

# Temporal Wind Variability and Uncertainty

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# Here is a more precise standard...

## COFFEE BREWING CONTROL CHART

Brewing Ratio: Grams per Liter

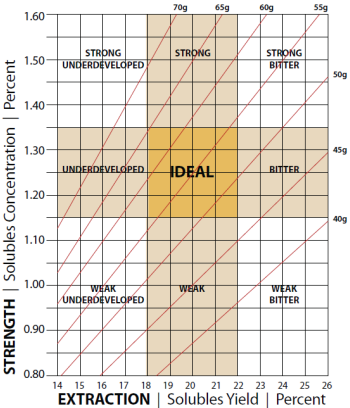


Figure: A Standard in Two Dimensions

Source: <http://paradiseroasters.com/content/BrewingControlChart.pdf>

# Aggregated, Wind Looks "Okay"

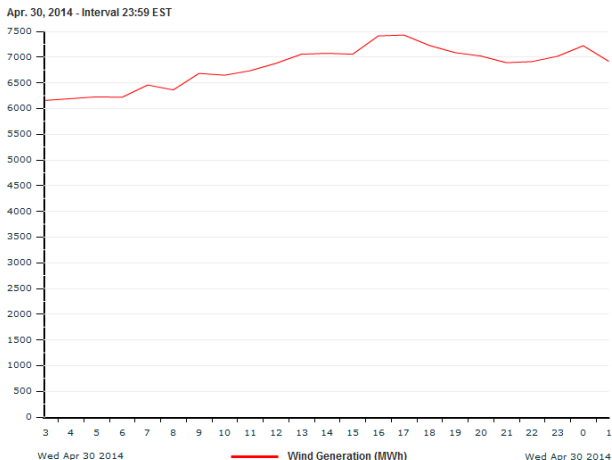


Figure: 24 Hours of Wind in MISO

Source: MISO Real-Time Market Data



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# Load and Renewables

Example: Winter 2020

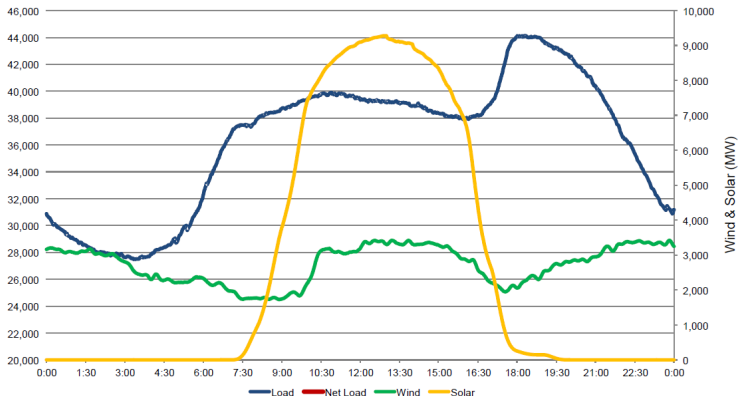


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# Projected Load and Net Load

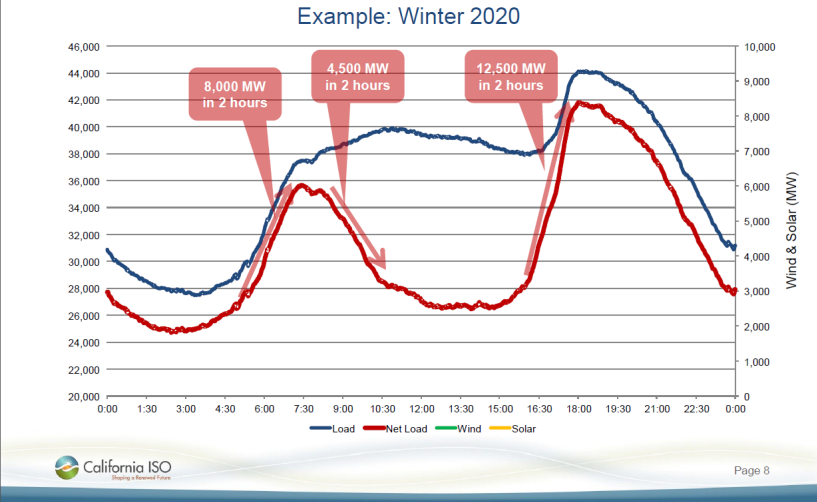


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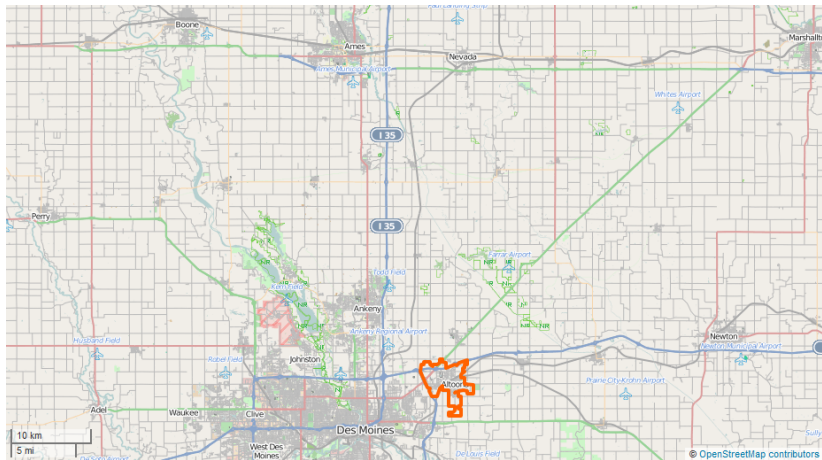


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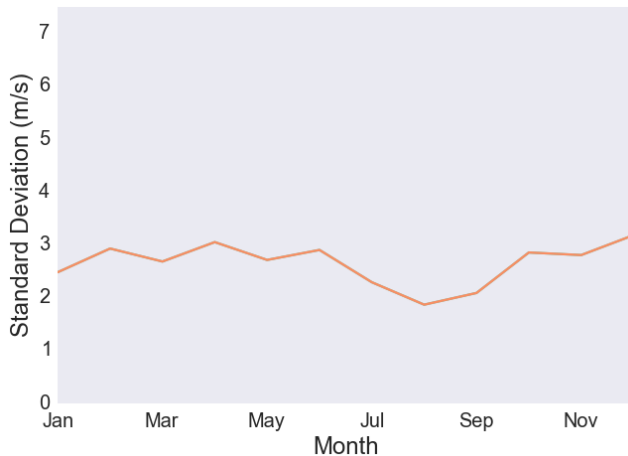


Figure: Altoona - Monthly Standard Deviation at 50m



# Characterizing Altoona Wind Speed for Full Year

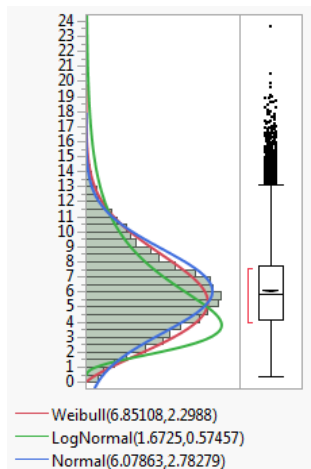


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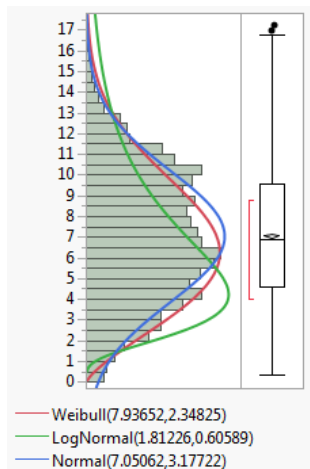


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- ▶ Would we want to use the Weibull itself to synthesize a range of daily wind speed simulations?

# Altoona - June 1

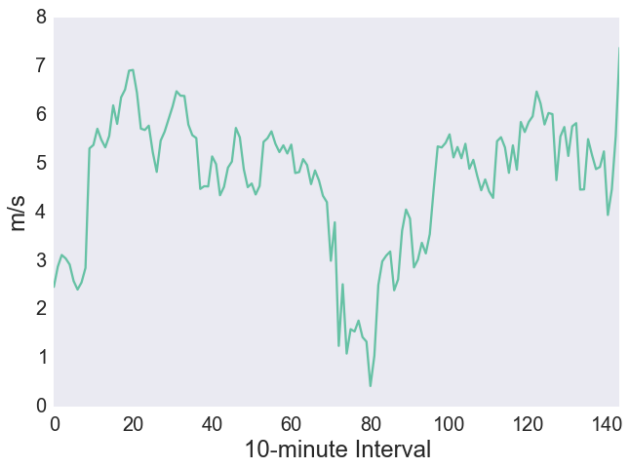


Figure: Altoona Average Wind Speed at 50m - June 1, 2008

# Attempt to Fit Single Day

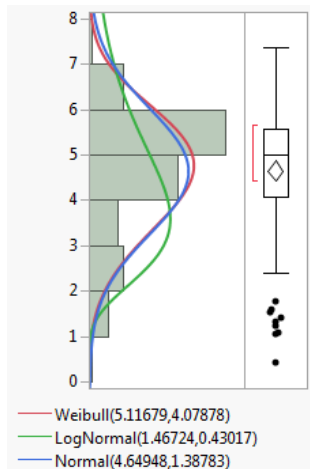


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# Trend

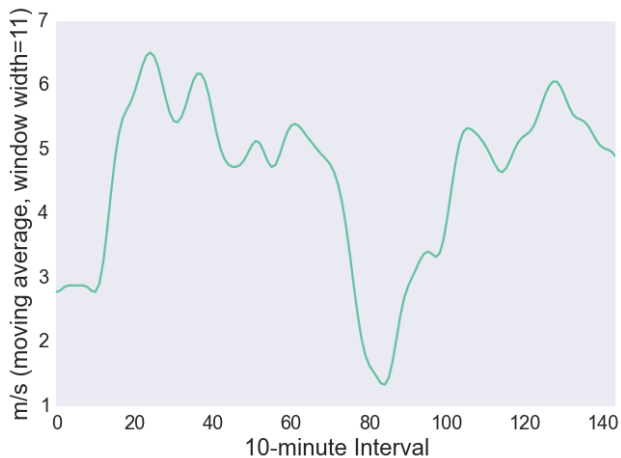


Figure: Moving Average of Wind Speed at 50m - June 1, 2008

# Histogram Leads to...

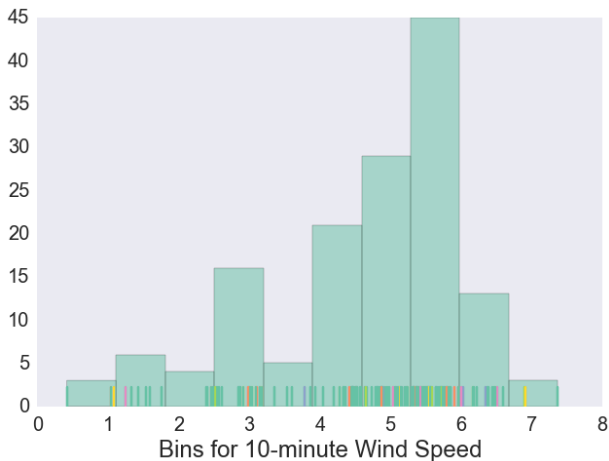


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# Kernel Density Estimate

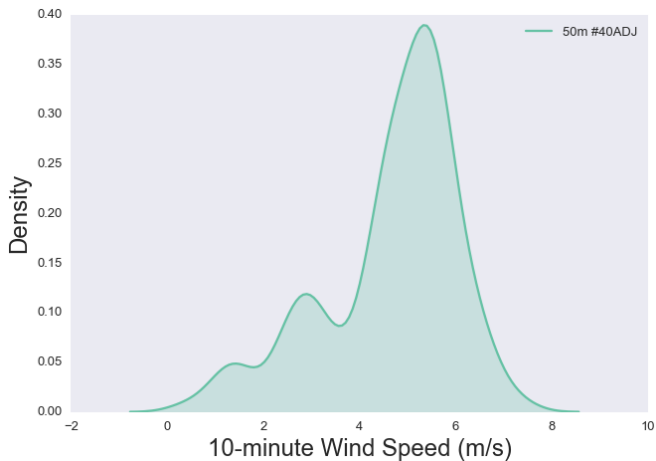


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- ▶ Next steps are to consider other study sites and correlation with Altoona over 24-hour periods, and wind power at level of wind farms, based on wind speed