Offshore Wind Farm Design 2023 Shaping the green energy transition from offshore wind production

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Arup's Reach

Global office location & staff numbers

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Arup Offshore Wind Track Record – Asia

Extensive Integrated Advisory Experience

#	Wind Farm	MW	Developer/ Operator	Country
1	Changfang Xidao	600	CIP	Taiwan
2	Yunlin	640	WPD	Taiwan
3	Hai Long	1000	NPI / Yushan	Taiwan
4	Greater Chunghua	900	Orsted	Taiwan
5	Taiwan OWF Site Prospecting	-	RWE	Taiwan
6	Market Entry Assessment	-	John Laing	Taiwan
7	Taiwan Site Screening	-	CLP	Taiwan
8	HK Offshore	150	CLP	Hong Kong
9	Akita Port	55	Kajima	Japan
10	Noshiro Port	88	Kajima	Japan
11	Kashima Port	187	Obayashi	Japan
12	Mutsu Bay	800	Confidential	Japan
13	Kujukuri	600	Eurus	Japan
14	Japan Market Entry	-	Japan Wind Development	Japan
15	Japan Market Entry	-	Confidential	Japan
16	Pacifico Energy Portfolio	-	Pacifico Energy	Japan
17	India Market Entry	-	Confidential	India
18	Indonesia Site Prospecting	-	Confidential	Indonesia
19	Philippines Roadmap	-	World Bank Group / DOE	Philippines
20	Anmado Concept & FEED	532	AWC	Korea
21	Monopile Foundation Study	-	GS E&C	Korea
22	Market Entry Study	-	Northland Power	Korea
23	Market Entry Study	-	Vena Energy	Korea
24	Energy Yield Assessment	520	Vena Energy	Korea
25	TDD for multiple Sites	-	RWE	Korea
26	Typhoon Risk Assessment	-	RWE	Korea
27	Wando-Geumil OSS Topside	600	Blue Wind	Korea
28	Jacket Structure Concept	400	Foresys	Korea
29	O&M Market Study	1,200	Confidential	Korea
30	Portfolio Acquisition	3900	Confidential	APAC



Arup Offshore Wind Service

Global expertise from design to technical due diligence



Foundations

- Monitoring and life extension
- Monopiles
- Jackets
- Suction buckets
- Gravity bases
- Reinforced concrete
- Steel.

Geotechnical

- Ground modelling
 - Cables and mooring
 - Ground investigations
 - Site selections.

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Electrical

- Foundations
- DC and AC • Electrical

• Mechanical

- Structural design
- Offshore cabling
- Consenting and approvals.



Environmental

- GIS
- Constraint mapping.



Corporate Finance

- Process advice
- Fundraising and financial structuring
- Financial modelling
- Commercial structuring
- Investment case.



Advice

- Technical
- review
- H&S review.
- analysis • Commercial due diligence

Strategy and

Economics

• Strategy and

• Policy and

business case

regulatory analysis

• Economic impact

- Energy modelling
- Market and supply chain review.

Transaction

- Business planning
- Environmental

Transforming the Global Energy System



Our World in Data

How to speed up the race to net zero



.....because demand is growing almost as quickly as our ability to build low carbon alternatives.

We need to reduce their CO₂ emissions to net zero by 2050.

In 2019 84% of primary energy came from fossil fuels. It was 86% in 2000.....

Global primary energy consumption by source

Primary energy is calculated based on the 'substitution method' which takes account of the inefficiencies in fossil fuel production by converting non-fossil energy into the energy inputs required if they had the same conversion losses as fossil fuels.







Electrification at Pace

Up to 5x more electrification growth required by 2050



NOTE: Assumes 85% green hydrogen production in 2050.

* Extra electricity for hydrogen storage for power flexibility only covers the electricity loss due to the transformation into hydrogen and back to electricity.

SOURCE: SYSTEMIQ analysis for the Energy Transitions Commission (2021), IEA (2020), World Energy Outlook

Gross 2050 electricity generation will reach ~90,000 to 129, 000 TWh/year



27,000 to 129,000 TWhr/year

Source: Energy Transitions Commission "30 years to electrify the global economy", April 2021. LINK

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A Rapid Ramp Up is Required 2020-2030





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Global Offshore Wind Speeds

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The best wind is found close to the poles and along ocean coastlines



This wind resource map provides an estimate of mean annual wind speeds (m/s) extending 200 kilometers from shore at a hub height of 100 meters. It is provided under a World Bank Group (WBG) initiative on offshore wind that is funded and led by the Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP). For more information please visit: *https://esmap.org/offshore-wind*. The wind resource data is from the Global Wind Atlas (version 3.0), a free, web-based application that provides data with a 100 m resolution based on the latest input datasets and modeling methodologies. For more information please visit: *https://globalwindatlas.info*.



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Global Offshore Wind Energy

Assessment of 115 countries around the world for practical/ commercial reach

- Regions with wind speeds > 7m/s above 100m
- Fixed offshore wind less than 50m depth
- Floating suitable for 50m to 1000m water depth
- Only regions 200km from shore
- Turbine planting density of 3MW per km² (wind speed 7-8m/s) and 4MW (wind speed 8m/s)
- Ignore isolated regions
- Total Energy Potential = 71,000 GW (> global electricity demand)
 (20,000GW fixed and 51,000GW floating)



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Current Total Installed Wind Capacity

A total of 48.2GW Installed by 2021



Offshore wind has accelerated rapidly since 2010 due to technological advances and falling costs

Expectations For Next 15 Years

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Growth of over 10 times expected over the current 15 years



Offshore Wind Capacity Awarded in 2021-22



Key Markets in UK, China, USA and Europe Accelerating Due to Energy Security



Source: BloombergNEF



World Leading Opportunity Over 30 Years

Key ascendant offshore wind markets









Evolution of Offshore Wind Turbine Capacity

Turbines Technology has increased significantly of the past 20 years



Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Setting Up and Offshore Wind Project

Pre-Project Development and Project Management

- Development and Consenting Services
- Target Site Identification and Assessments
 - Prospecting for suitable sites and comparison of different attributes.
- Environmental Impact Assessments
 - Environmental Surveys
 - Benthic Environmental Surveys
 - Fish and Shellfish Surveys
 - Ornithological Surveys
 - Marine Mammal Surveys
 - Human Impact Surveys









Enabling Offshore Wind Deployment

Rapid and accurate LCOE assessments

SCALE balances site conditions, geospatial considerations, and constraints, to provide the Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) and recommended foundations and turbines for any given site. Primarily driven by

- Wind Resources
- Water Depth
- Distance from Shore



Site Constraint Mapping

Evaluation of Site Conditions

- Assess the Study Area with respect to different constraints
 - Environmental Sensitive Area
 - Coral Reefs
 - Fishery Activities
 - Military Affairs
 - Cultural Activities
 - Nearby Large Infrastructure and Construction Projects





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Site characteristics, programming and permitting

- Metocean Studies
 - Comprehensive study of ocean environmental conditions including bathymetry, wind , waves, currents, temperatures etc.
- Project Programming
 - Master programme and identification of the project critical path
 - Identification of key project programme risks
 - Monitoring to identify and mitigate delays and equipment purchase planning
- Project Permitting and Licencing Support
 - Early studies for the procurement of development licences.





Site characteristics and turbine selection

- Wind Resource Monitoring and Assessment
 - Planning and implementation of suitable wind measuring equipment
 - Data collection and compilation
 - Interpretation of the results & business case

• Geotechnical and Geophysical Assessments

- Planning and procurement of geotechnical and geophysical surveys
- Derivation of geological models for the site.

• Turbine Selection

- Assessment of suitable turbine types, class and sizes for given conditions
- Optimal and extreme wind speeds. turbulence effects
- Cost and efficiency
- Operations and Maintenance



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Concept and FEED services

- Energy Yield Assessments & Micro-Siting Analysis
 - Interpretation of the wind monitoring results using specialized software
 - Assessment of the micro-climate at the selected wind farm site
 - Determination of initial site layout plans to maximise annual yield
- Initial Concept and Pre-Feed Designs
 - Development of initial concept and Pre-Feed designs
 - Basis for EPC tendering.
 - Development of initial cost estimates
 - Facilitate the planning and purchase of balance of plant equipment.



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Source: Arup; Offshorewindbiz

Turbine Layouts



Turbine Layouts are Determined to Maximise Wind Energy Capture while Minimising Wake Losses



https://projekter.aau.dk/projekter/files/198432593/thesis_Fischetti.pdf



Micro Siting and Energy Yield Assessment

Layout Optimisation

Stage 1. I	mpact of phase 2	project	Stage 2. I	Layout optimisation compared to the original layout. Stage 3. Selection of the best AEP among three turbines.				st AEP		
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Schematic Layout of an Offshore Wind Farm

Grid Connections are optimised for cost considering distances and losses



Courtesy of World Bank – Key Factors For Successful Development of Offshore Wind Farms in Emerging Markets

Idealised Offshore Wind Farm

Typical Characteristics for a Real-Life Offshore Wind Farm



https://projekter.aau.dk/projekter/files/198432593/thesis Fischetti.pdf



Assessment of project risks and financial modelling

- Grid Connection Studies
 - Location and available capacity of suitable existing substations
 - Optimal cabling arrangements including offshore substations
 - Grid impact studies determine the impact of wind power to network
- Risk Assessments
 - Risk management processes to identify key project risks
 - Risk management plan and identification of suitable mitigation measures
- Capex and Opex Assessments
 - Financial models to assess the likely Capex and Opex based on experience
 - Development of suitable contingencies to account for potential risks.







Installation and Commissioning

Project construction, connection and testing

- Construction ports preparation
- Offshore logistics planning
- Installation of key civil works
 - Foundation Installation
 - Offshore Substations
 - Onshore Substations
 - Turbine Installation





Courtesy of Sinovel Wind Co. Ltd

Installation and Commissioning

Project construction, connection and testing

- **Offshore Cable Installation**
 - Export cables routing and burial
 - Inter- array cables routing and burial

Onshore Cable Installation

- Onshore cable landing
- On-land permitting and laying
- Connection to onshore sub-station
- **Commissioning and Testing**







Operations and Maintenance

Asset management throughout the lifetime of the wind farm

- Operation & Maintenance Port Establishment
 - Offices/ warehouse
 - Operations centre
- Maintenance and Service
 - Blade Inspection and Repair
 - Balance of Plant Maintenance and Repair
- Foundation Inspection and Repair







Foundation Design of Wind Turbines - Offshore

Asset management throughout the lifetime of the wind farm



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Offshore Foundation Types



Foundation selection generally based on water depths and ground conditions



Drag anchors

Suction anchors

Torpedo anchors

Concept Development – Finding the Best Solution **ARUP**

Foundation selection generally based on water depths and ground conditions

• Consideration of technical, financial, business planning and project management to realize viable offshore wind development solutions.

• Use of efficient Offshore Wind Foundation screening tools to identify the most promising foundation solutions



Monopiles

Simplest and most economic foundation system in shallow water

- Current industry preference is for monopiles in up to 30m water depth
- Typically up to 6m diameter but up to 11m diameter monopiles commercially available
- Relatively simple design
- Overall vibration and deflection are subject to large cyclic lateral loading and moments due to current and wave loads.
- Need for transition piece to level the mast above





Monopiles – XL – Going Bigger and Deeper

As depths increase and turbine sizes grow the monopile needs to get larger

- Wind farm installations are moving further offshore and bigger turbines are being developed
 - Deeper water
 - Deeper penetration
 - Larger diameter
 - Heavier
 - Increased waves
- Advanced geotechnical engineering
- 12MW turbine in 30m water depth: > 8m to 9m diameter to achieve minimum frequency
- Future wind farms will demand innovation to reduce costs while managing the overall risk new concepts



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Pre or Post Pile Jackets

Jacket foundations are becoming a popular solution as shallow areas are already taken

- Suitable for deeper water in excess of 20m to 50m and rough sea conditions but can also work in shallow water
- Designs for depths > 40m prepared
- Lower wave loads compared to monopiles
- Fabrication expertise widely available
- Higher construction costs and potentially higher maintenance costs



courtesy of Alamy

Suction Buckets

Suction buckets are a solution for sites underlain by softer ground

- Used in O&G for many years with high capacities
- Key advantages for offshore wind turbines
 - ➢ faster installation,
 - shallower penetration,
 - large capacities,
 - suitable for weaker soils,
 - reduced installation operation.
 - ➢ no pre-drilled piles, and
 - ➤ can be installed and removed quickly.
- Can lead to significant LCOE savings
- Efficient use requires key expertise in geotechnical engineering and soil structure interaction.



WindACE – Self Installing Mast

Innovative solutions are being developed for greater cost effectiveness



Suction bucket foundations installed by upending complete turbine and foundation assembly

Concrete Gravity Foundation

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Concrete gravity bases are a solution for sites underlain by harder ground

A simple solution for offshore wind turbine foundation funded by UK Department of Energy & Climate Change:

- No heavy lifting
- No special vessels
- Minimized seabed preparation



Typical Principal Data:				
Turbine	6 MW			
Water depth	35 m			
Hub height	90 m			
Outer diameter, caisson	31 m			
Concrete volume	2,800m3			
Steel reinforcement	890 tonne			









An innovative foundation design

Floating Concepts

Floating offshore wind is becoming more popular as sites become deeper

- Many different solutions being developed
- Largely supported by national or international research and development through demonstration funding programmes
- Poised to move to true commercialization very soon
- Generally more expensive than other systems due to the deep water conditions and high technology but costs are coming down as technology improves













...and many more...

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Cost Challenge in Deep Water

Foundations generally become more expensive with depth but costs will come down with scale



Manufacturing cost models for 8 MW turbine foundations (various sources)

Turbine Foundation Design Approach

Fatigue is a key concern for foundation designers

- 25-year design life
- Detailed load combinations to consist of both ultimate and fatigue load conditions
- Control natural frequency of entire turbine and substructure to be within specified ranged provided by turbine supplier
- Control deflection and rotation at interface level to be within acceptable limit specified by turbine supplier (0.5 degrees)

Frequencies 频率	1 p (Hz)	3 p (Hz)	
	0.17 - 0.27	0.51 - 0.81	



Figure 1. Forcing frequencies plotted against power spectral density for Vestas V120 4-5 MW wind turbine

Jacket Foundation Overview

What makes up a jacket structure?

- Tower
- Transition piece
- Jacket
- Fixity to seabed
 - Suction buckets
 - Piles
- Secondary steel
 - Boat landing
 - J-tubes/Cables



Foundation Design Approach

Jackets



Deliverables:

- Design Basis
- Design Report
- Design Sketch
- Material Take-off Sheet



Foundation Design Approach

Jacket



Automating Foundation Design

Rapid and accurate LCOE assessments

Optif couples Arup's expert knowledge and digital to provide a significant reduction in the time taken to evaluate designs, allowing repeatable, scalable results to improve end quality and safety.



Design Tool Development

Why do we need a tool for foundation design?

- Growing global demand
- Complex analysis
- Well suited to automation
- 'Off the shelf' software not available to do what we want (and is expensive)
- Automation can embed best practices and analysis consistency across projects







Optif Solution

Capabilities

Model – FEM + Hydro

• Parametric definitions of monopile and jacket structure

Loading

• Gravity, wind, wave and seismic loads considered

Analyses

• Static, modal, soil-structure interaction (SSI), seismic and wave

Code Checking

- ULS ISO19902 tubular, conical and joint checks
- FLS DNV-RP-C203 weld and joint checks

Drawings

• Automated drawings from monopile/jacket parameterisations







Soil Model Development

Soil models becoming more complex

Material models used in-house:





Model calibration:

- Drained/undrained monotonictriax tests
- Undrained cyc triaxial test



- Medium Dense Model (Dr = 63.5%)

Site Response Analysis and Liquefaction Assessment

On-going Involvement

- Use in-house Oasys SIREN or LS-Dyna for site response analysis for
 - Develop site-specific response spectrum
 - Derive cyclic shear stress for sitespecific liquefaction assessment
- Carry liquefaction assessment based on CPT and SPT GI data according to local code, Recommendations for Design of Building Foundations





Advanced Analysis and Parametric Studies

Computational methods employed for more detailed analysis

- Monopile remedial works grouted and flanged connections
- Fatigue assessment and dynamic analysis
- BIM and integrated data models
- Automative design
- Scour Assessment & CFD modelling including ringing
- Decommissioning



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Advanced Numerical Analysis

Examples of Advanced Engineering Analysis





Hammering of monopile with flange connection in LS-DYNA

Effects of Wave Ringing

Wind Turbine Monopiles Becoming Vulnerable?

- "Pure" ringing is a result of wave scattering from the surface of the structure, resulting in a resonant excitation of the first bending mode.
- In practice, impulsive loads from wave slamming may act in combination to amplify the effect.
- A failure to consider dynamic structural response can result in significant under-prediction of extreme wave loads.
- Scale tests or computational fluid dynamics offers a solution



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Sample Drawing Output

Suction Bucket Jacket





Life Extension & Asset Management

5 to 10 yrs more asset life is pure revenue compared to original business models

- LEAP provides ongoing insight into the condition of foundations over their entire lifetime.
- It enables life extensions to be justified, providing significant value to asset owners and the offshore wind industry.





A Full-Lifecycle Digital Twin Approach

Arup suite of digital tools developed to enhance design solutions

We've developed a data led approach to automating processes across the entire development lifecycle



Consistent data architecture

Cable Design

Inter-array Cable and Export Cable Study

- Cable Architecture
- Selection of Subsea Cable Routings
- Cable Laying Method and Landing Approach





Selection of Subsea Cable Routings

Proposed Routes



Selection of Subsea Cable Routings

Proposed Export Cable Routes – Route 1 and Route 2



Selection of Subsea Cable Routings

Consideration for Export Cable Routes – Route 1 and Route 2



Bathymetry and Slopes



Fishing Zones



Marine Accident Investigations



Shipping Routes



Other Offshore Windfarm Locations



Military Zones

Selection of Subsea Cable Routings

Consideration for Export Cable Routes – Route 1 and Route 2



Flight Restricted Areas

Environmental Sensitive Areas

UNESCO World Heritage Sites



Selection of Subsea Cable Routings

- Four Landing Points are suggested after their site survey
- Onshore cables from landing points to Substation
- These routes overlap with a few fishing zones, and consequently compensation for fisheries would be necessary.





Substation and Cabling Design

Electrical Considerations

- Selection of Export Cable Voltage
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Assessment of Substation Location
- Electrical Equipment Spatial Requirements







Onshore Substation Layout



Cable Design

Cost Benefit Analysis



Operation & Maintenance Base Design



Supporting Clients in a Changing Industry

Enhancing design through digital solutions

Accelerating deployment through digital We've developed a data led approach automating processes across the entire development lifecycle to enhance project outcomes.

Navigating future markets

Supporting clients to enter new markets from developing business models to investor funding for infrastructure and developing supply chain relationships.

Unlocking design solutions

Exploring the future of offshore wind infrastructure, we're designing for each unique site location and local market conditions.

Managing and extending assets

Working to enhance the lifetime extension – our digital approach enhances return on investment of an asset, whether the development is being sold as an investment or maintained.

Digital Future

Enhancing design through digital solutions

- Digital technologies are transforming projects across a wide range of industries and sectors.
- Digital innovation is the only way to achieve success in deploying offshore wind at the scale that is needed to mitigate climate change



What's Next

Future Developments for Offshore Wind







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