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Charlotte Hasager

CIRFA, 14 October 2020, online zoom

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- Founded in 1979 in Denmark
- 250 employees
- Largest wind energy research institute in the world
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  - Wind Turbine Technology
  - Structures, Material and Components

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Photo of Reception of DTU Wind Energy, Roskilde, Denmark

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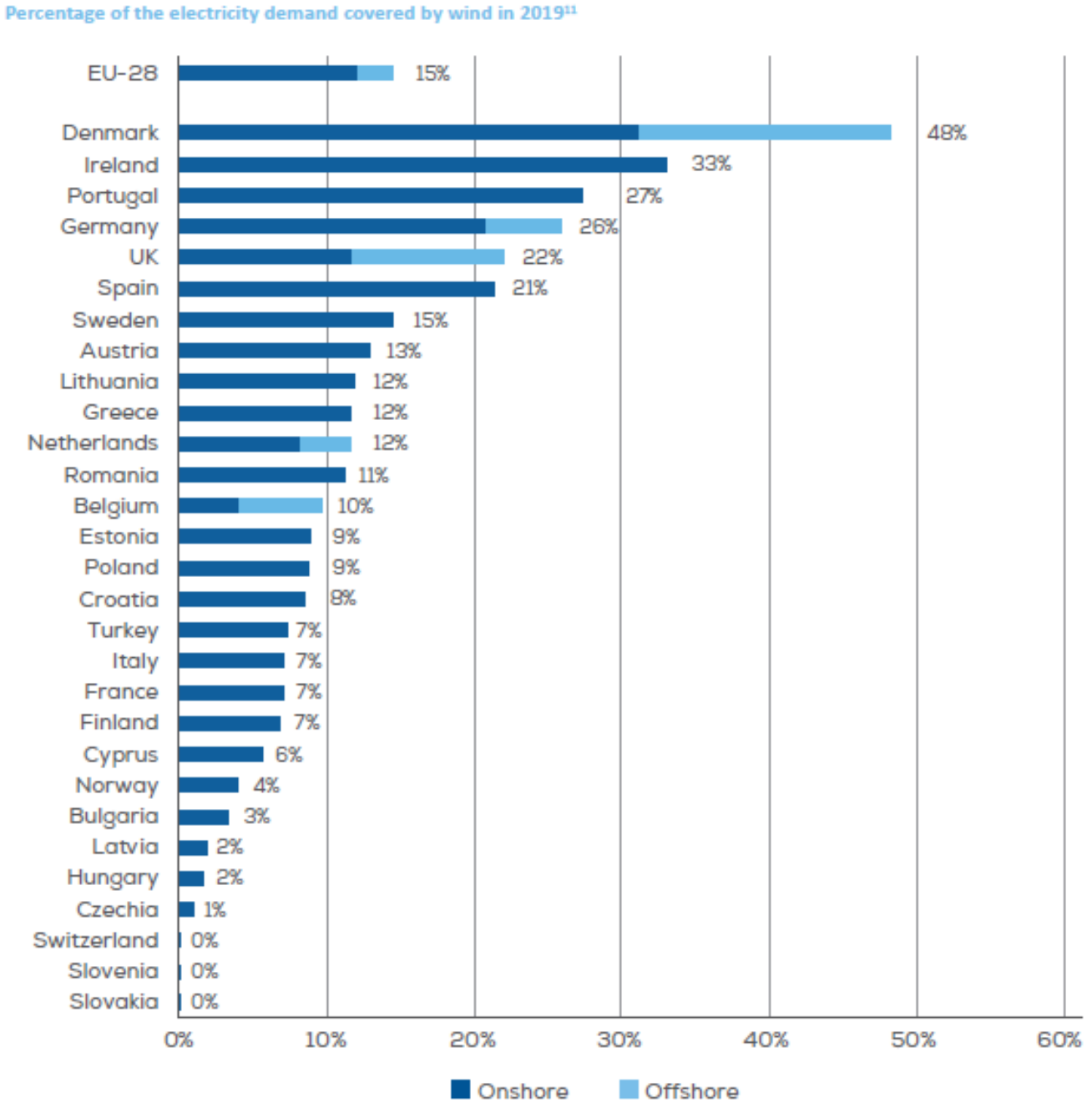
Wind energy electricity in % in Europe

Source: Wind Europe 2029

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

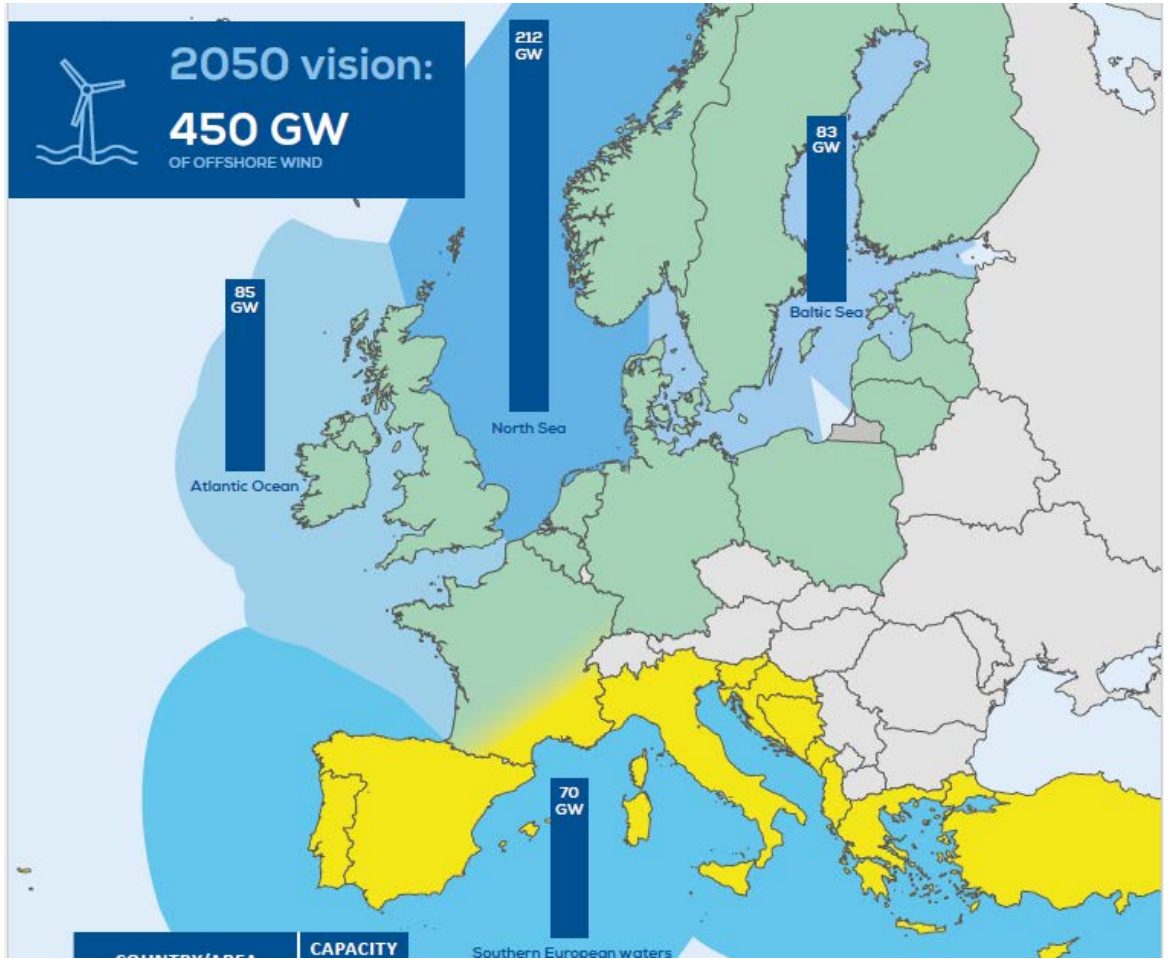


Offhore wind energy vision Europe

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

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

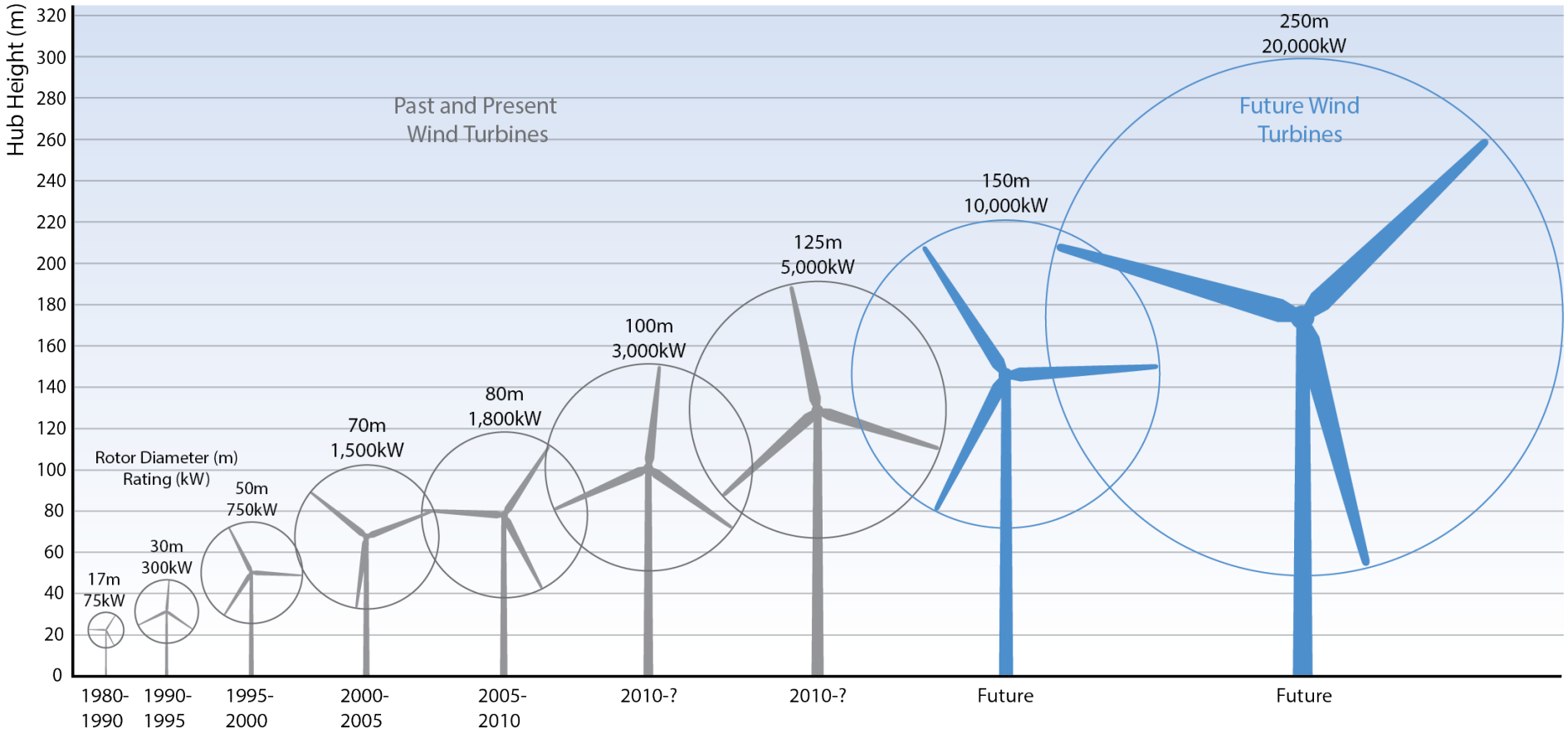
As a part of its Offshore Wind Outlook 2019, the IEA initiated a new geospatial analysis to assess offshore wind technical potential by country.

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



$$P = 1/2 \rho A U^3$$

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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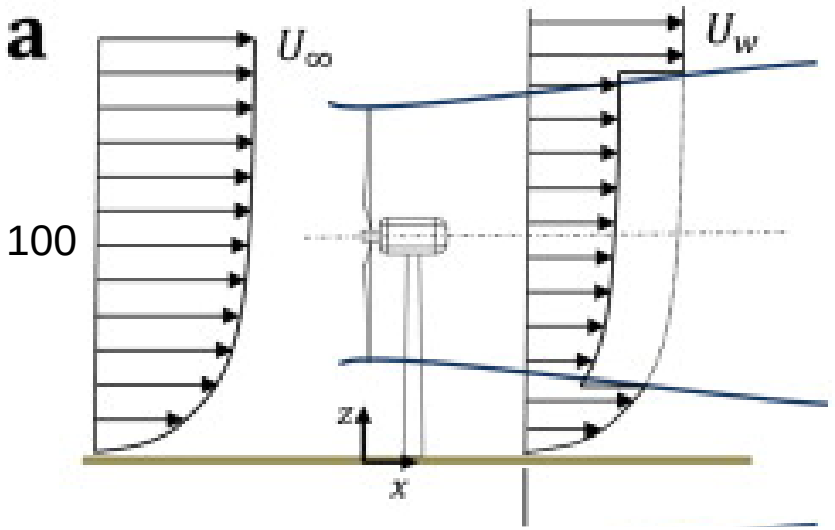
Wind farm wakes

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), 696–716; doi:10.3390/en6020696

Wind profile and wind turbine

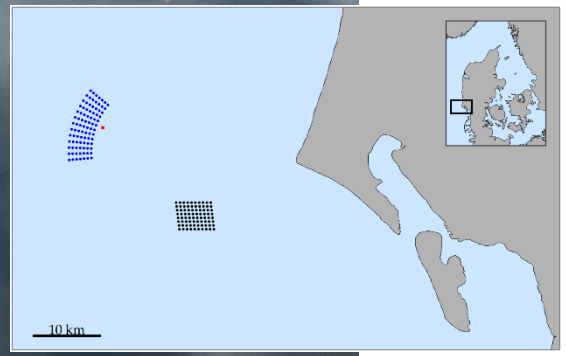
Height in meters



Wind speed

Source: Bastankhah, M. and Porté-Agel, F. 2014, Renewable Energy, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.renene.2014.01.002

2016



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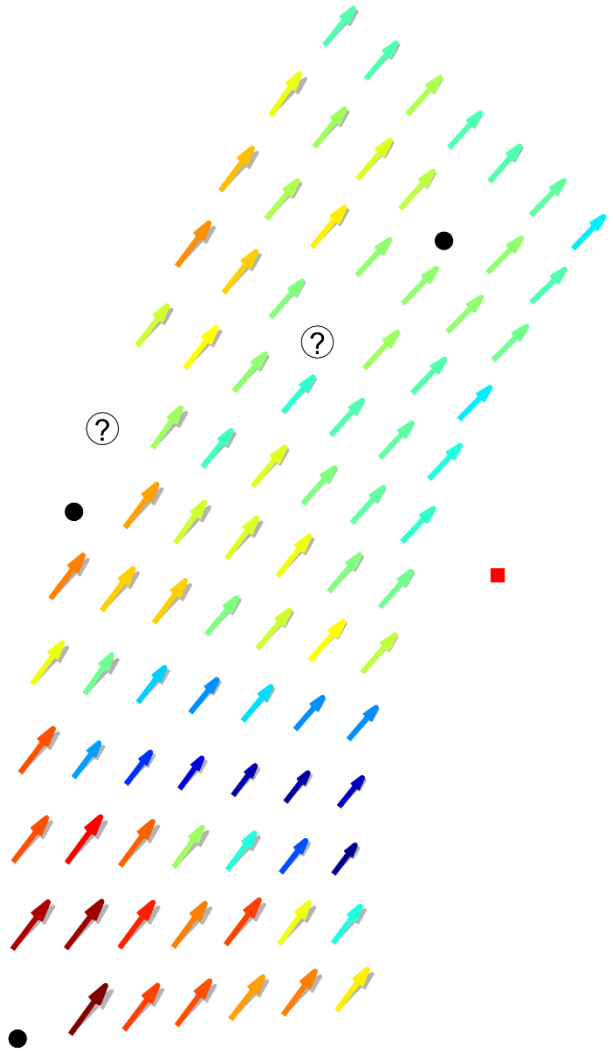

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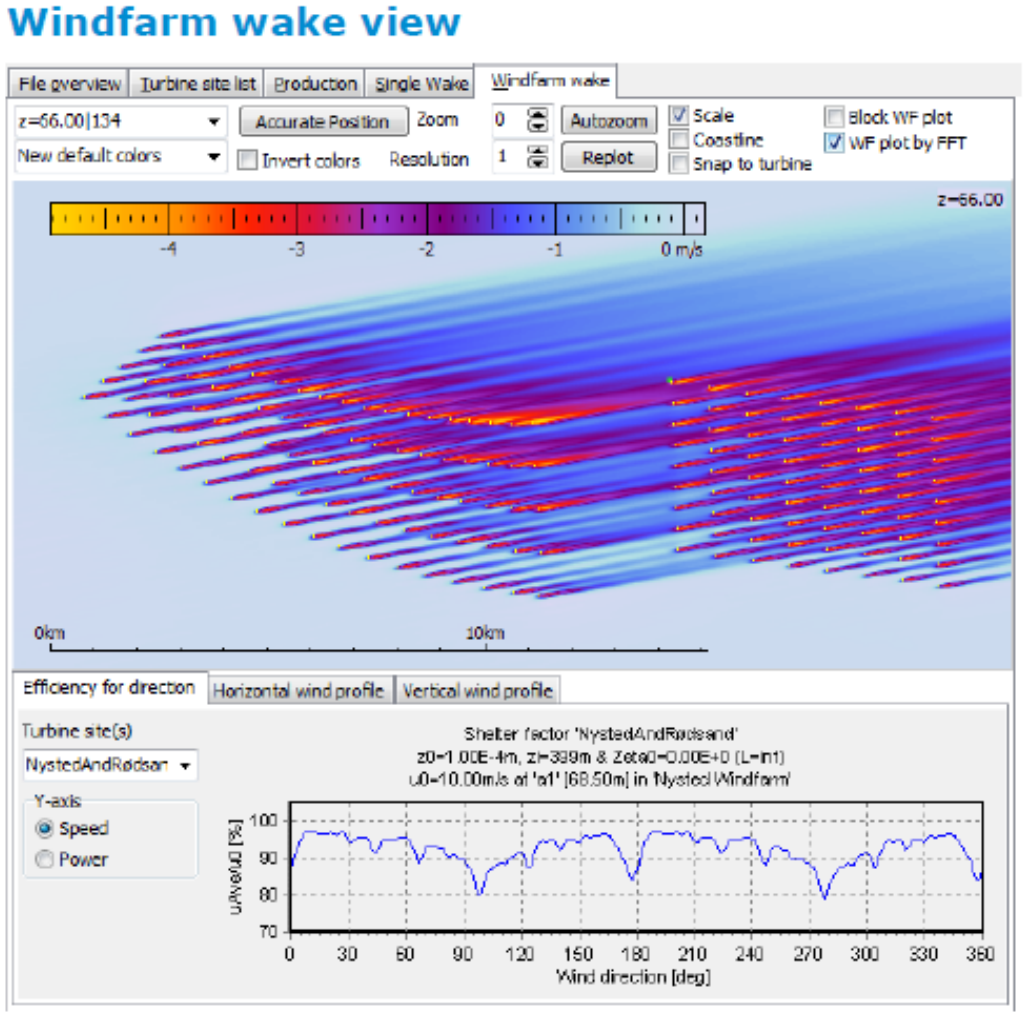
FUGA : Wake model for large offshore wind farms



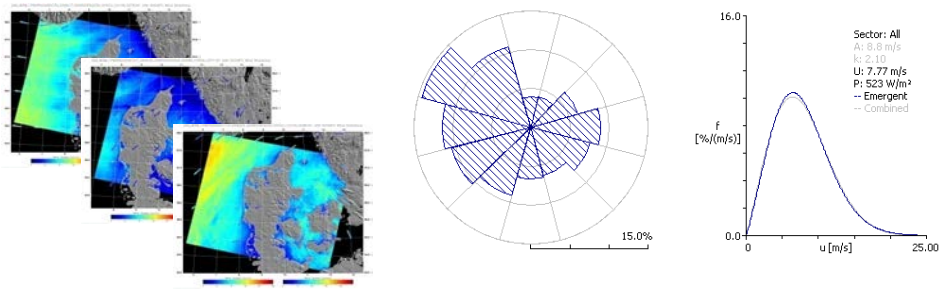
http://www.wasp.dk/fuga

Ott, S., & Nielsen, M. (2014). Developments of the offshore wind turbine wake model Fuga. DTU Wind Energy. DTU Wind Energy E, No. 0046

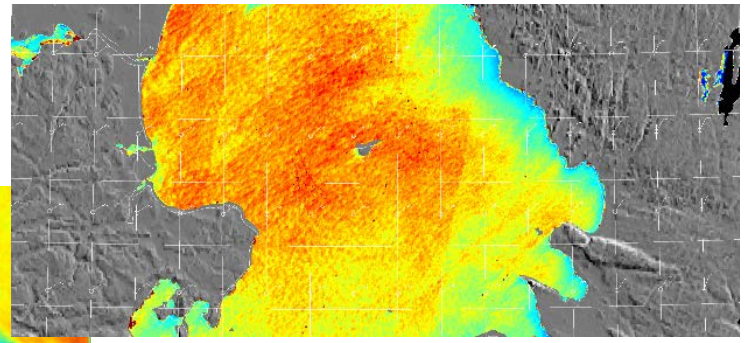
Earth Observations

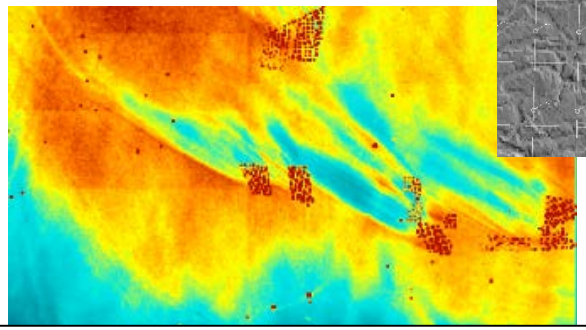
Applications for offshore wind energy

- Mean wind conditions

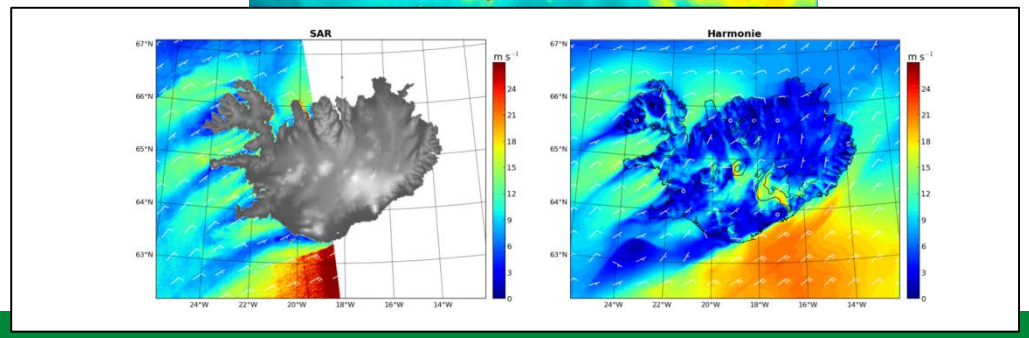


- Horizontal coastal wind speed gradients





- Wind farm wake effects



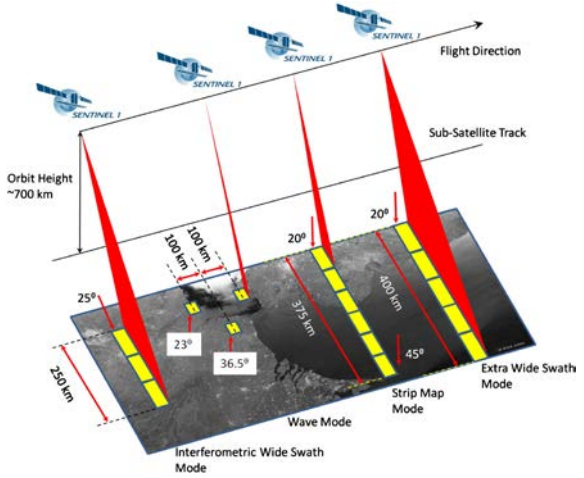
- Model validation

Satellite wind maps

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

Envisat

Sentinel-1

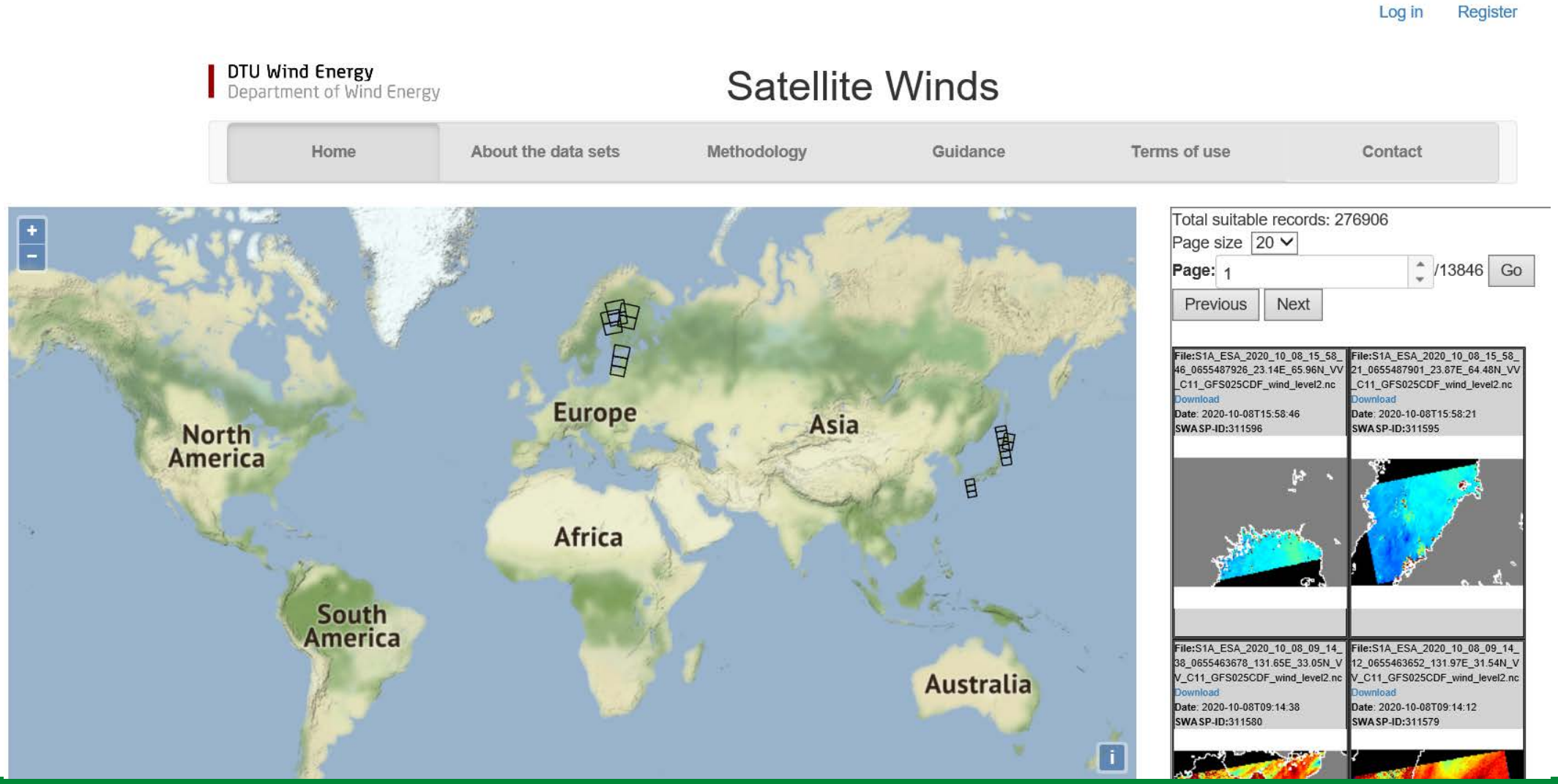


Sentinel-1 swath

https://satwinds.windenergy.dtu.dk/

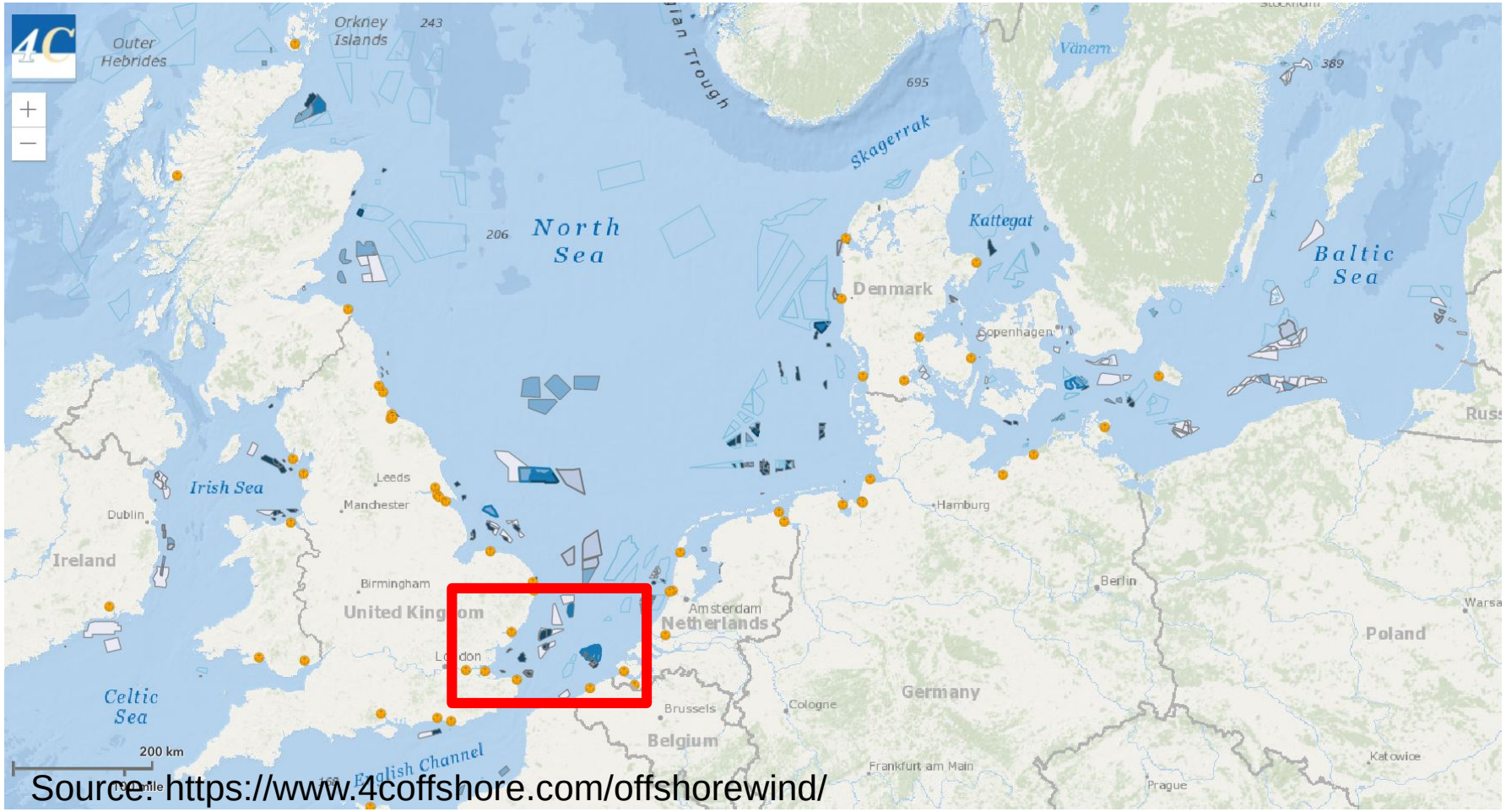
Satellite SAR wind data archive at DTU

Contact: Merete Badger, mebc@dtu.dk



Cluster effects

Northern European offshore wind farms



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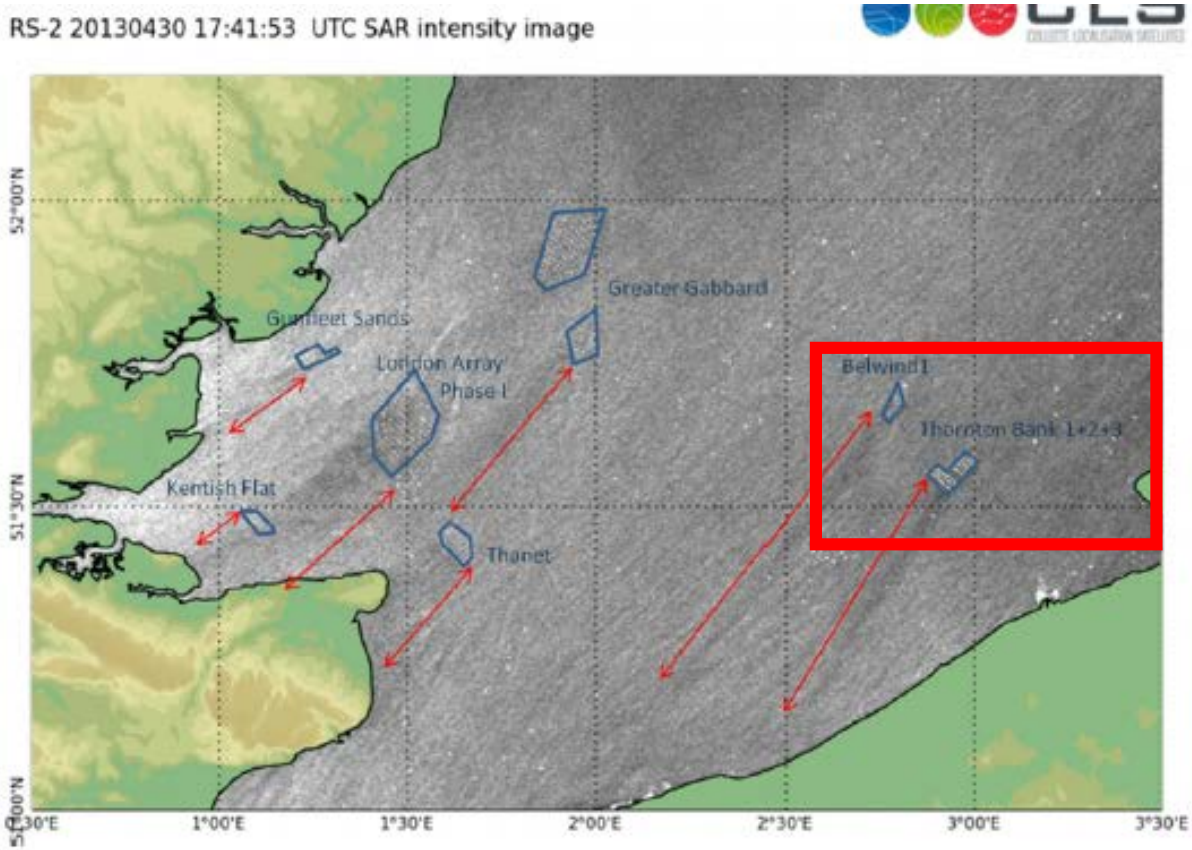
Wind farm cluster effects



Satellite SAR shows wind farm wakes

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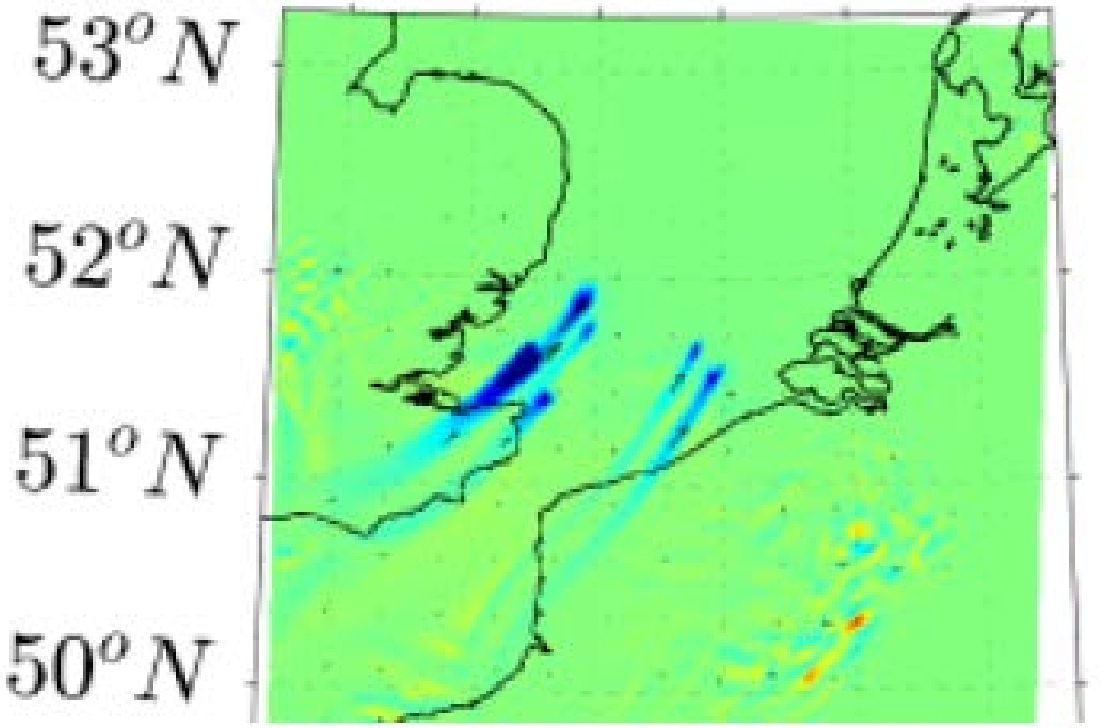
WRF-EWP minus WRF



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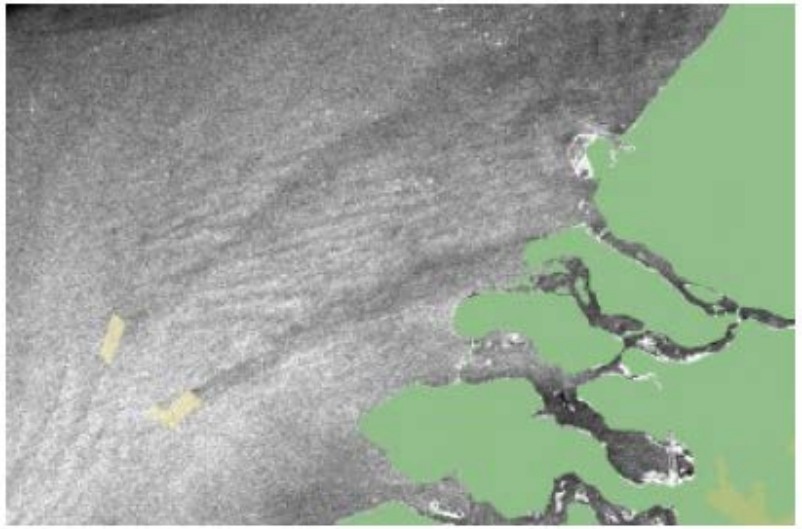
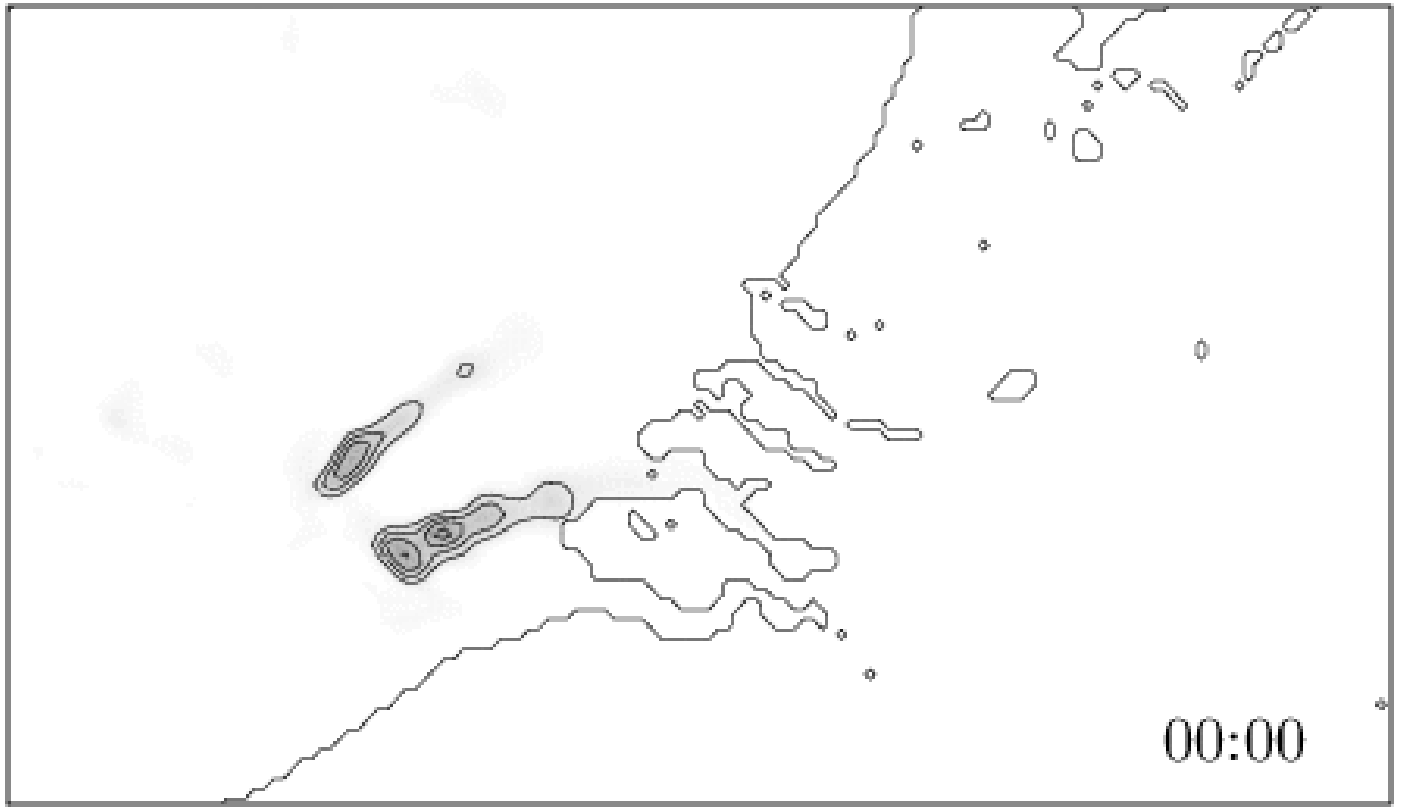
Mesoscale modelling of Thornton Bank (BE) and Belwind (BE)





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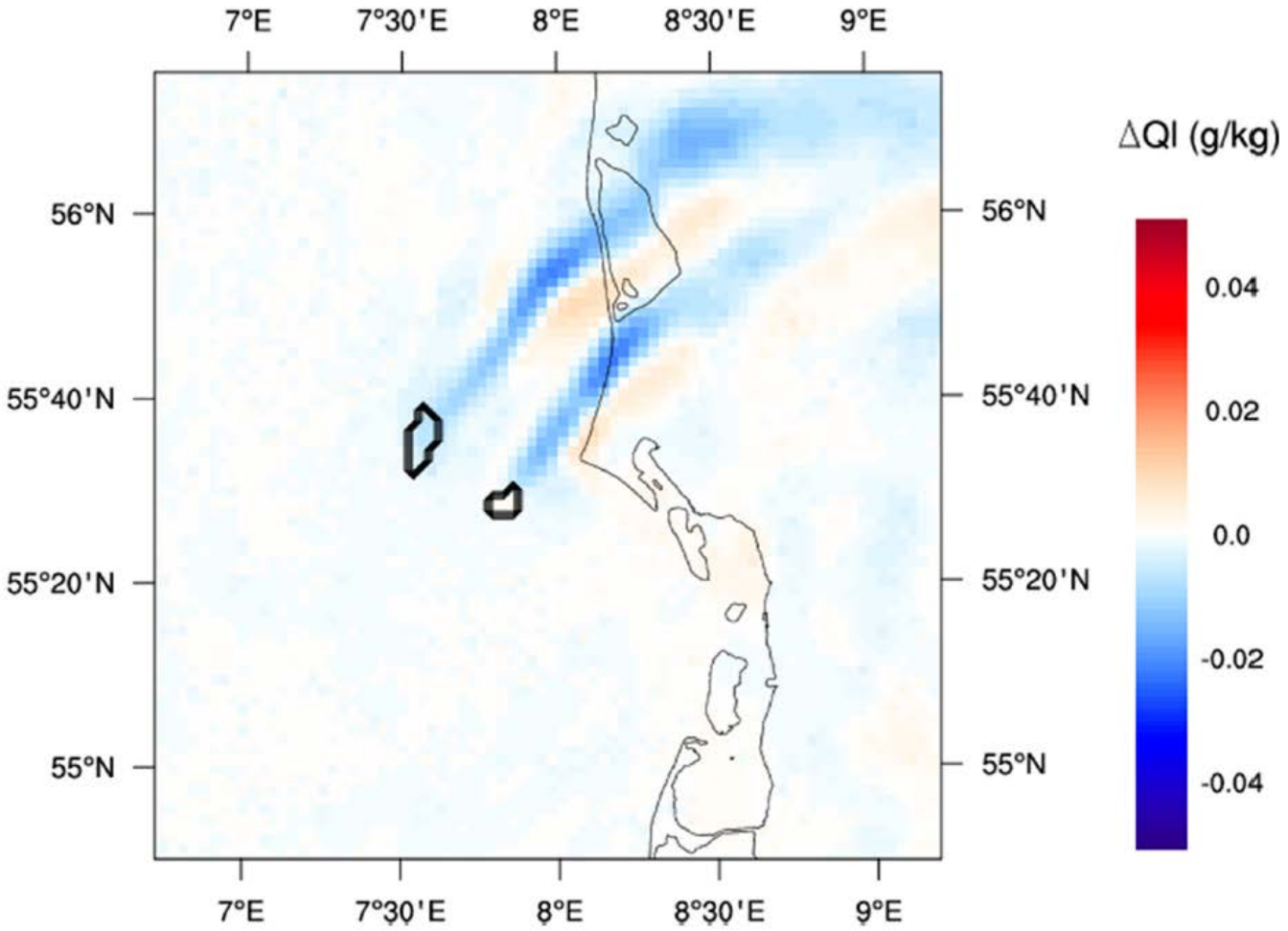
Why did the fog clear?



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

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Offshore wind resources

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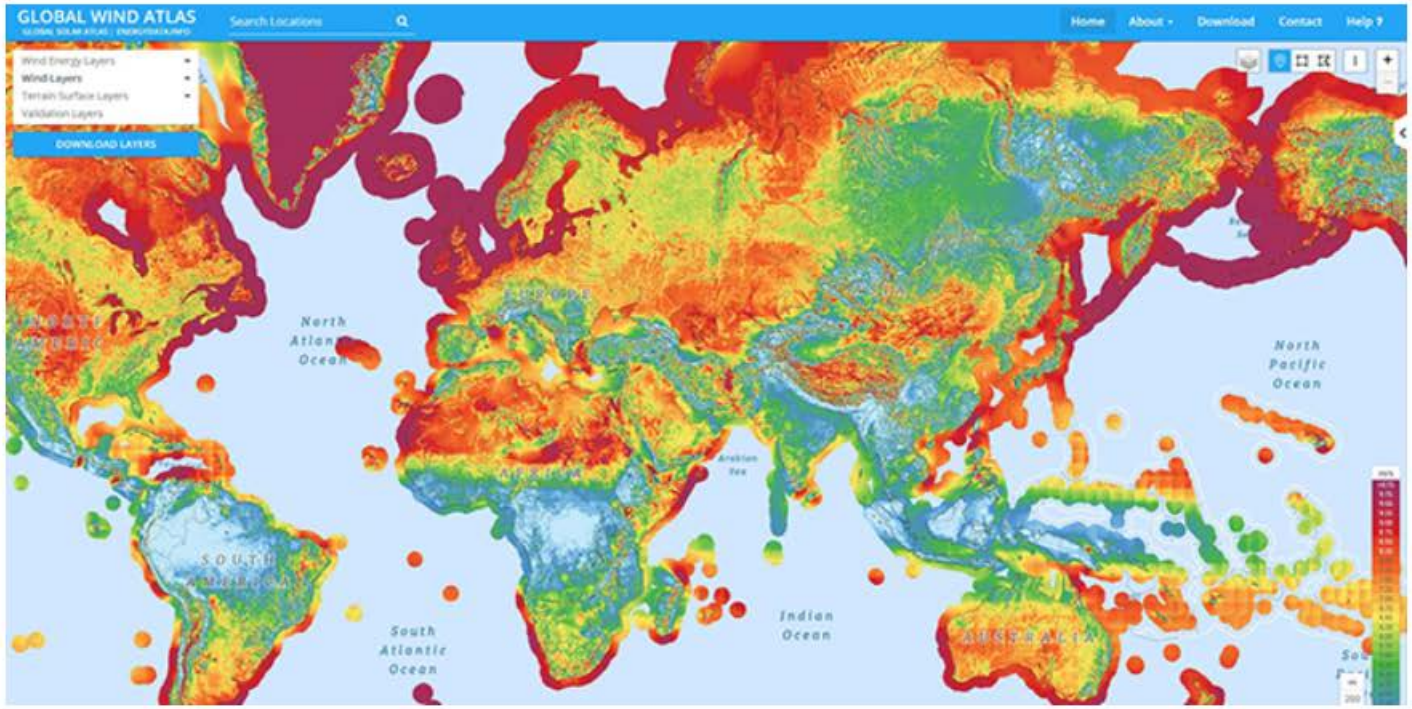

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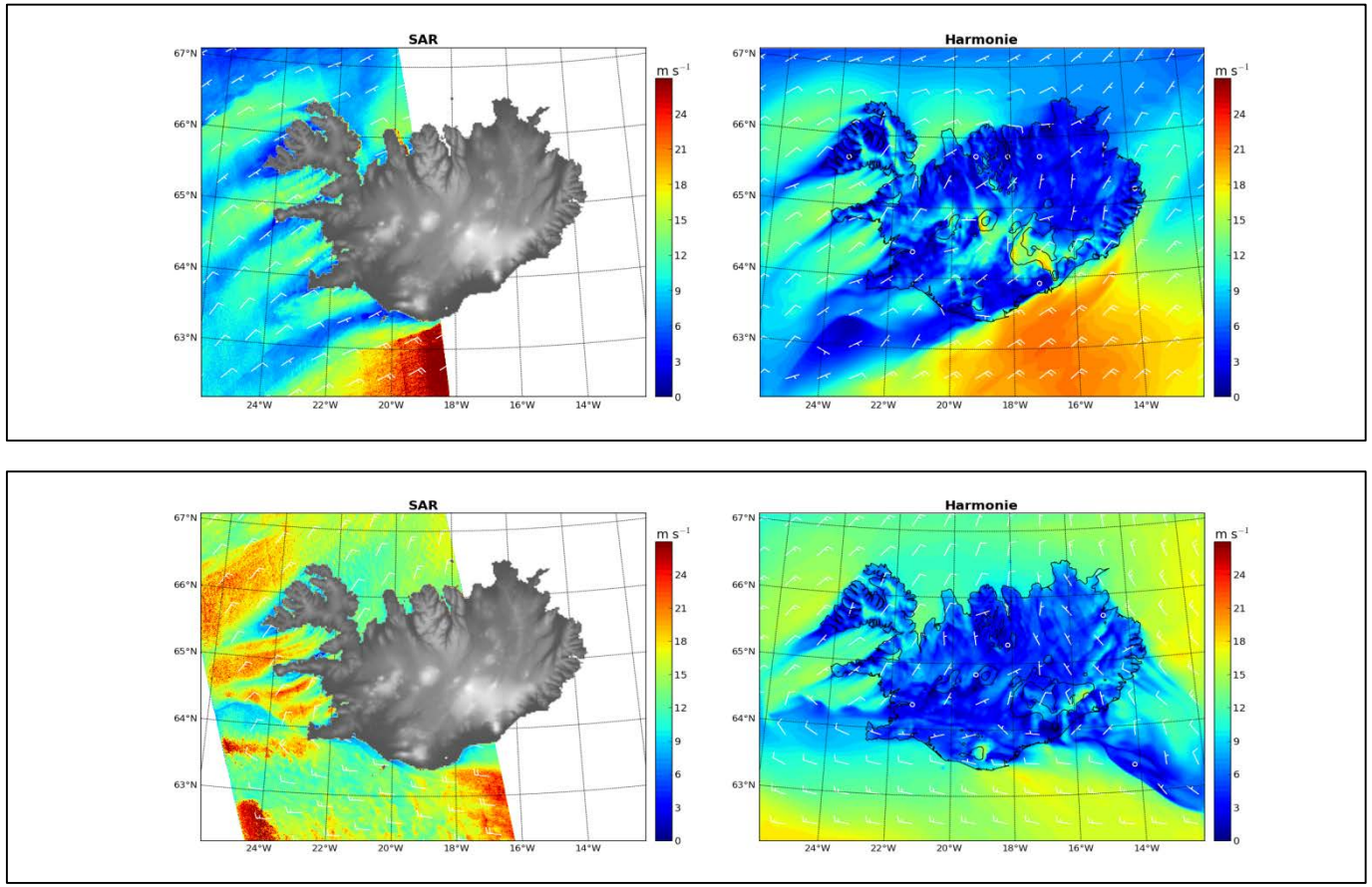
Model validation – compex flows around islands



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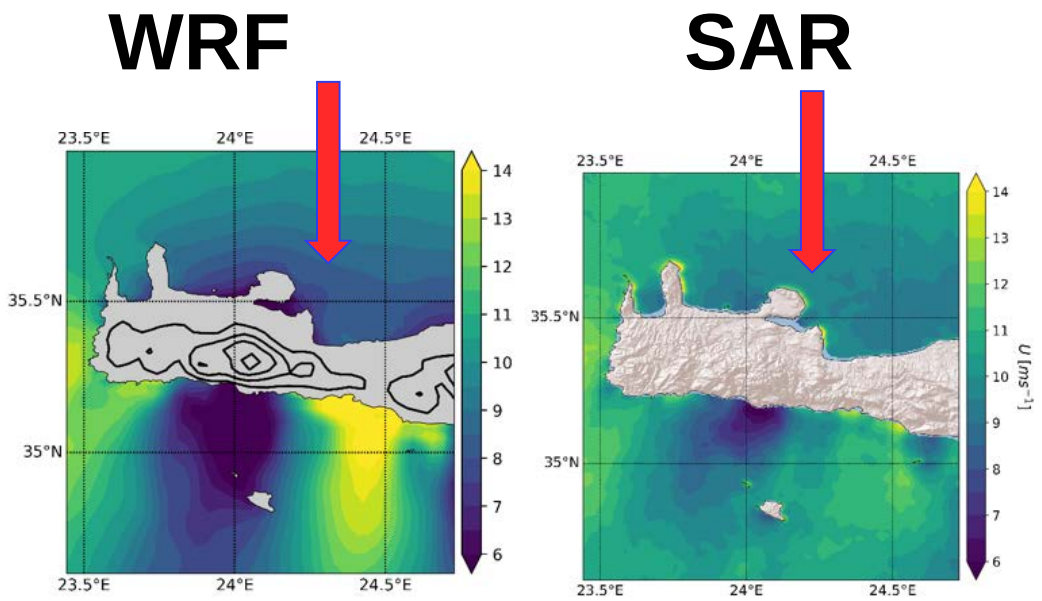
Northerly wind

Mean wind speed of 59 cases



Stagnation is flow similar.

Lee effect is similar.

But gap flow is not.

We conclude orography is not resolved fully in WRF.

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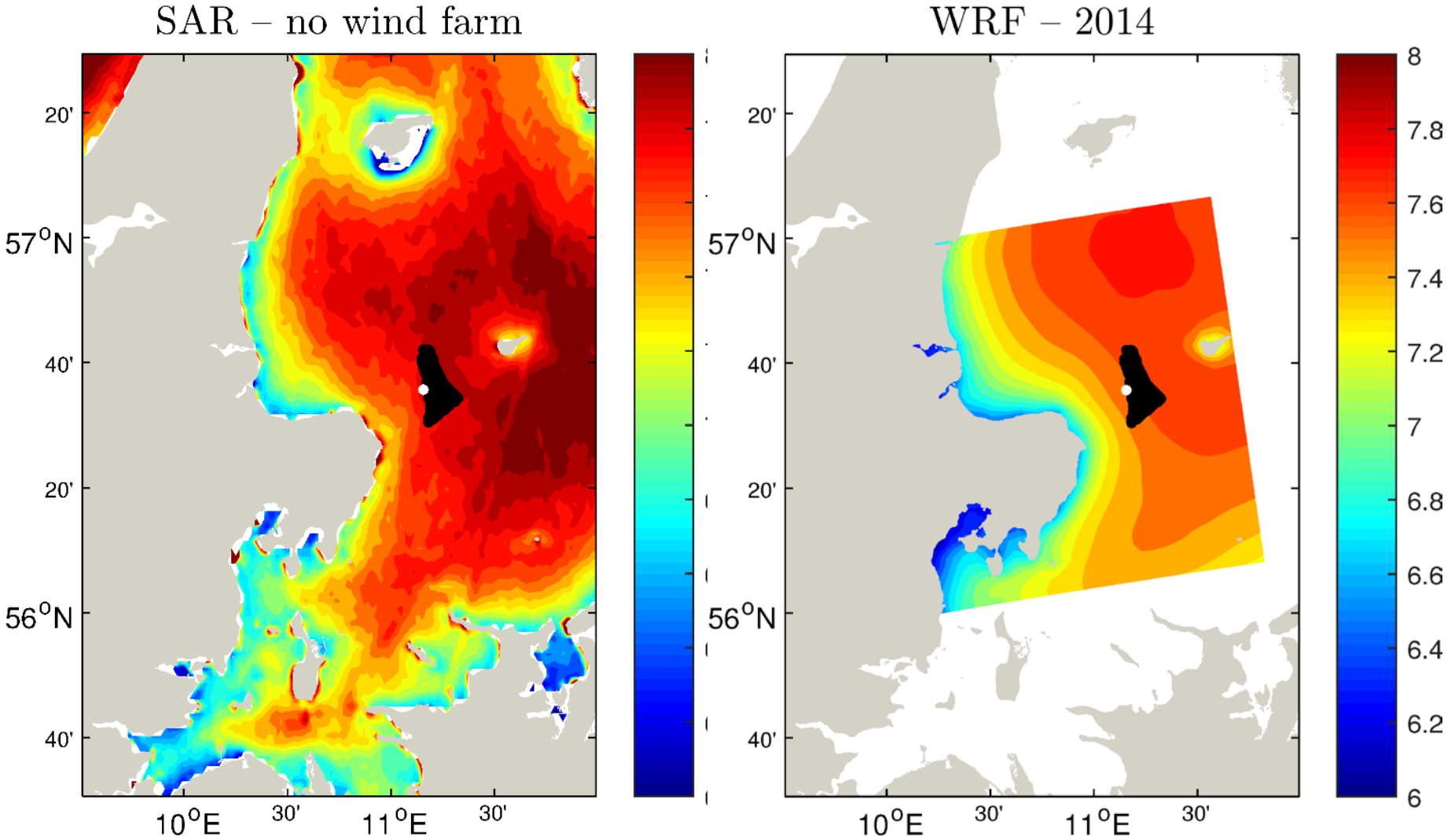
Kattegat Strait mean wind speed



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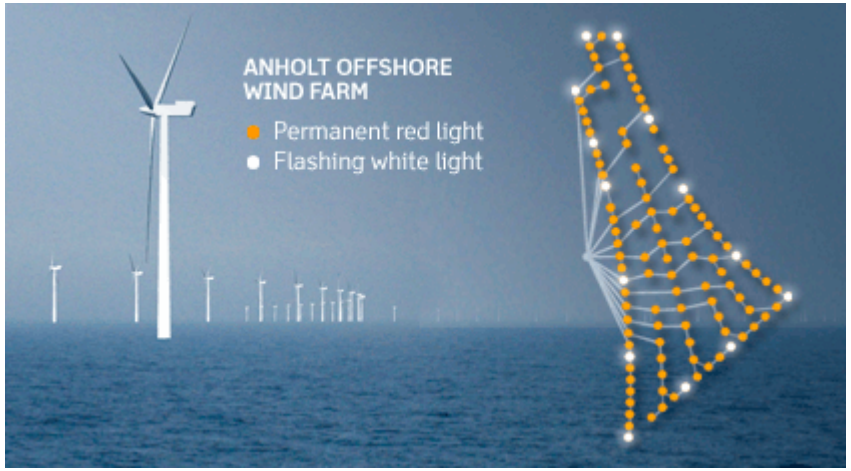
Anholt Offshore Wind Farm



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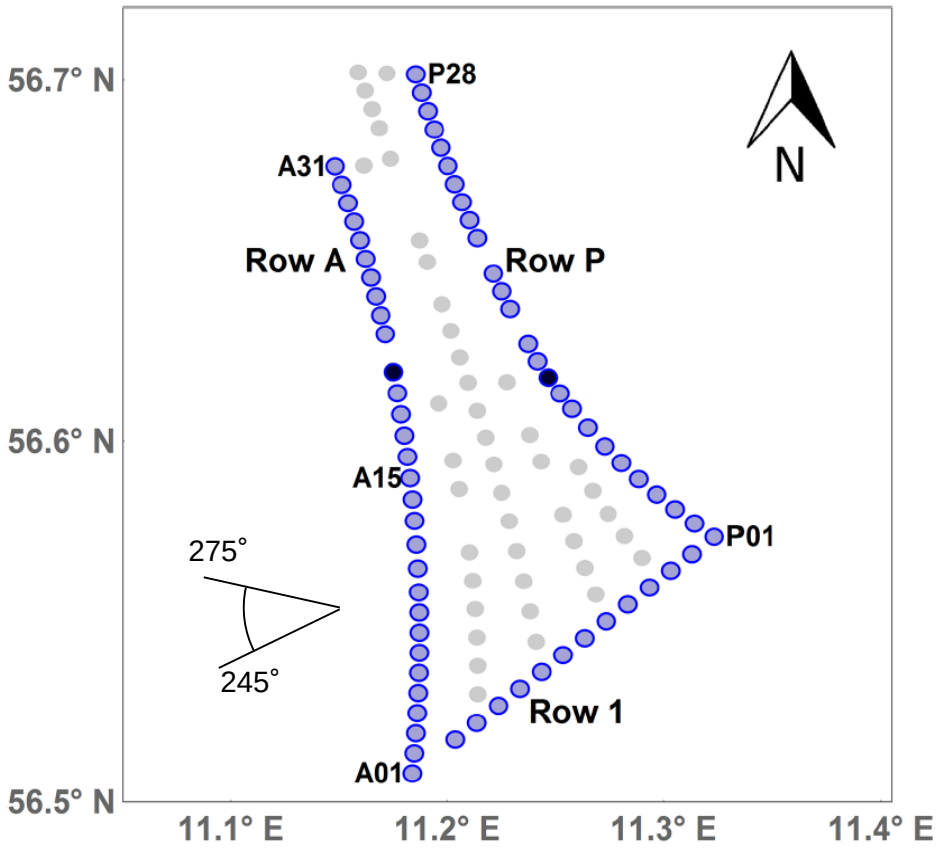
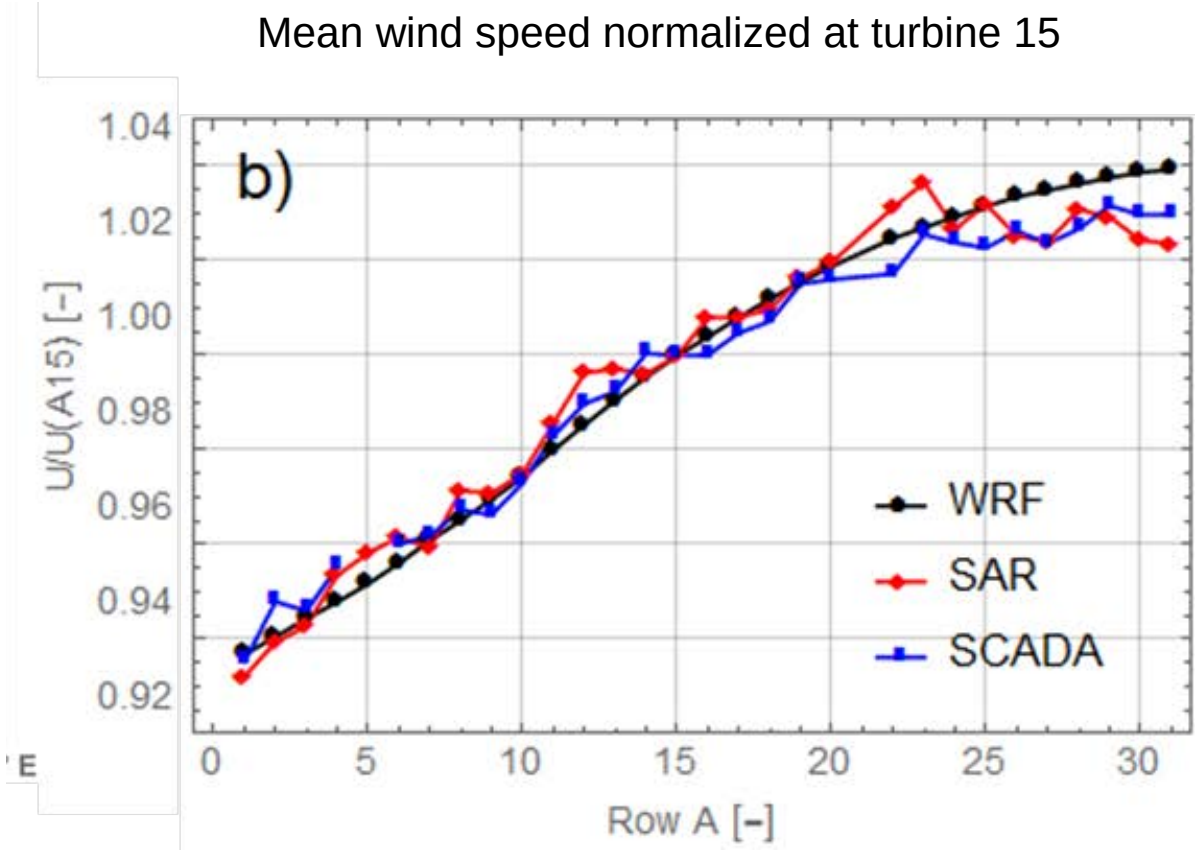
Anholt wind farm





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US East Coast: SAR vs. WRF

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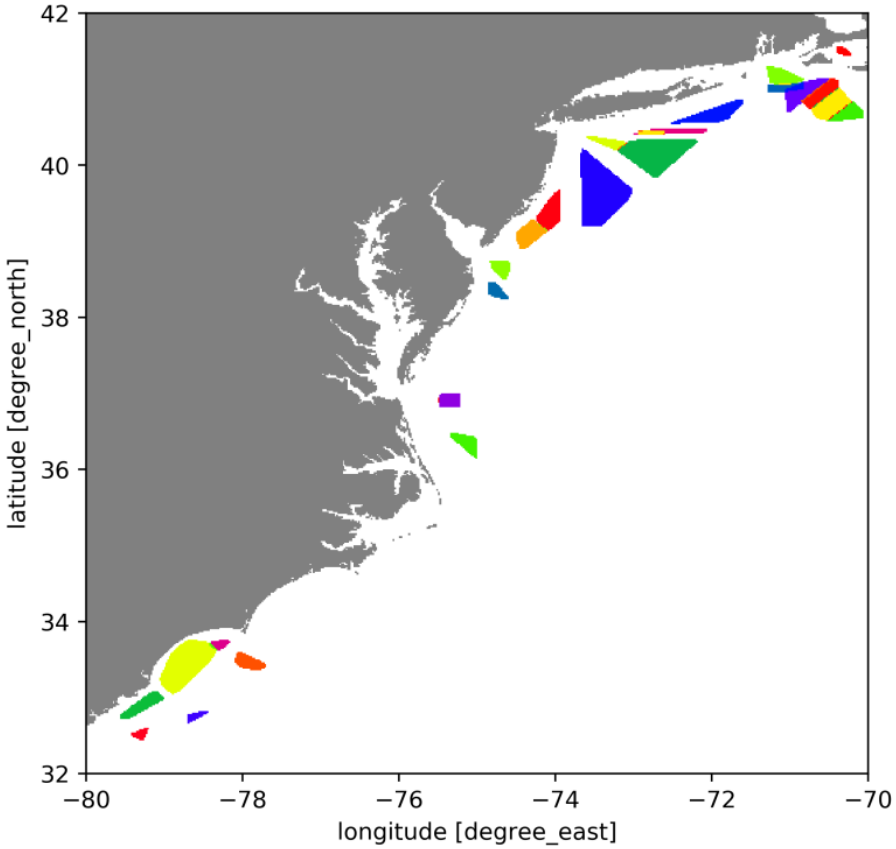
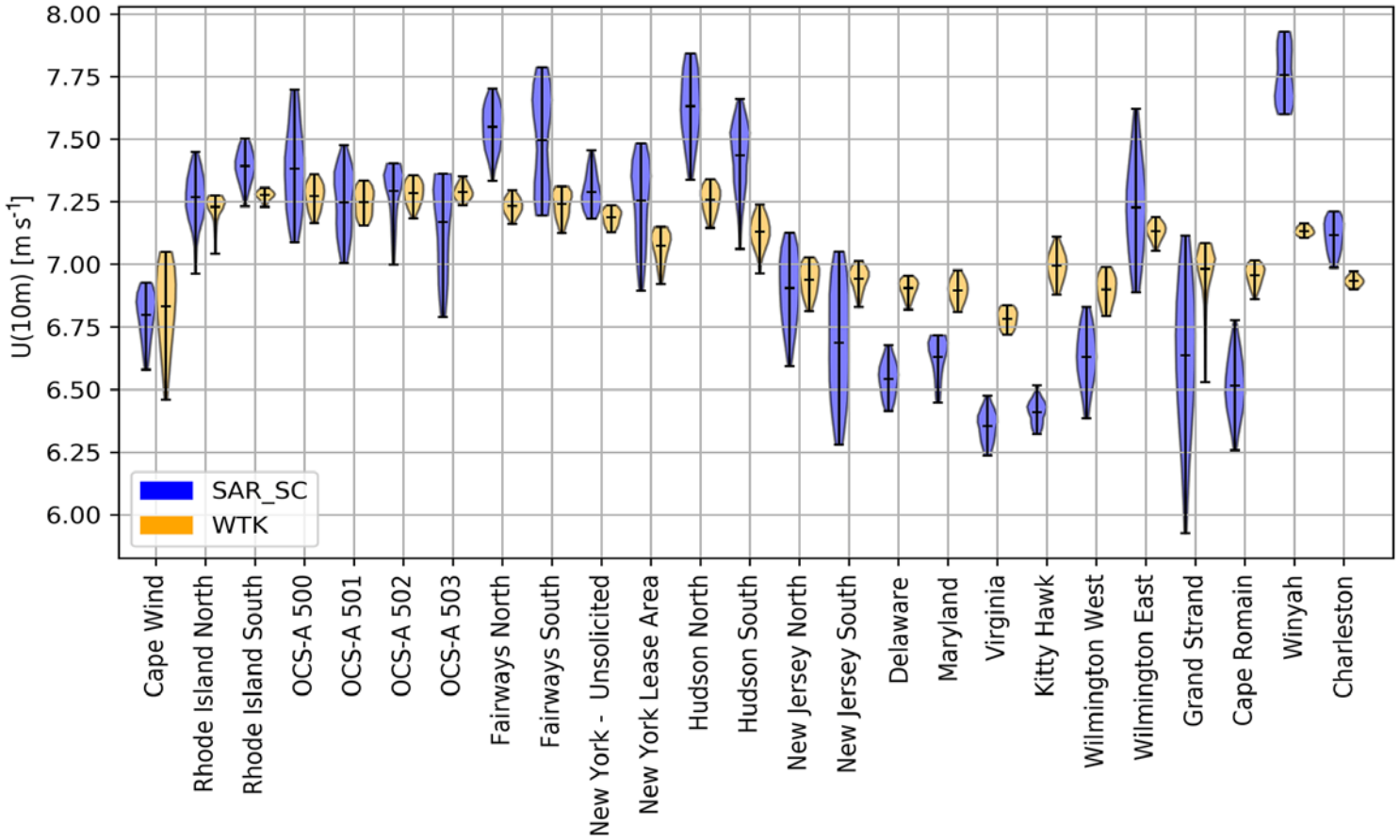
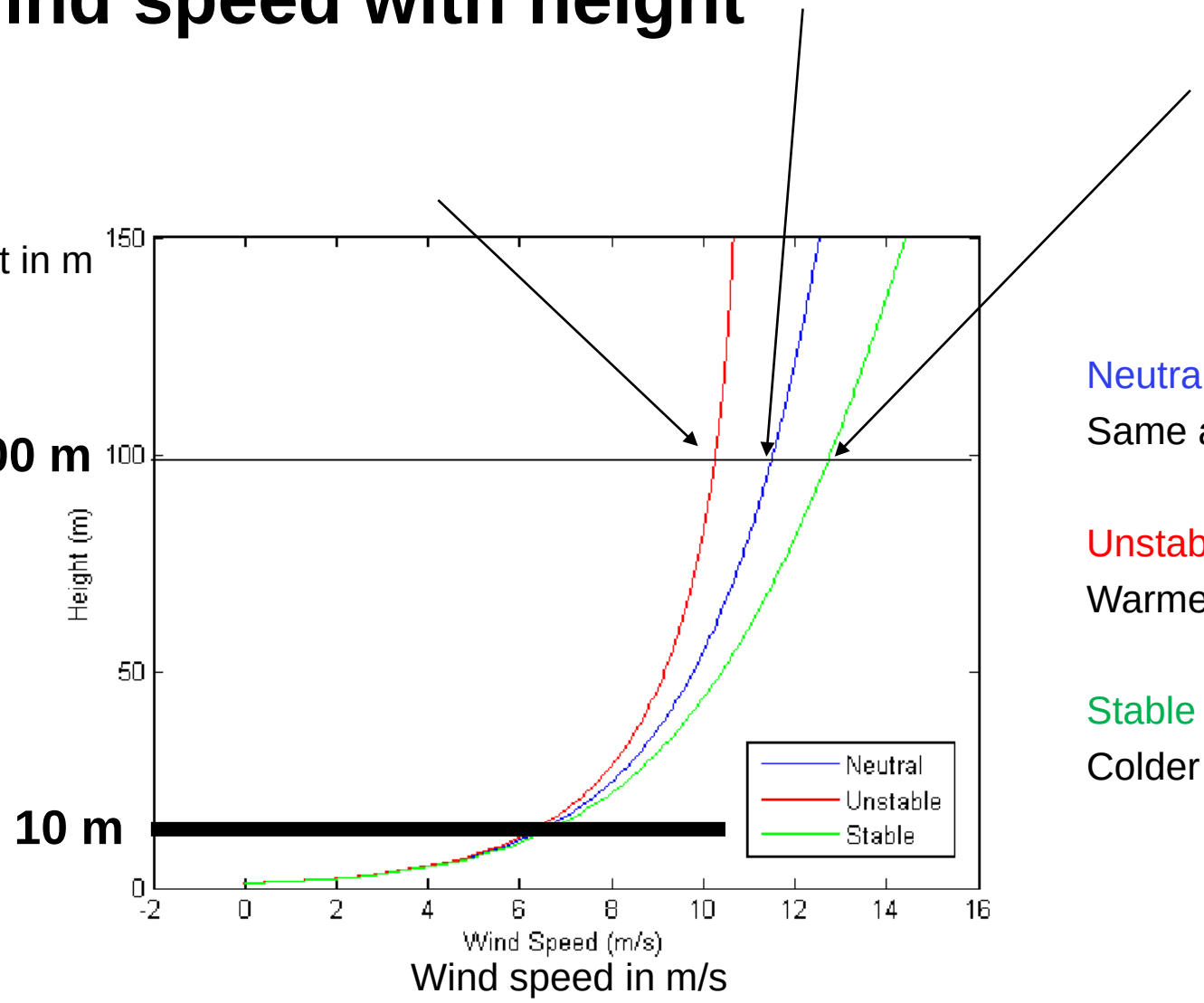


25 designated areas



Vertical profile

Wind speed with height



Wind speed in m/s

Satellites observe wind at 10 m height

Neutral

Same air and sea temperature

Unstable

Warmer sea than air

Stable

Colder sea than air

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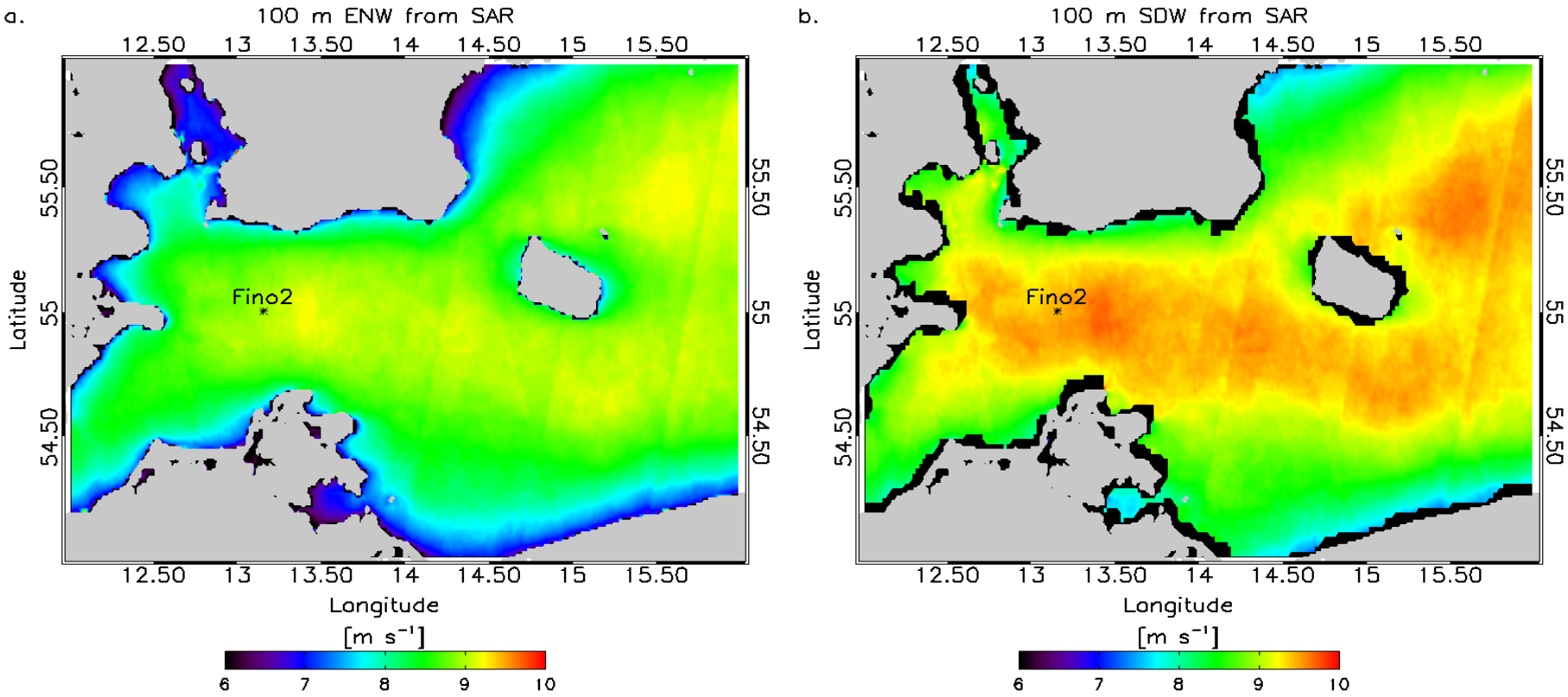
Wind speed extrapolation from 10 m to hub-height



Without stability correction

With stability correction

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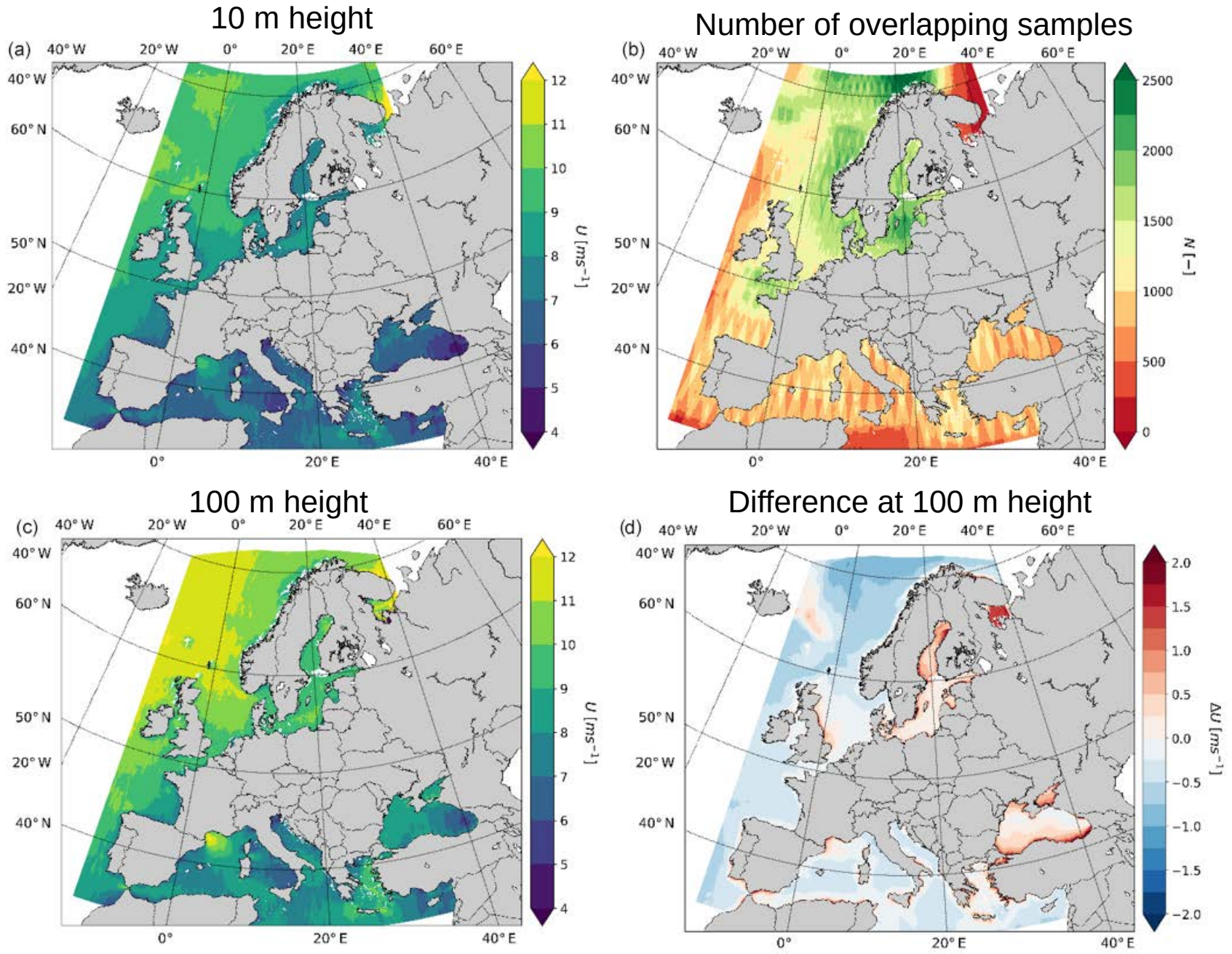

a) Envisat ASAR and Sentinel-1 combined mean wind speed ($m\,s^{-1}$) at 10 m height **(a)**,

b) number of samples

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

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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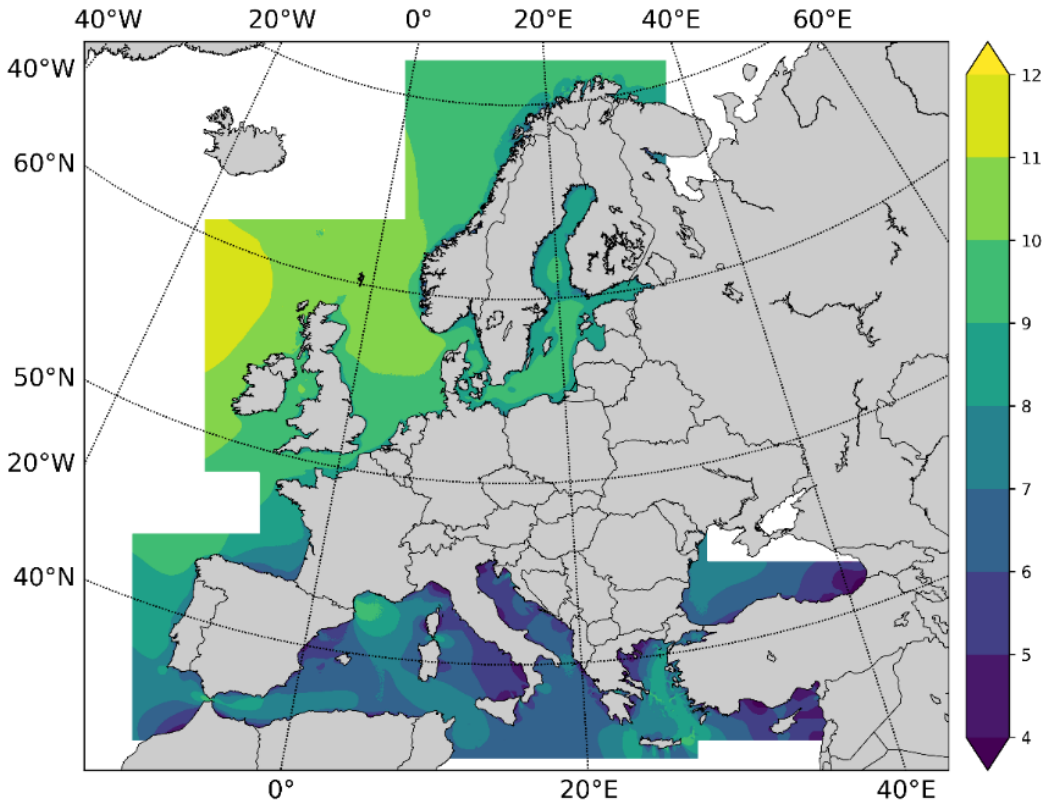
WRF New European Wind Atlas



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

Data are available at:

http://www.neweuropeanwindatlas.eu/

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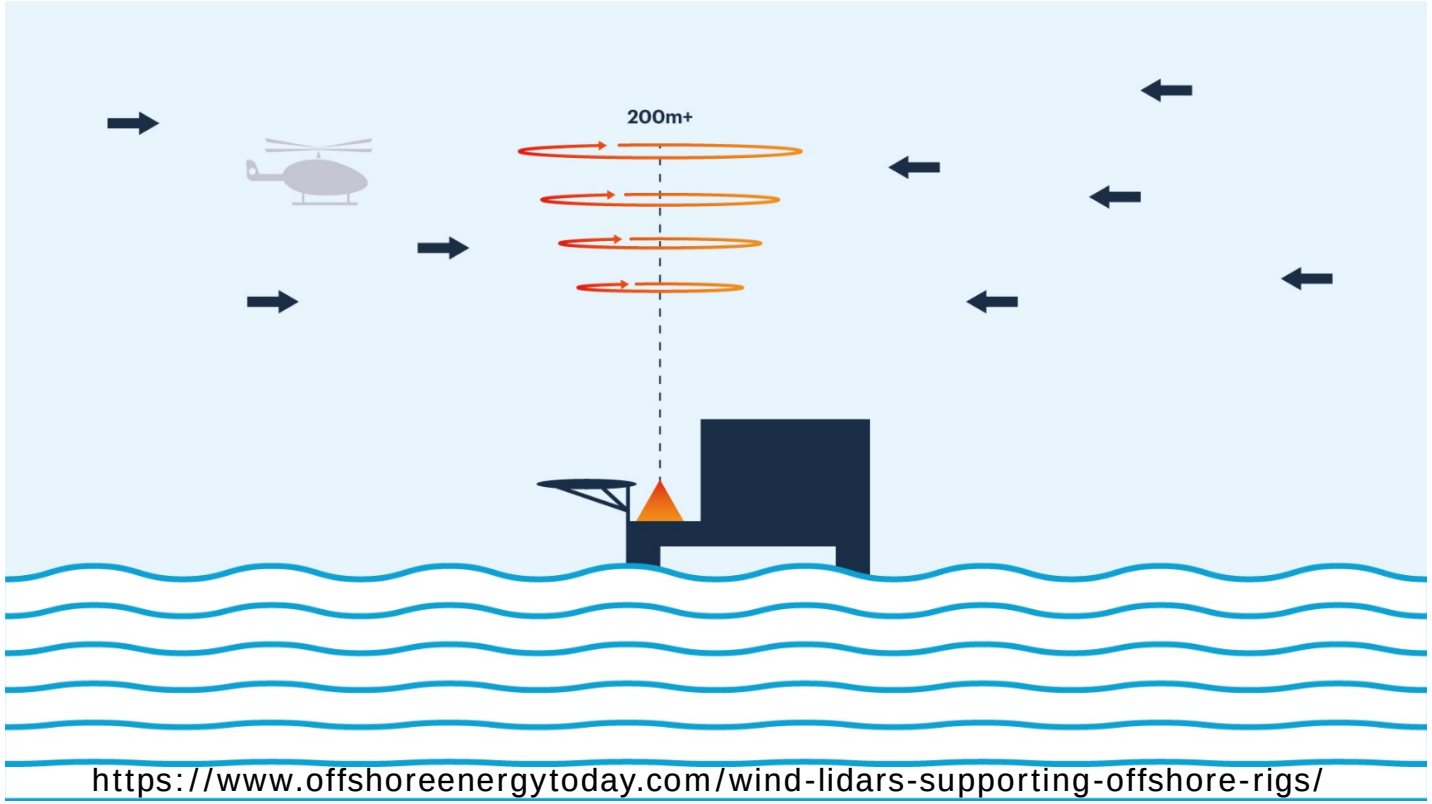
Wind lidar

Measure winds at several heights including hub-height



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Wind lidar at offshore platforms

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Participants 19

16 PhD and 3 industry people

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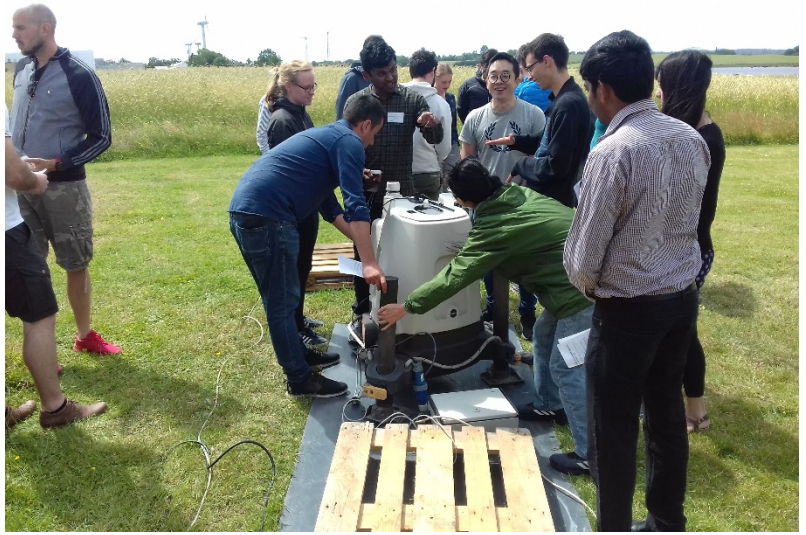
09:00–09:45	Welcome and introduction *Head of Section Dr. Hans E. Jørgensen Dr. Charlotte Hasager*	Introduction to Aeolus *Dr. Gert-Jan Marseille*	Introduction to continuous wave lidar *Dr. Mike Harris*	Lidars for wind turbine control *Dr. David Schlipf*	Turbulence I *Prof. Jakob Mann*
10:00–10:45	Introduction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



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**