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# Wakes & Wake Steering

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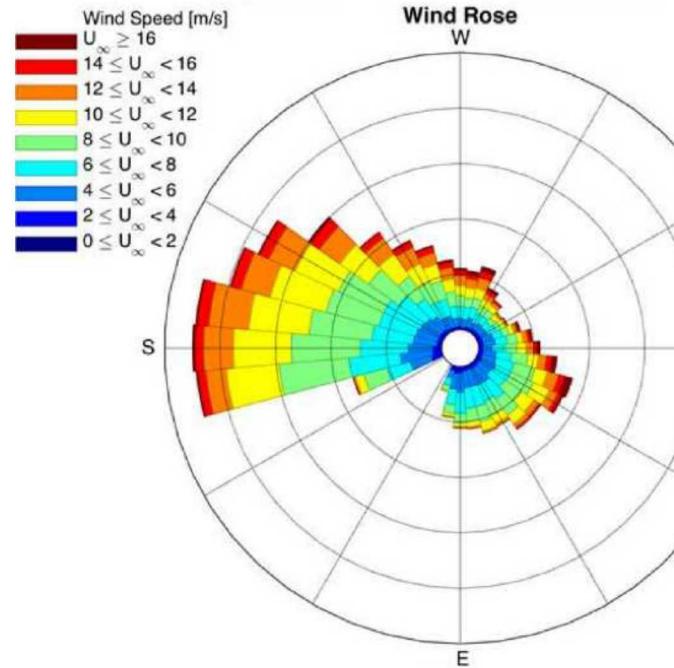
# SWiFT Facility Overview

SWiFT facility created to:

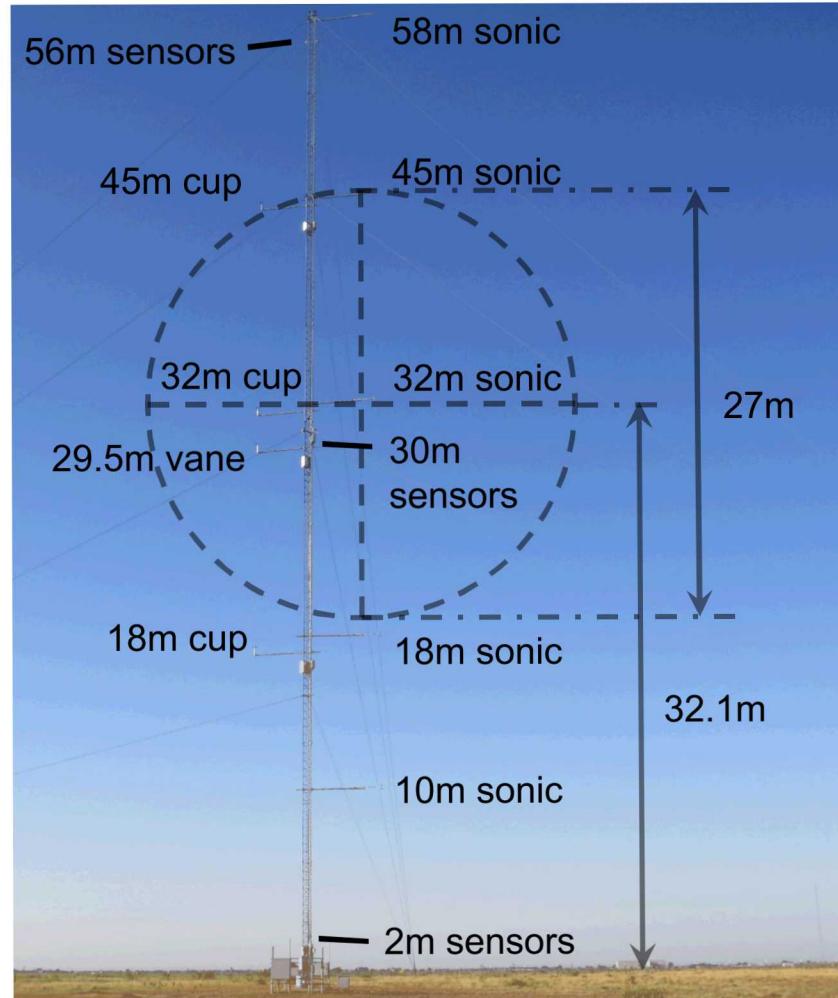
- Measure wind plant flows and turbine-turbine interactions
- Perform prototype testing of innovative rotor technology

Wake steering experiment sought to quantify wake deflection vs. yaw offset and the corresponding effects on a two-turbine system

- Characterize wake shape, velocity deficit, turbulence, and dynamics under various conditions



# SWiFT Site Instrumentation



All sensor channels GPS timestamped

Inflow: 59m MET Tower (5 sonics)

## Turbines

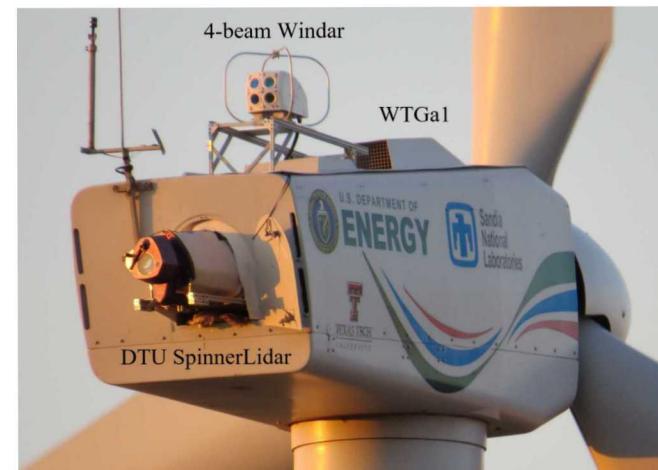
- WTGa1, upstream turbine highly instrumented, 1 blade root strain measured 4/19/17 – 7/14/17
- WTGa2, waked turbine highly instrumented, 1 blade root strain measured 7/11/17 – 7/13/17

## Wake Flow Diagnostic:

- DTU SpinnerLidar

## Data collected:

- 12/15/16 – 7/14/17

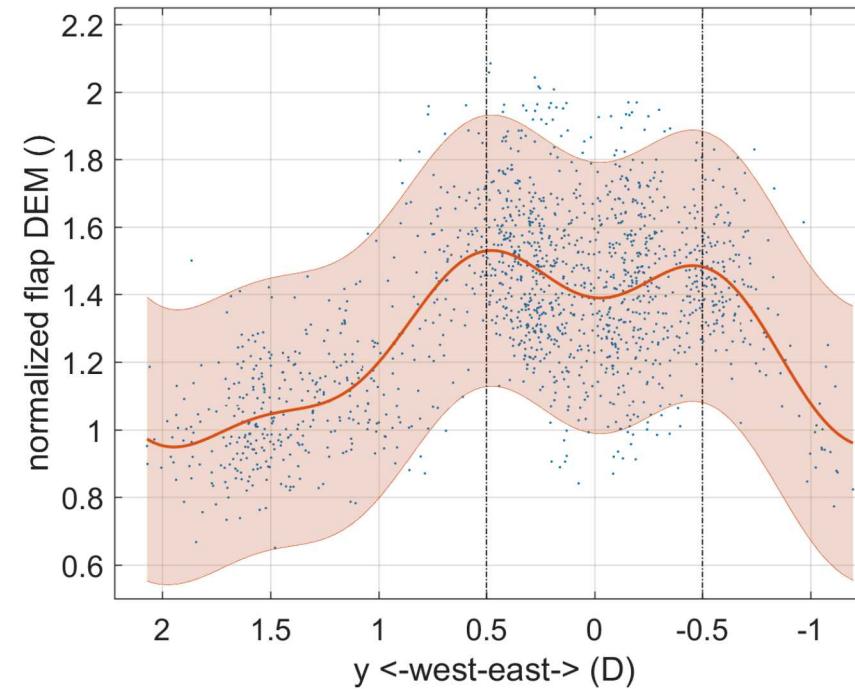
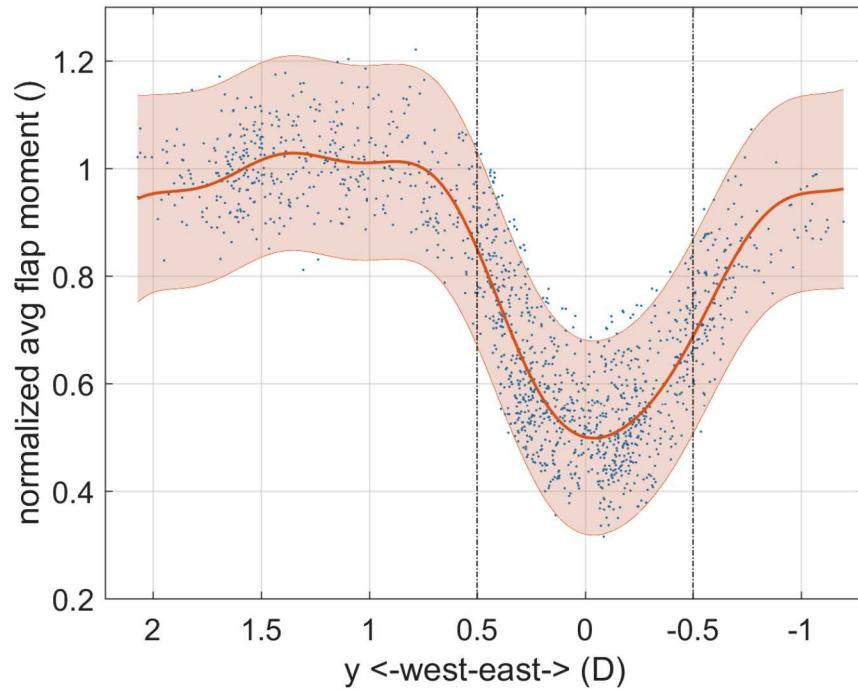


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Review SWiFT wake video (online)

<https://vimeo.com/212649604>

# Flap Moment, Average and DEM



Fatigue loads higher under waked conditions

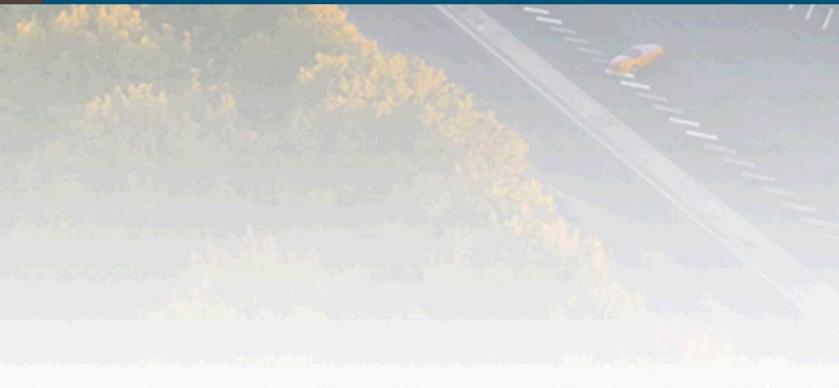
DEM normalized by fit of non-waked DEM with met tower hub height wind speed

Partially waked turbine has 10% higher DEM than fully waked case

DEM returns to non-waked conditions at lateral wake positions farther than 1.5D



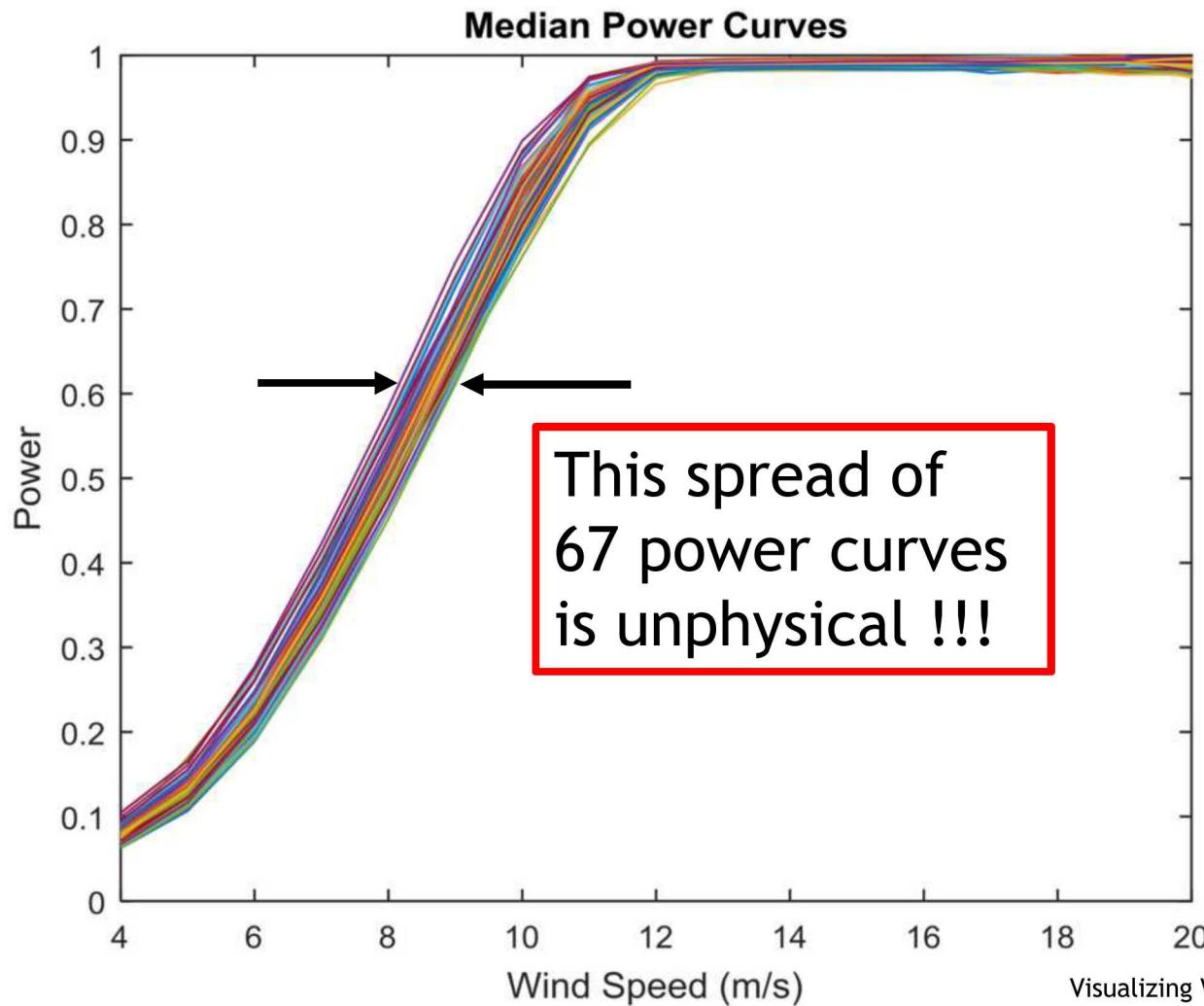
# Data analytics



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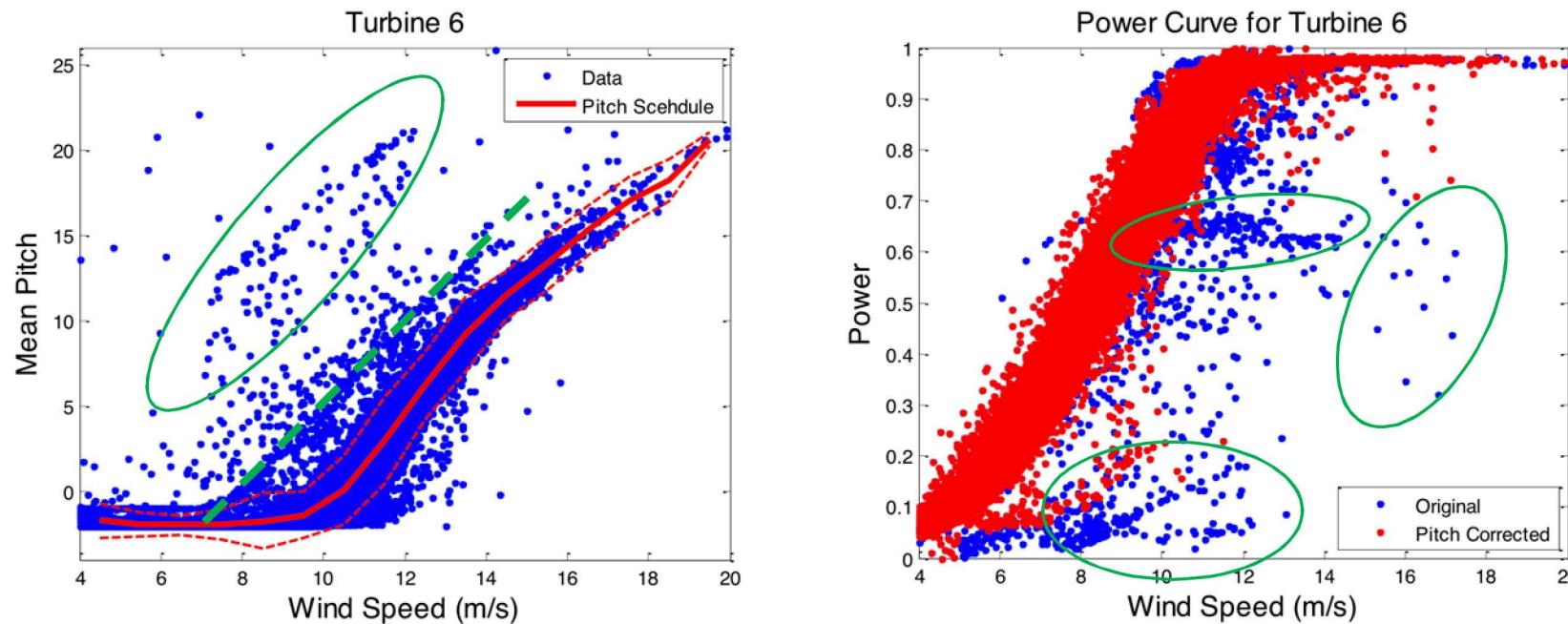
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# Wind speed reference is a challenge



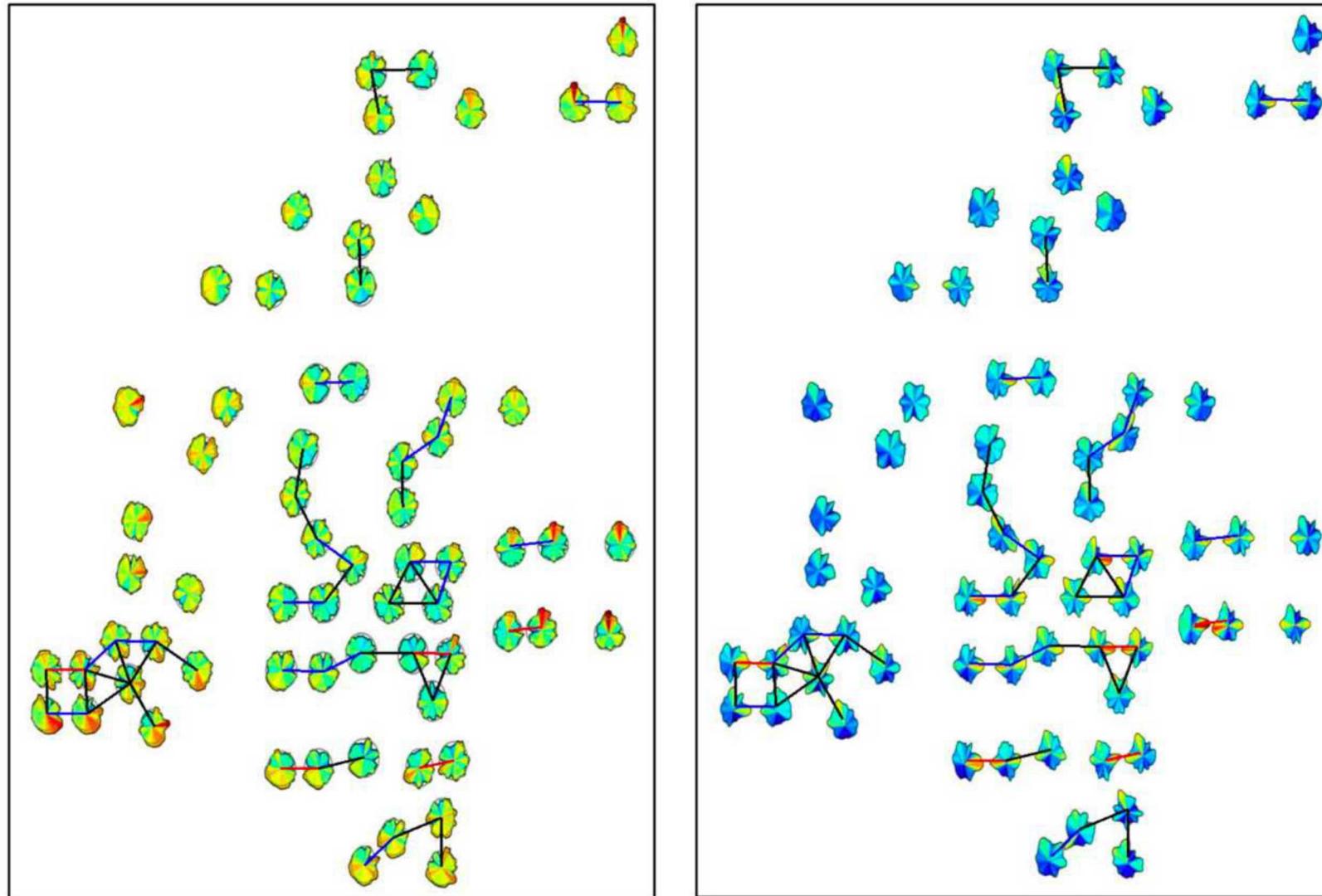
Visualizing Wind Farm Wakes Using SCADA Data  
Martin, Westergaard, White, and Karlson,  
SANDIA REPORT SAND2016-4484

# Filtering



- Obvious unphysical, transitional and abnormal data needs to be removed
- Check both correlated data and temporal dependencies
- Check for data interpolation (more common than you think) and remove those data points

# Performance of 67 turbines over 1.5 years

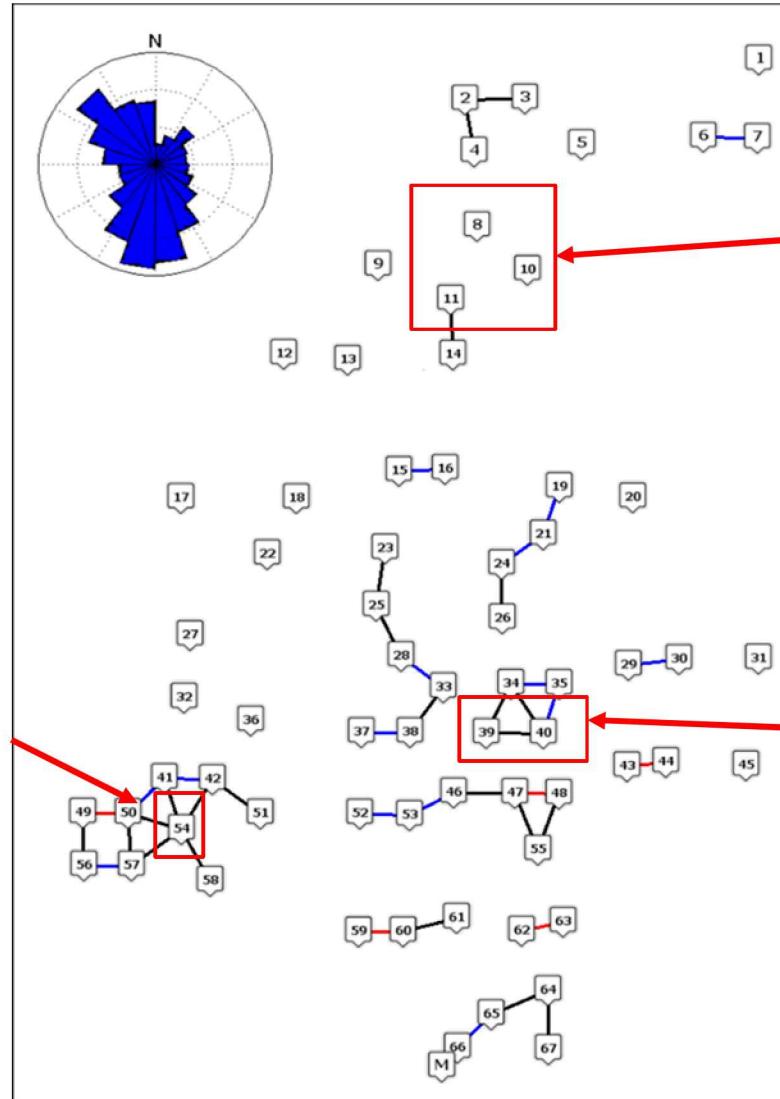


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## Two examples

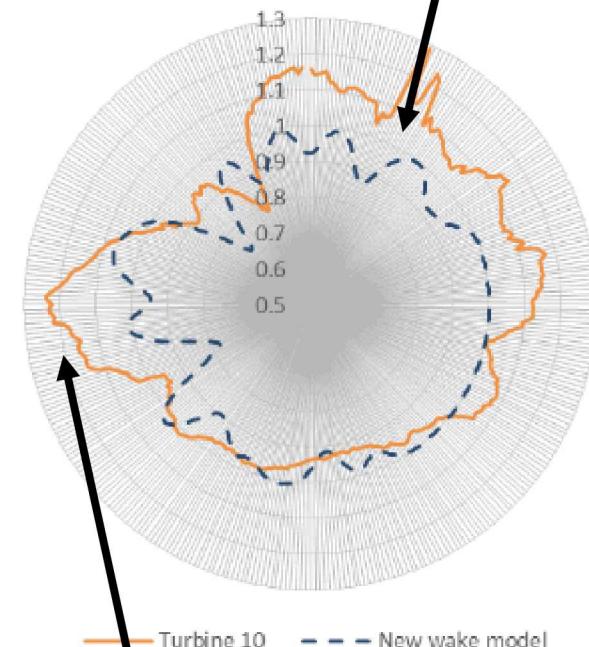
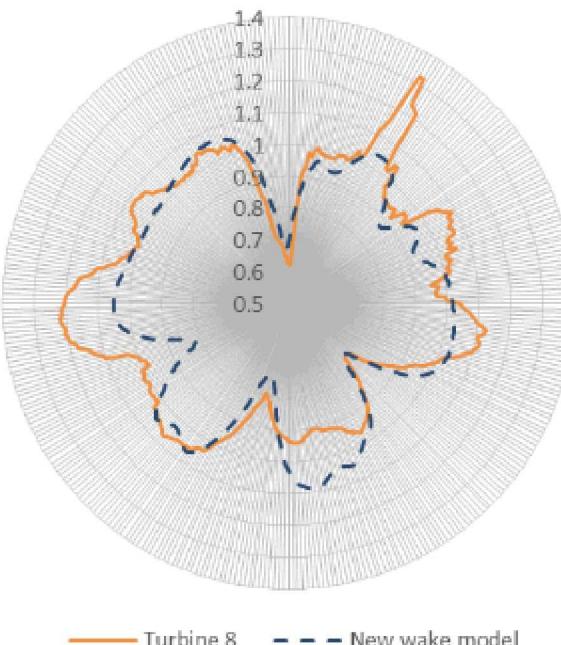
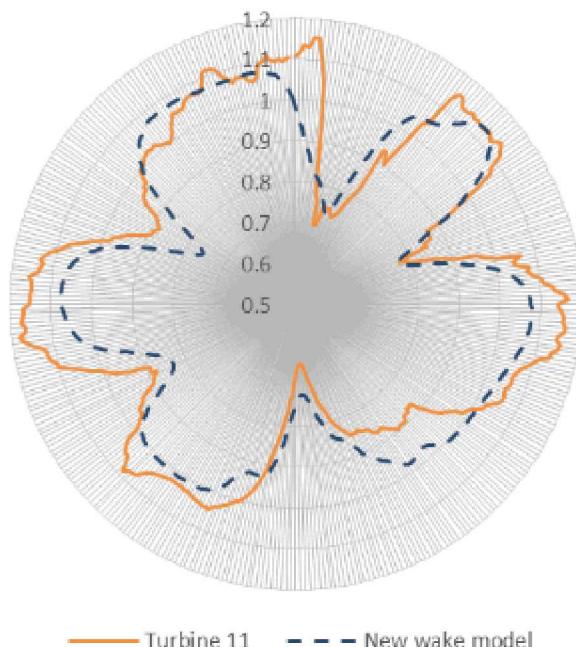
Closely waked

Sparsely waked



## Example: Sparsely waked

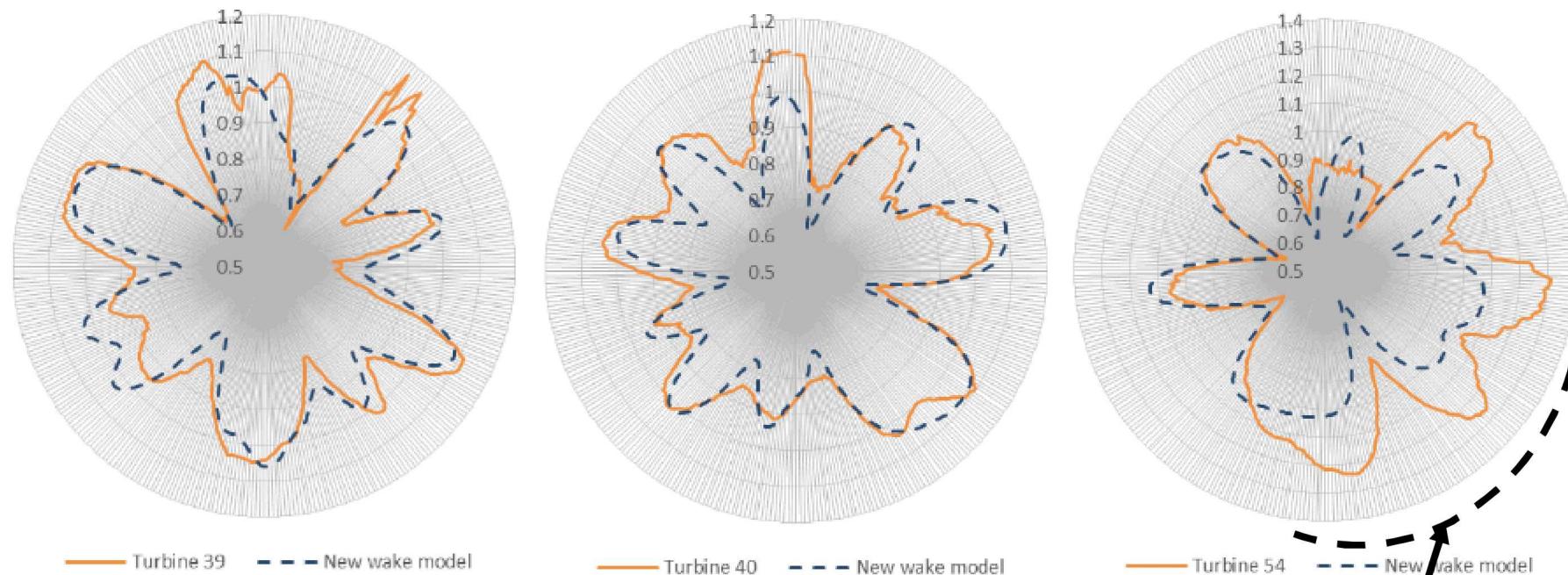
Tree cluster,  
Farm building  
Small hills



Tree cluster,  
Farm building  
Small hills

Multi-row of turbines  
Other wind farm

## Example: Heavily and closely waked



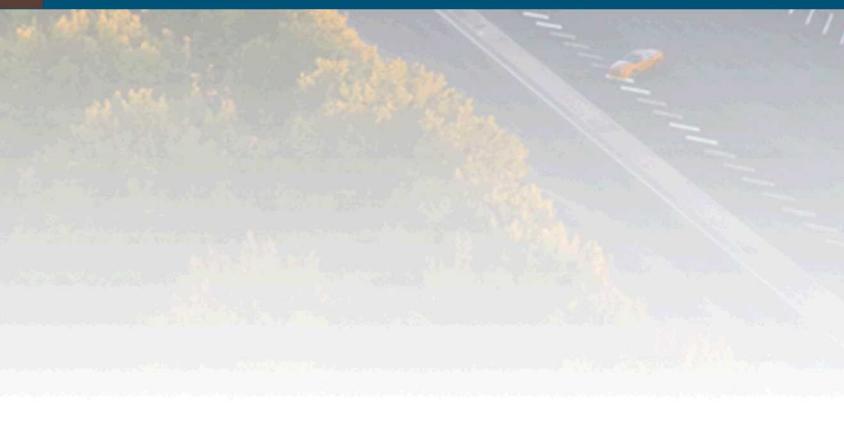
High speed-up seen at neighbor turbines, probably from the upstream wind farm

## Areas of interest for discussion

- Power performance analytics, datamining for specific issues
  - Wake impact analytics
  - Long term degradation, for example leading edge issues
  - Controller related issues: yaw, pitch, setpoint
  - Upgrades
  - Operating environment impact (wind shear, turbulence, etc.)
- Power curve correction methods
- Performance and life time events



# Rotors



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# National Rotor Testbed

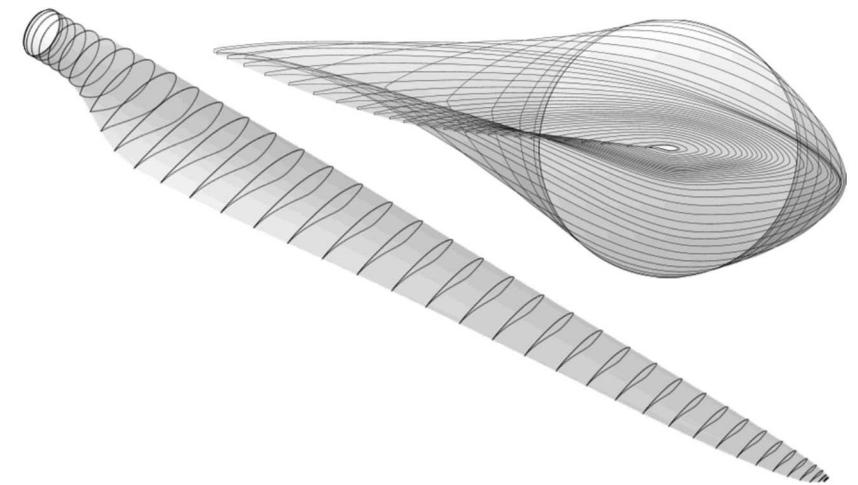
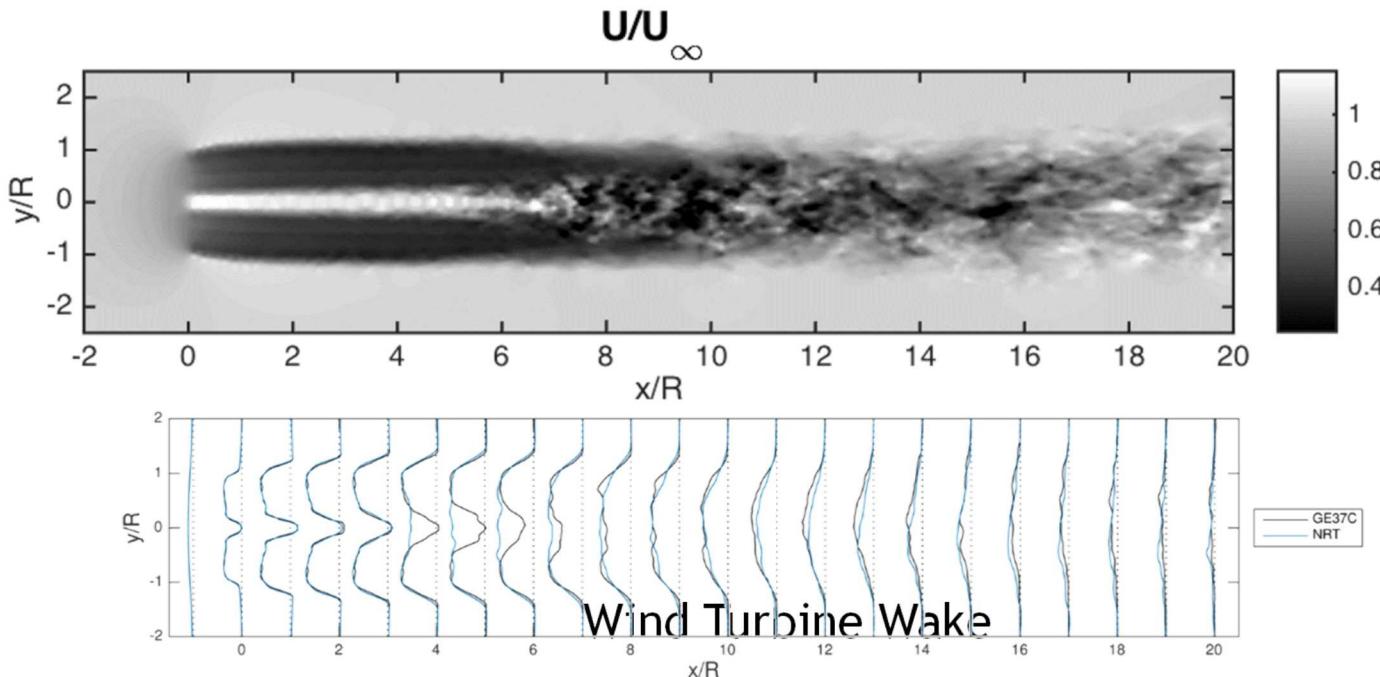


Modern blade for SWiFT turbines designed by Sandia to replicate wakes of the most common utility scale rotor in the U.S.

Blade set will eventually feature removable tips and aerodynamic sensors

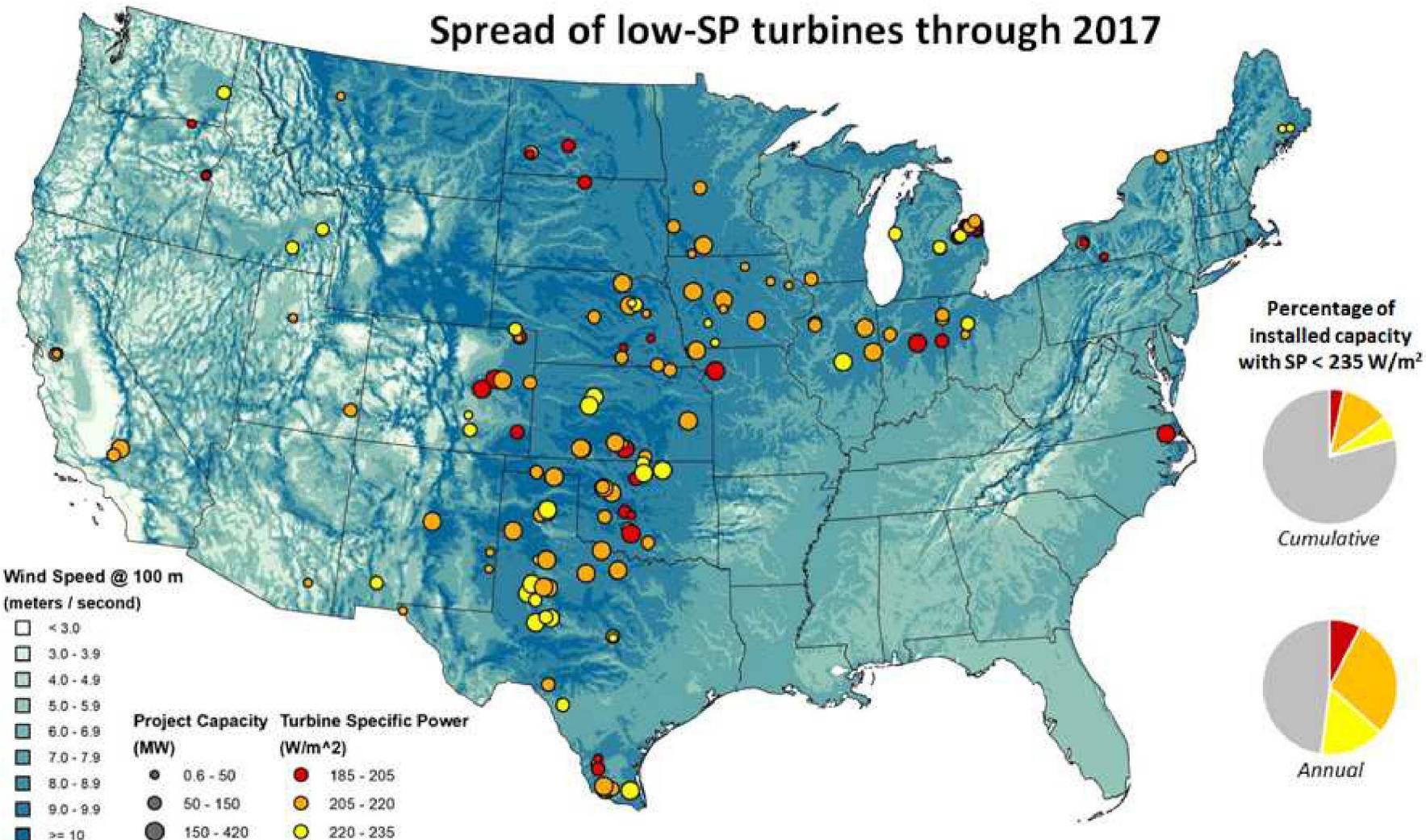
Create a scaled wake of a GE37c wind turbine with new blades installed at SWiFT

Science panel review of scaling process

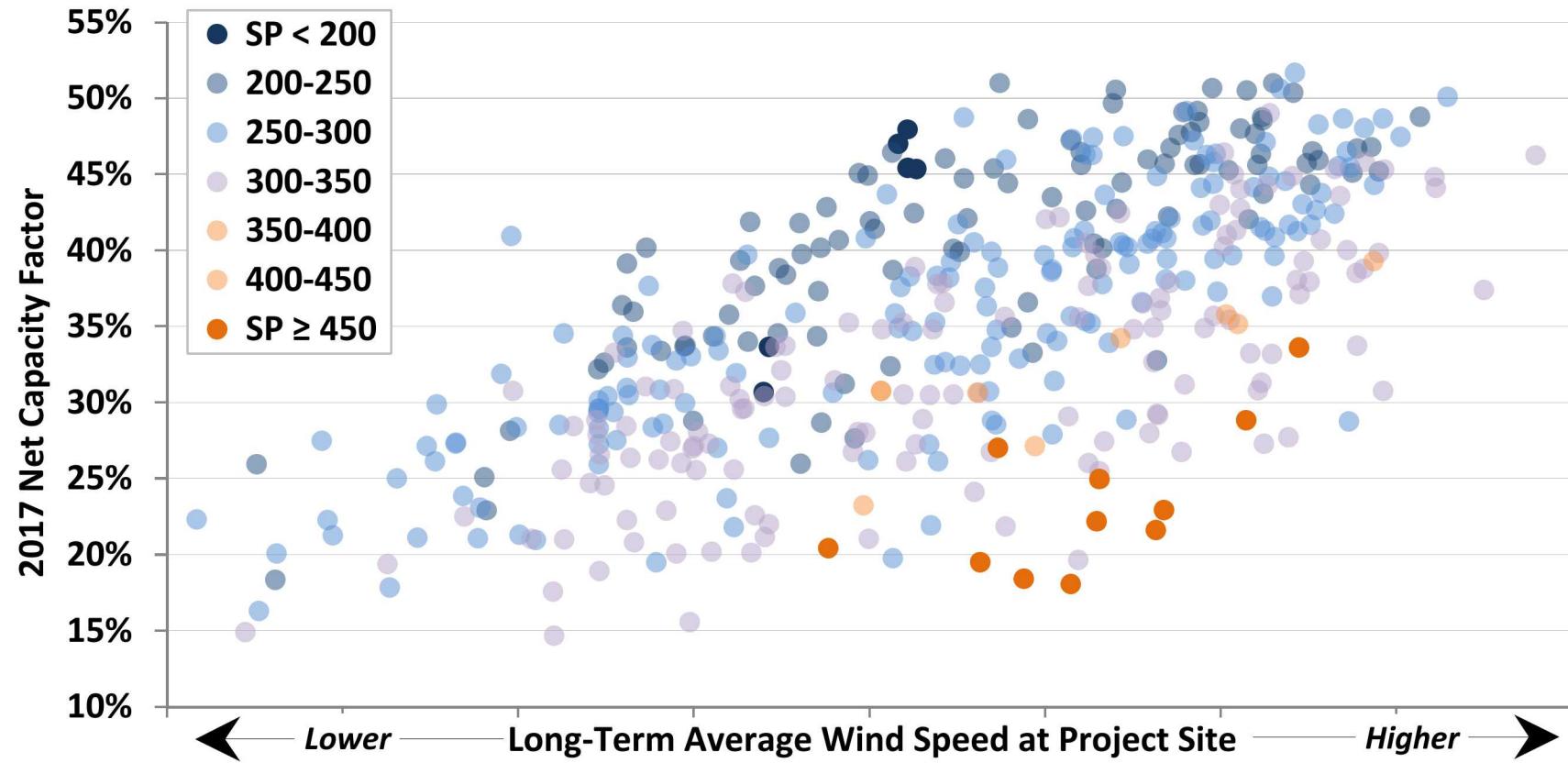


NRT Blade Design and Mold

# Low-Specific Power Machine Trends

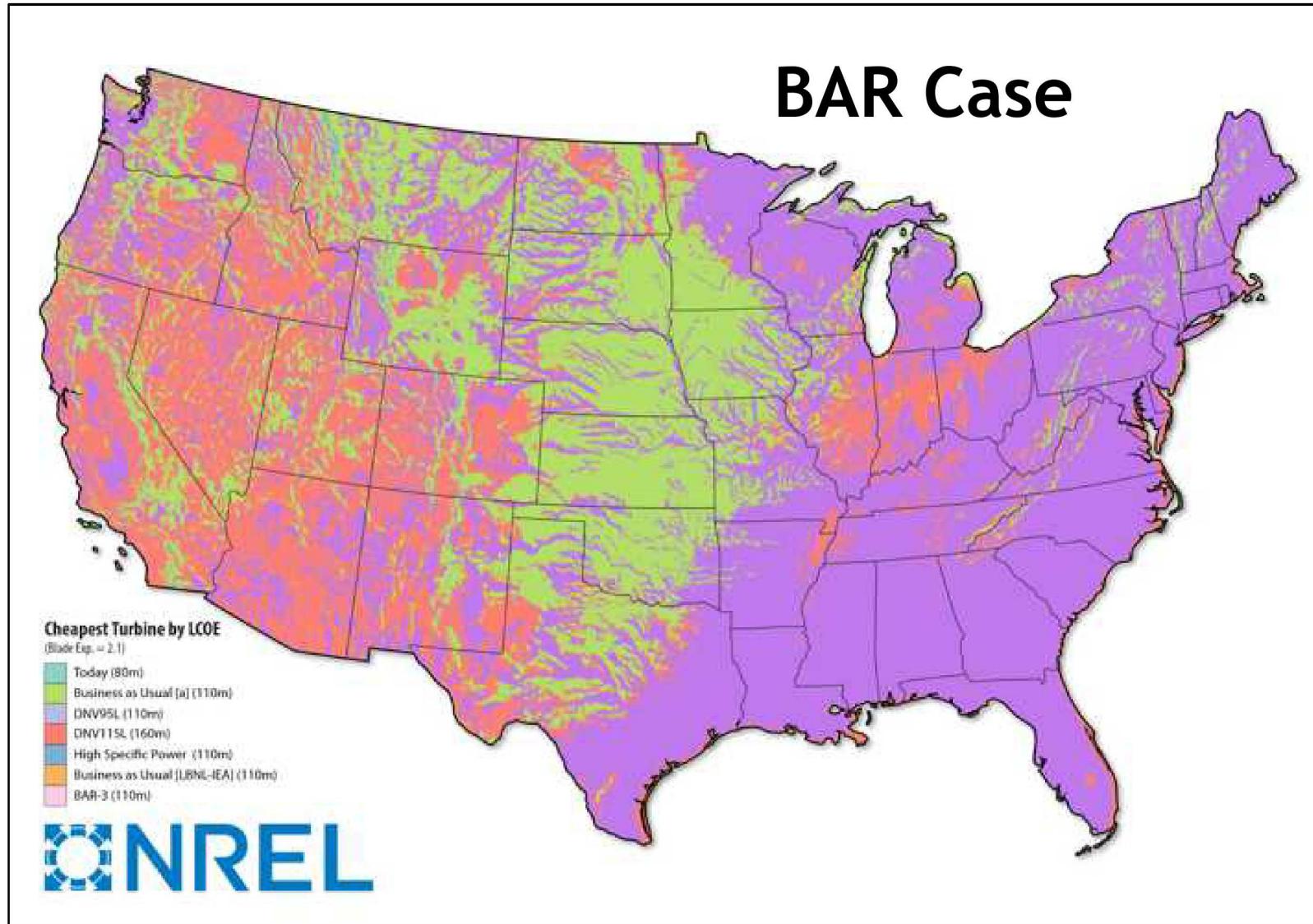


# Capacity Factors



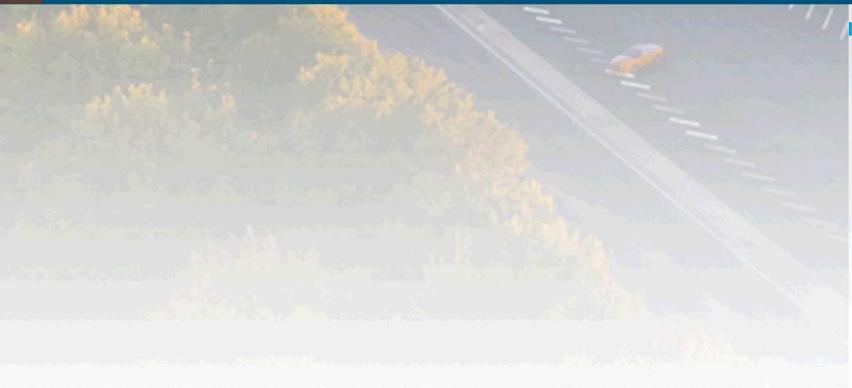
Main driver of low-SP turbines: Higher capacity factors

# Impact of Large Rotors





# Reliability



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## Field Inspections

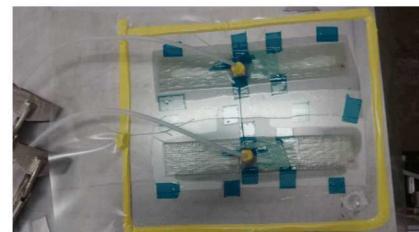
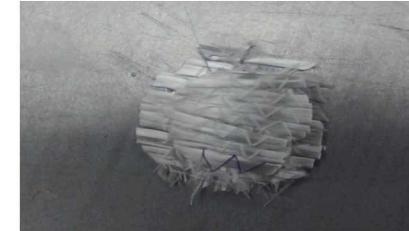
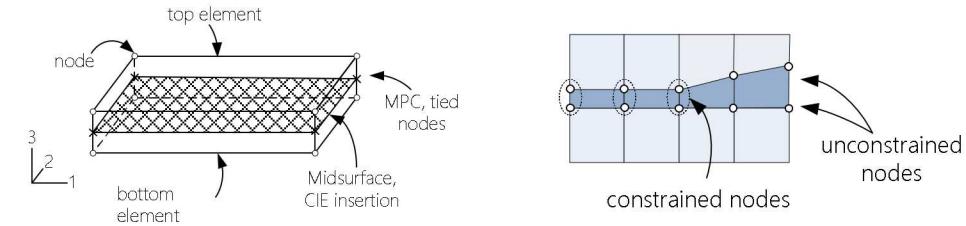
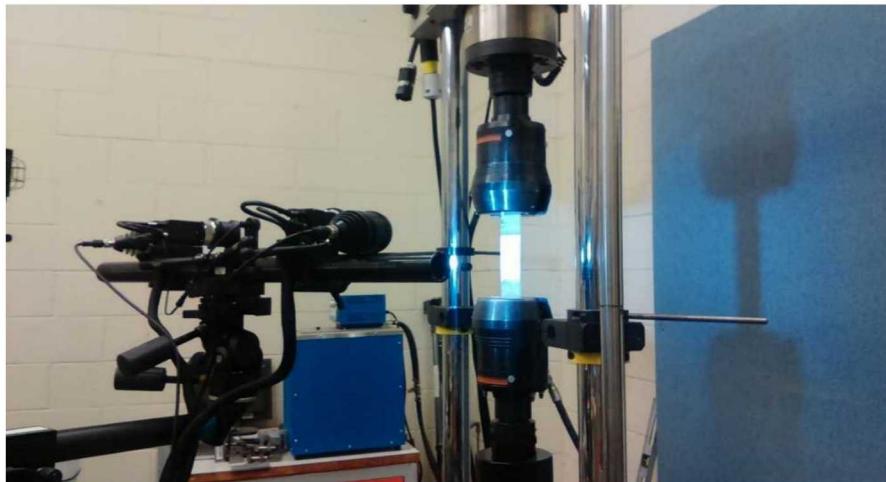
Quantify wind blade plant inspection technology  
Develop autonomous inspection technology  
Reduce cost of advanced field inspection



# Defects and Repairs

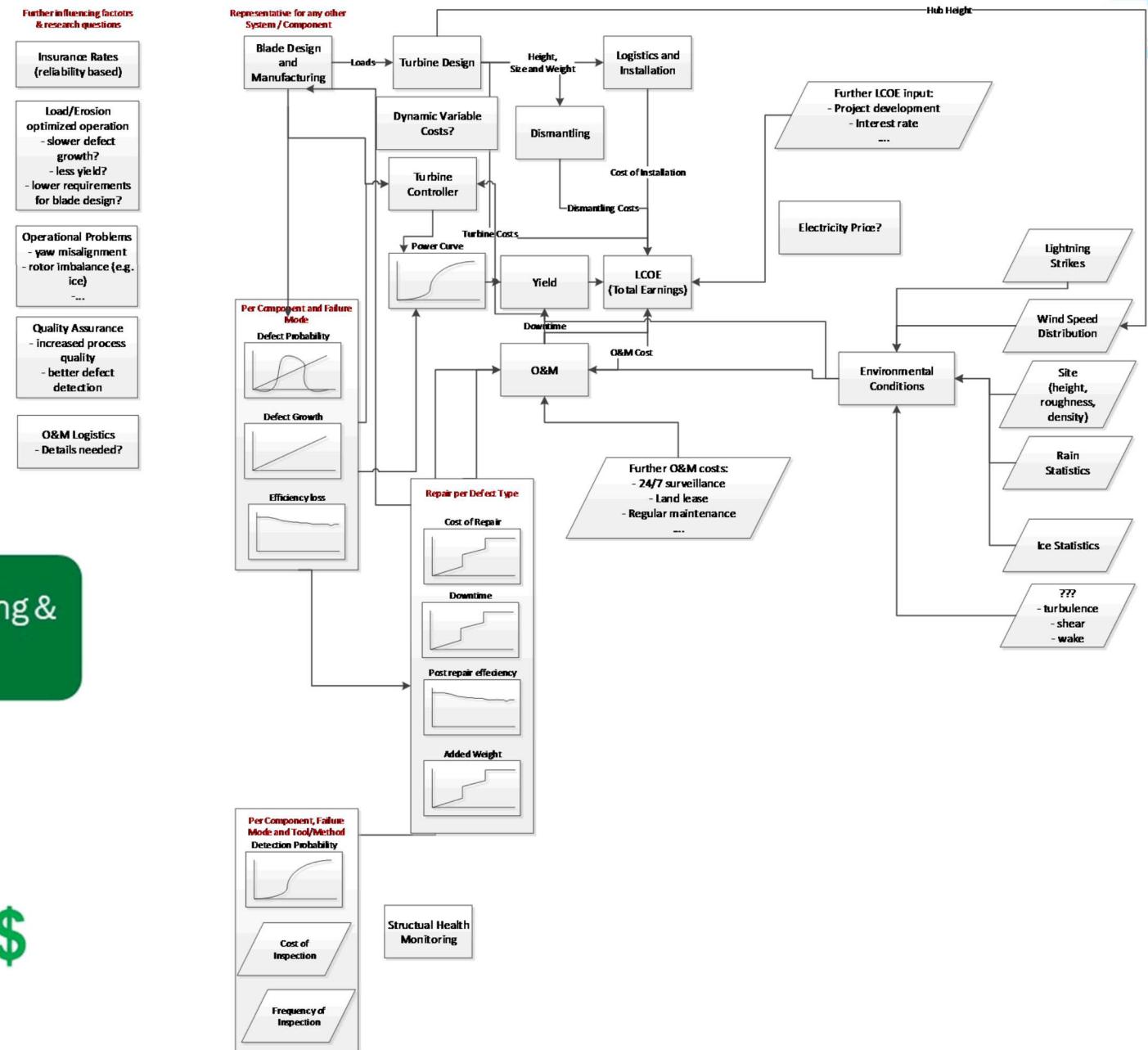
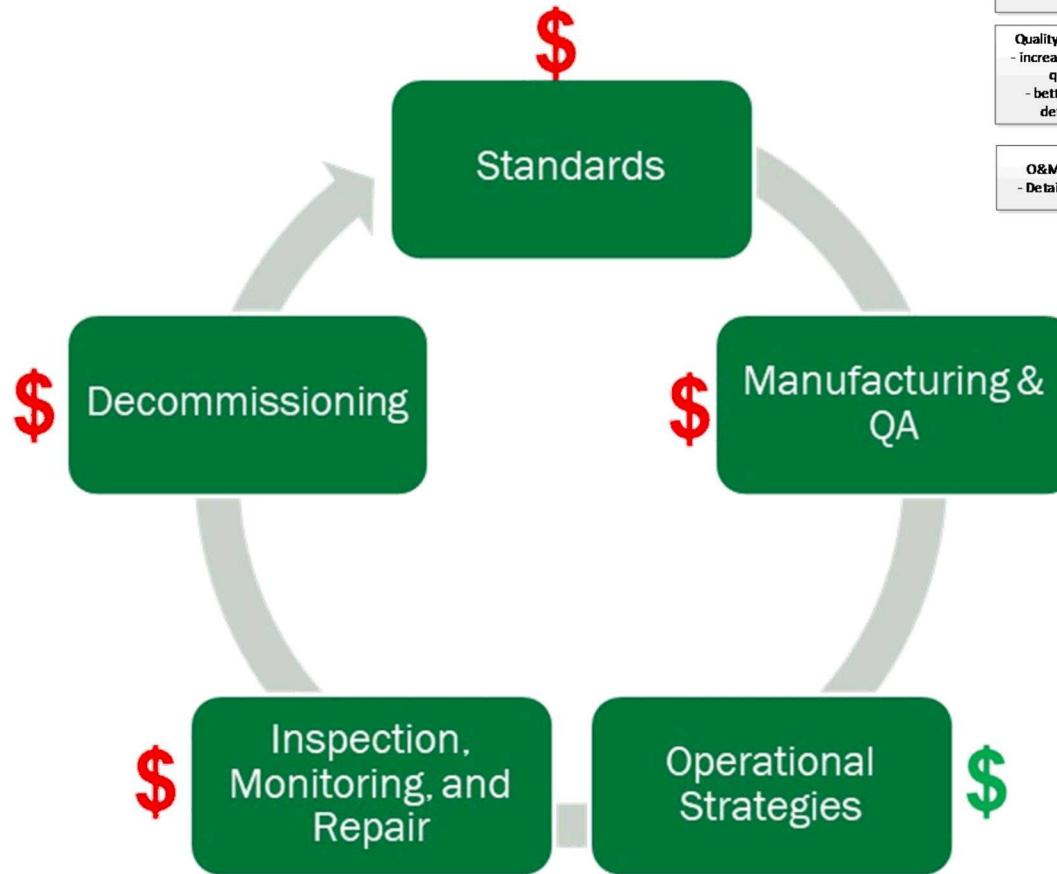
Manufacture and test repair specimens at coupon and sub-structure scale

Interface with repair companies to produce realistic field repair conditions



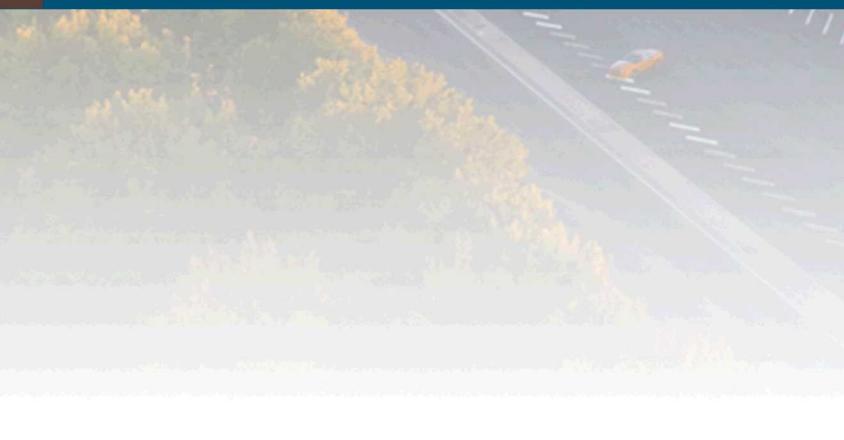
# Blade Lifetime Value Model

Determine value proposition of changes to design and operations over blade lifetime





# Leading edge impact review



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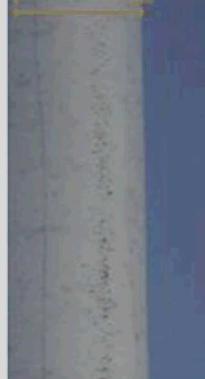
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Leading edge erosion – not necessarily the same on all 3 blades



# Classification

**Figure 2**  
Vestas' blade damage categorisation

Category 1 Cosmetic	Category 2 Similar to cosmetic	Category 3 Damage not serious	Category 4 Serious damage	Category 5 Very serious damage	
No intervention needed	Intervention only done if there are other damages on the blade	Intervention done during planned WTG inspection within 6 months. Damage monitored at 3-months intervals. Repair time frame may be modified by blade specialist.	Intervention within 3 months. Damage monitored at monthly intervals. Repair time frame may be modified by blade specialist.	Immediate intervention required to prevent damage to the turbine, the surrounding area, or further damage to the blade.	
Erosion Level	1	2	3	4	5
Same Blade Shown					<p>Internals exposed</p> <p>Gaps / openings showing</p>
Sectional Power Loss	+	+++	++++	+++++	+++++

Source: Vestas and Siemens commercial brochures

# Damage progression – perhaps faster than you like to see

Progression of erosion  
on all three blades of  
one turbine

Pictures taken one  
year apart

Location: Midwest



These examples shows a category 2 to 3 change in one year

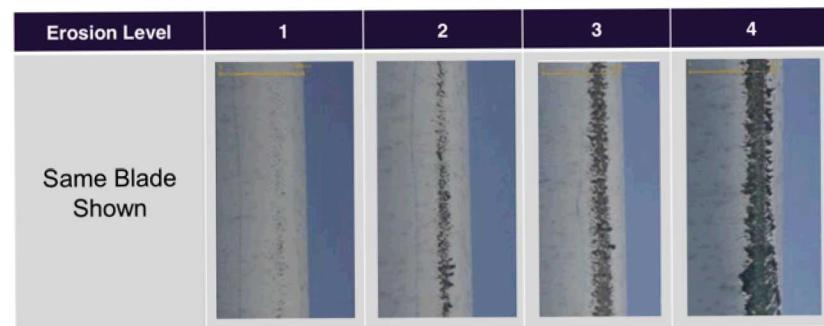
Source: Blade O&M USA: Blade Reliability  
Katelyn Reynolds October 2018

## AEP impact, 2 MW turbine example

Damage occur on outer 25% of rotor because of the very high tip speed sensitivity

Full span is calculated as “worst case” reference

Cat. 5 generally result in lost production due to other factors



**AEP loss at 7 m/s for 2MW turbine**

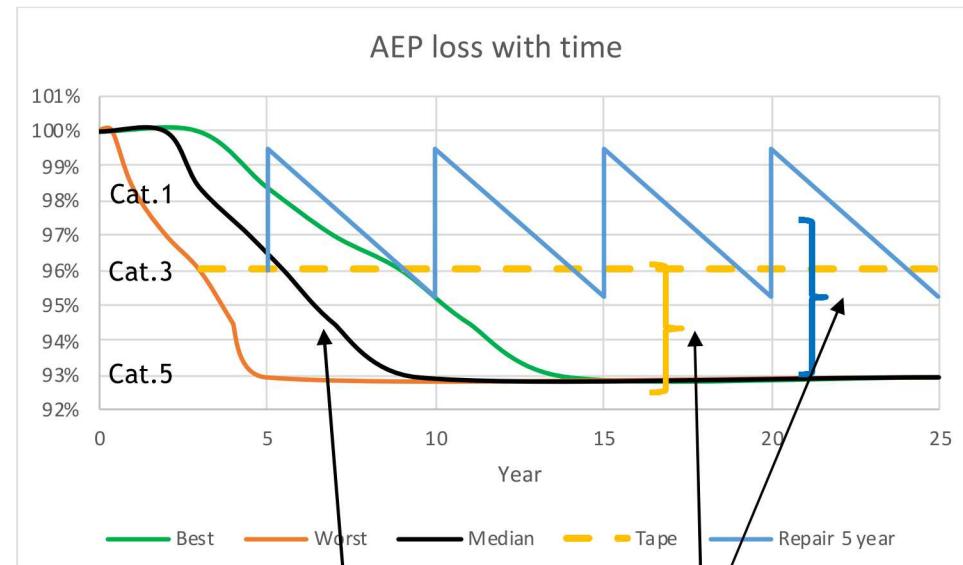
	Full span	1/4 span
Clean	0.0%	
Dirty	-0.2%	
Build LEP	-0.8%	-0.5%
LEP tape	-5.6%	-4.0%
Cat 1	-1.7%	-1.6%
Cat 2	-3.1%	-3.0%
Cat 3	-4.3%	-4.0%
Cat 4	-6.6%	-5.5%
Cat 5	-11.2%	-7.0%

## Progression cost

- After the threshold is reached, the additional AEP loss is approx. 0.85% per year
- Assuming the damage does not result in catastrophic damage tape style repair (25% length) recovers at least 3% AEP or at least \$2,500\* per year
- Initiating repair at cat. 3, a repeat repair every 5 years, recovers at least 4.4% AEP or at least \$5,500\* per year

\* 2MW, 32% capacity factor,  
\$23/MWh (avg. DOE mid-west number)

Start	Progressed	Time (delta)
Clean	Cat 1	1 to 5 year
Cat 1	Cat 2	1 to 2 years
Cat 2	Cat 3	1 to 2 years
Cat 3	Cat 4	1 to 2 years
Cat 4	Cat 5	0 to 3 years



Rate of loss  
0.85% per year

Repair recovery by  
tape or repeat  
repair



## (Innovative) Performance enhancements

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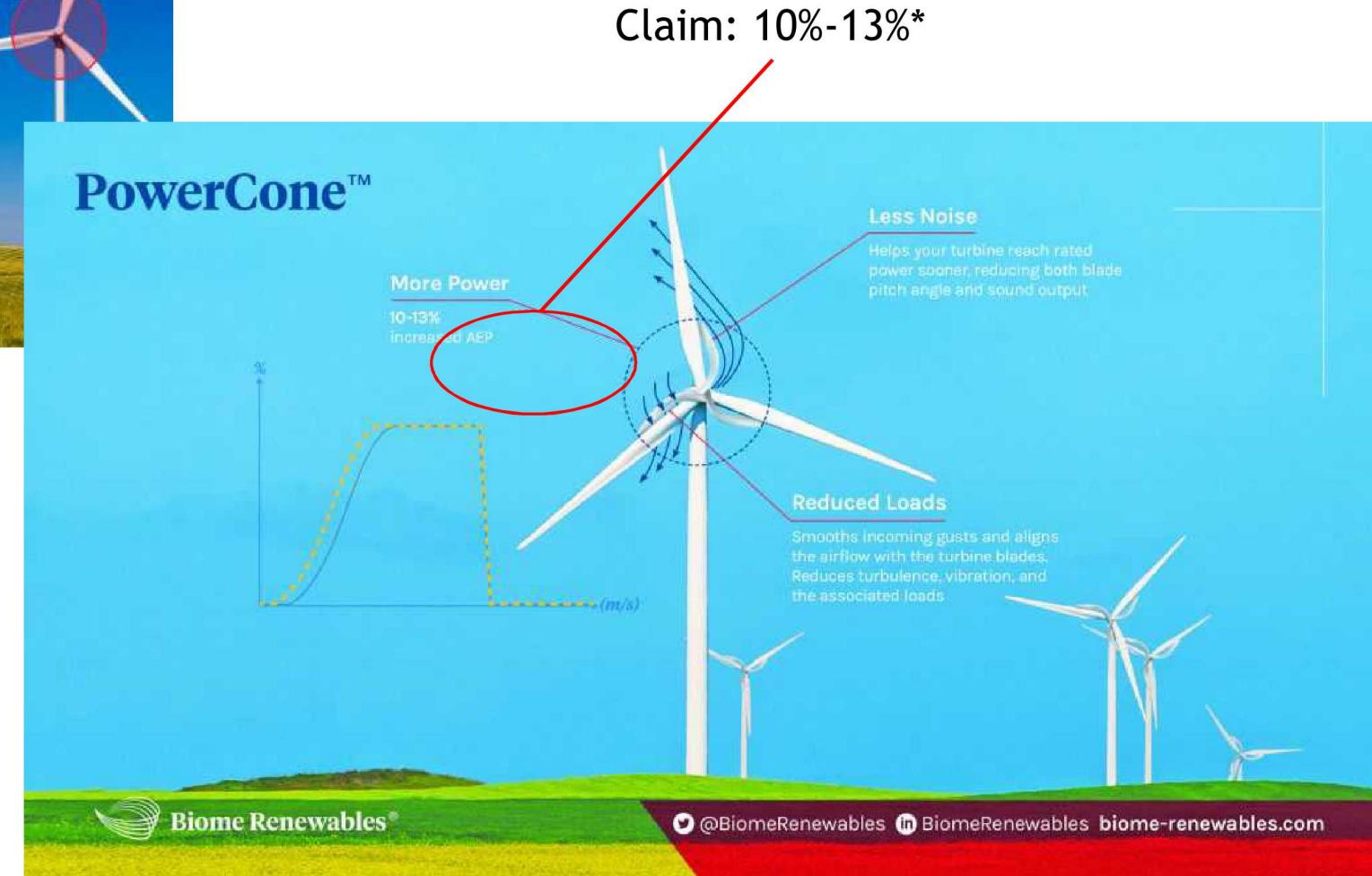
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# Power Cone, vortex generators and many other devices



Claim: 0.5%-2.0%\*

\* What is the base line, and what is the desired achievement ?



Velocity increase

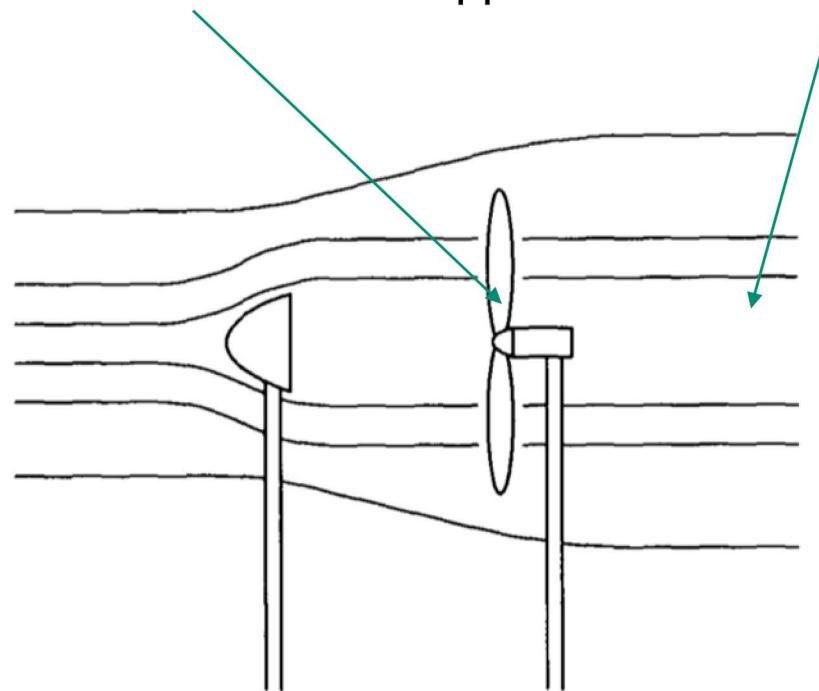


FIG. 4

Apparent size increase

Velocity increase

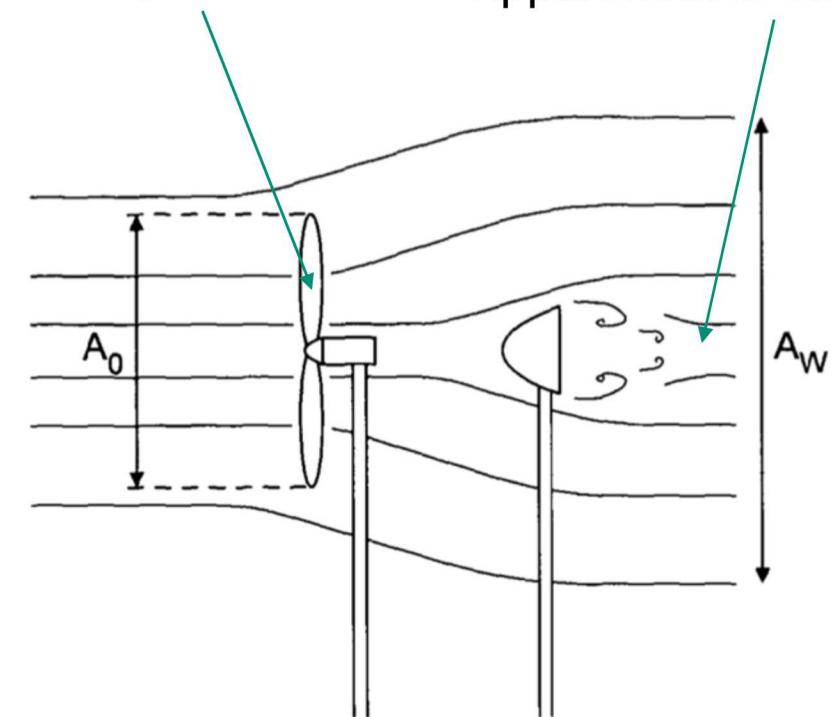
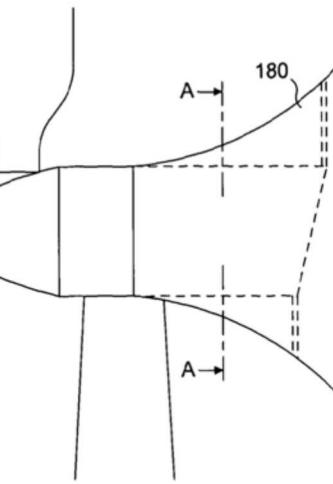
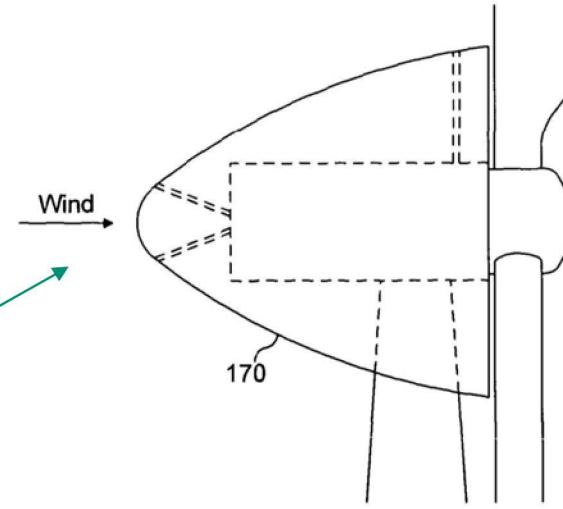
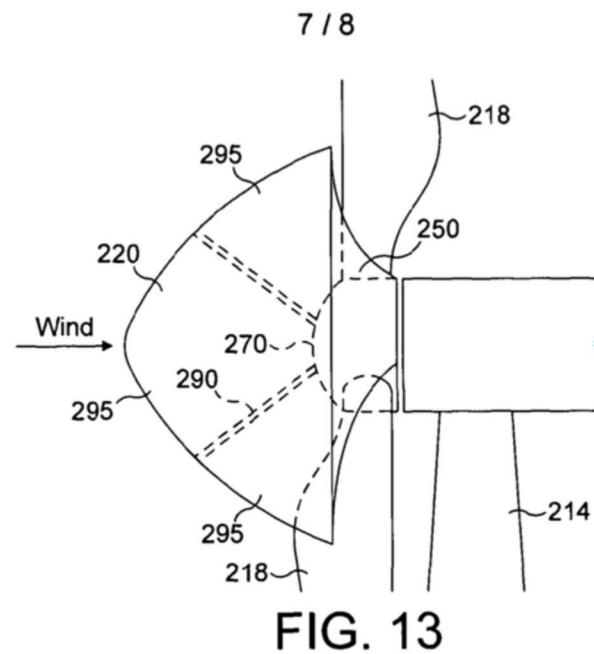


FIG. 3

## Nose cone





# Texas Tech University, Group NIRE, Sandia National Laboratories hybrid energy system research assets

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## Site overview



# Schematic

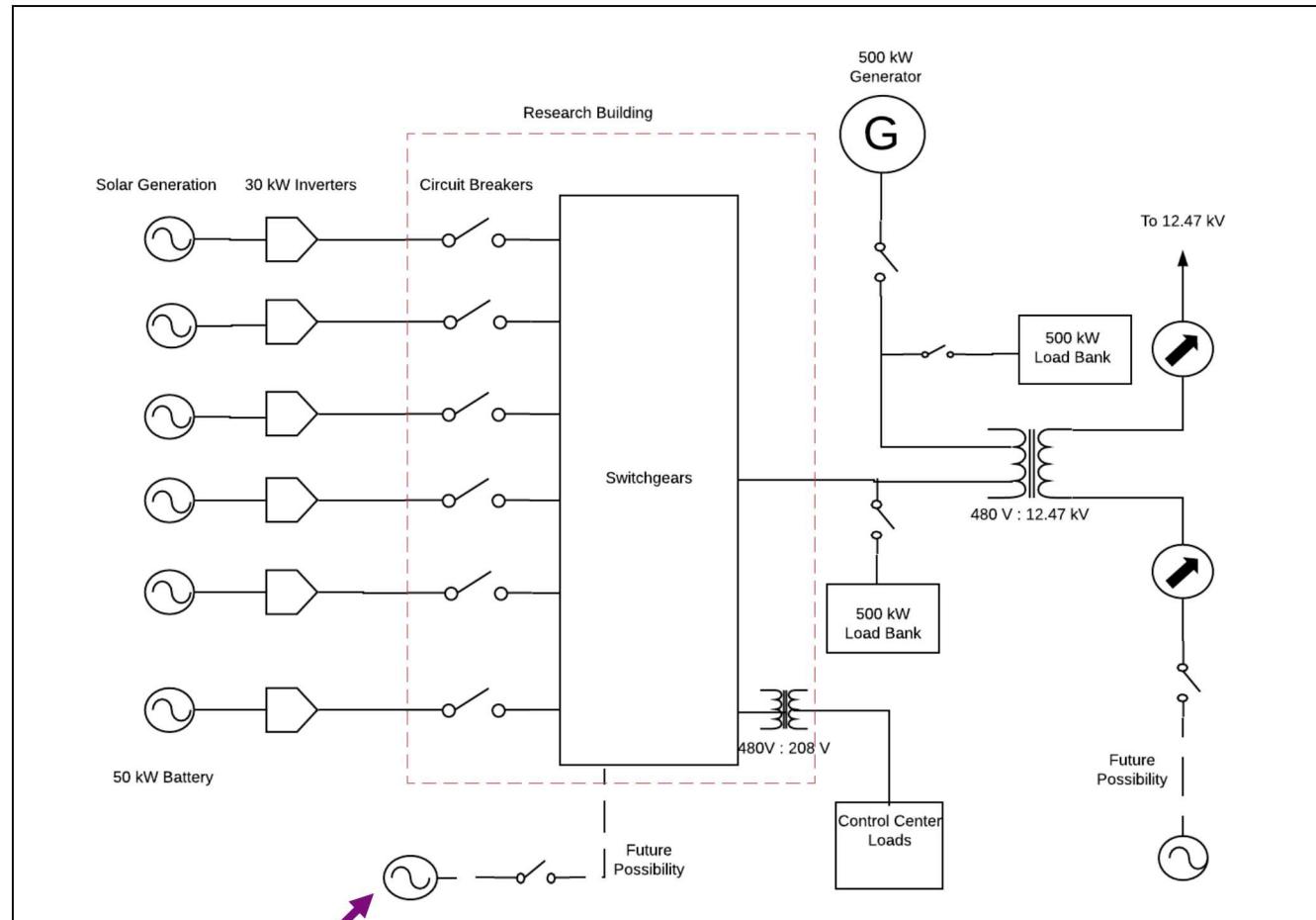


Figure 1: One line diagram of GLEAMM Microgrid

SWiFT turbines will connect here

# Switch gear details

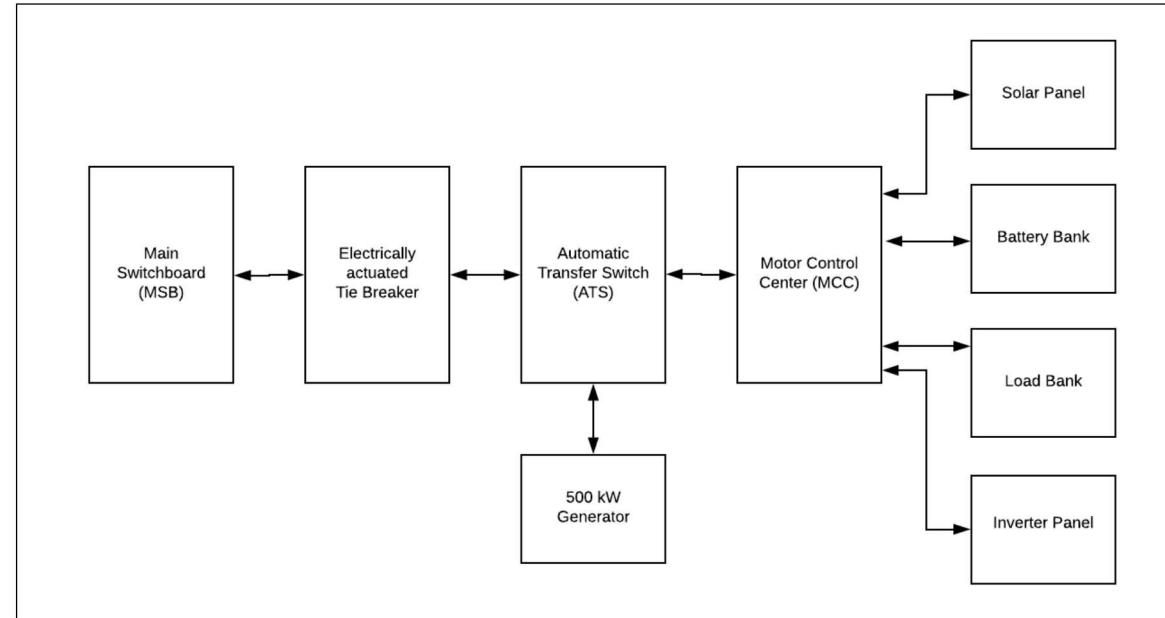


Figure 2: Switchgear block diagram

# GLEAMM center



Figure 5: GLEAMM control center

# Solar array

- Sunmodule SW 320 XL Mono Panels
- 320 W<sub>p</sub> output power from a panel\*
- Efficiency 16.04%\*
- Maximum system voltage of 1000 V

\*Under standard test conditions (1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>, 25°C, AM 1.5)



Figure 3: 150 kW Solar Array

# Solar inverter

- SMA Sunny Tripower 30000TL-US
- 5 inverters
- Nominal power 30 kW
- Rated MPPT voltage range 500 V – 800 V
- 98.6% efficiency



Figure 4: 30 kW Inverter

# Grid generator

- US EPA Tier 4 diesel generator
- Maximum rating of 500 kW
- Operates at 480 Volts
- 1800 rpm speed



Figure 6: 500 kW Generator

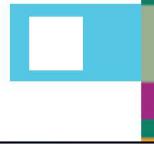
## Battery storage (small)

- Iron redox flow battery
- 8 hours capacity
- Peak power 50 kW
- Cycle life >20000 cycles
- Ambient temp.: -5°C to 50°C
- Roundtrip efficiency: 75% (DC-DC), 70% (AC-AC)



Figure 7: 50 kW Battery

# Load banks



## For each load bank:

- 500 kW capacity at 480 V AC
- Resolution of 5 kW
- 347.22 Amps Current at capacity
- Equipped with 30 inch panel fan for cooling
- Equipped with fork tubes for lifting



# Transformer

- Transformer rating 1 MVA
- Common coupling transformer
- 480 V/12.47 kV step up transformer



## More information

[https://energy.sandia.gov/energy/renewable-energy/wind-power/wind\\_plant\\_opt/](https://energy.sandia.gov/energy/renewable-energy/wind-power/wind_plant_opt/)

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# Using Wind for Grid Stability

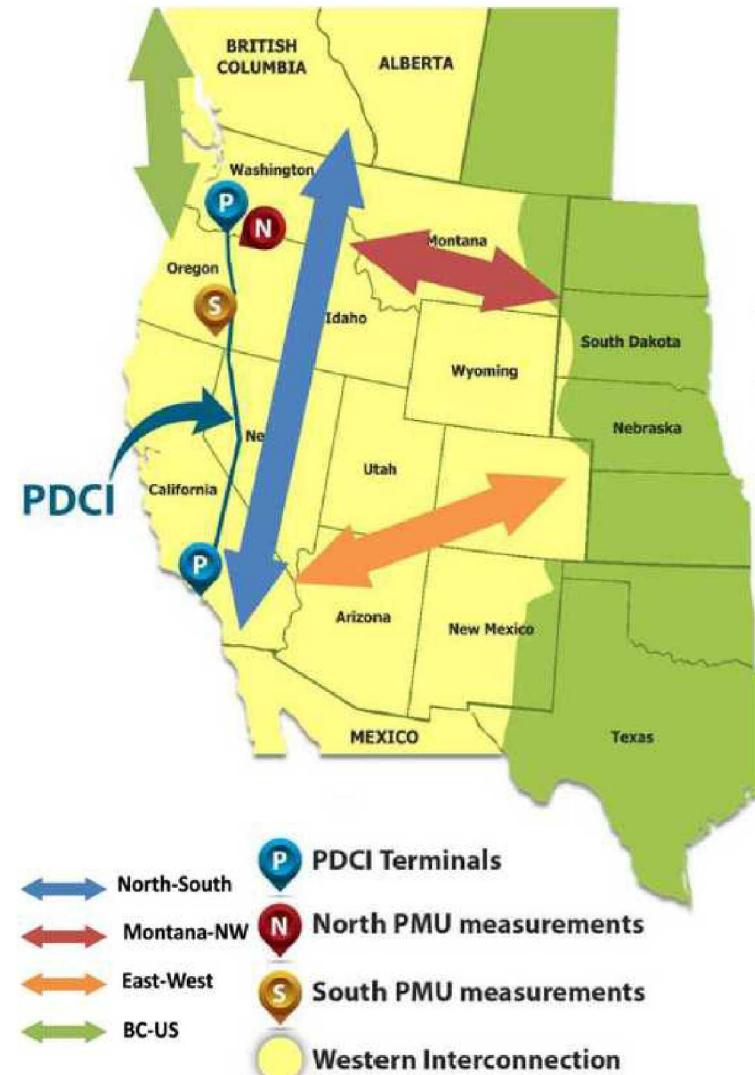
Wind energy displaces synchronous generation

Concern about decline of several grid-quality services inherent to synchronous generation

Wind turbines have high potential to contribute to grid services through inertial energy storage in the rotor

Control systems to utilize this require further development

Build upon prior work which used power modulation to provide damping of oscillation in the US Western Interconnection



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# Using Wind for Grid Stability

Establish controller in Sandia CONET\* lab with necessary feedback control algorithms

Test power modulation on SWiFT wind turbine emulator to verify safe operation

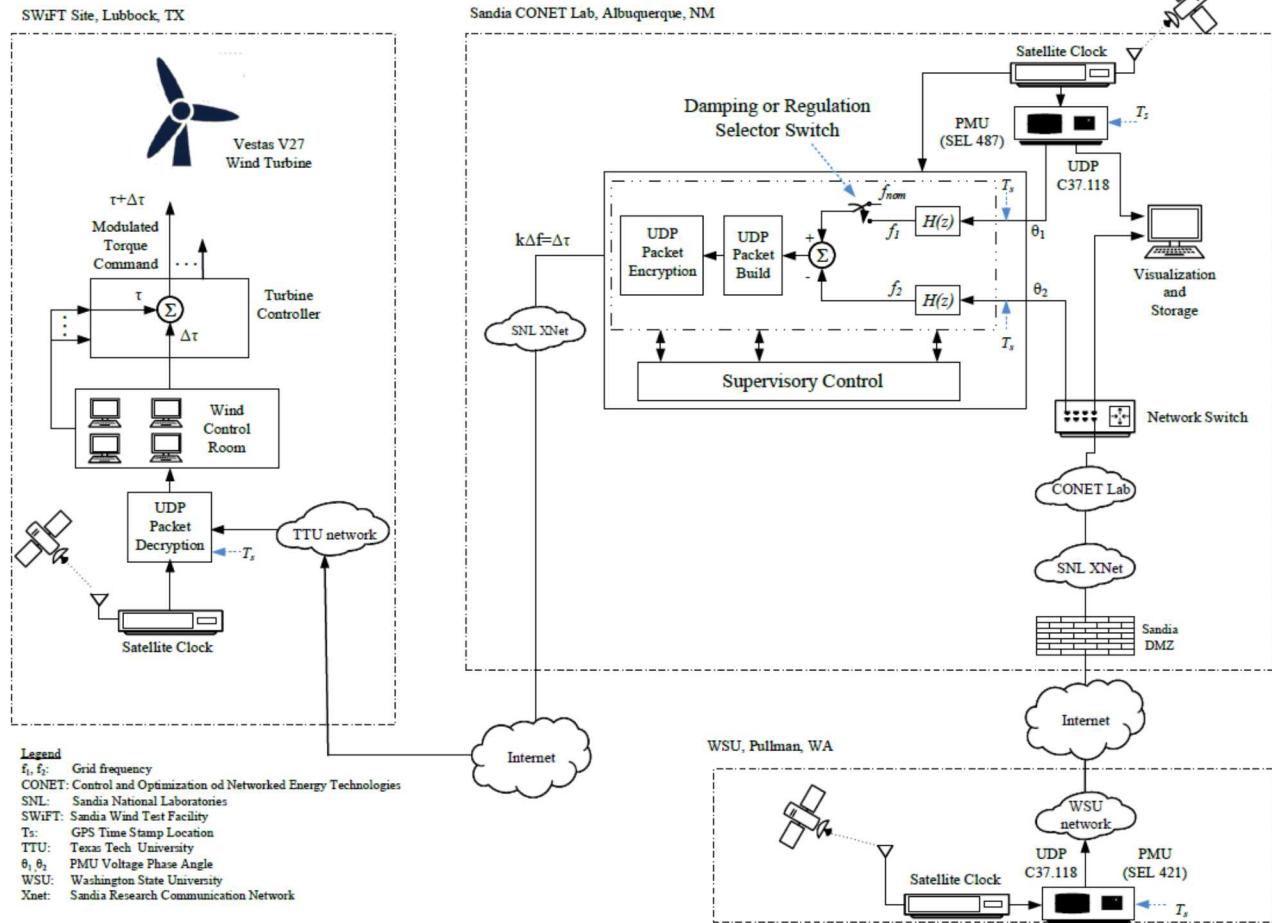
Establish network connectivity between SWiFT and CONET, characterize network quality (latencies, corrupted data, time stamps), and asses real-time feedback control performance.

Obtain streaming PMU data from two geographically-separated locations.

Determine system oscillatory mode(s) of interest and create feedback control test plan for wind turbine power modulation.

Obtain streaming SWiFT turbine data of power and time-of-arrival of CONET control commands.

Test and monitor feedback control of wind turbine power modulation



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\*Control and Optimization of Networked Energy Technologies



# Hardening Wind Energy Systems from Cyber Threats

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# Hardening Wind Energy Systems from Cyber Threats

# 3-year R&D project at Sandia National Laboratories and Idaho National Laboratory



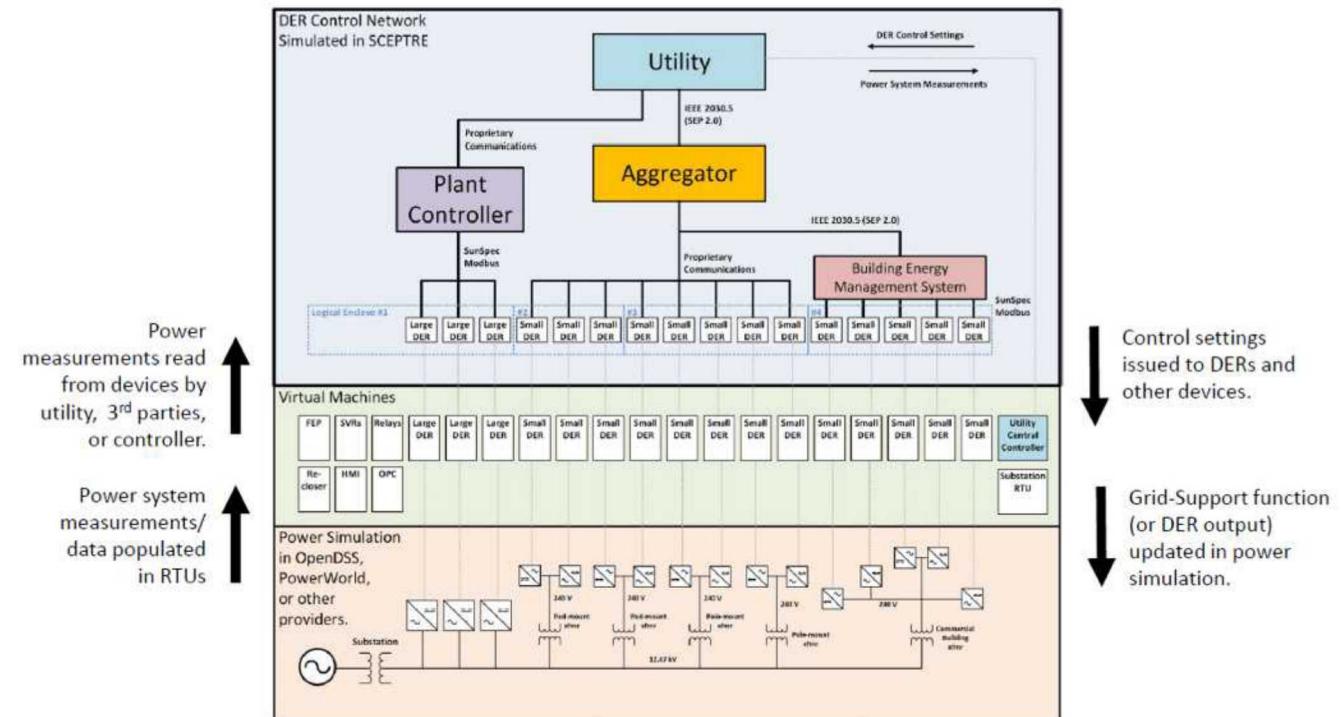
## Goal:

The team will investigate wind network hardening and intrusion detection technologies to evaluate for performance and maintainability in wind-specific applications. Specific cybersecurity recommendations on reference architectures, including technology suitability, will be provided to the wind industry for appropriate adoption and incorporation in asset owner systems.

## Outcomes:

- Co-simulation environment for wind plants with an industry representative utility-to-turbine communication network and power transmission simulation
  - Cybersecurity assessments of wind system networks using red-teaming methodologies including impacts on power system.
  - Assess performance of cyber intrusion detection system concepts for wind plants
  - Cyber response system for coordinated wind plant systems and grid systems

# SCEPTRE Control Network / Power System, Co-Simulation Framework



# Industry Participation Opportunities

- Input on the controls and communications network for a wind plant (what are the most common topologies, protocols, etc.)
- Input on baseline/typical cybersecurity protection system and also any “state of the art” systems being explored.
- Typical communication and controls signals to/from plant. What does utility/grid operator need to send and using what protocol, what does plant operator send from remote control center, or locally at site.
- Visit to wind plant to see interfaces at control building and turbines
- Visit to control center to see interfaces with all turbines
- Input on biggest cybersecurity threats / concerns
- Input on what cybersecurity standards/products/services/resources are missing for operators