

**TotalEnergies**

# Wind Digital Twin

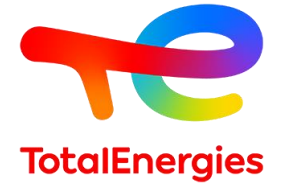
Multiphysics Multifidelity and  
Multiscale modelling

Séminaire : Jumeaux numériques pour  
l'optimisation des opérations industrielles

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# TotalEnergies' Offshore Wind Portfolio Worldwide



Breakdown by technology

**11 gigawatts** of projects in development, under construction and in production



Project location

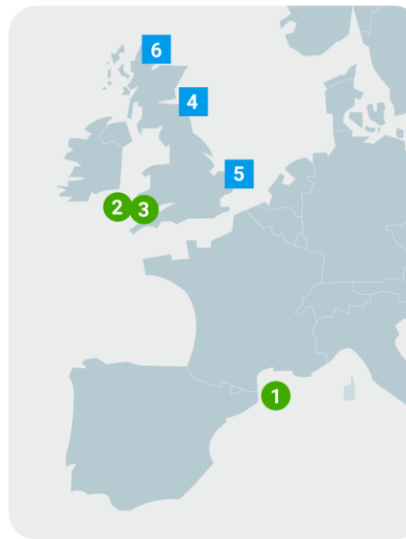


**1 EolMed**  
Oct. 2020

- Off the coast of Port-la-Nouvelle in the Mediterranean Sea
- 30 MW of production capacity
- Start-up: **2024**
- In partnership with **Qair**
- Accelerate the development of floating wind turbine technology

**2 Valorous**  
Mar. 2020

- Celtic Sea
- 300 MW of production capacity
- Start-up: **beyond 2030**



**3 Erebus**  
Mar. 2020

- Celtic Sea
- 96 MW of production capacity
- Start-up: **2027**
- Pioneering floating wind turbine project in the United Kingdom

**4 Seagreen**  
June 2020

- Off the coast of Scotland
- 1,14 GW of production capacity
- Start-up: **August 2022**
- Scotland's largest offshore wind farm

**5 Outer Dowsing**  
Feb. 2021

- Off the coast of Lincolnshire
- 1,5 GW of production capacity
- Joint venture with **GIG**

**6 West of Orkney**  
Jan. 2022

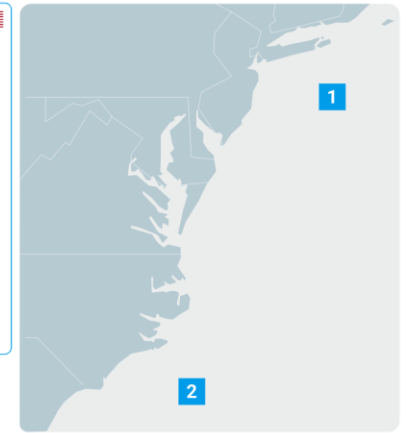
- Off the coast of the Orkney Islands
- 2 GW of production capacity
- Start-up: **2030**
- In partnership with **GIG** and **RIDG**
- TotalEnergies' largest renewable energies development project in Europe to date

**1 New York Bight**  
Feb. 2022

- Off the coast of New York and New Jersey
- 3 GW of production capacity
- Start-up: **2029**
- TotalEnergies' largest renewable energies project to date

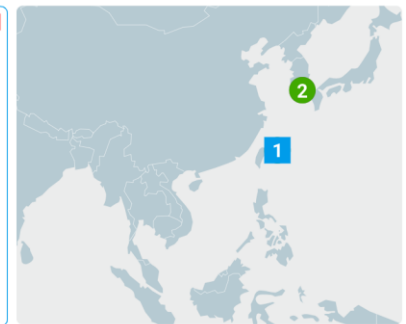
**2 North Carolina**  
May 2022

- Carolina Long Bay
- 1 GW of production capacity
- Start-up: **2030**
- Average annual demand of more than 300,000 homes



**1 Yunlin**  
Apr. 2021

- Off the coast of Taiwan
- 640 MW of production capacity
- Start-up: **November 2021**
- In partnership with **wpd**



**2 Bada**  
Sept. 2020

- South Korea
- More than 2 GW of potential production capacity
- Start-up: **2027**
- In partnership with **GIG**

# Wind Turbines – Technological Trend

- Scale-up

- Rotor swept area increasing significantly
- Length of blades and tower lead to new behaviour

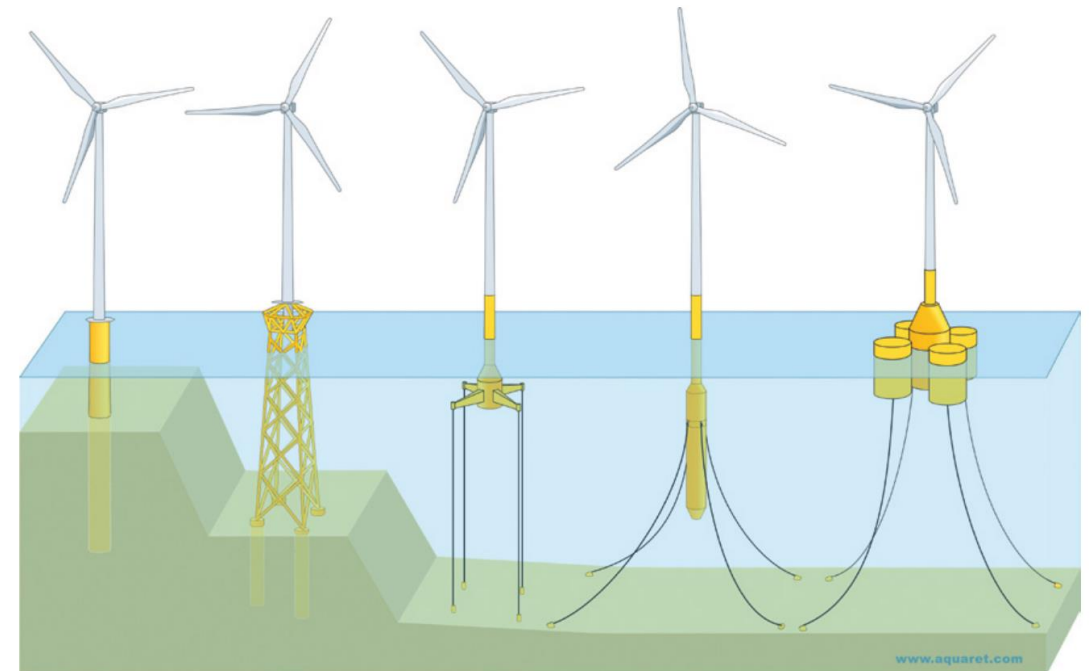
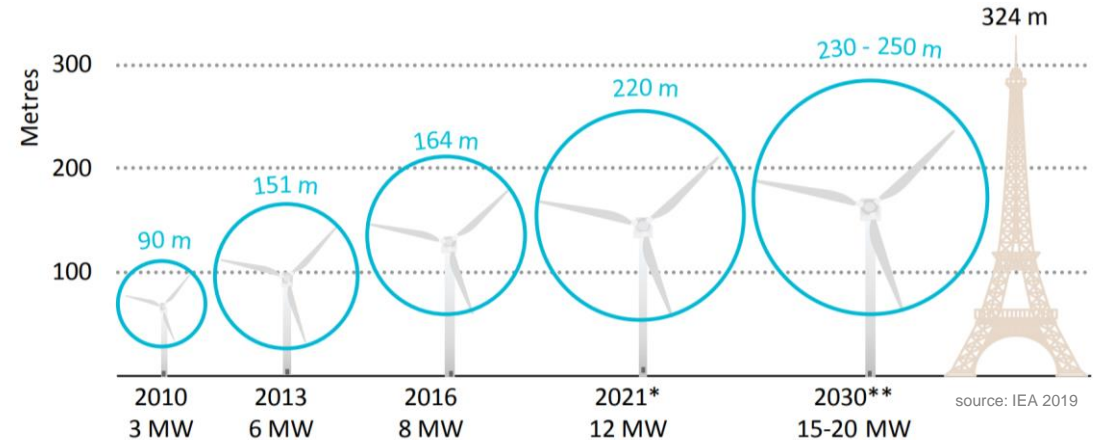
- Foundations technologies (offshore)

- **Fixed:**

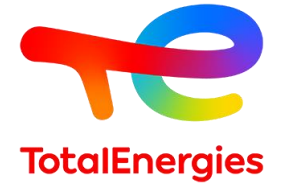
- Types: monopile, tripod, jacket
- Well-known technology
- Limited in depth

- **Floating:**

- Types: semi-sub, TLP, spar, barge
- Still early – no massive deployment yet
- Unlocks deployment in deeper water
- Uncertainties regarding mooring systems
- Currently significantly more expensive



# Digital Twin – A Definition for this Presentation



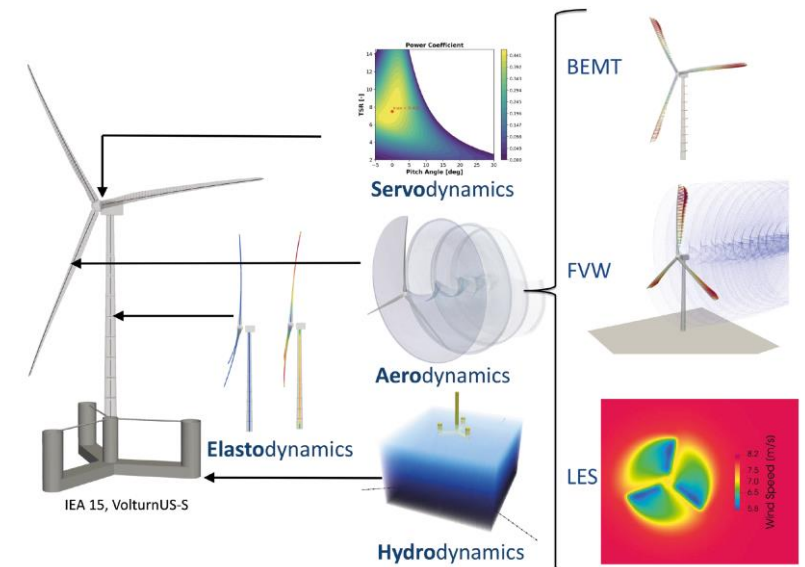
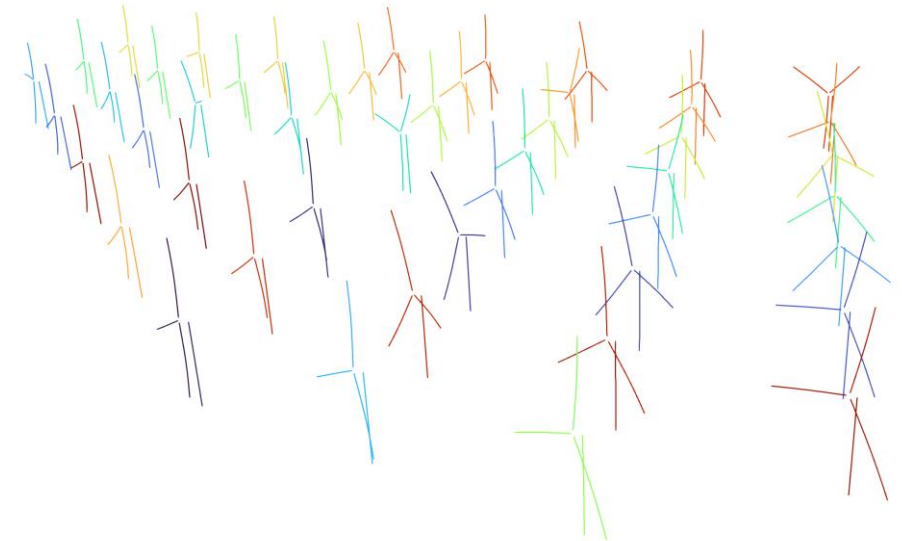
- Aims of the digital twin

- **Reproduce behaviour** of physical asset numerically
  - Calibrate model to « as built » instead of « as designed », detect anomalies
- **Anticipate behaviour** of physical asset from numerical model
  - Plan O&M, predictive maintenance (repair vs replace), reduce OPEX
- **Evaluate model** numerically in new and/or extreme conditions
- **Optimize** physical asset (e.g. adapting control strategies)
- **Add new features** numerically before deploying on physical asset

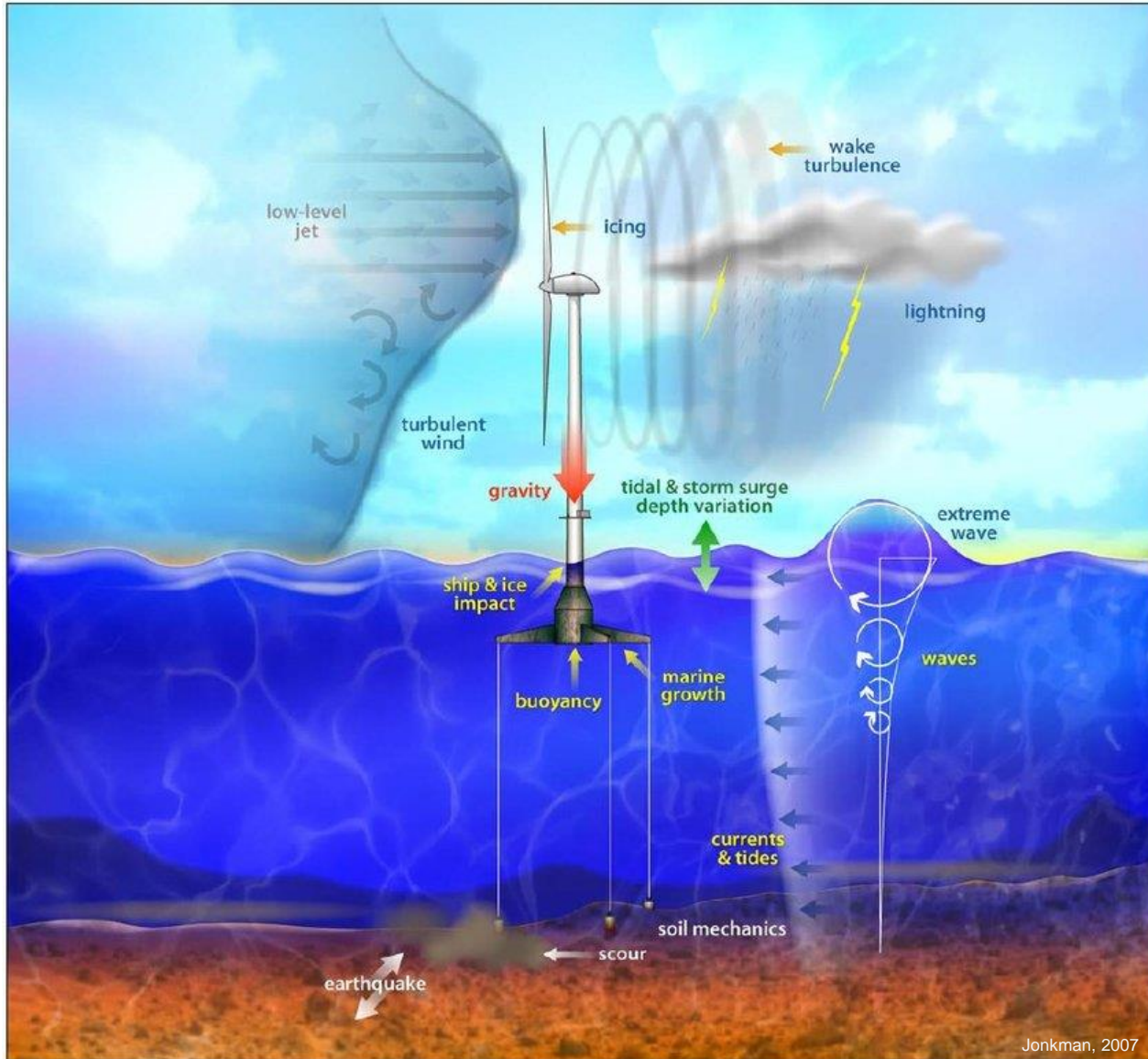
- Main aspects of digital twin

- **Multiphysics** – physics involved and their interaction
- **Multifidelity** – numerical accuracy in describing physics
- **Multiscale** – component, turbine, farm, inter-farm

- Time domain, dynamic model considered



# Physical Asset – Multiphysics



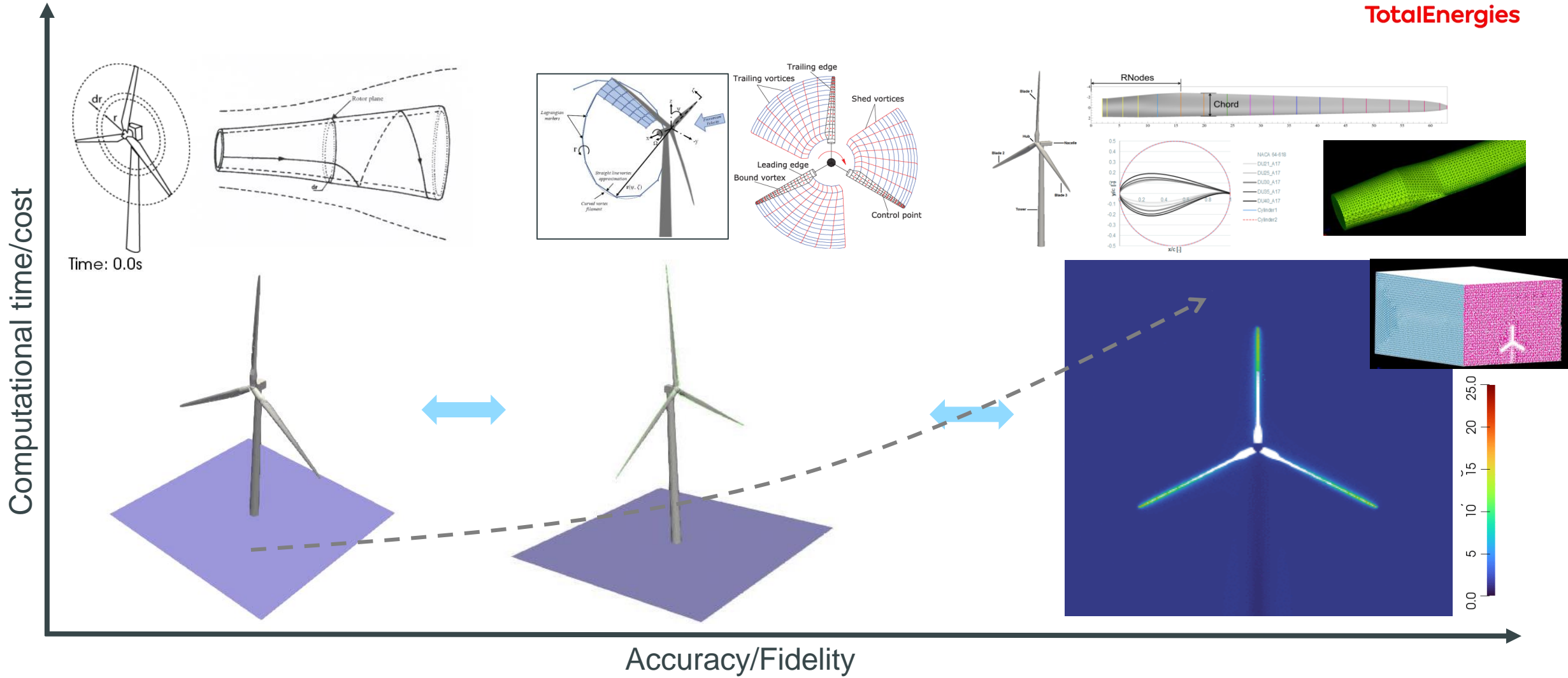
- Physics involved:

- Aerodynamics
- Elastodynamics
- Hydrodynamics
- Servodynamics

- Main questions:

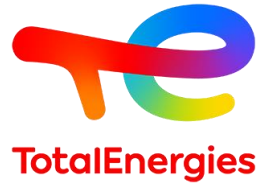
- How to represent each aspect individually
- How to couple them together
- What level of accuracy is needed
- What scale is important

# Numerical Model – Multifidelity

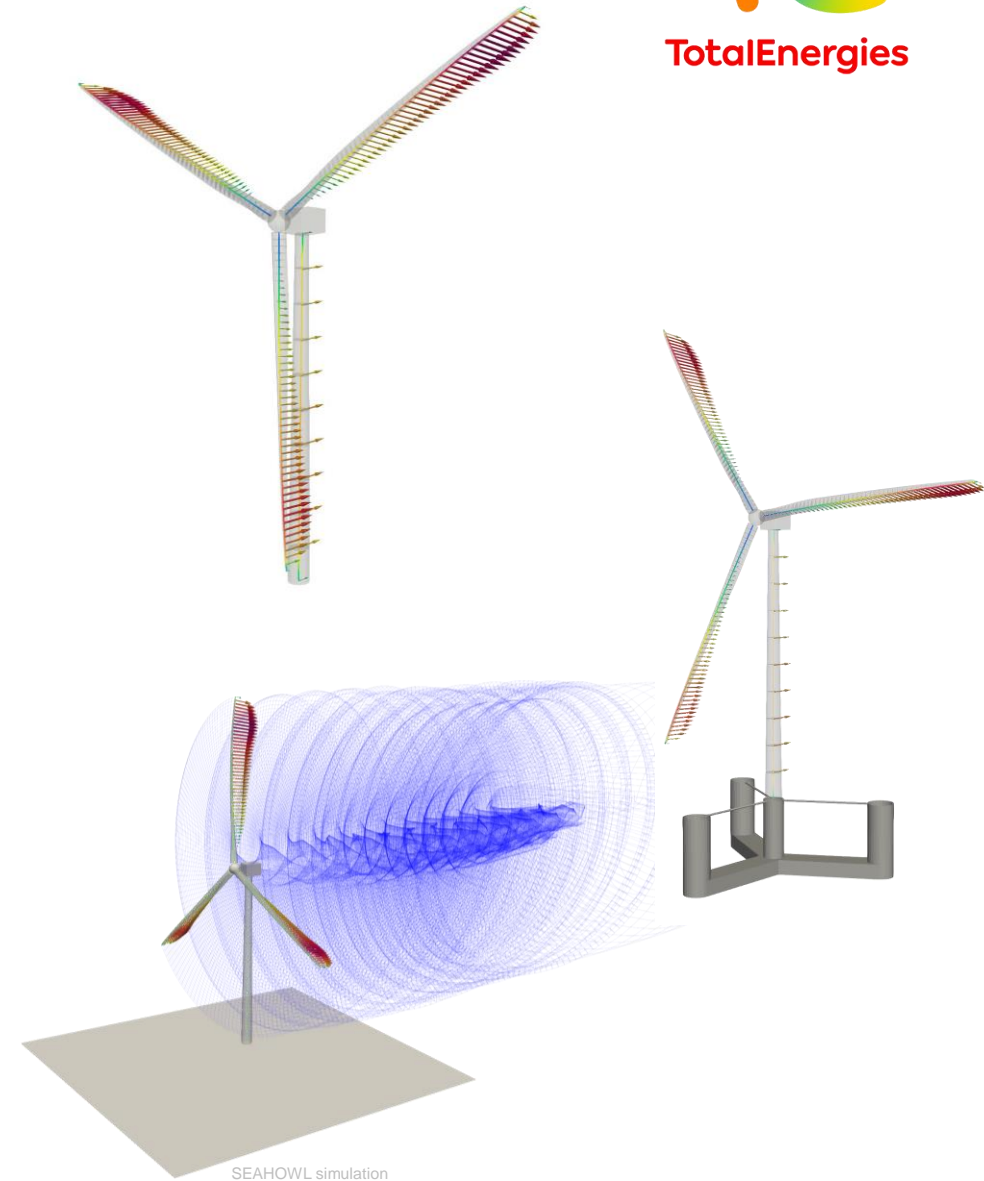


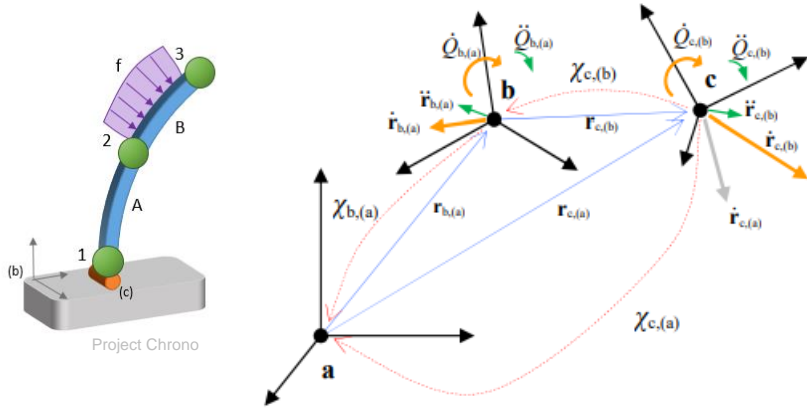
Level of fidelity is application dependent

# Building a Fully Coupled Model



- Main issues with off-the-shelf tools:
  - ✗ Black box physics if not fully open source
  - ✗ Lack of flexibility/modularity
  - ✗ Not always HPC-ready
  - ✗ Hard to do fast modifications/updates
- Main reasons to build fully coupled model:
  - ✓ Total control of physics (no black box)
  - ✓ Modular/flexible framework from the ground up
  - ✓ Modern and efficient with latest available tools
  - ✓ Easier to adapt to digital twin needs
- TotalEnergies solution:
  - **SEAHOWL**: Servo-Elasto-Aero-Hydro Offshore Wind Lab
  - Monolithic elastodynamics (Project Chrono): multibody, FEM
  - Internal implementations and specialized external tools





## Main inputs:

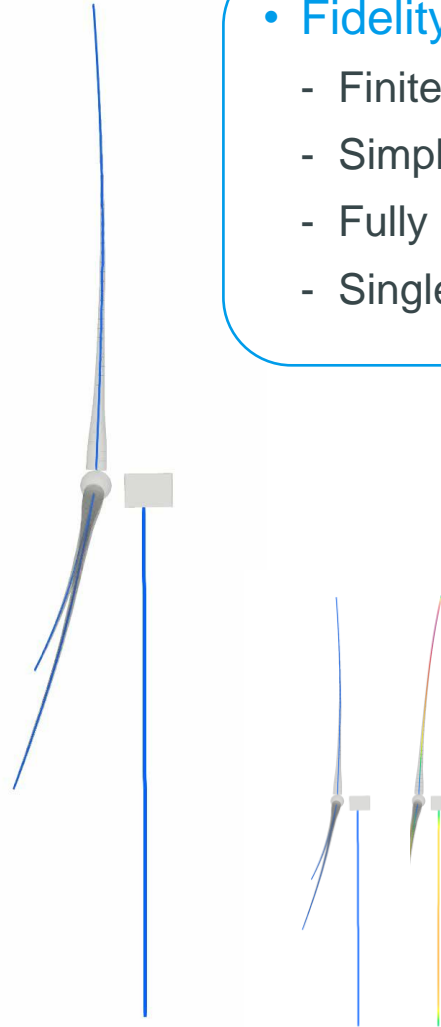
- Environmental loads
- Controller commands
  - Generator electrical torque
  - Demanded blade pitch

## Main outputs

- New positions of nodes/bodies
- Total loads on components

## Fidelity levels (rotor):

- Finite elements / FEM (6x6) beams
- Simplified beams
- Fully rigid blades
- Single rigid body for rotor

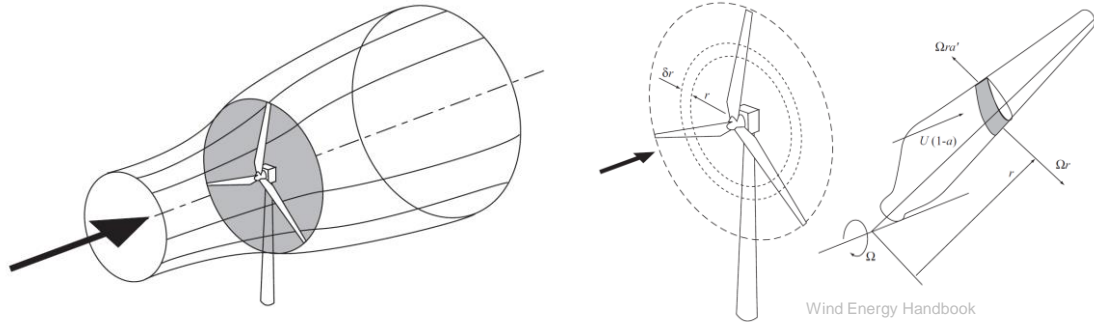


SEAHOWL simulation

## Identified gaps:

- Lacking instrumentation
  - Blade root, tower base moments
- Undetailed properties
  - Composite material of blades
  - Scantling of tower
- Uncertainties on installation
  - Soil properties
  - Moorings/anchors positions





Wind Energy Handbook

## • Fidelity levels:

- Computational Fluid Dynamics
  - Blade resolved
  - Actuator Line Method (ALM)
- Free Vortex Method (FVM)
- Blade Element Momentum Theory (BEMT)

## • Main inputs:

- Wind velocity, direction, turbulence
- Blades and tower nodes positions, velocities, accelerations

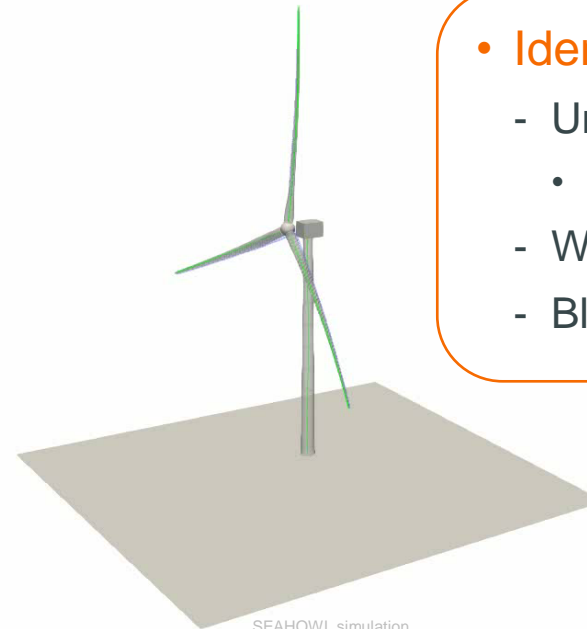
## • Main outputs

- Blade and tower aerodynamic loads
- Wake (if approach produces it)

Time: 0.0 s

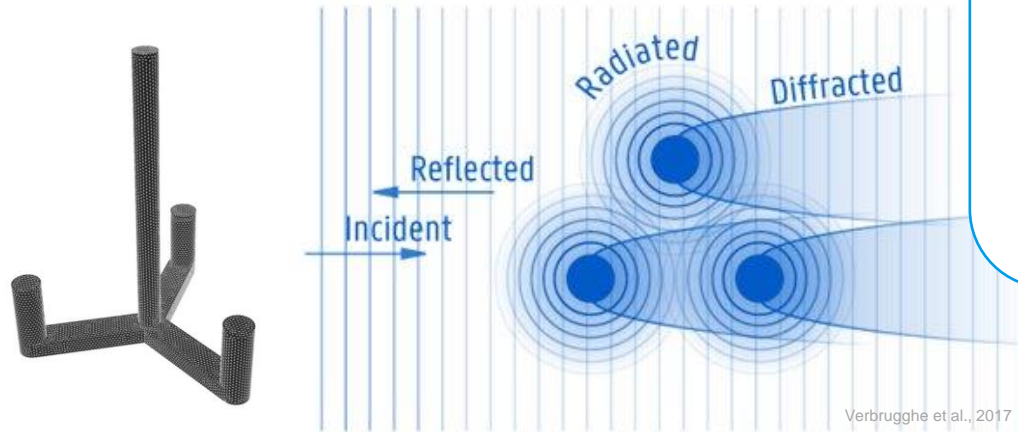
## • Identified gaps:

- Unrepresentative instrumentation
  - e.g. anemometer on nacelle, behind rotor
- Wake dynamics
- Blade geometry (lift, drag)



SEAHOWL simulation

# Hydrodynamics



## • Fidelity levels:

- Computational Fluid Dynamics
  - Smooth Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)
  - Finite Volume/Element Method (FVM/FEM)
- Potential flow: Boundary Element Method
- Strip theory: Morison's equation

## • Main inputs:

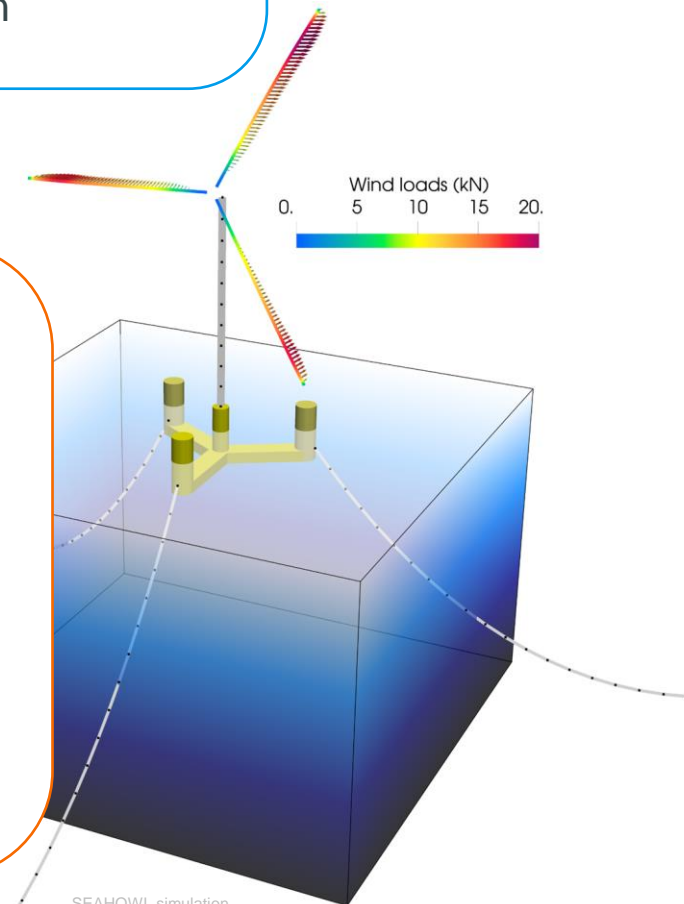
- Sea state ( $H_s$ ,  $T_p$ , direction, current)
- Hydrodynamic database / floater geometry
- Floater viscous damping
- Mooring drag and added mass coeffs

## • Main outputs

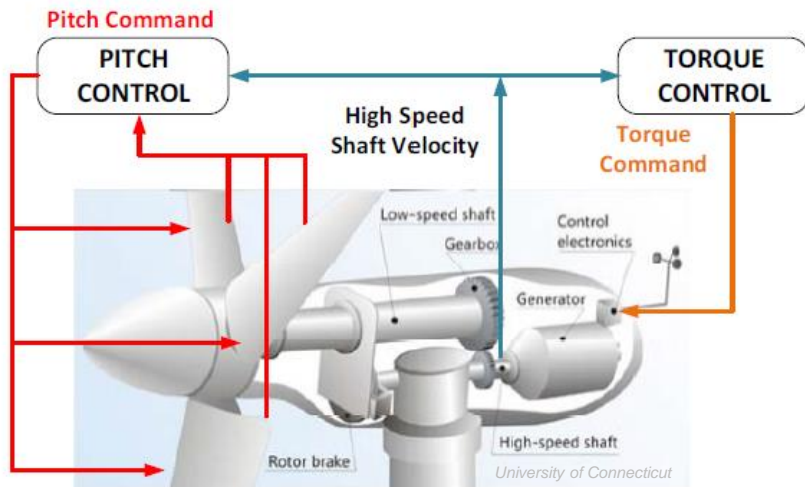
- Floater hydrodynamic loads
- Moorings hydrodynamic loads

## • Identified gaps:

- Real-time data of waves / free surface elevation
- Lacking instrumentation
  - Pressure gauges
  - Overtopping measurement
- Uncertainties over lifetime
  - Marine growth
  - Scour (anchors)



# Servodynamics

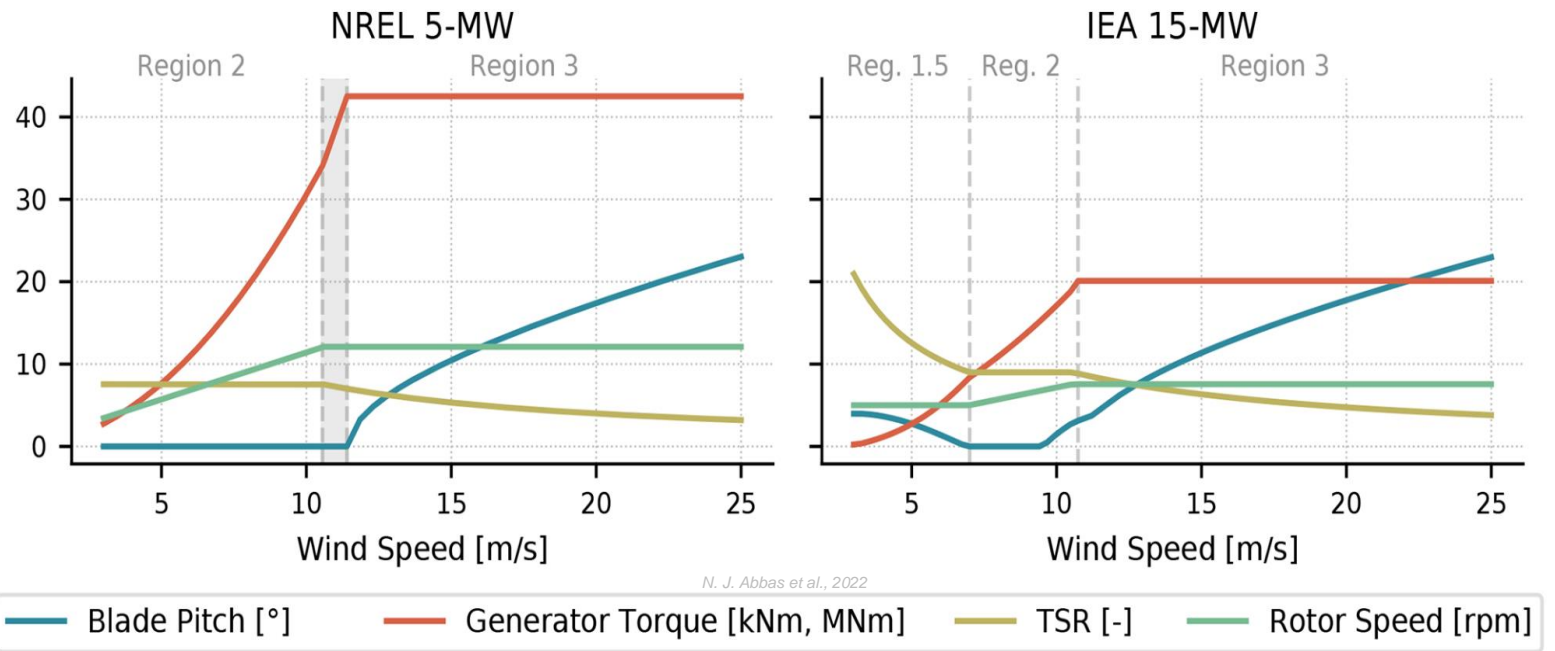


## • Main inputs:

- Rotor RPM
- Generator RPM
- Rotor azimuth

## • Main outputs

- Electrical torque
- Demanded blade pitch

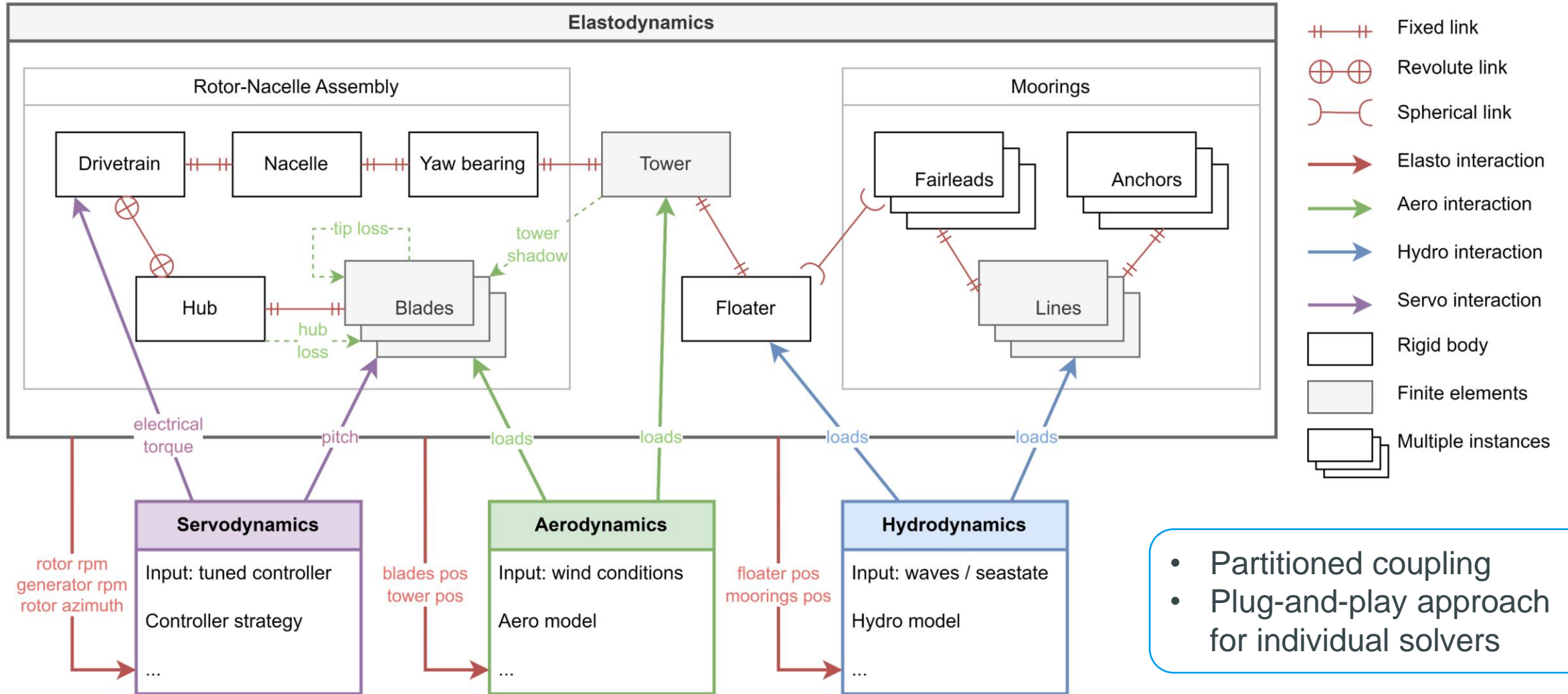


*N. J. Abbas et al., 2022*

## • Identified gaps:

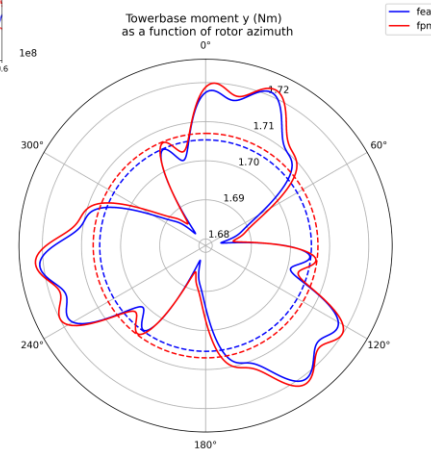
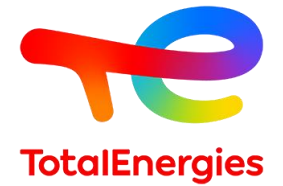
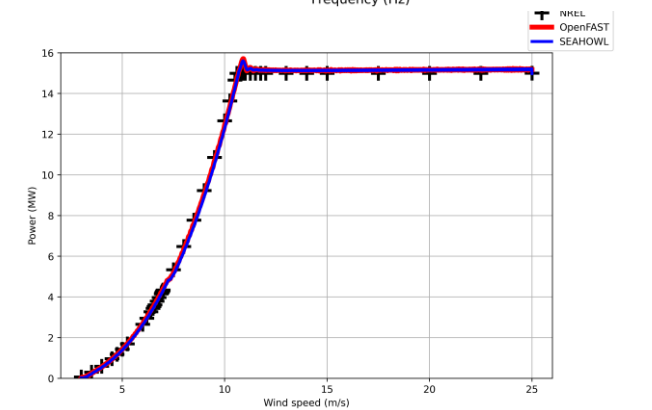
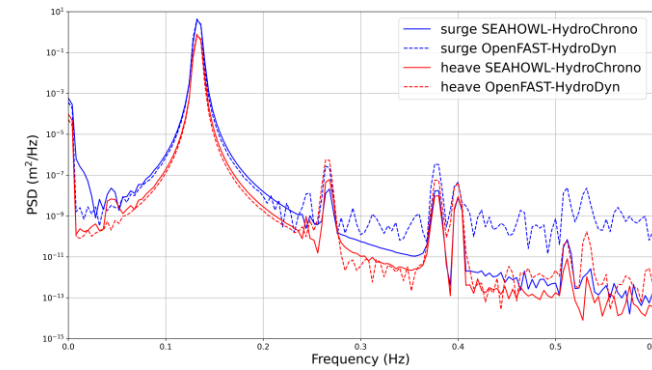
- « Black box » controller strategy

# Numerical Multiphysics Workflow



# Verification & Validation

- **Verification:** « solving the equations right »
  - Compare numerical results and/or convergence
- **Validation:** « solving the right equations »
  - Comparison with experiments
  - Cross-code validation
- **Field data** is key to validate / synchronize digital twin



## • SCADA live data:

- Quality
- Frequency
- Synchronisation
- Cleaning
- Processing
- Communication

# Digital to Physical Application (1/2)

## 3P effect mitigation

→ Once digital twin is built, use numerical model for new features

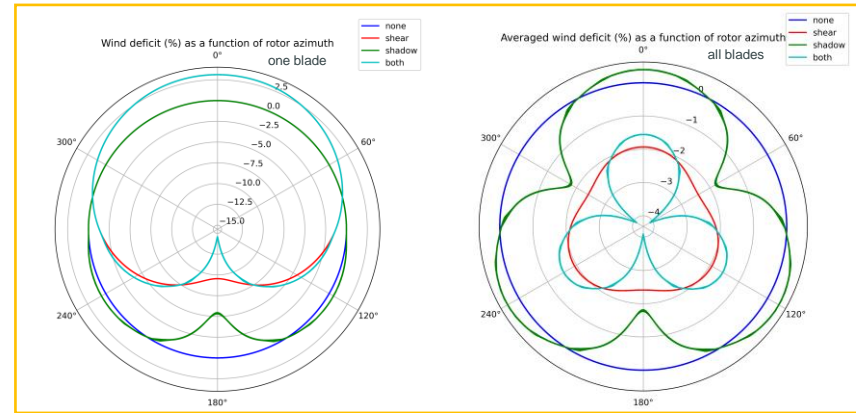
- The problem: 3P effect

- Due to **wind shear** and passage of blade in front of tower (**tower shadow**)
- Can contribute significantly to **fatigue** of components (blades, tower)

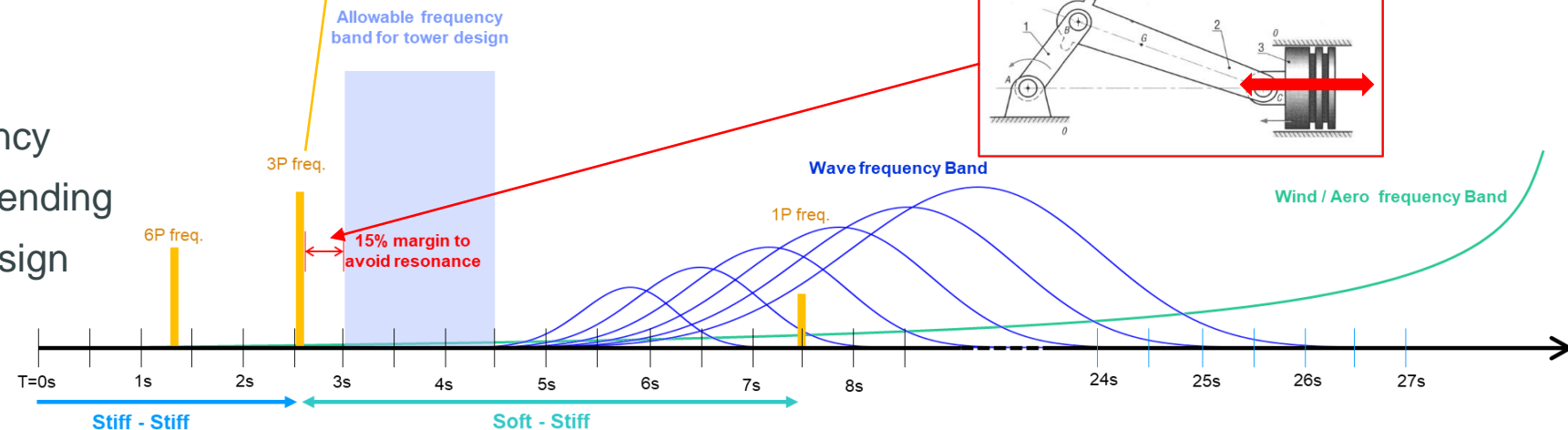
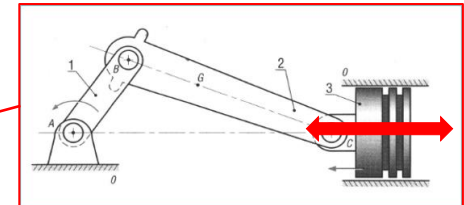
- Tower design constraints

- **Soft enough** to avoid 3P frequency
- **Stiff enough** to avoid extreme bending
- **Narrow frequency band** for design

Wind deficit from tower presence and wind shear



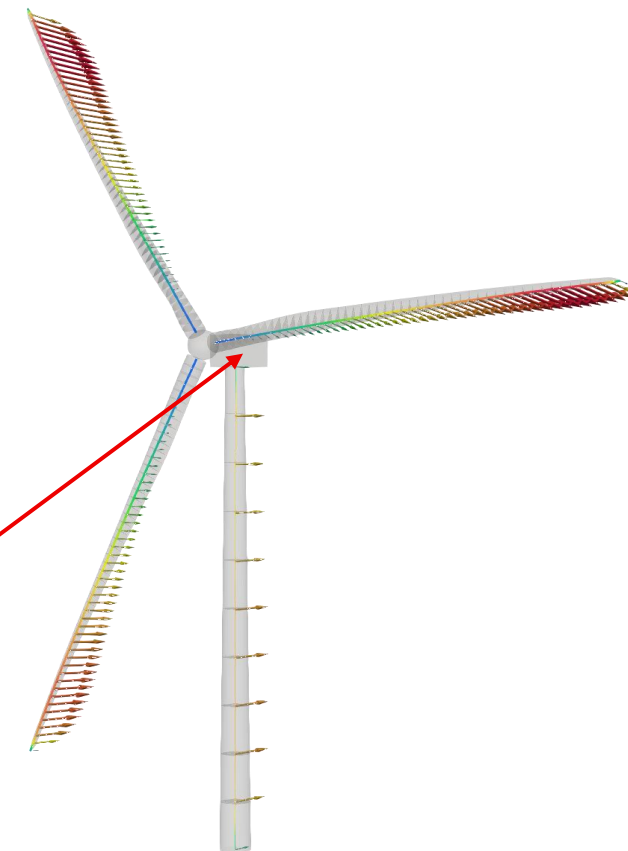
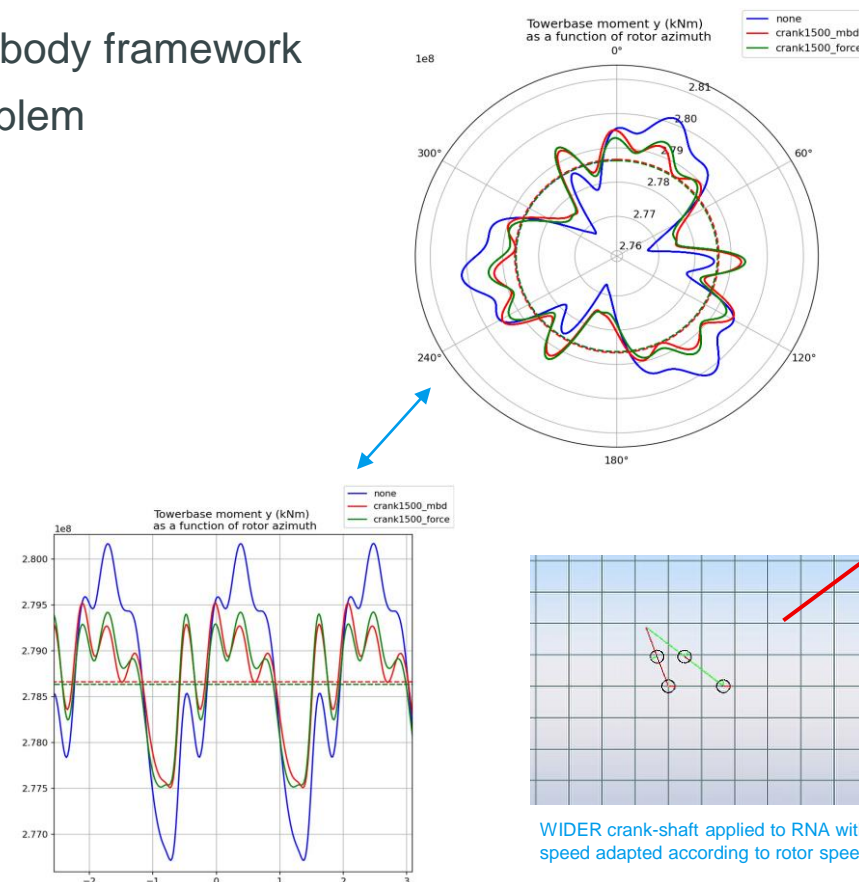
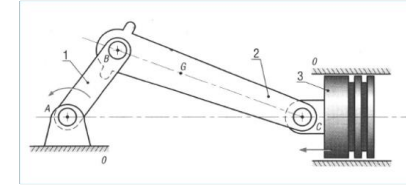
**WIDER: Wind Inertia-Driven Excitation Reductor**  
 Moving mass to counteract 3P:  
 - Reduce existing fatigue of tower  
 - Relieve resonance margin constraint



# Digital to Physical Application (2/2)

## 3P effect mitigation

- **SEAHOWL for investigating WIDER solution**
  - Ease of implementation of system in multibody framework
  - Non-turbulent wind used to isolate 3P problem
  - Results produced quickly
- **Different implementations:**
  1. Pure force (from analytical acceleration)
  2. Full multibody (crank-shaft system)→ Sufficiently close to use pure force
- **Main findings:**
  - ~40% load variation reduction due to 3P on above rated wind speed case
  - ~ 0.1% of RNA mass



WIDER crank-shaft applied to RNA with speed adapted according to rotor speed

Digital concept to real device on physical asset?

# Farm Scale Digital Twin



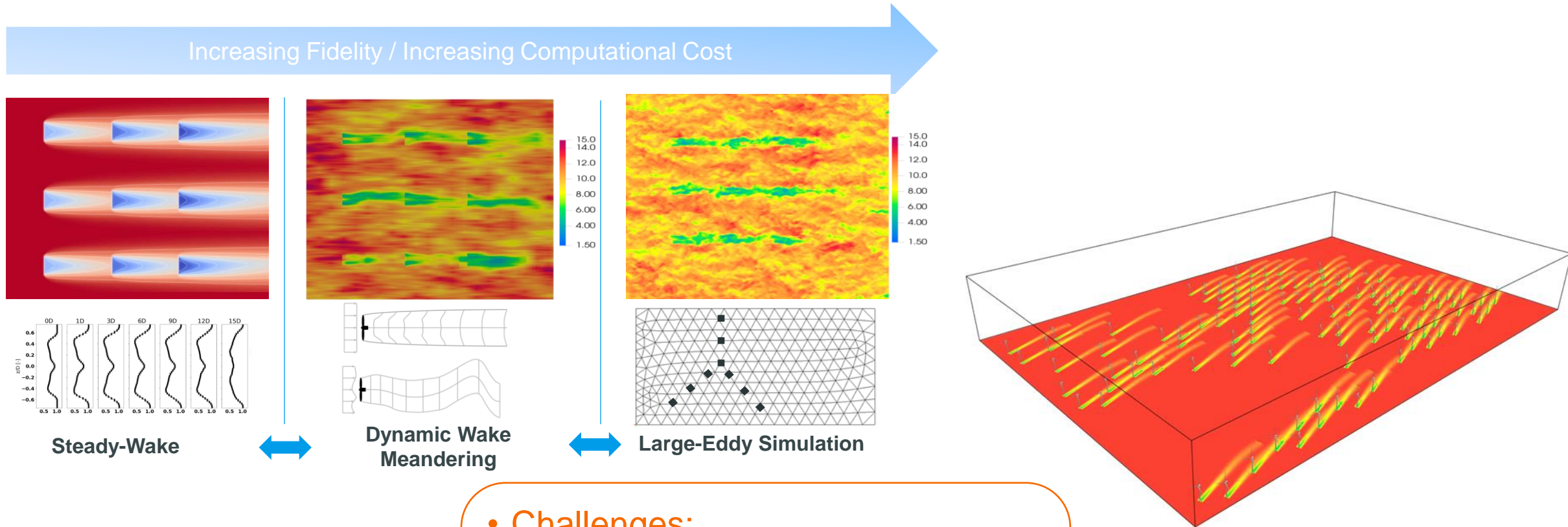
- From turbine to farm:

- Interaction between turbines
- Wake propagation / superposition
- Short-term forecasting
- Plan operation and maintenance
- Super controller strategies





# Farm Scale – Numerical Aspects



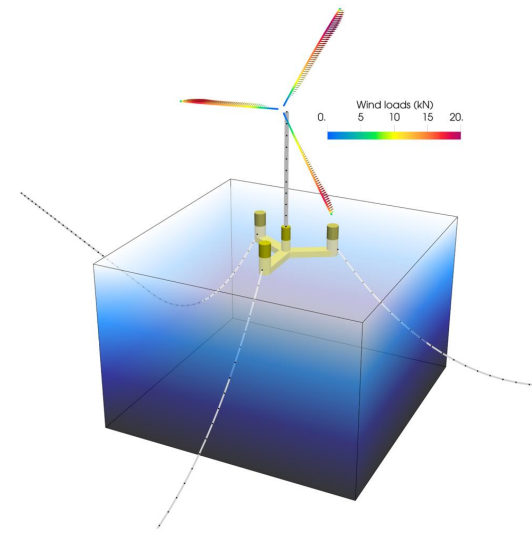
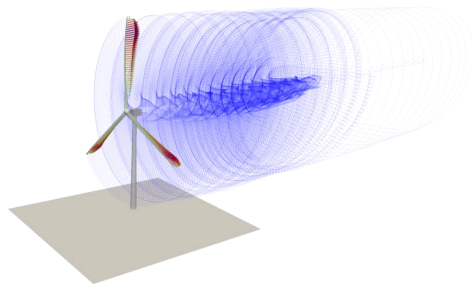
## • Challenges:

- Uncertainties on wind resource
- High fidelity prohibitively expensive  
→ Surrogate needed
- Need to calibrate wake models

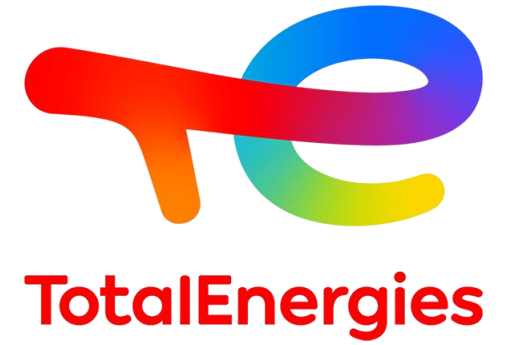
# Conclusions



- **Multiphysics multifidelity digital twin**
  - Modular and flexible for innovative applications
  - Total control of physics involved (no black box)
  - Tunable trade-off of fidelity vs computational cost
  - Numerical model adjustable to digital twin aims
- **Multiscale (farm, inter-farm)**
  - Wake calibration requires high fidelity modelling
  - Surrogate needed for real-time or near real-time
  - Large uncertainties on wakes of physical asset
  - Investigation ongoing to improve robustness



- **Data from physical asset**
  - Key to validate / synchronize digital twin
  - Live data remains a challenge (quality, frequency, comm, etc)
  - Design instrumentation with digital twin in mind
- **Challenges to tackle**
  - Accurate geometry and material properties of physical asset
  - Adjust numerical model from « as designed » to « as built »
  - Control strategy of physical asset
  - Control strategy of farm (super controller)
  - Uncertainties of components installation (e.g. moorings)
  - Circumvent issues numerically if physical data unavailable



Merci.  
*Thank you.*