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Numerical study of two-bucket savonius rotor cluster

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A Savonius wind turbine is simple in structure and has self-starting ability; however the efficiency of Savonius rotors is low. Numerous researches using Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) have been done in order to enhance the Savonius rotor performance. Recent studies indicate that interactions between Savonius turbines in a cluster result in increasing the output power of the individual rotors. In this study numerical solution are obtained for a cluster consisting of three turbines to determine the enhanced performance of the turbines. Different separation distances and relative phase angles between the rotors were studied, for future evaluation of periodic wind farms. The commercial computational fluid dynamics software FLUENT 14.5 is used for the numerical simulation.

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