VolturnUS Floating Offshore Wind Technology

US DOE Advanced Technology Demonstration Program for Offshore Wind

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Largest Univ.-based research Center in Maine

Founded through the NSF in 1996

2,600+ students funded from 35 majors

260 faculty, staff, students

• 100,000 ft² lab

10+ spinoff companies

1,000 publications

120 patents

30,000 Visitors

1500 media stories

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ACCREDITED Testing Laboratory



Structural and Material Testing







Alfond W2 Wave-Wind Basin

Wind machine Rotatable

Tow carriage



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Wave basin

Multi-directional



16-actuator wavemaker



US Potential for Floating Wind

60% of US resource requires floating technology BOEM to issue three floating leases by 2025: GOM, California & Oregon



^{MAINE} US Offshore Wind Goal: 30GW by 2030

- East Coast states: 39 GW state policy commitments; 42 MW installed; 800 MW approved (Vineyard Wind)
- 14 projects = 11 GW in advanced permitting
- Two floating demonstrators



MAINE US offshore Wind Research Strategy



https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/offshorewind-energy-strategies-report-january-2022.pdf





VolturnUS Floating Technology Roadmap





New England Aqua Ventus and MeRA Project Sites





VolturnUS 1:8 Launch May 31, 2013



Castine, Maine (2013)

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Tow-Out Testing







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New England Aqua Ventus I

- 1. UMaine VolturnUS Concrete semisub
- 2. US DOE Advanced Technology Demonstration Program for Offshore Wind

COLUMN TOP

3. Monhegan Island, Maine





Locally producedVolturnUS segmental concrete hull

VolturnUS Concrete Semisub

100m water depth



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MeRA: Maine Research Array (2027)

Up to 12 turbines, 150 MW, 16 square mile



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