

# SINTEF RESEARCH ON OFFSHORE WIND

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## SINTEF research in Offshore Wind

- Substructures
- Control systems
- Grid connection
- Logistics, O&M
- Marine operations
- Materials



We operate some of the world's most advanced energy and marine technology laboratoeries

- Ocean Basin
- Wind Tunnel
- Power cable and risers' lab
- Smart Grid lab
- Material labs





# We work in close partnership with NTNU

- Strategic and operational cooperation since 1950
- Joint use of laboratories and equipment
- Cooperation covers research projects, research centers and teaching

SINTEF

The largest marine technology research and education centre in the western world

- Graduating 120-140 M.Sc,. and 15-20 Ph.D. every year within marine technology.
- Hosting two successive centres of excellence in Norway.
- Hosting four successive centres of research-based innovation in Norway



## Our fundamental basis

We offer a unique combination of world-class laboratories, software development and engineering competence



# A strong portfolio of R&D projects

### H2020

- Lifes50+ (2015-2018)
- BestPaths
- TotalControl

### EU FP7:

- DeepWind (2010-2014)
- LEANWIND (2013-2016)

### Norwegian Research Council

- WAS-XL (2017 2020)
- HVDCpro
- OPWIND
- WindSense (2012-2014)
- FAROFF (2012-2014)
- Deep sea offshore wind turbine technology (2007-2009)
- NOWITECH (2009-2017)











# Advanced software for offshore wind

#### Workflow

SIMA – Analysis of Marine operations and Floating systems ShipX – Integrated tool for ship design

#### Marine operations

SIMO – Simulation of marine operations

#### Platform loads and responses, mooring system analysis

MULDIF – Hydrodynamic analysis SIMO – Floater motion and station keeping RIFLEX – Global FEM analysis of slender structures SIMO/RIFLEX – Coupled floater and mooring analysis NIRWANA – Structural analysis of fixed platforms MIMOSA – A mooring system analysis tool WINDOPT – Optimization tool for FOWT

#### **Power Cable**

UFLEX2D – Local stress and fatigue analysis of subsea power cables
UFLEX3D – 3D stress and fatigue analysis of subsea power cables
SIMLA – Offshore power cable route optimization and installation analysis
VIVANA – Vortex induced vibrations

#### Vessel performance

ShipX/VERES – Sea keeping and ship performance

#### Vessel fleet optimization

Routing and scheduling model of maintenance operations on an offshore wind farm Vessel fleet size and mix optimization model





## Advanced model testing for offshore wind

Hybrid testing (hardware-in-loop testing)

Integrated testing / verification of

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- Control system
- Sub-structure
- Wind
- Waves
- Current
- Soil

"Excellence in the science base is not enough.

It is essential to have the capacity to translate knowledge

into new products, processes and services."

From "Life Sciences and Biotechnology. A strategy for Europe"

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# Specific projects / concept development

### SPAR

- HyWind Demo
- HyWind Scottland

### SEMI

- NOWITECH semi
- OO Star
- Nautilus

## Mono-piles

- Borssele
- Dudgeon
- NREL 5 MW concept
  - DTU 10 MW concept

7 m O.D. 7 m O.D. 9, 11 m O.D.



## NOWITECH: 40 innovations, 3 commercial spin-offs, Net present value > 5 000 MEUR\*



Numerical

model



Norwegian Research Centre for Offshore Wind Technology

Technology / Quantified potential process

ew business entity

## SINTEF Ocean Innovation example: - cutting edge testing capability: real-time hybrid testing

Testing offshore wind turbines is challenging due to conflicts in scaling laws:

Wind loads scales differently than wave loads









Simulated aerodynamic loads

Physical waves and current

SINTEF Ocean together with NTNU have developed a new method for testing offshore wind turbines:

*Combine experiments with real time simulation* 



## Real-Time Hybrid Model (ReaTHM<sup>®</sup>) testing



## Advantages of ReaTHM<sup>®</sup> testing

- Realistic and **controlled** aerodynamic loads
  - Direct access to complete platform dynamics, power takeout, etc...
  - Facilitates calibration of hydrodynamic. models
- Possibility to test extreme conditions
  - Extreme environmental conditions
    - coherent wind gusts
    - wind shifts
    - wind-wave misalignement
- Emergency shutdown and associated transients







## Further research priorities



- Support structures for larger turbines and/or deeper water
- Marine operations
- Materials

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- Grid connection
- System integration
- Energy storage



- Asset management
- Wind farm control
- Digitalization

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## Blue sky outlook...

- New turbine / structure concepts
- Alternative methods for installation (and decommissioning?)
- Multi-use of ocean space (access to new areas ⇒ new operational models & Logistics)
- Offshore charging from renewable energy (mobile and stationary offshore users).
- Data analytics for asset optimization (energy opt. and maintenance).







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