

# The falling cost and future growth of offshore wind energy

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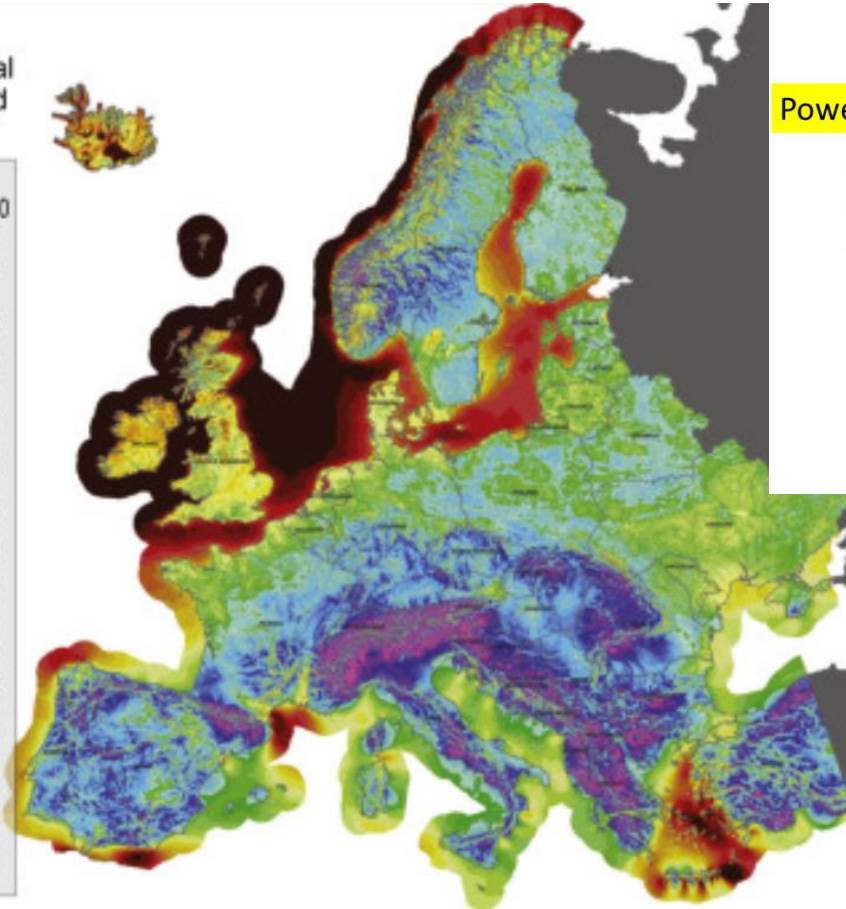
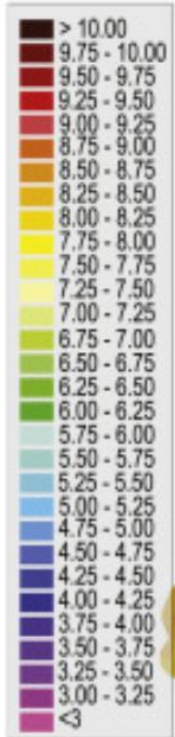
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# Wind energy potential

Mean annual  
wind speed  
[m/s]

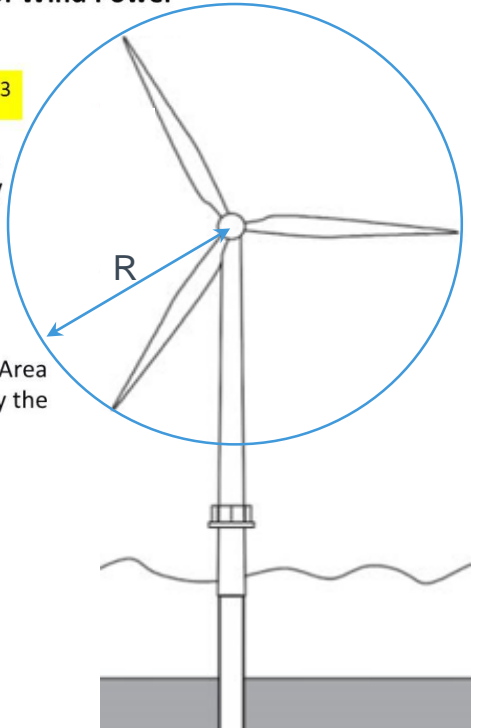


## Calculation of Wind Power

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

- Effect of swept area,  $A$
- Effect of wind speed,  $V$
- Effect of air density,  $\rho$

Swept Area:  $A = \pi R^2$  Area of the circle swept by the rotor ( $m^2$ ).



**CONCLUSION:** Higher average windspeed = more energy capture over the year and better economic returns (if all else equal)

# Why offshore wind?



- **Environmentally benign**
- **Scalable – opportunity to industrialise**
- **Huge potential**
- **Efficient – higher capacity factors than other pure renewables**
- **Economies of scale**
- **Political – security of supply**
- **Visual impact**
- **= opportunity to help reduce CO2 emissions rapidly**

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# RAMPTION OFFSHORE WIND FARM

## nearest to Sussex University (EON Majority owner)

- Video – Rampion (EON) wind farm, Sussex  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0czp1NS306U>
- Video - West of Duddon sands inauguration  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9l6Mw9qZis>
- Video – Walney extension  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbnlJOEQ9Hc>



The Rampion offshore wind farm is located in the English Channel, off the Sussex coast and extends from approximately 13km to 20km offshore, occupying an irregular elongated area, approximately 19km in an east to west direction and approximately 7km in the north to south direction. The site has an overall area of 72km<sup>2</sup>



# A schematic of typical offshore wind farm elements

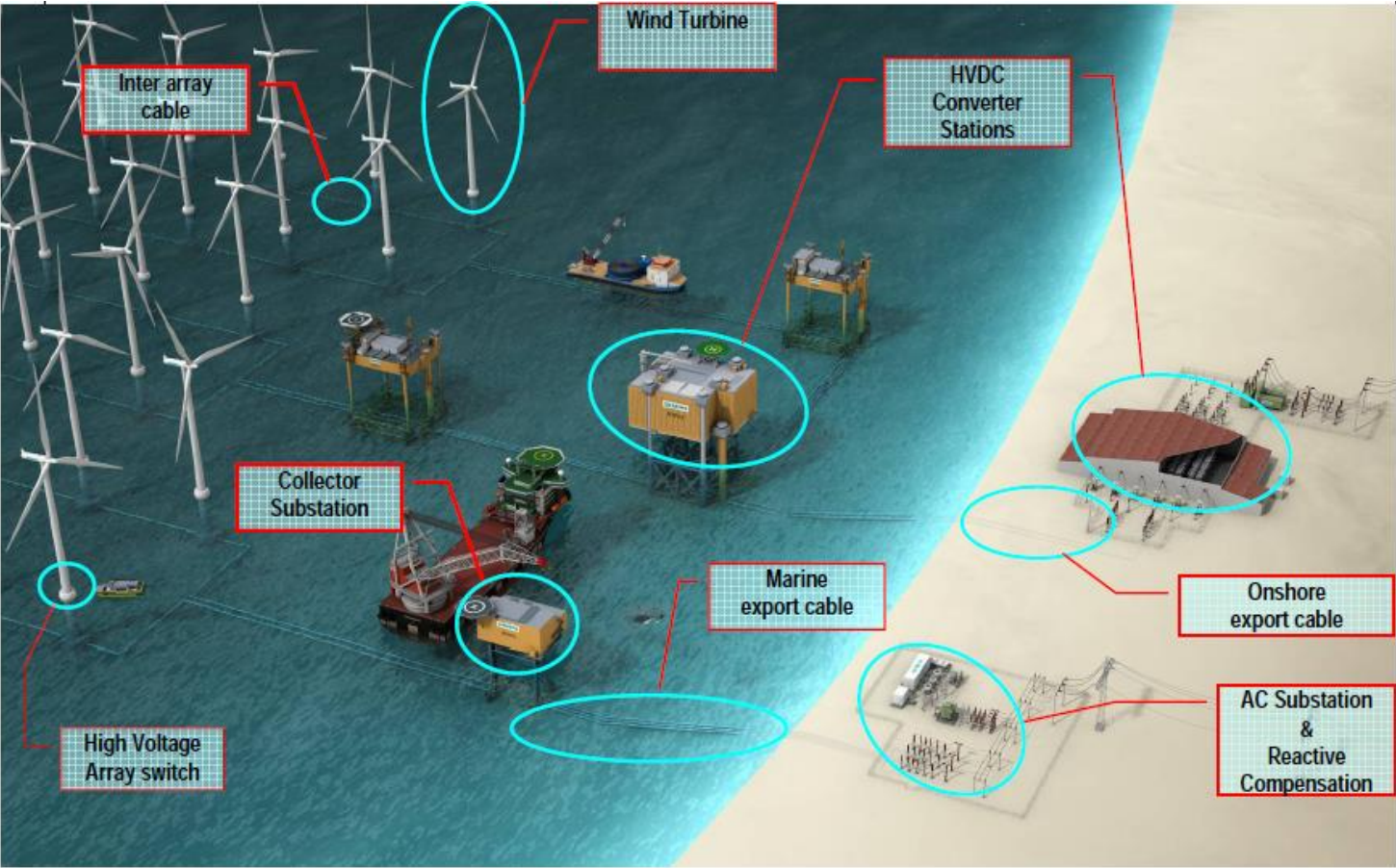


Image courtesy Siemens

# Substations

- London array substation





# Offshore Cables

- Armoured mostly for handling to prevent damage to the cores



Export cables

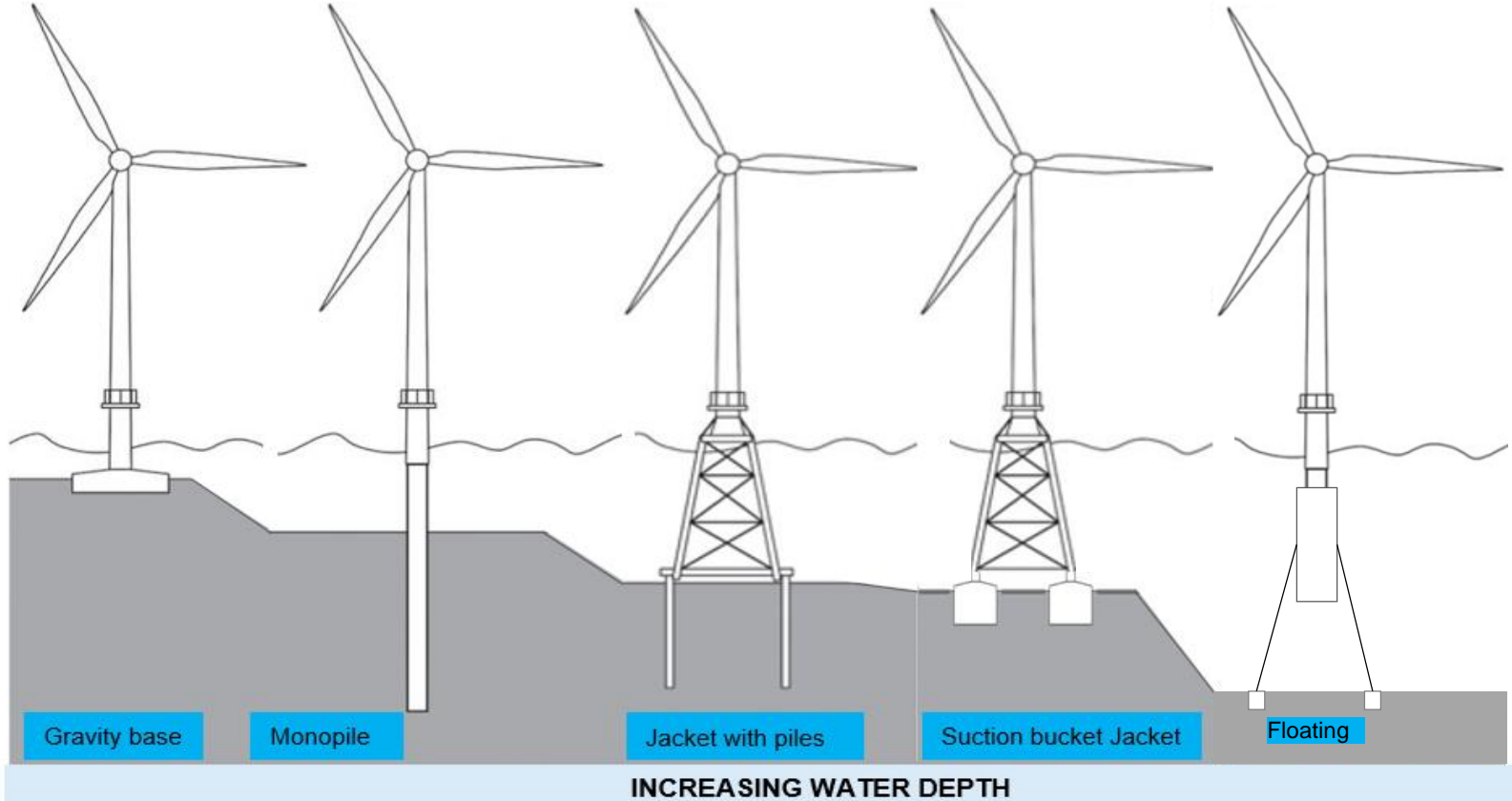
Array cables



## Examples of cable installation vessels



## Foundations – Design choice mainly influenced by water depth, also soil type and turbine size



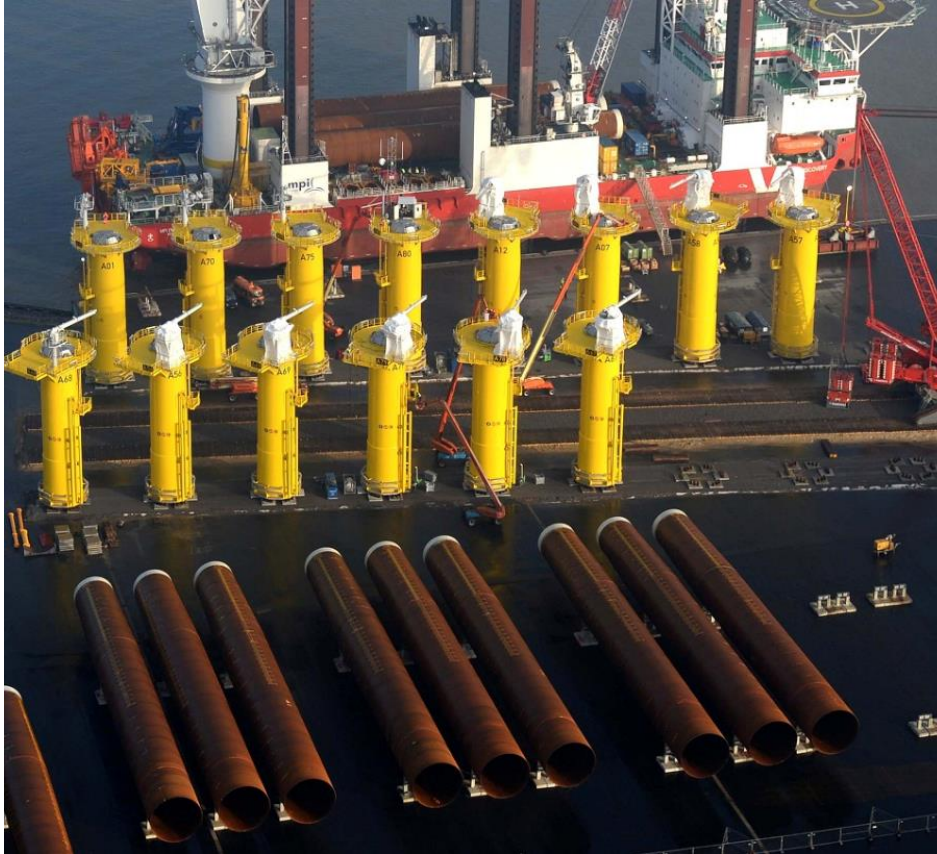


## Gravity base foundation



## Monopile installation with Jack up barge

Various techniques including soft starts and noise reducing screens are necessary to protect marine mammals, and have been implemented





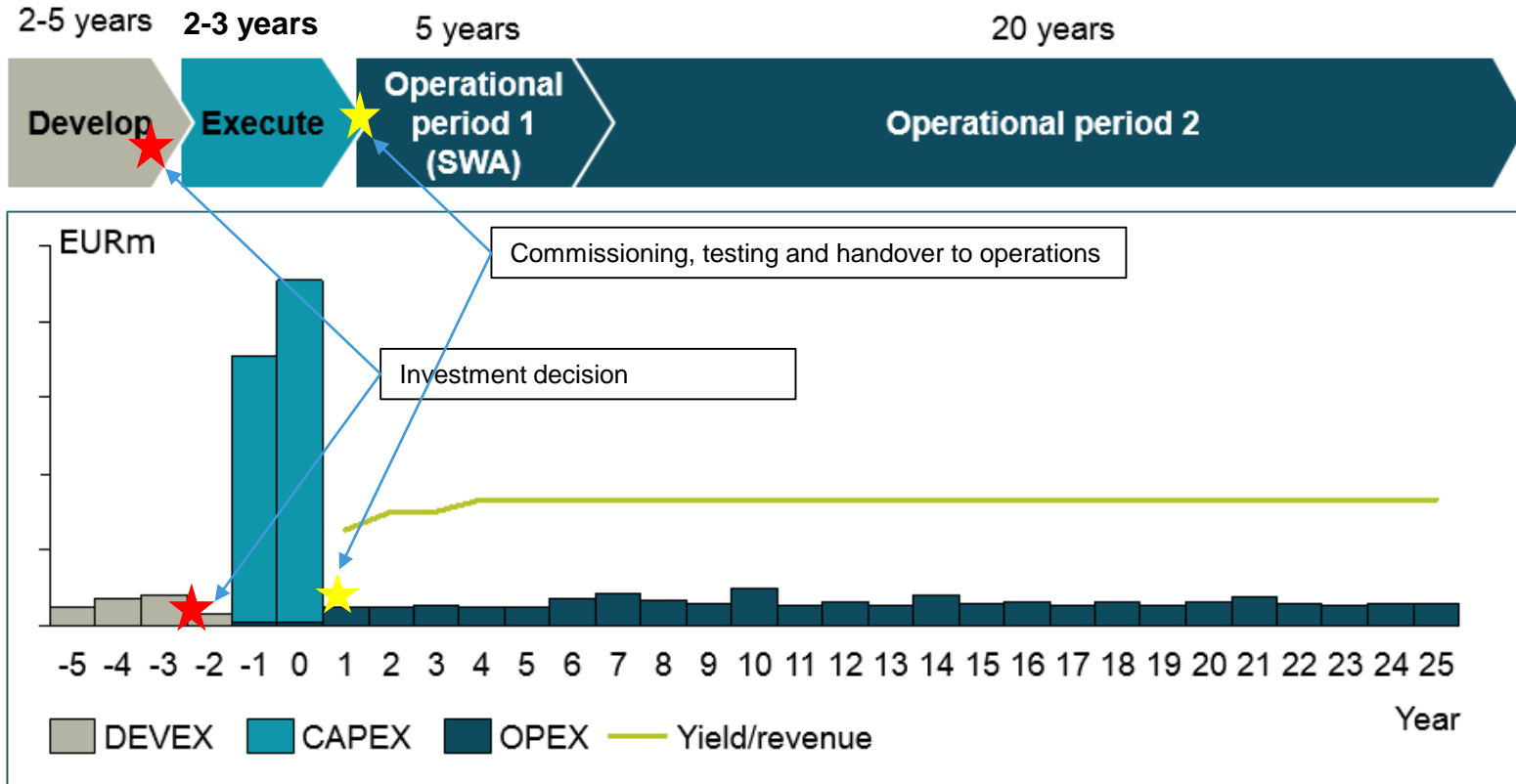
## Jacket foundations



## Evolutionary steps - Operations



## Wind farm investment timeline



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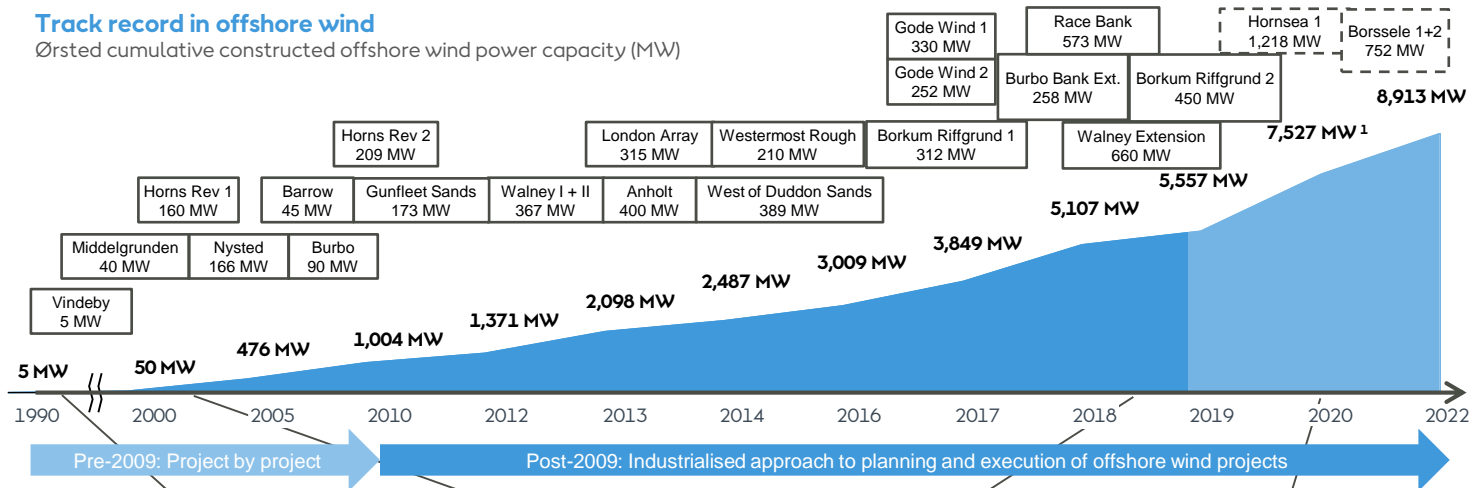



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# Ørsted pioneered the offshore wind industry


## Track record in offshore wind


Ørsted cumulative constructed offshore wind power capacity (MW)



| Vindeby   |         |
|---|---------|
| <b>First offshore wind farm in the world</b>                                      |         |
|  |         |
| 5 MW  |         |
| Turbine capacity  | 0.45 MW |
| Nr. of turbines   | 11      |
| Rotor diameter  | 35 m    |
| Distance to shore   | 1.8 km  |

| Horns Rev 1   |       |
|---|-------|
| <b>First large scale offshore wind farm in the world</b>                          |       |
|  |       |
| 160 MW  |       |
| Turbine capacity  | 2 MW  |
| Nr. of turbines   | 80    |
| Rotor diameter  | 80 m  |
| Distance to shore   | 18 km |

| Walney Extension   |          |
|--|----------|
| <b>The largest operational offshore wind farm in the world</b>                     |          |
|  |          |
| 659 MW   |          |
| Turbine capacity   | 7-8.25MW |
| Nr. of turbines  | 87       |
| Rotor diameter   | 154-164m |
| Distance to shore  | 19 km    |

| Hornsea 1   |        |
|---|--------|
| <b>The world's largest offshore wind farm once constructed</b>                      |        |
|  |        |
| 1,218 MW  |        |
| Turbine capacity  | 7 MW   |
| Nr. of turbines   | 174    |
| Rotor diameter  | 154 m  |
| Distance to shore   | 120 km |

Note 1: Ørsted will, in accordance with the Dutch tender regulation, build Borssele 1 and 2 within four years from the start of the construction of Hornsea 1. [Ørsted Wind Power, August 2018](#)



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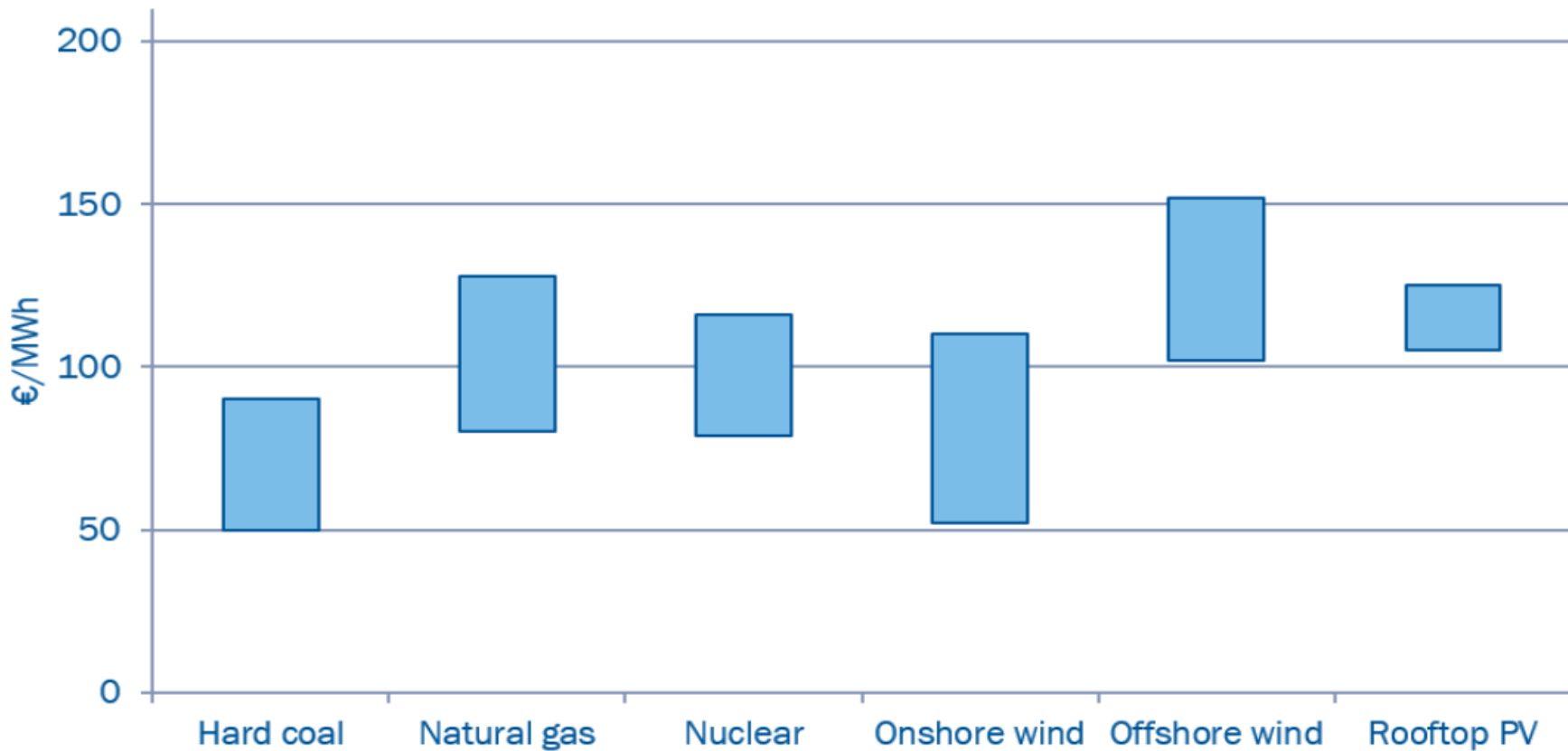
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## Levelised Cost of Electricity (LCOE) of major power generation technologies in Europe (2015 study)



## Dramatic headlines...

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### Dong wins Dutch offshore double at Borssele 1&2

700MW project to be built for 'highly competitive' €72.70 per MWh

[www.renews.biz](http://www.renews.biz)

NewsFLASH

### Vattenfall record low bid wins 600MW Kriegers Flak

€50/MWh secures rights to build Baltic Sea wind farm by end-2021

[www.renews.biz](http://www.renews.biz)

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### EnBW, Dong secure German spoils

Four North Sea projects secure contracts, average price €44/MWh

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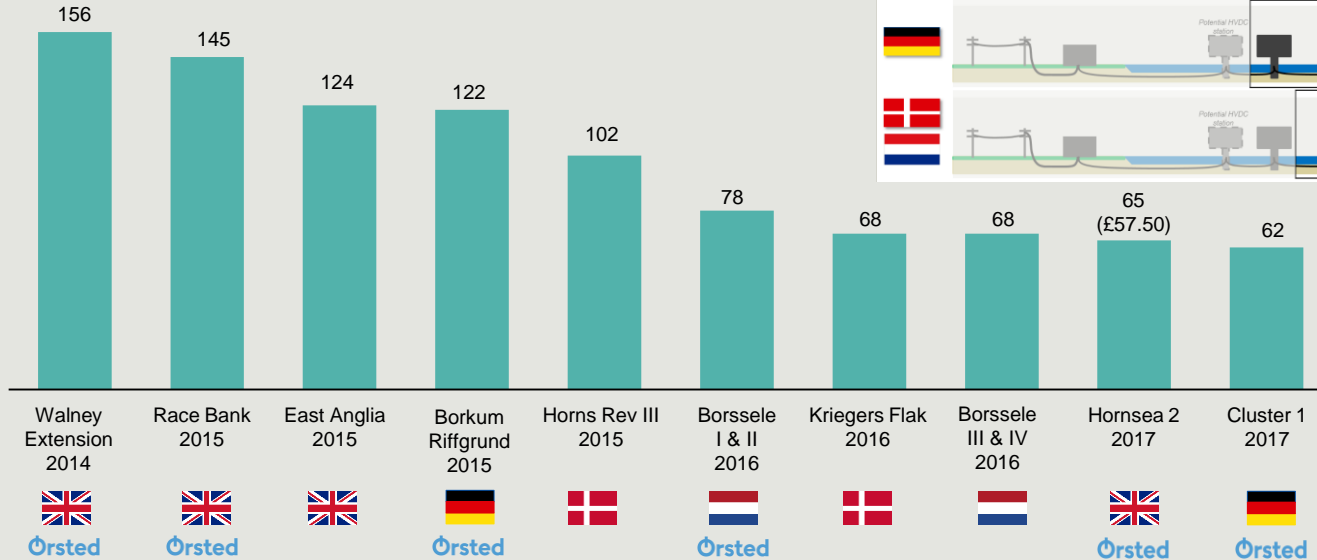
### UK awards 3.2GW offshore

Hornsea 2, Moray 1 and Triton all secure CfDs, lowest winning bid of £57.50/MWh

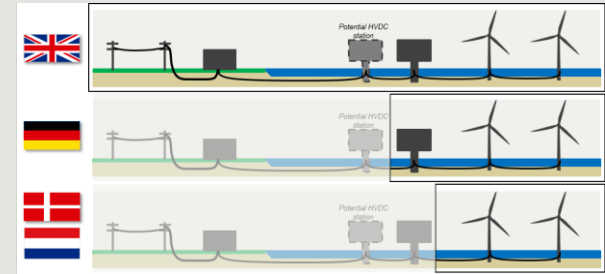
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# Offshore wind has demonstrated rapidly declining cost over short timescales

Levelised costs for society of electricity, incl. transmission costs  
EUR/MWh<sup>1</sup>, 2016-prices, bid announcement year

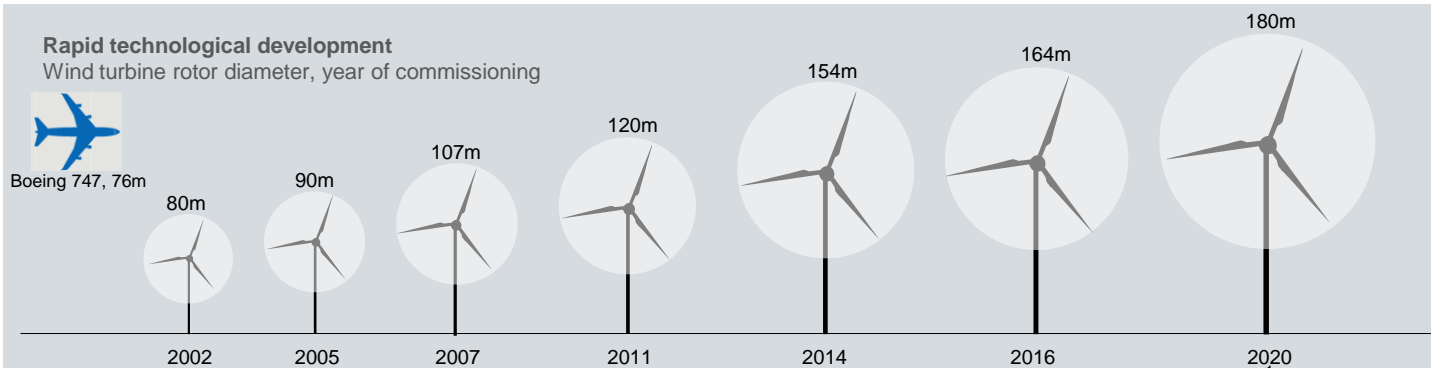
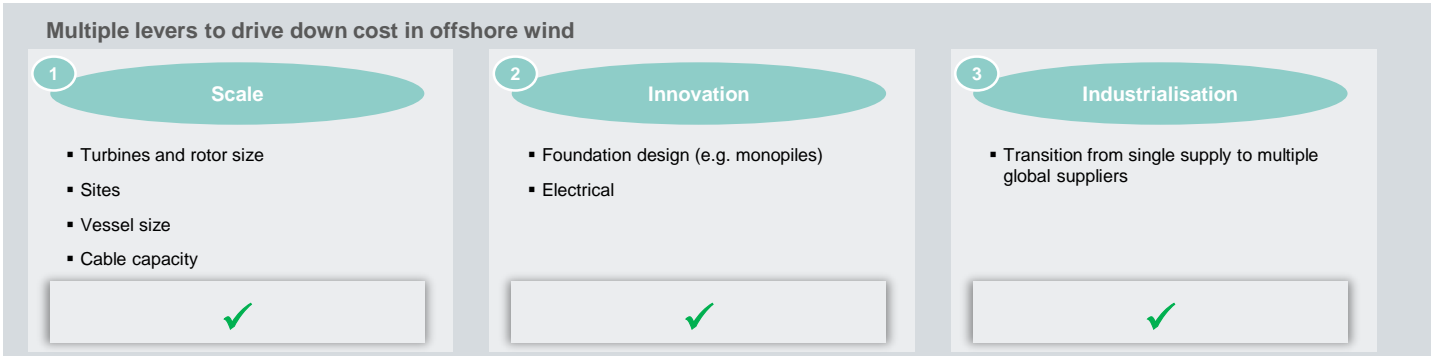


Different national scope leads to differences in the cost of electricity from offshore wind



Sources: DECC; Danish Energy Agency; Energinet.dk; NEV (Dutch Energy Scenarios), Bundesnetzagentur  
1. Levelised revenue (price) of electricity over the lifetime of the project used as proxy for the levelised cost to society

# Ability to face new challenges with progressive projects whilst reducing the cost of generation



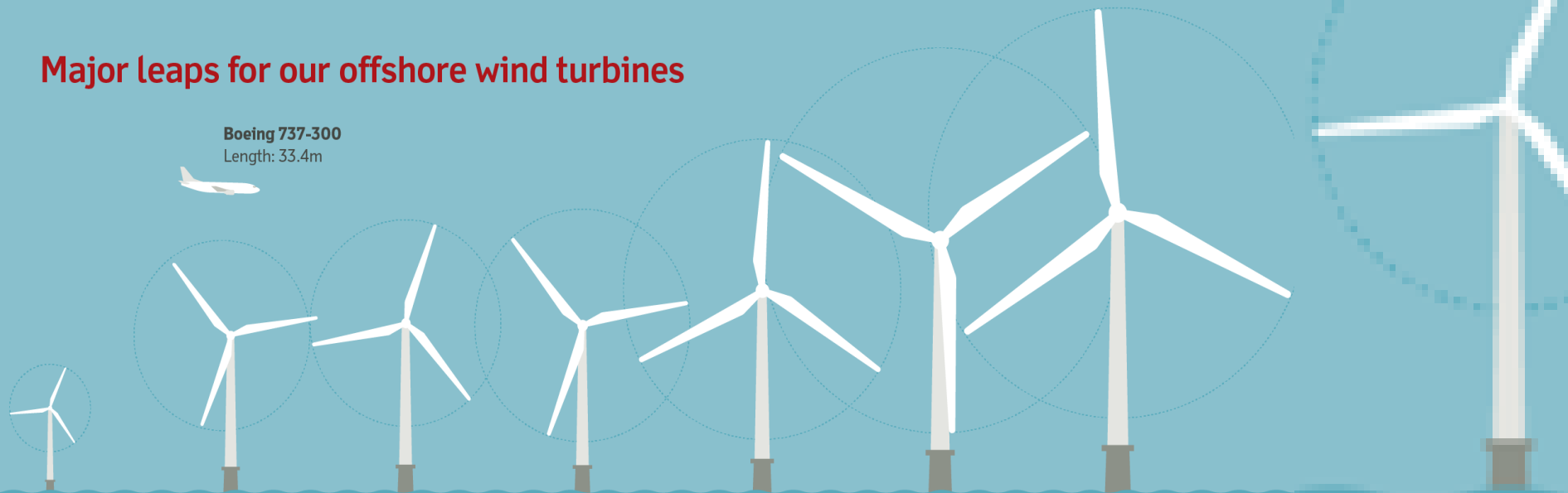
1. Currently there are no turbines available on the market with a rotor diameter of 180m, however some suppliers have announced that they expect to bring such a turbine to market in 2020.



# INNOVATION is ENABLING LARGER TURBINES

## Major leaps for our offshore wind turbines

Boeing 737-300  
Length: 33.4m



### Vindeby

Year: 1991  
Diameter: 35m  
Tower Height: 35m  
Turbine: 0.45MW  
Total output: 4.95MW

### Middelgrund

Year: 2000  
Diameter: 76m  
Tower Height: 64m  
Turbine: 2MW  
Total output: 40MW

### Nysted

Year: 2003  
Diameter: 82.4m  
Tower Height: 69m  
Turbine: 2.3MW  
Total output: 166MW

### Horns Rev 2

Year: 2009  
Diameter: 93m  
Tower Height: 68m  
Turbine: 2.3MW  
Total output: 209MW

### Anholt

Year: 2012  
Diameter: 120m  
Tower Height: 82m  
Turbine: 3.6MW  
Total output: 400MW

### Westermøst Røst

Year: 2014  
Diameter: 154m  
Tower Height: 102m  
Turbine: 6MW  
(Godwind: 582MW)

### Walney Extension

Year: 2018  
Diameter: 164m  
Hub height: 105m  
Turbine: 8MW  
Total Output: 660MW

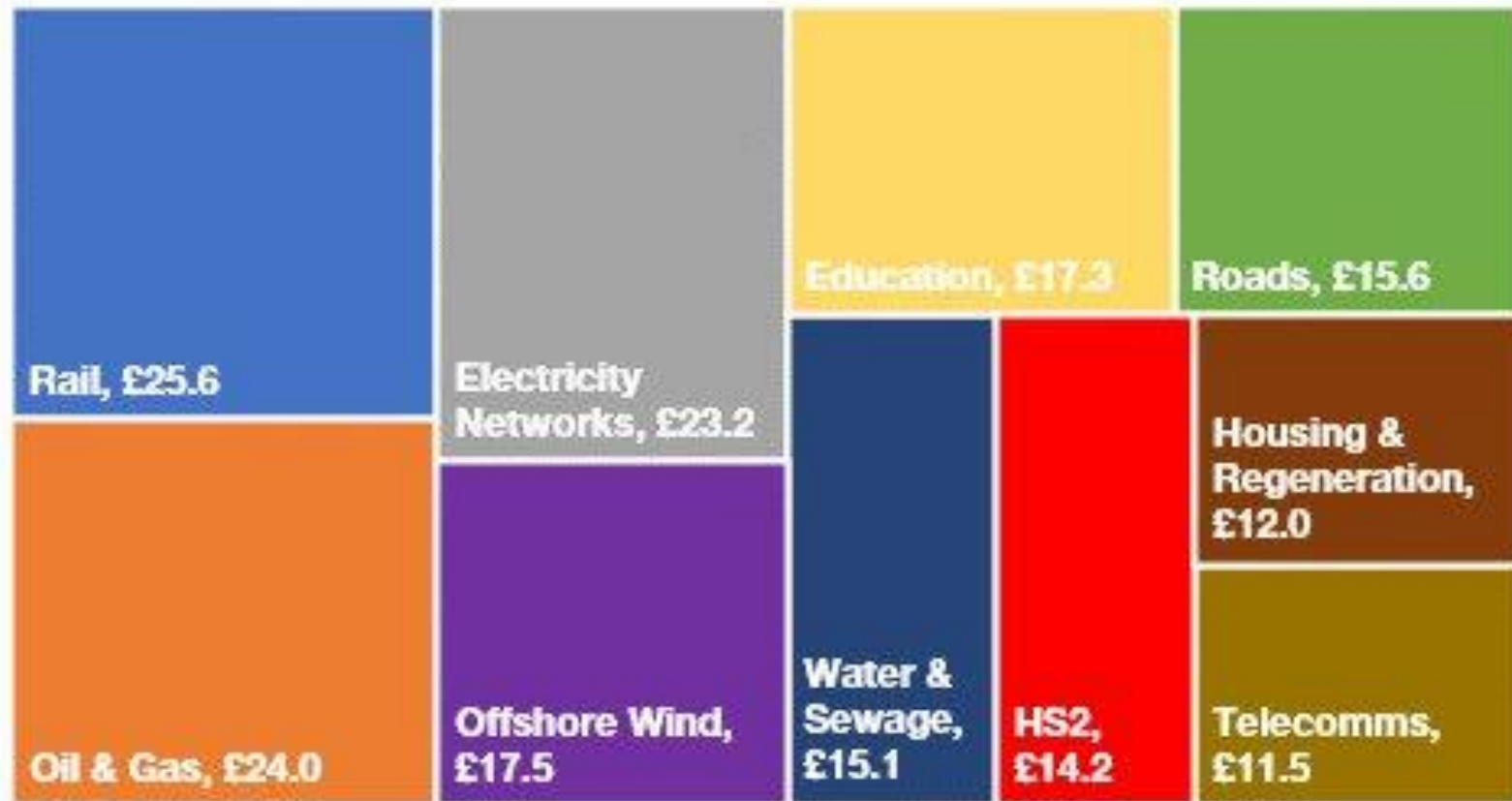
### Next gen prototype

Year online: 2021?  
Diameter: 203+m?  
Hub height: 140m?  
Turbine: 12MW?  
Manufacturer GEwind

**INDUSTRIALISATION:**  
for example increasing efficiency of installation of WTGs  
from 2003 to today



## UK Infrastructure Investment to 2021 £bn



## Conclusion

- **Cost high now but falling rapidly**
- **Raw potential is greater than our current needs**
- **Environmentally benign**
- **The technology lends itself to large scale deployment**
- **The industry has matured substantially in the last 20 years**
- **Industrialisation and innovation will enable the necessary cost reductions to be realised**
- **The industry is geared up to go on building into the 2020's and beyond...**



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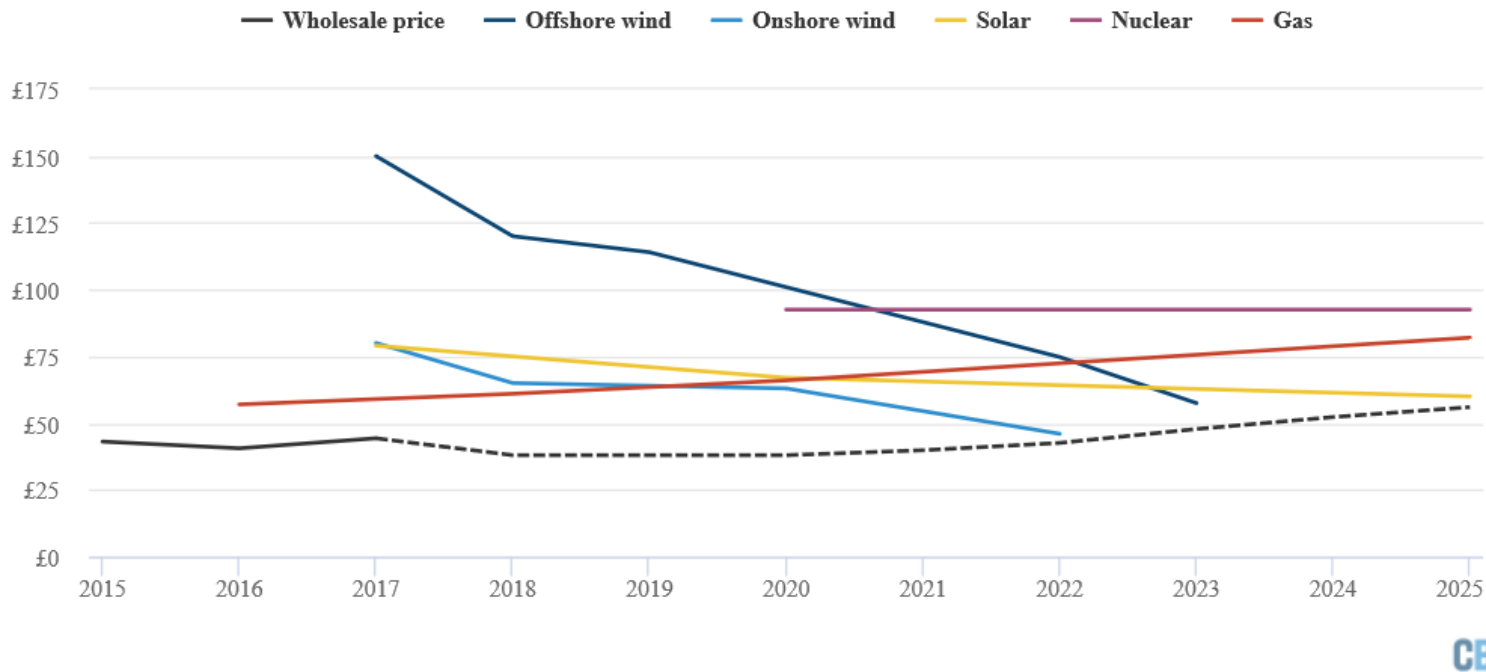
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## UK electricity costs

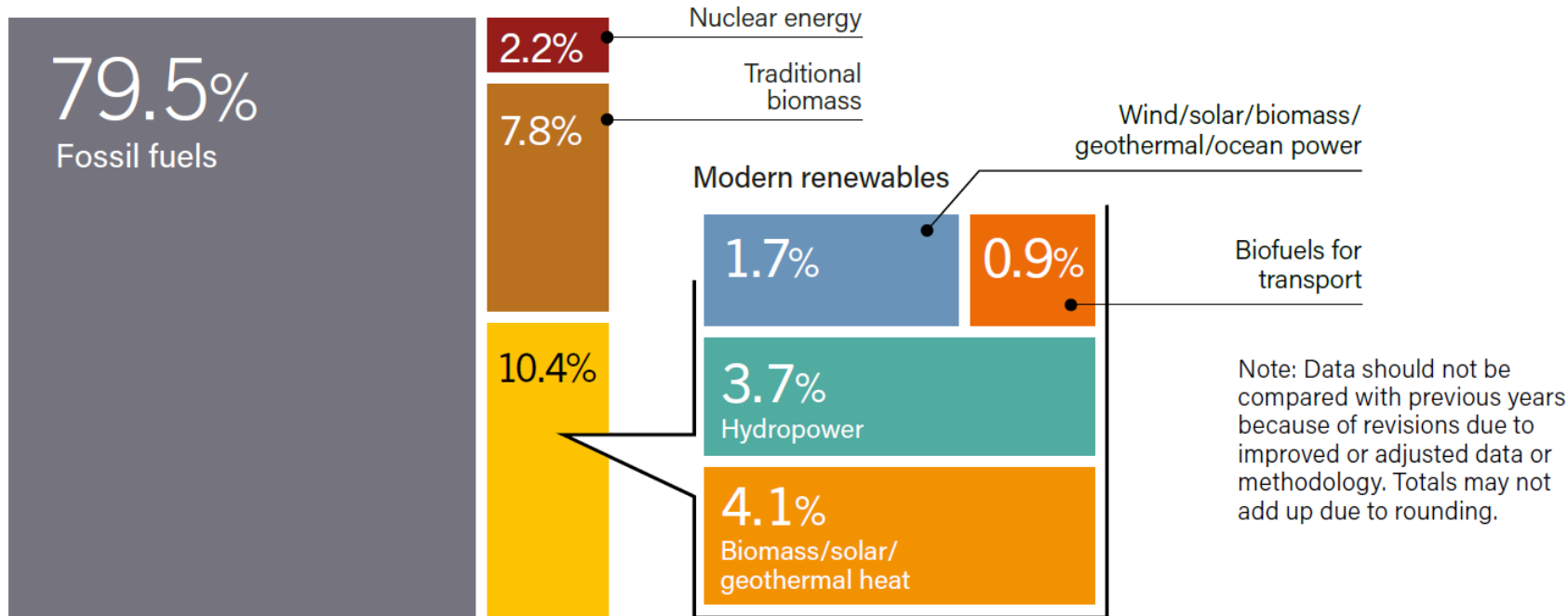


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Costs of UK electricity generation, £/MWh. Wholesale prices are actual (solid black line) and projected, (dashed line). Technology costs reflect awarded contracts and projections, see notes below for more details. Sources: BEIS projections, CfD auction results and Baringa Partners. Chart by Carbon Brief using [Highcharts](#).

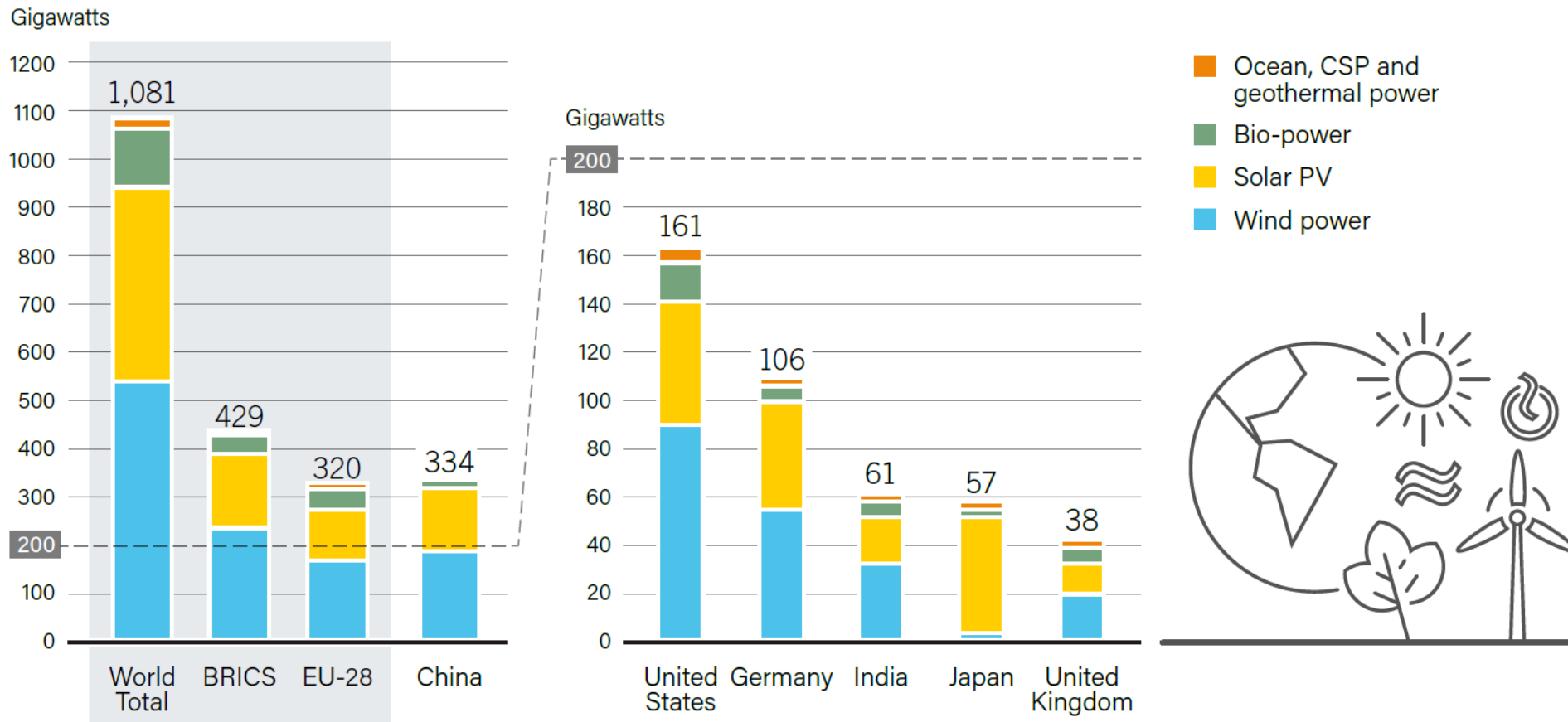


FIGURE 1. Estimated Renewable Share of Total Final Energy Consumption, 2016



SOURCE: REN21-2018 edition

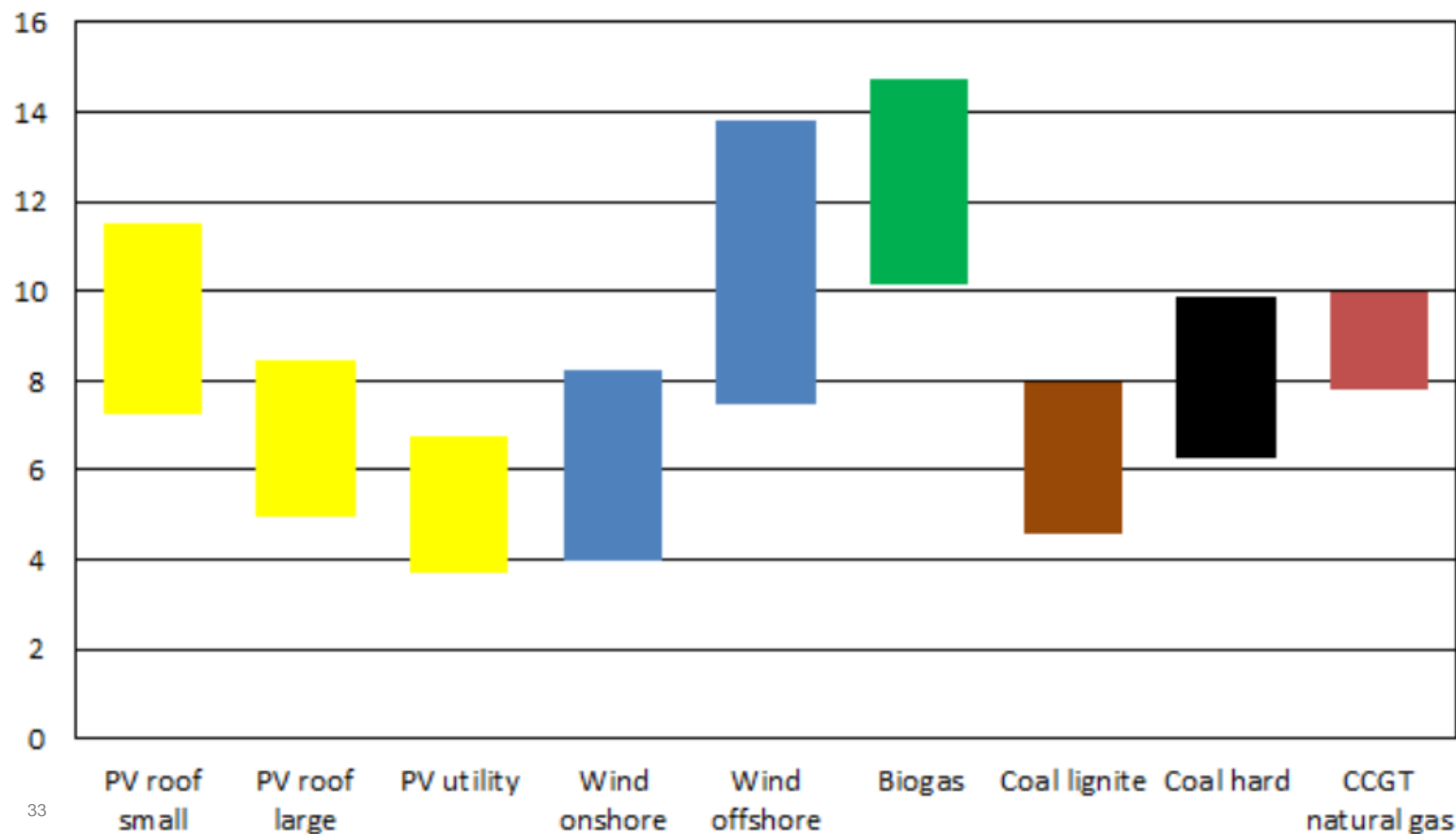
**FIGURE 7. Renewable Power Capacities\* in World, EU-28, and Top 6 Countries, 2017**



Note: BRICS = Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa. \*Not including hydropower.

# Levelized cost of electricity for Germany

in EuroCent/kWh, source: Fraunhofer ISE; March 2018



## How much is enough? Raw potential wind power

**Table 1.** Annual wind energy potential, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and current electricity consumption for the top 10 CO<sub>2</sub> emitting countries

| No | Country        | CO <sub>2</sub> emission<br>(million tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> ) | Elec. Consumption<br>(TWh) | Potential Wind Energy (TWh) |          |        |
|----|----------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--------|
|    |                |   |                            | Onshore                     | Offshore | Total  |
| 1  | United States  | 5956.98   | 3815.9                     | 74000                       | 14000    | 89000  |
| 2  | China          | 5607.09   | 2398.5                     | 39000                       | 4600     | 44000  |
| 3  | Russia         | 1696.00   | 779.6                      | 120000                      | 23000    | 140000 |
| 4  | Japan          | 1230.36   | 974.1                      | 570                         | 2700     | 3200   |
| 5  | India          | 1165.72   | 488.8                      | 2900                        | 1100     | 4000   |
| 6  | Germany        | 844.17  | 545.7                      | 3200                        | 940      | 4100   |
| 7  | Canada         | 631.26  | 540.5                      | 78000                       | 21000    | 99000  |
| 8  | United Kingdom | 577.17  | 348.6                      | 4400                        | 6200     | 11000  |
| 9  | South Korea    | 499.63  | 352.2                      | 130                         | 990      | 1100   |
| 10 | Italy          | 466.64  | 307.5                      | 250                         | 160      | 410    |

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