

Towards Integrated Wind Plant Control: Combining Power Plant and Farm Flow Control

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"We've researched wind farm control for more than a decade, and the promise is great. – Why can't you buy it?" (2018)

- EU H2020 Coordination Action
- Supports the implementation and industrialisation of Wind Farm Flow Control
- 2019 2022
- Partners: research institutes, industry and certification agencies

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Wind farm control

= coordinated operation of wind turbines in a wind farm

- Wind farm as power plant
- Connection to power system, compliance to grid codes and provision of ancillary services



- Aerodynamic interactions between wind turbines
- Mitigation of wake effects, lifetime extension
- No standard control function (yet)

Figure from Eguinoa, I., et al. *Wind farm flow control oriented to electricity markets and grid integration: initial perspective analysis*, 2021. <u>https://doi.org/10.1002/adc2.80</u>



Power system operation

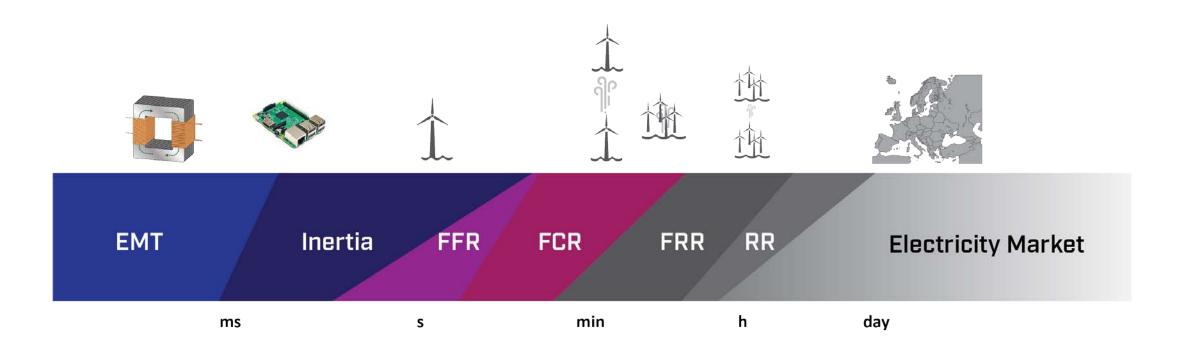




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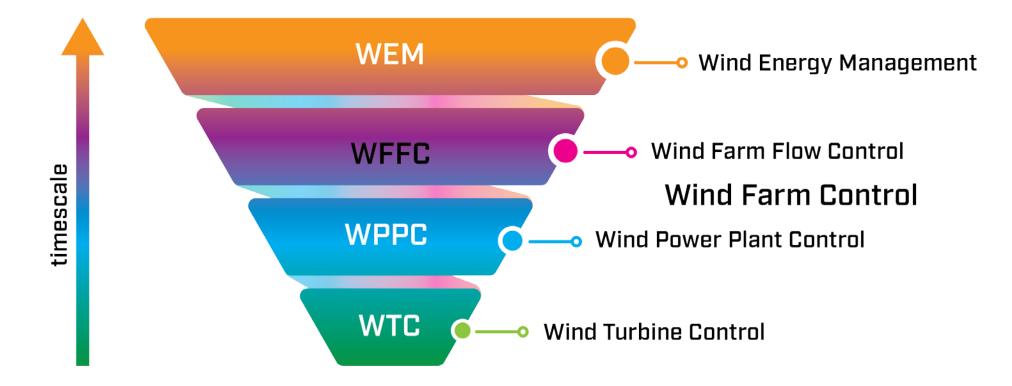




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Extract from survey about the integration of WFC

Most participants from *industry* and *researchers* agree:

- Industry is interested in using WFFC.
 - More evidence is needed to prove increased performance with WFFC.
 - Standardised validation practices are needed.
- WFFC and WPPC should be coordinated.
- Activation of WFFC should depend on environmental conditions.
- Wind turbines should provide an interface for WFC.



Some challenges of integrated WFC

Multidisciplinarity

→ Taxonomy

Control objectives

- Power-point dispatch balancing different objectives
- Uncertain quantification of revenue, both in control horizon and long term

Overall system dynamics

- Complex interactions
- Different timescales
- Fidelity of models for control design
- □Integration with wind turbine control system
 - Proprietary rights
 - Warranty \rightarrow Certification



