

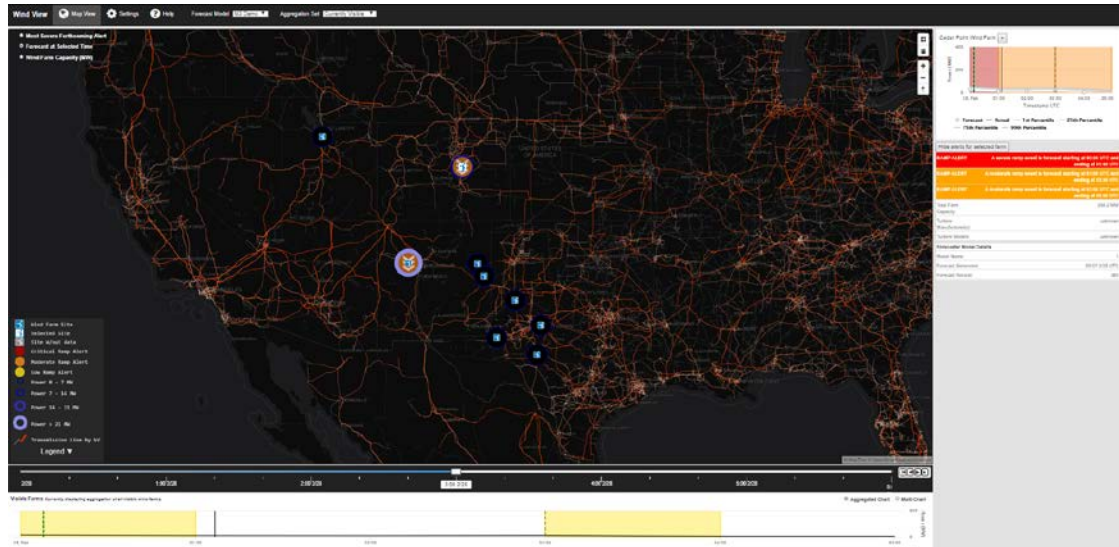
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WindView Project ID #M8

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FY17-FY18 Wind Office Project Organization

An Open Platform for Wind Energy Forecast Visualization

Technology Development

Atmosphere to Electrons

Offshore Wind

Distributed Wind

Testing Infrastructure

Standards Support and International
Engagement

Advanced Components, Reliability, and
Manufacturing

Market Acceleration & Deployment

Stakeholder Engagement, Workforce
Development, and Human Use Considerations

Environmental Research

Grid Integration

Regulatory and Siting

Analysis and Modeling (cross-cutting)

Project Overview

M8: WindView

Project Summary

- Create an open-source, free, situational awareness and decision support platform called WindView which will provide grid operators with knowledge on the state and performance of their power system, with an emphasis on wind energy.
- Focus on utilizing advanced visualization to display pertinent information of wind farms and wind power.

Project Objective & Impact

- Significantly advances the Wind Energy Technologies Office objectives of effectively integrating higher penetration of wind energy through enhanced decision-support tools.
- WindView will enable power system operators and wind power forecasters to better understand and manage the uncertainty and variability of wind generation, to ensure a more reliable and resilient grid.

Project Attributes

Project Principal Investigator(s)

Bri-Mathias Hodge - NREL
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DOE Lead

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Project Partners/Subs

University of Texas, Dallas

Project Duration

3 years

Project Budget

Total Project Budget (FY17 & FY18)

\$1,168,518

Total Actual Costs

\$1,036,439

Project Peer Review Budget is the sum of:

- All related Fiscal Year 2017 project beginning uncosteds
- All related Fiscal Year 2017 project budget authority
- All related Fiscal Year 2018 budget authority
- All related prior year unobligated carryover

- It **does not include** Fiscal Year 2018 Beginning Uncosted, as that would double-count some funds from Fiscal Year 2017

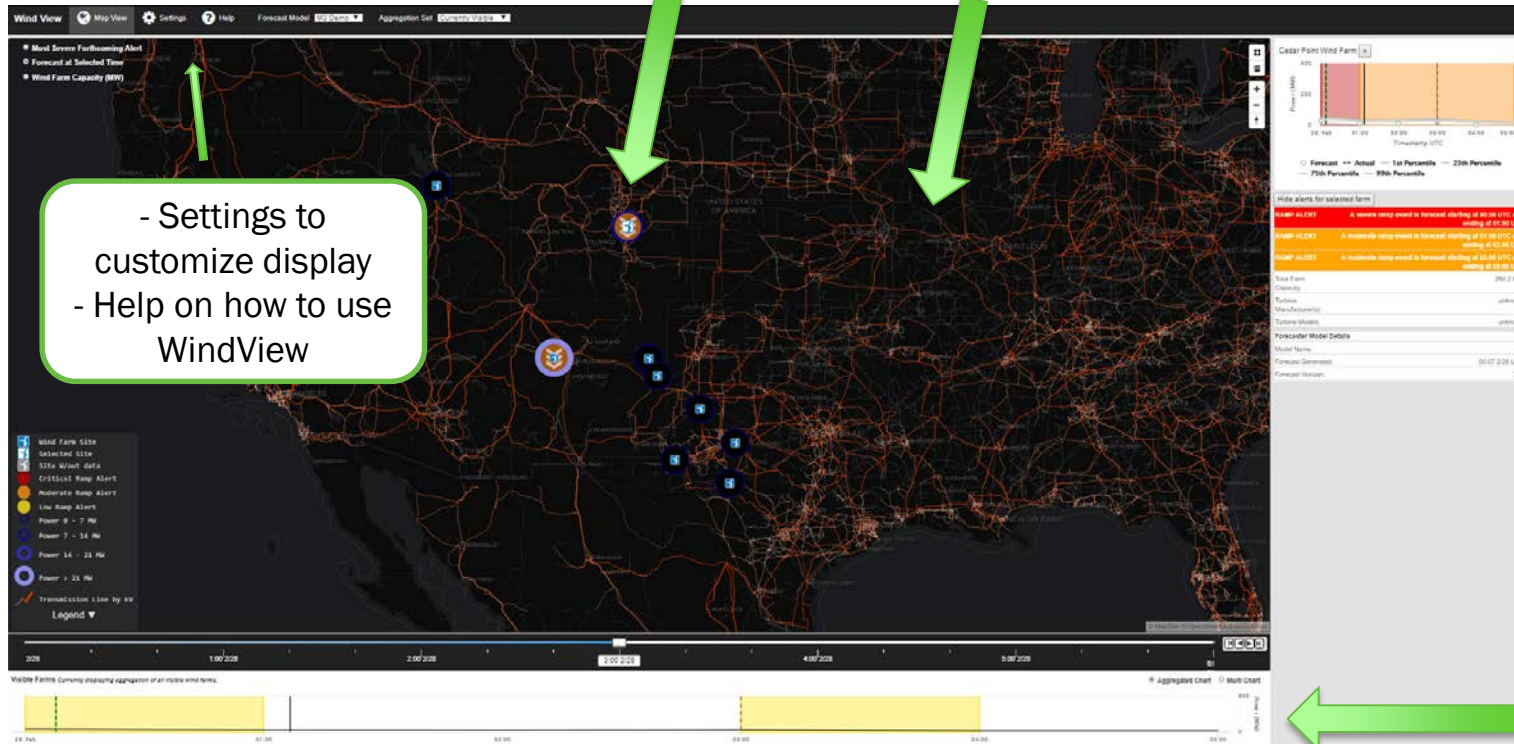
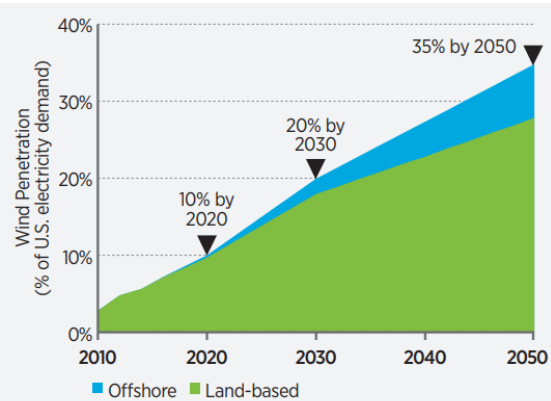
Technical Merit and Relevance

Effectively integrate higher penetrations of wind energy with intuitive decision-support tools that enhance situational awareness.

Interactive map with open-source transmission layer and capable of displaying up to 200 wind farms

Wind Penetration from "A New Era for Wind Power in the United States" – Department of Energy

Ramp alerts and power circles enhance situational awareness



- Settings to customize display
- Help on how to use WindView

Probabilistic forecast to understand forecast uncertainty

Static information available for any wind farm selected from the map

Aggregated chart shows actual, forecast and ramping values for aggregation of choice, example balancing authority or transmission congestion zone

Approach and Methodology



Playable Video (with sound)

Collaborated with:



Organized two technical review committees with:



Western Area
Power Administration



Attended the Energy Systems Integration Group
Wind Forecast Workshop

Approach and Methodology

Product Development

Developed prototype for demonstration:
<https://windview-beta.nrel.gov>. Tested with
Wind Site data.

Built a newly made probabilistic wind
power forecaster, M3, into the WindView
to allow users to fully interact with all of
WindView's features.

Adapted ARGUS-PRIMA to work with
WindView.



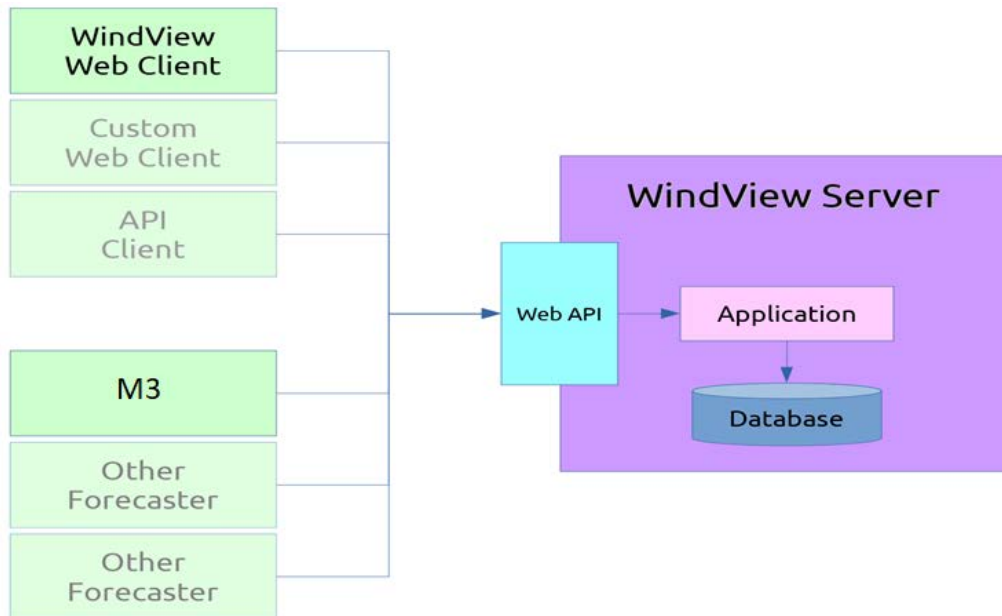
NWTC, NREL,
Boulder

Accomplishments and Progress

Four publications completed, one in progress

- Feng, Cong, Sun, Mucun, Cui, Mingjian, Chartan, Erol Kevin, Hodge, Bri-Mathias, and Zhang, Jie. Characterizing forecastability of wind sites in the United States. United States: N. p., 2018. Web. doi:10.1016/j.renene.2018.08.085.
- Chartan, Erol Kevin, Hodge, Brian S, Sun, Mucun, Feng, Cong, and Zhang, Jie. Probabilistic Short-Term Wind Forecasting Based on Pinball Loss Optimization. United States: N. p., 2018. Web. doi:10.1109/PMAPS.2018.8440347.
- Hodge, Brian S, Chartan, Erol Kevin, Feng, Cong, and Zhang, Jie. Characterizing Time Series Data Diversity for Wind Forecasting: Preprint. United States: N. p., 2018. Web.
- Sun, Mucun, Feng, Cong, Chartan, Erol Kevin, Hodge, Bri-Mathias S., and Zhang, Jie. A two-step short-term probabilistic wind forecasting methodology based on predictive distribution optimization. United States: N. p., 2019. Web. doi:10.1016/j.apenergy.2019.01.182.
- Hodge Bri-Mathias, Chartan, Erol Kevin, Zhou, Zhi, Edwards, Paul, Abhyankar, Shri, Ayers, Andy. WindView – An Open Source Visualization Platform with a Focus on Wind Energy. Paper being written currently and due to be submitted to journal ‘Wind Energy’, by April 1st 2019.

Accomplishments and Progress



Architecture of WindView

- Open-source
- Free
- Available for download on GitHub
- Developed with mainstream code
- Compatible with any wind power forecaster

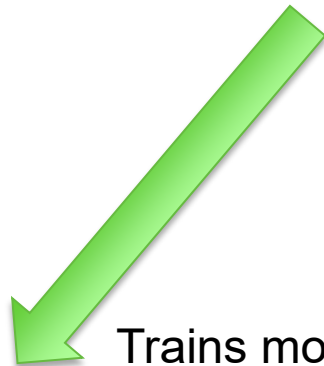
Accomplishments and Progress

Created M3, a machine-learning-based short-term probabilistic forecaster to simulate real-time updated forecasts

Built M3 into the WindView user interface as a free ready-to-use wind power forecaster

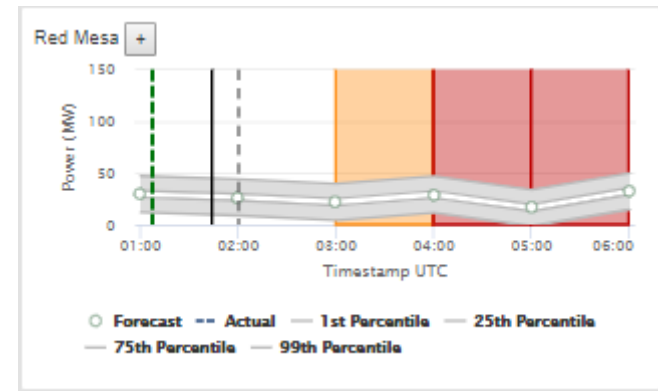


National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's free, publicly available weather data is input into M3



M3

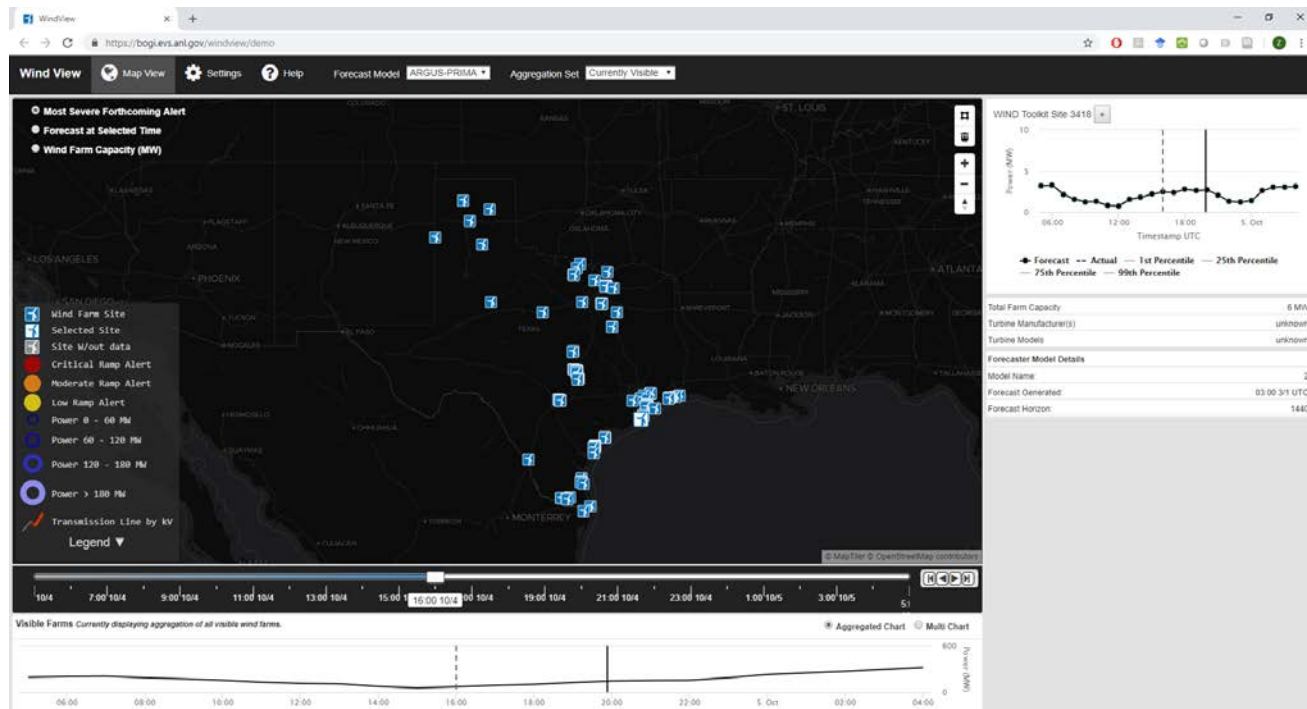
Trains models every week
Runs forecast every hour



Accomplishments and Progress

Argonne's existing probabilistic wind power forecasting tool, ARGUS-PRIMA, was made available to the public for free and open-source

ARGUS-PRIMA was enhanced and outputs made compatible with WindView and tested (picture below).



Communication, Coordination, and Commercialization

To come:

- Website
- Internal story
- Social media engagement activity
- Paper on WindView; submitting to Journal Wind Energy

Done:

- Discussions on adding WindView to the Great British Electricity National Control Center
- WindView available on GitHub
- Contacted technical review committee members and personal contacts
- Using NREL laboratory managers to outreach to industry

Communication, Coordination, and Commercialization

The screenshot displays the WindView Tutorial V2 interface. At the top, there are navigation options: Settings, Help, Forecast Model (M3), Aggregation Set, and Manual Selection. The main map shows the United States with various wind farm locations marked by icons. A legend on the left side lists alert types (Critical Ramp Alert, Moderate Ramp Alert, Low Ramp Alert) and power levels (Power 0 - 60 MW, Power 60 - 120 MW, Power 120 - 180 MW, Power > 180 MW). A time-series chart on the right shows Power (MW) vs. Timestamp UTC for the Langford Wind Farm, with a yellow shaded area indicating a forecast event. Below the chart, a detailed alert notification is displayed:

RAMP ALERT A low ramp event is forecast starting at 20:00 UTC and ending at 22:00 UTC

RAMP ALERT A low ramp event is forecast starting at 22:00 UTC and ending at 23:00 UTC

Additional details for the Langford Wind Farm are shown below the alerts:

Total Farm Capacity	150 MW
Turbine Manufacturer(s)	unknown
Turbine Models	unknown
Forecaster Model Details	
Model Name	1
Forecast Generated	19:07 9/12 UTC
Forecast Horizon	360

The interface also includes a time-series chart at the bottom with a timeline from 9/12 to 0:00 9/13, and a Windows taskbar at the very bottom showing the system clock as 7:33 PM on 2/27/2019.

Created a tutorial video for new and potential users - playable video (with sound)