

# ORE Modelling

## Tidal Stream & Offshore Wind

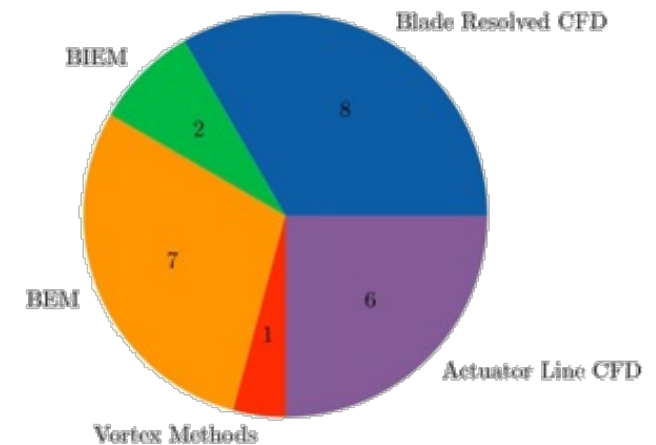
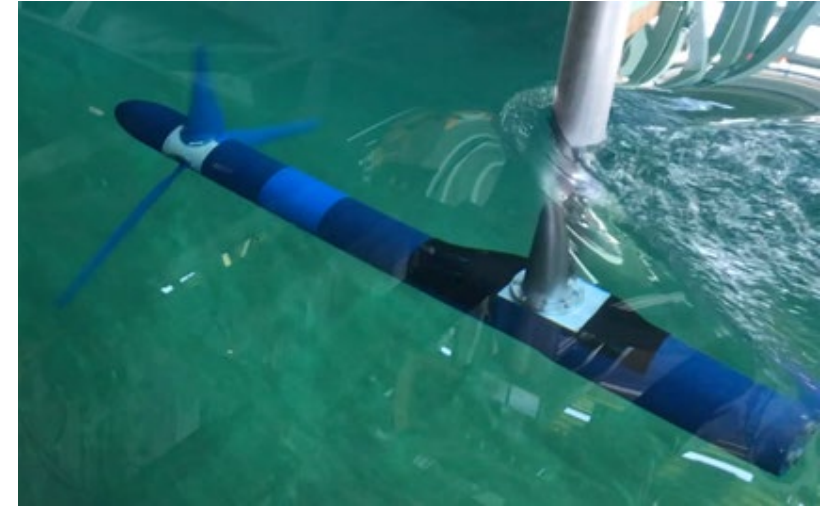
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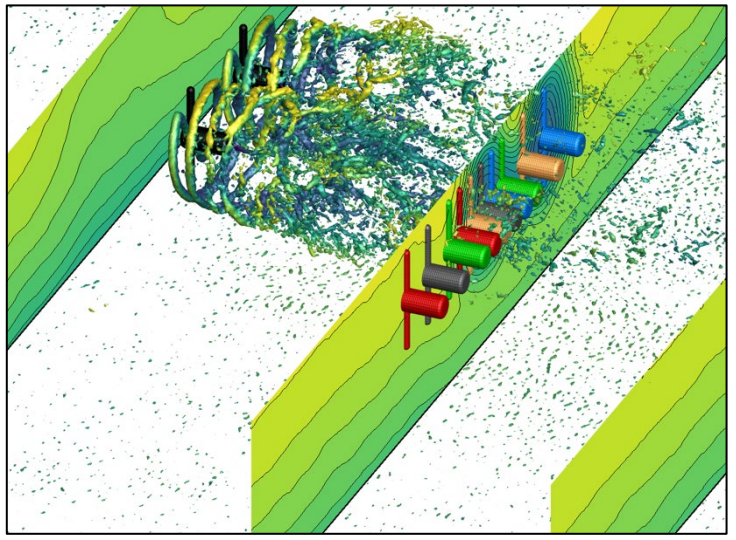
# Tidal: Supergen ORE Phase 1 Benchmark Turbine

- 1.6 m Diameter Turbine
- Designed to facilitate comparison of wide-range of models
  - **23 model submissions from 14 groups**
- Including:
  - Blade Element Momentum Methods
  - Actuator Line Methods
  - Blade Resolved Methods
  - Boundary Integral Equation
  - Vortex Methods



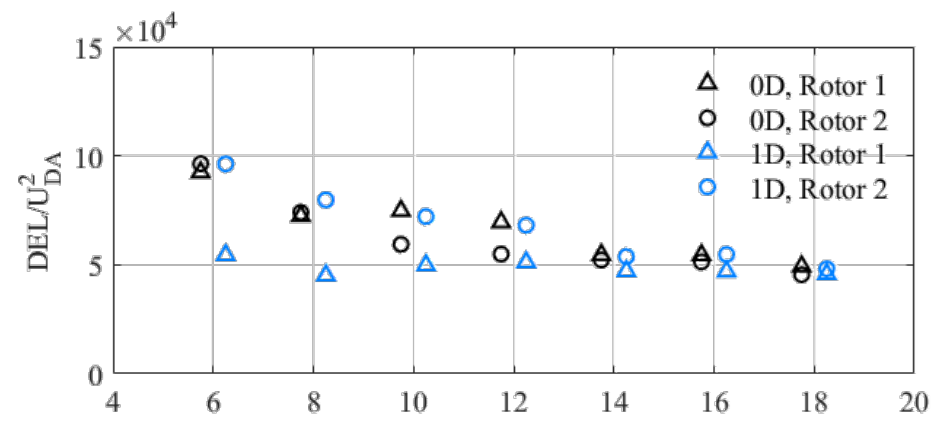
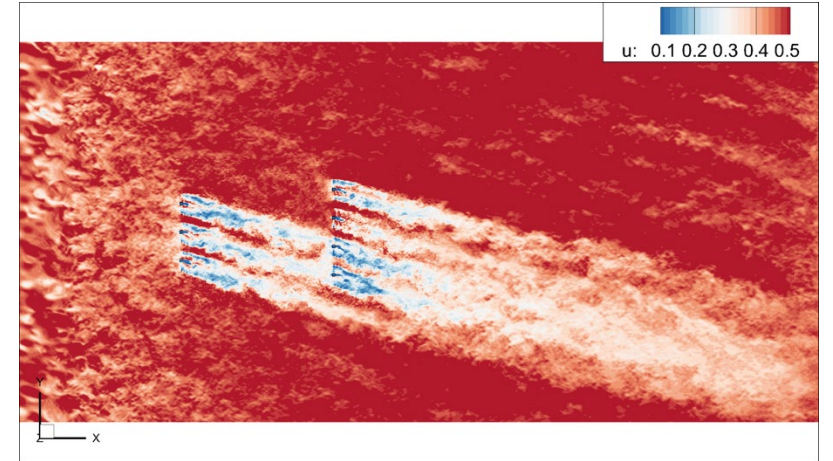
# Unsteady loading & wakes in arrays

## Complex inflow to BEMT by LES

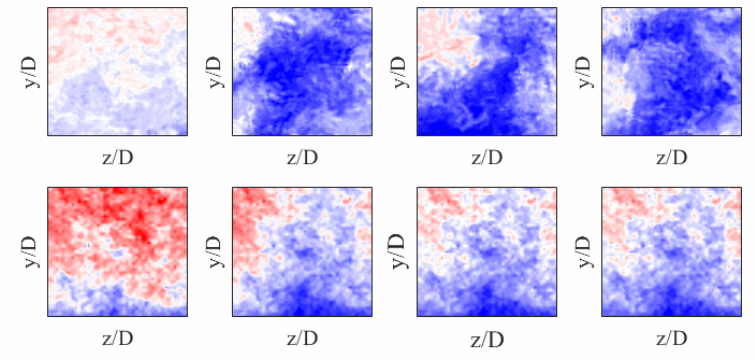
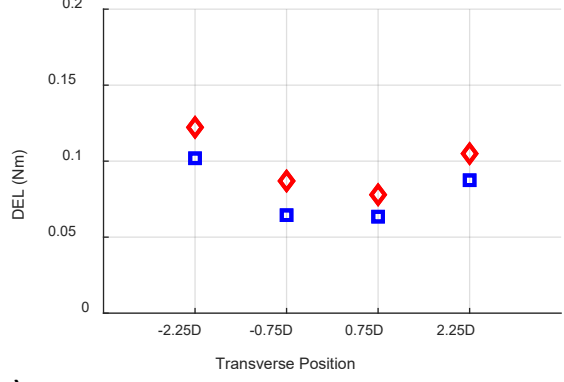


Velocity shear  
&  
Wake shear  
&  
Turbulence.  
**14,400 CPU hours.**  
*reduced to*  
**0.33 CPU hours**

## Synthesis of complex inflow

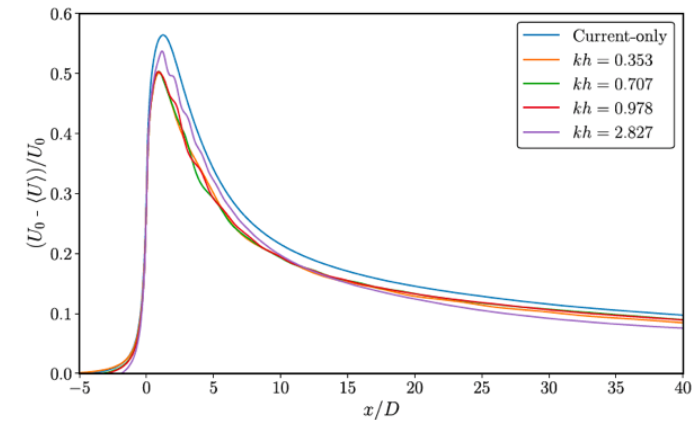
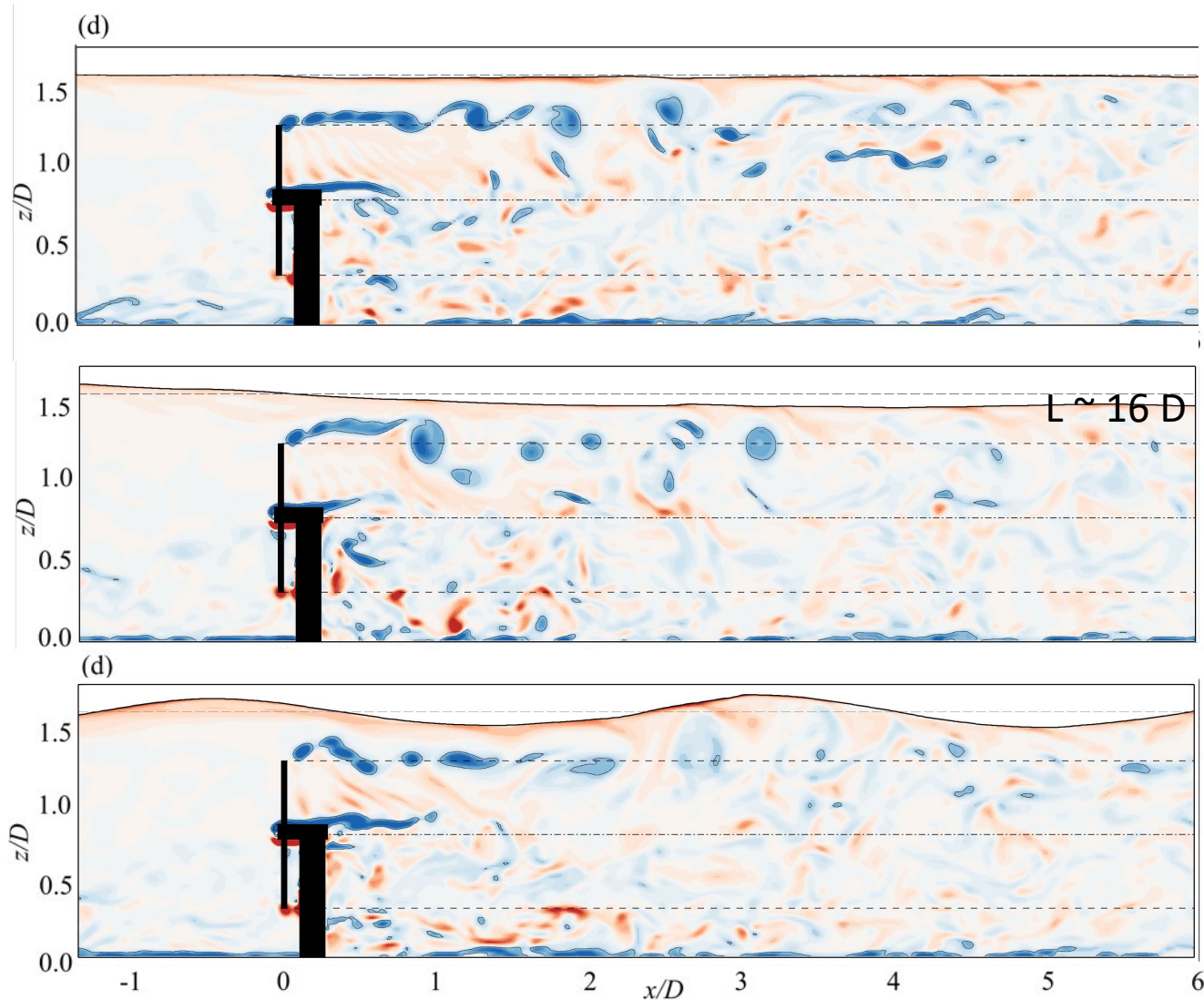


## Fatigue load prediction Same trend, conservative

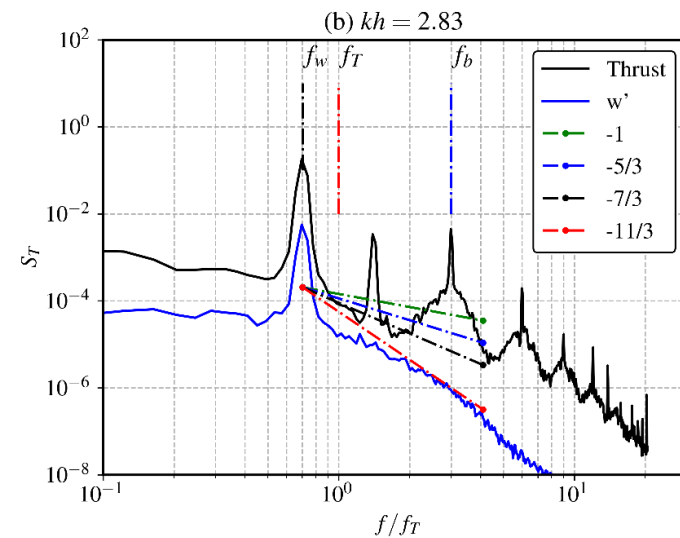




# Unsteady loading & wakes in turbulence and waves



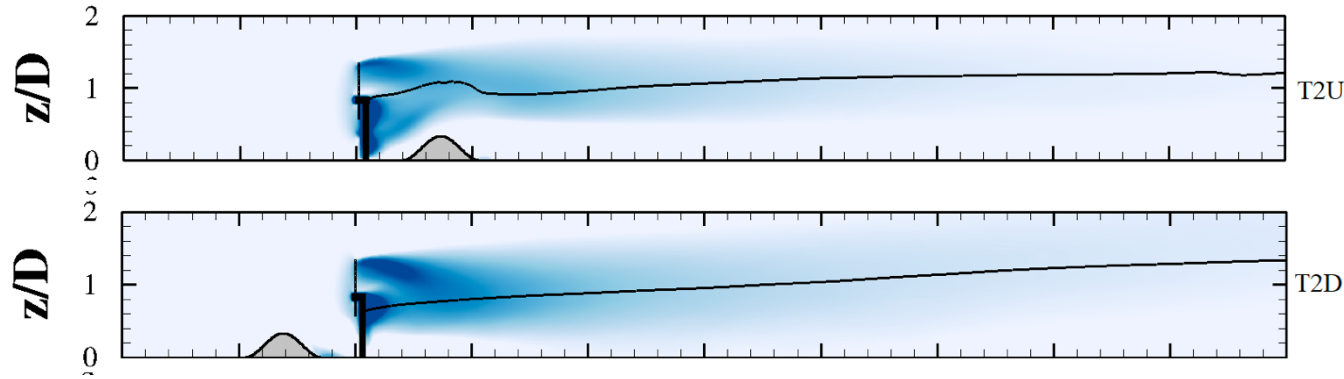
Wake recovery  
Rate increased



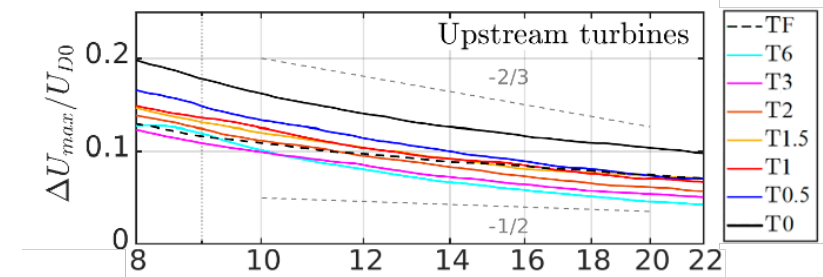
Thrust spectra  
(approaching  
deep-water  
waves)

# Unsteady loading & wakes due to bathymetry

## Idealised bed-forms: 2D ridge



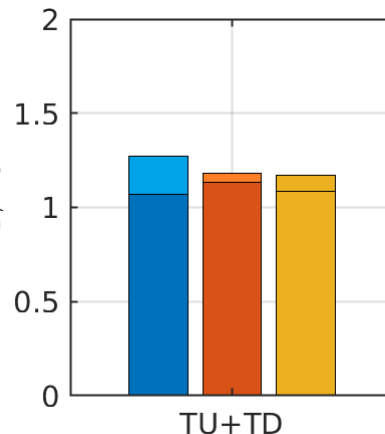
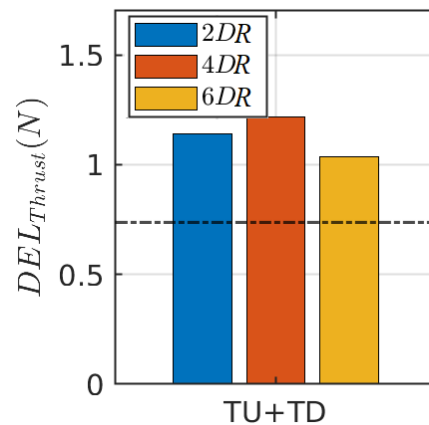
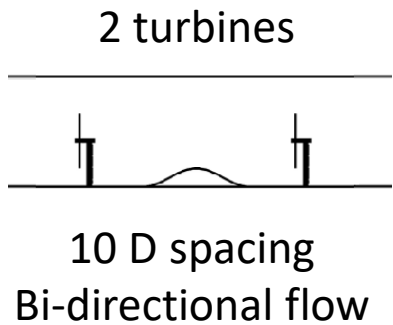
## Impact on wake recovery



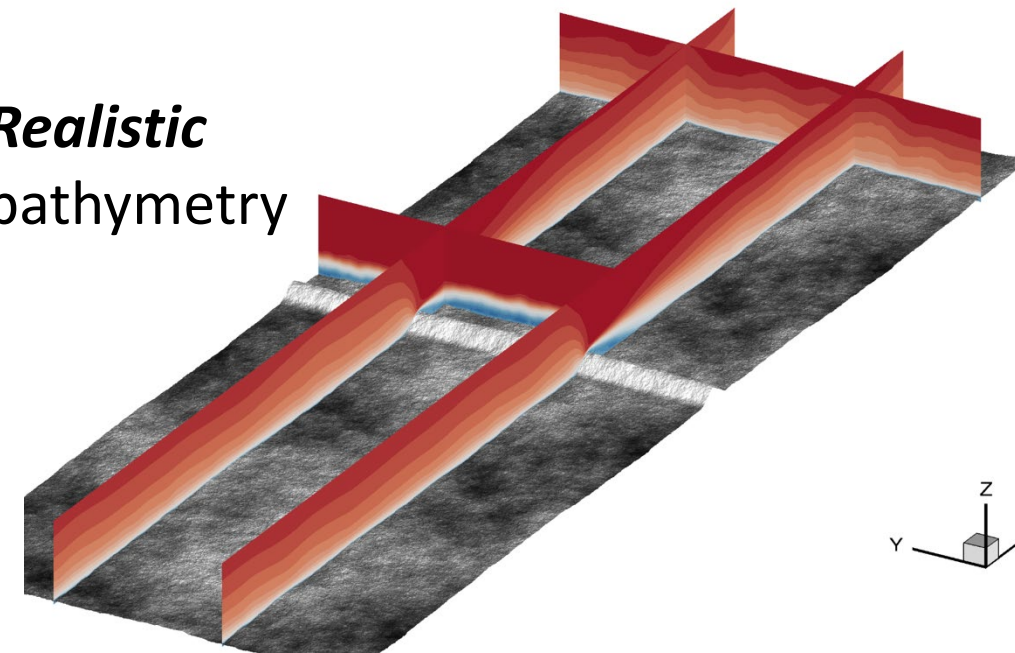
## Turbine siting:

### Fatigue

### Yield

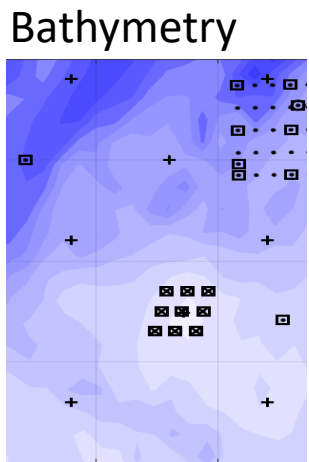


## Realistic bathymetry

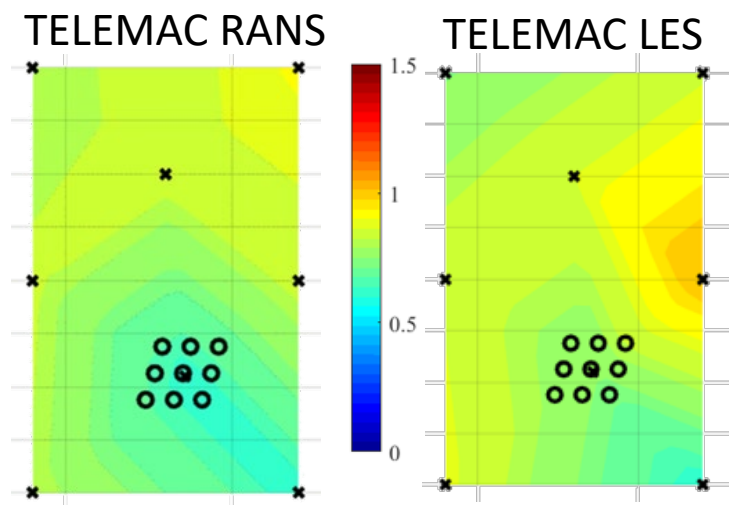


# Models for arrays: fatigue and farm yield

**Fatigue**  
Model predictions of flow, shear, turbulence & DEL across site compared to **ADCP at Raz Blanchard.**



Variation between four models



Also with **LBM-LES** & waves **DELFT3D.**

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## Site Models

- POLCOMS
- HYCOM3D
- ROMS3D
- FVCOM
- ADCIRC
- Mike21/3
- Telemac2D
- Telemac3D
- LBM-LES
- DOFAS

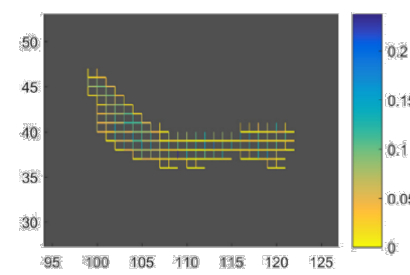
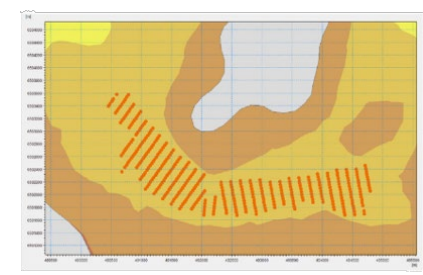
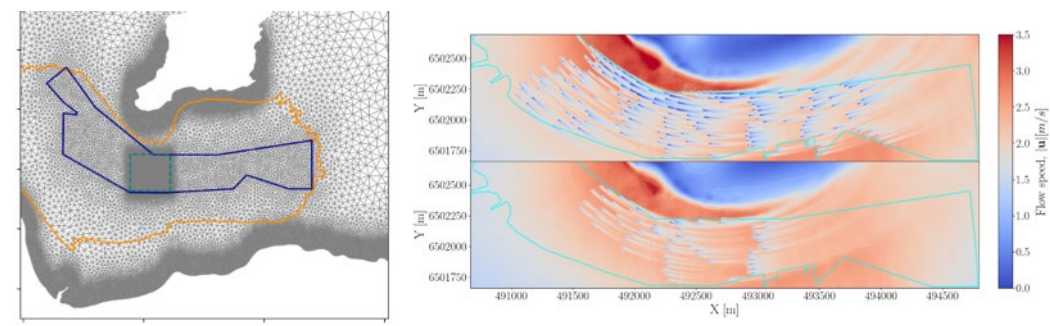
Scale ↑

Fidelity ↓

## Yield prediction

Various options for each calculation stage:

- Flow data – models or measurements
- Turbine representation
- Wake-wake mixing and recovery
- Inter-farm blockage, diverting flow

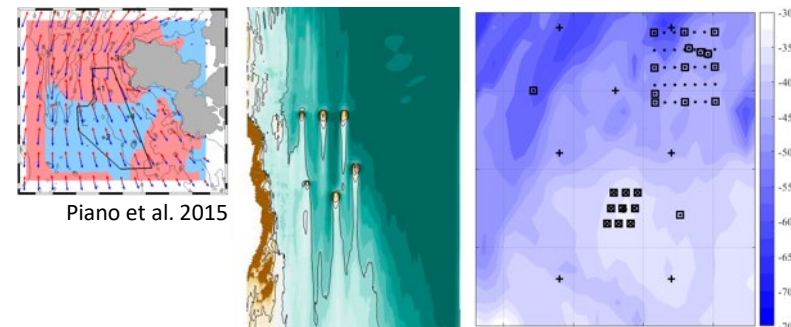




## Supergen ORE Hub Phase 2: ORE Modelling

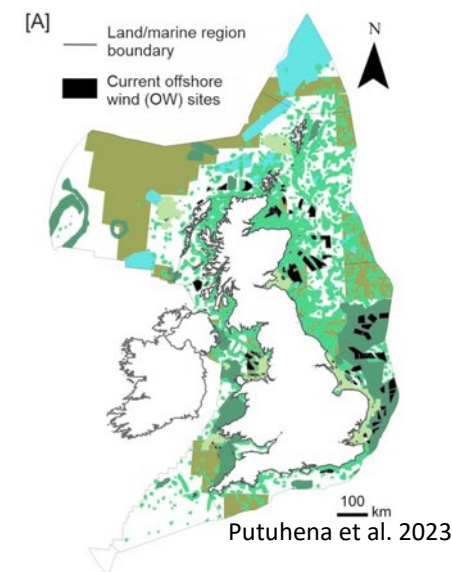
### Unsteady load prediction for tidal turbine design

- Accelerating cost reduction by improving confidence in load prediction.
- Extension of tidal turbine benchmark to unsteady flow conditions
- Staged data release and workshops to undertake model inter-comparison



### Array energy yield predictions and array-siting

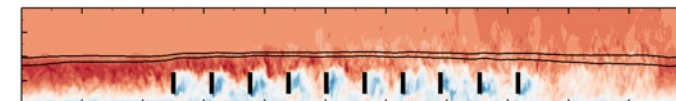
- Enabling array planning for scale-up by improving confidence in yield prediction
- Wake interaction in spatially varying flow conditions typical of candidate sites
- High-fidelity modelling of representative sites to inform an array-wake benchmark study



### Physical processes affecting ecosystems

- Accelerating consenting for large-scale deployment and Net-Zero targets
- Advance intra-array wake models in resource models (FVCOM + ERSEM).
- Yield, resource & ecological predictions for large-scale deployment scenarios
- Developments to sub-grid parameterisations for floating wind in WRF

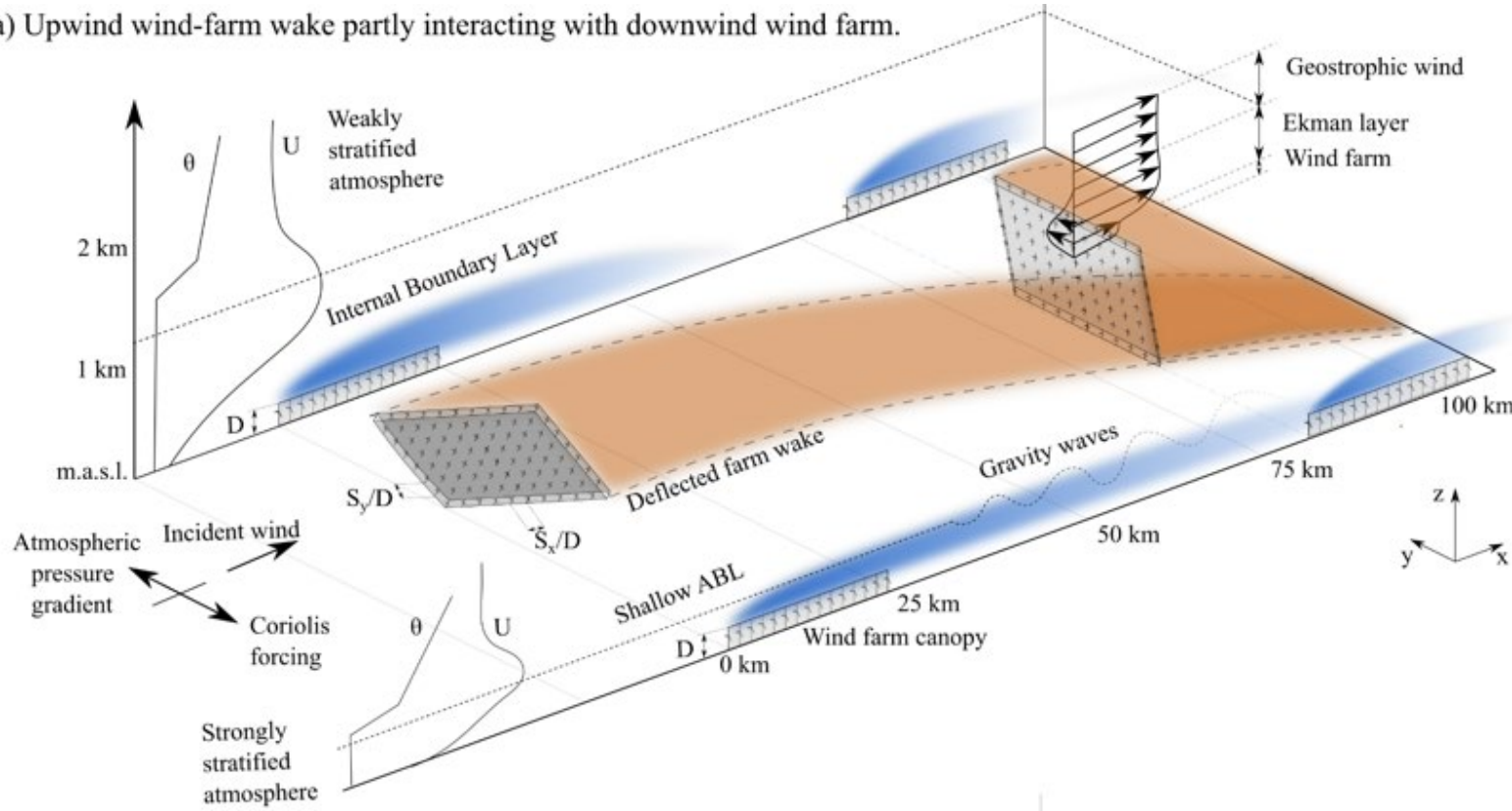
Floating farm density, configuration



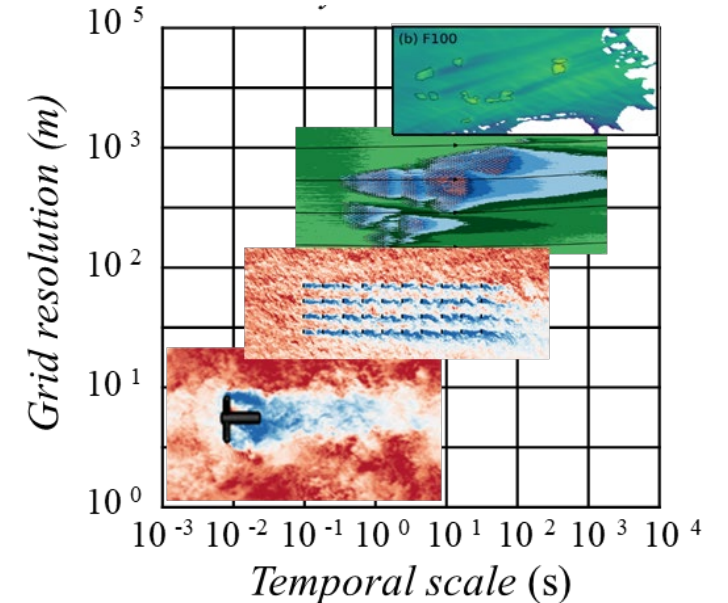
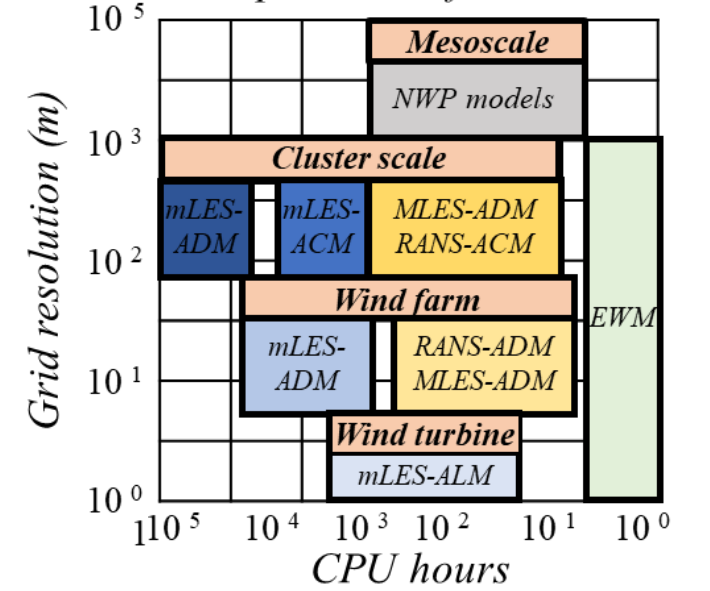
Surface heat flux, surface waves

# Wind farm wakes and farm interactions

(a) Upwind wind-farm wake partly interacting with downwind wind farm.

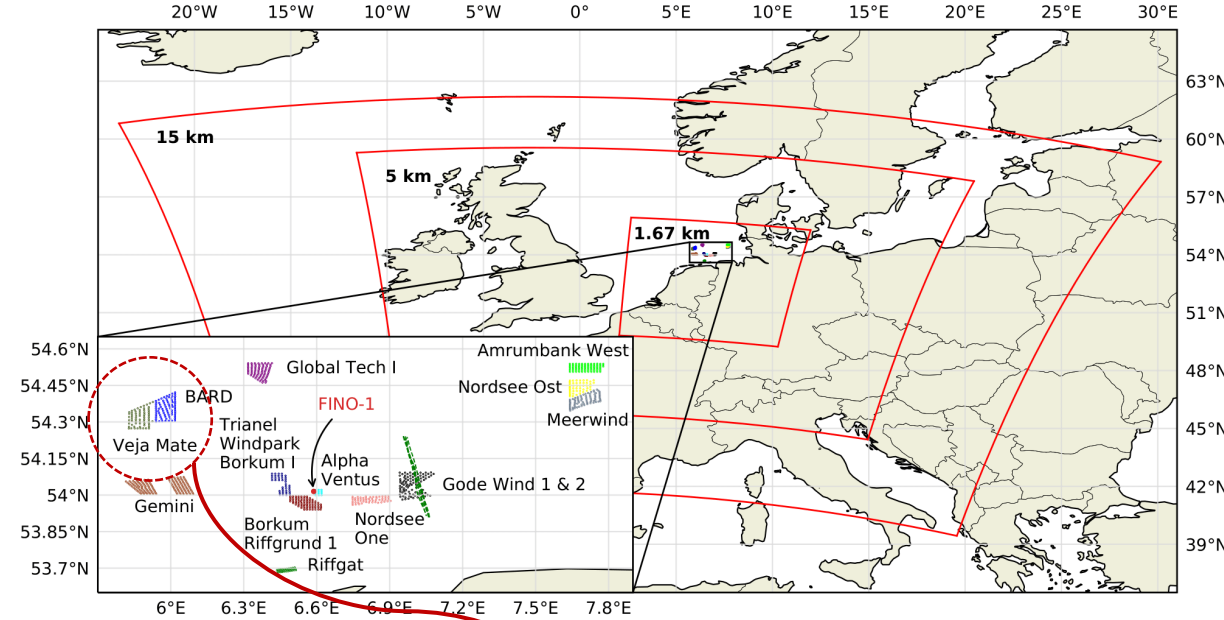
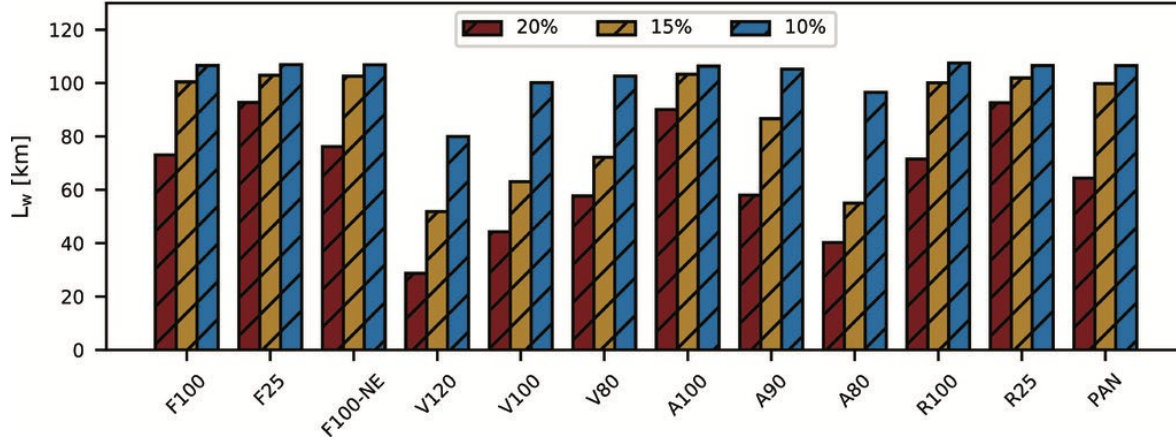


Computational frameworks



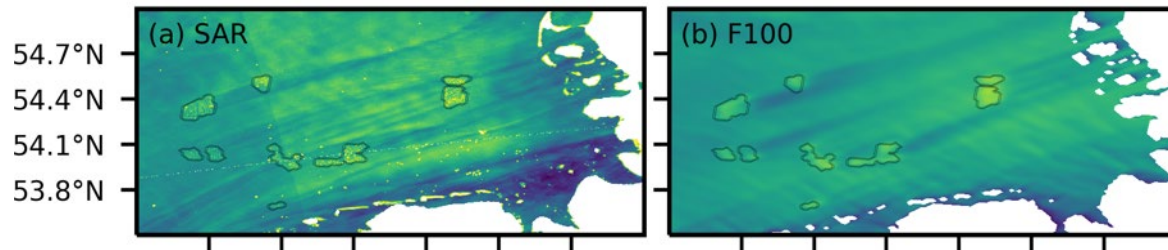


# North Sea case study – Parameterisation in WRF



Wake length ( $L_w$ ) of the Gode Wind farms, 90 m height, 12 h interval

10-m wind speed: SAR vs simulation of the North Sea

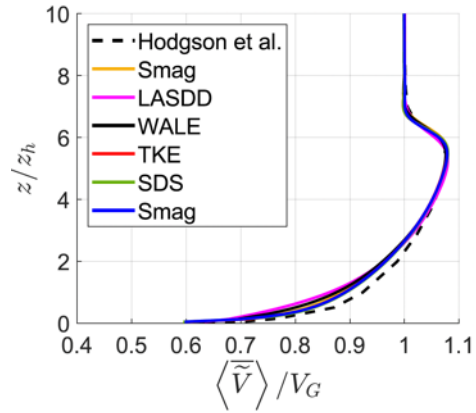


**Bard lost approx. 14% of its rated power due to the wakes of Veja Mate under stable atmospheric conditions and at rated wind speed.**

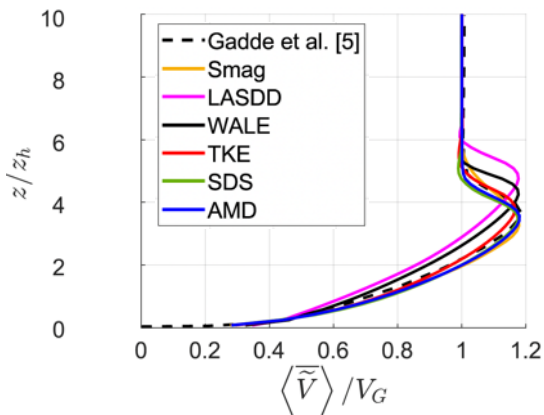
# Farm wakes in differing stability conditions

Evaluation of sensitivity to choice of sub-grid scale (SGS) model in LES (preliminary)

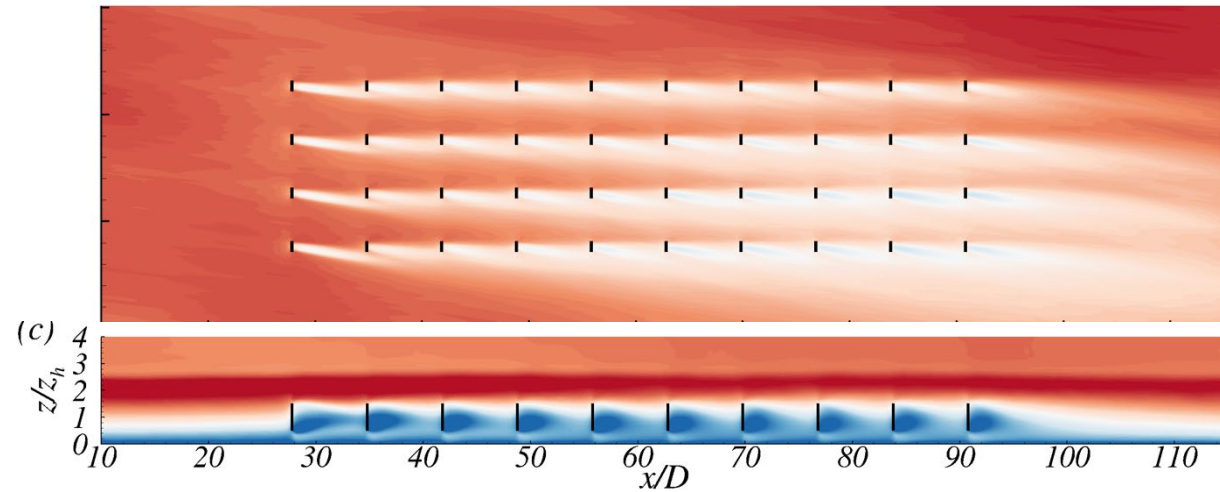
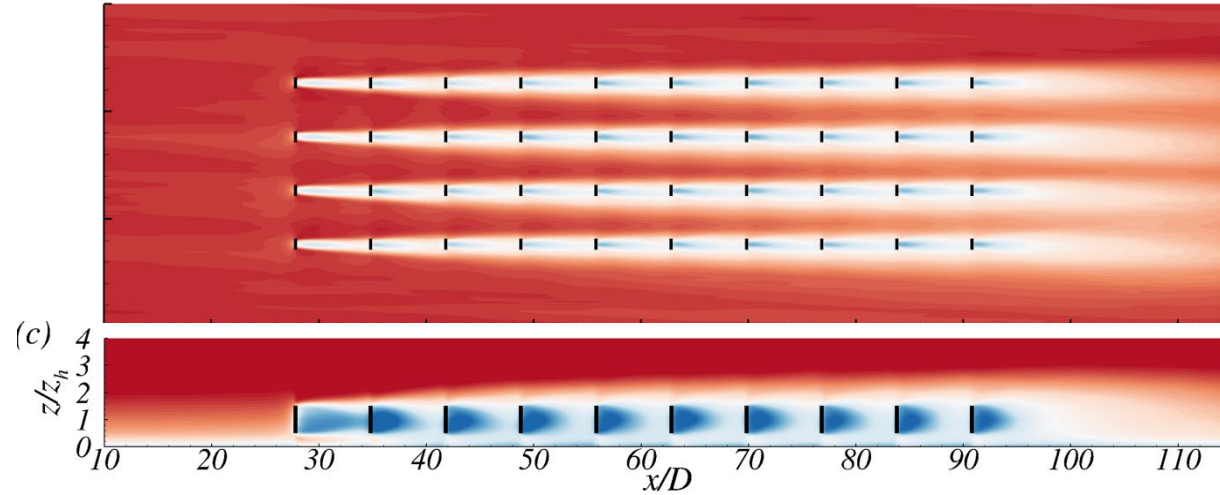
## Boundary layer development



## Conventionally Neutral BL

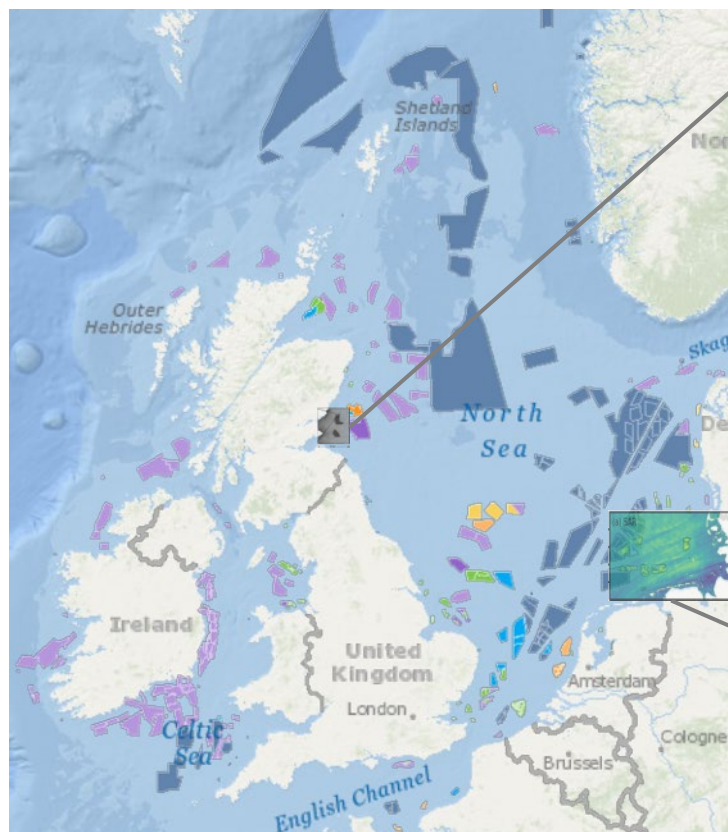


## Stable BL

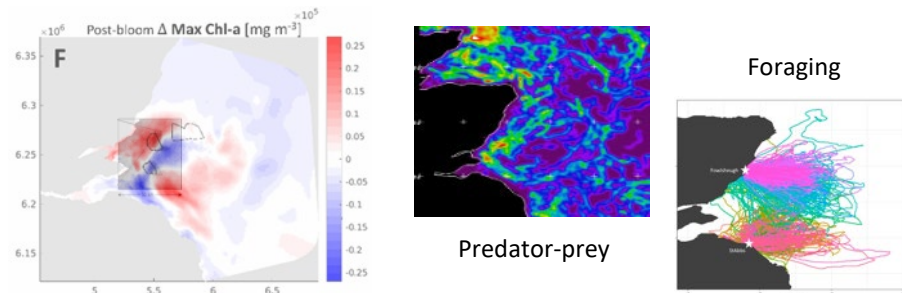


# Offshore wind arrays – interactions and siting

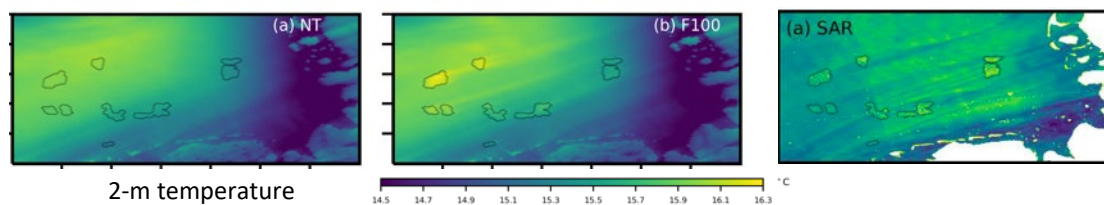
Reference **datasets** – multiple data *types* during *equivalent* intervals or conditions for same ‘system’ (?)



## Population modelling & ecological monitoring



**Small changes to physical processes** – turbulent mixing, internal waves, temperature - at local *and* regional scales



## Extent of wakes - Intra array- and inter-array.

**Dependent on farm & turbine operating point**

**Farm performance and in-farm design conditions** – shear, turbulence, waves