



Will the wind become smaller after power generation



Overview

The key thing here is that we're experiencing an extreme event. From humble beginnings with just 6.5 GW of power generation, wind power has soared to impressive heights. By 2022, it generated an astounding 906 GW, accounting for around 7% of the world's electricity. Wallenius Wilhelmsen is proud to play its part in this. In places where solar and other renewable technologies are not technically or economically feasible, small wind projects are a cost-effective option that can help power individual homes, schools and health facilities, or provide reliable and affordable electricity to entire communities. It may not be the traditional definition of extreme weather (like a large flood or a hurricane) but these periods, known in energy-meteorology as “wind-droughts”, are becoming critical to understand in order to operate. U.S. wind generation in 2023 totaled 425,235 gigawatthours (GWh). In two papers — published today in the journals *Environmental Research Letters* and *Joule* — Harvard University researchers find that the transition to wind or solar power in the U.S. would require five to 20 times more land than previously thought, and, if such large-scale wind farms were built. Wind energy, derived from the inexhaustible power of the wind, is a leading renewable energy source vital for combating climate change. Unlike fossil fuels, wind turbines do not directly emit pollutants or greenhouse gases during operation. This constitutes a significant environmental advantage.

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