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# Multiscale Wind Modelling (Mesoscale) for Wind Energy Applications: Challenges and Insights During LLJ events

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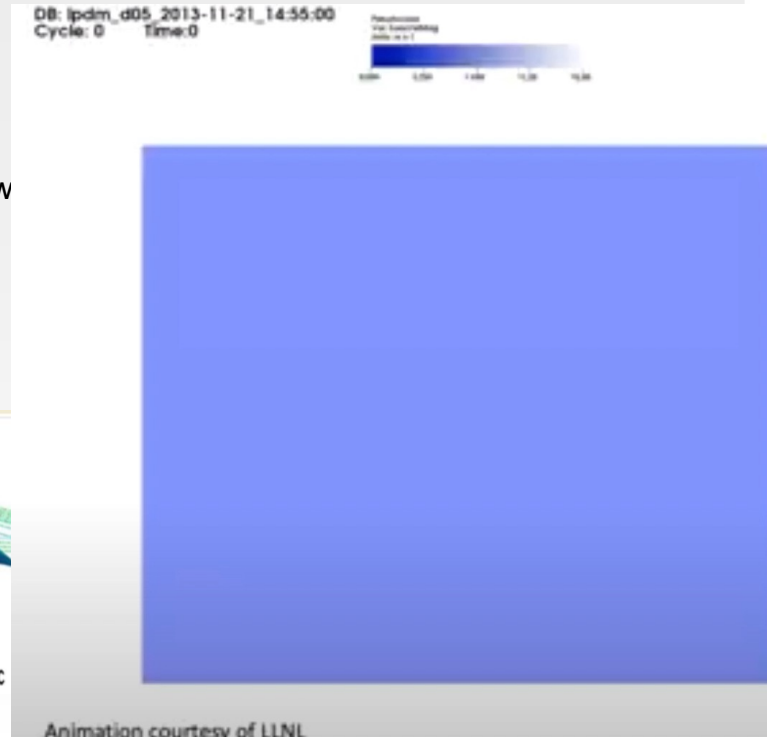


# Motivation

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- Weather models are not able to resolve scales are important for the wind power plants, and microscale models cannot correctly resolve flow details with realistic forcing from mesoscale models



Mesoscale	Park scale	Rotor scale	Blade scale
10000 -10 km	10 -1 km	200 - 50m	5 - .5m
Days -Hours	20 min - 20 sec	10 - 2 sec	0.5 - 0.01 sec

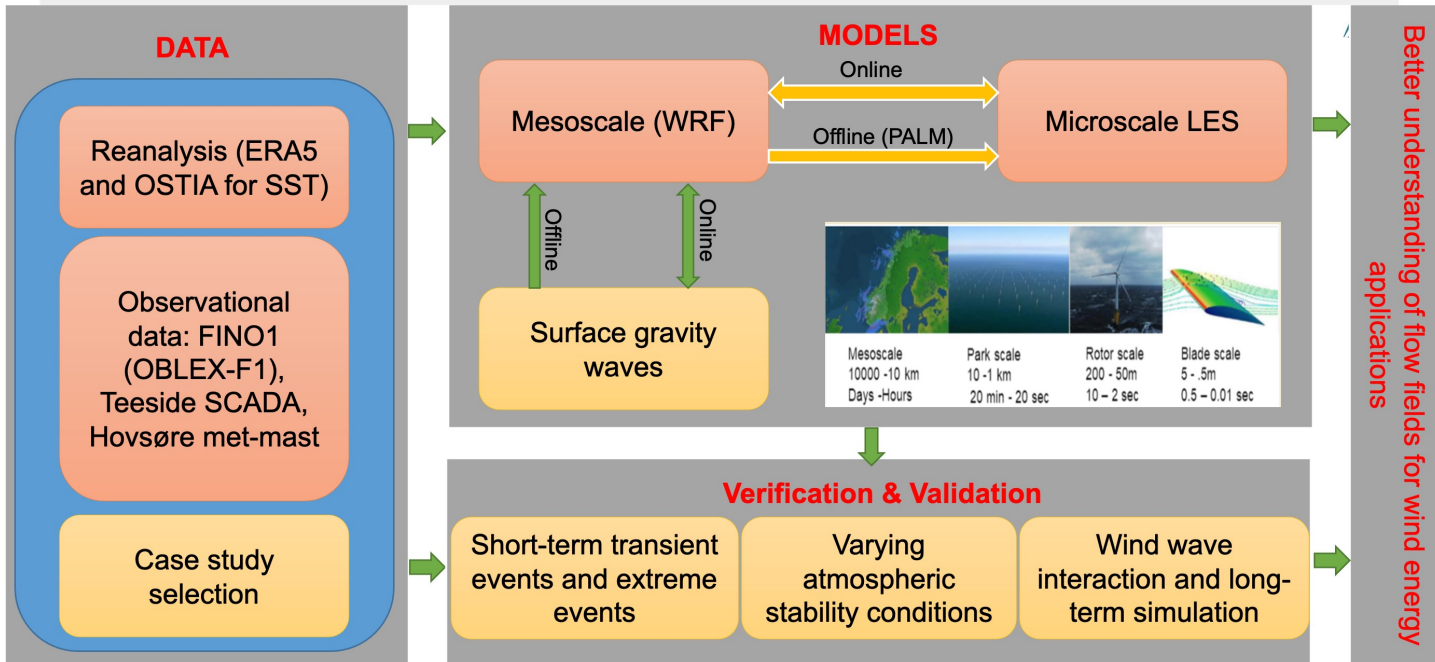
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- **Background of model chain diagram**
- **Observational data and a Low Level Jet (LLJ) event**
- **Multiscale mesoscale model framework**

# Modelling

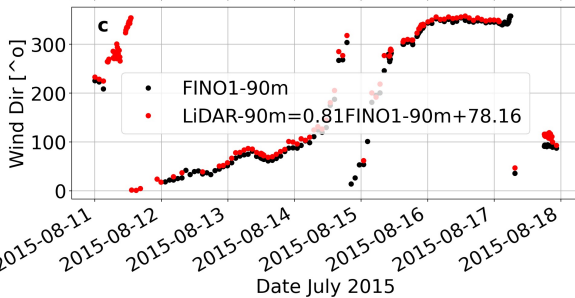
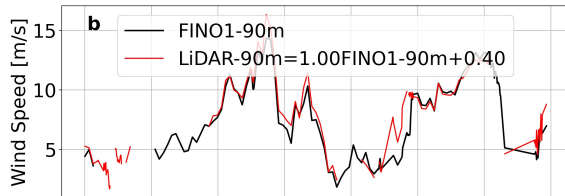
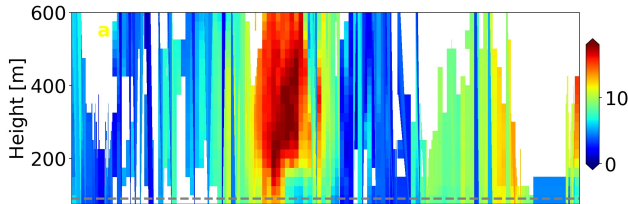
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## Model chain



# Observational data: FINO1

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- Sonic anemometers at 15, 20, 40, 60, and 80m.
- Upward looking LDAR measurements.
- SCADA data
- Wave buoy measurements.

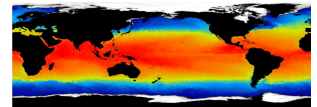


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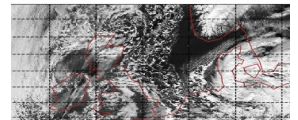
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- Meteorological data (ERA5 and NORA3).
- Static geographical data.
- The Operational Sea Surface Temperature and Ice Analysis (OSTIA).



- Satellite cloud cover

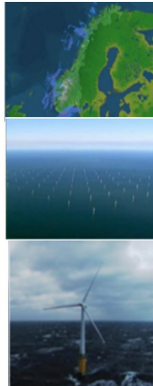
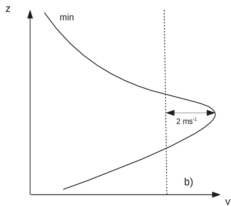


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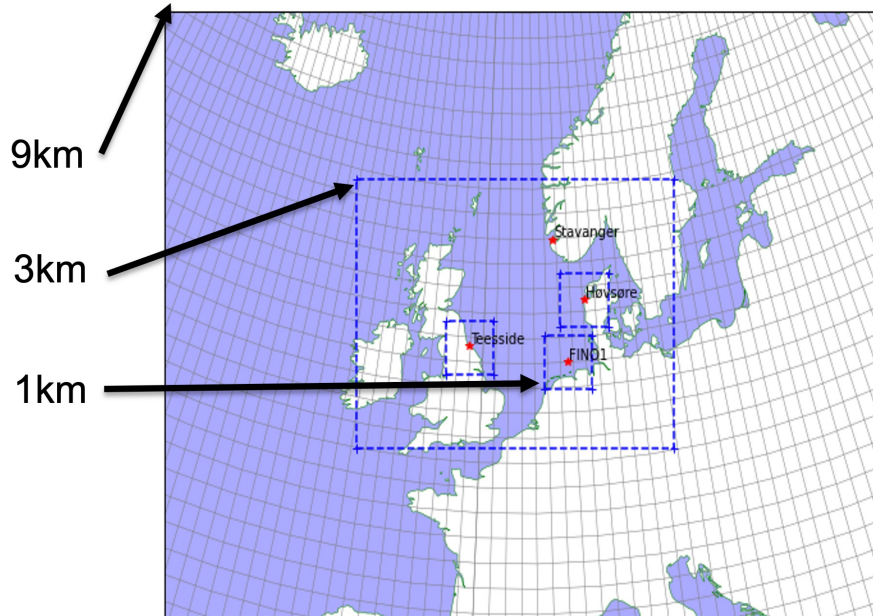
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## ▪ WRF simulation at FINO1 (E6.588, N54.015)

The maximum below 518 m should be at least  $2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  with a value 25% larger than the next minimum at higher heights (below 518 m).



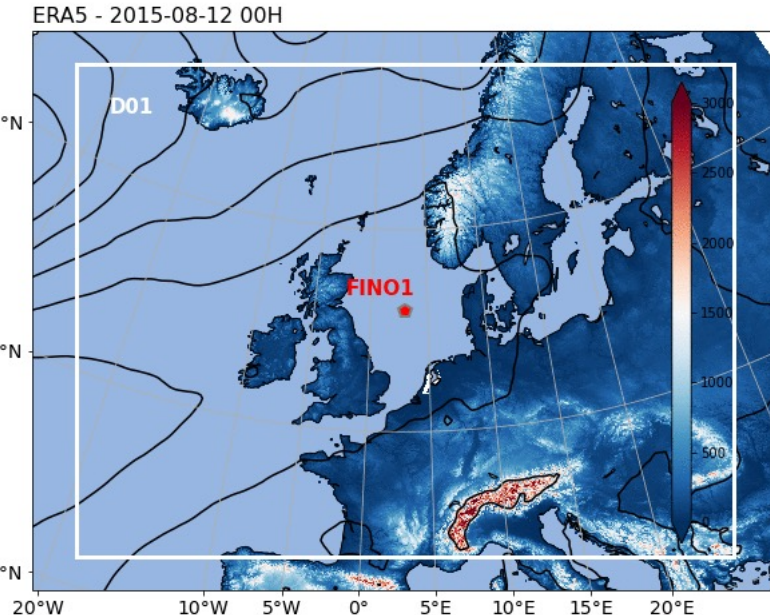
Rotor scale  
200 - 50m  
10 - 2 sec



## Model Result: Synoptic characteristics

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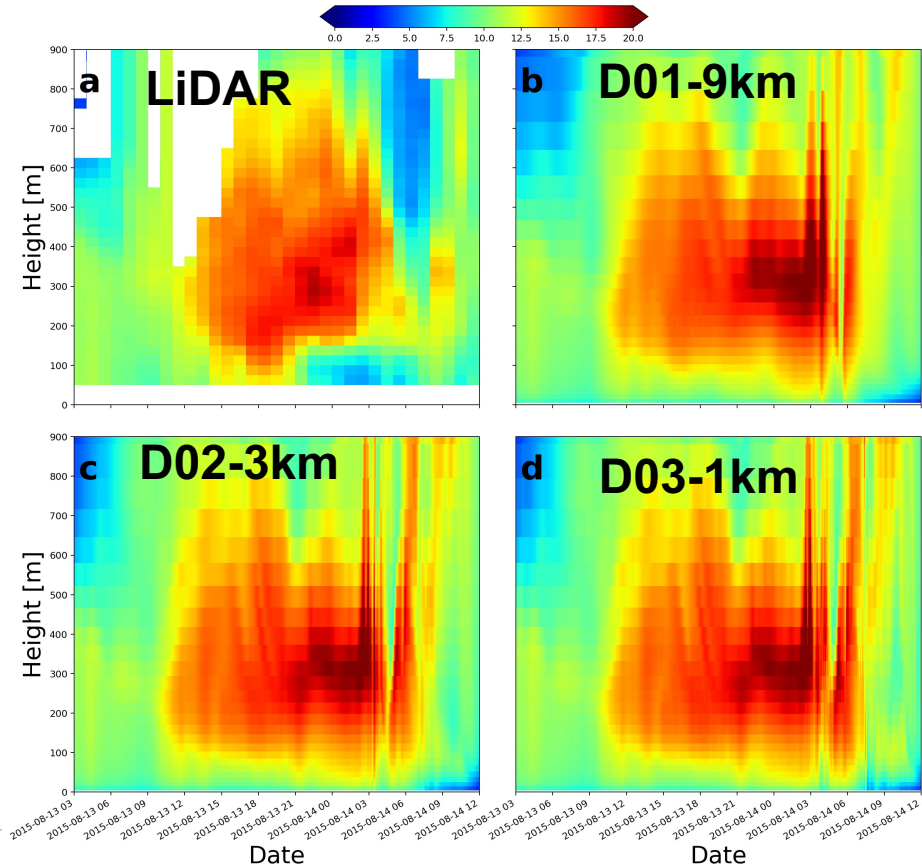
- a well developed low pressure system (centered at South-West of Iceland).
- South of this weather system, there is a weak low.
- Norward passage warm front at the North Western Germany northwards leading to a southeasterly geostrophic wind.



## Model results: General characteristics

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Comparisons between  
LiDAR (a) and WRF results  
At domain: (b) d01-9km;  
d02-3km; and d03-1km.



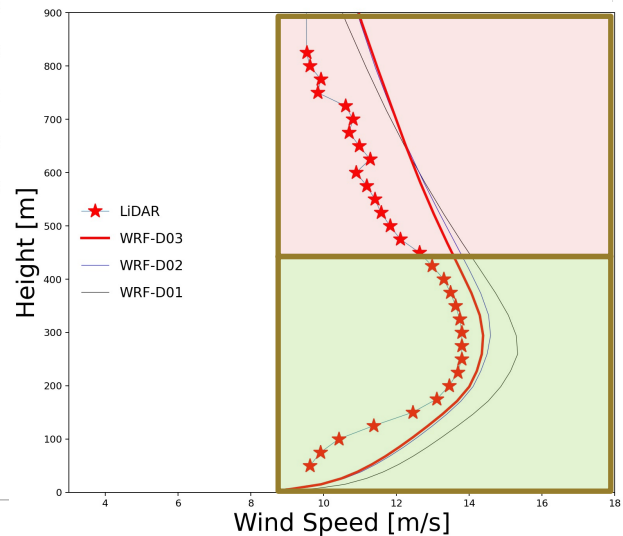
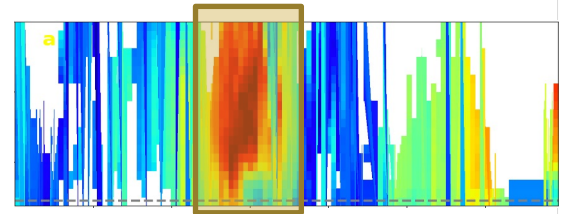
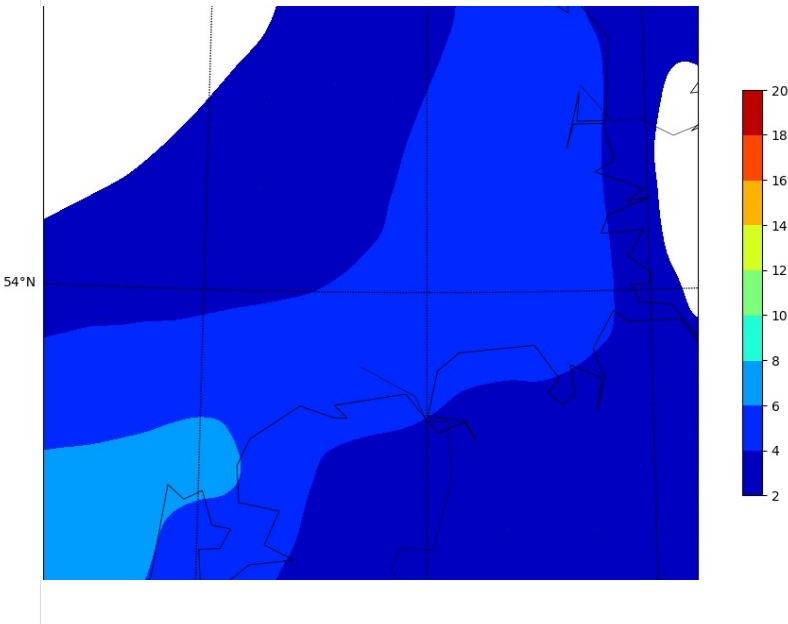


## Model Results

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Averaged horizontal wind speed profiles  
Over the colored rectangle

Horizontal wind speed at 10m at domain d03



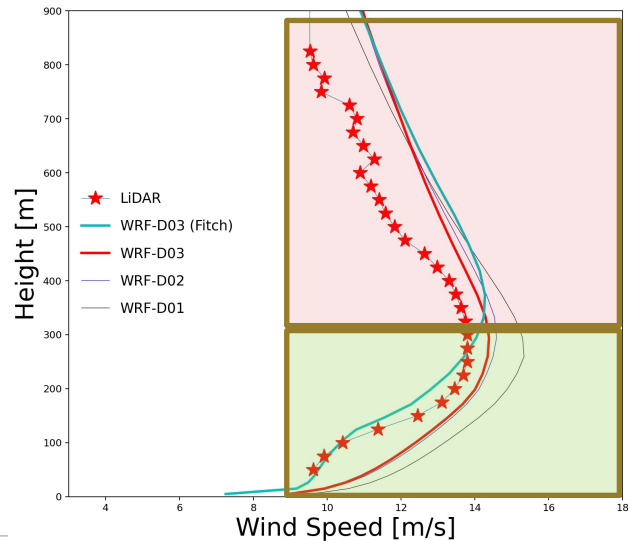
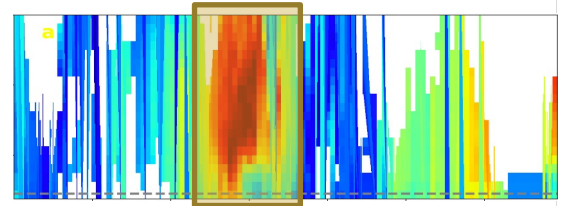
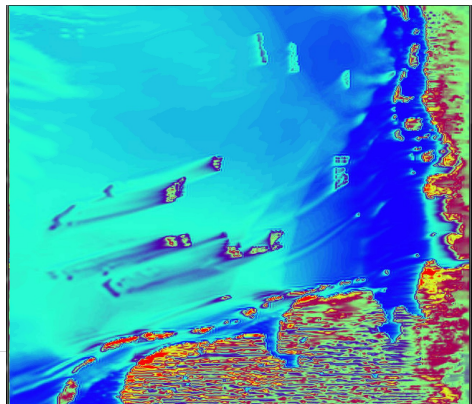
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Effect of cluster of wind farms in the Southern North Sea

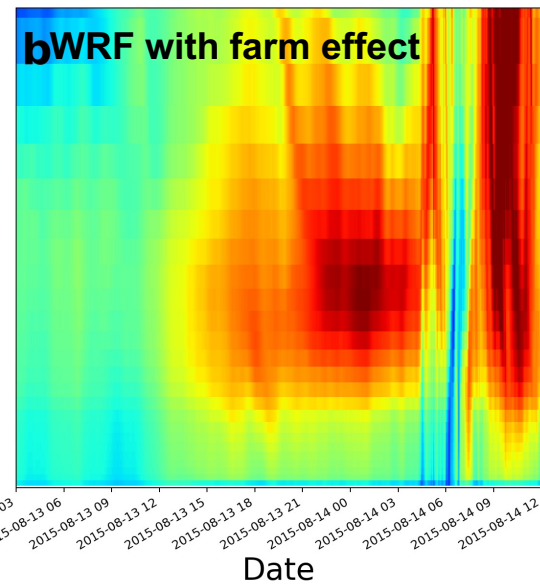
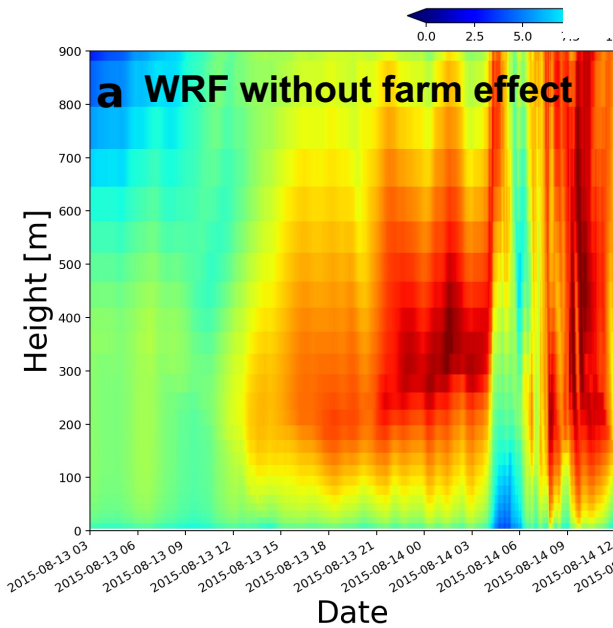
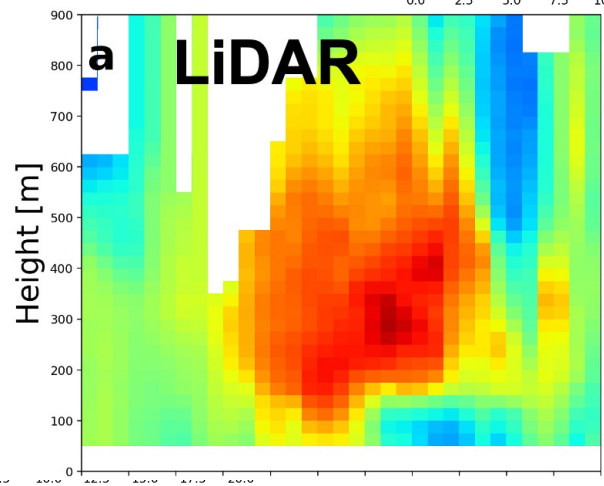
Averaged horizontal wind speed profiles  
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(a) FINO1 location



# Model Results Effects of wind turbine

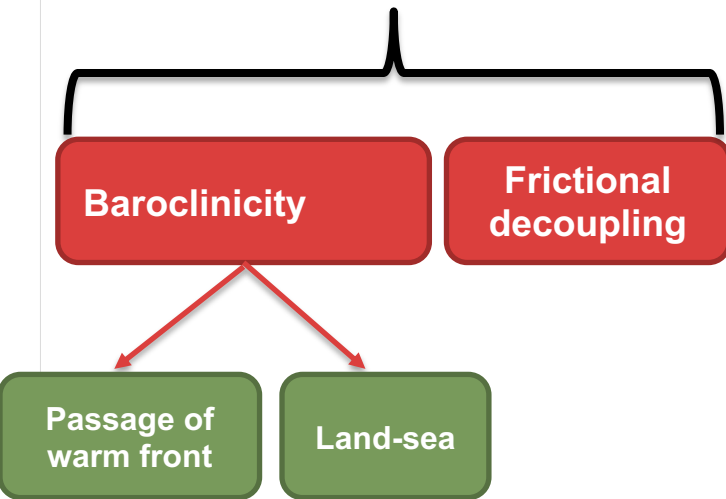
Effects of farms influence the vertical-spatial distribution of wind field



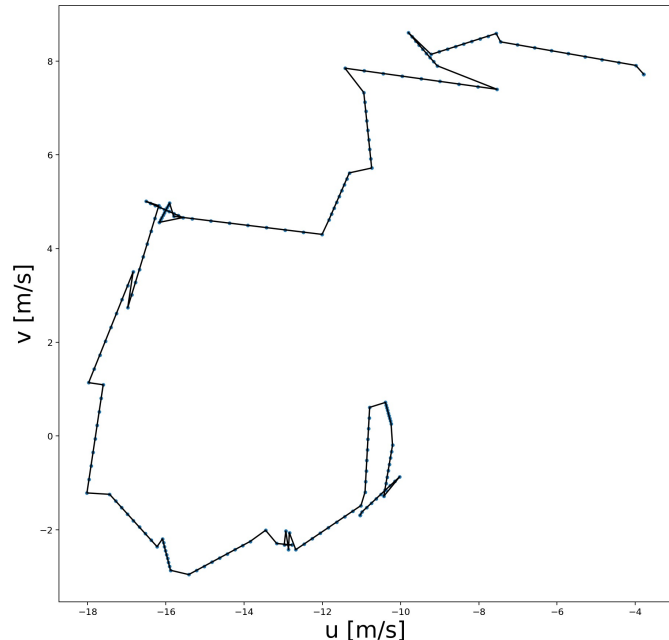
## LLJ generation mechanisms

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A combination of different processes are responsible for formation of this LLJ event. These mechanisms are contributing together in the generation process:



An **inertial oscillation** was observed from 0840 UTC 13 August to 0040 UTC 14 August.

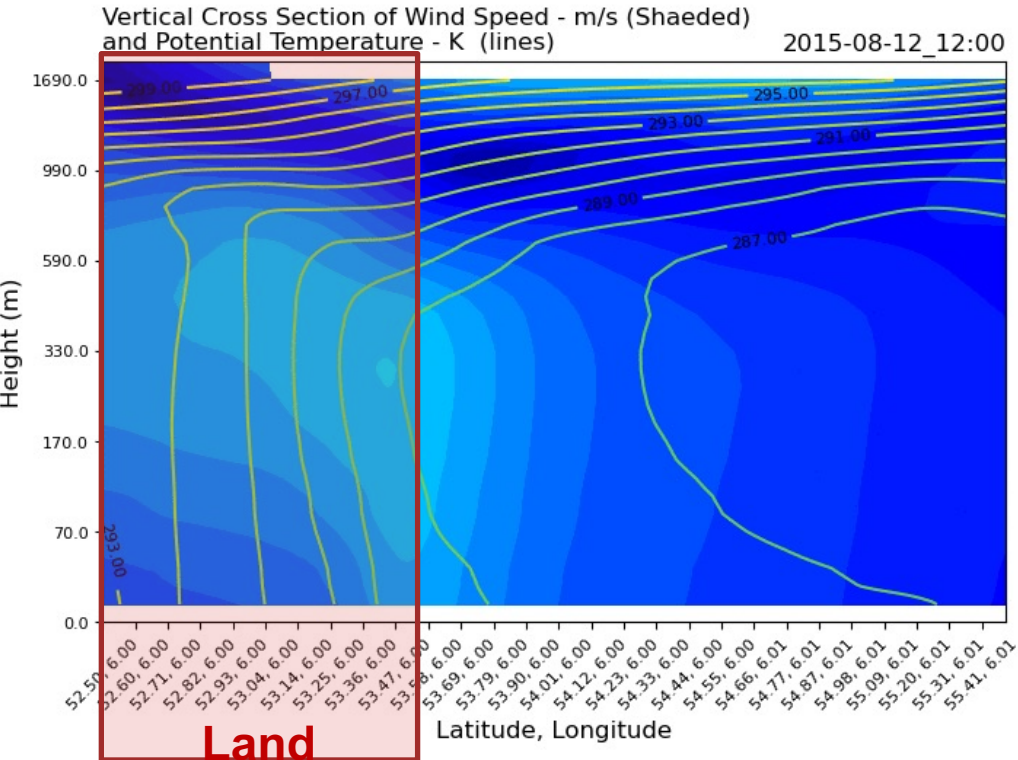


The cycle shows an elliptical shape typical for the IO, although the cycle is not closed.

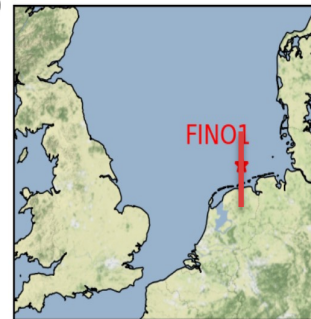
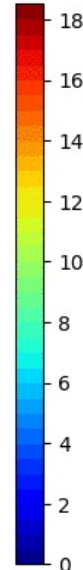
## LLJ generation mechanisms: Baroclinicity

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Baroclinicity is state of flow that surfaces of constant temperature (density) are intersected by the surface of constant pressure.



Wind speed along  
the cross-section  
overlaid with  
potential  
temperature



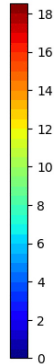
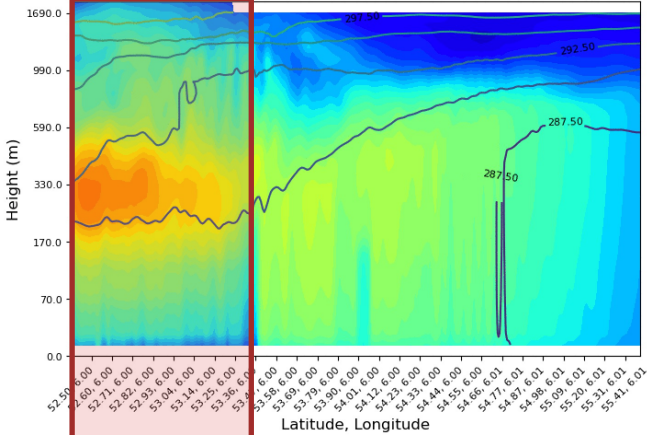
Cross-section  
Passing FINO1

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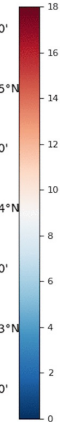
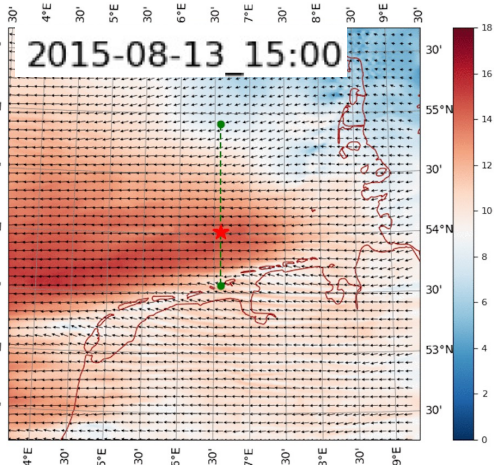
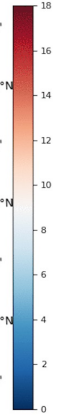
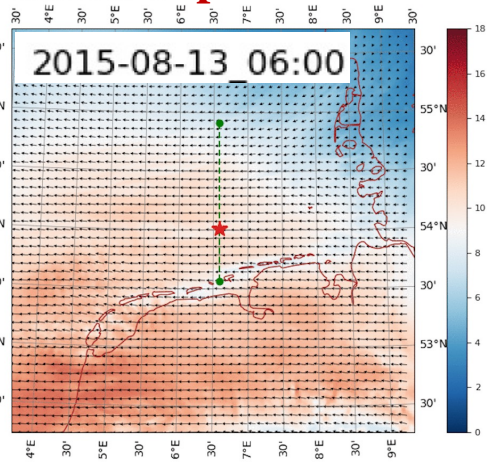
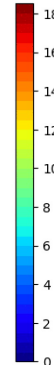
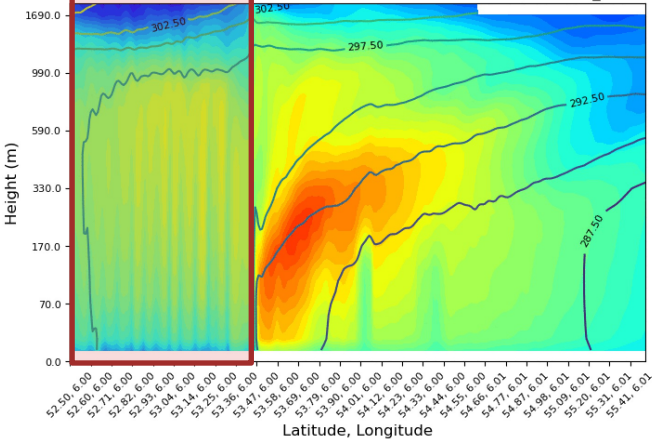
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## connection of wind speed and temperature

Vertical Cross Section of Wind Speed - m/s (Shaded) and Potential Temperature - K (lines) 2015-08-13\_06:00



Vertical Cross Section of Wind Speed - m/s (Shaded) and Potential Temperature - K (lines) 2015-08-13\_15:00



Thermal wind formation





## ▪ Present work

- We have studied meso-multiscale modelling of wind field at FINO1 using nested WRF model.
- We checked the importance of accounting for the wind farms in the Southern North Sea
- We investigated the formation mechanism of a LLJ event in which we have good LiDAR coverage..

## ▪ Future work

- Use WRF and WRF-LES to complete the model chain. We will conduct the load analysis based on high-frequency time series of WRF-LES.



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