

# WIND KNOWLEDGE

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## Meso-microscale coupling

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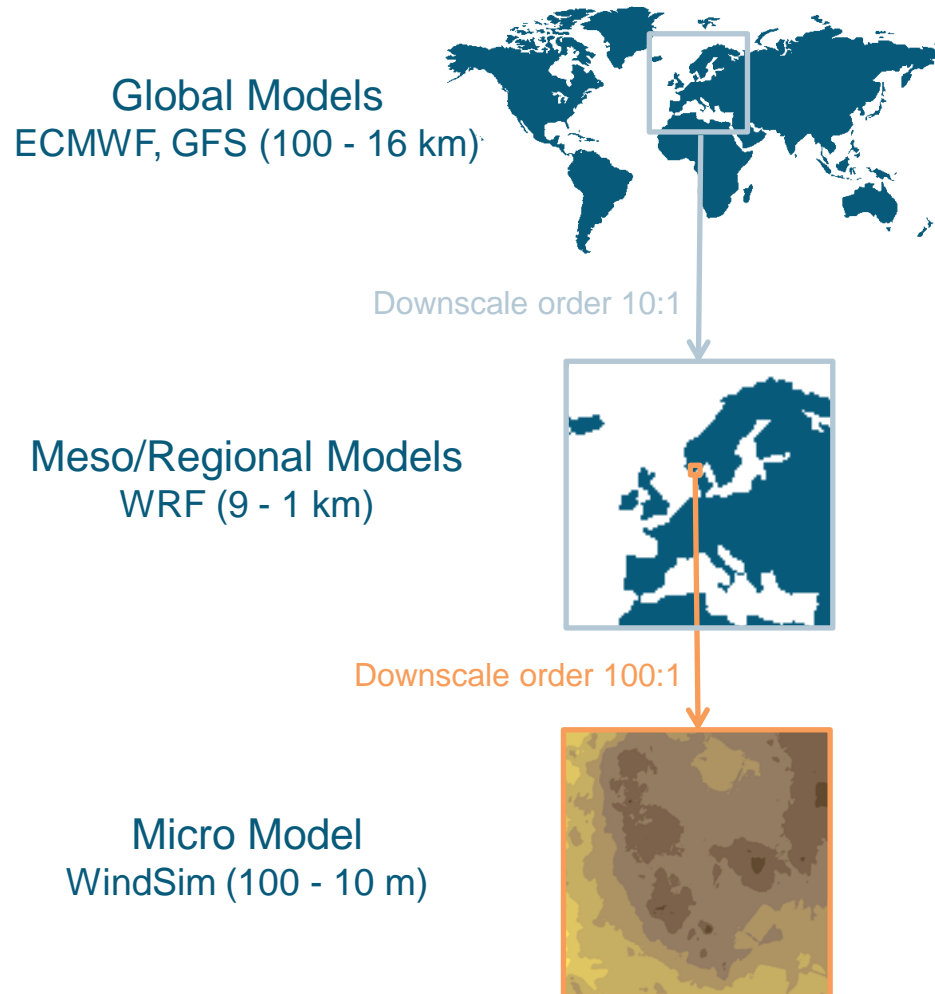
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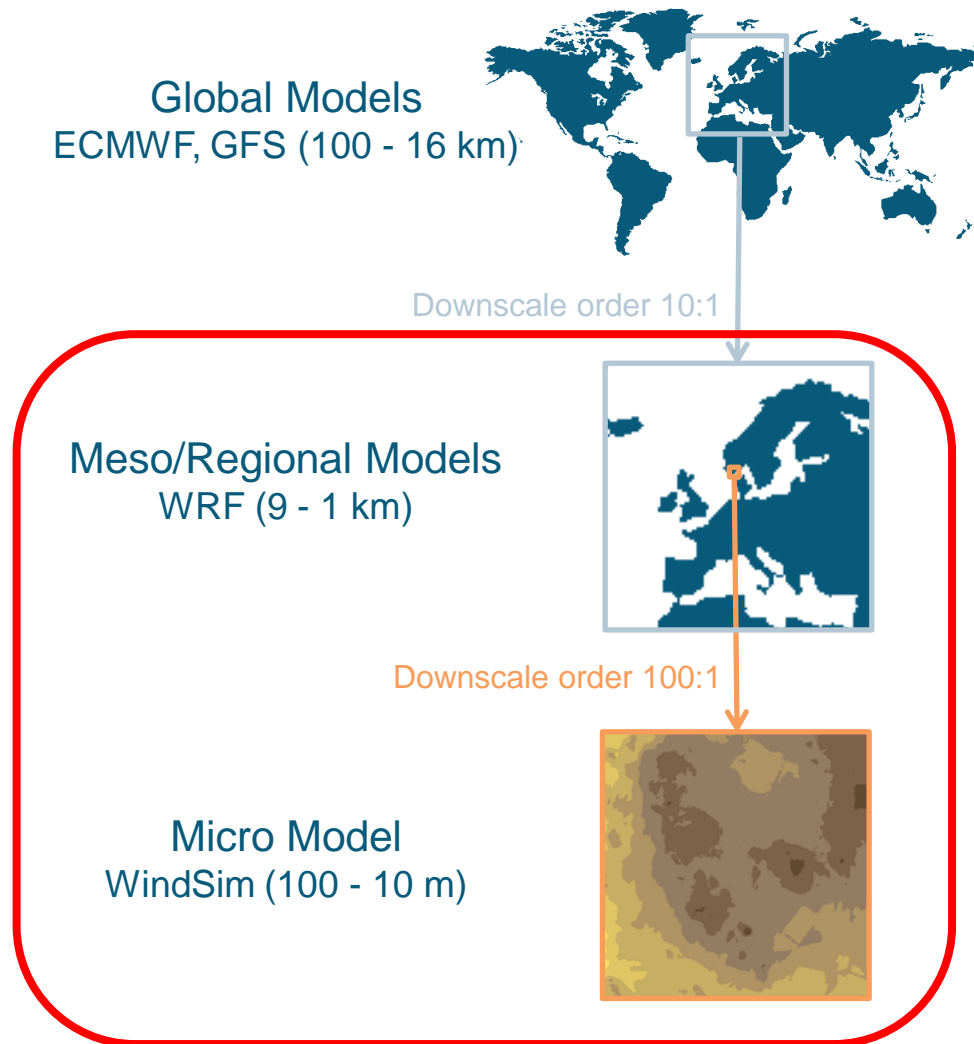
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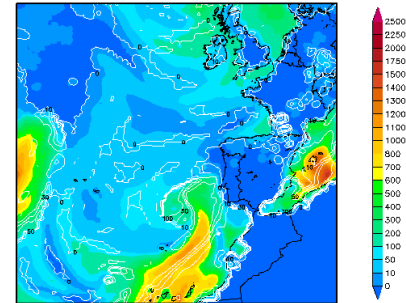


# What is meso-microscale coupling?

Meso/Regional Models  
WRF (9 - 1 km)



Description of regional flows  
and atmospheric conditions

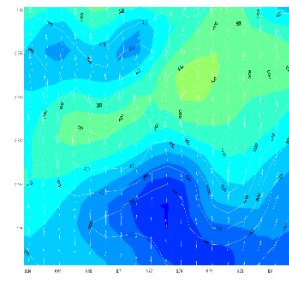


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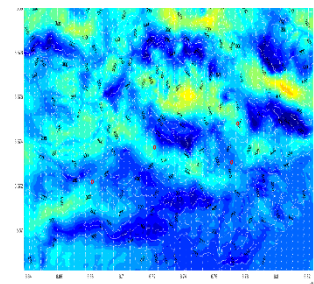
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Accurate description of **local**  
flow field and wake effects



WRF wind field



CFD wind field

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variables

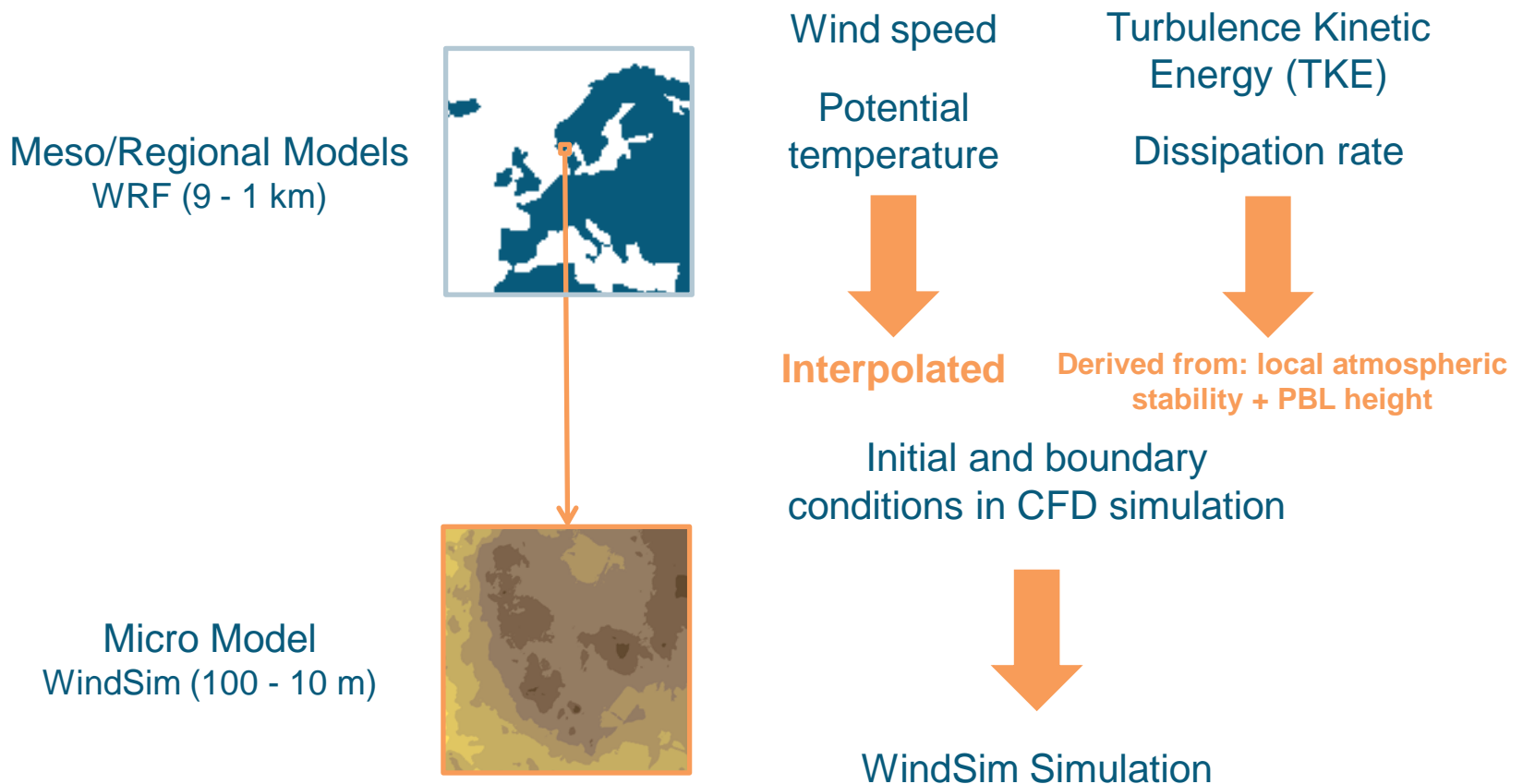


Initial and boundary  
conditions in CFD simulation



WindSim Simulation

# Meso-microscale coupling in WindSim



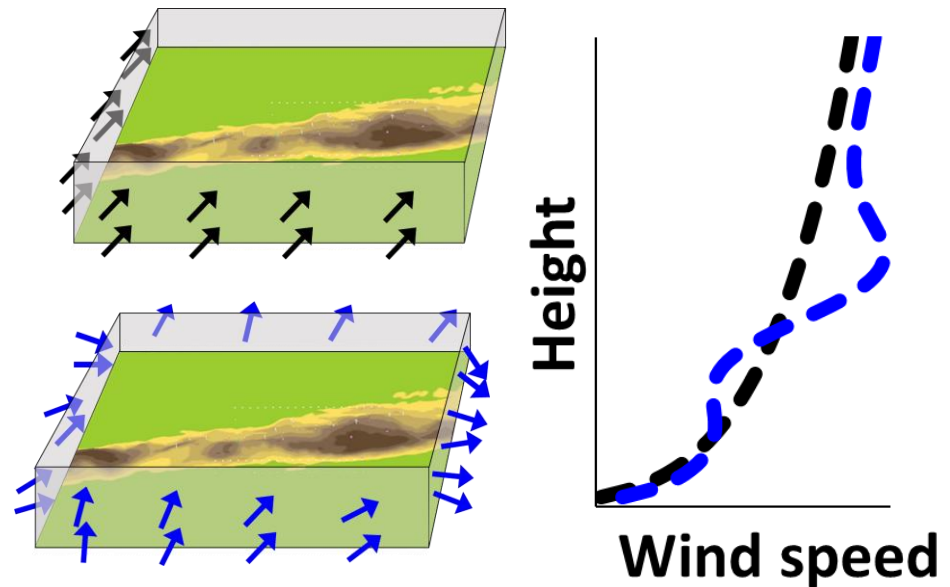
# Meso-microscale coupling in WindSim

- Why there is interest in coupling methodologies?

## Avoid tuning of model parameters

- Monin-Obukhov length?
- Planetary Boundary Layer (PBL) height?
- Wind speed above PBL?
- Temperature gradient?

## Realistic inlet profiles



**Not possible to reproduce with standard CFD !**

## Meso-microscale coupling in WindSim

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**How can we use this meso-microscale coupling for wind resource assessment?**

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## Proposed coupling methodologies

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Two proposed coupling methodology :

- Averaged conditions per sector (12 simulations)
- Averaged conditions per sector & per atmospheric stability (36 simulations)

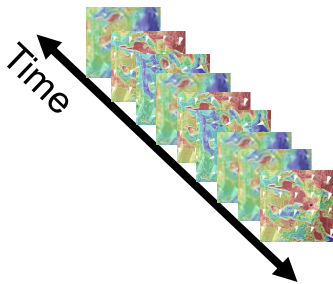
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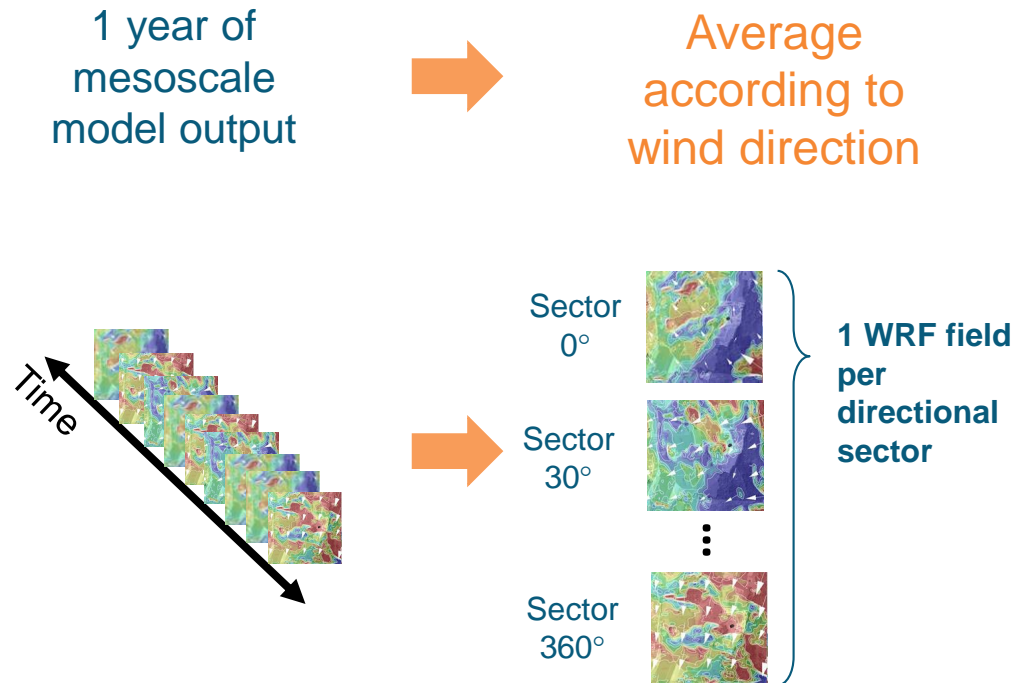
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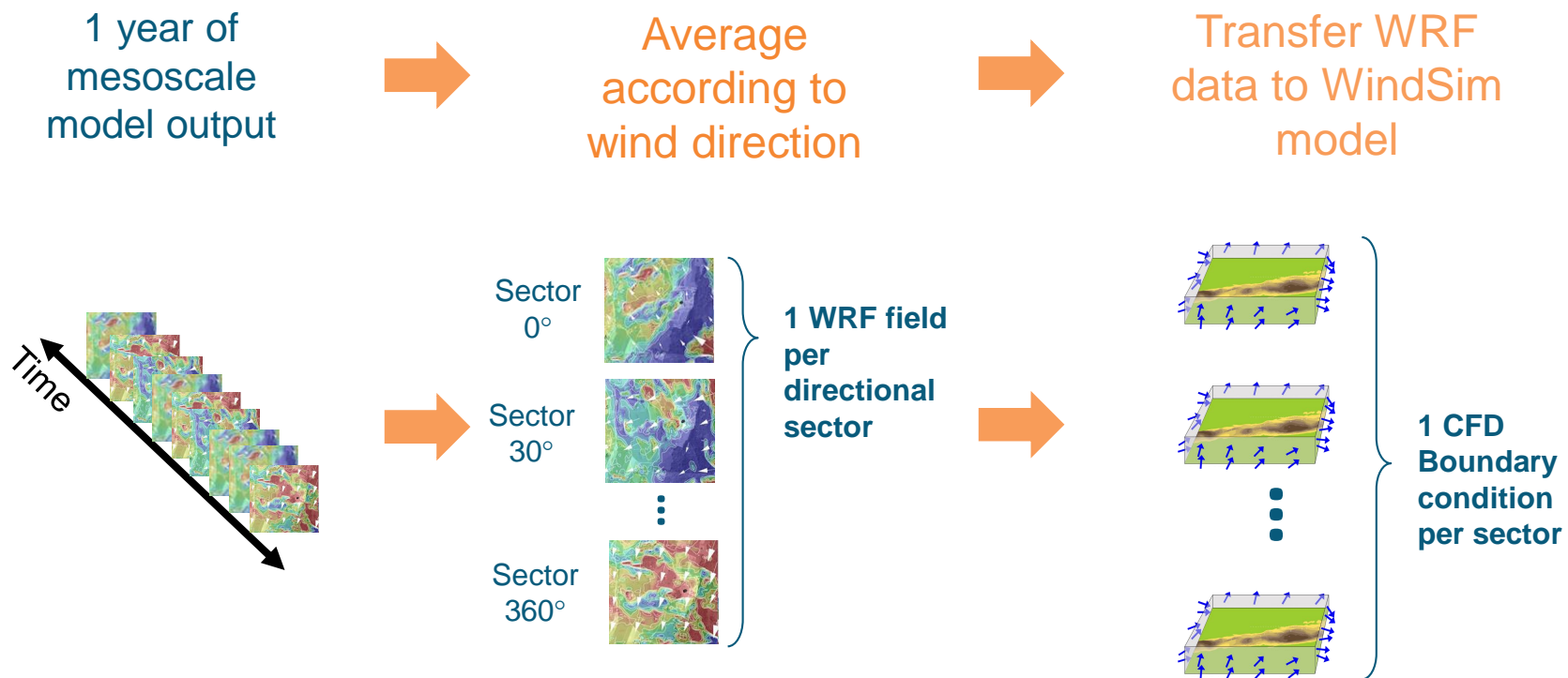
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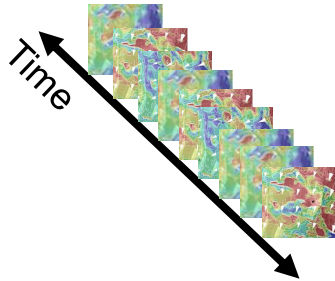
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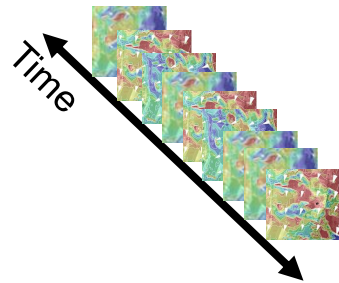
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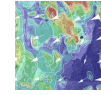
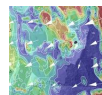
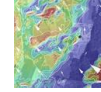
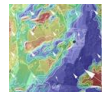
Average according to  
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**Unstable**

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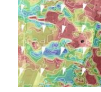
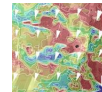
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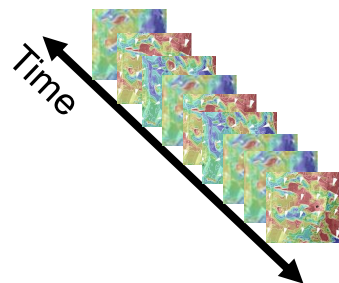
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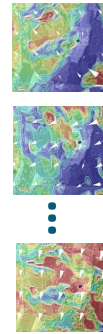
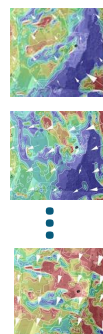
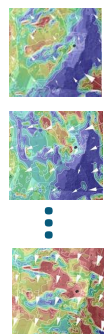
Transfer WRF data to WindSim model



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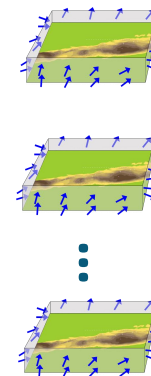
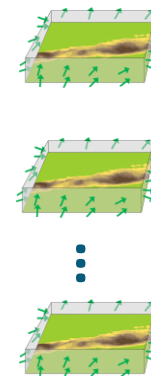
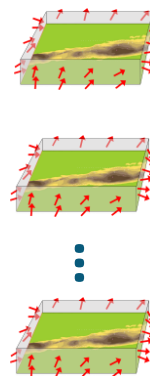
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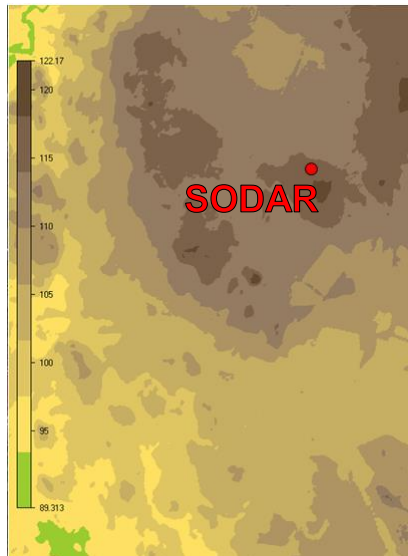
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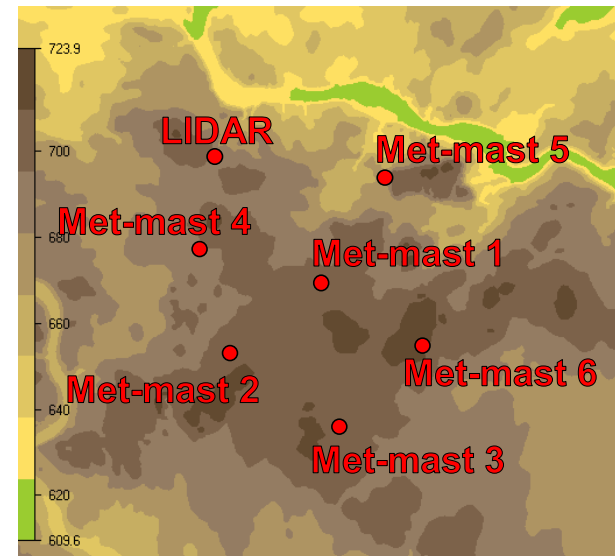
## Validation study – Validation sites

| Validation site     | Location      | Terrain        | Wind speed sensors   |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Honkajoki wind farm | Finland       | Flat, Forested | 1 SODAR<br>(50 to 200 m)                                       |
| Site 2              | North America | Flat           | 6 Met-mast<br>(20 m / 40 m / 60 m)<br>1 LIDAR<br>(40 to 180 m) |

### Honkajoki wind farm



### Site 2



## Validation study – Validation methodology

Honkajoki wind farm – Both methods are compared with the thermal stand-alone simulations:

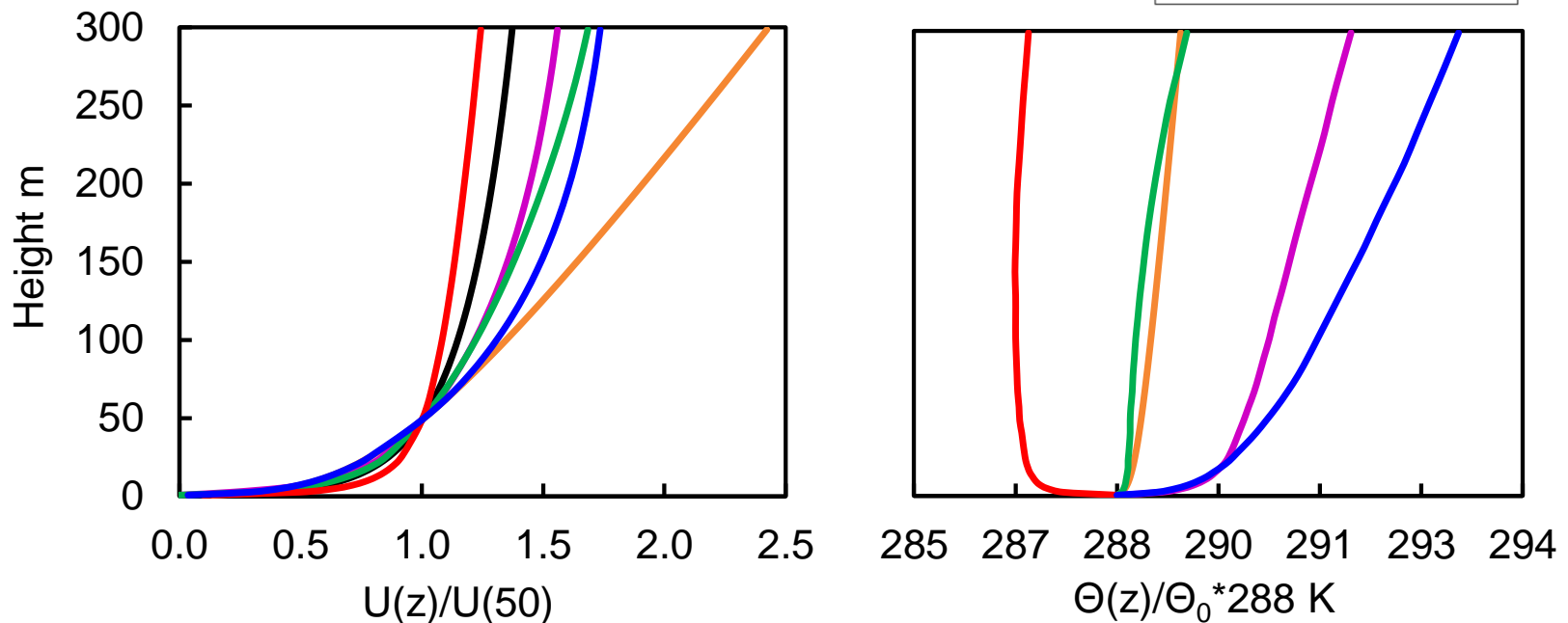
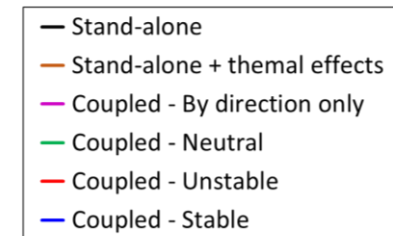
| Type of simulation                | Atmospheric stability  | Stand-alone Monin-Obukhov length (m) |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                   |                        | 0°                                   | 30° | 60° | 90° | 120° | 150° | 180° | 210° | 240° | 270° | 300° | 330° |
| By sector                         | <b>All stabilities</b> | 100                                  | 100 | 100 | 180 | 180  | 180  | 180  | 300  | 300  | 180  | 100  | 100  |
| By sector & atmospheric stability | <b>Unstable</b>        | -200                                 |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                   | <b>Neutral</b>         | Infinity                             |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                   | <b>Stable</b>          | 180                                  |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Site 2 – The first method is compared with default and thermal stand-alone simulations

| Atmospheric stability  | Stand-alone Monin-Obukhov length (m) |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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| <b>All stabilities</b> | 400                                  | 400 | 400 | Inf | 400  | 200  | 400  | 200  | 200  | 200  | Inf  | Inf  |
| <b>Neutral</b>         | Infinity                             |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

## Validation study – Boundary conditions

- The computed boundary conditions capture the **atmospheric stability**.
- Even when classifying the WRF only by direction, **the predominant atmospheric stability class (stable)** is captured.



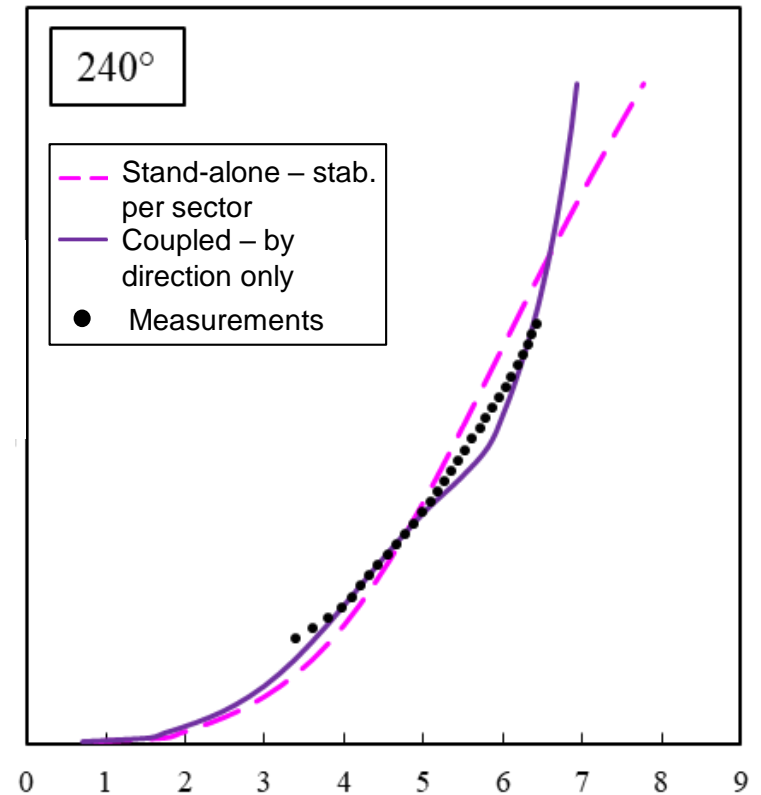
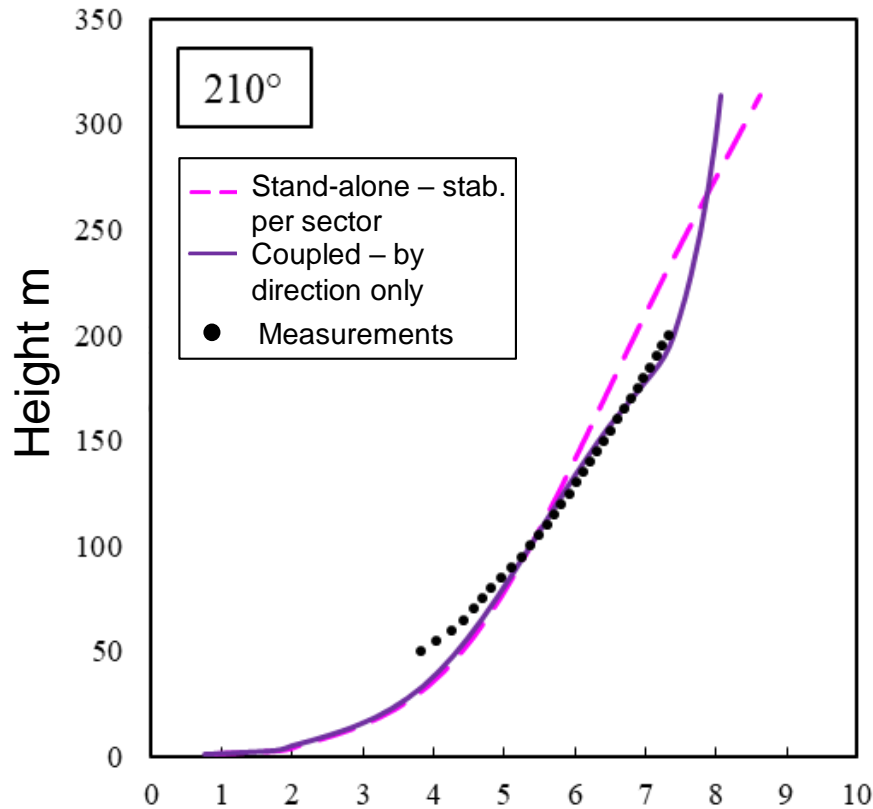
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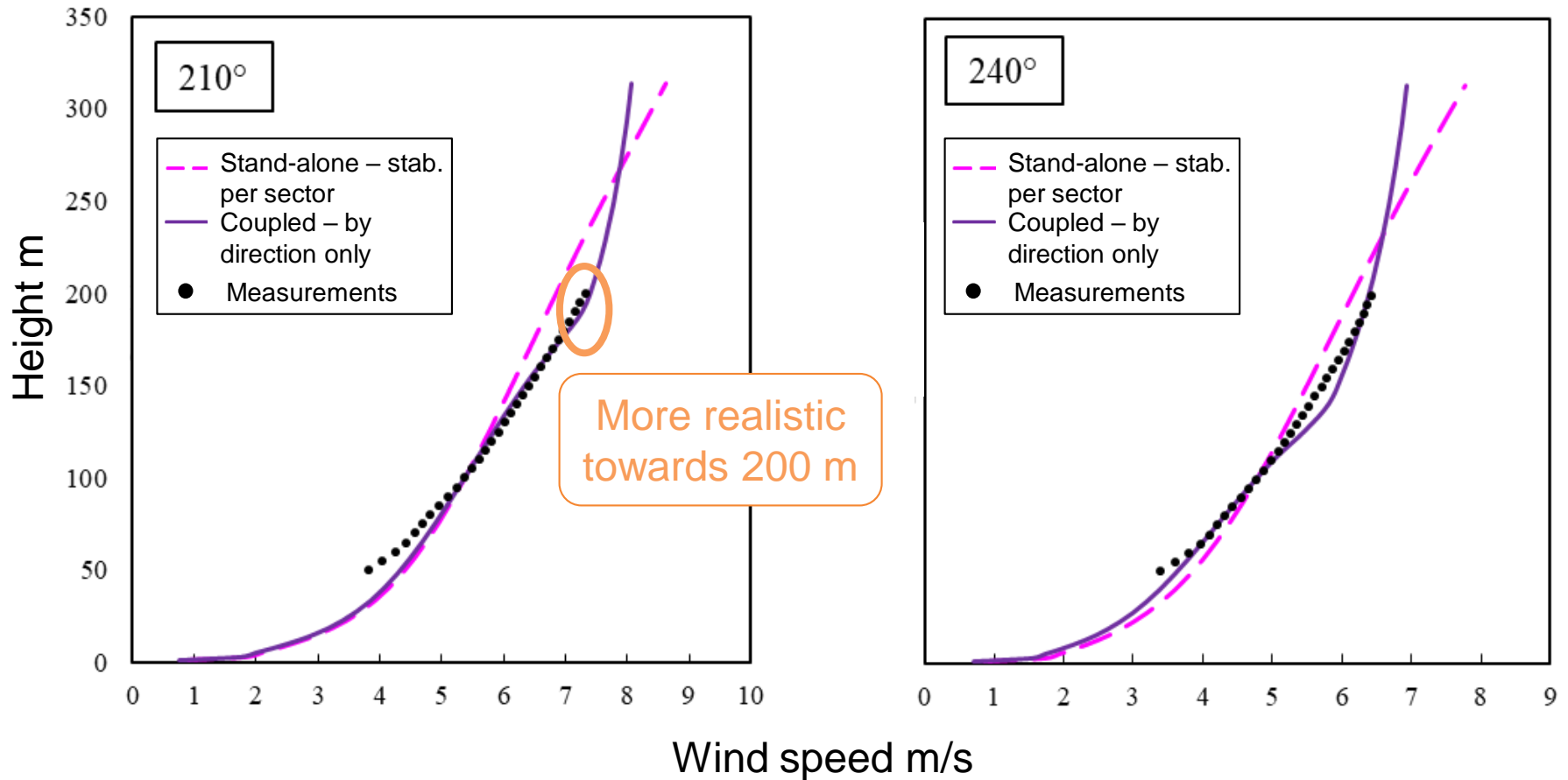
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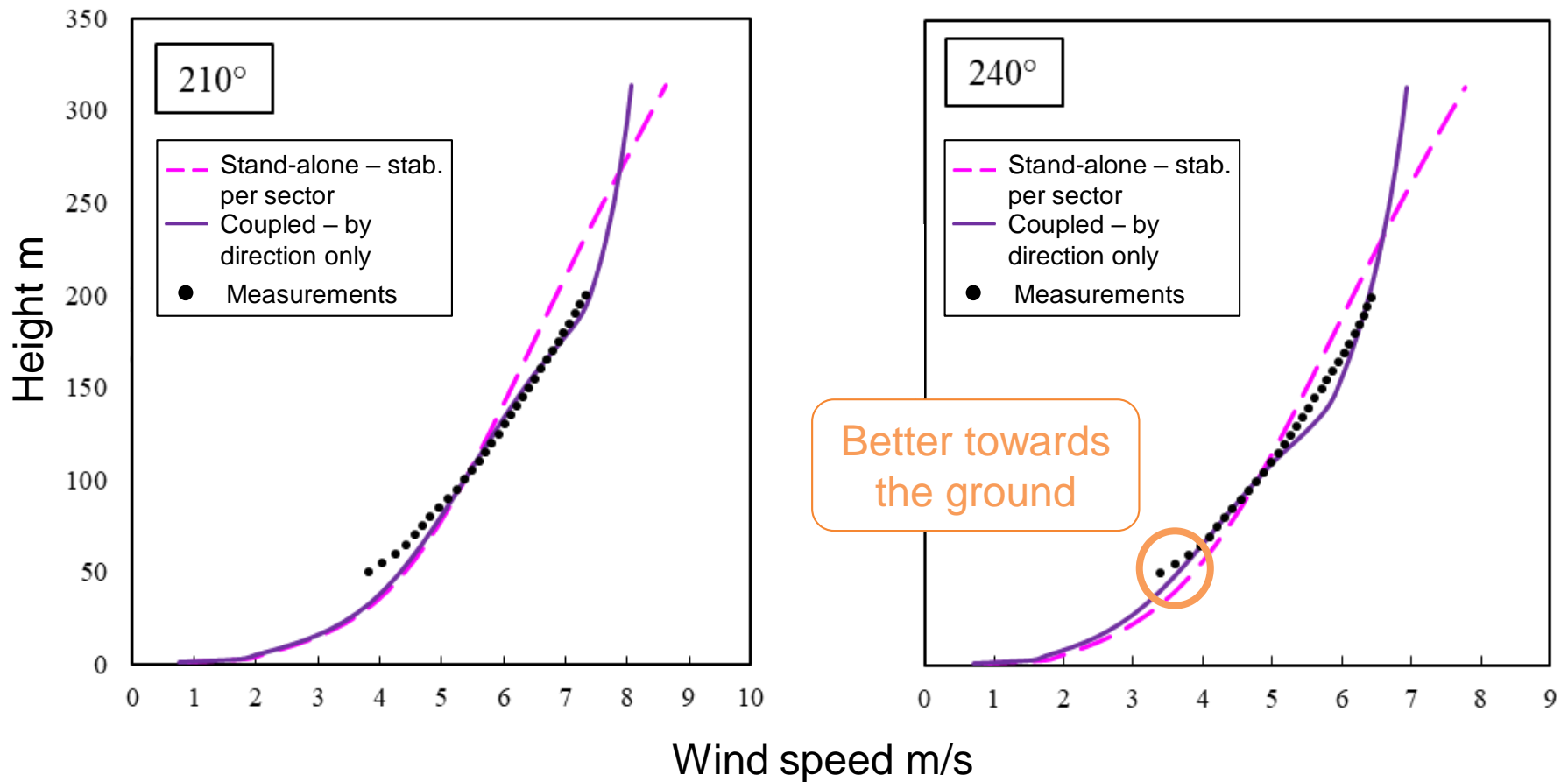
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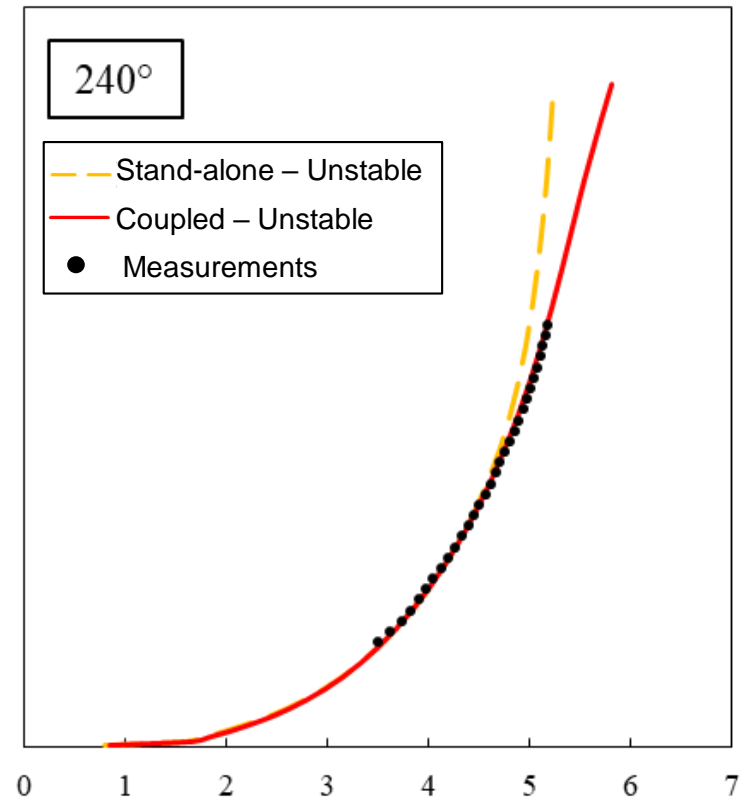
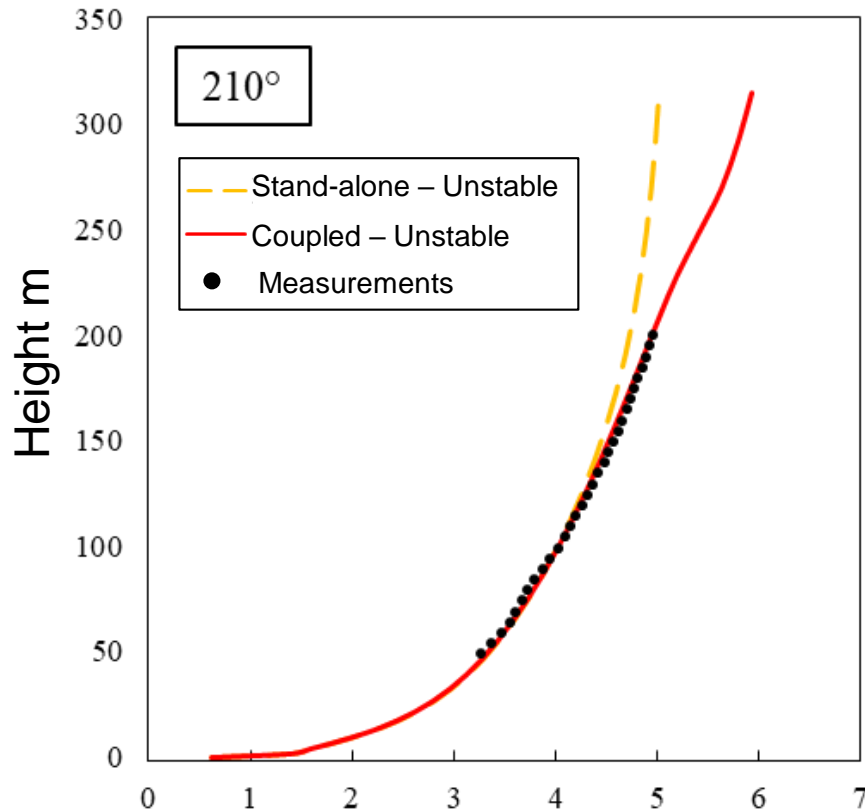
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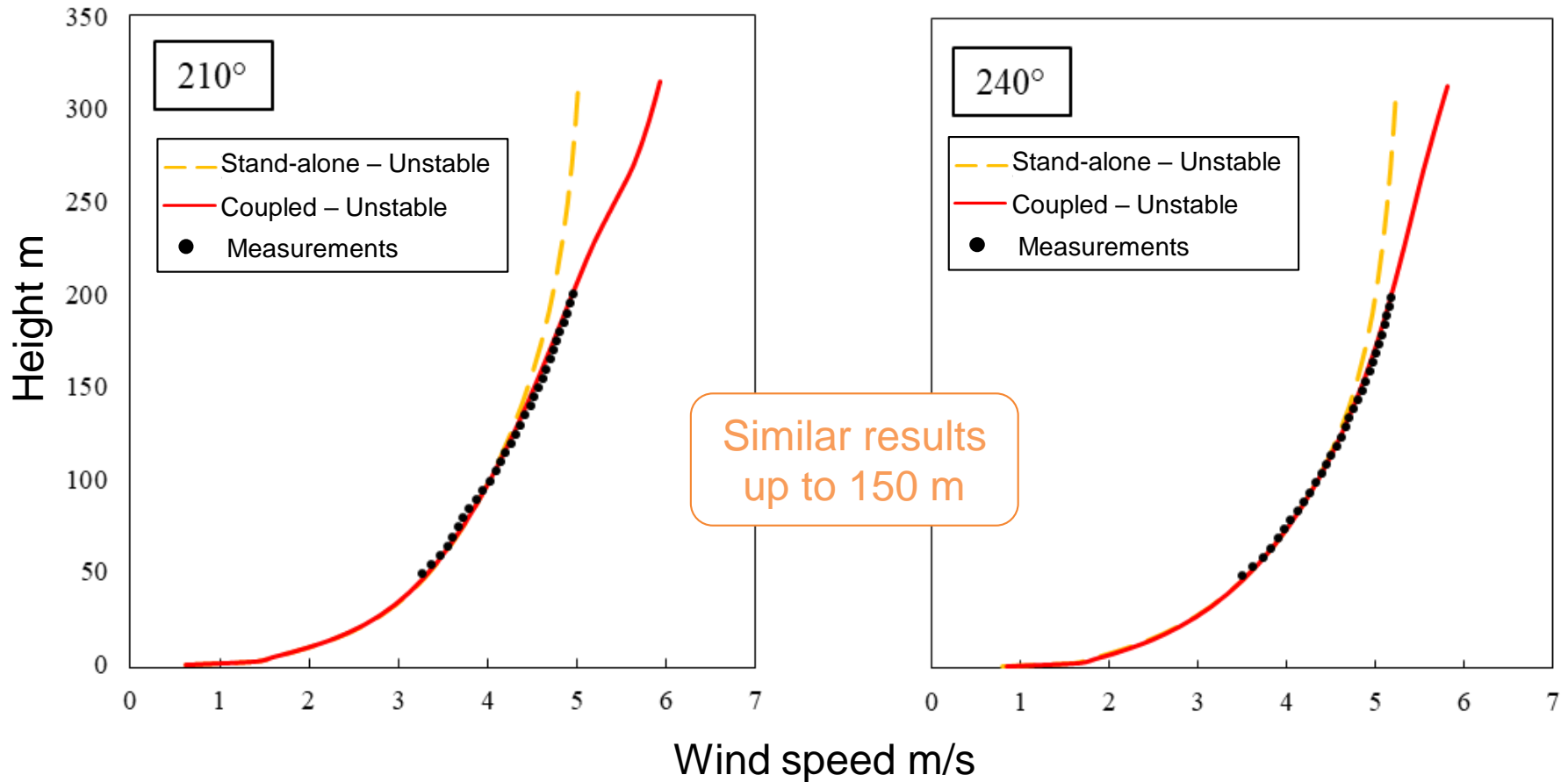
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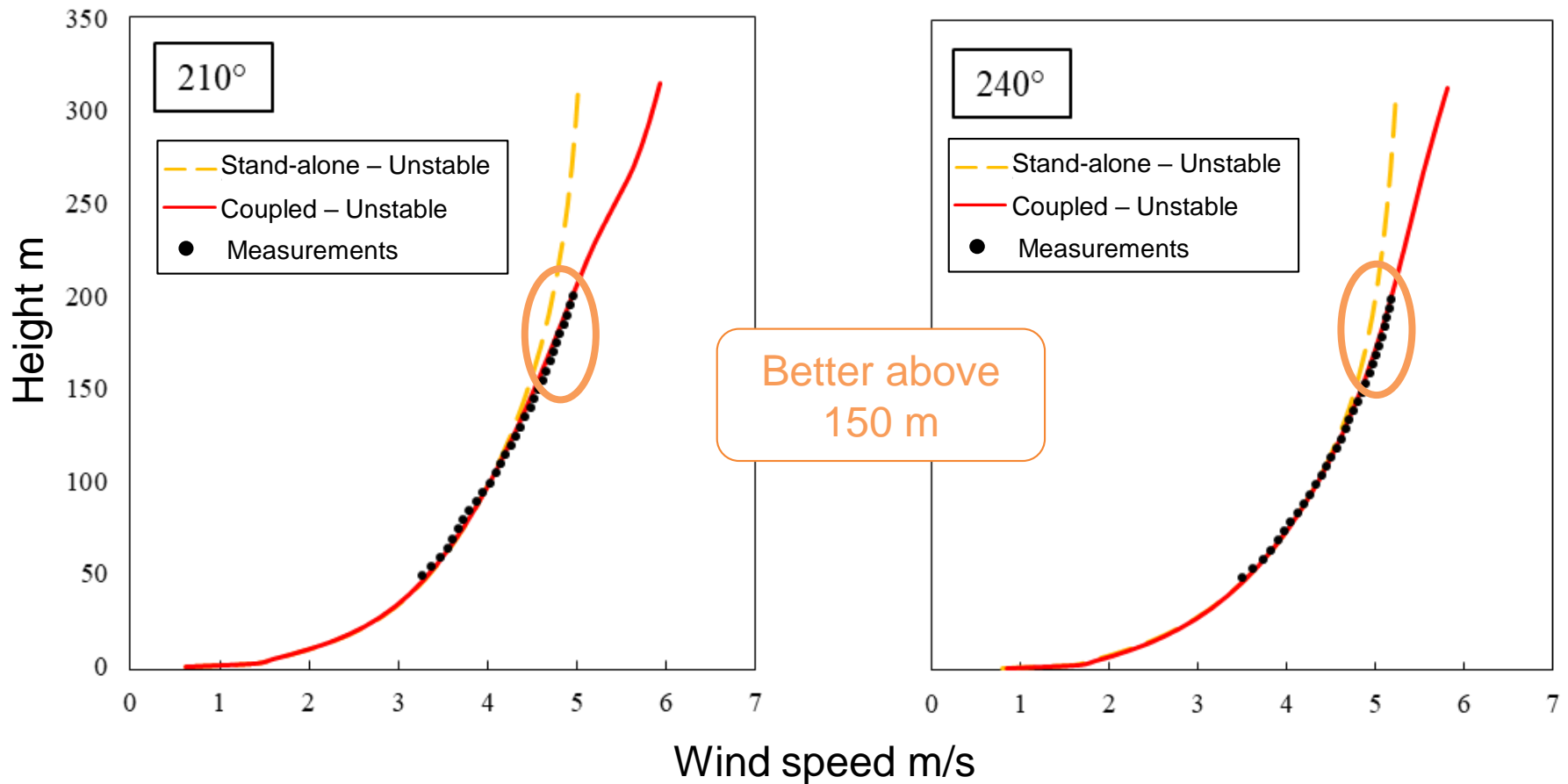
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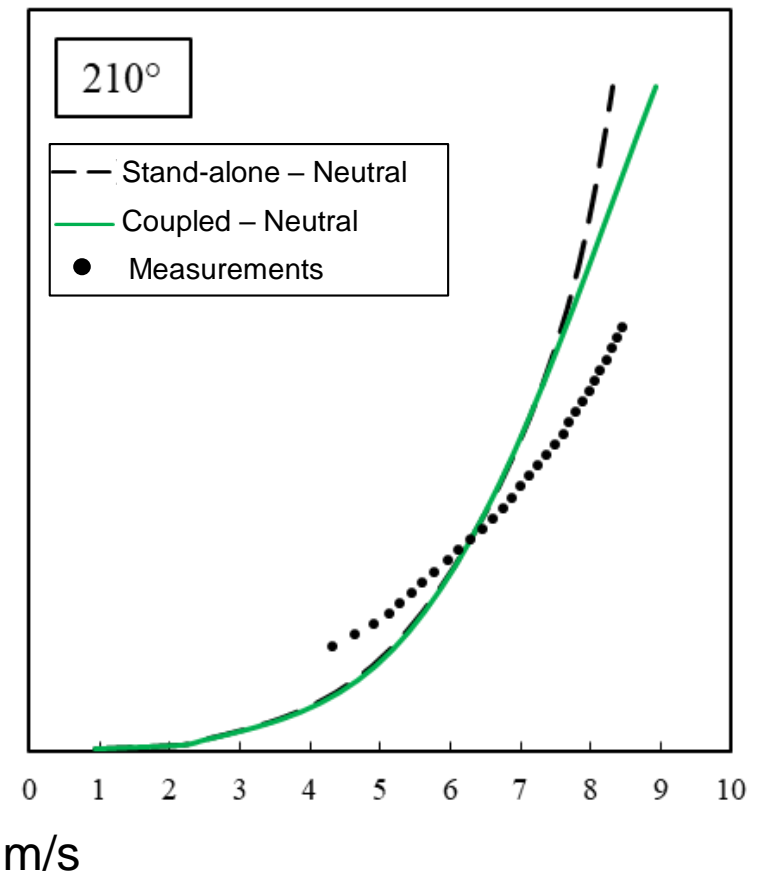
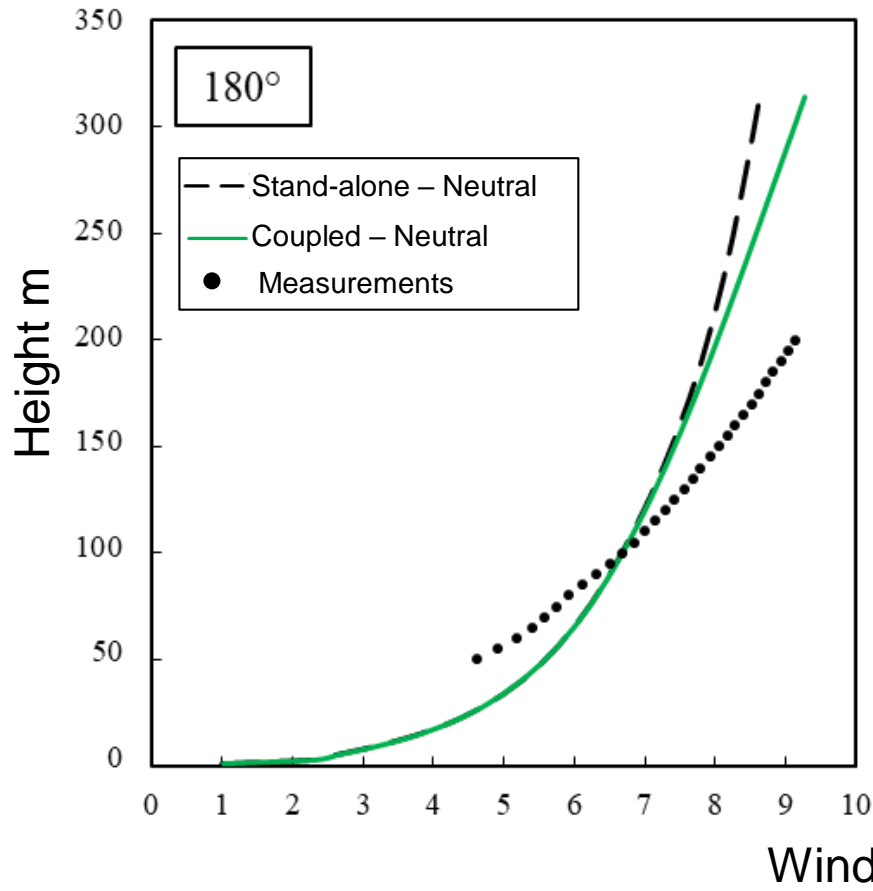
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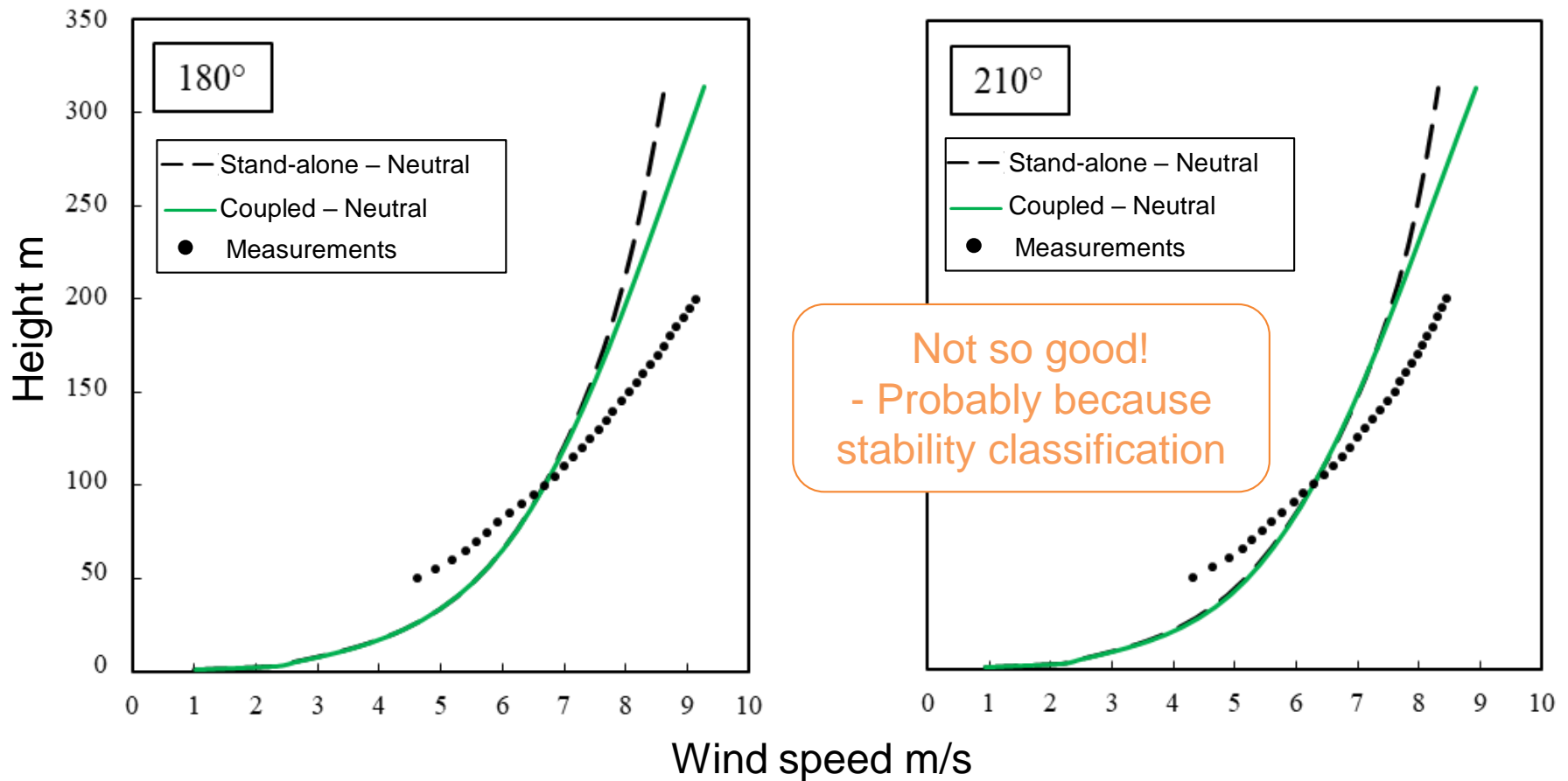
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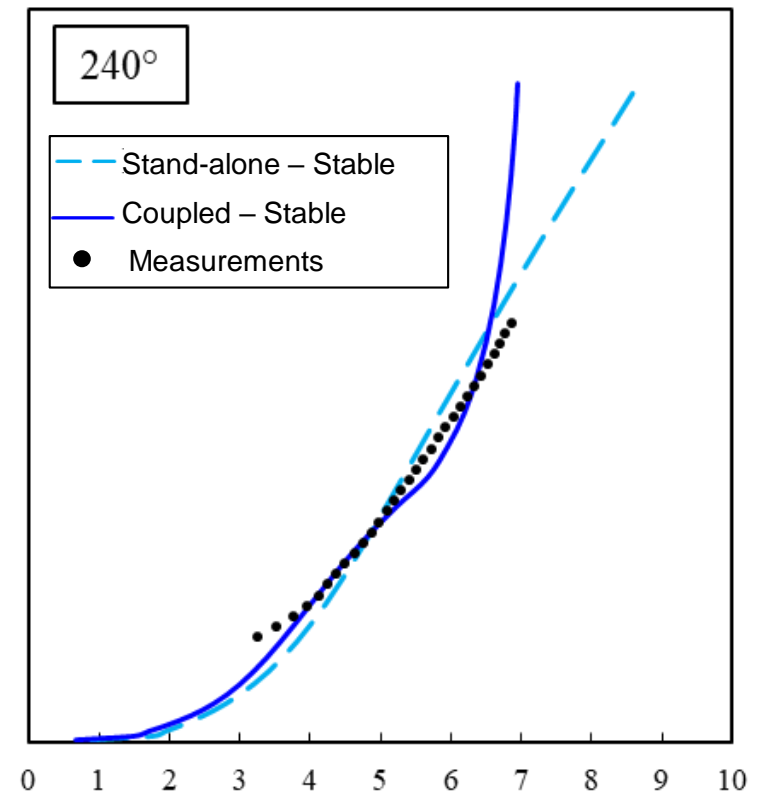
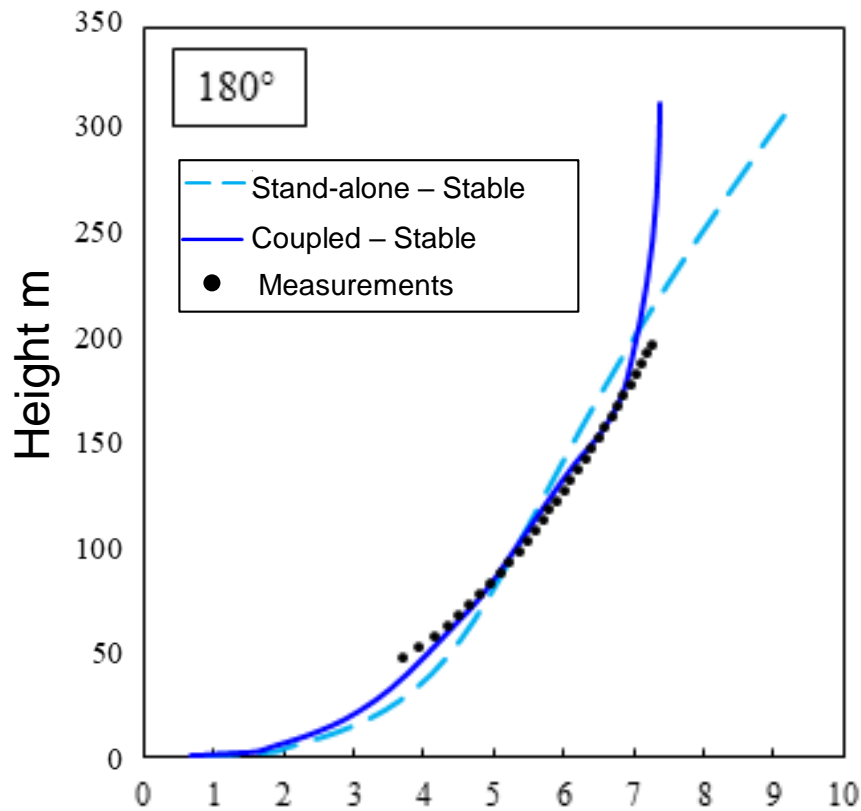
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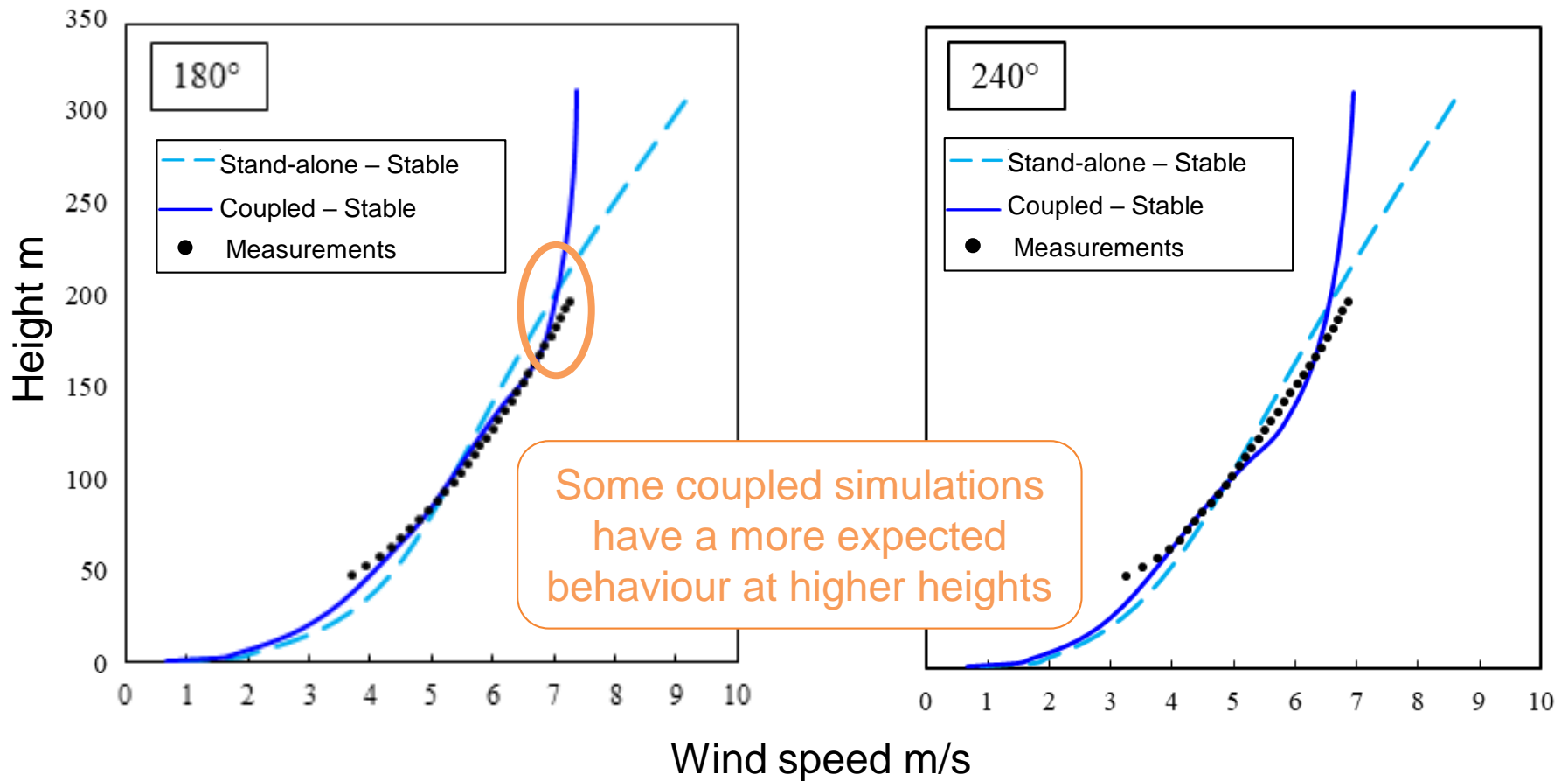
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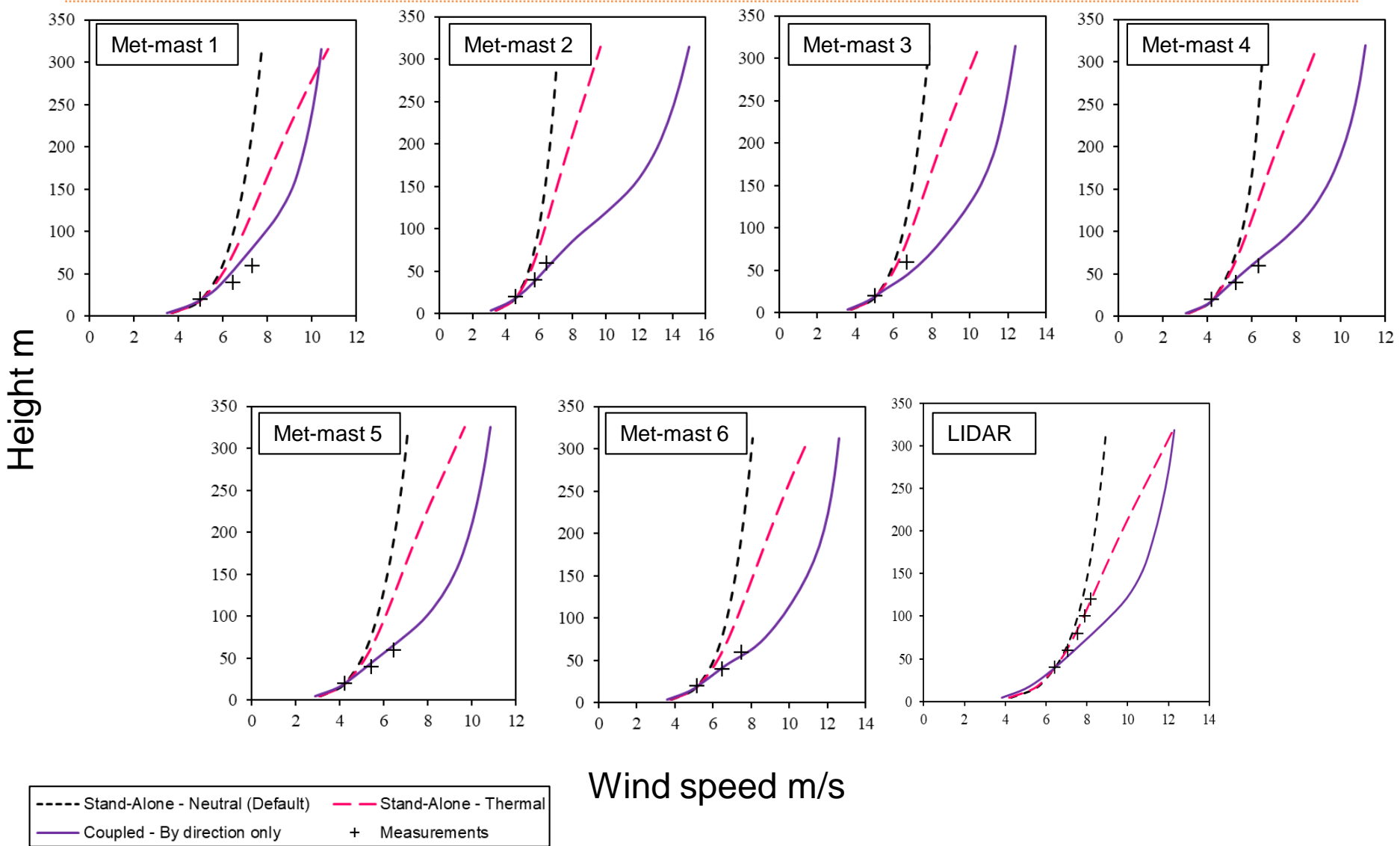


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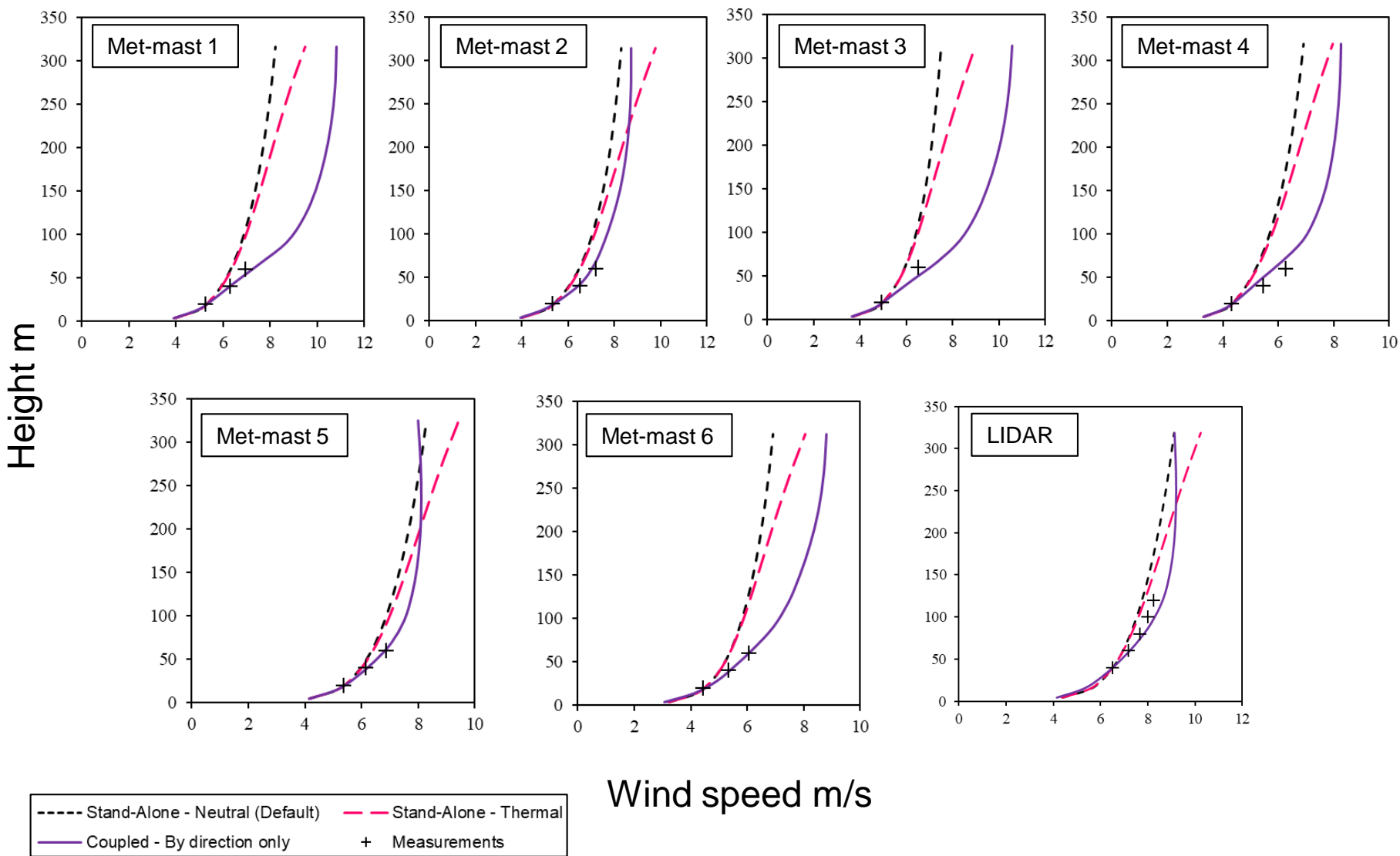
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# Validation study – Site 2 – Sector 270°



# Validation study – Site 2 – Sector 180°



- - - Stand-Alone - Neutral (Default)    - - - Stand-Alone - Thermal  
 — Coupled - By direction only        + Measurements

Wind speed m/s

# Validation study – Site 2 – Vertical cross-prediction error

## Stand-alone Neutral

| Ref.  | Targ. | Sectors |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|---------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|       |       | 0       | 30   | 60   | 90    | 120   | 150   | 180   | 210   | 240   | 270   | 300   | 330   |
| M1-20 | M1-40 | -1.9    | -6.4 | -2.9 | -0.8  | -5.1  | -10.5 | -6.2  | -9.7  | -13.3 | -13.0 | -8.4  | -5.0  |
| M1-20 | M1-60 | -2.9    | -8.2 | -4.7 | -2.1  | -8.5  | -15.8 | -10.1 | -14.5 | -19.3 | -18.2 | -11.5 | -6.8  |
| M1-40 | M1-20 | 2.1     | 7.3  | 2.6  | 1.1   | 5.2   | 11.5  | 6.8   | 10.2  | 13.1  | 16.0  | 9.6   | 5.4   |
| M1-40 | M1-60 | -0.8    | -2.3 | -1.7 | -1.5  | -3.7  | -6.0  | -3.8  | -5.4  | -6.1  | -6.6  | -3.7  | -1.9  |
| M1-60 | M1-20 | 3.4     | 9.2  | 4.6  | 2.8   | 9.6   | 18.2  | 11.0  | 16.3  | 19.0  | 23.0  | 15.9  | 7.9   |
| M1-60 | M1-40 | 0.8     | 2.3  | 2.1  | 1.6   | 4.0   | 6.3   | 3.8   | 5.9   | 5.7   | 6.8   | 4.6   | 2.0   |
| M2-20 | M2-40 | -6.5    | -6.0 | -4.9 | -0.8  | -3.8  | -6.3  | -8.0  | -9.5  | -12.0 | -10.2 | -10.1 | -9.0  |
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| M2-60 | M2-40 | 1.5     | 0.9  | 1.1  | 1.3   | 2.5   | 3.9   | 2.5   | 4.1   | 6.7   | 5.3   | 5.5   | 4.5   |
| M3-20 | M3-60 | 0.9     | -3.0 | -2.3 | -4.2  | -9.2  | -9.6  | -8.7  | -7.4  | -10.7 | -12.0 | -7.9  | -1.2  |
| M3-60 | M3-20 | -0.2    | 3.8  | 2.5  | 3.9   | 8.6   | 10.4  | 10.2  | 8.4   | 11.4  | 11.3  | 9.5   | 1.5   |
| M4-20 | M4-40 | -1.9    | -1.3 | -0.8 | -3.0  | -7.4  | -10.3 | -13.1 | -16.2 | -16.6 | -8.1  | -5.2  | -4.0  |
| M4-20 | M4-60 | -3.2    | -1.8 | -1.7 | -6.5  | -11.7 | -16.3 | -19.0 | -23.7 | -24.8 | -15.4 | -9.3  | -6.4  |
| M4-40 | M4-20 | 2.6     | 2.0  | 0.5  | 2.8   | 7.3   | 10.8  | 13.6  | 19.2  | 19.5  | 10.3  | 5.9   | 4.4   |
| M4-40 | M4-60 | -1.8    | -0.6 | -0.7 | -3.4  | -4.4  | -6.3  | -6.5  | -7.5  | -11.0 | -8.5  | -4.6  | -2.5  |
| M4-60 | M4-20 | 5.2     | 3.5  | 1.9  | 5.8   | 11.3  | 17.0  | 21.1  | 27.4  | 29.0  | 24.1  | 11.7  | 7.9   |
| M4-60 | M4-40 | 2.2     | 0.9  | 1.0  | 3.2   | 4.3   | 6.2   | 7.5   | 6.6   | 10.0  | 11.0  | 5.2   | 2.8   |
| M5-20 | M5-40 | 0.9     | 2.2  | 3.2  | 0.8   | 0.9   | -0.7  | -5.0  | -11.0 | -13.5 | -11.4 | -6.9  | -1.2  |
| M5-20 | M5-60 | -0.4    | 0.6  | 3.3  | 0.8   | 0.4   | -4.3  | -11.1 | -19.4 | -23.4 | -18.6 | -10.3 | -2.2  |
| M5-40 | M5-20 | -0.7    | -2.1 | -3.3 | -0.8  | -0.9  | 0.3   | 4.1   | 10.4  | 14.3  | 13.3  | 8.2   | 1.8   |
| M5-40 | M5-60 | -1.1    | -1.6 | 0.1  | -0.2  | -0.5  | -3.1  | -5.4  | -9.7  | -9.5  | -9.2  | -4.0  | -1.2  |
| M5-60 | M5-20 | 0.7     | -0.7 | -3.3 | -0.9  | -0.4  | 3.2   | 8.2   | 18.2  | 24.2  | 24.7  | 14.3  | 4.7   |
| M5-60 | M5-40 | 1.1     | 1.5  | 0.1  | 0.2   | 0.3   | 2.9   | 5.1   | 9.7   | 9.7   | 10.1  | 5.1   | 1.7   |
| M6-20 | M6-40 | -1.7    | -5.0 | -7.8 | -7.8  | -11.3 | -7.7  | -5.5  | -10.8 | -11.4 | -10.5 | -8.5  | -1.4  |
| M6-20 | M6-60 | -3.0    | -6.2 | -9.8 | -11.2 | -16.2 | -13.1 | -10.9 | -17.5 | -18.0 | -16.9 | -13.1 | -2.9  |
| M6-40 | M6-20 | 1.8     | 5.8  | 9.1  | 8.3   | 12.5  | 7.6   | 5.9   | 12.0  | 12.8  | 11.8  | 8.9   | 1.4   |
| M6-40 | M6-60 | -1.4    | -1.3 | -2.5 | -3.2  | -5.6  | -5.7  | -5.7  | -7.9  | -7.3  | -7.3  | -4.8  | -1.4  |
| M6-60 | M6-20 | 3.3     | 7.7  | 12.5 | 11.7  | 18.1  | 13.8  | 13.1  | 21.0  | 20.8  | 21.2  | 13.7  | 3.1   |
| M6-60 | M6-40 | 1.5     | 1.5  | 2.7  | 3.1   | 5.7   | 6.2   | 6.2   | 8.5   | 7.8   | 8.2   | 4.7   | 1.4   |

## Stand-alone thermal

| Ref.  | Targ. | Sectors |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|---------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|       |       | 0       | 30   | 60   | 90    | 120   | 150   | 180   | 210   | 240   | 270   | 300   | 330   |
| M1-20 | M1-40 | -1.7    | -5.3 | -1.9 | -0.8  | -5.3  | -10.6 | -6.0  | -8.3  | -11.5 | -11.6 | -8.3  | -5.0  |
| M1-20 | M1-60 | -2.5    | -6.2 | -2.9 | -2.1  | -8.8  | -15.8 | -9.7  | -12.1 | -16.1 | -15.7 | -11.3 | -6.8  |
| M1-40 | M1-20 | 1.9     | 6.1  | 1.5  | 1.1   | 5.4   | 11.6  | 6.5   | 8.5   | 10.7  | 14.2  | 9.5   | 5.4   |
| M1-40 | M1-60 | -0.7    | -1.4 | -0.9 | -1.5  | -3.8  | -5.9  | -3.6  | -4.2  | -4.4  | -5.2  | -3.6  | -1.9  |
| M1-60 | M1-20 | 3.1     | 6.9  | 2.7  | 2.8   | 10.0  | 18.2  | 10.5  | 13.0  | 14.4  | 19.3  | 15.8  | 7.9   |
| M1-60 | M1-40 | 0.7     | 1.3  | 1.2  | 1.6   | 4.1   | 6.3   | 3.6   | 4.5   | 3.8   | 5.3   | 4.5   | 2.0   |
| M2-20 | M2-40 | -6.3    | -5.0 | -3.9 | -0.8  | -4.0  | -6.6  | -8.0  | -8.2  | -10.4 | -9.0  | -10.1 | -9.0  |
| M2-20 | M2-60 | -7.5    | -4.7 | -4.0 | -1.4  | -5.9  | -9.9  | -10.8 | -10.6 | -14.7 | -12.7 | -14.6 | -13.3 |
| M2-40 | M2-20 | 7.1     | 6.6  | 3.3  | 1.0   | 4.4   | 7.3   | 8.5   | 8.9   | 12.2  | 9.5   | 10.6  | 10.1  |
| M2-40 | M2-60 | -1.1    | -0.7 | 0.0  | -0.6  | -2.3  | -3.6  | -2.5  | -2.8  | -4.9  | -4.0  | -4.9  | -4.5  |
| M2-60 | M2-20 | 9.1     | 5.1  | 2.7  | 3.9   | 7.4   | 11.8  | 10.7  | 11.3  | 18.4  | 13.9  | 16.3  | 14.8  |
| M2-60 | M2-40 | 1.3     | -0.2 | 0.1  | 1.3   | 2.6   | 4.0   | 2.3   | 2.6   | 5.0   | 4.0   | 5.4   | 4.5   |
| M3-20 | M3-60 | 1.7     | -1.3 | -0.2 | -4.2  | -9.6  | -10.5 | -8.5  | -4.9  | -7.5  | -9.2  | -7.8  | -1.2  |
| M3-60 | M3-20 | -0.9    | 2.1  | 0.4  | 3.9   | 9.1   | 11.5  | 10.0  | 5.6   | 7.6   | 7.8   | 9.4   | 1.5   |
| M4-20 | M4-40 | -1.8    | -0.2 | 0.4  | -2.9  | -7.4  | -10.2 | -12.8 | -14.2 | -14.5 | -7.3  | -5.2  | -4.0  |
| M4-20 | M4-60 | -3.0    | 0.2  | 0.6  | -6.4  | -11.7 | -16.0 | -18.5 | -20.2 | -21.3 | -13.9 | -9.3  | -6.4  |
| M4-40 | M4-20 | 2.4     | 1.0  | -0.7 | 2.8   | 7.4   | 10.6  | 13.2  | 16.4  | 16.7  | 9.4   | 5.9   | 4.4   |
| M4-40 | M4-60 | -1.7    | 0.3  | 0.4  | -3.4  | -4.4  | -6.1  | -6.2  | -5.5  | -9.2  | -7.7  | -4.6  | -2.5  |
| M4-60 | M4-20 | 4.9     | 1.5  | -0.4 | 5.8   | 11.4  | 16.6  | 20.3  | 21.8  | 23.4  | 22.0  | 11.6  | 7.9   |
| M4-60 | M4-40 | 2.1     | -0.1 | 0.0  | 3.2   | 4.3   | 6.0   | 7.2   | 4.4   | 7.8   | 10.0  | 5.2   | 2.8   |
| M5-20 | M5-40 | 0.9     | 3.8  | 4.3  | 0.8   | 0.8   | -0.4  | -4.6  | -9.2  | -11.0 | -9.6  | -6.7  | -1.2  |
| M5-20 | M5-60 | -0.2    | 3.1  | 5.3  | 0.8   | 0.3   | -3.7  | -10.4 | -16.3 | -19.3 | -15.8 | -9.9  | -2.2  |
| M5-40 | M5-20 | -0.8    | -3.6 | -4.4 | -0.8  | -0.7  | 0.0   | 3.6   | 8.2   | 11.2  | 11.1  | 8.0   | 1.8   |
| M5-40 | M5-60 | -1.0    | -0.7 | 0.9  | -0.1  | -0.4  | -2.9  | -5.1  | -8.2  | -7.3  | -7.9  | -3.9  | -1.2  |
| M5-60 | M5-20 | 0.5     | -3.1 | -5.1 | -0.9  | -0.3  | 2.5   | 7.4   | 14.1  | 17.9  | 20.6  | 13.9  | 4.7   |
| M5-60 | M5-40 | 1.0     | 0.6  | -0.7 | 0.2   | 0.3   | 2.6   | 4.7   | 7.9   | 7.1   | 8.5   | 5.0   | 1.7   |
| M6-20 | M6-40 | -1.3    | -4.3 | -7.1 | -7.8  | -11.7 | -8.1  | -5.4  | -9.5  | -9.7  | -8.8  | -8.4  | -1.4  |
| M6-20 | M6-60 | -2.2    | -4.7 | -8.7 | -11.1 | -16.7 | -13.5 | -10.7 | -15.2 | -14.9 | -13.9 | -12.9 | -2.9  |
| M6-40 | M6-20 | 1.4     | 5.0  | 8.3  | 8.3   | 12.9  | 8.1   | 5.7   | 10.4  | 10.6  | 9.7   | 8.7   | 1.4   |
| M6-40 | M6-60 | -1.0    | -0.6 | -2.0 | -3.2  | -5.7  | -5.7  | -5.6  | -6.6  | -5.7  | -5.8  | -4.7  | -1.4  |
| M6-60 | M6-20 | 2.4     | 6.1  | 11.0 | 11.7  | 18.8  | 14.3  | 12.8  | 17.7  | 16.5  | 17.0  | 13.5  | 3.1   |
| M6-60 | M6-40 | 1.1     | 0.8  | 2.2  | 3.0   | 5.8   | 6.2   | 6.0   | 7.0   | 6.0   | 6.4   | 4.6   | 1.4   |

## Coupled – By direction only

| Ref.  | Targ. | Sectors |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |       |       |      |      |
|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
|       |       | 0       | 30    | 60    | 90   | 120   | 150  | 180  | 210   | 240   | 270   | 300  | 330  |
| M1-20 | M1-40 | 6.5     | -4.5  | 0.0   | 4.3  | -1.0  | -6.2 | -0.1 | 2.8   | 2.7   | -7.4  | -2.7 | 1.7  |
| M1-20 | M1-60 | 12.8    | -2.0  | 1.8   | 6.6  | -1.9  | -6.6 | 2.8  | 6.2   | 3.7   | -9.5  | -0.3 | 5.1  |
| M1-40 | M1-20 | -6.0    | 5.3   | -0.4  | -3.8 | 0.9   | 6.4  | 0.6  | -2.3  | -5.0  | 8.9   | 3.1  | -1.6 |
| M1-40 | M1-60 | 6.1     | 2.1   | 2.0   | 2.1  | -0.9  | -0.4 | 3.1  | 3.2   | 2.0   | -2.9  | 2.1  | 3.3  |
| M1-60 | M1-20 | -10.7   | 2.5   | -2.1  | -5.6 | 2.2   | 6.6  | -1.9 | -4.5  | -9.3  | 11.1  | 2.9  | -4.4 |
| M1-60 | M1-40 | -5.7    | -2.2  | -1.6  | -2.0 | 1.1   | 0.5  | -3.0 | -2.9  | -3.1  | 2.8   | -1.3 | -3.2 |
| M2-20 | M2-40 | -3.4    | -0.1  | 0.1   | 0.8  | -0.9  | -2.1 | -2.3 | 10.2  | 7.1   | -0.6  | -6.0 | -4.9 |
| M2-20 | M2-60 | -1.2    | 9.1   | 6.1   | 2.2  | 0.0   | -1.5 | -3.3 | 17.9  | 14.5  | 2.5   | -6.3 | -5.3 |
| M2-40 | M2-20 | 3.9     | 1.3   | -0.8  | -0.6 | 1.1   | 2.3  | 2.5  | -5.4  | -8.4  | 0.2   | 5.8  | 5.3  |
| M2-40 | M2-60 | 2.4     | 8.1   | 6.1   | 1.5  | 0.6   | 0.6  | -0.6 | 2.8   | 7.9   | 3.3   | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| M2-60 | M2-20 | 2.2     | -8.4  | -7.1  | 0.2  | 1.0   | 2.2  | 2.9  | -6.1  | -16.8 | -3.6  | 5.9  | 5.1  |
| M2-60 | M2-40 | -2.3    | -8.4  | -5.7  | -0.8 | -0.4  | -0.3 | 0.4  | -1.8  | -8.2  | -3.6  | 0.4  | 0.0  |
| M3-20 | M3-60 | 7.7     | 6.1   | 4.0   | -1.5 | -3.8  | 6.4  | 7.3  | 12.6  | 8.3   | 8.8   | 1.9  | 4.2  |
| M3-60 | M3-20 | -6.4    | -5.1  | -3.6  | 1.1  | 2.7   | -6.2 | -6.2 | -11.2 | -7.7  | -10.0 | -0.4 | -3.8 |
| M4-20 | M4-40 | 1.2     | 6.2   | 1.2   | -0.7 | -5.7  | -4.6 | -8.1 | -7.7  | -3.4  | -1.4  | -1.4 | 0.6  |
| M4-20 | M4-60 | 0.9     | 14.5  | 4.7   | -1.4 | -7.8  | -4.7 | -9.7 | -10.1 | 3.5   | -1.1  | -2.8 | 2.2  |
| M4-40 | M4-20 | -0.7    | -5.6  | -1.5  | 0.5  | 5.4   | 4.1  | 7.7  | 8.6   | 2.8   | 2.9   | 1.8  | -0.4 |
| M4-40 | M4-60 | -0.6    | 7.9   | 3.7   | -0.6 | -2.0  | 0.3  | -1.1 | -1.8  | 6.2   | -0.5  | -1.8 | 1.8  |
| M4-60 | M4-20 | 0.8     | -11.8 | -4.6  | 0.4  | 6.6   | 2.8  | 8.3  | 11.1  | -8.1  | 6.6   | 4.4  | -1.7 |
| M4-60 | M4-40 | 1.1     | -7.1  | -3.4  | 0.2  | 1.7   | -0.7 | 1.2  | 1.5   | -8.4  | 2.1   | 2.2  | -1.9 |
| M5-20 | M5-40 | 13.0    | 25.5  | 12.2  | 4.7  | 4.8   | 4.3  | -1.7 | -1.1  | -2.9  | -3.4  | -1.0 | 4.5  |
| M5-20 | M5-60 | 23.9    | 47.9  | 19.8  | 5.9  | 7.4   | 5.6  | -5.0 | -1.1  | -3.6  | -3.3  | 1.4  | 9.5  |
| M5-40 | M5-20 | -12.4   | -30.5 | -10.5 | -4.7 | -4.7  | -4.5 | 0.6  | 0.9   | 1.5   | 4.0   | 1.8  | -3.5 |
| M5-40 | M5-60 | 10.7    | 27.3  | 6.1   | 1.1  | 2.7   | 1.8  | -2.5 | -1.9  | 1.9   | -1.1  | 1.9  | 4.5  |
| M5-60 | M5-20 | -20.3   | -51.3 | -15.8 | -5.9 | -7.3  | -6.6 | 1.4  | 1.5   | -2.9  | 4.9   | 1.2  | -5.9 |
| M5-60 | M5-40 | -9.5    | -24.4 | -5.7  | -1.1 | -2.8  | -2.1 | 2.0  | 2.1   | -3.0  | 1.0   | -1.0 | -3.8 |
| M6-20 | M6-40 | 2.9     | 5.1   | -4.6  | -6.4 | -8.3  | -3.0 | 0.9  | 0.0   | 5.2   | -1.9  | -5.0 | 2.5  |
| M6-20 | M6-60 | 7.7     | 11.6  | -3.4  | -8.1 | -10.7 | -5.1 | 0.2  | 2.6   | 7.8   | 2.5   | -7.1 | 4.6  |
| M6-40 | M6-20 | -2.7    | -4.4  | 5.4   | 6.6  | 8.7   | 2.5  | -0.7 | 0.2   | -4.9  | 1.9   | 4.8  | -2.5 |
| M6-40 | M6-60 | 4.6     | 6.1   | 1.0   | -1.4 | -2.7  | -1.9 | -0.8 | 2.3   | 2.6   | 4.3   | -2.0 | 2.2  |
| M6-60 | M6-20 | -6.8    | -9.6  | 4.7   | 7.9  | 10.7  | 4.1  | 1.0  | -2.4  | -8.1  | -2.1  | 6.1  | -4.3 |
| M6-60 | M6-40 | -4.2    | -5.6  | -0.9  |      |       |      |      |       |       |       |      |      |

# Validation study – Site 2 – Vertical cross-prediction error

## Stand-alone Neutral

## Stand-alone thermal

## Coupled – By direction only

| Ref.  | Targ. | Sectors |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |
|-------|-------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
|       |       | 0       | 30   | 60   | 90   | 120  | 150  | 180  | 210   | 240   | 270  | 300  | 330  |
| 100 m | 40 m  | -0.8    | -2.5 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.8 | -3.6 | -3.5 | -6.3  | -4.9  | -2.1 | 0.5  | 0.6  |
| 100 m | 60 m  | -1.0    | -3.2 | -1.3 | -1.9 | -3.1 | -5.9 | -5.6 | -10.3 | -8.2  | -3.5 | 0.7  | 1.2  |
| 100 m | 80 m  | -1.5    | -4.5 | -1.9 | -2.6 | -3.9 | -6.9 | -6.5 | -12.0 | -10.1 | -4.3 | 0.8  | 1.2  |
| 100 m | 120 m | -1.9    | -5.7 | -2.8 | -3.4 | -3.7 | -7.0 | -6.2 | -12.2 | -10.6 | -4.8 | 0.7  | 0.8  |
| 120 m | 40 m  | 0.7     | 2.8  | 1.1  | 0.7  | 1.8  | 3.8  | 3.6  | 5.8   | 5.5   | 2.3  | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| 120 m | 60 m  | -0.2    | -0.8 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -1.3 | -2.2 | -1.9 | -3.9  | -4.2  | -1.6 | 0.1  | 0.5  |
| 120 m | 80 m  | -0.8    | -1.9 | -1.0 | -1.2 | -2.3 | -3.4 | -2.6 | -5.8  | -6.6  | -2.6 | 0.0  | 0.5  |
| 120 m | 100 m | -1.5    | -3.1 | -1.9 | -2.1 | -2.5 | -3.8 | -2.5 | -6.5  | -7.4  | -3.2 | -0.1 | 0.1  |
| 40 m  | 60 m  | 0.8     | 4.0  | 1.6  | 0.5  | 3.1  | 6.0  | 5.9  | 8.8   | 10.4  | 4.0  | 0.1  | -0.1 |
| 40 m  | 80 m  | 0.0     | 1.1  | 0.4  | 0.0  | 1.2  | 2.3  | 2.0  | 3.4   | 4.7   | 1.7  | 0.0  | -0.3 |
| 40 m  | 100 m | -0.8    | -1.3 | -0.8 | -0.5 | -1.2 | -1.3 | -0.7 | -1.7  | -3.0  | -1.1 | -0.2 | 0.0  |
| 40 m  | 120 m | -1.9    | -2.4 | -1.7 | -1.2 | -1.9 | -1.8 | -0.8 | -2.0  | -4.7  | -1.8 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| 60 m  | 40 m  | 1.4     | 4.5  | 2.9  | 0.2  | 3.6  | 7.5  | 7.0  | 9.5   | 13.2  | 5.0  | 0.9  | 0.3  |
| 60 m  | 80 m  | 0.6     | 1.9  | 1.5  | 0.1  | 1.9  | 3.9  | 2.9  | 4.3   | 7.5   | 3.0  | 0.6  | -0.1 |
| 60 m  | 100 m | 0.7     | 1.2  | 0.9  | 0.2  | 1.0  | 1.6  | 0.7  | 1.4   | 3.1   | 1.2  | 0.4  | 0.1  |
| 60 m  | 120 m | -1.2    | -1.2 | -1.0 | -0.6 | -0.9 | -0.9 | 0.0  | -0.5  | -2.0  | -0.9 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| 80 m  | 40 m  | 2.5     | 4.0  | 4.0  | 0.1  | 3.8  | 7.6  | 7.1  | 8.7   | 12.9  | 5.8  | 1.4  | 0.8  |
| 80 m  | 60 m  | 1.7     | 2.1  | 2.5  | 0.2  | 2.6  | 4.6  | 3.0  | 4.0   | 8.1   | 4.0  | 0.9  | 0.4  |
| 80 m  | 100 m | 1.9     | 2.0  | 1.9  | 0.5  | 1.9  | 2.6  | 0.7  | 1.3   | 4.5   | 2.2  | 0.7  | 0.5  |
| 80 m  | 120 m | 1.2     | 1.2  | 1.0  | 0.4  | 1.0  | 1.1  | -0.1 | 0.3   | 2.0   | 1.0  | 0.4  | 0.3  |

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|-------|-------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|       |       | 0       | 30   | 60   | 90   | 120  | 150  | 180  | 210  | 240  | 270  | 300  | 330  |
| 100 m | 40 m  | 0.3     | 1.9  | -0.3 | 0.2  | 3.4  | 6.2  | 5.7  | 3.0  | 8.0  | 1.2  | 0.9  | 0.3  |
| 100 m | 60 m  | -0.4    | 0.1  | -0.7 | 0.1  | 1.8  | 3.0  | 2.1  | 0.1  | 4.2  | 0.3  | 0.6  | -0.1 |
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| 100 m | 120 m | -0.4    | -0.2 | 0.1  | -0.6 | -0.7 | -0.3 | 0.5  | 1.6  | -0.3 | 0.7  | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| 120 m | 40 m  | 0.6     | 0.4  | -0.4 | 0.1  | 3.5  | 5.7  | 5.4  | 0.2  | 5.9  | 0.3  | 1.4  | 0.8  |
| 120 m | 60 m  | -0.1    | -0.6 | -0.7 | 0.2  | 2.3  | 3.1  | 1.7  | -2.3 | 3.0  | -0.4 | 0.9  | 0.4  |
| 120 m | 80 m  | 0.4     | 0.1  | -0.3 | 0.5  | 1.7  | 1.5  | -0.2 | -2.8 | 1.1  | -0.9 | 0.6  | 0.5  |
| 120 m | 100 m | 0.4     | 0.2  | -0.1 | 0.4  | 0.9  | 0.5  | -0.6 | -1.8 | 0.3  | -0.6 | 0.4  | 0.3  |
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| 40 m  | 80 m  | -0.5    | -1.6 | 0.8  | -1.9 | -3.0 | -5.2 | -4.9 | -6.6 | -5.4 | -1.3 | 0.8  | 1.2  |
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| 60 m  | 80 m  | 0.2     | 0.1  | 0.8  | -0.4 | -1.2 | -1.8 | -1.5 | -1.9 | -2.7 | -0.4 | 0.2  | 0.5  |
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| 80 m  | 120 m | -0.5    | -0.6 | 0.5  | -1.2 | -1.6 | -0.8 | 0.2  | 2.2  | -1.5 | 1.2  | -0.4 | -0.3 |

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|       |       | 0       | 30   | 60   | 90    | 120  | 150   | 180  | 210  | 240  | 270   | 300   | 330   |
| 100 m | 40 m  | -0.6    | -0.7 | 2.9  | 2.1   | 0.3  | -0.1  | 0.3  | 2.2  | 1.4  | 4.1   | 4.8   | 5.1   |
| 100 m | 60 m  | -1.4    | -0.7 | 6.0  | 5.2   | 1.7  | 2.7   | 0.4  | 1.4  | 1.8  | 10.1  | 9.8   | 9.4   |
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| 120 m | 60 m  | -0.8    | 0.1  | 3.0  | 3.4   | 1.4  | 3.0   | 0.4  | -0.5 | -0.4 | 5.7   | 4.6   | 4.1   |
| 120 m | 80 m  | -1.5    | -0.3 | 4.6  | 6.6   | 3.6  | 7.4   | 0.6  | -1.2 | -0.4 | 12.0  | 9.5   | 7.6   |
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| 40 m  | 80 m  | 0.8     | 0.3  | -2.9 | -3.7  | -1.5 | -3.1  | -0.5 | -0.1 | 0.9  | -5.4  | -4.3  | -3.9  |
| 40 m  | 100 m | -1.0    | -0.5 | 1.5  | 3.4   | 2.0  | 4.3   | 0.4  | -0.5 | -0.7 | 6.0   | 4.5   | 3.5   |
| 40 m  | 120 m | -1.6    | -0.8 | 1.8  | 6.0   | 5.0  | 8.6   | 0.5  | -0.3 | -0.9 | 12.0  | 9.5   | 6.9   |
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| 60 m  | 120 m | -0.7    | -0.3 | 0.3  | 2.7   | 2.7  | 3.9   | 0.3  | -0.1 | -0.7 | 5.4   | 4.6   | 3.3   |
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## Conclusions of the validation study

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- The proposed MMC methodology **captures the average atmospheric stability** of the site by producing more realistic boundary conditions. This resulted in an **overall improvement** of the modelled vertical wind speed profiles
- The coupled simulations have **more realistic wind speeds at higher heights** compared to analytical profiles.
- Results depend on **proper WRF modeling** (rubbish in, rubbish out)

## Conclusions of the validation study – Follow up study

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- Further validation study:
  - Understand the physics behind the differences of coupled and stand-alone simulations
  - Study of horizontal wind flow patterns
  
- Test of the methodology in complex terrain

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# Future work: A new approach

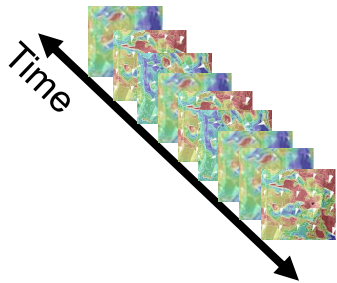
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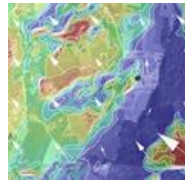
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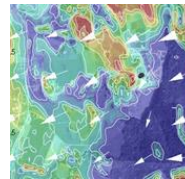
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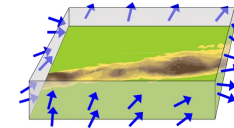
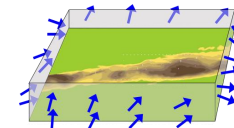
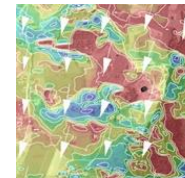


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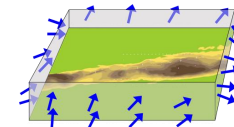


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