Design tool for offshore wind farm cluster planning

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Project partners
A robust, efficient, easy to use and flexible tool created to facilitate the optimised design of individual and clusters of offshore wind farms.
Streamlining project planning of offshore wind farms

Even though offshore wind farms are incredibly expensive—and a great deal of time is devoted to planning them—communication between project developers leaves a lot to be desired. Simply put: one expert often has little idea what another is doing, and this costs a lot of time and money. However, this situation may soon be history thanks to a new tool developed by DTU Wind Energy in Roskilde.

http://www.dtu.dk/english/News/2015/04/Offshore-wind-farms-to-be-developed-with-a-single-model?id=c3435bfd-ef12-42cf-8f39-fd5fa8e948c8
EERA DTOC main components

- Use and bring together existing models from the partners
- Develop open interfaces between them
- Implement a shell to integrate
- Fine-tune the wake models using dedicated measurements
- Validate final tool
Concept and implementation
Local computer: GIS and local web browser
As a developer I can determine the optimum spacing, position, turbine model and hub height of turbines within an offshore wind farm.

Software supports the comparison of many design scenarios.

Comparative reporting enables selection of optimised configurations.

Score for comparison: Levelised Cost of Energy
Optimisation Process

1. Generate Design Options
   - Scenario 1
   - Scenario 2
   - Scenario 3
   - Scenario 4
   - Scenario 5
   - Scenario 6
   - Scenario 7

2. Evaluate Design Options
   - Wake Model
   - Electrical Model
   - Energy model

3. Compare Design Options

4. Iterate steps 1 to 3

Score: Levelized cost of energy

What decision parameter can we use to compare design options?
Validation of wake models

SCADA data at Horns Rev 1, Lillgrund and Rødsand 2 offshore wind farms have been compared to more than 10 wake models.

SCADA data and lidar data at Alpha ventus have been compared to three wake models.

Satellite data have been compared to four wake models.

The benchmark concludes that several models were able to handle the clustering of wind farms.
Lillgrund offshore wind farm (D=92.6m)

- wind turbines
- Mast
Offshore wind farm cluster: Rødsand II & Nysted

Reference diameter: D=92.6m

Rødsand II:
90 x SWT-2.3-92.6m

Nysted:
72 x Bonus-2.3-82.4m
## Participants and park models

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BA=Bin averaged & GU=Gaussian Uncertainty
Horns Rev park efficiency @ 0 - 360°

HornsRev-Efficiency; wdir=0-360° Δ=5°; ws=8±0.5 m/s
First EERA-DTOC benchmark included 11 models, which have been implemented successfully;

The basic flow cases displayed some sector size dependent differences;

The park efficiency case demonstrated that the participating models are able to handle a complete wind farm consisting of 80 turbines.
Lillgrund park efficiency @ 0 - 360°

Lillgrund Wind farm - Annual Energy Production ΔAEP;
U=9±0.5 m/s; 0 - 360°

Normalized ΔAEP %

- SCADA(BA)
- FUGA
- FarmFlow
- GCL(BA)
- GCL(GU,1)
- NOJ(BA)
- NOJ(GU)
- NOJ/Peña
- AD/Ainslie
- GCL(GU,2)
All models handles 3.3 and 4.3D spacing well;
All models handles the speed recovery due to ”missing” turbines;
All models were able to simulate the park efficiency for 0 - 360° inflow;
The simulated ΔAEP demonstrates a variation of ±3% compared to the measured value;
Rødsand-2 wind farm cluster effect
Cluster effect for U=8 m/s; WD=97°
Rødsand-2 park efficiency @ 77-118°
Rødsand cluster effect - conclusion

- Quantification of the cluster effect is not possible due to lack of measurements and park asymmetries.
- The benchmark has demonstrated that both size and location of the distinct deficit zone - caused by the Nysted wind farm has been predicted quite well by the models.
- The benchmark concludes that several models were able to handle the clustering of wind farms.
Satellite

Pauline Vincent
WRF V3.4
ERA Intermim
Nests 18 km, 6 km, 2 km
12 m amsl
MYNN
**EWP scheme** applies a grid-cell averaged deceleration to the model's flow equation and additional turbulence is produced by the PBL scheme from the changed vertical shear in horizontal velocity.

Volker, P.J.H., Badger, J., Hahmann, A.N., Ott, S. *Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss.*, 8, 3481–3522, 2015

Velocity deficit with contours in ranges from -1.25 to -0.1 ms\(^{-1}\) over the sea surface only

Patrick Volker
Further reading

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Article

Using Satellite SAR to Characterize the Wind Flow around Offshore Wind Farms

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- wind climate
- turbine type selection
- turbine spacing and placing
- interaction between wind farms in clusters with respect to energy production
- LCOE and economic uncertainty
- Scenario approach
- GIS integration

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Conclusion

The main project output, the ‘Wind & Economy’ software, provides a new frame for planning offshore wind farm clusters.

By seamless integration of state-of-the-art models from the scientific development by the EERA members, which have been compared and validated by the research community and end-users, provides a significant potential for cost reductions.

The rapid development of offshore wind farms in the Northern European Seas with major clusters planned in many countries makes the release of this novel tool available with due diligence.
We aim at developing the tool for strategic planners

1) Add environmental aspects and restricted zones
2) Add sea bed and estimate foundation costs
3) Improved cost of energy and O&M module
4) Further detail wind farm cluster effects
5) Include social acceptance

DTU has submitted EUPD2015 proposal (Danish national activity).
Visit www.eera-dtoc.eu

What is EERA-DTOC?

EERA-DTOC stands for the European Energy Research Alliance - Design Tool for Offshore Wind Farm Cluster.

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- New: Final Summary Report available now!
- New: software tool (Wind & Economy) available now!
- Consult the presentations with results from EERA-DTOC
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