

OWA GLOBE PROJECT WEBINAR 2

Modelling and Accounting for Wake and Blockage Effects

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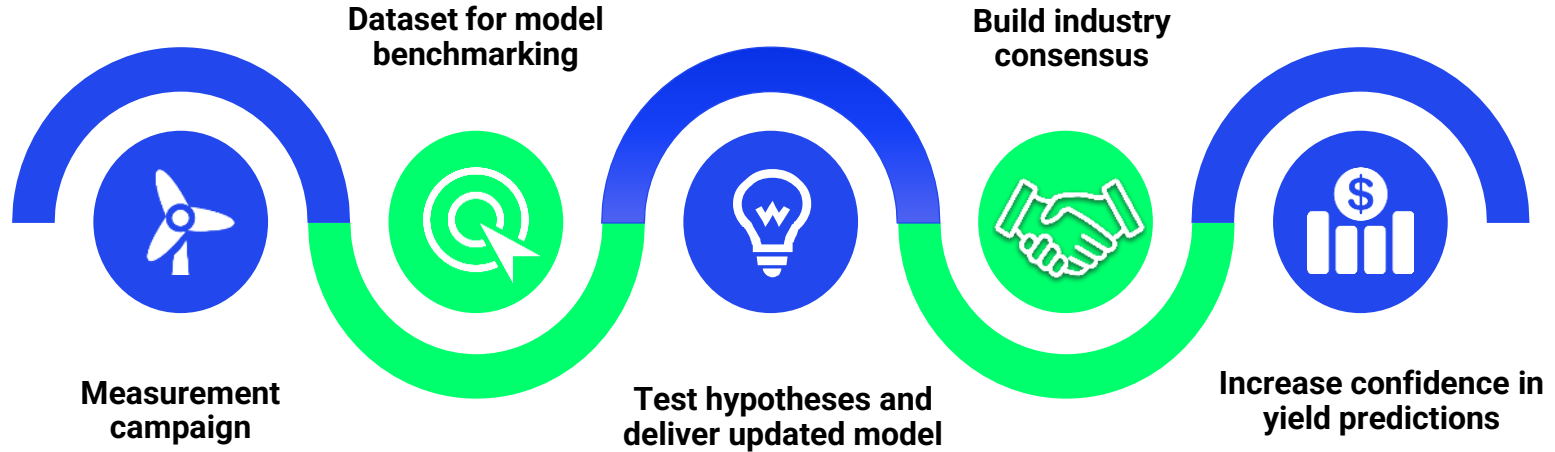
Webinar 1: Measuring the Global Blockage Effect (Tuesday)

- Background & motivation for the project
- Objectives
- Project participants and structure
- Measurement campaign design
- Validation & verification
- Blockage measurements
- Q&A

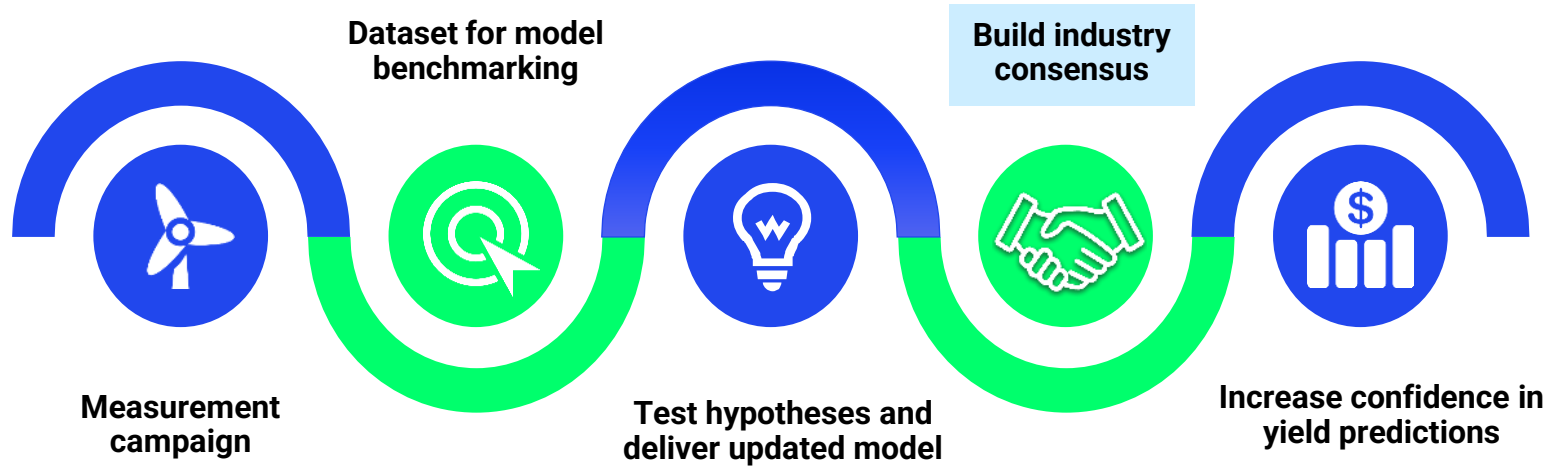
Webinar 2: Modelling and Accounting for Wake and Blockage Effects (Today)

- Recap of objectives
- Modelling approaches
- Validation against measurements
- Conclusions
- Joint Statement
- Q&A

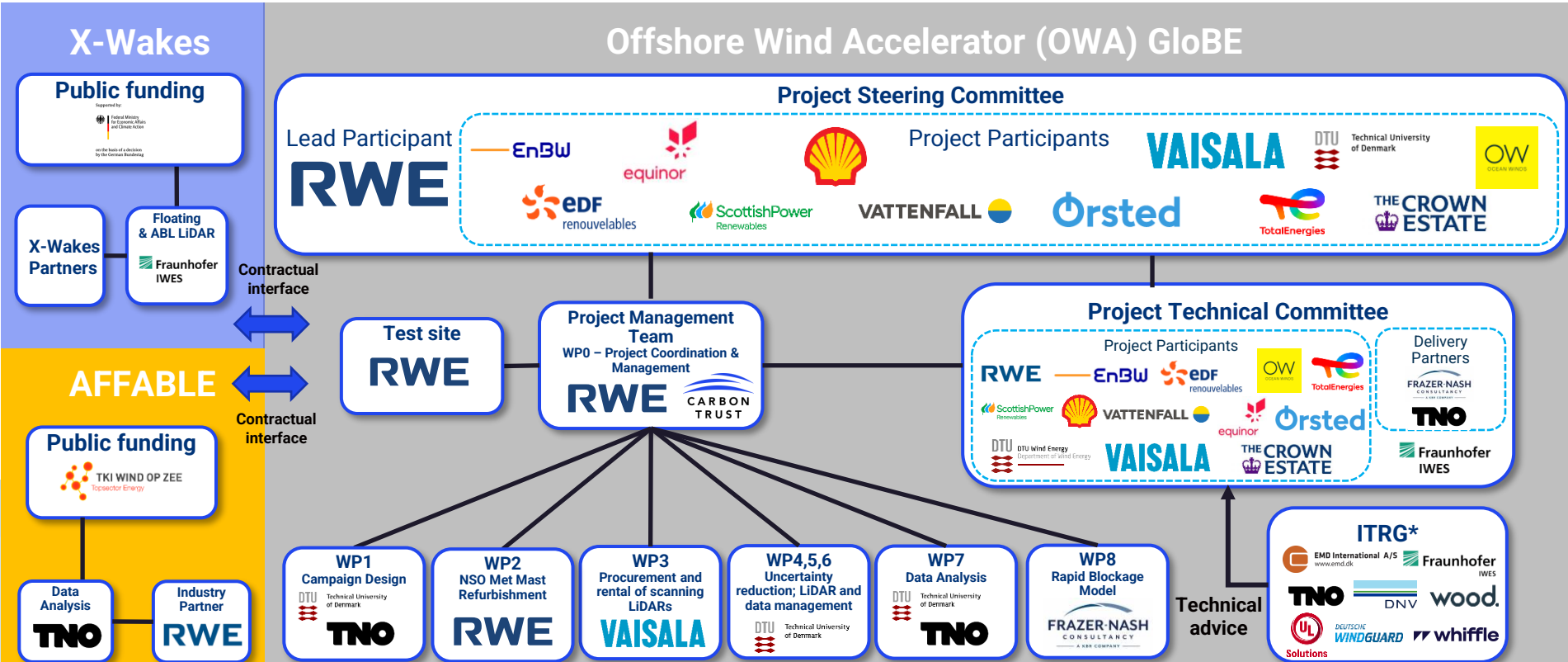
Recap: Objectives of GloBE



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GloBE Project Structure



*Independent Technical Review Group

Forum for Consensus-Building: ITRG



Independent Technical Review Group



GloBE project

Provide a limited dataset from the measurement campaign



ITRG

Provide technical input and advancement of science:

- Review campaign design •
- Run in-house blockage models and provide validation reports •
- Help build industry consensus •

Modelling & Accounting for Blockage & Wake Effects

Carbon Trust Webinar Session 2

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Introduction & Recap



Model Comparisons



Hypothesis Testing



Accountancy & Conclusions



Questions



Introduction & Recap



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Introduction & recap

Objectives of this session

Delineate Blockage Physics and Accountancy

A set of proven / dis-proved hypotheses

A physics recipe

An accountancy recipe



Joint Statement on the Global Blockage Effect





Introduction & recap

Recap of previous session

Focus on Measurements and Observations

End-to-end measurement and processing of scanning LiDAR data to get wind speed gradients for pattern of wind speed analysis

Processing and initial analysis of ABL height measurements

Processing and use case of the NSO met mast and FLS data as trusted references for confidence-building

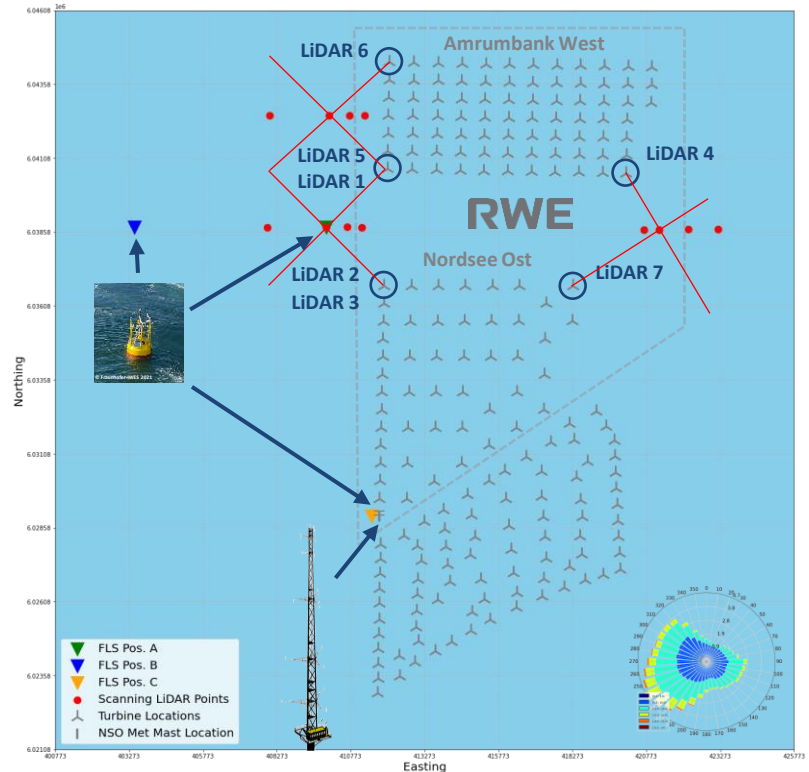
Processing of short-term wind farm SCADA data for pattern of production analysis



Experiment design

Summary of GloBE measurement campaign

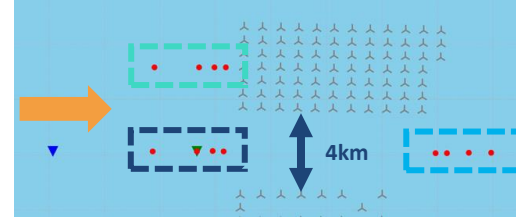
- 1 **6x WindCube 400s scanning in 3x dual Doppler pairs to conduct dual Doppler reconstruction (DDR) of wind speed from LoS:**
 - Operating in step-stare scanning patterns
 - Motion corrected, de-biased, levelled, time synchronised
- 2 **Dedicated WindCube 200s for ABL:**
 - Boundary layer height
 - VAD tall profiles
- 3 **Floating LiDAR System (FLS)**
 - Measuring in 3 locations, 2x co-located with scanning LiDAR and mast as trusted reference
- 4 **Met mast**
 - Refurbished with high-frequency sampling inc. ultrasonics for atmospheric stability and SST



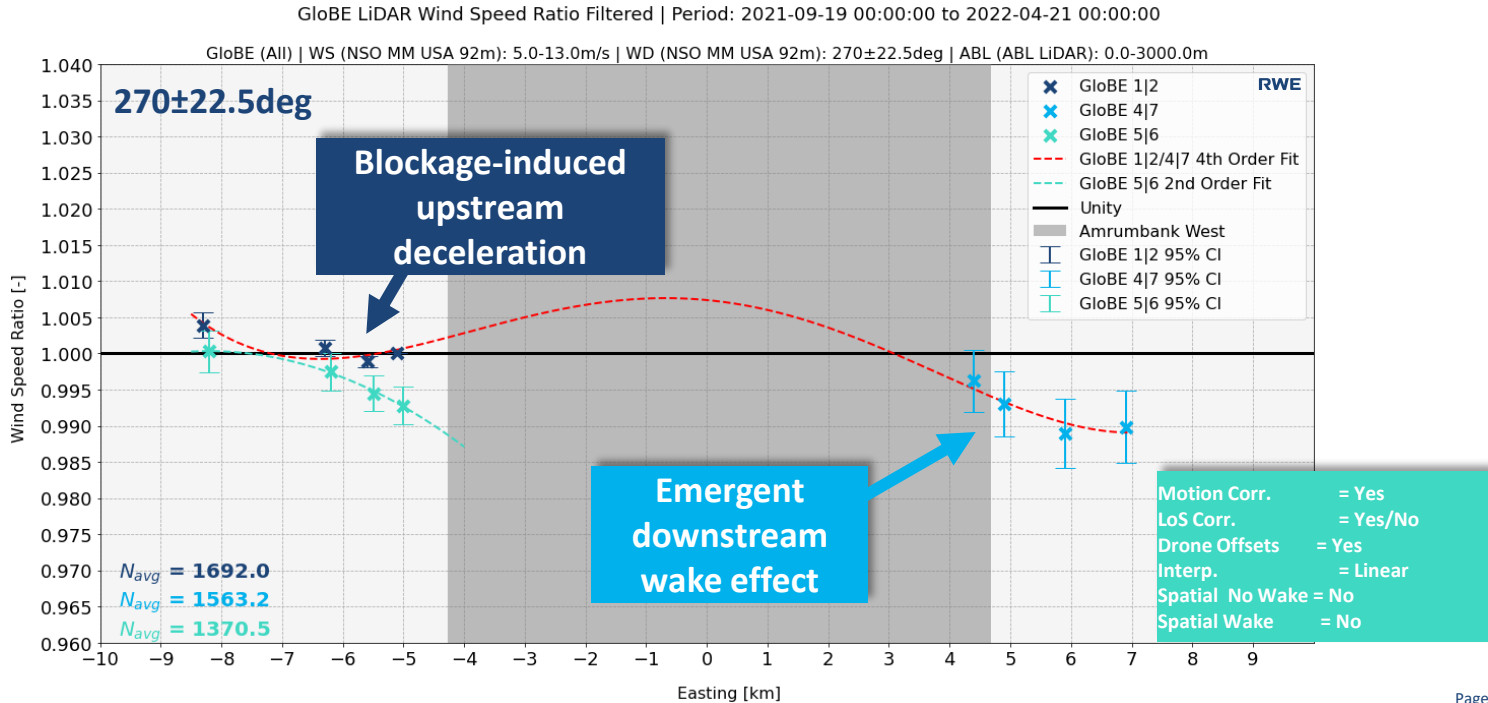


Results & observations

Blockage-induced speedups



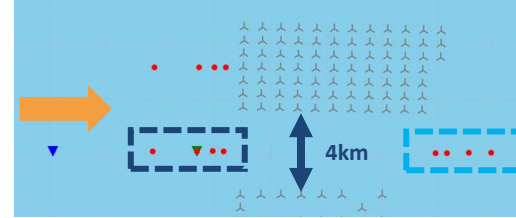
Transects upstream of AMK and “Kaskasi gap”



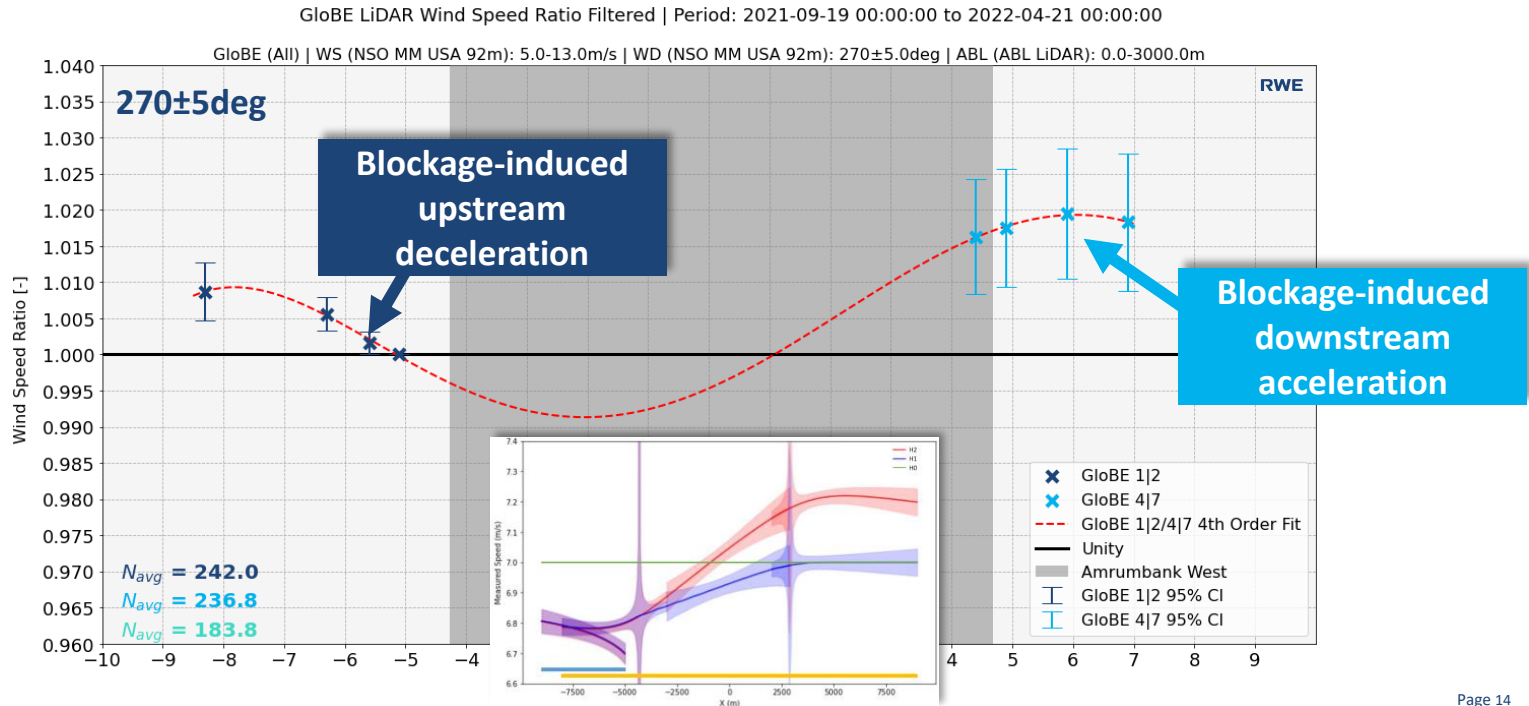


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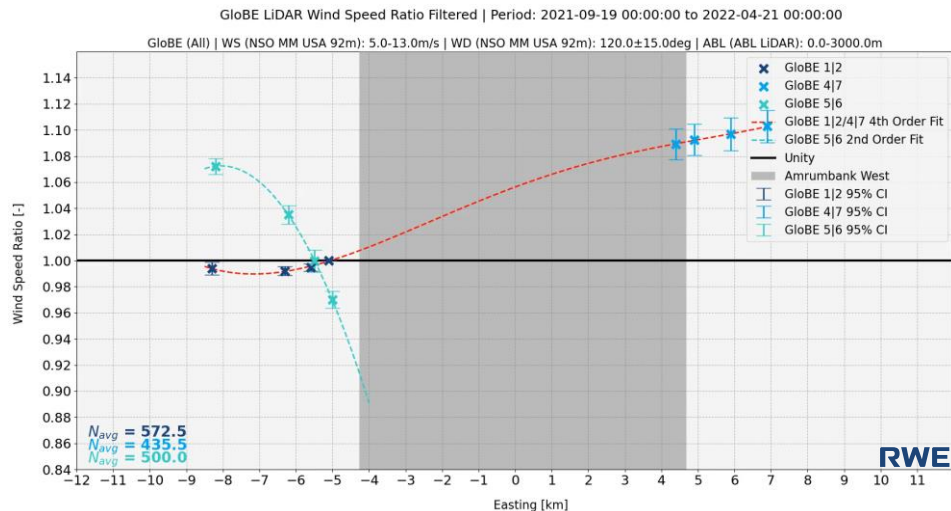
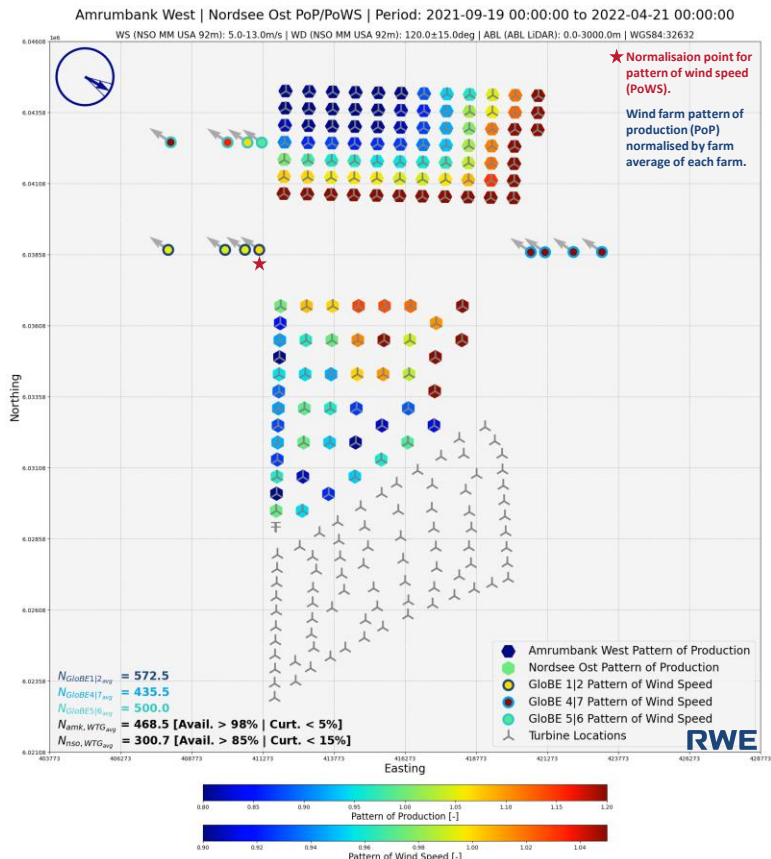
“Kaskasi gap” Transect Only





Results & observations

Pattern of wind speed & power

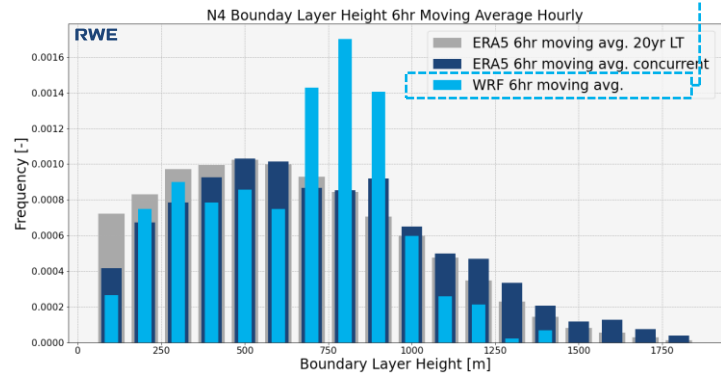
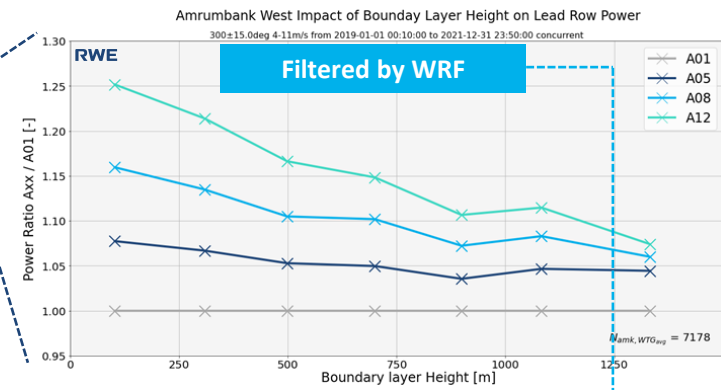
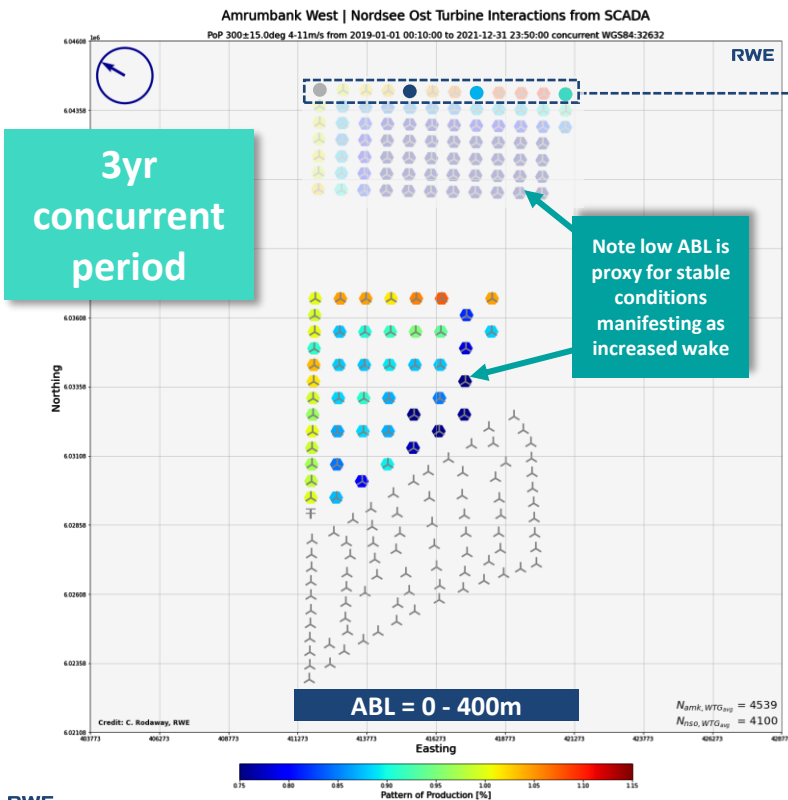


Assuming
 Final dataset inc. all corrections
 WS bin: 5-13m/s
 WD range: 120-360deg in 0.5deg increments
 WD bin: x±15deg
 ABL: 0-3000m



Results & observations

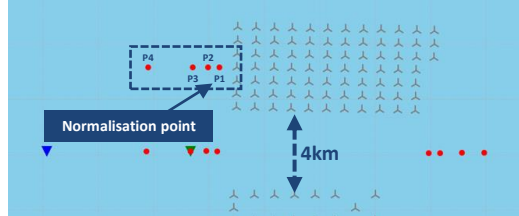
Impact of boundary layer height on pattern of production



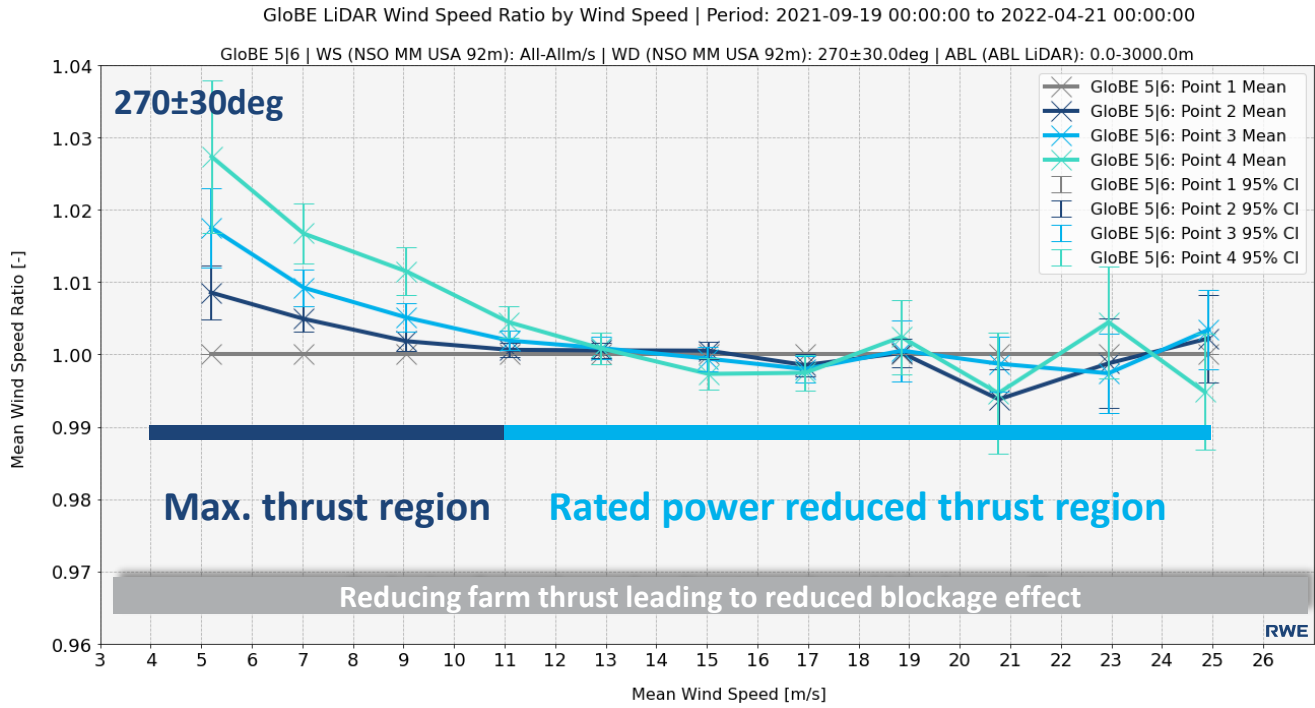


Results & observations

Wind gradients by wind speed



Trends by Wind Speed – Pair 5|6





Hypothesis testing of physics

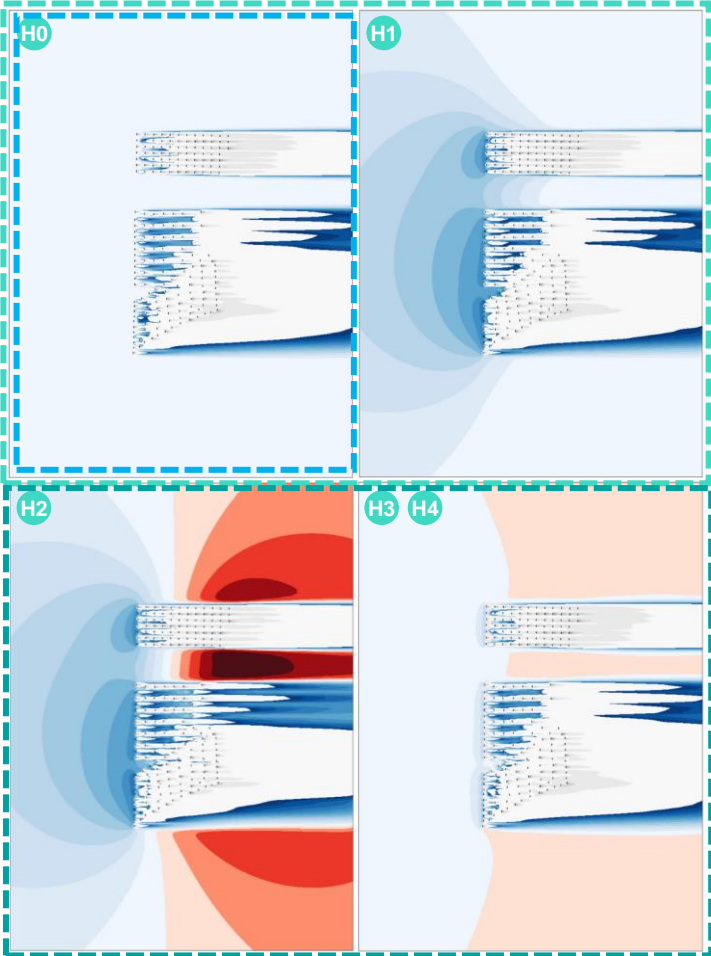
Proving / disproving hypotheses

- H0 There is no GBE
- H1 GBE results only in a downwards bias in AEP
- H2 GBE results in a downwards or upwards bias in AEP
- H3 Geostrophic height (ABL) has little impact on GBE
- H4 Geostrophic height (ABL) has large impact on GBE

Legacy approach

Lead row correction approach

Tightly / Fully-coupled approach





Hypothesis testing

Evidence-based method

Combining wind speed and power gradients

In order to prove / disprove hypotheses we will use a **body of evidence** comprising of:

- Measured wind speed gradients & what impacts them
- Observed power gradients & what impacts them
- Modelled results to separate physics & what impacts them (use of VV to assist)

Question: What best explains what we are seeing in the observations?

Result: A model physics recipe.



Introduction & Recap



Model Comparisons



Hypothesis Testing



Accountancy & Conclusions



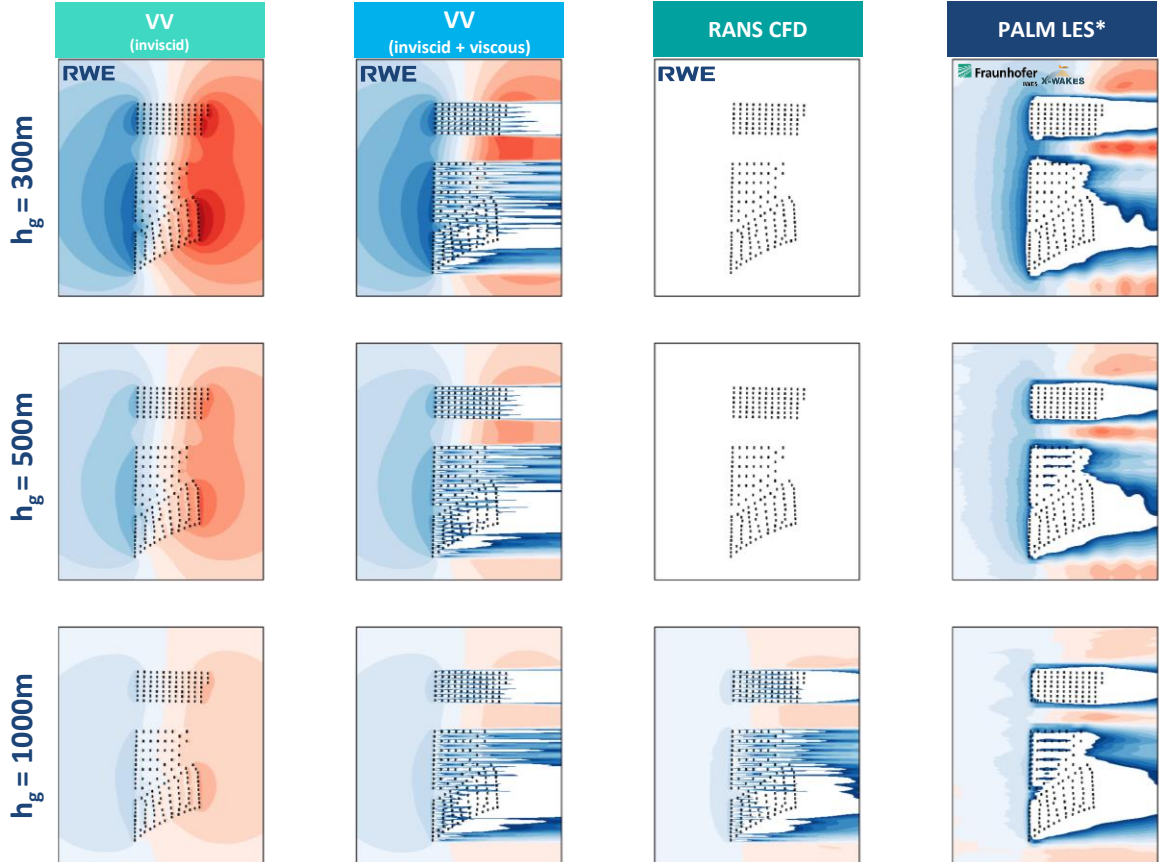
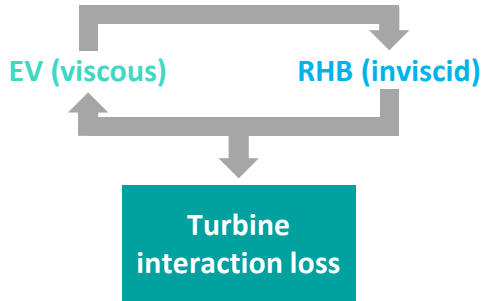
Questions



Model comparisons

Introducing RWE's VV and RANS CFD model

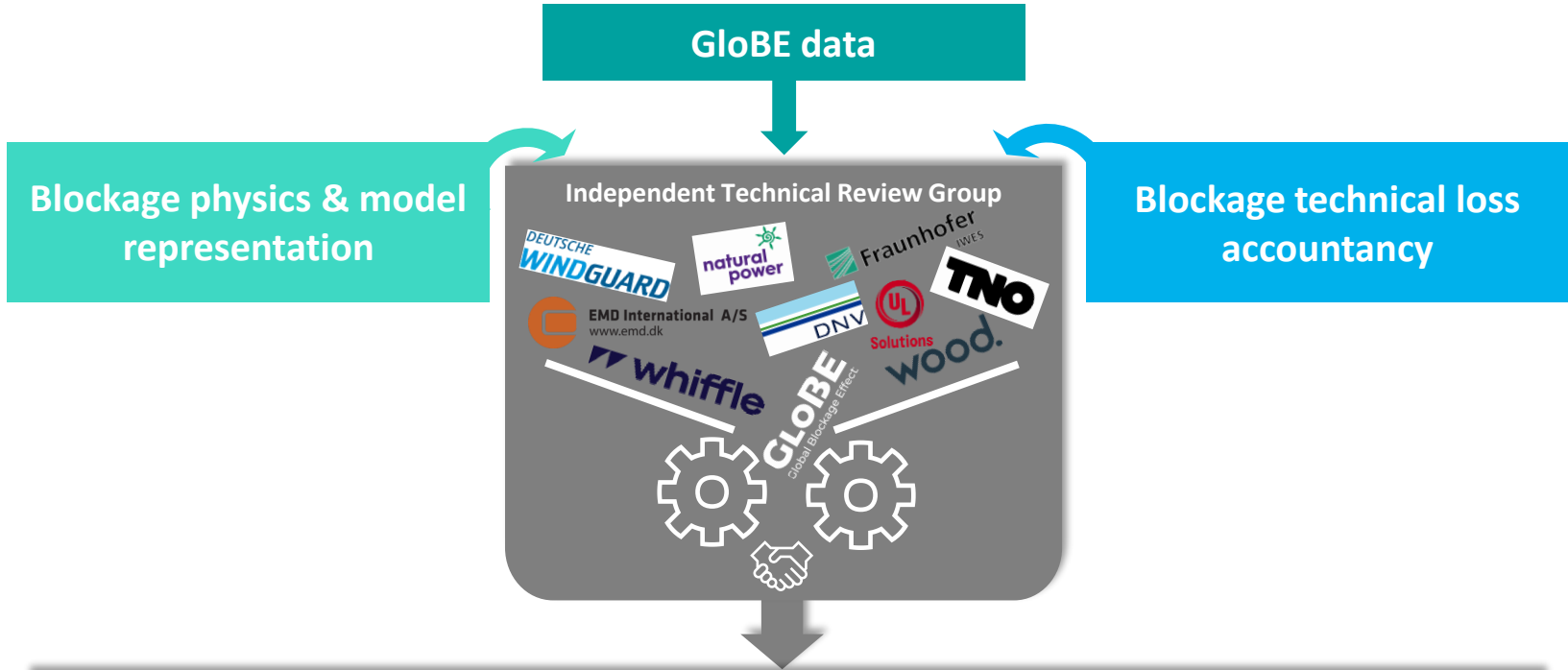
- 1 RWE in-house developed "VV" (Viscous Vortex) tested against higher order models
- 2 No wake model "tuning" or coefficients required
- 3 VV is EV (Ainslie) coupled to vortex sheet (RHB)





Model comparisons

ITRG model contribution














Model comparisons

ITRG model contribution

Summary Table

Model	Type	GBE Physics	ABL directly represented?	ABL Heights (m)	Stability Conditions	Plot Designation
A 	Fully Coupled	Full	Yes (soft)	300, 600, 1000	Neutral, Stable	A (FC)
B 	Fully Coupled	Full	Yes (soft)	Many	Many	B (FC)
C 	Tightly Coupled	Full	Yes (hard)	300, 500, 1000	-	C (TC-ABL)
D 	Tightly Coupled	Full	No	-	-	D (TC-no ABL)
E 	Tightly Coupled	Deceleration	No	Many	-	E (TC-no ABL)
F 	Tightly Coupled	Full	Yes	300, 500, 1000	-	F (TC-ABL)
G 	Fully Coupled	Full	Yes (hard)	300, 500, 1000	-	G (FC)
H	Tightly Coupled	Full	No	-	-	Not included yet
RWE VV 	Tightly Coupled	Full	Yes (hard/soft)	300, 500, 1000	Neutral, Stable	RWE VV
RWE CFD 	Fully Coupled	Full	Yes (soft)	700m	Neutral	RWE CFD



Model comparisons

Processing of SCADA data

Summary of data processing

Wind speed distributions

- Shown in the “Wind & Power Observations” session, won’t go over this again.

Power distributions

- Uses 4yr long term dataset.
- Filtered for wind speed and direction from lead row turbines, 100% avail. And 0% curt.
- Normalised PoP calculated using lead row average if lead row only.
- Normalised PoP calculated using wind farm average if looking at whole wind farm.

Models

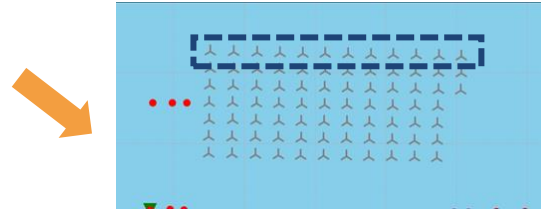
- Model results averaged directionally if available within the same bin widths as measured.
- Model results averaged across multiple ABL heights if available.
- Model results averaged across multiple stability conditions if available.



Model comparisons

Pattern of production

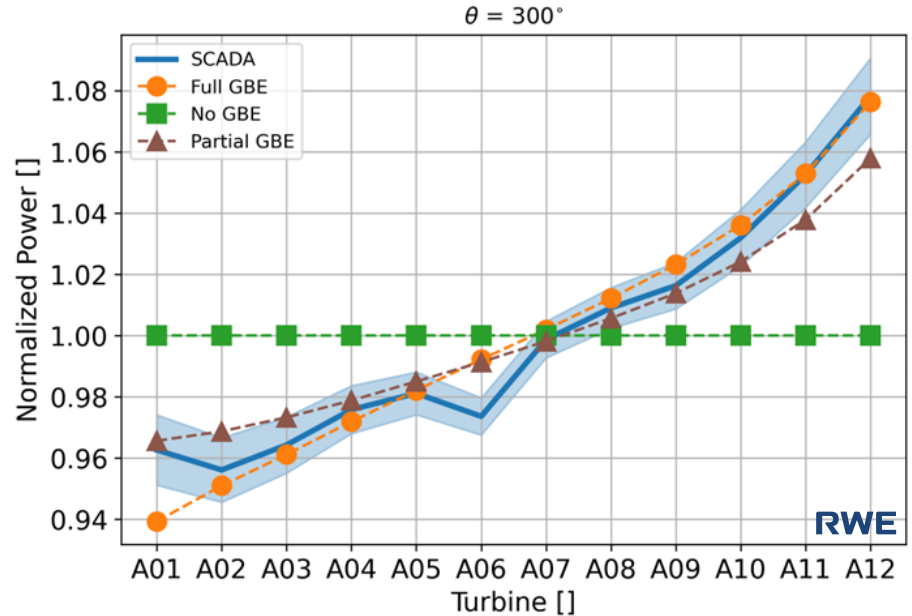
Pattern of Production Along Lead Rows



$$\theta = 300^\circ \pm 5^\circ \quad U_{ref} = (7.5 \pm 1) \text{ m/s}$$

VV only comparing hypotheses (ABL = [300,500,1000m], lid = 0.5):

- **No GBE (H0)** – Shows no variation
- **Partial GBE (H1)** – Shows power gradient
- **Full GBE (H2/3)** – Shows increased power gradient

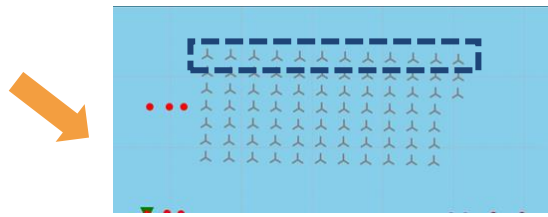




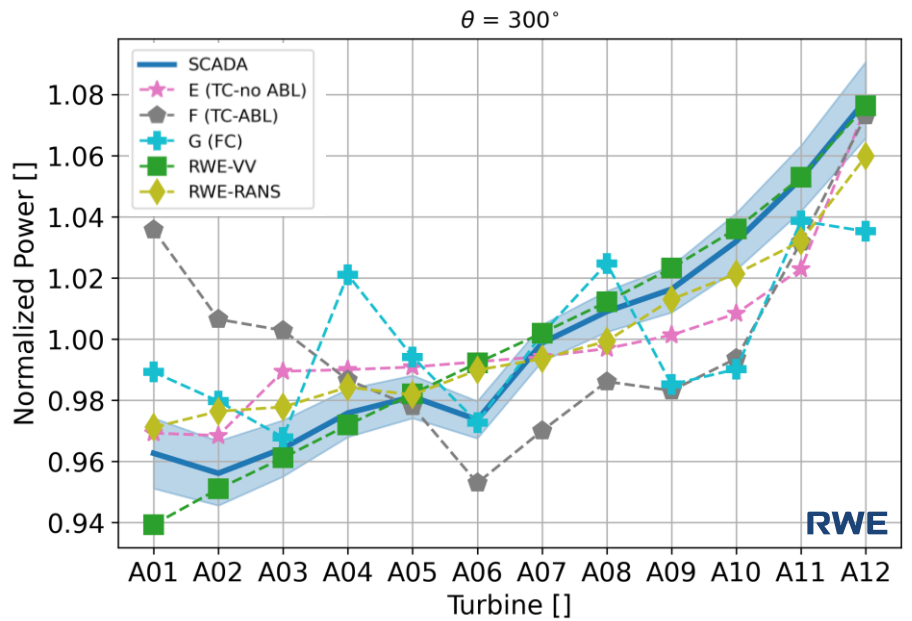
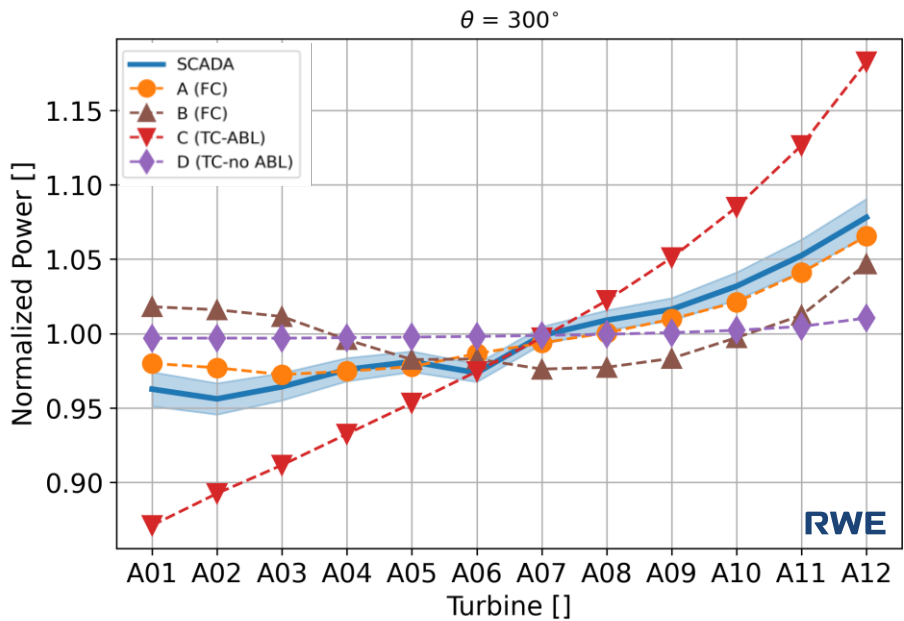
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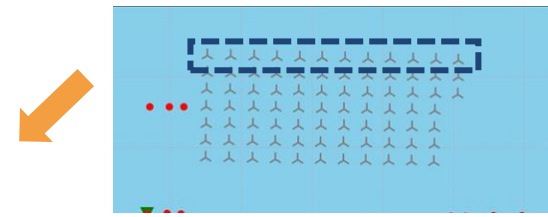
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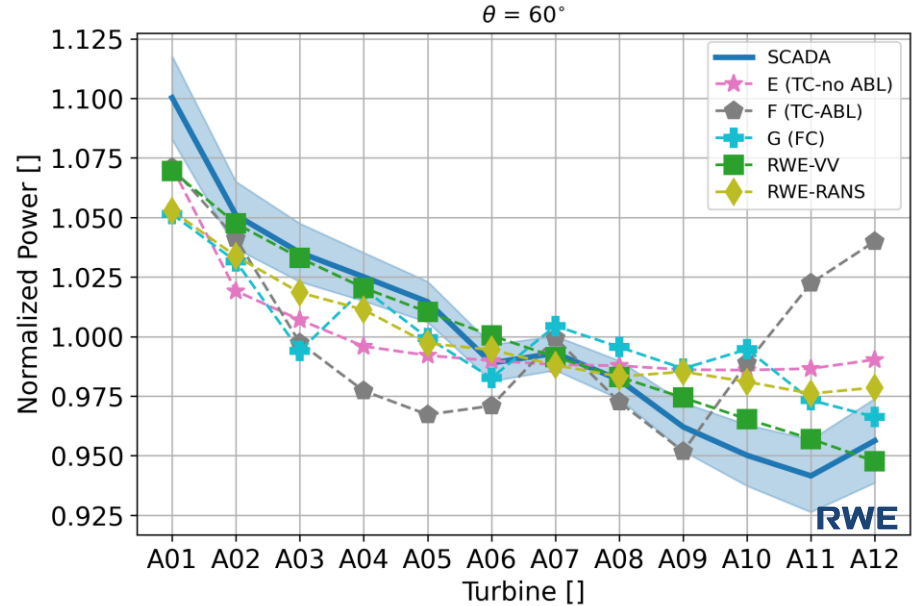
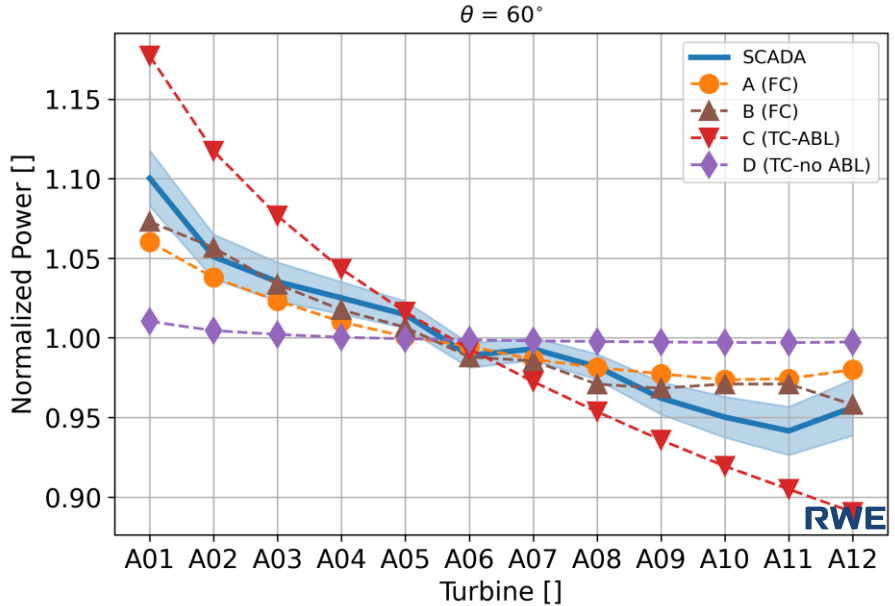
Model comparisons

Pattern of production



Pattern of Production Across Wind Farm

$$\theta = 60^\circ \pm 5^\circ \quad U_{ref} = (7.5 \pm 1) \text{ m/s}$$

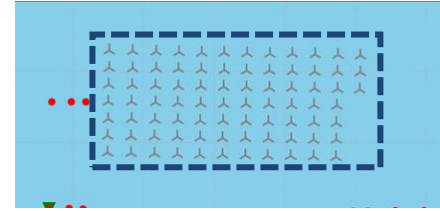




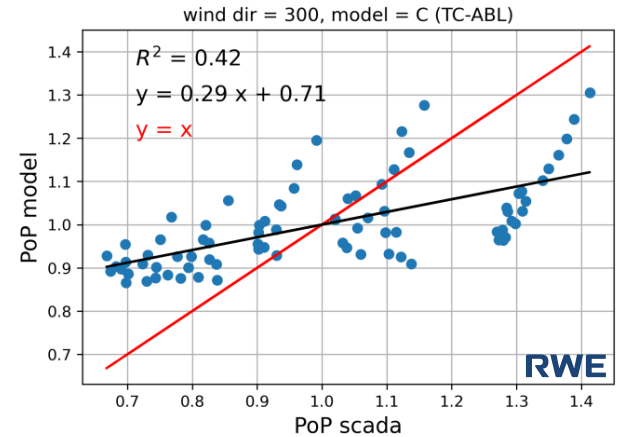
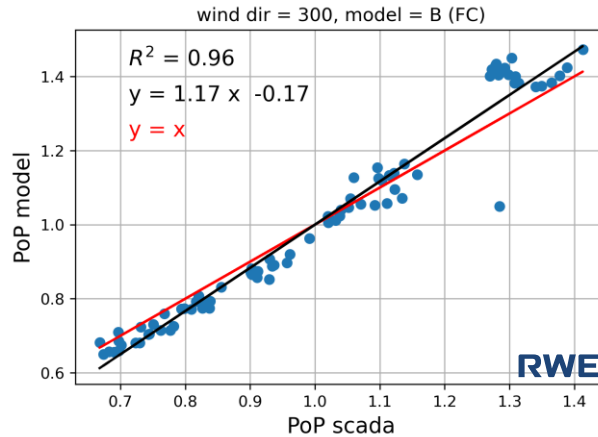
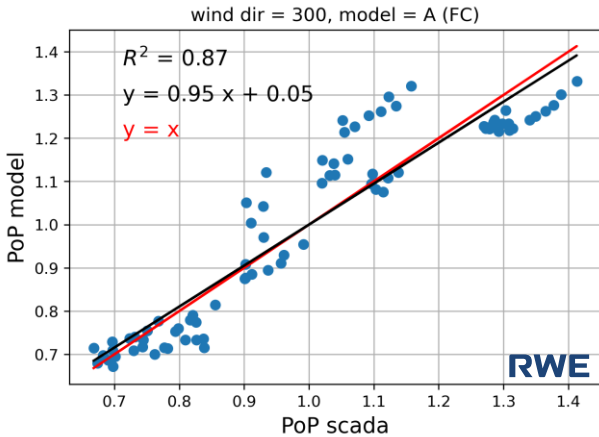
Model comparisons

Pattern of production

Pattern of Production Across Entire Site



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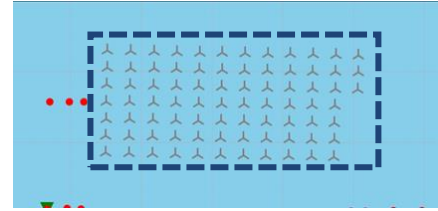
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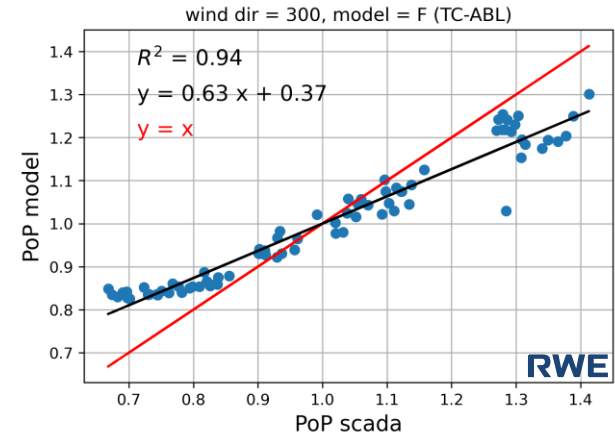
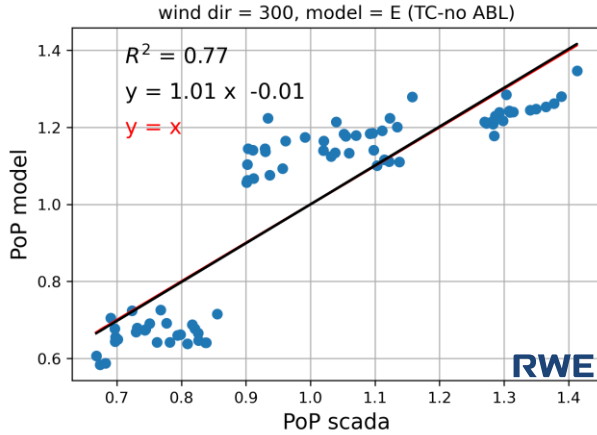
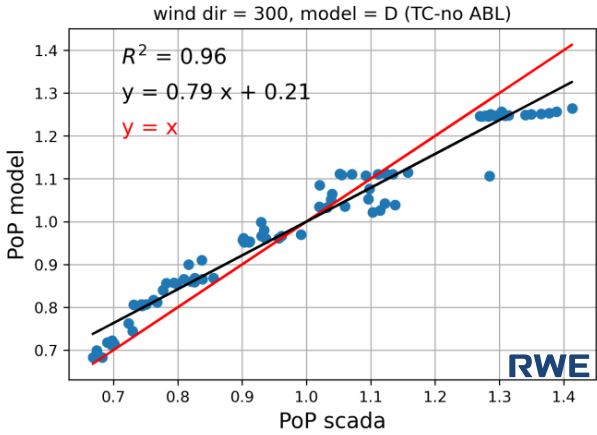
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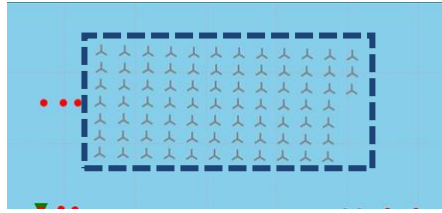


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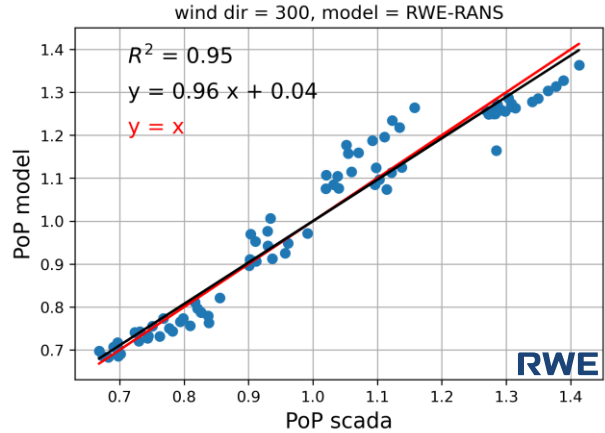
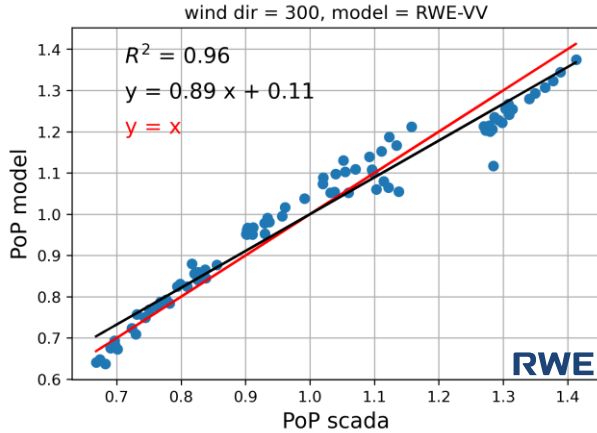
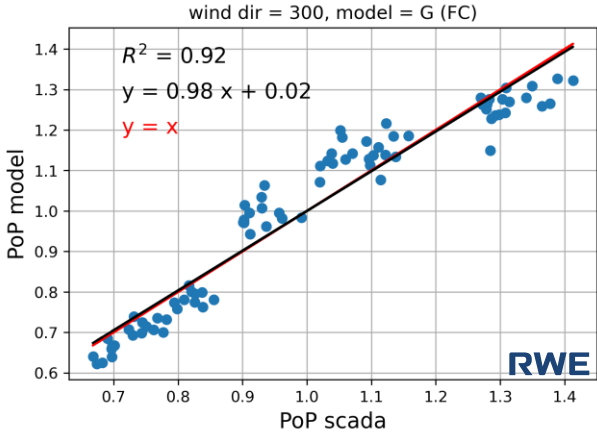
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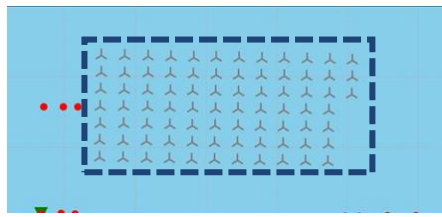


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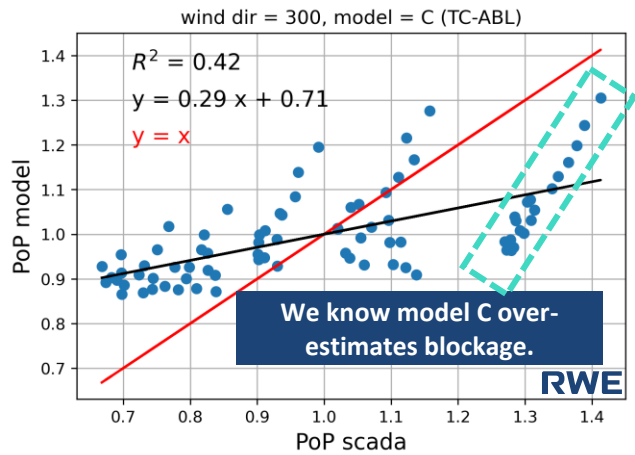
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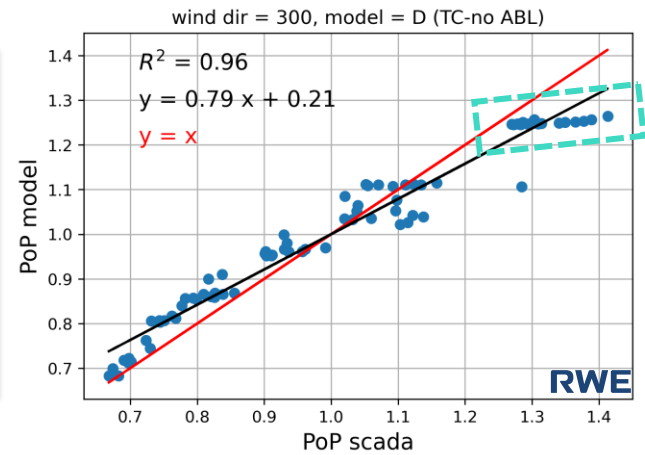
Pattern of Production Across Entire Site

300deg allows us to drill into GBE specifically, let's see how by looking at models C and D



Sub or local power gradients form! What does this mean???

Is global power gradient impacted???

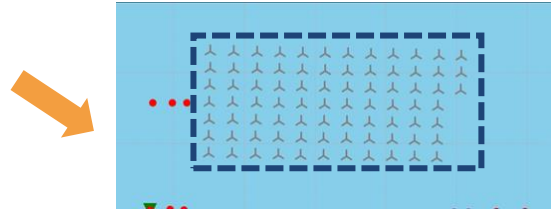


Let's use VV to answer these questions!



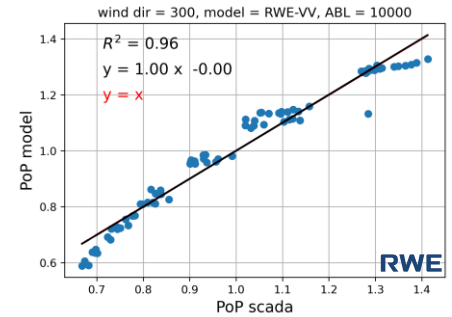
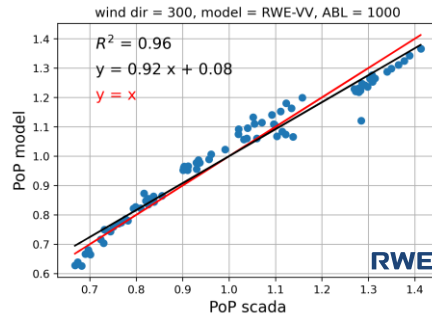
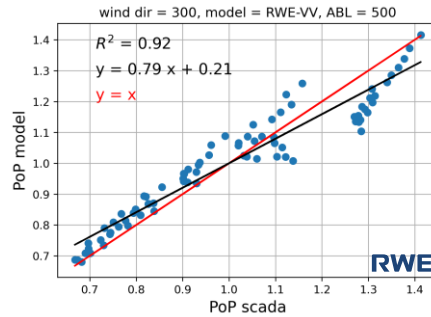
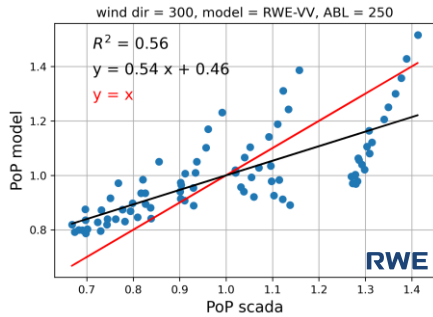
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VV run for 300deg a range of ABL heights using lid strength = 1 (to exaggerate the effect) → remember this is the same wake model in each case:



GBE and ABL impacts the local power gradients within the global gradient!

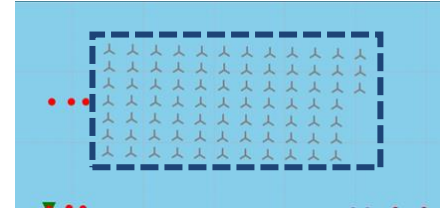
GBE and ABL impacts the global gradient and “appears” as a wake model issue!



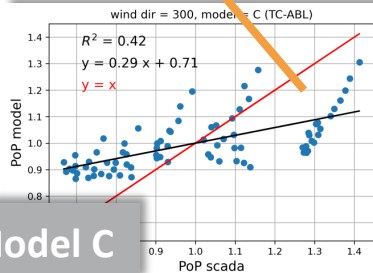
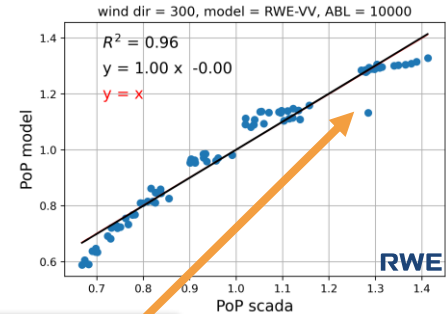
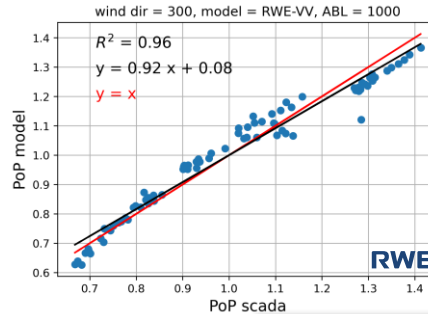
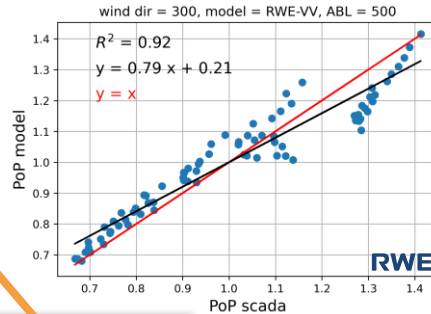
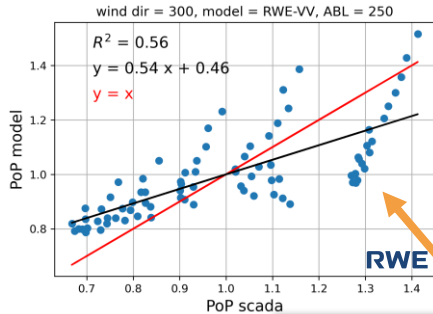
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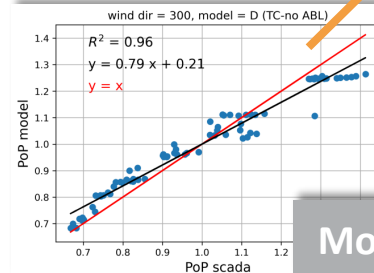
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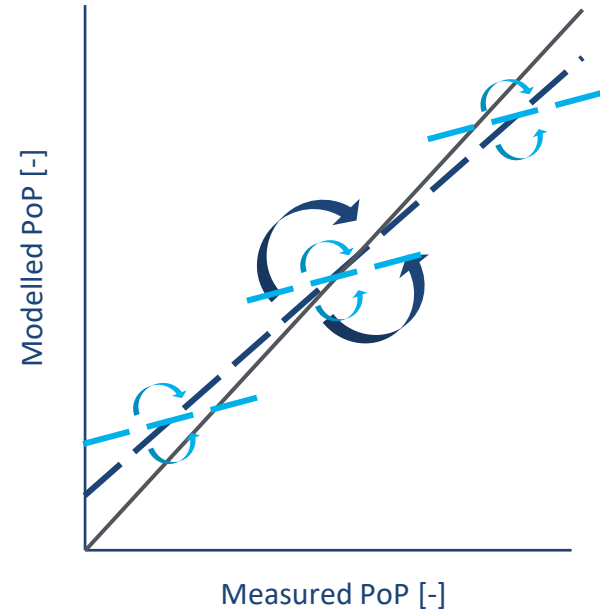
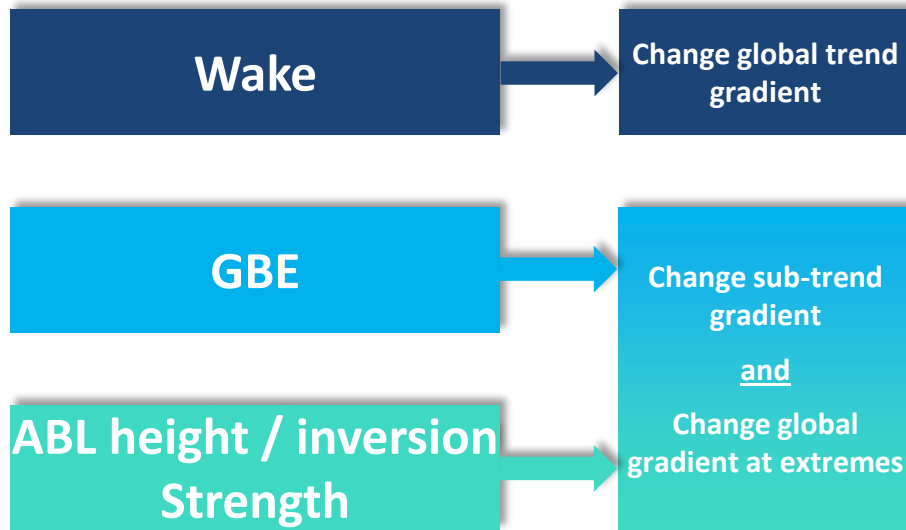
We can explain the behaviour of model C and D





Model comparisons

Impact on pattern of power from wake and GBE

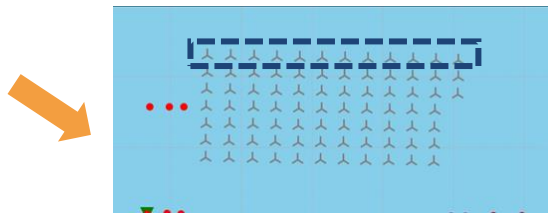


All contribute to stream-wise power gradients and therefore scatter in PoP comparisons



Model comparisons

Impact of boundary layer height



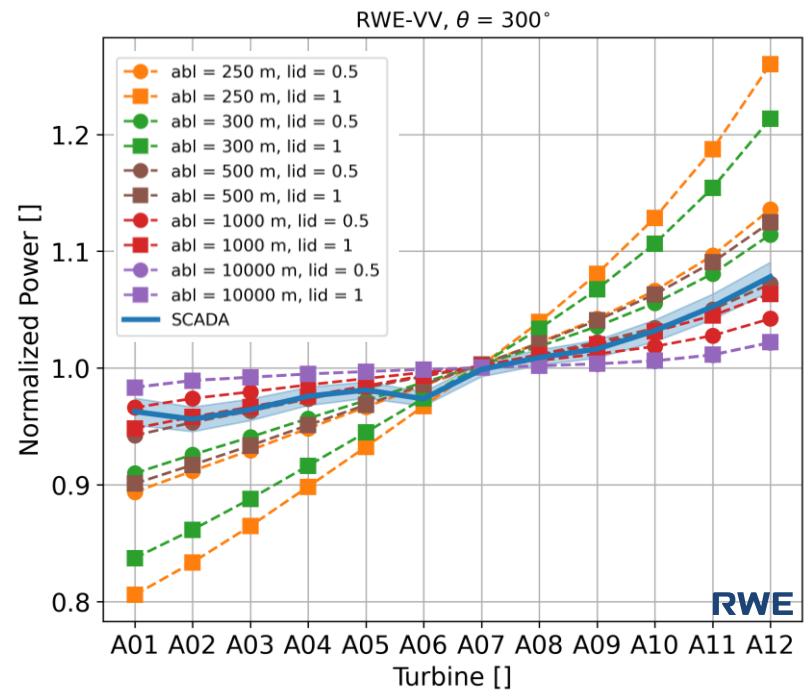
Patter of Production Across Entire Site – ABL Impact

VV run for 300deg a range of ABL heights using lid (inversion) strength = 0.5 AND = 1

- ABL height has a big impact
- Lid (inversion) strength has an equally big impact
- VV requires an inversion strength of 0.5 to permit a realistic ABL height to be set.

GBE models must have ABL representation and care over inversion strength

Significant learning for RWE, inversion strength option introduced to VV as a result

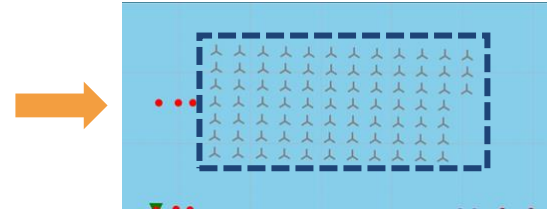




Model testing

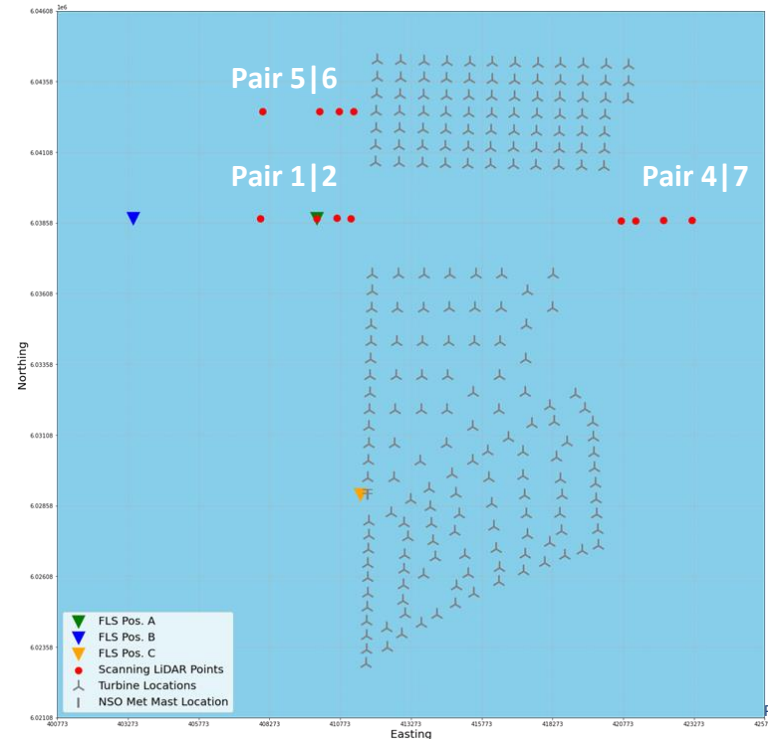
Model comparisons

Pattern of Wind Speed



So far we have looked at long term power only but what has GloBE given us?

- Wind speed gradients along transects for 3 dual Doppler scanning LiDAR pairs.
- Interrogate the model flow fields supplied and compare against the measured data.
- Try and split out the hypotheses, again will use VV for this purpose.

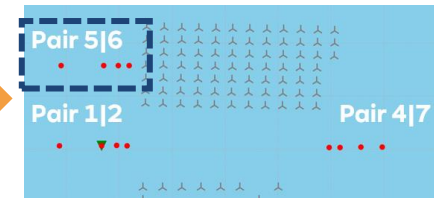




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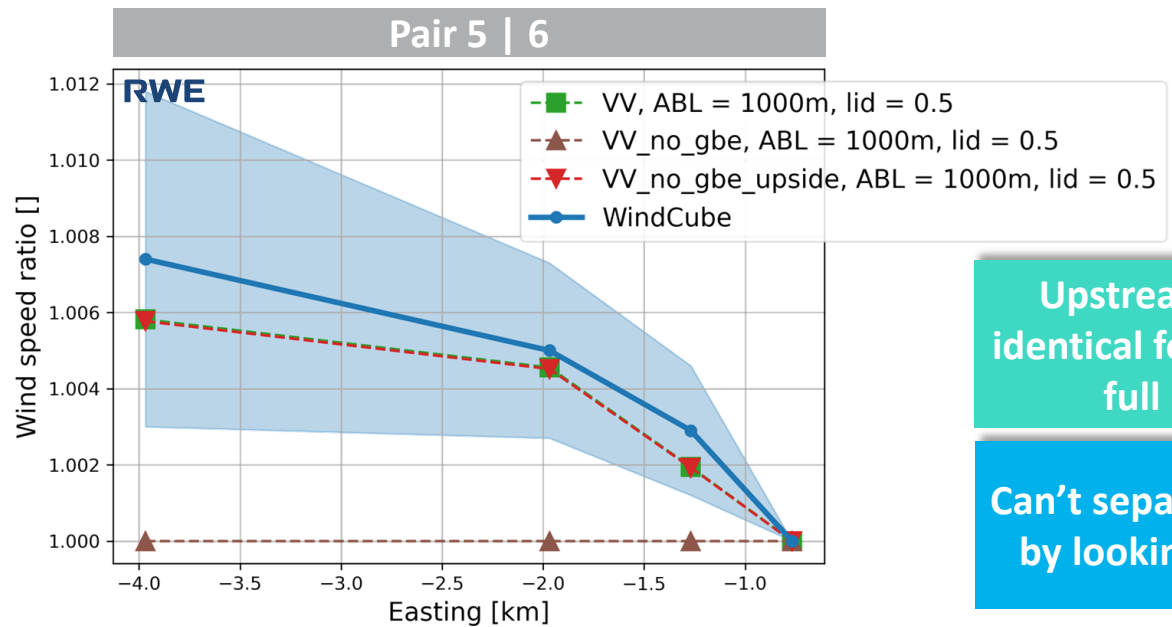
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Pattern of Wind Speed

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Upstream deceleration identical for partial (H1) and full (H2/3) GBE.

Can't separate H1 from H2/3 by looking upstream only



Model testing

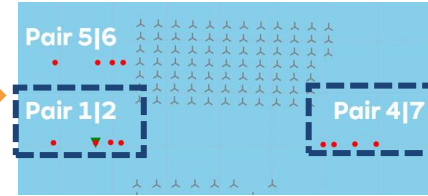
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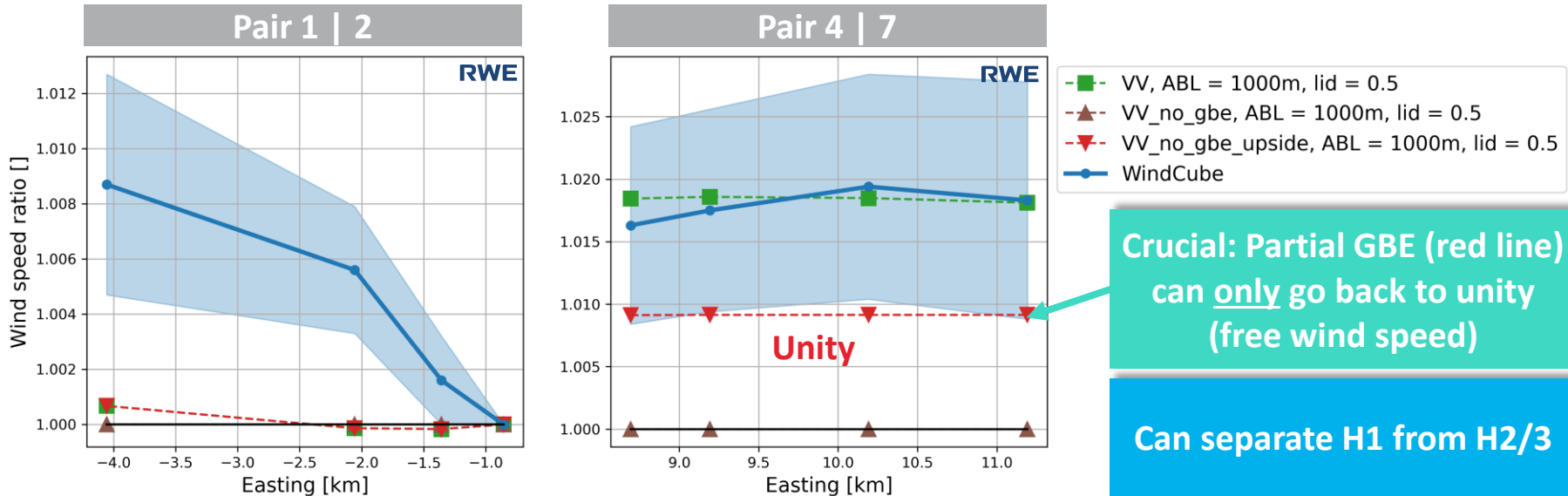
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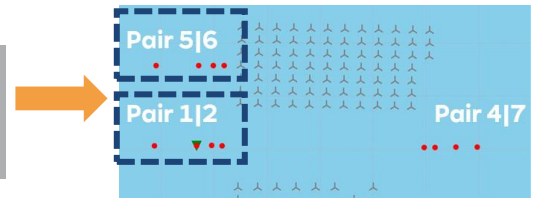




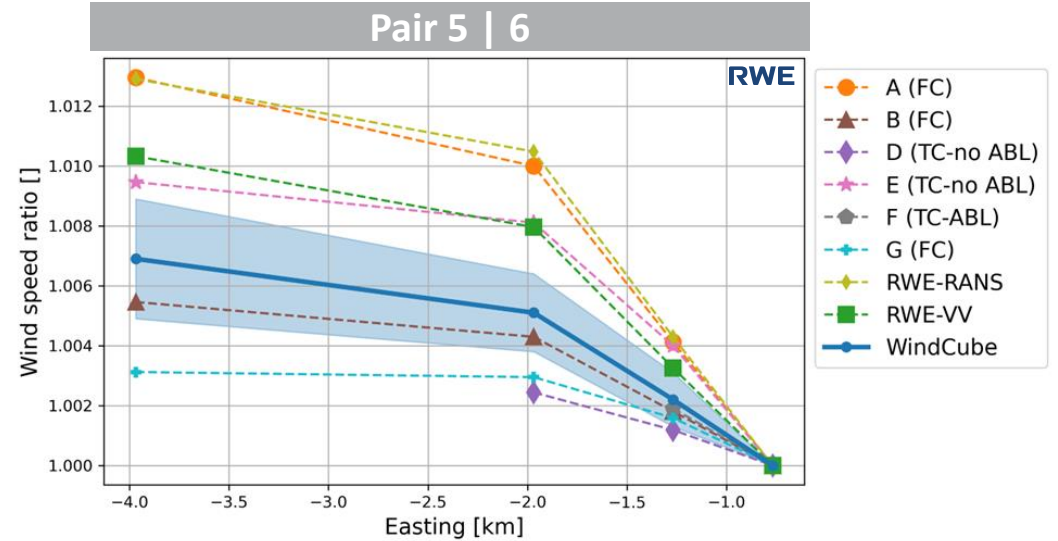
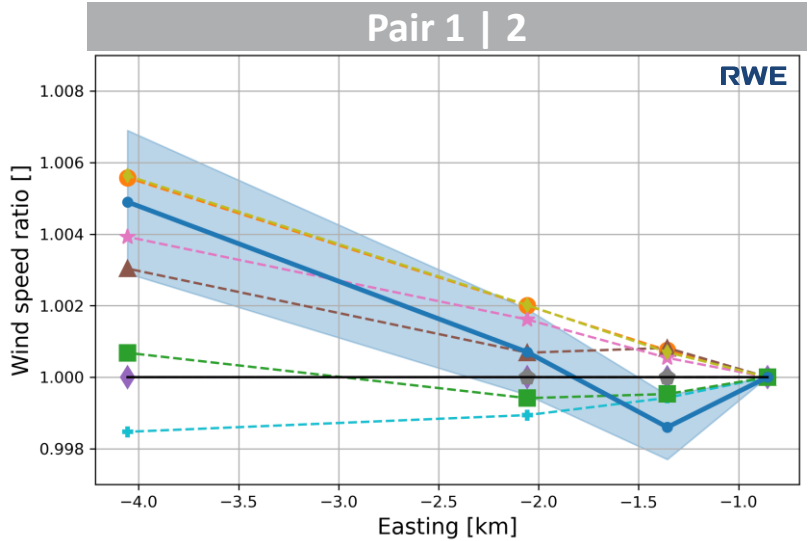
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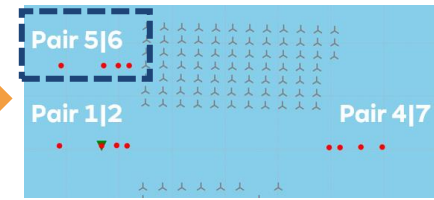




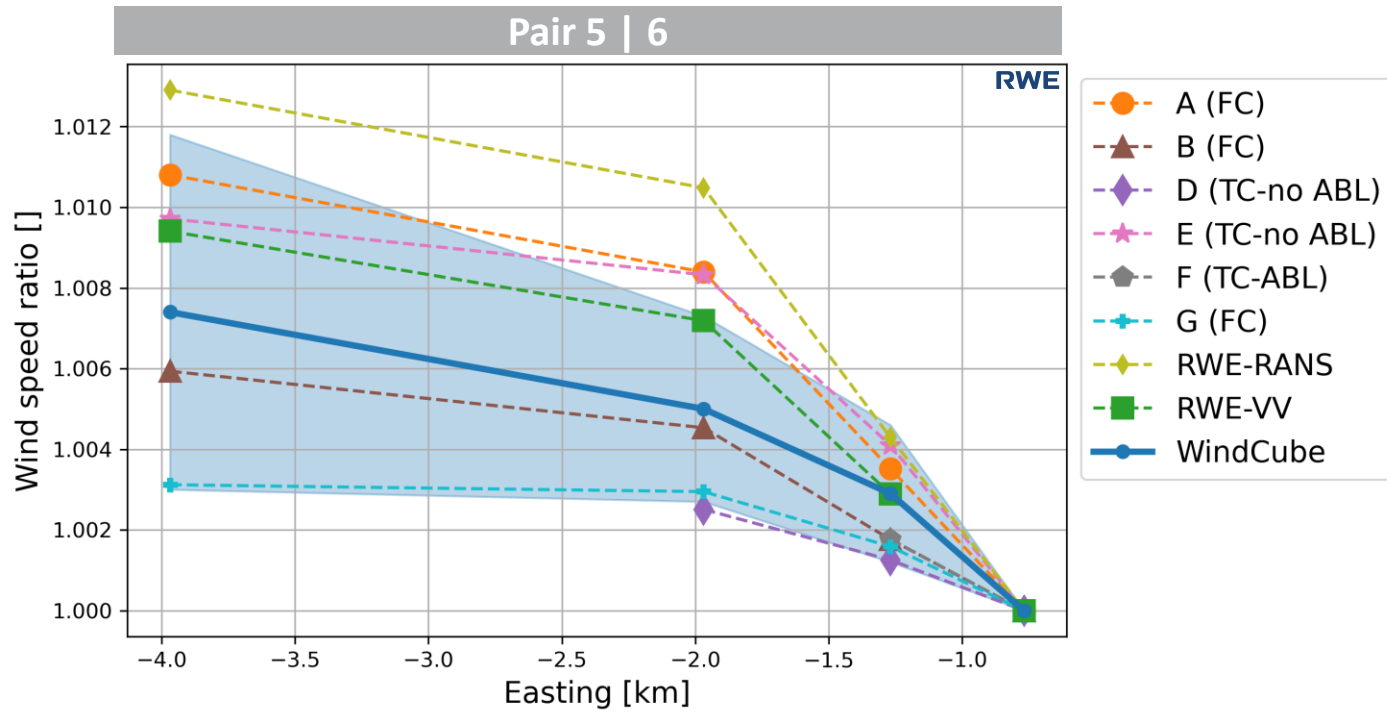
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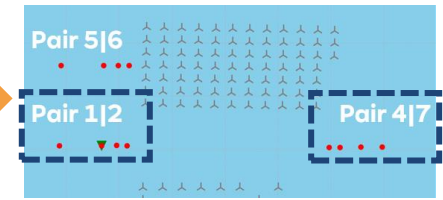


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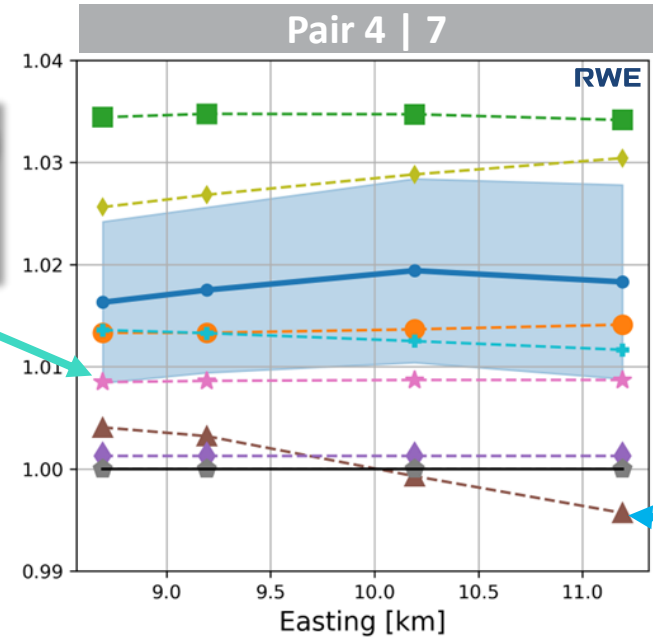
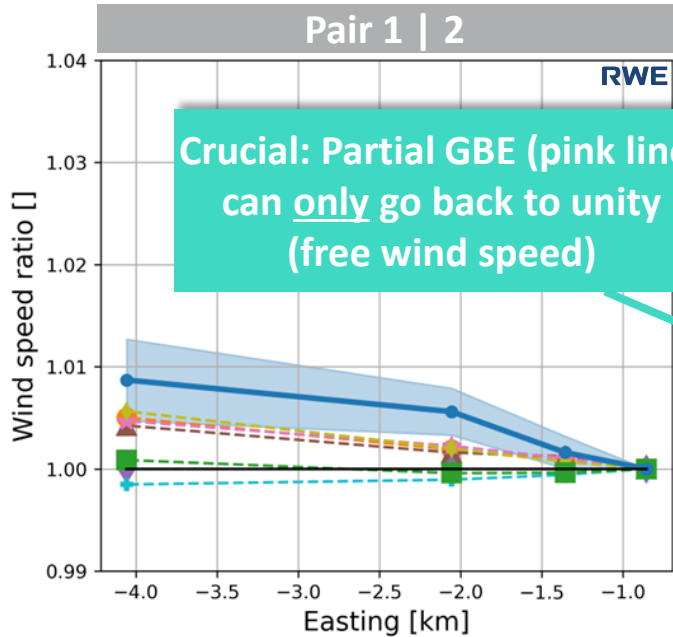
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Pattern of Wind Speed



- A (FC)
- △ B (FC)
- ◇ D (TC-no ABL)
- ☆ E (TC-no ABL)
- F (TC-ABL)
- ◆ G (FC)
- ◇ RWE-RANS
- RWE-VV

We believe there is wake contamination here (brown line)



Model comparisons

Findings from comparison exercise

Conclusions

We have seen the following from the model comparison:

1. There is a large spread of methods and therefore a large spread of results, the extent of the spread was a surprise.
2. There are models that clearly perform very well and some pretty poorly specifically for GBE.
3. Tightly coupled models which exclude ABL height representations show negligible GBE impact and therefore are of little value.
4. Tightly coupled models which only contain partial GBE exhibit gradients which do not match observations.
5. Fully coupled higher order models consistently perform the best when including the correct physics.
6. Tightly coupled models with good ABL height representations including soft lid perform very well.



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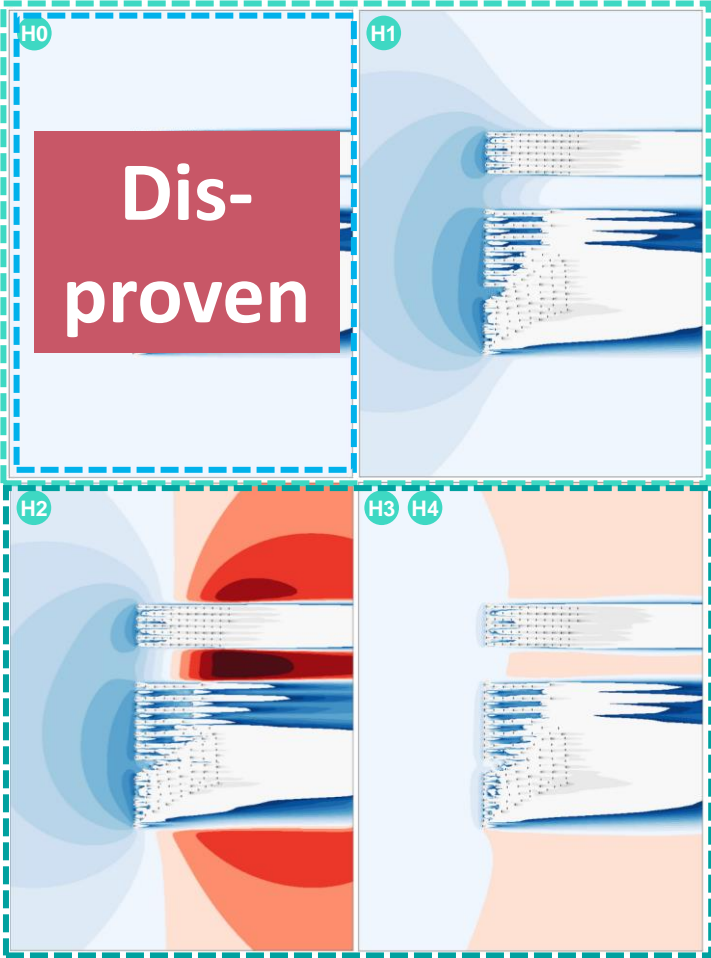
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Legacy approach

Lead row correction approach

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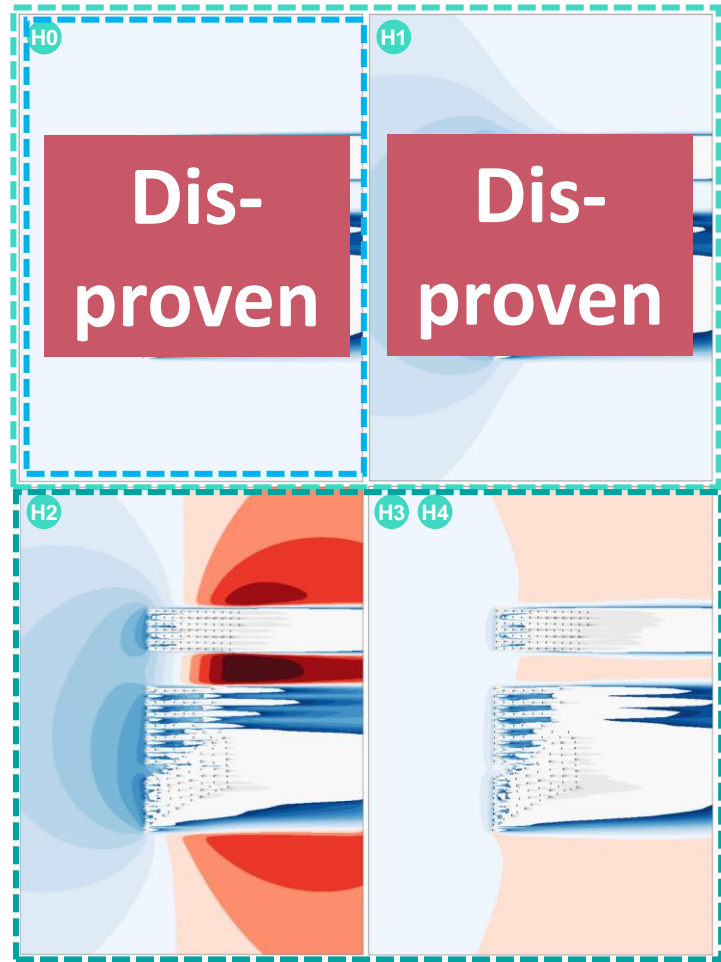
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5. magnitudes of power / wind speed gradients only explainable when including ABL representation.

6. The range potential of power / wind speed gradients is large due to the impact of the ABL height.



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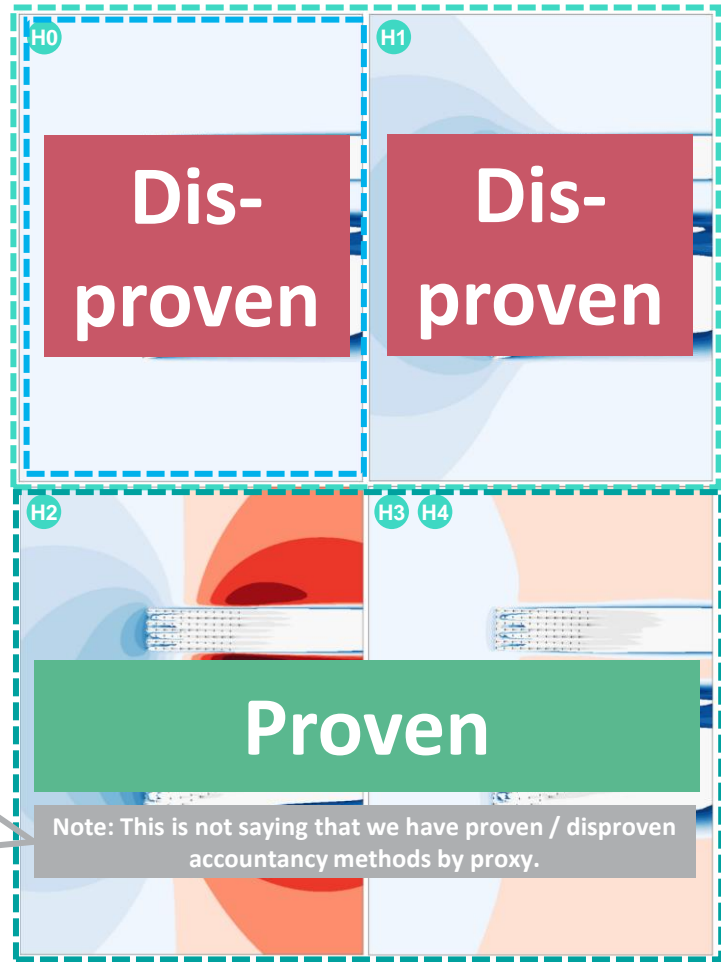
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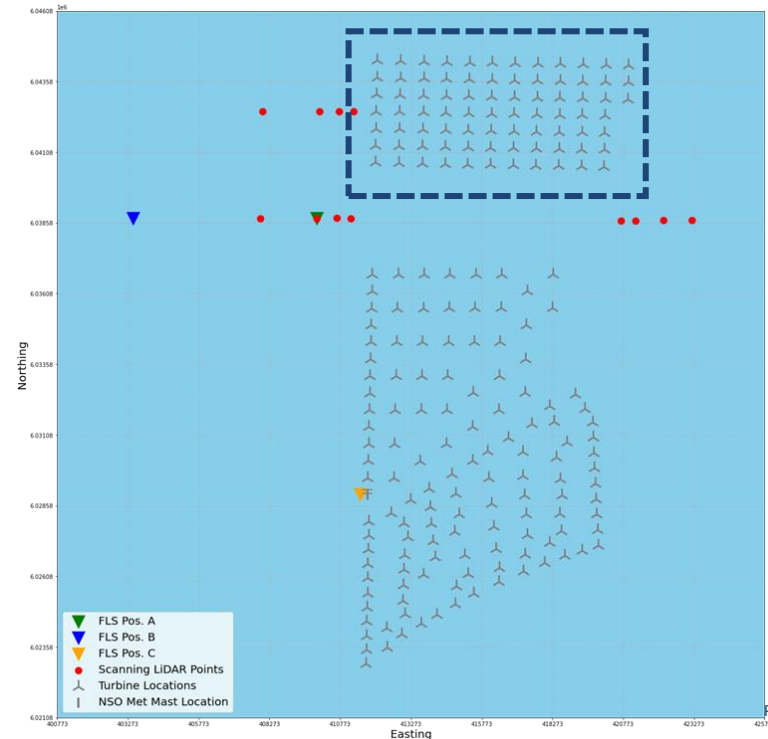


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Redistributive effect on power

Looking at Different Hypotheses in More Detail

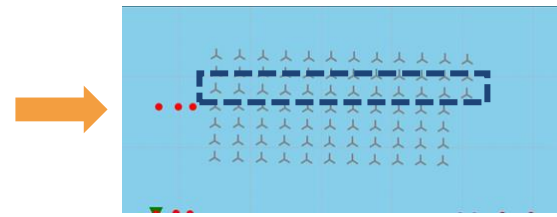
- VV can represent all hypotheses with the same underlying wake model!
- Let's use VV to break this down by looking at Amrumbank West PoP.
- Look at the different hypotheses and why these matter.
- Focus on 270, 000, 180 and 300deg.
- Single ABL height and lid strength @ 9m/s.



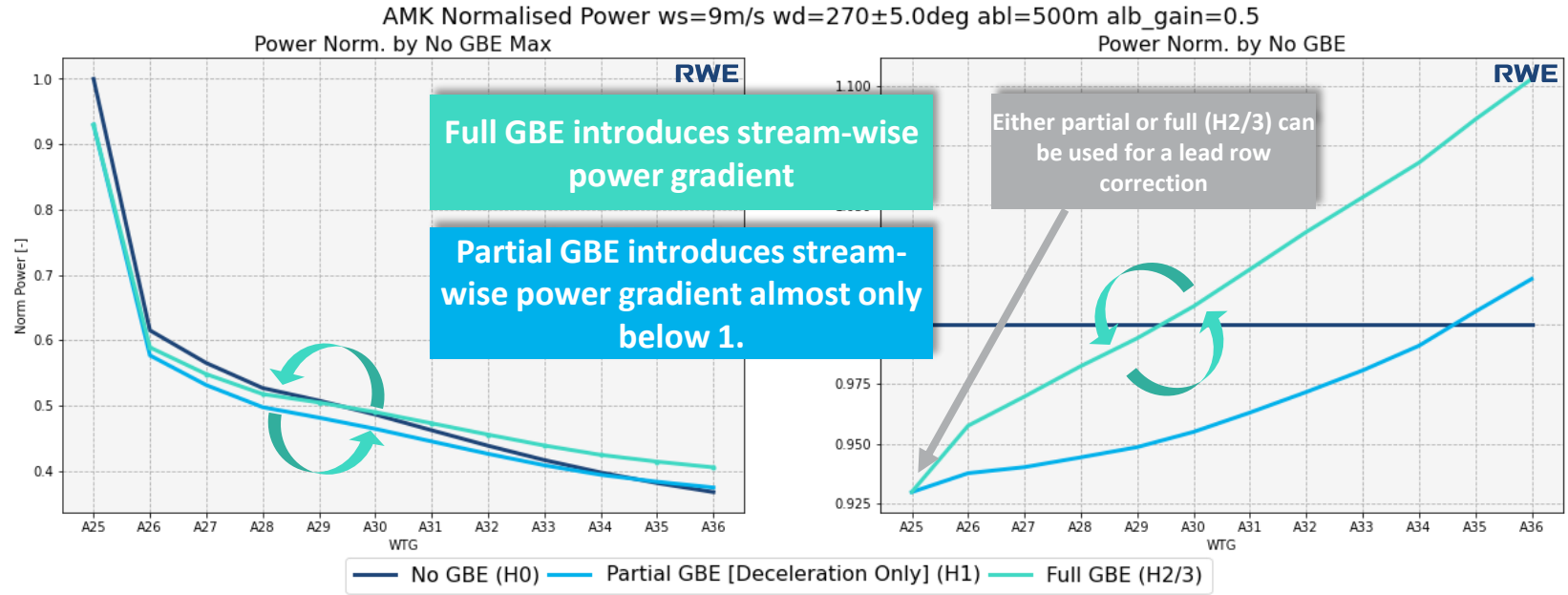


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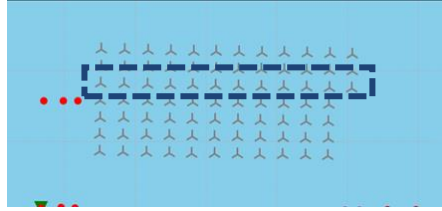


VV shows a power gradient is introduced due to GBE



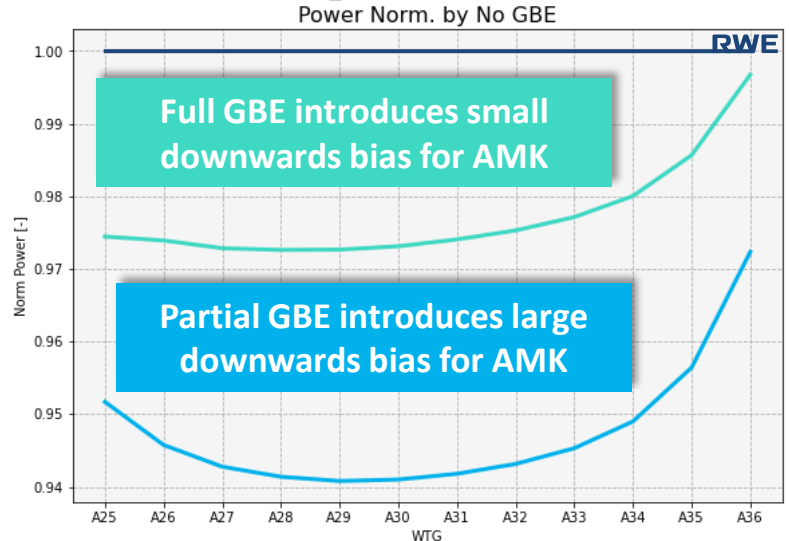
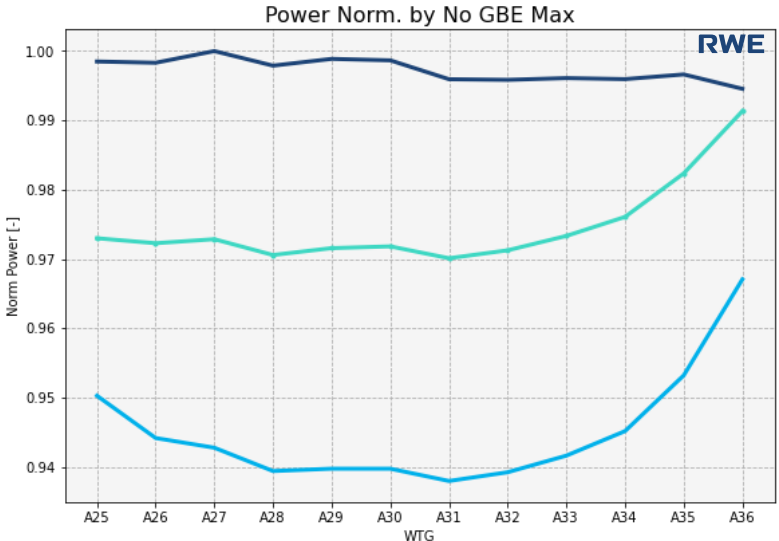
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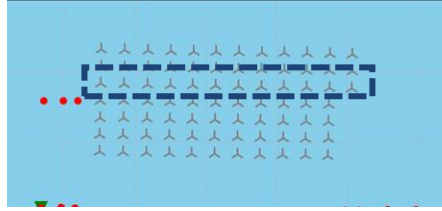
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 — Partial GBE [Deceleration Only] (H1)
 — Full GBE (H2/3)

GBE power gradient persists through entire N4 cluster



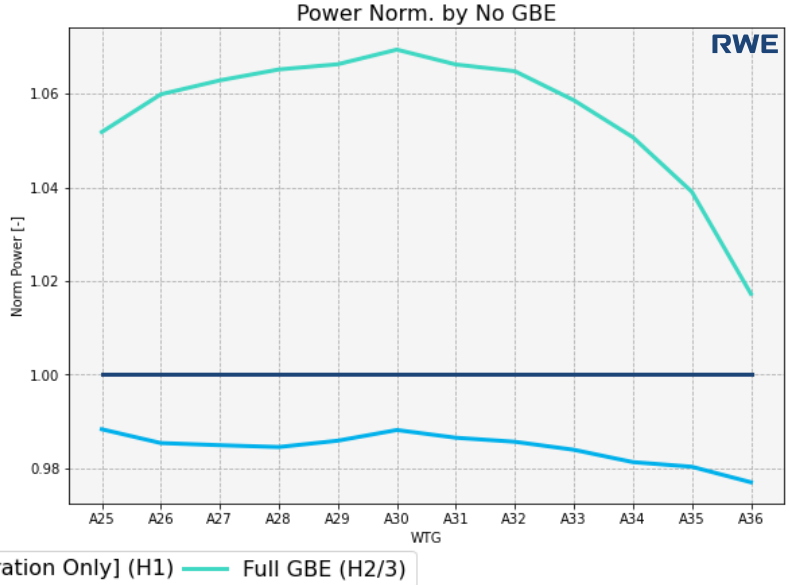
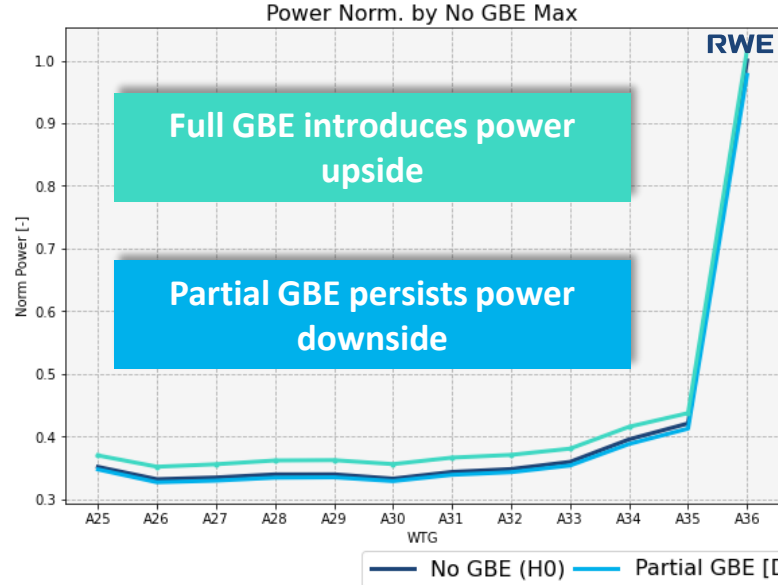
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And Some Clarifications

We probably need some clarification here about the hypotheses.

- What we have proven here is the physics and what the physics of blockage does to wind turbine/farm power.
- In other words → **The physics of global blockage has a redistributive effect on power within a wind farm / cluster.**
- In other words → We have proven that **there is a power gradient induced by GBE relative to wakes-only (no GBE)**, but how do we deal with that?
- We now need to talk about accountancy.



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Jointly agreed public statement



Joint Statement on the Global Blockage Effect



SCAN ME



"Offshore Wind Accelerator (OWA): Setting the benchmark for measuring and assessing the global blockage effect."

OWA GLOBE, in collaboration with "W Wake" and "WTFABLE", has delivered a unique global blockage effect (GBE) dataset and enabled benchmarking on the physics and accountancy of GBE.

Global Blockage Effect: Experiment

OWA GLOBE conducted an experiment at RWE's Amrumbank West & Nordsee Ost wind farms located in the German Bight using a combination of LIDAR-based wind measurements and wind farm operational data to observe GBE.

Unique and advanced bias correction methods including drone-based as well as turbine head-targeting, turbine motion correction, inter-device calibrations and spatial corrections were implemented and combined with a trusted floating LIDAR system (FLS) buoy to maximise confidence in the findings.

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Global Blockage Effect: Physics

GBE is the non-wake component of turbine to turbine and farm to farm interaction effects. Its magnitude and extent is governed by farm characteristics and atmospheric conditions. GBE is a complex two-way interaction between wind farms and the surrounding atmosphere.

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Global Blockage Effect: Methods & Accountancy

GBE should be considered as part of a "Total Turbine Interaction Loss" factor inclusive of turbine wake and GBE impact on AEP. Wake and GBE may be calculated separately and combined to give an overall effect.

Different accountancy approaches exist in the industry for reaching an overall "Turbine Interaction Loss" which fall into the main categories: "Decoupled", "Tightly Coupled" and "Fully Coupled". Each approach will lead to varying energy uncertainty / bias potential depending on its physics and accountancy implementation.

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GLOBE Modelling & Accountancy Recommendations

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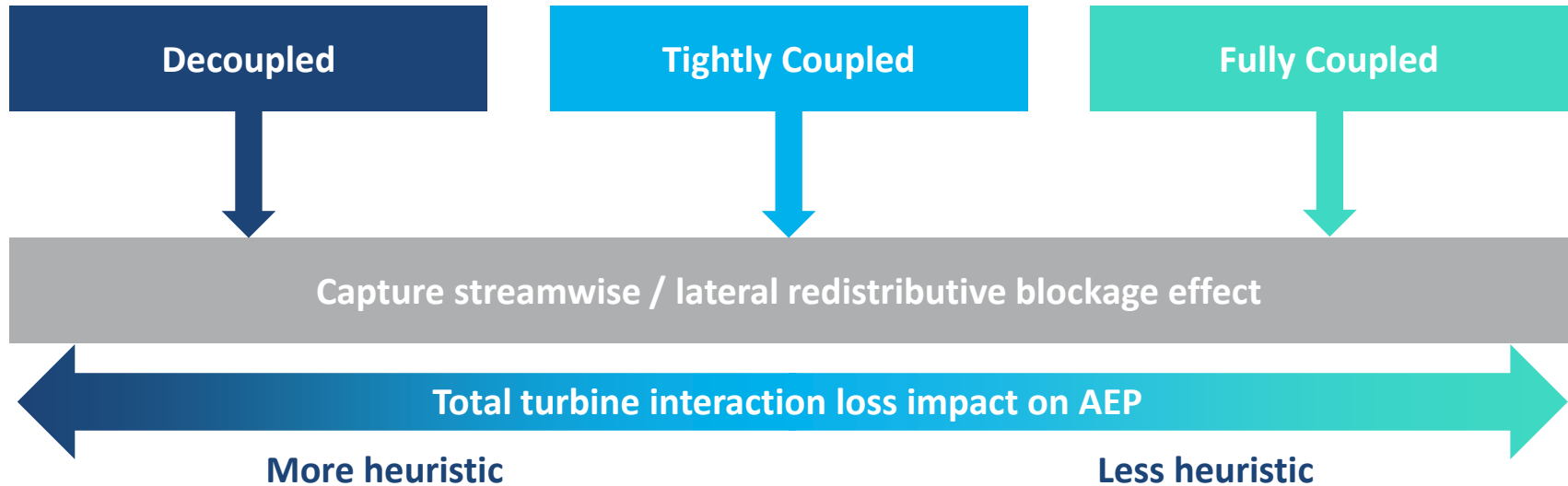
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Categorising Model Types in the Joint Statement





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Areas Covered by Joint Statement

Model Description

**Model / Physics
Recipe**

**GBE
Accountancy**

**Model Validation
Prerequisite**

**Important
Considerations**

Limitations



Enables you to map where your modelling and accountancy path sits relative to other methods available in the market and de-risk GBE.



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Going Back to Our Original Motivation



OWA GLOBE Industry split...

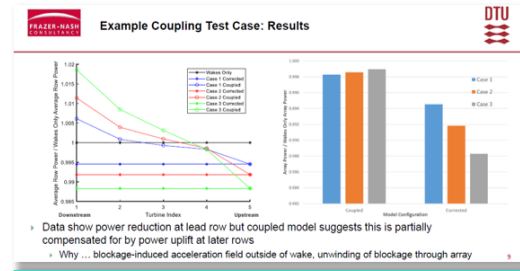
Motivation...

- 1 There are many methods available for assessing blockage impact
- 2 These are often house-specific and fragmented
- 3 There is a lack of understanding* due to a lack of data on the mechanics of blockage
- 4 There is a lack of suitable (rapid) models available* so surrogate methods are sought

RWE *This is changing



[1]



- Lead row correction OR redistribution OR both?
- Reconciliation of positions on modelling and accountancy required
- GLOBE aims to provide the bespoke dataset and framework to enable consensus

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It's both!

Achieved!

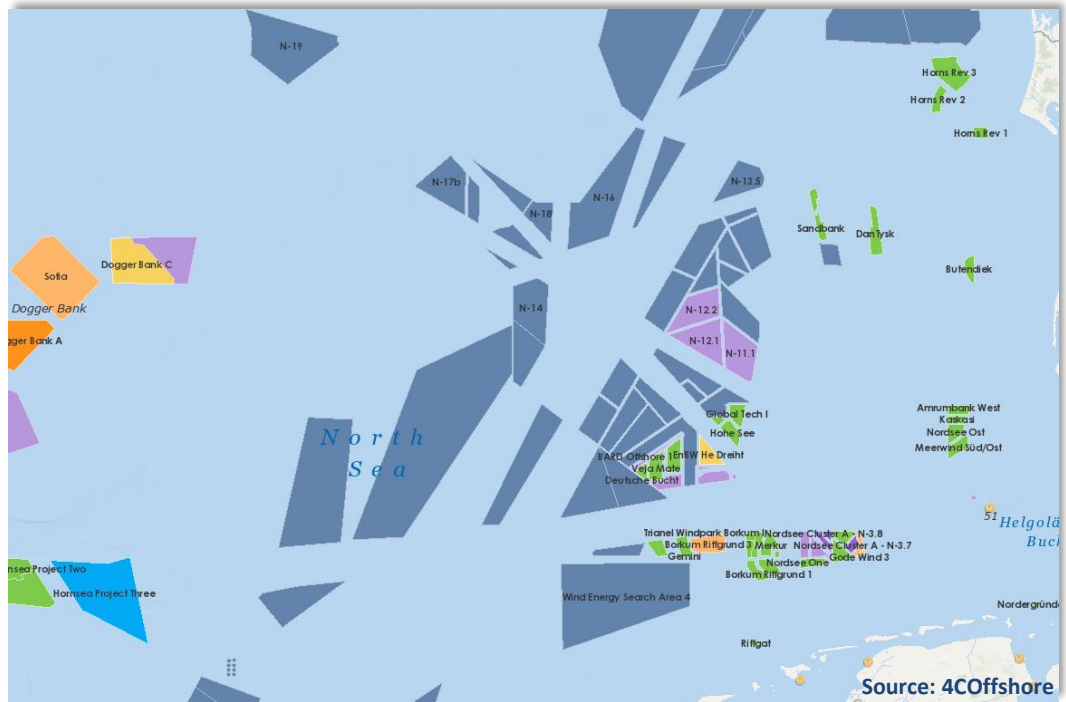
Mission accomplished!



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Increasing risk with larger developments

The Need for Robust Modelling is Increasing!



How do any of the modelling approaches perform over significant spatial scales and many GW installed capacity???

Source: 4COffshore



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Considerations & further work

Physics Representation is the Key!!

There are still some remaining research questions:

1. What is the impact of gravity waves on GBE power and/or AEP bias and can they be separated (probably not!)?
2. What is the impact of Coriolis on the global blockage effect?
3. How does blockage effect evolve over “big-huge” clusters?



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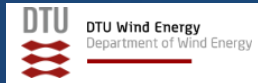
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