

Floating lidar standards and
guidance, an update centred
around the upcoming technical
specification IEC 61400-50-4

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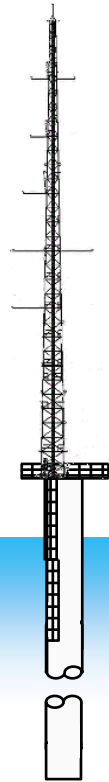
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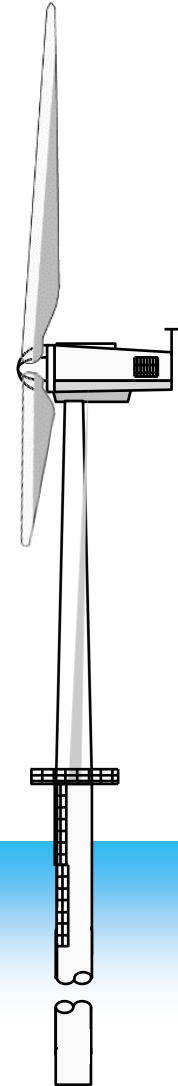
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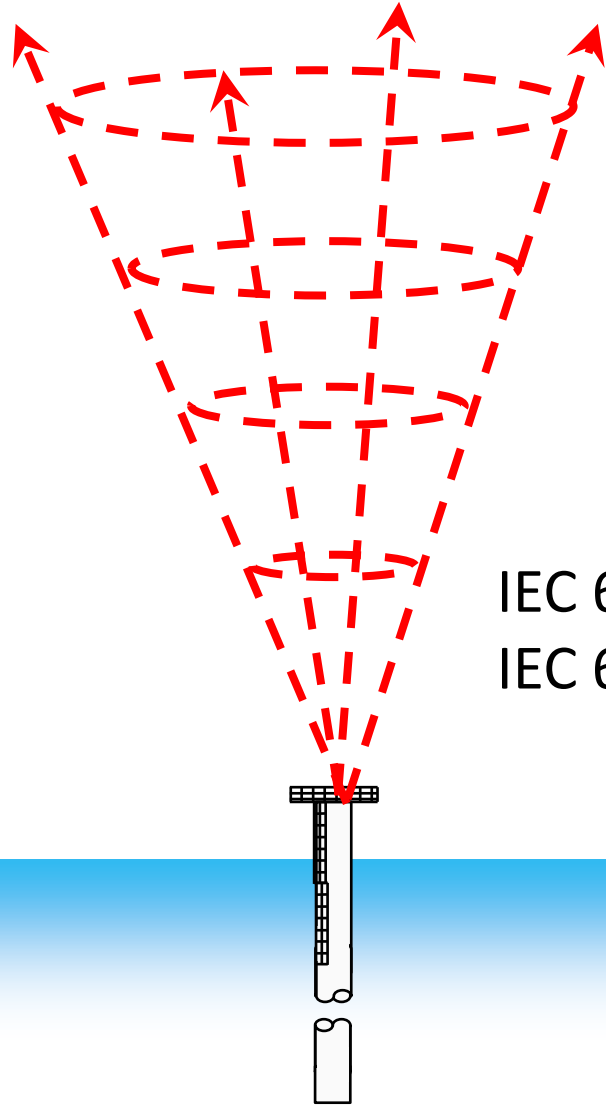
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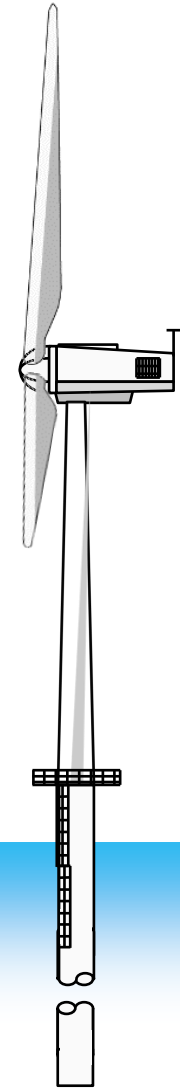
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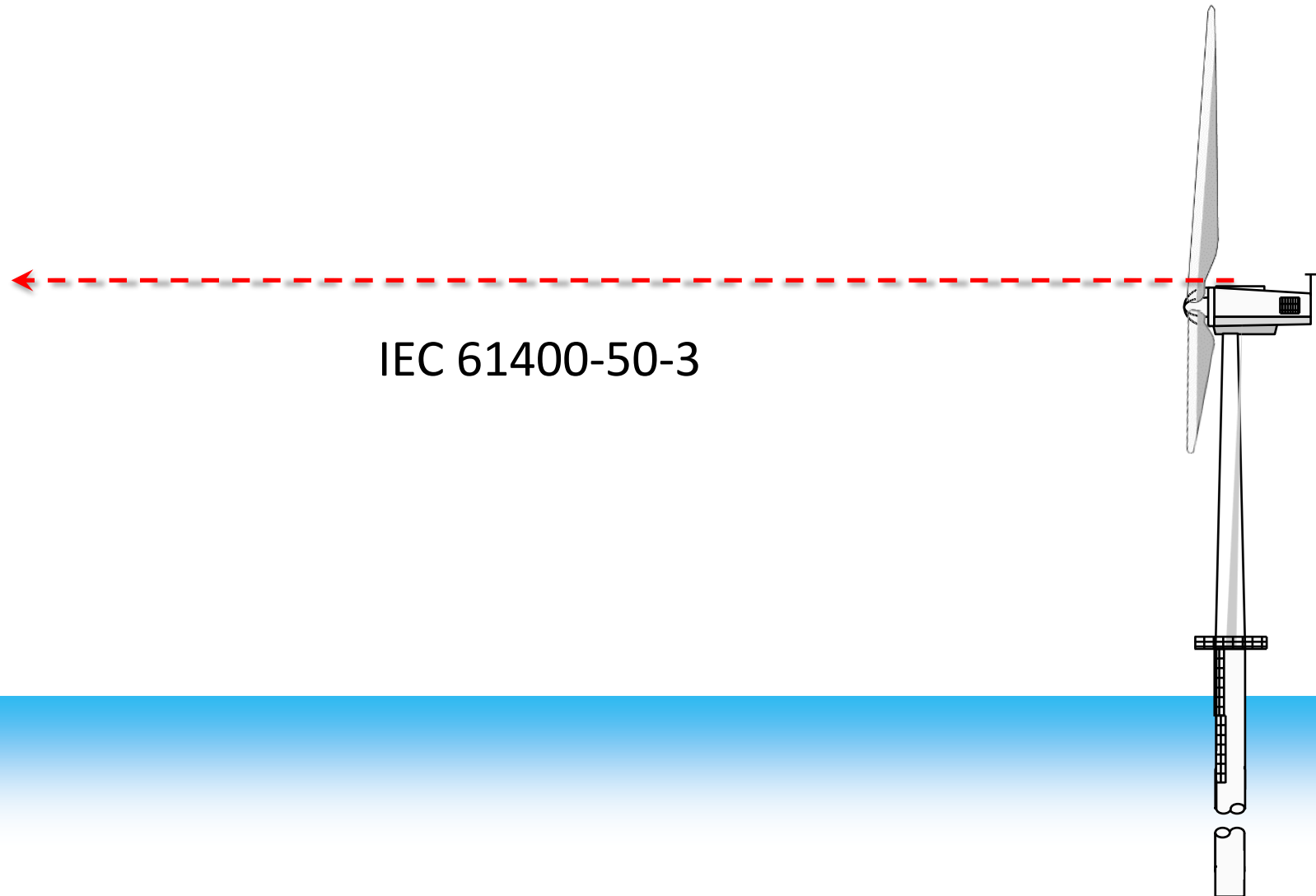
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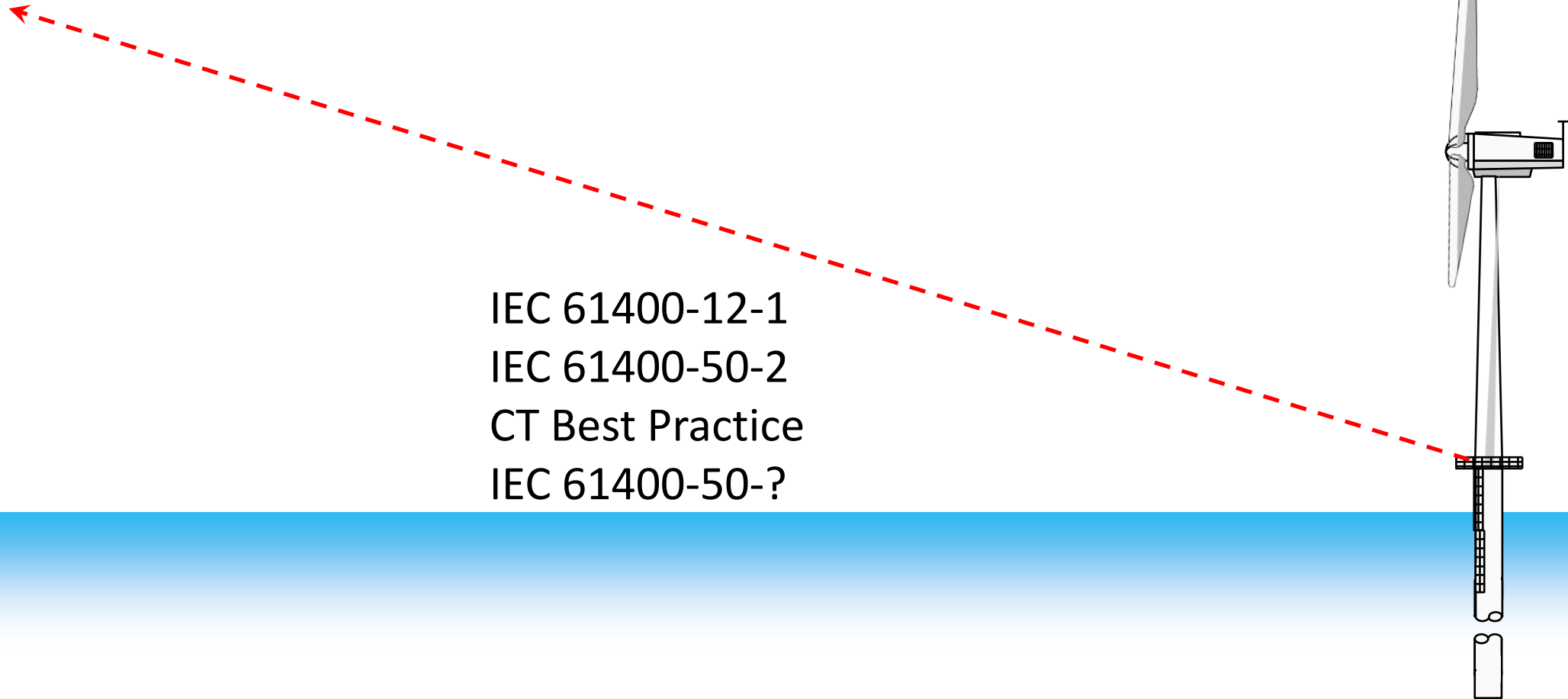
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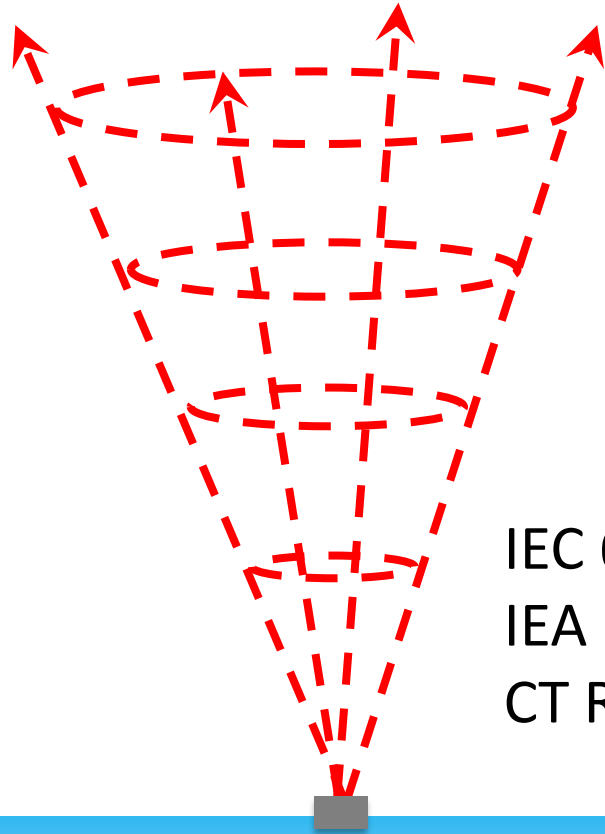
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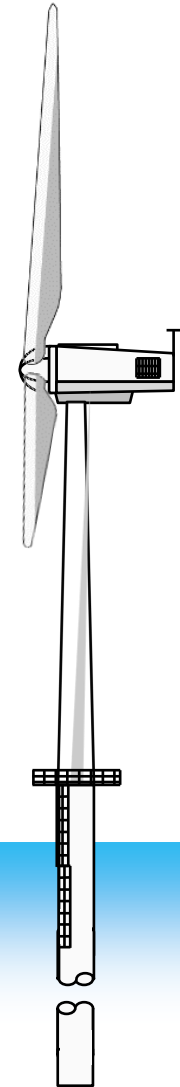
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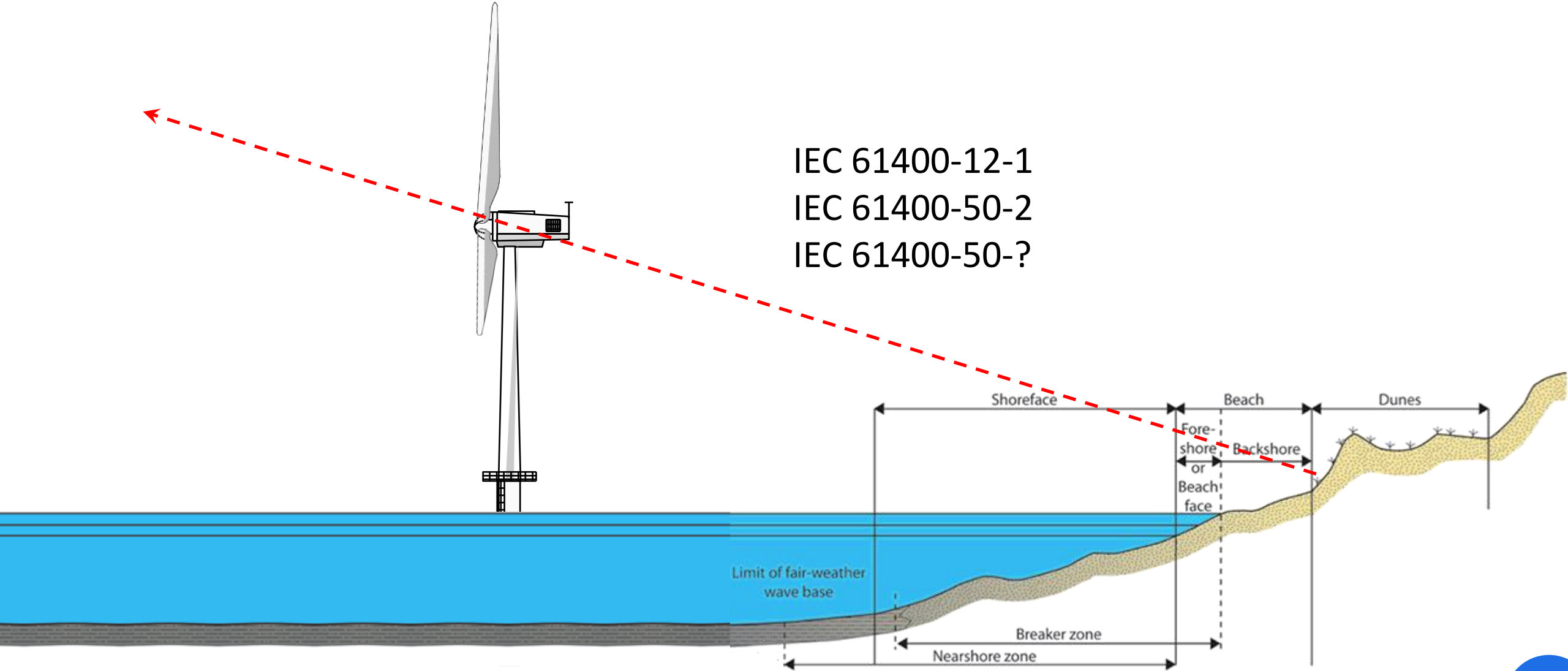
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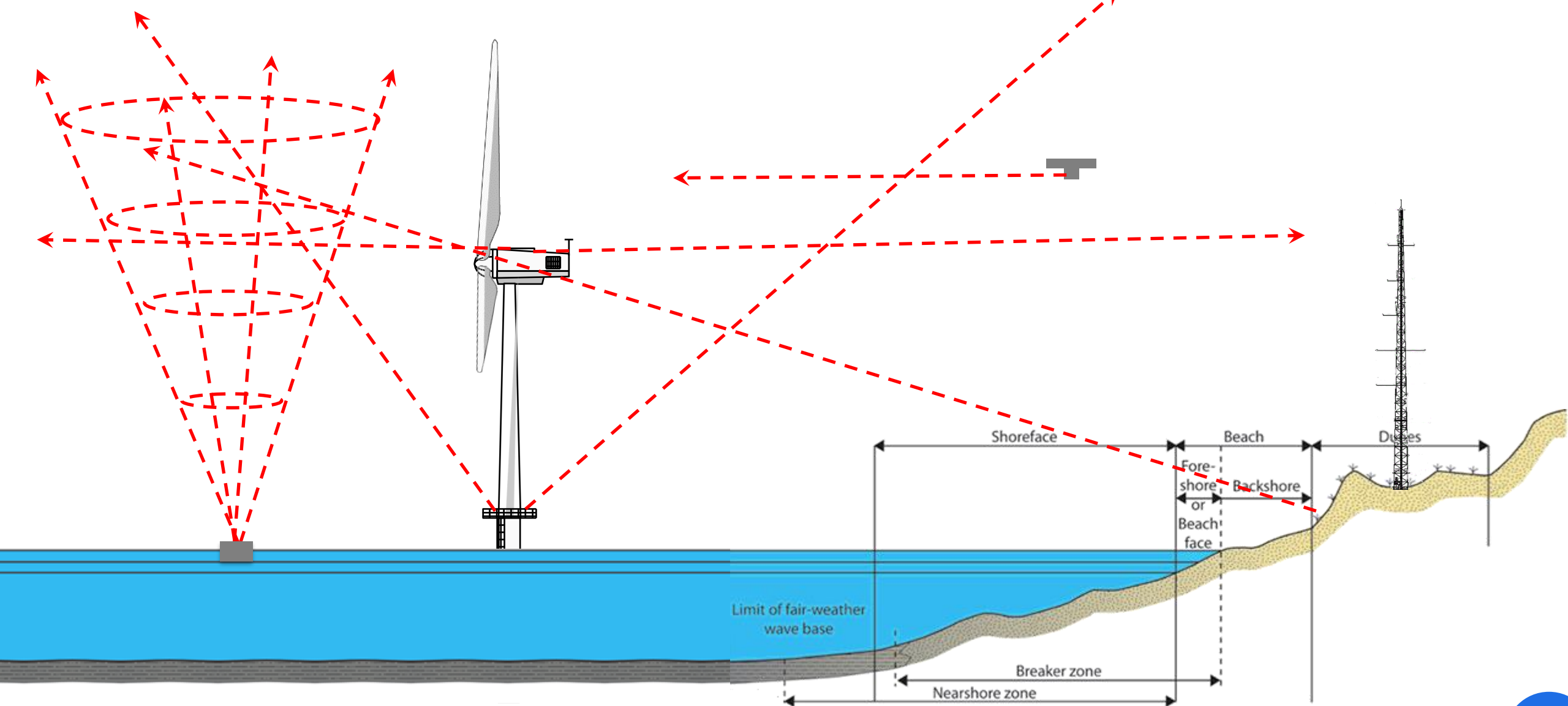


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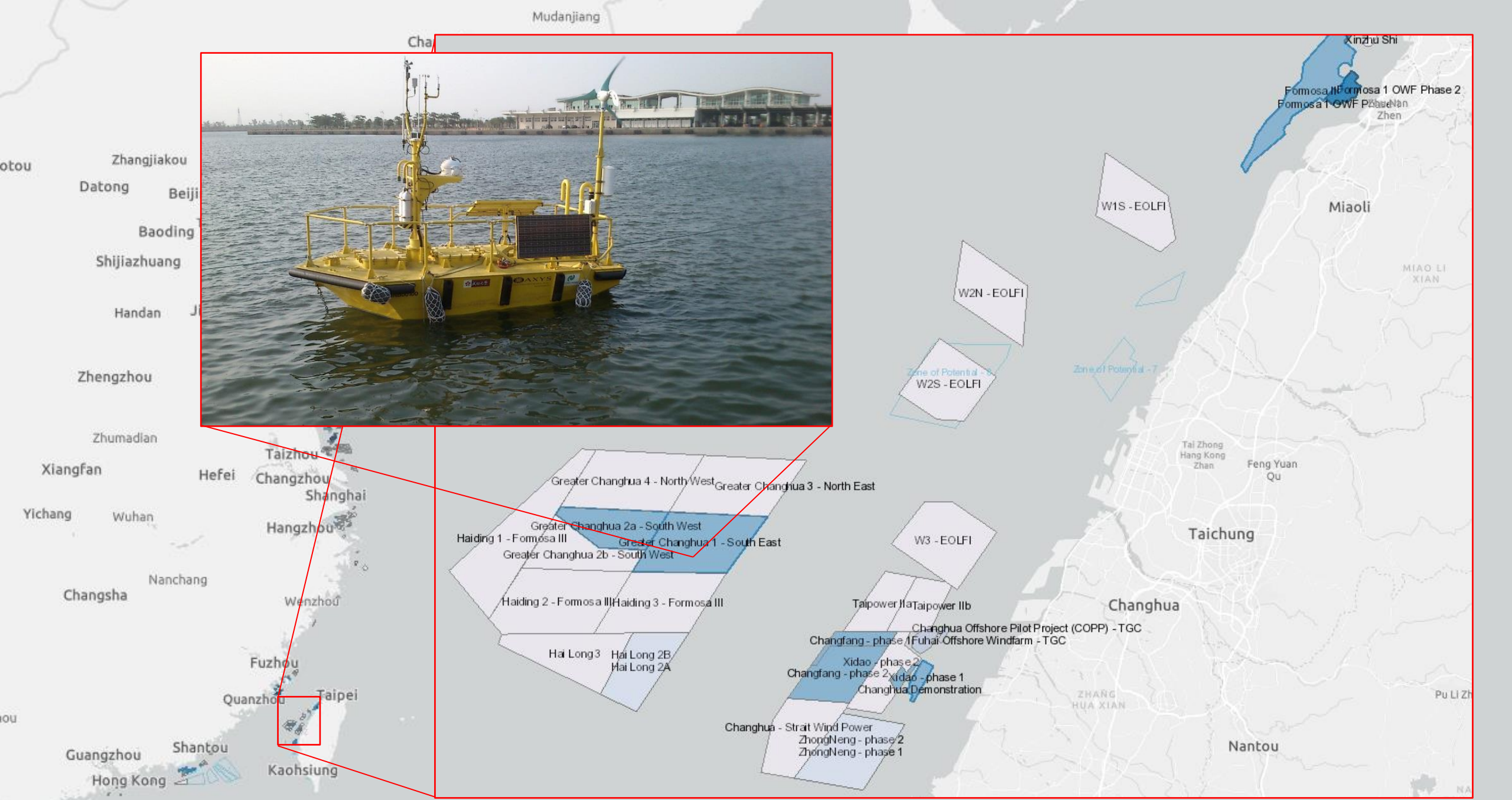
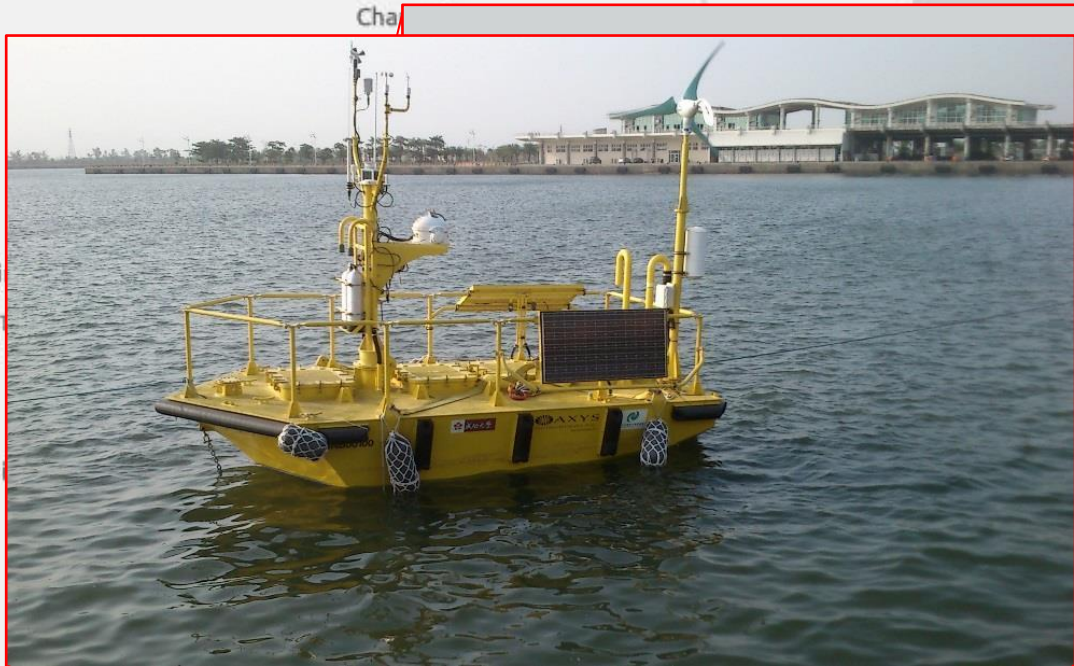
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Measurements: all of the above and more ..

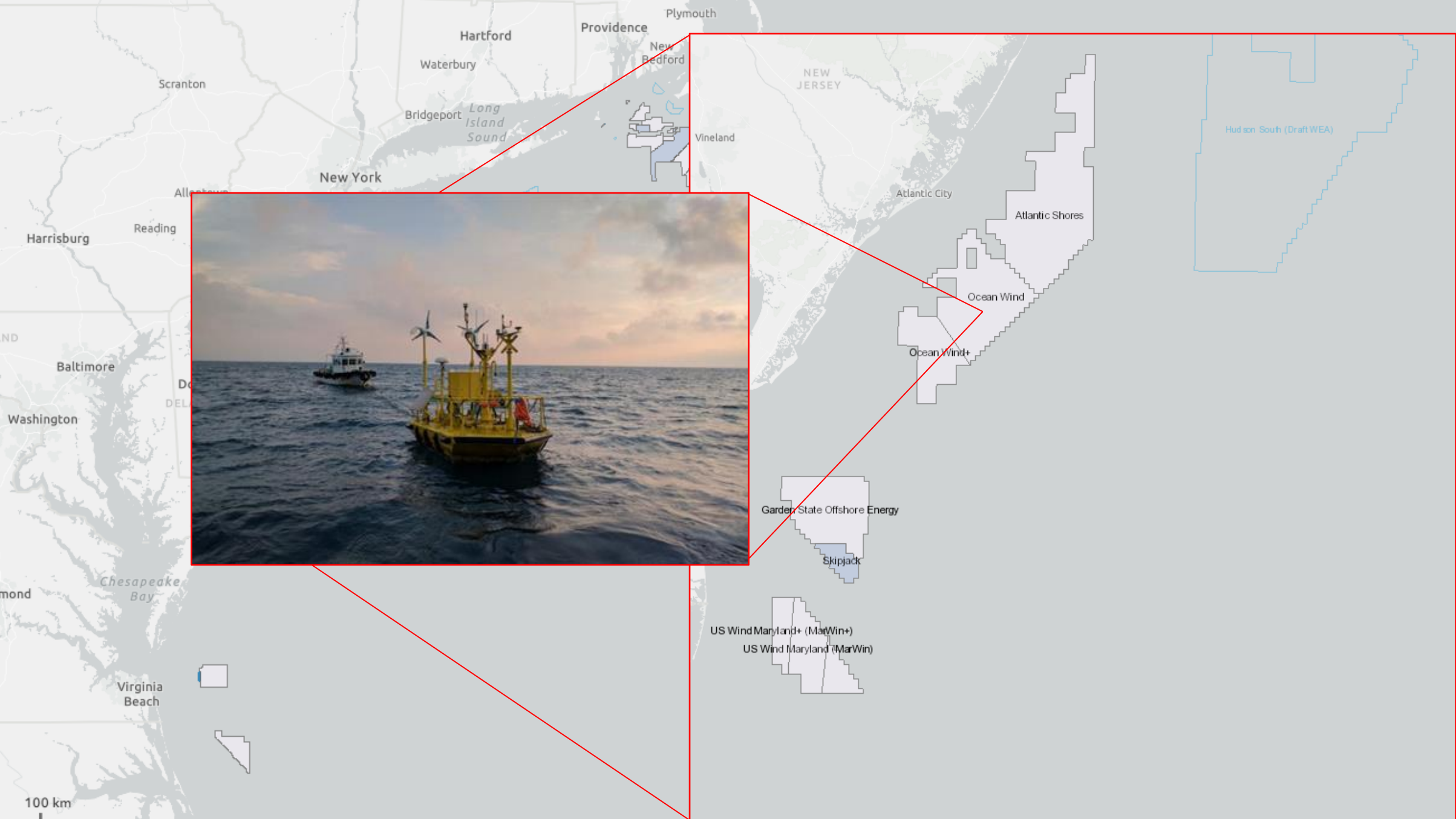




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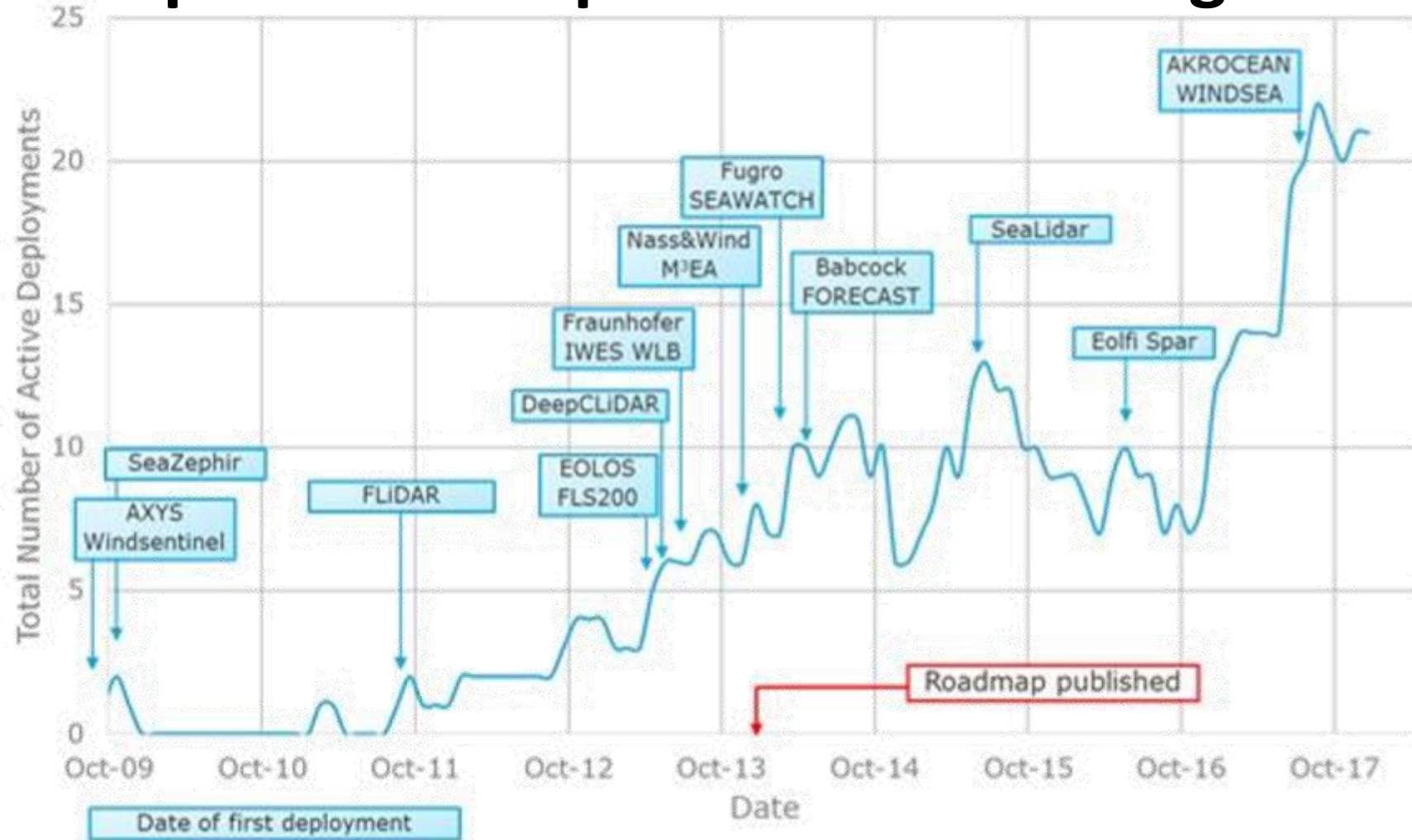


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Industry Adoption and Experience of Floating Lidar



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System Name	First Deployment	LiDAR Used	Independently Reported Maturity Stage
AXYS FLiDAR WindSentinel	2009	ZephIR 300, Windcube v2	Stage 2
SeaZephir	2009	ZephIR 300	
AXYS FLiDAR 4M (FLiDAR)	2011	ZephIR 300, Windcube v2	Stage 2
EOLOS FLS200	2013	ZephIR 300	Stage 2
DeepCLiDAR	2013	Windcube v2	Stage 2 ¹
Fraunhofer IWES Wind LiDAR Buoy	2013	Windcube v2, ZephIR 300	Stage 2
Nass&Wind M3EA	2014	Windcube v2	
Fugro Oceanor SEAWATCH	2014	ZephIR 300	Stage 2
Babcock FORECAST	2014	ZephIR 300	Stage 2
SeaLiDAR	2015	ZephIR 300	
Eolfi Spar	2016	Diabrezza (Mitsubishi Electric) or other	
AKROCEAN WINDSEA	2017	Windcube v2, Zephir 300	
DEWI with Leosphere	2017	Windcube v2	

Source: Carbon Trust OWA “Deployments of Floating LiDAR Systems” (2018)

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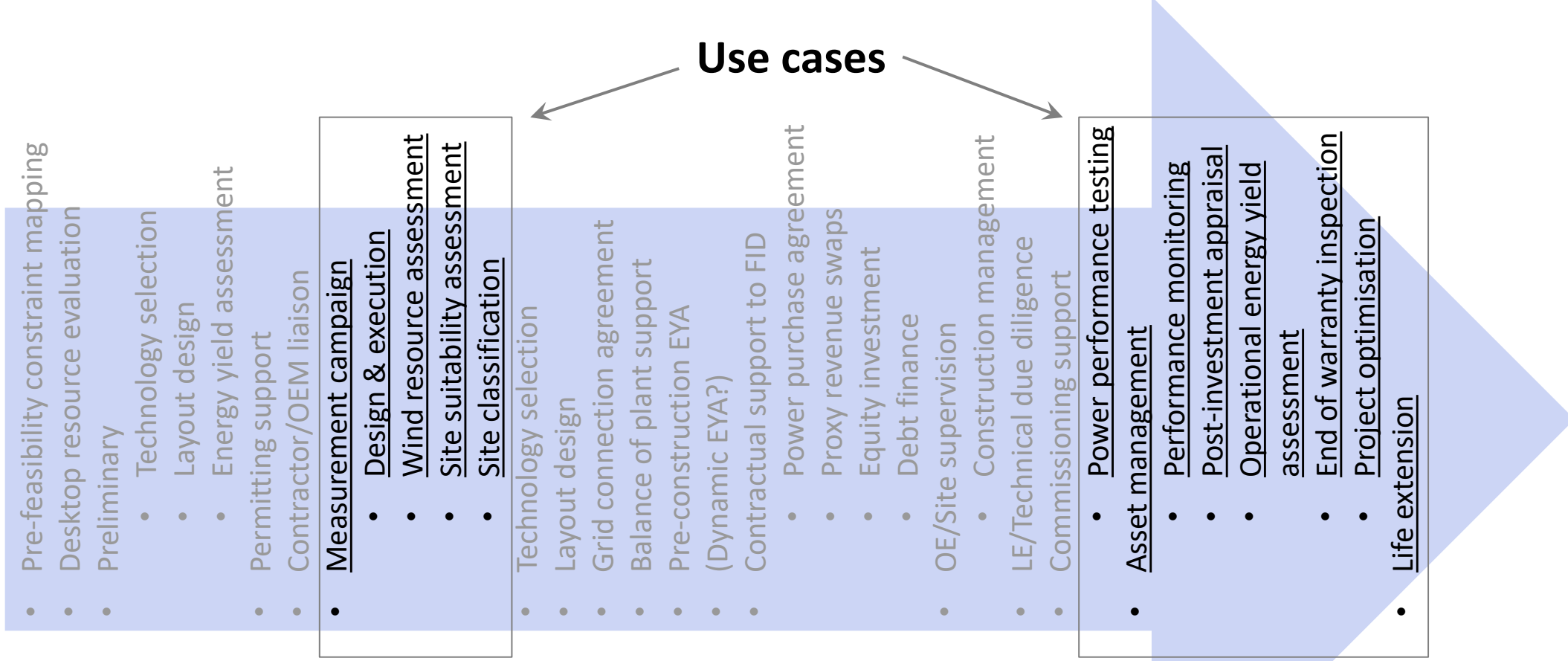


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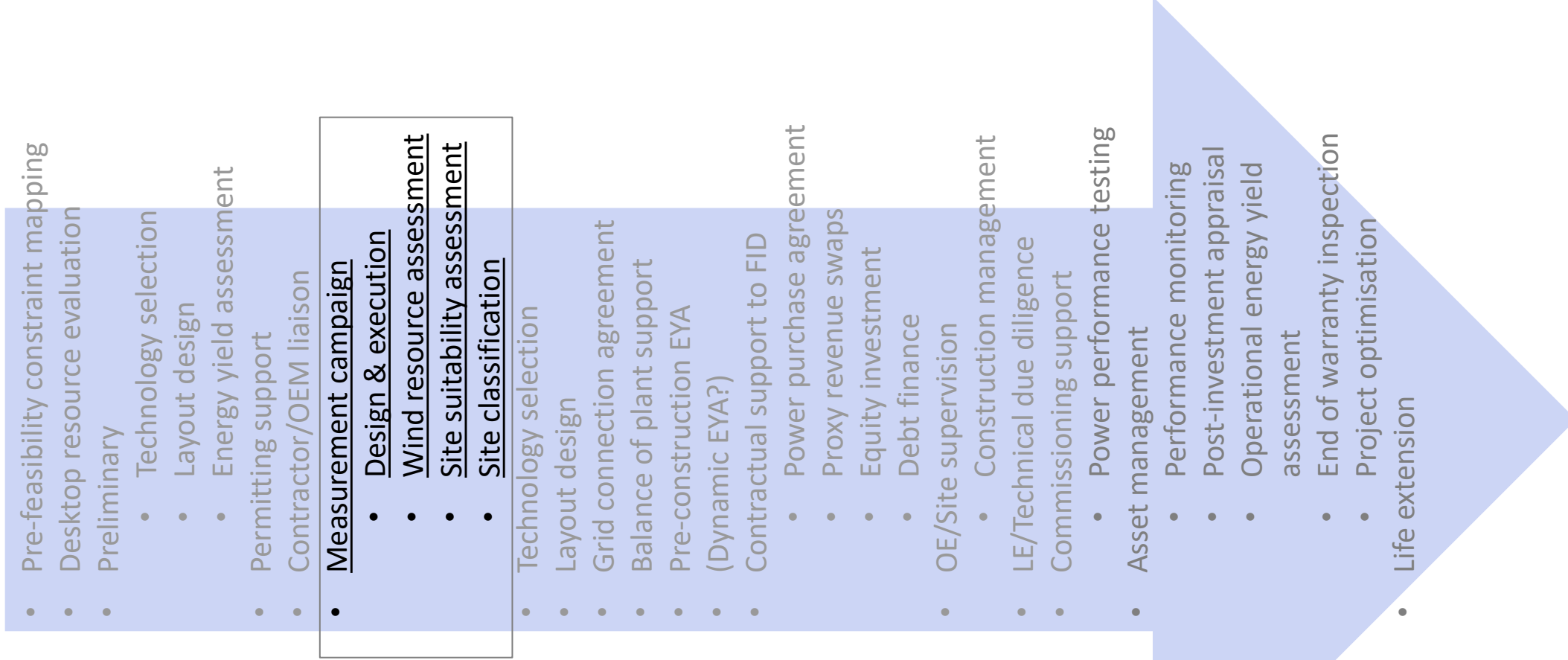
Use cases

- Pre-feasibility constraint mapping
- Desktop resource evaluation
- Preliminary
 - Technology selection
 - Layout design
 - Energy yield assessment
- Permitting support
- Contractor/OEM liaison
- Measurement campaign
 - Design & execution
 - Wind resource assessment
 - Site suitability assessment
 - Site classification
- Technology selection
- Layout design
- Grid connection agreement
- Balance of plant support
- Pre-construction EYA
- (Dynamic EYA?)
- Contractual support to FID
 - Power purchase agreement
 - Proxy revenue swaps
 - Equity investment
 - Debt finance
- OE/Site supervision
 - Construction management
- LE/Technical due diligence
- Commissioning support
 - Power performance testing
- Asset management
 - Performance monitoring
 - Post-investment appraisal
 - Operational energy yield assessment
 - End of warranty inspection
 - Project optimisation
- Life extension

Use cases



Use cases



IEC TS 61400-50-4 considers pre-construction resource assessment as the paradigmatic use case being supported

Existing standards and guidance

- IEC guidance for measurements historically has been part of IEC 61400-12-1, 2nd edition (2017). This guidance is now disaggregated into:
 - Use cases (e.g. power curve tests IEC 61400-12-1, load assessment IEC 61400-13, wind resource assessment & site suitability assessment IEC 61400-15, etc.)
 - Measurement methods (the IEC 61400-50 series)
- Pre-normative guidance for FLS includes
 - IEA Wind Recommended Practices 18. (RP18) Floating Lidar Systems, 1st edition (2017)
 - OWA Lidar Uncertainty Standard Review (LUSR) (2018)
 - OWA Roadmap for the Commercial Acceptance of Floating Lidar Technology, 2nd edition (Roadmap2) (2018)

“In the course of developing this recommended practice document the authors are aware that this is a ‘stepping stone’ on the way to a normative standard”

(IEA Wind RP 18 Floating Lidar Systems,
Section 9. Recommendations for Further Work)



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Meeting chat

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Yahiaoui Salma 10:58
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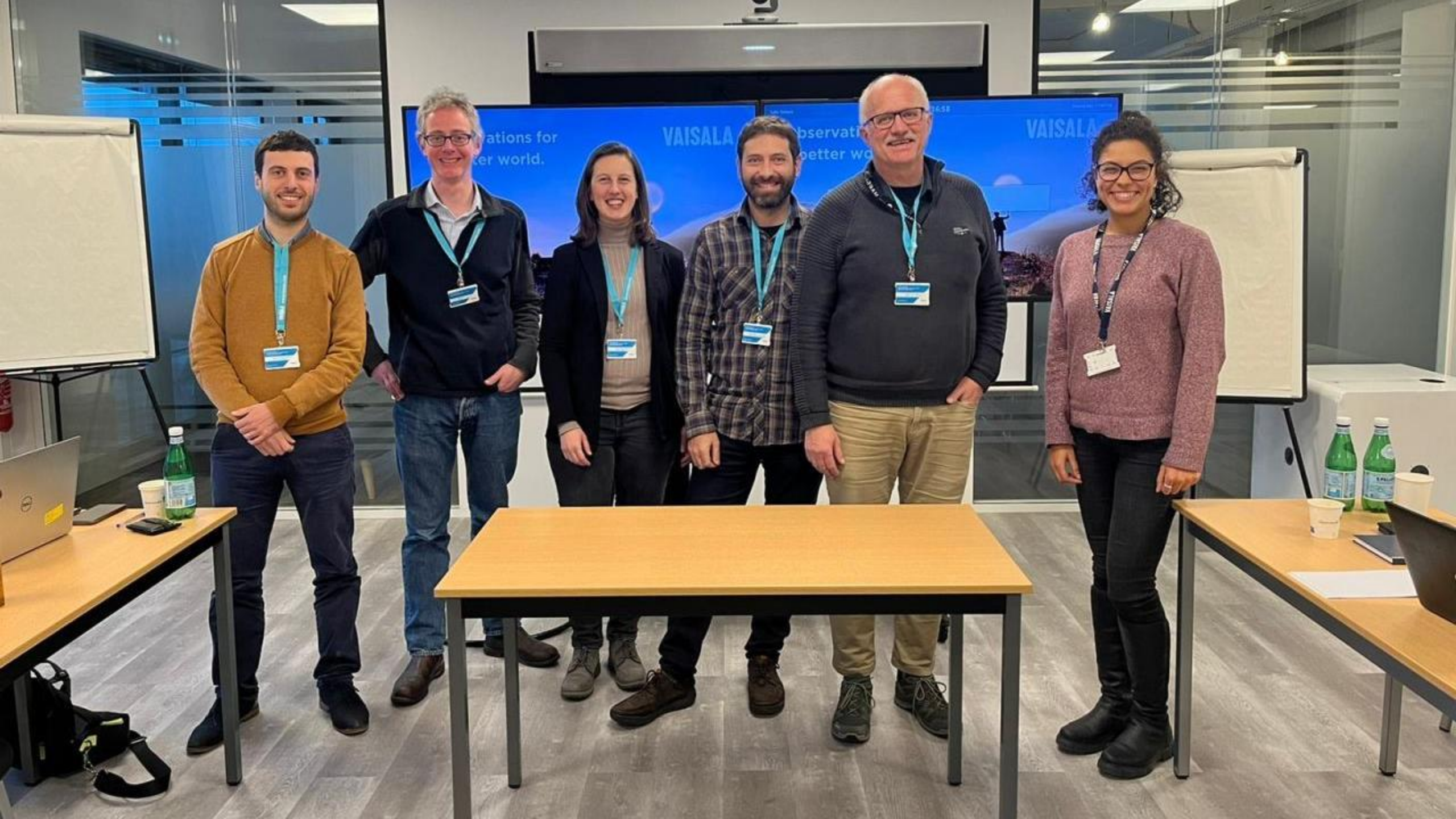
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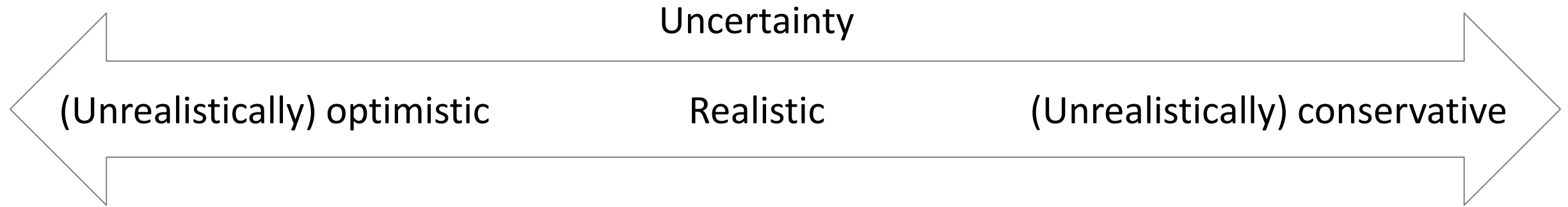
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Outline of IEC TS 61400-50-4

- Clause 6: system requirements
- Clause 7: calibration
- Clause 8: classification
- Clause 9: uncertainty
- Clause 10: measurement procedure
- Clause 11: reporting

- Annex A: the instrument qualification cycle
- Annex B: turbulence intensity
- Annex C: specific measurement campaign
- Annex D: hierarchy of uncertainties

Challenges



Realism

- Comparison between instruments reflect genuine differences in performance with respect to accuracy, rather than non-physical artefacts of our procedures
- Needed to establish trusted references: this is important with RSDs and FLSs in particular as we need to compare between different technologies when classifying and calibrating
- Realism also supports incentivisation of growth of database / evidence base

Challenges

- **50-2:** vertically profiling ground based RSDs – accuracy tests based on
 - “Black box” scrutiny of final variables
- **50-3:** nacelle mounted lidars – accuracy tests based on
 - “White box” scrutiny of intermediate variables, plus
 - An evidence base that supports confidence in the performance of the WFR algorithm (given the challenges associated with routinely testing the final variables).
 - Guidance is restricted to cases where the evidence base indicates no significant influence of environmental variables on the performance of the WFR algorithm (zero classification)

Challenges

- **50-4:** floating lidar systems (FLS)
 - Accuracy tests based on
 - “Black box” observations of final variables (like 50-2), plus
 - An evidence base that supports confidence in the WFR (like 50-3).
 - Also, we cannot limit ourselves to cases where we have an evidence base indicating satisfactory performance, as *many deployments will take place outwith the EOC associated with the available evidence base.*
 - This incentivises growing the evidence base and sharing information to increase the EOC and thus reduce classification uncertainties that would otherwise accrue due to operation outwith the EOC

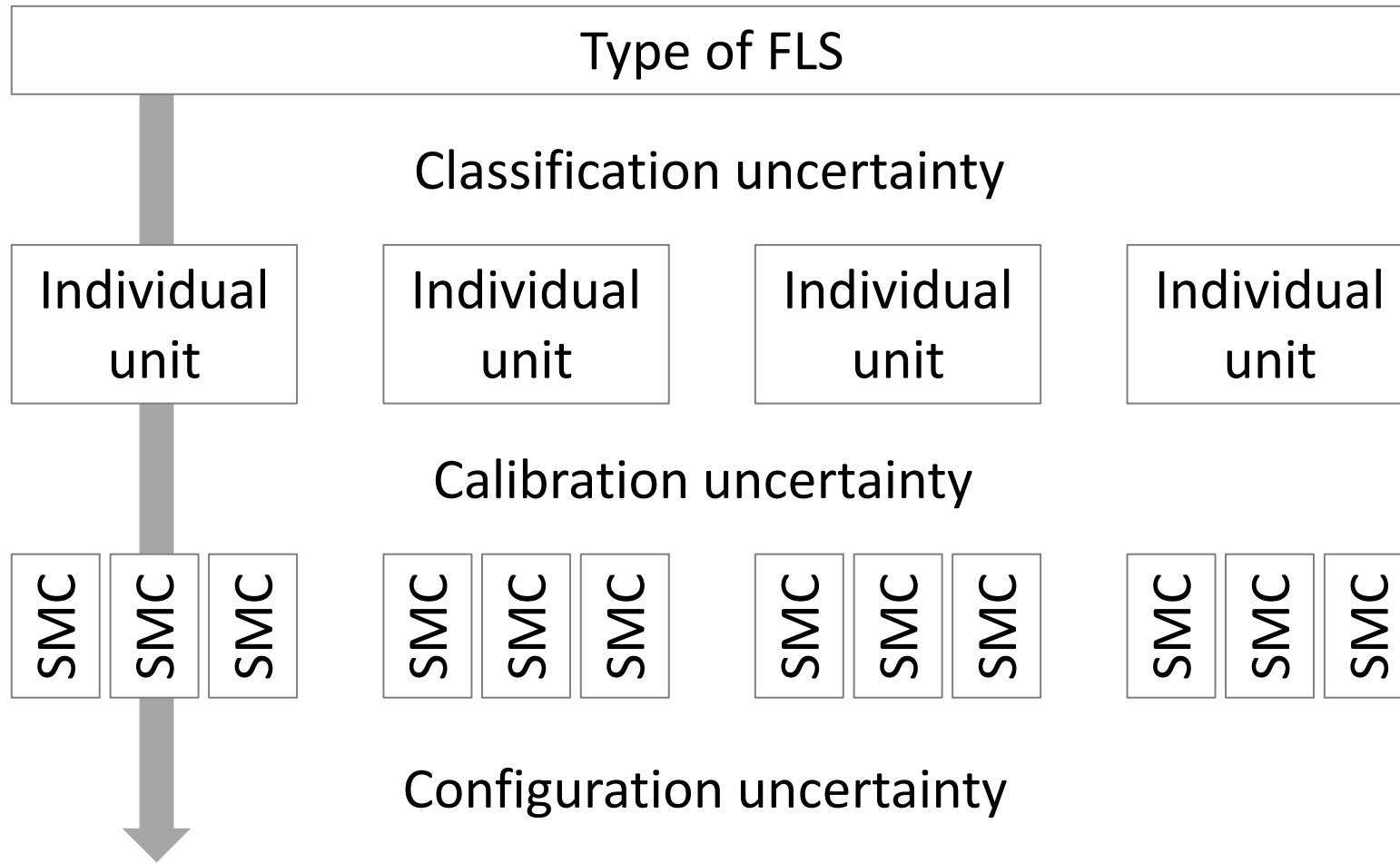
Challenges

- Develop an approach to instrument classification that
 - Supports confidence in the same way as stages of commercial acceptance
 - Is compatible with uncertainty evaluation methodologies in other standards
- Discrete acceptance stages are replaced by evidence based EOCs
 - Classification uncertainty is zero within the EOC, and depends on sensitivities to environmental variables outwith it
 - This provides a robust systematic approach based on measurements and observation that supports *realistic* rather than *conservative* evaluations of uncertainty
 - *Growing the evidence base increases the range of EOCs in which we can justify the application of lower uncertainties*

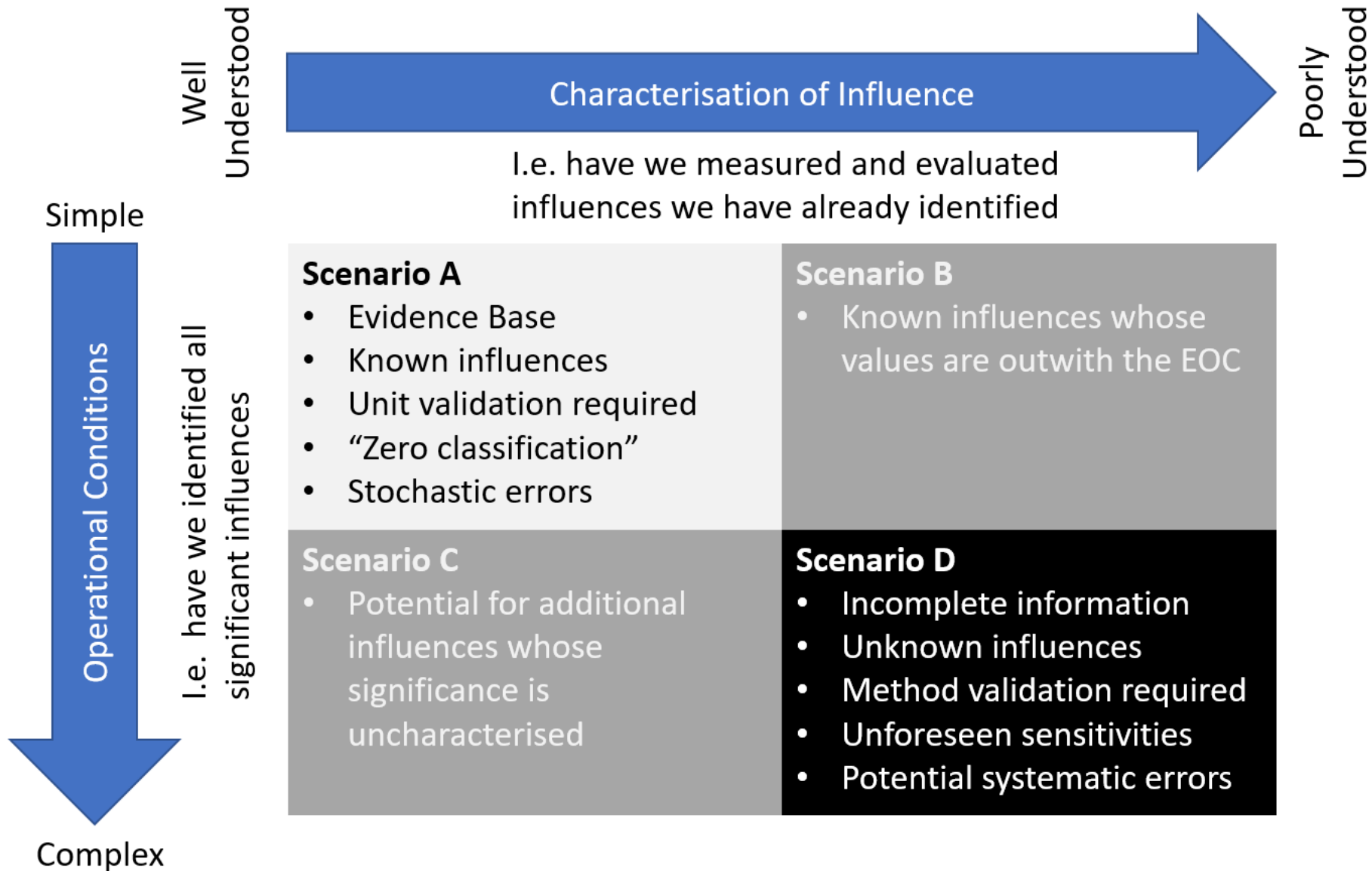
Hierarchy of uncertainties

- No uncertainty budget can be complete: you cannot assign a likelihood to an unforeseen influence on accuracy
- The budget should be “as complete as reasonably achievable” (ACARA): if an unforeseen influence is observed, it should not have been reasonably foreseeable
- Therefore, a systematic approach to identifying contributions to uncertainty is required to accommodate what is reasonably foreseeable

Hierarchy of uncertainties

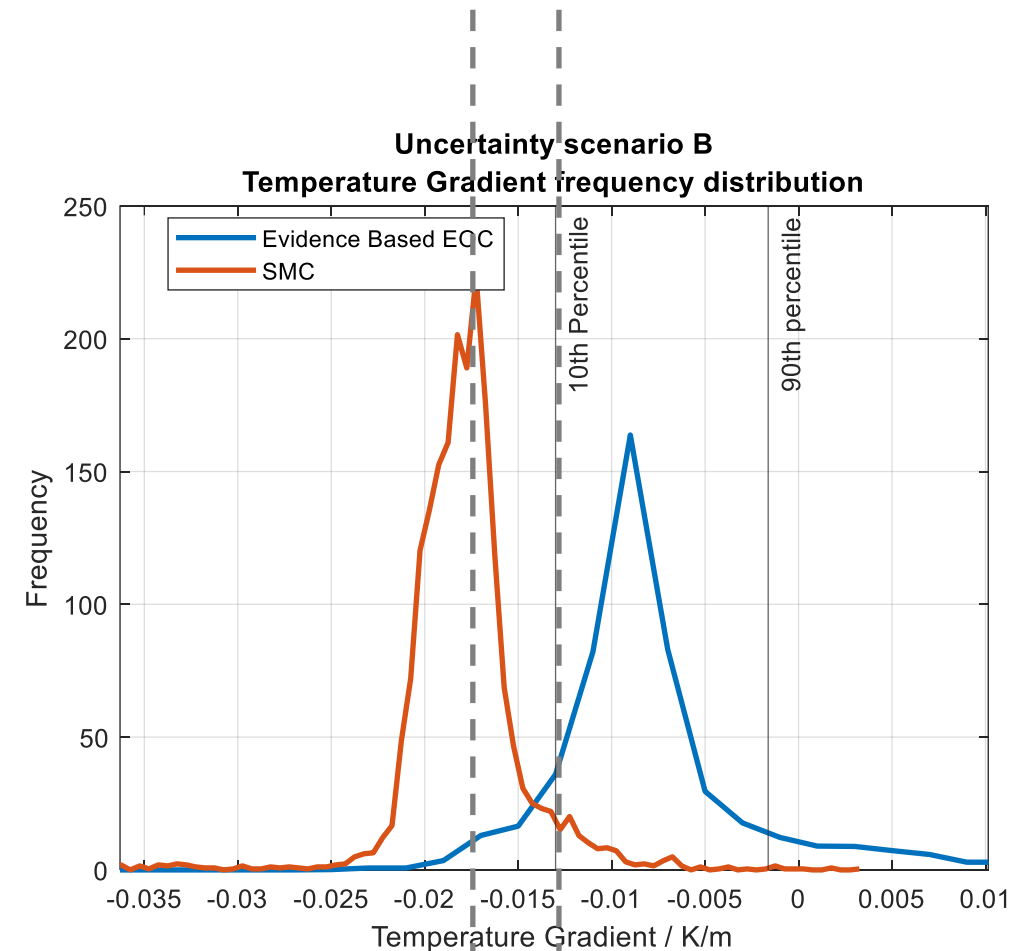


Uncertainty for an SMC = Classification + Calibration + Configuration



Classification

- Develop evidence base from long-term tests to support confidence in satisfactory performance within the envelope of operational condition (EOC) represented by the evidence base
- Zero classification uncertainty applies within this EOC (Scenario A, c.f. IEC 61400-50-3)
- Outwith this range classification uncertainty due to each EV is calculated from the sensitivity of accuracy to that EV in the same way as in IEC 61400-50-2 (Scenario B)



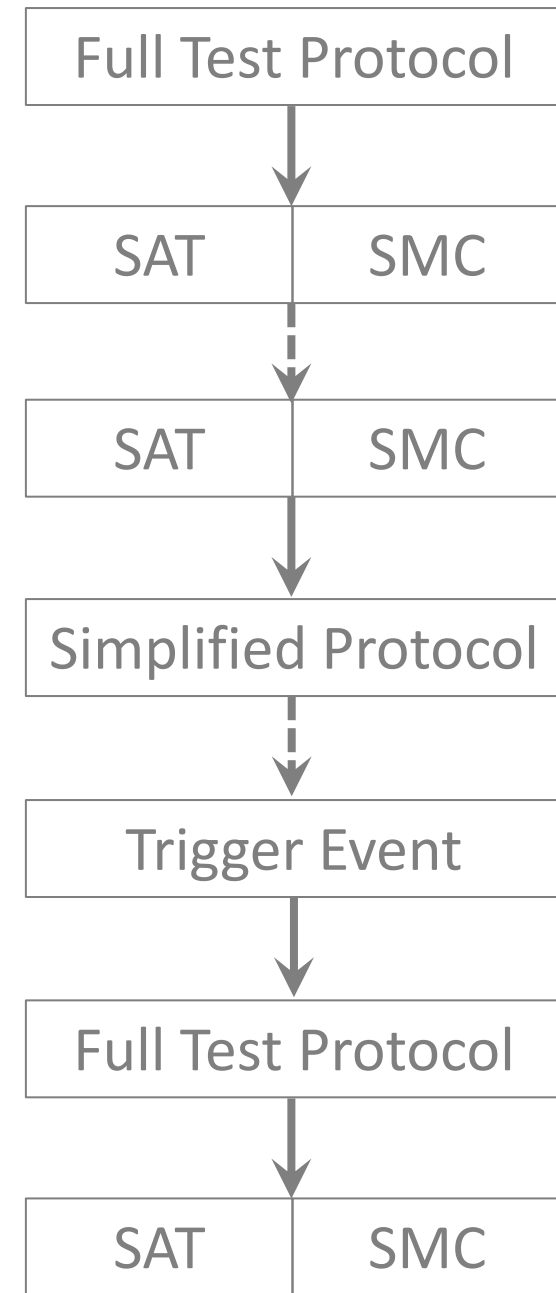
(Sensitivity applied to this interval) → ←

Evidence base

- Long-term test
 - At least 3 months continuous measurement
 - At least 8640 data points
 - 80 data points in each 1 m/s bin from 4 m/s to 12 m/s
 - 80 data points in each 2 m/s bin from 12 m/s to 16 m/s
- Evidence base:
 - At least 3 long-term tests, at least 2 of which are in open sea conditions
 - 3 PV tests may be combined to be equivalent to 1 long-term test
- Environmental variables include (but are not limited to):
 - Atmospheric: TPH and density, TI, shear, veer, precipitation, flow inclination
 - Oceanographic: significant wave height and peak period, wave direction and steepness, current and tide
 - FLS related: rotational and translational motions (pitch, roll, yaw)
 - Lidar related: data coverage, SNR / CNR

Calibration

- Comparison with a trusted reference
- Full and simplified protocols available
- Full test required before first SMC
 - 40 data points per 1 m/s bin, 2 m/s to 12 m/s
 - 40 data points per 2 m/s bin, 12 m/s to 16 m/s
- Remains valid if
 - SAT includes quayside spot check
 - Routine (biannual) onshore lidar test
 - Other requirements fulfilled (e.g., Chapter 10)
- Simplified test permitted within EOC
- Full test trigger by material change to FLS, e.g.,
 - Installation of new WFR method
 - Change in motion compensation
 - Any modification or incident that affects performance



Calibration: trusted reference

- "A Trusted Reference System is a fully characterized measurement system such that a defined measurement uncertainty with coverage factor is provided and valid for all measurements for which the comparison is to take place"
- Can be a met mast or an RSD, including an FLS
- Characterised in accordance with the relevant guidance
 - i.e., IEC 61400-50-1, -2, -3, or -4

Calibration: simplified protocol

Data completion criteria

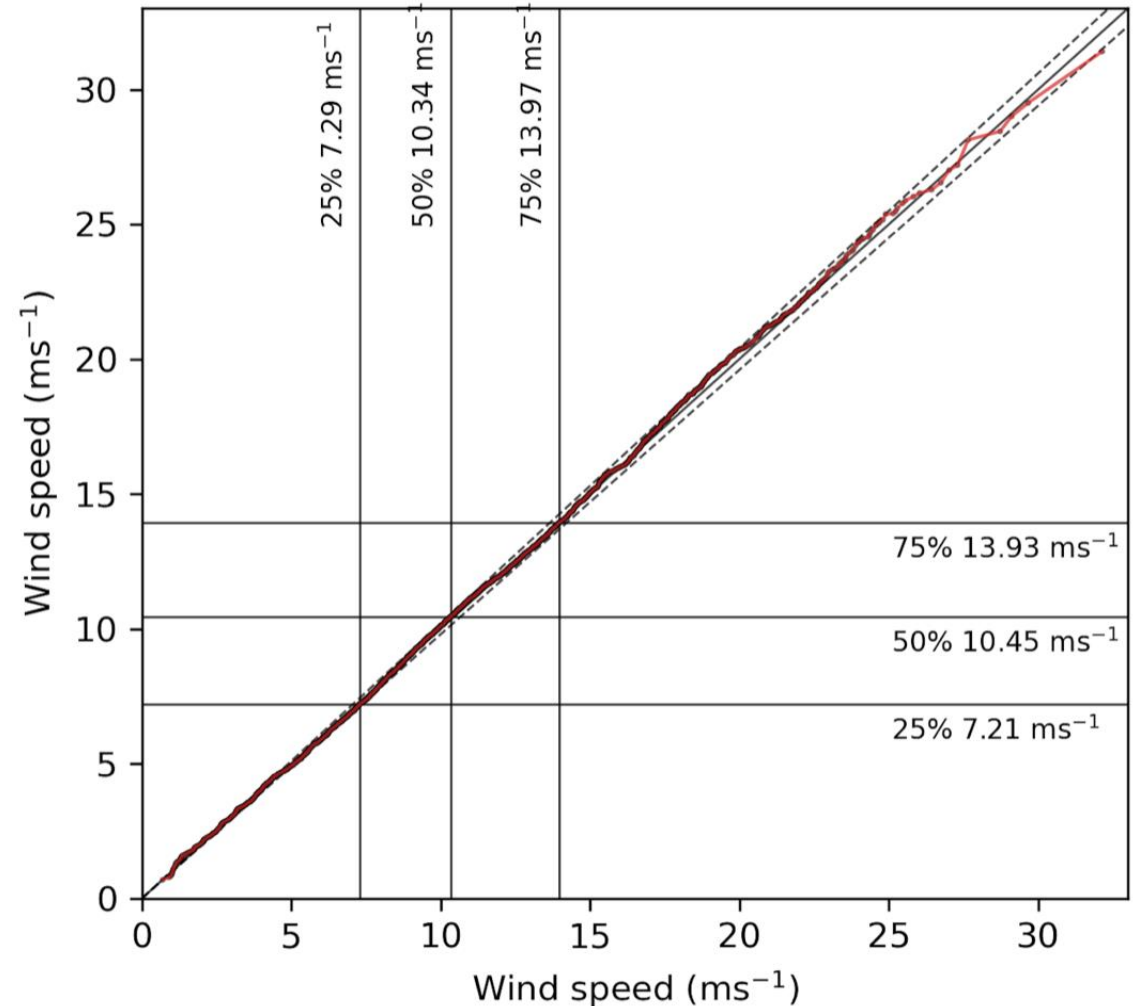
- Minimum duration 14 days
- >1440 data points > 2m/s

Data compared to 1:1 line on a Q-Q plot

Acceptance criteria

- Mean deviation < uncertainty estimated during the most recent full test

If extended until completion criteria of full test fulfilled (and other requirements met) database can be used for a full (re)test



Uncertainty

- Uncertainty follows closely the recommendations of LUSR
 - Preserves the principles of traceability of uncertainty
 - Adopts a simplified calibration uncertainty calculation
 - Identifies overly conservative assumptions
 - Classification uncertainty
 - Determined by sensitivities to and variations in environmental variables (EVs)
 - Scenario B in 50-4
 - Allows for zero classification
 - Scenario A in 50-4, supported by an EOC

Further information

- *In situ* monitoring method based on
 - Monitoring ratios of average values measured by the FLS and provided by remote reference e.g. reanalysis
 - Using Student's t-test to compare pre- and post-populations for each ratio averaging interval to establish equivalence
- *Informative* annex regarding turbulence:
 - Lidars are not considered sufficiently mature as a turbulence instrument
 - FLS less mature than onshore instruments
 - Requires further industry experience
 - Proposal that the CFARS onshore TI benchmarking methodology is adapted and adopted for offshore measurements to advance understanding first

Conclusions

- The objectives of Roadmap2, in terms of defining stages of commercial acceptance, are accommodated in an evidence based classification scheme that
 - Supports confidence in measurements within an EOC
 - Provides a mechanism for reducing uncertainty by growing the evidence base and corresponding EOC
 - Articulates these aims and methods in a way compatible with the broader context of other IEC measurement standards

Conclusions

- IEC TS 61400-50-4 will provide
 - Normative guidance for consistent inter-comparable FLS measurements to support confidence in offshore wind measurements
 - Clear division of responsibilities and reporting requirements in relation to measurement campaign activities, supporting smooth, safe deployment and operation
 - Uncertainty evaluations that accommodate realistic assessments of instrument performance, allowing the elimination of reliance on conservative estimates
 - A basis for reliable offshore wind measurements to support the growing pipeline of projects

Conclusions

- We need more test sites!
 - The reduction in uncertainty achieved by growing the evidence base to be representative of operational conditions in a wider range of sites is a powerful incentive to build test sites in emerging markets
 - The benefits of reducing uncertainty far exceed the cost of the test sites
 - Scanning lidar techniques discussed yesterday provide opportunities for low cost testing ... IEC 61400-50-5, -6, etc.? 😊

Discussion.

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Some definitions

- Terms defined at the end of the presentation
 - Use case
 - Specific Measurement Campaign
 - Intermediate and final variables
 - Wind Field Reconstruction (WFR)
 - Envelope of Operational Conditions (EOC)
 - Hierarchy of Uncertainty
 - Type qualification and classification uncertainty
 - Unit qualification and calibration uncertainty
 - Campaign qualification and configuration uncertainty

Some definitions

- **Use case** – the application, comprising
 - **Data requirements:** outcome-driven data requirements
 - **Measurement method:** instrument and technique used
 - **Operational conditions:** circumstances that affect performance
- **Specific Measurement Campaign** – a particular implementation of the use case. An individual deployment of an instrument under a specific set of circumstances in the context of a particular project.

Some definitions

- **Intermediate variables** - directly measured quantities e.g. line of sight wind speed, lidar beam orientation, range gate
- **Final variables** - quantities derived from intermediate variables that satisfy the data requirements of the measurement use case e.g. wind speed, direction
- **Wind field reconstruction (WFR)** - the model or algorithm used to derive final variables from intermediate variables, which entails assumptions about the wind field allows one to establish a relationship between them
- **Envelope of Operational Conditions (EOC)** - the range of values a selection of environmental variables take within an evidence base