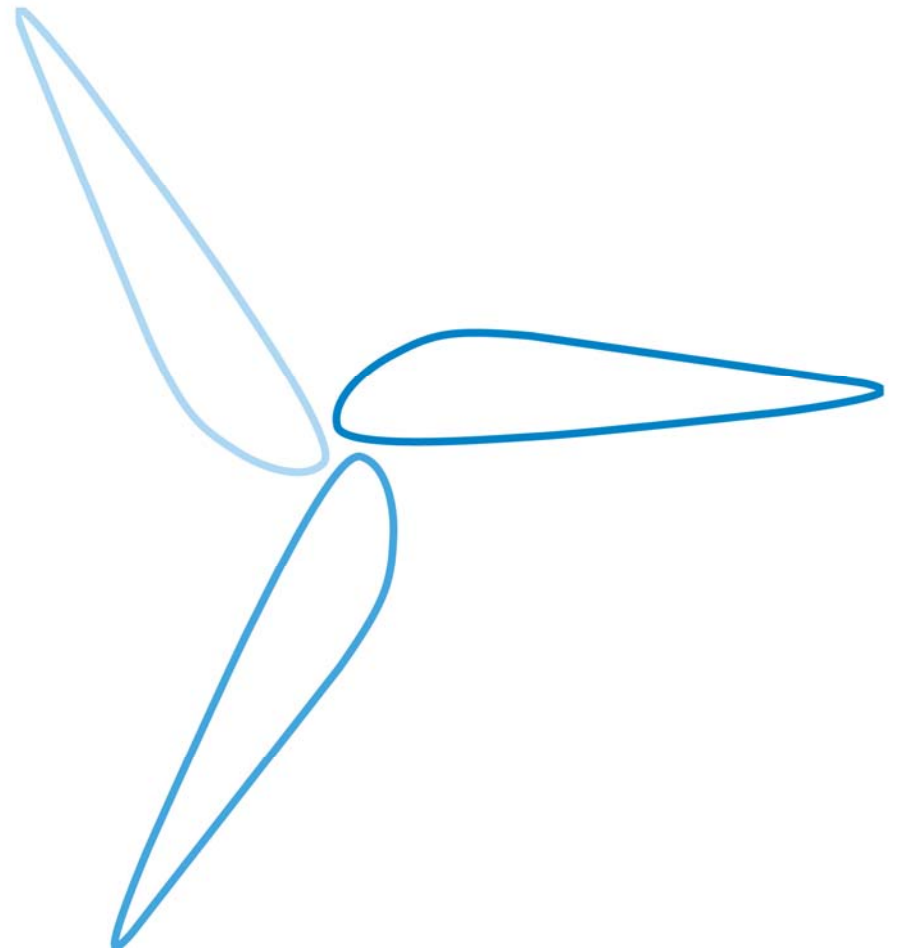


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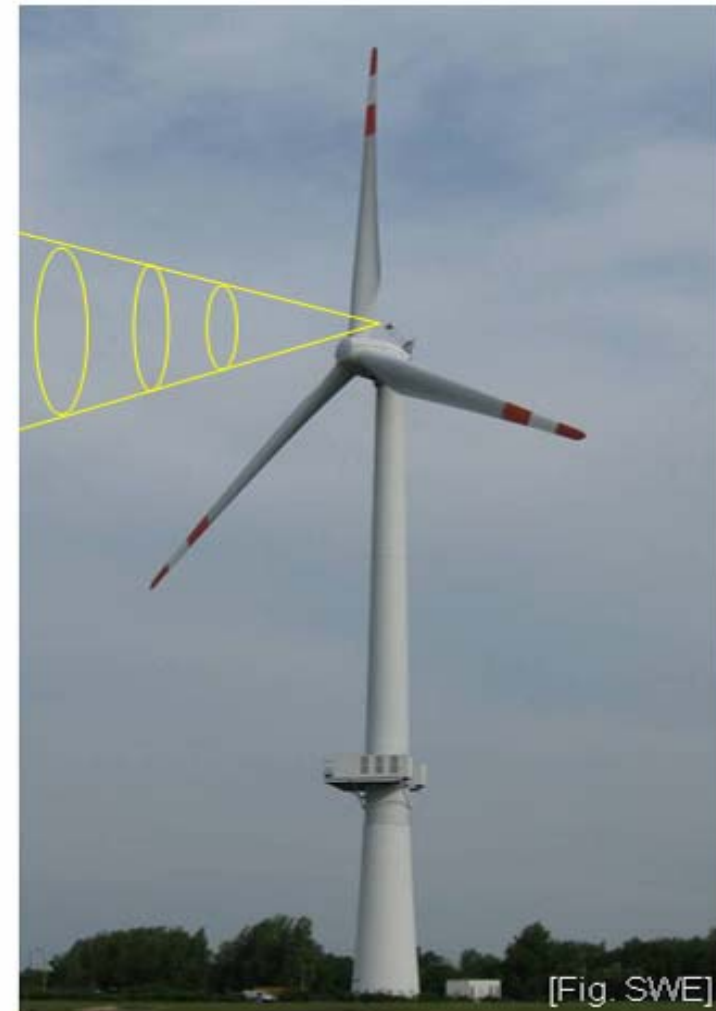
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# University of Stuttgart

## University of Stuttgart

- founded 1829, 19,897 students (WS 2008/09), ~ 65% engineering
- high share of third-party funding
- excellent regional R&D and industrial infrastructure
- 3.9% gross domestic product for R&D in federal state of Baden-Württemberg

## Faculty of Aerospace Engineering & Geodesy

- 1700 students, 14 full chairs, 13 institutes

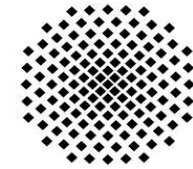
### Institute of Aircraft Construction (IFB) [www.ifb.uni-stuttgart.de](http://www.ifb.uni-stuttgart.de)

- Aircraft Construction & Fibre Reinforced Plastics (Prof. Drechsler)
- Aircraft Design, UAV (Prof. Voit-Nitschmann)
- Endowed Chair of Wind Energy Stuttgart (SWE) (A. Rettenmeier)
- Structures & Design (N.N., located at DLR)

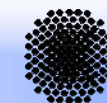
### Institute of Aerodynamics and Gas Dynamics (IAG) [iag.uni-stuttgart.de](http://iag.uni-stuttgart.de)

2 of 9 research groups active in wind energy:

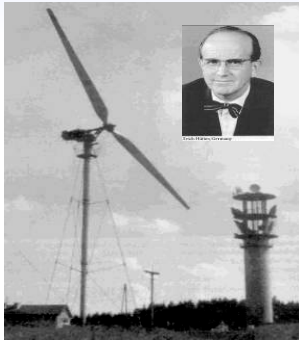
- Laminar Wind Tunnel (Würz)
- Aircraft Aerodynamics (Lutz)



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# Wind Research at University of Stuttgart



## Tradition

Ulrich Hütter: pioneer work on wind turbine design and GRP use (IFB)

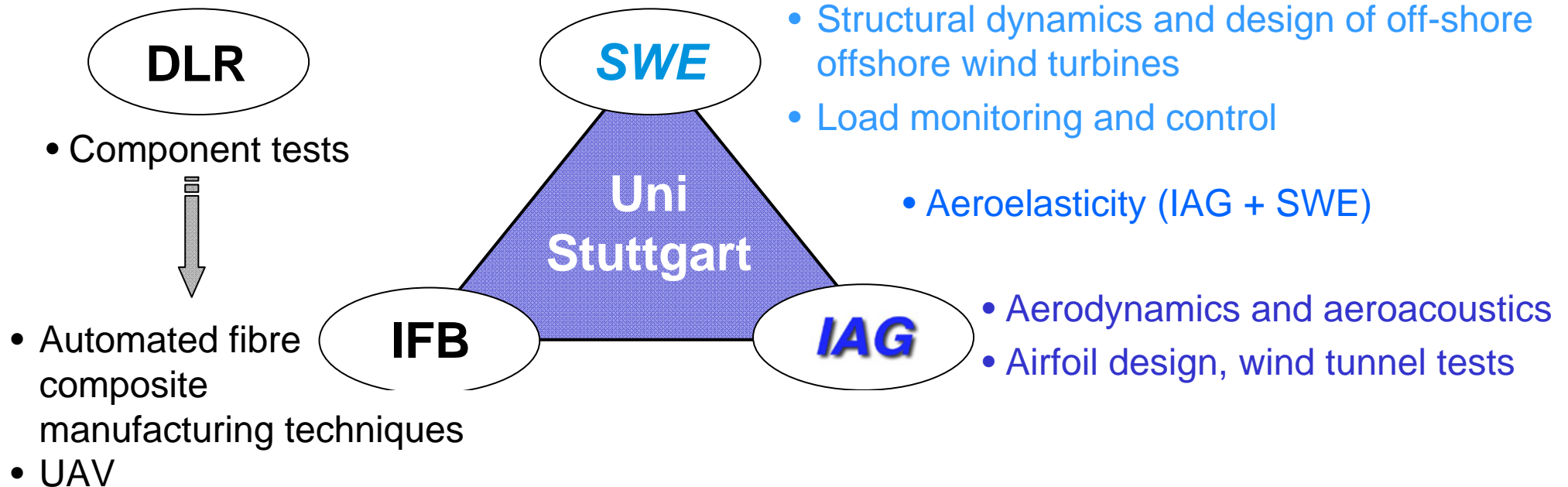
F.X. Wortmann: airfoil design, LWT (IAG)

Test site Schnittlingen: UNIWEX (ICA)

Endowed chair of wind energy (SWE, since 2004)



## Current Research Fields



## Motivation

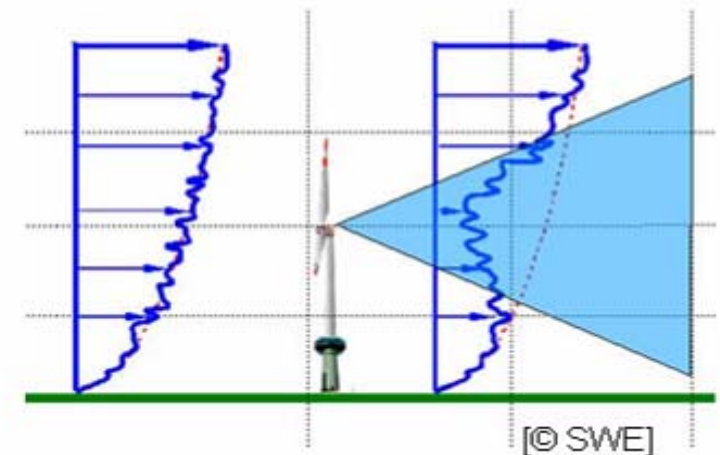
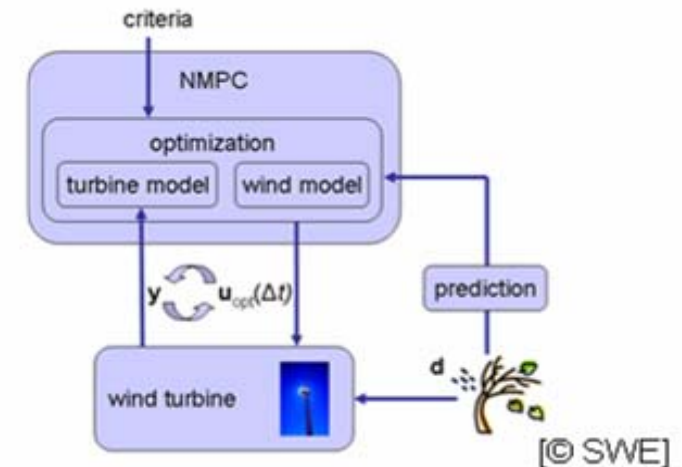
**Nacelle-based LiDAR technology allows**

**Measuring the turbines wake wind for**

- Validation of wake models <sup>1</sup>

**Measuring the incoming wind for**

- Predictive control application <sup>2</sup>
- Power curve determination <sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Juan José Trujillo, former SWE, now ForWind

<sup>2</sup> David Schlipf, SWE

<sup>3</sup> Andreas Rettenmeier, SWE

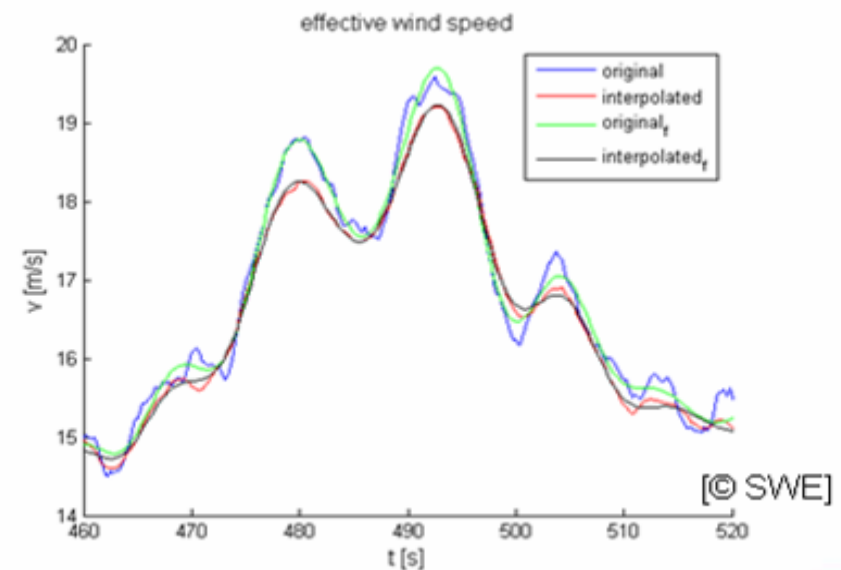
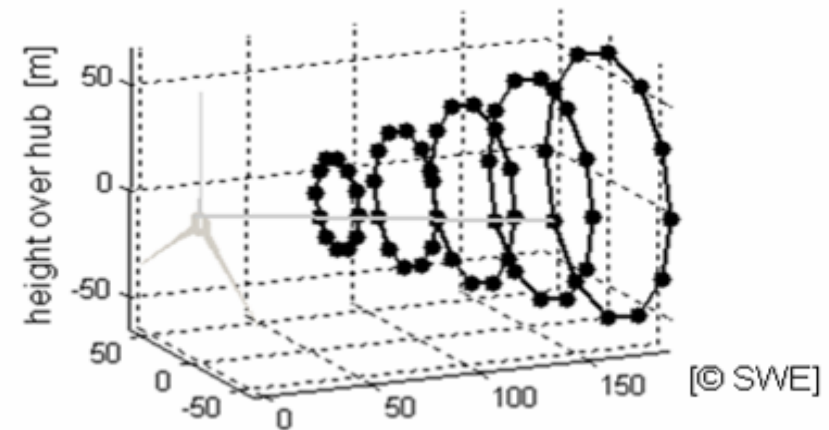
# Nacelle- based LiDAR measurements of the turbine's inflow

## Advantages

- For on- and offshore purposes
- Determination of p-v curve:  
less sectors to exclude (according to IEC 61400-12)
- Covering the whole rotor disc
- Detection of yaw misalignment

## Research topics

- Testing Taylor's hypothesis for wind turbine applications <sup>1)</sup>
- Influence of vertical wind shear
- Interpolation of missing measurement points (blade collision, bad CNR)
- Determination of average wind speed
- Influence of weather conditions to LiDAR availability (CNR) and accuracy



<sup>1)</sup> Trabucchi et al., "Testing of Taylor's hypothesis of frozen turbulence for wind turbine applications with a scanning lidar", ISARS 2010

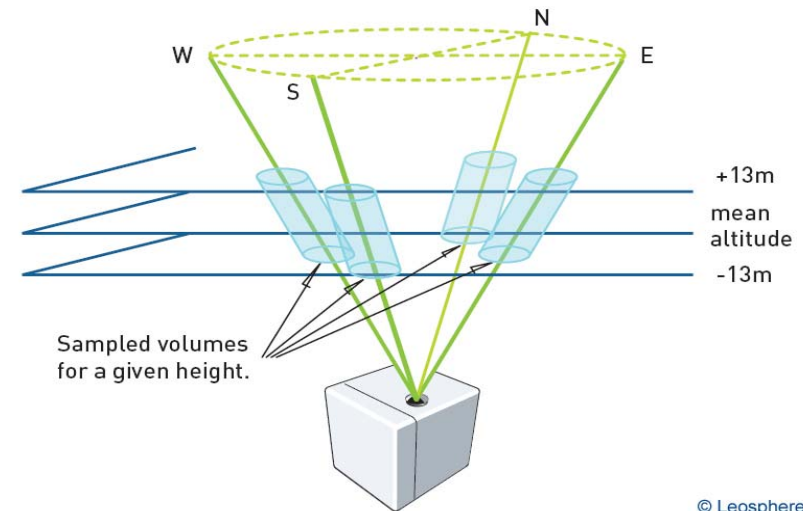
# LIDAR System

## Standard Windcube™ system from Leosphere™ (ground based)

- Range 40m - 200m
- Spatial resolution 26m
- Speed Accuracy 0.2m/s

## Modifications for nacelle installation

- Laser beam orientated almost horizontally  
→ Replacement of the internal beam deviation (mirror)
- Development of a scanning system
- Integration of scanner unit
- Software development



[Fig. Leosphere]

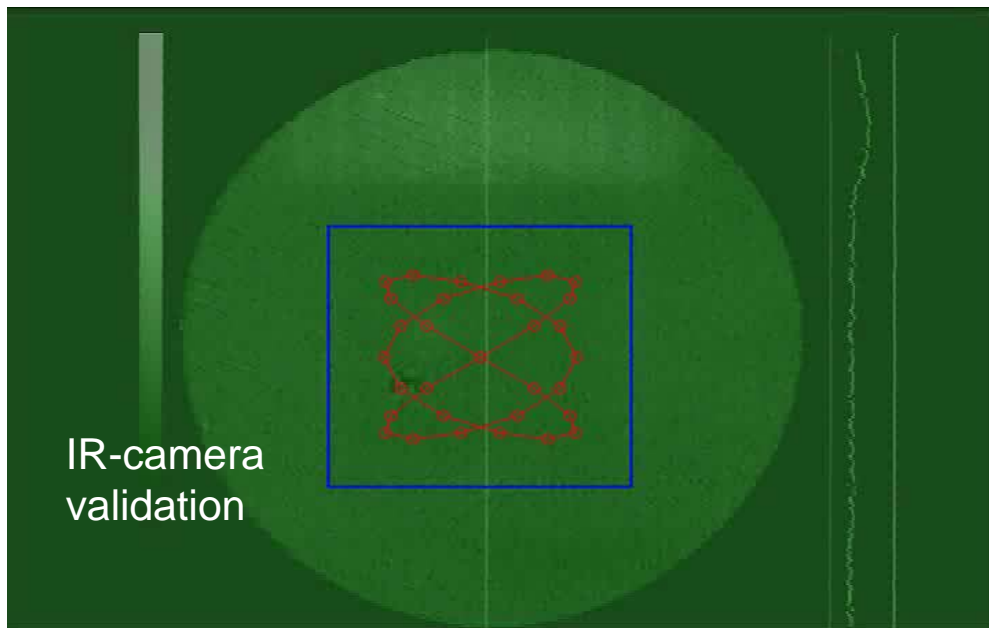
## Scanner development for nacelle-based LiDAR system



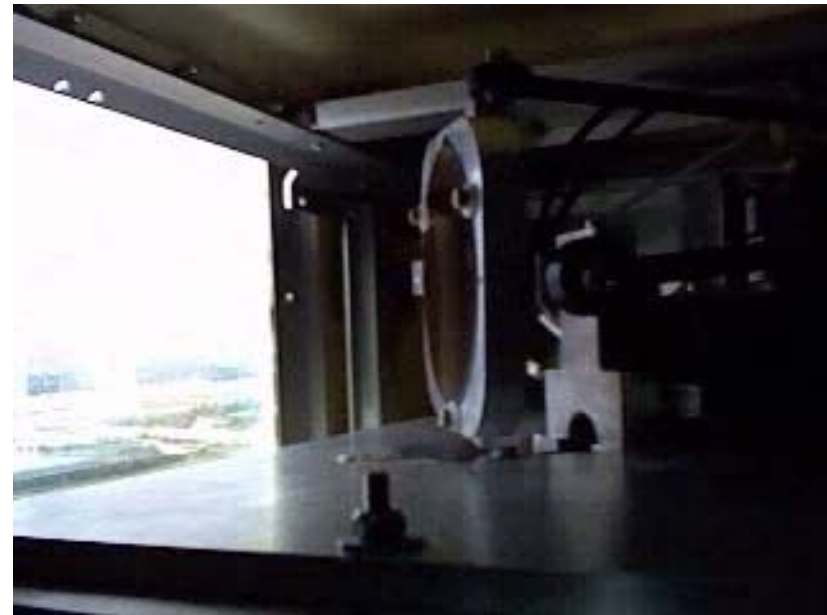
### Scanner system requirements

- Angle of projection  $53,2^\circ$   
→ Coverage of  $\sim 0.8D$  transversal at  $1.0D$
- Flexible trajectories
- Max. 50 points per trajectory
- For each direction: 5 measurement points (line-of-sight) in 5 distances
- High speed and acceleration  
→ Complete trajectory every 5–9s
- Repeatability accuracy

## Evaluation and application of the scanning device



Lissajous figure with 32 points in ~5s



[Fig. SWE]

## Experiment setup



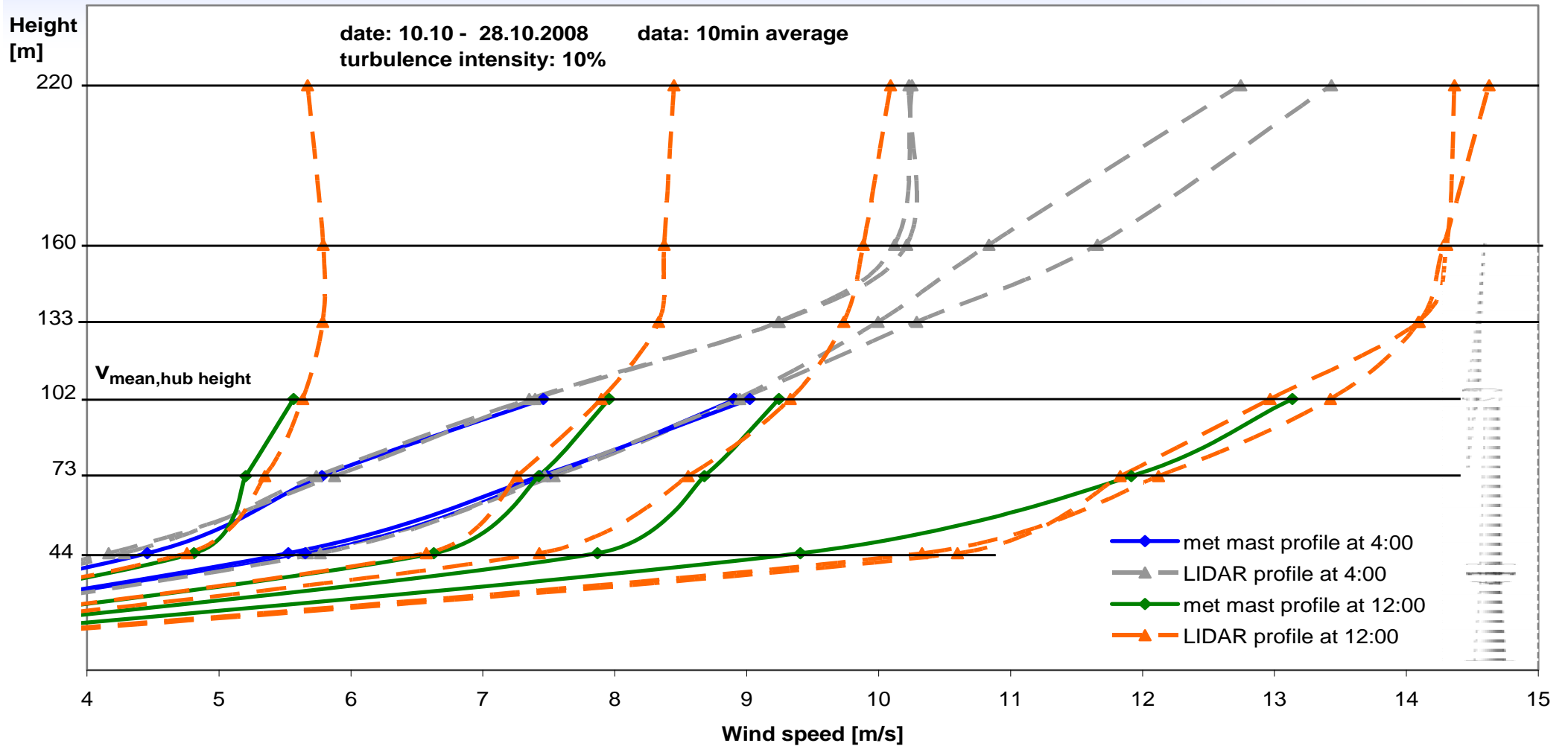
### AREVA-Multibrid M5000 prototype

- 5 MW with 116m rotor diameter
- 102m hub height
- Heavily equipped with sensors
- Mounted LIDAR system + scanner
- Meteorological mast

LIDAR  
system +  
scanner



# Examples of vertical wind shear

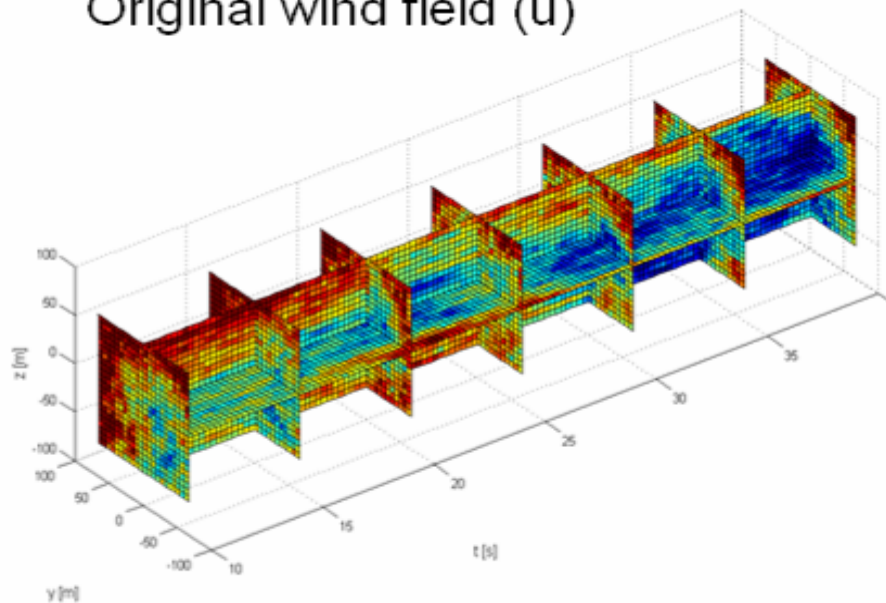


# WITLIS (WInd Turbine Lidar Simulator)

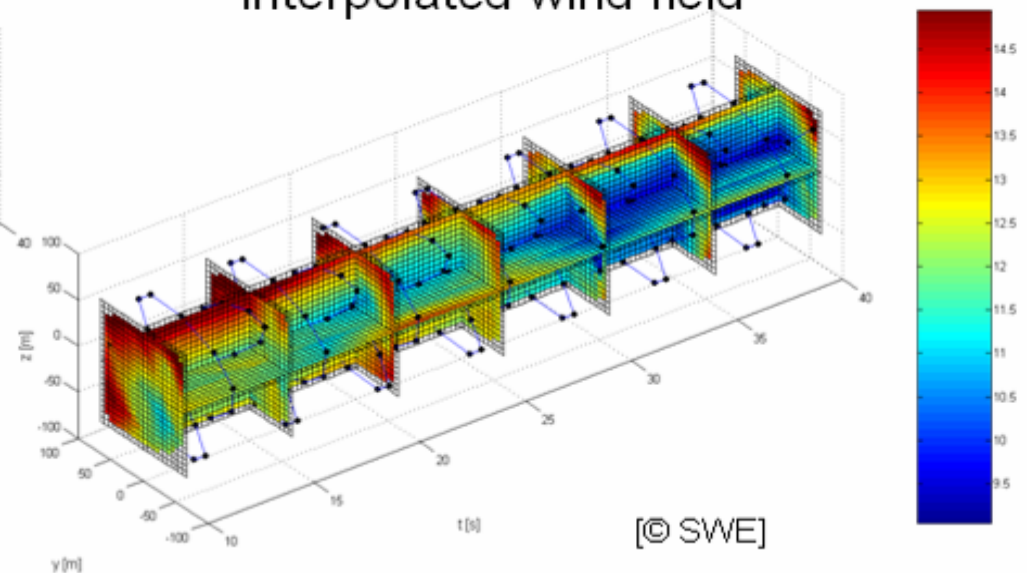
## Aim

- Development of trajectories considering the motor speed and acceleration
- Trajectories can be optimized depending on application
- Comparison of interpolation models
- Turbine interference
- Yaw correction

Original wind field (u)

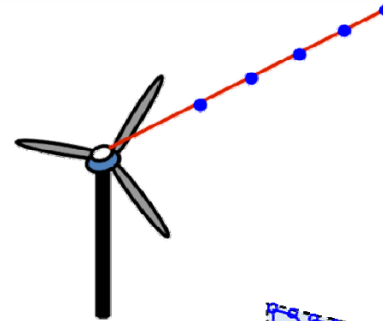


“Scanned” and interpolated wind field

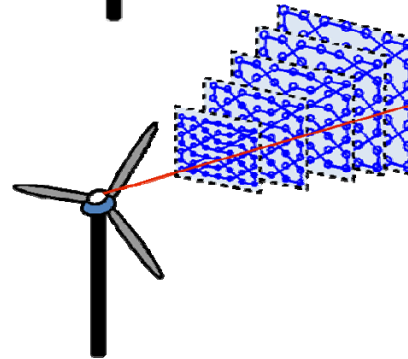


## Measurement technique - Trajectories tested

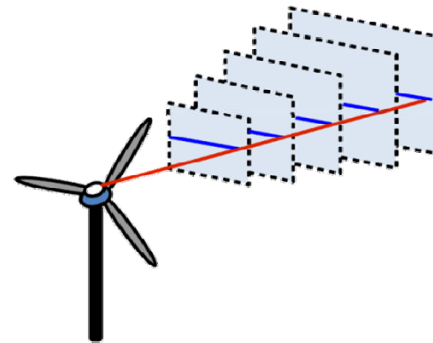
- Staring



- In plane measurements  
(Lissajous2grid figures)



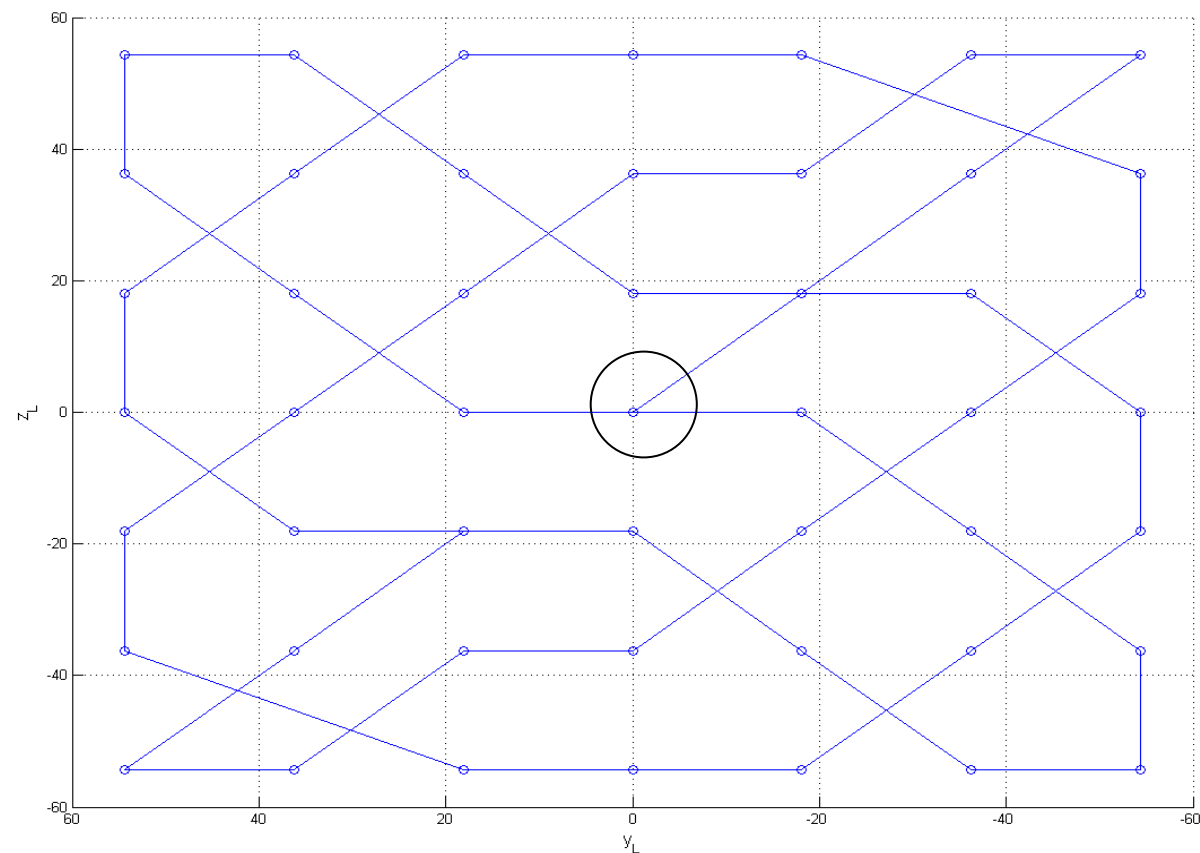
- Sliding



[Fig. SWE]

## Nacelle- based power curve determination: example trajectory

- 145m in front of turbine
- 49 measurement points
- Fast scan ~9sec.
- Staring-mode

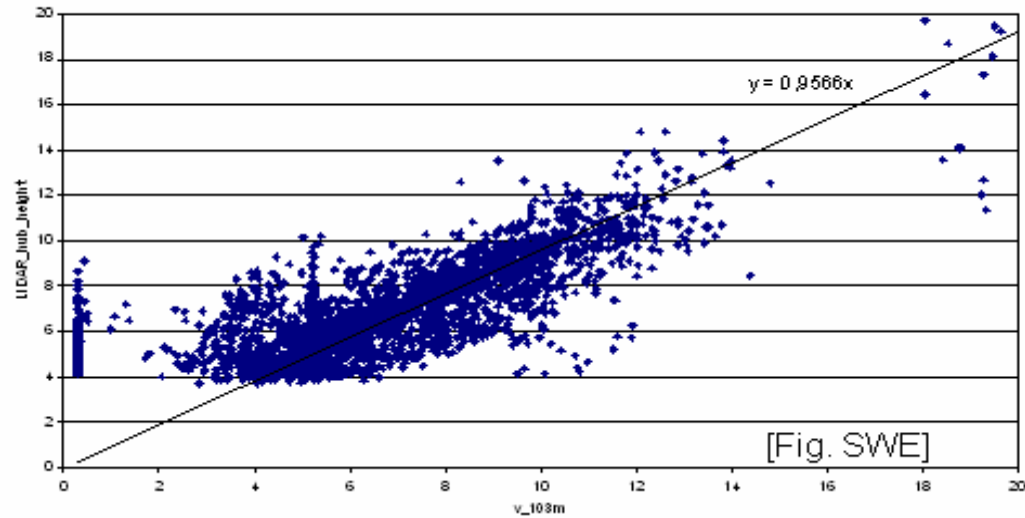


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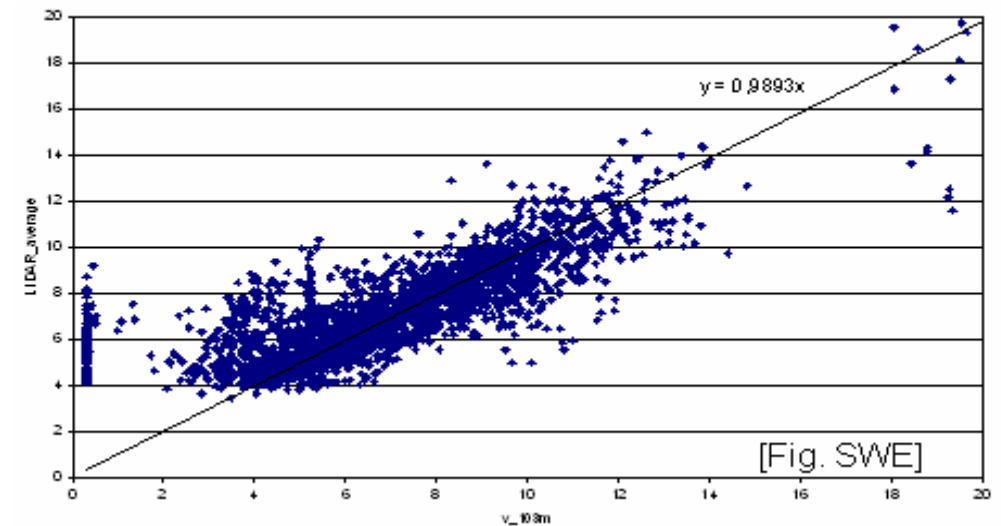
# Nacelle- based power curve determination

Comparison of nacelle-mounted Windcube™ and cup anemometer

wind speed: met mast vs. LiDAR staring mode

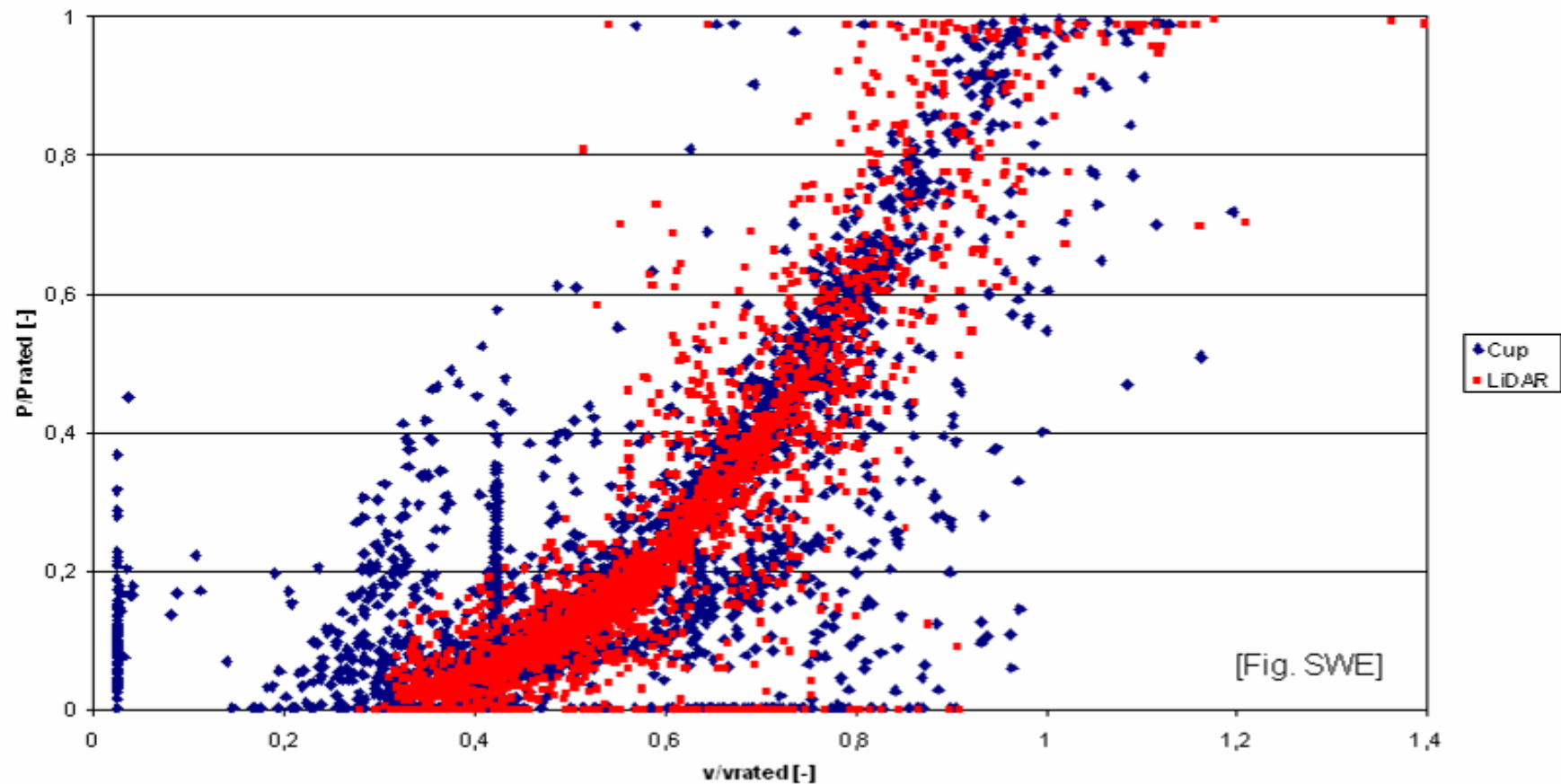


wind speed: met mast vs. LiDAR average



# Nacelle- based power curve determination

Power curves: cup 1st class vs. LiDAR (average)



## Outlook & Conclusions

- LIDAR: remote sensing technique with high spatial and temporal resolution
- Direct application in wake wind field analysis, wind turbine control and power curve determination
- Nacelle-based measurement methods show a great potential on- and offshore



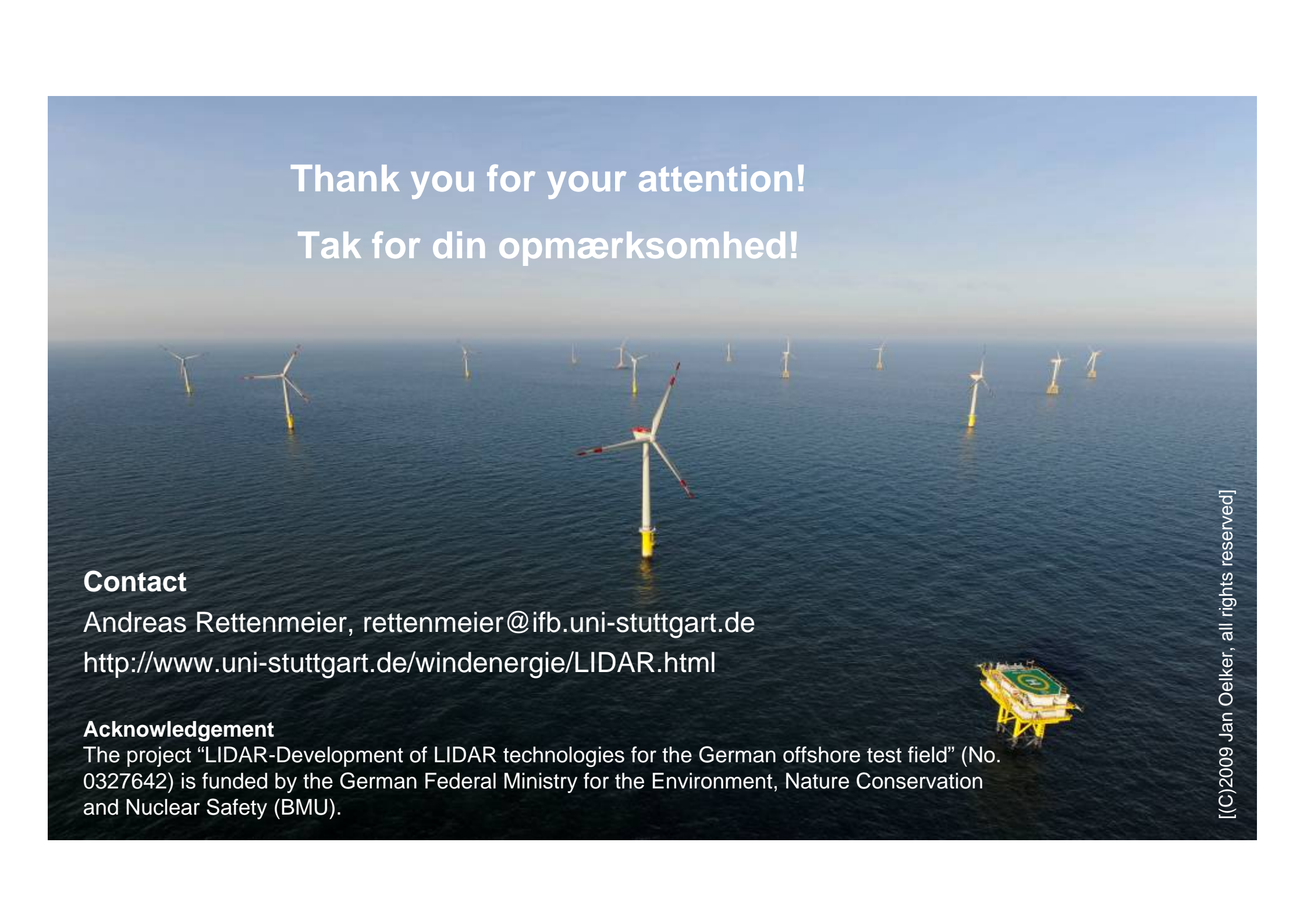
[Fig. BMU]

### Future work

- Further evaluation of measurement data
- LIDAR measurements on two offshore wind turbines (AREVA-Multibrid M5000 & REpower 5M) at the offshore-test site “alpha ventus”, autumn 2010



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