



EERA DeepWind'2021: "Dynamic cable model for layout optimisation purposes in Floating Offshore Wind Farms"

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GOING OFFSHORE 1





The best locations are far from the coast but...



GOING OFFSHORE 2

... it is all about costs.

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GOING OFFSHORE 3



Shaping Energy for a Sustainable Future

However:

- In Europe, the best locations for onshore wind farms are already exploited. Remaining locations present winds with lower quality, are remote areas or are just protected.
- Bottom-fixed offshore wind farms are now a consolidated technology, but their costs make it unviable at depths greater than 50 m.
- Floating offshore wind has a great potential: combining Europe, US and Japan, around 7.000 GW are available!!

SOME FOWFS CHALLENGES



Standardisation



Logistics & assembly



Repair & maintenance



Dynamic cables



Costs







FOWF CABLING OVERVIEW

ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR DYNAMIC CABLES

SUSPENDED CABLE CONFIGURATIONS

EXISTING MODELS

Advantages

 Some existing programs can perform accurate dynamic analysis of dynamic cables (e.g., OrcaFlex)

Disadvantages

- Lacking or limited optimising capabilities (e.g., only 2D optimisation)
 - Long simulations
 - Difficult integration for expanded optimisation or additional evaluations
- Complex tasks even for early stages of projects

OBJECTIVE

The aim is to develop a model of the suspended cables with several degrees of freedom and including the main ancillary equipment as well as the relevant loads, finding a balance between realistic behaviour and moderated computation times when it comes to optimising.

The existing cable configurations are assessed, plus additional configurations that may be feasible and viable for FOWFs.

The model is developed to meet the requirements of the next steps.

MODEL OVERVIEW

The position of a suspended cable, even in static conditions, can't be determined analytically in most of cases

Lumped mass model: all cable properties are transferred to the nodes (except its length) The position and tensions are determined imposing equilibrium conditions at each node

EXTERNAL ACTIONS

Marine growth

Currents

FORCE MODELS

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THE CATENARY

Mathematical definition and properties

Equation

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dx^2} = \frac{\lambda}{T_H} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)^2}$$

• Integrated equation

$$z - z_0 = a \cdot \cosh\left(\frac{x - x_0}{a}\right)$$

• Arc length

$$L = a \cdot \sinh\left(\frac{x_0 - x_A}{a}\right) + a \cdot \sinh\left(\frac{x_B - x_0}{a}\right)$$

Physical properties

• Horizontal tension

$$T_H = a \cdot \lambda$$

Vertical tension

$$T_V = T_H \cdot z' = a \cdot \lambda \cdot \sinh\left(\frac{x - x_0}{a}\right)$$

Tension

$$T = T_H \cdot \cosh\left(\frac{x - x_0}{a}\right) = \lambda(z - z_0)$$

INITIAL GUESSES

CABLE POSITION CALCULATION

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Part 5: Results

GRAPHIC RESULTS 1

GRAPHIC RESULTS 2

FINAL REMARKS

Floating offshore wind is an available technology but requires optimisation to lower its costs

The dynamic cables play a relevant role in the technology progress as they are being developed specifically for this task

A good initial guess saves time and prevents the algorithm from reaching wrong solutions (or not finding any solution), and variable scaling is important

Buoyant sections should be below the euphotic zone

Bend stiffness is usually negligible due to the low cable bending

Site-specific marine growth and current profiles are important to avoid additional uncertainty, as their effect is relevant

Axial stiffness can be neglected almost always

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