



High Voltage Switchgear for Offshore Wind Applications

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Agenda

Presentation from Siemens Energy will cover following topics:

- Siemens Energy introduction
- Wind Offshore Connections: General considerations
- Evolution of offshore substations
- Floating Windfarms
- Special requirements for floating



In-house competence & expertise of Siemens Energy

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Proven expertise offshore wind applications Safe, reliable and environmentally friendly

Our offer

- Siemens Energy is leading in HVAC and HVDC grid access
- Our customers benefit from our comprehensive scope of supply: product supply as well as integrated system comprising primary offshore substation equipment including transformers, HV & MV GIS, LV switchgear and cables, diesel generators and grounding transformers, control and protection, scada system, monitoring, etc.
- Extra consulting service during the sales phase

Our promise

- Reliable and safe solutions for offshore wind farms, tailor made according to our customer expectations
- Smooth coordination and integration of the various stakeholders requirements
- High flexibility in all project phases
- Timely delivery of all products and services
- Excellent on-site service and support

Global references on offshore windfarms including HV-GIS:

more than 700 bays for OSS (up to 420kV) more than 1150 bays for WTG (up to 145kV)

in 17 countries

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Bringing wind home – with Siemens Energy's broad portfolio

Components for OEM's	HVDC offshore platform Products and solutions	<pre>< 80 – 100 km from coast HVAC offshore platform solutions (OTM and OTP)</pre>	HVDC converter stations and HVAC substation
 33/66 kV distribution transformers Dry type (GEAFOL) up to 40.5 kV Fluid immersed (FITformer) up to 66 kV 66 kV Gas-insulated switchgear (Blue) 	 Switchgear connection to wind turbine array Power transformer Platform converter AC / DC Onshore converter DC / AC Grid feed-in with AIS/ GIS 	 Switchgear connection to wind turbine array Auxiliary and earthing Transformer Shunt reactor Generation step-up transformer Switchgear connection for HV cable 	 HV cable connection with AIS/ GIS Power transformer Grid feed-in with AIS/ GIS up to 550 kV

- On- & offshore substations and OTMs
- Offshore grid access platforms

- Civil on- & offshore structures (foundations)
- Subsea inspections of cables and civil offshore structures

Elements of an offshore windfarm



General Considerations: Cable arrays

Trends



- Wind turbine generators (WTGs) form an array spaced approx. 1km
 - Each WTG needs 1 cable
 - Strings, Tees and tapered cables
 - Closing loops
- Practical installation issues
 - max array cable 400 sqmm?
 - At 33kV this is 40MW per string, 66kV is today the standard
- Real sea-bed issues change the simple layout (Sand waves, wrecks, marine,organisms, prior works,installation vessel needs, delivery logistics etc.)



- 1st cable section finds the nearest free WTG
- More than 10 or 12 cables means longer runs
- Need to keep 1 side clear for jack-up service vessel
- De-rating factor where cables run close together



Offshore substation and export cable



1st Generation of Offshore substations









Princes Amalia (Q7) NL 2007 Lillegrund SW 2007





Robin Rigg W GB 2008

Alpha Ventus D 2008 Horns Rev 2 DK 2008

Gunfleet GB 2008





2nd Generation of OSS are higher and more "harmonized"



HVDC plarforms makes a new step in the technology



Control & protection and SCADA Redundant step-up transformers AC converter high-voltage switchgear AC high-voltage switchgear energy income

Platform converter AC / DC Reactors and DC GIS for export cable connection

- Bundling of products including system optimization, engineering and integration in line with platform requirements
- Certified onshore and offshore installation & commissioning

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Helwin Project: first self standing topside!



Last projects trends



- Voltage:
- Frequency:
- Insulation:
- 2000 MVA 525 kV
- 50Hz
- - Mineral oil



- **Technical Data** Power rating Voltage
- Frequency
- Insulation

Beatrice OTM

310 MVA

Synth. Ester

220 kV

50Hz







Floating Wind offshore



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Going to deeper water

Stage one: Offshore floating wind turbine The wind turbine generator (WTG) is in the stage of pilot projects. Roll out to larger scale projects to come by 2023 and onward

Stage two: Offshore floating substation The offshore substation (OSS) is in the early stage of development

iOffshore floating wind turbine project does not automatically mean offshore floating wind substation!



Picture: https://www.researchgate.net/

- First floating projects are being executed (for GIS application in oil&gas industry)
- SE is involved in several floating platform studies (e.g. power barge, AC OSS, HVDC OSS)



Picture https://www.dnv.com/

 Up until now the specification for the electrical products, for a floating WTG, has not changed

 Mechanical endurance tests is ongoing for the electrical products for floating vibration for the WTG

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Drivers and challenges for floating offshore substations



Increasing water depth as a driver for FOSS



- Demand for FOSS from 2025 onwards due to increasing water depth
- Main challenge earmarked around FOSS is the viability and high cost of dynamic export cables

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WTGs are already in advanced stage, ready for comercial operation



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Special Requirements for Offshore Application GIS-Equipment

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Offshore Platform

Mechanical Requirements

- Deflection
- Acceleration
- Pitching, Tilding, Rolling, Heaving

Environmnetal Requirements

- Corrosion Protection
- Size, Weight
- Accessability (impact to needed space)

Other Requirements

- High current in busbar and transformer feeder (66kV)
- In case of GIB to THX: Fire resistant wall connection
- Sea-fastening
- HV-Test philosophy (Full HV-test at yard, soak test offshore)

Future Trends

- Voltage level 66kV \rightarrow 132kV
- Voltage level 220kV \rightarrow 275kV
- Trend from regulators: environment friendlier products
 → Blue GIS (no SF6) / Transformers with syth. Ester (no mineralic oil)

Floating Offshore Platform

Additional Requirements for Floating Platforms

- Fatigue load
 - acceleration values at GIS-deck
 - Live-time of platform
 - Type of input data for calculation (deterministic, simplified fatigue or sprectral-based)
- Products for floating application (OSS)
 - 66kV GIS
 - SF6: 8DN8 (up to 145kV)
 - Blue: 8VN1 (up to 145kV)
 - 220kV up to 300kV and 420kV (HVDC):
 - SF6: 8DQ1 (up to 420kV)
 - Blue: GIB connection
 - DC:
 - SF6: DC-GIS (up to 550kV)

Different substation designs under development



Floating OSS Conceptual Study – SAIPEM topside layout (draft 02/2022)







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- Siemens Energy Blue Products
- <u>Siemens Energy Gas-insulated substations</u>
- <u>Siemens Energy Transmission Products</u>

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