

Introduction to the OC5 Project,

an IEA Task Focused on Validating Offshore Wind Modeling Tools



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Offshore Wind Modeling Tools

- OWTs are designed using aero-hydro-servo-elastic tools
- The tools must be verified and validated to assess their accuracy



The OC3 & OC4 Projects

- Two research tasks were initiated under IEA Wind to address this issue:
 - OC3 (IEA Task 23, Subtask 3): 2005 2009
 - OC4 (IEA Task 30): 2010 2013
- Focus was on OWT tool verification & benchmarking, with emphasis on the support structure

OC3 = Offshore Code Comparison Collaboration OC4 = Offshore Code Comparison Collaboration, Continued

OC3/OC4 Verification Process



The OC3/OC4 Systems Examined



OC4 Phase II Participants & Tools

Company	Simulation Tool	
4Subsea	OrcaFlex	
ABS	CHARM3D + FAST	
CENER	OPASS + FAST	
CENTEC	FAST	raunnoter 👝 NTTNIT
CeSOS (NTNU)	Simo+Riflex+Aerodyn	
CGC	Bladed 4.3	CENTEC
DHI	WAMSIM	Scener
DTU	HAWC2	
GH	Bladed 4.4 /Bladed Advanced Hydro Beta	
Goldwind	FAST	4 SUOSEU
IFE	3DFLOAT	
IST	FAST	
LMS-IREC	SWT	
MARINTEK	RIFLEX-Coupled	्राम्य स्थित के प्रति के प्रति कि प्रति के प
NTUA	hydro-GAST	
NREL	FAST	
POSTECH	GH Bladed	A Siemens Business GARRAD
PRINCIPIA	DeepLinesWT	HASSAN
SWE	SIMPACK +HydroDyn	TÉCNICO LISBOA
Univ. of Tokyo	CAST	
Univ. of Ulsan	UOU + FAST	
WaveEC	Wavec2Wire	
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OC3/OC4 Summary

• Verification:

- Code-to-code comparisons have agreed well
- Differences caused by variations in:
 - Model fidelity
 - Aero-, hydro-, & structural-dynamic theories
 - Model discretization
 - Numerical problems
 - User error

Modeling tool improvements:

- Many errors have been identified and resolved
- Analysis methods have been refined
- Future R&D needs identified
- Benchmark development:
 - Benchmark model/data available to public
 - Provided useful modeling experience to many engineers
- Expert Meeting on Code-to-Data Validation showed interest for the group to work on this topic



Results – LC 2.1 – Regular Waves



OC5 – Simulation Tool Validation

- OC5 = Offshore Code Comparison Collaboration, Continued, with Correlation
 - Code-to-data validation of offshore wind modeling tools
 - Extension of IEA Wind Task 30: 2014-2018
 - Three phases examining three different systems



Monopile - Tank Testing



Semi - Tank Testing



Jacket/Tripod – Open Ocean

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Phase	Description	Timeline	
Phase Ia MARINTEK Cylinder		June 2014 – Feb. 2015	
Phase 1b	DTU/DHI Cylinder Feb. 2015 – June		
Phase II	DeepCwind Semisubmersible June 2015 – Jun		
Phase III	Open Ocean System	June 2016 – June 2017	

Participating Countries

Country	Status		
China	Active		
Denmark	Active		
France	Considering		
Germany	Active		
Italy	Active		
Japan	Active		
Korea	Active		
Netherlands	Active		
Norway	Active		
Portugal	Active		
Spain	Active		
United Kingdom	Considering		
United States	Active		

OC5 Validation Project Process

STEP 1: Create a
model of the
system

STEP 2: Choose data sets for comparison

STEP 3: Calibrate the model

STEP 4: Validate the model

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- Develop a specification document of the design for participants (participants will help modify/improve this document)
- Participants will then develop a model of the structure based on the specification document within their modeling tool of choice
- Create a list of available datasets, including specifics on wind/waves
- Group will down-select data sets to be used for calibration and validation
- Select measurement channels to be used for comparisons
- Calibration will be done as a group.
- Run structural-only cases, and calibrate model properties (mass/stiffness) using natural frequencies, structural damping rations, mooring force-disp.
- Run steady wind-only cases, and calibrate airfoil coefficients using rotor performance (power, torque, thrust)
- Run wave-only cases, and calibrate hydrodynamic coefficients using freedecay tests, current-only tests, and wave-only tests
- Simulate model for a variety of cases with increasing complexity (if available): wind-only, wave-only, and then wind/wave
- Do not use datasets used for calibration
- Compare simulated response to that of the measurements
- Discuss differences between participant results and tests

Phase I - Monopile

Phase I examines monopile

- No wind turbine
- Fixed structure
- Tank tests
- Two data sources:
 - MARINTEK testingDTU/DHI testing



MARINTEK Tests

- Single steel cylinders with varying diameter
 - **Draft = 1.44 m**
 - Water depth = 10 m
- Cylinders attached to a steel framework
 - Attachment through two force transducers (T1 and T2)
 - Vertical and transverse motion restricted by stiffener rods
 - Eigenfrequencies > 10 Hz
 - Consider framework as rigid
 - Free surface on bottom, pierces water line



Datasets simulated in OC5 project

OC5 Test No.	Original Test No.	Condition	Diameter (m)	H/Hs (m)	T/Tp (s)	Gamma*
1	441	Regular	0.2	0.15	1.533	
2	444	Regular	0.2	0.23	1.533	
3	442	Regular	0.2	0.28	1.533	
4	445	Regular	0.2	0.37	1.533	
5	341	Regular	0.327	0.15	1.533	
6	344	Regular	0.327	0.23	1.533	
7	342	Regular	0.327	0.28	1.533	
8	345	Regular	0.327	0.37	1.533	
9	431	Regular	0.2	0.282	2.114	
10	433	Regular	0.2	0.45	2.114	
11	432	Regular	0.2	0.522	2.114	
12	434	Regular	0.2	0.6	2.114	
13	1331	Regular	0.327	0.282	2.114	
14	333	Regular	0.327	0.450	2.114	
15	332	Regular	0.327	0.522	2.114	
16	334	Regular	0.327	0.6	2.114	
17	401	Irregular	0.2	0.279	2.4	1.7
18	4301	Irregular	0.327	0.279	2.4	1.7
19	402	Irregular	0.2	0.357	2.76	1.7
20	4302	Irregular	0.327	0.357	2.76	1.7

*Gamma = peak enhancement factor for a JONSWAP spectrum

Modeling Participants/Tools/Approach

Participant	Code	Wave Model	Hydro Model	Wave Surface Treatment
4Subsea	ORCAFLEX	3 RD ORDER DEAN	ME	IW
ABS	CHARM3D+ FAST	LINEAR AIRY	ME	IWV
Alstom	S4WT	5 TH ORDER STOKES/L.AIRY	ME	IW/IWW
CGC	BLADED 4.3	LINEAR AIRY	ME	IWW
Dec	MORISON'S EQ.	LINEAR AIRY	ME	IWW
DNV GL	BLADED 4.6	6 TH AND 8 TH ORDER SF/L. AIRY	ME	IW/IWW
GOLDWIND	FAST	2 ND ORDER STOKES	PF	NO
IFE	3DFLOAT	6 TH ORDER SF/L. AIRY	ME	IW/IWE
IFPEN/PRI	DEEPLINESTMWIND	3 RD ORD. SF (ACTUAL)/L. AIRY	ME	IW
MARINTEK	RIFLEX	2 ND ORDER STOKES (ACTUAL)	ME	IWE
NREL	FAST	2 ND ORDER S+D/ACTUAL	ME	NO
NTNU	MORISON'S EQ.	LINEAR AIRY	ME	NO
POLIMI	ILMAS	LINEAR AIRY	ME	NO
SWE	SIMPACK +HYDRODYN	LINEAR AIRY	ME	NO
υτοκγο	CAST	LINEAR AIRY	ME	NO
υου	UOU + FAST	2 ND ORDER STOKES	ME	NO
WAVEC	WAVEC2WIRE	2 ND ORDER STOKES	PF	NO
WMC	FOCUS6 (PHATAS)	3 RD ORDER SF/L. AIRY	ME	IW/IWW

Calibration Methods

Participant	Wave Ht Tuning	Cd/Ca Calibration	Cd/Ca Extrapolation
4SUBSEA	Manual tuning	1.0/Manual	1.0/KC-based
ABS	Ave. peaks/troughs	1.0/Least squares	1.0/Re and KC-based
ALSTOM	Ave. peaks/troughs	Weighted least squares	DNV
CGC	Ave. peaks/troughs	Least squares	Re and KC-based
DEC	Least squares	Least squares	Re-based
DNV GL	Ave. peaks/troughs	0.0/Least squares	0.0/Re-based
Goldwind	Ave. peaks/troughs	N/A	N/A
IFE	Ave. peaks/troughs	1.0/Match amplitudes	1.0/Re, KC, and DP-based
IFPEN/PRI	Ave. peaks/troughs	DNV	DNV
MARINTEK	Exp., filtered to 1 st order	Least squares	D and Tp-based, MF
NREL	Least squares	1.0/Least squares	1.0/D and Tp-based
NTNU	Frequency peak	1.0/Least squares	1.0/D and Tp-based
PolyMilano	Frequency peak	DNV/KC-based	DNV/Manual
SWE	Frequency peak	Least squares	DNV with correction
υτοκγο	Least squares	Least squares	N/A
υου	Frequency peak	1.0/Morison method	KC-based with correction
WAVEC	Frequency peak	Morison method	DNV/KC-based
wмс	Manual tuning	1.0/KC-based	1.0/KC-based

Example of Results - 3rd Order Forces



- Results more consistent when using group parameters
 - Those using 1st or 2nd order and no wave stretching show similar values, but lower than the rest
 - Those using higher-order waves and stretching not as similar

• Under-prediction of experimental forces for case 8, but similar for 3, 9, and 14

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Findings from Phase Ia

- As waves become more nonlinear, higher-order wave theories better approximate shape of wave elevation and forces
- Most codes capture 1st-order force response very well, but only higher-order theories (or those using wave stretching) capture 2nd and 3rd-order components
 - 3rd order component important for capturing ringing phenomenon resulting from nonlinear wave passage
- Second-order wave kinematics do not have a significant effect on wave force
- For larger k*R values, non-slender diffraction effects reduce the 2nd order forces in the experiment – which are not captured by Morison's equation
- Influence of higher-order components not as evident in irregular wave results

Phase Ib - Wave Tank Testing by DHI/DTU

- Wave tests of cylinders performed in shallow water basin at DHI
- Examined steep and breaking waves using a slope of 1:25 built in front of the wave maker
- OC5 will model flexible cylinder at 1/80th scale
 - Focus on steeper waves
 - Examine influence of wave loads on structural response



Phase II

- Semisubmersible tested by DeepCwind in 2011 was retested at MARIN in 2013 with new, better performing turbine
- Turbine is MARIN stock turbine
 - NREL 5MW, performancescaled at 1:50
- Will examine a series of wind/wave tests performed



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Upcoming Meetings

- Feb 6 Trondheim, Norway (DeepWind conference)
 - Review Phase Ia results MARINTEK cylinder
 - Introduce work for Phase Ib DTU/DHI cylinder
- June 26 Kona, Hawaii (ISOPE conference)
 - Review Phase Ib results DTU/DHI cylinder
 - Introduce work for Phase II DeepCwind semisubmersible
 - Update status on Phase III Open ocean test
- Winter 2015 ?
- Summer 2016 ?

Introduce work for Phase III – Open ocean test



Thank You!

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