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A passively self-adjusting floating wind farm layout to increase the annual energy production: sensitivity analysis

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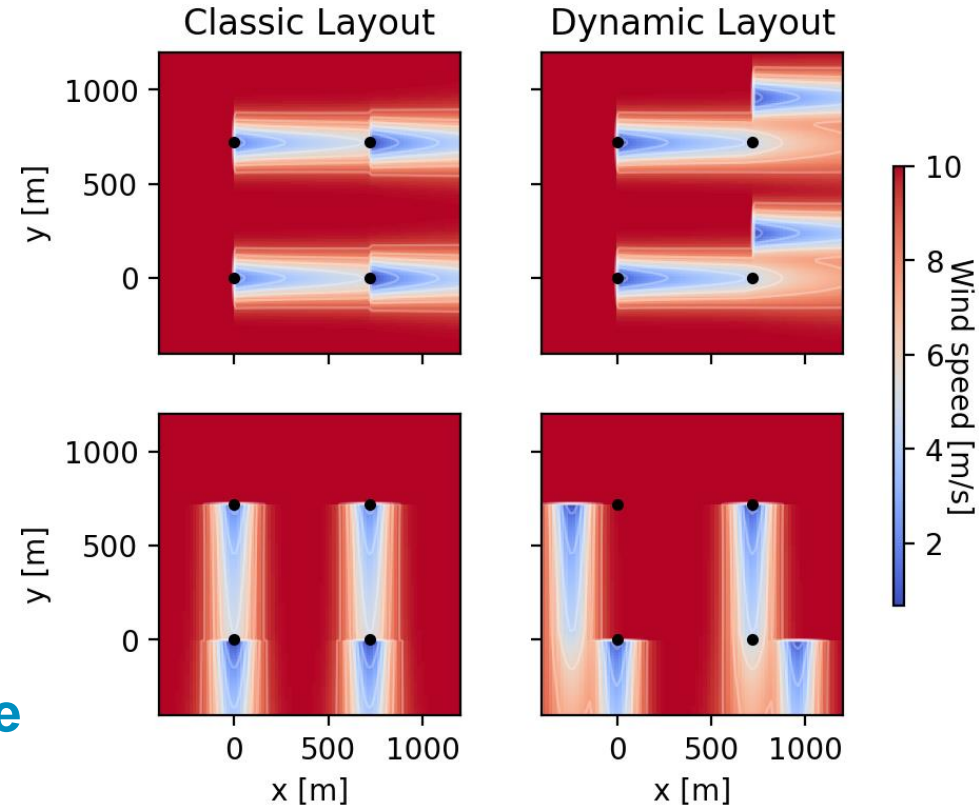
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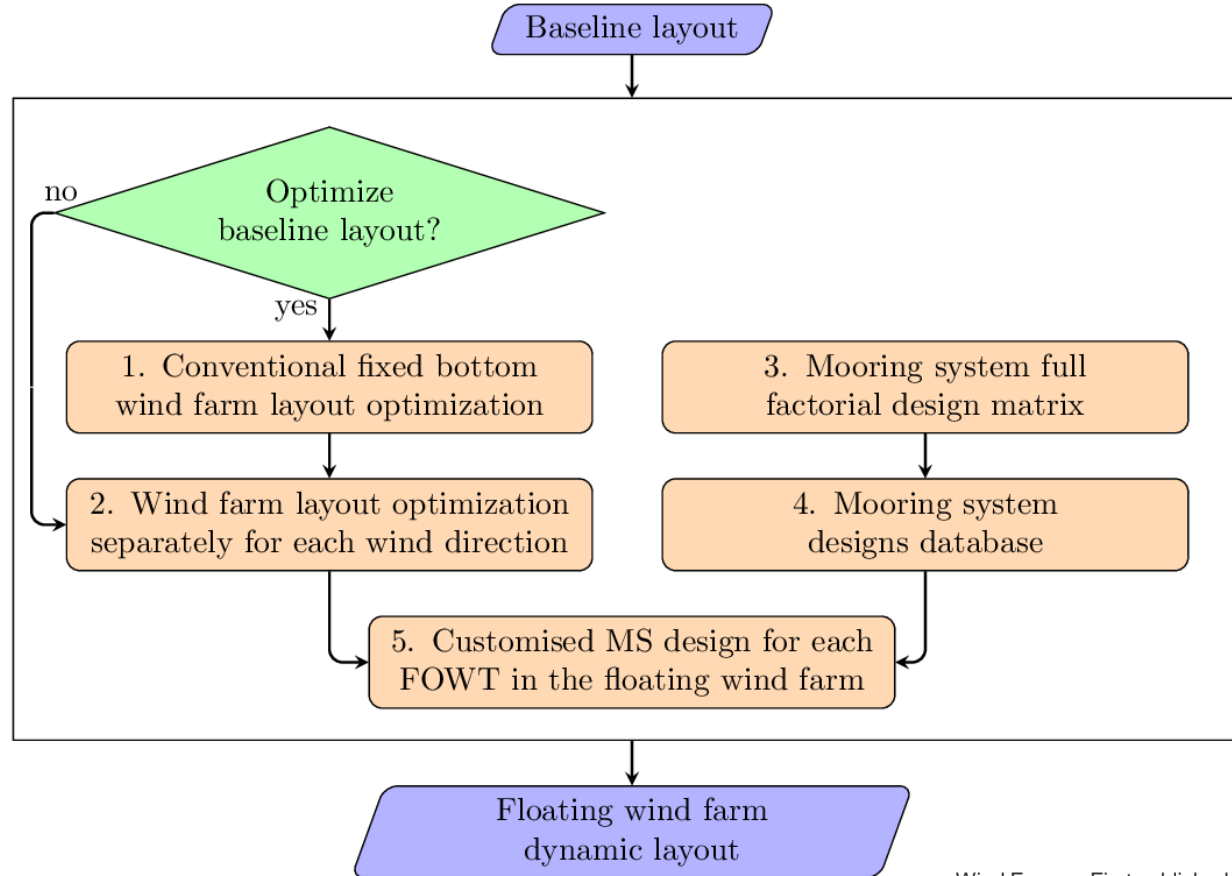
FOWT are able to relocate their position

- Ability of a FOWT to move in the crosswind direction
- New DoF that can be used in floating wind farm layouts optimization

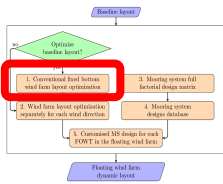
Can we benefit from this DoF to decrease wake losses?



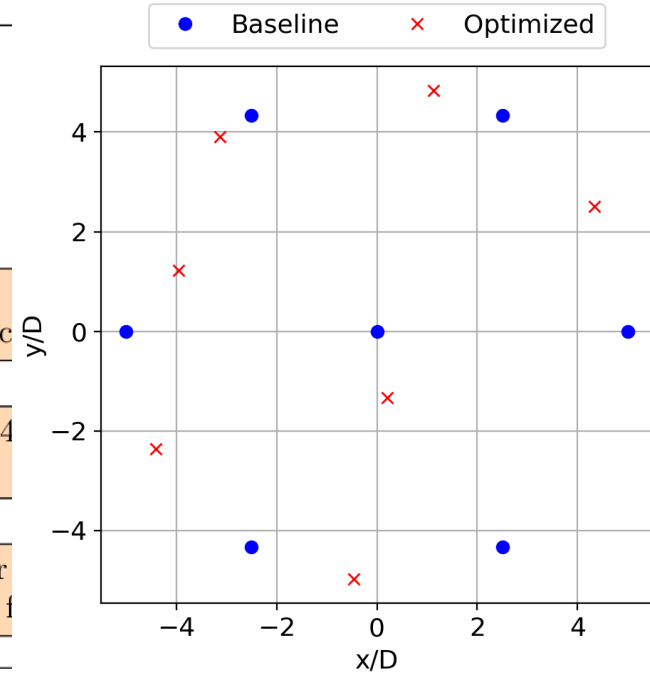
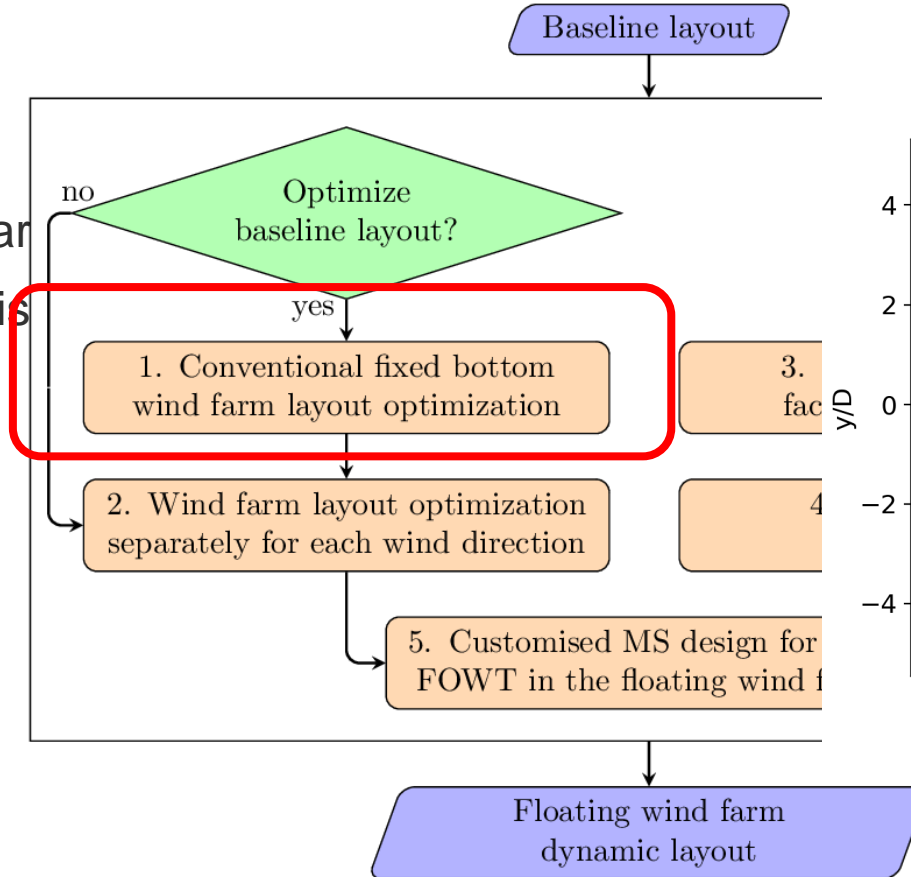
Yes we can benefit from relocating FOWT



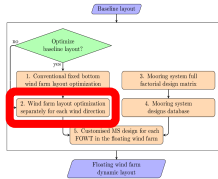
1. Conventional fixed bottom wind farm layout optimization



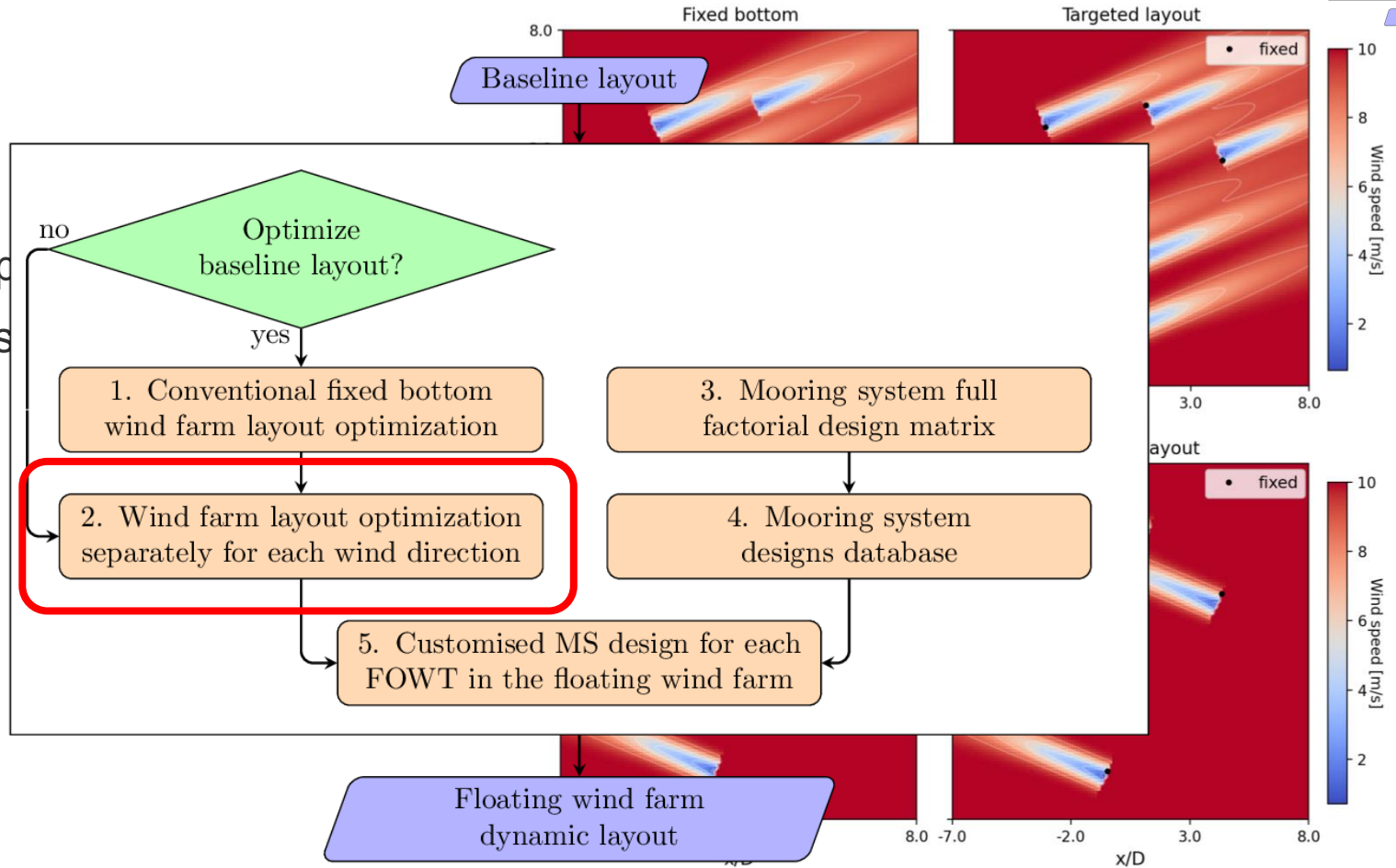
- Constraints:
- Inside the farm
- Minimum Dis



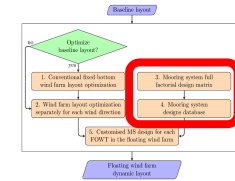
2. Wind farm layout optimization separately for each wind direction



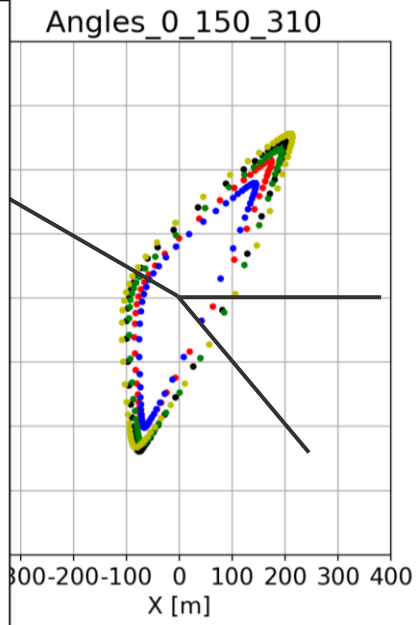
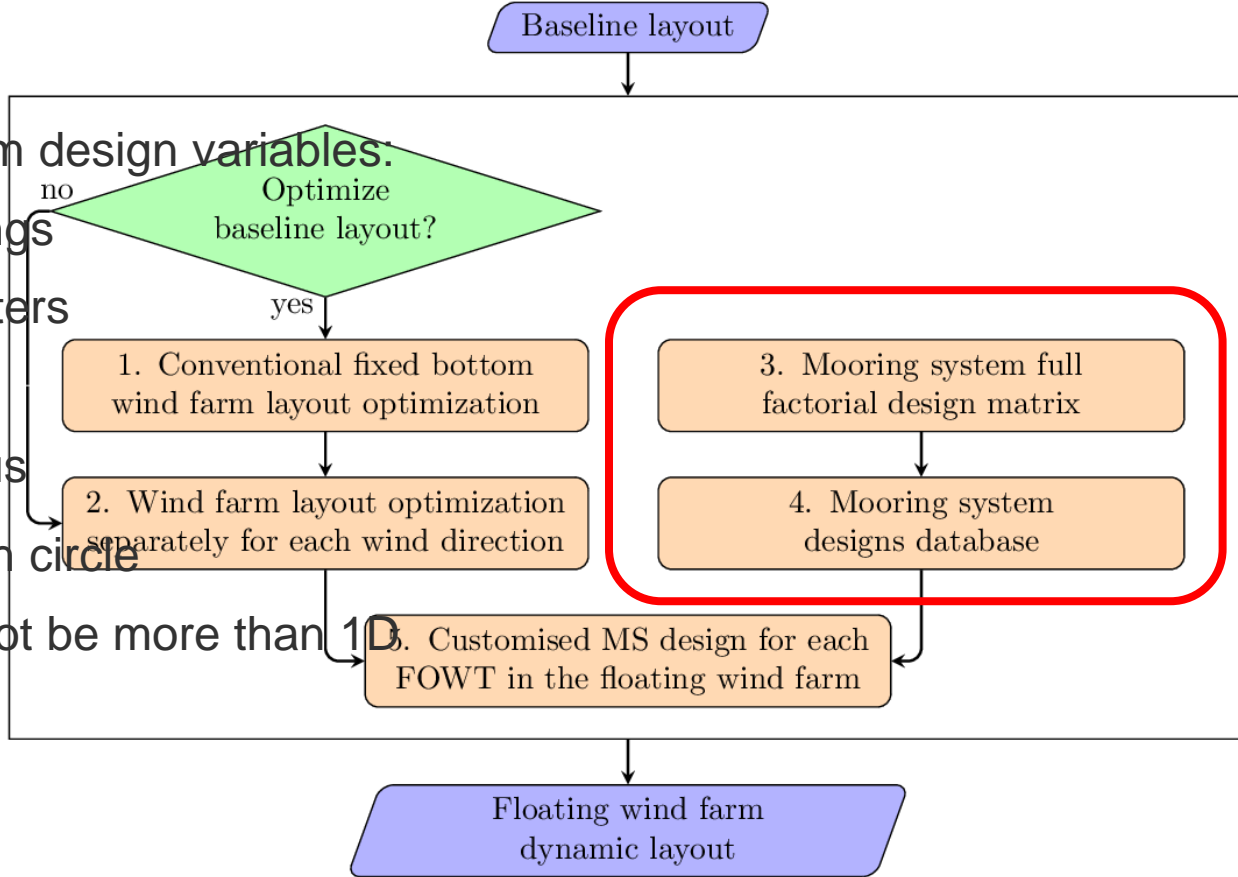
- Constraints:
- Motion only p
- Maximum dis



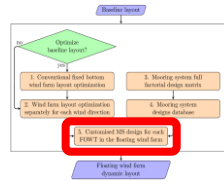
3. & 4. Mooring system database



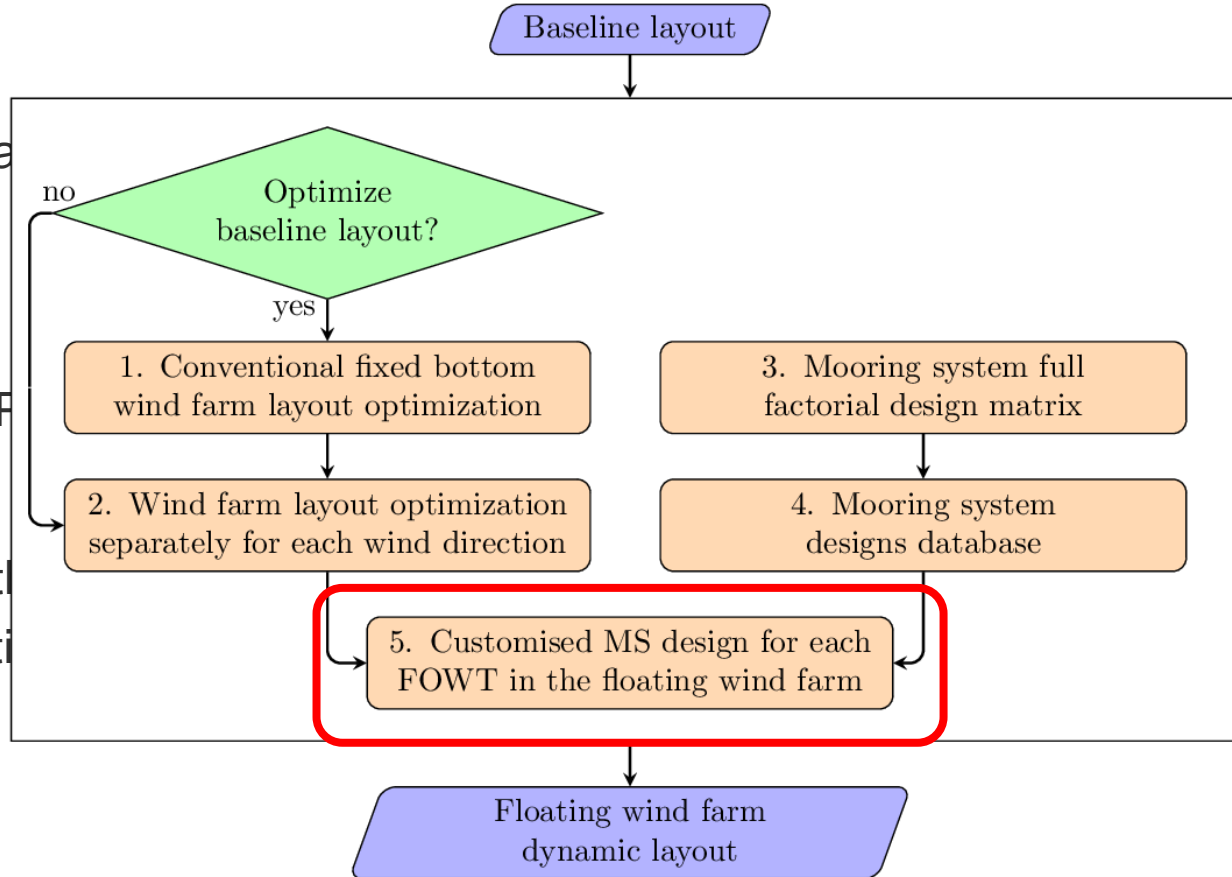
- Mooring system design variables:
 - Lines headings
 - Lines diameters
 - Lines length
 - Anchor radius
- Save the watch circle
- Motion cannot be more than 10m



5. Customized MS design for each FOWT in the floating wind farm



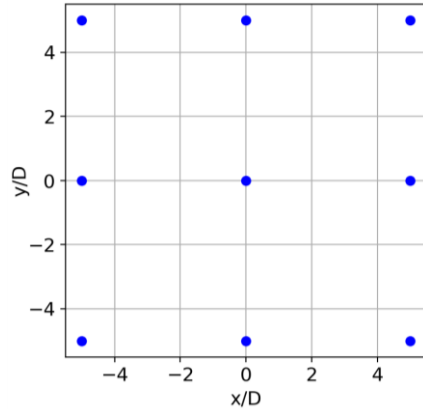
- Matching the target mooring system.
- Objective:
 - Increase AEP
- Method:
 - Iterate over the targeted mooring system.



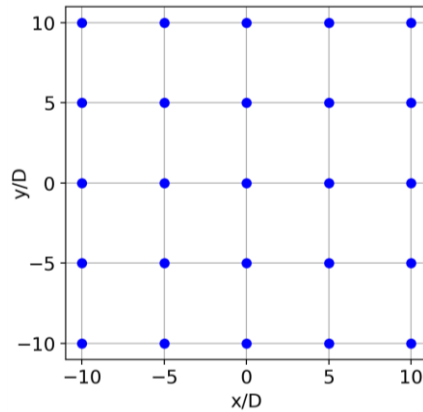
Sensitivity analysis of the method

Is it better to relocate the turbines in smaller or larger farms?

9 turbines

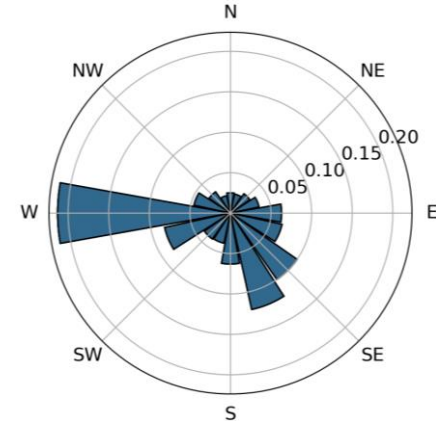


25 turbines

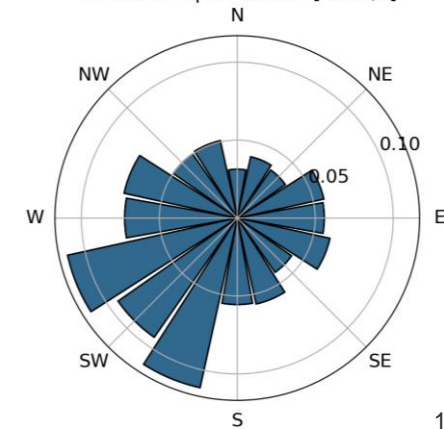


Does the windrose need to be multi-directional?

Windrose IEA task 37 [10 m/s]



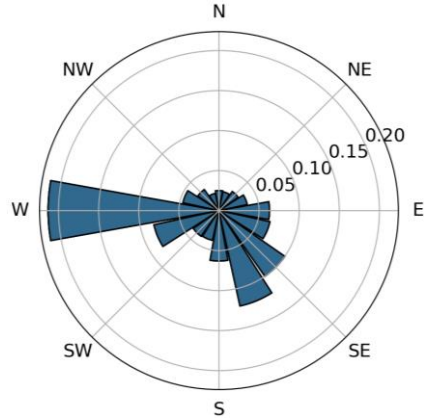
Windrose alpha ventus [10 m/s]



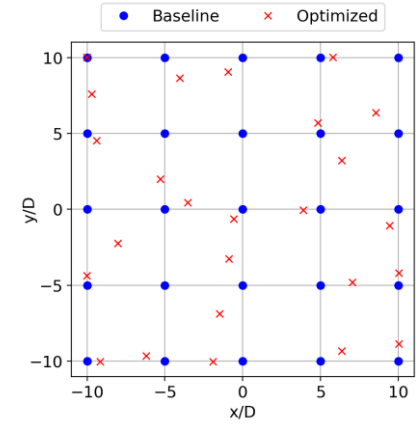
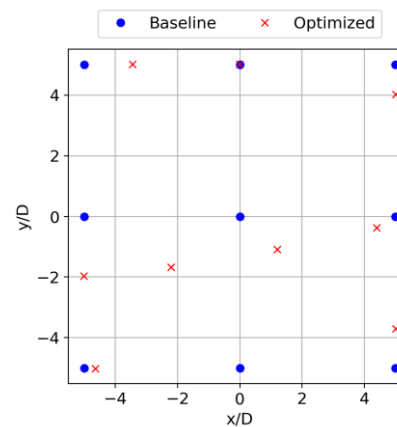
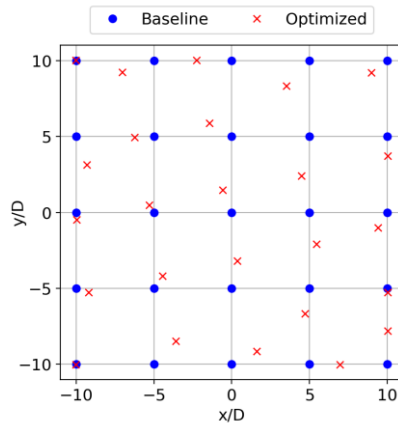
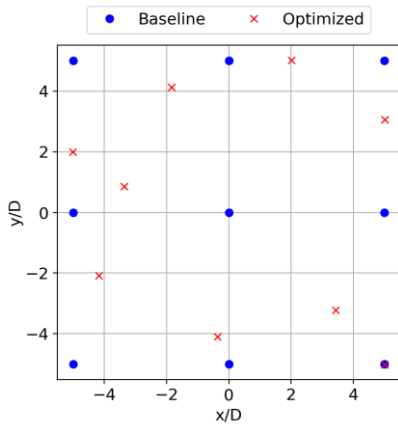
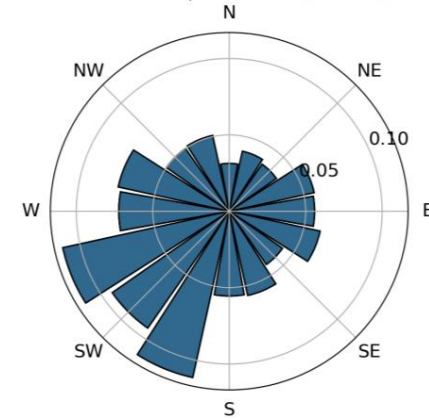
Baseline optimization

Reference layouts for energy comparison

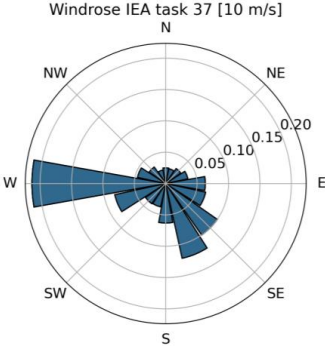
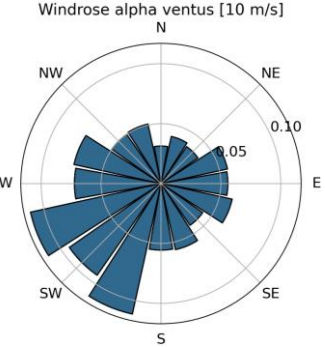
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Results

<p>Windrose</p> <p>No. of turbines</p>		
9 turbines	5.47% gain	3.94% gain
25 turbines	2.16% gain	2.57% gain

Conclusions

- The percentage gain of energy production from relocating the FOWT is higher in smaller wind farms
- Relocating the turbines will lead to energy gain even for wind roses with the wind coming from one section
- The gain for more layouts will be shown in the paper.



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Thank you!



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