

Renewable Energy Technologies for Use on the Outer Continental Shelf



Ocean Energy Technology

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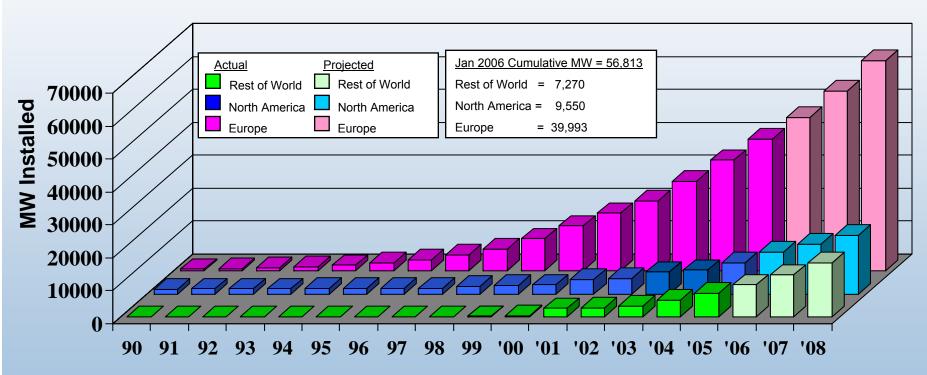
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Technology Overview

- Offshore Wind
- Ocean Wave
- Ocean Current
- Ocean Tidal

Offshore Wind Technology
Horns Rev Denmark

Growth of Wind Energy Capacity Worldwide



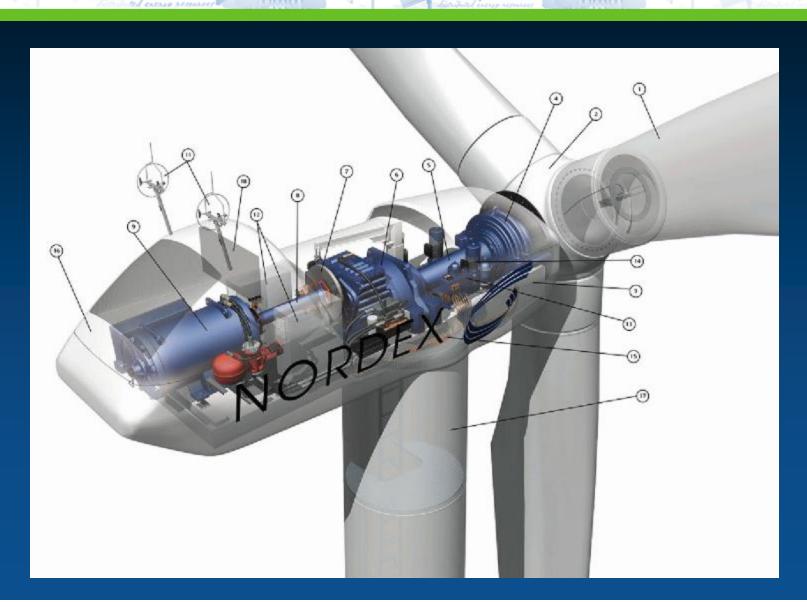
Sources: BTM Consult Aps, Sept 2005 Windpower Monthly, January 2006





A Typical Large Turbine has Multiple Subsystems and Controls





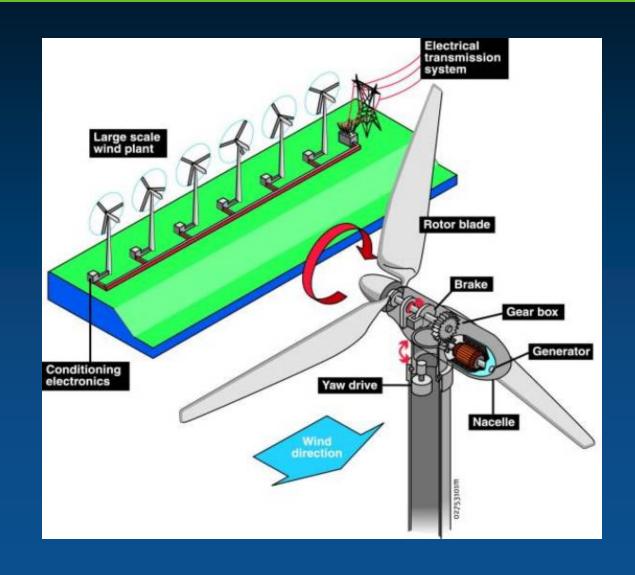


Schematic of Wind Plant



At it's simplest, the wind turns the turbine's blades, which spin a shaft connected to a generator that makes electricity.

Large turbines are grouped together to form a wind power plant, which feeds electricity to the grid.





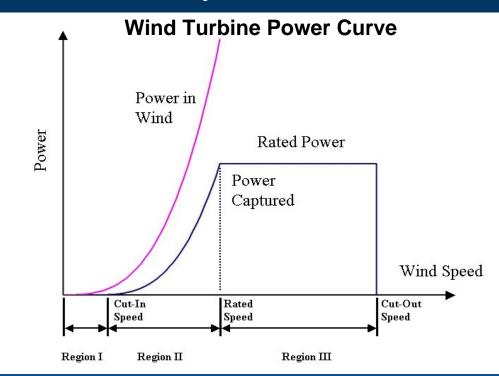
Wind Turbine Power Basics

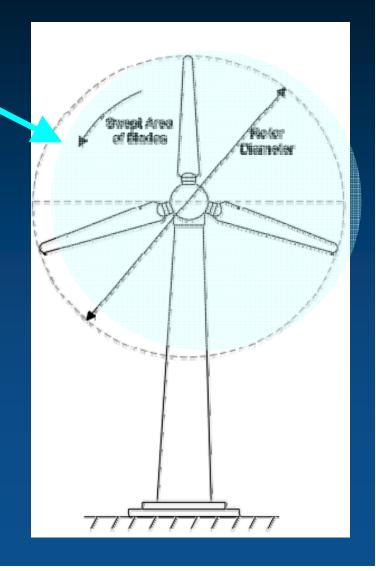


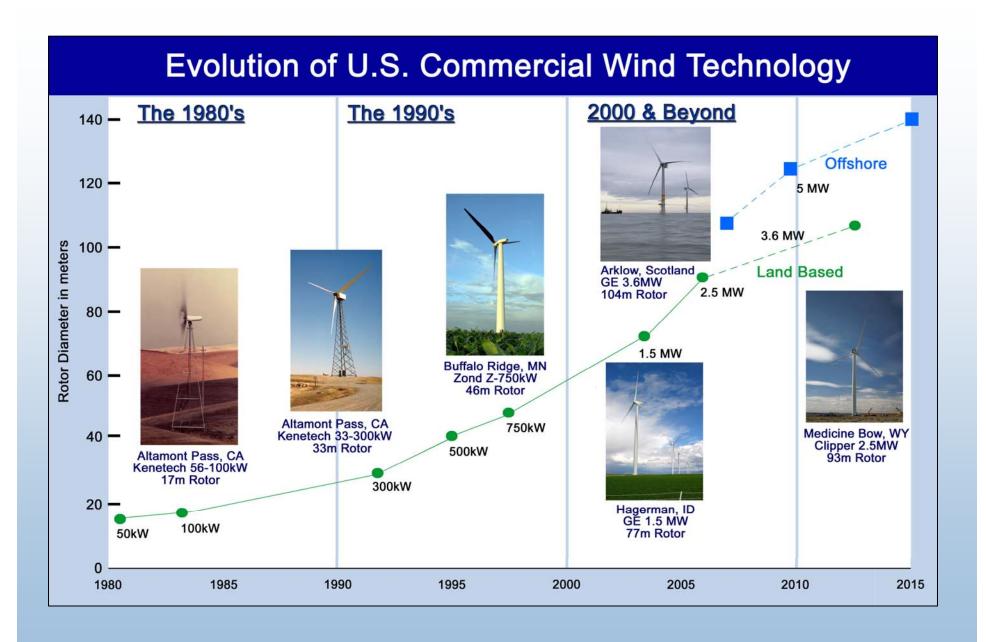
Power in the Wind = $\frac{1}{2}\rho AV^3$

A - Area of the circle swept by the roton

- ρ = Air density
- V = Wind Velocity





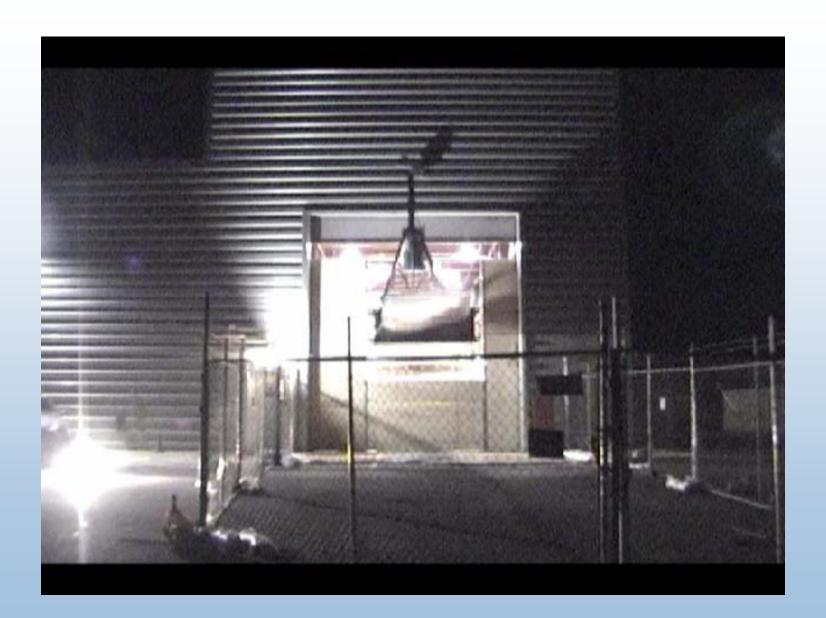




Offshore GE Wind Energy 3.6 MW Prototype





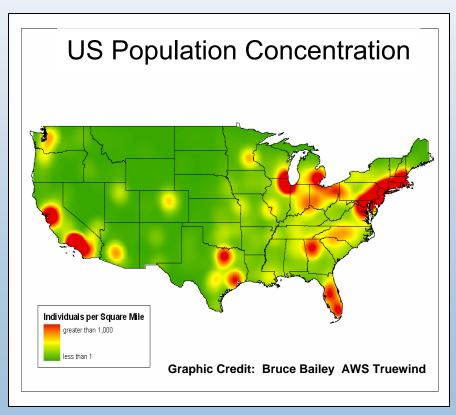


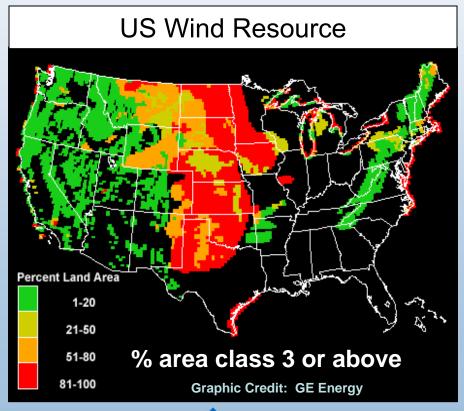
Offshore Wind – U.S. Rationale Why Go Offshore?

Windy onshore sites are not close to coastal load centers

The electric utility grid cannot be easily set up for interstate electric transmission

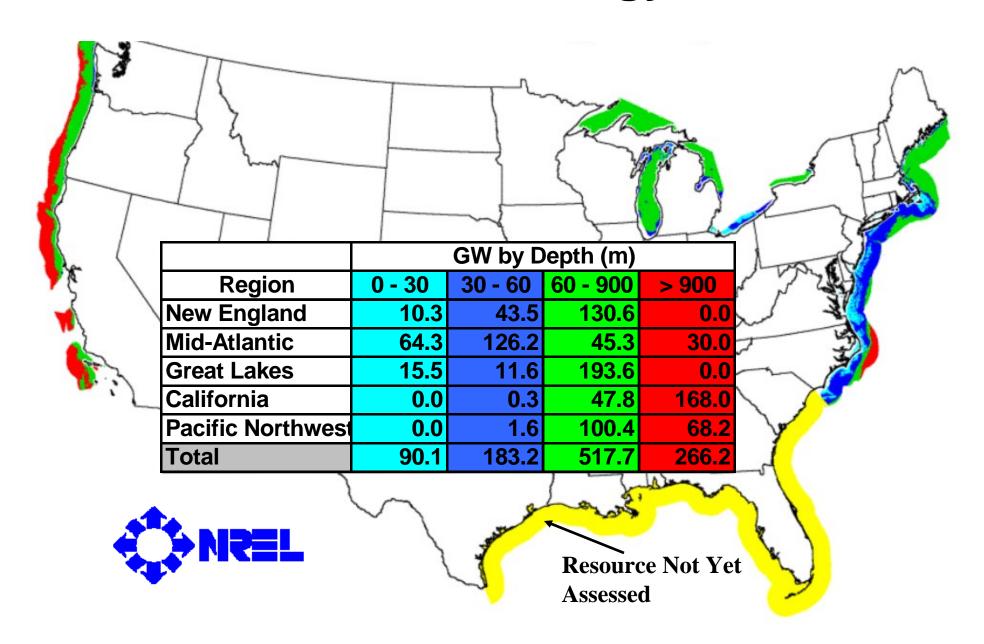
Load centers are close to the offshore wind sites







U.S. Offshore Wind Energy Resource

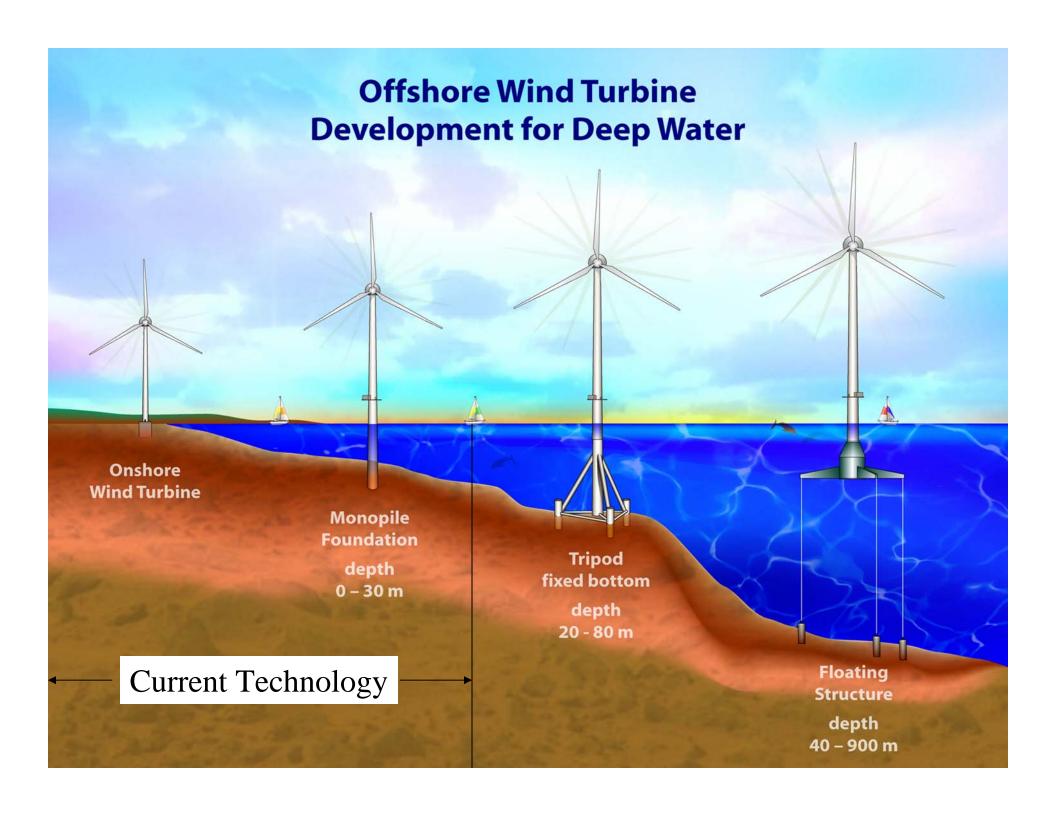




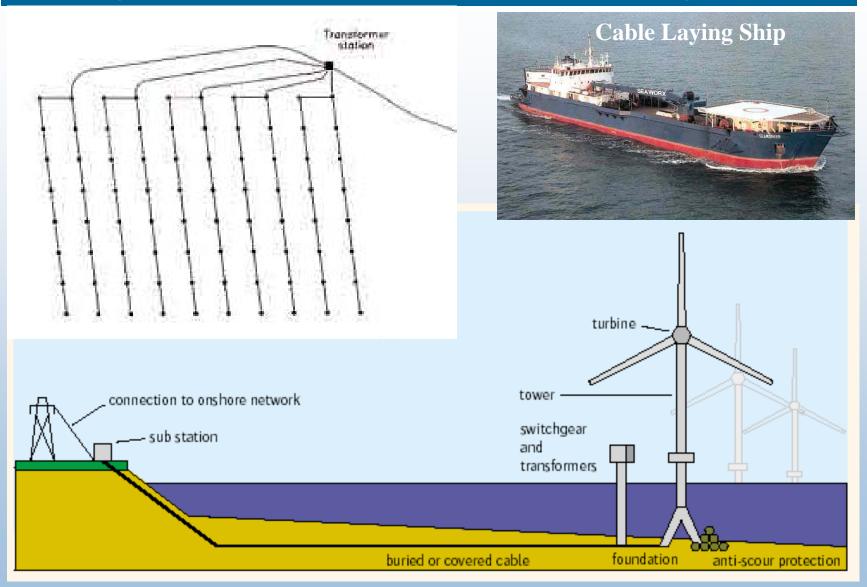
US Projects Proposed



No Offshore wind projects Installed Cape Wind **Associates** in U.S. yet **Hull Municipal** Winergy LIPA & Florida **Power and Light Atlantic** Ocean **Southern Company** W.E.S.T. LLC Superior Renewable **Gulf of Mexico**



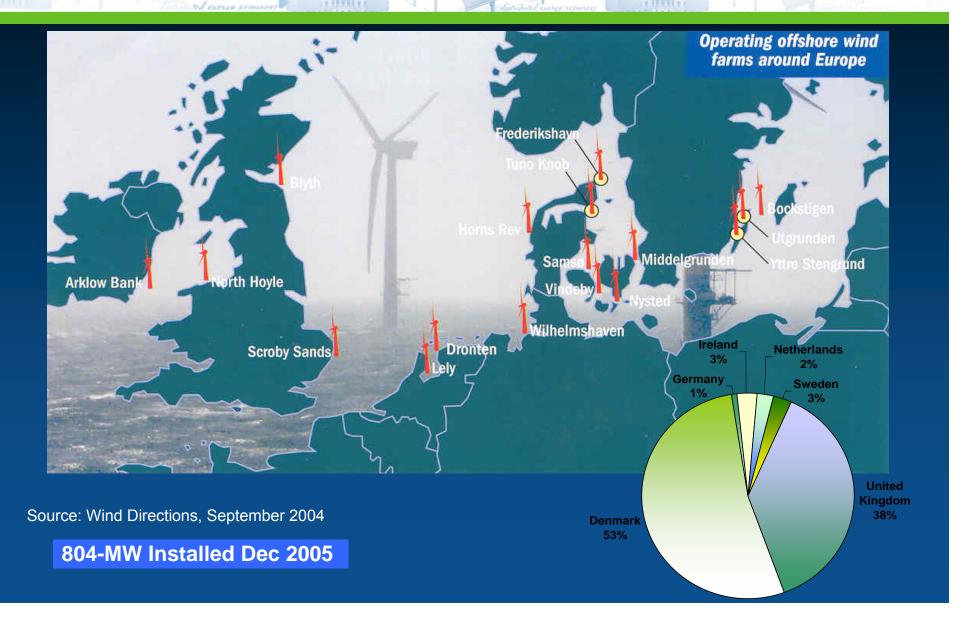
Typical Offshore Wind Farm Layout





Location of Existing Offshore Installations Worldwide





Horns Rev Wind Farm - Denmark



Country: Denmark Location: West Coast Total Capacity: 160 MW Number of Turbines: 80 Distance to Shore: 14-20 km

Depth: 6-12 m

Capital Costs: 270 million Euro

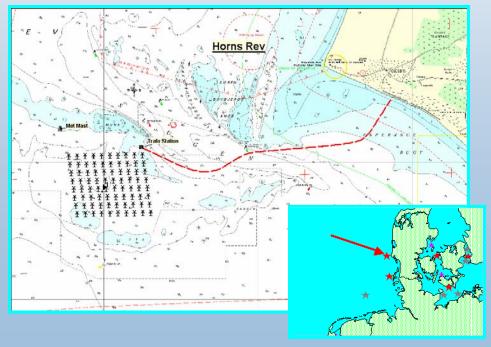
Manufacturer: Vestas Total Capacity: 2 MW

Turbine-type: V80 - 80m diameter

Hub-height: 70-m

Mean Windspeed: 9.7 m/s

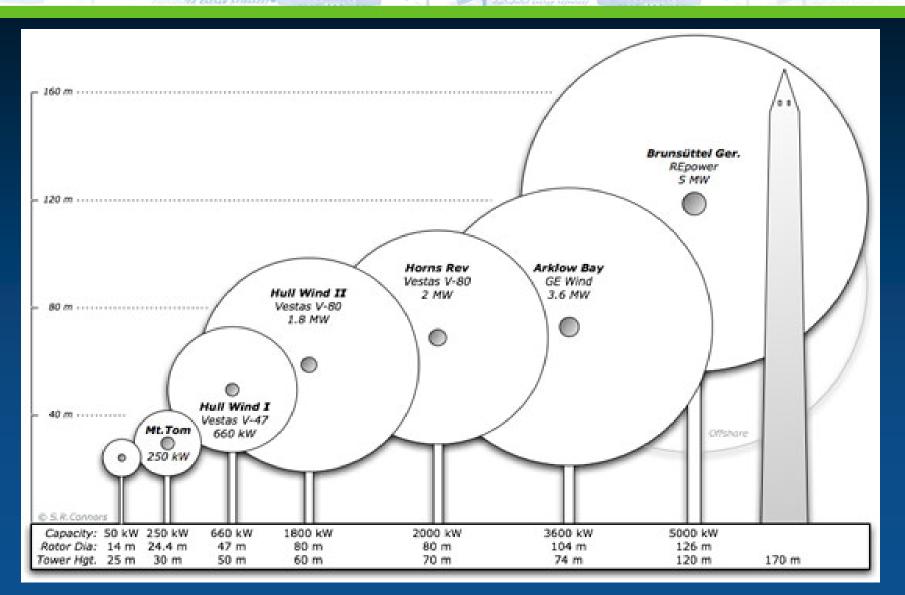
Annual Energy output: 600 GWh











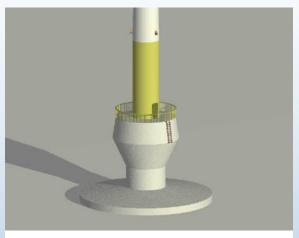
Fixed Bottom Substructure Technology

Proven Designs



Monopile Foundation

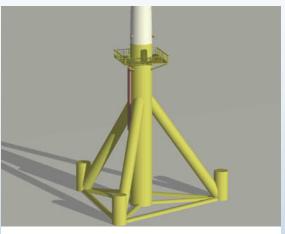
- **➤ Most Common Type**
- **► Minimal Footprint**
- **▶Depth Limit 25-m**
- **≻Low stiffness**



Gravity Foundation

- **≻**Larger Footprint
- **▶Depth Limit?**
- **≻**Stiffer but heavy

Future



Tripod/Truss Foundation

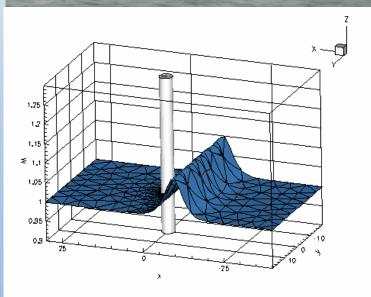
- **≻**No wind experience
- ➤Oil and gas to 450-m
- **≻**Larger footprint

Graphics source: http://www.offshorewindenergy.org/



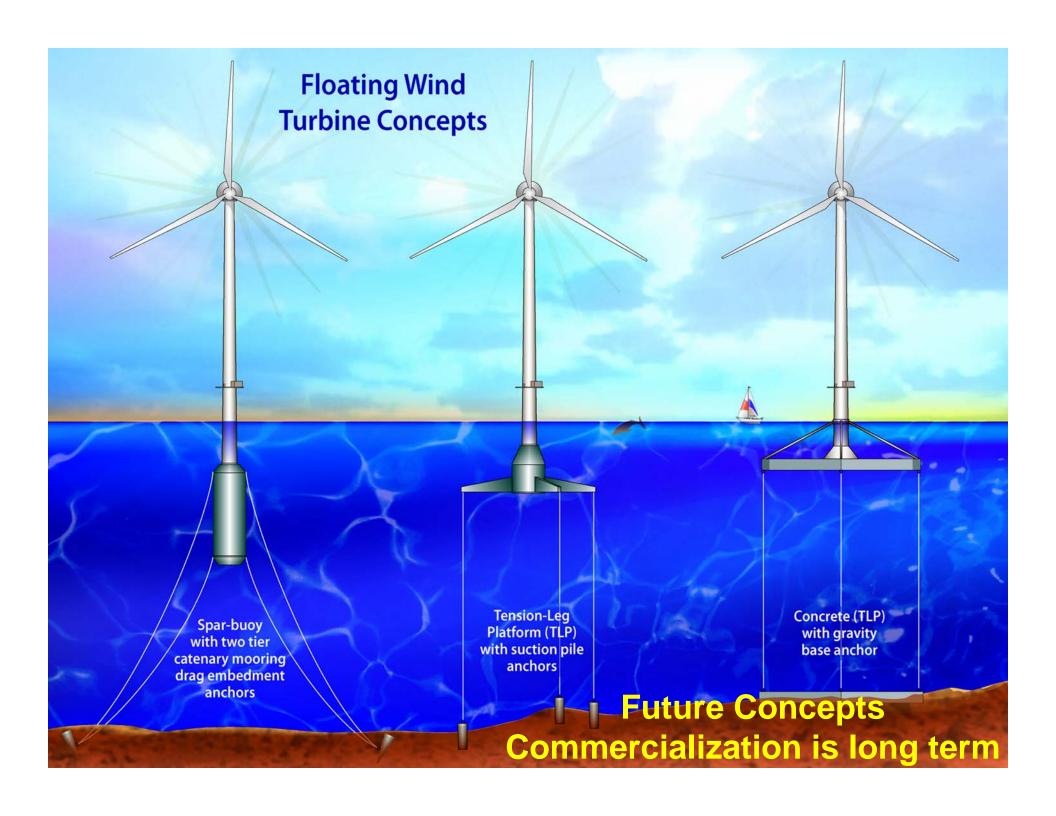
Arklow Banks Windfarm The Irish Sea

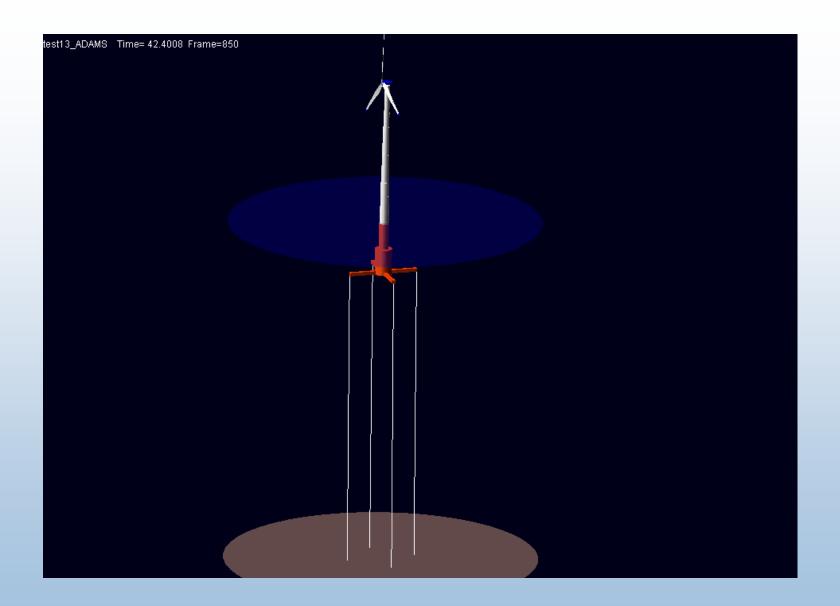






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Offshore Wind Turbine Access



RePower 5-MW - Worlds Largest Turbine

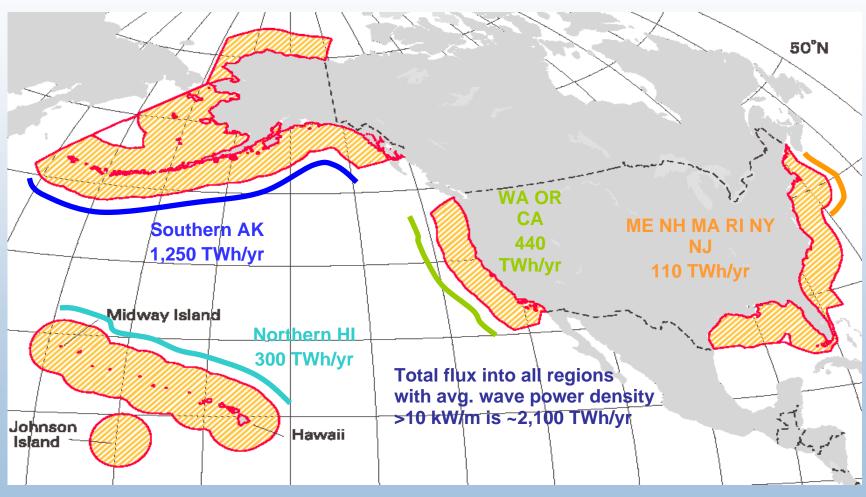




- 5-MW Rating
- 61.5-m blade length (LM Glasfibres)
- Offshore Demonstration project by Talisman Energy in Beatrice Fields
 - > 45-m Water Depths
 - > Two machines



Ocean Wave Resource Location



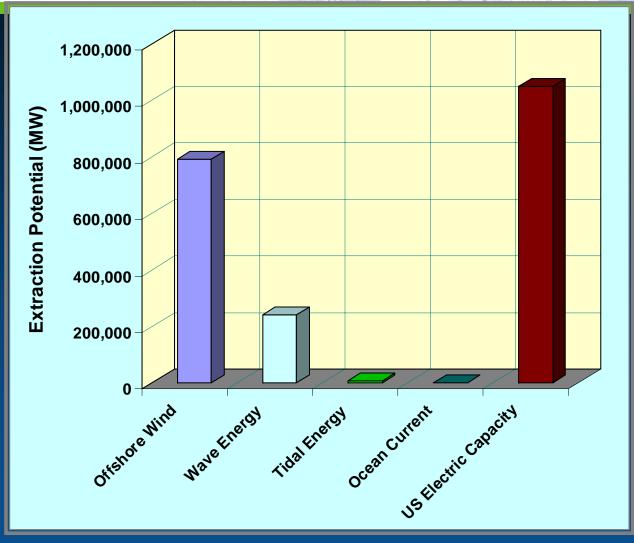
Harnessing 20% of offshore wave energy resource at 50% efficiency would be comparable to all US conventional hydro generation in 2003.





US Ocean Energy Extraction Potential





- Based on Typical Land-based Exclusions
- Offshore Wind
 - >Wind Class 5
 - 5-50nm
 - <900-m Depth</p>
 - GOM, Alaska,Hawaii, SC, GA not included yet



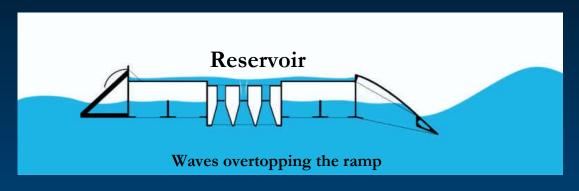
Wave Energy Extraction Technologies



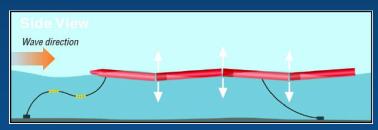
Point Absorber

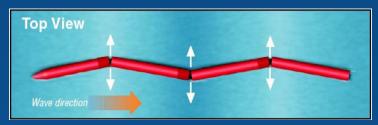


Overtopping

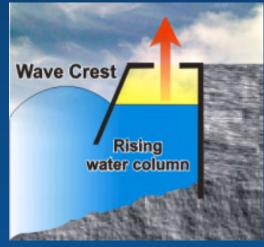


Attenuator





Terminator OWC







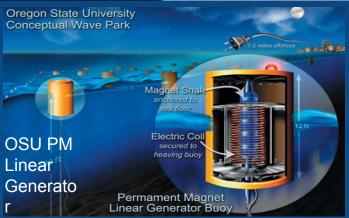
Wave (Point Absorber) Technology Examples





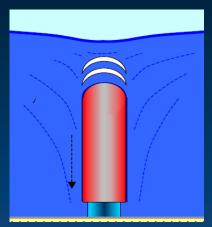








PowerBuoy; Ocean Power Technology Oahu, Hawai







Integrator Technology Example







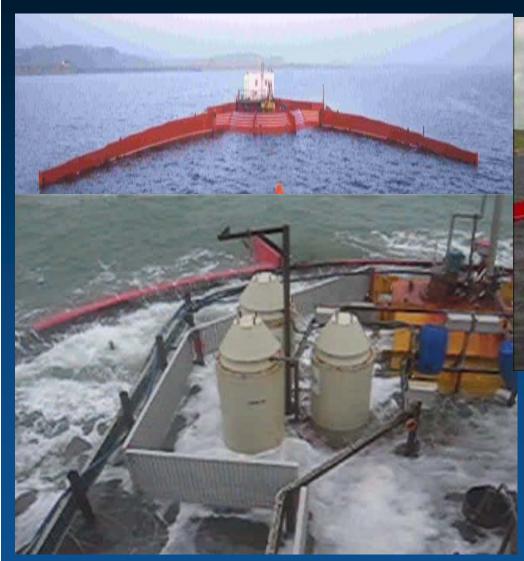


OPD Pelamis Being Towed to EMEC For Test Trials



Terminator Technology Example





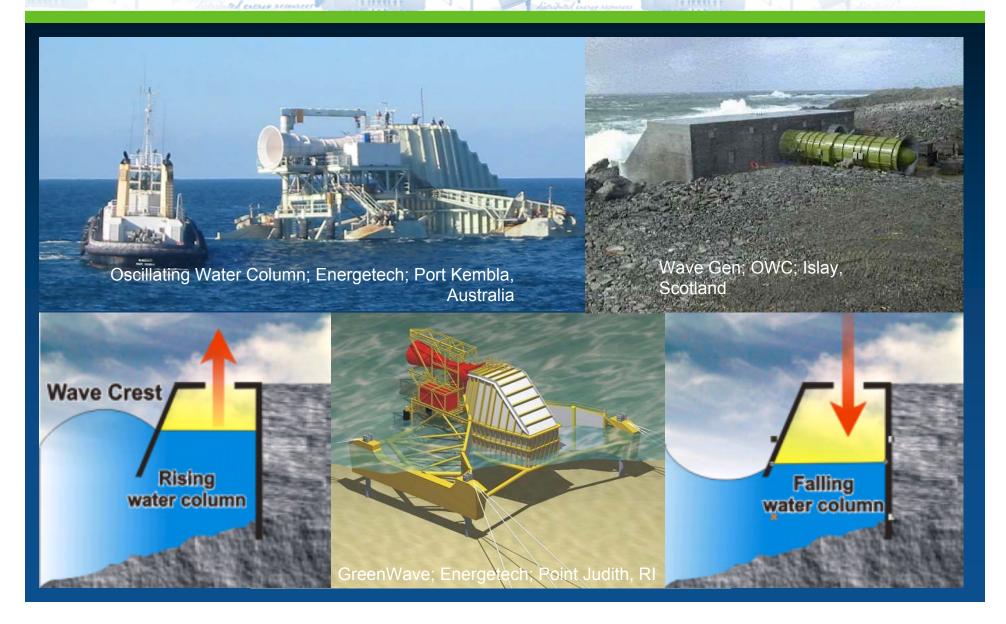


Wave Dragon 1:4.5 Scale Prototype Under Sea Test in Nissum Bredning, DK



Oscillating Water Column Technology







North America Wave Energy Projects "Coast to Coast"



	HI, Oahu Kaneohe	WA Makah Bay	RI Point Judith CA, San Francisco		OR Gardiner
Developer	Ocean Power Tech	AquaEnergy	Energetech	SFPUC	Oregon State University
Development Stage	Deployed June 04	Permitting since 2002	Permitting since Feb 2005	Seeking funding for permitting	Seeking funding for permitting
Device	Power Buoy TM	Aqua BuOY [™]	OWC	Pelamis (tentative)	TBD
Size	Single buoy 40 kW	4 buoys 1 MW	Single OWC Single Unit 500kW 750 kW		TBD
Water Depth/ Distance from Shore	30 m 1 km	50 m 6 km	2 m 2 km	30 m 15 km	TBD



In-Stream Tidal Technology Examples

















North America Tidal Energy Projects "Coast to Coast"



	MA Amesbury	NY NY, East River	BC Race Rocks	CA, SF	DE Indian River Inlet	WA Tacoma
Developer	Verdant	Verdant	Clean Currents	SFPUC Marin	UEK	Tacoma Power
Development Stage	2 Month Test Complete	Construction	NA	Formative	Permitting	Application in process
Device	Vertical axis	Horizontal axis	NA	TBD	Horizontal axis	TBD
Size	1m X 2.5 m 1 unit	5 m diameter 6 units	NA	TBD	3 m diameter 25 units	TBD
Power (kW) at Max Speed (m/s)	0.8 kW @ 1.5m/s	34 kW @ 2.1 m/s	NA	TBD	400 kW @ 3 m/s	TBD



Offshore Wind / Wave Synergy





- Long term possibility
- Maximize Grid Interconnect Potential
- Improve Intermittency & Total Energy Output
- Increase System Reliability & Reduce Maintenance



Credit: GE Energy



Summary



- Near term wind turbines in shallowsheltered sites possible now.
- New wind technologies for deeper water are long term
- Ocean wave and current technologies are in the first prototype testing stage
- Hydrogen production long term

FURTHER READING

Click any one of the following links to be taken to a website which contains the following documents.

The following are some patents.

1976792_ELECTRIC_SHOCK_ABSORBER
3941402_Electromagnetic_shock_absorber
4032829_Road_shock_energy_converter
5347186_Linear_motion_electric_power_generator
5818132_Linear_motion_electric_power_generator
6952060_Electromagnetic_linear_generator
7357229_Electromagnetic_shock_absorber
7362003_Coil_switching_circuit_for_linear_generation

Some more information concerning the harvesting of shock absorber energy.

electromagnetic energy harvester for vehicle suspensions Regenerative Shock Absorber Vehicle shock absorber recovers energy

A common method of energy harvesting involves the used of vibration.

5578877_Apparatus_for_converting_vibratory_motion 6897573_Electrical_voltage_generating_device 7569952_High_efficiency__inductive_vibration_energy_harvester

Energy harvesting from vibration
Getting Started with Vibration Energy Harvesting_V7

The following are some other new applications and patents.

6982497_Backpack_for_harvesting_electric 7168532_Wave_energy_converter__WEC__with_Magnetic_Braking Renewable_Energy_Data

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