



#### **Forecasting Wind Energy Costs and Cost Drivers**

#### The Views of the World's Leading Experts



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#### **Relative Impact of Drivers for LCOE Reduction in 2030**





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#### **CAPEX and turbine components' contribution**



Source: MAKE

Note: Baseline Turbine: 2-2.5MW, 90-110m rotor glass blades, DFIG electrical system, 80m steel tubular tower Onshore wind plant: 100MW, flat terrain, 33 kV interarray, 220 kV collector. Wind turbine = 2.0MW, 80m towers Offshore wind plant: 396MW, 50m depth, 30km from shore, 33kV interarray, 2x 220 kV collector, 1 substation. Wind turbine = 6.0MW, guadrapod foundation

#### **Cost barriers for larger rotor MW-scale turbines**

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#### Added Cost components

12 meters longer

Adds ~5 tons per blade

- 10-12 meters taller
- 80m → 90/95m
- Adds ~35 tons of steel

- Weight increase
- Gearbox redesign
- Main shaft redesign
- Hub redesign
- Bedplate redesign
- Weight increase ~30%
- Road length increase by ~7.5km Interarray cabling

Cables increase by ~10km

Source: MAKE

Note: \* Indicates target values

100MW U.S. wind plant, PTC

OPEX cost = USD 60K/Turbine/year Full Service Agreement

Finance: 20-year life, WACC = 8%, 70/30 Debt/Equity, Debt Rate = 5%, 10 year tenor

#### **Turbine Weight and Cost "Scaling Laws"**



U.S. Department of Energy's (DoE's) Wind Partnership for Advanced Component Technologies (WindPACT)

### Scaling means: Extending existing systems and technology

#### We talk about Power Plants!



### **Background of SkyWind**







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- Planning, realization and operation of wind farms (250 turbines, all types, all manufactures)
- Design, service, education and training

### **Development Approach**

- Born from experience (eliminate / improve failure areas)
- Change point of view (supplier-> operator, manufacturer -> user)

### Aim of the development

- Minimize the Life Cycle Costs of Energy of wind turbines
- Bundling of wind turbines to Wind Power Plant (WPP/RPP)

#### Wind Power Plant with Grid Connection Unit

#### Single Wind Turbines



#### Wind turbine

#### **Built in separate modules**



#### **Built in Modules**



#### **Prozess WindPowerPlant**



#### Assembly

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Only supplier tested modules are delivered directly to site and assembled on ground

Tower with integrated lifting system and "energy converter" are two seperated assembly processes

Final function test of "energy converter" on ground largly reduces operational risks

#### Installation







### **Installation (onshore)**





#### **WETEC Lifting**

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Windspeed up to 11 m/s during lift!

# 160to energy converter

135 m tower with integrated lifting system

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#### **WETEC Operation**

**Key characteristics** > 3.4 MW rated power. > 107 m 2-bladed rotor > 135 m hub height Compact medium voltage hybrid drivetrain Separated full converter GridConnection Unit > Advanced pitch- and yaw system

### Scaling up?



#### **Scaling up: Twin Rotor**



#### **Multirotor**





4 X 100 kW Lagerwey 1976

4 X 225 kW Vestas 2016



## Size, time line? How to install and maintain? Electrical integration?



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#### **Adapt onshore to offshore**



#### **Yaw Issue**

Individual Yaw-System Allows for small adjustment Enables single turbine operation

Main Yaw-System Sectoral slewing bearing Could be repaired in place

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#### **Performance and dynamic behaviour**



#### **Twin Rotor Simulation**





#### Windprofile and Rotorsize

300 280 **TwinRotor allows for height optimization** 260 240 220 200 Äquivalent Rotor Area Hight Hoehe [m] 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 anemoScope METRÁS 40 WindSim WAsP 20 Messung 0 1.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.4 1.6 1.8 Normierte Mittlere Windgeschwindigkeit [m/s] FINO 1 Data, extrapolation acc. DBU 24780 R&D project Normalized mean windspeed (50 m)

#### **Mass- and Cost Potential**

#### According to WindPACT und Jamieson scaling laws



#### Further cost reduction potential

- Supply Process
- 20 m lower tower
- Installation method (also for maintenance !)
- Same turbine on- and offshore
  - Serial production
  - Stuff education
  - Common SCADA
  - Spare parts

#### Target: 30 %

#### Summary- SkyWind for offshore wind farms

- Scaling up with two "known" turbines per foundation
- Installation is controlled with winches on DP vessel no large cranes needed
- Substructure / foundation needs to be developed and total system to be optimized (eg. controller)



Invitation for Norwegian R&D

Pilot options Karmøy Metcentre (or onshore)

Potential that turbine(s) with lowest CoE could be manufactured in Norway!!

#### **Thank You**

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