

WINDSIM USERS MEETING 2022

WINDSIM RSCT CASE STUDIES WITH ZX300

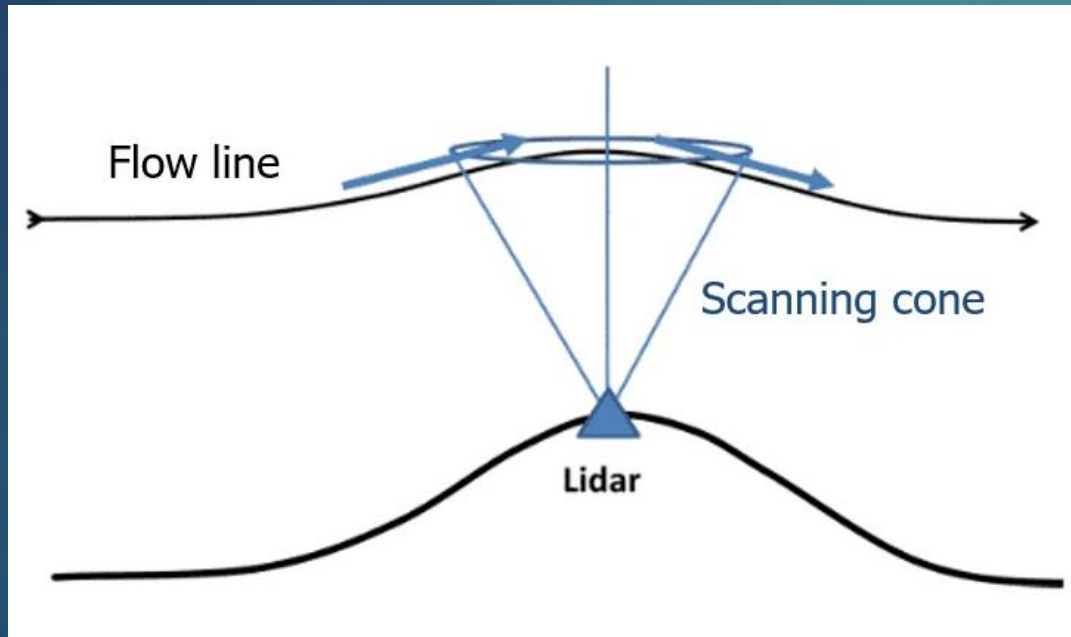
CORRELATION WITH CALIBRATED MASTS & COMPARISON WITH DYNAMICS

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RSD SYSTEMATIC ERRORS SOURCES (1)

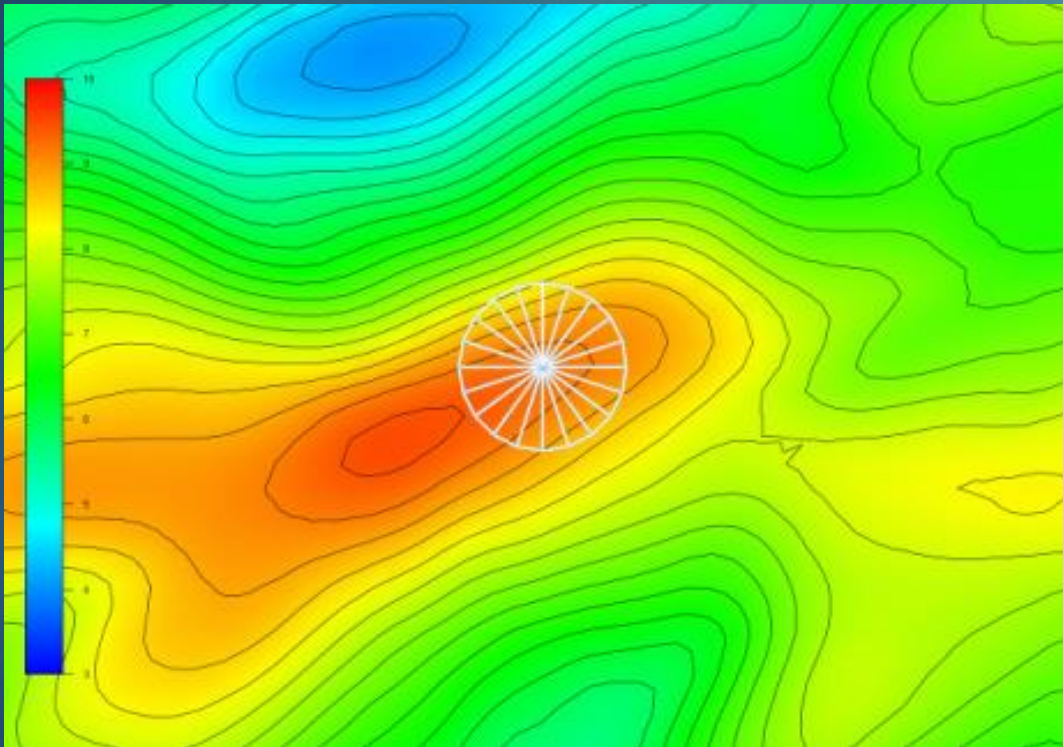


- ▶ Systematic errors in Lidar measurements in complex sites come mainly from:

A. The intersection of the scanning cone with the flow lines, with positive inflow angle upwind and negative inflow angle downwind.

In both cases the component of wind velocity along the laser beam is reduced compared to the speed at the top of the hill. Thus, horizontal speed is usually underestimated.

RSD SYSTEMATIC ERRORS SOURCES (2)



B. Calculation of instant point wind speed in the center of the scan disk → assumption: “the flow is homogenous along the scan disk”.

In fact, in complex sites, wind speed is not the same at different points along the disk. Usually wind speed upwind and downwind is lower than at hill top due to the hill speed-up effect.

SYSTEMATIC ERROR CORRECTION

IMPORTANT FOR:

- ▶ LOW TO HIGH TERRAIN COMPLEXITY SITES
- ▶ SITE ASSESSMENT BASED ON MEASUREMENTS FROM LOWER HEIGHT MASTS AND LDA DEVICES OR STAND-ALONE LDA DEVICES

As a result there is a need for fast, reliable and consistent methodology / tool to perform this correction.

COMMERCIAL AVAILABLE CORRECTION TOOLS

- ▶ ALL BASED ON RANS models:
 - ▶ **DYNAMICS** ®, BASED ON VENTOS® CFD PLATFORM (two-equations TI closure model $k-\epsilon$)
 - ▶ METEODYN ®, (one-equation TI closure scheme based on Yamada et al)
 - ▶ **WINDSIM** ®, (two-equations TI closure models – $k-\epsilon$, $k-\omega$, YAP etc + thermal stability)
 - ▶ ZEPHYCFS ® FROM ZEPHY-SCIENCE, BASED ON OPENFOAM (two-equations TI closure models – $k-\epsilon$)

MAIN FEATURES OF WINDSIM RSCT

- ▶ ADD-ON MODULE
- ▶ USES LIDAR 10-min AVERAGES (raw data input)
- ▶ THE USER CAN DEFINE THE SCAN ANGLE AND THE MEASUREMENTS HEIGHTS
- ▶ FOR OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE → RULES:
 - ▶ Vertical resolution: $\leq 10\text{m}$
 - ▶ Horizontal resolution: $10\text{m} \times 10\text{m}$
 - ▶ No smoothing
 - ▶ No orthogonalization

METHODOLOGY OF OUR TEST-RUNS (1)

- ▶ DTM source: EU_DEM V1.1 (25m x 25m) & CLC2018
- ▶ TERRAIN MODEL: 5km x 5km extension & 10m x 10m resolution in the refined area
- ▶ Standard k- ϵ turbulence model & GCV solver
- ▶ 36 simulations of 10° sectors
- ▶ No thermal stability

METHODOLOGY OF OUR TEST-RUNS (2)

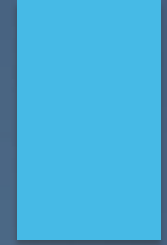
- ▶ SETTINGS IN REMOTE SENSING CORRECTION TOOL:
 - ▶ No RAW data file given
 - ▶ Scan angle for ZX300 = 30°
 - ▶ LEVELS: Different measurement heights according to the setup of each campaign
 - ▶ Number of sectors: 36

METHODOLOGY OF OUR TEST-RUNS (3)

- ZX300 measurements correction of magnetic deviation (Magnetic North → True North)
- A Python scrip is used to implement the correction to the available LIDAR measurements (mean, maximum and minimum speed and standard deviation).
- Corrected measurements are analyzed and correlated with mast measurements using WindRose*.
- The correlation results obtained with different correction tools and without correction were compared.

Method: $y=a*x$
Number of Wind Speed bins: 32
Width of bins: 0.5m/s

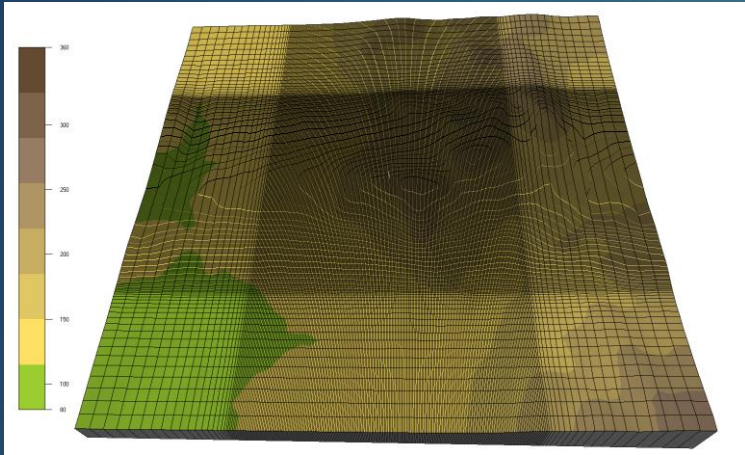
MAIN RESULTS



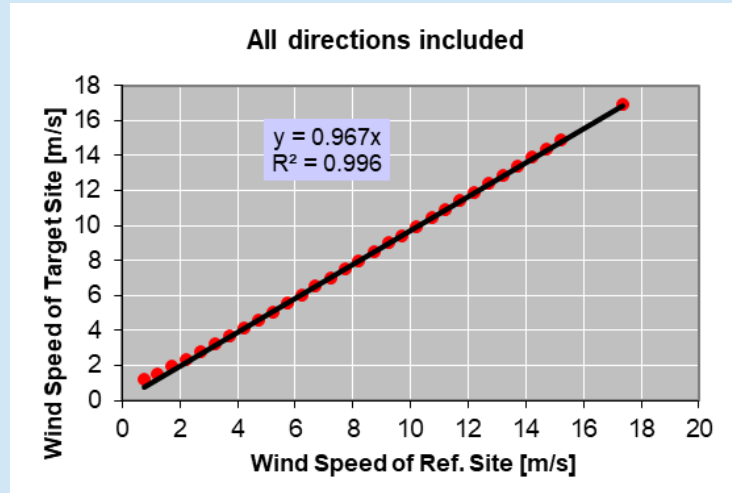
Site Name	Terrain Complexity Category (IEC 61400-1)	Site characteristics	Before Correction			Correction With Dynamics			Correction With WindSim		
			Slope	Relative Abs. Bias	R ²	Slope	Relative Abs. Bias	R ²	Slope	Relative Abs. Bias	R ²
KILKIS-70m	-	flat	0.967	3.30%	0.996	0.973	2.73%	0.995	0.9903	0.97%	0.996
ANDROS-40m	L	low to medium complexity	0.971	2.92%	0.991	1.002	0.23%	0.992	1.006	0.63%	0.991
KEFALONIA-40m	M	medium to high complexity	0.930	6.96%	0.988	0.980	2.01%	0.984	1.016	1.57%	0.987
AKARNANIA-1-31m	M	medium to high complexity	0.943	5.75%	0.997	0.987	1.27%	0.997	0.995	0.46%	0.997
RODOPI-1-40m	-	flat	0.977	2.32%	0.988	0.979	2.08%	0.997	0.978	2.17%	0.988
RODOPI-2-40m	L	low complexity with forest	0.965	3.51%	0.989	0.989	1.08%	0.990	1.001	0.08%	0.989
ACHAIA-31m	L	low complexity	0.971	2.89%	0.993	0.998	0.22%	0.992	1.009	0.90%	0.993
AKARNANIA-2-31m	L	low to medium complexity	0.963	3.74%	0.994	0.982	1.84%	0.993	0.996	0.39%	0.993
AKARNANIA-3-31m	M	medium complexity	0.973	2.66%	0.988	0.990	1.05%	0.987	0.990	1.02%	0.989
AVERAGE of Abs. Bias			3.72%			1.39%			0.93%		
STD. DEVIATION of Abs. Bias			1.47%			0.85%			0.61%		

- The relative Absolute Bias is calculated based on the ideal slope (1.0) for the correlation.
- For all the cases the bias before any correction is greater.
- Overall, the WindSim RSCT yields better correlation results.

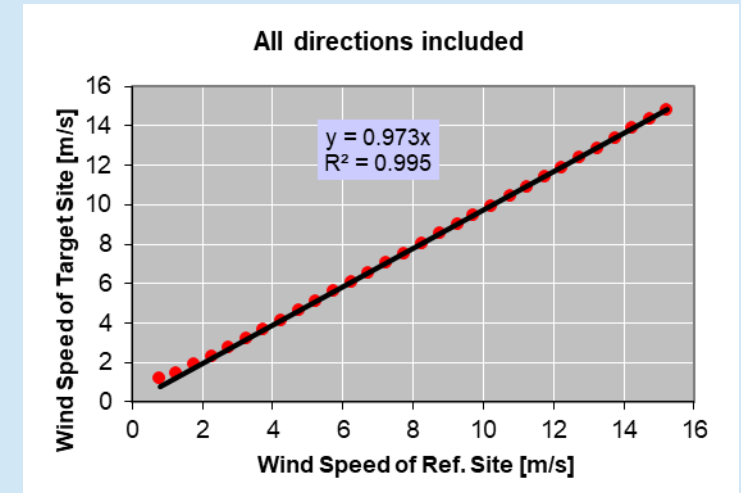
KILKIS



Without correction



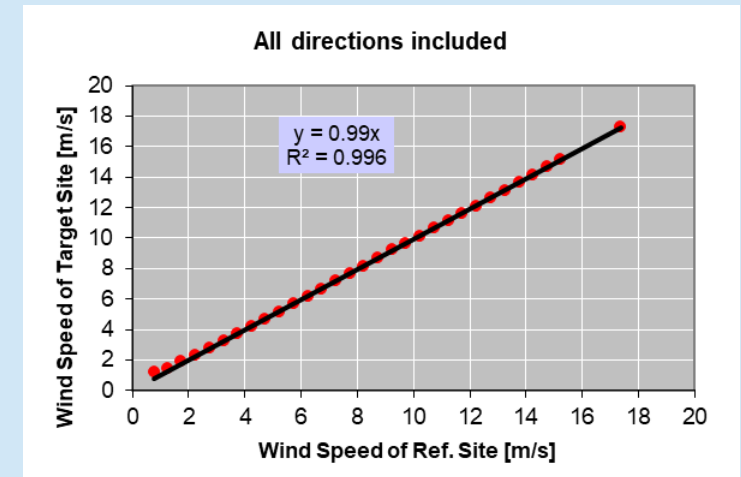
Dynamics Correction



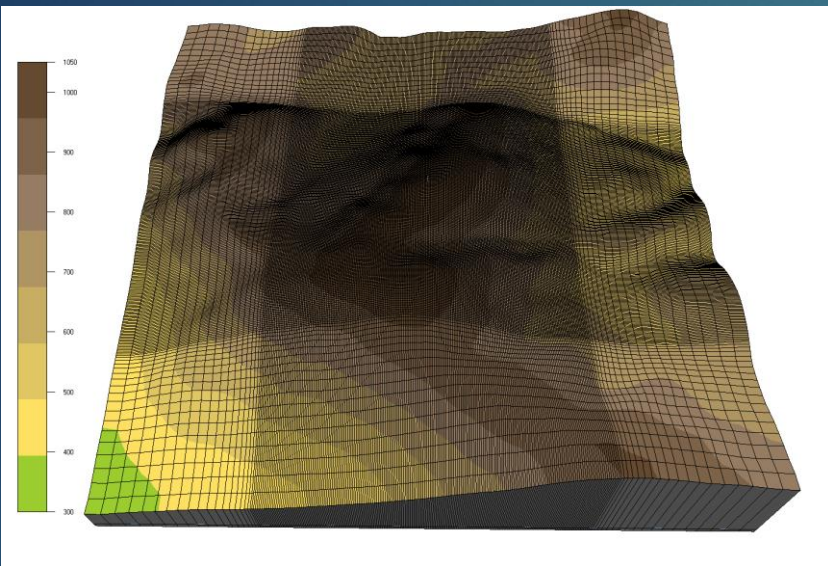
- FLAT terrain

Installation of LIDAR
measuring up to 180m
next to a 70m mast.

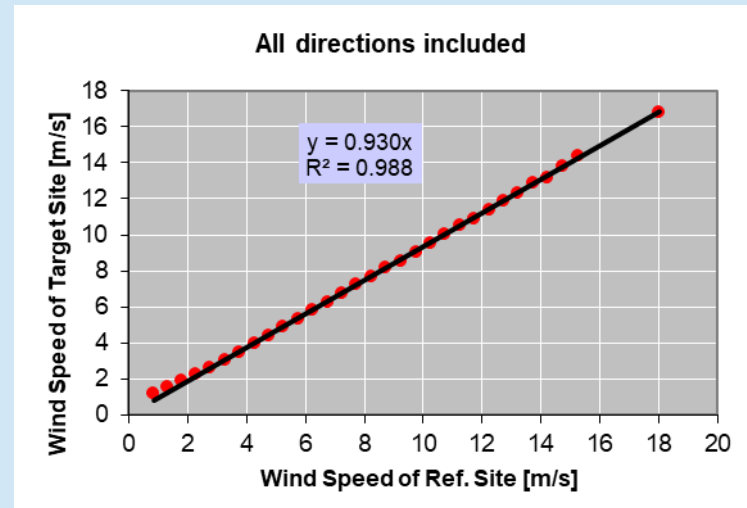
WindSim Correction



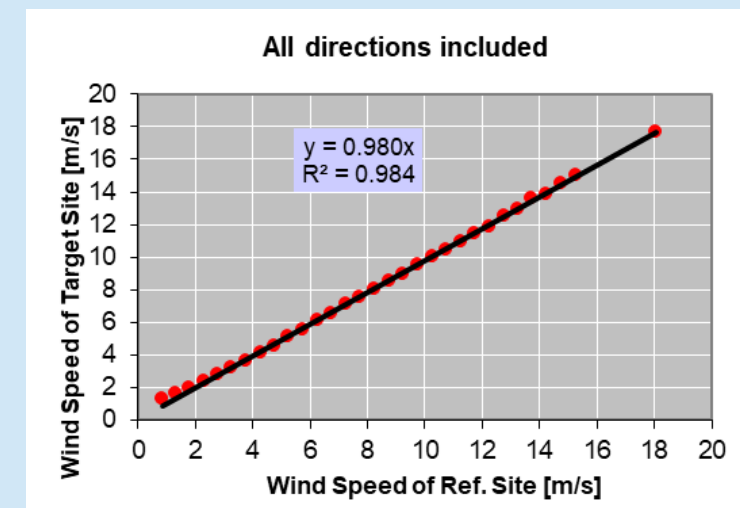
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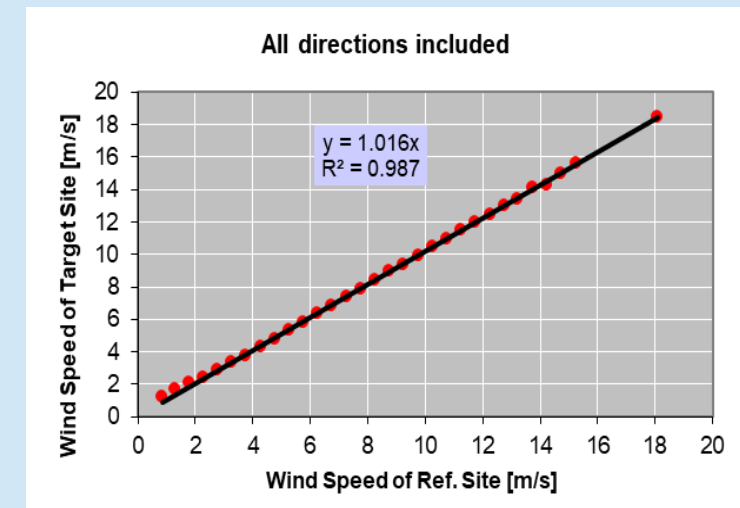
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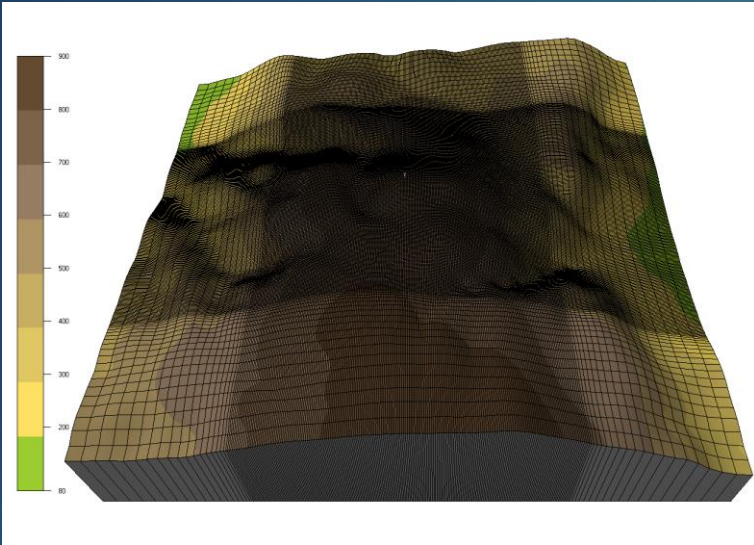
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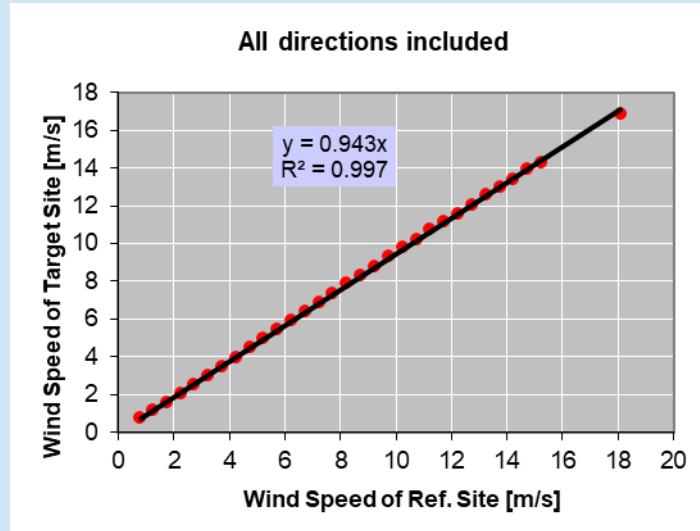
- Medium to high complexity

Installation of LIDAR measuring up to 125m next to a 40m mast.

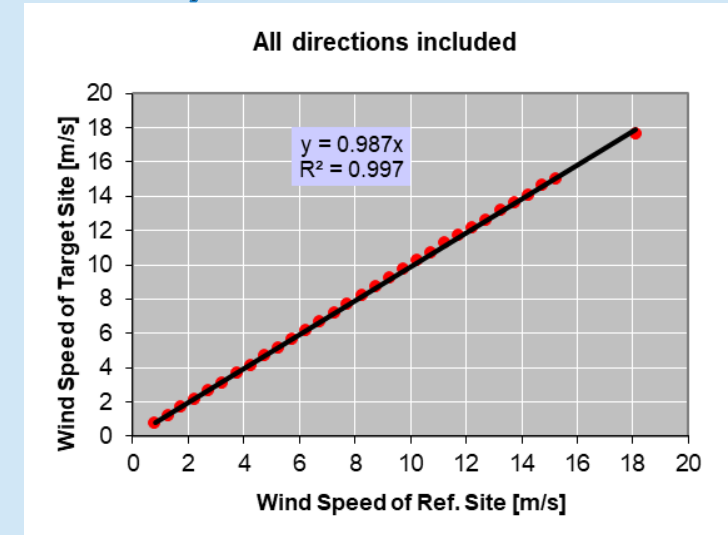
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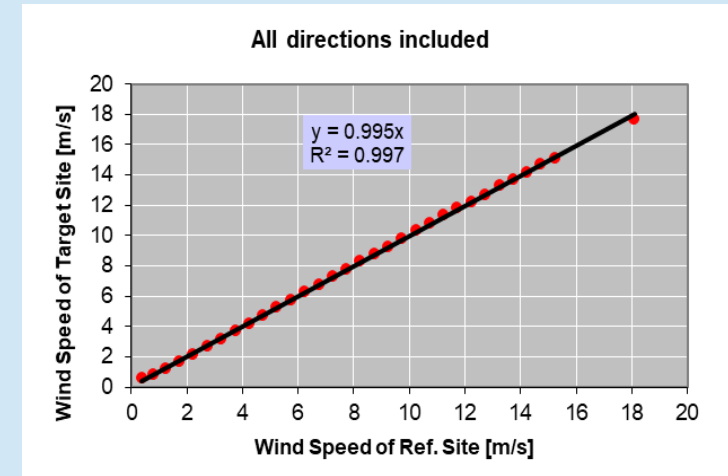
Without correction



Dynamics Correction



WindSim Correction



- Medium to high complexity

Installation of LIDAR measuring up to 180m next to a 31m mast.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ CALCULATION OF DIRECTION CORRECTION FACTORS TOO
 - EXPORT THEM IN A SECOND .txt FILE

- ❑ POST-PROCESSING TOOL TO EXPORT CORRECTED DATA SUITABLE FOR OTHER LIDAR MODELS

FUTURE WORK

- ❑ COMPARISON OF MORE CFD BASED CORRECTION TOOLS
- ❑ ADD MORE AND HIGHER MASTS IN THE COMPARISON SCHEME



▶ THANK YOU