

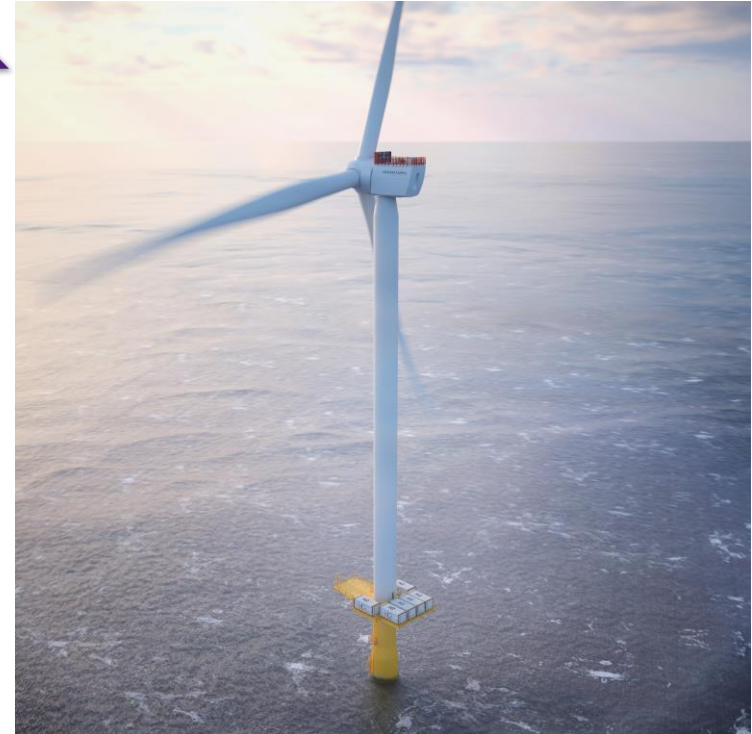
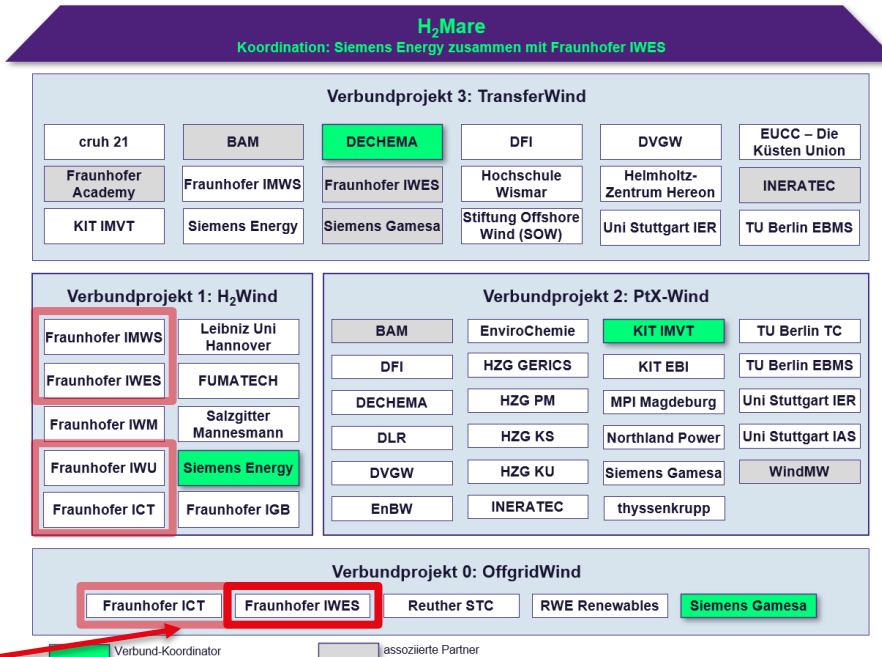
Systems modeling and optimization of the coupled wind turbine-electrolyzer system

Tobias Meyer

Fraunhofer-Institute for Wind Energy Systems

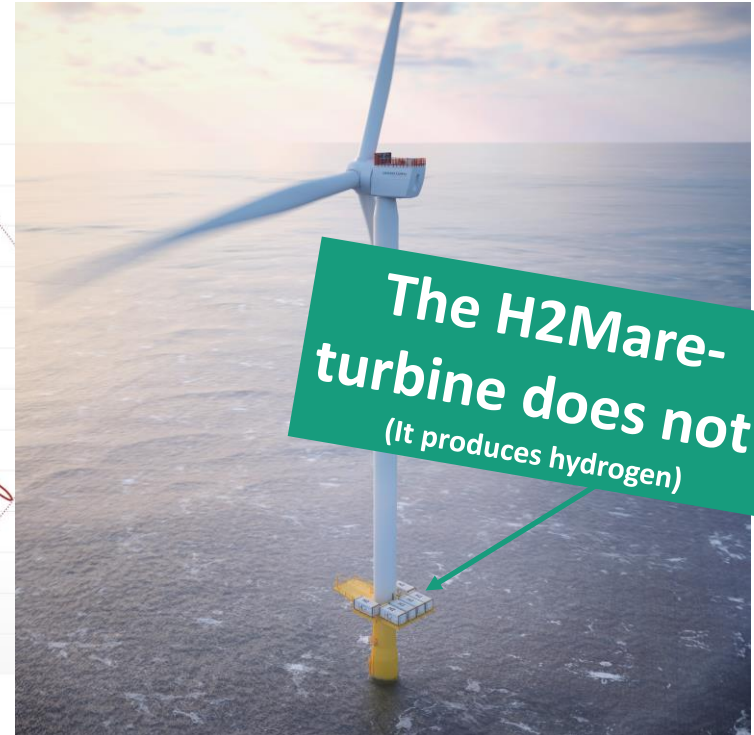
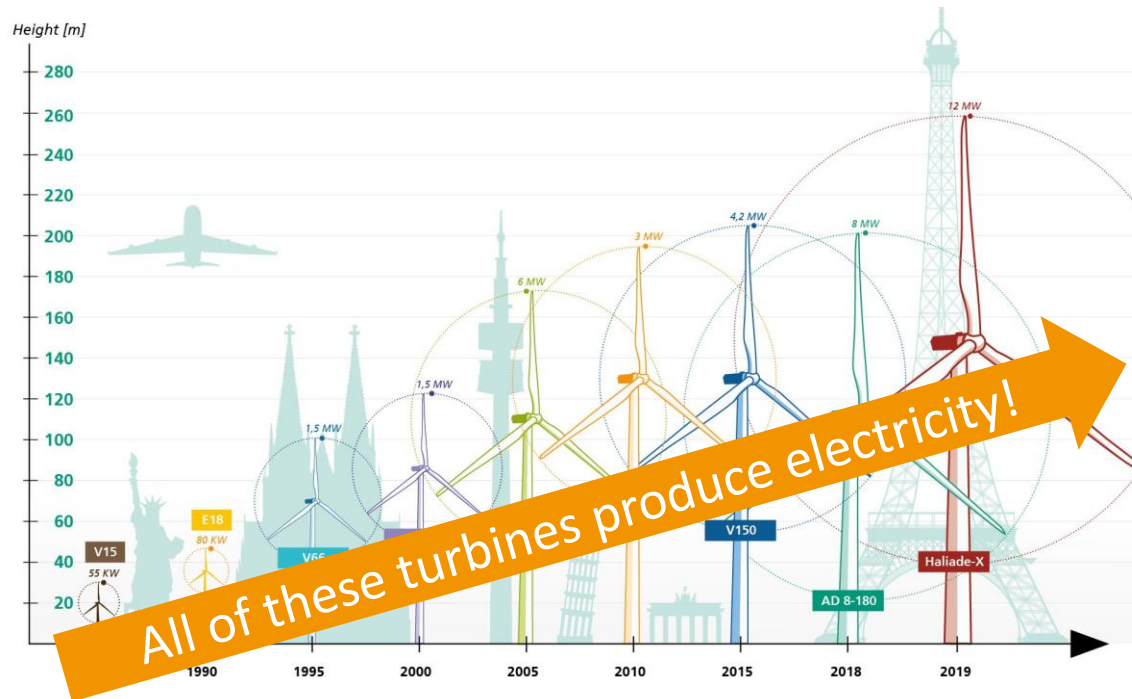
tobias.meyer@iwes.fraunhofer.de

IWES simulation and digitalization works in H2Mare

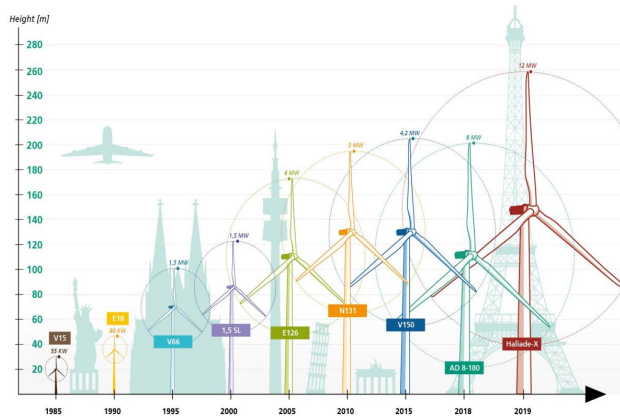


Contents of this talk are mainly one piece of the entire H2Mare project house!

Wind turbine evolution



Our challenges



Electricity-producing

>50 years of development

Proven electrical components

Proven safety systems and fail-safe states

Proven operation on wind farm level

Refined operating strategies

Hydrogen-producing

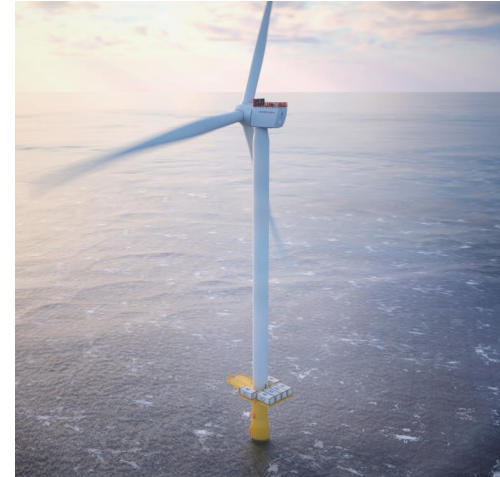
New technology

Electrolyzers in harsh environment

Hydrogen!

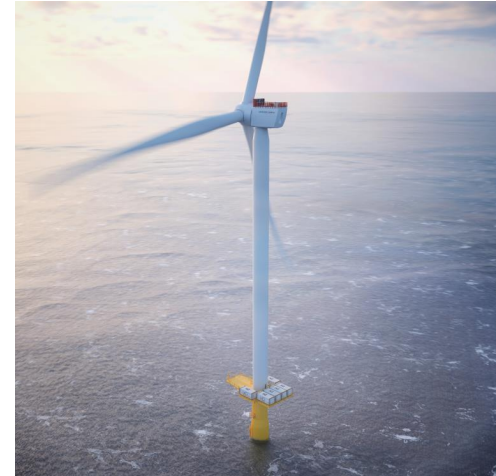
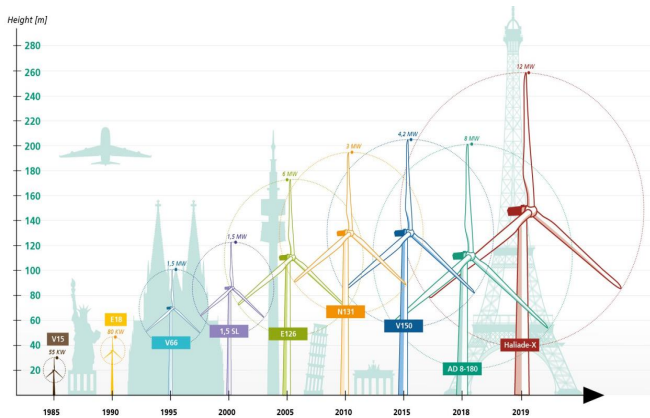
Solitary prototypes

Additional fragile and aging components



© Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy

Our challenges



© Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy

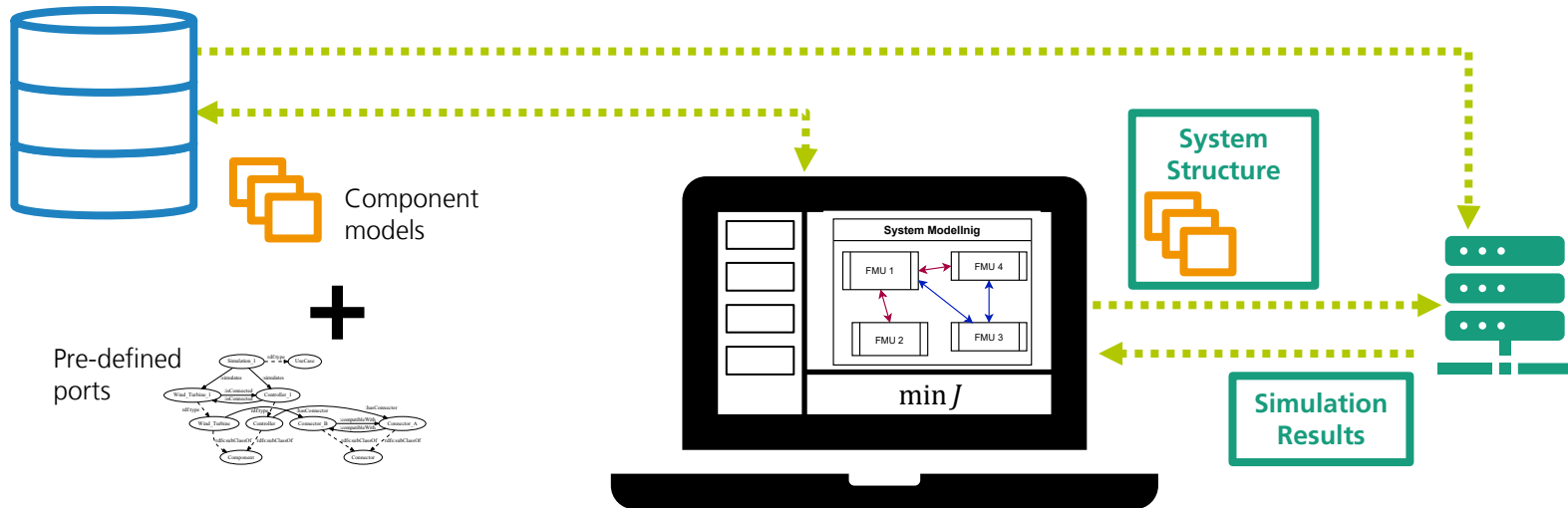
- ⌞ We need to **predict the functionality** of a hydrogen-producing wind farm!
- ⌞ **Safety of hydrogen-producing turbines** must be ascertained!
- ⌞ Hydrogen-producing wind turbines require new **concepts for optimal operation!**
- ➔ We're building a **dedicated simulation tool for large modular systems** to tackle these challenges!

Concept of simulation platform

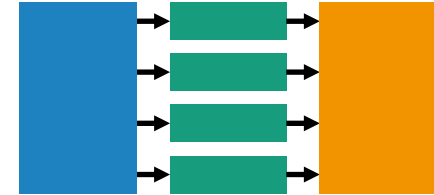
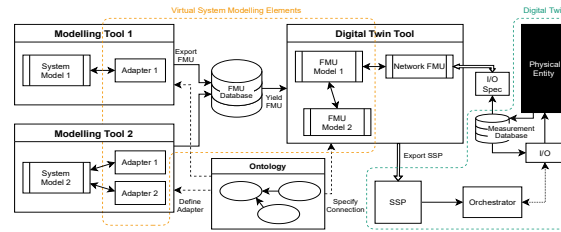
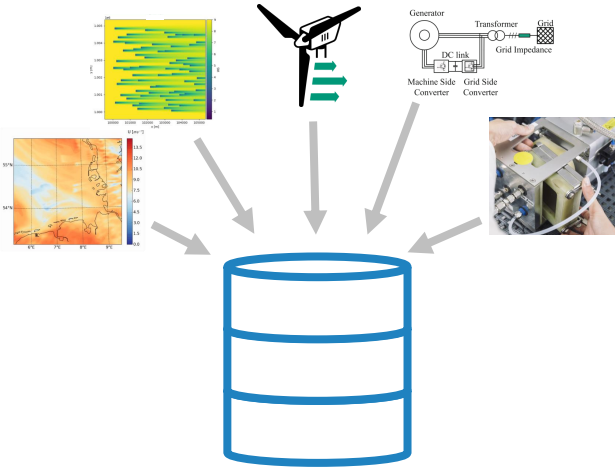
Standardized library of
component models

System and problem
definition

Simulation Server
(backend)



Concept of simulation platform



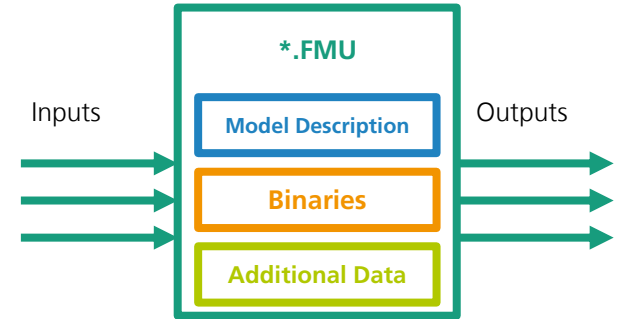
Provide components models for
database

Combination of multiple systems
into one simulation model

System simulation and analysis

Provide components models for database

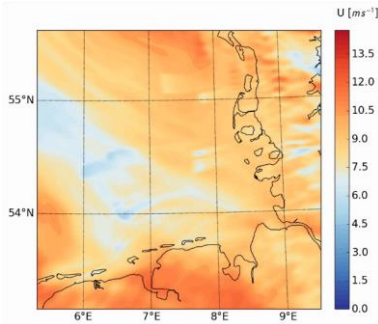
- Component models are implemented in diverse simulation tools
- Standardized means for interconnection is required
- FMU is a platform-independent exchange format for simulation models
- Almost every modelling tool exports to FMU
- Co-Simulation is used to combine component models



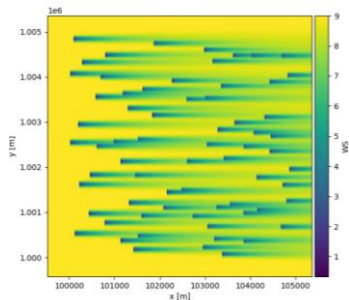
fmi Functional
Mock-Up
Interface

→ FMU is suitable to equip our **existing component models with a common interface** for system simulation

Library of IWES component models



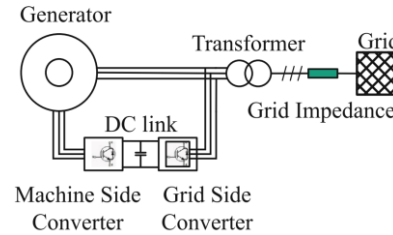
Large-scale wind
simulations



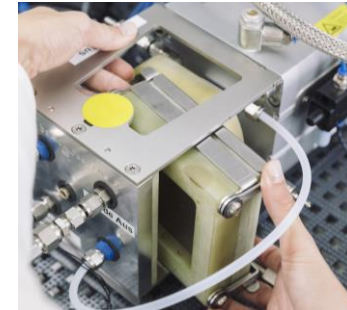
Local wind field in
wind farm



Aeroelastic
wind turbine



Electrical drive train
subsystem



Electrolyzer system

→ IWES component models cover the whole spectrum of wind energy conversion

Provide components models for
database

Combination of multiple systems
into one simulation model

System simulation and analysis

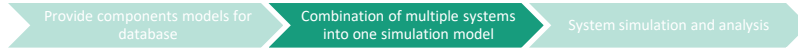
Combination of multiple systems into one simulation model

Definition of
simulation case

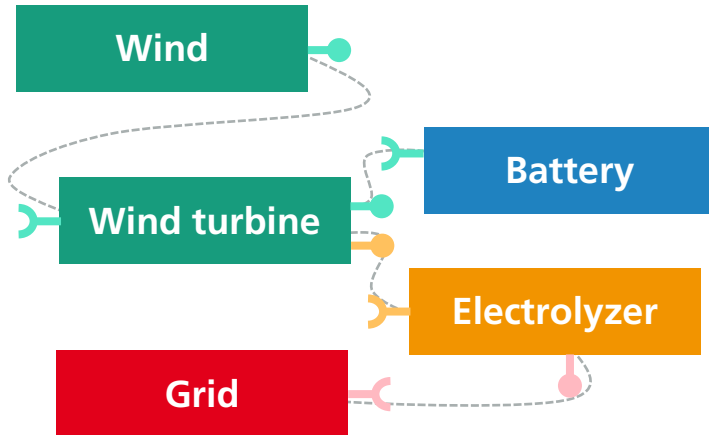
Deduce model
structure

Assembly of
component
models into full
system model

Simulate and
evaluate results

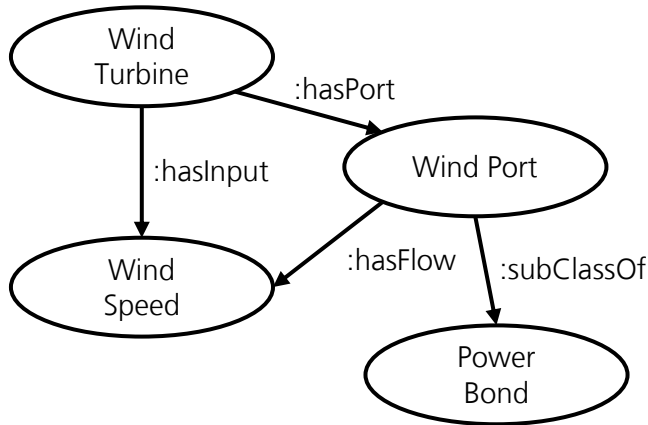


Combination of multiple systems into one simulation model



- ▮ User represents system structure
 - ▮ Components are combined like puzzle pieces
 - ▮ Mindset in simulation platform: **Think of Energy flow**
 - ▮ Pre-defined connectors are implemented in each component model
 - ▮ Details of interconnections are not considered yet
- ➔ Accessible means for modeling a complex system

Combination of multiple systems into one simulation model



- ▣ Component models and ports are represented in ontology
 - ▣ Explicit definition of relationships between objects
 - ▣ Computers can process ontologies
- ➔ Model structure is derived **fully automatically** from user-input system structure

Provide components models for
database

Combination of multiple systems
into one simulation model

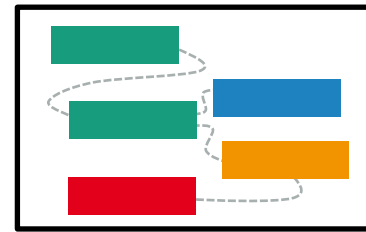
System simulation and analysis

Combination of multiple systems into one simulation model

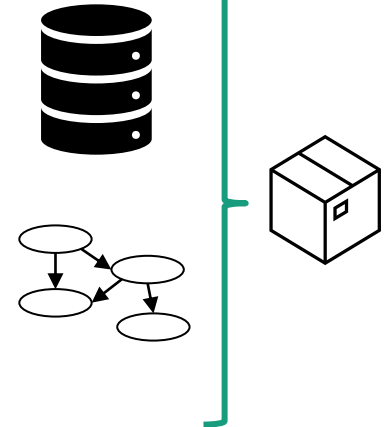


- ▢ System structure and meta-information are combined
- ▢ Meta-information is processed from ontology
- ▢ Full system model is packaged and augmented with simulation information

→ All information required for a simulation is packaged independently



Simulation Case



Provide components models for
database

Combination of multiple systems
into one simulation model

System simulation and analysis

Combination of multiple systems into one simulation model



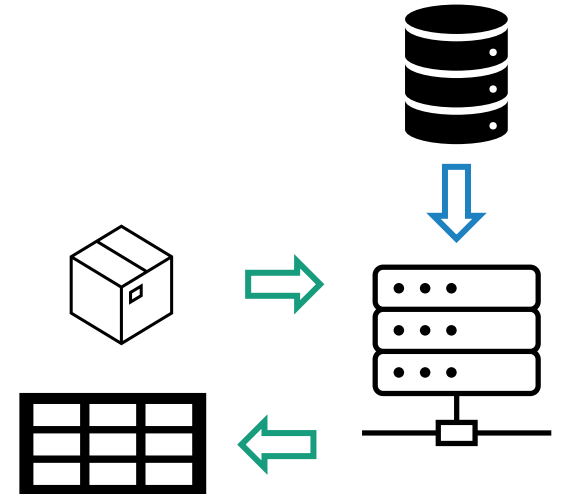
▢ Simulation server receives full simulation package

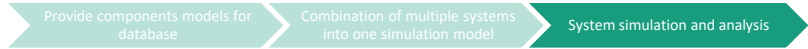
▢ Simulation results are returned
...and then?

▢ Multiple simulations can be run in parallel

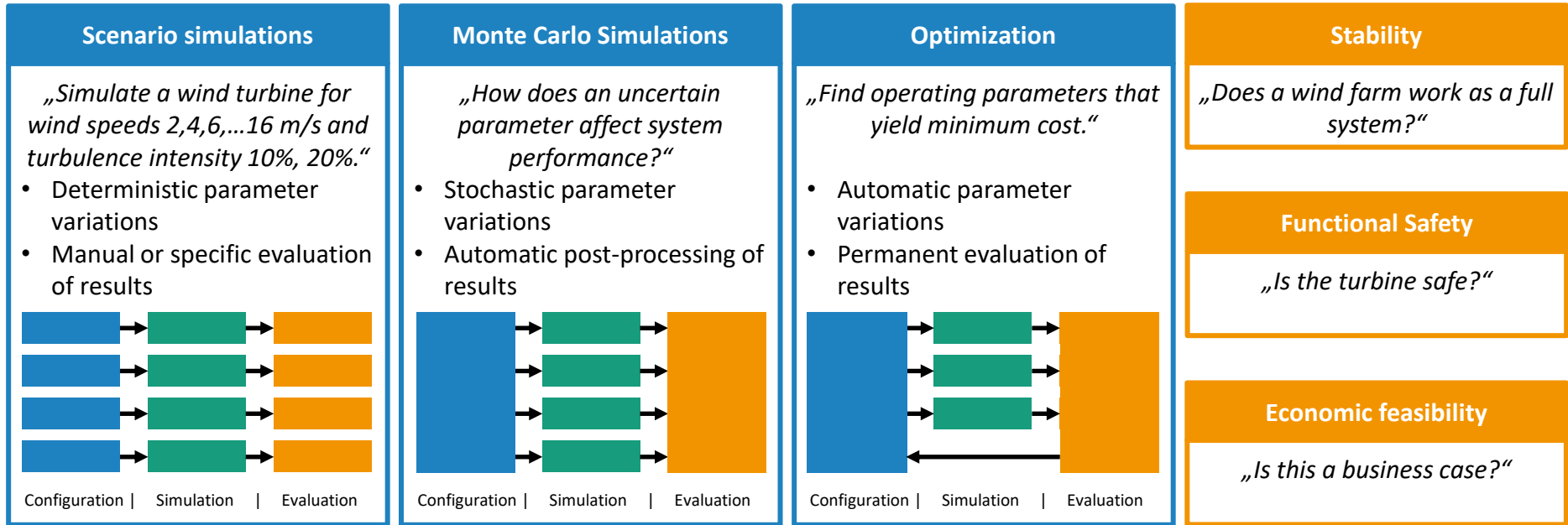
▢ Highly scalable

➔ Structured solution for many simulations





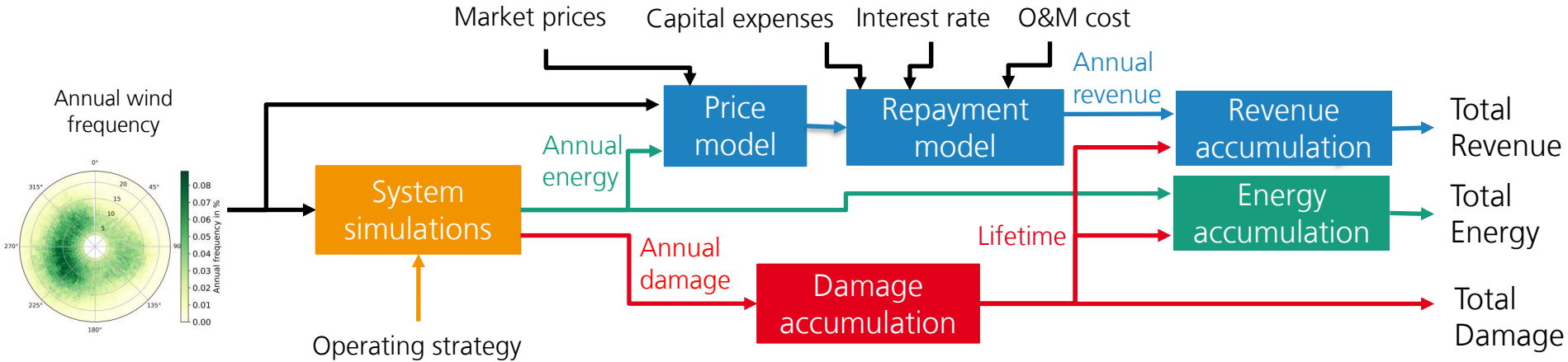
System simulation and analysis



➔ Multiple methods for configuration, simulation and evaluation allow for flexible usage

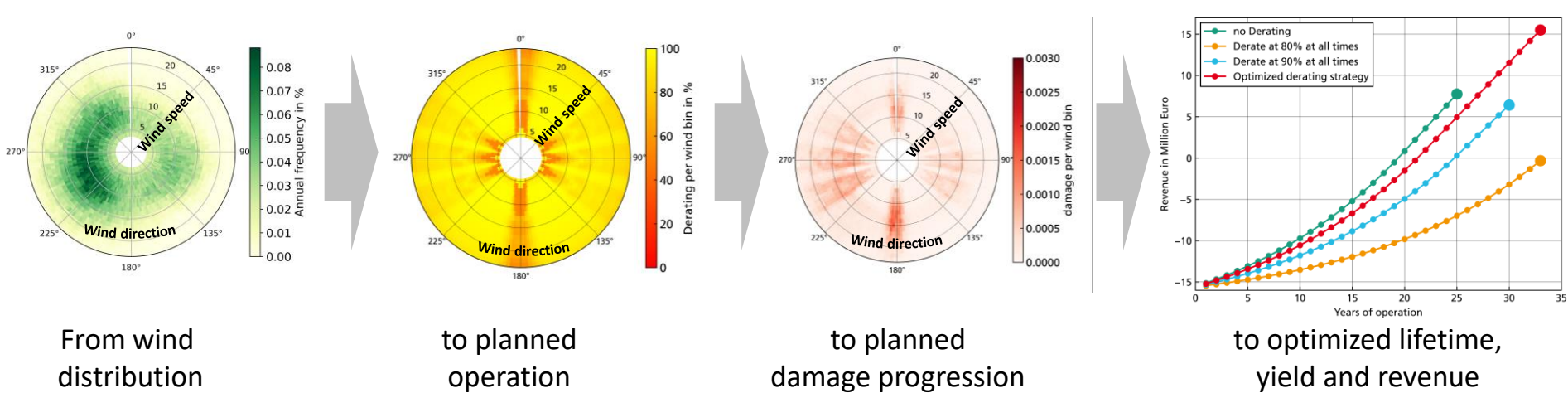
H2Mare use case: Operational optimization

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



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

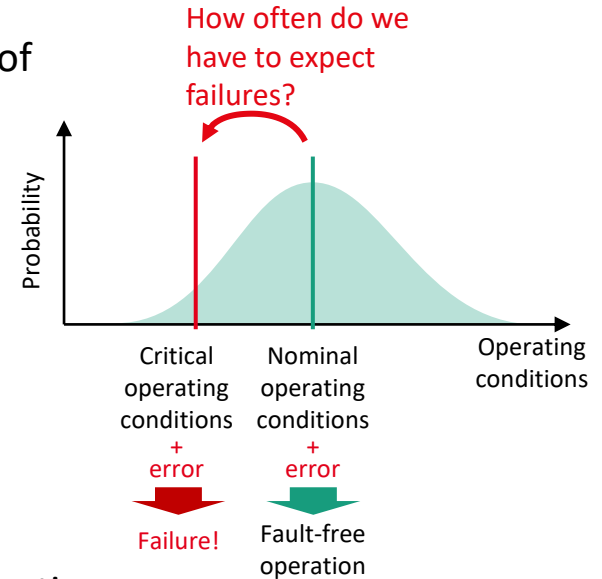
H2Mare use case: Operational optimization



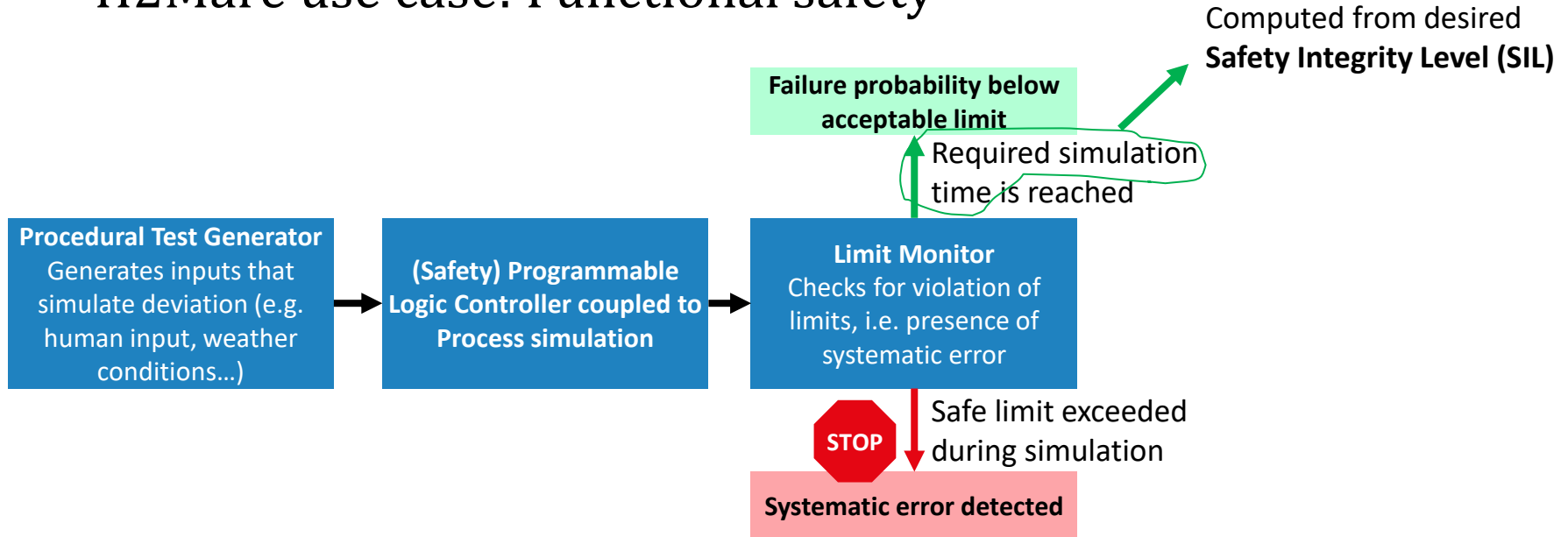
- ➔ Only the **combination of multiple models** allows for computation of trade-off between energy and damage
- ➔ Clever planning of operation can yield **large increase in lifetime and revenue**

H2Mare use case: Functional safety

- ▢ Goal: Ensure safety requirements are met
- ▢ Approach: Simulation of error in system and evaluation of system behavior
- ▢ Errors can be mitigated if taken into account
- ▢ Errors combined with critical conditions might lead to systematic failures
- ▢ To reliably detect systematic errors, deviations from the ideal operating conditions have to be taken into account
- ▢ To achieve this, SimDetect uses a Monte-Carlo approach
- ▢ Challenge: Complex system with non-intuitive interconnections
- ▢ Result: Failure probability is determined



H2Mare use case: Functional safety

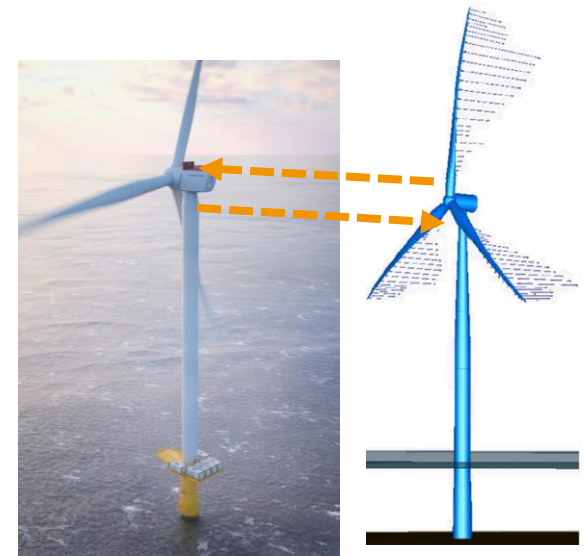


▮ Requires detailed model of the entire system

➔ Probability of failure due to systematic error can be determined

H2Mare use case: Simulation as basis for a digital twin

- ▢ Digital twins...
 - ▢ require bidirectional communication
 - ▢ model follows measurement data
 - ▢ insights from the model are fed back into the system
 - ▢ cover entire operational lifetime
- ▢ Use-cases are e.g.
 - ▢ Fatigue tracking: „How much usable lifetime is left?“
 - ▢ Event simulation for fault diagnosis: „What went wrong?“
 - ▢ Pre-evaluation of critical operations: „Can we do this?“

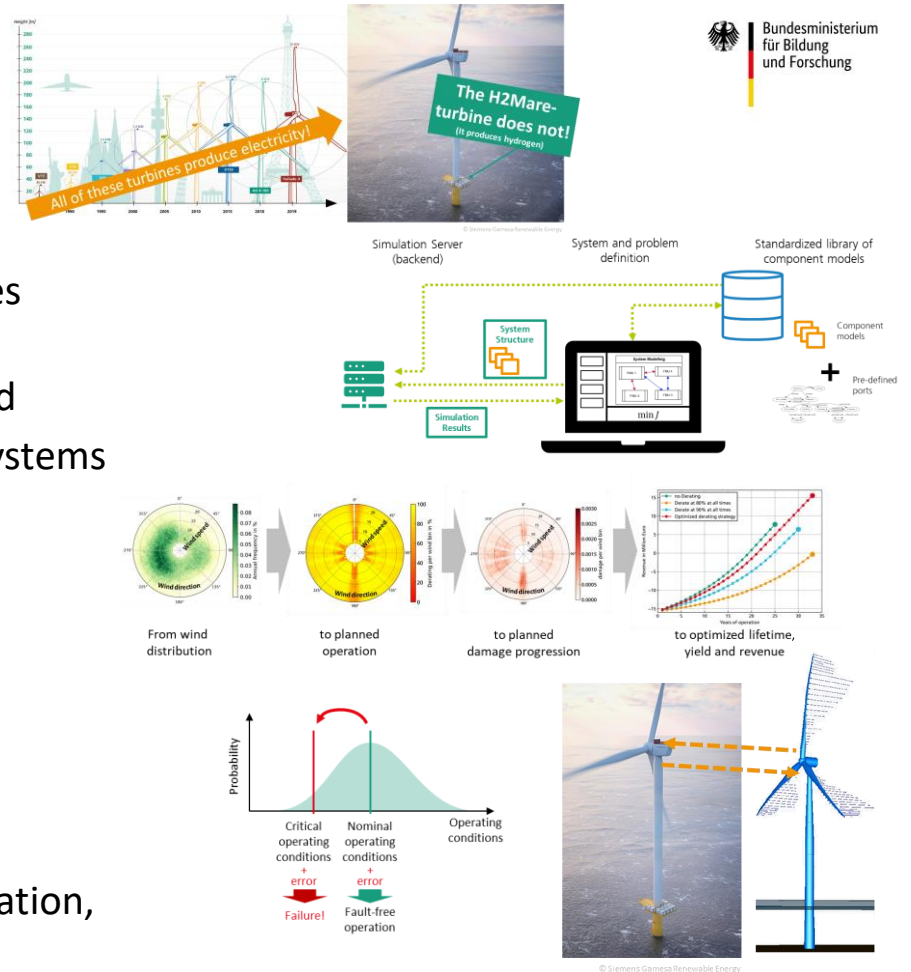


© Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy

→ Simulation platform can be used for setup of Digital Twin

To sum up...

- ▢ Hydrogen-producing H₂Mare turbine poses unique challenges
 - ▢ Sophisticated system optimization required
 - ▢ Development of simulation platform for systems simulation, optimization and analysis
 - ▢ Use case: Operational optimization
 - ▢ Use case: Functional safety
 - ▢ Use case: Digital twin
- ➔ Dedicated simulation tool allows detailed **model-based system optimization**
- ➔ Only with full system analysis and optimization, **technology equity** can be reached



Thank you for your attention

Tobias Meyer, Fraunhofer-Institute for Wind Energy Systems

tobias.meyer@iwes.fraunhofer.de