

# Vaisala Remote Sensing Update

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# About Vaisala

- Vaisala is a leading weather instrumentation and systems company
- 1900+ employees, 30+ offices worldwide
- €348.8 Million (\$396.3 Million) net sales in 2018
  - 67% Weather and Environment
  - 33% Industrial Measurements



- Adds four key Remote Sensing offerings for wind energy:
  - **Windcube** vertical profiler provides accurate wind measurements up to 200 meters.
  - **Windcube 100S/200S/400S** scanning wind Doppler Lidar offer a range from 100m to 3.5 km, 6 km or 10km as well as multiple scanning patterns choices.
  - **Wind Iris** is designed to be mounted temporarily on the nacelle of a turbine for power performance testing.
  - **Wind Iris Turbine Control (TC)** Lidar sensor enables turbine manufacturers to integrate nacelle-mounted Lidar for efficient turbine control.



# Leosphere Updates – Windcube v2.1 launched Q4

**Windcube v2.1 uses “Vector Averaging” – why the change, what exactly does that mean, and how is it different from the v2.0?**

- Wind has both direction and speed, so by nature it is a vector element
  - But “Scalar Averaging” of wind data can be used when speed and direction are independently measured as with a cup/vane or an RSD
- Windcube post-processing was originally designed with Scalar averaging
  - Windcube v2.0 will continue to use Scalar averaging, but it is possible to re-process 1Hz data (we can provide the tool)
- Vector averaging reduces the IEC uncertainty for Windcubes used in Power Performance Testing as shown by Deutsche WindGuard earlier in 2018. All studies available upon request.

# Leosphere Updates – FAQs

## **I am a current Leosphere customer – how does this acquisition affect me?**

- If you purchased your equipment from NRG Systems, they will continue to support you. Vaisala staff is not trained to maintain or repair the Windcube v1.0 or v2.0
- Vaisala will be able to deliver power supplies and field support for the Windcube v2.1, Scanning Lidars and Wind Iris Lidars

## **Are there advantages to the remote sensing community, since the merger brings together complementary skill sets and resources?**

- Together we have more field experience than any other vendor, but there is always more to learn
- Vaisala brings a lot of specialized manufacturing experience for high-mix, low-volume products
- Our sales team is specializing to focus on applications for RSD's

# Leosphere Updates – FAQs

## What's going to happen with the online wind data servers?

- The Leosphere “WindWeb” and the Vaisala “Observations Platform” both have similar user interfaces, but significantly different underpinnings
- At this time, we have decided not to use our resources to merge the platforms, but we will continue to review this as we go forward

## What about field support for my Lidars?

- Vaisala has completed training and will support Windcube v2.1 vertical profilers, Windcube 100S/200S/400S scanning systems, and Wind Iris power optimization systems
- Older systems can be serviced at any of the Leosphere repair depots
- Vaisala support can be reached at: **[windenergy.support@Vaisala.com](mailto:windenergy.support@Vaisala.com)**



# Leosphere Updates – expanding our capacity

- **January** – New Leosphere factory opened in Saclay, France



- **Q4, 2019** – New Leosphere factory opening in Shanghai, China

# Triton Updates

## New “SoDAR 3.0” firmware is a major upgrade to Triton’s algorithms

- Triton accuracy AND data recovery have been significantly improved (using advanced outlier rejection and machine learning techniques).
- New Turbulence Intensity metric
- New Quality Factor metric
- Echo Rejecter improvement
- Precipitation methodology (see below)

### *Method for Measuring Precipitation and Wind in Sodar Systems*

- Patent filed July 2018 (Appl No. 16/027,187 V1935.10025US01)
- Uses a robust clustering algorithm to filter out radial wind speeds (RWS) generated by ambient noise from any source and RWS generated by precipitation



**Questions?**

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