

Temporal Wake Modelling

Validation with iSpin Measurement

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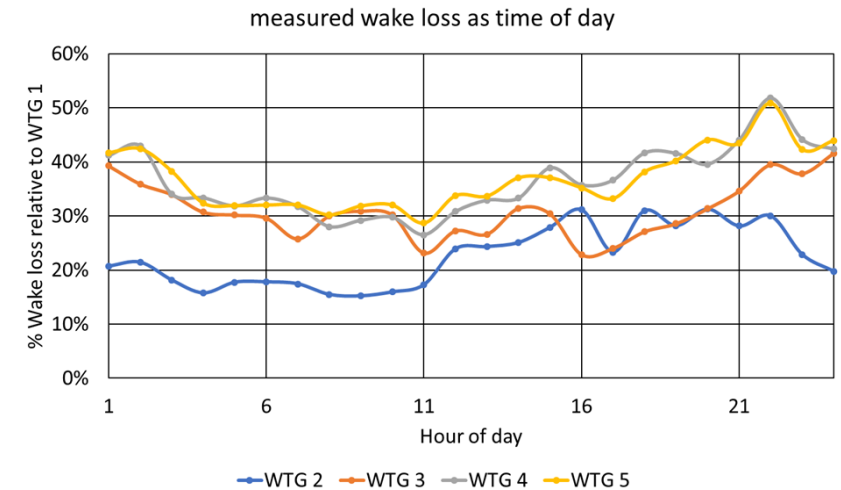
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 - III. Comparison between measured and modelled wind and production
3. Failure!!!
 - I. Moving time frame
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Motivation

Hypothesis:

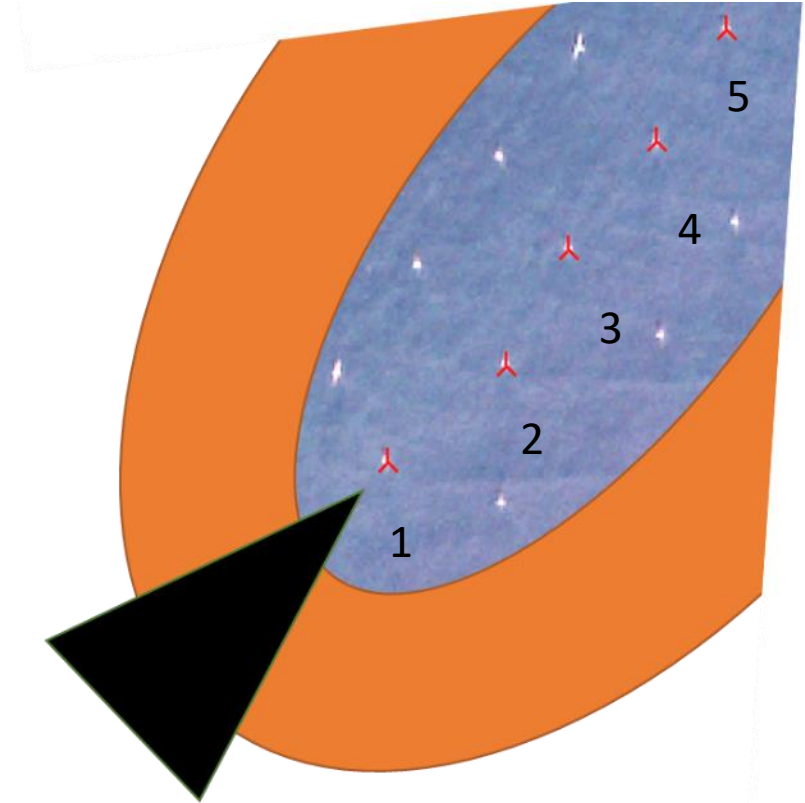
We can use turbulence intensity (TI) as a proxy for stability in a given time-step, using a time-varying park calculation to more accurately estimate the Wake Decay Constant (WDC) and consequently the wake loss.



- Unstable conditions – High TI - High WDC -> Low Wake Losses
- Stable conditions - Low TI – Low WDC -> High Wake Losses

Methodology

- Large offshore wind farm: +70 WTGs
- Five turbines equipped with iSpin measurement system: one year of 10-minute wind speed and direction, turbulence intensity
- 10-minute SCADA data provided from these 5 turbines
- windPRO time-varying park calculation, using measured wind conditions from WTG1 as input for time-varying calculation



iSpin System

iSpin system correctly measures*:

- Wind speed
- Wind direction
- Turbulence intensity (TI)

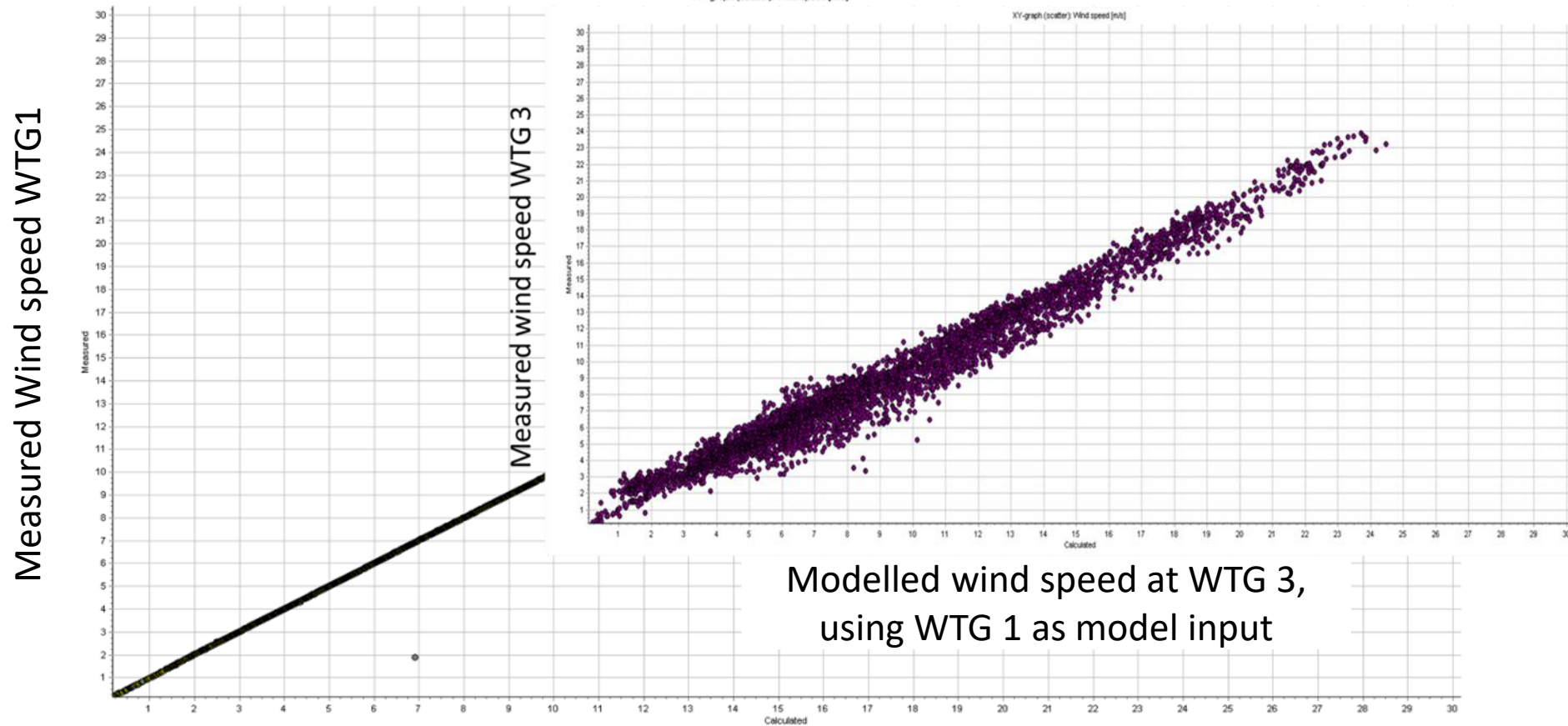
Consequently the velocity deficit inside the wind farm has been measured as well as TI



See also: PO.128: Long-term Comparison of Spinner Anemometer and Nacelle Lidar Data for an Offshore Wind Farm

*DNV.GL: Review of the Spinner anemometer from ROMO Wind iSpin.
113605-DKAR-R-01, Rev.3: 2015

Problem!!! Moving Time Frame



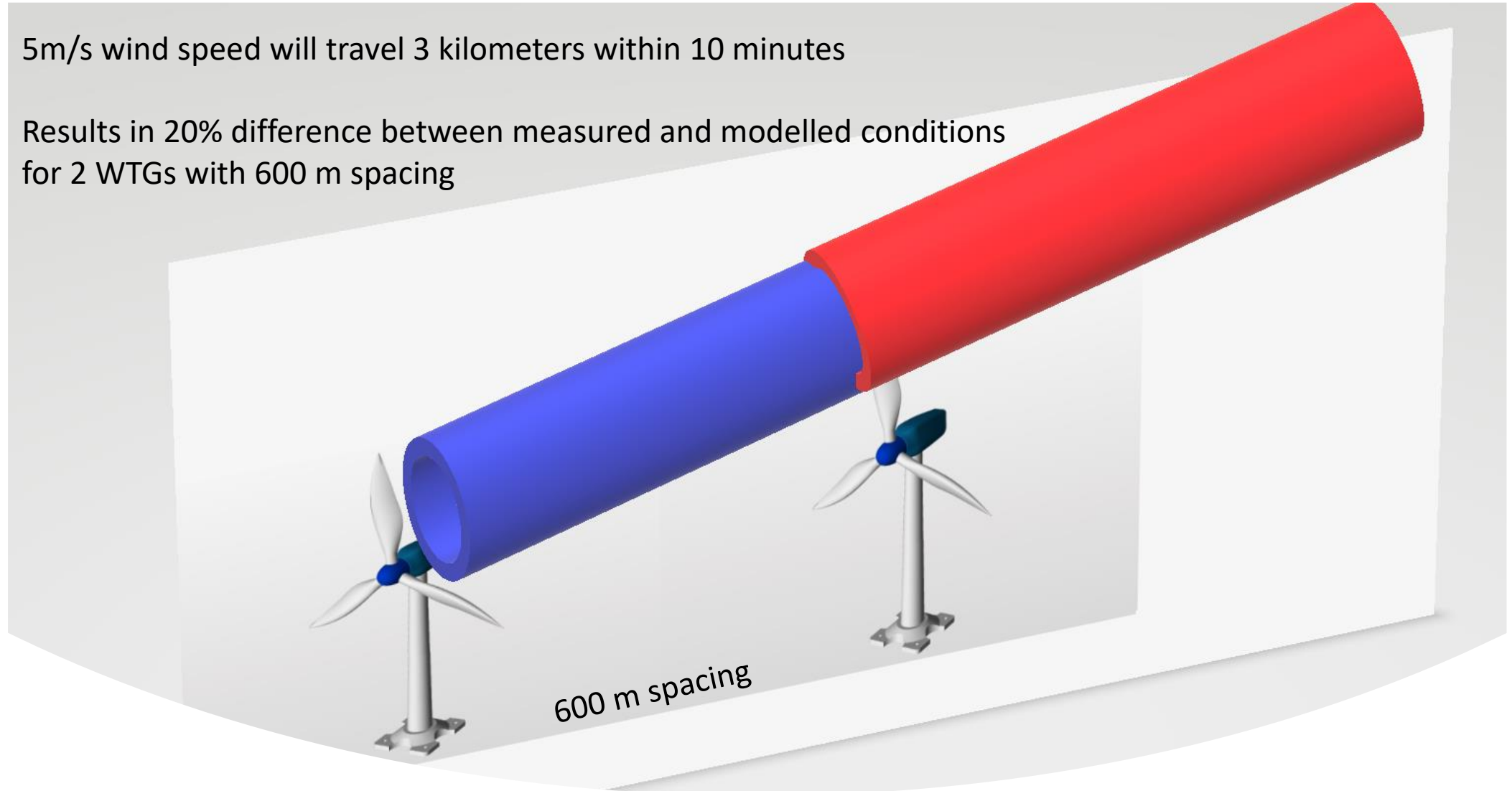
Modelled wind speed at WTG 3,
using WTG 1 as model input

Modelled wind speed WTG 1

Moving Time Frame

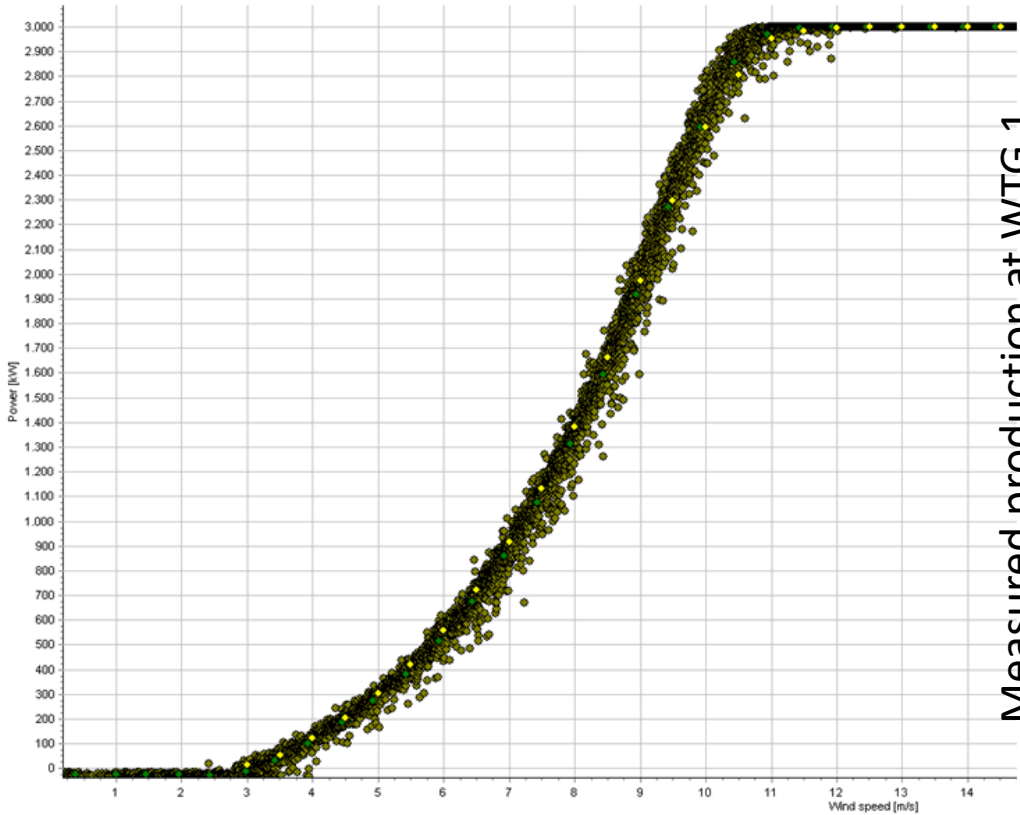
5m/s wind speed will travel 3 kilometers within 10 minutes

Results in 20% difference between measured and modelled conditions for 2 WTGs with 600 m spacing



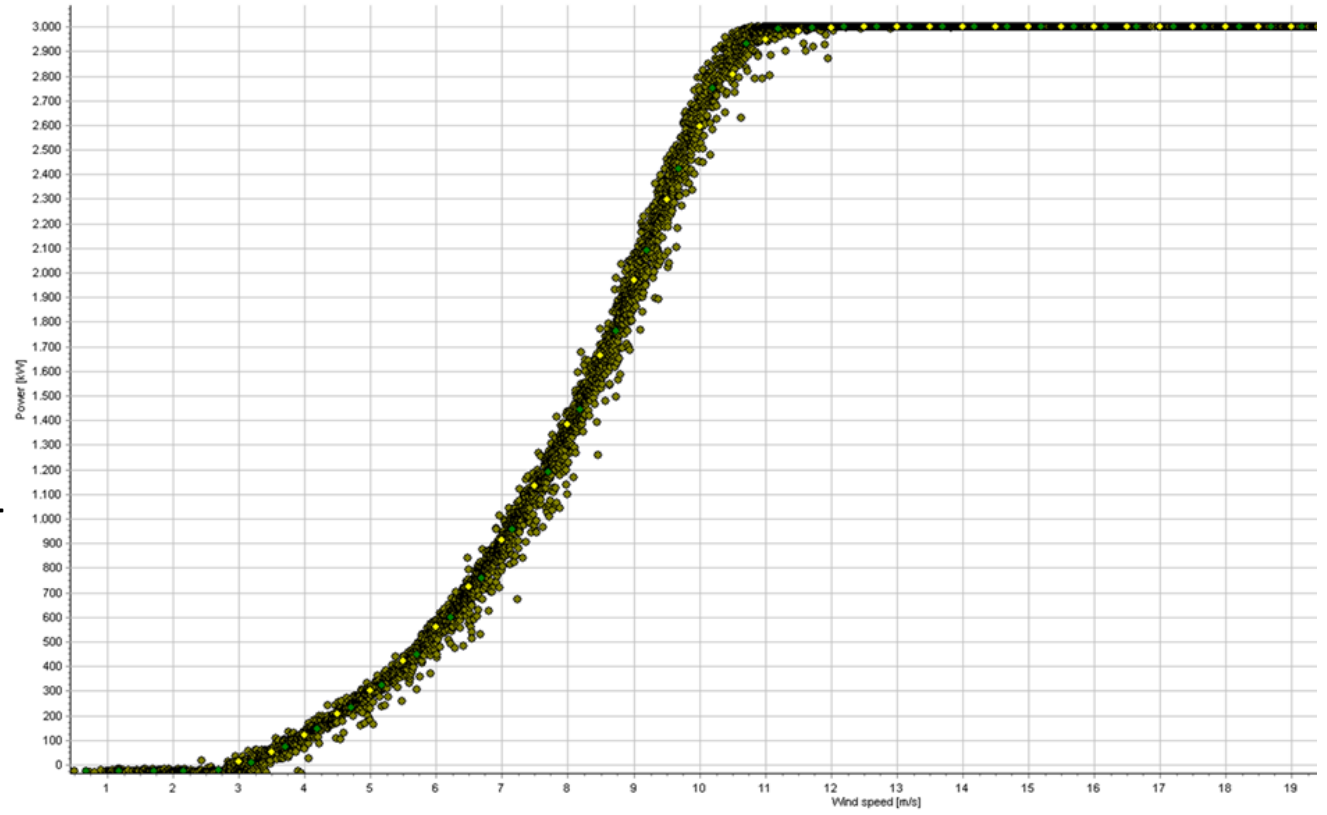
Moving Time Frame

Measured production at WTG 1



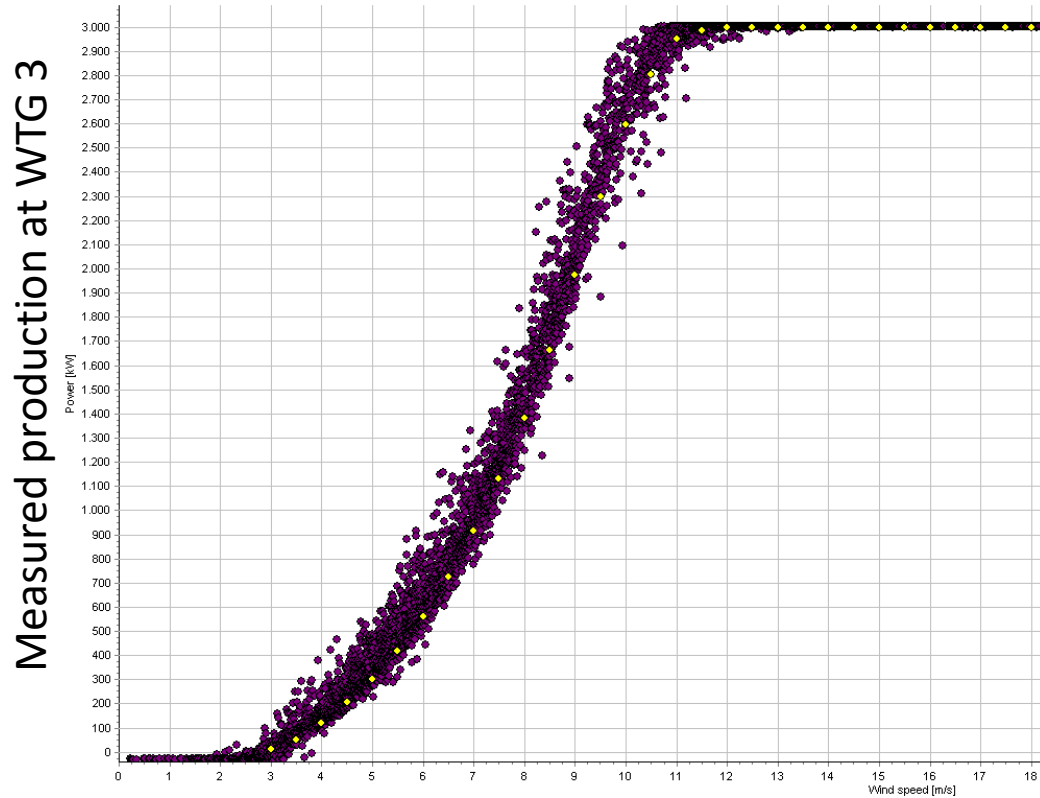
iSpin measured wind speed

Measured production at WTG 1



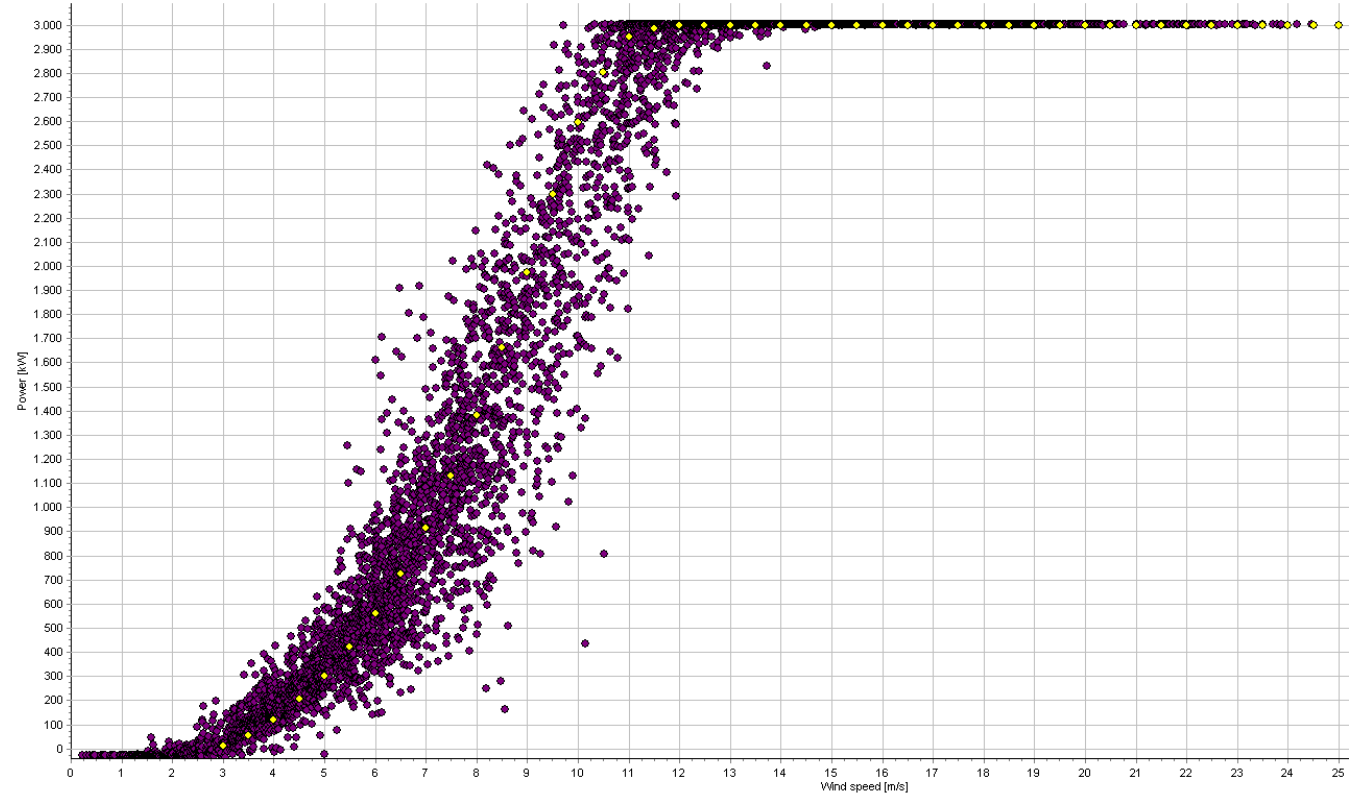
Modelled wind speed

Moving Time Frame



iSpin Measured wind speed

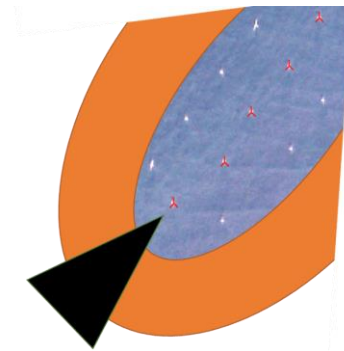
10-minute wind speed at position of WTG 1 is NOT comparable to a concurrent time period at a different location



Modelled wind speed at WTG 3,
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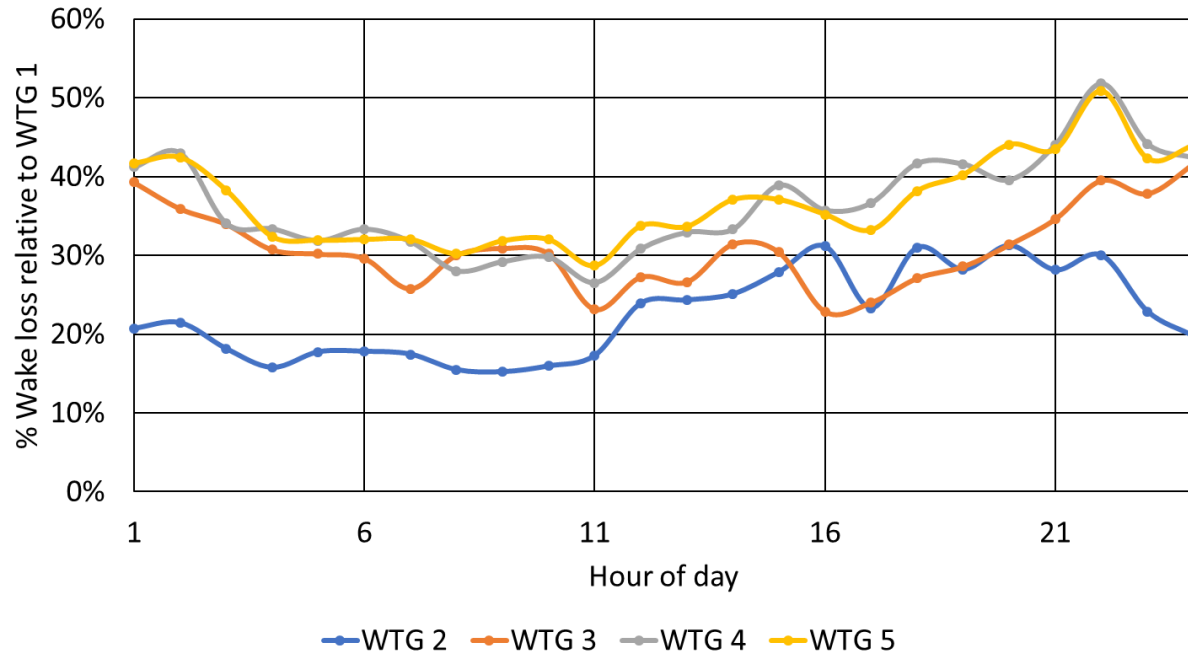
Results

- Not possible to compare 10-minute measurements to 10-minute modelled values as the real data is still affected by:
 - Time shift
 - Wind direction changes
 - Stability
 - Etc.
- Following results are based on average of all remaining data after filtering for:
 - Wind speed range 5-10 m/s
 - Wake free direction
 - All 5 turbines concurrently in normal operation mode

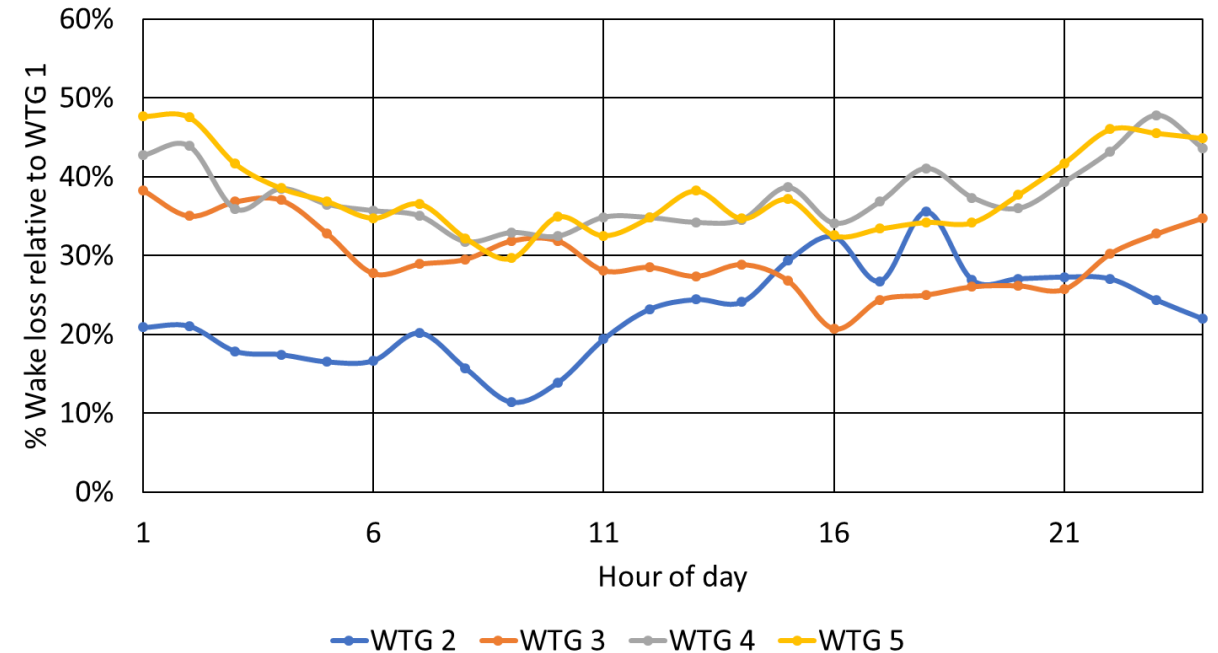


Results: Diurnals of Wake Loss

measured wake loss as time of day



Modelled wake loss as time of day: 0.8xTi% WDC

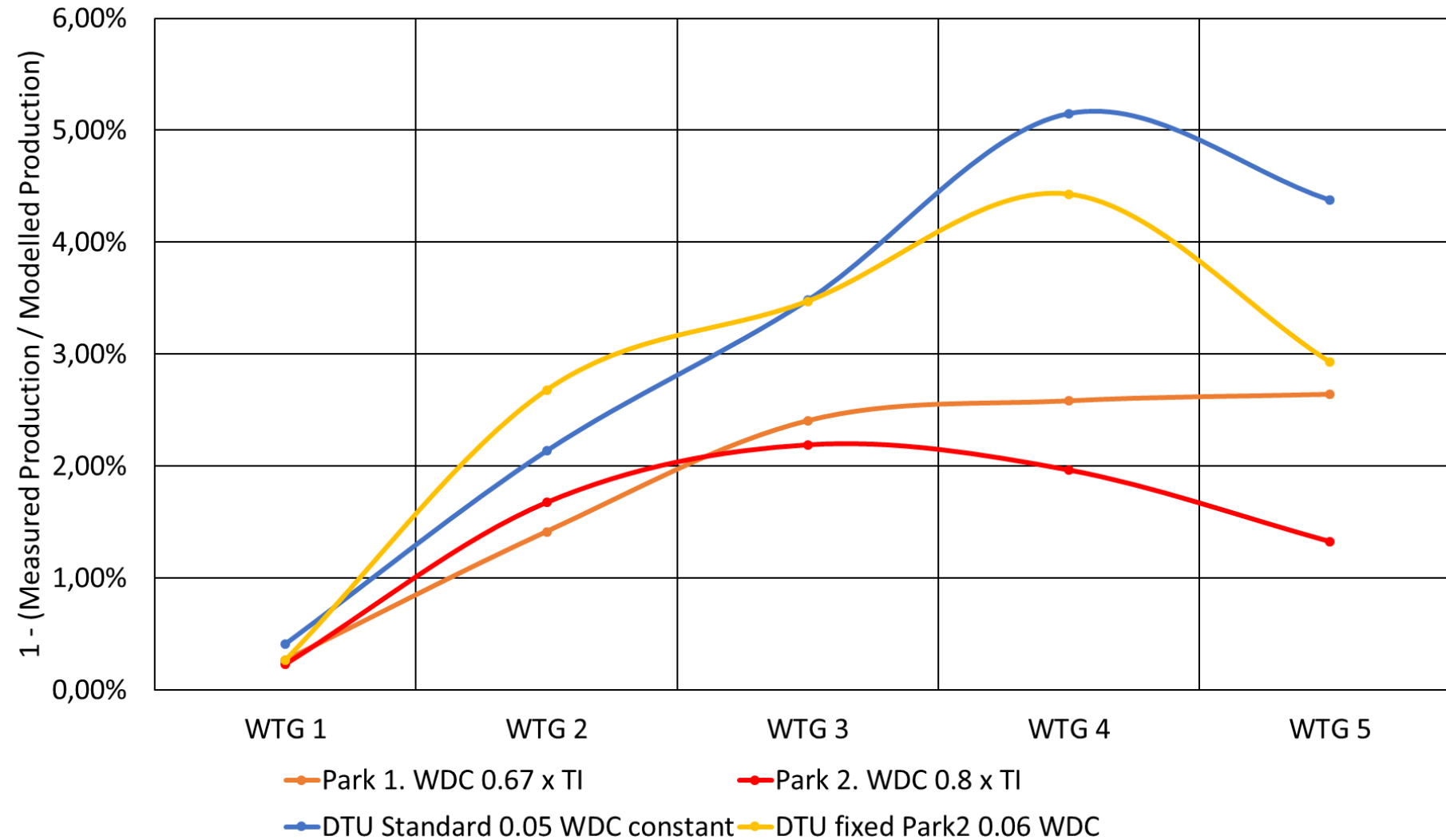


On this site no significant improvement was found when modelling diurnal losses with time-varying WDC as compared to using a fixed WDC.

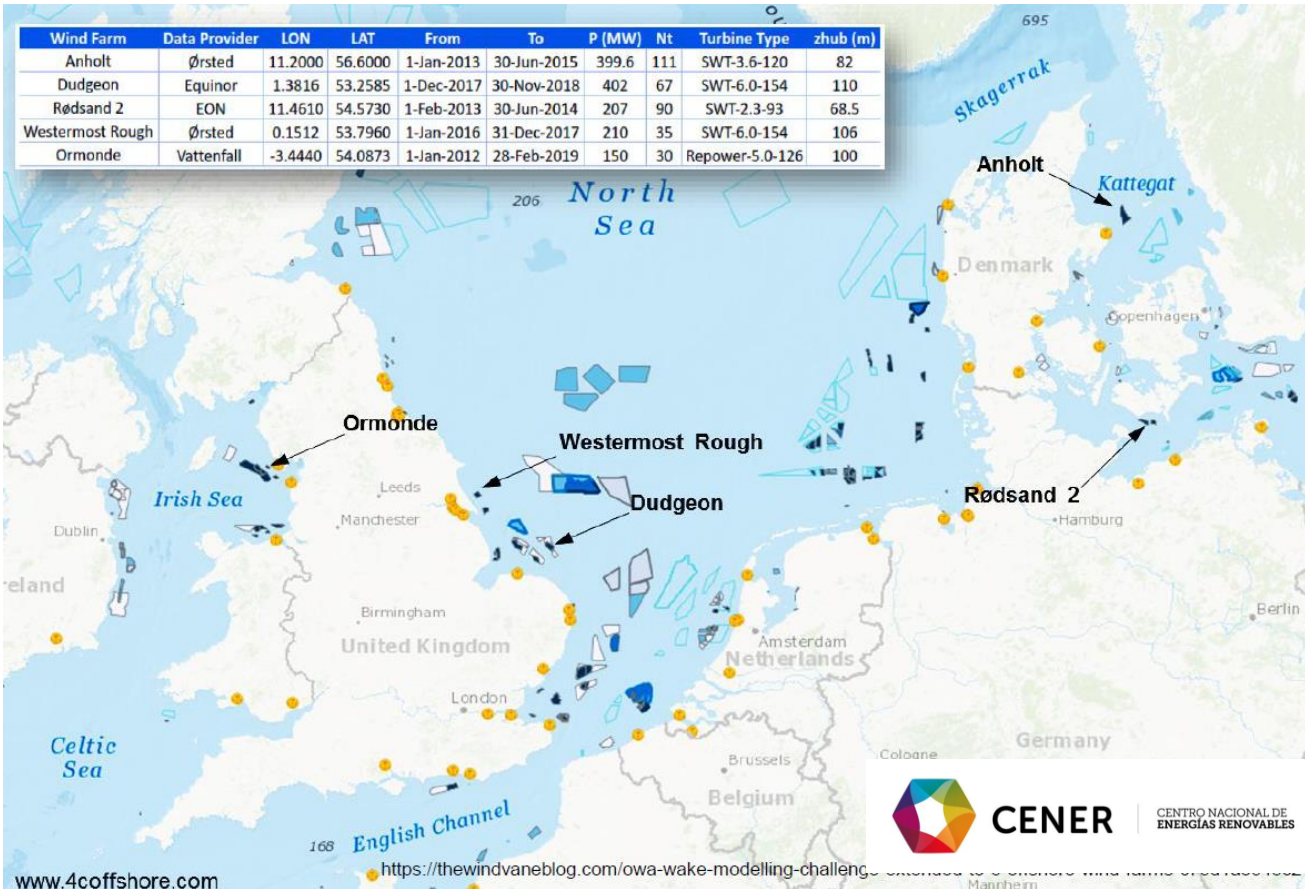
However, the diurnal TI variation is weak offshore!

But ...

Results: How well do we get the wake losses right ?



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Setting:

- EMD time-varying NO Jensen Park 2
- EMD time-varying WDC driven by TI

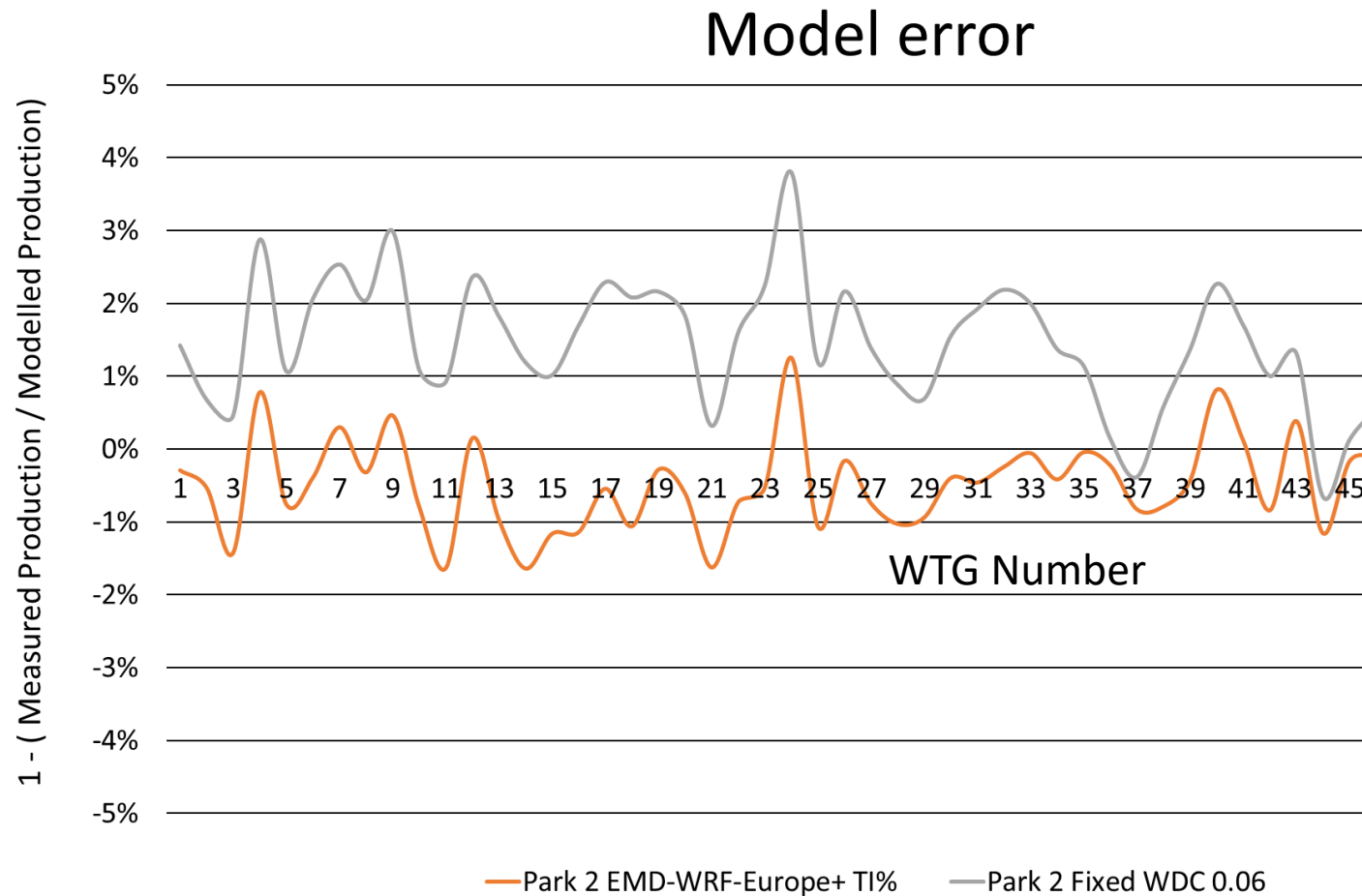
Result:

EMD achieved from all participants

- smallest bias to average
- smallest mean absolute error to the mean



No on-site TI data available? EMD-WRF-Europe+



- Pattern of Production: Park 2 achieves smaller model error across the farm
- Park 2 with time-varying WDC coupled to TI results in absolute numbers in 3.1% higher wake loss.
- The std dev of model error is halved compared to fixed WDC
- Deep array bias removed.
- Need more site for further validation!!!

Conclusion

- With NO. Jensen PARK2 Wake model using time-varying calculation and a $WDC = 0.8 \times TI$, we have seen very precise reproduction of wake losses for numerous offshore wind farms.
- Should no not be Wake Decay “Constant” but a turbulence-dependent variable !!!
- The time-varying WDC model resulted in an overall 2.5% to 3% higher absolute wake loss compared to using the PARK2 DTU default settings (WDC constant = 0.06)
- The wake losses do not change much by hour of day, as offshore we do not see large diurnals of TI compared to onshore.

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