrical output of the PV, wind turbine and battery, and electrical usage, on 15 July 2012 in Tehran.

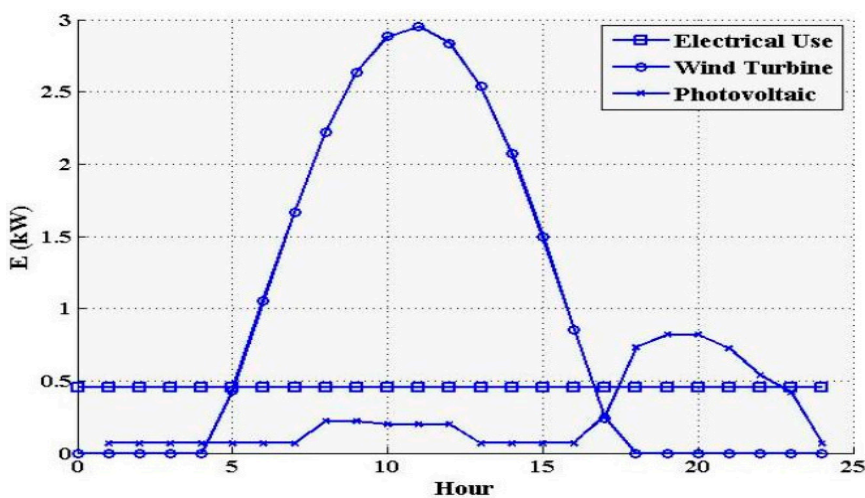


Figure 7. Electrical output of the PV, wind turbine and battery, and electrical usage, on 15 August 2012 in Tehran.

It can be seen in the figures that the capacity of the battery is constant over the whole year, but the electricity produced by the wind turbine and PV modules changes from month to month. In summer days, the photovoltaic system produces more electrical energy than needed but on winter days the production and usage rates are the same.

As shown in Figures 5–7 the electrical output of the wind turbine and photovoltaic cell covers 24 h of the day for three of the months. In all of them our system can supply the electrical needs.

The electrical costs of the wind turbine and photovoltaic systems are calculated and compared with the hybrid system. If the wind turbine system with battery storage supplies all the needs of the building located in Tehran the unit electrical cost of system will be 1.11 US\$/kWh. If the photovoltaic system with battery storage meets all the needs of the building the unit electrical cost located in Tehran will be 0.83 US\$/kWh.

A comparison of the results for the hybrid system and the wind turbine system, and also the photovoltaic system, for supplying the electrical need of the building demonstrates that the unit electrical cost of the hybrid system is 0.62 US\$/kWh, which is 78% lower than for the wind turbine system and 34% lower than for the photovoltaic system.

Table 5 provides a comparison of different options to supply electrical needs of residential buildings in Tehran.

Table 5. Comparison of various options for supplying electrical needs.

Option	PV Model	PV Area (m ²)	Wind Turbine Model	Wind Turbine Units	Battery Capacity (kWh)	Electrical Cost (US\$/kWh)
PV + Battery	Mono-Si	32	-	-	12.9	0.83
Wind turbine + Battery	-	-	Bergey Excel-S	12	8.1	1.11
PV + Wind turbine + Battery	Mono-Si	26.6	Bergey Excel-S	1	8.9	0.62

Figure 8 shows electricity costs for the three options in Table 5.

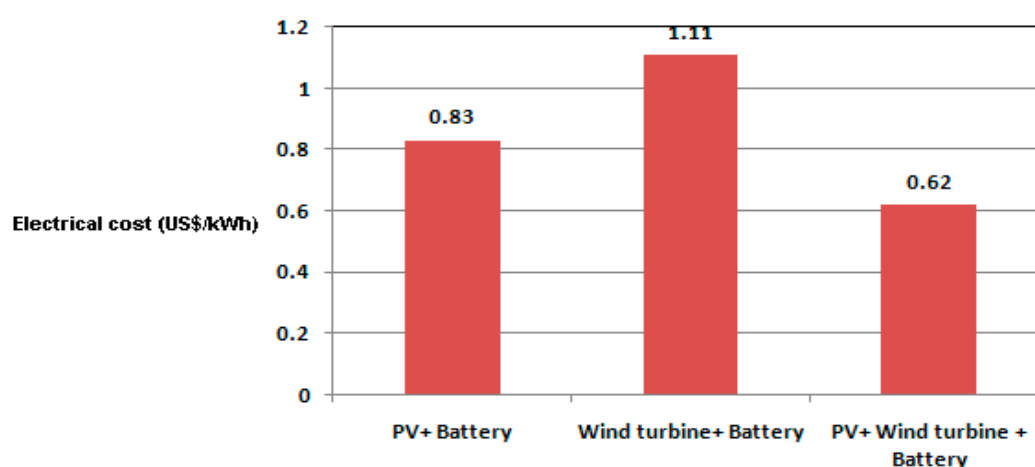


Figure 8. Electricity cost for PV + battery, wind turbine + battery and PV + wind turbine + battery systems.

5. Conclusions

The utilization of a photovoltaic-wind turbine hybrid system to supply the electrical needs of residential buildings over a year was successfully investigated. A residential building in Tehran was used as a case study. Using local weather data, location and dimensions of the building, the power need to be generated by the system was calculated. With this data and the electrical requirements of the building, the optimum size of the system and battery capacity that could supply the electrical need was calculated. The computer code used in this research is able to calculate the size of the photovoltaic-wind turbine hybrid system and battery capacity. This code is developed so it could be used for any location to design the most appropriate photovoltaic-wind turbine hybrid system. For other locations by using this algorithm with meteorological information (e.g., wind speed, solar irradiation, temperature), the optimum size of system can be obtained.

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Nomenclature

- P_{pv} : Photovoltaic output power (kW)
- A : Surface area of PV panel (m^2)
- H : Electrical conversion efficiency
- G_t : Global radiation (W/m^2)
- B : Mean anomaly (degree)
- δ : Sun declination (degree)
- w : Hour angle (degree)
- θ : Angle of incidence (degree)
- β : Slope angle (degree)
- G_{oh} : Horizontal extraterrestrial radiation (W/m^2)
- G_{on} : Normal extraterrestrial radiation (W/m^2)
- \bar{G} : Global radiation on horizontal panel (W/m^2)
- K : Clearness index factor
- G_{bt} : Beam radiation on tilted surface (W/m^2)
- F : Correction factor
- T_a : Environment temperature ($^{\circ}C$)
- T_c : Cell temperature ($^{\circ}C$)
- U_c : Cut-in wind turbine speed (m/s)
- U_r : Rated wind turbine speed (m/s)
- P_{er} : Rated power (kW)
- $P_{e,ave}$: Average wind turbine electrical power output (kW)
- C : Unit electricity cost (US\$/kWh)

C_p: Unit electricity cost for photovoltaic system (US\$/kWh)

C_i: Unit installation cost (US\$/kWh)

C_o: Unit maintenance cost (US\$/kWh)

C_r: Average annual electrical use (kWh/day)

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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