

Design to include a wind turbine and socio-techno-economic analysis of an isolated airplane-type organic building based on a photovoltaic/hydrokinetic/battery

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ABSTRACT

The global dynamics in the electricity sector generates development in the towns, this permanent search for new opportunities has made renewable energies visible as a very certain option and which is currently a reality to electrify areas that until recently were very difficult to reach. An isolated system where the potential for energy use exists leads to the formation of hybrid systems for the generation of clean energy and the possibilities of transformation of the sites that are defined can be of the highest value and valid to promote tourism in a sustainable way. In this research, a combination of these resources is presented for the supply of energy to an airplane-type building, the same one that serves to house people who want to get out of the stressful urban life level, it is an innovative and interesting study that is being launched in the Ecuador. Several researchers and developers consider this type of construction as organic constructions because of the spaces closely related to nature, very similar to the womb of the mother and her child within it. It is a fantastic study that allows configuring a hybrid system together with a support subsystem backed by a battery bank to guarantee the electrical supply of a set of isolated loads. The complete design of a hybrid system satisfies the energy requirements of a load. The methodology includes the optimal location of the wind turbine in a cross section close to the isolated airplane type construction to maximize the performance of the wind generator, additionally the techno-economic study of all the components of the hybrid system is considered for an efficient use of resources, considering the different seasons of the year. The results show that the hybrid system provides sufficient and timely power for the loads, the resources of the hydroelectric, wind and solar photovoltaic generation are optimized, maintaining the state of charge of the storage subsystem through the battery bank.

Keywords: Renewable energy, Clean energy, Techno-economic analysis, Energy transition, hydrokinetic, hybrid system.

Nomenclature

<i>ACM</i>	<i>Absorption cooling machine</i>
<i>NCRE</i>	<i>Non-conventional renewable energies.</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>Renewable Energy</i>
<i>COP</i>	<i>Coefficient of performance</i>
<i>EEC</i>	<i>Economic European Community</i>
<i>EU</i>	<i>European Union</i>
<i>IOT</i>	<i>Internet of Things</i>
<i>FPC</i>	<i>Flat plate collectors</i>
<i>HL</i>	<i>Heating load</i>
<i>YNP</i>	<i>Yasuní National Park</i>
<i>IEA</i>	<i>International Energy Agency</i>
<i>PE</i>	<i>Primary energy</i>
<i>PV</i>	<i>Photovoltaic</i>

1. Introduction

Historically, fossil fuels have been used for energy supply in most countries of the world, their excessive consumption has caused high levels of pollution and global warming that is increasing [1]. Such is the level of concern that the international community was cited in 2015 at COP 21 in Paris [2], which brought together a large number of countries that had the purpose of preventing the increase in world temperature to 2 degrees Celsius during this century. COP 25 sought to take the necessary and successive steps to apply the rules of the Paris Agreement [3], with this actions and investments necessary for a sustainable future with low carbon emissions. According to [4] it is specified that new renewable energy capacity, mainly wind, hydroelectric, solar, geothermal and bioenergy, accounted for about 72% of all energy expansion in 2018. Renewable energy increased 7.6% in 2019, with a new added energy capacity of 176 gigawatts [5]. Despite this improved condition, there are still around 1.5 billion people in the world without access to electricity [6].

In recent years, renewable energy has played a preponderant role in the development of countries, above all it has a higher level of trust in society, in addition to the fact that prices are increasingly accessible to the different strata of society [7]. This high level of growth of renewable sources has increased energy production, especially in rural areas where it was difficult to reach with public distribution networks, mainly rural communities with topographically mountainous or rocky access and if the potential is available energetic [8]. Another possibility of electrification in these places has been over time by means of diesel or gasoline generators, but for a continuous supply of energy they require reserve fuel, in addition to being motorized and noisy, they are also polluting [9]. Fuel is excessively expensive considering all the management that must be carried out until reaching remote areas [10].

Historically, hydroelectricity has been the fundamental pillar for supplying electricity to different countries thanks to its wealthy rivers [11]. In South America all countries have a good percentage of energy from river reservoirs within their energy matrix [12]. The country with the highest contribution in hydroelectricity is Paraguay, with 100% according to the reference [13]. However, in recent years there are other technologies that are being part of the energy mix, especially wind and solar [14]. Various countries have considered these renewable energy sources as fundamental pillars for the supply of energy due to the shortage of oil and the negative consequences and its environmental impacts that it has caused in different countries [15]. Currently, wind energy has become globalized and especially in Europe it has made a very important contribution to the economic development of companies [16]. The technically exploited wind presents an excellent option for the development of the countries. Europe has policies associated with increasing the levels of use of wind energy and improving the level of productivity [17].

Examining the penetration levels of wind energy we see that the energy market is growing in South America and above all there are policies that encourage the use of renewable energy generation sources. Brazil is an example of taking advantage of this type of technology and the other countries are in that line [18], [19]. The use of wind energy in smaller countries such as Ecuador is also highlighted [20], with clear examples of moving towards decarbonisation, among the wind projects carried out are the Villonaco project [21], Baltra in Galapagos [22] and new wind projects such as the Minas de Huascachaca project [23].

Different researchers proposed hybrid systems and storage technologies for remote locations that depend on renewable sources available at the application site [24]–[26]. There are different investigations that are very focused on making better use of the available energy resources, they focus on system modeling, simulation and optimization criteria with the intention that energy is available continuously and of excellent quality [27]–[29].

H Ibrahim, and A. Ilinca, [30] showed 5 configurations among their experiments related to hybrid systems for the generation of electrical energy. The first configuration consisted of a wind turbine system and a battery bank for storage. The second configuration consisted of a wind-photovoltaic system backed by a battery bank. The third used a modern electrolyzer powered by excess energy from the photovoltaic system which produced hydrogen and was stored in a tank to finally feed a fuel cell for later reuse. The fourth configuration employed a low power wind turbine with a bank of batteries of storage. The fifth and final configuration combined a PV array, a low power wind turbine, and an FC. When all the optimization results were compared, they compared the energy production levels with the implementation costs and indicated that the best option among all the configurations studied was the photovoltaic system and fuel cell.

Zhiyu Huang et al. [31] studied different methods of hydrogen production under different environmental conditions with the presence of photovoltaic solar energy. and they came to the conclusion that the cost of hydrogen production with the use of photovoltaic solar energy is still high, even though the costs of its components in the last two years fell significantly. This system continues to face many problems of a technical nature, additionally, high costs of construction, maintenance and operation.

MH Jahangir et al. [32] conducted a study to determine the feasibility of a large-scale hybrid power system to operate off-grid or on-grid in cities near the sea. R Klyuev et al. [33] conducted a study for the implementation of wind power plants to supply permanent energy to high mountain territories. Both studies seek to make the most of the electrical power generated and have battery banks to back up the energy and allocate hours of non-generation.

D Song et al. [34] give general recommendations to make better use of the wind resource foreseen in each locality from the perspective of the variable speed of wind turbines. D. Icaza [28] implements and creates two models of low power wind turbines to exploit the wind potential in Ecuador [28], [35], especially in the Amazon and Galapagos [36]. The basis of these developments is in improving the positioning system of each wind turbine and maximizing the levels of energy production. Among the latest developments, AS Alexander et al. [37] designed an interesting mechanism for increasing power in two vertical axis wind turbines so that they are located next to each other.

Several researchers recognize an important advance in the design of new wind turbines and that they are very useful for the great decarbonization objectives in the countries [38], [39], they also recognize that it is important to give more impetus both to the individual development of these technologies but also to the combination in the The moment of installation will give greater utility and will have better results in applications that are carried out especially in rural areas without access to electricity.

M. Rezaei et al. [40] conducted a novel study, classifying different locations to better exploit wind energy production. However, Sunanda Sinha [41] considers in his study that it is important to improve the reliability of the electricity generation system based on photovoltaics with battery storage that even in places with little wind, it is necessary their combination and power the load.

Different researchers agree that hybrid systems are an adequate option to supply energy continuously to the load [42]–[44]. Jakub Jurasz simulated two hybrid systems with battery storage. The combinations were (PV/WT) [45], and (PV/WT/HKT) [46] and it is concluded that for the two options the system that presented the greatest innovation was the system where the HKT was a very profitable, reliable solution and totally respectful with the environment, in this way it constitutes an effective and autonomous option of 100% in autonomous applications, but it is also specified that achieving the three simultaneous systems is quite difficult for them to be present in the localities. Having the three wind, solar and hydraulic resources is a luxury combination for the localities.

Lee Wai Chong through [47] considers very important the use of batteries as a storage system for energy control, especially to be available in non-generation hours, this configuration has become widespread in different applications where hybrid systems intervene outside the conventional electrical network. On the other hand, UK Das [48] reviewed and compared current batteries with those of some time ago and states that it is important in a hybrid system to use batteries with good energy storage characteristics and all their components present adequate operating conditions.

Before putting the construction of these hybrid systems into reality, it is necessary to be highly certain that they are working properly and not put the investment at risk. Computer tools are currently used to model, simulate and study the behavior of these systems [49]. Among the most sophisticated and widely recommended simulation tools is HOMER (Hybrid Optimization Model for Electric Renewable Energies) [50]. This highly efficient software allows hybrid systems to be adequately analyzed, very attached to the implementation and according to the existing equipment in the market [51], additionally, optimization criteria can be introduced according to the system that we are designing and trying to put into operation [52]. Additionally, it is possible to have potential variants of the representative parameters of the system according to the geographical location [53].

The reference [54] in its literature addresses isolated systems and especially the use of the kinetic energy of water in open channels, where they do not necessarily have to be so large, but they can be very useful for various applications where electrical energy is required, usually known as hydrokinetics

(HKT). It is a clean energy production method, friendly to the environment and that is becoming fashion in Ecuador with the interest of providing sufficient and permanent energy in various places of the inter-Andean and Amazon mountain ranges [55]–[57]. Using this type of technology is not difficult, rather it requires having open channels to carry out the energy conversion process. Taking proper advantage of this type of technology, it could satisfy the demand of several isolated communities and carry out different applications that are aimed at developing the sectors, mainly they can be of enormous contribution to developing countries, for example in South America and Africa.

Brian Kirke [58] conducted a study analyzing the efficiency of hydrokinetic turbines for moderate-sized rivers, while M Anyi et al. [59] carried out a test of a hydrokinetic turbine that does not obstruct and can provide electricity continuously in rural locations. In this sense, AZ Anthony [60] in a recent study analyzed the performance of a Savonius type turbine in such a way that it modified its blades in order to make it more efficient in various rural applications.

Clear benefits of electricity supply have been developed in various parts of the world where moderate flow rivers are used, among them is the one developed in Sarawak using a turbine small-scale horizontal axis hydrokinetics as a good alternative for community electrification [61]. A study was carried out in the eastern channel of Yamuna where the hydrokinetic energy was evaluated [62].

In what corresponds to organic architectures, which is the type of building that is considered in this research and the purpose is to guarantee the electric power system through hybrid systems. Part of a philosophy that promotes harmony between the human habitat and the natural world. Through design, it seeks to understand the benefits of the territory and integrate the building in a harmonious way. In this sense, renewable energies are key pieces as a piece of a puzzle that takes advantage of resources such as water, wind, and the sun and can be technically channeled to supply autonomous energy to buildings. These buildings seek to welcome people who seek to enjoy the tranquility and comfort that these facilities provide with sufficient basic services, including electricity, which is the purpose of this research. One of the professionals who intensively addresses this type of construction is Javier Senosiain [63], his room and internal space designs are based on a model inspired by the womb of a mother with her child who is at rest and joy.

In this research, the optimal location of the wind turbine is specified to take better advantage of the wind resource in the conformation of the hybrid system in conjunction with the photovoltaic system and the kinetics of the open channel water. The study of hybrid systems in organic buildings has not been discussed, nor are there any technical and economic studies related to these buildings. In this type of research we are pioneers and we continue to carry out exhaustive studies after some important results in [64] and [65]. The main objective of this research is to supply electricity to the organic plane-type construction located in the rural area of El Valle-Cuenca, which has an area of 2.2Km² and has excellent characteristics to take advantage of solar, wind and energy resources. kinetic water, in this way to supply energy to the building. The place is located 9.3 km from the Heritage City of Cuenca. The organic construction is already carried out in its first phase and within the second one must supply energy, however it is important to consider the specific location of the wind turbine knowing that the solar panels will be located on the roof of the building and the HKT turbine You will be taking advantage of the open channel of the Maluay River. The study involves a tripartite methodology. In the first part carry out simulations and evaluation of the wind potential in the area at mountain level (take advantage of the hill wind) and near the building (take advantage of the wind tunnel) to later determine the results in the two positions. In this part we also consider the variability of the load according to the seasonal profile that is discussed in section 2. Once the tabulated data related to wind speed are available, the ideal location of the wind turbine and the simulated results are validated with actual measured data. In the second stage, the hybrid system is dimensioned for the electrical supply of the organic architecture located on the site. The hybrid system, in addition to the wind system, is made up of photovoltaic and HKT solar panels, and also has a battery bank as a backup and storage for night hours. In the third stage, the socio-technical-economic evaluation of the designed hybrid system is carried out. In this part, the general results obtained are evaluated and the current cost of the implementation of the electricity production system (NPC) is determined.

This article presents a novel study of an isolated organic construction powered by a hybrid system composed of PV WT / HKT / BT, its performance is determined according to the optimal location of the wind turbine.

Below is shown in figure 1a the organic construction supported by google earth in the geographic coordinates 2°56'24"S,78°56'16"W, in figure 1b the complete construction of the airplane type organic

construction is shown. While in figure 1c the location of the main equipment that makes up the sources of supply for organic construction is specified. The position of the wind turbine is part of the purpose of determining its location either at hill level or in the valley near the building. This studio is located in a strategic place where calm reigns, it has an enviable nature, ready to receive human beings for their exclusive enjoyment and comfort.



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(b)

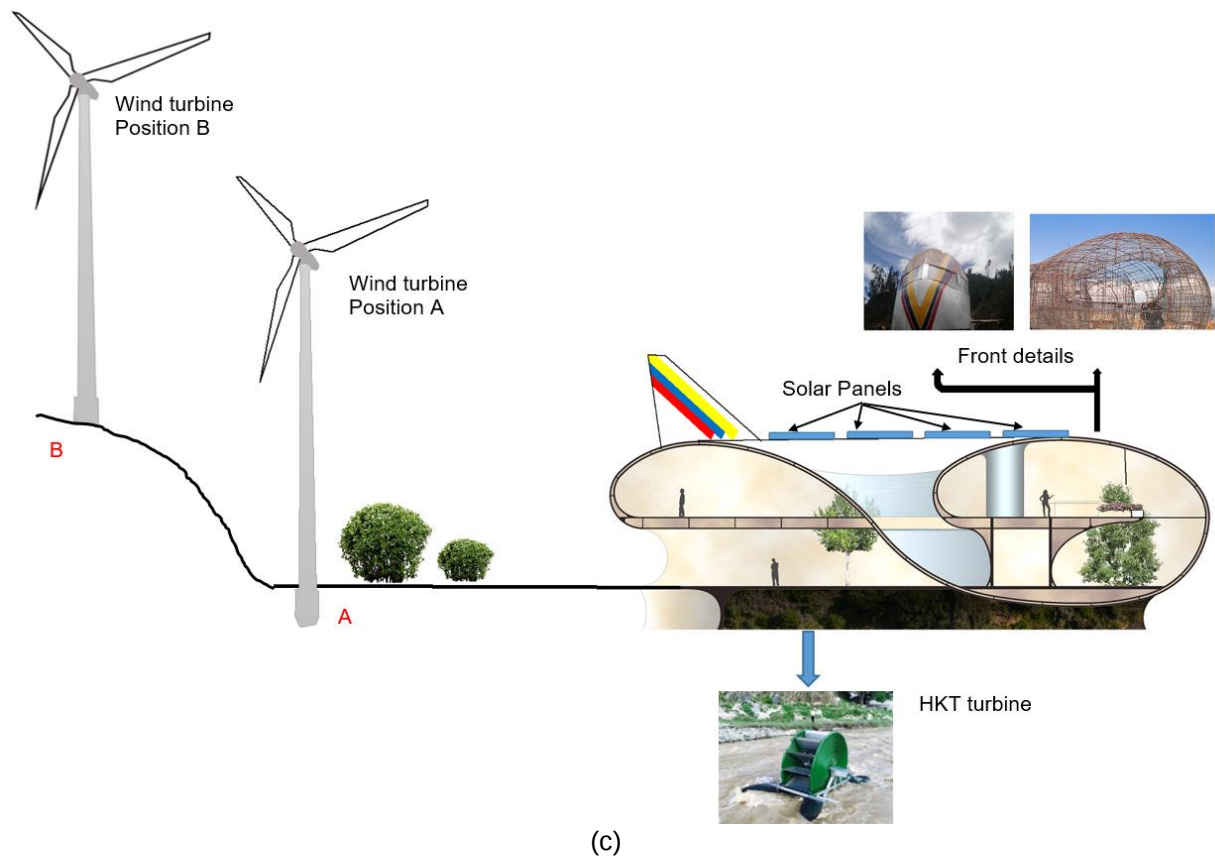


Fig. 1. (a) Organic airplane type construction seen from google earth. (b) Organic construction supplied by 100% renewable energy. (c) General scheme of power supply to the organic construction type airplane.

2. Evaluation of the energy potential in the locality and optimal location of the wind turbine

The interest aroused by this study is really important, in the area two meteorological stations were installed during 2020, with special emphasis on determining the wind potential at hill level and at valley level. In the first instance, it was sought to take advantage of available software to evaluate the wind potential, however their differences were not accurately identified, so the decision was made to measure the wind speeds in the two sites. The hill belongs to the property where the airplane-type organic construction is located, it has a very important elevation, it is not far away and there is a prominent wind that, without being the highest, can be of great contribution to supply the organic construction, without However, at the valley level, at the same level as the organic construction, it is possible to take advantage of the wind tunnels that come from the heights of the nascent Maluay River. For this reason, we proceeded to evaluate the wind potential in the two positions and decide on the most feasible that even in the future a phase II would be developed with the increase in the greater number of organic constructions. The vegetation in certain points is exuberant and it is interesting to keep it intact, except for the usual pruning that is carried out periodically but which does not result in obstacles to take advantage of the wind in a better way. By contrasting curves 2a and 2b, it can be seen that position B at hill level gives us better options for the exploitation of this wind source since the speeds that occur are higher, additionally the voltage drop per distance will not exceed 2% so it is a very good option to permanently install the wind generator on the hill. The terrain at that level is firm there are no possibilities of landslides or dangers of rock falls.

It is important to note that, apart from having a slightly higher speed profile on the hill, the turbine is also better appreciated in height since it should not be lost sight of the fact that all its surroundings must be harmoniously contrasted. Wind turbines are currently designed with high quality standards, however it is no less true that there will be small dips at night when the machine is operating, this is also a reason

why it is defined that the wind turbine is on the hill and do not interfere with the harmonic rest of people inside the organic construction.

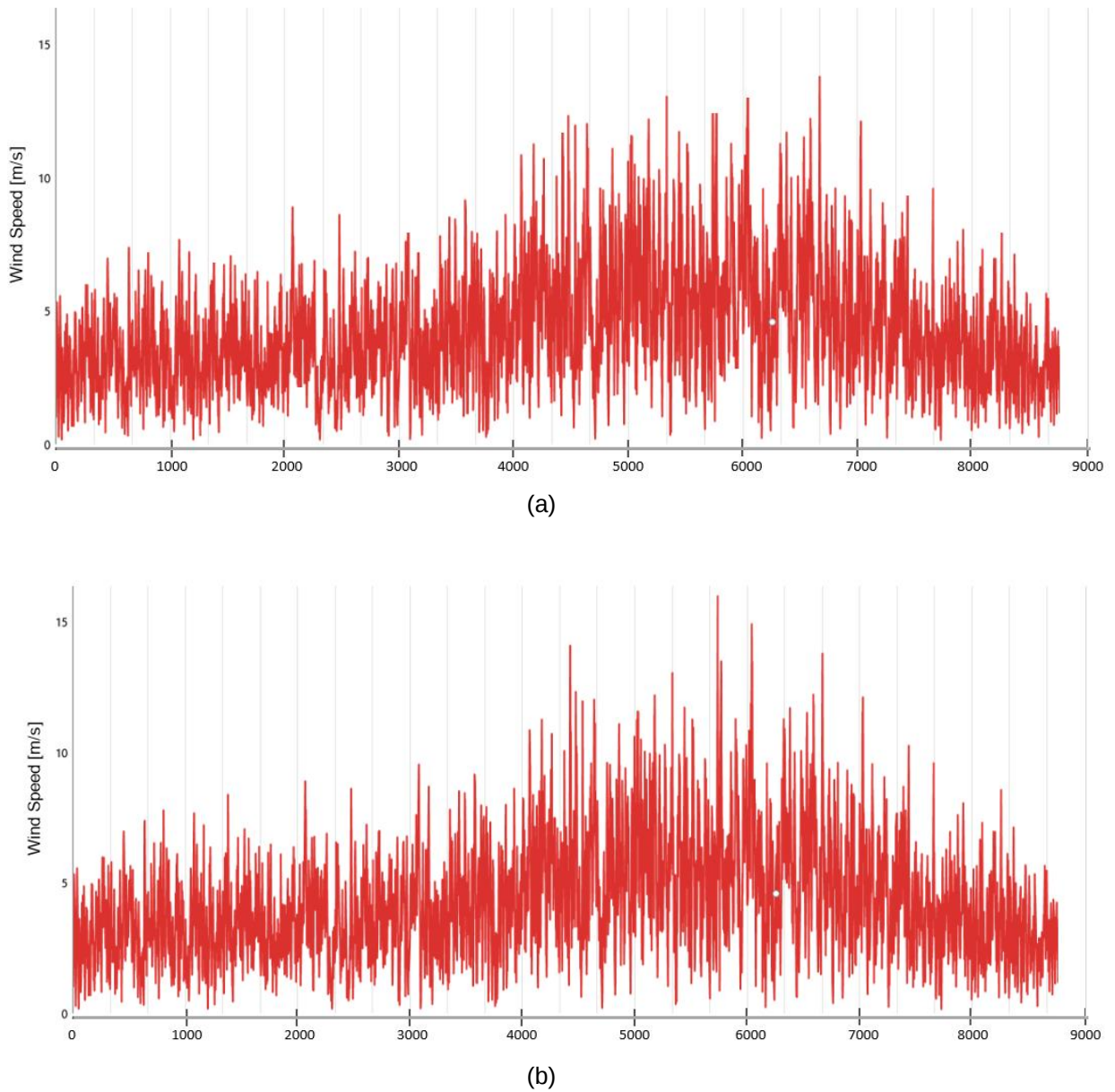


Fig. 2. (a) Annual speed profile at point A taking advantage of the wind tunnel. (b) Annual speed profile at point B taking advantage of the hill wind.

Generated mechanical power output from the wind turbine can be written using equation (1) which is depending on wind speed ($V_{WT}=v$, R is the turbine radius, ρ_a air density and C_p is Performance coefficient.

$$P_{WT}(t) = \frac{1}{2} C_p(\lambda, \beta) \rho_a A v^3 \quad (1)$$

The output power of the wind turbine is a function of the wind speed and is considered according to the limits expressed by (2), according to reference [66]:

$$P_{pv}^{av}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v < V_l \\ \frac{1}{2} C_p(\lambda, \beta) \rho_a A v^3(t) & \text{if } V_l \leq v \leq v_r \\ 0 & \text{if } v > v_c \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

3. Hybrid system model

The hybrid system used in this research consists of a HKT, PV, WT that includes an energy backup system (storage) using lead acid batteries, mainly for night hours or for lack of sufficient power generation by the hybrid system. Fig. 3 shows the hybrid system used by the HOMER PRO software.

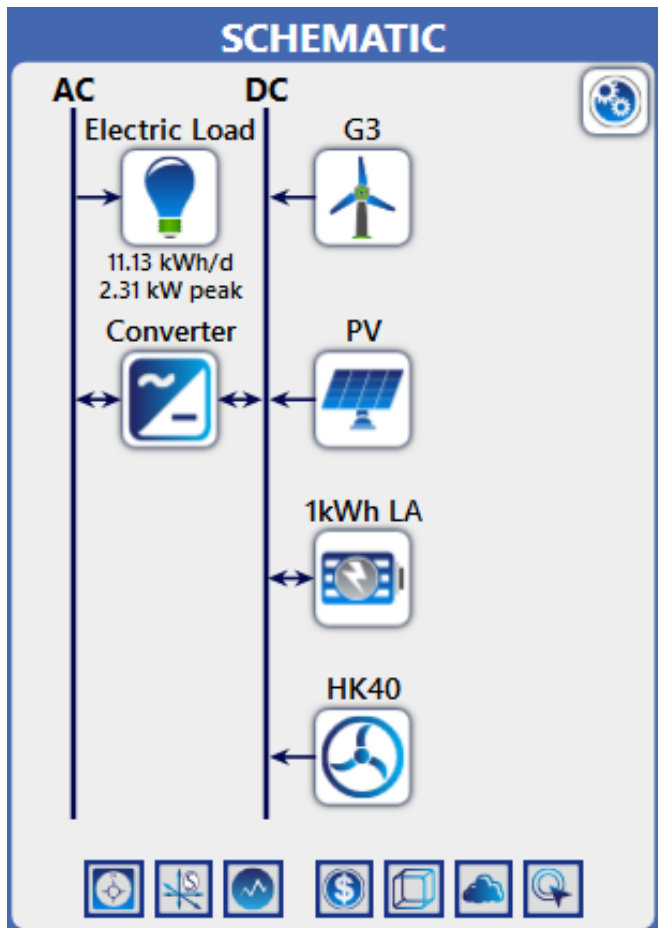
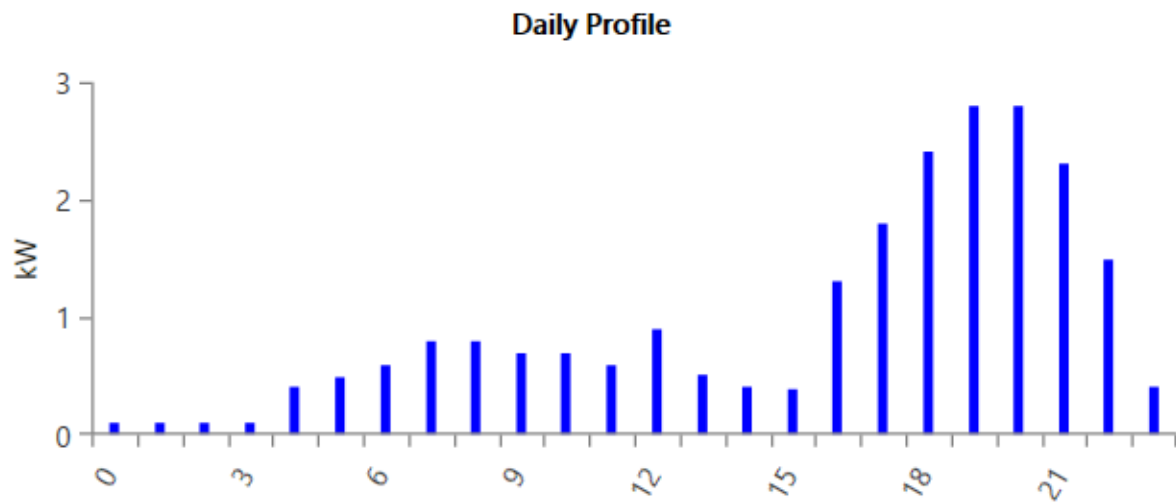


Fig. 3. Hybrid system designed using HOMER PRO software.

3.1. Main constituent elements of the hybrid system.

3.1.1. Wind turbine.



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