



# SIMULATIONS AÉRO-ÉLASTIQUES D'UNE VAWT DE 600KW (NENUPHAR 1HS) – INFLOW EU PROJECT

GDR EMR: SIMULATION ET OPTIMISATION POUR LES ENERGIES MARINES RENOUVELABLES

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# CONTEXT

- EU INFLOW project (<https://www.inflow-fp7.eu/>)
  - Industrialization Setup of a FOWT\*
  - Commercial-sized floating deepwater VAWT\*
- What we need: validated fully-coupled analysis
  - Aerodynamics, Hydrodynamics
  - Structural elasticity
  - Mooring lines, anchors, control...
- Why we need it
  - Concept evaluation
  - Thousands of DLCs\*
  - Certification

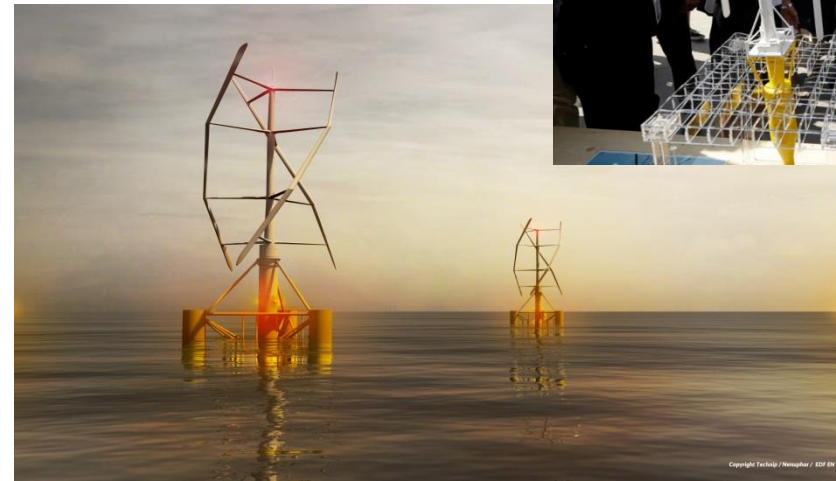
\*FOWT: Floating Offshore Wind Turbine

\*VAWT: Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

\*DLCs: Design Load Cases



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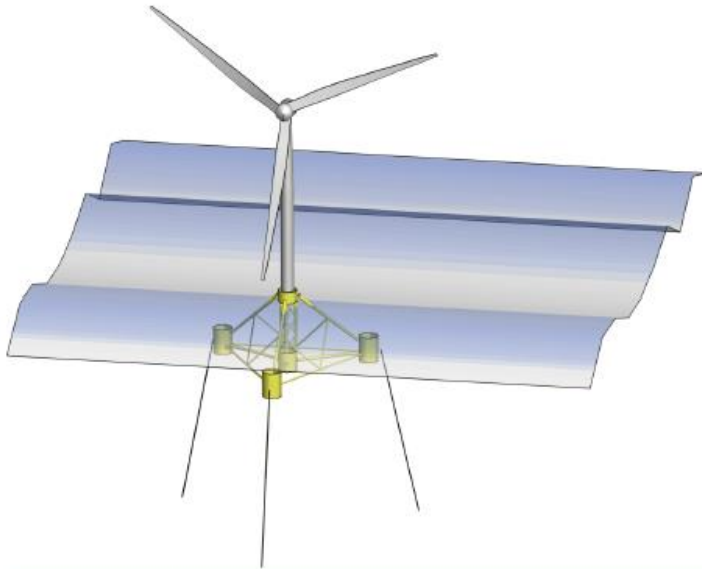
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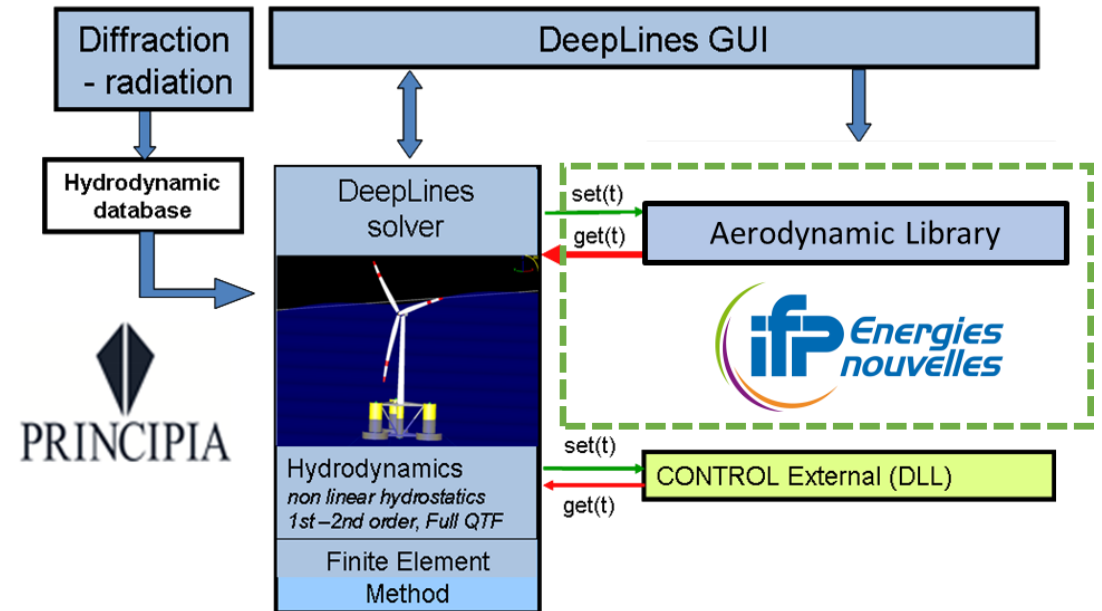
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# DeepLines Wind™

Offshore Wind Turbines FEA Software



- DeepLines Wind™ (Principia, LeCunff et al.)
  - Finite-elements, aerodynamics, hydrodynamics, control, mooring, control
  - Turbulent winds, waves, etc.



- VAWT aerodynamics

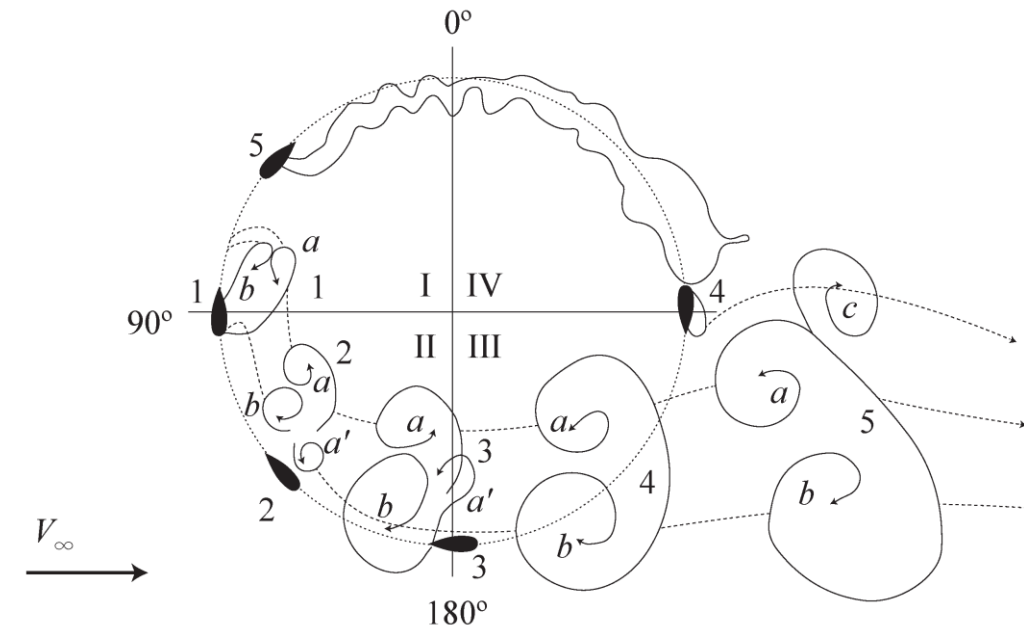
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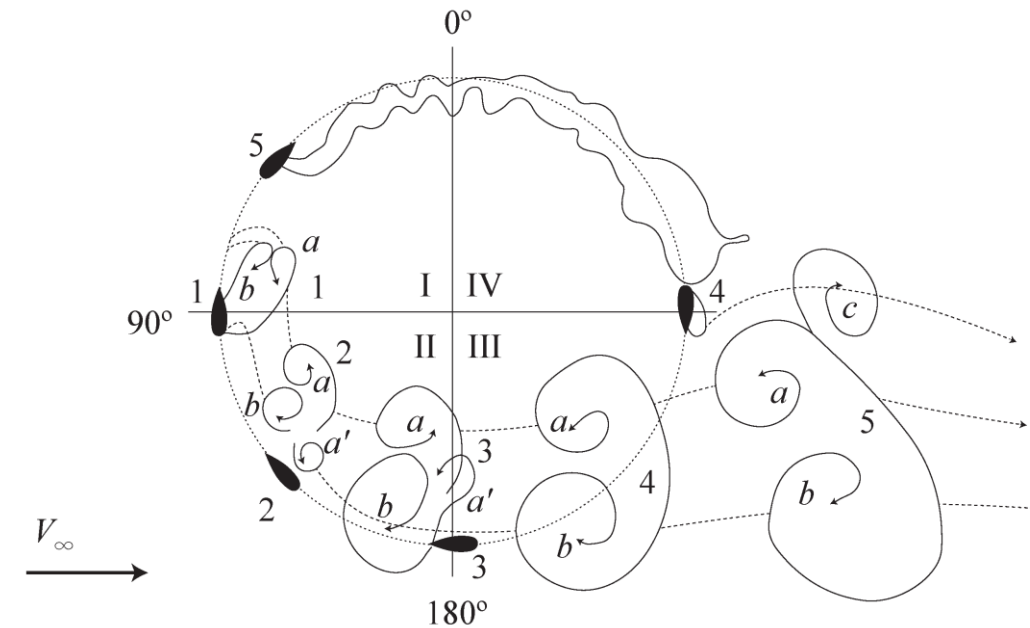


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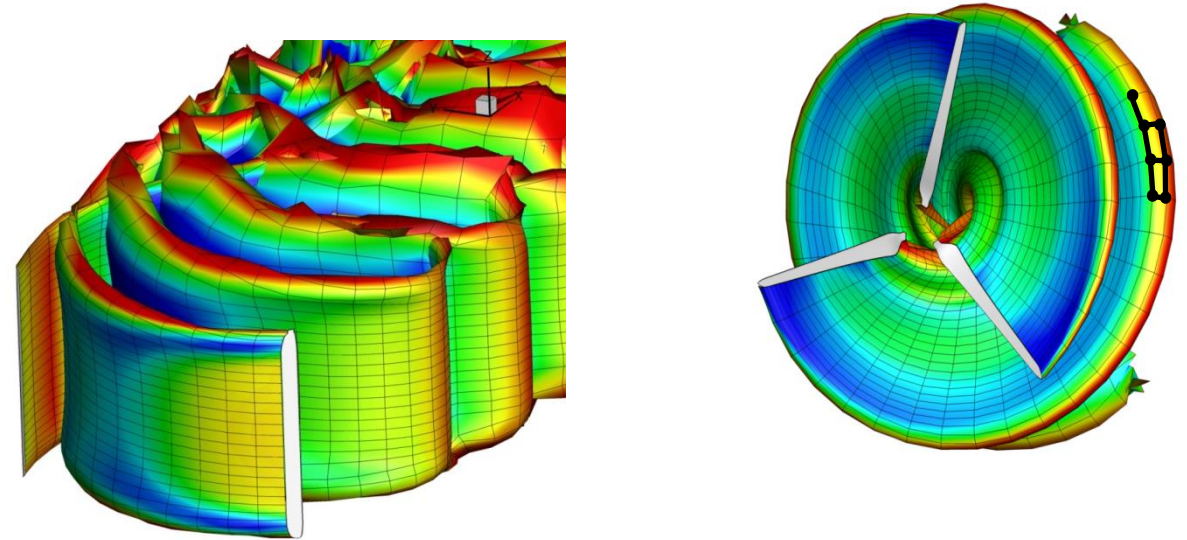
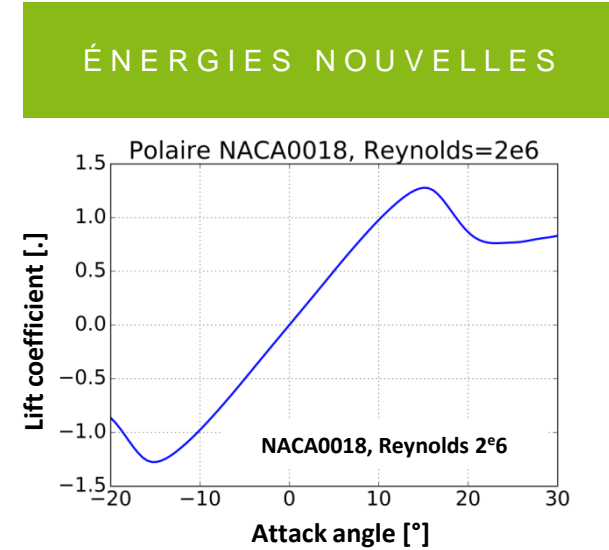
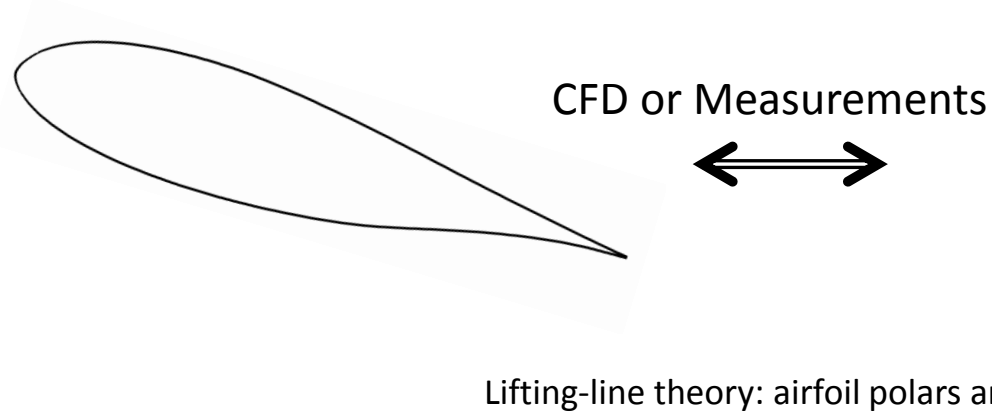
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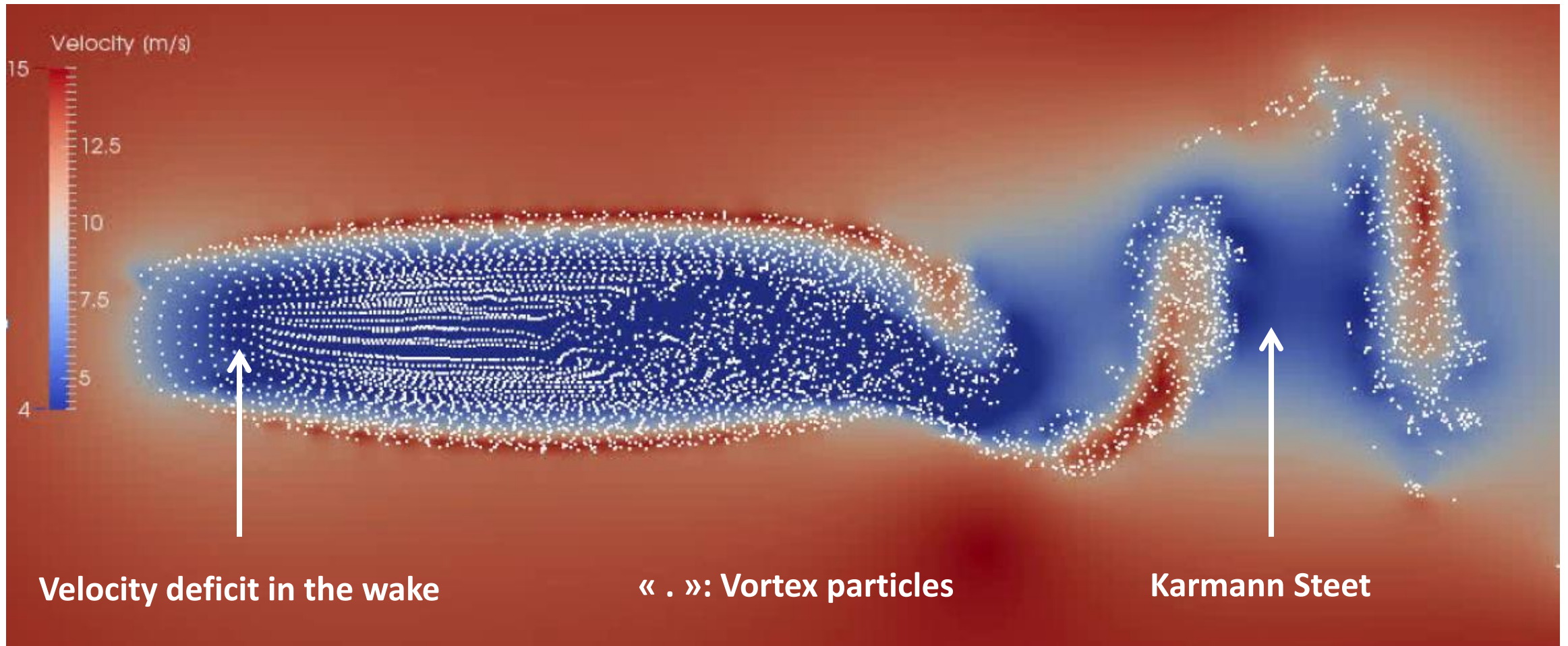
# VORTEX METHODS FOR VAWTS

- Lifting-line
  - Blades → airfoil polars
- Inviscid wake
  - Vortex particles (2D)
  - Vortex filaments (3D)
  - Free deformation
- Dynamic stall
  - **Beddoes-Leishman**
  - Snel
  - Others...
- CPU programming (2D)
- GPU programming (3D)
- Load assessment:
  - **2D model recommended**



Sample VAWT (left) and HAWT (right) vortex simulations

## Velocity field reconstruction based on a 2D vortex simulation

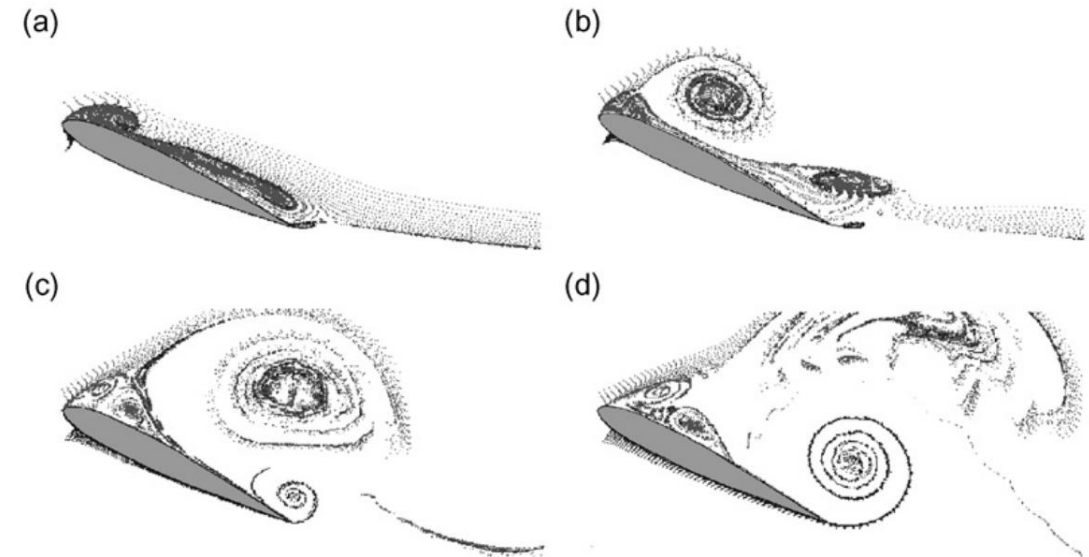




## DYNAMIC STALL MODELLING

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- VAWTs are prone to **dynamic stall**
  - Many empirical models
  - Models coupling, attached flow
- Lifting-line → dynamic stall model required
- Beddoes-Leishmann model (Hansen et al.)
- Comparison between
  - Geometric AoA + attached flow module (\*MSM)
  - **Efficient AoA + attached flow module (\*V2D)**
- **Ohio State University dataset**



Dynamic stall phenomena on a blade (Larsen et al.)

Hansen et al., A BEDDOES-LEISHMAN TYPE DYNAMIC STALL MODEL IN STATE-SPACE AND INDICIAL FORMULATIONS, RISOE-R-1354(EN), 20014.

Larsen et al., DYNAMIC STALL MODEL FOR WIND TURBINE AIRFOILS, J. OF FLUIDS AND STRUCTURES, 2007.

\*MSM: Multiple Streamtube Model (BEM-type model for VAWTs)

\*V2D: Vortex 2D model

# DYNAMIC STALL MODELLING

- OSU database

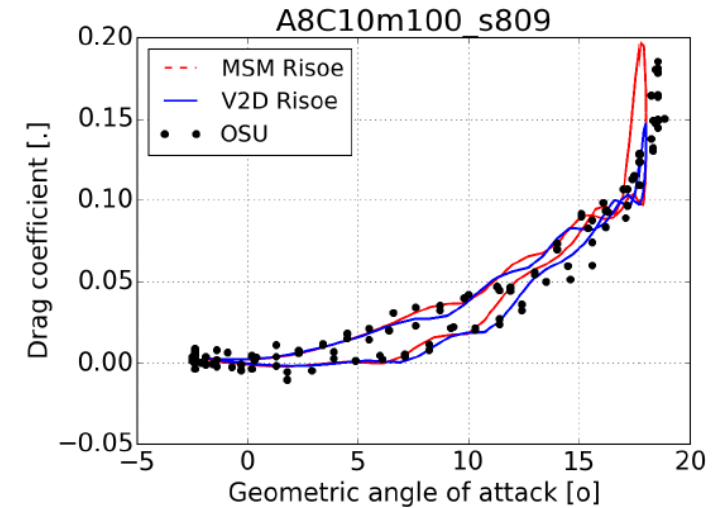
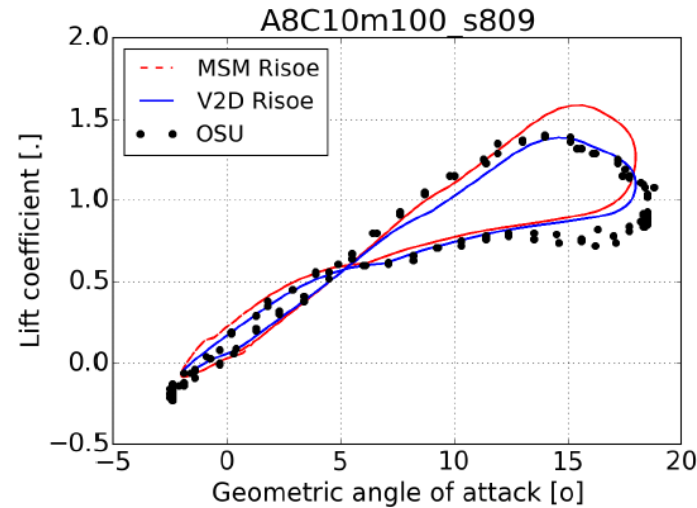
- S809 airfoil
- 3 mean AoA (8, 14, 20°)
- 2 dAoA (5, 10°)
- 3 frequencies (0.6, 1.22, 1.66Hz)

- Partially representative of VAWTs

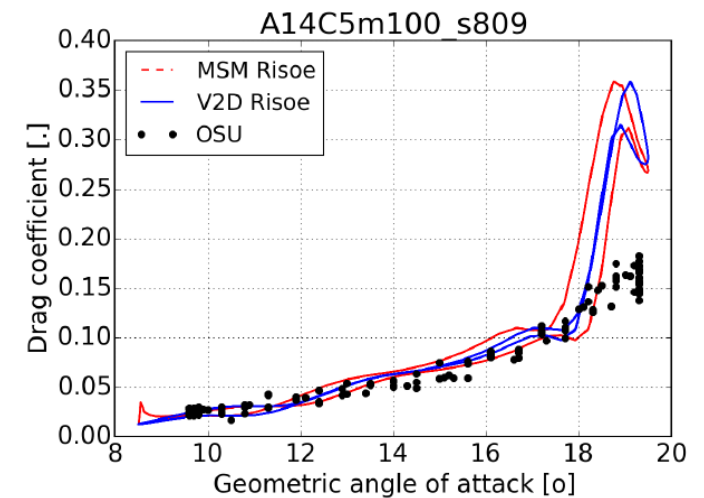
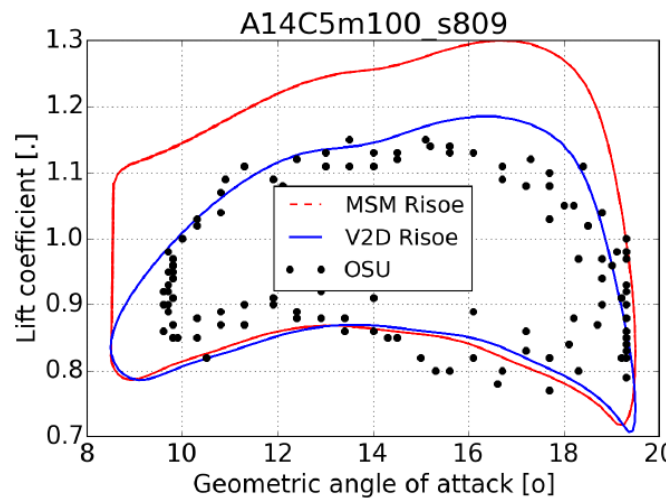
- Much better agreement with

- Vortex 2D (V2D) + Efficient AoA
- Vortex solver handles attached flow part

- Further results in Blondel et al.



AoA=8°, dAoA=10°, f = 1,22Hz, lift (left) and drag (right)



AoA=14°, dAoA=5°, f = 1,22Hz, lift (left) and drag (right)

Blondel et al., BENCHMARKING ACTIVITIES (CODE TO CODE COMPARISON) ON THE RIGID 1HS 3-BLADED VAWT, INFLOW EU PROJECT, IFPEN REPORT, 2017.

## VALIDATION ELEMENTS



- VAWT tested in a **towing tank**

- 1, 2 or 3 blades
- 3 towing velocities

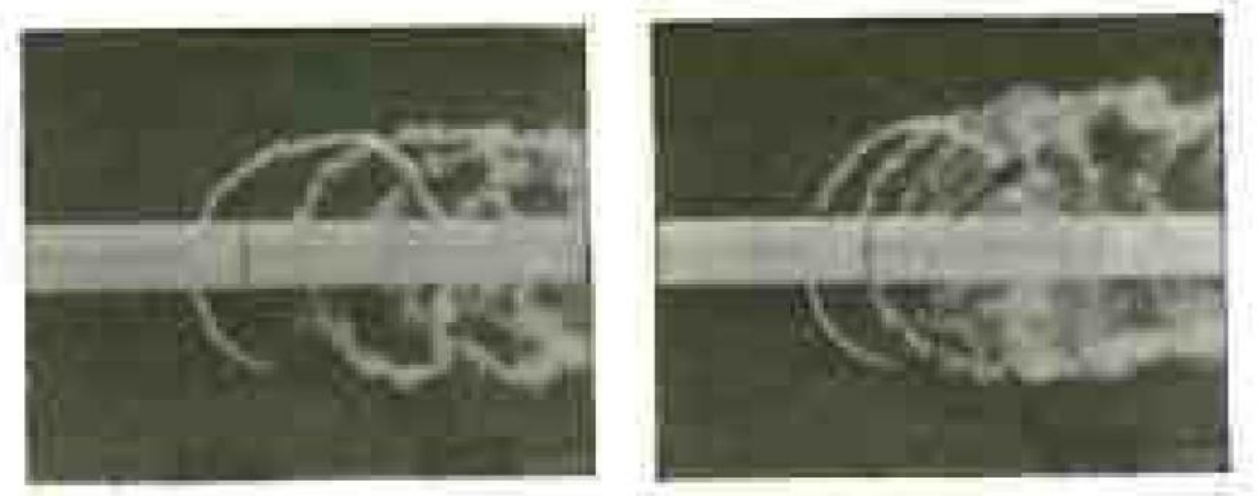
- Small VAWT

- Radius = 0.6100m
- Chord = 0.0914m

- NACA 0012 profiles

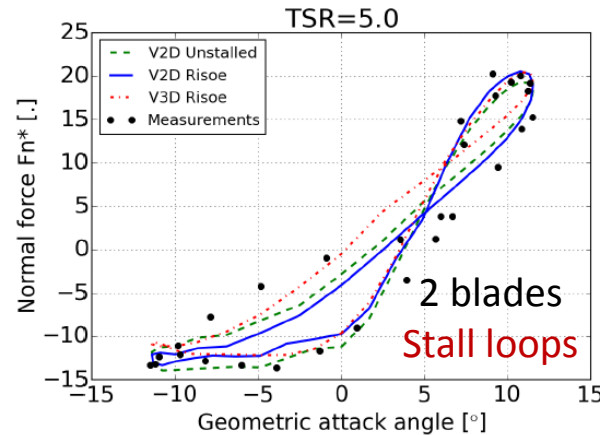
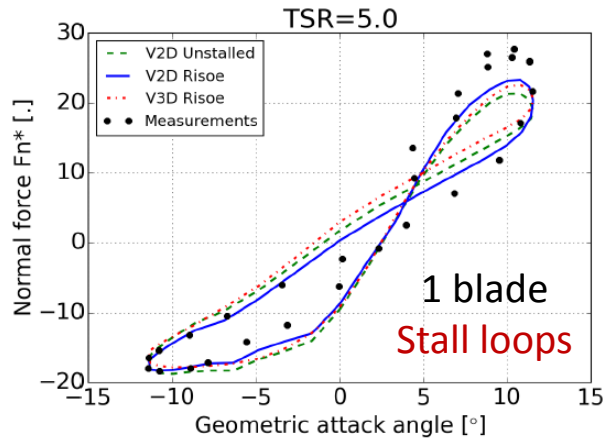
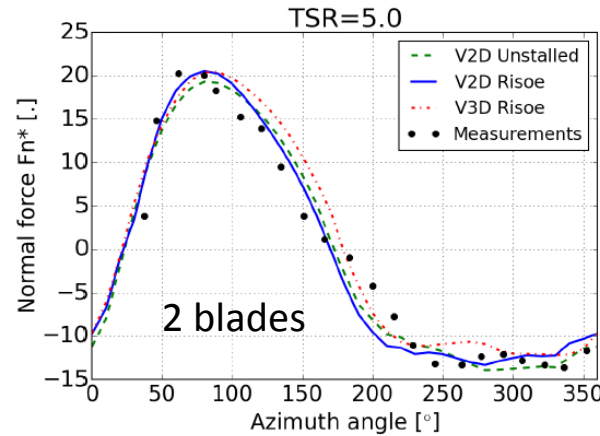
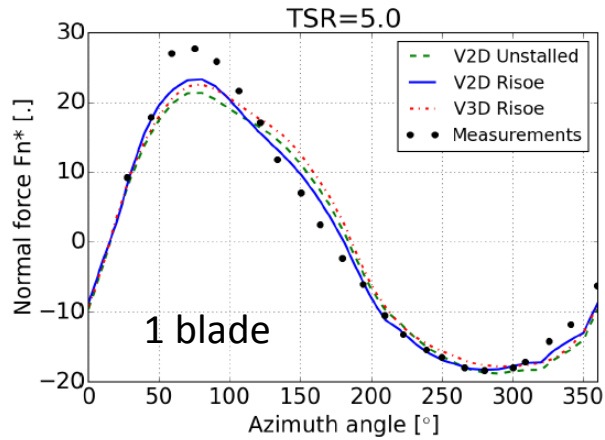
- Low Reynolds number: **Re=40000**

- **Normal and tangential force measurements**



Visualization of VAWT wake in a tow tank (Nguyen)

● Sample results from Blondel et al., 1 blade (left) and 2 blades (right)



- Normal forces comparisons
  - Very good agreement (2D/3D)
  - Stall loops well predicted

- Upwind / Downwind effects
  - Well predicted
    - $\text{abs}(F_n^*)$  lower downwind

(More results in Blondel et al.)

1 blade (left) and 2 blades (right), Normal forces vs. azimuth (top) and geometric AoA (bottom)

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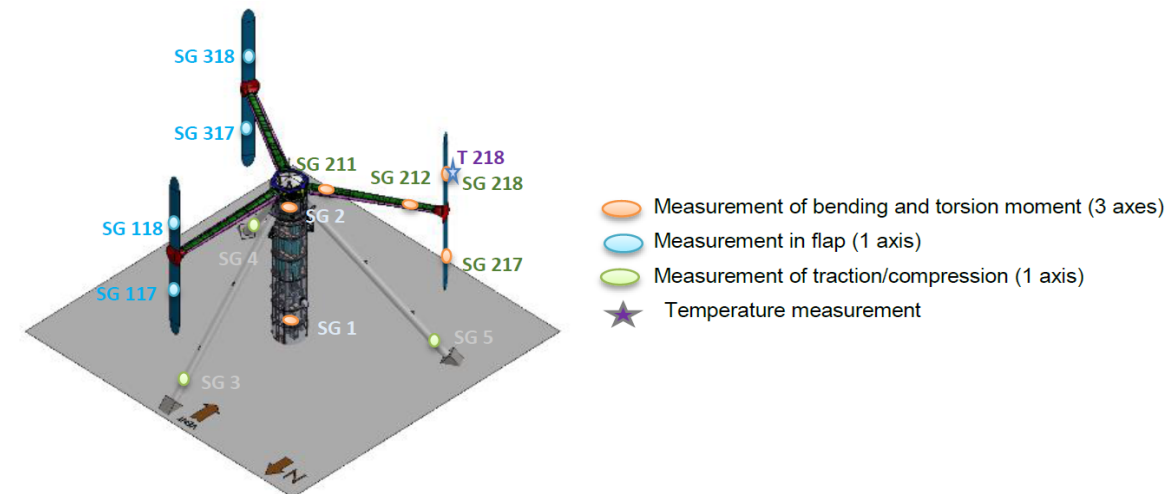
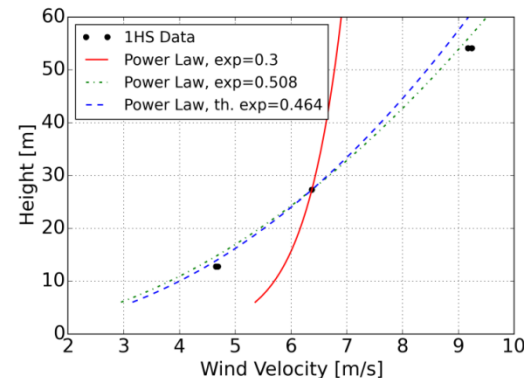
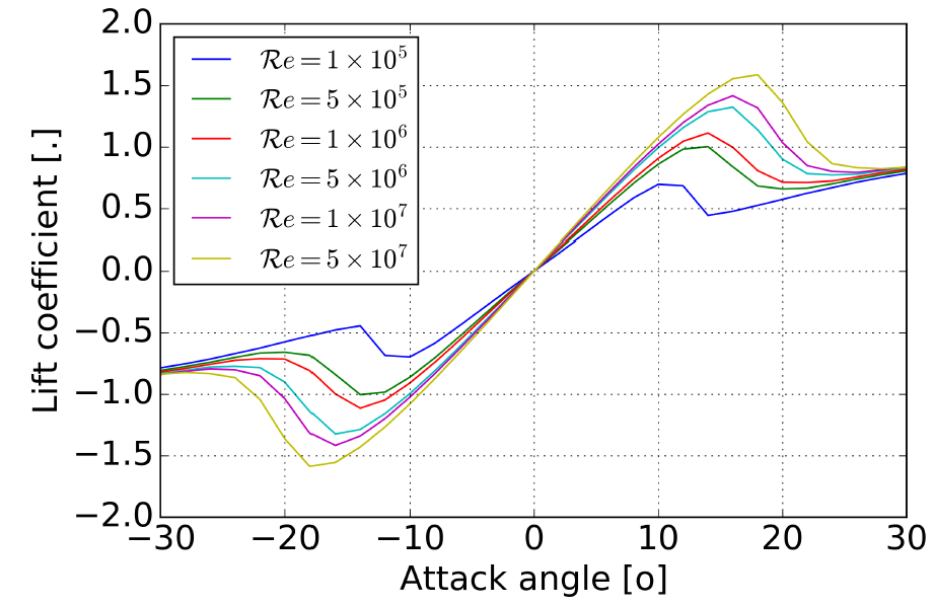
Step 1: comparison of aerodynamic methods, rigid turbine

Step 2: comparison of aero-elastic simulations with measurements

# CODE TO CODE AND MEASUREMENTS COMPARISONS

## ● Collaborative work

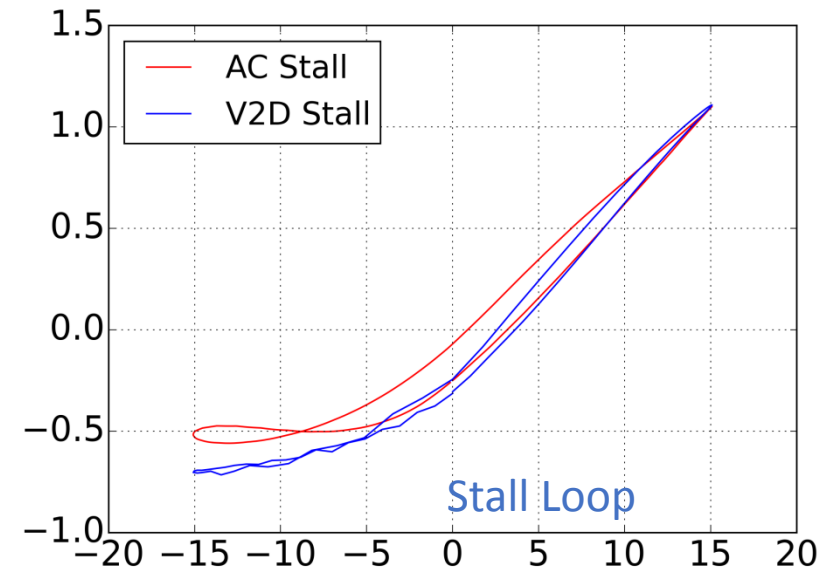
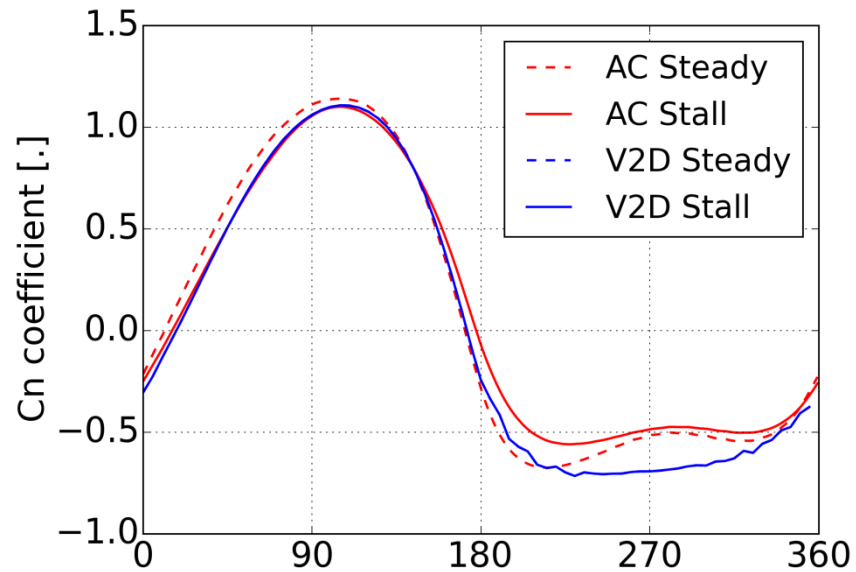
- DTU performed simulations
- HAWC2 – Actuator Cylinder aerodynamic model
- IFPEN performed simulations
- DeepLines Wind™ – MSM/ Vortex 2D and 3D aerodynamic models
- SU2 CFD simulations for airfoil polars
- NENUPHAR provided a large database of measurement data
- Loads on blade / struts as well as relevant **operational data** provided
  - Bending moments are used here
  - Comparisons with strut loads will be performed soon



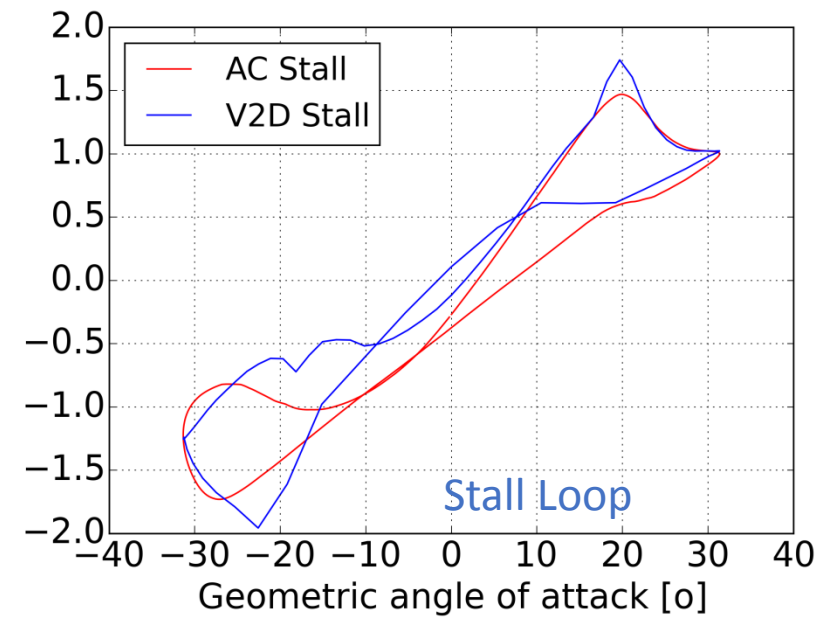
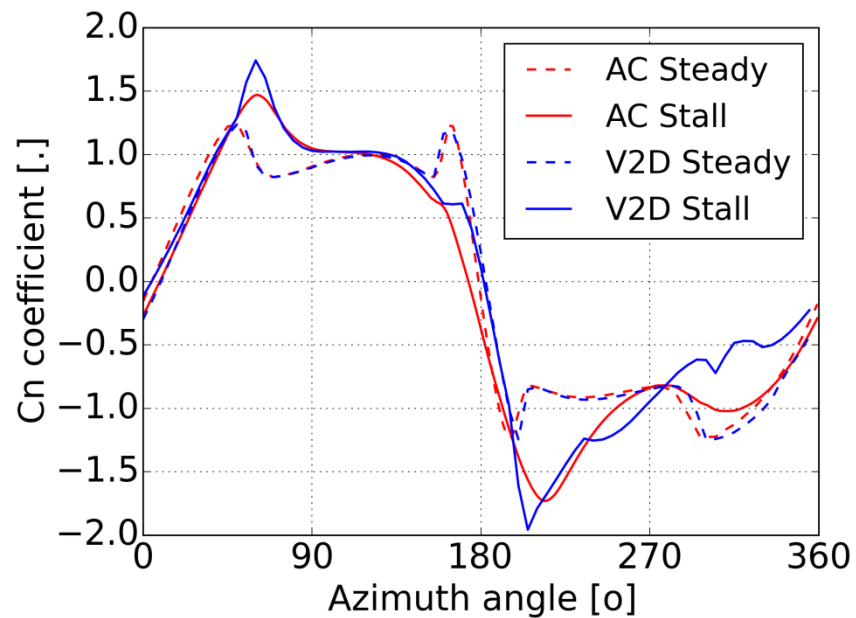


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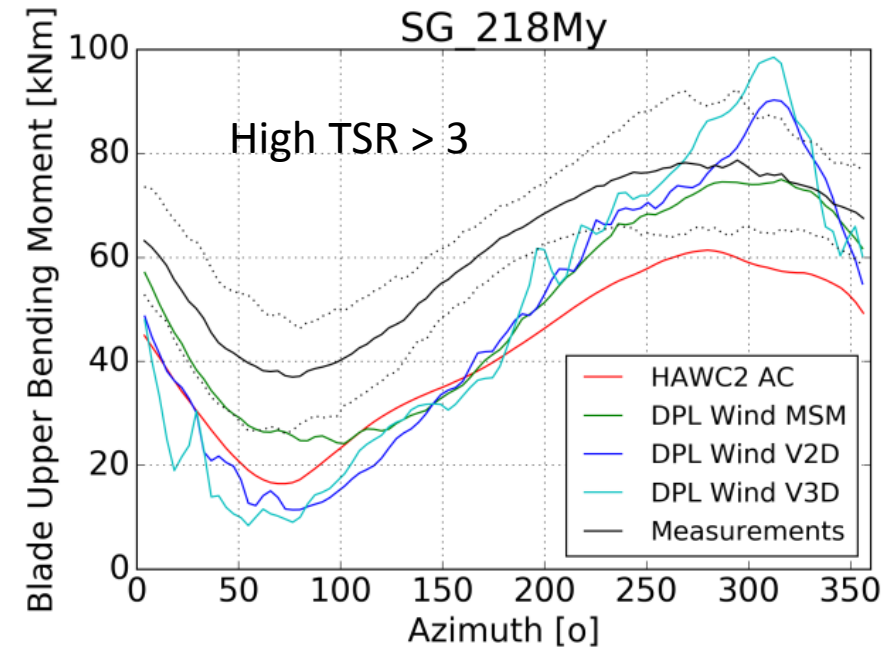
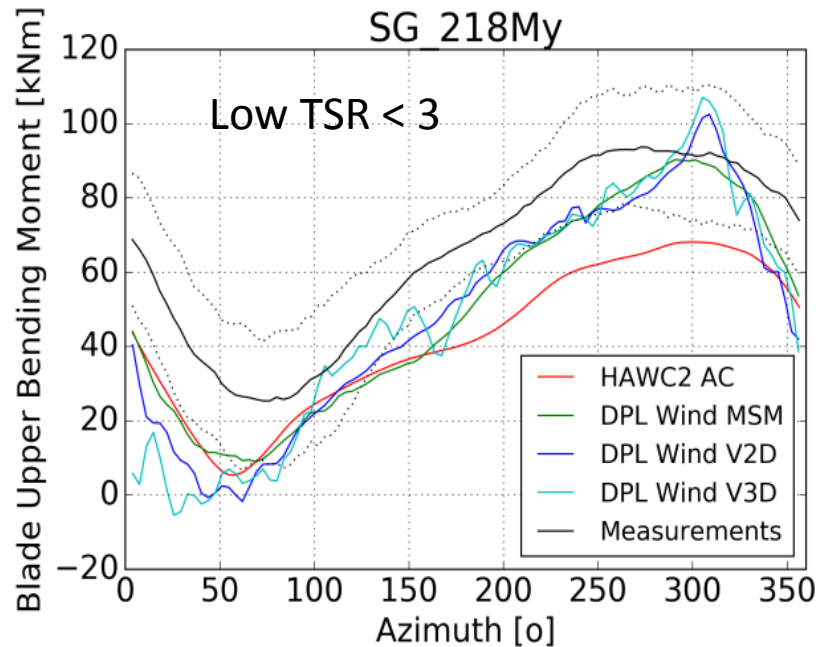
Wind = 8m/s



Wind = 16m/s



- Comparison between:
  - HAWC2 – Actuator Cylinder (AC)
  - DeepLines Wind™ - (DPL Wind)
  - Measurements
- Exp. data +/- 2stdev



## CONCLUSIONS

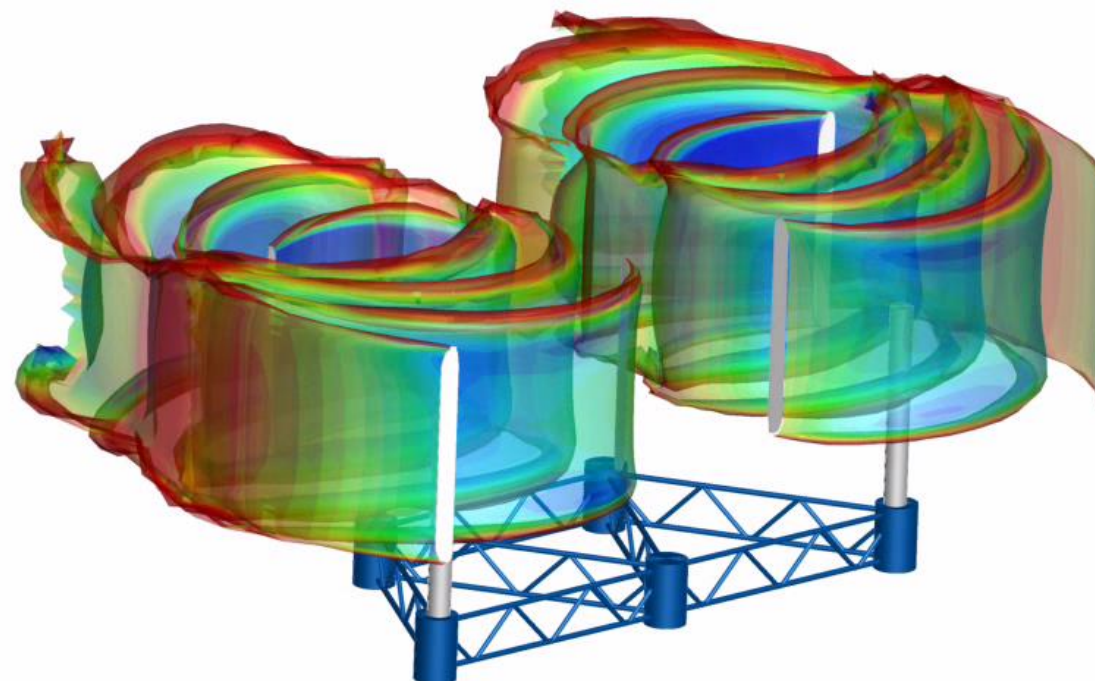
- In the framework of the **INFLOW** EU project:
  - **Vortex models** have been developed and validated on **VAWTs**
  - **Dynamic stall** models have been coupled
  - Comparison have been made with Normal/Tangential forces (public experimental data)
  - Vortex methods
    - **Full modelling** of the wake
    - Accurately reproduce **wake/wake and blade/wake interactions**
  - **Dynamic stall**
    - Attached flow module should be deactivated in BL-type models when **coupled with vortex solvers**

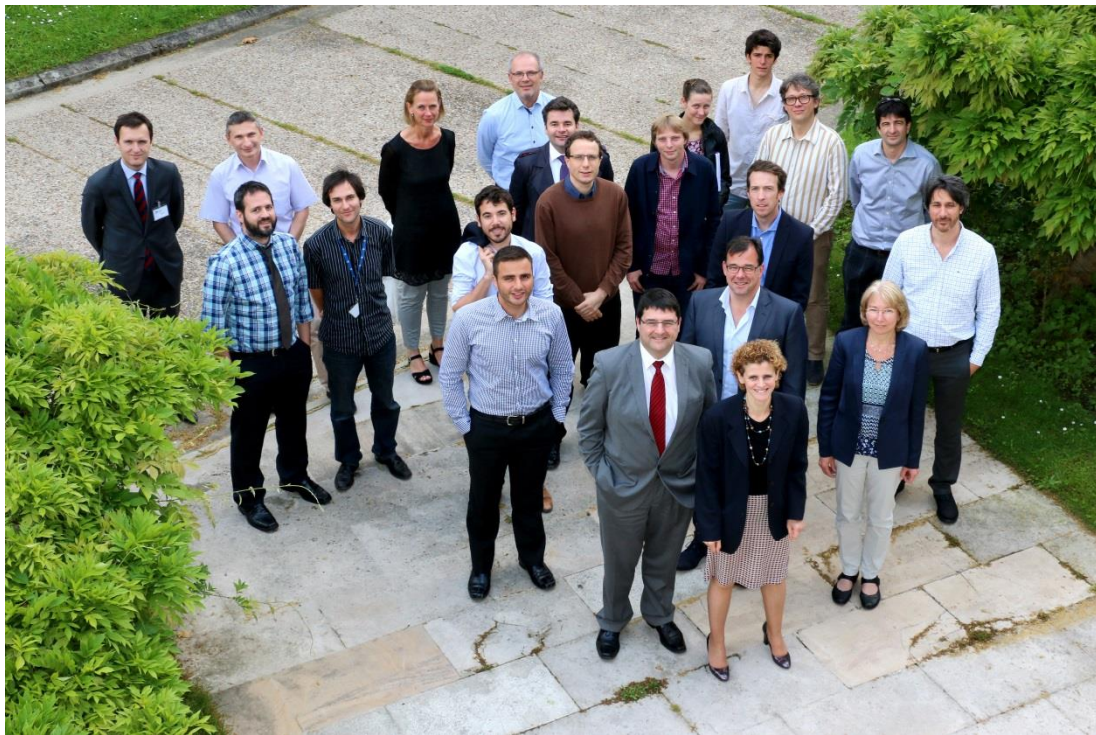


- Vortex model have been coupled with **DeepLines Wind™**
- Cross comparisons have been performed with **DTU** on a rigid blade turbine
- **Aero-elastic** simulations validated against NENUPHAR's flexible-blade prototype
  - Comparison with the **DTU HAWC2** solver have also been performed
- *Results (rigid and elastic) will be published at the **TORQUE 2018** conference (<http://www.torque2018.org>)*
- *Promising coupling of the AC flow model with a Beddoes near wake model (AC3D) will be published at the **TORQUE 2018** conference (<http://www.torque2018.org>)*

# LATEST RESULTS: COUNTER-ROTATING SETUP

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