

IEA Wind Task 36 – An Overview

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Task Objectives & Expected Results

Task Objective is to encourage improvements in:

- 1) weather prediction
- 2) power conversion
- 3) use of forecasts

Task Organisation is to encourage international collaboration between:

- Research organisations and projects
- Forecast providers
- Policy Makers
- End-users and stakeholders

Task Work is divided into 3 work packages:

- WP1: Weather Prediction Improvements
- WP2: Power and Uncertainty Forecasting
- WP3: Optimal Use of Forecasting Solutions

Current Term: 2019-2021 (First term 2016-2018)

11:15 – 13:00	SESSION 6A: IEA WIND TASK 36: RAISING THE BAR ON INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR WIND POWER FORECASTING
> Session Chair	Gregor Giebel (DTU Wind Energy, Denmark)
11:15 – 12:45	Presentations (18 min. each)
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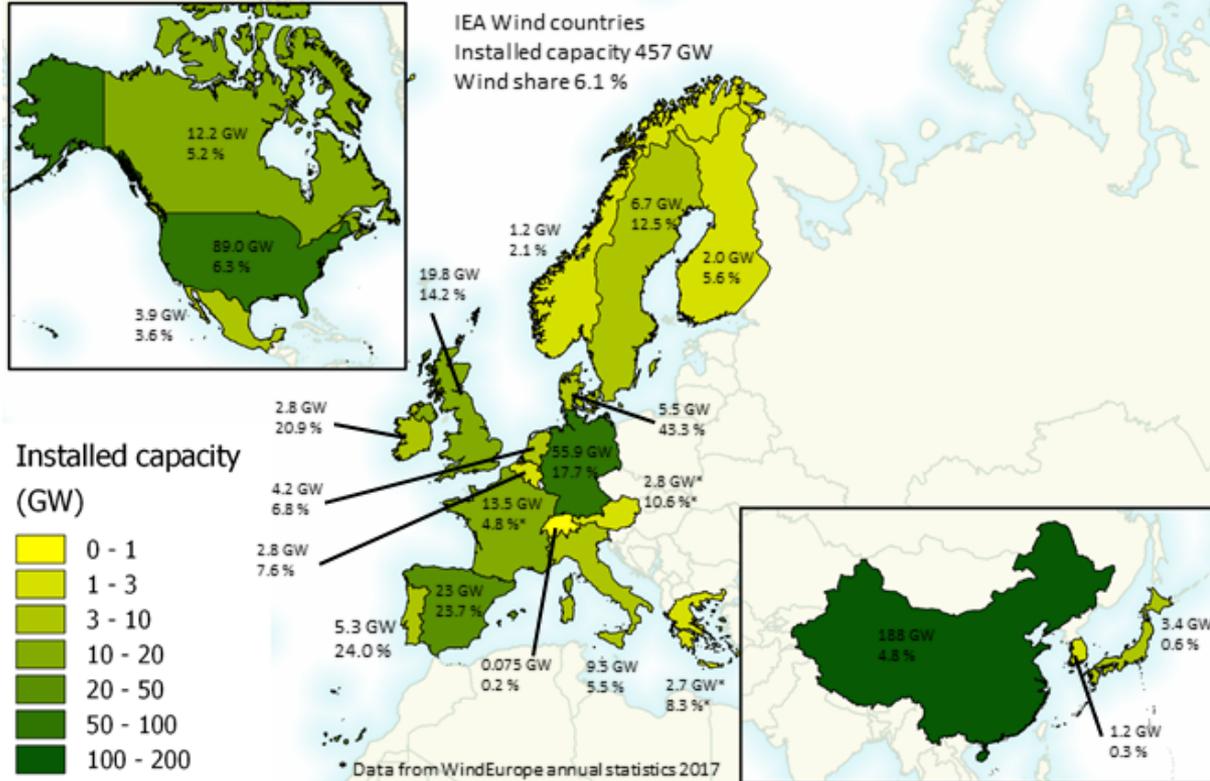
Specific Technology Collaboration

Programs:

- Bioenergy TCP
- Concentrated Solar Power (SolarPACES TCP)
- Geothermal TCP
- Hydrogen TCP
- Hydropower TCP
- Ocean Energy Systems (OES TCP)
- Photovoltaic Power Systems (PVPS TCP)
- Solar Heating and Cooling (SHC TCP)
- Wind Energy Systems (Wind TCP)**



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Task 36 members:
AT, CN, DE, DK, ES, FI,
FR, IE, PT, SE, UK, US





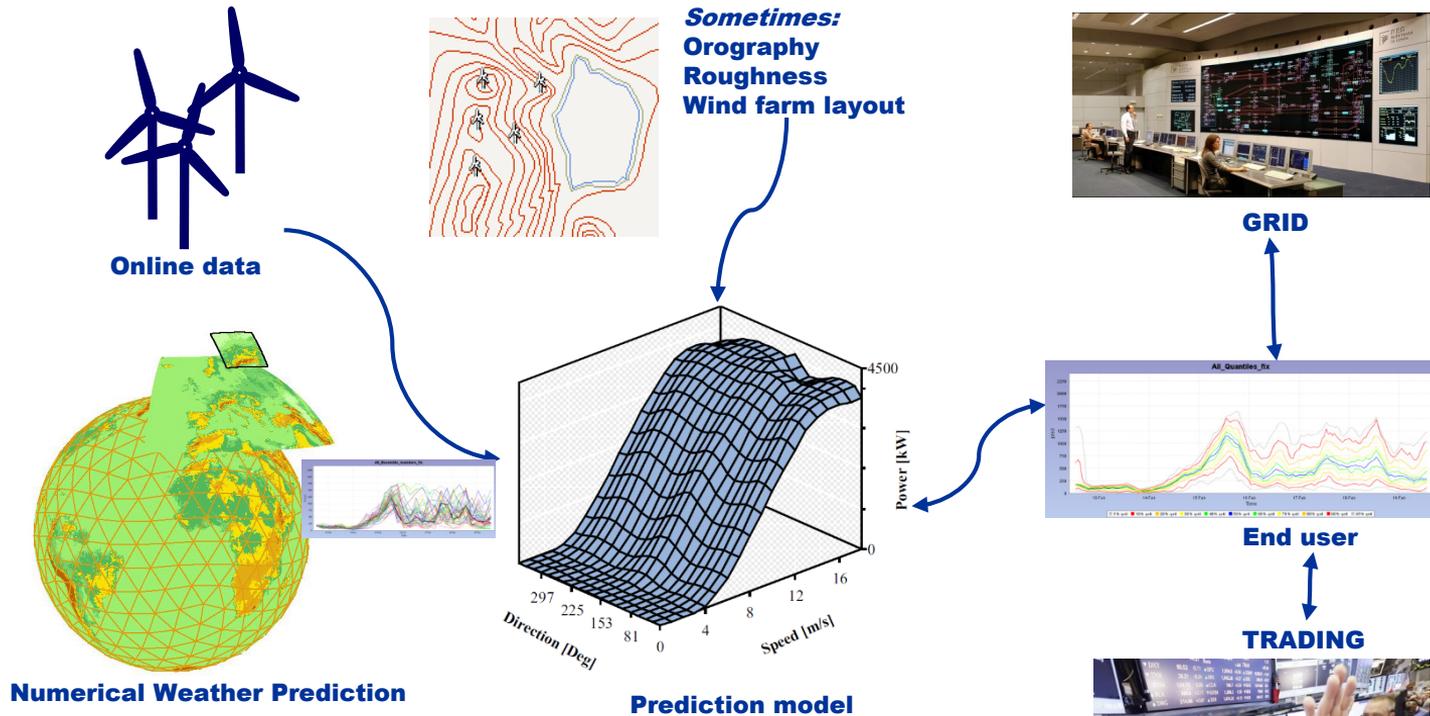
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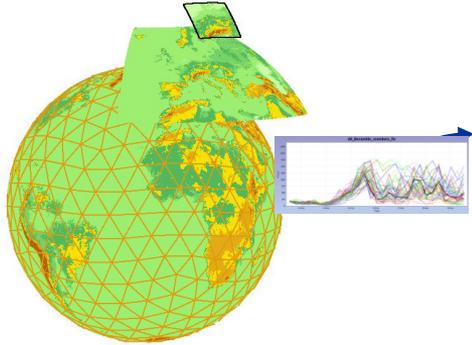
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Task 29 Mexnext III: Analysis of Wind Tunnel Measurements and Improvements of Aerodynamic Models
Task 30 Offshore Code Comparison Collaboration, Continued, with Correlation (OC5)
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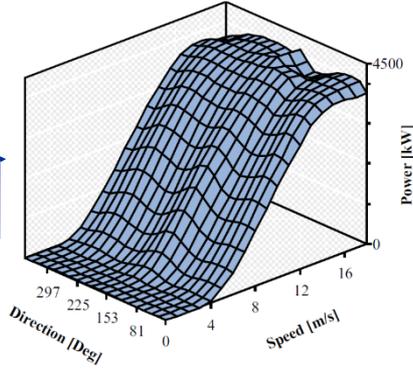
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Short-term prediction of wind power, quickly explained

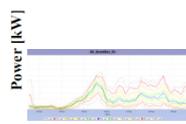




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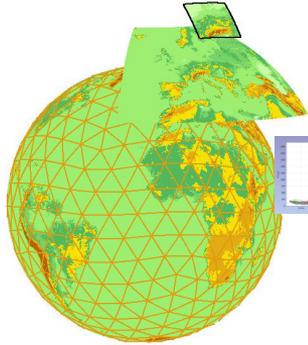


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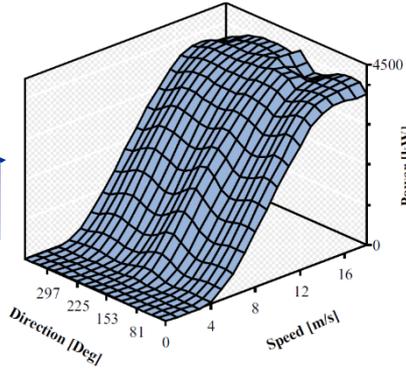
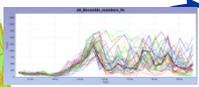


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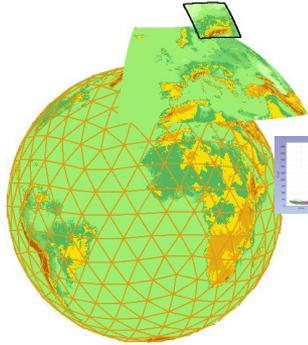


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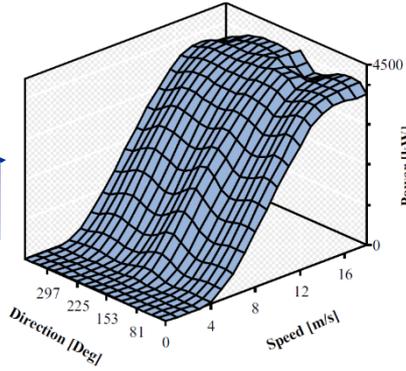
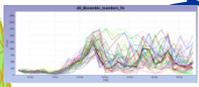


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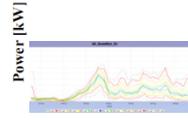
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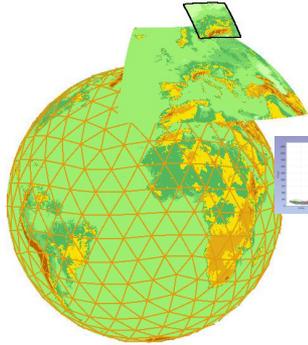
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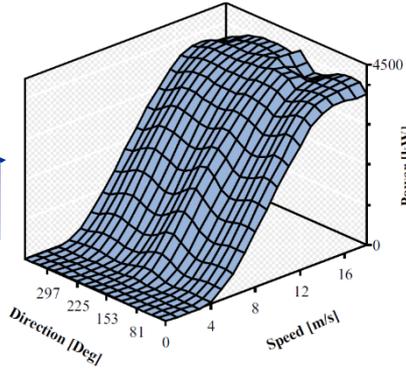
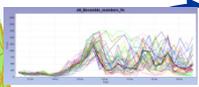
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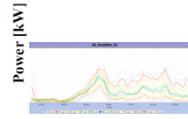
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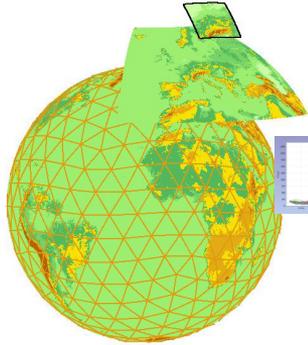
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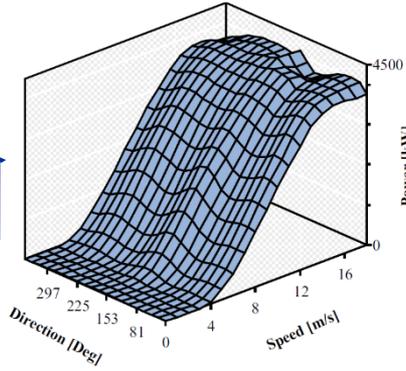
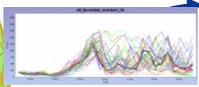
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WP3:

**Decision support
Best Practice in Use
Communication**



Numerical Weather Prediction



Prediction model



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WP1: Coordination Datasets Benchmarks

WP1 Meteorology

Lead:

- Helmut Frank, DWD
- Will Shaw, PNNL

Mission:

To coordinate NWP development
for wind speed & power
forecasting



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

WP1 Meteorology Current state

- V&V benchmark defined (US results to be published end of June, benchmark to be published on A2E site)
- Continuously updating the list, and work underway to use the collected data sets for Numerical Weather Prediction

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IJmuiden, NL	3.436° N, 52.848° E	0 m	92 m	www.meteomastijmuiden.nl/en/measurement-campaign/	verhoef@ecn.nl			since 2012	offshore North Sea
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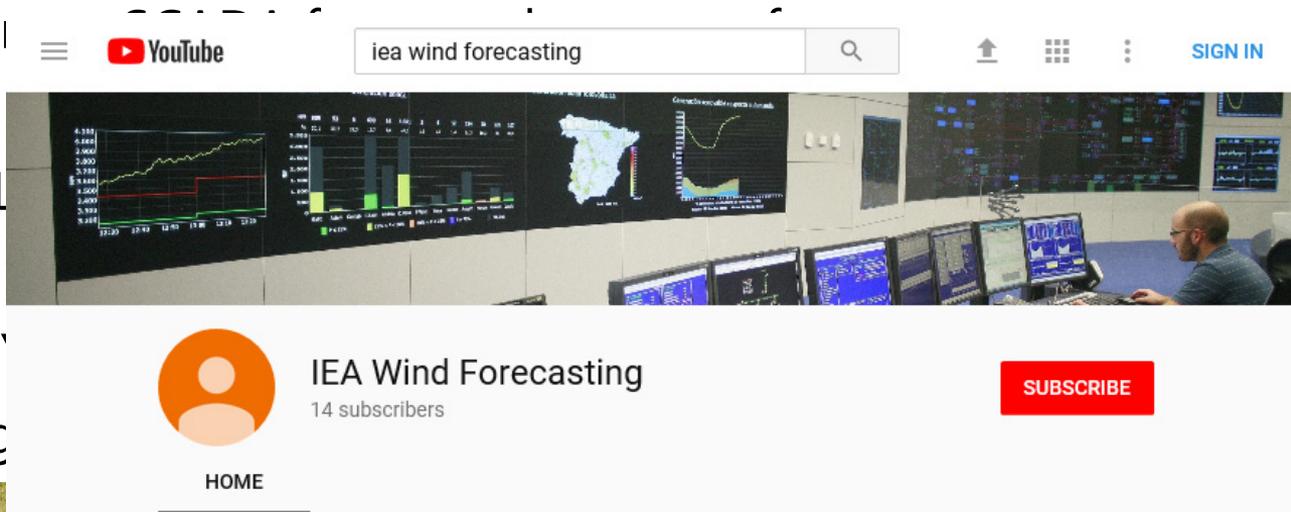
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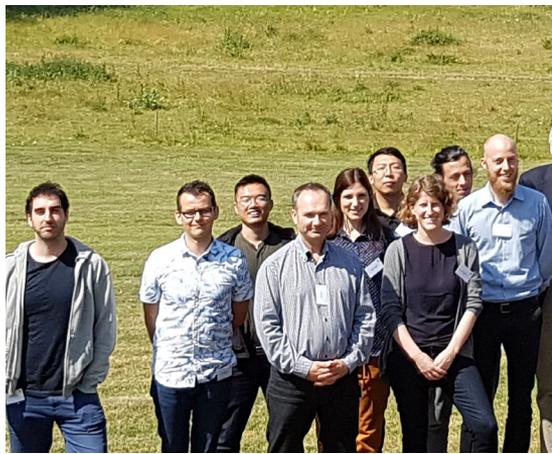


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Workshop Experiences and Gaps in Wind Power

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Minute scale forecasting

Article

Minute-Scale Forecasting of Wind Power—Results from the Collaborative Workshop of IEA Wind Task 32 and 36

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Abstract: The demand for minute-scale forecasts of wind power is continuously increasing with the growing penetration of renewable energy into the power grid, as grid operators need to ensure grid generation in the presence of variable power generation. For this reason, IEA Wind Tasks 32 and 36 together organized a workshop on “Very Short-Term Forecasting of Wind Power” in 2018 to discuss different approaches for the implementation of minute-scale forecasts into the power industry. IEA Wind is an international platform for the research community and industry. Task 32 tries to identify and mitigate barriers to the use of lidars in wind energy applications, while IEA Wind Task 36 focuses on improving the value of wind energy forecasts to the wind energy industry. The workshop identified three applications that need minute-scale forecasts: (1) wind turbine and wind farm control, (2) power grid balancing, (3) energy trading and ancillary services. The forecasting horizons for these applications range from around 1 s for turbine control to 60 min for energy market and grid control applications. The methods that can be applied to generate minute-scale forecasts rely on upstream data from remote sensing devices such as scanning lidars or radars, or are based on point measurements from met masts, turbines or profiling remote sensing devices. Upstream data needs to be propagated with advection models and point measurements can either be used in statistical time series models or assimilated into physical models. All methods have advantages but also shortcomings. The workshop’s main conclusions were that there is a need for further investigations into the minute-scale forecasting methods for different use cases, and a cross-disciplinary exchange of different method experts should be established. Additionally, more efforts should be directed towards enhancing quality and reliability of the input measurement data.

Keywords: wind energy; minute-scale forecasting; forecasting horizon; Doppler lidar; Doppler radar; numerical weather prediction models

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[Task 1.3 Common Test Data](#)
[Task 1.4 NWP Forecast Metrics](#)

Task 1.1 Available Data Sets

Meteorological data from tall towers

The following list was compiled by [IEA Wind Task 36](#) Forecasting for Wind Energy.

Another source is [The Tall Tower Dataset](#) at [INDECIS Data portal](#). This is a database of 222 tall towers around the world compiled with a common format (netCDF) and quality controlled. For some towers the latest data is from 2018. See [The Tall Tower Dataset Technical Note](#) for a description of the quality control, and a list of the towers in the appendix.

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Task 1.2 List of Field Campaigns

IEA Wind Task 36 Forecasting for Wind Energy WP 1 Global Coordination in Forecast Model Improvement

January 10, 2020

Helmut Frank (DWD), Irene Schicker (ZAMG), Will Shaw (PNNL)

Field measurement programs - Introduction

In IEA Wind Task 36 no experiments are made to compare Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) models with observations. However, there are work packages trying to foster this comparison. Therefore, we compile a list of experiments which are particularly relevant for wind energy forecasting. We try to give a short description of the experiments and some information on the data.

List of major field experiments in different years

2021/2022:

- [AWAKEN \(USA\)](#)

2020:

- [FESSTVal \(Germany\)](#)

2019:

- [NEWA - Alaiz Experiment \(ALEX17\) \(Spain\)](#)

2018:

- [NEWA - Perdigão Experiment \(Portugal\)](#)

2017:

- [WFIP 2](#)
- [NEWA - Ferry Lidar Experiment \(Baltic Sea\)](#)
- [WIPAF \(North Sea, Germany\)](#)

2016:

- [WFIP2 \(USA\)](#)
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Long list of experiments, linking to a larger description. Includes older experiments with open data.

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- [NEWA - Hornmossen: flow over forested rolling hills \(Sweden\)](#)
- [NEWA - Kassel forested hill experiment \(Germany\)](#)
- [OBLEX-F1 Offshore Boundary-Layer Experiment at Fino1 \(North Sea\)](#)
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- [MATERHORN-Fog 2 \(USA\)](#)

2014:

- [ALNAP \(Alps\)](#)

2013:

- [MATERHORN-Spring \(USA\)](#)

2012 and older:

- [MATERHORN-Fall \(USA\)](#)
- [WFIP \(USA\)](#)

Major field experiments AWAKEN

The American Wake Experiment ([AWAKEN](#)) is a landmark collaborative international wake observation and validation campaign. Wake interactions are among the least understood and most impactful physical interactions in wind plants today, leading to unexpected power losses and increased operations and maintenance costs. The AWAKEN campaign is designed to gather observational data to address the most pressing science questions about wind turbine wake interactions and aerodynamics and to further understand wake behavior and validate wind plant models. Simultaneously, the AWAKEN campaign will also focus on testing of wind farm control strategies that have been shown to increase wind plant power production. Leveraging the expertise and resources of a large body of National Laboratories, academic institutions, and industry partners will lead to improved wind farm layout with greater power production and improved reliability, ultimately leading to lower wind energy costs.

Objectives

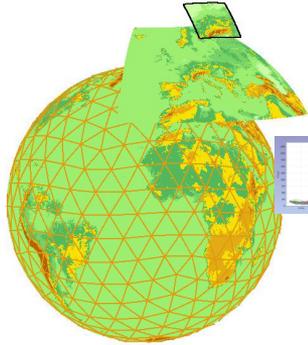
Wind power prediction project list

This list shows a large number of (mostly publically funded) research projects in short-term forecasting of wind power. The list is incomplete, as the emphasis was a) on current projects, and b) on projects collected from the Task participants. Even so, the list contains research projects from the last two decades worth 46 M€, with 32 M€ public funding, though not all of this can be attributed to forecasting (e.g. the IRP Wind or RAVE projects).

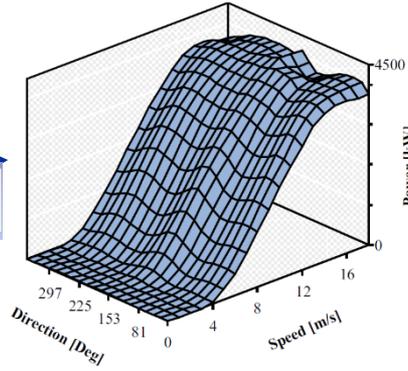
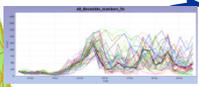
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Country	Project acronym	Full title	Sponsor	Total / Funded budget	Start - end date	Participants (IEA Task 36 members in bold)
DE	e-TWINS	Verbundvorhaben: e-TWINS ' Ganzheitliche digitale Zwillingstechnologie für das Energiesystem	BMWi (Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie)	1.96 M€ / 1.96 M€	Jan 2020 - Dec 2022	TU München Windenergie, Hochschule München, ZSW , Mesh Engineering
EU	Smart4RES	Next Generation Modelling and Forecasting of Variable Renewable Generation for Large-scale Integration in Energy Systems and Markets	EU Horizon2020	4 M€ / 4 M€	1 Nov 2019 - 30 Apr 2023	Armines , DTU, INESC TEC , EDP, Meteo-France , emsys, DNV GL , Whittle , Dowel, ICCS, HEDNO, DLR
EU	EoCoE II	Energy Oriented Center of Excellence : toward exascale for energy	EU Horizon2020	9.2M€	1.1.2019-31.12.2021	18 teams in 7 countries including Fraunhofer IEE
DK	[link]	IEA Wind Task 36 Phase II Danish Consortium	EUDP (national Danish funding)	500k€ / 300k€	1 Jan 2019 - 31 Dec 2021	DTU, ConWX , ENFOR, DNV, WEPROG, Ea Energianalyse, Energinet

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Prediction model



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WP2:

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Task 2.1 Forecast Solution Selection

Task 2.2 Uncertainty

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Task 2.4 Standardisation

Task 2.3 Test Cases

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

- Aim:** Set-up and dissemination of benchmarks.

Partners: DTU Elektro, DTU Wind Energy, EDF, INESC TEC, Smartwatt, Prewind, PNNL.

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NAME	TYPE OF DATA	AREA	PERIOD	TEMPORAL RESOLUTION
RE-Europe	Simulated aggregated generation and +1 to +91 hour forecasts for 1494 European regions based on ECMWF and COSMO analysis and ECMWF forecast data	Europe	2012-2014	1 hour
NREL WIND Toolkit	Simulated generation and 1, 4, 6, and 24-hour wind and power forecasts for 126000 US sites based on WRF	US	2007-2013	5 min

NREL Western and Eastern Wind Integration data sets	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
GEFCom 2012	Observed generation and +1 to +48 hour ECMWF wind forecasts for 7 wind farms	unknown	2009-2012	1 hour
GEFCom 2014	Observed generation and +1 to +48 hour ECMWF wind forecasts for 7 wind farms	unknown	2009-2012	1 hour
AEMO	Generation data from various Australian wind farms	Australia	2005-	5 min
La Haute Borne wind farm data	Many SCADA data from the 4 turbines of the La Haute Borne wind farm, ENGIE's first open data wind farm.	Southwest of Nancy, France	2009-	10 min

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 wind power data the data set includes solar generation and power load data. More information can be found on <https://zenodo.org/record/35177#WqmNAzciFmB>. Data policy: [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0](#).

NREL WIND Toolkit:

Information and download links can be found on <https://www.nrel.gov/grid/wind-integration-data.html>. Data can be downloaded via the NREL Wind Prospector

IEA Best Practice Recommendations for the Selection of a Wind Forecasting Solution: Set of 3 Documents



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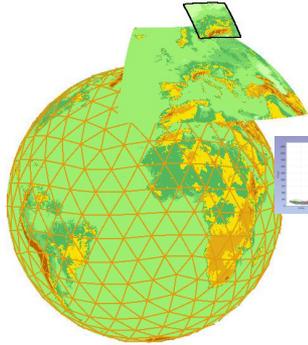
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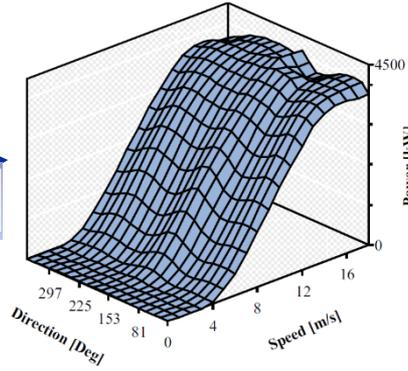
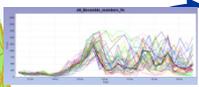
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Numerical Weather Prediction



Prediction model



End user

WP3

- Decision support
- Scenarios
- Best Practice in Use
- Communication

WP3 Advanced Usage

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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 reser-

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

Use of probabilistic forecasting

Open Access journal paper
48 pages on the use of
uncertainty forecasts in the
power industry

Definition – Methods –
Communication of
Uncertainty – End User Cases
– Pitfalls - Recommendations

Source: <http://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/10/9/1402/>



Review

Towards Improved Understanding of the Applicability of Uncertainty Forecasts in the Electric Power Industry

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Abstract: Around the world wind energy is starting to become a major energy provider in electricity markets, as well as participating in ancillary services markets to help maintain grid stability. The reliability of system operations and smooth integration of wind energy into electricity markets has been strongly supported by years of improvement in weather and wind power forecasting systems. Deterministic forecasts are still predominant in utility practice although truly optimal decisions and risk hedging are only possible with the adoption of uncertainty forecasts. One of the main barriers for the industrial adoption of uncertainty forecasts is the lack of understanding of its information content (e.g., its physical and statistical modeling) and standardization of uncertainty forecast products, which frequently leads to mistrust towards uncertainty forecasts and their applicability in practice. This paper aims at improving this understanding by establishing a common terminology and reviewing the methods to determine, estimate, and communicate the uncertainty in weather and wind power forecasts. This conceptual analysis of the state of the art highlights that: (i) end-users should start to look at the forecast's properties in order to map different uncertainty representations to specific wind energy-related user requirements; (ii) a multidisciplinary team is required to foster the integration of stochastic methods in the industry sector. A set of recommendations for standardization and improved training of operators are provided along with examples of best practices.

Broader paper on uncertainty forecasting

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Designed to
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IT IS IN THE NATURE OF CHAOTIC ATMOSPHERIC processes that weather forecasts will never be perfectly accurate. This natural fact poses challenges not only for private life, public safety, and traffic but also for electrical power systems with high shares of weather-dependent wind and solar power production.

To facilitate a secure and economic grid and market integration of renewable energy sources (RES), grid operators and electricity traders must know how much power RES within their systems will produce over the next hours and days. This is why RES forecast models have grown over the past decade to become indispensable tools for many stakeholders in the energy economy. Driven by increased grid stability requirements and market forces, forecast systems have become tailored to the end user's application and already perform reliably over long periods. Apart from a residually moderate forecast error, there are single extreme-error events that greatly affect grid operators.

Nevertheless, there are also forecast systems that provide additional information about the expected forecast uncertainty and estimations of both moderate and extreme errors in addition to the "best" single forecast. Such uncertainty forecasts warn the grid operator to prepare to take special actions to ensure grid stability.

The State of the Art in Forecast Generation

Today, some forecast systems have been developed specifically to predict the power production of single wind and solar units, differently sized portfolios, local transformer stations and subgrids, distribution and transmission grids, and entire countries. Nearly all forecast systems have one thing in common: they rely on numerical weather predictions (NWP) to calculate the expected RES power production. The way to transform weather predictions into power forecasts depends crucially on the end user's application and the available plant configuration and measurement data. If historical measurements are available, forecast model developers often use statistical and machine-learning techniques to automatically find a relation between historical weather forecasts and simultaneously observed power measurements. If no historical measurement data are available, e.g., for new installations of RES units, the transformation of weather to power is often accomplished by physically based models that consider the unit's parameters to map the internal physical processes.

WP3 End use Workshop Glasgow

“Maximising Value from State-of-the-art Wind Power Forecasting Solutions”
Strathclyde University, Glasgow, 21 Jan 2020

- Talks by academia and industry (e.g. UK National Grid)
- Open Space discussion on RP, data and forecast value
- Game on value of probabilistic forecasts (*feel free to play it yourself!*):
https://mpib.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d5aAY95q2mGI8EI
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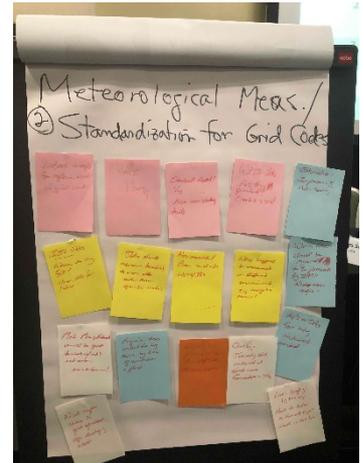
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Need for Industry Standard ?

- Need for best practices: BUT too strict standards are worse than non
- No standards leads to chaotic data management
- Instrumentation without maintenance: data loses value
- Maintenance schedules: once, twice per year ?
- Met instrumentation should be part of the turbine delivery/installation

• Dissemination

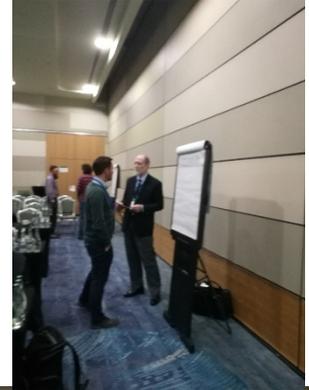
- No consensus on how to accomplish
- ENTSO-E is a potential body for dissemination
- Forecasting still undervalued. Need more forecasters in TSOs.
- Need simple advice to give operators, especially in the developing world



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- **General Agreement that Standards/RPs are Needed**
 - Grid codes vary from region to region
 - Concern about adopting WMO or similar standards, which may be expensive overkill for grid code purposes
 - Should reference traceability to standards but be instrument agnostic
 - Could suggest required measurements by IPPs at time of commissioning
 - Need education on importance of data quality
 - Need to address site selection for instrumentation
 - Need to tailor reporting interval to forecast model input needs



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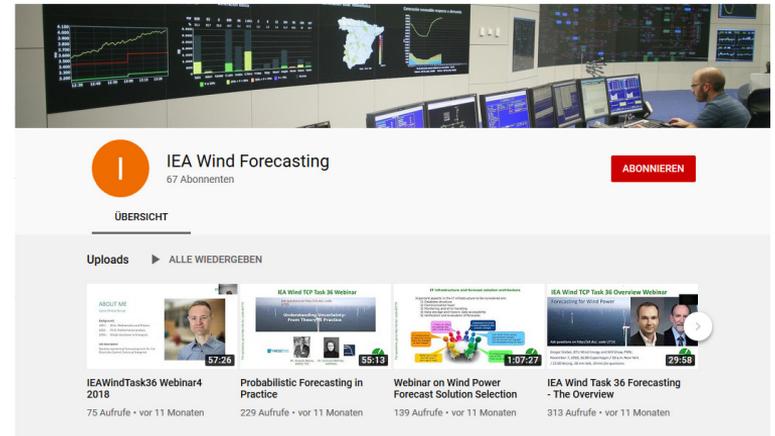
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Wind power forecasts have been used operatively for over 20 years. Despite this fact, there are still several possibilities to improve the forecasts, both from the weather prediction side and from the usage of the forecasts. The new international Energy 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 comparing wind power forecasts, including probabilistic forecasts. This WP will also organise benchmarks, in cooperation with the IEA Task Wakebench. Thirdly, we will be engaging end users aiming at dissemination of the best practice in the usage of wind power predictions.

 YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/c/IEAWindForecasting



Handouts

- 2-page handouts: quick overview of major results
- 3 currently available; can be obtained from:

<http://www.ieawindforecasting.dk/publications/posters-og-handouts>

IEA Wind Task 36
Forecasting for Wind Power

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Setup

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Results of phase I (2016-2018)

We developed an **information portal**, with links to data, projects and knowledge useful for wind power forecasting. This could be a list of full master useful for online validation of NWP models, a list of field campaigns with open data for model verification, or a selection of benchmarks for forecasts with established data sources and existing reference frameworks.

A major result was the IEA Wind Recommended Practice (RP) on **Forecast Solution Selection**, detailing out the necessary steps to get the best adapted forecasts for the individual use case. The RP starts with the initial deliberation which might or might not end up with the decision to do a forecast trial. The second document shows how to conduct such a trial in order to yield accurate and usable results for both the end user and the participating vendor. The last part shows how to evaluate the trial to get 1) significant, 2) representative and 3) reliable results.

For **probabilistic forecasts**, we published two papers with an overview for (a broader reader) and one with a long list of specific use cases from technically oriented. We also classified methods for uncertainty forecasting and tried to establish a common vocabulary. We also mapped the current use of probabilistic forecasts through a questionnaire.

Task 36
Overview

Impact

The Task sends out news a few times a year, is present on conferences and meetings, and has its own YouTube channel. There, alongside video transmissions of the public sessions, we also had webinars of full hour talks plus audience questions on the major results of phase I. The fourth one was an additional one on forecast use in Denmark.

The Task members also try to get an **enhance collaboration** between weather prediction providers and vendors, and between vendors and end users. One activity for the current phase of the Task (2019-2023) is a look into **standardization** of data, to make data exchange more fluent across the industry. Another activity is to estimate the **value of better forecasting**.

We also collaborate with other Wind Tasks, e.g. in the common workshop on minute scale forecasting we had together with Task 32 Usher. In the future, we will also collaborate with IEA PV Task 15 Solar resource, which also deals with forecasting and has some of the same issues.

Collaboration

Currently, some 250 people from 12 countries are collaborating on forecasts. There are meetings every half year, often in conjunction with relevant conferences. We also have special sessions at conferences for new members, and usually an overview poster, if you are interested to collaborate, or just to be informed about new results, please contact Giorgio Galati.

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IEA Wind Task 36
Forecasting for Wind Power

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR SELECTING RENEWABLE POWER FORECASTING SOLUTIONS

Challenge

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Forecast Solution Selection

The forecast solution selection process is a multi-step process that involves the selection of the best forecast solution for a given use case. The process starts with the identification of the user's requirements and the selection of the forecast solutions that meet these requirements. The process then involves the evaluation of the forecast solutions based on a set of criteria, including accuracy, reliability, and cost. The final step is the selection of the best forecast solution based on the evaluation results.

IEA Wind Task 36
Forecasting for Wind Power

Understanding Uncertainty: From a deterministic to a probabilistic world

Challenge

Uncertainty forecasts are a type of information product that is becoming increasingly important in the energy sector. This is due to the increasing need for risk management and decision-making in the face of uncertain future events. The challenge is to provide a clear and concise definition of uncertainty forecasts and to provide a set of recommended practices for their use.

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Further reading

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Uncertainty and Probabilistic Forecasting

Definitions

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="291 314 1619 500">• IEA Wind Task 36 Forecasting – An Overview G. Giebel (DTU Wind Energy, Denmark), W. Shaw (PNNL, United States), H. Frank (Deutscher Wetterdienst DWD, Germany), C. Draxl (NREL, United States), J. Zack (UL Services Group, United States), P. Pinson (DTU Elektro, Denmark), C. Möhrlen (WEPROG, Denmark), G. Kariniotakis (Mines ParisTech, France), R. J. Bessa (INESC TEC, Portugal) (Submission-ID WIW20-128) <li data-bbox="291 516 1619 623">• Validation of Numerical Model Improvements through Public Data Sets and Code C. Draxl, J. Lee (National Renewable Energy Laboratory – NREL, United States), W. Shaw, L. Berg (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, United States) (Submission-ID WIW20-124) <li data-bbox="291 639 1619 703">• IEA Wind Task 36: Practical Application Examples from the Recommended Practices for Forecast Solution Selection J. Zack (UL Services Group, United States), C. Möhrlen (WEPROG, Denmark) (Submission-ID WIW20-108) <li data-bbox="291 719 1619 826">• Wind Power Forecasting Data Definitions and Exchange Standards – An Approach for a Recommended Practice Built upon International Standards and an Eye Towards the Future J. Lerner, M. Westenholz (ENFOR, Denmark) (Submission-ID WIW20-126) <li data-bbox="291 843 1619 950">• Insight on Human Decision-making from Probabilistic Forecast Games and Experience: an IEA Wind Task 36 initiative C. Möhrlen (WEPROG, Denmark), N. Fleischhut (Max-Planck Institute for Human Development, Germany), R. J. Bessa (INESC TEC, Portugal) (Submission-ID WIW20-98)
12:45 – 13:00	Discussions