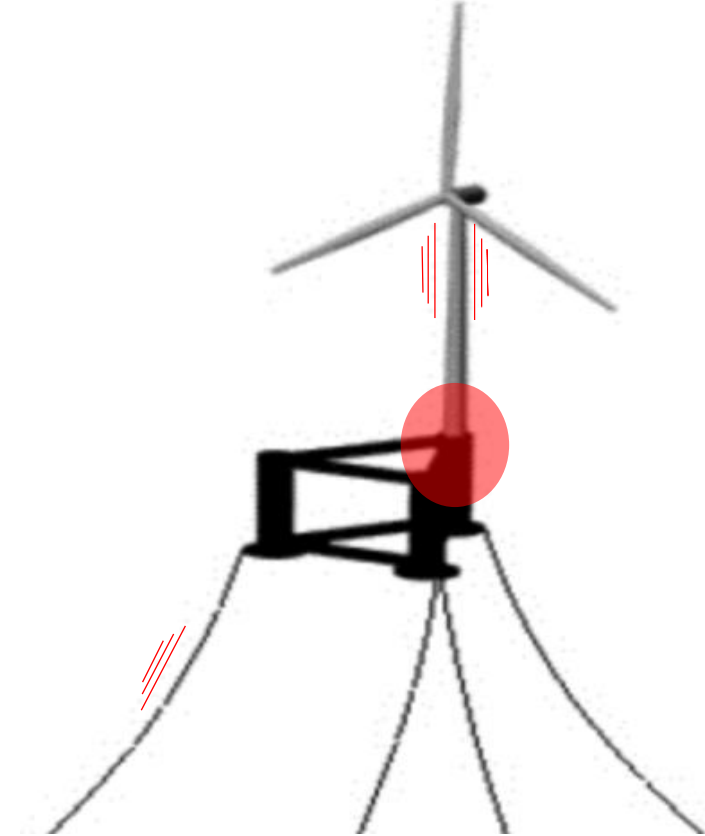
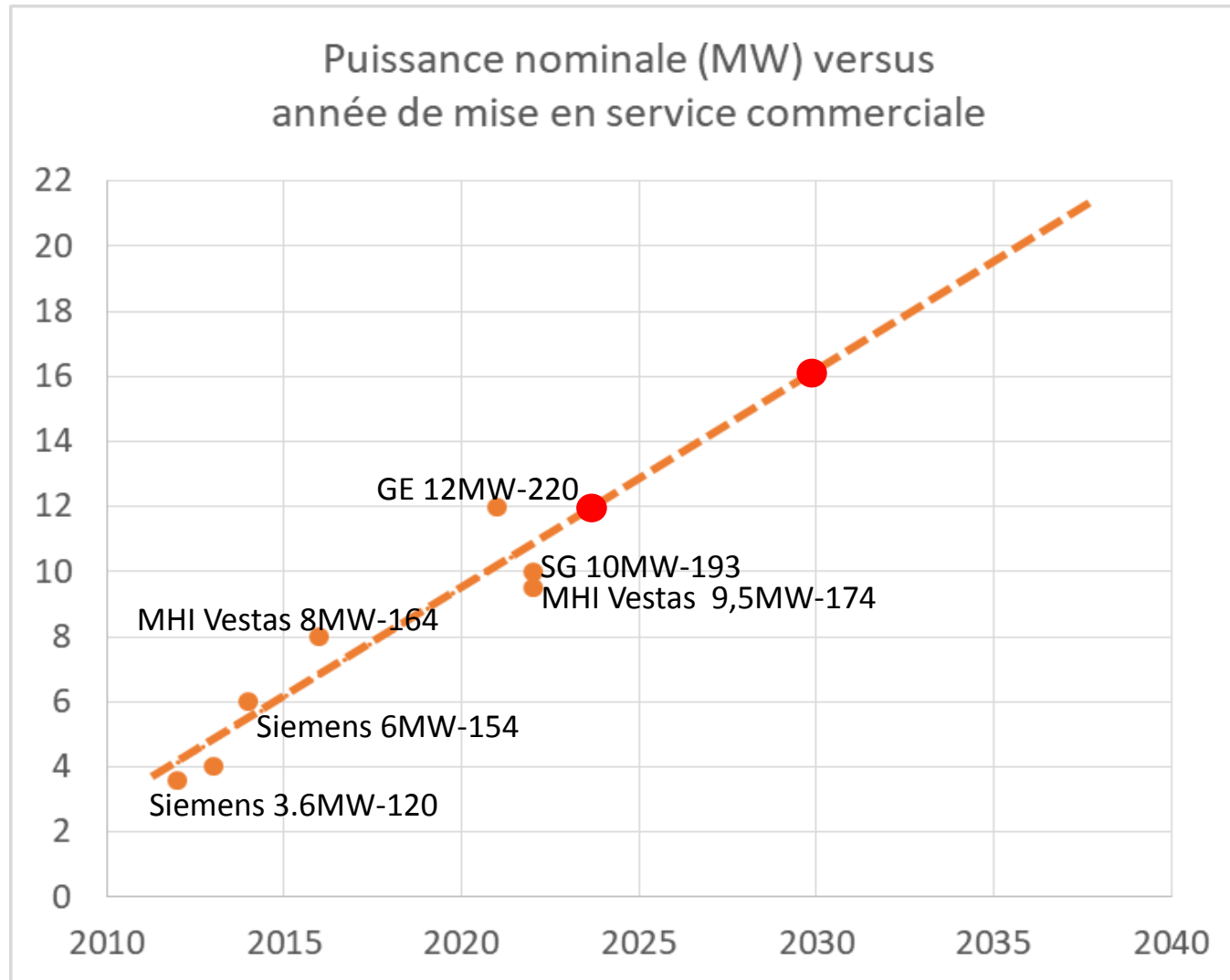


Nominal power is key for competitiveness



UPSIZING MAIN DESIGN ISSUES

1. Structure fatigue damage
2. Structure resonance due to rotor excitation
3. Blade design

Floating enables to rethink architecture

1. Structure fatigue damage : the patented pyramidal structure provides a better stress distribution
-30% steel @ iso-turbine/iso-floater/iso-lifetime



Bottom-fixed with nacelle yaw

Floating foundation without electric yaw

marc.guyot@eolink.fr - Floating WInd FAID
Boston 2019



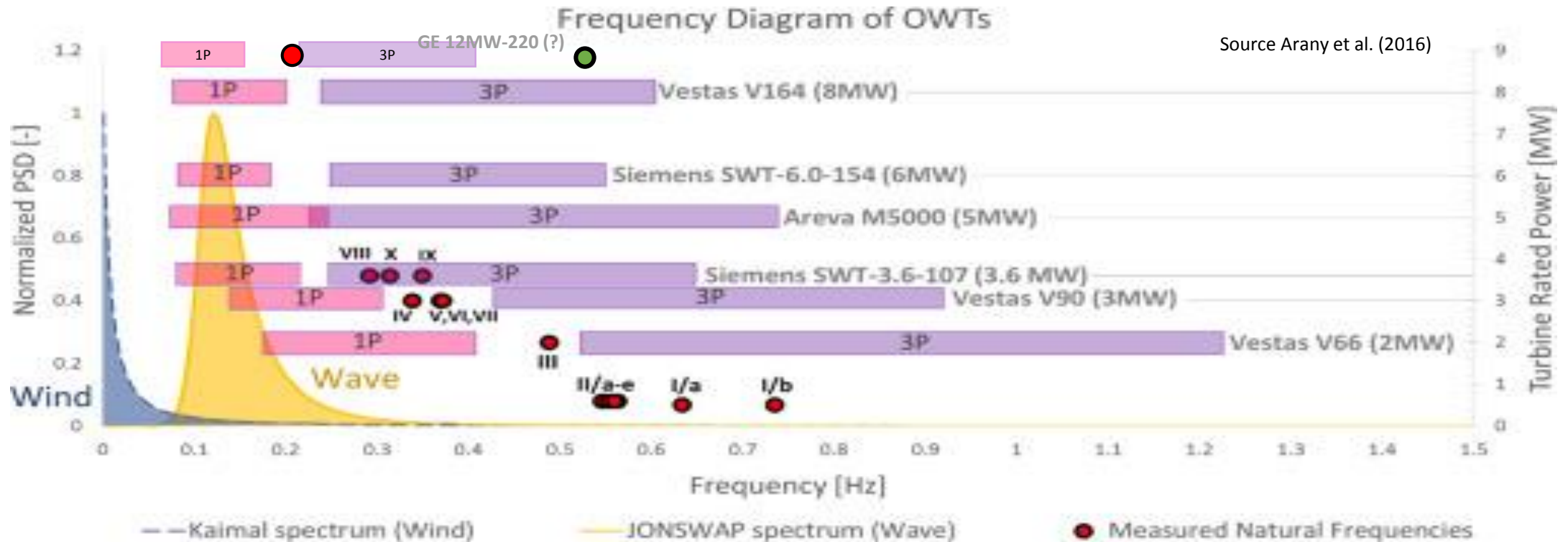
EOLINK

Cost-effective Floating Wind Parks

Floating enables to rethink architecture

1. Lower structure fatigue damage

2. No more resonance issue thanks to the 1st structural eigen freq. shifted to 0.6Hz



3. Blade design

Floating enables to rethink architecture

1. Lower structure fatigue damage

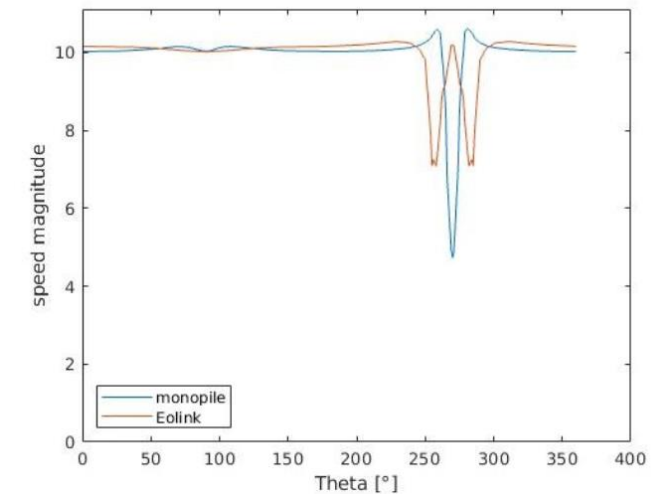
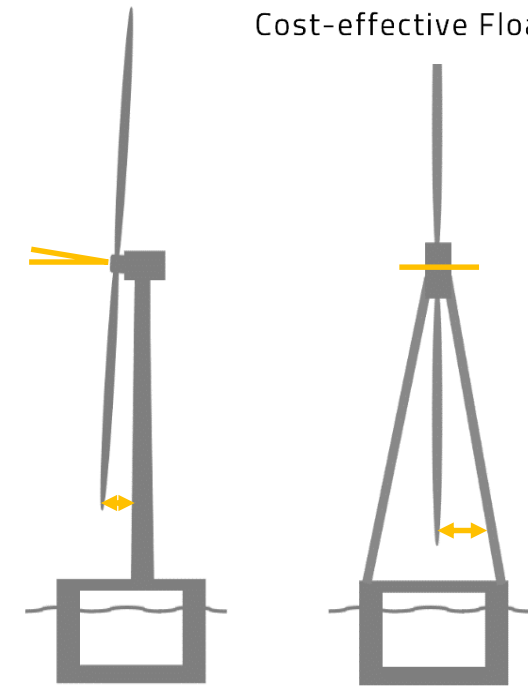
2. No more structure resonance

3. Blade design

- The tower clearance constraint disappears. Thus, blades stiffness and weight can be reduced → Cost and fatigue damage due to cyclic inertia loadings are reduced.
- Less aerodynamic disturbances between the legs reduces tower shadow effect → Fatigue damage due to flapwise moments is reduced.

EOLINK

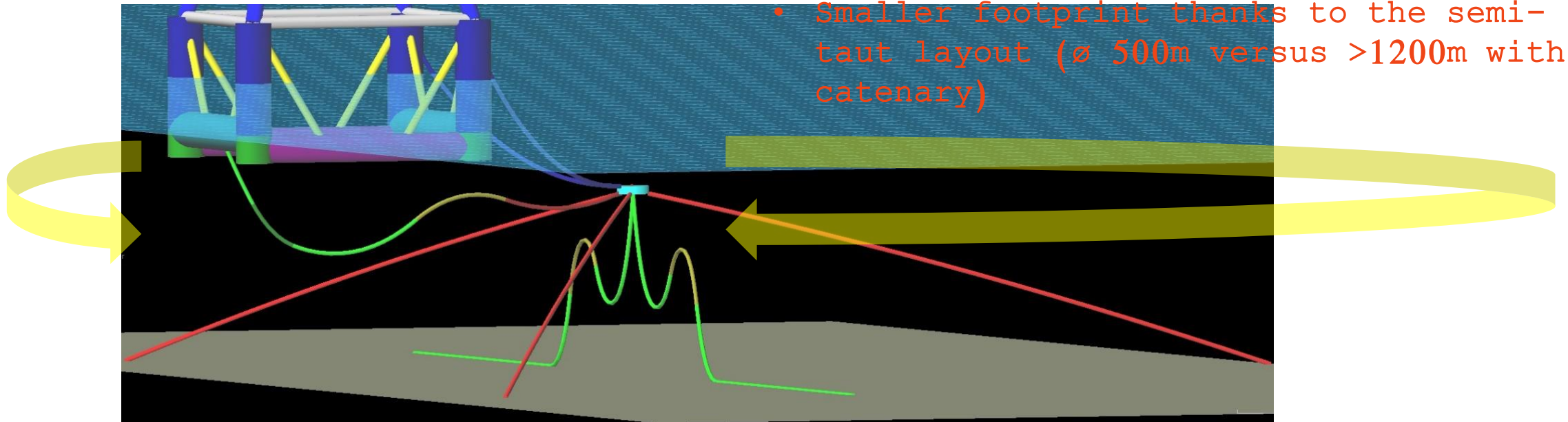
Cost-effective Floating Wind Parks



Others benefits

4. Smaller foundations (66m for 12MW): lower requirements in hydrostatic stability thanks to the hawsers which counteract wind overturning moment
5. Turbine erection doesn't require any XL cranes as the structure is by itself a gantry crane.

6. Mooring and electric layout
 - Independant installation of the mooring lines, the power cables and the FOWT
 - Lower mooring loads thanks to the damping provided by the hawsers
 - Nearly zero offset at the inter-array cables connexion
 - Smaller footprint thanks to the semi-taut layout (\varnothing 500m versus >1200 m with catenary)



Demonstration

- One of the 7 companies to have successfully performed offshore test (cf Joint Industry Project Carbon Trust)
- Biggest $\frac{\text{rotor diameter}}{\text{hull's length}}$ ever tested
- Grid-connected in April 2018
- 12MW à 1/10th (Froude scaling)
- Max gusts equivalent to 75m/s at full scale





Cost-effectiveness

