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ON THE POTENTIAL AND LIMITATIONS OF A LINEARIZED METHOD FOR DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF FLOATING WIND TURBINES

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MOTIVATION FLOATING WIND DEVELOPMENT

- Large deep water areas (also near load centers)
- > EERA and Carbon Trust confirm future for floating wind
- > Several demo/pilot sites operational
- > Ambitious targets set by EU member states
- Need for research and development on floating wind to achieve the required cost reduction

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MOTIVATION DESIGN ITERATION

Many different concepts still in development – no clear convergence yet:

- Different stabilizing mechanisms
- Different materials
- Different mooring concepts

Floating wind turbine design iteration:

- Concept exploration
-) Site specific design
 - Metocean
 - Logistics (manufacturing, installation)
- > Cost reduction can lead to lighter, more flexible designs
- Design driving loads during operational design load cases (e.g. DLC16 [1])

[1] J. Azcona etal; Design solutions for 10MW floating offshore wind turbines. InnWindEU project deliverable 4.3.7, 2017.



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METHOD WIND TURBINE MODEL: TURBU

TURBU model properties:

-) Linear time invariant
 - Nonlinear equilibrium working point
 - > Analytical linearization
 - > Coleman transformation
-) Modular approach
- > Includes the relevant dynamics for concept design
- > Model DOFs can be tuned to the application
- > Laplace transform enables use in frequency and time domain





METHOD SUPPORT STRUCTURE MODEL

Two-stage approach:

- > TURBU offshore floating (rigid body global motion):
 - (Non)linear time domain hydrodynamics from panel methods (e.g. NEMOH [2])
 - Linearization (as proposed by Perez&Fossen [3])
 - Linear mooring stiffness and possible additional damping
- > TURBU flexible support structure implementation:
 - > Extended panel method for flexible platform modes
 - > Assumption of Morison for initial inertia effect on modes
 - Beam approach for typical multi-legged platforms, covers most concepts (semi, TLP)
 - Other shapes could be included using externally derived Craig-Bampton modes/matrices

[2] A. Babarit, G. Delhommeau: Theoretical and numerical aspects of the open source BEM solver NEMOH. In Proc. of the 11th European Wave and Tidal Energy Conference, Nantes, France, 2015.

[3] T. Perez, T. Fossen; A Matlab Toolbox for Parametric Identification of Radiation-Force Models of Ships and Offshore Structures. In Modeling, Identification and Control, 30-1, 2009.



fig: hydrodynamic damping for first flexible mode





METHOD APPROACH



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Overview of the stepwise model building approach:

- 1. Determine rigid body hyddata
- 2. Determine nonlinear equilibrium working point
- 3. Linearize model in working point
- 4. Extract flexible support structure mode shapes
- 5. Calculate hyddata for flexible modes
- 6. Link (linearized) hyddata to respective modes





POTENTIAL OF LINEAR ANALYSIS METHOD UNDERSTANDING SYSTEM DYNAMICS

System/Modal parameters:

- > Identification of instability & resonance issues
- > Aero/hydro-elastic analysis

Frequency domain overview:

- > Identification of instability & resonance issues
- > Understanding dynamic interaction between components
- > Understanding of the transfer of external loading
-) Control design



fig: collection of output spectra of fore-aft tower base bending moment accross the operating range



POTENTIAL OF LINEAR ANALYSIS METHOD DESIGN ITERATION

Scoping of design driving load cases:

- > Evaluation for range of metocean conditions
 - > Different wind inflow conditions
 - > Sea-state scatter diagram
 - > Wind-Wave misalignment

Concept design iteration:

- > Parameter variation for sensitivity studies
- > Holistic optimization, including fatigue assessment



LIMITATIONS OF LINEAR ANALYSIS METHODS

Transient events, such as:

- > Wind turbine shutdown
- Mooring tight/slack

Highly nonlinear effects:

) Viscous drag

Higher order effects, such as:

- > Mooring line dynamics (be aware of possible resonance)
- > Vortex Induced Vibrations





WHAT'S NEXT FUTURE WORK

The following activities are initiated:

-) Method
 - Further verification and validation (for other concepts, against measurements)
 - Introduction of second order wave loads
 - Stack of linear models for transient events
- Application
 - > Optimization of lightweight concept design
 - Use of linear floating wind turbine model in digital twin setup (Kalman Filter observer approach)







fig: Kalman Filter based observer (src: MathWorks)



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