

Floating Wind Power for Offshore Installations

Summary

Target Emission Source: Power Generation

Emission Reduction Strategy: Renewable Energy Supply

Project Type: Research & Development

Entry TRL: 2 Target TRL: 3-4

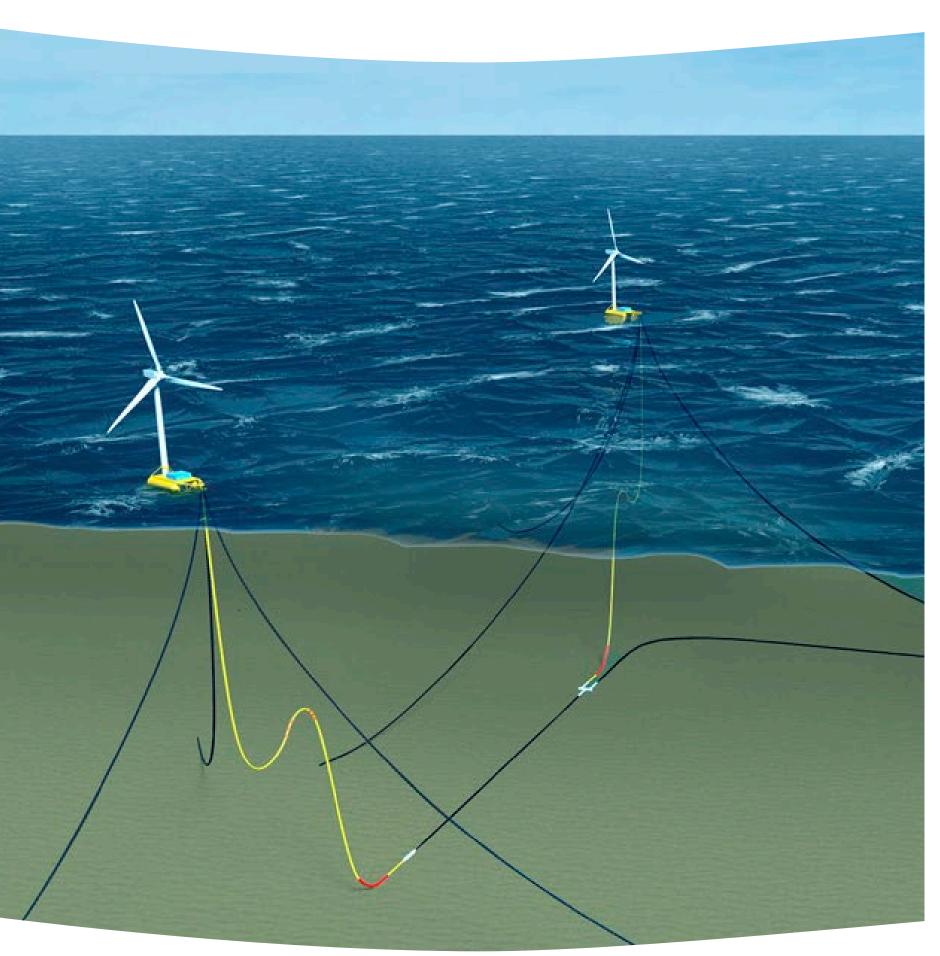
Field Trial Required: Yes

Projected Ready By: 2025-26

The Project

Globally, floating wind technology has advanced and prototypes tested, however, research regarding its applicability to the unique conditions offshore Newfoundland and Labrador (NL), is in the early stages. WESI performed a conceptual study applying floating wind as an alternate energy source for oil and gas installations offshore NL, and examined mooring analysis, power cables, wind resource assessment, battery systems, ice effects, power modelling, and electrical cable disconnection. The study concluded that Floating Offshore Wind Turbines (FOWT) are feasible in this region and WESI plans a field trial in the coming years.







Benefits



Developed local knowledge and expertise in FOWT and renewable power conversion of offshore installations



Creation of a FOWT knowledge hub in Atlantic Canada



De-risked FOWT as a viable solution for operations in harsher, ice-prone environments



Demonstrated how FOWT can significantly decrease GHG emissions plus provide benefits associated with carbon tax and fuel savings

Opportunities & Next Steps

Perform FEED studies for specific application of FOWT Initiate Canada's first FOWT demonstration project Integrate hydrogen production into the FOWT concept Strengthen technical and commercial partnerships, further analysis of local benefits in areas such as job creation



