

Hywind experiences from operations and heavy maintenance

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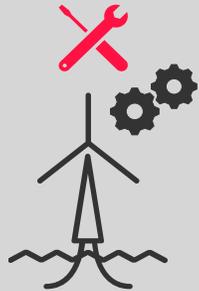
AGENDA

- Main component exchange priorities
- Hywind Scotland MCE 2024 – tow to shore, mooring disconnect, cable disconnect
- Full scale measurements of windfarms
- Access to turbines – CTV/SOV/Helicopter
- Noise / sustainability measurements

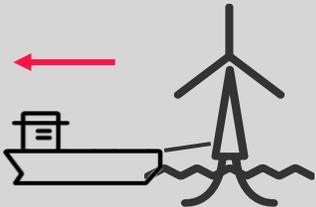


Heavy maintenance / main component exchange (MCE)

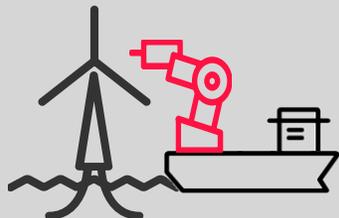
Equinor priorities for main component exchange



1. Up-tower repair and nacelle crane solutions for floating



2. Efficient tow to shore



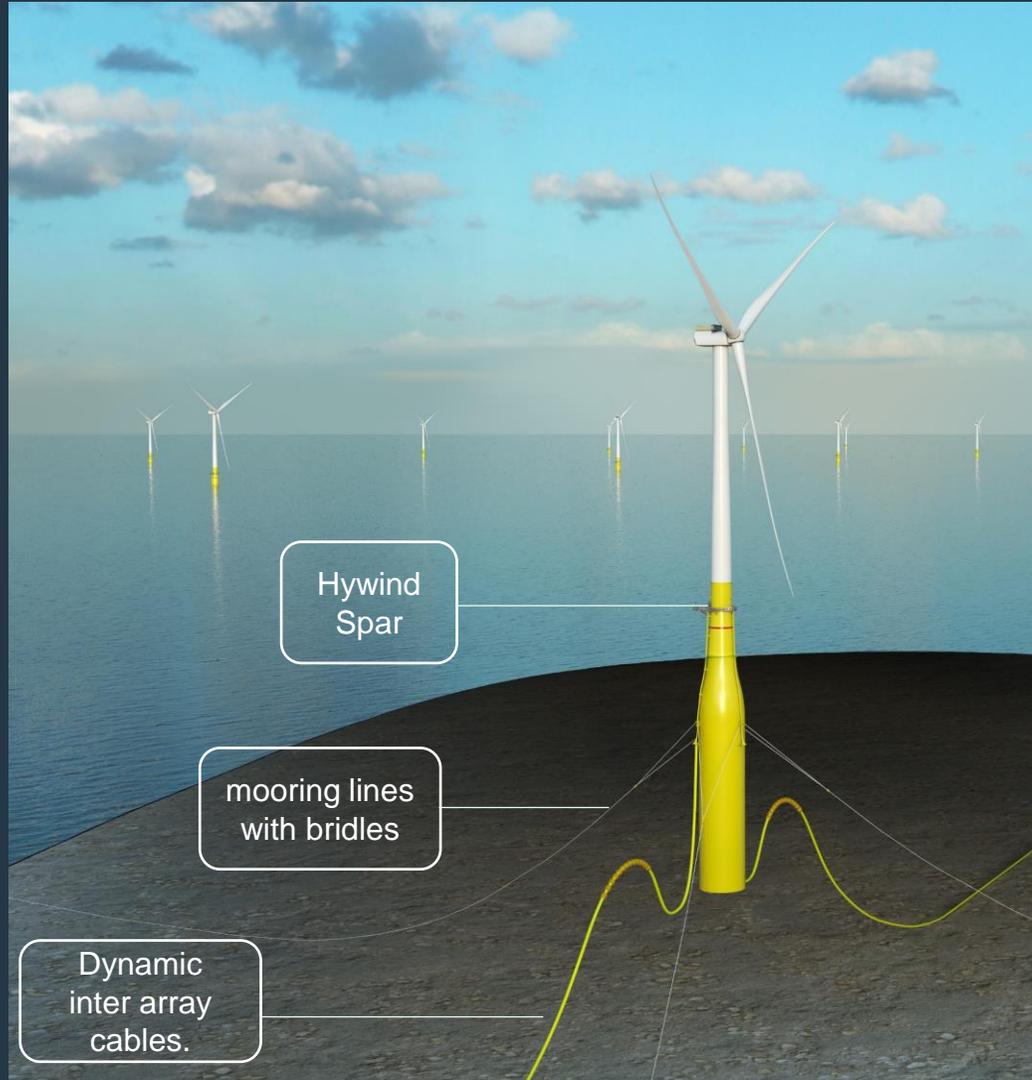
3. Market watch for offshore floating component replacement

Hywind Scotland

Floating to floating WTG installation



WTG installation



Hywind Scotland major component exchange (MCE) Summer 2024

- World first MCE project at scale for a floating windfarm successfully executed
- No major HSE incidents
- All WTGs back in Scotland in one season
- All 5 main bearing replaced
- All 15 blades repaired and upgraded
- Blade bearing replacement
- Cranes repaired
- Repairs after fishing vessel collision

Key success factors

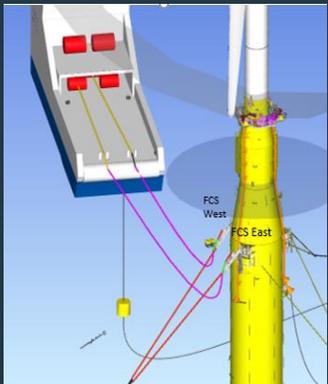
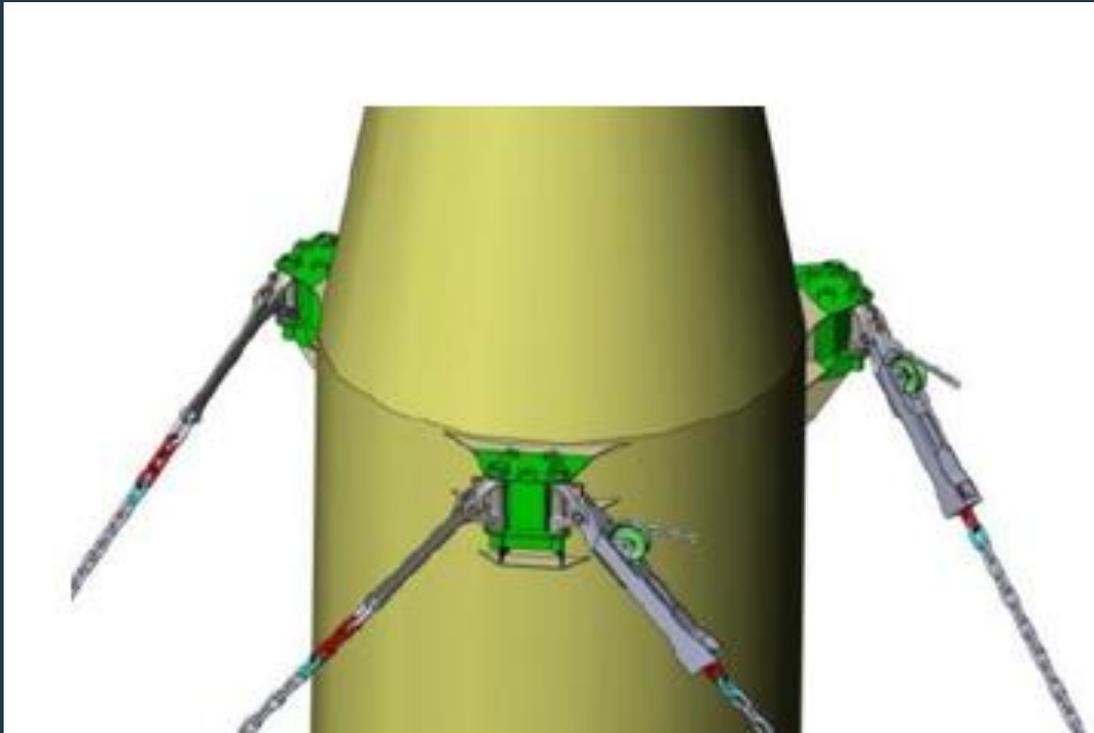
- Strong and shared HSE culture
- Strong cooperation across teams
- Flexible contractors and contracts
- A “one team” problem solving attitude
- Steep learning curve with parallel activities



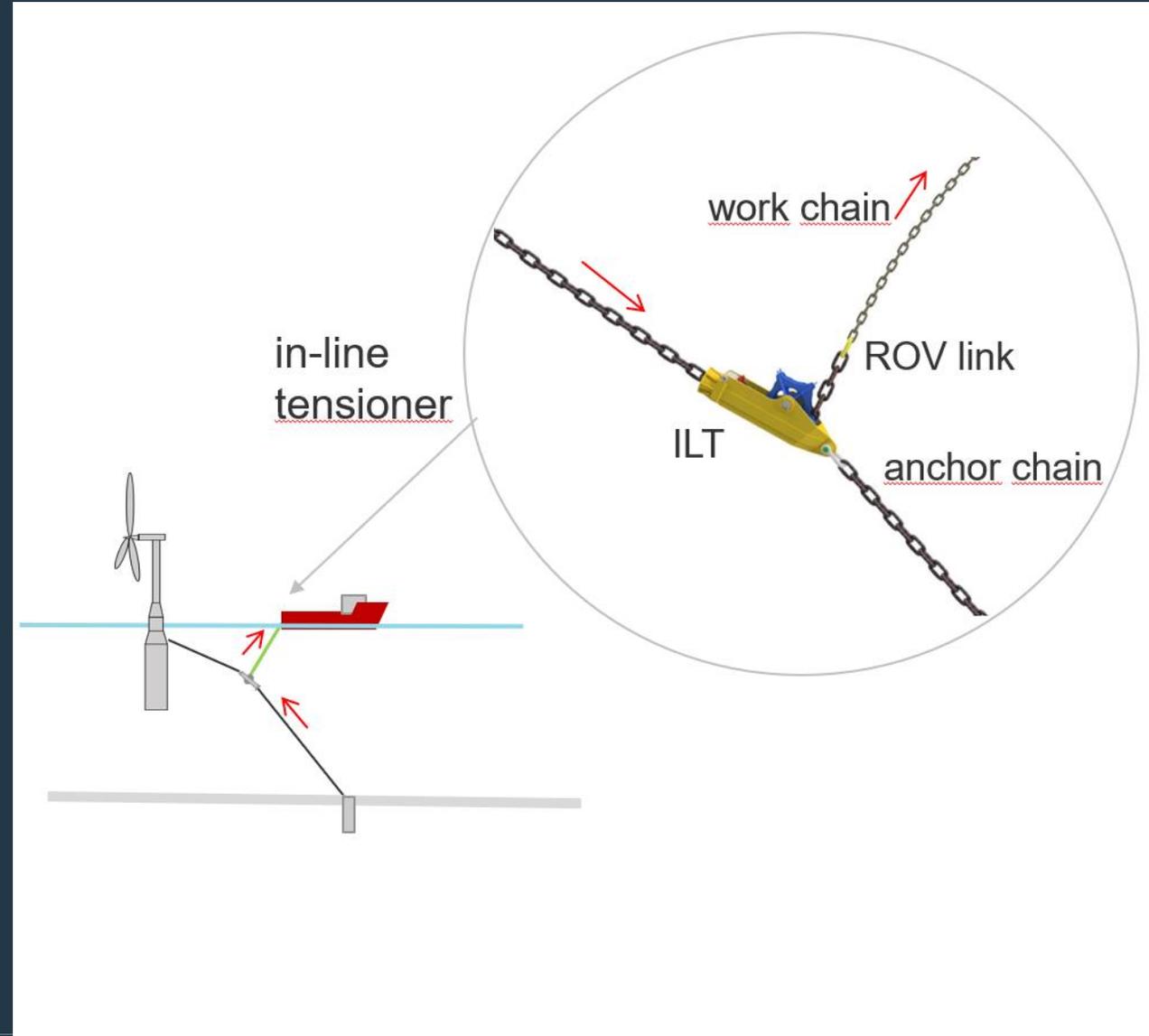
Mooring disconnect / re-connect

Mooring components

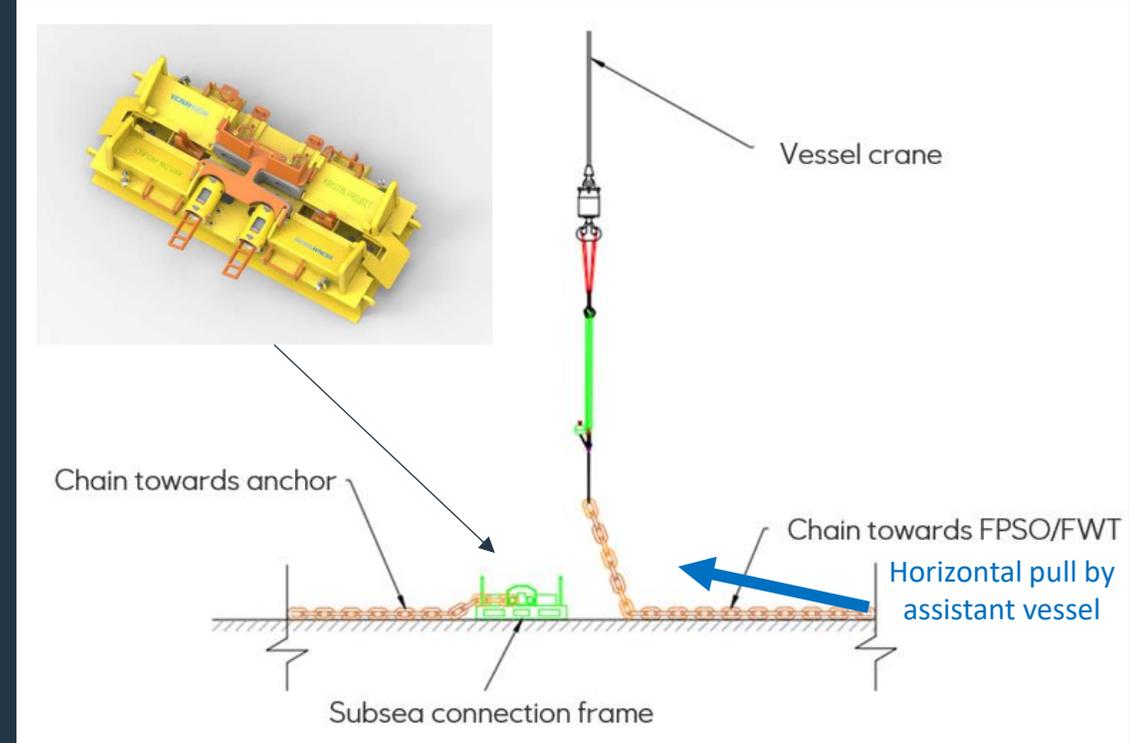
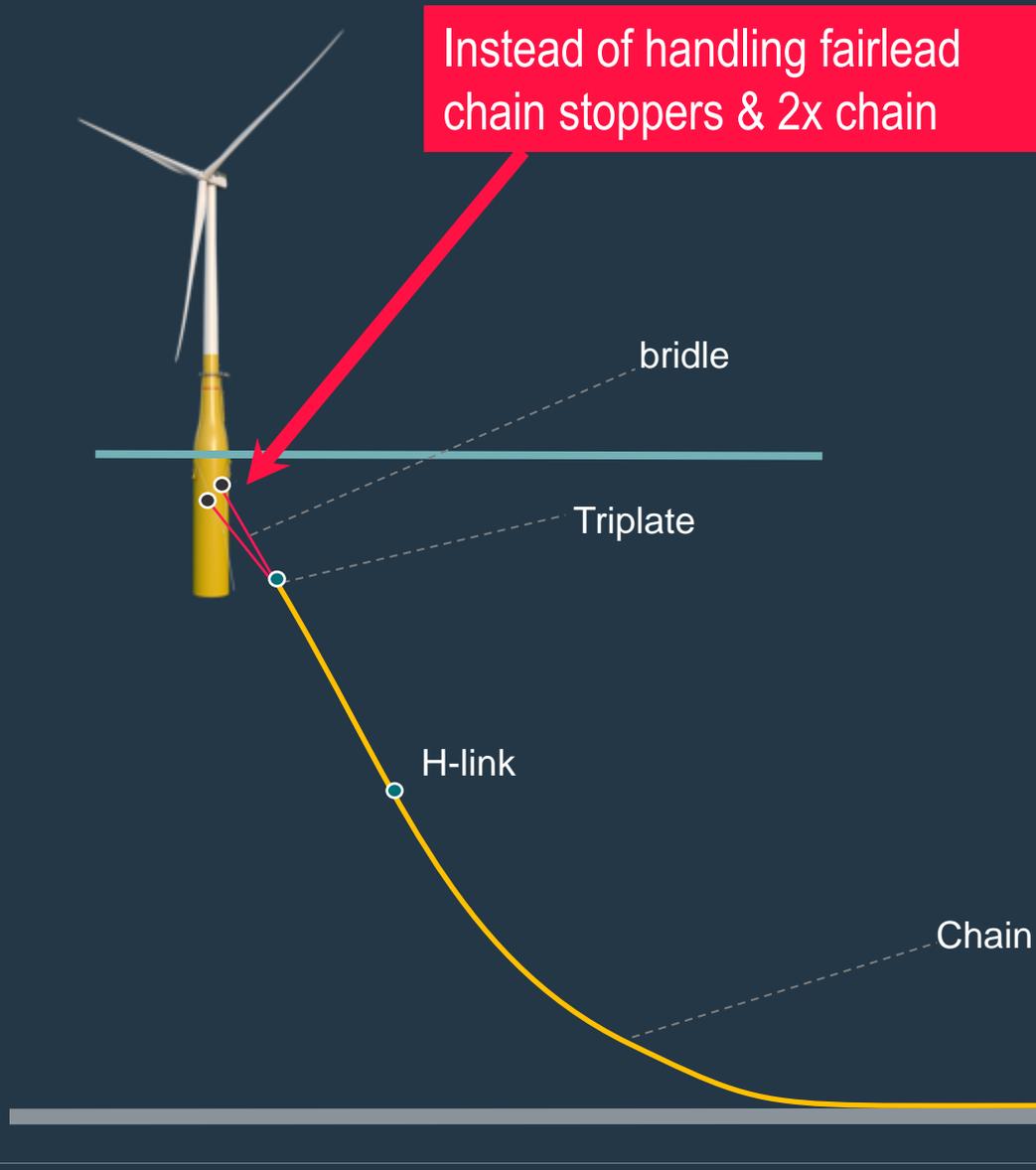
Hywind Scotland: Fairlead chain stopper



Hywind Tampen: Inline tensioner



Hywind Scotland MCE mooring disconnect / re-connect



Cut & re-connect @ seabed using ROV operable H-link

Cable pull-in

Cable pull-in, Hywind Tampen

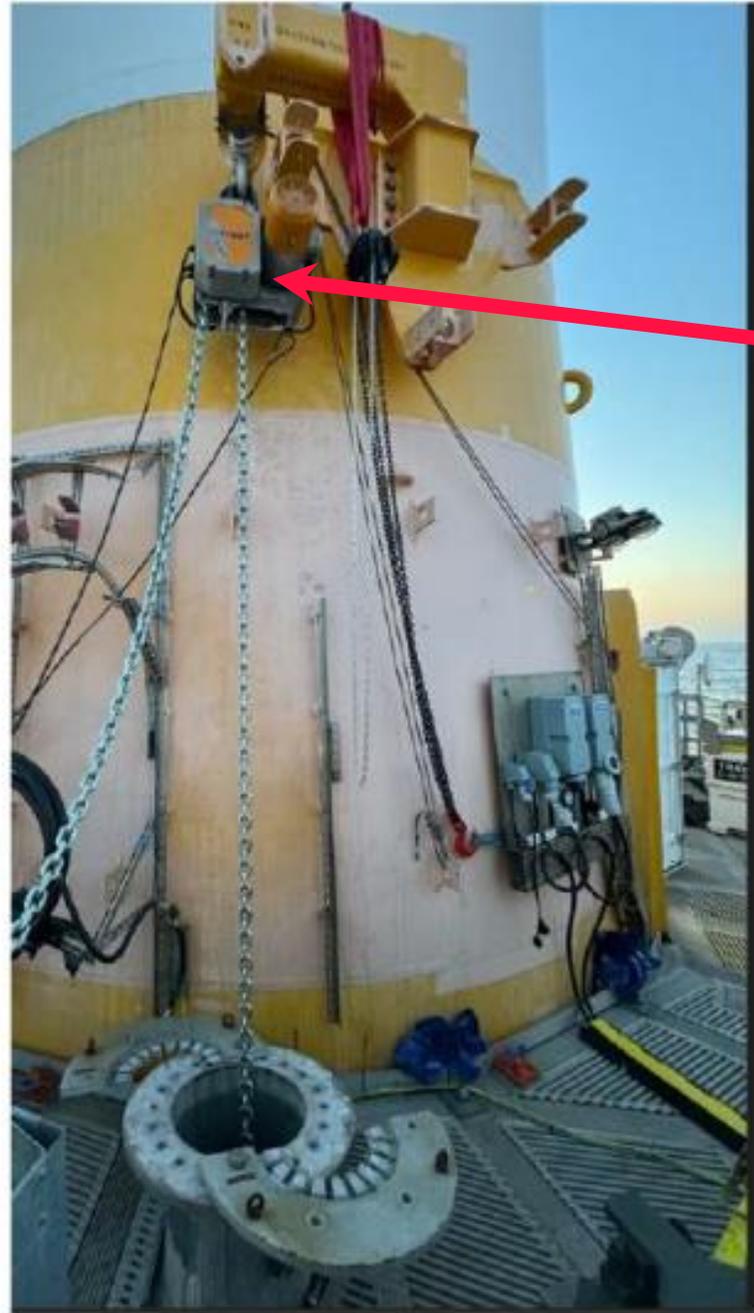


Cable pull-in arrangement, Tampen



Hywind Scotland MCE

cable
lowering &
pull-in



Simple
chain hoist

Full scale measurements

Windfarm instrumentation - Demo Phase (2006-2015)

- **Development of aero-hydro analysis tools**
 - **Development of motion controller**
 - **Validations with model tests**
 - **Validations with full-scale measurements**
- } now state of the art

instrumentation: [motions, tower bending moments, mooring line tensions, power production, rotor speed and blade pitch angle]

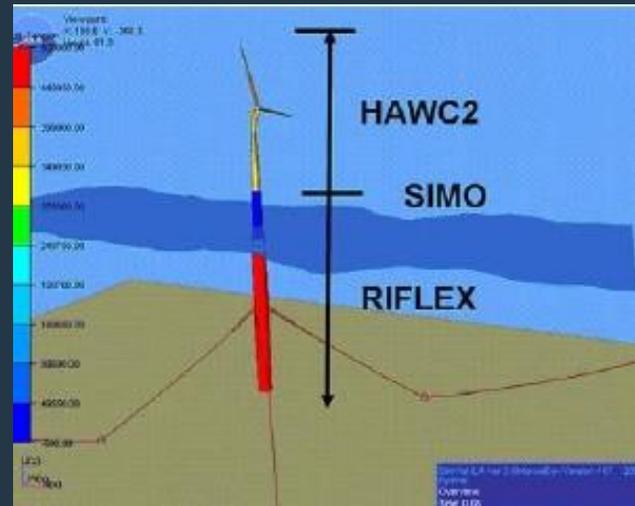
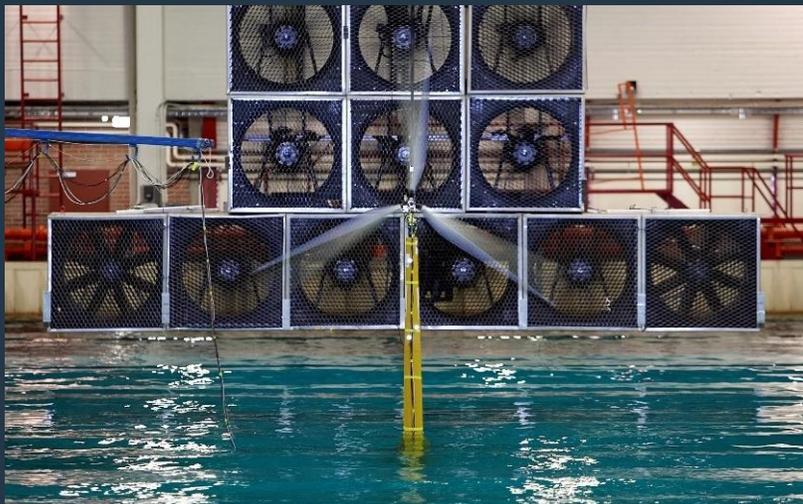
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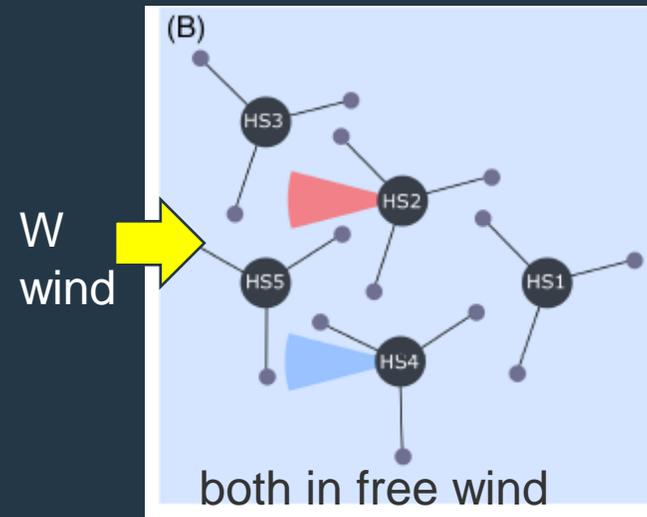
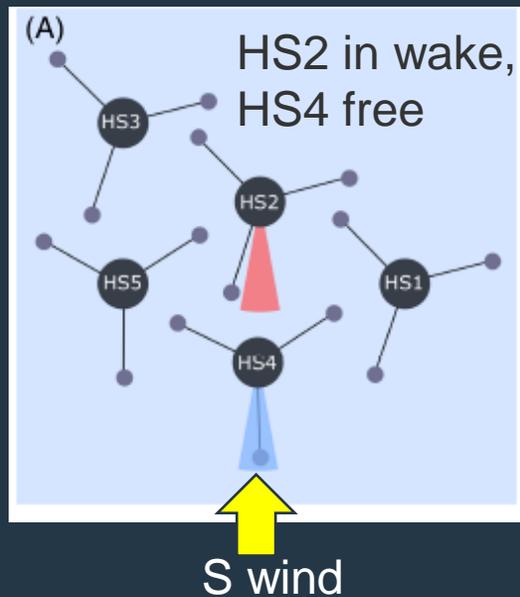
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Windfarm phase – Hywind Scotland and Hywind Tampen (2017-)



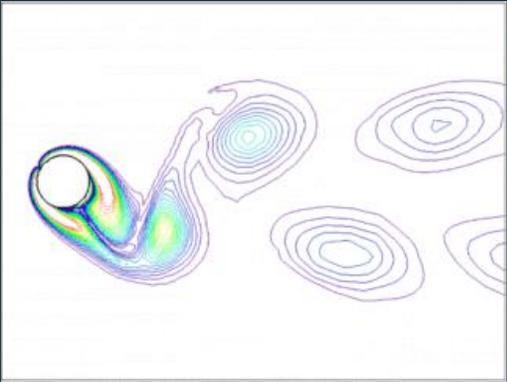
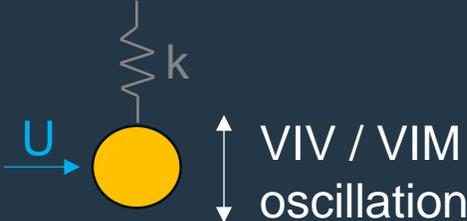
- Park effects
- Production
- Tower stress/fatigue
- Mooring loads
- VIM



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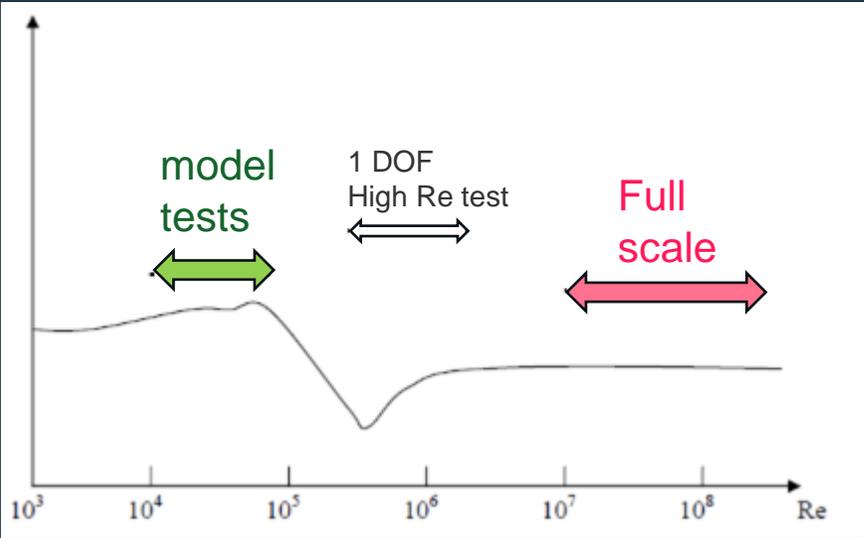
Vortex induced motions (VIM) of spar platforms, general challenge



Vortex-induced vibration - Wikipedia



typical spar model test

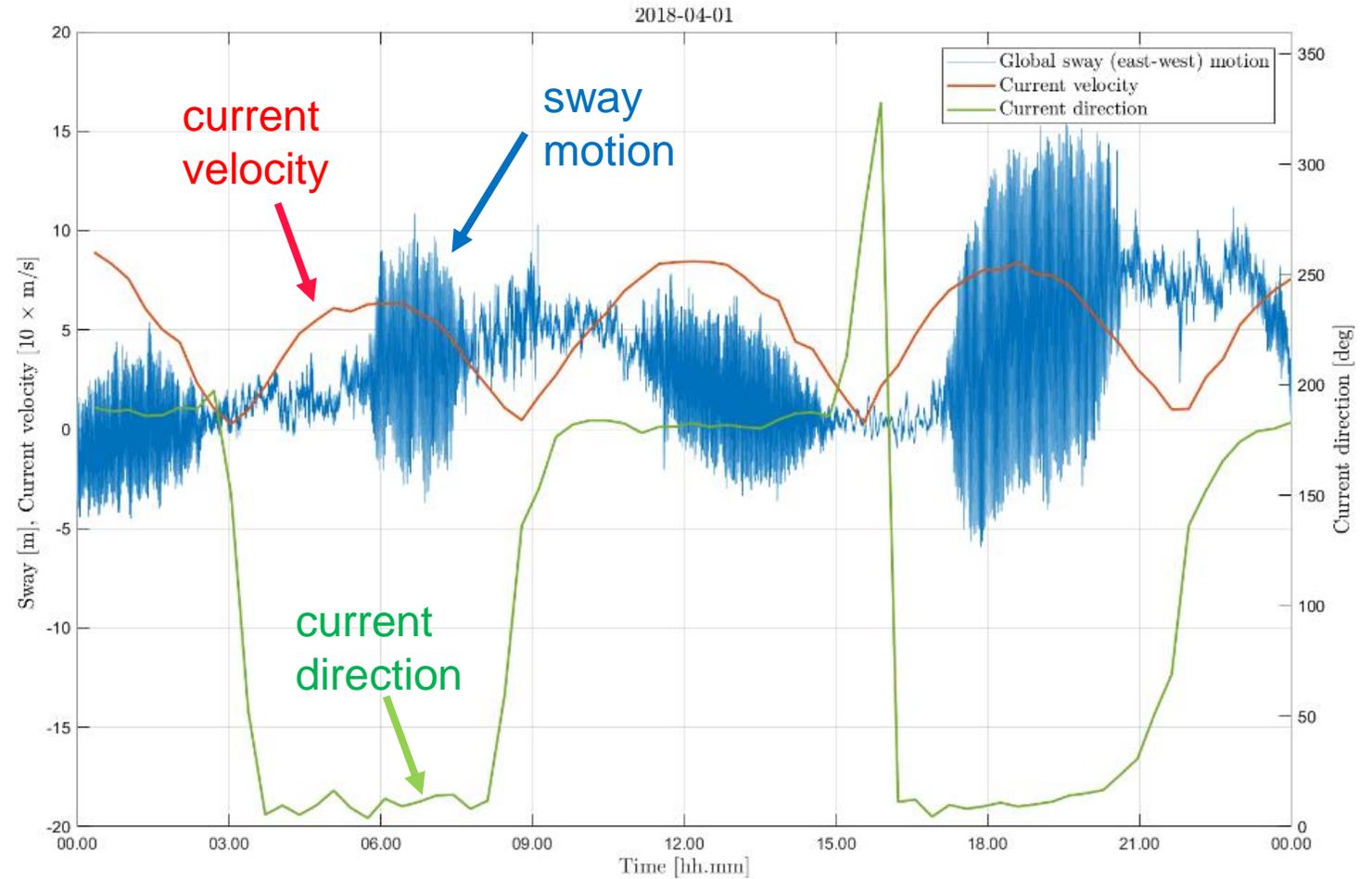
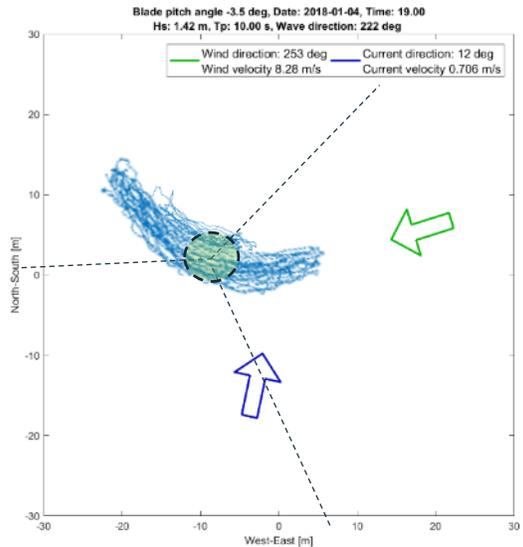
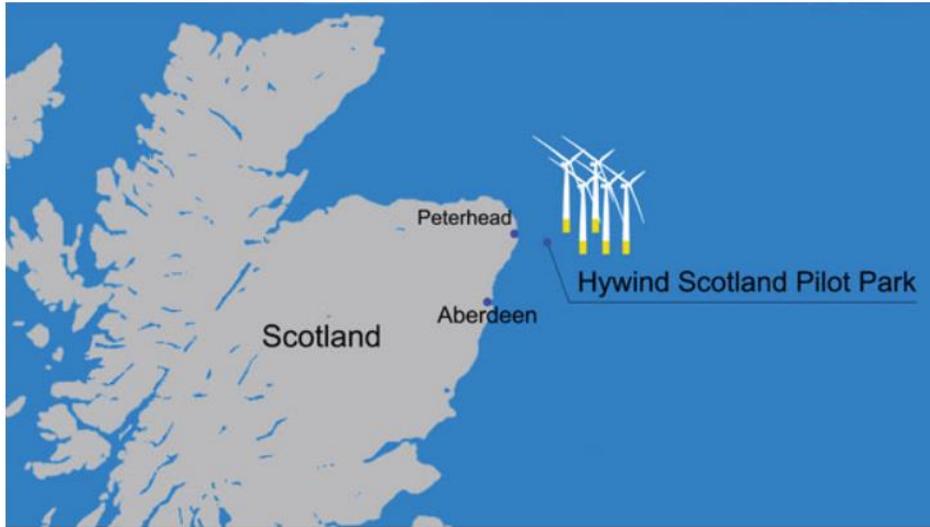


Reynolds number regime	Flow regime	Flow form	Flow characteristic
$Re \rightarrow 0$	Creeping flow		Steady, no wake
$3 - 4 < Re < 30 - 40$	Vortex pairs in wake		Steady, symmetric separation
$30 < Re < 80$ $40 < Re < 90$	Onset of Karman vortex street		Laminar, unstable wake
$80 < Re < 150$ $90 < Re < 300$	Pure Karman vortex street		Karman vortex street
$150 < Re < 10^5$ $300 < Re < 1.3 \cdot 10^5$	Subcritical regime		Laminar, with vortex street instabilities
$10^5 < Re < 3.5 \cdot 10^6$ $1.3 \cdot 10^5 < Re < 3.5 \cdot 10^6$	Critical regime		Laminar separation Turbulent reattachment Turbulent separation Turbulent wake
$3.5 \cdot 10^6 < Re$	Supercritical regime (transcritical)		Turbulent separation

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Vortex Induced Motions (VIM) – Full scale measurements from Scotland



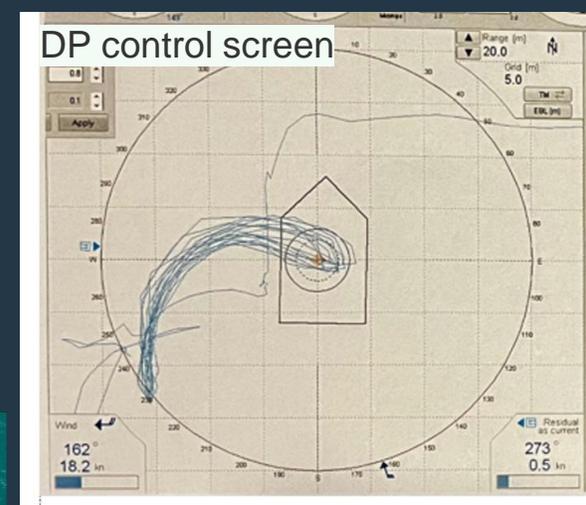
Access to windturbine

Access during VIM events

CTV pushing against Hywind & follow



SOV must follow Hywind



DP Capability studies when chartering vessel

More results & analysis will be presented by Equinor on DP TEKNA 2025

Access systems for O&M

Helicopter access to nacelle @Hywind Tampen

CTV Hywind Scotland



SOV, walk2work, Hywind Tampen (motion compensated gangway)



Full scale monitoring cont'd

... environmental impact / marine life

Noise measurements at Hywind Demo, Scotland and Tampen

Acquire data, learn how continuous noise from wind turbines affects life in the ocean



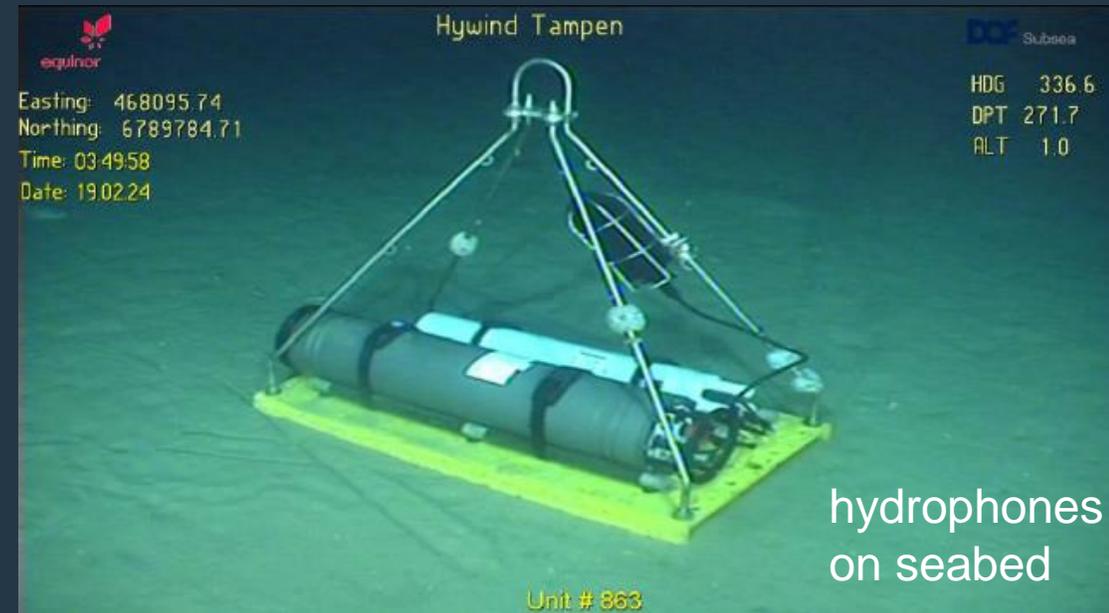
Mooring system noise

Turbine related noise

Background noise



-  Seals
-  Whales
-  Fish
-  Invertebrates



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Sunrise for floating wind



Hywind experiences from operations and heavy maintenance

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