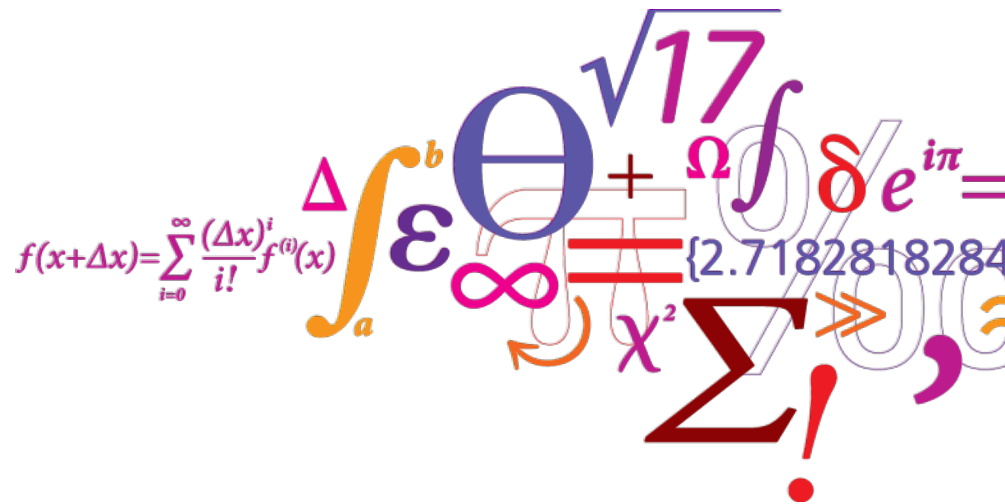


# (2.5 + 5.8) Years of successes and failures with long-range WindScanner system

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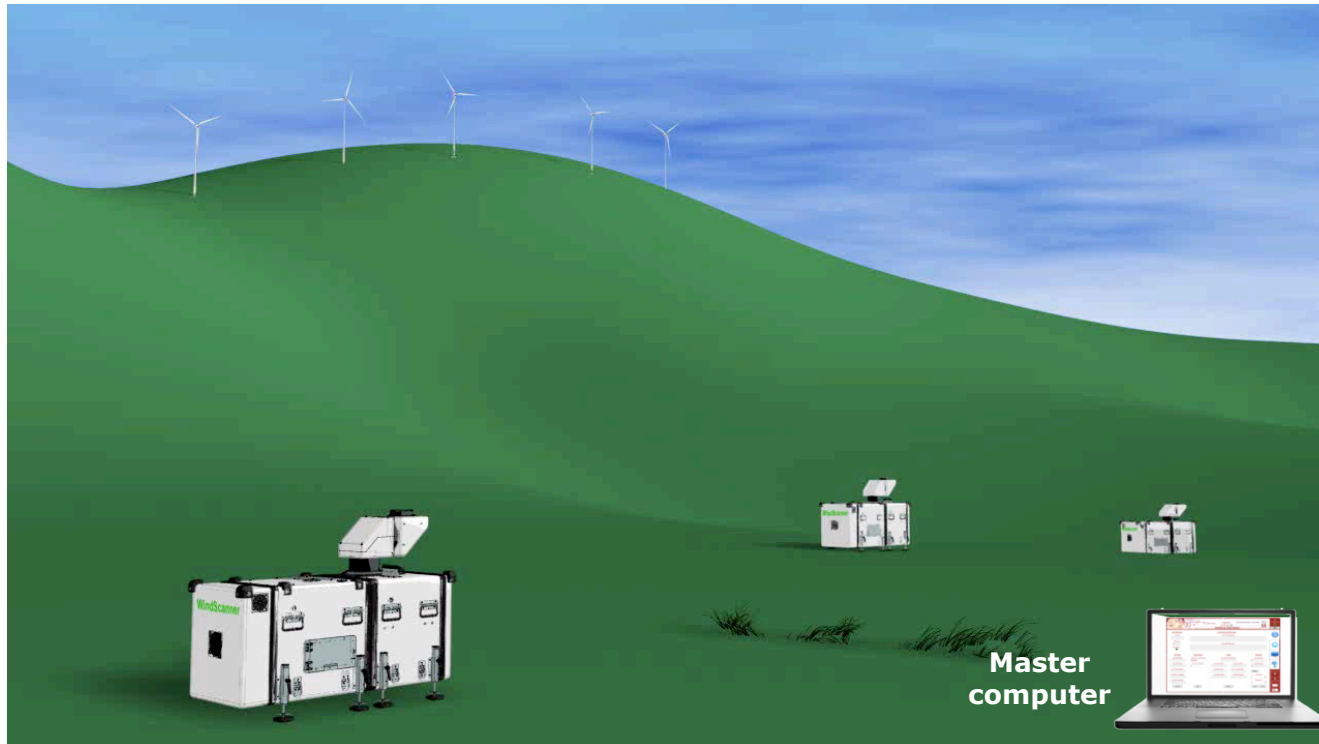
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# Long-range WindScanner (LRWS) system

<https://doi.org/10.3390/rs8110896>



Coordinated by a remote master computer using any type of network (3G, WiFi,...)

WindScanners are synchronized in time and space  
Any scanning trajectory within mechanical limits

**Mean wind flow over  
an entire wind farm**

# History: Core development



06/2010 Development of LRWS initiated

12/2010 RSCoPro developed

02/2011 First WindScanner assembled

**03/2011 First trial outside lab failed**

05/2011 Syncing motion, emission & acquisition

06/2011 WindScanner Client Software (WCS) Prototype

**07/2011 First scanner head failed**

04/2012 Prototype Master Computer Software

05/2012 Simple trajectory generator

06/2012 Second WindScanner assembled

**07/2012 First sync test failed**

08/2012 WindScanner team became team of two people

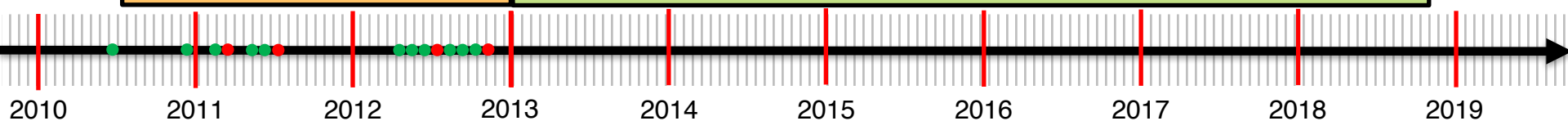
09/2012 Third WindScanner assembled

10/2012 First trial of WindScanner concept outside of lab

**11/2012 Failure of the trial - two laser pumps destroyed**

CORE DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVE APPLICATION



# History: Active application



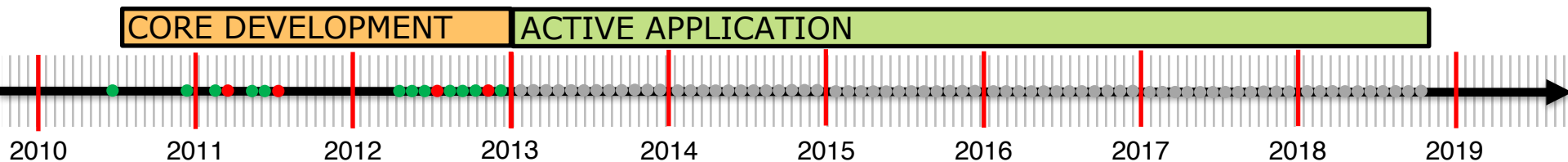
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Some facts:

**21 campaigns in 6 countries**

- Denmark (14)
- Norway (1)
- Germany (2)
- Spain (1)
- Portugal (2)
- UK (1)



# History: Active application



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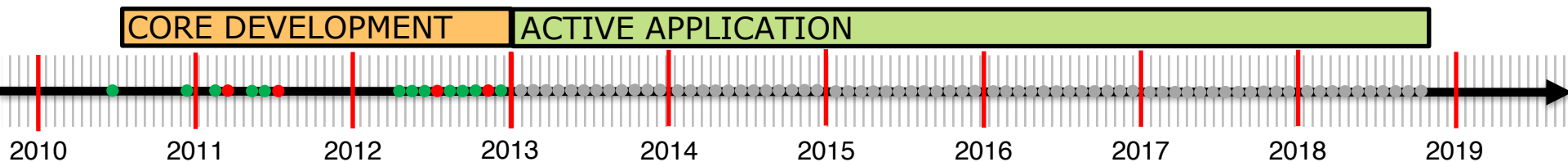
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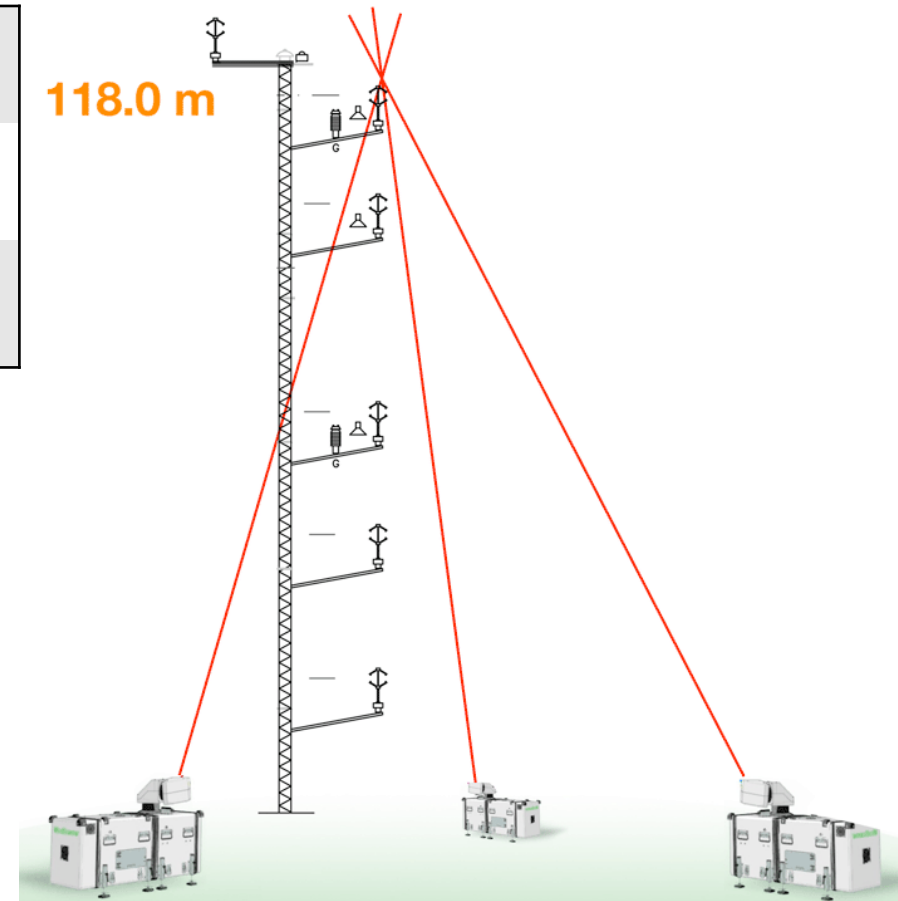
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# Swinging musketeer

<b>Date</b>	<b>February 2013</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Risø, Denmark</b>
<b>Aim</b>	<b>Test Multi-Lidar concept Validate measurements</b>



# What went wrong

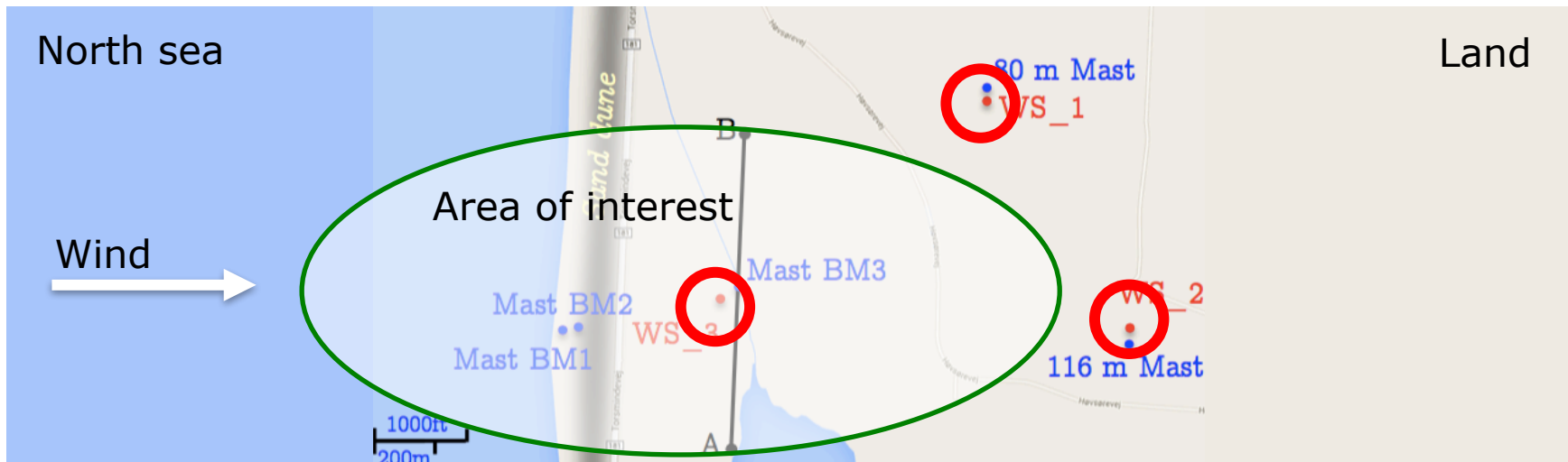
- Collected only 6 hours of good data (one WindScanner had hardware malfunction)



# IBL WiSH

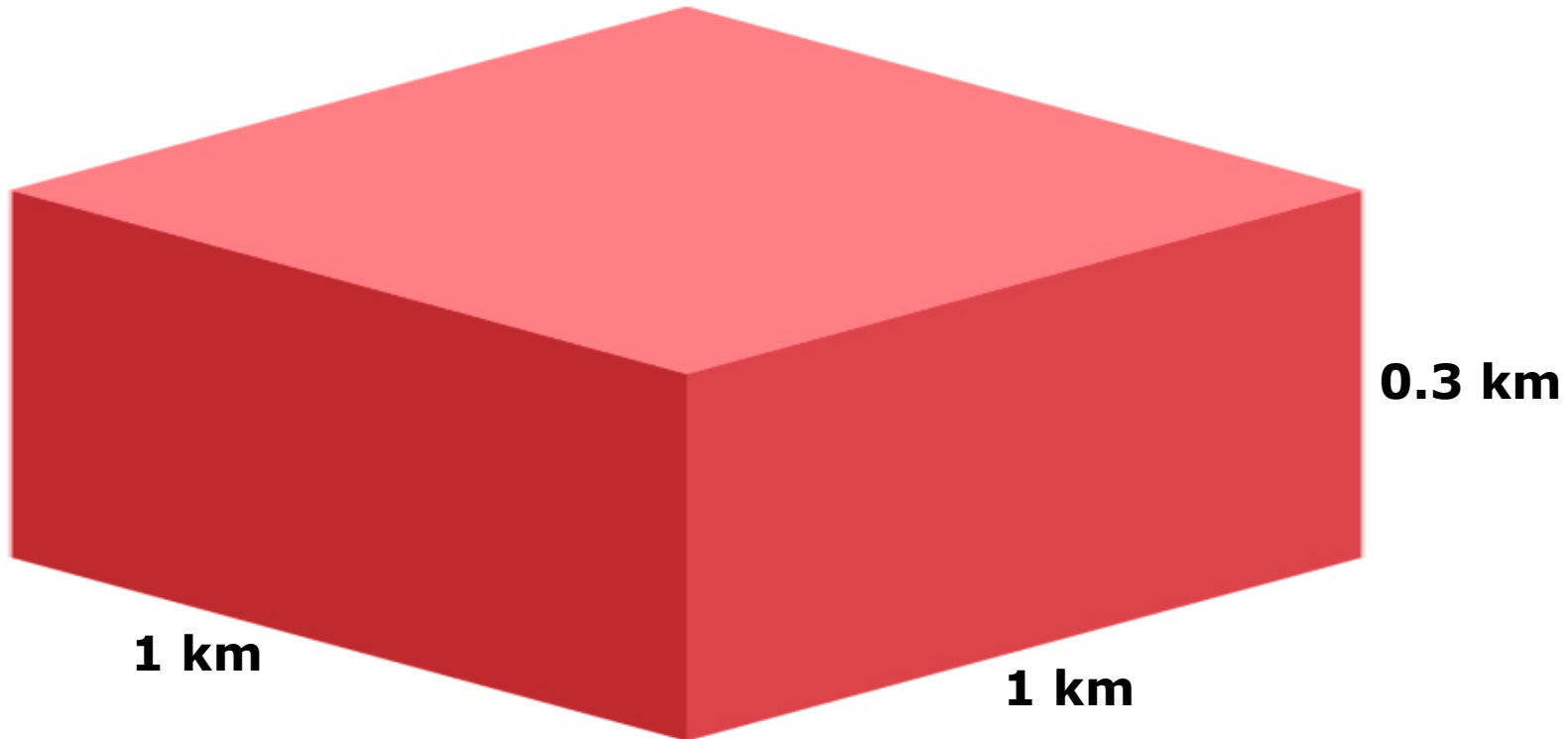
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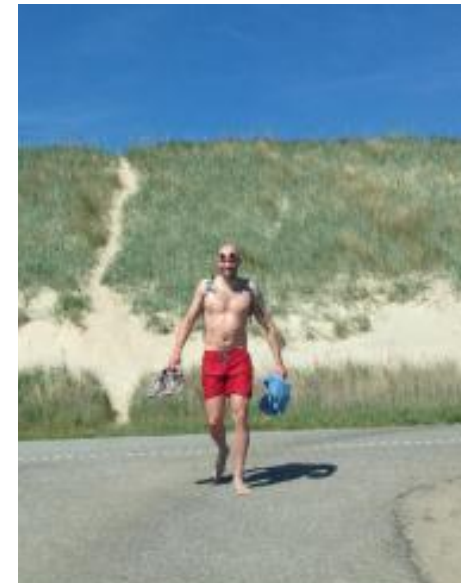
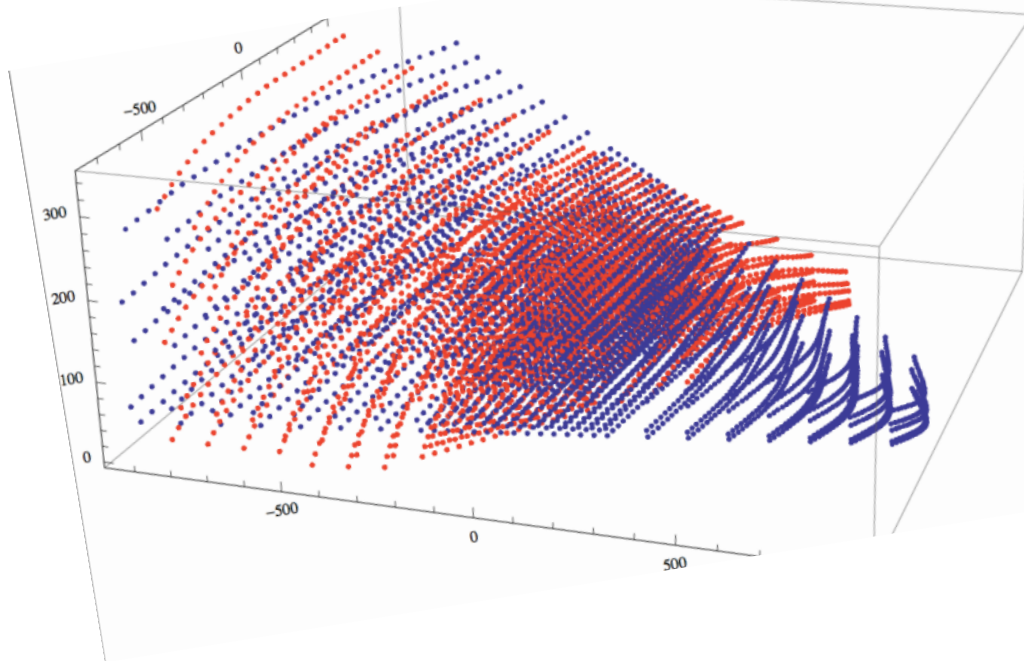
# Scanning strategies



**1 iteration of scan took 1 minute**

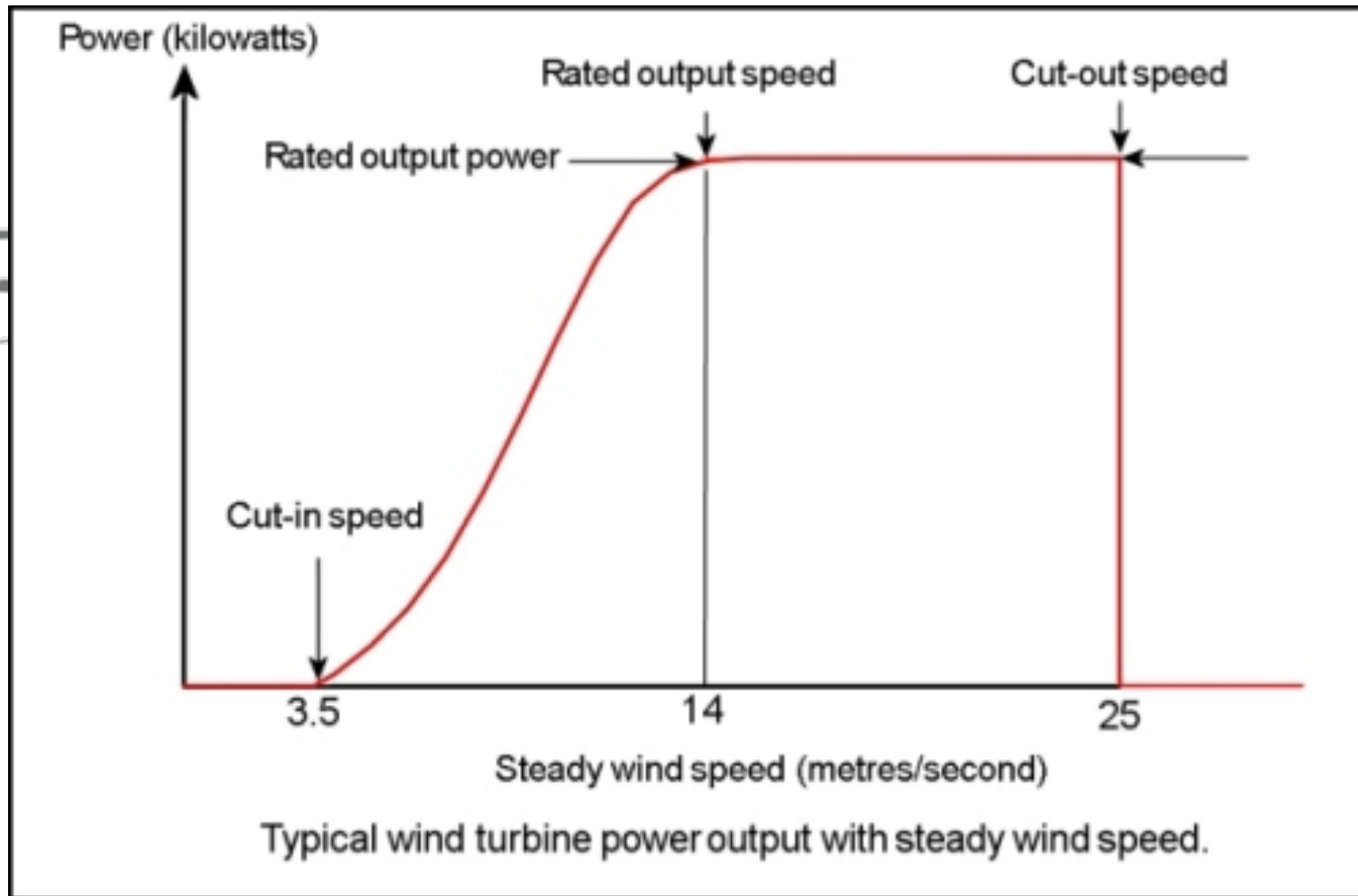
# What went wrong

- Insufficient number of samples per averaging period
- We changed several times scanning strategies
- Complex scanning strategy = Complex data analysis
- Data analysis was done once the experiment was over

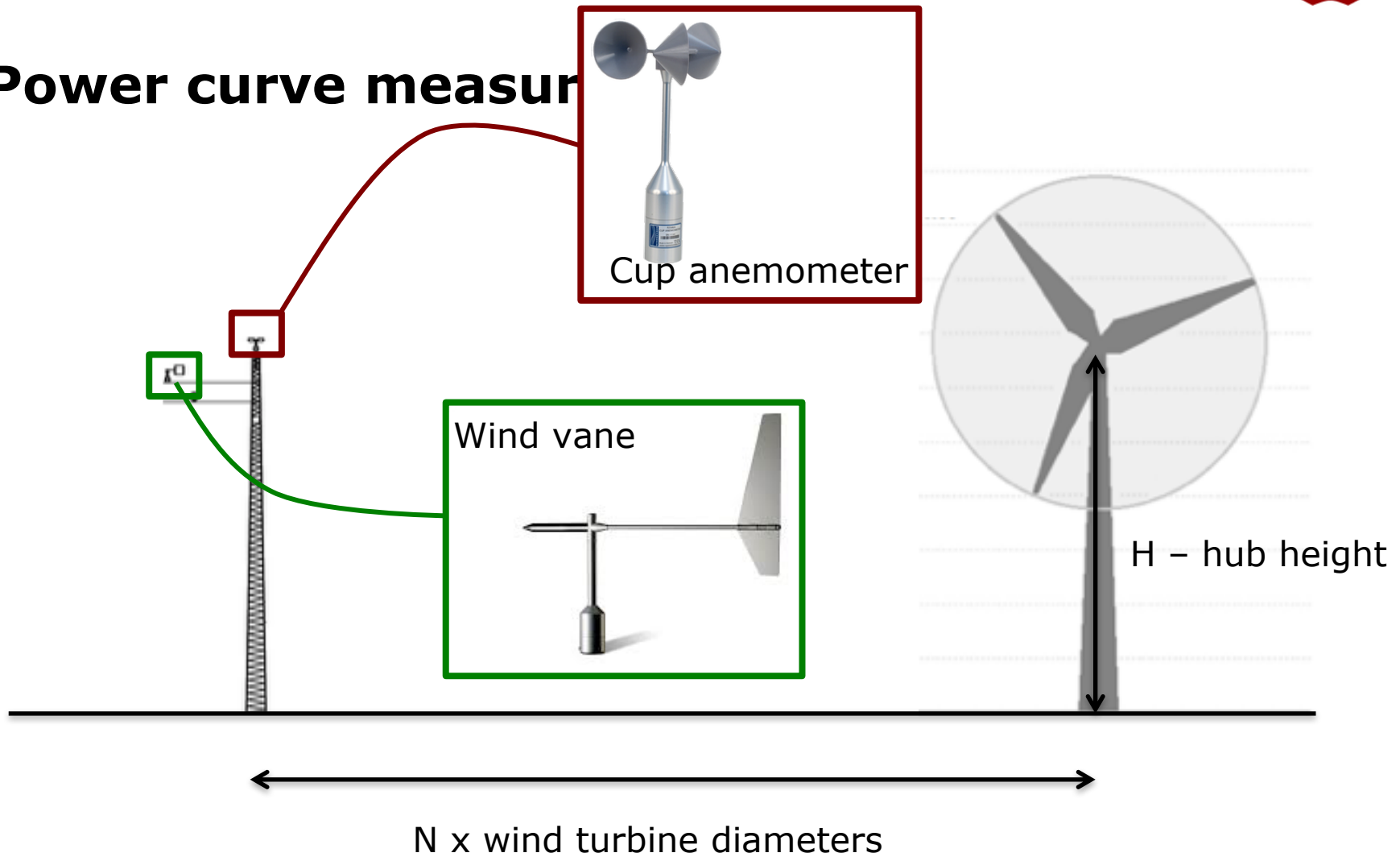


Jacob Berg abandon **WindScanners** and moved to **LES**

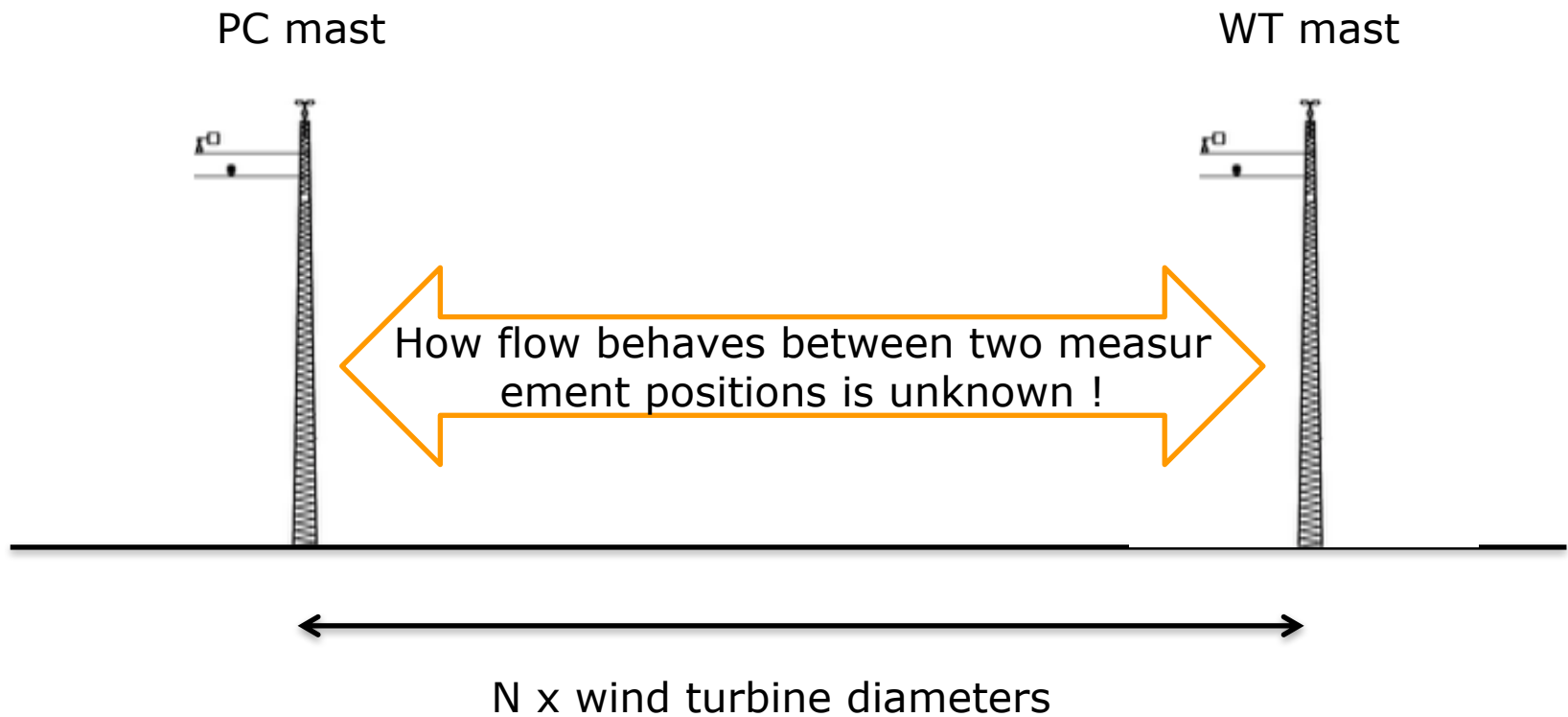
# Wind turbine power curve



# Power curve measurement

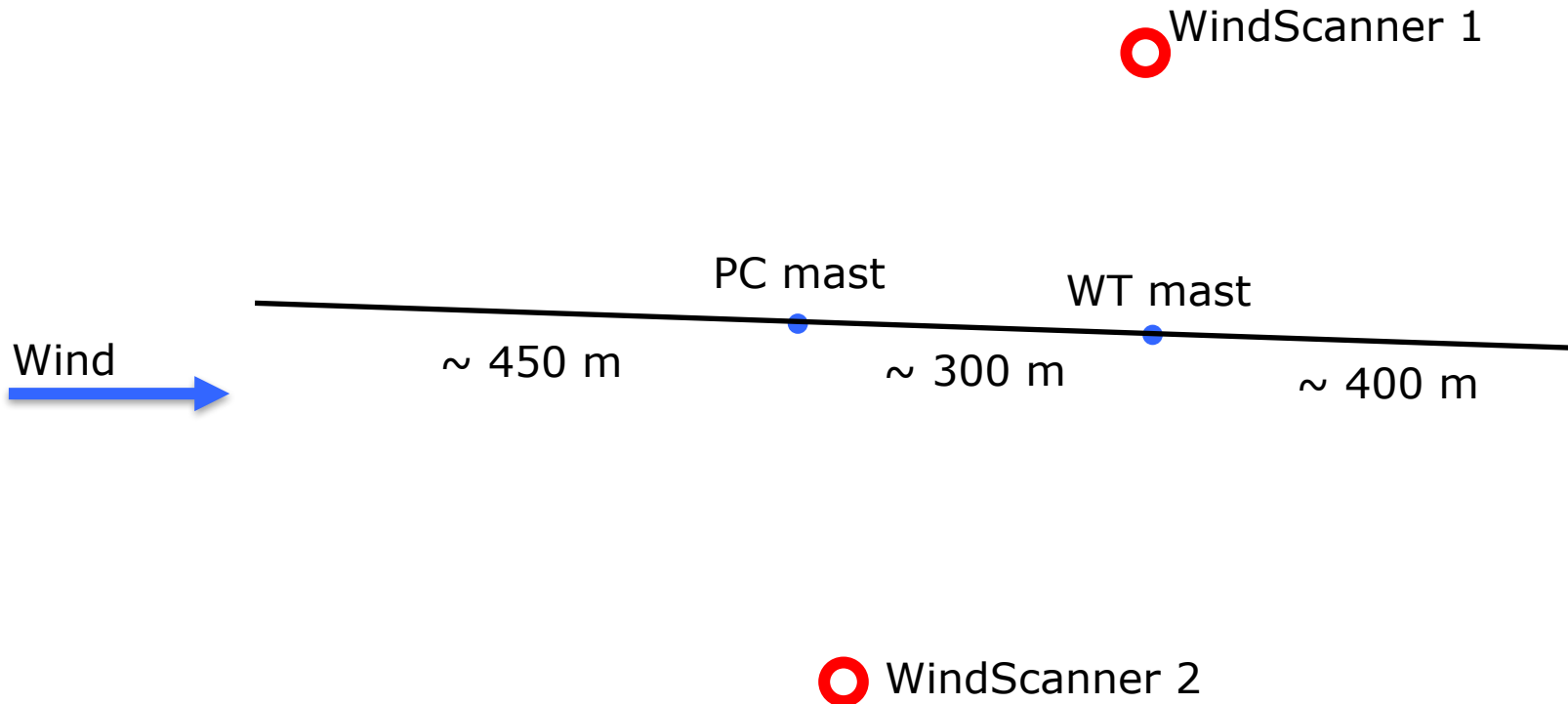


# Site calibration



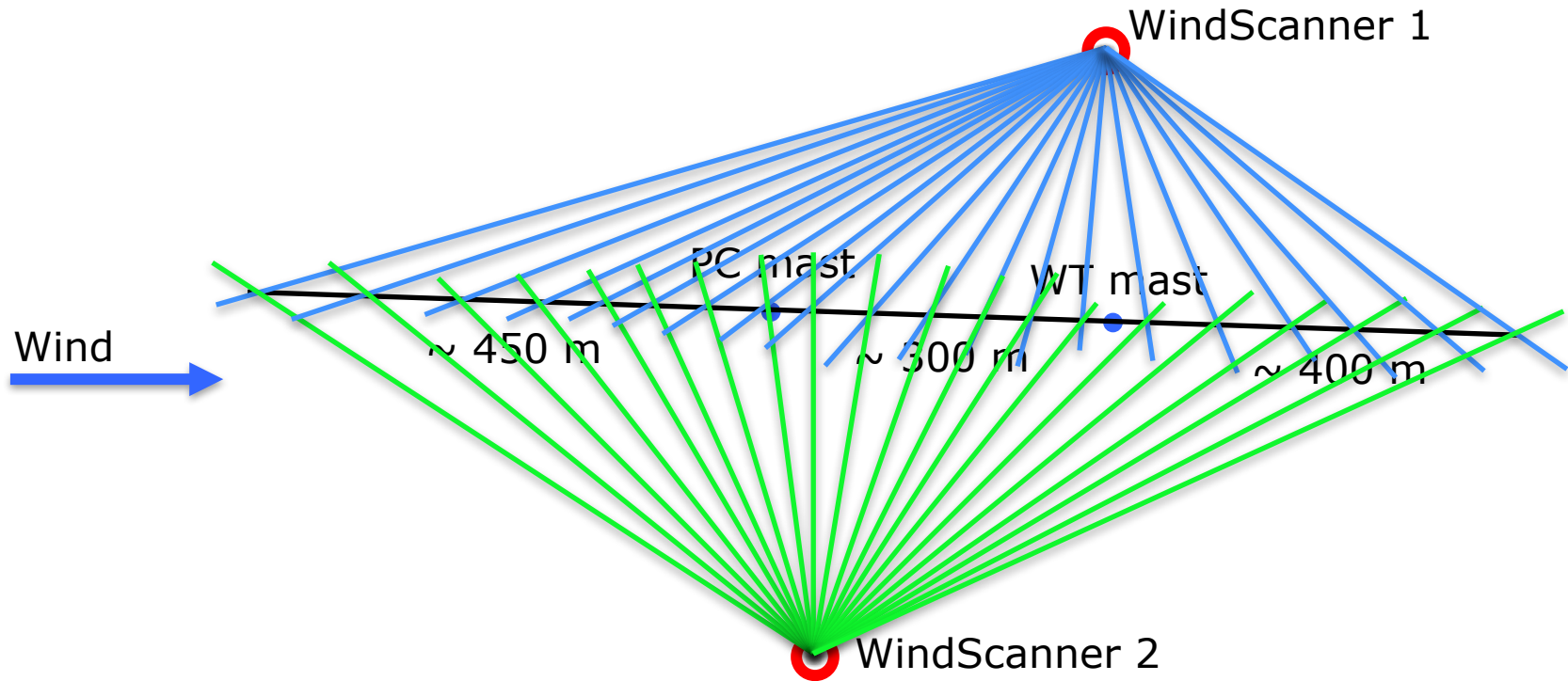
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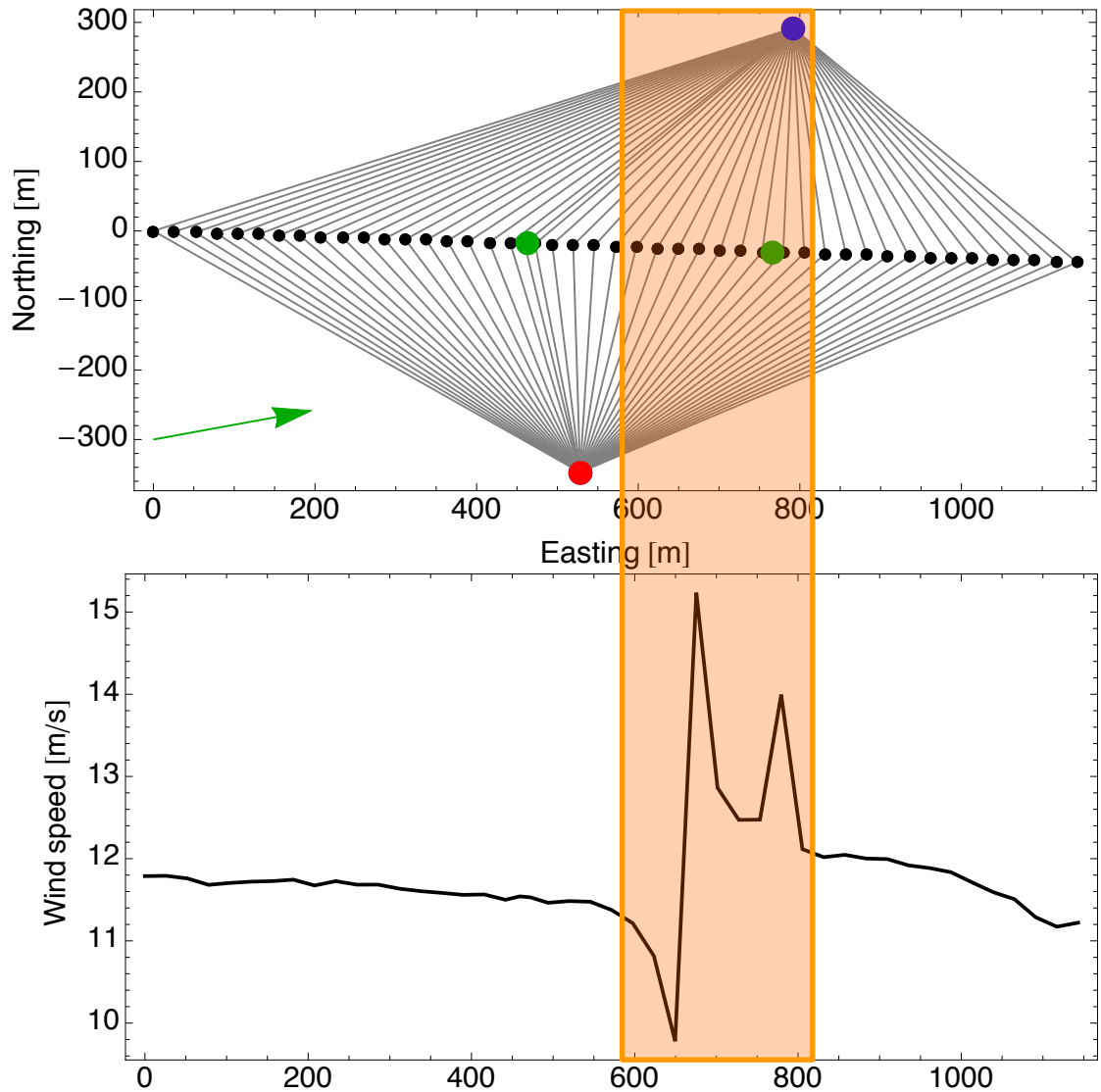


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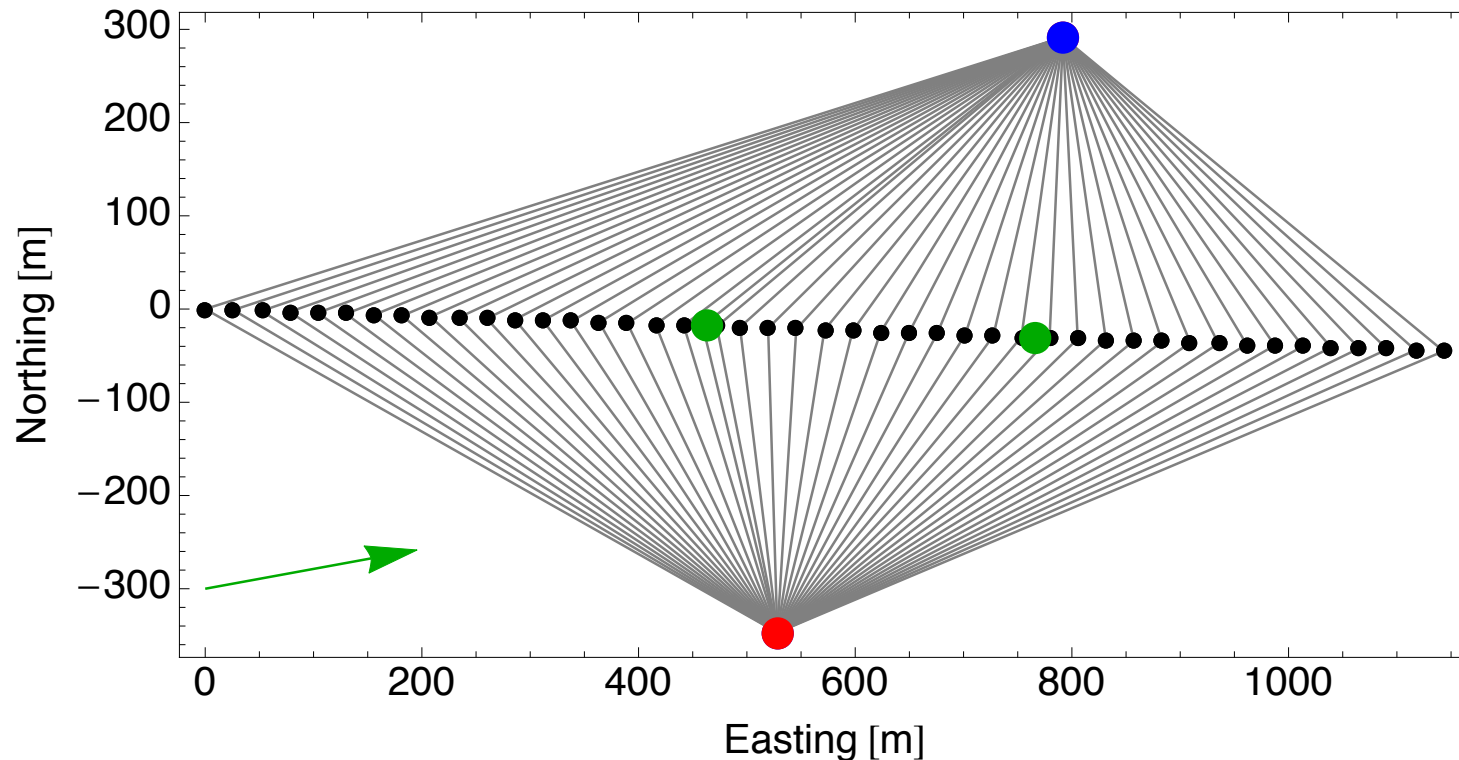
# What went wrong





# What went wrong

- Beams parallel to each other between two mast locations
- Erroneous reconstruction of horizontal wind speed and wind direction



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Impressive pointing accuracy  
Multi-lidar vs Mast fantastic comparison  
Moved the whole lab from DK to DE  
Running campaign via mobile network

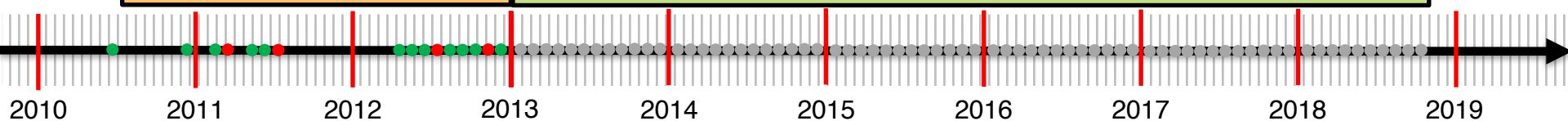


Low clouds = data availability  
Low mobile coverage for some spots  
Hitting hard targets (mast guidewires)

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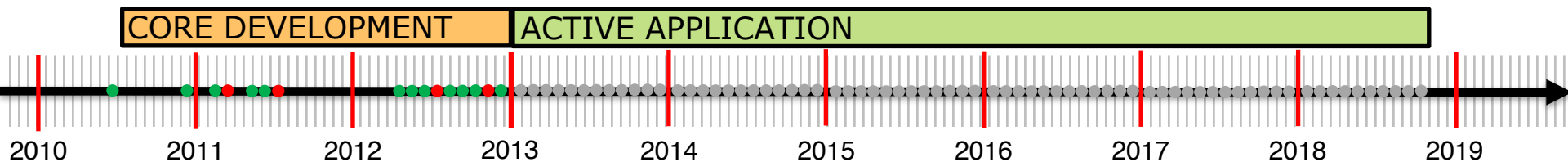


First hard-core installation  
Running WindScanners using generators  
Scanned wind resources along a ridge



Air too clean = data availability ?  
Too hot = WindScanners needed siesta

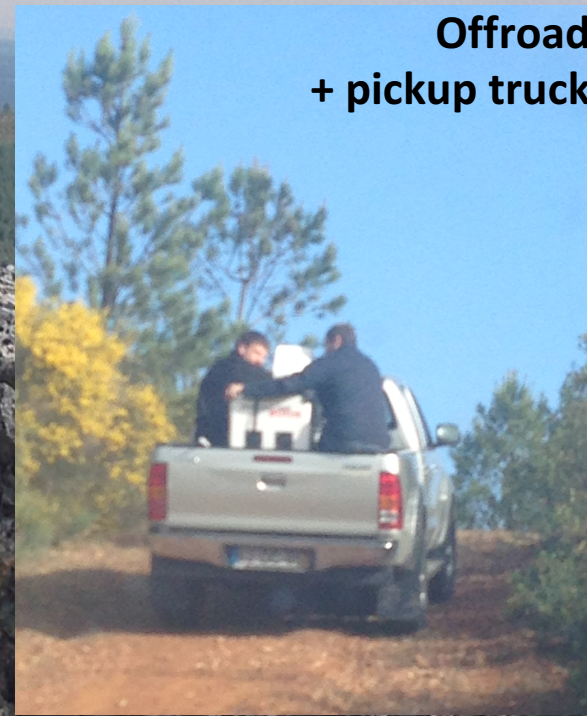
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# Installation of NW WindScanner



Hiking trail



Offroad  
+ pickup truck



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Hiking trail

Offroad  
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**"Don't go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path...and leave a trail"**  
**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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Flow measurements in the coastal zone

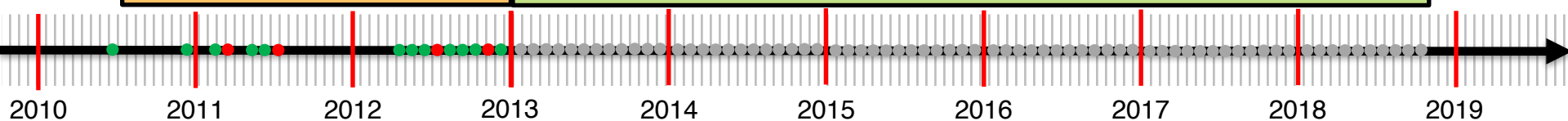


Too much particles (limited range)  
Often needed cleaning of glass window  
Too humid (desiccants 'roasted' often)

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# Beware!!! We worked and we are still working with prototype units!

RUNE campaign



More info: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/seasons-greetings-nikola-vasiljevic/>

# Dissemination & Outreach

## Who else is using WindScanner solutions

since 2012



3 x WLS200S



since 2016



3 x WLS200S



since 2017



3 x WLS200S



since 2017



4 x WLS400S



since 2018



3 x WLS100S



since 2018



2 x WLS200S






# What we learned

- Chose an adequate site
- Simple is sexy
- Look at data from day one
- If you need two lidars for experiments, then you actually need three lidars
- Don't do an experiment for the experiment sake
- Develop and use methodology for multi-lidar experiments:  
<https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-10-3463-2017>
- Make a simple uncertainty model use it to guide your lidar placement:  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1441178>
- **Scanning lidars / multi-lidars are complex to handle:**  
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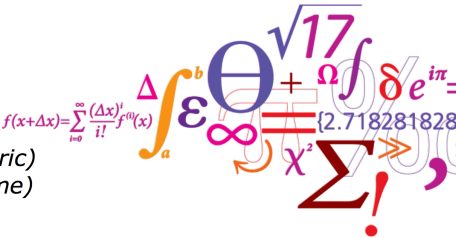


**New methods of measurements: where are we today, and where are we heading towards**


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*"There is a need to make the technology "dummy proof" for a larger audience, but also quite "open" for power users." – Lidar expert group*




Project Report

### IEA Wind Task 32: Wind Lidar Identifying and Mitigating Barriers to the Adoption of Wind Lidar

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**Abstract:** IEA Wind Task 32 exists to identify and mitigate barriers to the adoption of lidar for wind energy applications. It leverages ongoing international research and development activities in academia and industry to investigate site assessment, power performance testing, controls and loads, and complex flows. Since its initiation in 2011, Task 32 has been responsible for several recommended practices and expert reports that have contributed to the adoption of ground-based, nacelle-based, and floating lidar by the wind industry. Future challenges include the development of lidar uncertainty models, best practices for data management, and developing community-based tools for data analysis, planning of lidar measurements and lidar configuration. This paper describes the barriers that Task 32 identified to the deployment of wind lidar in each of these application areas, and the steps that have been taken to confirm or mitigate the barriers. Task 32 will continue to be a meeting point for the international wind lidar community until at least 2020 and welcomes old and new participants.

**Keywords:** wind energy; resource assessment; power performance testing; wind turbine controls; complex flow; Doppler lidar

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**1. Introduction**

Wind lidar can measure the line of sight (LOS) wind speed at distances from a few centimeters to several kilometers. Depending on their deployment, the LOS speed is obtained by means of lidar systems firmly sitting on the ground, floating in the water or orbiting around the Earth. The first commercial wind lidar systems targeted at wind energy applications appeared in the early 2000s [1].

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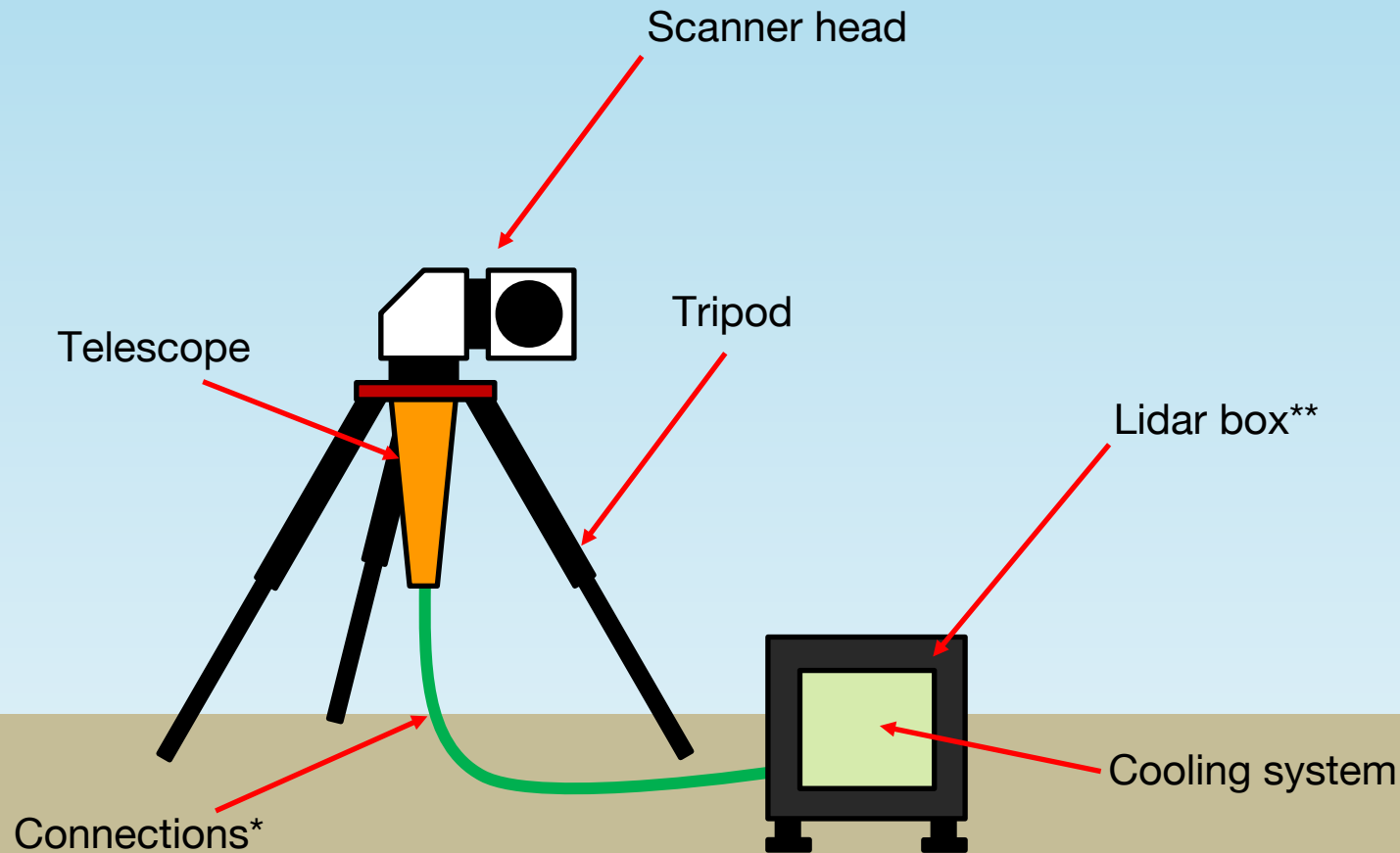
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# Compact lidar – DTU OpenLidar concept



\*light, digital and analog cables

\*\*photonics, computer and control rack

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