

Application 1: Design of floating wind farms

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measures and Interpretability

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Industrial context and motivations

◆ Offshore wind energy at EDF:

- ❑ EDF is a major actor of the offshore wind turbine development
- ❑ Need to **take strategic decisions in uncertain conditions**
 - For asset management (e.g., to extend a wind farm operating time)
 - For probabilistic design (e.g., to optimize the geometry of floaters)
- ❑ EDF R&D **Participate to HIPERWIND¹** (EU research project)

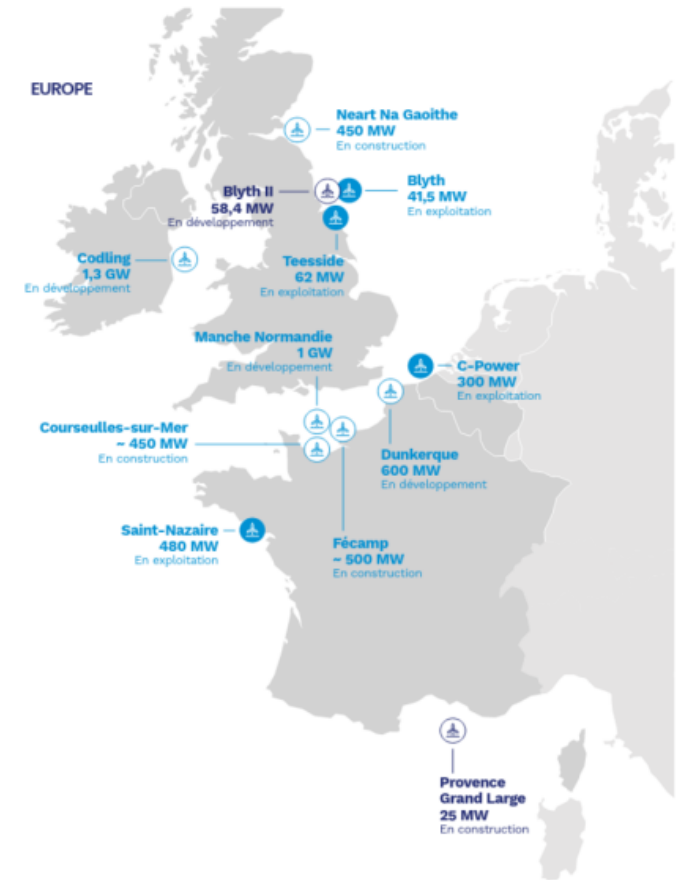


Figure 1: Map of offshore wind farms and projects operated by EDF in Europe (source: EDF Renewables).

¹HIPERWIND project website: hiperwind.eu

□ In situ metocean data

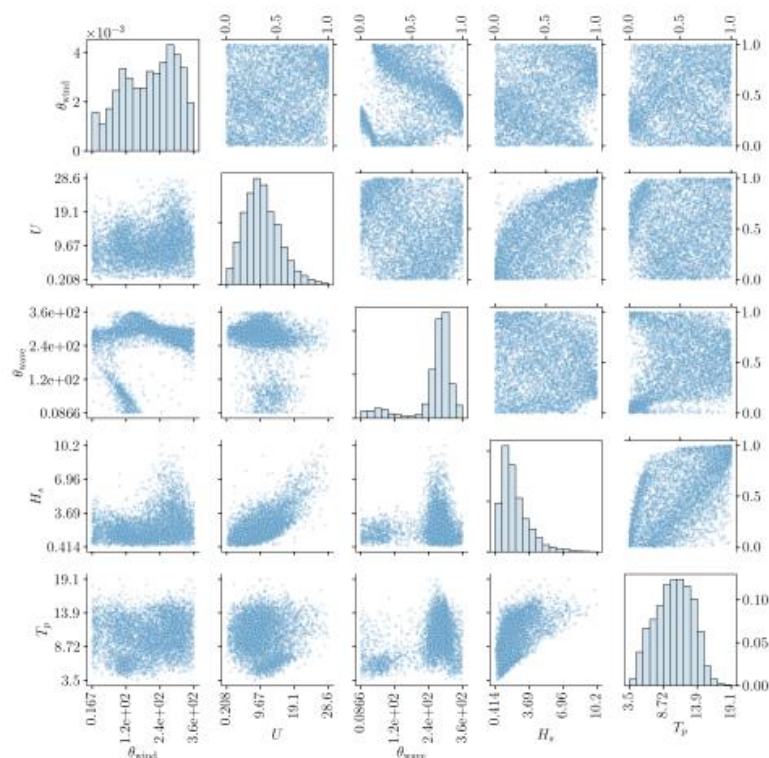


Figure 3: Copulogram of the South Brittany metocean data ($N = 10^4$).

□ Numerical simulation models

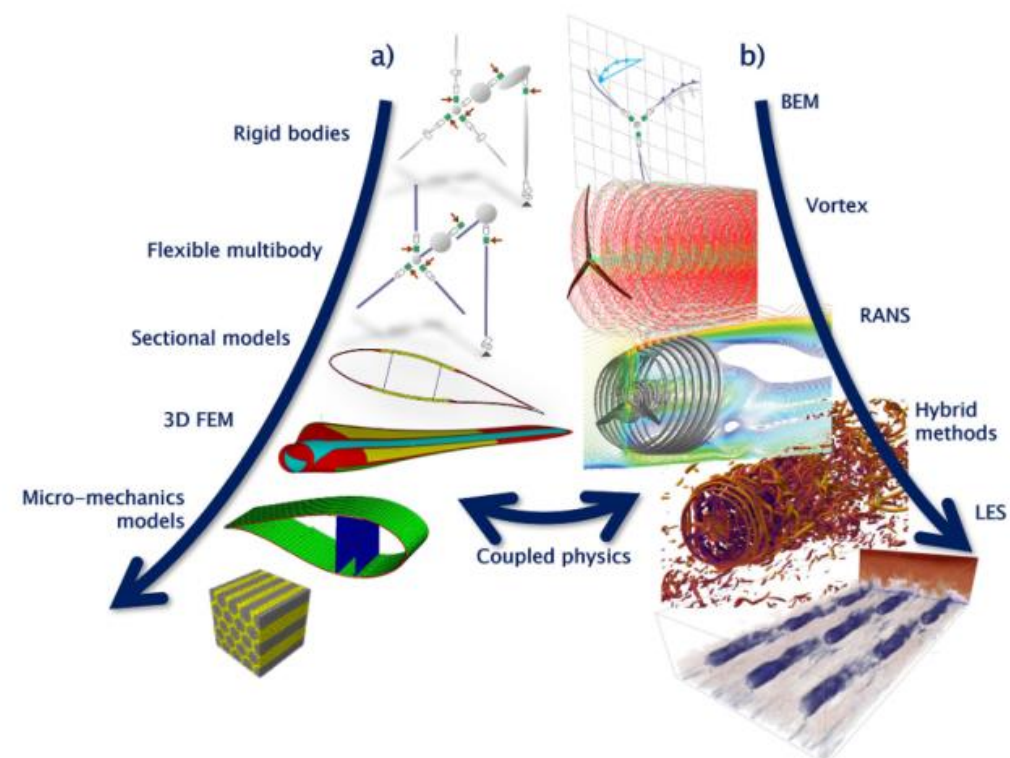


Figure 4: Hierarchy of structural (a) and aerodynamic (b) wind energy systems models (source: [Veers et al., 2019]).

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Focus on offshore wind turbine numerical simulator

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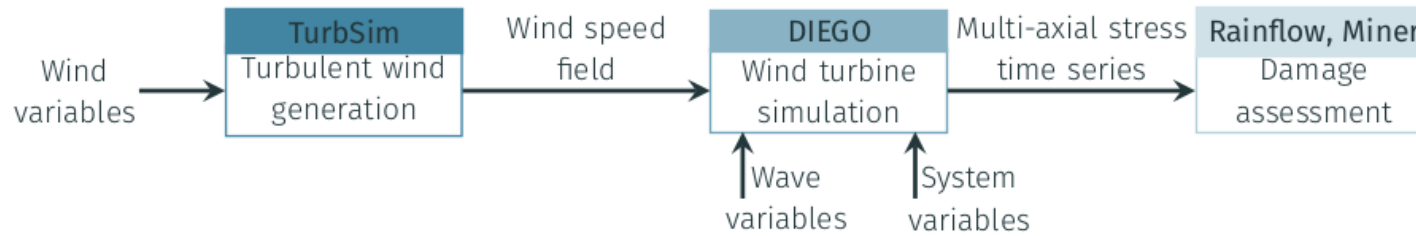


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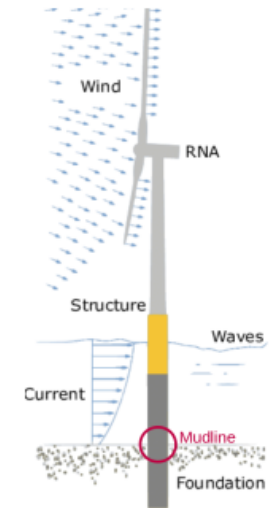


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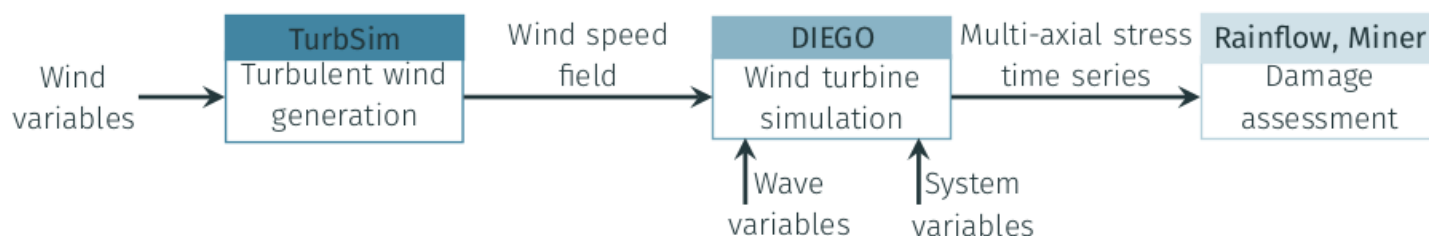


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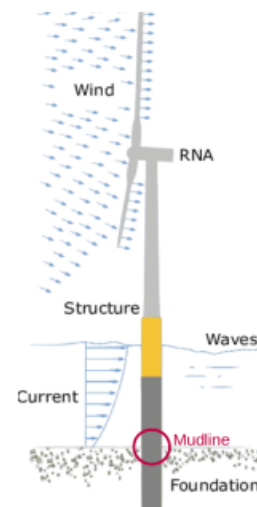


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- ❑ **Multiphysics model:** DIEGO² performs **time-dependent simulations of a bottom-fixed wind turbine**
- ❑ **Model validation:** **benchmark with similar codes** (OpenFAST, HAWC2, etc. [Kim et al., 2022])
- ❑ **Stochasticity of the turbulent wind generation:** each evaluation is repeated $n_{\text{reps}} = 11$ times

²“Dynamique Intégrée des Éoliennes et Génératrices Offshore”

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Metocean datasets used during my PhD

- Operating wind farm in **Teesside** (UK)
 - Measurements of metocean data (confidential data)
 - Old wind turbine model
- Wind farm tender in **South Brittany** (France)
 - Simulated metocean data (public data from *ANEMOC: Atlas des États de Mer Océaniques et Côtiers*)

Example of multivariate inference on the South Brittany data

- Marginals by parametric or nonparametric methods
- Multivariate dependence structure by nonparametric empirical copula

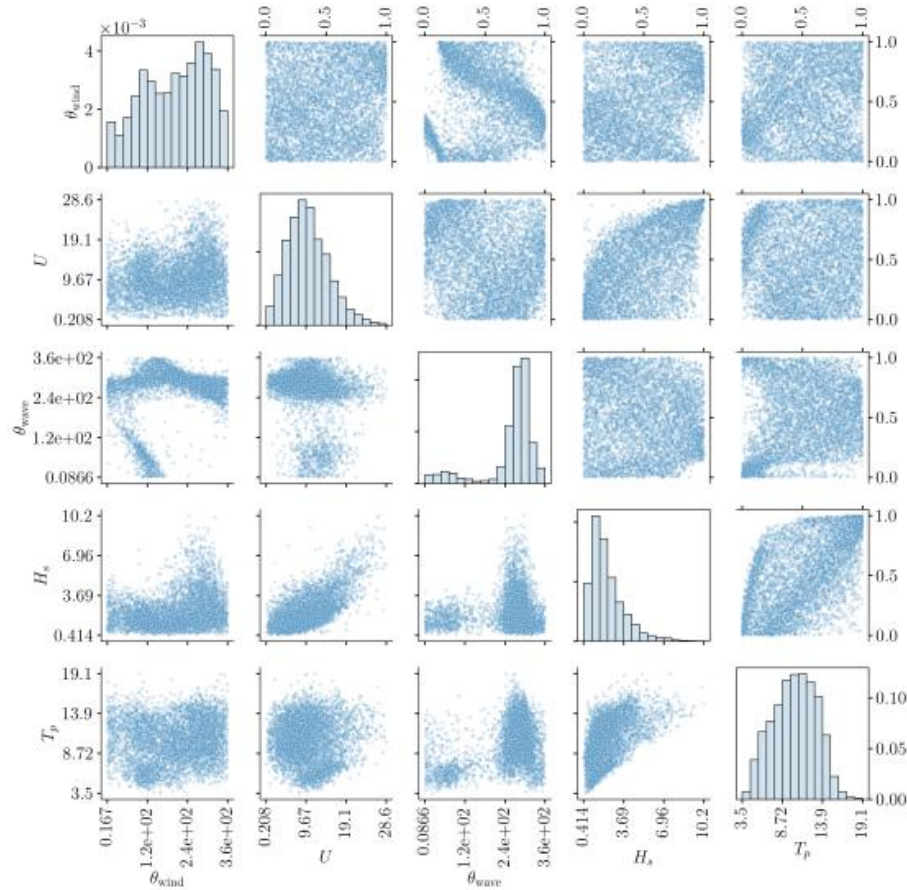
Name	Notation	Fitted model
Wind speed	U	Weibull ($\beta = 11.4, \alpha = 2.2, \gamma = 0$)
Wind direction	θ_{wind}	KDE
Significant wave height	H_s	Inverse Normal ($\mu = 2.3, \lambda = 6.8$)
Wave period	T_p	KDE
Wave direction	θ_{wave}	KDE

Table 1: Marginal inference results of the South Brittany metocean data.

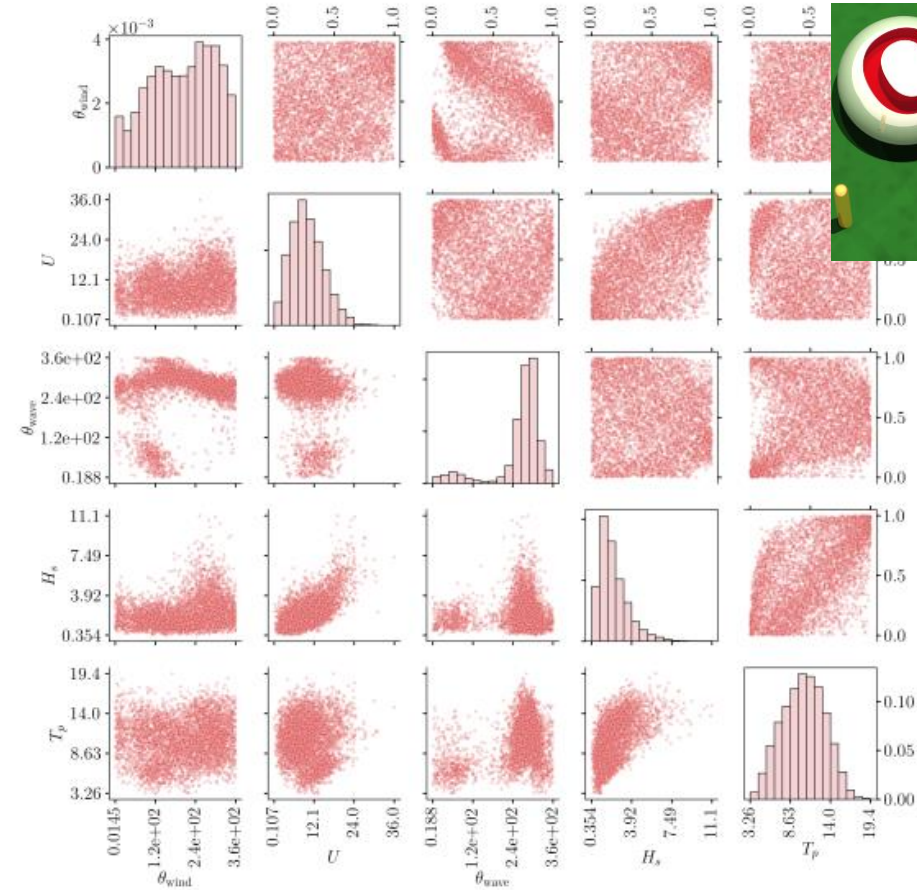


Focus on metocean uncertainties

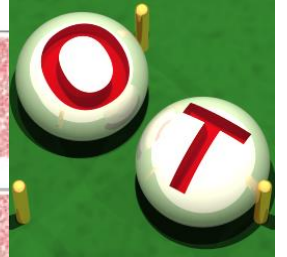
◆ Hybrid inference of the South Brittany metocean conditions (size $n = 10^4$) [Vanem et al., 2023]



(a) South Brittany ANEMOC data ($n = 5000$).



(b) Monte Carlo sample ($n = 5000$) from the hybrid model (EBC with $\{m_j = 100\}_{j=1}^d$).



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Main use-case challenges

- In situ metocean data distribution with a **complex dependence**
 - Large amounts of data
 - Nonparametric copulas offer an accurate goodness of fit
- Computationally **relatively costly** model ~40 min (CPU time) / evaluation
 - Requires wrapping 2 numerical models + computing mechanical post-processing
 - Performing the study on HPC allowed us to compute over 10^5 evaluations on the Teesside model
- Strongly **nonlinear** and **skewed output** variable of interest
 - Log transform of the output can help with the skewness

How to collaborate?

- Working on the Teesside model is a bad idea for two reasons
 - **Confidentiality issues** on metocean data and simulated results for an operating farm
 - In the wind turbine community, **reference models have more impact** (e.g., reference IEA15MW turbine)
- As usual, industrial cases are not "plug a play"