



## IEA Wind Task 32 Meeting Minutes

# 2020 General Meeting

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Task 32 has created a worldwide network of wind lidar researchers who meet regularly to identify opportunities for the use of wind lidar, and mitigate the barriers to its adoption.

The 2020 General Meeting took place online because of the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 made networking and collaboration harder for everyone during 2020, and so the 2020 General Meeting was designed to let the wind lidar community mingle virtually with their colleagues through a mix of discussion, working groups, and networking sessions.

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## 1 Day 1: Tuesday 20 October

Time	Activity
14:00	Panel session on “Wind Lidar in 5 years” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex Woodward, ZX Lidars</li> <li>Alexandra St. Pe, RWE</li> <li>Rozenn Wagner, GE Offshore Wind</li> <li>Reesa Dexter, DNV-GL</li> </ul>
14:55	Break
15:00	Working groups: creative chaos to make progress on something
15:55	Break
16:00	Networking session
16:45	Close

### 1.1 Panel discussion: “Wind lidars in 5 years”

We started with presentations from all panelists with their view of where wind lidars will be in 5 years. 68 people joined us for this session.

#### 1.1.1 Presentations

Alex Woodward:

- What if lidar manufacturers developed a really cheap lidar sensor? What would the community do with such a sensor?
- What if there were lidars that can be customized, e.g., with apps that community experts would develop? What would you do with a smart lidar?

Reesa Dexter

- Power performance with nacelle mounted lidar will be common
- Preference to used lidar over tall masts in simple terrain. R&D on lidar in complex terrain will continue
- Better FLS uncertainties
- “wind tunnel” equivalent calibration of lidar instead of mast verifications
- Ability to measure across the rotor for the tallest of turbines

Rozenn Wagner

- Nacelle lidar will be the standard for power curve testing
- Lidars will be standard for resource and site assessment. The main challenge to be solved are turbulence intensity (TI) measurements



Alexandra St. Pé

- Wind resource assessment
  - How does varying TI input impact wake models?
  - What's the impact of lidar speed and TI on  $P_{50}$  estimates?
- Site suitability
  - How does TI impact load models?
  - How does different load model output impact site suitability decisions?
- Power performance tests
  - How can power performance be more accurately and precisely be predicted using a lidar?
- Performance monitoring
  - How can we develop more integrated and intelligent wind farms?
  - How can lidars be used to optimize turbine performance?

### 1.1.2 Discussion

Many of the following questions and chat were taken verbatim from the video chat window. There have been some edits for spelling and clarity.

Alex: ZX lidar carry out factory acceptance tests and for certain customers an met mast validation is carried out. For ZX the factory tests are much more important, and the field validation is an add-on. What would be needed to remove the need for a mast validation?

- Rozenn: part of the answer is in the uncertainty estimation since the goal is to reduce the risk. And that is what is usually looked for in a validation.
- Reesa: there needs to be an industry standard. It would be nice for the lidar manufacturer to have a standard way of coming up with an uncertainty quantification. We need industry acceptance.
- Alexandra: the question is, why are we comparing to a cup? Cup-free validation would be ideal.

A researcher: a question to Reesa and Rozenn: How urgently does the industry really need TI measurements? How much do you think industry would be willing to pay for it as an extra?

- Reesa: there's been different stakeholders; OEMs, developers, and academia. There was a lot of great but technical work from academia. Industry needs more practical solutions. Masts cannot keep up with the high hub heights, so there is an economic incentive to resolve this. It is a bottleneck to move away from the cup and towards only lidar. It is an important part of moving the technology forward.
- Alexandra: There has been a lot of work done. There is a gap in benchmarking all the methods. How do I know which method to use for a specific site and a specific lidar? I need something that is practical and does not cost much time. There is a Consortium for the Advancement of Remote Sensing (CFARS) 'site suitability' subgroup that works with a lot of stakeholders and works on how to get lidar TI accepted for site suitability. We need to go from TI measurements also to loads models. We are coming to an end of the line.

- Alex: the progress that CFARS and other groups are making is brilliant. The challenge as a lidar manufacturer is that we don't own the data; it's owned by the turbine OEM. The different groups are pushing now independently and CFARS can bring the acceptance over the tipping point.

An industry engineer: how would a lidar sensor compare to a 3D ultrasonic anemometer? For example, if we were to estimate turbulent kinetic energy (TKE)?

- Reesa: the primary driver is the volume that is being measured in. Lidars measure over a big volume compared to a sonic. Comparing sonics to lidar measurements, the sonics are more similar than cups. Cups have also issues, e.g. with overspeeding.

A consultant: a question to Reesa/Rozenn: We already have quite some evidence for ground-based lidar (GBL) vs met mast TI measurements and the level of overestimation of GBL. Do you have some preliminary estimates on TI measurements from nacelle-mounted lidar? Do we expect it to be conservative compared to the GBL case, considering today's technology?

- Rozenn: DTU have done a lot of analysis of this. Nacelle-mounted lidar would be less conservative than GBL. It is not the same bias because it is measured into the wind and is aligned to the yawing of the turbine. There is no simple correction to correct the TI, we still need to find a proper way to do that.

A lidar supplier: a question to Rozenn: you mentioned we need to measure wind profiles for PPT for large wind turbines. Could you elaborate? Would it be used to normalize the power curve, or determine if the shear value is within the range of the warranty power curve?

- Rozenn: for me the ideal method would be to fulfill the requirements for rotor equivalent measurements. That means measuring at least at three heights, and at 2.5 diameters (2.5D) upstream.
- Q: can you give details on the near measurements that you talked about?
- Rozenn: I am being conservative. I doubt we have overcome the 2.5D challenge, so I think we need to measure the profile at that distance for 5 years.

### 1.2 Working session

Time	Activity
15:00	Working groups: creative chaos to make progress on something
15:55	Break

63 participants split into self-selected groups. The group's outcomes are minuted in [day 3](#).

### 1.3 Networking session

Time	Activity
16:00	Networking session
16:55	Close

Three rounds of random, 3-person breakout rooms were held. The day closed at 16:55 CEST.

## 2 Day 2: Wednesday 21 October

Time	Activity
14:00	Panel session on "Wind lidar - I wish we knew how to...": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mads V. Sorensen, EMD</li> <li>• Peter Rosenbusch, Leosphere</li> <li>• Zachary Parker, Nordex</li> <li>• Julia Gottschall, Fraunhofer IWES</li> </ul>
14:55	Break
15:00	Working groups
15:55	Break
16:00	Community news: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update from the "wind lidar in cold climate" working group (Nicolas Jolin, Nergica)</li> <li>• Update from the "wind lidar in complex terrain" working group (Alexander Stökl, Energiewerkstatt)</li> <li>• A possible new round-robin on forward-looking lidar TI (Jens Riechert, DNV-GL)</li> </ul>
16:45	Close

### 2.1 Panel discussion: 'Wind lidar - I wish we knew how to...'

We started with presentations from all panelists with their views of where the entire wind energy and wind lidar community have work to do. 52 people joined us.

#### 2.1.1 Presentations

Mads V. Sorensen: I wish I knew how to get most value out of short (e.g. 3 months) measurement campaigns

- in terms of TI, seasonality, shear
- why should one use a lidar if it is the same cost for 12 months than a mast
- why not use the full advantage of the lidar

Peter Rosenbusch: I wish WE knew how to...

- Eliminate the cup anemometer from the uncertainty budget
- Augment acceptance of ground-based lidars in complex terrain
- Establish nacelle lidar for PPT in complex terrain
- Optimize offshore WRA by combining floating lidar and lidar from the shore
- Establish best practice for site suitability with ground based lidars

Zachary Parker: I wish we knew how to...

- determine load assessment bias and uncertainty given remote sensing measurements
- validate, correct and use remote sensing data for load assessment → TI, shear and wind speed
- provide guidance from the turbine OEM perspective on the use (or not) of remote sensing

Julia Gottschall: I wish we knew how to...

- Do the optimal measurements (most likely with lidar)... in terms of chosen technology, setup, duration, requirements on accuracy and availability → what should we really measure?
- There are two necessary steps: 1, to understand application as well as possible and 2. to consider all possible data sources

#### 2.1.2 Discussions

Many of the following questions and chat were taken verbatim from the video chat window. There have been some edits for spelling and clarity.

Question from Julia: Should we put a scanning lidar on a buoy?

- Peter Rosenbusch: I have no objections to this. We are involved in a research project. The definition of a scanning lidar is a device which can point the measurement to any point. A benefit of a scanning lidar is to be able to put it on the shore, or on the transition piece of a turbine.

From an industry researcher to Julia: Should we 'measure' turbulence using TI as currently defined involving the standard deviation over 600-second intervals, or is there some other way to 'measure' turbulence that would give a better input to models? Would TKE be better to use in conjunction with models?

- Julia asks back: is it easier to work on the measurements or on the models? I personally don't know. We should not force a lidar to work as a cup because it cannot. We should understand the models and the measurements better. We also need to consider the bankability and the industry. My conclusion is we should try all of this, even a small impact will have a larger impact in the future. We should not be happy with using a lidar with a standard TI.
- Researcher: the measurement people stay with what they know and same for the load assessment people. Both groups should work together better. I think the load assessment process will be very difficult to change as it is based on many years of understanding of how to calibrate the load models. The new way of lidar measurement would require to throw away the existing experience. In the short term, you should adapt the measurements. In the long term, you should adapt the process.
- Peter: the calibration of the models to a point measurement seems less perfect in light of always growing turbines.
- Zachary: we see if we just use the lidar as a point measurement, we just get higher loads. We really need to understand first how to use the additional information.
- David Schlipf: a lidar can give you a much better estimate over the whole rotor area than a cup anemometer could.

From an industry engineer to Mads and the group: Do we have a method to 'long-term' correct standard deviation / TI...from 3 months to 1 or multiple years? How to get the most out of your measurements?

- Answer: Not really!
- Andy: this ties in to the presentations yesterday, especially from Reesa. We need to develop new tools, but the need for simple tools is very clear. We cannot treat this just as an academic problem, we need simple solutions.

Andy wants to come back to question of whether we get the most value out of a lidar, or could we do better?

- Peter: I think we could do better. We are trying to optimize e.g. the position of the lidar. Do you have simulation tools to help you decide whether to put that?
- Mads: there are flow models that can help, but they come at a cost. If you're not sure you only start measuring at one point. I would like to take the idea of the modeling: to get the most out of lidar measurements, the effort should be on the modeling. E.g. you could throw information from several different measurements positions into a flow model and get better results.
- Zachary: the lidar can give you information on the stability, and this is very important to get the modeling right.
- Julia: There are a lot of statistics of the wind fields involved, it is not just the modeling that is a challenge. So we should invest a lot of work in both. German guidelines will stick to 12 months for site assessment. I think it depends on the site.
- Zachary: There are a lot of statistics coming out of the lidar, we should also look more at the raw data.
- Andy: We have made some progress in the last few years on measurements and modeling, but there is still a lot of work to do.

Folks who leave the meeting should do this..

- Mads: consider the measurement period
- Julia: understand what your colleagues want to use the data for
- Zachary: study colocated lidar and sonic data with 1Hz
- Peter: brainstorm how to use the flexibility that a lidar provides

## 2.2 Working session

Time	Activity
15:00	Working groups: creative chaos to make progress on something
15:55	Break

47 participants were split into 10 groups based on the preferences indicated before the meeting and in the break. The working groups were not minuted, but the outcomes are available in the minutes for day 3.

## 2.3 Community news

50 people joined us for an update on our ongoing activities.

Time	Activity
16:00	Community news: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'wind lidar in cold climate' working group (Nicolas Jolin, Nergica)</li> <li>• The 'wind lidar in complex terrain' working group (Alexander Stökl, Energiewerkstatt)</li> <li>• A possible new round-robin on forward-looking lidar TI (Jens Riechert, DNV-GL)</li> </ul>
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### 2.3.1 Update from the 'wind lidar in cold climate' working group (Nicolas Jolin, Nergica)

Nicolas presented an update on the 'wind lidar in cold climate' working group. The presentation will be made available online.

An industry researcher: how do you estimate the liquid water content from the CNR and how sure are you on your temperature profile? This would be very interesting.

- Nicolas: we do not have a clear method yet. We need to find the correlation of the data with icing. One solution could also involve machine learning. We do not have a clear measure to extrapolate temperature profiles.

Andy: What would a good data set look like?

- Nicolas: The type of lidar does not matter. 1-2 months of 10-minute lidar data, temperature, and altitude information.

An industry researcher: what can we get out of CNR or the spectra that would help us with the question of liquid water?

- Paul Mazoyer: we did not work on that ourselves but with an institute that worked on detecting icing. There are things possible, but we have not commercialised them.
- Chris Slinger: the raw spectra is recorded and by eye you can tell if it is raining. There should be methods using this. At DTU Ana Maria Tilk is working on blade erosion.
- Hans Jorgenson (DTU): Mikkel Seijhorn is working on this topic as well.

### 2.3.2 Update from the 'wind lidar in complex terrain' working group (Alexander Stökl, Energiewerkstatt)

An industry researcher: regarding the question of how to quantify terrain complexity: Have you considered the methodology described in Section 11.2 in IEC 61400-1:2019? (this describes a method for 'Assessment of the topographical complexity')

- Alexander: yes they are a starting point, they give you a lower safe limit, but they do not tell you how far to go.

An industry wind lidar user: What is the reason for correcting the data for 'the effect of complexity'?

- Alexander: There are several methods used for lidar

data correction on a regular basis. One point is to have a look at the suitability of the methods and how they compare to each other on these kinds of sites. It would have been nicer to have a broader range of sites to compare. We compare met mast data with lidar data. What we want to know is how good we get when applying the correction to the lidar data.

- Andy: wind lidar in complex terrain sometimes gives different estimates of wind speed and direction than a met mast. This is a result of the windfield reconstruction not capturing the true properties of the wind field (e.g. by incorrectly assuming flow homogeneity)
- The user: alright, so the goal is to establish transfer functions between met mast and lidar.

An academic researcher: Where do the highest uncertainties come from when assessing lidar data in complex terrain?

- Alexander: you do not have a steady and homogeneous flow. When you decompose the signal from the different beams, you make an error because usually you use the assumption of homogeneity. If you use a flow model you can correct for it using a correction model.
- The academic researcher: the wind field reconstruction is giving you the highest uncertainty.
- Alexander: it is a complex problem!

### 2.3.3 A possible new round-robin on turbulence intensity estimations from nacelle mounted lidar systems (Jens Riechert, DNV-Gl)

Jens presented details of a proposed round-robin.

The General Meeting participants were polled to ask if they would be interested in participating in the round robin:

- Yes, actively: 5
- Yes, as an observer: 14
- No: 9

A problem with the Zoom polling tool prevented some people from indicating that they would actively participate in the round robin. It is estimated that at least 5 votes for 'yes, actively' were not cast, giving a total of 10 votes for 'yes, actively'.

Q: What datasets are you looking for?

- Jens: the idea is to have both a pulsed and also a CW lidar exists. We would like a data set with simultaneous measurements with the same conditions.

**Task 32 action:** Task 32 will support this round robin and will work with Jens to hold a meeting later in 2020.

## 3 Day 3: Thursday 21 October

Time	Activity
14:00	Panel session on "Wind lidar - the next generation": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clym Stock-Williams, TNO</li> <li>• Sandrine Aubrun, ECN</li> <li>• Marijn Floris van Dooren, ForWind, Oldenburg</li> <li>• Sarah Barber, OST</li> </ul>
14:55	Break
15:00	Working groups
15:55	Break
16:00	Reporting & next steps
16:45	Close

### 3.1 Panel discussion: 'Wind lidar - the next generation'

We started with presentations from all panelists with their view of how the wind lidar and wind energy community should be teaching and training the next generation of wind lidar users. 53 participants joined us for this session.

#### 3.1.1 Presentations

Clym Stock-Williams, TNO

- Scientist in industry must know the limitations and assumptions of their equipment, especially for lidar systems
- Regular training courses on lidar related technology are needed targeted at industry professionals
- Data scientists and statisticians are largely missing from wind energy industry

Sandrine Aubrun, ECN

- Do not set meteorology and engineering sciences as opposites or exclusives in education programs - both subjects are important but are taught in different courses
- Better transfer of knowledge from the research community to the industrial end-users

Marijn Floris van Dooren, ForWind

- Should lidar theory and wind energy application be an integral part of uni programs?
- Do we need a lidar course for a non-academic audience?
- Existing European/international networks such as the European Wind Energy Master and the ITN project LIKE push the expertise and exploitation of lidar and enhance diversity in the field.

Sarah Barber, OST

- Improving diversity in wind energy science
- Why do we need to improve diversity? The workforce does not represent our population's diversity which results from inequality
- Why should I care? Diverse teams are more productive

- What can I do? Increase awareness, get clued up, observe and report discriminations

### 3.1.2 Discussions

*Many of the following questions and chat were taken verbatim from the video chat window. There have been some edits for spelling and clarity.*

Sarah to Sandrine: How should we set up those programs?

- Sandrine: We have to actively facilitate transfer of knowledge. This could be a task for the LIKE project.
- Peter Rosenbusch: I am very grateful for the collaboration between academia and industry. A technology workshop is ongoing. We are offering webinars at Leosphere, and are happy to do more of those.
- Marijn: There are two industry workshops planned in LIKE where the goal is to transfer knowledge between the groups. One project might not be enough!

Andy to Clym: are we reaching enough people, or is the lidar community too small?

- Clym: it is great to hear that industry is offering courses. But the question is, if those courses also teach others' technology. Wind field reconstruction is a very important topic as well that needs to be taught. And each device needs to be treated differently.

Question from the chat: Why is knowledge of wind energy not so open and accessible in online platforms like Coursera or EDX, compared to solar energy? I know this is something irrelevant to current discussion but I would love to hear from current members?

- From Sarah Barber (via chat): Hi ..., this is a really good question and very relevant to the topic, in my opinion. We at OST are actually involved in trying to solve this problem by building a wind energy collaboration platform including data and workflow sharing. I can tell you more about it in private if you are interested.
- Zachary - I wonder if a collaboration with IEA Wind Task 43 Digitalisation might be interesting for this? Data sharing and collaboration is a part of this task.
- From Sandrine: I think this is a very good idea. This should be the objective of the EAWE (European Academy for Wind Energy) or other academic institutions. Such a course could be the goal to be constructed.
- Sarah: there are not many wind energy courses. So it is not surprising that there is nothing online so far. The question might also be, if we need more of those basic courses
- Marijn: I agree, there are not many programs. In Oldenburg there are good courses, but this is not part of a specialization. The European Wind Energy Master program (EWEM is a collaboration between TU Delft, DTU, NTNU, and the University of Oldenburg) is a successful example of how knowledge can be combined within Europe. But more combined or

shared programs would be good.

- Clym: There might be a difference between solar and wind because solar is more for domestic use. A wind energy master would be extremely useful for a university. In Delft there is also a course that has to be paid for. In my experience the students from master courses have a broad knowledge. A basic bachelor knowledge and a master in wind is often not enough knowledge to go into research. The specialization should take place on PhD level.
- Andy: for lidar we need to come up with material that sums up the state of the art.
- David: Master students are often looking for topics but cannot find some. The Task 32 could offer to be a platform for advertising master thesis topics in the newsletter
- Zachary responded: Like the one I recently posted on LinkedIn!

Question from the chat: This seems to be a matter of managing interfaces. Research sometimes needs to be separate from industry to encourage innovation without certain limits, and then it needs to exchange at a certain point to be used practically. How can we use IEA Task 32 to guide/frame the interface?

- Marijn: indeed this interface is missing. Often practicalities make it very hard to test things or implement ideas
- Andy: We need playgrounds where industry and academia can meet safely on a legal basis.
- Sarah: we need a way for industry and academia to work together with common data. I think it is possible to have a platform or set up where this is possible.
- Andy: we are starting to ask questions about digitalisation of lidar. We will be spinning this up over the next year.

Question from the chat: LiDAR technology for wind originally came from the atmospheric boundary layer research community. Today, the wind energy science community is somehow 'separated' (maybe not the right term) from the ABL research world (with some exceptions like the collaboration with DWD for [WIPAFF](#)). Do you think it would make sense to reconnect with the ABL met folks, for instance through projects like the EU [PROBE COST Action](#)? They have wind lidars too, but also use lidars for other things, and have other interesting tech like radiometers for instance. How much overlap do you think with those groups?

- Sandrine: I think this is exactly the idea which I had for the educational program which is split between earth sciences and engineering. A lot of people in wind energy a lot of people come from physics or earth science - so the link exists already but is probably not used enough or established.
- Andy: Often we are most comfortable to talk to people who are doing something similar. The Task 32 OA is trying to get involved with PROBE but this may take some time. We encourage everyone to get involved with other activities where they see links

and share knowledge from, or with, Task 32.

Andy: This brings us back to diversity. Sarah brought up the point, that if you don't have the whole society represented, you do not get what you need. Do you think we are wearing a white western hat?

- Sarah: Well, you are wearing a white male, western european heterosexual hat. And that is unconscious. Everybody should be conscious about it.
- Andy: as white male engineers - what might I be doing that stops different people from engaging?
- Sarah: Starts with language. A lot of people refer to engineers as he. You might write a job description which focuses more on male behaviours. I had a job description myself recently with only male applications. And so the topic might be not written in an interesting way to appeal to female people.

Andy to all participants: what was your experience with trying to get a diverse applicant pool into your projects?

- Marijn: All universities tried to take care of diversity, and the [ITN LIKE](#) project is relatively diverse.
- Sandrine: in FLOWER we tried to increase the percentage of accepted women compared to how many applied. The key element of selection was not the gender but the knowledge. We still managed to improve the percentage. I got feedback from positive discrimination by being too many women in my group. Sometimes we are being used as representatives. For my career this was a positive aspect.
- Ines agrees: It is important to start early. For example at the University of Stuttgart girls from school are introduced to science at an early age through the [Try Science](#) program.
- Clym: how can we help as a lidar community? My feeling for outreach work is that lidar is a very physical subject. Everyone experiences the wind, the magic of lidar ist that you can feel it. And this is inspiring. There is an african society which is also trying to foster diversity - so we should really try to reach out of our own borders.

An engineer (via chat): Hiring practices need to be less intuition based - see e.g., 'Thinking, Fast and Slow' Chapter 21, by Daniel Kahnemann[1]. What role could IEA Task 32 really play in encouraging this?

- Sarah Barber: The first step is even getting people to accept that under-representation is a problem. Many people do *not* believe that something has to be done, because encouraging under-represented groups is seen as 'positive discrimination' or discriminating *against* the white male.

Andy: What would the panel members like to provide as a 'take away'?

- Marijn: We as a lidar community should make sure that we provide a safe environment for everybody
- Sarah: Increasing diversity is something we can do every day - let's get started.

**Task 32 action:** we will:

- Encourage all of our members to get in contact if they would like to use our LinkedIn feed or newsletter to advertise open positions.
- Explore the need for structured further education that can be supported by the Task.
- look at our activities again from the perspective of diversity and inclusion to make sure that we encourage and enable everyone to take part in the Task. If any of our members have comments, questions, or critique, please [contact the Operating Agents](#).

### 3.2 Working session

Time	Activity
15:00	Working groups: creative chaos to make progress on something
15:55	Break

47 participants split into 8 groups based on the preferences indicated before the meeting and in the break. The working groups were not minuted directly, but the outcomes are available in the next section.

### 3.3 Reporting and next steps

Time	Activity
16:00	Reporting and next steps
16:55	Break

43 participants joined us to hear about the outcomes from the working groups.

Each group was allocated 1 slide and 3 minutes to present their work. Each group appointed a rapporteur to present their work.

Following are the notes from each group including the summary slide that they prepared. The slides have been reproduced without editing.

#### 3.3.1 Forecasting

*Rapporteur: Ines Würth*

This is a topic with lots of open questions, but there's not much public research in this area at the moment. Task 32 remains a great place to share ideas.

**Task 32 action:** we'll store those open questions in a public space and make them available for others to build on.

#### 3.3.2 Wind lidar for wind energy applications in cold climate

*Rapporteur: Nicolas Jolin*

See the presentation from Day 2 for more information about this working group. Studies are ongoing. Please get in contact with Nicolas Jolin if you are interested.

**Task 32 action:** Task 32 will continue to support this working group.

### 3.3.3 A world without cups

*Rapporteur: Mads Sorensen, Remi Gandoin*

- These were more philosophical discussions. But it's important to think about philosophy when looking into the future.
- An entire industry needs to be changed!
- the laser technology and the great progress it lead to in physics;
- going beyond the 'lidars don't give me TI' concerns and approach by questioning/better understanding what these TI values are used for (typically to evaluate the IEC turbulence class). In effect, in the IEC framework, the input flow models that are used for the load simulations are really 'toy' models of the atmosphere (i.e., steady-state over 10 minutes, power law shear, and Kaimal neutral form spectra with pre-defined length scales). Despite the potential of wind lidar, we are missing practical examples of situations where LiDARs lead to better siting/WTG choice than cups.

**Task 32 action:** Task 32 will continue to explore this question. We may identify a work case that is not well-served by cup anemometers and the current approach to wind characterisation, and investigate how to leverage wind lidar instead.

### 3.3.4 Collaboration on wind lidar hardware and software

*Rapporteur: Francisco Costa*

There's a lot of work going on in this area. The major challenge is to coordinate activities and tools, and enable them to work together (Fig. 1).

**Task 32 action:** we'll update the [Task 32 Glossary](#) to include a generic lidar design approach that is aligned with the open lidar modular concept [2]. This glossary can be used to define classes for lidars, like *optics.telescope.aperture* which could help with defining inputs for simulations, etc. We'll also create reference designs using this structure.

### 3.3.5 Turbulence intensity derived from wind lidar

*Rapporteur: Reesa Dexter*

This has been a recurrent theme through the General Meeting. There are opportunities to go beyond current approaches to just mirror conventional met masts (Fig. 2). A workshop bringing industry and academia together would be a good next step.

**Task 32 action:** we'll include the suggested next steps in our roadmap and start to plan events for 2021 and beyond. We'll also coordinate with CFARS.

### 3.3.6 Wind lidar in complex terrain

*Rapporteur: Alexander Stökl*

There continues to be a lot of interest in the potential to use wind lidar in complex terrain. This means

we need tools to do it reliably and predictably, and we need to know when we hit the limits of our capabilities (Fig. 3). There's an active Task 32 working group in this area, led by Alexander (see § 2.3.2.)

**Task 32 action :** Task 32 will continue to support this working group.

### 3.3.7 Floating lidar

*Rapporteur: Julia Gottschall, IWES Fraunhofer*

The majority of actions around floating lidar are taking place through the IEC, and it is not needed at this time to have parallel activities through Task 32 as many stakeholders are already taking part in the IEC process. However, not all are involved and there is a need to make sure that the Task 32 community and IEC maintain alignment. The suggestion is therefore a third workshop in the second half of 2021 to align (Fig. 4).

**Task 32 action:** Task 32 will organise an alignment workshop in the second half of 2021.

### 3.3.8 Nacelle lidar in complex terrain

*Rapporteur: Jacob Burrows*

This group found that their biggest difficulty was in actually defining the problem. They produced a framework to help them and others think through the problem (Fig. 5).

- Comment from a participant: the 2.5D is not a function of decay but a function of the turbine itself. Depends on the turbine size.
- The need is there to perform power curve verification in complex terrain from industry perspective
- There could be another workshop on this topic!

**Task 32 action:** Task 32 will combine the outcome from this group with the outcomes from the group looking at power performance verification using measurements in the induction zone. We'll also combine this with previous plans to run a round-robin on this theme. We'll propose a path forward in 2021.

### 3.3.9 Power performance verification in the induction zone

*Rapporteur: Sebastian Streit*

The need for an alternative proxy for freestream wind speed is in common with nacelle lidar (Fig. 6). This suggests a need for more studies, and could also be topic for a short focused meeting.

**Task 32 action:** Task 32 will combine the outcome from this group with the outcomes from the group looking at nacelle mounted lidar in complex terrain. We'll also combine this with previous plans to run a round-robin on this theme. We'll propose a path forward in 2021.



### 3.3.10 Lidar-assisted control

Lidar-assisted control of wind turbines is increasingly becoming reality, but turbines are not yet being designed to take full advantage of the wind lidar. There are still steps that need to be taken before co-design will become practical.

**Task 32 action:** Task 32 will:

1. Continue to work on a open repository of lidar-assisted control simulations
2. Address the cost of the lidar by a white paper: show that it has come down, improve lidar cost modeling
3. Organize a white paper to connect turbine OEM's needs to lidar manufacturers, e.g. improved availability, maintenance friendly, more adjustable
4. Collaborate more with other IEA Wind Tasks, for example Task 37 & the new wind farm flow control Task.

The meeting closed at 17:00 CEST on 22 October.

## 4 Summary

The 2020 Task 32 General Meeting ran over three afternoons during October 2020. Three panel sessions explored the future of wind lidar technology and applications, how we might reach those goals, and how the wind lidar community might grow and change in future. Working sessions gave all members of the task the chance to catch up with current practice and cutting-edge science. And, a networking session and community news provided the opportunity for catch up with colleagues. The results from the meeting - captured in these minutes - will inform Task 32 strategy going in 2021 and beyond, and will be included in our roadmap soon [3]. Also, the working groups that were already active in 2020 will continue into 2021 and there may be new initiatives as well.

Task 32 welcomes anyone interested in identifying and mitigating the barriers to the adoption of wind lidar. Please check [our website](#) or contact the [Operating Agents](#) to find out more.

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## IEA Working group 9 - Collaboration on wind lidar hardware and software



- We need a framework to link these topics
  - <https://github.com/e-WindLidar/OpenLidarModuleDefinitions>
- Different interpretations of the same lidar data
  - Lack of standards → open science, Round Robin initiative analyzing lidar data
- Modularity of lidar
  - Find out reference lidar designs
  - Flexibility
- Hardware and software are very different topics
  - Workshops
  - Create more flexible work teams

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Figure 1: Collaboration on wind lidar hardware and software

## TI Roadmap vision for IEA Task 32

<p><b>Better define turbulence through lidar applications and solutions</b> (use something better than TI)</p> <div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">                 Challenge how we define turbulence: Is using just the standard deviation/ mean wind speed the best?             </div>	<p><b>Use more data to better capture turbine responses</b></p> <div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">                 Use the volume of beam and spatial volume to our advantage to better represent TI                   What can we learn from the lidar data at 1Hz?             </div>	<p><b>Turbine field tests of lidar TI</b></p> <div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">                 Take the R&amp;D results and test it against how the turbine is responding             </div>	<p><b>Academic solutions for industry</b></p> <div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">                 Academic endeavors should have practical solution for industry             </div> <div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">                 Open source code that produces standardized results             </div>
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Figure 2: A lidar-derived turbulence data roadmap vision for Task 32

## Topics & Take-aways...

- Different perspectives: academic vs. commercial applications  
e.g. scanning LIDAR in commercial projects.
- Additional value of increased accuracy doubtful?  
Confidence vs. accuracy  
Bankability is probably important (...standards!)
- Numerical correction methods will only carry for a certain distance  
Correction methods may introduce an uncertainty on their own.
- Scanning LIDAR for the whole wind park instead of flow modelling.
- Availability is also an issue, clear sky and other (cold climate) issues.

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Figure 3: Topics and take-aways from the complex terrain working session

<https://zenodo.org/record/4030701>

Roadmap 3: Floating lidar systems

**Our goal**  
Floating wind lidar should achieve an uncertainty of lower than 2% and be acceptable sources of wind speed, direction, and turbulence information

**How we're getting there**  
Support the commercialisation of floating wind lidar systems and the transfer of research experience into everyday practice

**Activities**

2016 Feb	Workshop 1: Floating Lidar
2018	Recommended Practice 18: Floating Lidar Systems [3]
2018 Nov.	Workshop 13: Floating Lidar Follow-up
2019 June	Reviewed immediate and near-future needs for collaborative R&D
2020 Q1	Floating wind lidar proposed for standardisation; will be IEC 61400-50-4
2020	Early-stage researchers start 3-year PhD programmes in EU-funded Innovative Training Networks Lidar, Knowledge Europe (ITN LIKE) and FLOATING-Wind Energy network (ITN FLOWAVER)
2020	Recommended Practice 18: Floating Lidar Systems Update to align with recent, related publications
2021	Workshop: Stakeholder workshop and technology review Update on current interests and identify applications beyond pre-construction wind measurements
2022	Appendix to RP18: Ship-based wind lidar

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Working Session #3 Floating Lidar Systems

What should IEA Wind Task 32 do on this topic in the future? → update of roadmap [...]

Running activities:

- IEC 61400-50-4 project team kicked off Q2 2020 (significant overlap with Task 32)
- PhD projects within ITNs LIKE, FLOWAVER started (Train2Wind to follow) – incl. ship-based FLS

Suggestions for future activities:

- Update of RP 18 → not a priority at this stage but guidance on how to use available and upcoming guidelines [parked]
- Workshop → to provide this guidance, after publication of IEC -50-4 CD/CDV; possibly together with round-robin exercise (i.e. how to derive uncertainty budgets for unknown sites from available verification trials) [2nd half 2021]
- Ship-based lidar guidance as addendum to RP18 → observe progress first, involve active experts (ITN PhDs and others) [2022??]

Figure 4: Future activities for Task 32 around floating lidar systems.

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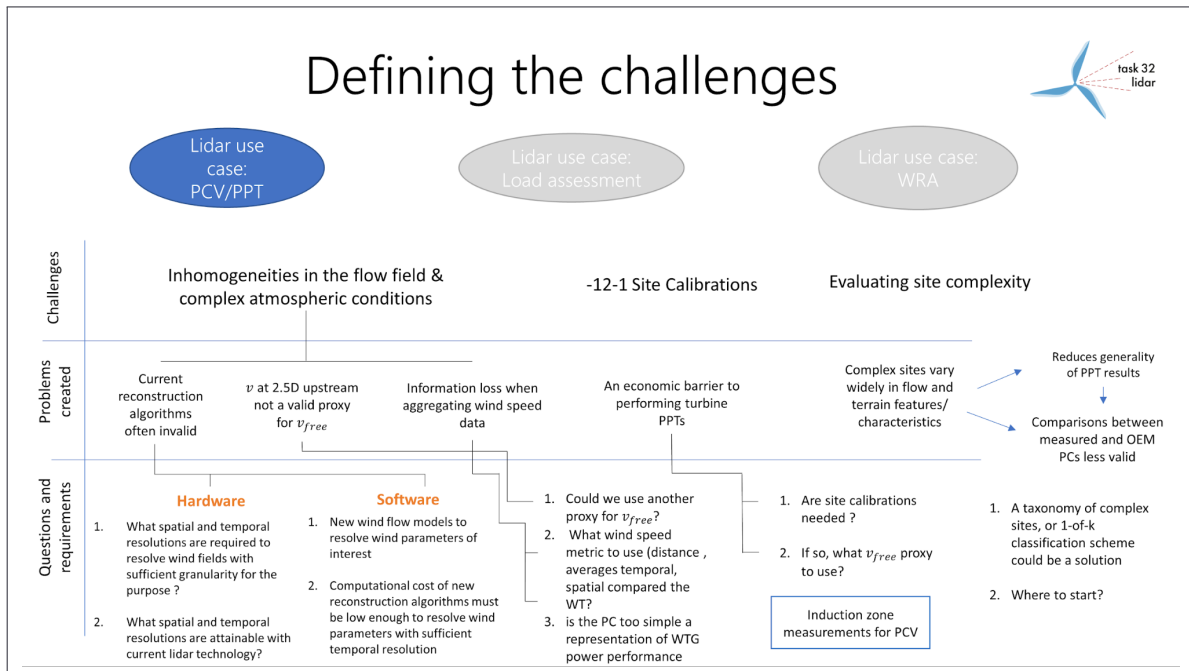
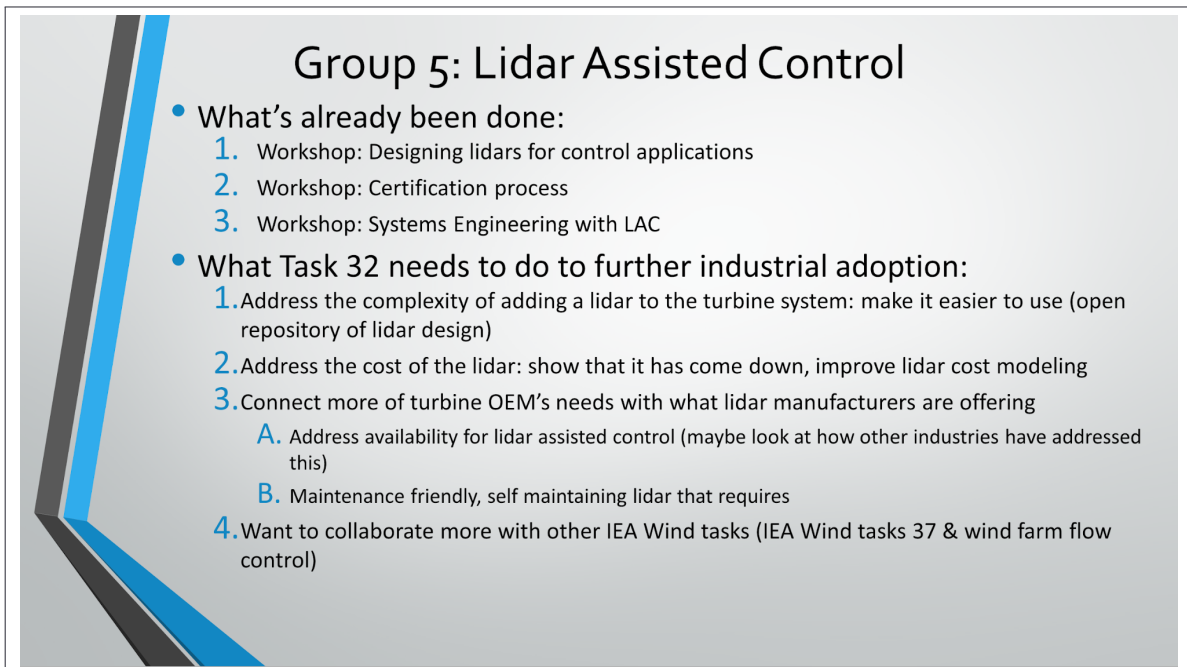


Figure 5: Defining the challenge of using nacelle mounted lidar in complex terrain

### ➤ Task 32: Power-performance verification using induction zone measurements

- **Challenge with 2.5 D:** Large rotors – 10 min mean not representative anymore, too large a distance for some nacelle LiDARs (esp. with offshore rotors), still induction zone impact and the ‘free’ V is too far away anyway, ‘complex terrain’ more often – avoid site calibrations
- **Industry knowledge gap:** Work on and establish experience and industry best practices rather than changing the IEC directly (exp. Nacelle LiDAR round robin)
- **Modelling:** Of the induction zones / to free wind stream → ‘Standardize’, associated uncertainties and how to determine
- **Impact on PC verification and warranties:** How to adopt the warranted power curves to this approach, measurement and uncertainties again
- **Measurement:** Which technology, set-up, etc. to chose, clash?: mast/cup vs. LiDAR

Figure 6: Opportunities and challenges with using measurements in the induction zone for power performance testing



## Group 5: Lidar Assisted Control

- What's already been done:
  1. Workshop: Designing lidars for control applications
  2. Workshop: Certification process
  3. Workshop: Systems Engineering with LAC
- What Task 32 needs to do to further industrial adoption:
  1. Address the complexity of adding a lidar to the turbine system: make it easier to use (open repository of lidar design)
  2. Address the cost of the lidar: show that it has come down, improve lidar cost modeling
  3. Connect more of turbine OEM's needs with what lidar manufacturers are offering
    - A. Address availability for lidar assisted control (maybe look at how other industries have addressed this)
    - B. Maintenance friendly, self maintaining lidar that requires
  4. Want to collaborate more with other IEA Wind tasks (IEA Wind tasks 37 & wind farm flow control)

Figure 7: How Task 32 can enable adoption of lidar-assisted control of wind turbines and plants