

High Resolution Wind Turbine Wake Measurements with a Scanning Lidar

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Outline

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Current Experiment: A2e Wake Steering

Demonstrate the influence of wake steering control on downstream rotor power and loads using two instrumented turbines with inter-turbine wake measurements.

- Experiment is providing high-quality validation data for:
 - Control models
 - High-fidelity models
- Experiment created through the Department of Energy (DOE) Atmosphere to Electrons (A2e) program
 - All data will be made public and open through A2e Data Archive Portal (DAP)
<https://a2e.energy.gov/projects/wake>

Partners and Collaborators:



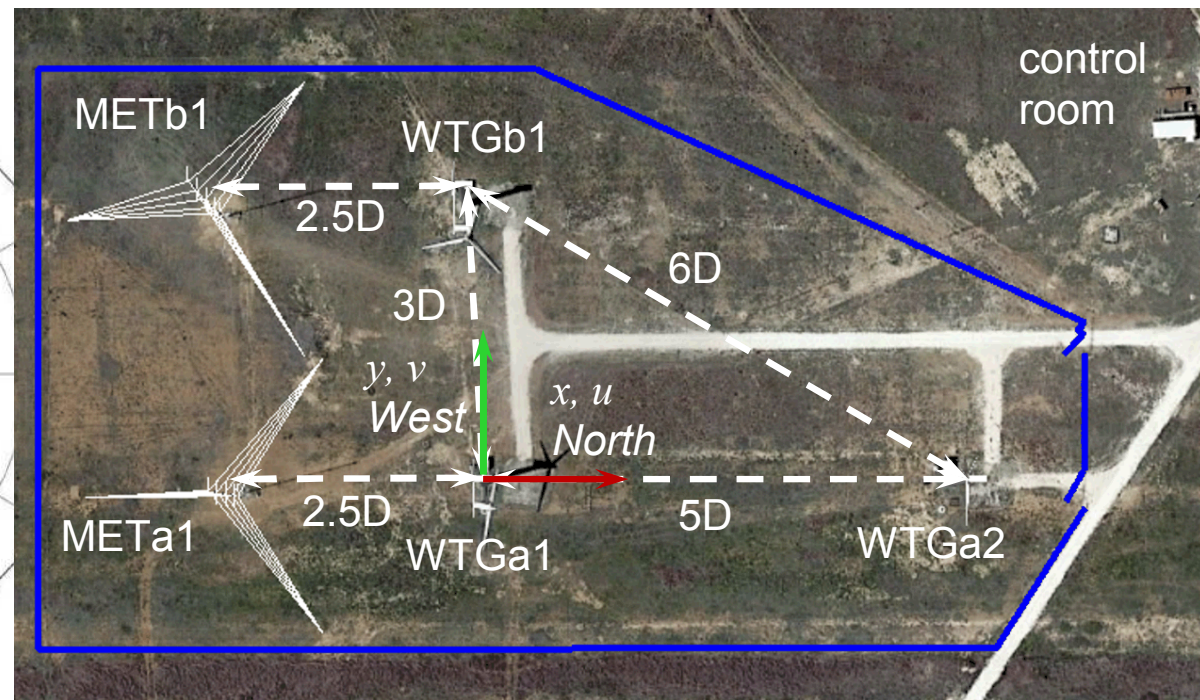
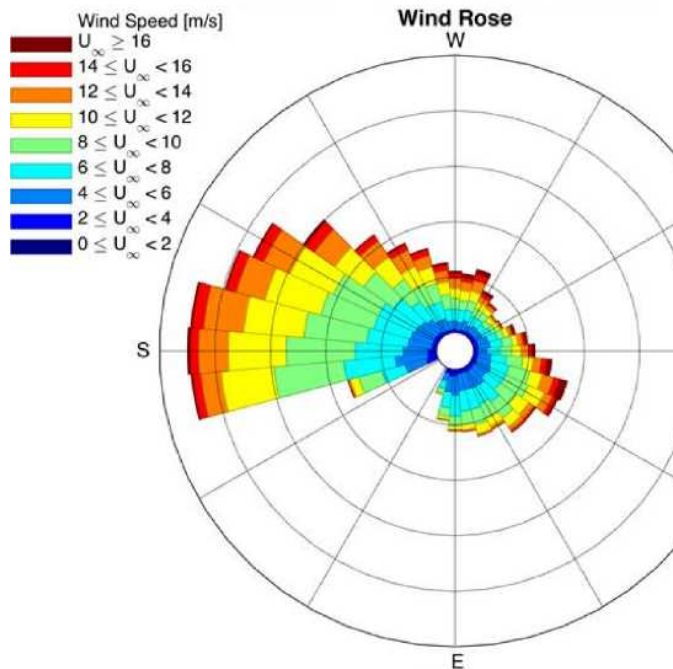
SWiFT Facility Overview

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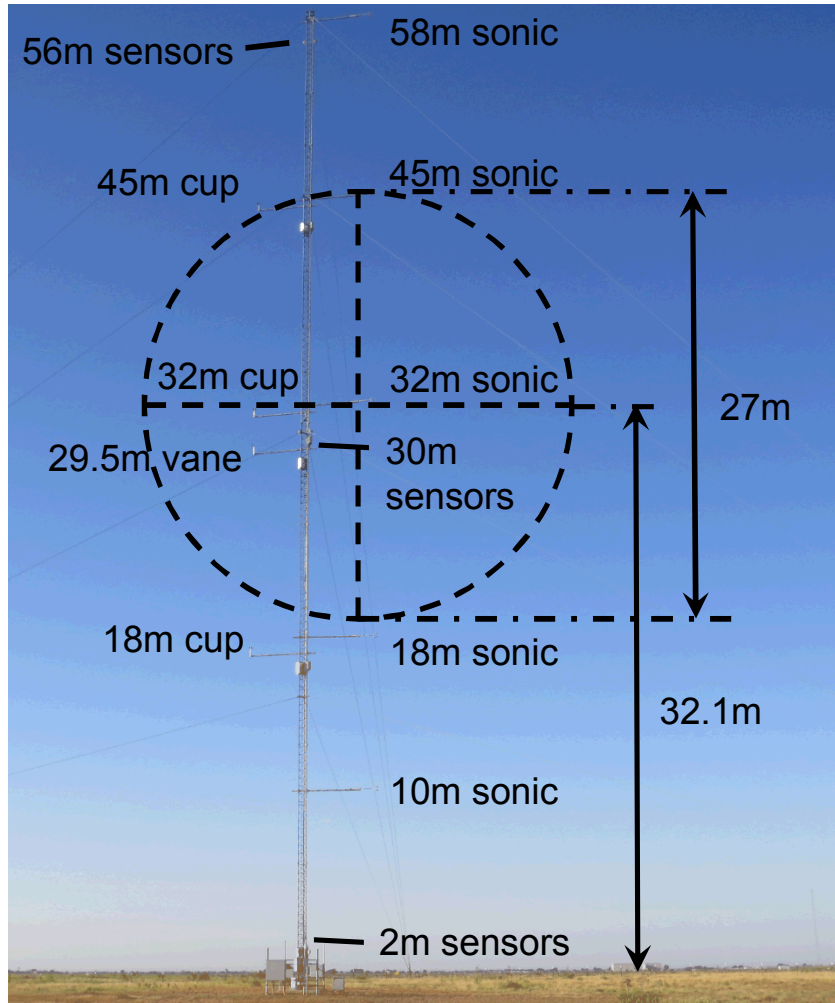
- Reduce turbine-turbine interaction and wind plant underperformance
- Public, open-source validation data
- Advance wind turbine technology

Facilities:

- Three variable-speed variable-pitch heavily-modified V27 wind turbines with full power conversion and extensive sensor suite
- Two heavily instrumented inflow anemometer towers



SWiFT Site Instrumentation

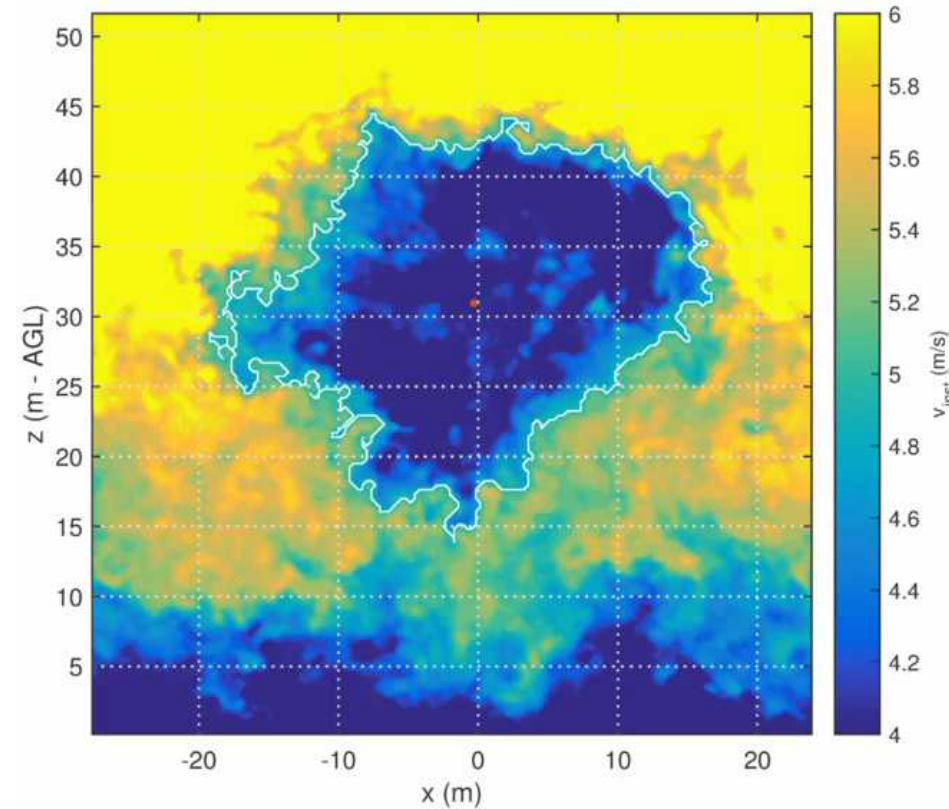


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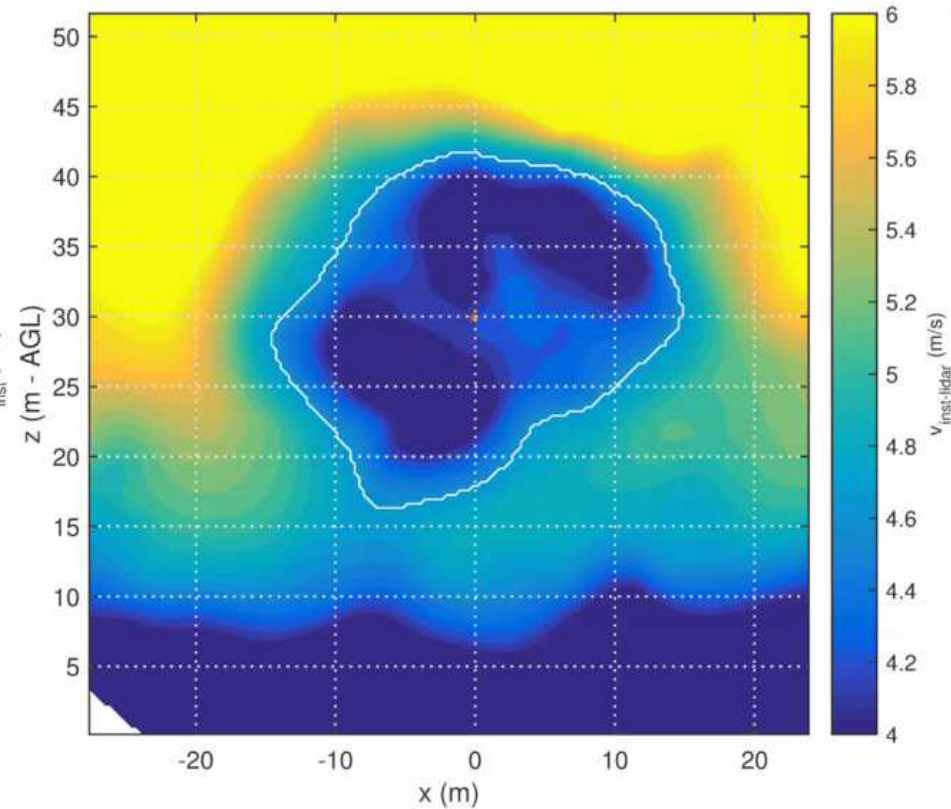
- **TTU Instrumentation:**
 - 200m MET, Sodar, and Radar Profiler
- **Inflow: Dual 58.5m MET towers**
- **Rotor and tower strains and accels.**
- **Wake Flow Diagnostic: DTU SpinnerLidar**
- **www.swift.sandia.gov**

Lidar Simulation and Selection

**SOWFA Simulated
Velocity**

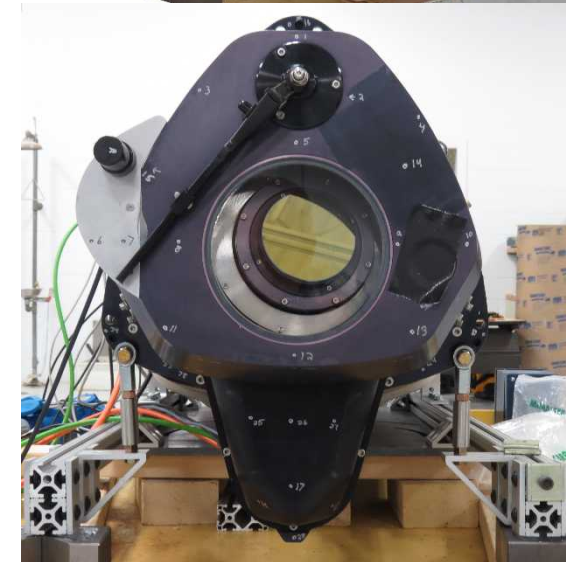
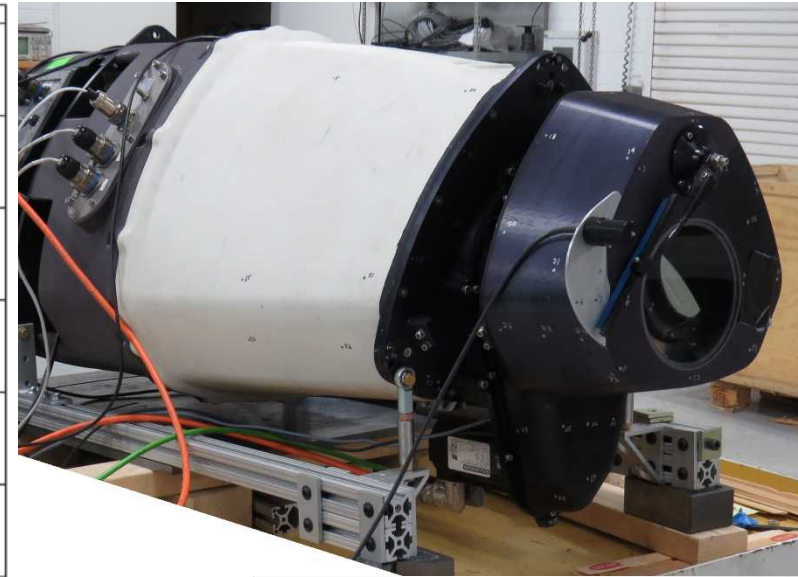
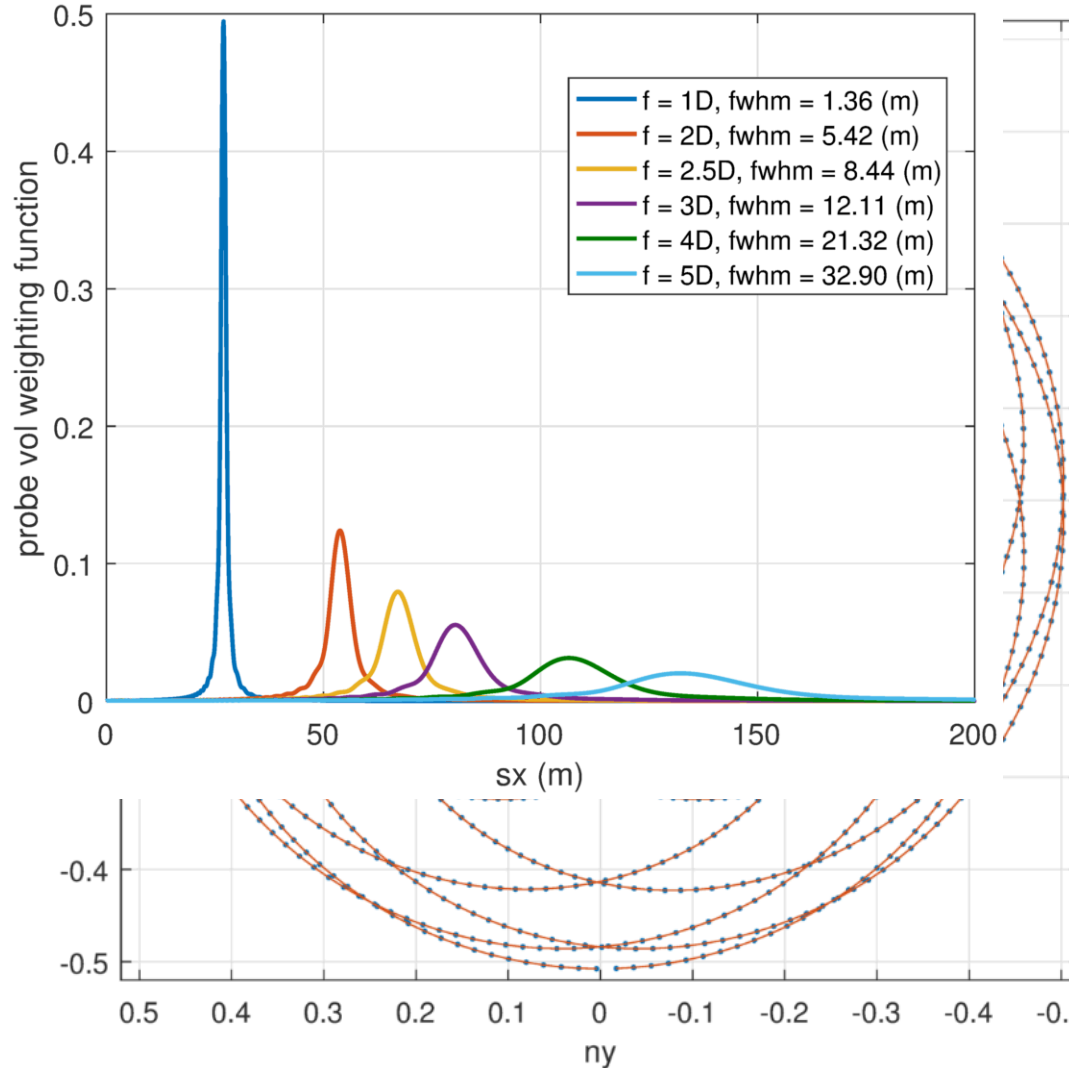


**Simulated Lidar
Measurements**



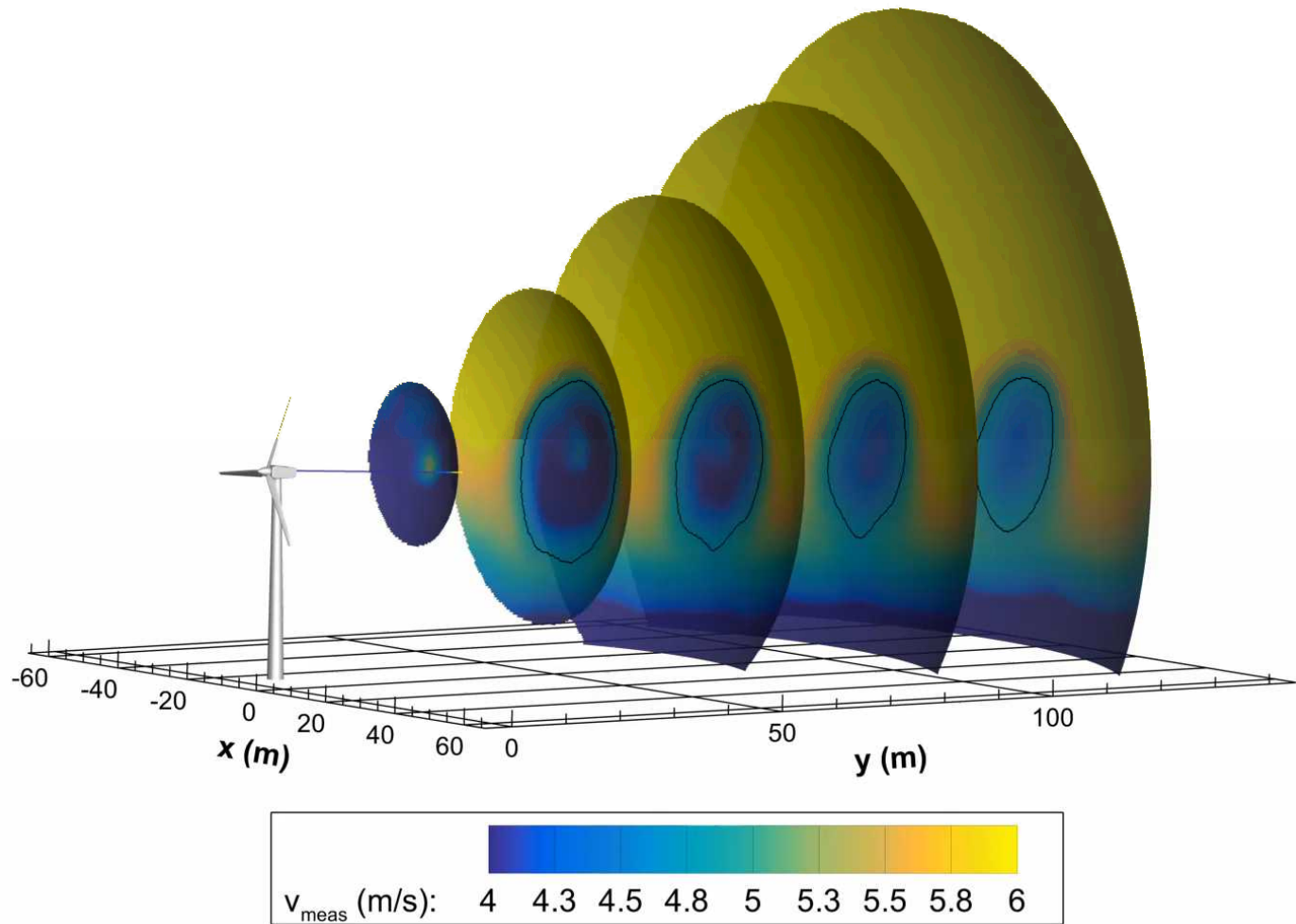
- Comparison of identical time steps in order to show effect of SpinnerLidar on measurements and how that impacts wake position determination
- Measurements at 3D downstream of turbine

Wake Measurements: DTU SpinnerLidar

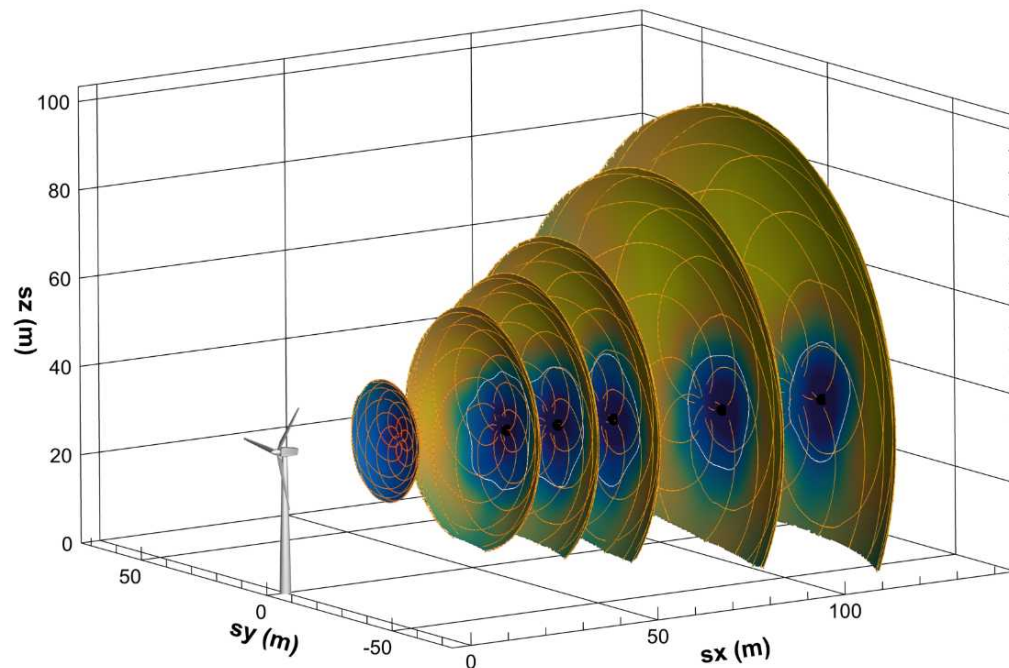


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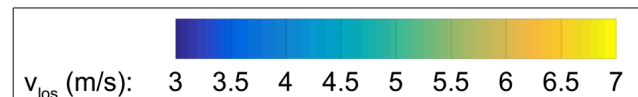
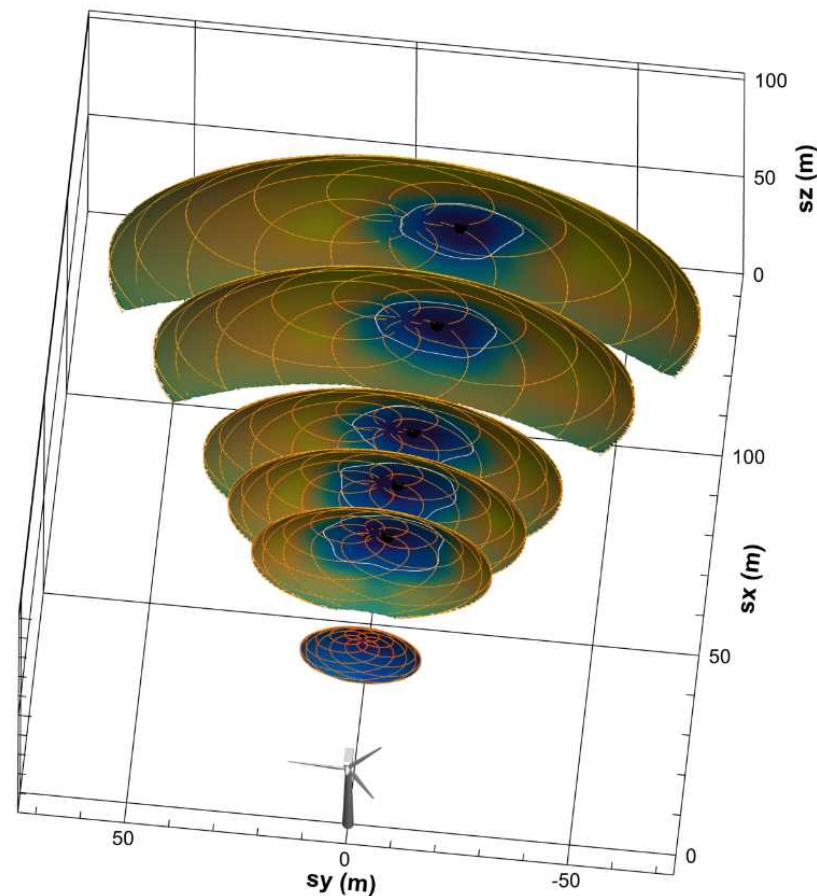
Wake Measurements: DTU SpinnerLidar



Measuring impact of inflow: Stable



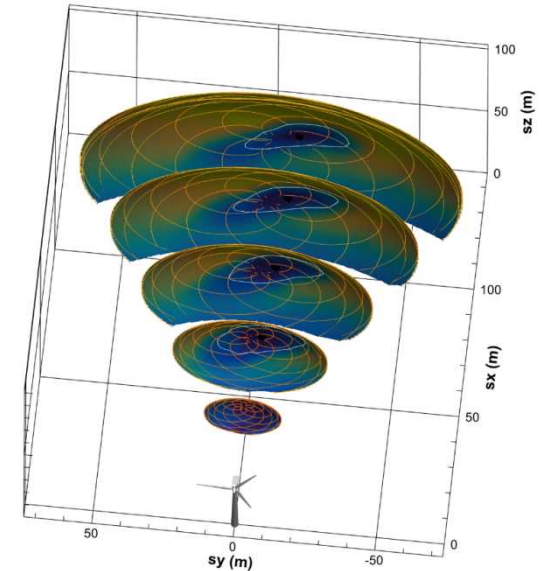
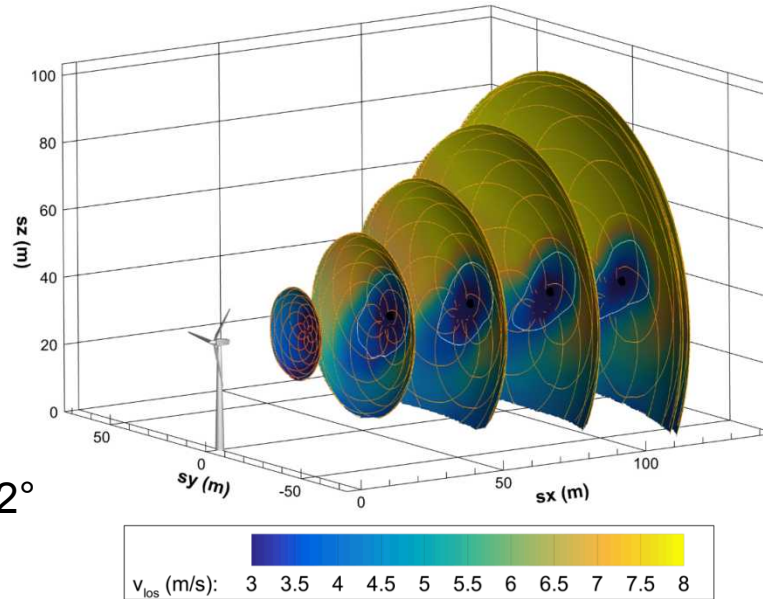
- Bulk Richardson = 1.7
- $z/L = 3.4$
- $\alpha = 0.19$
- wind speed = 6.8 m/s
- TI = 0.05
- veer = 0.1°
- yaw offset = 4.0°
- yaw heading = 236.7 degN



Measuring impact of inflow

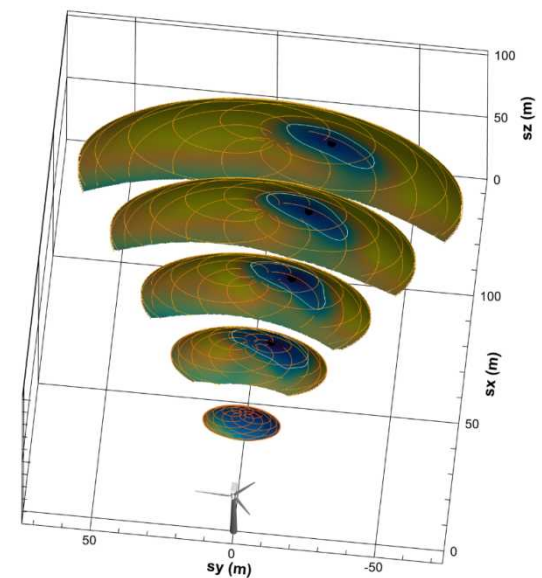
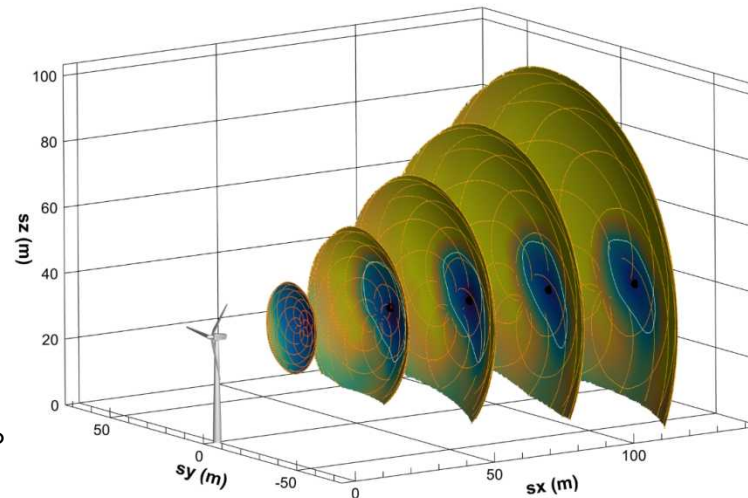
Stable ABL Positive Veer

- Bulk Rich = 0.7
- $z/L = 2.3$
- $\alpha = 0.37$
- TI = 0.04
- veer = 14.6°
- yaw offset = -0.12°

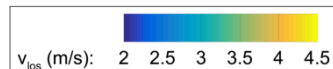


Stable ABL Negative Veer

- $z/L = 0.9$
- $\alpha = 0.15$
- TI = 0.08
- veer = -5.0°
- yaw offset = 10.9°

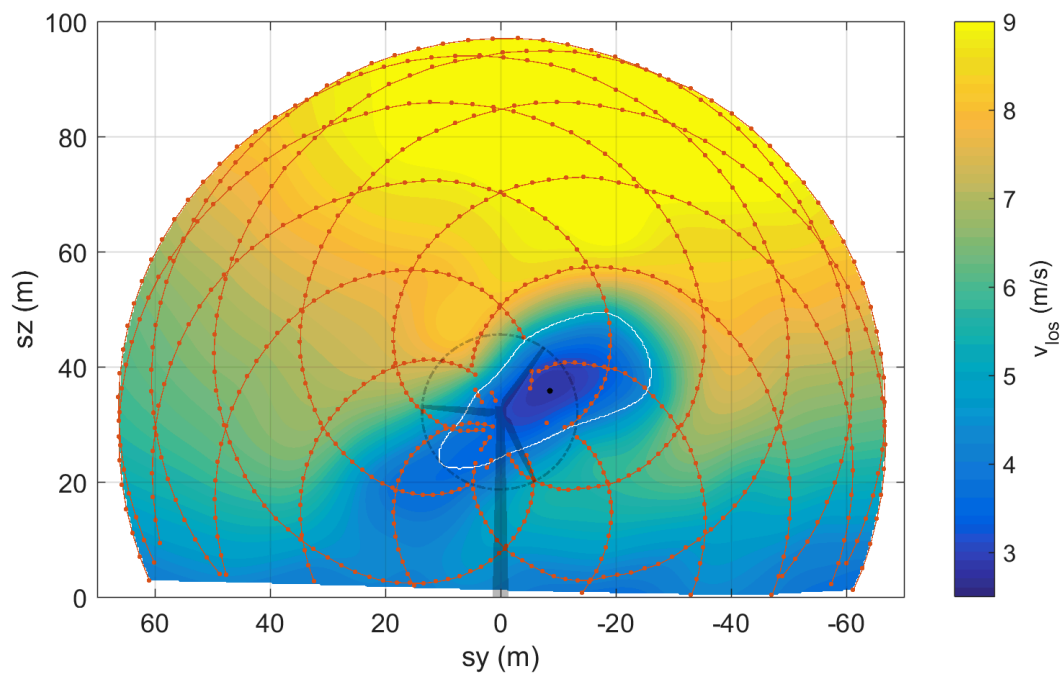
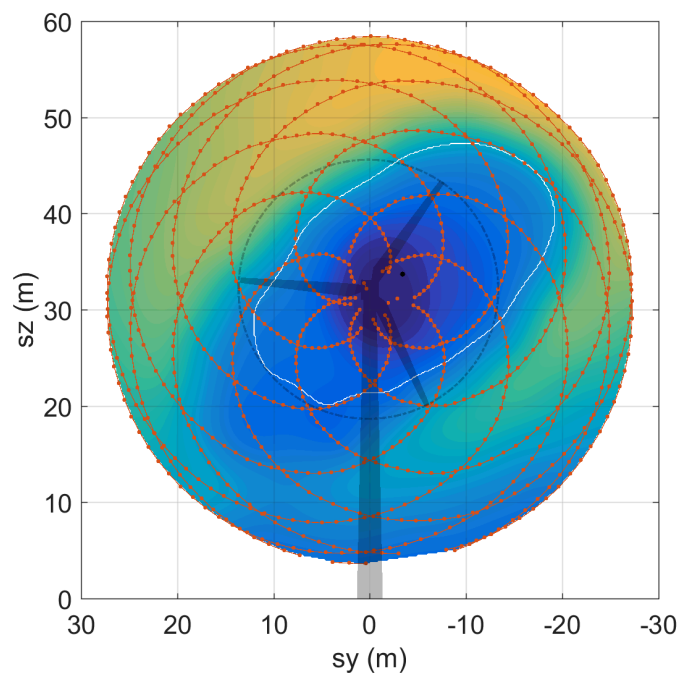


$$veer = \theta_{45m \text{ sonic}} - \theta_{18m \text{ sonic}}$$



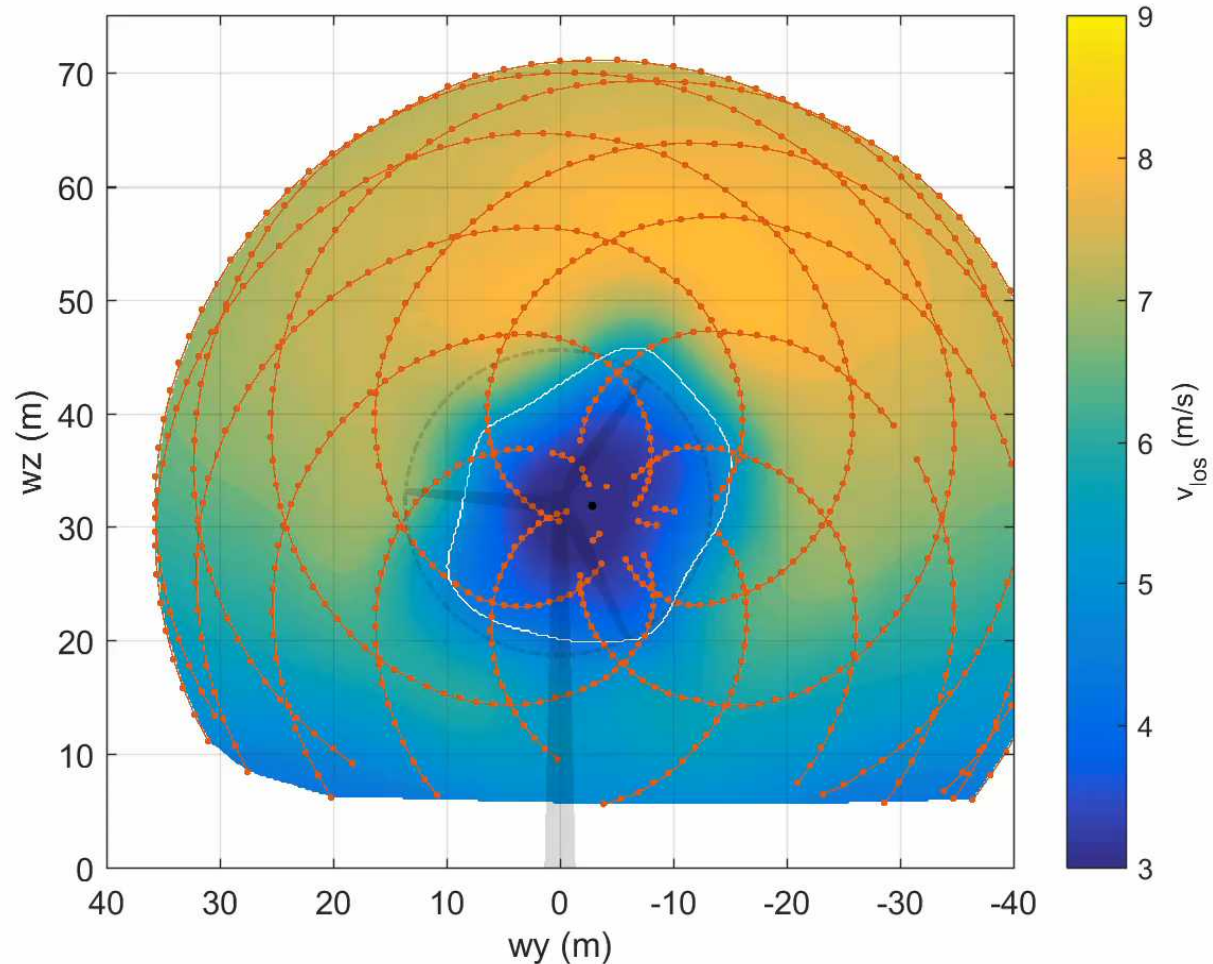
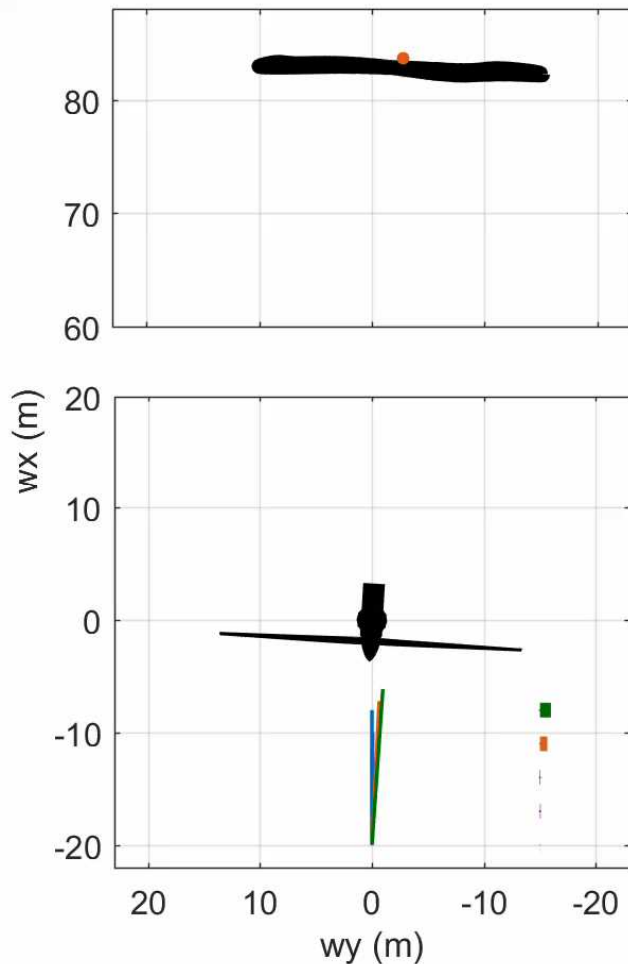
Stable Atmosphere Positive Veer

- Bulk Richardson = 0.7
- $z/L = 2.3$
- $\alpha = 0.37$
- wind speed = 6.9 m/s
- TI = 0.04
- veer = 14.6°
- yaw offset = -0.12°
- yaw heading = 195.3 degN



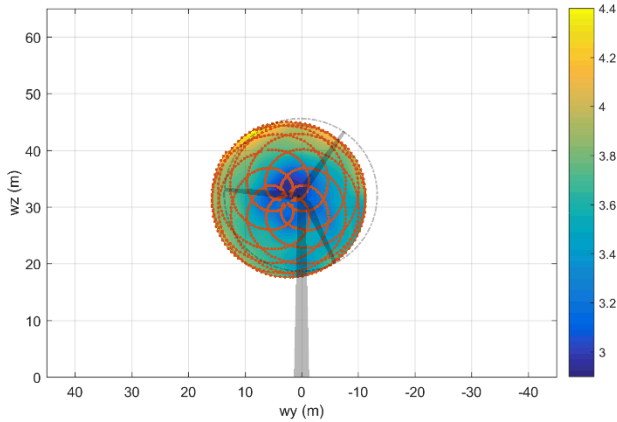
Measuring impact of turbine state

- Bulk Richardson = 0.7
- $z/L = 3.1$
- $\alpha = 0.3$
- wind speed = 7.5 m/s
- TI = 0.08
- veer = 4.4°
- yaw offset = -7.5° to 15°
- Yaw heading = 159.5° degN

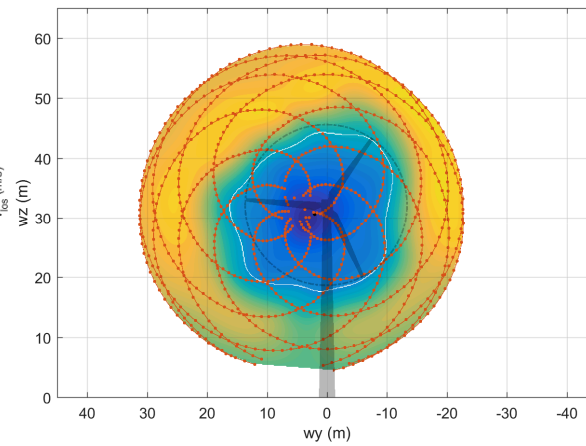


Stable No Veer BL v_{los}

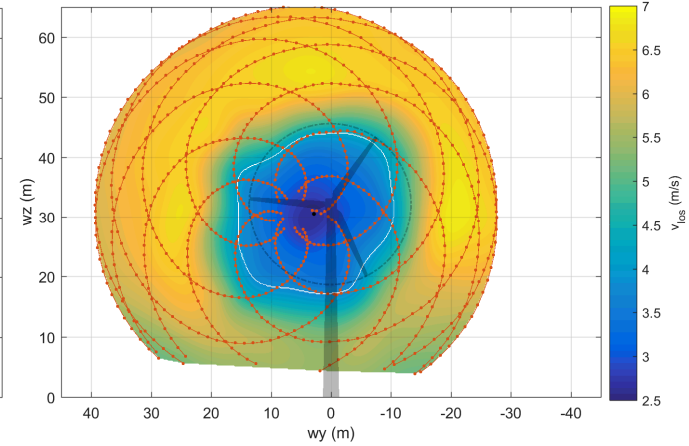
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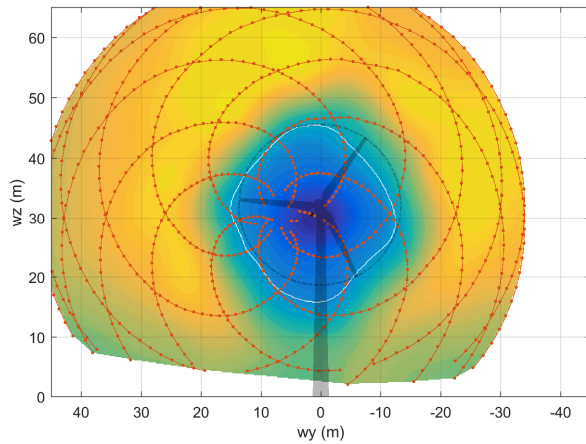
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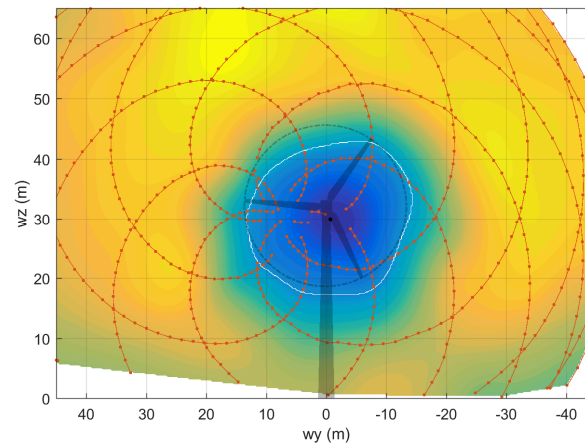
2.5D



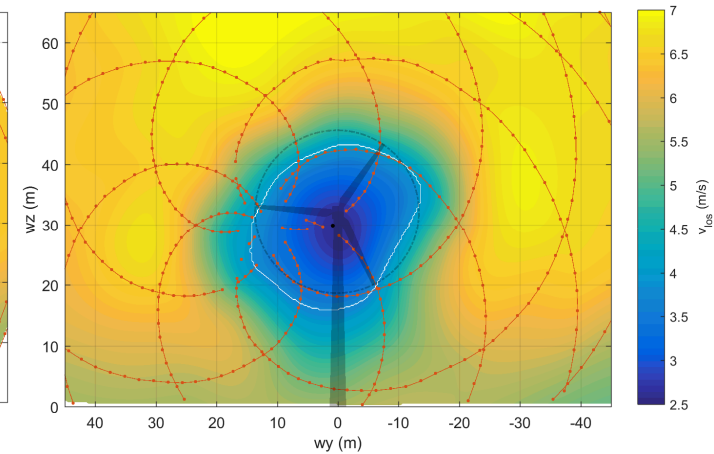
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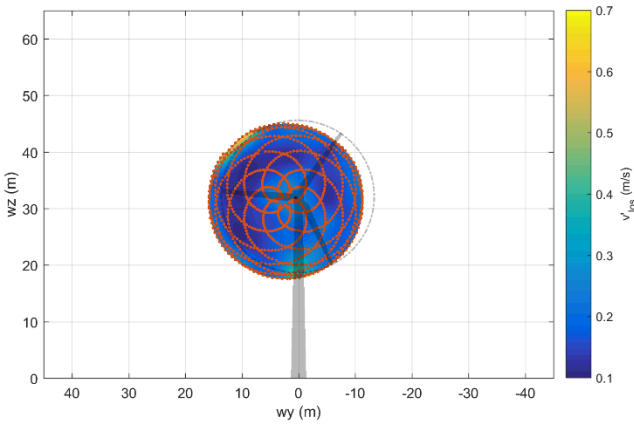


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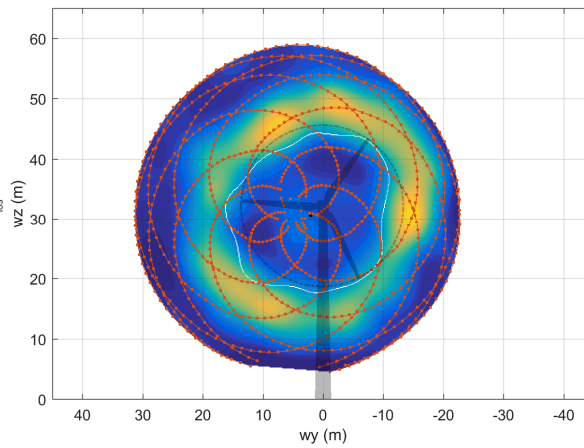


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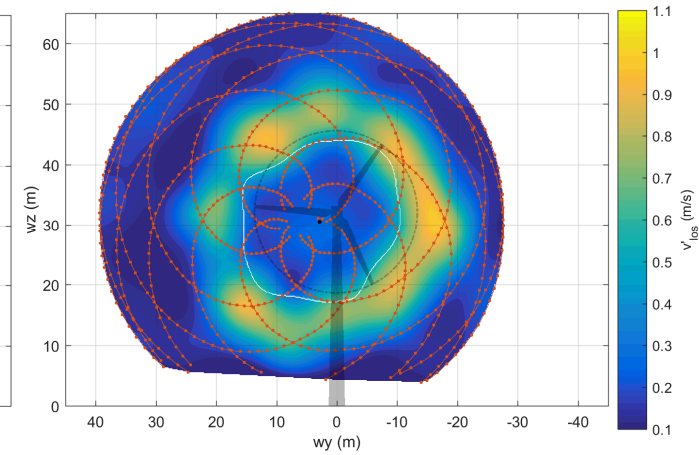
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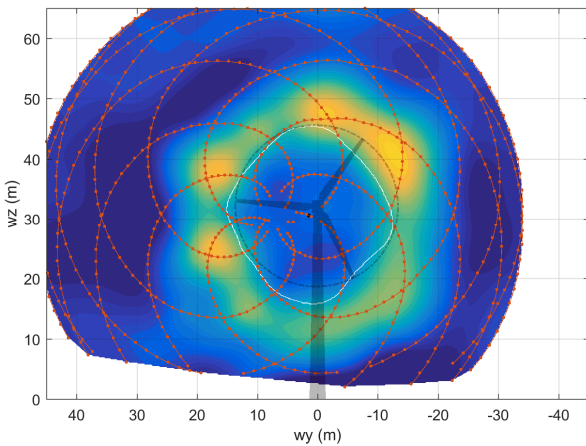
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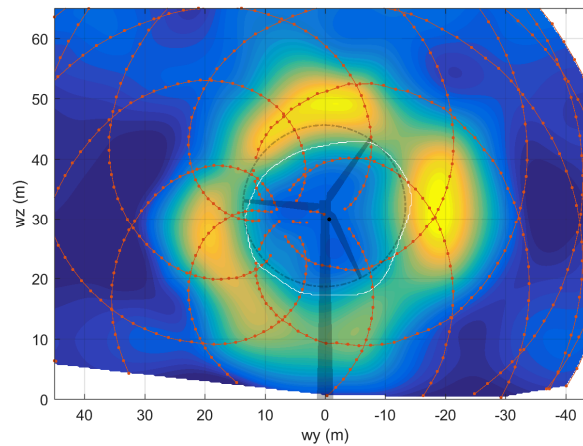
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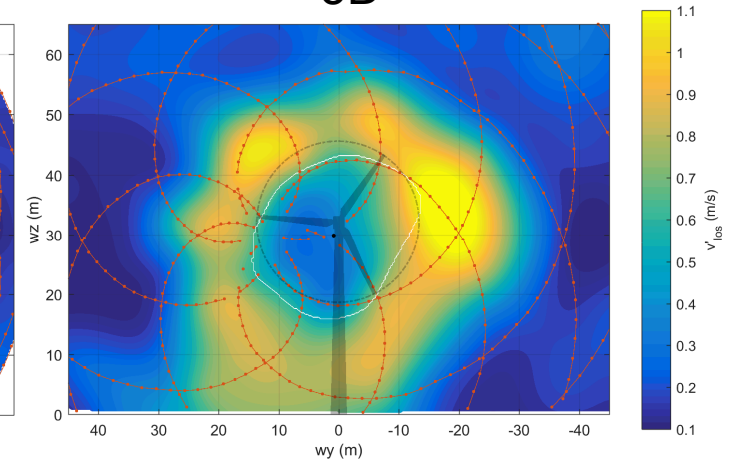
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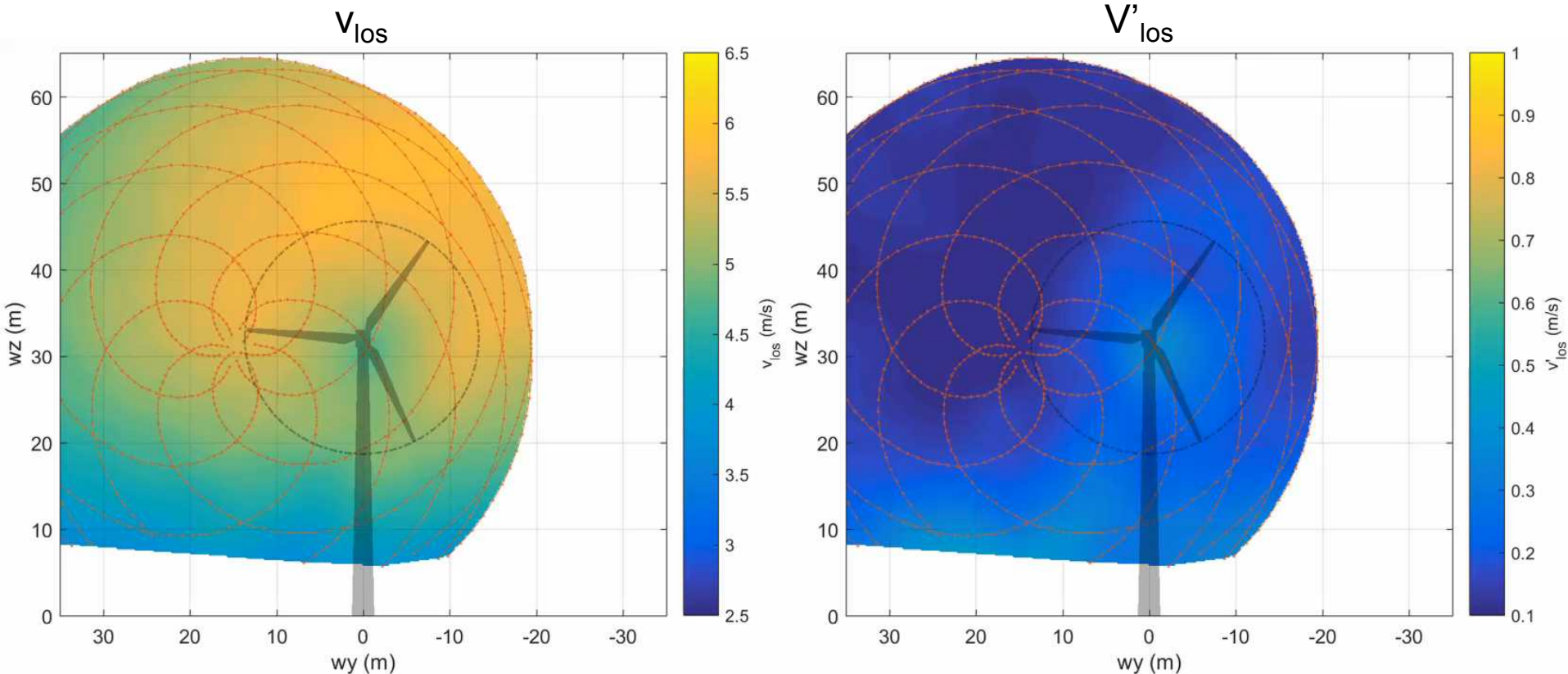
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Stable BL Video at 2.5D

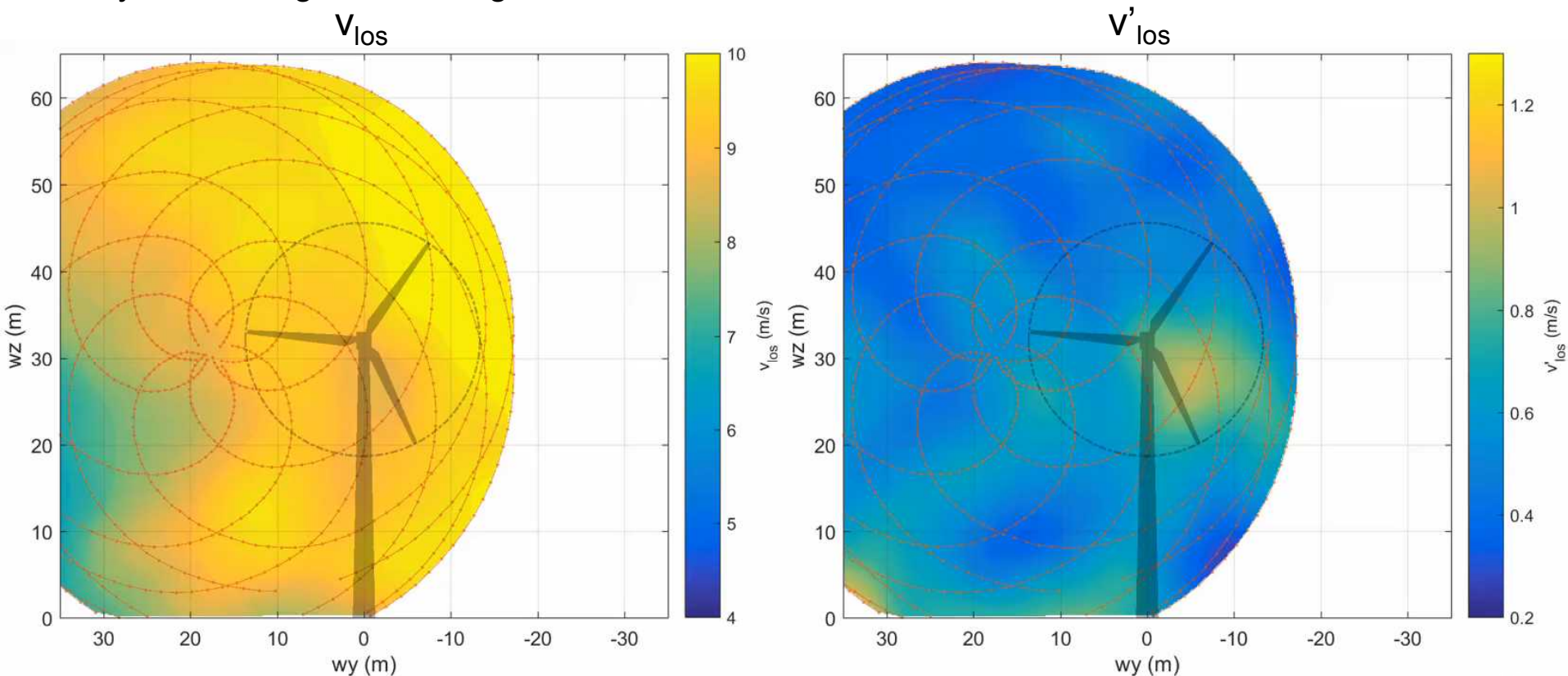
- Obukhov length $z/L = 2.3$
- $\alpha = 0.25$
- wind speed = 5.7 m/s
- TI = 0.04
- veer = 5.7°
- yaw offset = 7.43°
- yaw heading = 145.6 degN

- Note that you can see turbulence coming off the nacelle and tower before the turbine turns on and the wake forms



Neutral BL Video at 2.5D

- Obukhov length $z/L = 0.0$
- $\alpha = 0.12$
- wind speed = 9.0 m/s
- TI = 0.14
- veer = 0.26°
- yaw offset = 5.27°
- yaw heading = 198.3 degN



Conclusions

- The A2e Wake Steering Experiment is collecting inflow, turbine and wake data to validate models for controls and high-fidelity wake models
- The DTU SpinnerLidar was the primary wake measurement instrument due its capability to capture high fidelity velocity profiles at multiple ranges
- Wake data was characterized and compared under various inflow and turbine states to highlight the impact of atmospheric conditions and yaw offsets on the wake shape
- A new method to extract turbulence information was developed that could provide additional metrics for validating computational models
- First experimental data is now publically available through the Atmosphere to electrons (A2e) Data Archive Portal (DAP) (<https://a2e.energy.gov/data>)

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