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Offshore wind farm O&M and logistics optimization

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Vessel fleet optimization model(s)

NOWIcob

Routing and scheduling model

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| 3Dfloat integrated model TRL7 | 3DWind park wake model TRL6 | INVALS general purpose optimization TRL8 | Commercial grade rotor CFD TRL5 | SIMO-RIFLEX TRL7 | WindOpt | Real time hybrid model test in ocean basin TRL5 | Novel floater TRL5 | Variational Multiscale Error Estimator TRL3 | www.IFEM.no |
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| ASHES (SIMO-AS) www.ashes.no TRL7 | Seawatch Wind Lidar Buoy TRL9 | CFD simulation TRL5 | Droplet erosion resistant blade coatings TRL3 | Droplet erosion testing TRL5 | Fleet optimization TRL5 | Gearbox fault detection TRL3 | Gearbox vulnerability map TRL3 | Paint T5Z Steel | NOWIcob TRL6 |
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| REACT/Remote Presence (www.emip.no) TRL5 | Routing and scheduling TRL2 | Thermally sprayed SiC coatings TRL5 | Buckling resistant blades TRL3 | Fatigue damage simulation TRL4 | PSST Power System Simulation TRL5 | NetOp network optimization TRL4 | Viper Estimate Energy Output from DWF TRL4 | Smartgrid Lab HVDC grid TRL4 | Control of multi-terminal HVDC grid TRL4 |
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| Wind Supply to Oil & Gas TRL3 | Turbine control TRL3 | Wind turbine electrical interaction TRL4 | Network Reduction TRL3 | STAS Linear State-Space W.P. Plant Analysis TRL4 | PM generator magnetic vibrations TRL4 | PM generator integrated design TRL3 | Wind farm collection grid optimization TRL2 | Long distance AC transmission TRL3 | Wideband model of wind farm collection grid TRL2 |

Numerical model

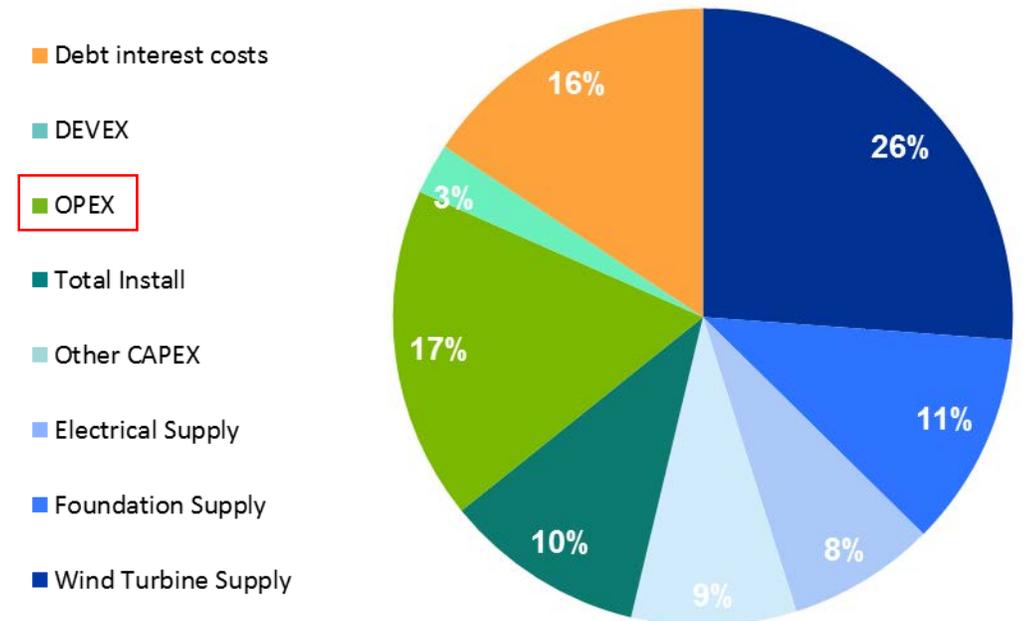
Technology / process

Quantified potential

★ New business entity (spin-off)

Models for O&M at offshore wind farms

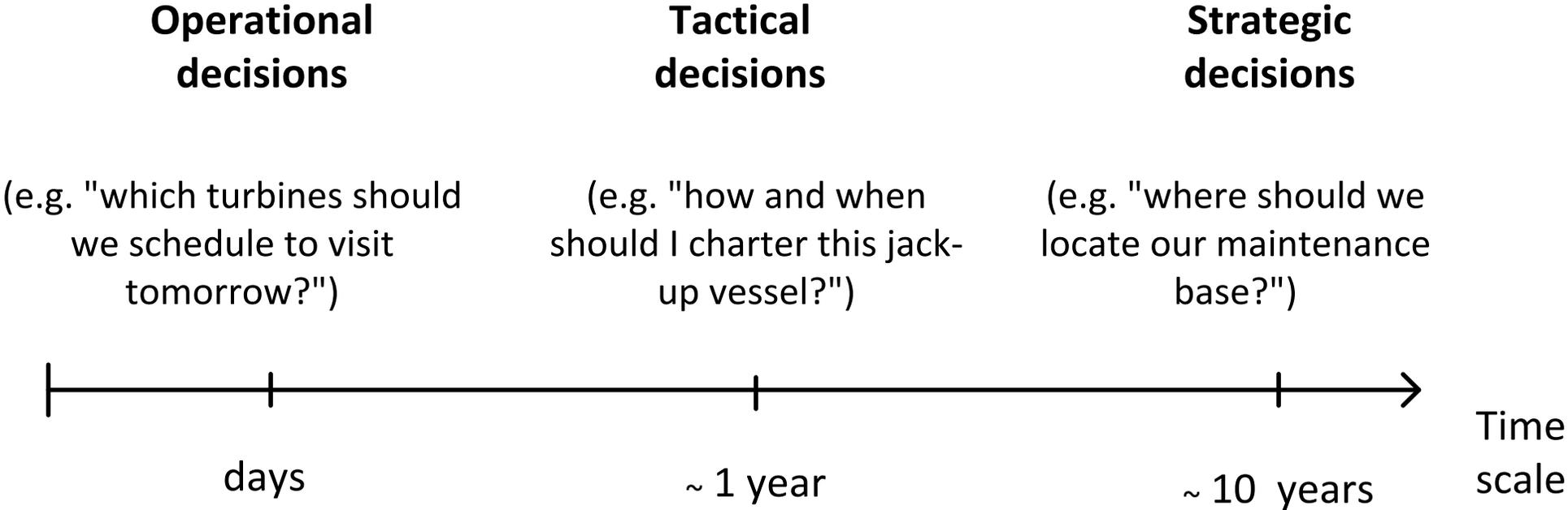
- O&M models, also known as:
 - O&M cost models
 - O&M simulation models
 - Offshore wind farm decision support tools
 - Offshore wind life-cycle cost model
 - OPEX cost model
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- And there is more:
 - Vessel fleet optimization models
 - Optimization models for routing and scheduling
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**LCOE distribution
offshore wind farm (example)**

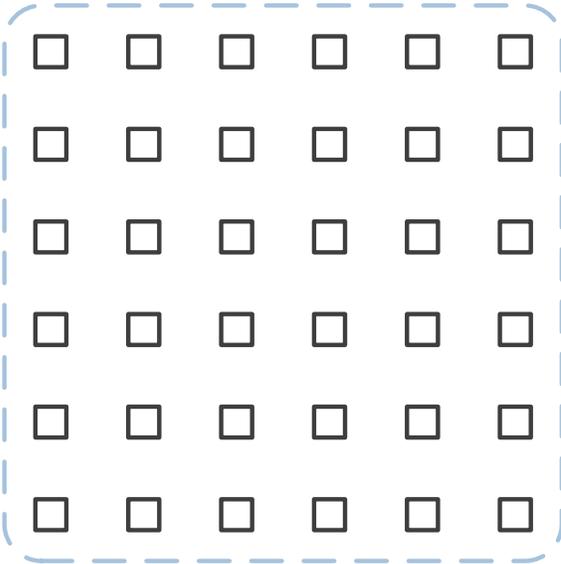
Smart, G.; Smith, A.; Warner, E.; Sperstad, I.B.; Prinsen, B.; Lacal-Aránegui, R. (2016): "IEA Wind Task 26 – Offshore Wind Farm Baseline Documentation". IEA Wind.

O&M models – Types of models

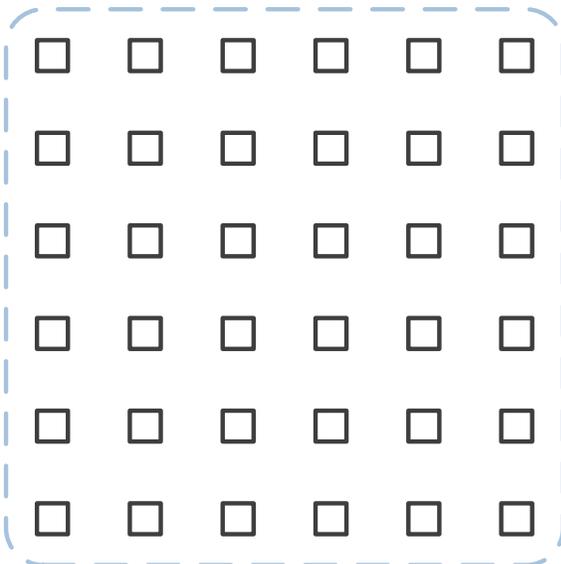


O&M models – Types of models

□ Possible solution

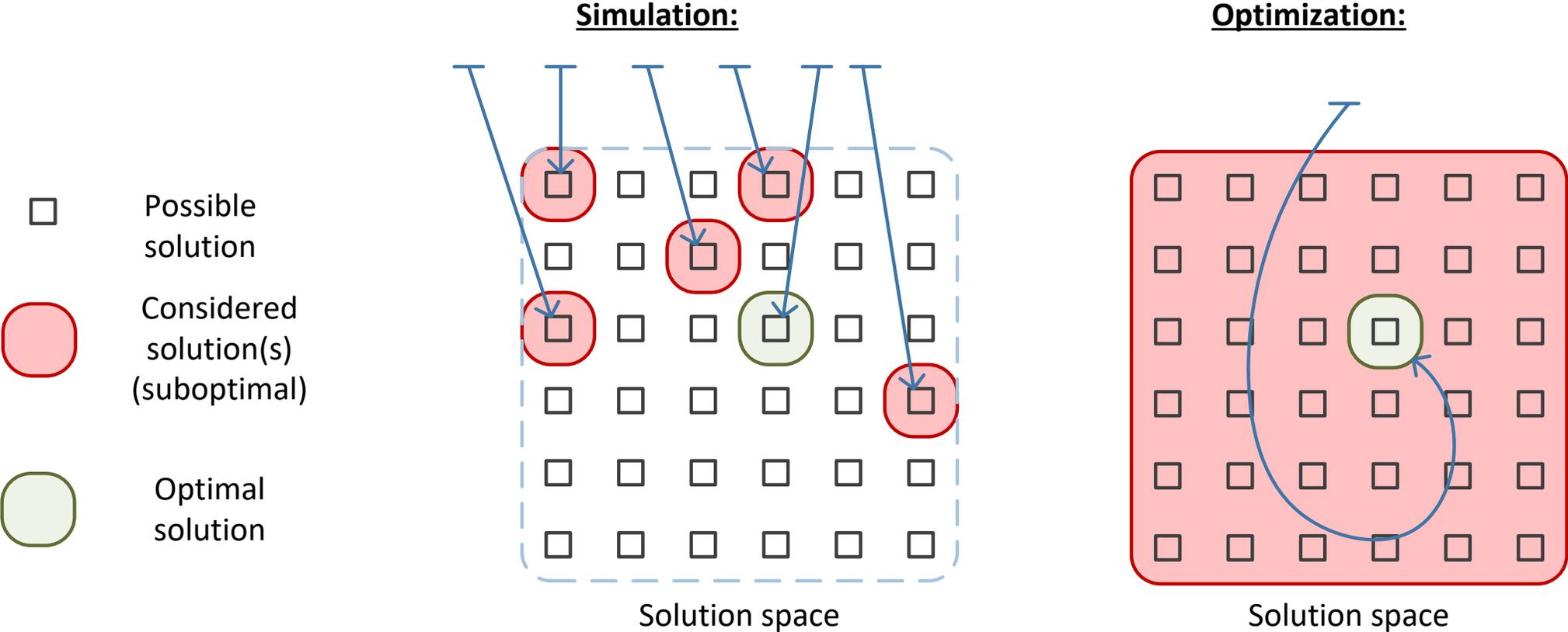


Solution space



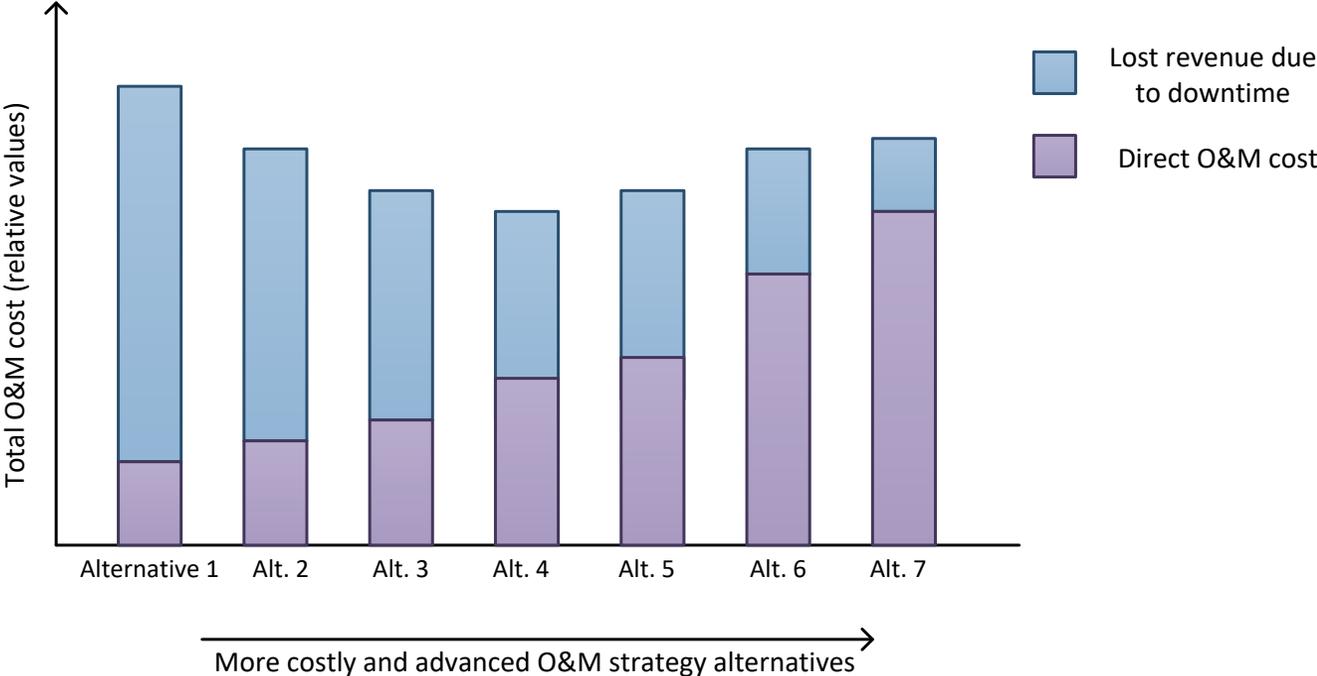
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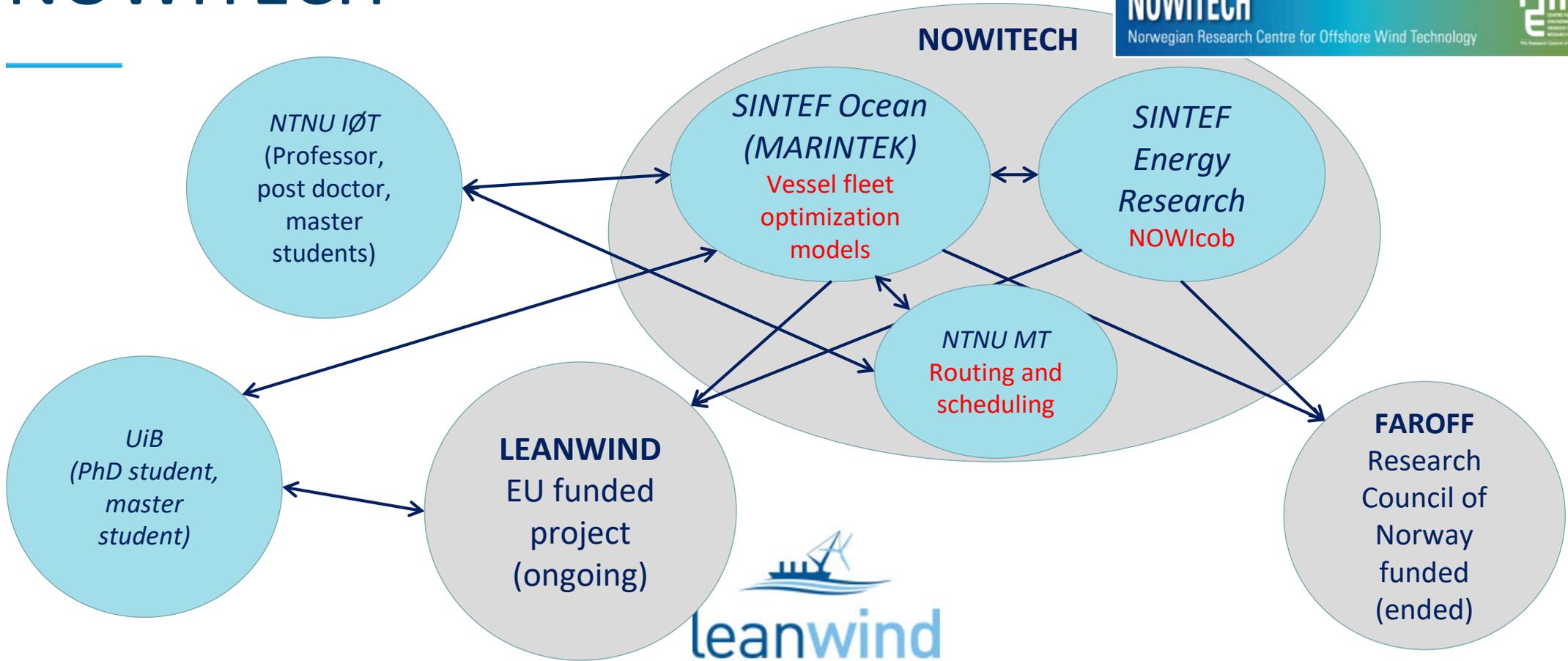


Objective function for O&M optimization

Total O&M cost = Direct O&M cost + Lost revenue due to downtime



Models and cooperation within NOWITECH

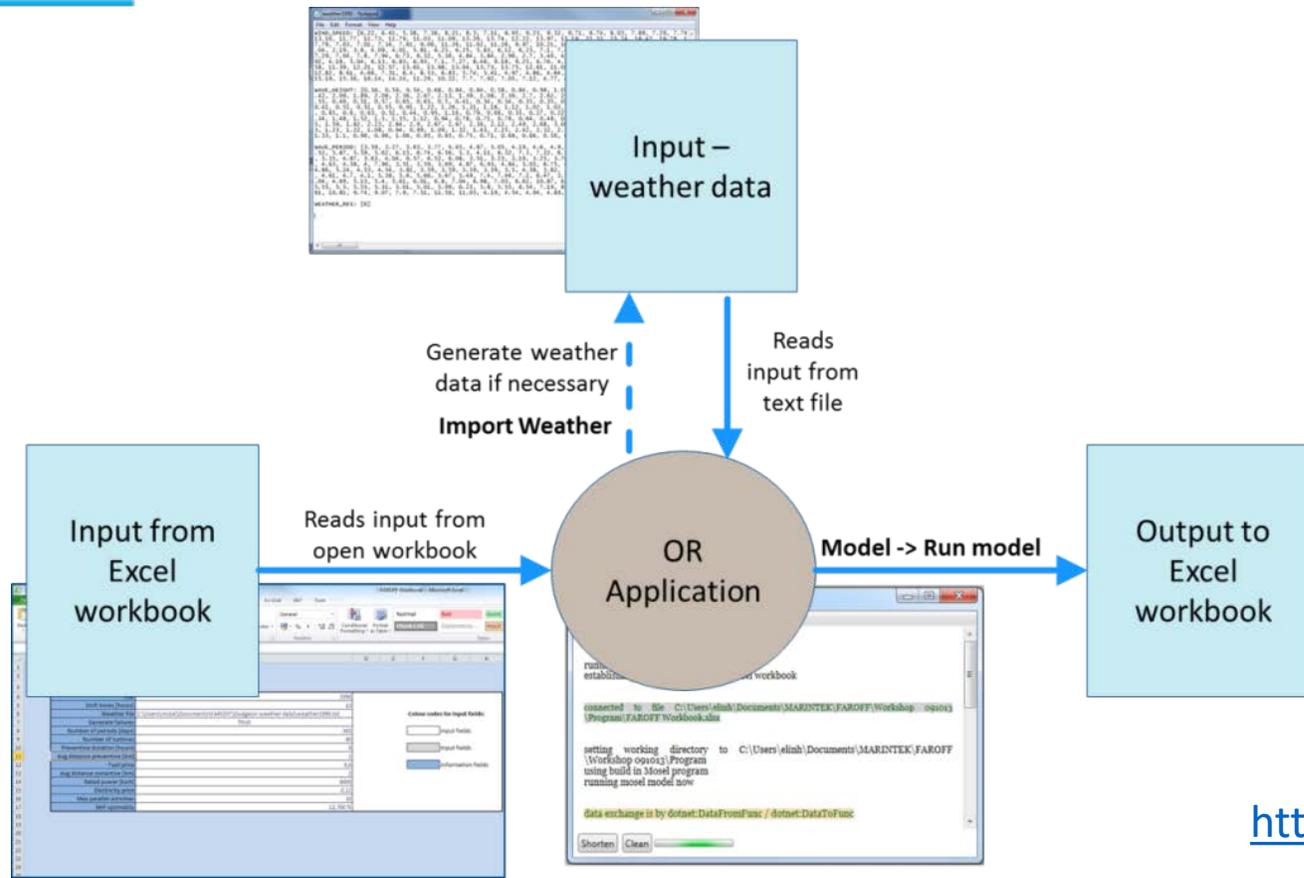


Vessel fleet optimization – why?

- Many options for vessels and access solutions make it impractical to evaluate all options
- 10 vessel types, 0-3 vessels each → $2^{20} \approx 1$ million combinations
- Use techniques from operations research to efficiently evaluate the solution space



Vessel fleet optimization models



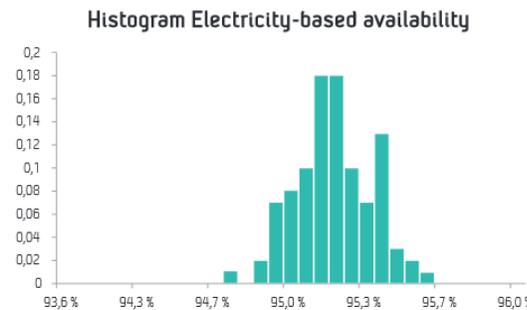
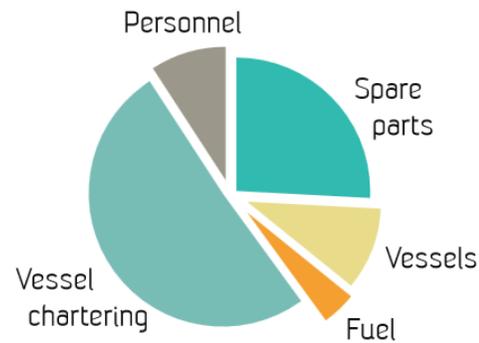
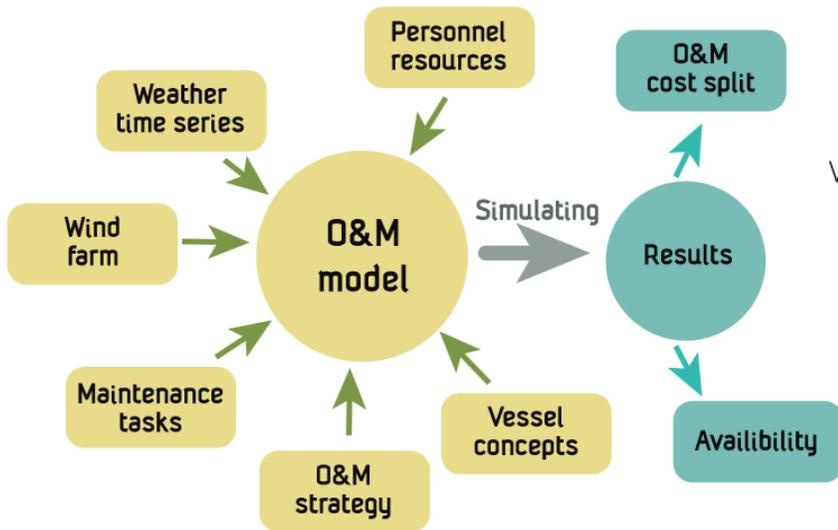
- Optimization models, 3 versions:
 - Deterministic, stochastic, heuristic
- Support for strategic decisions regarding optimal vessel fleet for wind farm O&M and maintenance logistics
- Model developer: SINTEF Ocean (MARINTEK)

<http://www.sintef.no/projectweb/marwind/>

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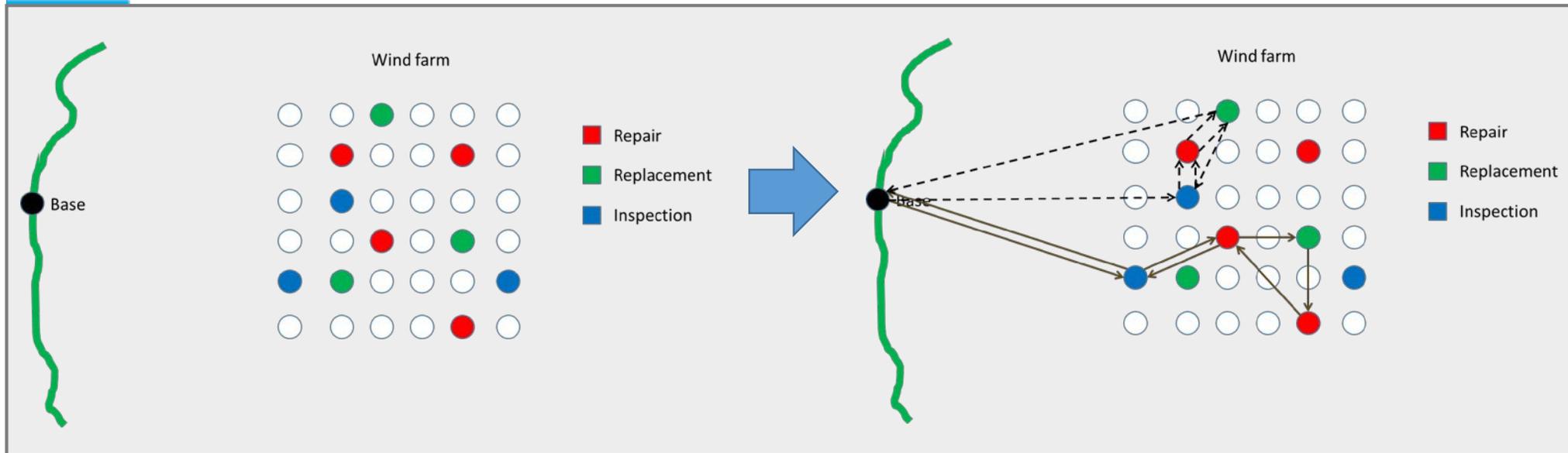
Norwegian offshore wind power life cycle cost and benefit

<http://www.sintef.no/nowicob>



- Offshore wind farm O&M simulation model
- Strategic decision support
- Model developer: SINTEF Energy Research
- NOWIcob = LEANWIND O&M Strategy model

Routing and scheduling model



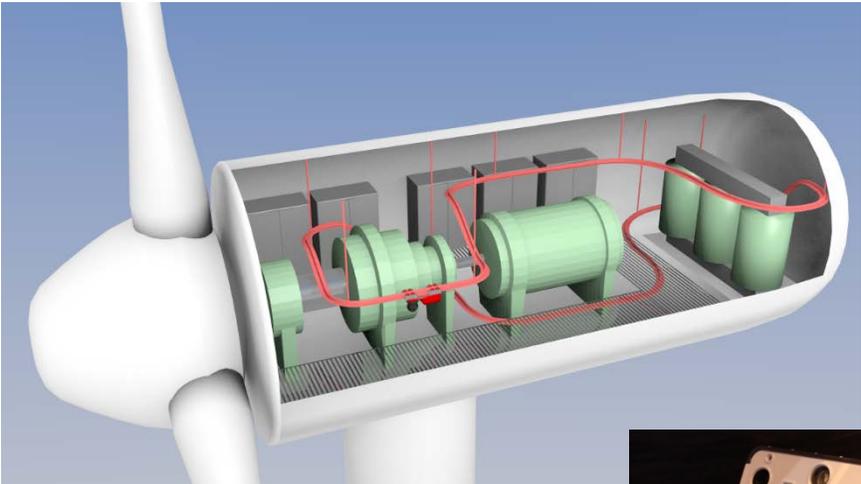
- Mathematical optimization model(s)
- Find optimal routes and schedules: One for each vessel for each day – which maintenance tasks to execute, when to deliver and pick-up technicians at turbines
- Developers: NTNU MT/NTNU IØT/SINTEF Ocean

Examples of some industrial applications

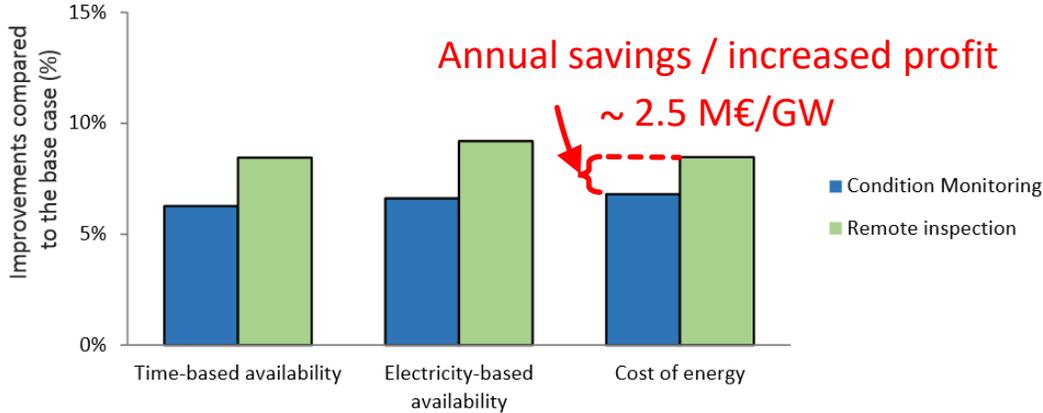
- Investment decision / due diligence for offshore wind farm projects
 - E.g. Dudgeon offshore wind farm investment decision – energy-based availability for different vessel concepts
- Support agreement with Statkraft
 - Model customization, user support, analysis of wind farm scenarios
- Evaluation of O&M modelling tools, e.g.
 - model comparison and validation activity with ScottishPower and Iberdrola
 - testing and validation together with an European offshore wind farm owner



Cost-benefit - Remote presence (REACT)



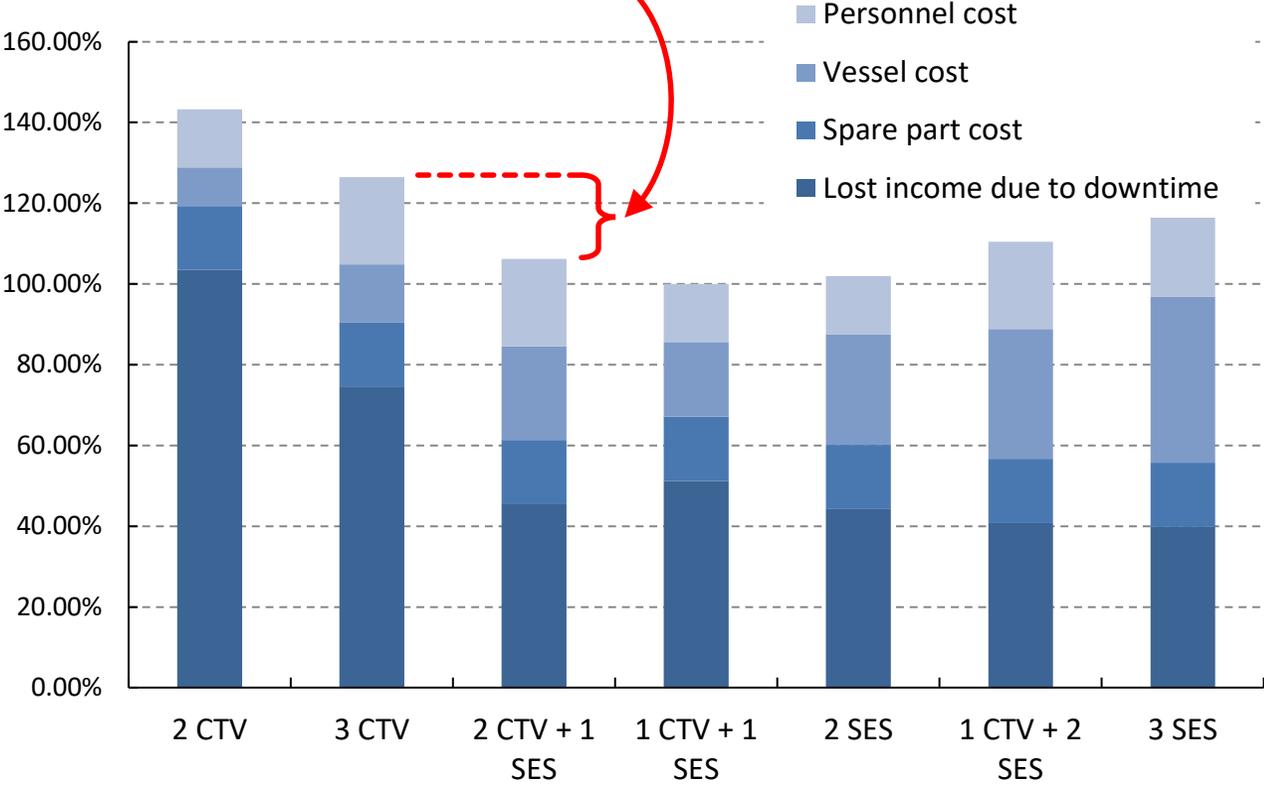
- Remotely controlled robot for inspection of components in wind turbine nacelle
- Developer:
Norsk Automatisering AS / EMIP AS



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Cost reduction potential

Annual savings / increased profit ~ 1 M€/GW



Crew transfer vessel fleet optimization

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