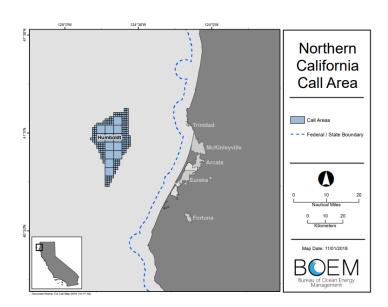
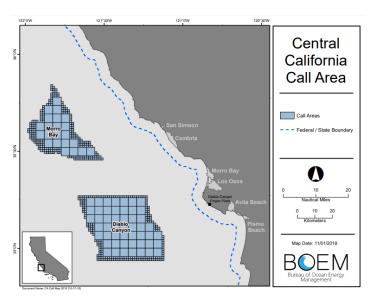
# A Project Developer Perspective on Floating Foundation Innovation

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### The First US Floating Wind Market





#### Strong fundamentals

- Enormous electricity market world's 5th largest economy uses >250 TWh/year
- Consistent ambitions to lead on climate
- High quality offshore wind resource

#### Challenges

- Price-competition from solar (and low-cost land-based wind via long-distance transmission)
- Limited support for new measures to nurture emerging renewable technologies

California serves early notice of the challenge that will soon be apparent in many markets:

> "For deep water floating wind farms the yardstick will not be costs compared with bottom-fixed offshore wind, the yardstick against which floating wind will have to compete is solar PV and storage."

## Floating Foundations Prototypes Perform Well But Cost Cuts Are Needed

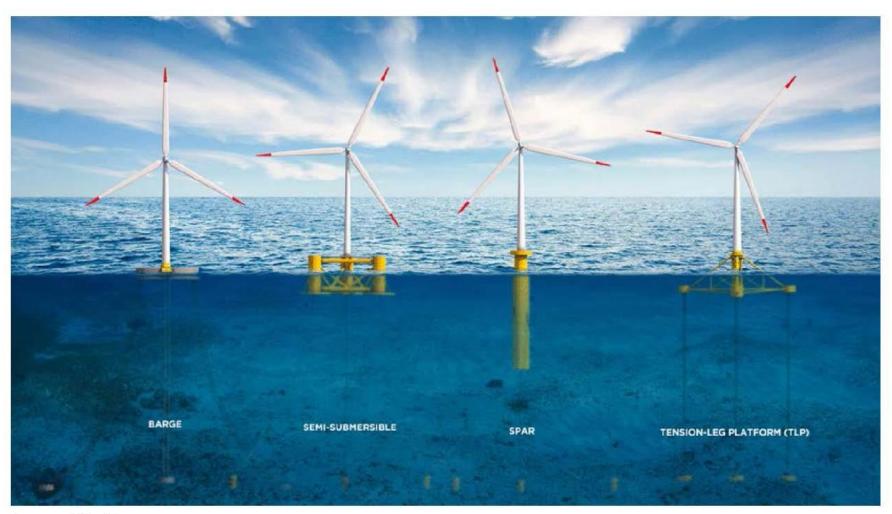
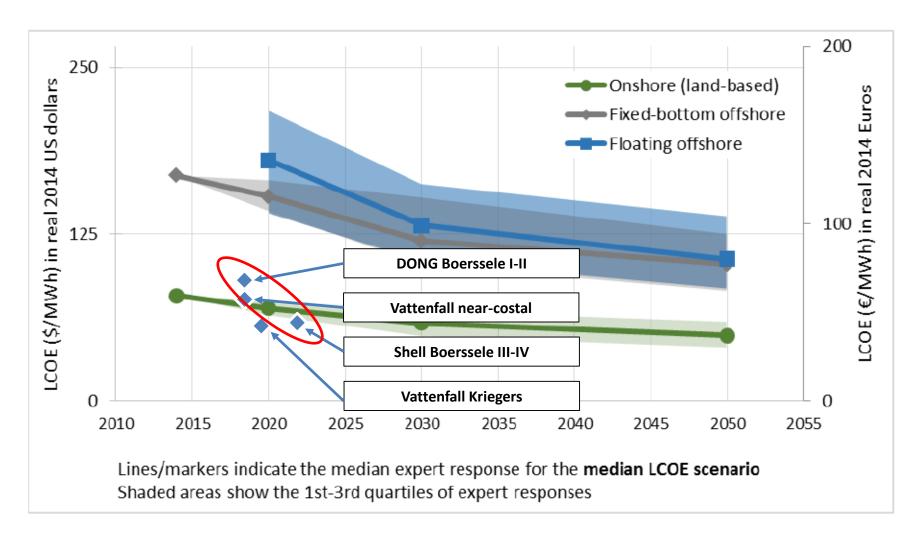


Image: WindEurope

## 1<sup>st</sup> Game Changer: Falling Costs for Common Systems



Source: Berkeley National Lab

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Game Changer:** Foundation Innovations

#### Surging R&D investment:









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#### Evaluating rapidly advancing floating foundation technology:

- All-in costs, including materials, assembly, deployment, O&M, and decommissioning
- Design maturity when choice is required
- Scalability and fabrication logistics
- Also, in some situations, local content and environmental impacts (especially impacts of mooring systems)

### **Cost Reduction Through Industrialization**

#### **Mindset**

- Conventional thinking
  - We have designed this structure now, how do we build it?
- SOT approach
  - We need to manufacture this way now, how do we design it?

#### Concept

- Modular all components factory-made, transported by road
- Components assembled at quayside with bolts (not exposed to sea water)
- Turbine mounted in harbor and towed to site, no installation vessels
- Weight 1000-1500 t for 6 MW turbine



## **TetraSpar Assembly and Installation**

