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RAVE-Project FlexiWind – Modelling of Virtual Offshore Wind Farms Regarding Flexible Operation and Optimization of Structural Loads and Performance

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General Project Overview

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FlexiWind Project

Requested Budget: about 2.5 Million €

Duration: 3 years

Project start: November 1st 2022

Project Lead: Fraunhofer IWES

Funded partners: Stuttgart Wind Energy (SWE), Ramboll (RBL)

Associated Partners: GE, Iberdrola, Beckhoff

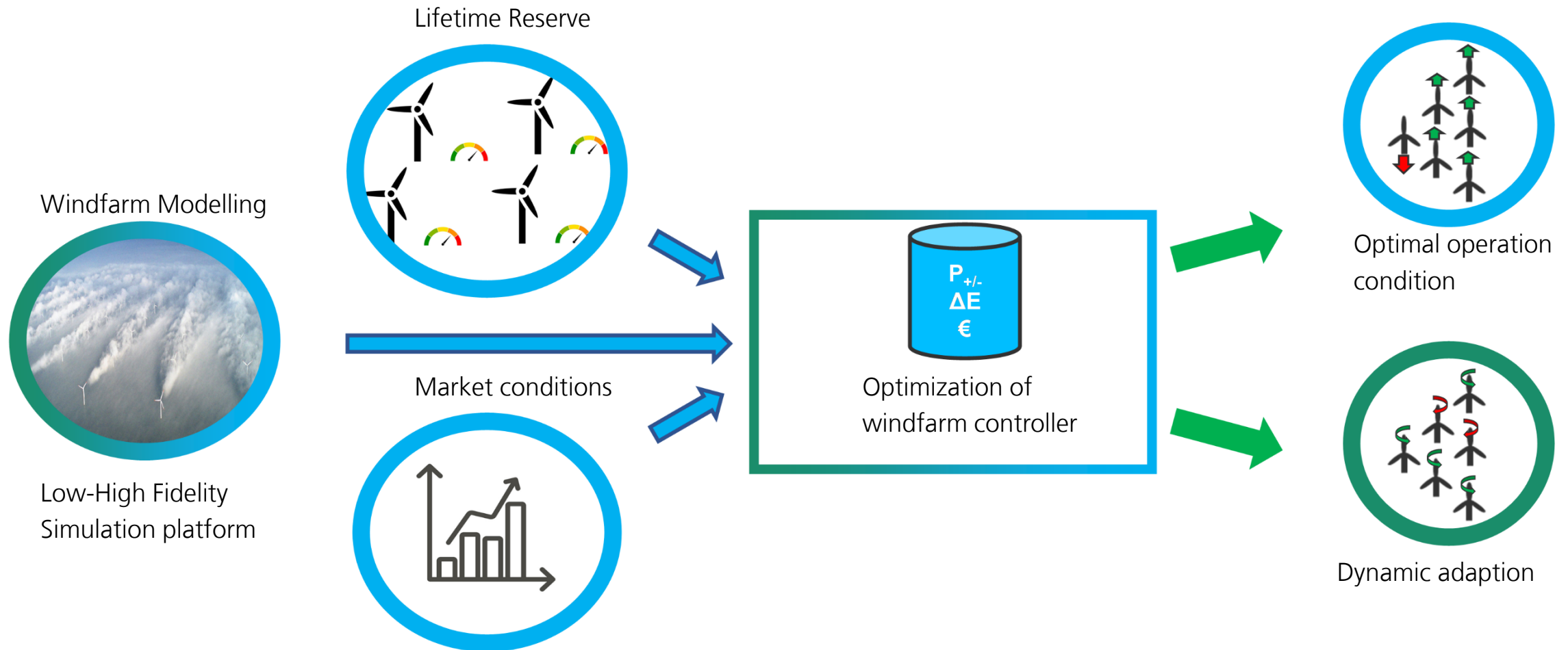
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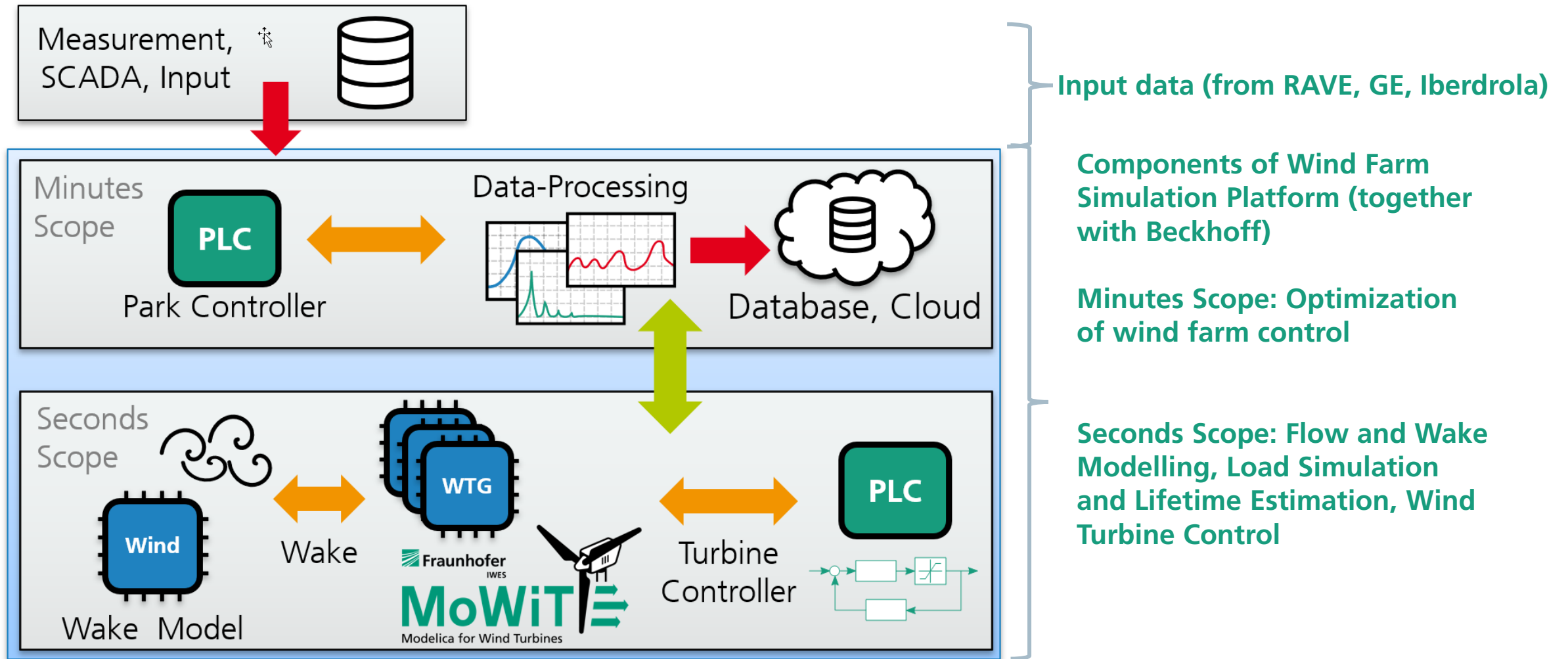
Diagram about the whole project



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General Overview of wind park simulation platform



Optimization of FOWT systems

MoWiT – Modelica® library for Wind Turbines¹

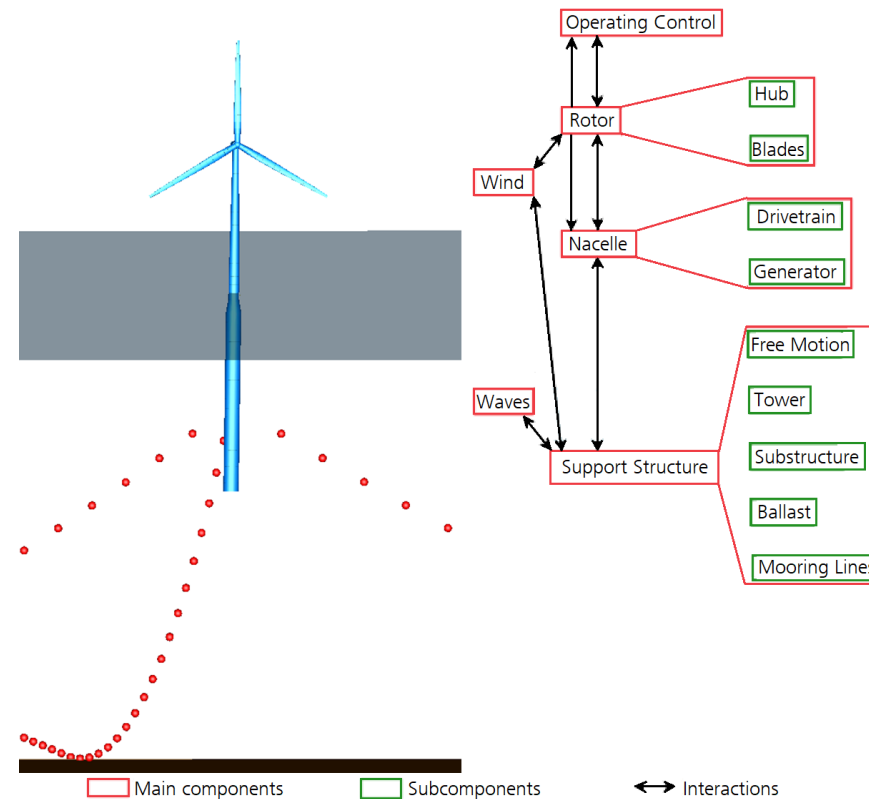
Computational model for wind turbine load calculations

- Modeling of any state-of-the art wind turbine system
 - Onshore
 - Offshore bottom-fixed
 - Offshore floating
- Fully coupled multi-physics simulations
- Loads and system dynamics in time-domain

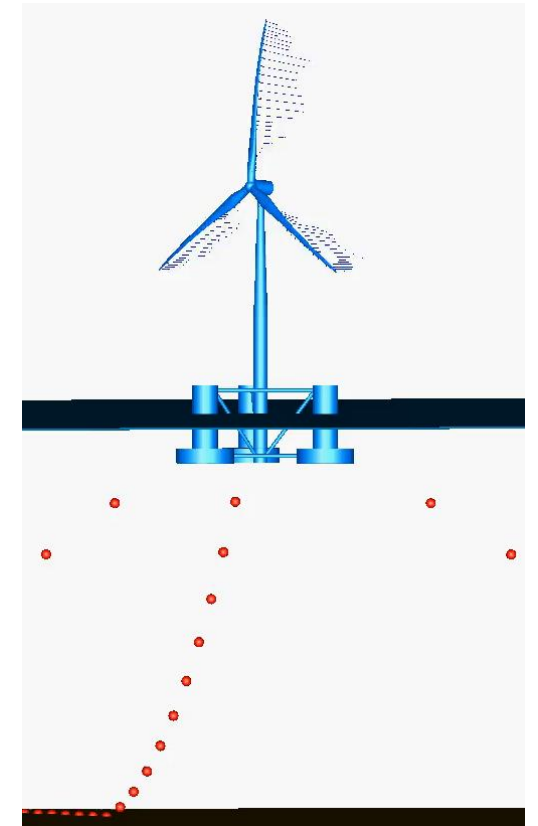
Object-oriented & component-based

- Flexible multibody approach based on Modelica Multibody Library
- Verified and Validated
- Real-time capability for hardware-in-loop
- Interfaces to C, Matlab/Simulink, FMI/FMU
- Open Source in 2023

¹ www.mowit.info



Adapted from (Leimeister et al., 2017, doi: 10.3384/ecp17132633)

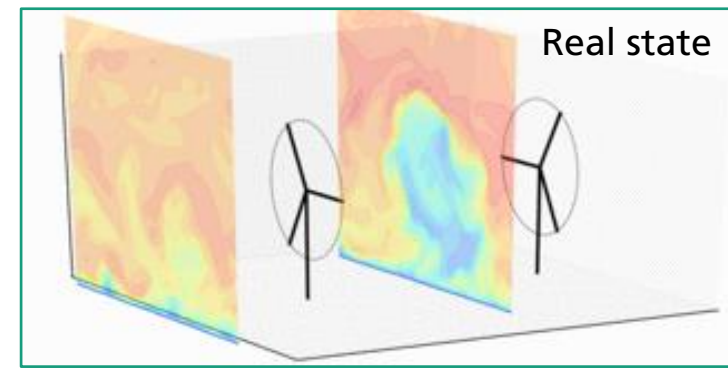
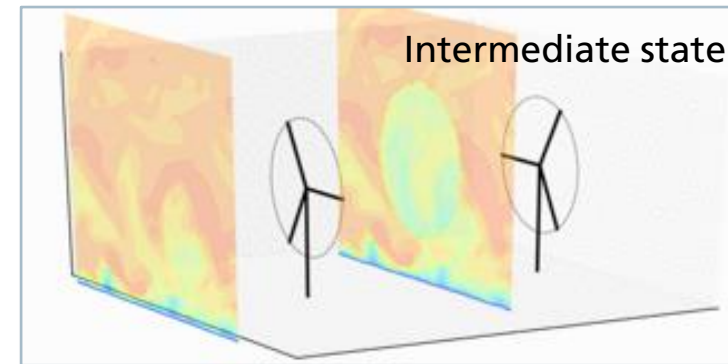
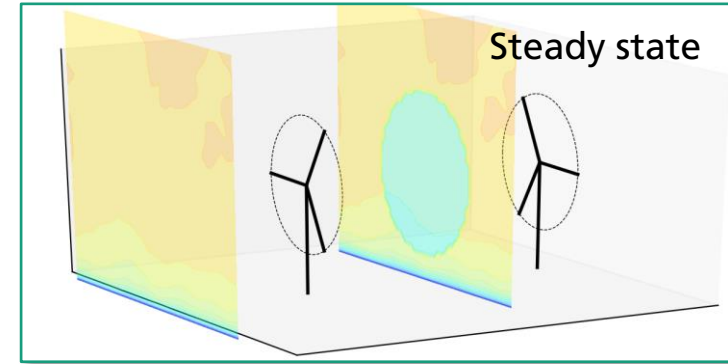
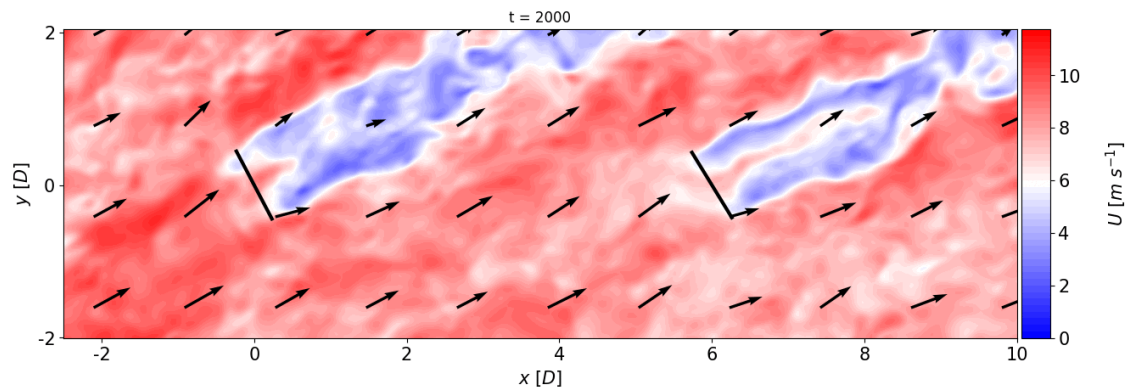


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Aerodynamic interaction

Wake mitigation / control

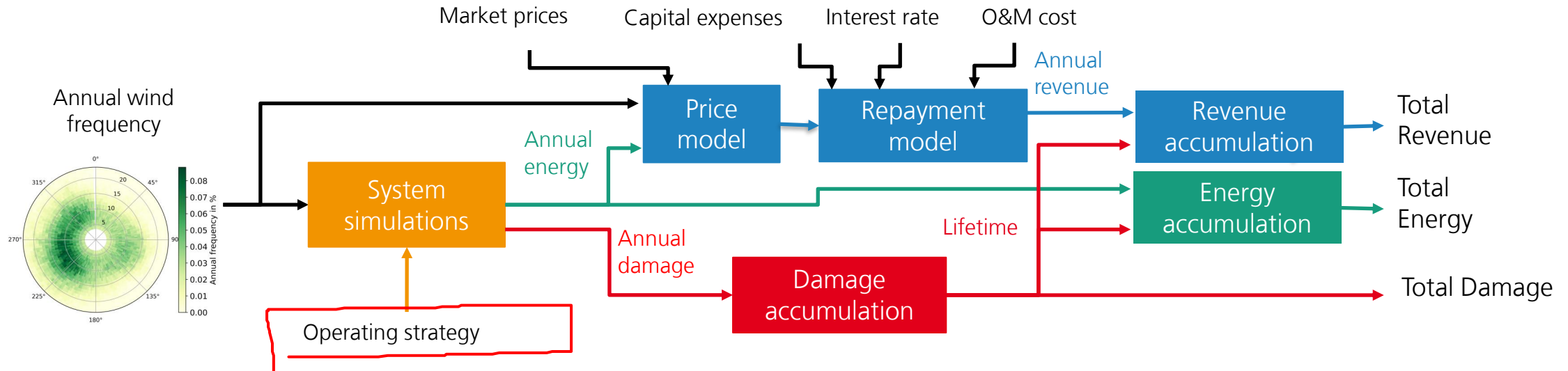
- Create reference LES data set for various inflow conditions
- Implement aerodynamic interaction between turbines for the simulation platform
- Search for a *sweet spot* as compromise between wake detail and model performance



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Operational optimization

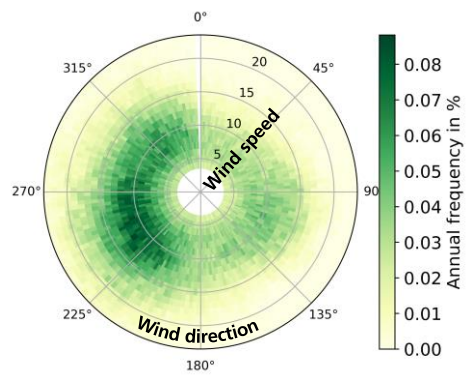
Goal: Maximize revenue from existing components
Approach: Model-based optimization for all operating conditions over full lifetime



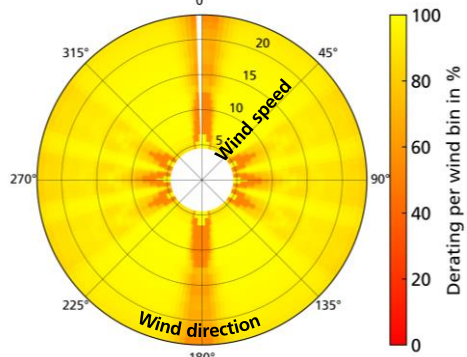
Challenge: Aging of all components must be taken into account
Result: Planned operation of all turbines for entire lifetime

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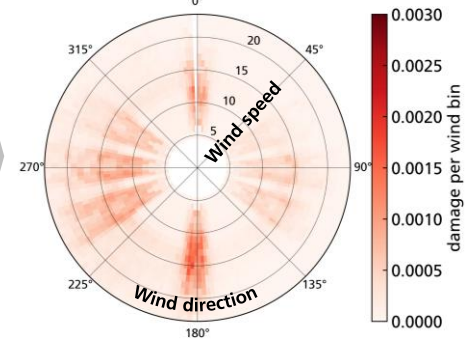
Operational optimization



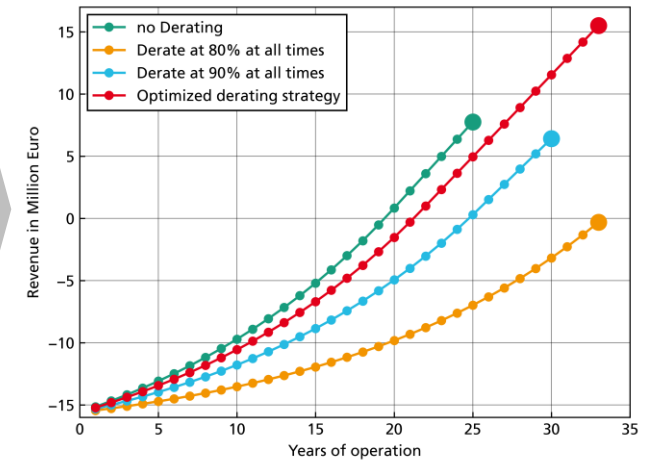
From wind distribution



to planned operation



to planned damage progression



to optimized lifetime, yield and revenue

- ➔ Only the combination of multiple models allows for computation of trade-off between energy and damage
- ➔ Clever planning of operation can yield large increase in lifetime and revenue

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