

Wind Measurement Campaign on the Great Belt Bridge

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Knowledge for Tomorrow



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Objective

- DB Cargo has commissioned the German Aerospace Center (DLR) to carry out a detailed measurement campaign.
- The aim of the work is to measure the time-varying atmospheric wind - including gusts - that freight trains are exposed to in typical operation travelling over the West Bridge of the Great Belt Fixed Link between the Funen und Zealand islands in Denmark.
- This will be performed using the DLR FR8-LAB measurement container, a 'swap-body' fitted with a self-contained data acquisition, power supply and a communication system that can be transported on normal operating freight-trains.
- The FR8-LAB was developed in 2021 as a experimental platform for research into the safety, efficiency and performance of freight transport, as part of the EU Shift2Rail, FR8RAIL IV research project.
- A measurement set-up from DB Systemtechnik (DB ST), that can record the time-varying air velocity with ultrasonic anemometers (USA) is also installed, taking measurements in parallel.



Experimental Setup

DLR FR8-LAB

- The full-scale experiments will be performed using the DLR FR8-LAB measurement container.
- Time-varying surface-pressure measurements will be used to derive the transient wind that the container is exposed to.
- The surface-pressure measurements will also be integrated to provide an estimation of the global aerodynamic forces and moments acting on the container.
- A separate reduced-scale model wind-tunnel experiment will be performed to determine calibration data to associate the measured surface-pressure to wind speeds the container is exposed to during transport on the freight train across the bridge.



Experimental Setup

Wagon Setup: FR8-LAB

- The DLR FR8-LAB was positioned on a six-axle articulated - Sggmrs 714 wagon – coupled with an additional 4-axle Sgns 691 wagon.
- This configuration resulted in a minimum gap in front and behind of the measurement container of ~17m & ~29m respectively
- This ensured the FR8-LAB was ideally positioned in order to take robust cross-wind measurements.



Experimental Setup

Wagon Setup: FR8-LAB with DB ST ultrasonic anemometers from Feb 7th – March 4th

- From Feb 7th, 2022 the DB ST experimental setup was also installed & measurements made in parallel.
- Wagon configuration was changed:
 - The FR8-LAB was positioned on the same Six-axle articulated - Sggmrs 714 wagon
 - coupled with 3 additional 4-axle Sgns 691 wagons together.
 - Resulting in a minimum gap in front and behind of the FR8-LAB of ~10m & ~66m
- The DB ST ultrasonic anemometers (USAs) were located centrally in the middle Sgns 691 with 9m spacing between them.
 - Resulting in distances of ~45m and 36m from the USAs respectively to the closest end of the FR8-LAB



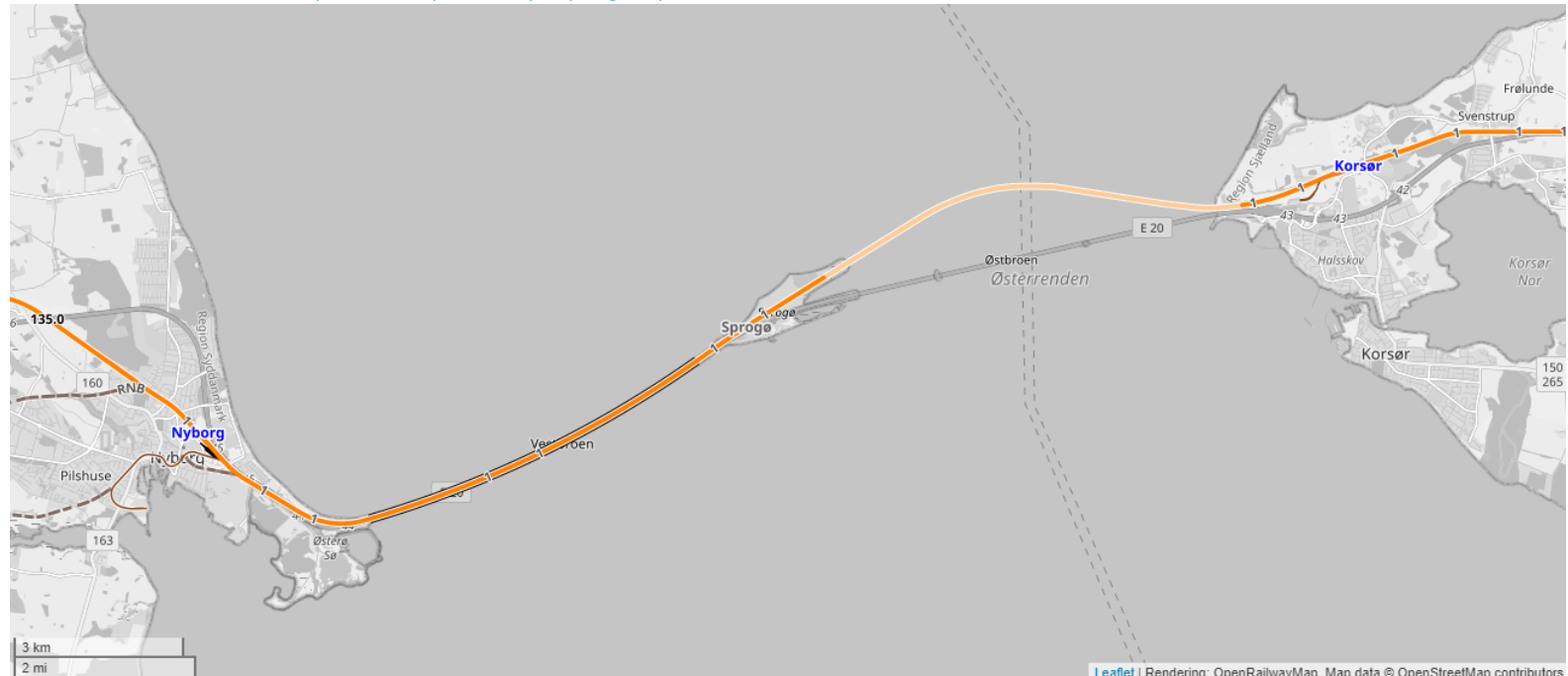
Experimental Setup

Test Plan

- Full Test-route:
Taulov (**Tv**) - Fredericia (**Fa**) - Høje Taastrup (**Htå**)
- Primary Measurements focus:
Nyborg (**Ng**) – Korsør (**Kø**)
- ~4 runs (2 round trips) per day
- Throughout the day (capturing different environmental conditions)
- Campaign duration: ~ 8 weeks



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Experimental Setup

DLR FR8-LAB Codification

- The DLR FR8-LAB measurement container is a 'swap-body' that has been certified/codified, and can be transported on normal operating freight-trains.



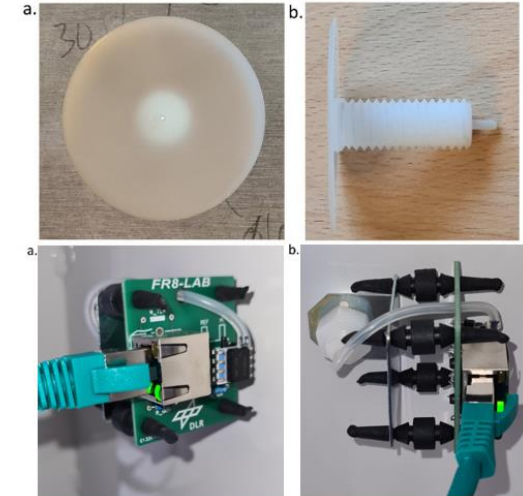
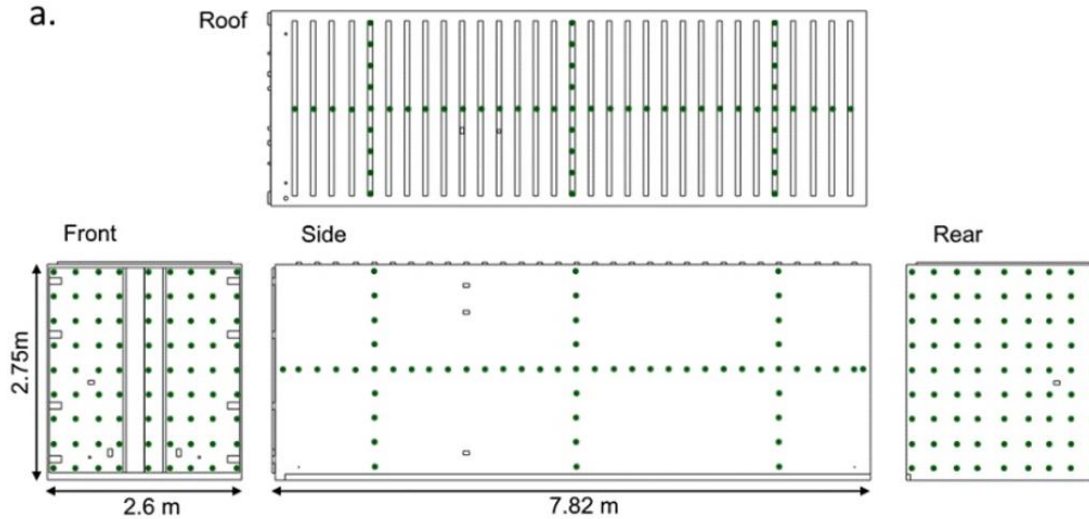
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Measurement System

Surface Pressure

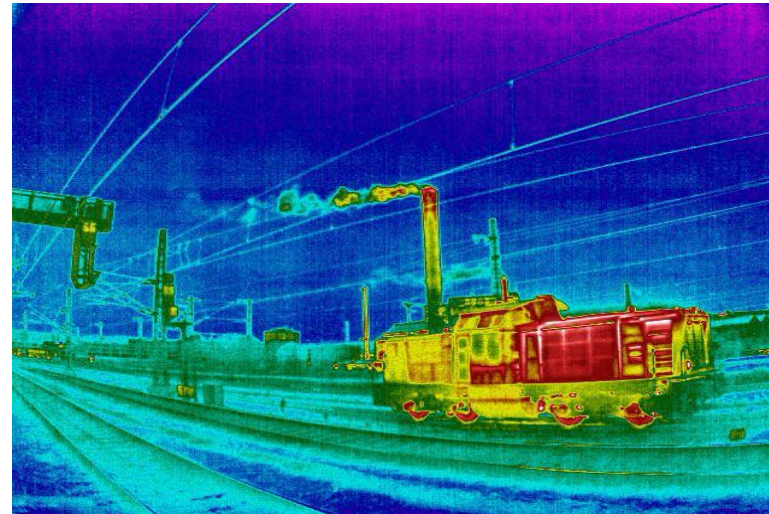
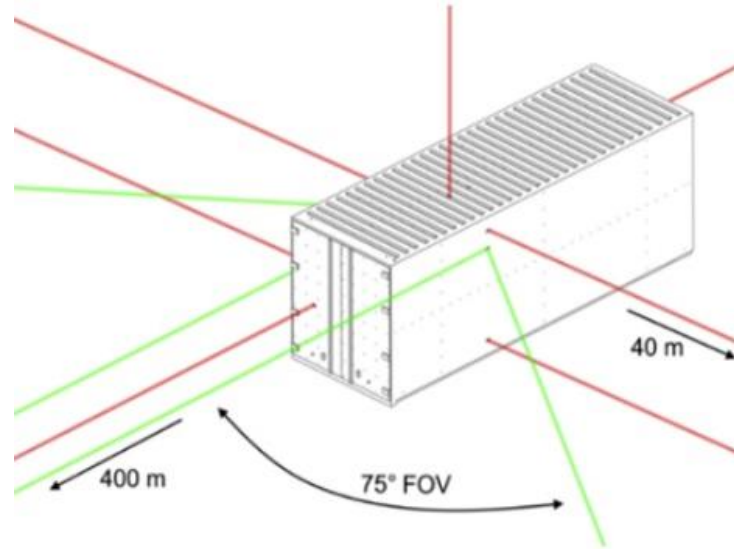
- up to 320 pressure measurement positions
- Honeywell HSC differential-pressure digital (I2C) sensors
 - ± 4 kPa range
- Up to 1000 Hz sampling frequency
- >200,000 samples per sensor, per measurement run
- Distributed pressure transducers on inner surface of container



Measurement System

Environmental Monitoring

- Global navigational satellite system: vehicle velocity, position
- Up to 7 x LIDAR sensors: topography
 - single point @ roof, front, rear & sides
 - 40m range @ ~1000 Hz
- 2 x Thermal cameras: topography
 - FLIR ADK prototype @ up to 60 Hz (2 image/m)
 - 75° field-of-view
- Accelerometers (vibrations)



Measurement System

Data Acquisition System

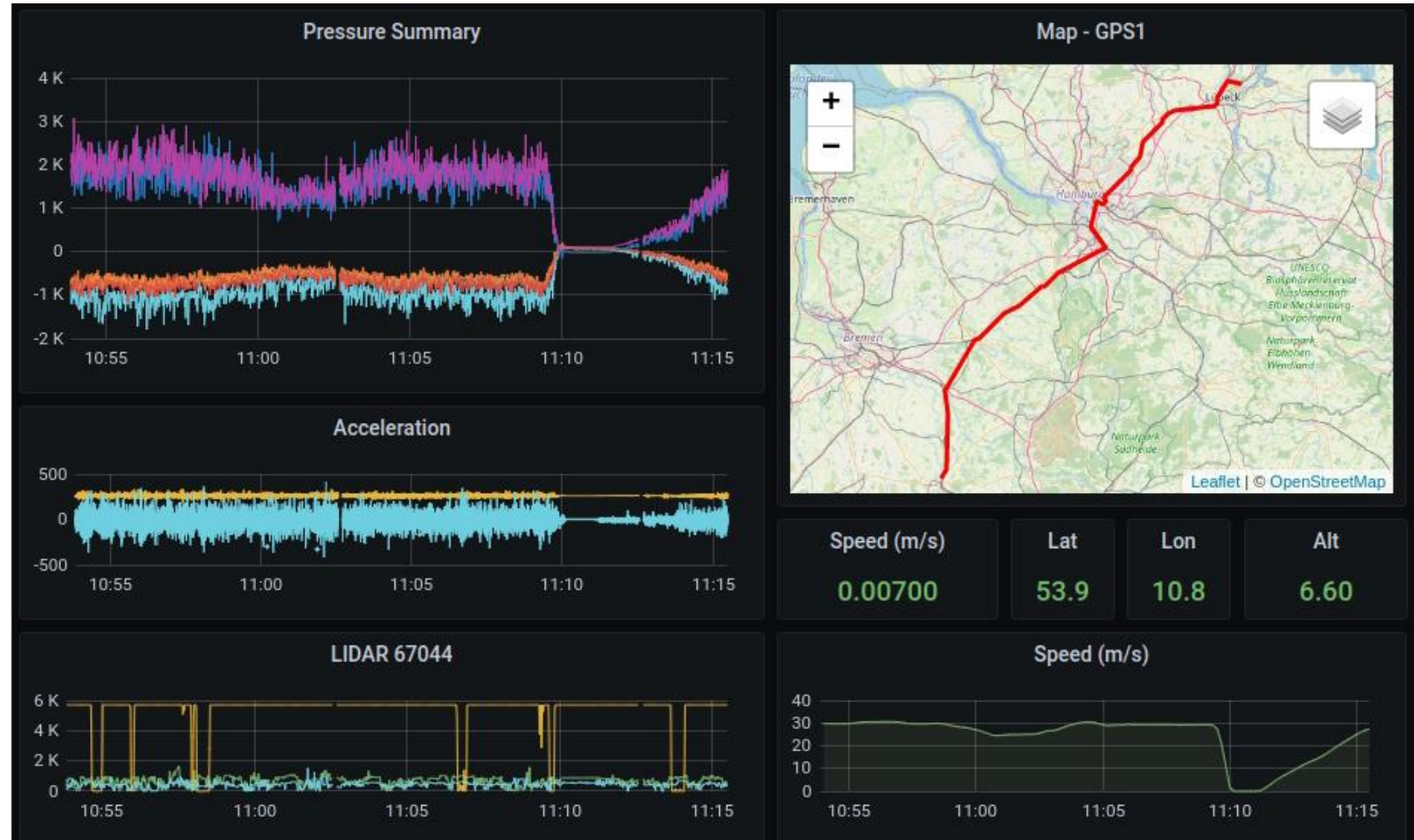
- IoT based: low power & robust
- *Nucleo* Microcontrollers DAQ Nodes
- *Raspberry Pi* Server (UDP & PTP)
w/ Otto-von-Guericke-University of Magdeburg
- *InfluxDB*: database management
- *Grafana*: real-time monitoring
- 30 x 50W Solar Panels
- Remote-access with 4G comms
- Intelligent system (system idle, triggers: speed, geofencing)



Measurement System

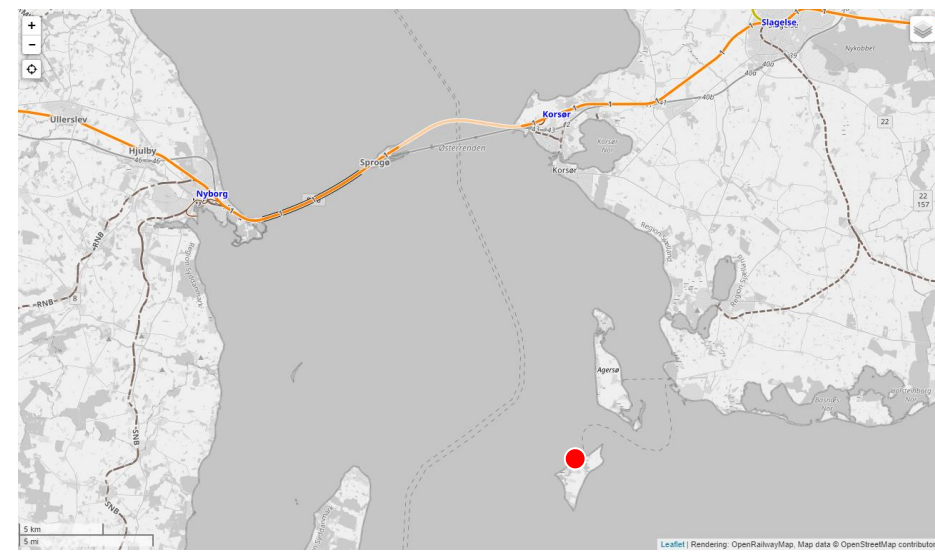
Real-time analysis

- Data sanity checking/troubleshooting/manual control
- Example of measured data: surface pressure, and environmental characteristics
- Raw data is presented, magnitude/units are not real

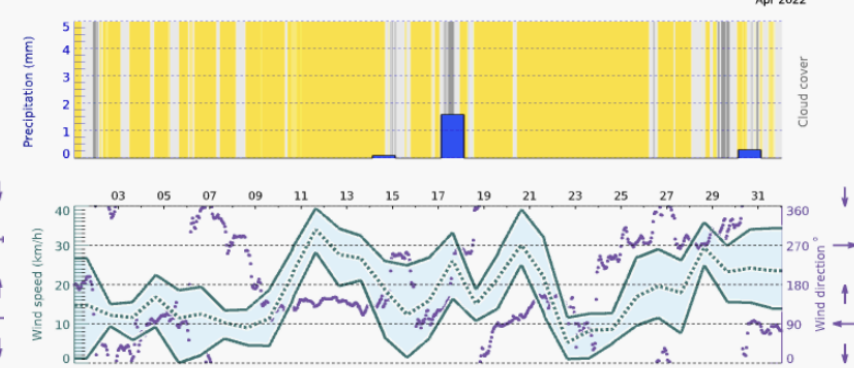
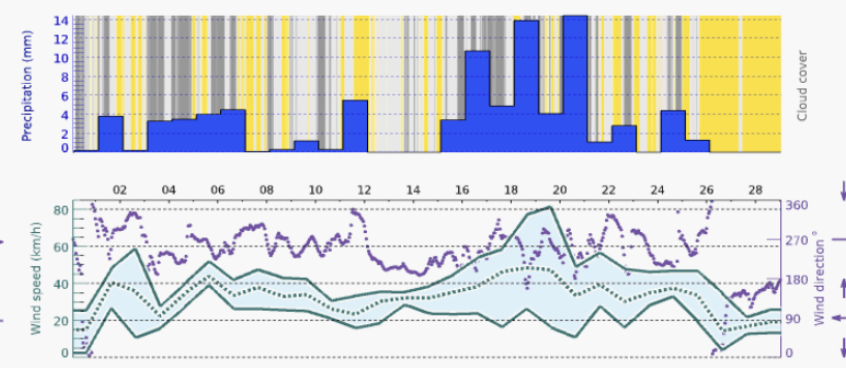
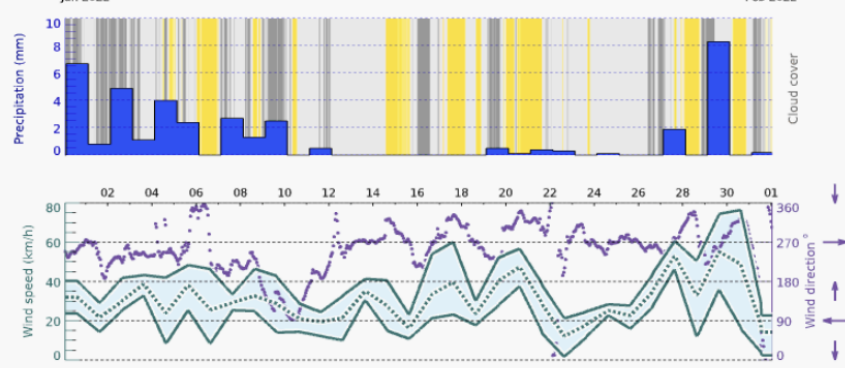
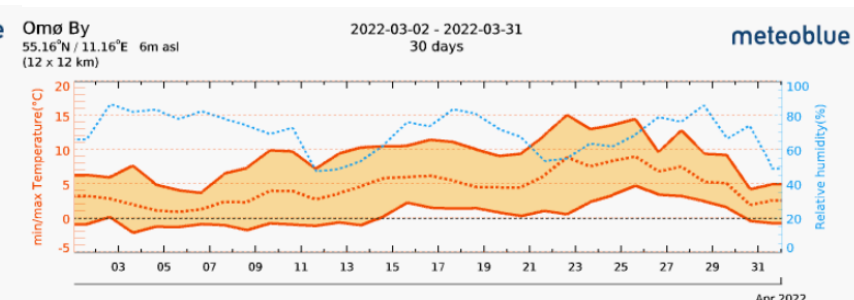
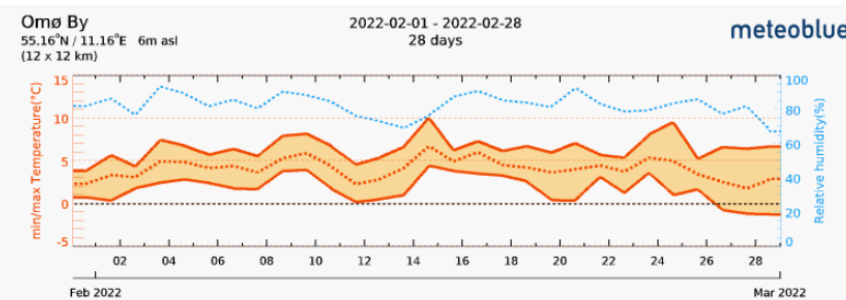
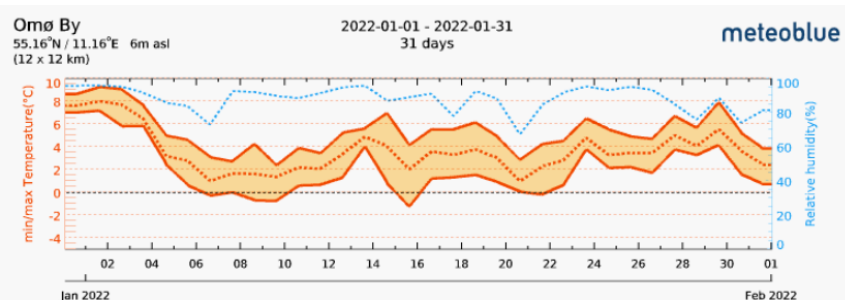


Measurement Campaign

- Measurements: Jan 10th - Mar 4th
- Wide range of weather conditions
- >70 bridge crossings measured
- >150GB data



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Jan 2022

Feb 2022

March 2022

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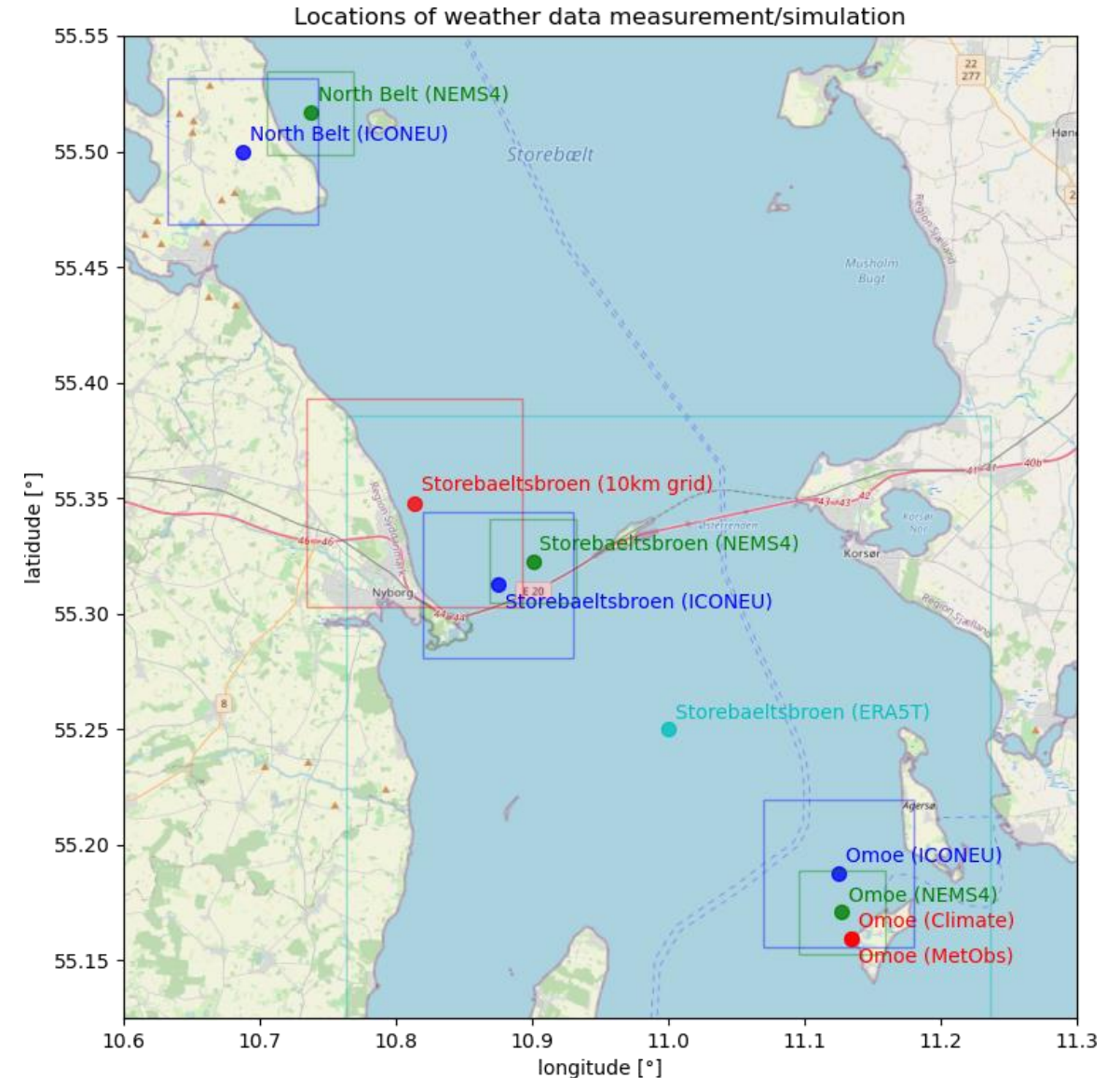


Weather Station Data

Validation

(in addition to DB ST Ultrasonic Anemometers)

- Multiple data sources acquired
- Primary: Omoe weather station (MetObs)
 - best: `real` location & best available data
 - Danmarks Meteorologiske Institut (DMI) @ Omø Fyr, ID 06151
 - Height of velocity measurement: 10m
<https://confluence.govcloud.dk/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=26476616>
 - Relative to bridge height > 18m
<https://storebaelt.dk/en/about-storebaelt/facts-history/>
- Validated against: other stations, simulation data, & station data interpolated to bridge location



Weather Station Data

Validation (in addition to DB ST Anemometers)

Mean wind speed: 10 minutes' mean measured 10 m over terrain

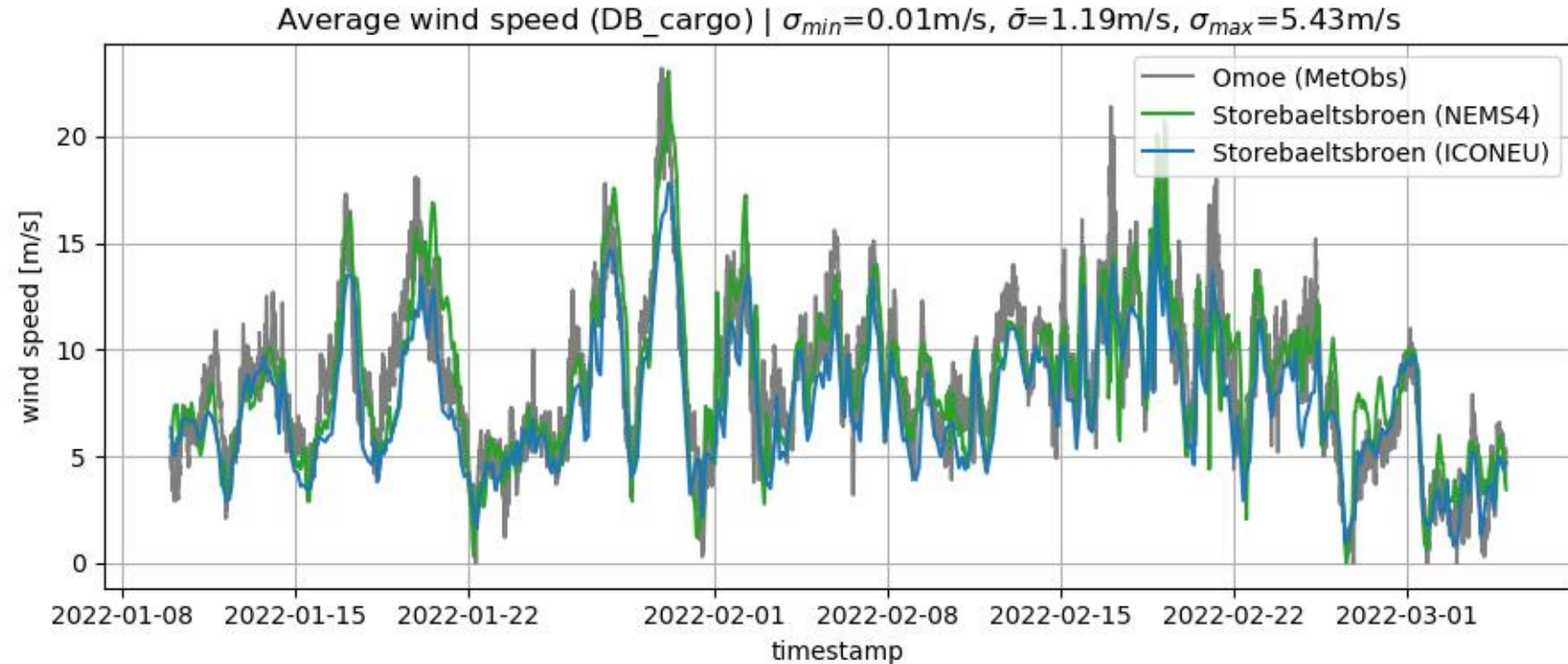
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local 10min weather station:
Omoe (MetObs)

corresponds well to:

simulated @ bridge: (NEMS4)
measured/ interpolated
@ bridge: (ICONEU)

→ **Omoe Weather station
used as Primary Weather
Data for validation**



Weather Station Data

Validation (in addition to DB ST Anemometers)

Gust (3s) wind speed: 10 minutes' highest 3 seconds mean wind speed measured 10 m over terrain

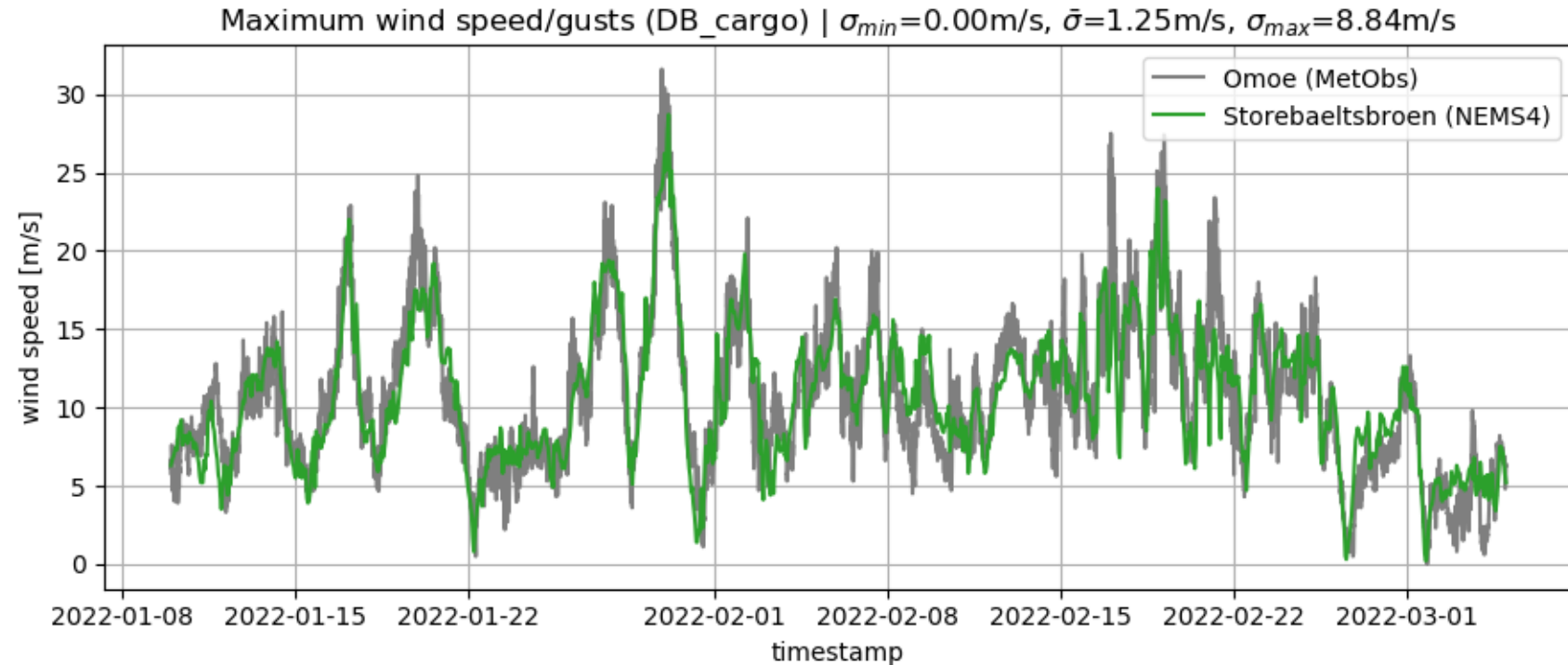
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1:15 scale Wind-Tunnel Experiment: Calibration Methodology

Container pressure taps as a Velocity (Magnitude and Direction) probe

Full-scale Experiment on Rail

measured:

- Pressures (Pa) at surface:
front, rear, sides, roof
- Train speed: V_T
from GNSS satellite system (m/s)

To derive:

- Wind: V_W
atmospheric wind speed (m/s)

← Connected through →

Pressure at surface (Pa)
front, rear, sides, roof

- left-right pressure delta (normalized)
→ Yaw Angle, β
- combined pressure magnitudes
→ resultant velocity magnitude: V_R

Wind-Tunnel Experiment

We have:

- Pressures at surface (Pa)
front, rear, sides, roof
- Beta (yaw angle °)
angle of model in wind-tunnel relative to oncoming flow
- Resultant wind speed: V_R (m/s)
 $V_R = V_T + V_W$
wind tunnel = freestream velocity corresponds to dynamic pressure, $Q = 0.5 \cdot \text{density} \cdot V^2$

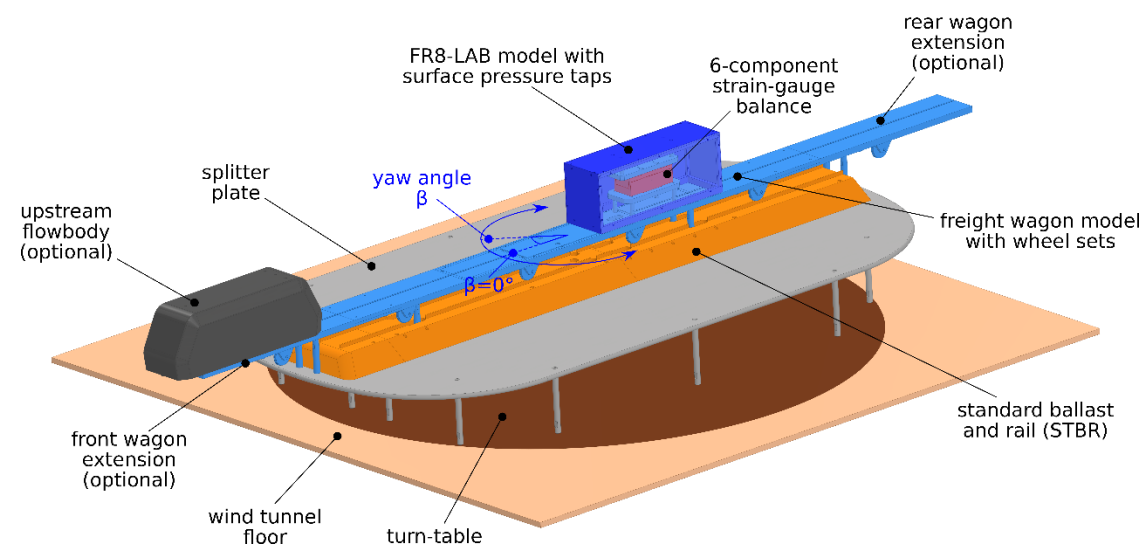
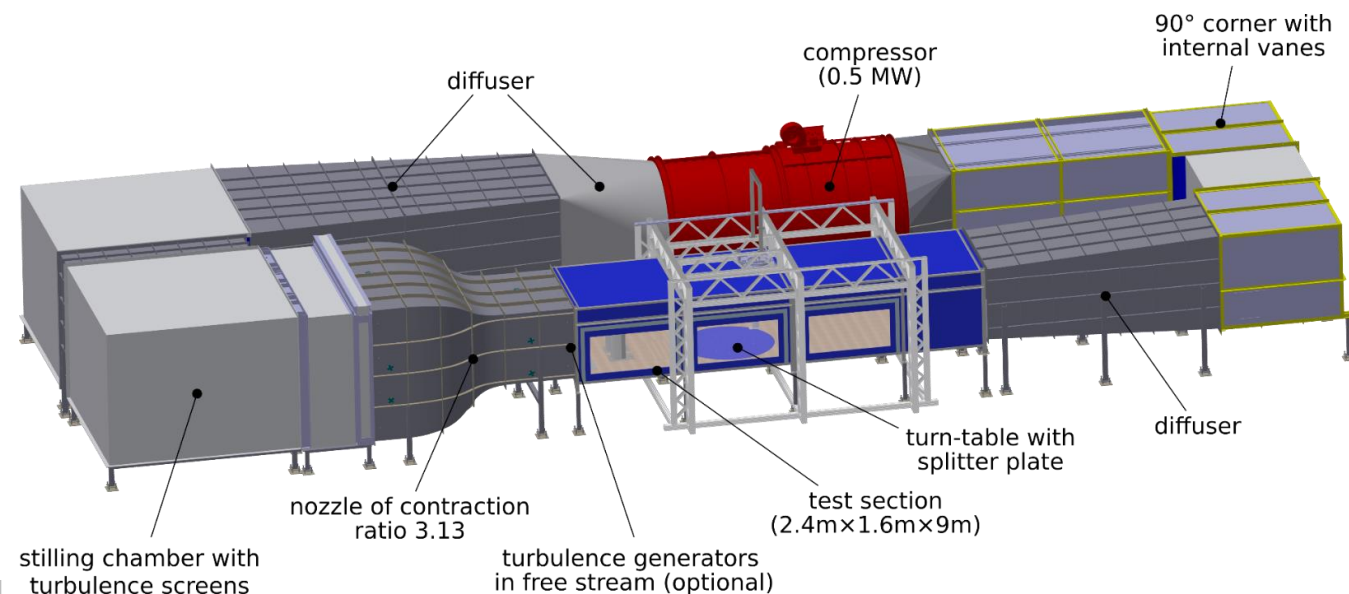


1:15 scale Wind-Tunnel Experimental Setup

Wind-Tunnel Calibration:

analogous surface pressure measurements were obtained in a 1:15 reduced-scale wind-tunnel experiment, with a FR8-LAB model statically exposed to different yawed oncoming flow (modelling crosswind exposure)

- @ discrete static yaw-angles, Beta: $\beta = -90 : 90^\circ$
- @ a range of conditions:
loading configurations (gaps: ∞ , 9.3-17.8m), Reynolds no. ($Re: 3-5 \times 10^5$), and turbulence intensities ($\sim 1, 3, 5\%$)

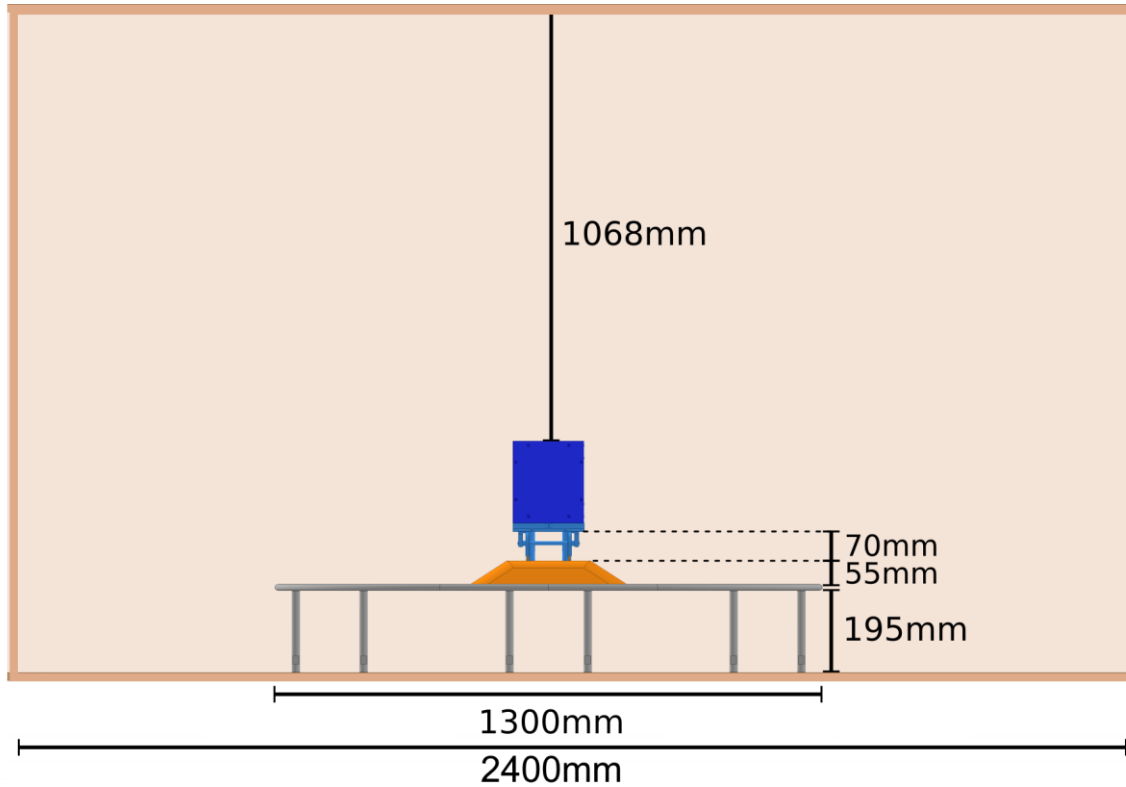


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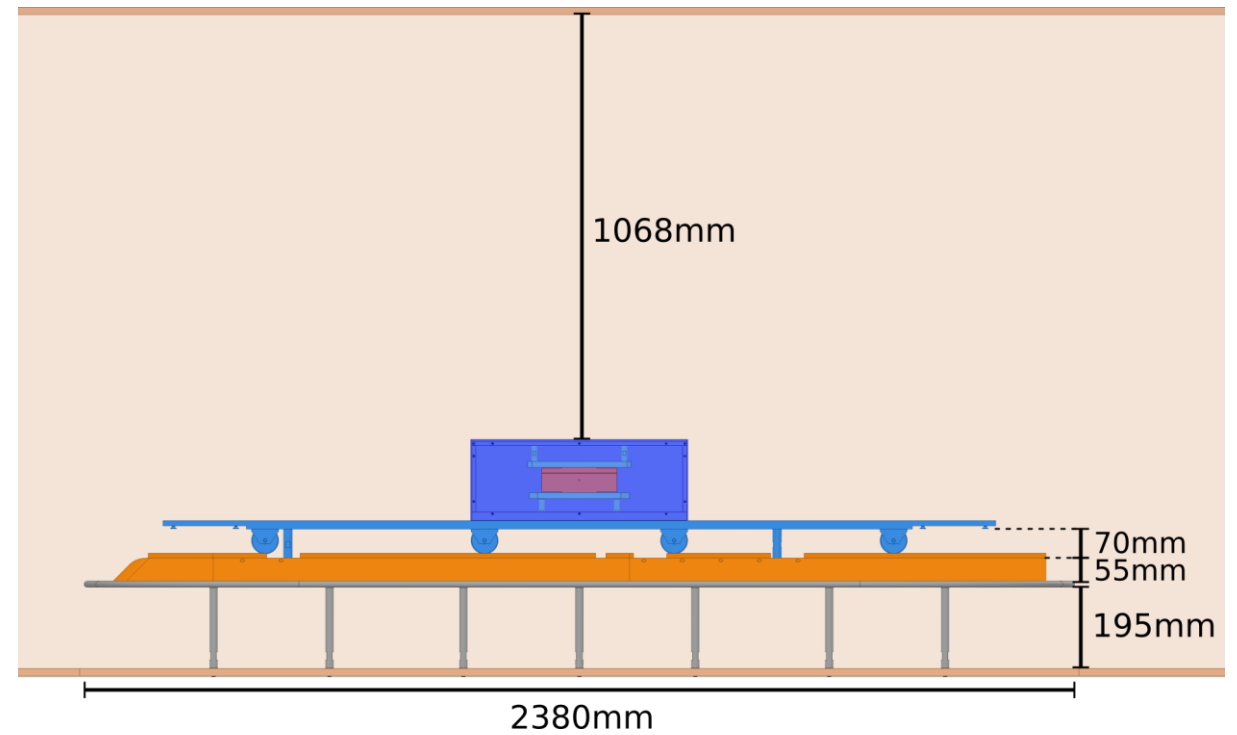


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Front View

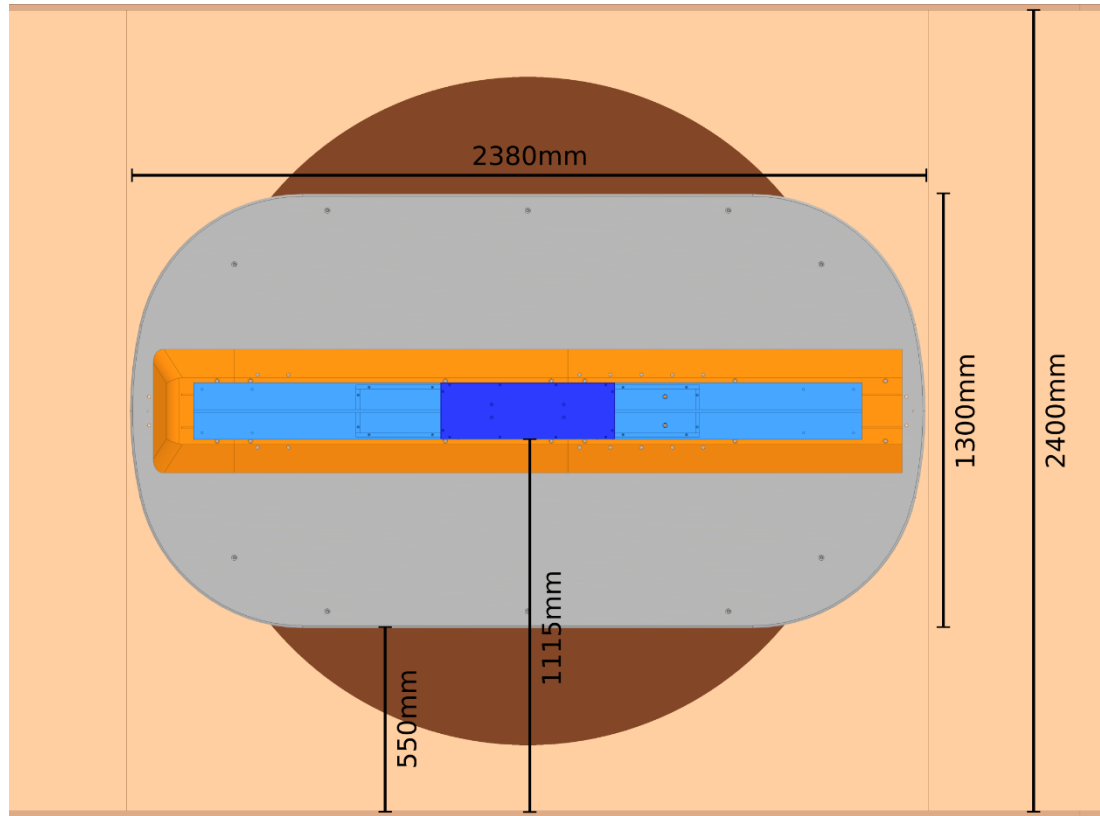


Side View

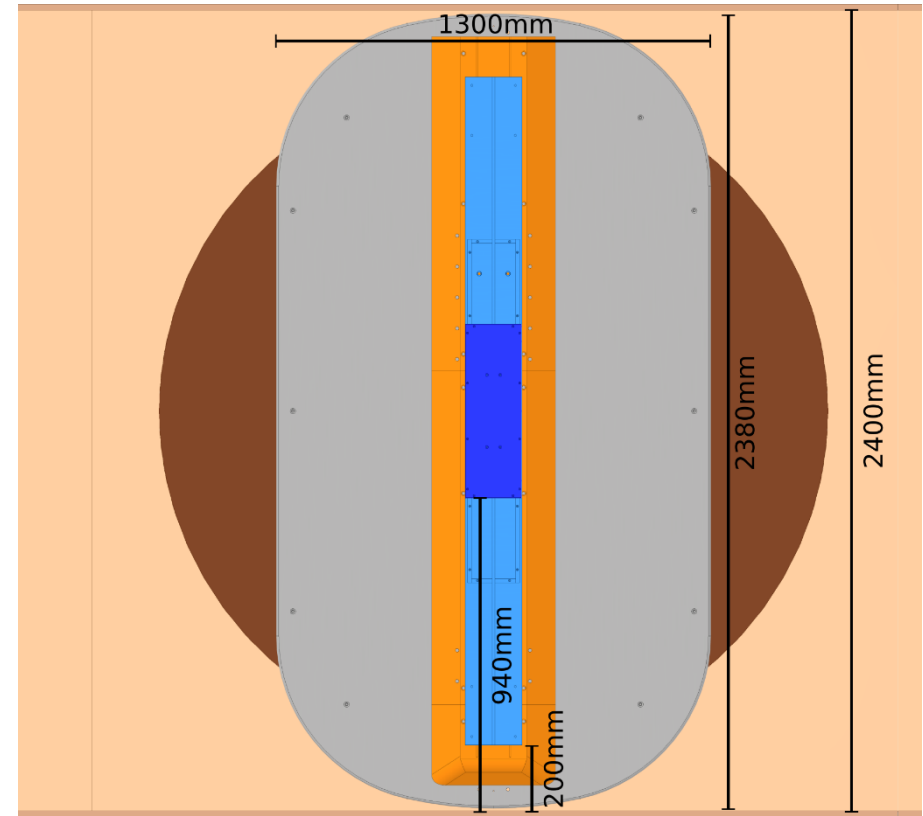


1:15 scale Wind-Tunnel Experimental Setup

Top View: 0° Yaw Configuration



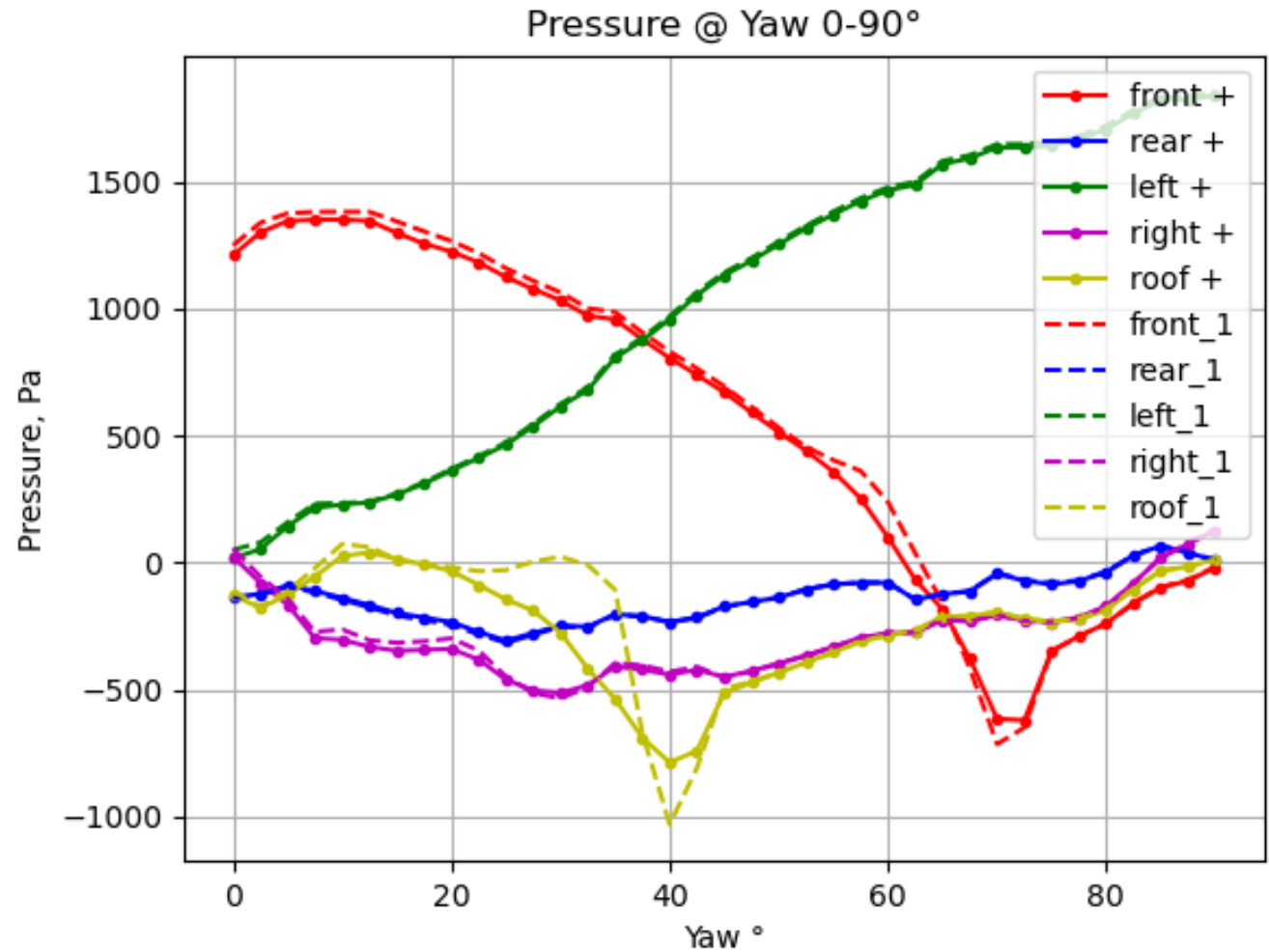
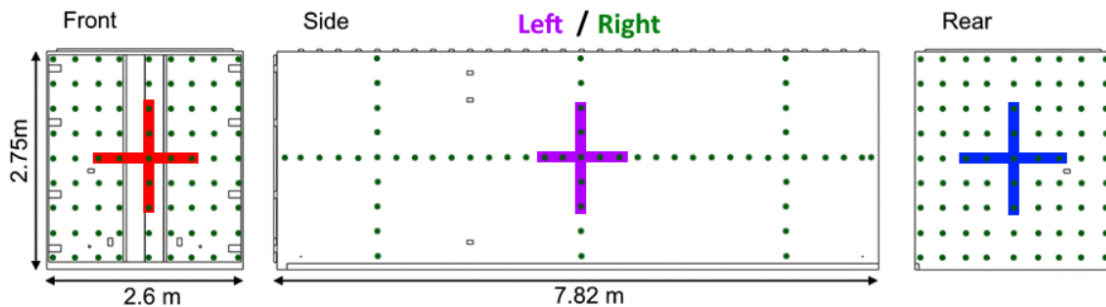
Top View : 90° Yaw Configuration



1:15 scale Wind-Tunnel Experiment: Calibration

Pressure @ different static yaw angles

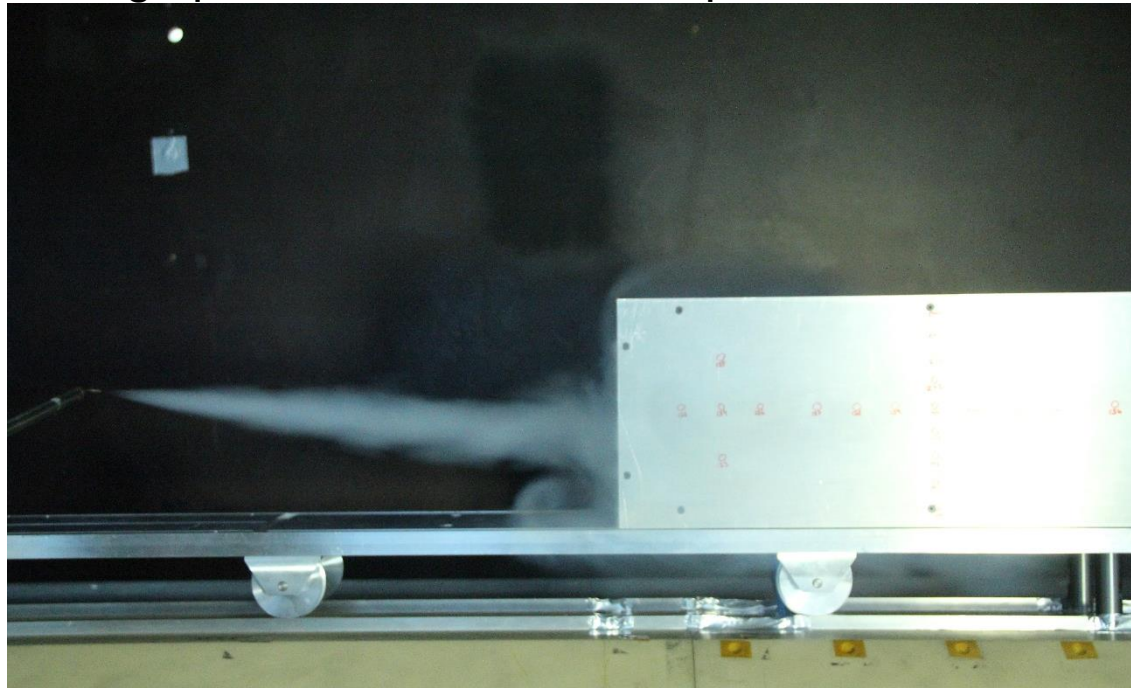
- Front, rear, sides & roof show different pressure characteristics at different yaw angles:
→ effect of yawed flow
- 9-point +shaped average (solid lines) are equivalent to single centre-point characteristics (dotted lines)
→ enables more robust calibration and robust full-scale input data (multiple inputs)



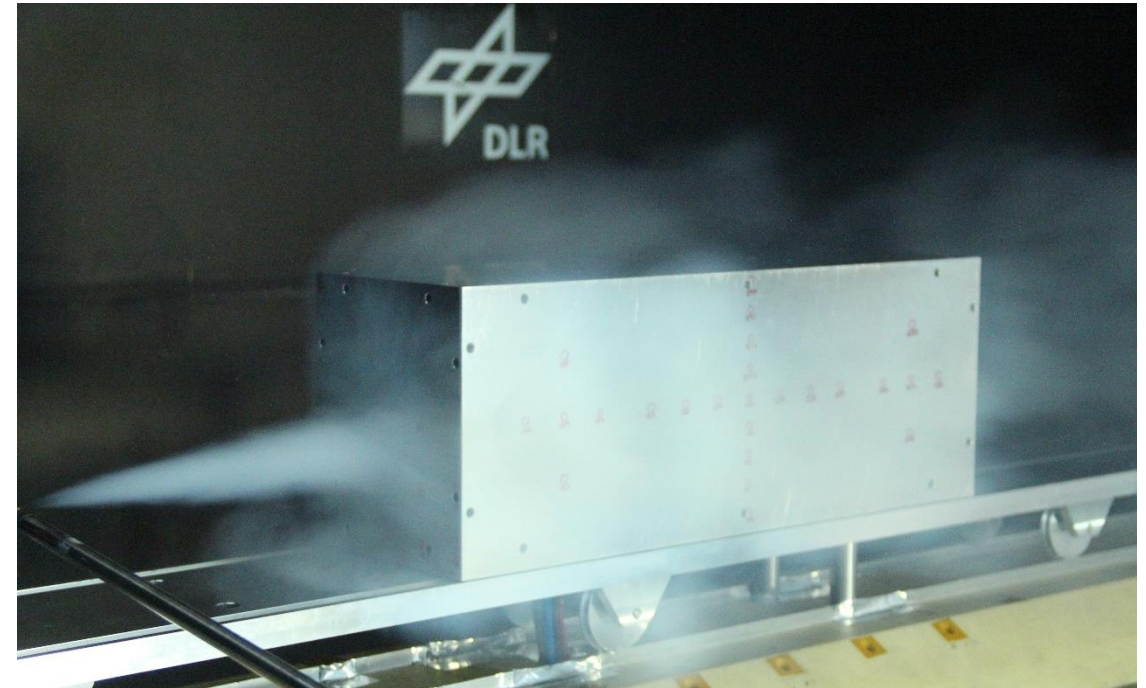
1:15 scale Wind-Tunnel Experiment: Flow Visualisation

Flow Field @ 0° Yaw (no crosswind)

- Flow impinges/stagnates on front (windward facing) surface, recirculating underneath on front surface
 - Flow moves outward, around the sides & over the roof, separating from at the leading edges (reattaching later)
- High pressure @ front, lower pressure @ sides, roof



Front windward surface (facing toward wind)

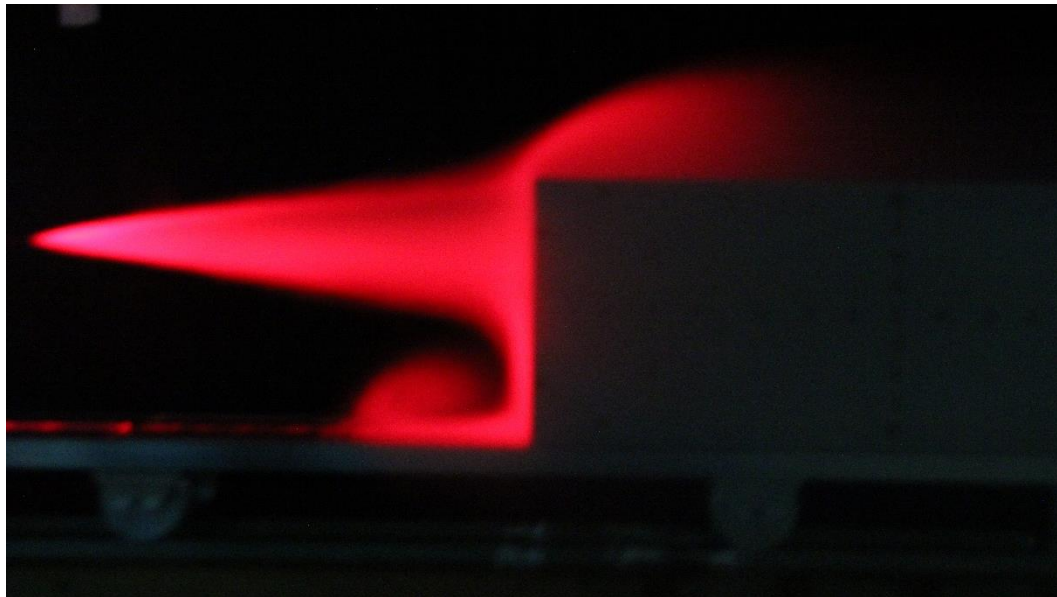


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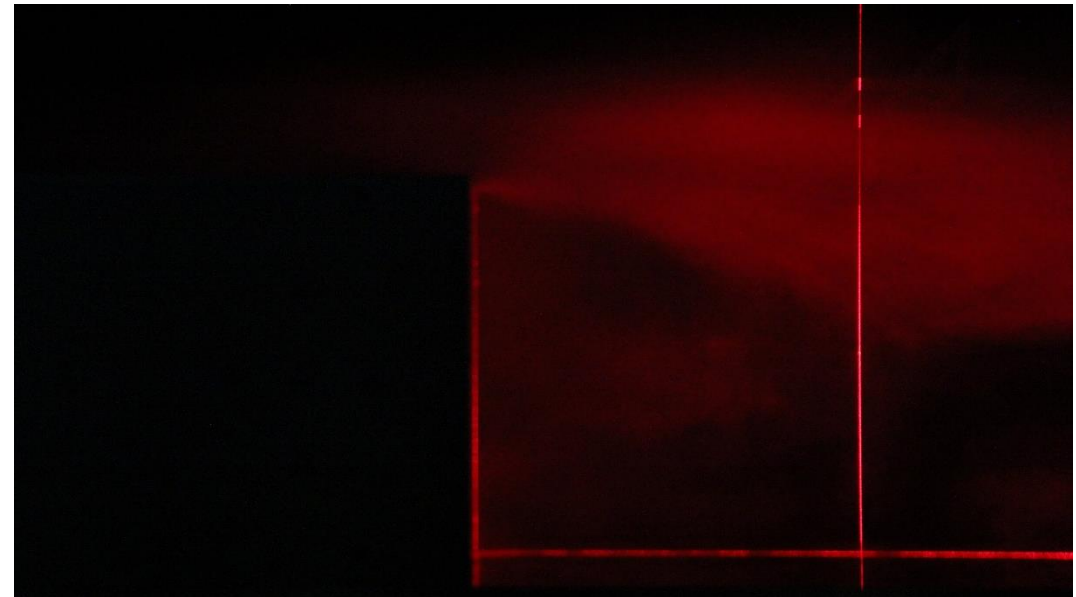
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 - Flow separates at upper edge of rear (leeward) surface, recirculating behind container
- High pressure @ front, lower pressure @ sides, roof, and rear



Front windward (facing toward wind) surface

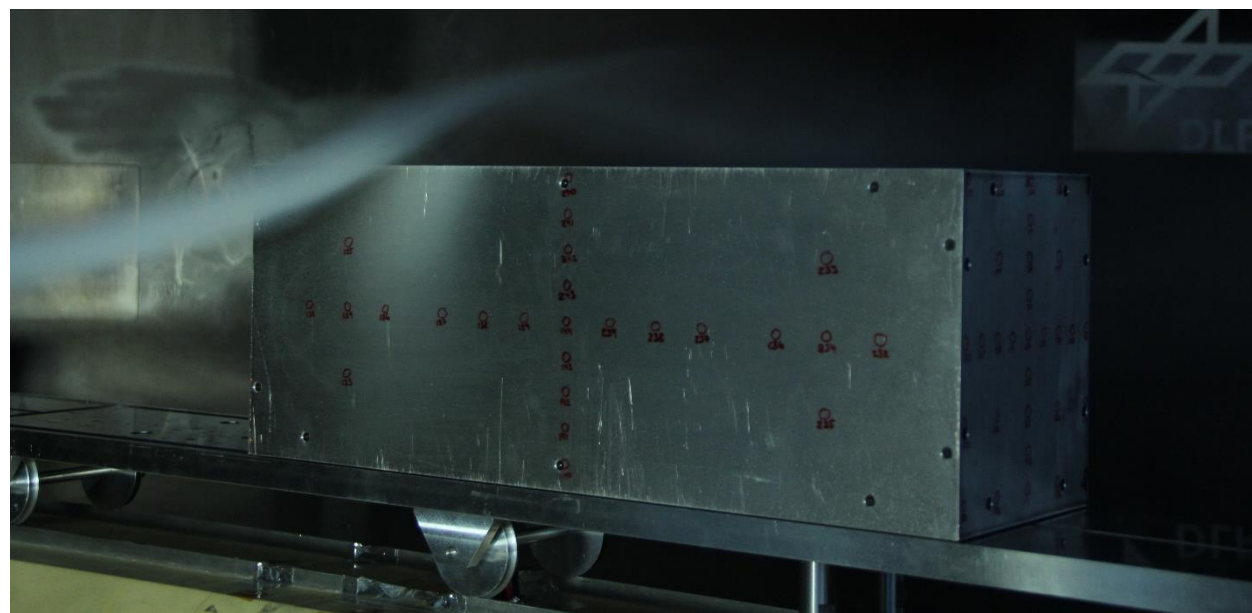


Rear surface

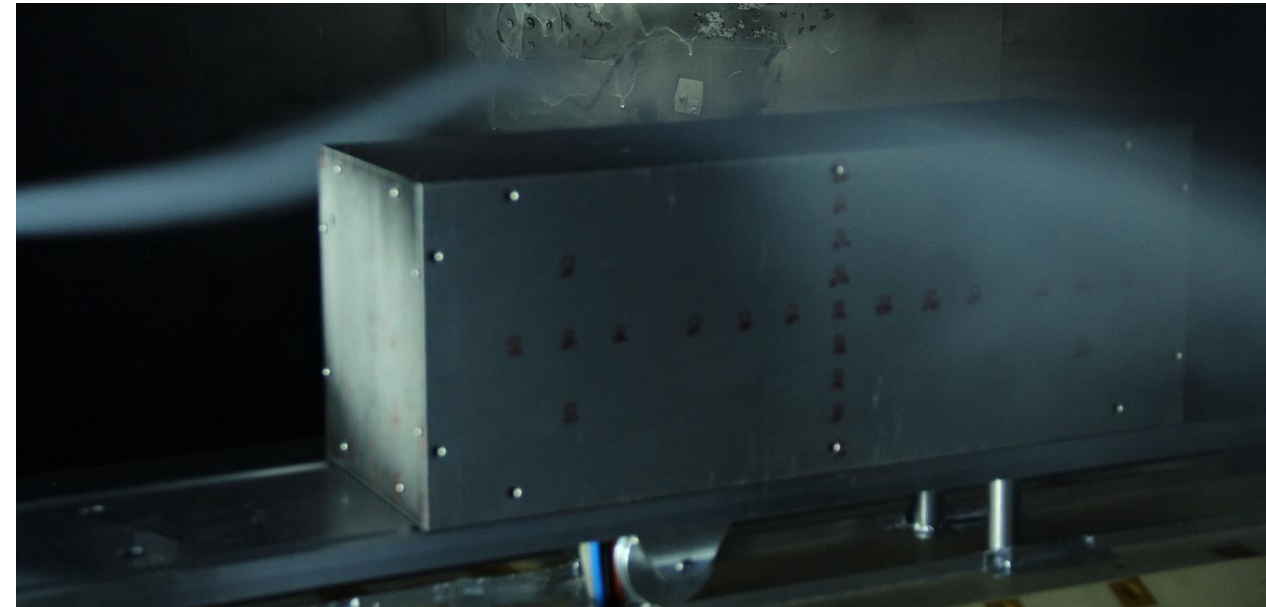
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Flow Field @ 10-60° Yaw (crosswind)

- Flow impinges/stagnates on front (windward) surface and windward side surface
 - Flow moves over container, separating from at the leading windward edge – forming a 3D longitudinal vortex
 - Flow separates at upper edge of rear (leeward) surface, recirculating behind container
- High pressure @ front & windward side, lower pressure @ leeward sides, roof, and rear



Windward side (facing toward wind)



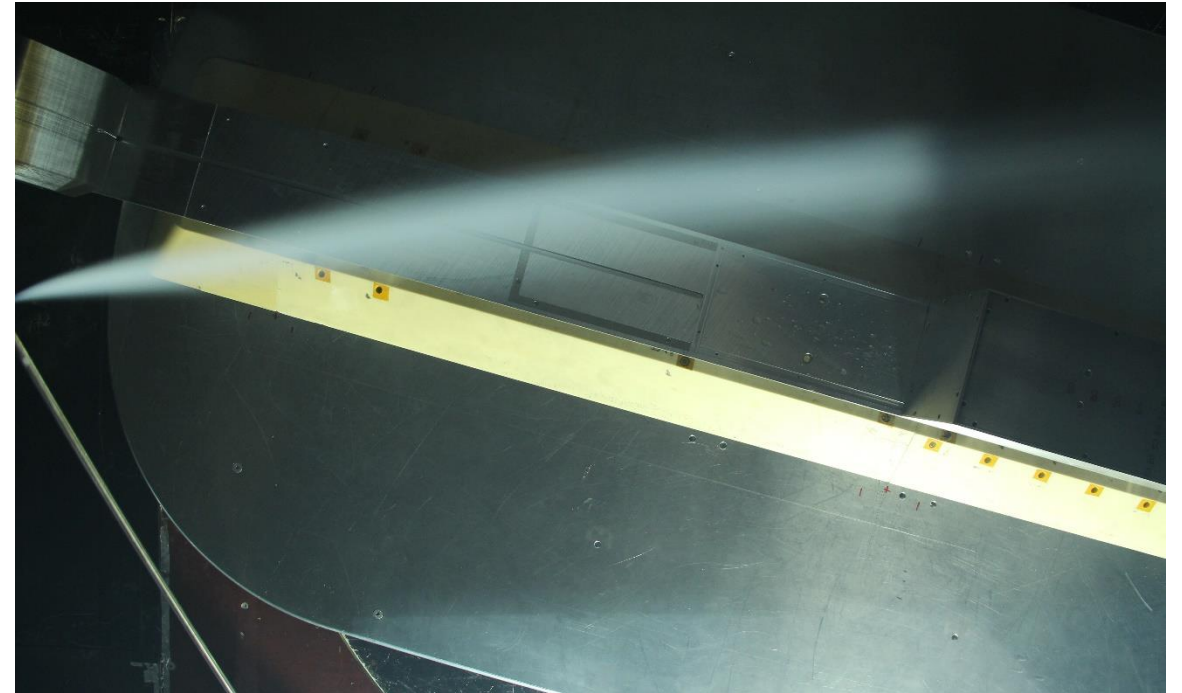
Leeward side (shielded from wind)



1:15 scale Wind-Tunnel Experiment: Flow Visualisation

Flow Field @ ~15° Yaw (crosswind)

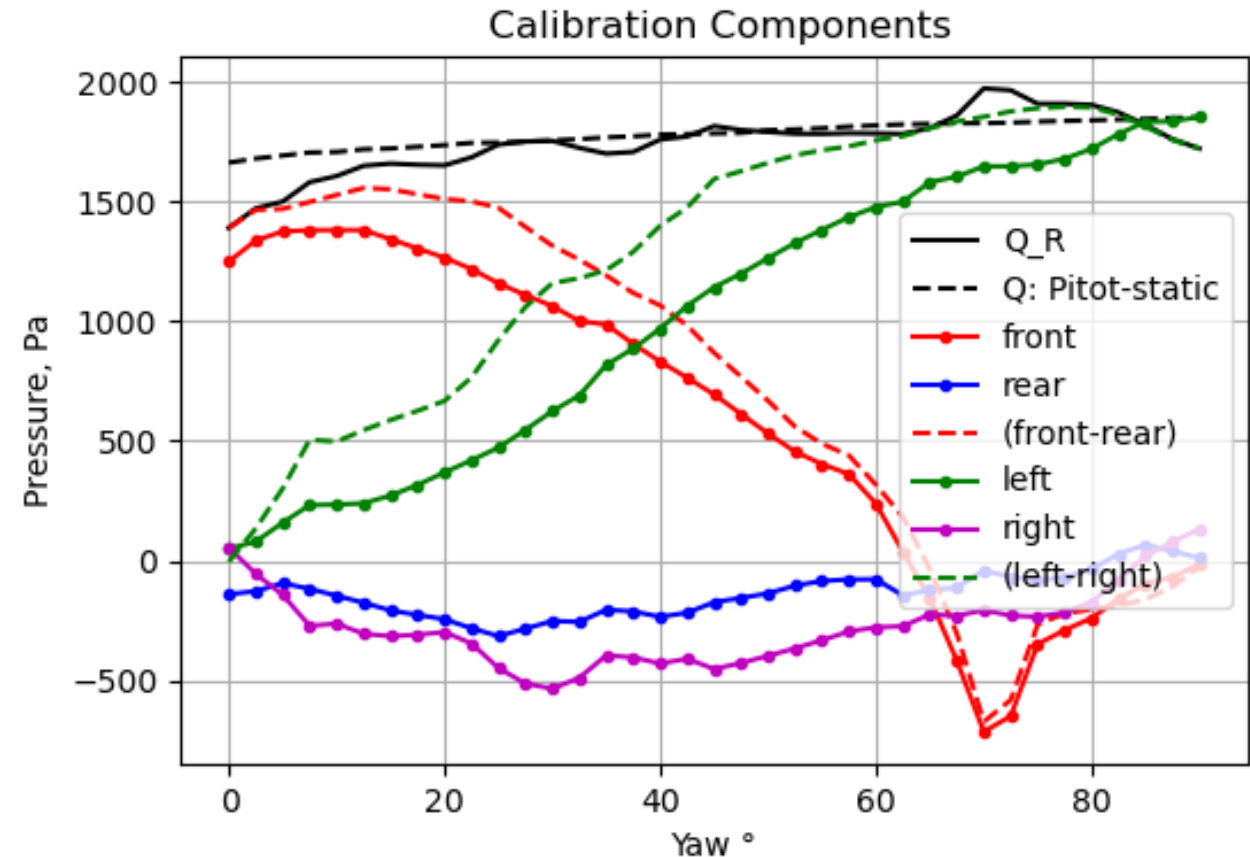
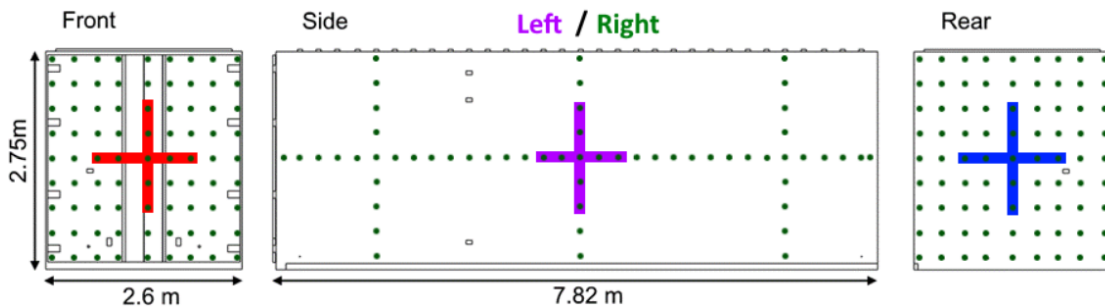
- Flow that container experiences is 'clean' not affected by upstream locomotive/container with: enough distance and enough crosswind (yaw angles > 15°)



Top view: flow between upstream locomotive and downstream container

Calibration: Determining Magnitude (Dynamic pressure)

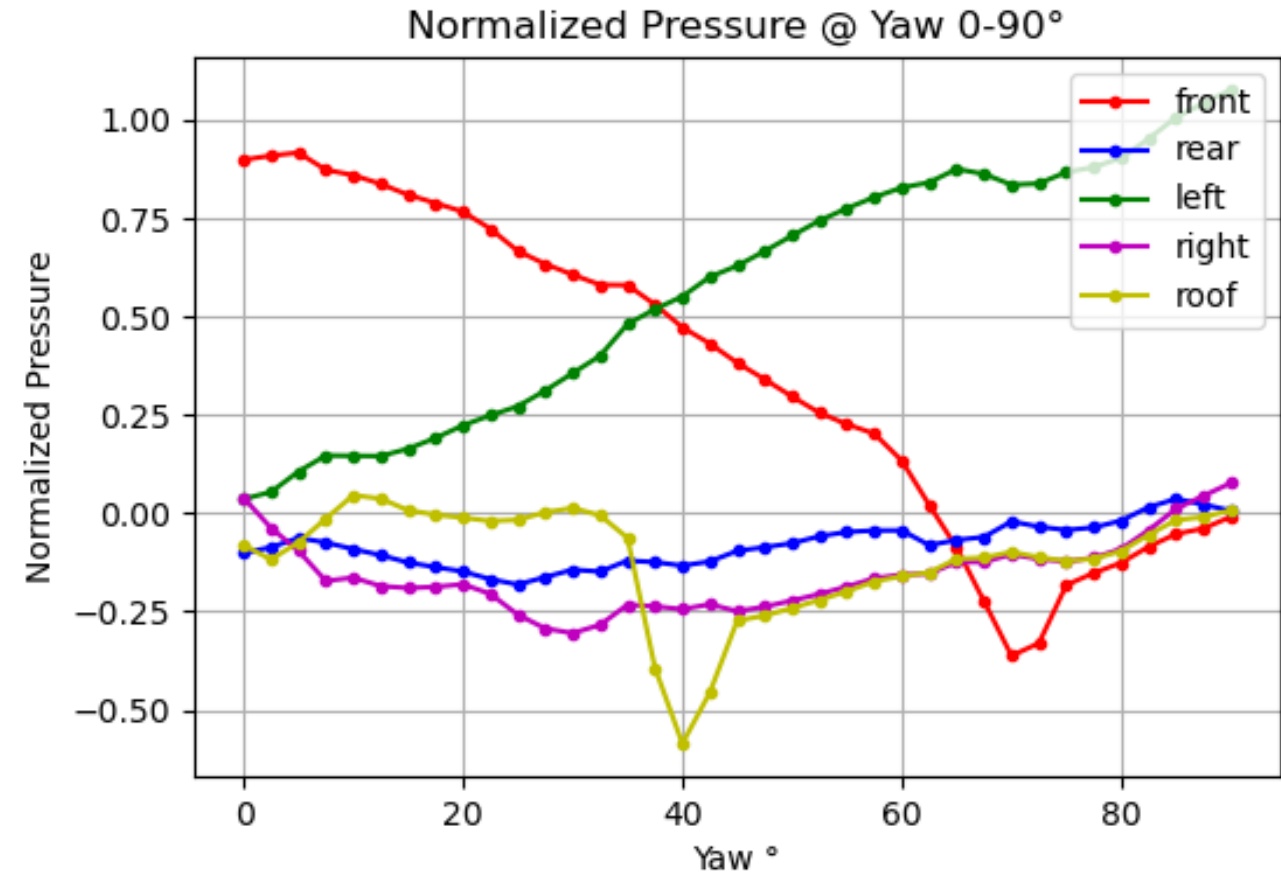
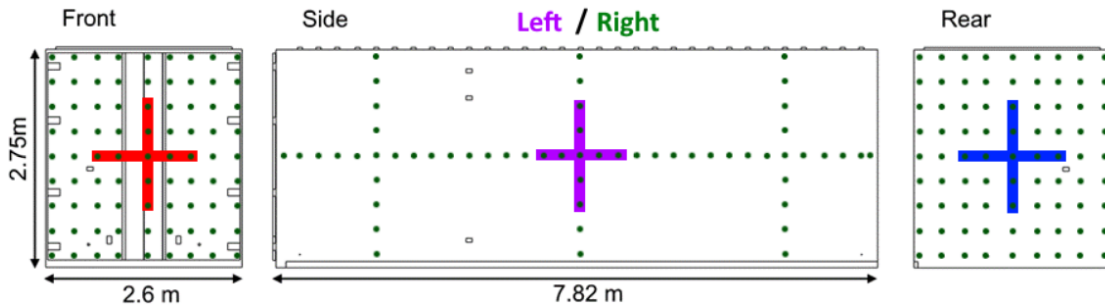
- $Q_R = \sqrt{(p_{\text{front}} - p_{\text{rear}})^2 + (p_{\text{left}} - p_{\text{right}})^2}$
 - $p_{\text{front, rear, left, right}}$: pressure at each respective surface
- To determine Magnitude of flow in full-scale and normalize pressures in wind-tunnel & full-scale
- Q : Pitot-Static (dotted line) is dynamic-pressure measured from a pitot-static reference tube in the wind-tunnel test-section



Calibration: Applying Magnitude (Dynamic pressure)

Normalized Pressure @ different static yaw angles: Using Q_R

- Normalized pressure = $\text{Pressure}/Q_R$
- Demonstrates suitability of Q_R (determined by combination of pressures on surface) as estimator of real Q :
 - P/Q_R of ~ 1 at front & range during yaw angle variation are consistent with yawed bluff-body pressure distribution

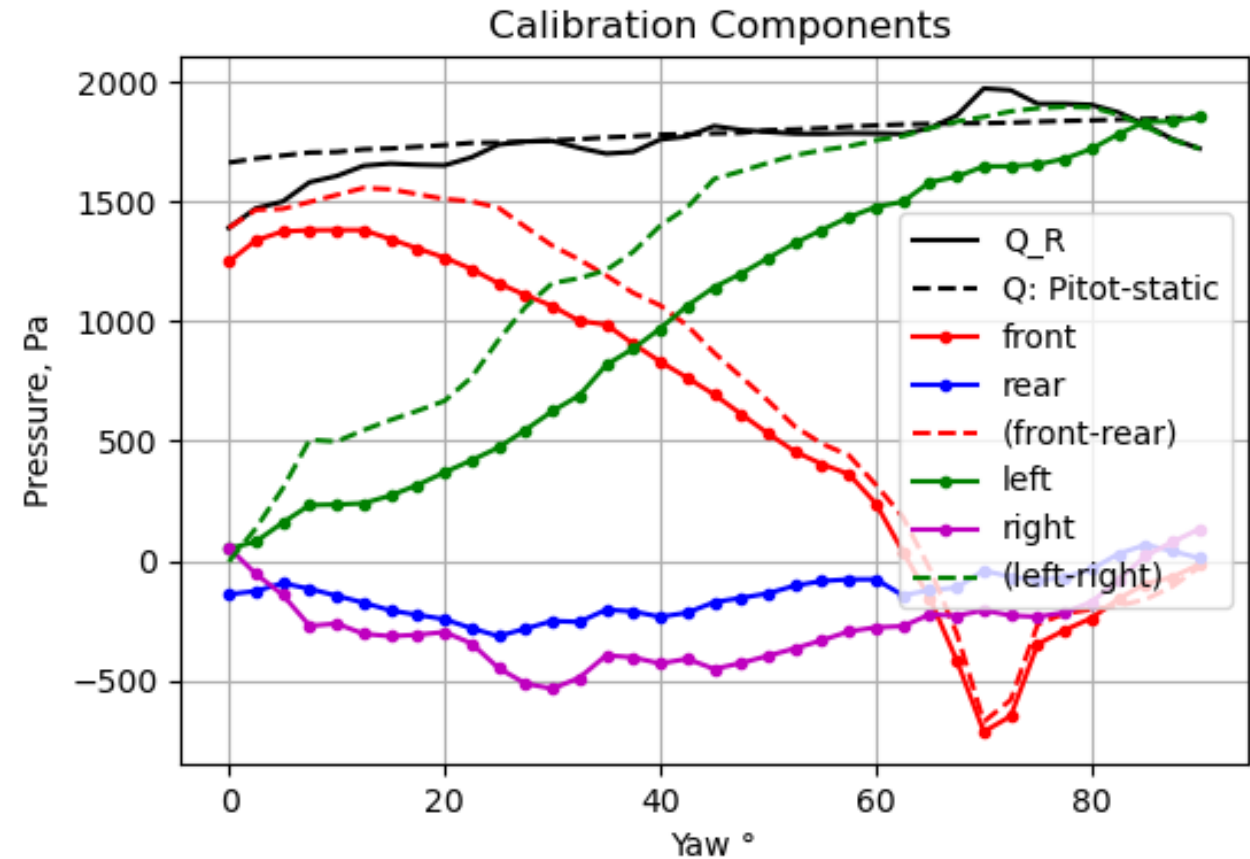


Calibration: Yaw Coefficient

Calibration Profile Components:

relates combination of surface pressures to yaw angle Beta, β

- Calibration coefficient $= (p_{\text{left}} - p_{\text{right}}) / Q_R$
- $Q_R = \sqrt{(p_{\text{front}} - p_{\text{rear}})^2 + (p_{\text{left}} - p_{\text{right}})^2}$
- Similar concept as 'car-as-probe' & dynamic-pressure multi-hole probes (wind-tunnel measurement devices) utilized previously

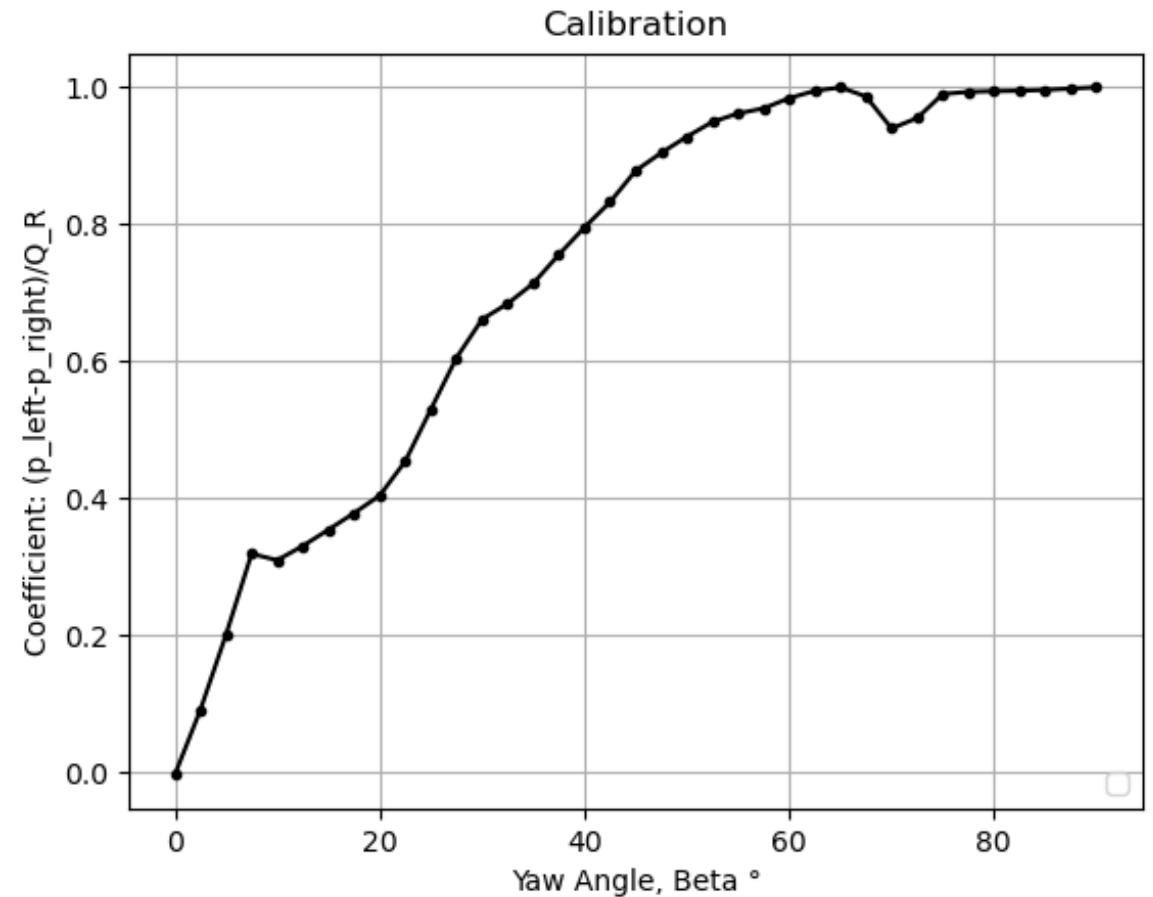


1:15 scale wind-tunnel experiment: Calibration Function

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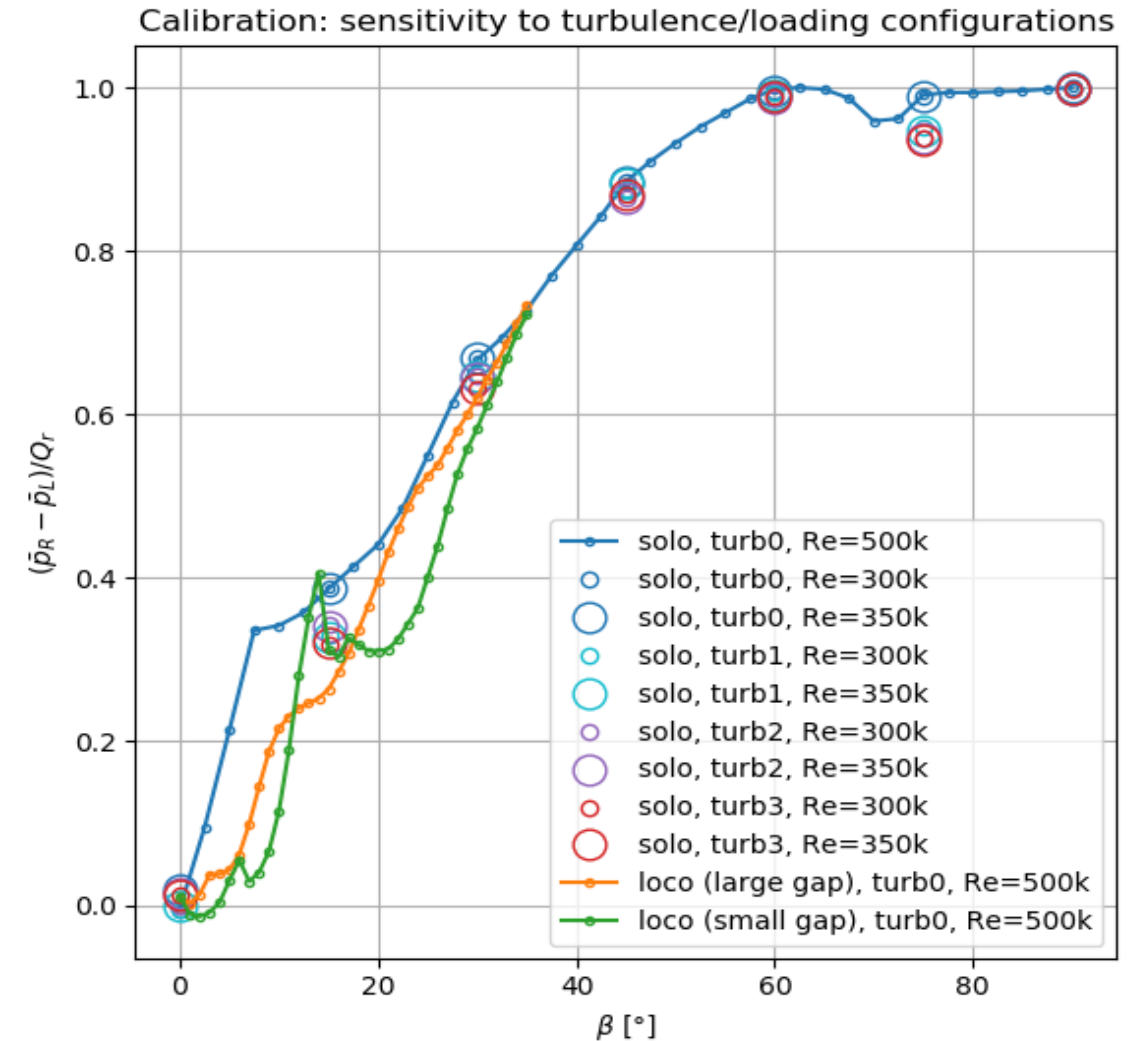
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1:15 scale wind-tunnel experiment: Calibration Function

Calibration Profile sensitivity:

- Loading configuration (upstream gap)
 - large gap 17.8m, small gap=9.3m
(full-scale test-configs: 10,17,29,66m)
 - higher sensitivity @ low yaw
 - low sensitivity @ medium yaw (priority)
- Turbulence Intensity (gustiness of natural wind)
 - low sensitivity @ all yaw
- Repeatability (same conditions, repeated)
 - High
- Reynolds number (effect of 1/15 scaled experiment)
 - Low sensitivity

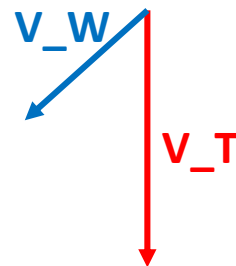


Inferring Atmospheric Wind Magnitude: Vector analysis

Calibration Application – applies Wind-Tunnel calibration results to full-scale measurements

- Infer yaw angle and velocity magnitude experienced in real-world from surface pressure measurements
- **V_T** : train-speed induced-flow (from satellite system: GNSS)
- **V_W** : atmospheric wind (result to infer/find)
- **V_R** : resultant wind train experiences (from pressure combination: Q_R)
 - $Q_R = \sqrt{(p_{front} - p_{rear})^2 + (p_{left} - p_{right})^2}$
 - and $Q = 0.5 * \text{density} * V^2$,
 - therefore $V_R = \sqrt{2 * Q_R / \text{density}}$ (density from local weather station)
- **β**: relative angle of wind that train experiences
 - discretely set in wind-tunnel calibration

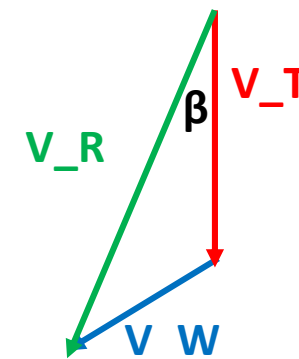
Wind-Vectors affecting train:



Vector Addition:

$$V_R = V_T + V_W$$

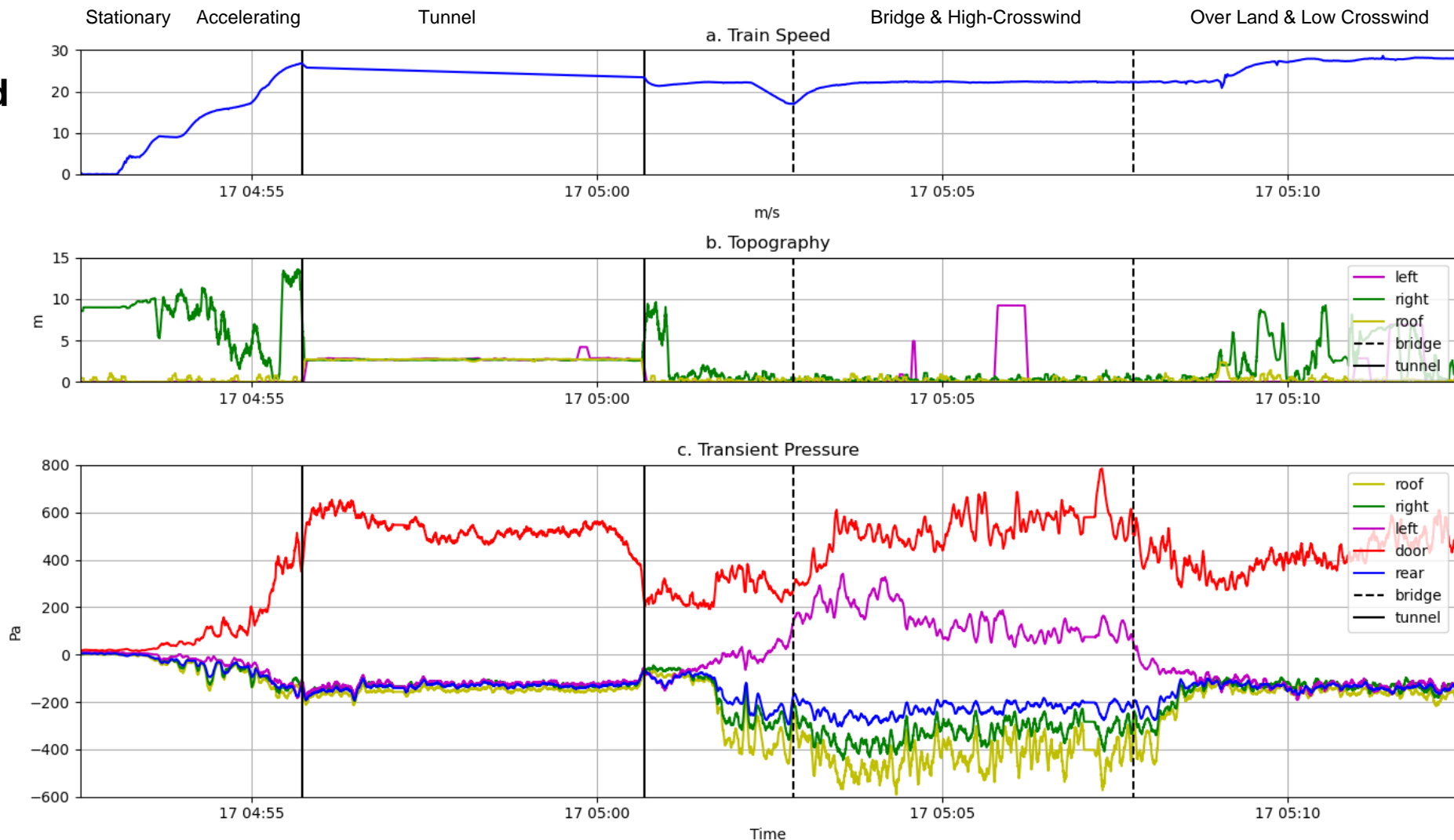
$$V_W = V_R - V_T$$



Results: System Functionality

Example High-Crosswind

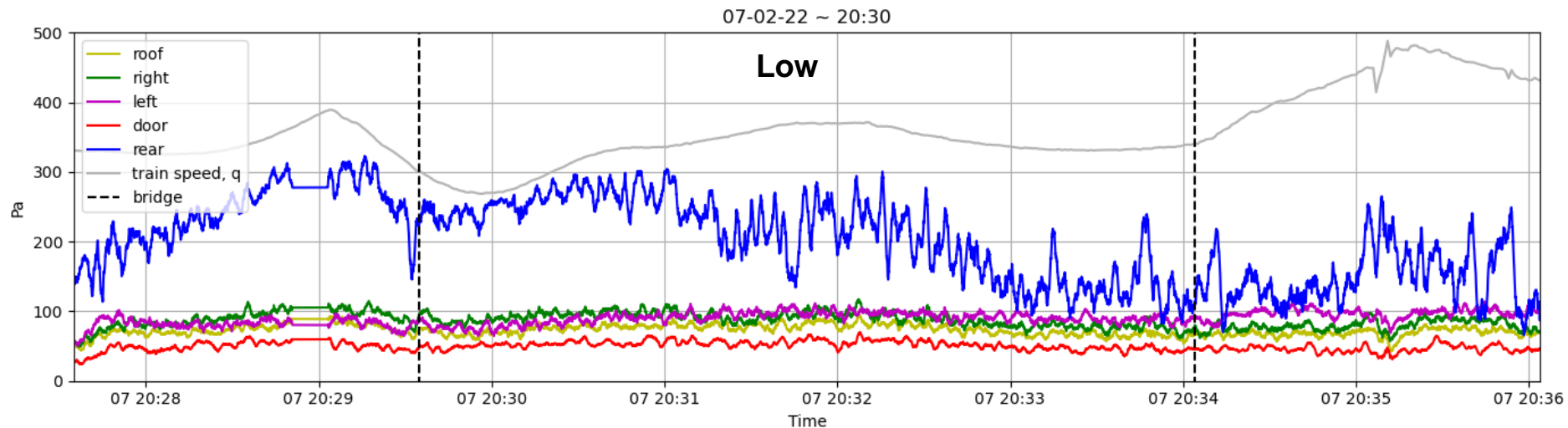
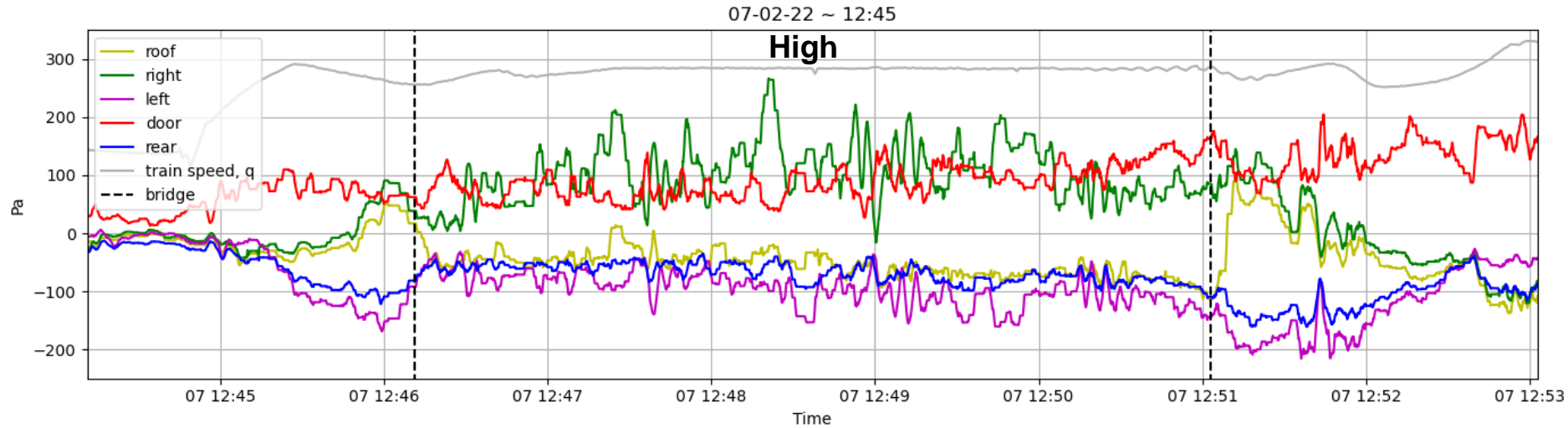
- 17/1/22
 - **a. train speed:**
consistent across bridge
 - **b. LiDAR:**
topography (tunnel)
 - **c. transient pressure:**
different characteristics
visible: acceleration,
tunnel, bridge, land
- crosswind effects clear:
high pressure difference
left-right, transient peaks



Results: System Functionality

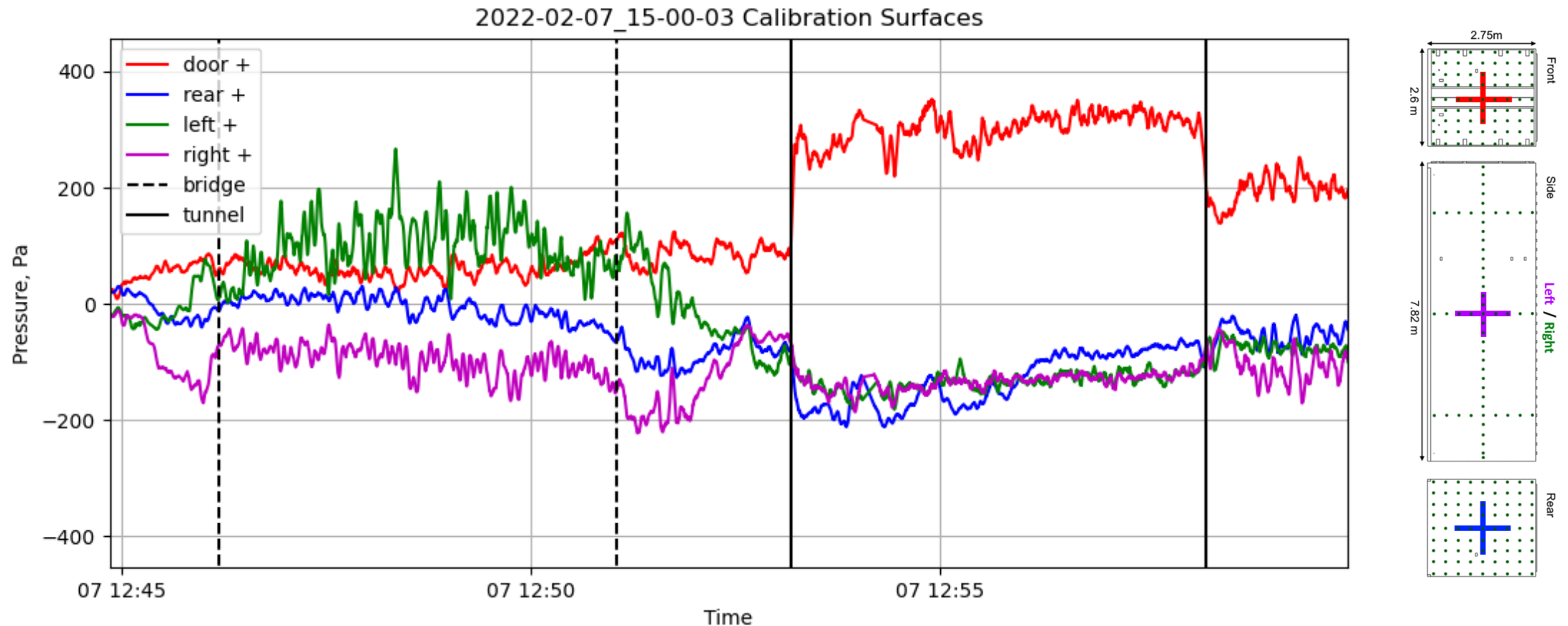
High vs Low Crosswind

- Bridge Crossings: ~12m/s vs ~4m/s
- **High:** clear fluctuations, high pressure on front/wind-ward side, low pressure on lee-ward side/roof
- **Low:** only high pressure & fluctuations on windward front, rear, sides, roof minimal pressure and fluctuations



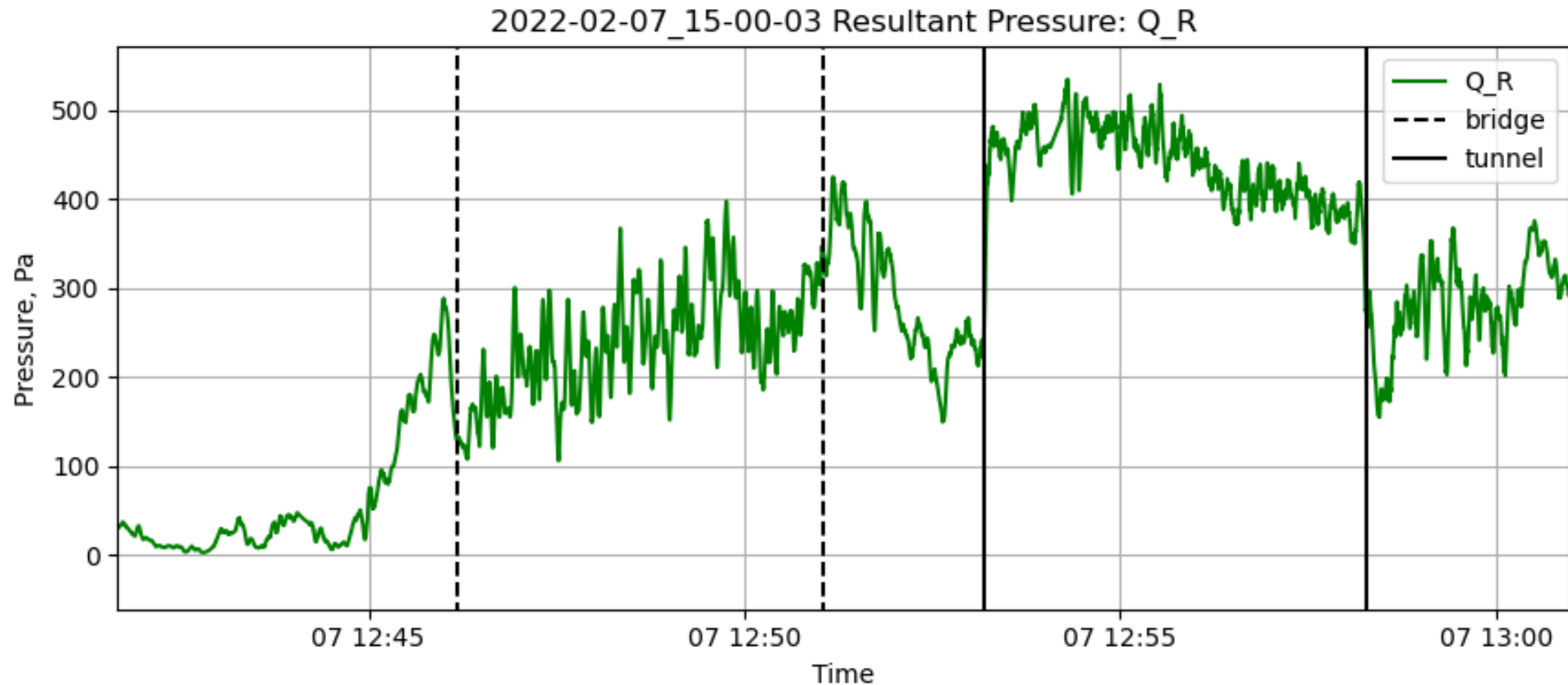
Results: Velocity Derivation – Example Calibration Surfaces

- Different pressures (spatially averaged on each surface) combined to make up the yaw calibration coefficient



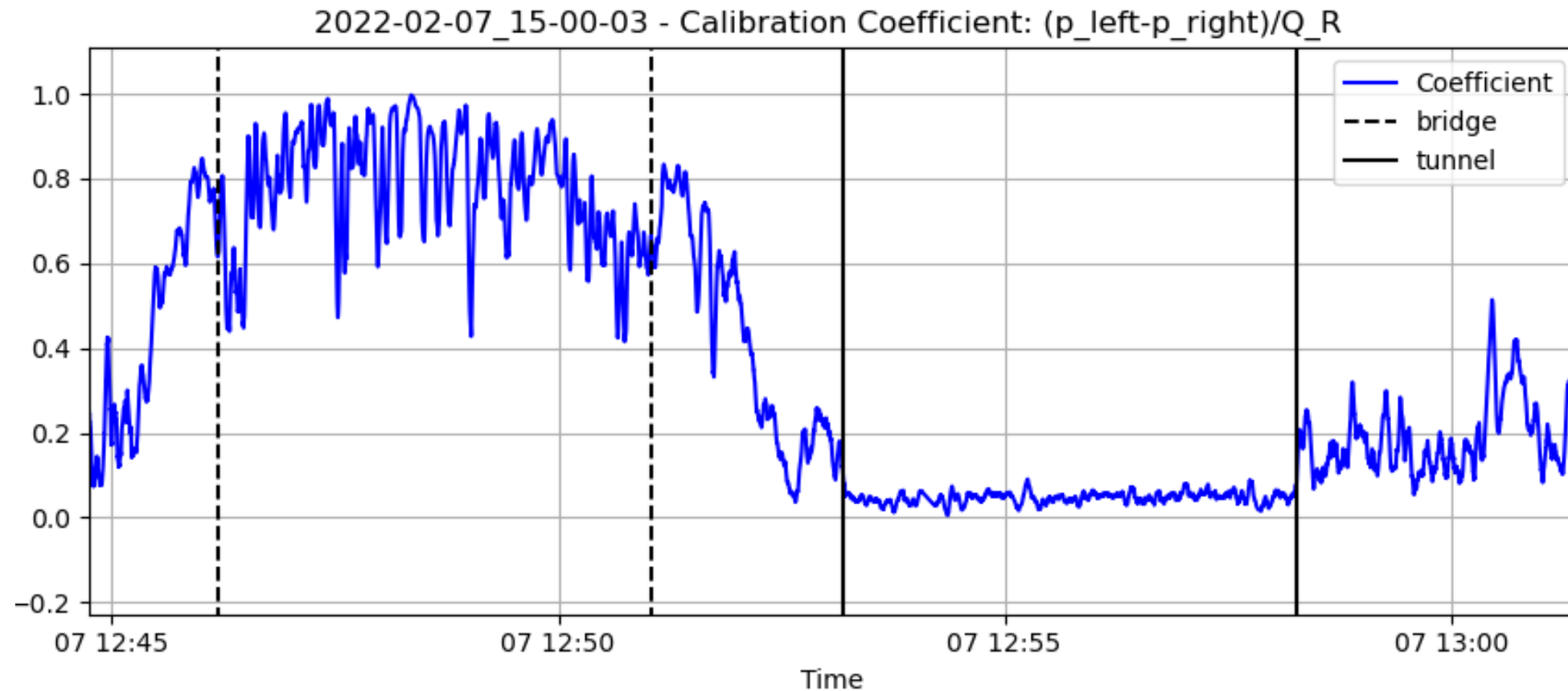
Results: Velocity Derivation – Example Q_R

- Derived 'resultant' dynamic pressure, Q_R used to derive the resultant velocity, V_R
 V_R : Total velocity that the probes experience, contains **train speed induced wind V_T**
and **atmospheric wind V_W**
($V_R = V_T + V_W$)



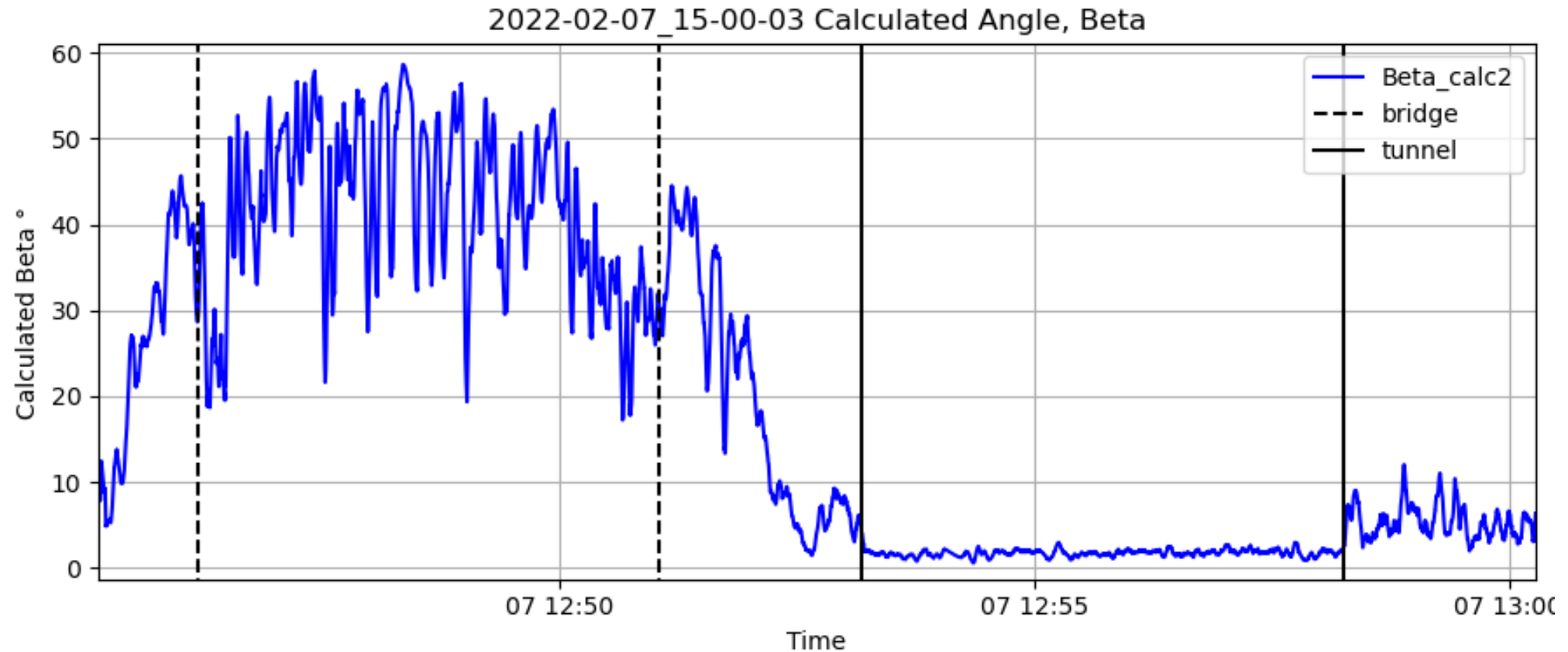
Results: Velocity Derivation – Example Calibration Coefficient

- Calibration coefficient (combined pressures), has a calibrated relationship with Beta, yaw angle
- $C = (p_{\text{left}} - p_{\text{right}}) / Q_R$
- $Q_R = \sqrt{(p_{\text{front}} - p_{\text{rear}})^2 + (p_{\text{left}} - p_{\text{right}})^2}$



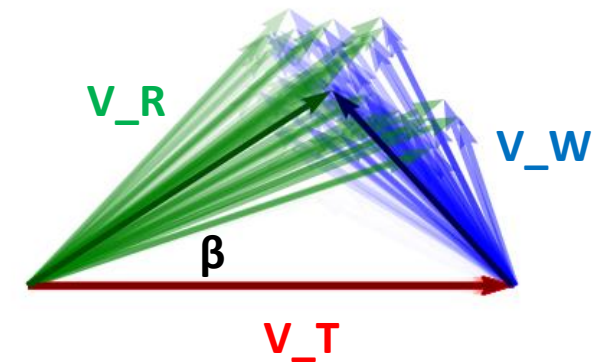
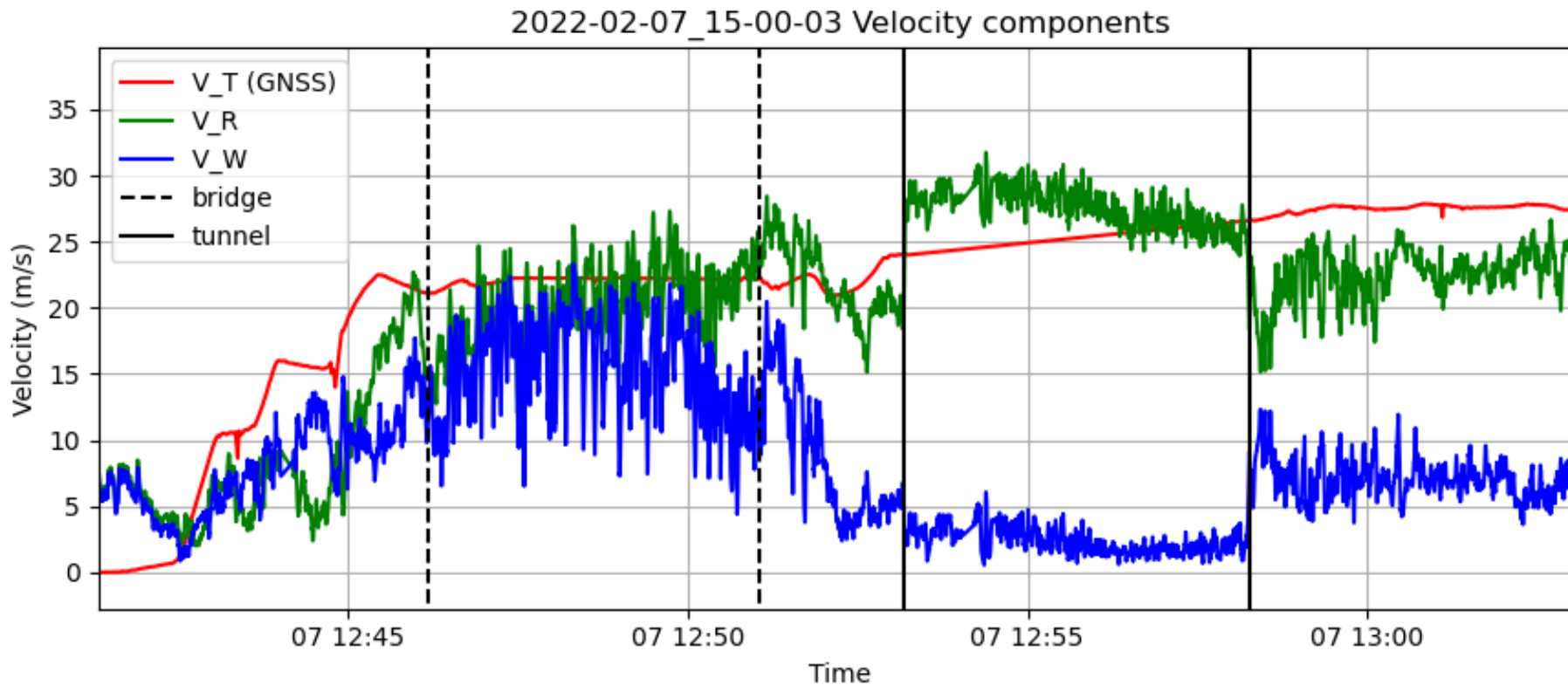
Results: Velocity Derivation – Example Derived Beta (Yaw angle)

- Derived Yaw angle Beta :
Determined by applying wind-tunnel calibration relationship to full-scale calibration coefficient data



Results: Velocity Derivation – Example Derived Velocity Components

- Derived velocity components, resultant V_R and atmospheric wind V_W (and train speed V_T)
- Determined using vector mathematics with V_R magnitude, yaw angle, β and V_T



Example Mean and instantaneous vectors during bridge section

Results: Validation

High wind 07/02/2022: 12am

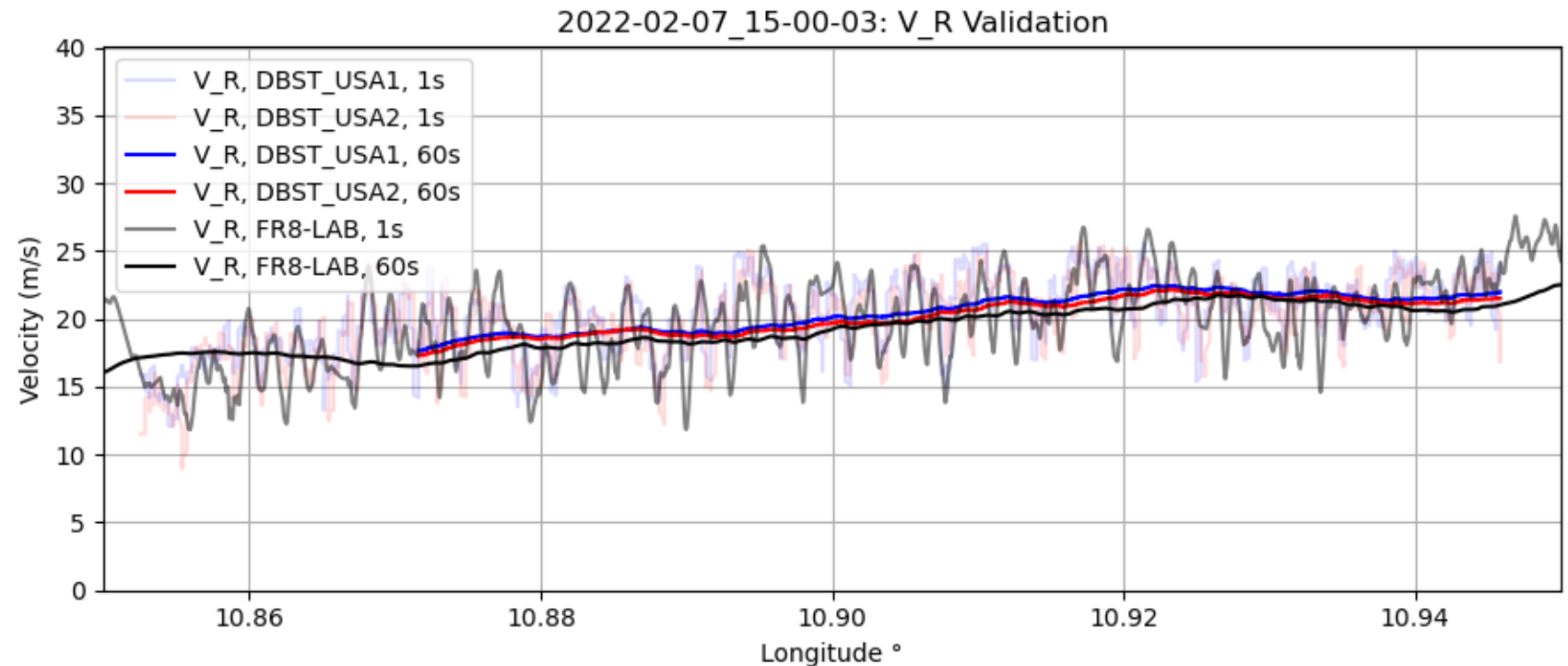
- Derived velocity from processing of surface-pressure data on FR8-LAB:
→ corresponds well to purpose-built velocity measurement devices: DB ST Ultrasonic Anemometers 1 & 2

V_R: Resultant Velocity:

Total velocity that the probes experience

→ Contains train speed and atmospheric wind
($V_R = V_T + V_W$)

- **FR8-LAB** :
derived velocity
- **USA1, USA2**:
DB STs ultrasonic anemometers 1 & 2



Results: Validation

**High wind 07/02/2022: 12am – validation successful beyond bridge section (on land)
(FR8-LAB not calibrated for operation through tunnel, only open air)**

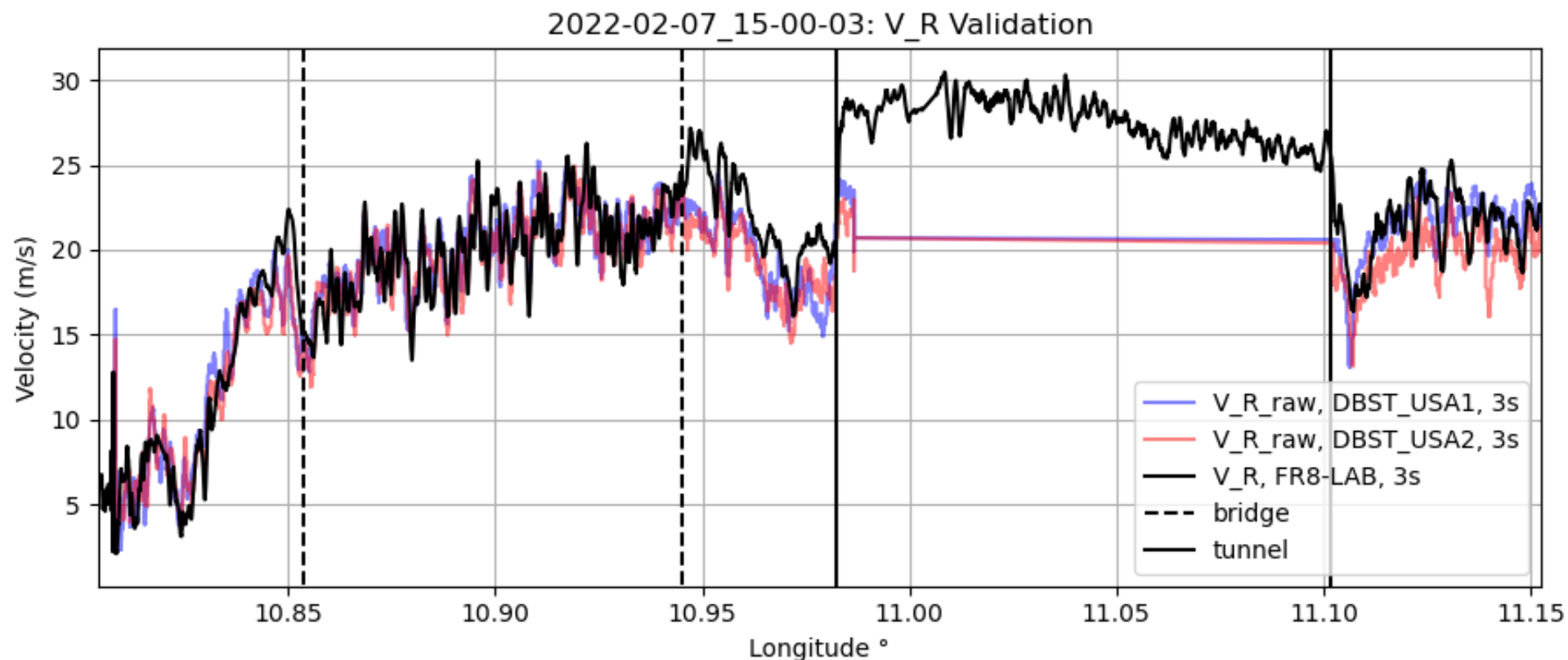
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V_R: Resultant Velocity:

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- **USA1, USA2**:
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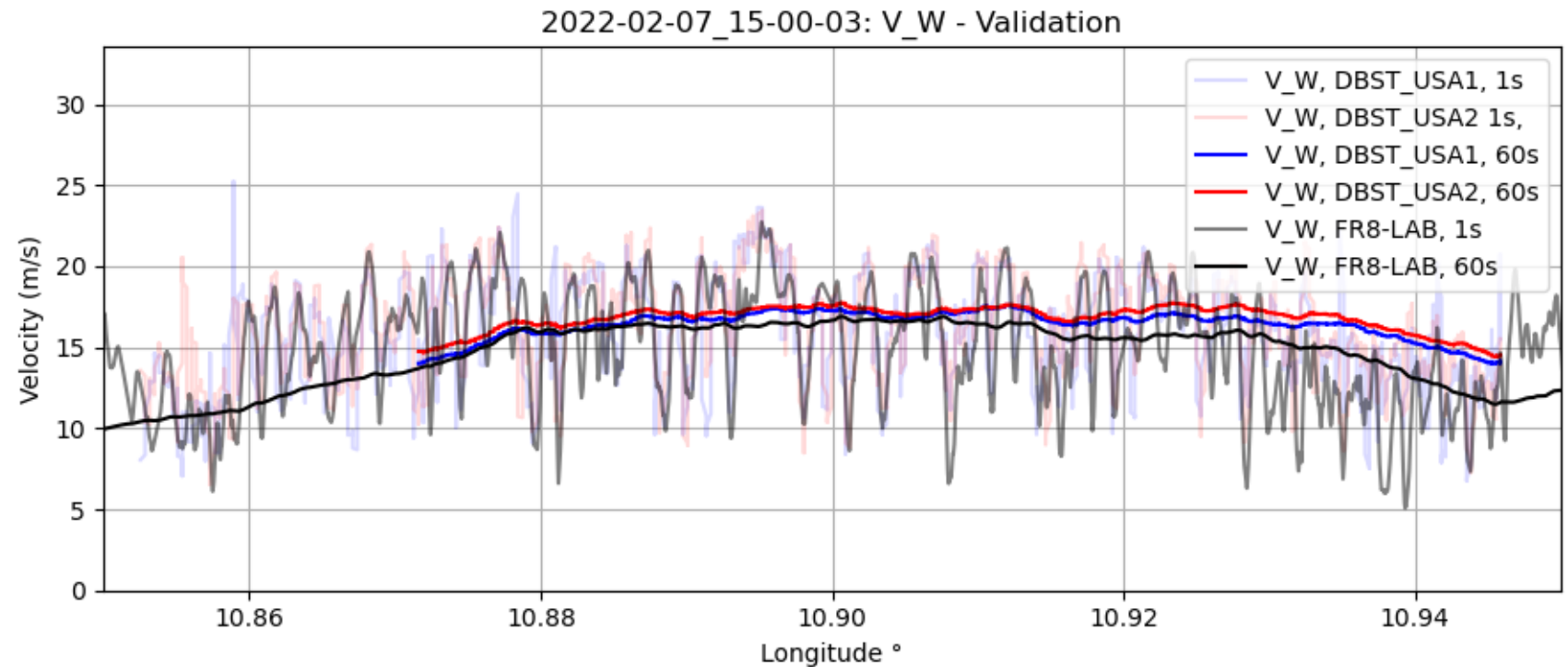
Results: Validation

High wind 07/02/2022: 12am

- Derived velocity from processing of surface-pressure data on FR8-LAB:
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V_W: Wind Velocity:
atmospheric wind

- **FR8-LAB :**
derived velocity
- **USA1, USA2:**
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anemometers 1 & 2



Results: Validation

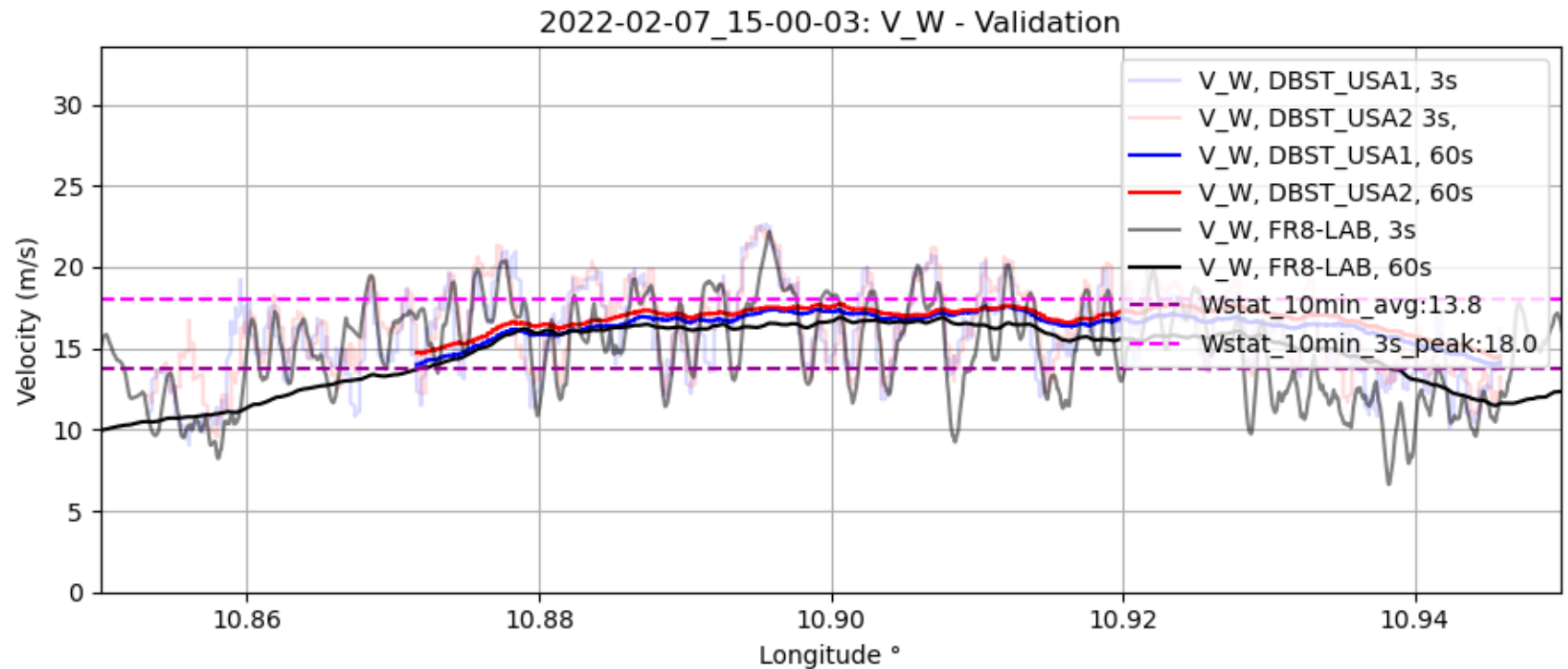
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- Derived velocity from processing of surface-pressure data on FR8-LAB:
→ corresponds well to purpose-built velocity measurement devices: DB ST Ultrasonic Anemometers 1 & 2

V_W: Wind Velocity:

atmospheric wind

- **FR8-LAB** :
derived velocity
- **USA1, USA2**:
DB STs ultrasonic
anemometers 1 & 2
- **Wstat**:
Local weather station
 - 10min average
 - 3sec peak in 10 min



Results: Validation

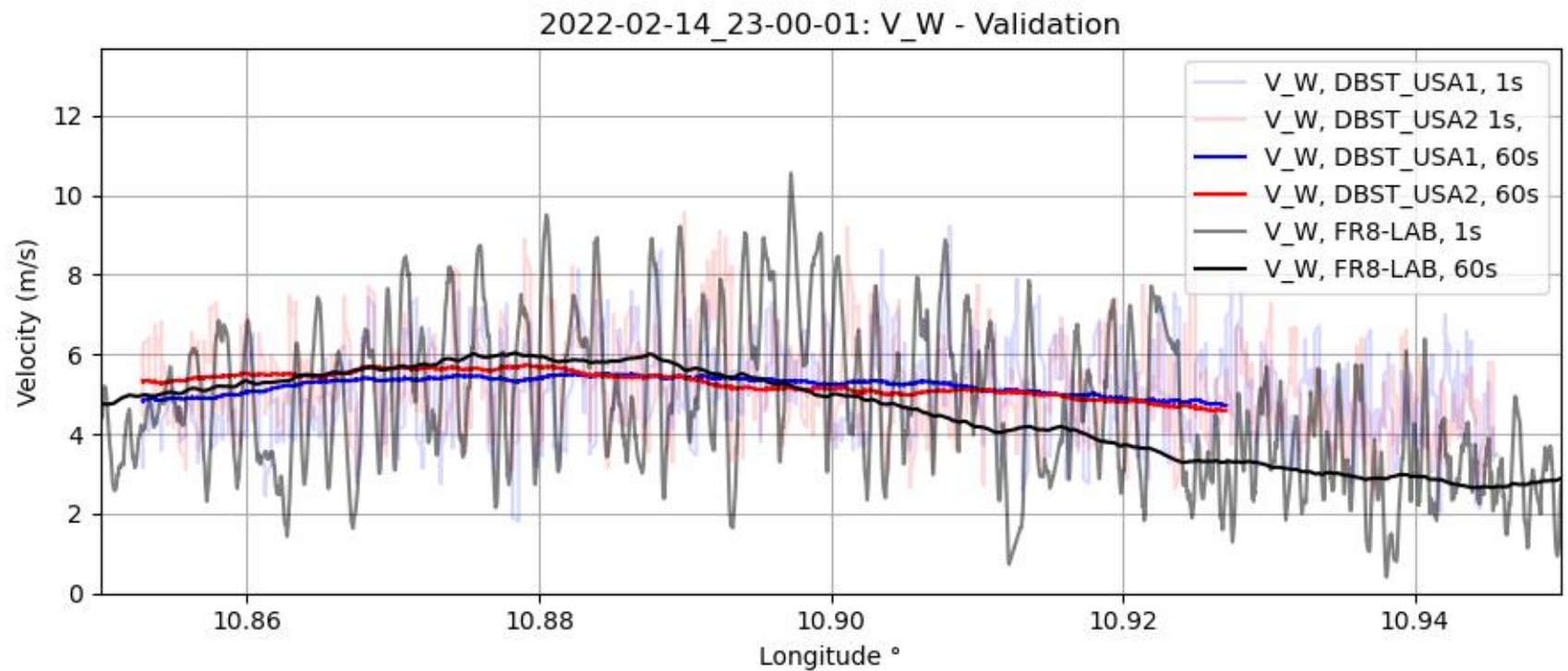
Medium wind 14/02/2022: 9pm

- Derived velocity from processing of surface-pressure data on FR8-LAB:
 - corresponds well to purpose-built velocity measurement devices: DB ST Ultrasonic Anemometers 1 & 2

V_W: Wind Velocity

atmospheric wind

- **FR8-LAB** :
derived velocity
- **USA1, USA2**:
DB STs ultrasonic
anemometers 1 & 2



Results: Validation

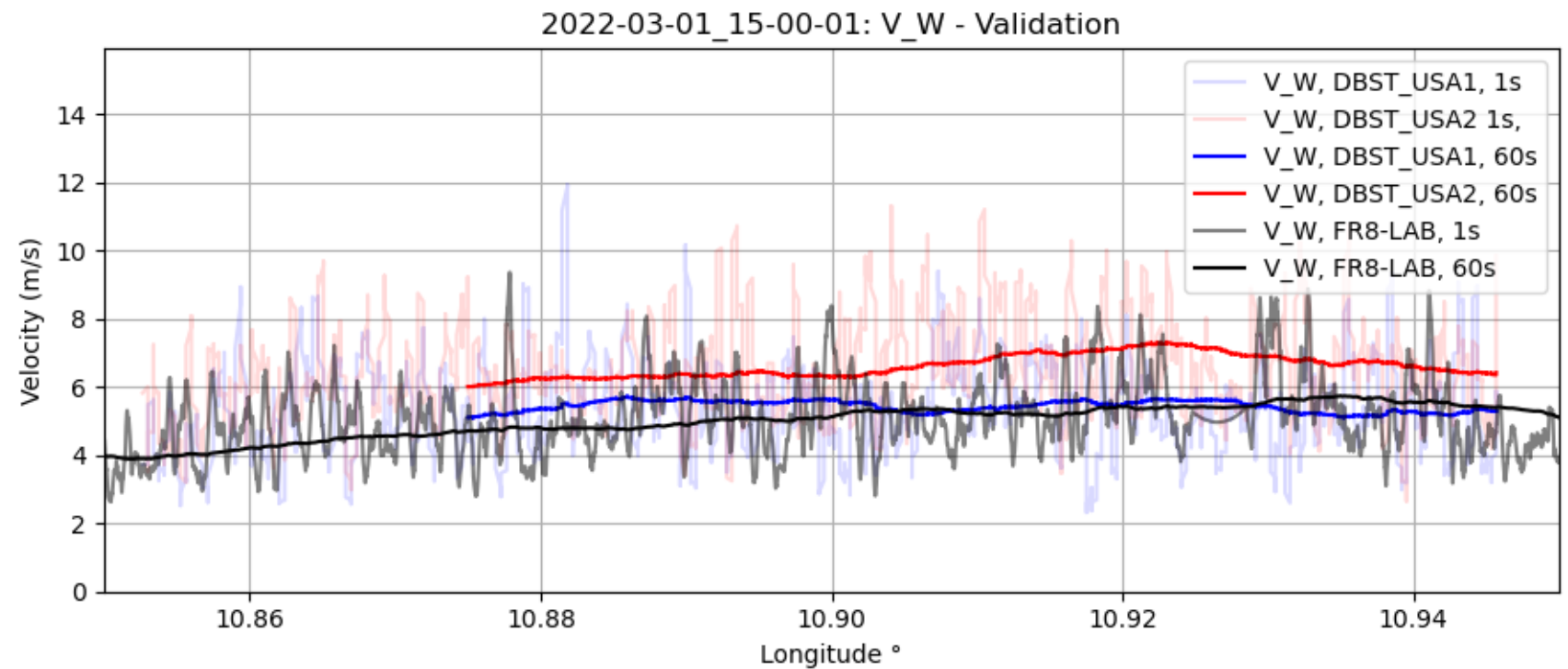
Medium wind 1/03/2022: 12am

- Derived velocity from processing of surface-pressure data on FR8-LAB:
 - corresponds well to purpose-built velocity measurement devices: DB ST Ultrasonic Anemometers 1 & 2

V_W: Wind Velocity

atmospheric wind

- **FR8-LAB** :
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Results: Validation

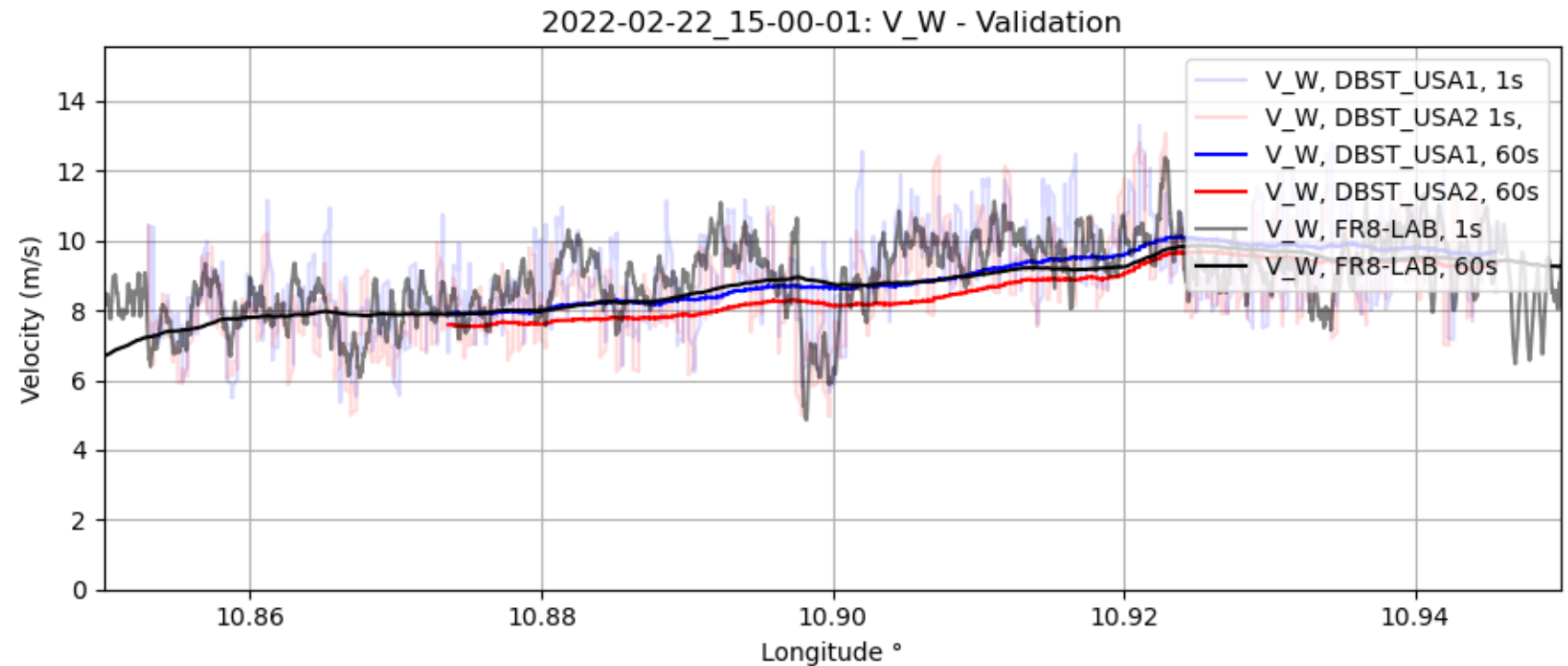
Medium wind 22/02/2022: 12am

- Derived velocity from processing of surface-pressure data on FR8-LAB:
 - corresponds well to purpose-built velocity measurement devices: DB ST Ultrasonic Anemometers 1 & 2

V_W: Wind Velocity

atmospheric wind

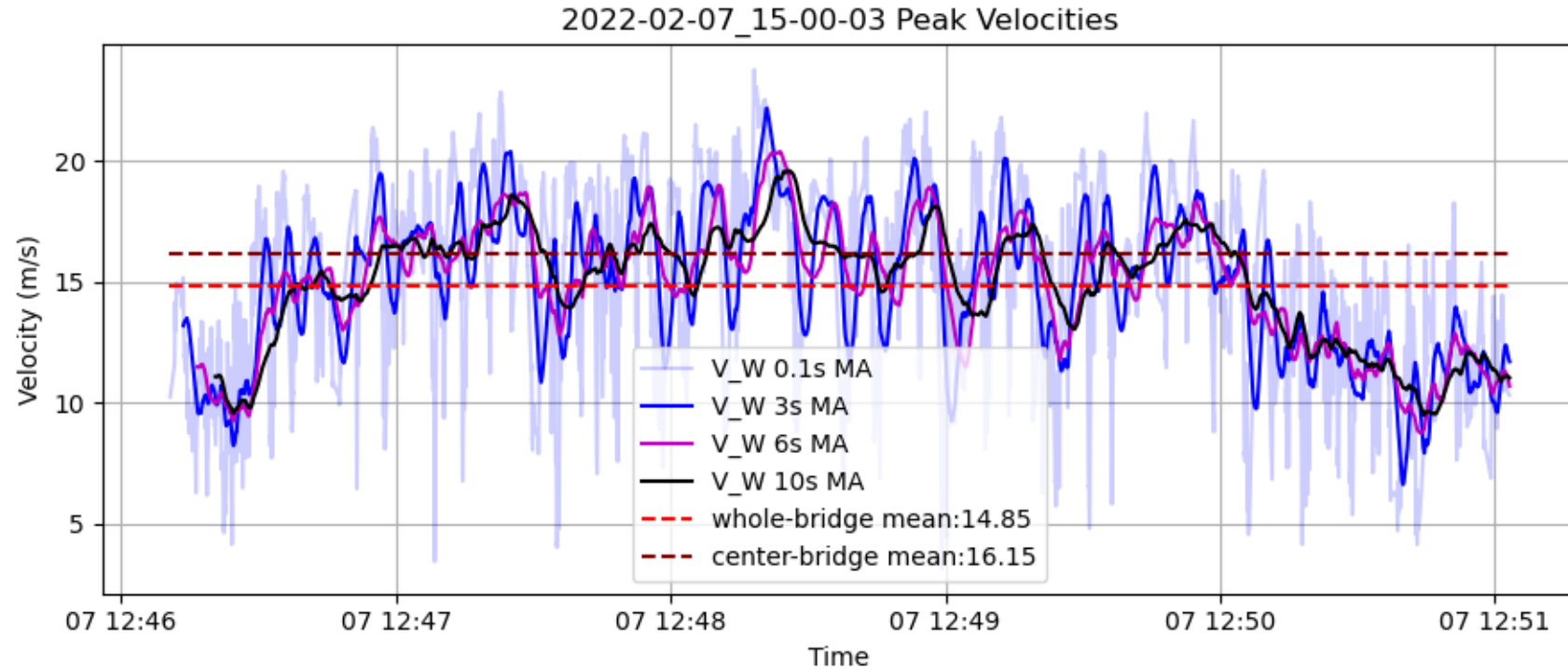
- **FR8-LAB** :
derived velocity
- **USA1, USA2**:
DB STs ultrasonic
anemometers 1 & 2



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #1

High wind 07/02/2022: 12am – Velocity magnitude (m/s)

- Characteristics of transient flow ‘gusts’ freight train experiences across bridge
- Different moving averages (MA) durations applied, 0.1s, 3s, 6s, 10s affects gust magnitude
- Visible velocity fluctuations around mean (not 10min mean, ~5min bridge crossing duration)

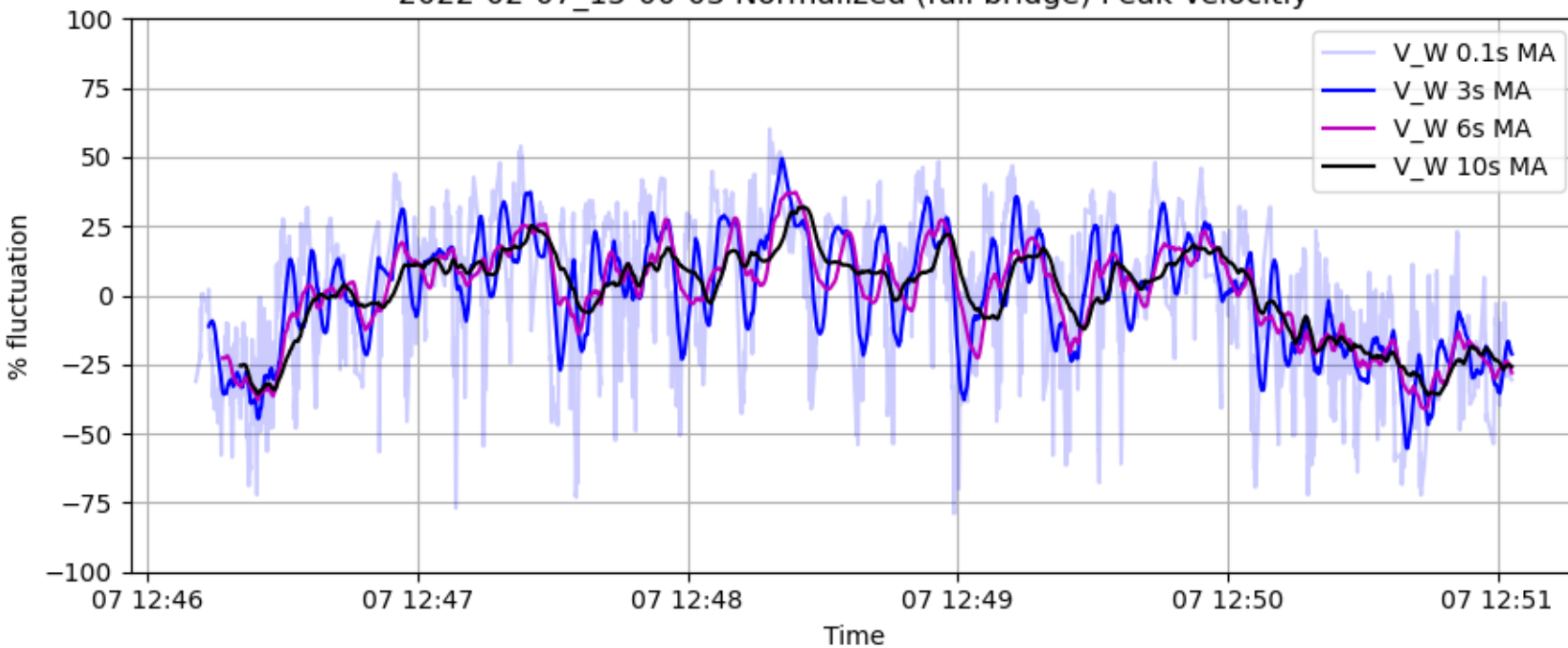


Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #1

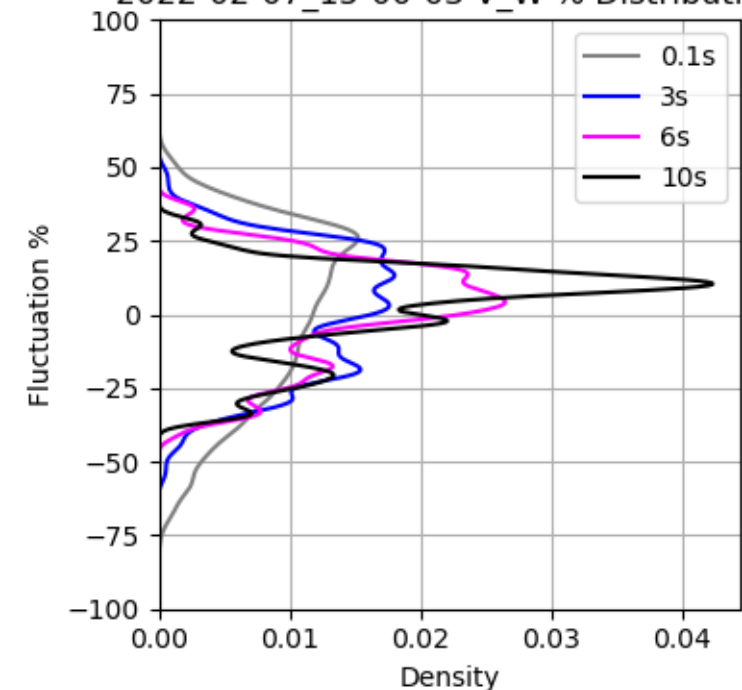
High wind 07/02/2022: 12am – Normalized Velocity (% fluctuation around mean)

- Velocity fluctuations in %: normalized by mean velocity (~5min bridge crossing)
- 25%-50% fluctuations relative to mean, depending on gust duration (0.1-10s MA)

2022-02-07_15-00-03 Normalized (full bridge) Peak Velocity



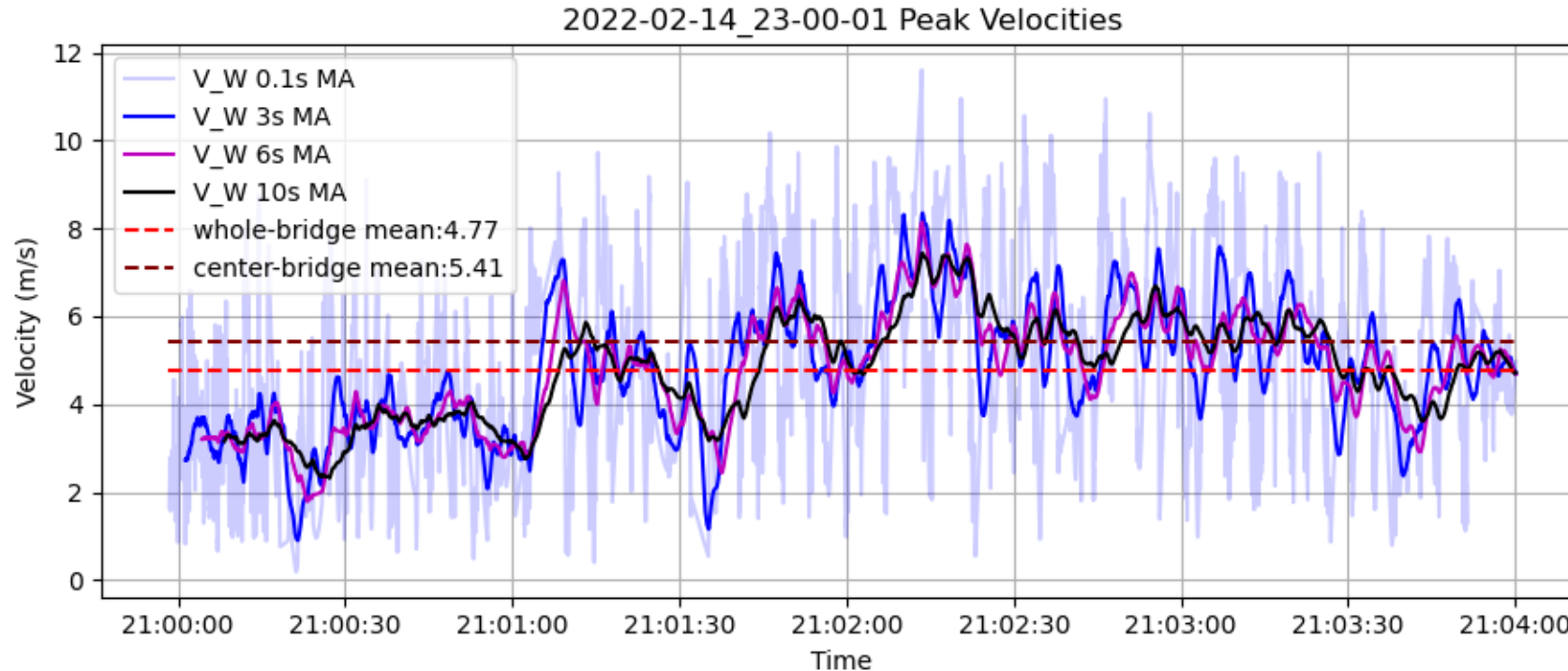
2022-02-07_15-00-03 V_W % Distribution



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #2

Medium wind 14/02/2022: 9pm – Velocity magnitude (m/s)

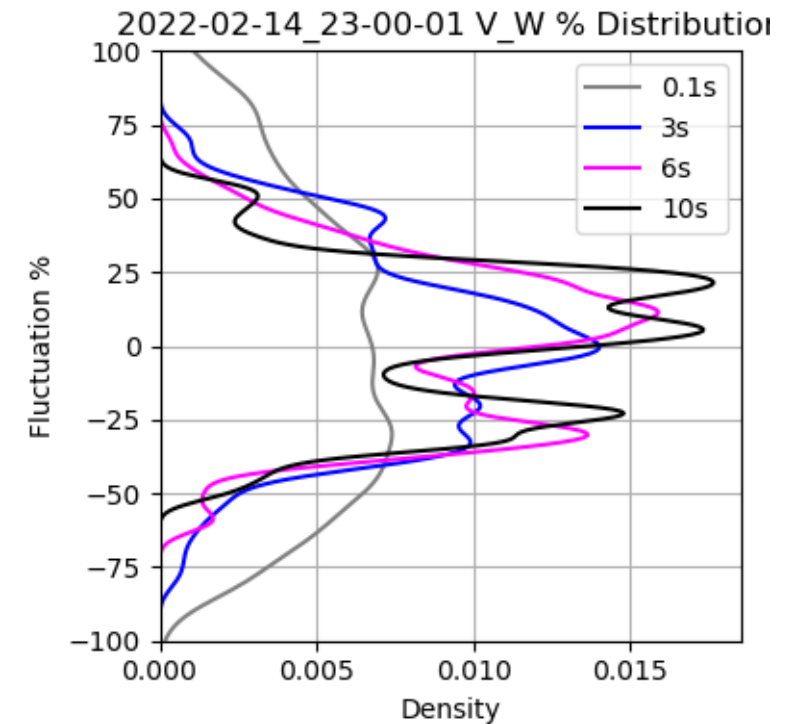
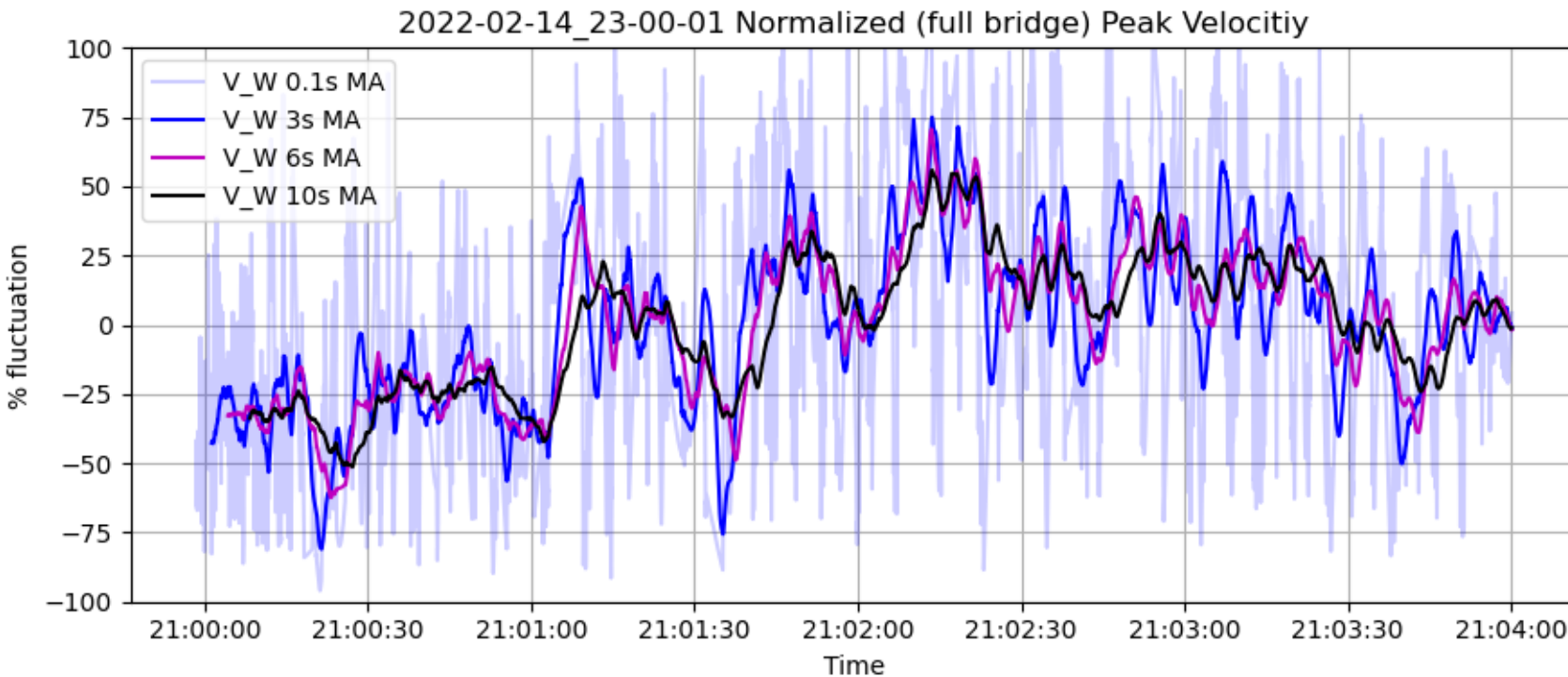
- Characteristics of transient flow ‘gusts’ freight train experiences across bridge
- Different moving averages (MA) durations applied, 0.1s, 3s, 6s, 10s affects gust magnitude
- Visible velocity fluctuations around mean (not 10min mean, ~5min bridge crossing duration)



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #2

Medium wind 14/02/2022: 9pm– Normalized Velocity (% fluctuation around mean)

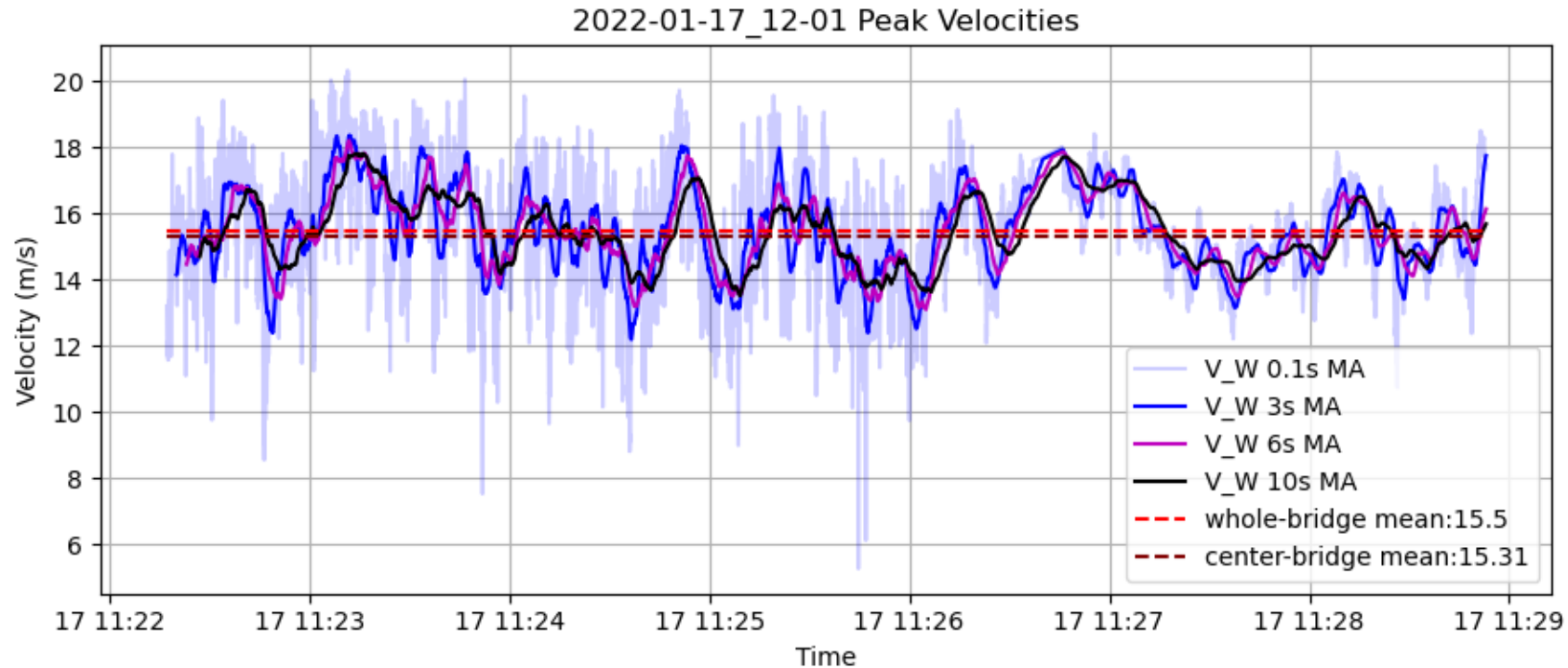
- Velocity fluctuations in %: normalized by mean velocity (~5min bridge crossing)
- 25%-75% fluctuations relative to mean, depending on gust duration (0.1-10s MA)



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #3

High wind 17/01/2022: 12am – Velocity magnitude (m/s)

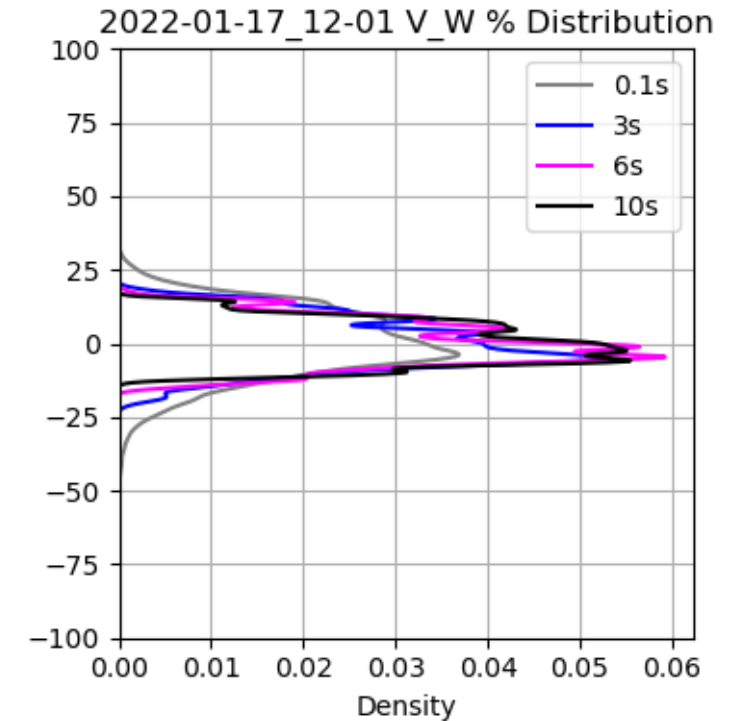
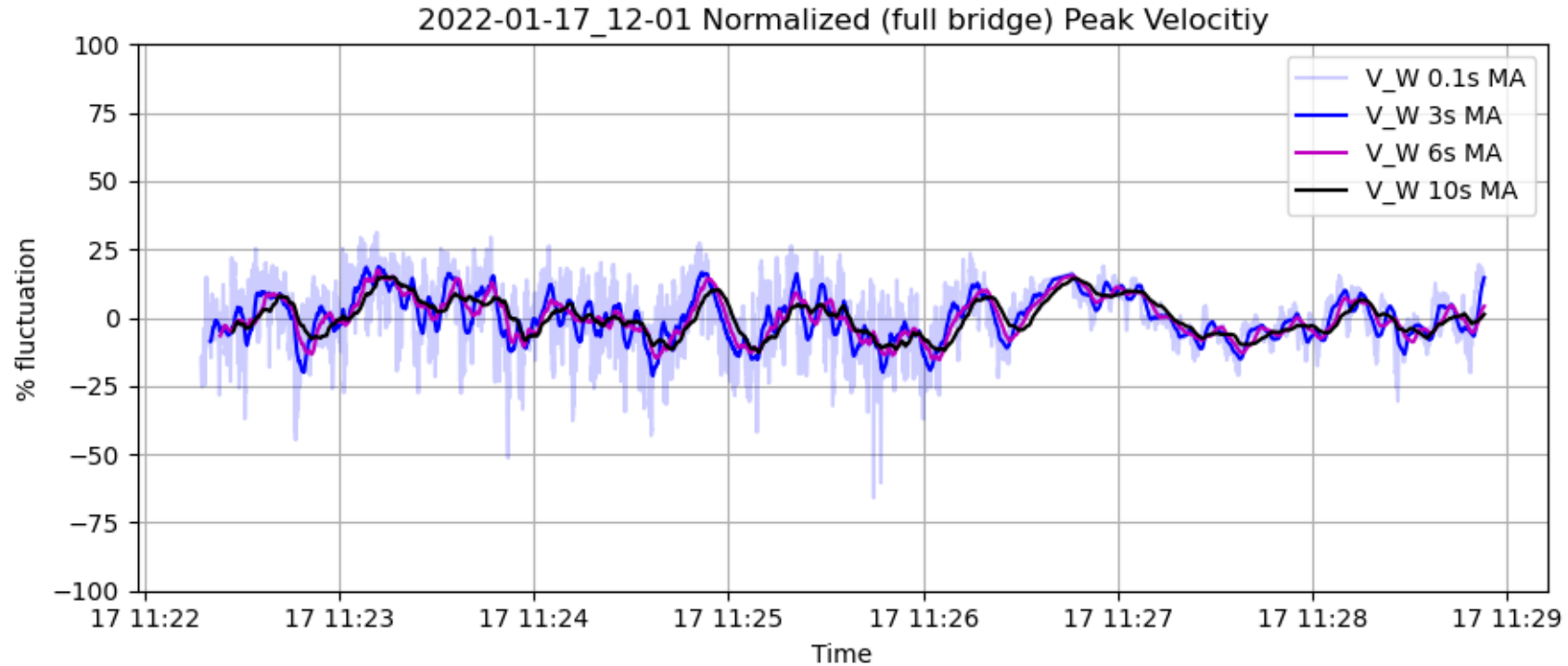
- Characteristics of transient flow 'gusts' freight train experiences across bridge
- Different moving averages (MA) durations applied, 0.1s, 3s, 6s, 10s affects gust magnitude
- Visible velocity fluctuations around mean (not 10min mean, ~5min bridge crossing duration)



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #3

High wind 17/01/2022: 12am – Normalized Velocity (% fluctuation around mean)

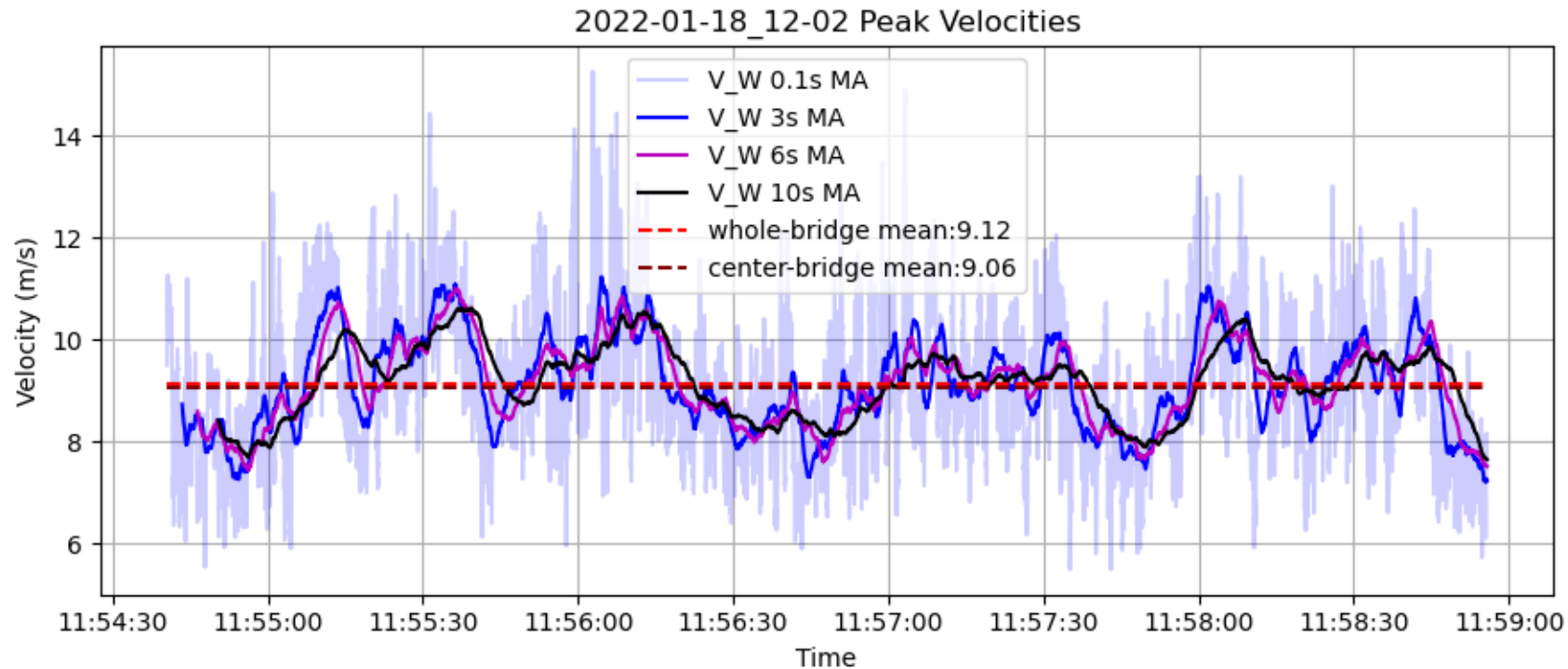
- Velocity fluctuations in %: normalized by mean velocity (~5min bridge crossing)
- 10-20% fluctuations relative to mean, depending on gust duration (0.1-10s MA)



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #4

Medium wind 18/01/2022: 12am – Velocity magnitude (m/s)

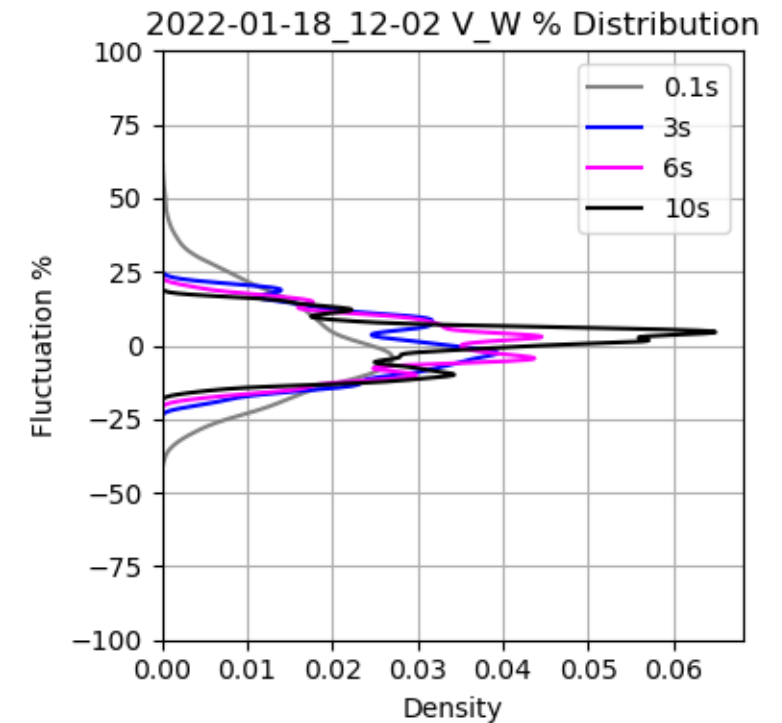
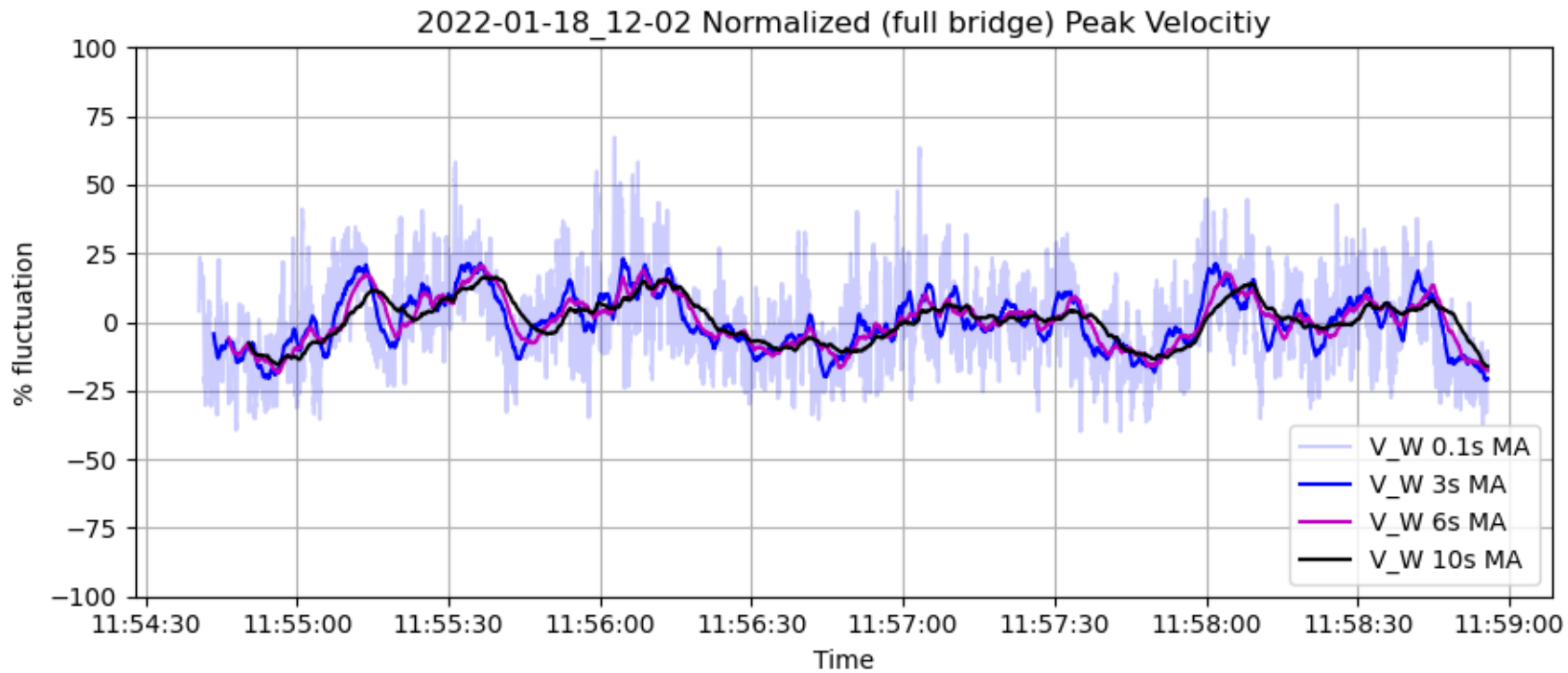
- Characteristics of transient flow ‘gusts’ freight train experiences across bridge
- Different moving averages (MA) durations applied, 0.1s, 3s, 6s, 10s affects gust magnitude
- Visible velocity fluctuations around mean (not 10min mean, ~5min bridge crossing duration)



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #4

Medium wind 18/01/2022: 12am – Normalized Velocity (% fluctuation around mean)

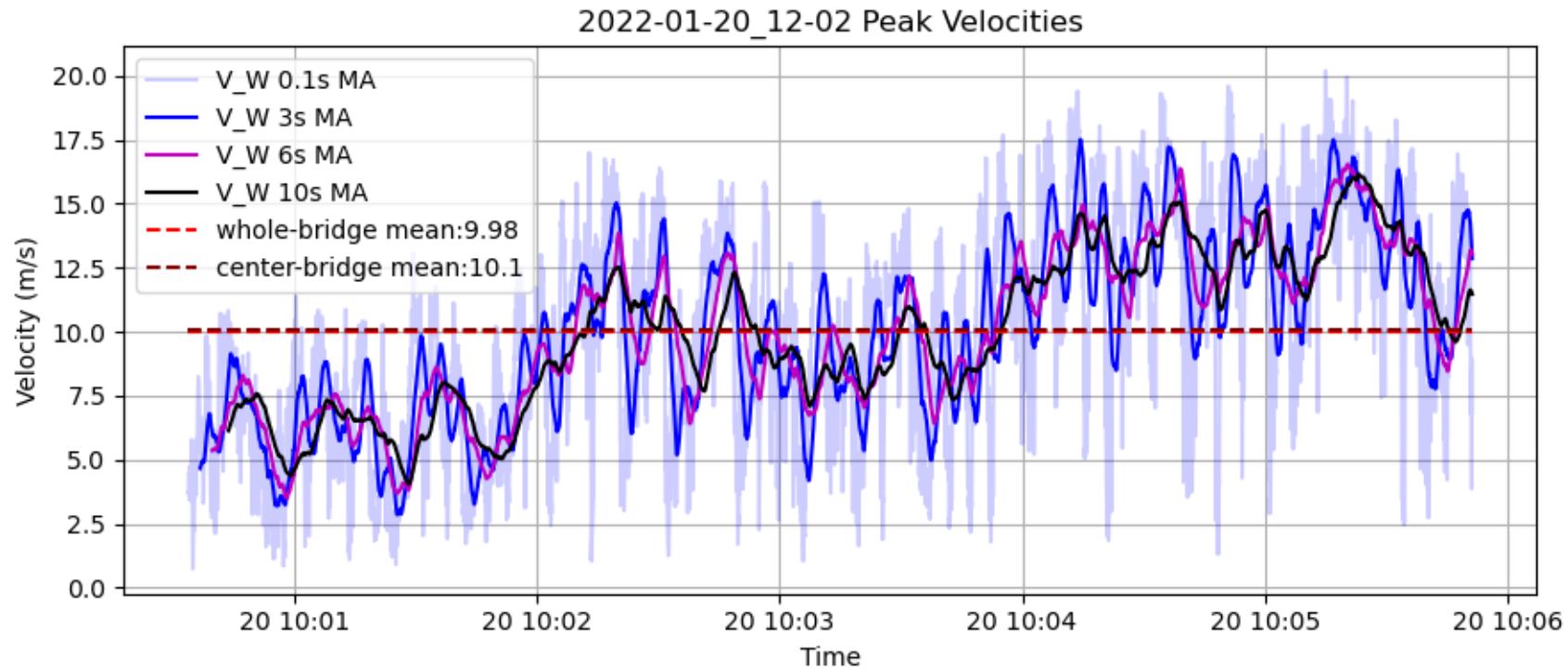
- Velocity fluctuations in %: normalized by mean velocity (~5min bridge crossing)
- 10-25%% fluctuations relative to mean, depending on gust duration (0.1-10s MA)



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #5

Medium wind 20/01/2022: 9am – Velocity magnitude (m/s)

- Characteristics of transient flow ‘gusts’ freight train experiences across bridge
- Different moving averages (MA) durations applied, 0.1s, 3s, 6s, 10s affects gust magnitude
- Visible velocity fluctuations around mean (not 10min mean, ~5min bridge crossing duration)

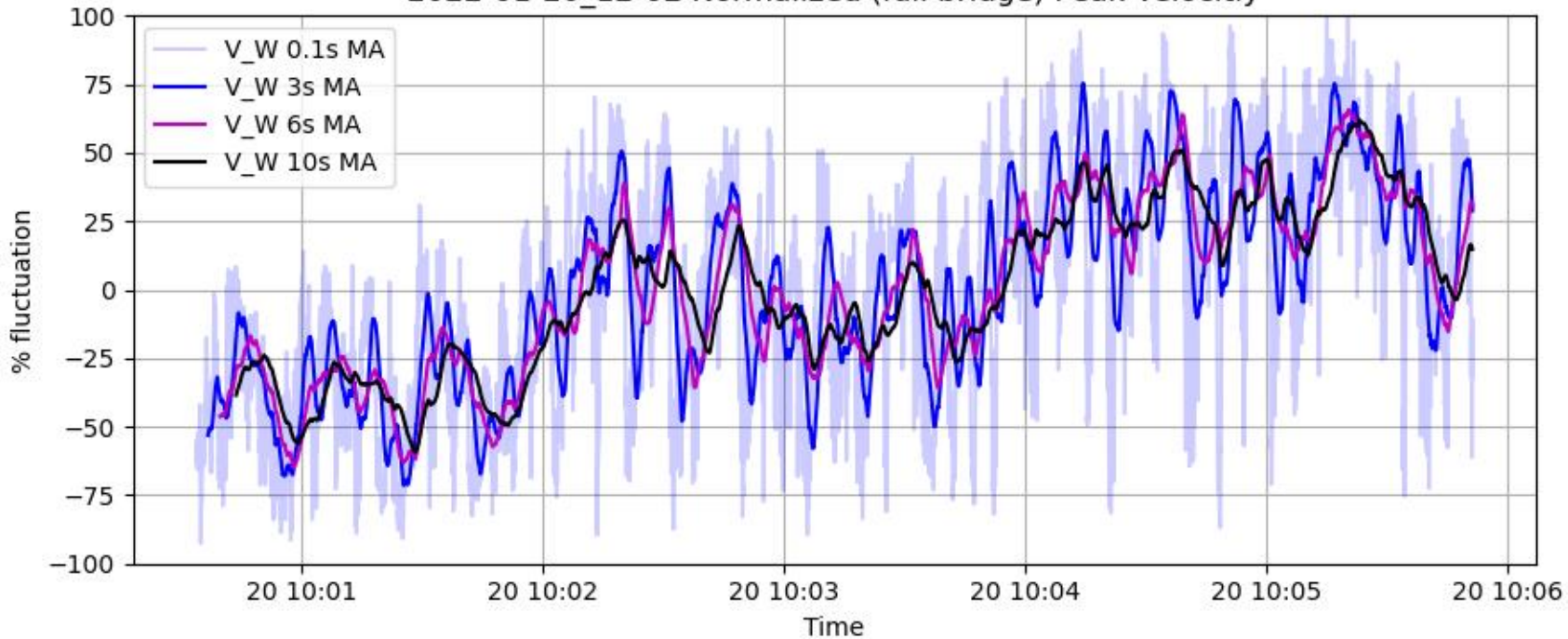


Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Individual Insight #5

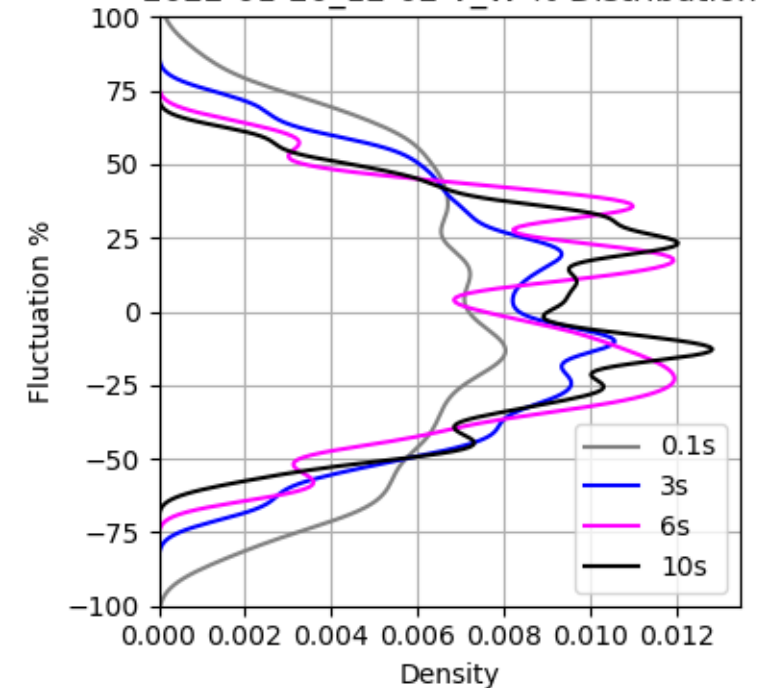
Medium wind 20/01/2022: 9am – Normalized Velocity (% fluctuation around mean)

- Velocity fluctuations in %: normalized by mean velocity (~5min bridge crossing)
- 25%-75% fluctuations relative to mean, depending on gust duration (0.1-10s MA)

2022-01-20_12-02 Normalized (full bridge) Peak Velocity



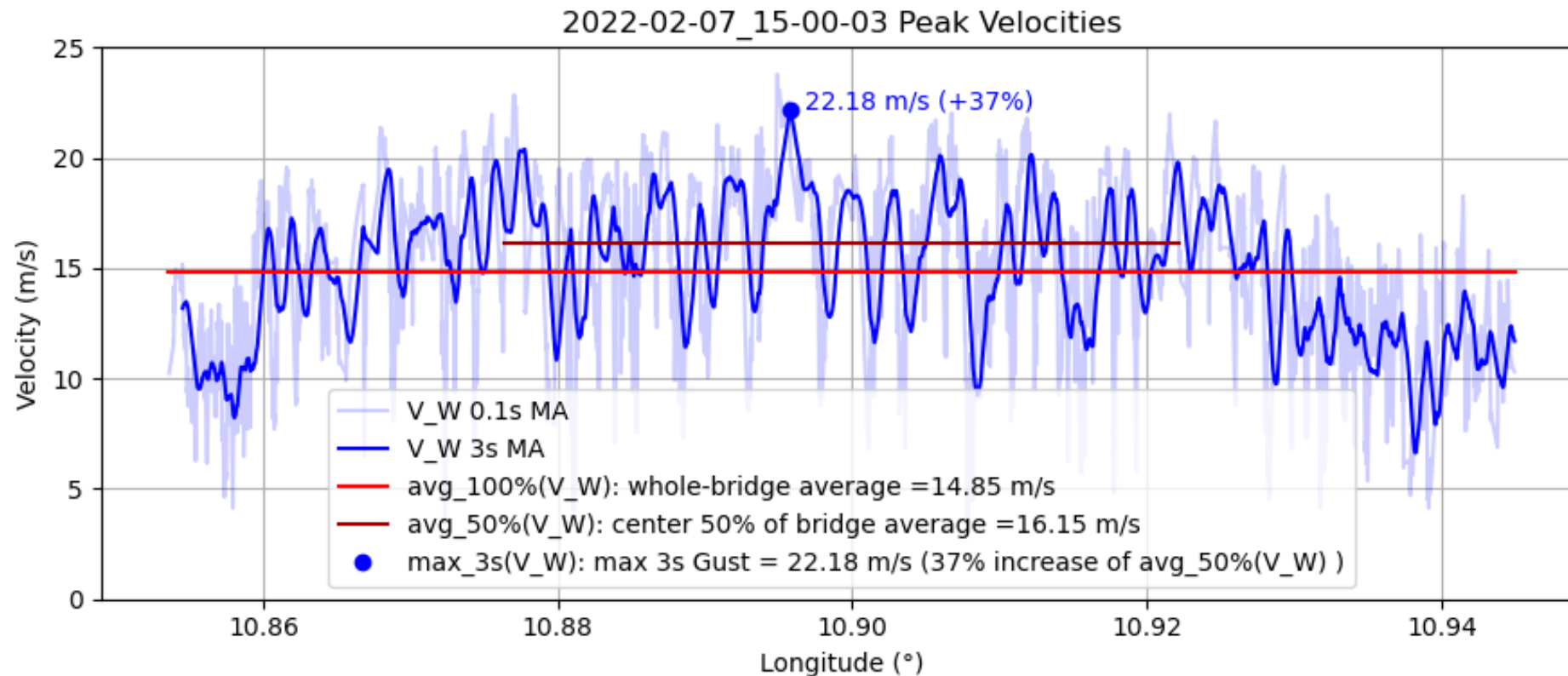
2022-01-20_12-02 V_W % Distribution



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind – Peak 3 Second Gusts #1

High wind 07/02/2022: 12am – Peak Gust Velocity with 3 second duration

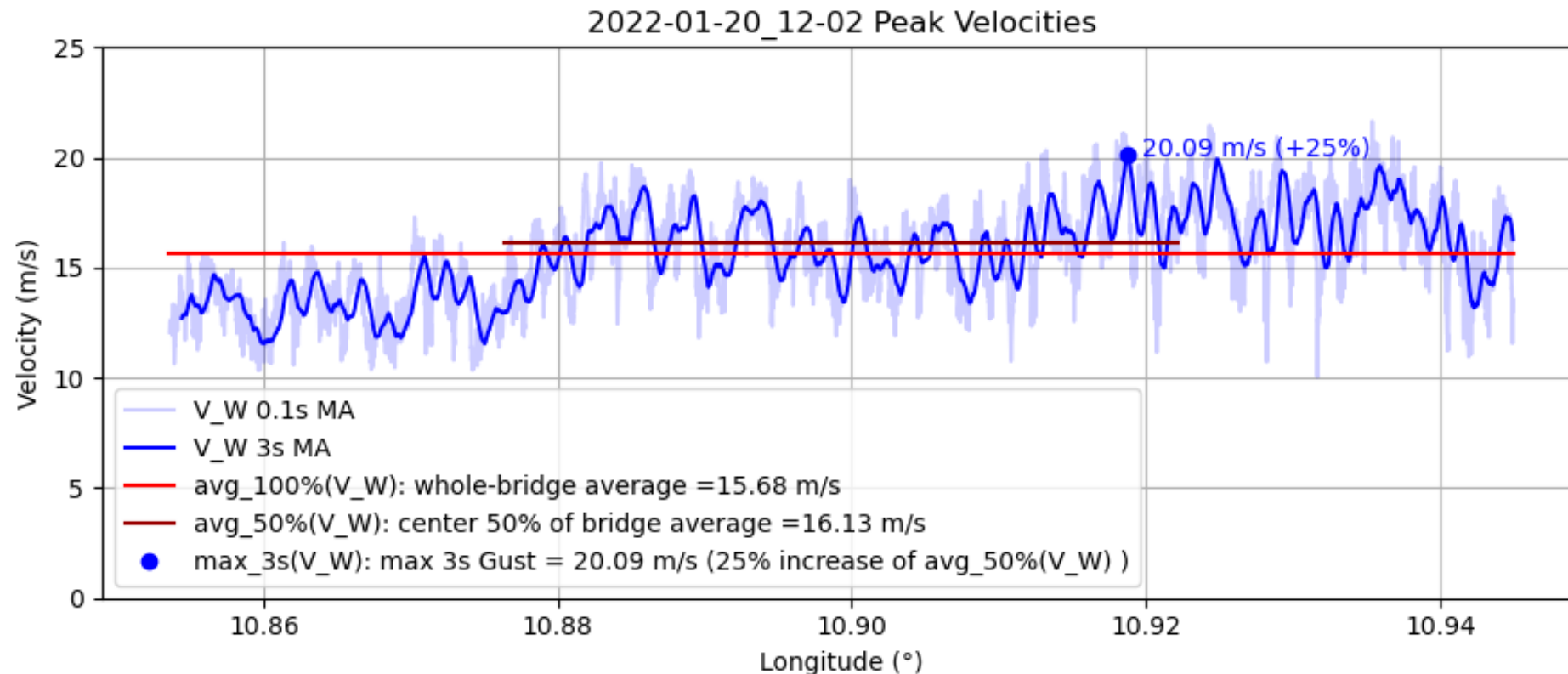
- Peak gust of 22.18m/s (increase of 37% above average wind speed of 16.15 m/s) (average calculated over middle 50% of the bridge)
- Loading configuration: Very Large gap in front of FR8-LAB (66m), High average relative Yaw angle, $\beta \sim 40^\circ$



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind – Peak 3 Second Gusts #2

High wind 20/01/2022: 12am – Peak Gust Velocity with 3 second duration

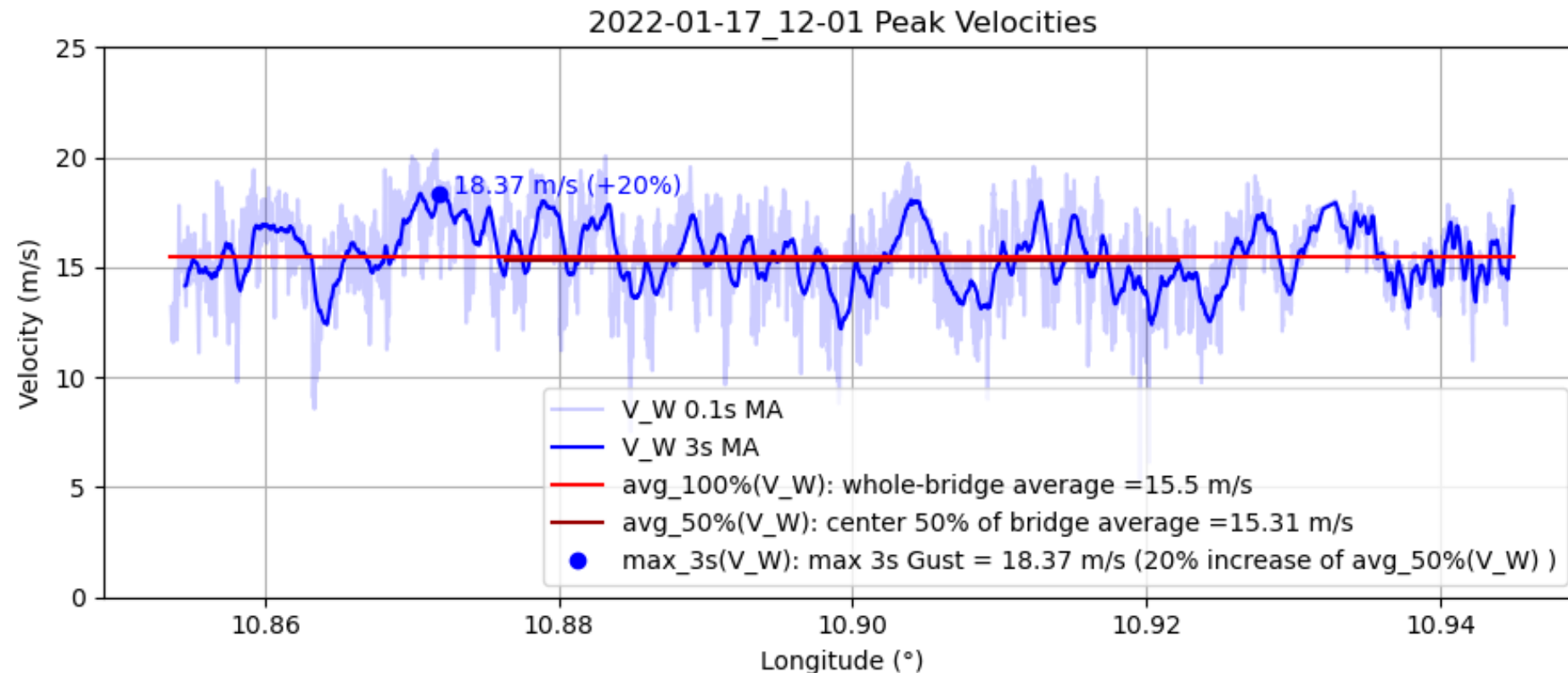
- Peak gust of 20.09m/s (increase of 25% above average wind speed of 16.13 m/s) (average calculated over middle 50% of the bridge)
- Loading configuration: Large gap in front of FR8-LAB (>17m), High average relative Yaw angle, $\beta \sim 30^\circ$



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind – Peak 3 Second Gusts #3

High wind 17/01/2022: 12am – Peak Gust Velocity with 3 second duration

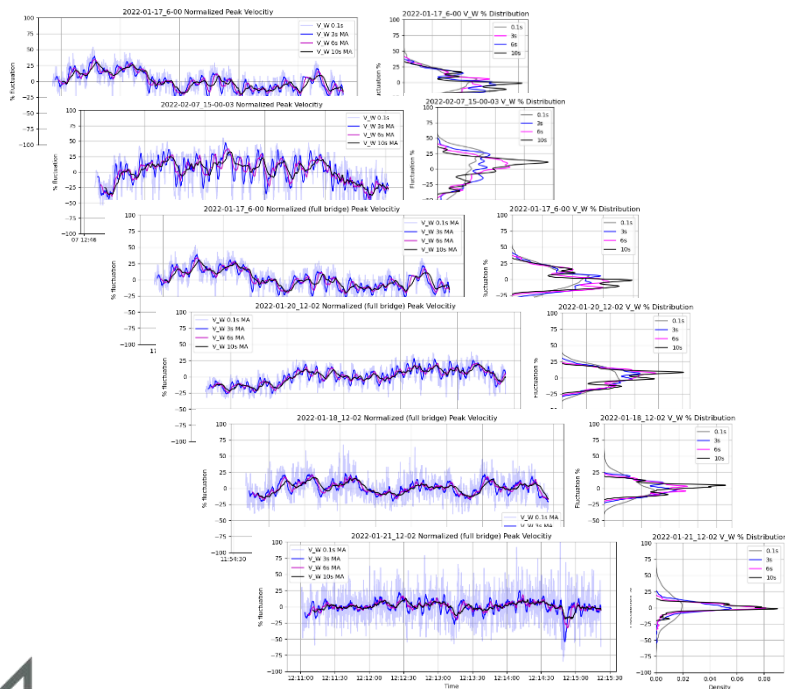
- Peak gust of 18.37m/s (increase of 20% above average wind speed of 15.13 m/s) (average calculated over middle 50% of the bridge)
- Loading configuration: Large gap in front of FR8-LAB (>17m), High average relative Yaw angle, $\beta \sim 40^\circ$



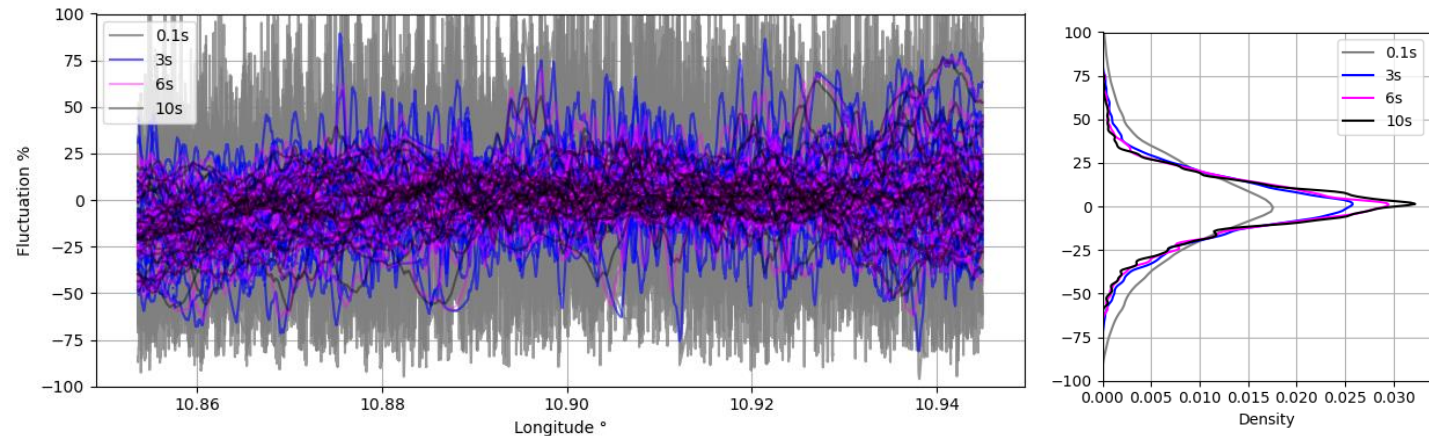
Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Overview

Development of General Crosswind Characteristics

- All bridge crossings with crosswind (wind > 5m/s), normalized & collated: 30 individual bridge-crossing measurements
 → provides: general statistical description of (non-negligible: wind > 5m/s) crosswinds (not specific to a particular mean wind speed at a given day)



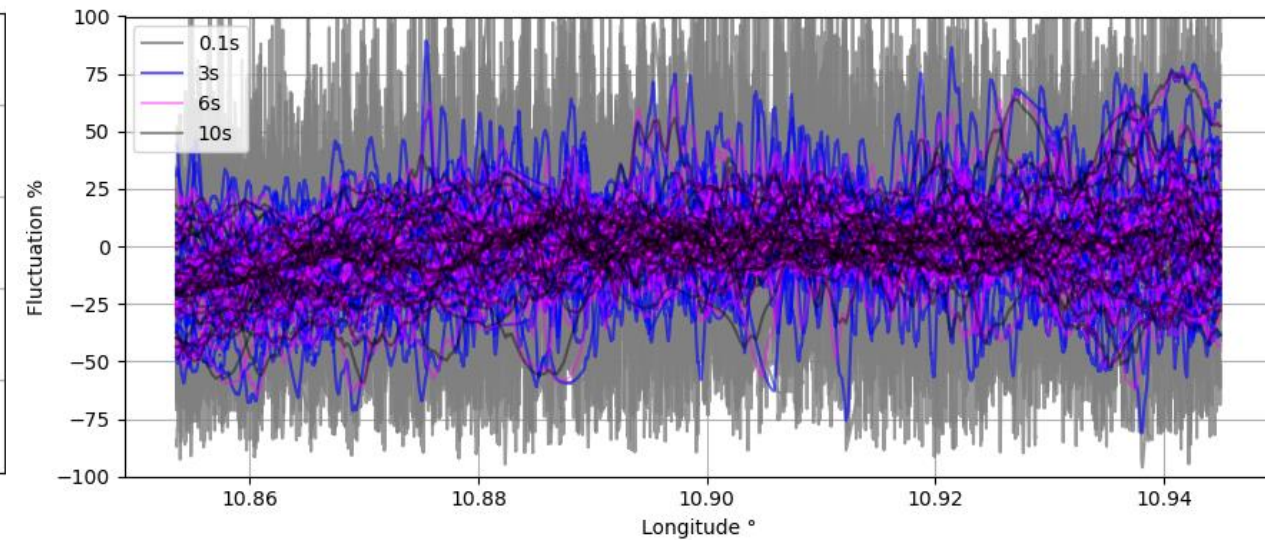
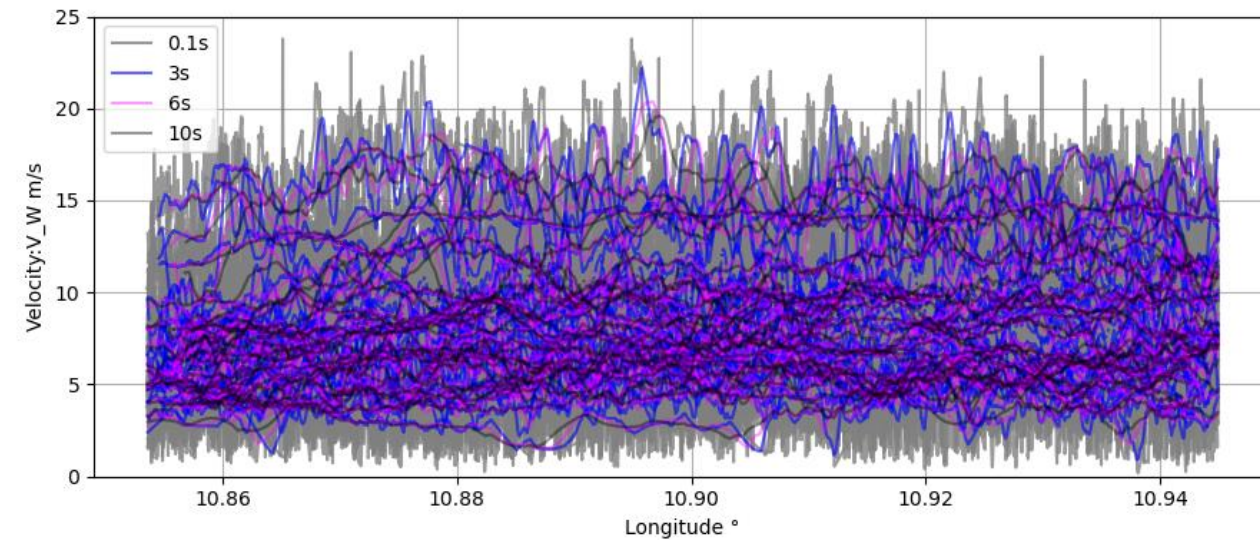
All runs compiled (wind > 5m/s)



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Overview

Development of General Crosswind Characteristics

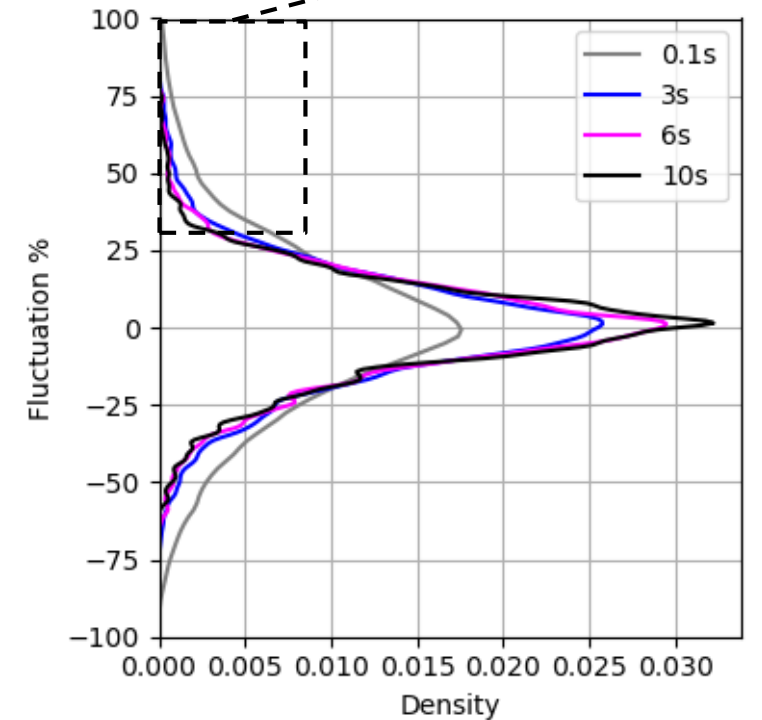
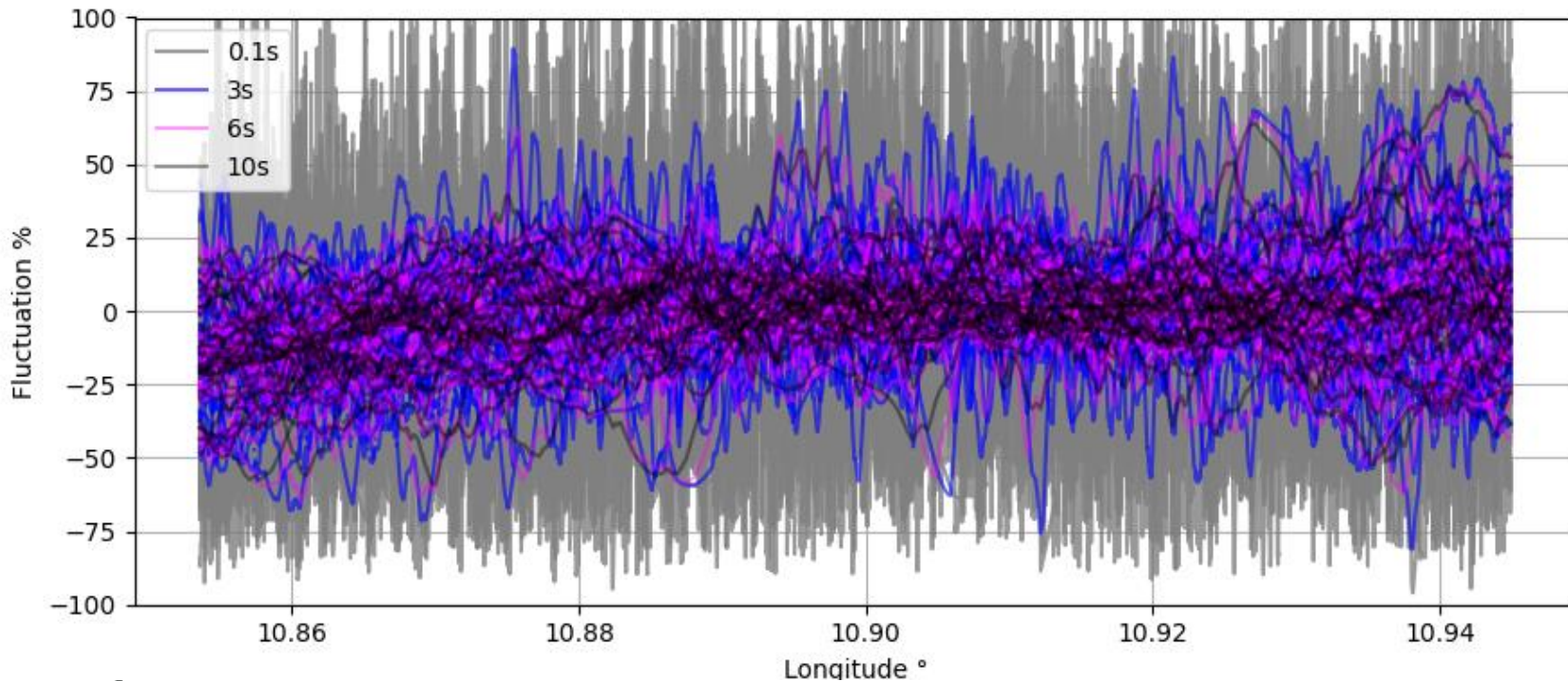
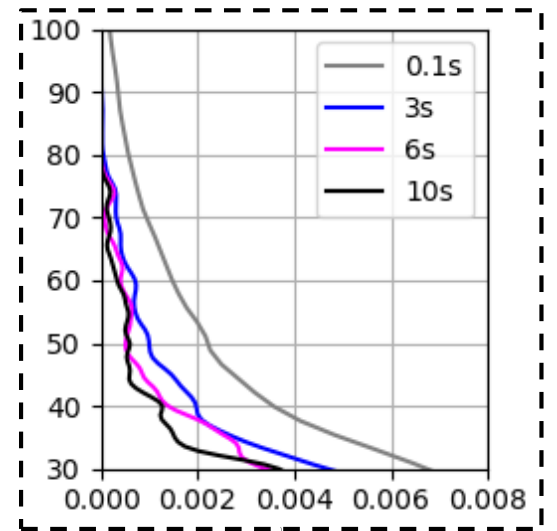
- All bridge crossings with crosswind (wind > 5m/s): 30 individual bridge-crossing measurements
 - Measured results (in velocity m/s), then normalized by each individual mean (during bridge crossing): provides fluctuating velocity in % around mean.
- Data from each individual measurement now comparable, collatable



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Overview

General Crosswind Characteristics

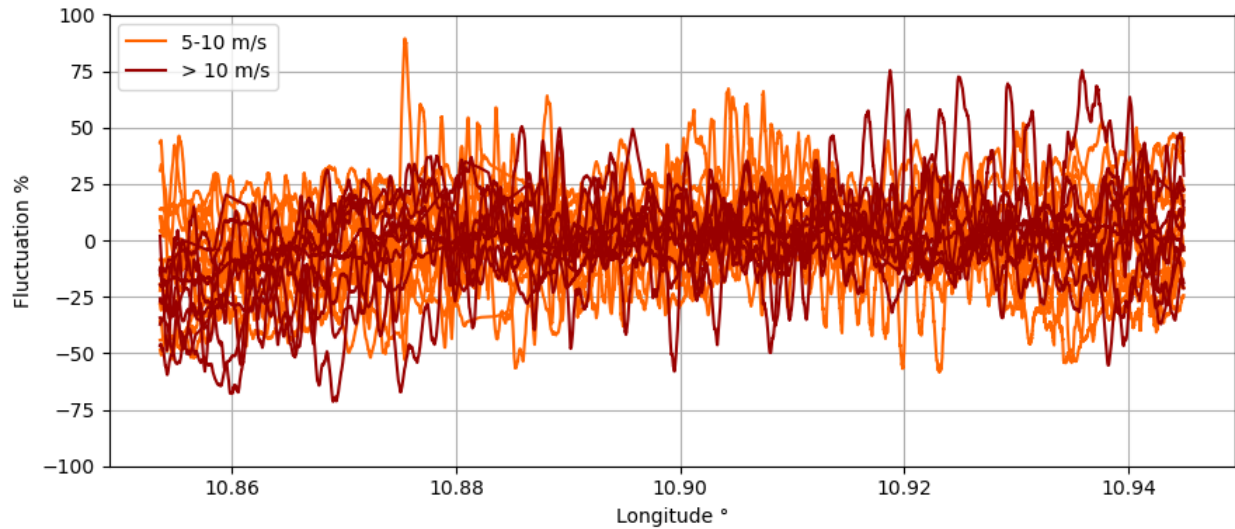
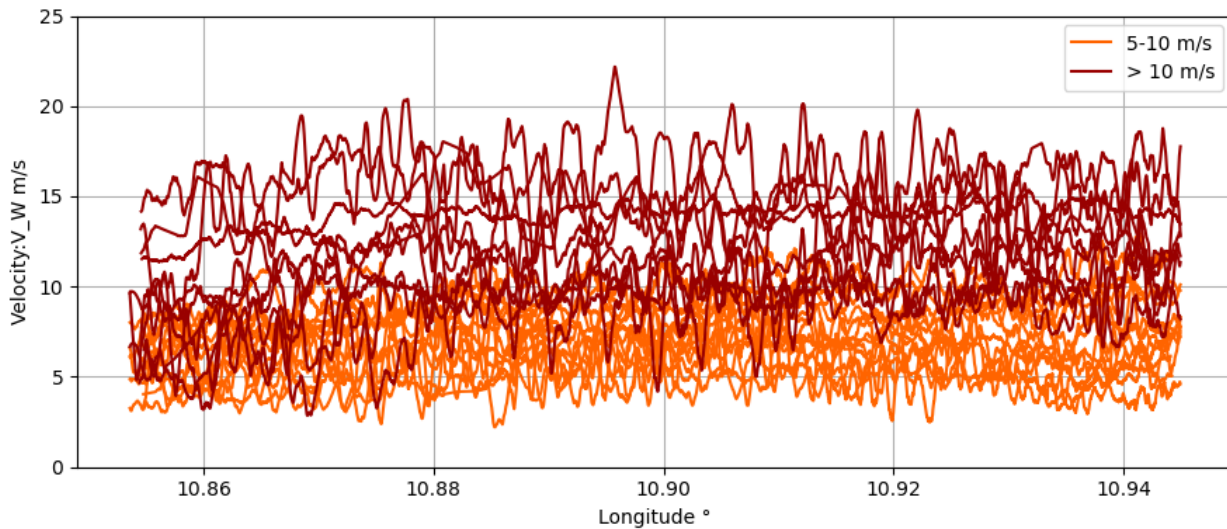
- From 30 bridge-crossing measurements with wind > 5m/s:
 - Time-varying velocity fluctuates during bridge crossing
 - Fluctuations around mean of +/- 25-75% depending on gust duration (3, 6, 10 seconds)



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Overview

Velocity Range Sensitivity

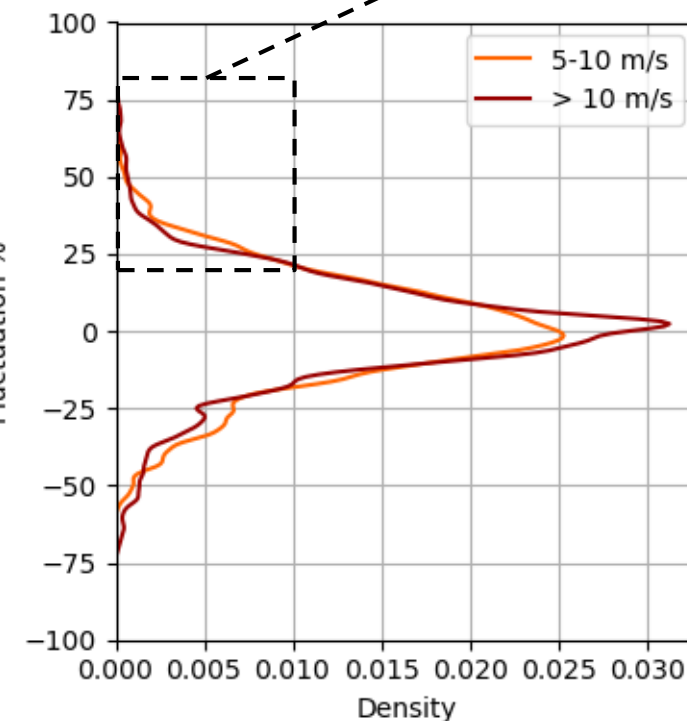
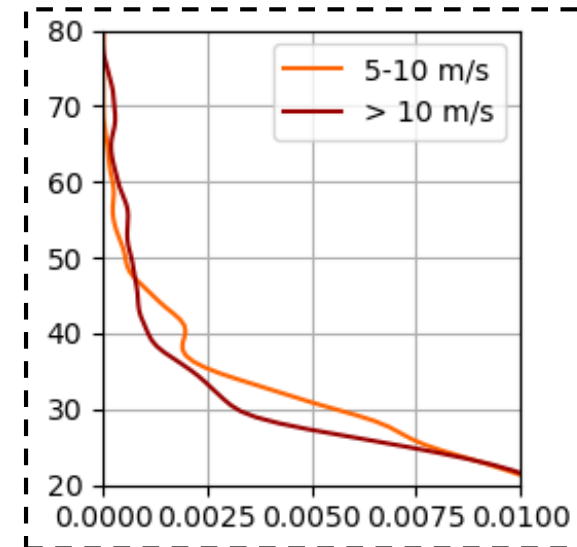
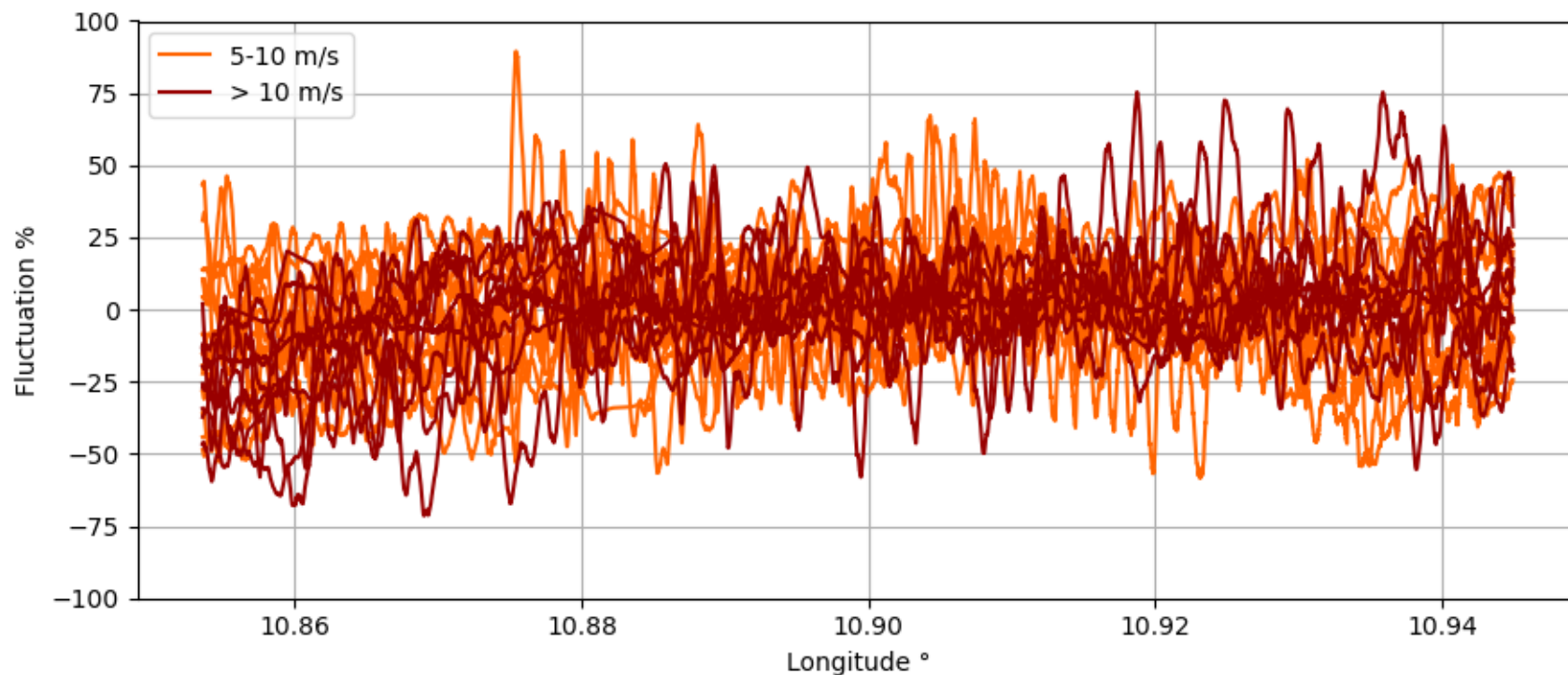
- 10+ bridge-crossings of two ranges of mean wind velocity : 5-10 m/s & >10 m/s were collated
→ assess sensitivity of characteristics to wind velocity magnitude.
- Measured results (in velocity m/s), again normalized by each individual mean (during bridge crossing):
provides fluctuating velocity in % around mean.



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Overview

Velocity Range Sensitivity

- Minimal difference in time-varying velocity and distribution characteristics between the two mean wind velocity ranges : 5-10 m/s & >10 m/s



Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Overview

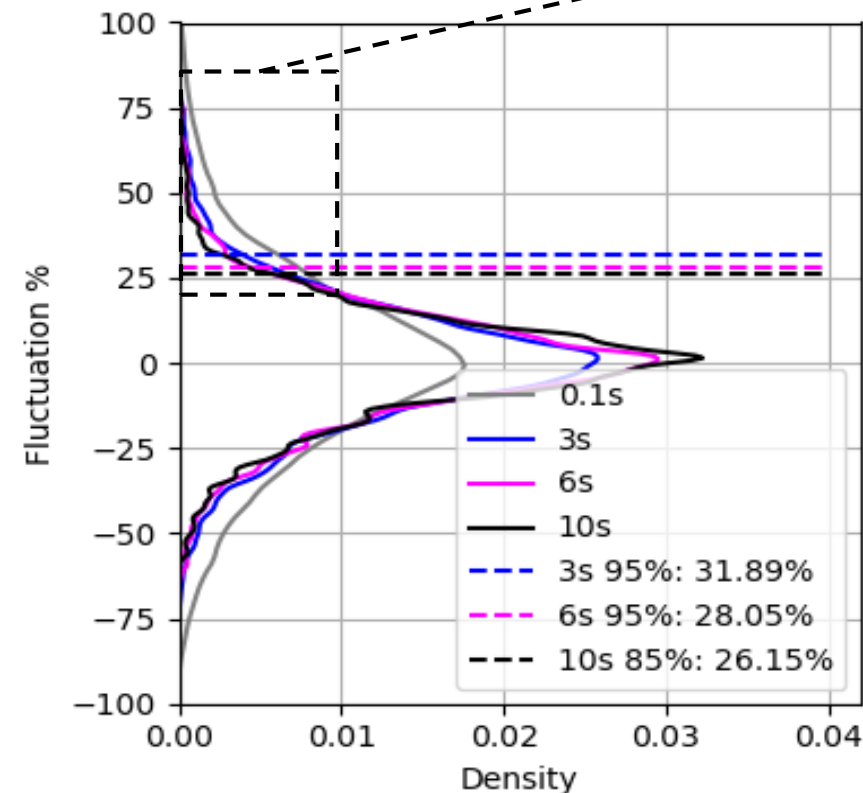
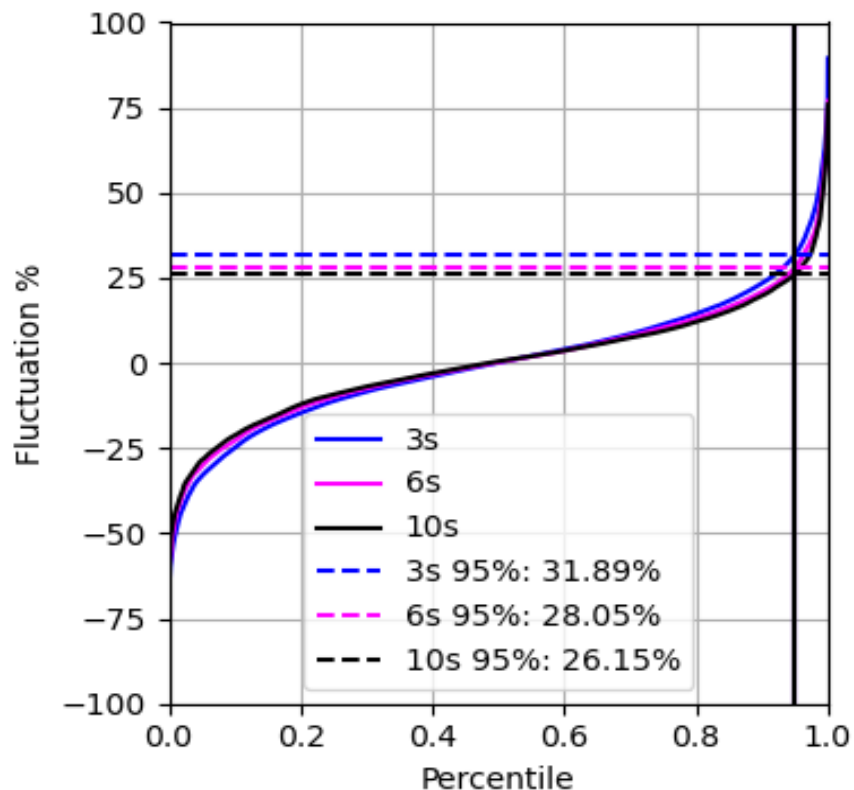
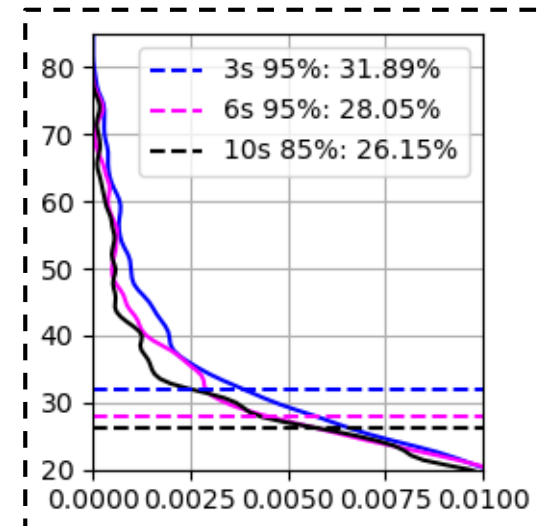
General Crosswind Distribution Characteristics

- **3 sec 95th percentile value: +31.89% fluctuation**

5% of measurements (where mean crosswind >5m/s) had gusts of 3 sec duration with fluctuation of +31.89% than the mean (~5min duration) across the whole bridge

- **6 sec 95th percentile: +28.05% fluctuation**

- **10 sec 95th percentile: +26.15% fluctuation**

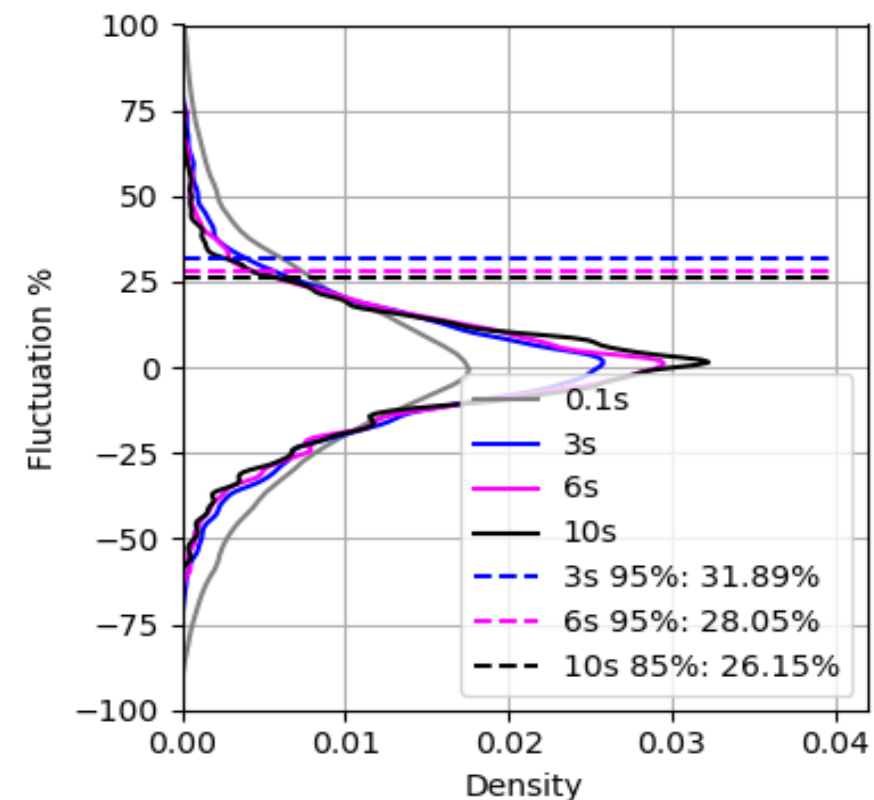
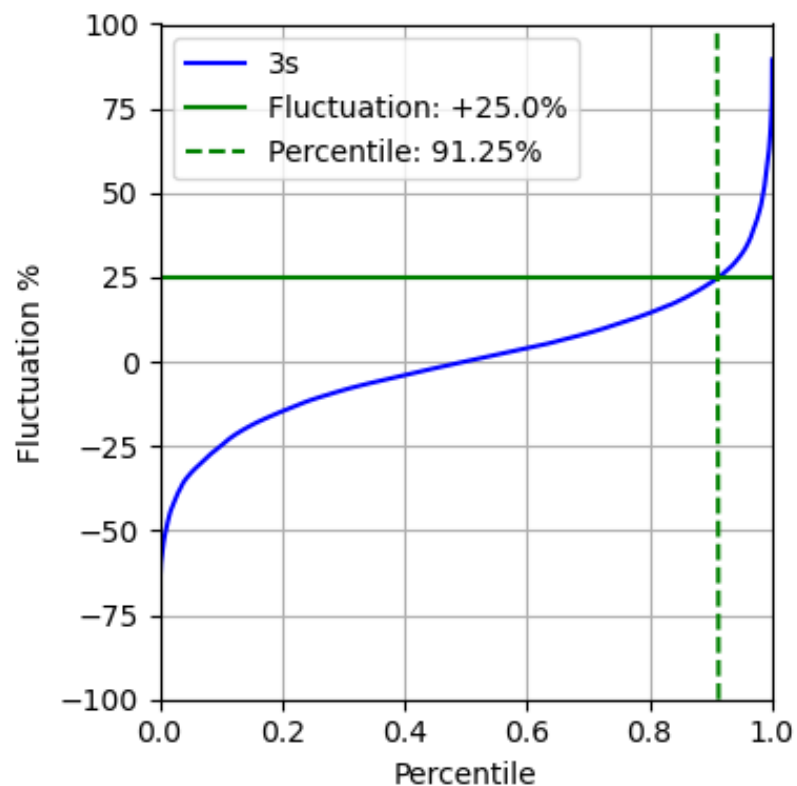


Results: Time-Varying Crosswind - Overview

General Crosswind Distribution Characteristics

- **3 sec +25% fluctuation: 91.25th percentile**

Fluctuations of +25% higher than the mean (~5min duration) across the whole bridge with a duration of 3 sec or longer, corresponds to the top 8.75 percentile of measurements (where mean crosswind >5m/s)



Conclusions:

- Full-scale experimental campaign completed: @Bridge Jan 10th – March 4th)
- Wind-tunnel (calibration) experimental campaign completed: April 15th 2022
- FR8-LAB new, novel measurement system: functionality demonstrated
- Validation: FR8-LAB vs DB ST ultrasonic anemometers show good agreement
- Individual runs demonstrate time-varying characteristics:
 - fluctuations around mean during bridge crossing
 - Significant variation between different, individual bridge-crossing measurements
- General crosswind characteristics developed from the collation of 30 bridge measurements (wind>5m/s)
 - Normalized fluctuations (% relative to mean across bridge) of 25-50% observed

