

Analysis of Honeymooring™ as a cost-reducing concept for Floating Offshore Wind Turbines

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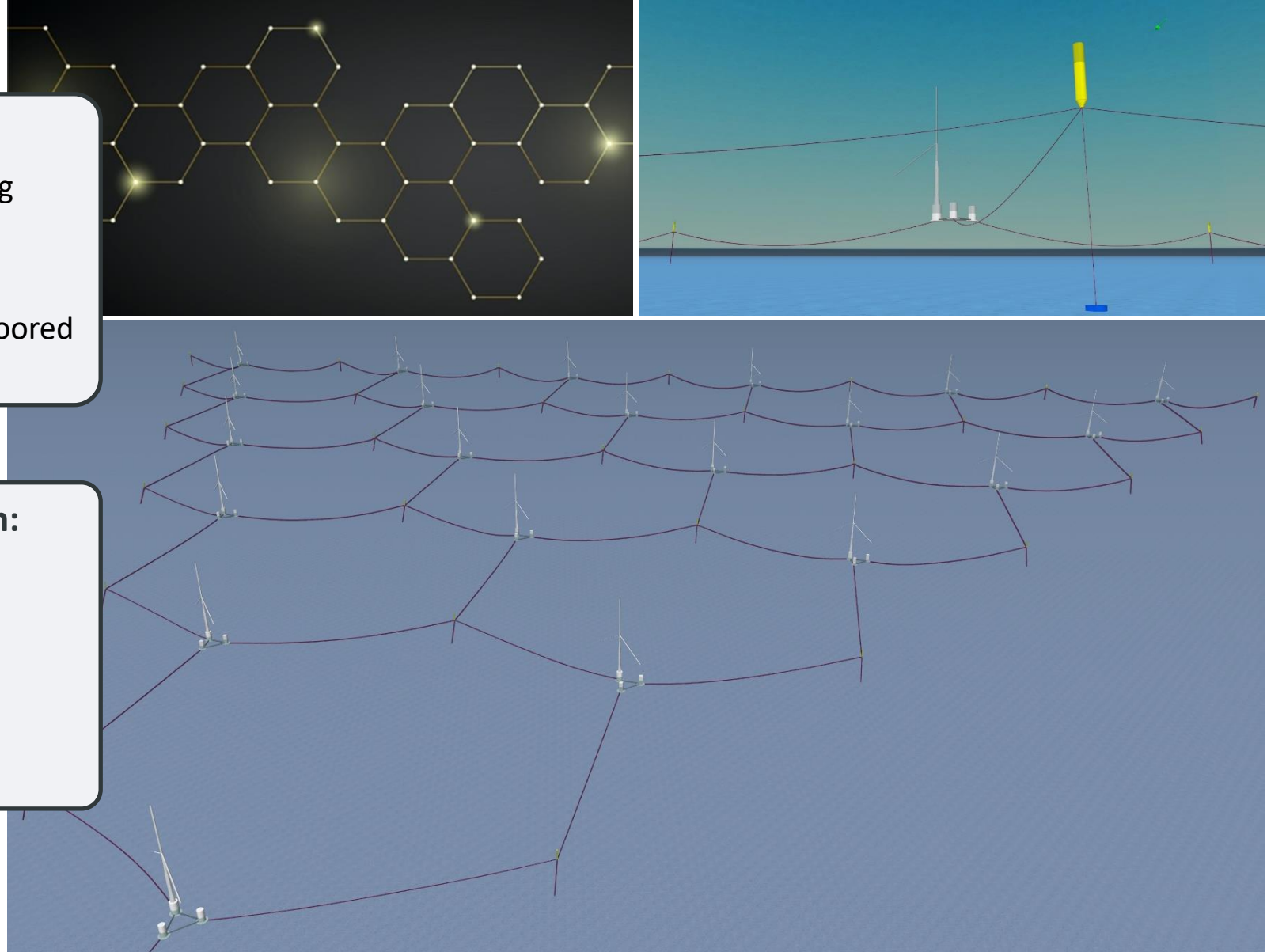
Introducing the Honeymooring™ concept

Honeymooring™ is:

- Sharing of anchors in a floating wind farm using buoys and synthetic fibre ropes
- Applicable for most FOWTs
- Can also be applied for other types of array-moored floaters (such as floating solar parks)

Key benefits compared to traditional system:

- Reduced cost
- Reduced mooring line loads
- Reduced environmental impact
- Easier marine operations
- Scalable for a wide range of water depths



Cost and environment considerations

Cost contributors for floating wind turbines*:

- **CAPEX** – 70-80% of total cost
 - Mooring & installation ~20%**
- **OPEX** – 20-30% of total cost
- **Decommissioning** – 1-3% of total cost

*Maienza, C., et al. "A life cycle cost model for floating offshore wind farms." Applied Energy (2020)

Honeymooring™ reduces CAPEX***:

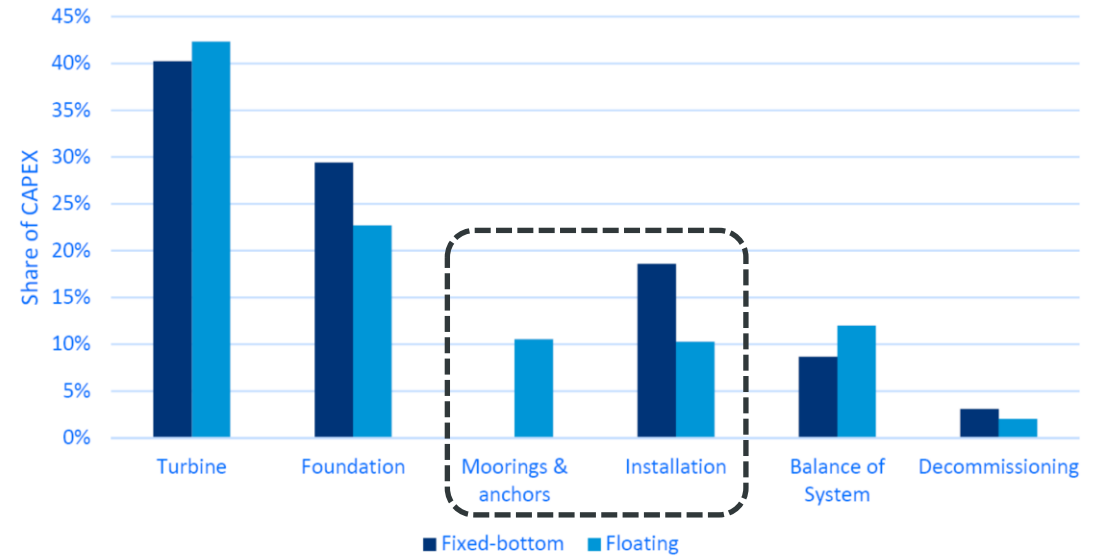
- Cheaper, lighter mooring lines
- Low pretension levels = Less costly installation vessels

Honeymooring™ likely reduces OPEX***:

- Low mooring tensions reduce structural component loads
- Simple disconnection/reconnection of single FWT for inshore repair/maintenance

***Compared to traditional catenary or hybrid-type mooring systems

Honeymooring™ reduces LCOE for floating wind farms



**Carbon Trust - Floating Offshore Wind: Market and Technology Review Prepared for the Scottish Government (2015)

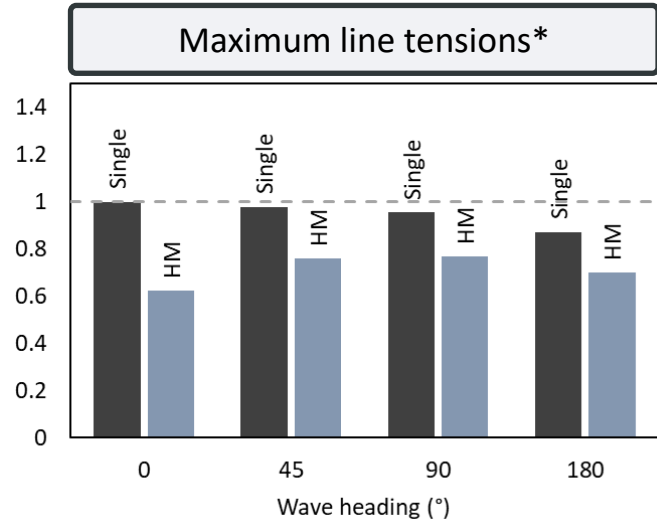
Better environmental footprint for fibre ropes than for chains

No mooring lines interacting with the seabed

Honeymooring™ is an environment-friendly mooring solution

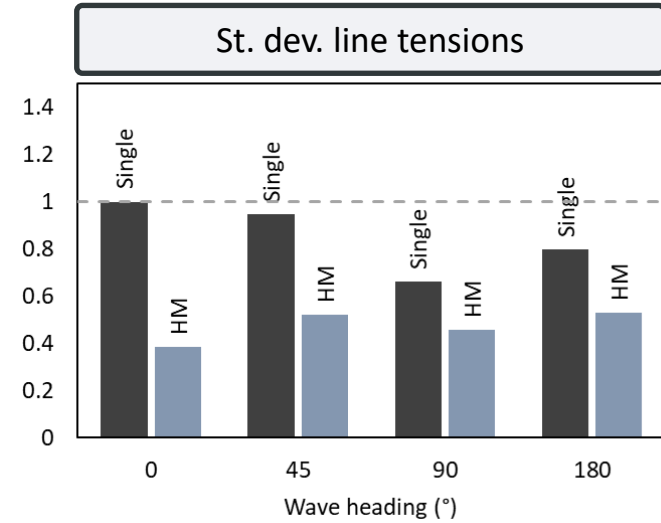
Preliminary analysis results for simplified model

- Water depth 300 m
- $H_s = 8.5$ m, $T_p = 12$ s, wind speed of 12 m/s
- Collinear wind and waves
- Simplified wind turbine modelling

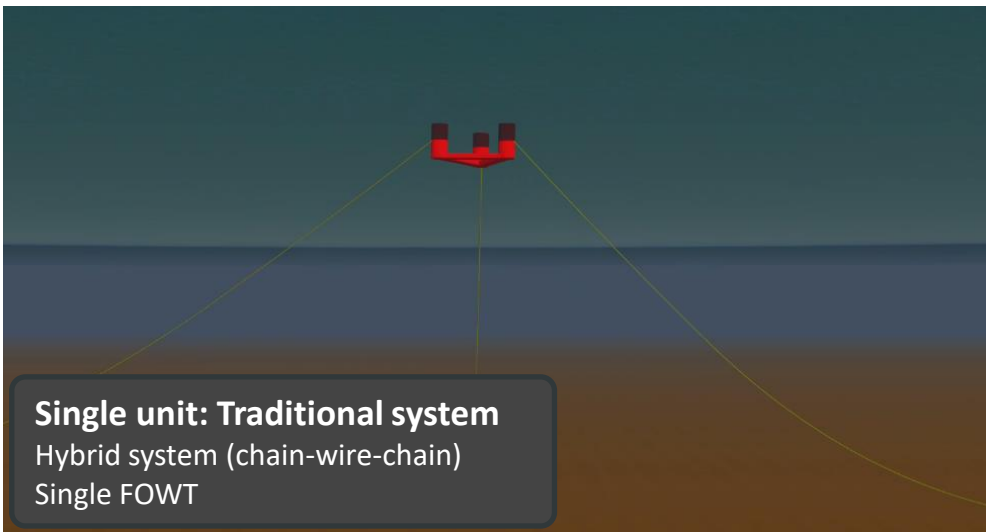


Reduced maximum tensions experienced by floater

* HM: Loads in horizontal lines



Significantly reduced fatigue loads



Challenges in design of shared moorings

Examples of applicable standards:

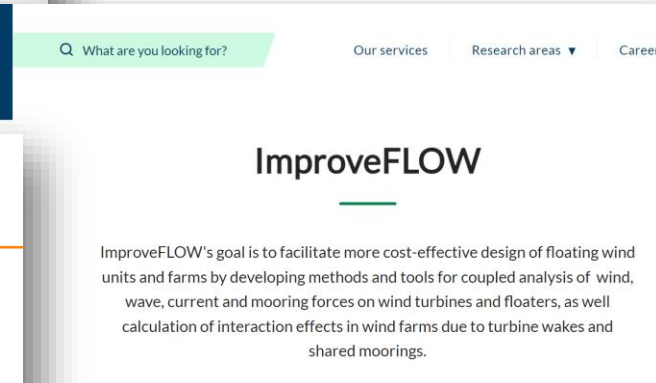
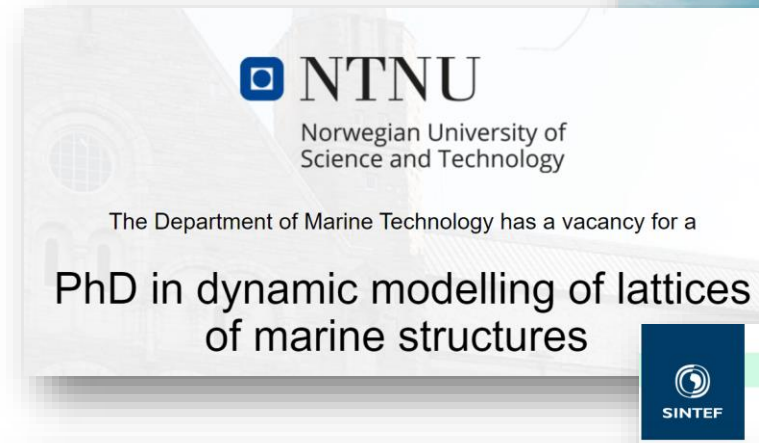
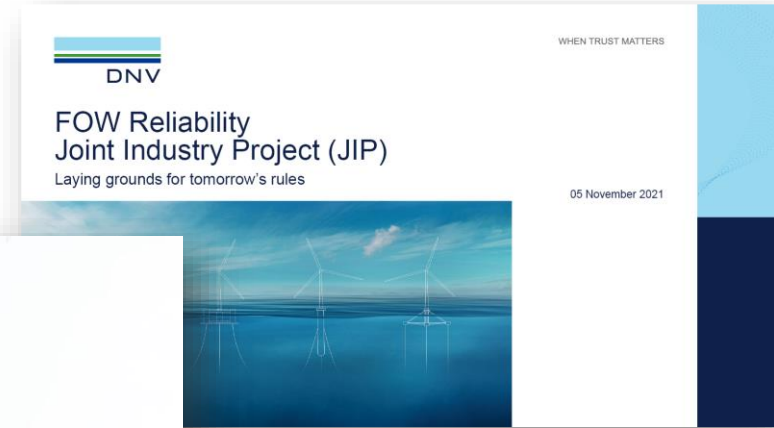
- IEC61400-3-2 Design requirements for floating offshore wind turbines
- DNVGL-ST-0119 Floating wind turbine structures
- DNVGL-OS-E301 Position mooring

Challenges in existing standards:

- Mainly made considering single units
- Redundancy requirements & consequence class for shared moorings
- Interaction effects between turbines missing
- Calibrated safety factors for shared moorings

Challenges in numerical analysis:

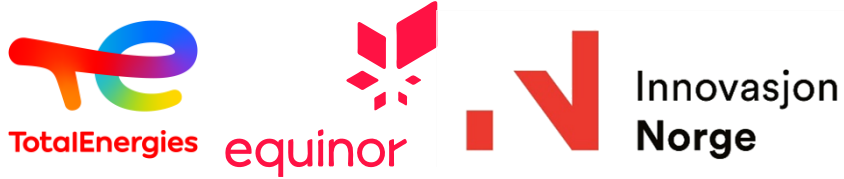
- Interaction effects between turbines
 - How to model?
 - How important are they for mooring loads?
- Relevant failure scenarios (ALS cases)
- How to simplify computationally heavy models?
 - Representing wind field over large area
 - Modelling turbine controller



Ongoing activity and way forward

Pre-studies (2020 - 21):

- Validated substantial cost-reduction potential
- Demonstrated high-level technical feasibility



R&D project (2021 - 24):

- Research Council of Norway IPN scheme
- Developing coupled analysis methodology
- Design optimization
- Investigation of suitable power-cable solution



Honeymooning™ Technology Qualification Timeline

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029

Pre-studies

R&D project

Model tests

Demonstrator

First full-scale project

Partners outlook

Large commercial parks in Europe, Asia & USA

Goal: Have Honeymooning™ qualified and ready for use in commercial projects in 2025



Thank you for the attention!

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