

Autonomous Aerial Sensors for Wind Power Meteorology

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Project to investigate the applicability of Autonomous Aerial Vehicles with wind sensors for wind power meteorology

This poster describes a new approach for measurements in wind power meteorology using small unmanned flying platforms. During a week of flying a lighter-than-air vehicle, two small electrically powered aeroplanes and a larger helicopter at the Risø test station at Høvsøre, we will compare wind speed measurements with fixed mast and LIDAR measurements, investigate optimal flight patterns for each measurement task, and measure other interesting meteorological features like the air-sea boundary in the vicinity of the wind farm. In order to prepare the measurement campaign, a workshop is held on 12 July at Risø, soliciting input from various communities.

Flight Week at Danish National Test Station for Large Wind Turbines, Høvsøre, DK

Uni Bergen:
SUMO

Small Unmanned Meteorological Observer
Up to 5 planes, 580g each, equipped with GPS, temperature, pressure and humidity sensors. Potential for very small Pitot tube.



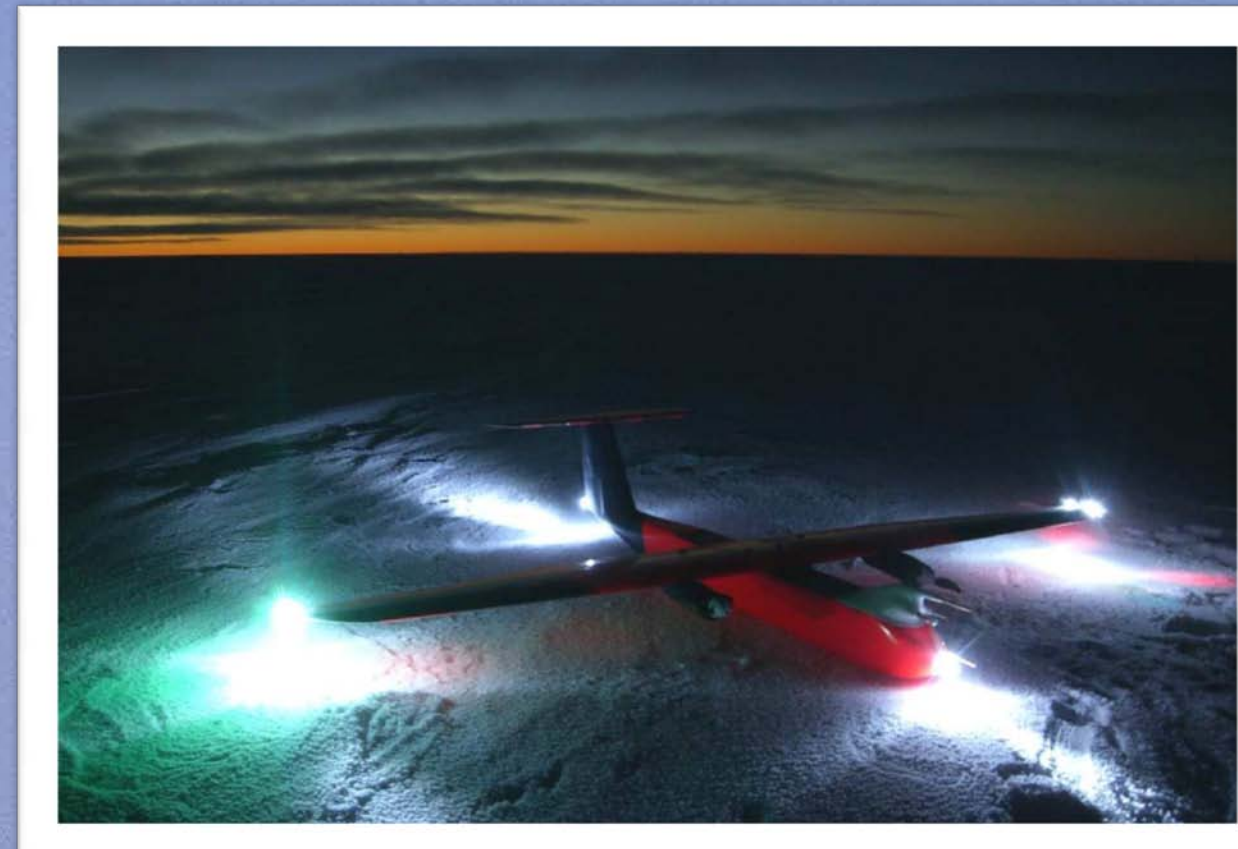
Risø DTU:
Skydoc

Lighter-than-air platform
Equipped with GPS, sonic anemometer, and other met sensors. Data acquisition synchronised to 200 ns from GPS signal.



Uni Tübingen / TU Braunschweig:
M²AV

2-m plane with high-resolution pitot tubes and other met sensors. Electrically flying, flight system developed by Mavionics.



Aalborg University:
Helicopter

Equipped with laptop, GPS, sonic anemometer, and other met sensors. Total weight <25 kg.



5 met masts

5 large wind turbines

2 light masts, 167m

Lidars

Wakes

Flight patterns

Next: **Workshop**
on how to use those devices, and
which questions to ask

Air-sea boundary

Accuracy?

Loads

12 July 2010, Risø

Profiles

Taylor's hypothesis

Registration:

Distance to turbines?

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Flight envelope

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