



Floating Wind Array Ontology and Modeling Framework

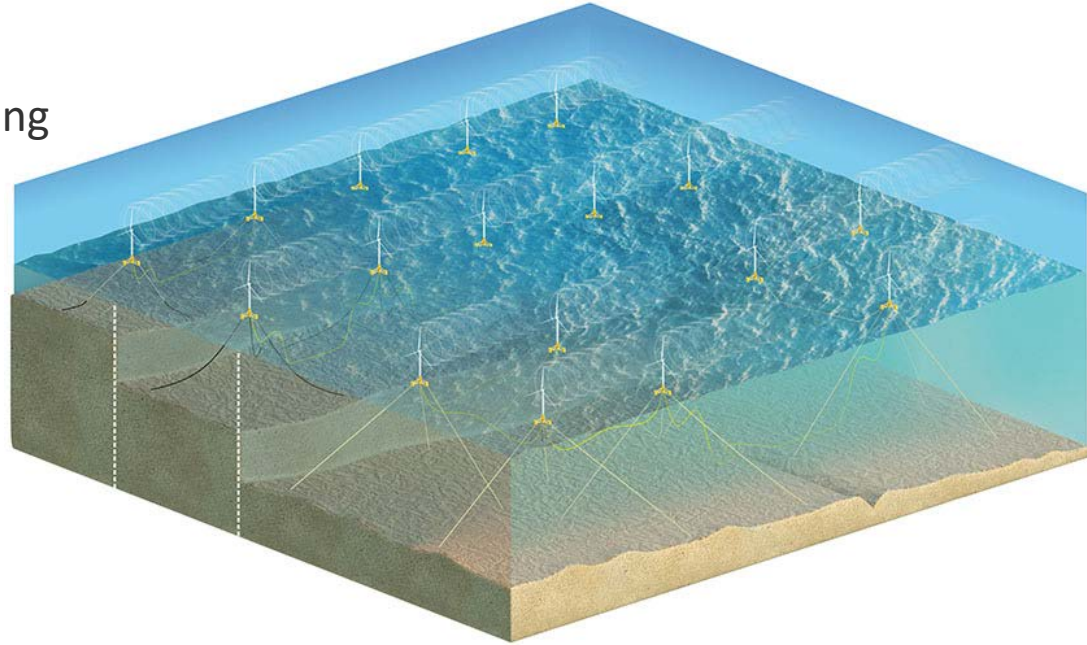
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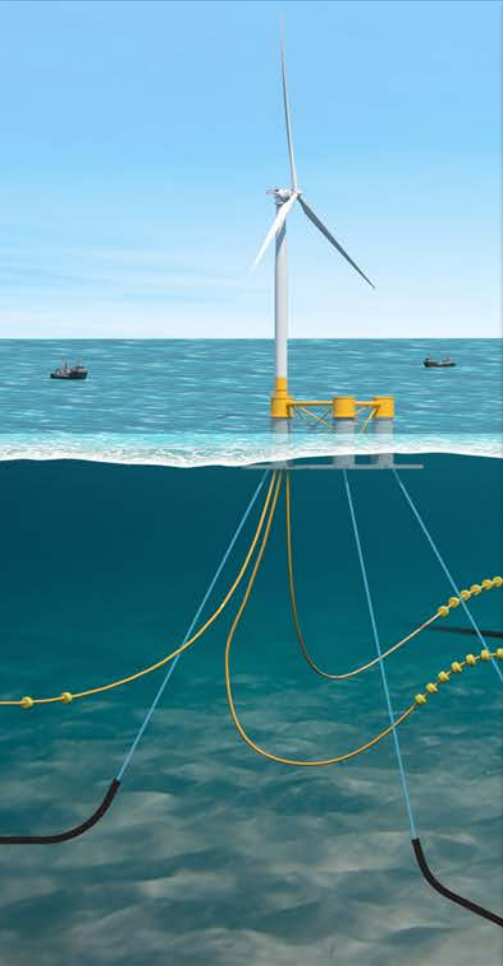
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Presentation Outline

- Floating array design and modeling challenges
- Floating Array Model
- Design Tool Compatibility



Floating Array Design

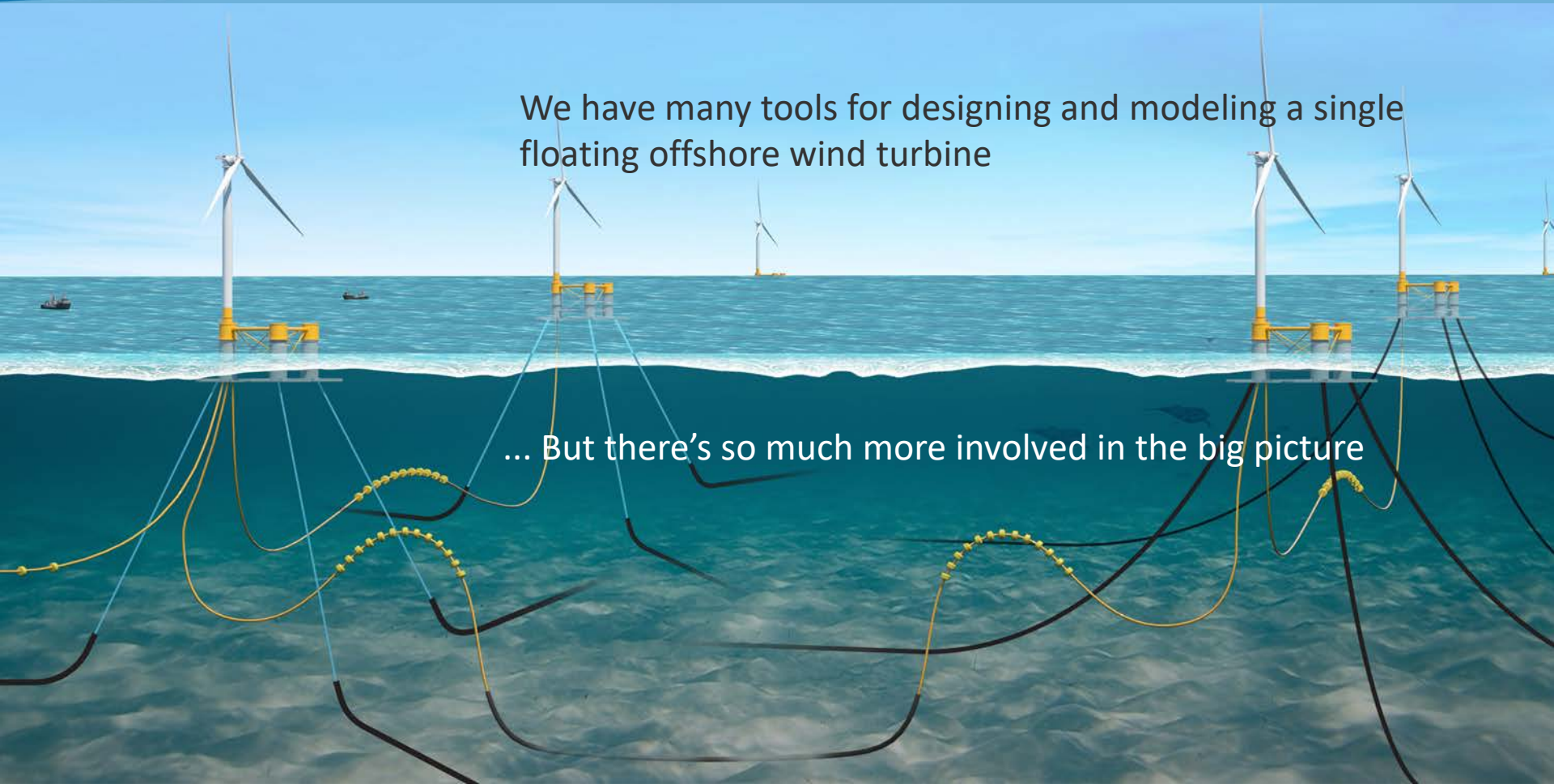


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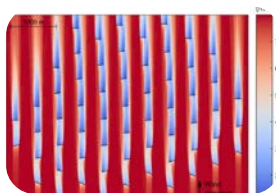
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... But there's so much more involved in the big picture



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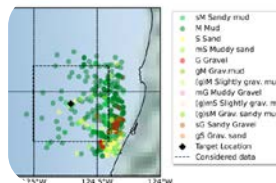
Array design and optimization requires a *coupled* design approach considering many variables



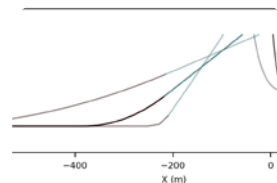
AEP



Bathymetry



Soil Conditions



Component Design



Mooring and Cabling Layout



Co-Use



Failure & Risk Analysis



Installation & Maintenance

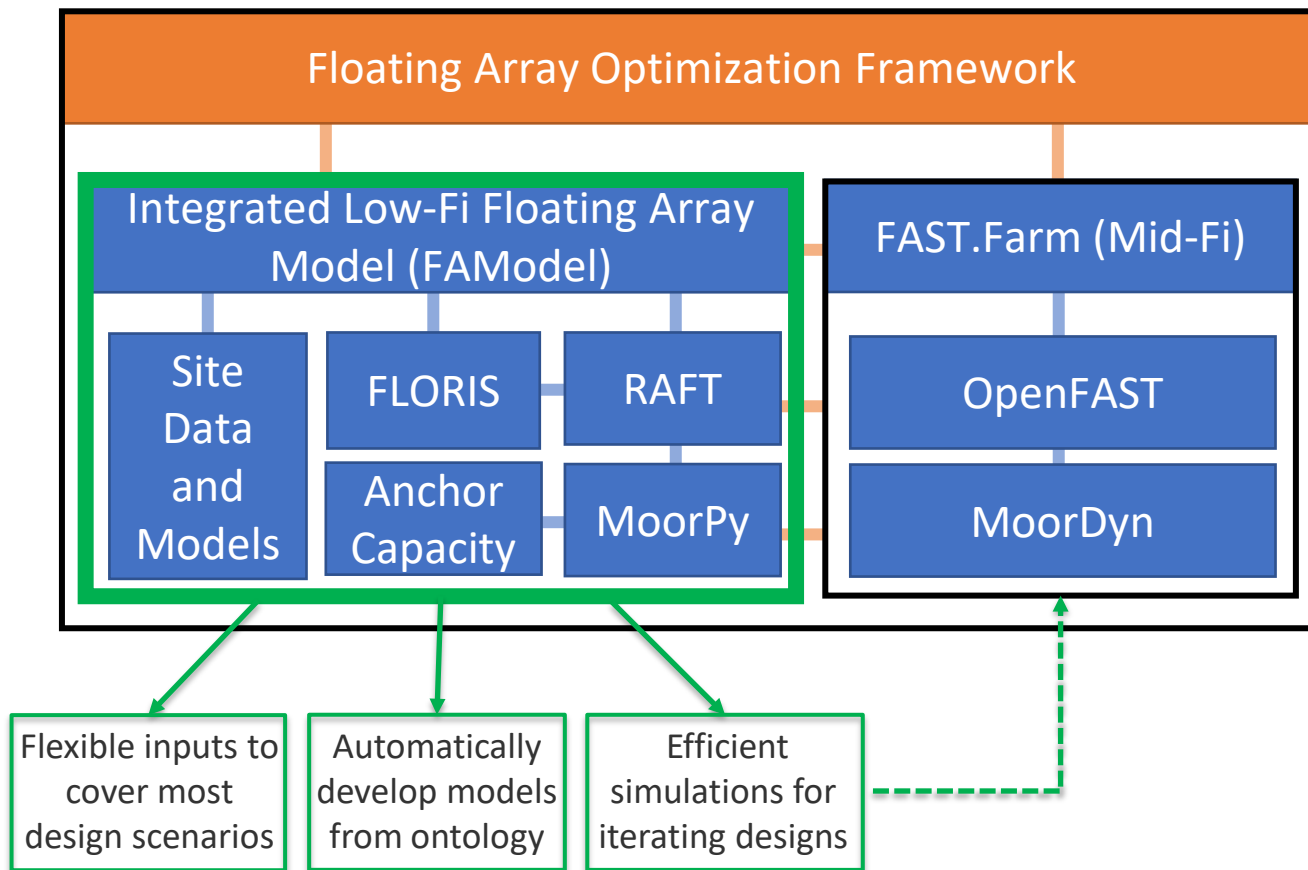


Environmental & Social Risk

Floating Array Model (FAModel) Objective:

**Python framework to streamline holistic low-fidelity
FOWT modeling for array-level analysis**

FAModel: an accessible floating array modeling framework



RAFT and MoorPy Overview

Floating Array Optimization Framework

Integrated Low-Fi Floating Array Model (FAModel)

Site Data and Models

FLORIS

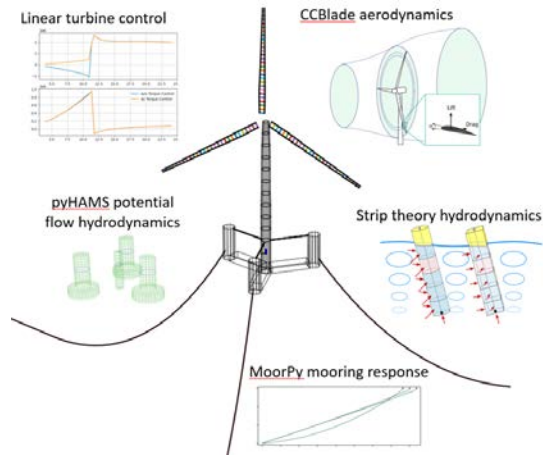
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Anchor Capacity

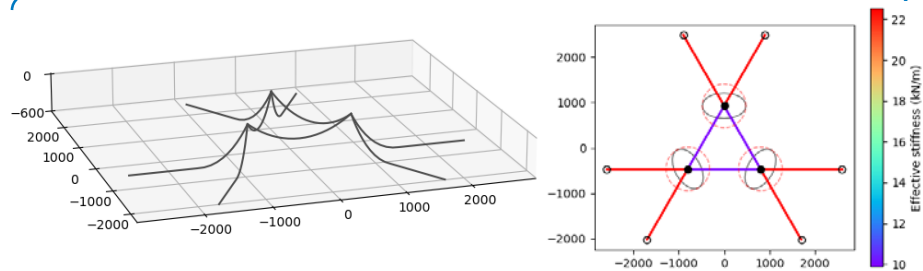
MoorPy

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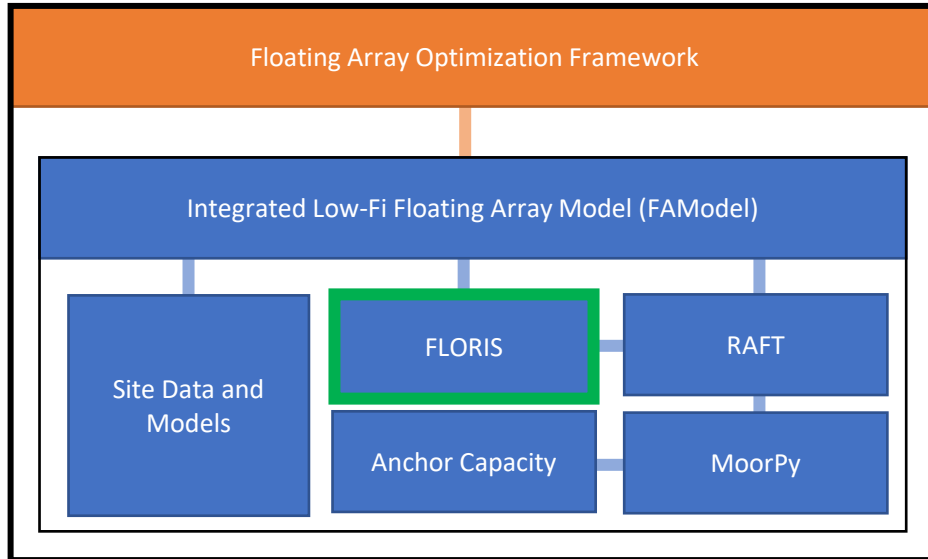
Frequency-domain (low fidelity)



MoorPy : Quasi-static mooring line model

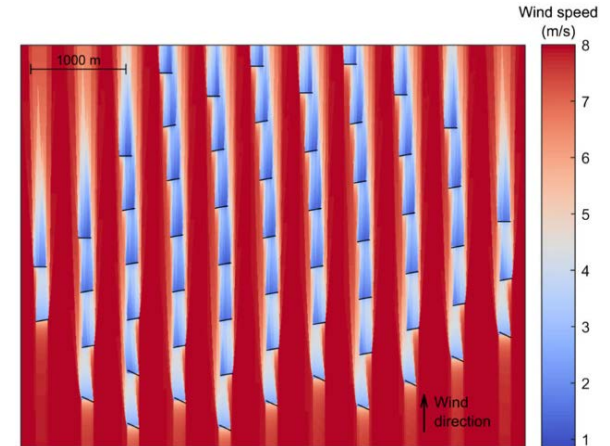


FLORIS Overview



FLORIS

Steady-state wake modeling and wind farm controls (low fidelity)



- Various wake models (Gaussian, Curl, etc.)
- Wake steering
- Turbulence models

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Anchor Capacity

MoorPy

Anchor Capacity Models

Intermediate model with specialized approaches for different anchor types

- Integrated with MoorPy to determine loading
- Uses soil properties and profile
- Uses anchor-specific geometric properties

Drag-embed anchor (DEA)

Vertical load anchor (VLA)

Suction-embedded plate (SEPLA)

Suction pile

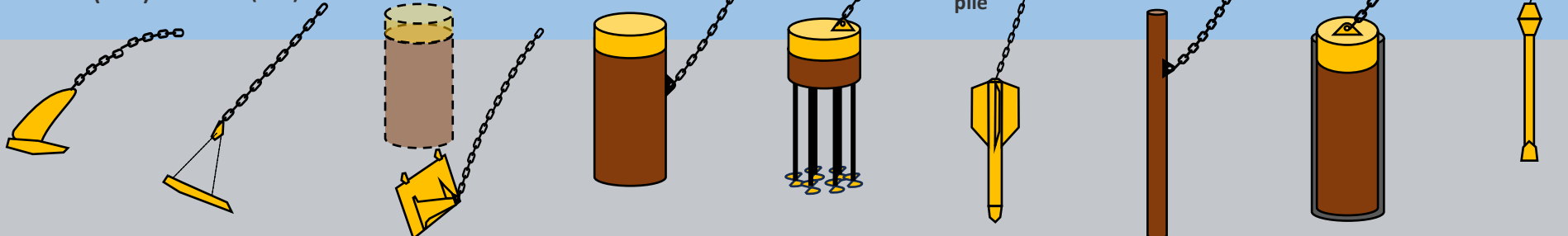
Helical pile

Torpedo pile

Driven pile

D&G pile

Shaft pile



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site:
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  general:
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    mu_air      : 1.81e-05 #          air dynamic viscosity
    #...
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  bathymetry:
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    file: './bathymetry200m_sample.txt'
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  seabed:
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  type_array:
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    - [mud_soft , mud_firm , mud_soft]
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  soil_types:
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    mud_soft:
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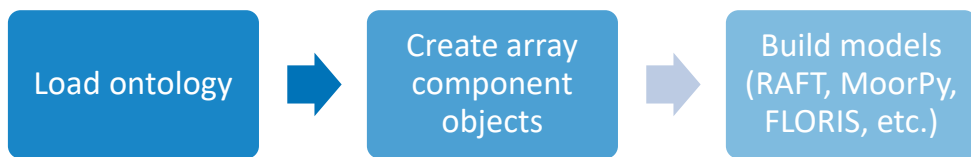
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      k : [1.41] # [kPa/m]
      depth: [0] # [m]
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    mud_firm:
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      Su0 : [23.94] # [kPa]
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FAModel Input: IEA Wind Task 49 Ontology

- Interoperable ontology that standardizes communication of designs
- Ontology file is input to FAModel



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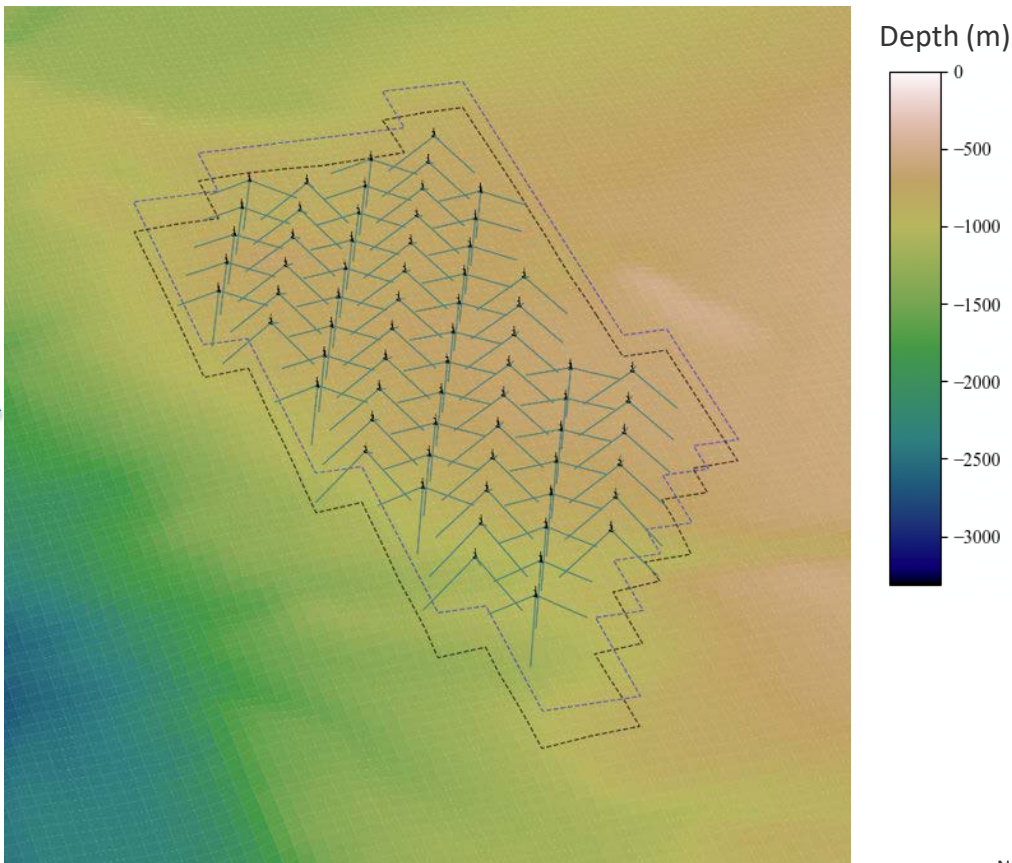
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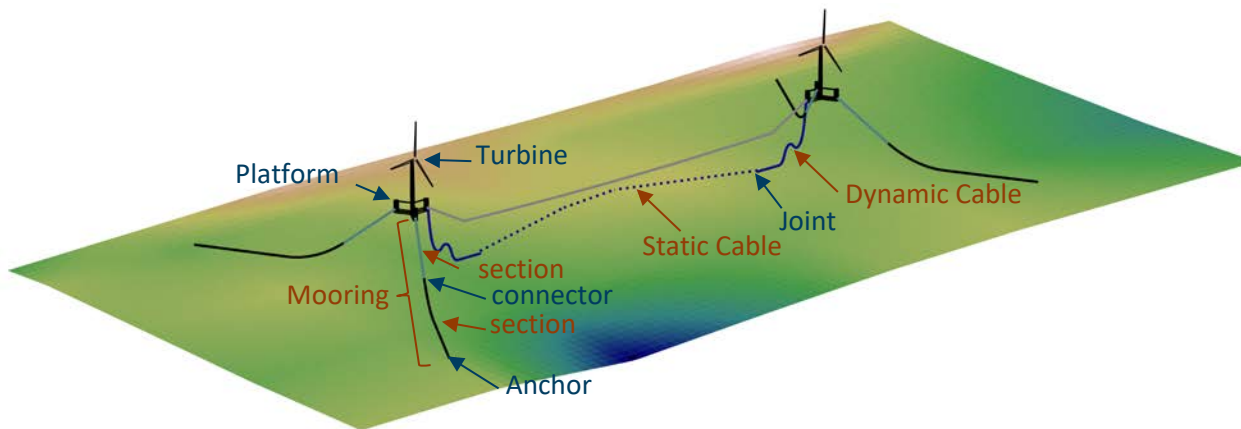
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FAModel Framework

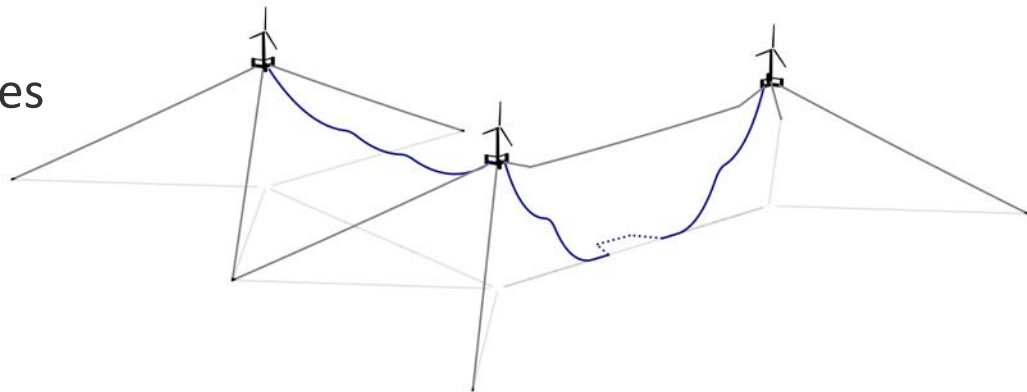
- Ontology information is parsed and stored in project class and its component classes
- Each component type has a class
- Every component stores its location, design information, and objects connected to it



FAModel Capabilities

Flexible model set up to handle a variety of configurations

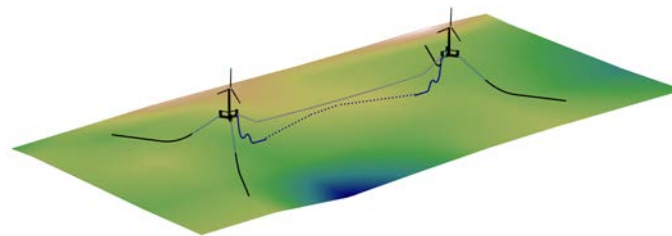
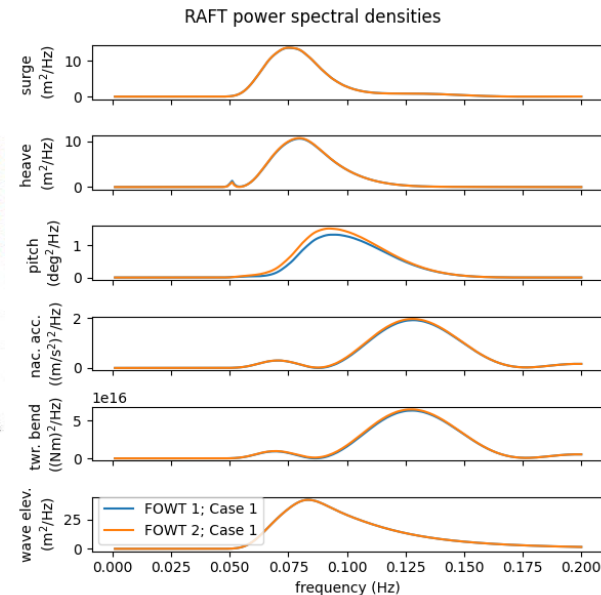
- Shared moorings
- Shared anchors
- Static, dynamic, suspended cables
- Most anchor types
- Flexible layout structure



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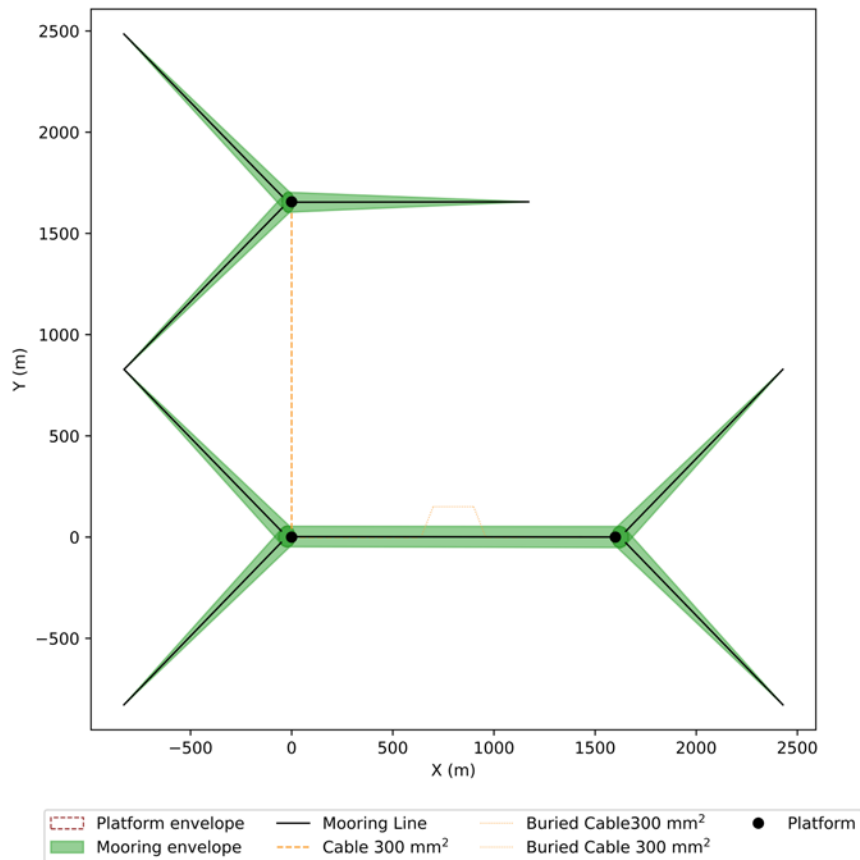
- **Forces & Motions**

- Mooring
 - Anchor
 - Cable
 - Marine growth
 - Platform
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- Area analysis
 - Visualization
 - AEP and wake modeling
 - Failure modeling
 - Component Costs



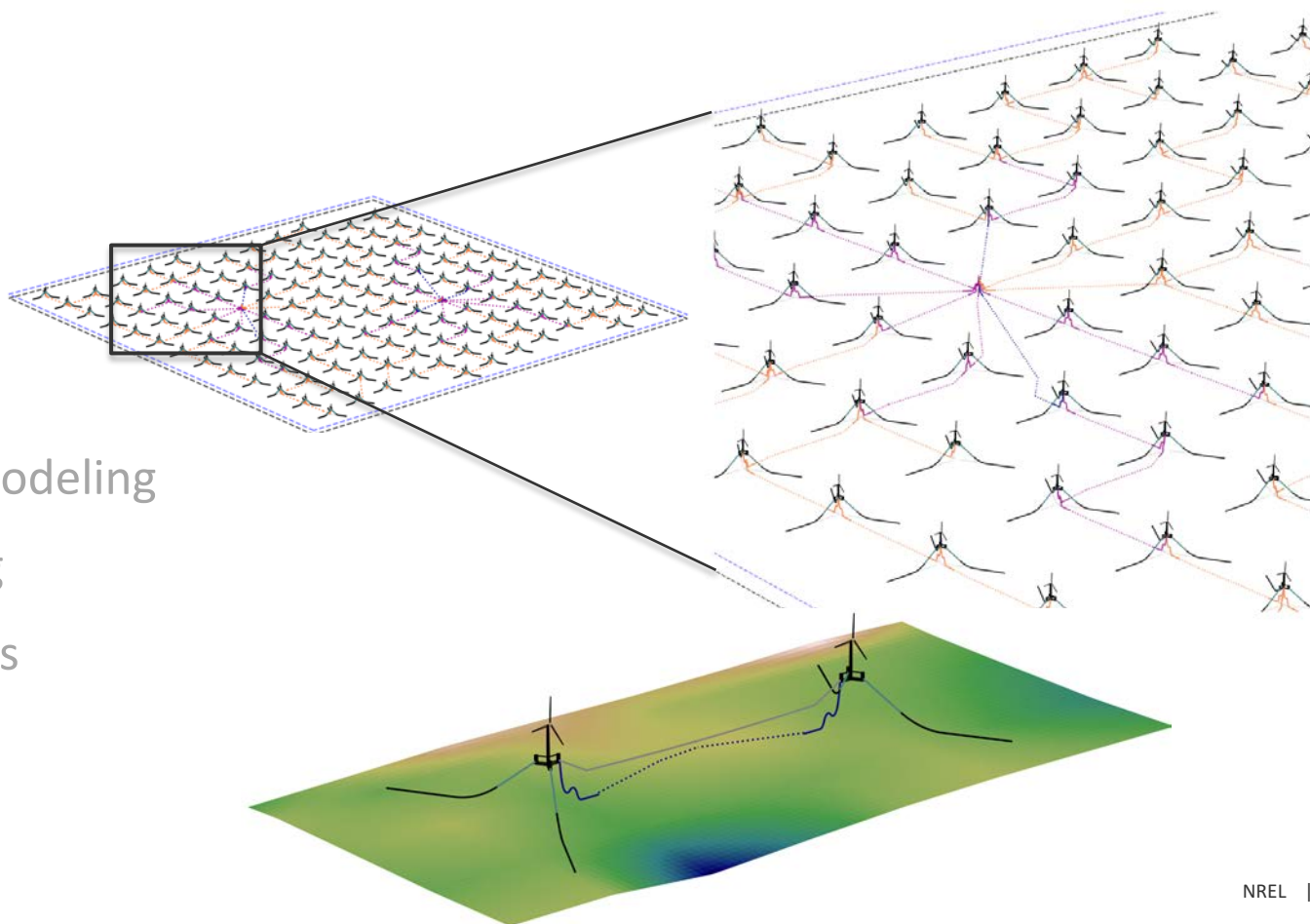
FAModel Capabilities

- Forces
- **Area analysis**
 - Fishing considerations
 - Search and rescue
- Visualization
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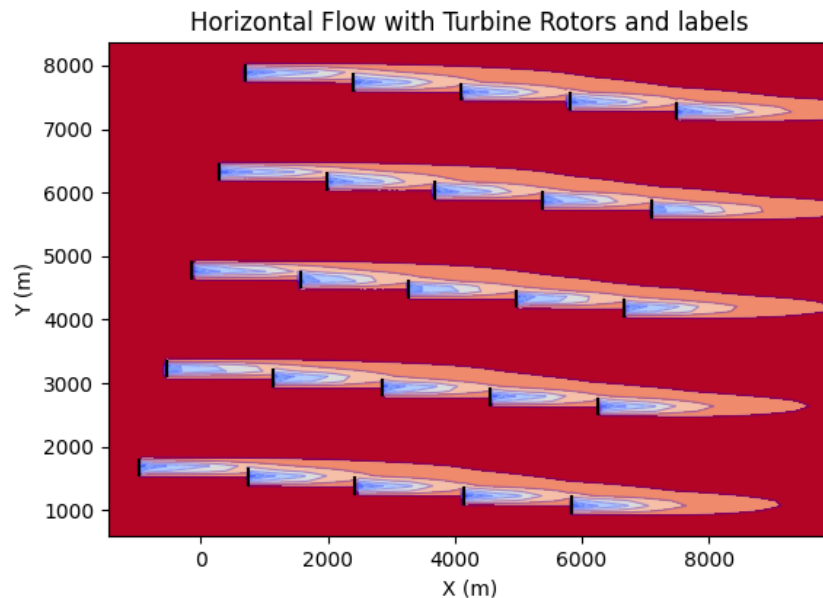
FAModel Capabilities

- Forces
- Area analysis
- **Visualization**
 - Array layout
 - Cable routing
- AEP and wake modeling
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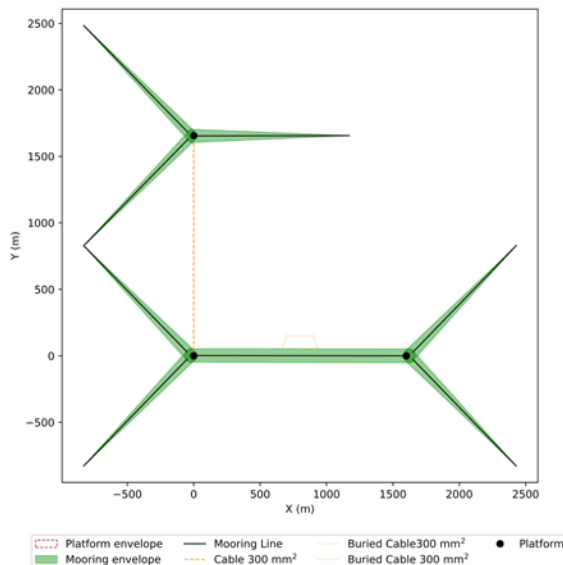
- Forces
- Area analysis
- Visualization
- **AEP and wake modeling**
 - Includes turbine offsets
- Failure modeling
- Component costs



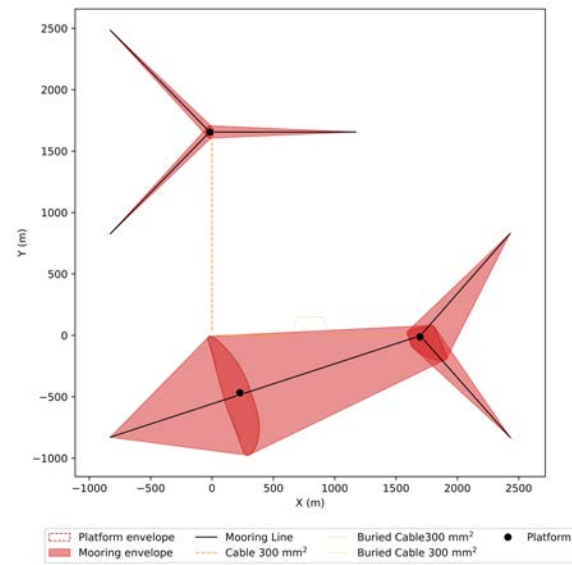
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- **Failure modeling**
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Regular Motion Envelopes



Line Failure Motion Envelopes

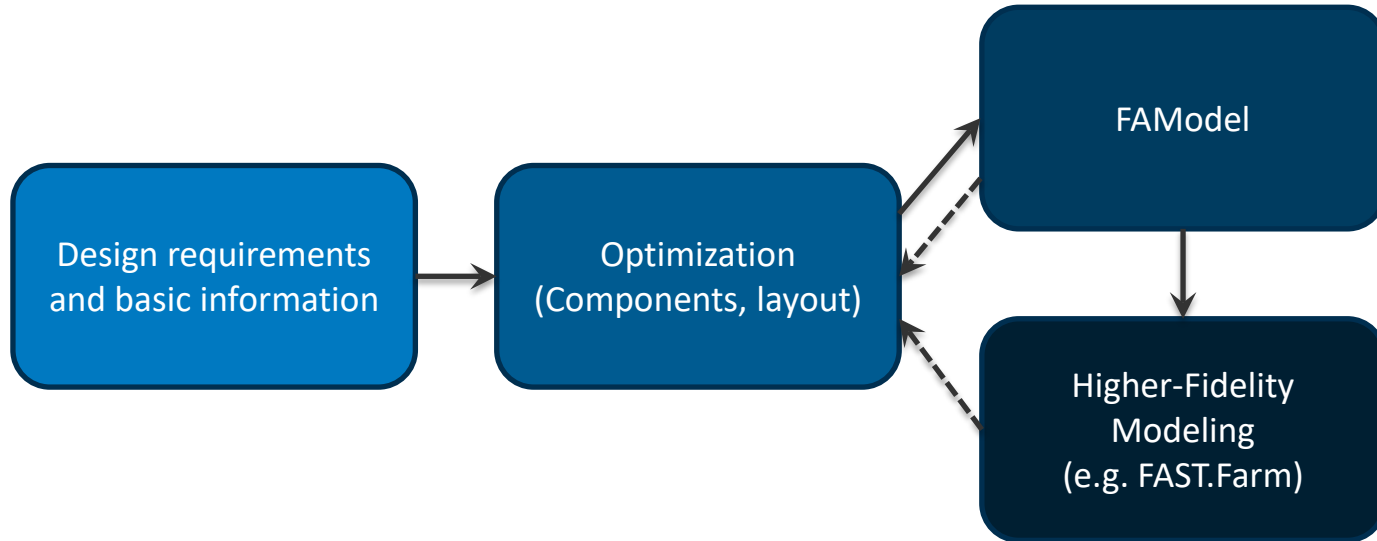


FAModel Capabilities

- Forces
 - Area analysis
 - Visualization
 - AEP and wake modeling
 - Failure modeling
 - **Component Costs**
- Cost calculations available for:
 - Cables
 - Moorings
 - Anchors
 - Dictionaries of cost information can be provided by user for any component
 - Total cost of all components available

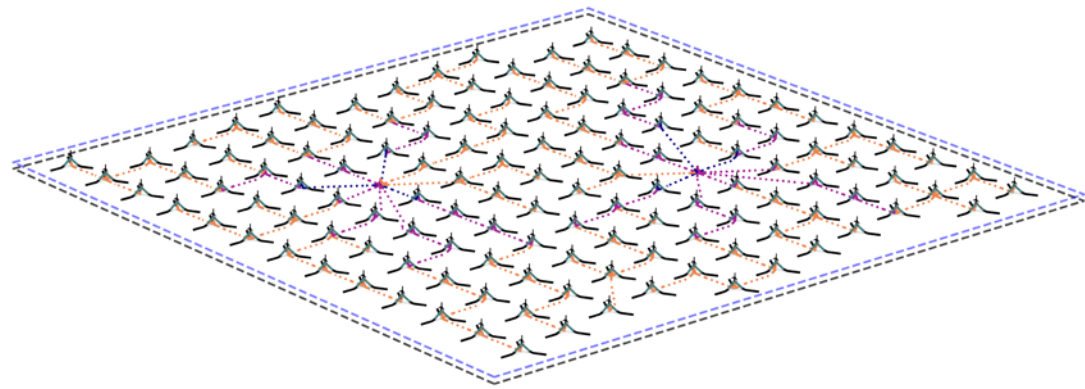
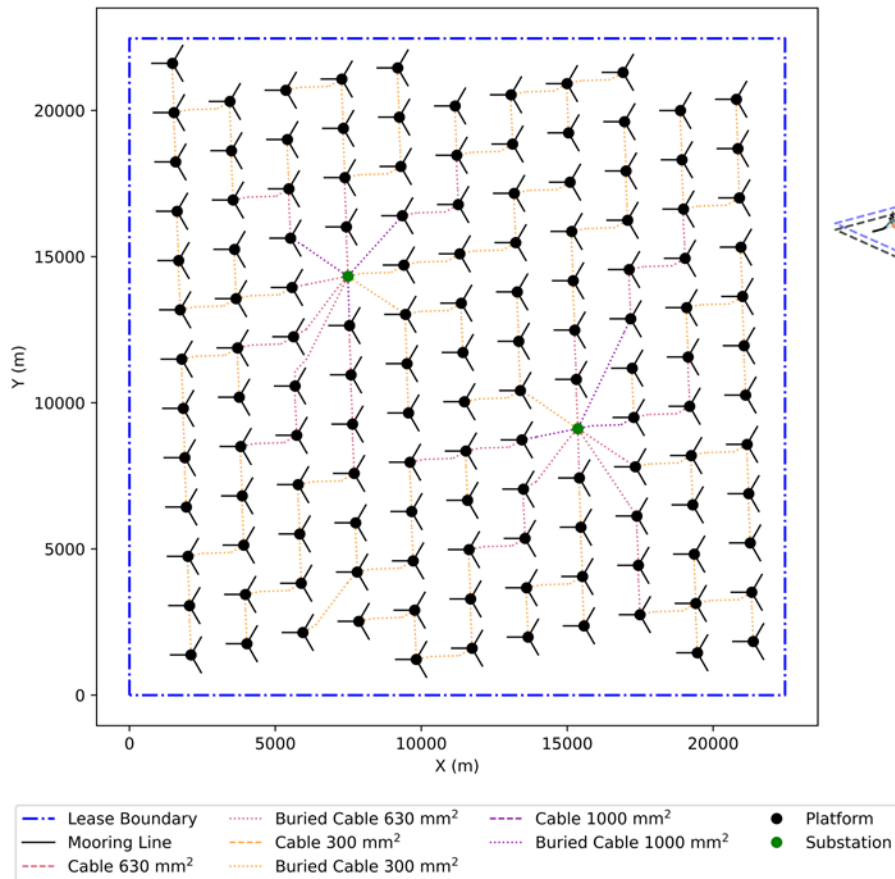
Compatibility with Design Tools

- NREL optimization tools easily integrate with FAModel
- Simplifies design process



Test Cases

Floating Array Design Gulf of Maine Reference Array



Also Currently Being Used In:

- Standardized Mooring Project
- CEC Comprehensive Shared Moorings Project
- Floating Array Design Project
- IEA Wind Task 49

Conclusion

- Integrates various low-fidelity array modeling to enable a fast yet holistic approach to array design
- Ontology input file provides concise, logical, and flexible description of array design
- Compatible with various open-source design tools

Future Work

- FAModel currently focused on underwater components
- With open-source approach, we hope to expand our vision and capabilities while maintaining ease of use
- Useability vs universality

Questions?

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