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“Design Tool for Offshore wind farm Clusters” is the first EERA project. EERA is based on national science activities.
Background: The EERA JP Wind Energy was officially launched at the SET-Plan conference in Madrid in June 2010. The strategy and main activities of the JP is described in the "Strategic Action Plan" (yearly updated).

The programme vision is:
• to provide strategic leadership for the scientific–technical medium to long term research
• to support the European Wind Initiative and the Technology Roadmap’s activities on wind energy, and on basis of this
• to initiate, coordinate and perform the necessary scientific research.

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Topic ENERGY.2011.2.3-2: Development of design tools for Offshore Wind farm clusters

*Open in call:* FP7-ENERGY-2011-1
*Funding scheme:* Collaborative project

- EERA DTOC is 3.5 years: January 2012 to June 2015
- Budget is 4 m€ hereof 2,9 m€ from EC
- Parallel project is ClusterDesign coordinated by 3E
FP7: Expected impact

- To contribute to the SET-Plan on the development of offshore wind power.

- To demonstrate the capability of designing virtual wind power plants composed of wind farms and wind farm clusters while minimizing the negative spatial interactions, improving the overall power quality output and providing confidence in energy yield predictions.
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WP structure

Year 1
- WP1: Wake models
- WP2: Grid models
- WP3: Energy yield

Year 2
- WP4: Integrating software

Year 3
- WP5: Validation Demonstration

WP6: Dissemination
EERA DTOC concept

Meteorological data / Cluster layout / Turbine data

Grid data

Wake models

Grid models

Yield models

System services

Energy yield

Optimised Cluster Design
• 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
## EERA DTOC portfolio of models

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User Requirements
Users

Design and model selection guided by end-users

Two **main user groups** were identified:

- Strategic planners
- Developers of offshore wind farms

Associated users could be:

- Consultants
- Research institutions
- Manufacturers
- System Operators
Selected user stories

• As a developer I can determine the wake effects of neighbouring wind farm clusters on a single wind farm.

• As a developer I can determine the optimum spacing, position, turbine model and hub height of turbines within an offshore wind farm.

• As a strategic planner I can determine the optimum strategic infrastructure to accommodate offshore wind farm clusters.

• 14 relevant user stories in total
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
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What decision parameter can we use to compare design options?
• A robust, efficient, easy to use and flexible tool created to facilitate the optimised design of individual and clusters of offshore wind farms.

• A keystone of this optimisation is the precise prediction of the future long term wind farm energy yield and its associated uncertainty.
Introduction
The “big wake” picture

http://www.renewbl.com

Cluster scale wake model

Wind farm scale wake model

Upstream WF

Wind farm scale wake model

Target WF

AEP

http://www.offshore-power.net
Wind farm scale wake models
Benchmarking purpose

Selecting the most appropriate models for the different usage scenarios of the design tool
Horns Rev 1 benchmark (DONG energy & Vattenfall)
Lillgrund benchmark (Vattenfall)

Example:
Power deficit along one row
Gross energy: FINO-1 test case (BMU)

- Wind speed and direction data (10 minutes)
  From 13/01/2005 to 30/06/2012 (total of 7.5 years data)
  (Generic power curve (1.225 kg/m³))
Gross energy – output parameter checks

- Mean wind speed (before filtering)
- Mean wind speed (after filtering)
- Long term mean wind speed, free decision
- Vertical extrapolation between 100m and 120m
- Gross energy P50
- Gross energy P90
Gross energy P90

Gross Energy P90. Mean value +/- 8.5%

Gross Energy [GWh/year]
Offshore Wind Farm
  - Inputs
    - Turbine layout and turbine model
    - Site wave climate
    - Location of O&M base (from 10 to 150 km)
  - O&M strategy
    - SWARM software
Aims of grid layout optimization

- Design tool and procedure assisting the optimization of the electrical design;
- Clustering;
- Grid code compliance;
- Power plant ancillary services;
- Evaluate impact of the variability and the predictability.
1. Determine the models chain, interactions, I/O;
2. Establish the data flow/ data gaps according to the user cases;
3. Procedure to fill overcome gaps was investigated:
   1. Automatic electrical data generation
   2. User intervention providing accurate data.
   3. Implementation of a new module
4. Dry runs (based on scenarios)
5. Assessment/ convenience evaluation
Kriegers Flak case study results
Expected achievements

• Checking planned grid:
  – Fulfillment of full load flows → calculate component utilization factors.
  – Fulfillment of certain average load flows situations.
  – Checking congestions and voltages.
  – Control power:
    • Power reserve
    • Balancing power
  – Voltage control
  – Enabling market/ transport
Model workflow energy yield (WP3)

Filtering

Vertical extrapolation

Clean data

HH Data

Long Term

Long term ref. masts

Virtual data

On site mast data (raw)

Lay out

LT Wind Data

Power curve

Gross Energy

Lay out

Specifications

Net Energy

Uncertainty

Net AEP
P50/P90

WP1

WP2

Distance to O&M base

Wave conditions

Availability

% losses

User input?
Real data or virtual data?

General Tables

Specifications

Parameters

WP1

WP2

Cost
Model workflow wake (WP1)

- Reanalysis Inputs
  - Dynamical Mesoscale flow model
    - Time Series Database
      - Hybrid Mesoscale wake model
        - CorWind inputs
  - Statistical-Dynamical
    - Mesoscale Wake Deficits
    - Wind farms Layout
      - Wind farms Power Curve
        - Lib, Tab, NetCDF
          - Wind farm Power production
            - AEP calculator
              - AEP
              - Wind farm AEP
Model workflow “Electrical” (WP2)

- **Cost Model**
  - DTOC Cost Model, etc

- **Grid Optimization**
  - System Services (WCMS)

- **Inter-array**
  - eeFarm II, ...

- **Offshore Optimization**
  - NET-OP, ...

- **Wake Effects**
  - (out of scope)

- **Synth. TS**
  - (CorWind, meas., etc)

- **Time Series Generation**

- **NWP Forecast**
  - (GFS, WRF, etc)

- **Predictability**
  - (Fh Model)

- **Forecasts & Predictability**

- **Grid Optimization**
  - (Layout)

- **Grid Optimization**
  - (System Services)
Total tool overview – very complex!
Open interfaces

- The sub-models are protected by IPR...
- ...but the interfaces in the model chain are going to be open

- File formats for data exchange are based on existing industry standard formats, e.g. the WAsP types based on XML and ESRI shape file standard
DTOC software development timeline

- **2012**
  - existing models
  - dry runs

- **2013**
  - end user requirements
  - proof of concept

- **2014**
  - design
  - prototype
  - DTOC V0.5
  - DTOC V1.0
  - test reports
Validation and demonstration
Rødsand 2 data (E.On)

10 minute statistical data from meteorological mast and Rødsand 2 turbines (No data from neighbouring Nysted farm)
SAR satellite images (CLS, DTU)
Lidar measurements (ForWind & Fraunhofer IWES)

- Long range wind scanner measurements from fixed positions
- Ship based LIDAR measurements
- EERA DTOC partners requested
- Alpha Ventus SCADA data
Industry partners are very important!

Iberdrola, Statoil, Carbon Trust, Hexicon, Statkraft, E.On, RES
Purpose of the scenarios

- The tool should fulfill the previously defined user requirements:
  - The tool should be useful, easy to use, complete and robust
- Functionality of all modules in EERA DTOC should be proven → All parts of the tool should be activated during the scenarios
- Inventory of user experiences:
  - How steep is the learning curve?
  - Which tutorials should be added?
- The results should look realistic from an expert point of view
What is EERA-DTOC?

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