

Solar Energy South Africa

How to install wind power at such a high altitude



Overview

How high can a wind turbine go?

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Can wind power be harvested at high altitude?

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Are wind resources available at a high altitude?

For this study, we examined the wind resources at a height of 100 m available for traditional wind turbines with aerial wind energy technologies, in addition to the wind potential at higher altitudes up to 500 m. The considered period was 20 years from January 2002 to December 2020, and the data were extracted from the ERA5 reanalysis database.

Can you really take advantage of higher altitude wind?

When it comes to really taking advantage of higher altitude wind, Caldeira points out that reaching as high as the jet stream is the real prize. Reaching up into the powerful winds of the jet stream is the real prize.

Can a wind turbine be a half-mile above ground?

An airborne wind turbine at the SkySails Power's pilot site in Klixbüll, Germany. Axel Heimken / picture alliance via Getty Images Numerous companies are developing technologies, such as large kites, that can harvest wind energy up to a half-mile above ground.

How high do airborne wind systems operate?

The philosophy of the airborne wind systems is to operate at much higher heights (than 100 m), and the comparisons of U 100/ U 500 values showed a difference of 1 m/s for the most energetic areas.

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High altitude wind energy installation with the cable turbine

However, in provinces with a mean wind speed below 5 m/s, such as Ontario, wind turbines must be installed at relatively high altitudes where the air density is lower and produce more power ...



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