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Offshore-Windenergienutzung  
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# **STATE OF THE ART OFFSHORE WIND TECHNOLOGY**

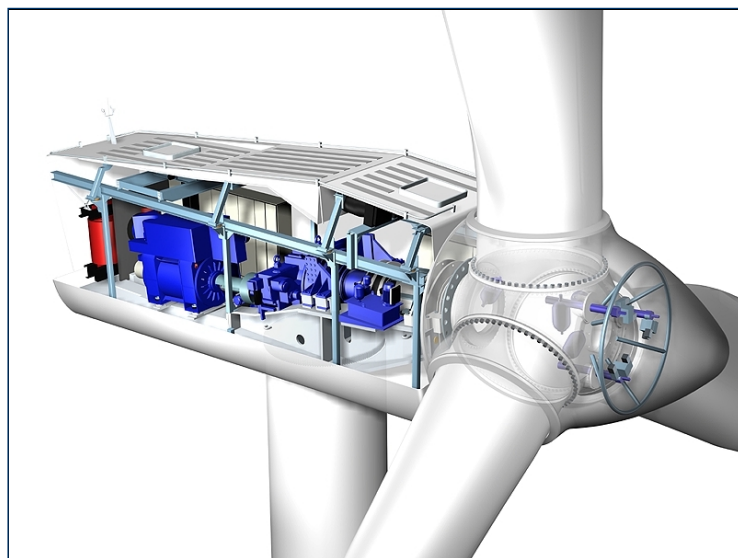
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## Presentation

- Vestas Offshore Wind Turbine Generator
  - V80 -2.0 MW Optispeed™
- Moving Wind Turbine Generators Off-shore
  - **E**nvironmental **I**mpact **A**ssessment Framework
  - Foundation
  - Installation
  - O&M
- Conclusion

## Vestas Offshore Wind Turbine Generator V80 -2.0 MW Optispeed™ (i)



## Vestas Offshore Wind Turbine Generator

### V80 -2.0 MW Optispeed™ (ii)

- The turbine is the latest and largest serial produced turbine from Vestas Wind Systems A/S in Denmark, and is based on the experience gained from the well known V66–1.65 MW wind turbine
- The turbine is specially adapted for offshore sites, and varies from a standard V80 turbine mainly by a higher degree of corrosion protection, heating/dehumidification of the nacelle and a higher rpm



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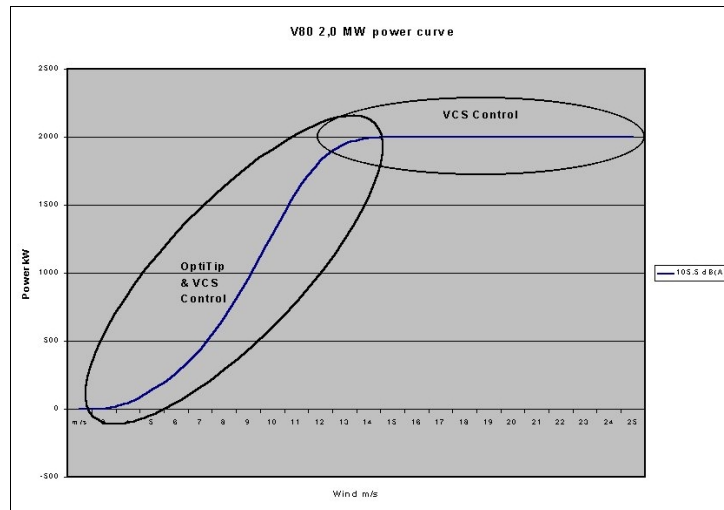
### V80 -2.0 MW Optispeed™ (iii)

- OptiSpeed™ versus OptiSlip®
  - Natural evolution/upgrade of OptiSlip® with controllable slip
  - The turbine is also equipped with the well known Vestas OptiTip~ system which makes the turbine choose the optimum blade angle at any given wind speed



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- Rotor
  - 3 bladed - upwind
  - RPM: static 18.1 rpm/min. variable from 9 – 20.7 rpm
  - Blade length: 39 m
  - The blades are made out of fiber glass reinforced epoxy, and consists of two blade shells, bonded to a supporting beam, all made by means of methods and tools developed by Vestas, using the pre-preg fiber glass material
  - The blades are bolted to the hub via a steel insert in the root end of the beam and a 4-point ball bearing

## Vestas Offshore Wind Turbine Generator

### V80 -2.0 MW Optispeed™ (v)

- Blade Control
  - A separate hydraulic pitch cylinder for each blade
  - Emergency and controlled braking is done by feathering the blades, giving a very smooth, safe and controlled stop of the turbine
  - For parking the turbine a mechanical hydraulic brake, located on the high speed shaft of the gearbox, is applied
- Main Bearings
  - 2 spherical roller bearings in separate housings



## Vestas Offshore Wind Turbine Generator

### V80 -2.0 MW Optispeed™ (vi)

- Gearbox
  - The gearbox is freely floating on the end of the main shaft. It has one planetary and two helical stages. It is equipped with oil filter, oil heater and oil cooler
- Generator
  - 4-poled, asynchronous 2000 kW, 690 V, 50 or 60 Hz, wound rotor. Power Factor: 0.98 cap. to 0,96 ind.
- Controller
  - 3x690V, modular built, microprocessor based with possibility for remote monitoring. Located in the nacelle





## Vestas Offshore Wind Turbine Generator V80 -2.0 MW Optispeed™ (vii)

- Transformer
  - Dry-type, cast resin. High voltage: 6 – 36 kV. Located in the nacelle
- Tower
  - Conical tubular. Material: rolled steel plate. Bottom diameter: 4 meter. Hub heights: 60, 67 and 78 meters



## Upcoming Danish Offshore Projects Locations



- Energy Plan 21
  - Passed by Danish Parliament in 1996
  - 4000 MW wind power installed offshore before 2030
- Action Plan
  - Mapping/siting offshore windfarms
  - 5 offshore wind farms @ 150 MW to be installed before 2008

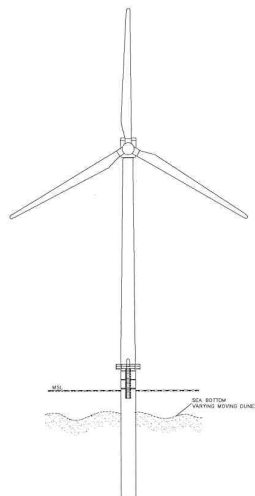
## Environmental Impact Assessment Projected Measures to Limit Environmental Impact (...Abstracts...)

- Turbine
  - Navigation / aviation lights
  - Retaining systems for copper dust, used oil, etc.
  - Decommissioning and removal of the plant
- During Construction and Operation
  - Protection of wreckage and national heritage
  - Collecting of waste
  - Appropriate means of transport to/from the wind farm



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## Foundation Monopile



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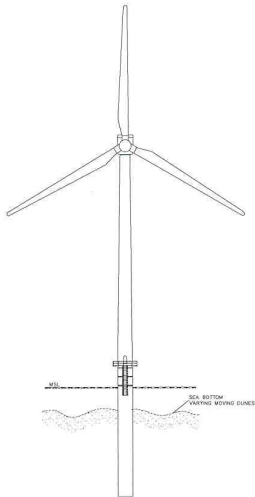
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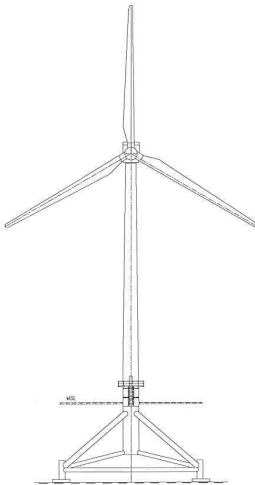


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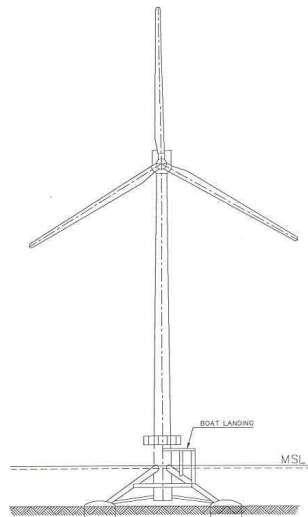
## Foundation Tripod / Jacket Structure



LIC Engineering A/S

- Advantages
  - Applicable to greater water depths
  - No or limited seabed preparations
- Disadvantages
  - Not applicable in shallow waters
  - Braces
    - Increases ice load
    - Makes boat access difficult

## Foundation Suction Pile Jacket



- Advantages
  - Float out complete turbine(?)
  - Modify to use only one suction pile below main column (?)
  - Reduce need for heavy installation equipment
- Disadvantages
  - Limited experience
    - Design
    - Installation
  - Cost

## Installation Considerations

- Installation Season
  - North Sea
    - April through August/September
  - Protected Danish Waters
    - April through September/October



**Installation**  
**Methods (i)**  
Loose Item, Tunø Knob 1995



**Installation**  
**Methods (ii)**  
Single Lift, SMIT Proposal



SMIT MARITIME CONTRACTORS

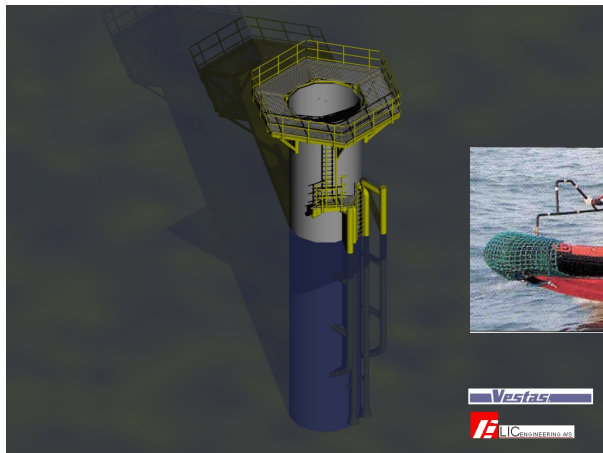


## Operation & Maintenance

- Goal
  - One annual scheduled service per installed offshore wind turbine
- Means of Transport
  - Boat(s)
    - Zodiac (MOB boat) - mobilisation of service crew from “mother ship or central platform
    - Heavier vessel for transit transport of heavy service gear
  - Helicopter
    - Hoist of personnel and light service gear



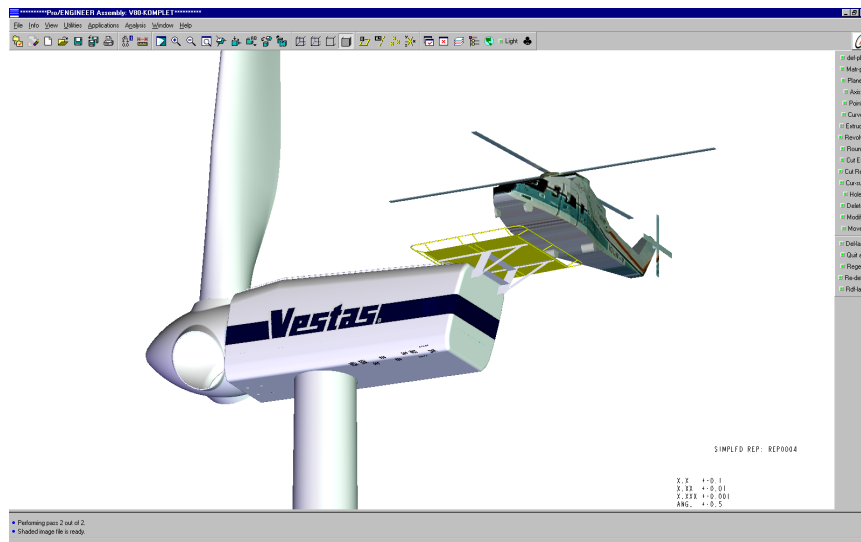
## Operation & Maintenance Boat Access



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## Operation & Maintenance Helicopter Access



## Conclusion

- Some Main Issues to Address by Moving Wind Turbine Generators Off-shore
  - Corrosion Protection, e.g. ISO 12944-1/8
  - Remote Monitoring and Control
    - Preventive Maintenance
  - Safe Access to Structures