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# Offshore wind farm wake modelling using deep feed forward neural networks for active yaw control and layout optimisation

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**Abstract.** Offshore wind farm modelling has been an area of rapidly increasing interest over the last two decades, with numerous analytical as well as computational-based approaches developed, in an attempt to produce designs that improve wind farm efficiency in power production. This work presents a Machine Learning (ML) framework for the rapid modelling of wind farm flow fields, using a Deep Neural Network (DNN) neural network architecture, trained here on approximate turbine wake fields, calculated on the state-of-the-art wind farm modelling software FLORIS. The constructed neural model is capable of accurately reproducing single wake deficits at hub-level for a 5MW wind turbine under yaw and a wide range of inlet hub speed and turbulence intensity conditions, at least an order of magnitude faster than the analytical wake-based solution method, yielding results with 1.5% mean absolute error. A superposition algorithm is also developed to construct flow fields over the whole wind farm domain by superimposing individual wakes. A promising advantage of the present approach is that its performance and accuracy are expected to increase even further when trained on high-fidelity CFD or real-world data through transfer learning, while its computational cost remains low.

## 1. Introduction

Wind power has maintained a significant share of the total worldwide electrical energy production of the 21st century (4.8% by the end of 2018 [1]) and is expected to grow up to 18% within the next 3 decades [2]. Wind energy production has increased over the past few years due to extensive efforts towards the modelling of turbine wakes and wind farm configurations that include a variety of analytical, experimental as well as high-fidelity numerical approaches.

Analytical wake modelling involves analytical or semi-analytical techniques used to perturb background wake flow information, providing an estimate for the flow field in the presence of turbines. Analytical modelling has been present from the earliest stages of modern wind turbines and is still playing an important role in producing low-cost wake predictions of the wake deficit profile. Some of the most commonly used models such as Larsen [3], Jensen [4], Curl [5] and Gaussian [6] are usually incorporated in packages available in the industry (FLORIS, WasP, WindPro etc) and depending on the application, they can significantly reduce the complexity of parametric studies or turbine array set-ups. However, since they usually involve the use of highly simplified physical assumptions and are mainly focusing on averaged velocity profiles and not transient turbulent wakes, they do not constitute a method that produces results of high-accuracy [7], [8]. Furthermore, the analytical models rely on empirical constants which require fine-tuning through computationally-expensive CFD simulations. Although these models are not able to capture a detailed representation of the turbine velocity deficit, the trade-

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off between accuracy and low-computational time is very often made in support to high-fidelity CFD studies in optimisation problems.

During the last two decades, the exponential advancements in CPU as well as GPU architectures have led to a significant progress towards wake modelling using computational methods [9], [10]. Coupled numerical models such as large-eddy simulation (LES) and Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) are now capable of describing steady as well as transient wake flows very accurately and provide a realistic illustration of wind-turbine interaction physics [11], [12]. Nevertheless, accurately representing the wind flow profile, especially through the turbine blades which are moving at very high rotational speeds, requires very fine mesh settings in order to capture the boundary layer properties. Even then, some of the most widely used models for turbulence like  $k-\varepsilon$ , tend to overestimate the turbulence viscosity [13] leading to discrepancies between the numerical results and experimental measurements [14]. Thus, CFD is rarely used as a standalone method, even less when dealing with array optimisation problems (e.g. using Adjoint methods) which require multiple high-computational-cost runs.

Through the recent increase of computational power, the application of Artificial/Deep Neural Networks (ANN, DNN) as well as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), has been successfully tested across a wide variety of scientific fields, including fluid mechanics [15], [16], [17]. On wind turbines, there have been some recent efforts towards modelling of source terms with an ANN [18] and correlating Reynolds stress anisotropy with strain [19]. An ANN was constructed in order to assess the performance of wind turbines using the power vs torque curves [20], [21]. Very recently, a simple ANN architecture was trained on a large high-fidelity dataset and correlated two inputs (inlet wind speed and turbulence intensity) to produce 3D wake profiles of wind turbines in a single row [22]. Computationally efficient surrogate modelling has also been used to estimate long-term wake-induced loading effects and turbine lifetime, while leading to AEP improvements of up to 5% in various wind farm layout optimisation scenarios [23], [24], [25]. So far, in the limited available research, neural networks appear to be very efficient in the challenging task of building relationships between inflow conditions, rotor specifications and fluid properties. Traditional methods face difficulties in producing fast results that at the same time are accurate enough to support parametric studies. A well-constructed and well-trained neural network could be deployed and provide reliable results within seconds in order to predict flow properties of a wind farm that would otherwise require orders of magnitude higher computational times. At the moment, the use of powerful machine learning and regression tools shows promising results and could pave the way to even more sophisticated optimisation approaches in the future.

The present study aims at constructing a neural model, capable of handling wind properties and wind turbine yaw settings, to demonstrate that active yaw control and layout optimisation using ML tools for turbine wake modelling is feasible, at considerable computational time gains. Using the presented neural network framework could enable further accuracy and computational cost improvements in wind farm optimisations that could easily be implemented with transfer learning (using gained ML knowledge from one problem to a similar one), with more advanced wake datasets, produced by iterative analytical models and high-fidelity numerical simulations (CFD) for further training the DNN.

## 2. Software Description & Methodology

A Deep Feed Forward (DFF) Neural Network is built in order to reproduce the velocity domain of a single wind turbine wake, when given up to a triplet of inlet conditions: upstream velocity at the hub (inlet speed), turbulence intensity and yaw angle. The network is trained on wake profiles produced by FLORIS (v2.1.1) using the Gaussian analytical wake model, where the 3D velocity deficit behind each turbine is derived from the following simplified form of Navier-Stokes:

$$\frac{u(x,y,z)}{U_\infty} = 1 - C e^{(y-\delta)^2/2\sigma_y^2} e^{-(z-z_h)^2/2\sigma_z^2} \quad (1)$$

$$C = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{(\sigma_{y0}\sigma_{z0})M_0}{\sigma_y\sigma_z}\right)^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

$$M_0 = C_0(2 - C_0) \quad (3)$$

$$C_0 = 1 - \sqrt{1 - C_T} \quad (4)$$

where  $C$  is the velocity deficit at the centre of the wake,  $\delta$  is the wake deflection,  $z_h$  is the hub height,  $C_T$  is the thrust coefficient and  $\sigma_y, \sigma_z$  the widths of the wake in the  $y$  and  $z$  direction, respectively. The “0” subscript denotes the values at the start of the far wake and the widths  $\sigma_y, \sigma_z$  are given by:

$$\frac{\sigma_y}{D} = k_y \frac{x-x_0}{D} + \frac{\sigma_{y0}}{D} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_z}{D} = k_z \frac{x-x_0}{D} + \frac{\sigma_{z0}}{D} \quad (6)$$

where

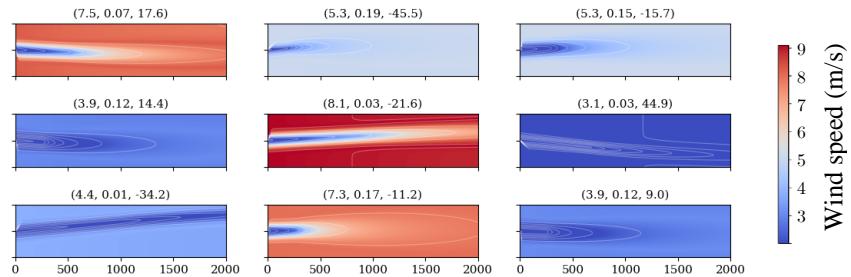
$$\frac{\sigma_{y0}}{D} = k_y \frac{x-x_0}{D} + \frac{\sigma_{z0}}{D} \cos(\gamma) \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{z0}}{D} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{u_R}{u_\infty + u_0} \right)^{1/2} \quad (8)$$

where  $D$  is the rotor diameter,  $\gamma$  is the yaw angle and  $k_y, k_z$  define the wake expansion in the lateral and vertical directions, respectively.

### 2.1 Synthetic dataset method

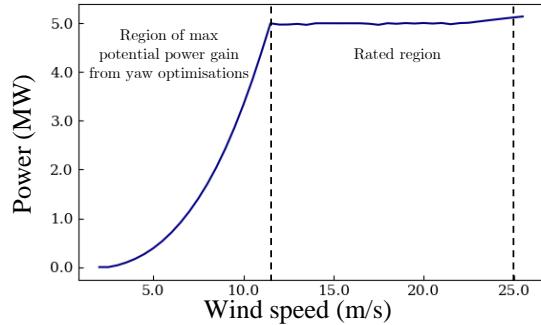
The synthetic dataset was comprised of 4000 wake images (Fig. 1), with a batch size of 400 wakes, which was found to be sufficient in producing results of satisfactory accuracy (Fig. 4) for the purposes of the present study, and was applied on a 5 MW wind turbine of 126m in diameter. A batch size of 10% of the complete dataset lies within the commonly adopted range in the literature [26] and was proven to be effective in reducing overfitting of the model to specific wake inputs, while also reducing the training computational cost.



**Figure 1.** Indicative wake dataset sample where each title denotes a wind speed (ws), turbulence intensity (ti), yaw angle (yw) triplet.

The ranges of the inlet speed (ws), turbulence intensity (ti) and yaw angle (yw) are [3, 12] m/s, [0.01, 0.2] and [-50, 50] degrees, respectively, while their values are produced randomly following a uniform distribution. The range of the inlet speeds is selected based on the power curve of the specific wind turbine (shown in Fig. 2), where the lower operation limit is 3 m/s and the upper limit is 20 m/s. However, right after the point where the  $C_p$  value becomes constant (at 12 m/s), there is usually little

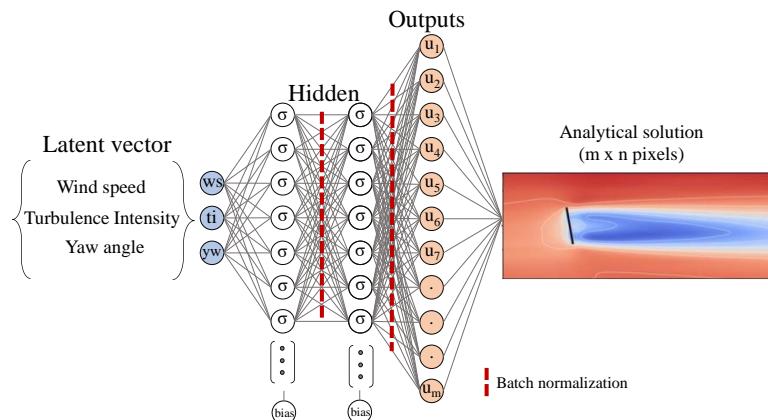
potential power gain from yawing the hub [27], thus the selected upper limit for the training was set at 12 m/s, which significantly reduced the size of the required synthesised dataset. The range of the turbulence intensity is selected based on commonly reported measurements [28]. It is worth mentioning that the range, as well as the distribution of the dataset, could easily be adjusted to follow a non-uniform distribution based on available weather data, in order to further improve the capabilities of the DNN on site-specific weather conditions.



**Figure 2.** Power curve of the 5MW wind turbine of the study. The rated region of the turbine is the “plateau” of potential power output and begins after about 12 m/s.

## 2.2 DNN architecture

The architecture of the DNN is shown in Figure 3, which consists of at least two hidden layers of 100 neurons each, that output an  $m \times n$  grid of points that represent the downstream velocity domain of the wake. It has been shown that re-normalising the training batch after each hidden layer of a DNN significantly increases the performance of the trained network [29]. Thus, two batch normalisations have been applied after the first two layers, which as expected, increased the accuracy of the resulting wake. Several activation functions were tested for their performance (sigmoid, tanh, tansig, purelin), as well as various normalisation methods (min-max, mean/std, -1/1) for the input parameters. The selected activation functions which performed best and thus is selected for this study are the tanh for the first two layers and a linear activation function for the output along with mean/std normalisation.



**Figure 3.** DNN architecture. The dots represent the optional functionality of independent parallel sub-networks, each of which is trained on a partition of the domain.

The default resolution of FLORIS is a  $200 \times 200$  grid which is also the default adopted resolution for the training of the DNN. However, for higher resolution demands, the user can specify the desired resolution before training the model which will also produce an analytical wake dataset of that same resolution. To tackle arising memory problems for models trained on higher resolution images, a parallel

sub-network functionality has been implemented (Fig. 3). These sub-networks are deployed in parallel instead of the main network and are trained independently on a portion (piece) of the domain, specified by the user. Furthermore, this functionality allows the user to specify if each independent “piece” of the domain will be row, column or block-wise.

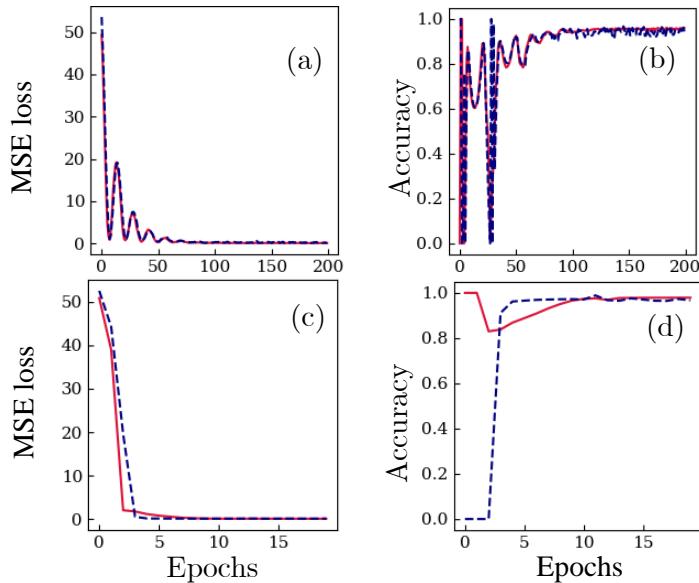
### 2.3 Hyper-parameters & training

The model hyperparameters (Table 1) were calibrated through iterative process by evaluating the metrics of the loss and absolute accuracy of the validation set (Figs 4b, 4d). A common practice when using large datasets is to create a validation test that constitutes 10-20% of the initially created dataset [30]. The training dataset, is the remaining proportion of the synthesised FLORIS images (90%), and is compared with the DNN’s output images by applying the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) between the wake velocities at each cell of the computational grid, which is given by:

$$RMSE_{fo} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (z_{fi} - z_{oi})^2} \quad (9)$$

where  $z_{fi}$ ,  $z_{oi}$  are the DNN forecasts and analytical observed values, respectively and  $N$  is the sample size. Note that for the final training, the whole dataset (4000 wake images) is used as the training dataset.

Several optimisers were tested for their performance including Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD), RMSprop, Adam and Resilient Back Propagation (Rprop) [31]. The latter, qualified as the fastest converging optimizer for this study and was one of the most significant improvements on early vanilla versions of the DNN’s development, resulting in a ~97% accuracy on both training and validation datasets, as shown in Figure 4.



**Figure 4.** Root mean square error (MSE) loss and accuracy convergence graphs of Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) (a, b) and Resilient Back Propagation (Rprop) (c, d), respectively.

**Table 1.** Model hyper-parameters, MSE loss, accuracy and timings for SGD and Rprop optimisers.

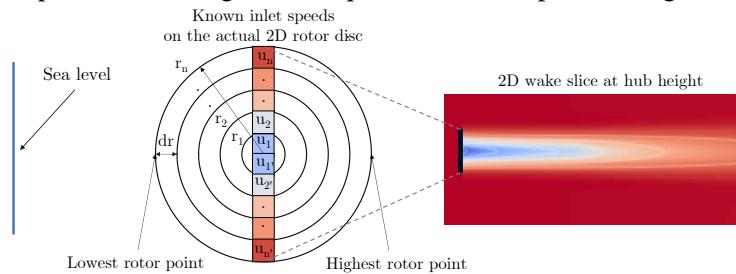
	Learning rate	Momentum	Validation Loss	Training Loss	Validation Accuracy	Training Accuracy	Time (m)
SGD	0.1	0.99	0.06	0.2	0.95	0.94	50
Rprop	0.01	-	0.035	0.05	0.98	0.97	15

## 2.4 Wake superposition

Most analytical wake models include an independent approach for the superposition of wakes in order to form an array of multiple wind turbines, as well as the interactions between them [32], [33].

For this study, a superposition algorithm has been developed based on the SOS model, which is deployed for the combination of multiple individual wakes produced by the DNN. The superposition is modified with an approximate method of calculating a uniform velocity at the hub of each turbine. The final domain represents a collage of the individual wakes that comprise the examined offshore wind farm.

One of the advantages of the presented neural model is that it is trained on 2D slices of a 3D wake domain of FLORIS, which also implicitly consider the vertical velocity boundary layer, as affected by the sea surface. This significantly contributes in faster computation times, while including information about the velocity boundary layer of the site. However, since only the velocities along the line of the hub are known, an approximate formula has to be applied in order to correct the average velocity taken at the hub of each turbine. As shown in Figure 5, the turbine hub can be divided in radial rings of equal thickness  $dr$ , which represents the length of one pixel of the computational grid.



**Figure 5.** 2D representation of the 1D hub as calculated by the DNN.

Assuming that the rotor lies within a linear region of the boundary layer, by integrating over the surface of the hub, the velocity on the 2D disc is given by:

$$u_{hub} = \int_{r_1}^{r_n/2} u_{mean} \cdot 2\pi r \cdot dr \quad (10)$$

where  $u_{mean}$  is the mean speed on each hub ring and the power of each turbine is given by:

$$P = \frac{1}{2} Cp \cdot \rho \cdot \cos \theta \cdot u_{power}^3 \cdot A \quad (11)$$

where  $Cp$  is the turbine's power coefficient and  $\rho$  is the fluid density and  $\theta$  is the yaw angle of the wind turbine. Therefore, for a farm of  $n$  turbines, the total generated power is given by:

$$P_{tot} = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \quad (12)$$

## 2.5 Yaw and layout optimisations

Recent studies [27], [34] have shown that exploiting the active yaw control of wind farms using analytical models like FLORIS, can increase the annual energy production (AEP) of the wind plant and also reduce the thrust loads on the turbines. Fast active yaw optimisation using machine learning could be applied at a minimal additional cost, boosting the AEP even further since the reaction time of the turbine could be significantly decreased.

On the other hand, positioning the wind turbines such that the expected power production is maximised (Wind Farm Layout Optimization Problem, WFLOP [35]) is another complex problem that the existing available literature has very recently started attempting to solve. Analytical, as well as high-fidelity CFD simulations, have been previously used along with Genetic Algorithms (GAs) [36] and Adjoint methods [37], [38], [39] and although they represent a good starting point towards the WFLOP

problem they usually constitute costly computational approaches. Moreover, they lack multi-objective optimisation aspects like the effect of turbulence intensity on the plant or other area-specific construction limitations [35].

On these grounds, two distinct optimisation modules are also developed in this work in order to assess the capability of the neural wake model in wind farm active yaw and array turbine placement optimisation problems. The optimisation functions are made from scratch using SciPy's SLSQP optimiser and attempt to optimise the total power output of the plant (Eq. 12) by handling the outputs produced by the DNN. The results of the optimisers are then compared with the corresponding optimised results of FLORIS, for both yaw and layout optimisation scenarios. The reliability and the accuracy of the modules is finally assessed for the whole operation range of the DNN.

### 3. Results

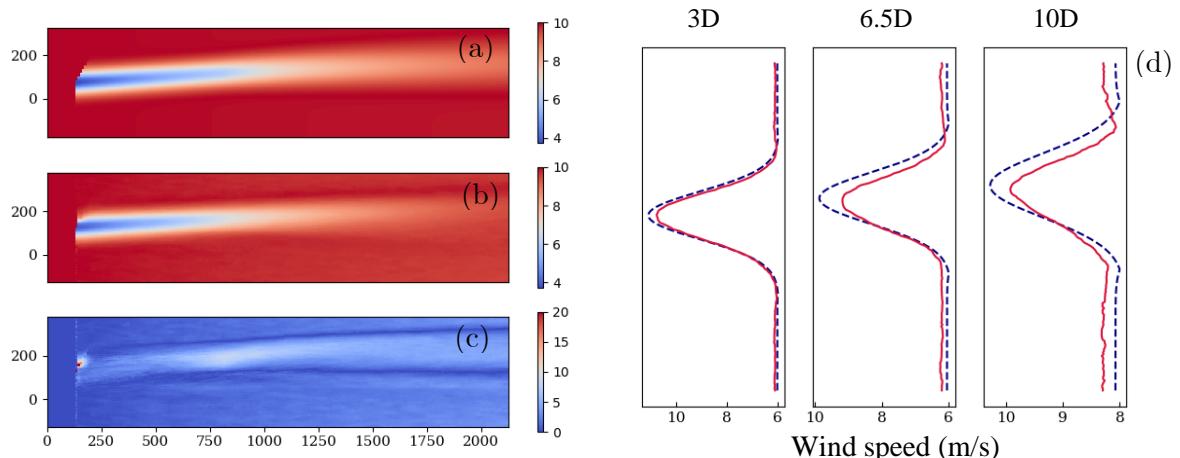
To demonstrate the capabilities of the trained neural model, several indicative cases are examined, namely two cases (single and multiple wakes) for the assessment of the mean absolute error (%) between FLORIS and the DNN, two cases of multiple wakes to assess the correctness in the implementation of the SOS superposition model and three optimisation cases (A, B, C), the first two for the yaw and the latter for the optimisation of the farm layout. All power gain comparisons were performed using FLORIS, with the proposed optimal settings of either FLORIS or the DNN.

#### 3.1 Single / multiple wake plots with errors and y-transects

Figures 6a-c and 7a-c show a single wake and a multiple wake scenario, respectively. The absolute relative error (%) between the analytical and neural results is shown in Figures 7c and 8c, and is given by:

$$|\text{error}_\%| = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{u_{fi} - u_{oi}}{u_{fmax}} \right| \cdot 100 \quad (13)$$

where  $u_{fi}$ ,  $u_{oi}$  are the velocities calculated at each pixel  $i$  by FLORIS and by the DNN, respectively,  $u_{fmax}$  is the maximum velocity of the FLORIS domain and  $n$  is the total number of pixels (200x200 by default).

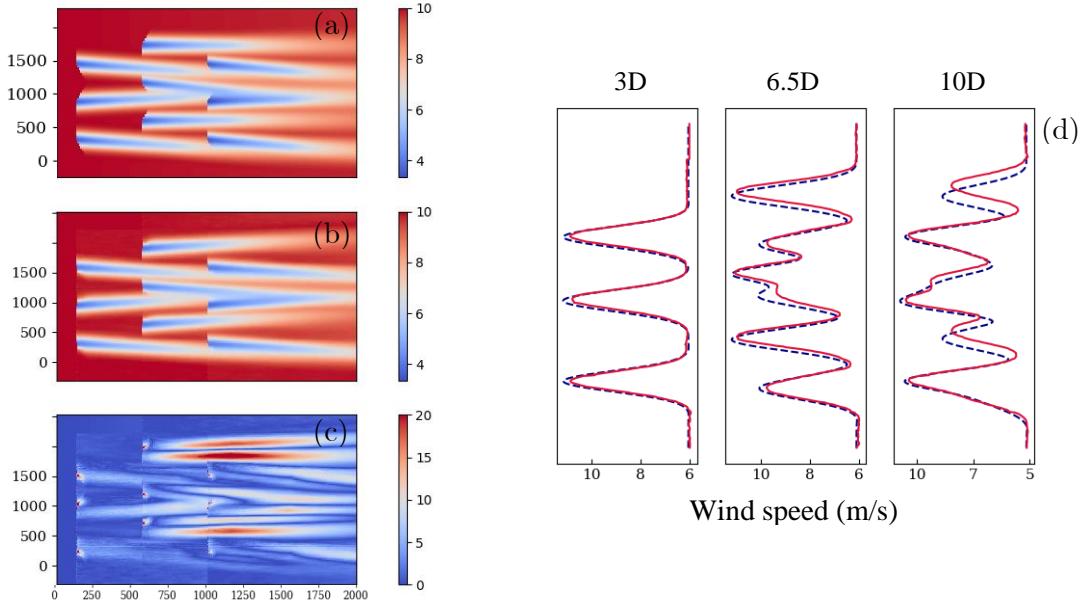


**Figure 6.** Single wake produced by FLORIS (a), the DNN (b). Relative absolute error (%) between the two models (c) and y-transects at 3, 6.5 and 10D downstream (d). The inlet conditions are ws: 11 m/s, ti: 0.05, yw: 30°. DNN: red line, FLORIS: blue dashed line.

For the single wake case (Fig. 6), the resulting DNN data appears to reproduce well the analytical wake deficit, with the highest error being at 10%, while the DNN velocity profiles at three y-transects along vertical cross-sections of the physical domain agree with the analytical ones in terms of the yawing angle, showing some minor deviation the further they are from the hub (Fig. 6d). The mean absolute

error is calculated for a 400 different wakes of random inlet conditions as produced by the neural model and FLORIS, which was found to be at 1.5%.

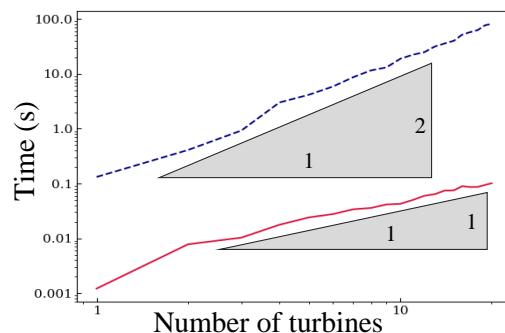
The multiple wake case (Fig. 7) was selected in order to test the performance of the DNN, this time on a dense wind farm configuration with high turbine yaw settings. As expected, the absolute error increases (namely up to 20%) in certain regions of the wake velocity domain (Fig. 7c), since the superposition method is now also affecting the results. However, the mean absolute error is less than 10%, while the y-transects in Figure 6d agree well between the two models with only few exceptions, mainly in regions of multiple wake superposition.



**Figure 7.** Multiple interacting wakes produced by FLORIS (a), the DNN (b). Relative absolute error (%) between the two models (c) and y-transects at 3, 6.5 and 10D downstream (d).

### 3.2 Scalability for wind farm with absolute error

Regarding the computational cost, in Figure 8 the increase of computational cost with the number of turbines appears to be of 2<sup>nd</sup> order for Floris, and 1<sup>st</sup> order for the DNN, resulting in 3 orders of magnitude gain for an array of 20 turbines. Note that the computational time for each number of turbines is obtained by taking the average time of 5 iterations of the same superposition scenario.



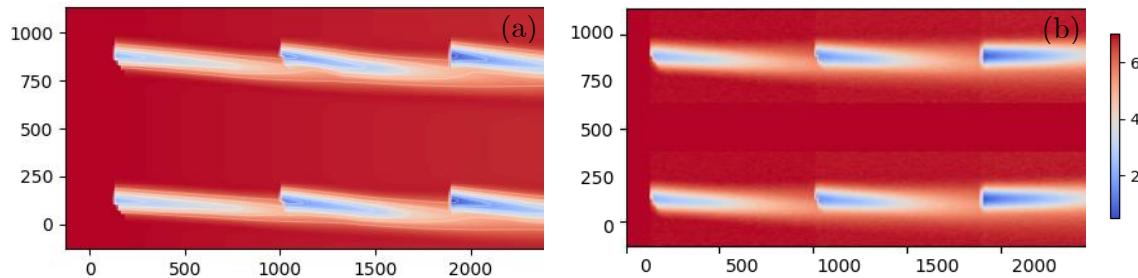
**Figure 8.** Logarithmic plots of computational time scaling vs number of superimposed turbines for FLORIS (blue dashed), DNN (red). The triangle sides indicate the orders of magnitude.

### 3.3 Scalability for wind farm with absolute error

Yaw optimisation has recently become a key topic, especially in wind farm configurations where the total power output of the plant can be significantly boosted based on the yaw settings of the turbines

[27]. Furthermore, active yaw optimisation is heavily dependent on fast predictions based on live weather forecasting [40], [41] as to take advantage of as much of the incoming wind energy as possible. This study attempts to demonstrate that even when compared to a relatively cheap wake model as the Gaussian, a DNN model can produce very good yaw setting predictions with significant computational cost gains, given that weather conditions are known. Two indicative example cases are discussed in this section (A and B), involving a 6- and a 15-turbine wind farm configuration, respectively.

In general, compared to a greedy yaw setting where the turbines are facing the wind direction (zero yaw in the present case), deflecting the wakes of the front turbines can usually be regarded as a good yaw setting strategy for a set of turbines that cooperatively increase the overall performance of the farm [34]. In Figure 9a, FLORIS achieves a 25.8% power gain by setting a 29, 18, 0° of yaw on the three turbine pairs from front to back of the stream, respectively, after 15s. A very similar approach is adopted by the optimisation produced by the DNN, where a 22.8% power gain is achieved with a 26, 20, 0° corresponding setting. The optimisation required less than half the time (7s). Note that for all yaw optimisations, the initial yaw angles are at 0 degrees.

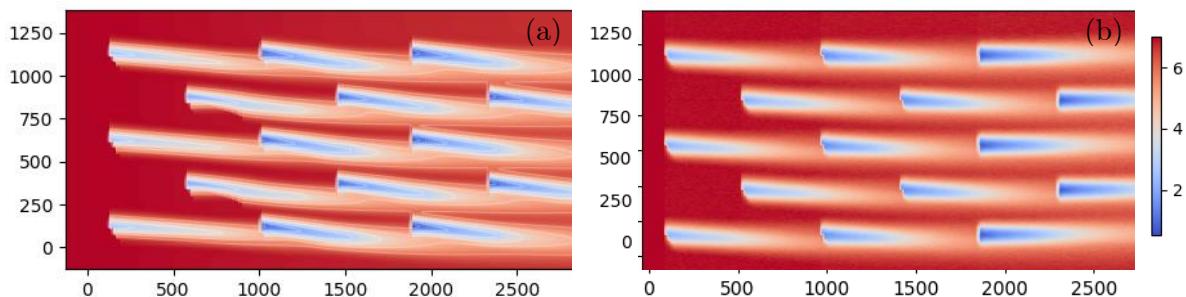


**Figure 9.** Case A: Optimised yaw result for a 2x3 wind farm array deduced by FLORIS yaw optimisation module (a) and the DNN (b).

**Table 2.** Optimised results produced by FLORIS and the DNN for Case A. Yaws correspond to turbines from left to right and bottom to top.

	Yaws (deg)	Initial power (MW)	Optimal power (MW)	Power gain (%)	Comp. time (s)
FLORIS	[29, 29/ 18, 18/ 0, 0]	3.77	4.75	25.8	15
DNN	[26, 26/ 20, 20/ 0, 0]	3.77	4.63	22.8	7

Case B examines the yaw optimisation of a higher density 15-turbine wind farm, where by using a similar yaw cooperative strategy the power gain achieved by the DNN is again very close to that of FLORIS (28.7% and 31.6%, respectively), requiring almost half the computational time (60s vs 110s).



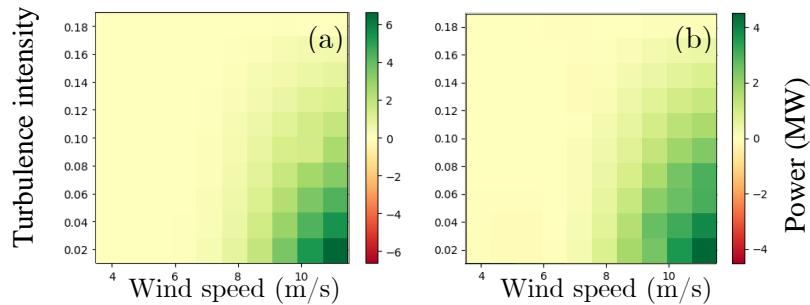
**Figure 10.** Case B: Optimised yaw result for a 15x wind farm array deduced by FLORIS yaw optimisation module (a) and the DNN (b).

**Table 3.** Optimised results produced by FLORIS and the DNN for Case B. Yaws correspond to turbines from left to right and bottom to top.

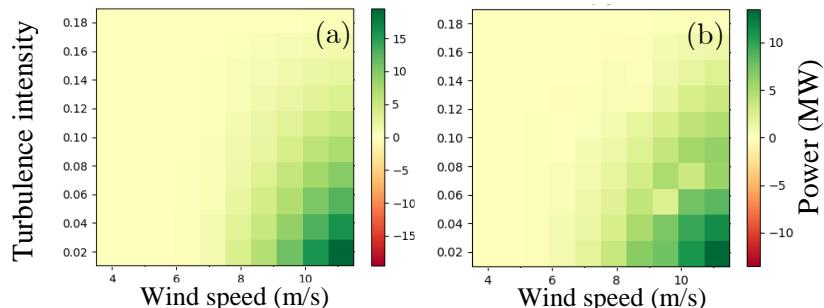
	Yaws (deg, from left to right rows)	Initial power (MW)	Optimal power (MW)	Power gain (%)	Comp. time (s)
FLORIS	[30, 30, 30/ 23, 23/ 8, 8, 8/ 7.5, 7.5/ 0, 0, 0/ 0, 0]	9.41	12.39	31.6	110
DNN	[25, 24, 24.5/ 24.5, 24/ 19, 18, 18/ 18, 18/ 0, 1, 1/ 0, 0]	9.41	12.12	28.7	60

### 3.4 Yaw optimisation - Farm power heatmaps

For the above cases A and B, the corresponding total farm power heatmaps are presented in Figures 11 and 12, in order to assess the capability of the neural network in obtaining the optimal power gain. As evident from these heatmaps, the region with the highest potential power gain is around the bottom right corner, which is defined by low turbulence intensity and high inlet speeds. Although cases where high wind speeds are not usually accompanied by low turbulence intensity [27], they are examined for the purpose of creating a heatmap across the whole range of inlet conditions. For Case A, the DNN is capable of producing at least 75% of the total power gain of FLORIS (~80% for speeds below 8m/s), as shown in Figure 11b within 1/10 of the computational time (60s vs 5s). Similarly, in Case B, the DNN achieves a large proportion of the total power gain of FLORIS, requiring less than 1/10 of the computational time (180s vs 16s).



**Figure 11.** Case A: Optimised yaw heatmaps for FLORIS (a) and the DNN (b) with  $t_i$  and  $ws$  ranges [0.01-0.19] and [3.5-11.5], respectively. Average FLORIS time: 60s, average DNN time: 5s.

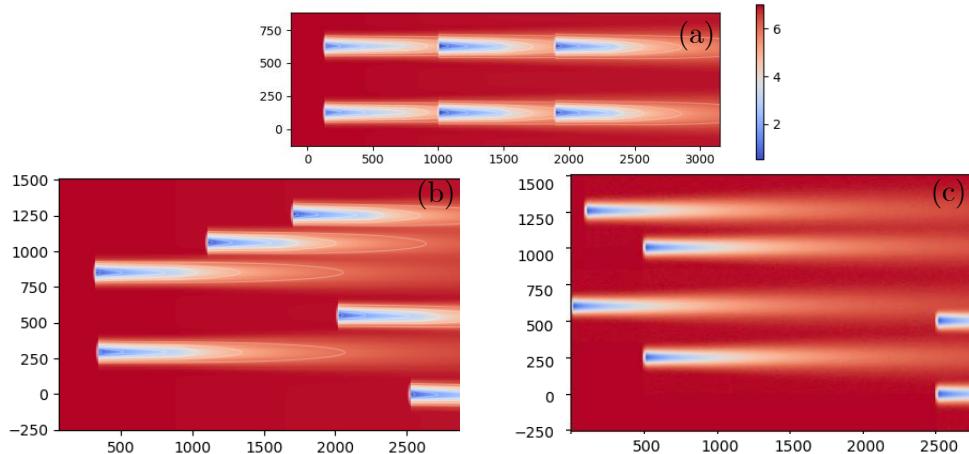


**Figure 12.** Case B: Optimised yaw heatmaps for FLORIS (a) and the DNN (b) with  $t_i$  and  $ws$  ranges [0.01-0.19] and [3.5-11.5], respectively. Average FLORIS time: 180s, average DNN time: 16s.

### 3.5 Layout optimisation

An indicative test case for layout optimisation of the initial configuration (Fig. 13a) is presented below, where the wind direction is assumed to be constant at 7 m/s and the boundary constraints of the domain are 20D X 10D. A minimum lateral distance between each individual turbine of 2D has also been implemented as a constraint in the code. As shown in Figure 13b, the optimum configuration obtained with the DNN model achieves a 78.93% power gain (or AEP gain), whereas FLORIS achieves 79.41%

(Fig. 13a). The computational time required by the DNN to provide a forward solution is an order of magnitude less than that of FLORIS (5.5 sec vs 56 sec). Any difference between the optimal layouts in Figure 13 can be attributed to the fact that the solution is not unique, i.e. that multiple designs have similar power outputs and the optimisation algorithm may converge to either of these.



**Figure 13.** Case C: Initial 2x3 layout configuration (a), optimised layout result produced by FLORIS Layout Optimisation module (b) and the DNN model (c).

**Table 4.** Optimised results produced by FLORIS and the DNN for Case C.

	Initial power (MW)	Optimal power (MW)	Power gain (%)	Comp. time (s)
FLORIS	3.78	6.78	79.41	56
DNN	3.78	6.76	78.93	5.5

#### 4. Conclusions

In this work, the capabilities of machine learning on the modelling of offshore wind farm wakes are investigated. The main stages and corresponding accomplishments of this study are the following:

- Development of a DNN for the accurate representation of 2D offshore turbine wakes under yaw, which produces the velocity fields of single wakes with a mean absolute error of 1.5%. The 2D velocity deficits at hub-level produced by the DNN at the hub level also include information of sea-level effect on the wind boundary layer downstream wind.
- Implementation of a superposition method, which combines the SOS model along with an analytical approximation that renders the 2D wake deficit produced by the DNN sufficient in predicting the power output of a given wind farm. The scaling of the computational time for the superposition of up to 20 turbines was found to be up to three orders of magnitude faster.
- Demonstration of the optimisation capabilities of the neural model against those of FLORIS. For the yaw optimisation, the optimal yaw settings produced by the DNN provides at least 75% of the farm power output of the corresponding FLORIS optimisation module, on average 10 times faster, which can enable power gains due to the faster reaction time of the yaw control.
- Development of an open-source machine learning wake model with various set-up options, aiming to provide flexibility to the user, depending on the needs of application. Using the default model hyper-parameters and settings, a reliable neural wake model can be trained on a personal computer, requiring less than 15 minutes of training time. Transfer learning could be applied in future versions, using high-fidelity CFD runs to further increase the model's capabilities, while maintaining the same low order for the evaluation time of the network.

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