

# Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources in Morocco using Economical Feasibility Technique

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**Abstract-** With the growing demand for harnessing renewable energy in the world instead of traditional energies in electricity generation, a diverse assessment of the performance of these energies has become necessary to make the most of them everywhere in the world. This paper addresses the economic assessment of renewable energy resources in different areas of Morocco. The project was implemented to obtain the optimum size and economical cost of the hybrid system at all sites under study in order to assess the available energy sources and find the best components of the system in each region. The Cost, reliability, ecology, and availability are the criteria respected in this study taken into consideration the same power load for all cases. The PSO algorithm was chosen in the proposed research for its effectiveness and simplicity. The results show that the tidal energy is not approved in almost all regions of Morocco for its low speed. The PV/wind is the best configuration that gives a cost-effectiveness system mainly in Dakhla, which comprises the NPC \$204467, COE \$0.0842/kWh, LPSP 0.05%, Renewable fraction 100% and Availability of 95%. Furthermore, PV panels solar is the best component for production the energy in Morocco because of the high solar irradiation in this region of the world.

**Keywords** Loss of power supply probability; Microgrid system; Hybrid system; Optimal economic; Net present cost; PSO algorithm; economic assessment.

## 1. Introduction

The current world is experiencing an increasing rate of energy consumption, which is mostly dependent on traditional energies, while the production of electricity using these conventional energy sources increases the risk of harmful effects of those energies such as greenhouse gas, environmental pollution, and global warming. These problems and crises have made many countries of the world to think carefully to find alternative solutions to these traditional energies based on natural renewable energies [1-3]. Morocco, like any other country in the world, is experiencing a growth in energy consumption due to increasing population growth and energy demand, which has led the state to develop new plans to adopt renewable energy as an essential source of energy in the future. Morocco has excellent and diverse weather, between the sea, stretching from the north to the south-west of the country that characterized by high wind speeds as in mountain regions existed in the north and middle of the country, as well the desert in the south of the state which characterized by high solar radiation. That explains the build

of wind parks in the north, precisely on Tangier with six parks around a total of 500 MW and Taza park with 150 MW and the build of PV complex of Noor I, II, and III in the south of the country with a total of 510 MW. Other renewable energies in Morocco are rarely used as sources as the tidal and biomass, whereas in previous studies, a cost-effective system is obtained when multiple resources are combined [4-6].

Many studies treated the sizing of the hybrid system, while the optimal configuration is not a standard size, but it depends on numerous variables such as location, weather, and diverse specification. In [7], the author Treated the energy consumption growth problem by the lighting, where proposed the using of a PV/wind hybrid system with low-power lamps to decrease energy consumption in roads and high ways lights. The optimum design of the hybrid system in this study is solved using the Bat algorithm (BA), while the objective function is both the cost and the reliability presented by the LPSP. In [8], the author investigates the feasibility of the hybrid system to supply a remote rustic school. HOMER was used to evaluate the technical, economic, and environmental factors of the system. A variety of hybrid systems were studied

and compared. Finally, a hybrid system consists of PV /wind/battery was optimized by the IWO and IWO-PSO algorithms in [9]. Various methods are used to size hybrid microgrid systems, and the tools are presented mainly by HOMER and algorithm meta-heuristic as PSO, GA, EA, IWO, EMO [10-13]. In the study [14], the authors used Homer software and genetic algorithm to design an isolated hybrid system based on diesel generators, wind, PV, and storage systems composed of a battery and hydro-pumped storage, on the other hand, the author investigates and ensure a level of reliability. The author in [15] studies the pre-feasibility of PV/Wind hybrid system to predict a more cost-effective configuration, be able to cover an energy consumption of 4874 kWh/month and to demonstrate the effect of the geographical features on sizing result. The Homer pro software used for techno-economic optimization based on the net present cost (NPC). Kiyamaz et al. performed a techno-economic study of the hybrid renewable energy systems between PV-wind grid-connected and PV-wind-fuel cell stand-alone, taking into account the maximum renewable fraction and lowest cost. This study was investigated using HOMER software [16]. Alaoui Chakib provides an assessment of the offshore energy potential available near the coastline of Morocco and shows the essential offshore wind resources in Mediterranean and the Atlantic coast of this country [17].

In the light of the previous literature, This study focuses on the economic assessment of different renewable energy in various areas of Morocco ( Rabat, Dakhla, Tangier, Fez, Oujda, and Agadir) using a smart algorithm (PSO). Besides, the research also aims to study the size of a cost-effective of the hybrid system using PV, wind, tidal, biomass, diesel and battery; this allows the identification of energetic skills and resources in these areas.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows: Section 2 presents the modeling of all components that used in this study, Section 3 demonstrates economic modeling, Section 4 explains the optimization algorithm, while Section 5 shows the results and discussion.

## 2. Hybrid system modelling

This section gives a brief description of the studied system shown in Fig.1. The hybrid system composed of Wind turbines, PV panels, tidal turbines, biomass, diesel generators, battery banks, inverters, etc.

### 2.1. PV modeling

Solar is one of the most important resources of renewable energies, which convert sunlight into electrical energy in the form of a DC current. These cells can be connected in parallel or series to generate the necessary power for the proposed system. The PV power is based on irradiation ( $I$ ), PV efficiency ( $\eta_{pv}$ ) and the PV area ( $A_{pv}$ ). The PV power is expressed as follow [18]:

$$P_{pv} = I(t) \times \eta_{pv}(t) \times A_{pv} \quad (1)$$

The efficiency of PV can be calculated as follow:

$$\eta_{pv}(t) = \eta_r \times \eta_t \times \left[ 1 - \beta \times (T_a(t) - T_r) - \beta \times I(t) \times \left( \frac{NOCT-20}{800} \right) \times (1 - \eta_r \times \eta_t) \right] \quad (2)$$

Where  $NOCT$  is the nominal operating cell temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ ),  $\eta_r$  is the reference efficiency,  $\eta_t$  is the efficiency of the MPPT equipment,  $\beta$  is the temperature coefficient of the efficiency,  $T_a$  is the ambient temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ ),  $T_r$  is the photovoltaic cell reference temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ ).

### 2.2. Wind turbine modeling

The wind turbine harnesses the movement of the wind to convert mechanical energy into electrical energy. The generated power of the wind turbine depends on three states as shown [19]:

$$P_{wind} = \begin{cases} 0, & V(t) \leq V_{ci}, V(t) \geq V_{co} \\ a \times V(t)^3 - b \times P_r, & V_{ci} < V(t) < V_r \\ P_r, & V_r \leq V(t) < V_{co} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Where  $V_{ci}$  and  $V_{co}$  are the cut-in and the cut-out wind speed respectively,  $a$  and  $b$  are two variables, the rated wind speed is  $V_r$ , and  $P_r$  is the wind rated power.

$$\begin{cases} a = P_r / (V_r^3 - V_{ci}^3) \\ b = V_{ci}^3 / (V_r^3 - V_{ci}^3) \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$P_r = \frac{1}{2} \times \rho \times A_{wind} \times C_p \times V_r^3 \quad (5)$$

### 2.3. Tidal modeling

Tides are more predictable than photovoltaic and wind sources, where the tidal movement is harnessed to produce energy using tidal turbines. Two way to use this technology, the tidal stream (current) which used the kinetic energy of the free-flowing water and the tidal barrage system which makes use of potential energy in height, the second way is the tidal stream energy which is similar to wind energy, except water is denser than air and water flow is much smaller than airflow. The power extracted from the tidal stream system is expressed as follow [12]:

$$P_{tidal}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & V_{tidal}(t) \leq V_{ci}^{tidal} \\ \left( \frac{V_{tidal}(t) - V_{ci}^{tidal}}{V_r^{tidal} - V_{ci}^{tidal}} \right)^3 \times P_r^{tidal}, & V_{ci}^{tidal} \leq V_{tidal}(t) \leq V_r^{tidal} \\ P_r^{tidal}, & V_r^{tidal} \leq V_{tidal}(t) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$P_r^{tidal} = \frac{1}{2} \times \rho_{water} \times A_{tidal} \times C_p \times (V_r^{tidal})^3 \quad (7)$$

### 2.4. Biomass modelling

One form of renewable energy is biomass energy. Thermal energy from burning organic materials such as plants and animals is used to produce electrical power. The biomass power  $P_{BM}$  can be estimation from the following equation [20]:

$$P_{BM} = \frac{Total_{av} \times 1000 \times CV_{BIO} \times \eta_{BIO}}{8760} \quad (8)$$

Where  $CV_{BIO}$  is the calorific value of the organic material,  $Total_{av}$  is the total organic material, and  $\eta_{BIO}$  is the biomass efficiency.

### 2.5. Diesel generator modeling

In this paper, the diesel generator was used as an auxiliary source to support the system and increase its efficiency. The fuel consumption  $F_{dg}$  of any diesel generator can be estimated as [21]:

$$F_{dg}(t) = B_g \times P_{dg} + A_g \times P_{dg,out} \quad (9)$$

Where  $P_{dg,out}$  is the output power generated,  $P_{dg}$  is rated power of the generator, and  $A_g$  and  $B_g$  are parameters of generator.

### 2.6. Battery storage modeling

An essential component of the hybrid system components is the battery. It operates on the storage of the surplus power of hybrid power system and uses it if the hybrid system is not able to meet the load demand. The capacity of any battery can be estimated by the following equation [21]:

$$C_{bat} = \frac{E_l \times AD}{DOD \times \eta_{inv} \times \eta_b} \quad (10)$$

Where  $E_l$  is the electric load,  $AD$  is the daily battery autonomy.

## 3. Economic and optimization model

### 3.1. Net present cost

The net present cost ( $NPC$ ) is an important factor in any hybrid system design.  $NPC$  for any project is the sum of the total cost of establishing, operating and maintaining the system during its lifetime ( $N$ ) as the capital cost ( $C$ ), the operation & maintenance cost ( $OM$ ), the replacement cost ( $R$ ), besides the fuel cost for the diesel ( $FC_{dg}$ ). To improve the precision of the economic estimates there are the critical parameters to consider such as the inflation rate ( $\delta$ ), the rate of the interest ( $i_r$ ), and the escalation rate ( $\mu$ ). The  $NPC$  is represented as [11, 18, 22, 23]:

$$NPC = C + OM + R + FC_{dg} \quad (11)$$

The capital cost of any component of the system  $C_{com}$  (PV, wind turbine, tidal turbine, battery, inverter, diesel generator) is calculated as:

$$C_{com} = \lambda_{com} \times A_{com} \quad (12)$$

Where  $\lambda_{com}$  is the component initial cost,  $OM_{com}$  is the operation & maintenance cost of that components of the system which calculated as:

$$OM_{com} = \theta_{com} \times A_{com} \times \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{1+\mu}{1+i_r} \right)^i \quad (13)$$

The replacement cost of any component  $R_{com}$  can be calculated as follows:

$$R_{com} = R_{co} \times P_{con} \times \sum_{i=7,14}^N \left( \frac{1+\delta}{1+i_r} \right)^i \quad (14)$$

Where  $R_{co}$  is the cost of the unit component,  $P_{con}$  is the capacity of the replacement units. In addition, fuel cost  $FC_{dg}$  can be calculated as follows:

$$C_f(t) = p_f \times F_{dg}(t) \quad (15)$$

$$FC_{dg} = \sum_{t=1}^{8760} C_f(t) \times \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{1+\delta}{1+i_r} \right)^i \quad (16)$$

### 3.2. Levelized cost of energy

The Levelized cost of energy ( $LCOE$ ) is a measure of the energy source that allows comparison of various techniques of electricity production on a consistent basis. it is a very important factor that estimates the cost of each kilowatt per hour. The  $LCOE$  is calculated by this formula [21]:

$$LCOE = \frac{NPC \times CRF}{\sum_{t=1}^{8760} P_{load}(t)} \quad (17)$$

The capital recovery factor ( $CRF$ ) is calculated to convert the initial cost to an annual capital cost by the following formula [21]:

$$CRF(ir, R) = \frac{i_r \times (1+i_r)^R}{(1+i_r)^R - 1} \quad (18)$$

### 3.3. Loss of power supply probability

Loss of power supply probability (LPSP) described the reliability of the system. The value of LPSP determines the state of the electrical load is it satisfied or not satisfied by the hybrid system. Which can be calculated as [21]:

$$LPSP = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{8760} (P_{load}(t) - P_{pv}(t) - P_{wind}(t) + P_{dg,out}(t) + E_{bmin})}{\sum_{t=1}^{8760} P_{load}(t)} \quad (19)$$

### 3.4. Renewable energy Fraction

The renewable fraction ( $RF$ ) is the fraction of the energy given to the electric load that generated from renewable resources, The  $RF$  is formulated as follow [21]:

$$RF = \left( 1 - \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{8760} P_{dg,out}(t)}{\sum_{t=1}^{8760} P_{re}(t)} \right) \times 100 \quad (20)$$

Where  $P_{re}$  is the sum of hybrid system powers.

### 3.5. Availability

The availability index  $A$  defines the quality of the suggested system design which provides the satisfaction of the electric load. The availability can be calculated as follows [23]:

$$A = 1 - \frac{DMN}{\sum_{t=1}^{8760} P_{load}(t)} \quad (21)$$

$$DMN = P_{bmin}(t) - P_b(t) - (P_{pv}(t) + P_{wind}(t) + P_{dg,out}(t) - P_{load}(t)) \times u(t) \quad (22)$$

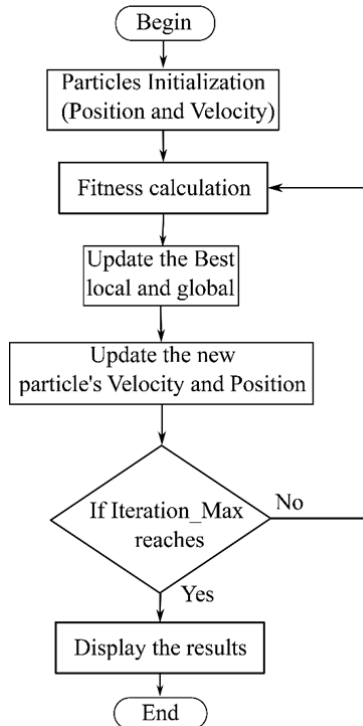
### 3.6. Inequality constraints

The system is fully controlled and satisfied with the economic and environmental aspects, furthermore, this provides high reliability and excellent availability of the hybrid system, some of those conditions can be described as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq A_{pv} \leq A_{pv}^{max}, \\ 0 &\leq A_{wind} \leq A_{wind}^{max}, \\ 0 &\leq P_{dgn} \leq P_{dgn}^{max}, \\ 0 &\leq P_{Cap.bat} \leq P_{Cap.bat}^{max}, \\ LPSP &\leq LPSP^{max}, \\ RF^{min} &\leq RF, A^{min} \leq A, \\ AD^{min} &\leq AD \end{aligned}$$

**4. Particle swarm optimization algorithm**

The Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is a metaheuristic algorithm, inspired by the social behavior of some nature organisms like birds and fishes. Each particle characterized by its placement and velocity, which are initialized by zero and updated each iteration to find the best fitness inside the search space. The optimal fitness can be local or global, which requires a comparison of each iteration to define the best global [11]. All steps of the PSO algorithm present in the flowchart in Fig.1.



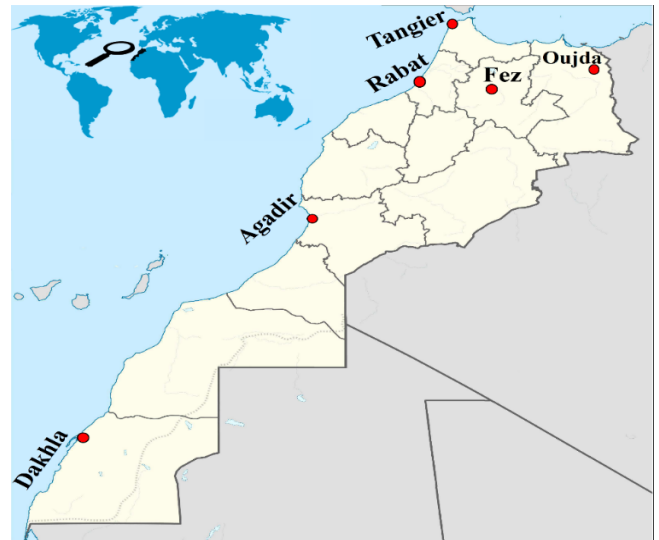
**Fig. 1.** Flowchart of the PSO algorithm.

**5. Results and discussed**

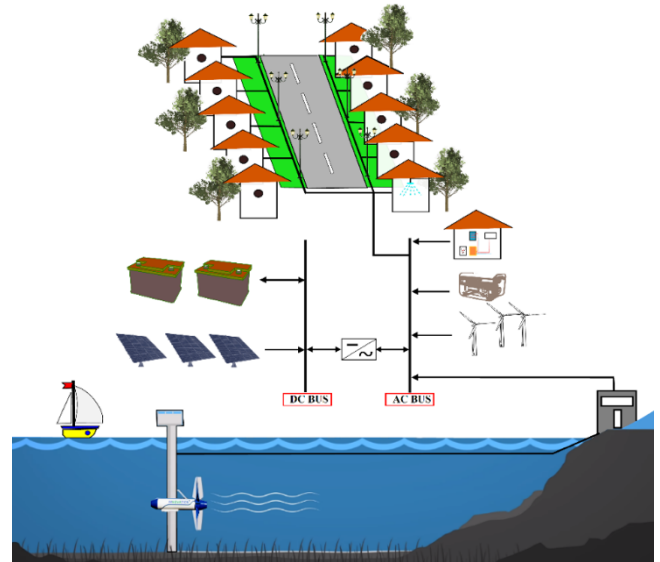
This study presented an economic assessing of renewable energy resources in Morocco. Where six cities are chosen in various regions in Morocco, marine, steppe, mountain, and coastal areas are taking to be a diverse and comprehensive study. The cities under study are Rabat (33.943, -6.8504), Dakhla (23.6985, -15.9116), Tangier (35.703, -5.8008), Fez (33.9855, -4.9823), Oujda (34.5767, -1.8951) and Agadir (30.3504, -9.5993) as shown in Fig.2.

The economic feasibility of hybrid energy microgrid systems consisting of PV/wind/diesel/battery/tidal and biomass been studied. The results showed that the three best economically hybrid systems are (PV/wind/diesel/battery), (PV/tidal/biomass/battery), and (PV/biomass).

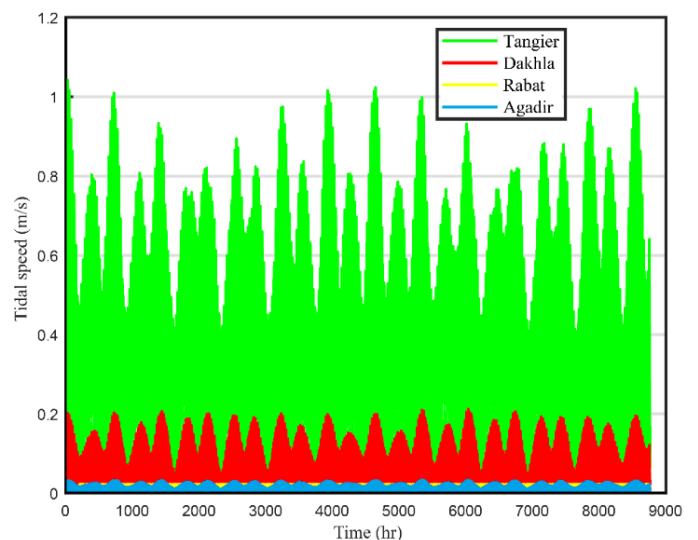
Figure.3 describes an overview of available components and electrical load which considered in this work. The load is composed of the electric of houses, street lighting, and a traditional shower that consumed the dumped energy. The load peak is 70.2 kWh, all data of load power and meteorological are calculated per hour (as the tidal data shown in Fig.4).



**Fig. 2.** Morocco maps.



**Fig. 3.** Microgrid projects; components and loads.



**Fig. 4.** Tidal currents of the sites under study.

The input parameter economic data is tabulated in Table1, while the PV, wind, tidal, battery, diesel, biomass, and converter data are listed in Table [2-7], respectively. Table 8 represents the limits of the constraints, which help to get high availability of power and excellent reliability of the system, all with a high penetration of renewable energy. The sizing and power management strategies of the hybrid systems are investigated using the PSO algorithm that choosing for its simplicity and effectiveness. The algorithm has been coded using the MATLAB editor. The algorithm used ten populations with a variable inertia weight and a maximum iteration of 100.

Table 9 indicates that the hybrid PV/wind/diesel/battery is the economic system in Rabat with 545935 \$, while in Dakhla is 204467\$, Tangier is 362063\$, Fez is 427454\$, Oujda is 401064\$ and finally in Agadir is 393499 \$. Note that in the Dakhla city, the project has the best NPC over the country, while the LCOE is the least expensive with just 0.0842 \$/kWh. These results show the high source of irradiation and wind speed on parallel in this area. Table 10 shows the optimal sizing of this hybrid system is 368.7 and 227.633m<sup>2</sup> for the PV and wind area, respectively, which confirmed the high availability of these renewable sources in those regions. Figures [5-7] show the Matlab simulation results for the optimal three hybrid systems in all Moroccan regions under study, Fig.5 shows the PV/wind/diesel/battery system, which is the best choose found in the Morocco case. The convergence results refer to three categories; the first has a high project cost as Rabat, the second has an excellent project cost as Dakhla, while the third location has medium project cost like most cities in Morocco. Those cities converged in the project cost despite the diverse geography and the meteorological between each other.

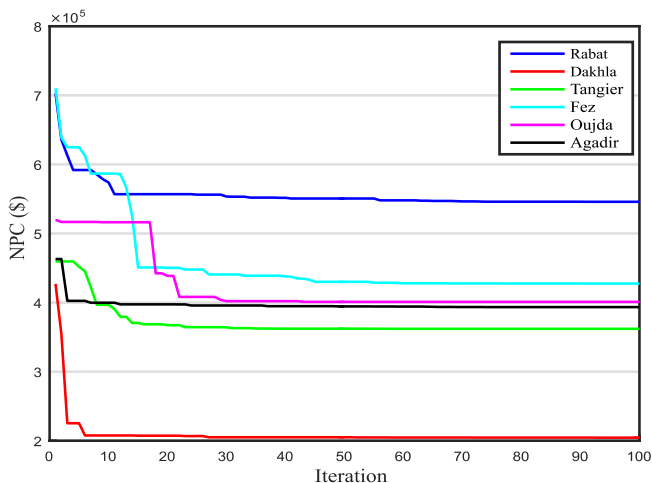


Fig. 5. The Cost of PV/wind/diesel/battery system.

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Figure 6 presents the PV/tidal/biomass/battery system, and the convergence results are almost the same, Fig.7 shows

the convergence results of the PV/biomass system, indicate that the PV is the pillar source. The project cost of each location is dependent on its solar irradiation capacity.

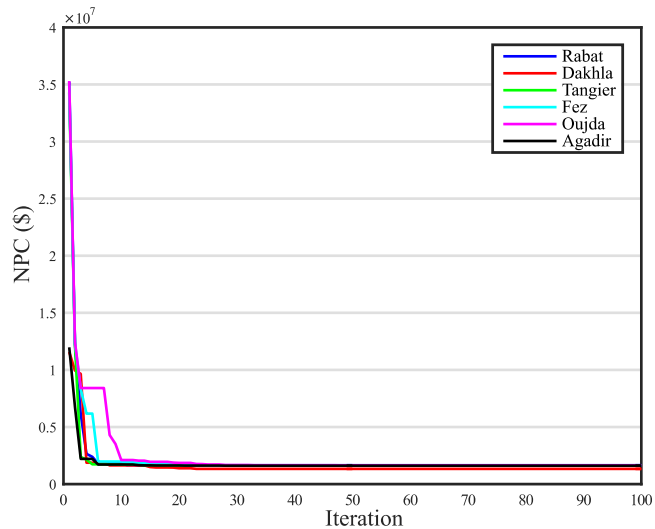


Fig. 6. The Cost of PV/tidal/biomass/battery system.

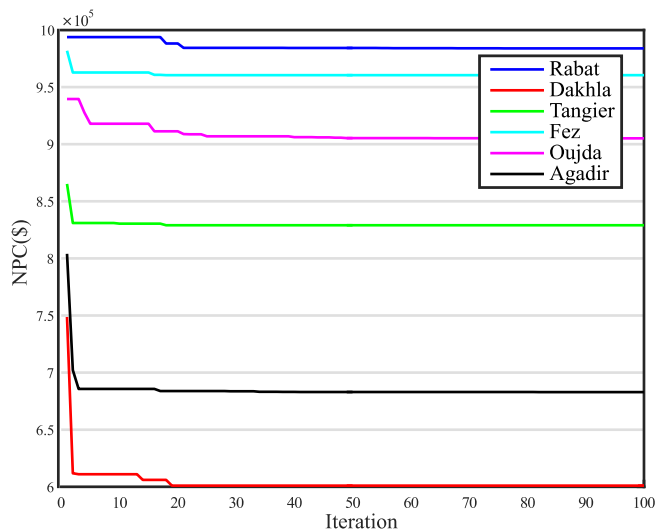


Fig. 7. The cost of PV/biomass system.

Concerning the assessing of renewable energy sources in Morocco, the tidal speed is almost useless except in some specific places because of its low tide speed, which is inferior to 2m/s. In general, the feasible tidal energy project requires regions with spring tides stronger than 2 m/s and neap tides stronger than 1 m/s, and contrarily the tidal energy will be useless. The PV solar is considered as pillar sources in all hybrid systems in these cities, which means Morocco has suitable solar irradiation that could help to build PV cost-effective projects anywhere in the country. As for wind energy, the wind speed is a perfect across the country with a total of 30000 m/s in the year mean 4 m/s on middle, while in Dakhla city that has an excellent wind speed with a total of 58000 m/s per year; it around 6.7 m/s in the middle and 12.55 m/s in max.

Figure 8 demonstrates a summary of this study, which shows that Dakhla city has perfect meteorological data to obtain the best project cost with 204467 \$ and 0.08 \$/kWh

with the percentage of each source's participation in the hybrid system.

The results demonstrated that Morocco has excellent and diverse weather all through the country, where the PV and wind system found is the best hybrid system to overcome the fluctuating weather, raising the reliability, and increasing efficiency of the system. Also, the PV solar produces energy always more of other components, except in Dakhla location where wind turbine produces 64.59% from total energy while the PV panels produce the rest of energy. Finally, the results showed the ability of the PSO algorithm to achieve the optimal solution with high precision and fastness.

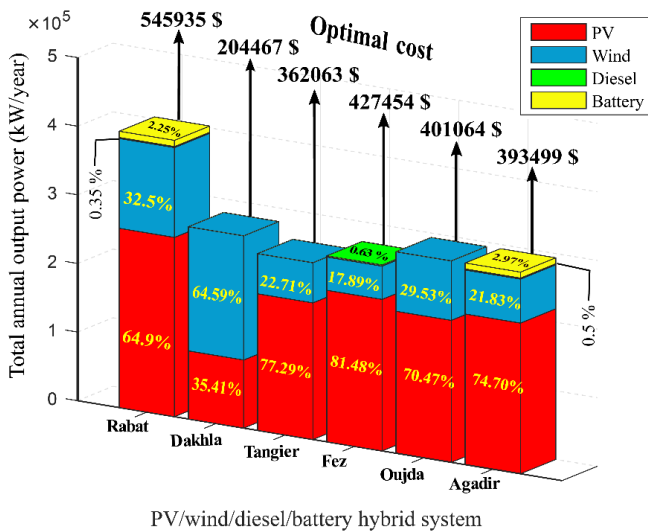


Fig. 8. The optimal hybrid system in the cities under study.

6. Conclusion

Morocco has plans to meet its energy needs by the full exploitation of renewable energies, mainly with solar energy parks and wind farms. The fertile climate in this region explains the country's tendency to build and evaluate such systems. This research focuses on assessing renewable energy sources in Morocco using the economical feasibility technique based on the optimization of NPC. The optimal sizing and power management strategies of the hybrid systems are achieving used a smart algorithm (PSO). The proposed technique has been programmed with MATLAB. Subsequently, the economic feasibility of the project was compared among many Moroccan regions with a diverse climate, and many factors were considered and mainly the reliability. The results show that Morocco has excellent climate data, especially in Dakhla city, where the high solar irradiation and wind speed both. However, the hybrid PV/wind system is optimal economic with 0.0842\$/kWh and ecologic, which should take him seriously by the state instead of the PV parks or wind farms only.

In future work, the focus is on looking at the evaluation of new hybrid microgrid energy systems in the areas under study. As well as the evaluation of renewable energy in other regions of Morocco, in addition to developing small domestic

wind turbines, mainly in northern Morocco, which is interesting because of the high wind speed In these areas.

Table 1. Input parameter economic data

|                                |                        |                         |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| PV initial cost                | 325                    | \$/m <sup>2</sup>       |
| Annual O&M cost of PV          | 0.01 × λ <sub>pv</sub> | \$/m <sup>2</sup> /year |
| Reference efficiency of the PV | 15                     | %                       |
| Efficiency of MPPT             | 100                    | %                       |
| PV cell reference temperature  | 25                     | °C                      |
| Temperature coefficient        | 0.005                  | °C                      |
| Nominal operating cell temp.   | 47                     | °C                      |
| PV system lifetime             | 20                     | year                    |

Table 2. PV parameters

|                  |     |      |
|------------------|-----|------|
| Project lifetime | 20  | year |
| Interest rate    | 6   | %    |
| Escalation rate  | 7.5 | %    |
| Inflation rate   | 8   | %    |

Table 3. Wind and tidal parameters

|                      |                      |                          |                      |                       |                           |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Initial cost         | λ <sub>wind</sub>    | 85                       | \$/m <sup>2</sup>    | λ <sub>tidal</sub>    | 125                       | \$/m <sup>2</sup>    |
| Annual O&M cost      | θ <sub>wind</sub>    | 0.01 × λ <sub>wind</sub> | \$/m <sup>2</sup> /y | θ <sub>tidal</sub>    | 0.01 × λ <sub>tidal</sub> | \$/m <sup>2</sup> /y |
| Max. power coeff.    | C <sub>p_wind</sub>  | 0.4                      | %                    | C <sub>p_tidal</sub>  | 0.4                       | %                    |
| Cut-in wind speed    | V <sub>ci_wind</sub> | 3                        | m/s                  | V <sub>ci_tidal</sub> | 0.7                       | m/s                  |
| Cut-out wind speed   | V <sub>co_wind</sub> | 25                       | m/s                  | V <sub>co_tidal</sub> | 5                         | m/s                  |
| Rated wind speed     | V <sub>r_wind</sub>  | 11                       | m/s                  | V <sub>r_tidal</sub>  | 2.4                       | m/s                  |
| Wind system lifetime | N <sub>wind</sub>    | 20                       | year                 | N <sub>tidal</sub>    | 20                        | year                 |

Table 4. Biomass parameters

|   |                        |             |
|---|------------------------|-------------|
| Biomass initial cost                          | 400                    | \$/kW       |
| Annual fixed O&M cost of the biogas system    | 0.05 × λ <sub>bg</sub> | \$/kW/year  |
| Annual variable O&M cost of the biogas system | 0.0042                 | \$/kWh/year |
| Biomass fuel cost of the biogas system        | 45                     | \$/ton/year |
| Tidal system lifetime                         | 20                     | year        |

Table 5. Diesel parameters

|                           |      |       |
|---------------------------|------|-------|
| Diesel initial cost       | 260  | \$/kW |
| Annual O&M cost of diesel | 0.05 | \$/h  |
| Replacement cost          | 210  | \$/kW |
| Fuel price in Rabat       | 1.04 | \$/L  |
| Diesel system lifetime    | 7    | year  |

**Table 6.** Battery parameters

|  |                             |              |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Battery initial cost                           | 85                          | \$ /kWh      |
| Annual operation & maintenance cost of Battery | $0.03 \times \lambda_{bat}$ | \$ /kWh/year |
| Depth of discharge                             | 80                          | %            |
| Battery efficiency                             | 85                          | %            |
| Minimum state of charge                        | 20                          | %            |
| Maximum state of charge                        | 80                          | %            |
| Battery system lifetime                        | 5                           | year         |

**Table 7.** Inverter parameters

|                             |     |                    |
|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Inverter initial cost       | 400 | \$ /m <sup>2</sup> |
| Annual O&M cost of inverter | 20  | \$ /year           |
| Inverter efficiency         | 97  | %                  |

**Table 8.** Limits of constraints

|  |                     |      |                |
|--|---------------------|------|----------------|
| Maximum PV area                          | $A_{pv}^{max}$      | 1350 | m <sup>2</sup> |
| Maximum wind swept area                  | $A_{wind}^{max}$    | 1350 | m <sup>2</sup> |
| Maximum tidal swept area                 | $A_{tidal}^{max}$   | 1350 | m <sup>2</sup> |
| Maximum biomass swept area               | $A_{biomass}^{max}$ | 1000 | Ton/year       |
| Maximum rated power of diesel generator  | $P_{dgn}^{max}$     | 30   | kW             |
| Maximum nominal capacity of battery      | $P_{Cap.bat}^{max}$ | 35   | kWh            |
| Maximum loss of power supply probability | $LPSP^{max}$        | 5    | %              |
| Minimum renewable fraction               | $RF^{min}$          | 70   | %              |
| Minimum Availability                     | $A^{min}$           | 95   | %              |

**Table 9.** hybrid system factors result

| Location | Hybrid system            | NPC (\$) | LCOE(\$/kWh) | LPSP (%) | Av (%) | RF (%) | AD (h) |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rabat    | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 545935   | 0.224        | 0.05     | 97.23  | 99.6   | 32     |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1648063  | 0.678        | 0.046    | 96.68  | //     | 12     |
|          | PV/biomass               | 983898   | 0.405        | 0.05     | 95     | //     | //     |
| Dakhla   | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 204467   | 0.0842       | 0.05     | 95     | 100    | 0      |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1333175  | 0.549        | 0.0427   | 97.179 | //     | 12     |
|          | PV/biomass               | 600992   | 0.2475       | 0.05     | 95     | //     | //     |
| Tangier  | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 362063   | 0.1491       | 0.05     | 95     | 100    | 0      |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1625988  | 0.6696       | 0.047    | 97.648 | //     | 32     |
|          | PV/biomass               | 829040   | 0.3414       | 0.05     | 95     | //     | //     |
| Fez      | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 427454   | 0.176        | 0.05     | 95.421 | 99.363 | 0      |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1634504  | 0.6731       | 0.0411   | 97.055 | //     | 12     |
|          | PV/biomass               | 960450   | 0.3955       | 0.05     | 95     | //     | //     |
| Oujda    | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 401064   | 0.1652       | 0.05     | 95     | 100    | 0      |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1644383  | 0.6772       | 0.0429   | 96.96  | //     | 12     |
|          | PV/biomass               | 905184   | 0.3728       | 0.05     | 95     | //     | //     |
| Agadir   | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 393499   | 0.1621       | 0.05     | 97.322 | 99.464 | 32     |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1612908  | 0.6642       | 0.0388   | 98.173 | //     | 32     |
|          | PV/biomass               | 682984   | 0.2813       | 0.0489   | 95.109 | //     | //     |

**Table 10.** hybrid systems sizing results

| Location | Hybrid system            | PV(m <sup>2</sup> ) | Wind(m <sup>2</sup> ) | Tidal(m <sup>2</sup> ) | Biomass(ton/year) | diesel(kW) | battery(kWh) |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| Rabat    | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 966.64              | 564.463               | //                     | //                | 0.5831     | 35           |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1350                | //                    | 0                      | 2.68              | //         | 13.16        |
|          | PV/biomass               | 1286.8              | //                    | //                     | 937.25            | //         | //           |
| Dakhla   | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 368.7               | 227.633               | //                     | //                | 0          | 0            |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 699.8               | //                    | 0                      | 2.6835            | //         | 13.1783      |
|          | PV/biomass               | 643.58              | //                    | //                     | 1000              | //         | //           |
| Tangier  | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 735.07              | 207.110               | //                     | //                | 0          | 0            |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1350                | //                    | 0                      | 2.68348           | //         | 35           |
|          | PV/biomass               | 998                 | //                    | //                     | 1000              | //         | //           |
| Fez      | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 826.4               | 238.78                | //                     | //                | 0.5367     | 0            |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1350                | //                    | 0                      | 2.6835            | //         | 13.1627      |
|          | PV/biomass               | 1161                | //                    | //                     | 1000              | //         | //           |
| Oujda    | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 770.4               | 345.82                | //                     | //                | 0          | 0            |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1350                | //                    | 0                      | 2.6835            | //         | 13.1627      |
|          | PV/biomass               | 1227.2              | //                    | //                     | 957.53            | //         | //           |
| Agadir   | PV/wind/diesel/battery   | 713.03              | 321.1495              | //                     | //                | 0.5675     | 35           |
|          | PV/tidal/biomass/battery | 1350                | //                    | 0                      | 2.6835            | //         | 35           |
|          | PV/biomass               | 808.83              | //                    | //                     | 1000              | //         | //           |

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