

Floating Wind Solutions

Dynamic Cables for Offshore Wind and PfS

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Complete **Offshore Wind** Solutions

**Converter
Platforms**


**Gravity-Based
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**Cables
and Accessories**

**Steel Jacket
Substructures**

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**Floating
Foundations**

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Strong starting point in floating wind

**Hywind
Tampen
Concrete
spar**

- > World largest floating wind farm to date 88 MW
- > Will partly electrify five O&G platforms in the North Sea
- > Aker Solutions with EPCI scope
- > Industrialised delivery of 11 substructures

**Flagship
project
H2020**

- > H2020 funding from EU
- > +10 MW WTG
- > Aker Solutions with EPCI scope
- > Possible solution for future projects – can facilitate high level of local content

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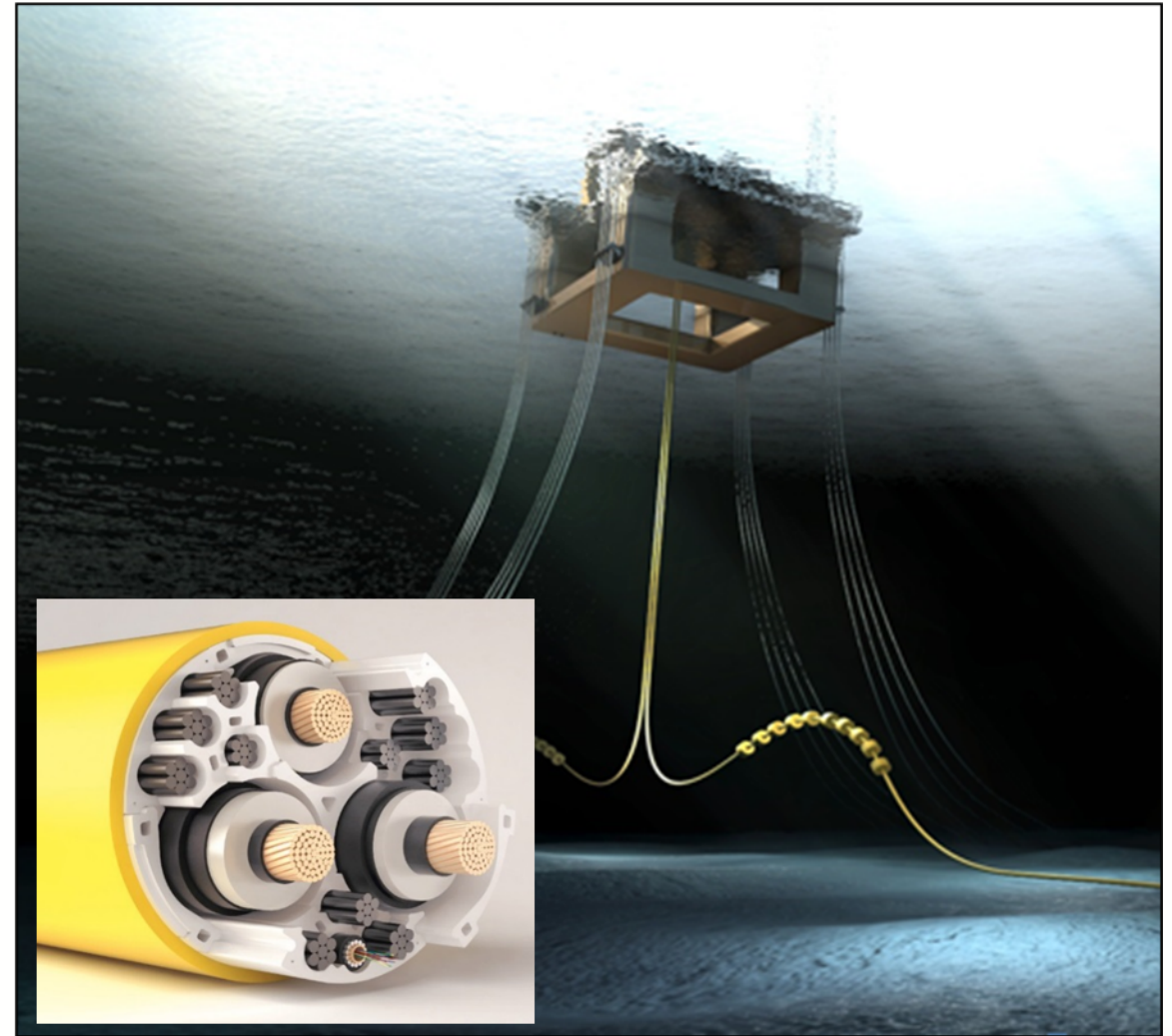
World Class Facility for Execution in Mobile, Alabama



Aker Solutions legacy and capabilities for cables and umbilicals

Track-record

- Designed and delivered more than **550 umbilicals and power cables** worldwide for over 25 years (started in 1993)
- Delivered more than 100 cables and umbilicals in dynamic configuration, first **dynamic umbilical** in 1996
- Delivered first **dynamic power cable** in 2010 @ 2700m WD.
- A steady 30-35% yearly global market share for steel tube umbilicals / steel tube power umbilicals.
- Two manufacturing plants close to key markets;
 - Moss, Norway (Operational 1993)
 - Mobile, Alabama, US (Operational 2003)
- Able to produce high quality array cables for a growing offshore wind industry (NB! Cable failure rates)



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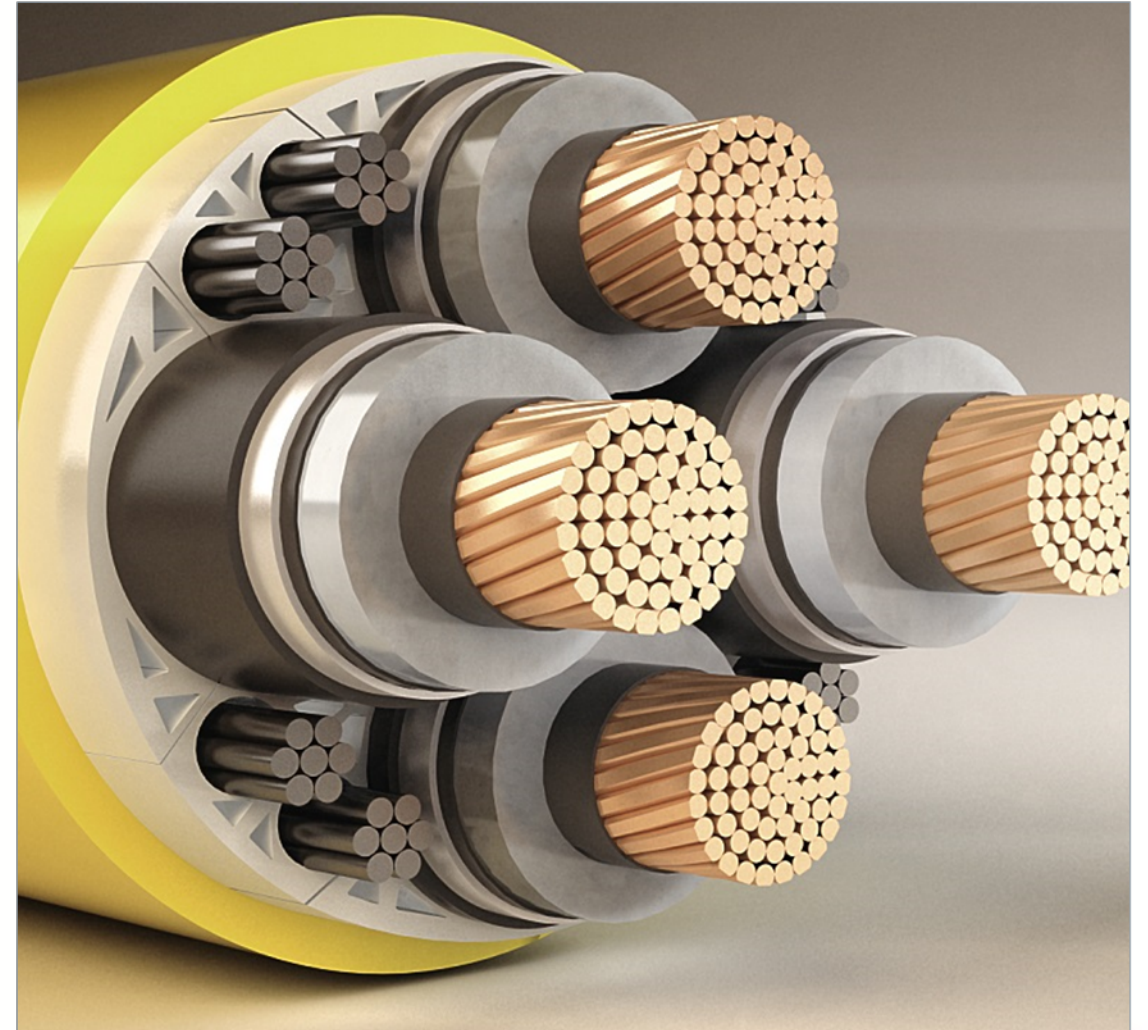
Aker Solutions Power Cable Product

Aker Solutions designs, manufactures, and deploys system packages to enable subsea connectivity.

- Separate conduits for the elements.
- No need for separate steel armoring on top
- Great impact resistance
- Long lay length – less fatigue stress
- Excellent behaviour and strength both under installation and operation

Key Components:

- Carbon fiber rods in the cross section control the strain of the components and improve fatigue properties;
- Power Cables with SoftClamp - suspension of the power cores below the fatigue exposed section of dynamic umbilical eliminates the combined bend and tension and significantly reduces contact force;
- PVC Profile matrix designed to meet specific requirements for crush and impact capacity;
- Polymer properties satisfy temperature and design life criteria.

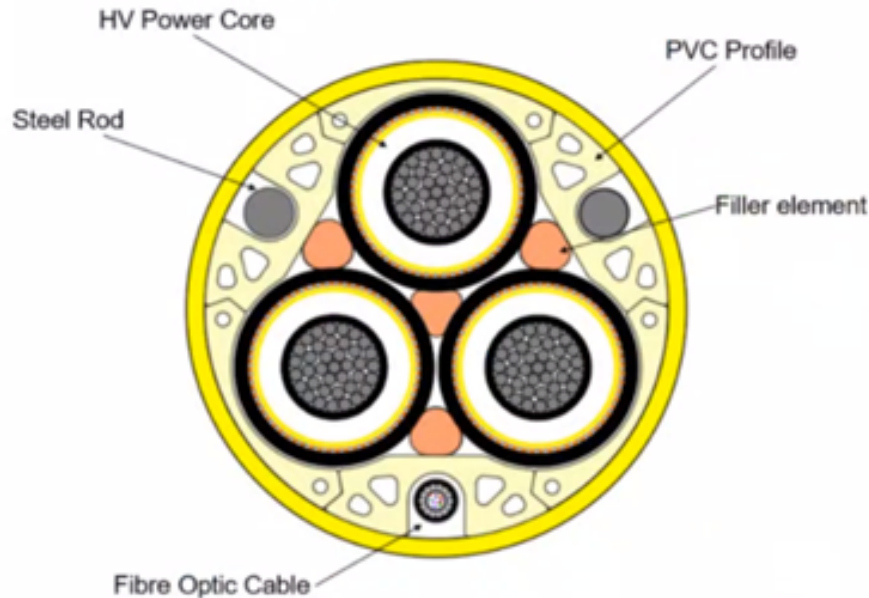


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Simplified and installation efficient dynamic cable system for floating wind

The Aker Solutions cable design utilizing internal strength members instead of outer armoring enables a flexible, efficient and robust method for pull-in and hang-off. The system can be customized to accommodate various loads, and all pieces are designed to be handled without lifting aids.

Aker Solutions - 66kV Dynamic Power Cable



Typical competitor - Dynamic Power Cable



Electrical Benefits of Aker Solutions Dynamic Power Cable Design



Reduced carbon steel in cable design significantly decreases overall electrical power loss at maximum current capacity



Electrical cross-bonding of elements reduces net circulating currents, therefore further reducing power loss



Design reduces AC induced corrosion phenomena that can cause hot-spots, contributing to component damage and eventually failure



Optical fiber cable out of magnetic field path reduces induced current heating and fiber embrittlement

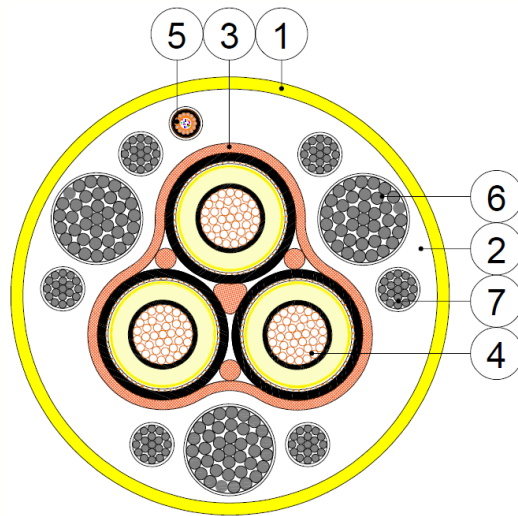


Mechanical Benefits of Aker Solutions Dynamic Power Cable Design

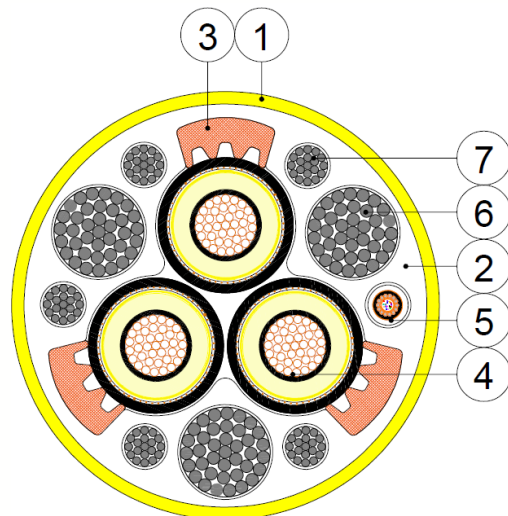
- Ease of access to components requiring repair since not enclosed with concentric wire armor
- Non-touching components provides exceptional mechanical support by evenly distributing mechanical loading.
- Evenly distributed radial loads eliminates point loading/sidewall pressure. Perfect for shore pull-ins
- Design allows for smaller bend radii, beneficial in both dynamic and static applications
- Dropped object impact testing to 8 kJ shows no damage below outer jacket surface



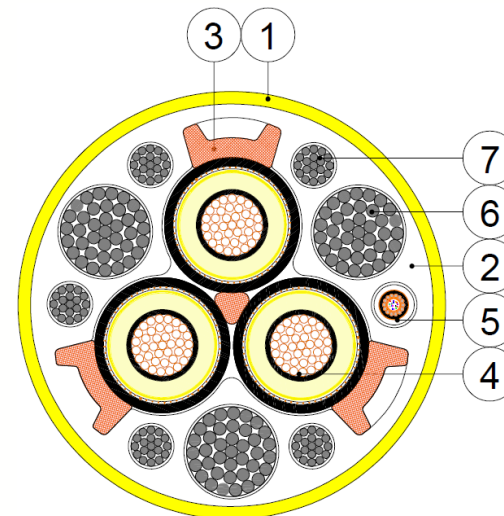
Different ways to address challenges...a lot in the toolbox!



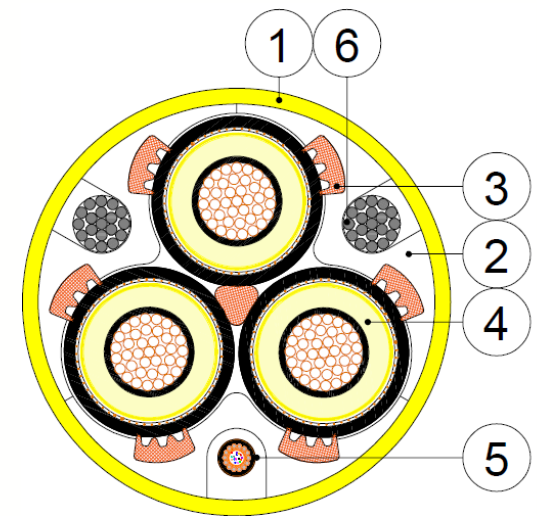
Dynamic Deepwater (>100m). High dynamic response. Increased friction.



Dynamic Shallow-water (<100m). High dynamic response. Controlled friction.




Dynamic Shallow-water (<50m). Weight added. On bottom stability critical. Increased friction.



HV Dynamic-Static, long length, shallow water (<50m). Lower Friction.

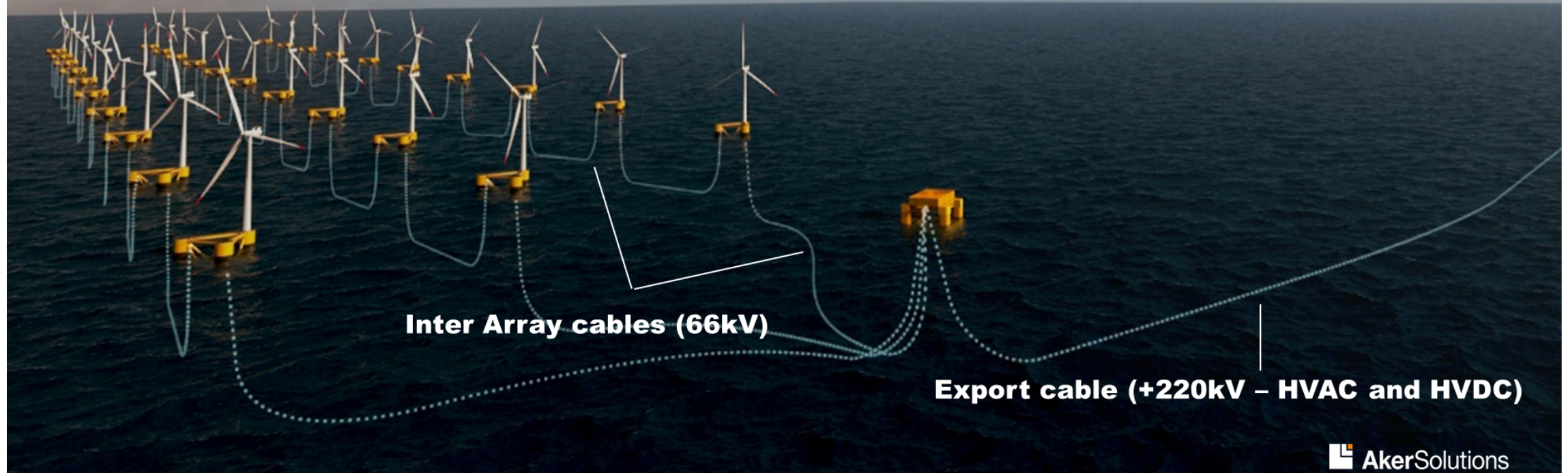
Offshore Floating wind and Dynamic cables challenges




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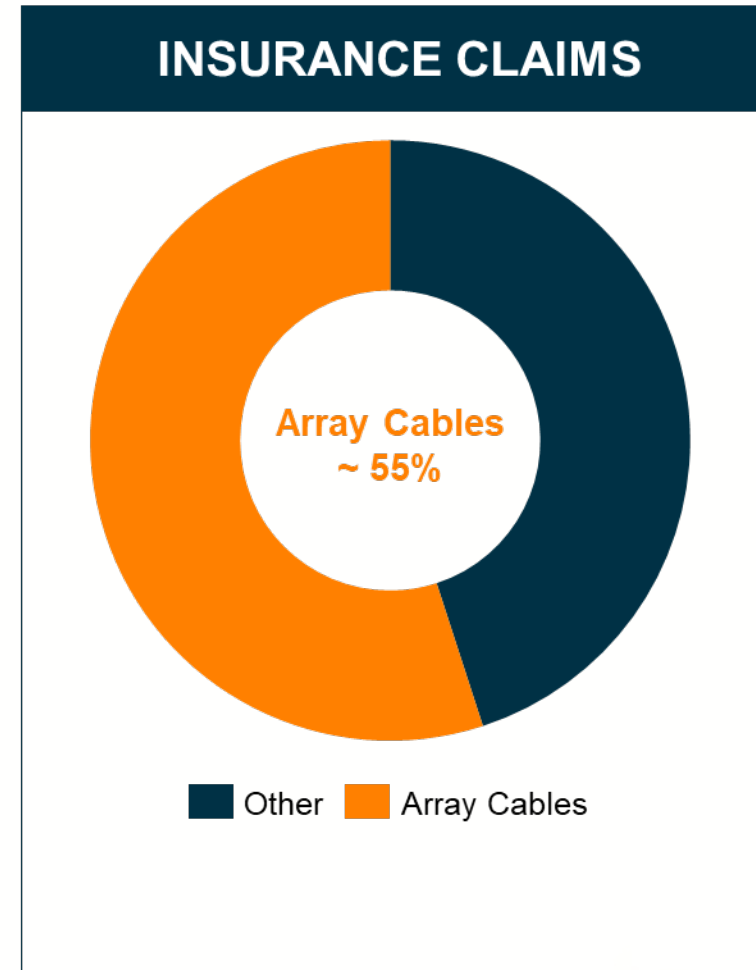
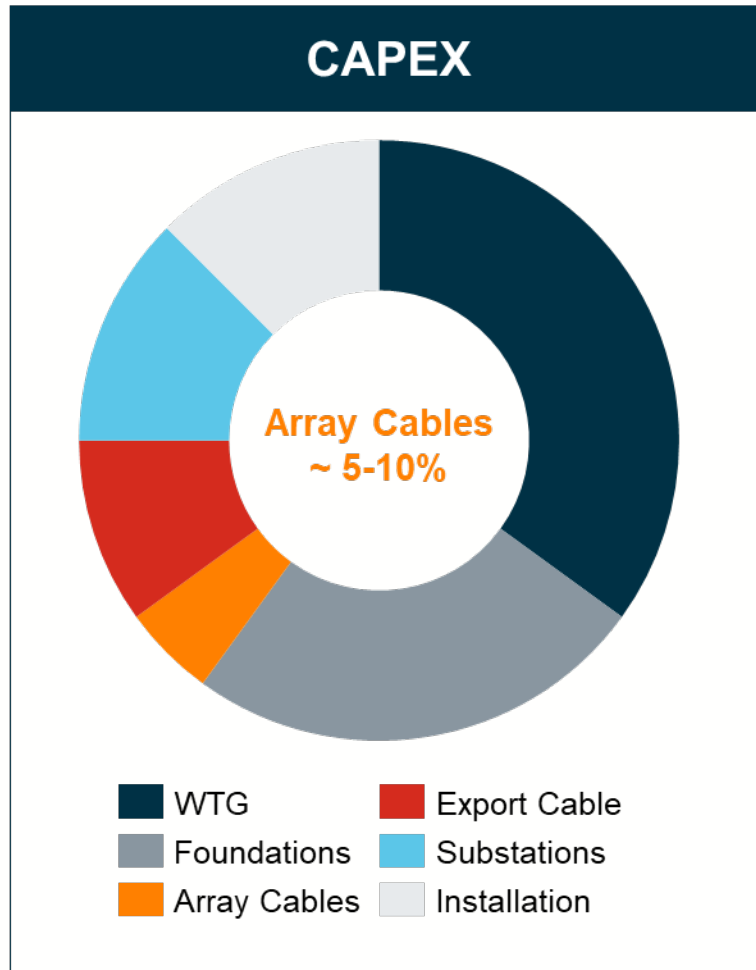
Offshore Wind – Cable segments



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Danish giant will add additional layer of protective rocks on some cable routes and conduct further seabed investigations until 2023

29 April 2021 8:51 GMT *UPDATED 4 May 2021 16:46 GMT*

By **Bernd Radowitz**  

Repairing damaged cables at already operating offshore wind farms such as the UK's Race Bank, or boosting inadequate protection systems elsewhere, will cost Orsted about DKKr3bn (\$489m), chief financial officer Marianne Wiinholt revealed.

"We found out a short time ago that we had cable failures at one of the array cables at Race Bank," Wiinholt said during a media call on first quarter results.

"When we investigated the cause of that, we found that more cables were damaged.



"The damage is caused by the fact that the cable protection system, which is both from the turbines and links to the cable, is placed on top of rocks. With the movement in the sea, this cable protection system gets damaged."

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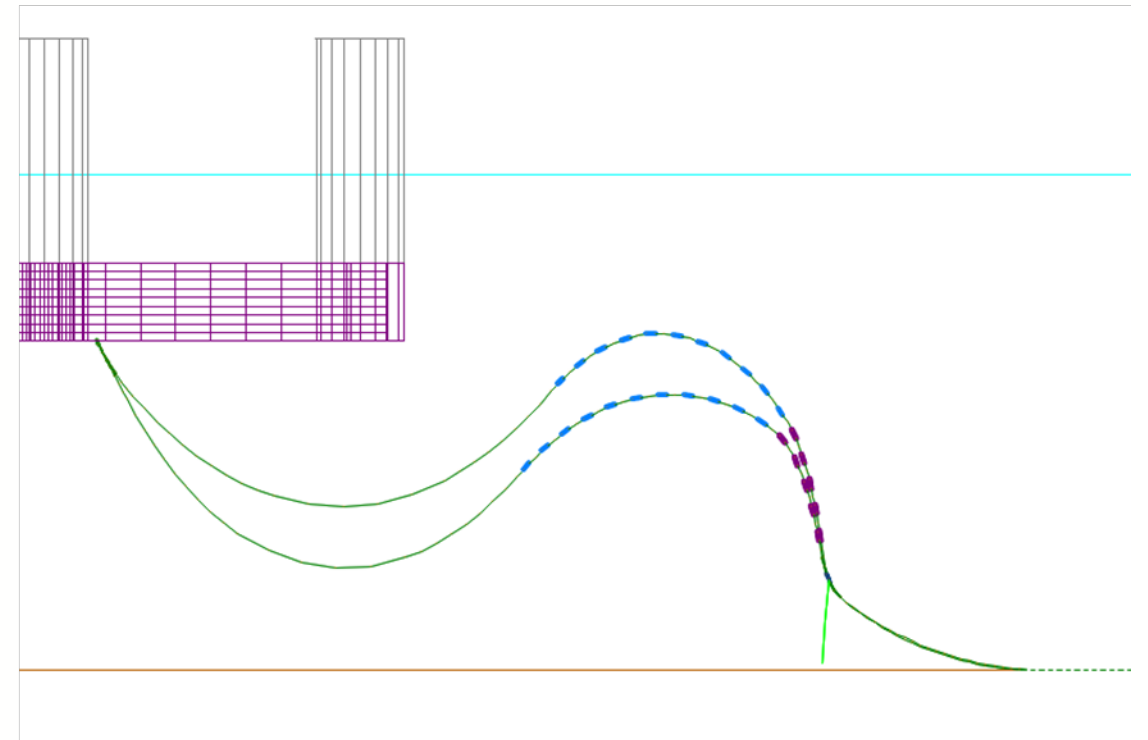
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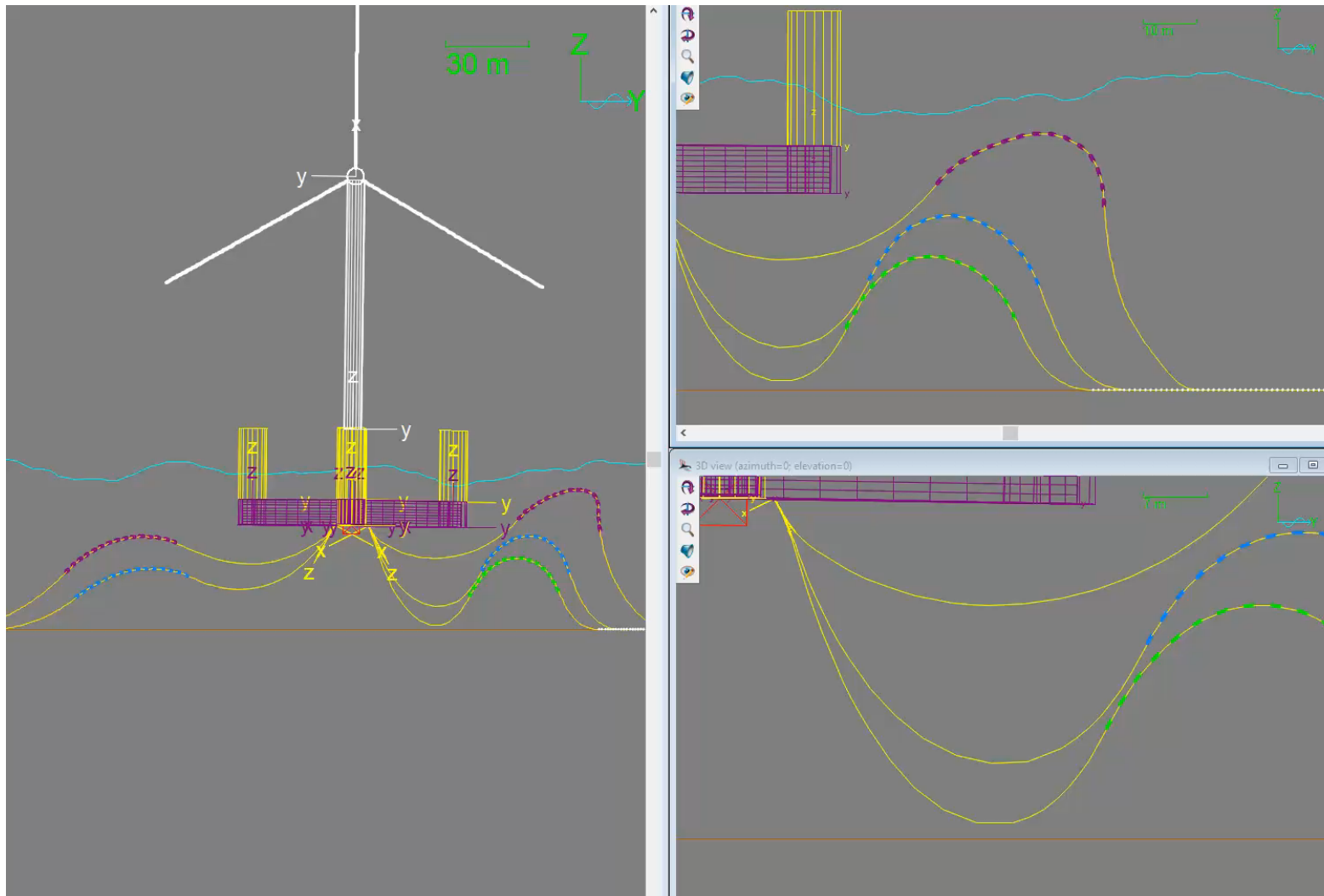
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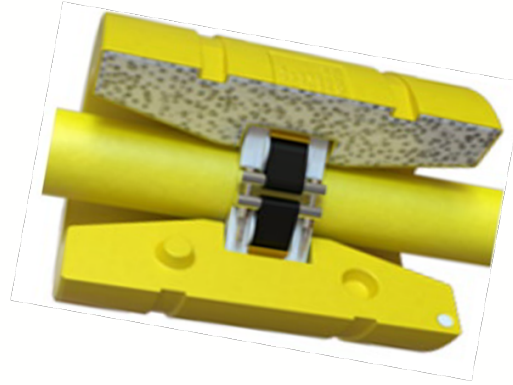
- Shallow water with large platform offset requires buoyancy section to add flexibility for near and far cases.
- High currents and marine growth adds on to the challenge and drive the need for tether system.





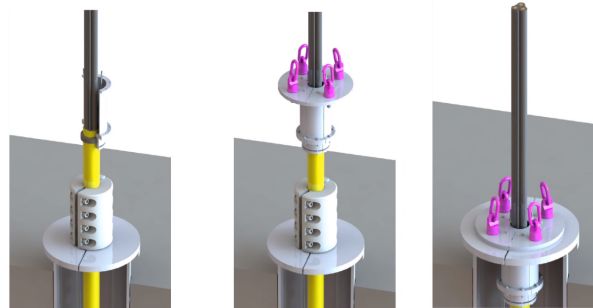
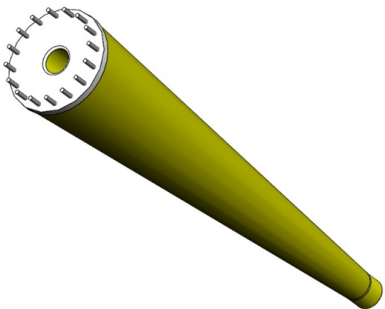
Issues with “shallow” water





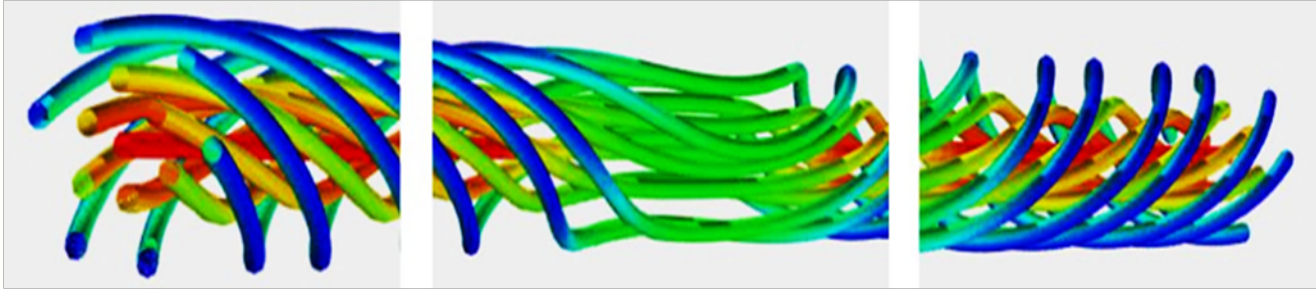
Typical auxiliary equipment:

- Bending stiffener w/connector
- Buoyancy modules
- Vertical tether
- Hold back clamp
- Connect – Disconnect – Weak-link
- Topside Hang-off



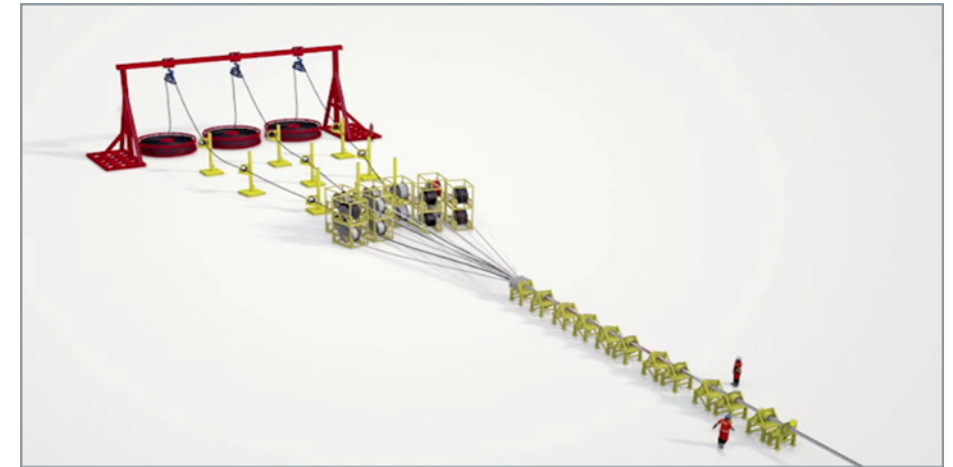
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New Manufacturing Process Aimed at Wind Industry



OsciLay™ is ideal for

- Power Cables & Static Umbilical
- Complex cross sections (high number of elements)

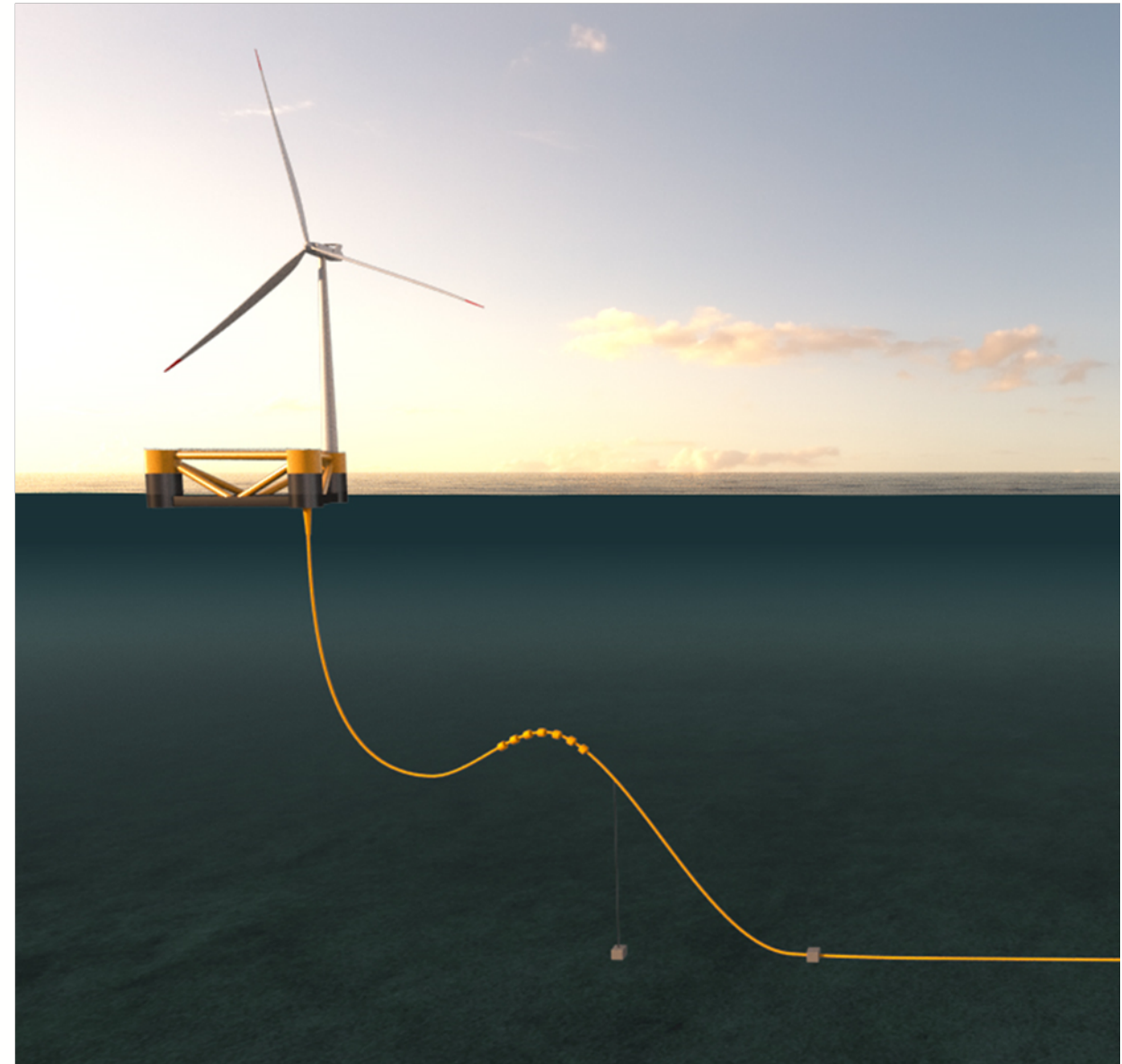


- Lower cost process for power cables and static umbilical
- Expands the benefits to include:
 - Fewer cable joints and Welds
 - More Elements
 - Machine Simplicity & Flexibility
- Design features of Aker Solutions' product makes OsciLay™ possible

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Summary

- Auxiliary equipment is key to get the cable system to work as engineered in addition to the cable design itself
- The iterative process and cooperation between the floater design and cables system is paramount to find the optimized solution
- Aker Solutions experience both in design and delivery of floating offshore units and mechanical engineering is key to solve the dynamic cables challenge for floating wind



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Thank You!



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