



CEFIR Project: Control of Floating Wind Turbines and Grid Integration

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Context



More consistent winds → Higher energy efficiency




Less noise pollution compared to land-based parks




Depth > 50 meters require floating wind turbines


Issues




Floater movements tower oscillations, structural fatigue and increased wear




Hydrodynamic forces caused by waves periodic excitations, and vibration amplification



Aerodynamic forces, load variations on the blades and the tower



Impact on electricity generation optimization to maintain energy efficiency



Challenges

Complexity of FOWT Control

Underactuated, multivariable, and nonlinear systems

Negative damping creating potential instability

Coupled aerodynamic-hydrodynamic dynamics

Fluctuating power output complicates grid compliance

WP 0 : Project management and coordination

WP 1 : Robust control (IREENA, LS2N) | WP 2 : Power smoothing using storage (IREENA) | WP 3 PHIL Test (IREENA)

Multiphysics Modeling, & Control | Power Management, & Grid Integration

OpenFAST | OPAL-RT TECHNOLOGIES

Robust control

Adaptive Sliding Mode Controller

For robustness under uncertainties and disturbances

Event-Triggered Strategy

Only when necessary to minimize requests on the actuators

Lyapunov Formal Analysis

Formal proof of stability for continuous and discrete cases

Operation in regions 2 and 3

Control law operates smoothly in Regions 2 and 3.

Power smoothing

Quantification

Quantifying power fluctuations

Practical implementation

Developing the power conversion system using a PMSG

Sizing and optimisation

Sizing storage systems and optimizing the architecture

Control strategies

Propose control strategies to improve power quality and reduce power ripple

PHIL implementation

RT simulation

Real-time simulation of FOWT dynamics

Platform validation

Validation using the OPAL-RT platform

Sizing and optimisation

Integration of the generator, converters, and storage

System interactions

Assessment of system interactions