

The pool of *Italian* skills on off-shore wind

A survey on Italian research eco-system on FOW &c

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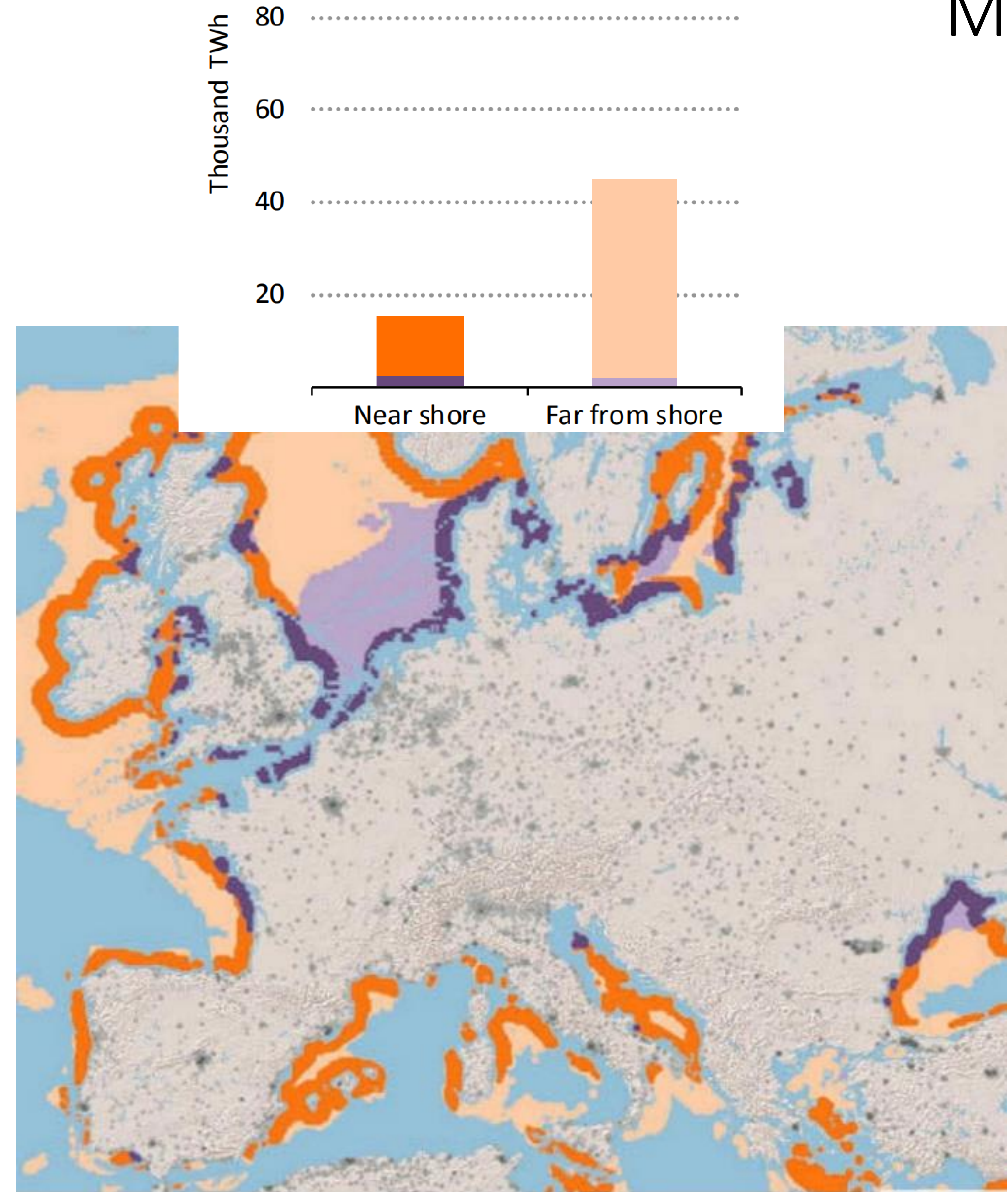
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Motivations



- Secondo il GWEC*, l'Italia è il terzo mercato per potenziale di eolico galleggiante nel mondo
- Secondo il Politecnico di Torino, il potenziale di eolico offshore galleggiante in Italia è pari a:
 - o Capacità: 207,3 GW (x 3,4 la capacità installata di FER nel 2022)
 - o Generazione: 540,8 TWh/a (pari a 1,7 volte la domanda di elettricità nel 2022)
- La maggior parte del potenziale di eolico offshore galleggiante concentrato in Sicilia e in Sardegna

Shallow water (10 - 60 m): ■ Near shore (<60 km) ■ Far from shore (60 - 300 km)
 Deeper water (60 - 2 000 m): ■ Near shore (<60 km) ■ Far from shore (60 - 300 km)

Motivations

A domestic offshore wind energy supply chain designed to meet the annual demand for major components in 2030 would require an investment of at least \$22.4 billion

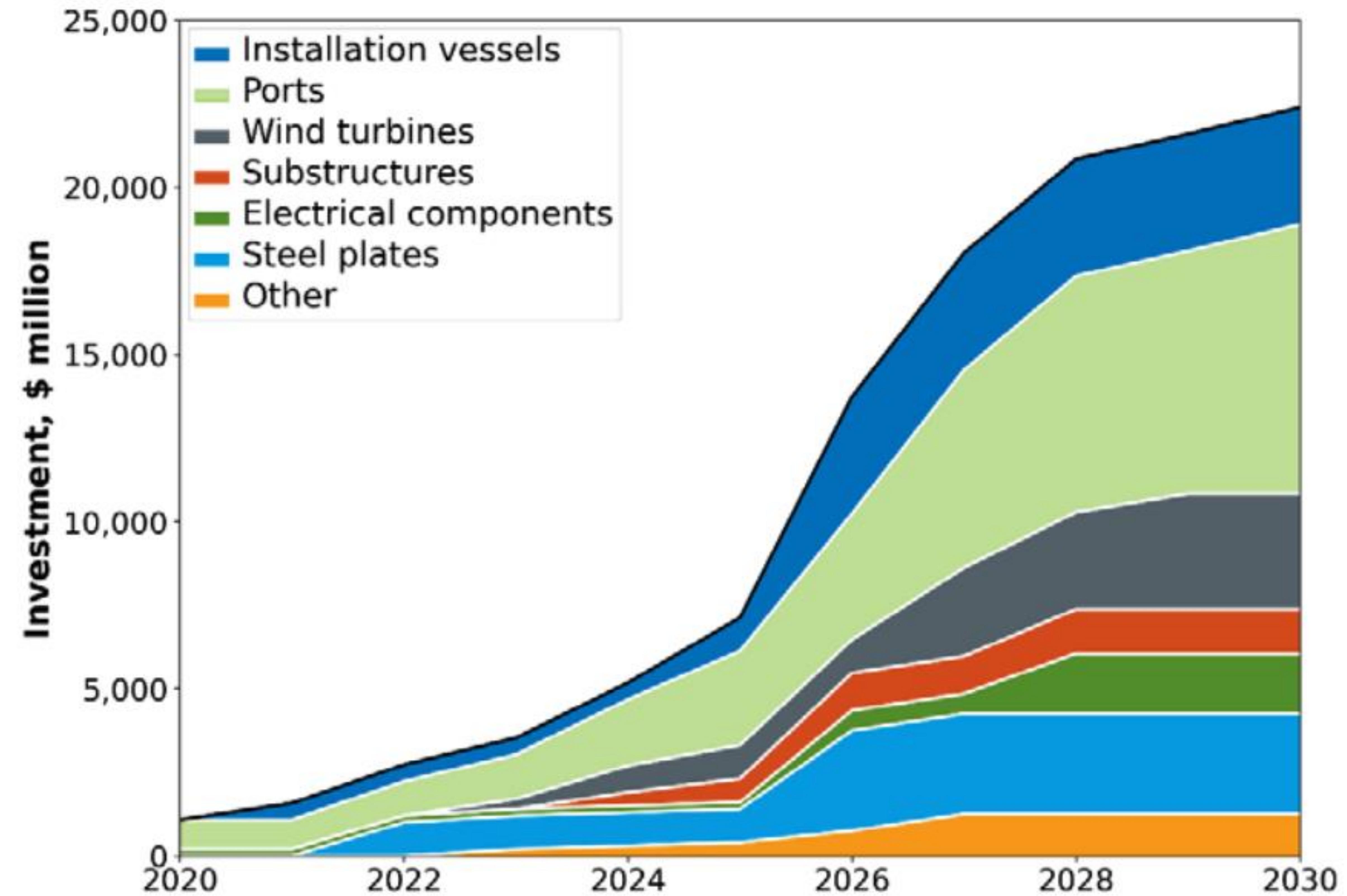


Figure ES2. Cumulative investment over time in the major components of a domestic offshore wind energy supply chain.

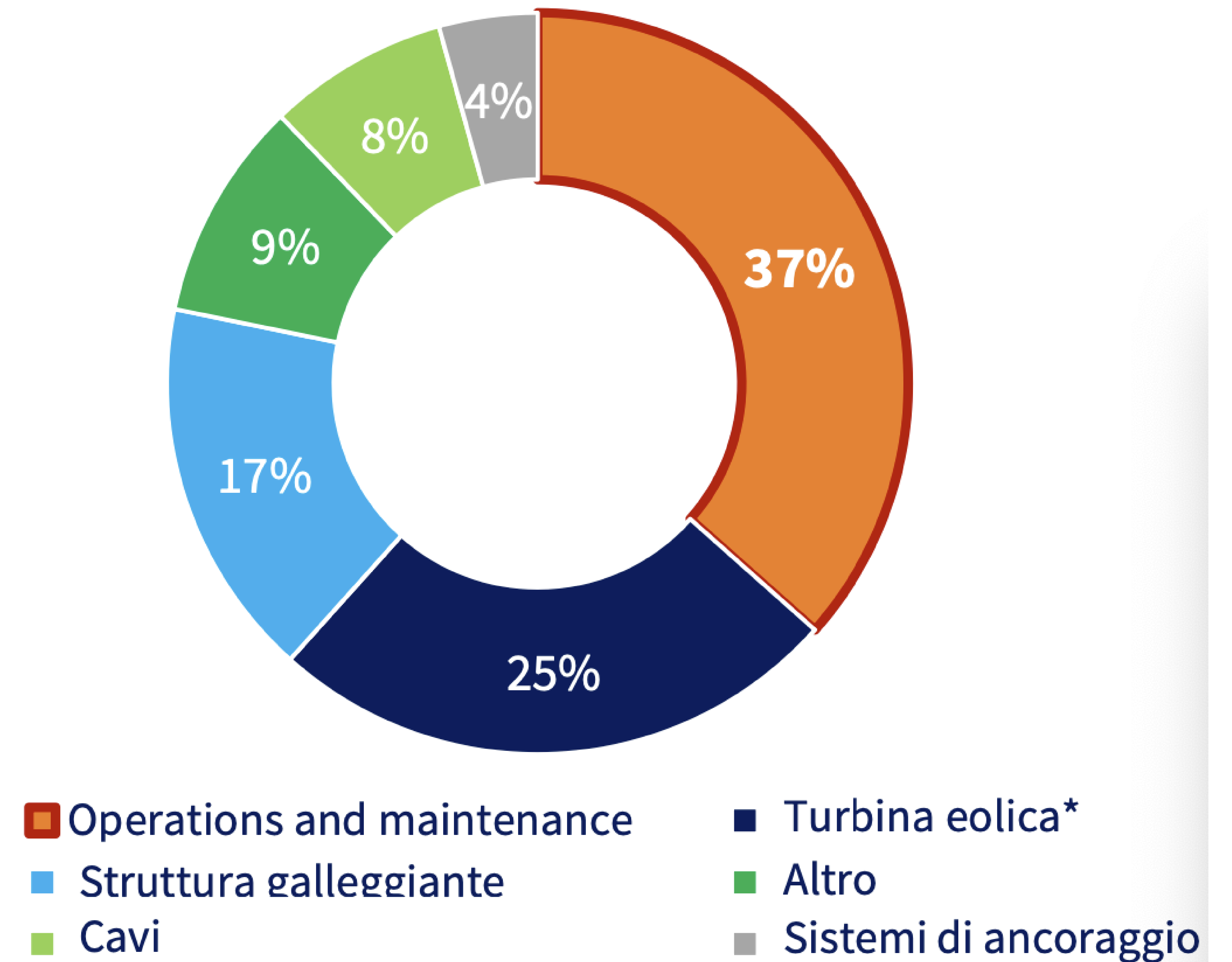
Fonte: A Supply Chain Road Map for Offshore Wind Energy in the United States, NREL, 2023

Motivations

Leadership *value chain* italiana

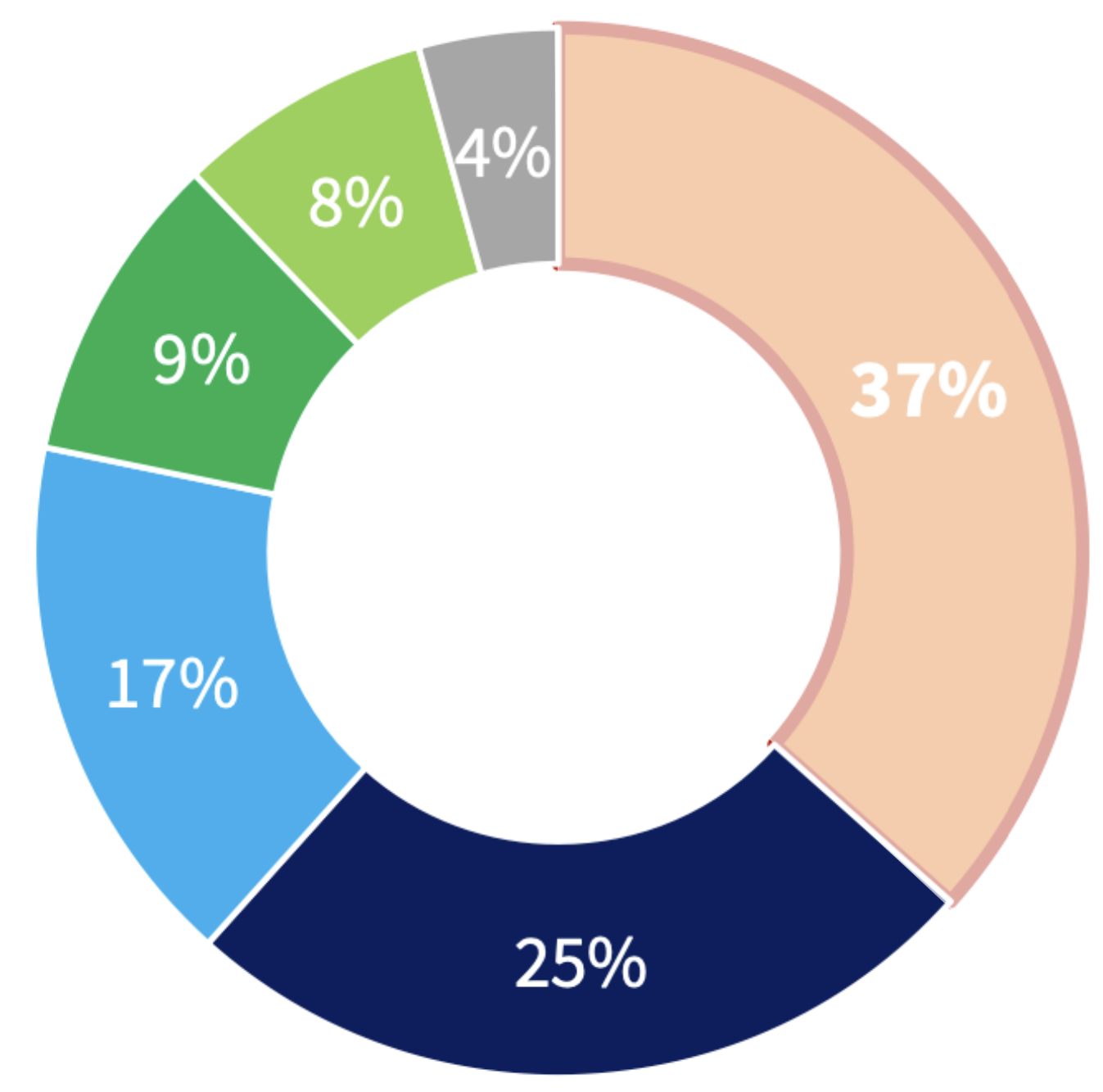
- produzione di acciaio, che potrebbe essere il materiale dominante per le piattaforme galleggianti
- prima per valore della produzione di strutture in ferro e acciaio
- prima nella produzione di navi e imbarcazioni, cruciali durante la fase di installazione e O&M delle turbine galleggianti
- (leadership nel settore di tecnologie e servizi offshore derivata dal mondo Oil&Gas)
- *Assenza di OEM turbine eoliche di grande taglia*

Costo totale di un parco eolico offshore galleggiante per categoria (valori %), 2023



Fonte: The European House - Ambrosetti su BVG Associates, Catapult, Offshore Renewable Energy, The Crown Estate, Crown Estate of Scotland e Floating Offshore Wind Centre of Excellence, 2023

Wind Implementation Working Group



■ Operations and maintenance ■ Turbina eolica*
■ Struttura galleggiante ■ Altro
■ Cavi ■ Sistemi di ancoraggio

Target 3 – Wind manufacturing capacity

New proposal: At least 2GW of wind manufacturing capacity added per year in the IWG Wind members' countries, supported by the implementation of R&I projects* that will add manufacturing capacity at the national level (automation, optimisation of manufacturing processes, optimisation of materials use, logistics, supply-chain etc.)

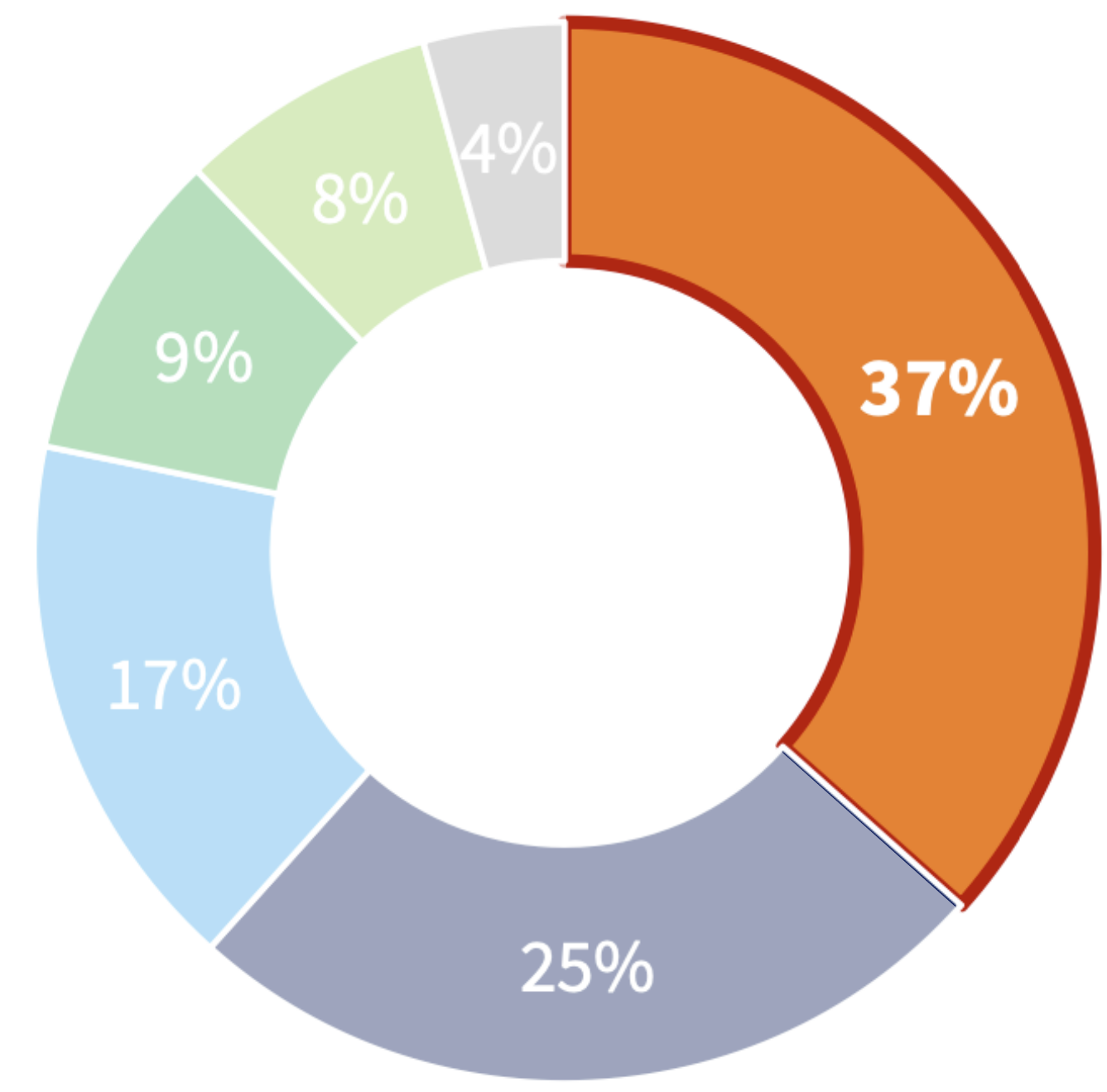
In line with the Net Zero Industry Act and the EU target of 36GW / year of deployed capacity.

Target 4 – Recycling

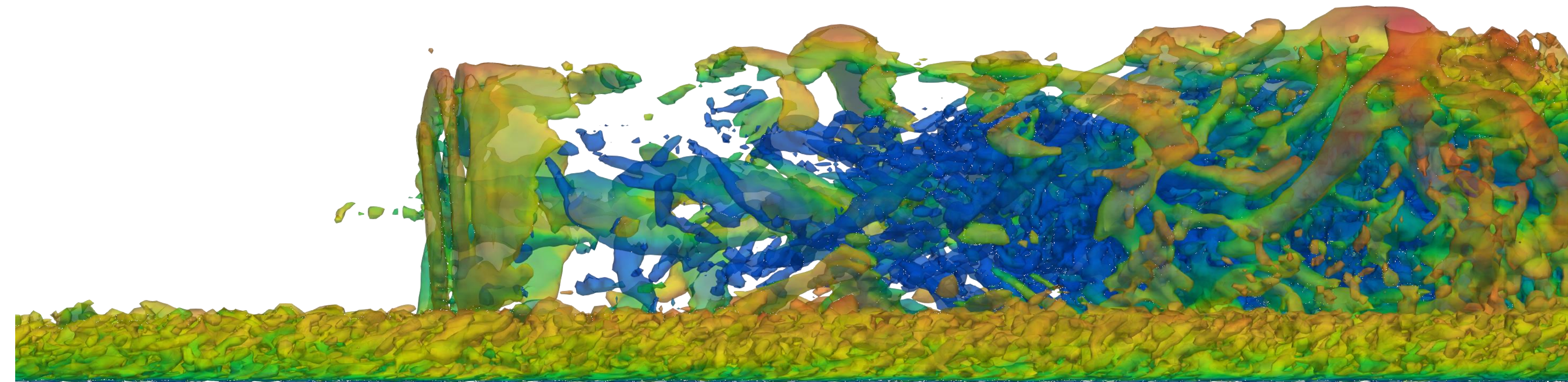
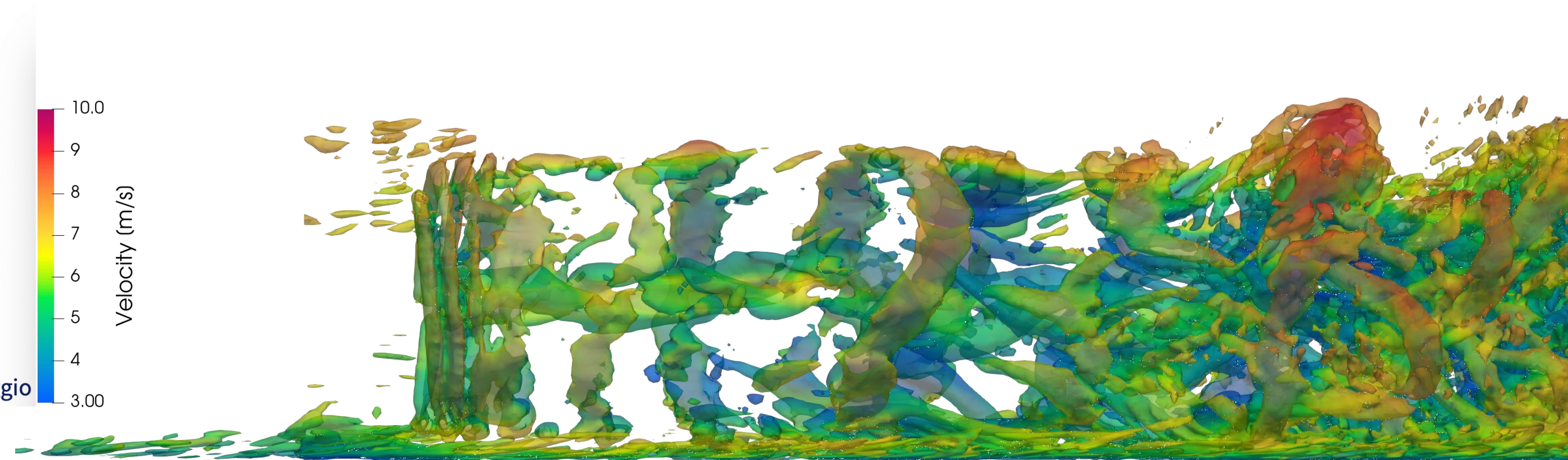
New proposal: Each Member States dedicates R&D budget to materials recovery technologies including recycling and critical raw materials.

In line with the Critical Raw Materials Act and the EU target of recycling capacity.

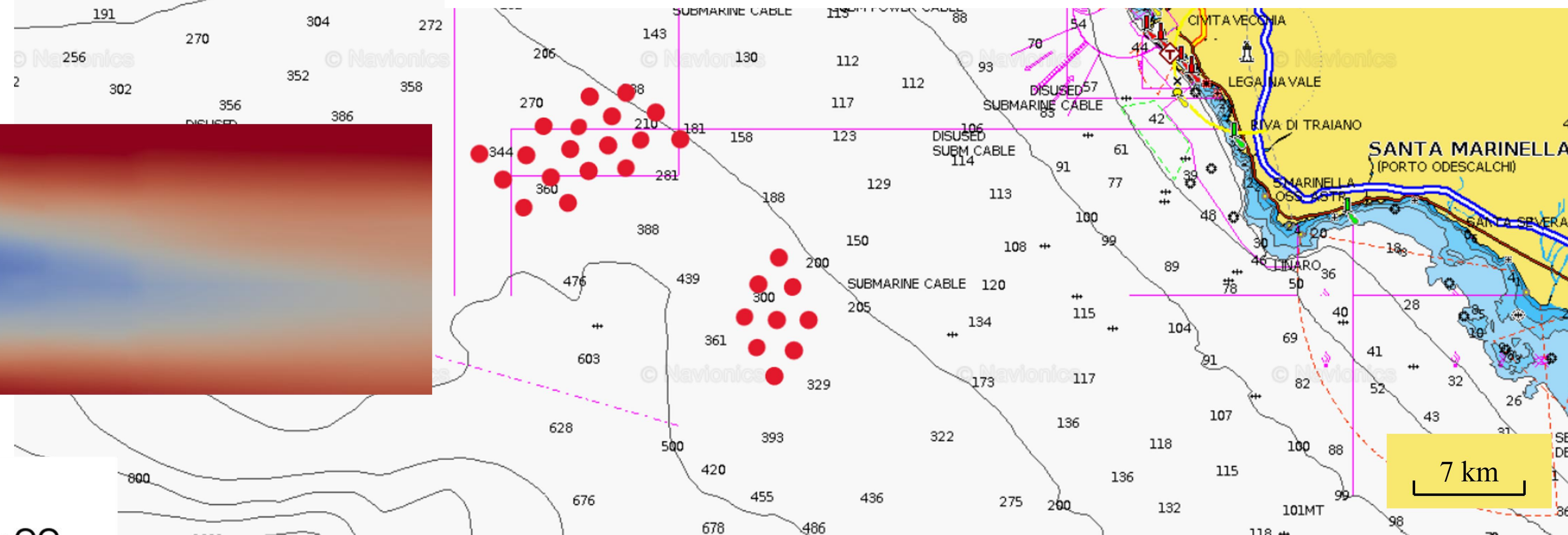
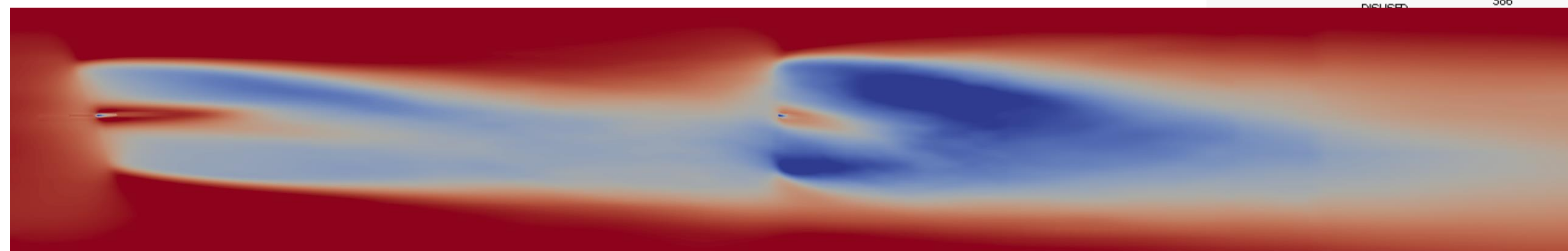
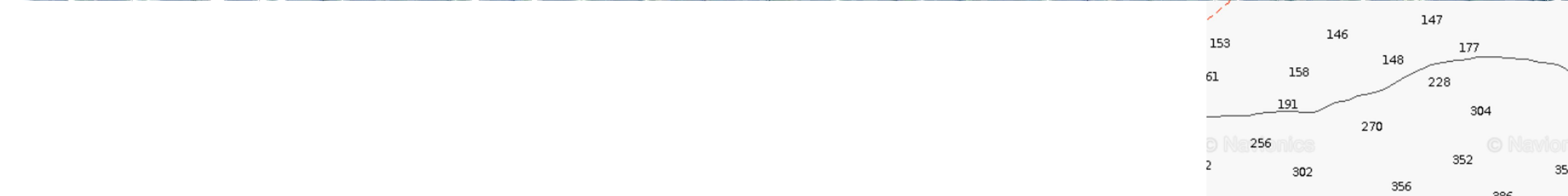
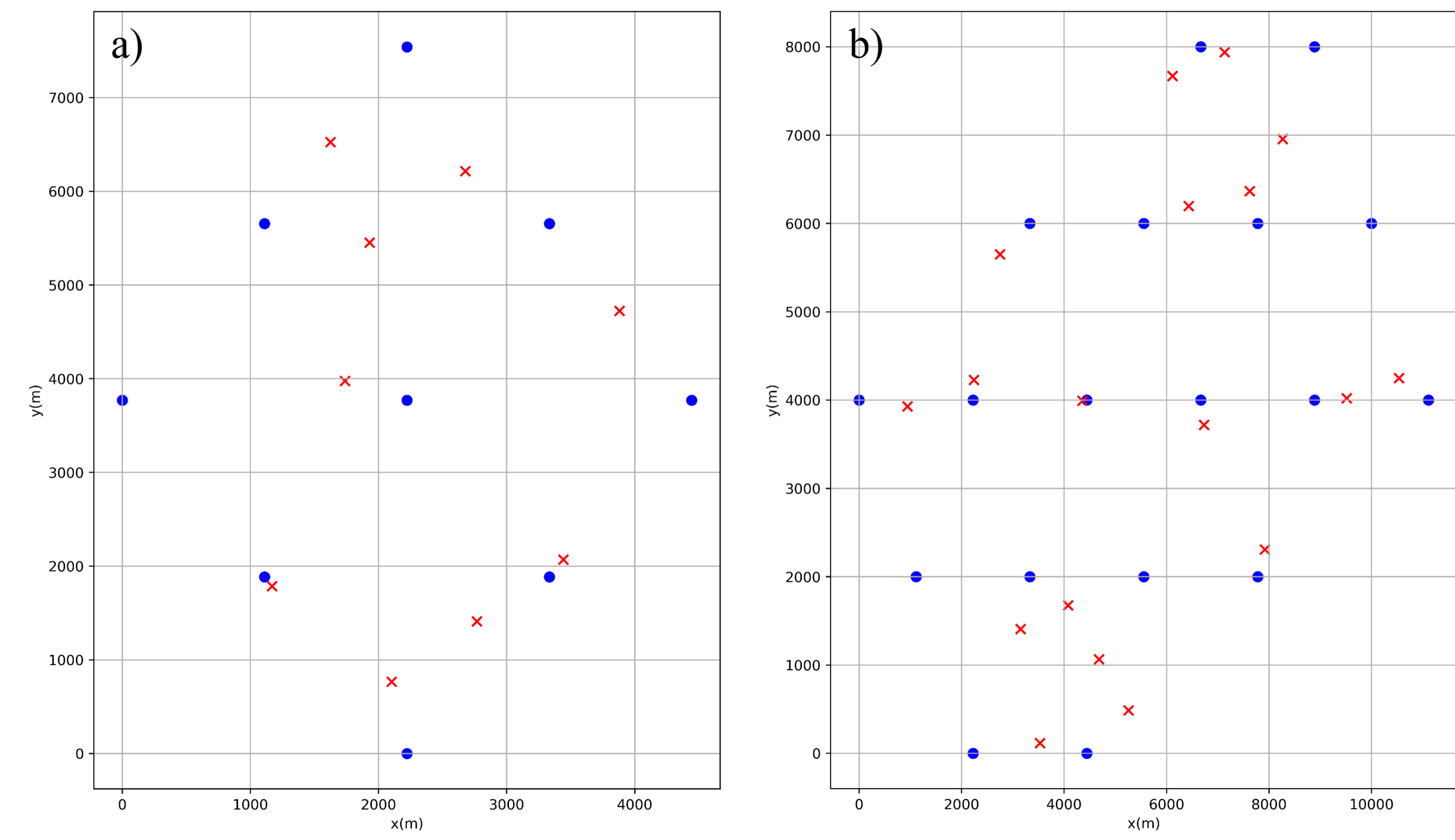
Challenges



- Operations and maintenance
- Struttura galleggiante
- Cavi
- Turbina eolica*
- Altro
- Sistemi di ancoraggio



Ottimizzazione di un parco eolico offshore al largo di Civitavecchia: dal micro-siting al controllo dell'imbardata, De Girolamo et al., 2023



International Energy Agency

The number of Italian participants in the IEA Wind TCP Tasks has increased significantly (2021, Italy participated in tasks 11, 25, 30, 34, 41, 47, 48, and 49)

Task 30

Offshore Code Comparison Collaboration, Continuation, with Correlation and uncertainty

Task 41

Enabling Wind to Contribute to a Distributed Energy Future

Task 47

TURBulent Inflow Innovative Aerodynamics (TURBINIA)

Patents

<https://patents.google.com>

Search terms: “floating” & “offshore” & “wind” and “country:IT” and “year: since 2000”

Floating structure for wind turbines, O Me R Officine Riunite S.r.l., 2006

Joint for modular wind blade and modular wind blade comprising said joint, Castorrini A, Corsini A, Rispoli F, Sciulli F, 2014

Support tower, particularly for a wind turbine, Micoperi Energia S.r.l., 2015

Infraestructura flotante en alta mar para explotar la energia eolica, Kite Gen Research S.r.l. et al., 2015

Rigid oscillation damping and control system for floating systems, in particular for offshore wind systems, Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria, 2019

Peer-reviewed projects

Database: CORDIS & other EU databases

Search terms: “floating” & “offshore” & “wind” 36 projects in Europe (2 with Italian partners)

POWERED (2011-2015)

IPA Crossborder 2007-2013 Programme

Project of Offshore Wind Energy: Research, Experimentation and Development

[Università Politecnica delle Marche – Regione Marche](#)

CoCoNet (2012-2016)

FP7 project (European Commission, CROS)

Towards COast to COast NETworks of marine protected areas coupled with sea-based wind energy potential.

[CNR - ISMAR](#)

[CoNISMa \(Consorzio Nazionale Interuniv Scienze del Mare\)](#)

[COISPA Tecnologia e Ricerca](#)

Database: TETHYS

Search terms: “offshore”

18 projects World (1 with Italian partners)

MORE-EST Platform (2010-2019)

RES is a web platform that supports maritime stakeholders in the exploitation of wave energy resource

[Politecnico di Torino](#)

SEAFLOWER (2021-2024)

Horizon 2020 project

Support the development of floating solutions from the geotechnical standpoint, contributing towards overcoming some of the current technical barriers of wind energy exploitation in deep waters

[Università degli Studi di Bologna](#)

FLOATECH (2021-2024)

Horizon 2020 project

“Offshore wind basic science and balance of plant”

[Università degli Studi di Firenze, Università di Napoli Federico II](#)

[Seapower, Saipem](#)

Next Gen-EU (2022-2024) projects

e.g. PE NEST

“Spoke 2 – Offshore energy”

[Politecnico di Bari, Politecnico di Milano, Politecnico di Torino, Sapienza Roma, Univ Cagliari, Napoli Federico II, CNR INM et al.](#)

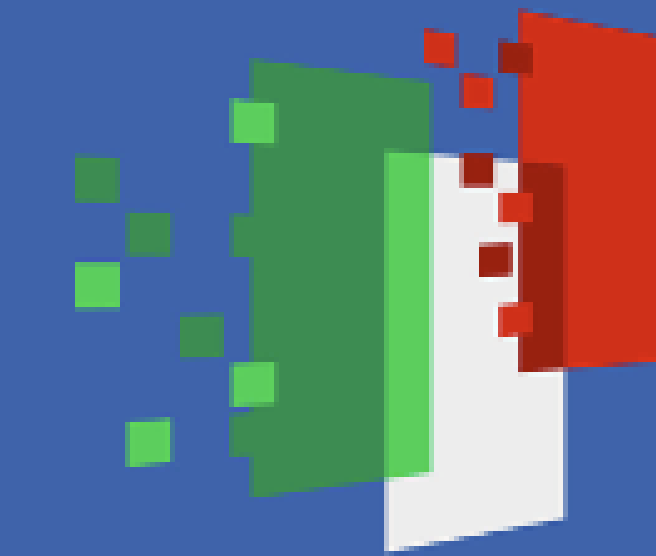




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NEST
NETWORK FOR ENERGY SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION

NEST – Network 4 Energy Sustainable Transition

SPOKE 2 - ENERGY HARVESTING & OFF-SHORE RENEWABLES

Objectives

- Develop demonstration Offshore wind projects, suitable for the Mediterranean area
- Fill the gap from pilot-plant to demonstration project for wave/currents energy converters
- Improve the power-take-off performance by means of advanced technologies (blade morphing, and adaptive geometries)
- Develop the concept of integrated infrastructure exploiting the potential of combined wind/wave energy production and/or wave attenuation
- Develop new design for geothermal energy uses in buildings and agriculture and energy storage
- Develop and testing of novel devices for energy harvesting and conservation

LEADER	POLIBA
CO-LEADER	UNICA
Steering Committee - R&D Participants	POLIBA, UNICA, POLITO, POLIMI, UNIROMA1, UNINA, CNR
Other <u>partecipants</u>	UNICAL - UNIVAQ

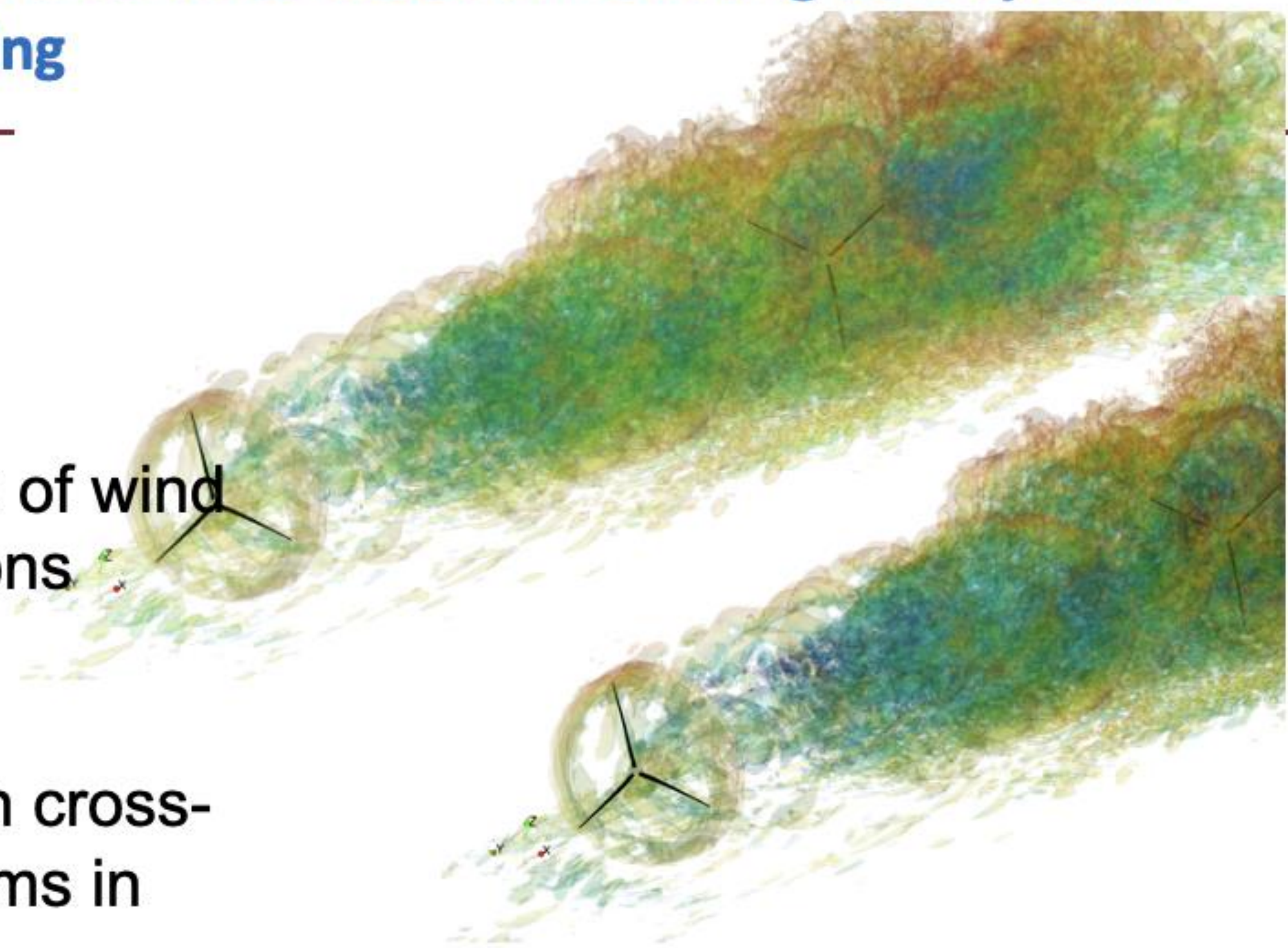
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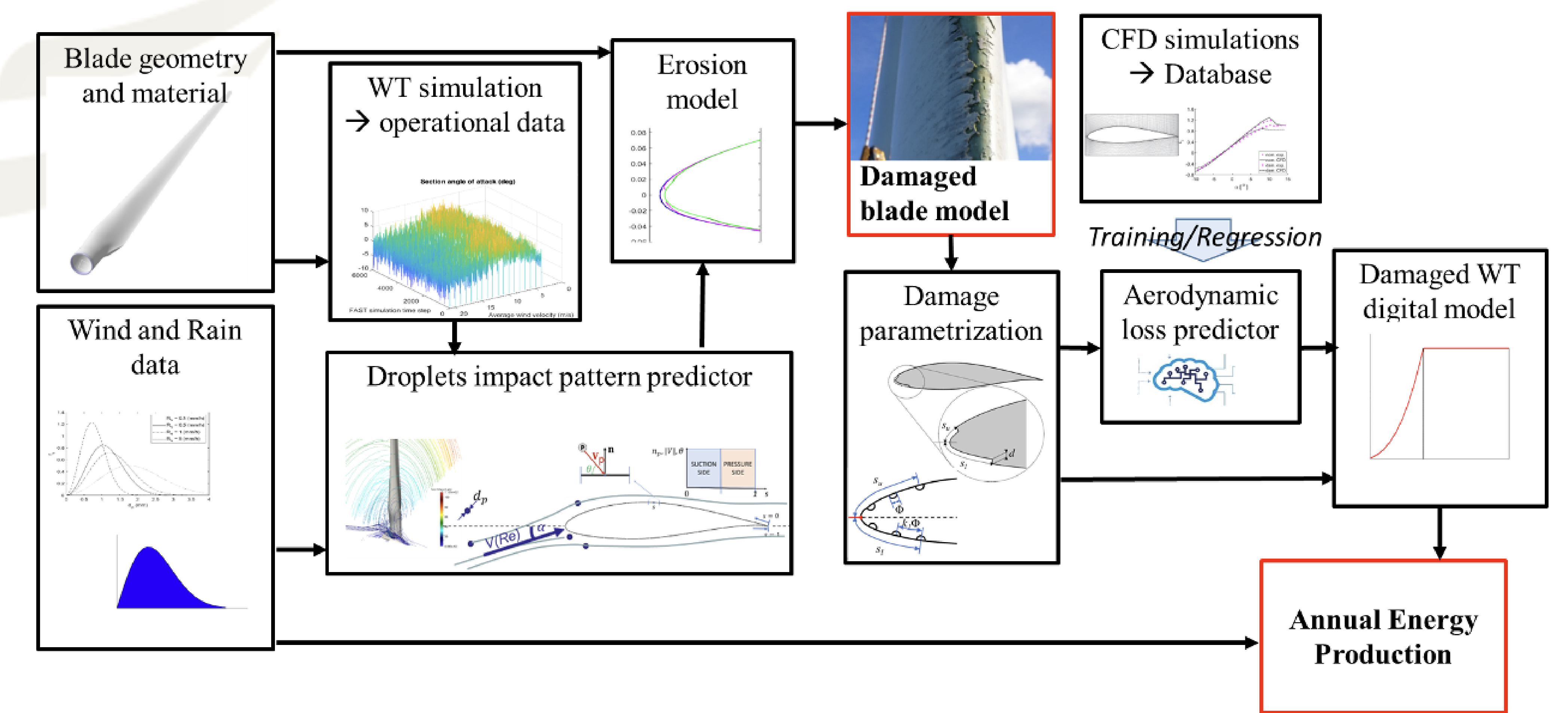
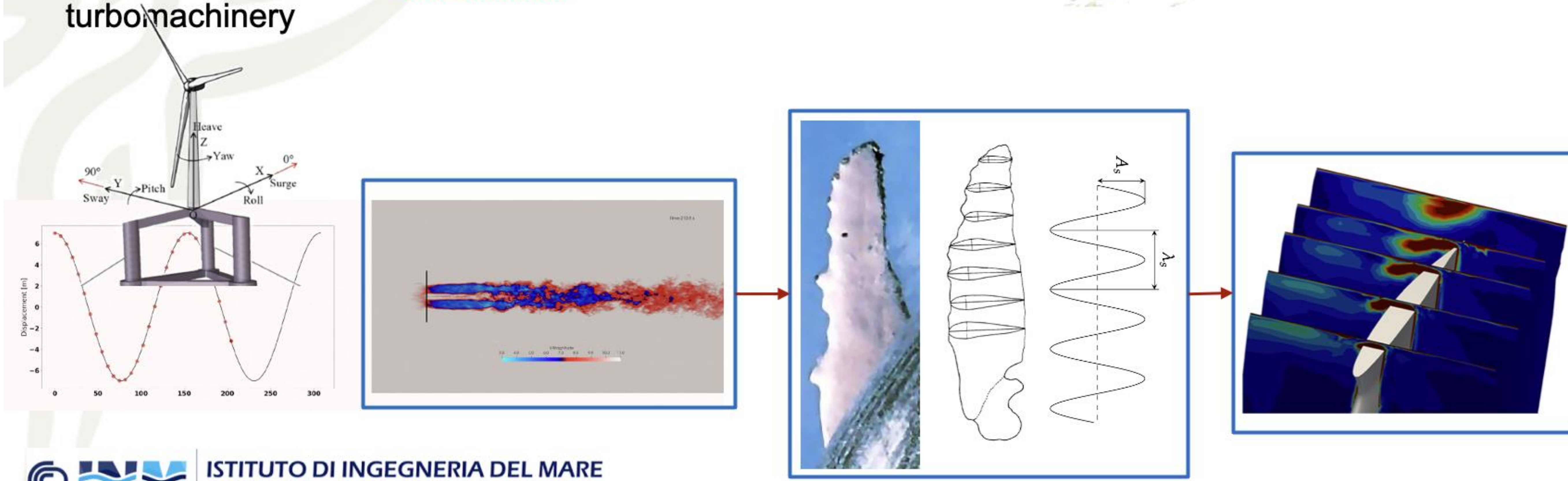
Activity I: passive systems for wake effect reduction

- Development of reliable CFD methods for simulation of wind turbines wakes, wake-rotor & wave-turbine interactions
- Verification of new blade refitting strategies based on cross-fertilization of passive *bio-inspired* flow control systems in turbomachinery



Activity II: Damage and energy loss prediction systems and Development of integrated simulation tools for fast and reliable prediction of:

- Erosion damage progression on the blades
- Impact of leading edge erosion damages on wind turbine performance and energy production



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