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Evolution of offshore wind turbine foundations from shallow to deep waters

Water depth<10 m

Gravity-based foundation

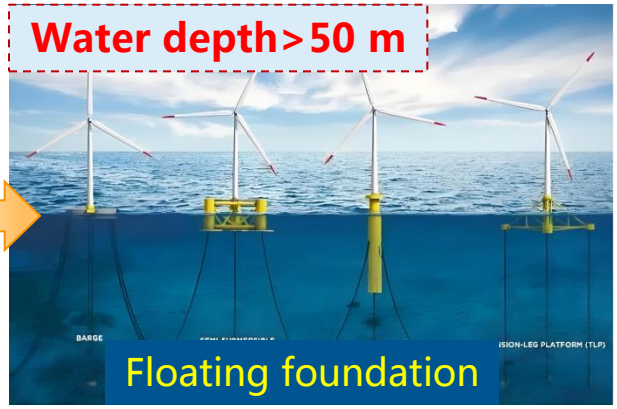
Water depth<30 m

Monopile foundation

20 m<Water depth<80 m

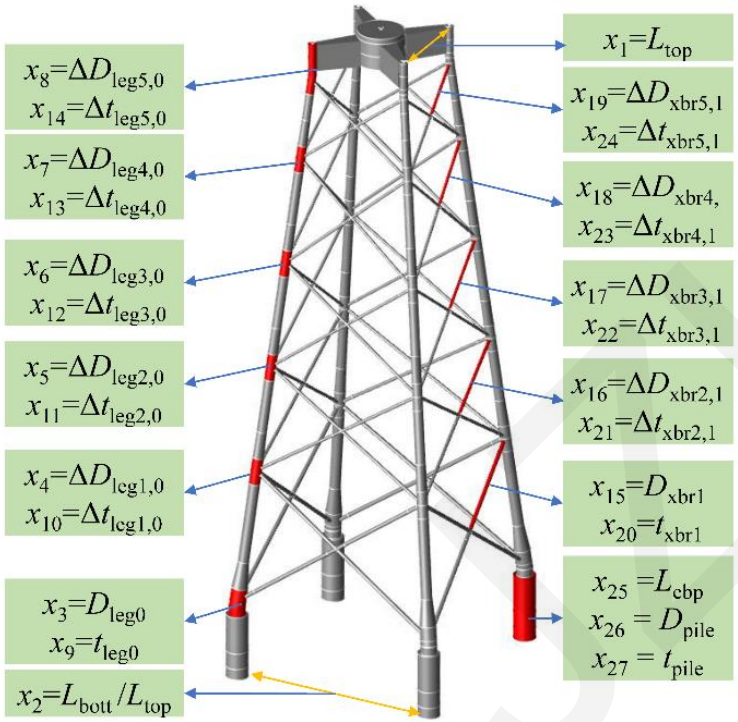
Jacket foundation

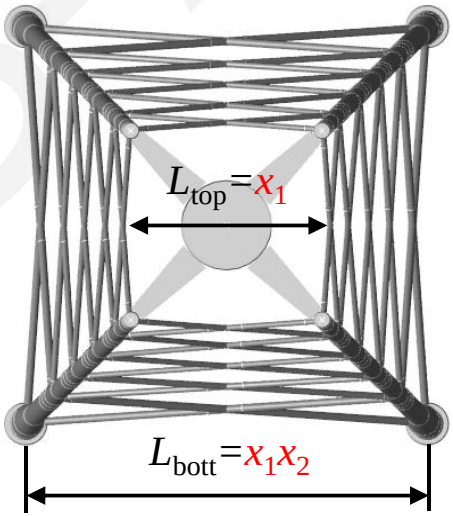
Water depth>50 m

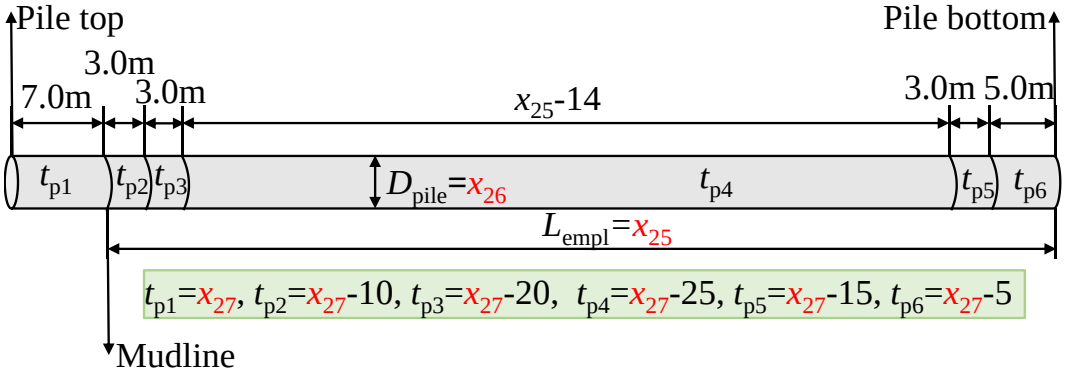


Floating foundation

Design variables of the optimization model







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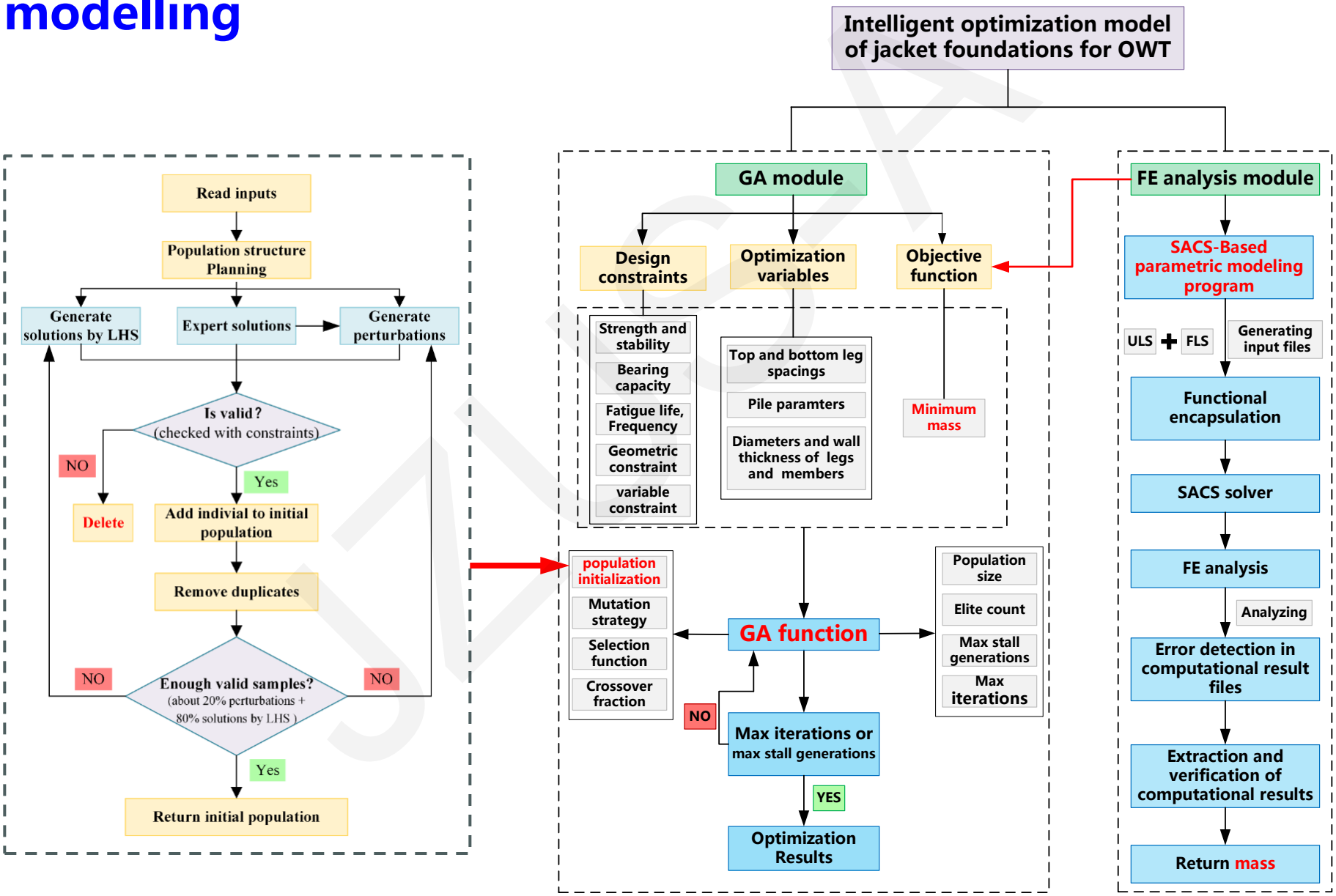

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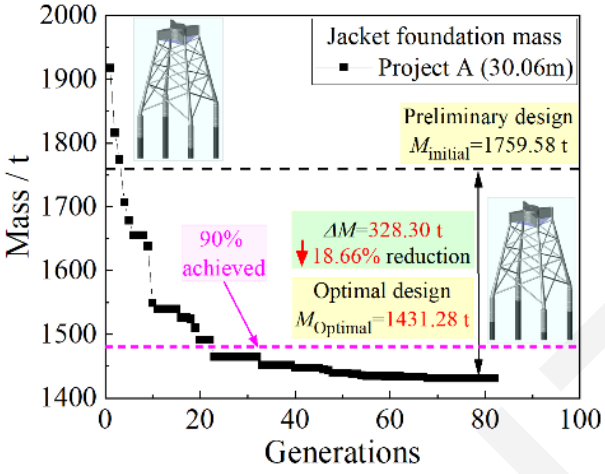
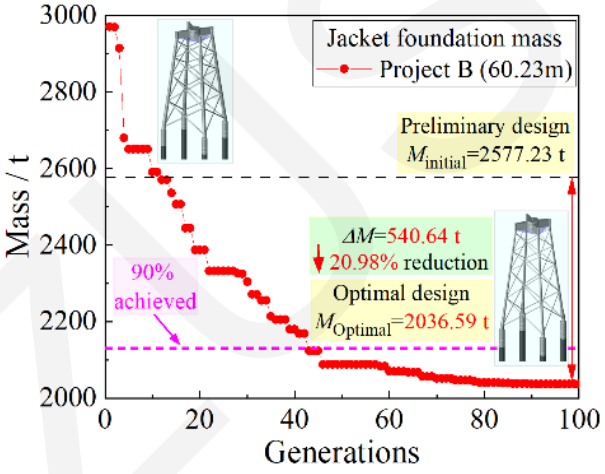
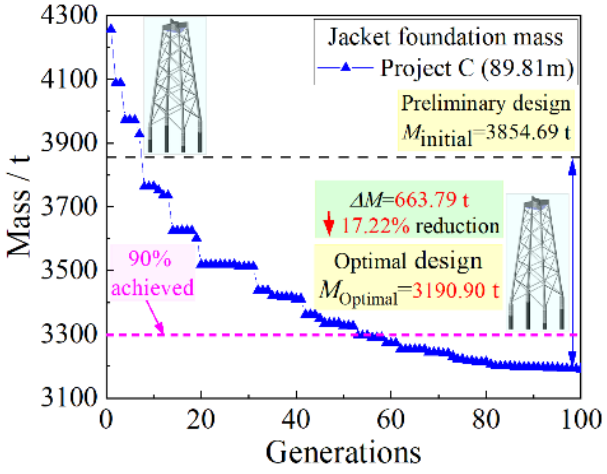
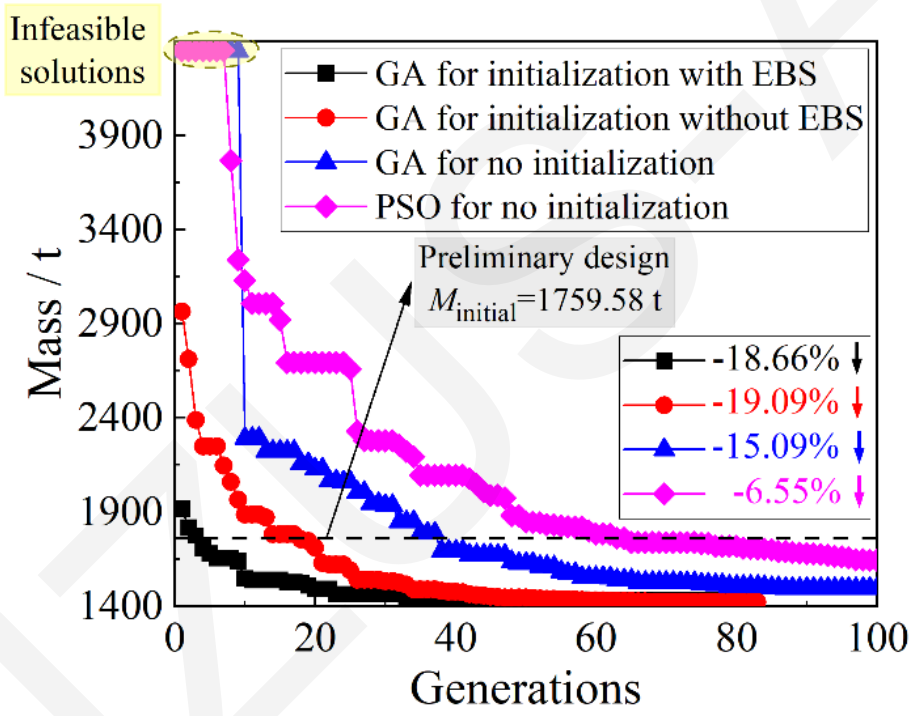






Mass optimization process of jacket foundations with different water depths via genetic algorithm iterations

The influence of initialization strategy on mass optimization



Comparison of optimization performance among GA with different initialization strategies and PSO without initialization

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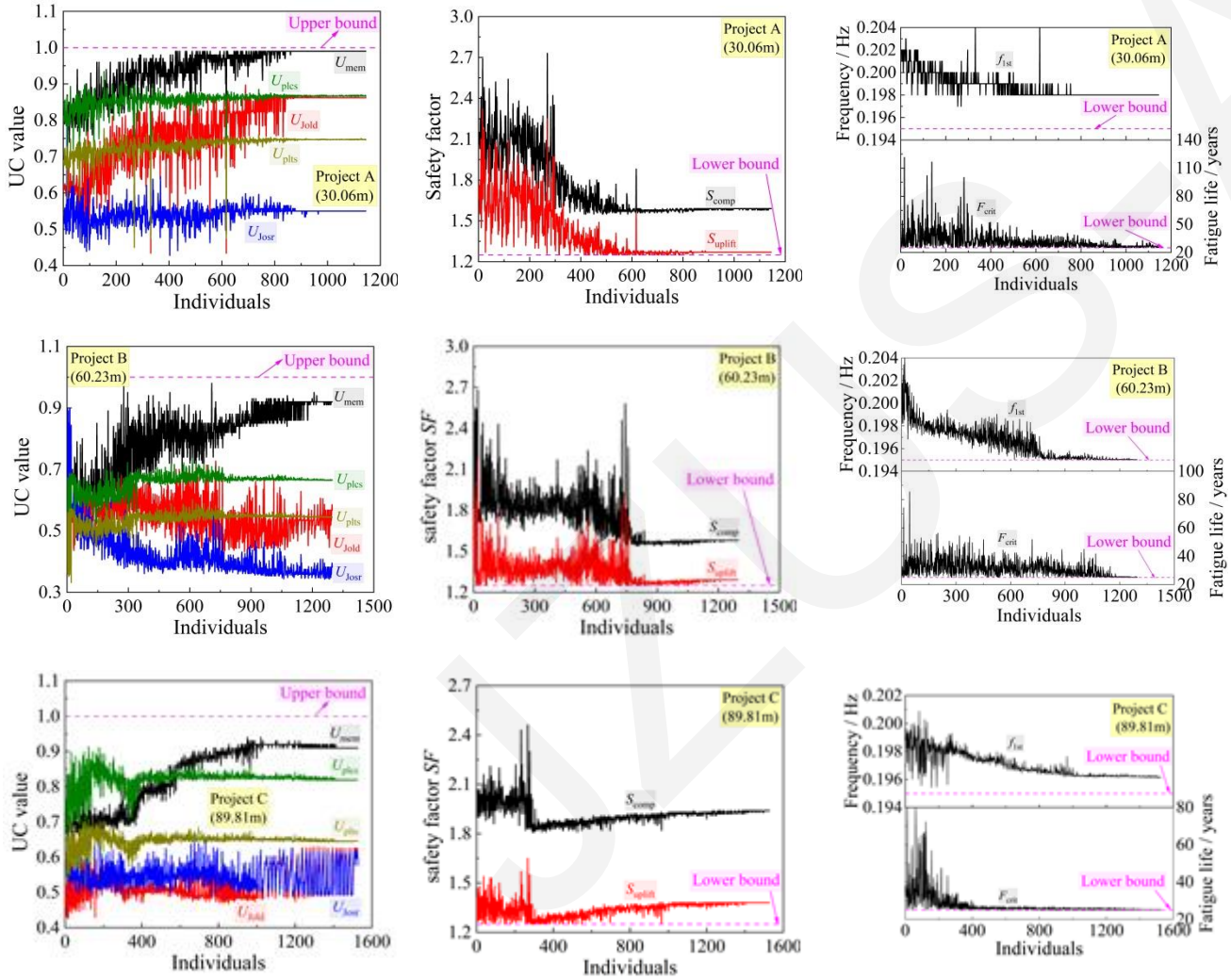

The optimization process is predominantly constrained by the first natural frequency, the bearing capability of the pile and the fatigue durability of the jacket foundation.

Evolution of design constraint values across genetic algorithm individuals for the three projects

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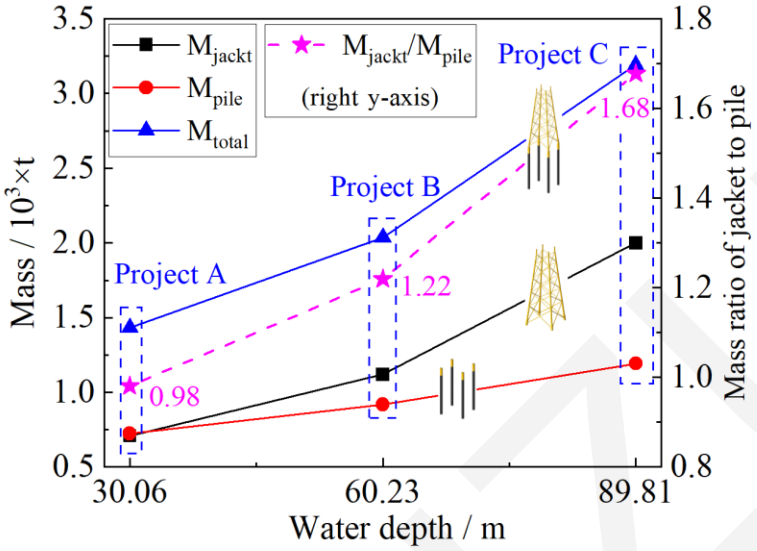

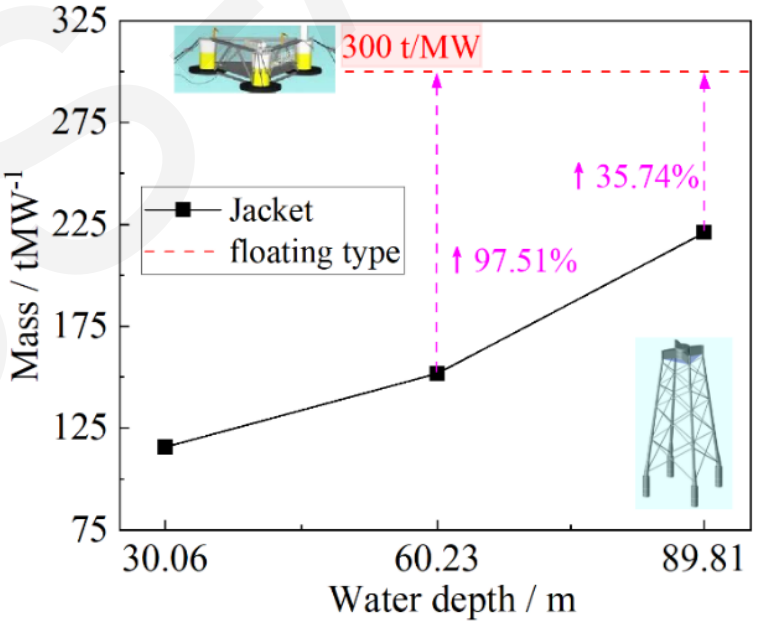

Mass characteristics of jacket foundations under var-ying water depths and comparison of jacket foundation mass with floating foundation mass

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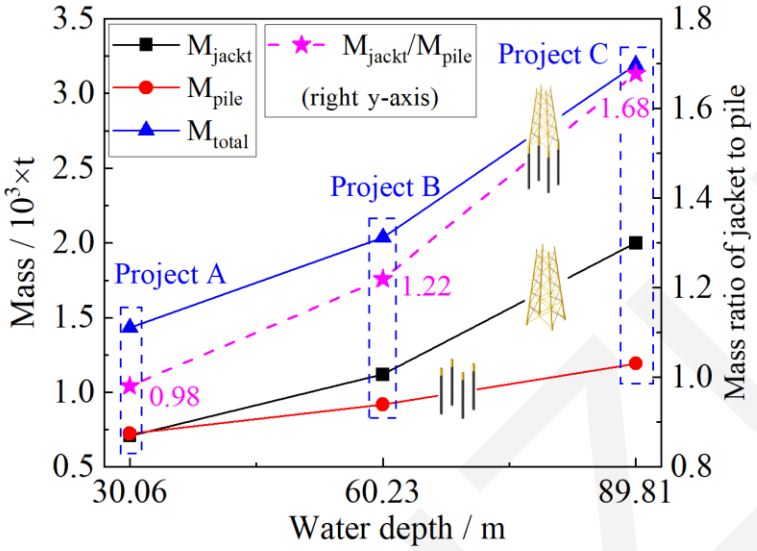

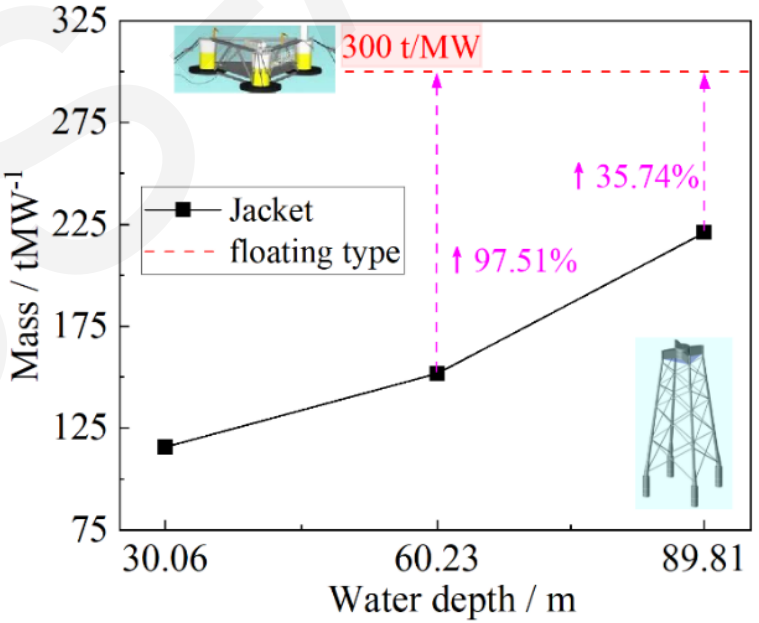

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Conclusions

- A hybrid initialization strategy that incorporates engineering experience can markedly improve early-stage feasibility and enhance search efficiency.
- Fatigue durability and the first natural frequency are the primary governing conditions for jacket foundations across all water depths.
- Water depth has a significant effect on jacket weight. Jacket foundations exhibit clear cost advantages in shallow to intermediate waters, and the applicable water-depth threshold separating jacket and floating foundations is approximately 100 m.