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NTUA Wind Tunnel Technical Info Day

These are the presentations of the 2nd TWEET-IE Technical Info Day

The event was addressed to industry and commercial stakeholders interested in the NTUA WT facilities and serbices

NTUA Wind Tunnel Facility – Capacity and Services

Athens, 15th July, 2025

Venue: National Technical University of Athens, 2nd floor, ANYM Building

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INVITATION

In the framework of the Horizon-Europe TWEET-IE project,

we are pleased to invite you to attend the NTUA Wind Tunnel Technical Info Day.

We will be presenting our capacity for research and services

through presentations of past and present case studies.

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AGENDA

Tuesday July 15th, 2025

10:00 Welcome and opening
The TWEET-IE project (Prof. Demetri Bouris)

10:15 Aerodynamics and Wind Energy
Wind Tunnel Testing (Asst. Prof. Marinos Manolesos)
Computational Fluid and Structural Dynamics (Prof. Vasilis Riziotis)

11:15 Environmental Flows and Buildings
Wind Tunnel Testing and Computational Fluid Dynamics (Prof. Demetri Bouris)

11:45 Coffee Break

Discussion – Round Table

12:30 Tour of Wind Tunnel Facilities
Demonstration of wind tunnel testing facility

13:30 End of Event

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Prof. Demetri Bouris

July 15th , NTUA, Athens

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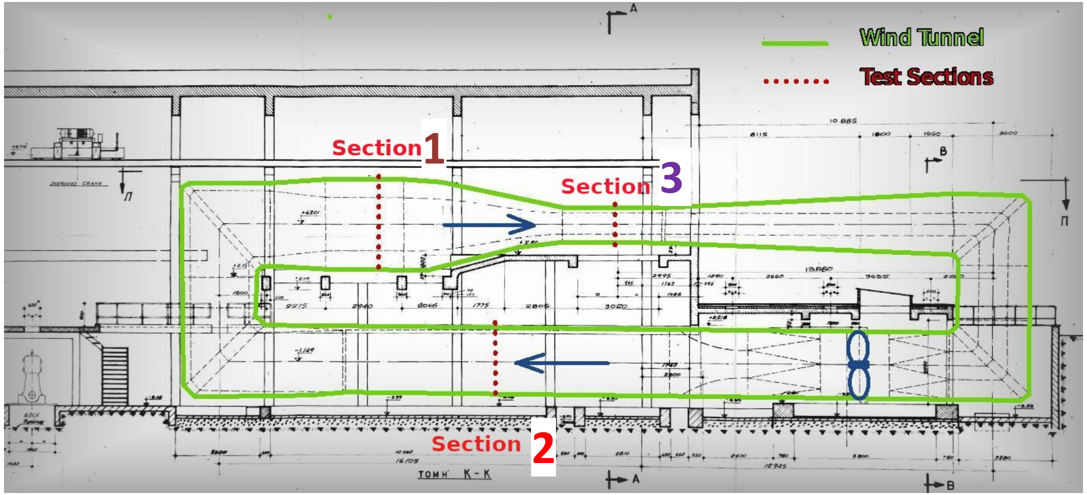

- Closed circuit
- 7 blade axial fan of 350 hp.
- Subsonic,

  max. speed is 60m/s and

  turbulence level is 0.2%

Total Length : 32 m
3 test sections

Section	Width (m)	Height (m)	Max. speed (m/s)
1	4.5	3.5	9.5
2	3.5	2.5	17.0
3	1.8	1.4	60.0

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The NTUA Wind Tunnel

The NTUA Wind Tunnel

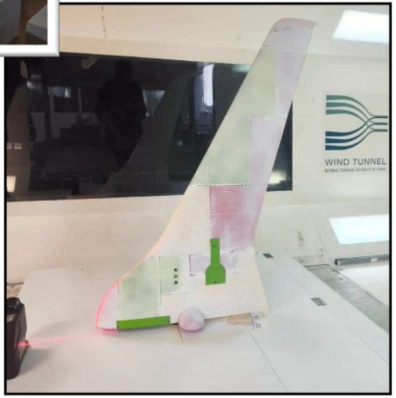
- Section 1 **(4.5x3.5m)** suitable for small propellers, wind turbine rotors, fans and small sails

- Section 2 **(3.5 x 2.5 x 12 m)** suitable for buildings, bridges, wind turbine siting, pollutant dispersion and large model wake studies.
  It is equipped with remotely controlled turn table floor and 3D motor driven traversing mechanism.
  It's the atmospheric boundary layer test section

- Section 3 **(1.8x1.4)** for airfoils, aircraft wings, fuselages, model aircrafts, light and heavy vehicles.
  It's the high speed test section (up to ~50 m/s)

Small sail tested in section 1

Piraeus city model in section 2



Wing model in section 3

The TWEET-IE project

- **Twin Wind Tunnels for Energy and the EnvironmenT – Innovations and Excellence**

- **Call Topic :** HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-03-01
- **Type of action:** HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions

  i.e. not a research project … but there is a research component
- **Duration:** 1 November 2022 - 31 October 2025 (36 months)
- **Budget:** 1 498 250.00 €

Participants:

NTUA, National Technical University of Athens

TUM, Technical University of Munich

KIT, Karlsruhe Institute for Technology

POLIMI, Polytechnic Institute of Milano

TU Delft, Technical University of Delft

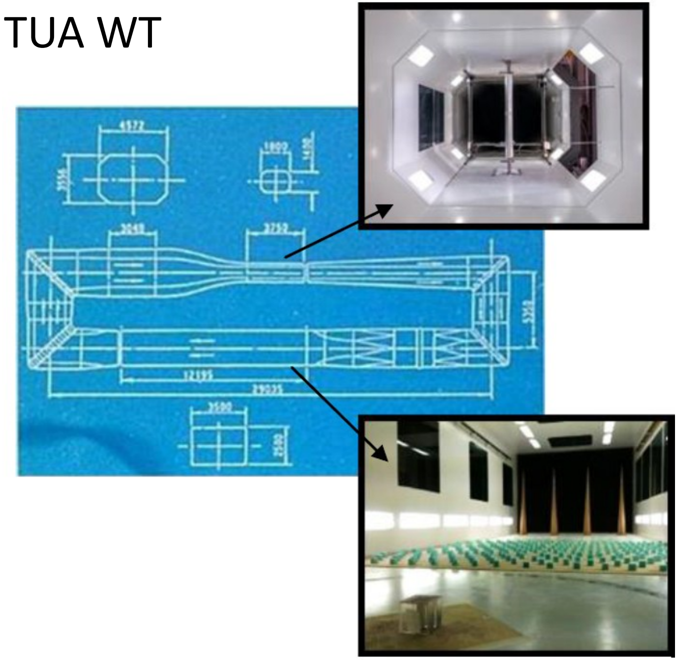
Project goal :

to re-invent, mobilize and promote the NTUA WT

for EU level research

through shared experience

with top-class Leading Partners.



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The TWEET-IE project

Pillar I. Widening of management and administration capabilities

- Human and Material Resources
- Certification and Accreditation

Pillar II. Widening of technical capacity and competence

- Physical modeling & measurement of vegetation in urban flows
- Phys. mod. & meas. of wind farms and wake effects.
- Phys. mod. & meas. of airfoil aerodynamic enhancement devices.
- Large scale PIV measurement technology.

Pillar III. Widening of outreach, visibility and profile

- Improving the profile with respect to EU Research needs
- Improving the profile with respect to Services towards Industry

Selected Outputs

- ✓ SWOT analysis and definition of KPIs for NTUA WT facility assessment
- ✓ Facility Assessment Reports
- ✓ Inauguration of NTUA WT administration and management unit
- ✓ Sustainability plan of NTUA WT facility
- ✓ Web page and social media presence (LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram)
- ✓ Summer schools
- ✓ Research activities
  - ✓ Effects of vegetation on flows in the urban environment
  - ✓ Wake interactions of a cluster of turbines and wake steering techniques
  - ✓ Micro devices for enhanced performance of airfoil sections
  - ✓ Scale effects in Urban Flows

KPIs

Tracking of KPIs related to:

- educational/training activities
- research activities
- improving technical capacity
- improving management skills
- publicity and networking activities

Distinguished as:

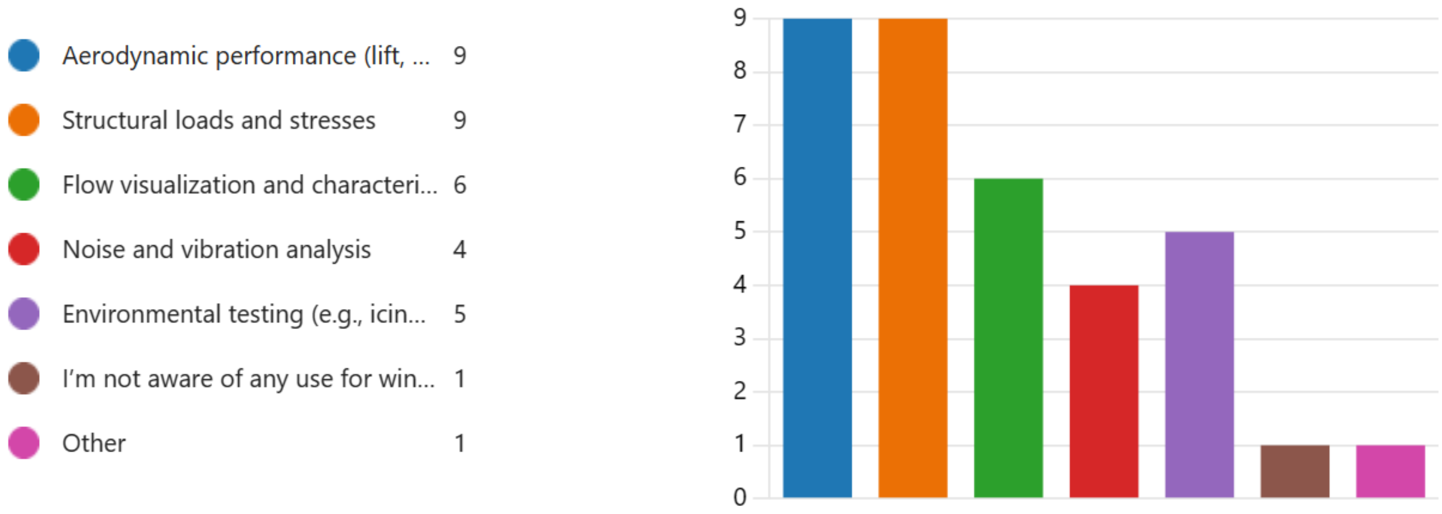
- Short term – within the duration of the project
- Longer term – horizon of 2-5 years after the conclusion of the project

Questionnaire for industry needs

Target group of 50
28% response rate

What types of wind tunnel testing would be most valuable to your industry?

- *Aerodynamic performance (lift, drag, downforce, stability)*
- *Structural loads and stresses*
- *Flow visualization and characterization*
- *Noise and vibration analysis*
- *Environmental testing (e.g., icing, rain)*
- *I'm not aware of any use for wind tunnel testing in my industrial activities.*
- *Other (please specify)*



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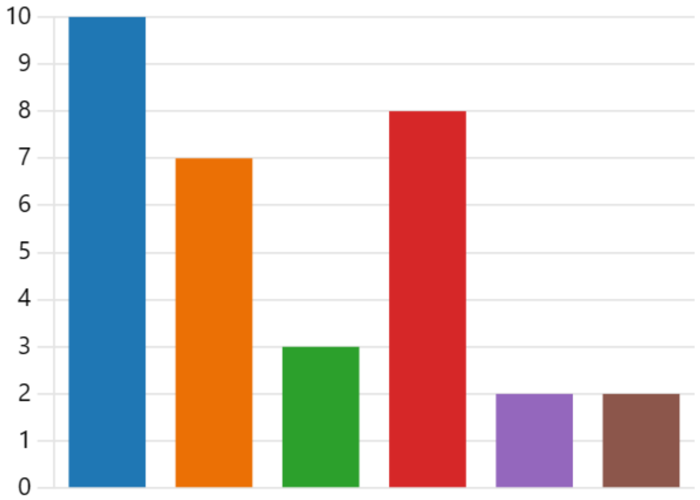
Widening of visibility and profile

What do you consider to be the main challenges with wind tunnel testing?

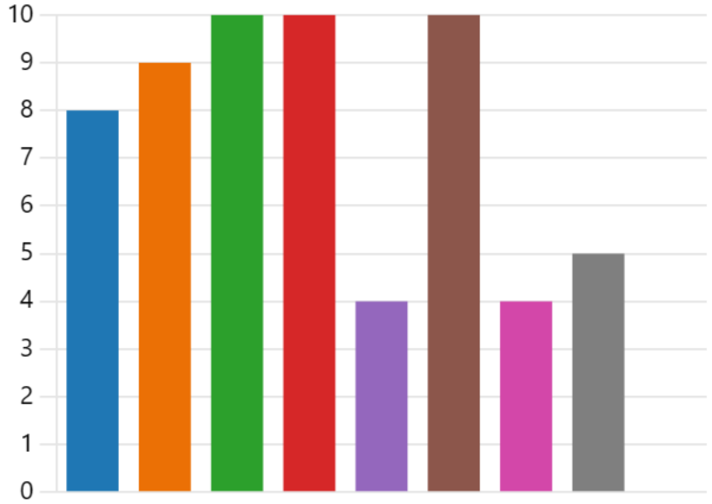
Cost	10
Availability	7
Expertise	3
Testing capabilities (e.g., speed, ...	8
Data analysis and interpretation	2
Other	2



Widening of visibility and profile

What are the most important features you (would) look for in a wind tunnel testing facility?

Specific capabilities (e.g., Reynol...	8
Range of test models/objects ac...	9
Measurement equipment, data ...	10
Expertise of staff	10
Customer service and support	4
Price and availability	10
Confidentiality	4
Communication and Responsive...	5
Other	0



Widening of visibility and profile

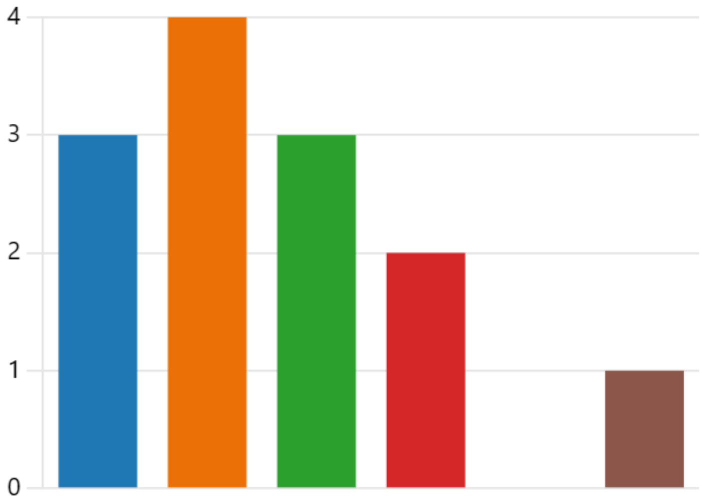
What do you consider to be a typical project timeline for wind tunnel testing?

Less than 1 month	4
1-3 months	7
3-6 months	3
More than 6 months	0

Widening of visibility and profile

What do you consider to be a typical budget for a wind tunnel test campaign?

Less than €5,000	3
€5,000-€10,000	4
€10,000-€20,000	3
€20,000-€50,000	2
€50,000-€100,000	0
More than €100,000	1



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Aerodynamics and Wind Energy Applications

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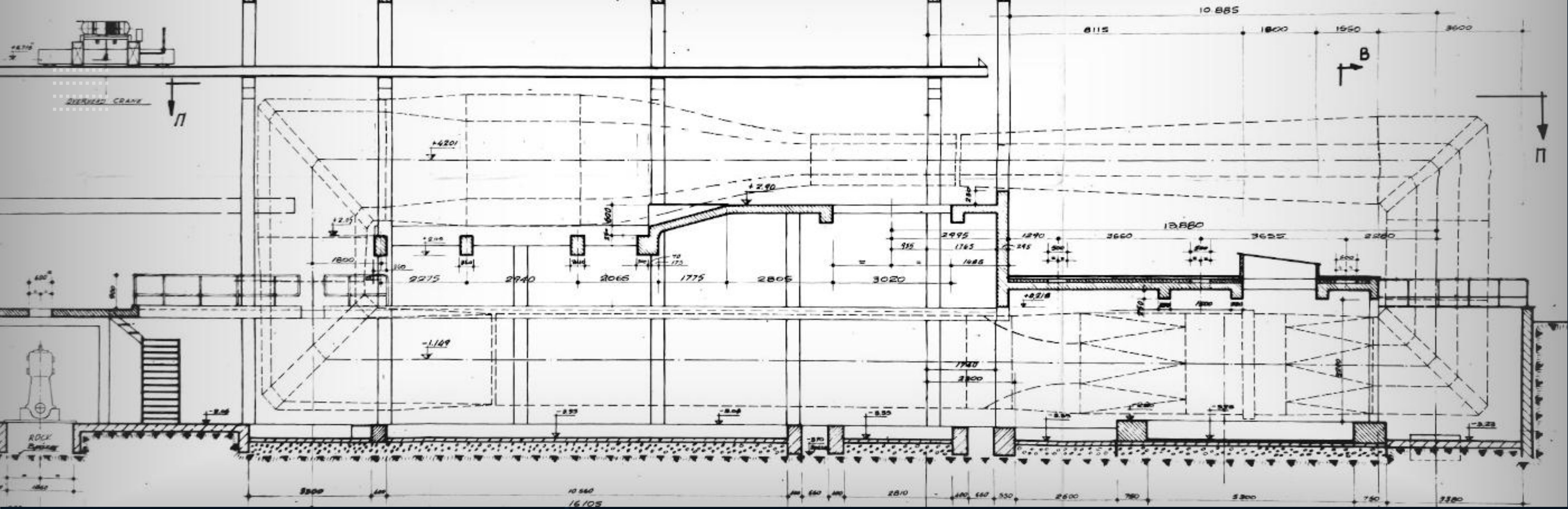


Technical Specifications

Closed loop, closed test sections

Large Test Section

- 3.5 m x 2.5 m x 12 m,
- Max speed 17 m/s,
- T.I. 2% - 6%

Small Test Section

- 1.4 m x 1.8 m x 2.5 m
- Max speed 60 m/s,
- T.I. 0.2%

Equipment

- Force Balances
- Pressure Scanners
- Hot Wire Anemometry
- Stereo Particle Image Velocimetry

✓ **Workshop**
✓ **Prefit Area**

Large Test Section **Applications**

- Small Wind Turbines
- Wind Farm Modelling
- Sports (Cycling)
- Component Testing (Tents, Umbrellas, Parachutes)

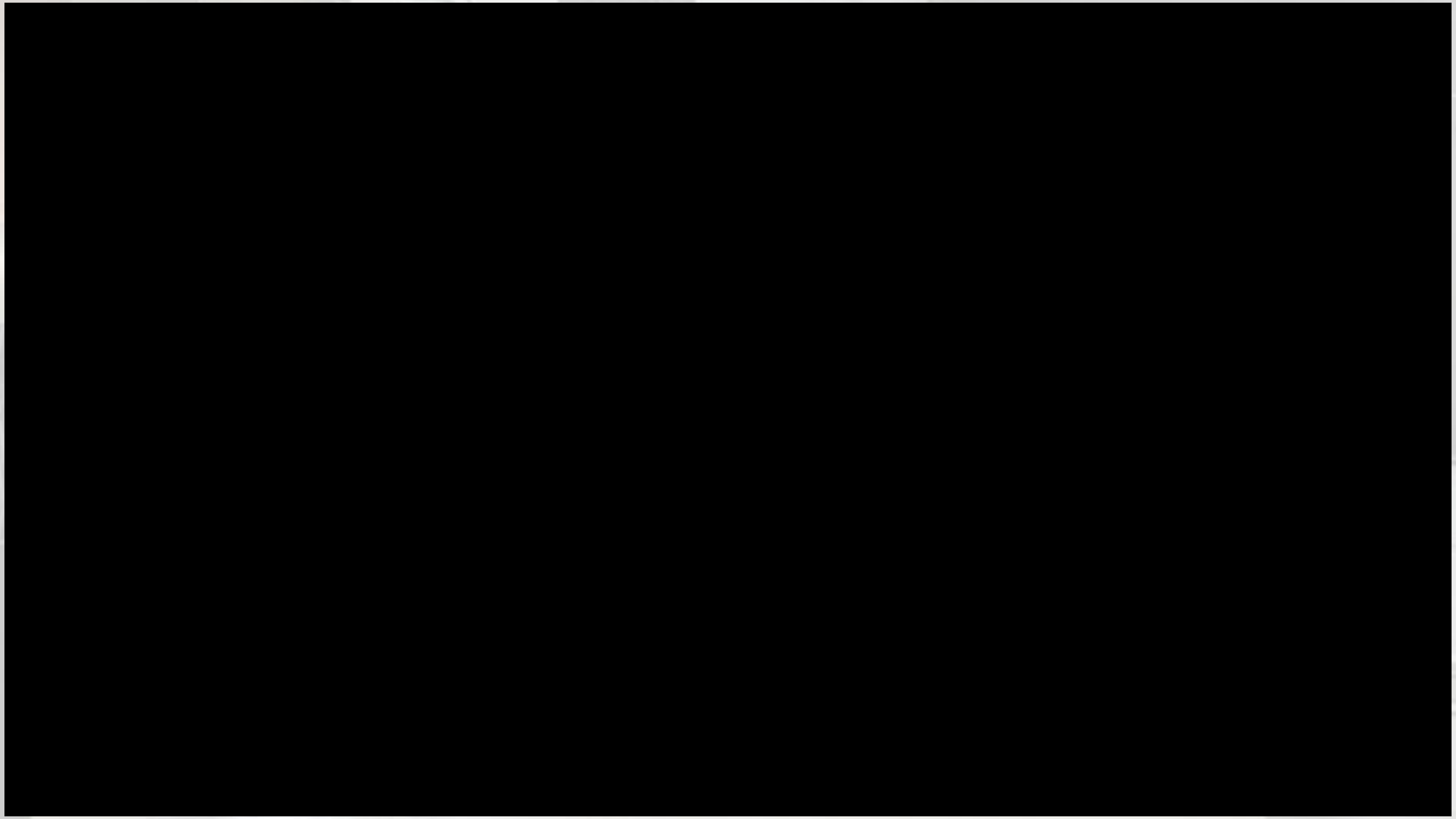
Vertical Axis Wind Turbines

- Power
- Loads
- Wake / Blade Aerodynamics
- Component testing
- Up to $A = 0.875\ m^2$

Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines

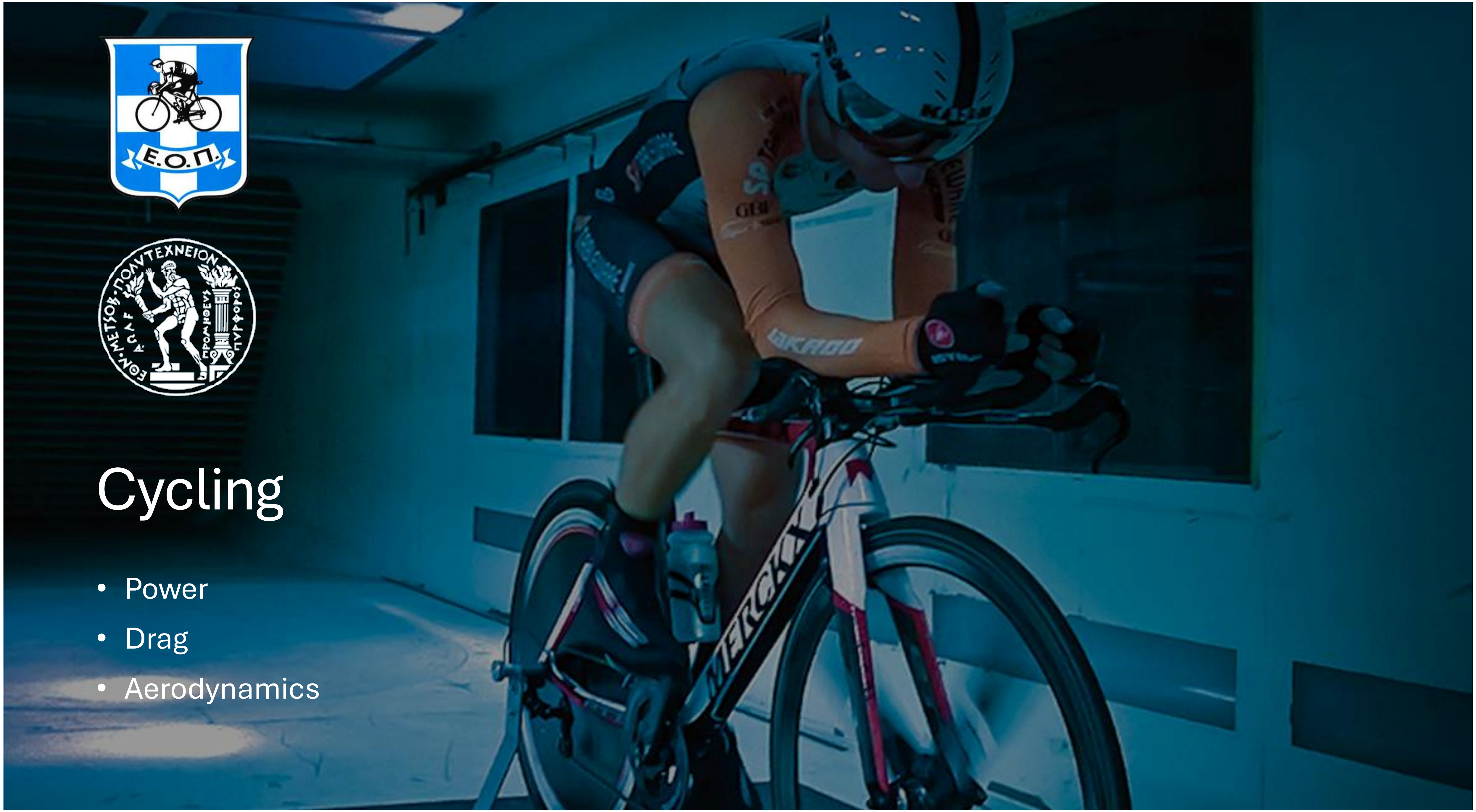
- Power
- Loads
- Wake / Blade Aerodynamics
- Component Testing
- Up to D=1.1 m

I know what you did last summer



Wind Farm modelling

- Perforated disk models
- Different levels of inflow turbulence



Cycling

- Power
- Drag
- Aerodynamics

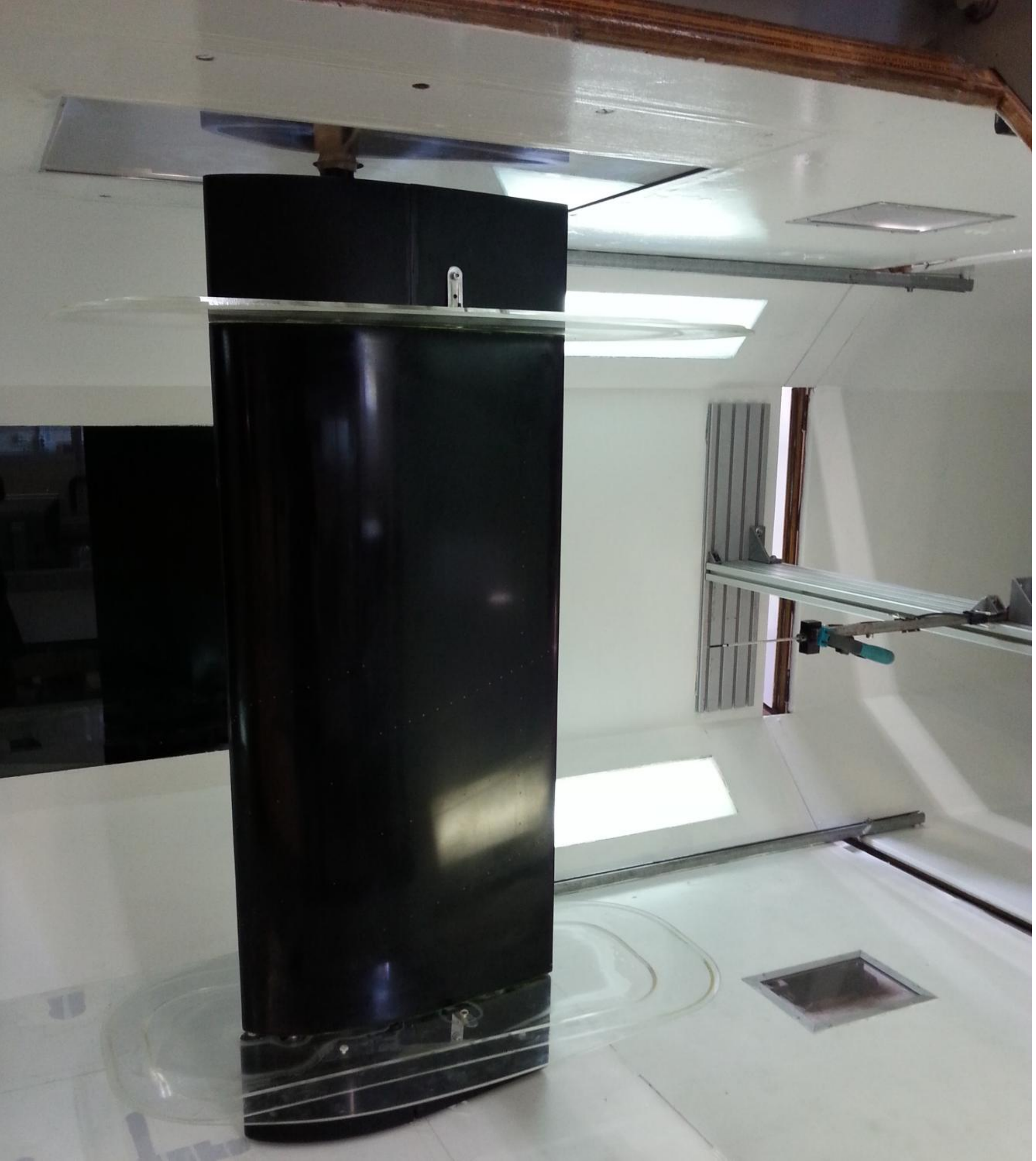
Wind Turbine Nacelle Testing

- Forces
- Vibrations
- Aerodynamics

Small Test Section Applications

- Airfoil Testing
- Gust Generation
- Flow Control Devices
- Component testing

UAV wing testing

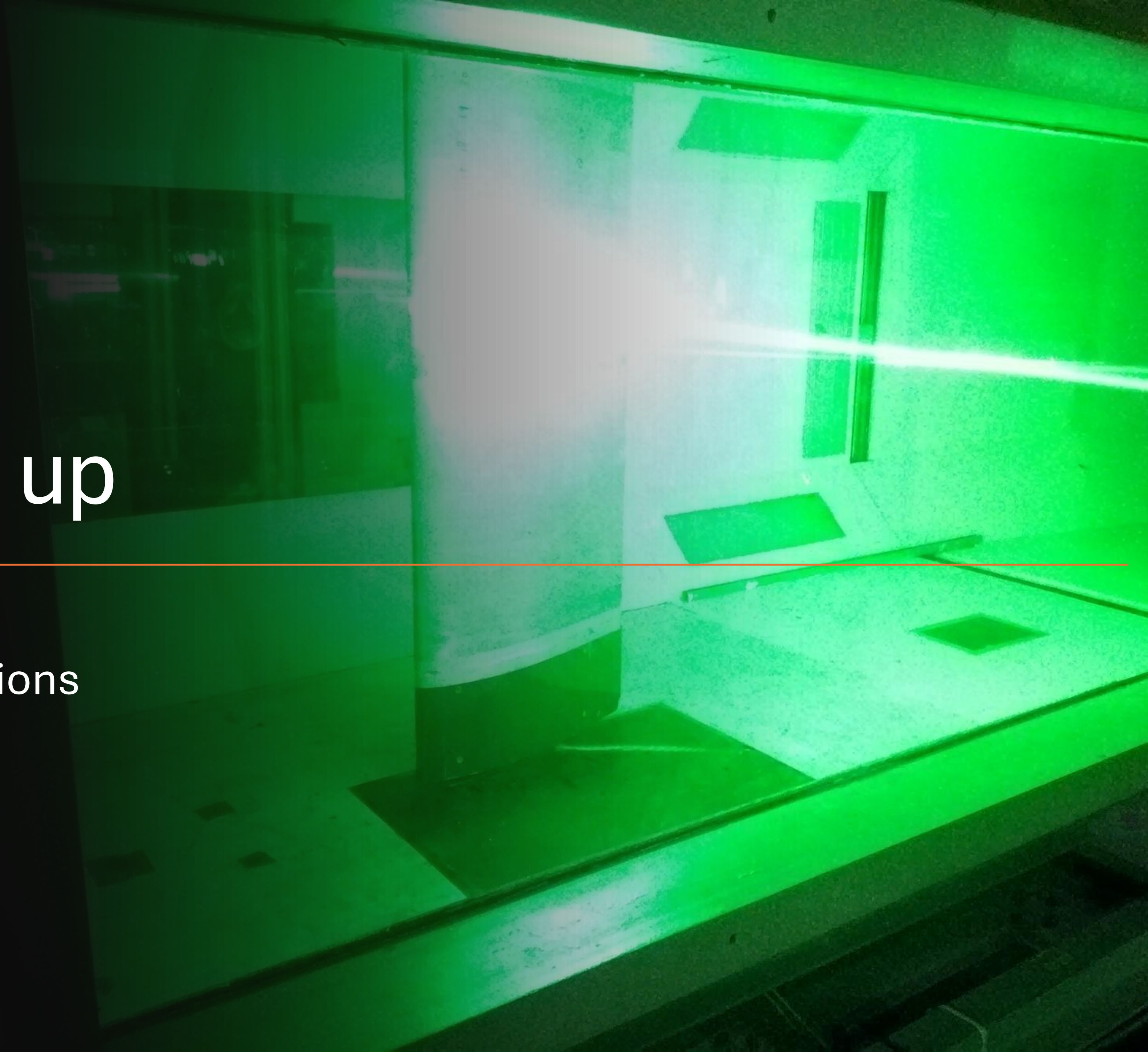


Airfoil Testing

- Wind Turbine Airfoils
- Airfoil Performance
- Flow Control Devices
- Reynolds number up to 1.8M

Aeroelastic Set up

Models can pitch or plunge
under free and/or control motions



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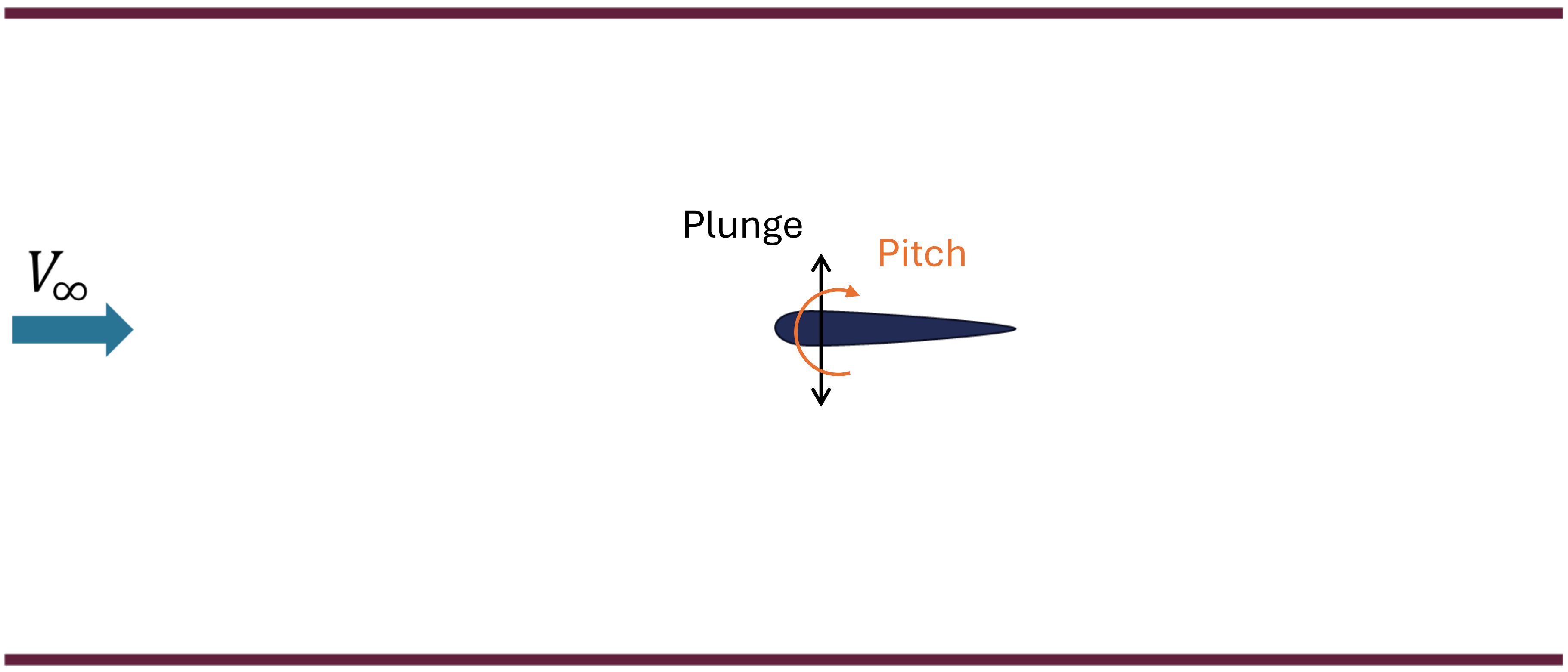
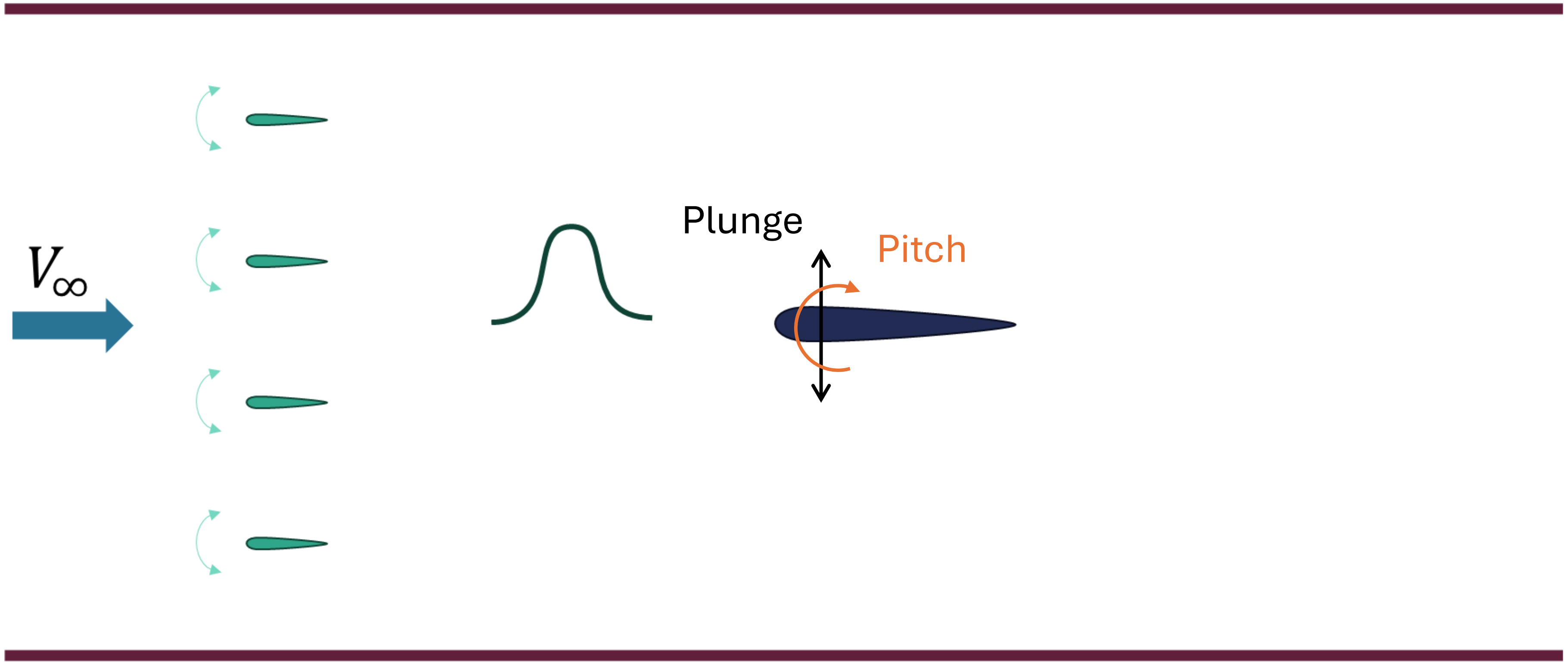


Gust Generation



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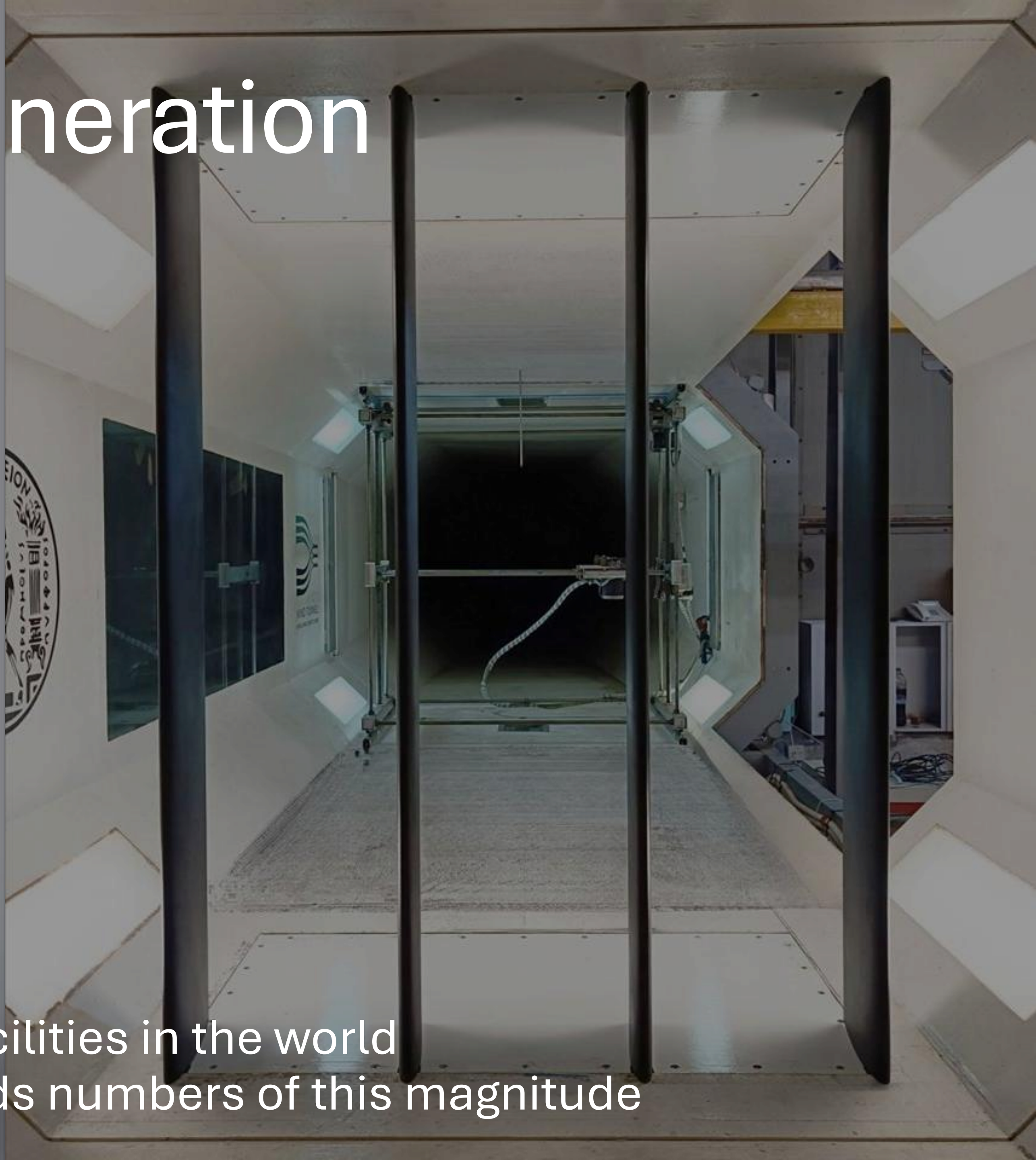
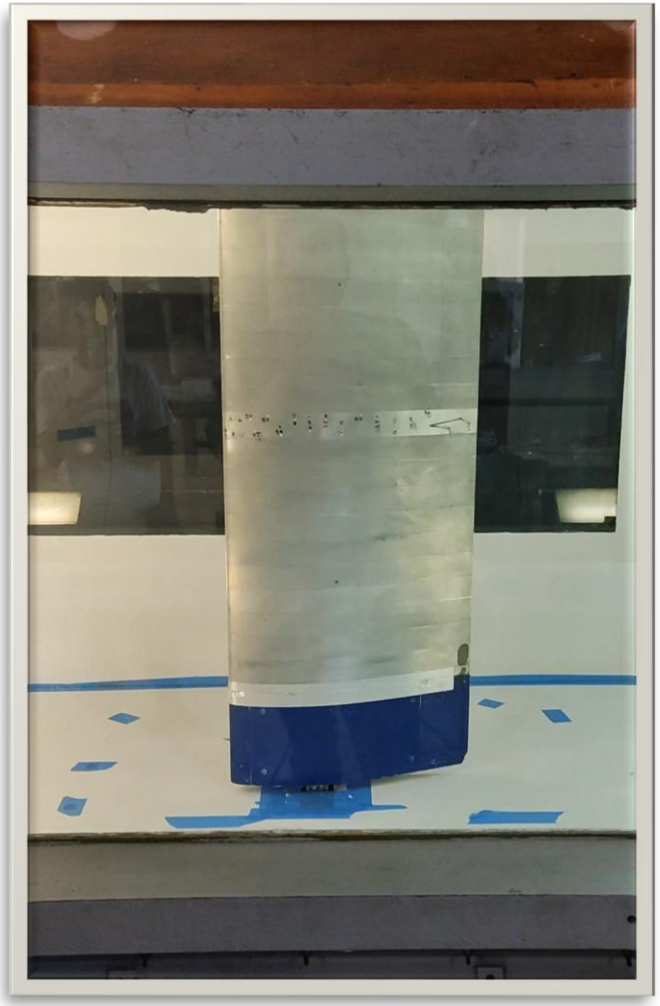


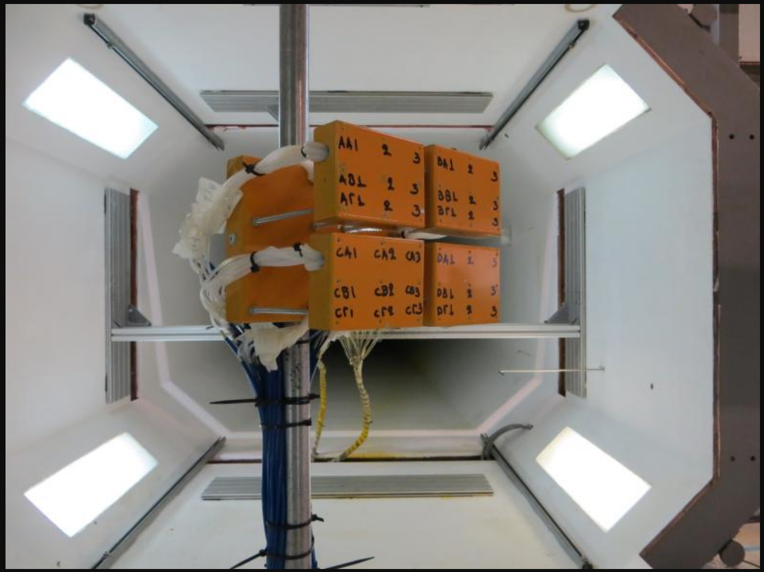
One of the few facilities in the world
to achieve gusts and Reynolds numbers of this magnitude

🎥 Teaser: “Real-Time Gust Response“



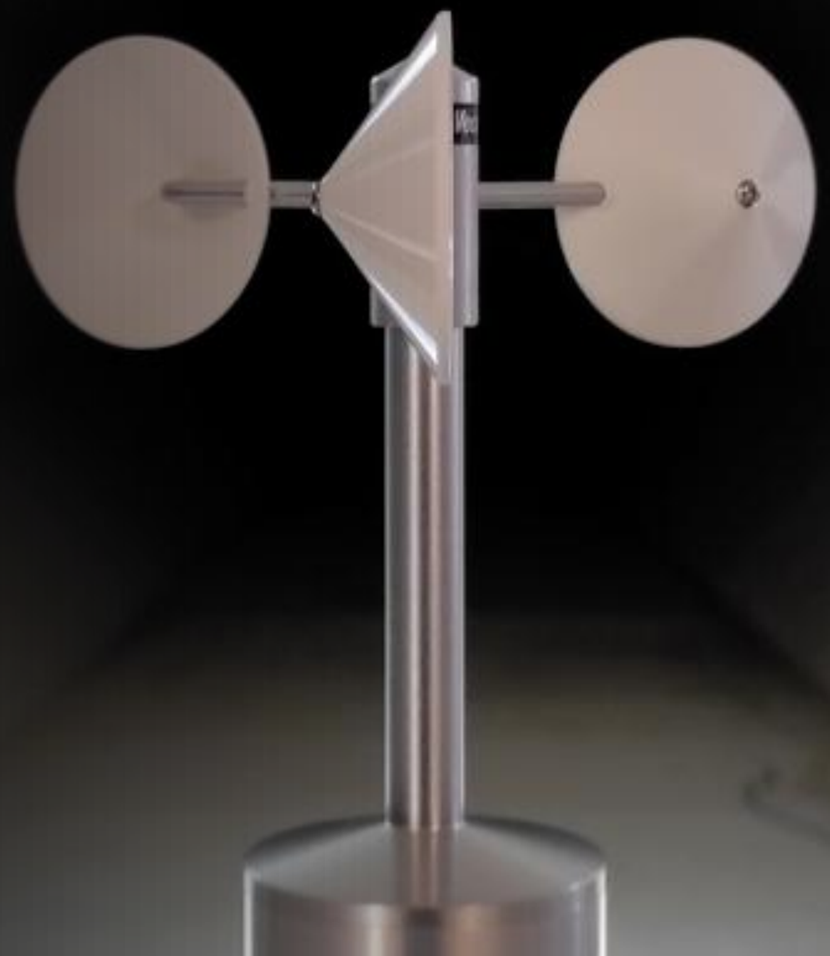
Component testing

- Survivability
- Forces
- Sealing



Anemometer Calibrations

- International Wind Engineering
- MEASNET Certification

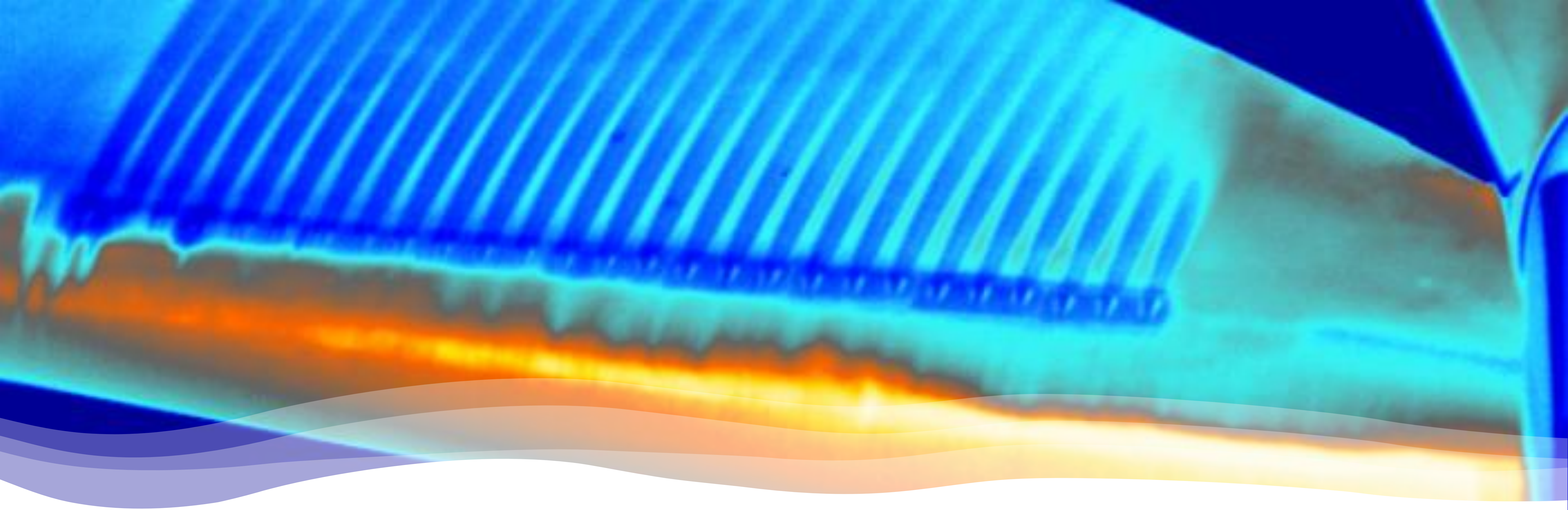


Student Teams

- PROM Racing
- EUROAVIA
- Aiolos

International Small Wind Turbine Contest

1st place



Application:

Designing Flow Control Devices on Wind Turbines

The project:
Demonstration of Enhanced Vortex Generators

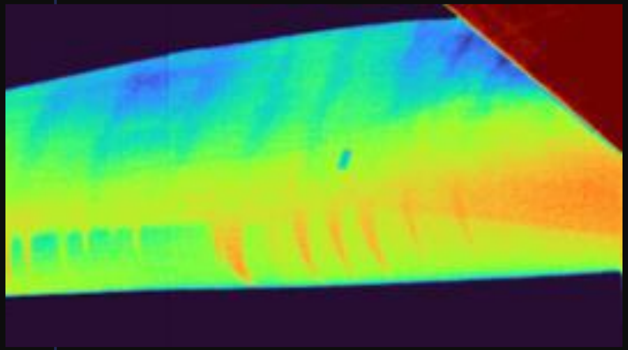
Can we (commercially) design better VGs than the existing ones?

- Improved shape/configuration
- Improved positioning
- Blade specific

- Higher AEP

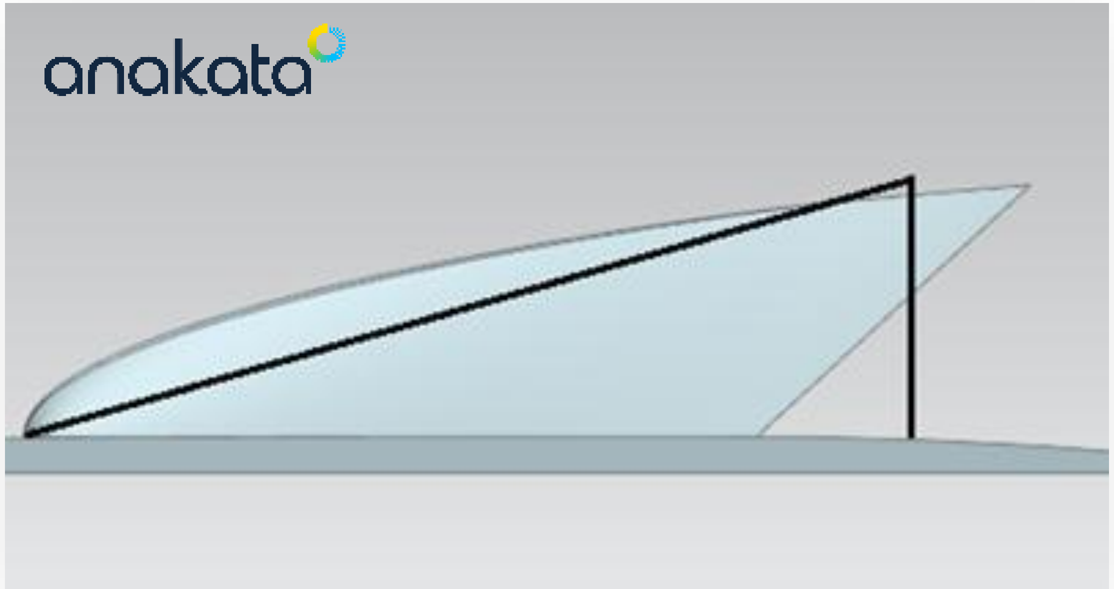
Application on two turbines:

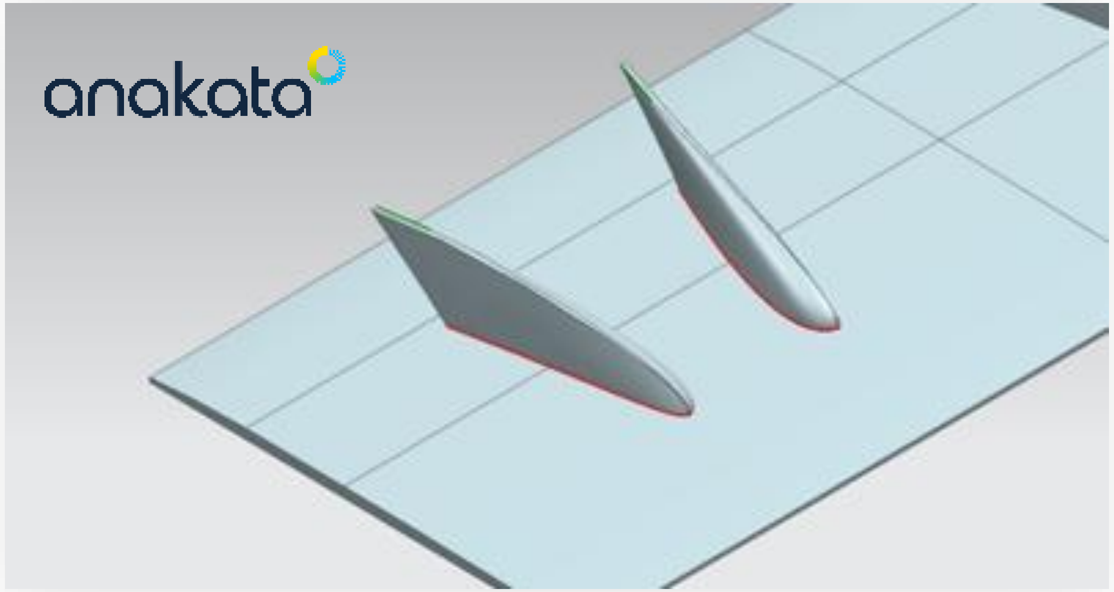
- 850kW Vestas V52 ($D = 52\ m$)
- 7MW Levenmouth Demonstration Turbine ($D = 171\ m$)



What we did

- Wind Tunnel Testing
- RANS CFD simulations
- BEM calculations
- Infrared Thermography
- Field tests

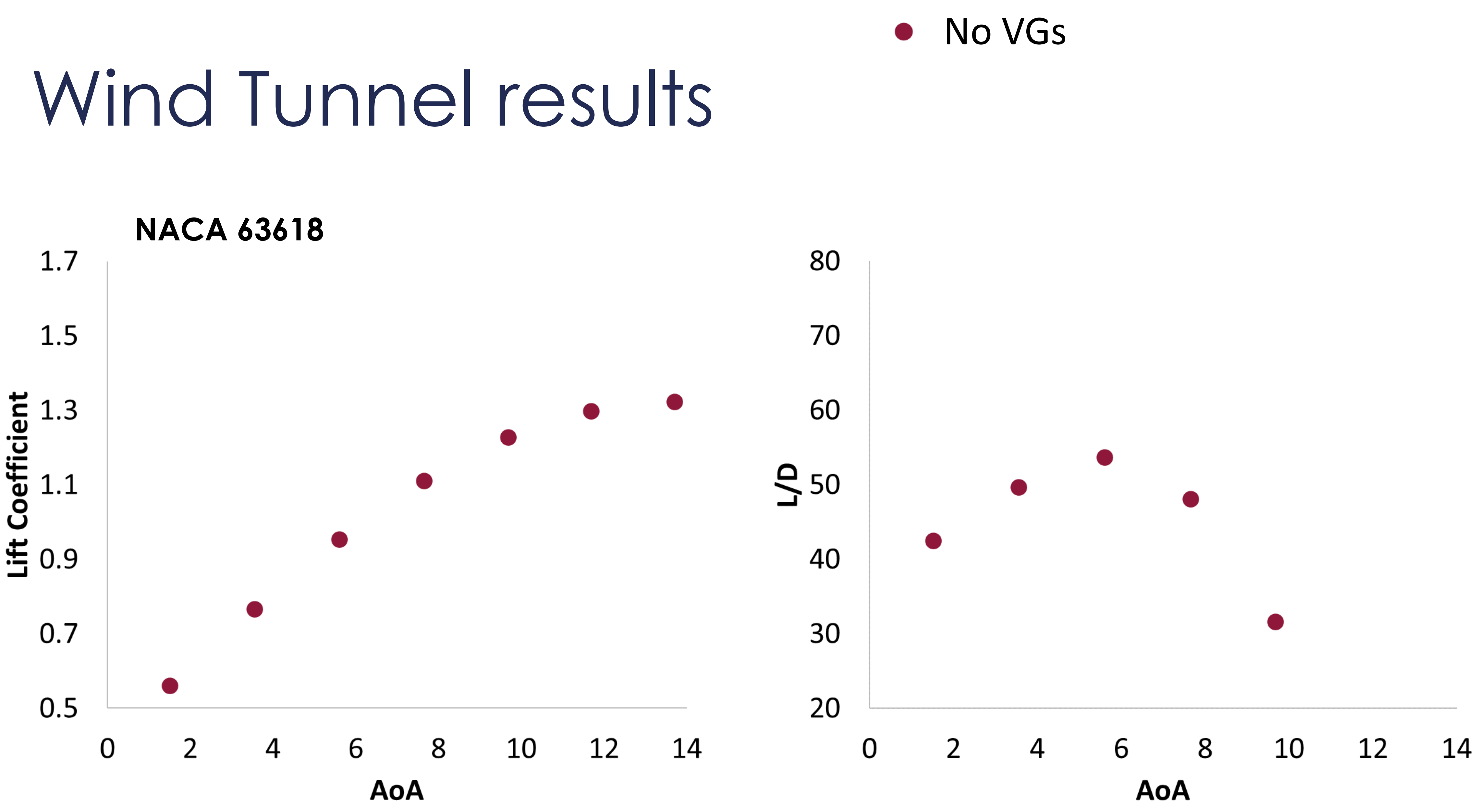




VG Design

- A single VG design performed best for all airfoil profiles.
- Best performing shape
  - is 3D
  - has a cambered airfoil outline and
  - has variable twist
- $h_{VG} = 0.01c$
- Located at
  - $0.4c$ for the 18% thick airfoil
  - Both sides on the 35% thick airfoil

Wind Tunnel results



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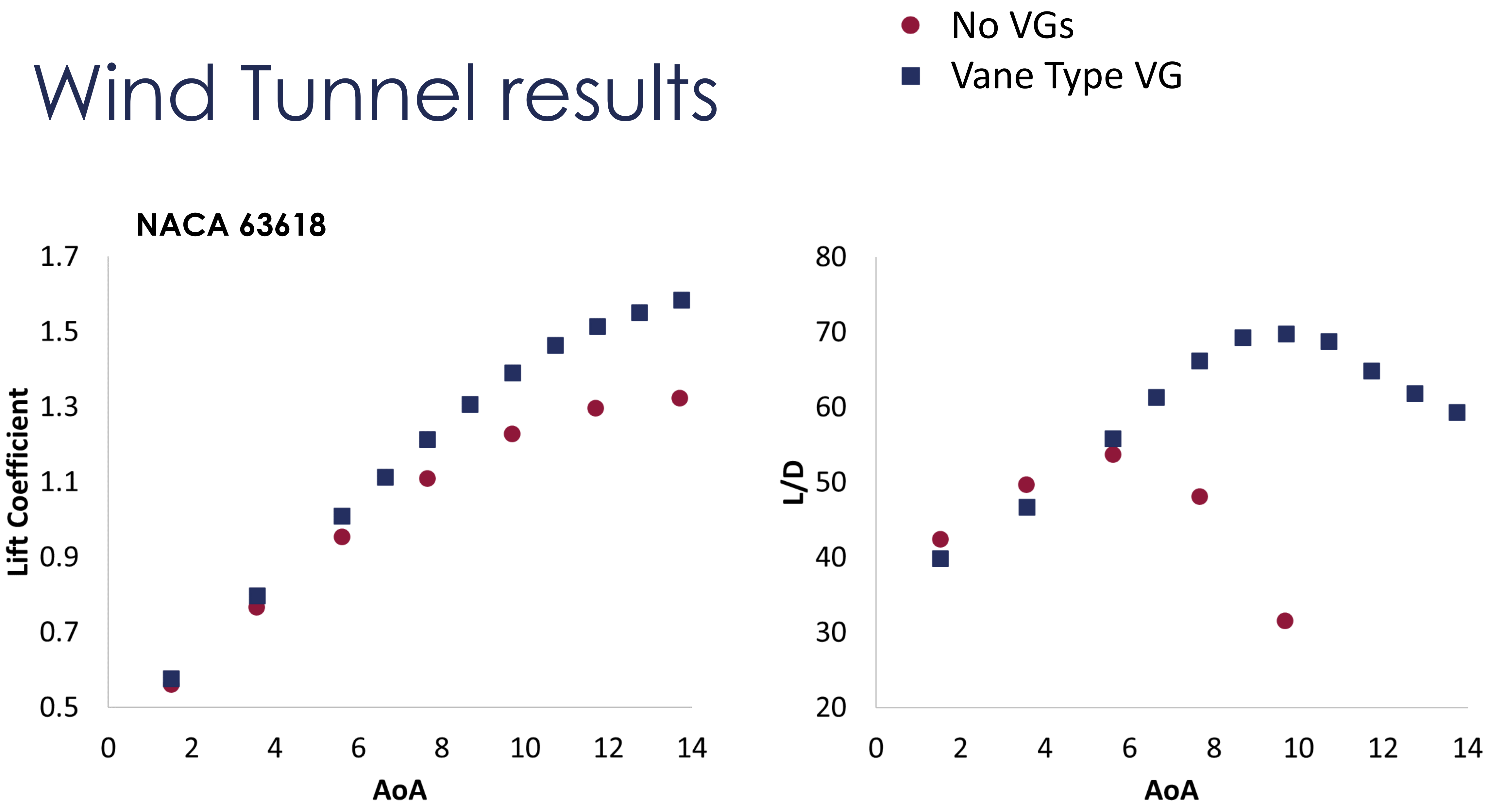

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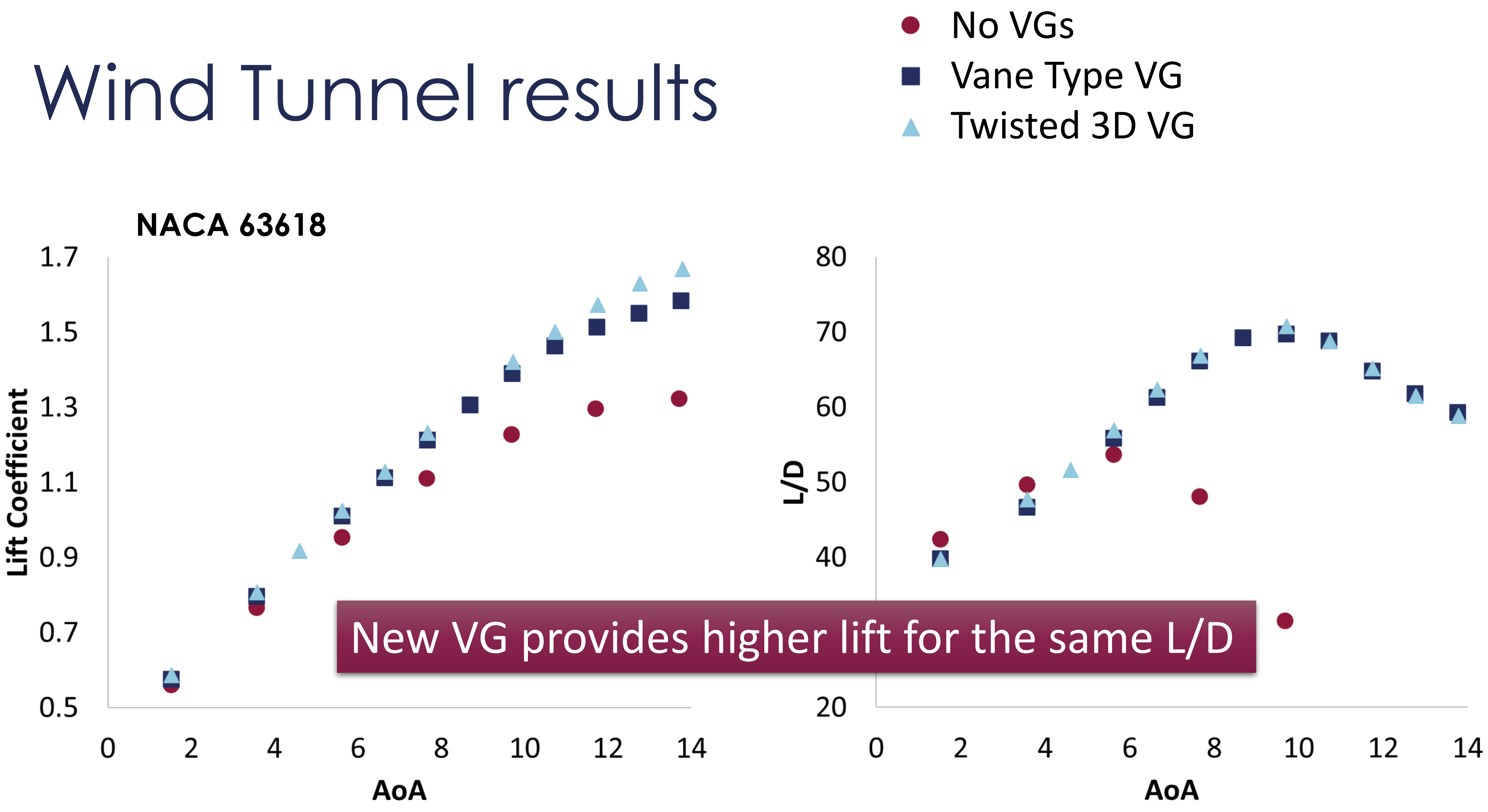
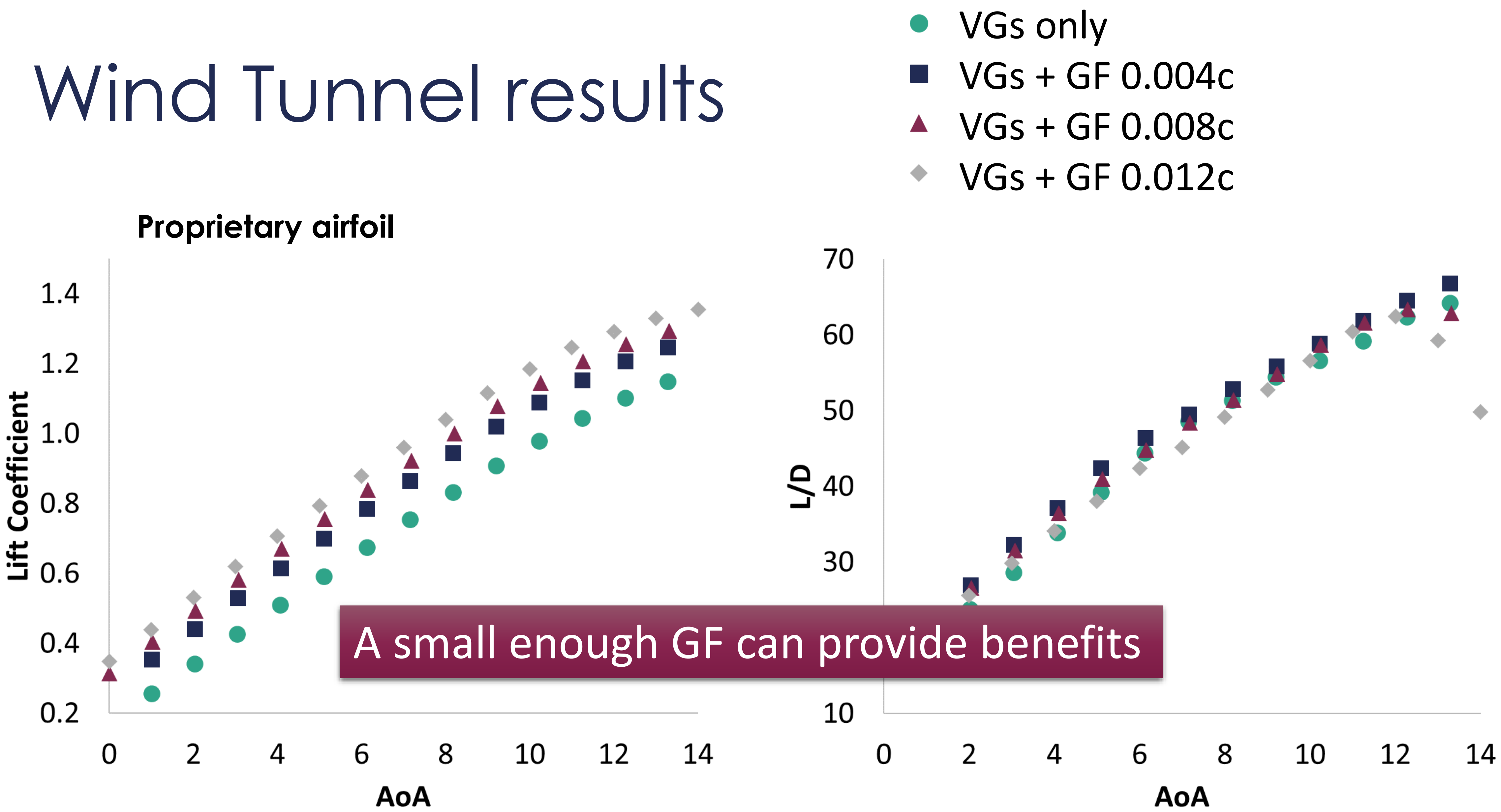


New VG provides higher lift for the same L/D

Wind Tunnel results



A small enough GF can provide benefits

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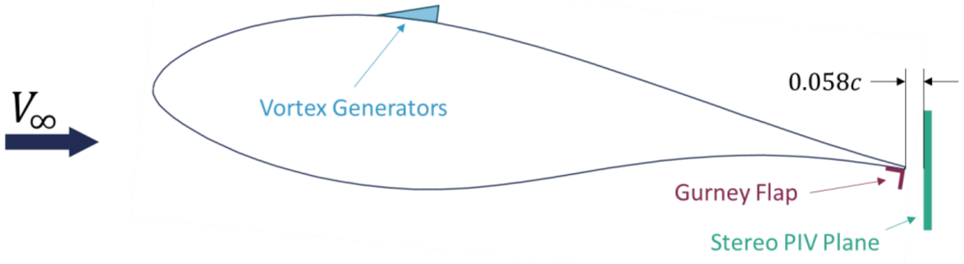

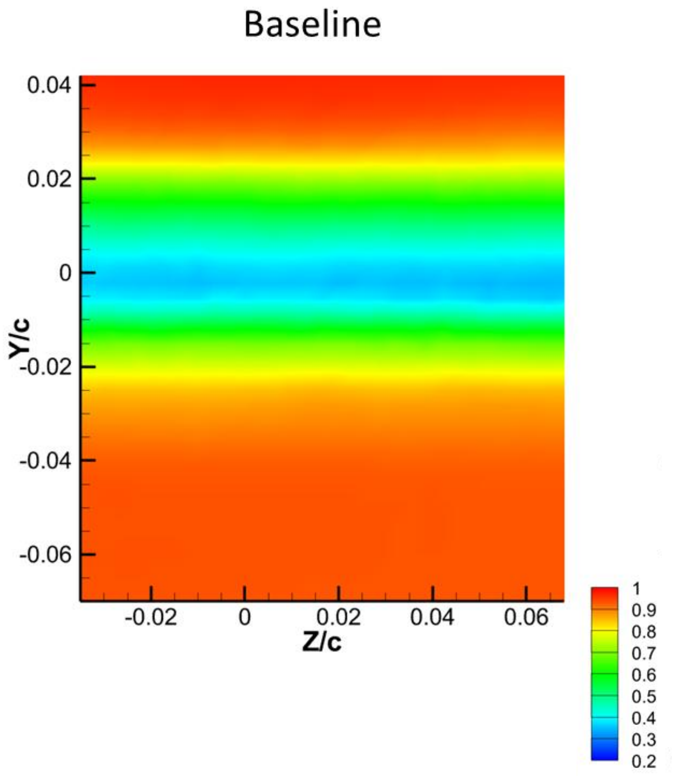

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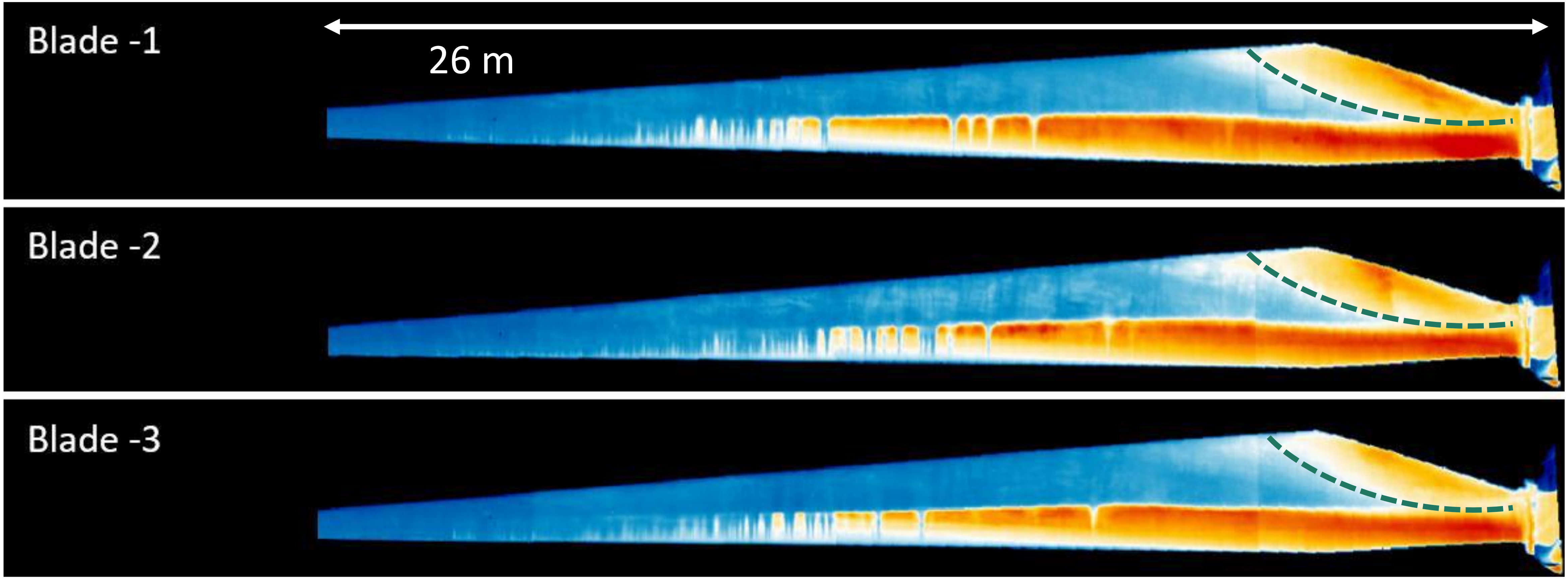
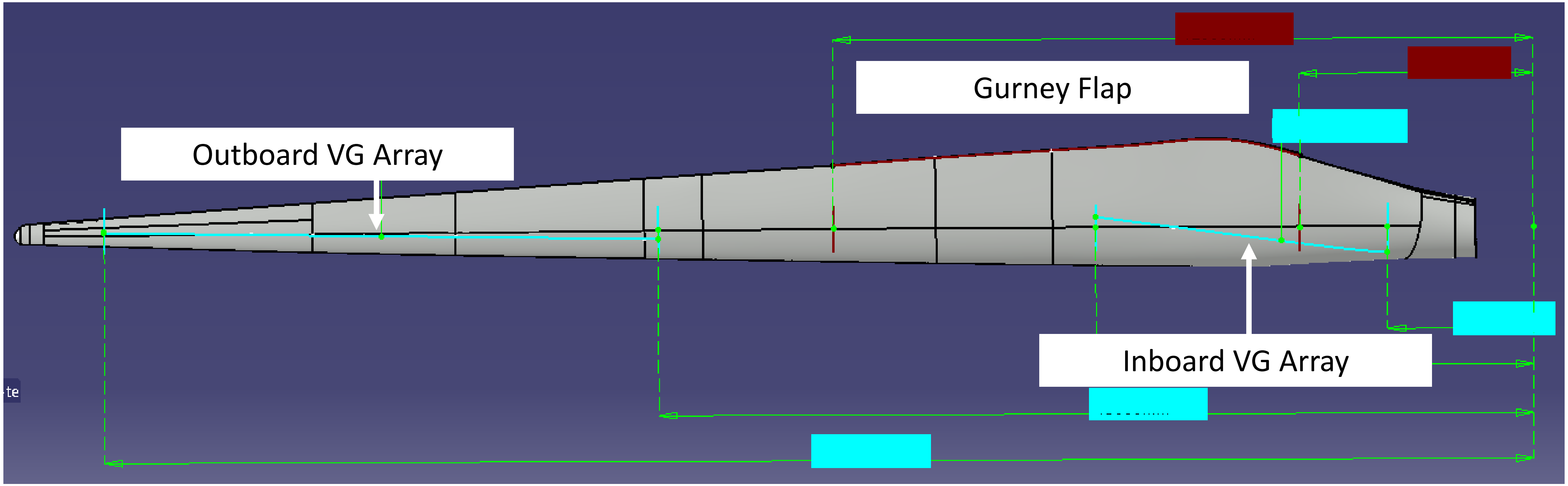
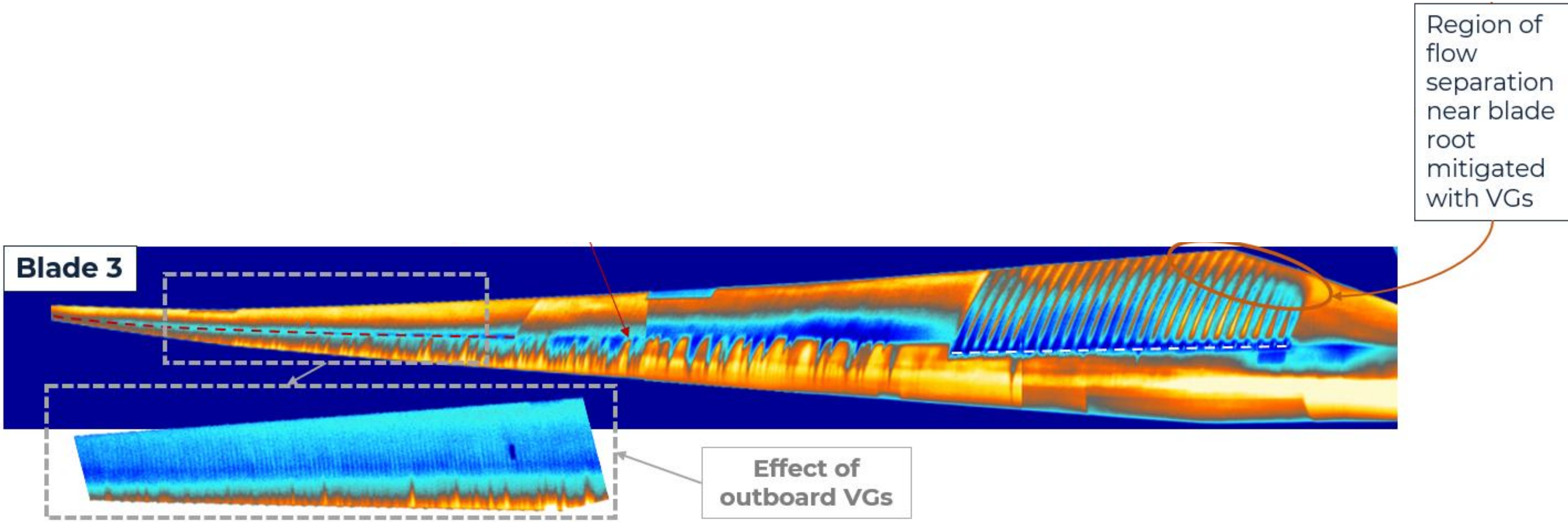
Suction Side Features



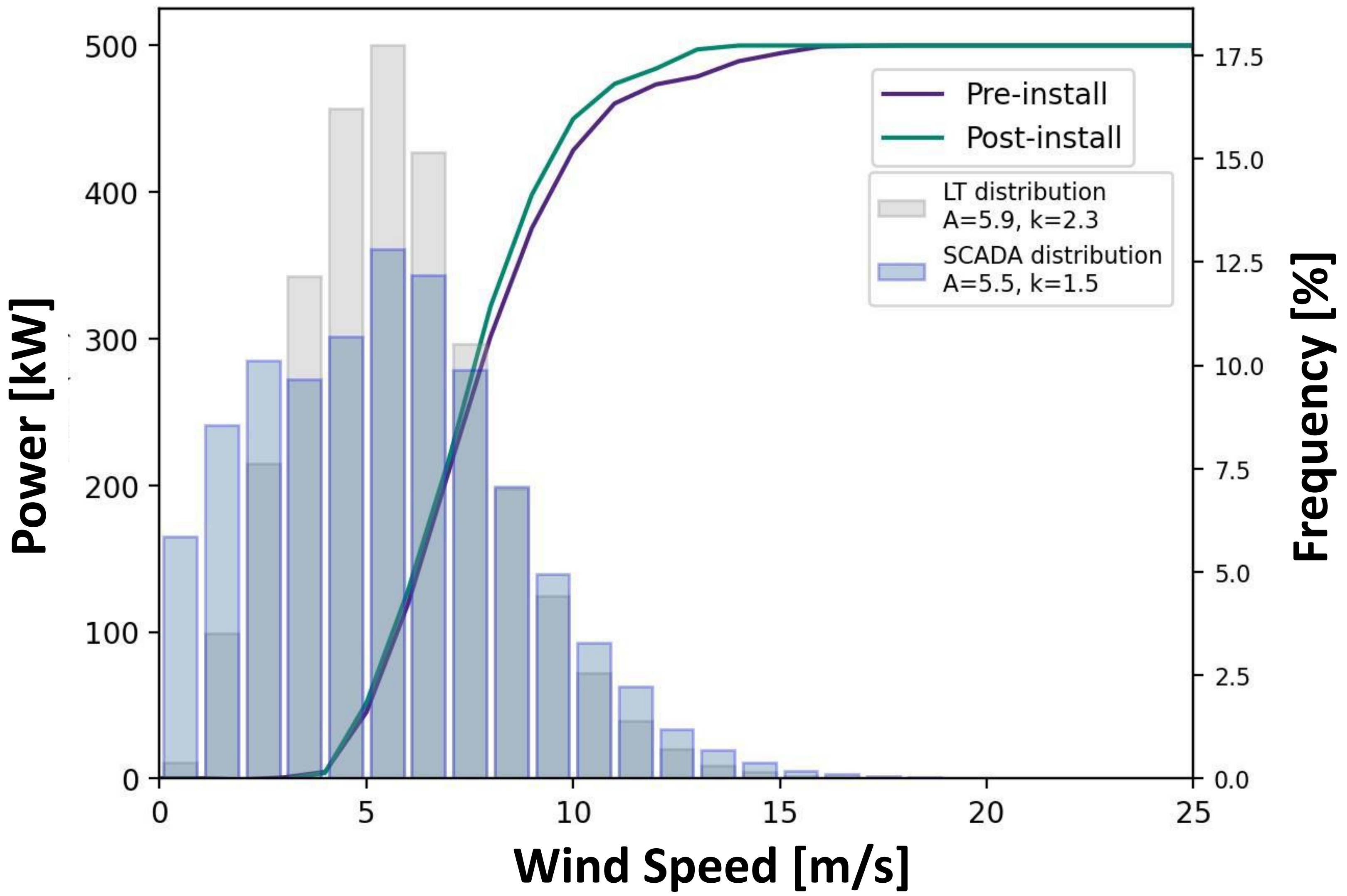
V52 Flow control configuration



Field Assessment



Field Assessment **+5.4% to +5.8% AEP**



Results – Retrofitting Flow Control Devices

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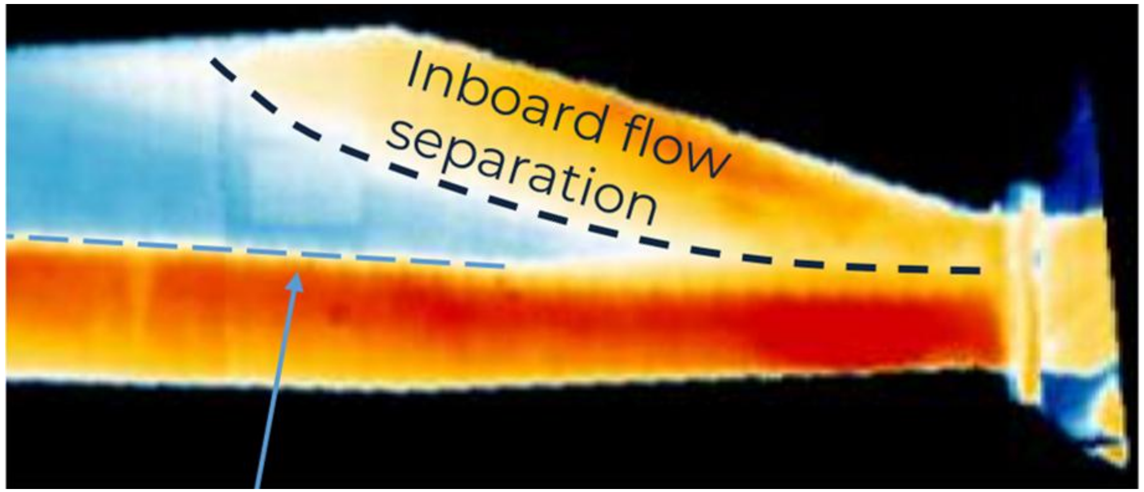

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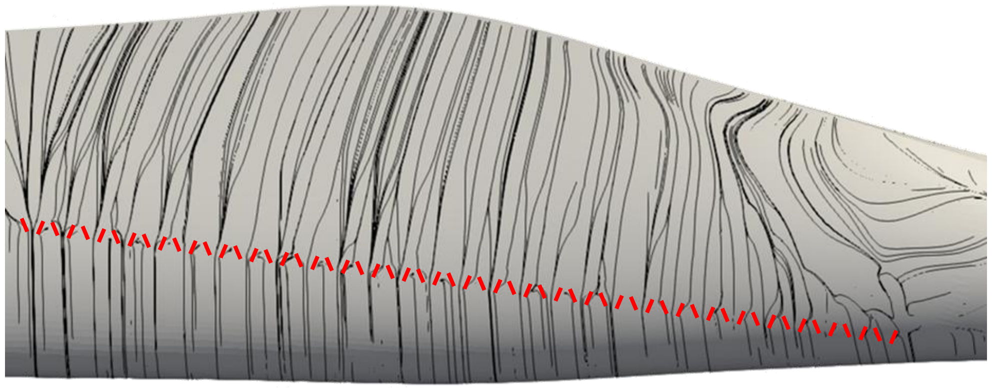

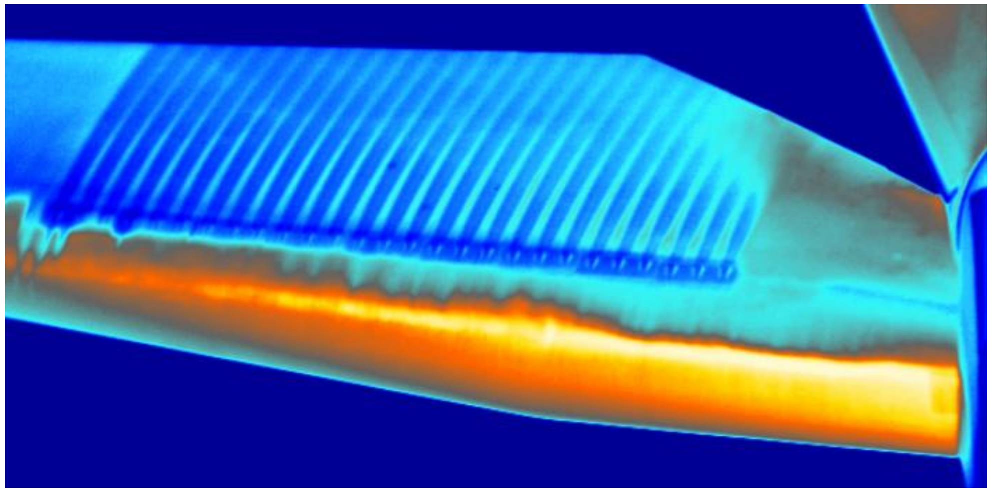

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Thank you for your attention

Questions?

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Aerodynamics and Wind Energy: Computational Fluid & Structural Dynamics

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Computational Aerodynamic & Fluid Structure Interaction research activities related to Wind Energy applications:

- Aerodynamic and hydro-aero-elastic design/optimization and analysis of wind turbines
- Wind turbines noise emission and propagation
- Wind farms layout optimization and wake effects assessment

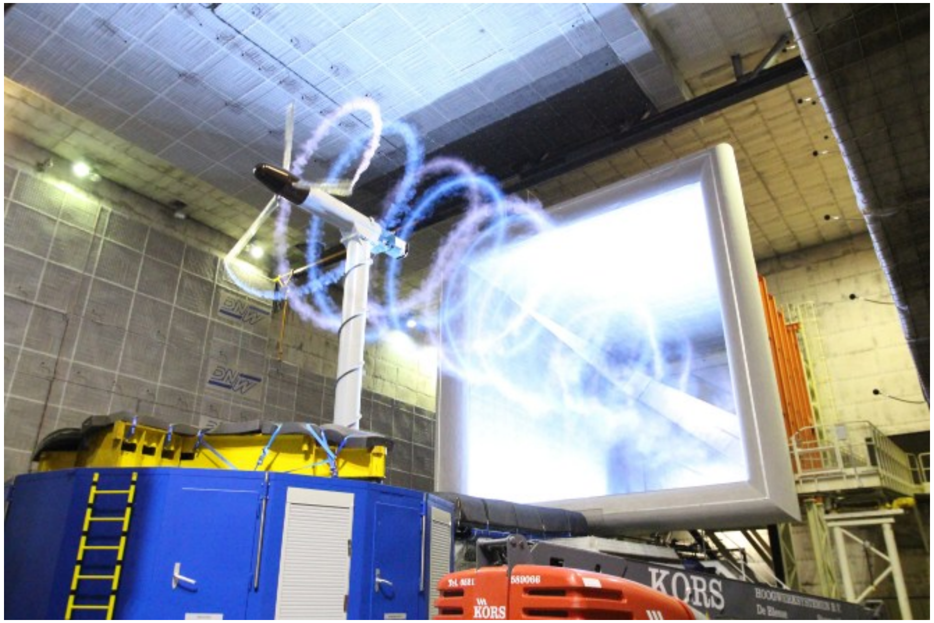
A wide range of in-house aerodynamics analysis tools have been developed over the years:

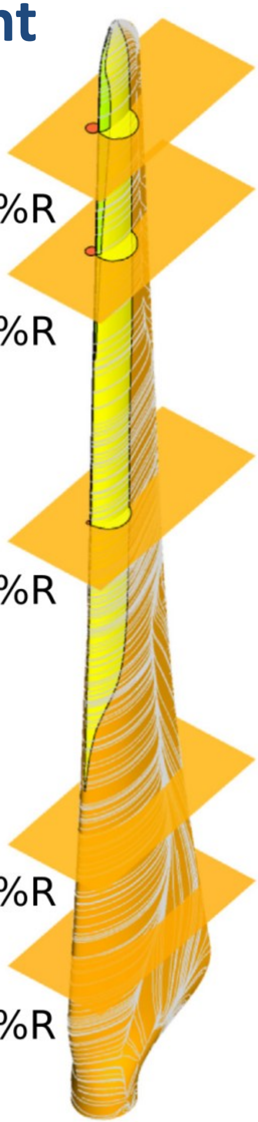
- Enhanced Blade Element Momentum (BEM) models
- Lifting line / lifting surface / panel free wake vortex models
- Actuator disk and line CFD URANS/DDES/LES models
- Fully resolved CFD URANS/DDES/LES models
- Hybrid CFD models (Eulerian – Lagrangian)

Modelling of New MEXIXO experiment

MEXICO 2012 → New MEXICO 2015

U_∞	14.7 m/s	20-45%R	DU91-W2-250
Ω	425 rpm	55-65%R	RISØ A1-21
Yaw, Tilt	0°	75-100%R	NACA 64418





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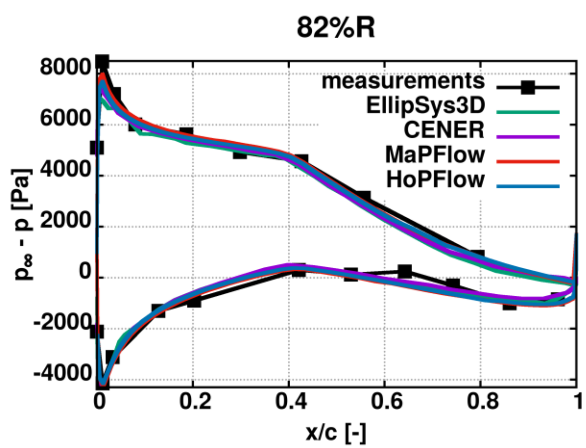

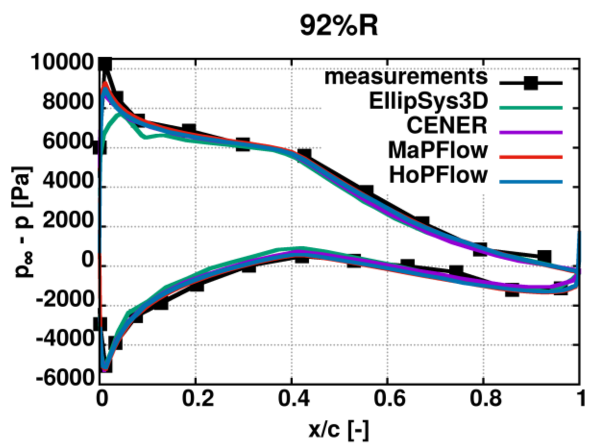

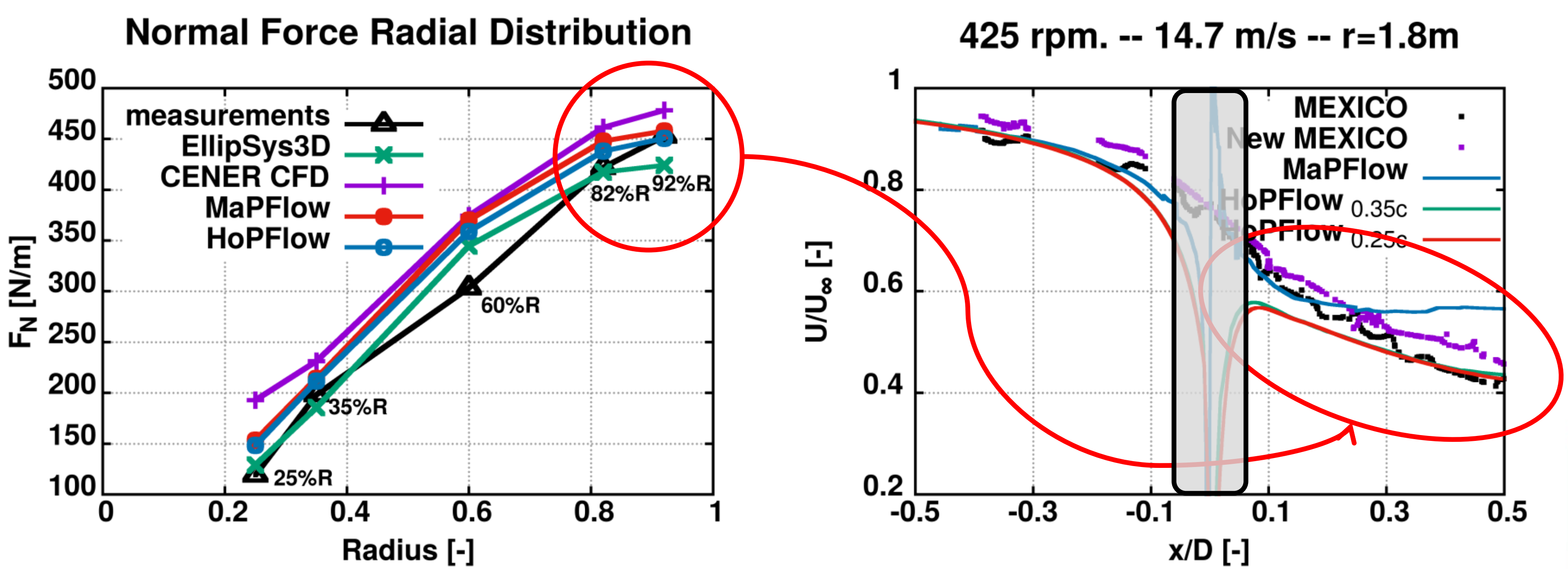

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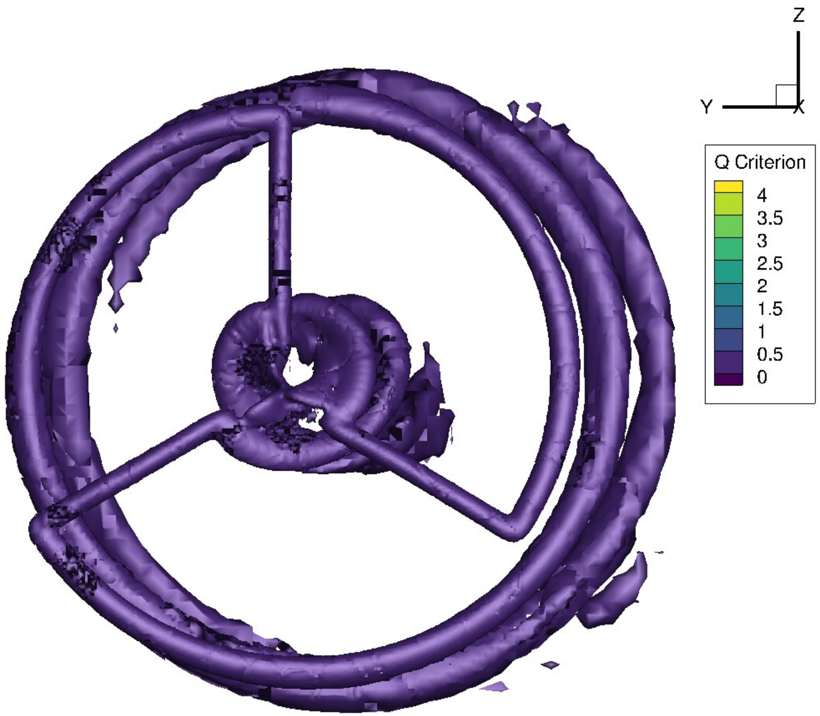

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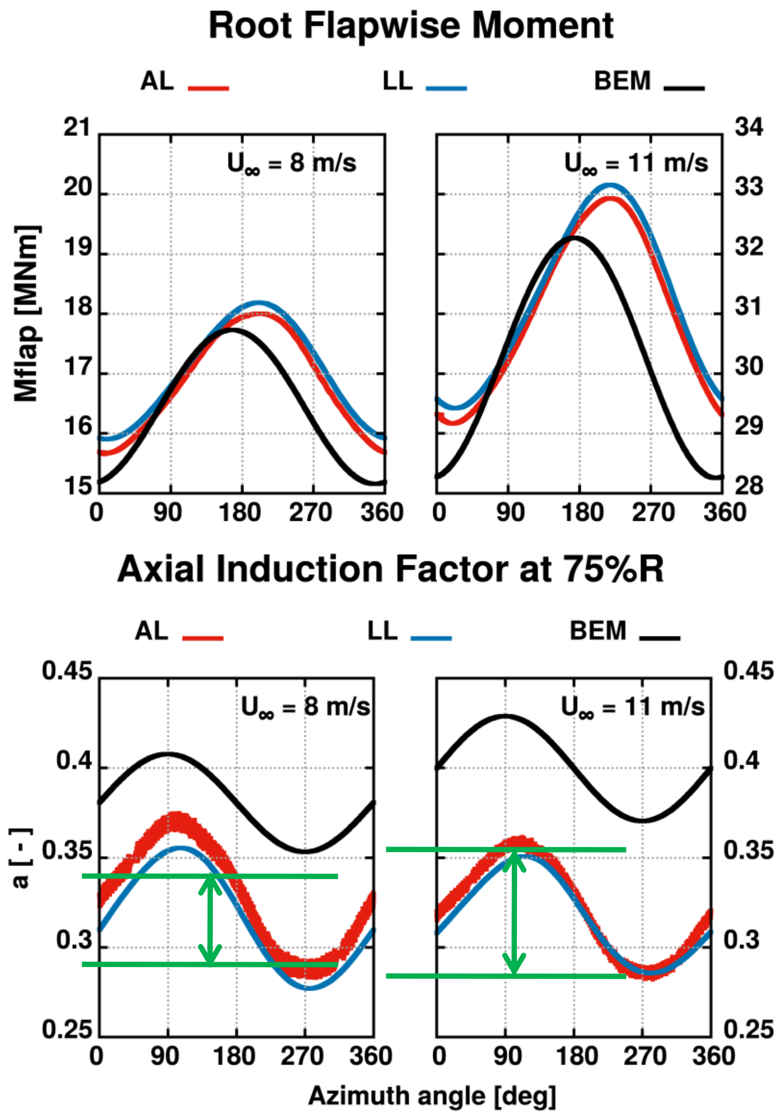
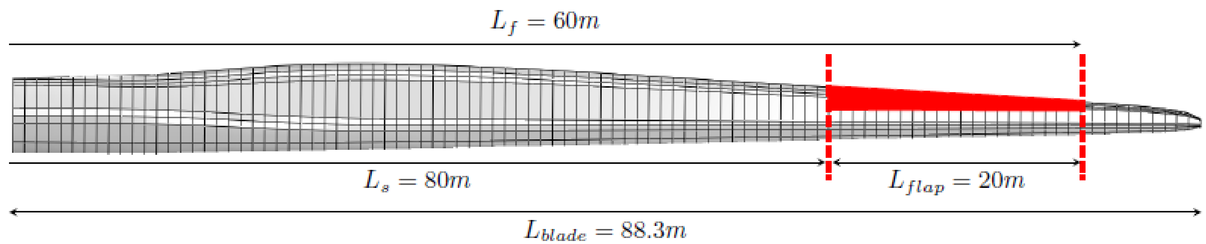
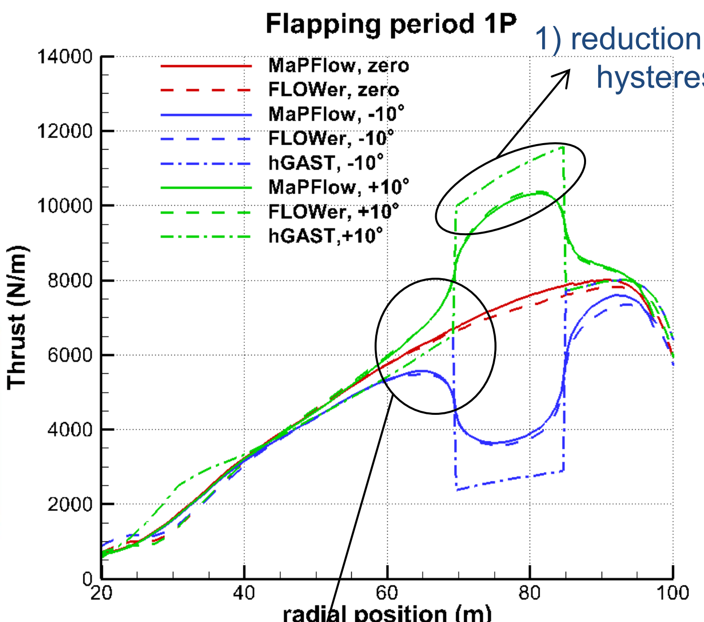
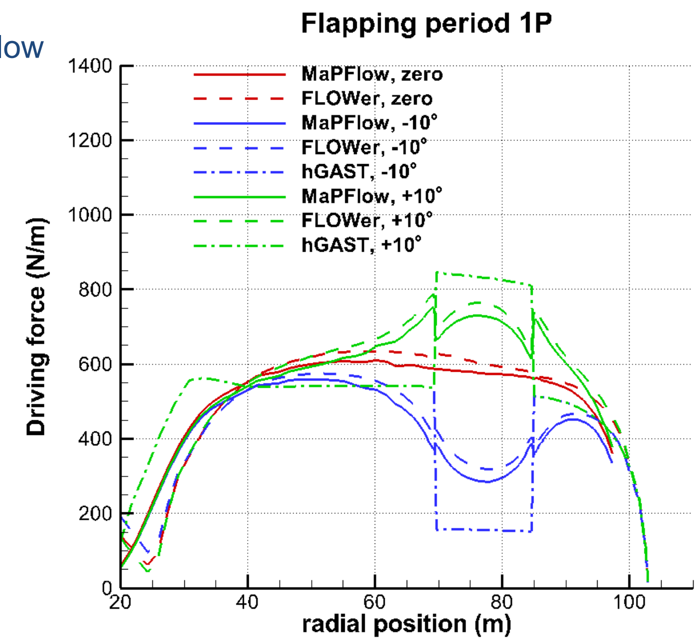


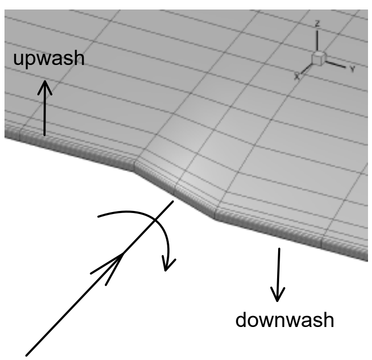
1P flap deflection - radial distribution of loads for +-10deg flap deflection





1) reduction of flow hysteresis





2) expansion of flap influence beyond the flap region

3) off-center appearance of maximum

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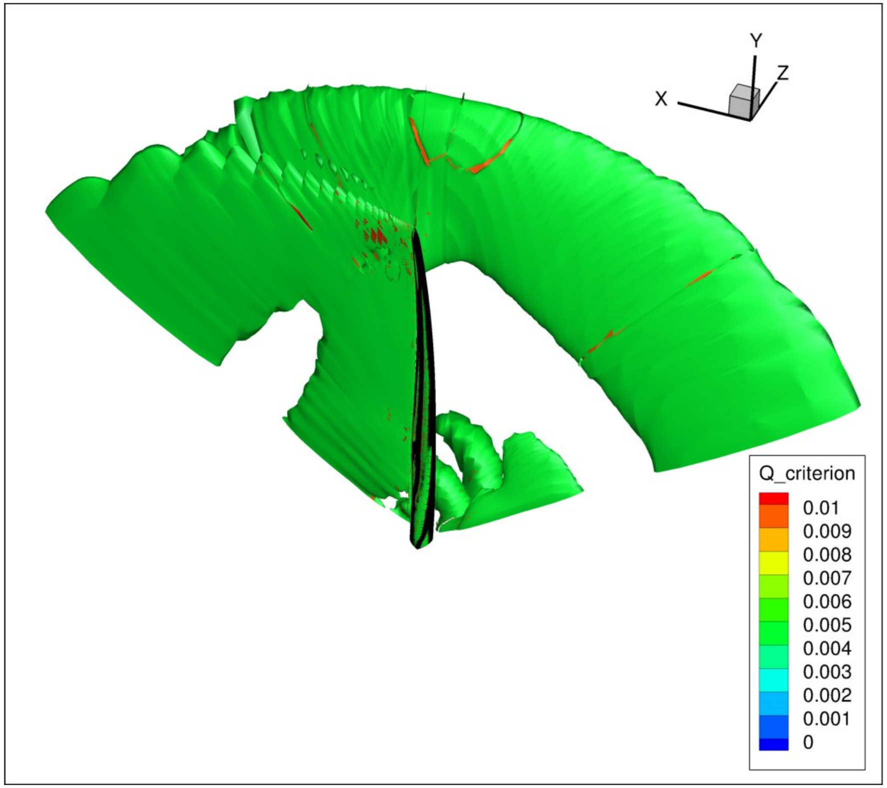

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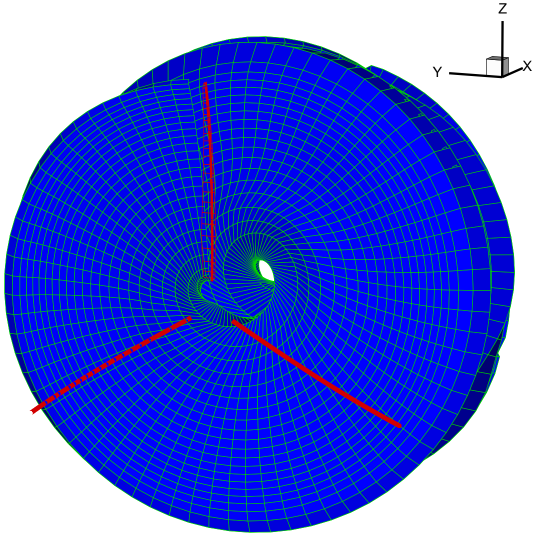
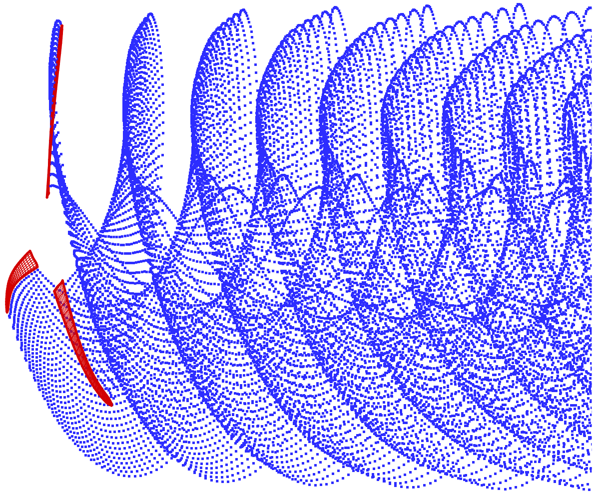


3D free wake lifting line (wake pattern)



3D free wake aeroelastic (wake pattern)

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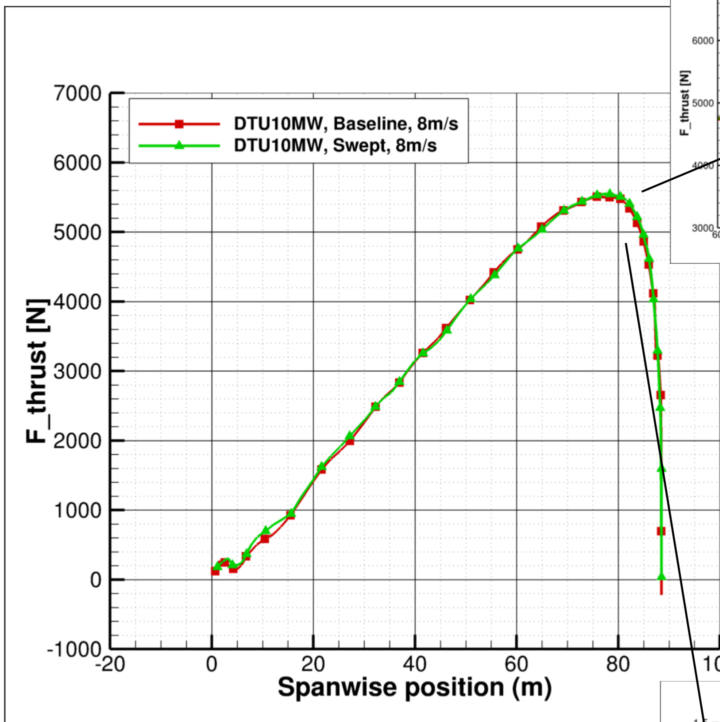
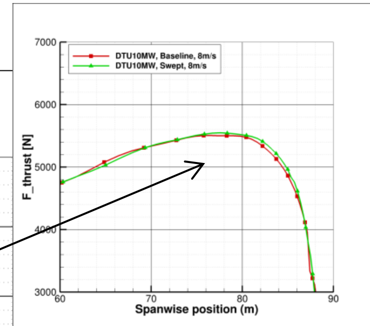
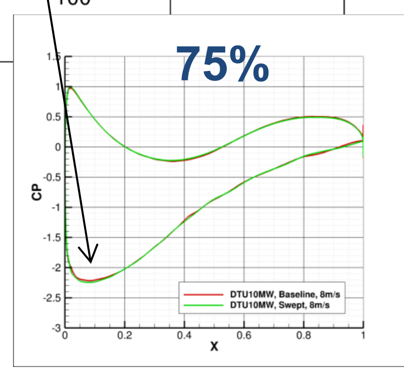
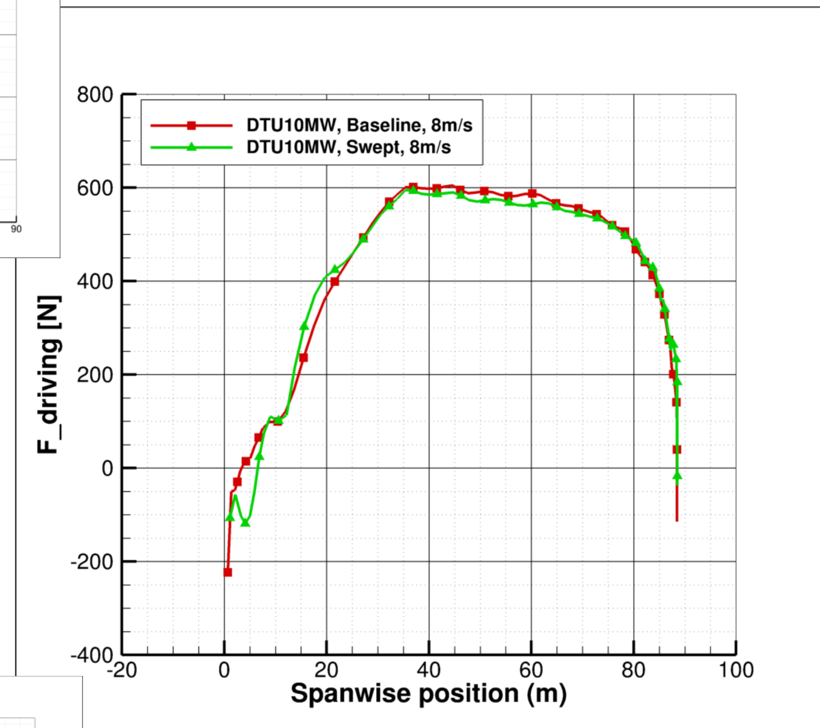


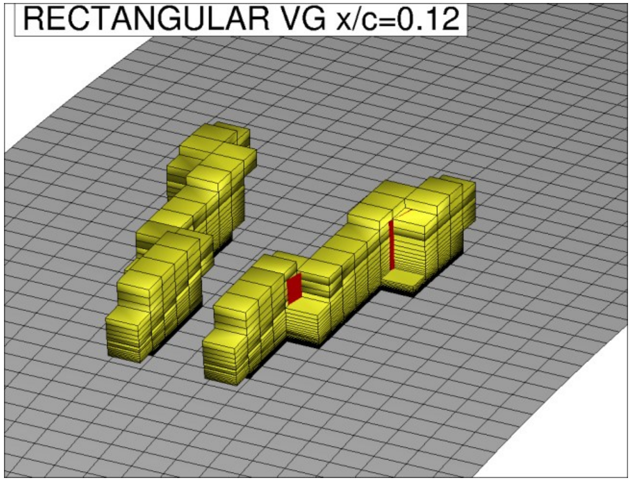


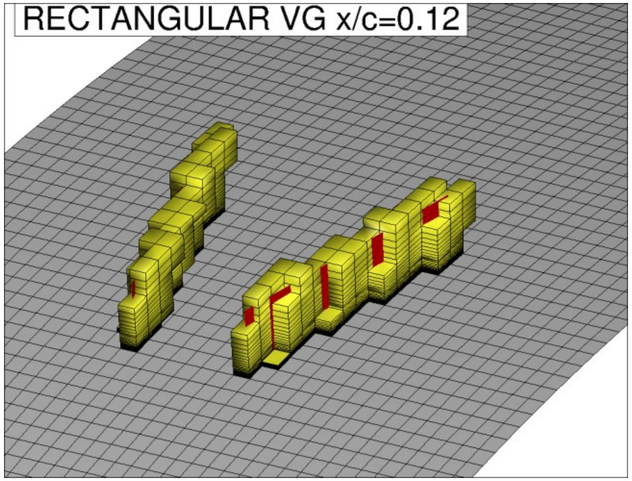


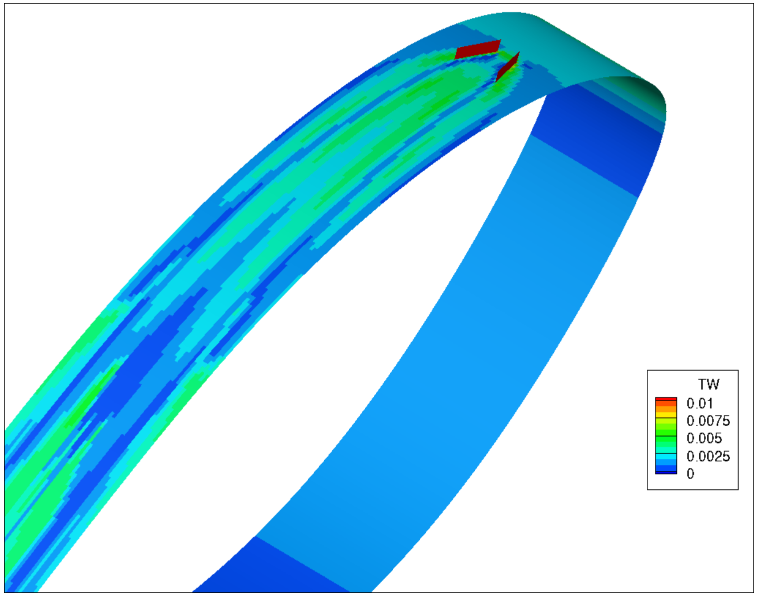


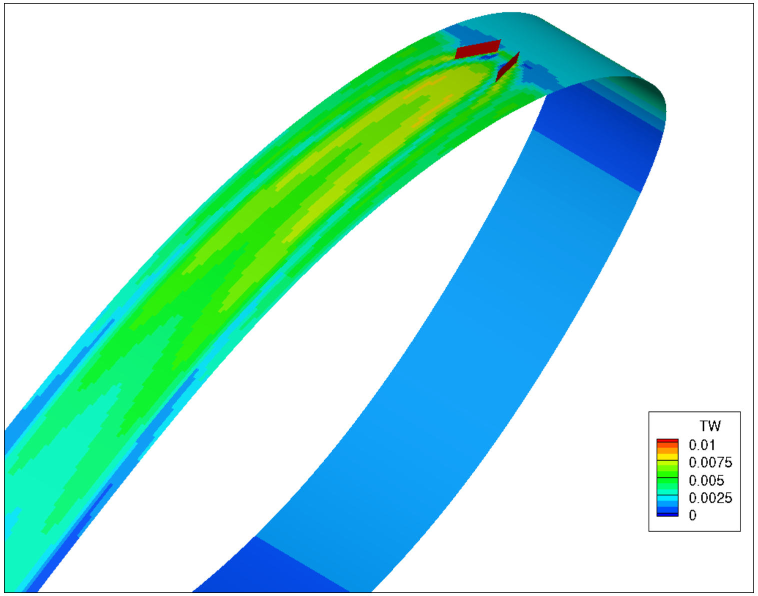
Thrust +0.25%

Power +0.46%









Free transition

Forced transition

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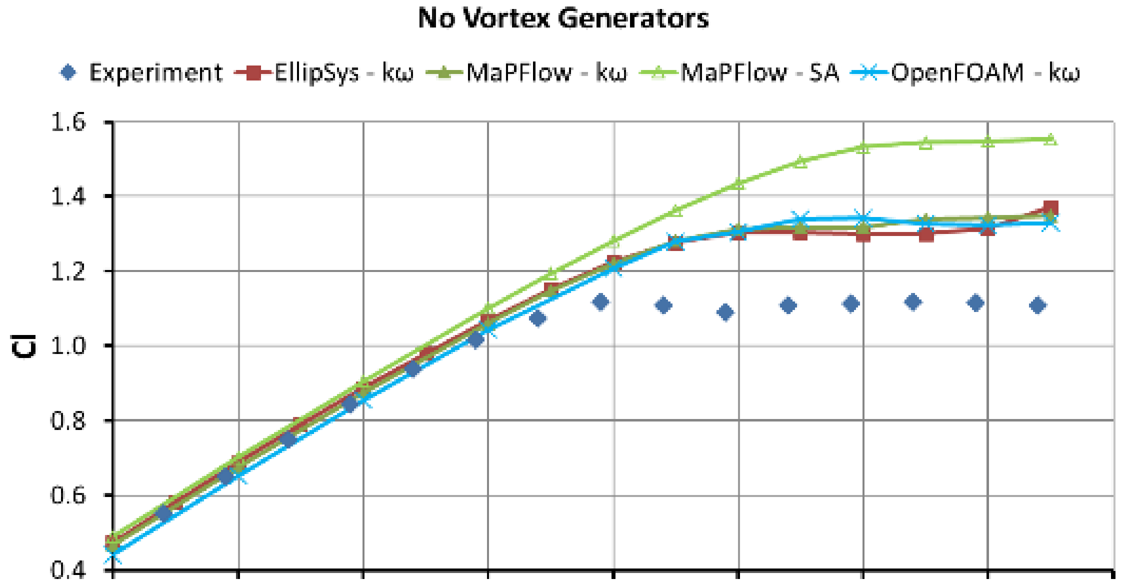

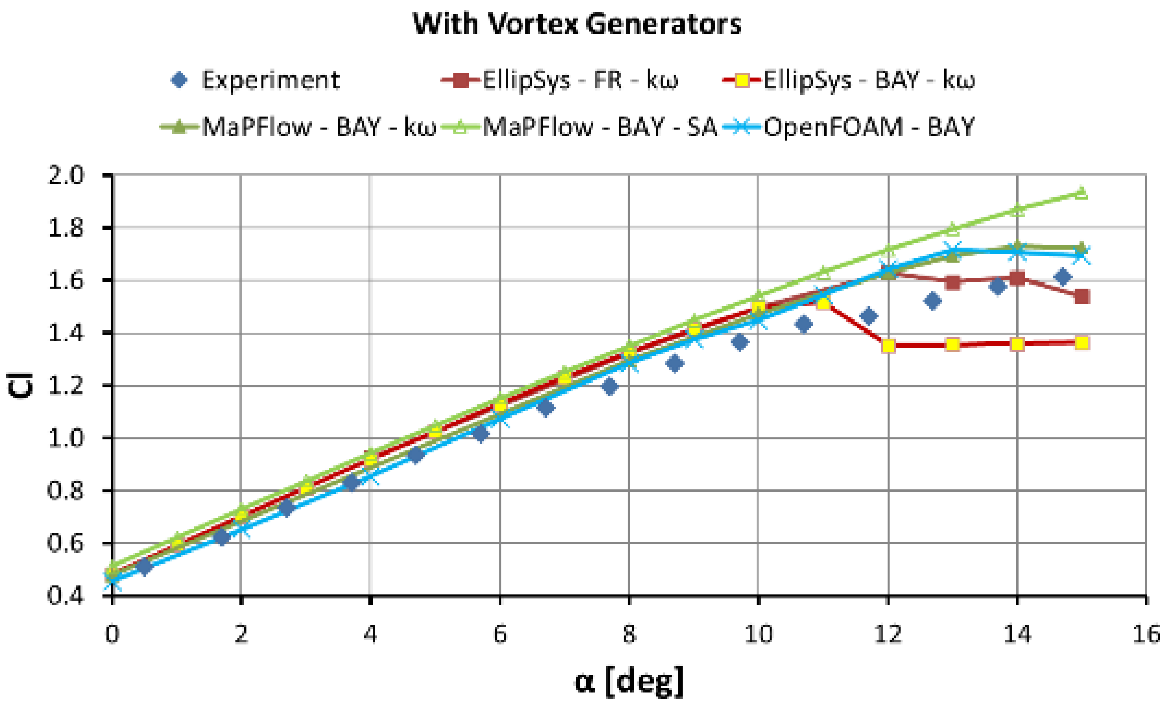

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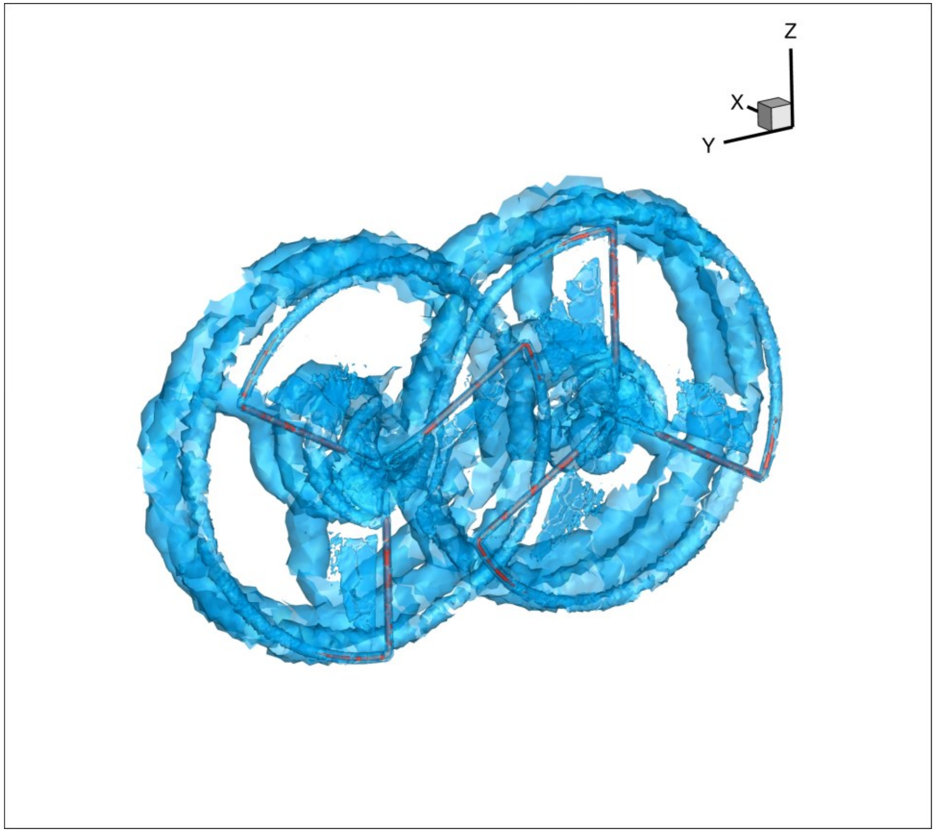
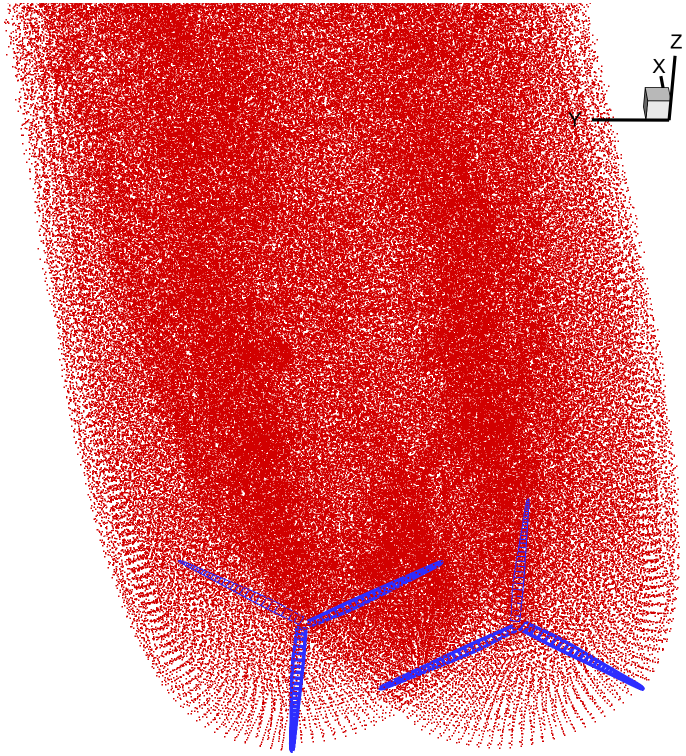


Actuator Line CFD simulations



Vortex Free Wake simulation

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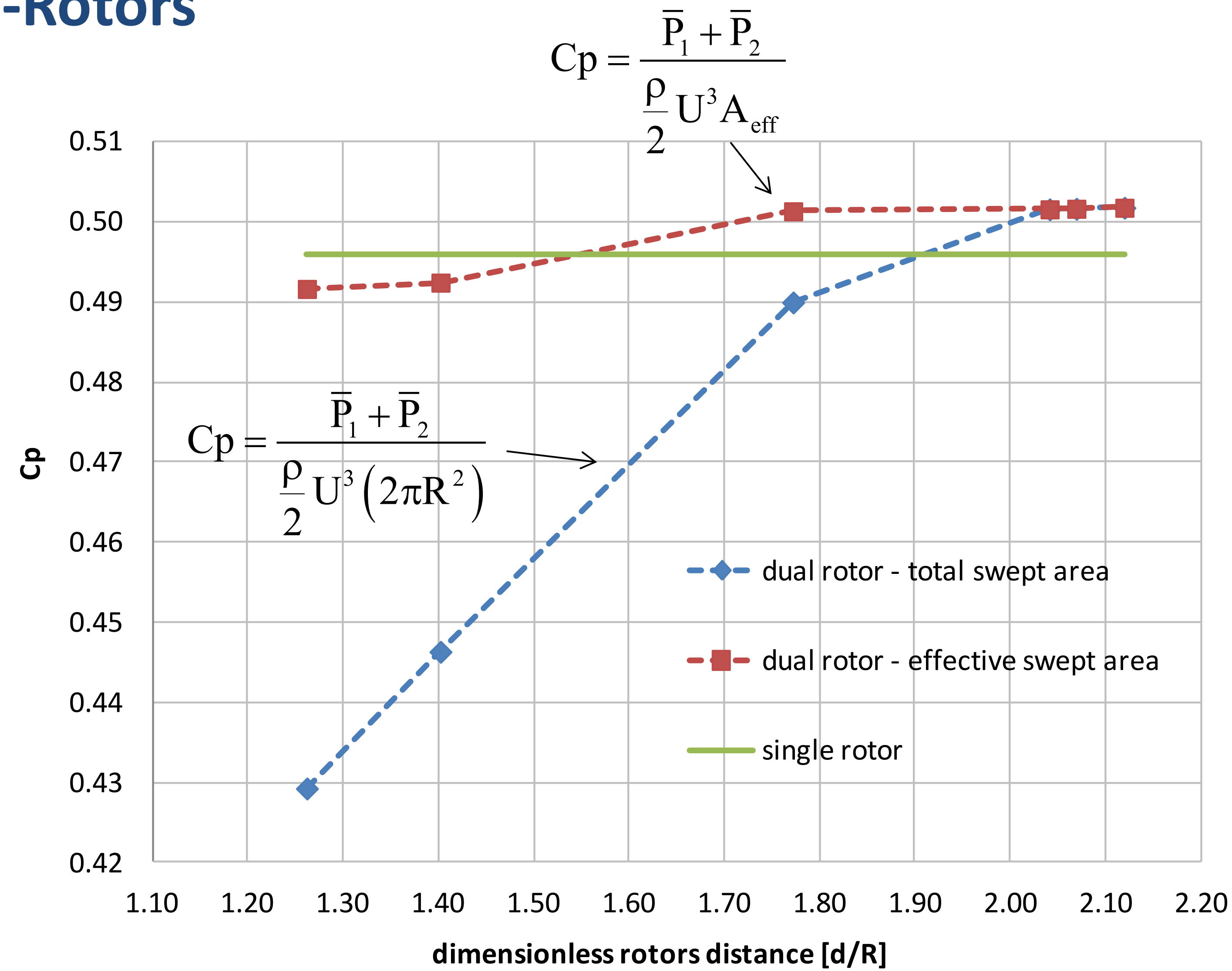

vortex shedding past an extruded airfoil section

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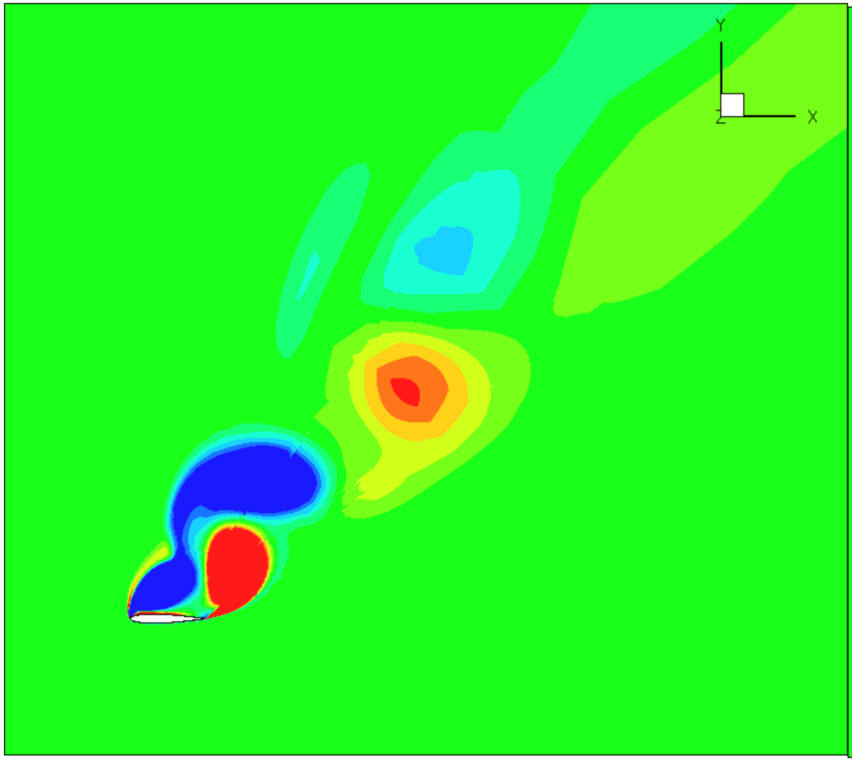

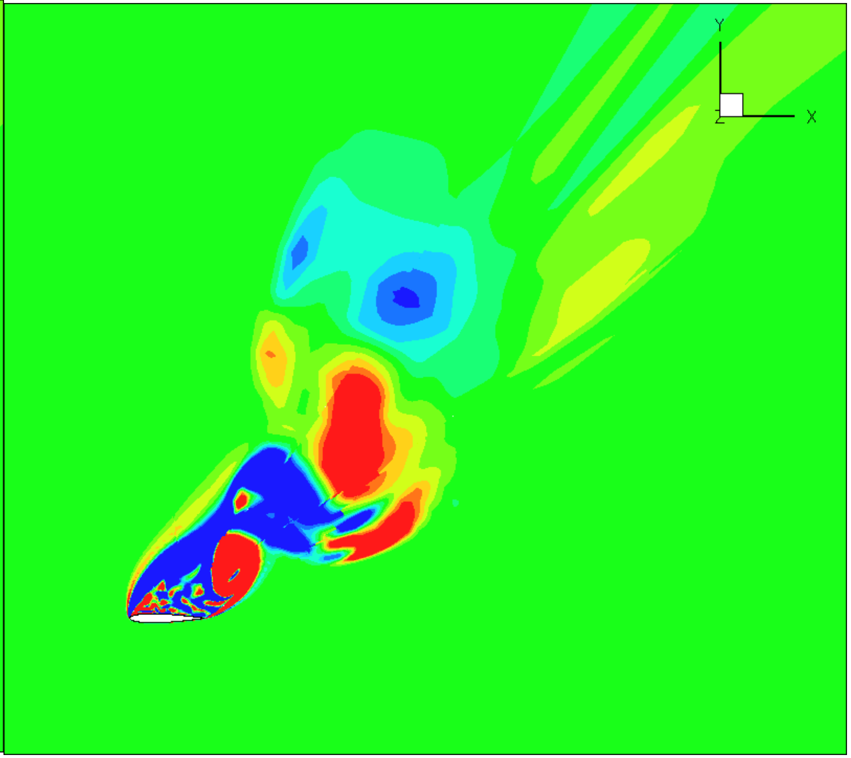

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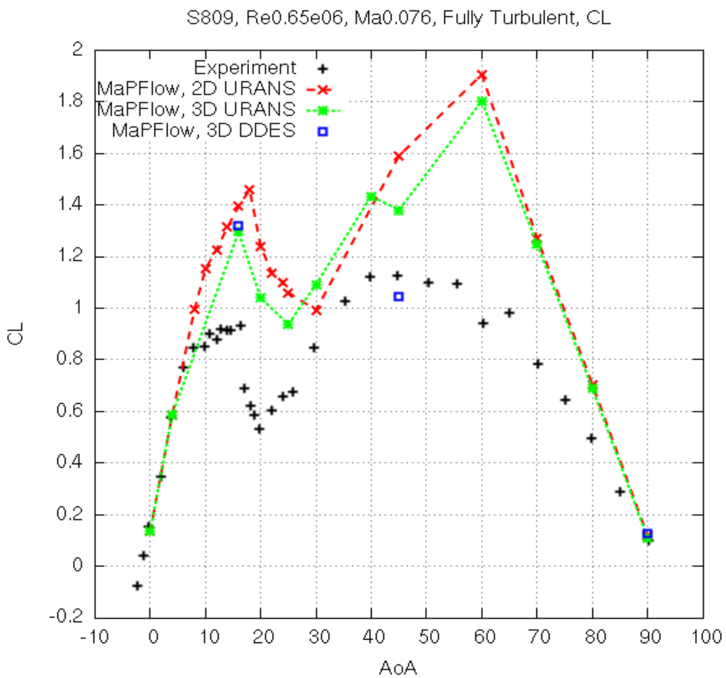
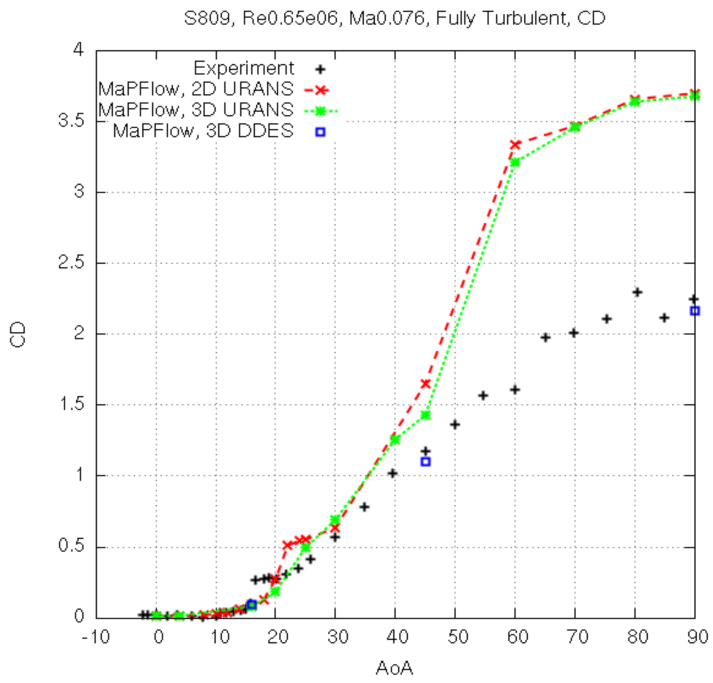
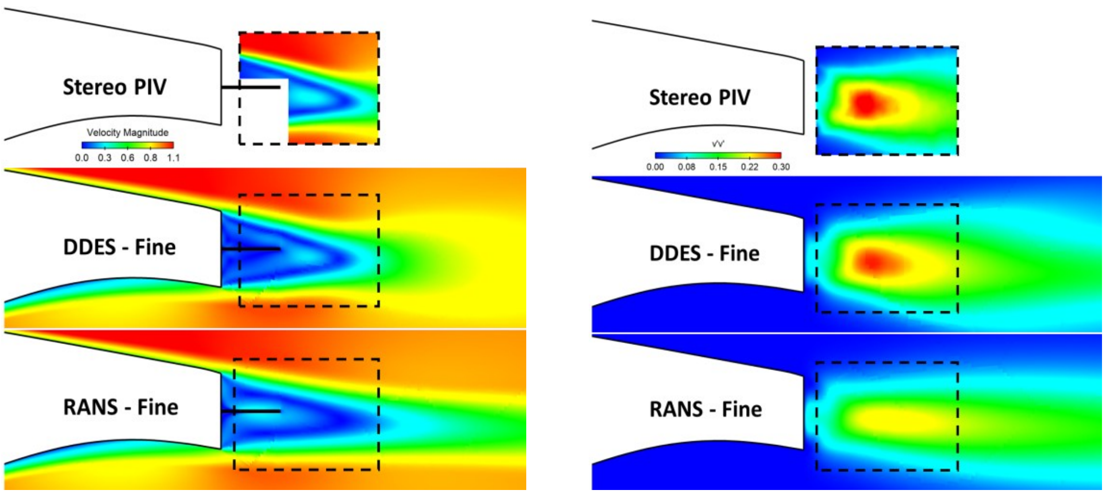




S809 airfoil

- Reynolds 0.65e06, Mach 0.076
- SA turbulence model, original and DDES versions
- 200x100 2D grid, 200x100x25 3D grid with AR=1

Modelling of flatback airfoils



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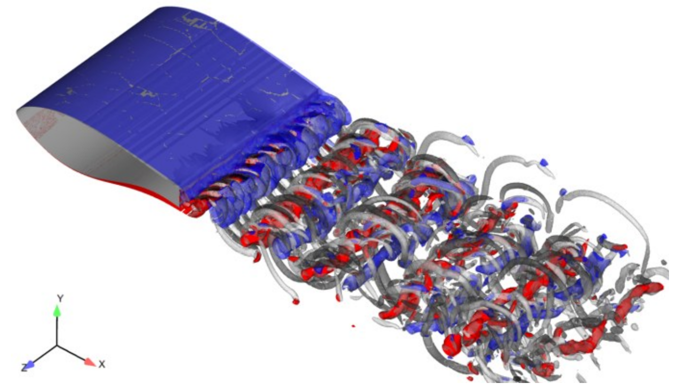

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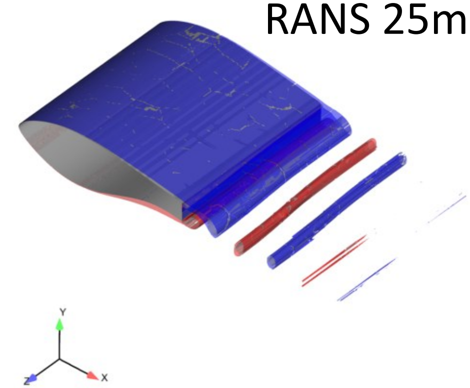
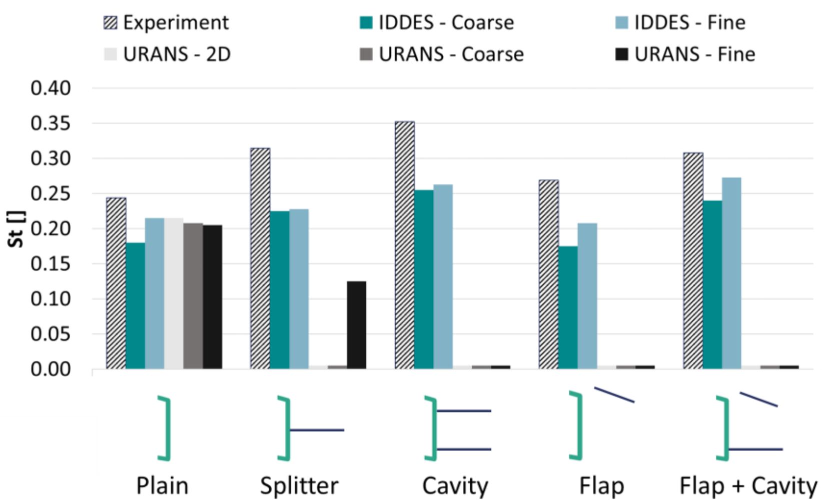
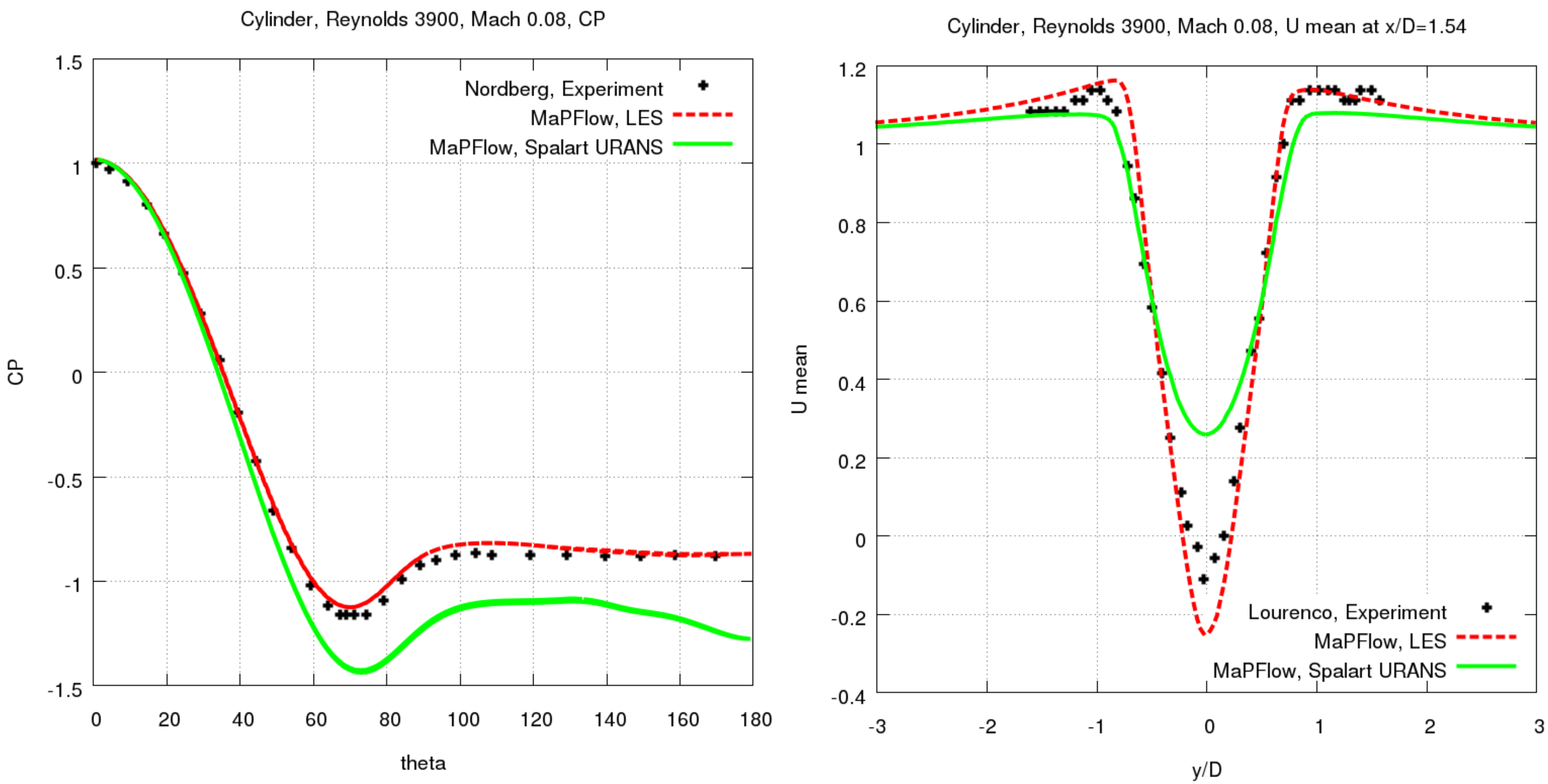




Different Unsteady Characteristics between the IDDES and RANS

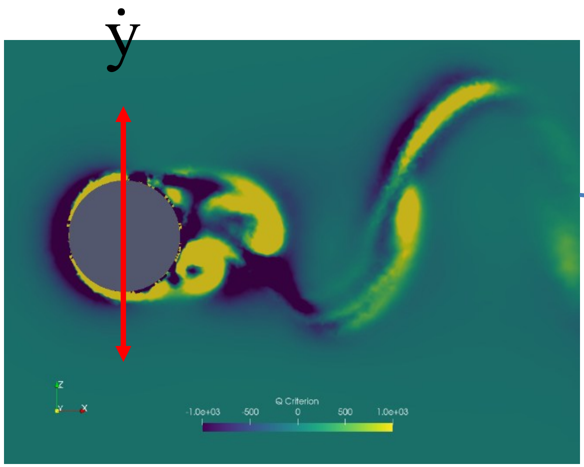
Cylinder pressure distribution and wake velocities

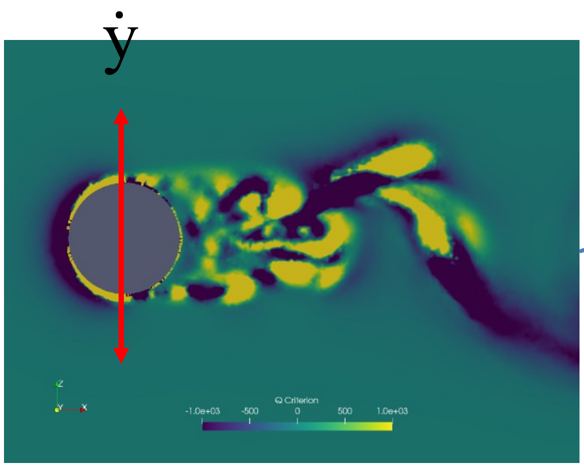
LES vs URANS

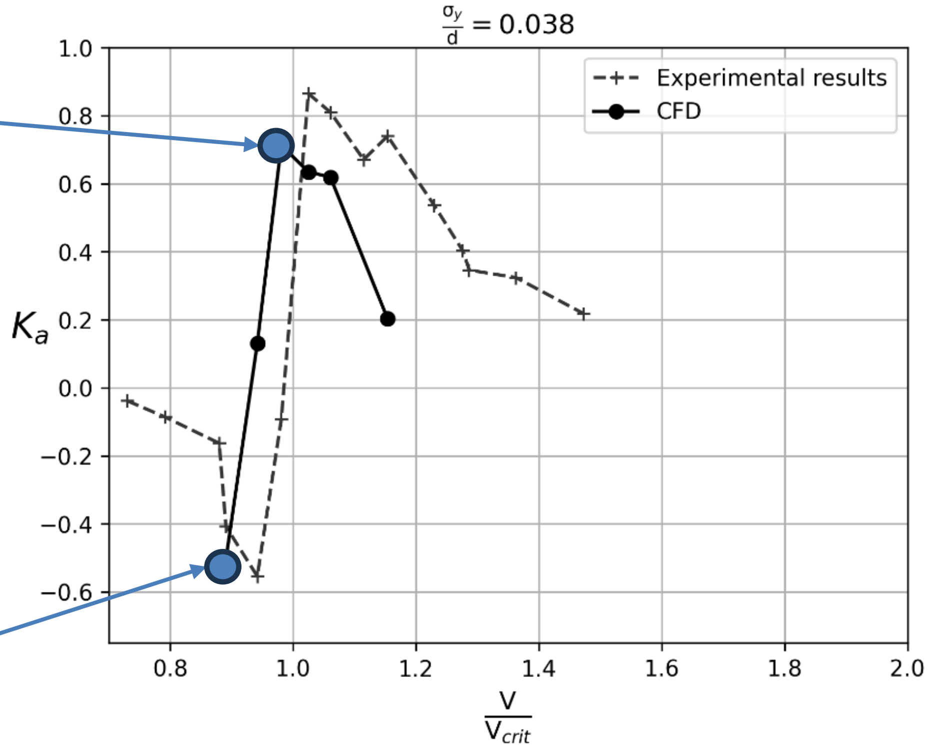


Cylinder wake, Re3900

Prediction of Vortex Induced Vibrations on Wind Turbine Towers



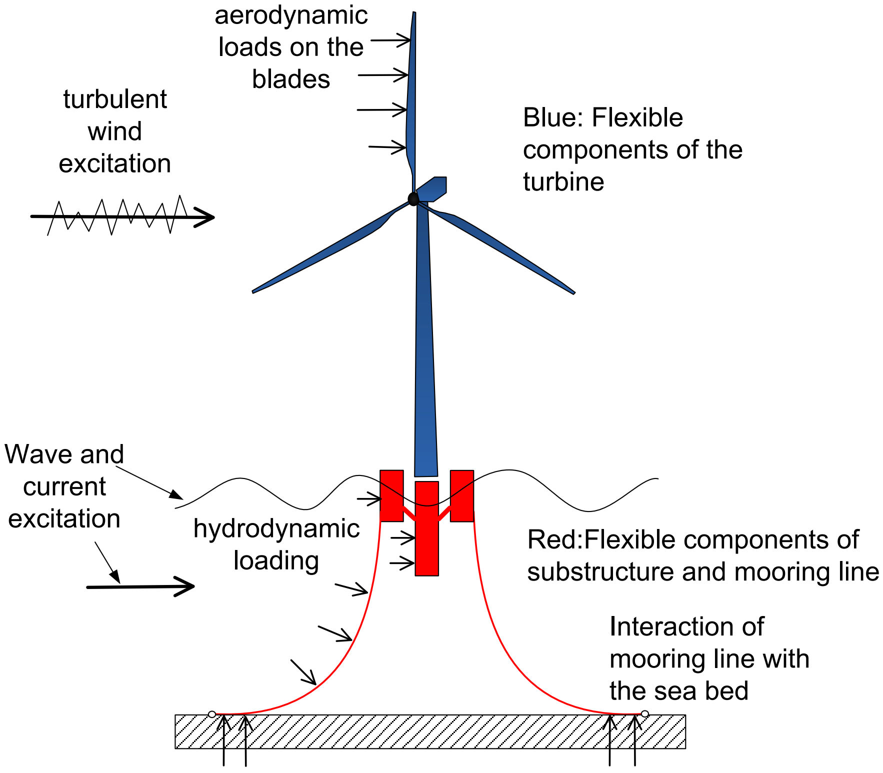




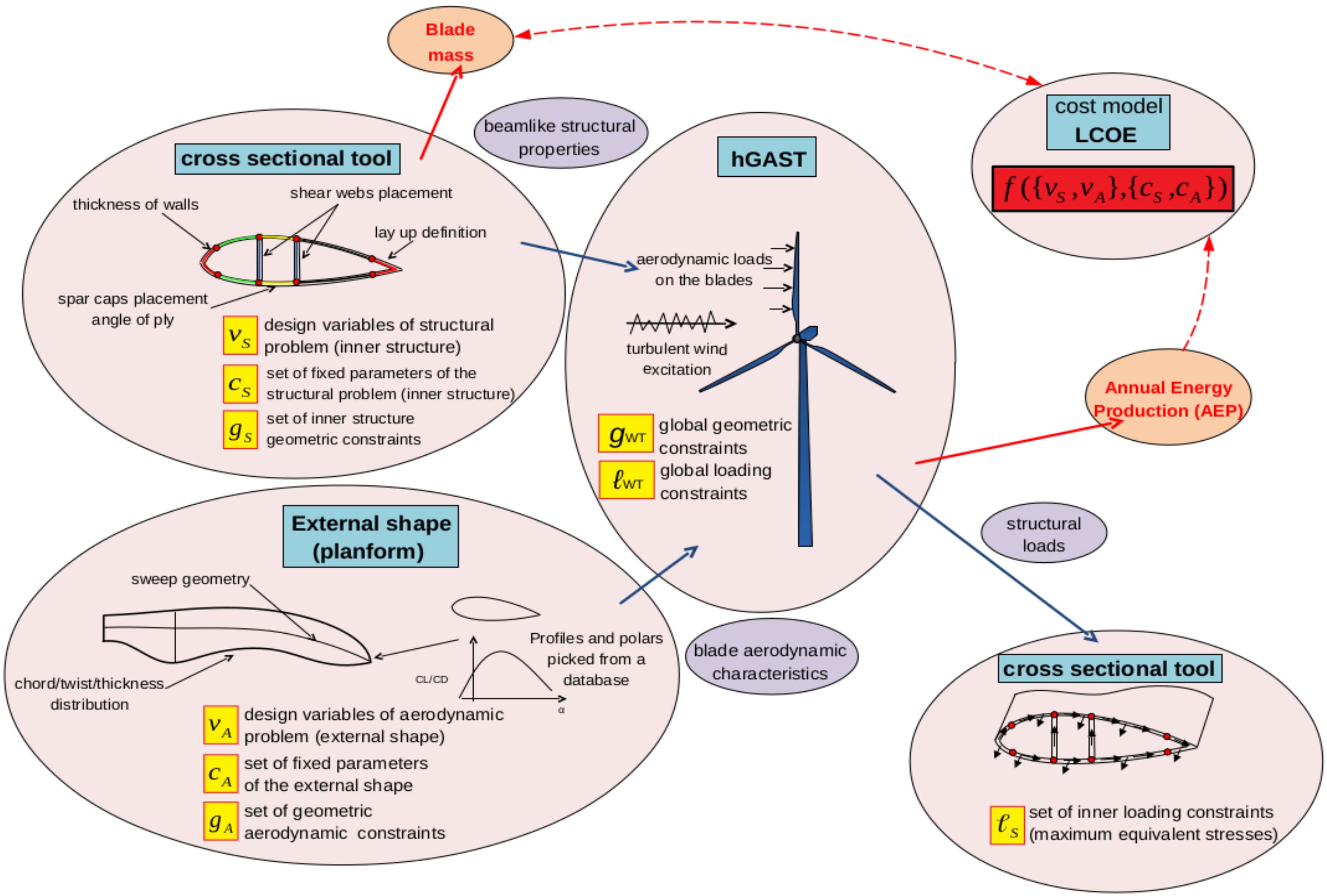
$$P = \int_0^T F_a(t)\ \dot{y}(t)\, dt$$

The in-house code **hGAST** is used in the aeroelastic analysis of rotor and combined rotor-pylon problems.

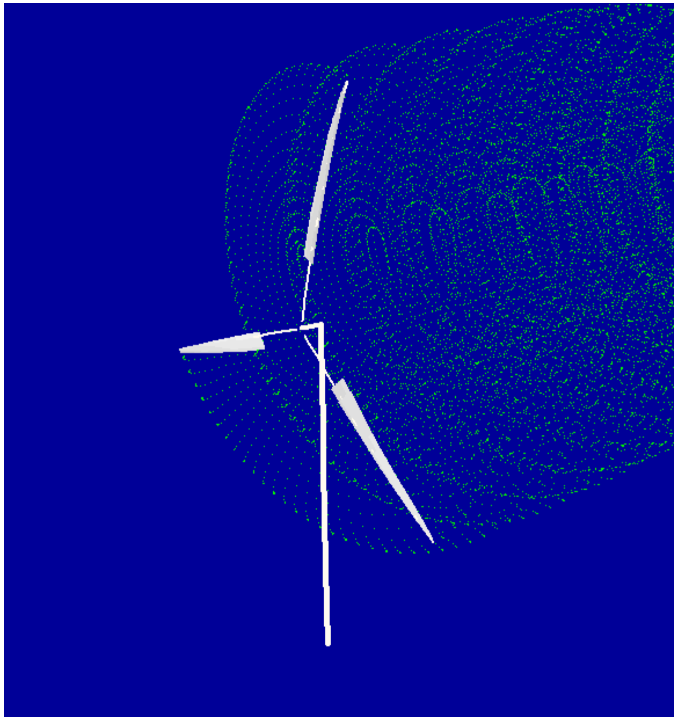
- hydro-servo-aero-elastic tool which besides the structural dynamics is also able to model the controls of the system and the wave loading for offshore (including floating WTs).
- In the modeling of the flexible bodies higher order beam models and multibody dynamics are applied using a FEM discretization.
- It can be used for non linear time domain analysis and linear eigenvalue stability analysis

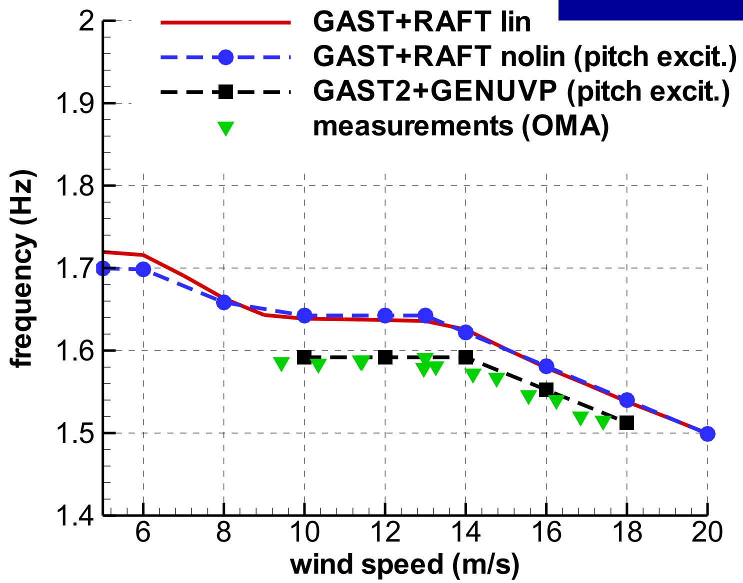


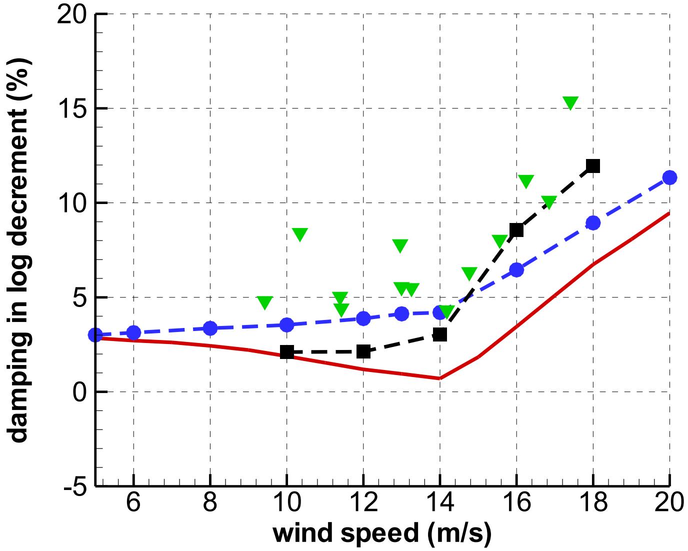
Multi-Disciplinary-Optimization tools



Stability Analysis Tools







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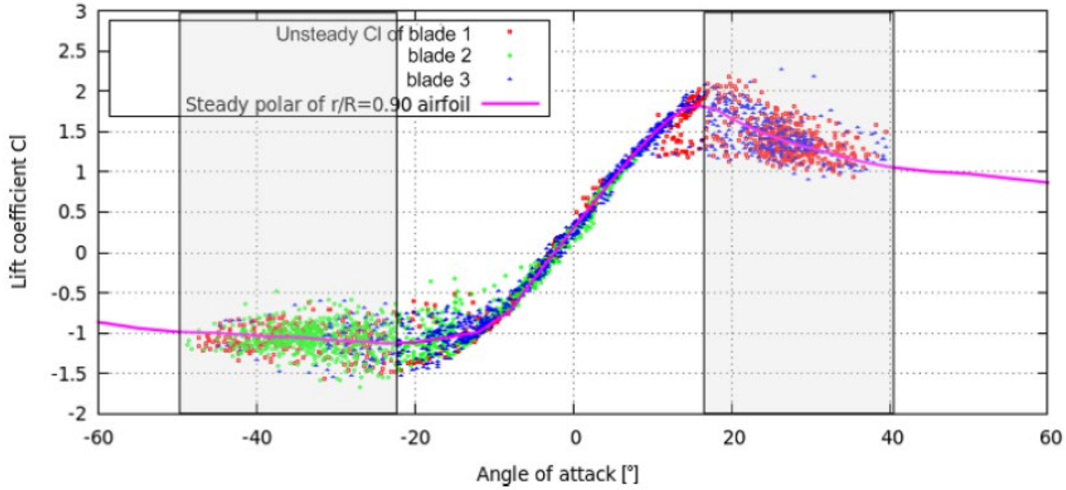

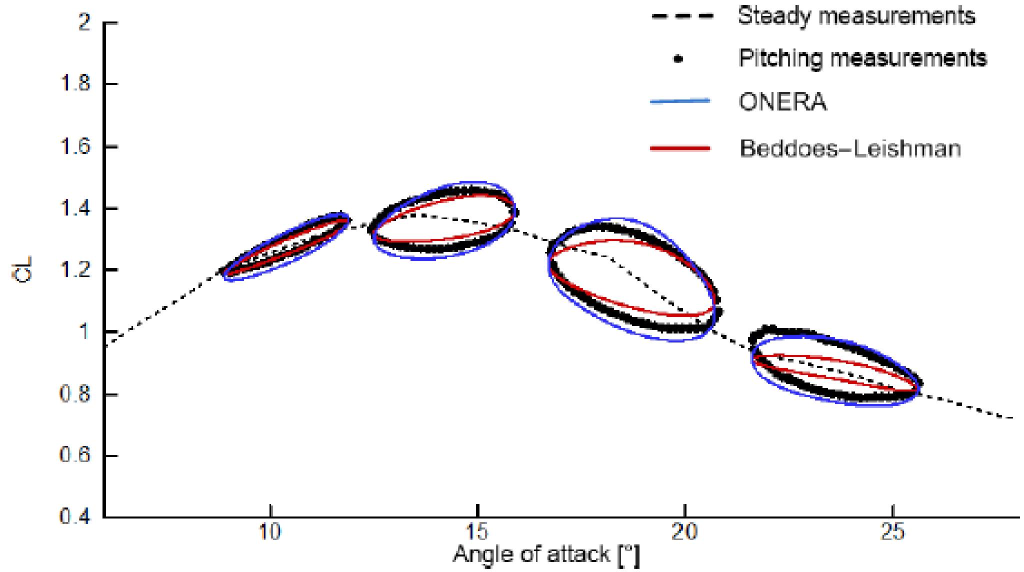

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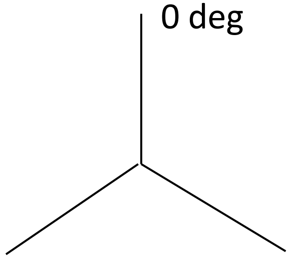
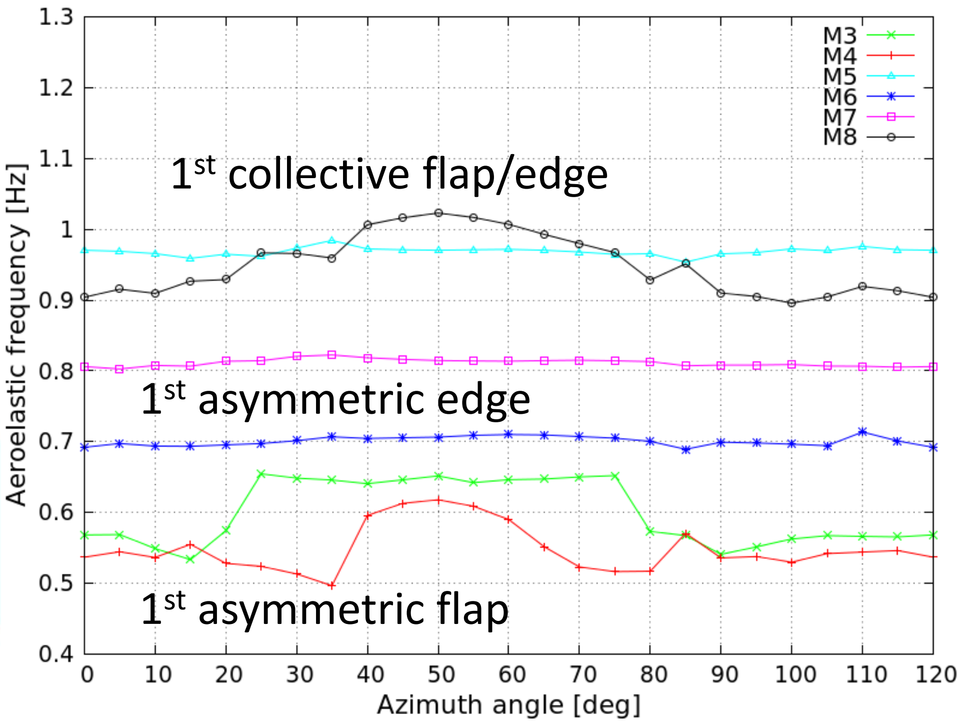
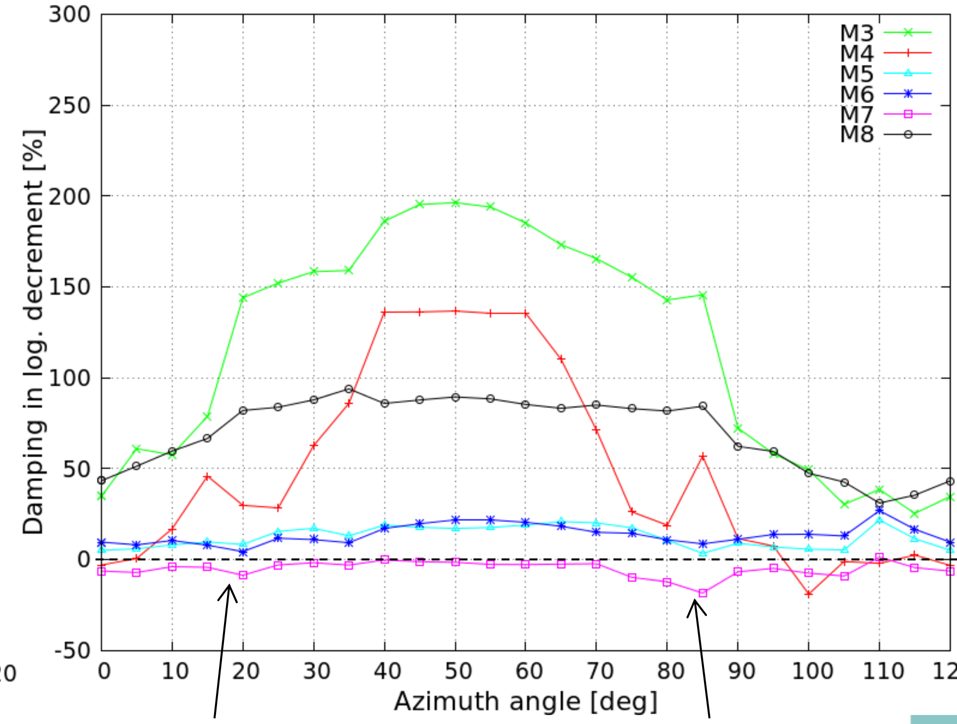


Wind speed=42.5 m/s, yaw=30deg

modal frequency



modal damping



negative damping values of M7 in the vicinity of 20deg and 80deg azimuth angles

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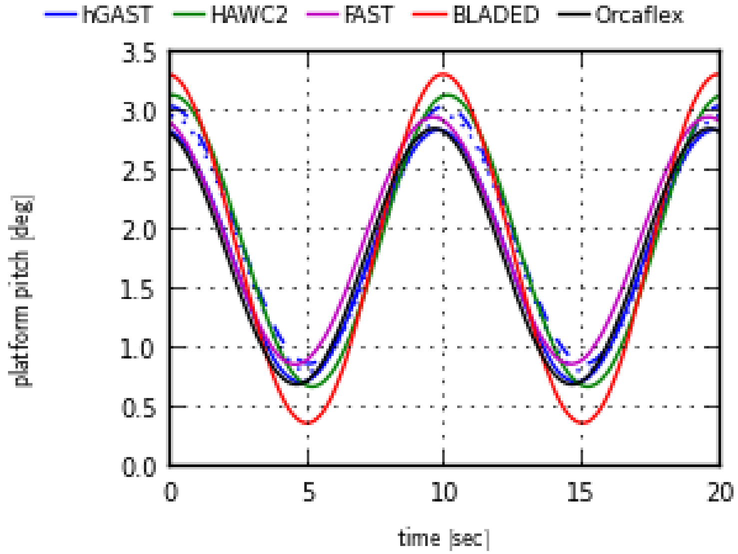
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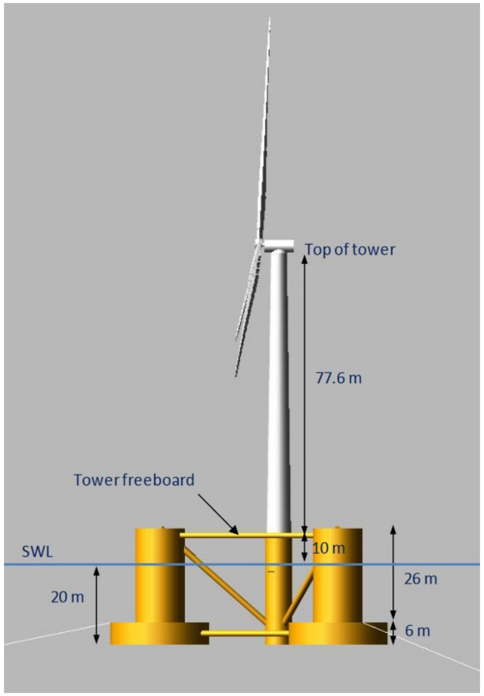
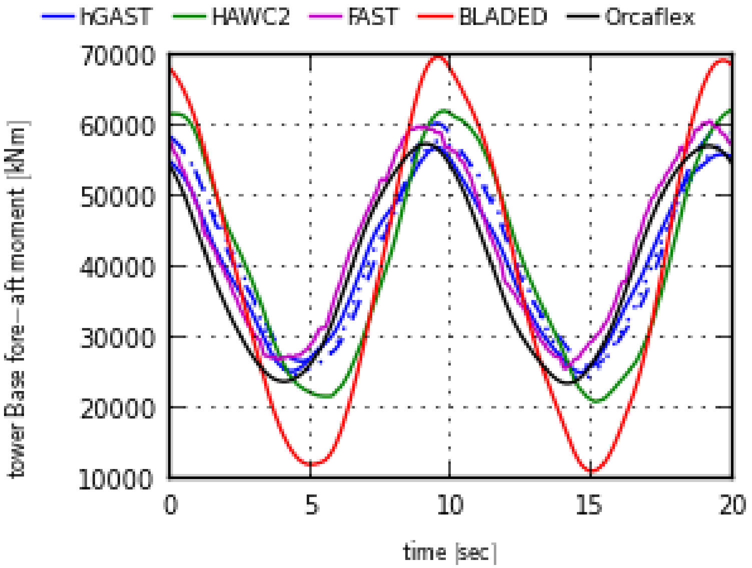

Top of tower
77.6 m
Tower freeboard
SWL
10 m
26 m
20 m
6 m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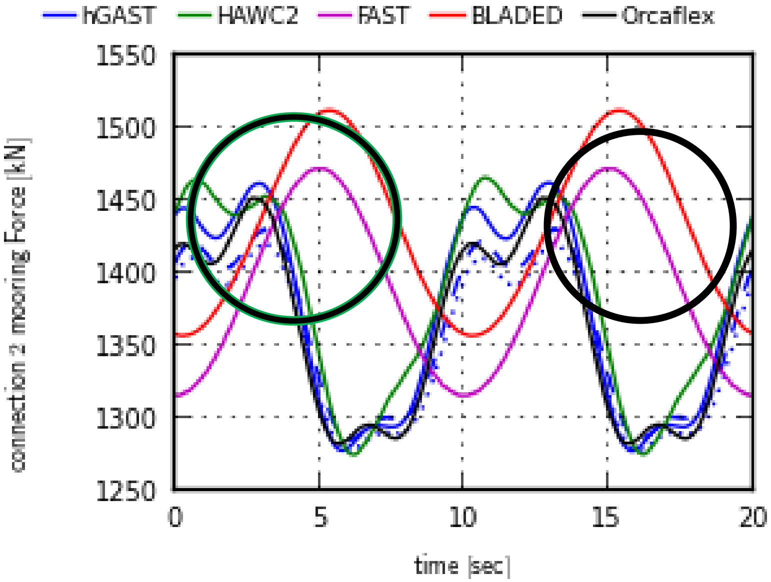
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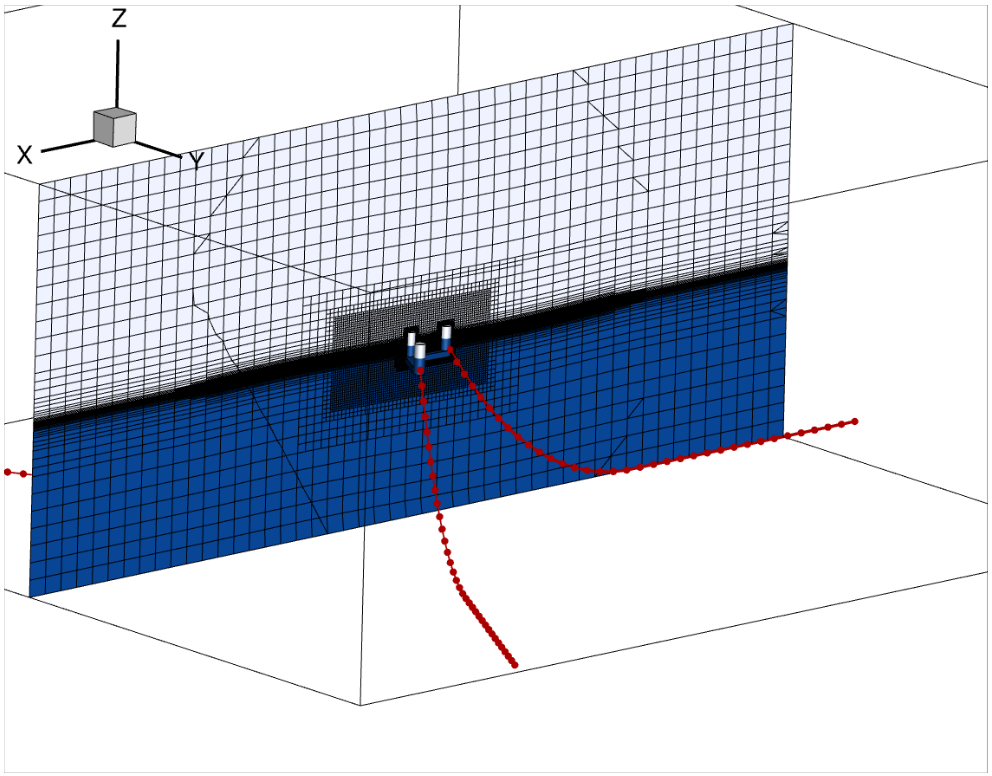
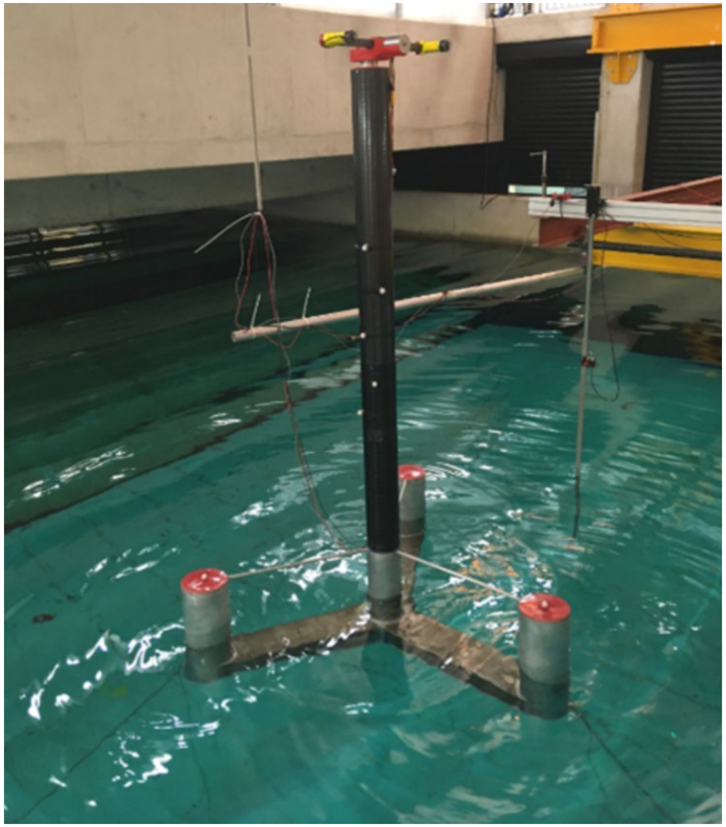
Wind Turbine Hydro-Servo-Aeroelasticity



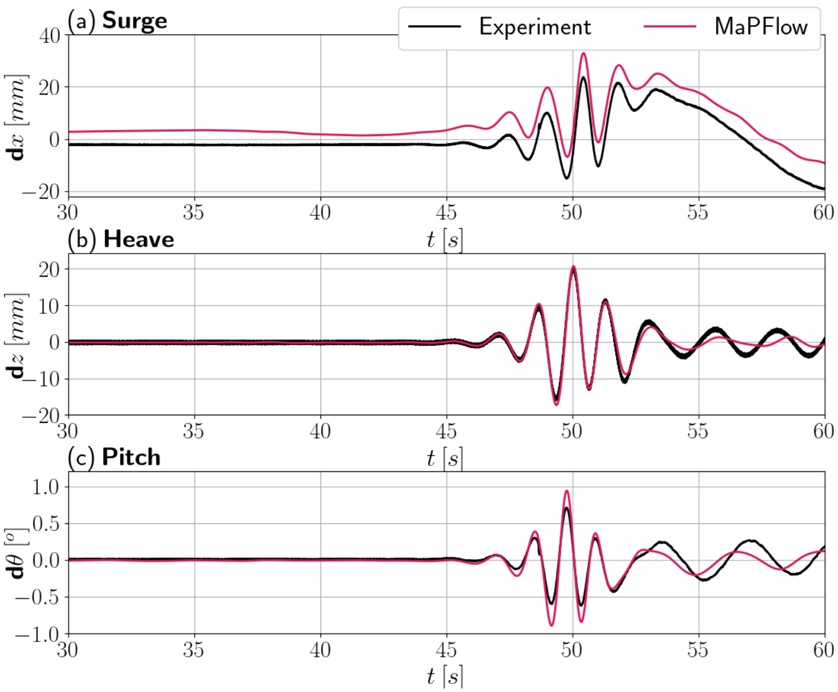
Numerical wave tank



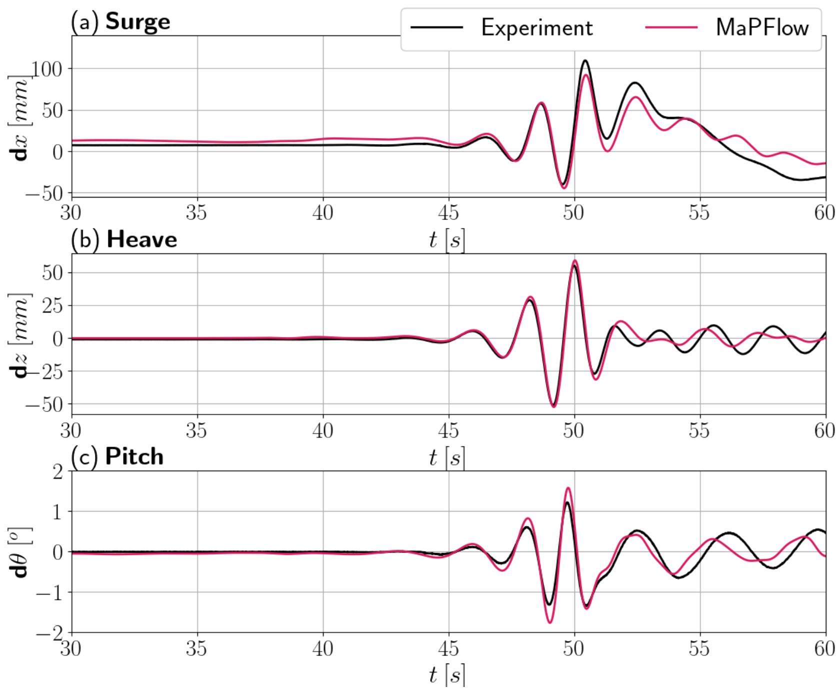
Floater UMaine VolturnUS-S
Scale 1:70

Wind Turbine Hydro-Servo-Aeroelasticity

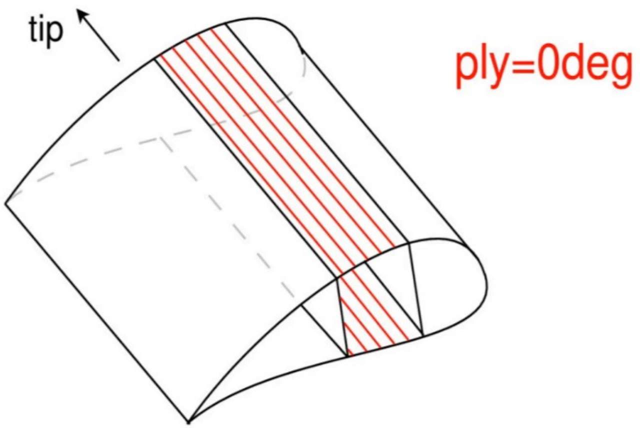
Benign wavetrain

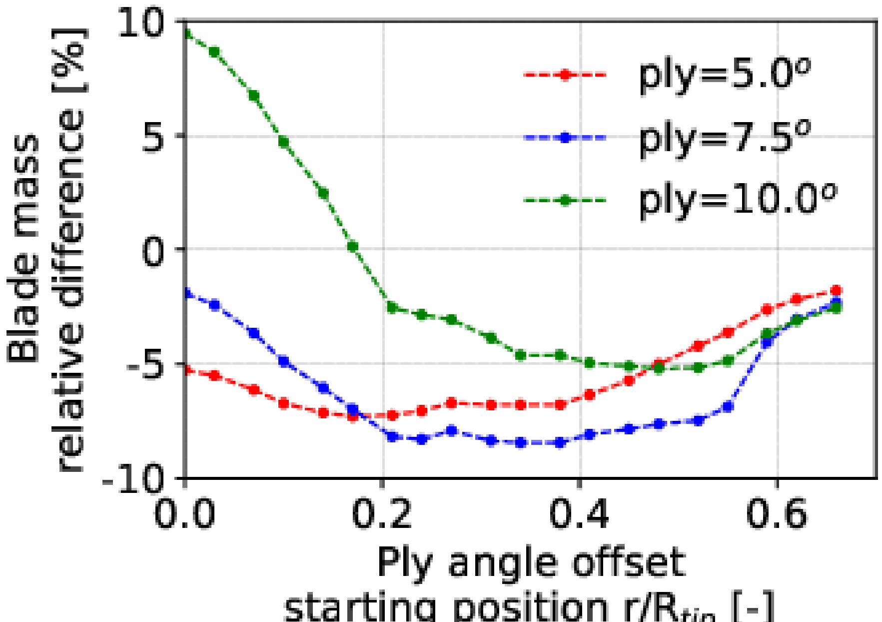


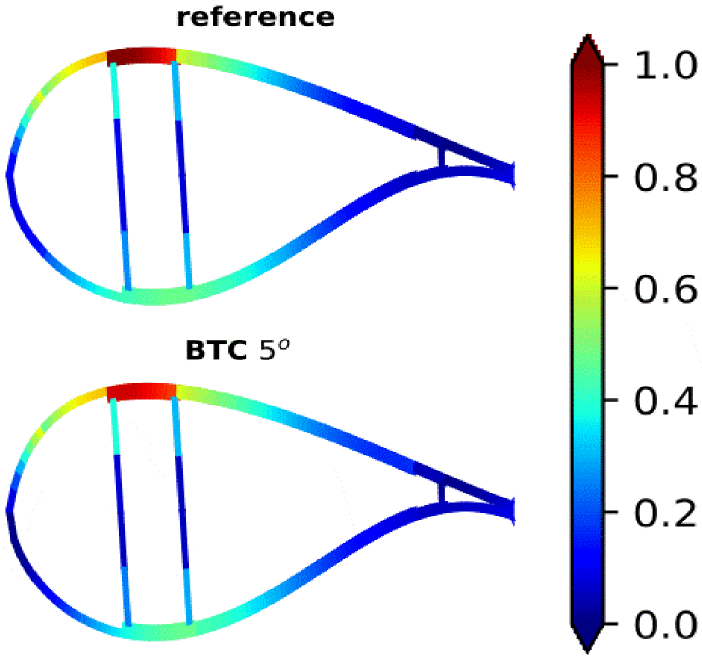
Extreme wavetrain



Optimization of the use of passive control of loads – Bend Twist Coupling







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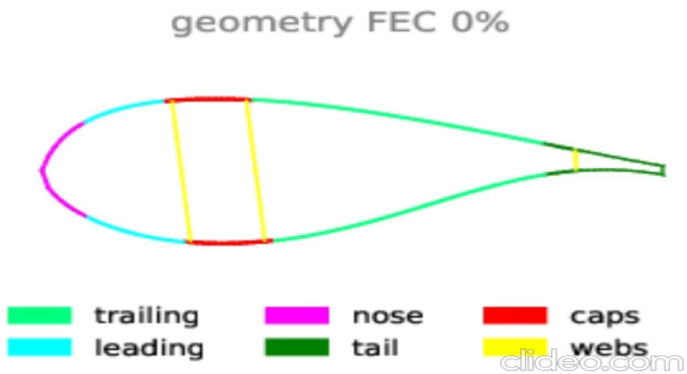
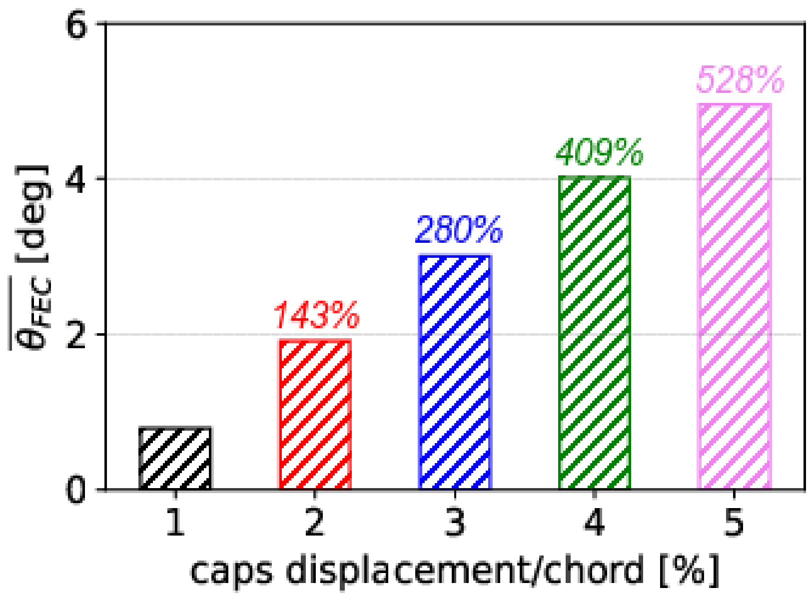
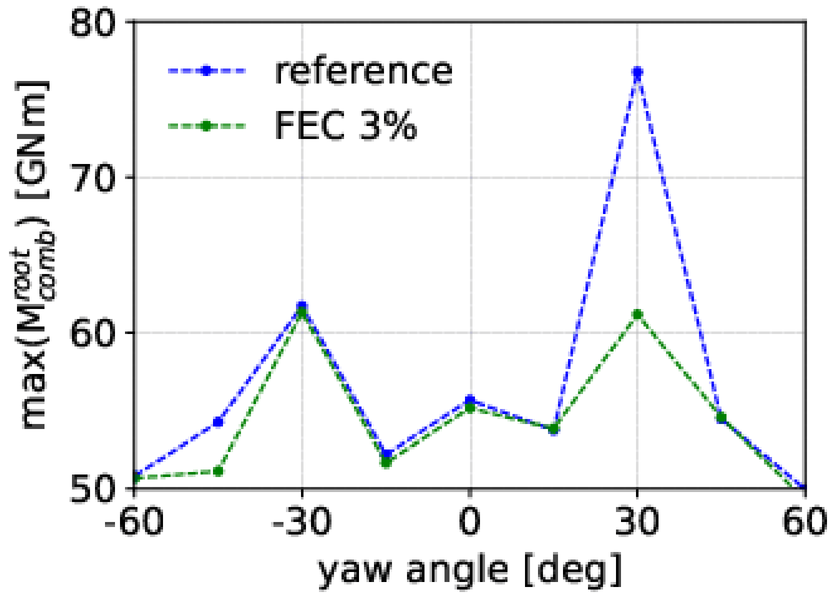
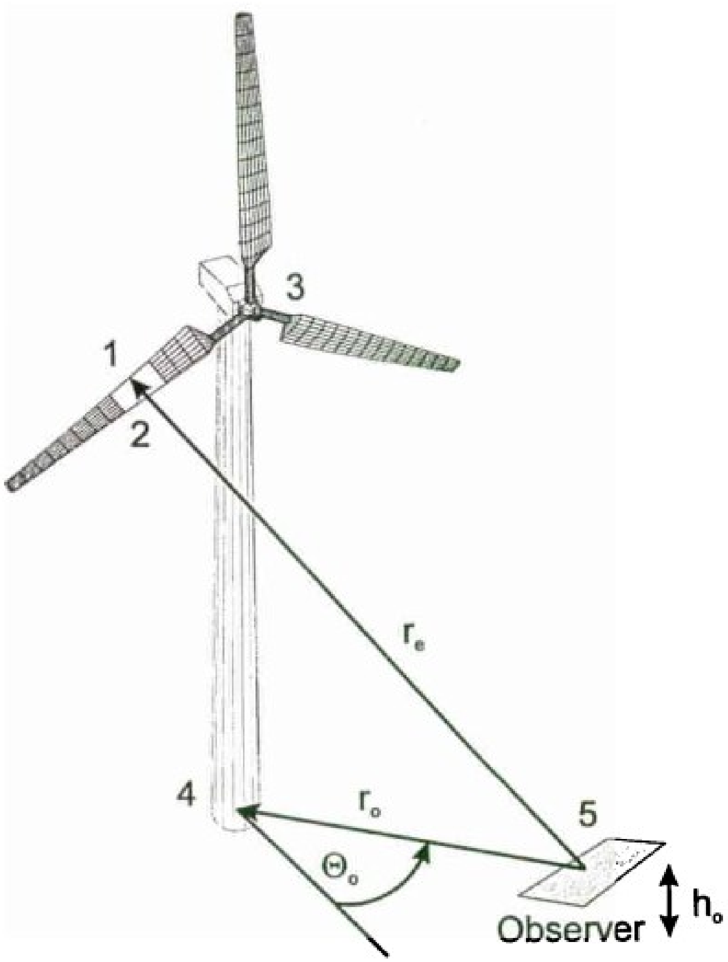






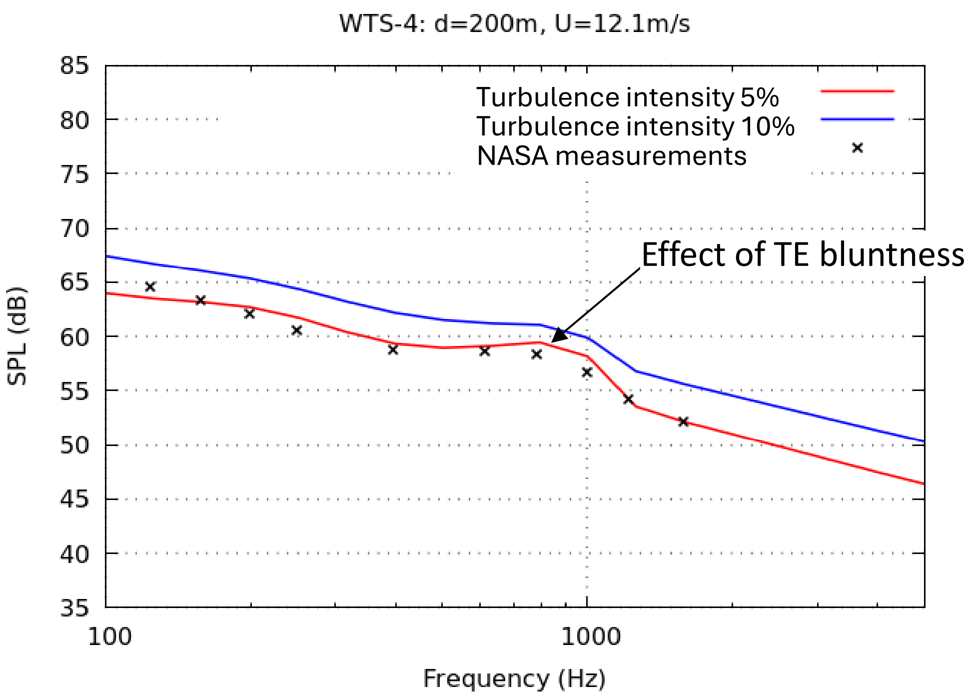
Wind Turbine Aeroacoustics – Noise generation



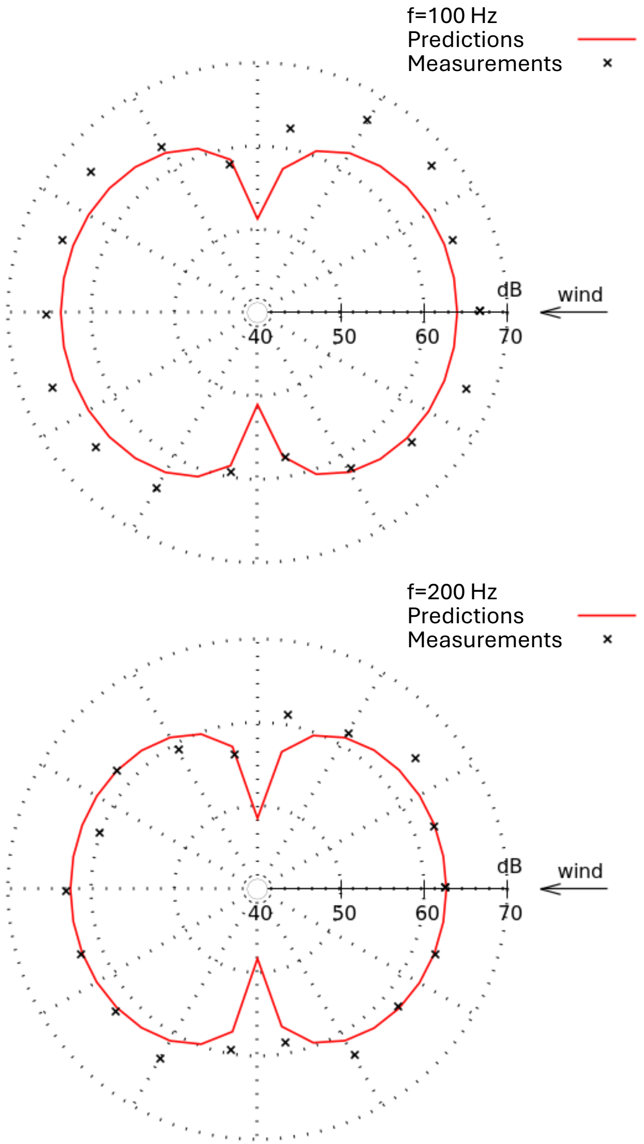
- Quasi 3-D approach
- Blades are discretized into sections
- Section by section 2D aerodynamic simulations using viscous-inviscid interaction code Foil2w → δ, δ* at trailing edge
- Each blade section is treated as an acoustic source
- Aeroacoustic caculations using semi-empirical relationships (Brooks, Pope, Marcolini)
  - ✓ Turbulent boundary layer noise
  - ✓ Turbulent inflow noise
  - ✓ Trailing edge bluntness noise
  - ✓ Laminar boundary layer noise
  - ✓ Tip noise
  - ✓ Stall and separation noise
- Total SPL is obtained by summing up all contributions:

WTS-4 turbine, 4.2MW,
Diameter, hub height = 80m
Rotational speed = 30rpm

SPL spectrum, d=200m



Directivity polars, d=200m



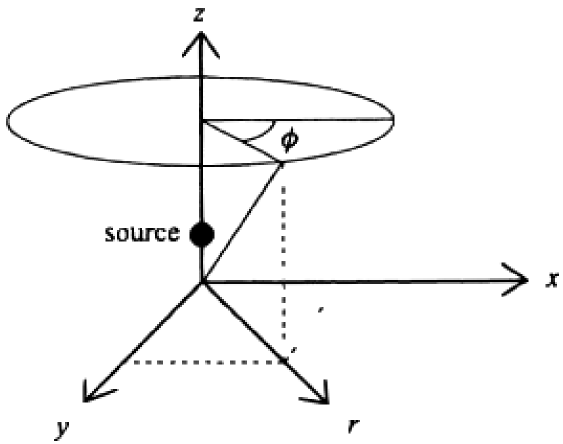
Axisymmetric approximations in frequency domain

Ray theory

- Trace eigenrays
- Calculate attenuation loss along the eigenrays through simulation of physical attenuation mechanisms
- Synthesize sound pressure level at the receiver for one or more frequencies

Parabolic equation

- Simplified form of the Helmholtz equation for small propagation angles
- Back scattering is ignored



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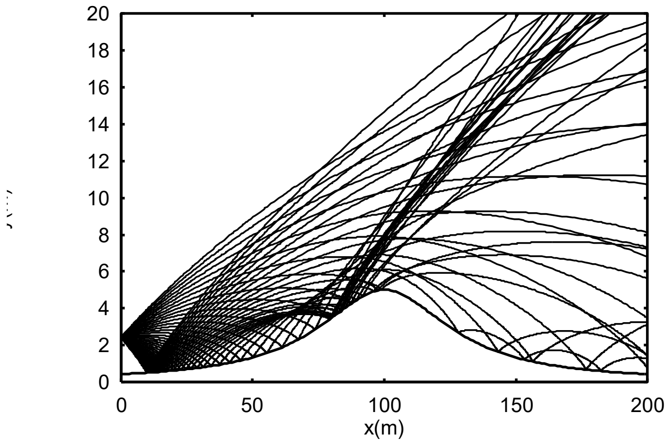

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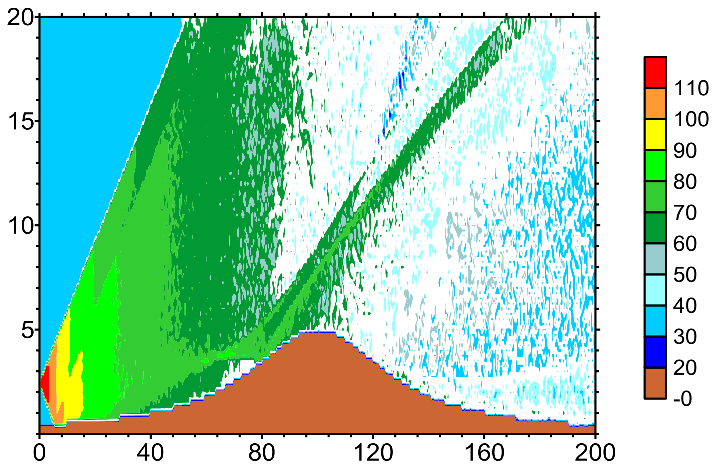
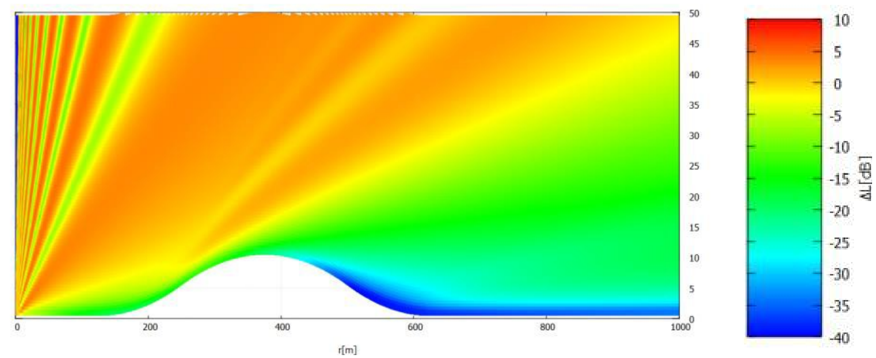


Parabolic equation

Contours of relative SPL (wrt free spherical propagation)

No wind



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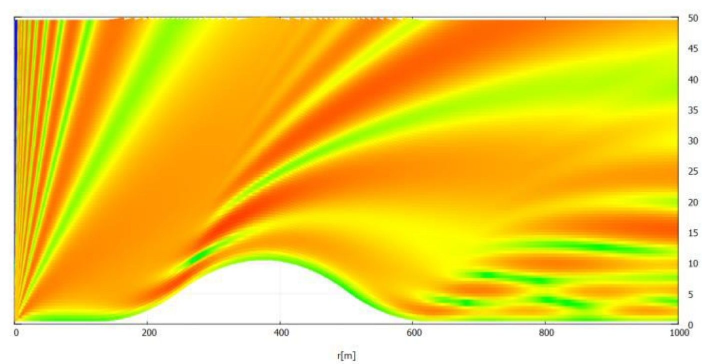

Actuator line - Velocity contours

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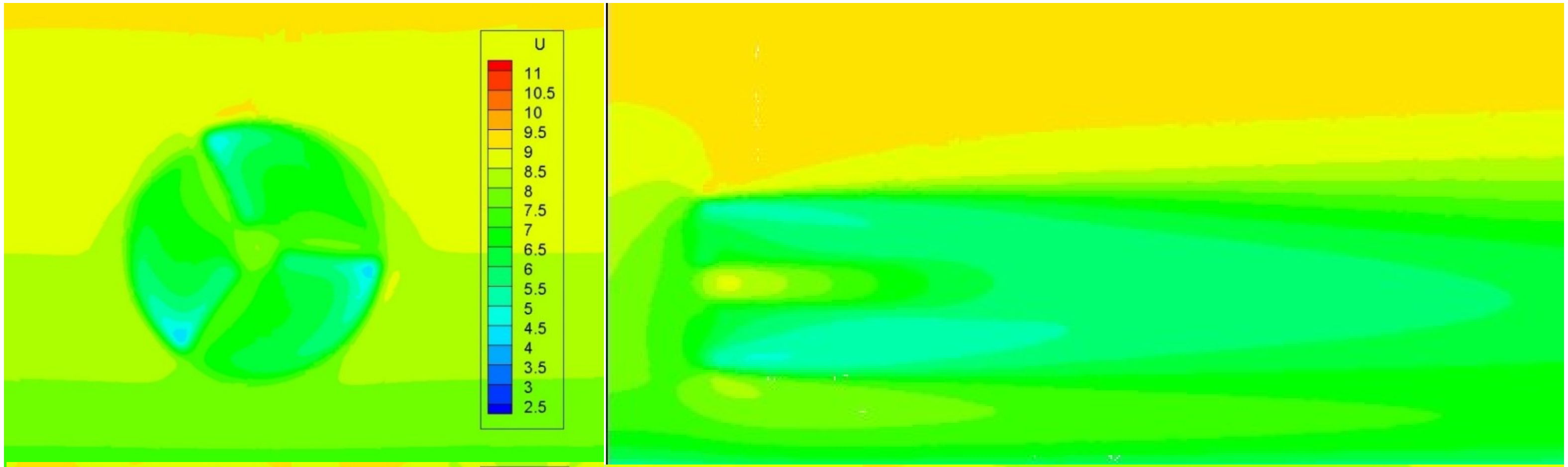

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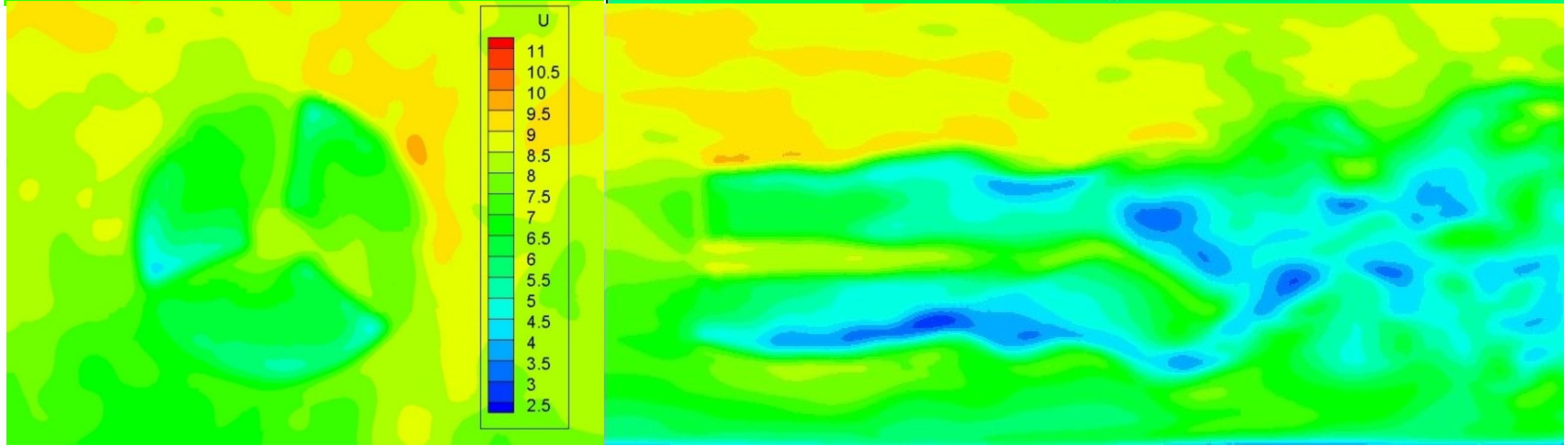
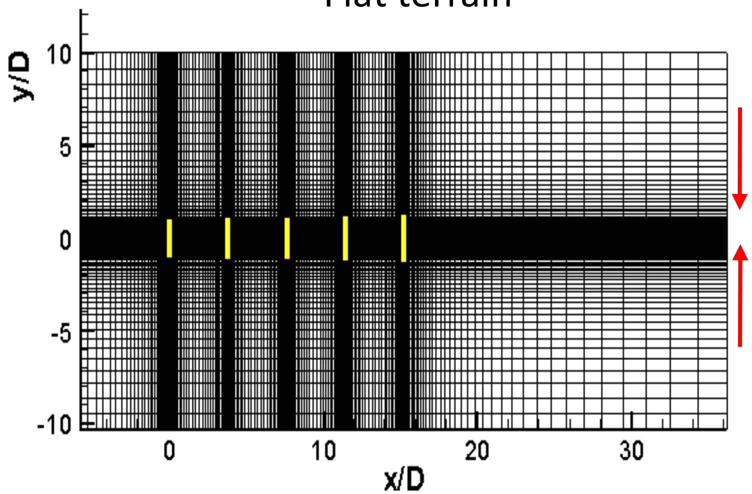
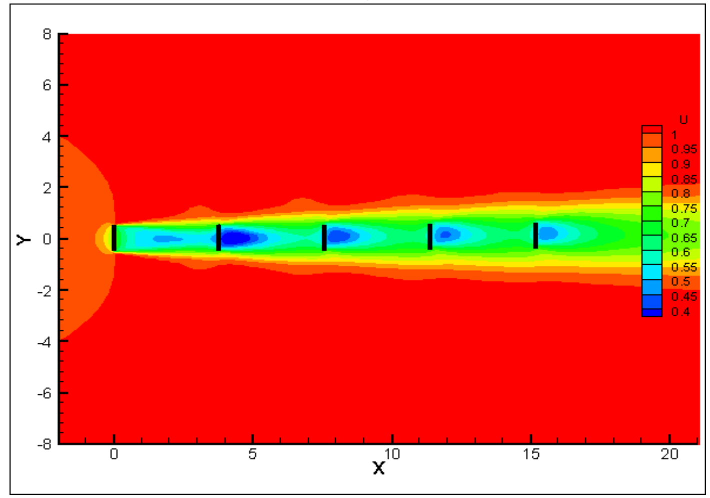


Actuator disk – Wind farms

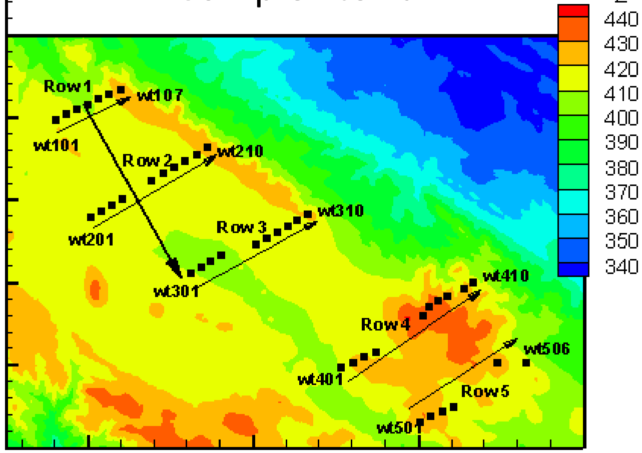
Flat terrain

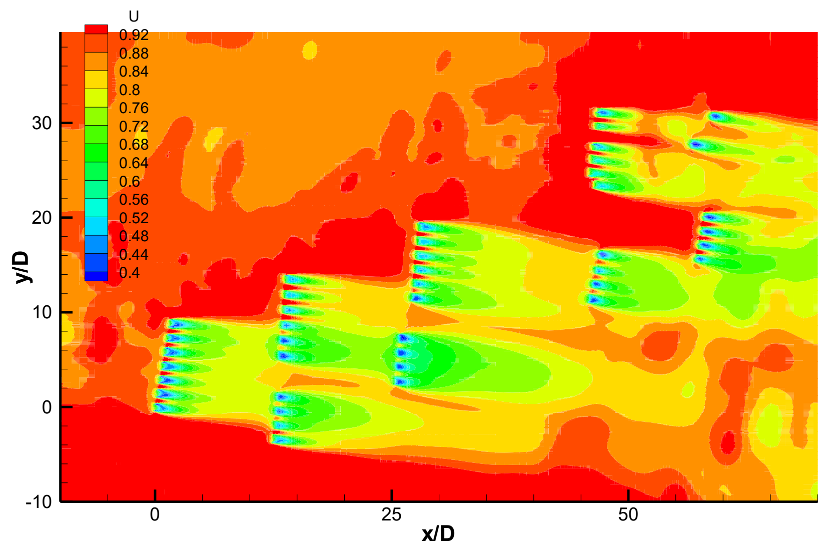


Velocity contours



Complex terrain





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Environmental Flows and Buildings

Wind Tunnel Testing and CFD

Prof. Demetri Bouris

Technical Info Day, NTUA Wind Tunnel Facility – Capacity and Services

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Environmental Flows at NTUA WT

- Wind engineering studies are performed for numerous applications
  - Wind turbines
  - Wind farms
  - Buildings
  - Building complexes
  - Vegetation
  - Pollutant dispersion etc

Environmental Flows at NTUA WT

- Field measurements are difficult to control

- Computer-aided simulation (CFD) is a more recent and powerful tool in modeling the ABL. It provides valuable insight but many unexplained complexities remain

- Testing in a wind tunnel is repeatable, more accessible and accurate. Challenges exist

Examples :

Wind Tunnel Testing – Atmospheric Flows

Computational Fluid Dynamics – Atmospheric Flows

- Modelling the Atmospheric Boundary Layer
- Flows past buildings
- Flows past photovoltaic panel arrays
- Flows past vegetation

Structure of the ABL

for FUR in neutral atm.

(Flat Uniformly Rough Terrain)

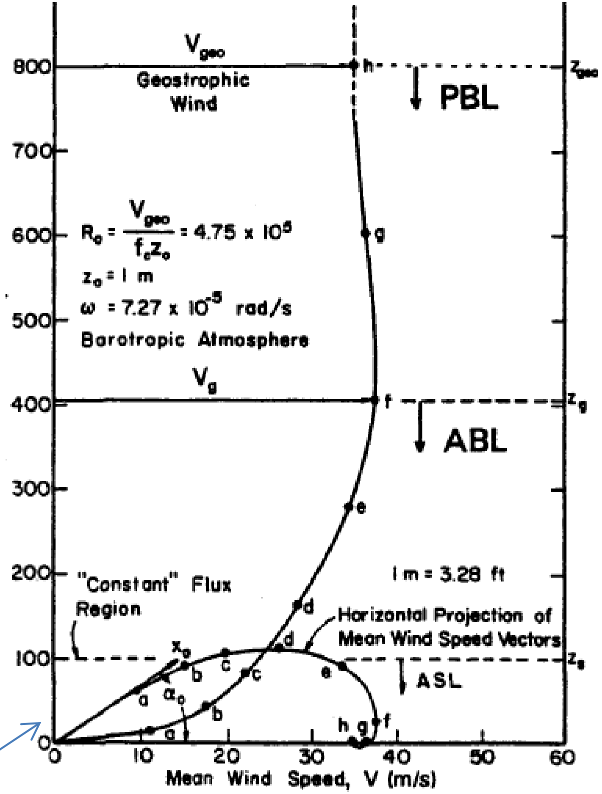
PBL — **Planetary Boundary Layer**

ABL — **Atmospheric Boundary Layer**
(surface shear stress negligible)

ASL — **Atmospheric Surface Layer**
(turbulent fluxes vary ±10%)

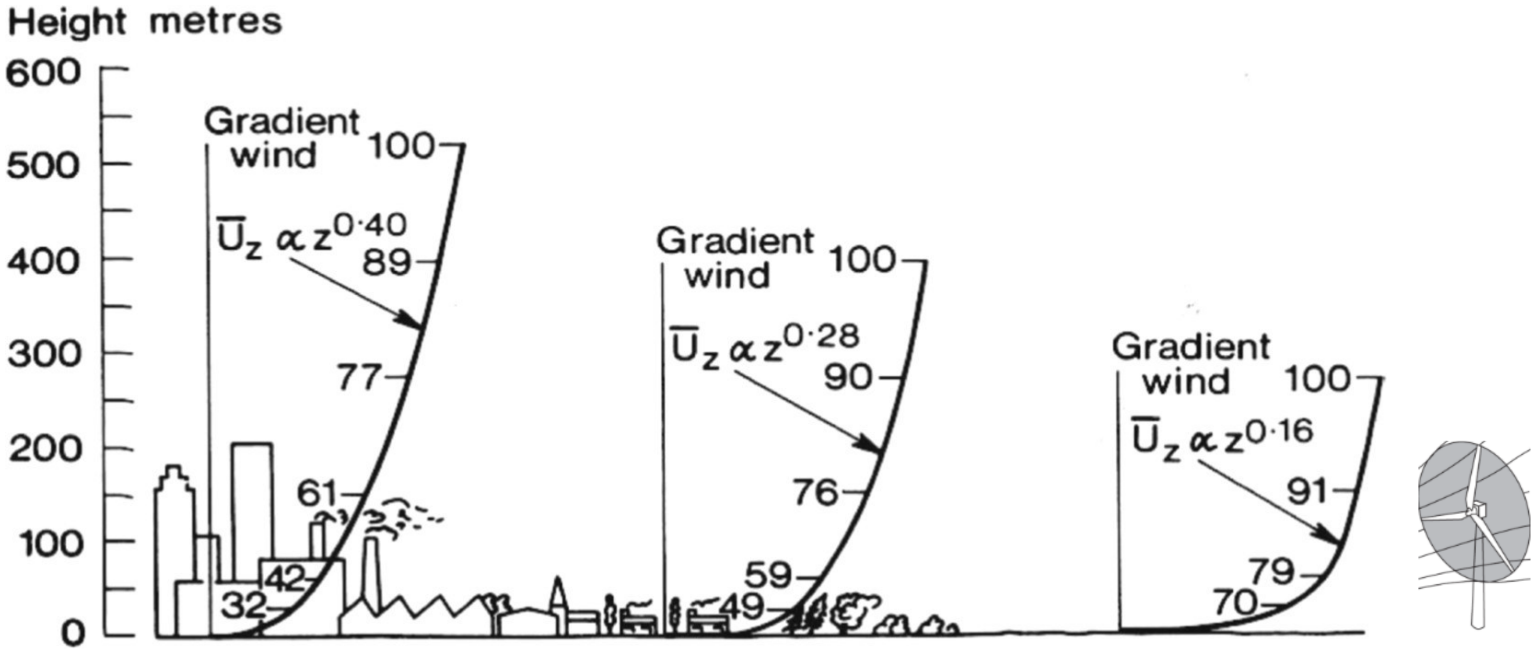
z_{geo} — **geostrophic height**
z_g — **gradient height**
z_s — **surface layer height**

Eckman Layer (Coriolis force is significant)



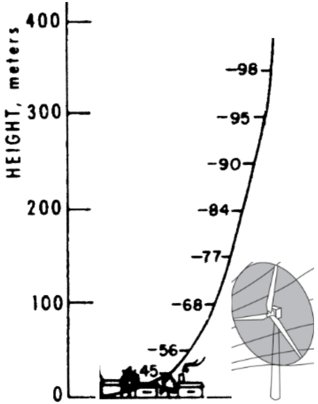
~ logarithmic profile

Modeling Criteria - Similarity



Effect of surface roughness (z_o)

Modeling Criteria - Similarity



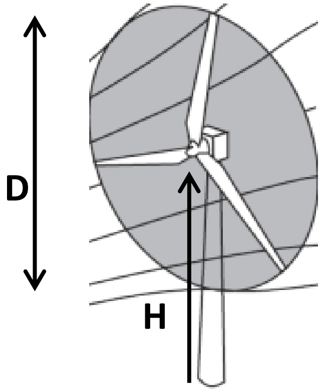
When creating a scale model to study,

the following criteria must be fulfilled

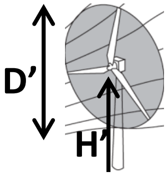
- **Geometric Similarity:** Similarity of dimensions (length)
- **Kinematic Similarity:** Similarity of time and length scales
- **Dynamic Similarity:** Similarity of forces

Modeling Criteria - Similarity

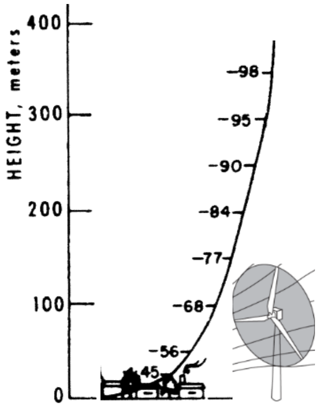
Geometric Similarity: Similarity of dimensions



p: prototype



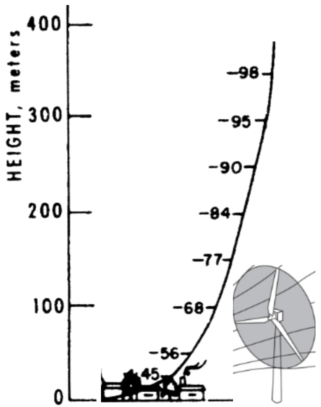
m: model



$$\left(\frac{D}{H}\right)_p = \left(\frac{D'}{H'}\right)_m$$

Modeling Criteria - Similarity

Geometric Similarity: Similarity of dimensions



Jensen number

Ratio of structure's length scale to terrain roughness

$$\left(\frac{L_b}{z_0}\right)_m = \left(\frac{L_b}{z_0}\right)_p$$

Ratio of structure's length scale to gradient height

(large scale motion)

$$\left(\frac{L_b}{z_g}\right)_m = \left(\frac{L_b}{z_g}\right)_p$$

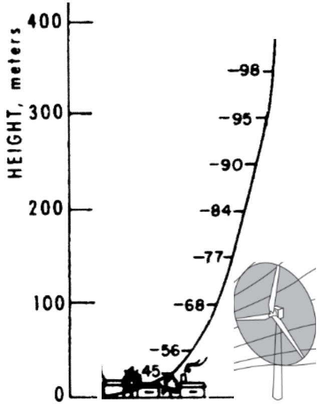
Ratio of structure's length scale to turbulence length scale

(small scale motion)

$$\left(\frac{L_b}{L_t}\right)_m = \left(\frac{L_b}{L_t}\right)_p$$

Modeling Criteria - Similarity

Dynamic Similarity: Similarity of forces



Reynolds number

the ratio of inertial to viscous forces

$$Re = \frac{UL\rho}{\mu}$$

Rosby number

the ratio of inertial to Coriolis forces

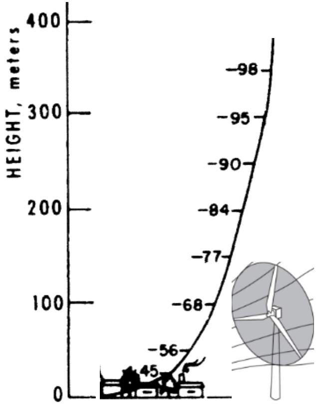
$$Ro = \frac{U}{Lf}, \quad f = 2\Omega \sin\varphi$$

- When modeling the ABL (z≤~300m), Rosby numbers are usually large (i.e. Coriolis insignificant)
- Reynolds effects usually neglected >critical Reynolds number (~10^4 for buildings)
- For geometries with sharp edges (e.g. buildings, wind turbines etc) the flow pattern remains the same >critical Reynolds number

Modeling Criteria - Similarity

Kinematic Similarity:

Similarity of velocity time and length scales

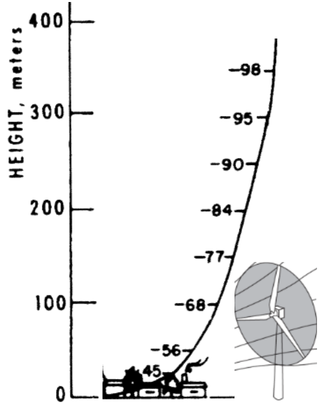


- This mainly refers to incoming flow (upstream boundary layer)
- Difficult to achieve for both mean velocity and turbulence
- Boundary layers can be considered independent of Re number after a critical surface Re number (surface roughness) has been exceeded $u_* z_o / \nu > 2.5$
- Vibrations, fluctuations, unsteady motion : $\left(\frac{TV}{L}\right)_m = \left(\frac{TV}{L}\right)_p \rightarrow \left(\frac{T_m}{T_p}\right) = \left(\frac{L_m}{L_p}\right)\left(\frac{V_p}{V_m}\right)$

e.g. $T_m = T_p(1/300)(1) = T_p/300$

Scaling factor

The most demanding geometric similarity parameter is the ratio of structure's length scale to turbulence length scale since it is a function of height



$$\left(\frac{L_b}{L_t}\right)_m = \left(\frac{L_b}{L_t}\right)_p$$

Cooke (1978), proposed using the ESDU profile for L_{ux} in order to find the scaling factor

$$S = \frac{L_{bp}}{L_{bm}}$$

$$L_{X_u} = 25(z-d)^{0.35} {z_0}^{-0.063}$$

$$SL_{X_{u_M}} = 25[S(z-d)_M]^{0.35}\left[Sz_{0_M}\right]^{-0.063}$$

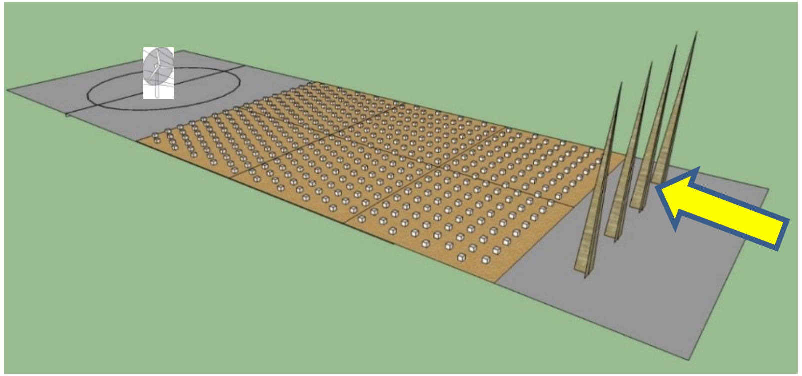
$$S = \frac{91.3(z-d)_M{}^{0.491}}{L_{X_{uM}}^{1.403} z_{0M}^{0.088}}$$

Equipment for Modelling the Wind

Boundary Layer Development (augmentation) Devices

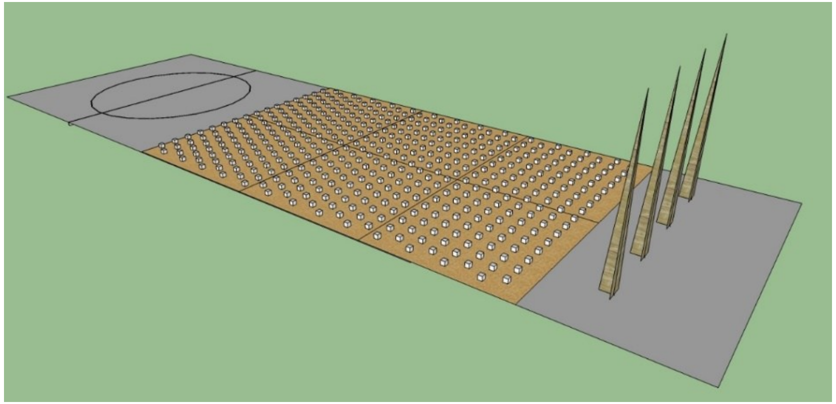
- Even with long wind tunnels, the boundary layer depth may not be sufficient to study models of adequate scale e.g. < 1:300

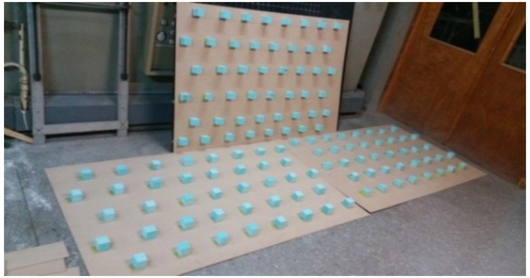
- Augmentation of the boundary layer height or the use of shorter wind tunnels is possible using special devices:
  - Fences
  - Surface roughness elements
  - Spires



ABL Simulation in the NTUA WT

Scale factor	1:300
Spire	h=170cm, b=30cm
Roughness cubes height	k=5cm
Roughness cubes spacing	D=20cm





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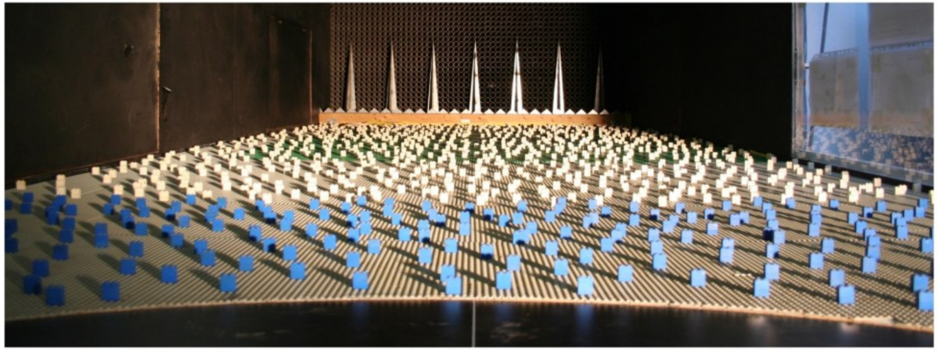

(width × height): 2.0 m × 1.0 m

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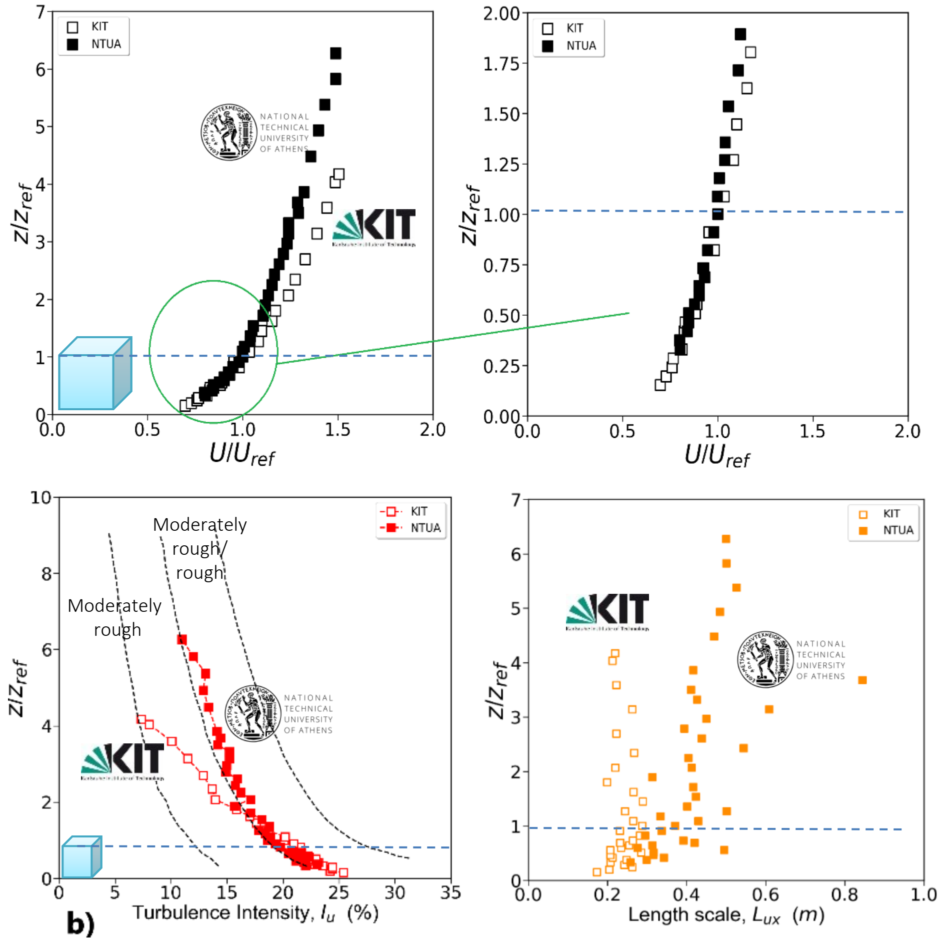
(width × height): 3.5 m × 2.5 m

ABL simulation



Wind Tunnel Study Examples

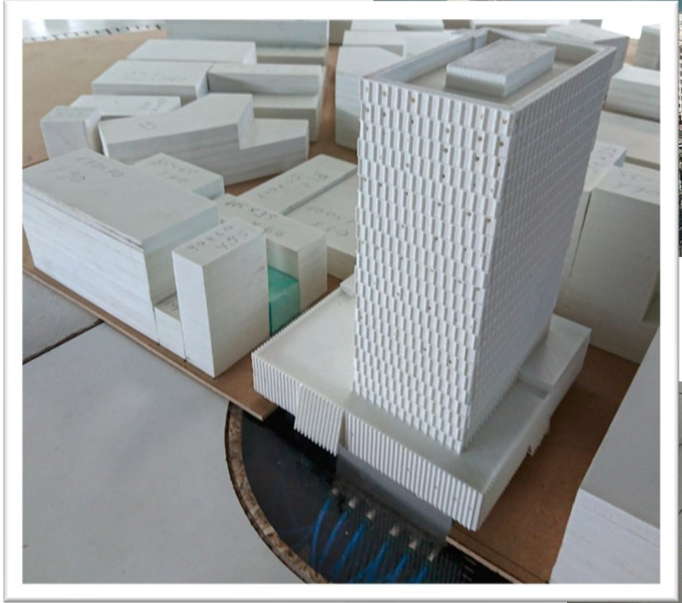
- Piraeus Tower
- PV panels – static
- PV panels – dynamic
- Trees

Piraeus Tower in the Wind Tunnel

An NTUA_WT study contributed to the design (wind loading) of the new façade for the “Piraeus Tower” building in Piraeus, Greece

DENCO P.C., private funding

- 3D printing for the building
- 350 m radius around tower
- 1:300 scale (building and ABL)
- Urban terrain ABL conditions
- 8 different wind directions
- 350 pressure points



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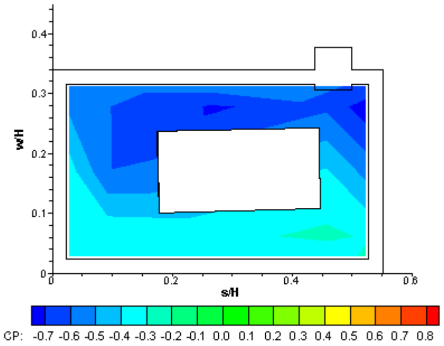
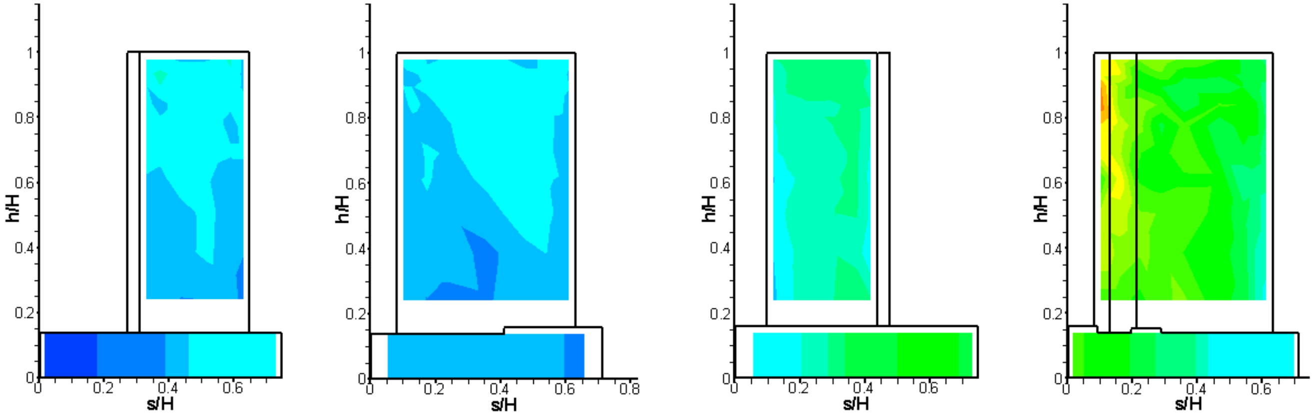
Piraeus Tower in the Wind Tunnel

North NW





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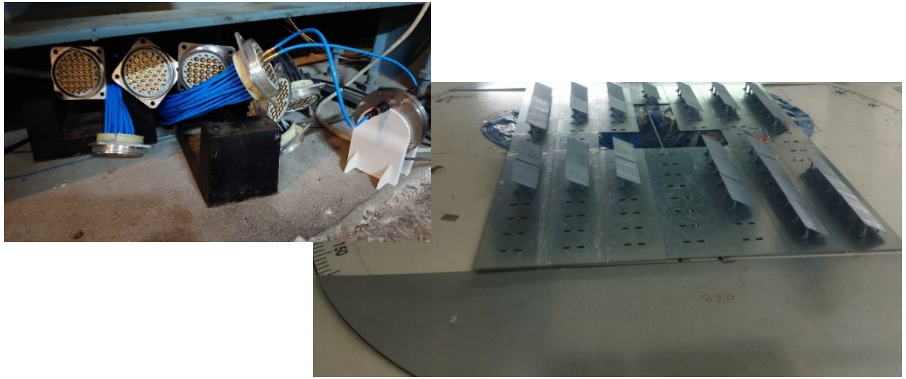
Piraeus Tower in the Wind Tunnel

PV panels – static loads

- Wind loading
- Optimal design of support structures



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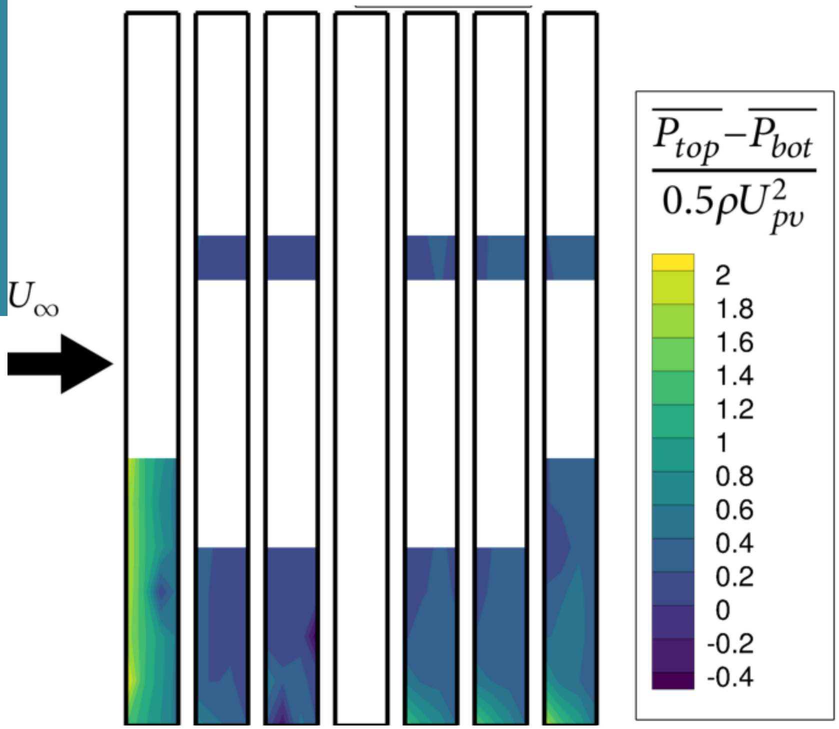
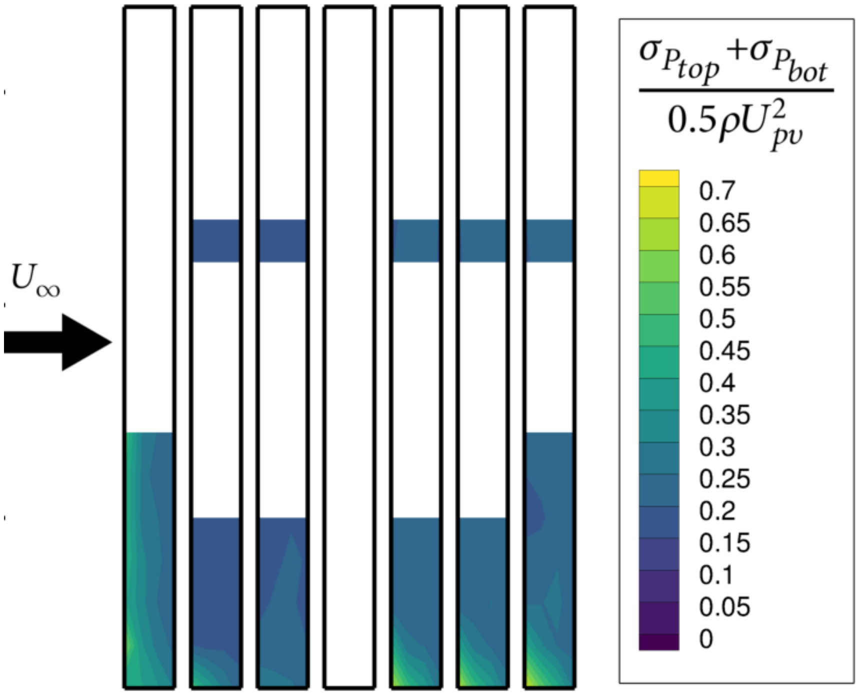
PV panels – static loads

Open terrain ABL conditions

PV panels – static loads





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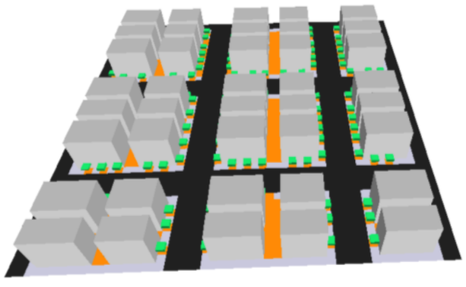
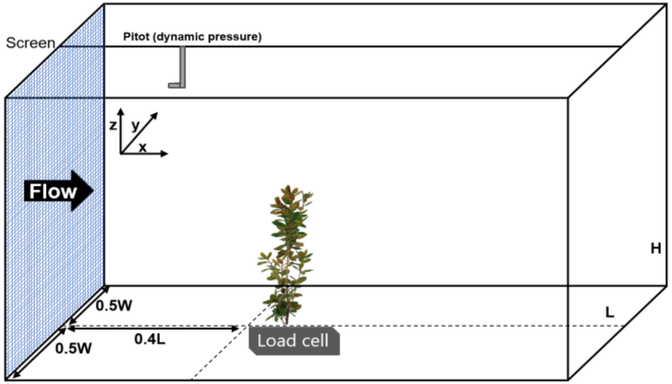
Vegetation



Vegetation – air – building interactions,
affect **thermal comfort** and **natural ventilation**.

Knowledge gap.
Heat and mass exchange between vegetation elements and the environment depends on
trees' aerodynamical, geometrical and thermal properties.



Re.Nature Cities

Re.Nature Cities. Experimental and numerical methods to assess the role of stReet trees as a Nature-Based Solution for climate change adaptation of Cities.
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Methodology – Definition of trees' aerodynamic parameters

Citrus sample trees – common tree type in Greek cities, drought tolerance, low irrigation needs
Tested 3 tree specimens of different heights (1.3m, 1.5m, 1.8m), species and orientations

Wind tunnel measurements in the NTUA Test section (2.5m x 3.5m)

Kistler
Multicomponent Force

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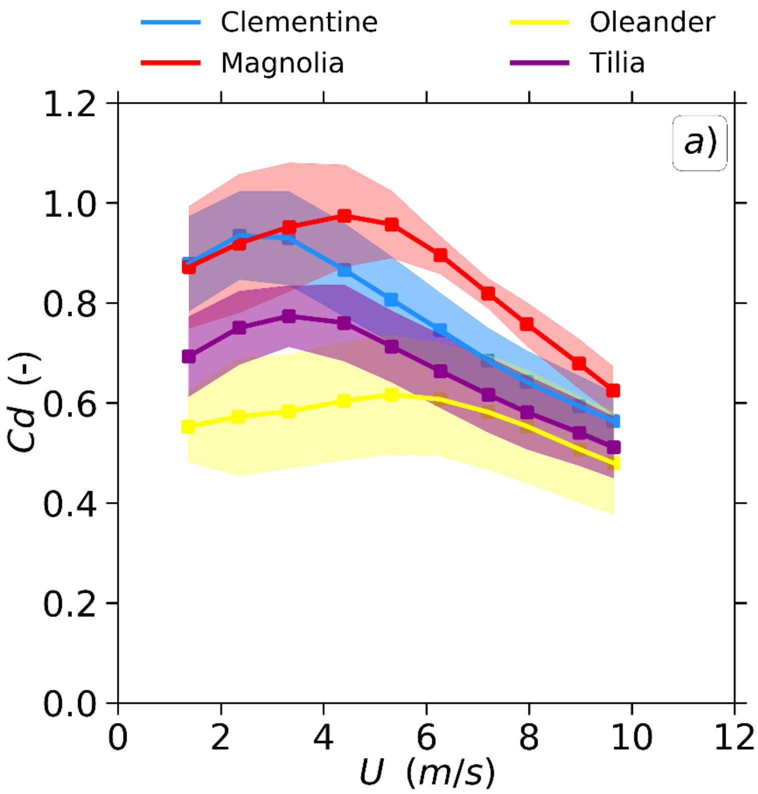
vegetation

Results – Drag coefficient (Cd)

- Mean drag coefficient
- Variation includes specimens and orientation
- Trees reconfigure at high wind speed and reduce drag



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CFD Study Examples

Wind flow past buildings

- In complex terrain
- In urban settings
- With vegetation and wind barriers

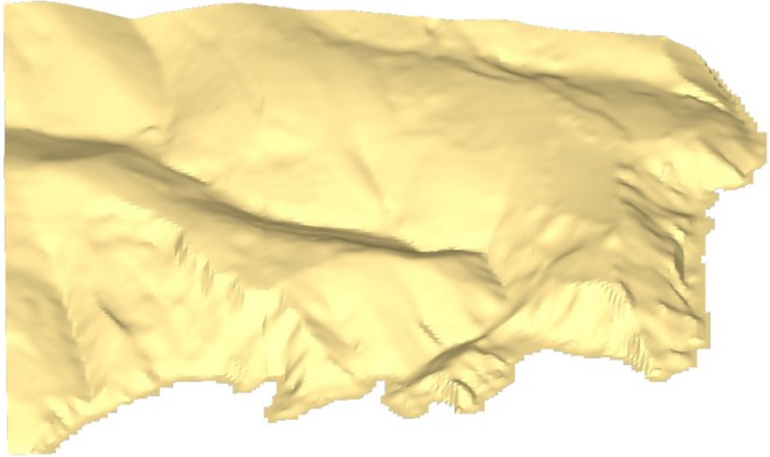
Sustainable development

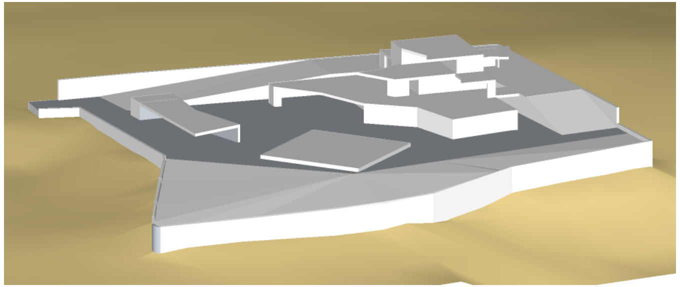
with respect to landscape and environment

Wind flow past buildings in complex terrain

Challenges

- Representative computational model
- Adequate spatial resolution
- Flexibility in wind direction calculation
- Application of appropriate ABL BCs
- Determine areas of discomfort
- Provide protection from wind with minimal disruption to architecture and landscape





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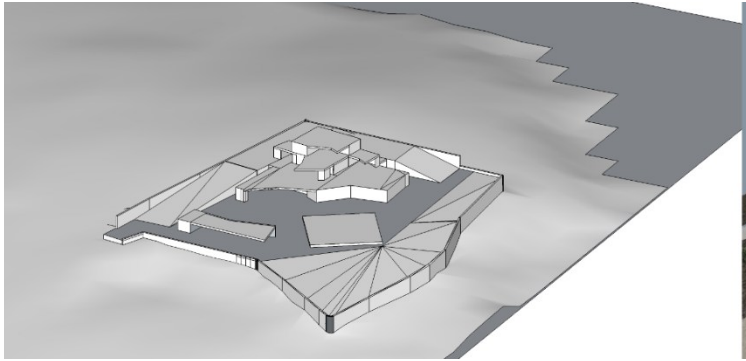

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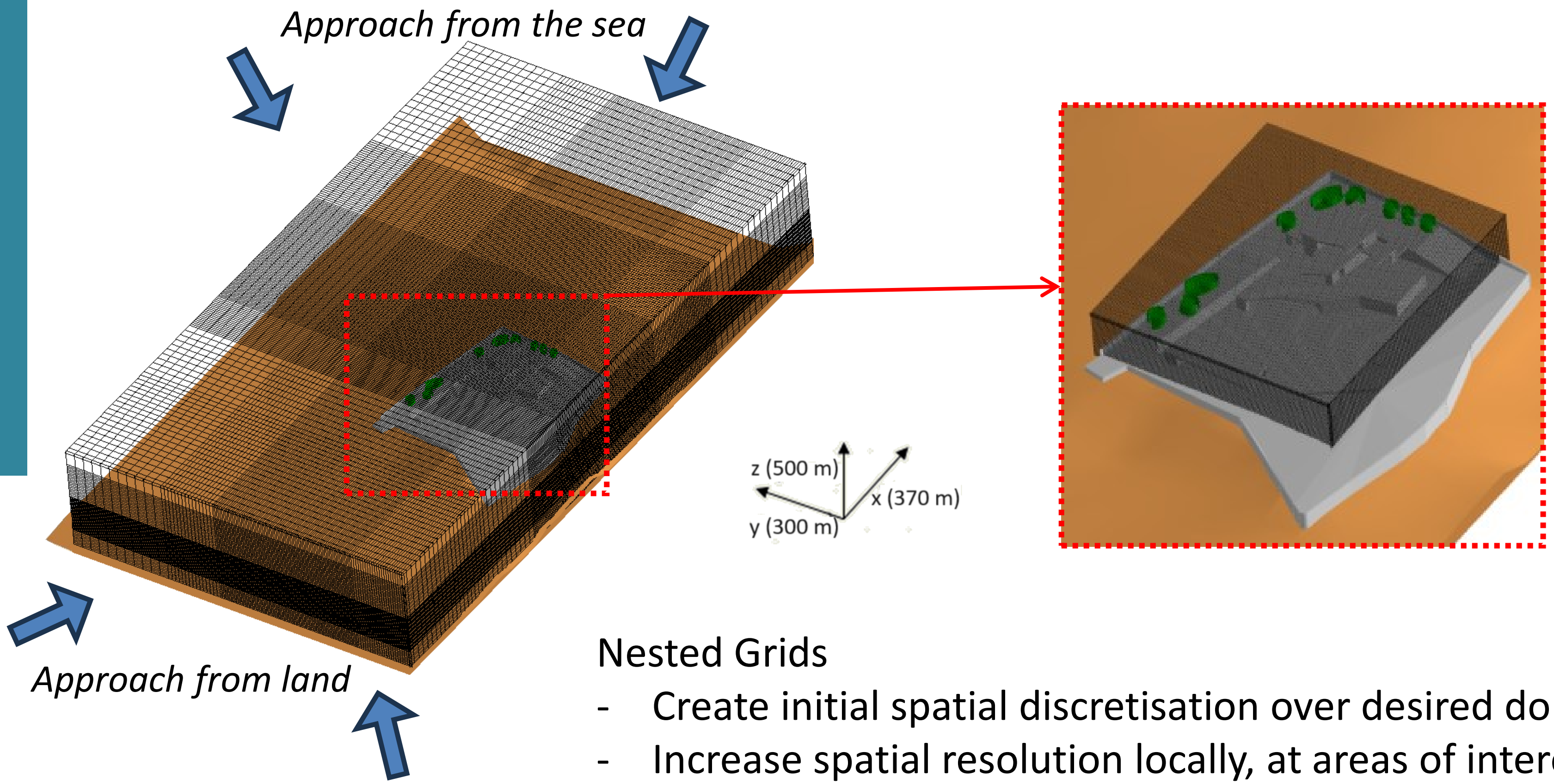
Computational model



Nested Grids
- Create initial spatial discretisation over desired domain
- Increase spatial resolution locally, at areas of interest.
- Apply ABL BC according to land type. Mesoscale theory

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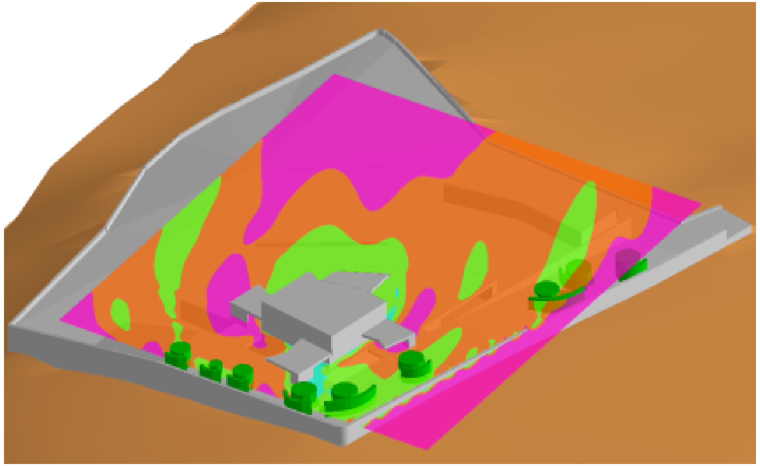
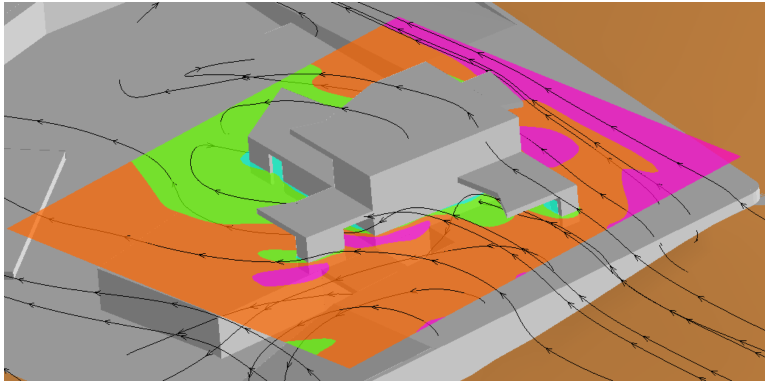
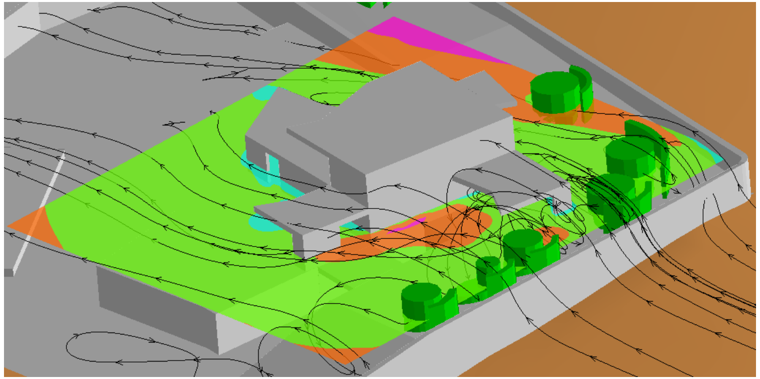
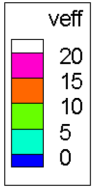
Spatial Resolution (gridding)









$$v_{eff} = V \times (1 + C \times \frac{V_{rms}}{V})$$

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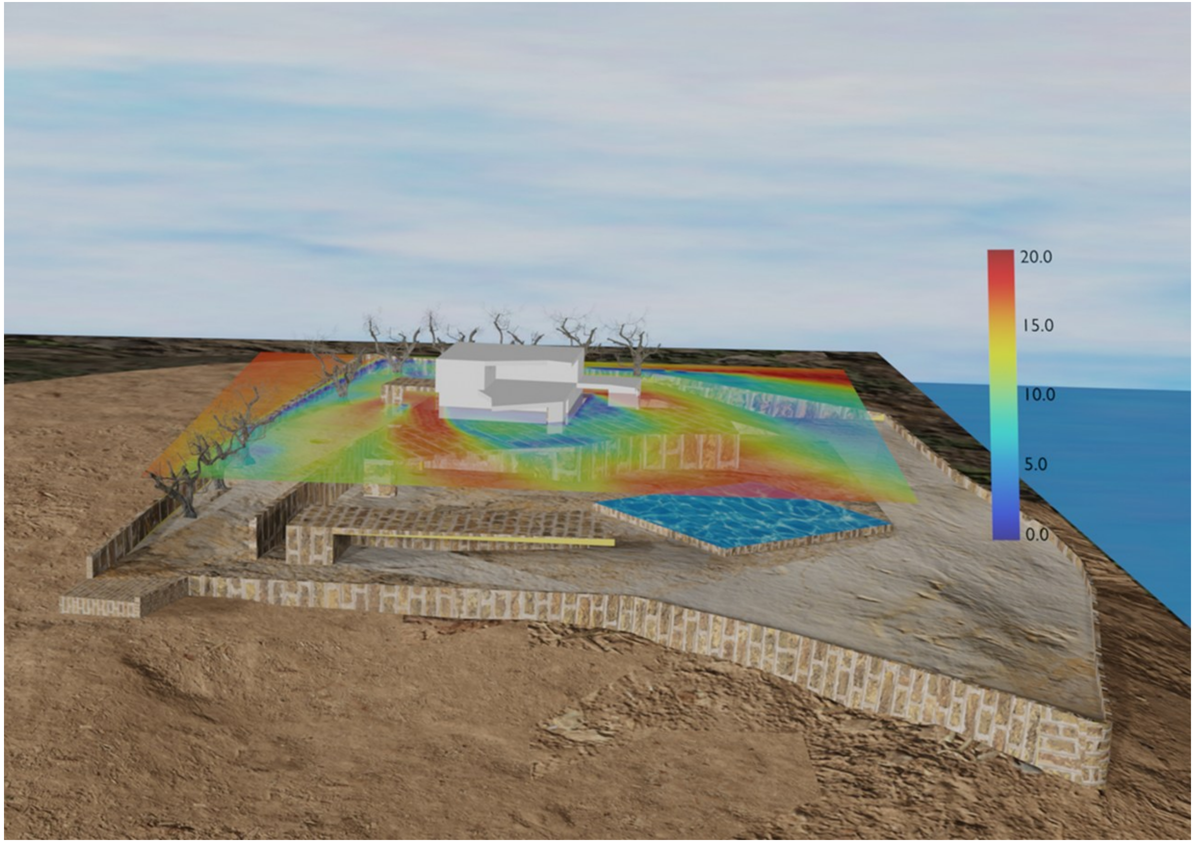
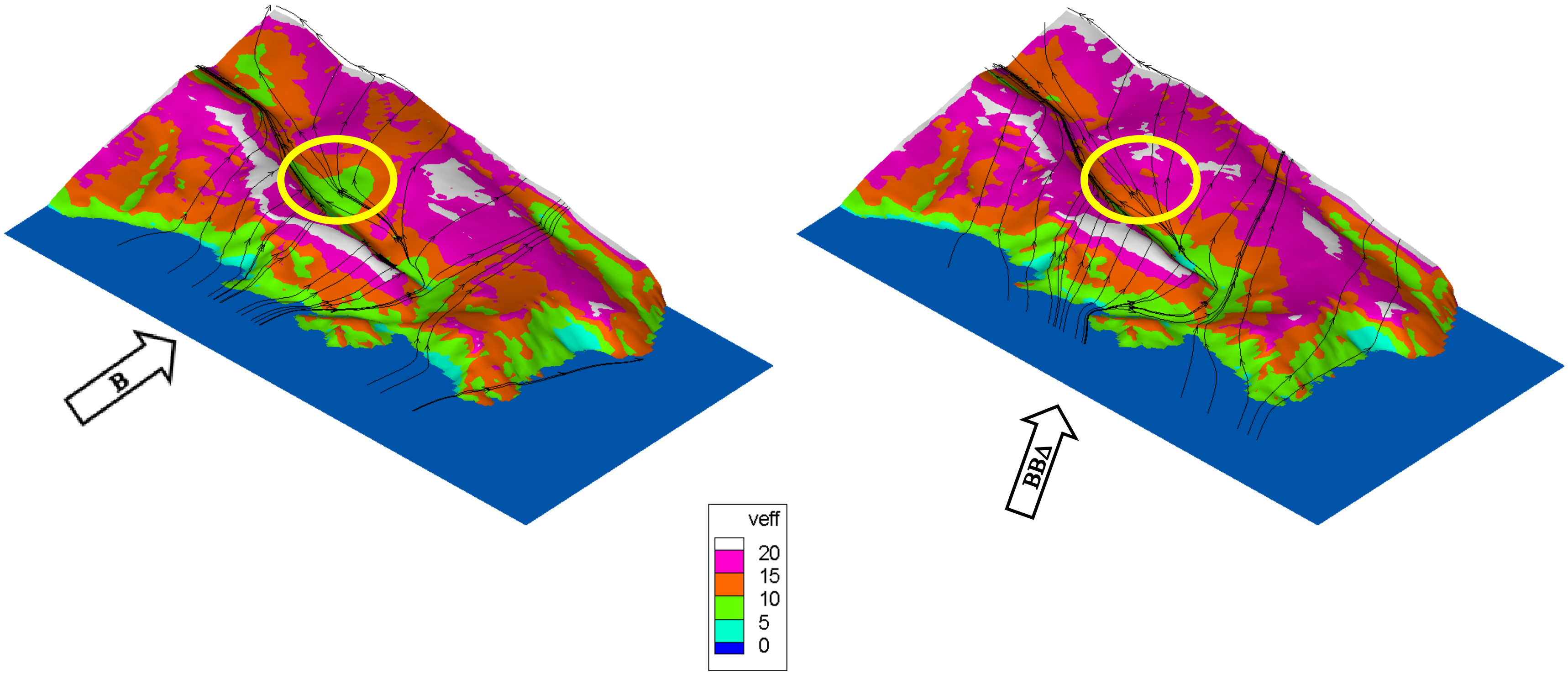
Solve N-S equations on grid

Final presentation (Colourful Fluid Dynamics)

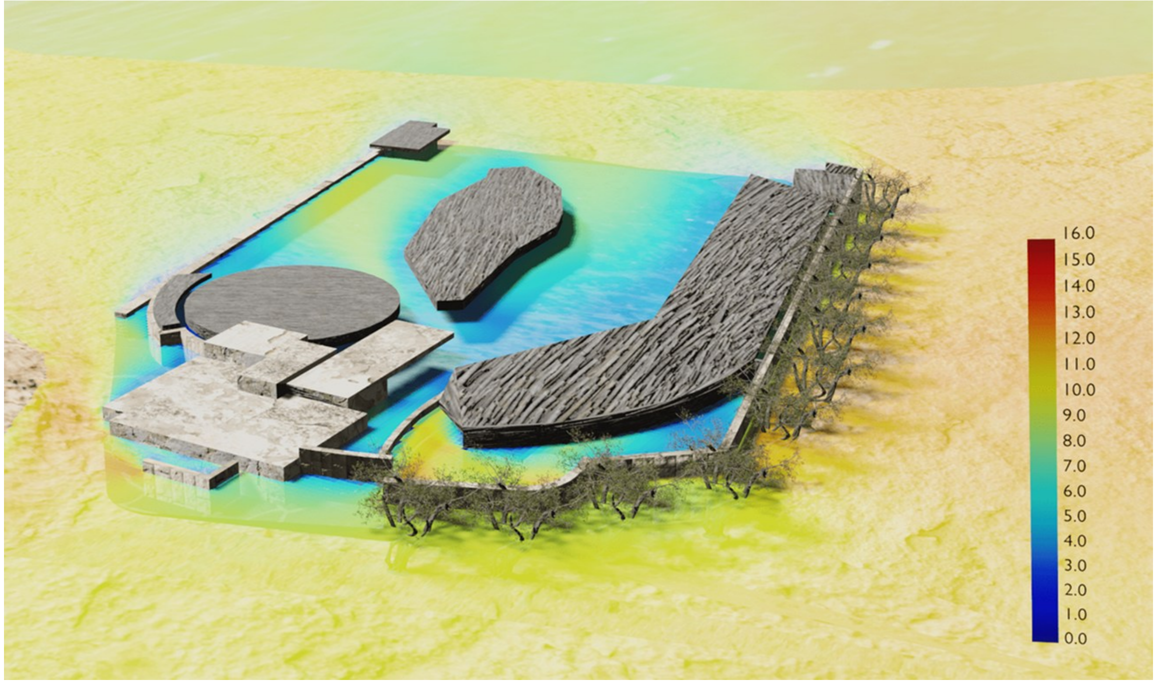


Other studies : effect of wind direction



- Optimal positioning of building on land plot/area

Other studies : fences, shadings, vegetation barriers



Beach Bar (Mykonos)

- Occupant comfort
- Viability of business

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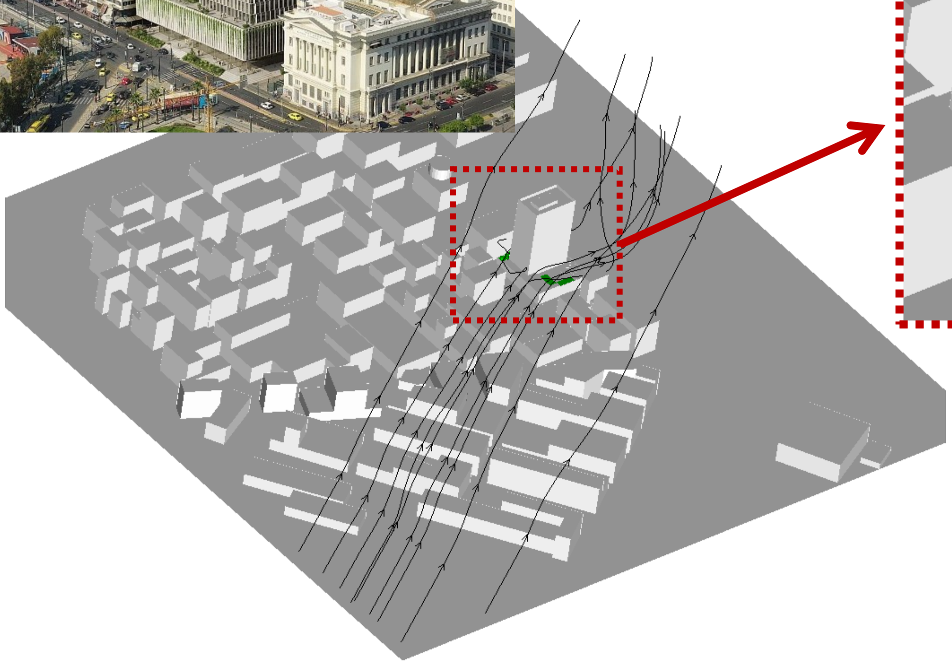
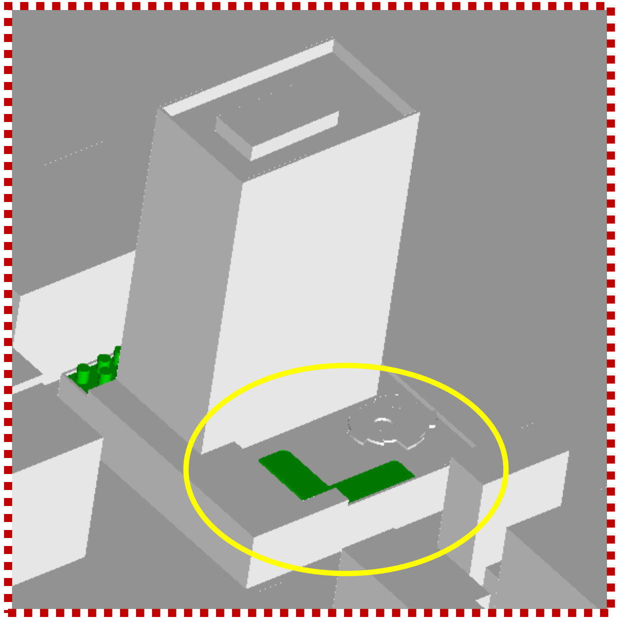
Piraeus Tower - Revisited





Outdoor Restaurant – Café

- Occupant comfort
- Viability of business

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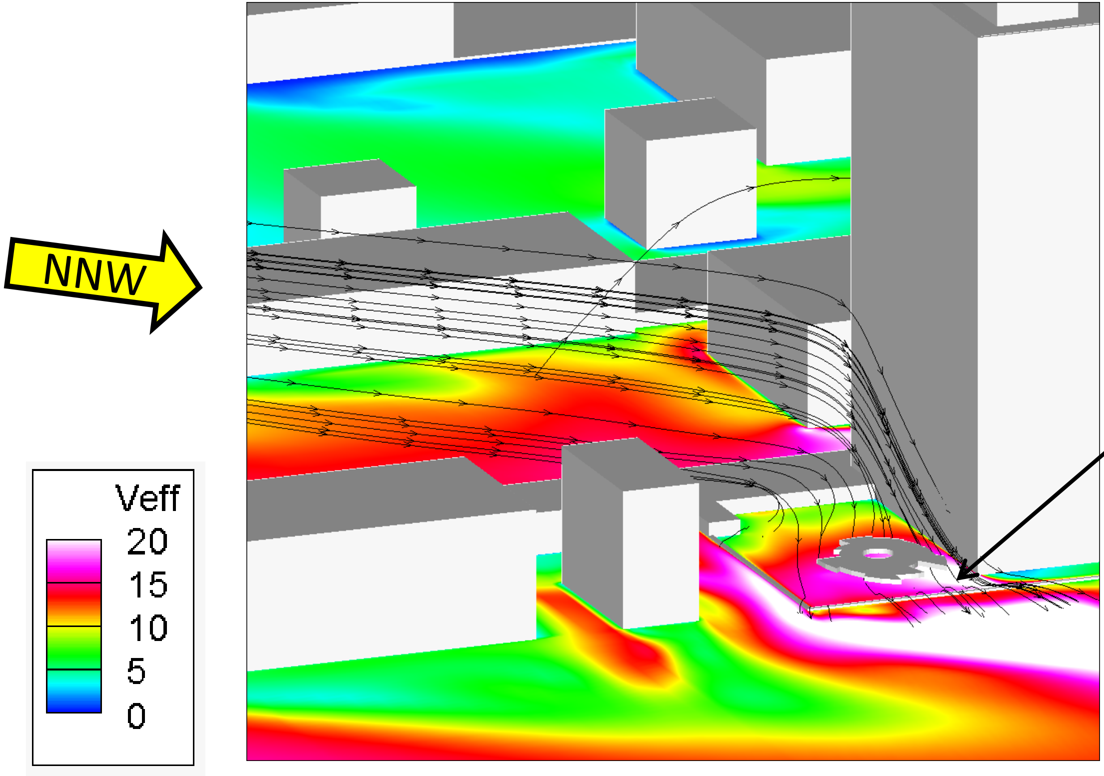
Piraeus Tower : occupant comfort on outer deck (4th fl. – 17m)



Veff>20 m/s

Unacceptable condition

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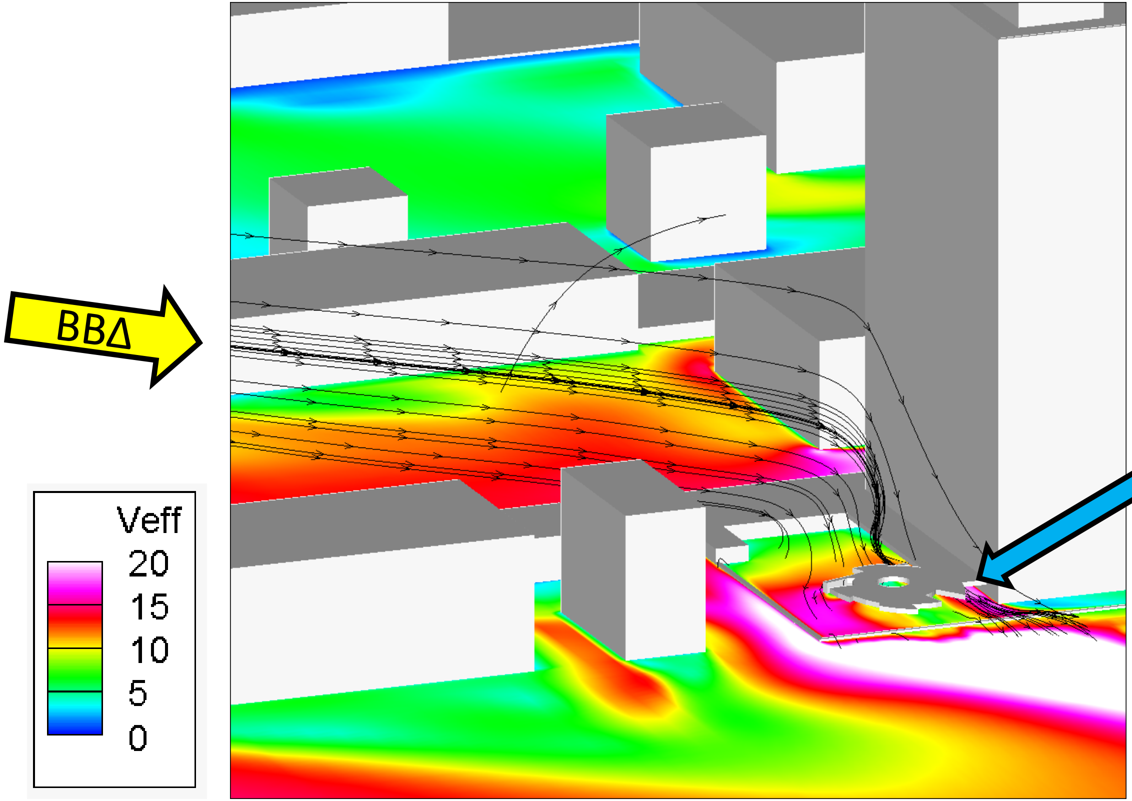
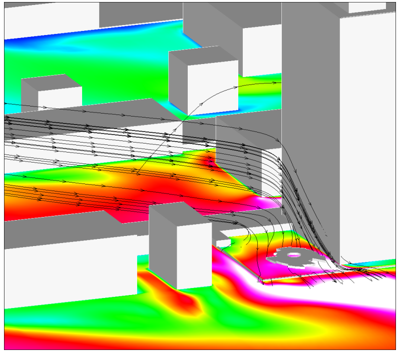
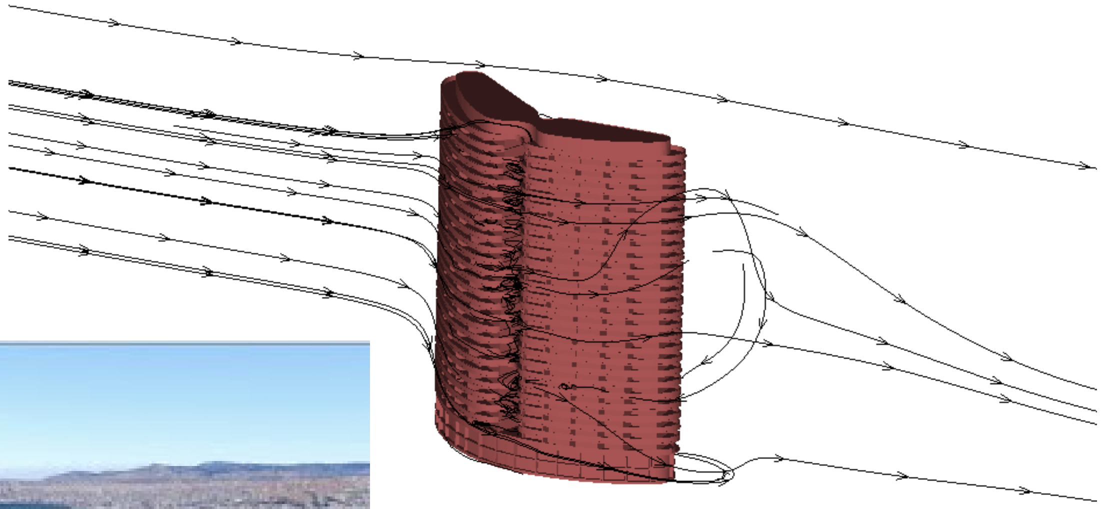




Allatini Tower - Thessaloniki



- ~100m tall
- 27 levels
- Urban – environment
- Outdoor living spaces
- Occupant safety

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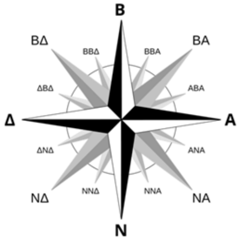

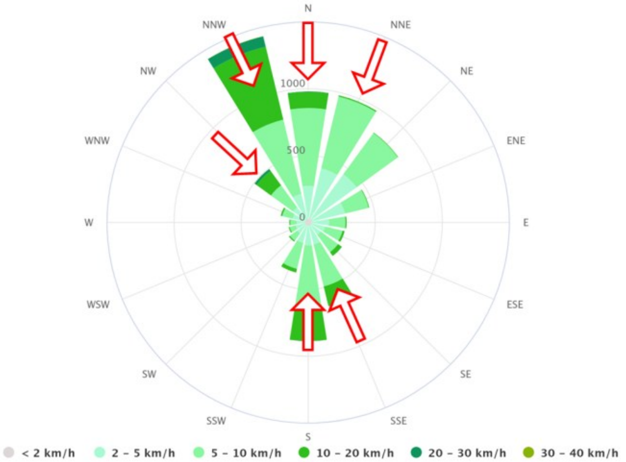

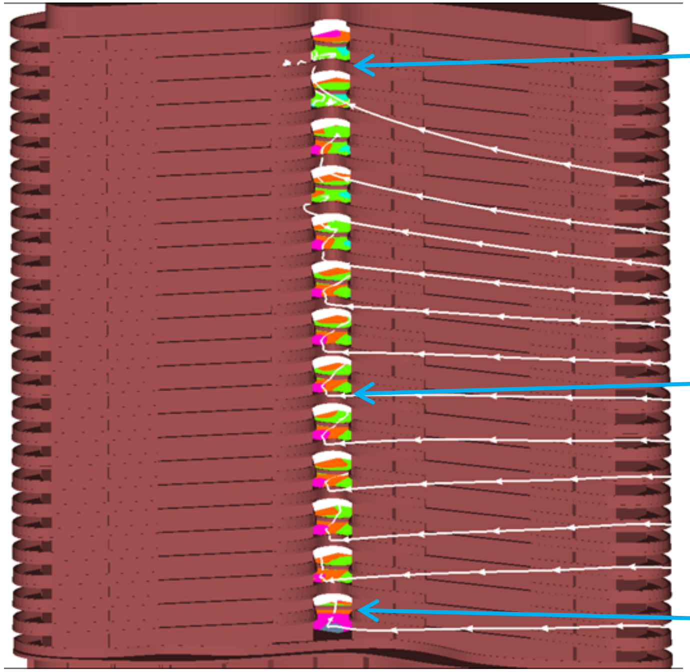

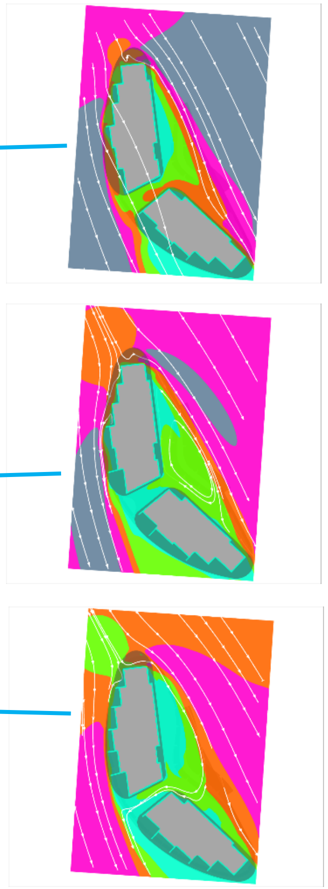

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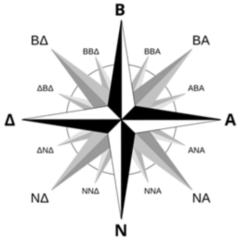

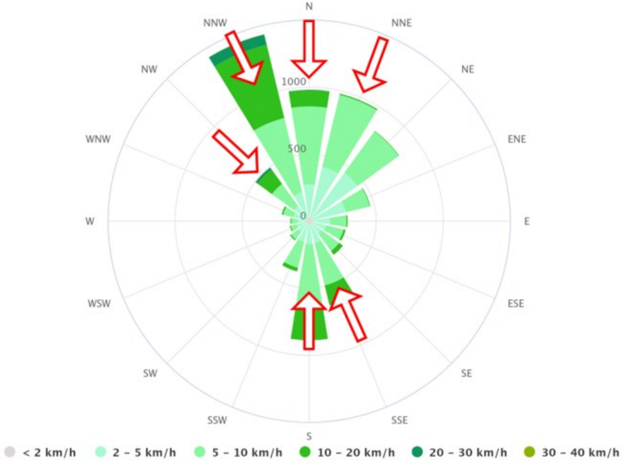

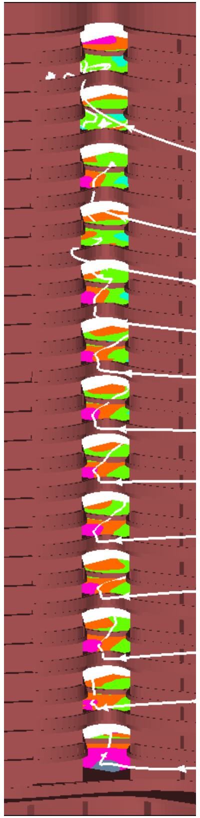

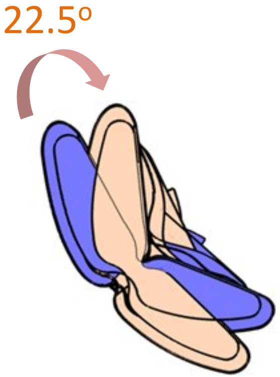

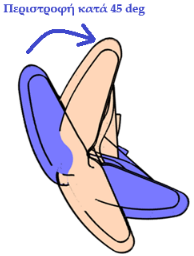

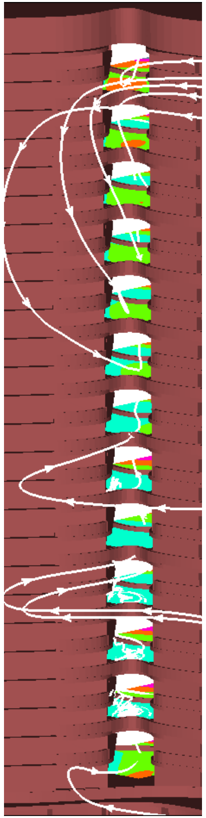

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