EFFECT OF DIFFERENT MOORING SYSTEMS ON HYDRODYNAMIC ANALYSIS OF AN OFFSHORE WIND TURBINE



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## **1. Goal of the Research**

- The aim of this study is to compare hydrodynamic behavior of a floating offshore wind turbine under different mooring and sea conditions.
- The study focused on platform motions and mooring system load under different mooring systems and sea conditions.

## 2. Objectives of the Research

To fulfil this aim the following objectives are identified:

- By reviewing the existing offshore wind turbines to decide which one would be more appropriate to use.
- To combine best platform type and the best mooring system in terms of hydrodynamic characteristics.
- To make recommendations for the future research.

## **3. Offshore Wind Turbines**

To classify offshore wind turbines:

- 1. Fixed Offshore Wind Turbines
- 2. Floating Wind Turbines



## 3. Offshore Wind Turbines

•Current situation in offshore wind turbine/power technology: Transitional stage to floating wind turbine technology.



#### 4. Marine Conditions for a Floating Offshore Wind Turbine



#### 5. Degree of Freedom for A Floating Offshore Wind Turbine

•Displacements are surge, sway, and heave.

•The rotational displacements are roll, pitch, and yaw.

•Angles of the platform rotations are assumed to be small.



#### **Relative Advantages/Disadvantages for** 6. **Platform of Floating Offshore Wind Turbines Floating Platform Classification** BARGE **SEMI-SUB. SPAR** TLP + (PLUS): Relative advantege - (MINES): Relative disadvantage **Buoyancy Tank Cost/Complexity** Mooring Line System Cost/Complexity Anchors Cost/Complexity + + + **Decommissioning & Maintainability** ++ + **Corrosion Resistance** + **Depth Independence** + + **Minimum Footprint** +Wave Sensitivity **Tower Top Motion, Controls** + **Complexity, Maximum Heeling Angle**

#### **5 MW Wind Turbine Specifications Environmental Conditions**

Specification	Unit	Value
Maximum Power	kW	5000
Rotor Diameter	m	126
Number of Blades	piece	3
Hub Height (from Main Sea Level)	m	90
Tower Height	m	87.6
Tower Weight	t	347
Total Turbine Weight	t	697
Nominal Speed	m/s	11.4

Specification	Unit	Value
Current Speed	m/s	1
Wind Speed @90m	m/s	11
Temperature	°C	10
Sea Water Density	t/m <sup>3</sup>	1,025
Air Density	t/m <sup>3</sup>	0,0013
Water Depth	m	100
Current & Wind	From +x direction	
Direction	to –x direction	

#### **Platform Specifications**

**Mooring System Specifications** 

Specification	Unit	Value	Specification
Diameter	m	20	Rope Outer Dia
Draft&Height	m	30	Rope Inner Dia.
Water Depth	m	100	Rope Mass per
Steel Weight	t	805	Bending Stiffne
Concrete Weight	t	7700	Mooring Unit
Concrete Height	m	8.65	
Displacement	t	9424	
Center of Gravity	m	(0,0,-25)	

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#### Design Tools – Orcina Orcaflex Software

 OrcaFlex is in use, mainly in the offshore engineering business, with others in seismic, defence, ocean engineering, oceanographic research, aquaculture, compliant marine renewables and related fields.



 7. Reference Wind Turbine and Platform Design & Environmental Conditions

 Concept Design of Floating Offshore Wind Turbine

 Tension Leg
 Catenary



#### 8. Behavior of Floating Platform and Mooring System of the Offshore Wind Turbine Under Different Sea Conditions

- Different Mooring Systems: TLP and Catenary Mooring System
- Different Wave Heights: 4m-6m &10m
- Comparative Analysis in terms of different mooring system and wave. Focused on:

Platform Displacements andMooring Lines Loads

### 9. Analysis & Results

#### • For 6m wave height comparative analysis: Surge Displacements



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### 9. Analysis & Results

#### • For 6m wave height comparative analysis: Heave Displacements



Slack Catenary System

**Tension Leg System** 

### 9. Analysis & Results

• For 6m wave height comparative analysis: (+x) and (-x) Direction Mooring Line Loads



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### **10. Conclusion**

- To use cylinderical platform shape made easy comparing data.
- Orcina Orcaflex software 9.6a version is used to simulate model and perform hydrodynamic analysis.
- TLP and Catenary system are tested on Orcina Orcaflex software to realize different wave effects.
- Comparative analysis has been conducted to understand which mooring system is effective for stability: Catenary or TLP
- TLP mooring sytems must be pre-tensioned. Thus, mooring lines of TLP have big load potential than catenary system.
- TLP has chosen for detailed research to achieve the goal
- TLP system tested on software at different wave heights (4m,6m & 8m) to observe 6 degree of freedom and mooring lines load.
- This study is not yet fully completed, the model tests are on going at ATA NUTKU SHIP MODEL EXPRIMENT LABORATUARY in ITU.