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OO-STAR WIND FLOATER THE FUTURE OF OFFSHORE WIND?

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INTRODUCTION - MAIN MESSAGES

- > We believe floating wind will beat onshore wind as well as bottom fixed offshore wind in the future
- > We believe that in the future there will be three different segments within the wind industry:
 - Onshore wind; WTGs limited to typically 5 MW due to transport and installation limitations on land
 - Offshore wind, bottom fixed; WTGs limited to typically 10 MW due to installation cost
 - Offshore wind, floating; WTGs typically 20 MW, no size limitations related to assembly and installation
- > We believe Olav Olsen has developed a very cost effective floating solution with the OO-Star Wind Floater, with all the qualities required by the future floating offshore wind market



DR.TECHN.OLAV OLSEN AS INTRODUCTION



DR.TECHN. OLAV OLSEN – COMPANY PROFILE

- > Norwegian independent Structural and Marine consulting company founded in 1962
- > Offices in Oslo and Trondheim (Norway)
- > Approximately 90 employees
- > Contributes in all project phases, from concept development to decommissioning
- > Active in research and development projects





OFFSHORE CONCRETE STRUCTURES

- > World leading designer of offshore concrete structures
- > Shallow to deepwater
- > Gravity Base Structures (GBS)
- > Floating concrete platforms
- > Arctic applications















BUSINESS AREAS



- > Offshore Oil & Gas
- > Renewable energy
- > Infrastructures
- > Harbours and Industry
- > 00 «Futurum»

Core business: Structural & Marine engineering



Adding value to company and clients



DR.TECHN.OLAV OLSEN AS OFFSHORE WIND



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OLAV OLSEN - OFFSHORE WIND





OLAV OLSEN - CAPABILITIES OFFSHORE WIND

> Substructures

- Bottom fixed and floating
- Steel and concrete
- Concept development
- Design and analysis (ShellDesign)
- Geotechnics
- > Mooring and anchors
 - System configuration
 - System design
 - Geotechnics
- > Installation
 - Method development
 - Installation concepts

- > Fully coupled simulations:
 - SIMA
 - 3DFloat
 - Deeplines
 - (Orcaflex, Ashes, FEDEM Windpower)
- > Cost models
 - Fabrication and Installation
 - Substructure
 - Mooring
 - Anchors
- > Third party verification





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OO-STAR WIND FLOATER



THE OO-STAR WIND FLOATER HISTORY

- > Few realistic WTG floaters before 2010
- > Hiprwind (2010) questions to scalability and fatigue
- > What does the optimal floater look like?
- > OO-Star Wind Floater developed 2010/11, presented at ONS2012
- > Preferred concept (steel) for EU project Floatgen Acciona part 3 MW WTG
- > NFR project 2013-2014: Designed for 6MW, WD 100 m, North Sea
- > LIFES50+ 2015-2018: Up-scaling to 10 MW, WD 70-130 m, Hs=7.0 -15.6 m







OO-STAR WIND FLOATER – GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- Robust, stable and very simple 3-leg semisubmersible floater.
- Passive ballast system
- Water depth potential from 50 m
- Concrete, steel or a combination (hybrid). Material selection according to optimal design, cost, fabrication facilities etc.
- Concrete best suited for large wind turbines. Not fatigue sensitive and long design life, 100 years +. Possible to reuse floater.
- The OO-Star Wind Floater consists of a central shaft supporting the WTG, and a tri-star shaped pontoon supporting 3 buoyancy cylinders for optimal stability.
- Permanent buoyancy in the columns and shaft. The pontoons provide structural support of the columns, weight stability, damping/added mass and temporary buoyancy for inshore assembly.
- Fabrication in a dock, on a barge or on a quay. The structure is well suited for modular fabrication.
- The substructure can float with very small draft and the unit can be fully assembled at quay-side before tow to site. No requirements for deep waters at assembly site.
- Transport to site by towing. No requirements for expensive offshore heavy lifts.





MOORING - BASIC CONFIGURATION



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HORIZON 2020 - LIFES 50+

- > Horizon 2020 project, total budget 7.3 MEuro
- > Project lead by SINTEF Ocean
- OO Star Wind Floater selected as one of two concepts for Phase 2 (model testing and further development)
- > Project web page: <u>http://lifes50plus.eu/</u>





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LIFES 50+ MODEL TESTS

- > Modell tests planned in Phase 2:
 - Ocean Basin at SINTEF Ocean, November 2017 (Scale 1:36)
 - Wind tunnel at Polimi, Spring 2018 (Scale 1:75)





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FABRICATION/INSTALLATION OO-STAR WIND FLOATER







FABRICATION 25 UNITS/YEAR – TYPICAL SCHEDULE

			W 1	W 2	W 3	W 4	W 5	W 6	W 7	W 8	W 9	W 10	W 11	W 12	W 13	W 14	W 15	W 16	W 17	W 18	W 19	
For sk. line 1	Construction of pontoon parts			4 w	eeks			4 w	weeks													
For sk. line 2			4 we			eeks 4 w			reeks													
Skidding line 1	Connection of pontoon parts						4 weeks				4 weeks											
	Columns construction										4 weeks				4 weeks							
	Central shaft construction										4 weeks				4 weeks							
	Launching																					
Skidding line 2	Connection of pontoon parts									4 w	eeks	-		4 w	eeks							
	Columns construction												4 weeks				4 weeks					
	Central shaft construction												4 weeks				4 weeks					
	Launching																					
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Total	launched units		L1		L2		L1		L2		L1		L2		L1		L2		L1		L2	



ASSEMBLY AT QUAYSIDE - CURRENT WTG's





ASSEMBLY AT QUAYSIDE – FUTURE LARGE WTG's





BOTTOM FIXED WTGs (FOR COMPARISON)

FABRICATION/INSTALLATION - CHALLENGES



OFFSHORE WIND - BOTTOM FIXED



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GBS Production Facilities – Large Scale



Main challenges:

- Variations in GBS configuration
- Flexibility of yard wrt. water depth at site and soil conditions
- Water depth at keyside and towing draft stability issues
- Large site investment required, few sites suited

Conclusion:

- Difficult to industrialize fabrication process
- Full inshore assembly is not cost effective for GBS since floating stability will be the main design parameter, not the operation phase.
- > Alternative: Offshore assembly



SPACE FRAME TOWER (SFT)

- >Foundation different solutions
 - Gravity base
 - Suction buckets
 - Piles
- >3 main element types:
 - Vertical legs, constant diameter
 - X and K nodes with uniform design. Cost effective fabrication, superior fatigue capacity.
 - Uniform X-bracing system
- > Transition structures are standardized for turbine type



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Gravity Base

Piled foundation frame



Suction buckets



Pre installed piles



Gravity/Skirt piles

SFT - NODE FABRICATION



Hot forming with hydraulic press



Welding two halves together to an Xnode

Splitting X-node into two K-nodes





Proposed Fabrication scheme for SFT substructure



SUMMARY BOTTOM FIXED

- Monopiles have been dominating the market for bottom fixed offshore wind highly industrialized
- > Jacket structures becoming more popular for deeper water and larger WTGs, less steel than monopoles give potential for cost savings.
- > Use of concrete can increase the operational life of substructures
- > Difficult to standardize bottom fixed substructures due to variation in water depth, soil conditions and environmental loading
- Monopiles and jackets have higher potential for standardization and industrialization than concrete GBS
- Installation of bottom fixed WTGs requires offshore assembly or costly measures to solve temporary conditions.
- > Future large WTGs (20 MW) will require expensive new installation tools. Likely that bottom fixed WTGs will be limited in size.



OFFSHORE WIND CHALLENGES



OFFSHORE WIND CHALLENGES

- The main and overall challenge is to reduce cost of energy (LCOE) cannot rely on subsidies in the future
- > Requirements:
- > Consistent frame conditions (political, consenting, tendering process, environment etc.)
- > Development of consistent rules and regulations
- > Development of business tools (financing, insurance etc.)
- > Development of supplier industry (competition, effectivity, market stability)
- > Development of new and better technology
 - Economy of scale, larger turbines
 - Increase effectivity, robustness and operation life
 - Reduce CAPEX, OPEX
- > Development of fabrication and installation methods (reduce CAPEX, risk)



OFFSHORE WIND CHALLENGES





WHY

FLOATING OFFSHORE WIND

WILL OUTBEAT

BOTTOM FIXED OFFSHORE WIND

IN THE FUTURE



FLOATING WIND – KEY ADVANTAGES

- > Floating wind has larger energy potential than bottom fixed.
- In some areas floating wind is the only way to go. This will ensure development of a floating market.
- > Floating substructures have higher potential for standardization than bottom fixed (not very sensitive to water depth and soil conditions). Efficient and cost effective mass fabrication of substructures
- > Shallow draft floaters Quayside assembly and testing prior to tow out
- Installations without offshore heavy lift tow to site
- > Simple removal reverse installation
- > Large potential for reuse 2nd hand value of floater will reduce energy cost
- > Large potential for efficient supply chain and significant cost reductions
- > Robust execution program suitable for future large WTGs
- Next generation 20 MW floating WTGs can be assembled without expensive new offshore cranes
- > Specific for Norway:
 - Norway do not have suitable sites for bottom fixed offshore wind (with a couple of exceptions).
 - Floating wind has a significant future potential in Norway



WHY

OO-STAR WIND FLOATER

HAS THE QUALITIES REQUIRED BY THE

FUTURE OFFSHORE WIND MARKET



OO-STAR - ADVANTAGES

- OO-Star Wind Floater is a simple and robust floater concept, with favourable motions for WTG and cable
- Adaptive to «all» environmental conditions and WTG sizes
- Very good «scalability-factor» for increase of WTG size
- Concrete is less sensitive to fatigue than steel (WTGs are fatigue machines) and requires minimum maintenance
- Concrete substructure has long design life, 100+ years with minor cost increase (concrete cover, cathodic protection and outfitting)
- Concrete is fabricated in all countries, limited number of skilled workers required
- Shallow minimum draft can be fully assembled and tested at quayside
- No offshore heavy lifts WTG assembly by land cranes onto fixed substructure (resting at seabed)
- Mooring connections above water easy access and «artificial» increase of water depth (benefit for mooring in shallow water)
- Fixed mooring points at 2 columns, fairlead/chain stopper at 3rd column. Tensioning from vessel, no winch.
- Possible to improve cost and durability by lifting interface between concrete and steel and to reduce steel tower fatigue (crucial for future large WTGs)



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