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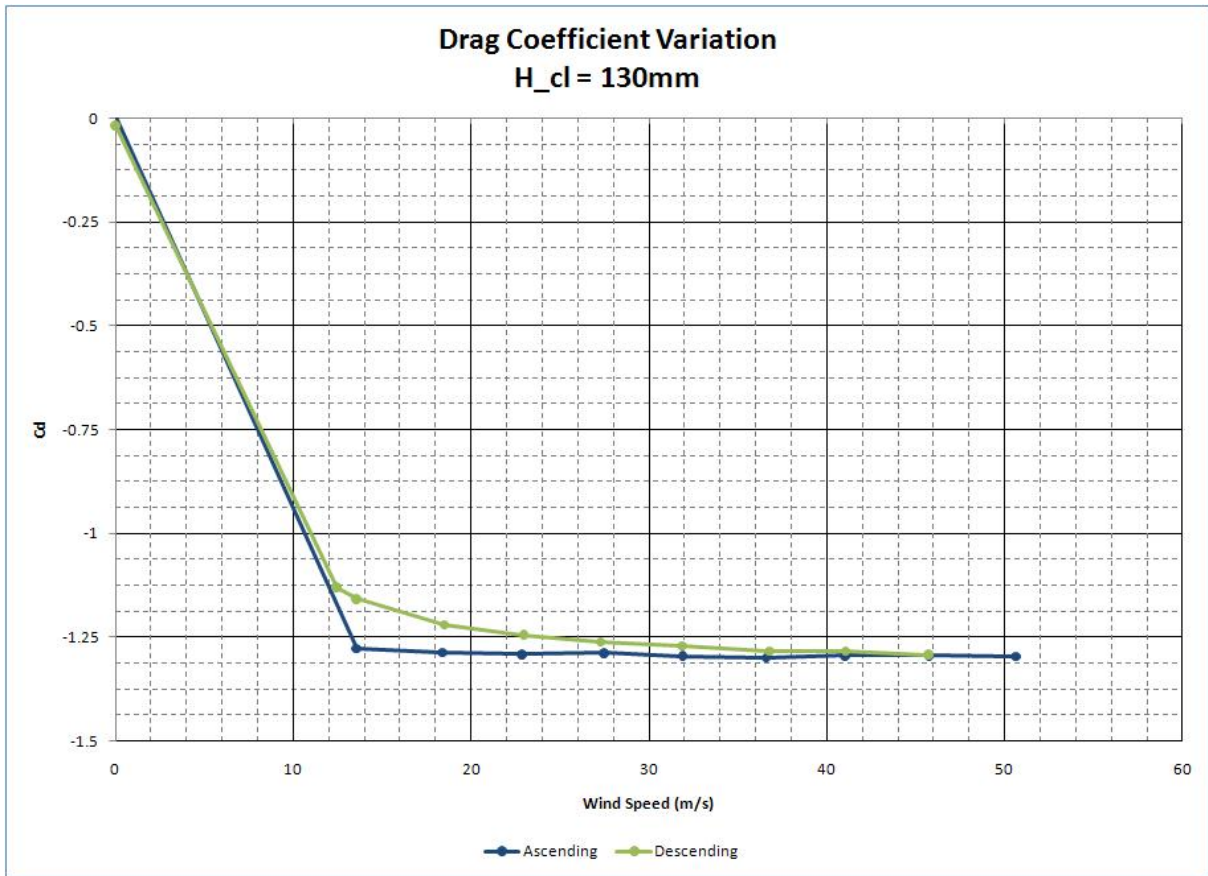
This appendix document presents a large amount of data obtained from our heliostat wind tunnel experiments. The data is divided into three sections: a single heliostat, a field of heliostats, and wind mitigations. The data files are available in the [download section of the RE<C project in code.google.com](#), the files are identified in the comments.

Single Heliostat

The following is a set of plots relevant to the isolated heliostat tests performed in the wind tunnel.

Wind Tunnel and Coefficient Validation

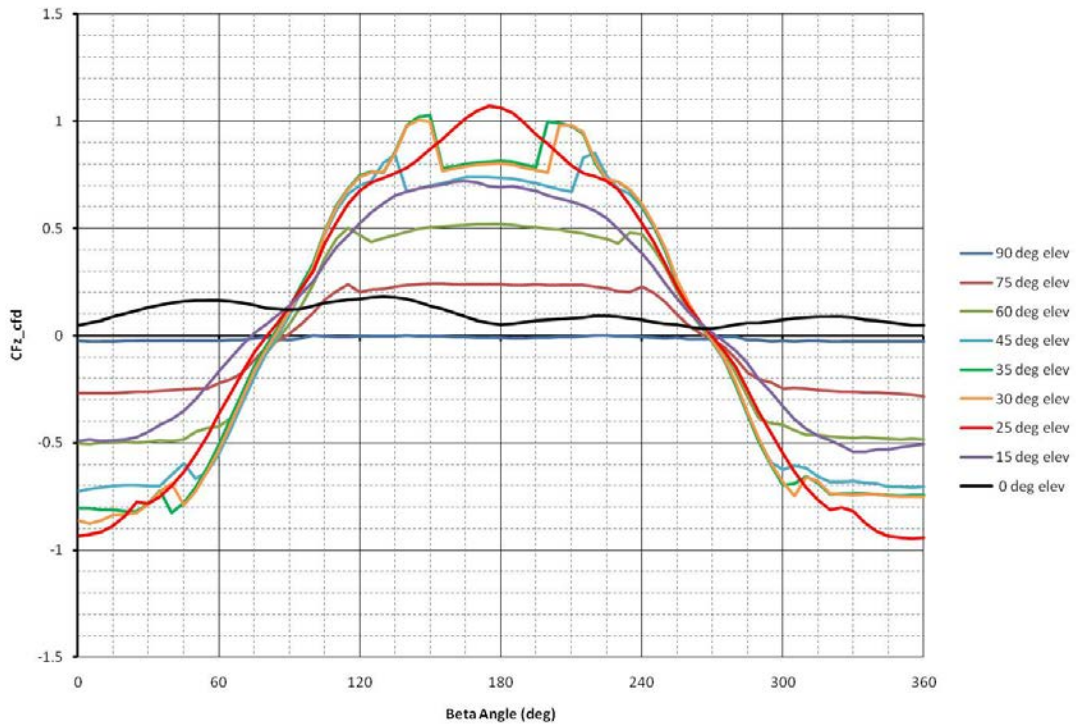
- **Heliostat Model Used:** 200mm x 200mm x 5mm reflector, HCL = 130mm
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - Wind Speed = 12 m/s - 50 m/s (39 ft/s - 164 ft/s)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (α) tested: 90°
 - Wind incidence angles (β) tested: 0°



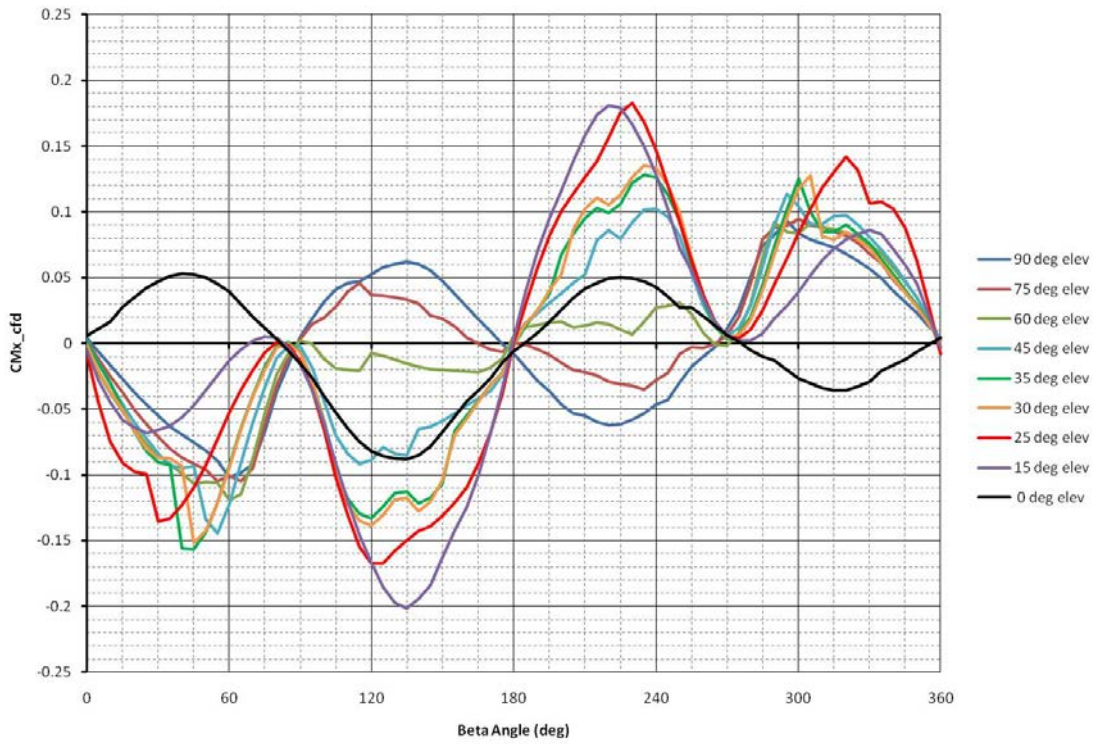
Single Heliostat in Uniform Flow Experiments

- **Heliostat Model Used:** 200mm x 200mm x 5mm reflector, HCL = 130mm
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - Wind Speed = 42.6 m/s (140 ft/s)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (alpha) tested: 90, 75, 60, 45, 35, 30, 25, 15, 0 degrees
 - Azimuth angles (beta) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments

CFz_cfd - Phase 1 Uniform Flow



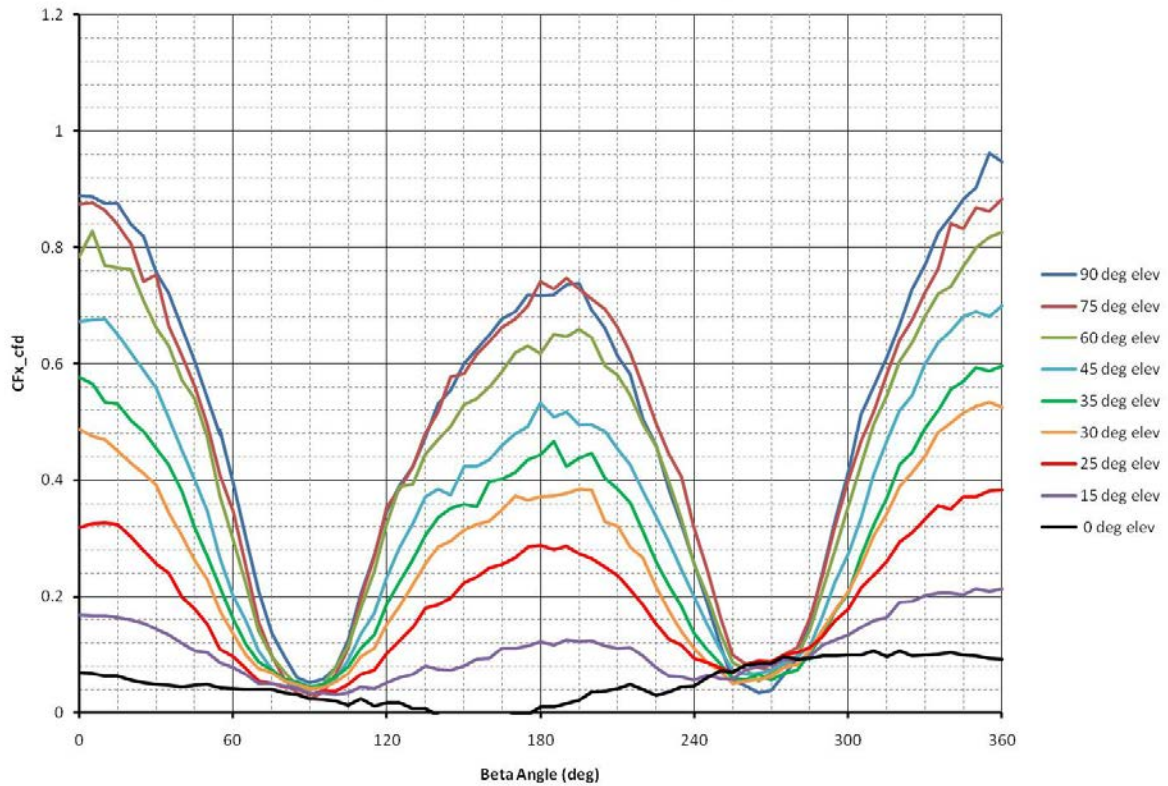
CMx_cfd - Phase 1 Uniform Flow



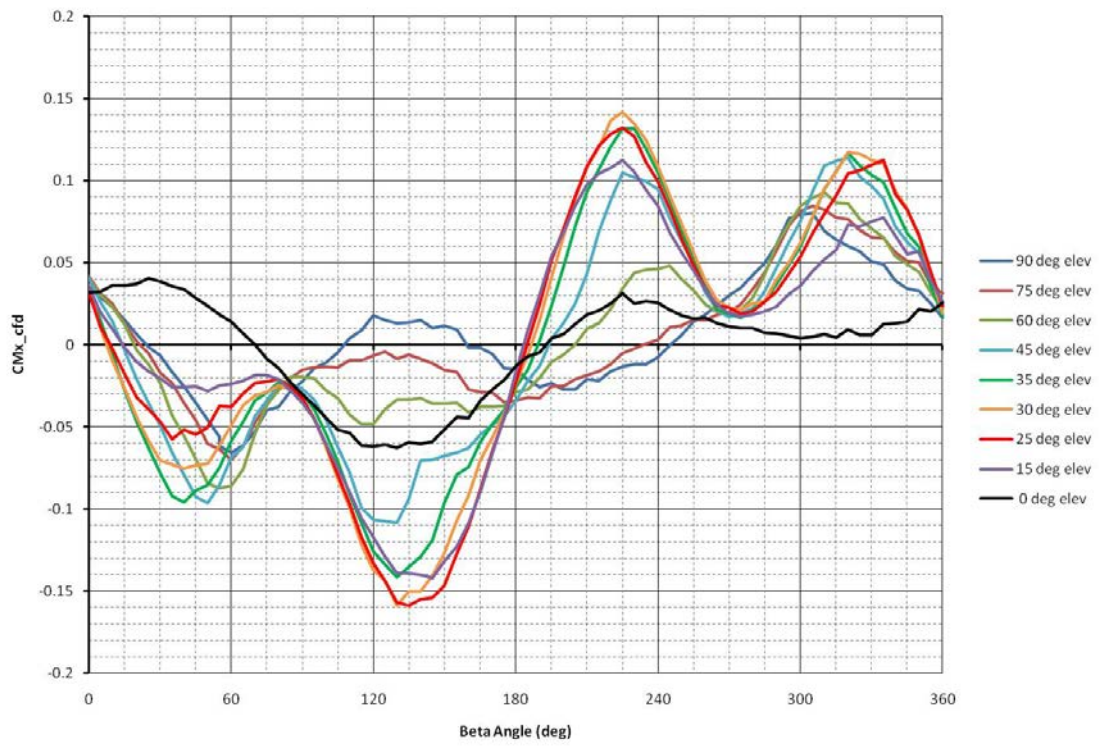
Single Heliostat in Atmospheric Boundary Layer Experiments

- **Heliostat Model Used:** 200mm x 200mm x 5mm reflector, HCL = 130mm
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - Wind Speed = 18.2 m/s (60 ft/s) (41 MPH)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (α) tested: 90, 75, 60, 45, 35, 30, 25, 15, 0 degrees
 - Wind incidence angles (β) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments

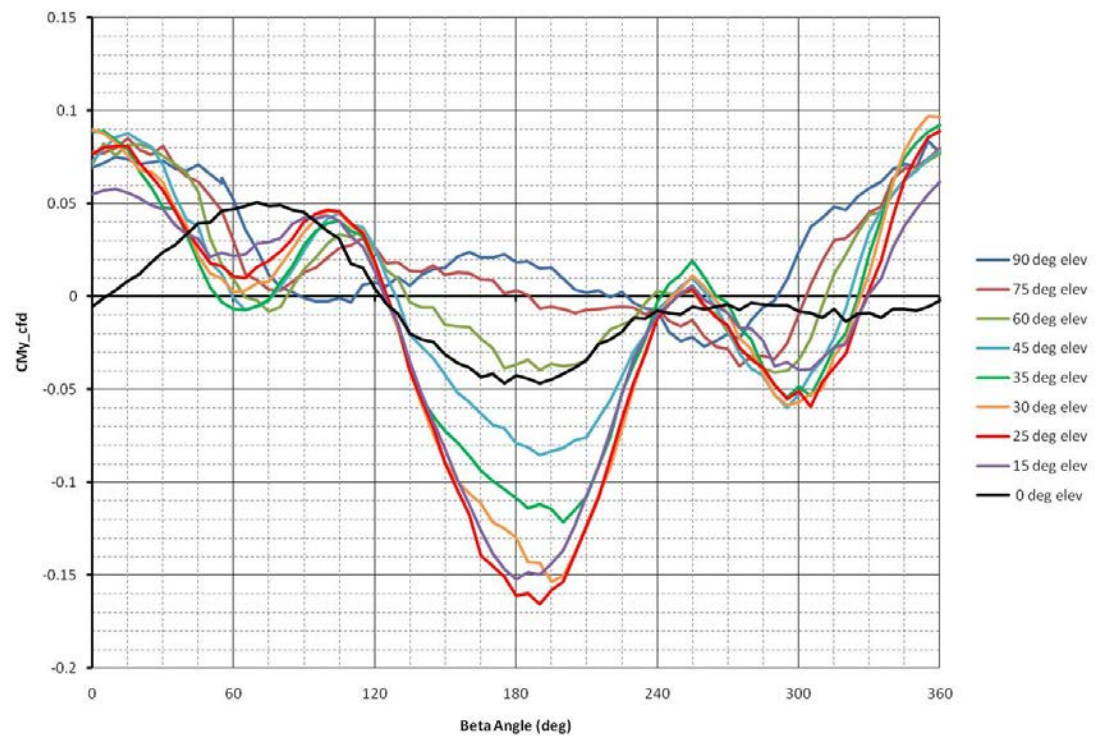
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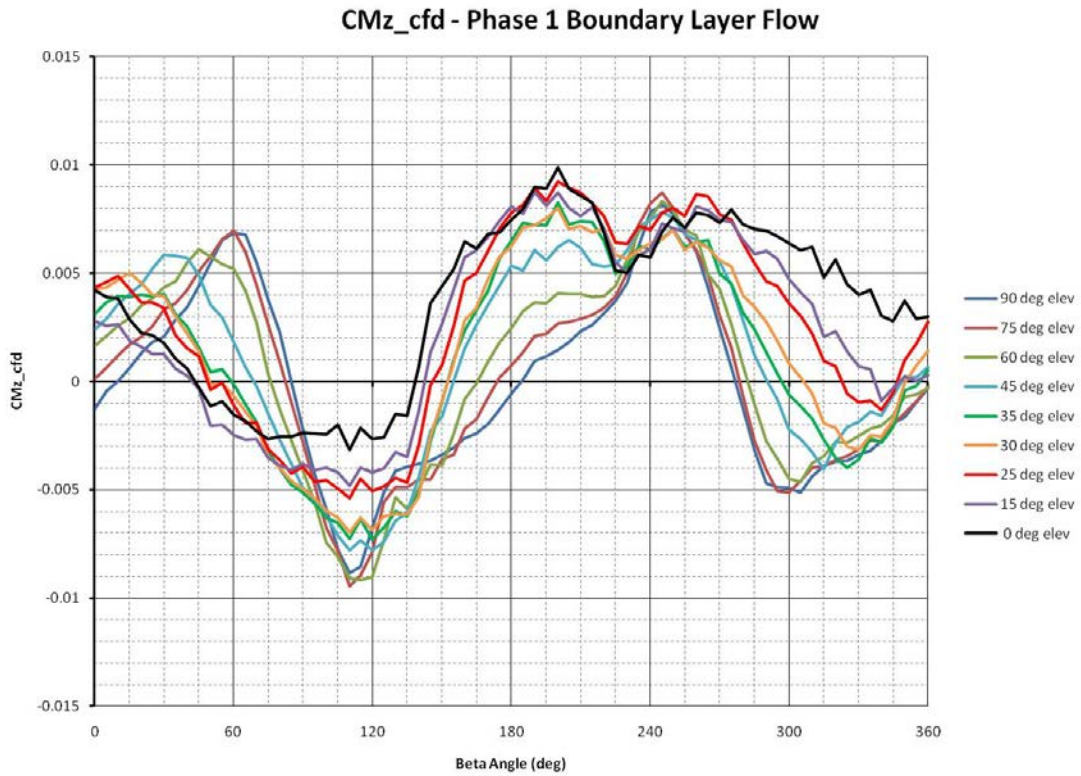


CMx_cfd - Phase 1 Boundary Layer Flow



CMy_cfd - Phase 1 Boundary Layer Flow



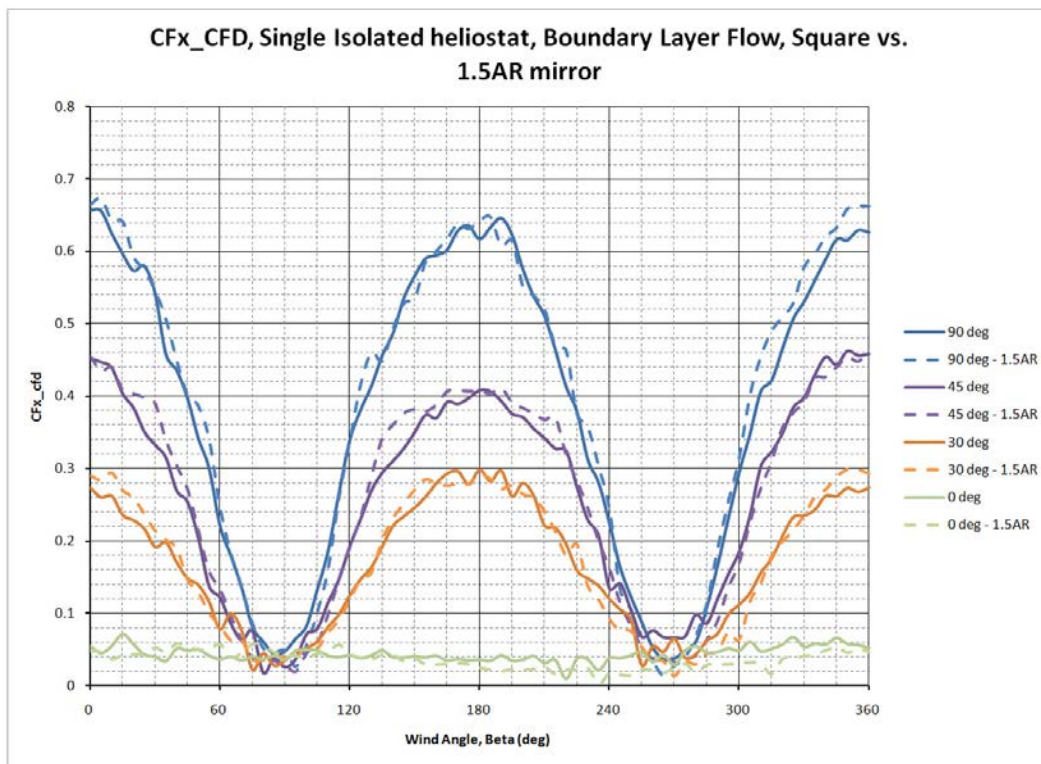


Single Heliostat Comparison between Uniform Flow and Atmospheric Boundary Layer

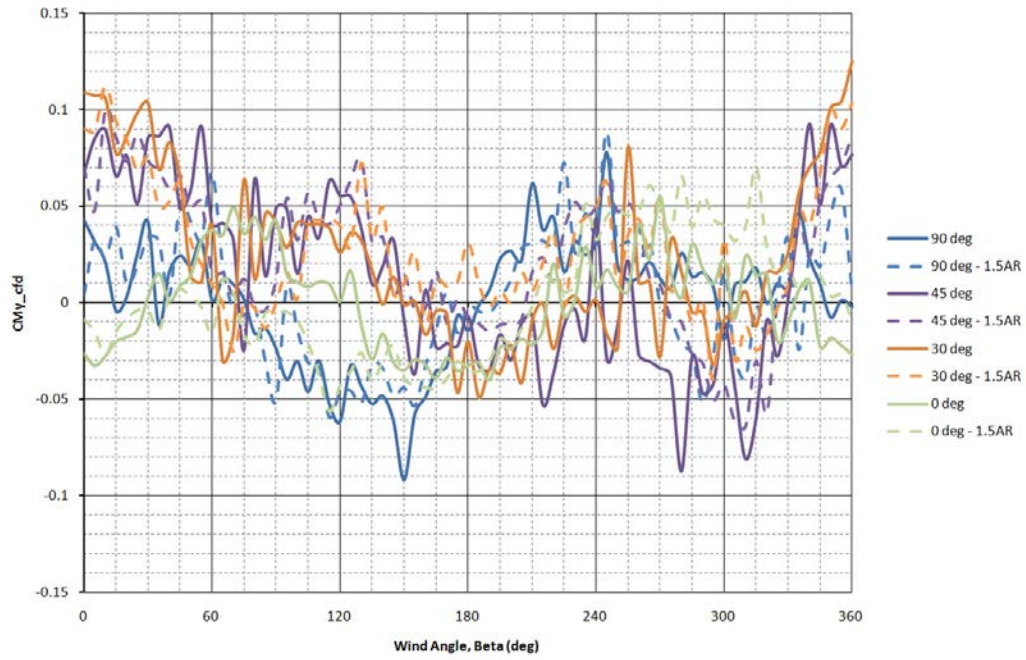
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Single Heliostat with 1.5 Aspect Ratio Reflector

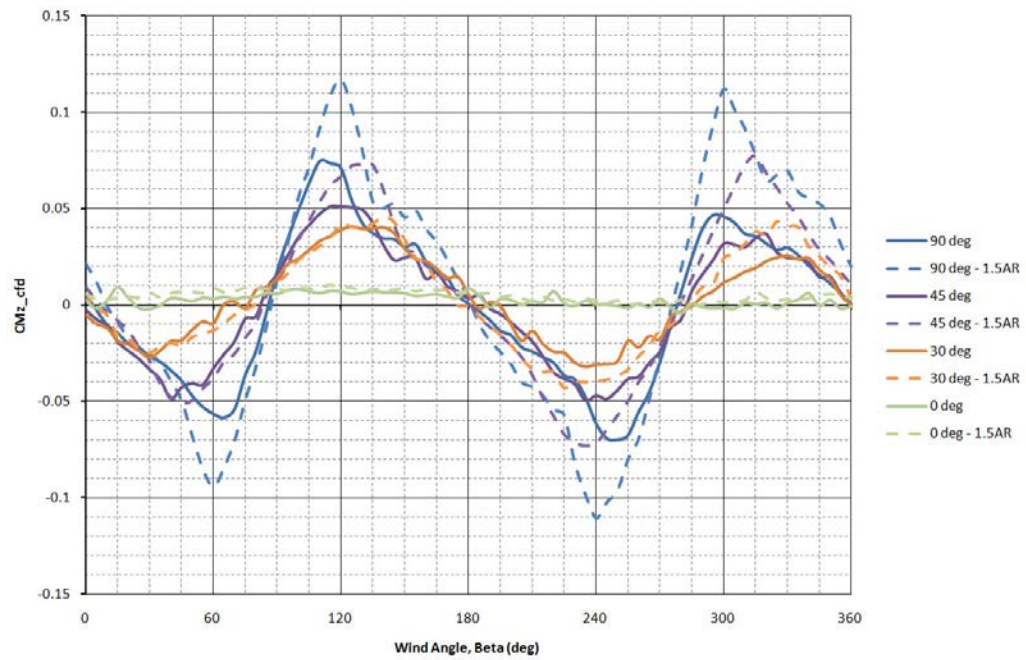
- **Heliostat Model Used:** 100mm x 100mm x 3mm reflector, HCL = 75mm
- **Test conditions were as follows (square 1.0AR reflector)**
 - Q = 1.38 kPa (29 psf)
 - Wind Speed = 48 m/s (158 ft/s)
 - Air Temperature = 8.3C (47° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (α) tested: 90, 45, 30, 0 degrees
 - Wind incidence angles (β) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments
- **Heliostat Model Used:** 150mm x 100mm x 3mm reflector, HCL = 75mm
- **Test conditions were as follows (square 1.5AR reflector)**
 - Q = 0.95 kPa (20 psf)
 - Wind Speed = 40 m/s (131 ft/s)
 - Air Temperature = 13.9C (57° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (α) tested: 90, 45, 30, 0 degrees
 - Wind incidence angles (β) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments



CM_y_CFD, Single Isolated heliostat, Boundary Layer Flow, Square vs. 1.5AR mirror



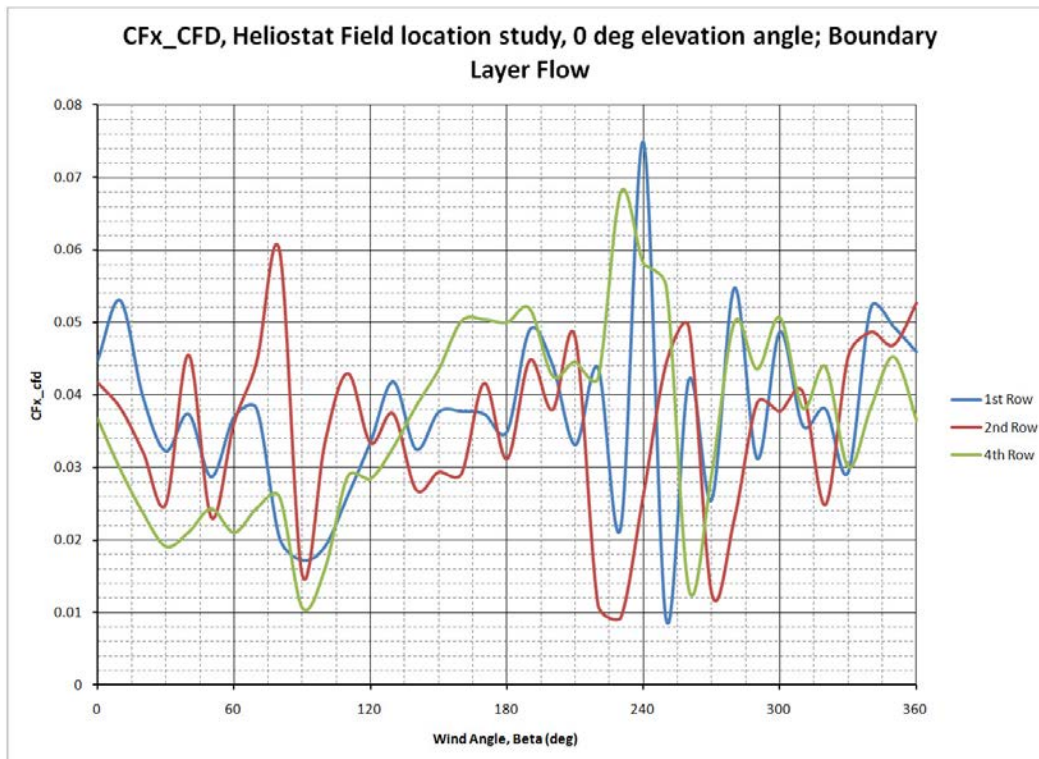
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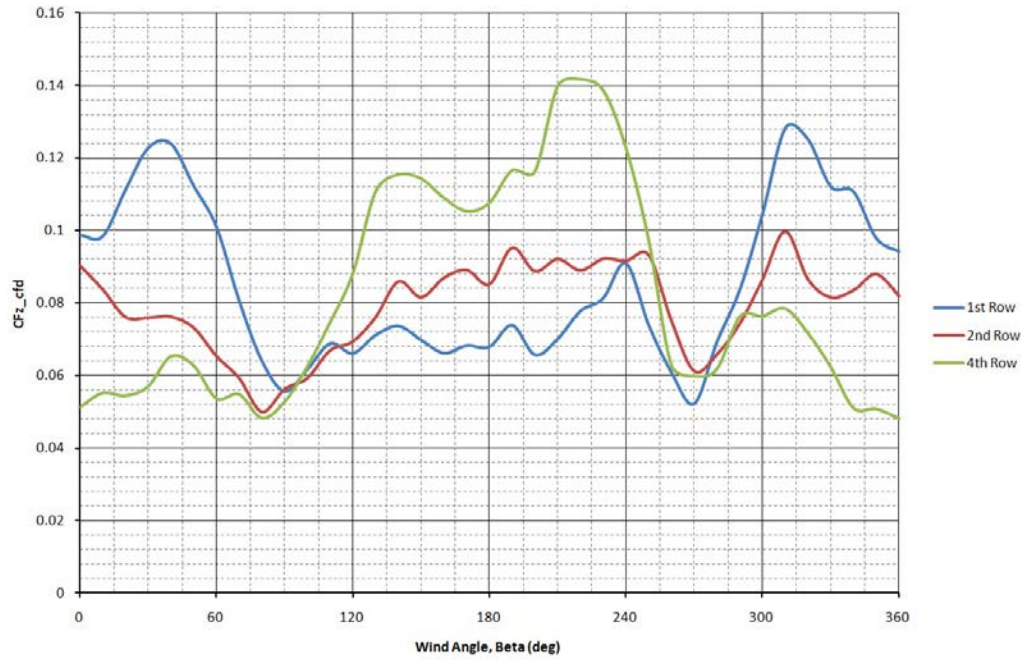
Heliostat Field

- **Heliostat Model Used:** 100mm x 100mm x 3mm reflector, HCL = 75mm
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - Q = 0.95 kPa (20psf)
 - Wind Speed = 40 m/s (132 ft/s)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (alpha) tested: 90, 45, 30, 3, 0 degrees
 - Azimuth angles (beta) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments
 - Instrumented field positions: 1st row, 2nd row, 4th row

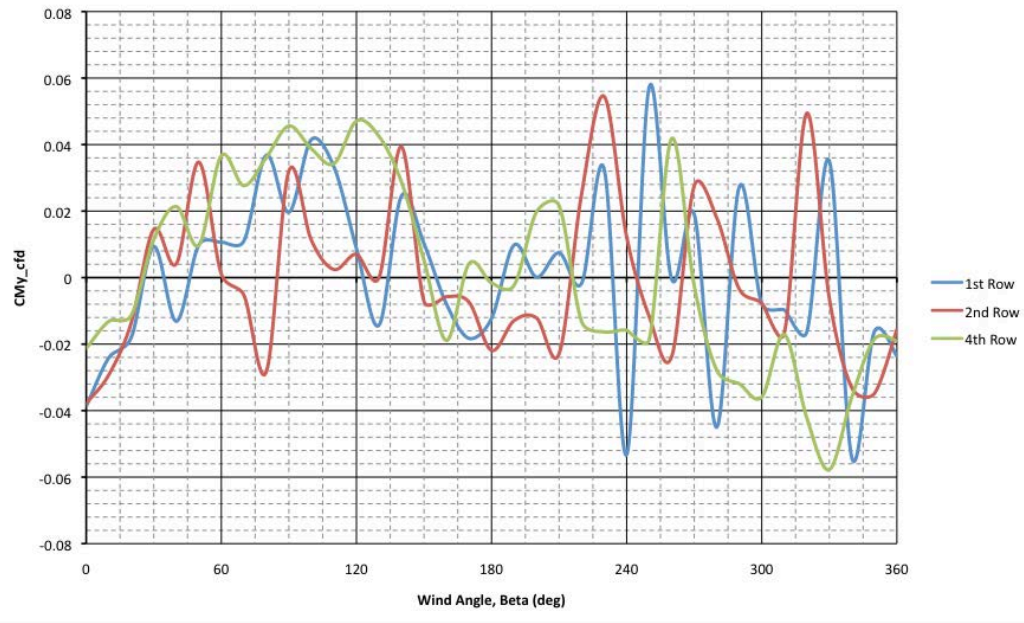
Heliostat Field Position Experiments



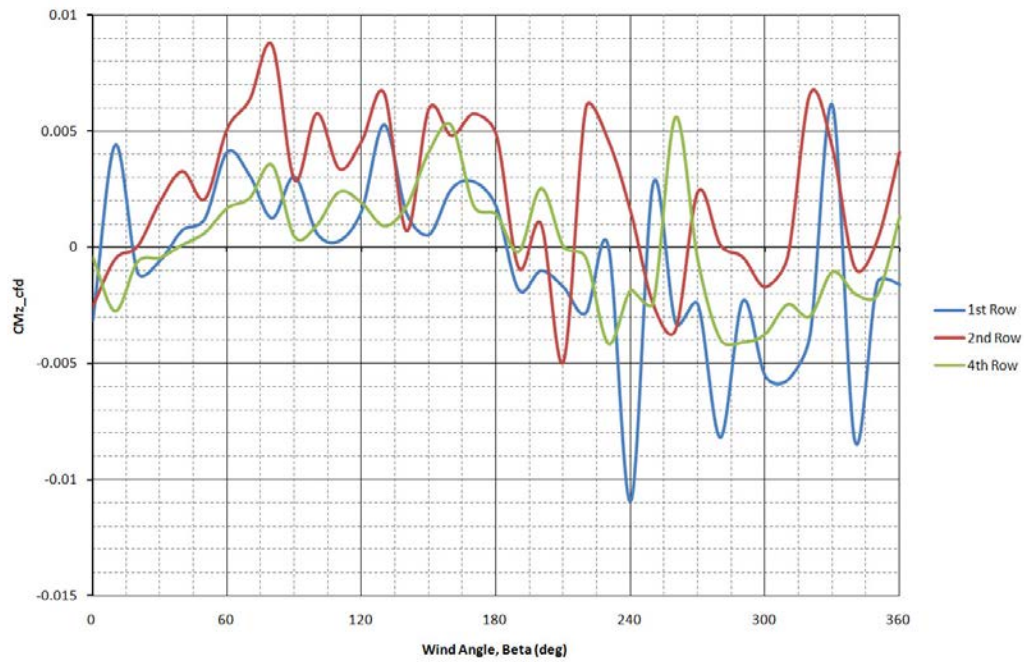
CFz_CFD, Heliostat Field location study, 0 deg elevation angle; Boundary Layer Flow



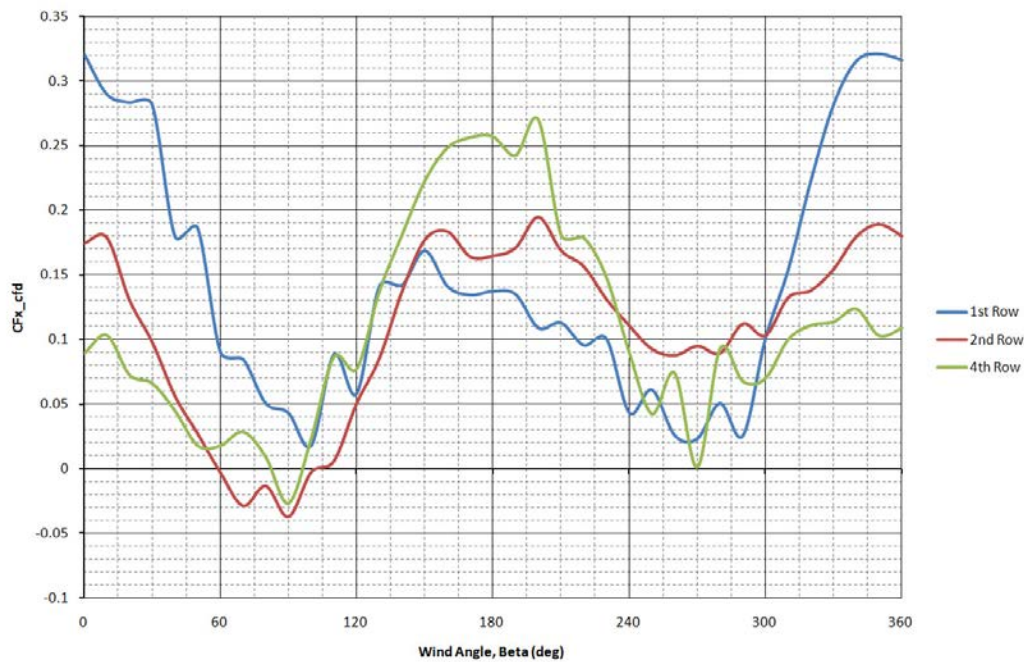
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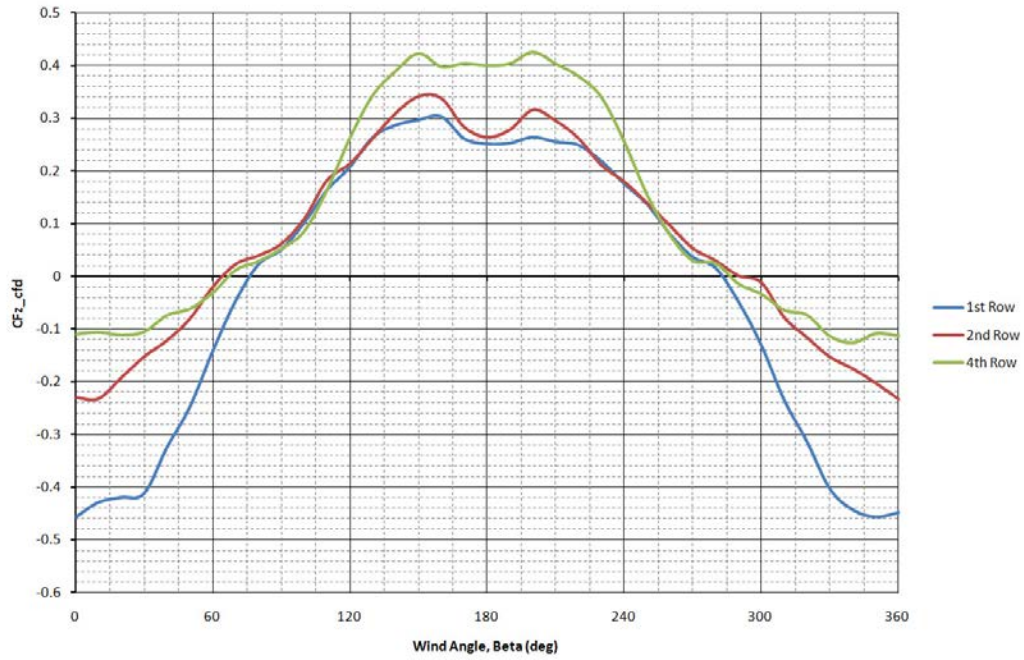
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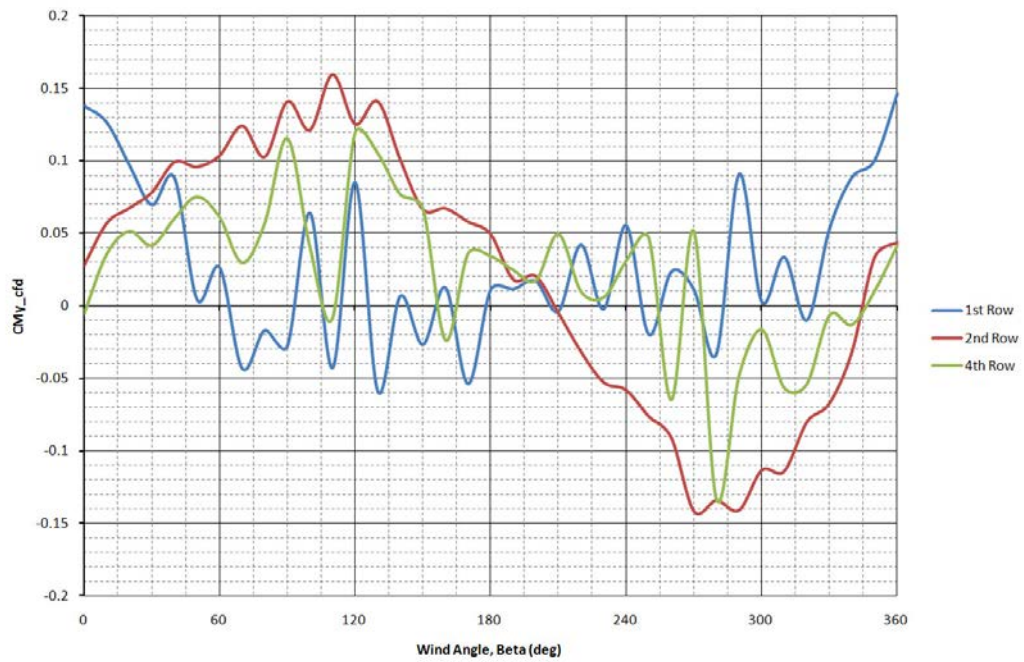
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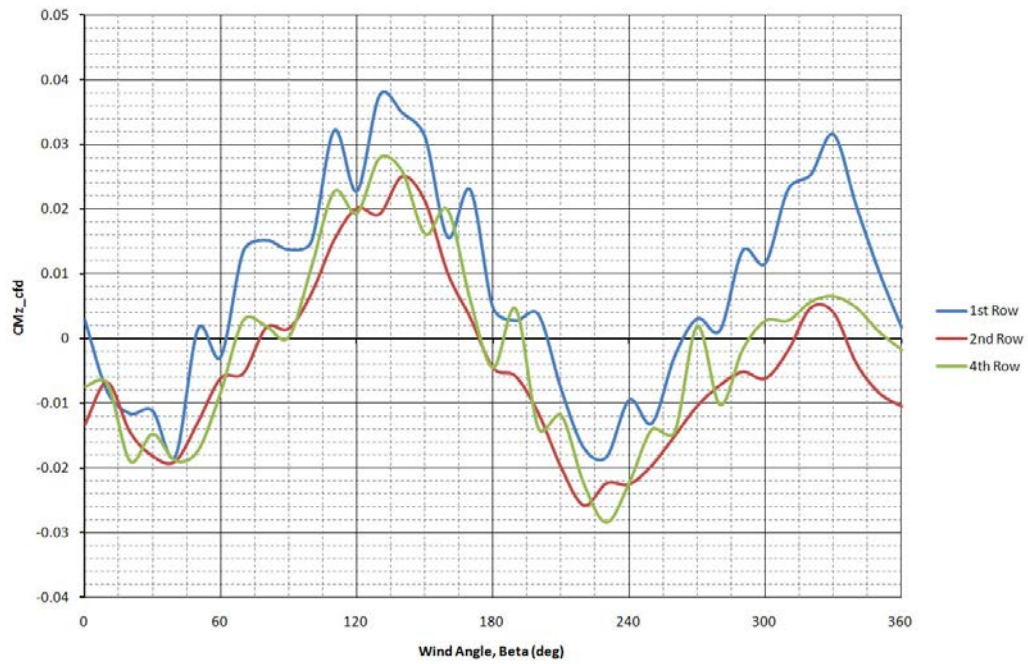
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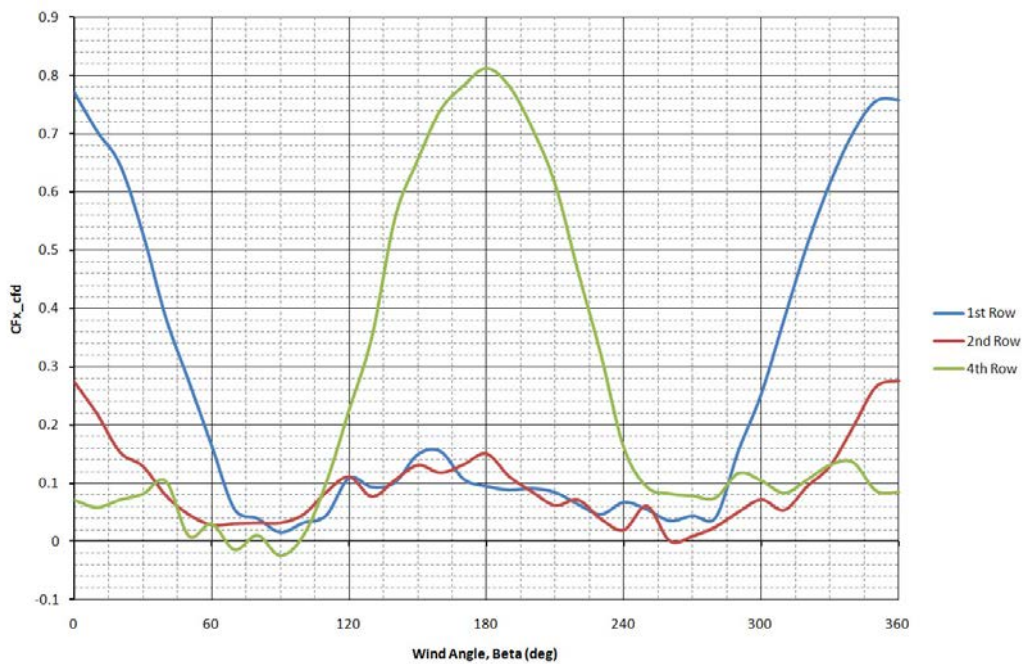
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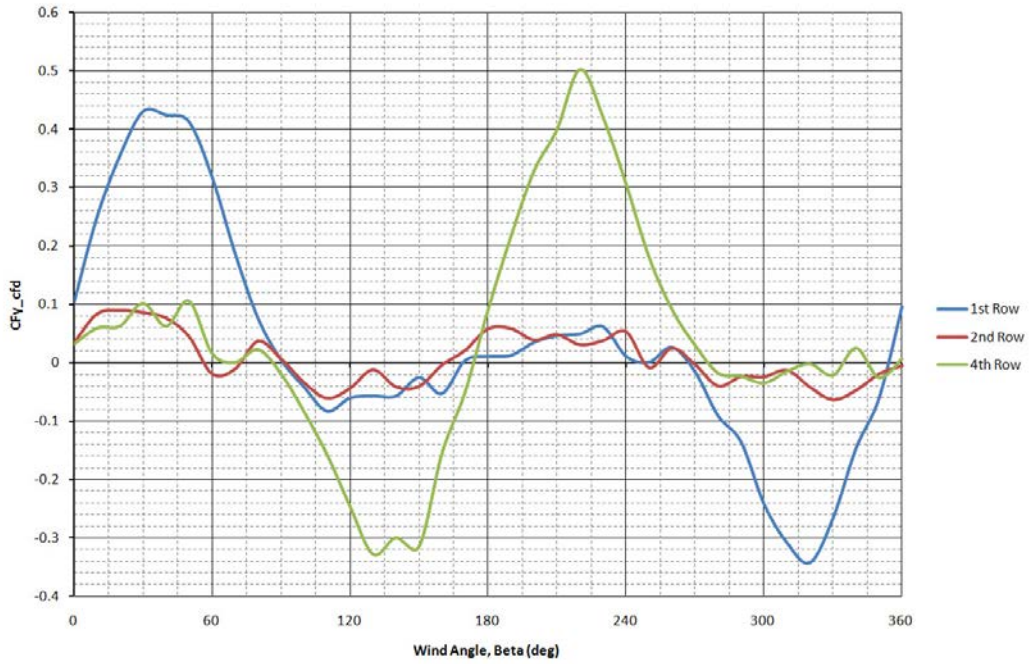
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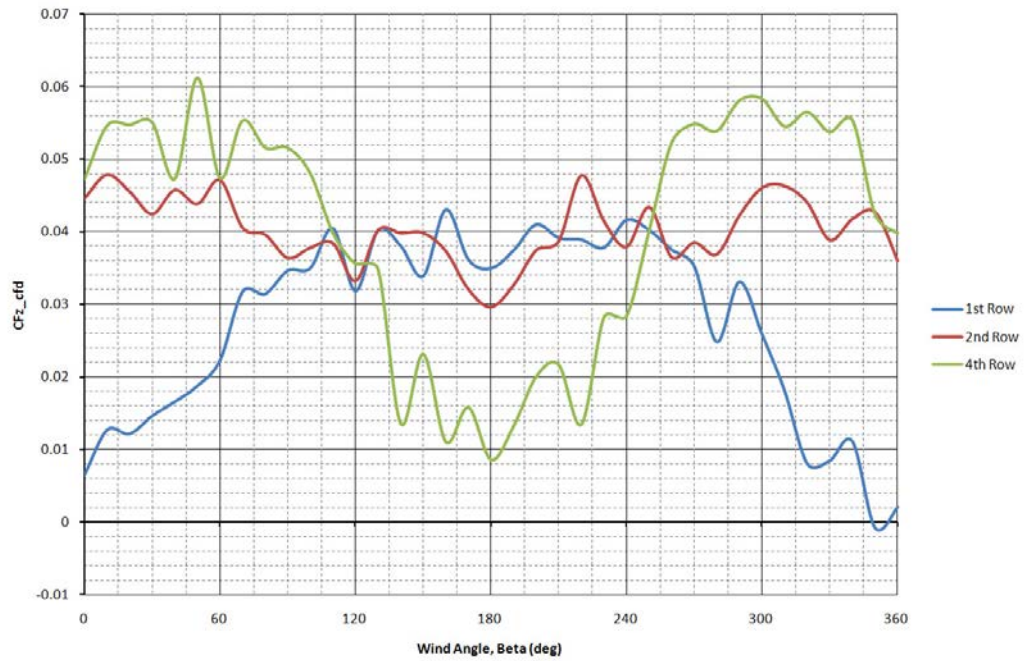
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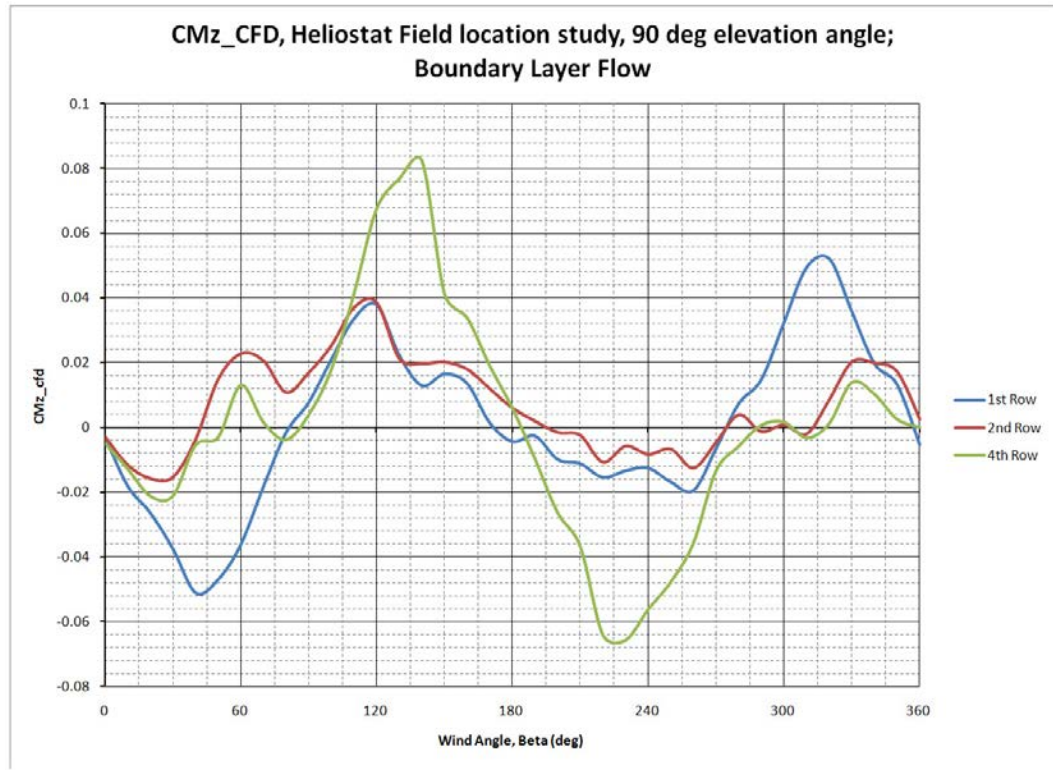
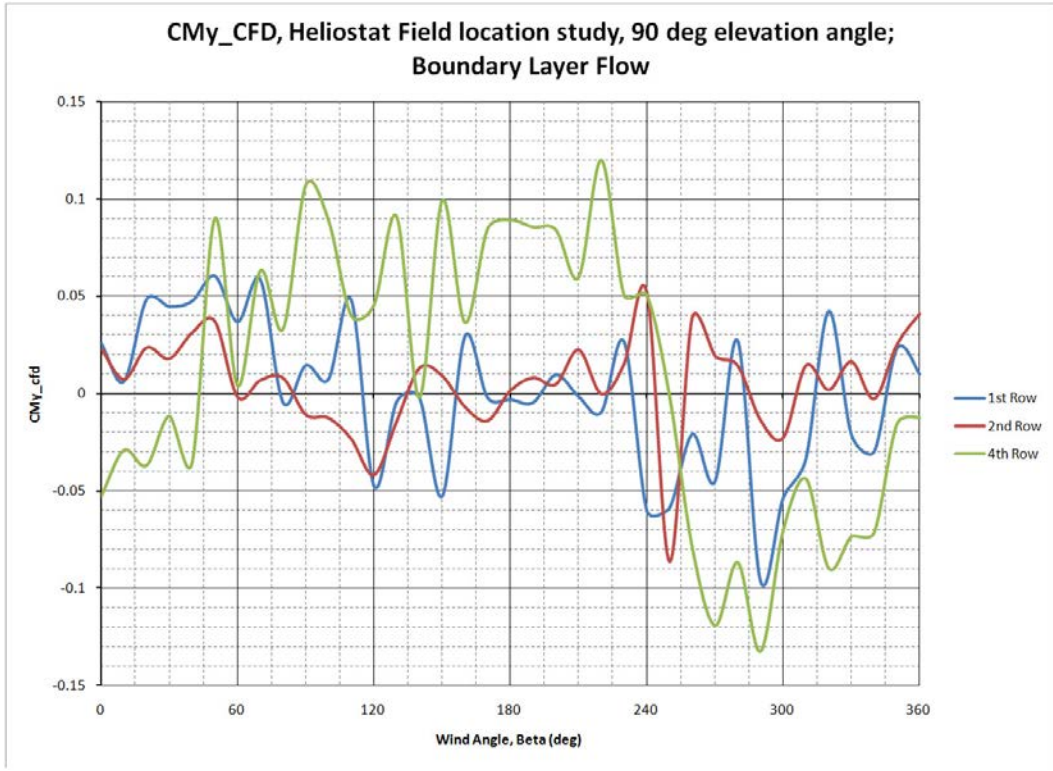


CFy_CFD, Heliostat Field location study, 90 deg elevation angle,
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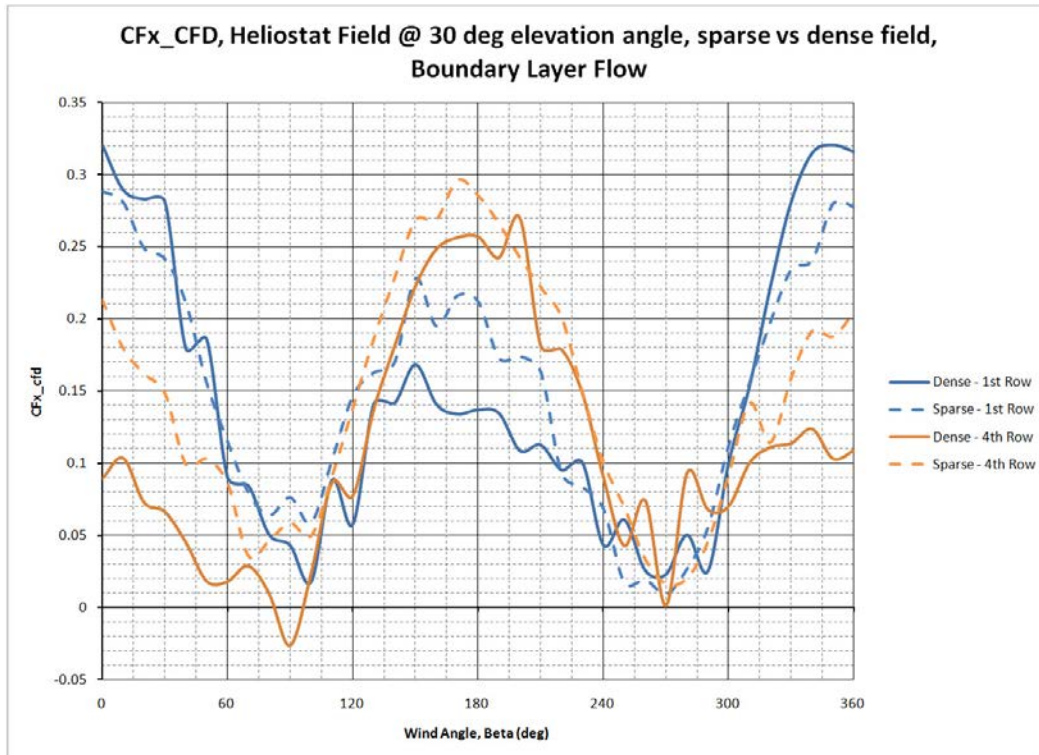
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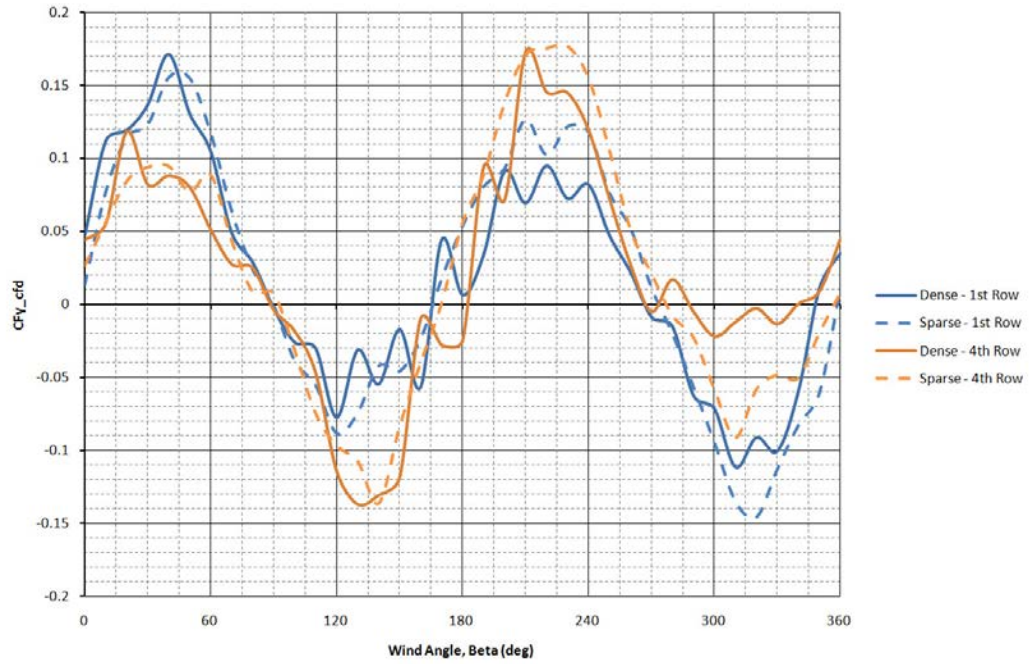


Heliostat Field Packing Density (25% vs 50%)

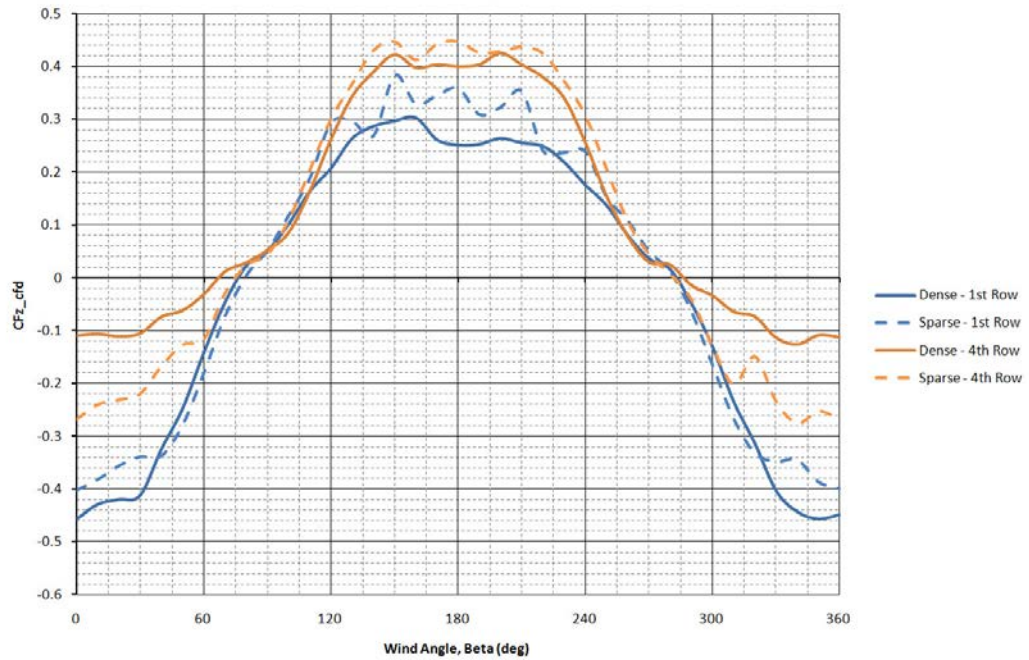
- **Heliostat Model Used:** 100mm x 100mm x 3mm reflector, HCL = 75mm
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - Q = 0.95 kPa (20psf)
 - Wind Speed = 40 m/s (132 ft/s)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (alpha) tested: 90, 30, 0 degrees
 - Azimuth angles (beta) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments
 - Instrumented field positions: 1st row, 4th row



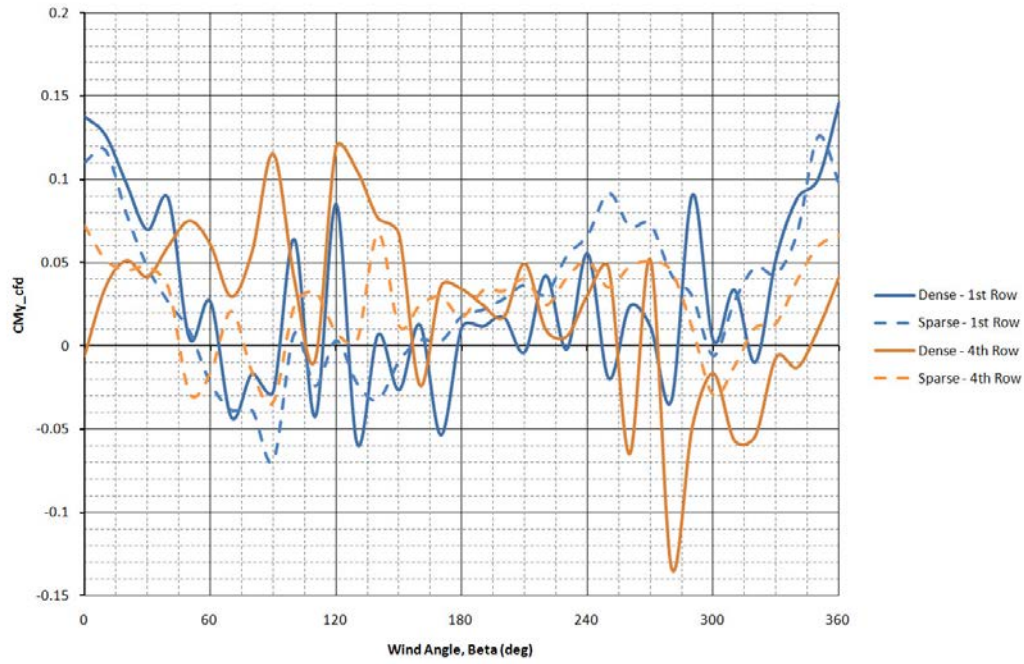
CFy_CFD, Heliostat Field @ 30 deg elevation angle, sparse vs dense field, Boundary Layer Flow



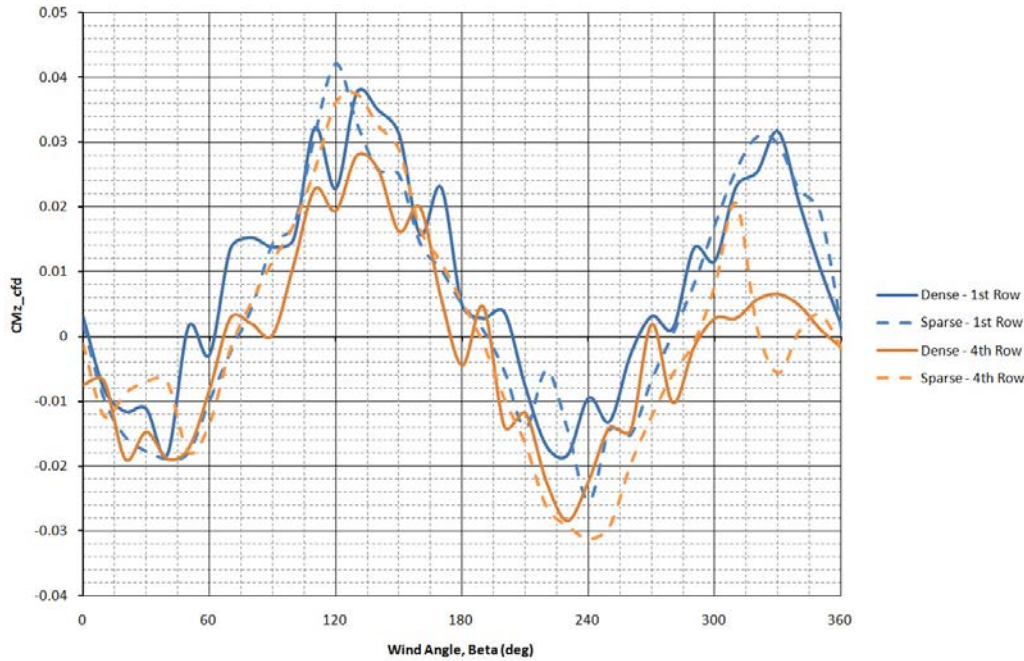
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CM_y_CFD, Heliostat Field @ 30 deg elevation angle, sparse vs dense field, Boundary Layer Flow



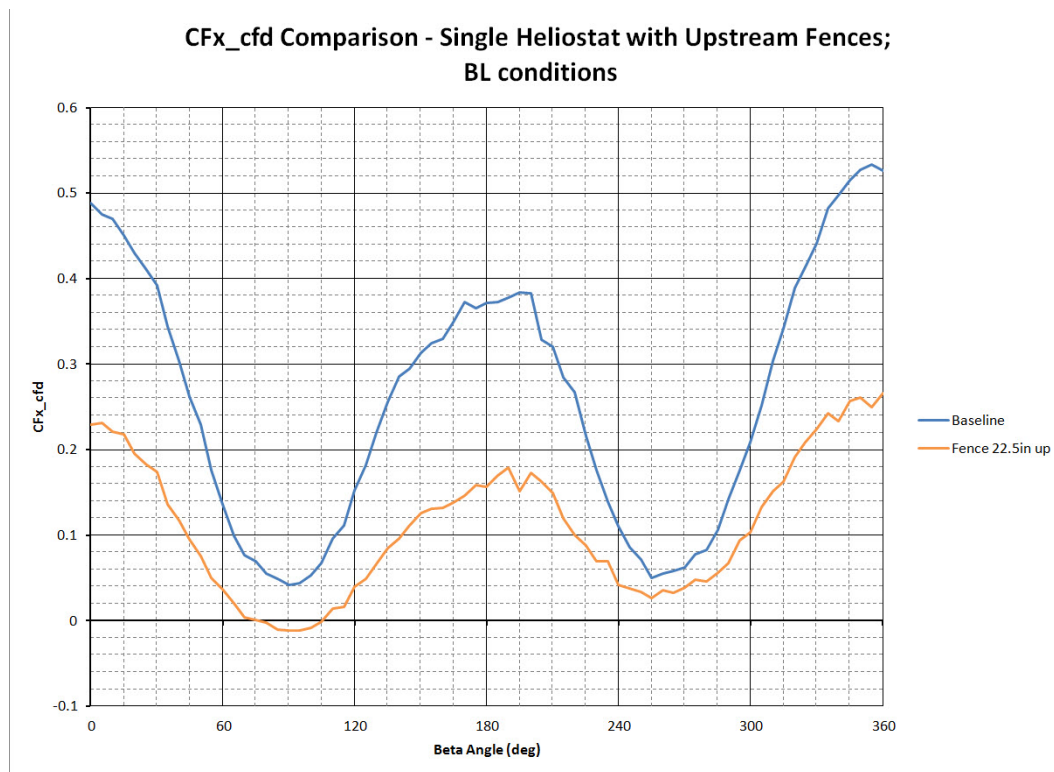
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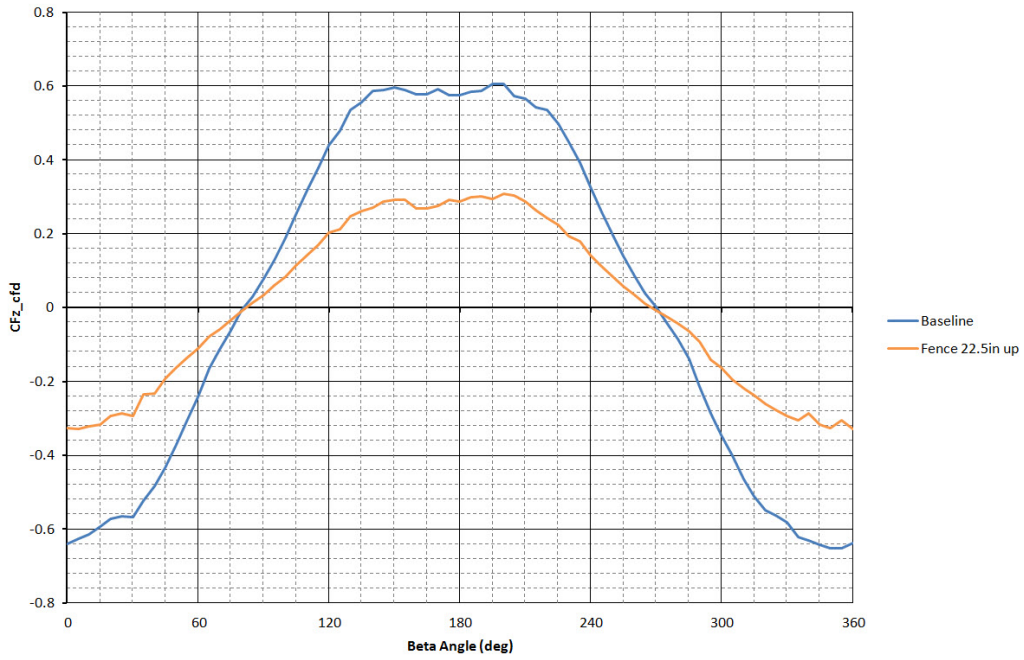
Mitigations

Single Heliostat with Upstream Fence

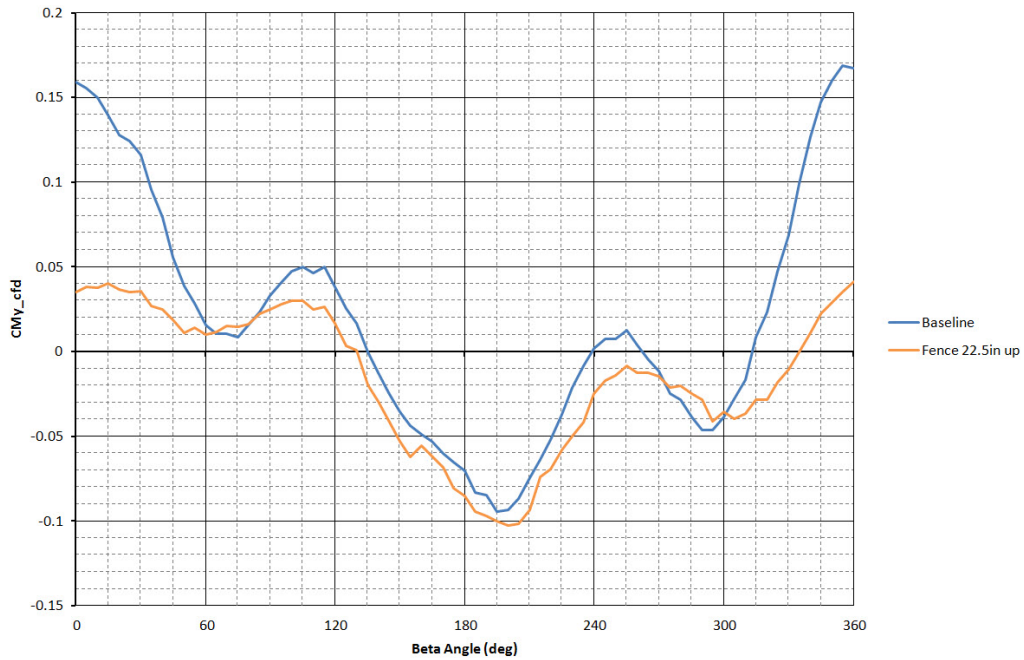
- **Heliostat Model Used:** 200mm x 200mm x 5mm reflector, HCL = 130mm
- **Fence model used:** 114mm tall, 47% open area, installed 571mm (2.85*H) upstream of the heliostat model
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - Wind Speed = 18.2 m/s (60 ft/s) (41 MPH)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (α) tested: 30degrees
 - Wind incidence angles (β) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments



**CFz_cfd Comparison - Single Heliostat with Upstream Fences;
BL conditions**



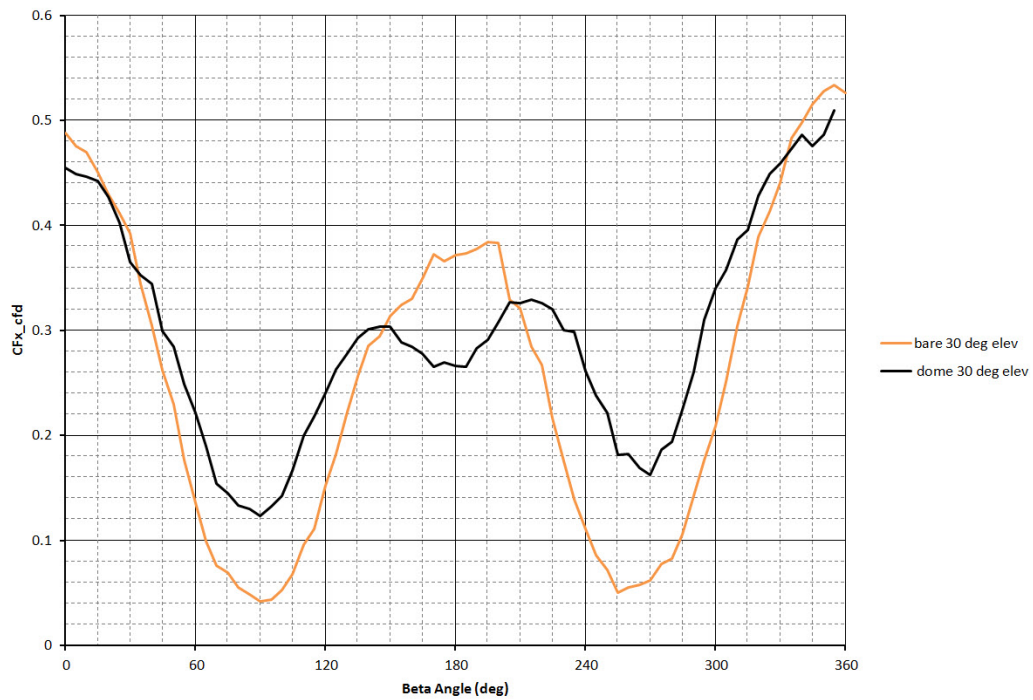
**CMy_cfd Comparison - Single Heliostat with Upstream Fences;
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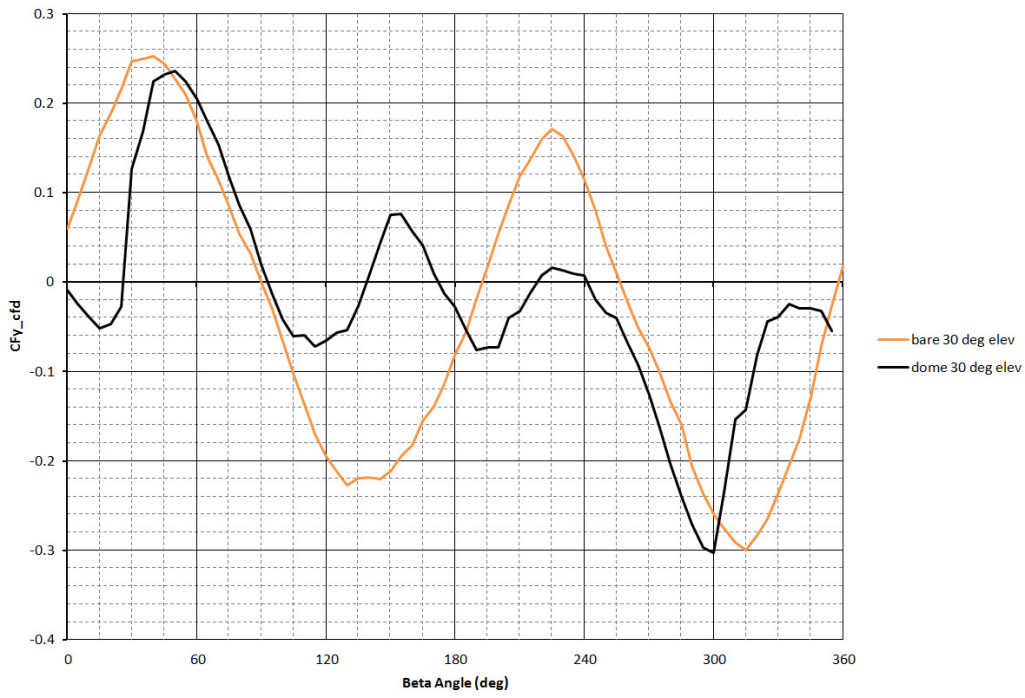
Hemispherical Backed Heliostat Experiments

- **Heliostat Model Used:** 200mm x 200mm x 5mm reflector, HCL = 130mm
- **Hemispherical backing used:** 100mm peak height
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - Wind Speed = 18.2 m/s (60 ft/s) (41 MPH)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
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 - Elevation angles (α) tested: 30degrees
 - Wind incidence angles (β) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments

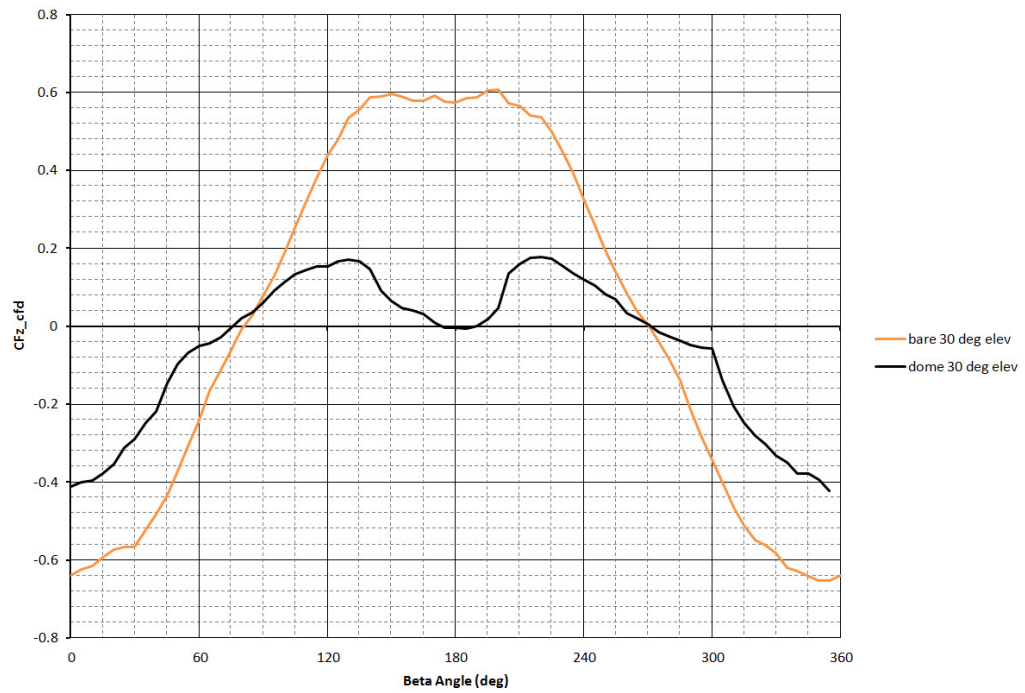
CFx_cfd - Hemispherical backing effect



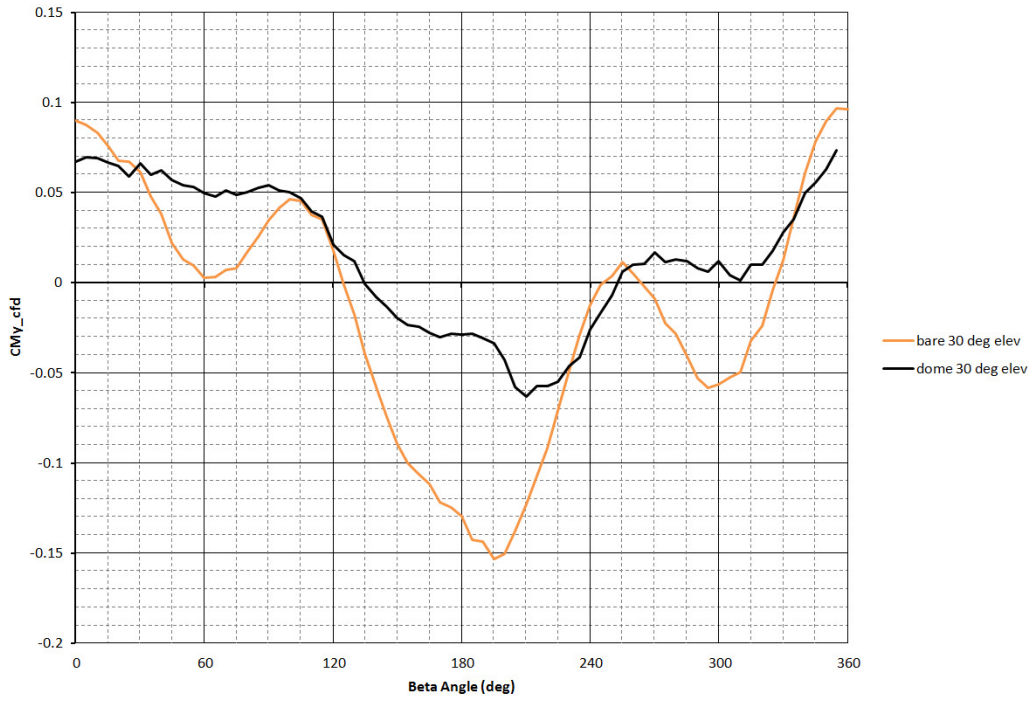
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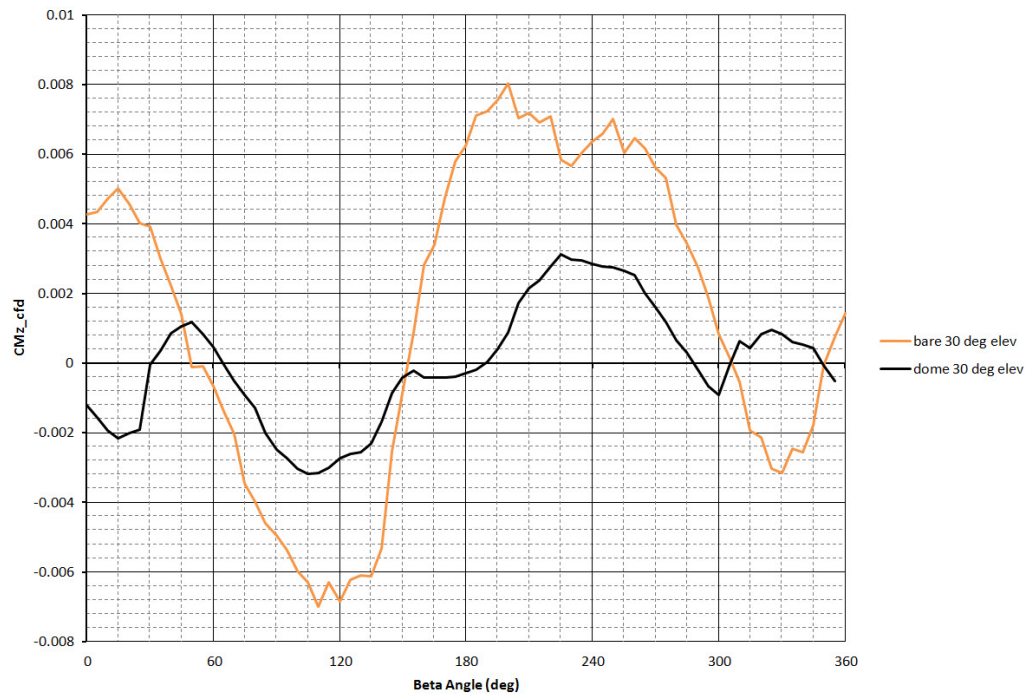
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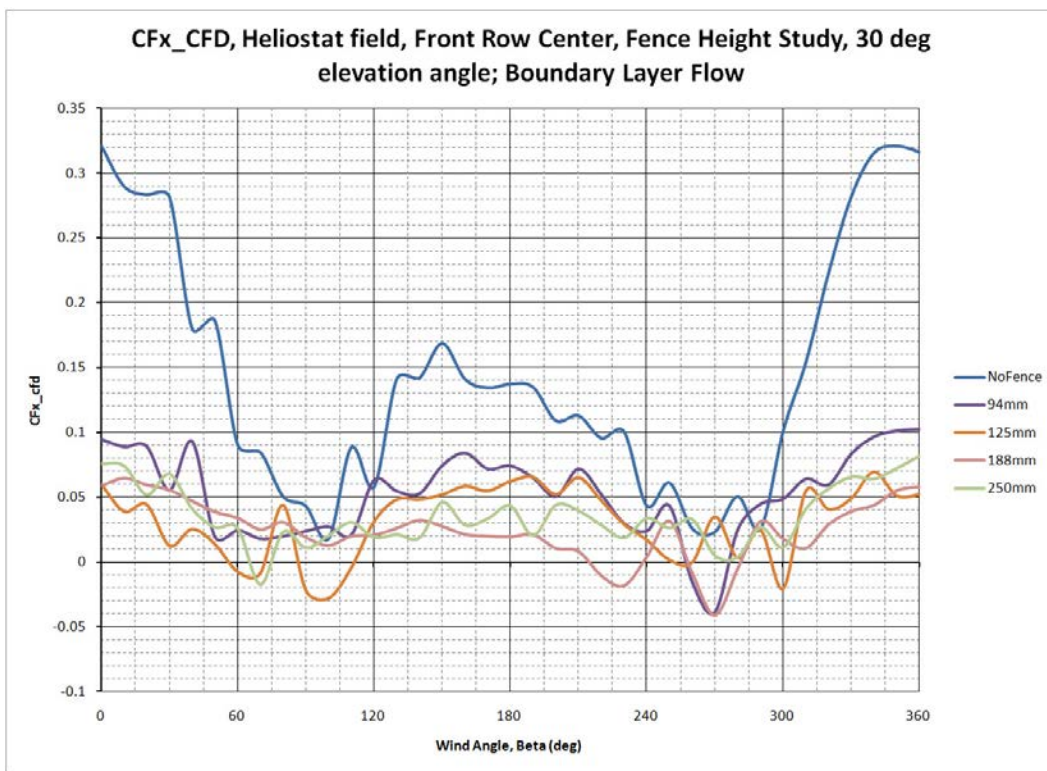


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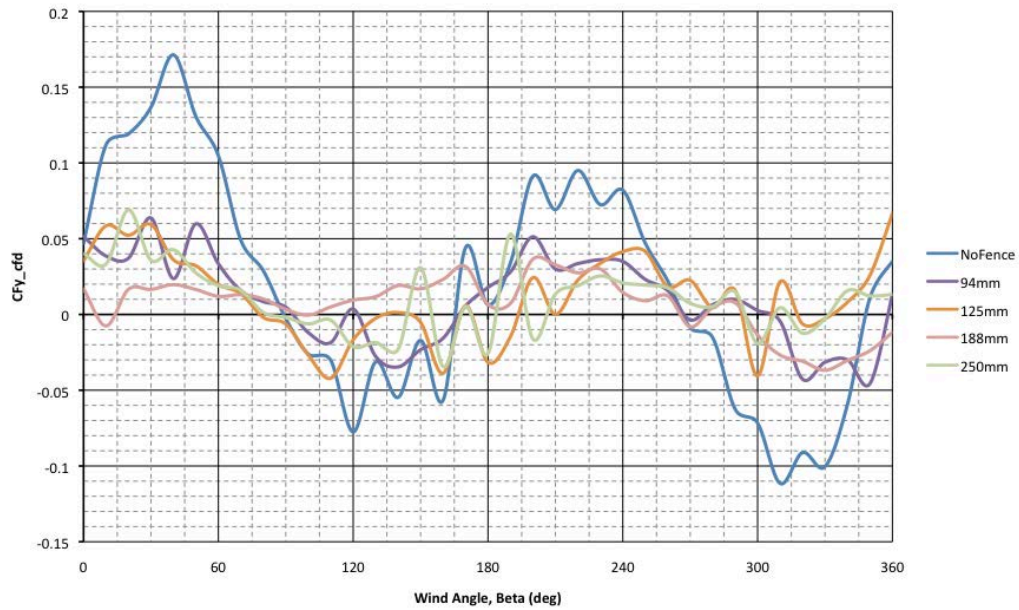


Fence Height Experiments

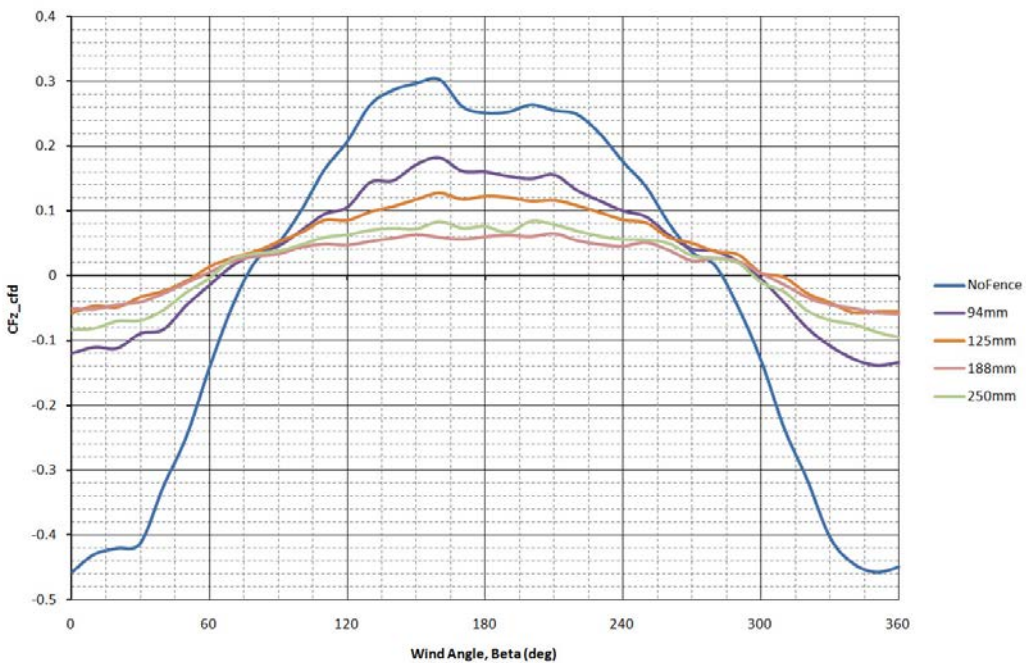
- **Heliostat Model Used:** 100mm x 100mm x 3mm reflector, HCL = 75mm
- **Fence Model Used:** 94mm, 125mm, 188mm, 250mm tall, 46% OA
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - $Q = 0.95$ kPa (20psf)
 - Wind Speed = 40 m/s (132 ft/s)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (alpha) tested: 30, 0 degrees
 - Azimuth angles (beta) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments
 - Instrumented field positions: 1st row, 4th row



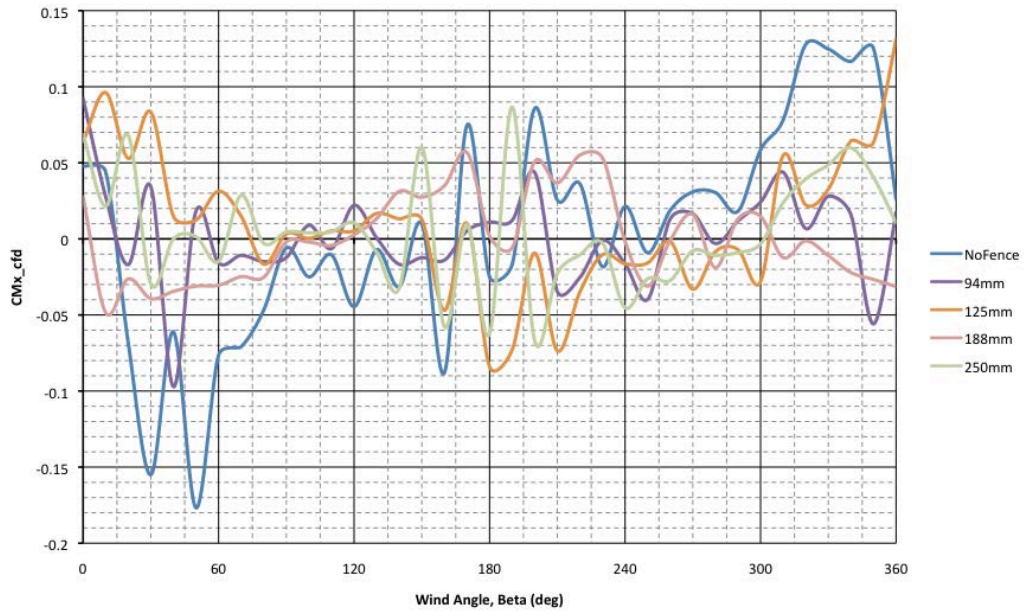
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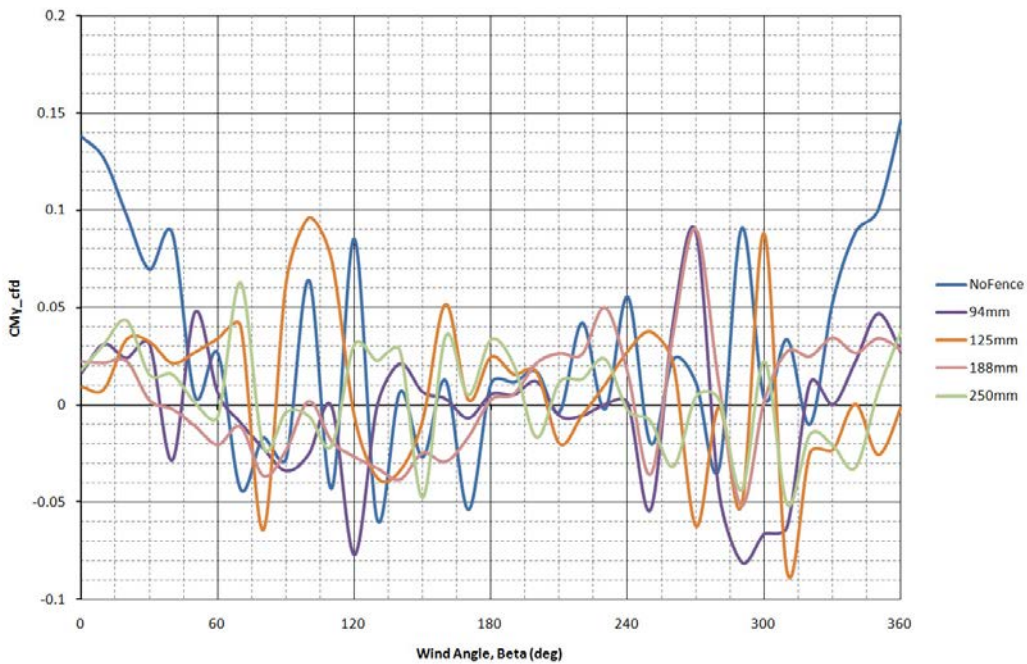
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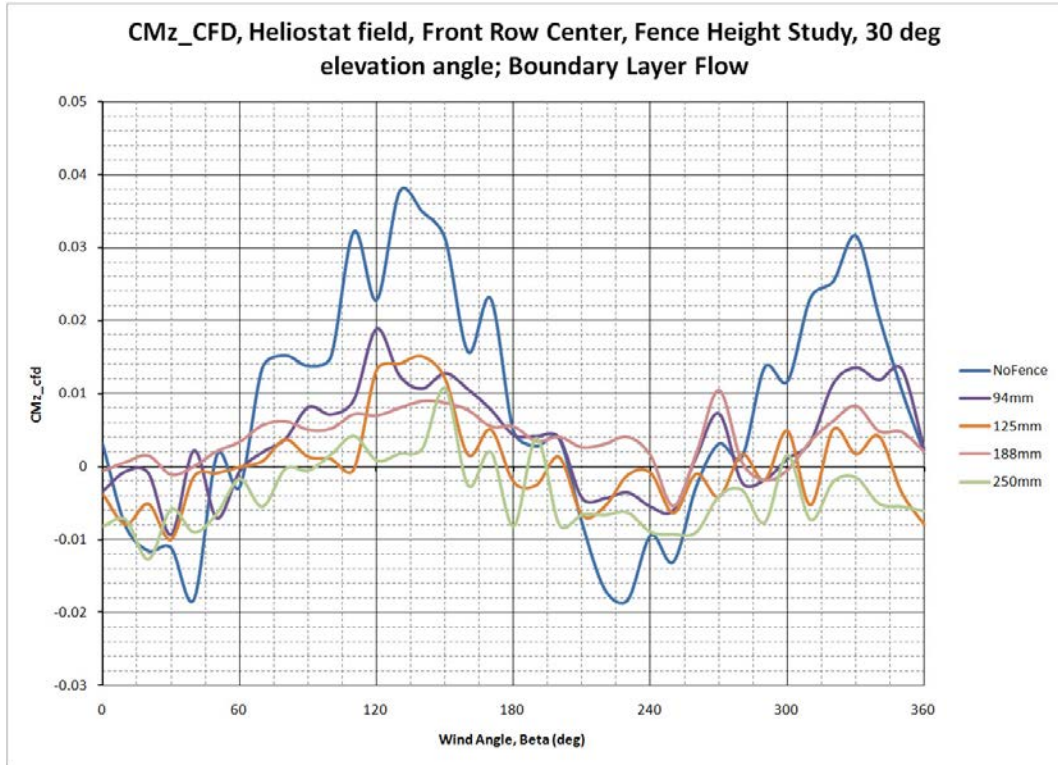


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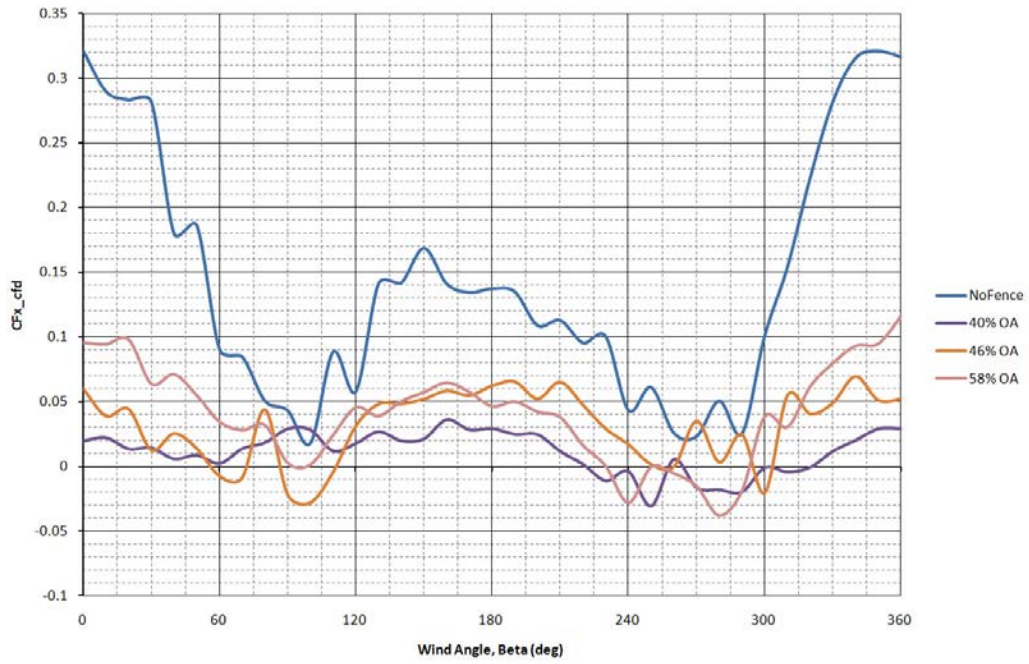




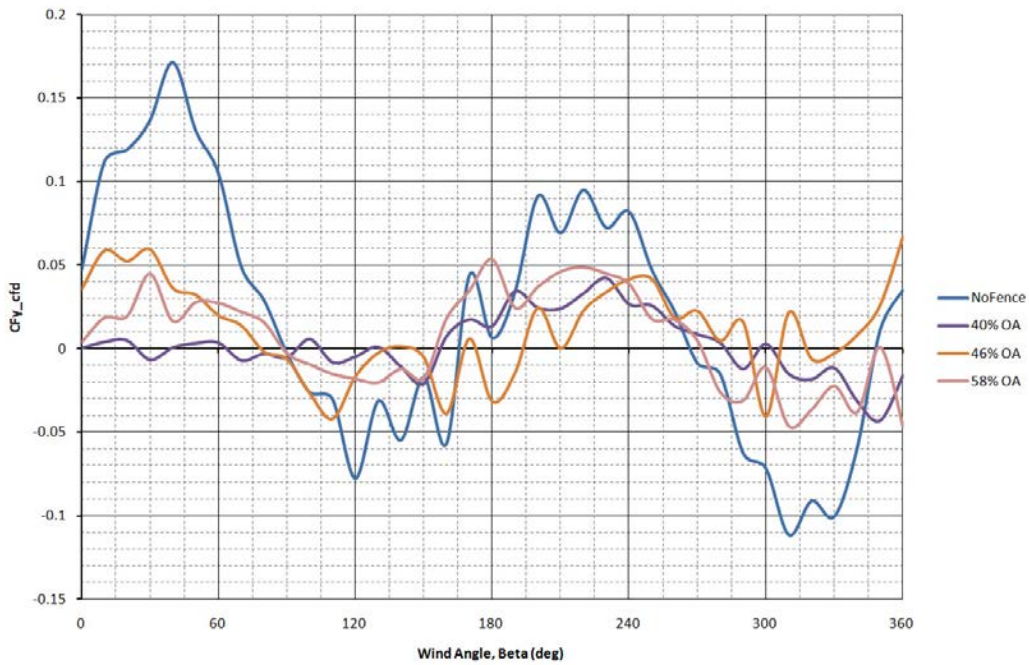
Fence Porosity Experiments

- **Heliostat Model Used:** 100mm x 100mm x 3mm reflector, HCL = 75mm
- **Fence Model Used:** 125mm tall, 40%OA, 46% OA, 58%OA
- **Test conditions were as follows:**
 - Q = 0.95 kPa (20psf)
 - Wind Speed = 40 m/s (132 ft/s)
 - Air Temperature = 23 C (74° F)
 - Air Density = 1.20 kg/m³ (14.85 psia, as reported from tunnel conditions)
 - Elevation angles (α) tested: 30 degrees
 - Azimuth angles (β) tested: 0 - 360 deg in 5 degree increments
 - Instrumented field positions: 1st row

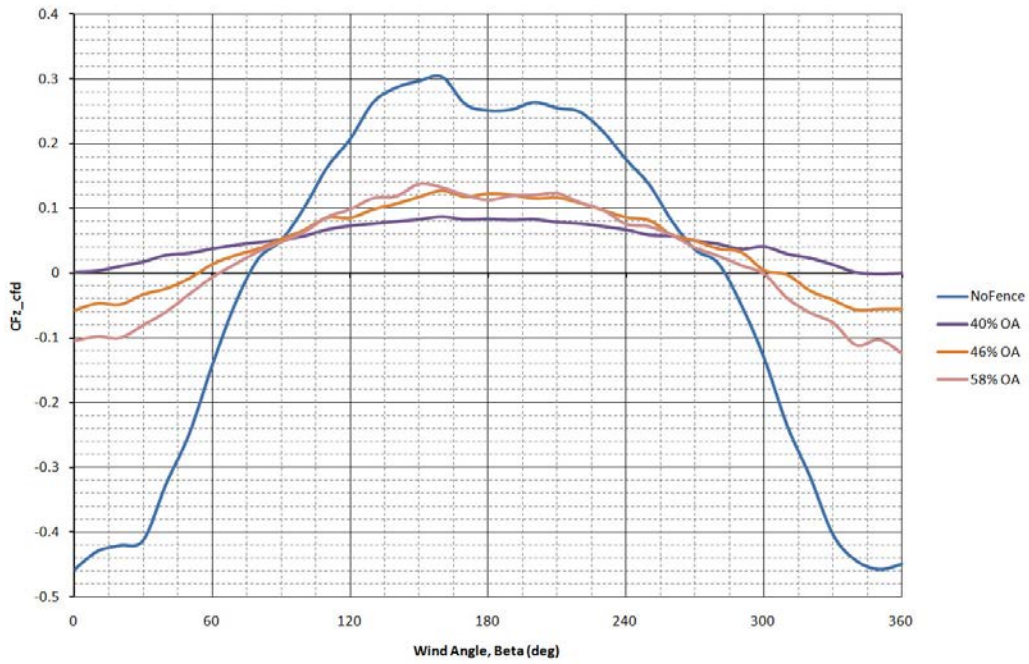
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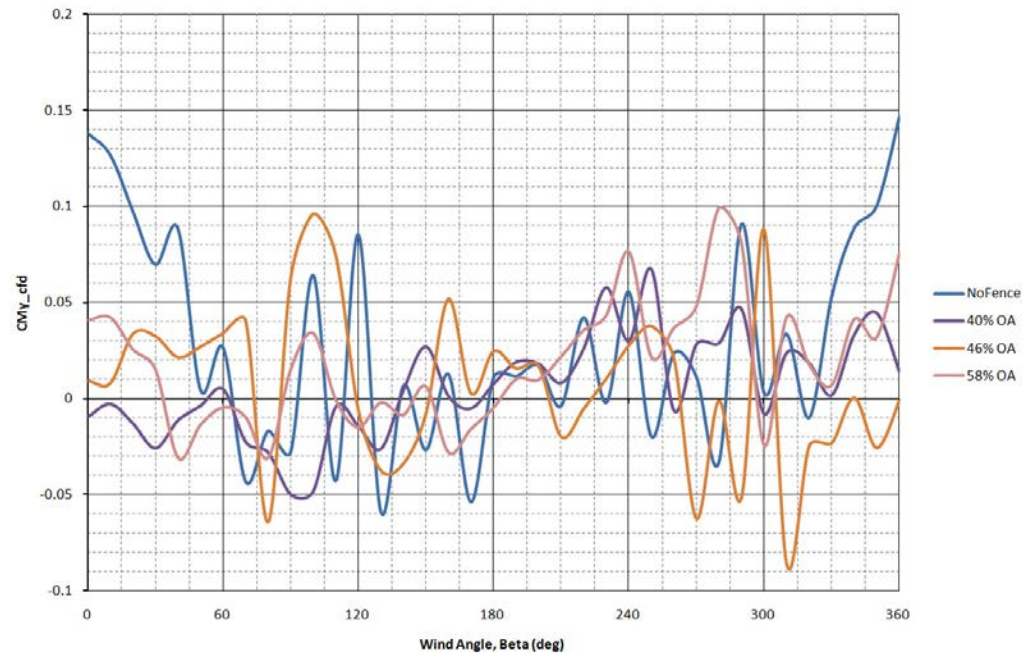
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