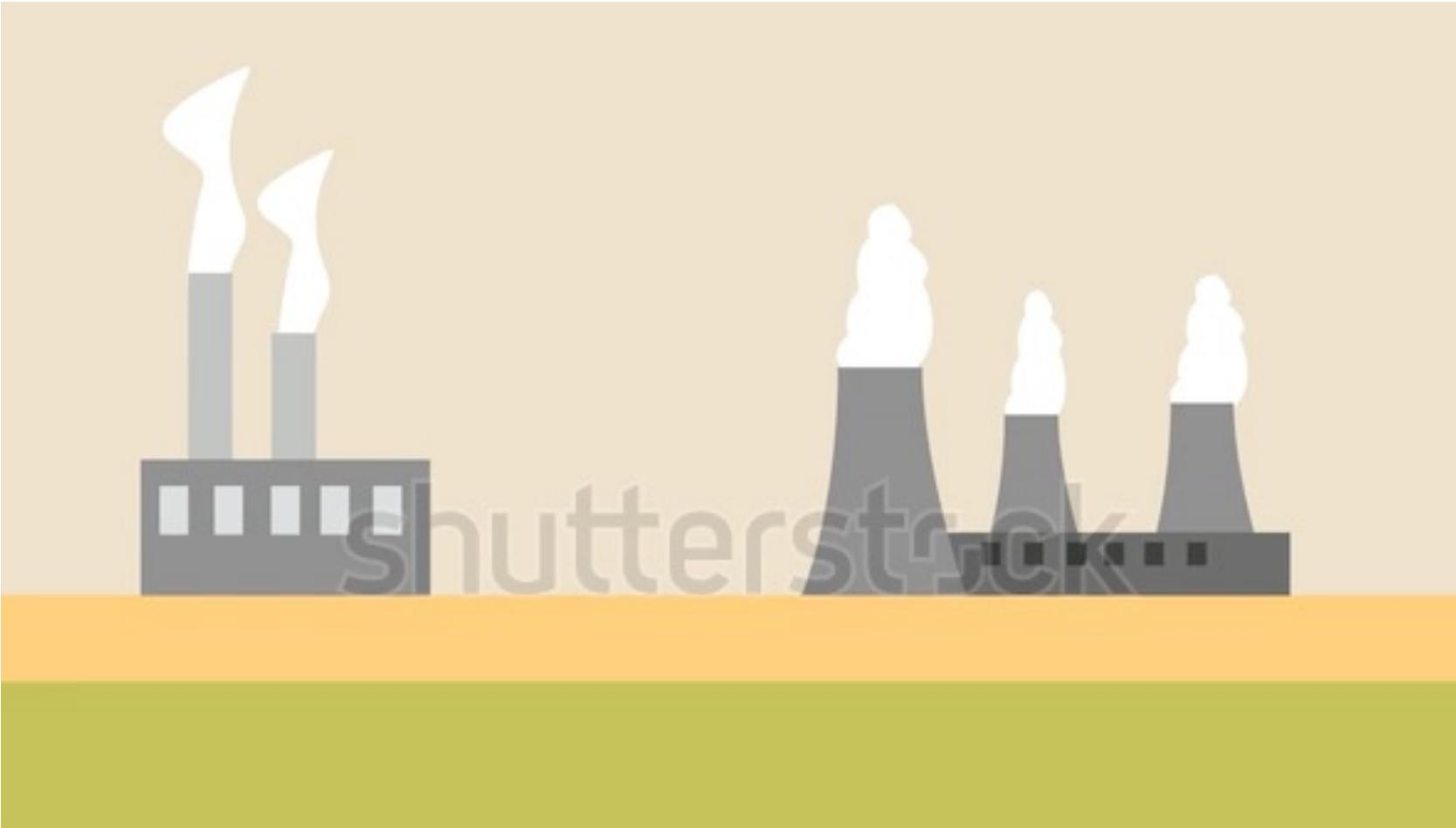


# THE PHYSICS OF WIND ENERGY



# REPLACE FOSSILS WITH RENEWABLES

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# RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

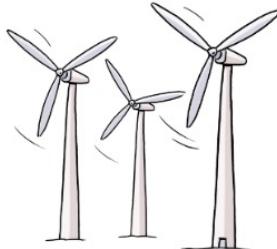
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Biomass energy



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Wind energy



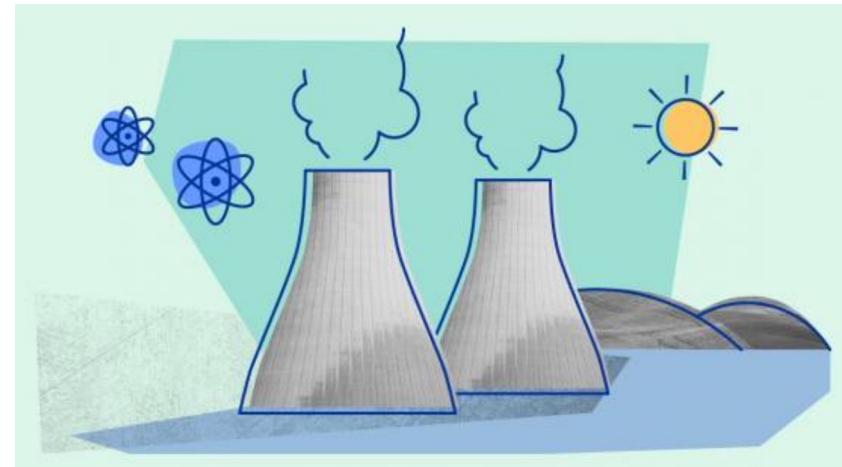
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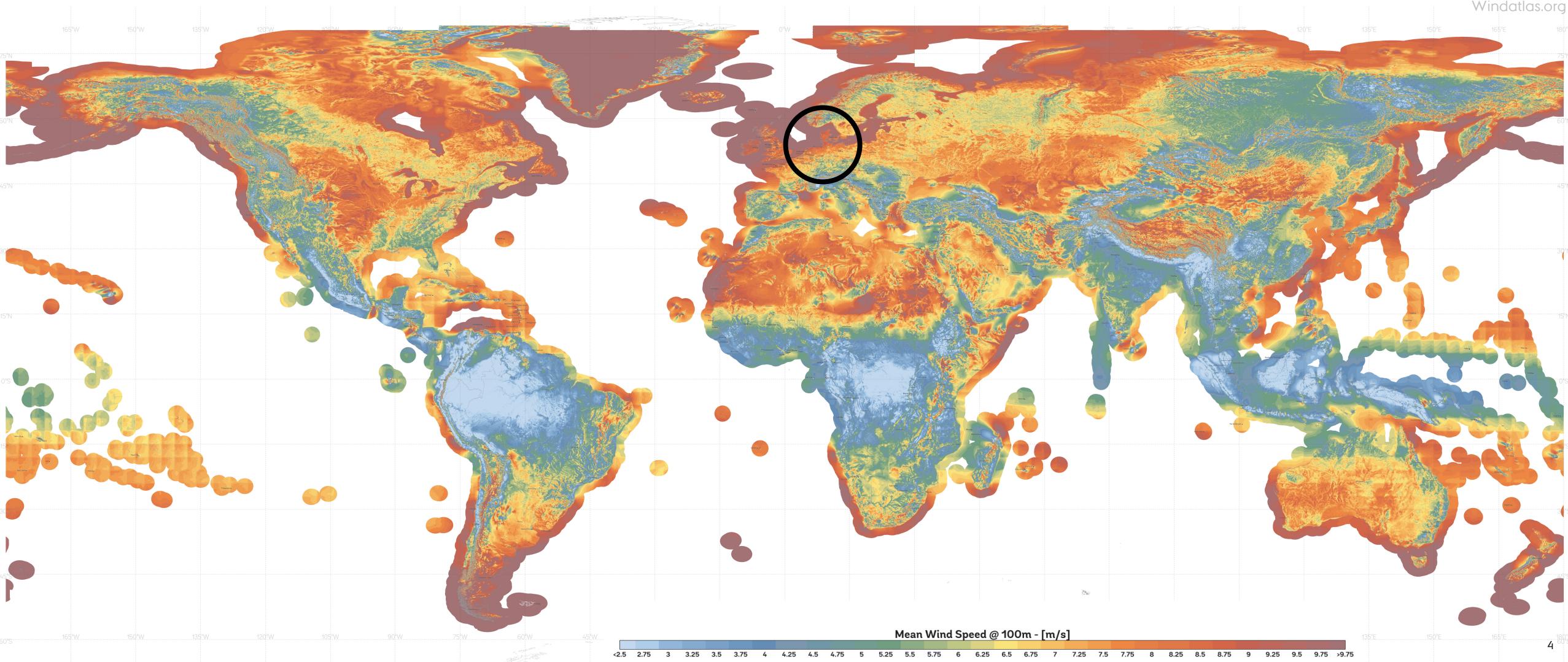


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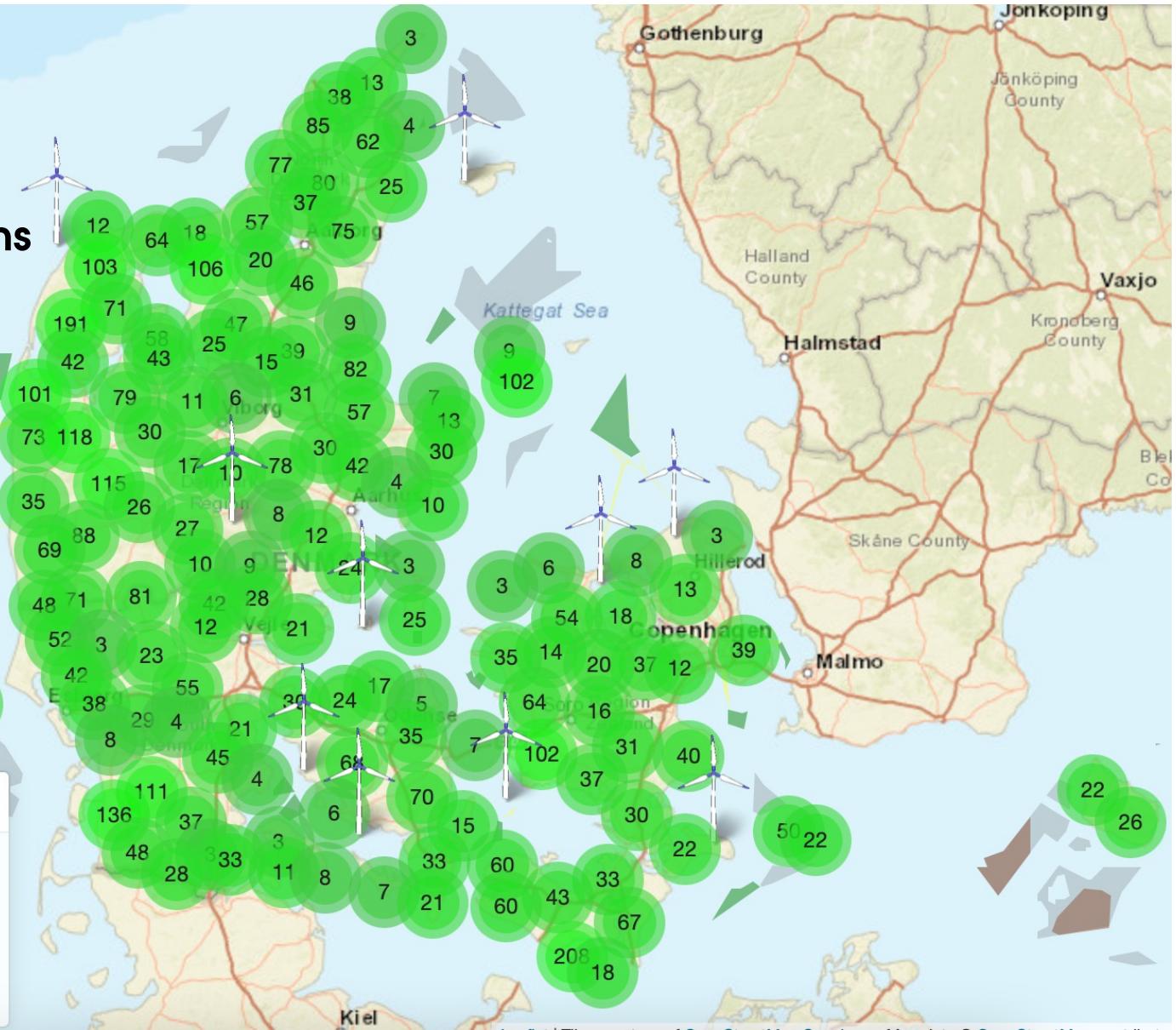
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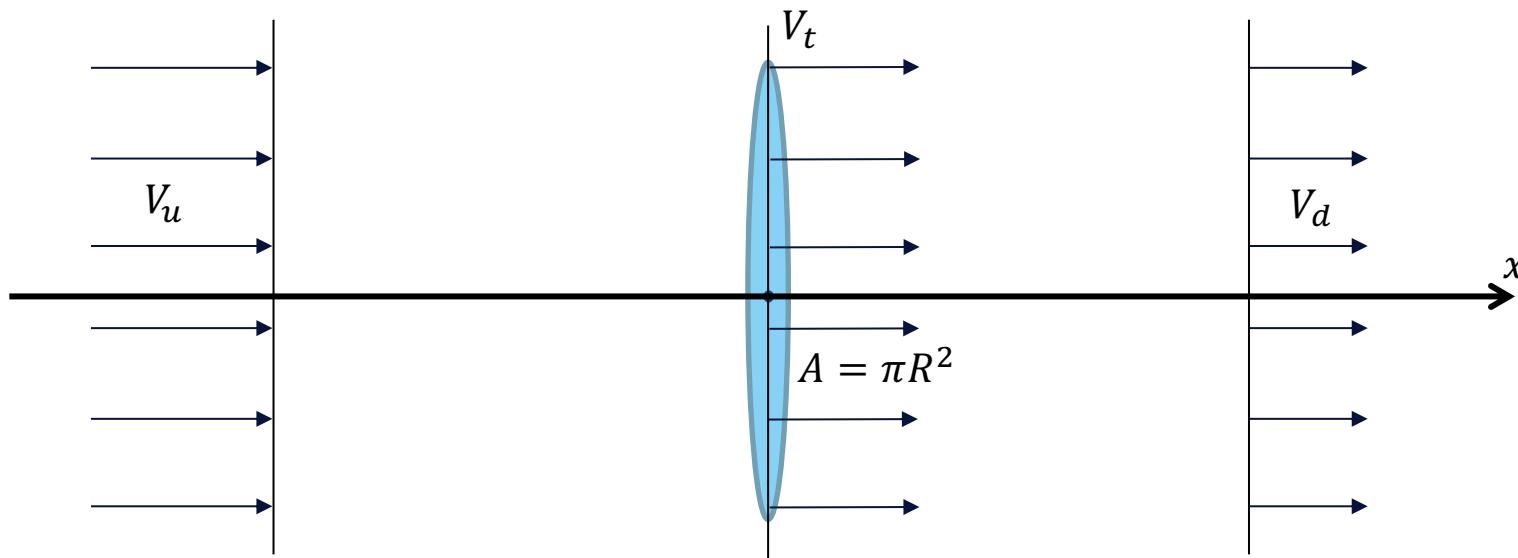
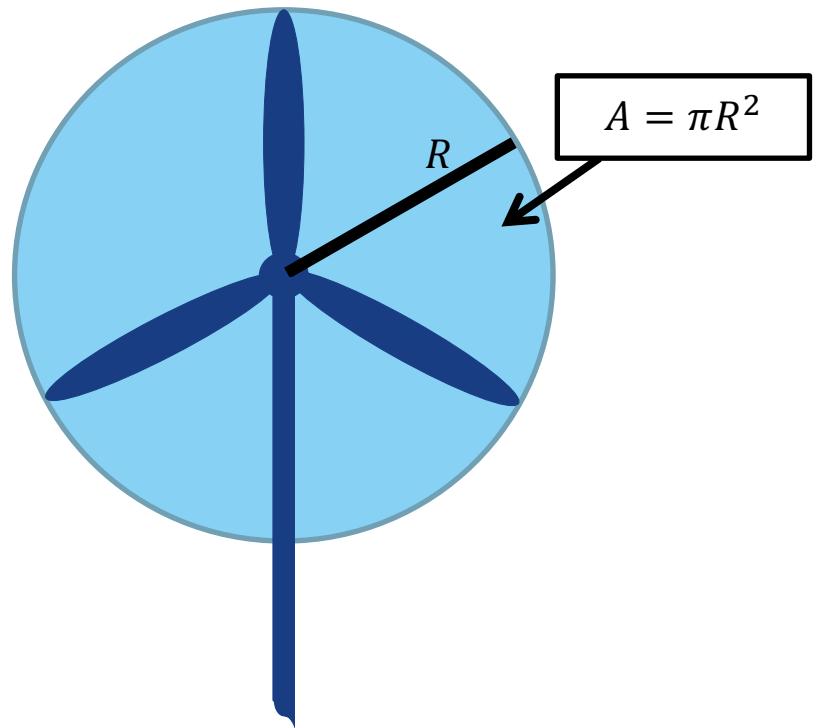
# INSTALLED TURBINES

- Single turbine model
- Wind farm modelling
- Power optimization
- Wind farm-farm interactions



# SINGLE TURBINE MODEL

- Classical Betz theory (1929)
- Ignore blade structure
- $V_u$  is uniform

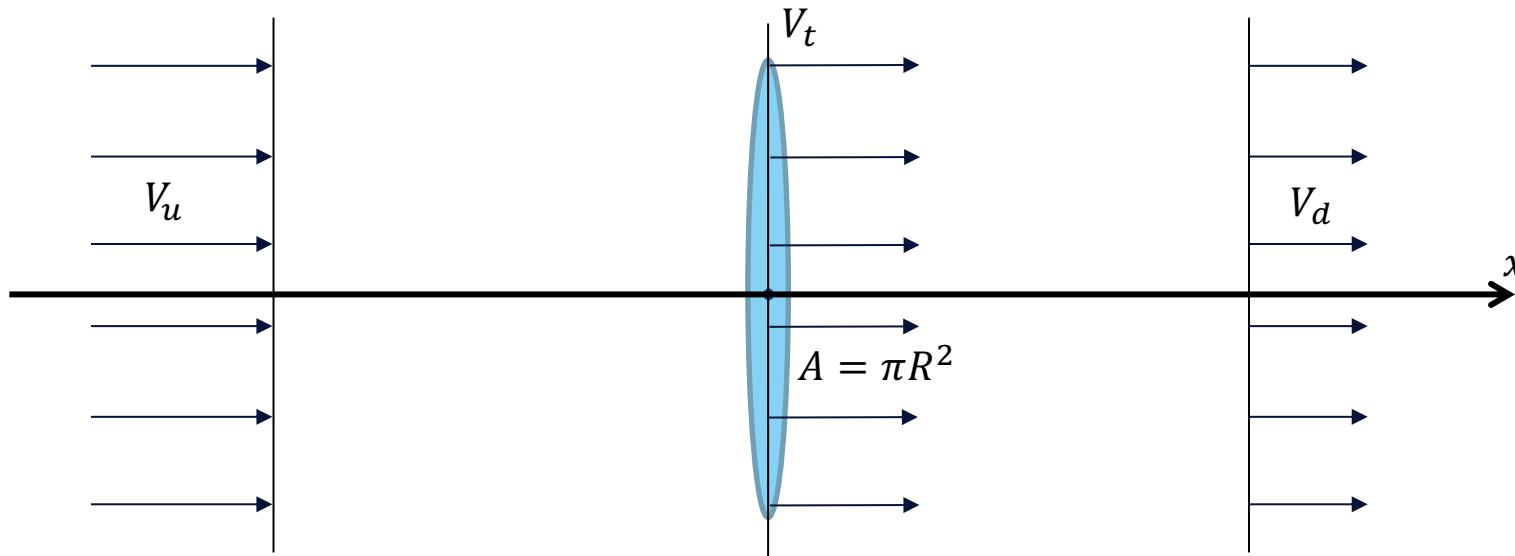


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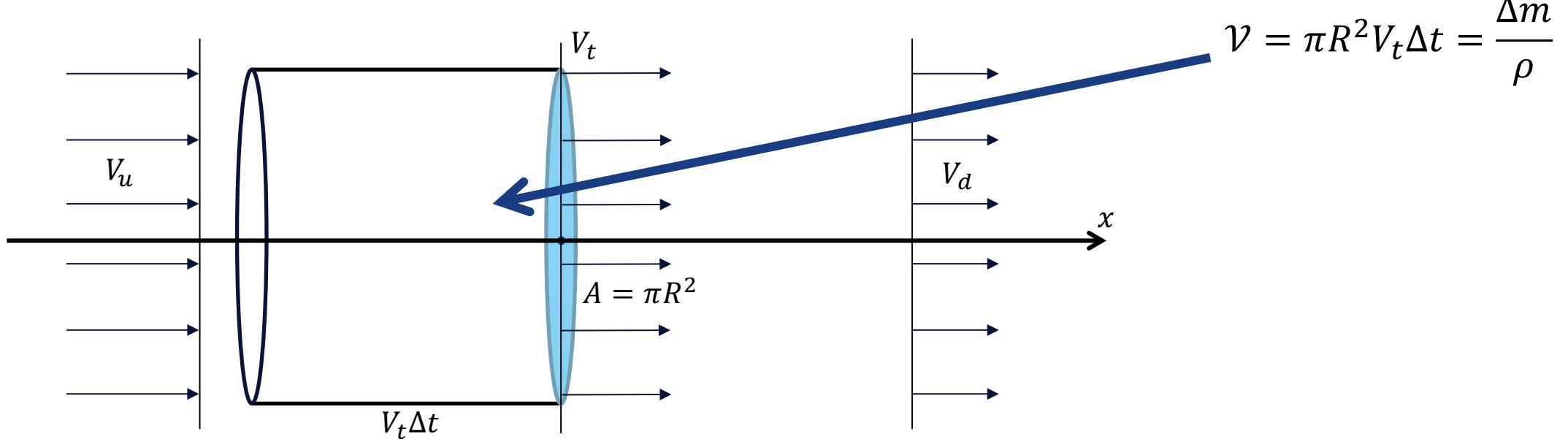


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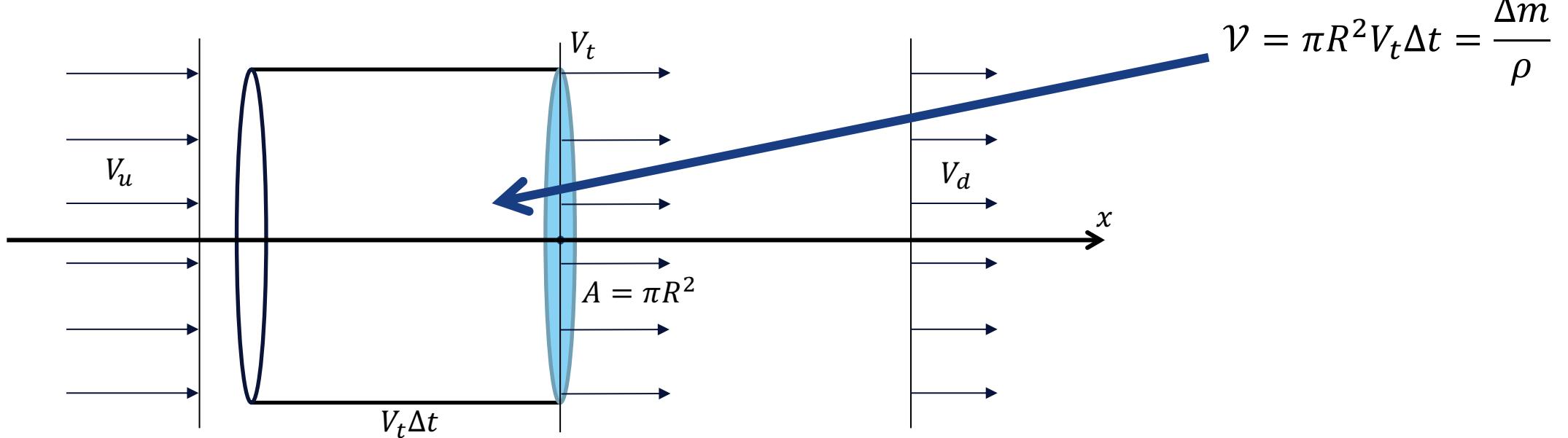


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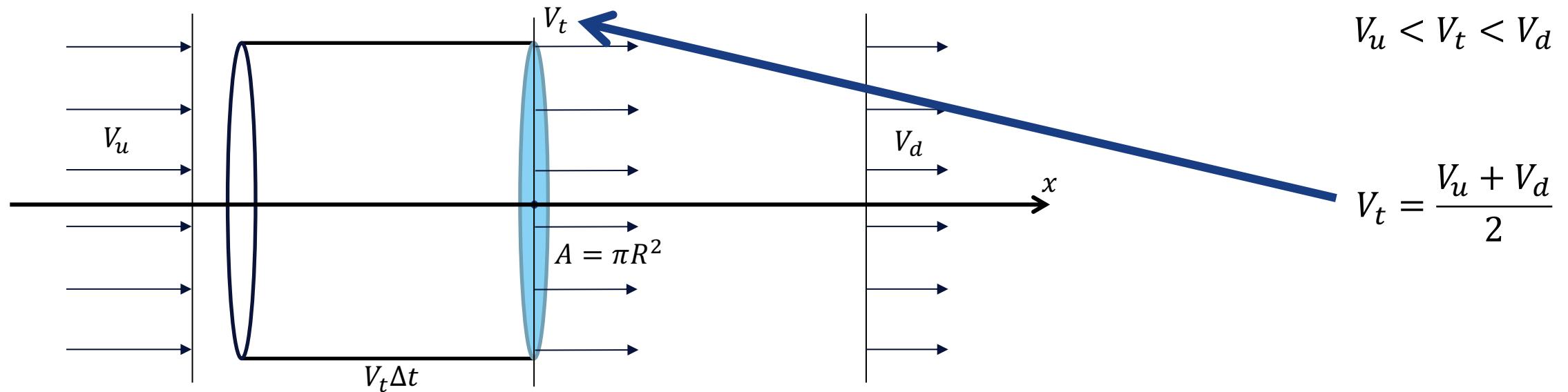


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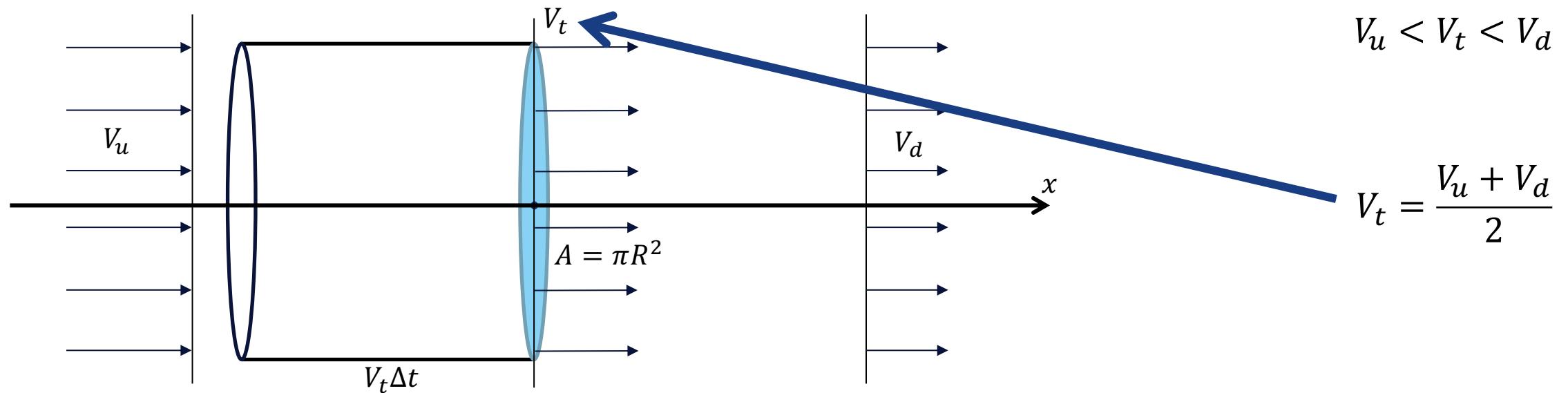


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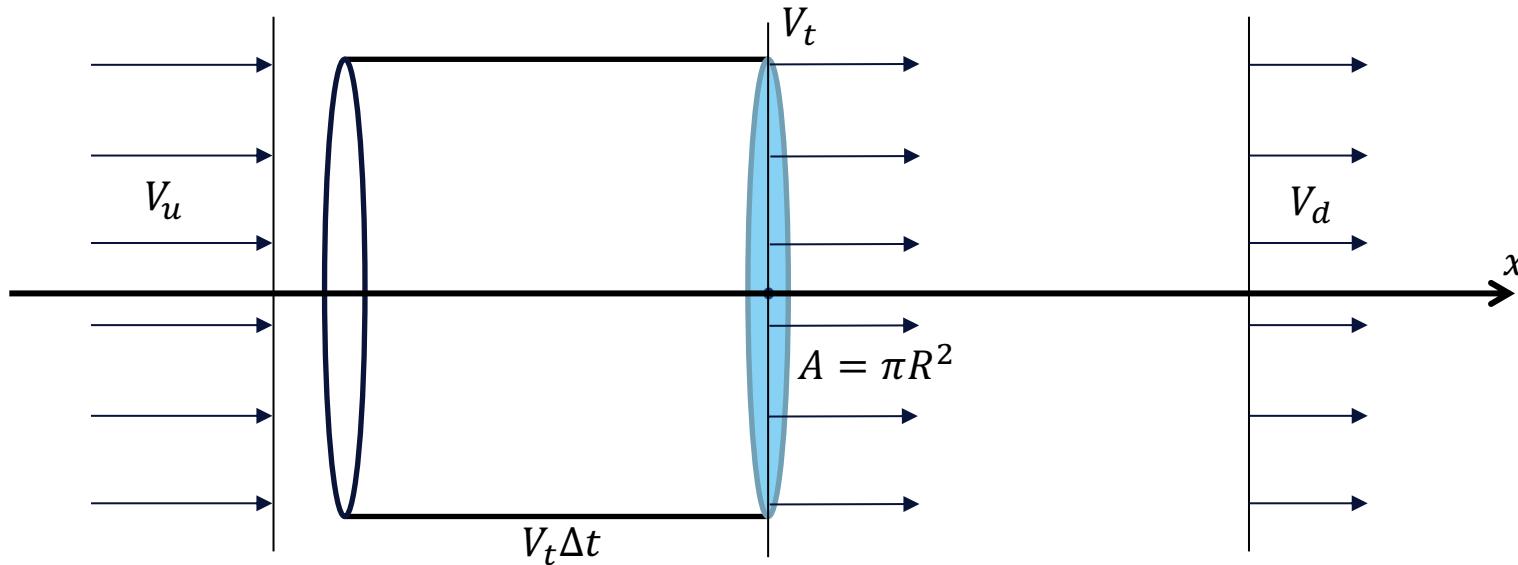


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Power output

$$P = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t} = \frac{\rho \pi R^2}{2} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{V_d}{V_u}}{2} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{V_u}{V_d} \right)^2 \right) \right] V_u^3$$



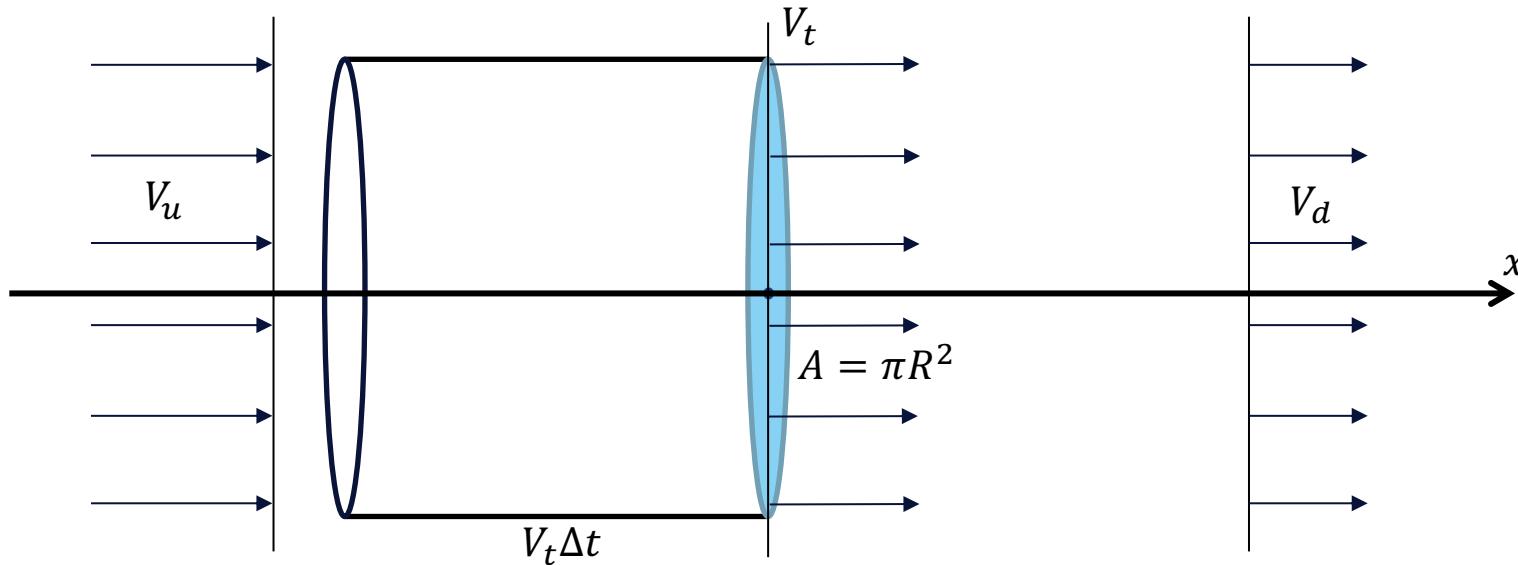
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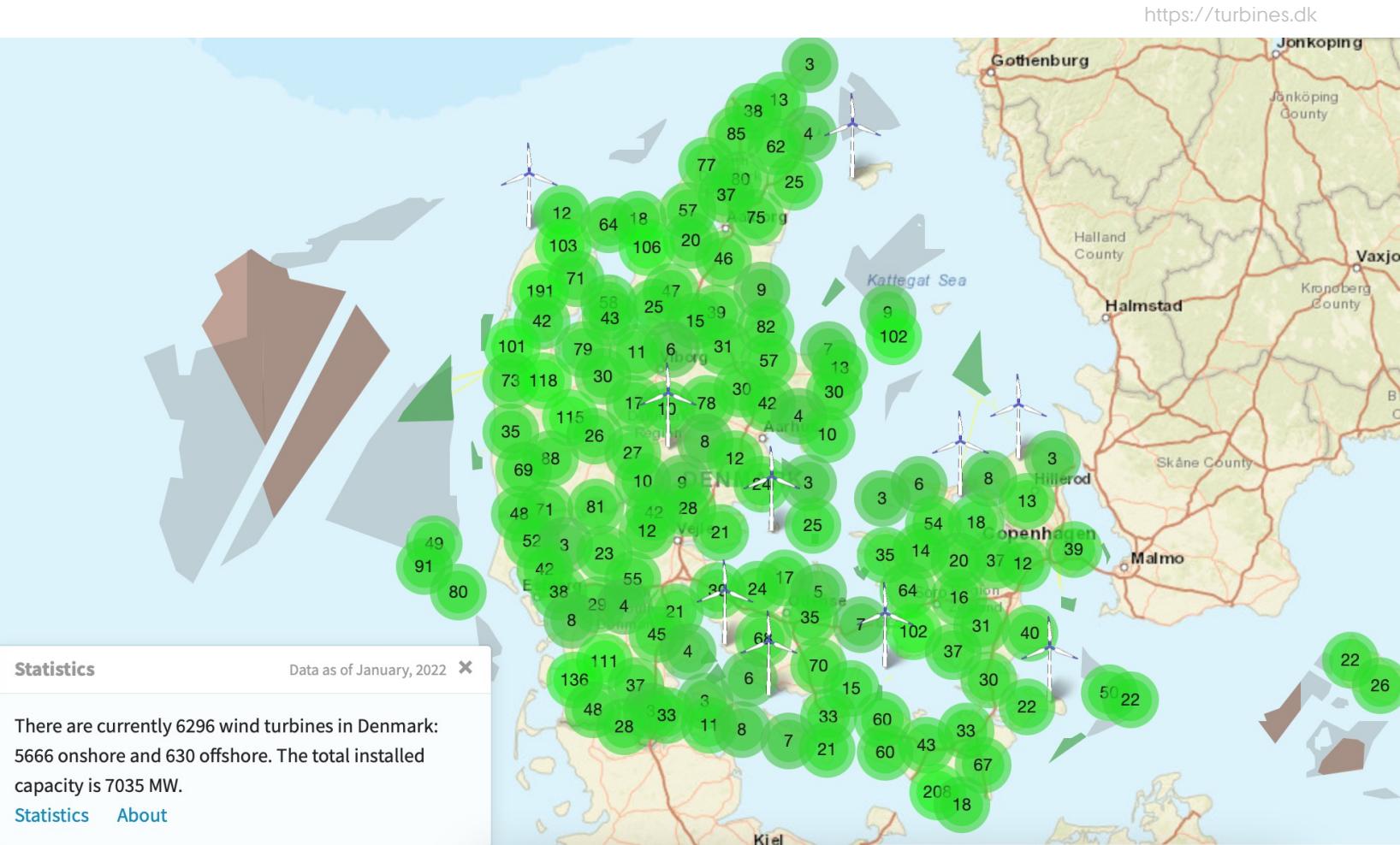
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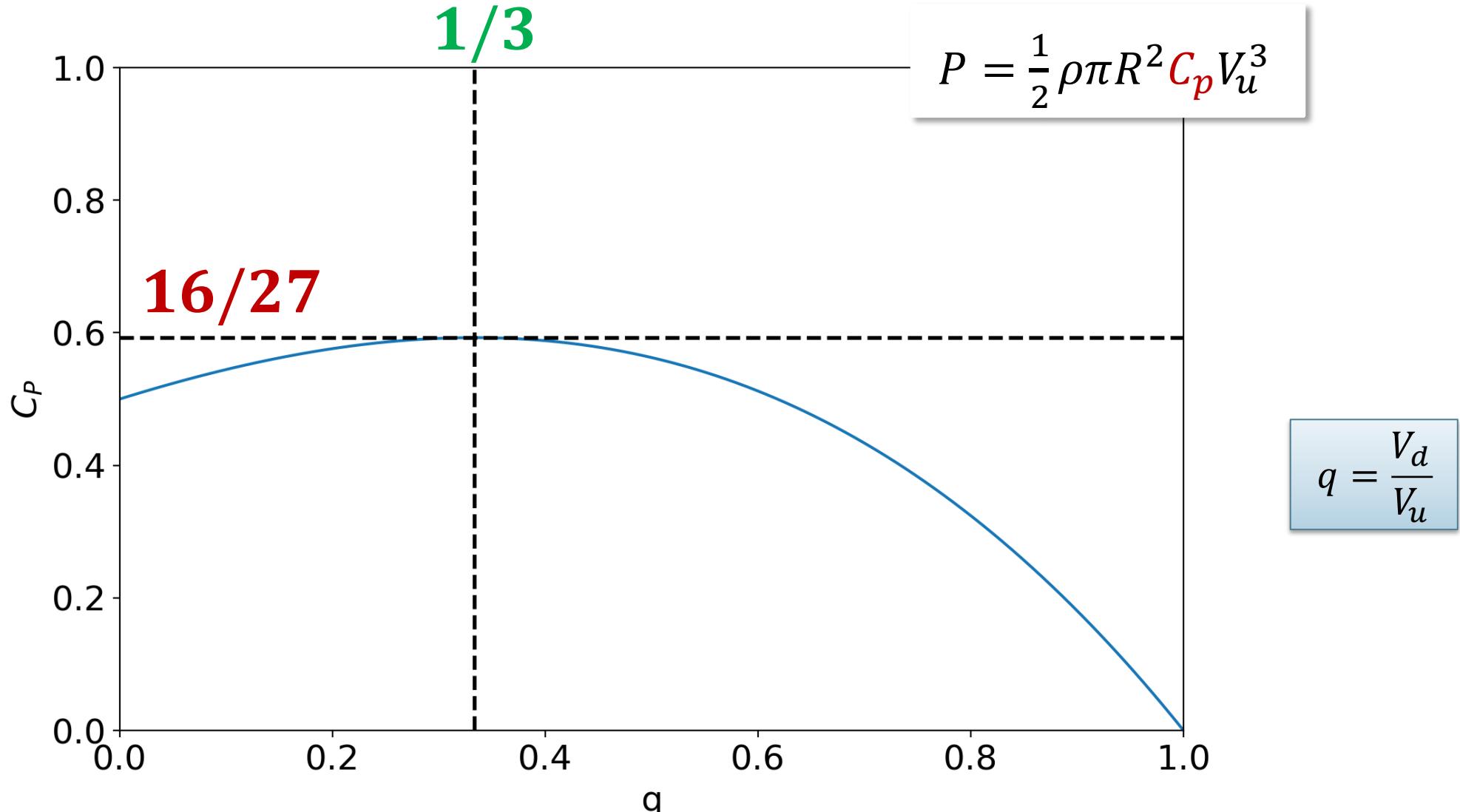


# HOW TO MAXIMIZE POWER OUTPUT?

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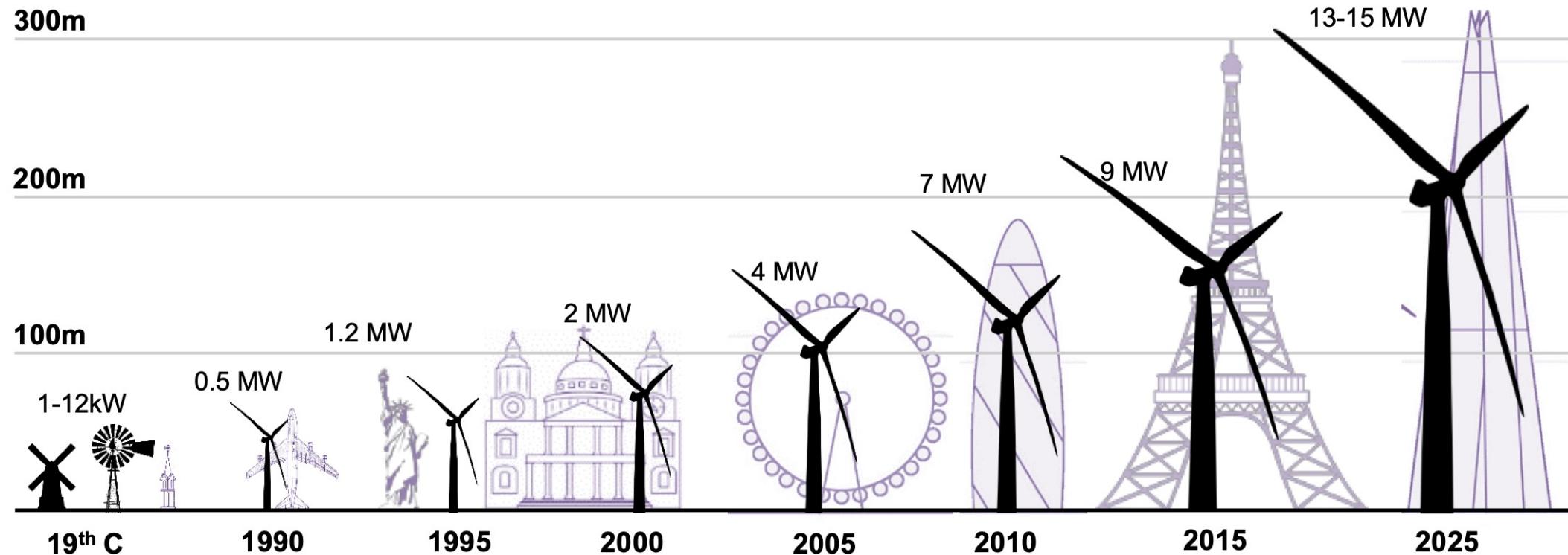
# OPTIMAL PITCH ANGLE



# INCREASE R

## Evolution of wind turbine heights and output

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \rho \pi R^2 C_p V_u^3$$



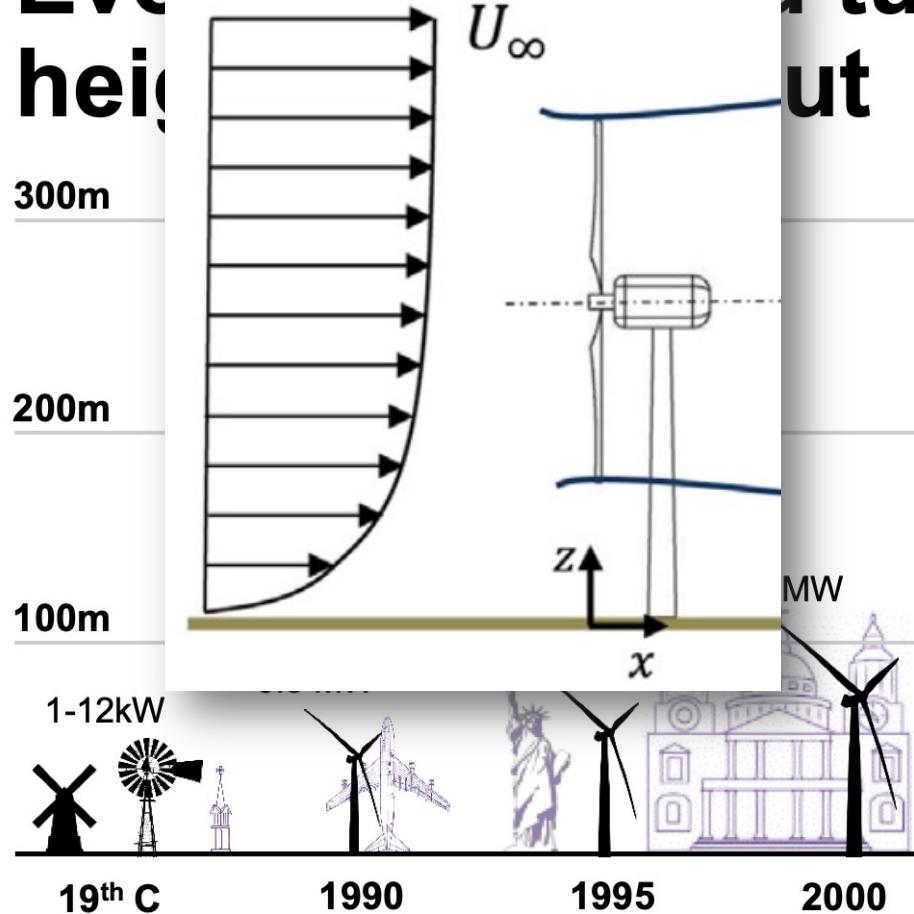
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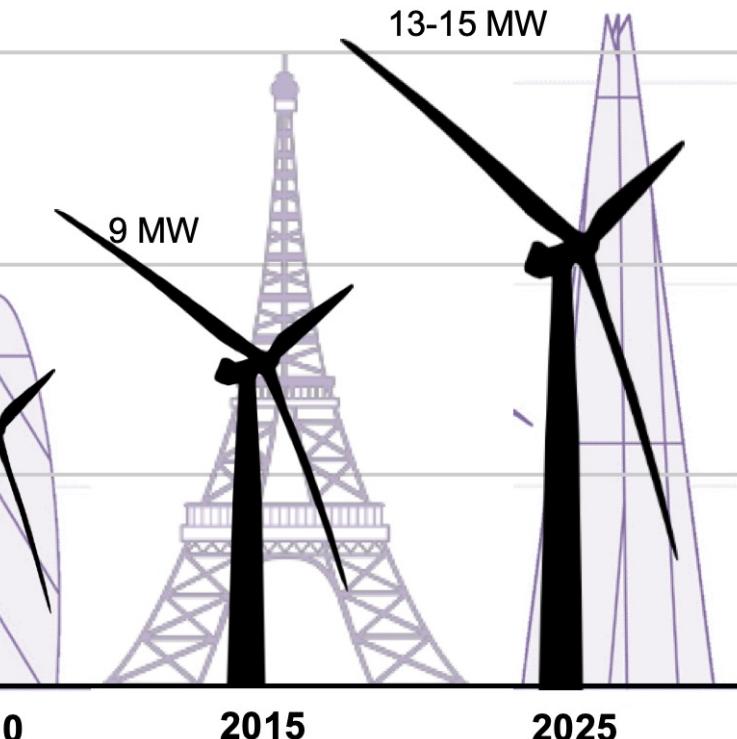
# INCREASE HUB HEIGHT

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## Evolution of hub height



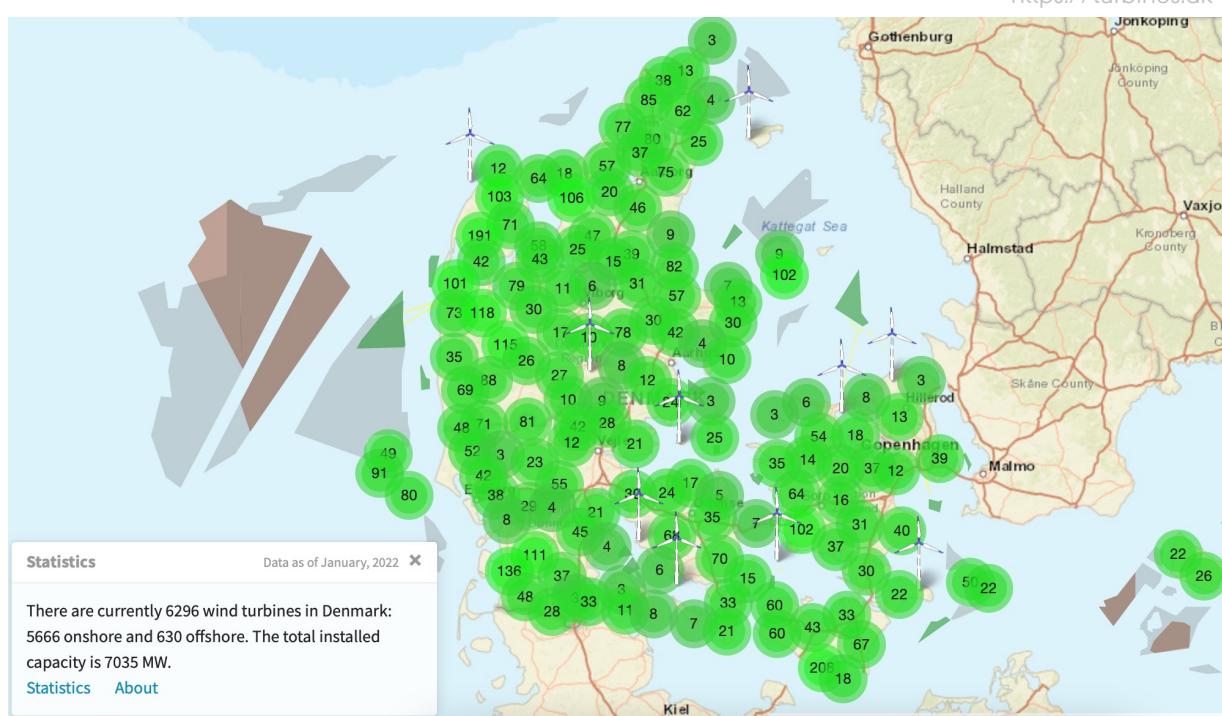
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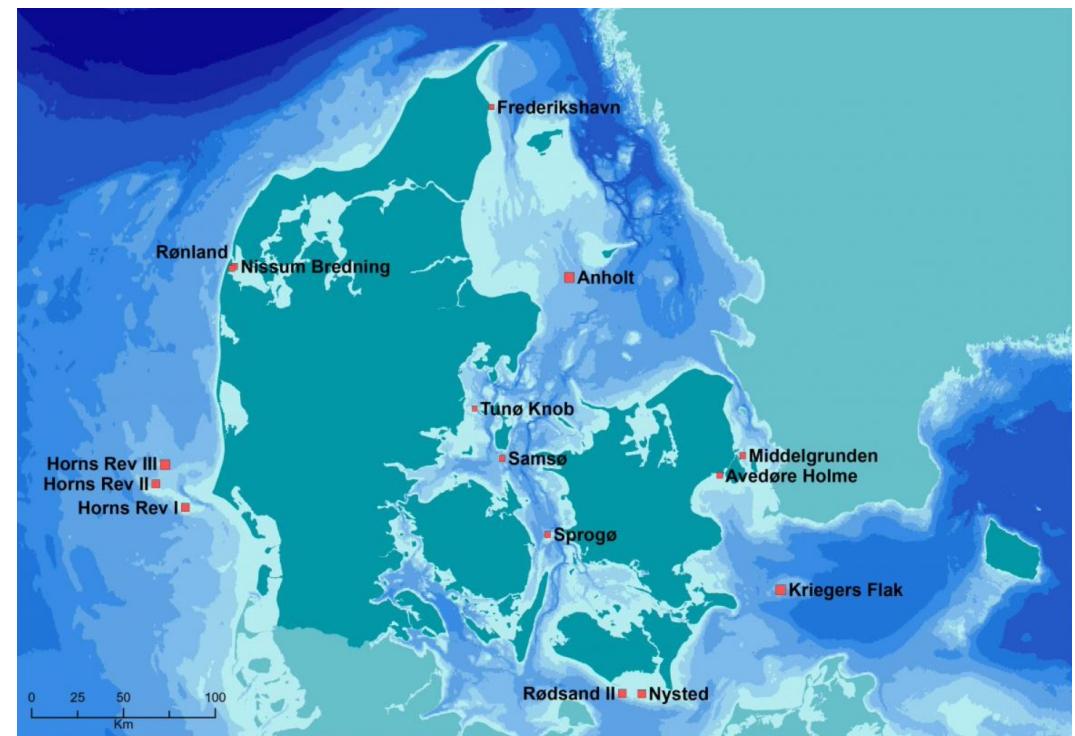
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# BETTER WIND CONDITIONS OFFSHORE



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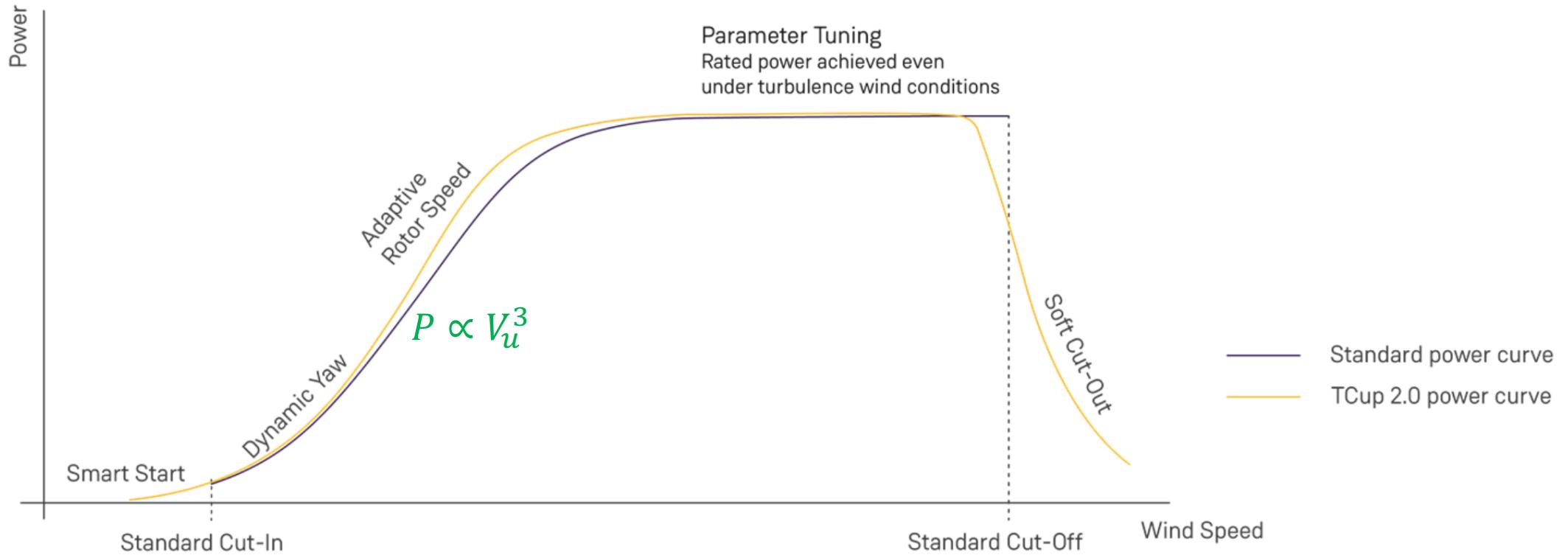


# POWER CURVE

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## TCUP 2.0 Power Curve

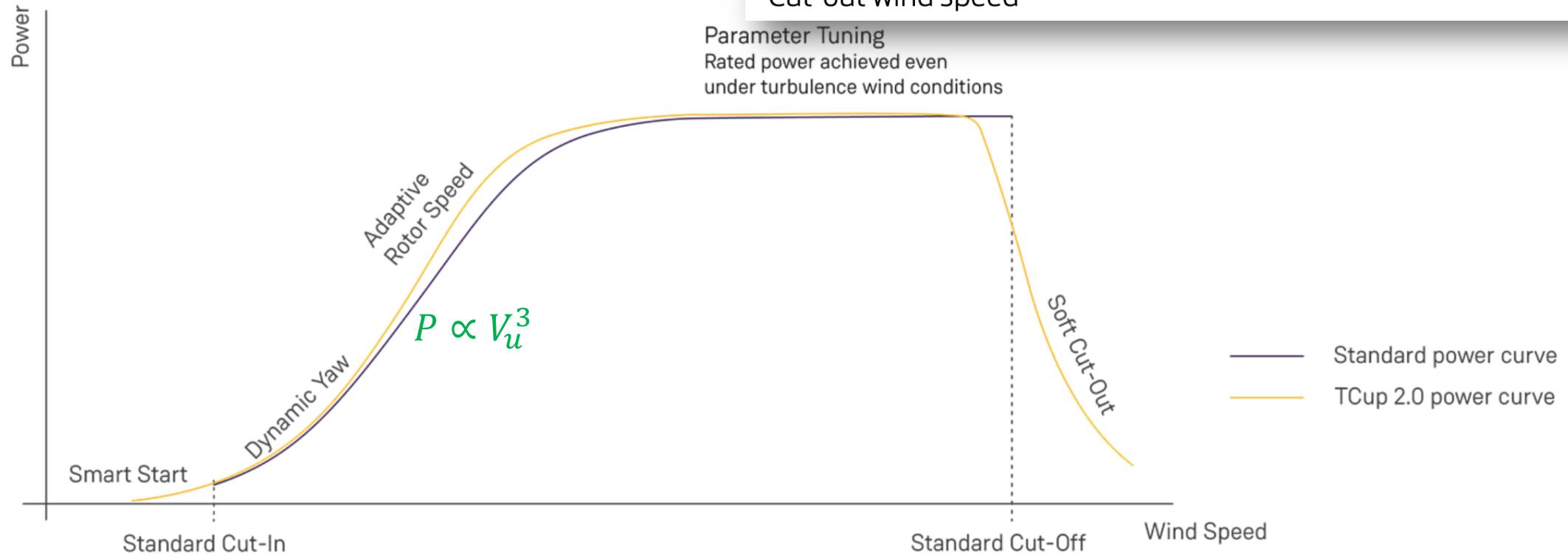
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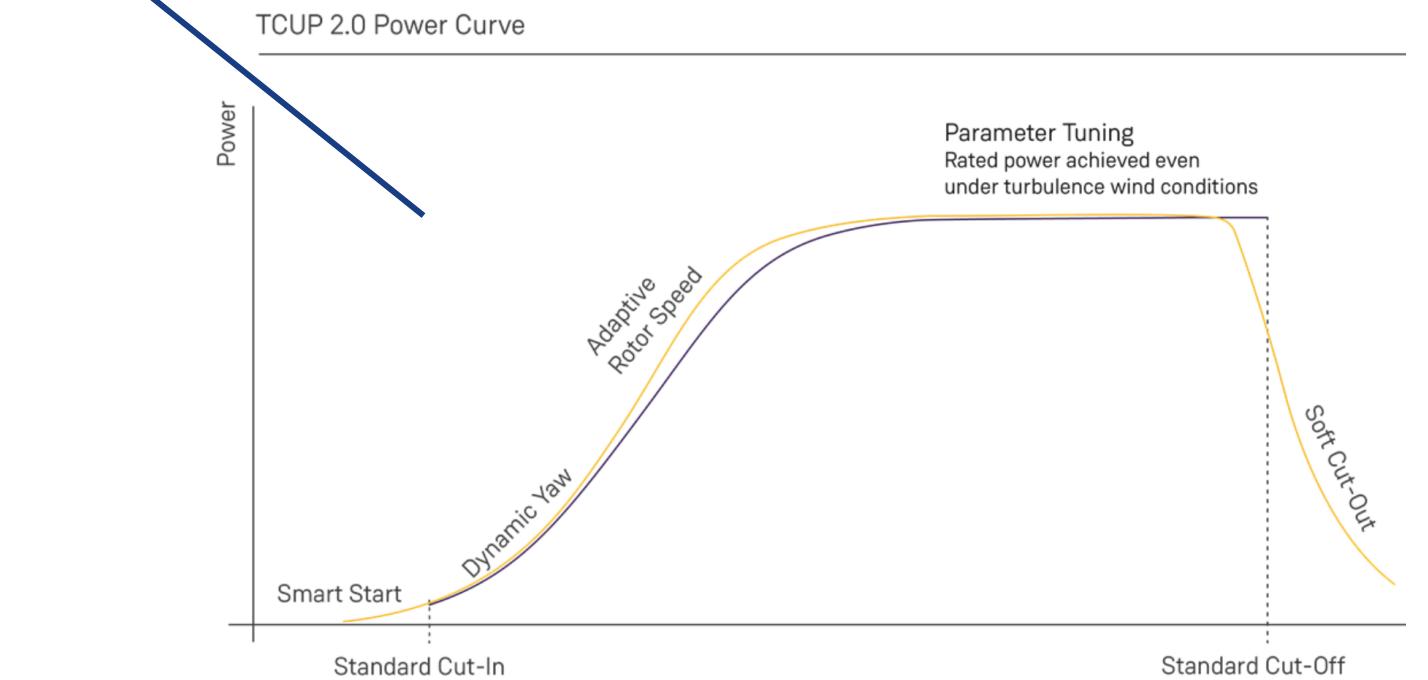
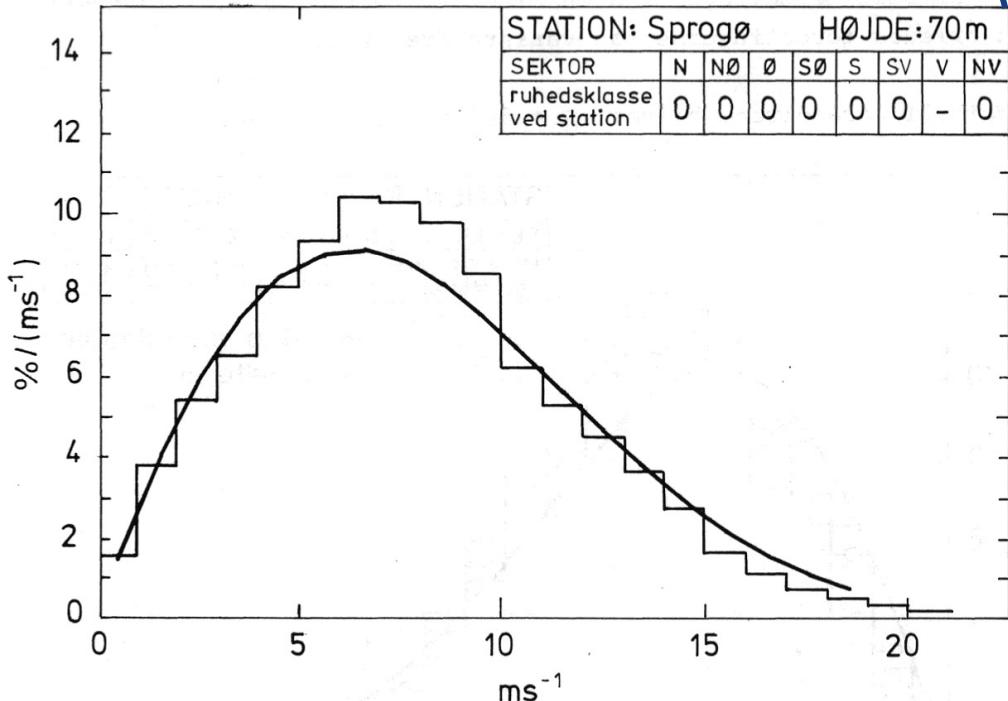


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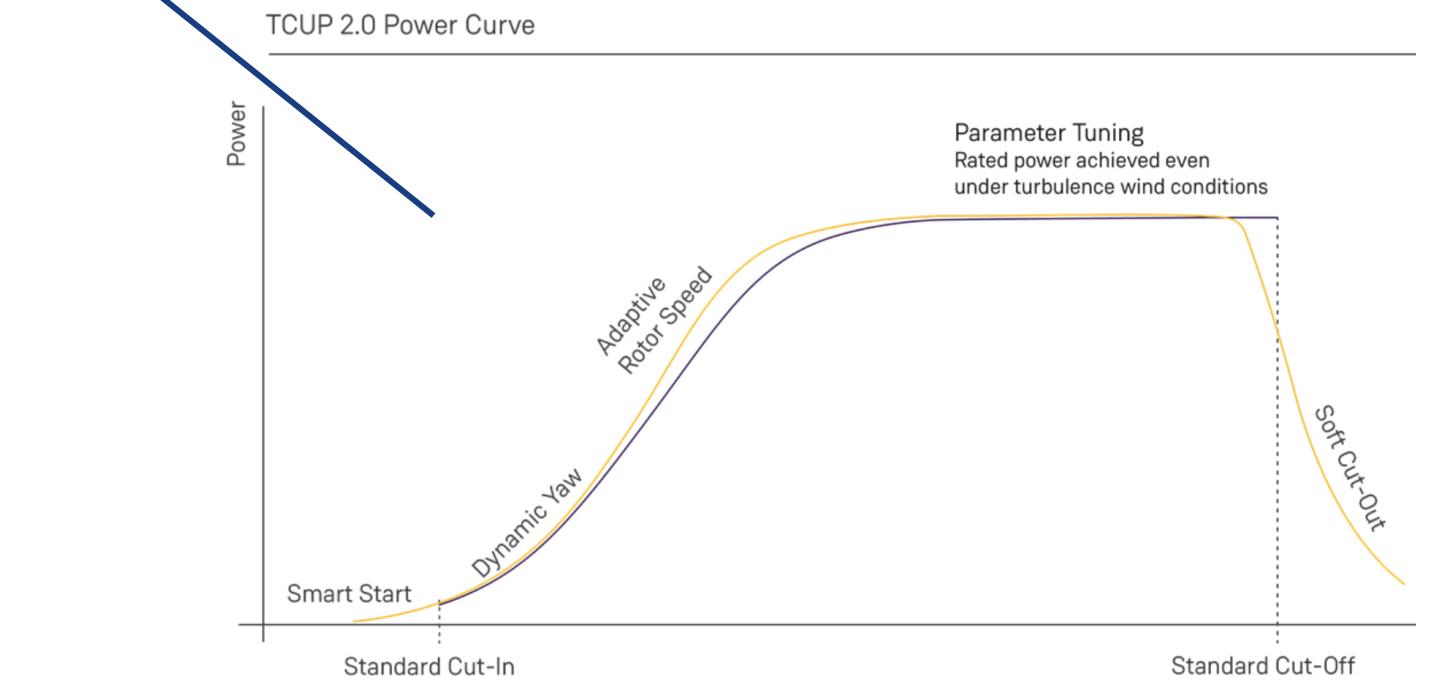
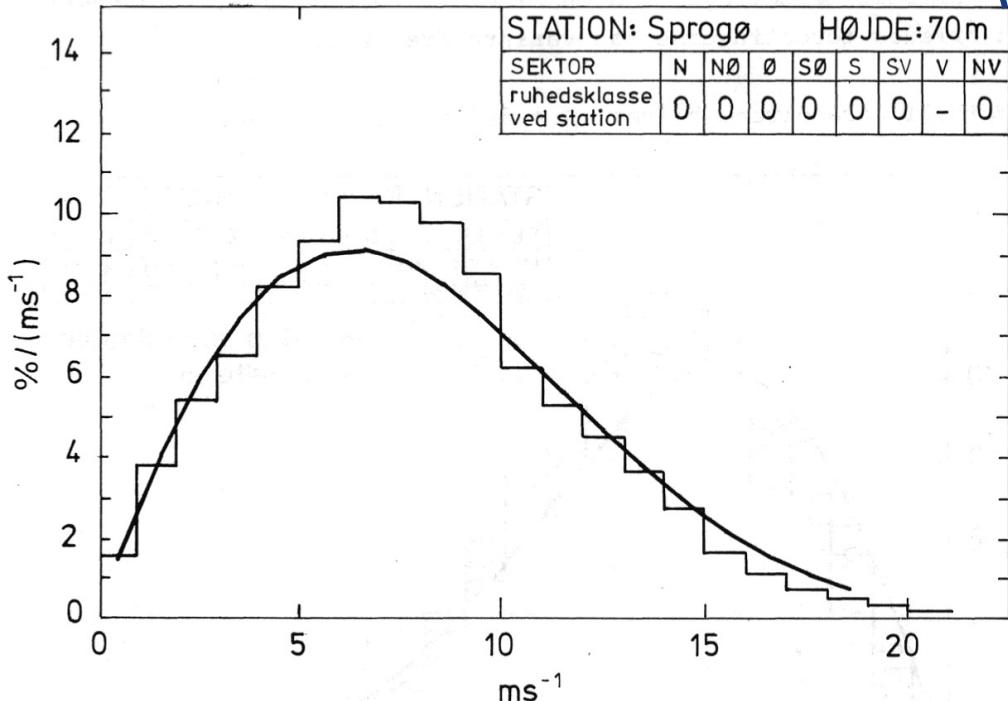


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Typical family:  $\sim 4000 \text{ kWh}$



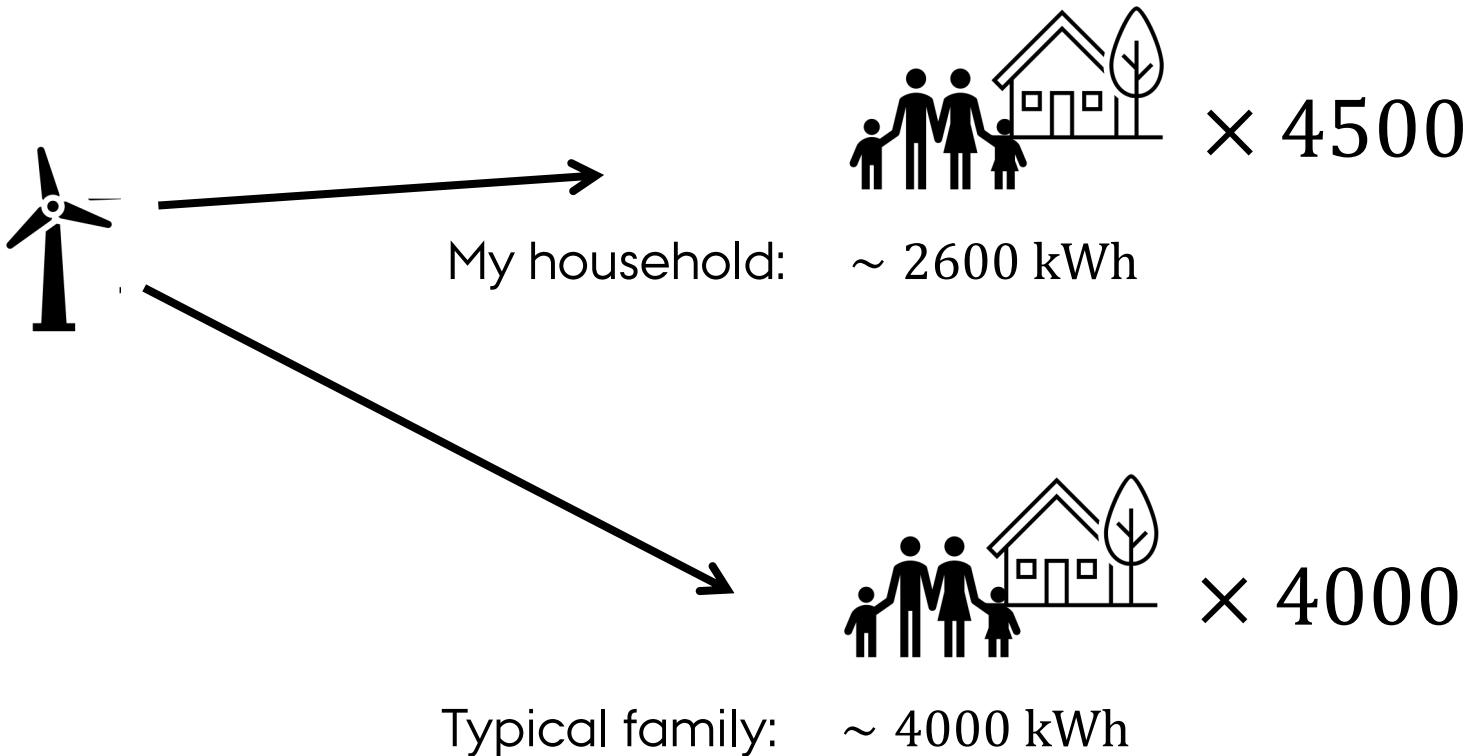
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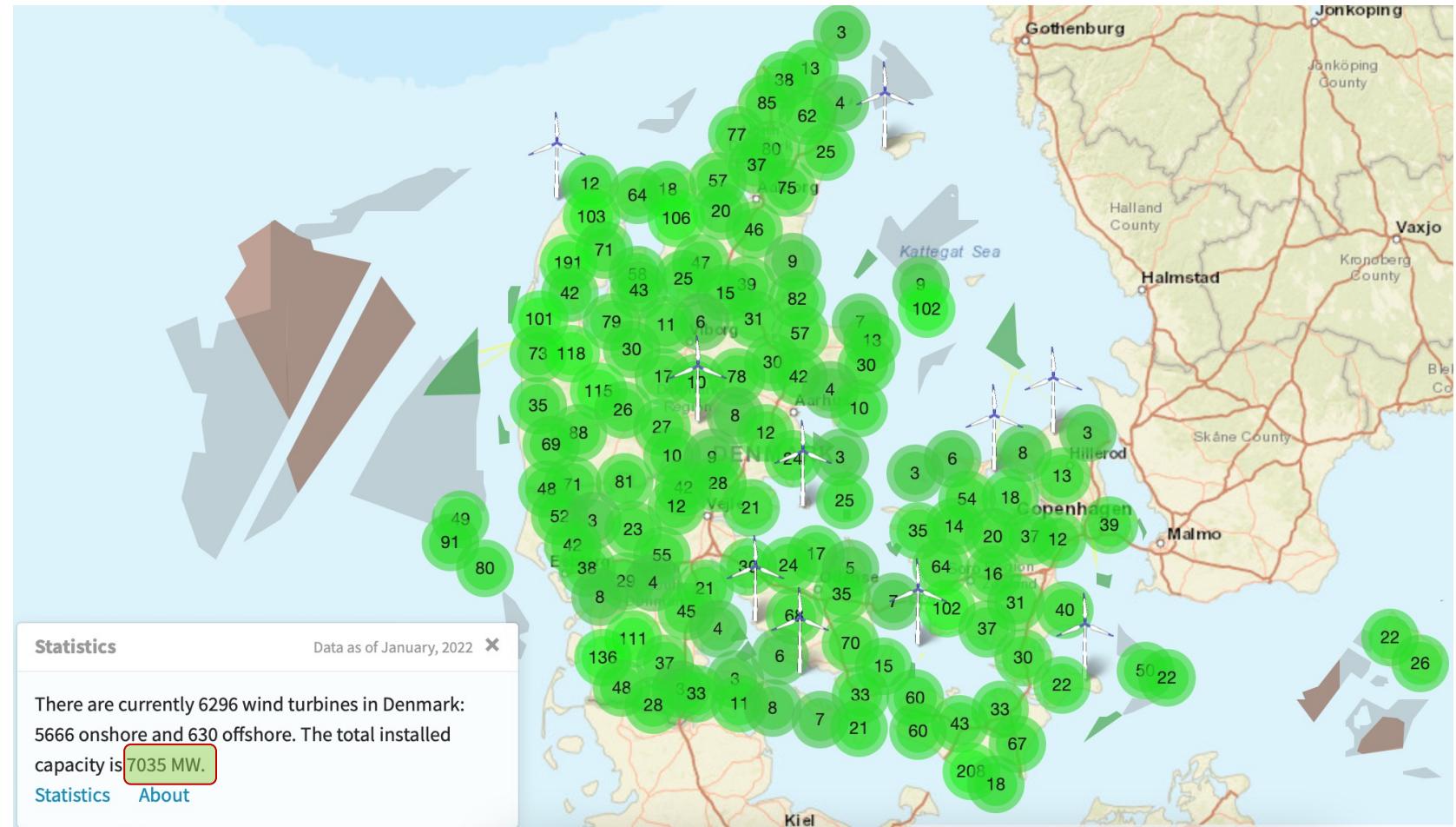


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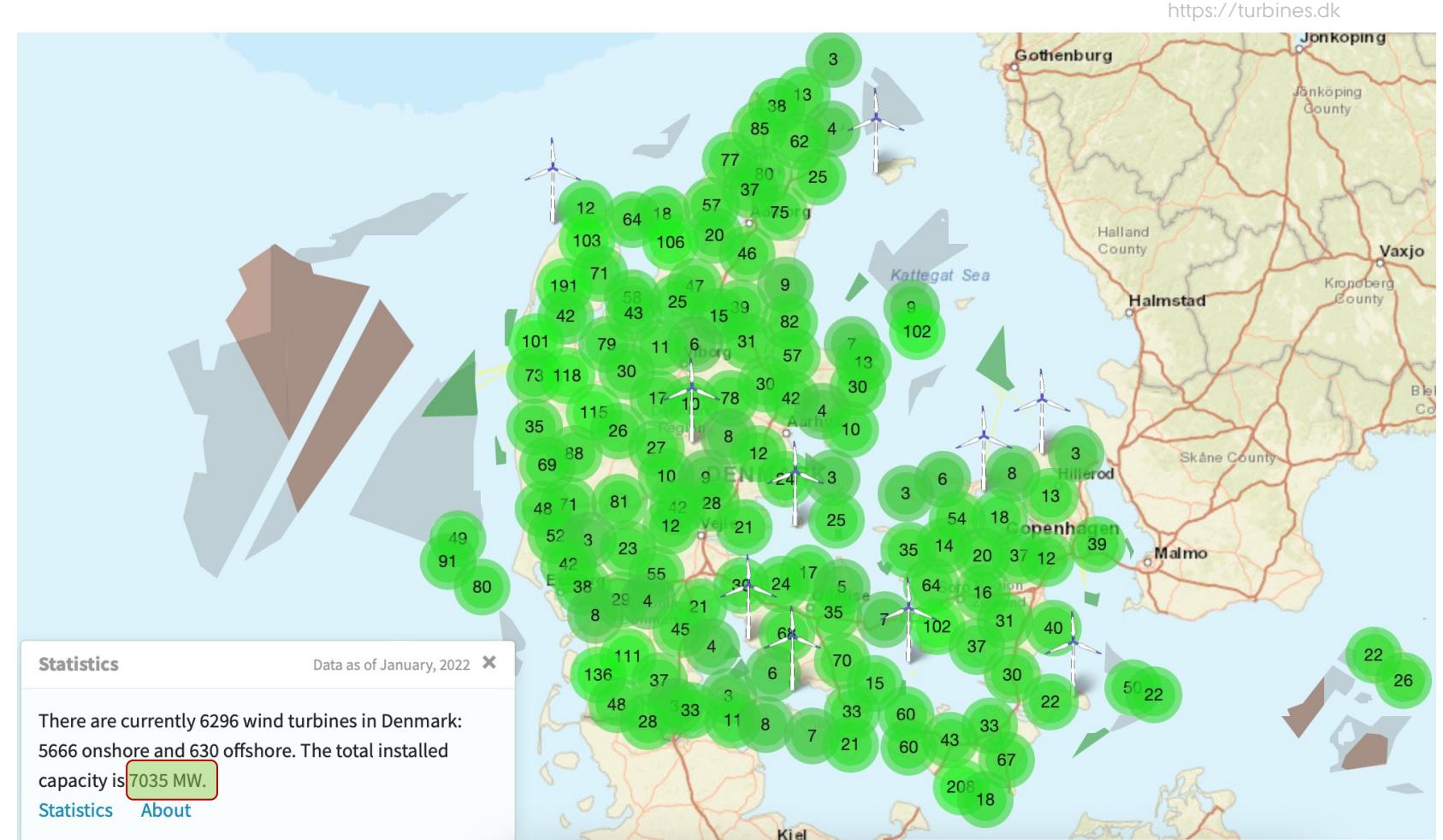


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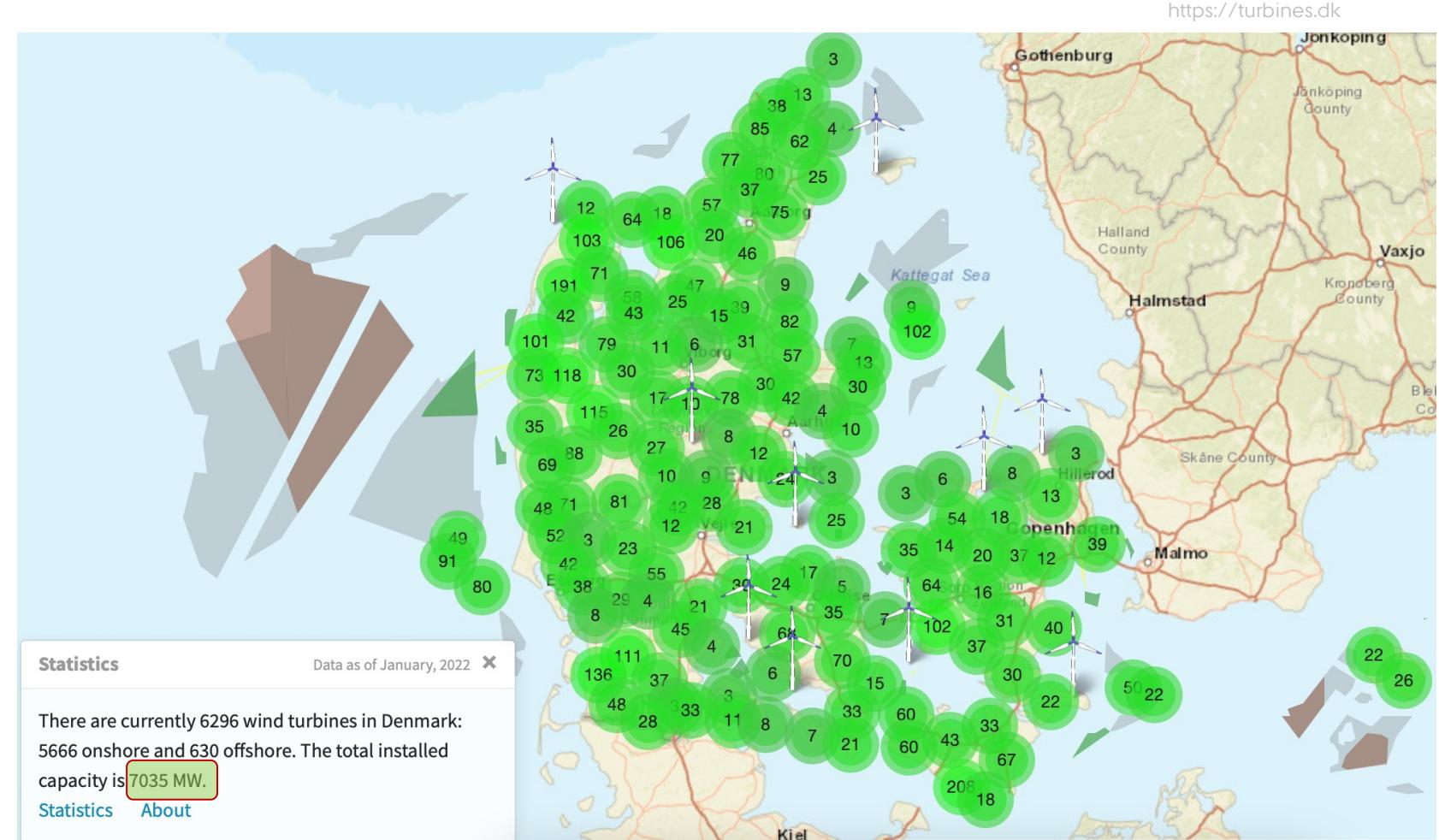
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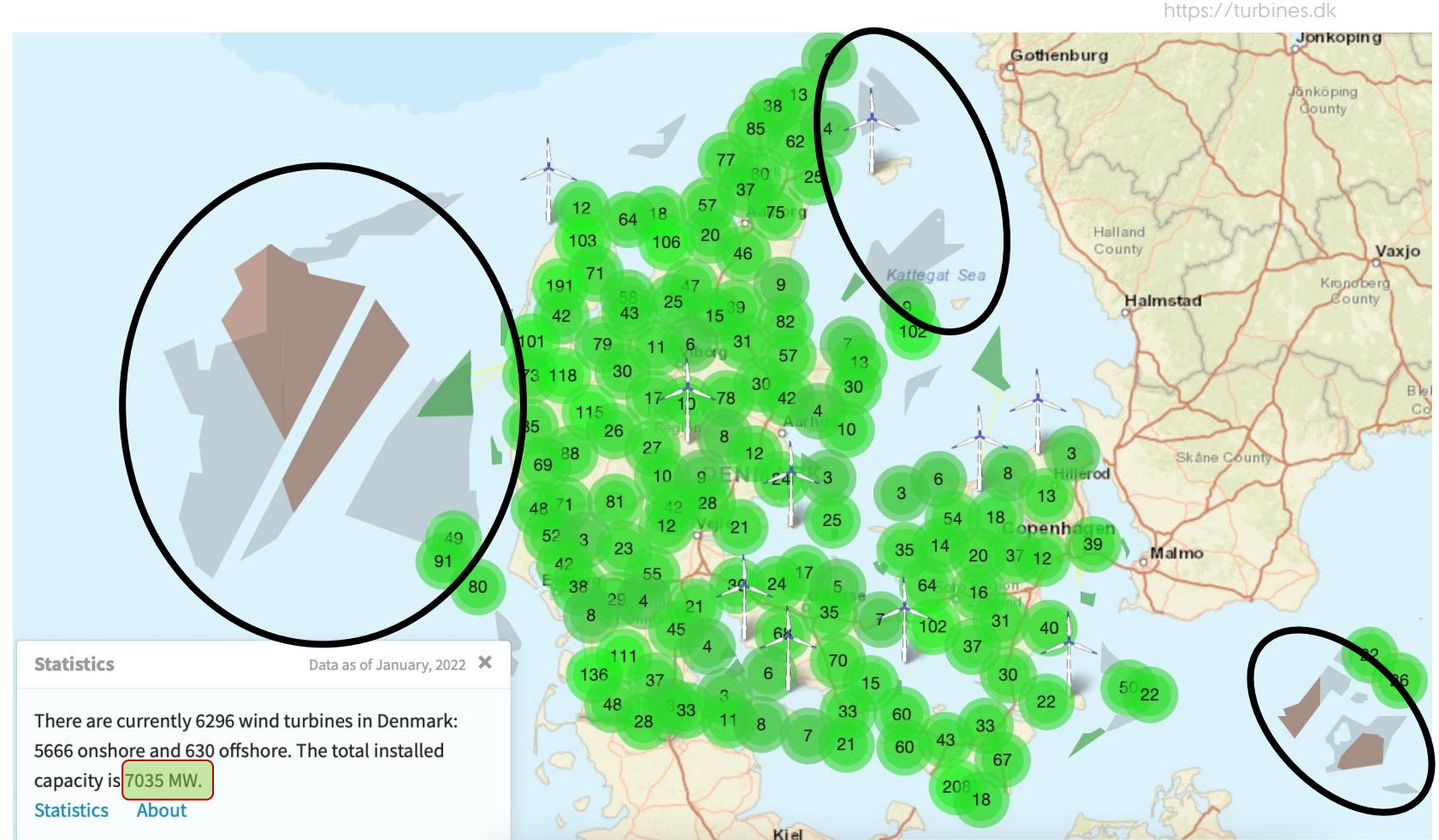


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➤ N. O. Jensen (1983)



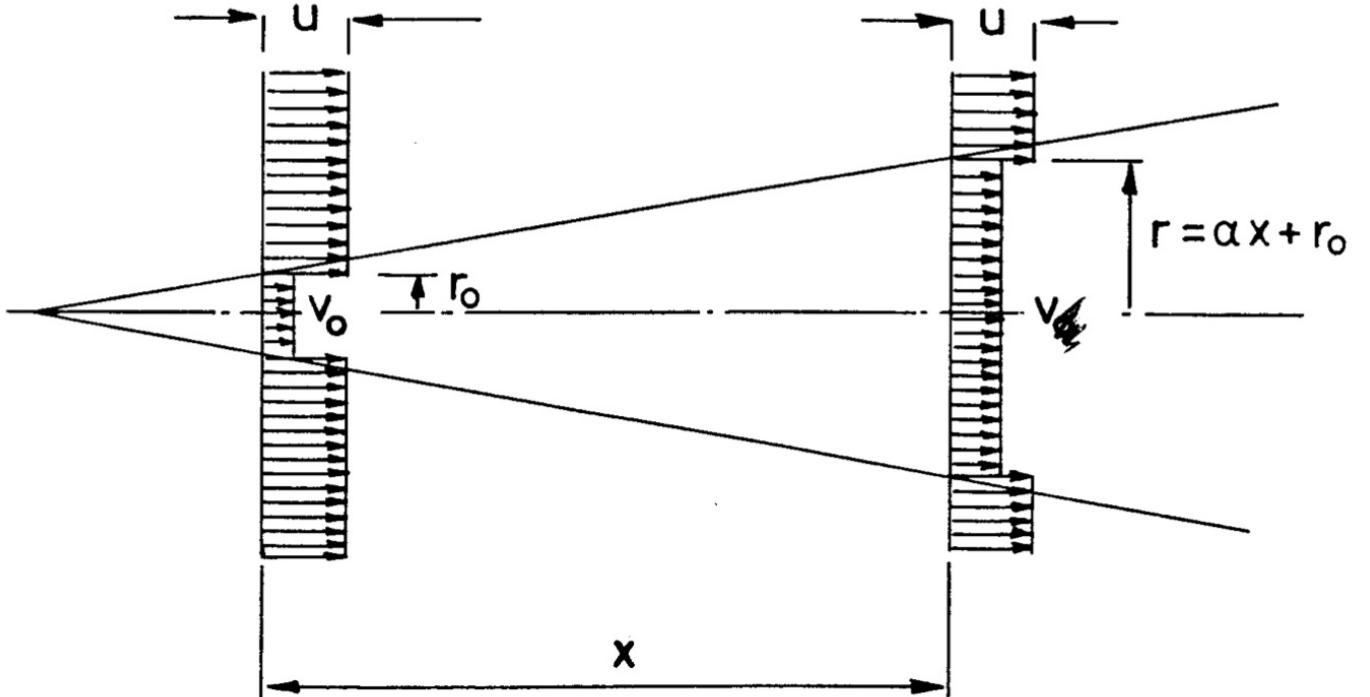
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# JENSEN WAKE MODEL

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$$V_u = u$$

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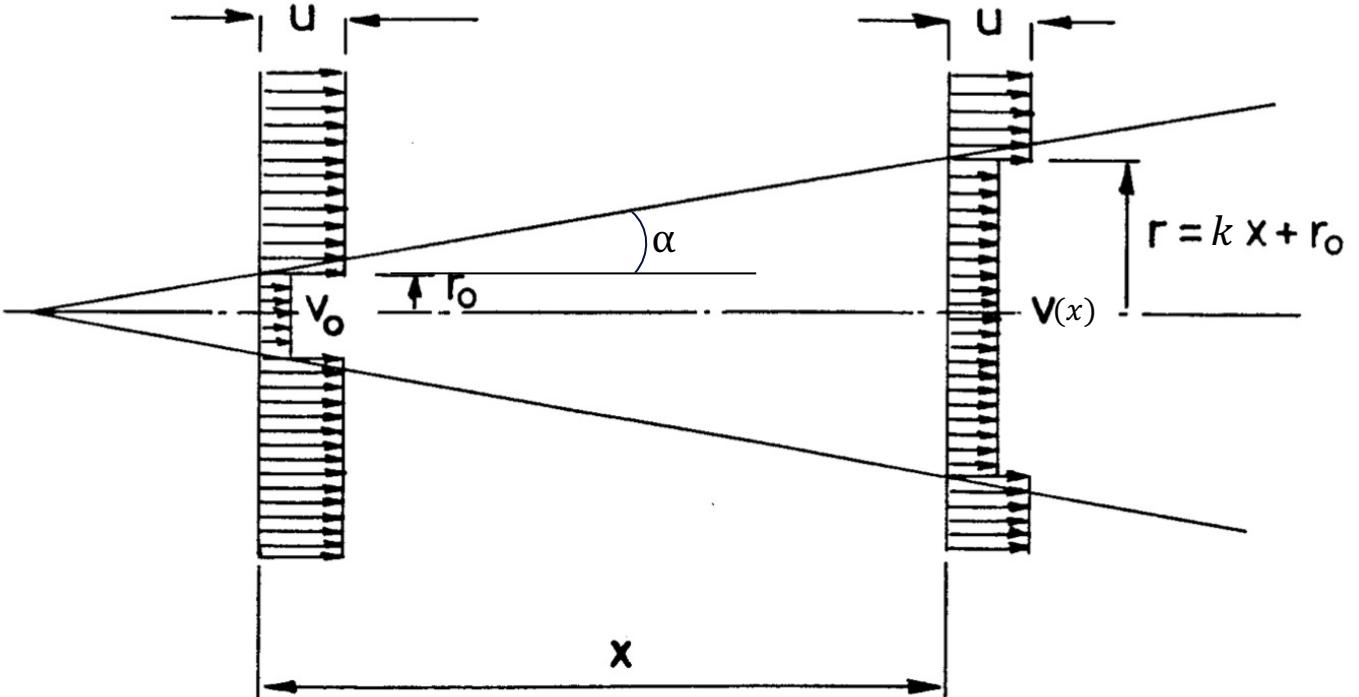
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$$r(x) = r_0 + kx$$

where

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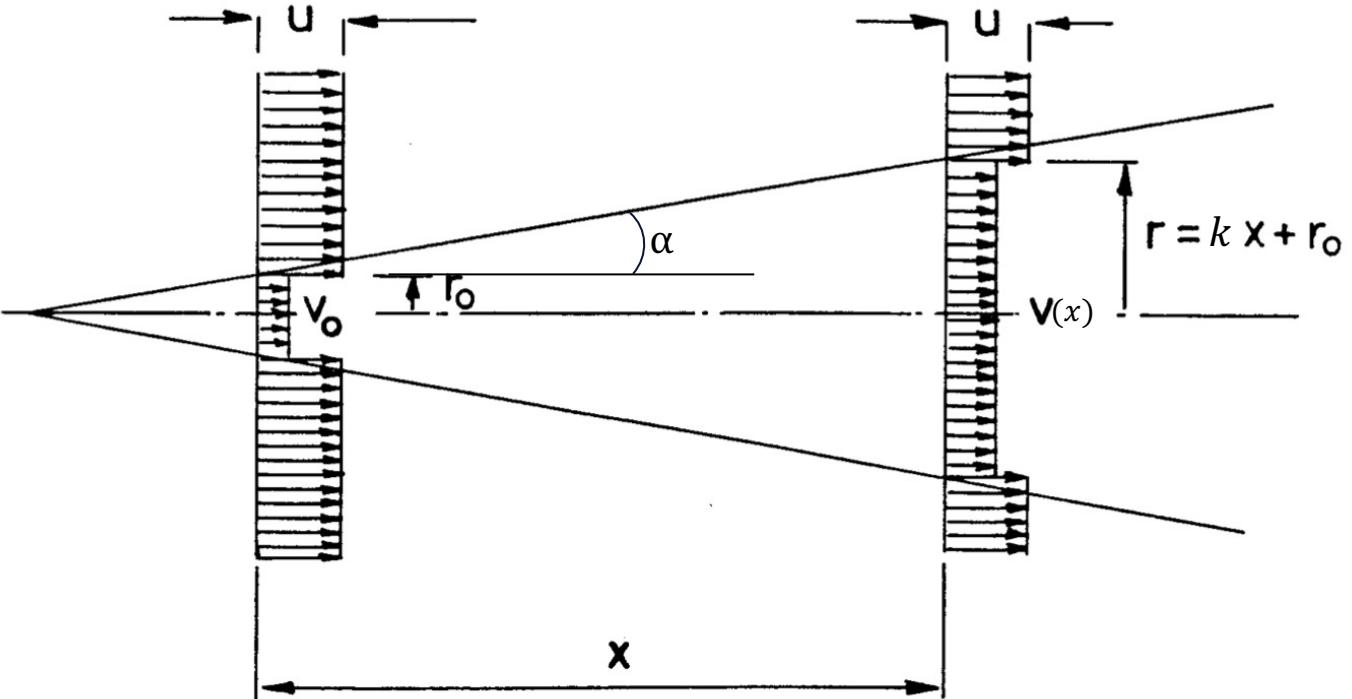
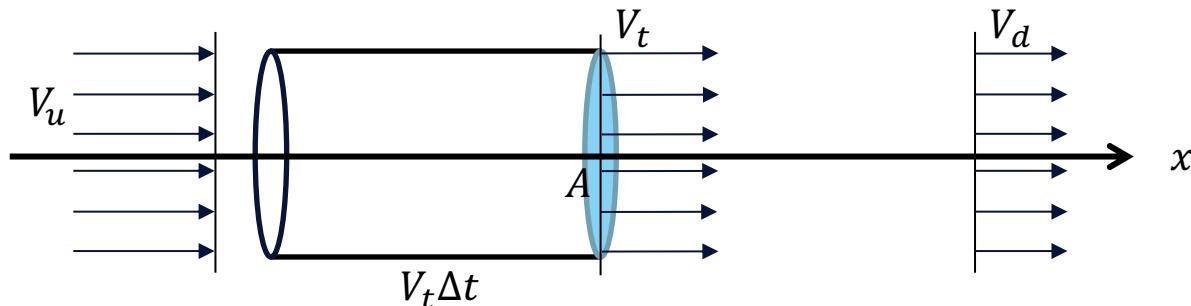
Behind turbine

$$V_0 = qu$$

Downstream wind

$$V(x, q) = u \left[ 1 - \frac{1 - q}{\left( 1 + \frac{kx}{R} \right)^2} \right]$$

$$r_0 = R$$



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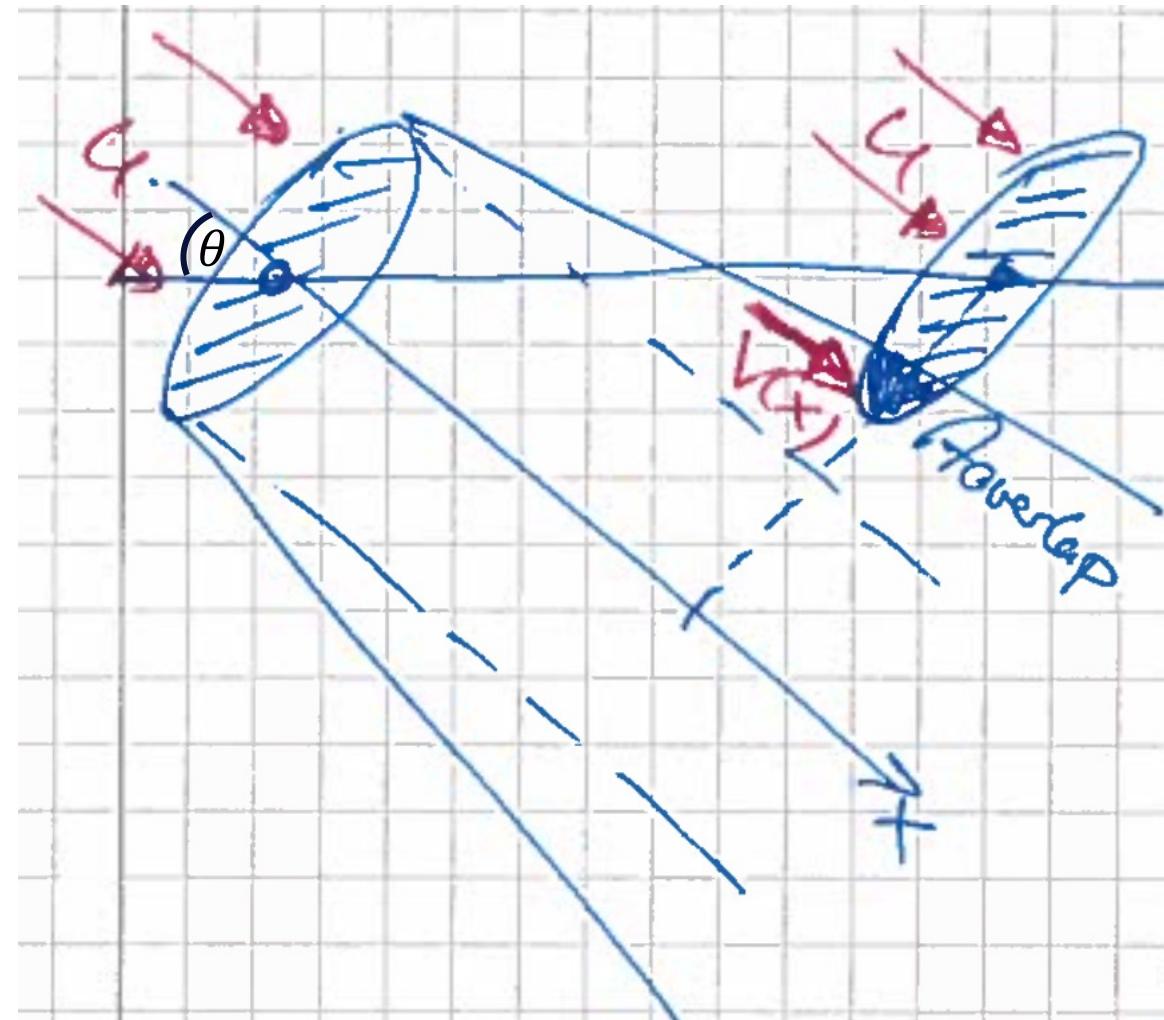
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Upstream turbine

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{2} \rho A C_p u^3$$

Downwind turbine

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho A C_p \bar{V}^3(\theta, q)$$

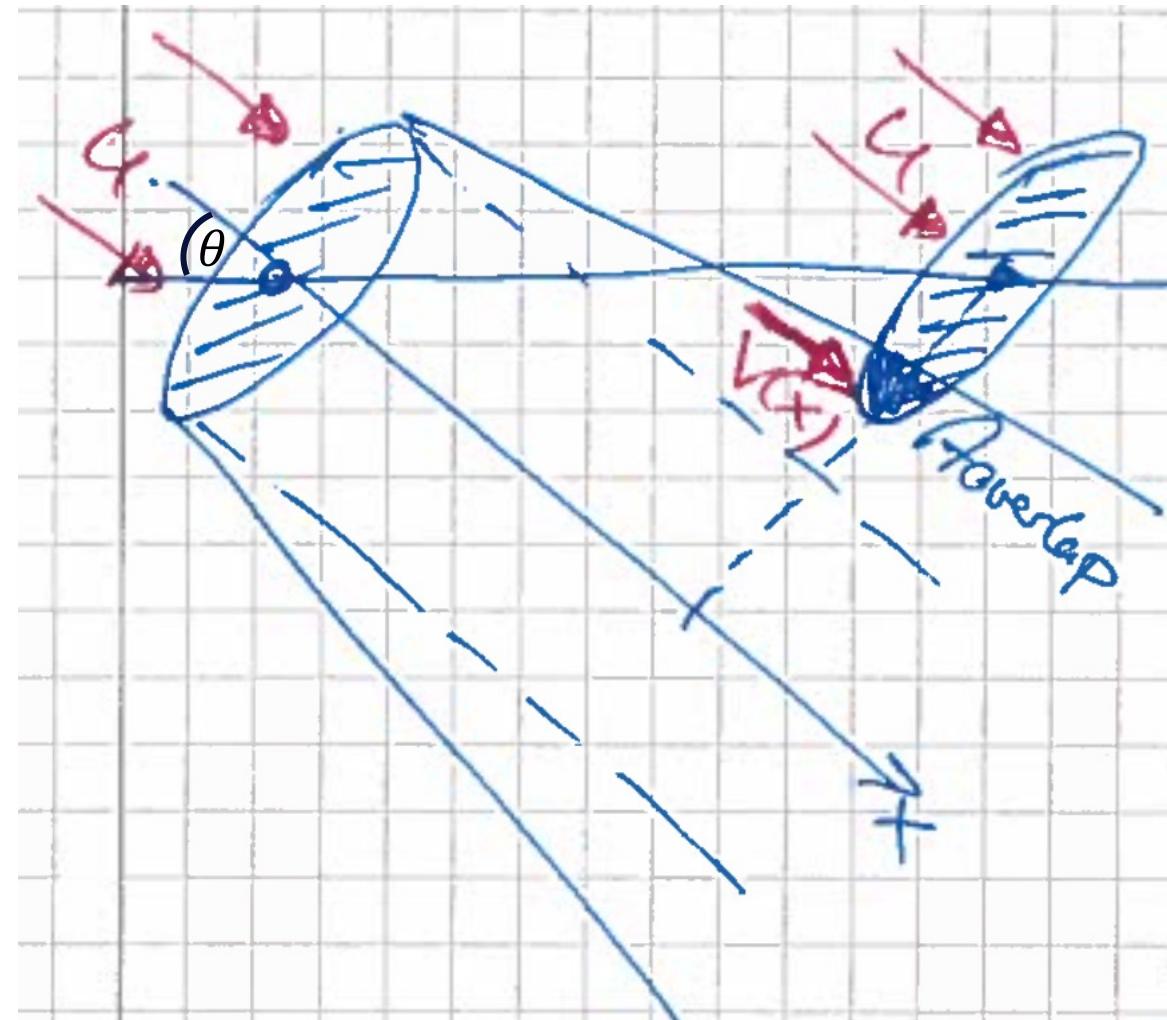


# PARTIAL WAKE

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Effective velocity at downwind turbine

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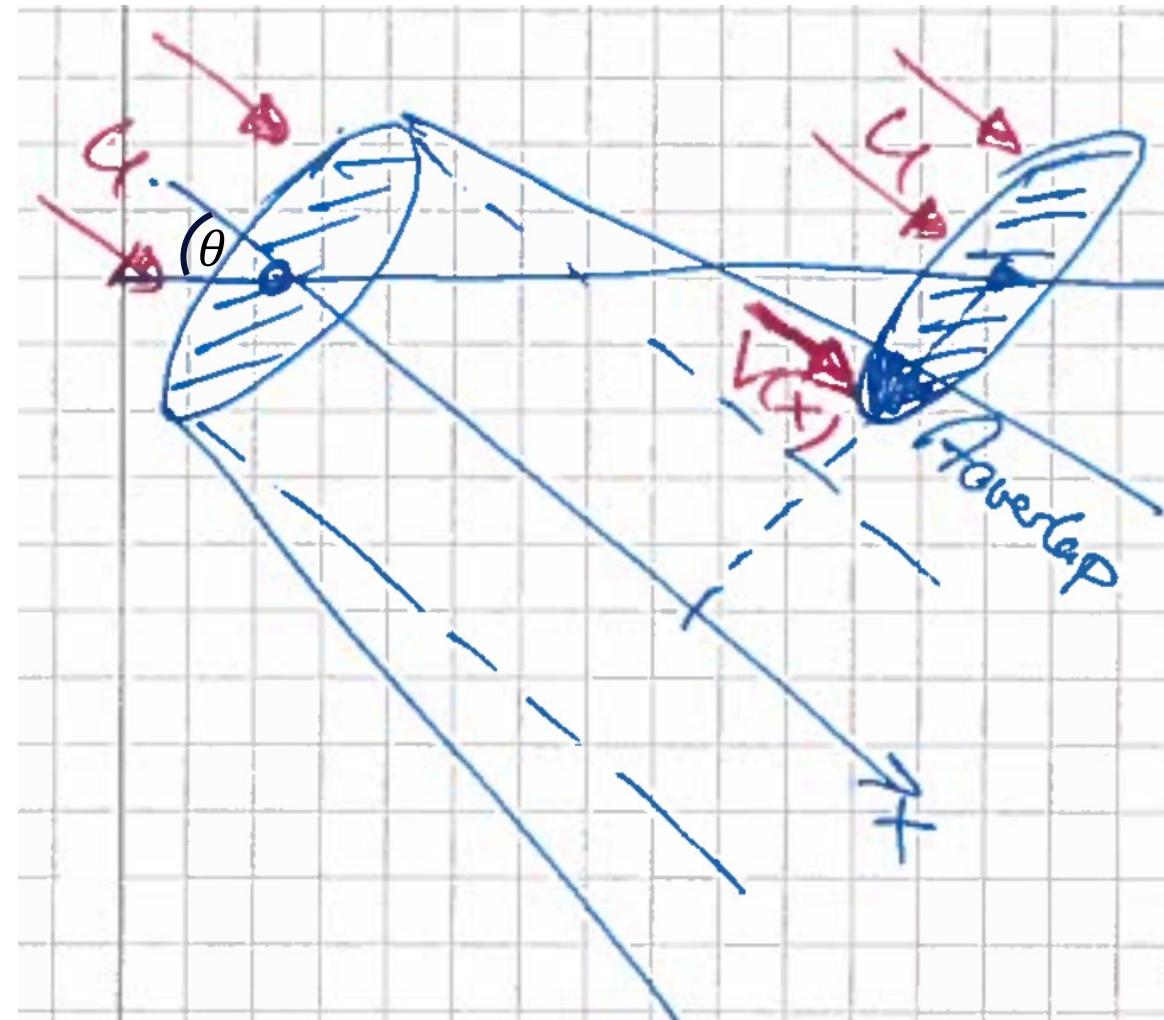


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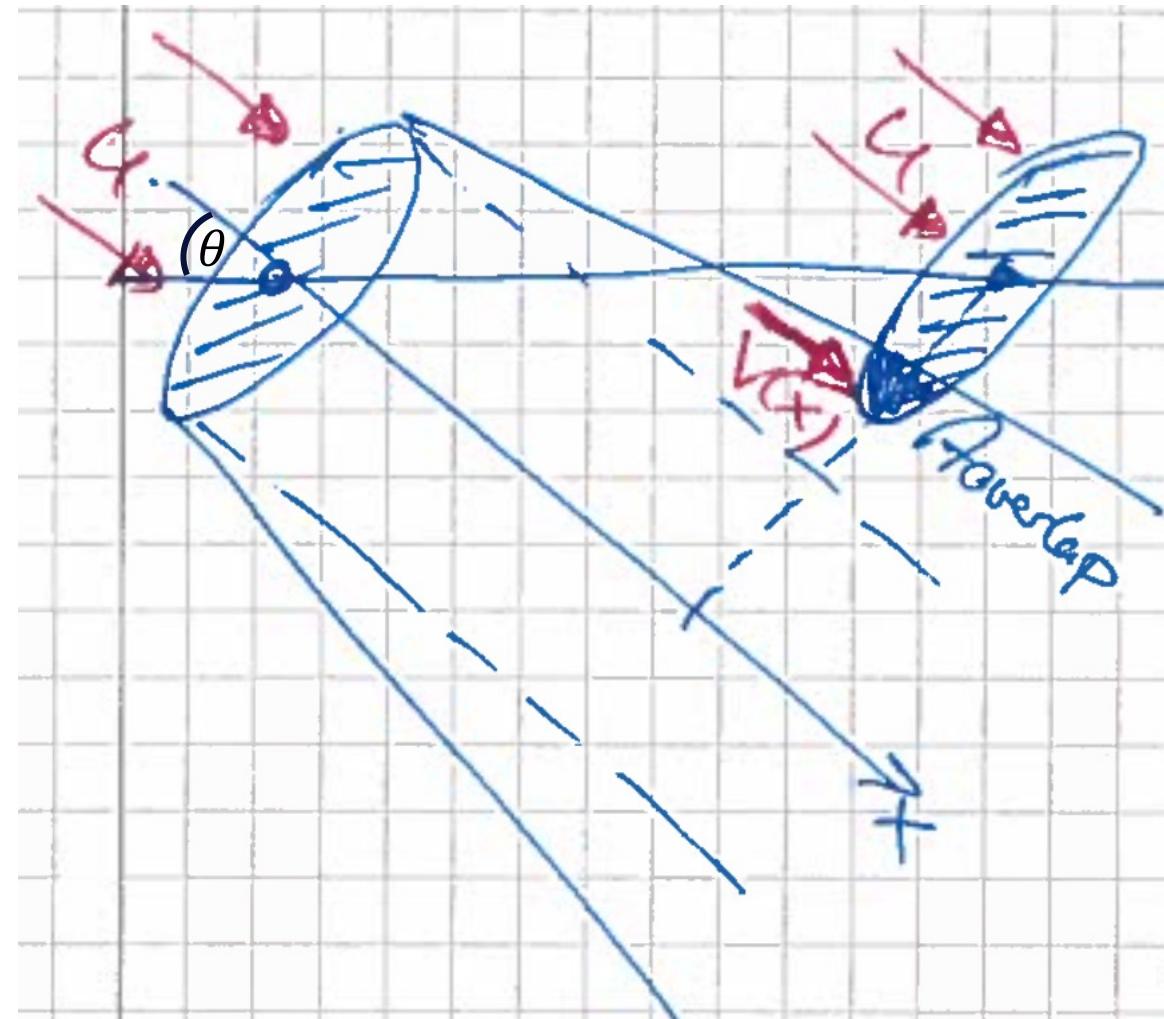
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Wind velocity deficit  $\delta(\theta, q)$



# WAKE INTERACTIONS

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- Katic emperical rule  
(1986)



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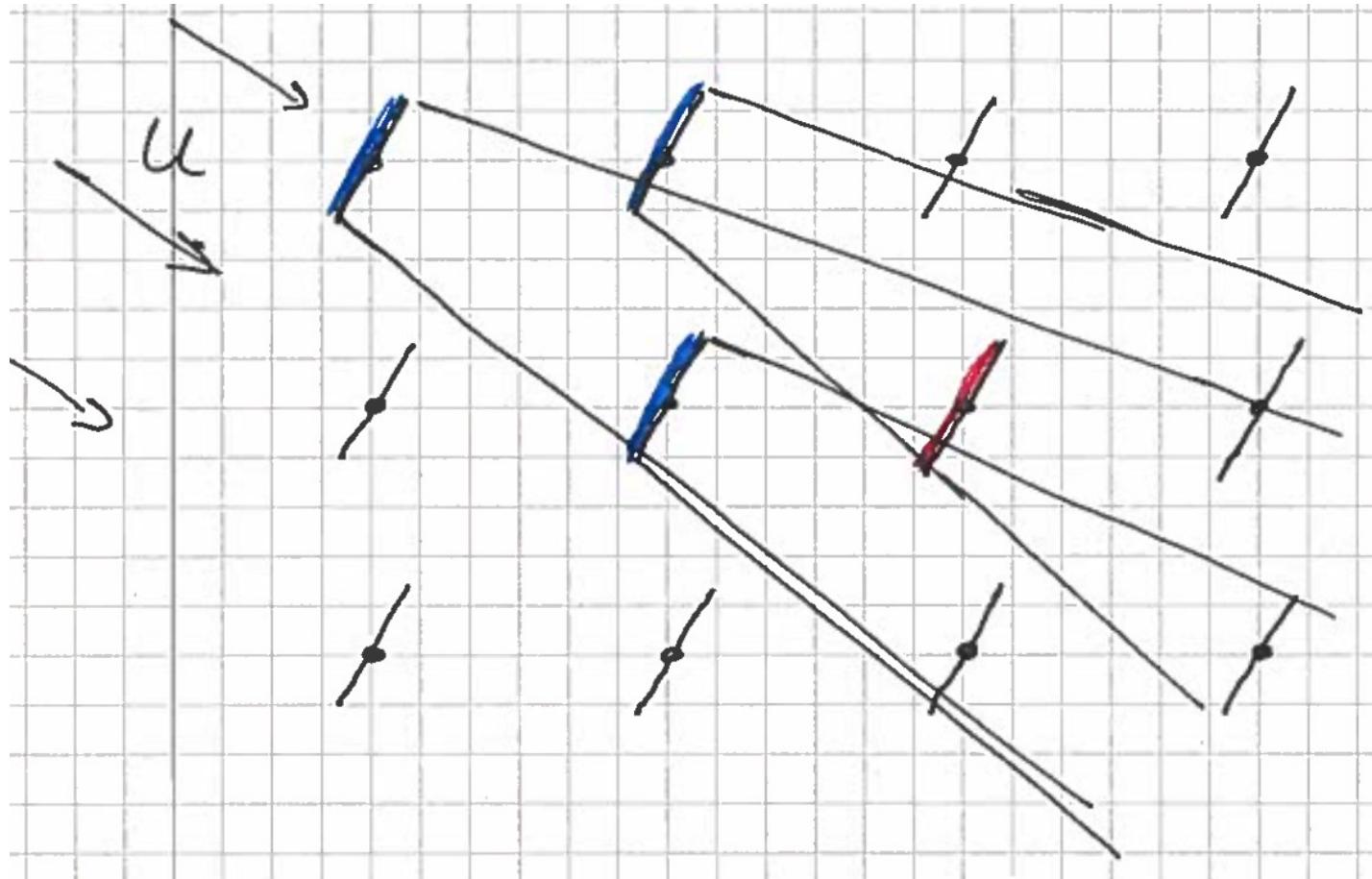
- $N$  identical turbines

Effective deficit at turbine  $i$

$$\delta_i^2(\theta, \mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i \neq j} \delta_{ij}^2(\theta, q_j)$$

where

$$\mathbf{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_N)$$



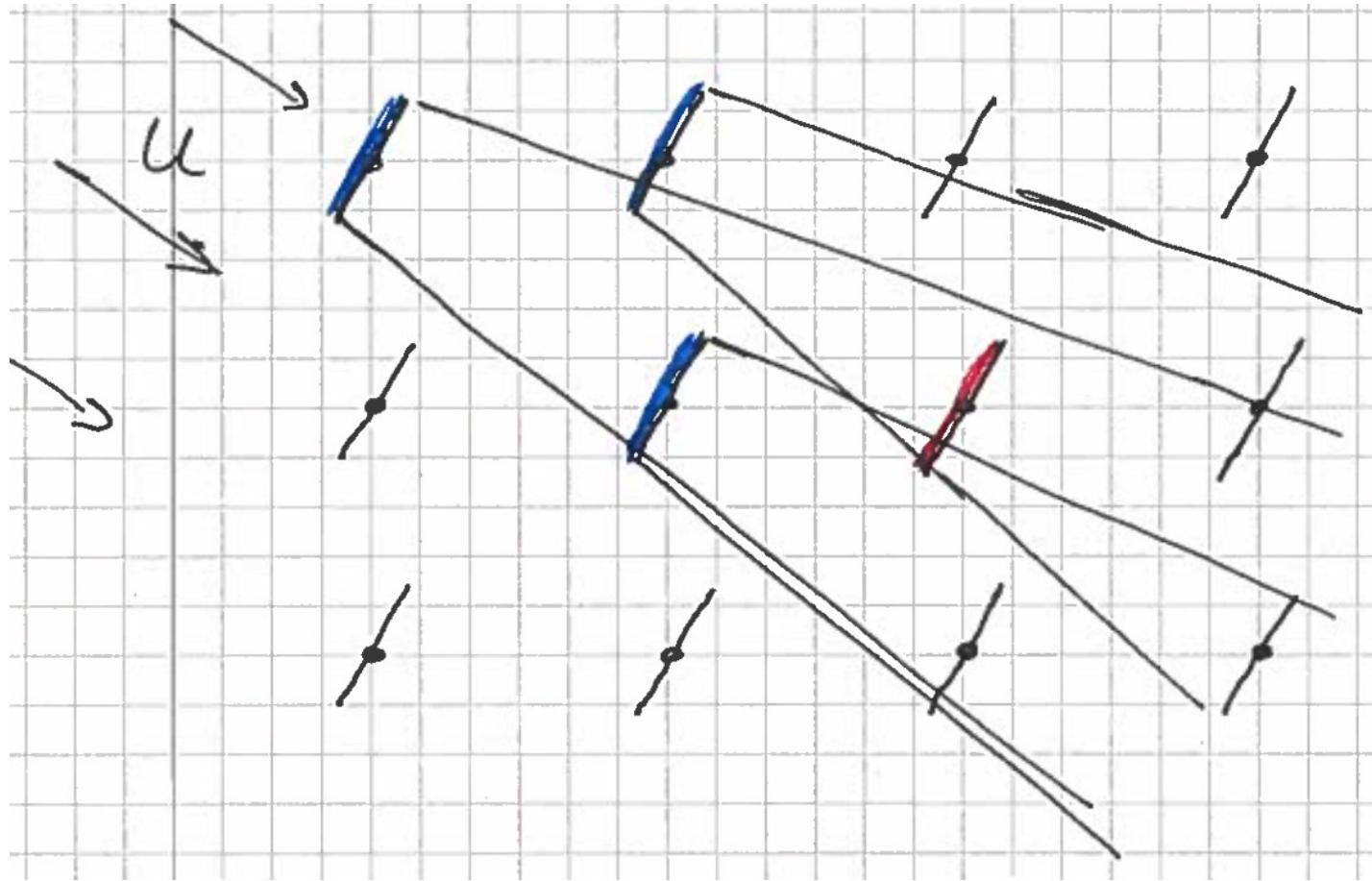
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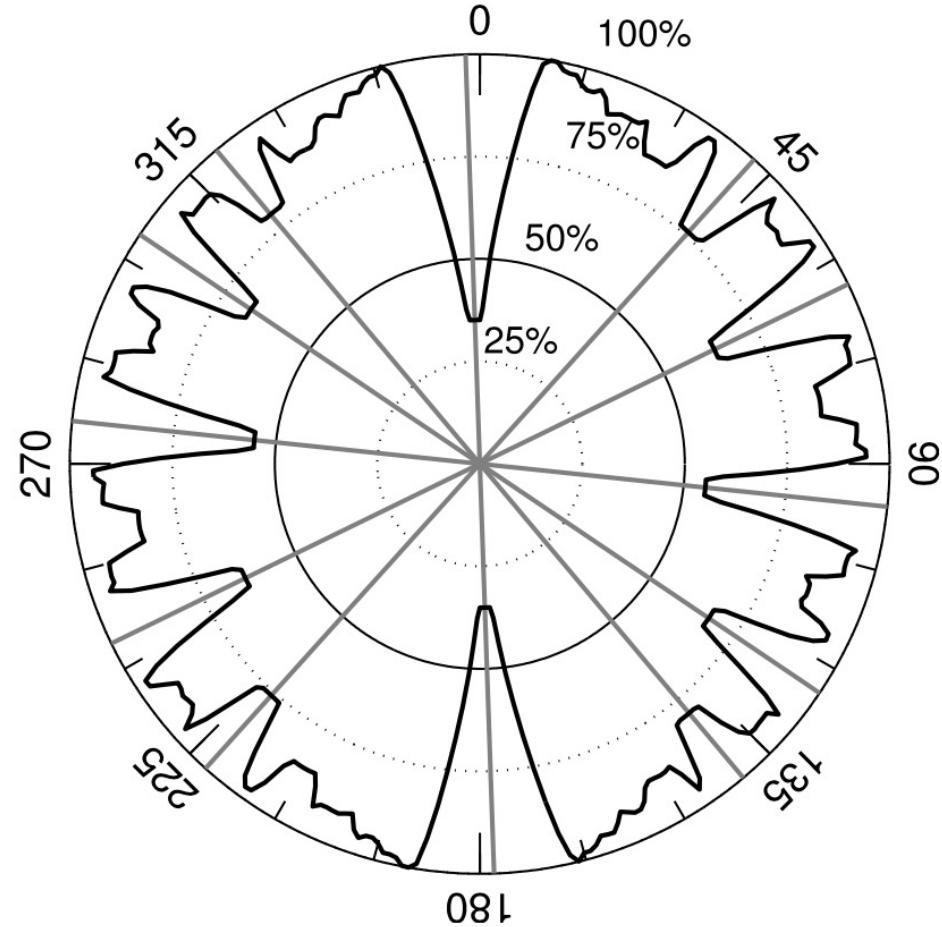
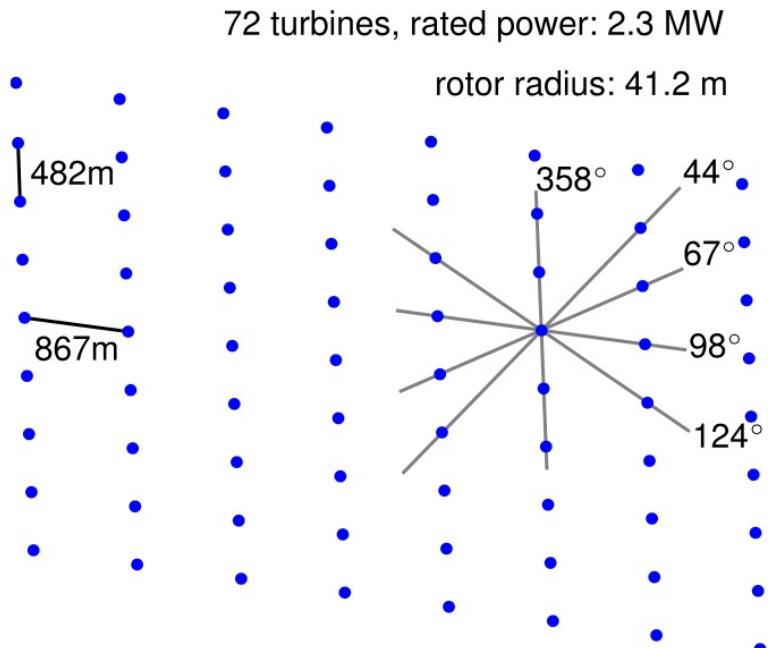
Total power output

$$P_{tot}(u, \theta, q) = \sum_{i=1}^N P_i(u_i(u, q), \theta, q_i)$$



# NYSTED OFFSHORE WIND FARM

$$\eta(\theta) = \frac{P_{farm}^{Betz}(u, \theta)}{N P^{Betz}(u)}$$



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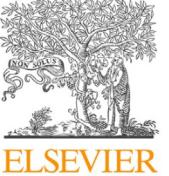
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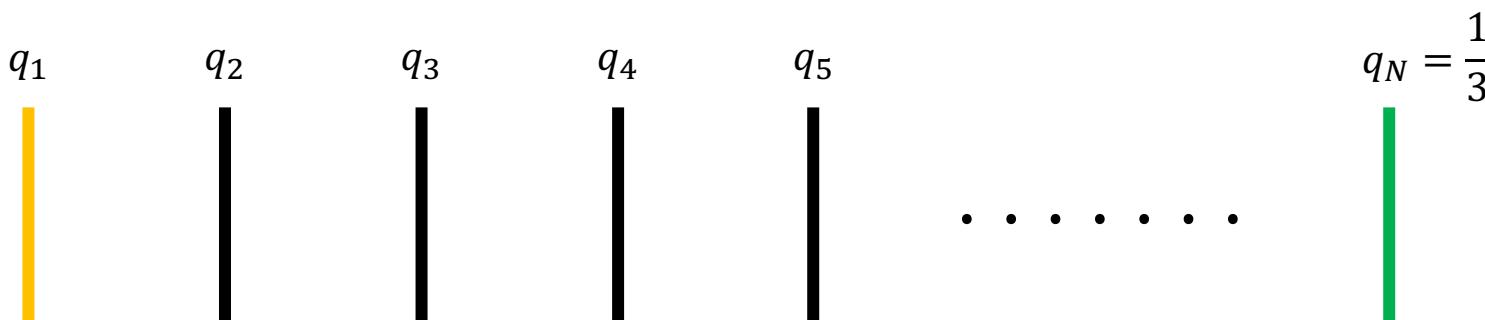
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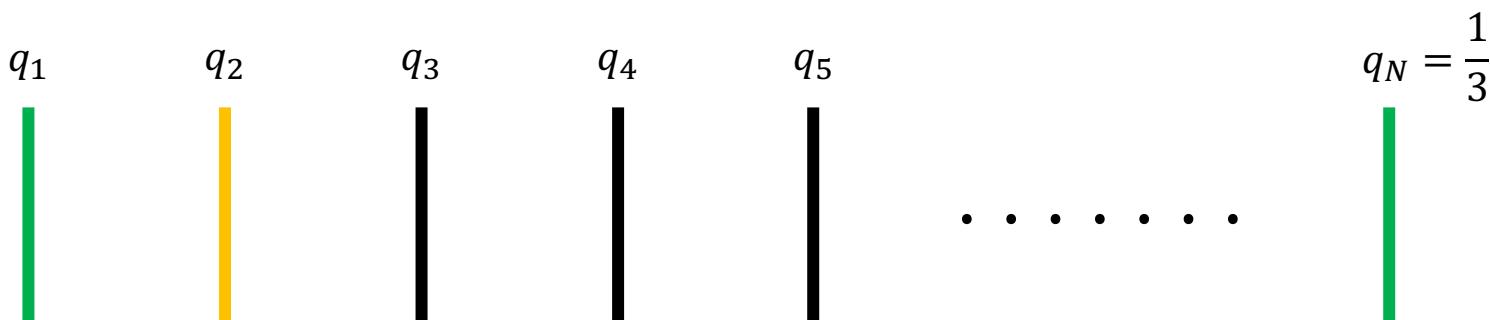
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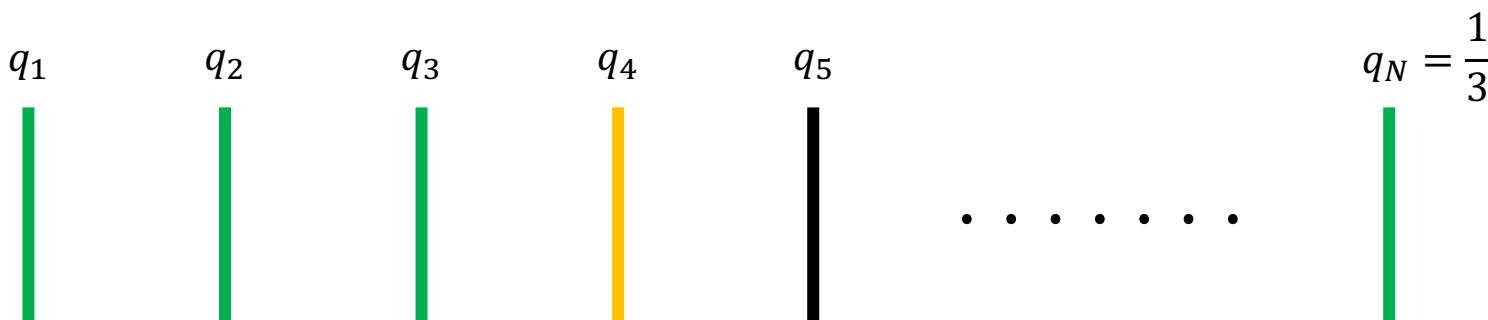
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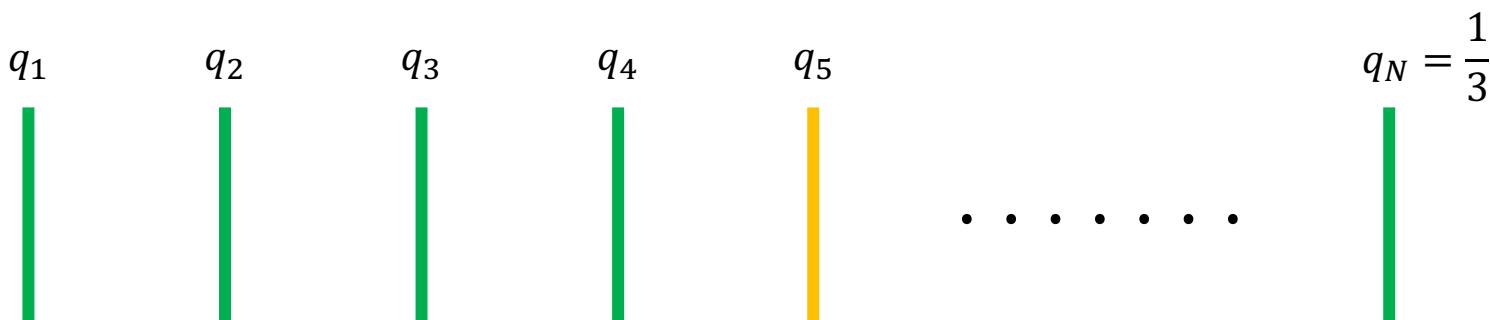
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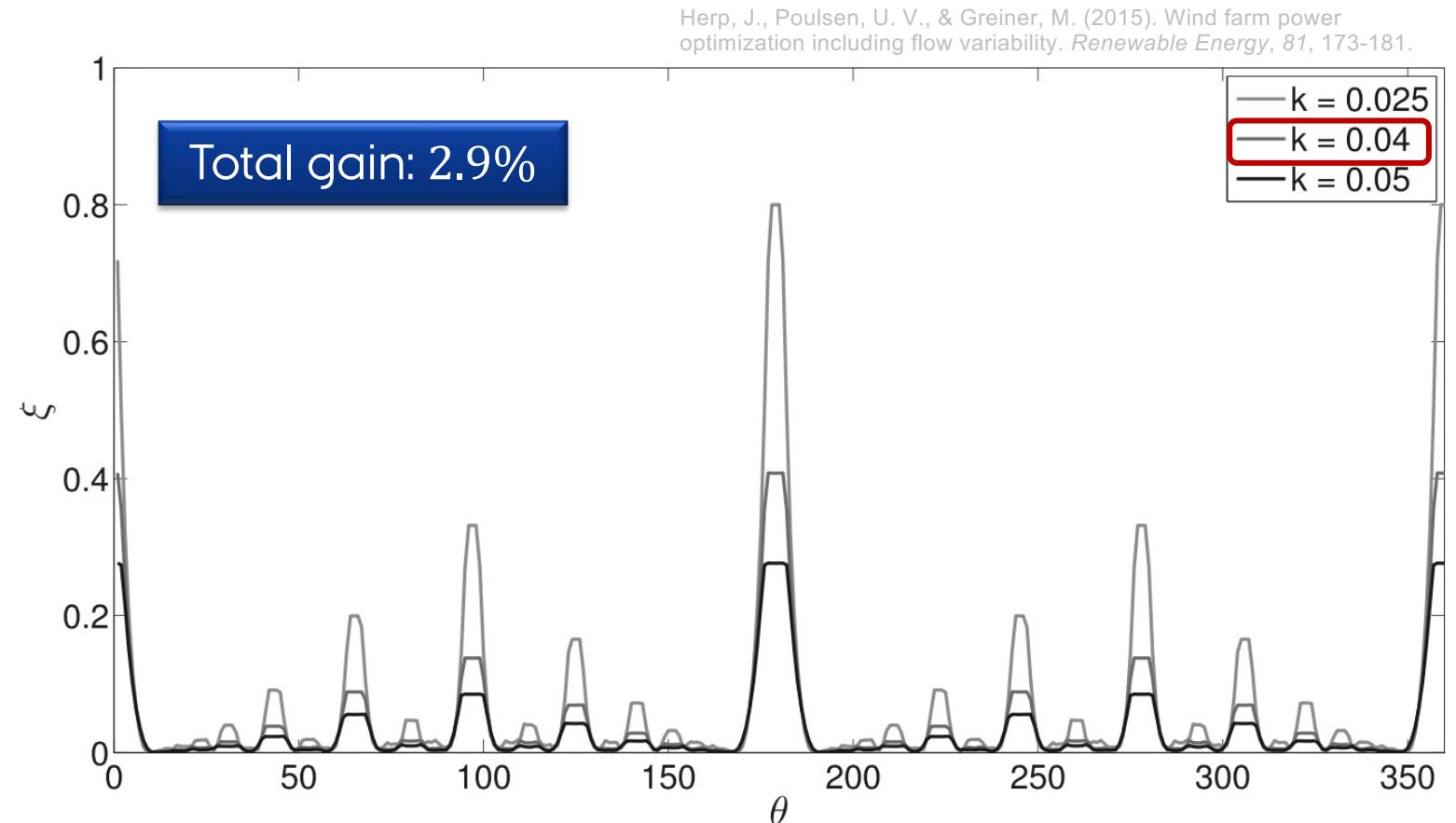
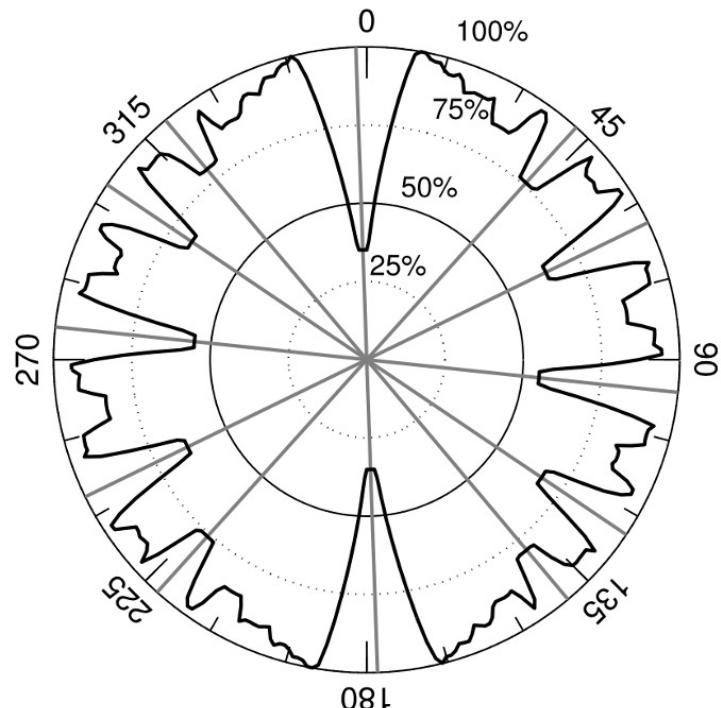


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Optimization gain

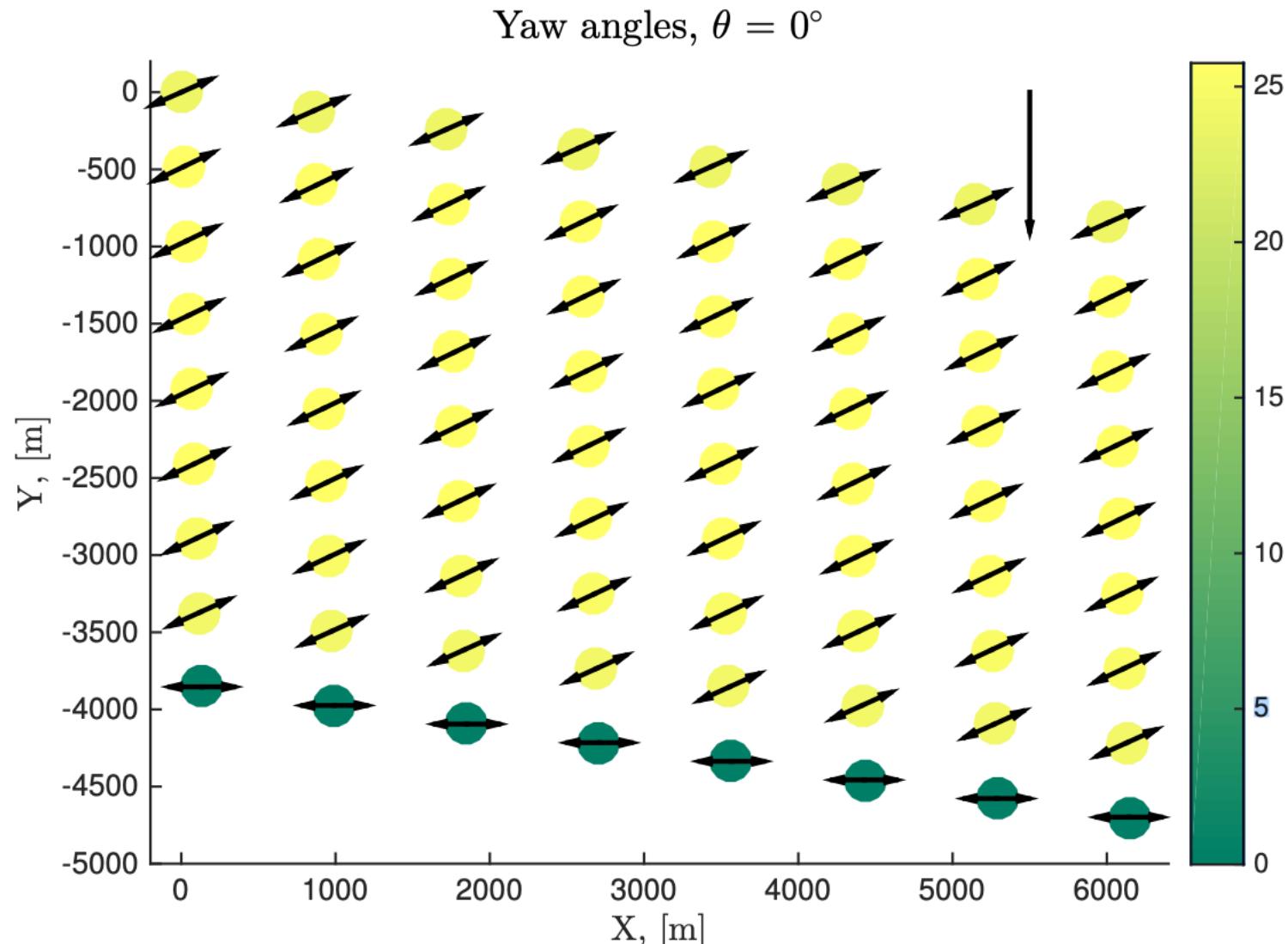
$$P_{farm}^{opt} = (1 + \xi) P_{farm}^{Betz}$$



# YAW ANGLE OPTIMIZATION

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Total gain: 6.7%



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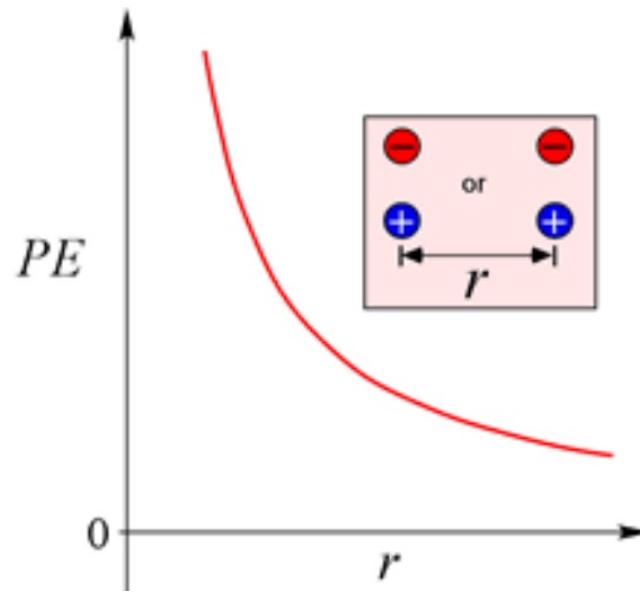
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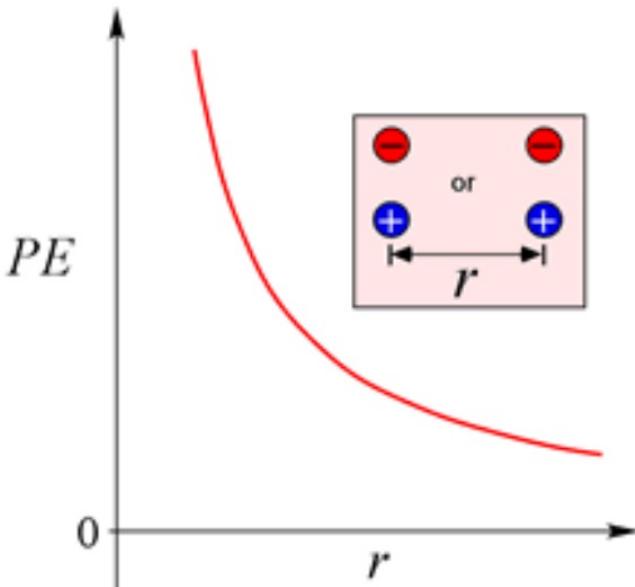
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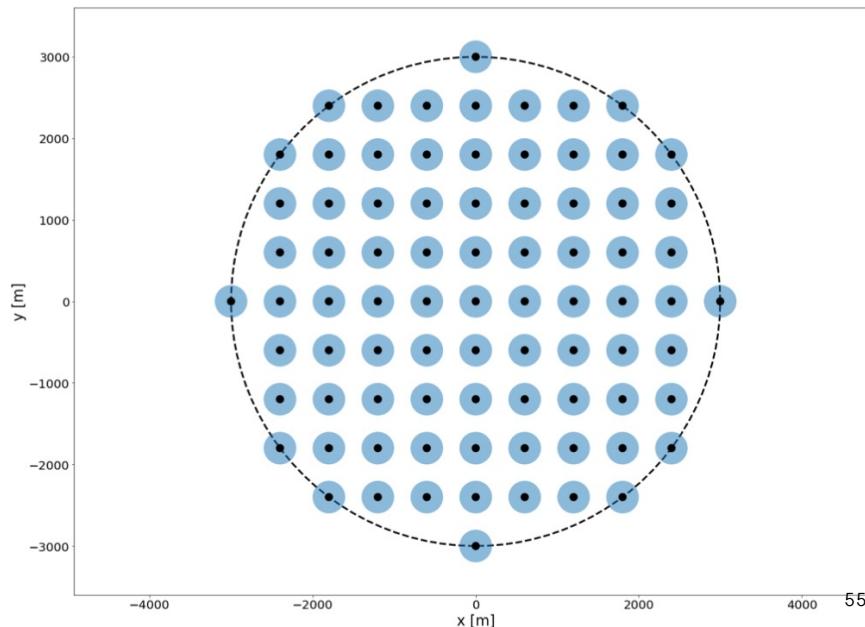
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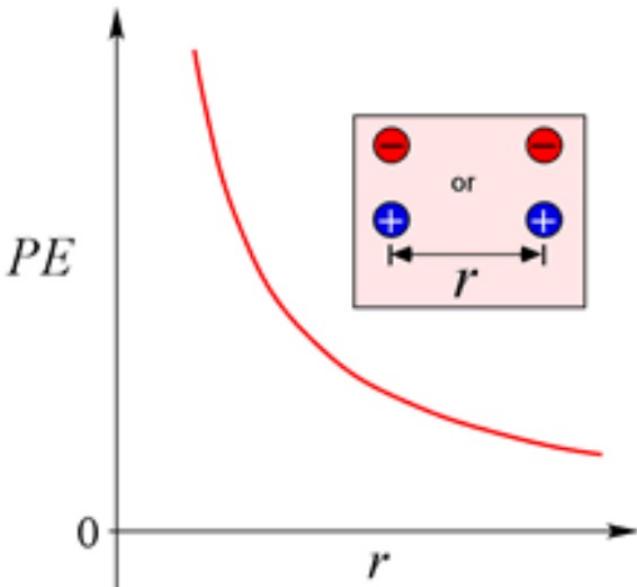
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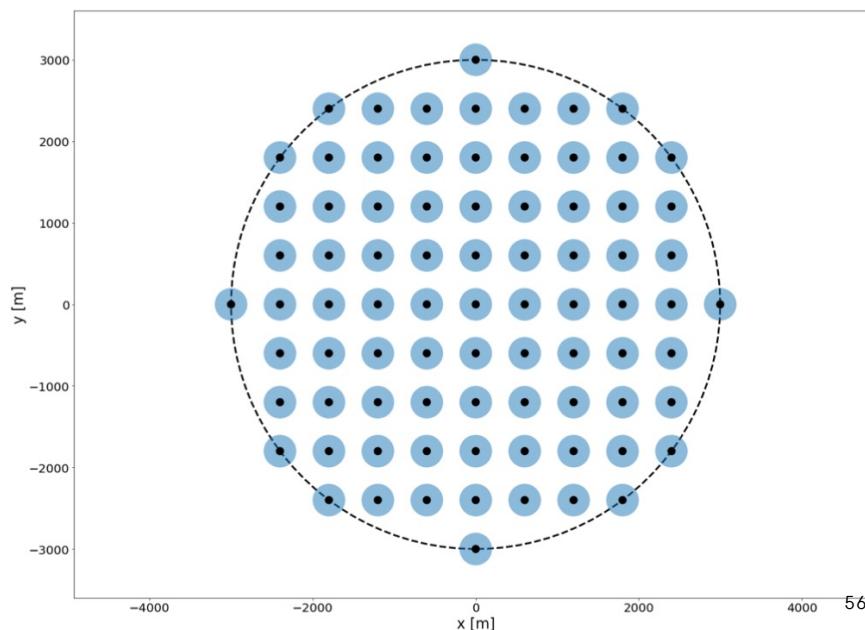
For  $N$  particles

$$\Rightarrow U_E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>i}^N \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

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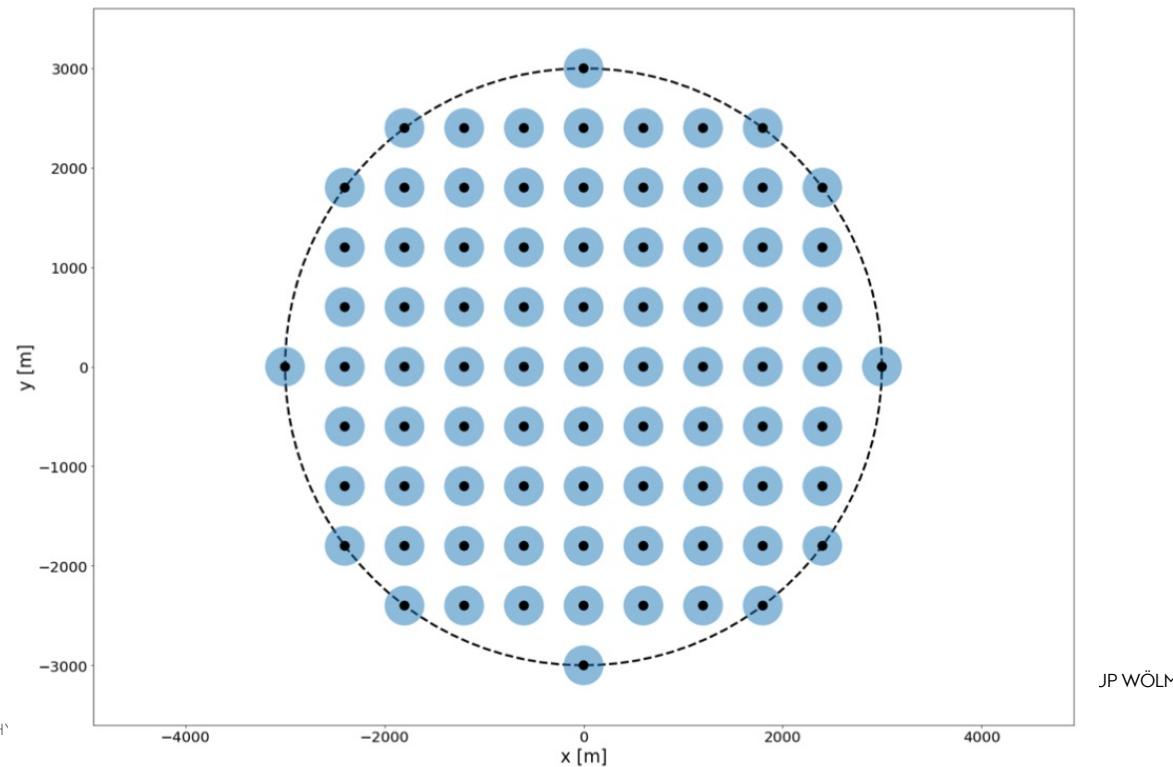


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Optimize layout of  $N$  turbines

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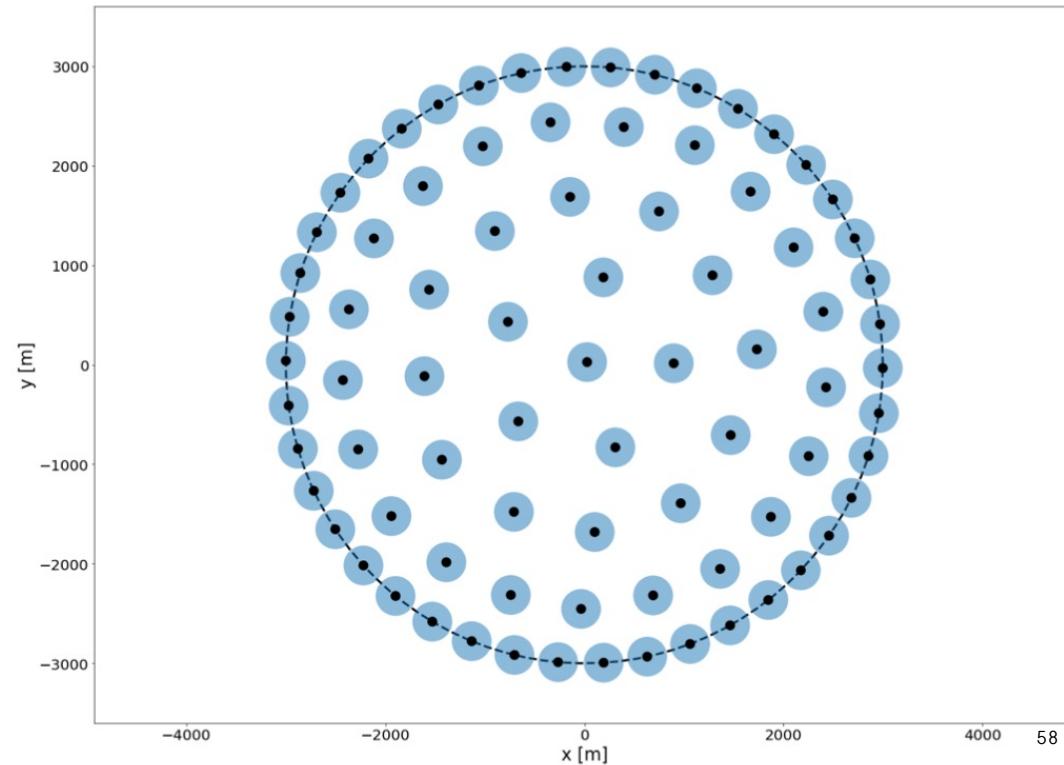
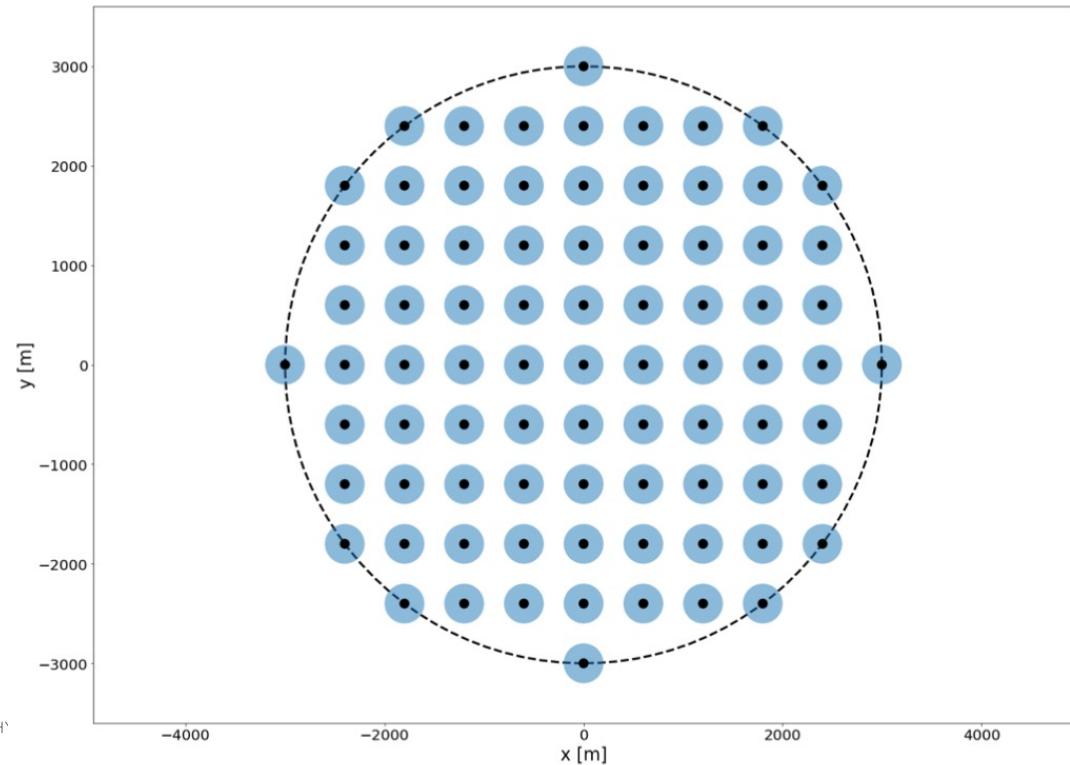
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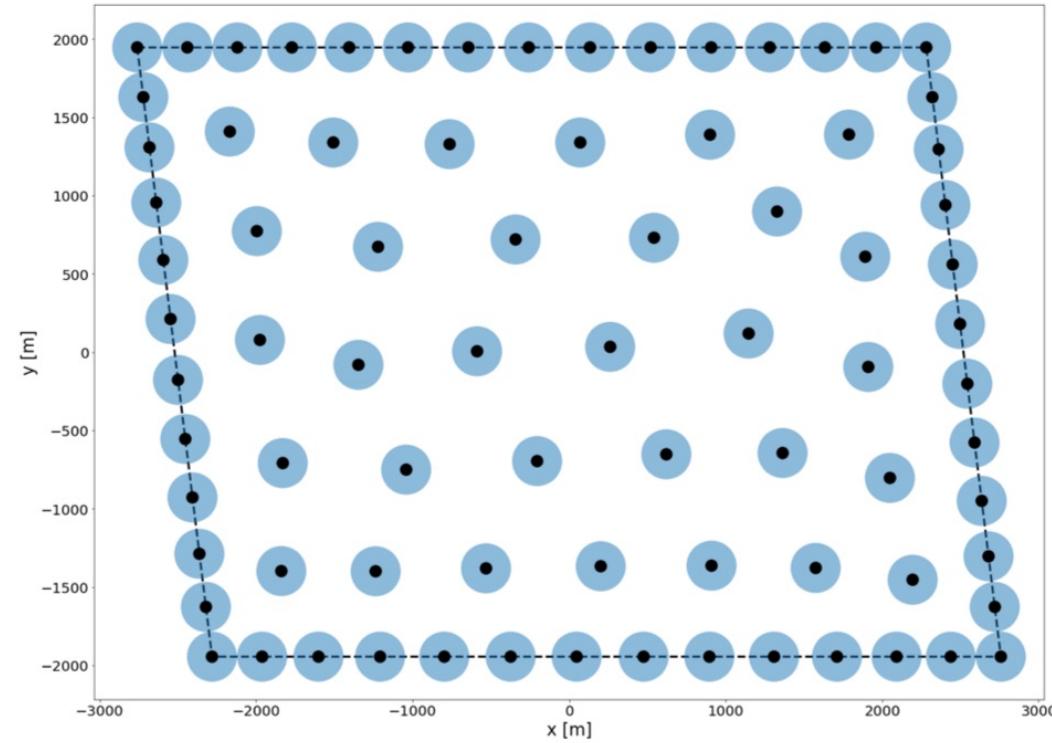
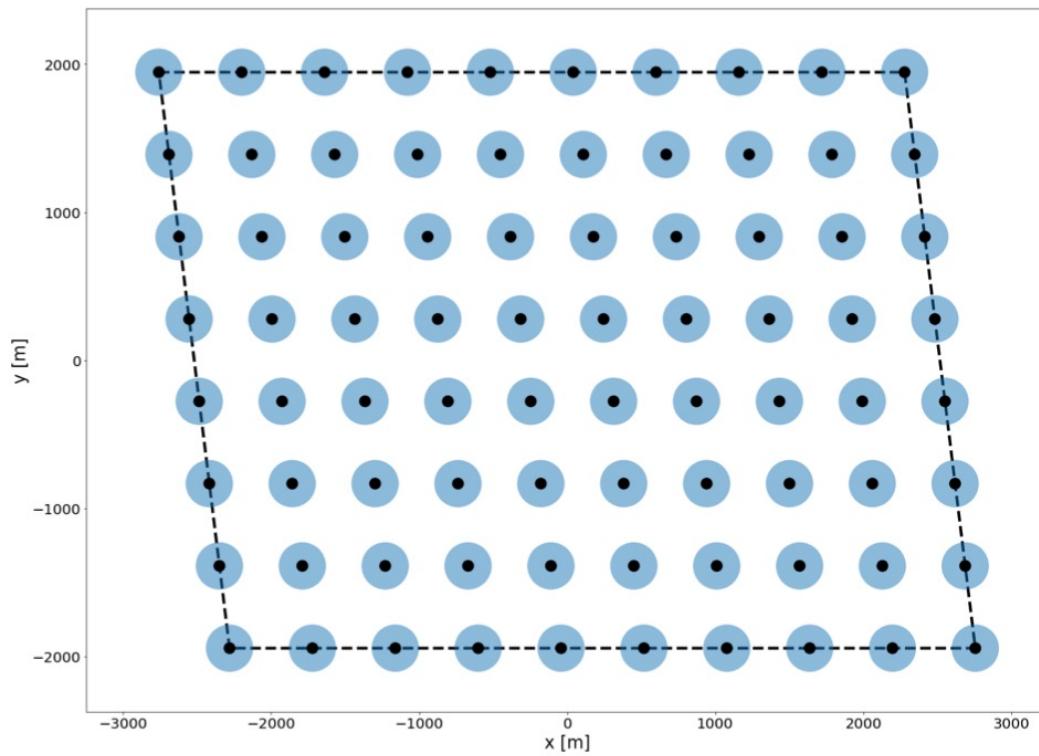
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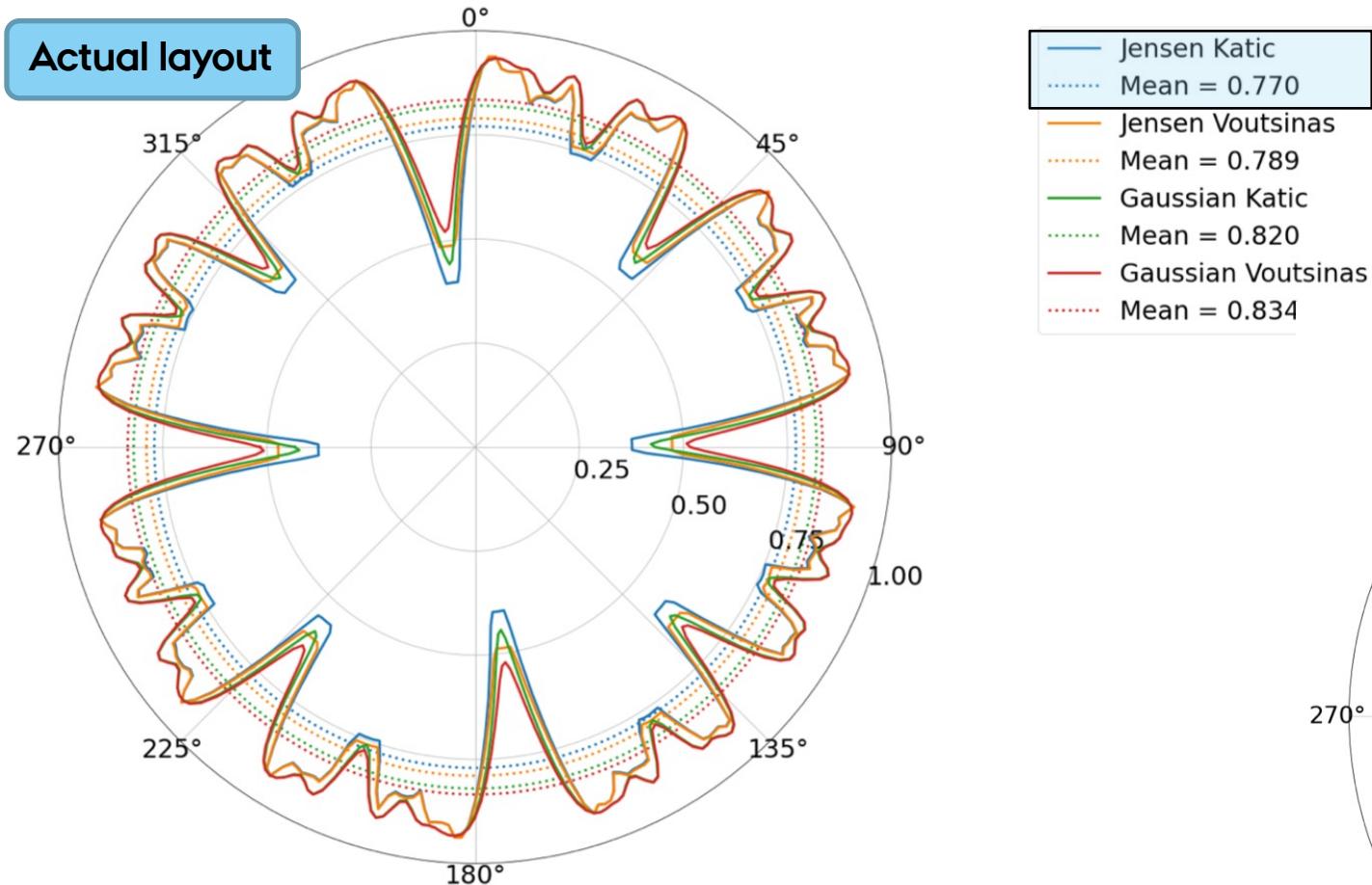


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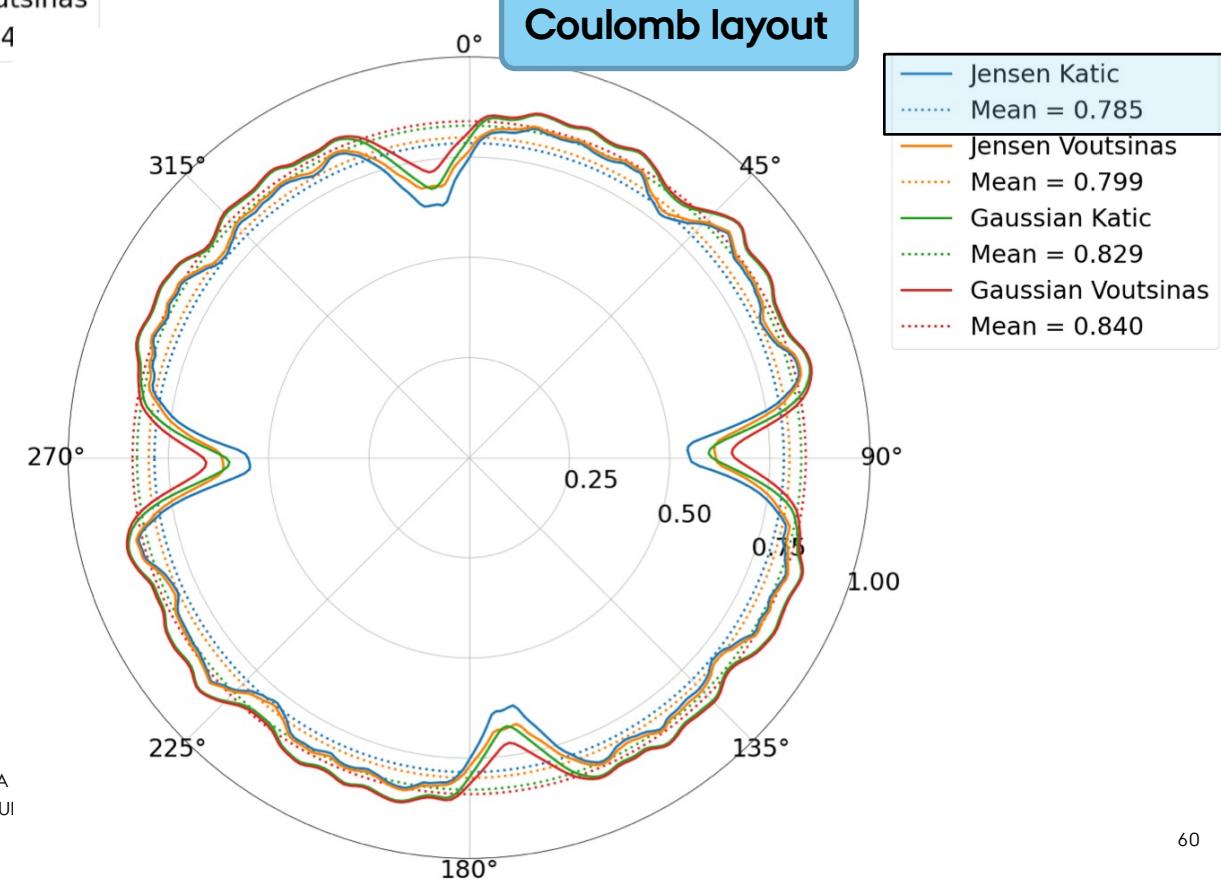
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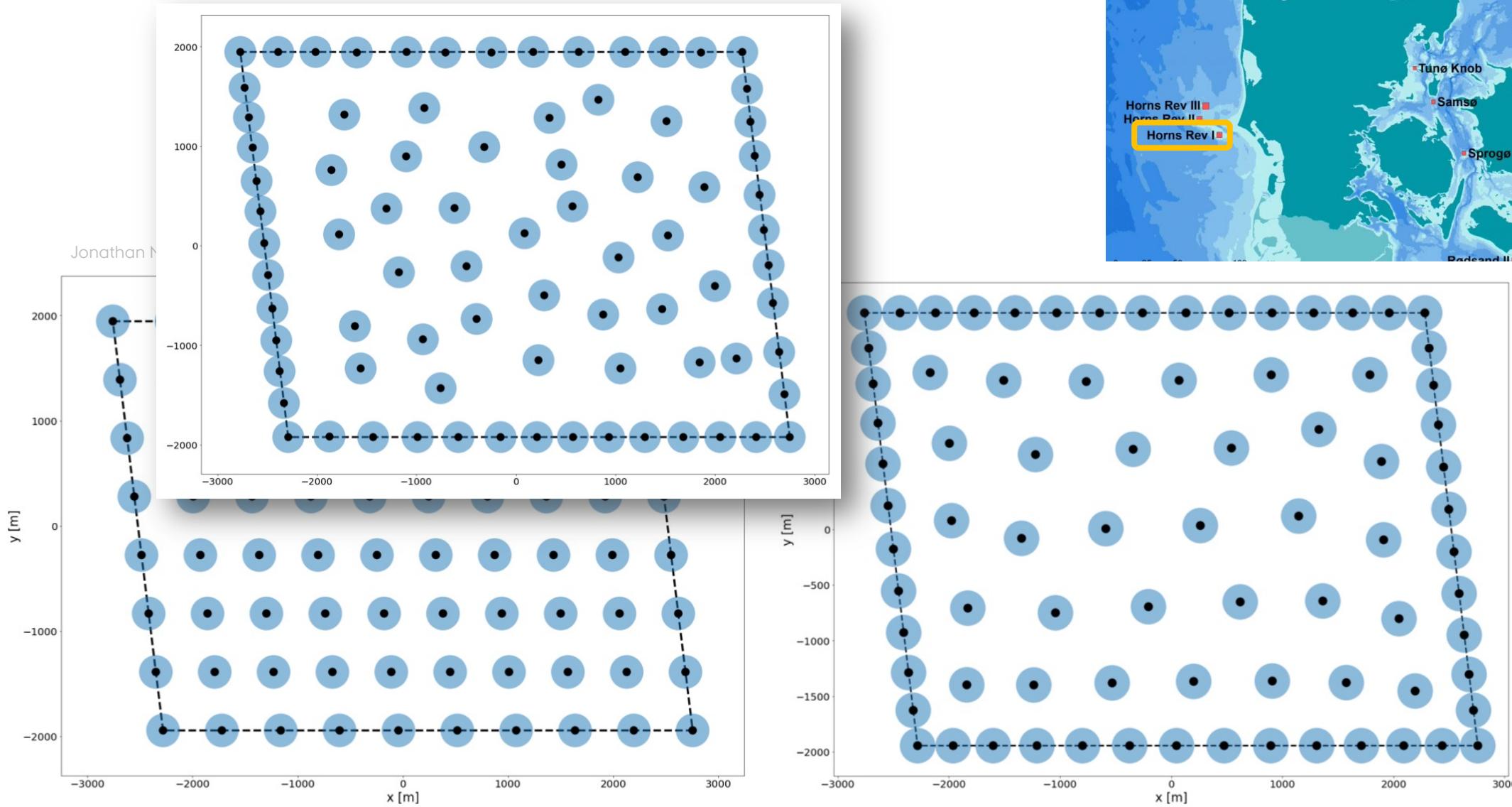


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Coulomb layout

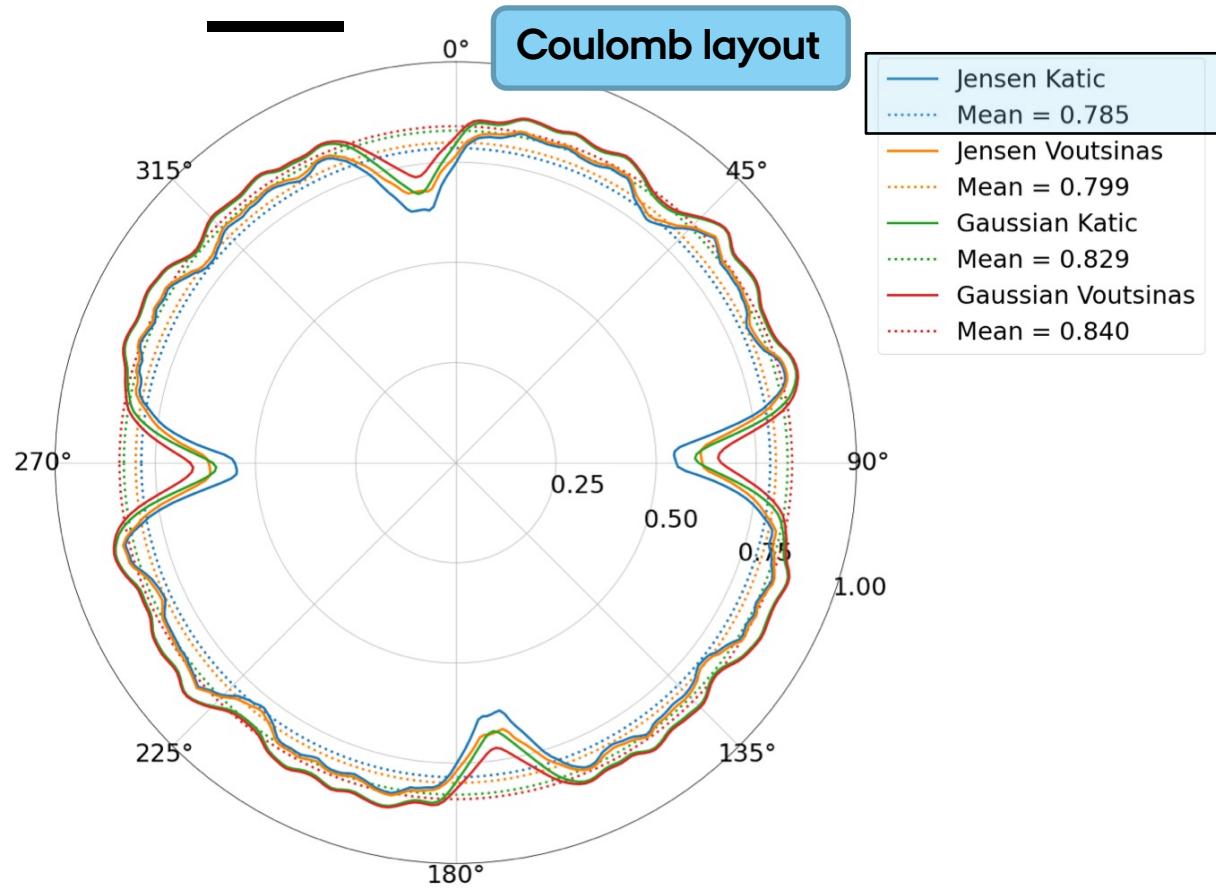


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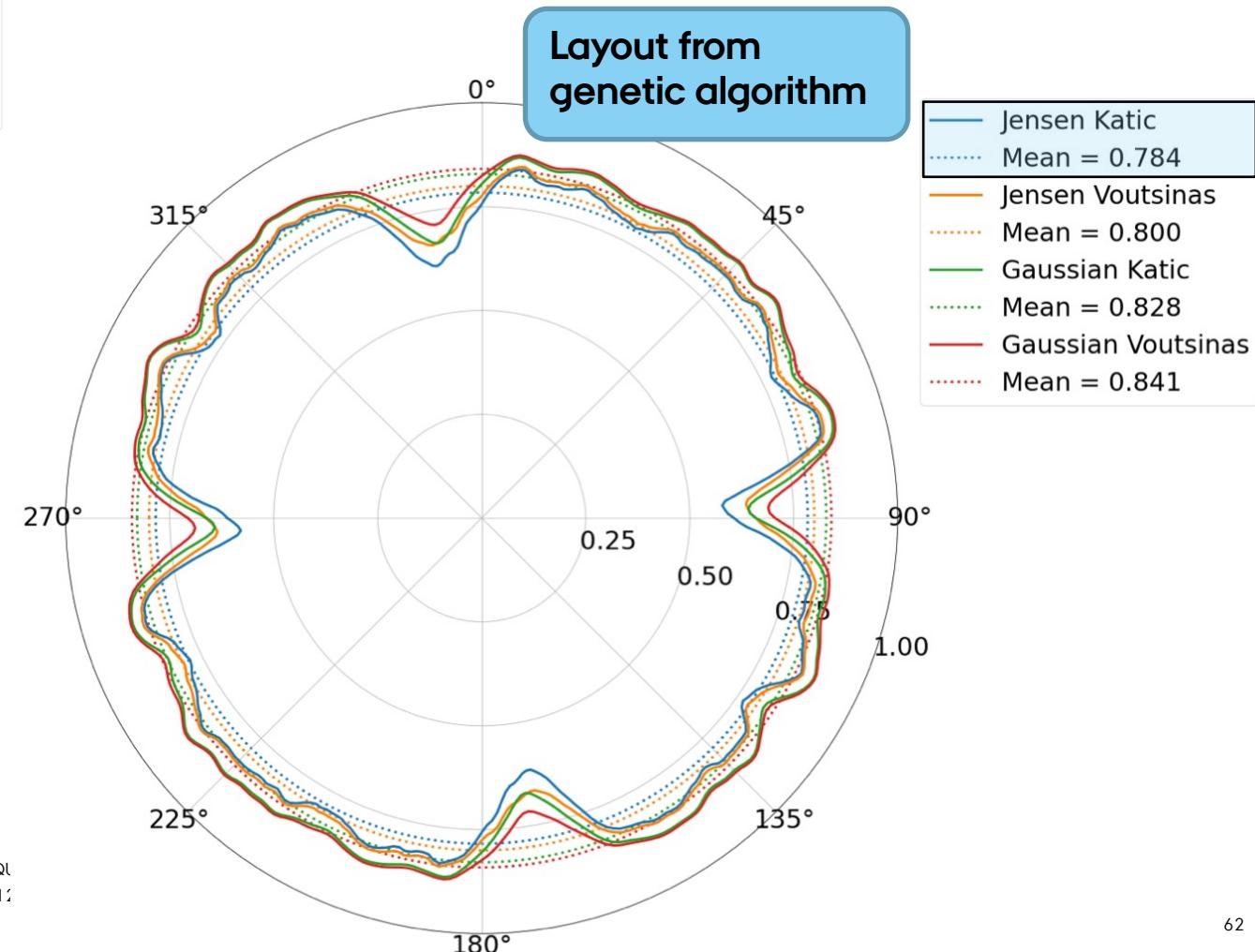


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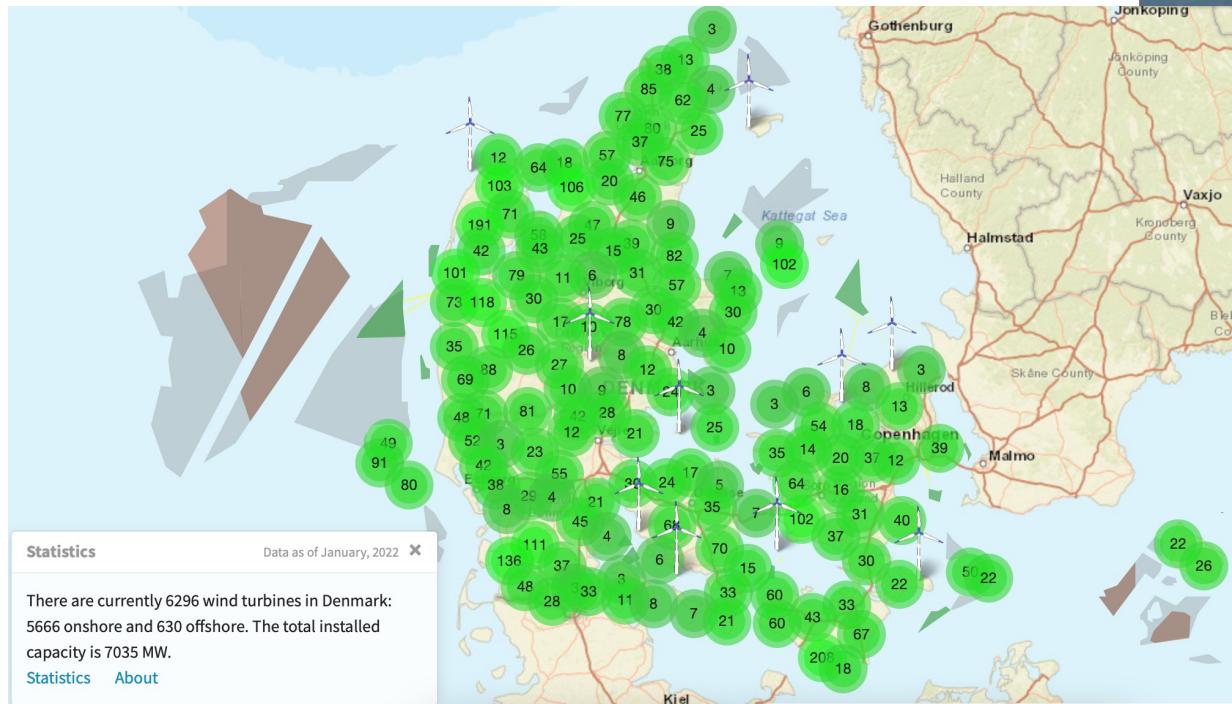


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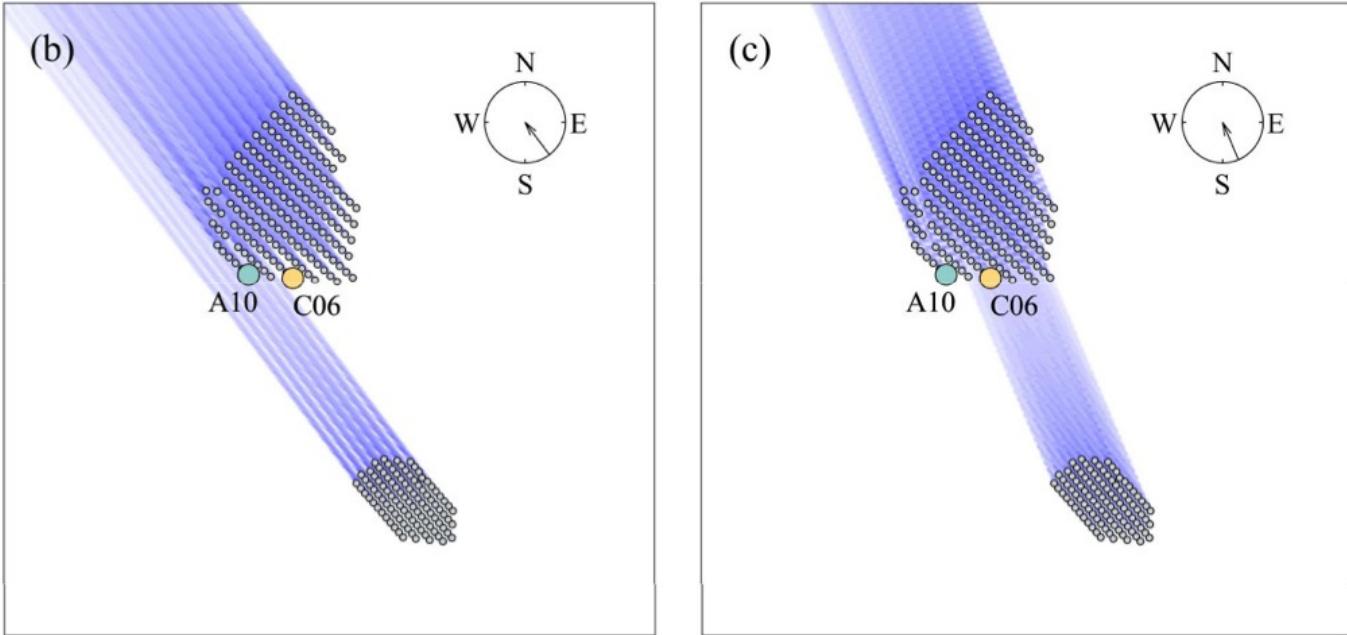


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- Wind farm-farm wake interactions



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The pessimist complains about the wind;  
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the realist adjusts the sails

- WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD



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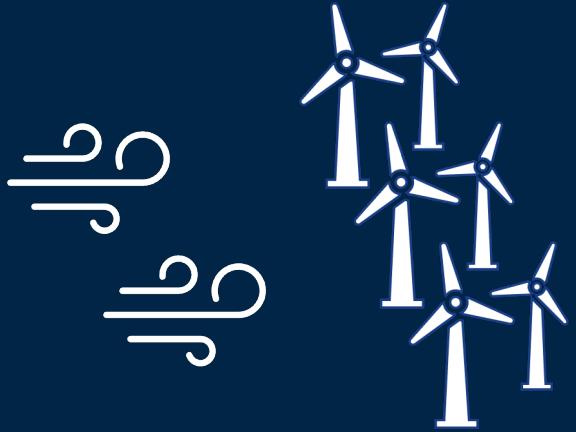


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