



# Task 36 Forecasting for Wind Power



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Wind power forecasts have been used operatively for over 20 years. Despite this fact, there are still several possibilities to improve the forecasts, both from the weather prediction side and from the usage of the forecasts. The new International Energy Agency (IEA) Task on Forecasting for Wind Energy tries to organise international collaboration, among national weather centres with an interest and/or large projects on wind forecast improvements (NOAA, DWD, ...), operational forecaster and forecast users.

The Task is divided in three work packages: Firstly, a collaboration on the improvement of the scientific basis for the wind predictions themselves. This includes numerical weather prediction model physics, but also widely distributed information on accessible datasets. Secondly, we will be aiming at an international pre-standard (an IEA Recommended Practice) on benchmarking and operational wind power forecasts, including probabilistic forecasts. This WP

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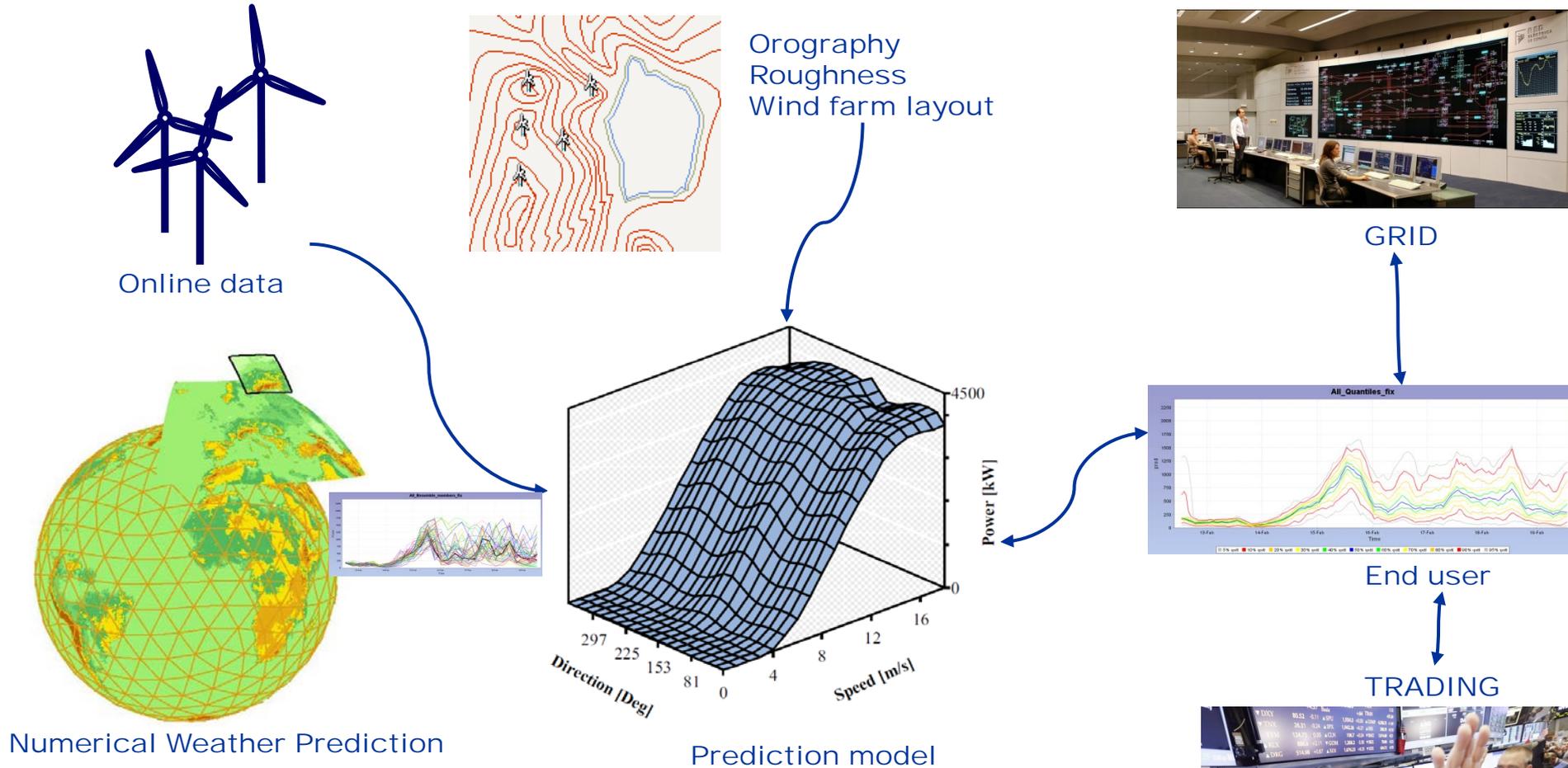


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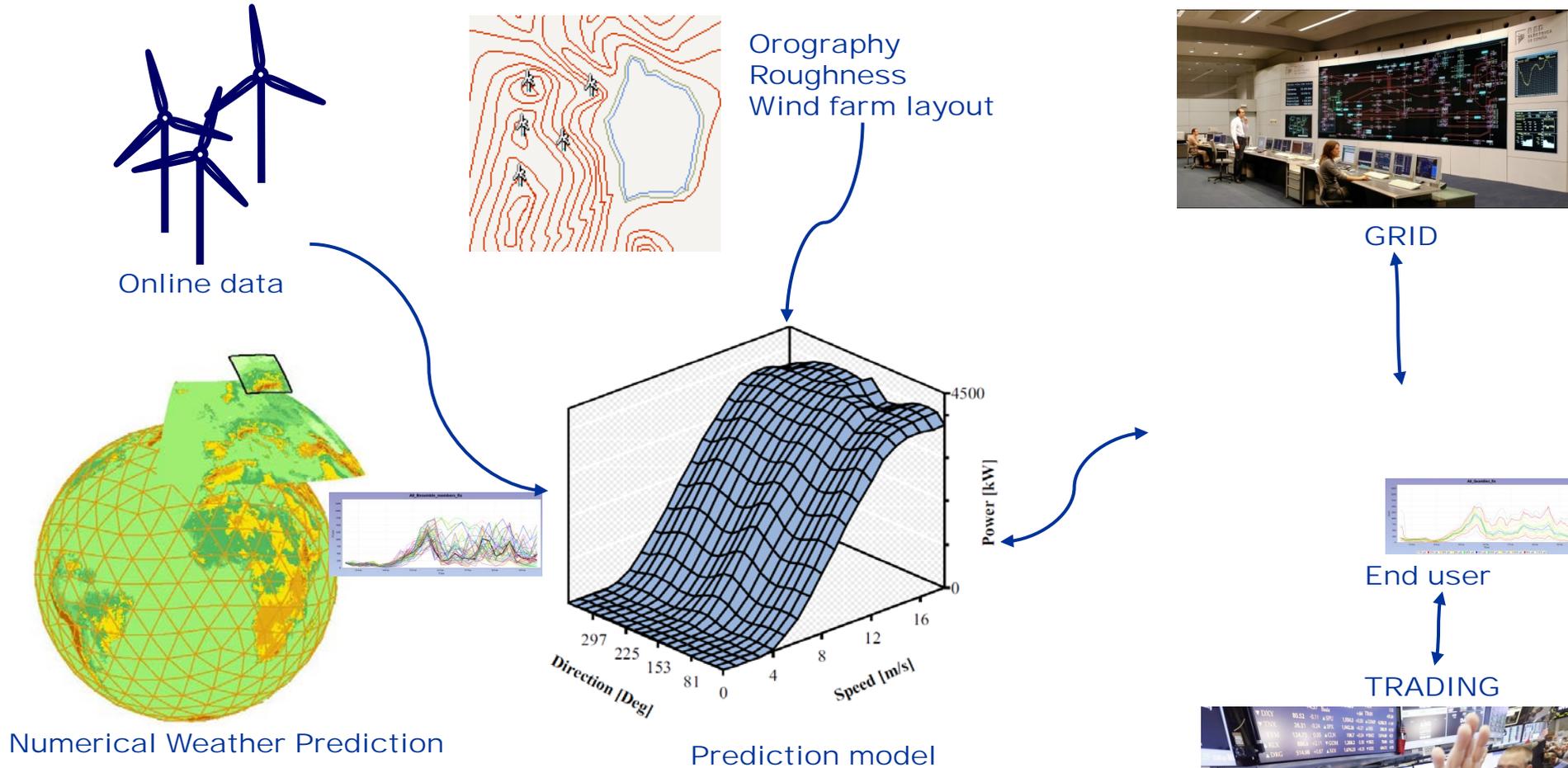
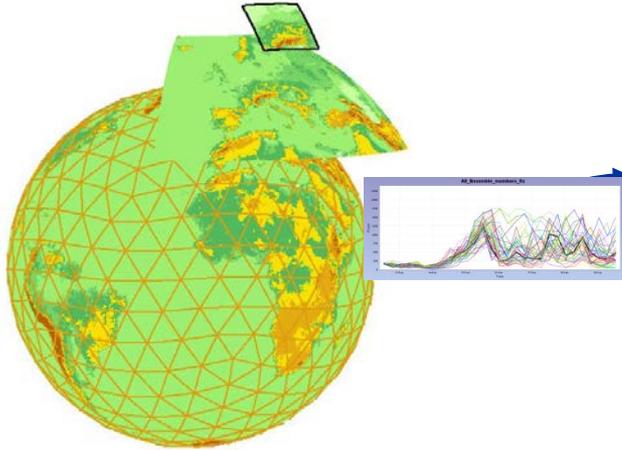
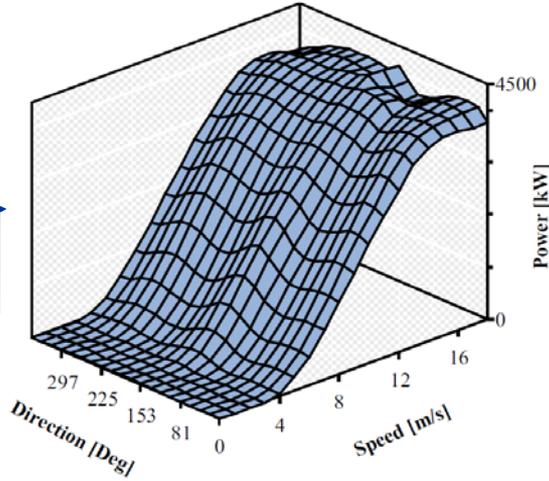


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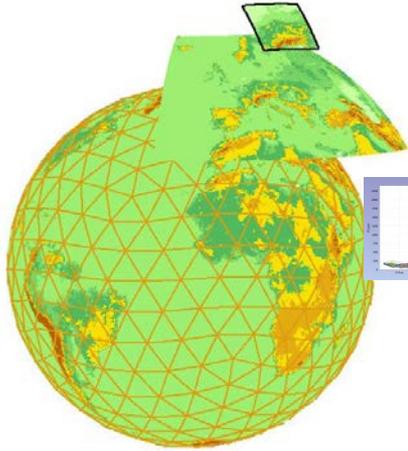


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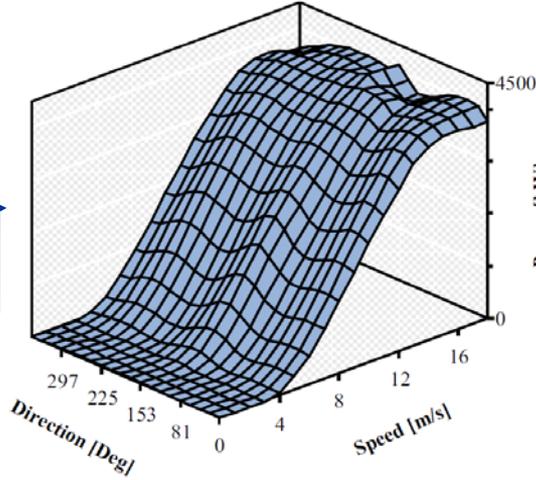
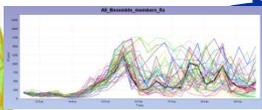


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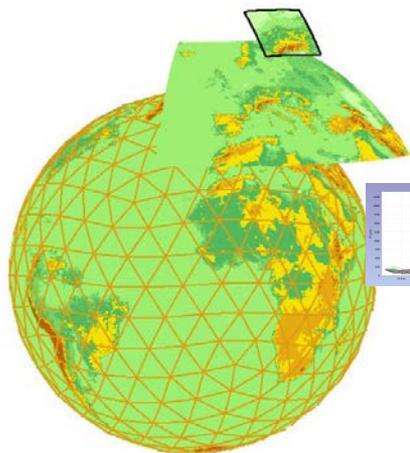


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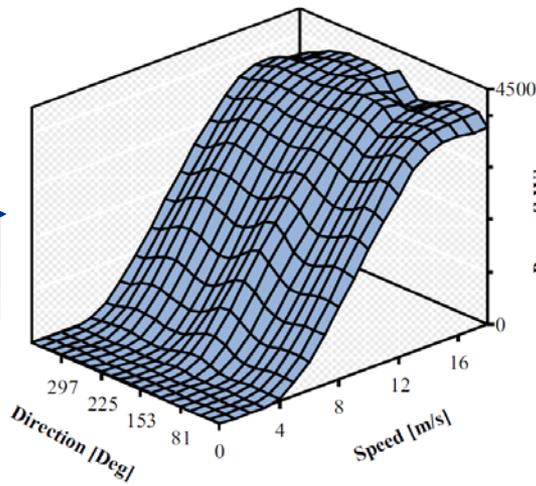
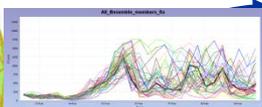


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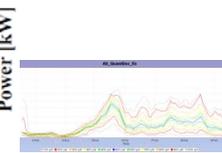
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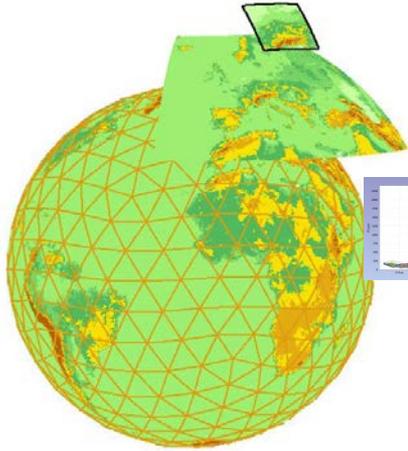
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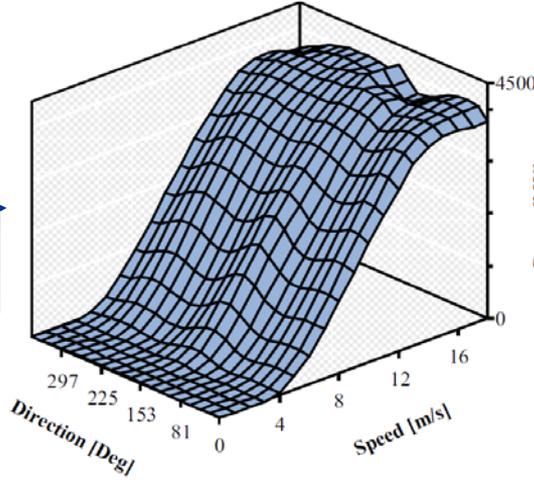
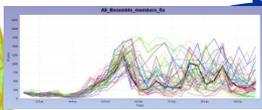
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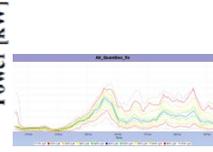
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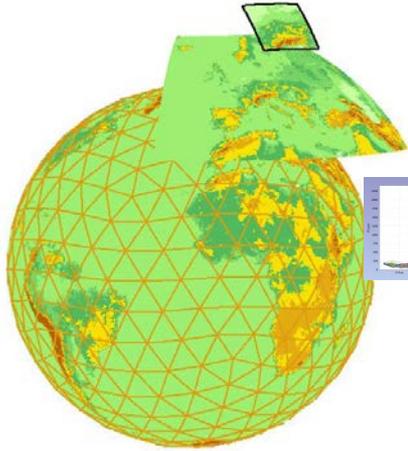


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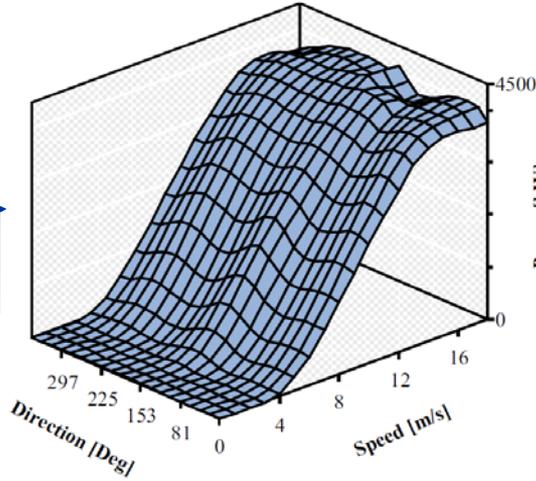
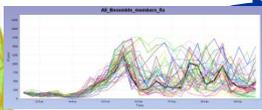
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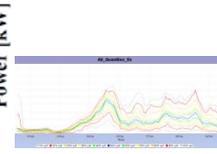
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# WP1 Meteorology

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- Helmut Frank, DWD
- Joel Cline, DoE
- Will Shaw, PNNL





# WP1 Meteorology

- Task 1.1: Compile list of **available data sets**, especially from tall towers.
- Task 1.2: Creation of annual reports documenting and announcing **field measurement programs** and availability of data.
- Task 1.3: Verify and Validate the improvements through a **common data set** to test model results upon and discuss at IEA Task meetings



# Wind observation need beyond 100m



## WP1 Weather Prediction Improvements

- > Task 1.1 Available Data Sets
- > Task 1.2 List of Field Campaigns
- > Task 1.3 Common Test Data

## WP2 Benchmarks

## WP3 End Use

## Task 1.1 Available Data Sets

Compile list of available data sets, especially from tall towers.

- **Aim:** NWP models need data to compare to, in turbine relevant heights -> 50-200 m.
- **Task** compiles list of data sets, especially masts.
- **Partners:** DWD, ForWind, ZSW, Danish partners, PNNL.

Please find a list of meteorological masts over 100m and their accessibility below. If you know of more information, which could be used for wind verification, please send a mail to [Helmut Frank](#), DWD.

### Lead



Helmut Frank  
DWD, Deutscher  
Wetterdienst



SITE NAME	COORDINATES	ALTITUDE ABOVE MSL	TOWER HEIGHT	URL	CONTACT	DATA POLICY	DATA FORMAT	OBS. PERIOD	OTHER
Cabauw, NL	4.926° E, 51.97° N	-0.7 m	200 m	<a href="http://www.cesar-observatory.nl/index.php">www.cesar-observatory.nl/index.php</a>	<a href="mailto:henk.klein.baltink@knmi.nl">henk.klein.baltink@knmi.nl</a>	<a href="#">Cesar data policy</a>	netCDF	2000-04-01 to previous month	
Ijmuiden, NL	52.848° E, 3.436° N	0 m	92 m	<a href="http://www.meteomastijmuiden.nl/en/measurement-campaign/">www.meteomastijmuiden.nl/en/measurement-campaign/</a>	<a href="mailto:verhoef@ecm.nl">verhoef@ecm.nl</a>			since 2012	offshore North Sea
Risø, DK	12.088° E, 55.694° N	0 m	125 m	<a href="http://rodeo.dtu.dk/rodeo/ProjectOverview.aspx?&amp;Project=5&amp;Rnd=975820">rodeo.dtu.dk/rodeo/ProjectOverview.aspx?&amp;Project=5&amp;Rnd=975820</a>	<a href="#">Allan Vesth</a>	Ask nicely		1995-11-20 -	Data measured since 1958; some months break in 2008.
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- **Partners:** DWD, PNNL, DTU

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### Co-lead



Will Shaw  
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### Wind Forecast Improvement Project 2 (WFIP 2) in Complex Flow

WFIP 2 (<http://www.esri.noaa.gov/gsd/renewable/wfip2.html>) aims to improve NOAA's short-term weather forecast models and increase understanding of physical processes such as stability, turbulence, and low-level jet that affect wind energy generation in regions of complex terrain, such as coastlines, mountains, and canyons. The experiment takes place in the Columbia River mountains, and canyons. The experiment takes place in the Columbia River Gorge area in the northwestern USA. The terrain includes mountains, canyons, and coastlines, and experiences a variety of complex flow including frontal passages, strong cross-barrier flow, mountain waves, topographic wakes, convective outflow, and marine pushes.

The field campaign started in fall 2015 and lasts 15 to 18 month running through the whole year 2016. Measurement instruments include Lidar, Sodar, wind profiler, surface meteorological stations, microbarographs, microwave radiometers. Partners are Vaisala, ESRL, PNNL, University of Colorado, NOAA, ARL, NREL. Measurements are taken by Vaisala. Project data are archived at the PNNL Data Archive and Portal (DAP), <https://a2e.pnnl.gov/data/>. Access to a lot of data is free after registration at <https://a2e.energy.gov/>.

### Experiments in the New European Wind Atlas (NEWA)

The New European Wind Atlas (NEWA, <http://www.neweuropeanwindatlas.eu>) will create a freely accessible wind atlas for Europe. To validate the models used for this project it includes several atmospheric flow experiments. An overview of the experiments is given by Mann et al (2017). The experiments employ Doppler Lidar systems to supplement or replace meteorological masts. At the latest by the end of the New European Wind Atlas project all data will become freely available for the scientific community.

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WFIP 2 continues into 2017.

In February 2017 the main campaign of the ship-lidar experiment of Fraunhofer IWES within NEWA started on the route between Kiel, Germany, and Klaipeda, Lithuania.

The big NEWA experiment will be the campaign in **Perdigão**, in central Portugal from January to June 2017. Several US universities and research institutes will join several European groups for this experiment. Serra do Perdigão is formed by two parallel ridges with Southeast-Northwest orientation, separated by circa 1.5 km, 4 km long and 500-550 m tall at their summit. A preparation for the large Perdigão experiment took place in May-June 2015 (see Mann et al., 2016).

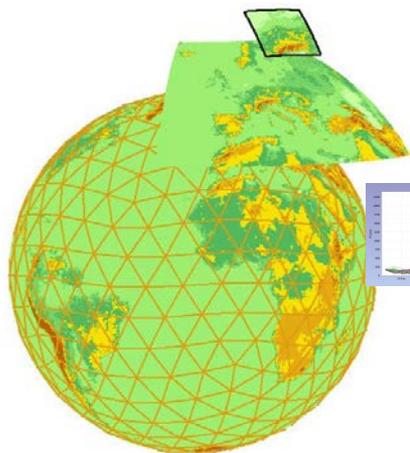
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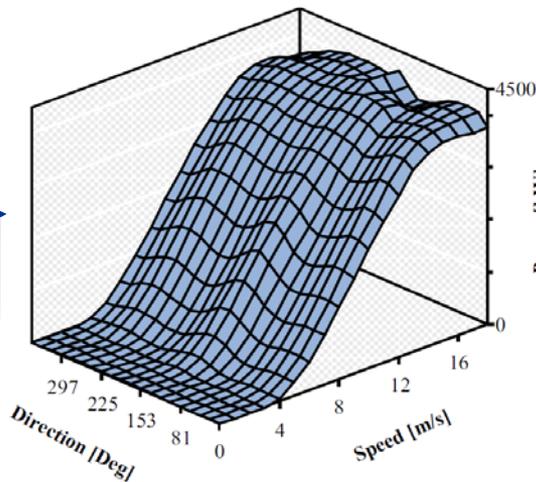
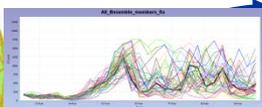
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# WP2:

Benchmark Best  
Practice  
Standard evaluation  
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Benchmarks



# WP2 Benchmarks

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# Task 2.1 – Lead DTU Elektro

Design of benchmark exercises: best practice

**D2.1: IEA Recommended Practice on Wind Power Forecast Evaluation**, for both deterministic and probabilistic forecasts



# Task 2.2 – Lead DTU Compute / Elektro

Standard evaluation protocol for both deterministic and probabilistic forecasts: review of existing, best practice, and critical assessment of new proposals



# D2.1

## IEA Recommended Practice on Wind Power Forecast Evaluation, for both deterministic and probabilistic forecasts

- Central document for us: preparation started
- Good list of cases of "how not to do it"
- Pros and cons of live vs retroactive trials
- Error measures
- Writing team established.



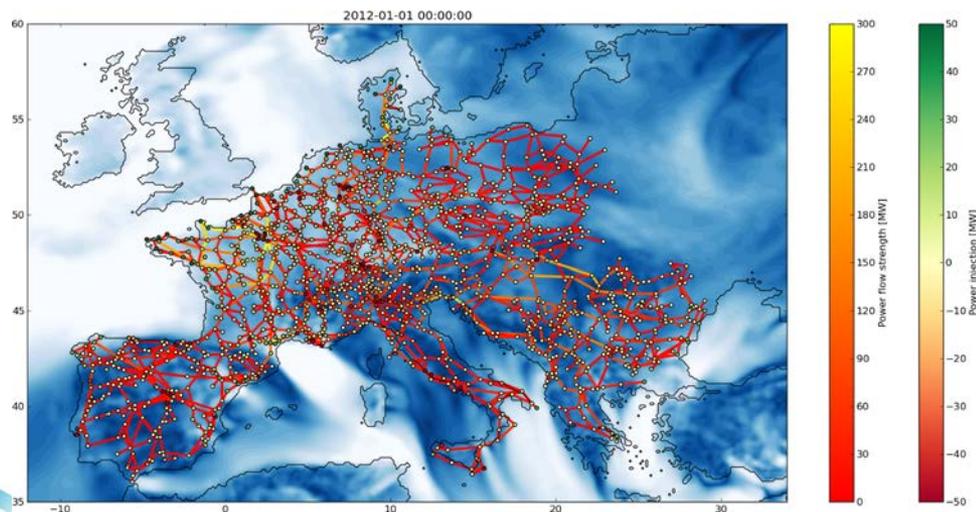
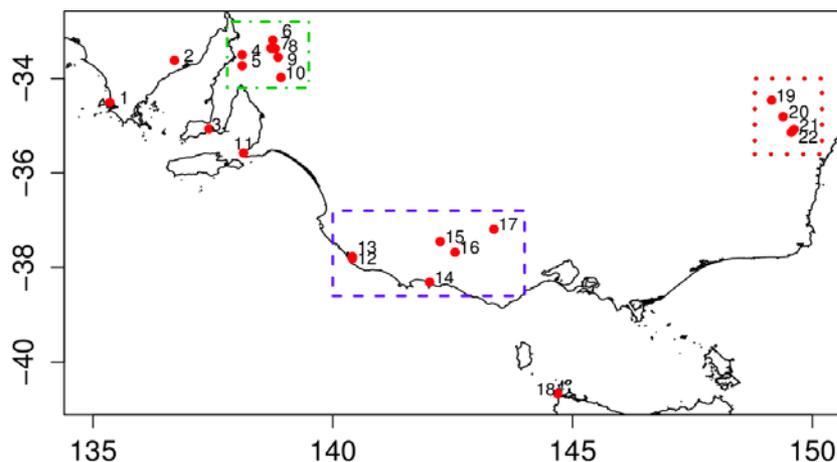
# Task 2.4 – Lead DTU Elektro

**Set-up and dissemination of benchmark test cases and data sets**

E.g. Global Forecast Competition on Kaggle,  
ANEMOS comparison



# Task 2.4 – Example datasets



- AEMO dataset  
(Australia, 20 wind farms,  
5min res. over several years)
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- RE-Europe (Europe,  
1500 nodes with wind and  
solar power, hourly res. over  
3 years – to be extended)



# Task 2.4 – What are we aiming for?

- Long datasets with good resolution
- Power and meteorological information (forecasts and possibly measurements, remote sensing)
- Preferably more than one location
- Possibility to share data, open access or under NDAs
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- To be hosted on existing platforms e.g. zenodo.org

## WP1 Weather Prediction Improvements

## WP2 Benchmarks

- > Task 2.1 Best Practice
- > Task 2.2 Evaluation Protocol
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## WP3 End Use

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- **Aim:** Set-up and dissemination of benchmarks.
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<a href="#">NREL WIND Toolkit</a>	Simulated generation and 1	US	2007-2013	5 min

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<a href="#">NREL WIND Toolkit</a>	Simulated generation and 1, 4, 6, and 24-hour wind and power forecasts for	US	2007-2013	5 min
<a href="#">NREL Western and Eastern Wind Integration data sets</a>	Simulated generation for 1326 (Eastern) + 32043 (Western) US sites based on MASS and WRF. For Eastern data set also 4 hour, 6 hour and day ahead forecasts	US	2004-2006	10 min
<a href="#">GEFCOM 2012</a>	Observed generation and +1 to +48 hour ECMWF wind forecasts for 7 wind farms	unknown	2009-2012	1 hour
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<a href="#">AEMO</a>	Generation data from various Australian wind farms	Australia	2005-	5 min

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### Additional information:

#### RE-Europe:

Full data set can be downloaded as zip-file. Generation signals and forecasts and meta data on location and aggregation are stored in csv-files. Additional to wind power data the data set includes solar generation and power load data. More information can be found on [https://zenodo.org/record/35177#\\_WqmNAzclFmB](https://zenodo.org/record/35177#_WqmNAzclFmB). Data policy: [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0](#).

#### NREL WIND Toolkit:

to Analysis & Downloads, choose either Wind Resource Data Download (Point) or Wind Resource Data Download (Box) and select points on the map for which you want data. A configuration window will pop up where you have to supply your contact data and can select the data sources. After your query has been processed you will get an email with a download link. Forecast data can only be accessed through a [special request](#).

#### NREL Western and Eastern Wind Integration data sets:

see [NREL WIND Toolkit](#)

#### GEFCOM 2012:

The full data set can be downloaded as supplementary data of the paper <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169207013000745>. Wind power measurements are found in windpowermeasurements.csv and forecasts for the different wind farms are stored in separate files windforecasts\_wf\*.csv. Further information can also be found on <https://www.kaggle.com/c/GEF2012-wind-forecasting>.

#### GEFCOM 2014:

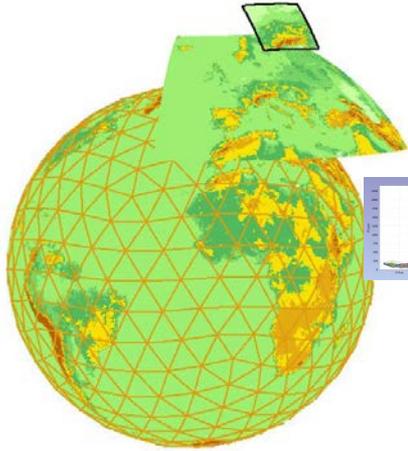
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#### AEMO:

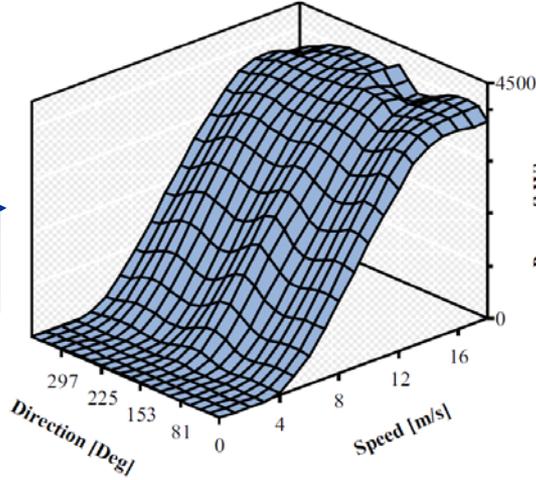
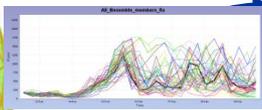
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Numerical Weather Prediction



Prediction model



End user

# WP3:

Decision support

Scenarios  
Best Practice in Use  
Communication



# WP3 Advanced Usage

Lead:

**George Kariniotakis, Mines ParisTech**

**Corinna Möhrlein, WEPROG**

Industry co-lead





# Task 3.1 – Lead: WEPROG

State of the art of use of forecasts uncertainties in the business practices (operation/management, planning of power systems, markets operation/participation) of actors in the power systems sector (TSOs, DSOs, ESCOs, traders etc).

Please fill in the questionnaire at

<http://www.ieawindforecasting.dk/topics/workpackage-3/task-3-1>

(also linked from main page of the task)



# Task 3.1: Use of Forecast Uncertainties in the Power Sector: State-of-the Art of Business Practice

## Purpose:

- Get an overview of the current use and application of probabilistic forecasts in the power industry sector;
- Investigate how participants estimate and deal with uncertainties.

**Phase 1: Collection of Information**

**Phase 2: Analysis of Results**

**Phase 3: Communication and Dissemination**





# How we setup the interviews

Questions were separated into 2 categories:

## General character to identify:

- the type of business
- the size of the organisation
- the span of the business processes
- the possible existing barriers

## Forecasting & uncertainty to identify:

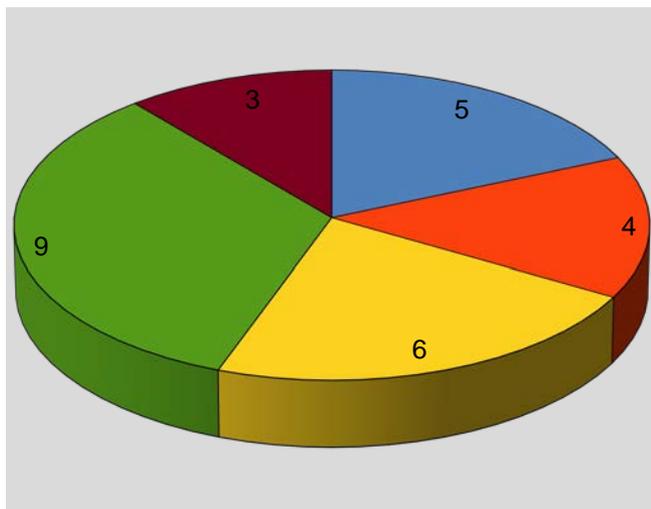
- the forecasting products used today
- the knowledge & awareness of probabilistic products
- the challenges that hinder the implementation of new products

Get a broad overview of state-of-the-art use of forecasting and uncertainty in the power market



# First Results: 24 (27) participants

## Questionnaires: Participation by Role



- R&D : Research & Development
- PP\_PMC : Power Producer/Power Management Company
- ESO : Energy Service Organisation/Utility
- SO : System Operator
- ETC : Energy Trading Company

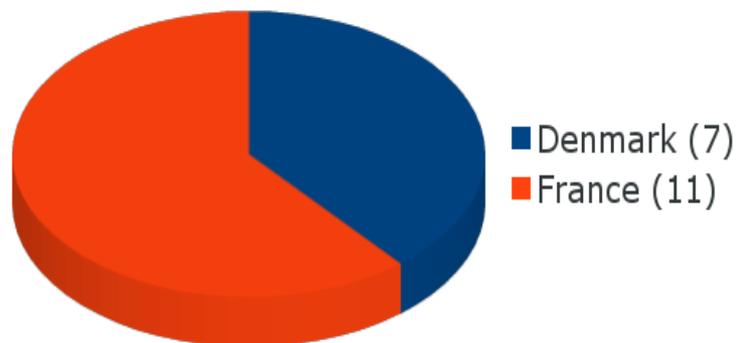
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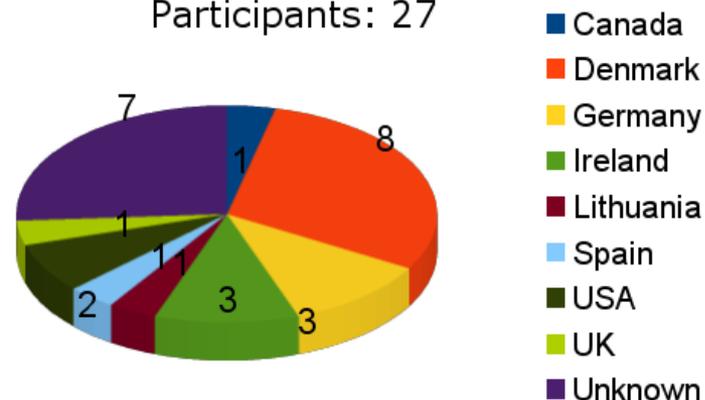
## Interviews Task 3.1

Participants: 18



## Answers distribution over countries

Participants: 27



Note: "Unknown" means the interviews have been submitted anonymously

**Under-representation of Asia/Africa/SouthAmerica**

\* 3 participant's questionnaires arrived after the paper submission deadline



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## Use of Forecast Uncertainties in the Power Sector: State-of-the-Art of Business Practices

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**Abstract**—The work we present is an investigation on the state-of-the-art use of forecast uncertainties in the business practices of actors in the power systems sector that is part of the “IEA Wind Task 36: Wind Power Forecasting”. The purpose of this task is to get an overview of the current use and application of probabilistic forecasts by actors in the power industry and investigate how they estimate and deal with uncertainties. The authors with expertise in probabilistic forecasting have been gathering information from the industry in order to identify the areas, where progress is needed and where it is difficult to achieve further progress. For this purpose, interview questions were compiled for different branches in the power industry and interviews carried out all around the world in the first six months of 2016. At this stage, we present and discuss results from this first round of interviews and draw preliminary conclusions outlining gaps in current forecasting methodologies and their use in the industry. At the end we provide some recommendations for next steps and further development with the objective to formulate guidelines for the use of uncertainty forecasts in the power market at a later stage.

### I. INTRODUCTION

The relevance of forecast uncertainties for wind power and other renewable energies grows as the penetration of these sources in the energy mix increases. Once a certain level of penetration is reached, ignoring the reliability of forecasts not only becomes expensive in terms of reserve

roughly goes with wind speed to the power of three, and small errors and uncertainties are thus amplified and have an even higher impact compared to wind speed uncertainties. Weather development associated with fronts moving over large areas where wind is increasing rapidly over a short time are the most critical situations for a balance responsible party or a transmission system operator (TSO): it is under these circumstances that a deterministic forecast may be strongly incorrect and suppress steep ramping that can cause system security issues as well as large imbalances. Translated in the market, it means that there can be a sudden lack of power during a down-ramping event or too little flexible power that can be down-regulated fast and efficiently, which then results in curtailment. As long as the penetration level of wind is below 20% of generation, such uncertainty can usually be dealt with with a reasonable amount of reserves. As penetration increases, or in the case of island grids or badly interconnected grids, reserves and ancillary services grow above a desirable level.

In order to get an understanding of the current state of use of uncertainty forecasts and to find the gaps in the understanding of uncertainties and the associated forecasting tools and methods, we have been carrying out a study with a combination of questionnaires and interviews which will



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# Task 3.4 – Lead: NREL

**Review of existing/proposal of best practices on how to measure/quantify the value from the use of probabilistic forecasts**



# Task 3.5 – Lead: INESC TEC

**Communication of wind and wind power forecasts to end-users. Review, recommendations/best practice. Is it necessary to standardise wind power forecasting products?**



# Task 3.6 – Lead: Smartwatt / INESC TEC

Set up data sets for benchmarking on the value from the use of forecasts, i.e., for trading.



# D3.3

**Webinars to inform users about outcomes of tasks 3.3 – 3.6**



# WPO Management

## Tasks:

- Task 0.1: Task web site.
- Task 0.2: Contractual reporting
- Task 0.3: Final report
- Task 0.4: **Special Sessions**

## Deliverables:

- D 0.1: **Website**
- D 0.2 – 0.4: Annual reports
- D 0.5: Organization of biannual meetings



# Technical Results

Mainly: published 5 lists, useful for peers

- Tall masts for NWP verification, and how to access their data
- Field experiments in wind power meteorology
- Openly available benchmarks for power forecasts
- Research projects in the field
- Future research issues



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EU	<a href="#">InteGrid</a>	Demonstration of INTElligent	<a href="#">European Commission</a>	14.5 M€ / 11.3 M€	1 Jan 2017 - 30 Jun 2020	EDP Distribuição (Coordinator),

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DK	OffshoreWake	Large scale offshore wake impact on the Danish power system	ForsEL (administered by EUJDP)	6.879 MDKK / 6.063 MDKK	1 May 2017 - 30 Apr 2020	DTU Wind Energy, Vattenfall
NO	<a href="#">NowWind</a>	Nowcasting for wind energy production - an integrated modelling approach	The Research Council of Norway (ENERGIX)	12 MNOK / 6.3 MNOK (1.3 / 0.7 M€)	2016 - 2019	MET Norway, Wendsam AS, Vestas Wind Systems AS, TrandelEnergi AS, Kjeller Videtsteknikk AS
FR	<a href="#">FOREWER</a>	Modélisation, prévision et évaluation des risques pour la production d'énergie éolienne	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (French)	2160 M€ / 481 M€	1 Oct 2014 - 31 Mar 2019	Université Paris 7, ENGIE Green, Ecole Polytechnique, EDF, RTE, CHRS
FR	meteo/swift	Development of a short-term wind power forecasting tool based on adaptive multi-agent systems and ensemble weather forecasts	FEDER EU funding & Occitania French region	~1 M€ / ~500 M€	Mar 2016 - Mar 2018	meteo/swift, National Weather Research Centre (part of Météo-France), Toulouse Computer Science Research Institute
DK	<a href="#">JWIK</a>	IEA Wind Task 36 Forecasting Danish Consortium	EUJDP (nationally Danish)	2.72 MDKK / 1.83 MDKK	Jan 2016 - Dec 2018	DTU Wind Energy, DTU Elektro, DTU Compute, DMI, ENFOR, DNV GL, WEPROG, Vestas, Energinet.dk
US	IEA Task on Development & Use of	Department of Energy USA	\$22.732	Sep 2016 - Sep 2017	NREL	

US	<a href="#">WFP 2 (alternate link)</a>	Second Wind U.S. Department of Energy	\$17M USD / \$17M USD	1 Oct 2015 - 30 Sep 2018	Vaisala, NOAA/ERL, NOAA/ARL, NOAA/NWS, Argonne National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, NREL, PNNL	
EU	<a href="#">EcoGE</a>	Energy oriented Centre of Excellence	EU Horizon2020	-5.5 M€ / -1.4 M€	Oct 2015 - Sep 2018	21 teams in 8 countries, lead by Maison de la Simulation, including Fraunhofer IWES
EU	<a href="#">IRP Wind</a>	Integrated EU R&D efforts on wind energy	EU 7th Framework Programme (Project ID: 609795)	- 10 M€ / -10 M€	Mar 2014 - Feb 2018	24 European teams (participants of the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) Joint Programme on Wind Energy) lead by DTU Wind Energy
DE	<a href="#">FIME</a>	Innovative probabilistic methods for energy system technology	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBWF)	-1 M€ / -1 M€	Jan 2015 - Dec 2017	University Kassel, FH IWES, EnergiHDK, Netze BW
FR/DK	HD-REforecast	High-dimensional dynamical models for improving renewable energy forecasting at distributed locations	EDF	116 M€ / 65 M€	Nov 2015 -	DTU Elektro, EDF
DE	<a href="#">VORKAST</a>	Optimisation of design and operational management for hybrid power plants and energy storage technologies by means of wind and PV power nowcasting (Optimierung der Auslegung und Betriebsführung)	Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology	1 M€ / 1 M€	1 Sep 2014 - 31 Oct 2017	ZSW - Center for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research Baden-Württemberg (Project lead) SWE - Stuttgart Wind Energy @ Institute of Aircraft Design, University of Stuttgart
DE	<a href="#">SMART GRID SOLAR</a>	Bavarian ministry for economy, EU infrastructure fund "Investments for the future"	Bavarian ministry for economy, EU infrastructure fund "Investments for the future"	10 M€ / 6.3 M€	2012 - 2018	Bavarian Center for Applied Energy Research (ZAE), 3 Fraunhofer institutes, 9 other partners and WEPROG
PT	<a href="#">PI1</a>	Renewable Energy Dispatch Tools	China Electric Power Research Institute (CEPRI), State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC)	2 M€ / -	1 Jul 2013 - 31 Dec 2016	R&D NESTER (PT), REN (PT), CEPRI (CN)
DK	<a href="#">X-Wind</a>	Extreme winds and waves for offshore turbines	ForsHEL (PSO)	5.96 MDKK / 5.4 MDKK	1 Jun 2013 - 2017	DTU Wind Energy, CH, Uni Research, Bergen University
DE	<a href="#">EWINLINE</a>	Erstellung innovativer Wetter- und Leistungsprognosemodelle für die Netzintegration wetterabhängiger Energieerzeuger	Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie	7.06 M€ / 6.5 M€	Dec 2012 - Feb 2017	Fraunhofer IWES, DWD, Amprion, TenneT, 50Hertz
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EU	<a href="#">DataWind</a>	Multi-scale data assimilation, advanced wind modelling and forecasting with emphasis to extreme weather situations for a range of	EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7-ENERGIC Project ID: 213740)	5.6 M€ / 3.98 M€	1 Sep 2008 - 31 Aug 2012	Armines, DTU, Rise, Uni Oldenburg, ENFOR, Overspeed, CENER, Energinet.dk and 13 other partners
DK	<a href="#">DEWEP3</a>	Development and Evaluation of a new wind profile theory with an Ensemble Prediction System	Danish PSO Fund	480 M€ / 180 M€	1 Apr 2009 - 31 Dec 2011	WEPROG
EU	<a href="#">ANEMOS plus</a>	Advanced Tools for the Management of Electricity Grids with Large-Scale Wind Generation	EU 6th Framework Programme (Project ID: 38692)	5.7 M€ / 2.0 M€	1 Jan 2008 - 30 Jun 2011	Armines, DTU, Rise, ENFOR, Overspeed, CENER, INESC and 14 other partners
DE	<a href="#">RAVE</a>	Research at Alpha Ventus - Grid Integration of offshore wind farms	BMU, German ministry for the Environment	5 M€ (60-80% funded)	2006 - 2011	Fraunhofer IWES, ForWind University Oldenburg, Deutscher Wetterdienst, WEPROG
DK	<a href="#">HREnsembleWR</a>	High-resolution Ensemble for Horns Reef	Danish PSO Fund (Contract No. 2006-1-6387)	700 M€ / 400 M€	1 Apr 2006 - 31 Dec 2009	WEPROG, DTU, Rise, Fraunhofer IWES, DONG Energy, Vattenfall
EU	<a href="#">POWWOW</a>	Prediction of Waves, Waves and Offshore Wind	EU 6th Framework Programme (Project ID 19808)	1.06 M€ / 1.05 M€	1 Oct 2005 - 30 Mar 2009	Rise, DTU, Armines, CENER, Uni Oldenburg, Fraunhofer IWES, and 8 other partners including UFF (BR)
EU	<a href="#">ANEMOS</a>	Development of a next generation wind resource forecasting system for the large-scale integration of onshore and offshore wind farms	EU 5th Framework Programme (Project ID: ENKS-CT-2002-00665)	4.3 M€ / 2.5 M€	1 Oct 2002 - 30 Sep 2006	Armines, DTU, Uni Oldenburg, CENER, IASA, and 16 others from TSOs to meteorologists



## Wind power forecasting: IEA Wind Task 36 & future research issues

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# Collected Issues

Nowcast (especially for difficult situations, thunderstorms, small lows, ...)

Sub 1 hour temporal resolution

Meteorology below 1km spatial resolution

Stability issues, especially with daily pattern / (Nightly) Low level jets

Icing

Farm-Farm interaction / quality of direction forecast

Short-term ensembles

Ramps and other extremes

Spatio-temporal forecasting

Rapid Update Models (hourly, with hourly data assimilation)

Use of probabilistic forecasts and quality of the extreme quantiles

Do DSOs need different forecasts than TSOs?

Penalties for bad performance? Incentives for improved perf.?

Seasonal forecasting? What's the business case?

Data assimilation (with non-linear Kalman filters, 4D Var, ...)

Red: Important research, but (to be) done elsewhere

Green: We work on at least some aspects



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# Outreach & Dissemination

- Special session at AMS Seattle, Jan 2017 plus Task meeting
- Mini-Symposium Forecasting at Wind Energy Science Conference, Lynbgy, DK in June, 25 talks, plus IEA Task meeting 28/29/30 June 2017



# Thank You!!

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