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# Wind lidar profiler performance in the northeast coast of Brazil

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- 3-years R&D Project UFSC-IFSC-Tractebel Energia S.A. (GDF Suez);
- EUR 800,000.00 (Hardware + Software + HR) from 2011 to 2014;
- Short-term (72h) wind power forecasting software;



Haas, R. et al. Desenvolvimento de tecnologias de previsão de geração de energia elétrica para parques eólicos em operação. In: **VIII CITENEL – Congresso de Inovação Tecnológica em Energia Elétrica 2015**, Costa do Sauípe. VIII CITENEL – Anais, 2015 (*accepted*).

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Motivation for the study:

- Study possible source of deviations in wind lidar performance;
- Evaluate the influence of atmospheric conditions (RH, TI, precipitation) on wind lidar performance over the 1-year measurement campaign;
- > What's the performance of wind lidars for wind energy applications [1,2]?

[1] IEC. Wind turbines, 61400 part 12-1: power performance measurements of electricity producing wind turbines, Switzerland, International Electrotechnical Commission, 2005.
[2] MEASNET. Evaluation of site-specific wind conditions, version 1. Measuring Network of Wind Energy Institutes, 2009.



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- Pedra do Sal Experiment is analyzed;
- Site is strongly influenced by trade winds and local sea breeze (92.7% blows from the ocean);
- > Data from meteorological mast is taken for evaluation (565m away from Lidar);



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- > Wind lidar focal point is set at 220m
- > 90.000 pulses per line of sight gives a CNR Threshold = -28dB;
- > Selected Wind lidar data only with **100%** availability;
- > Team Viwer shows real time data and configuration (show);







- > Internal temperature problems with original Peltier cooling;
- > Two A/C systems, with 800W and 100kg total, had to be attached into the Lidar;
- Losses in portability and energy consumption;





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- Continuous 1-year 10min average data (September 2013 to August 2014);
- Met tower data used for relative humidity and wind speed reference;
- Precipitation data from INMET station (20km away from test site);
- Lidar Data monitoring and filtering procedure with Matlab rotine;



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- Seasonal and daily wind regime impact on data loss (fig);
- Lidar presented durty and scratched lenses in October, therefore the 48.2% in data loss can be considered operational;



Sakagami, Y. et al. A simple method to estimate atmospheric stability using lidar wind profiler. In: **EWEA Offshore Conference 2015,** Copenhagen, 2015.

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#### Carrier-to-Noise Ratio (CNR) behav ior

- Highest CNR of -9.22dB at the focal point (220m) and lowest at 40m (-19.9dB) and 500m (-20.3dB);
- Availability drops after 400m, with Recovery=66% up to 400m and 28.7% for all available heights;
- > Oceanic conditions prevail, with CNR not sensible to relative humidity;





<u>Turbulence Intensy (TI) =  $\sigma/V$  impact on CNR:</u>

- > Hight TI values at low altitude in the beginning of the day and at high altitudes in the afternoon;
- > Low CNR levels can be associated with high TI at high altitudes;
- > Sea breeze and local recirculation may decrease aerosol content above 300m;





- Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) influence the precipitation regime in Brazilian northeast region;
- > Up to 58.6% of data loss in the rain season, from March to May;
- October is considered an operational outlier (lens cleaning issue);



Haas, R. et al. Influência de Fenômenos Climáticos no Desempenho de dois Parques Eólicos. In: VII CITENEL – Congresso de Inovação Tecnológica em Energia Elétrica 2013, Rio de Janeiro. VII CITENEL - Anais, 2013.

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- System moving parts (wipper) can always be a problem;
- Low CNR levels due to durty and scrachted lenses;
- October 2013 with no wipper activation even with low CNR (data quality alert);





Before maintenance



After maintenance

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- > Many challenges faced during the continuous 1-year lidar campaign;
- Internal temperature, lens cleaning and marine corrosion were the biggest operational issues;
- Fair recovery rate (66%) with the aquisition of a multi-purpouse dataset;
- Aerosol measurements needed to better understand performance above 350m;







## **Appendix A**



### WRF (15x15km, 10min) with Lidar: sea breeze recirculation:



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# **Appendix B**



- > 100m met mast with seven instrumented first-class wind levels;
- > 20Hz wind data from two 3-D sonic anemometers used for micrometeorological studies;
- Atmospheric stability impact on wind turbine performance and validation of Monin-Obukhov Similarity Theory (MOST) for the studied site;



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