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CIRFA, 14 October 2020, online zoom



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Photo of Reception of DTU Wind Energy, Roskilde, Denmark

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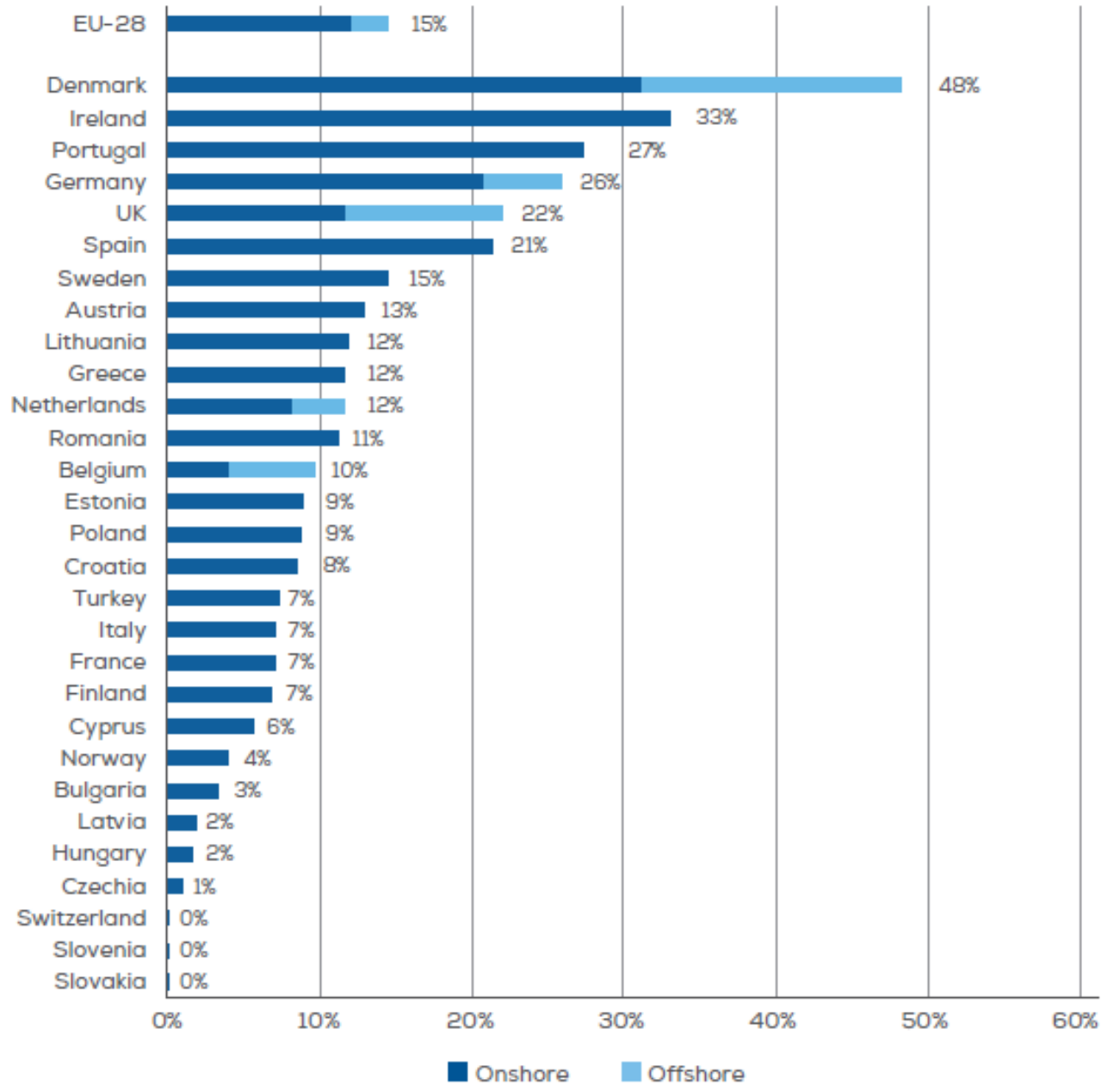
Wind lidar

- Wind lidar

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Wind energy electricity in % in Europe

Percentage of the electricity demand covered by wind in 2019¹¹



Source: Wind Europe 2029

<https://windeurope.org/wp-content/uploads/files/about-wind/statistics/WindEurope-Annual-Statistics-2019.pdf>

Europe now has a total installed offshore wind capacity of 22 GW

Offshore wind energy vision Europe

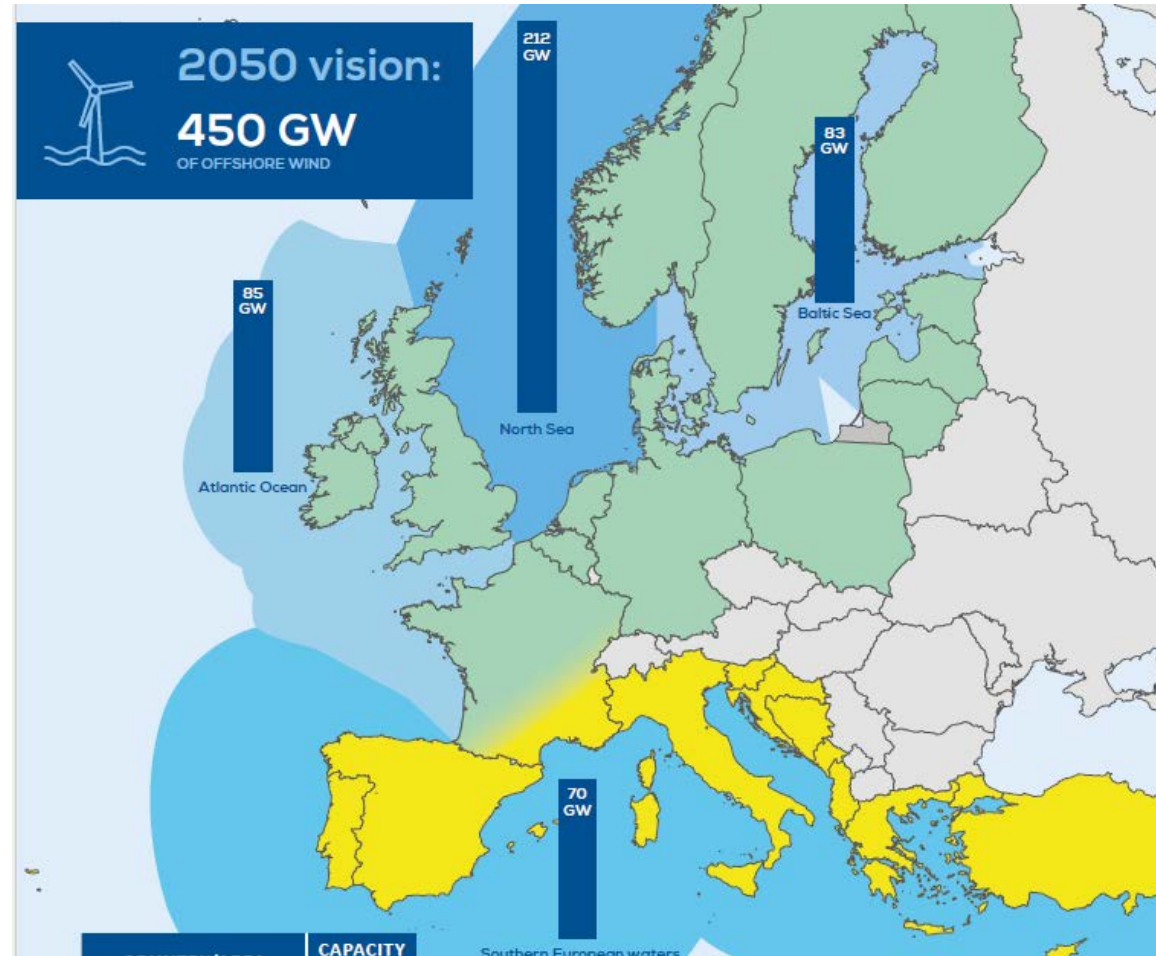
Our energy, our future

How offshore wind will help Europe go carbon-neutral

Source:

Wind Europe 2019

<https://windeurope.org/wp-content/uploads/files/about-wind/reports/WindEurope-Our-Energy-Our-Future.pdf>



Offshore wind energy vision World

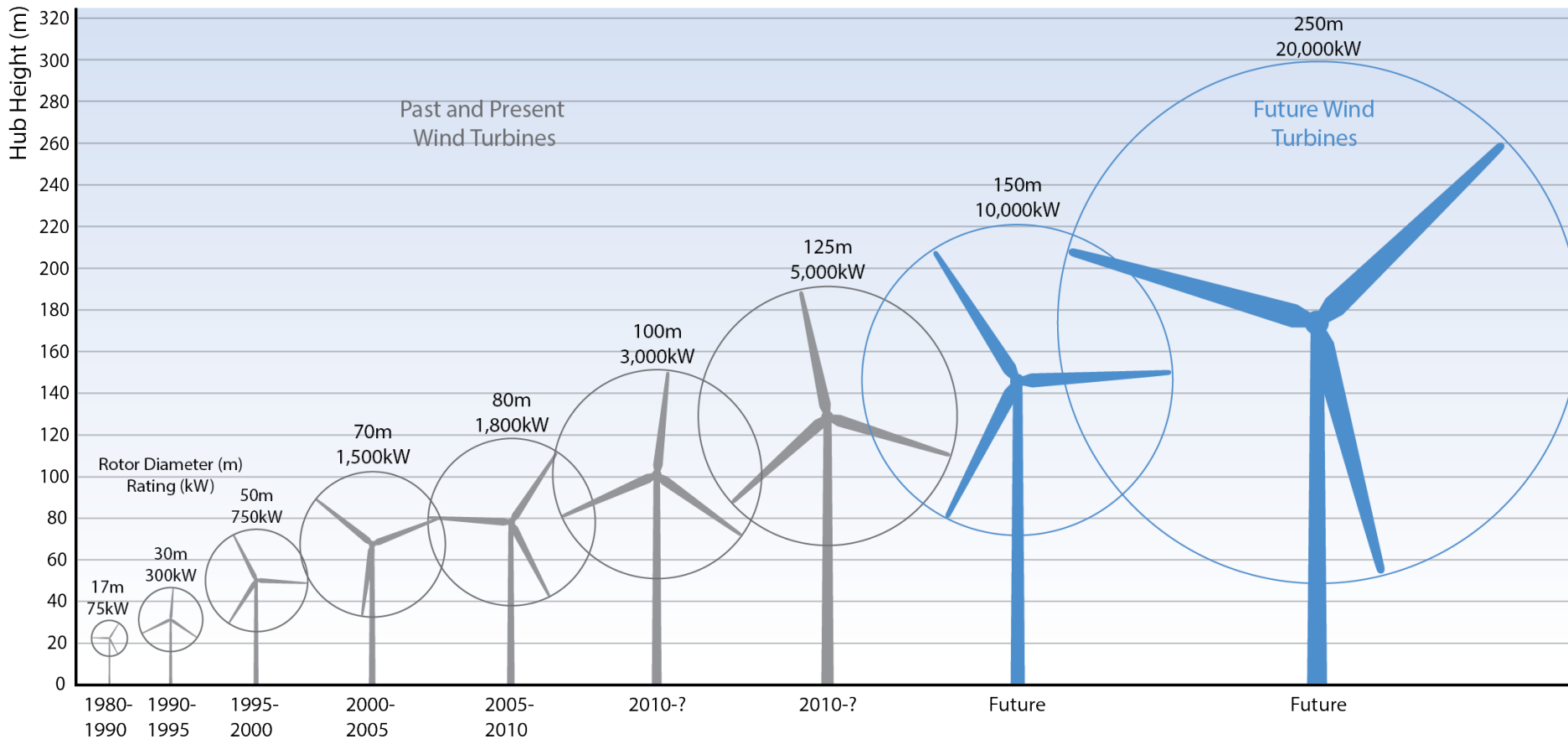
As a part of its [Offshore Wind Outlook 2019](#), the IEA initiated a new geospatial analysis to assess offshore wind technical potential by country.

This analysis showed that the best close-to-shore offshore wind sites could provide almost 36 000 TWh globally per year, which is **nearly equal to global electricity demand in 2040**.

Source: IEA (International Energy Agency)

<https://www.iea.org/reports/offshore-wind>

Wind power generation



$$P = \frac{1}{2} \rho A U^3$$

P : instantaneous power

A : rotor swept area

U : wind speed

ρ : air density

Østerild Test Centre – Prototype Wind Turbines (since 2012)

7 Wind Turbines – Max. 16 MW each – Max. height 250 m

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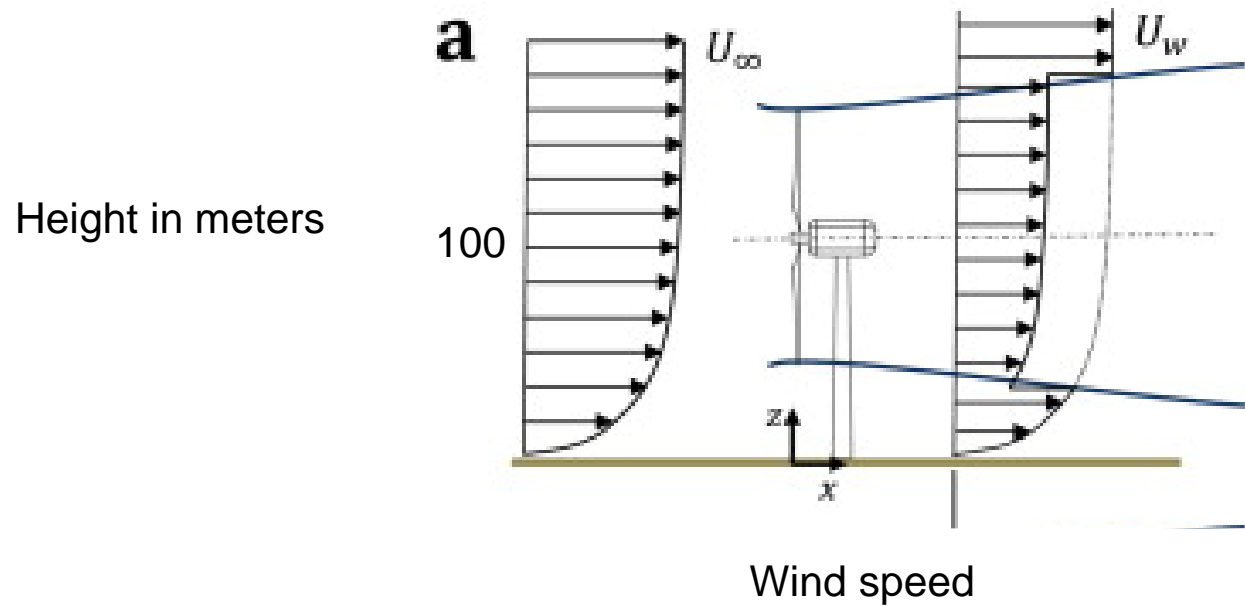
Wind farm wakes

2008

An aerial photograph of a large wind farm, likely the Horns Rev, showing a significant wake effect. The wind turbines are arranged in rows, and a large, dense plume of white wake extends from the middle of the farm towards the right side of the image. The sky is a clear, deep blue.

Hasager, C.B., Rasmussen, L., Peña, A., Jensen, L.E., Réthoré, P.-E.,
2013, Wind farm wake: The Horns Rev photo case, *Energies*, 6(2), 696–
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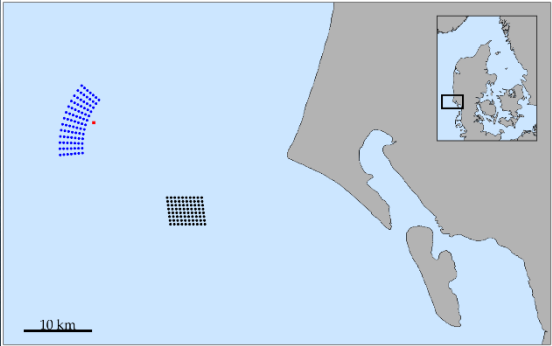
Wind profile and wind turbine



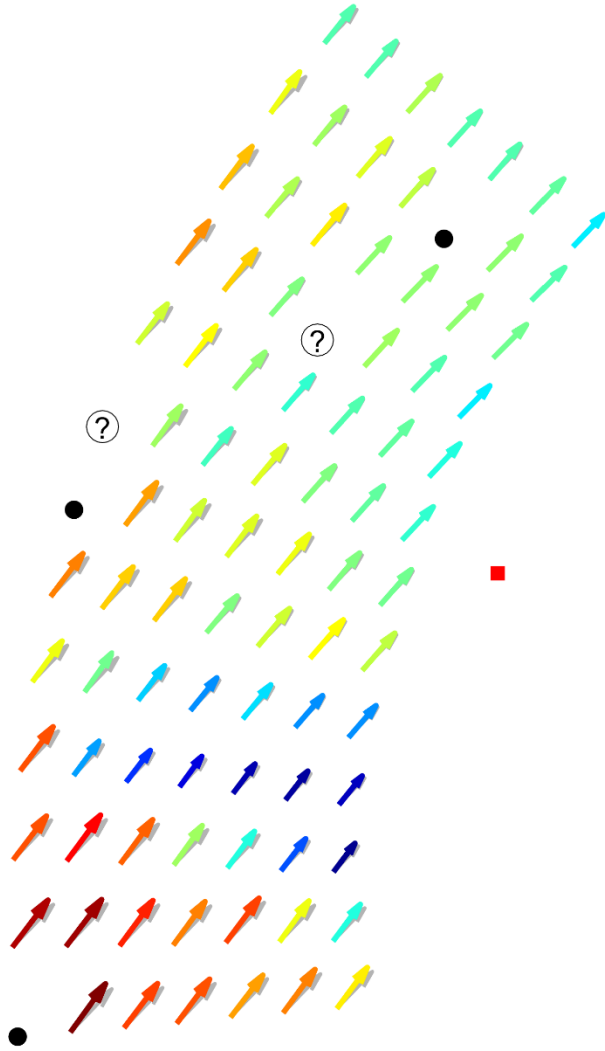
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2016



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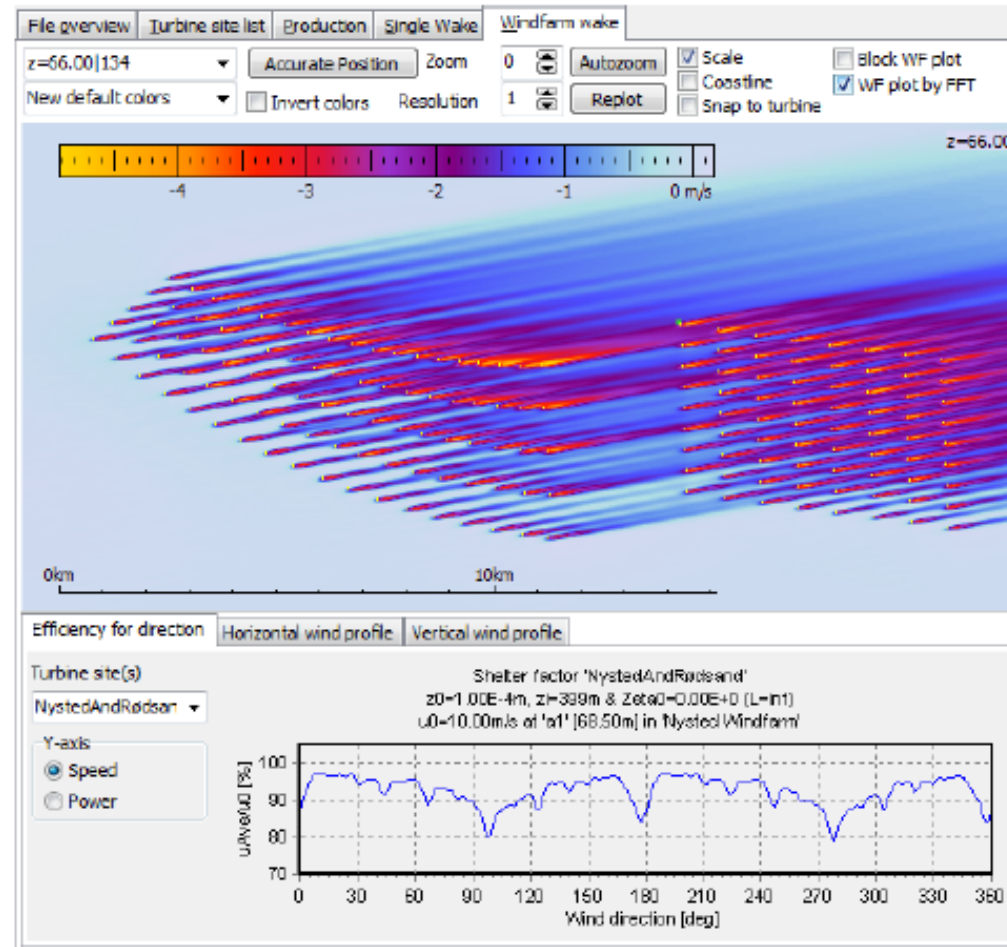


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FUGA : Wake model for large offshore wind farms

Windfarm wake view



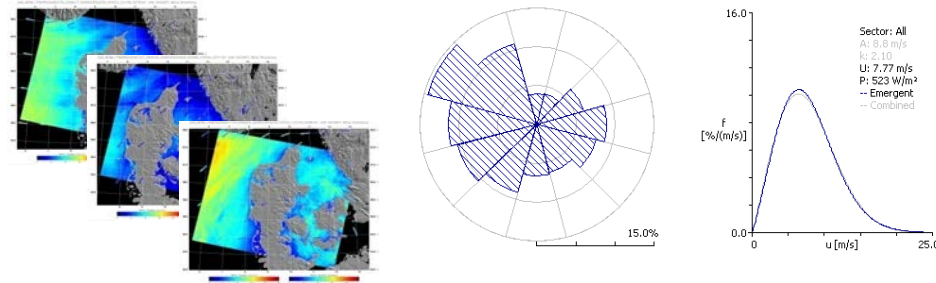
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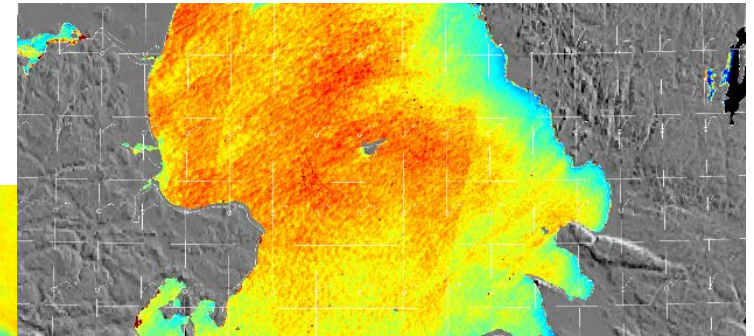
Earth Observations

Applications for offshore wind energy

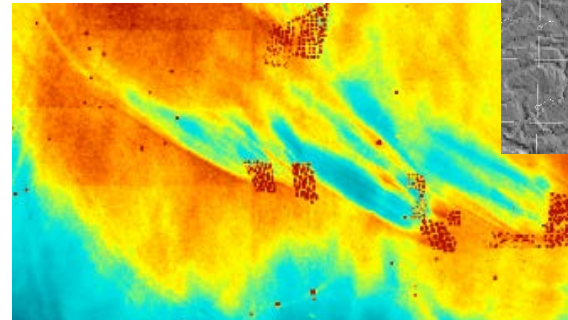
- Mean wind conditions



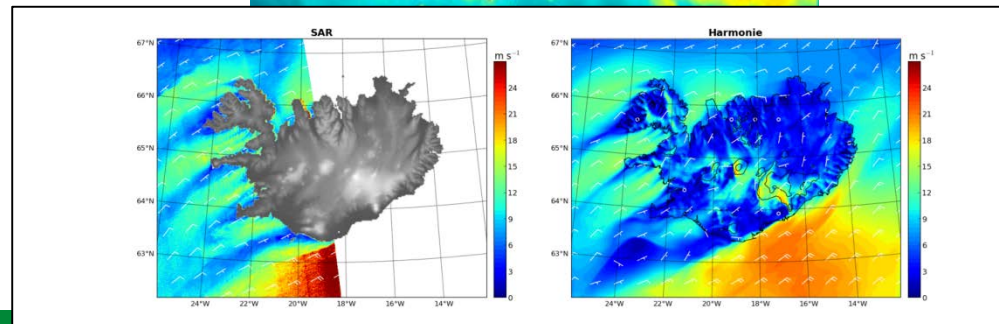
- Horizontal coastal wind speed gradients



- Wind farm wake effects



- Model validation



Satellite wind maps

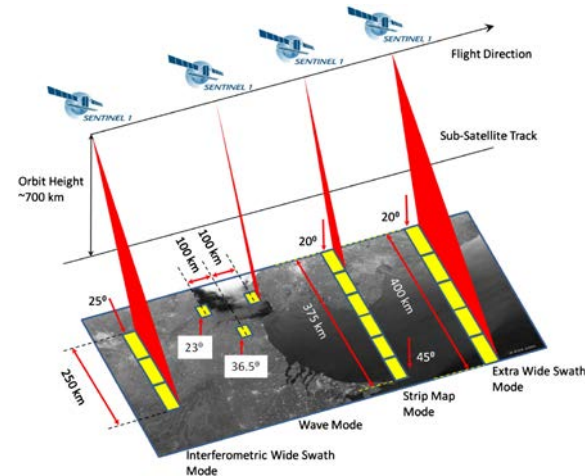
- We add Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite wind maps to the analysis



Envisat



Sentinel-1



Sentinel-1 swath

Satellite SAR wind data archive at DTU

Contact: Merete Badger, mebc@dtu.dk

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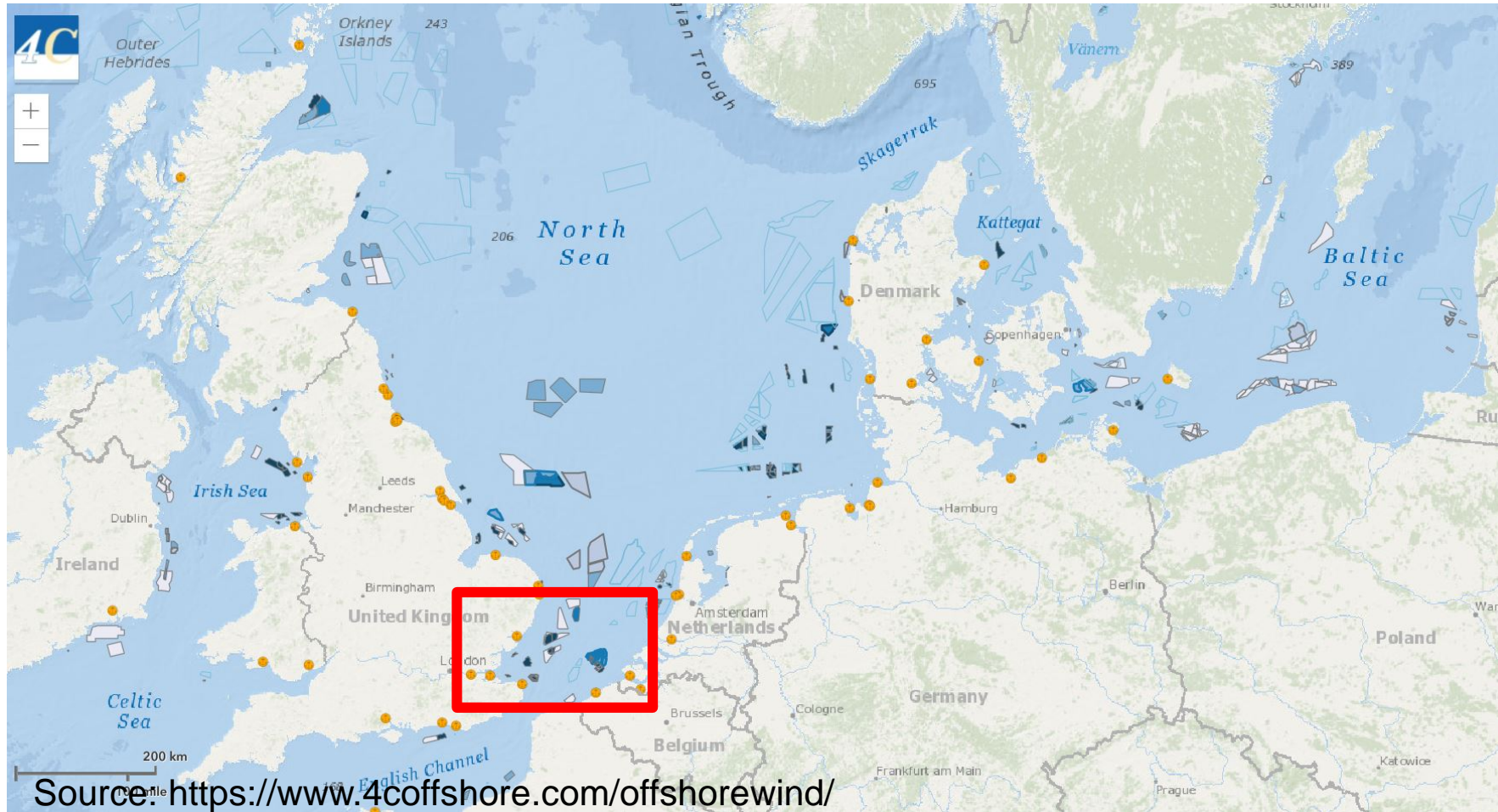


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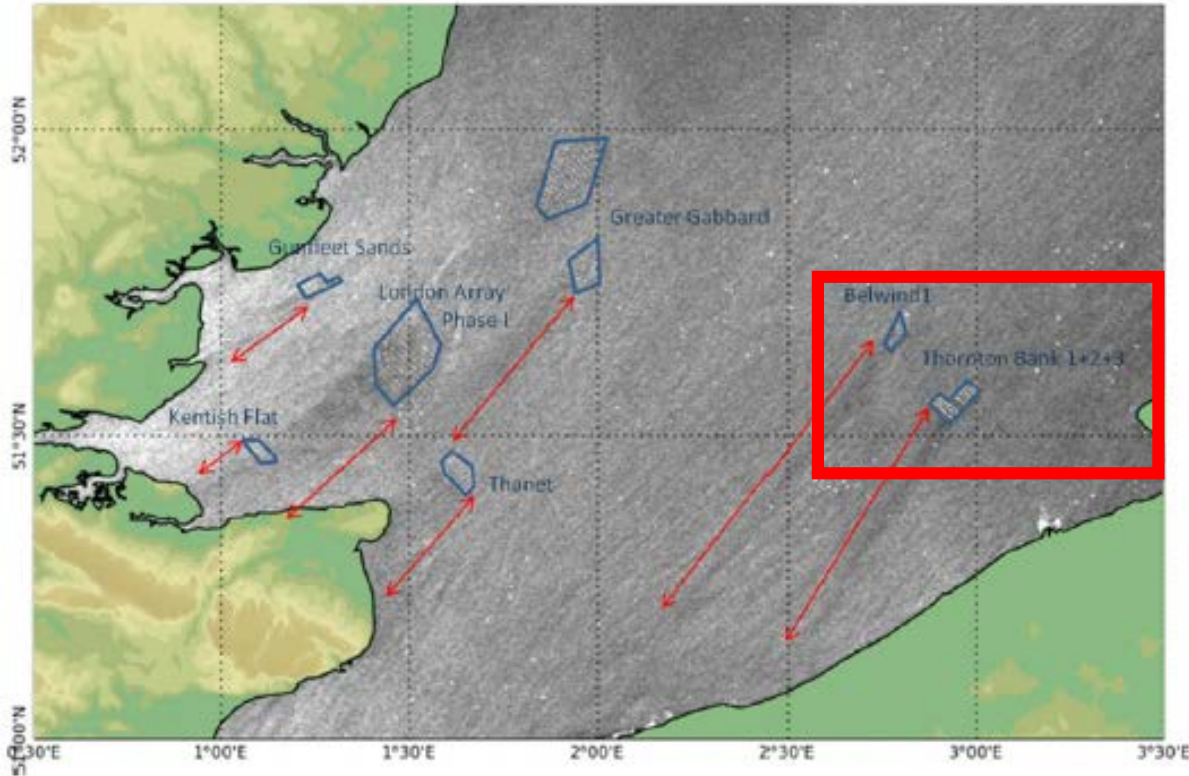
Cluster effects

Northern European offshore wind farms



Wind farm cluster effects

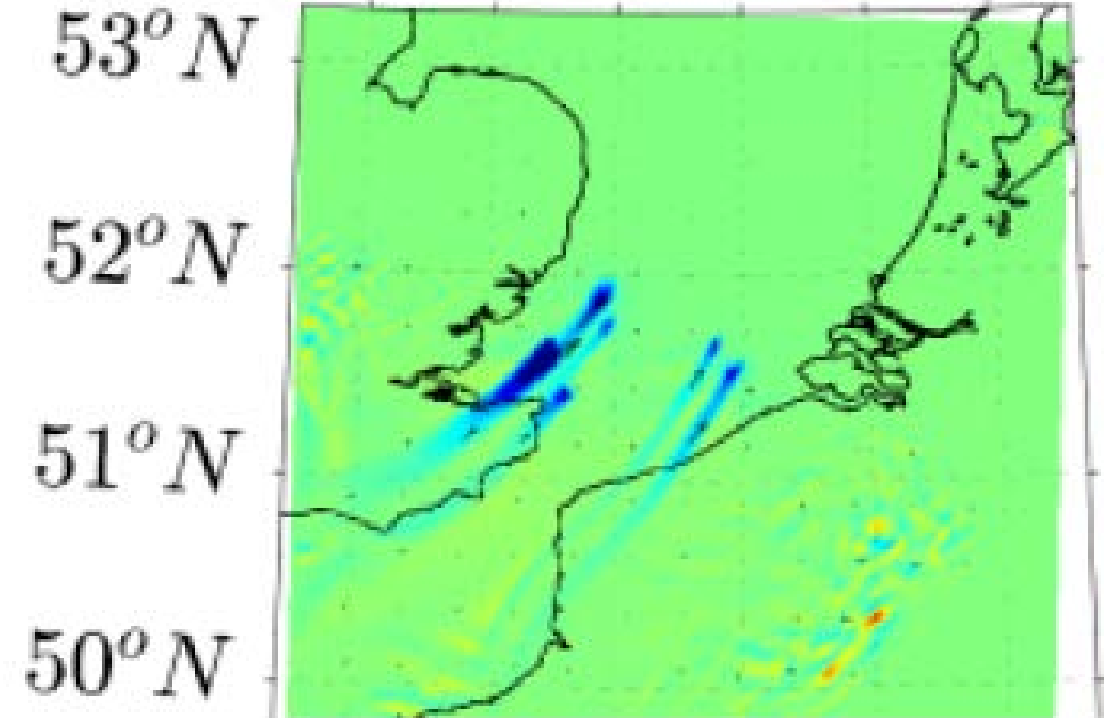
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Satellite SAR shows wind farm wakes

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WRF-EWP minus WRF

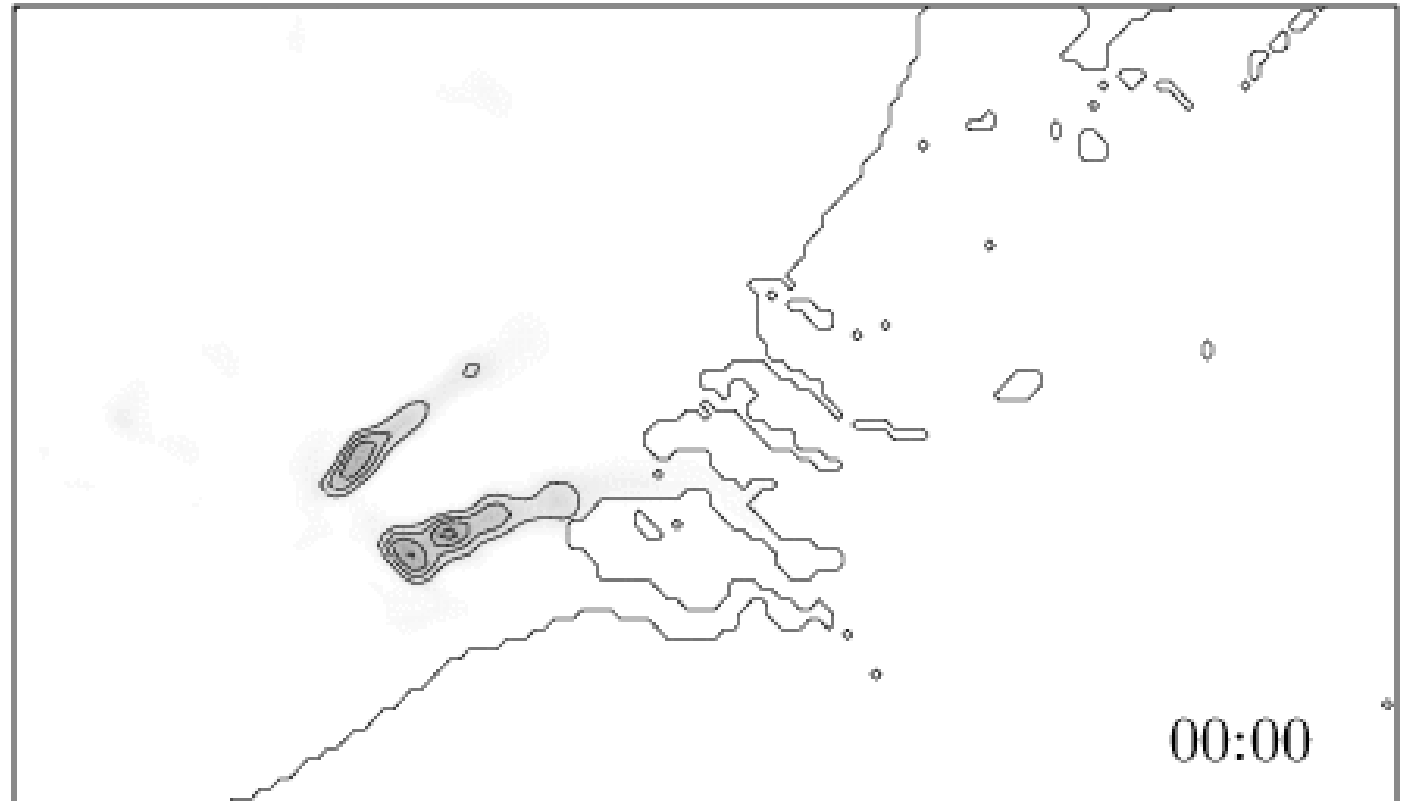
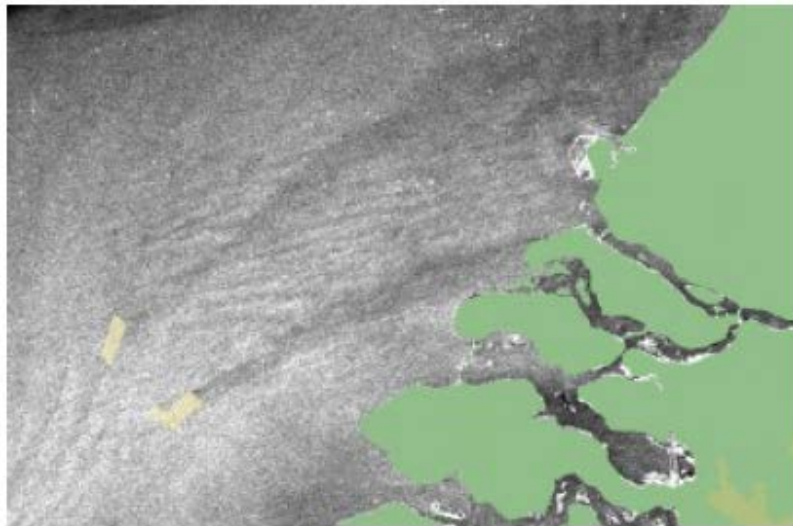


WRF shows wind farm wakes

Courtesy: Du, Volker and Larsén (2018): OffshoreWake project report WP3 (the simulation is done using COAWST modeling system, mostly by Du J)

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Mesoscale modelling of Thornton Bank (BE) and Belwind (BE)

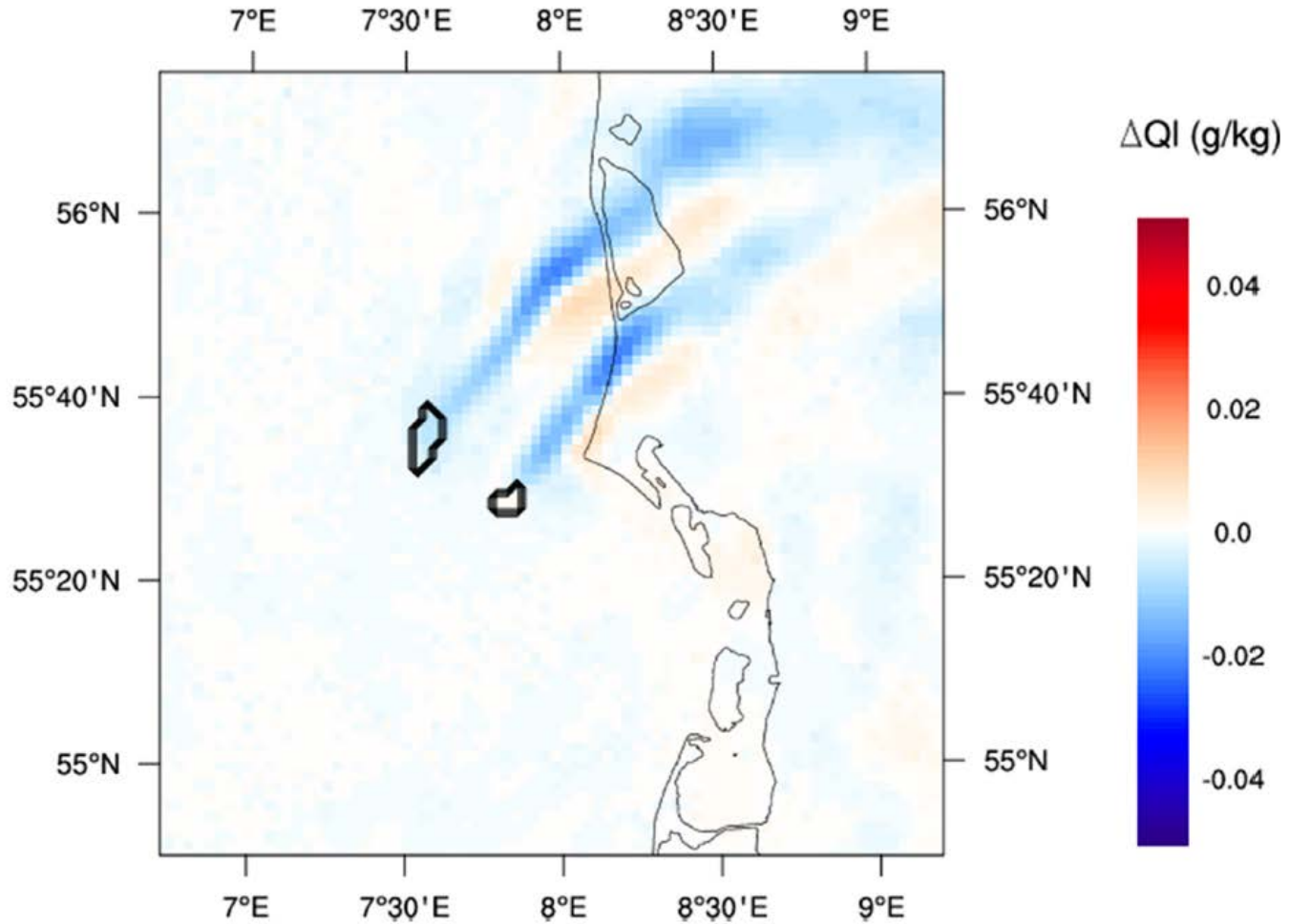


Courtesy: Patrick Volker





Why did the fog clear?



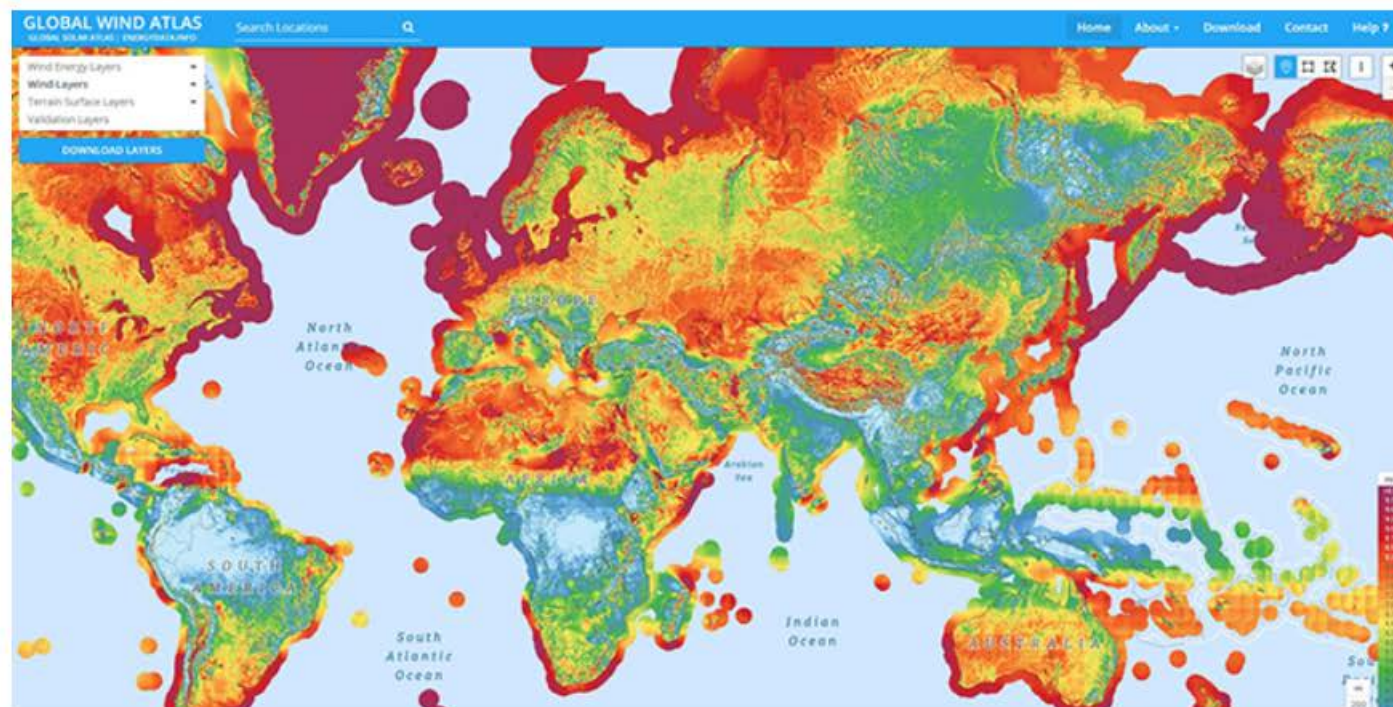
Difference in liquid water content due to wind farms

WRF model simulations with and without wind farm shows dryer air at hub height behind wind farms

Offshore wind resources

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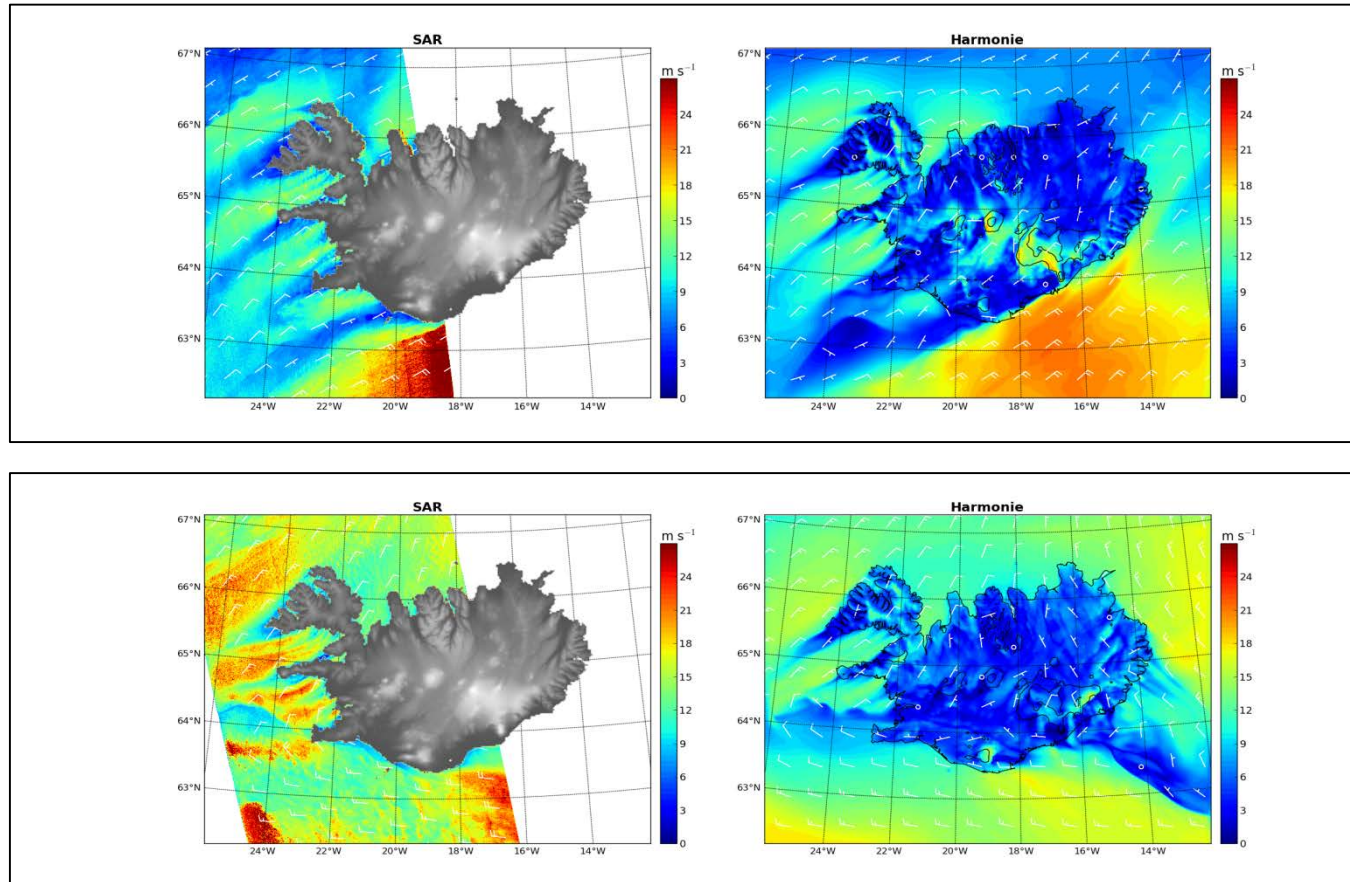
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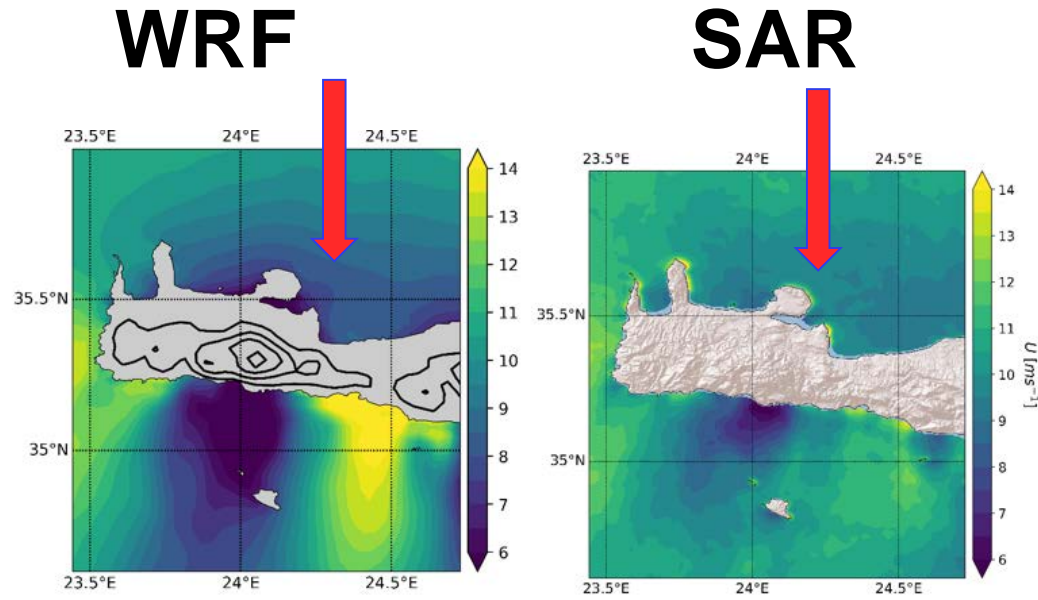




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Northerly wind

Mean wind speed
of 59 cases



Stagnation is flow similar.
Lee effect is similar.
But gap flow is not.

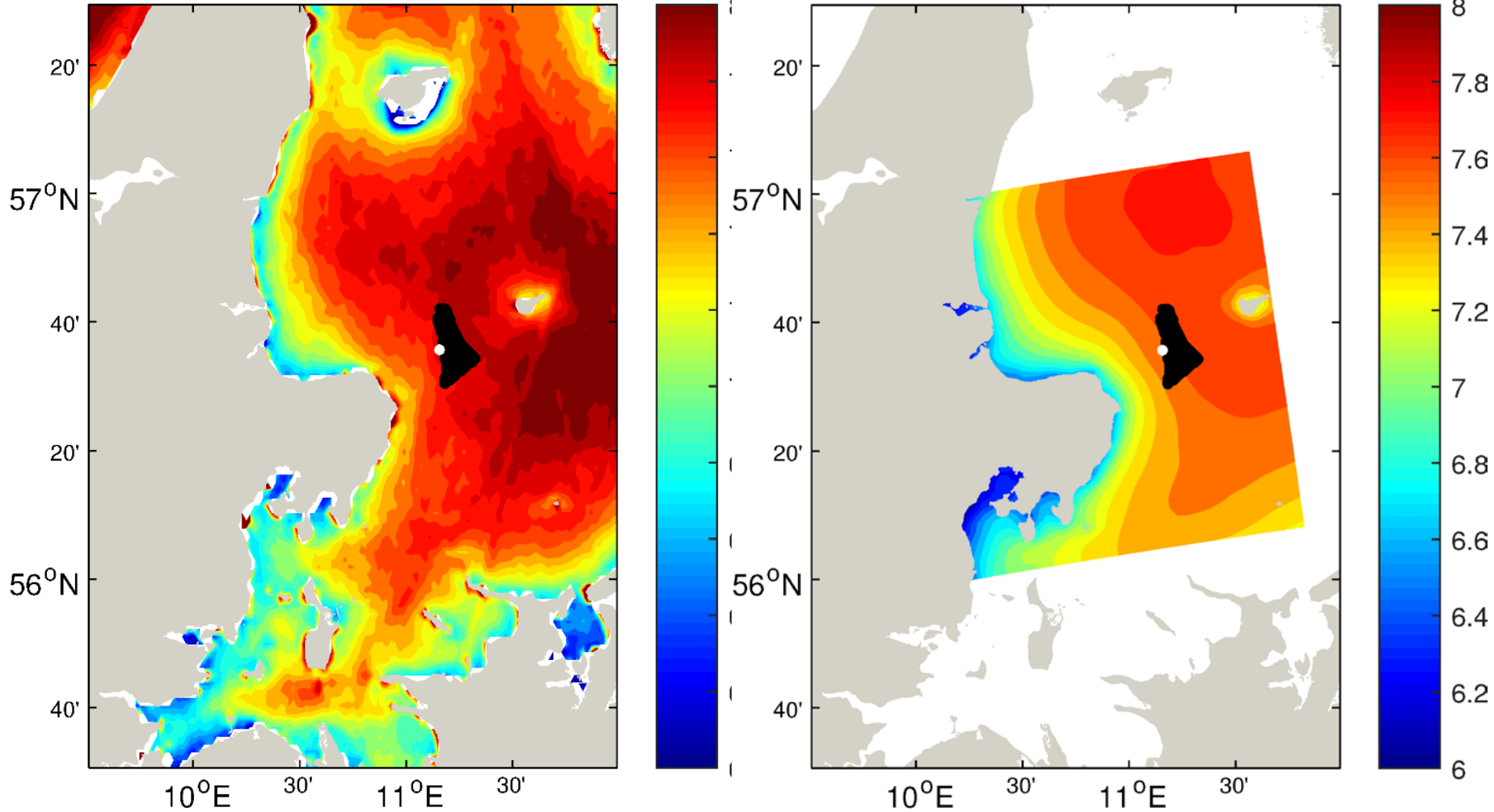
We conclude orography is not
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Kattegat Strait mean wind speed

SAR – no wind farm

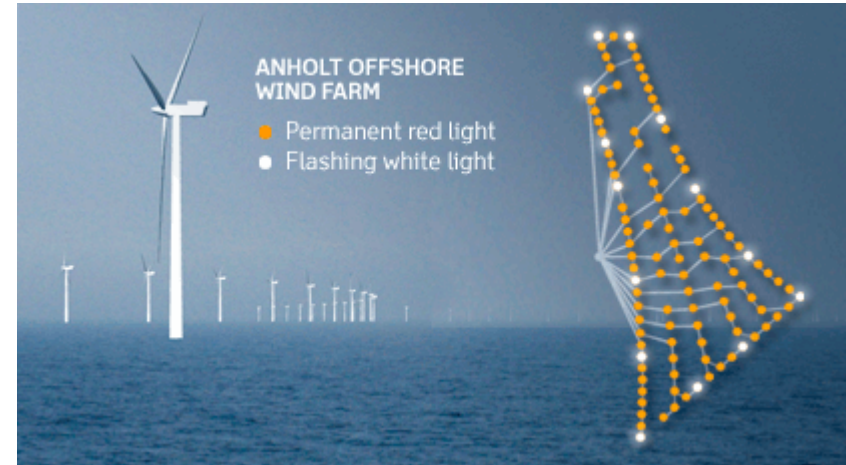
WRF – 2014



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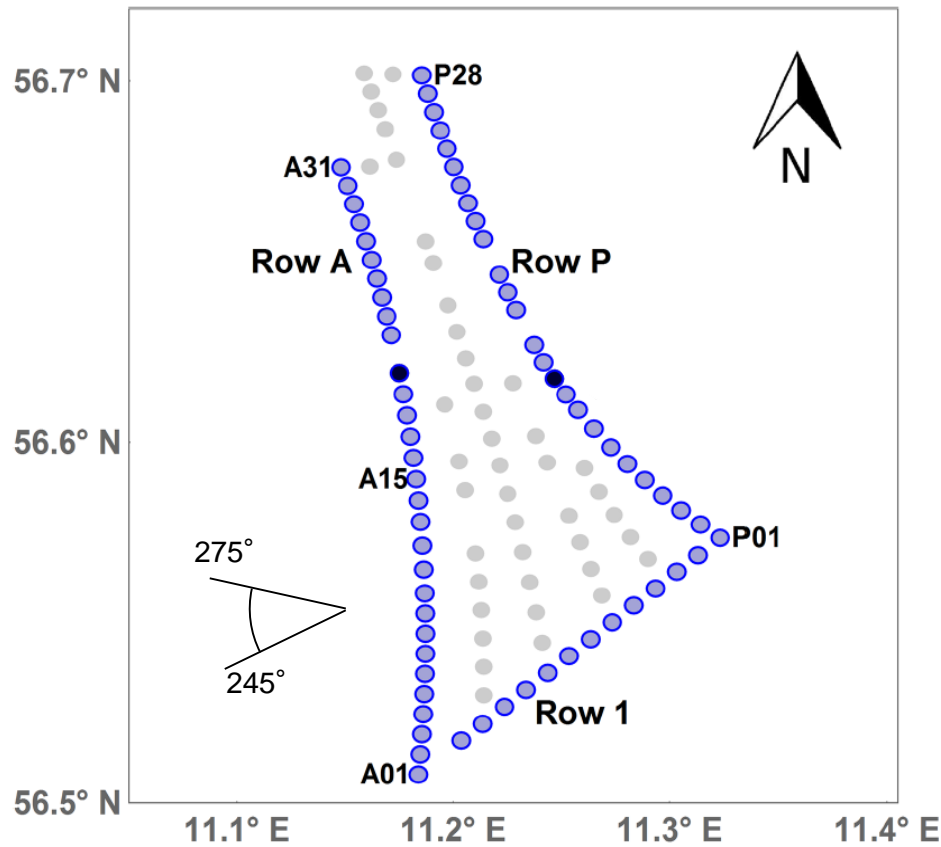
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DTU Anholt Offshore Wind Farm

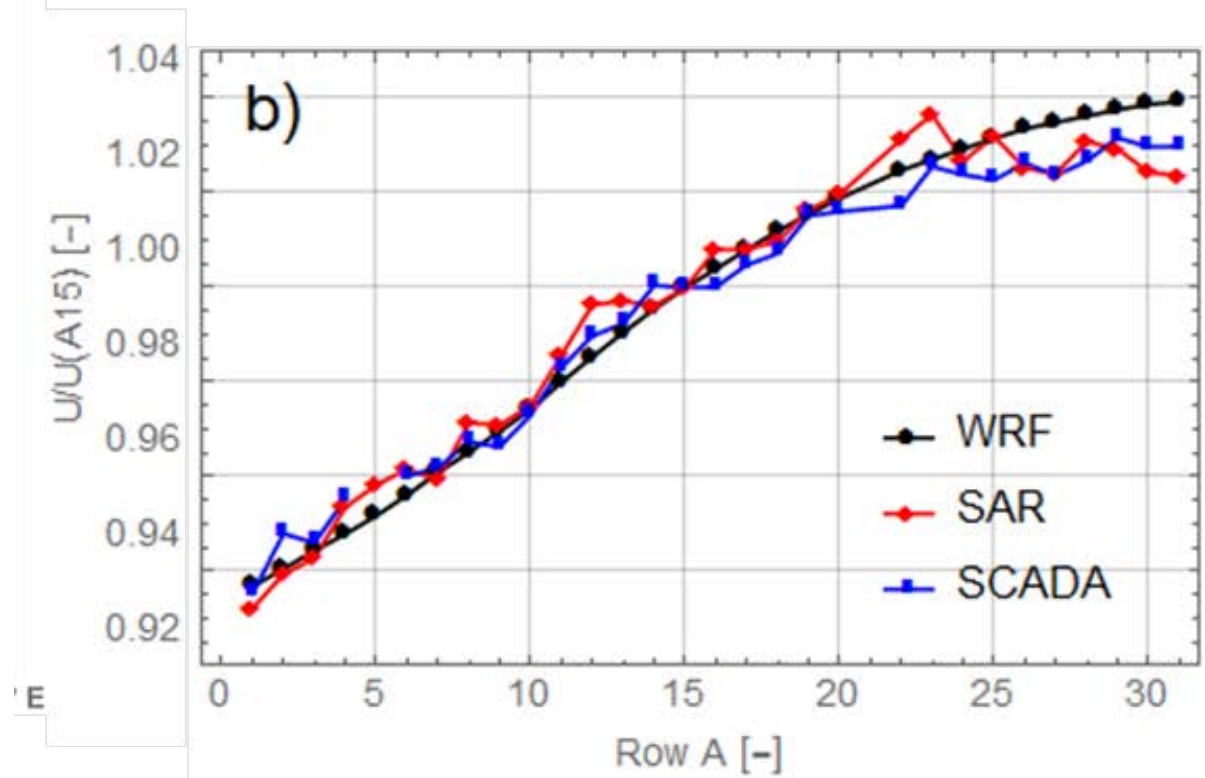


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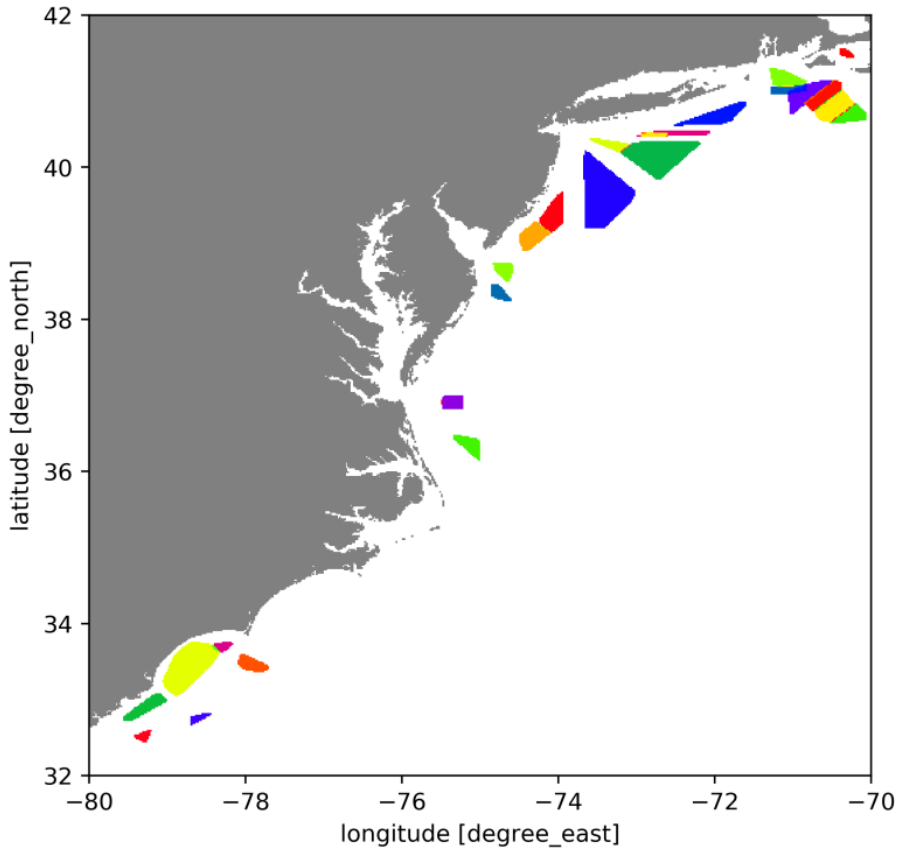
Mean wind speed normalized at turbine 15



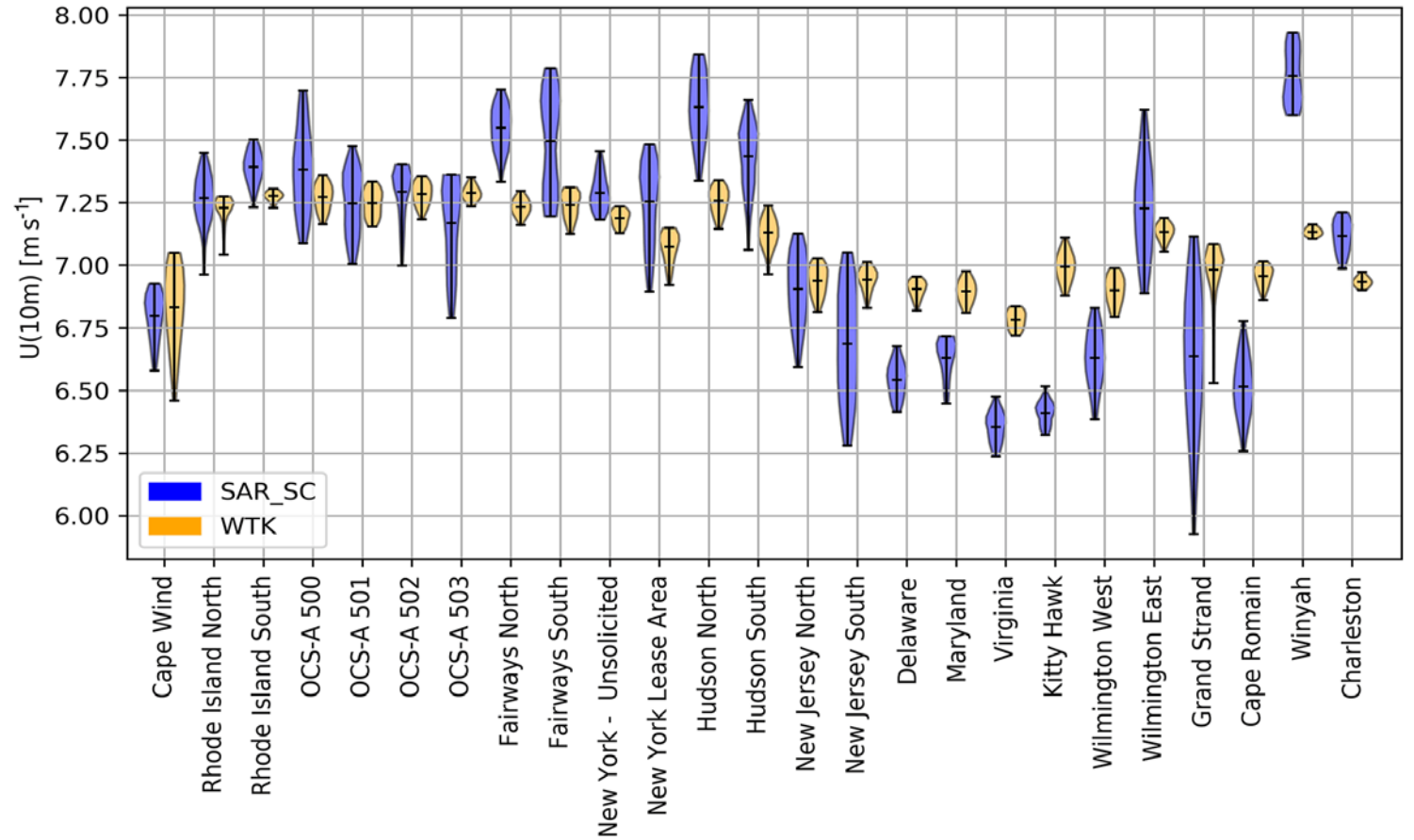
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US East Coast: SAR vs. WRF

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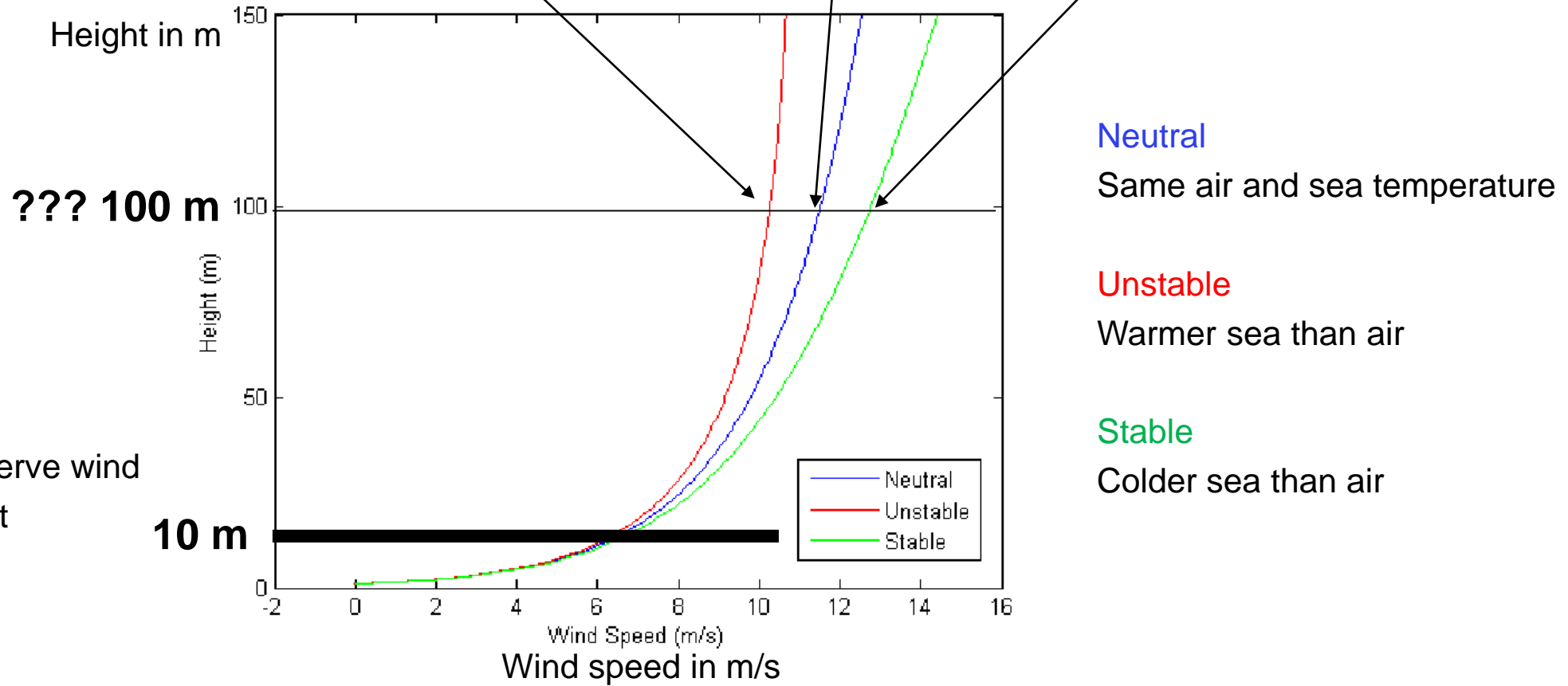


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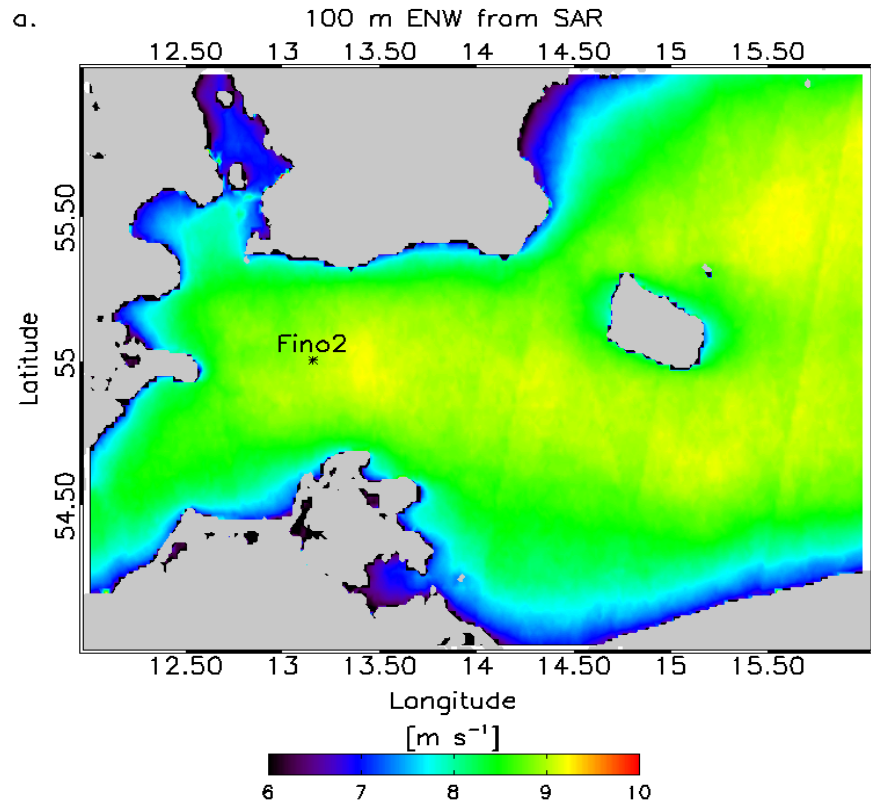
Vertical profile

Wind speed with height

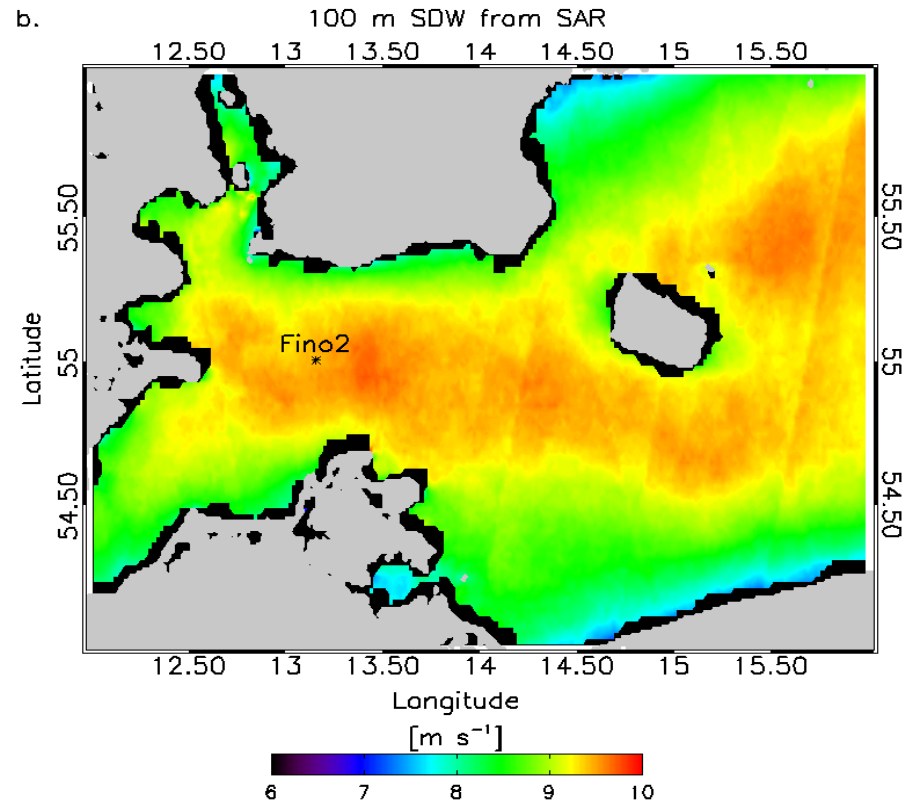


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Wind speed extrapolation from 10 m to hub-height



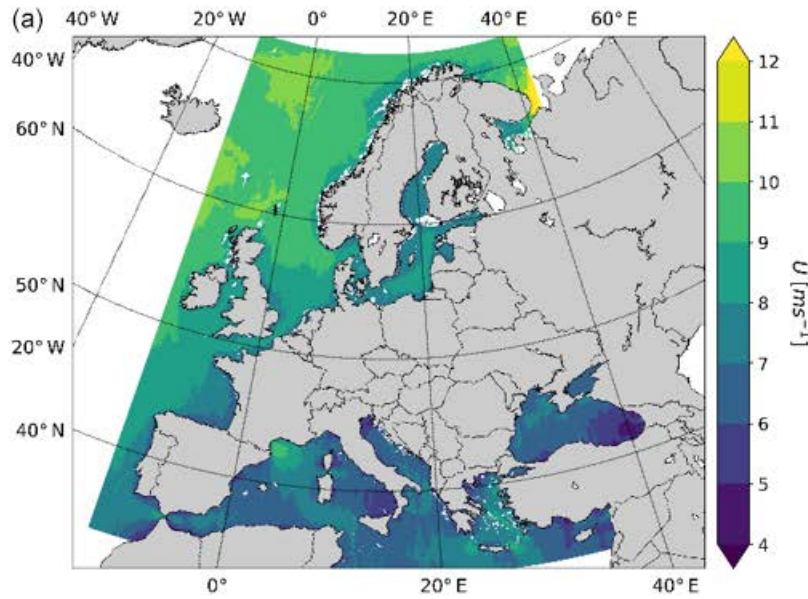
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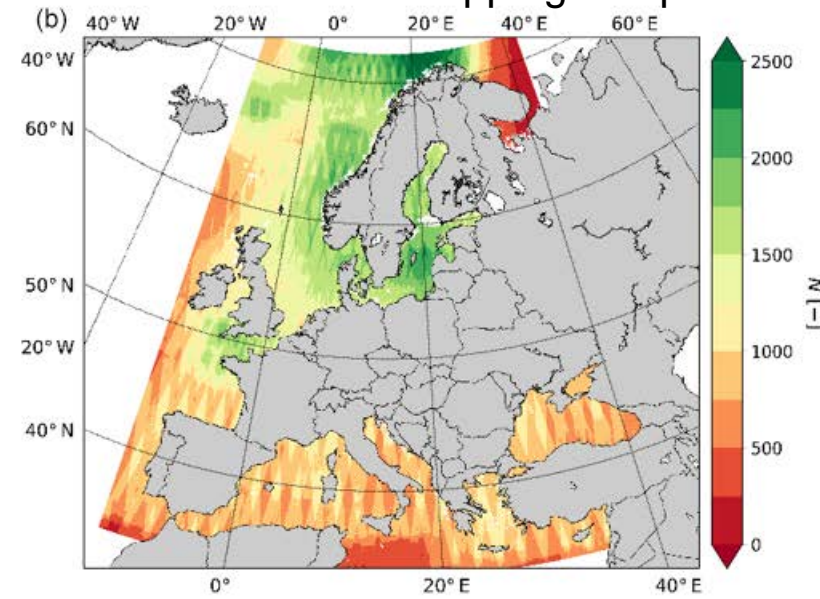
With stability correction

Badger, M., Peña, A., Hahmann, A.N., Mouche, A., Hasager, C.B. (2016) Extrapolating satellite winds to turbine operating heights. *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*, doi:10.1175/JAMC-D-15-0197.1

10 m height



Number of overlapping samples

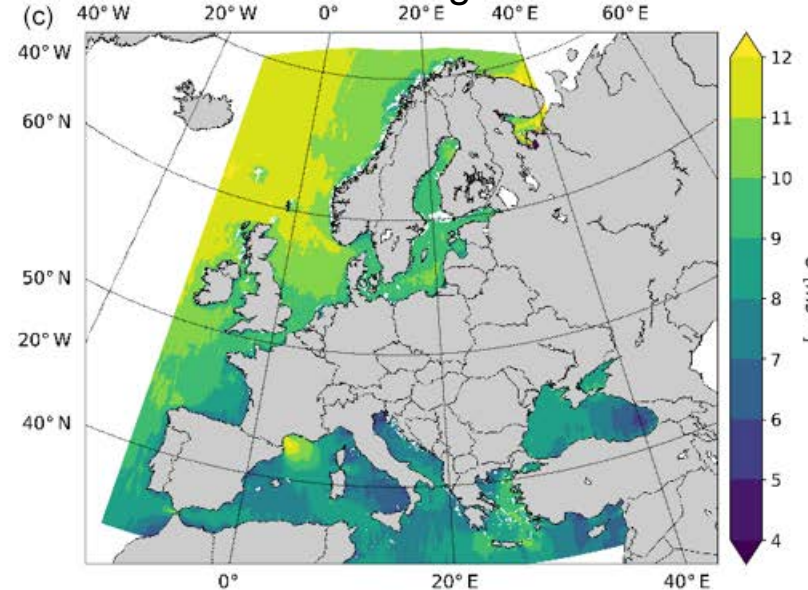


a) Envisat ASAR and Sentinel-1 combined mean wind speed (m s^{-1}) at 10 m height **(a)**,

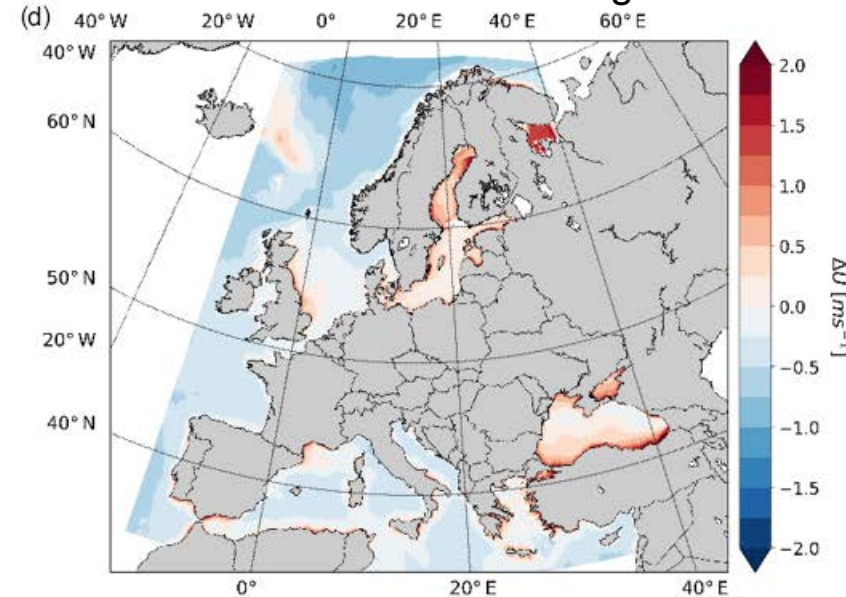
b) number of samples

c) mean wind speed at 100 m a.m.s.l. including long-term stability correction for extrapolation

100 m height



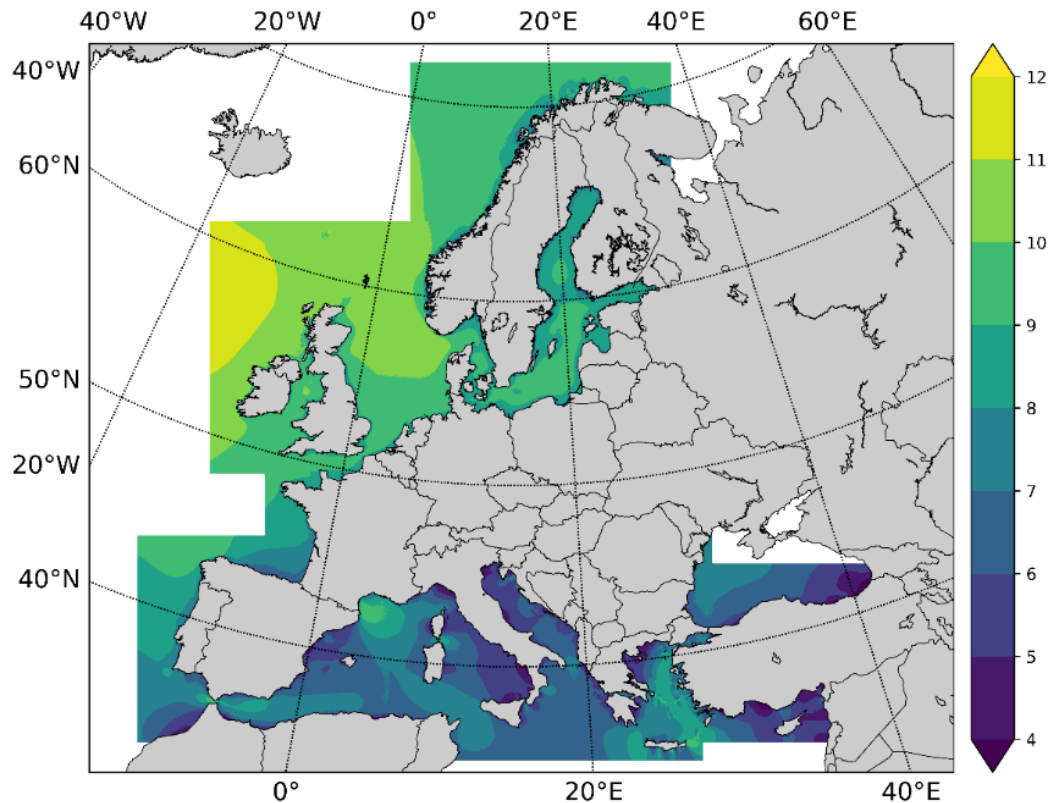
Difference at 100 m height



d) and difference on wind speed at 100 m height based on long-term stability correction minus neutral wind profile assumption

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WRF New European Wind Atlas



Data are available at:

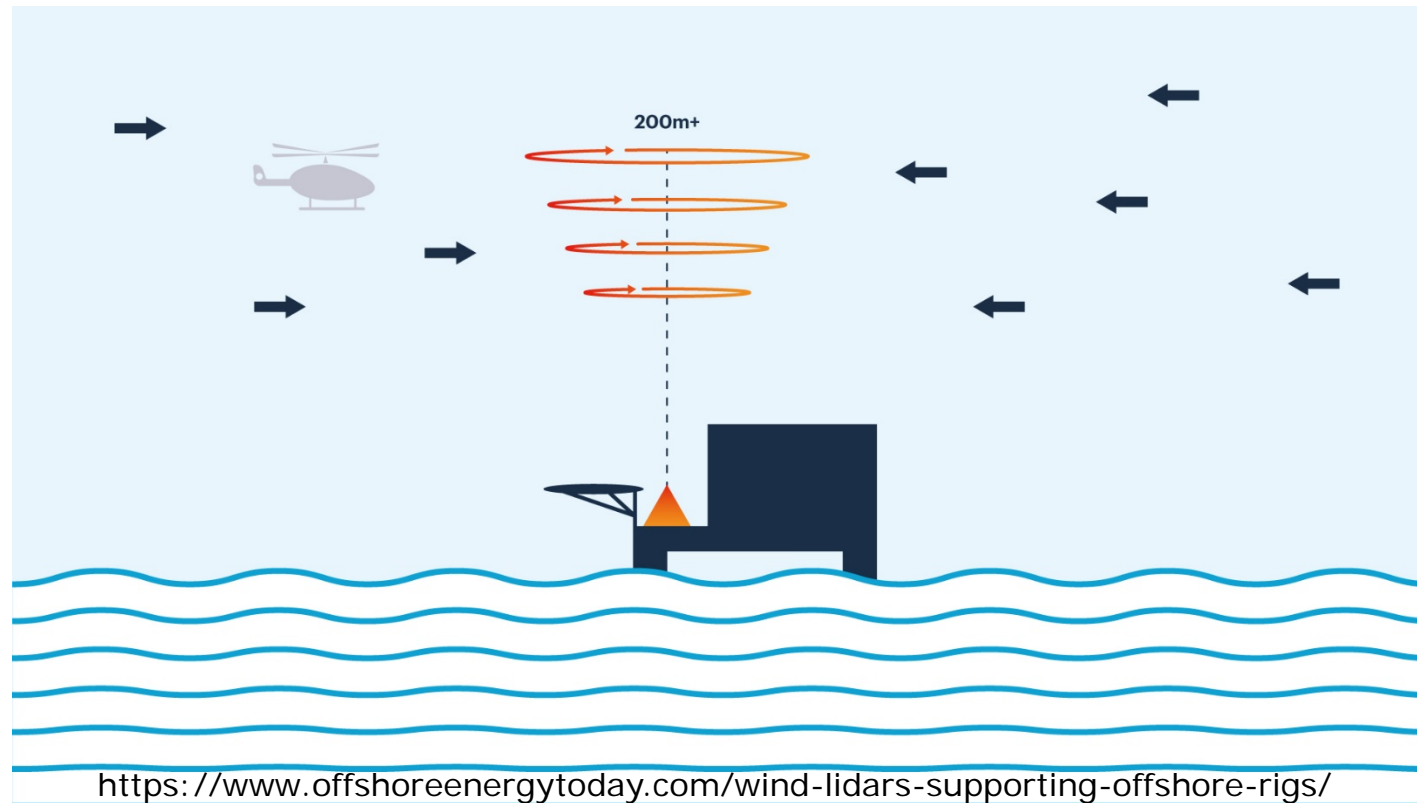
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Mean wind speed at 100 m height for 1989 to 2018 with 3 km resolution

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Wind lidar

Measure winds at several heights including hub-height



Wind lidar at offshore platforms



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PhD Summer School: Remote sensing for wind energy

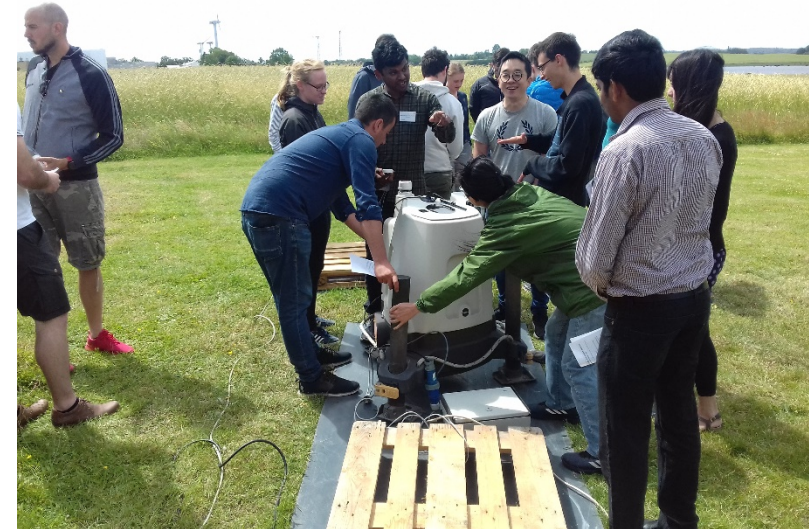
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Participants 19

16 PhD and 3 industry people



Time	Monday 24th June	Tuesday 25th June	Wednesday 26th June	Thursday 27th June	Friday 28th June
09:00–09:45	Welcome and introduction <i>Head of Section</i> <i>Dr. Hans E. Jørgensen</i> <i>Dr. Charlotte Hasager</i>	Introduction to Aeolus <i>Dr. Gert-Jan Marseille</i>	Introduction to continuous wave lidar <i>Dr. Mike Harris</i>	Lidars for wind turbine control <i>Dr. David Schlipf</i>	Turbulence I <i>Prof. Jakob Mann</i>
10:00–10:45	Introduction to remote sensing <i>Prof. Torben Mikkelsen</i>	Introduction to SAR <i>Dr. Henning Skriver</i>	Exercise in continuous wave lidar <i>Dr. Mike Courtney</i> <i>Mr. Nikolas Angelou</i>	Lidar in complex terrain <i>Dr. Alfredo Peña</i>	Turbulence II <i>Prof. Jakob Mann</i>
11:00–11:45	Meteorology background <i>Dr. Alfredo Peña</i>	SAR for wind energy <i>Dr. Tobias Ahsbahs</i>		How to design a field experiment <i>Dr. Nikola Vasiljevic</i>	Lidars and turbulence <i>Prof. Jakob Mann</i>
12:00–13:00	Lunch picnic and walk	Lunch canteen	Lunch canteen	Lunch picnic and walk	Lunch picnic and walk
13:00–13:45	Aerial lidar for surface characterization <i>Dr. Ebba Dellwik</i>	Exercise in SAR <i>Dr. Merete Badger</i> <i>Dr. Tobias Ahsbahs</i>	Pulsed lidars for wind energy <i>Dr. Ludovic Thobois</i>	Exercise how to design a field experiment <i>Dr. Elliot Simon</i> <i>Ms. Gunhild Thorsen</i>	Site visit <i>Dr. Mikael Sjöholm</i> <i>Mr. Nikolas Angelou</i>
14:00–14:45	Exercise in aerial lidar <i>Dr. Ebba Dellwik</i>	Introduction to radar for wind and wake <i>Dr. Nicolai Nygaard</i>	Exercise in pulsed lidar <i>Dr. Elliot Simon</i> <i>Ms. Gunhild Thorsen</i>	Lidars and wind profiles <i>Dr. Alfredo Peña</i>	Lidar in windtunnel <i>Dr. Mikael Sjöholm</i>
15:00–15:45	Introduction to wind power meteorology <i>Dr. Charlotte Hasager</i>	Introduction to sodar <i>Dr. Johan Arqvist</i>	Lidars and power curves <i>Dr. Paula Gomez</i>	Exercise in lidars and wind profiles <i>Dr. Alfredo Peña</i>	Exercise in lidar coordinate system <i>Dr. Mikael Sjöholm</i>
16:00–16:45	PhD reception	Field visit AQ Systems	Scanning wind lidars <i>Prof. Torben Mikkelsen</i>		Evaluation <i>Dr. Charlotte Hasager</i>



Conclusions

- Wind farm wake and cluster effects
 - *Observe with satellite SAR (models: FUGA and WRF)*
- Offshore wind resources
 - *Observe wind satellite SAR (model: WRF)*
- **Recommendation:**
- **To observe offshore wind spatially using satellite SAR and at height using wind lidar**