



# Tools Assessing Performance (TAP) 2.0

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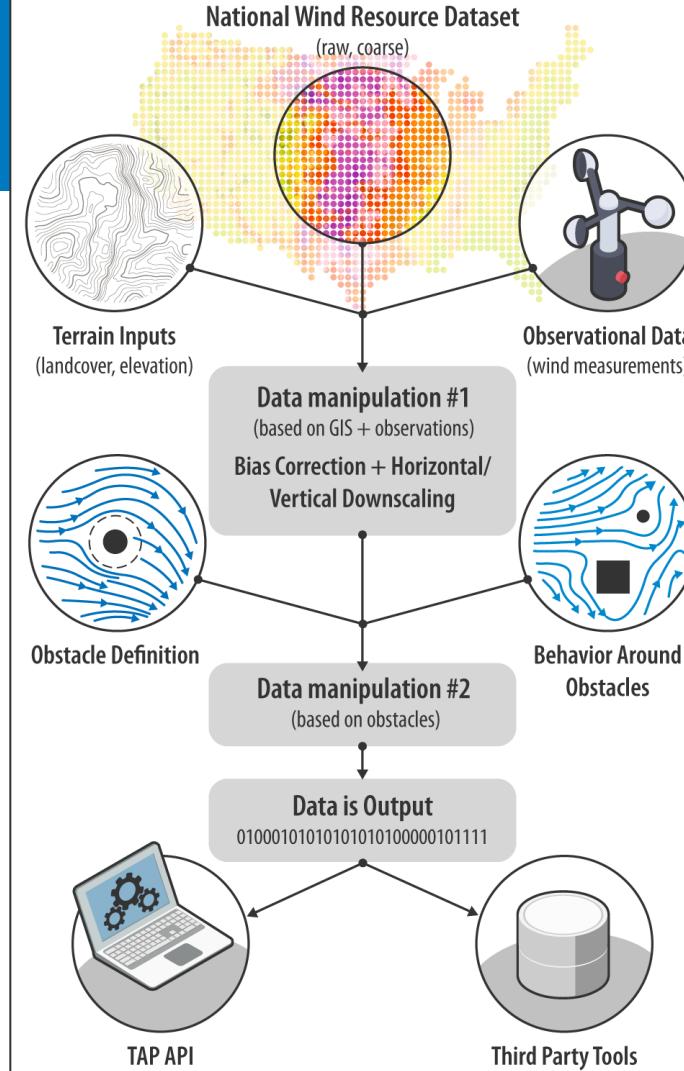
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# TAP Computational Pipeline



Design targets:

- Use of multiple inputs
- Customizable
- Open-source
- Efficient



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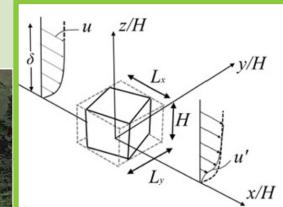
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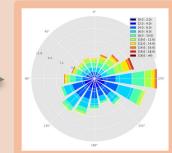
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## Estimates

1. Wind speed
2. Wind direction
3. Pressure
4. Temperature

(single point)



### Wind rose

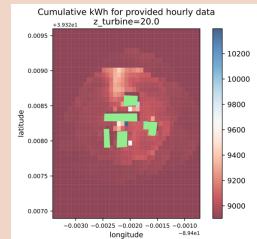
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### Cumulative energy



### Site heat map



## Visualizations

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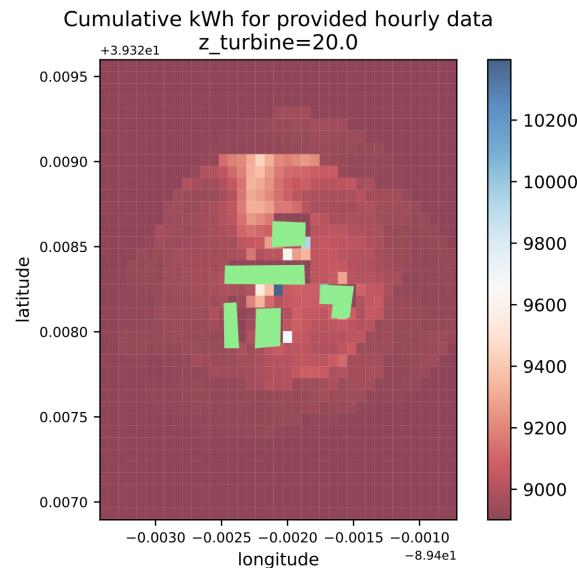
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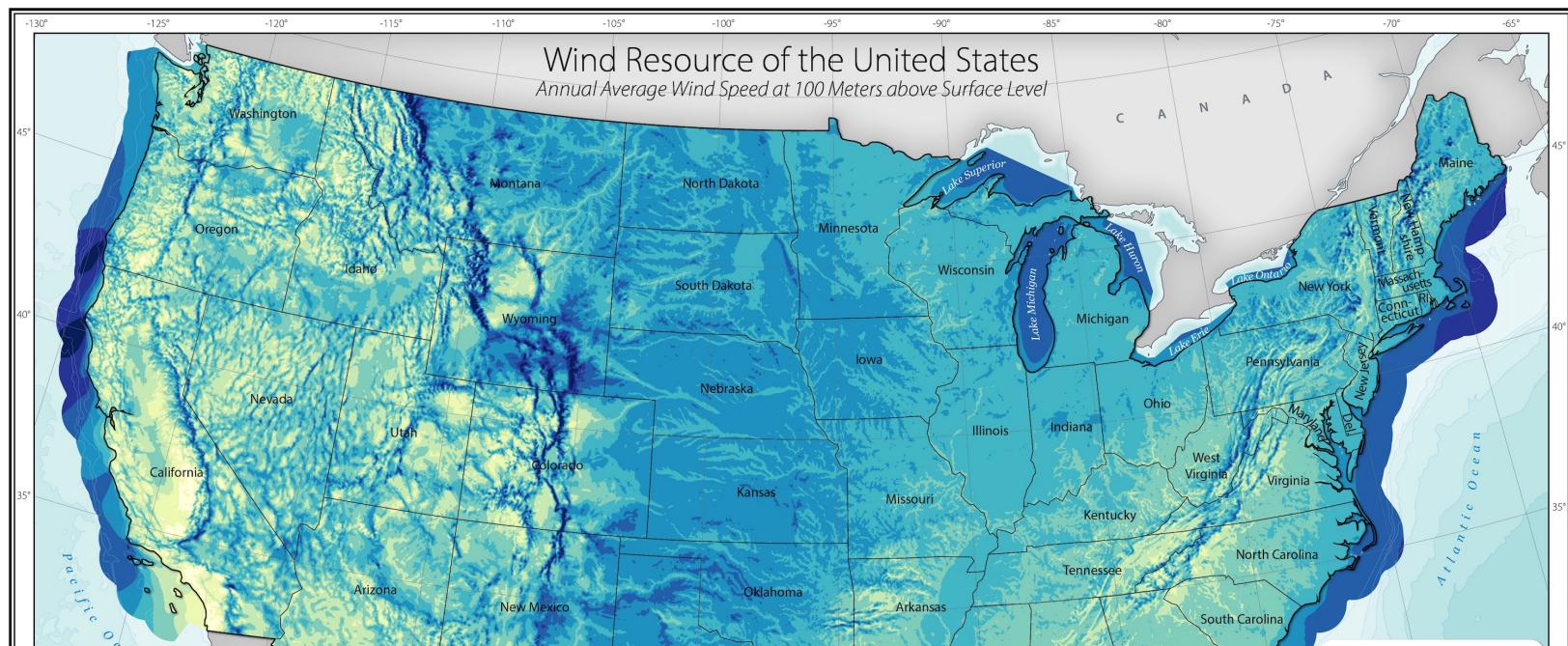
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3 Recent results

4 Demo

5 Open questions





### Current WIND Toolkit:

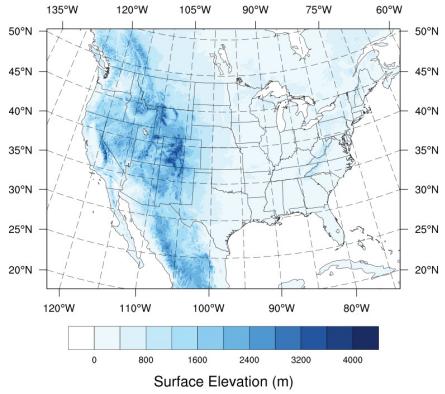
- Seven years (2007–2013)
- Deterministic data set
- Contiguous United States
- Developed as a grid integration data set to mimic forecast errors.

### WIND Toolkit Long-Term Ensemble Data Set (LED):

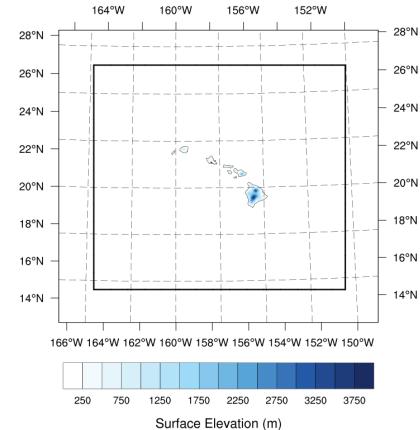
- Updated WRF version (4.1.3)
- 2-km, 5-min data set
- Twenty years (2001–2020)
- Regional bias guidance
- Uncertainty quantified (ensembles)
- Includes Alaska and Hawaii.

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# WRF Production Domains

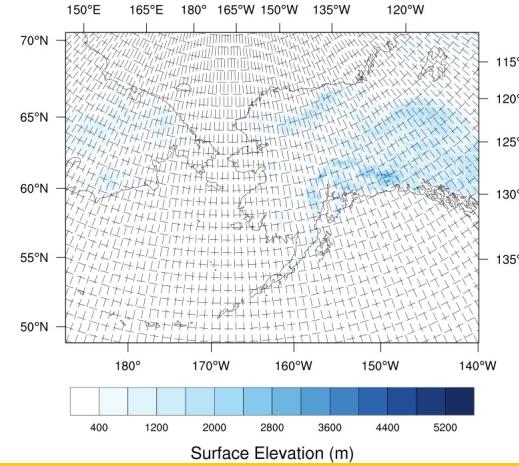


**CONUS:**  
2 km  
5 min  
3 years

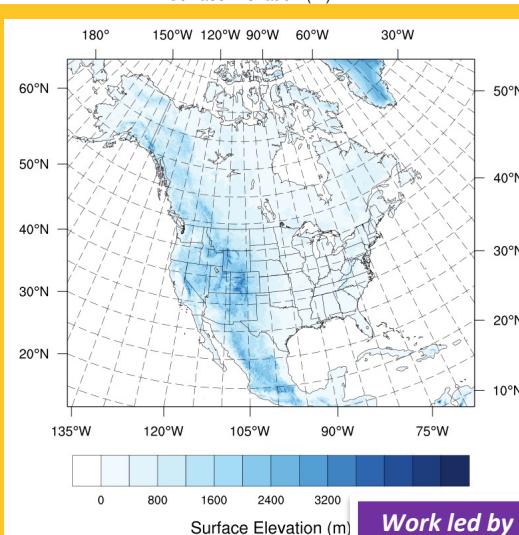


**Hawaii:**  
2 km  
5 min  
20 years

**Alaska:**  
2 km  
5 min  
3 years



**North America:**  
4 km  
Hourly  
20 years



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# Data Availability

- **WTK**

- Available on Eagle (NREL's high-performance computing machine)
- Available in the cloud; more on how to access it can be found here:  
[https://github.com/NREL/hsds-examples/blob/master/notebooks/01\\_WTK\\_introduction.ipynb](https://github.com/NREL/hsds-examples/blob/master/notebooks/01_WTK_introduction.ipynb)

- **WTK-LED**

- Available on Eagle
- Soon will be available in the cloud
- The tools we develop will leverage WTK-LED in the future

# TAP Computational Pipeline

## Site analysis

### Inputs

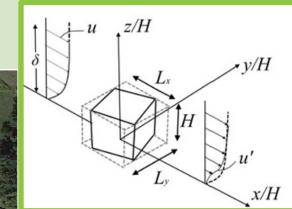
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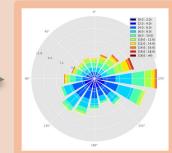
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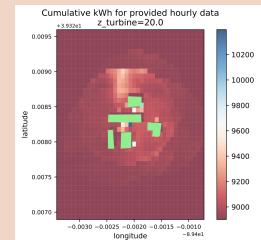
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# Integration of Obstacle LOMs

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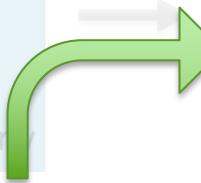
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### 2. Obstacle data



QUIC  
- or -  
PILOWF

### 1. Atmospheric data

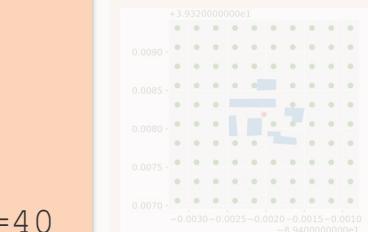
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### 3. Site specs:

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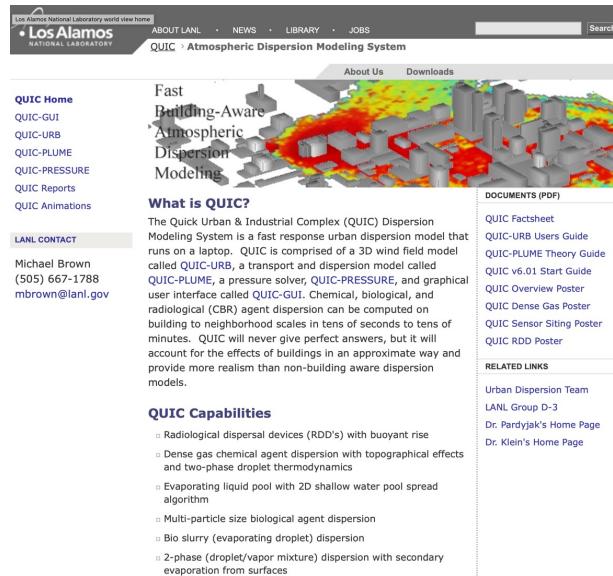
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# Obstacle Models

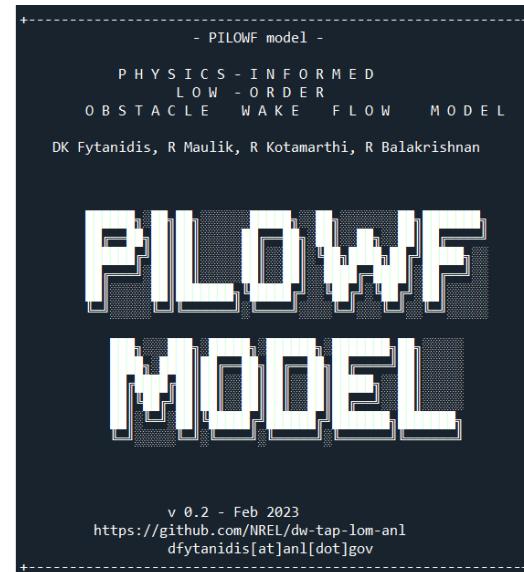
## QUIC by LANL



The screenshot shows the QUIC website homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for ABOUT LANL, NEWS, LIBRARY, JOBS, and a search bar. Below the navigation is a header for "QUIC - Atmospheric Dispersion Modeling System". The main content area features a large 3D rendering of a city with various buildings, overlaid with a color-coded dispersion field. To the left of the visualization, there's a sidebar with links to "QUIC Home", "QUIC-GUI", "QUIC-URB", "QUIC-PLUME", "QUIC-PRESSURE", "QUIC Reports", and "QUIC Animations". Below this is a section titled "LANL CONTACT" with the name Michael Brown and email mbrown@lanl.gov. The central part of the page contains two columns of text: "What is QUIC?" and "QUIC Capabilities". The "What is QUIC?" section describes the model as a fast response urban dispersion model that runs on a laptop. It mentions components like QUIC-URB, QUIC-PLUME, and QUIC-GUI. The "QUIC Capabilities" section lists various physical processes modeled, including buoyant rise, topographical effects, droplet thermodynamics, shallow water pool spreading, biological agent dispersion, slurry dispersion, and two-phase droplet/vapor mixture dispersion.

More at : <https://www.lanl.gov/projects/quic/>

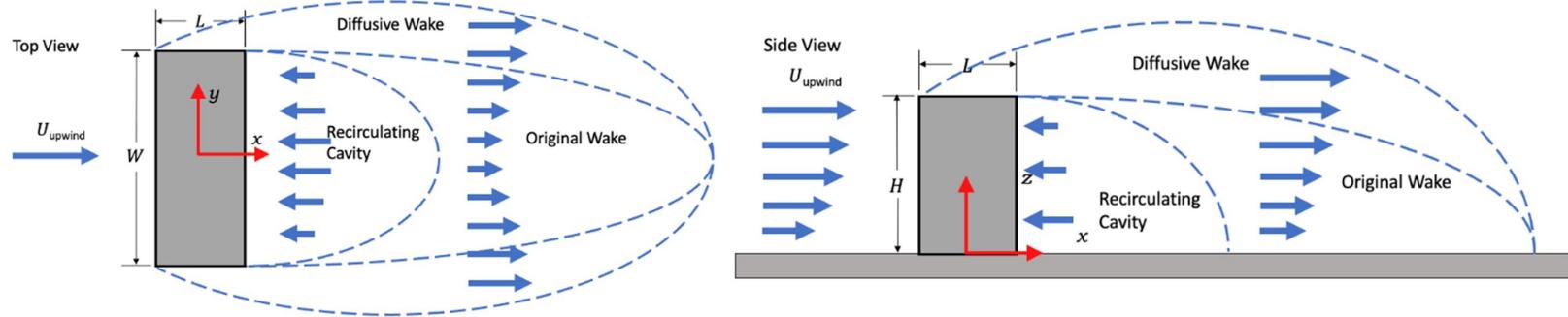
## PILOWF by ANL



The screenshot shows the PILOWF model logo. The title "PILOWF" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline, set against a dark background. Above the title, it says "- PILOWF model -" and "PHYSICS - INFORMED LOW-ORDER OBSTACLE WAKE FLOW MODEL". Below the title, the authors are listed: DK Fytanidis, R Maulik, R Kotamarthi, and R Balakrishnan. At the bottom, there's a link to the GitHub repository and an email address: <https://github.com/NREL/dw-tap-lom-anl> dftyanidis[at]anl[dot]gov

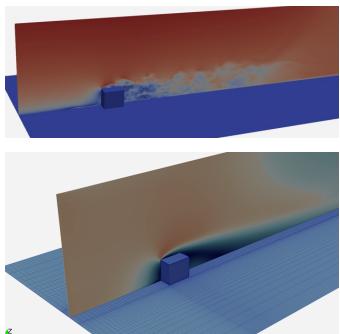
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# QUIC Model

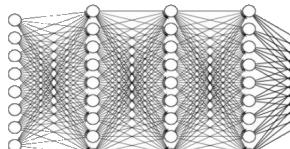


- QUIC-URB: empirical diagnostic wind solver
- Diffusive wake: modeled using machine learning techniques applied to time-averaged high-fidelity LES
- **Recent milestone: developed and started testing Python's interface for QUIC-URB**  
Required inputs:  
atmospheric data, obstacle description (latitude, longitude, height) for points of interest

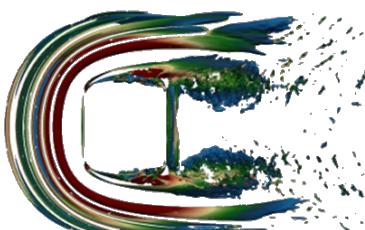
# PILOWF Model



Data from RANS, LES, DNS simulations using NEK5000



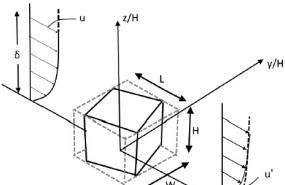
Data-driven techniques



$$f = \frac{\Delta u}{U_H} = 1 - \alpha \left[ \frac{W}{\lambda_y} \right] \left[ \frac{H}{\lambda_z} \right]^2 f(\xi) h(\eta)$$

$$f' = \frac{\Delta u}{U_H} \Big|_{\text{due to HV}} = \Gamma y' h x \left( \frac{1}{(y'^2 + h^2 + z^2)^2 - 4z^2 h^2} \right)$$

Analytical model



$$x_o = f(L, W, H)$$

$$\alpha = f(L, W, H)$$

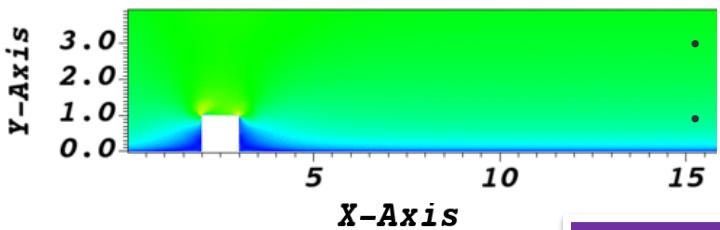
$$D_y = f(L, W, H, x, y, z)$$

$$D_z = f(L, W, H, x, y, z)$$

$$\Gamma = f(L, W, H)$$

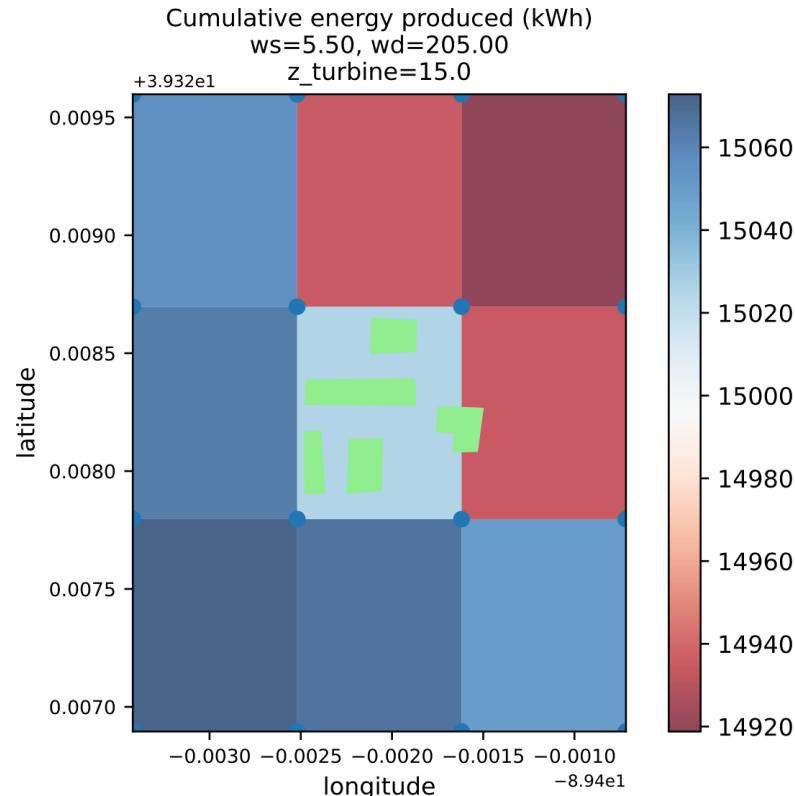
$$y_v = f(L, W, H) \quad (y' = y - y_v)$$

$$h = f(L, W, H)$$



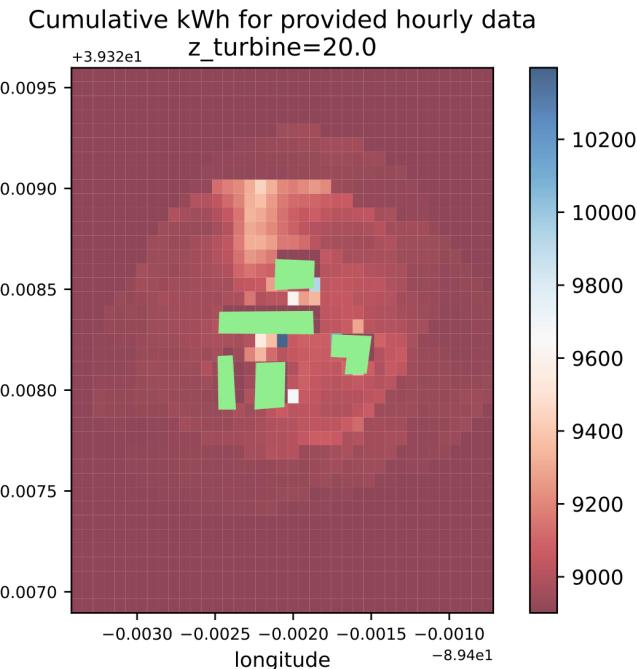
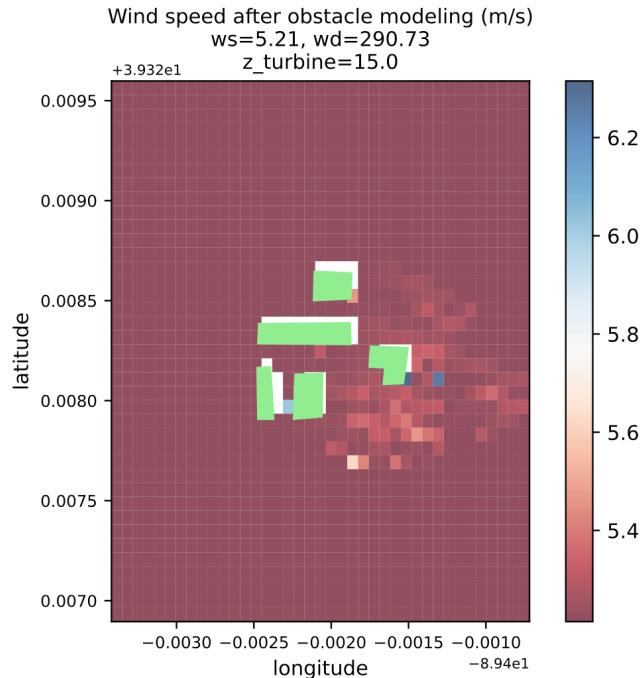
- Classic artificial neural networks to train the parameters ( $x_o$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ ,  $\Gamma$ ,  $y_v$ ,  $h$ ) of the LOM. All these parameters have physical meaning:
  - $x_o$ : virtual origin of the wake's Gaussian
  - $D_y$  and  $D_z$ : spanwise and vertical diffusivities of the wake (eddy viscosities)
  - $\alpha$ : strength of the wake
  - $\Gamma$ : circulation at  $x = 0$  for the horseshoe vortex correction  $f'$
  - $h$ ,  $y_v$ : distances to the center of the horseshoe vortex
- The parameters  $x_o$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\Gamma$ ,  $y_v$ , and  $h$  were assumed to be functions of enclosing cuboids' aspect ratio ( $H$ ,  $L$ , and  $W$ ), while the eddy diffusivities,  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ , were assumed to be functions of  $H$ ,  $L$ , and  $W$  and  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ .
- The number of layers/neurons/activations and optimization hyperparameters were manually tuned to improve the robustness and accuracy of the LOM.
- Positivity preserving constraints were embedded in the model as per the physical range of parameters (e.g., eddy viscosities  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ ; cannot get negative values). 70% of the data were used for training and validation of the model and 30% were used for testing of the model.
- Tested and validated against real world EAZ data in the Netherlands (Phillips et al. 2022).

# Results (QUIC)



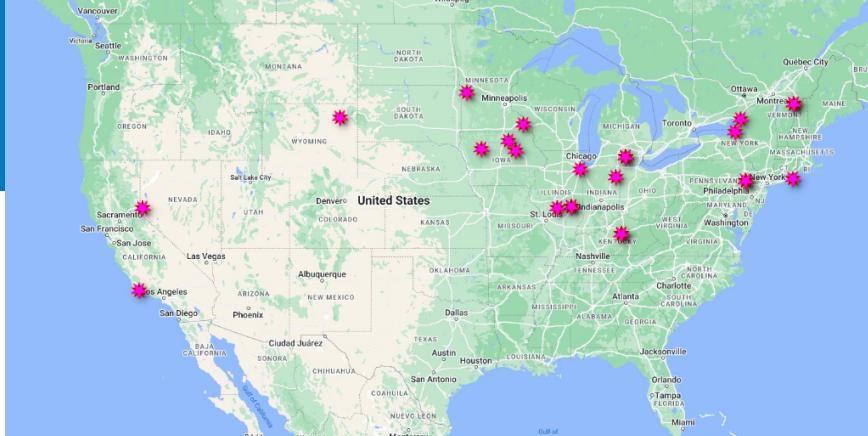
- Studied 16 points near an existing DW site in IL, USA
- Modeled the impact of five buildings
- Estimated cumulative energy produced over a period of 1 year using an actual power curve

# Results (PILOWF)



- Same site
- Much faster analysis and finer resolution
- **Left:** impact of buildings on wind speed for a single moment in time
- **Right:** impact of buildings on the cumulative energy produced over a period of time

# Upcoming Validation



- Selected a number of actual DW sites across the United States
- Plan to evaluate the entire TAP pipeline as well as individual components, studying both wind speed estimates and energy produced estimates
- Plan to evaluate the quality of our estimates as a function of turbine location, number of nearby obstacles, hub height, and use of obstacle models

# Demo

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### Distributed Wind Site Analysis

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Welcome to the NREL Distributed Wind Site Analysis Tool. To start, please use the pane on the right to add a marker which represents your analysis point. Then, create polygons for obstacles using the polygon tool. When you are ready to run your analysis click the Run Analysis button.

Input Turbine Height in Meters  
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RUN ANALYSIS

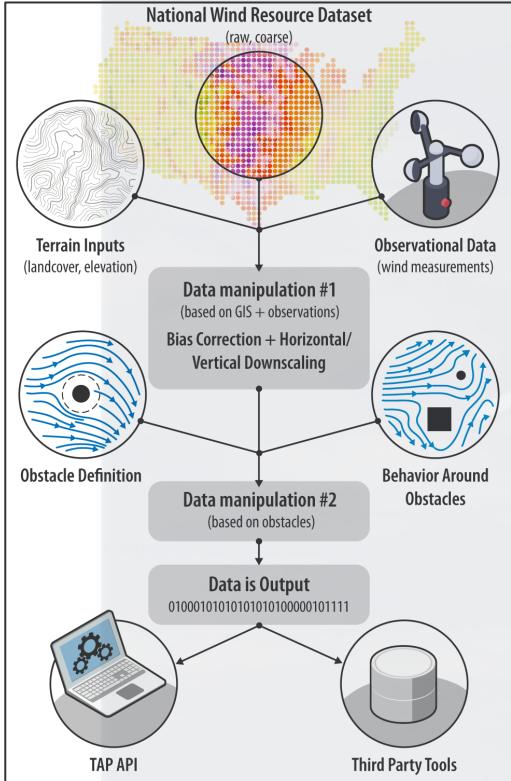
Visualizations

Unadjusted (no obstacles) Wind Rose (m/s)      Adjusted (with obstacles) Wind Rose (m/s)

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# Open Questions

- What are the key questions the community wants to see answered as part of the described analysis and validation effort?
- What additional data should be included in this work?
- What are the market segments in which this research can be most impactful?



# Thank you!

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