

Wind Turbine Applications in Doha Metro, Qatar

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Abstract

In this study, a large amount of airflow is observed in the "Doha Metro" created by the trains' movement. Therefore, it is thought that waste, but a new potential can generate electrical energy. In literature, similar studies have been found in India, the US, and China. However, this project differs from others with various preferences such as turbine location and type sites. Horizontal axis wind turbines for the first scenario and vertical axis wind turbines are planned to be installed in spots where air properties such as pressure, velocity, and airflow are at their highest values. The turbines are considered to be installed on the tunnel walls' inner surface just between the train and the tunnel. For the study, Doha Metro's Red Line has been chosen as a reference line with the most potential compared to other lines. Energy generation has been computed, and the turbines have been installed in the cross-sectional area theoretically. Considering the actual industrial average price of electrical energy in Qatar, the energy generation's financial value has been calculated, and a feasibility study has been done.

Keywords — Wind turbine, electricity generation, metro.

I. INTRODUCTION

Considering Qatar's energy outlook, foremost natural gas and oil were the primary energy sources for electricity generation in 2018. Only a small amount of electricity was generated by renewable energy, which is lower than 1% [1]. In the future, due to the depletion of fossil fuels, Qatar may become dependent on other countries in terms of energy source imports. To outcome these threats, new potential sources might be used [2]. This study focuses on using existing but not used potentials. The idea is to generate electricity using the movement of the trains. The study's main aims are uncovering the hidden potentials and raising awareness all around the world.

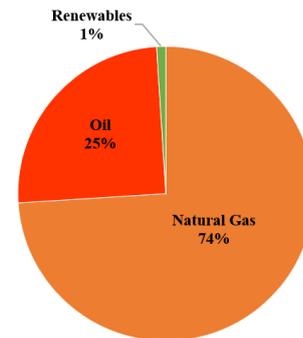


Fig 1.1. Primary energy consumption of Qatar in 2018 [1].

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Materials

a) Doha Metro and defining the pilot line

The pilot line (Red Line) has been made depending on several features that might positively or negatively affect the energy generation's effectiveness.

Table 2.1. Numerical values of the Doha Metro and the Red Line [3].

Line	Colour	Inaugural date	Length	Stations	Terminal	Current Stock	Status
Red Line	Red	08.05.2019	40 km	18	Lusail Hamad International Airport - Al Wakra	Mitsubishi Corporation and Kinki Sharyo	Al Qassar to Al Wakra now open. Hamad International Airport, Katara, Qatar University and Lusail stations expected to open in 2019. Lusail and Legationa train stations expected to open in 2020.
Green Line	Green	Expected 2019	22 km	11	Al Riffa - Al Mansoura	Mitsubishi Corporation and Kinki Sharyo	Undergoing final safety and security tests.
Gold Line	Yellow	Expected 2020	14 km	11	Al Aziziyah - Ras Bu Aboud	Mitsubishi Corporation and Kinki Sharyo	
Total			76 km	40			

The features such as the length of the deep tube, annual train count, station number have been considered, and "Red Line" that bears the highest energy generating capacity. Furthermore, the technical suitability of the Red Line also supports the project. From table 2.1., it can be seen that the Red Line has a deep tube with a length of 40 km, 18 stations. What is more, rolling stock sizes of Red Line trains can be accessible (Table 2.1. and figure 2.1).



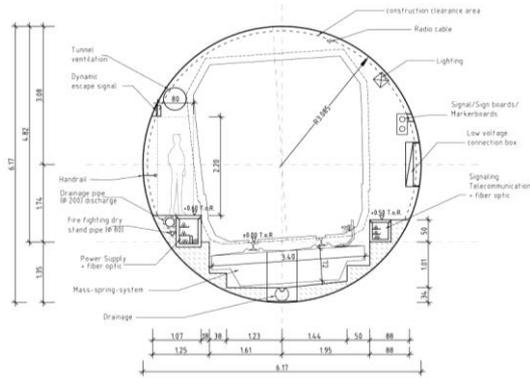


Figure 2.1. Doha Metro and tunnel cross-section [3].

b) Geometrical suitability approach

The first step of the geometrical suitability approach is to calculate train and tunnel geometries by reducing its parts into calculable geometrical parts. 2 methods have been taken into account to find the cross-sectional areas. The first method is less sensitive when it is compared to the second method. In table 2.2, the cross-sectional area is divided into several geometrical shapes. Then the dimensions and the area of the shapes approximated and calculated, respectively. Table 2.2. demonstrates the calculations made for the geometrical suitability approach [4].

Table 2.2. Train and tunnel illustration with geometrical parts and geometrical approach area.

Geometrical Part	Area of the Geometrical Part [m ²]	Explanation
T1	21.74	Upper Part of the Circle
T2	8.16	Lower Part of the Circle
A1	2.16	First Part of the Train
A2	8.12	Second Part of the Train
A3	2.17	Third Part of the Train
A4	1.38	Fourth Part of the Train
A5	0.13	Wheels of the Train
Cross Section	29.9	Tunnel
Cross Section	13.96	Train
Effective Area	11.46	The Gap Between the Train and Tunnel

c) Solid Works scaling approach

The second method covers using a designing program called Solid Works (SW). On SW, a model of the train and the tunnel have been designed. Technical drawing of the train and tunnel has been taken, and on SW, it has been used to approximate not-given dimensions. Therefore, in further calculations, SW derived data have been used to have more accurate results. Figure 2.2. shows the scaling process and figure 2.2. illustrates the SW design progress.

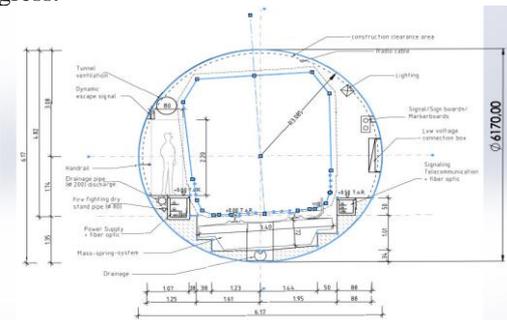


Figure 2.2. The technical drawing and the projection details of the pilot line [3].

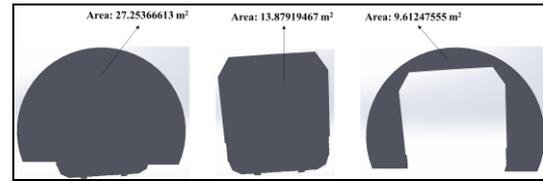


Figure 2.3. Tunnel and train's cross-sectional areas.

In the calculations, the flow velocity, in the gap between the tunnel and train (effective area), has been used. Table 2.3. summarises the figure changes between 2 approaches. SW Scaling Approach is more accurate; that is why those data are used in further calculations.

Table 2.3. Geometrical suitability and SW scaling approach comparisons

Comparison Parameters	Unit	Geometrical Suitability Approach	Solid Works Approach
Cross-sectional Area of the Train	m ²	13.96	13.87919467
Cross-sectional Area of the Tunnel	m ²	29.9	27.25366613
Effective Area	m ²	11.46	9.61247555

Datasheet about Red Line and some of the calculations have been given in table 2.4.

Table 2.4. Numerical Values of the Doha Metro and Red Line [5].

LINE	UNIT	RED LINE	EXPLANATIONS
Type		Deep Tube	
Track Gauge	mm	1435	
Time between Adjacent Stations	minutes	3	
Headway	minutes	5	
Number of Passengers	billion/day	600	Passengers trips per day
TUNNEL			
Tunnel Inner Diameter	mm	6170	
System Length	km	40	
Number of Stations	No	40	
TRAIN			
Train Cross-sectional Area	m ²	13.96	
Maximum Train Speed	km/h	100	
Maximum Train Speed	m/s	27.7	
Number of Cars	No	3	
Width of a Car	m	3	
Car Height	m	4	
CALCULATIONS			
Effective Cross-sectional Area	m ²	11.46	
Average Distance between Two Stations	m	2.14	Total route/Number of Stations
Maximum Air Velocity to the Back	m/s	40.1	

d) Theoretical potential approach and calculations

As the train enters a tunnel, a volume of air is created every time because of the train's motion in the tunnel. That volume of air is considered to move in the opposite direction that the train does. Calculations have been done in the direction of those principles. The flow velocity has been calculated with the help of the continuity equation, and it is assumed that the volume of the air is the same as the volume of the train is perpendicular to the train's movement direction, and it is also the opposite. As the created airflow moves in the opposite direction to the train, it will use the gap between the train and the tunnel to escape where wind turbines are installed. The friction losses have been taken as negligible losses, and therefore, the airflow discharged by the train is assumed to be the same as the airflow, which tries to escape through the train in the opposite direction. The airflow caused by the train's insertion in the tunnel is always equal to the airflow occurring between the tunnel and the train during the train's movement. It is assumed that there are no friction losses due to the air

flows. Using the continuity equation allows us to find flow velocity between the train and the tunnel, which is needed for calculating the power generation of the turbines [6].

e) Defining the suitable type of turbines

The types of wind turbines have been chosen as new-generation wind jet type turbines. It is known that the efficiency of the wind jet type wind turbines is much higher than ordinary wind turbines. Apart from that advantage, it is also estimated that during the wind jet-type wind turbines, assembling and disassembling them would be easier [12]. Most wind turbines max out at 60% efficiency. The issue is that 40 per cent of the wind passes around the windmill's blades without actually turning around the generator and making power. Here comes the FloDesign horizontal axis wind turbines and Aelos Brand vertical axis wind turbines to change all of that. By focusing the wind over the blades, it improves efficiency dramatically. They generate the same amount of power as a conventional windmill with double its size [12], [8]. This also means more wind turbines can be placed closer together, increasing output on a wind farm.

In consideration of tunnel-train geometry and the gap between the train and the tunnel, the wind turbines' theoretical settlement has been designed on a scaled technical drawing initially. To benefit from the maximum amount of energy generation rate, wind turbine sizes have been chosen in 4 types for the 1st scenario. As a result, 6 wind turbines with a diameter of 400 [mm], 3 wind turbines with a diameter of 600 [mm], 2 wind turbines with a diameter of 1000 [mm], and lastly, 2 turbines with a diameter of 1200 [mm] have been installed. For the 2nd scenario, 2 different sized wind turbines have been chosen. 2 wind turbines with a diameter of 900 [mm] and 2100 [mm] height and a turbine with a diameter of 2000 [mm] and 450 [mm] height. The designed wind turbine layout is given in the picture below (Figure 2.4. and 2.5.).

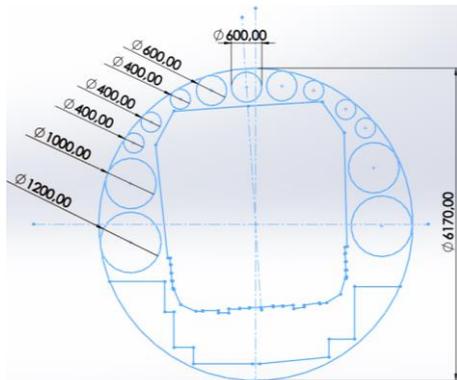


Figure 2.4. The layout of the horizontal axis wind turbines, train, and tunnel.

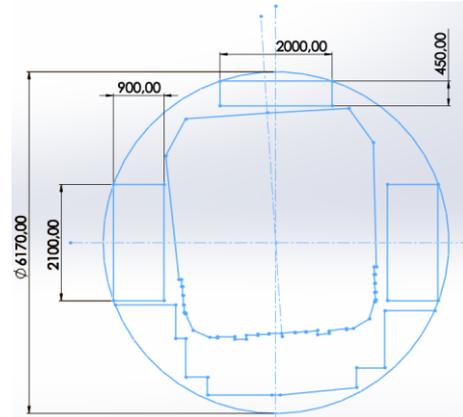


Figure 2.5. The layout of the vertical axis wind turbines, train, and tunnel.

III. RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Technical results and applicability

Considering the reference line's data, the train's intensive movement (a train in 3 minutes), and the train's speed, it can be seen from the velocity calculations that a high proportion of airflow occurs. When all of the train's losses are neglected, it is calculated that airflow velocity can go up to 40.1 m/s whenever the train reaches 100 km/h. That velocity might exceed the limit of conventional wind turbines (most of them can withstand up to 20 m/s), which is why wind turbines are considered to be used in the project wind jet-type wind turbines. What is more, these wind turbines are also more efficient than conventional wind turbines. The efficiency contrast between them is considerable, while conventional turbines have 35 % efficiency, wind jet type wind turbines possess 45 % efficiency [4]. Horizontal axis wind turbines mostly suit the project's idea, and therefore, horizontal axis wind turbines are thought to be installed in the gap between the train and the tunnel. The gap between the train and tunnel, the dimensions of the train and the tunnel, and other found dimensions have been scaled up in a technical drawing with the help of the SW engineering designing program, and the not-found sizes have been tried to be determined. On the technical drawing, 13 wind turbines with 4 different diameters for the 1st and the 2nd scenario 3 wind turbines with 2 different diameters have been installed (see Figure 2.4.). The model's unique side is that from one set of turbines, it is possible to generate 119,071 kWh from the 1st scenario and 104,794 kWh electrical energy from the 2nd scenario every year. In the calculations, in case of malfunctions and maintenance, the wind turbines' operation duration has been taken as 300 days instead of 365 days. The generated energy can be stored in batteries; however; there is also another option, which is called grid-off system. Grid off system does not require the electrical energy stored. It directly uses the generated electrical energy, and therefore, the energy is considered to be used directly in the

lighting and ventilation of the metro stations [4]. What is more, the grid off system's total cost is also less risky and expensive than the other option with batteries. To calculate the generation of electricity, Betz Limit, or Betz' Law has been used [6]. The calculation chart has been given in table 3.1.

Table 3.1. Calculation Chart [9].

Formula	Calculation Result	Unit	Explanations
$V_a = V_0 \pm a_c \times t_{acc}$	$t_{acc} = 17.09$	s	Acceleration time
$X_{acc} = V_0 \times t_{acc} \pm 1/2 \times a_{acc} \times t_{acc}^2$	$X_{acc} = 189.84$	m	Acceleration distance
$V = V_0 - a_{dec} \times t_{dec}$	$t_{dec} = 19.5$	s	Deceleration time
$X_{dec} = V_0 \times t_{dec} \pm 1/2 \times a_{dec} \times t_{dec}^2$	$X_{dec} = 216.54$	m	Deceleration distance
$X_{acc} + X_{dec}$	406,38	m	Total acceleration and deceleration distance
$X_m = 1160 - (X_{acc} + X_{dec})$	$X_m = 753.62$	m	The train moves at maximum speed among this distance
$t_m = X_m / V_{max}$	$t_m = 33.916$	s	Time apart from acceleration and deceleration (The train moves at maximum speed in this time interval)
$P_{e1} = (E) \times A_v \times \rho \times C_p \times V^3$	$P_{e1} = 119,071$	kWh	Annual electricity generation (1 st scenario)
$P_{e2} = (E) \times A_v \times \rho \times C_p \times V^3$	$P_{e2} = 104,794$	kWh	Annual electricity generation (2 nd scenario)

B. Financial results

The calculated amount of the energy (119,071 kWh and 104,794 kWh) is based on Qatar's industrial electricity tariff, and thus, the annual income has been calculated. (Table 3.2.) The industrial price of electricity per unit has been taken as 0,13 Qatari Rial (QR) [10], and annual income has been calculated as 15,480 QR however; for this scenario, 98,900 QR for 1st and 87,500 QR is needed for the investment. In the feasibility study, the net present value is assumed as 3.5 % [4]. As the economic lifetime of the turbines and equipment, 10, 15, 20 years have been taken in the financial calculations, and in the literature, it is pointed out that the lifetime of the turbines and equipment is taken as 20 years [8]. As an amortization method, the accelerated amortization method has been used in the calculations, and 50 per cent of the amortization expenses have been taken into account. In the direction of the assumptions mentioned above, feasibility calculations can be pointed out in table 3.2.

Table 3.2. Feasibility Results for the 1st and 2nd scenario, respectively [11].

Parameters	Formulas	Results
Return on Investment (ROI)	$ROI = \frac{\text{Net Income} \times (\text{Gain} - \text{Costs})}{\text{Costs}}$	164.23%
Payback Period (PP)	$\text{Payback Period} = \frac{\text{Cost of Investment}}{\text{Annual Cash Flows}}$	6.38 Years
Internal Rate of Return (IRR)	$0 = R_0 + \frac{R_1}{1+IRR} + \frac{R_2}{(1+IRR)^2} + \frac{R_3}{(1+IRR)^3} + \dots + \frac{R_n}{(1+IRR)^n}$	14.72%
Net Present Value (NPV)	$NPV = \frac{R_1}{(1+i)^1} + \frac{R_2}{(1+i)^2} + \dots + \frac{R_n}{(1+i)^n} - C$	81,000 QR

Parameters	Formulas	Results
Return on Investment (ROI)	$ROI = \frac{\text{Net Income} \times (\text{Gain} - \text{Costs})}{\text{Costs}}$	159.40%
Payback Period (PP)	$\text{Payback Period} = \frac{\text{Cost of Investment}}{\text{Annual Cash Flows}}$	6.42 Years
Internal Rate of Return (IRR)	$0 = R_0 + \frac{R_1}{1+IRR} + \frac{R_2}{(1+IRR)^2} + \frac{R_3}{(1+IRR)^3} + \dots + \frac{R_n}{(1+IRR)^n}$	15.01%
Net Present Value (NPV)	$NPV = \frac{R_1}{(1+i)^1} + \frac{R_2}{(1+i)^2} + \dots + \frac{R_n}{(1+i)^n} - C$	77,000 QR

With the increase of 10 % in NPV and PP, the highest value is found for the income, which means the income rises, NPV and PP are affected positively. To conclude, from a financial perspective, changes in the cost of the investment and the amount of income influence the results extremely. As a result, the feasibility result is affected by the cost of the

investment and the amount of income. A summarised generated electricity calculation chart has been given in table 3.3. At 17.1, the train completes its acceleration, and until 51st second, the train keeps the same speed. Just after 51st second, the deceleration starts, and the train slows down. At 56th second, the train starts to leave the tunnel.

Table 3.3. Generated electricity calculation chart for 1st and 2nd scenario, respectively [11].

Air Flow and Generated Power Calculation Chart										$P_e = (1/2) \times A_v \times \rho \times C_p \times V^3$			
Turbine Diameter (mm)	Turbine Height (mm)	Air Density (kg/m ³)	Cross-Sectional Area of Tunnel (m ²)	Cross-Sectional Area of Train (m ²)	Effective Area (m ²)	Train Speed (m/s)	Blade Swept Area (m ²)	Flow Velocity (m/s)	Power Coefficient	Generated Power, Pa (Wh)	Time (s)	No. of Turbines	Total Power (Wh/Cycle)
400	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	0.1256	16.8713	0.45		152.3480	17.09	6	4.3393
400	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	27.7	0.1256	33.7427	0.45		1,2187	33.9066	6	68.8747
400	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	0.1256	16.8713	0.45		152.3480	19.49	6	4.9487
600	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	0.2827	16.8713	0.45		342.7831	17.09	3	4.8818
600	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	27.7	0.2827	33.7427	0.45		2,7422	33.9066	3	77.4840
600	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	0.2827	16.8713	0.45		342.7831	19.49	3	5.5673
1,000	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	0.7853	16.8713	0.45		952.1754	17.09	2	9.0403
1,000	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	27.7	0.7853	33.7427	0.45		7,6174	33.9066	2	143.4890
1,000	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	0.7853	16.8713	0.45		491.6319	19.49	2	5.3332
1,200	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	1.1309	16.8713	0.45		1,3711	17.09	2	13.0181
1,200	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	27.7	1.1309	33.7427	0.45		10,969	33.9066	2	206.6242
1,200	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	1.1309	16.8713	0.45		707.9500	19.49	2	7.6655

Total Power (Wh / 1 pass)	551,2567	33 Turbines/set
Total Power (Wh)	16,537,7010	A train in two min
Total Power (kWh/day)	396,9048	24 Hours
Total Power (kWh/annum)	119,071,4477	300 days/year

Air Flow and Generated Power Calculation Chart										$P_e = (1/2) \times A_v \times \rho \times C_p \times V^3$			
Turbine Diameter (mm)	Turbine Height (mm)	Air Density (kg/m ³)	Cross-Sectional Area of Tunnel (m ²)	Cross-Sectional Area of Train (m ²)	Effective Area (m ²)	Train Speed (m/s)	Blade Swept Area (m ²)	Flow Velocity (m/s)	Power Coefficient	Generated Power, Pa (Wh)	Time (s)	No. of Turbines	Total Power (Wh/Cycle)
900	2100	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	1.89	16.8713	0.45	2291.3366	17.09	2	21,7549
900	2100	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	27.7	1.89	33.7427	0.45	18330.6931	33.9066	2	345.2952
900	2100	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	1.89	16.8713	0.45	2291.3366	19.49	2	24.8100
2000	450	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	0.9	16.8713	0.45	1091.1126	17.09	1	5.1797
2000	450	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	27.7	0.9	33.7427	0.45	8728.9015	33.9066	1	82.2131
2000	450	1,122	29.9	13.96	11.46	13.85	0.9	16.8713	0.45	1091.1126	19.49	1	5.9071

Total Power (Wh / 1 pass)	485,1603	33 Turbines/set
Total Power (Wh)	14,554,8118	A train in two min
Total Power (kWh/day)	349,3154	24 Hours
Total Power (kWh/annum)	104,794,6456	300 days/year

C. Recommendations

- There are several potentials to generate electrical energy from off-shore and in-shore sources in the world and Qatar.
- The airflow potential to produce electrical energy seems useful for the undergrounds.
- It is needed to be simulated one of the turbines in the metro as a prototype to measure and define the electrical energy generation's potential in the underground metros.
- It is needed that the new generation jet type turbines to test and to define their precise efficiency and suitability.

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