## **Direction of wind turbine blades**



OverviewDrag- versus lift-based machinesGeneral aerodynamic considerationsCharacteristic parametersHorizontal-axis wind turbineAxial momentum and the Lanchester-Betz-Joukowsky limitAngular momentum and wake rotationBlade element and momentum theoryAll wind turbines extract energy from the wind through aerodynamic forces. There are two important aerodynamic forces: drag and lift. Drag applies a force on the body in the direction of the relative flow, while lift applies a force perpendicular to the relative flow. Many machine topologies could be classified by the primary force used to extract the energy. For example, a Savonious wind turbine is a drag-based machine, while a Darrieus wind turbine and conventional

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