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## Atlas Brasileiro de Energia Solar e Previsão de Radiação Solar no Brasil

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## outline

- LABREN Laboratory for Modelling and Studies of Renewable Energy Resources who are we?
- Background on solar energy assessment and second edition of Brazilian Solar Atlas
- Overview on solar irradiation forecast methods
- Evaluation of methods and conclusions





# LABREN - LABoratory for modelling and studies of RENewable energy resources

Our multidisciplinary laboratory carries out research and teaching activities in energy meteorology and in the climate system influence on energy resources making use of satellite data, computational modelling and observational data.

Research topics:

- Assessment of solar and wind energy resources;
- Short and medium-term forecast of solar and wind generation;
- Energy and global climate change;
- Site-specific measurements, characterization and modelling of solar and wind resources;
- And multidisciplinary subject related with energy meteorology research.





## about energy meteorology...



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## ...and solar resource assessment



Solar energy potential

terrain, environment, latitude...

#### Data uncertainty

type of radiometer, operation & maintenance, model characteristic



Solar variability

meteorology, climate





## satellite model VS interpolation VS ground measurements





#### Benchmark for Brasil-SR satellite model

Região	r	Viés (Wh/m²)	Viés (%)	REQM (Wh/m²)	REQM (%)	Irradiação Global Horizontal Média Observada (Wh/m²)
Norte	0,81	30	0,6%	467	9,7%	4825
Nordeste	0,87	12	0,2%	456	8,3%	5483
Centro-Oeste	0,86	23	0,5%	421	8,3%	5082
Sudeste	0,91	4	0,1%	416	8,4%	4951
Sul	0,98	-4	-0,1%	395	8,9%	4444
Médio	0,89	12	0,2%	421	8,2%	5153





### brazilian solar atlas - second edition



## An INPE accomplishment in association with







- 17 years of satellite data
- Spectral radiation transfer model
- Validation by using more than 500 ground sites
- National coverage





## GHI annual mean



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## GHI monthly mean



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## Brazil VS Europe: an overview

## (monthly mean)

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### model validation (mean daily totals for global horizontal irradiation)

10000

8000

6000

6000

4000

2000

2000

≥

- - - - r = 0.87

Viés = 12 / REQM = 456









10000

8000

4000

2000-

0-

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o (Wh/m 6000



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0,35

0,28

0,21

Desvios



200 400 600 800 1000

Knowledge Exchange Seminar – Fotovoltaica UFSC

## model validation (mean daily totals for global horizontal irradiation)

 Good agreement of distribution curves between observed and modelled values





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### model uncertainties



 Maximum percentage deviation between modeled and observed - monthly average of daily global irradiation for the percentiles of 10% and 90%



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## solar irradiation forecasting





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## solar irradiation forecasting methods

#### • To whom?

- Transmission system operators or agencies (ONS, ANEEL)
  - Regional forecast
- Direct market
  - Local forecast







## solar forecasting horizons



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## solar forecasting methodology

- Persistence from local ground measurements
- Cloud Motion from Sky Imagers CM-SI prediction with high spatial and temporal resolution forecasting of ramp effects (up to 30 minutes)
- Cloud Motion from Satellites CM-Sat Uses satellite radiative transfer models (Ex: BRASIL-SR) providing regional forecasts for horizons from 30 minutes to 6 hours
- Numerical Weather Prediction NWP Atmospheric models provides forecasts for vast regions on the horizon from 12h to 72h. They need adjustments through machine learning techniques (eg. neural networks)



#### The best method depends on the forecast horizon





## persistence method (ground data)

#### persistence:

$$\boldsymbol{P}_{pers} = \left\{ \frac{\boldsymbol{P}_{meas}(\boldsymbol{t} - \Delta \boldsymbol{t})}{\boldsymbol{P}_{clear}(\boldsymbol{t} - \Delta \boldsymbol{t})} \right\} \times \boldsymbol{P}_{clear}(\boldsymbol{t})$$

constant ratio of measured PV power  $P_{meas}$  to clear sky PV power  $P_{clear}$ 

Post processing by statistical or machine learning methods





## cloud motion from sky cameras







- Irradiância medida





Comparison between predicted and measured 5-minute radiation in Taiwan (FU and CHENG, 2013)





## cloud motion from satellite



Satélite órbital Órbita – cerca de 800 km acima da superfície Ângulo de visada da ordem de 110°







## cloud motion from satellite



Short-term forecasting scheme (up to 6 hours in advance) using statistical methods on GOES satellite images.



## numerical weather prediction

#### adjusted by artificial neural networks (ANN)



✓ Meteorological model output (WRF) fine-tuning using artificial neural network (ANN)

- ✓ ANN training performed with irradiance or local production data
- Predictions employ different methodologies for different time scales



## numerical weather prediction

#### adjusted by artificial neural networks (ANN)



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Resultados para a região nordeste (Lima, 2016)

## numerical weather prediction

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## evaluation: RMSE in dependence of forecast horizon



#### Persistence VS CMV VS NWP

- CMV forecasts better than NWP based forecast up to 3 hours ahead
- Persistence better than CMV forecasts up to 10 minutes ahead

Fonte Lorenz et al. (2016

## combining methodogies



## RMSE in dependence of forecast horizon



combination of forecast models with linear regression:

$$\mathbf{P}_{combi} = \mathbf{a}_{NWP}\mathbf{P}_{NWP} + \mathbf{a}_{CMV}\mathbf{P}_{CMV} + \mathbf{a}_{persist}\mathbf{P}_{persist} + \mathbf{a}_{0}$$

coefficients  $\boldsymbol{a}_{NWP}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{a}_{CMV}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{a}_{persist}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{a}_{0}$  are fitted to measured data in dependence of:

Fonte Lorenz et al. (2016)

- forecast horizon
- hour of the day

## LABREN proposed sollution

- CM-SI: data from sitespecific sky cameras
- CM-Sat: Regional satellite data (validated with SI)

NWP: Numercal meteorological wodels



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## LABREN working on...

- Expertise in the LAB
- Two R&D projects running (NUBI and PREVER ANEEL / Petrobras)
- Implementing and evaluating a combined methodology







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Results LABREN: Cloud detection methods (Ceff) by satellites and cameras Useful for CM-SI and CM-Sat

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Comparison of methodologies for cloud cover estimation in Brazil - A case study



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#### Sky cameras X Satellite images Satellite images calibrated with ground truth from sky cameras

22.3

Latitude

22.5

44.9

45

LADKER

Longitude

45.1

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2



22.3

22.4

22.5

44.9

45

Longitude

45.1

Latitude



#### LABREN Results: Ramp frequency mapping Ramp variability Score (VS)

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### LABREN Results: Ramp frequency mapping Ramp variability Score (VS)

where is the value and is the probability of finding values higher than on the data set.



0.93

PTR

0.40

0.51

0.8

0.33

0.62

0.66

1.48

1.62

#### LABREN Results: Numerical forecast Adjusted by Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)



Forecast for surface solar irradiance at the Brazilian Northeastern region using NWP model and artificial neural networks



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## Effect of clouds on solar irradiance at the ground level

