GRID SIMULATOR
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REFERENCES

ONSHORE WIND TURBINE ROTOR TEST BENCH
CLIENT: LM WIND POWER
SCOPE: EPC
COUNTRY: NEDERLANDS

LOAD APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR MAIN BEARING TEST BENCH
CLIENT: SIEMENS GAMESA
SCOPE: EPC
COUNTRY: DENMARK
REFERENCES

DYNALAB DRIVE TRAIN TEST BENCH
CLIENT: FRAUNHOFER IWES
SCOPE: EPC - TEST BENCH & FACILITY
COUNTRY: GERMANY

TEST SYSTEMS

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GRID SIMULATOR REQUIREMENTS:

- **NOMINAL VOLTAGE:** 33 KV / 66 KV
- **NOMINAL POWER:** 40 MVA

- **66 KV:** GAS INSULATED SWITCHGEAR (GIS)
- **40 MVA:** 2 CONVERTERS IN PARALLEL
VERSATILITY

WIND & RAILWAY TEST BENCH

GRID SIMULATOR REQUIREMENTS:

✓ WIND APPLICATION:
  ✓ THREE PHASE MOTOR
  ✓ THREE PHASE GENERATOR

✓ RAILWAY APPLICATION:
  ✓ THREE PHASE MOTOR
  ✓ SINGLE PHASE GENERATOR
REQUIRED FEATURES OF THE CONTROL INTERFACE:

- CONTROL SOURCE: ETHERCAT / HIL
- MODULATION TYPE: PWM / OPP
- TRANSFORMER IMPEDANCE COMPENSATION
- TAP CHANGER POSITION
- DETERMINISTIC COMMUNICATION
✓ MOBILITY

✓ MODULAR DESIGN

✓ ADAPTABILITY
MOBILE TEST VESSEL FOR CURRENT ENERGY CONVERTERS
Activities around Marine renewables started 11 years ago with the development of a wave energy harvesting technology.

The extensive research of a committed team has led to the achievement of a proven OWC Wave Energy Converter (MARMOK A-5), offshore material test platform (HarshLAB 2.0) etc.
IDOM’s extended experience in marine energy and wide background on testing facilities has led to becoming the leader to overcome the challenge of developing a unique mobile test vessel for current energy converters.

**Main characteristics:**

*Duration:* Starting date Oct-2021
Expected End date Sept-2025

*Funding opportunity:* Under FOA-002234

Supporting partners and institutes:

Final MTV operator:
MTV will be an adaptable infrastructure for testing any promising CEC technology. Overcoming the infrastructure need for real environment testing.

Key characteristics:

- Support on the testing of all turbine types
- Test horizontal, vertical, and cross flow turbines with rotors up to 8 meters
- Be adaptable for utilization at river, tidal and ocean test sites
- Operate in a wide variety of current speeds up to 4 m/s, water depths, wave conditions and bottom types, etc.
- Non propelled vessel but with an onboard power generation.
- Off-grid grid simulator onboard under development
- Internal / External Mooring (Jack-Up legs could be available)
Highlights:
- Allow developers to evaluate performance of technologies categorized under IEC 62600 (TC 114)
- Facilitate current energy turbine testing at various location
- Designed for maximum DER output of 700kVA
- Assuming DER is an Inverter Based Technology
- Grid connection is not available

Perform tests for conformance with IEEE 1547
- Criteria and requirements for the interconnection of distributed generation resources into the power grid
- Main clauses in 1547-2018:
  - 4 General Requirements
  - 5 Reactive power capacity and PQ/V control
  - 6 Response to Area EPS abnormal conditions
  - 7 Power Quality
  - 8 Islanding
- Test system is designed in accordance to 1547.1-2020
**SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

**Grid Emulator**
- 100kVA

**Bi-directional Battery Charger**
- 100kVA

**Battery Bank**
- 100kWh

**Tidal Energy Turbines**
- 700kVA (EUT)

**RLC Load Bank**
- 700kVA P & Q

Design concepts:
- Power balance between EUT and load banks is crucial
- Grid Simulator is 4 Quadrant Regenerative
- Load Banks will be the main source to dissipate energy
- Using **bi-directional battery charger** as grid interface
- Battery bank will sink or source the **power mismatch**
- Micro-grid testing of EUT as a source

*Grid Simulator and Battery rating are just arbitrary*
**SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

### Baseline Design

Not aimed at standard compliance  
Simple EUT Performance Monitoring

Typical generator test parameters:  
Full Load @ 0.8 pf / 1pf

### Intermediate Design

**IEEE1547-2018 Compliance**  
Clause 4-7

Technical Requirement:  
Grid Simulator (AC Test Source)  
- P: 1 p.u.  
- Q: 0.44 p.u. & -0.44 p.u.

### Topline Design

**IEEE1547-2018 Compliance**  
Clause 4-8 Including Islanding

Technical Requirement:  
Grid Simulator (AC Test Source)  
P: 1 p.u.  
Q: 1 p.u. & -1 p.u.
DESIGN CHALLENGES

Technicallty:
✓ System stability of 3 closed-loop controllers (Grid forming & Grid following)
✓ Frequency Bandwidth
✓ Intense coordination required
✓ Overstressing the grid simulator
✓ Maintain battery SOC at safe levels during test durations entirely
✓ High precision and fast processing controller required to maintain power balance
✓ Communication between controllers of different manufacturers

Practicallity:
✓ Potential negative effect to the test system is unknown in the maritime environment
✓ Physical protection from the environment
✓ Test System aimed to be fully autonomous or to be controlled remotely
✓ Ship is designed to be unmanned
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

ANY QUESTIONS?
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30 MW TEST BENCH - DIAGRAM
ANNEX

HMI CONFIGURATION SCREEN
ANNEX

MTV MOORING

Anchoring and mooring system designed for current speeds and water depths at all agreed to test sites, and a jacking system designed for current speeds, water depths, and bottom types for all agreed to test sites.

Internal Mooring System (IMS)

- Shallow water
- Due to current direction inversion, a four-point mooring proposed
- Elements:
  - Chain to seabed
  - Cable to vessel

External Mooring System (EMS)

- Deep water
- Site to site evaluation
- Possibility of:
  - Single point mooring, using bridle and winches to support the operation
  - Four-point mooring design, if the mooring is provided by an external vessel connecting to padeyes.

Jack-up legs

- Rivers and estuaries
- Depths up to 13 m

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