

# Carbon Trust Offshore Wind Accelerator

Driving down the cost of offshore wind

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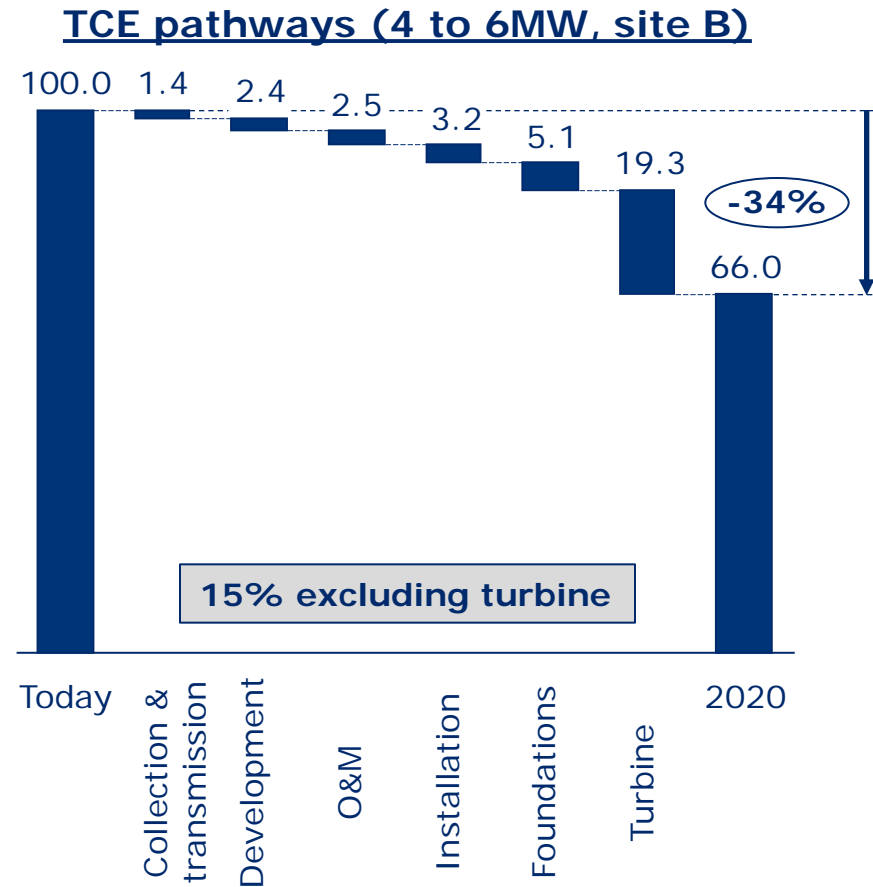
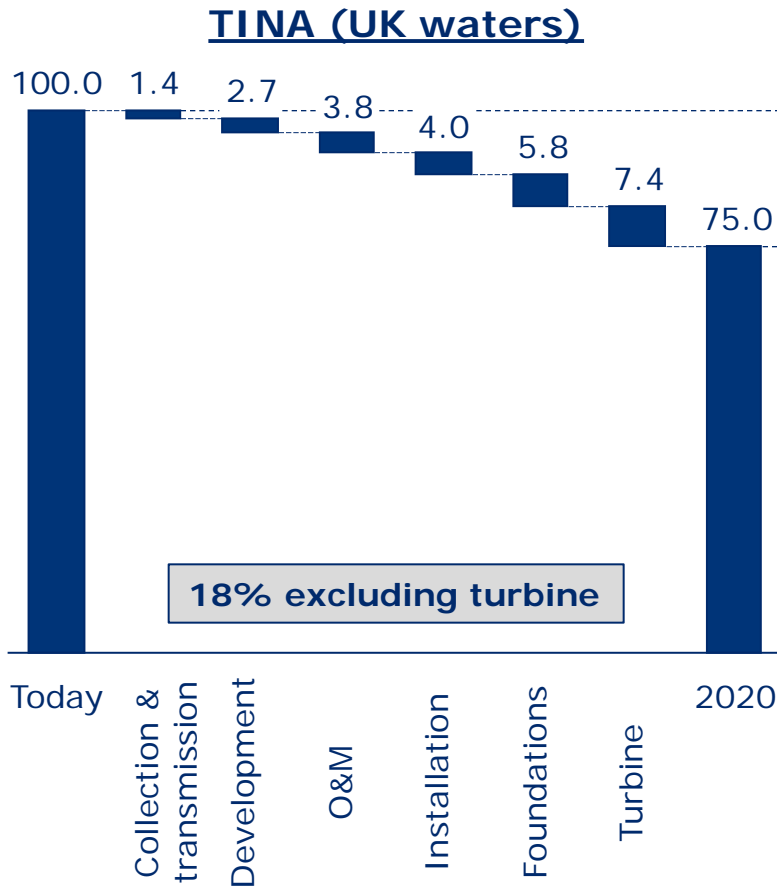


# Offshore wind

## Situation analysis

- **Offshore wind is a young industry, near the start of the learning curve**
  - 22 years old vs 75 for gas, 115 for coal
  - ~6GW installed vs 2,500GW gas, 2,400GW coal
  
- **Plenty of scope for cost reduction**
  - Mainly from innovation...
  - ...and also from supply chain and finance
  
- **For a healthy, sustainable industry, costs need to come down from ~£150/MWh to ~£100/MWh by 2020**
  
- **If we can get innovations to market quickly, the industry can deliver significant cost reduction**

# Innovation could deliver 25% cost reduction by 2020



Note: TINA suggests further cost reduction is possible from turbines if there is more competition – up to ~15% LCOE reduction  
 Source: TINA Executive Summary 17 Jan 2012; initial TCE pathways innovation model outputs 2 Feb 2012

# Significant opportunity for innovation to drive down costs

Development

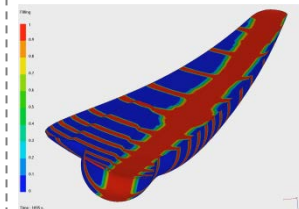
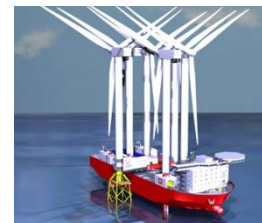
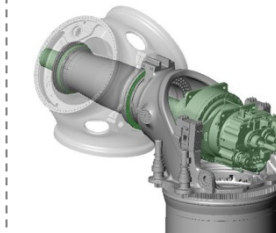
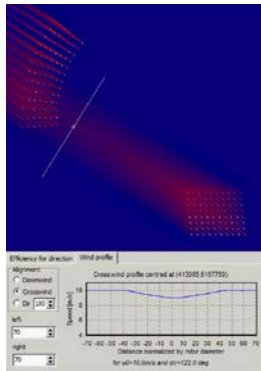
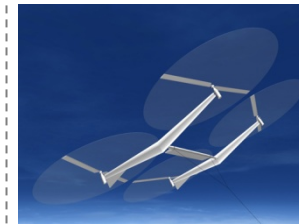
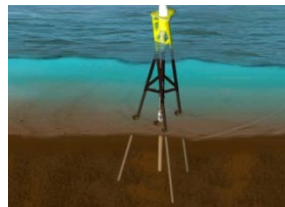
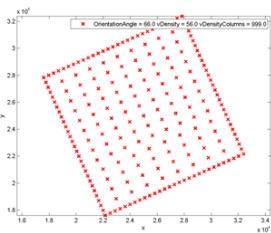
Electrical

Foundations

Installation

Turbine

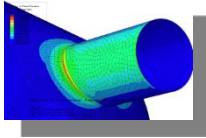
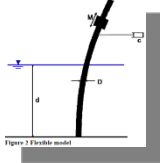
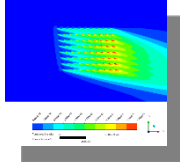
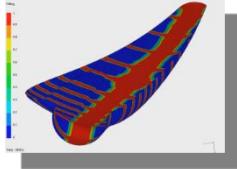
O&M



# Research is critical to gain commercial benefits

We are standing on the shoulders of Giants



R&D activity		Commercial benefit
Numerical modelling of structural behaviour		Cost effective foundation concepts
Analyse ringing and springing effects		Improved XL monopiles
Wind farm layout optimisation		Higher energy yields
Improve rotor designs		Larger turbines

We rely on the excellent research that many organisations are doing to get innovations to market

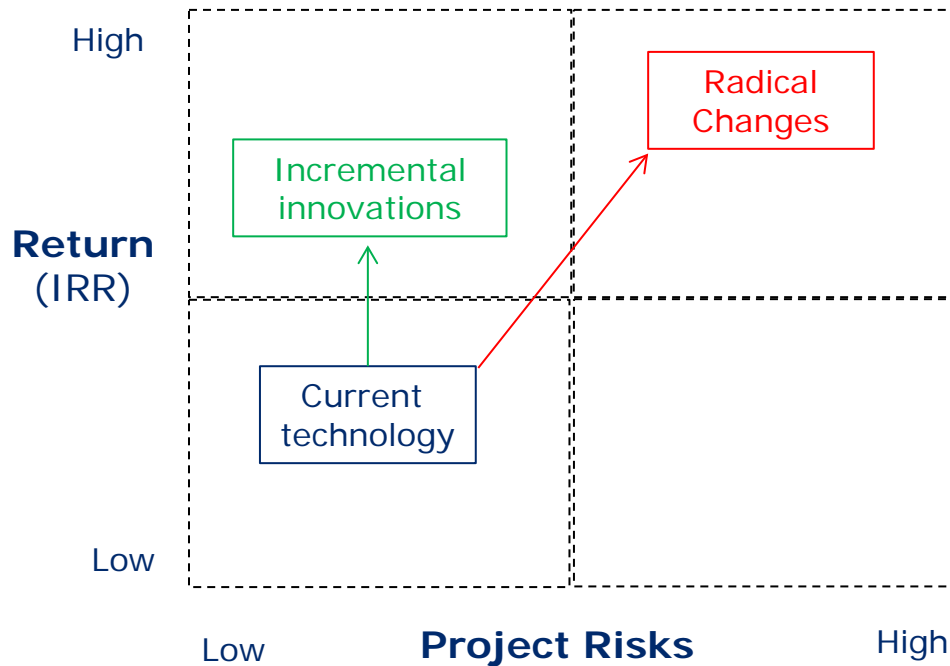
# We need innovation to improve returns

And we need to understand and mitigate risk



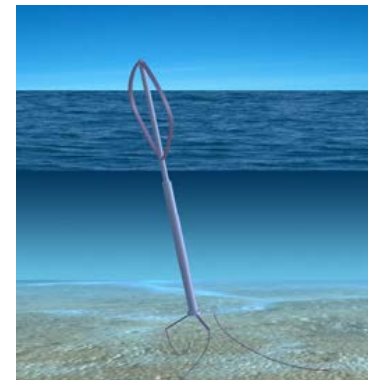
Often innovations are **incremental changes** to trusted ideas

## Risk-Return Ratio in the Near Future



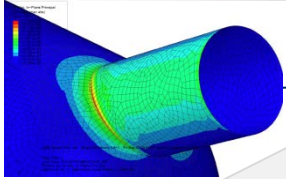
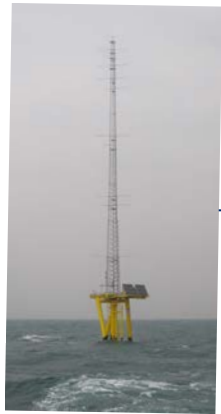
Source: Vestas V164

Occasionally innovation leads to **radical changes**



Source: Risoe DTU DeepWind, Vertical-axis turbine combined with rotating and floating substructure

# Evaluating Technology on its way to the market?



(Production system field proven)

**TRL - 7  
Field Proven**

(Production system  
Installed and tested)

**TRL - 6  
System Installed**

(Production  
system interface tested)

**TRL - 5  
System Tested**

**TRL - 4  
Environment Tested**

(Pre-production system  
environment tested)

**TRL - 3  
Prototype Tested**

(System function  
and reliability tested)

**TRL - 2  
Validated Concept**

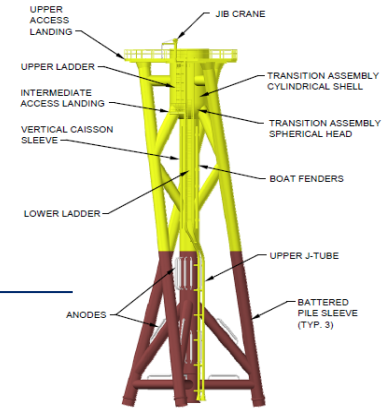
(Experimental proof of  
concept using physical model tests)

**TRL - 1  
Proven Concept**

(Proof of concept as a paper study or R&D experiments)

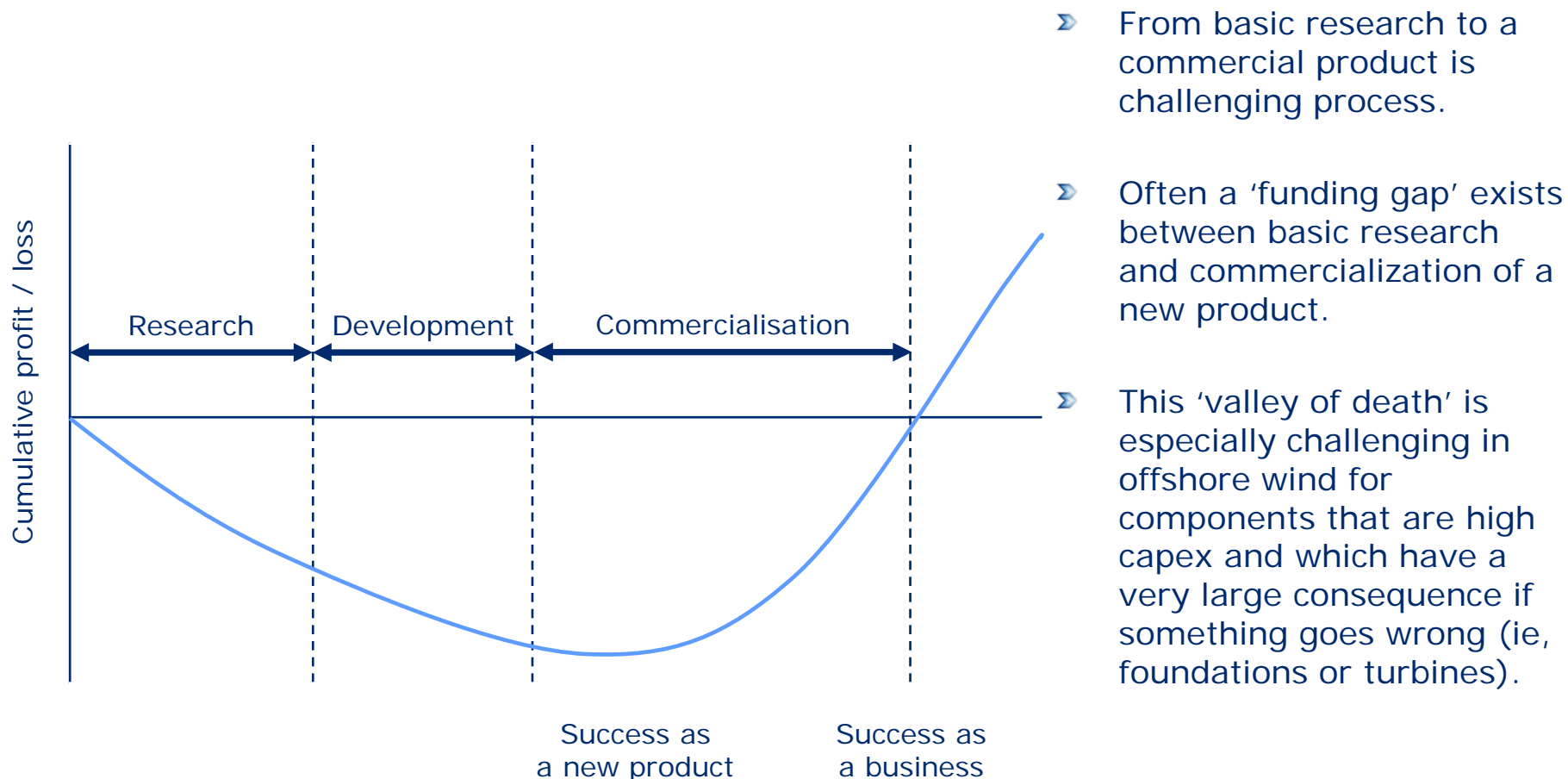
**TRL - 0  
Unproven Concept**

(Basic R&D, paper concept)



# A challenging road from basic research to commercial product

How do innovations reach the market?





# Getting innovation into commercial projects is tough

Commercial project developers have a lot to worry about



**Will my jack-up barge arrive in time?**

**Is my transition piece going to slip?**

**Can I avoid damaging my cables?**

**Are my turbines going to be reliable?**

**Will my subcontractors stay in business?**

**What will the weather be like?**

**Can you try a new foundation please?**



Source: Sculpture of Atlas, Praza do Toural, Santiago de Compostela, Luis Miguel Bugallo Sánchez 2005

# How do we make innovations attractive to the market?



- **Developers must be confident new technologies are sufficiently proven and de-risked before deploying them in commercial projects**
- **Scaled testing, onshore or offshore demonstration is often required**
- **Technology needs to demonstrate clear advantages such as cost reduction**
- **Any outstanding risks must be well understood**
- **Industry collaboration can help to accelerate the derisking, demonstration and acceptance of new technologies**
  - Sharing costs, risks
  - Learning from each other
  - Pooling sites and resources

# Offshore Wind Accelerator

Objective: Reduce cost of energy by 10% in time for Round 3



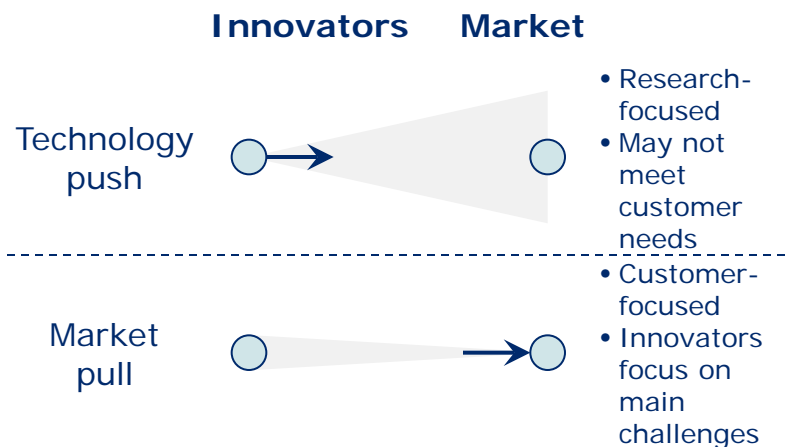
**77% (36GW) of licensed capacity in UK waters**

- › **Joint industry project involving 9 developers + Carbon Trust**
- › **Only developers are members**
  - Aligned interests, commercially-focused
  - International outlook for best ideas
- › **£45-60m programme**
  - 2/3 industry, 1/3 public (DECC)
- › **Two types of project**
  - Common R&D – concept development and knowledge building
  - Discretionary Projects – demonstrations
- › **Value to members**
  - New lower-cost technologies, ready to use
  - Insights into best technologies for Round 3
  - Funding for demo projects
- › **Set up 2009, runs to 2016**

# OWA is an example of market-pull innovation

## UK offshore wind R&D customer-driven

### Two approaches to innovation



# We need international collaboration

OWA works with organisations around the North Sea



UK

babcock TAG ATKINS  
J P KENNY  
FRAZER-NASH CONSULTANCY IOC W  
ATKINS North Sea Logistics  
tnei GBF FAB  
University of Strathclyde Glasgow DIVEX HOULDER  
BMT Nigel Gee SSE  
South Boats  
SCOTTISHPOWER RENEWABLES MAINSTREAM RENEWABLE POWER

Norway

Nexans Statkraft  
Statoil

Denmark

DONG energy  
DTU A2SEA  
Universal Foundation

Netherland

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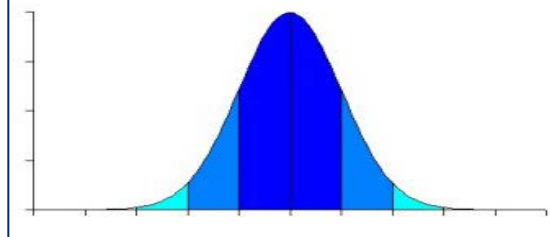
# Five research areas

Focusing on everything but the turbine, representing 70% of LCOE

## Cost of energy



## Cost of finance



Wake effects

# Wake Effects - The scope

Vision to increase energy yield and reduce financing costs by improving the accuracy of wake effects models

## Benchmarking of wake models

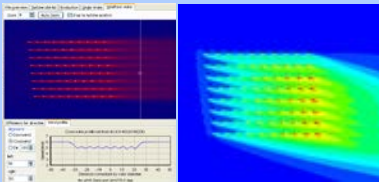
*To ensure we improve the right wake models*

- Benchmarking studies

## Optimisation studies

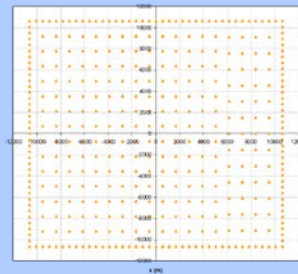
*To develop better tools for offshore wind*

### Wake model development



- Validation and development of DTU's Fuga and ANSYS's Wind modeller
- Larger rotors
- Meso-scale modelling

### Layout optimisation



- Layout optimisation tools
- Fatigue loads in array layout tool

## Validation and bankability

*To increase confidence in models and technology*

### Measurement Campaign



- Measurement campaign to capture detailed wakes data
- Array efficiency predictors
- Model validation
- Journal paper

### Floating LIDAR



- FLIDAR trial
- Babcock trial
- Roadmap to commercialisation
- IEA Annex 32

# Wakes measurement campaign has started at Rødsand 2



This will provide future valuation data to improve and validate wakes models



## Six LIDAR units installed in 2Q2013

- 2 x long-range LIDAR to measure wake effects throughout farm
- 4 x nacelle-mounted LIDARs to record inflow and wakes at specific WTGs
- Plan to collect a year of data

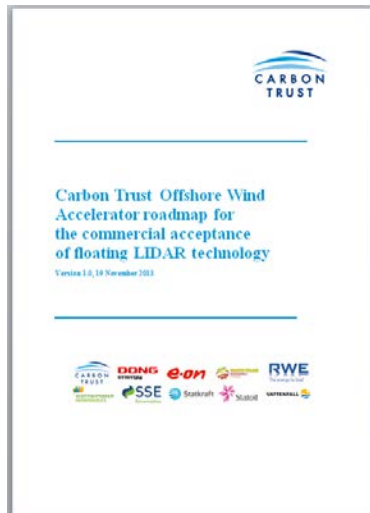


# Floating LIDAR

Reducing upfront investment cost



## Commercialisation roadmap



- OWA Roadmap published Nov 2013 describing 3 stages required to reach bankability
- Stages measured in terms of KPIs (accuracy and availability) suppliers must demonstrate
- Industry consultation before publication (incl GLGH, ECN, DNV, Mott MacDonald)
- Will input to IEA Annex 32

## OWA Validation Campaign

### Objective

- To make Floating LIDAR a bankable alternative to conventional met masts

### Approach

- Validation designed according to Roadmap KPI
- Gwynt Y Môr hosted provided IEC compliant met mast data

### Results

- 3E's FLIDAR
  - Successful validation completed
  - New buoy design based on lessons learnt has been deployed by MRP at Narec Jan 2014
- Babcock – unit successfully deployed and is underway

## Scope

### FLIDAR



### Babcock



# Foundations - The scope

Focus on benchmarking, de-risking and optimisation

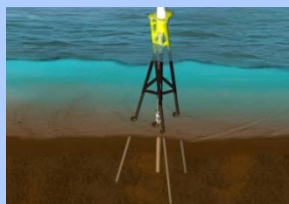
## Benchmarking of Foundation Structures

*To ensure we commercialise the right concepts*

- Gravity base and steel structure benchmarking
- Sensitivity to larger rotor study
- Lifted versus floating GBS

## De-risking of OWA concepts

*To increase confidence in the concepts*



- Further optimisation



- Dynamic and cyclic load studies
- Tank testing
- Installation trials
- Met mast demo



- Tank testing
- Design improvements



- Numerical modelling

## General optimisation projects

*To optimise fabrication and installation processes*

- Serial fabrication study
- Installation optimisation study
- Maximising lifetime asset integrity
- VIBRO project
- PISA project

# Two Universal Foundations installed at Dogger Bank

February and September 2013, 150km offshore, 25m depth



## Benefits

- Simple fabrication
- Few marine operations
- Fred. Olsen end-to-end EPC offer
- **Significant cost reduction potential**



# New JIP to improve design standards for XL Monopiles

Pile-Soil Aalysis: PISA



Aim: improve monopile design standards

Benefit: Monopiles can be used in deeper water with larger turbines

- Also improves jackets

Led by DONG Energy as an OWA Discretionary Project



# Access Systems - The scope

Focus on commercialising new vessel and access system technology

## Identifying and benchmarking new vessel and access system technology

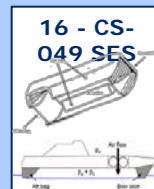
*To fill the technology gap and ensure we commercialise the right concepts*

- Access system technology review
- O&M strategy evaluation
- Design competition for new vessel and access system technology
- Regulatory review
- Development of trail procedures
- Undertaking vessel and access system sea trials

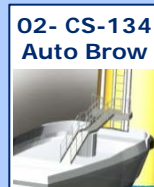
## De-risking of new concepts

*To increase confidence in the concepts*

### Vessels



### Transfer systems



### Launch and recovery systems



- De-risking new vessel and transfer system concepts
- Proof of concept through numerical modelling and tank testing
- Support innovators with design and tank testing
- Support innovators to build prototypes
- Support match-making with investors to ensure take-up by the supply chain

# First of six Fjellstrand WindServers is now in the water



## Advantage

- Fast and efficient
- Stability in station-keeping



# NautiCraft has just built an 8m prototype

## Advantage

- Fast, comfortable
- Hydraulic connections system compensates heave



Warp mode



Pitch mode



Roll mode



Source: NautiCraft, 2013

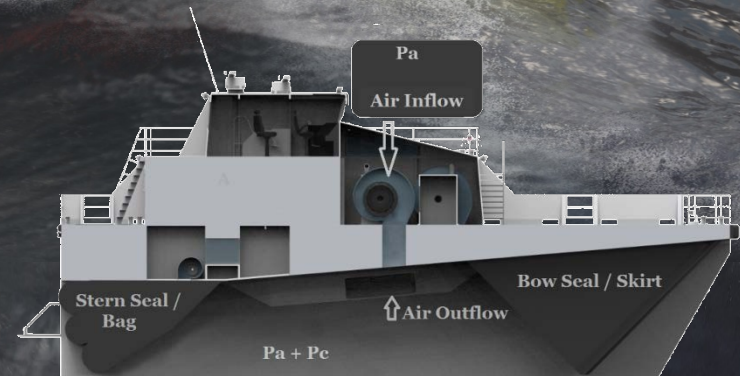
# Umoe Mandal's Wave Craft

Successfully tank tested

CARBON  
TRUST

## Advantage

- Speed
- Air cushion compensates motions





# Electrical Systems - The scope

Significant focus on higher voltage arrays

## Technology review

*To ensure we focus on the opportunities that promise most cost reduction*

- Technology evaluation

## Feasibility and optimisation studies

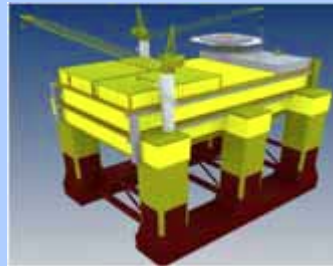
*To increase confidence in the concepts*

### 66KV



- Higher voltage engineering design study
- 66kV component acceleration
- 66kV cable qualification

### HVDC



- HVDC technology review
- Supplier engagement
- HVDC optimisation study

### AC and DC



- DC array feasibility study
- AC optimisation study

# Why 66kV?

**33kV**



5MW Turbines  
200 Turbines  
1000MW capacity

**3 Substation**  
**Radial configuration**



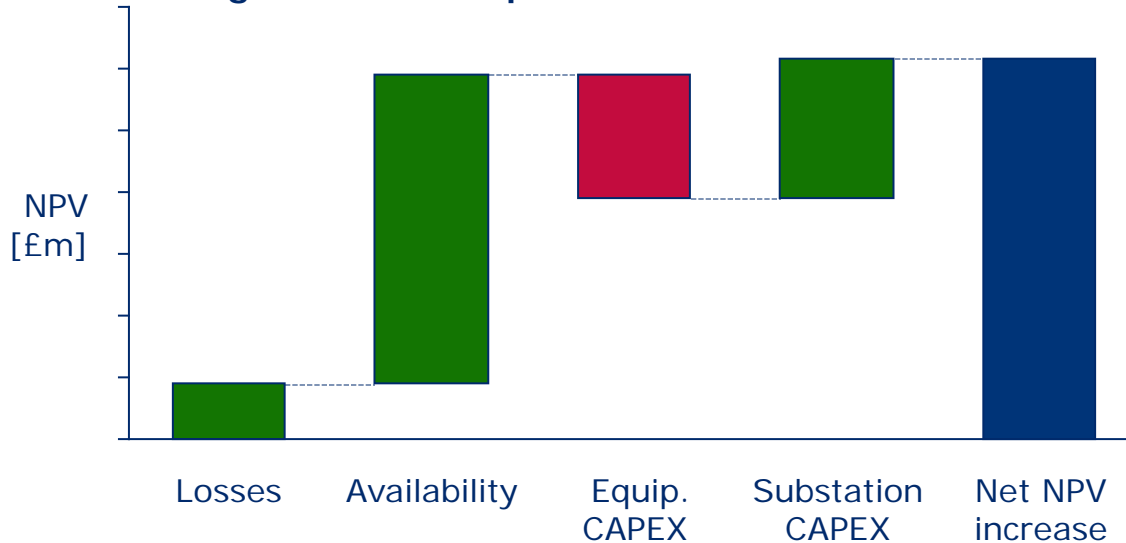
**66kV**



5MW Turbines  
200 Turbines  
1000MW capacity

**2 Substation**  
**Ring configuration**

**Changes in NPV compared to a 33 kV Radial Base Case**



- Improvement in NPV is driven by reduced lost revenue due to increased availability (i.e. the ring design).
- The reduction in the number of substation and associated equipment is benefiting
- Some cost penalty in terms of wind turbine equipment – i.e. transformers and switchgear

Note: 0.015 failures/km/year was assumed

# Cable Installation - The scope

Focus on improving cable installation techniques

## Technology review

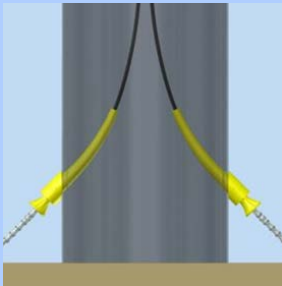
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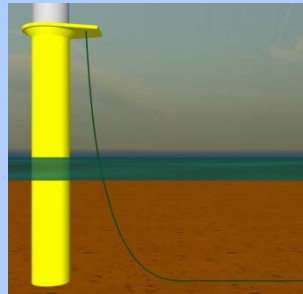
*To increase confidence in the technology*

### Cable entry systems



- Technology review

### Free hanging cables



- Feasibility study for free hanging cables

### Cable burial

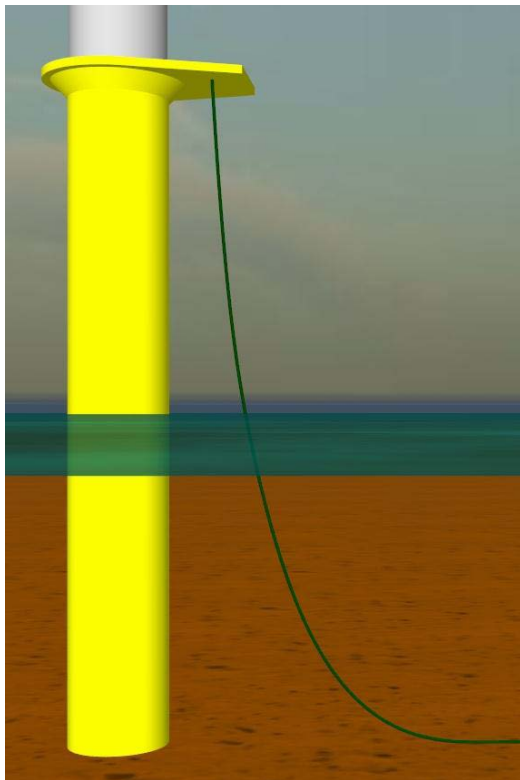


- Cable burial methodology and risk mitigation study

# Cable installation


Vision: Reduce cable failure rates and installation costs

**J-tubeless, free-hanging cables:** cables would be hung from transition piece, rather than pulled through the foundation



## Benefits to dynamic cables

- No J-tubes
- No divers
- No cable pull, leading to faster installation



Lower costs  
Fewer risks

# Conclusions

- Offshore wind costs need to come down from ~£150/MWh to ~£100/MWh by 2020
- Innovation has the potential to deliver three-quarters of this
- Research is critical to achieve cost reduction but commercialisation is challenging
- The industry is international, and we need to work together to get the best ideas – we won't find the answers alone
- OWA, EERA and TPWind are good examples of collaborative R&D in offshore wind
- We need industry to pull the innovations to market.