

WindVisions



The Problem

- The operations at Mainport Schiphol are highly sensitive to a number of critical weather parameters, most notably precipitation, the local wind field and visibility.
- For save and efficient airport operation now and in the future, under the condition of a changing climate, routinely monitoring and prediction of these critical weather parameters is essential.



Objective

Develop a Wind and Visibility Monitoring System (WindVisions) at Mainport Schiphol:

➤ WindVisions will consist of:

- a cross-wind scintillometer:
 - *horizontal* long range wind and visibility sensor
- a SODAR (Sound Detecting And Ranging):
 - *vertical* scanning wind sensor

➤ The area of interest to monitor is the landing and take-off course of air-planes ranging from the surface to about 300m height along a runway.

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Organization of the Project

- **Phase 1:** Hotspot MainPort Schiphol – HSMS01

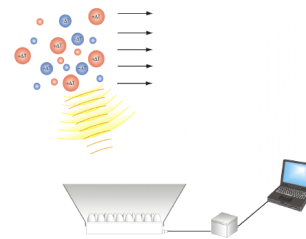
- Technology Development
- Location: Mainly Wageningen + Cabauw
- Time: Feb 2010 – Feb 2012



- **Phase 2:** Theme 6 - Climate Projections – WP1.3

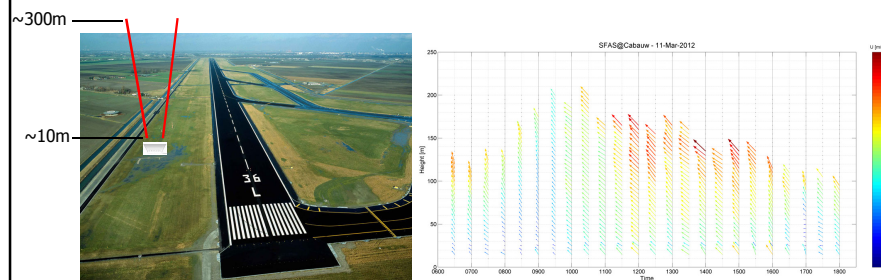
- Deployment WindVisions
- Location: Mainly Schiphol
- Time: Feb 2012 – Feb 2014

Hardware - SODAR



- A SODAR emits short acoustic pulses into the atmosphere.
- A SODAR receives reflected (backscattered) acoustic pulses from temperature inhomogeneities (turbulent eddies) in the air

Hardware - SODAR



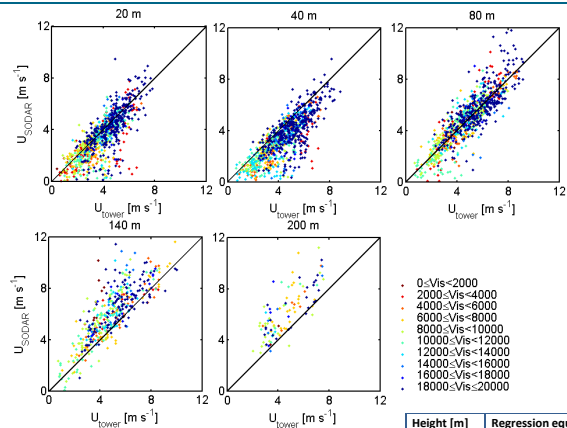
- Doppler frequency shift → wind speed and direction @ many heights
- Amplitude → turbulence intensity @ many heights

Hardware - SODAR



Wageningen mobile mini-SODAR

Hardware - SODAR

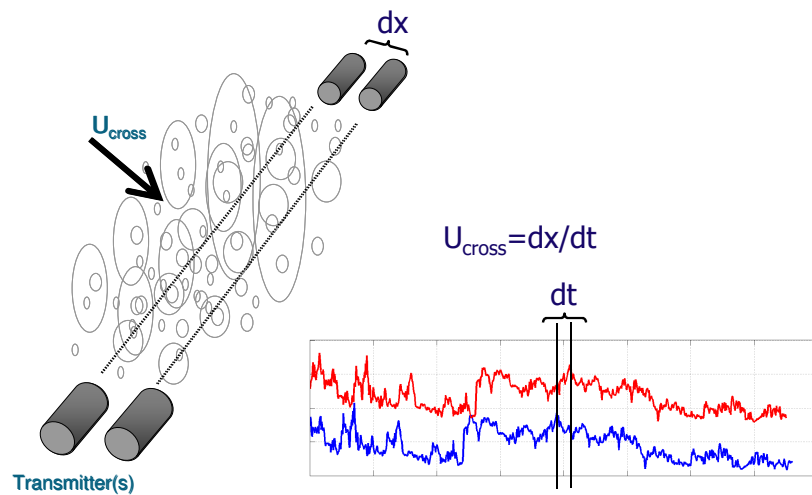


Height [m]	Regression equation	R² [-]	RMSE [m s⁻¹]	N [%]
20	$0.93 \cdot U_{tower} - 0.14$	0.60	1.1	94
40	$0.85 \cdot U_{tower} - 0.30$	0.63	0.97	96
80	$1.0 \cdot U_{tower} + 0.076$	0.75	0.99	88
140	$1.0 \cdot U_{tower} + 1.0$	0.72	1.2	44
200	$1.0 \cdot U_{tower} + 1.5$	0.62	1.2	11

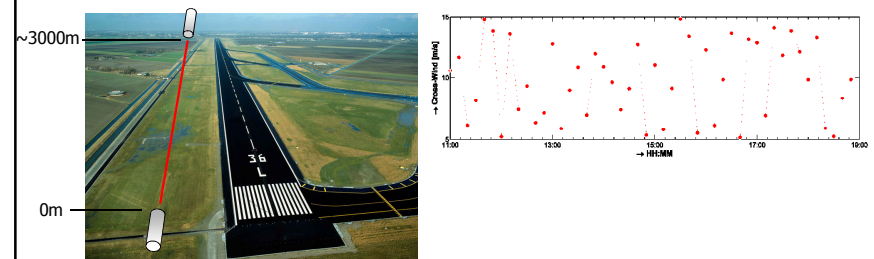
Hardware - Scintillometer



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- Intensity fluctuations → line-averaged cross wind speed @ one height
- Intensity mean → line-averaged visibility @ one height

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Transmitter



Processing Unit



Receiver



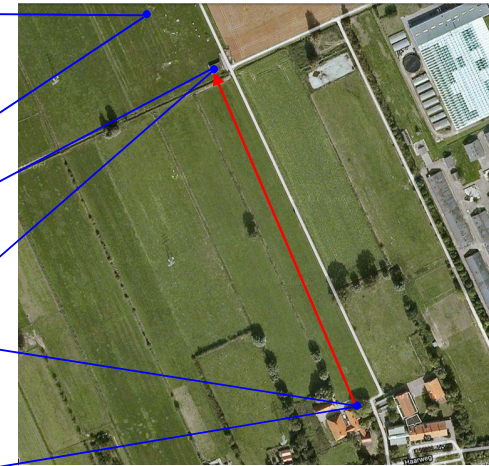
Single Aperture cross-wind techniques



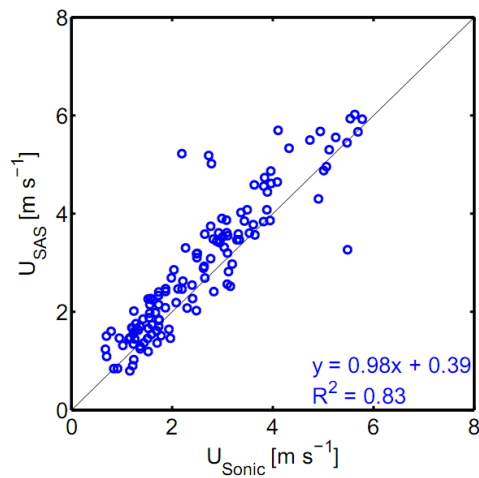
10 Hz sonic



500 Hz DAS



Single Aperture cross-wind techniques



MAIN RESULT

10-minute variables plotted:

- U_{Sonic} : Crosswind of scintillometer path derived from Sonic Anemometer
- U_{SAS} : BLS operated as a SAS – Crosswind based on **10min FFTs**

Phase 2

• Towards Application of WindVisions at Schiphol airport



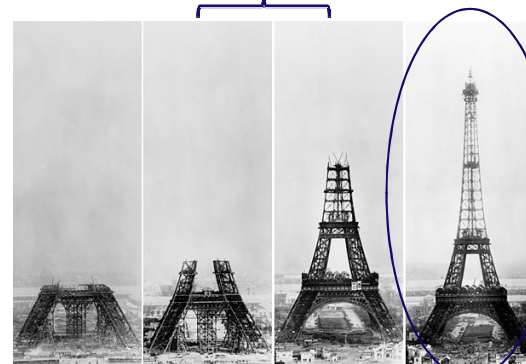
- Synergy/Embedment with Modeling approaches:
 - Harmonie (IMPACT)
 - WRF
- PhD thesis!

The END



Conclusion: Need to Proceed to Phase 2

We are here



We need to get to here

Single Aperture cross-wind techniques

Scintillometer Spectrum: $S(f) = 4\pi^2 K^2 \int_0^L \int_{2\pi f/v}^{\infty} k \phi_n \sin^2 \left(\frac{k^2 x(L-x)}{2KL} \right) \left[(kv)^2 - (2\pi f)^2 \right]^{-1/2} dk dx$
Clifford (1971)

