



FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

CIVIL ENGINEERING MASTER

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

**DEVELOPING CARBON FOOTPRINT
ASSESSMENT OF WIND TURBINES: APPLIED
TO THE UNITED KINGDOM**

RESEARCH PROJECT

ALEJANDRO GUTIÉRREZ ÁLVAREZ

Liverpool, 9 February 2018

Table of Contents

| | |
|--|----|
| 1. Introduction..... | 11 |
| 1.1. Current and up to date | 12 |
| 1.2. Electricity generation in the United Kingdom..... | 13 |
| 1.3. Offshore and onshore wind turbines in the United Kingdom | 14 |
| 2. Background and literature review..... | 16 |
| 2.1. Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) analysis | 17 |
| 2.1.1 Critical appraisal | 18 |
| 2.2. Environmentally extended input-output (EEIO) analysis..... | 18 |
| 2.2.1 Critical appraisal | 21 |
| 2.3. Electricity production efficiency from greenhouse gas emissions | 22 |
| 2.3.1 Critical appraisal | 23 |
| 2.4. Life Cycled Embodied (ELC) energy analysis | 24 |
| 2.4.1 Critical appraisal | 25 |
| 2.5. Aims and objectives | 26 |
| 3. Research Methodology | 28 |
| 3.1. Data acquisition | 28 |
| 3.2. Carbon footprint methodology..... | 28 |
| 3.3. Analysis of the results | 30 |
| 4. Data presentation and analysis | 33 |
| 4.1. Turbine Models | 33 |
| 4.2. Life Cycle Assessment | 33 |
| 4.2.1 Data acquisition..... | 34 |
| 4.2.2 Materials..... | 34 |
| 4.2.3 Transport | 37 |
| 4.2.4 Energy..... | 40 |
| 4.2.5 Operation & Maintenance..... | 43 |
| 4.2.6 Decommissioning phase..... | 47 |
| 4.2.7 Total carbon footprint | 50 |
| 4.3. Carbon footprint factor in UK if no wind energy | 50 |
| 5. Results | 52 |
| 5.1. Total carbon footprint..... | 52 |
| 5.2. Efficiency of wind turbines from the same technology | 55 |
| 5.3. Carbon footprint per life cycle phase | 59 |

| | | |
|-------|--|-----|
| 5.4. | Carbon footprint in United Kingdom | 61 |
| 5.5. | Carbon footprint evolution per year in a wind turbine | 63 |
| 5.5.1 | First year of operation | 63 |
| 5.5.2 | Years of operation | 65 |
| 5.5.3 | Last year of operation | 66 |
| 5.5.4 | Carbon footprint evolution per year results | 67 |
| 5.6. | Payback time of carbon dioxide emissions in a wind turbine..... | 69 |
| 5.7. | Total carbon footprint saving in UK due to the wind energy | 72 |
| 5.8. | Impact statement..... | 76 |
| 6. | Conclusions..... | 78 |
| 6.1. | Research limitations..... | 80 |
| 6.2. | Recommendations | 81 |
| 7. | References..... | 82 |
| 8. | Appendices | 85 |
| 8.1. | Carbon footprint for onshore wind turbines | 85 |
| 8.1.1 | (Ardente et al., 2008) | 85 |
| 8.1.2 | (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016)..... | 86 |
| 8.1.3 | (Crawford, 2009) | 87 |
| 8.1.4 | (Dones et al., 2007) | 88 |
| 8.1.5 | (Crawford, 2009) | 89 |
| 8.1.6 | (Martínez et al., 2009)..... | 90 |
| 8.1.7 | (Oebels & Pacca, 2013)..... | 91 |
| 8.1.8 | (Schleisner, 2000) | 92 |
| 8.1.9 | (Yang & Chen, 2013)..... | 93 |
| 8.2. | Carbon footprint for onshore wind turbines | 94 |
| 8.2.1 | (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016)..... | 94 |
| 8.2.2 | (Dolan, 2007) | 95 |
| 8.2.3 | (Dones et al., 2007) | 96 |
| 8.2.4 | (Reimers, Özdirik & Kaltschmitt, 2014) | 97 |
| 8.2.5 | (Schleisner, 2000) | 98 |
| 8.2.6 | (Weinzettel et al., 2009) | 99 |
| 8.3. | Carbon footprint per kilowatt without considering wind energy..... | 100 |
| 8.4. | Cumulative carbon dioxide emissions saving calculations | 106 |

List of Tables

| | |
|---|-----|
| Table 1.1. Onshore and Offshore Wind characteristic..... | 14 |
| Table 1.2. Onshore and Offshore wind turbines characteristics..... | 14 |
| Table 1.3. Onshore and Offshore wind turbines working time..... | 15 |
| Table 2.1. Carbon footprint of offshore and onshore wind technology | 25 |
| Table 4.1. Wind turbines chosen for the research..... | 33 |
| Table 4.2. Component transport to operation site | 37 |
| Table 4.3. Transport factor for an onshore turbine | 38 |
| Table 4.4. Transport factor for an offshore wind turbine | 39 |
| Table 4.5. Average distance per means of transport for an offshore wind turbine | 39 |
| Table 4.6. Emission factors per means of transport | 40 |
| Table 4.7. Energy consumption per an onshore wind turbine..... | 40 |
| Table 4.8. Emission factors per type of energy | 41 |
| Table 4.9. Energy consumption per an offshore wind turbine | 42 |
| Table 4.10. Emission factors per type of energy | 42 |
| Table 4.11. Energy consumption per an onshore wind turbine during the operation & maintenance..... | 43 |
| Table 4.12. Emission factors per type of energy | 44 |
| Table 4.13. Percentage of carbon footprint due to the wind generator materials | 45 |
| Table 4.14. Percentage of carbon footprint due to the wind generator materials | 46 |
| Table 4.15. Percentage of carbon footprint due to the onshore wind generator metals | 47 |
| Table 4.16. Percentage of carbon footprint due to the offshore wind generator metals..... | 49 |
| Table 4.17. Carbon footprint of the different types of energy in UK..... | 51 |
| Table 4.18. Carbon footprint per kilowatt in UK without wind energy in 2016..... | 51 |
| Table 4.19. Ratio (grammes of CO ₂) year on year without considering wind energy..... | 51 |
| Table 5.1. Total carbon footprint of onshore and offshore wind turbines | 52 |
| Table 5.2. Carbon footprint of all wind turbine analysed | 59 |
| Table 5.3. Carbon footprint equations and average installed capacity in UK..... | 61 |
| Table 5.4. Carbon footprint in UK due to wind energy | 62 |
| Table 5.5. Carbon embodied in an average onshore and offshore wind turbine in UK..... | 63 |
| Table 5.6. Onshore and offshore cumulative carbon footprint per year | 67 |
| Table 8.1. Total installed capacity, number of turbines, new turbines and energy generated year on year | 106 |
| Table 8.2. Cumulative carbon footprint in United Kingdom due to the onshore wind energy year on year | 106 |

| | |
|--|-----|
| Table 8.3.Cumulative carbon footprint in United Kingdom due to the offshore wind energy year on year | 108 |
| Table 8.4. Cumulative carbon footprint if wind energy would have not been developed | 110 |

List of Figures

| | |
|---|----|
| Figure 1.1. Electricity generation distribution (Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2017)..... | 13 |
| Figure 1.2. Renewable electricity generation (Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2017)..... | 14 |
| Figure 1.3. Wind farms in United Kingdom (Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2017)..... | 15 |
| Figure 2.1. Wind energy capacity installed in the world (Asociación Empresaria Eólica (AEE), 2018) | 16 |
| Figure 2.2. Offshore wind energy installed capacity (Kaldellis & Apostolou, 2017) | 16 |
| Figure 2.3. Cumulative CO ₂ emissions of onshore wind turbines compared to a non-onshore scenario (Usubiaga et al., 2017)..... | 20 |
| Figure 2.4. Cumulative CO ₂ emissions of offshore wind turbines compared to a non-offshore scenario (Usubiaga et al., 2017)..... | 21 |
| Figure 2.5. Differences between integrated efficiency index if wind a turbine is recycled and if it is not (Tomprowski et al., 2017) | 23 |
| Figure 4.1. Parts of a wind turbine (Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, 2018) | 36 |
| Figure 5.1. Carbon footprint for onshore and offshore wind turbines | 53 |
| Figure 5.2. Carbon footprint evolution of onshore wind turbines..... | 54 |
| Figure 5.3. Carbon footprint evolution of offshore wind turbines | 55 |
| Figure 5.4. Efficiency of onshore wind turbines..... | 56 |
| Figure 5.5. Efficiency of offshore wind turbines | 57 |
| Figure 5.6. Efficiency of onshore and offshore wind turbines | 58 |
| Figure 5.7. Carbon footprint per life cycle phase..... | 60 |
| Figure 5.8. Carbon footprint of an onshore and offshore wind turbine year on year | 68 |
| Figure 5.9. Cumulative carbon footprint of an onshore and offshore wind turbine | 69 |
| Figure 5.10. Payback time for an onshore wind turbine | 70 |
| Figure 5.11. Payback time for an offshore wind turbine..... | 71 |
| Figure 5.12. Carbon footprint in a scenario where wind energy was not developed and other one where it was | 73 |
| Figure 5.13. Carbon footprint in a scenario where onshore energy was not developed and other one where it was | 74 |
| Figure 5.14. Carbon footprint in a scenario where offshore energy was not developed and other one where it was | 75 |

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

After an intensive period of five months, today is the day: writing this thank you note is the finishing touch on my dissertation. It has been a period of intense learning for me, not only in the scientific area, but also on a personal level. Writing this dissertation has had a big impact on me. I would like to reflect on the people who have supported and helped me so much throughout this period.

I would like to thank my supervisor in Liverpool John Moores University, Dr. D. Lee. Denise, I want to thank you for your excellent cooperation, helping me any time I needed and for all of the opportunities I was given to conduct my research and dissertation in LJMU.

In addition, I would like to thank my lecturer in LJMU, Dr. R.L. Al Mufti, for his advice about how to make a dissertation and my lecturer in Spain, M. Alonso, because without her help I could not have done my dissertation here.

I would also like to thank my parents for their wise counsel and sympathetic ear. You are always there for me. Finally, my friends, because we always support each other, no matter our problems, differences or the distance that separates us.

Thank you very much, everyone!

ABSTRACT

Wind energy is being developed in many countries in order to achieve their target of reducing CO₂ emissions, but wind energy is not free of them, although they are not produced during the electricity generation process, carbon footprint is embodied in the turbine's life cycle. The aim of this research is to create a methodology to calculate the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine during the whole life cycle in order to understand the benefits of the wind energy. The methodology developed considers all carbon dioxide emissions embodied in the whole life cycle of a wind turbine, it includes the carbon footprint due to the manufacture and the transportation of the materials to the location where the wind turbine is placed, energy consumed during the installation, operation & maintenance, decommissioning and finally, the transportation to the landfill where wind turbine is uninstalled, however it is necessary to dock the carbon footprint from the materials which have been recycled. It was determined which power rating is more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings for turbines of the same technology (onshore or offshore) and it was shown, in case of onshore wind turbines, that the more installed capacity the wind turbine has, the more efficient it is in terms of CO₂ savings. However, in case of offshore turbines, the less the installed capacity is, the more efficient the turbine is. Moreover, it was known that most of the carbon footprint of onshore and offshore turbines is due to the manufacture of the materials, around an 80%, this is because most of the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine is produced before it starts working. Although, if wind turbines are recycled more than 30% of carbon footprint is saved, so it is really important to recycle them. Furthermore, it was estimated that the payback time in terms of carbon dioxide emissions for an average onshore and offshore UK turbine is around one year and two months. Finally, it was estimated that the total CO₂ emissions savings in UK due to the wind technology is more than 79,000,000 tonnes of CO₂. Moreover, it was shown that ratio carbon footprint/energy generated in UK onshore turbines is 18.9 gCO₂/kWh and 20.1 gCO₂/kWh in the offshore one, while the electricity generation mix ratio in United Kingdom is 275 gCO₂/kWh, so wind energy brings important benefits in reducing carbon footprint.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Life Cycle Inventory – LCI

Operation & Maintenance – O&M

United Kingdom – UK

Carbon footprint – CF

Tonnes – t

Kilogramme – kg

Gramme – g

Gigawatt-hour – GWh

Megawatt-hour – MWh

Kilowatt-hour – kWh

Carbon dioxide – CO₂

1. INTRODUCTION

In December 2015 in Paris, 195 countries made a climate agreement, first time ever, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and keep the global temperature below 2°C in comparison to preindustrial levels. The next step of this agreement is achieving zero CO₂ emissions as early as in 2050. The development of this agreement comes as the result of environmental damages produced by green house emissions.

It is necessary to reduce fossil fuels consumptions, since they increase greenhouse gases. They can be replaced by renewable energies such as wind power. They have different advantages: they are inexhaustible, while conventional energy sources such as coal, gas, oil or nuclear energy are not; they reduce energy dependency, since they use renewable sources, such as wind, solar, organic matter, available all around the planet, while fossil fuels need to be sold and carried from some countries to others; they are increasingly competitive, since they are reducing their cost and can compete against conventional energies. Moreover policies support them, since the European Union 20-20-20 targets are a 20% cut in emissions of greenhouse gases, a 20% increase in the share of renewables in the energy mix and a 20% cut in energy consumption by 2020.

There are two types of wind technologies: offshore and onshore. Offshore wind installations have different advantages over onshore ones (*Instituto para la Diversificación y Ahorro de Energía (IDAE), 2006*) there are no obstacles on the sea that could reduce wind speed, therefore speed is higher and towers can be smaller than onshore wind towers; it is windier at sea, so bigger turbines can be manufactured in order to produce more energy; marine areas are larger, so there are more spaces where wind turbines can be placed, then offshore wind farms can be bigger than onshore ones; they eliminate the visual impact, since they are placed far away from population centres, therefore sound restrictions are not as rigorous as onshore ones, then blade tip speed can be increased, so weight can be reduced which means that production costs are lower.

On the other hand, offshore wind turbines represent some problems: there are no electrical infrastructures to connect these offshore installations with consumption centres; this technology is really expensive because of foundation and electricity grid costs; it is difficult to assemble and

maintain these installations on the sea and costs and assembling difficulties are proportional to undersea depth and distance from the shore.

Next step in offshore wind energy is placing turbines in deeper water to benefit from better wind conditions, however, as mentioned before, the deeper and more distanced from the shore, the more difficult and expensive it is. Furthermore, the carbon embodied is bigger as well (*Kaldellis & Apostolou, 2017*), since towers are taller because they need to be moored on the sea bottom, a lot of ballast is required to make the foundations, the generator and its blades are bigger too, cables to transport electricity are longer to reach the shore. To sum up, the more material needed, the more carbon emissions during their manufacture. Moreover, the fuel consumption for trucks and ships to carry out the materials to the place where they are sited, is high. And then, their maintenance must be done by a helicopter which increases even more the carbon embodied (*Weinzettel et al., 2009*), this is why offshore carbon footprint is bigger than onshore one.

As said beforehand, offshore wind turbines are placed far away from population centres, so they do not have visual impact or the need for noise restrictions. But they continue having environmental consequences, such as noise, toxic effects and electromagnetic fields from cables, that are socially accepted only because they are located in marine ecosystems. Moreover, it can affect birds as well, since they can collide with facilities and they must change their migratory movements (*Kaldellis et al., 2016*).

1.1. Current and up to date

Pollution in the world is increasing so renewable energies are being developed to reduce CO₂ emissions. Wind energy can produce a big amount of energy, but there is a carbon footprint embodied in their life cycle.

Berndt (*Berndt, 2015*) shows that there is an important amount of CO₂ emissions associated with concrete foundations. A substantial reduction can be achieved if fly ash or blast furnace slag is used. Moreover, the more compressive strength, the less environmentally friendly the foundation is.

Offshore wind turbines are being developed, and they will replace onshore ones because they can be placed where wind speed is higher, since the more distanced from the shore, the better wind conditions. But the main problem is they are really expensive and have an important carbon footprint embodied, although reducing this carbon footprint is possible.

New techniques are being studied to reduce carbon footprint such as increasing wind turbines reliability and more efficient maintenance, building vessels to make installation and maintenance easier or using floating platforms to be placed in deeper water (*Kaldellis et al., 2016*).

Importing and exporting wind energy can be a good way to reduce CO₂ emissions. It (*Cleary et al., 2016*) shows that the more wind energy, the less gas and coal fired generation, so important reductions can be achieved.

1.2. Electricity generation in the United Kingdom

It is shown that renewable energies are in second place in electricity generation after gas in 2016 in the United Kingdom and they will increase their percentage year on year (*Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2017*).

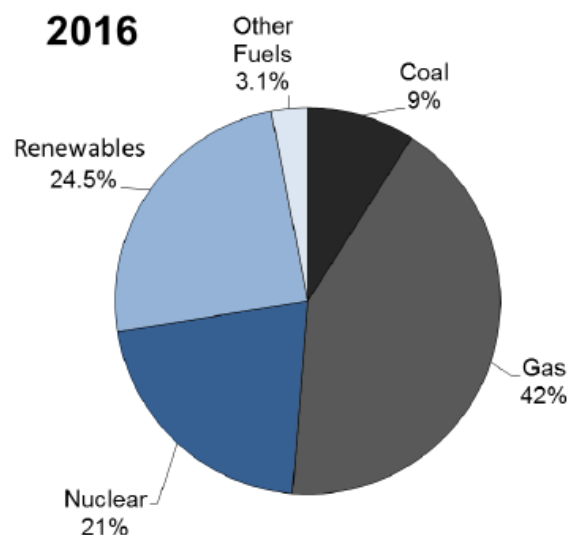


Figure 1.1. Electricity generation distribution (*Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2017*)

The total electricity production in 2016 was 336,438 GWh, so renewable energies generated 83,225 GWh. Wind energy is the most used to produce electricty among all renewable energies.

It produced around 45% of green energy in the United Kingdom in 2016, that makes 37,368 GWh. It corresponds to 11.1% of the total electricity generation in the UK.

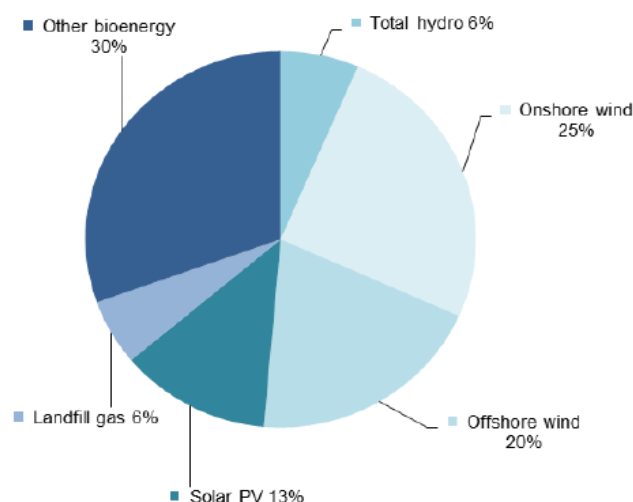


Figure 1.2. Renewable electricity generation (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2017)

1.3. Offshore and onshore wind turbines in the United Kingdom

The next table shows the number of operational wind turbines at end of December 2016 in the UK, the installed capacity and the electricity power generated (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2017).

Table 1.1. Onshore and Offshore Wind characteristic

| Type of technology | Number of turbines | Installed capacity (MW) | Power generated (GWh) |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Onshore Wind | 13,100 | 10,923 | 20,962 |
| Offshore Wind | 1,465 | 5,293 | 16,406 |

The differences between onshore and offshore technology are shown in the following table:

Table 1.2. Onshore and Offshore wind turbines characteristics

| Type of technology | Installed capacity per turbine (MW) | Power generated per turbine (GWh) |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Onshore Wind | 0.83 | 1.60 |
| Offshore Wind | 3.61 | 11.20 |

As it is shown, offshore installed capacity per turbine is four times the onshore one. Moreover, power generated per offshore turbine is ten times the onshore turbine one.

In the next table, it is shown how many hours per year, turbines are working with full power and the percentage of time that it happens.

Table 1.3. Onshore and Offshore wind turbines working time

| Type of technology | Total working time (h) | Percentage of time (%) |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Onshore Wind | 1,919 | 21.85% |
| Offshore Wind | 3,100 | 35.29% |

Therefore, offshore wind turbines are working with full power more time than onshore ones, so they are more energetically efficient and have more power but their main problem is the cost and the amount of carbon embodied in them, which is more than in onshore turbines.

This figure shows all wind farms installed in United Kingdom and their installed capacities.

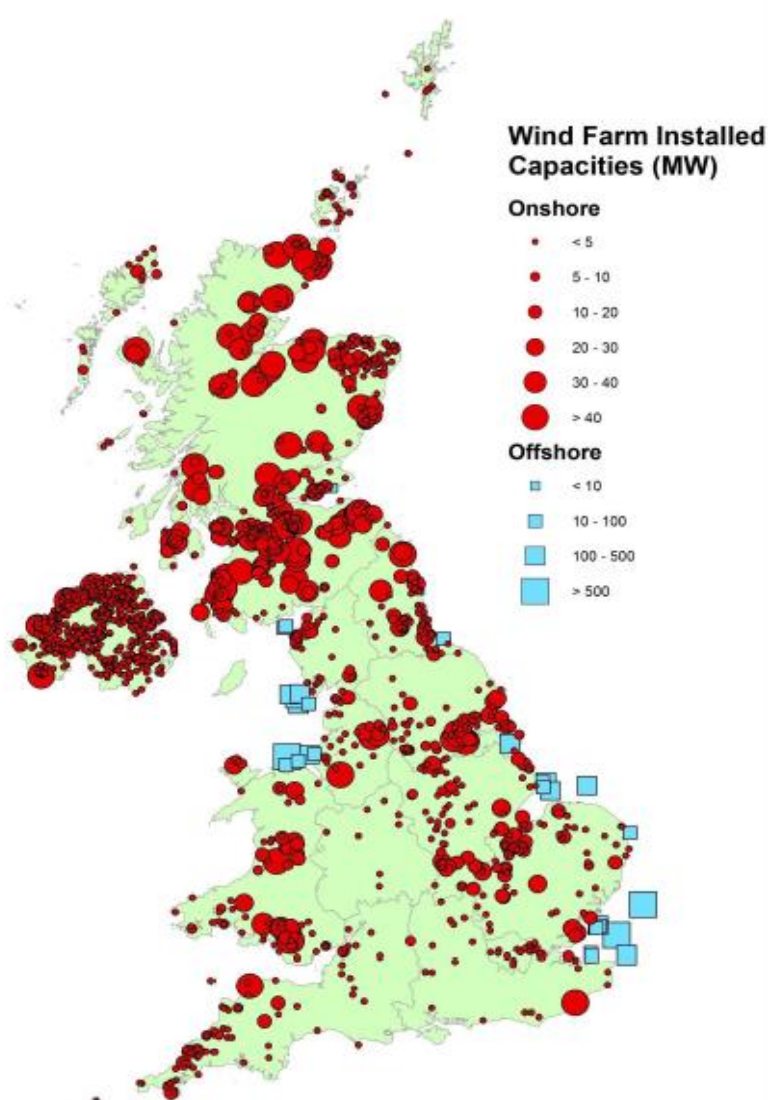


Figure 1.3. Wind farms in United Kingdom (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 2017)

2. BACKGROUND AND LITERATURE REVIEW

Wind power started in the 1960s when people began to worry about climate change. During the Oil Crisis in the 1970s alternative power sources were developed, such as wind energy, but the total installed capacity was little, around 1500 MW. Wind turbines were not highly developed until the 2000s when Europe made an important investment (Ahlfors, 2017), when governments started to be worried about environmental pollution. Nowadays, the evolution is still linear, getting bigger each year.

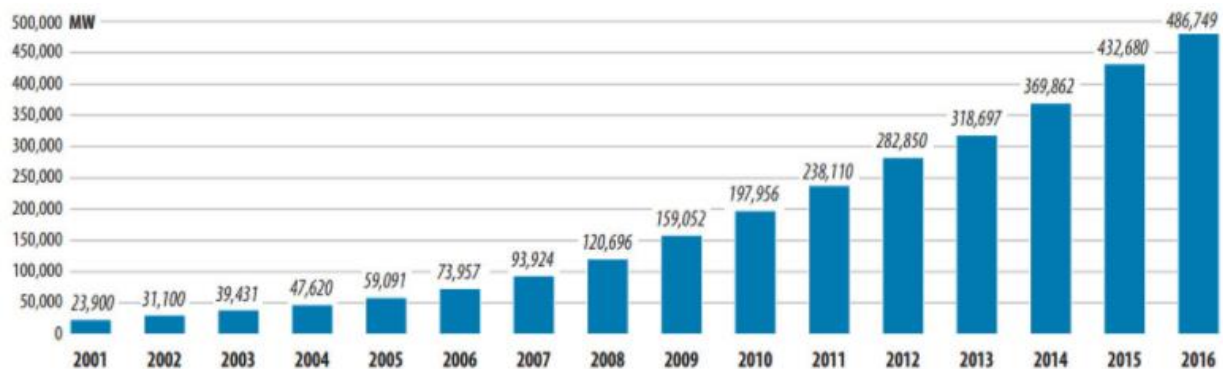


Figure 2.1. Wind energy capacity installed in the world (Asociación Empresaria Eólica (AEE), 2018)

Offshore installed capacity is considerably less than the onshore one. This is because it is a recent technique, from the 2000s, and it is still very expensive. However, it is shown that evolution is exponential, so every year offshore installed capacity increases considerably. In the future, this will be the most used technique, since energetic efficiency is bigger than in onshore turbines as wind conditions are better at sea, but firstly, cost reductions have to be achieved.

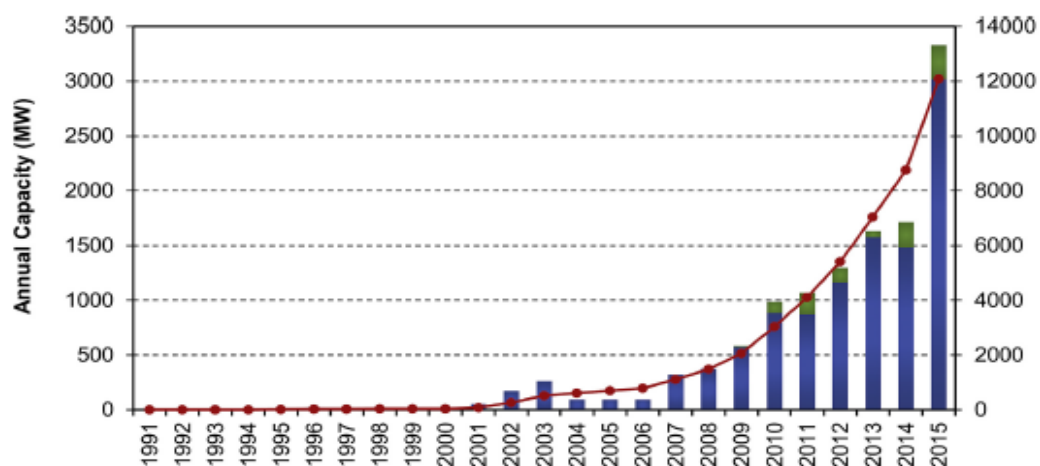


Figure 2.2. Offshore wind energy installed capacity (Kaldellis & Apostolou, 2017)

Although there are not CO₂ emissions while wind turbines are generating electricity, there is an important carbon footprint embodied in the cycle life that was already explained.

There are different methods to calculate the amount of carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine, all of them are different, so it is necessary to develop a methodology that allows to calculate with accuracy the total amount of carbon dioxide embodied in a wind turbine during the whole life cycle. Methods already developed are:

- Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) analysis.
- Environmentally extended input-output (EEIO) analysis.
- Electricity production efficiency from greenhouse gas emissions.
- Life Cycled Embodied (ELC) energy analysis.

2.1. Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) analysis

Wheatley (*Wheatley, 2013*) has shown how many CO₂ tonnes per MWh are saved in the Irish power system due to wind energy. The equation to calculate it is:

$$\Delta CO_2 = \alpha \Delta D_t + \beta \Delta W_t + \gamma I_t + \eta_t \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

Where:

- CO₂ is the total emissions.
- D_t is the system demand (not including wind demand).
- W_t is total wind generation.
- I_t is electricity imports.
- η_t is the error due to the approximate mathematical method that is being used.
- α represents the grid average intensity.
- β the wind power savings (tCO₂/MWh).

Generation data are compiled half hourly during four days by Single Electricity Market Operator (SEMO), and it includes domestic generation and electricity transferred to Northern Ireland. However, it was not possible to collect data from all wind farms, so a statistical model is used.

Applying the OLS method (*Equation 1*) results are: grid average intensity (α) is 0.52 tCO₂/MWh and wind power savings (β) are -0.28 tCO₂/MWh, which means that if there had not been wind in 2011, CO₂ emissions would have been 12.9 Mt versus 11.8 Mt observed. It is a 9% of CO₂ reduction.

2.1.1 Critical appraisal

This method calculates the carbon dioxide savings in a power system due to wind energy, but carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine is not considered, so it is impossible to know if there is a cannibalization effect (*Usubiaga et al., 2017*) which means that CO₂ emissions during the manufacturing of turbines are higher than savings during the generation life in a power system, so it does not bring net environmental benefits. Furthermore, imported energy would not have to be considered because emissions are produced in another country. However, *Environmentally extended input-output (EEIO) analysis* considers carbon dioxide embodied in a wind turbine, so it is a more reliable method.

Generation data are really accurate because they have been compiled from SEMO. However, some data from wind turbines have been estimated because they were not available, so the method is not going to produce exact results. Furthermore, this method considers stationary variables when they are not. Moreover, an approximate mathematical method is being used, so it is not going to get precise results.

2.2. Environmentally extended input-output (EEIO) analysis

Usubiaga (*Usubiaga et al., 2017*) shows the amount of CO₂ saved due to onshore and offshore wind turbines, including carbon footprint embodied in them into the European energy system. It compares a fictitious scenario where onshore and offshore wind technologies have never existed with the actual scenario where they do, so differences of CO₂ emissions between both scenarios can be appreciated. These differences are carbon dioxide savings due to wind energy.

To determine cumulative CO₂ emissions in both scenarios the next equation is used:

$$m = B(I - A)^{-1}(x_E + y_I) \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

Where:

- m is the CO₂ footprint.
- B is the amount of pollutants or natural resources emitted or consumed to produce moneraty unit output of each industry.
- I is the identity matrix.
- A shows inflows or outflows of commodity I of process j (*Suh & Hupples, 2005*).
- y_I is the investments on energy infrastructure.
- x_E is the domestic electricity production and it is calculated:

$$x_E = z_E - z_{OWN_E} + y_E \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

Where:

- z_E is the intermediate demand of electricity produced.
- z_{OWN_E} is the auto consumption by the electricity sector when producing electricity.
- y_E is the final demand of electricity produced.

These results show the difference between cumulative CO₂ wind energy emissions and dioxide carbon emissions in a scenario where this technology has never been developed in Europe, so other technologies would be working instead of wind energy.

Life Cycle Inventory is chosen from 2000-2007 Eurostat, and data from 1990-1999 and 2008-2013 are estimated because they could not be found. However, the energy produced and the capacity of the plants are chosen from 1990-2013 Eurostat databases because they were available.

To determine the generation mix in the scenario where wind energy does not exist, it is considered that the shortfall in electricity generation (there are no wind turbines) is filled by the

same percentages of the other technologies. However installed capacity is calculated with another algorithm in order to reduce the power plants installed.

Figure 2.3 shows the differences between CO₂ emissions due to onshore wind turbines and CO₂ emissions of technologies that would be working instead of onshore wind energy. There is not a cannibalization effect since onshore wind technology does not emit too much CO₂ in its manufacturing process.

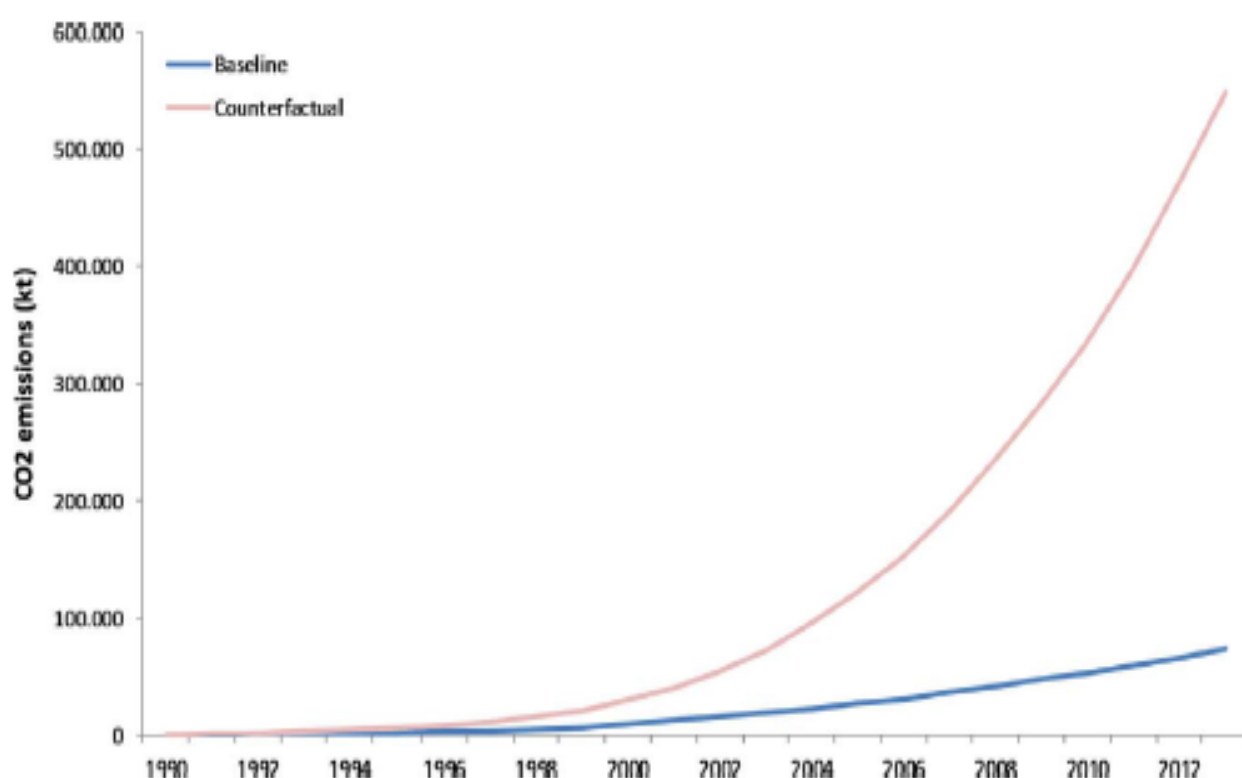


Figure 2.3. Cumulative CO₂ emissions of onshore wind turbines compared to a non-onshore scenario (Usubiaga et al., 2017)

Figure 2.4 shows the differences between CO₂ emissions due to offshore wind turbines and CO₂ emissions of technologies that would be working instead of offshore wind energy. Although offshore technology is recent, from the beginning of the 21st century, it did not have positive environmental effects until 2004, this is because installing and manufacturing offshore turbines emit a lot of CO₂, but it is compensated because they almost do not contaminate when electricity is generated.

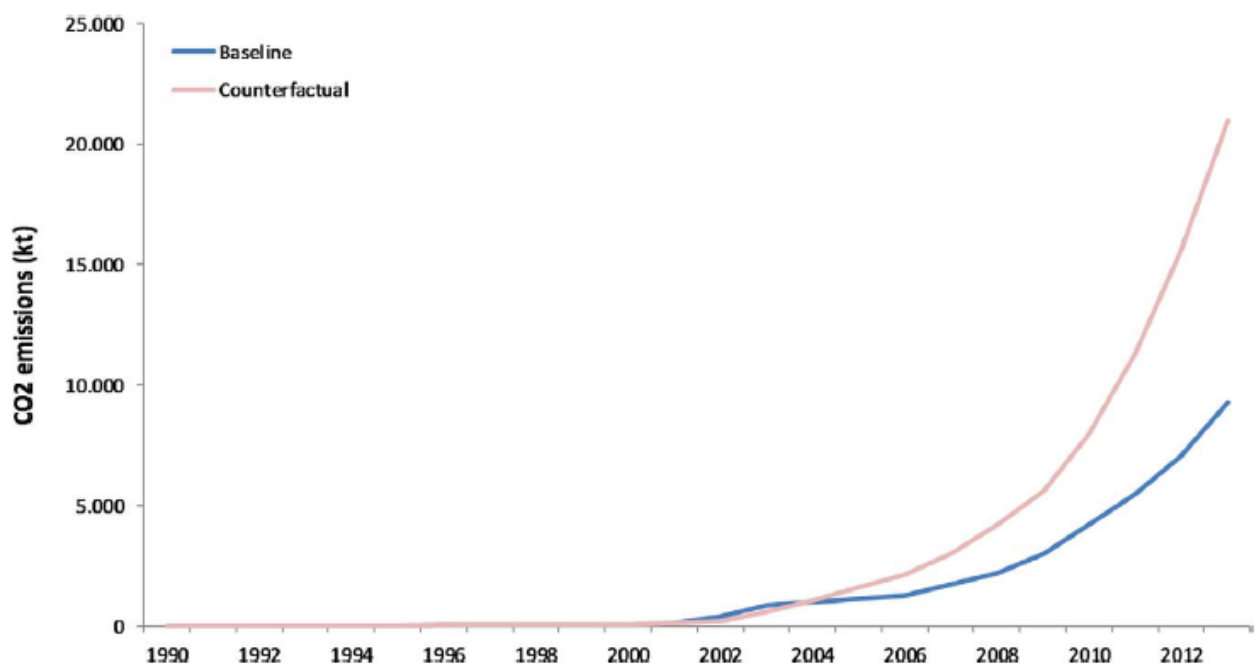


Figure 2.4. Cumulative CO₂ emissions of offshore wind turbines compared to a non-offshore scenario (Usubiaga et al., 2017)

2.2.1 Critical appraisal

This method calculates the CO₂ footprint as emissions during the electricity productions and during the manufacturing process, so it includes all the life cycle of the installations, which is the correct way to know if there is a cannibalization effect in renewable energies. Furthermore, this method uses electricity generation instead of demand to know the footprint, so it is accurate because there are energy losses during the electricity transportation and auto consumption, therefore electricity production is always higher than demand. Moreover, the carbon footprint of energy infrastructure generators is considered as well, therefore this method is really accurate.

However, it is a method a bit complicated to carry out because of the matrix calculations, while *Electricity production efficiency from greenhouse gas emissions* method is simpler and it considers all CO₂ emissions in the life cycle as well.

Some of the Life Cycle Inventory data (1990-1999 and 2008-2013) are estimated, so they are not accurate. Installed Capacity should have been calculated like the generation mix, instead of trying to reduce the power plant installed, since it does not reflect the reality, due to the fact that countries usually have more installed capacity than they really need to meet the demand.

Non-Onshore and non-offshore scenarios should be analyzed together as well. Moreover, this analysis cannot compare onshore and offshore technology, since it is obvious that offshore carbon footprint is higher than the onshore. It would be necessary to compare kgCO₂ per MWh than just kg, so onshore and offshore wind technologies can be assessed and compared to each other. Because if kgCO₂ are only considered, onshore turbines would be more environmentally-friendly, however they generate less electricity than the offshore ones and this lack of energy should be produced by a non environmentally friendly technology, so it makes the ratio (tonnes of CO₂/MWh) decrease. Therefore, energy produced is a crucial factor in carbon footprint as well, to compare onshore and offshore technologies.

2.3. Electricity production efficiency from greenhouse gas emissions

Tomporowski (*Tomporowski et al., 2017*) shows the benefits of an offshore wind turbine, such as emission reductions and the increase of energy produced. These benefits are calculated:

$$E(t) = \frac{\mu \cdot t}{m_W + m \cdot t + m_Z} \quad \text{Equation 4}$$

Where:

- E(t) is integrated efficiency index for t years of use.
- μ is the average annual energy output at the stage of use.
- m_W is CO₂ emission at the manufacturing stage.
- m is average annual CO₂ emissions at the stage of use.
- m_Z is CO₂ emission at the post use management stage (storage or recycling).

Efficiency is calculated using average data from a 2 MW wind turbine, such as energy output and emissions at the stage of use.

Figure 2.5 shows that if wind turbines are recycled, CO₂ emissions reduce considerably, so efficiency would be higher, it would be a cleaner energy and the carbon payback period would be less. Furthermore, the more years the turbine works, the more efficient it will be, because contamination during energy generation is almost zero.

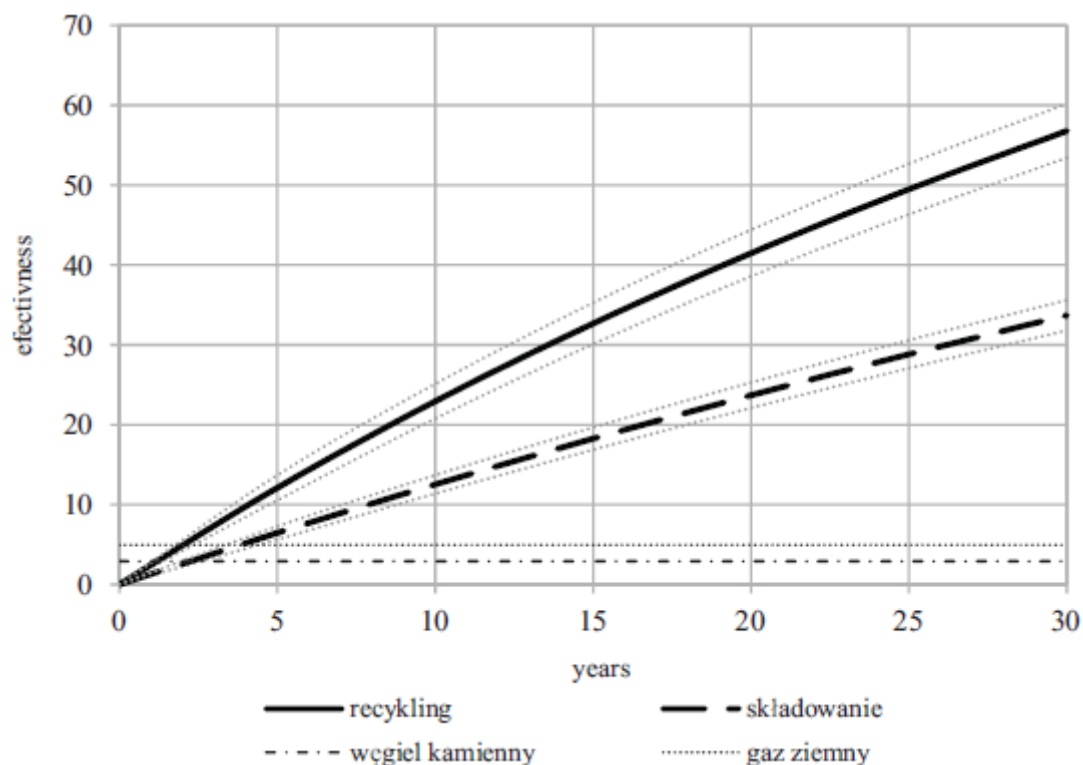


Figure 2.5. Differences between integrated efficiency index if a wind turbine is recycled and if it is not (Tomprowski et al., 2017)

2.3.1 Critical appraisal

The main problem is that the mean is considered in energy output and CO₂ emissions, as both can be different from one year to another. Moreover, E units are MWh/kgCO₂, and other units would be more appropriate to determine how efficient this technology is in comparison to the generation mix energetic of the country, like kgCO₂/MWh, so CO₂ payback period could be calculated. *Life Cycled Embodied (ELC) energy analysis* uses this ratio (kgCO₂/MWh).

It is an innovative idea to consider the CO₂ emissions (m₂) positive if the waste is not recycled, and negative if it is.

It would also be worth it to observe if this offshore turbine was compared with an onshore one to determine which one is more efficient. It could be used to compare efficiency between onshore and offshore wind turbines in a whole country as well.

2.4. Life Cycled Embodied (ELC) energy analysis

Kaldellis (*Kaldellis & Apostolou, 2017*) shows carbon footprint in onshore and offshore wind technology and they are compared. Carbon footprint is calculated:

$$ELC = \frac{E_C + E_{O\&M} + E_D}{R} \quad \text{Equation 5}$$

Where:

- E_C is CO₂ emissions in construction.
- $E_{O\&M}$ is CO₂ emissions in operation and maintenance.
- E_D is CO₂ emissions in decommission that can be CO₂ saved if wind turbines are recycled.
- R is energy generated throughout a turbine's lifetime.

Table 2.1 demonstrates that offshore wind turbines have more power than onshore ones, however the CO₂ footprint is higher because they require more material and it has to be transported a longer distance. Although offshore technology produces more energy, carbon intensity is still higher than the onshore one.

Table 2.1. Carbon footprint of offshore and onshore wind technology

| Literature Sources | Onshore | | Offshore | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | Power Rating (MW) | Carbon Intensity (g/KWh) | Power Rating (MW) | Carbon Intensity (g/KWh) |
| (Ardente et al., 2008) | 0.66 | 14,8 | - | - |
| (Oebels & Pacca, 2013) | 1.5 | 7.1 | - | - |
| (Yang & Chen, 2013) | 1.5 | 7.2 | - | - |
| (Pehnt, Oeser & Swider, 2008) | - | - | 5 | 22.0 |
| (Tremeac & Meunier, 2009) | 4.5 | 16 | - | - |
| (Wagner et al., 2011) | - | - | 5 | 32.0 |
| (Weinzettel et al., 2009) | - | - | 5 | 11.5 |
| (Garrett & Ronde, 2013) | 2 | 7.7 | - | - |
| (Reimers, Özdirik & Kaltschmitt, 2014) | - | - | 5 | 16.8 |
| (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) | 2.3-3.2 | 7 | 4-6 | 11 |
| (Crawford, 2009) | 3-0.65 | - | - | - |
| (Dones et al., 2007) | 0.8 | - | 2 | - |
| (Martínez et al., 2009) | 2 | - | - | - |
| (Schleisner, 2000) | 0.5 | 9.7 | 0.5 | 16.5 |
| (Dolan, 2007) | - | - | 1.8 | 24 |
| Average | 1.9 | 9.9 | 3.8 | 19.1 |

2.4.1 Critical appraisal

It is thought that this is the most simple and accurate method to determine the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine.

Carbon intensity units are g/KWh, therefore onshore and offshore wind technologies can be compared to carbon emissions in electricity generation mix. However, this unit depends on the electricity generated so much, so if a turbine is more environmentally friendly, but it is placed in a bad location where it is not windy, this ratio would not reflect that the turbine is cleaner in terms of CO₂ than another one in a better location.

So, maybe another ratio should be used to compare wind turbines of the same technology, such as carbon footprint/power rating or installed capacity.

Moreover, these results are not valid because there are big differences between turbines of the same technology. This is because they are placed in countries with different wind conditions such as Italy, Brazil or China, so there it is, the same problem mentioned above. Moreover, each researcher uses a different methodology in order to calculate the total carbon footprint of a wind turbine which increases the differences.

2.5. Aims and objectives

The aim of this research is to create a methodology that allows to calculate the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine, considering all carbon emissions embodied during the whole life cycle in order to understand the benefits of the wind energy in terms of carbon dioxide savings.

The objectives of this research proposal are:

- To collect data about the amount of material, energy and fuels needed to manufacture, install and maintain a wind turbine.
- To calculate the total amount of carbon embodied in a wind turbine and determine what (material, operation & maintenance, energy, transport, disposal) produces more CO₂ emissions.
- To analyze these results and establish a relationship between the amount of carbon embodied in a wind turbine as a function of the installed capacity in onshore and offshore wind technology.
- To determine what installed capacity in each technology (onshore or offshore) is more efficient in term of CO₂ savings.
- To collect data about the amount of energy produced by offshore and onshore wind turbines in the United Kingdom and the electricity generation mix and its carbon dioxide emissions.
- To estimate the carbon footprint embodied in the United Kingdom due to the wind energy.

- To determine the payback time in terms of carbon dioxide emissions in the United Kingdom.
- To estimate the cumulative carbon footprint savings in the United Kingdom due to the wind technology.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The aim of the research is to determine a methodology to calculate the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine and apply this methodology to the United Kingdom wind energy in order to compare offshore and onshore wind turbines and to know the benefits that wind energy brings in terms of CO₂ savings. These are the steps that must be taken.

3.1. Data acquisition

The first step in making the research is compiling data from different papers which include all materials needed to manufacture an onshore or offshore electricity wind generator, the amount of diesel burnt by vehicles and the amount of material savings due to recycling.

Data from electricity mix generation, onshore and offshore installed capacity and energy produced need to be found in order to estimate the carbon emissions in the United Kingdom due to offshore and onshore wind turbines.

A database of the amount of CO₂ emissions embodied in a wind turbine per material unit needs to be found to estimate the total carbon footprint in a wind generator.

3.2. Carbon footprint methodology

Although there are no CO₂ emissions while the turbine is generating electricity, there is a carbon footprint embodied in the following phases, these phases need to be considered in order to calculate the whole carbon dioxide emissions embodied in a wind turbine (*Ardente et al., 2008*):

- Manufacturing of wind turbines: they are made of different material such as steel, iron, glass reinforced plastic, cooper, aluminum, etcetera. Therefore, when these materials are being produced, there are carbon dioxide emissions due to the manufacturing process.
- Energy: the carbon footprint due to the energy consumption during the installation and the decommissioning of wind turbines, since excavators, compactors and other contruction machines are used.

- Transport: materials need to be carried from the place where they are manufactured to where the generator is going to be placed. Trucks, planes and ships carry these materials using diesel, so there is an important carbon dioxide emission due to the engine combustion. Moreover, there is another transport phase when the turbines are uninstalled, and these materials need to be carried to the landfill. In this research, it is assumed that all transport distances are equal in order to get more homogeneous results.
- Operations and maintenance cycles: during the operation period there is a need to replace around 15% of the generator's components and the personnel is transported by diesel cars.
- Decommissioning phase: 90% of metals and 20% of blades materials can be recycled, so it can help to reduce carbon footprint in a wind turbine.

Now, it will be explained which method will be used to consider the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine during all these phases explained above.

Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) analysis will not be used because this method calculates the carbon dioxide savings in a power system due to the wind energy, but carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine is not considered, so it is impossible to know if there is a cannibalization effect (Usubiaga et al., 2017).

Environmentally extended input-output (EEIO) analysis is really accurate since it calculates the CO₂ footprint as emissions during the electricity productions and during the manufacturing process, so it includes the whole life cycle of the installations, which is the correct way to know if there is a cannibalization effect in renewable energies. Furthermore, this method uses electricity generation instead of demand to know the footprint, so it is accurate because there are energy losses during the electricity transportation and auto consumption, therefore electricity production is always higher than demand. However it will not be used because it is a bit complicated to apply because of the matrix calculations.

Moreover, the results are kg of CO₂ embodied in a wind turbine, so this analysis cannot compare onshore and offshore technologies, since it is obvious that offshore carbon footprint is

higher than onshore. It would be necessary to compare kg of CO₂ per MWh than just kg, so onshore and offshore wind technologies can be assessed and compared to each other. Because if kg of CO₂ are only considered, onshore turbines would be more environmentally-friendly, however they generate less electricity than offshore ones and this lack of energy should be produced by a not environmentally friendly technology, so it makes the ratio (tonnes of CO₂/MWh) decrease. Therefore, energy produced is a crucial factor in carbon footprint as well.

Electricity production efficiency from greenhouse gas emissions considers all carbon dioxide emissions as well, and it is a much simpler method, the only problem is that the results are expressed like a efficiency percentage so it is difficult to know the amount of emissions and how efficient this technology is in comparison to the generation mix energetic of the country which is usually expressed like kgCO₂/MWh. So it will not be the method used.

Life Cycled Embodied (ELC) energy analysis is the method chosen to this research since it considers all carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine. Results are given like kg of CO₂/MWh, so onshore and offshore turbines can be compared to each other and it is a simple method.

Carbon footprint will be expressed in different units in order to make some comparison easier. Then result units will be kg of CO₂, kg of CO₂/installed capacity and kg of CO₂/energy produced.

3.3. Analysis of the results

Once the total amount of the carbon footprint embodied in different wind turbines is calculated, there are different analysis that can be done.

A representation of tonnes of CO₂ embodied in a wind turbine as a function of the installed capacity of the turbine will be carried out, since like all materials data will be compiling from papers with different turbines technology and different installed capacity. There will be different representations for onshore and offshore wind technologies. Due to these representations, an equation might be developed to calculate the amount of CO₂ emissions in a wind turbine as a function of its installed capacity.

A new graphic can be developed as well if tonnes of CO₂/installed capacity are represented in as a function of the installed capacity, then it will be possible to know what size of turbine of the same technology (onshore or offshore) is more efficient in terms of reducing carbon dioxide

emissions. This ratio is better than tonnes of CO₂/energy produced because it does not depend on the electricity generated, so if a turbine is more environmentally friendly, but it is placed in a bad location where it is not windy, this ratio would reflect that the turbine is cleaner than other one in a better location, while tonnes of CO₂/energy produced ratio would not, because if energy produced is little, then it makes this ratio (tonnes of CO₂/energy produced) increases.

So, a bar chart can represent what operations (wind turbine manufacture, operation & maintenance, foundation/substructure, electrical connections, installation, disposal) emit more carbon dioxide in onshore and offshore wind turbines. Therefore, companies will be able to focus on reducing the carbon footprint in those operations.

Once the relationship between the carbon footprint and installed capacity in offshore and onshore wind technologies is achieved, it will be possible to estimate the total amount of carbon footprint (kg) embodied in wind turbines in the United Kingdom through the average offshore and onshore installed capacity in the United Kingdom and the total amount of wind turbines.

Once the total amount of CO₂ embodied in onshore and offshore turbines is calculated it will be possible to determine which technology is more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings. The ratio amount of CO₂/energy produced will be used since offshore carbon footprint is bigger, but it is compensated because offshore turbines produces much more energy than onshore ones. This ratio can be calculated from the total amount of carbon dioxide, the number of years that a wind turbine works, the annual energy produced by this technology in the United Kingdom and the total number of wind turbines. The technology (onshore or offshore) with the minor ratio will be more environmentally friendly.

When average carbon footprint per onshore and offshore wind turbine in the United Kingdom is estimated, then CO₂ savings can be calculated in comparison to the generation mix energetic emissions in the UK, therefore the payback time in terms of carbon dioxide emissions can be calculated for onshore and offshore turbines.

Moreover, it is necessary to compare actual electricity generation mix to one scenario where wind energy never has been developed in the United Kingdom. Thus, all CO₂ savings due to the onshore and offshore wind turbines throughout the history can be calculated as some researchers have done (*Usubiaga et al., 2017*).

The main problem of this research is that carbon footprint in the United Kingdom will be estimated, so the results will not be extremely accurate because material data are not going to be compiled from every wind turbine in the United Kingdom, but it will be estimated based on different wind turbine sizes around the world, therefore results will be similar to the reality but they will not be exact.

4. DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

It will be explain how to calculate the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine considering all phases in order to create a methodology which can be followed to estimate accurately the carbon dioxide emissions embodied in a wind turbine.

Moreover, it will be explained how to calculate the carbon footprint factor (carbon footprint/energy produced) in the United Kingdom over the years in a scenerario where wind energy was never developed.

4.1. Turbine Models

Different wind turbines with different installed capacity have been analyzed in order to get more accurate results. Moreover, it can be analyzed what installed capacity is more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings and how the carbon emissions change due to the installed capacity.

The next table shows the different researchers investigations that were used to get information about the wind turbines around the world.

Table 4.1. Wind turbines chosen for the research

| Onshore | | Offshore | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Author | Installed capacity (MW) | Author | Installed capacity (MW) |
| (Schleisner, 2000) | 0.5 | (Schleisner, 2000) | 0.5 |
| (Ardente et al., 2008) | 0.66 | (Dolan, 2007) | 1.8 |
| (Dones et al., 2007) | 0.8 | (Dones et al., 2007) | 2 |
| (Crawford, 2009) | 0.85-3 | (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) | 5 |
| (Oebels & Pacca, 2013) | 1.5 | (Reimers, Özdirik & Kaltschmitt, 2014) | 5 |
| (Yang & Chen, 2013) | 1.5 | (Weinzettel et al., 2009) | 5 |
| (Martínez et al., 2009) | 2 | | |
| (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) | 2.75 | | |

4.2. Life Cycle Assessment

The total carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine is due to different stages such as raw material extraction and manufacture, wind farm construction, wind farm operation and wind

farm decommissioning. Transportation of all materials and people has to be included as well. The life cycle assessment of different turbines are shown in *Appendices* section.

4.2.1 Data acquisition

Different resources have been used to calculate the total carbon footprint in different turbines as of the total amount of materials needed, the transportation of all these materials and people, the energy used while the manufacture and operation and the turbine decommissioning, like papers showed in *Table 4.1*. The same Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) Database was used in all wind turbines analysis to get more homogenous information in order to be able to compare each other instead of using the LCI Database corresponding to each paper. This LCI Database is “Inventory of Carbon & Energy (ICE) Version 1.6a made by Prof. Geoff Hammond & Craig Jones” (*Hammond & Jones, 2008*).

This database shows the carbon embodied of different building materials. Although the ideal condition would be considering the carbon footprint since the extraction of raw materials until the end of the life cycle (including manufacturing, transport, energy to manufacture the equipment, heating & lighting of factory, maintenance, disposal... etc), known as “Cradle-to-Grave”, this database uses “Cradle-to-Gate”, which includes all CO₂ emissions until the product leaves the factory gate.

Most of the data included in the LCI Database are from the United Kingdom. Although in some case it was no possible to get the UK data, so foreign data was included.

4.2.2 Materials

Wind turbines are made of different materials. The mass of these materials were got from researches showed in *Table 4.1*. To calculate the carbon emissions embodied in the material of a wind turbine since they were extracted like raw materials until the product leaves the factory gate, including manufacturing, transport, energy to manufacture the equipment, the maintenance and heating & lighting of factory (“Cradle-to-Gate”), a database was used (*Hammond & Jones, 2008*).

These materials are used to manufacture all parts in a wind turbine (*Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, 2018*):

- Anemometer: measures the wind speed and transmits data to the controller.
- Blades: when the wind blows over them, they lift and rotate and make the rotor spin as well. Three blades are the most efficient combination.
- Controller: starts up the machine at wind speeds from 20 kilometers per hour and disconnect the machine at about 90 kilometers per hour to avoid damages in the turbine due to the high winds.
- Gear box: connects the low-speed shaft (blades) to the high-speed shaft (drives the generator) and increases the rotational speed from 30 rpm to about 1500 rpm, which is the rotational speed required by most generators to produce electricity.
- Generator: produced 50-cycle AC electricity.
- Nacelle: sits atop the tower and contains the gear box, low- and high-speed shafts, generator, controller, and brake.
- Pitch: turns blades out of the wind to control the rotor speed, and to keep the rotor from turning in winds that are too high or too low to produce electricity.
- Rotor: blades and hub together form the rotor.
- Tower: made from tubular steel, concrete or steel lattice. Supports the structure of the turbine. Because wind speed increases with height, taller towers enable turbines to capture more energy and generate more electricity.
- Wind vane: measures wind direction and communicates with the yaw drive to orient the turbine properly with respect to the wind.
- Yaw drive: orients upwind turbines to keep them facing the wind when the direction changes.
- Yaw motor: powers the yaw drive.

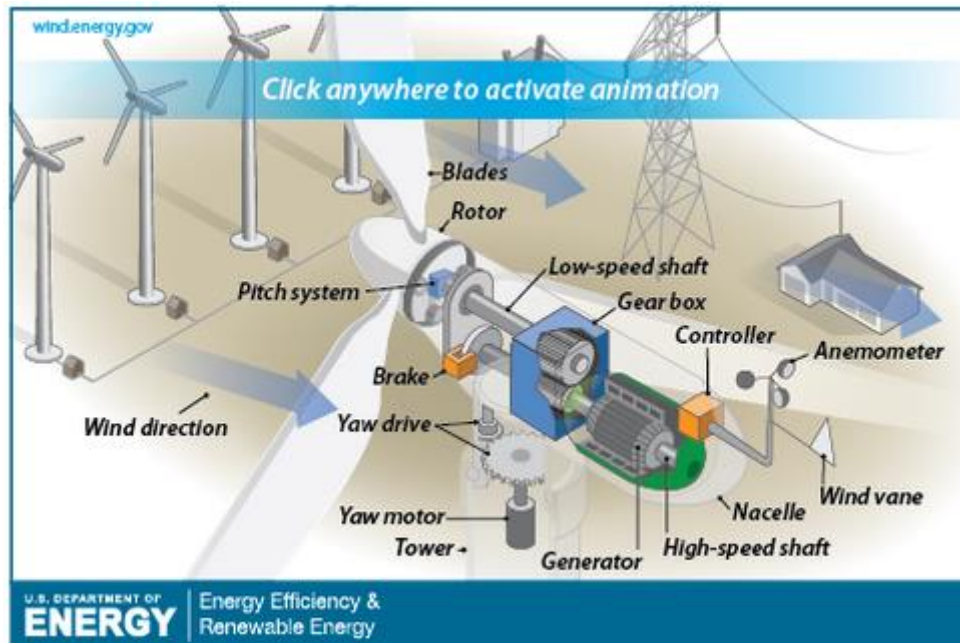


Figure 4.1. Parts of a wind turbine (Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, 2018)

But materials are needed to some building works such as (Ardente et al., 2008):

- Lay-bay: wind turbines are placed on flattened surfaces made of compacted crushed stone and limestone. But this data was not included in the analysis due to the lack of information.
- Paths and road connections: lay-bays are connected to each other with paths constituted by a compacted terrain based on a crushed stone ground. But this data was not included in the analysis due to the lack of information.
- Foundations: all wind generators are installed into a steel reinforced concrete foundation and the first section of the tower is dipped on the foundation.
- Electric cables: the turbines are connected to transformers and to the electrical grid with various cable typologies.
- Cables trenches: Internal walls are reinforced with concrete and filled with sand and crushed stone. On the upper side trenches are covered with PVC tiles.
- Transformer room.

4.2.3 Transport

This research considers carbon emissions embodied in transport of all materials from the factory where they were manufactured to the location where wind turbines were installed. Moreover, transport during the decommissioning phase from the turbine place to the landfill is also included.

Below it will be shown how this transport footprint was calculated for onshore and offshore wind turbines. In order to get similar results in all transport carbon footprint, the same distance was considered for all onshore turbines, and another distance was considered for all offshore turbines. So the only factor that changes the CO₂ emissions during the transportation phase is the amount of materials carried and not the distance. Below it is shown how this distance was calculated.

Onshore wind turbines

The following table (*Oebels & Pacca, 2013*) was used in order to calculate the distance all turbine materials were carried. It shows transportation data for 14 onshore wind turbines.

Table 4.2. Component transport to operation site

| Component | Vehicle | CO ₂ emissions | CO ₂ emission factor | Distance |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | | t CO ₂ | gCO ₂ /tkm | km |
| Steel tower | truck | 11.68 | 37 | 140 |
| Concrete tower | truck | 147.56 | 37 | 370 |
| Rotor | truck | 24.02 | 37 | 3000 |
| Blades | truck | 1.99 | 37 | 200 |
| Transformer | truck | 0.29 | 37 | 140 |
| Nacelle | truck | 3.3 | 37 | 140 |

The transport factor [t·km] was used because it depends on weight and distance, and it is an accurate way to calculate the carbon footprint of the transportation phase. The transport factor of all components from a wind turbine will be calculated like:

$$\text{Transport factor (t} \cdot \text{km)} = \frac{\text{CO}_2 \text{ emissions (t)} \cdot 10^6}{\text{CO}_2 \text{ emissions factor (gCO}_2\text{/tkm)}} \cdot \frac{1}{14 \text{ turbines}} \quad \text{Equation 6}$$

The total weight of all wind turbines carried was calculated as well:

$$Total\ weight\ (t) = \frac{CO_2\ emissions\ (t) \cdot 10^6}{CO_2\ emissions\ factor\ (gCO_2/tkm)} \cdot \frac{1}{Distance\ (km)} \quad Equation\ 7$$

Table 4.3. Transport factor for an onshore turbine

| Component | Vehicle | CO ₂ emissions | CO ₂ emission factor | Transport factor | Total weight |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | t CO ₂ | gCO ₂ /tkm | tkm | t |
| Steel tower | truck | 11.68 | 37 | 315560 | 2254 |
| Concrete tower | truck | 147.56 | 37 | 3988230 | 10779 |
| Rotor | truck | 24.02 | 37 | 649200 | 216.4 |
| Blades | truck | 1.99 | 37 | 53800 | 269 |
| Transformer | truck | 0.29 | 37 | 7840 | 56 |
| Nacelle | truck | 3.3 | 37 | 89180 | 637 |
| Total transport factor | 5103810 tkm | | | | 14211.4 |
| Total transport factor per turbine | 364558 tkm | | | | 1015.1 |

Next, the average transport distance of all components was calculated:

$$Distance\ (km) = \frac{Total\ transport\ factor\ (t \cdot km)}{Total\ weight\ (t)} = \frac{5103810}{14211.4} \approx 359\ km \quad Equation\ 8$$

Therefore, it was assumed that all materials of onshore wind turbines have been carried 359 km by truck. Then, this distance was multiplied by the total amount of the materials of each wind turbine, so the total transport factor per turbine was obtained.

The transport factor of every wind turbine was multiplied by another factor named emissions factors, which shows the grammes of CO₂ emissions embodied per kilometre and tonne, consequently the total CO₂ emissions due to the transport phase was obtained. This factor considers the component transportation to the operation site and the empty return paths. The value of this factor is 50 grammes of CO₂/tkm for trucks (Fernández, 2018).

Offshore wind turbines

The following table (Weinzettel et al., 2009) shows the total transport factor and the total amount of materials carried without gravel and sand because it is not considered in other papers for manufacturing a 5 MW offshore turbine. This research includes more types of transport than

onshore one, since turbines are placed on the sea, such as truck transport, barge transport, train transport and helicopter transport. It is known that helicopter transport is used for 700 h and one helicopter that can lift around 1000 kg to help during the maintenance and installation phase usually consumes around 200 kg per hour (*Tasmanian helicopters, 2018*), so the total amount of diesel is 140000 kg.

Table 4.4. Transport factor for an offshore wind turbine

| Means of transport | Transport factor | Total weight |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | tkm | t |
| Truck transport | 876000 | 1851 |
| Transport barge | 3600000 | 1851 |
| Train transport | 581000 | 1851 |
| Transport helicopter | 140000 kg of diesel | - |

Next, the average transport distance per means of transport was calculated:

$$Distance (km) = \frac{Total\ transport\ factor\ (t \cdot km)}{Total\ weight\ (t)} \quad Equation\ 9$$

The table shows the average distance per means of transport:

Table 4.5. Average distance per means of transport for an offshore wind turbine

| Means of transport | Transport factor | Total weight | Distance |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|
| | tkm | t | km |
| Truck transport | 876000 | 1851 | 473 |
| Transport barge | 3600000 | 1851 | 1945 |
| Train transport | 581000 | 1851 | 314 |
| Transport helicopter | 140000 kg of diesel | - | - |

Therefore, it was assumed all materials of offshore wind turbines have been carried 473 km by truck, 1945 km by barge and 315 km by train. Then, these distances were multiplied by the total amount of materials of each offshore wind turbine, so the total transport factors per turbine was obtained. However, for helicopter transport, the amount of diesel needed for each offshore turbine was calculated from the turbine installed capacity:

$$Diesel\ (kg) = 140000\ kg \cdot \frac{X\ MW}{5\ MW} \quad Equation\ 10$$

The following table shows the emissions factors that the transport factor should be multiplied by in order to obtain the total CO₂ emissions per means of transport.

Table 4.6. Emission factors per means of transport

| Means of transport | Emissions factor | Reference |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | g CO ₂ /tkm | |
| Truck transport | 50 | (Fernández, 2018) |
| Transport barge | 7 | (Delcampe, 2009) |
| Train transport | 18 | (Delcampe, 2009) |
| Transport helicopter | 2.8 Kg CO ₂ / kg diesel | (Oficina Catalana del Canvi Climàtic, 2011) |

Then CO₂ emissions per means of transport were added to each other in order to obtain the total carbon footprint of an offshore wind turbine during the transport phase.

4.2.4 Energy

This research considers the carbon footprint due to the energy consumption during the installation and the decommissioning of wind turbines, since excavators, compactors and other construction machines were used. The main problem was that some researches do not include the energy consumption, so one research was taken as a reference for onshore turbines, and another one for offshore turbines, then the CO₂ emissions were estimated in the other papers during this phase. Below it is shown how it was calculated:

Onshore wind turbines

The following table (Yang & Chen, 2013) shows the energy consumption during the construction and dismantling for a wind farm with 33 1.5 MW wind turbines. Then the energy per turbine was calculated:

Table 4.7. Energy consumption per an onshore wind turbine

| Energy | Units | Units |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| | 33 turbines | 1 turbine |
| Water | 10000000 kg | 303030 kg |
| Diesel | 536000 L | 16242 L |
| Gasoline | 167000 L | 5061 L |
| Electricity | 1650000 kWh | 50000 kWh |

These energy data were estimated for other onshore wind turbines from the installed capacity:

$$\text{Water (kg)} = 303030 \text{ kg} \cdot \frac{X \text{ MW}}{1.5 \text{ MW}} \quad \text{Equation 11}$$

$$\text{Diesel (L)} = 16242 \text{ L} \cdot \frac{X \text{ MW}}{1.5 \text{ MW}} \quad \text{Equation 12}$$

$$\text{Gasoline (L)} = 5061 \text{ L} \cdot \frac{X \text{ MW}}{1.5 \text{ MW}} \quad \text{Equation 13}$$

$$\text{Electricity (kWh)} = 50000 \text{ kWh} \cdot \frac{X \text{ MW}}{1.5 \text{ MW}} \quad \text{Equation 14}$$

When the amount of energy was already estimated, then it was multiplied by the emission factors showed in the next table in order to obtain the CO₂ emissions.

Table 4.8. Emission factors per type of energy

| Energy | Emission factor | Reference |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Water | 0 kgCO ₂ /kg | (Hammond & Jones, 2008) |
| Diesel | 2.61 kgCO ₂ /L | (Oficina Catalana del Canvi Climàtic, 2011) |
| Gasoline | 2.38 kgCO ₂ /L | (Oficina Catalana del Canvi Climàtic, 2011) |
| Electricity | 0.275 KgCO ₂ / kWh | (Loughran, 2018) |

Then CO₂ emissions per type of energy were added to each other in order to obtain the total carbon footprint of an onshore wind turbine during the construction and decommissioning phase.

Offshore wind turbines

Unlike onshore wind turbines, energy used in the operation phase is also included such as electricity, oil and diesel. The following table (Weinzettel et al., 2009) shows the energy consumption during the whole life cycle of a 5MW offshore wind turbine, including installation, operation, maintenance and decommissioning.

Table 4.9. Energy consumption per an offshore wind turbine

| Energy | Units |
|----------------------|------------|
| | 1 turbine |
| Electricity | 177000 kWh |
| Oil | 22600 L |
| Diesel | 922 MJ |
| Electricity from oil | 470 kWh |

These energy data were estimated for other offshore wind turbines from the installed capacity:

$$\text{Electricity (kWh)} = 177000 \text{ kWh} \cdot \frac{X \text{ MW}}{5 \text{ MW}} \quad \text{Equation 15}$$

$$\text{Oil (L)} = 22600 \text{ L} \cdot \frac{X \text{ MW}}{5 \text{ MW}} \quad \text{Equation 16}$$

$$\text{Diesel (MJ)} = 922 \text{ MJ} \cdot \frac{X \text{ MW}}{5 \text{ MW}} \quad \text{Equation 17}$$

$$\text{Electricity from oil (kWh)} = 470 \text{ kWh} \cdot \frac{X \text{ MW}}{5 \text{ MW}} \quad \text{Equation 18}$$

When the amount of energy was already estimated, then it is multiplied by the emission factors showed in the next table in order to obtain the CO₂ emissions.

Table 4.10. Emission factors per type of energy

| Energy | Emission factor | Reference |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Electricity | 0.275 KgCO ₂ /kWh | (Loughran, 2018) |
| Oil | 2.96 kgCO ₂ /L | (Carbon Independent, 2018) |
| Diesel | 0.0736 kgCO ₂ /MJ | (ENPOS, 2018) |
| Electricity from oil | 0.6 KgCO ₂ / kWh | (University of Reading, 2016) |

Then CO₂ emissions per type of energy were added to each other in order to obtain the total carbon footprint of an offshore wind turbine during the whole life cycle due to the energy consumption.

4.2.5 Operation & Maintenance

The useful life of onshore and offshore turbines is supposed to be 20 years long. During this time, it is necessary to do maintenance and control cycles. Moreover, the personnel who work is transported by diesel cars which produce CO₂ emissions as well. Therefore, there is energy consumption (Yang & Chen, 2013) such as electricity, water and gasoline.

Additionally, it (Ardente et al., 2008) has been estimated that the 15% of generator's components are assumed to be substituted by new ones. Below, it is shown how it was calculated the carbon footprint during the operation & maintenance (O&M) phase for onshore and offshore wind turbines.

Onshore wind turbines

The following table (Yang & Chen, 2013) shows the total energy consumption during the operation & maintenance phase.

Table 4.11. Energy consumption per an onshore wind turbine during the operation & maintenance

| Energy | Units | Units |
|-------------|----------------|------------|
| | 33 turbines | 1 turbine |
| Electricity | 3320000 kWh | 100606 kWh |
| Water | 438000 kg/year | 265460 kg |
| Gasoline | 5800 kg/year | 3516 kg |

These energy data were estimated for other onshore wind turbines from the installed capacity:

$$Electricity (kWh) = 100606 kWh \cdot \frac{X MW}{1.5 MW} \quad \text{Equation 19}$$

$$Water (kg) = 265460 kg \cdot \frac{X MW}{1.5 MW} \quad \text{Equation 20}$$

$$Gasoline (kg) = 3516 kg \cdot \frac{X MW}{1.5 MW} \quad \text{Equation 21}$$

When the amount of energy was already estimated, then it was multiplied by the emission factors showed in the next table in order to obtain the CO₂ emissions.

Table 4.12. Emission factors per type of energy

| Energy | Emission factor | Reference |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| Electricity | 0.275 kgCO ₂ /kWh | <i>(Loughran, 2018)</i> |
| Water | 0 kgCO ₂ /kg | <i>(Hammond & Jones, 2008)</i> |
| Gasoline | 3.18 kgCO ₂ /kg | <i>(Oficina Catalana del Canvi Climàtic, 2011)</i> |

It is known that 15% *(Ardente et al., 2008)* of generator's components are supposed to be substituted by new ones during the whole life cycle. To consider this fact in the carbon footprint, the total amount of CO₂ emissions from the wind generator materials were multiplied by 0.15 in order to obtain the extra CO₂ emissions due to the extra amount of materials.

The main problem is that a lot of papers show the materials list, but it is not known how many of these materials belong to the wind generator. So, the percentage of carbon dioxide due to the wind generator materials was calculated from the total emissions of the materials *(Ardente et al., 2008)*, then this percentage was assumed for all onshore turbines. Next, it is shown how this percentage was calculated.

The carbon footprint of all materials is calculated in the paper (Ardente *et al.*, 2008), like it was explained in *Materials* section. Then it is calculated the percentage of carbon footprint due to generator materials of the total materials carbon dioxide emissions like it is shown in the following table.

Table 4.13. Percentage of carbon footprint due to the wind generator materials

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO2/unit | Total Kg CO2 | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Wind generator materials | Steel | 66434 | kg | 2.75 | 182694 |
| | Cast iron | 6001 | kg | 1.91 | 11462 |
| | Glass reinforced plastics | 4950 | kg | 8.10 | 40095 |
| | Copper | 924 | kg | 3.83 | 3539 |
| | Paints | 389 | kg | 3.56 | 1385 |
| | Lubricant oils | 111 | kg | 9.95 | 1106 |
| | Aluminium | 85 | kg | 11.50 | 978 |
| | PVC | 65 | kg | 2.41 | 157 |
| | Bronze | 5 | kg | 4.10 | 21 |
| Building works | Aggregate quarrying | 1973455 | kg | 0.01 | 9867 |
| | Local soils and stones | 939409 | kg | 0.06 | 52607 |
| | Steel | 11139 | kg | 2.75 | 30632 |
| | Polypropylene | 10 | kg | 5.03 | 53 |
| | HDPE | 1035 | kg | 1.60 | 1656 |
| | Polybutadiene | 467 | kg | 4.02 | 1879 |
| | Aluminium | 754 | kg | 11.50 | 8666 |
| | Copper | 263 | kg | 3.83 | 1007 |
| | PVC | 1721 | kg | 2.41 | 4148 |
| | Sand | 254753 | kg | 0.01 | 1274 |
| | Concrete | 372480 | kg | 0.13 | 48422 |
| | Total | | | | 401646 |
| | | | | | 100% |

So it is assumed that 60% of the total carbon footprint of the materials is due to the wind generators materials. So the next equation was used in order to calculate the carbon emissions due to the replacement of the 15% of wind generator's components.

$$CO_{2 \text{ replacement emissions}} (kg) = 0.15 \cdot 0.6 \cdot CO_{2 \text{ total materials}} \quad \text{Equation 22}$$

Then, this carbon emissions due to the replacement of wind generator's component was added to the carbon footprint of the energy, so the total CO₂ emissions due to the operation & maintenance phase were obtained for an onshore wind turbine.

Offshore wind turbines

In contrast to onshore wind turbines, energy consumption is not considered during the operation & maintenance phase, since it was included in *Energy* section. It is known that 15% (Ardente et al., 2008) of generator's components are supposed to be substituted by new ones during the whole life cycle, so it will be calculated like it was explained above.

It is calculated the carbon footprint of all materials in the paper (Dones et al., 2007), like it was explained in *Materials* section. Then it is calculated the percentage of carbon footprint due to generator's materials of the total materials carbon dioxide emissions like it is shown in the following table.

Table 4.14. Percentage of carbon footprint due to the wind generator materials

| | | Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO2/unit | Total Kg CO2 | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|------|-------------|--------------|------|
| | | Material | | | | | |
| Building works | Reinforced steel | 80000 | kg | 2.75 | 220000 | 19% | |
| | Concrete | 120000 | kg | 0.13 | 15600 | | |
| Wind generator materials | Steel | 113210 | kg | 2.75 | 311328 | 81% | |
| | Epoxy resine | 547 | kg | 5.7 | 3118 | | |
| | Glass fibre reinforced plastics | 40938 | kg | 8.1 | 331598 | | |
| | Chromium steel | 60643 | kg | 2.75 | 166768 | | |
| | Cast iron | 33866 | kg | 1.91 | 64684 | | |
| | Steel, low alloyed | 15050 | kg | 2.75 | 41388 | | |
| | Rubber | 100 | kg | 3.18 | 318 | | |
| | Aluminium | 845 | kg | 11.5 | 9718 | | |
| | Copper | 986 | kg | 3.83 | 3776 | | |
| | Lubricant | 150 | kg | 9.95 | 1493 | | |
| | Copper | 3900 | kg | 3.83 | 14937 | | |
| | Lead | 7575 | kg | 2.61 | 19771 | | |
| | Steel, low alloyed | 8766 | kg | 2.75 | 24107 | | |
| | PVC | 3500 | kg | 2.41 | 8435 | | |
| | | Total | 1237037 | | | | 100% |

So it is assumed that 81% of the total carbon footprint of the materials is due to the wind generators materials. So the next equation was used in order to calculate the carbon emissions due to the replacement of the 15% of wind generator's components.

$$CO_{2 \text{ replacement emissions}} (kg) = 0.15 \cdot 0.81 \cdot CO_{2 \text{ total materials}} \quad \text{Equation 23}$$

So the total CO₂ emissions due to the operation & maintenance phase were obtained for an offshore wind turbine due to the replacement of the wind generator's component.

4.2.6 Decommissioning phase

The plant's decommissioning is a life cycle phase not completely predictable. It was (Ardente et al., 2008) supposed that 90% of wind generator metals would be recycled. It is necessary to uninstall the wind turbine, and components, which are not recycled, they are disposed to a landfill, but this energy consumption is included in *Transport* and *Energy* phases. Below it is explained how the CO₂ emissions for onshore and offshore turbines during the decommissioning phase was calculated.

Onshore wind turbines

It (Ardente et al., 2008) is supposed that 90% of wind generator metals are recycled. To consider this fact in the carbon footprint, the total amount of CO₂ emissions from the wind generator metals were multiplied by 0.9 in order to obtain the CO₂ emissions savings due to the recycling.

The main problem is that a lot of papers show the materials list, but it is not known how many of metals belong to the wind generator. So, the percentage of carbon dioxide due to the wind generator's metals was calculated from the total emissions of the metals (Ardente et al., 2008), then this percentage was assumed for all onshore turbines. Next, it is shown how this percentage was calculated.

Table 4.15. Percentage of carbon footprint due to the onshore wind generator metals

| | | Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|--|
| | | Material | | | | | | |
| Wind generator materials | Steel | 66434 | kg | 2.75 | 182694 | 83% | | |
| | Cast iron | 6001 | kg | 1.91 | 11462 | | | |
| | Copper | 924 | kg | 3.83 | 3539 | | | |
| | Aluminium | 85 | kg | 11.50 | 978 | | | |
| | Bronze | 5 | kg | 4.10 | 21 | | | |
| Building works | Steel | 11139 | kg | 2.75 | 30632 | 17% | | |
| | Aluminium | 754 | kg | 11.50 | 8666 | | | |
| | Copper | 263 | kg | 3.83 | 1007 | | | |
| Total | | | | | | 238997 | 100% | |

So it is assumed that 83% of the total carbon footprint of the metals is due to the wind generators metals. However, when a material is recycled, different manufacture processes are needed to make the new material from the recycled one, so there is not a 100% of CO₂ emissions savings. It (*Hammond & Jones, 2008*) is showed that primary steel carbon dioxide emissions are 2.75 kg CO₂/kg, and secondary steel emissions are 0.43 kg CO₂/kg. Therefore, it is shown that there is a big percentage of emissions savings, but it is not a 100%. Based on this information, the CO₂ emission savings percentage was estimated.

$$\%CO_2savings = \frac{2.75-0.43}{2.75} \cdot 100 = 84\% \approx 80\% \quad \text{Equation 24}$$

So, it was assumed that when a metal is recycled there is a 80% of CO₂ emissions savings. So the next equation was used in order to calculate the carbon emissions savings due to the recycling of the 90% of wind generator metals.

$$CO_2_{emission} savings (kg) = 0.8 \cdot 0.83 \cdot 0.9 \cdot CO_2_{total metals} \quad \text{Equation 25}$$

This is how CO₂ emission savings were calculated, considering that 90% of wind generator metals are recycled, 83% of the metals to manufacture an onshore wind turbine are from the generator and there is a 80% of CO₂ emission savings when metals are recycled.

Offshore wind turbines

It is assumed that 90% of wind generator metals are recycled as well. The main problem is that a lot of papers show the materials list, but it is not known how many of metals belong to the wind generator. So, the percentage of carbon dioxide due to the wind generator metals was calculated from the total emissions of the metals (*Dones et al., 2007*), then this percentage was assumed for all offshore turbines. Next, it is shown how this percentage was calculated.

Table 4.16. Percentage of carbon footprint due to the offshore wind generator metals

| | Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO2/unit | Total Kg CO2 | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------|------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| | Material | | | | | |
| Building works | Reinforced steel | 80000 | kg | 2.75 | 220000 | 28% |
| | Steel, low alloyed | 8766 | kg | 2.75 | 24107 | |
| Wind generator materials | Steel | 113210 | kg | 2.75 | 311328 | 72% |
| | Chromium steel | 60643 | kg | 2.75 | 166768 | |
| | Cast iron | 33866 | kg | 1.91 | 64684 | |
| | Steel, low alloyed | 15050 | kg | 2.75 | 41388 | |
| | Aluminium | 845 | kg | 11.5 | 9718 | |
| | Copper | 986 | kg | 3.83 | 3776 | |
| | Copper | 3900 | kg | 3.83 | 14937 | |
| | | Total | | | | 856705 |

So it is assumed that 72% of the total carbon footprint of the metals is due to the wind generators metals and when a metal is recycled there is a 80% of CO₂ emissions savings as it was explained above. So the next equation was used in order to calculate the carbon emissions savings due to the recycling of the 90% of wind generator metals.

$$CO_{2\text{ emission savings}} (kg) = 0.8 \cdot 0.72 \cdot 0.9 \cdot CO_{2\text{ total metals}} \quad \text{Equation 26}$$

This is how CO₂ emission savings were calculated, considering that 90% of wind generator metals are recycled, 72% of the metals to manufacture an offshore wind turbine are from the generator and there is a 80% of CO₂ emission savings when metals are recycled.

4.2.7 Total carbon footprint

To calculate the total carbon footprint of a wind turbine, the carbon embodied in all phases has been added to each others.

$$\text{Carbon footprint}_{no\ recycled} (kg) = CO_{2\ materials} + CO_{2\ transport} + CO_{2\ energy} + CO_{2\ O\&M} \quad \text{Equation 27}$$

Moreover, if the wind turbine is recycled, it is necessary to consider the CO₂ savings in the decommissioning phase.

$$\text{Carbon footprint}_{recycled} (kg) = \text{Carbon footprint}_{no\ recycled} - CO_{2\ decommissioning} \quad \text{Equation 28}$$

This is how the total carbon footprint, if wind turbine is recycled or if it is not, was calculated for onshore and offshore wind turbines.

4.3. Carbon footprint factor in UK if no wind energy

Total carbon footprint saving in UK due to the wind energy section shows a comparison between the actual electricity generation mix to one scenario where wind energy never has been developed in the United Kingdom.

For that, the ratio grammes of CO₂/kWh (Energy produced) if wind technology had not been developed in the UK has to be estimated year by year. Data related to electricity generation has been collected from DUKES (*Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy (1), 2000-2017*). It will be shown how to calculate the ratio just for the year 2016 and the results for the other years will be in Appendices in *Carbon footprint per kilowatt without considering wind energy* section, since all ratios have been calculated the same way.

It is necessary to know the carbon footprint embodied in each technology. They are shown in the following table.

Table 4.17. Carbon footprint of the different types of energy in UK

| Type of energy | Carbon footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | Reference |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Fuels | 600 | (University of Reading, 2016) |
| Coal | 800 | (University of Reading, 2016) |
| Gas | 400 | (Committee on Climate Change, 2013) |
| Nuclear | 20 | (Committee on Climate Change, 2013) |
| Solar | 55 | (Committee on Climate Change, 2013) |
| Landfill gas | 170 | (Committee on Climate Change, 2013) |
| Bioenergy | 240 | (Committee on Climate Change, 2013) |
| Hydro | 8 | (University of Reading, 2016) |

Now, the total carbon footprint per technology has been calculated from the total amount of energy produced in 2016 without considering wind energy.

Table 4.18. Carbon footprint per kilowatt in UK without wind energy in 2016

| 2016 | Total energy = 3,36439 E+11 kW | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 3.10% | 10429578000 | 600 | 6.25775E+12 |
| Coal | 9.00% | 30279420000 | 800 | 6.05588E+12 |
| Gas | 42.00% | 1.41304E+11 | 400 | 6.35868E+13 |
| Nuclear | 21.00% | 70651980000 | 20 | 2.11956E+12 |
| Solar | 3.19% | 10715550300 | 55 | 5.89355E+11 |
| Landfill gas | 1.47% | 4945638600 | 170 | 8.40759E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 7.35% | 24728193000 | 240 | 5.93477E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.47% | 4945638600 | 8 | 39565108800 |
| Wind energy | 11.03% | - | - | - |
| Total | | | | 8.54244E+13 |
| gCO ₂ /kWh | | | | 286.6591589 |

Therefore, the carbon footprint due to the electricity generation mix without considering wind energy is 286.66 grammes of CO₂/kWh in United Kingdom in 2016.

The following table shows the ratio (grammes of CO₂/kWh) year on year.

Table 4.19. Ratio (grammes of CO₂) year on year without considering wind energy

| Years | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Ratio (g CO ₂ /kWh) | 321.54 | 381.62 | 432.98 | 419.78 | 479.22 | 441.18 | 445.26 | 435.91 | 476.82 |
| Years | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | - |
| Ratio (g CO ₂ /kWh) | 479.35 | 483.04 | 460.28 | 460.44 | 457.38 | 445.14 | 451.79 | 453.13 | - |

5. RESULTS

5.1. Total carbon footprint

The total carbon footprint embodied in the whole life cycle of a wind turbine was calculated applying the *Life Cycle Assessment* explained above. Results are shown like the total amount of carbon dioxide emissions due to the wind turbines (t CO₂). However, a lot of papers (indicated in *Background and literature review*) do not show their results with these units, since they indicate the results like CO₂ savings due to the use of this technology, a ratio (kgCO₂/kWh) to compare wind energy to other types of energy, or a percentage (%) to show the effectiveness of this technology.

Therefore, a lot of terms are shown to demonstrate that this technology is more environmentally-friendly than other types of technologies, but the total amount of CO₂ emissions is not known. This is why this research uses tonnes of CO₂ to show the results. The following table shows the total carbon footprint of different onshore and offshore wind turbines without considering the recycling at the end of the life cycle.

Table 5.1. Total carbon footprint of onshore and offshore wind turbines

| Name | Onshore | | Offshore | |
|--|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Capacity (MW) | t CO ₂ | Capacity (MW) | t CO ₂ |
| (Schleisner, 2000) | 0.5 | 298.6 | 0.5 | 426.1 |
| (Ardente et al., 2008) | 0.66 | 503.4 | - | - |
| (Dones et al., 2007) | 0.8 | 636.1 | 2 | 1633.3 |
| (Crawford, 2009) (1) | 0.85 | 521.8 | - | - |
| (Crawford, 2009) (2) | 3 | 1436.5 | - | - |
| (Oebels & Pacca, 2013) | 1.5 | 938.4 | - | - |
| (Yang & Chen, 2013) | 1.5 | 1029.6 | - | - |
| (Dolan, 2007) | - | - | 1.8 | 2218.5 |
| (Martínez et al., 2009) | 2 | 1090.5 | - | - |
| (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) | 2.75 | 1155.6 | 5 | 6274.5 |
| (Reimers, Özdirik & Kaltschmitt, 2014) | - | - | 5 | 5859.0 |
| (Weinzettel et al., 2009) | - | - | 5 | 7289.1 |

The following figure shows the total amount of carbon dioxide emissions per turbine. Big difference are shown between onshore and offshore technology. Installed capacity of offshore wind turbines is bigger than in onshore ones, this is because there are no obstacles on the sea

what reduce wind speed, therefore speed is higher, so bigger turbines can be manufactured in order to produce more energy. On the other hand, when onshore and offshore turbines have the same installed capacity, the carbon footprint in offshore ones is higher, since towers are taller because they need to be moored on the sea bottom, a lot of ballast is required to make the foundations, the generator and its blades are bigger too, cables to transport electricity are longer to reach the shore. To sum up, the more material needed, the more carbon emissions during their manufacture. Moreover, the fuel consumption for trucks and ships to carry out the materials to the place where they are sited, is high. And then, their maintenance must be done by a helicopter which increases even more the carbon embodied (Weinzettel *et al.*, 2009).

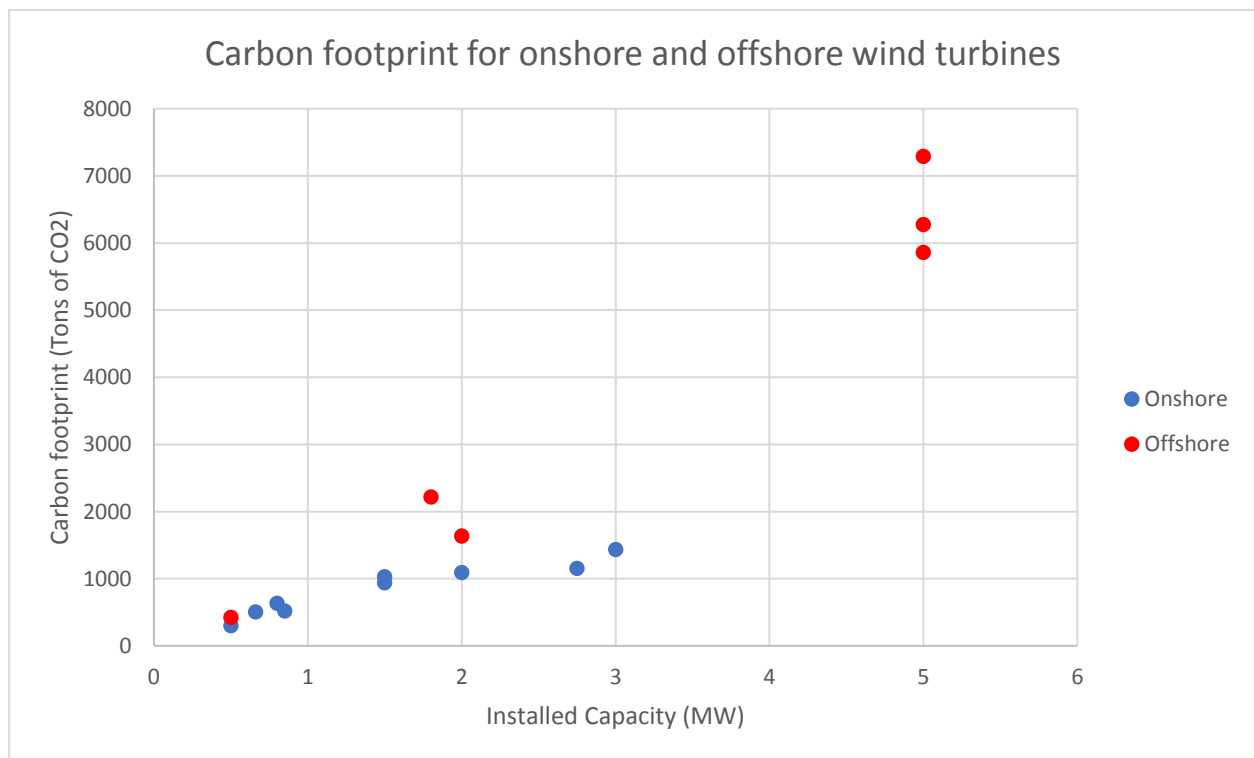


Figure 5.1. Carbon footprint for onshore and offshore wind turbines

No papers were found where total CO₂ emissions were represented as a function of the installed capacity in order to know how the carbon footprint changes with the turbine size. Moreover, a mathematical function can be obtained to estimate easily the carbon dioxide emissions from the installed capacity.

From the data calculated in Table 5.1 a logarithmic equation has been developed to determine the carbon footprint as a function of onshore installed capacity, this can be shown in Figure 5.2.

When the installed capacity is low, the CO₂ emissions change on a linear way. However, the bigger the installed capacity is, the more slowly the carbon dioxide emissions increase. This is because the amount of material needed to manufacture an onshore wind turbine does not increase linearly with the installed capacity, but the bigger the installed capacity is, the less material is needed in proportion. So this evolution of the carbon footprint as a function of onshore installed capacity can be approximated using a logarithmic equation.

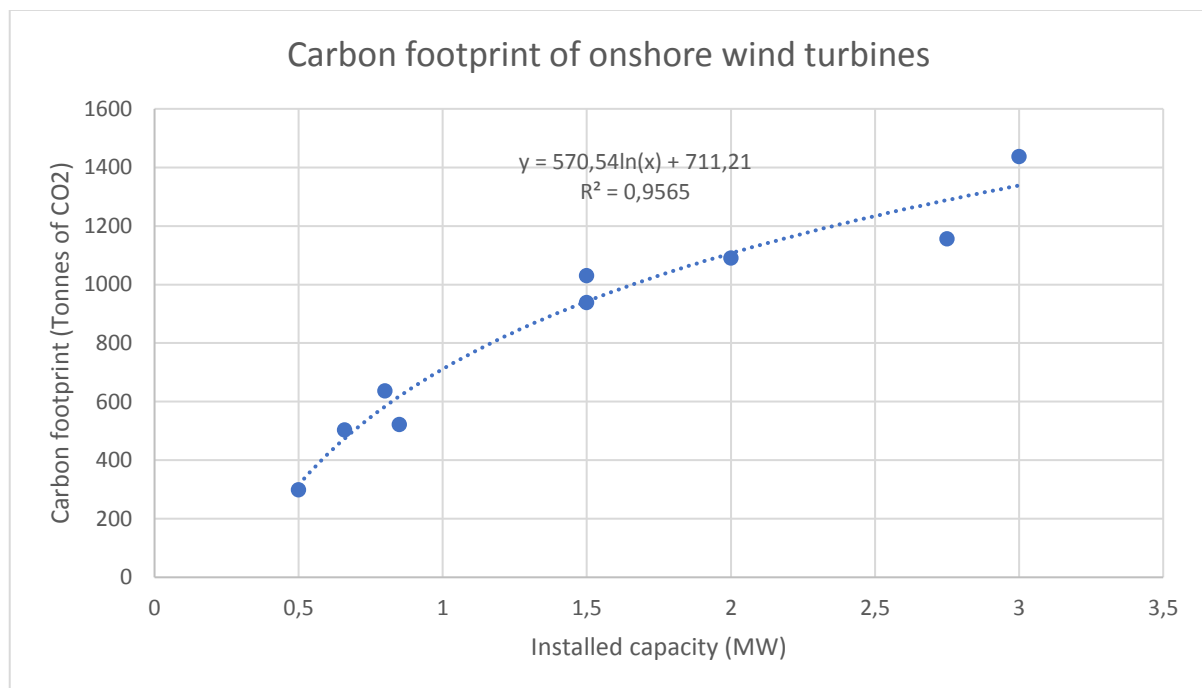


Figure 5.2. Carbon footprint evolution of onshore wind turbines

The equation, which represents the carbon footprint evolution of onshore wind turbines with a square error of 95.65%, is:

$$\text{Carbon footprint (Tons of CO}_2\text{)} = 570.54 \cdot \ln(x) + 711.21 \quad \text{Equation 29}$$

Where x is the installed capacity expressed in megawatts (MW).

From the data calculated in *Table 5.1* a linear equation has been developed to determine the carbon footprint as a function of offshore installed capacity, this can be shown in *Figure 5.3*. The CO₂ emissions change linearly with the installed capacity. This is because the amount of material needed to manufacture an offshore wind turbine and the emissions due to the transport phase increase linearly with the power rating.

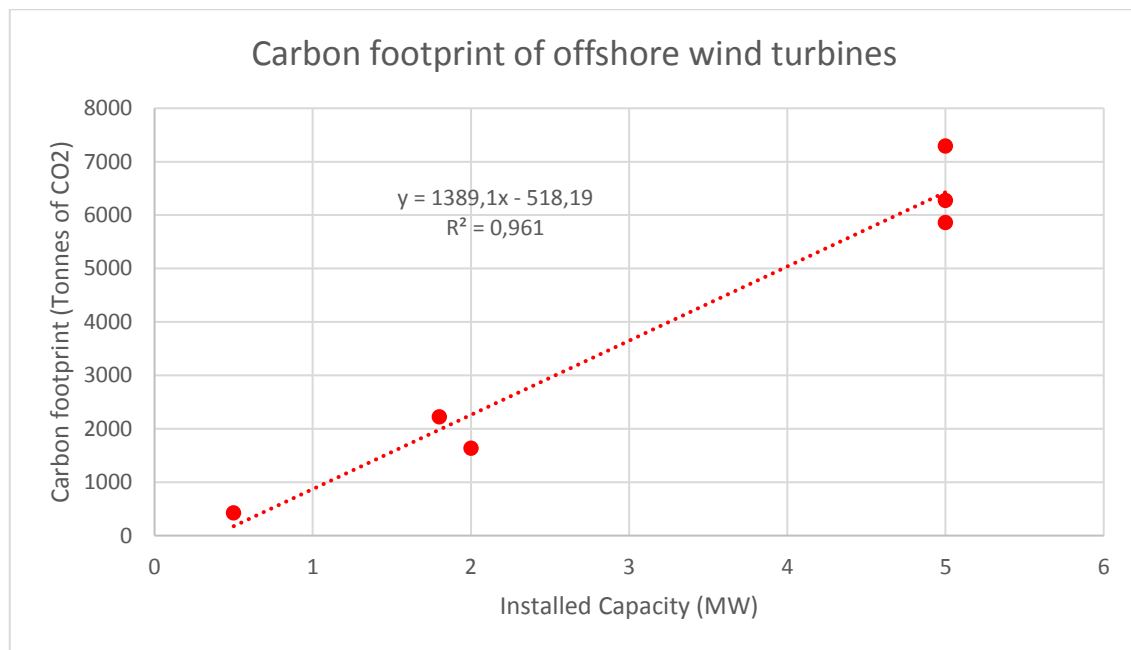


Figure 5.3. Carbon footprint evolution of offshore wind turbines

The equation, which represents the carbon footprint evolution of offshore wind turbines with a square error of 96.1%, is:

$$\text{Carbon footprint (Tons of CO}_2\text{)} = 1389.1 \cdot x - 518.19 \quad \text{Equation 30}$$

Where x is the installed capacity expressed in megawatts (MW).

5.2. Efficiency of wind turbines from the same technology

Other researchers have shown the differences between onshore and offshore wind technologies in order to know which one is more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings. However, no research has been carried out to compare and determine the effectiveness of the different installed capacity of turbines with the same technology (onshore or offshore) as a function of its efficiency in terms of embodied carbon.

To compare wind turbines from the same technology, the ratio of tonnes of CO₂/energy produced (kWh) cannot be used because it depends on the electricity generated so much, so if a turbine is more environmentally friendly, but it is placed in a bad location where it is not windy, this ratio would not reflect that the turbine is cleaner in terms of CO₂ savings than another one in a better location. Nevertheless, if a ratio tonnes of CO₂/installed capacity (MW) is used, turbines from the same technology can be compared without considering the energy produced. The lower this ratio is, the more efficient the turbine is in terms of carbon embodied.

The *Figure 5.4* shows the efficiency of onshore wind turbines. It is shown the more installed capacity the wind turbine has, the more efficient it is in term of CO₂ savings. However, there are not very big onshore wind turbines because there are some limitations like there are obstacles on the ground such as building, mountains... that reduce wind speed, so energy efficiency decreases as well; the bigger the wind turbine is, the more visual impact and there are sound restrictions, therefore the blade tip speed cannot be high, so weight cannot be reduced which means that production costs are higher. Thus, although onshore big turbines are more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings, it is not always possible to manufacture them because of the limitations explained above.

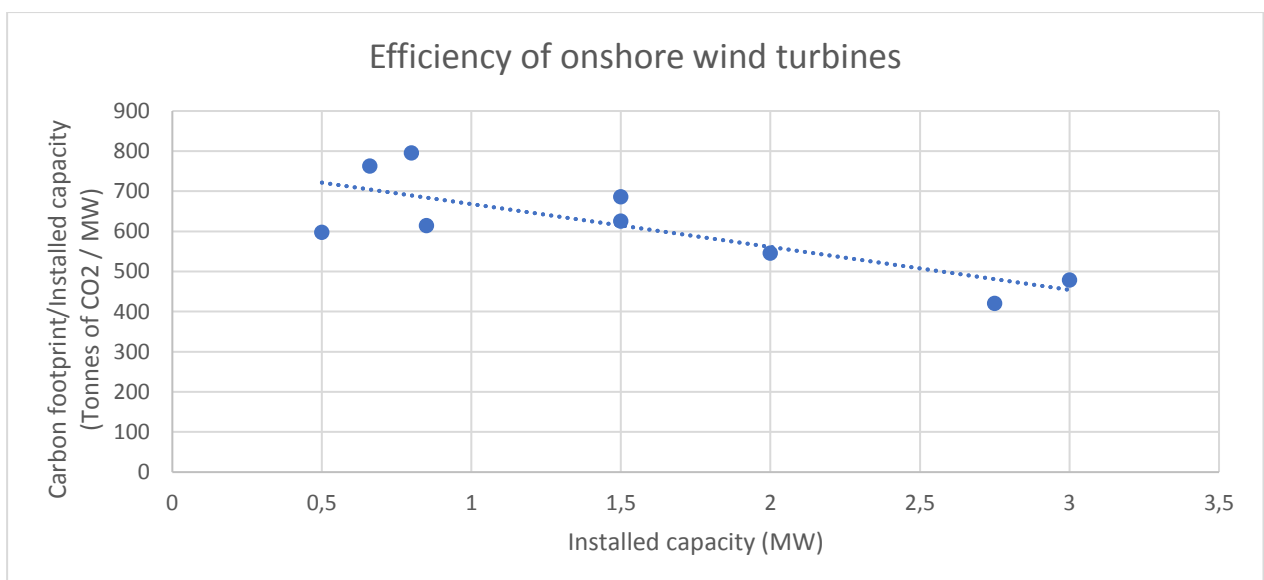


Figure 5.4. Efficiency of onshore wind turbines

The *Figure 5.5* shows the efficiency of offshore wind turbines. In contrast to onshore turbines, for offshore ones, the less the installed capacity is, the more efficient the turbine is. But there are few turbines with little installed capacity, since there are important economic restrictions like there are not electrical infrastructures to connect these offshore installations with consumption centres; towers are really tall because they need to be moored on the sea bottom; a lot of ballast is required to make the foundations; the fuel consumption for trucks and ships to carry out the materials to the place where they are sited is a lot and the maintenance must be done by a helicopter which increases the cost. Thus, although offshore small turbines are more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings, it is not possible to manufacture them because they are not economically viable.

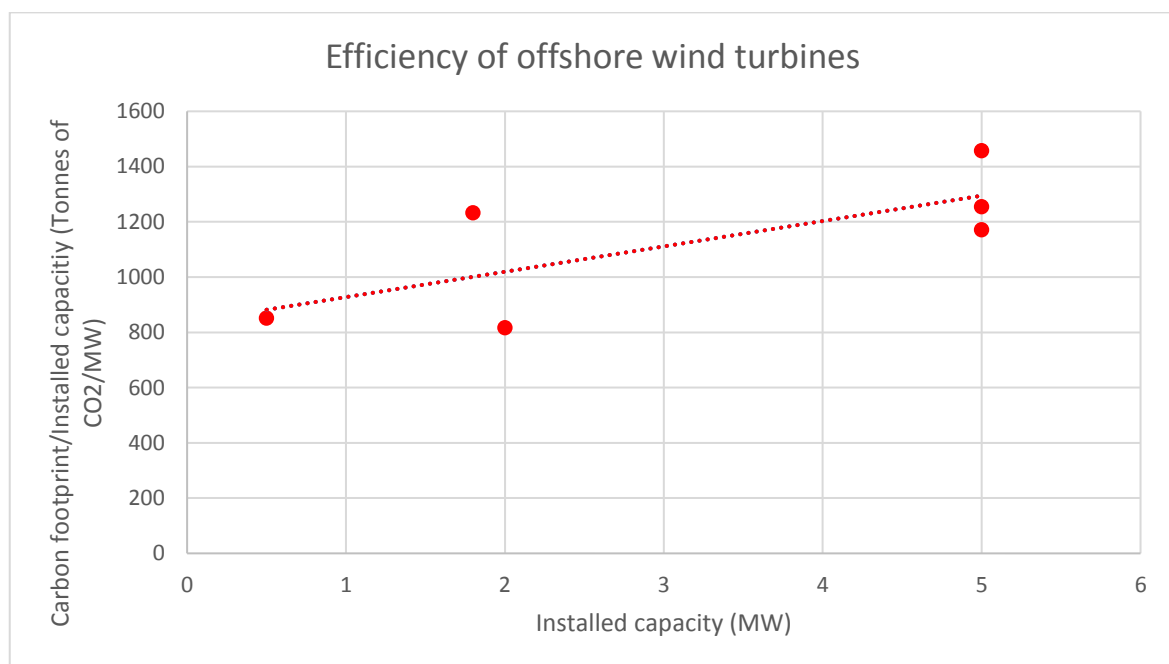


Figure 5.5. Efficiency of offshore wind turbines

Figure 5.6 shows that onshore efficiency decreases with the installed capacity, while offshore efficiency increases like it was explained above. Although, it seems that onshore efficiency is much better than the offshore one, because all onshore data are lower than offshore ones, this is not true. Because the ratio (carbon footprint/installed capacity) can only be used to compare turbines with the same technology with the same energy efficiency. Due to the fact that offshore wind technology is more efficient in terms of energy than the onshore one, as it was shown in

Table 1.3, another ratio has to be used to compare both technologies, and this ratio should include the energy generated by turbine.

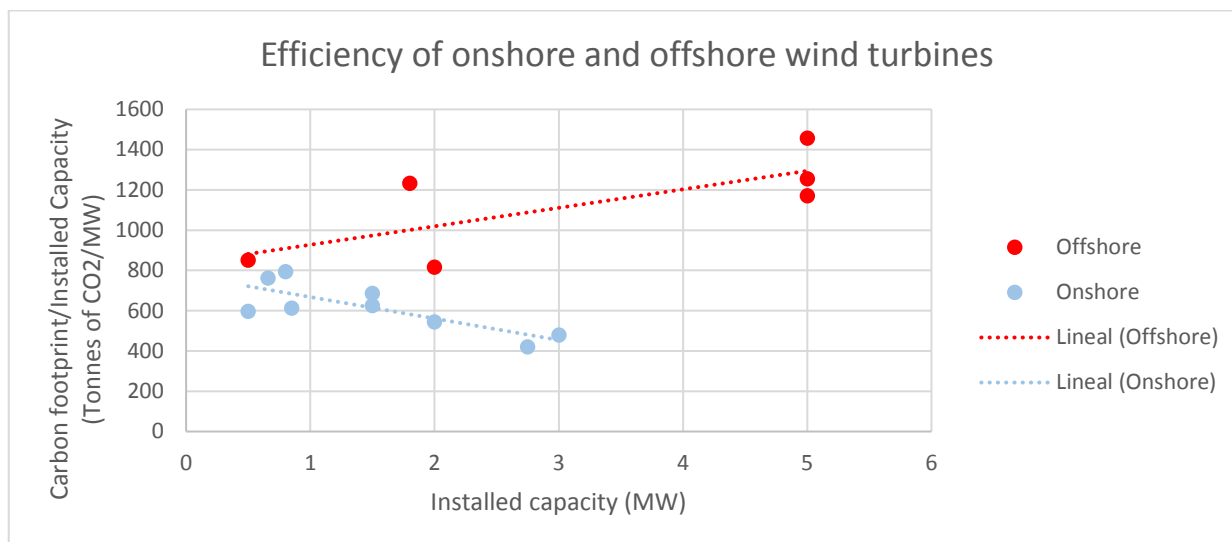


Figure 5.6. Efficiency of onshore and offshore wind turbines

5.3. Carbon footprint per life cycle phase

In order to know which phases in the life cycle of a wind turbine are less environmentally friendly and to compare the differences between both technologies, it was calculated the carbon footprint embodied in each phase like a percentage, as it is shown in the following table.

Table 5.2. Carbon footprint of all wind turbine analysed

| | | Percentage (%) | | | | |
|----------|--|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| | Name | Material | Energy | O&M | Transport | Decommissioning |
| Onshore | (Schleisner, 2000) | 79 | 8 | 11 | 2 | -37 |
| | (Ardente et al., 2008) | 80 | 6 | 11 | 4 | -28 |
| | (Dones et al., 2007) | 82 | 6 | 11 | 2 | -36 |
| | (Crawford, 2009) (1) | 79 | 7 | 11 | 2 | -36 |
| | (Crawford, 2009) (2) | 76 | 9 | 12 | 2 | -33 |
| | (Oebels & Pacca, 2013) | 80 | 7 | 11 | 2 | -35 |
| | (Yang & Chen, 2013) | 80 | 7 | 11 | 2 | -38 |
| | (Martínez et al., 2009) | 78 | 8 | 12 | 2 | -34 |
| | (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) | 75 | 11 | 13 | 1 | -33 |
| | Onshore Average | 79 | 8 | 11 | 2 | -34 |
| Offshore | (Schleisner, 2000) | 76 | 3 | 9 | 12 | -28 |
| | (Dones et al., 2007) | 76 | 3 | 9 | 12 | -26 |
| | (Dolan, 2007) | 81 | 2 | 10 | 8 | -38 |
| | (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) | 81 | 2 | 10 | 7 | -35 |
| | (Reimers, Özdirik & Kaltschmitt, 2014) | 80 | 2 | 10 | 8 | -36 |
| | (Weinzettel et al., 2009) | 82 | 2 | 10 | 6 | -33 |
| | Offshore Average | 79 | 2 | 10 | 9 | -33 |

Figure 5.7 shows that around 80% of the carbon dioxide emissions embodied in a wind turbine (onshore and offshore) are due to the material manufacture. Furthermore, carbon footprint during the operation & maintenance is around 10% in both technologies. However, the CO₂ emissions during the transport phase is much higher in offshore technology, because distances are longer and the amount of material to transport is larger as well. Moreover, around 30% of carbon footprint can be saved if onshore and offshore wind turbines are recycled, this is why the recycle of wind turbines is so important.

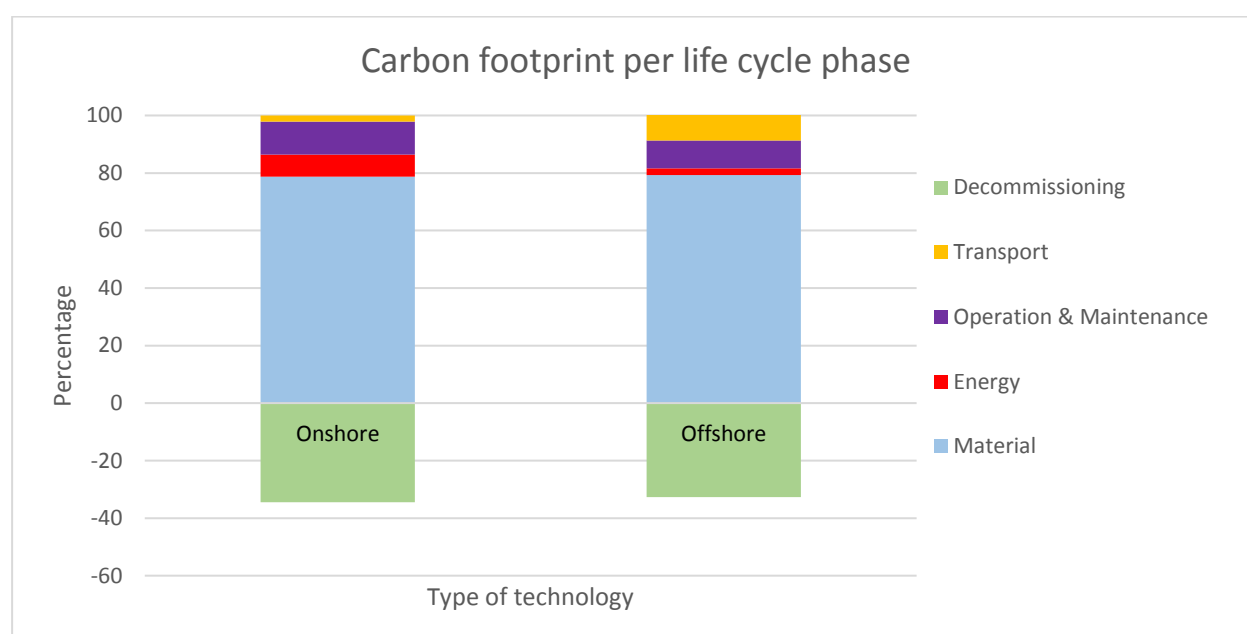


Figure 5.7. Carbon footprint per life cycle phase

Other researchers ((Kaldellis & Apostolou, 2017) and (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016)) have already estimate the percentage of carbon footprint embodied in the different phases, and their results are essentially the same, where materials carbon footprint is around the 80%, the operation & maintenance around the 10% and there are important savings if wind turbines are recycled. However, they do not included the transport phase.

5.4. Carbon footprint in the United Kingdom

Once the equations that represent the carbon footprint evolution of onshore and offshore wind turbines from the installed capacity have been calculated, it is really easy to estimate the carbon footprint of different wind generators, even the total carbon dioxide emissions in a whole country due to the wind energy.

The following table contains the equations to estimate the carbon footprint of onshore and offshore wind turbines in the whole life cycle (*Equation 29* and *Equation 30*) and the average installed capacity from turbines of both technologies (*Table 1.2*).

Table 5.3. Carbon footprint equations and average installed capacity in UK

| Type of technology | Equation | Installed capacity per turbine (MW) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Onshore Wind | $570.54 \cdot \ln(x) + 711.21$ | 0.83 |
| Offshore Wind | $1389.1 \cdot x - 518.19$ | 3.61 |

Therefore, the carbon footprint in the whole life cycle for an average onshore wind turbine is 604.9 ± 4.5 % tonnes of CO₂, while for an average offshore wind turbine is 4496.5 ± 4 % tonnes of CO₂.

Due to the fact that a database of all wind turbines with their installed capacity from the United Kingdom (UK) were not found, the total carbon footprint due to the wind energy was estimated from the carbon footprint of an average generator and the total amount of wind turbines in the UK.

The total number of onshore wind turbines in the UK is 13100, while for offshore technology is 1465. So the total carbon footprint in the whole life cycle of the turbines is $7,924,190 \pm 4.5$ % tonnes of CO₂ for onshore and $6,587,372.5 \pm 4$ % for offshore.

In order to know which technology is more efficient in terms of carbon dioxide savings it is necessary to use the ratio grammes of CO₂/kWh (carbon footprint/energy generated). This ratio is the best to compare both types of technologies because it includes carbon emissions and energy generated. Obviously, the total carbon footprint of an offshore wind turbine is going to be higher than an onshore one because of the amount of materials needed and the transport distances. However, offshore technology is more efficient like it was shown in *Table 1.3*. To

calculate this ratio is only necessary to divide the total carbon footprint of each technology between the energy generated in the UK due to them in the whole life cycle.

Like it was shown in *Table 1.1*, the total amount of energy generated from onshore technology is 20962 GWh, while from offshore is 16406 GWh in 2016, but it is necessary to estimate the energy produced in the whole life cycle, so they were multiplied by 20 years of operation.

Then, the ratio for onshore turbines in UK is $18.9 \pm 4.5\%$ gCO₂/kWh and for offshore ones is $20.1 \pm 4\%$ gCO₂/kWh. Moreover, both ratios are considerably less than the electricity generation mix one, which is 275 gCO₂/kWh (*Loughran, 2018*), so the wind energy brings a lot of benefits in term of CO₂ savings. Onshore wind turbines in the UK are more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings than offshore ones. Although, offshore technology is much more expensive than the onshore one and less environmentally friendly, the reason that some many offshore farms are being manufacture is because they are much more energetically efficient than onshore ones.

Table 5.4. Carbon footprint in UK due to wind energy

| Type of technology | Carbon footprint/turbine (tonnes of CO ₂) | Total carbon footprint (tonnes of CO ₂) | Ratio (grammes of CO ₂ /kWh) |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Onshore Wind | 604.9 ± 27 | 7 924 190 ± 356 589 | 18.9 ± 0.9 |
| Offshore Wind | 4496.5 ± 180 | 6 587 373 ± 263 495 | 20.1 ± 0.8 |

The ratio (grammes of CO₂/kWh) estimated is big in comparison to the ratio from other researchers (*Kaldellis & Apostolou, 2017*) whose results are shown in *Table 2.1*. This is probably because a lot of researchers do not included all phases to calculate the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine like it was explained in *Life Cycle Assessment* section, where some of the carbon dioxide emissions of some phases had to be estimated because the researcher did not considered that phase. Moreover, turbines analysed (*Kaldellis & Apostolou, 2017*) are placed around the world, so the energy produced can be really different, depending on the wind conditions of each country, this would explain the big differences between the ratios as well.

5.5. Carbon footprint evolution per year in a wind turbine

The carbon footprint evolution throughout the years of a wind turbine was calculated in order to know what phases have more carbon embodied. This evolution was estimated for an average onshore and offshore wind turbine in the United Kingdom. Then, it is explained how it was calculated.

As *Table 5.4* shows the carbon footprint for a 0.83 MW onshore turbine is 604.9 tonnes of CO₂, while for a 3.61 MW offshore turbine is 4496.5 tonnes of CO₂. First of all, it is necessary to estimate the carbon footprint embodied in each life cycle phase. For that, the total amount of carbon embodied in a wind turbine was multiplied by the average percentages shown in *Table 5.2*, where these percentages show the amount of carbon embodied in each life cycle phase.

Table 5.5. Carbon embodied in an average onshore and offshore wind turbine in UK

| Onshore carbon footprint = 604.9 tonnes of CO ₂ | | | Offshore carbon footprint = 4496.5 tonnes of CO ₂ | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|--|--------------|-----------------|
| Name | Material | Energy | O&M | Transport | Decommissioning |
| Onshore Average (%) | 79 | 8 | 11 | 2 | -34 |
| Onshore carbon footprint (tonnes of CO₂) | 476.5 | 46.4 | 69.2 | 12.8 | -208.4 |
| Offshore Average (%) | 79 | 2 | 10 | 9 | -33 |
| Offshore carbon footprint (tonnes of CO₂) | 3567.2 | 104.9 | 434.7 | 397.2 | -1468.9 |

5.5.1 First year of operation

The next step was to determine the carbon dioxide emissions embodied per year. The moment when a turbine starts to work, there is already an important amount of carbon embodied in it due to the materials, the energy consumed during the installation and the transport of these materials.

Onshore wind turbines

For onshore wind turbines, the equation which represents the carbon footprint (CF) when turbines starts working is:

$$Initial\ CF\ (t\ CO_2) = Material + \frac{Transport}{2} + \frac{Energy}{2} \quad Equation\ 31$$

Where:

- Material: is the carbon footprint due to the manufacture of the materials.
- Transport: is the carbon footprint due to the transport of these materials. There are two transport phases, one during the installation and the other one during the decommissioning, like it was explained in the *Transport* section.
- Energy: is the carbon footprint due to the energy consumed during the installation. There are two energy phases, one during the installation and the other one during the decommissioning, like it was explained in the *Energy* section.

Offshore wind turbines

For offshore wind turbines, the equation which represents the carbon footprint (CF) when turbines starts working is:

$$Initial\ CF\ (t\ CO_2) = Material + \frac{Transport}{2} \quad Equation\ 32$$

Where:

- Material: is the carbon footprint due to the manufacture of the materials.
- Transport: is the carbon footprint due to the transport of these materials. There are two transport phases, one during the installation and the other one during the decommissioning, like it was explained in the *Transport* section. Energy was not included because for offshore turbines, the energy consumed is due to the operation and maintenance, like it was explained in the *Energy* section.

5.5.2 Years of operation

Now, it is necessary to know the carbon embodied during the operation of the wind turbine. It is assumed that all years are equal in terms of carbon dioxide emissions because it was calculated with an average.

Onshore wind turbines

For onshore wind turbines, the equation which represents the carbon footprint (CF) per year is:

$$CF \text{ per year } (t \text{ CO}_2) = \frac{O\&M}{20} \quad \text{Equation 33}$$

Where:

- O&M: is the carbon footprint due to the operation & maintenance, which includes parts of generator which need to be changed and energy consumed in these changes and in the maintenance during the 20 years of operation like it was explained in *Operation & Maintenance* section.

Offshore wind turbines

However, for offshore wind turbines, the equation which represents the carbon footprint (CF) per year is:

$$CF \text{ per year } (t \text{ CO}_2) = \frac{O\&M}{20} + \frac{Energy}{20} \quad \text{Equation 34}$$

Where:

- O&M: is the carbon footprint due to the operation & maintenance, which includes parts of the generator that need to be changed during the 20 years of operation like it was explained in *Operation & Maintenance* section.

- Energy: is the carbon footprint due to the energy consumed in these changes and in the maintenance during the 20 years of operation.

5.5.3 Last year of operation

Finally, it is necessary to know the carbon footprint embodied during the last operation year of a wind turbine, which includes the energy consumed during the uninstalling, the transport of the materials to the landfill, the savings of CO₂ emissions due to the recycling and the carbon footprint embodied in a normal year of operation.

Onshore wind turbines

For onshore wind turbines, the equation which represents the carbon footprint (CF) during the last year of operation is:

$$CF \text{ last year } (t \text{ CO}_2) = Decommissioning + \frac{Transport}{2} + \frac{Energy}{2} + \frac{O\&M}{20} \quad \text{Equation 35}$$

Where:

- Decommissioning: is the CO₂ savings due to the recycling of the materials.
- Transport: is the carbon footprint due to the transport of the materials to the landfill. There are two transport phases, one during the installation and the other one during the decommissioning, like it was explained in the *Transport* section.
- Energy: is the carbon footprint due to the energy consumed during the uninstalling. There are two energy phases, one during the installation and the other one during the decommissioning, like it was explained in the *Energy* section.
- O&M: is the carbon footprint due to the operation & maintenance, which includes parts of the generator that need to be changed and energy consumed in these changes and in the maintenance during the 20 years of operation like it was explained in *Operation & Maintenance* section, because in the last year the wind turbine is still generating electricity.

Offshore wind turbines

For offshore wind turbines, the equation which represents the carbon footprint (CF) during the last year of operation is:

$$CF \text{ last year (t CO}_2\text{)} = Decommissioning + \frac{Transport}{2} + \frac{Energy}{20} + \frac{O\&M}{20} \quad \text{Equation 36}$$

Where:

- Decommissioning: is the CO₂ savings due to the recycling of the materials.
- Transport: is the carbon footprint due to the transport of the materials to the landfill. There are two transport phases, one during the installation and the other one during the decommissioning, like it was explained in the *Transport* section.
- O&M: is the carbon footprint due to the operation & maintenance, which includes parts of the generator that need to be changed during the 20 years of operation like it was explained in *Operation & Maintenance* section, because in the last year the wind turbine is still operational.
- Energy: is the carbon footprint due to the energy consumed in these changes and in the maintenance during the 20 years of operation, because in the last year the wind turbine is still generating electricity.

5.5.4 Carbon footprint evolution per year results

The next table shows the results of applying the method explained above.

Table 5.6. Onshore and offshore cumulative carbon footprint per year

| Onshore | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|---------|---------|
| Name | Year 0 | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | ... | Year 19 | Year 20 |
| Carbon footprint/year (t CO ₂) | 506.1 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | ... | 3.5 | -175.3 |
| Cumulative Carbon footprint (t CO ₂) | 506.1 | 509.6 | 513.0 | 516.5 | ... | 571.9 | 396.5 |
| Offshore | | | | | | | |
| Name | Year 0 | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | ... | Year 19 | Year 20 |
| Carbon footprint/year (t CO ₂) | 3765.8 | 27.0 | 27.0 | 27.0 | ... | 27.0 | -1243.3 |
| Cumulative Carbon footprint (t CO ₂) | 3765.8 | 3792.8 | 3819.8 | 3846.8 | | 4278.4 | 3035.1 |

Figure 5.8 shows the cumulative carbon footprint for an onshore and offshore wind turbine year by year, since it starts working until it is uninstalled. Obviously, the carbon footprint is much higher for offshore wind turbines, since more material is required, the transport distance is greater and more energy is required during the installation and the decommissioning.

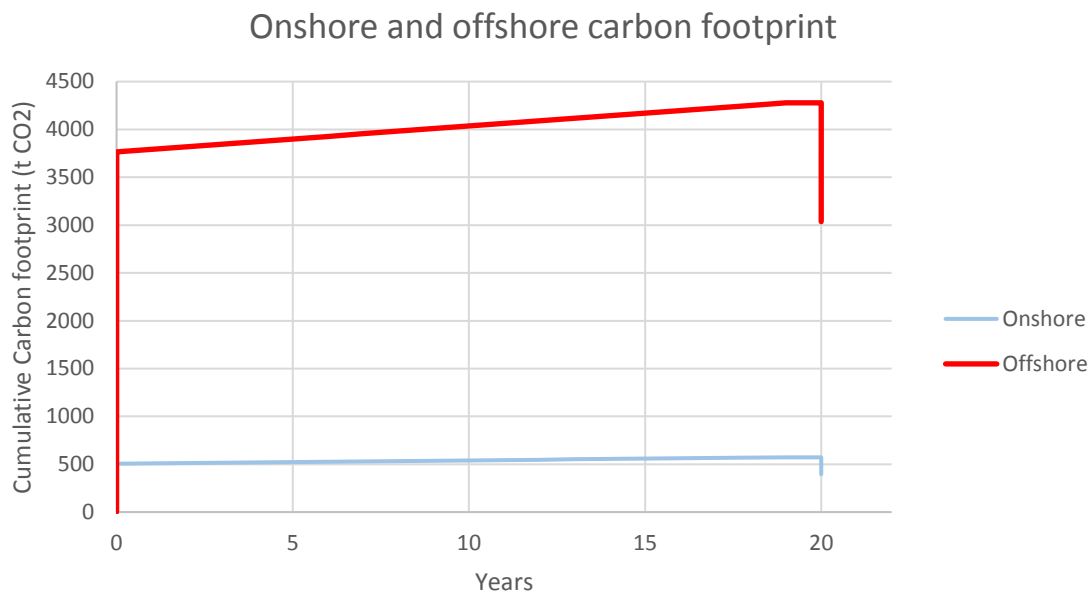


Figure 5.8. Carbon footprint of an onshore and offshore wind turbine year on year

Figure 5.9 shows that carbon footprint evolution for onshore and offshore are really similar. Most of the CO₂ emissions embodied in a wind turbine occur before the wind turbine starts to work. This is because a lot of materials are needed to manufacture turbines, they need to be transported long distances, and machines need a lot of energy to be installed. When a wind turbine starts producing energy, the evolution of the CO₂ embodied is linear and much lower than in the first phase. This is because when wind energy is produced, there are not carbon dioxide emissions, so the cumulative carbon footprint year by year is due to the need to change some wind generator components and the carbon embodied in some machines used to the operation & maintenance of the installation. During the last year, there is a carbon footprint reduction, this is because during the decommissioning, some parts of the wind turbine are recycled, therefore there are CO₂ savings. This savings are around the 33% of the total carbon footprint, so it is really important to recycle wind turbines to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emissions embodied in them.

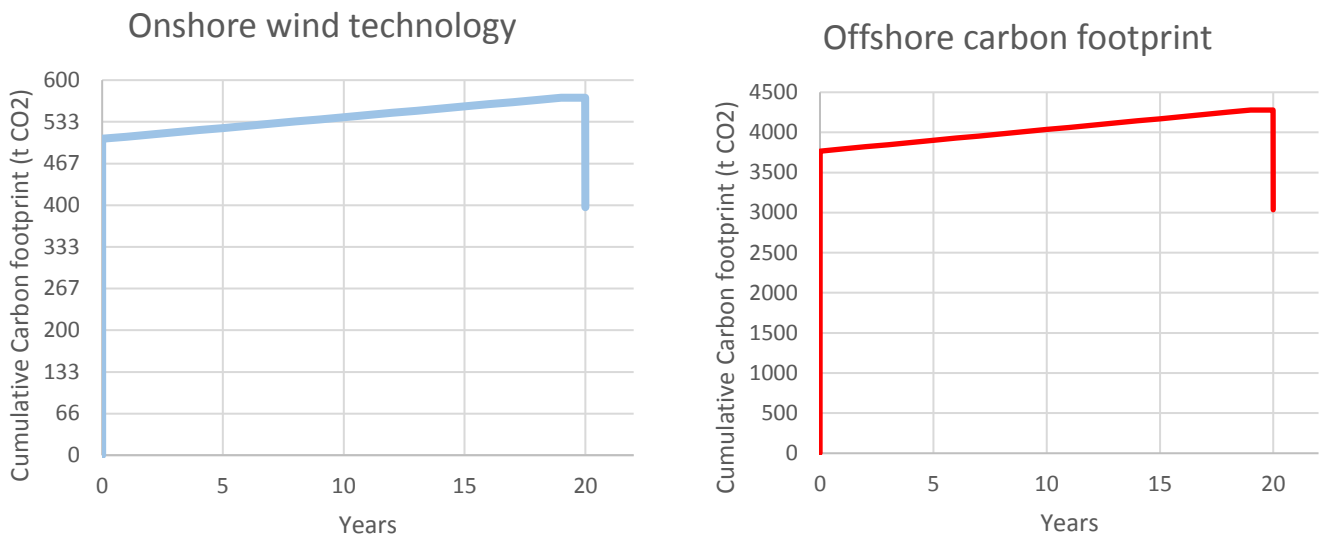


Figure 5.9. Cumulative carbon footprint of an onshore and offshore wind turbine

Other researchers (*Kaldellis & Apostolou, 2017*) and (*Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016*) have already estimate the percentage of carbon footprint embodied in the different phases, and their results are essentially the same, where the carbon footprint before wind turbines start working is around the 90%, the operation & maintenance around the 10% and there are important savings if wind turbines are recycled (30%).

5.6. Payback time of carbon dioxide emissions in a wind turbine

Wind turbines do not emit CO₂ while they are producing energy. However, there is an important amount of carbon dioxide emissions embodied in their life cycle like it was already explained. It was shown in *Carbon footprint evolution per year in a wind turbine* section in Figure 5.9 that the most part of carbon footprint embodied happens when wind turbine is not working yet. Therefore it is really important to know the amount of time happens until turbines start to save CO₂ emissions.

The amount of carbon footprint embodied in an average onshore and offshore wind turbine in the United Kingdom was calculated in the section above (*Carbon footprint evolution per year in a wind turbine*). Moreover it is necessary to estimate the carbon footprint if that wind turbine did not exist and the energy had been produced by another type of technology. It is assumed that all types of technologies would contribute to proportionate that amount of energy in the

same proportion they appear in the electricity generation mix of the United Kingdom in 2016. So the carbon footprint ratio of this distribution in the UK in 2016 is 275 grammes of CO₂/kWh (*Loughran, 2018*). Then this ratio was multiplied by the amount of energy which average onshore and offshore wind turbines produced in 2016 in the UK like it was shown in *Table 1.2* (1.6 GWh for an onshore and 11.20 GWh for an offshore turbine).

Then, when the graphic of the cumulative carbon footprint due to a wind energy intersects with the cumulative carbon footprint due to the electricity generation mix, that moment will be the payback time in terms of CO₂ savings.

Figure 5.10 shows that the payback time for an average onshore wind turbine in the United Kingdom is a bit less than one year and two months. After that, all energy generated contribute to reduce the carbon footprint in the UK.

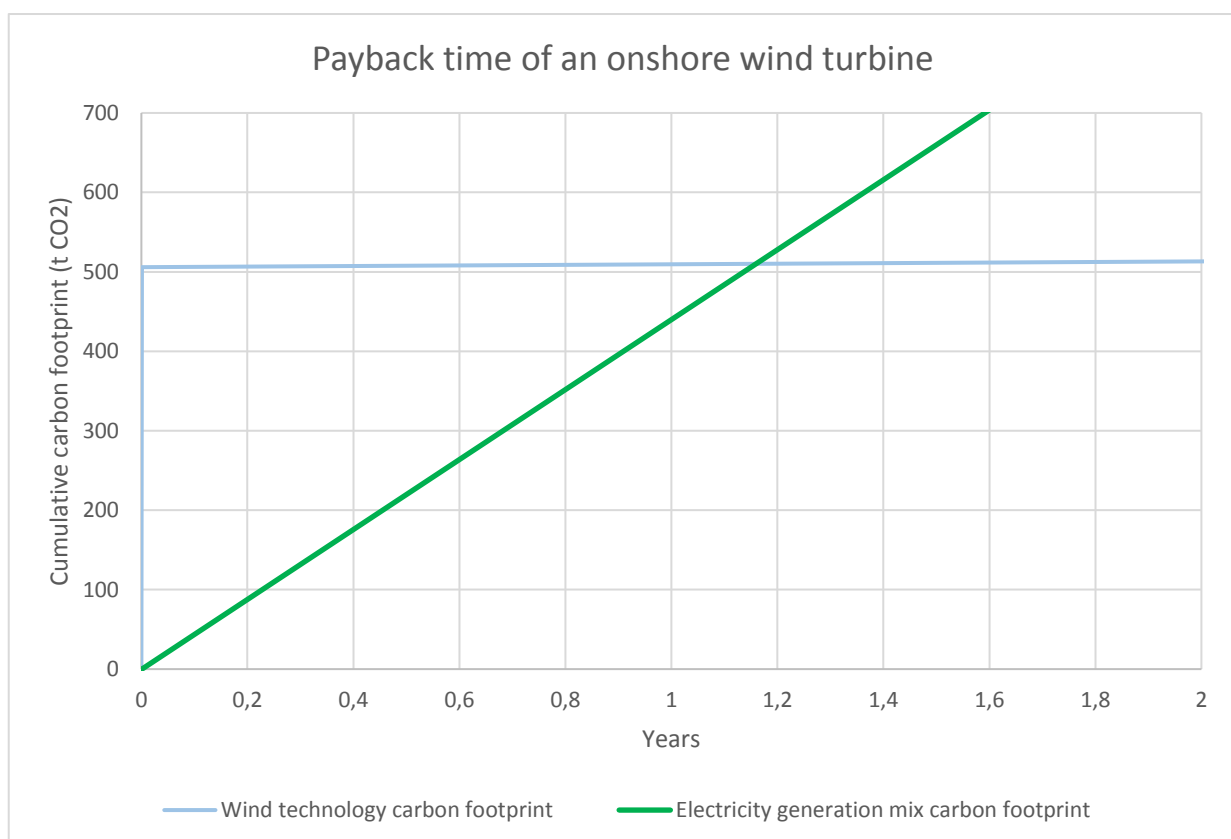


Figure 5.10. Payback time for an onshore wind turbine

Figure 5.11 shows the payback time for an average offshore wind turbine in the United Kingdom is a bit more than one year and two months. After that, all energy generated contributes to reduce the carbon footprint in the UK. Payback time for an offshore wind turbine is greater than for an onshore one, this is because onshore wind turbines are more effective than offshore ones in terms of carbon emissions reduction, which coincide with results showed in *Carbon footprint in the United Kingdom* in Table 5.4 where the ratio (grammes of CO₂/kWh) shows that onshore wind technology is still more efficient than the offshore one (18,9 against 20,1 gCO₂/kWh).

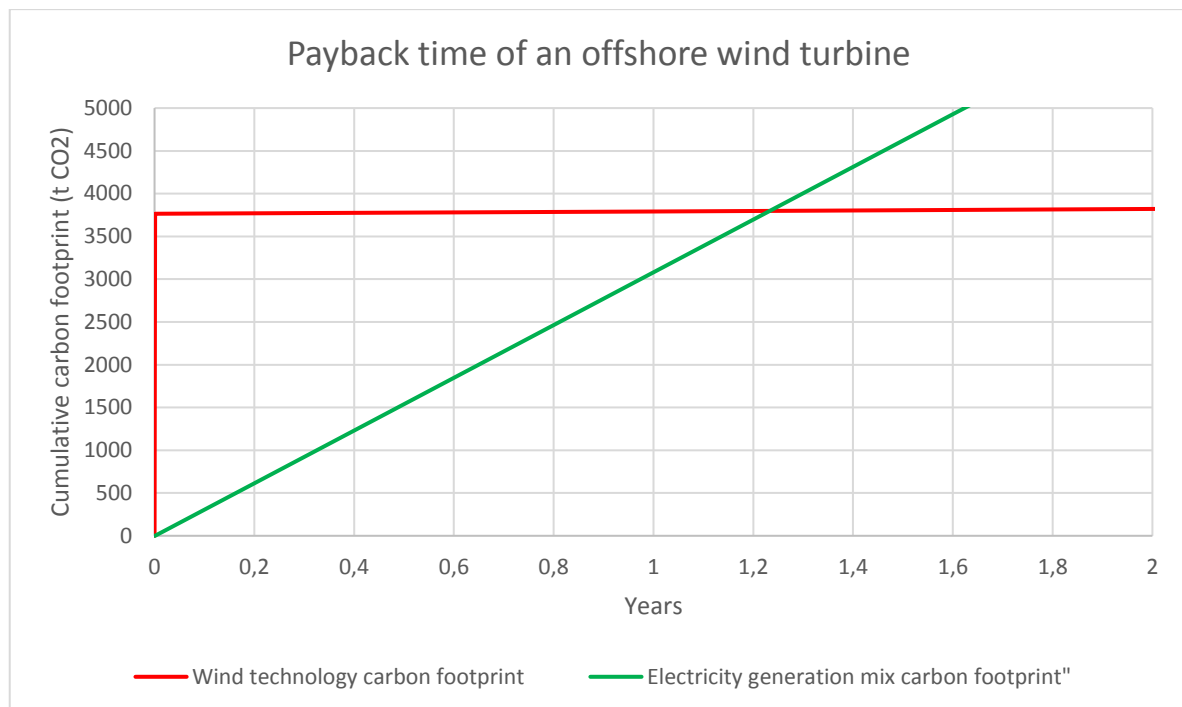


Figure 5.11. Payback time for an offshore wind turbine

Some researchers (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) have shown that the payback time for onshore and offshore wind turbines is a bit less than one year, but this is because instead of considering the electricity generation mix in the country, they considered that the energy produced by the wind turbine would be generated by coal or fossil sources, then the carbon footprint ratio would be much higher (more than 500 gCO₂/kWh), therefore the payback time would decrease.

5.7. Total carbon footprint saving in UK due to the wind energy

It is necessary to compare actual electricity generation mix to one scenario where wind energy never has been developed the United Kingdom. Thus, all CO₂ savings due to the onshore and offshore wind turbines throughout the history can be calculated.

First of all, the ratio grammes of CO₂/kWh (Energy produced) if wind technology had not been developed in the UK has been estimated year on year, like *Table 4.19* shows in *Carbon footprint factor in UK if no wind energy* section. This ratio was used to know the carbon footprint of energy in the United Kingdom due to the mix electricity generation if wind turbines had not been developed.

Then, the installed capacity and the power generated year on year from wind energy was obtained (*Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy (1), 2000-2017*). As no data about the total number of wind turbines per year was found, it was assumed that all onshore turbines have 0.83 MW of installed capacity and 3.61 MW for offshore ones, which correspond with average data from 2016 like it was shown in *Table 1.2*. Then the total number of wind turbines every year and the new wind turbines per year can be estimated like it shows in *Cumulative carbon dioxide emissions saving calculations* section, *Table 7.1* in appendices.

Therefore, if the total number of new turbines per year and the carbon footprint per year for a wind turbine are known, because it was estimated in *Table 5.6* in *Carbon footprint evolution per year results* section, it is really easy to calculate the total CO₂ emissions embodied in all wind turbines in the United Kingdom year by year like it is shown in *Table 7.2* and *Table 7.3* in appendices.

However, if wind energy had not been developed this energy generated by wind turbines must have been produced by another type of technology. It is assumed that all types of technologies would contribute to proporcionate that amount of energy in the same proportion like in the electricity generation mix without considering wind technology. So, to estimate the carbon footprint in this scenerio the ratio grammes of CO₂/kWh, which does not include wind energy, was multiplied by the amount of energy generated by wind technology like it shows in appendices in *Table 7.4* (the ratio before 2000 could not be calculated because no data was found, therefore it is assumed than before 2000 this ratio is constant).

Figure 5.12 shows the difference between an scenario where wind energy was not developed and the actual scenerio where it was. At the beginning, there are no big differences between both scenarios because most of the CO₂ emissions embodied in a wind turbine occur before the wind turbine starts to work. This is because a lot of materials are needed to manufacture turbines, they need to be transported long distances, and machines need a lot of energy to install them. When a wind turbine starts to produce energy, the CO₂ embodied is much lower, as it was explained in *Carbon footprint evolution per year results* section. This is why when years spend the differences between scenarios increase considerably. At the end of 2016 there are more than 79,000,000 tonnes of CO₂ savings due to the wind energy, which is around 86% of savings and the more years spent, the bigger differences there will be.

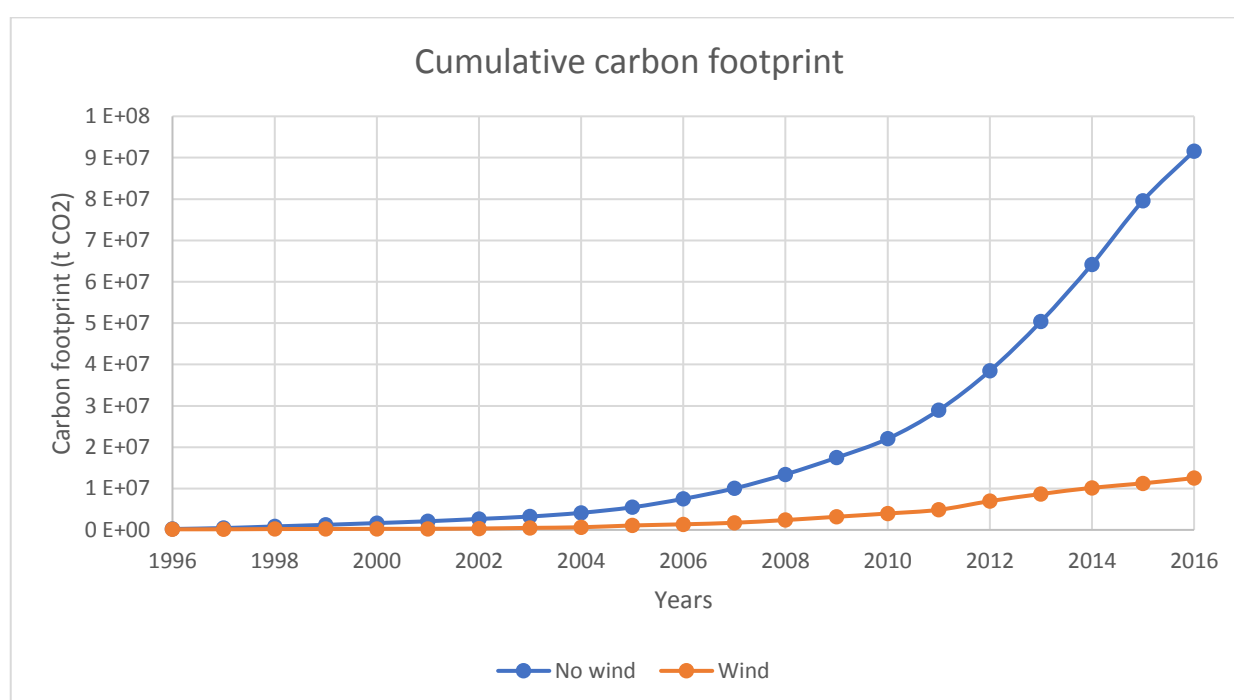


Figure 5.12. Carbon footprint in a scenario where wind energy was not developed and other one where it was

Figure 5.13 shows the difference between an scenario where onshore wind energy was not developed and the actual scenerio where it was. At the beginning, there are not big differences between both scenarios like it was explained above. However, as years go by the differences between scenarios increase considerably due to the fact that wind energy does not emit CO₂ emissions during the operation. At the end of 2016 there are more than 52,000,000 tonnes of CO₂ savings due to the onshore wind energy, which is around 88.5% of savings and the more years spent, the bigger differences there will be.

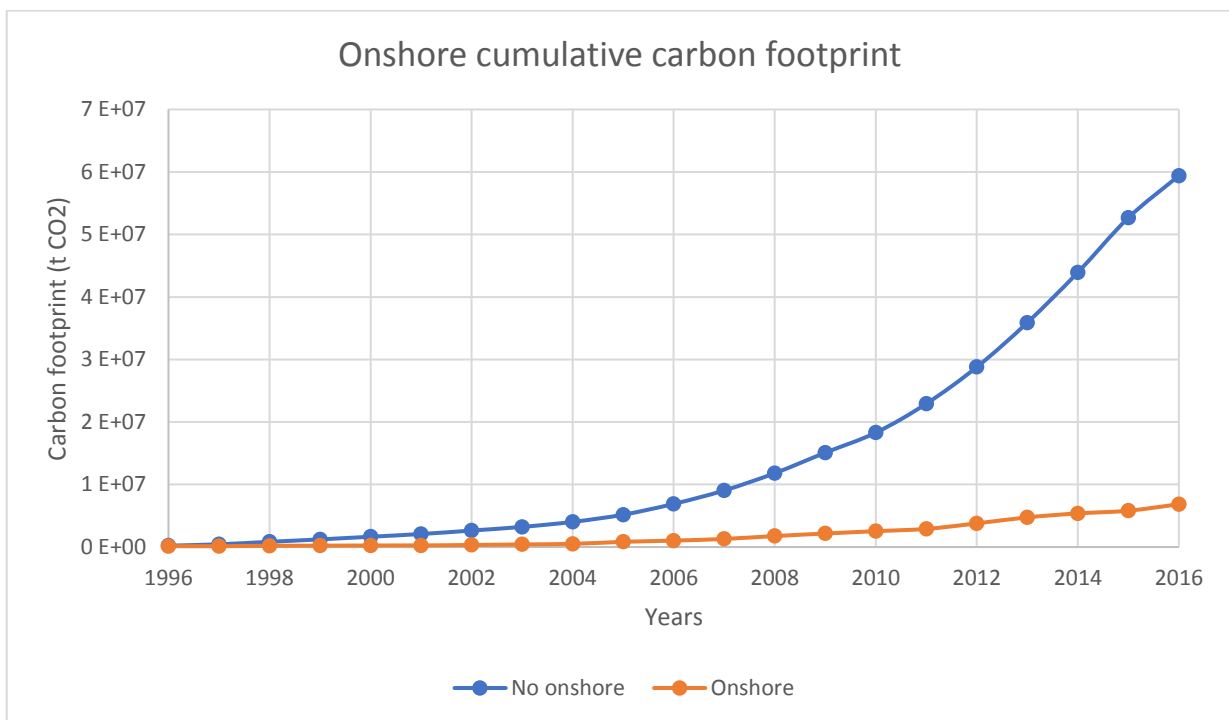


Figure 5.13. Carbon footprint in a scenario where onshore energy was not developed and other one where it was

Figure 5.14 shows the difference between an scenario where offshore wind energy was not developed and the actual scenerio where it was. At the beginning, there are no big differences between both scenarios, as it was explained above. However, as years go by the differences between scenarios increase considerably due to the fact that wind energy does not emit CO₂ emissions during the operation. But, these differences do not increase as fast as onshore ones, and there is even a cannibalization effect during the first years, because the carbon embodied in an offshore wind turbine is much higher than in an onshore one, as it was shown in *Total carbon footprint* section. At the end of 2016 there are more than 26,500,000 tonnes of CO₂ savings due to the offshore wind energy, which is around 82% of savings and the more years spend, the bigger differences there will be. The amount of CO₂ savings due to the offshore wind technology is much less than onshore ones, but this is because offshore technology was developed slower than the onshore one at the beginning of 21st century. Although the percentages of savings (88.5% against 82%) shows that onshore wind turbines are more effective that offshore ones in terms of carbon emissions reduction, which coincide with the results showed in *Carbon footprint in the United Kingdom* in Table 5.4 where the ratio (grammes of CO₂/kWh) show that onshore wind technology is still more efficient than the offshore one (18.9 against 20.1 gCO₂/kWh).

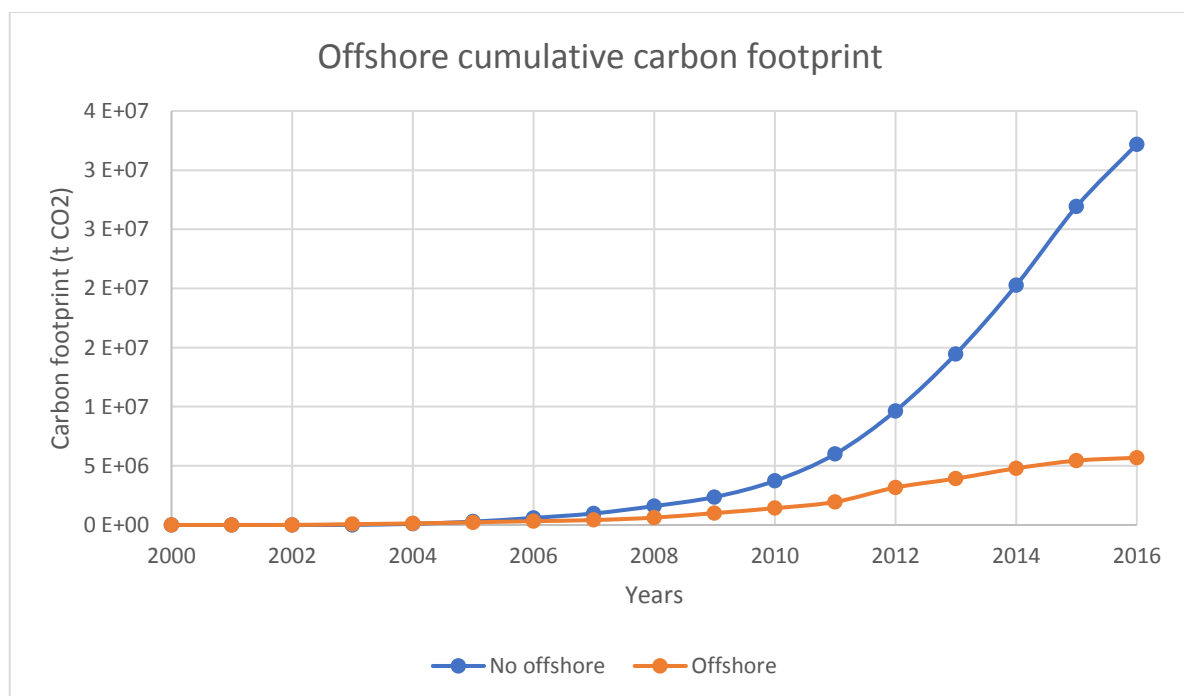


Figure 5.14. Carbon footprint in a scenario where offshore energy was not developed and other one where it was

Other researchers (*Usubiaga et al., 2017*) have done a study like this one, but applicable to all wind turbine in Europe, as it was shown in *Figure 2.3* and *Figure 2.4*. Results are really similar, because onshore technology brings benefits faster than the offshore one, because the carbon footprint of this type of turbines is low. However, for offshore technology in (*Usubiaga et al., 2017*) the research, it is observed a cannibalization effect like it is shown in *Figure 2.4*, however in this dissertation it did not happen, and this is because offshore wind energy was developed slower in the United Kingdom where few turbines were installed each year, so the initial carbon footprint impact due to the wind technology, like it was explained in *Carbon footprint evolution per year in a wind turbine* section, was not as big as in the whole Europe, therefore the cannibalization effect was not too big.

5.8. Impact statement

The main problem is that a lot of companies and governments invest a lot of money in renewable energies because it is thought that they do not emit CO₂. Although this is true during the energy generation process, there is a carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine due to the materials manufacture, transport, installation and maintenance. Therefore, it is tremendously important to calculate the carbon dioxide emissions in the life cycle, thus this way, the exact CO₂ savings due to the use of these technologies will be known, as well as their payback time in terms of contamination and if these technology is really reducing carbon emissions in function of the energetic mix generation of the country. For example, it was thought that solar energy was environmentally friendly (*Usubiaga et al., 2017*), but almost 15 years of operation are needed to save as much CO₂ during the energetic generation process as the carbon emissions produced during the life cycle. So, considering the cannibalization effect is very important in renewable energies.

This research will study wind turbines because wind energy is the most important renewable energy in Europe, as it is already generating a big amount of energy. Furthermore, a methodology will be developed to calculate the carbon footprint in wind turbines and to compare onshore and offshore technologies in terms of CO₂ emissions per kilowatt of energy generated. In addition, it will provide a method to calculate the payback period in terms of carbon dioxide savings to be aware of the cannibalization effect of wind technology and it will know what operations in the

turbine life cycle are more contaminating, in order to try to reduce the emissions in those steps. Apart from these goals, this research will provide a lot of benefits, that being the reason why it should be funded.

This research will benefit the funding body because:

- It will make a difference because this methodology can be shared with clients and consumers.
- It will allow to choose materials to manufacture the generators in a more sustainable way.
- As it will be possible to know what operations emit more CO₂, we will be able to analyze how to reduce it.
- Carbon footprint will help improve the brand's image.
- It will satisfy the consumers demands in terms of environmental efficiency because the information will be reliable.
- It will provide wind more environmentally sustainable wind turbines designs.
- Implanting this methodology and applying it will not imply excessive costs.

But these are only the benefits for the funding body, however this research will bring gains for every living being on Earth, because if CO₂ is reduced, pollution will decrease, life expectancy will increase, health will be improved and illnesses will reduce. Moreover, the ozone hole will not increase as fast, global temperature will not be so high. In consequence the north and south pole will not melt, therefore a lot of species and ecosystems will be saved.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Global warming makes governments worry about carbon dioxide emissions, this is why wind energy has been developed so much these years. Nowadays, any CO₂ level is a reason to worry and should be reduced, it is not enough that wind technology does not contaminate while it is producing energy, but it is necessary to reduce as much as possible carbon dioxide emissions in the whole life cycle. So this research tries to determine an accuracy methodology to calculate carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine in order to compare offshore and onshore wind technologies in the United Kingdom and to know the benefits that wind energy brings in terms of CO₂ savings.

The methodology developed is the one which considers all carbon dioxide emissions embodied in the whole life cycle of a wind turbine. It includes the carbon footprint due to the manufacture and the transportation of the materials to the location where the wind turbine is placed. Energy consumed during the installation, operation & maintenance, and decommissioning. Finally, the carbon emissions embodied in the transportation to the landfill when the wind turbine is uninstalled. However it is necessary to dock the carbon footprint from the materials which have been recycled.

After calculating the carbon footprint of all wind turbines, offshore wind turbines have more carbon dioxide embodied in the whole life cycle than onshore ones. This is because more materials are needed to manufacture them and transport distances that are longer as well. Moreover, if the carbon footprint is represented as a function of the installed capacity, it was observed that for onshore wind turbines, it has a logarithmic trend, while in offshore wind turbines, it has a linear trend like it was shown in *Figure 5.2* and *Figure 5.3*. Therefore, a logarithmic and a linear equation could be developed in order to calculate the carbon footprint of onshore and offshore wind turbines from the installed capacity on an easy way.

Using the ratio carbon footprint/ installed capacity, it was calculated which power rating is more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings for turbines of the same technology (onshore or offshore). It was shown, in case of onshore wind turbines, that the more installed capacity the wind turbine has, the more efficient it is in terms of CO₂ savings. However, there are not very big onshore wind

turbines because there are some limitations. In case of offshore wind turbines, the less the installed capacity is, the more efficient the turbine is. But there are few turbines with little installed capacity, since there are not economically viable, as it was shown in *Figure 5.6*.

Moreover, it was known that most of the carbon footprint of onshore and offshore wind turbines is due to the manufacture of the materials, around an 80%. And the big differences between onshore and offshore technologies is the transport phase because the carbon dioxide emissions embodied in them of offshore turbines is greater than for onshore ones. This is because, more materials and longer distances are needed to get them to their installation location. Furthermore, if wind turbines are recycled more than 30% of carbon footprint is saved, so it is really important to recycle them, as it was shown in *Figure 5.7*.

It was calculated that the total amount of carbon footprint in the United Kingdom due to the onshore wind turbines is almost 8,000,000 tonnes of CO₂, while for offshore ones is more than 6,500,000 tonnes of CO₂. Moreover, it was shown that the ratio carbon footprint/energy generated (grammes of CO₂/kWh) in onshore technology is 18.9 gCO₂/kWh and 20.1 gCO₂/kWh in offshore one. So it was shown that onshore wind turbines are more efficient in terms of CO₂ savings than offshore ones in the United Kingdom, however both are much more efficient than the electricity generation mix ratio which is 275 gCO₂/kWh. So wind technology brings important benefits in reducing carbon footprint like it was shown in *Table 5.4*.

Furthermore, it was known that most of the carbon footprint embodied in a wind turbine is produced before it starts working because of the amount of materials needed, the long transport distance and the energy needed to install it. Once it starts to produce energy, the carbon footprint is lower because when wind energy is produced, there are not carbon dioxide emissions, just the carbon dioxide embodied in some wind generator components which needs to be replaced and the energy used during the operation & maintenance. During the last year, if the wind turbine is recycled, there is an important amount of carbon footprint saved, as it was shown in *Figure 5.9*.

It was estimated that the payback time in terms of carbon emissions savings is a bit less than one year and two months for UK onshore turbines and a bit more for offshore ones. So it was shown again that onshore technology is better to reduce the carbon footprint than the offshore

one like it was shown in *Figure 5.10* and *Figure 5.11*. However, the time needed in both technologies until wind energy starts to bring net environmental benefits in the United Kingdom is little.

Finally, it was estimated the total carbon dioxide emissions savings in the United Kingdom due to the wind technology and more than 79,000,000 tonnes of CO₂ have been saved. At the beginning, CO₂ savings are not great because a lot of materials are needed to manufacture turbines, they need to be transported long distances, and machines need a lot of energy to install them. However, when wind turbines start to produce energy, the CO₂ embodied in this phase is much lower, this is why as years go by the CO₂ savings increase considerably due to the wind energy. This increase is faster in onshore wind energy than in the offshore one due to the fact that carbon footprint is much less, as it was shown in *Figure 5.13* and *Figure 5.14*.

6.1. Research limitations

There have been different problems to calculate the total carbon footprint for a wind turbine, since a lot of researchers only include CO₂ emissions due to the materials and other phases are not included, this is why those phases have been estimated, as it was explained above.

Moreover, not all materials that are used to manufacture a wind turbine, are included, although this is not too important to calculate the carbon footprint due to the materials, because the more contaminating materials are always included in all papers, it is really important to calculate the carbon dioxide emissions in the transport phase because the whole weight of the materials is not included.

The best would have been to analyze real wind turbines projects in order to get more accurate results, considering all materials, energy from all machines used, all transport vehicles and trips needed, all machines and wind generator components changed during the operation & maintenance, and finally all materials recycled from the wind turbine, instead of analyzing other research works.

However, although this results are not 100% accurate, a methodology to calculate the total carbon footprint for wind turbines was created, since all phases are considered.

When the ratio carbon footprint/energy produced was estimated for an scenario where wind energy has never been developed, no data was found to calculate this ratio before 2000, so it was considered that this ratio was constant before that year.

Moreover, when the carbon footprint and the cumulative carbon dioxide emissions savings were calculated for the United Kingdom, the average installed capacity of all turbines was considered to do the calculations, instead of considering the real power ratings of all wind turbines, since these data was not found.

6.2. Recommendations

It is recommended to repeat this methodology with real wind turbines projects instead of using other researchers' investigations and when the total carbon footprint in one country is calculated it would be better to use the installed capacity of all wind turbines in the country, instead of using the average values.

Moreover, it is also recommended to add new wind turbines carbon footprint to the graphs (*Figure 5.2* and *Figure 5.3*) where the carbon footprint is represented as a function of the installed capacity. So, accurate equations could be achieved.

REFERENCES

- Ahlfors, C. (2017). *On the impact of wind power on CO2 emissions in a power system*. Stockholm.
- Ardente, F., Beccali, M., Cellura, M. & Lo Brano, V. (2008). Energy performances and life cycle assessment of an Italian wind farm. In *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 12 (pp. 200-217).
- Asociación Empresaria Eólica (AEE). (Accessed: 7th of March of 2018). Retrieved from <https://www.aeeolica.org/es/sobre-la-eolica/la-eolica-en-el-mundo/>
- Berndt, M. L. (2015). Influence of concrete mix design on CO2 emissions for large wind turbine foundations. In *Renewable Energy* 83 (pp. 608-614).
- Bonou, A., Laurent, A. & Olsen, S. I. (2016). Life cycle assessment of onshore and offshore wind energy- from theory to application. In *Applied Energy* 180 (pp. 327-337).
- Carbon Independent. (Accessed: 25th of April of 2018). Retrieved from Carbon Independent: http://www.carbonindependent.org/sources_home_energy.html
- Cleary, B., Duffy, A., Bach, B., Vitina, A., O'Connor, A. & Conlon, M. (2016). Estimating the electricity prices, generation costs and CO2 emissions of large scale wind energy exports from Ireland to Great Britain. In *Energy Policy* 91 (pp. 38-48).
- Committee on Climate Change. (2013). *Reducing the UK's carbon footprint*.
- Crawford, R.H. (2009). Life cycle energy and greenhouse emissions analysis of wind turbines and the effect of size on energy yield. In *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 13 (pp. 2653-2660).
- Delcampe, D. (2009). *GHG emissions of Transport (Transport and Energy Group, European Environment Agency)*.
- Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy (1). (2000-2017). *Digest of United Kingdom Energy Statics (2000-2017)*.
- Department for Bussines, Energy and Industrial Strategy. (2017). *Digest of United Kingdom Energy Statics 2017*.
- Dolan, S. (2007). *Life Cycle Assessment and Energy Synthesis of a Theoretical Offshore Wind Farm for Jacksonville*. Florida.
- Dones, R., Bauer, C., Bolliger, R., Burger, B., Heck, T. & Röder, A. (2007). *Life Cycle Inventories of Energy Systems: Results for Current Systems in Switzerland and other UCTE Countries*. Encoinvent Centre.
- ENPOS. University of Helsinki (Accessed: 25th of April of 2018). Retrieved from: [enpos.weebly.com: https://enpos.weebly.com/uploads/3/6/7/2/3672459/co2_direct_combustion_jokiniemi.pdf](https://enpos.weebly.com/uploads/3/6/7/2/3672459/co2_direct_combustion_jokiniemi.pdf)
- Fernández, N. (Accesses: 23th of April of 2018). Retrieved from [aula.aguapedia.org: http://aula.aguapedia.org/file.php/13/ECONOMIAECO/Emisiones_de_CO2_Transporte_de_Mercancias.pdf](http://aula.aguapedia.org/file.php/13/ECONOMIAECO/Emisiones_de_CO2_Transporte_de_Mercancias.pdf)
- Garrett, P. & Ronde, K. (2013). Life cycle assesment of wind power: comprehensive results from a state-of-the-art approach. In *Life Cycle Assess* (pp. 37-48).

- [Hammond, G. & Jones, C. \(2008\). *Inventory of Carbon & Energy \(ICE\)*. University of Bath.](#)
- [Instituto para la Diversificación y Ahorro de Energía \(IDAE\). \(2006\). *Manuales de energías renovables 3: Energía eólica*. Madrid.](#)
- [Kaldellis, J. K. & Apostolou, D. \(2017\). Life cycle energy and carbon footprint of offshore wind energy. Comparison with onshore counterpart. In *Renewable Energy* 108 \(pp. 72-84\).](#)
- [Kaldellis, J. K., Apostolou, D., Kapsali, M. & Kondili, E. \(2016\). Environmental and social footprint of offshore wind energy. Comparison with onshore counterpart. In *Renewable Energy* \(92\) \(pp. 543-556\).](#)
- [Loughran, J. \(Accessed: 2nd of May of 2018\). *Engineering & Technology*. Retrieved from <https://eandt.theiet.org/content/articles/2017/11/carbon-emissions-associated-with-uk-s-electricity-generation-have-halved-since-2012/>](#)
- [Martínez, E., Sanz, F., Pellegrini, S., Jiménez, E. & Blanco, J. \(2009\). Life cycle assessment of a multi-megawatt wind turbine. In *Renewable Energy* 34 \(pp. 667-673\).](#)
- [Oebels, K.B. & Pacca, S. \(2013\). Life cycle assessment of an onshore wind farm located at the northeastern coast of Brazil. In *Renewable Energy* 53 \(pp. 60-70\).](#)
- [Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy. \(Accessed: 21st of April of 2018\). Retrieved from \[energy.gov: https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/inside-wind-turbine-0\]\(https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/inside-wind-turbine-0\)](#)
- [Oficina Catalana del Canvi Climàtic. \(2011\). *Guía práctica para el cálculo de emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero \(GEI\)*.](#)
- [Pehnt, M., Oeser, M. & Swider, D.J. \(2008\). Consequential environmental system analysis of expected offshore wind electricity production in Germany. In *Renewable Energy* 53 \(pp. 60-70\).](#)
- [Reimers, B., Özdirik, B. & Kaltschmitt, M. \(2014\). Greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generated by offshore wind farms. In *Renewable Energy* 72 \(pp. 428-438\).](#)
- [Schleisner, L. \(2000\). Life cycle assessment of a wind farm and related externalities. In *Renewable Energy* 20 \(pp. 279-288\).](#)
- [Suh, S. & Huppes, G. \(2005\). Methods for Life Cycle Inventory of a product. In *Journal of Cleaner Production* 13 \(pp. 687- 697\).](#)
- [Tasmanian helicopters. \(Accessed; 24th of April of 2018\). Retrieved from \[tasmanianhelicopters: http://www.tasmanianhelicopters.com.au/fleet#\]\(http://www.tasmanianhelicopters.com.au/fleet#\)](#)
- [Tomprowski, A., Flizikowski, J., Opielak, M., Kasner, R. & Kruszelnicka, W. \(2017\). Assessment of energy use and elimination of CO2 emissions in the life cycle of an offshore wind power plant farm. In *Polish Maritime Research* 4 \(96\) \(pp. 93-101\).](#)
- [Tremeac, B. & Meunier, F. \(2009\). Life cycle analysis of 4.5MW and 250W wind turbines. In *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 13 \(pp. 2104-2110\).](#)
- [University of Reading. \(Accessed: 25th of April of 2018\). *Time-varying grid carbon intensity of the UK for the years 2009-2016*. Retrieved from \[http://www.wholesem.ac.uk/events/annual-conference/annual-conf-2017/Vasiliki_Papaioannou_wholeSEM_Poster.pdf\]\(http://www.wholesem.ac.uk/events/annual-conference/annual-conf-2017/Vasiliki_Papaioannou_wholeSEM_Poster.pdf\)](#)

- [Usubiaga, A., Acosta-Fernández, J., McDowall, W. & Li, F.G.N \(2017\). Exploring the macro-scale CO2 mitigation potential of photovoltaics and wind energy in Europe's energy transition. In *Energy Policy* 104 \(pp. 203-213\).](#)
- [Wagner, H., Baack, C., Eickelkamp, T., Epe, A., Lohmann, J. & Troy, S. \(2011\). Life cycle assessment of the offshore wind farm alpha ventus. In *Energy* 36 \(pp. 2459-2464\).](#)
- [Weinzettel, J., Reenaas, M., Solli, C. & Hertwich, E. G. \(2009\). Life cycle assesment of a floating offshore wind turbine. In *Renewable energy* 34 \(pp. 742-747\).](#)
- [Wheatley, J. \(2013\). Quantifying CO2 savings from wind power. In *Energy Policy* 63 \(pp. 89-96\).](#)
- [Yang, J. & Chen, B. \(2013\). Integrated evaluation of embodied energy, greenhouse gas emission and economic performance of a typical wind farm in China. In *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 27 \(pp. 559-568\).](#)

7. APPENDICES

7.1. Carbon footprint for onshore wind turbines

7.1.1 (Ardente et al., 2008)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Ardente et al., 2008) | 0.66 | 503446 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Material | | | | | |
| Steel | 66434 | kg | 2.75 | 182694 | |
| Cast iron | 6001 | kg | 1.91 | 11462 | |
| Glass reinforced plastics | 4950 | kg | 8.10 | 40095 | |
| Copper | 924 | kg | 3.83 | 3539 | |
| Paints | 389 | kg | 3.56 | 1385 | |
| Lubricant oils | 111 | kg | 9.95 | 1106 | |
| Aluminium | 85 | kg | 11.50 | 978 | |
| PVC | 65 | kg | 2.41 | 157 | |
| Bronze | 5 | kg | 4.10 | 21 | |
| Aggregate quarrying | 1973455 | kg | 0.01 | 9867 | |
| Local soils and stones | 939409 | kg | 0.06 | 52607 | |
| Steel | 11139 | kg | 2.75 | 30632 | |
| Polypropylene | 10 | kg | 5.03 | 53 | |
| HDPE | 1035 | kg | 1.60 | 1656 | |
| Polybutadiene | 467 | kg | 4.02 | 1879 | |
| Aluminium | 754 | kg | 11.50 | 8666 | |
| Copper | 263 | kg | 3.83 | 1007 | |
| PVC | 1721 | kg | 2.41 | 4148 | |
| Sand | 254753 | kg | 0.01 | 1274 | |
| Concrete | 372480 | kg | 0.13 | 48422 | |
| Total | | | | 401646 | 80% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 133333 | kg | 0.00 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 7147 | L | 2.61 | 18653 | |
| Gasoline | 2227 | L | 2.38 | 5300 | |
| Electricity | 22000 | kWh | 0.275 | 6050 | |
| Total | | | | 30003 | 6% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Electricity | 44267 | kWh | 0.275 | 12173 | |
| Water | 116802 | kg | 0.00 | 0 | |

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----|------|---------|------|
| Gasoline | 1547 | kg | 3.18 | 4920 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 36148 | |
| Total | | | | 53241 | 11% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 371121 | tkm | 0.05 | 18556 | 4% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -142825 | -28% |
| Total | | | | 503446 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 360621 | |

7.1.2 (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) | 2.75 | 1155572 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Material | | | | | |
| Concrete | 649740 | kg | 0.13 | 84466 | |
| Steel | 182962.5 | kg | 2.75 | 503147 | |
| Iron | 16065 | kg | 1.91 | 30684 | |
| Epoxy | 10710 | kg | 5.7 | 61047 | |
| Glass Fibre | 8925 | kg | 8.1 | 72293 | |
| Plastics | 7140 | kg | 2.53 | 18064 | |
| Aluminium | 6247.5 | kg | 11.5 | 71846 | |
| Cooper | 6247.5 | kg | 3.83 | 23928 | |
| Wood | 1785 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Total | | | | 865475 | 75% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 555555 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 29778 | L | 2.61 | 77720 | |
| Gasoline | 9279 | L | 2.38 | 22083 | |
| Electricity | 91667 | kWh | 0.275 | 25208 | |
| Total | | | | 125011 | 11% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Energy | 184444 | kWh | 0.275 | 50722 | |
| Water | 486677 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Gasoline | 6446 | kg | 3.18 | 20498 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 77893 | |
| Total | | | | 149113 | 13% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 319446 | tkm | 0.05 | 15972 | 1% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|
| 90% of metal from the generator | -376252 | -33% |
| Total | 1155572 | |
| Total (if recycled) | 779320 | |

7.1.3 (Crawford, 2009)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Crawford, 2009) (1) | 0.85 | 521817 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Concrete | 480000 | kg | 0.13 | 62400 | |
| Steel | 109244 | kg | 2.75 | 300421 | |
| Paint | 930 | kg | 3.56 | 3311 | |
| Copper | 1029 | kg | 3.83 | 3941 | |
| Aluminium | 599 | kg | 11.5 | 6889 | |
| Plastic | 180 | kg | 2.53 | 455 | |
| Fibre glass | 3010 | kg | 8.1 | 24381 | |
| Epoxy | 2010 | kg | 5.7 | 11457 | |
| Total | | | | 413255 | 79% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 171717 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 9204 | L | 2.61 | 24023 | |
| Gasoline | 2868 | L | 2.38 | 6826 | |
| Electricity | 28333 | kWh | 0.275 | 7792 | |
| Total | | | | 38640 | 7% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Energy | 57010 | kWh | 0.275 | 15678 | |
| Water | 150427 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Gasoline | 1992 | kg | 3.18 | 6336 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 37193 | |
| Total | | | | 59207 | 11% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 214324 | tkm | 0.05 | 10716 | 2% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -186003 | -36% |
| Total | | | | 521817 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 335814 | |

7.1.4 (Dones et al., 2007)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Dones et al., 2007) | 0.8 | 636099 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Steel | 69375 | kg | 2.75 | 190781 | |
| Reinforced steel | 42560 | kg | 2.75 | 117040 | |
| Concrete | 459000 | kg | 0.13 | 59670 | |
| Epoxy resine | 360 | kg | 5.7 | 2052 | |
| Glass fibre reindorced plasics | 9661 | kg | 8.1 | 78254 | |
| Chromium steel | 14526 | kg | 2.75 | 39947 | |
| Cast iron | 6479 | kg | 1.91 | 12375 | |
| Steel, low alloyed | 3685 | kg | 2.75 | 10134 | |
| Rubber | 100 | kg | 3.18 | 318 | |
| Aluminium | 207 | kg | 11.5 | 2381 | |
| Copper | 242 | kg | 3.83 | 927 | |
| Lubricant | 58,8 | kg | 9.95 | 585 | |
| Copper | 1217 | kg | 3.83 | 4661 | |
| HDPE | 594 | kg | 1.6 | 950 | |
| PP | 20 | kg | 3.9 | 78 | |
| PVC | 428 | kg | 2.41 | 1031 | |
| Total | | | | 521184 | 82% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 161616 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 8663 | L | 2.61 | 22609 | |
| Gasoline | 2699 | L | 2.38 | 6424 | |
| Electricity | 26667 | kWh | 0.275 | 7333 | |
| Total | | | | 36367 | 6% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Energy | 53657 | kWh | 0.275 | 14756 | |
| Water | 141579 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Gasoline | 1875 | kg | 3.18 | 5963 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 46907 | |
| Total | | | | 67625 | 11% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 218456 | tkm | 0.05 | 10923 | 2% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -226039 | -36% |
| Total | | | | 636099 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 410060 | |

7.1.5 (Crawford, 2009)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Crawford, 2009) (2) | 3 | 1436473 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Concrete | 1140000 | kg | 0.13 | 148200 | |
| Steel | 275690 | kg | 2.75 | 758148 | |
| Paint | 1240 | kg | 3.56 | 4414 | |
| Copper | 3991 | kg | 3.83 | 15286 | |
| Aluminium | 2311 | kg | 11.5 | 26577 | |
| Plastic | 700 | kg | 2.53 | 1771 | |
| Fibre glass | 12040 | kg | 8.1 | 97524 | |
| Epoxy | 8030 | kg | 5.7 | 45771 | |
| Total | | | | 1097690 | 76% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 606060 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 32485 | L | 2.61 | 84785 | |
| Gasoline | 10122 | L | 2.38 | 24090 | |
| Electricity | 100000 | kWh | 0.275 | 27500 | |
| Total | | | | 136376 | 9% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Energy | 201212 | kWh | 0.275 | 55333 | |
| Water | 530920 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Gasoline | 7032 | kg | 3.18 | 22362 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 98792 | |
| Total | | | | 176487 | 12% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 518397 | tkm | 0.05 | 25920 | 2% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -478086 | -33% |
| Total | | | | 1436473 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 958387 | |

7.1.6 (Martínez et al., 2009)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Martínez et al., 2009) | 2 | 1090505 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Resin | 13086 | kg | 5.7 | 74590 | |
| Steel | 179690 | kg | 2.75 | 494148 | |
| Fibre glass | 8724 | kg | 8.1 | 70664 | |
| Cast iron | 14000 | kg | 1.91 | 26740 | |
| Concrete | 700000 | kg | 0.13 | 91000 | |
| Iron | 43500 | kg | 1.91 | 83085 | |
| Silica | 344 | kg | 0.13 | 45 | |
| Copper | 3500 | kg | 3.83 | 13405 | |
| Total | | | | 853677 | 78% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 404040 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 21657 | L | 2.61 | 56524 | |
| Gasoline | 6748 | L | 2.38 | 16060 | |
| Electricity | 66667 | kWh | 0.275 | 18333 | |
| Total | | | | 90917 | 8% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Energy | 134141 | kWh | 0.275 | 36889 | |
| Water | 353947 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Gasoline | 4688 | kg | 3.18 | 14908 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 76831 | |
| Total | | | | 128628 | 12% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 345661 | tkm | 0.05 | 17283 | 2% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -368945 | -34% |
| Total | | | | 1090505 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 721560 | |

7.1.7 (Oebels & Pacca, 2013)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Oebels & Pacca, 2013) | 1,5 | 938376 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Fiber glass | 13500 | kg | 8.1 | 109350 | |
| Epoxy resin | 6190 | kg | 5.7 | 35283 | |
| Steel | 101060 | kg | 2.75 | 277915 | |
| Paint | 1030 | kg | 3.56 | 3667 | |
| Cast iron | 26630 | kg | 1.91 | 50863 | |
| Engineering steel | 13180 | kg | 2.75 | 36245 | |
| Stainless steel | 7090 | kg | 6.15 | 43604 | |
| Copper | 4410 | kg | 3.83 | 16890 | |
| Plastic | 4550 | kg | 2.53 | 11512 | |
| Aluminium | 5290 | kg | 11.5 | 60835 | |
| Electronics | 270 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Oil | 270 | kg | 9.95 | 2687 | |
| Concrete | 756660 | kg | 0.13 | 98366 | |
| Total | | | | 747216 | 80% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 303030 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 16242 | L | 2.61 | 42393 | |
| Gasoline | 5061 | L | 2.38 | 12045 | |
| Electricity | 50000 | kWh | 0.275 | 13750 | |
| Total | | | | 78838 | 7% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Energy | 100606 | kWh | 0.275 | 27667 | |
| Water | 265460 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Gasoline | 3516 | kg | 3.18 | 11181 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 67249 | |
| Total | | | | 106097 | 11% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 337507 | tkm | 0.05 | 16875 | 2% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -326999 | -35% |
| Total | | | | 938376 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 611377 | |

7.1.8 (Schleisner, 2000)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Schleisner, 2000) | 0,5 | 298582 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Steel | 52700 | kg | 2.75 | 144925 | |
| Aluminium | 1400 | kg | 11.5 | 16100 | |
| Copper | 350 | kg | 3.83 | 1340,5 | |
| Sand | 2100 | kg | 0.005 | 10.5 | |
| Glass | 1100 | kg | 0.85 | 935 | |
| Plast (polyester and epoxy) | 2000 | kg | 5.7 | 11400 | |
| Oil Products | 100 | kg | 9.95 | 995 | |
| Others | 700 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Reinforced iron | 12000 | kg | 1.91 | 22920 | |
| Concrete | 282500 | kg | 0.13 | 36725 | |
| Copper | 0 | kg | 3.83 | 0 | |
| Lead | 0 | kg | 2.61 | 0 | |
| Steel | 0 | kg | 2.75 | 0 | |
| PEX | 0 | kg | 1.94 | 0 | |
| Total | 235351 | | | | 79% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 101010 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 5414 | L | 2.61 | 14131 | |
| Gasoline | 1687 | L | 2.38 | 4015 | |
| Electricity | 16667 | kWh | 0.275 | 4583 | |
| Total | 22729 | | | | 8% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Energy | 33535 | kWh | 0.275 | 9222 | |
| Water | 88487 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Gasoline | 1172 | kg | 3.18 | 3727 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 21182 | |
| Total | 34131 | | | | 11% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 127427 | tkm | 0.05 | 6371 | 2% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | -110727 | | | | -37% |
| Total | 298582 | | | | |
| Total (if recycled) | 187856 | | | | |

7.1.9 (Yang & Chen, 2013)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Yang & Chen, 2013) | 1.5 | 1029551 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Steel | 6200 | kg | 2.75 | 17050 | |
| Fiber glass | 3900 | kg | 8.1 | 31590 | |
| Epoxy | 2600 | kg | 5.7 | 14820 | |
| Steel | 34560 | kg | 2.75 | 95040 | |
| Copper | 8640 | kg | 3.83 | 33091 | |
| Steel | 13500 | kg | 2.75 | 37125 | |
| Aluminium | 500 | kg | 11.5 | 5750 | |
| Glass | 350 | kg | 0.85 | 298 | |
| Polyester | 300 | kg | 2.53 | 759 | |
| Steel | 129000 | kg | 2.75 | 354750 | |
| Concrete | 1005685 | kg | 0.13 | 130739 | |
| Steel | 38130 | kg | 2.75 | 104858 | |
| Total | | | | 825869 | 80% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Water | 303030 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Diesel | 16242 | L | 2.61 | 42393 | |
| Gasoline | 5061 | L | 2.38 | 12045 | |
| Electricity | 50000 | kWh | 0.275 | 13750 | |
| Total | | | | 68188 | 7% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Energy | 100606 | kWh | 0.275 | 27667 | |
| Water | 265460 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Gasoline | 3516 | kg | 3.18 | 11181 | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 74328 | |
| Total | | | | 113176 | 11% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Diesel | 446368 | tkm | 0.05 | 22318 | 2% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -387044 | -38% |
| Total | | | | 1029551 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 642507 | |

7.2. Carbon footprint for onshore wind turbines

7.2.1 (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Bonou, Laurent & Olsen, 2016) | 5 | 6274458 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Steel | 1295750 | kg | 2.75 | 3563313 | |
| Iron | 113600 | kg | 1.91 | 216976 | |
| Concrete | 83425 | kg | 0.13 | 10845 | |
| Plastics | 63900 | kg | 2.53 | 161667 | |
| Epoxy | 42600 | kg | 5.7 | 242820 | |
| Glass Fibre | 40825 | kg | 8.1 | 330683 | |
| Aluminium | 35500 | kg | 11.5 | 408250 | |
| Copper | 24850 | kg | 3.83 | 95176 | |
| Lead | 17750 | kg | 2.61 | 46328 | |
| Total | | | | 5076056 | 81% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Electricity | 177000 | kWh | 0.275 | 48675 | |
| Oil | 22600 | L | 2.96 | 66896 | |
| Diesel | 922 | MJ | 0.0736 | 68 | |
| Electricity from oil | 470 | Kwh | 0.6 | 282 | |
| Total | | | | 115921 | 2% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 616741 | 10% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Truck transport | 812709 | tkm | 0.05 | 40635 | |
| Transport barge | 3341899 | tkm | 0.007 | 23393 | |
| Train transport | 539515 | tkm | 0.018 | 9711 | |
| Transport helicopter fuel | 140000 | kg | 2.8 | 392000 | |
| Total | | | | 465740 | 7% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -2220677 | -35% |
| Total | | | | 6274458 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 4053781 | |

7.2.2 (Dolan, 2007)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Dolan, 2007) | 1.8 | 2218536 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Steel | 583767 | kg | 2.75 | 1605359 | |
| Concrete | 1000 | kg | 0.13 | 130 | |
| Copper | 4233 | kg | 3.83 | 16212 | |
| Glass reinforced epoxy (GRE) | 21000 | kg | 8.1 | 170100 | |
| Total | | | | 1791802 | 81% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Electricity | 63720 | kWh | 0.275 | 17523 | |
| Oil | 8136 | L | 2.96 | 24083 | |
| Diesel | 331,92 | MJ | 0.0736 | 24 | |
| Electricity from oil | 169,2 | KWh | 0.6 | 102 | |
| Total | | | | 41732 | 2% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 217704 | 10% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Truck transport | 288530 | Tkm | 0.05 | 14427 | |
| Transport barge | 1186450 | Tkm | 0.007 | 8305 | |
| Train transport | 191540 | tkm | 0.018 | 3448 | |
| Transport helicopter fuel | 50400 | kg | 2.8 | 141120 | |
| Total | | | | 167299 | 8% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -840623 | -38% |
| Total | | | | 2218536 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 1377914 | |

7.2.3 (Dones et al., 2007)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Dones et al., 2007) | 2 | 1633282 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Reinforced steel | 80000 | kg | 2.75 | 220000 | |
| Concrete | 120000 | kg | 0.13 | 15600 | |
| Steel | 113210 | kg | 2.75 | 311328 | |
| Epoxy resine | 547 | kg | 5.7 | 3118 | |
| Glass fibre reinforced plastics | 40938 | kg | 8.1 | 331598 | |
| Chromium steel | 60643 | kg | 2.75 | 166768 | |
| Cast iron | 33866 | kg | 1.91 | 64684 | |
| Steel, low alloyed | 15050 | kg | 2.75 | 41388 | |
| Rubber | 100 | kg | 3.18 | 318 | |
| Aluminium | 845 | kg | 11.5 | 9718 | |
| Copper | 986 | kg | 3.83 | 3776 | |
| Lubricant | 150 | kg | 9.95 | 1493 | |
| Copper | 3900 | kg | 3.83 | 14937 | |
| Lead | 7575 | kg | 2.61 | 19771 | |
| Steel, low alloyed | 8766 | kg | 2.75 | 24107 | |
| PVC | 3500 | kg | 2.41 | 8435 | |
| Total | | | | 1237037 | 76% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Electricity | 70800 | kWh | 0.275 | 19470 | |
| Oil | 9040 | L | 2.96 | 26758 | |
| Diesel | 368,8 | MJ | 0.0736 | 27 | |
| Electricity from oil | 188 | Kwh | 0.6 | 113 | |
| Total | | | | 46368 | 3% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 150300 | 9% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Truck transport | 84783 | tkm | 0.05 | 84783 | |
| Transport barge | 347464 | tkm | 0.007 | 2432 | |
| Train transport | 56359 | tkm | 0.018 | 56359 | |
| Transport helicopter fuel | 56000 | kg | 2.8 | 56003 | |
| Total | | | | 199577 | 12% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -431619 | -26% |
| Total | | | | 1633282 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 1201663 | |

7.2.4 (Reimers, Özdirik & Kaltschmitt, 2014)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|--|---------------|--------------------|
| (Reimers, Özdirik & Kaltschmitt, 2014) | 5 | 5858993 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Glass fibre | 37000 | kg | 8.1 | 299700 | |
| Resin | 32000 | kg | 5.7 | 182400 | |
| Steel | 120000 | kg | 2.75 | 330000 | |
| High-grade steel | 14000 | kg | 2.75 | 38500 | |
| Cast iron | 208000 | kg | 1.91 | 397280 | |
| Mild steel | 1043000 | kg | 2.75 | 2868250 | |
| Stainless steel | 17000 | kg | 6.15 | 104550 | |
| Copper | 48000 | kg | 3.83 | 183840 | |
| Aluminium | 10000 | kg | 11.5 | 115000 | |
| Lead | 0 | kg | 2.61 | 0 | |
| Plastics | 66000 | kg | 2.53 | 166980 | |
| Zinc | 2000 | kg | 3.86 | 7720 | |
| Alcydresin | 2000 | kg | 5.7 | 11400 | |
| Concrete | 27000 | kg | 0.13 | 3510 | |
| Total | | | | 4709130 | 80% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Electricity | 177000 | kWh | 0.275 | 48675 | |
| Oil | 22600 | L | 2.96 | 66896 | |
| Diesel | 922 | MJ | 0.0736 | 68 | |
| Electricity from oil | 470 | Kwh | 0.6 | 282 | |
| Total | | | | 115921 | 2% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 572159 | 10% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Truck transport | 769098 | tkm | 0.05 | 38455 | |
| Transport barge | 3162570 | tkm | 0.007 | 22138 | |
| Train transport | 510564 | tkm | 0.018 | 9190 | |
| Transport helicopter fuel | 140000 | kg | 2.8 | 392000 | |
| Total | | | | 461783 | 8% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -2092999 | -36% |
| Total | | | | 5858993 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 3765995 | |

7.2.5 (Schleisner, 2000)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Schleisner, 2000) | 0.5 | 426098 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Steel | 52700 | kg | 2.75 | 144925 | |
| Aluminium | 1400 | kg | 11.5 | 16100 | |
| Copper | 350 | kg | 3.83 | 1341 | |
| Sand | 2100 | kg | 0.005 | 11 | |
| Glass | 1100 | kg | 0.85 | 935 | |
| Plast (Polyester and epoxy) | 2000 | kg | 5.7 | 11400 | |
| Oil products | 100 | kg | 9.95 | 995 | |
| Others | 700 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Reinforced iron | 24000 | kg | 1.91 | 45840 | |
| Concrete | 565000 | kg | 0.13 | 73450 | |
| Copper | 2580 | kg | 3.83 | 9881 | |
| Lead | 3360 | kg | 2.61 | 8770 | |
| Steel | 3900 | kg | 2.75 | 10725 | |
| PEX | 540 | kg | 1.94 | 1048 | |
| Total | | | | 325420 | 76% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Electricity | 17700 | kWh | 0.275 | 4868 | |
| Oil | 2260 | L | 2.96 | 6690 | |
| Diesel | 92,2 | MJ | 0.0736 | 7 | |
| Electricity from oil | 47 | Kwh | 0.6 | 28 | |
| Total | | | | 11592 | 3% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 39538 | 9% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Truck transport | 114151 | tkm | 0.05 | 5708 | |
| Transport barge | 467819 | tkm | 0.007 | 3275 | |
| Train transport | 75880 | tkm | 0.018 | 1366 | |
| Transport helicopter fuel | 14000 | kg | 2.8 | 39200 | |
| Total | | | | 49548 | 12% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -118616 | -28% |
| Total | | | | 426098 | |
| Total (if recycled) | | | | 307482 | |

7.2.6 (Weinzettel et al., 2009)

| Name | Capacity (MW) | Kg CO ₂ |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| (Weinzettel et al., 2009) | 5 | 7289085 |

| Name | Amount | Unit | kg CO ₂ /unit | Total Kg CO ₂ | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Material | | | | | |
| Steel, low alloyed | 1410000 | kg | 2.75 | 3877500 | |
| Steel, high alloyed | 5250 | kg | 2.75 | 14438 | |
| Gravel | 3230000 | kg | 0.017 | 54910 | |
| Copper | 58500 | kg | 3.83 | 224055 | |
| Lubricant oil | 75100 | kg | 9.95 | 747245 | |
| Aluminium | 2250 | kg | 11.5 | 25875 | |
| Chromium steel | 135000 | kg | 2.75 | 371250 | |
| Glass fiber | 52100 | kg | 8.1 | 422010 | |
| Lead | 12900 | kg | 2.61 | 33669 | |
| Polyethylene | 14500 | kg | 1.94 | 28130 | |
| Cast iron | 69100 | kg | 1.91 | 131981 | |
| Polyvinyl Chloride | 9220 | kg | 2.41 | 22220 | |
| Electro steel | 4750 | kg | 2.75 | 13063 | |
| Epoxy resin | 1440 | kg | 5.7 | 8208 | |
| Wood | 360 | kg | 0 | 0 | |
| Synthetic rubber | 263 | kg | 4.02 | 1057 | |
| Ceramics | 53,9 | kg | 0.65 | 35 | |
| Tin | 1,31 | kg | 13.7 | 18 | |
| Total | | | | 5975663 | 82% |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Electricity | 177000 | kWh | 0.275 | 48675 | |
| Oil | 22600 | L | 2.96 | 66896 | |
| Diesel | 922 | MJ | 0.0736 | 68 | |
| Electricity from oil | 470 | Kwh | 0.6 | 282 | |
| Total | | | | 115921 | 2% |
| Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| 15% of wind generator changed | | | | 726043 | 10% |
| Transport | | | | | |
| Truck transport | 876000 | tkm | 0.05 | 43800 | |
| Transport barge | 3600000 | tkm | 0.007 | 25200 | |
| Train transport | 581000 | tkm | 0.018 | 10458 | |
| Transport helicopter fuel | 140000 | kg | 2.8 | 392000 | |
| Total | | | | 471458 | 6% |
| Decommissioning phase | | | | | |
| 90% of metal from the generator | | | | -2414791 | -33% |
| Total | | | | 7289085 | |

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Total (if recycled) | 4874295 |
|---------------------|---------|

7.3. Carbon footprint per kilowatt without considering wind energy

| 2016 | Total energy = 3.36439 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /kWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 3.10% | 10429578000 | 600 | 6.25775E+12 |
| Coal | 9.00% | 30279420000 | 200 | 6.05588E+12 |
| Gas | 42.00% | 1.41304E+11 | 450 | 6.35868E+13 |
| Nuclear | 21.00% | 70651980000 | 30 | 2.11956E+12 |
| Solar | 3.19% | 10715550300 | 55 | 5.89355E+11 |
| Landfill gas | 1.47% | 4945638600 | 170 | 8.40759E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 7.35% | 24728193000 | 240 | 5.93477E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.47% | 4945638600 | 8 | 39565108800 |
| Wind energy | 11.03% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 8.54244E+13 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 286.6591589 |

| 2015 | Total energy = 3.36356 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /kWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 2.80% | 9417968000 | 600 | 5.65078E+12 |
| Coal | 22.00% | 73998320000 | 800 | 5.91987E+13 |
| Gas | 30.00% | 1.00907E+11 | 400 | 4.03627E+13 |
| Nuclear | 21.00% | 70634760000 | 20 | 1.4127E+12 |
| Solar | 2.25% | 7568010000 | 55 | 4.16241E+11 |
| Landfill gas | 1.45% | 4877162000 | 170 | 8.29118E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 7.29% | 24520352400 | 240 | 5.88488E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.87% | 6289857200 | 8 | 50318857600 |
| Wind energy | 11.98% | 40295448800 | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.13805E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 381.6242951 |

| 2014 | Total energy = 3.36043 E+11 kW | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 2.60% | 8737118000 | 600 | 5.24227E+12 |
| Coal | 30.00% | 1.00813E+11 | 800 | 8.06503E+13 |
| Gas | 30.00% | 1.00813E+11 | 400 | 4.03252E+13 |
| Nuclear | 19.00% | 63848170000 | 20 | 1.27696E+12 |
| Solar | 1.21% | 4066120300 | 55 | 2.23637E+11 |
| Landfill gas | 1.50% | 5040645000 | 170 | 8.5691E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 5.25% | 17642257500 | 240 | 4.23414E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.75% | 5880752500 | 8 | 47046020000 |
| Wind energy | 9.53% | 32024897900 | - | - |
| Total | | | | 1.32856E+14 |
| gCO ₂ /kWh | | | | 432.9816011 |

| 2013 | Total energy = 3.56253 E+11 kW | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 2.40% | 8550072000 | 600 | 5.13004E+12 |
| Coal | 26.00% | 92625780000 | 800 | 7.41006E+13 |
| Gas | 27.00% | 96188310000 | 400 | 3.84753E+13 |
| Nuclear | 20.00% | 71250600000 | 20 | 1.42501E+12 |
| Solar | 0.57% | 2030642100 | 55 | 1.11685E+11 |
| Landfill gas | 1.46% | 5201293800 | 170 | 8.8422E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 3.74% | 13323862200 | 240 | 3.19773E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.32% | 4702539600 | 8 | 37620316800 |
| Wind energy | 7.98% | - | - | - |
| Total | | | | 1.23362E+14 |
| gCO ₂ /kWh | | | | 419.7807007 |

| 2012 | Total energy = 3.60869 E+11 kW | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 2.50% | 9021725000 | 600 | 5.41304E+12 |
| Coal | 39.00% | 1,40739E+11 | 800 | 1.12591E+14 |
| Gas | 28.00% | 1.01043E+11 | 400 | 4.04173E+13 |
| Nuclear | 19.00% | 68565110000 | 20 | 1.3713E+12 |
| Solar | 0.33% | 1187259010 | 55 | 65299245550 |
| Landfill gas | 1.43% | 5160426700 | 170 | 8.77273E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 2.78% | 10032158200 | 240 | 2.40772E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.32% | 4763470800 | 8 | 38107766400 |
| Wind energy | 5.40% | - | - | - |
| Total | | | | 1.63181E+14 |
| gCO ₂ /kWh | | | | 479.2224907 |

| 2011 | Total energy = 3.64897 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 2.50% | 9122425000 | 600 | 5.47346E+12 |
| Coal | 30.00% | 1.09469E+11 | 800 | 8.75753E+13 |
| Gas | 40.00% | 1.45959E+11 | 400 | 5.83835E+13 |
| Nuclear | 19.00% | 69330430000 | 20 | 1.38661E+12 |
| Solar | 0.07% | 251778930 | 55 | 13847841150 |
| Landfill gas | 1.36% | 4962599200 | 170 | 8.43642E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 2.19% | 7991244300 | 240 | 1.9179E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.56% | 5692393200 | 8 | 45539145600 |
| Wind energy | 4.25% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.5564E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 441.1824181 |

| 2010 | Total energy = 3.77977 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 1.00% | 3779770000 | 600 | 2.26786E+12 |
| Coal | 28.00% | 1.05834E+11 | 800 | 8.46668E+13 |
| Gas | 47.00% | 1.77649E+11 | 400 | 7.10597E+13 |
| Nuclear | 16.00% | 60476320000 | 20 | 1.20953E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 1.33% | 5027094100 | 170 | 8.54606E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 1.82% | 6879181400 | 240 | 1.651E+12 |
| Hydro | 0.95% | 3602120810 | 8 | 28816966480 |
| Wind energy | 2.69% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.61738E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 445.2569014 |

| 2009 | Total energy = 3.71978 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 1.00% | 3719780000 | 600 | 2.23187E+12 |
| Coal | 28.00% | 1.04154E+11 | 800 | 8.33231E+13 |
| Gas | 45.00% | 1.6739E+11 | 400 | 6.6956E+13 |
| Nuclear | 18.00% | 66956040000 | 20 | 1.33912E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 1.33% | 4947307400 | 170 | 8.41042E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 1.53% | 5691263400 | 240 | 1.3659E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.41% | 5244889800 | 8 | 41959118400 |
| Wind energy | 2.50% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.56099E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 435.9050587 |

| 2008 | Total energy = 3.85560 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 6.00% | 23133600000 | 600 | 1.38802E+13 |
| Coal | 31.00% | 1,19524E+11 | 800 | 9.56189E+13 |
| Gas | 46.00% | 1,77358E+11 | 400 | 7.0943E+13 |
| Nuclear | 13.00% | 50122800000 | 20 | 1.00246E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 1.23% | 4742388000 | 170 | 8.06206E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 1.18% | 4549608000 | 240 | 1.09191E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.34% | 5166504000 | 8 | 41332032000 |
| Wind energy | 1.80% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.83384E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 476.8222556 |

| 2007 | Total energy = 3.92597 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 5.50% | 21592835000 | 600 | 1.29557E+13 |
| Coal | 34.00% | 1.33483E+11 | 800 | 1.06786E+14 |
| Gas | 43.00% | 1.68817E+11 | 400 | 6.75267E+13 |
| Nuclear | 15.00% | 58889550000 | 20 | 1.17779E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 1.19% | 4671904300 | 170 | 7.94224E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 1.18% | 4632644600 | 240 | 1.11183E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.30% | 5103761000 | 8 | 40830088000 |
| Wind energy | 1.34% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.90393E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 479.350598 |

| 2006 | Total energy = 3.94474 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 5.50% | 21696070000 | 600 | 1.30176E+13 |
| Coal | 37.50% | 1.47928E+11 | 800 | 1.18342E+14 |
| Gas | 36.00% | 1.42011E+11 | 400 | 5.68043E+13 |
| Nuclear | 18.00% | 71005320000 | 20 | 1.42011E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 1.12% | 4418108800 | 170 | 7.51078E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 1.23% | 4852030200 | 240 | 1.16449E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.17% | 4615345800 | 8 | 36922766400 |
| Wind energy | 1.07% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.91537E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 483.0378034 |

| 2005 | Total energy = 3.97595 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 5.00% | 19879750000 | 600 | 1.19279E+13 |
| Coal | 33.50% | 1.33194E+11 | 800 | 1.06555E+14 |
| Gas | 39.00% | 1.55062E+11 | 400 | 6.20248E+13 |
| Nuclear | 19.50% | 77531025000 | 20 | 1.55062E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 1.08% | 4294026000 | 170 | 7.29984E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 1.20% | 4771140000 | 240 | 1.14507E+12 |
| Hydro | 1.25% | 4969937500 | 8 | 39759500000 |
| Wind energy | 0.73% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.83974E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 460.2765344 |

| 2004 | Total energy = 3.92979 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 4.50% | 17684055000 | 600 | 1.06104E+13 |
| Coal | 33.00% | 1.29683E+11 | 800 | 1.03746E+14 |
| Gas | 40.00% | 1.57192E+11 | 400 | 6.28766E+13 |
| Nuclear | 19.00% | 74666010000 | 20 | 1.49332E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 1.02% | 4008385800 | 170 | 6.81426E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 0.84% | 3301023600 | 240 | 7.92246E+11 |
| Hydro | 1.25% | 4912237500 | 8 | 39297900000 |
| Wind energy | 0.49% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.8024E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 460.4457384 |

| 2003 | Total energy = 3.95886 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 4.00% | 15835440000 | 600 | 9.50126E+12 |
| Coal | 35.00% | 1.3856E+11 | 800 | 1.10848E+14 |
| Gas | 38.00% | 1.50437E+11 | 400 | 6.01747E+13 |
| Nuclear | 22.00% | 87094920000 | 20 | 1.7419E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 0.83% | 3273977220 | 170 | 5.56576E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 0.72% | 2834543760 | 240 | 6.80291E+11 |
| Hydro | 0.82% | 3226470900 | 8 | 25811767200 |
| Wind energy | 0.32% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.83529E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 457.3783027 |

| 2002 | Total energy = 3.84594 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 4.00% | 15383760000 | 600 | 9.23026E+12 |
| Coal | 32.00% | 1.2307E+11 | 800 | 9.84561E+13 |
| Gas | 39.00% | 1.49992E+11 | 400 | 5.99967E+13 |
| Nuclear | 22.00% | 84610680000 | 20 | 1.69221E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 0.70% | 2680620180 | 170 | 4.55705E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 0.62% | 2399866560 | 240 | 5.75968E+11 |
| Hydro | 1.24% | 4768965600 | 8 | 38151724800 |
| Wind energy | 0.32% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.70445E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 445.1358464 |

| 2001 | Total energy = 3.82356 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 3.50% | 13382460000 | 600 | 8.02948E+12 |
| Coal | 33.50% | 1.28089E+11 | 800 | 1.02471E+14 |
| Gas | 37.00% | 1.41472E+11 | 400 | 5.65887E+13 |
| Nuclear | 22.00% | 84118320000 | 20 | 1.68237E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 0.66% | 2523549600 | 170 | 4.29003E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 0.53% | 2018839680 | 240 | 4.84522E+11 |
| Hydro | 1.06% | 4052973600 | 8 | 32423788800 |
| Wind energy | 0.25% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.69718E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 451.7893494 |

| 2000 | Total energy = 3.74374 E+11 kW | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Type of energy | Percentage | Energy Produced (kWh) | Footprint (g CO ₂ /KWh) | g CO ₂ |
| Fuels | 4.00% | 14974960000 | 600 | 8.98498E+12 |
| Coal | 33.00% | 1.23543E+11 | 800 | 9.88347E+13 |
| Gas | 39.00% | 1.46006E+11 | 400 | 5.84023E+13 |
| Nuclear | 21.00% | 78618540000 | 20 | 1.57237E+12 |
| Solar | 0.00% | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Landfill gas | 0.58% | 2171369200 | 170 | 3.69133E+11 |
| Bioenergy | 0.45% | 1692170480 | 240 | 4.06121E+11 |
| Hydro | 1.36% | 5091486400 | 8 | 40731891200 |
| Wind energy | 0.25% | - | - | - |
| | | | Total | 1.6861E+14 |
| | | | gCO ₂ /kWh | 453.1346587 |

7.4. Cumulative carbon dioxide emissions saving calculations

Table 7.1. Total installed capacity, number of turbines, new turbines and energy generated year on year

| | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Onshore | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total installed capacity (MW) | 237.7 | 237.7 | 331.3 | 357 | 408 | 423.4 | 530.6 | 678.4 | 809.4 | 1351.2 | 1650.7 | 2083 | 2824 | 3468 | 4060 | 4629 | 6035 | 7586 | 8573 | 9222 | 10921 |
| Total number of turbines | 286 | 286 | 399 | 430 | 492 | 510 | 639 | 817 | 975 | 1628 | 1989 | 2510 | 3402 | 4178 | 4892 | 5577 | 7271 | 9140 | 10329 | 11111 | 13166 |
| New turbines per year | 286 | 0 | 113 | 31 | 61 | 19 | 129 | 178 | 158 | 653 | 361 | 521 | 893 | 776 | 713 | 686 | 1694 | 1869 | 1189 | 782 | 2049 |
| Power generated (GWh) | 488 | 488 | 877 | 850 | 945 | 960 | 1251 | 1276 | 1736 | 2501 | 3574 | 4491 | 5788 | 7529 | 7182 | 10503 | 12244 | 16925 | 18555 | 22895 | 20960 |
| Offshore | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total installed capacity (MW) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 63.8 | 123.8 | 213.8 | 303.8 | 394 | 586 | 951 | 1341 | 1838 | 2995 | 3696 | 4501 | 5093 | 5293 |
| Total number of turbines | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 34 | 59 | 84 | 109 | 162 | 263 | 371 | 509 | 830 | 1024 | 1247 | 1411 | 1466 |
| New turbines per year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 53 | 101 | 108 | 138 | 320 | 194 | 223 | 164 | 55 |
| Power generated (GWh) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 199 | 403 | 651 | 783 | 1305 | 1754 | 3073 | 5149 | 7603 | 11472 | 13405 | 17423 | 16400 |

Table 7.2. Cumulative carbon footprint in United Kingdom due to the onshore wind energy year on year

[illegible]

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | 90086 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 | 616 |
| 2004 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | 79964 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 |
| 2005 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | 653 | 653 | 653 | 653 | 653 | 653 | 653 | 653 | 653 | 653 | 653 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | 330483 | 2260 | 2260 | 2260 | 2260 | 2260 | 2260 | 2260 | 2260 | 2260 | 2260 |
| 2006 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | 361 | 361 | 361 | 361 | 361 | 361 | 361 | 361 | 361 | 361 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | 182702 | 1250 | 1250 | 1250 | 1250 | 1250 | 1250 | 1250 | 1250 | 1250 |
| 2007 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | 521 | 521 | 521 | 521 | 521 | 521 | 521 | 521 | 521 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | 263678 | 1803 | 1803 | 1803 | 1803 | 1803 | 1803 | 1803 | 1803 |
| 2008 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | 893 | 893 | 893 | 893 | 893 | 893 | 893 | 893 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 451947 | 3091 | 3091 | 3091 | 3091 | 3091 | 3091 | 3091 |
| 2009 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 776 | 776 | 776 | 776 | 776 | 776 | 776 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 392733 | 2686 | 2686 | 2686 | 2686 | 2686 | 2686 |
| 2010 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 713 | 713 | 713 | 713 | 713 | 713 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 360849 | 2468 | 2468 | 2468 | 2468 | 2468 |
| 2011 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 686 | 686 | 686 | 686 | 686 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 347184 | 2375 | 2375 | 2375 | 2375 |
| 2012 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1694 | 1694 | 1694 | 1694 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 857333 | 5864 | 5864 | 5864 |
| 2013 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1869 | 1869 | 1869 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 945900 | 6469 | 6469 |
| 2014 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 | 3 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1189 | 1189 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 601753 | 4116 |
| 2015 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 782 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 395770 |
| 2016 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 506 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2049 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1036998 |
| Total CF by year (tCO2) | 144745 | 990 | 58179 | 17070 | 32360 | 11315 | 67052 | 92298 | 82792 | 333858 | 188337 | 270563 | 460635 | 404512 | 375314 | 364117 | 876640 | 971071 | 633393 | 431526 | 1024335 | |
| Cumulative CF (tCO2) | 144745 | 145734 | 203914 | 220984 | 253344 | 264660 | 331712 | 424009 | 506801 | 840659 | 1028996 | 1299559 | 1760194 | 2164706 | 2540020 | 2904138 | 3780778 | 4751849 | 5385242 | 5816768 | 6841104 | |

Table 7.3. Cumulative carbon footprint in United Kingdom due to the offshore wind energy year on year

| | | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|----------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Offshore | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | -1243 |
| | New turbines | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1997 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1998 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1999 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2000 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| 2001 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2002 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2003 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | 64019 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 |
| 2004 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | 64019 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 | 459 |
| 2005 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | 94145 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 |
| 2006 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | 94145 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2007 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | 94145 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 | 674 |
| 2008 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 199588 | 1430 | 1430 | 1430 | 1430 | 1430 | 1430 | 1430 | 1430 |
| 2009 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 380348 | 2725 | 2725 | 2725 | 2725 | 2725 | 2725 | 2725 |
| 2010 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 406708 | 2914 | 2914 | 2914 | 2914 | 2914 | 2914 |
| 2011 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 138 | 138 | 138 | 138 | 138 | 138 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 519683 | 3723 | 3723 | 3723 | 3723 | 3723 |
| 2012 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1205062 | 8633 | 8633 | 8633 | 8633 |
| 2013 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 194 | 194 | 194 | 194 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 730569 | 5234 | 5234 | 5234 |
| 2014 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 223 | 223 | 223 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 839778 | 6016 | 6016 |
| 2015 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 | 27 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 164 | 164 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 617594 | 4425 |
| 2016 | CF/turbine (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3766 |
| | New turbines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 55 |
| | Total CF (tCO2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 207120 |
| Total CF by year (tCO2) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3766 | 27 | 27 | 64046 | 64505 | 95090 | 95764 | 96439 | 202556 | 384745 | 413831 | 529719 | 1218821 | 752961 | 867404 | 651237 | 245187 |
| Cumulative CF (tCO2) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3766 | 3793 | 3820 | 67866 | 132370 | 227460 | 323224 | 419663 | 622219 | 1006964 | 1420795 | 1950514 | 3169336 | 3922297 | 4789701 | 5440938 | 5686126 |

Table 7.4. Cumulative carbon footprint if wind energy would have not been developed

| | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--|-----------|--------|--------|----------|------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Power generated (GWh) onshore | 488 | 488 | 877 | 850 | 945 | 960 | 1251 | 1276 | 1736 | 2501 | 3574 | 4491 | 5788 | 7529 | 7182 | 10503 | 12244 | 16925 | 18555 | 22895 | 20962 |
| Power generated (GWh) offshore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 199 | 403 | 651 | 783 | 1305 | 1754 | 3073 | 5149 | 7603 | 11472 | 13405 | 17423 | 16406 |
| Ratio (t CO ₂ /GWh) | 453,13 | 453,13 | 453,13 | 453,13 | 453,13 | 451,79 | 445,14 | 457,38 | 460,44 | 460,28 | 483,04 | 479,35 | 476,82 | 435,91 | 445,26 | 441,18 | 479,22 | 419,78 | 432,98 | 381,62 | 321,54 |
| CF by year (tCO ₂) onshore | 221127,44 | 221127 | 397395 | 385160,5 | 428207,85 | 433718,4 | 556870 | 583616,9 | 799324 | 1151160 | 1726385 | 2152761 | 2759834 | 3281966,39 | 3197857,3 | 4633714 | 5867569,7 | 7104776,5 | 8033943,9 | 8737189,9 | 6740121,48 |
| Cumulative CF (tCO ₂) onshore | 221127,44 | 442255 | 839650 | 1224810 | 1653018,24 | 2086737 | 2643607 | 3227224 | 4026548 | 5177708 | 6904093 | 9056854 | 11816688 | 15098654,14 | 18296511 | 22930225 | 28797795 | 35902571 | 43936515 | 52673705 | 59413826,46 |
| CF by year (tCO ₂) offshore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 453,13 | 2258,95 | 2225,7 | 4573,8 | 91627,6 | 185492,8 | 314459 | 375331,1 | 622250,1 | 764586,14 | 1368284 | 2271636 | 3643509,7 | 4815716,2 | 5804096,9 | 6648965,3 | 5275185,24 |
| Total Cumulative CF (tCO ₂) offshore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 453,13 | 2712,08 | 4937,78 | 9511,58 | 101139 | 286632 | 601091 | 976422,1 | 1598672 | 2363258,31 | 3731542,3 | 6003178 | 9646687,8 | 14462404 | 20266501 | 26915466 | 32190651,33 |
| Total CF by year (tCO ₂) | 221127,44 | 221127 | 397395 | 385160,5 | 428660,98 | 435977,4 | 559096 | 588190,7 | 890951 | 1336653 | 2040844 | 2528092 | 3382084 | 4046552,53 | 4566141,3 | 6905349 | 9511079,3 | 11920493 | 13838041 | 15386155 | 12015306,72 |
| Cumulative CF (tCO ₂) | 221127,44 | 442255 | 839650 | 1224810 | 1653471,37 | 2089449 | 2648545 | 3236735 | 4127687 | 5464340 | 7505184 | 10033276 | 13415360 | 17461912,45 | 22028054 | 28933403 | 38444482 | 50364975 | 64203016 | 79589171 | 91604477,79 |