



AIRE project overview & specific activities

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Horizon Europe Project (2023-2026)

How **site location** and **climate conditions** affect wind turbine and wind farm operation and design?

AIRE makes a **holistic approach** to:

- Study the effect that variables such as **precipitation** and **dust** have on wind turbines and wind farms operation.
- Improve wind turbine and wind farm design and control.
- **Increase** wind energy efficiency.



Wind turbine blade erosion



Precipitation



Blade damage



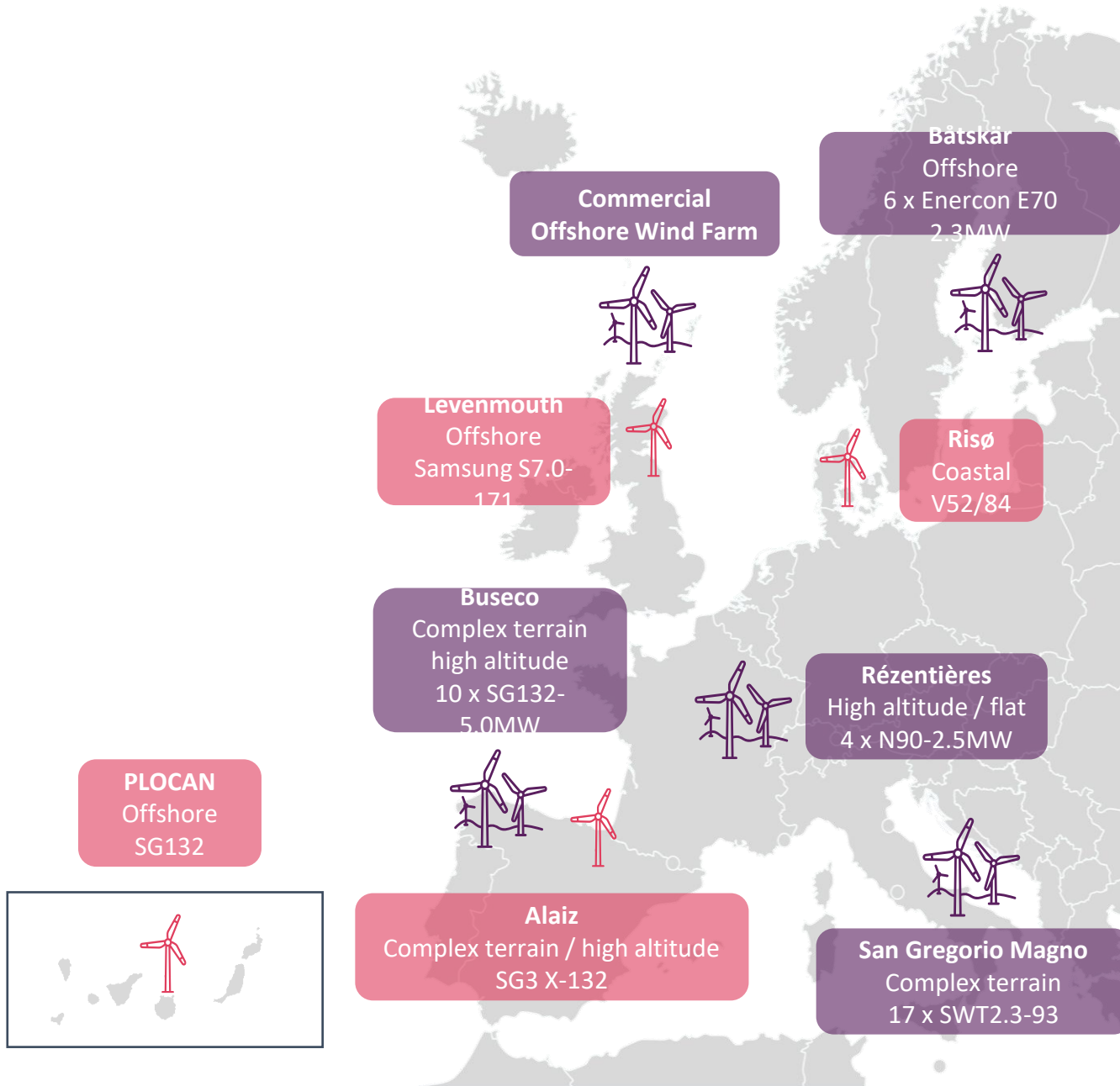
Impact on wind turbine
performance



Wind farm operation
and control effect



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Experimental wind turbine



Wind farm



Data and knowledge collection

Components
design

Models

Case
Studies

Tools



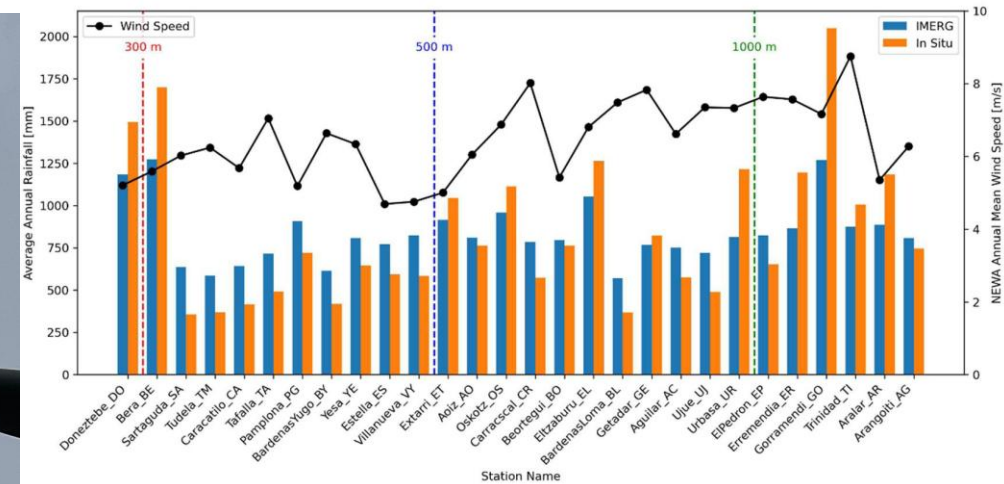
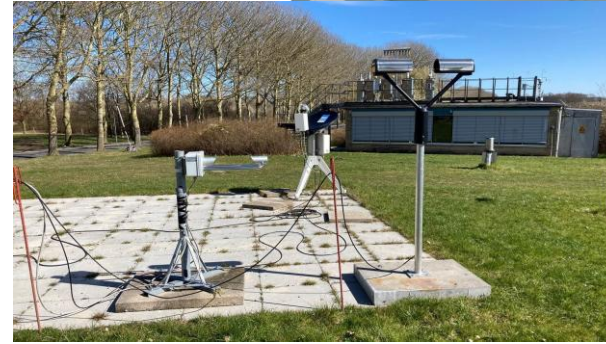
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Wind + precipitation + sand
Different sites (onshore/offshore/altitude effect/complex terrain)
Satellite data analysis

Equipment & Data:

- Micro Rain Radar, Disdrometers, Lidar
- Radiometer, Particle aerosols (with high volume collector), Meteorological stations
- Solar radiation sensor
- Blade Status & Wind Turbine Scada
- Satellite data calibration



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Numerical models

Evaluate how atmospheric wind flow affects power production and loads

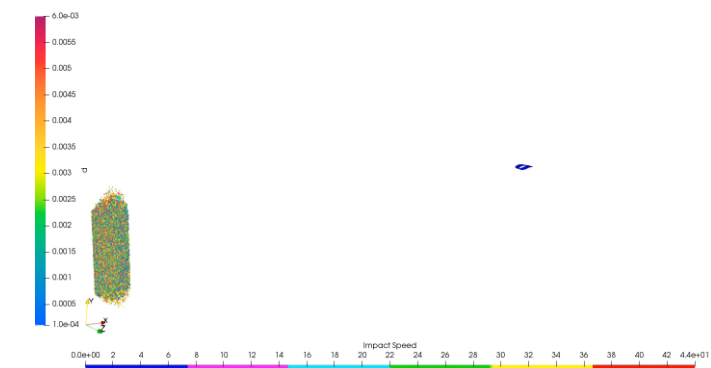
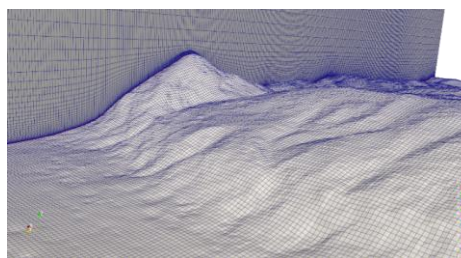
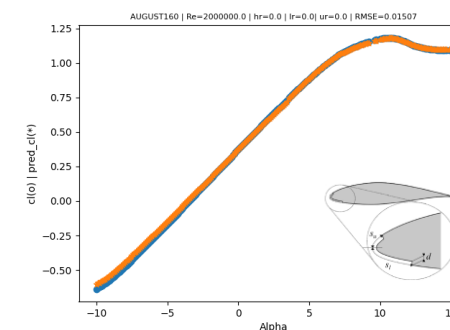
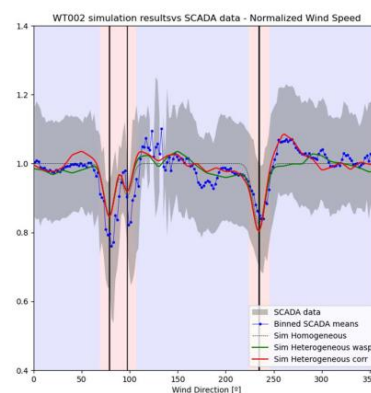
Model 1: Mesoscale model

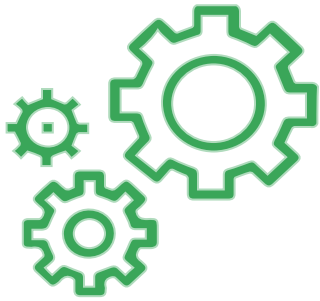
Model 2: Wake and wind farm models

Model 3: Blade Damage model

Model 4: Airfoil performance model

Model 5: 3D model of precipitation impingement





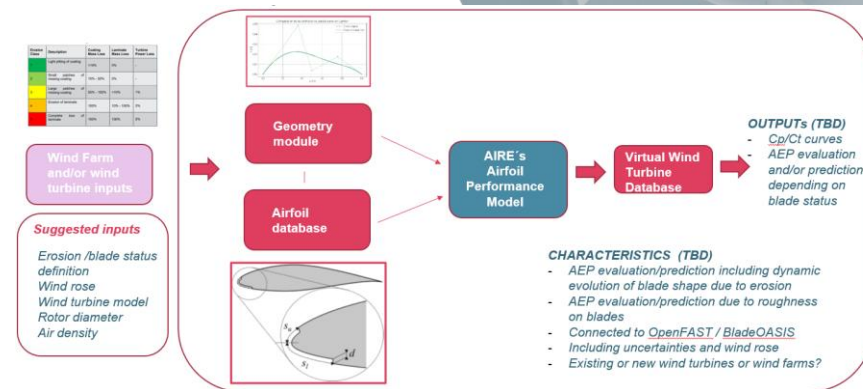
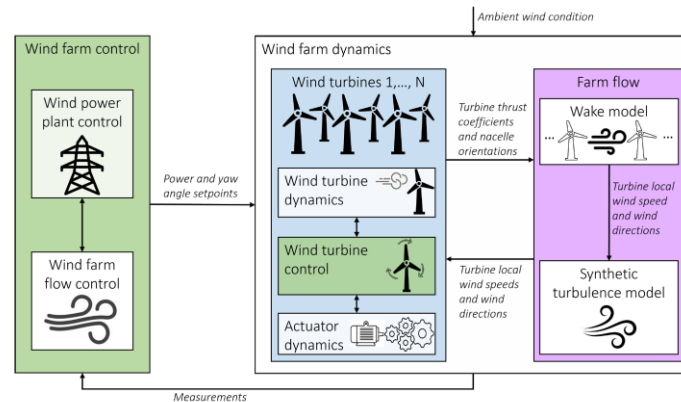
AIRE Toolbox

Tool 1. Erosion risk atlas: accumulated annual precipitation above (typical) rated speed and accumulated annual damage based on a reference wind turbine and the impingement damage model

Tool 2. Wind farm operation and control: blade damage effect over wakes and erosion safe model introduction

Tool 3. Wind turbine AEP prediction: depending on the blade status and wind turbine operational conditions

Tool 4. Erosion safe mode operation: erosion curtailment improved and extended to wind farm control and accounting for wake interaction.





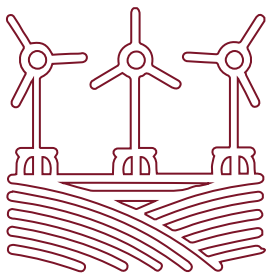
Toolbox application to case studies.

5 Case studies to apply the AIRE toolbox:

- 1) Offshore
- 2) Onshore complex terrain
- 3) High altitude
- 4) Blind test to compare the different tools
- 5) Re-evaluation of offshore case with new airfoils, improved rotor design and leading edge protection..

The objective is to estimate the **LCOE reduction** due to the use of the AIRE tools





Wind turbine components durability

2 New Airfoils design: more resistant to erosion and blade surface status.



Study of aerodynamic effect of leading protections.

New rotor design using the new airfoils.

Advanced testing methodologies in wind tunnel and rain erosion test



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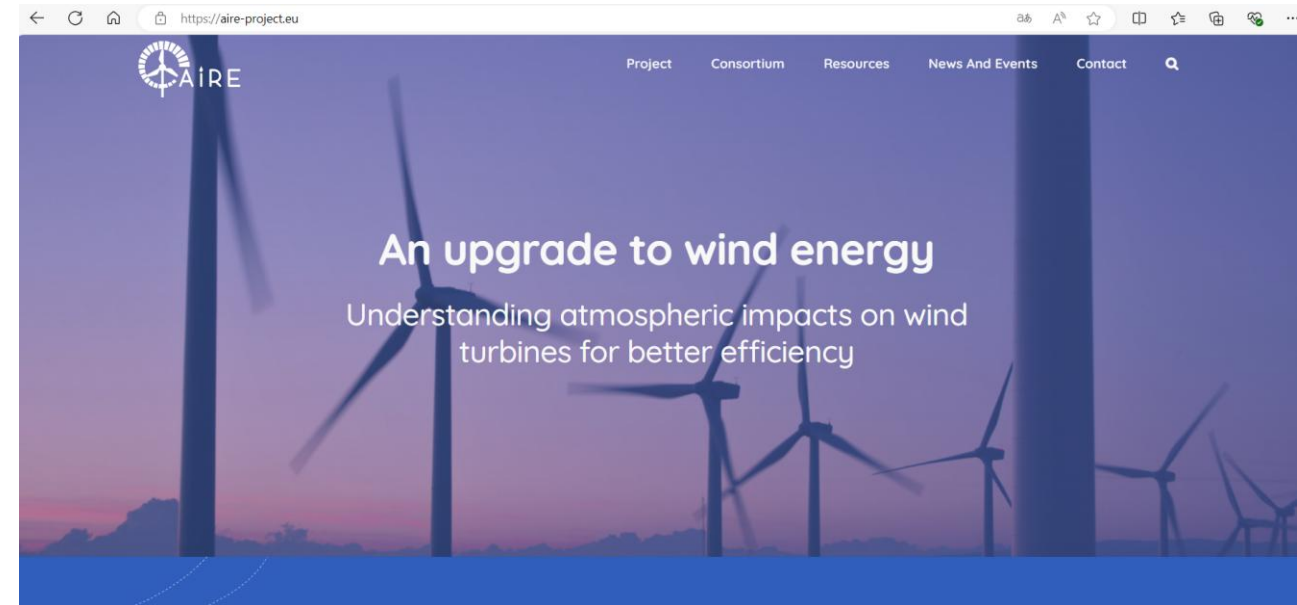
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