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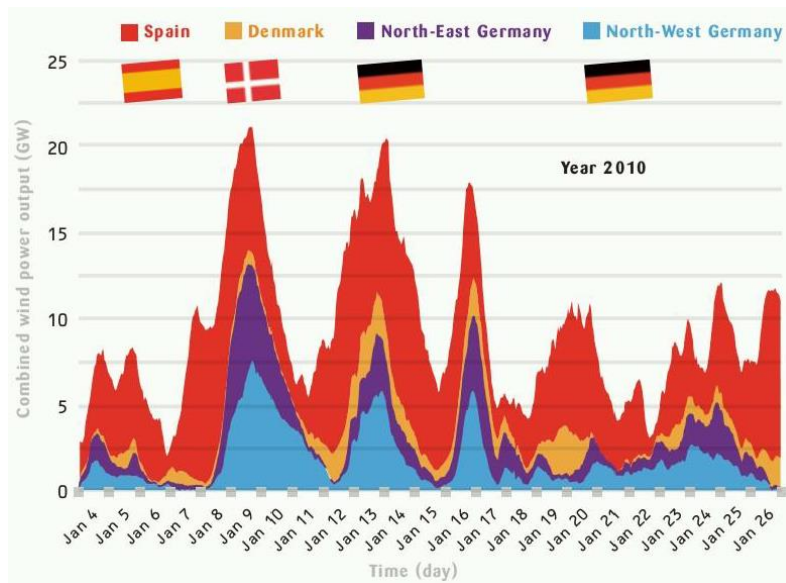
# **FLEXIBLE GENERATION FLEXGEN**

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# Background

## Power Generation

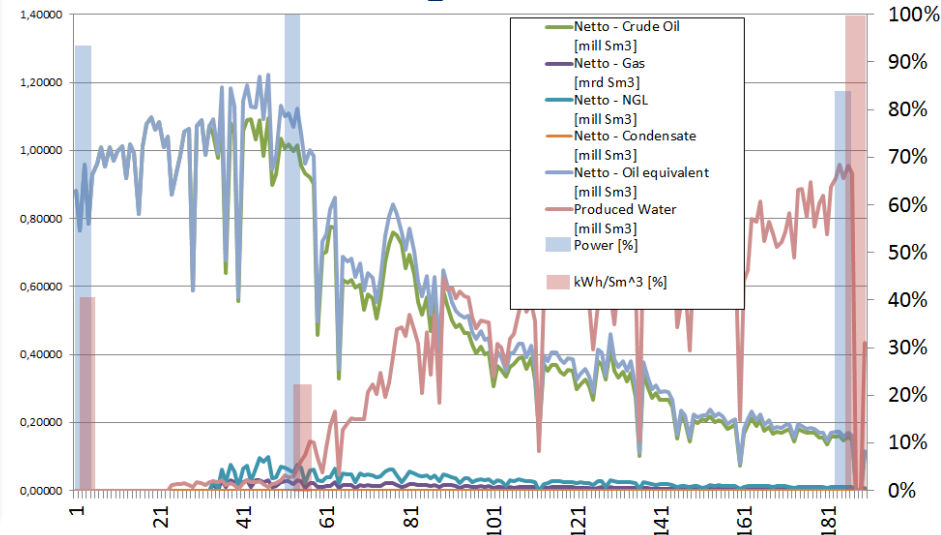


- Fluctuating wind energy
- React by cyclic GT operation

## Oil & Gas Application

Island mode (e.g. platform)

- Steady state operation, planable load changes
- A “lead unit” balances frequency and load changes



# Motivation

Increasing share of

- Part load operation
- Cyclic operation
- Starts / Stops



- Part load efficiency / emissions
- Life time consumption



Operational costs ⇔ proceeds

Continuous

- Part load operation
- Share as defined by operator
- Starts / Stops
- Frequency / load stabilisation



- Part load efficiency / emissions
- Life time consumption (very high change rates for Hz balancing)



Operational costs ⇔ proceeds

## Methodology and software framework for

- cost efficient operation of existing GT installations under highly fluctuating demand and supply patterns
  - technical aspect of energy efficiency as well as the important
  - aspects of technical and economic risks, via techno-economic evaluation
  
- Layout & design new plants adapted to complex and continuously changing operational conditions
  - minimisation of fuel and resource consumption
  - minimisation of emissions and environmental impact
  - optimization of cash return
  - minimization of operational risk

# Boundary Conditions

## Taking into account

- Performance behaviour of the single equipment units for different load levels
  - Efficiency
  - Emissions
  - Warm-up operation mode
  - Minimum and maximum loads
- Technologic limitations
  - Maximum load ramp rate of gas turbines, HRSGs, compressors, .....
  - Minimum downtime period
  - Maximum number of start-ups
- Techno-economic aspects
- Industrial experience (Utilities, Oil & Gas companies)

# Expeted Outcome

Tool to support (for a given operational scenario) optimised

- operation of existing installations
- design of new plants

Analysis and optimisation of short-term operation of existing installations

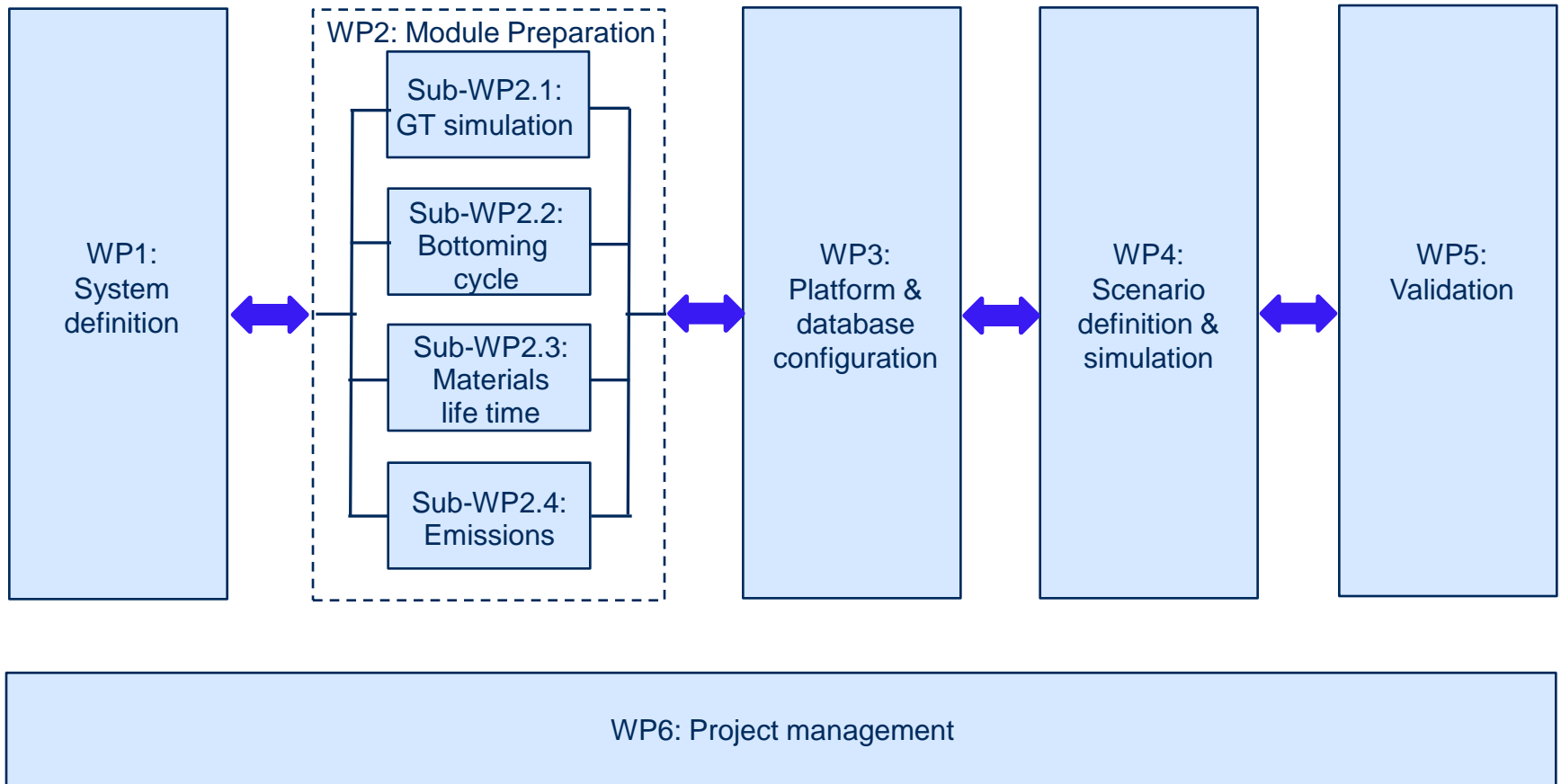
Minimisation of operational cost or other relevant objective functions

(e.g., minimum energy consumption, minimum CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, .....)

Reduced operating costs

- Lower energy costs
- Lower Emissions
- Reduced costs for applying changes and modifications
- Risk reduction (minimise loss of production) in case of component failure
- Optimised life cycle costs of the plant

# Workplan





# POWER PLANT FLEXIBILITY IMPROVEMENT: RESEARCH AND IN-FIELD DEMONSTRATION

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# Objective

The main objective is to enable a **more flexible operation** of **existing** fossil (gas and coal) fired power plants, keeping a reasonably **low life consumption rate** of the critical machinery (gas turbines, boilers, steam turbines) in a costs effective manner.

More flexible operation essentially means:

- More frequent and faster plant start up
- Steeper load gradients
- Minimum output decrease

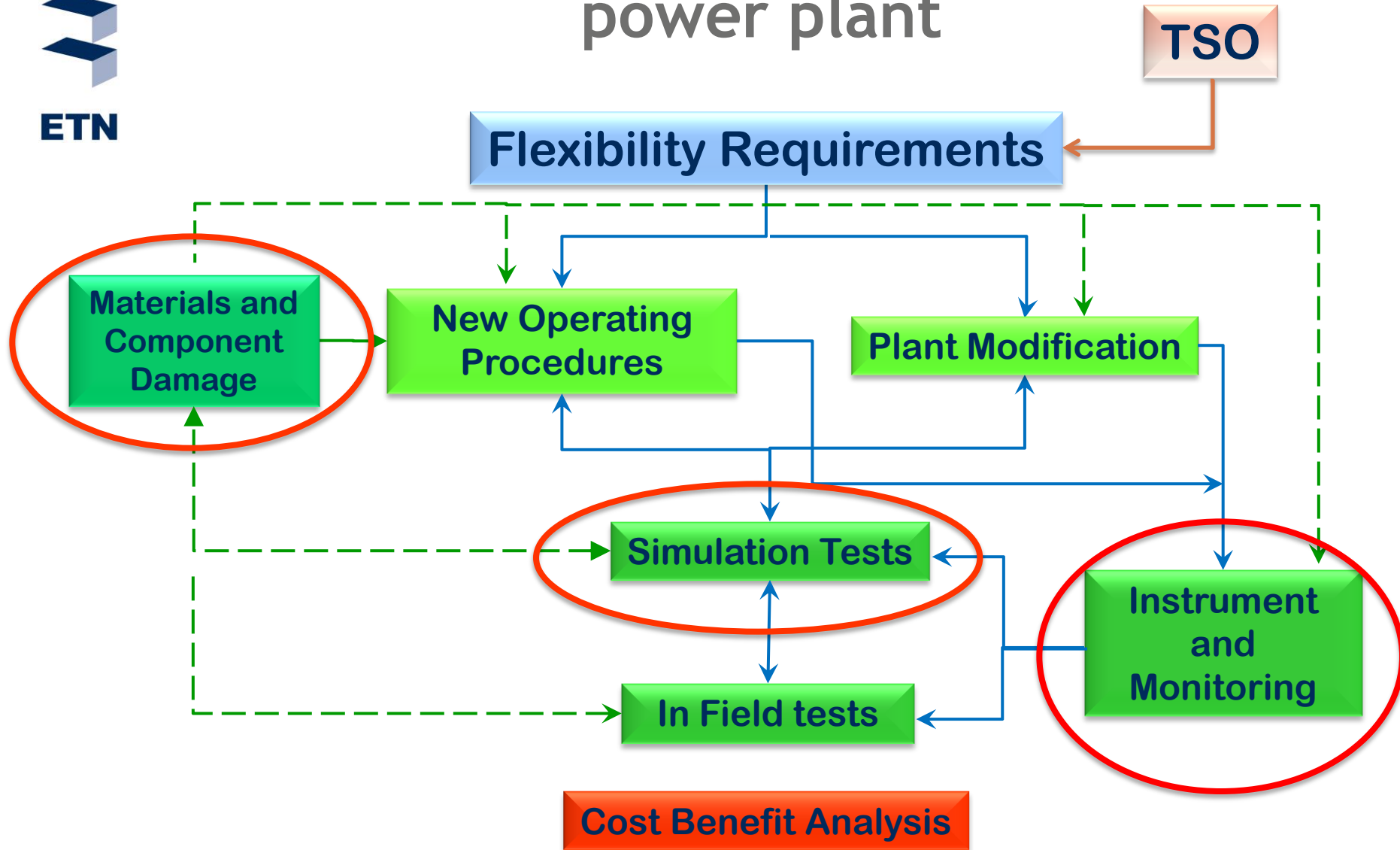
always keeping high plant and personnel safety, acceptable O&M costs, high efficiency, stack emissions within allowable limits

# Objective

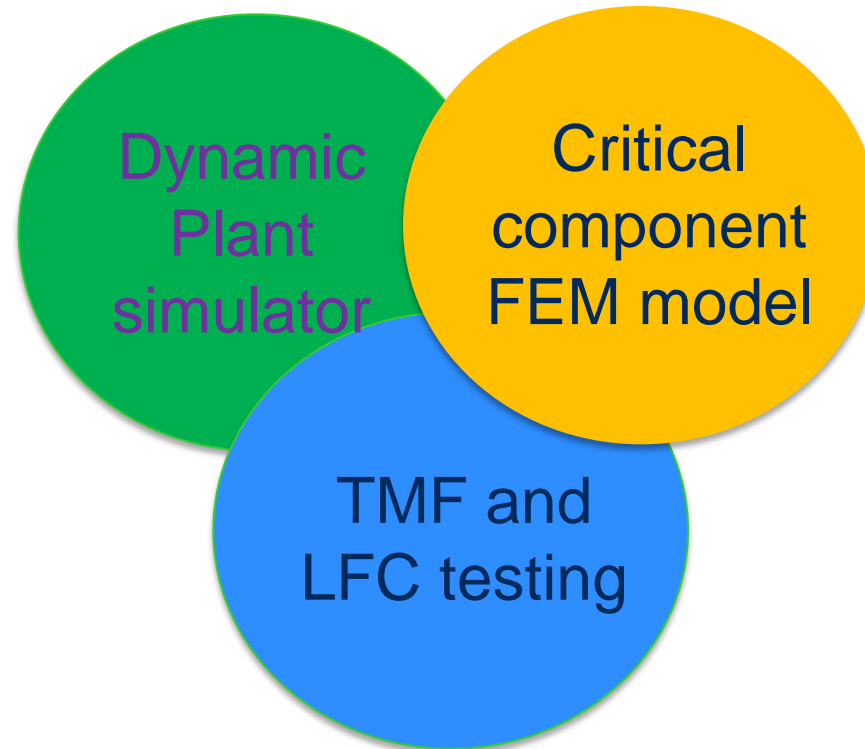
This can be achieved through:

- new operating procedures (start-up, shut-down, load ramps, etc.);
- Component (e.g. new combustion systems, HRSG stack diverter, warming systems, additional steam turbine bypass and steam desuperheaters) and control system modifications;
- advanced diagnostics and monitoring systems development;
- systematic modeling and simulation of power plants functional and mechanical behavior, in order to assess impacts of flexible operation on plant life consumption and emissions.

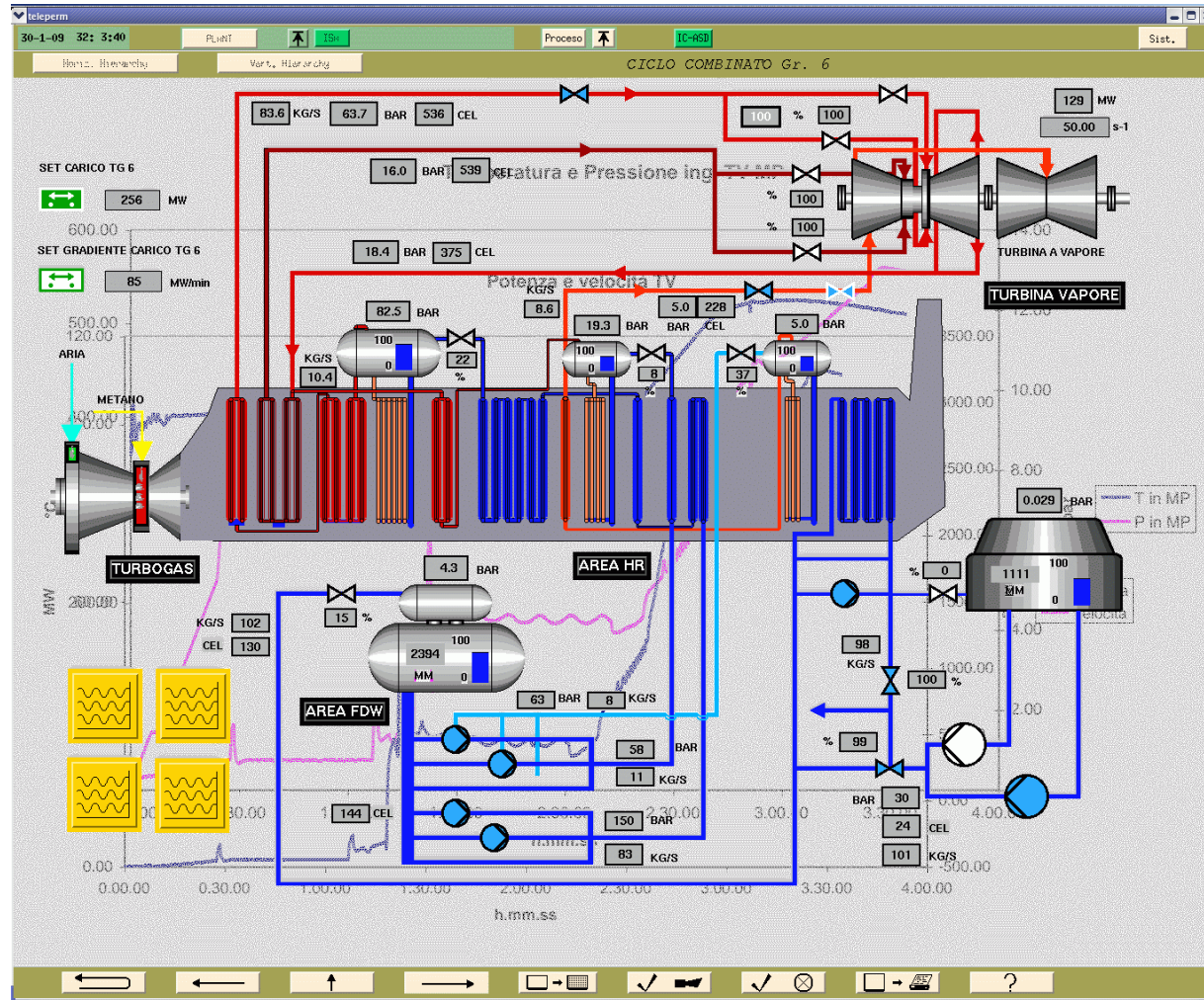
# Highly flexible and efficient fossil power plant



# The three pillars of the RSE approach



# Plant simulator

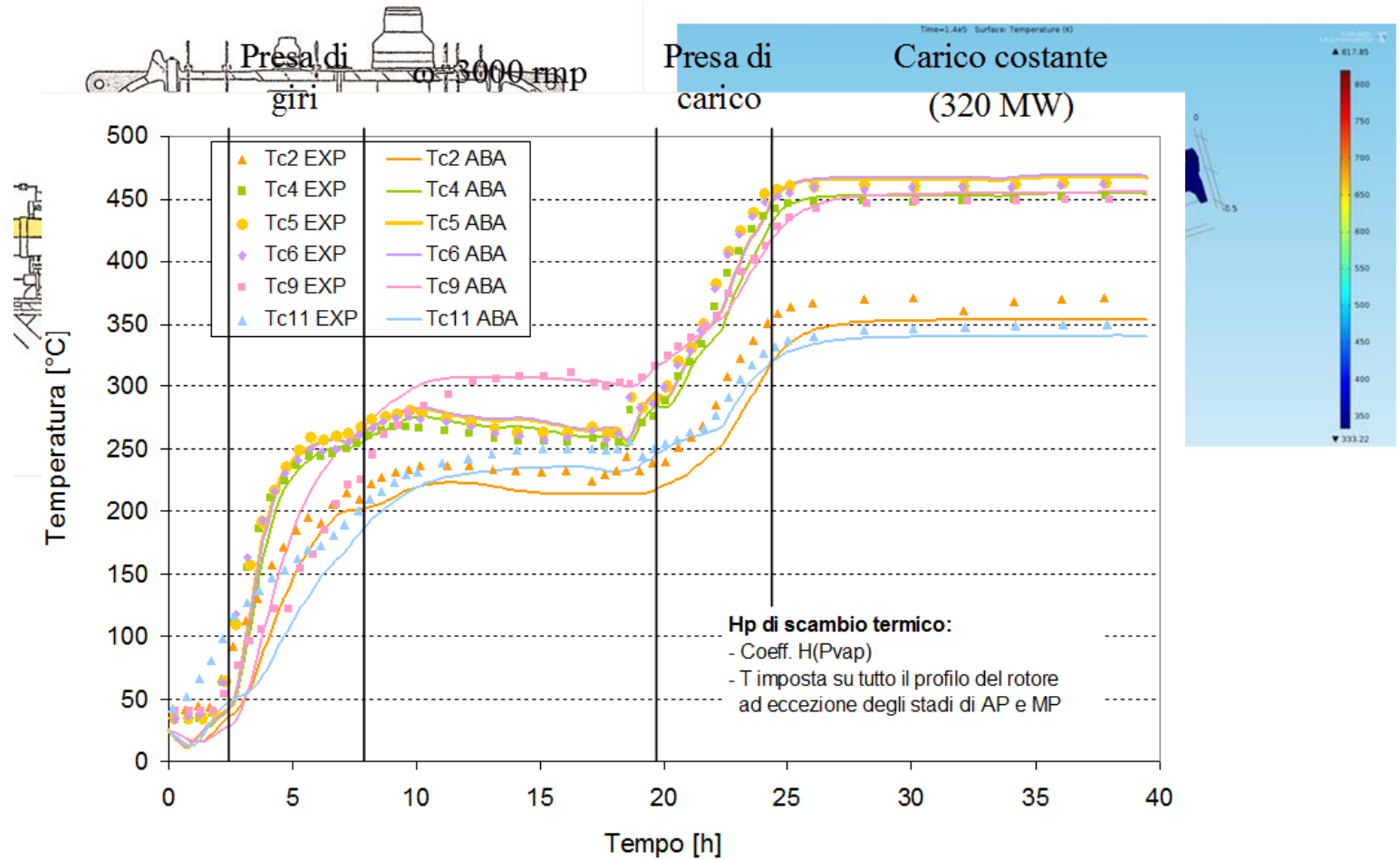


Main page of HMI Engineering Dynamic Simulator of a CC



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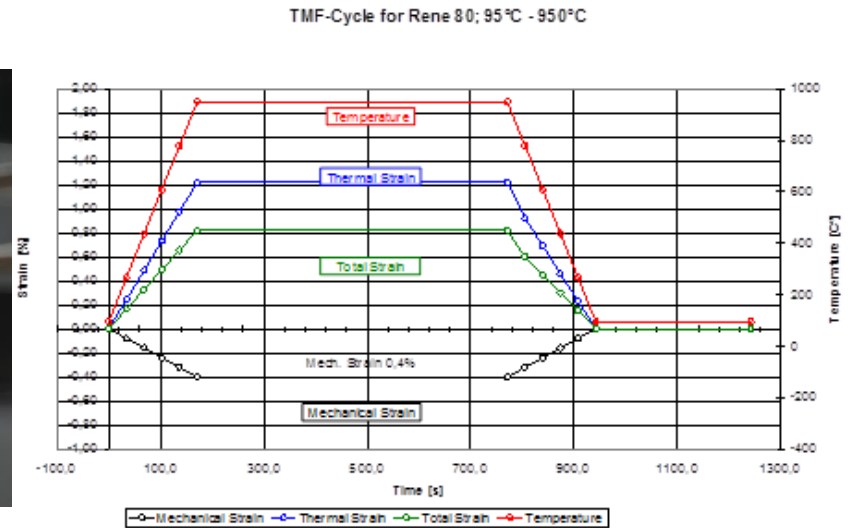
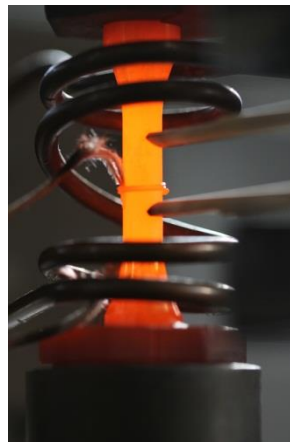
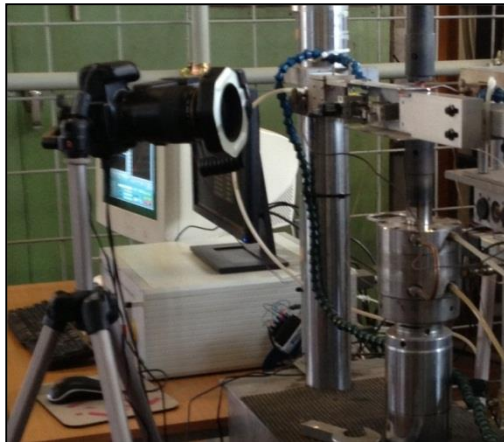
# FEM model of steam turbine





# LCF and TMF testing of Materials

Service like TMF cycles to assess the material performances in real operating conditions



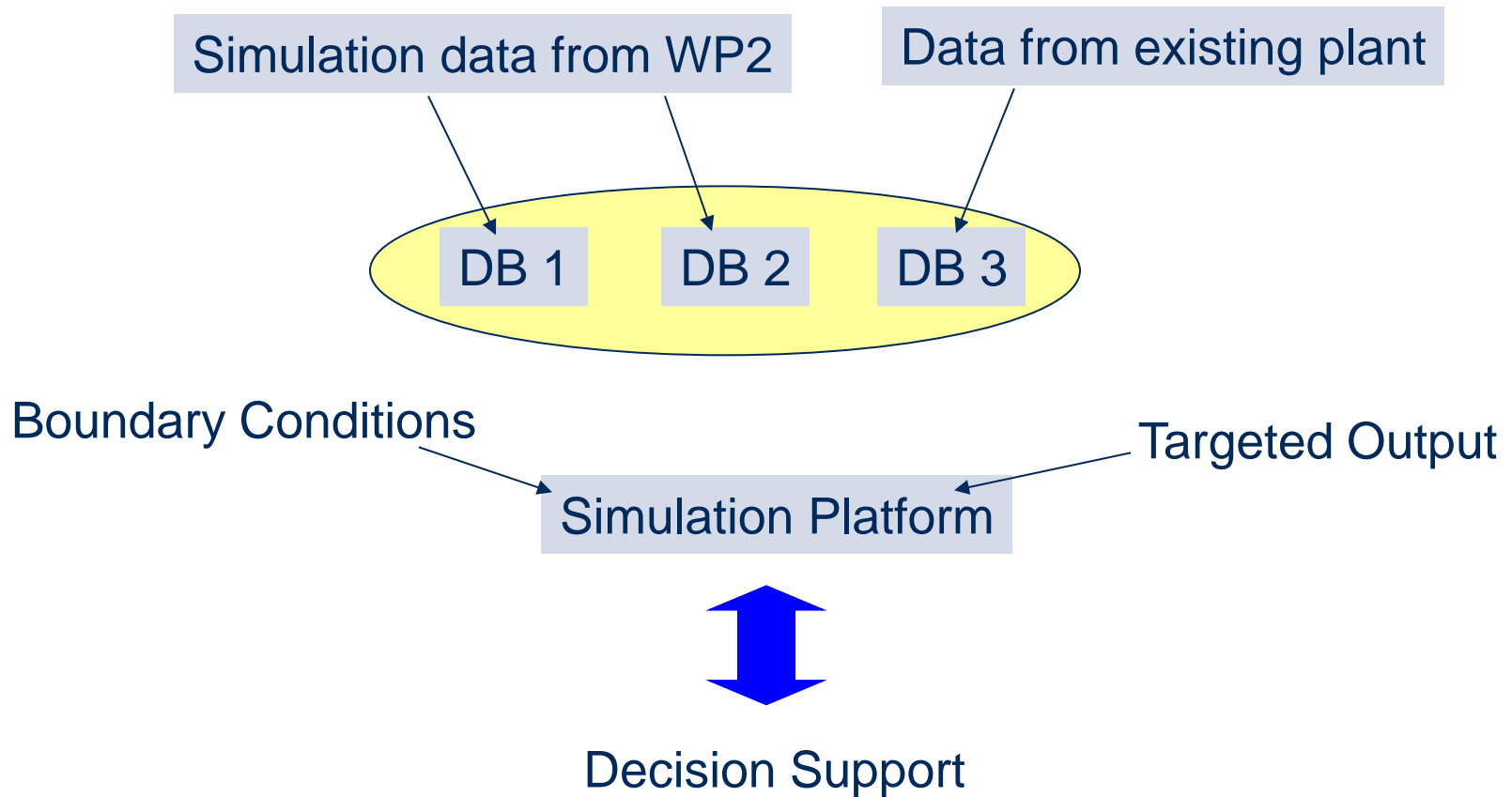




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# Structure



# Partners needed

- TSO: flexibility requirements.
- Plant operators: plants data, in field tests.
- Plant manufacturers: component damage evaluation, study of plant modifications and operating procedures, control system improvement, instrumentation and monitoring.
- Research centers: plant and components modeling and simulation, materials testing, cost-benefit analyses, operating procedures studies, monitoring tools development.



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