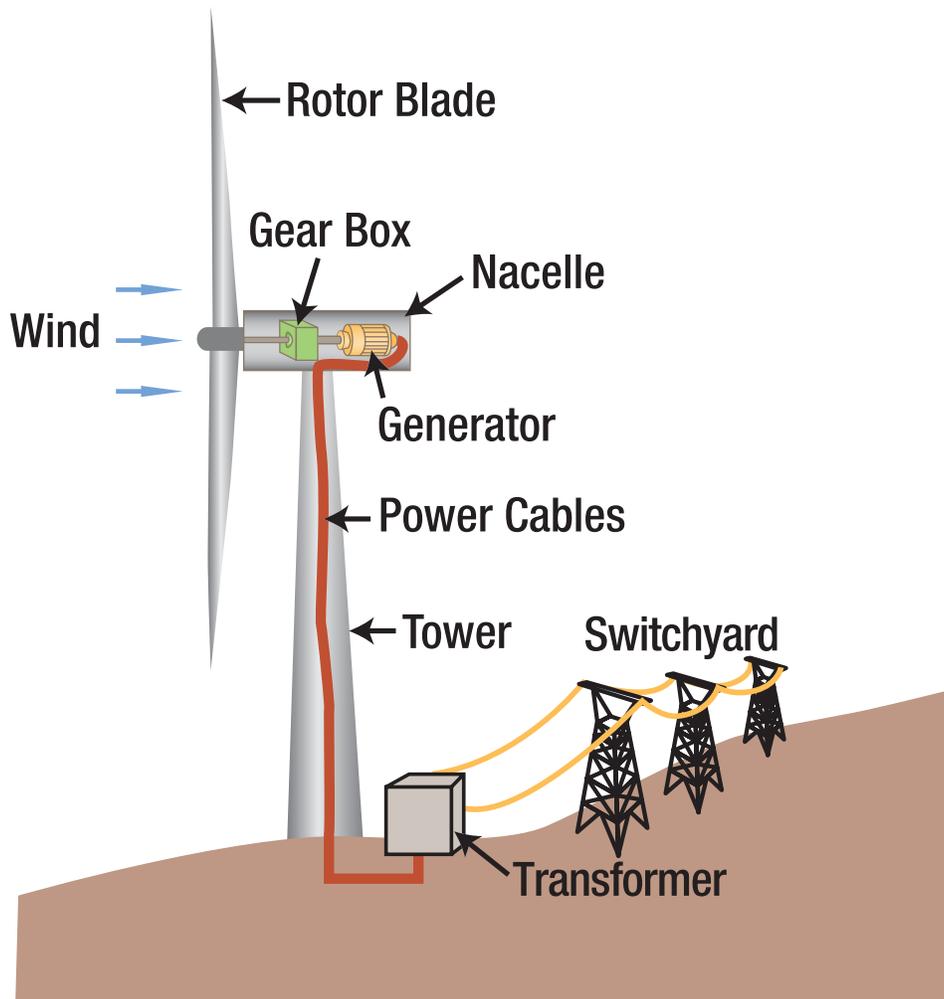


Wind



Wind power is the conversion of wind energy into a useful form, such as electricity, using wind turbines. Wind energy has historically been used directly to propel ships or converted into mechanical energy for pumping water or grinding grain, but the principal application of wind power today is the generation of electricity. Wind is the fastest growing form of electricity generation in the world. During 2006 alone, more than 15,000 MW of new wind capacity was installed worldwide, and another 20,000 MW during 2007. As of the end of 2007, the installed wind generation capacity was 16,819 MW in the United States and 94,000 MW worldwide.