

Joint Industry Project STORM Strategies and Tool for Offshore Reliability and Maintenance

MOTIVATION & BACKGROUND

Floating wind farms present unique challenges in terms of maintenance and monitoring. During a previous project called MOSISS, a comprehensive methodology was initiated for electrical and mechanical in-service monitoring of floating offshore electrical substations. This methodology is based on mean time to failure (MTTF) assessment.

The offshore context means that access to equipment at sea varies considerably. The MTTF therefore needs to be refined to take into account other indicators such as the mean time to receive an alert, supply, access to

the site, repair and the mean time to the next failure. This is the aim of the JIP STORM, which will provide answers to a number of questions.

- What is the impact of the mean time to access on calculating the reliability of a complex offshore system?
- How do the accessibility and maintainability of a farm affect its reliability and production?
- What strategies for managing spare parts, the fleet and the reliability of sub-components can maximise the farm uptime while minimising maintenance costs?

OBJECTIVE

To develop an integrated tool for quantifying and optimising the availability and maintenance costs of floating offshore wind farms in relation to a given architecture and geographical location

Duration: 24 months | Start: 2024 | Total budget: €1,360K

DELIVERABLES

- Methodology for the calculation of floating wind farms reliability depending on inspection strategy
- Method for considering strategic choices in components redundancy, spare parts stock and marine fleet management
- A tool for optimising the key performance indicators of the overall strategy at the floating offshore wind farm scale



SCOPE OF WORK

1. Methodologies development to assess reliability, availability and spare strategy

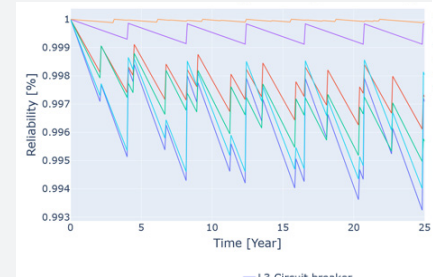
- Advanced reliability methodology and mean downtime computation
- Definition of marine fleet management strategies and impact on the maintenance operation duration
- Data collection to assess the quality of monitoring and inspection
- Sensitivity analysis of farm reliability
- Specification and structuration of the reliability calculation tool

2. Definition of the operability depending on the operation and vessel type

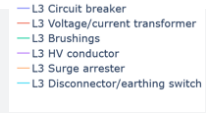
- Case study specifications
- Definition of meteocean limitations for site access, taking into account the type of vessel
- Assessment and quantification of the probability of specific operations being carried out
- Mean time to access computation

3. Cases study and optimisation

- Definition of key performance indicator for optimisation
- Development of a method for operation and maintenance strategies optimisation
- Case study analysis



Example of reliability probability of a Gas Insulated Substation (GIS)



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