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## ABSTRACT

For the theory of the project basically it changes kinetic energy to the electrical energy. The specific theory is when the blade is turning it carry winding, so if it spin it will cut the magnet flux and it create current. The power it generates is directly proportional to the speed of wind it is because the fast the blade spin it cut the flux magnet. The power it generates is also can be affect by the value of the flux magnet and the value of the winding. It also directly proportional to the power it generates. The power it generates will charge the battery by charge regulator. From the battery it goes through the inverter then to the load. This project was focus on charge controller only it is because due to the money problem. This charge controller can suite any DC generator

## ABSTRAK

Teori bagi projek ialah megubah tenaga kinetik kepada tenaga elektrik. Teori khusus itu diterangkan apabila bilah sedang berpusing sekaligus akan memotong magnet fluks dan ia mewujudkan arus elektrik. Penghasilan kuasa adalah berkadar terus untuk kelajuan angin ini kerana semakin laju pusingan bilah ia memotong magnet fluks. Semakin besar kuasa dihasilkan Kuasa yang dihasilkan adalah juga boleh dijejaskan oleh nilai bagi magnet fluks dan nilai gegelung. Ia juga berkadar langsung dengan kuasa ia menghasilkan. Kuasa yang dihasilkan akan mengecas bateri oleh kawalan pengecas. Daripada bateri ia akan masuk ke penukar arus dan terus ke beban. Projek memfokuskan pada kawalan pengecas hal ini kerana ketiadaan wang. Kawalan pengecas ini boleh digunakan oleh mana-mana penjana DC .

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## NOMECLATURE

GW – Giga watt

MW – Mega watt

PV – Photovoltaic

kW – Kilo watt

Twh – Tera watt hour

PWM – Pulse width modulation

MPPT – Maximum power point tracker

Ah – Ampere hour

VRLA – Valve regulated lead acid

mAh – Mili ampere hour

NiMH – Nickel Metal hydride

NiCd – Nickel Cadmium

Vdc – Direct current voltage

FYP – Final Year Project

PWM - Pulse width modulation

MPPT - Maximum Power Point Tracking

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background

Today, the electrical industry has become one of the important industries in the world. This may be due to the increasing demand from the increased population as well as the expansion of industries in the world. This increase demand in electricity causes the depleting of energy resources such as oil, gas and fossil reserves. Therefore, the studies of renewable energy as alternative energy sources become important. Renewable energy may be categorized into wind, hydro, solar power and geothermal. Renewable energy like solar and wind comes from free sources, but require appropriate technologies to collect the energy and convert it become usable energy to consumers. Therefore, it is important to develop a system or come up with applicable and affordable technologies to turn these free energies into usable energy, such as electricity supply to consumers. Wind energy has been commercialized in big scales in some countries such as Brazil (ref), Netherland (ref) and US (ref). However, the application of wind energy in small scale is still limited. For small scale, energy from wind can be generated using a small generator. Normally the small scale wind energy use DC generator, then use inverter to convert the DC voltage to AC voltage. This principle also can be use to solar, mini hydro and geothermal. With wind generator and solar power it generate high current but if mini hydro it generate low current. With tomorrow technology it can be develop to be the priority power supply on earth.

## 1.2 Problem Statement

Nowadays, air pollution is a problem in some places in this world, which may be due to the smoke generated from the vehicles or industries where petrol is used as the energy source. Renewable energy like wind or solar energy is considered clean energy, and can help to reduce the air pollution problem like:

- I. Traditional power generation method causes environmental pollution.
  - a. The conventional ways of generating energy, such as from petrol Fossil fuel depletes with time, which means there must be alternative energy sources, such as wind energy, to support the world demand.
  - b. High contrast, renewable energy include from wind is a clean energy and environmental friendly.
  
- II. The energy source from wind is free, and there should be an appropriate system to optimize the usage of this source.
  - a. Wind energy is free why should it be wasted. By using this system it can optimize the usage of wind power.
  
- III. From the economic point of view, the wind generator has an advantage
 

over diesel generator because it does not require diesel, which also means reduce the cost for buying the diesel

  - a. All oil generators need a fuel to generate electricity so why not use wind power instead of buying fuel.
  
- IV. Fossil fuel depletes with time, which means there must be alternative energy sources, such as wind energy, to support the world demand.
  - a. Fossil fuel that being use every day in the course of time it will finish, so the alternative is renewable energy such as wind energy.



### 1.3 Objective

The aim of this project is to build a charger controller that can be use with DC generator. The specific objectives that will be discussed as follows:

- I. To study the specification of DC generator that suitable for the charger controller.
  - a. The study of DC generator and charge controller is important because the proper and safe operation of the whole system depends on these two components.
  - b. Short circuit may happen, and the system may only have to rely on a fuse in the charge controller as a protection device.
  
- II. To set the discharge and charge limit for charge controller.
  - a. To see what is the suitable limit for charging and discharging battery, these is because to protect the battery from overcharged and broken.
  - b. To set the limit op-amp can be use to controller the charging and discharge limit.
  
- III. To simulate the generation process using appropriate software and hardware.
  - a. Three softwares, multisim, oread and proteus will be use'd to Suchs imulate the process. Here, simulation is important to avoid problems as, insufficient voltage or current. In order to achieve the objective, the result from the simulation must be more or less similar to the result obtained from test run.
  
- IV. Use battery as energy storage.
  - a. Battery size can be determined by the mAh. The bigger mAh the bigger it size.
  - b. It also can be increase by adding new battery.
  
- V. To study and analyze the performance of the system developed.

- a. This objective is to improve the efficiency of the charge controller. It also helps to analyze the weakness of the charge controller and help to encounter it.

#### **1.4 Scope**

Build a charge controller that can be installing with DC generator that use wind power to generate electricity. By choosing the right DC generator it will make the charge controller more reliable.

The charge controller also charging the battery that acts as the energy storage for this project. Charge controller also can prevent overcharge to the battery when it overcharge charge controller will channel the over voltage to the dump load. This charge controller also can automatically discharge the battery when it full and is automatically charge the battery when it flatted.

The controller also is automatically charge and discharge. This can be done by set the charge and discharge limit so it will prevent damage to the battery. The limit can be set by using the variable resistor.

## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Renewable energy.

Renewable energy is energy generated from natural resources such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides and geothermal heat which are renewable (naturally replenished). Renewable energy technologies include solar power, wind power, hydroelectricity, micro hydro, biomass and biofuels.

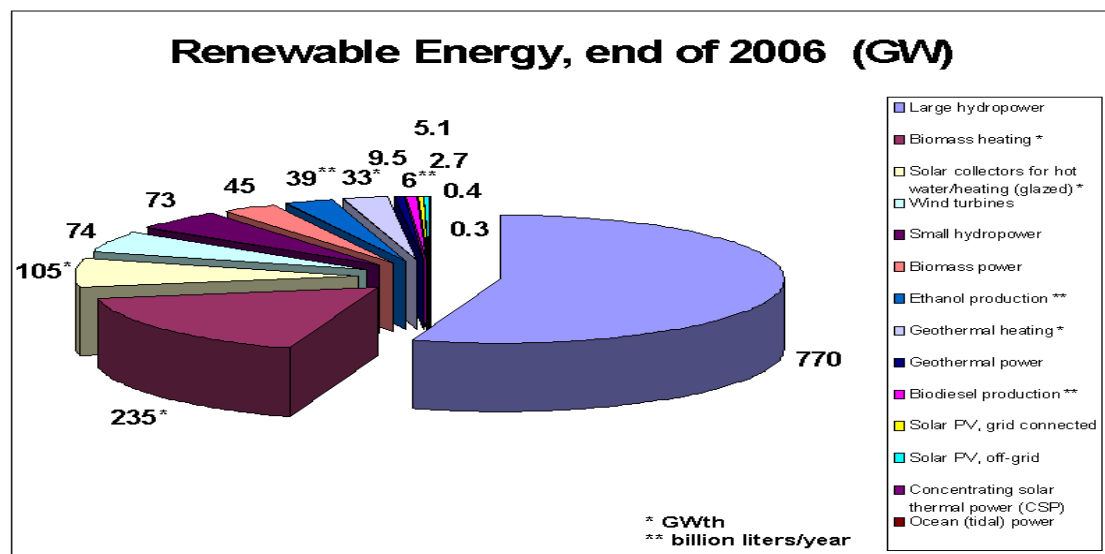


Figure 2.1- Pie chart for renewable energy on 2006

Renewable energy technologies are sometimes criticized for being intermittent or unsightly, yet the market is growing for many forms of renewable energy. Wind power is growing at the rate of 30 percent annually, with a worldwide installed capacity of over 100 GW, and is widely used in several European countries and the United States the manufacturing output of the photovoltaics industry reached

more than 2,000 MW in 2006, and photovoltaic (PV) power stations are particularly popular in Germany.

Solar thermal power stations operate in the USA and Spain, and the largest of these is the 354 MW SEGS power plant in the Mojave Desert. The world's largest geothermal power installation is The Geysers in California, with a rated capacity of 750 MW. Brazil has one of the largest renewable energy programs in the world, involving production of ethanol fuel from sugar cane, and ethanol now provides 18 percent of the country's automotive fuel. Ethanol fuel is also widely available in the USA.

While there are many large-scale renewable energy projects and production, renewable technologies are also suited to small off-grid applications, sometimes in rural and remote areas, where energy is often crucial in human development. Kenya has the world's highest household solar ownership rate with roughly 30,000 small (20-100 watt) solar power systems sold per year.

The most of the renewable energy are powered by the sun ray. The Earth-Atmosphere system is in equilibrium such that heat radiation into space is equal to incoming solar radiation, the resulting level of energy within the Earth-Atmosphere system can roughly be described as the Earth's "climate." The hydrosphere (water) absorbs a major fraction of the incoming radiation.

Most radiation is absorbed at low latitudes around the equator, but this energy is dissipated around the globe in the form of winds and ocean currents. Wave motion may play a role in the process of transferring mechanical energy between the atmosphere and the ocean through wind stress. Solar energy is also responsible for the distribution of precipitation which is tapped by hydroelectric projects, and for the growth of plants used to create biofuels.

	2001 energy costs	Potential future energy cost
<b>Electricity</b>		
<b>Wind</b>	4–8 ¢/kWh	3–10 ¢/kWh
<b>Solar photovoltaic</b>	25–160 ¢/kWh	5–25 ¢/kWh
<b>Solar thermal</b>	12–34 ¢/kWh	4–20 ¢/kWh
<b>Large hydropower</b>	2–10 ¢/kWh	2–10 ¢/kWh
<b>Small hydropower</b>	2–12 ¢/kWh	2–10 ¢/kWh
<b>Geothermal</b>	2–10 ¢/kWh	1–8 ¢/kWh
<b>Biomass</b>	3–12 ¢/kWh	4–10 ¢/kWh
<b>Coal</b> (comparison)	4 ¢/kWh	
<b>Heat</b>		
<b>Geothermal heat</b>	0.5–5 ¢/kWh	0.5–5 ¢/kWh
<b>Biomass — heat</b>	1–6 ¢/kWh	1–5 ¢/kWh
<b>Low temp solar heat</b>	2–25 ¢/kWh	2–10 ¢/kWh
All costs are in 2001 US\$-cent per kilowatt-hour.		
Source: World Energy Assessment, 2004 update <sup>[28]</sup>		

Figure 2.2 – Renewable energy potential

## 2.2 Wind power.

Nowadays, wind turbines generation range is from around 600 kW to 5 MW of rated power, although turbines with rated output of 1.5–3 MW have become the most common for commercial use. The power output of a turbine is a function of the cube of the wind speed, so as wind speed increases, power output increases dramatically. Areas where winds are stronger and more constant, such as offshore and high altitude sites are preferred locations for wind farms.



Figure 2.3 – wind generator in big scale.

Since wind speed is not constant, a wind farm's annual energy production is never as much as the sum of the generator nameplate ratings multiplied by the total hours in a year. The ratio of actual productivity in a year to this theoretical maximum is called the capacity factor. Typical capacity factors are 20-40%, with values at the upper end of the range in particularly favorable sites.

Globally, the long-term technical potential of wind energy is believed to be five times total current global energy production, or 40 times current electricity demand. This could require large amounts of land to be used for wind turbines, particularly in areas of higher wind resources. Offshore resources experience mean wind speeds of ~90% greater than that of land, so offshore resources could contribute substantially more energy.

Small wind generation systems with capacities of 50 kW or less are usually used to produce power. Solvated communities that otherwise rely on diesel generators may use wind turbines to displace diesel fuel consumption. Individuals purchase these systems to reduce or eliminate their electricity bills, or simply to generate their own clean power.

Wind turbines have been used for household electricity generation in conjunction with battery storage over many decades in remote areas. Increasingly U.S. consumers are choosing to purchase grid-connected turbines in the 1 to 10 kilowatt range to power their whole homes. Household generator units of more than 1 kW are now functioning in several countries, and in every state in the U.S.

Grid-connected wind turbines may use grid energy storage, displacing purchased energy with local production when available. Off-grid system users either adapt to intermittent power or use batteries, photovoltaic or diesel systems to supplement the wind turbine.

In urban locations, where it is difficult to obtain predictable or large amounts of wind energy (little is known about the actual wind resource of towns and cities), smaller systems may still be used to run low power equipment. Equipment such as parking meters or wireless internet gateways may be powered by a wind turbine that charges a small battery, replacing the need for a connection to the power grid, making the potential carbon savings of small wind turbines difficult to determine.

A new Carbon Trust study into the potential of small-scale wind energy has found that small wind turbines could provide up to 1.5 Terawatt Hours (TWh) per year of electricity (0.4% of total UK electricity consumption) and 0.6 million tons of carbon dioxide (MtCO<sub>2</sub>) emission savings. This is based on 10% of households installing turbines at costs competitive with grid electricity, which is currently around 12p per kWh.

In deregulated electricity market there will also be other services than active power supply for sale. An example of such a service is the delivery of reactive and harmonic power to enhance the power quality. In the near future distributed generation from renewable resources will further grow as a consequence of the awareness over climate change. Power electronic interfaces are usually required to connect renewable generation units with the utility system. These interfaces can be designed with additional functions such as e.g. active filtering. Uniquely exploring the idea to provide power quality enhancement related services with small wind energy systems.

### 2.3 Solar power.

Solar energy is the radiant light and heat from the Sun that has been harnessed by humans since ancient times using a range of ever-evolving technologies. Solar radiation along with secondary solar resources such as wind and wave power, hydroelectricity and biomass account for most of the available renewable energy on Earth. Only a minuscule fraction of the available solar energy is used.

Solar power technologies provide electrical generation by means of heat engines or photovoltaics. Once converted its uses are only limited by human ingenuity. A partial list of solar applications includes space heating and cooling through solar architecture, potable water via distillation and disinfection, daylighting, hot water, thermal energy for cooking, and high temperature process heat for industrial purposes.

The Earth receives 174 petawatts (PW) of incoming solar radiation (insolation) at the upper atmosphere. Approximately 30% is reflected back to space while the rest is absorbed by clouds, oceans and land masses. The spectrum of solar light at the Earth's surface is mostly spread across the visible and near-infrared ranges with a small part in the near-ultraviolet.



Figure 2.4 – Solar panel in big scale.