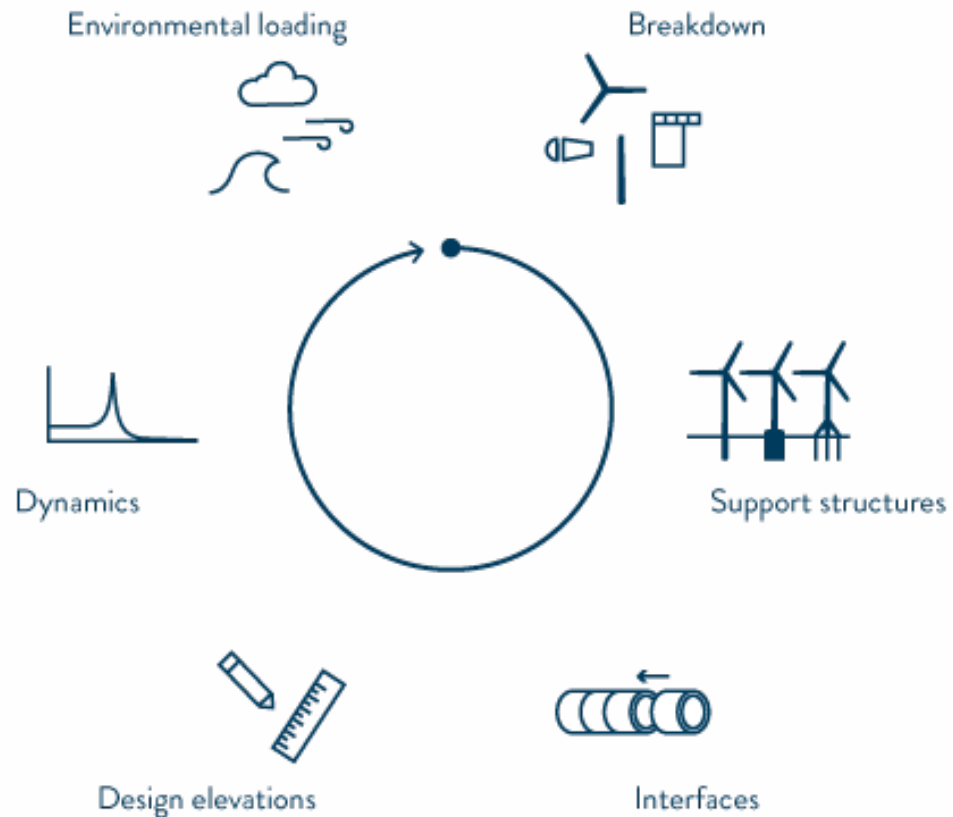




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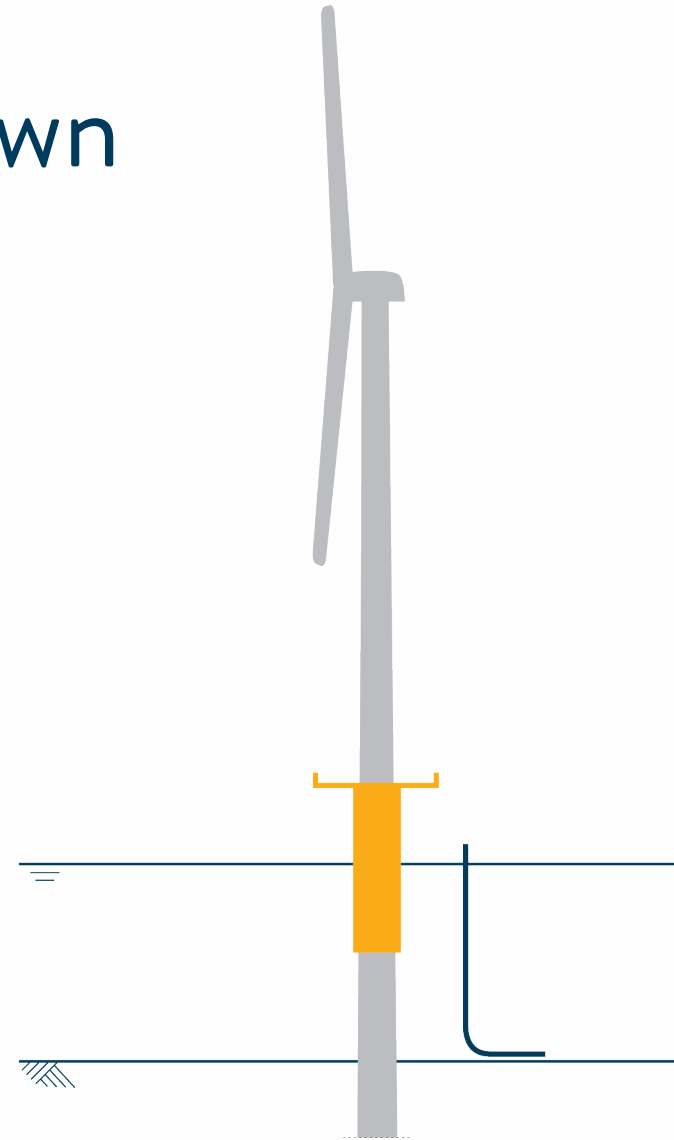


Support structure design considerations



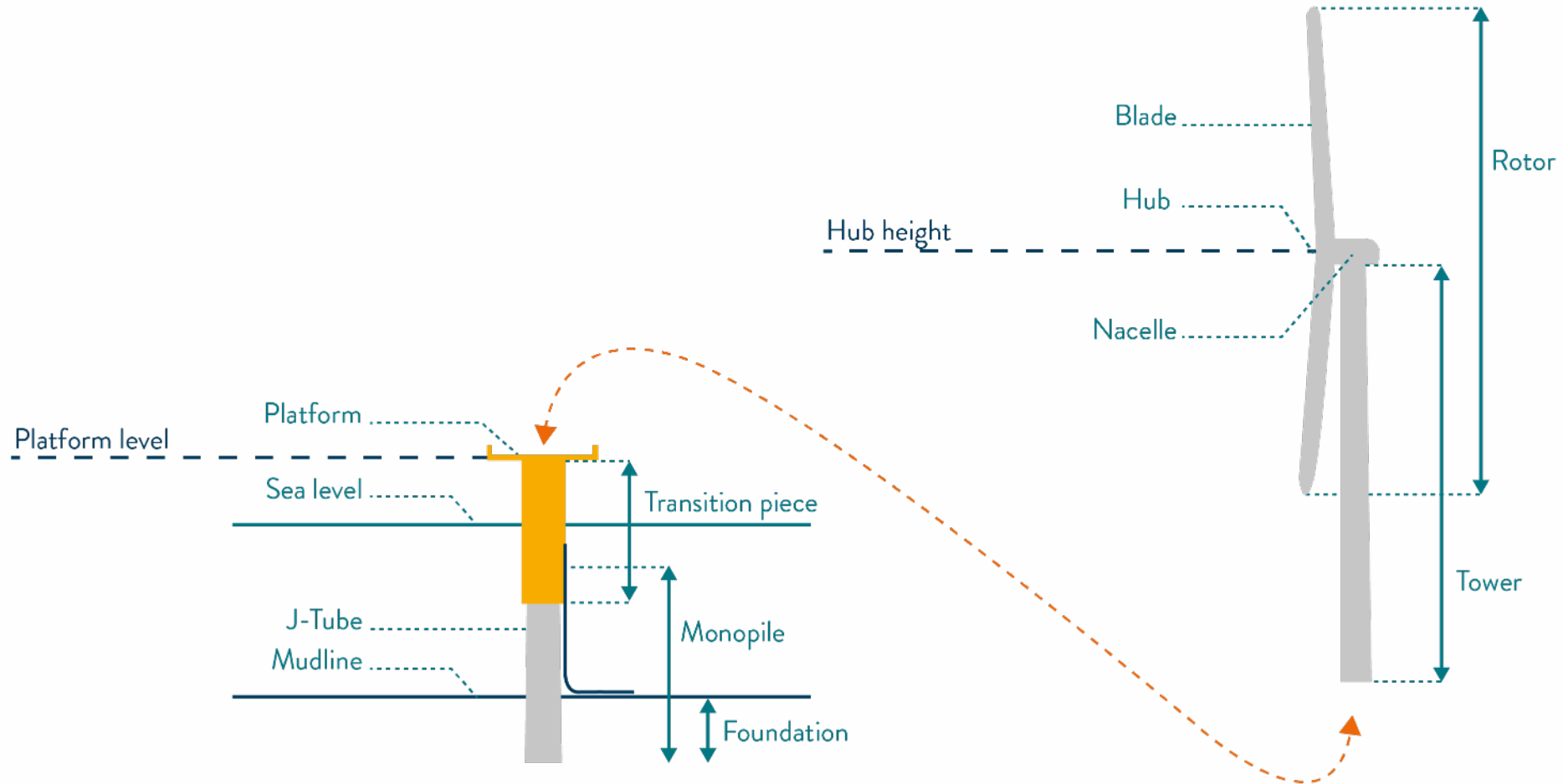


Offshore turbine breakdown





Offshore turbine breakdown





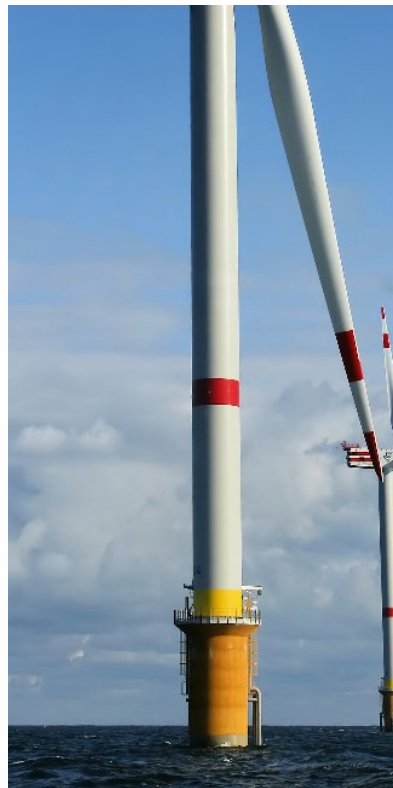
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Blades / Rotor



Nacelle



Tower



Transition piece

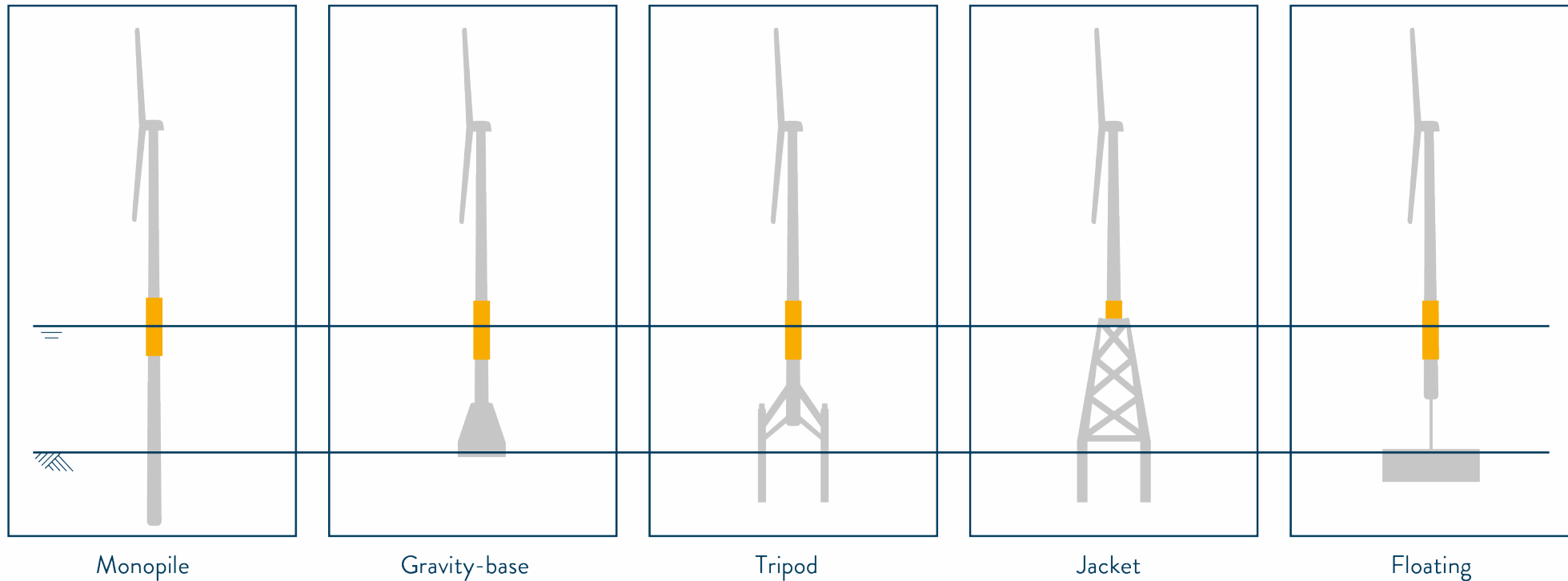


Support structure

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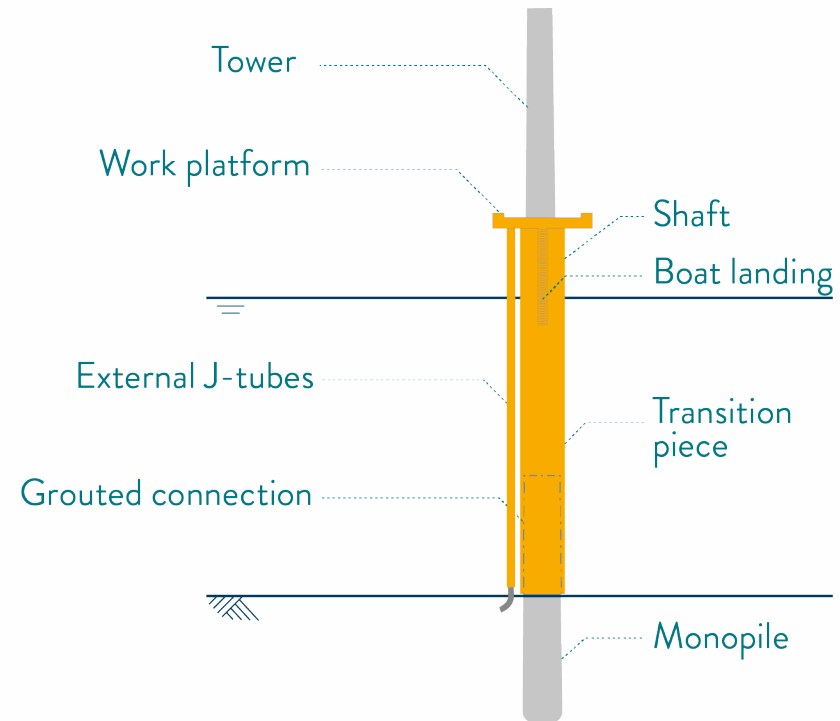


Support structures





Monopile



Key considerations support structure design



Support structures



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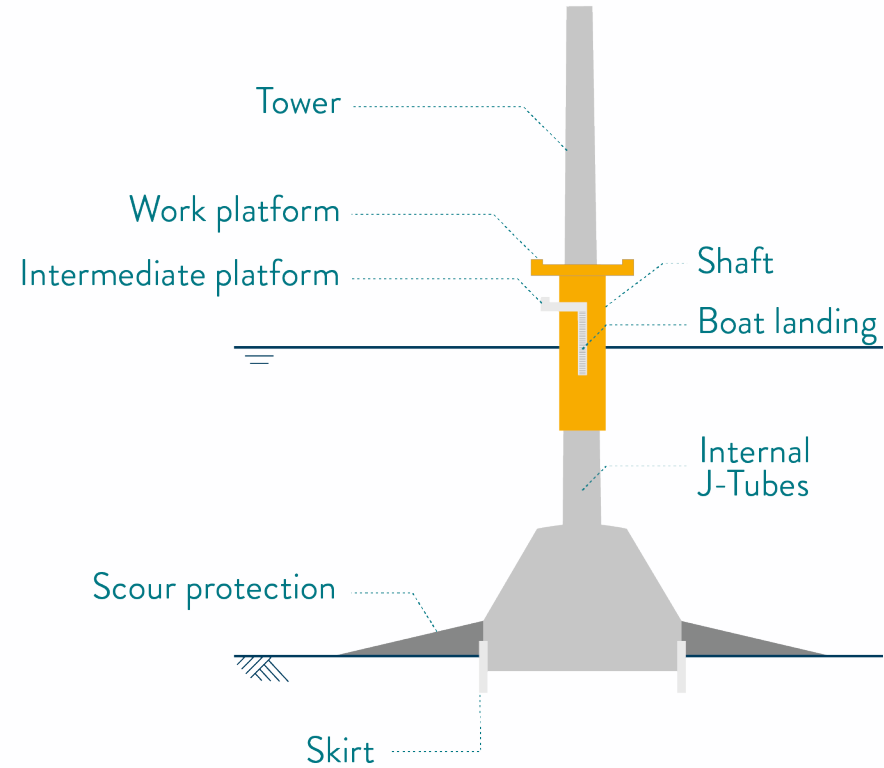
Monopile

- Straight pile or with conical section
- Segments of 4 meter
- Longitudinal welds should not coincide





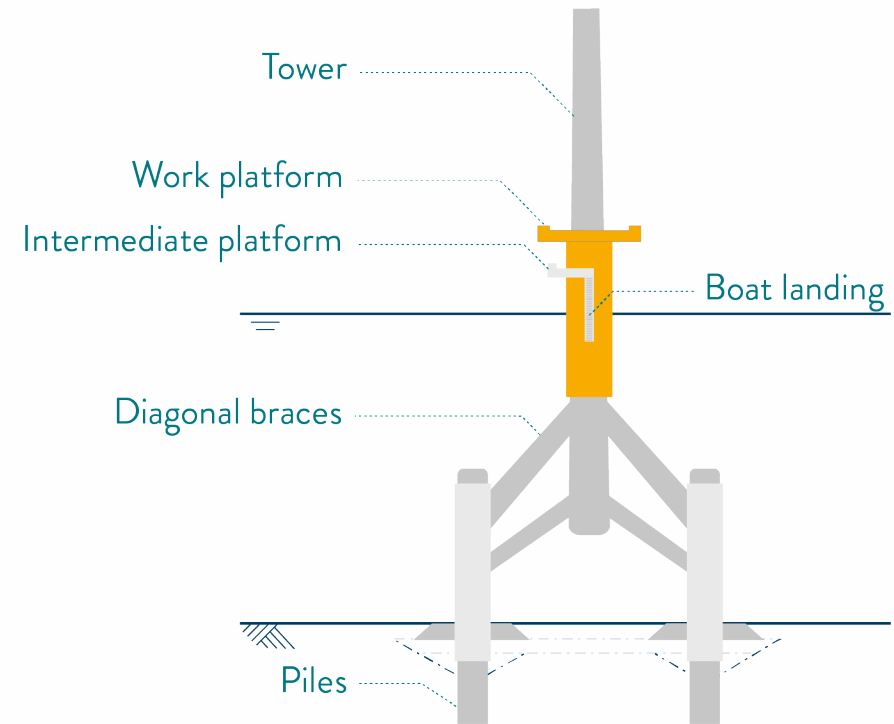
Gravity based



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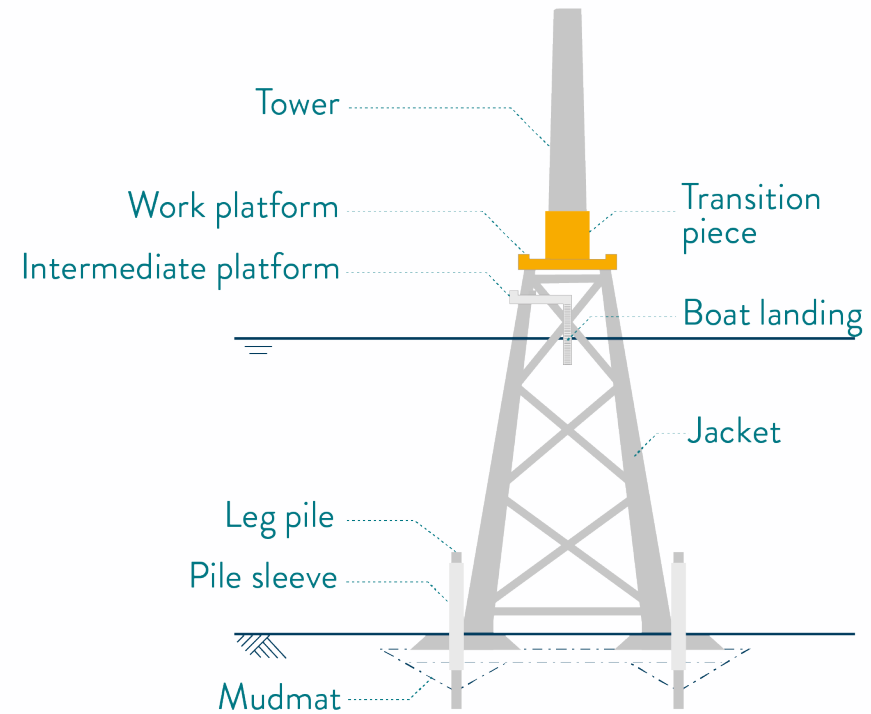
Tripod







Jacket



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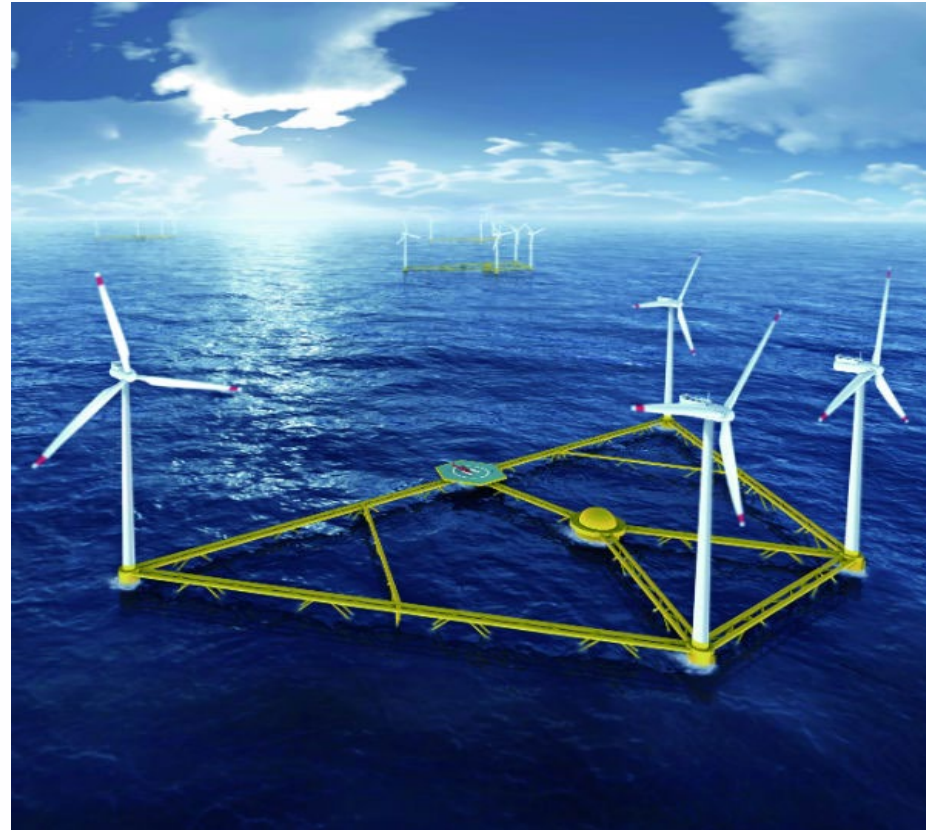
Jacket

- 40-80 meters water depth
- Construction and transportation in sections
- Exponential cost increase
- Sensitive to corrosion
- High maintenance costs



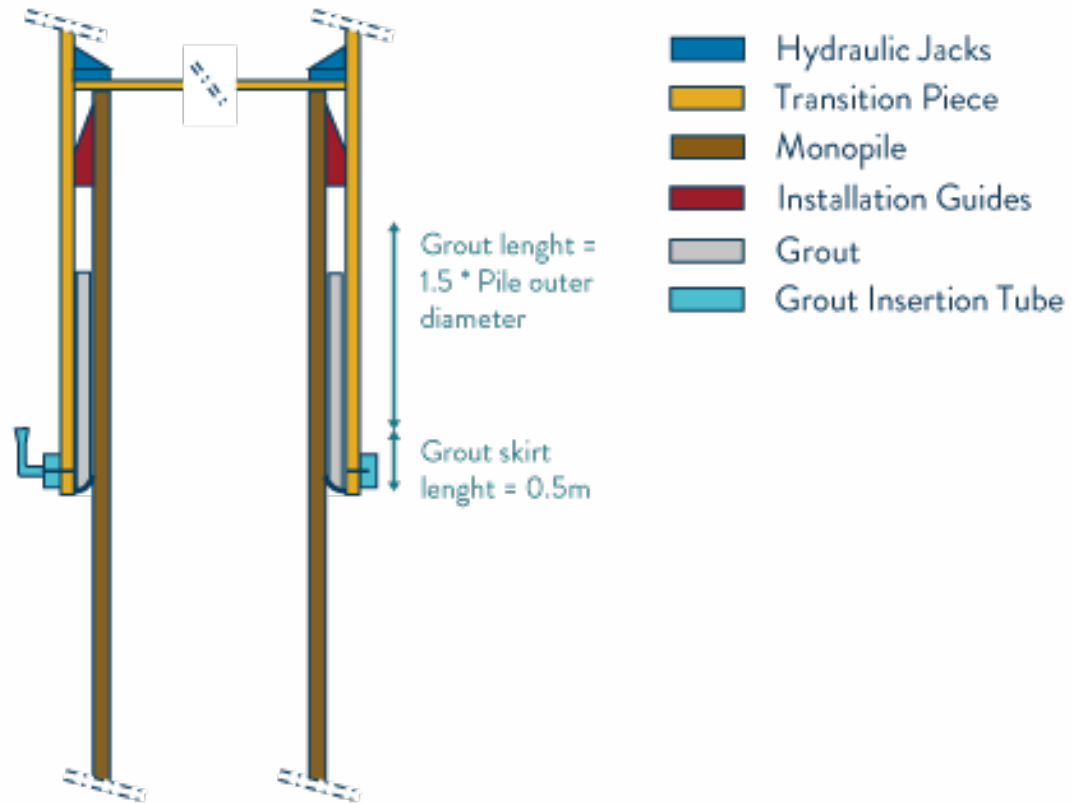


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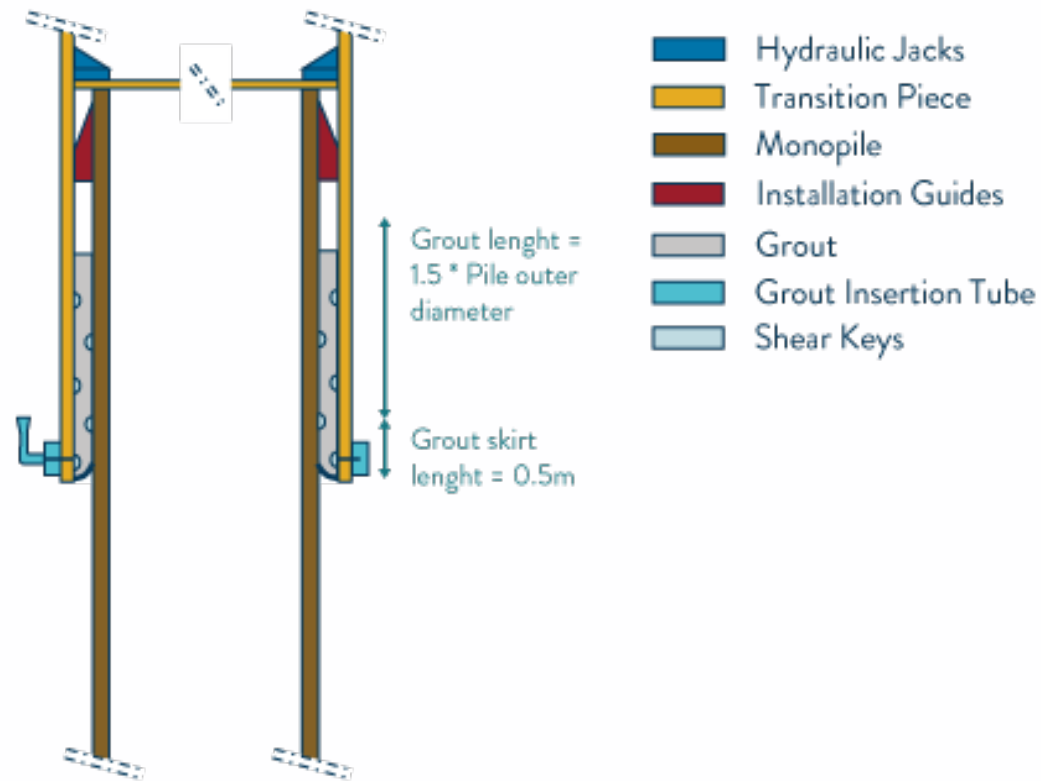


Interface: grouting



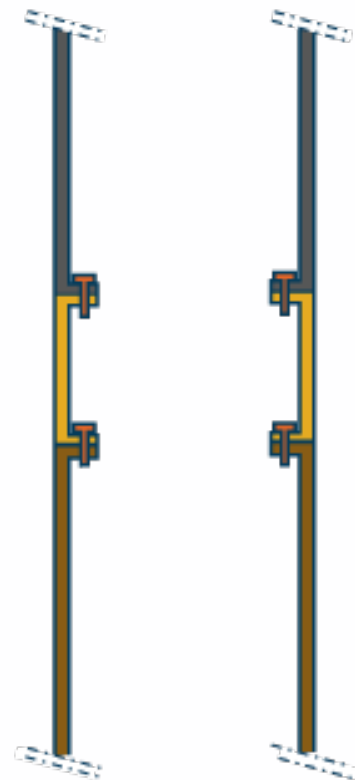


Interface: grouting + shear keys





Interface: bolted

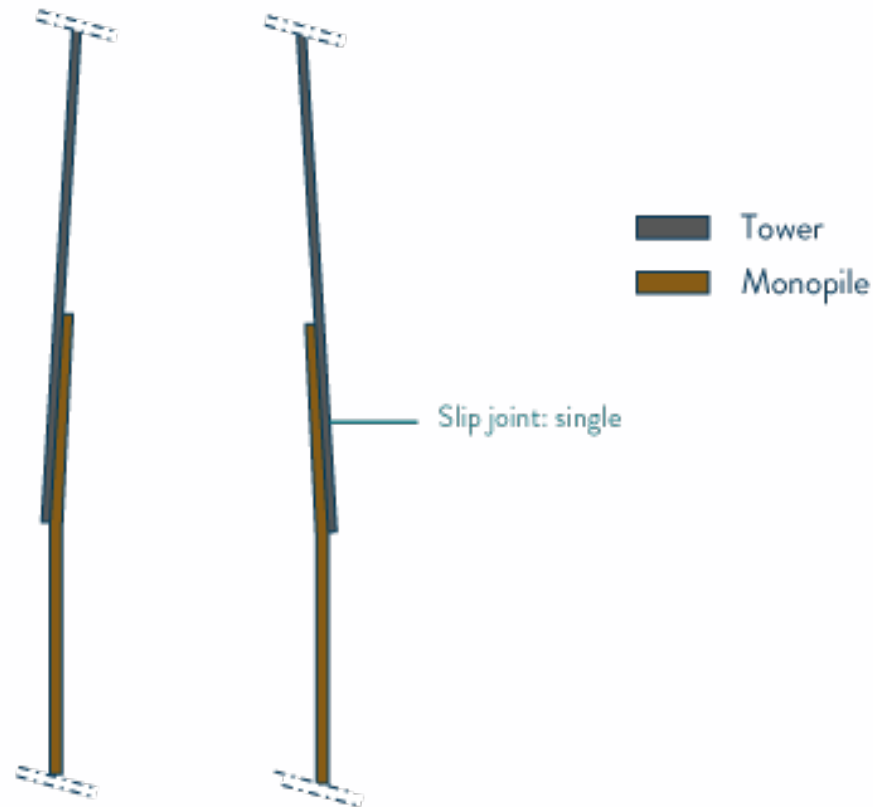


- Tower
- Transition Piece
- Monopile Section
- Bolts



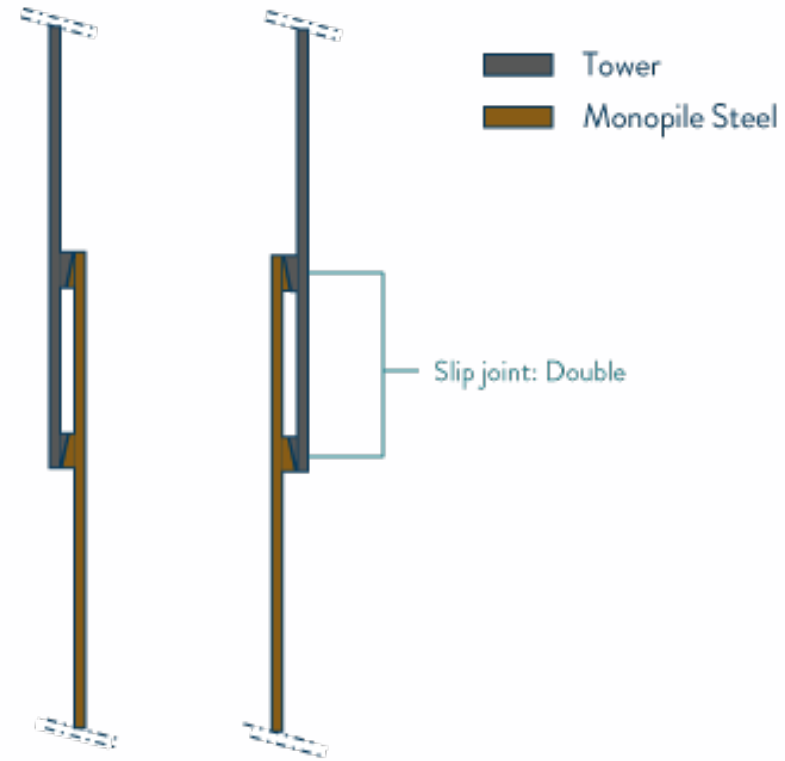


Interface: single slip joint





Interface: double slip joint





Design elevations

Platform level

$$z_{\text{platform}} = \text{LAT} + \Delta z_{\text{tide}} + \Delta z_{\text{surge}} + \zeta^* + \Delta z_{\text{air}}$$

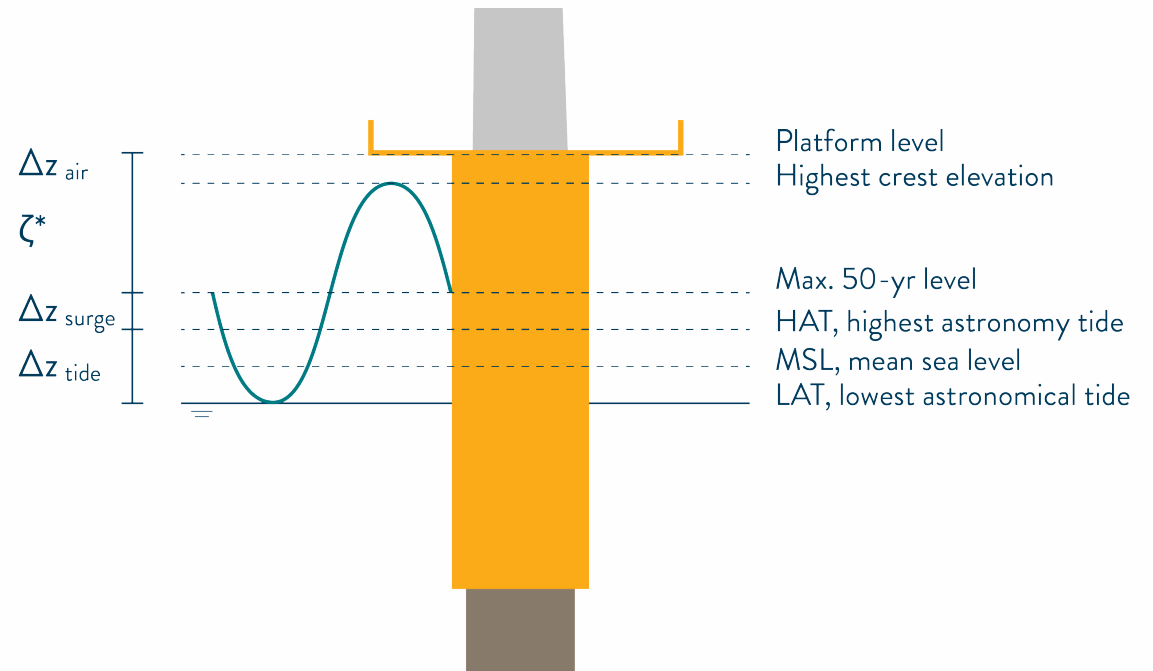
z_{platform} = Platform level

Δz_{tide} = Tidal range

Δz_{surge} = Storm surge

ζ^* = Design wave amplitude

Δz_{air} = Air gap



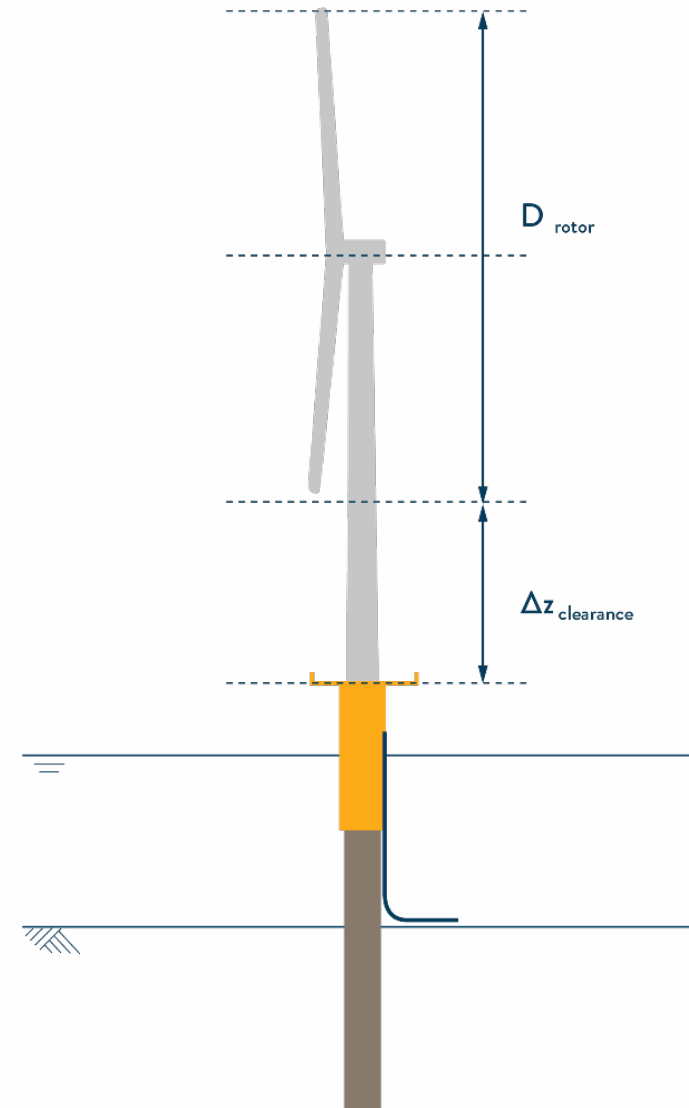


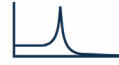
Design elevations

Hub height

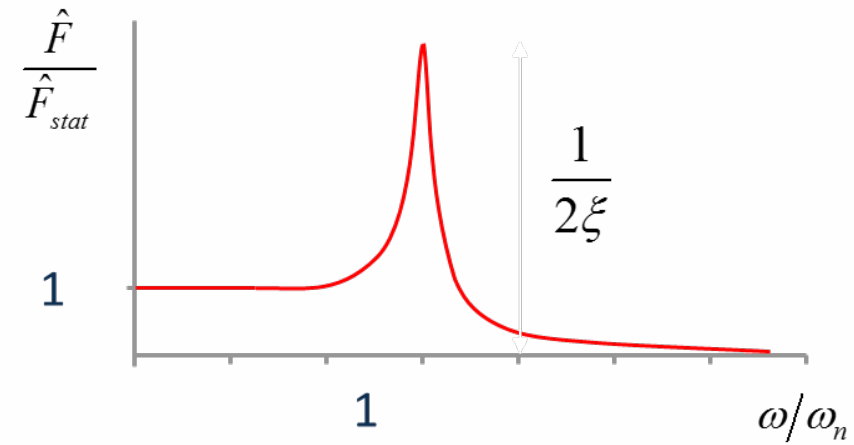
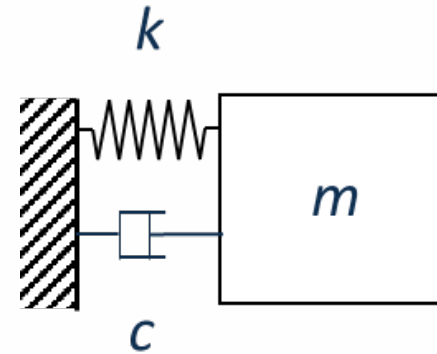
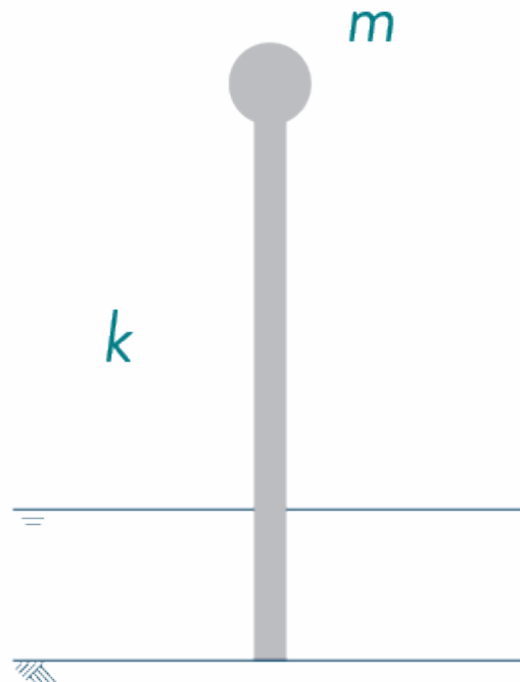
$$z_{hub} = z_{platform} + \Delta z_{clearance} + \frac{1}{2}D_{rotor}$$

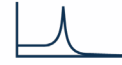
- z_{hub} = Hub height
- $z_{platform}$ = Platform height
- $\Delta z_{clearance}$ = Blade clearance
- D_{rotor} = Rotor diameter





Natural frequencies

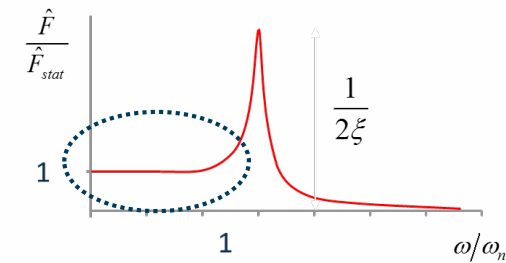
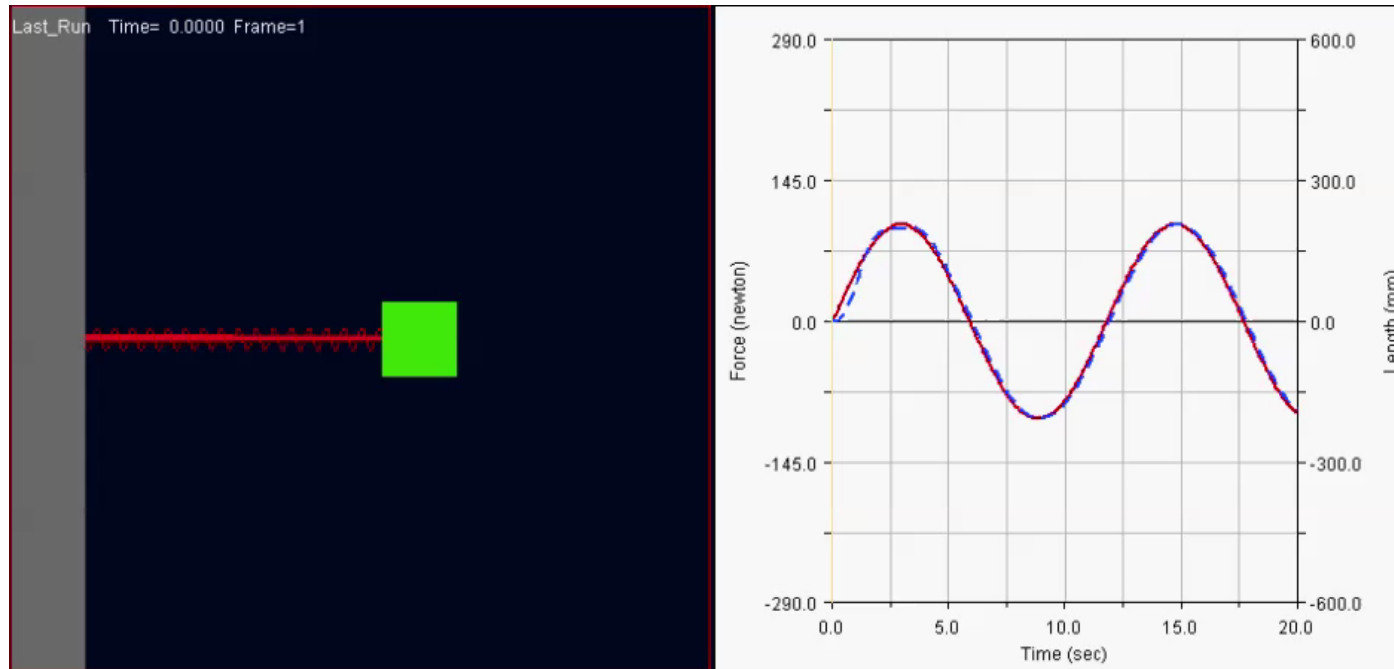


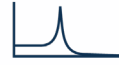


Natural frequencies



Quasi-static response

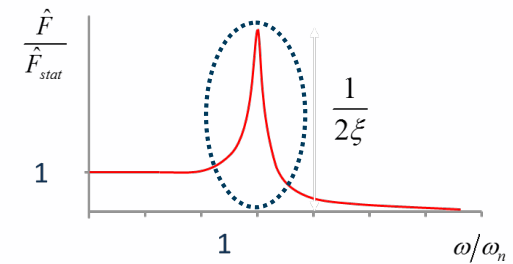
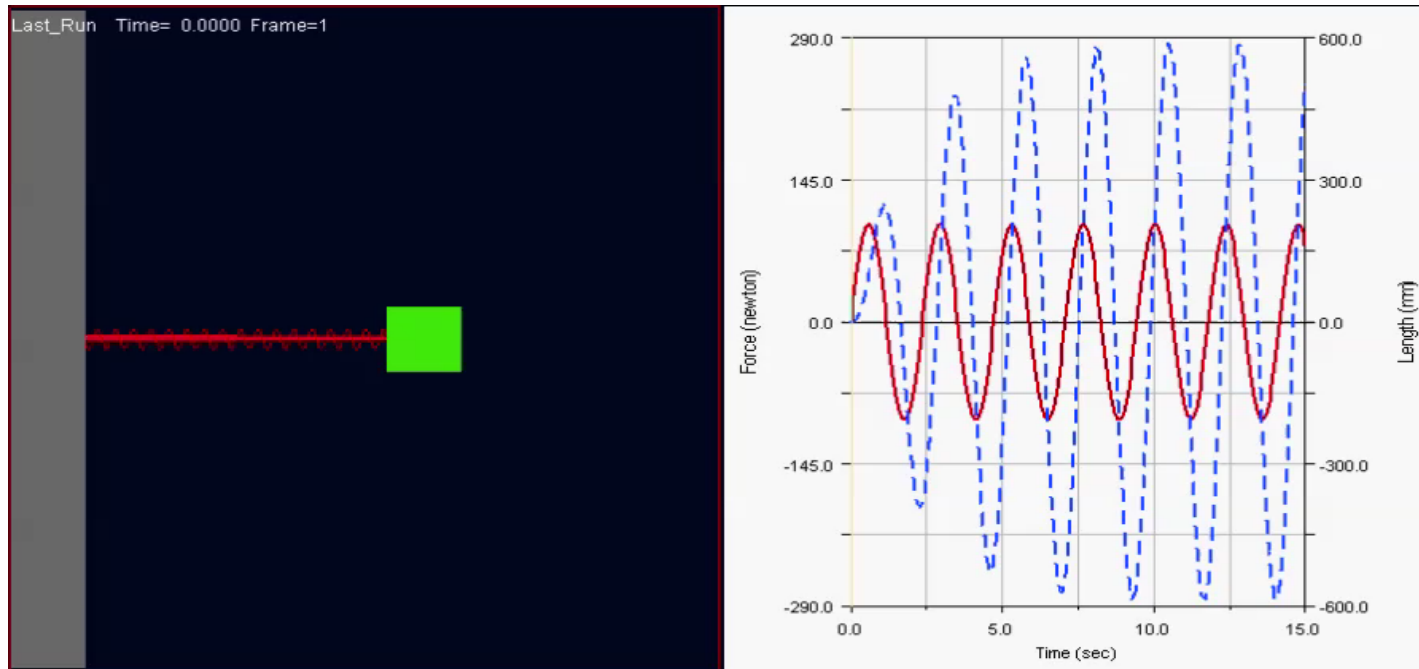


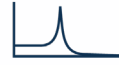


Natural frequencies



Resonant response

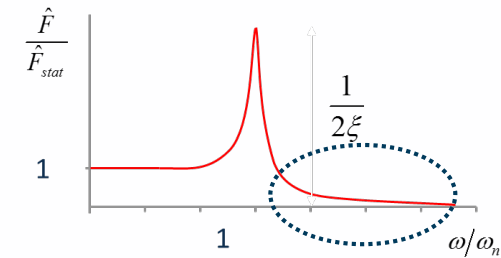
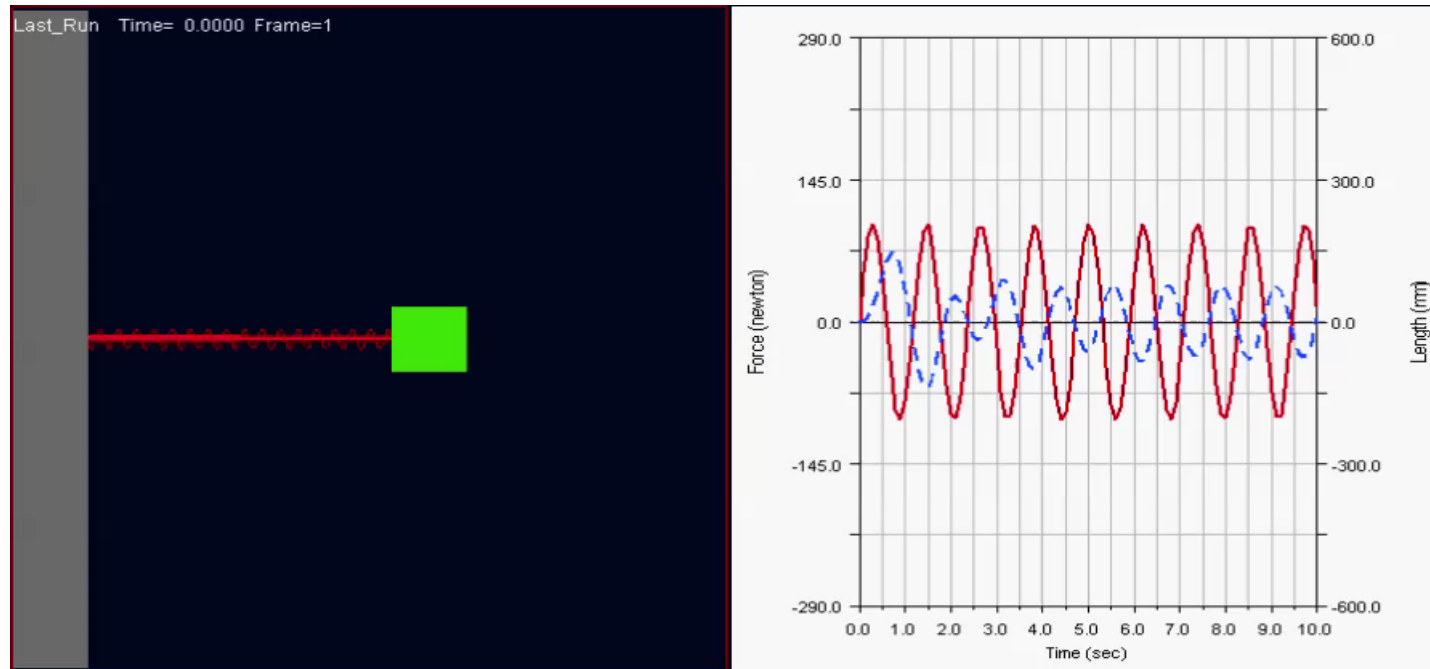


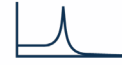


Natural frequencies



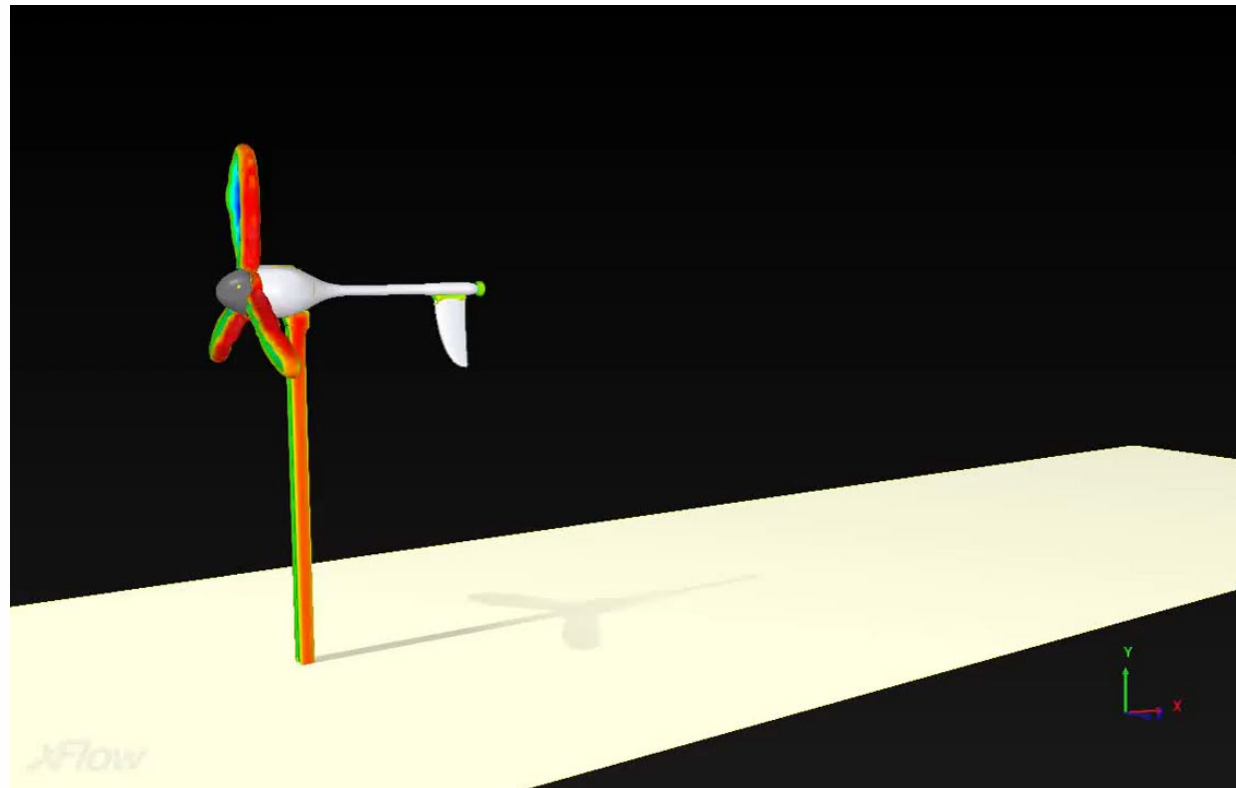
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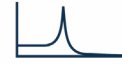




Excitation frequencies

- Wave frequencies
- Turbine induced frequencies

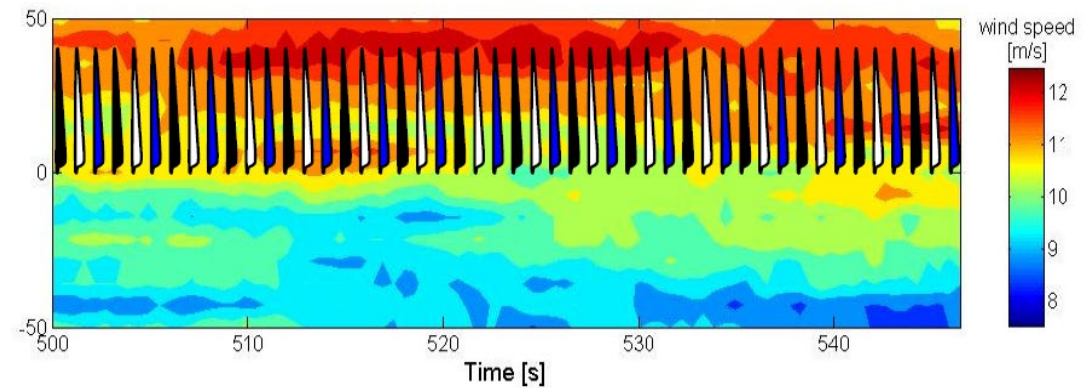
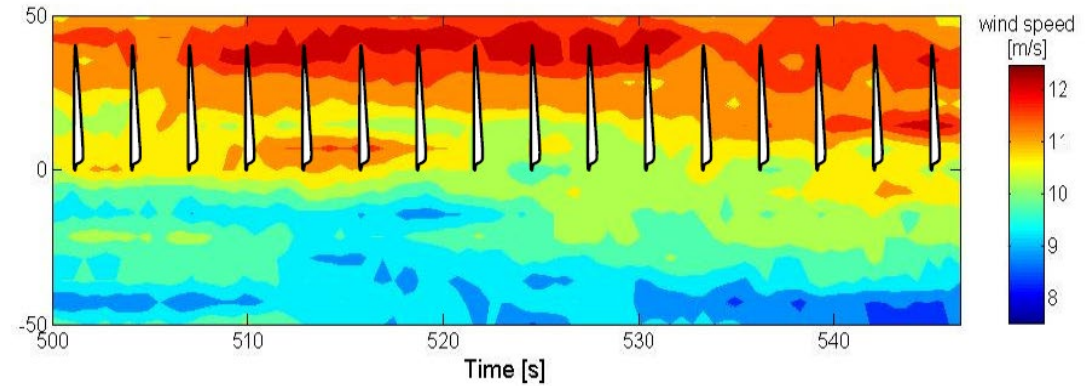
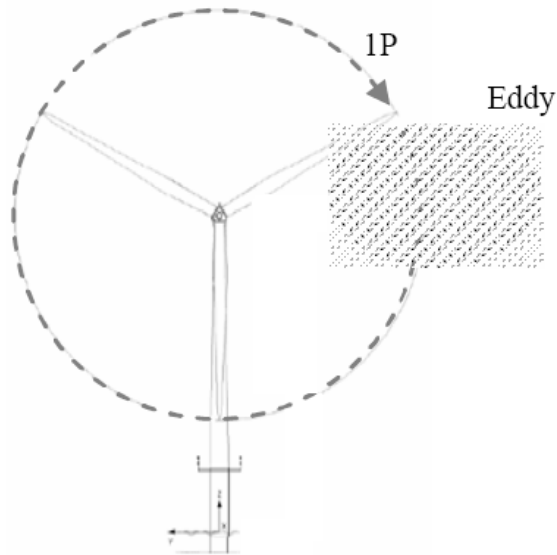


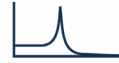


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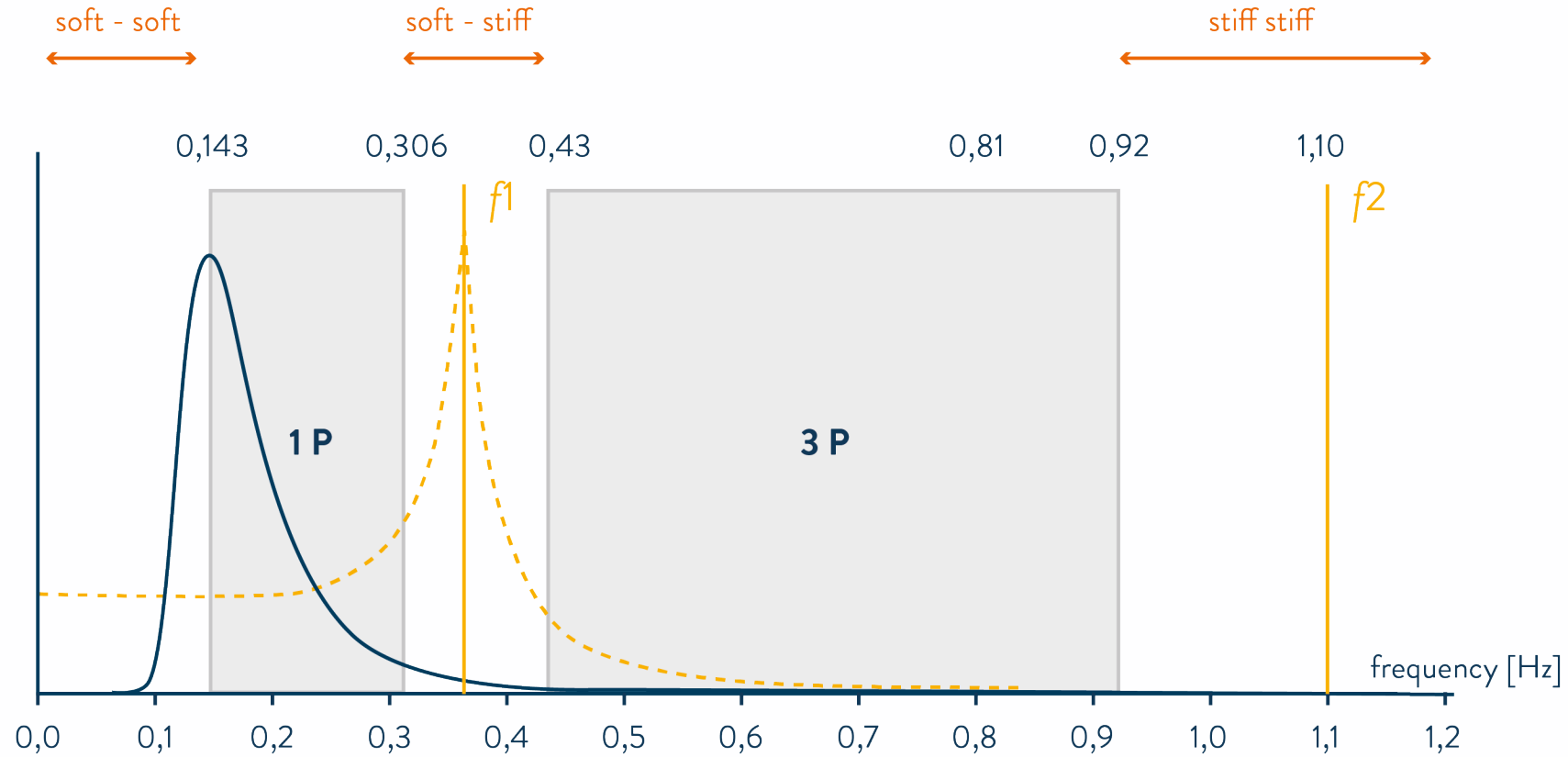
1P = Rotational frequency of the rotor

3P = Blade-passing frequency





Design frequencies

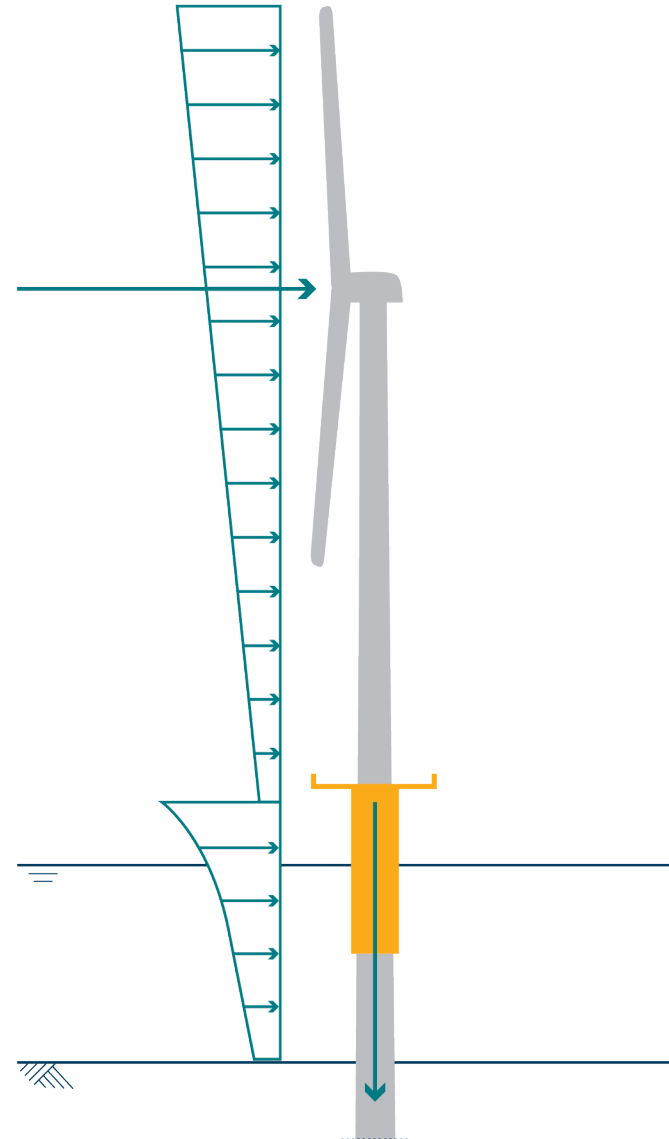




Type of loads

Initial dimensions are known

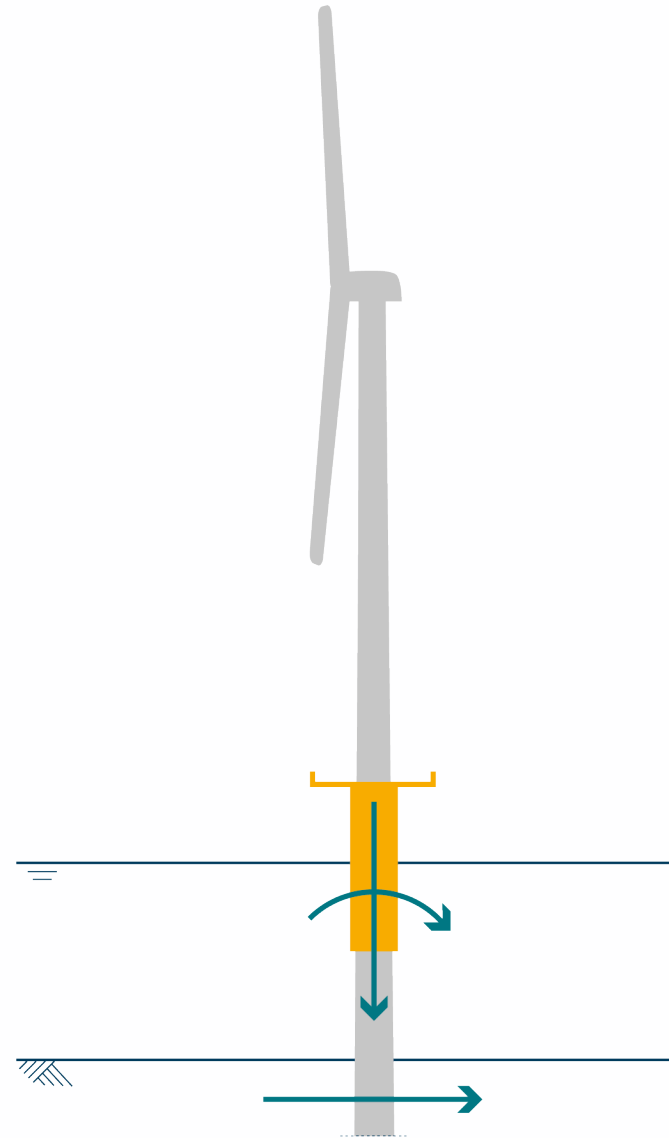
- Aerodynamic loads
- Permanent loads
- Hydrodynamic loads





Resulting forces

- Addition of all forces gives
 - Base shear
 - Overturning moment
 - Axial force





The design process

