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## Evaluation of Dynamic Characteristics for a Submerged Body with Large Angle of Attack Motion via CFD Analysis

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**KEY WORDS:** Submerged body, Computational fluid dynamics, Large angle of attack, Virtual captive model tests, Maneuvering simulation

**ABSTRACT:** A submerged body with varied control inputs can execute large drift angles and large angles of attack, as well as basic control such as straight movement and turning. The objective of this study is to analyze the dynamic characteristics of a submerged body comprising six thrusters and six control planes, which is capable of a large drift angle and angle of attack motion. Virtual captive model tests via were analyzed via computational fluid dynamics (CFD) to determine the dynamic characteristics of the submerged body. A test matrix of virtual captive model tests specialized for large-angle motion was established. Based on this test matrix, virtual captive model tests were performed with a drift angle and angle of attack of approximately 30° and 90°, respectively. The characteristics of the hydrodynamic force acting on the horizontal and vertical surfaces of the submerged body were analyzed under the large-angle motion condition, and a model representing this hydrodynamic force was established. In addition, maneuvering simulation was performed to evaluate the standard maneuverability and dynamic characteristics of large-angle motion. Considering the shape characteristics of the submerged body, we attempt to verify the feasibility of the analysis results by analyzing the characteristics of the hydrodynamic force when the large-angle motion occurred.

### Nomenclature

$O-xyz$	Earth-fixed coordinate	$X_u$	Derivative of $X_{HD}$ with respect to $u$
$o-x_b y_b z_b$	Body-fixed coordinate	$X_{u u }$	Derivative of $X_{HD}$ with respect to $u u $
$U$	Vehicle speed (m/s)	$X_{\delta_b \delta_b }$	Derivative of $X_C$ with respect to $\delta_b \delta_b $
$\beta$	Drift angle (deg)	$X_{\delta_s \delta_s }$	Derivative of $X_C$ with respect to $\delta_s \delta_s $
$\alpha$	Angle of attack (deg)	$X_{\delta_r \delta_r }$	Derivative of $X_C$ with respect to $\delta_r \delta_r $
$u$	Surge (axial) velocity (m/s)	$Y_v$	Derivative of $Y_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{v}$
$v$	Sway (lateral) velocity (m/s)	$Y_p$	Derivative of $Y_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{p}$
$w$	Heave (vertical) velocity (m/s)	$Y_r$	Derivative of $Y_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{r}$
$p$	Roll rate (deg/s)	$Y_v$	Derivative of $Y_{HD}$ with respect to $v$
$q$	Pitch rate (deg/s)	$Y_p$	Derivative of $Y_{HD}$ with respect to $p$
$r$	Yaw rate (deg/s)	$Y_r$	Derivative of $Y_{HD}$ with respect to $r$
$\delta_r$	Rudder angle (deg)	$Y_{\delta_r}$	Derivative of $Y_C$ with respect to $\delta_r$
$\delta_b$	Bow plane angle (deg)	$Z_w$	Derivative of $Z_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{w}$
$\delta_s$	Stern plane angle (deg)	$Z_q$	Derivative of $Z_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{q}$
$X_u$	Derivative of $X_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{u}$	$Z_w$	Derivative of $Z_{HD}$ with respect to $w$
		$Z_q$	Derivative of $Z_{HD}$ with respect to $q$

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$Z_{\delta_b}$	Derivative of $Z_C$ with respect to $\delta_b$
$Z_{\delta_s}$	Derivative of $Z_C$ with respect to $\delta_s$
$K_v$	Derivative of $K_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{v}$
$K_p$	Derivative of $K_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{p}$
$K_r$	Derivative of $K_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{r}$
$K_v$	Derivative of $K_{HD}$ with respect to $v$
$K_p$	Derivative of $K_{HD}$ with respect to $p$
$K_r$	Derivative of $K_{HD}$ with respect to $r$
$K_{\delta_r}$	Derivative of $K_C$ with respect to $\delta_r$
$M_w$	Derivative of $M_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{w}$
$M_q$	Derivative of $M_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{q}$
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$N_v$	Derivative of $N_{HD}$ with respect to $\dot{v}$
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$N_p$	Derivative of $N_{HD}$ with respect to $p$
$N_r$	Derivative of $N_{HD}$ with respect to $r$
$N_{\delta_r}$	Derivative of $N_C$ with respect to $\delta_r$

## 1. Introduction

A submerged body refers to all vehicles operated in water, such as a remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs), underwater weapons, and submarines (Kim et al., 2012; Park et al., 2015). Different types of submerged bodies serve varying purposes in military or commercial applications. Because submerged bodies have distinct operational purposes, their dynamic characteristics must reflect their operational purpose, and their shapes must be designed to satisfy the required dynamic characteristics accordingly. Therefore, a submerged body must be developed with a suitable performance for each task and utilization (Jeon et al., 2017). In particular, it is difficult to monitor the state of a small submerged body with the human eye because it is often remotely controlled or autonomously driven, unlike vessels manned by humans. Therefore, the maneuverability of such a submerged body needs to be sufficiently examined during the design stage to ensure the adoption of an appropriate controller.

Studies based on experimental and analytical methods have been actively conducted on estimating the maneuverability of a submerged body. The most accurate maneuverability analysis in the design stage involves modeling the external force of maneuvering equations of motion that reflect the motion range and operational purpose of a submerged body and estimating the external force model coefficients

by performing a captive model test in a towing tank. Bae and Sohn (2009) conducted a static test including a resistance test in a circular water channel for Manta-type unmanned underwater vehicles. The maneuvering equation of motion with six degrees of freedom for Manta-type unmanned underwater vehicles was established by combining certain damping coefficients determined via a static test with added mass and damping coefficients estimated theoretically, and then, maneuverability was analyzed. Kim et al. (2012) conducted a captive model test by installing a submerged body model in a large-scale controlled computerized planar motion carriage. In addition to stability analysis, resistance, static drift, static angle of attack, horizontal and vertical turning, and combined tests were performed to estimate a damping coefficient, excluding the added mass coefficient. Jung et al. (2014) estimated added mass and damping coefficients by performing a vertical planar motion mechanism test in a linear towing tank for an autonomous underwater glider. In addition, they modeled the equation of motion based on the estimated coefficients to be adopted as the plant model for a control simulation. Owing to the cylindrical shape of most submerged bodies, the roll hydrodynamic damping moment is relatively small, and it triggers a large rolling motion at a high speed if the rolling motion is not properly controlled. To estimate a rolling motion of a sensitive submerged body, Park et al. (2015) conducted a coning motion test to estimate the hydrodynamic derivative, which is related to rolling motion, and proposed a different coning motion test method. The aforementioned model test cases were conducted for submerged bodies with slender shapes, under the assumption that the drift angle and angle of attack were not large at the design speed; hence, additional research is required to reflect a large angle of attack motion.

Estimating the maneuverability of a submerged body via analytical methods can be divided into two categories. The simplest approach adopts an empirical formula. Yeo et al. (2006) deduced the effect of design factors on the stability of a submarine based on an empirical formula that assumes that the main body is a lift force generator, which they substituted with an equivalent wing. Jeon et al. (2017) analyzed the effects of shape design factors on the maneuverability of a submerged body. However, an empirical formula was used to establish a plant model for designing a controller and estimating a linear stability coefficient for stability analysis. Simulating the large attack angle motion and slow motion is limited because a nonlinear coefficient cannot be estimated. The other approach involves conducting virtual captive model tests based on computational fluid dynamics (CFD). Recently, estimating hydrodynamic derivatives by performing a CFD in the same condition as a captive model test conducted in a tank has been widely adopted, and the accuracy results are similar to that of a model test. Sung and Park (2015) conducted a CFD-based virtual captive model test for open merchant vessels, KCS (KRISO Container Ship) and KVLCC (KRISO Very Large Crude-oil Carrier) 1&2, and compared the accuracy with the free running model test results. In terms of accuracy, They produced outstanding results. Nguyen et al. (2018) calculated the hydrodynamic force acting on a

full scale submarine using a CFD analysis based on the Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations (RANS), and estimated damping coefficients. Cho et al. (2020) performed a virtual captive model test using CFD for submarines equipped with an X-rudder and deduced results similar to an experimental outcome.

In general, a large attack angle motion needs to be considered in a case when a vessel is operated at a low speed when berthing at a port (Takashina, 1986; Yoon and Kim, 2005), or when lateral and vertical movements are free, such as in ROVs (Jeon et al., 2016). In this study, we analyze the dynamic characteristics of a submerged body equipped with six thrusters and six control panels. A submerged body with various control inputs has relatively more free motions than a slender-type submerged body comprising a rudder attached in the rear part, elevator, and thruster. Specifically, motions in large drift angles and large angles of attack are possible. Because the motions are in large drift angles and large angles of attack, the motion range needs to be set broadly to accurately estimate the hydrodynamic force in the analysis.

Maneuverability can be directly investigated if a virtual free-running model test is conducted using CFD; however, it requires a significant amount of computation resources, and the maneuvering equation of motion, which is a plant model used for designing controllers, cannot be determined. Therefore, a virtual captive model test was performed in this study via CFD analysis to analyze the dynamic characteristics of a submerged body with a large angle of attack motion. This method is more advantageous than a model test in terms of time and cost, and it is also more advantageous than a water vessel in terms of computation time because computation is performed in water instead of on a free surface.

Most previous studies first established a maneuvering mathematical model and then estimated maneuvering coefficients comprising the mathematic model in their analyses. However, it is challenging to establish a mathematical model when the force tendencies are not thoroughly examined, the correlation between forces and motions is difficult to predict, and the data available on the submerged body are insufficient. Therefore, this study first examined the tendency of forces by establishing the conditions of a virtual captive model test in which hydrodynamic forces including large angles of attack motion were estimated and then modeled the correlation between forces and motions.

## 2. Coordinate System and Test Conditions

### 2.1 Coordinate System

Fig. 1 presents a coordinate system comprising the Earth-fixed coordinate for expressing the motion trajectory, orientation angle, and a body-fixed coordinate for defining the equation of motion and external forces acting on a submerged body. All the symbols used in the equation of motion and coordinate system are in accordance with the symbolic notation defined by Fossen (2011).

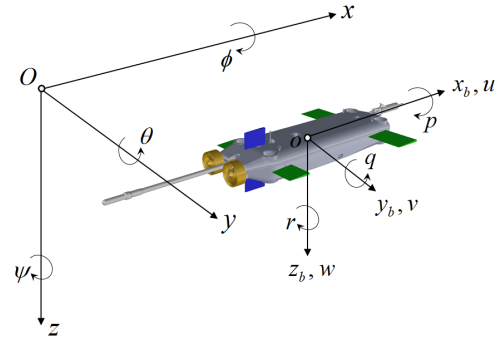


Fig. 1 Coordinate systems

### 2.2 Subject Submerged Body

Fig. 2 shows that the subject submerged body is equipped with two main thrusters in the rear part and four auxiliary thrusters for adjusting the depth, including a rudder for controlling directions, a bow plane for controlling depth, and a rear elevator. Here, six control inputs generate thrust and rudder force based on the large angle of attack and angle of attack motions that are possible. In addition, the principal parameters are presented in Table 1.

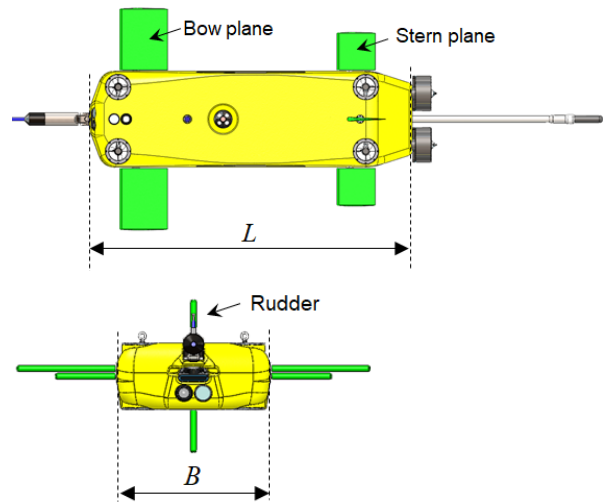


Fig. 2 Shape of a subject submerged body

Table 1 Principal parameters of the subject submerged body

Item (unit)	Symbol	Value
Length (m)	$L$	2.0
Beam (m)	$B$	0.6
Depth (m)	$D$	0.26
Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	$\nabla$	0.281
2-rudder area (m <sup>2</sup> )	$A_{rd}$	0.03984
2-bow plane area (m <sup>2</sup> )	$A_{bp}$	0.1158
2-stern plan area (m <sup>2</sup> )	$A_{sp}$	0.0552
$x$ -, $y$ -, and $z$ -axis Center of gravity (m)	$(x_g \ y_g \ z_g)$	(-0.082, 0.0, 0.0015)
$x$ -, $y$ -, and $z$ -axis mass moment of inertia (kg·m <sup>2</sup> )	$(I_{xx} \ I_{yy} \ I_{zz})$	(6.08, 65.49, 69.82)

### 2.3 Test Conditions

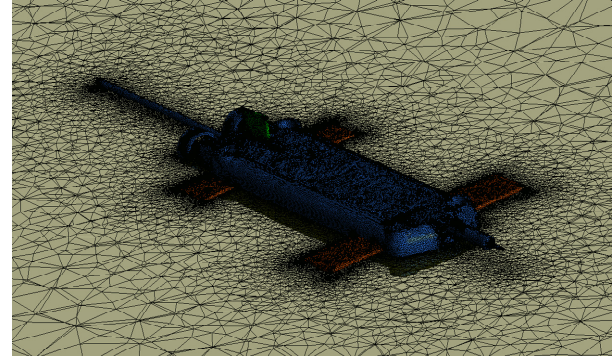
The conditions of the virtual captive model tests were configured, as presented in Table 2. Provided the CFD analysis is performed under the conditions in Table 2, all maneuvering coefficients can be obtained, excluding the coefficient related to thrust. All test conditions except a resistance test are applied with a design speed of 2.57 m/s (5 knots). Because there are two main thrusters attached in the rear part, yawing moment can be generated via steering and by thrust. Therefore, the submerged body may have a higher circular angular velocity than a

**Table 2** Calculation matrix of virtual captive model tests

Test type	Motion variables
Resistance test	$U = 1.03, 1.54, 2.06, 2.57, 3.09, 3.60$ m/s (2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0 knot)
Static drift test	$\beta = \pm 2^\circ, \pm 4^\circ, \pm 6^\circ, \pm 8^\circ, \pm 10^\circ, \pm 12^\circ,$ $\pm 15^\circ, \pm 20^\circ, \pm 25^\circ, \pm 30^\circ$
Static angle of attack test	$\alpha = \pm 2^\circ, \pm 4^\circ, \pm 6^\circ, \pm 8^\circ, \pm 10^\circ, \pm 12^\circ,$ $\pm 15^\circ, \pm 20^\circ, \pm 25^\circ, \pm 30^\circ, \pm 40^\circ,$ $\pm 50^\circ, \pm 60^\circ, \pm 70^\circ, \pm 80^\circ, \pm 90^\circ$
Horizontal circular motion test	$r' = \pm 0.2, \pm 0.3, \pm 0.4, \pm 0.5, \pm 0.6$
Vertical circular motion test	$q' = \pm 0.2, \pm 0.3, \pm 0.4, \pm 0.5, \pm 0.6$
Horizontal circular motion with drift test	$\beta = \pm 2^\circ, \pm 4^\circ, \pm 6^\circ, \pm 8^\circ, \pm 10^\circ, \pm 12^\circ$ $r' = 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5$
Vertical circular motion with angle of attack test	$\alpha = \pm 2^\circ, \pm 4^\circ, \pm 6^\circ, \pm 8^\circ, \pm 10^\circ, \pm 12^\circ$ $q' = 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5$
Static rudder test	$\delta_r = \pm 3^\circ, \pm 6^\circ, \pm 9^\circ, \pm 12^\circ, \pm 15^\circ,$ $\pm 18^\circ, \pm 21^\circ$
Static elevator test (bow plane)	$\delta_b = \pm 3^\circ, \pm 6^\circ, \pm 9^\circ, \pm 12^\circ, \pm 15^\circ,$ $\pm 18^\circ, \pm 21^\circ$
Static elevator test (stern plane)	$\delta_s = \pm 3^\circ, \pm 6^\circ, \pm 9^\circ, \pm 12^\circ, \pm 15^\circ,$ $\pm 18^\circ, \pm 21^\circ$
Roll rotating test	$p' = 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7$
Pure sway test	$\dot{v}' = 0.08, 0.16, 0.24, 0.32$
Pure yaw test	$\dot{r}' = 0.29, 0.52, 0.76, 1.02$
Pure heave test	$\dot{w}' = 0.08, 0.16, 0.24, 0.32$
Pure pitch test	$\dot{q}' = 0.29, 0.52, 0.76, 1.02$
Pure roll test	$\dot{p}' = 7.2, 14.3, 21.5, 28.6, 35.8$

**Table 3** Analytic methods and conditions for CFD calculation

Item	Description
Turbulence model	$k-\omega$ model
Algorithm	Semi-implicit method for pressure-linked equations (SIMPLE)
Interpolation method for pressure	Second order upwind
Number of elements	7,070,460
Number of nodes	1,309,828
Type of mesh	Tetrahedral unstructured mesh, Prism layer mesh (near hull surface)



**Fig. 3** Mesh generation

submerged body that simply turns by steering, and the drift angle may also be larger because the circular angular velocity and drift angle are linked. Accordingly, a drift angle of approximately  $\pm 30^\circ$  is considered when conducting a static drift test, as well as a dimensionless angular velocity of approximately 0.6. For self-propulsion, four auxiliary thrusters are attached to the hull, in addition to the main thrusters, and thrust can be freely generated in the vertical direction. Computation conditions were established considering an angle of attack of approximately  $\pm 90^\circ$  because heave motions were realized by auxiliary thrusters. Hydrodynamic forces were computed using ANSYS FLUENT version 20.1, which is a commercial CFD analysis program. The analysis conditions adopted are presented in Table 3, and Fig. 3 illustrates the results obtained from mesh generation.

The  $k-\omega$  model is widely used to predict hydrodynamic forces applied on maneuvering ships (Quéraud et al., 2008). The  $k-\omega$  model for hydrodynamic derivatives is advantageous in terms of its CPU computation time. Because CFD calculations under several conditions are required in this study, the  $k-\omega$  model was selected as the turbulence model. A 3D incompressible viscous flow was assumed, and a continuity equation and RANS equations were applied as governing equations (Jeon et al., 2016). The convection term was applied with the second-order upwind method, diffusion term was discretized using a second-order central differential method, and pressure and speed were linked by the semi-implicit method for pressure-linked equations (SIMPLE).

## 3. Analysis Results and Modeling

### 3.1 Static Test

A static test estimates damping coefficients by calculating the damping force contributing to the speed of the hull and the rotation of a control plane, and it comprises resistance, static drift, static angle of attack, combined, static rudder, and static elevator tests. Details on the hydrodynamic force model of each test are presented in Table 4. The hydrodynamic force model was divided into two: a linear model in which the linearization of the force is possible because the size of perturbed state variables is small and a nonlinear model considering the nonlinearity of the force generated as motions become greater.

The results of the resistance test for estimating resistance per speed



are presented in Fig. 4. When neutral buoyancy is assumed as the force proportional to the square of the advanced speed, approximately 9.8% of dead weight is assumed to be applied in the design speed. Here, dead weight refers to the product of the acceleration of gravity and the mass of the submerged body. Resistance is proportional to the square of the advanced speed, and the resistance applied on the hull can be linearized if the change in the speed is negligible, based on a design speed of 2.57 m/s (5 knots). Accordingly, Fig. 4 presents the results of the curve approximation of both linear and nonlinear models.

A static drift test calculates the damping force applied when only the sway velocity is generated; the results obtained from calculating the force by adjusting the drift angle by  $\pm 30^\circ$  are presented in Fig. 5. Nondimensionalization complies with the prime system 1 defined by the Society of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (SNAME) (Fossen, 2011). The hydrodynamic forces were modeled according to the tendency of forces. The nonlinear model presented in Table 3 was considered appropriate, and the coefficient of determination  $R^2$  was

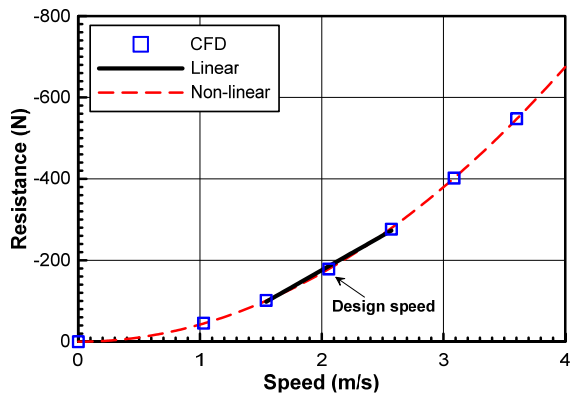


Fig. 4 Result of resistance tests

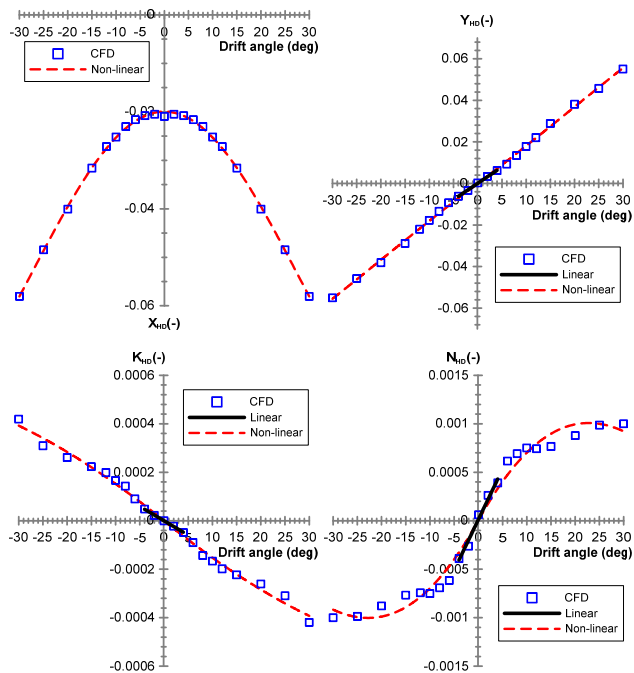


Fig. 5 Results obtained from static drift tests

Table 4 Static hydrodynamic force model for hull motion variables

Test type	Model	Formulae	$R^2$
Resistance	Linear	$X_{HD} = X_0 + X_u u$	$R_X^2 = 0.9868$
	Non-linear	$X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{u u} u $	$R_X^2 = 0.9999$
Static drift	Linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 \\ Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_v v \\ K_{HD} = K_0 + K_v v \\ N_{HD} = N_0 + N_v v \end{cases}, -4^\circ < \beta < 4^\circ$	$R_Y^2 = 0.9983$ $R_K^2 = 0.9904$ $R_N^2 = 0.9771$
	Non-linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{vv} v^2 + X_{vvv} v^4 \\ Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_v v + Y_{v v} v  \\ K_{HD} = K_0 + K_v v + K_{v v} v  \\ N_{HD} = N_0 + N_v v + N_{v v} v  \end{cases}$	$R_X^2 = 0.9969$ $R_Y^2 = 0.9999$ $R_K^2 = 0.9929$ $R_N^2 = 0.9846$
Static angle of attack	Linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 \\ Z_{HD} = Z_0 + Z_w w \\ M_{HD} = M_0 + M_w w \end{cases}, -4^\circ < \alpha < 4^\circ$	$R_Z^2 = 0.9863$ $R_M^2 = 0.9968$
	Non-linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{ww} w^2 + X_{www} w^4 \\ Z_{HD} = Z_0 + Z_w w + Z_{w w} w  \\ M_{HD} = M_0 + M_w w + M_{w w} w  \end{cases}$	$R_X^2 = 0.9193$ $R_Z^2 = 0.9988$ $R_M^2 = 0.9758$
Horizontal circular motion	Linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 \\ Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_r r \\ K_{HD} = K_0 + K_r r \\ N_{HD} = N_0 + N_r r \end{cases}, r' < 0.3$	$R_Y^2 = 0.9988$ $R_K^2 = 0.9987$ $R_N^2 = 0.9998$
	Non-linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{rr} r^2 \\ Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_r r + Y_{r r} r  \\ K_{HD} = K_0 + K_r r + K_{r r} r  \\ N_{HD} = N_0 + N_r r + N_{r r} r  \end{cases}$	$R_X^2 = 0.9810$ $R_Y^2 = 0.9966$ $R_K^2 = 0.8696$ $R_N^2 = 0.9900$
Vertical circular motion	Linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 \\ Z_{HD} = Z_0 + Z_q q \\ M_{HD} = M_0 + M_q q \end{cases}, q' < 0.3$	$R_Z^2 = 0.9862$ $R_M^2 = 0.9998$
	Non-linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{qq} q^2 \\ Z_{HD} = Z_0 + Z_q q + Z_{q q} q  \\ M_{HD} = M_0 + M_q q + M_{q q} q  \end{cases}$	$R_X^2 = 0.7684$ $R_Z^2 = 0.9974$ $R_M^2 = 0.9997$
Roll rotating	Linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 \\ Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_p p \\ K_{HD} = K_0 + K_p p \\ N_{HD} = N_0 + N_p p \end{cases}$	$R_Y^2 = 0.9976$ $R_K^2 = 0.9999$ $R_N^2 = 0.8563$
	Non-linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{pp} p^2 \\ Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_p p + Y_{p p} p  \\ K_{HD} = K_0 + K_p p + K_{p p} p  \\ N_{HD} = N_0 + N_p p + N_{p p} p  \end{cases}$	$R_X^2 = 0.9014$ $R_Y^2 = 0.9977$ $R_K^2 = 0.9997$ $R_N^2 = 0.8214$
Horizontal circular motion with drift	Non-linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{vv} v^2 + X_{vvv} v^4 \\ + X_{rr} r^2 + X_{vr} \\ Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_v v + Y_{v v} v  + Y_r r \\ + Y_{r r} r  + Y_{v r} v r  + Y_{v r} v r  \\ K_{HD} = K_0 + K_v v + K_{v v} v  + K_r r \\ + K_{r r} r  + K_{v r} v r  + K_{v r} v r  \\ N_{HD} = N_0 + N_v v + N_{v v} v  + N_r r \\ + N_{r r} r  + N_{v r} v r  + N_{v r} v r  \end{cases}$	$R_X^2 = 0.9917$ $R_Y^2 = 0.9985$ $R_K^2 = 0.9528$ $R_N^2 = 0.9839$
	Non-linear	$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{ww} w^2 + X_{www} w^4 \\ + X_{qq} q^2 + X_{wq} \\ Z_{HD} = Z_0 + Z_w w + Z_{w w} w  + Z_q q \\ + Z_{q q} q  + Z_{w q} w q  + Z_{w q} w q  \\ M_{HD} = M_0 + M_w w + M_{w w} w  + \\ M_q q + M_{qq} q^2 + M_{w q} w q  + M_{w q} w q  \end{cases}$	$R_X^2 = 0.9796$ $R_Z^2 = 0.9961$ $R_M^2 = 0.9949$

approximately 1. In addition, linear coefficients were identified within the drift angle range of  $\pm 4^\circ$ . As previously mentioned, hydrodynamic forces were calculated by adjusting the angle of attack by up to  $\pm 90^\circ$ , considering a large angle of attack; the results obtained from the static angle of attack test are presented in Fig. 6. A stall occurs at approximately  $\pm 50^\circ$  and  $\pm 40^\circ$  of the surge and pitch, respectively, and the tendency of forces should be modeled using the same model as the static drift test. Nonlinear coefficients constituting the nonlinear model must be analyzed using simple curve approximation results because physical implication is ambiguous. In contrast, linear coefficients comprising the linear model have a distinct physical implication, such that the effectiveness of numerical analysis results can be determined by examining the correlation among linear coefficients when there are

no experimental results, as in this study. Fig. 7 presents the points of damping force applications when the sway  $v$  and heave  $w$  velocities are generated based on the linear coefficients of stability  $Y_v, K_v, N_v, Z_w,$  and  $M_w$ , identified via the static drift and static angle of attack tests.

The side shape of the subject submerged body exhibits a tendency in which the rear part area is predominant owing to the large rudder attached in the rear part; thus, it is predicted to exhibit relatively better results in terms of horizontal stability. Therefore,  $N_v/Y_v$ , which is the application point of the damping force in the longitudinal direction due to the sway velocity, is positioned at approximately  $0.066L$  in front of the origin. Considering that the  $N_v/Y_v$  of a general slender-type vehicle such as a ship is approximately  $0.25L$ , the application point of the damping force moved backward considerably, toward the rear. Because the vertical shape is almost symmetrical, the application point  $K_v/Y_v$  of the damping force in the height direction is positioned slightly upward with respect to the geometrical origin; however, the size is negligible. In contrast,  $M_w/Z_w$ , which is the application point of the damping force in the longitudinal direction due to the heave velocity, is positioned approximately  $0.277L$  toward the rear, with respect to the origin. A large bow plane exists in the head part, which implies that it is disadvantageous in terms of vertical stability, owing to the predominant head part.

Figs. 8 and 9 present the results obtained from horizontal and vertical turning tests, which are conducted to determine the damping force and moment related to the yaw angular velocity  $r$  and pitch velocity  $q$ . The top area is more than two times greater than the side area of the hull, and the vertical hydrodynamic moment  $M_{HD}$  is substantially greater than the horizontal hydrodynamic moment  $Y_{HD}$ . In contrast, hydrodynamic forces  $Y_{HD}$  and  $Z_{HD}$  are the forces generated from the difference in the shapes of the head and rear parts

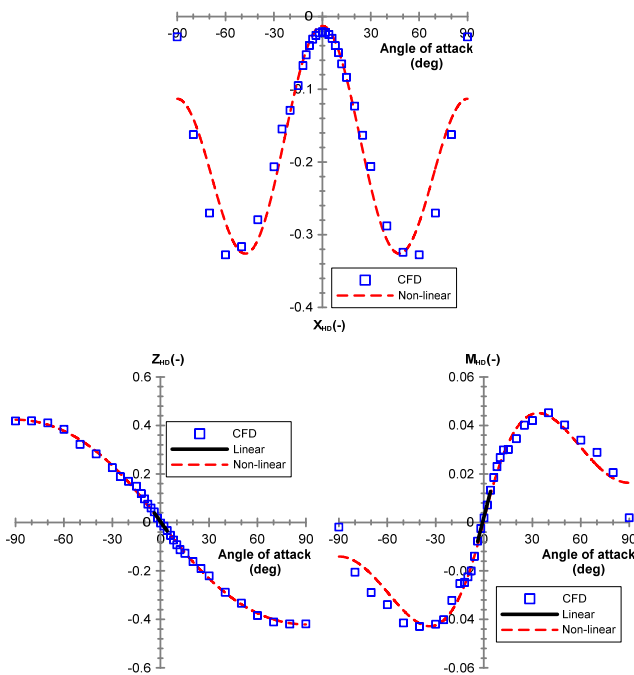


Fig. 6 Results obtained from static angle of attack tests

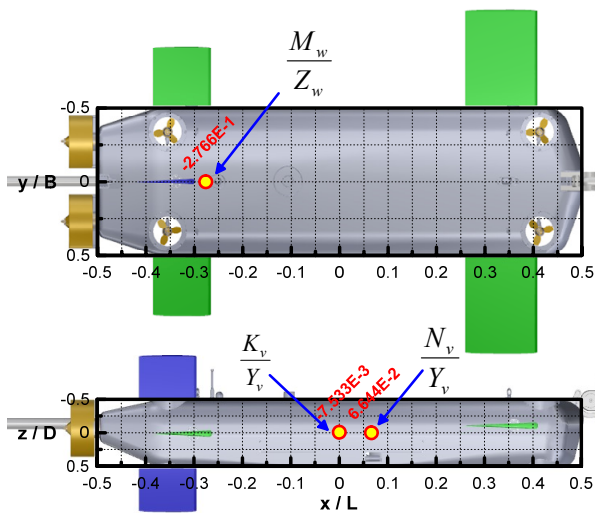


Fig. 7 Moment levers due to heave (upper) and sway (lower) velocities

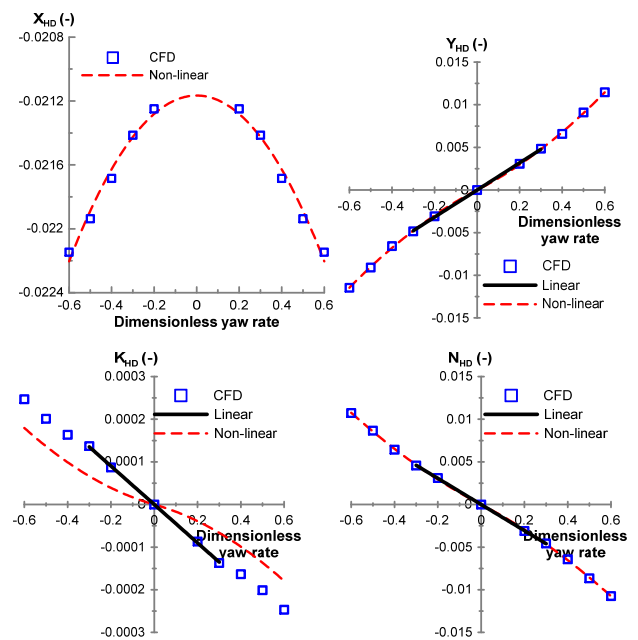


Fig. 8 Results obtained from horizontal circular motion tests

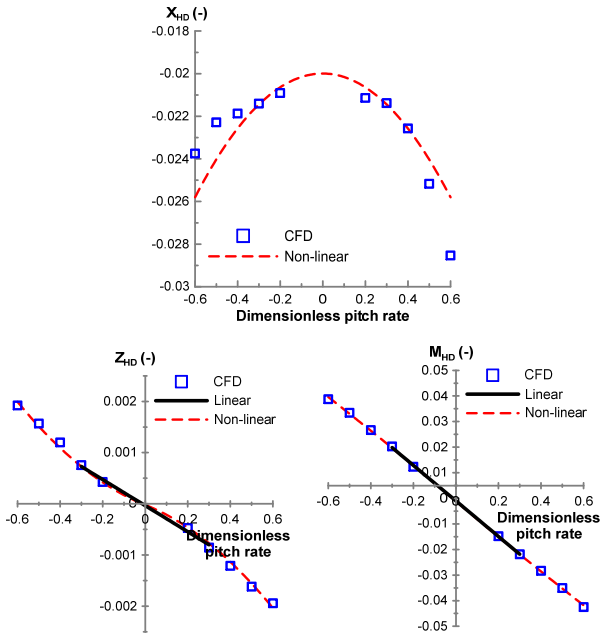


Fig. 9 Results obtained from vertical circular motion tests

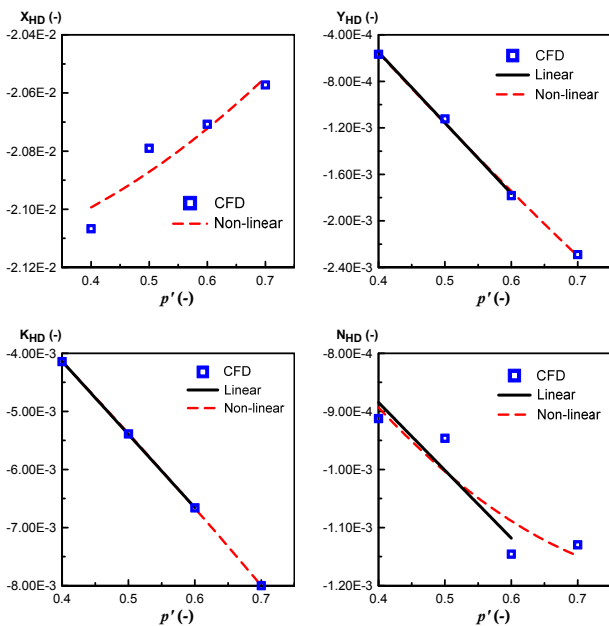


Fig. 10 Results obtained from roll rotating tests

during the rotational motions in which the asymmetry of the shapes of the head and rear parts significantly influence the horizontal hydrodynamic force  $Y_{HD}$ .

Fig. 10 presents the results of a roll rotating test, which measures the force generated by a certain roll rate  $p$  while a submerged body is advanced at speed  $U$ . Generally, a submerged body with a cylindrical shape frequently experiences a large rolling motion if a controller is not applied because the roll damping coefficient applied on the hull is relatively small. The subject submerged body in this study has a relatively flat hull top surface and a large elevator area, thus exhibiting a large roll damping moment. As shown in Fig. 10, which illustrates the roll damping moment  $K_{HD}$  for the roll rate  $p$ , the order is greater

than that of the same angular motion moment  $N_{HD}$ . A large roll damping moment indicates that a roll is not large during circular motions in which favorable dynamic characteristics can be obtained from the motion control perspective. A simulation must be conducted to verify whether such a phenomenon actually occurs.

Figs. 11 and 12 present the results of the horizontal circular motion with the drift test and those of the vertical circular motion with the angle of attack test. The hydrodynamic forces measured in the static

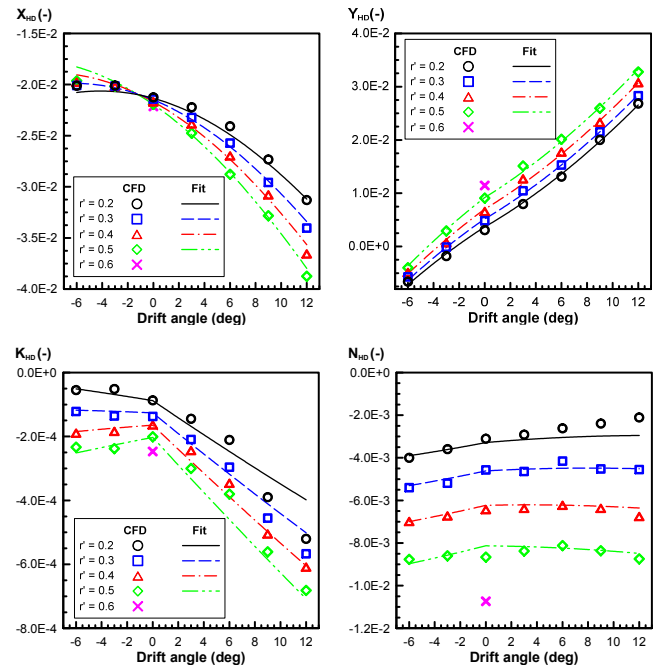


Fig. 11 Results obtained from the horizontal circular motion with drift tests

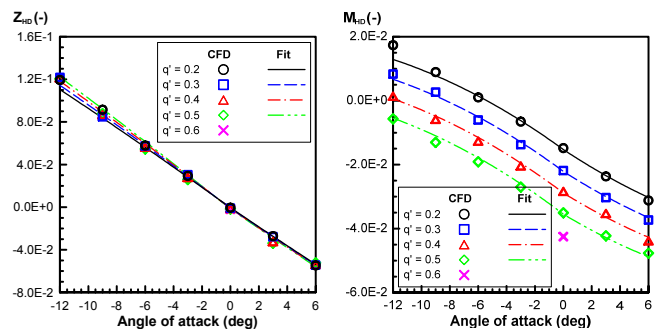
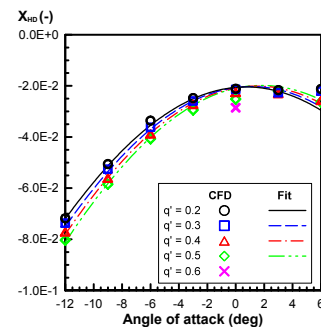


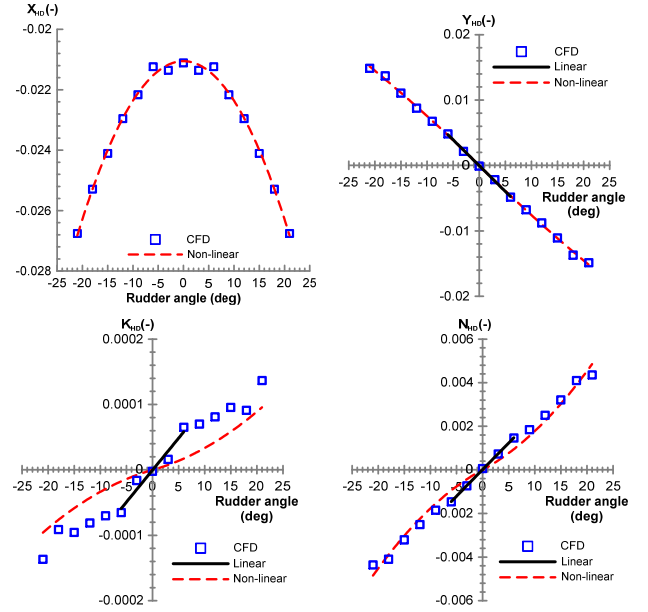
Fig. 12 Results obtained from the vertical circular motion with the angle of attack tests

drift and horizontal turning tests are also measured when the horizontal circular motion with the drift test is performed; therefore, all hydrodynamic forces applied by and can be determined. Likewise, the hydrodynamic forces measured in the static angle of attack and vertical turning tests are also measured if the vertical circular motion is performed with drift test; therefore, all hydrodynamic forces applied by  $w$  and  $q$  can be determined.

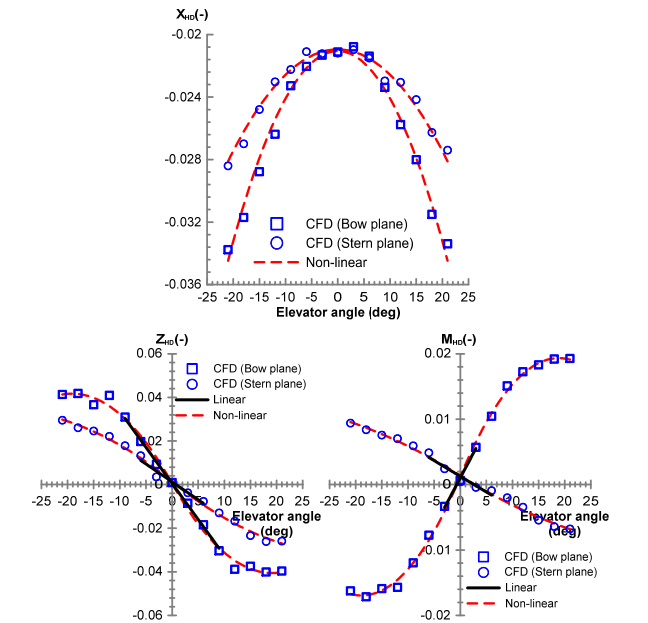
All the damping coefficients due to ship motions  $u, v, w, p, q,$  and  $r$  were estimated via the above tests. Table 5 presents the coefficient of determination of the hydrodynamic force model and corresponding models generated in the static rudder and static elevator tests. Figs. 13–14 present the results of the static rudder and static elevator tests, respectively. In general, the center of pressure of the hydrodynamic forces applied on a rudder is positioned at approximately 1/4 the point of a rudder chord. Similar to the static drift test, hydrodynamic forces and the rudder angle have a linear relationship in a region with a small rudder angle; hence, a linear coefficient can be determined to estimate the center of pressure of the rudder force. Fig. 15 presents the center of pressure on a rudder, which is estimated based on a linear coefficient when the rudder was rotated by a small angle. The center of pressure in the longitudinal direction  $N_{\delta_r}/Y_{\delta_r}$  when the rudder was rotated is positioned closer to 1/4 of a rudder chord. The center of pressure in the vertical direction  $K_{\delta_r}/Y_{\delta_r}$  is slightly more predominant in the top area from the side view of the hull; however, the size of  $K_{\delta_r}/Y_{\delta_r}$  is negligible because the vertical shape of the hull is almost symmetrical. The centers of pressure when the bow plane and stern elevator are turned,  $M_{\delta_b}/Z_{\delta_b}$  and  $M_{\delta_s}/Z_{\delta_s}$ , are also approximate to the 1/4 point of a

**Table 5** Static hydrodynamic force model for control plane angles

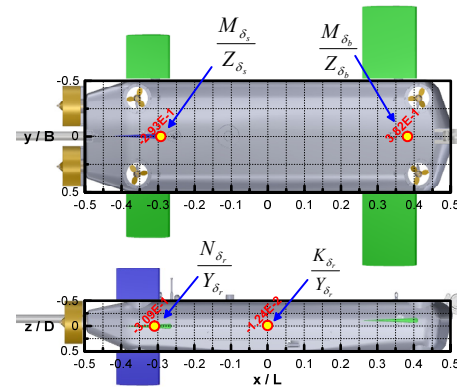
Test type	Model	Formulae	$R^2$
Static rudder	Linear	$X_{HD} = X_0$	$R_X^2 = 0.9981$
		$Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_{\delta_r} \delta_r$	$R_Y^2 = 0.9517$
		$K_{HD} = K_0 + K_{\delta_r} \delta_r, -4^\circ < \beta < 4^\circ$	$R_K^2 = 0.9995$
	Non-linear	$N_{HD} = N_0 + N_{\delta_r} \delta_r$	$R_N^2 = 0.9995$
		$X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{\delta_r} \delta_r^2$	$R_X^2 = 0.9952$
		$Y_{HD} = Y_0 + Y_{\delta_r} \delta_r + Y_{\delta_r \delta_r }  \delta_r $	$R_Y^2 = 0.9992$
Static elevator (Bow)	Linear	$K_{HD} = K_0 + K_{\delta_r} \delta_r + K_{\delta_r \delta_r }  \delta_r $	$R_K^2 = 0.8317$
		$N_{HD} = N_0 + N_{\delta_r} \delta_r + N_{\delta_r \delta_r }  \delta_r $	$R_N^2 = 0.9857$
		$M_{HD} = M_0 + M_{\delta_b} \delta_b$	$R_M^2 = 0.9983$
	Non-linear	$X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{\delta_b \delta_b }  \delta_b $	$R_X^2 = 0.9828$
		$Z_{HD} = Z_0 + Z_{\delta_b} \delta_b + Z_{\delta_b \delta_b }  \delta_b $	$R_Z^2 = 0.9943$
		$M_{HD} = M_0 + M_{\delta_b} \delta_b + M_{\delta_b \delta_b }  \delta_b $	$R_M^2 = 0.9984$
Static elevator (Stern)	Linear	$X_{HD} = X_0$	$R_X^2 = 0.9509$
		$Z_{HD} = Z_0 + Z_{\delta_s} \delta_s$	$R_Z^2 = 0.9177$
		$M_{HD} = M_0 + M_{\delta_s} \delta_s$	$R_M^2 = 0.9177$
	Non-linear	$X_{HD} = X_0 + X_{\delta_s \delta_s }  \delta_s $	$R_X^2 = 0.9739$
		$Z_{HD} = Z_0 + Z_{\delta_s} \delta_s + Z_{\delta_s \delta_s }  \delta_s $	$R_Z^2 = 0.9944$
		$M_{HD} = M_0 + M_{\delta_s} \delta_s + M_{\delta_s \delta_s }  \delta_s $	$R_M^2 = 0.9917$



**Fig. 13** Results obtained from static rudder tests



**Fig. 14** Results obtained from static elevator tests



**Fig. 15** Moment levers due to elevator (upper) and rudder (lower) deflections

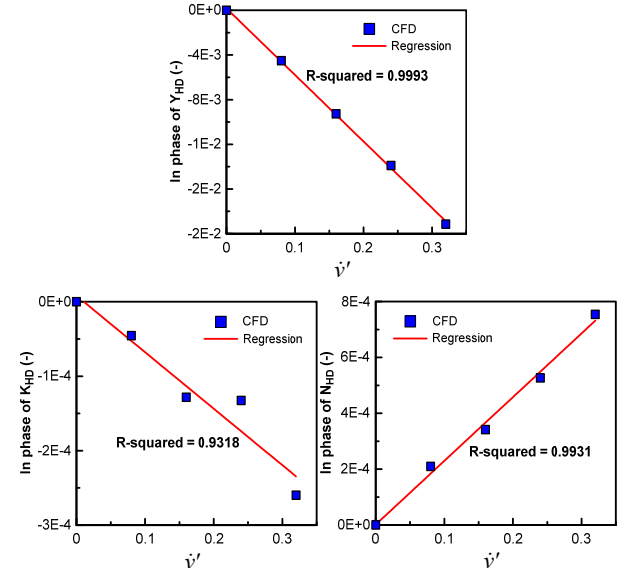
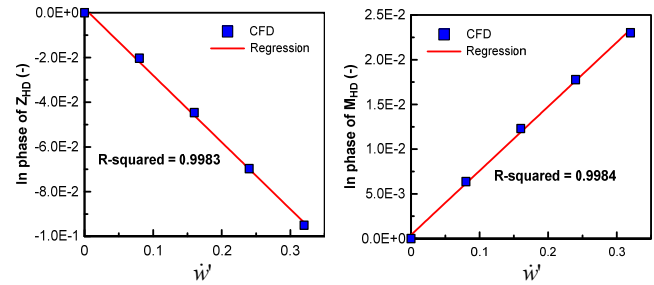
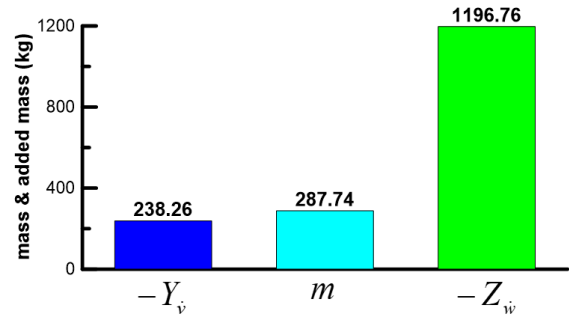
**Table 6** Dimensionless linear maneuvering mathematical model parameters ( $\times 10^6$ )

X-coeff.		Y-coeff.		Z-coeff.	
$X_u^c$	-1872	$Y_v^c$	-59564	$Z_w^c$	-299190
$X_u$	-21472	$Y_p^c$	54	$Z_q^c$	-65503
		$Y_r^c$	29365	$Z_w$	-535933
		$Y_v$	-89962	$Z_q$	-2548
		$Y_p$	-6083	$Z_{\delta_b}$	-199688
		$Y_r$	15920	$Z_{\delta_s}$	-94044
		$Y_{\delta_r}$	-45209		
K-coeff.		M-coeff.		N-coeff.	
$K_v^c$	-758	$M_w^c$	71802	$N_v^c$	2282
$K_p^c$	-1004	$M_q^c$	-39941	$N_p^c$	-34
$K_r^c$	-490	$M_w$	148263	$N_r^c$	-10956
$K_v$	678	$M_q$	-69468	$N_v$	-5977
$K_p$	-12587	$M_{\delta_b}$	76212	$N_p$	-1167
$K_r$	-450	$M_{\delta_s}$	-27535	$N_r$	-15323
$K_{\delta_r}^c$	560			$N_{\delta_r}$	13978

rudder chord. Fig. 14 presents the results obtained from comparing the hydrodynamic forces when the bow plane was turned and when the stern elevator was turned. The area of a bow plane is approximately twice as large as the area of a stern elevator; hence, the linear control panel coefficient  $Z_{\delta_b}$  provided in Table 6 is approximately twice as large as  $Z_{\delta_s}$ . In contrast, moment coefficients  $M_{\delta_b}$  and  $M_{\delta_s}$  are associated with the distance to the pressure center of a control panel, and  $M_{\delta_b}$  is at least two times greater than  $M_{\delta_s}$  because the pressure center of a bow plane is far from the origin. Similarly, examining the physical relationship between linear coefficients appears to be an appropriate method for verifying the CFD analysis results when no experimental results are available.

### 3.2 Dynamic Test

A dynamic test was performed to estimate the added mass force applied on the hull and the surrounding fluid when the hull accelerates. The added mass force exhibits a linear relationship with acceleration when a vessel or a submerged body has a very small accelerated motion. Figs. 16 and 17 present the results obtained from pure sway tests for estimating the added mass force with respect to sway acceleration  $\dot{v}$  and pure heave tests for estimating the added mass force with respect to heave acceleration  $\dot{w}$ , respectively. The added mass moment of inertia coefficients  $K_v^c$  and  $N_v^c$  for  $\dot{v}$  are typically negligible, as well as the added mass moment of inertia coefficient  $M_w^c$  for  $\dot{w}$ ; therefore, the sizes of  $Y_v^c$  and  $Z_w^c$  need to be examined. The results obtained from comparing the sizes of  $Y_v^c$  and  $Z_w^c$  with the mass of the submerged body are illustrated in Fig. 18.  $Y_v^c$  of a general ship has proportion of its mass. Furthermore,  $Y_v^c$  and  $Z_w^c$  are identical in a


**Fig. 16** Results obtained from pure sway tests

**Fig. 17** Results obtained from pure heave tests

**Fig. 18** Comparison of mass and added mass

submerged body with symmetrical horizontal and vertical planes. However, the subject submerged body in this study is applied with a relatively greater added mass force owing to its plate shape. Considering that the top surface area is at least twice as large as the side area and the top surface shape is a plate shape, rather than a streamlined shape, it is feasible for the size of  $Z_w^c$  to be greater than that of  $Y_v^c$  and its own mass.

Figs. 19–21 illustrate the results obtained from a dynamic test for angular acceleration. Figs. 19 and 20 present the results obtained from estimating added mass coefficients for yaw angular acceleration  $\dot{r}$  and pitch angular acceleration  $\dot{q}$ . Similar to the difference in the sizes of  $Y_v^c$  and  $Z_w^c$ , the size of  $M_q^c$  is greater than that of  $N_r^c$  because the top

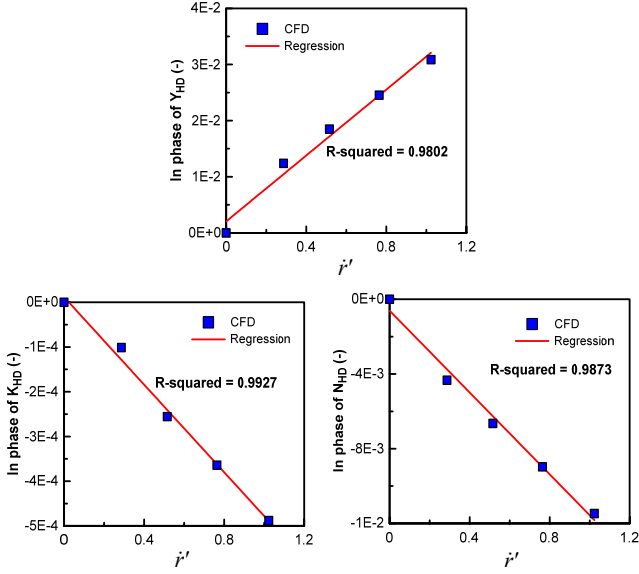


Fig. 19 Results obtained from pure yaw tests

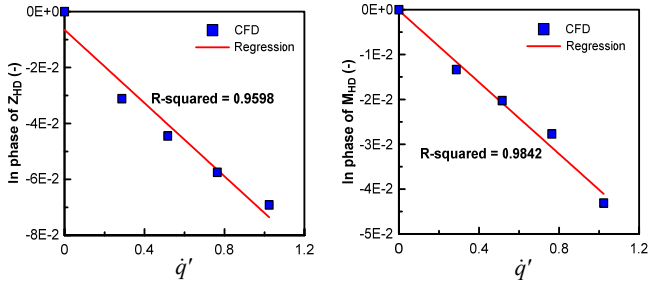


Fig. 20 Results obtained from pure pitch tests

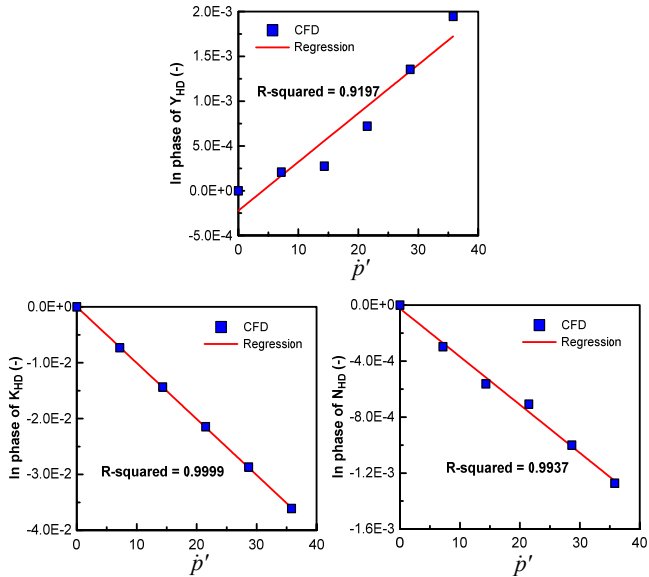


Fig. 21 Results obtained from pure roll tests

surface shape is more predominant than that of the side shape. In general, the added mass moment of inertia is sufficiently small to be negligible compared to the mass moment of inertia ( $I_{xx}$ ) in a submerged body with a streamlined shape when a roll angular acceleration  $\dot{p}$  is generated. However, the subject submerged body has

a relatively plate-like shape, and the slenderness ratio ( $L/B$ ) is relatively small. Moreover, a large hydrodynamic moment is generated by a roll angular acceleration because the areas of bow and stern elevators are large. Consequently, the yaw induced mass moment of inertia  $K_p$  is relatively larger than that of a general slender-type submerged body, as illustrated in Fig. 21.

### 3.3 Dynamics Model

The six degrees-of-freedom equations of motion based on Newton's second law of motion can be expressed as in Eq. (1).

$$\begin{cases} m[\dot{u} - vr + wq - x_g(\dot{q}^2 + r^2) + z_g(\dot{p}r + \dot{q})] = X \\ m[\dot{v} - wp + ur + z_g(qr - \dot{p}) + x_g(\dot{q}p + \dot{r})] = Y \\ m[\dot{w} - uq + vp - z_g(r^2 + \dot{p}^2) + x_g(rp - \dot{q})] = Z \\ I_x \dot{p} + (I_z - I_y)qr - m[z_g(\dot{v} - wp + ur)] = K \\ I_y \dot{q} + (I_x - I_z)rp + m[z_g(\dot{u} - vr + wq) - x_g(\dot{w} - uq + vp)] = M \\ I_z \dot{r} + (I_y - I_x)pq + m[x_g(\dot{v} - wp + ur)] = N \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

External forces on the right side of Eq. (1) can be divided into hydrodynamic force, gravitational force, buoyant force, control force, and thrust. Hydrodynamic forces were modeled as expressed in Eqs. (2) and (3) by distinguishing linear models for designing the controller and stability analysis and nonlinear models for predicting maneuverability based on the coefficients identified via the static and dynamic tests.

$$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_u \dot{u} + X_u u \\ Y_{HD} = Y_v \dot{v} + Y_p \dot{p} + Y_r \dot{r} + Y_v v + Y_p p + Y_r r \\ Z_{HD} = Z_w \dot{w} + Z_q \dot{q} + Z_w w + Z_q q \\ K_{HD} = K_v \dot{v} + K_p \dot{p} + K_r \dot{r} + K_v v + K_p p + K_r r \\ M_{HD} = M_w \dot{w} + M_q \dot{q} + M_w w + M_q q \\ N_{HD} = N_v \dot{v} + N_p \dot{p} + N_r \dot{r} + N_v v + N_p p + N_r r \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{cases} X_{HD} = X_u \dot{u} + X_{|u|} |u| + X_{v^2} v^2 + X_{vvv} v^4 + X_{ww} w^2 + X_{www} w^4 \\ \quad + X_{pp} p^2 + X_{qq} q^2 + X_{rr} r^2 + X_{vr} vr + X_{wq} wq \\ Y_{HD} = Y_v \dot{v} + Y_p \dot{p} + Y_r \dot{r} + Y_v v + Y_p p + Y_r r \\ \quad + Y_{|v|} |v| + Y_{|p|} |p| + Y_{|r|} |r| + Y_{|v|r} |v|r| + Y_{|v|} |v|r \\ Z_{HD} = Z_w \dot{w} + Z_q \dot{q} + Z_w w + Z_q q \\ \quad + Z_{|w|} |w| + Z_{|q|} |q| + Z_{|w|q} |w|q + Z_{|w|} |w|q \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{cases} K_{HD} = K_v \dot{v} + K_p \dot{p} + K_r \dot{r} + K_v v + K_p p + K_r r \\ \quad + K_{|v|} |v| + K_{|p|} |p| + K_{|r|} |r| + K_{|v|r} |v|r| + K_{|v|} |v|r \\ M_{HD} = M_w \dot{w} + M_q \dot{q} + Z_w w + M_q q \\ \quad + M_{|w|} |w| + M_{|q|} |q| + M_{|w|q} |w|q + M_{|w|} |w|q \\ N_{HD} = N_v \dot{v} + N_p \dot{p} + N_r \dot{r} + N_v v + N_p p + N_r r \\ \quad + N_{|v|} |v| + N_{|p|} |p| + N_{|r|} |r| + N_{|v|r} |v|r| + N_{|v|} |v|r \end{cases}$$

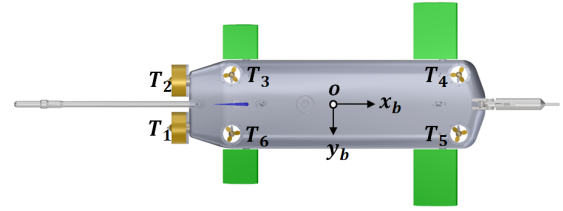
$$\begin{cases} X_C = 0 \\ Y_C = Y_{\delta_r} \delta_r \\ Z_C = Z_{\delta_b} \delta_b + Z_{\delta_s} \delta_s \\ K_C = K_{\delta_r} \delta_r \\ M_C = M_{\delta_b} \delta_b + M_{\delta_s} \delta_s \\ N_C = N_{\delta_r} \delta_r \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{cases} X_C = X_{\delta_r} \delta_r^2 \\ Y_C = Y_{\delta_r} \delta_r + Y_{\delta_r|\delta_r} |\delta_r| |\delta_r| \\ Z_C = Z_{\delta_b} \delta_b + Z_{\delta_s} \delta_s + Z_{\delta_b|\delta_b} |\delta_b| |\delta_b| + Z_{\delta_s|\delta_s} |\delta_s| |\delta_s| \\ K_C = K_{\delta_r} \delta_r + K_{\delta_r|\delta_r} |\delta_r| |\delta_r| \\ M_C = M_{\delta_b} \delta_b + M_{\delta_s} \delta_s + M_{\delta_b|\delta_b} |\delta_b| |\delta_b| + M_{\delta_s|\delta_s} |\delta_s| |\delta_s| \\ N_C = N_{\delta_r} \delta_r + N_{\delta_r|\delta_r} |\delta_r| |\delta_r| \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Unlike other external forces contributing to the surface force, gravitational force and buoyancy are body forces that contribute to the volume, which do not require a modeling process as hydrodynamic forces, and can be perfectly expressed physically. Therefore, the expressions for gravitational force and buoyancy are omitted in this study because they can be referenced in the study by Fossen (2011). A control force is a fluid force applied on the control panel and the hull when the control panel rotates. Eqs. (4) and (5) represent the control force of linear and nonlinear models, respectively. The parameters expressed in Eqs. (2)–(5) are presented in Tables 6 and 7 by distinguishing between a linear and nonlinear model.

**Table 7** Dimensionless non-linear maneuvering mathematical model parameters ( $\times 10^6$ )

	X-coeff.	Y-coeff.	Z-coeff.
$X_u$	-1872	$Y_v$	-59564
$X_{u u }$	-43077	$Y_p$	54
$X_{vv}$	-180760	$Y_r$	29365
$X_{vvv}$	113190	$Y_v$	-75834
$X_{ww}$	-1142600	$Y_{v v }$	-146670
$X_{www}$	1042500	$Y_p$	-7178
$X_{pp}$	1354	$Y_{p p }$	1224
$X_{rr}$	-2883	$Y_r$	6663
$X_{vr}$	9883	$Y_{r r }$	16754
$X_{wq}$	140360	$Y_{v r }$	-40930
$X_{qq}$	-1664	$Y_{v v }$	-21802
$X_{\delta_r}$	-42934	$Y_{r_c}$	-45216
$X_{\delta_b}$	-99899	$Y_{\delta_r \delta_r}$	10537
$X_{\delta_s}$	-53328	$Y_{\delta_s \delta_s}$	95154
	K-coeff.	M-coeff.	N-coeff.
$K_v$	-758	$M_w$	71802
$K_p$	-1004	$M_q$	-39941
$K_r$	-490	$M_{\delta}$	1136
$K_v$	926	$M_w$	119002
$K_p$	-283	$M_{w w }$	-76339
$K_r$	-10230	$M_q$	4713
$K_{v v }$	-2376	$M_{q q }$	11909
$K_{p p }$	-384	$M_{w q }$	41481
$K_{r r }$	0	$M_{\delta_b}$	110107
$K_{v r }$	200	$M_{\delta_b \delta_b}$	-167012
$K_{v v r}$	-2923	$M_{\delta_s}$	-29035
$K_{\delta_r}$	128	$M_{\delta_s \delta_s}$	18252
$K_{\delta_r \delta_r}$	363	$N_{\delta_r \delta_r}$	16017



**Fig. 22** Sequence of thruster

Because the system has six thrusters attached, the subjectsubmerged body can create thrust in all directions, except for the sway direction. Thrust force with six degrees of freedom generated by each thruster can be defined as expressed in Eq. (6), based on Fig. 22.

$$\begin{cases} X_T = T_1 + T_2 \\ Y_T = 0 \\ Z_T = T_3 + T_4 + T_5 + T_6 \\ K_T = y_{T_3} T_3 + y_{T_4} T_4 + y_{T_5} T_5 + y_{T_6} T_6 \\ M_T = z_{T_1} T_1 + z_{T_2} T_2 - (x_{T_3} T_3 + x_{T_4} T_4 + x_{T_5} T_5 + x_{T_6} T_6) \\ N_T = -(y_{T_1} T_1 + y_{T_2} T_2) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$x_{T_i}$ ,  $y_{T_i}$ , and  $z_{T_i}$  in Eq. (6) represent the distance from the origin of the  $i$ -th thruster to the  $x$ -,  $y$ -,  $z$ -axes, respectively. The thrust specified in the specifications of each thrust manufacturer was adopted as the thrust defined by  $T_{1-6}$ .

## 4. Dynamics Simulation

### 4.1 Stability Analysis

A stability analysis was conducted to evaluate the stability relative to the ship's course and depth while the control panel is fixed ( $\delta_r = \delta_b = \delta_s = 0$ ). The sizes of the perturbation state variables  $v$ ,  $w$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  were not significant when the control panel was fixed and the linearization of the equations of motion in Eq. (1) was possible; hence, the linear stability coefficients in Table 6 were adopted. Horizontal and vertical stability can be evaluated based on the stability margin, under the assumption that surge velocity  $u$  has no influence on sway, yaw, heave, or pitch. Horizontal and vertical stability margins can be defined by adopting Eqs. (7) and (8), respectively, at infinite speed.

$$G_h = 1 - \frac{N_v(Y_r - m)}{Y_v(N_r - mx_g)} \quad (7)$$

$$G_v = 1 - \frac{M_v(Z_q + m)}{Z_w(M_q - mx_g)} \quad (8)$$

Because  $m$  and  $x_g$  in Eqs. (7)–(8) are design variables, the stability margin results in Fig. 23 can be deduced for  $x_g$  under the assumption that neutral buoyancy is applied. As mentioned in Section 3, the rear is more critical with regard to the side shape of the submerged body, where it was assumed to be more important than the vertical plane in terms of stability. The analysis results indicated that  $G_h$  is greater than  $G_v$  when the center of gravity is closer to zero.

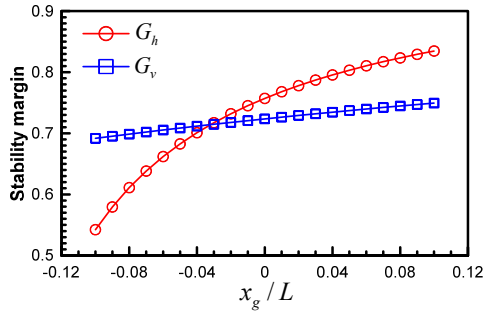


Fig. 23 Results obtained from pure roll tests

4.2 Maneuverability Analysis

Unlike a stability analysis in which the control panel is fixed, the control panel can be adjusted to the maximum angle when analyzing maneuverability, such as in turning and veering, which creates large motions such as drifting or yaw rate. Therefore, the hydrodynamic and control forces defined in Eqs. (3) and (5) are required. A turning simulation was performed by altering the rudder angle by  $\pm 5^\circ$ ,  $\pm 10^\circ$ , and  $\pm 15^\circ$  under an initial speed of 2.57 m/s, and the obtained results are illustrated in Figs. 24 and 25. The simulation results indicate that the tactical diameter is approximately 7.42 m when the rudder angle is  $15^\circ$ . The hull length of the subject submerged body is 2 m, and the entire length is approximately 3.7 m, including a towing poll; hence, adequate turning performance is realized owing to the small side surface area and large rudder area. Through simulations, it was verified that the roll convergence was approximately  $1^\circ$  during turning owing to a relatively large roll damping moment which was due to the large elevator and top surface areas of the hull, as observed in the pure roll tests mentioned in Section 3. The result of a meander test, which evaluates vertical stability in the maneuverability test of the submerged body, is illustrated in Fig. 26. The meander test investigates the stability of motions in the vertical plane direction over time, after the disturbance of a certain size is applied in the vertical plane direction (Jeon et al., 2020). After generating disturbance for a specific time in the vertical plane direction by turning the bow plane and stern elevator, the test examines whether the depth is maintained over time when the elevator is turned again at an angle of  $0^\circ$ . Unlike horizontal plane motions, the vertical plane motions have a restoring moment, which is expressed as the sum of gravitational force and buoyancy, and thus converges to a specific value without diverging to

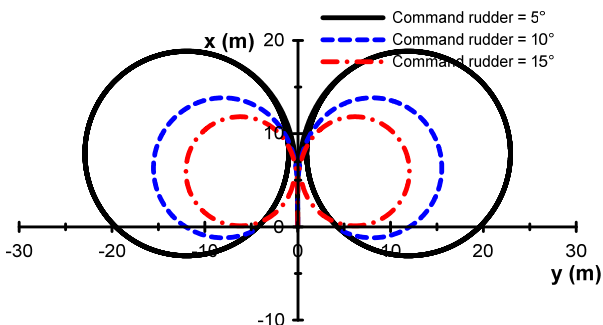


Fig. 24 Trajectories of turning tests

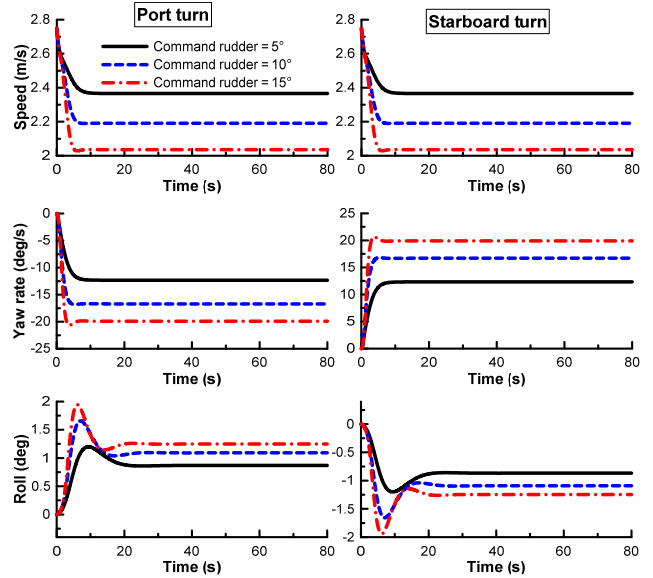


Fig. 25 Motion variables of turning tests

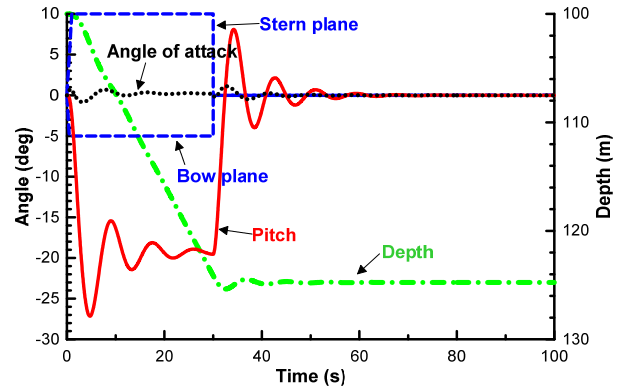


Fig. 26 Meander test

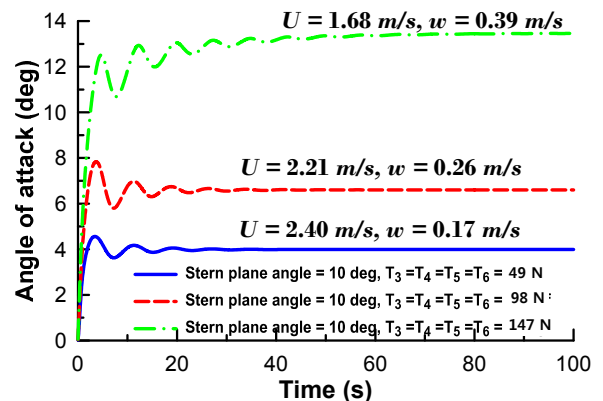


Fig. 27 Large angle of attack test

a pitch angle. When the subject submerged body is assumed to be under neutral buoyancy, the pitch angle converges to zero, and the depth is maintained after the rudder angle is maintained at  $0^\circ$  after 30 s, as illustrated Fig. 26. Vertical stability can be examined again via a meander simulation, based on the results presented in Fig. 23. The motions in a large angle of attack were simulated by generating thrust and thrust moment in heave and pitch directions, while increasing the



thrust of auxiliary thrusters  $T_3$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_5$ , and  $T_6$  attached on the hull presented in Fig. 22 to 49 N, 98 N, and 147 N; the obtained results are presented in Fig. 27.

## 5. Concluding Remarks

Maneuvering coefficients for a hydrodynamic model were estimated by performing virtual captive model tests based on CFD for a submerged body that can exhibit large angles of attack and receives various control inputs. The conditions for the virtual captive model tests based on CFD were established by considering that the subject submerged body has a large control panel area and exhibits a large angle of attack motion. A practical inference method was established to verify the results using the linear coefficients of the submerged body because no experimental results were available. Maneuvering coefficients were identified by distinguishing a linear model from a nonlinear model, based on the results of the static test. In general, the determination coefficients of the linear model were closer to 1 than those of nonlinear coefficients in the CFD analysis results, which implied that errors occurred in a mathematical model of hydrodynamic forces as drift angle and angle of attack increased. The accuracy of the mathematical model improved as the order of hydrodynamic derivatives increased; however, the structural stability of the mathematical model of hydrodynamic forces reduced accordingly. The mathematical model was appropriately established because the determination coefficients were generally 0.95 or higher. Because linear coefficients have significant physical implications, the application point of a damping force was verified when a small perturbed motion was generated. Moreover, the application point of the damping force was realistic when the motion of the hull and rotation of the control panel occurred. Dynamic characteristics of the submerged body were evaluated by establishing a mathematical model with six degrees of freedom for thrust generated by six thrusters and hydrodynamic forces applied on the hull by a large angle of attack motion and the rotation of the control panel. Excellent turning characteristics were obtained because the rudder area was larger than the side surface area of the hull, and the stability of the vessel's course was secured. Arbitrary thrust was applied to the auxiliary thrusters attached to the hull, and the large angle of attack motion in the vertical direction was simulated by changing the elevator; however, the effect of the design variables, including the weight of the submerged body and its center of gravity, were greater. The hydrodynamic model will be further improved by tuning various coefficients and comparing the results of an actual experiment with the results of a CFD analysis.

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# Reliability Improvement of Offshore Structural Steel F690 Using Surface Crack Nondamaging Technology

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**ABSTRACT:** Microcracks can rapidly grow and develop in high-strength steels used in offshore structures. It is important to render these microcracks harmless to ensure the safety and reliability of offshore structures. Here, the dependence of the aspect ratio ( $A_s$ ) of the maximum depth of harmless crack ( $a_{h,lm}$ ) was evaluated under three different conditions considering the threshold stress intensity factor ( $\Delta K_{th}$ ) and residual stress of offshore structural steel F690. The threshold stress intensity factor and fatigue limit of fatigue crack propagation, dependent on crack dimensions, were evaluated using Ando's equation, which considers the plastic behavior of fatigue and the stress ratio.  $a_{h,lm}$  by peening was analyzed using the relationship between  $\Delta K_{th}$  obtained by Ando's equation and  $\Delta K_{th}$  obtained by the sum of applied stress and residual stress. The plate specimen had a width  $2W = 12$  mm and thickness  $t = 20$  mm, and four value of  $A_s$  were considered: 1.0, 0.6, 0.3, and 0.1. The  $a_{h,lm}$  was larger as the compressive residual stress distribution increased. Additionally, an increase in the values of  $A_s$  and  $\Delta K_{th(t)}$  led to a larger  $a_{h,lm}$ . With a safety factor ( $N$ ) of 2.0, the long-term safety and reliability of structures constructed using F690 can be secured with needle peening. It is necessary to apply a more sensitive non-destructive inspection technique as a non-destructive inspection method for crack detection could not be used to observe fatigue cracks that reduced the fatigue limit of smooth specimens by 50% in the three types of residual stresses considered. The usefulness of non-destructive inspection and non-damaging techniques was reviewed based on the relationship between  $a_{h,lm}$ ,  $a_{NDI}$  (minimum crack depth detectable in non-destructive inspection),  $a_{cr,N}$  (crack depth that reduces the fatigue limit to  $1/N$ ), and  $A_s$ .

## 1. Introduction

Offshore construction generally refers to the installation of structures and facilities in the marine environment for the production and transportation of electricity, petroleum, gas, and other resources. The shipbuilding industry is growing globally owing to the increasing freight volume, and drilling rigs are also actively being constructed for the development of marine resources (Lee et al., 2011; Song et al., 2013; Kim and Kim, 2018). High-strength steels are used to construct these offshore structures as they are becoming increasingly large and the environments in which they are used are becoming increasingly harsh. However, the possibility of microcracks developing in high-strength steels is high in harsh environments (variable load action), and cracks that have formed can grow rapidly. Microcracks can develop when processing materials and when transporting and

installing these structures. To ensure the safety and reliability of offshore structures, initial defects that lead to microcracking should be rendered harmless.

Recently, many researchers have been actively attempting to render cracks harmless using peening. Peening effectively induces a compressive residual stress in high-strength steel (Al-Hassani, 1982; Al-Obaid, 1990; Harada et al., 2007) and increases its fatigue life and strength (Lee and Kim, 1997; Benedetti et al., 2002). As the heat-affected zone of welds is prone to cracking, studies have been conducted on improving fatigue life and rendering cracks harmless by peening the weld toe (Houjou et al., 2013a; Fueki et al., 2015; Fueki et al., 2019). Furthermore, studies simulating the behavior of steels with existing microcracks have been conducted to investigate the use of peening to render cracks harmless (Takahashi et al., 2012; Houjou et al., 2013b). A crack is determined to be harmless using the relationship

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between the stress intensity factor and the crack size based on the acting stress and compressive residual stress (Nakagawa et al., 2014; Ando et al., 2021; Nam et al., 2021). Each stress intensity factor is evaluated using the Newman–Raju equation (Newman and Raju, 1981) and API-RP579's equation (American Petroleum Institute, API, 2000). Equations to determine the threshold stress intensity factor of a microcrack have been proposed by El Haddad et al. (1979), Tange et al. (1991), and Ando et al. (2019). In particular, Ando et al. proposed an evaluation equation that depends on the crack size, considering the peculiar plastic behavior and stress ratio of fatigue in high-strength steels. This equation can be used to evaluate the fatigue limit and the threshold stress intensity factor of microcracks in high-strength steels (Ando et al., 2020; Ando et al., 2021; Park et al., 2020; Park et al., 2021; Kim et al., 2020).

This study aimed to evaluate the dependence of the maximum depth of a harmless crack ( $a_{hlm}$ ) in needle peening (NP)-applied offshore structural steel F690 on the compressive residual stress distribution, threshold stress intensity factor range for large cracks ( $\Delta K_{th(t)}$ ), and crack aspect ratio ( $As$ ). Furthermore, we evaluated the maximum allowable crack depth at an assumed safety factor ( $N$ ) ( $a_{cr,N}$ ), the minimum detectable crack depth via nondestructive inspection and  $a_{hlm}$  ( $a_{NDI}$ ), and the crack aspect dependence of  $a_{hlm}$ .

## 2. Materials and Experimental Methods

### 2.1 Materials and Model Specimens

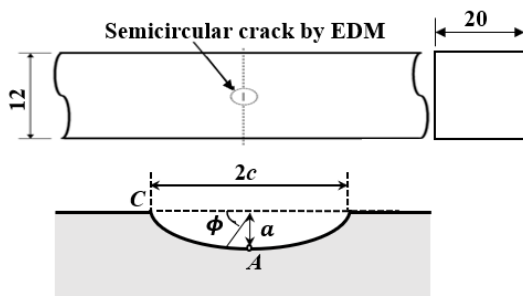
This study investigated high-strength steel DNV F690, which is used in offshore structures. Table 1 describes the chemical composition of DNV F690 and Table 2 lists its mechanical properties. As shown in Fig. 1, the model specimen has a plate width  $2W = 12$  mm and a thickness  $t = 20$  mm; a four-point bending fatigue stress with a

**Table 1** Chemical compositions of DNV F690 (wt.%)

C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	Al	Cu	Nb	V	Ti
0.18	0.46	1.6	0.025	0.025	0.18	0.36	0.05	0.045	0.28	0.038	0.03	0.02

**Table 2** Mechanical properties of DNV F690

Yield strength (MPa)	Tensile strength (MPa)	Elongation (%)
851	876	15.2

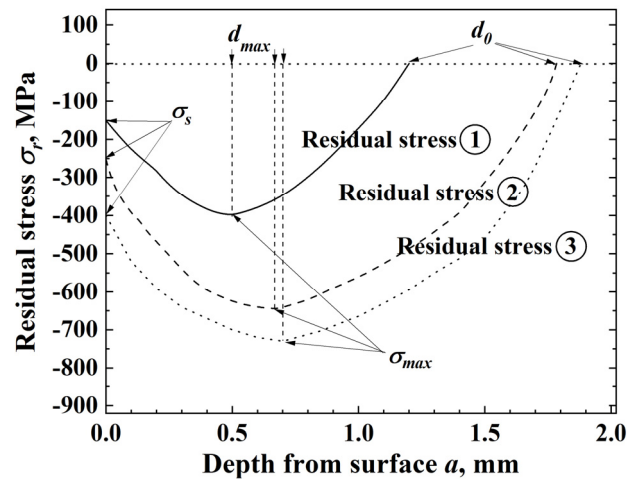


**Fig. 1** Schematic of a finite plate containing a semicircular crack

stress ratio  $R = 0.1$  is applied, as in a previous study (Kim et al., 2021). A semicircular crack with a surface crack length ( $2c$ ) and depth ( $a$ ) exists at the center of the specimen. We assumed four crack aspect ratios ( $As = a/c$ ): 1.0, 0.6, 0.3, and 0.1.

### 2.2 Residual Stress Distribution

Three types of compressive residual stress ①, ②, and ③ induced by NP were assumed in order to evaluate their effect on  $a_{hlm}$ , as shown in Fig. 2. Residual stress ② was obtained in an experiment (Kim et al., 2021). Residual stress ① was the surface compressive residual stress of residual stress ② + 100 MPa, and residual stress ③ was the surface compressive residual stress of residual stress ② - 150 MPa. In the figure,  $\sigma_s$  is the compressive residual stress of the surface,  $\sigma_{max}$  is the maximum compressive residual stress,  $d_{max}$  is the depth at which the maximum compressive residual stress is observed, and  $d_0$  is the point where the compressive residual stress is 0. Table 3 summarizes these values. The fatigue limit of the smooth specimen was 740 MPa and that of the NP smooth specimen was 750 MPa (Kim et al., 2021).  $\Delta K_{th(t)}$  of the smooth specimen obtained experimentally was  $6.5 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ , but we assumed three values (3, 5, and  $7 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ) to evaluate the effect of  $\Delta K_{th(t)}$ . In general,  $\Delta K_{th(t)}$  is related to the hardness of a material, and as the hardness increases,  $\Delta K_{th(t)}$  decreases. In this study, considering that the hardness of F690 varies depending on the heat treatment applied, we selected the three values of  $\Delta K_{th(t)}$ . The fatigue limit of the NP smooth specimen depends on the residual stress distribution and  $\Delta K_{th(t)}$ , but we assumed that the fatigue limit of the NP smooth specimens was identical to evaluate the dependence of  $a_{hlm}$  on the residual stress distribution and  $\Delta K_{th(t)}$ .



**Fig. 2** Three types of residual stresses considered in this study

**Table 3** Parameters of considered residual stresses

	$\sigma_s$ (MPa)	$\sigma_{max}$ (MPa)	$d_{max}$ (mm)	$d_0$ (mm)
RS1	-150	-400	0.5	1.2
RS2	-250	-647	0.676	1.784
RS3	-400	-731	0.697	2.150

### 2.3 Evaluation Method

In this study, we used Eq. (1), which was originally proposed by Ando et al. (Ando et al., 2019). This equation describes the dependence of the threshold stress intensity factor range ( $\Delta K_{th}$ ) on crack length when an existing crack in an infinite plate propagates under fatigue stress.

$$\Delta K_{th} = 2\beta\Delta\sigma_w \sqrt{\frac{a}{\pi}} \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\pi}{8\beta^2 a} \left( \frac{\Delta K_{th}(t)}{\Delta\sigma_w} \right)^2 + 1 \right\}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$\beta = \frac{H\left(\frac{a}{t}, \frac{a}{c}, \frac{c}{b}, \phi\right) F\left(\frac{a}{t}, \frac{a}{c}, \frac{c}{b}, \phi\right)}{\sqrt{Q\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)}}$$

where  $a$  is the crack length,  $\Delta K_{th}(t)$  is the threshold stress intensity factor range for large cracks,  $\Delta\sigma_w$  is the fatigue limit of the non-peened smooth specimen,  $\beta$  is a function of  $\phi$  in Fig. 1 and a shape factor obtained by the Newman-Raju equation (Newman and Raju, 1981). In contrast, the fatigue limit of the cracked specimen ( $\Delta\sigma_{wc}$ ) can be evaluated using Eq. (2).

$$\Delta K_{th} = \Delta\sigma_{wc} \sqrt{\pi a} \quad (2)$$

Eqs. (1)–(2) are used to determine  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta\sigma_{wc}$  for the deepest part of the crack (point A) in the cracked specimen to which bending stress is applied. To determine these values on the outermost surface (point C),  $a$  can be replaced with  $c$  in Eqs. (1) and (2).

We evaluated the crack depths corresponding to fatigue limit reduction rates of 25% and 50% in the smooth specimens. These crack depths are denoted by  $a_{25}$  and  $a_{50}$ . In our evaluation, the safety factor ( $SF$ ) for the fatigue limit was set to 2.0, as suggested in the standard established by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). As  $a_{25}$  decreases till  $SF$  reaches 1.5, these cracks can always be detected via nondestructive inspection. Furthermore, in the case of  $SF=2.0$ , the maximum crack depth that can exist after a certain period is  $a_{50}$ . Therefore, if there are no internal defects, surface crack nondamaging technology can ensure the safety of the cracks of  $a_{50}$  by peening.

$a_{25}$  and  $a_{50}$  were evaluated using Eq. (3):

$$\Delta K_{ap} = \Delta K_{th(s)} \quad (3)$$

where  $\Delta K_{ap}$  is the stress intensity factor based on bending stress; it can be calculated using the Newman-Raju equation (Newman and Raju, 1981). In other words,  $\Delta K_{ap}$  is a stress intensity factor obtained by considering a 25% and 50% lower stress than the fatigue limit of the smooth specimen. In this case,  $\Delta K_{ap}$  was evaluated at points A and C in Fig. 1, and a small crack size was used.

In contrast, the stress intensity factor of the NP specimen was evaluated using Eq. (4):

$$\Delta K_{Tr} = \Delta K_{ap} + K_r \quad (4)$$

where the stress intensity factor  $K_r$  based on the compressive residual stress was calculated using a stress intensity factor evaluation equation for surface cracks, considering the stress distribution shown in a four-order polynomial provided by API-RP579 (API, 2000). The stress intensity factor of a semi-circular crack existing in a plate is represented by Eq. (5):

$$K_r = \left[ G_0\sigma_0 + G_1\sigma_1\left(\frac{a}{t}\right) + G_2\sigma_2\left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^2 + G_3\sigma_3\left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^3 + G_4\sigma_4\left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^4 \right] \sqrt{\frac{\pi a}{Q}} f_w \quad (5)$$

$$Q = 1.0 + 1.464\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^{1.65}$$

$$f_w = \left\{ \sec\left(\frac{\pi c}{2W} \sqrt{\frac{a}{t}}\right) \right\}^{0.5}$$

where  $G_0$ – $G_4$  are the shape correction factors of the stress intensity factor determined by API-RP579.  $a$  and  $c$  represent the depth and surface length of the semi-circular crack, respectively.  $W$  and  $t$  are the width and thickness of the plate, respectively.  $\sigma_0$ – $\sigma_4$  are the factors obtained from the fourth-order polynomial approximation of the residual stress distribution.

$$\sigma(x) = \sigma_0 + \sigma_1\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) + \sigma_2\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)^2 + \sigma_3\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)^3 + \sigma_4\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)^4 \quad (6)$$

where  $x$  is the distance along the depth direction from the surface to the crack. In this study, the fourth-order polynomial approximation was used for the three types of compressive residual stress distributions shown in Fig. 2 to evaluate  $K_r$ . Table 4 lists the factors  $\sigma_0$ – $\sigma_4$  obtained from the fourth-order polynomial approximation of residual stress distribution.

**Table 4** Factors obtained from fourth-order polynomial of residual stress distribution

	$\sigma_4$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_0$
RS1	-8.46E+07	8.56E+06	1.03E+05	-1.64E+04	-1.48E+02
RS2	-1.75E+07	-8.74E+05	4.82E+05	-2.56E+04	-2.69E+02
RS3	2.89E+07	-6.04E+06	5.98E+05	-2.36E+04	-4.05E+02

Eq. (7) expresses the determining condition of  $a_{hlm}$  of the NP specimen:

$$\Delta K_{Tr} = \Delta K_{th(s)} \quad (7)$$

Eq. (7) was reviewed at points A and C, in Fig. 1, and a small crack size was determined with  $a_{hlm}$ .

The detection probability of a semi-circular fatigue crack was studied by Rummel et al. (1974). They reported that the ultrasonic

detection method showed the best detection probability of fatigue cracks. According to them, cracks with a 100% detection probability in the optimal conditions of the laboratory using this method had  $2c = 12$  mm and  $a = 4$  mm. Moreover, cracks with a 50% detection probability had  $2c = 1.2$  mm and  $a = 0.26$  mm. The minimum crack dimensions were  $c = a = 0.17$  mm. Recently, other researchers detected stress corrosion cracking with a depth ( $a$ ) of 0.4 mm (Ochiai et al., 2006); however, since they did not mention the length, it was assumed to be a semi-circular crack. In this study, based on the above literature, we assumed that the ultrasonic detection method can sufficiently detect a semi-circular crack of  $2c = 0.6$  mm and  $a = 0.3$  mm. Among ultrasonic testing methods, the echo reflection method's echo intensity depends on the crack area. The area ( $S$ ) of a semi-circular crack can be represented by Eq. (8):

$$S = \pi ac/2 \tag{8}$$

In other words, if the area of a semi-circular crack ( $S$ ) is the same, even if the crack aspect ratio ( $As$ ) changes, the crack detection probability remains the same. Therefore, if the area of a semi-circular crack of  $2c = 0.6$  mm and  $a = 0.3$  mm is  $S_{NDI}$ , then the relationship between the maximum crack size  $a_{NDI}$  that can be detected from  $S_{NDI}$  and  $As$  can be expressed by Eq. (9):

$$S_{NDI} = \pi a_{NDI}^2 / 2As \tag{9}$$

### 3. Results and Discussion

Fig. 3 shows the crack depth ( $a$ ) dependence of  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta K_{Tr}$  for residual stresses ①, ②, and ③ in the case of  $As = 1.0$ . Fig. 3(a) shows the results at point A, and Fig. 3(b) shows the results at point C. Eq. (7) expresses the condition for determining the maximum harmless crack dimensions using NP, and the small crack dimensions of point A and point C are selected. These crack dimensions are marked with ●. In the case of  $As = 1.0$ ,  $a_{hlm}$  values of residual stresses ①, ②, and ③ were determined at point C for all  $\Delta K_{th(i)}$ .

Fig. 4 shows the crack depth ( $a$ ) dependence of  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta K_{Tr}$  for residual stresses ①, ②, and ③ in the case of  $As = 0.6$ . Fig. 4(a) shows the results at point A, and Fig. 4(b) shows the results at point C. In this case also, the crack dimensions that determine the maximum harmless crack dimensions are marked with ●. In the case of  $As = 0.6$ ,  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ① was determined at point A for all  $\Delta K_{th(i)}$ . While  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ② was determined at point A in the cases of  $\Delta K_{th(i)} = 3 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  and  $\Delta K_{th(i)} = 5 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ , it was determined at point C in the case of . In contrast, of residual stress ③ was determined at point A in the case of  $\Delta K_{th(i)} = 3 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  and at point C in the cases of

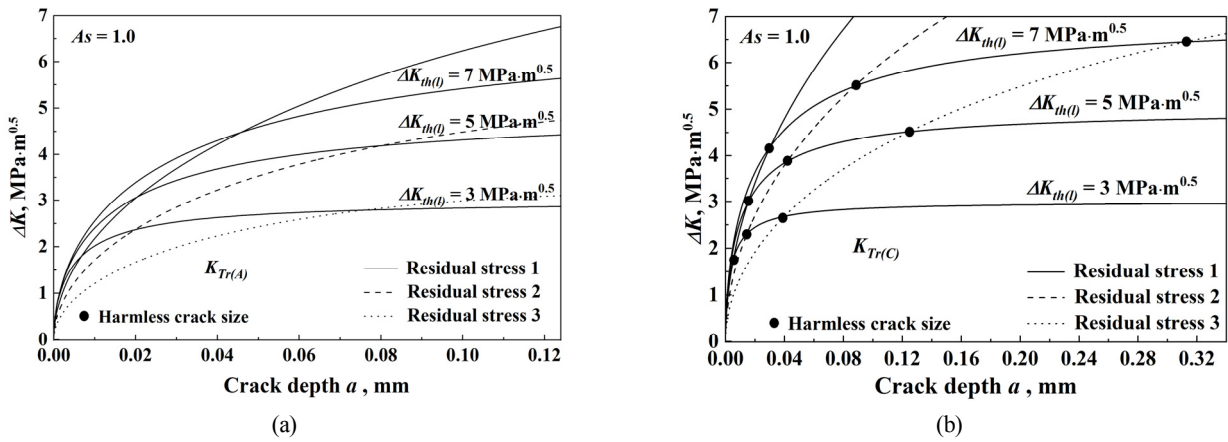


Fig. 3 Crack depth dependence of  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta K_{Tr}$  at (a) point A and (b) point C in the case of  $As = 1.0$

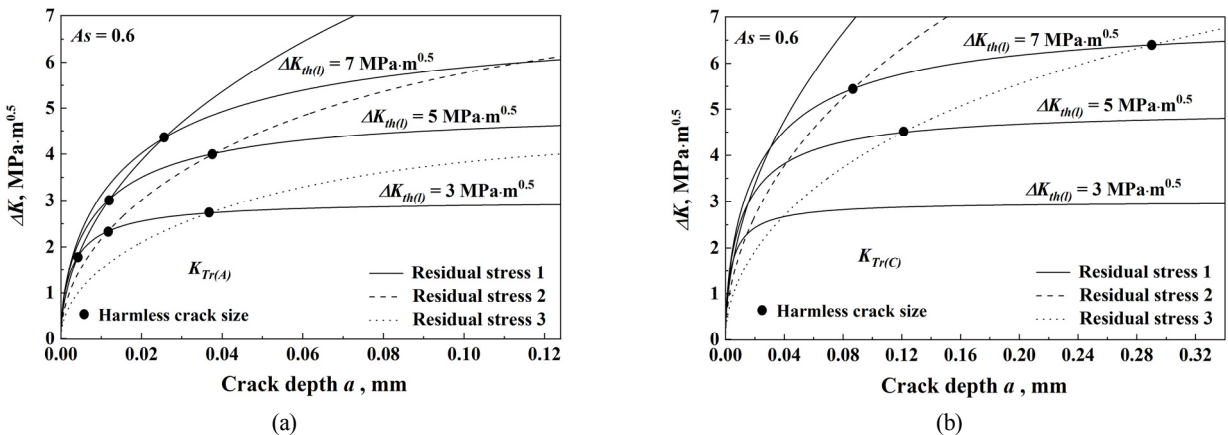


Fig. 4 Crack depth dependence of  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta K_{Tr}$  at (a) point A and (b) point C in the case of  $As = 0.6$

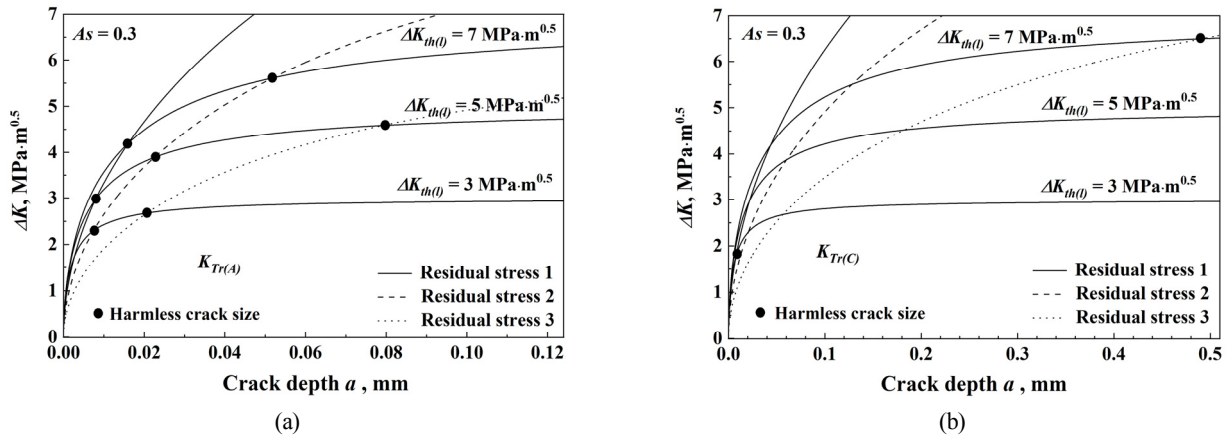


Fig. 5 Crack depth dependence of  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta K_{Tr}$  at (a) point A and (b) point C in the case of  $A_s = 0.3$

$$\Delta K_{th(l)} = 5 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}} \text{ and } \Delta K_{th(l)} = 7 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}.$$

Fig. 5 shows the crack depth ( $a$ ) dependence of  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta K_{Tr}$  in the case of  $A_s = 0.3$  for residual stresses ①, ②, and ③. Fig. 5(a) shows the results at point A, Fig. 5(b) shows the results at point C. In this case also, the crack dimensions that determine the maximum harmless crack dimensions are marked with ●. In the case of  $A_s = 0.3$ , of residual stress ① was determined at point A when  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 5 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  and  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 7 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ , but it was determined at point C when  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 3 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ .  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ② was determined at point A for all  $\Delta K_{th(l)}$ . In contrast,  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ③ was determined at point A when  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 3 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  and  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 5 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  and at point C when  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 7 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ .

Fig. 6 shows the crack depth ( $a$ ) dependence of  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta K_{Tr}$  in the case of  $A_s = 0.1$  for residual stresses ①, ②, and ③. Fig. 6(a) shows the results at point A, and Fig. 6(b) shows the results at point C. In this case also, the crack dimensions that determine the maximum harmless crack dimensions are marked with ●. In the case of  $A_s = 0.1$ ,  $a_{hlm}$  values of residual stresses ① and ② were determined at point A for all  $\Delta K_{th(l)}$ . However,  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ③ was determined at point A in the cases of  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 3 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  and  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 5 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  and at point C in the case of  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 7 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ .

The surface crack nondamaging technology using NP is employed

to ensure safety of structures. Fig. 7 shows the crack aspect ratio dependence of  $a_{hlm}$  when using NP. In Figs. 7(a), 7(b), and 7(c),  $\Delta K_{th(l)}$  values are 3, 5, and  $7 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ , respectively.  $a_{hlm}$  was larger when the residual stress distribution was larger and deeper, indicating that  $a_{hlm}$  was considerably affected by the residual stress distribution. Furthermore,  $A_s$  and  $\Delta K_{th(l)}$  increased,  $a_{hlm}$  increased.

Fig. 7 shows the crack depths corresponding to fatigue limit reduction rates of 25 % and 50% ( $a_{25}$ ,  $a_{50}$ ) in the non-NP specimens. The crack depth showed a decreasing tendency  $A_s$  decreased. Furthermore, the figure shows the relationship between  $a_{NDI}$  and  $A_s$ , which was evaluated using Eq. (9).

In Fig. 7(a), since  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ① is below  $a_{50}$ , it cannot be rendered harmless. Since  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ② is below  $a_{50}$ , it can not be rendered harmless; however, since it is above  $a_{25}$ , it can be rendered harmless. Meanwhile, since  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ③ is above  $a_{50}$ , it can be rendered harmless. Based on this, residual stress ③ can ensure the safety of structures that use this material via the surface crack nondamaging technology. In contrast, the crack detection ability (◆) determined by the above-assumed non-destructive inspection is above  $a_{50}$ . Therefore, it is difficult to detect cracks of  $a_{50}$  by using this non-destructive inspection, and it is necessary to apply a more sensitive non-destructive inspection technique.

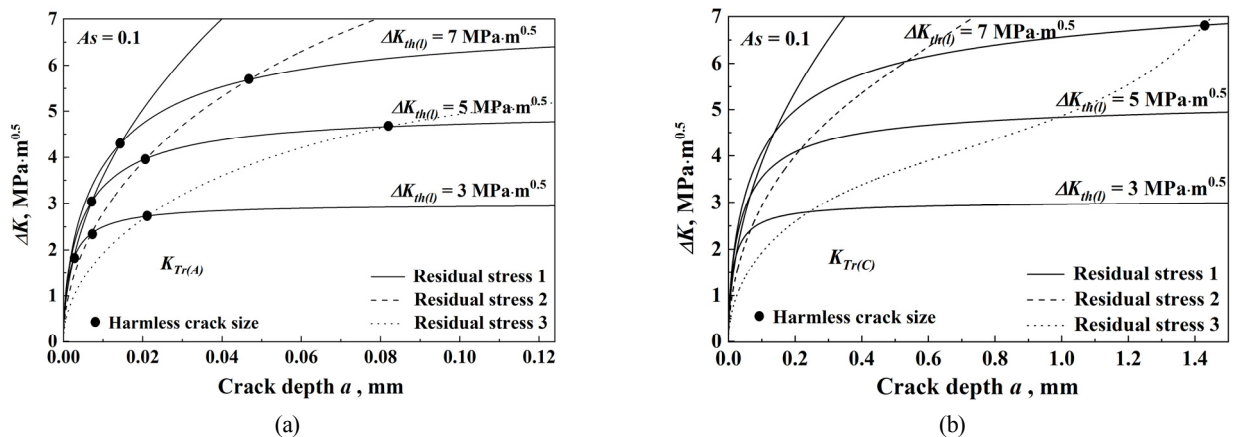
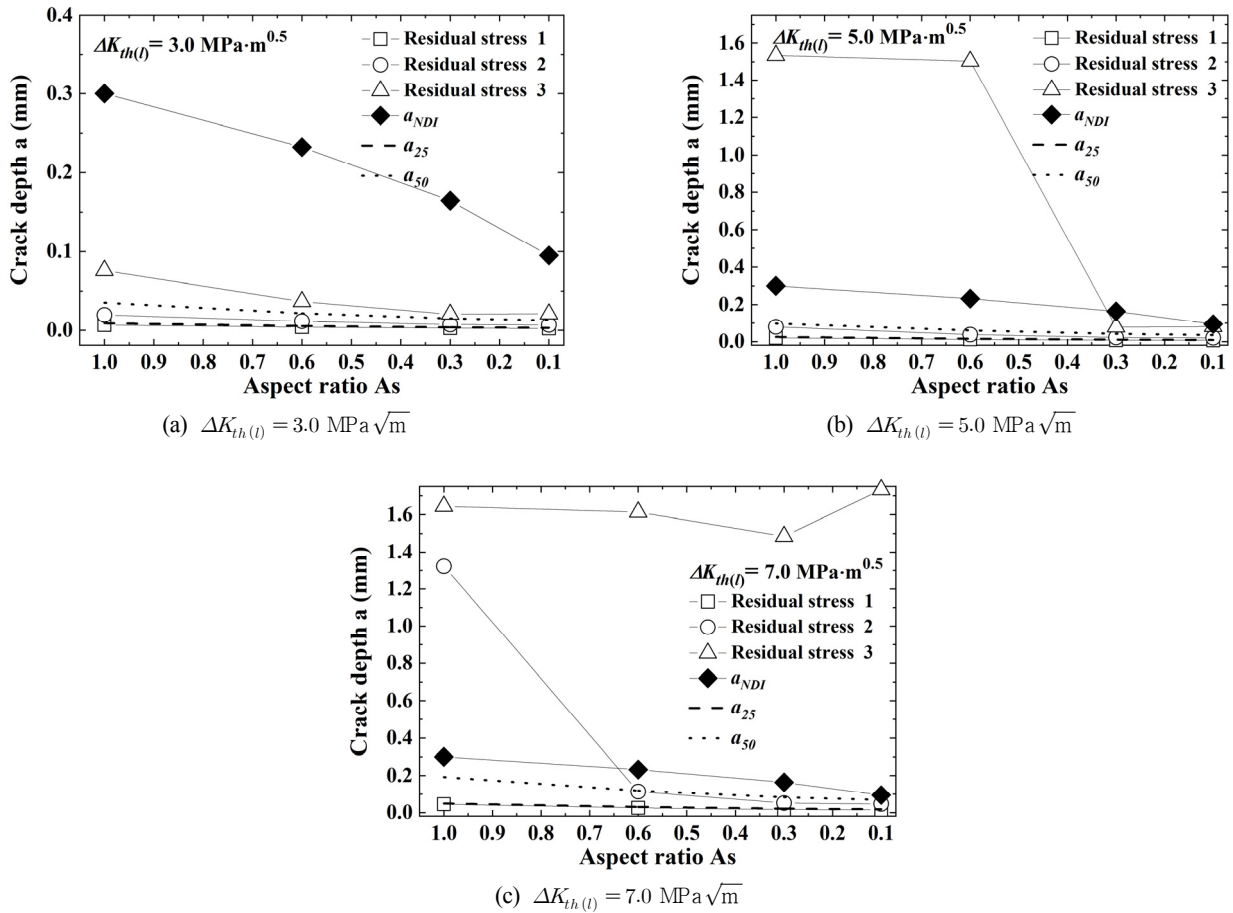


Fig. 6 Crack depth dependence of  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $\Delta K_{Tr}$  at (a) point A and (b) point C in the case of  $A_s = 0.1$ .



**Fig. 7** Effect of  $As$  on the rendered harmless crack depth ( $a_{hlm}$ ),  $a_{25}$  and  $a_{50}$

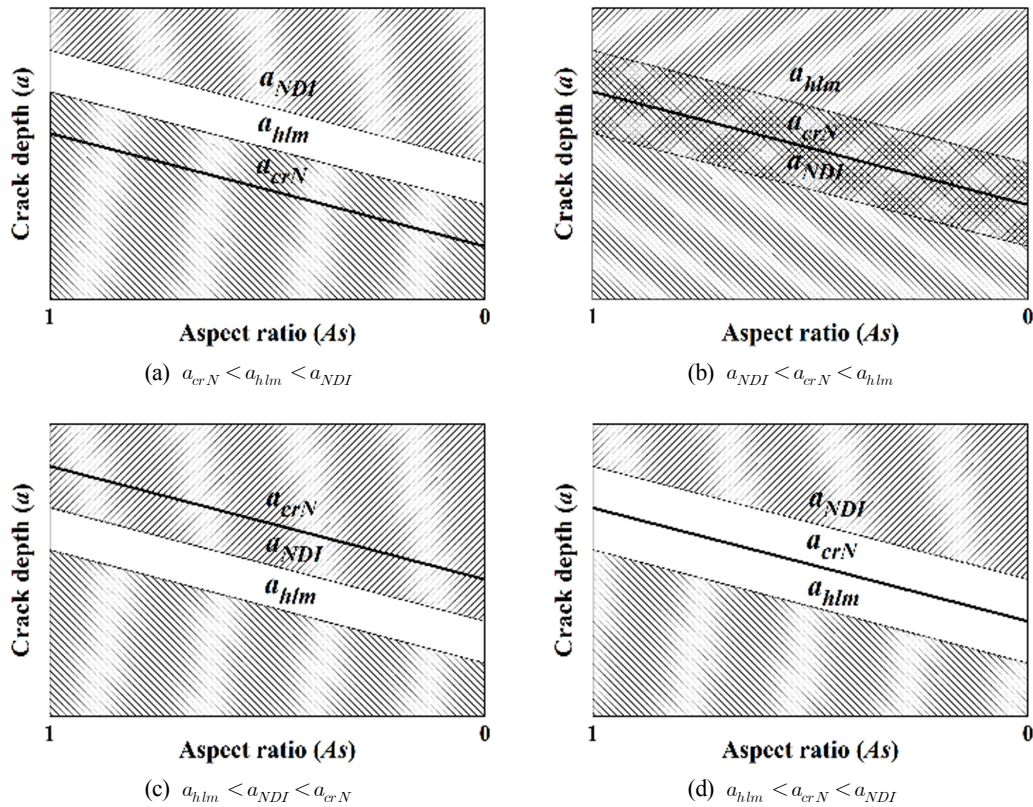
In Fig. 7(b), since  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ① is below  $a_{25}$ , it can not be rendered harmless. Since  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ② is above  $a_{25}$ , it can be rendered harmless. However, since it is below  $a_{50}$ , it cannot be rendered harmless.  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ③ can be rendered harmless since it is above  $a_{50}$ . Based on this, residual stress ③, determined using the surface crack nondamaging technology, can ensure the safety of structures that use this material. In contrast, the crack detection ability (◆) determined by the above-assumed non-destructive inspection is above  $a_{50}$ . Therefore, it is difficult to detect cracks of  $a_{50}$  by using this non-destructive inspection, and it is necessary to apply a more sensitive non-destructive inspection technique.

In Fig. 7(c), since  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ① is below  $a_{25}$ , it cannot be rendered harmless. Furthermore, since  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ② is above  $a_{25}$ , it can be rendered harmless; however, since it is below  $a_{50}$  except for  $a_{hlm}$  of  $As = 1.0$ , it cannot be rendered harmless.  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ③ can be rendered harmless since it is above  $a_{50}$ . Based on this, residual stress ③ can ensure the safety of structures that use this material via the surface crack nondamaging technology. In contrast, the crack detection ability (◆) determined by the above-assumed non-destructive inspection is above  $a_{50}$ . Therefore, it is difficult to detect cracks of  $a_{50}$  by using this non-destructive inspection, and it is necessary to apply a more sensitive non-destructive inspection technique.

Based on this, residual stress ①, determined by the surface crack nondamaging technology, cannot ensure the safety of structures that use this material; however, residual stress ② with  $As = 1.0$  and residual stress ③ can ensure the safety of structures. In contrast, since the crack detection ability (◆) determined by the non-destructive inspection assumed for residual stresses ② and ③ is above  $a_{50}$ , this non-destructive inspection cannot detect cracks of  $a_{50}$ .

In Fig. 8, examination results of the maintenance and reliability of fatigue failure using non-destructive inspection and surface crack nondamaging technology (Nam et al., 2021) are shown. The schematic diagrams in Figs. 8(a)–8(d) show  $a_{hlm}$  and  $a_{NDI}$  determined when using NP and the relationship between the crack depth ( $a_{cr,N}$ ), which reduces the fatigue limit to  $1/N$ , and the crack aspect ratio ( $As$ ) when the safety factor is  $N$ . In Fig. 8(a), the condition is  $a_{cr,N} < a_{hlm} < a_{NDI}$ . Under this condition, the surface crack nondamaging technology can facilitate appropriate maintenance, but the non-destructive inspection cannot facilitate appropriate maintenance. In Fig. 8(b), the condition is  $a_{NDI} < a_{cr,N} < a_{hlm}$ . Under this condition, both non-destructive inspection and the surface crack nondamaging technology can facilitate appropriate maintenance. If NP is performed after non-destructive inspection to ensure complete safety, it can contribute greatly to the shortening of the periodic inspection period because it is required to detect only cracks that are deeper than the crack depth





**Fig. 8** Schematic diagram of the application of surface crack nondamaging techniques and nondestructive inspection to material integrity

corresponding to  $a_{hlm}$ . In Fig. 8(c), the condition is  $a_{hlm} < a_{NDI} < a_{crN}$ . Under this condition, non-destructive inspection alone can facilitate appropriate maintenance, and the surface crack nondamaging technology cannot facilitate appropriate maintenance. In Fig. 8(d), the condition is  $a_{hlm} < a_{crN} < a_{NDI}$ . Under this condition, since  $a_{crN}$  is very small, it pertains to structural ceramics, and appropriate maintenance is impossible with non-destructive inspection and the surface crack nondamaging technology. However, peening forms significant residual stress in structural ceramics. Quality assurance can be provided for cracks caused by peening after self-healing.

#### 4. Conclusion

In the case of varying  $\Delta K_{th(l)}$  and three types of residual stresses of offshore structural high-strength steel F690, we evaluated  $As$  dependence of  $\Delta K_{th(l)}$  and  $As$  dependence of crack depths ( $a_{25}$  and  $a_{50}$ ) corresponding to fatigue limit reduction rates of 25 % and 50% in Non-NP specimens. Furthermore, in the case where the fatigue crack surface is the same irrespective of  $As$ , we evaluated the  $As$  dependence of  $a_{NDI}$  using high-performance non-destructive inspection. Based on the results, we examined how the surface crack nondamaging technology will contribute to the longevity of F690 and the reliability of maintenance. The conclusions drawn are as follows.

- (1)  $a_{hlm}$  was larger when the residual stress distribution was larger and deeper, indicating that  $a_{hlm}$  was considerably affected by the residual stress distribution. Furthermore, as  $As$  and  $\Delta K_{th(l)}$

increased,  $a_{hlm}$  increased.

- (2) At  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 3, 5, \text{ and } 7 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ,  $a_{hlm}$  of residual stress ③ is above  $a_{50}$ , and at  $\Delta K_{th(l)} = 7 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  in the case of residual stress ②,  $a_{hlm}$  of  $As = 1.0$  is above  $a_{50}$ . Therefore, in the case of  $N = 2.0$ , the safety and reliability of F690 used for a long time can be ensured when using NP.
- (3) Since the crack detection ability (◆) determined by the assumed non-destructive inspection cannot detect  $a_{50}$  at residual stresses ①, ②, and ③, it is necessary to apply a more sensitive non-destructive inspection technique.
- (4) With the relationship of  $a_{hlm}$ ,  $a_{NDI}$ , and  $a_{crN}$  with  $As$ , we examined the usefulness of non-destructive inspection and the crack nondamaging technology.

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# Prediction of Significant Wave Height in Korea Strait Using Machine Learning

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**ABSTRACT:** The prediction of wave conditions is crucial in the field of marine and ocean engineering. Hence, this study aims to predict the significant wave height through machine learning (ML), a soft computing method. The adopted metocean data, collected from 2012 to 2020, were obtained from the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology. We adopted the feedforward neural network (FNN) and long-short term memory (LSTM) models to predict significant wave height. Input parameters for the input layer were selected by Pearson correlation coefficients. To obtain the optimized hyperparameter, we conducted a sensitivity study on the window size, node, layer, and activation function. Finally, the significant wave height was predicted using the FNN and LSTM models, by varying the three input parameters and three window sizes. Accordingly, FNN (W48) (i.e., FNN with window size 48) and LSTM (W48) (i.e., LSTM with window size 48) were superior outcomes. The most suitable model for predicting the significant wave height was FNN(W48) owing to its accuracy and calculation time. If the metocean data were further accumulated, the accuracy of the ML model would have improved, and it will be beneficial to predict added resistance by waves when conducting a sea trial test.

## 1. Introduction

Metocean data are essential in the marine industry, such as in the transportation, installation, operation, and survival of offshore structures. They are also adopted to determine the departure time and route of merchant vessels, as well as new renewable energy development projects, and offshore constructions. Shipboard measurements began in 1854 for time-series observations of wind speed and wave height, while marine buoy was introduced in the 1970s for metocean observations. Owing to the emergence of marine observation satellites in the late 1970s, elucidating the phenomena of wind and waves became possible, and approximately 30 years of data covering the entire globe were collected with the steady development of technologies (Meucci et al., 2020). These accumulated measurement data have been harnessed to generate the re-analysis and hindcast data calculated via energy balance equations for wind and waves, including several ocean wave models and mathematical techniques (e.g., the differential equation of wave energy). Furthermore, owing to the consistent advancement of numerical models, predicting metocean

conditions worldwide has become possible.

The European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are well-known agencies that provide metocean predictions. In addition, the statistical analysis of metocean data enables the prediction of extreme values in extensive return periods (e.g., 10, 20, and 100 years) for the operation and survival of merchant vessels and offshore structures during their life cycle (Park et al., 2020). However, terrain and sea surface wind are required as input conditions when numerical wave models are used. Furthermore, temporal and spatial changes in waves are estimated according to the laws of physics; hence, they do not have a sufficient level of precision to replace the observed data. To address these issues, a study was conducted to estimate wave height through machine learning (ML; Kumar et al., 2018).

Conventionally, to enable computers solve a specific problem, humans digitize (e.g., define functions and assign boundary conditions) this problem using mathematical and statistical techniques. Conversely, using ML, humans provide the machine with information related to the problem they attempt to solve, and the machine learns

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and decipher the rules for the solution to the problem. That is, ML is a data-driven modeling technology that enables machines to grasp the relationship between the input and output by learning by itself, without adopting any specific mathematical forms to solve the problem. From 1940 to 1950, scientists from various fields began the discussion on the possibility of an artificial brain. However, it was not until 1956 that the term artificial intelligence (AI) was officially used. Afterward, this technology passed through a period of technological renaissance, followed by a period of stagnation. Currently, it is called machine learning, artificial neural network (ANN), or deep learning and is currently being incorporated into various academic and industrial fields. With the enhancements in big data technology and computer performance, ML is expected to continue expanding into other fields at an increasing rate (Haenlein and Kaplan, 2019). LeCun et al. (2015) introduced conventional ML models, such as feedforward neural network (FNN), convolutional neural network (CNN), recurrent neural network (RNN), and long-short term memory (LSTM). They also mentioned that these ML models can be applied in areas ranging from simple regression problems to image and voice recognition, language processing, and the medical industry. Moreover, studies have been conducted to detect oil spills using FNN (Kim and Kim, 2017) and to predict the path of a typhoon (Kim et al., 2019), as well as the volume of goods transported using LSTM (Kim and Lee, 2020).

Jain and Deo (2006) presented previous studies that have utilized FNN in the field of ocean engineering. These studies include metocean (e.g., wave height, wave period, wind speed, and tidal level) predictions, as well as predictions of environmental forces acting on marine structures, damage to offshore structures, ship motions, and hull design. Among them, research that utilizes FNN to predict marine weather at a single location is being actively conducted. Moreover, a study was conducted on predicting wave variables (i.e., significant wave height and wave period) in the near future, using the past wave data measured using a buoy (Deo and Naidu, 1998; Makarynsky, 2004). A study was also performed on predicting wave variables using FNN (Mandal and Prabakaran, 2006). Furthermore, research was conducted to predict wave variables via FNN, using previously collected wind data (e.g., wind speed and wind direction) at a single location (Deo et al., 2001; Kim, 2020). Malekmohamadi et al. (2011) predicted significant wave heights using various soft computing methods (support vector machines (SVMs), Bayesian networks (BNs), and adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS)), including FNN. In addition, they demonstrated that FNN produces better results than other models. To improve the accuracy of wave prediction, a hybrid-type model known as an empirical orthogonal function (EOF)-wavelet-neural network, which incorporated the ML model into the conventional statistical method, was proposed (Oh and Suh, 2018). Furthermore, a convolutional long short-term memory (ConvLSTM) model was developed by combining CNN and LSTM models, and the ConvLSTM model was proposed to solve the problem with the prediction of sea surface temperature (Jung et al., 2020). However, to perform ML for metocean predictions, it remains impossible for

machines to handle the entire process unassisted. The input data for solving problems, selection of a suitable ML model, and tuning of hyperparameters are crucial in ML. However, human intervention is still required in this process, and it takes a significant amount of trial and error to create a ML model that can make excellent metocean predictions.

This paper proposes a ML model that predicts significant wave heights using the metocean data obtained from an oceanographic buoy at the Korea Strait, which was provided by the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST). The types and number of input data were classified into three cases by considering the Pearson correlation coefficient of the collected metocean data. The FNN and LSTM models that have incorporated the concept of window size were adopted as the ML model. The numbers of nodes and layers, including the activation functions for the hidden layer, were varied to derive the combination of hyperparameters that minimize the mean absolute error (MAE) between the predicted and measured values for the validation set. An ML model that predicts significant wave heights using the input variables, as well as the selected hyperparameters and their characteristics, were regarded as the outcome of this study.

## 2. Collection of Metocean Data and Statistical Analysis

The metocean data were collected from the Korea Strait oceanographic buoy provided by KIOST. The Korea Strait is one of the representative sea areas where sea trials are conducted on domestically built vessels before delivery. Fig. 1 illustrates the location of the Korea Strait oceanographic buoy. Its latitude and longitude are  $34^{\circ}55' 0''$  N and  $129^{\circ}07' 16''$  E, respectively. The Korea Strait oceanographic buoy commenced observations in September 2012 and has been in operation since then. The data adopted in this study span a total period of 9 years (from 2012 to 2020). The collected data comprise 13 categories and is organized in intervals of 30 min. These categories include surface current speed,



**Fig. 1** Location of Korea Strait oceanographic buoy (Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST), 2021)

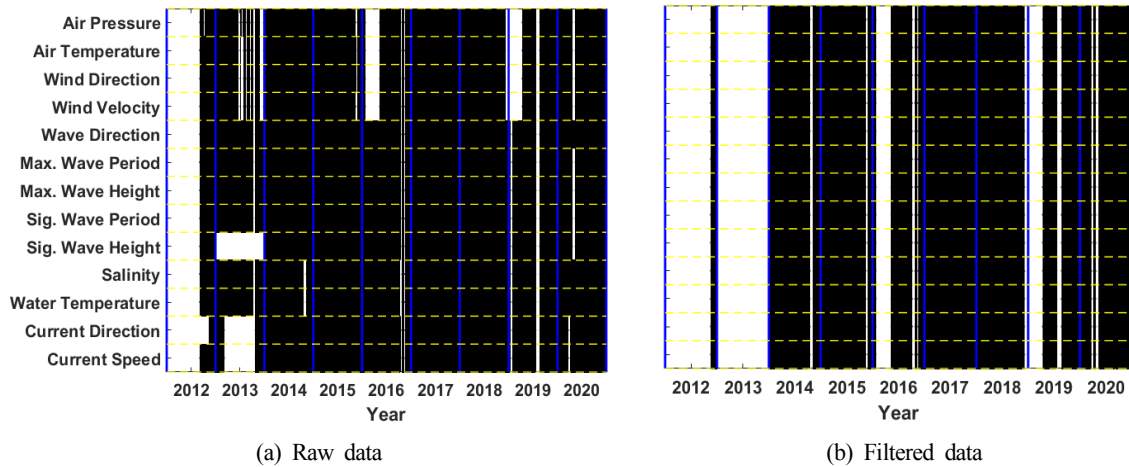


Fig. 2 Metocean data (2012–2020) of Korea Strait oceanographic buoy

Table 1 Data availability of metocean data of Korea Strait oceanographic buoy

Year	No. of raw data	No. of outlier data ('NaN', '-', '0', '99.99')	No. of filtered data	Data availability (%)
2012	17,568	15,413	2,155	12.3
2013	17,520	17,520	0	0.0
2014	17,520	1,842	15,678	89.5
2015	17,520	2,536	14,984	85.5
2016	17,568	7,718	9,850	56.1
2017	17,521	1,061	16,460	93.9
2018	17,520	1,572	15,948	91.0
2019	17,520	7,304	10,216	58.3
2020	17,568	3,982	13,586	77.3
Total	157,825	58,948	98,877	-

surface current direction, water temperature, salinity, significant wave height, significant wave period, maximum wave height, maximum wave period, wave direction, wind speed, wind direction, air temperature, and air pressure. For the raw data, approximately 17,500 data sets are measured and stored each year on average, and the total number of data sets over the 9-year period is 157,825. There were outliers in the raw data because of the malfunction of the measuring equipment and facility repairs, owing to bad weather conditions. For time period that contain outliers ('NaN', '-', '0', '99.99'), all

environment variables, including the time period, were discarded from the dataset. Fig. 2 and Table 1 present the number of data for each year for the raw and filtered data from where the outliers have been eliminated. The number of filtered data in 2012 and 2013 is significantly low because the buoy commenced its operation in September 2012, and significant wave height and current information were not stored in 2013 owing to an inherent problem with the measuring equipment. Excluding the data for 2012 and 2013, the amount of usable data is approximately 78% of the total data.

Korea Straits		Significant Wave Period (s)														sum		
Range	0sTs<1	1sTs<2	2sTs<3	3sTs<4	4sTs<5	5sTs<6	6sTs<7	7sTs<8	8sTs<9	9sTs<10	10sTs<11	11sTs<12	12sTs<13	13sTs<14	14sTs<15		15sTs<16	16sTs<17
0sHs<1	-	-	252	9,021	19,638	15,634	8,304	3,332	1,151	362	156	42	9	-	1	1	-	57,903
1sHs<2	-	-	-	149	4,430	10,555	8,425	4,529	2,685	1,325	660	166	27	-	-	-	-	32,951
2sHs<3	-	-	-	-	1	326	2,045	1,894	873	482	305	106	38	6	-	-	-	6,076
3sHs<4	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	531	431	208	102	44	9	5	-	-	-	1,388
4sHs<5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	105	82	64	41	-	-	-	-	-	315
5sHs<6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	84	45	30	2	-	-	-	-	170
6sHs<7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	29	7	-	-	-	-	-	49
7sHs<8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	9
8sHs<9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	2	1	-	-	-	12
9sHs<10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
10sHs<11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
11sHs<12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12sHs<13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
13sHs<14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
sum	-	-	252	9,170	24,069	26,516	18,832	10,309	5,254	2,555	1,369	448	88	13	1	1	-	98,877

Fig. 3 Wave scatter diagram

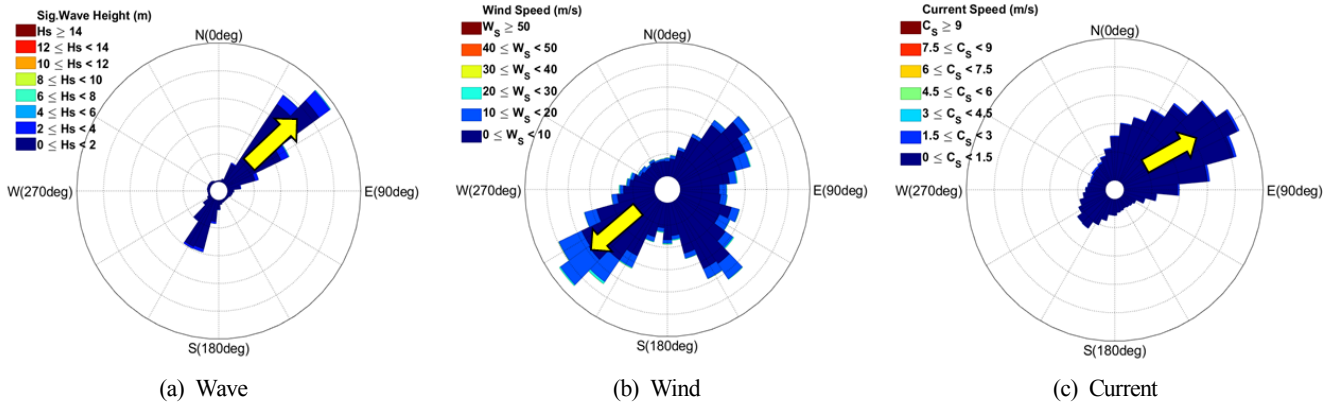


Fig. 4 Rose diagram for wave, wind, and current

The statistical analysis was performed using approximately 98,000 filtered data. Fig. 3 presents the wave scatter diagram(WSD) for the significant wave height and significant wave period, and Fig. 4(a) presents the wave rise with significant wave height and wave direction. In addition, Fig. 4(b) presents the wind rose with the wind speed and wind direction, while Fig. 4(c) illustrates the current rose diagram with the surface current speed and surface current direction.

The WSD presents the frequency of the significant wave height at intervals of 1 m, as well as the frequency of the significant wave period at intervals of 1 s. The wave condition with the most frequency is between 0 m and 1 m for the significant wave height, and between 4 s and 5 s for the significant wave period. The direction the waves, winds, and currents move toward is depicted using a rose diagram and is divided into the east (90°), south (180°), and west (270°), in a clockwise direction from the true north (0°). According to the KIOST, the direction the waves and currents move toward and the direction the wind blows from are defined as the direction of each environmental variable. However, the definition of wind direction was altered to match the definition of wave and current direction and to adopt the

direction as an input variable for the ML model. The most dominant directions of wave, wind, and currents in 16 azimuths are the northeast (NE), southwest (SW), and east-northeast (ENE) directions, respectively. For the wind direction, the frequency of the winds blowing toward the southeast (SE) direction is high as well, and it is presumed to be the effect of the northwest wind, which blows during the winter season in Korea.

In Fig. 5, the remaining categories, water temperature, salinity, air temperature, and air pressure are presented in histograms, which represent probabilities. The histogram for water temperature presents a uniform distribution, mostly between 10 °C and 30 °C, and the salinity histogram exhibits a unimodal probability distribution at approximately 5 psu. Similarly, the histograms for air temperature and air pressure exhibit unimodal probability distributions at approximately 20 °C and 1010 hPa, respectively. In the air temperature case, an unrealistic temperature of approximately -60 °C was intermittently measured. Nevertheless, it is challenging to determine a reasonable threshold that can distinguish outliers in metocean data. However, an advantage of ML is that a small number of outliers do not have a significant effect on

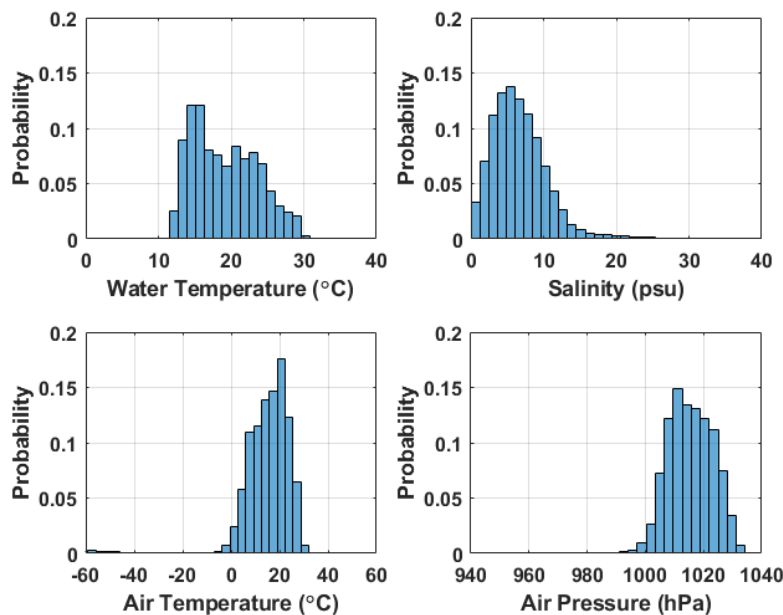


Fig. 5 Probability histogram for water temperature, salinity, air temperature, and air pressure

the ML results (Jain and Deo, 2006). Therefore, the existing small number of outliers for air temperature (2% of the total data) was not discarded. Finally, the maximum wave height and maximum wave period were not adopted as input variables in this study; hence, they are not presented separately.

### 3. Machine Learning (ML) Methodology

The basic structure of an artificial neural network is created by imitating the human brain, which generates an output when a certain threshold is exceeded at a synapse junction between neurons. In this study, FNN and LSTM were adopted as the ML models. FNN is the simplest ML model that comprises input, hidden, and output layers, and LSTM exhibits an excellent performance in time-series learning. The first FNN layer is an input layer, and the number of nodes in the input layer is set to match the number of input variables. The final layer is the output layer, and it has the same number of nodes as the number of predictor variables. The layers between the input and output layers are called hidden layers, and the product of the input variables and weights are calculated using the arithmetic operation of the activation function. As the number of hidden layers increases, the neural network is called the multi-layer FNN or deep learning.

Datasets are generally classified into a training and a test sets or training, validation, and test sets for machine learning. Recently, the rectified linear unit (ReLU), sigmoid, and hyperbolic tangent (Tanh) functions have been widely adopted as the activation function of hidden layers (LeCun et al., 2015). A linear function is used as the

activation function for the output layer when there is no limit on the output value range. The result obtained from the arithmetic operations of the activation function in the output layer is the predicted value, and this value is compared with the measured value. The mean squared error (MSE) or the MAE is often adopted as the error function for this process. ML updates the weights and bias to minimize the error between the predicted and measured values. This process can be performed using an error backpropagation algorithm in a multi-layer neural network. The error backpropagation algorithm progresses from the output layer to the input layer, and it updates the weights and bias values of each layer of the neural network by using the partial derivatives of the error function. In addition, the error backpropagation algorithm can control the learning speed based on the learning rate. If the learning rate is quite high, the global minima cannot be attained. In contrast, the learning slows down if the learning rate is quite low, and the gradient descent falls into the local minima, which prevents it from reaching the global minima. An advanced gradient descent method known as the Adam optimizer is widely adopted in programming. A previous study adopted the concept of momentum to prevent the gradient descent from falling into the local minima, and this method can quickly and accurately determine the point where the differential gradient is the minimum (Cho, 2020).

LSTM is suitable for time-series data because it is configured with a feedback connection. It was devised to address the vanishing gradient or exploding gradient problem of RNN, which has a multi-layered structure. Hochreiter and Schmidhuber (1997) first developed LSTM by altering the internal nodes of the RNN with a complex structure

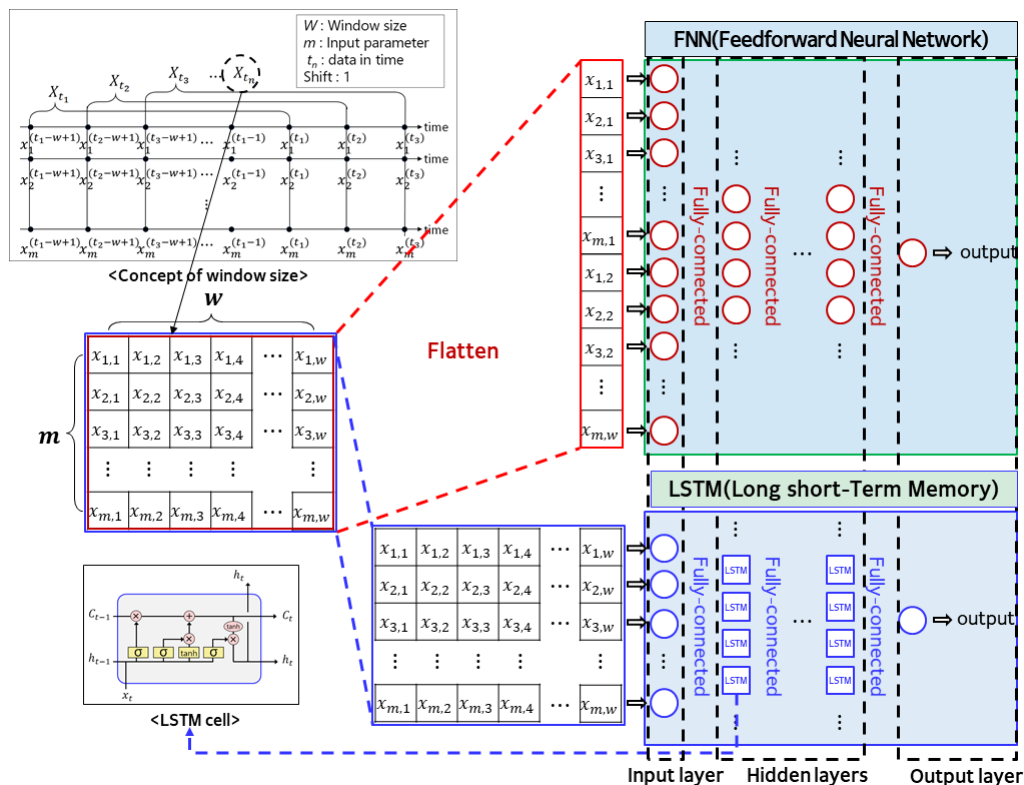


Fig. 6 FNN and LSTM architecture with window size



called a memory cell. It was improved by Gers et al. (1999), and the improved version is currently adopted as the ML model. LSTM is similar to FNN; however, the two models differ because three gates and the internal nodes share the same weight in LSTM. The three gates include the input, forget, and output gates, and they play the role of determining the extent to which the input information is memorized and are updated with new results based on this information (Ann, 2016; Jung et al., 2020). The LSTM structure comprises the input, hidden, and output layers. In addition, LSTM updates the weights and bias values using the error backpropagation algorithm to determine the predicted value with the minimum error, relative to the measured value.

FNN and LSTM can both adopt sequence data as an input variable, and the number of sequence data is defined by the window size. Fig. 6 illustrates the FNN and LSTM that have incorporated the concept of window size.

In this study, the ML development environment comprised Python 3.7.10, TensorFlow 2.4.1, and Keras 2.4.0. Significant wave heights were predicted using the FNN that uses data from a single time point as an input, including the FNN and LSTM that have incorporated the concept of window size. The dataset was divided into training, validation, and test sets for the performance evaluation of ML models; in addition, the holdout validation was performed. The proportion of the training (2012–2018), validation (2019), and test (2020) sets is approximately 76:10:14. The sensitivity analysis was conducted based on the changes to the window size for the input data, the number of nodes and layers for the hidden layers, and the activation function (Eqs. (1)–(3)). In addition, the result with the smallest MAE (Eq. (4)) between the predicted and measured values in the validation set was selected as the optimal hyperparameter combination using the Adam optimizer.

$$ReLU: f(z) = \max(0, z) \tag{1}$$

$$Sigmoid: f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \tag{2}$$

$$Tanh: f(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} \tag{3}$$

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\hat{Y}_i - Y_i| \tag{4}$$

In Eq. (4),  $N$ ,  $\hat{Y}_i$ , and  $Y_i$  represent the total number of data points in the dataset, predicted value, and measured value, respectively.

### 3.1 Input Layer Selection

The Pearson correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) of Eq. (5) was derived for the collected metocean data to select the variables for the input layer of the ML model (Fig. 7).

$$r_{pq} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i - \bar{p})(q_i - \bar{q})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i - \bar{p})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - \bar{q})^2}} \tag{5}$$

In Eq. (5),  $p_i$  and  $q_i$  represent individual values of the metocean data for calculating the correlation coefficient, while  $\bar{p}$  and  $\bar{q}$  are the average values of the selected metocean data. Here,  $n$  denotes the number of metocean data.

The significant wave height ( $H_s$ ), a predictor variable, was most correlated with the maximum wave height ( $H_{max}$ ), with a correlation coefficient of 0.97. The  $H_{max}$  was followed by the significant wave period ( $T_s$ ) and the maximum wave period ( $T_{max}$ ) in the correlation coefficient order. However, the wave data with the same characteristics as the significant wave height were not used as the input data in this study. Instead, in addition to the wave data, the remaining environmental variables were adopted to devise an ML model for predicting the significant wave height. Excluding the wave data, the order of the absolute value of the correlation coefficient, from the highest to lowest, is wind speed, wind direction, current direction, and water temperature. Based on this result, the input variable conditions were divided into three categories in Table 2. In addition, to solve the discontinuity problem with the direction ( $0^\circ$ – $360^\circ$ ) for the current and wind directions, the method of expressing the direction was changed from the polar coordinate system to the Cartesian coordinate system ( $x, y$ ), using Eq. (6). Afterward, the current and wind directions were adopted as the input variables (Table 2). The input variables were standardized using the feature scaling method (Eq. (7)). The gradient descent method was optimally applied by making the features of the distribution between the input variables the same.

Current Speed	-0.07	0.22	-0.15	-0.05	0.00	-0.05	0.00	0.04	0.13	-0.04	-0.19	-0.06
-0.07	Current Direction	0.00	-0.14	0.11	0.02	0.11	0.01	-0.05	0.19	0.12	-0.17	-0.05
0.22	0.00	Water Temp.	-0.28	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04	0.02	0.13	0.12	0.28	-0.50
-0.15	-0.14	-0.28	Salinity	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	-0.05	-0.23	0.00	0.14	0.20
-0.05	0.11	-0.02	0.02	Hs	0.58	0.97	0.47	-0.18	0.46	0.12	-0.06	-0.04
0.00	0.02	-0.02	0.02	0.58	Ts	0.55	0.87	-0.30	0.02	0.10	-0.09	0.12
-0.05	0.11	-0.02	0.02	0.97	0.55	Hmax	0.45	-0.17	0.45	0.12	-0.06	-0.04
0.00	0.01	-0.04	0.02	0.47	0.87	0.45	Tmax	-0.27	0.02	0.07	-0.10	0.13
0.04	-0.05	0.02	-0.05	-0.18	-0.30	-0.17	-0.27	Wave Direction	0.01	-0.24	0.06	-0.29
0.13	0.19	0.13	-0.23	0.46	0.02	0.45	0.02	0.01	Wind Speed	0.06	-0.29	-0.14
-0.04	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.07	-0.24	0.06	Wind Direction	0.02	0.03
-0.19	-0.17	0.28	0.14	-0.06	-0.09	-0.06	-0.10	0.06	-0.29	0.02	Air Temp.	-0.23
-0.06	-0.05	-0.50	0.20	-0.04	0.12	-0.04	0.13	-0.29	-0.14	0.03	-0.23	Air pressure

Fig. 7 Pearson correlation coefficient for metocean data

**Table 2** Input variables for the input layer

No. of input data	Input variables	Note
3	Wind speed, wind direction (x,y)	Wind data only
5	Wind speed, wind direction (x,y) Current direction (x,y)	Data ( $r > 0.1$ )
10	Wind speed, wind direction (x,y) Current speed, current direction (x,y) Water temperature, salinity, Air temperature, air pressure	All data, excluding wave data

$$\theta = [(x = \cos\theta), (y = \sin\theta)] \quad (6)$$

$$X_{new} = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \quad (7)$$

In Eq. (6),  $\theta$  denotes the angle, while  $X$  in Eq. (7) represents the input variable. In addition,  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  represent the mean and standard deviation, respectively. The input variables were categorized into 3, 5, and 10, and the category with three input variables comprised the wind speed and wind direction. This is because wind speed and wind direction are the most important factors for predicting waves in the FNN (Mohjoobi et al., 2008). Therefore, it is determined that estimating the wave height with only wind data is a substantially rational approach. The categories with 5 and 10 input variables were classified to identify the effect of the correlation coefficient between the output and input variables.

### 3.2 Hidden Layer Selection

The number of nodes and layers in the hidden layers are hyperparameters related to the capacity of the model for the training set. If the capacity is low, underfitting occurs such that errors cannot

be sufficiently reduced during the learning process. However, if the model's capacity is quite high, overfitting may occur, where the model learns patterns that are unrelated to the prediction of the test set. There is no clear standard for determining the number of layers and nodes for the hidden layers corresponding to the input variables. Although several empirical formulas (Huang and Foo, 2002) exist, the optimal hyperparameters need to be determined via repeated experimentations, as well as through trial and error. Therefore, sensitivity analysis was performed on the number of layers and nodes in the hidden layers, and the test matrix is presented in Table 3. The Adam optimizer and MAE were adopted as the optimizer and error function, respectively, while the number of batches and epochs were fixed at 256 and 200, respectively. To prevent overfitting, the early stopping technique was applied to stop the learning when the validation error reaches the minimum value in the iterative learning process. In addition, the learning rate was set to 0.001 (Kingma and Ba, 2014), and a linear function was used as the activation function for the output layer.

A total of 720 FNN and LSTM models were generated based on the changes to the hyperparameters, and training was performed on each model. The MAE between the predicted and measured values of the validation set was compared for each epoch, and the lowest result was

**Table 3** Test matrix for the sensitivity analysis

ML model	Input layer		Hidden layer		Activation function
	No. of data (m)	Window size for sequence data (W)	No. of node	No. of layer	
FNN	3 5 10	1 (30 min) 48 (1 day) 720 (15 day) 1440 (30 day)	1	1 2 3 4	ReLU Sigmoid Tanh
			10		
			30		
			50		
			100		
LSTM	10	1440 (30 day)	4	4	Tanh
			8		
			12		
			16		

**Table 4** Summary of ML models and hyperparameter

ML model	Input layer		Hidden layer		Activation function	Cost function	Batch	Epochs
	No. of data (m)	Window size for sequence data (W)	No. of node	No. of layer				
FNN (W1)	3	1 (30 min)	30	3	ReLU	MAE	256	200
FNN (W48)	5	48 (1 day)						
LSTM (W48)	10	48 (1 day)	8	2	Tanh			

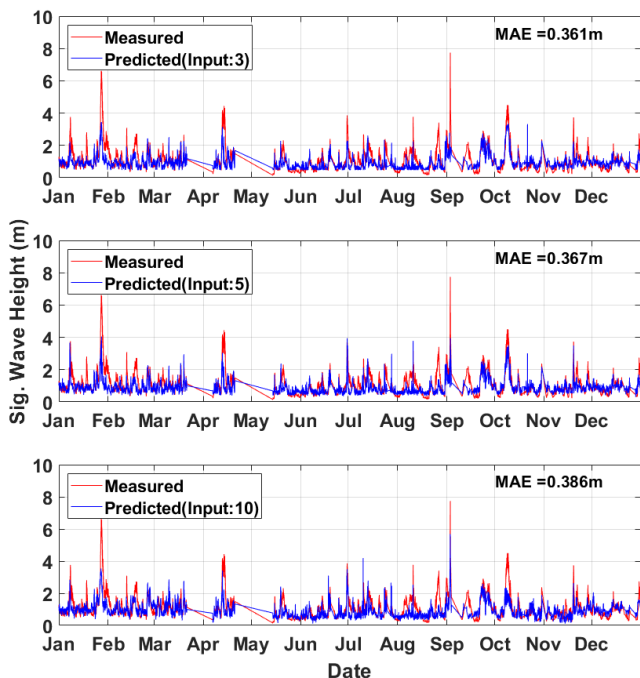
selected as the representative value. Among the 720 calculated results, the combination with the smallest MAE was selected as the optimal hyperparameter.

The FNN (W1), which was trained with the training set comprising the input and predictor variables at a single time point, was selected as the baseline performance. From each ML model, the FNN (W48) and LSTM (W48), with a window size of 48 (1 day) each, had the lowest MAE for the corresponding hyperparameters (Table 4).

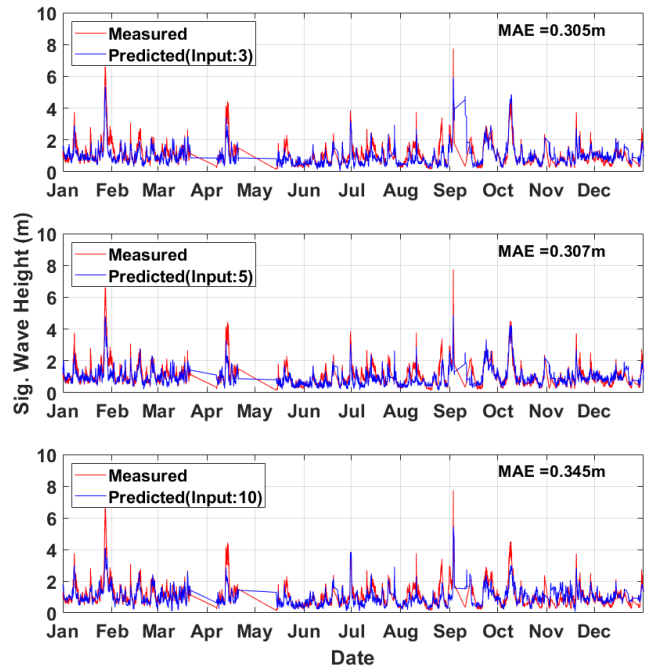
#### 4. Results of Significant Wave Height Predictions Using the ML Model

Significant wave heights were predicted using three types of ML models (i.e., FNN (W1), FNN (W48), LSTM (W48)), three cases of input variables (i.e., 3, 5, 10), and a combination of the optimal hyperparameters (Table 4). The ML models were evaluated using the test set. The predicted values calculated by inputting the input variables of the test set and the predictors in the test set were compared using a time-series graph and a histogram.

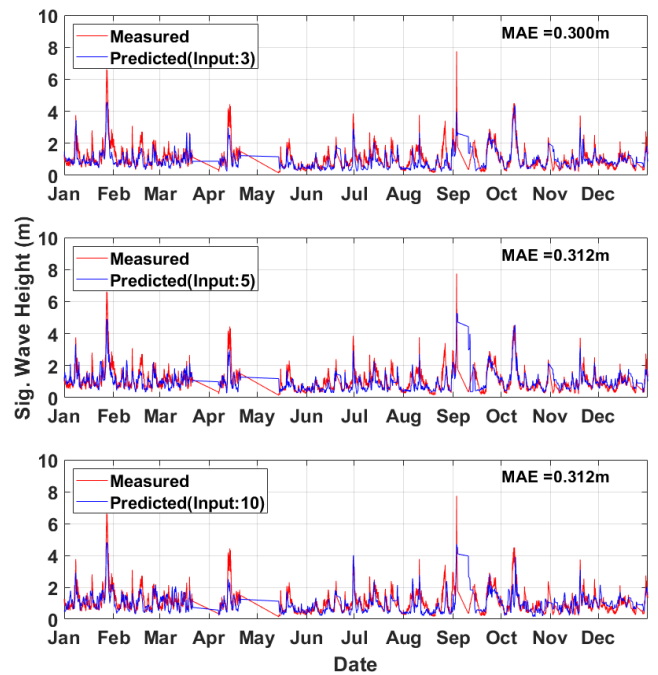
Fig. 8 presents time-series graphs for the three methods of the ML model and three conditions for input variables. In addition, the MAE between the predicted and measured values is presented in the upper-right corner of each graph. In general, the calculated MAE of the model with only the wind variable (input variable 3) was the smallest. Furthermore, it can be observed that the FNN (W48) and LSTM (W48) with window sizes of 48 each generated better results than FNN (W1). Kim (2020) predicted the significant wave heights through FNN (W1) using the wind speed, wind direction, and wave direction data from the data collected by the Oeyeondo oceanographic buoy and obtained outstanding results with a MAE of 0.283 m. It is presumed that



(a) FNN (W1)



(b) FNN (W48)



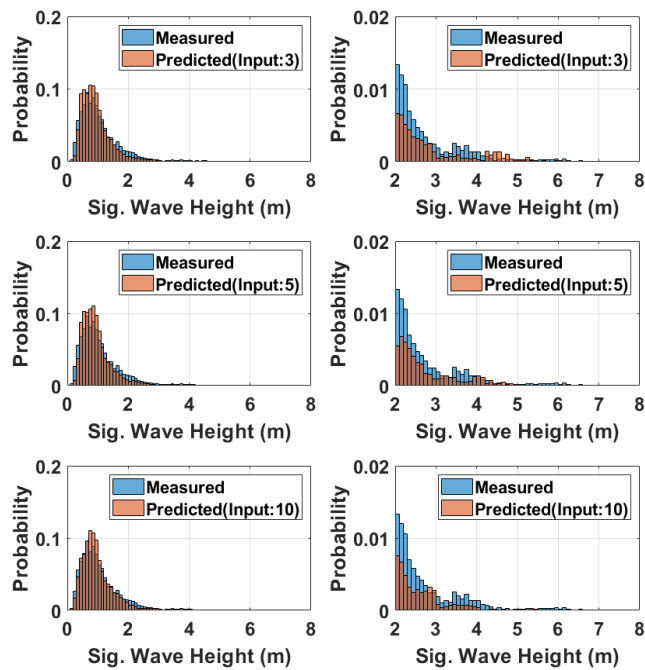
(c) LSTM (W48)

**Fig. 8** Comparison between the measured and predicted values in time series varied with input nodes and ML models

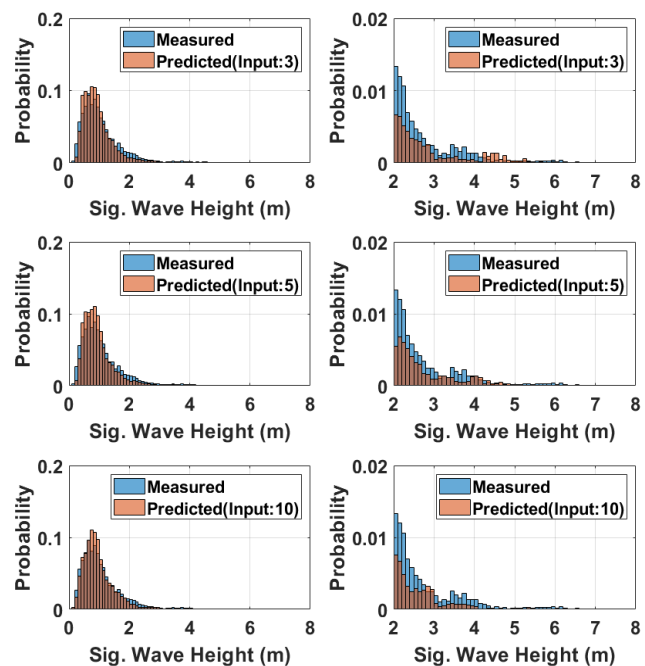
outstanding results could be obtained using only the FNN (W1) because the wind speed, which was adopted as the input variable, was highly correlated ( $r > 0.8$ ) with the significant wave height. In the FNN (W48), the MAE tends to increase as the number of input variables gradually increases. However, the input variables (5 and 10) yield the same MAE in the case of the LSTM (W48).

To check the frequency of the predicted values relative to the measured values for each wave height, the probability histogram of

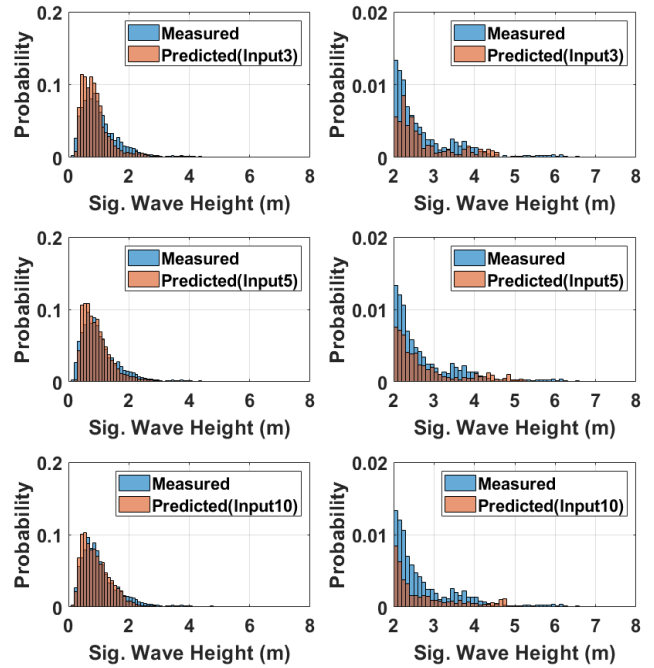
two values for the significant wave height is presented in Fig. 9. The graphs on the left-hand side show the probability histogram for the entire data of each ML model. The graphs on the right-hand side present magnified histograms for the data with a significant wave height of 2 m or higher, which have low probability. In FNN (W1), the predicted values have a higher frequency than the measured values around the significant wave height of 0.6 m, where the frequency of the measured values is the highest. In contrast, the predicted values have a lower frequency than the measured values for a wave height of 2 m or higher. For both the FNN (W48) and LSTM (W48) models, the



(a) FNN (W1)



(b) FNN (W48)



(c) LSTM (W48)

Fig. 9 Comparison between the measured and predicted values varied with input nodes and ML models using the histogram

predicted values at approximately 0.6 m, where the frequency of the measured values is the highest, exhibit a frequency similar to the measured values. Although the probability of the occurrence of a high wave (with height of 5 m or higher) is low for the measured values, it was verified that a difference exists between the measured and predicted values in the area where the wave height is 5 m or higher for all three ML models.

Finally, the difference between the predicted and the measured values was analyzed by introducing the concept of the sea state (SS). The SS code, which the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) classified into grades 0–9, was adopted (Table 5). Significant wave heights of the measured values used as the test set are distributed between the SS2 grade and the SS7 grade, as provided by the WMO.

Table 5 WMO sea state code (3700) (WMO, 2019)

Sea State	Wave height (m)	Median wave height (m)	Characteristics
0	0.00	-	Calm (glassy)
1	0.00–0.10	0.050	Calm (rippled)
2	0.10–0.50	0.300	Smooth (wavelets)
3	0.50–1.25	0.875	Slight
4	1.25–2.50	1.875	Moderate
5	2.50–4.00	3.250	Rough
6	4.00– 6.00	5.000	Very rough
7	6.00–9.00	7.500	High
8	9.00–14.00	11.500	Very high
9	Over 14.00	-	Phenomenal

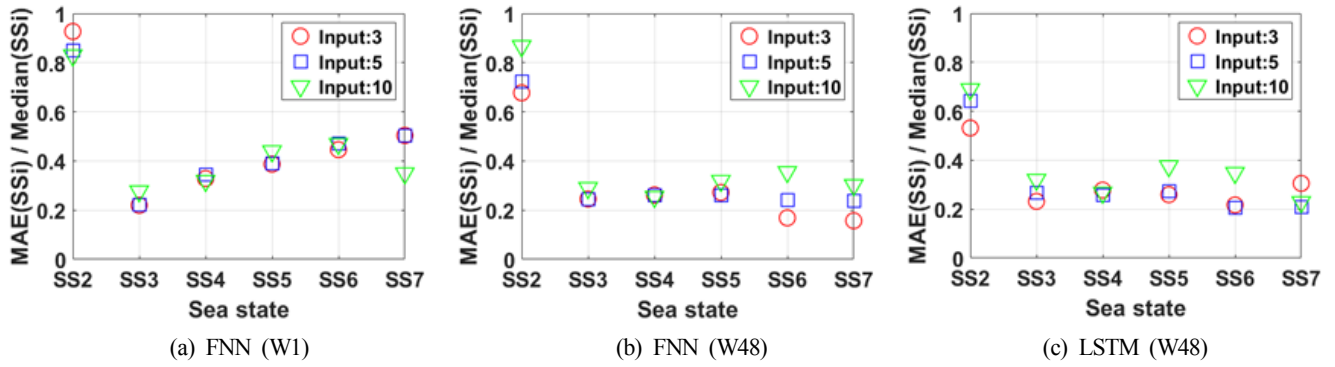


Fig. 10 Nondimensionalization of the MAE with sea state

The MAE between the predicted and the measured values in each SS range was nondimensionalized by the median of the corresponding SS, and its results are presented in Fig. 10.

In general, the result of input variable 3, which solely adopted wind as the input variable, exhibits a smaller MAE value, compared to those of input variables 5 and 10. Using the variable with a correlation coefficient greater than 0.1 (input variable 5) yields the second-best result. Contrary to our expectations, a relatively large error was generated when the results were calculated by adding water temperature, salinity, air temperature, and air pressure, compared to using input variables 3 and 5. It is presumed that variables that have low correlation coefficients but with the significant wave height are recognized as noise during training, and they cause overfitting. In the FNN (W1), it can be verified that the difference between the predicted and measured values tend to increase steadily as the significant wave height of the measured value gradually increases according to the SS. The LSTM (W48) model exhibits better prediction performance than the other two models for the SS2 grade of low wave heights. However, excluding the results for the SS2 grade with relatively low absolute error, it is determined that the FNN (W48) with input variable 3 is the best prediction model. In addition, the FNN (W48) model exhibit a higher prediction accuracy than the LSTM (W48) model for the SS6 and SS7 grades, and its computation speed is more than twice as fast. Therefore, considering the prediction accuracy and computation time, the FNN (W48) is proposed as a model for predicting significant wave heights in the Korea Strait.

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, an ML model for predicting significant wave heights was proposed using the metocean data collected from the Korea Strait oceanographic buoy of KIOST. The ML model adopted FNN and LSTM network models. Based on the Pearson correlation analysis between the metocean data, three cases of input variables were selected. In addition, the hyperparameter combination with the minimum MAE was obtained via the sensitivity analysis of the window size, number of nodes in the hidden layers, number of layers, and activation function. The Adam optimizer was adopted as the optimizer in this process, and the number of batches and epochs were

fixed at 256 and 200, respectively. Significant wave height prediction results of the FNN (W1) with a window size of 1 (30 min), the FNN (W48) with a window size of 48 (1 day), and the LSTM (W48) with a window size of 48 were compared with the measured values using time-series charts and histograms. In addition, the SS code was incorporated to compare the MAE nondimensionalized by the median of each SS for each model and input variable. The MAE of the prediction results was the smallest when the input variables solely comprised wind data. When environment variables that exhibit negligible correlation with the significant wave height ( $r < 0.1$ ) were adopted, the MAE exhibited a tendency to increase. In the comparison of the FNN (W1) and the FNN (W48), which are the same FNN models, the FNN (W48) exhibited a smaller MAE for the test set. In the comparison between the FNN (W48) and LSTM (W48), using two models with the same window size, the LSTM (W48) exhibited a slightly smaller mean absolute error for the test set. However, when the MAE was compared based on the SS, the FNN (W48) with input variable 3 demonstrated better results between the SS3 and SS7 grades, except for the SS2 grade. In addition, the FNN (W48) was twice as fast as the LSTM (W48) in terms of computation time. Therefore, by comprehensively considering factors such as the accuracy of significant wave height predictions and computation speed, the FNN (W48) was evaluated to be the suitable ML model for predicting significant wave heights in the Korea Strait. When predicting significant wave heights, selecting input variables using correlation coefficients can produce outstanding results in machine learning. In addition, it is determined that optimal prediction models can be created using only wind data (e.g., wind speed and wind direction). However, the prediction accuracy was slightly lower in high wave areas with a significant wave height of 4 m or higher. It is inferred that the high wave prediction exhibits lower performance because the amount of high-wave data owing to typhoons is insufficient. To address this problem, it is necessary to expand the high-wave data when typhoons occur or develop an ML model that efficiently utilizes limited high-wave data. Finally, The ML model that predicts significant wave heights using only wind data can be utilized at the practical work where is adjusting the engine's power considering the added resistance of the ship, owing to the waves according to the SS, during sea trials. In the future, we plan to continue our research

and enhance the accuracy of the model for predicting significant wave heights in the Korea Strait by adopting the data obtained from other oceanographic buoys near the Korea Strait oceanographic buoy, or the hindcast data, as input variables.

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# Analysis of Dynamic Response Characteristics for 5 MW Jacket-type Fixed Offshore Wind Turbine

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**ABSTRACT:** This study aims to evaluate the dynamic responses of the jacket-type offshore wind turbine using FAST software (Fatigue, Aerodynamics, Structures, and Turbulence). A systematic series of simulation cases of a 5 MW jacket-type offshore wind turbine, including wind-only, wave-only, wind & wave load cases are conducted. The dynamic responses of the wind turbine structure are obtained, including the structure displacement, rotor speed, thrust force, nacelle acceleration, bending moment at the tower bottom, and shear force on the jacket leg. The calculated time-domain results are transformed to frequency domain results using FFT and the environmental load with more impact on each dynamic response is identified. It is confirmed that the dynamic displacements of the wind turbine are dominant in the wave frequency under the incident wave alone condition, and the rotor thrust, nacelle acceleration, and bending moment at the bottom of the tower exhibit high responses in the natural frequency band of the wind turbine. In the wind only condition, all responses except the vertical displacement of the wind turbine are dominant at three times the rotor rotation frequency (considering the number of blades) generated by the wind. In a combined external force with wind and waves, it was observed that the horizontal displacement is dominant by the wind load. Additionally, the bending moment on the tower base is highly affected by the wind. The shear force of the jacket leg is basically influenced by the wave loads, but it can be affected by both the wind and wave loads especially under the turbulent wind and irregular wave conditions.

## 1. Introduction

Owing to the increasing global environmental regulations and energy crisis, wind energy is gaining global interest as eco-friendly alternative renewable energy that can be sustained. The wind power generation technology that converts fluid kinetic energy into electric energy has already been technologically verified, and large land-based wind turbines have been constructed worldwide since the 1980s (Jang and Sohn, 2011).

However, constructing large land-based wind turbines causes various issues such as spatial limitations, noise, radio interference, and visual discomfort. Moreover, high energy generation efficiency is difficult to obtain in land-based wind power generation owing to low wind speed and turbulence caused by interference from surrounding terrain features (Li et al., 2018). Offshore wind power generation results in high power generation efficiency because the offshore wind

speed is, on average, at least 70% higher than that on land, and large wind turbines can be installed because wide installation spaces are available (Park et al., 2021).

Consequently, offshore wind turbines have recently been installed and operated in numerous regions, and many fixed type wind turbines have been installed in relatively shallow coastal areas. Particularly, in South Korea, the Jeju Tamla Offshore Wind Farm was constructed in 2017 and has ten 3 MW wind turbines in operation, and the Offshore Wind Farm in the Southwestern Coast of Yellow Sea was constructed in 2019 and has twenty 3 MW wind turbines in operation (Jeong et al., 2020; Oh et al., 2020).

As the demand for offshore wind turbines increases, studies on them have been actively conducted. Shi et al. (2011) carried out dynamic response analysis according to the shapes of the substructures of a 5 MW offshore wind turbine and reported that the load and dynamic response acting on a monopile-shaped substructure have larger values

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than those acting on tripod- and jacket-shaped substructures. Kim et al. (2015) carried out a design load analysis for a 5 MW offshore wind turbine system using various numerical analysis techniques and analyzed the qualitative results. Zwick and Muskulus (2015) conducted a study for reducing errors from the input variables of numerical analysis and performing efficient simulations when turbulent winds and irregular waves act on a 5 MW jacket-type offshore wind turbine. Song and Yoo (2017) carried out dynamic response analysis according to the shapes (monopile, jacket, and dolphin) of substructures for a 2.5 MW offshore wind turbine and found that the wave load acting on the jacket-type substructure had the smallest value. Kim et al. (2019) examined a technique for predicting the wake of a wind turbine to remedy the weaknesses of the aerodynamic analysis model of the Fatigue, Aerodynamics, Structures and Turbulence (FAST) program (Jonkman, 2007) developed in the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and conducted a study on the optimization of wind turbine arrangements. Tran et al. (2021) conducted a study on the bending performance of a substructure when sea winds, waves, and ocean currents act on a 3 MW jacket-type offshore wind turbine as environmental external forces.

Unlike a land-based wind turbine, a fixed wind turbine installed on the sea has motion responses of the structure by incident waves. Moreover, the motion responses of the wind turbine by combined environmental loads are fairly complex because the incident waves and wind speed act together. The effect of individual environmental loads (incident wave or wind speed) on the structure and motion response characteristics of the structure must be identified for the optimal design and stable operation of the offshore wind turbine. The authors of this paper, however, found only a few studies that analyzed the precise motion response characteristics of fixed wind turbines for individual environmental loads such as incident wave-only effects or wind speed-only effects and combined wave-wind effects.

In this study, therefore, the response characteristics of a 5 MW jacket-type fixed offshore wind turbine for environmental external forces acting on the wind turbine structure, namely, individual environmental loads such as the effects of regular waves and irregular waves (wave loads) or the effects of the presence of winds, wind speed changes, and turbulent winds (wind loads) were systematically analyzed and their features were identified. It is difficult to evaluate the dynamic responses accurately and objectively in strong wind and high wave conditions due to the mixed effects of the environmental loads; therefore, the wind speed, wave height, and wave period were set to small values to precisely analyze the response characteristics of the structure corresponding to each load based on the blade element momentum (BEM) theory. The FAST program of the NREL that is widely used in analysis studies on wind turbines and is expected to derive reliable results was used to obtain time-domain calculation results for each environmental load. These results were converted into frequency responses by fast Fourier transform (FFT) analysis to identify the responses of the structure for the individual environmental

loads and analyze their characteristics. The goal of this study is to acquire the basic information required to design and operate a wind turbine by precisely identifying and analyzing the response characteristics of the structure according to the magnitude of each environment load and whether the effect of the load is dominant.

## 2. Fixed Offshore Wind Turbine

### 2.1 Fixed Substructure

The substructure of an offshore wind turbine can be either fixed or floating depending on its installation environment conditions. Floating offshore wind turbines are installed on the deep sea, whereas fixed offshore wind turbines are adopted as a more suitable form on shallow coasts. Conventionally, fixed substructures directly supported on the seabed largely fall into four categories monopile, tripod, jacket, and gravity-base (de Vries et al., 2011).

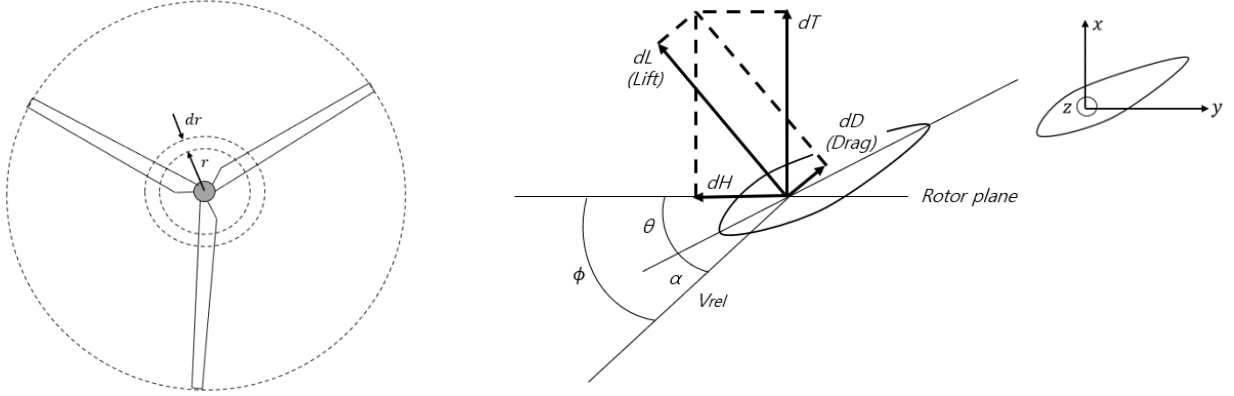
The jacket-type wind turbine substructure considered in this study is fixed on the seabed with piles after connecting thin braces to three or four cylindrical legs in a lattice structure. The load acting on the entire structure is axially distributed through structural members to stably withstand the relatively high vertical and lateral loads. Song and Yoo (2017) found that the jacket-type receives fewer wave loads than the monopile or dolphin types. Moreover, the jacket-type can be installed in relatively deep water up to a water depth of 50 m, whereas the monopile or improved tripod types can be installed only on shallow coasts.

### 2.2 Load Analysis of Wind Turbine

Aerodynamic and hydrodynamic analysis according to each external force condition are required to conduct the load analysis for an offshore wind turbine. The force applied to the tower of the wind turbine is an aerodynamic external force created by wind. The BEM theory using the blade element momentum is applied to calculate the speed and load acting on the wind turbine rotors according to the wind speed, rotor rotation speed, and pitch angle (Agarwal and Manuel, 2008). The generalized dynamic wake (GDW) was developed for the aerodynamic analysis of high-speed blades such as helicopters (Peters et al., 1989; Suzuki, 2000; Kim et al., 2019). In this study, the results were derived by applying wind speeds below the rated speed to accurately identify the response characteristics of a wind turbine by the wind. Therefore, the BEM results were used for the aerodynamic analysis of slowly moving blades and were compared with the GDW results suitable for high-speed rotation to determine their difference.

The BEM theory, developed by Glauert in 1935, is based on normal flow, namely non-turbulent flow, and assumes that all annular shapes are independent (Fenu et al., 2020). The BEM theory finely divides a blade into element units and then calculates the lift ( $dL$ , N) and drag ( $dD$ , N) forces applied to the two-dimensional airfoil of each element to calculate the force and moment applied to the entire wind turbine using the sum of longitudinal forces (Faltinsen, 1993). The force acting on the blade can be obtained using the induced velocity vector





**Fig. 1** Annular plane and forces components at blade element

$W$  of the cross-section of the blade in the momentum conservation equation based on the momentum and angle, and the torque and power applied to the rotor shaft based on the force acting on the blade (Snel, 2003). The relative velocity  $V_{rel}$  can be separated and expressed as follows.

$$V_{rel,y} = V_y + W_y - \omega x \quad (1)$$

$$V_{rel,z} = V_z + W_z \quad (2)$$

where  $x$  is the vertical direction with respect to the rotational axis of the rotor and  $z$  is the longitudinal direction of the blade.  $\omega$  represents the angular velocity of the rotor, and the angle of attack ( $\alpha$ ) and inflow angle ( $\phi$ ) on the airfoil plane in Fig. 1 can be expressed as in the following equations using the torsional angle ( $\theta$ ) and pitch angle ( $\theta_p$ ) (Burton et al., 2001).

$$\alpha = \phi - (\theta + \theta_p) \quad (3)$$

$$\phi = -\tan^{-1} \frac{V_{rel,z}}{V_{rel,y}} \quad (4)$$

Finally, the thrust ( $dT$ , N) that is applied to the blade element and obtained by numerical calculation can be expressed as in Eq. (5), and the torque ( $dQ$ , N · m) can be expressed as in Eq. (6) based on the horizontal force ( $dH$ , N), where  $\rho$  is the air density ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ ),  $V_{rel}$  is the wind speed (m/s),  $B$  is the number of blades,  $r$  is the distance (m) from the hub to the blade sector,  $c$  is the chord length, and the lift coefficient  $c_l$  and drag coefficient  $c_d$  are dimensionless coefficients of the airfoil associated with the Reynolds number (Lanzafame and Messina, 2007).

$$dT = B \frac{1}{2} \rho V_{rel}^2 (c_l \cos \phi + c_d \sin \phi) c dr \quad (5)$$

$$dQ = r dH = B \frac{1}{2} \rho V_{rel}^2 (c_l \sin \phi - c_d \cos \phi) c r dr \quad (6)$$

An external force that is hydrodynamically created has a horizontal incident wave force applied to the vertical substructure of the offshore

wind turbine; this force consists of the inertial force by the acceleration of wave particles, the drag force by boundary conditions, and the frictional force. Morison's equation as in Eq. (7) was used to numerically calculate the wave loads applied to slender bodies with smaller structure diameters than the wavelength, namely, structures whose diffraction parameter is smaller than 0.2 (Morison et al., 1950; Wei et al., 2014).

$$F = F_d + F_i = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_d A u^2 + \rho C_m V \frac{du}{dt} \quad (7)$$

where  $C_d$  is the drag coefficient and  $C_m$  is the inertial coefficient. The load of a fixed structure created by accelerating the fluid particles is expressed as an inertial force as in Eq. (8).

$$dF_i = \rho C_m \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \frac{du}{dt} \quad (8)$$

The wave load by Morison's equation that considers the wave elevation  $\eta$  and water depth  $d$  can be obtained using the water particle velocity  $u$  as in Eq. (9) below.

$$F = \int_{-d}^{\eta} \rho C_m \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \frac{du}{dt} dz + \int_{-d}^{\eta} \frac{\rho}{2} C_d |u| u D dz \quad (9)$$

### 3. Calculation Results and Analysis

#### 3.1 Numerical Analysis

FAST v.8.16.00a-bjj, an open-source code program, was used in our numerical analysis. A 5 MW offshore wind turbine was modeled by referring to the NREL reference model. The jacket OC4 (offshore code comparison collaboration continuation) project structure, one of the fixed models that can meet the characteristic and environmental conditions of the seas around Korea, was applied to the substructure. The system components of the FAST program are illustrated in Fig. 2.

Six module programs were used for the fixed wind turbine simulation analysis, and AeroDyn was used for the wind load

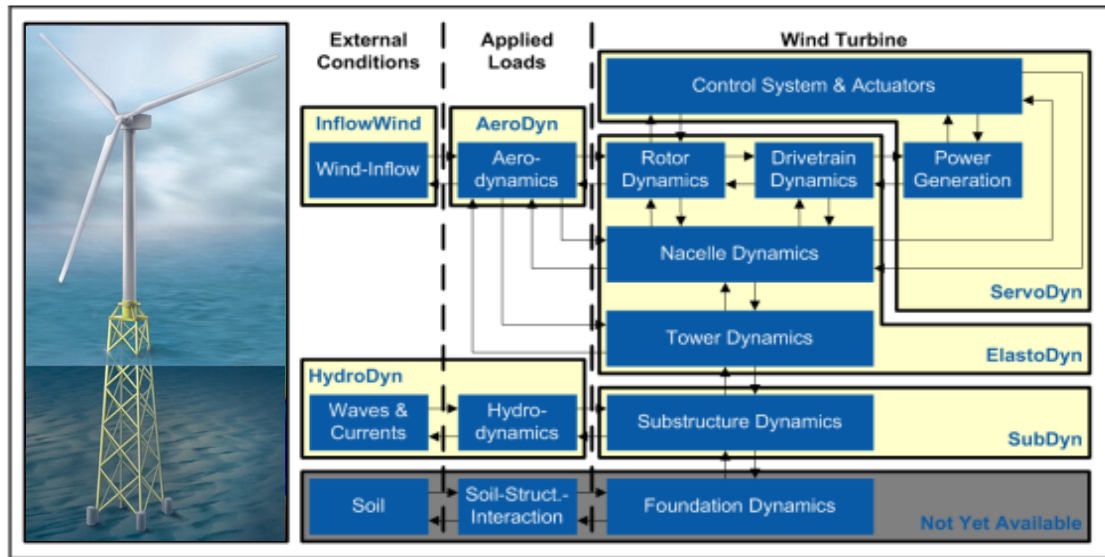


Fig. 2 System of FAST program for a fixed-bottom wind turbine structure (Jonkman and Buhl, 2005)

calculation. The analysis code, AeroDyn, calculates the aerodynamic loads of the tower and blades, considering a wind speed and wind direction inputted via InflowWind in a BEM-based wind force analysis mode (Jonkman et al., 2015). The two-dimensional force and moment of each node were calculated as distributed loads per unit length, and the sum of these loads was used to calculate the three-dimensional aerodynamic load of the horizontal axis applied to the entire tower in the time domain. The unit wind speed acting on the blades or tower nodes is determined as in Eq. (10) below (Moriarty and Hansen, 2005; IEC, 2019).

$$V(z) = V_{hub} \left( \frac{z}{z_{hub}} \right)^\alpha \quad (10)$$

where  $V(z)$  is the wind speed at a spot where the vertical displacement from the mean water level is  $z$ .  $V_{hub}$  represents the wind speed at the hub height  $z_{hub}$ . The hub height of the NREL 5 MW wind turbine used as a calculation model in this paper is 90 m.  $\alpha$  represents the wind shear index indicating an abrupt change in the wind speed or direction. The international standard for designing fixed wind turbines recommends that an  $\alpha$  value of 0.14 be used (IEC, 2019), but this value is set to 0 in this study to linearly increase the wind speed from the water surface.

The hydrodynamic load applied to the substructure (jacket) of the wind turbine is calculated using HydroDyn, an independent analysis module for calculating hydrodynamic loads based on the maritime information of an inputted region such as the wave height, wave period, and waveform (regular wave or irregular wave) (Jonkman et al., 2014). The calculation for wave motion was done in the area between the still water level and flat seabed, whereas the dynamic load analysis for each substructure node within the corresponding area was carried out in the time domain. The governing equation of motion used for the analysis is given as Eq. (11) below.  $M$  and  $K$  are global matrices

consisting of the element unit mass matrix and stiffness matrix of the substructure, respectively.  $U$  represents the displacement and  $F$  is the external force (Damiani et al., 2015).

$$[M]\{\ddot{U}\} + [C]\{\dot{U}\} + [K]\{U\} = \{F\} \quad (11)$$

The three-direction displacement ( $x$ -axis direction displacement,  $x$ - $z$ -direction rotational displacement, and  $z$ -direction vertical displacement) of the fixed wind turbine was designated as the main motion response for analyzing the calculation results because this motion response is most affected by winds and waves entering in the  $x$ -direction. It is also important to examine the rotor rotation speed and

Table 1 Specifications of 5 MW wind turbine (Jonkman et al., 2009)

Property	Specification
Rated power	5 MW
Rotor orientation, Configuration	Upwind, 3 Blades, 61.5 m length
Rotor, Hub diameter	126 m, 3 m
Hub height	90 m
Cut-in $V_{in}$ , Rated, Cut-out $V_{out}$ wind speed	3 m/s, 11.4 m/s, 25 m/s
Cut-in, Rated rotor speed	6.9 rpm, 12.1 rpm
Drivetrain concept	Geared
Gearbox ratio	97:1
Overhang, Shaft tilt, Precone	5 m, 5°, 2.5°
Rotor mass	110,000 kg
Nacelle mass	240,000 kg
Tower mass	347,460 kg
Tower base diameter	6 m
Tower top diameter	3.87 m
CM location	-0.2 m, 0.0 m, 64.0 m
Control system	Variable-speed & Collective pitch

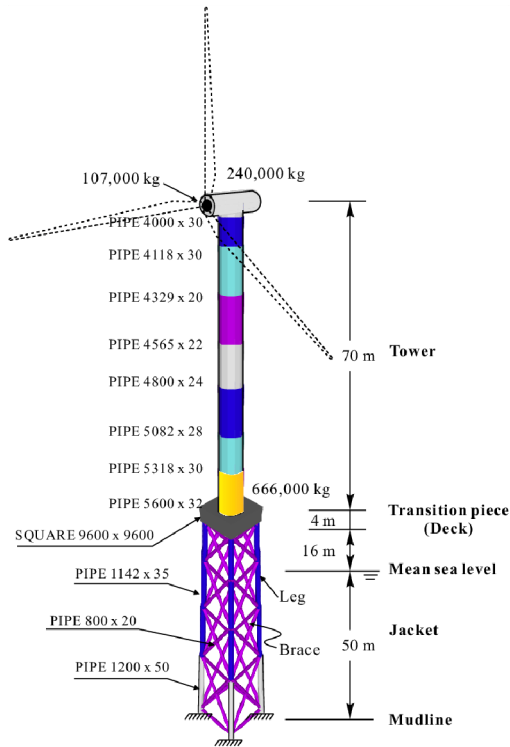


Fig. 3 Design of fixed wind turbine

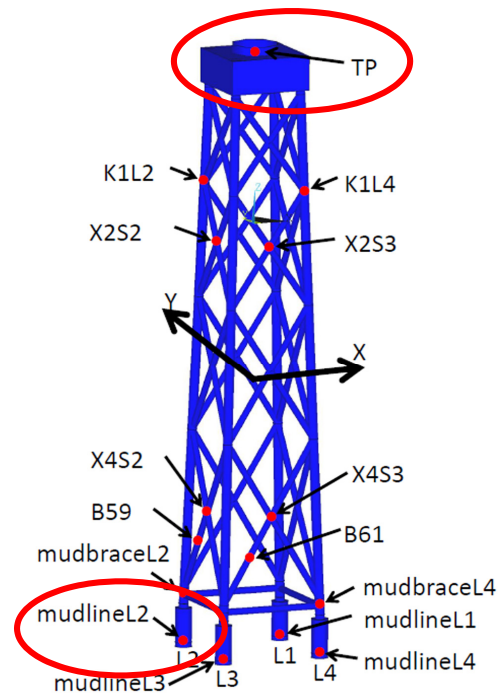


Fig. 4 Jacket support structure element (Popko et al., 2012)

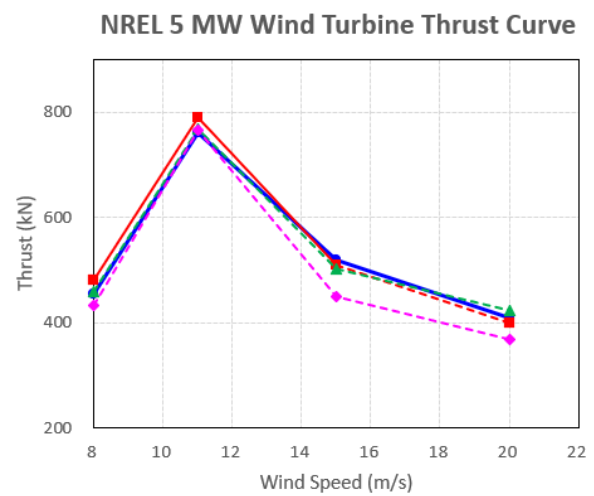
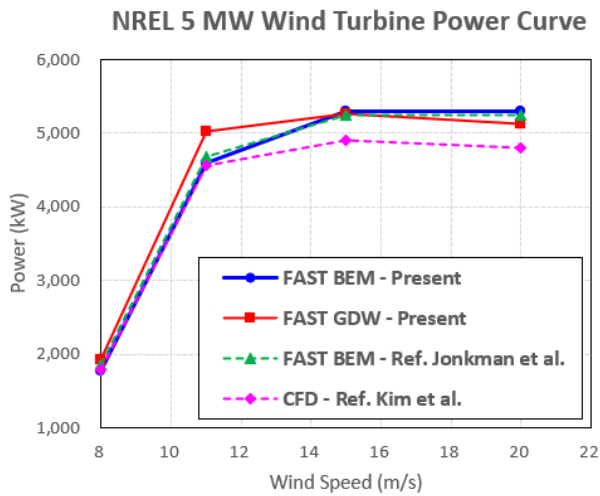


Fig. 5 Comparison of rotor power (left) and thrust (right) for various methods

thrust determined according to the effect of the wind and the nacelle acceleration directly connected to the actual power generation efficiency of the wind turbine. Another important result to be analyzed in this study is the bending moment of the base connection of the tower created by fore-aft shearing loads, the largest force acting on the turbine. Lastly, the effects of the wind and wave forces were compared by checking the shear force in the *x*-direction to identify changes in the force applied to the jacket. Specific information on the model used in this study is described through Table 1 and Figs. 3–4.

Fig. 5 shows the results of comparing the rotor power and thrust according to the wind speeds by various analysis methods. The FAST results of Jonkman et al. (2009) and the three-dimensional CFD

analysis results of Kim et al. (2015) were compared to verify the FAST calculation results of the fixed 5 MW offshore wind turbine mentioned above. The calculation results overall matched the previous results. The BEM results of the same analysis program (FAST) are very close, and the GDW results suitable for high-speed rotation as in a helicopter are fairly close except for the wind speed of 11 m/s. The CFD results deviate from the rest owing to computational differences caused by the absence of information on some input values and model configuration differences caused by the different analysis programs.

The analysis model is for 5 MW turbines, hence, the rotor power rapidly increases up to 11 m/s and tends to converge to 5 MW after that. It can be inferred that the model has the highest efficiency at the

wind speed of 11 m/s because the thrust is the largest at the corresponding wind speed. The application of GDW analysis is recognized as a general method for reducing errors to carry out numerical analysis that considers the abnormal characteristics of wind because such characteristics are severe in extreme design wind speed conditions; however, the wind speed, wave height, and wave period were set to low values to precisely analyze the response characteristics of the structure corresponding to the input values based on the BEM theory because the effects of environmental factors are mixed in such analysis under strong wind and high and rough wave conditions, which makes it difficult to objectively conduct accurate response analysis.

### 3.2 Design Load Case

Various design load cases (DLCs) were selected as in Table 2 and the analysis was carried out to identify the response characteristics according to the wind speed and wave state of the 5 MW fixed jacket-type offshore wind turbine. DLCs 1-5 were examined to check the natural response characteristics of the fixed wind turbine, and DLCs 6-9 were selected and examined to identify the effects in the load conditions where waves and winds are combined.

To analyze the cases, constant speeds ( $V_{Steady}$ ) were inputted for steady winds, and the results calculated by turbulent wind simulations with designated speeds ( $V_{Turbulence}$ ) were used as input values for the turbulent winds. The wind speeds were set based on the point of the hub height of 90 m. In the windless scenario (DLC 1), the wind turbine was in a parked condition and the analysis was carried out in the state where the rotors were fixed. The fixed wave height and wave period values were inputted for regular incident waves, and the significant wave height  $H_S$  and peak period  $T_P$  were designated by applying the JONSWAP spectrum for irregular incident waves.

In DLCs 1-5, to check the natural response characteristics, regular waves or steady winds were applied to carry out numerical analysis on single loads for 1,000 s, and the time series results were used for the last 100 s, considering the transient effect. In DLCs 6-9 in which combined loads, irregular waves, and turbulent winds are applied, the numerical analysis was carried out for one hour (3,600 s) to derive more precise interrelations and reliable results; FFT analysis was

carried based on the results of the last 300 s; and the time step of each case was set to 0.01 s. There was little difference in the results although the FFT analysis interval was extended to a maximum of 1 h. The graphs of the results of the cases were generated and comparative analysis was carried out by extracting the time series results of the latter half to remove the transient interval, minimize convergence value variability, and increase the legibility of the time series and frequency data trend.

### 3.3 Analysis of Calculation Results

#### 3.3.1 Wave Only Case

The incident wave with a six-second period (0.17 Hz) was substituted in a windless state to identify the response characteristics of the wind turbine structure for the incident wave. In Fig. 6, the response frequencies of the horizontal displacement, vertical displacement, x-z-direction rotational displacement, and jacket shear force of the structure match the wave frequency of 0.17 Hz, and the thrust, nacelle acceleration, and bending moment have the same frequency response as the wave frequency in the windless state. There is also a response at 0.32 Hz, which represents the natural frequency of the analysis model as reported by Jonkman et al. (2009). Therefore, the tower of the wind turbine has a considerable response in the natural frequency band even in the windless state simply by the effect of the incident wave.

Fig. 7 compares the changes in the bending moment of the base connection of the tower according to different incident wave conditions (DLCs 1-3) to examine the response changes of the wind turbine structure according to the incident wave height and wave period changes. The response frequency point changes to 0.17 Hz and 0.13 Hz (1/7.5 s) with wave periods of 6 and 7.5 s, respectively. Fig. 7 (right) also shows that the bending moment response of the tower base is rapidly amplified as a result of setting the incident wave period to 3 s (near the natural frequency of the model) to accurately analyze the response of the bending moment because the response of the bending moment was considerable even in the band of the natural frequency (0.32 Hz) as mentioned above in connection with Fig. 6. Although the wave height increased from 2 m to 4 m, a large response was absent, but a large impact was created when the incident wave period matched

**Table 2** Design load cases

Case	Description	Waves	Wind	Turbine condition
1	Regular wave	Reg., $H = 2.0$ m, $T = 6.0$ s	-	Parked
2	Regular wave	Reg., $H = 2.0$ m, $T = 3.0$ s	-	Parked
3	Regular wave	Reg., $H = 4.0$ m, $T = 7.5$ s	-	Parked
4	Steady wind	-	Steady, $V_{Steady} = 6.0$ m/s	Operating
5	Steady wind	-	Steady, $V_{Steady} = 12.0$ m/s	Operating
6	Operational	Reg., $H = 2.0$ m, $T = 6.0$ s	Steady, $V_{Steady} = 6.0$ m/s	Operating
7	Operational	Reg., $H = 2.0$ m, $T = 6.0$ s	Turb., $V_{Turbulence} = 6.0$ m/s	Operating
8	Operational	Irreg., $H_S = 2.0$ m, $T_P = 6.0$ s	Steady, $V_{Steady} = 6.0$ m/s	Operating
9	Operational	Irreg., $H_S = 2.0$ m, $T_P = 6.0$ s	Turb., $V_{Turbulence} = 6.0$ m/s	Operating

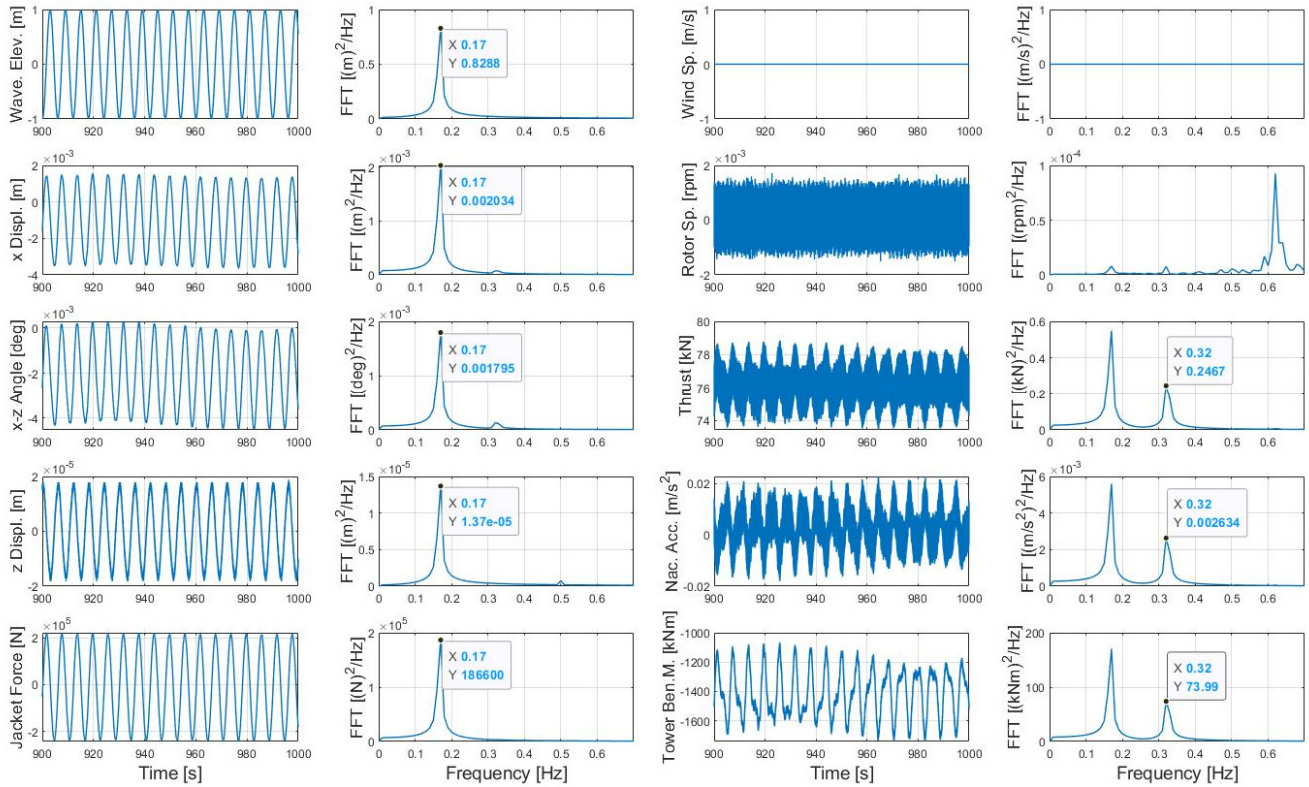


Fig. 6 Response to DLC #1, regular wave only ( $H = 2.0$  m,  $T = 6.0$  s, No wind)

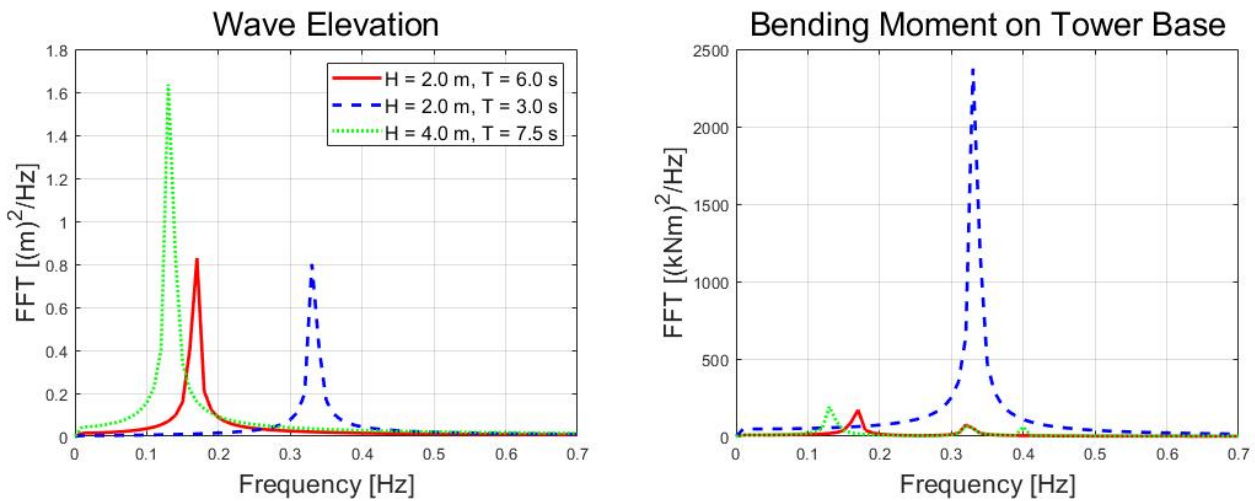


Fig. 7 Comparison of tower bending moment for DLC #1, #2 & #3, regular wave only cases

the natural frequency band of the structure.

### 3.3.2 Wind Only Case

The wind speed (6 m/s) below the rated speed was substituted to identify the response characteristics of the 5 MW jacket-type wind turbine structure by the wind while the structure was not affected by the wave (Fig. 8). All responses of the tower and jacket were maximum at 0.39 Hz ( $\text{rpm} = 7.88/60 \times 3$  blades) corresponding to a frequency increase by the number of blades caused by the rotation of each blade at the rotor rotation speed (7.88 rpm) output by the wind speed (6 m/s). Therefore, the response of the wind turbine structure by

the wind is closely related to the rotor rotation. The vertical displacement of the structure is quite small and converges to 0 even in the time series results; thus, it can be inferred that the vertical displacement caused by the wind is absent in the fixed wind turbine structure.

The results of DLCs 4 and 5 are compared in Fig. 9 to identify changes in the response characteristics of the structure caused by wind speed changes. The rotating speed of the rotor is derived by the steady wind in the absence of incident waves, which causes a response at the frequency increased by the number of blades. The maximum response of the thrust occurs at the frequency of 0.39 Hz resulting from

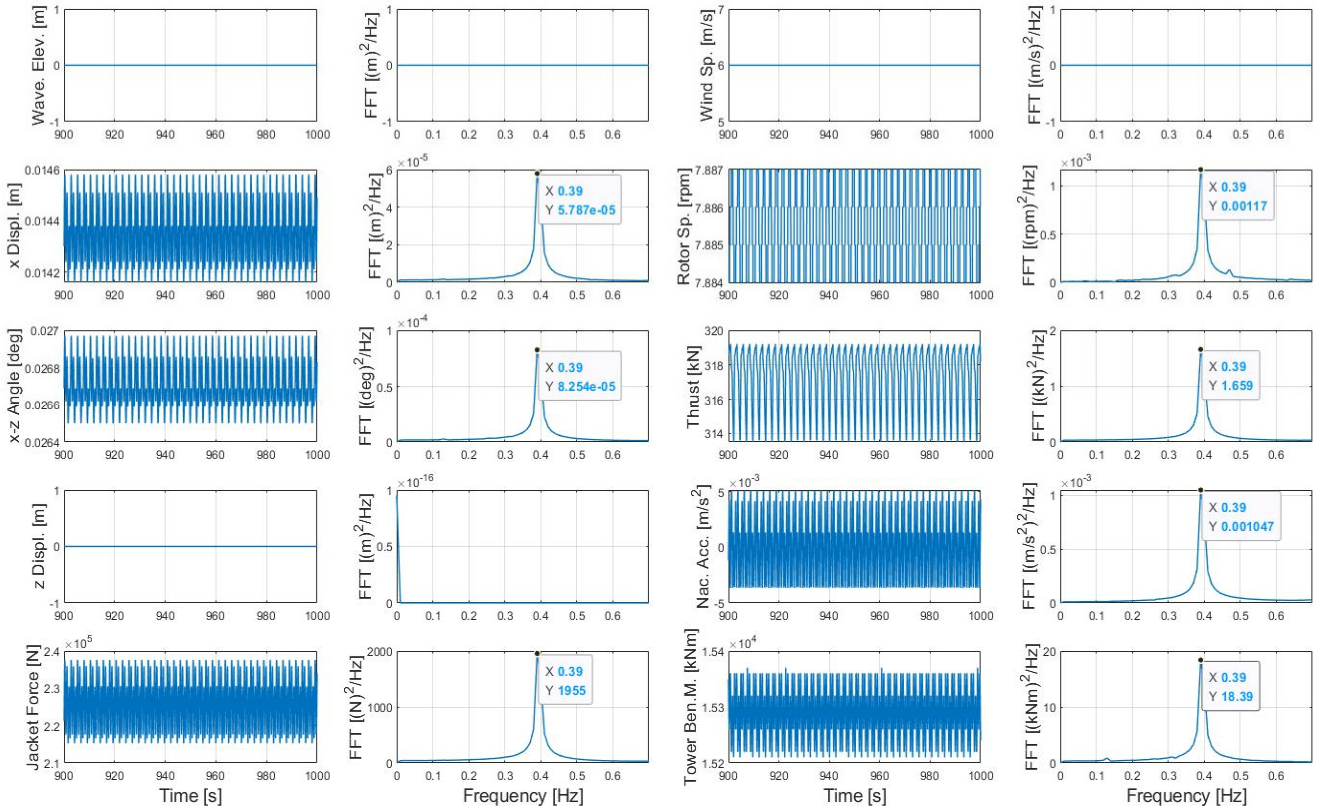


Fig. 8 Response to DLC #4, steady wind only (No wave,  $V_{Steady} = 6$  m/s)

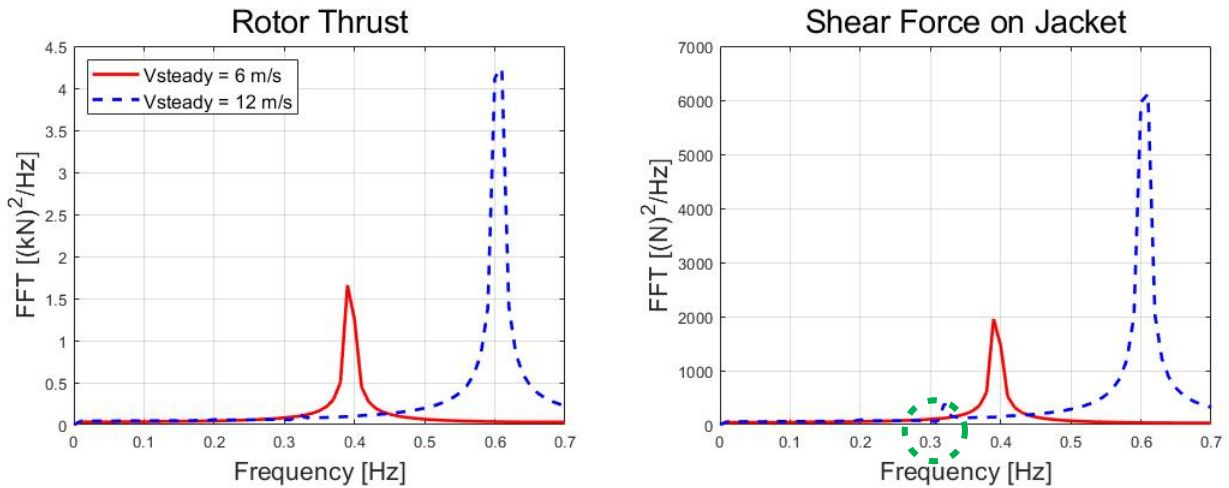


Fig. 9 Comparison of rotor thrust and shear force on jacket for DLC #4 & #5, steady wind only cases

multiplying the rotor rotation speed (7.88 rpm) by the number (3) of blades with the wind speed of 6 m/s and frequency of 0.61 Hz ( $\text{rpm} = 12.1/60 \text{ s} \times 3 \text{ blades}$ ) resulting from multiplying 12.1 rpm by the number (3) of blades with the wind speed of 12 m/s. Similar to the thrust, the shear force applied to the jacket is also significantly affected by the wind. Additionally, as the wind speed increases two folds from 6 m/s to 12 m/s, the thrust and shear force increase approximately three folds. The wind speed of 12 m/s also caused a weak response at the natural frequency (0.32 Hz) of the wind turbine structure (green circle). This means that the response of the structure also occurs in the

natural frequency band from the increasing force acting on the structure as the wind speed increases.

### 3.3.3 Response to Combined Wind and Wave Case

In the previous section, the effect of the incident wave on the response of the fixed jacket-type wind turbine structure and the effect on the wind were identified. Based on this finding, the response characteristics of the structure are to be evaluated in an environmental load where the incident wave and wind are mixed. First, the steady wind speed ( $V_{Steady}$ ) and turbulent wind speed ( $V_{Turbulence}$ ) of 6 m/s were

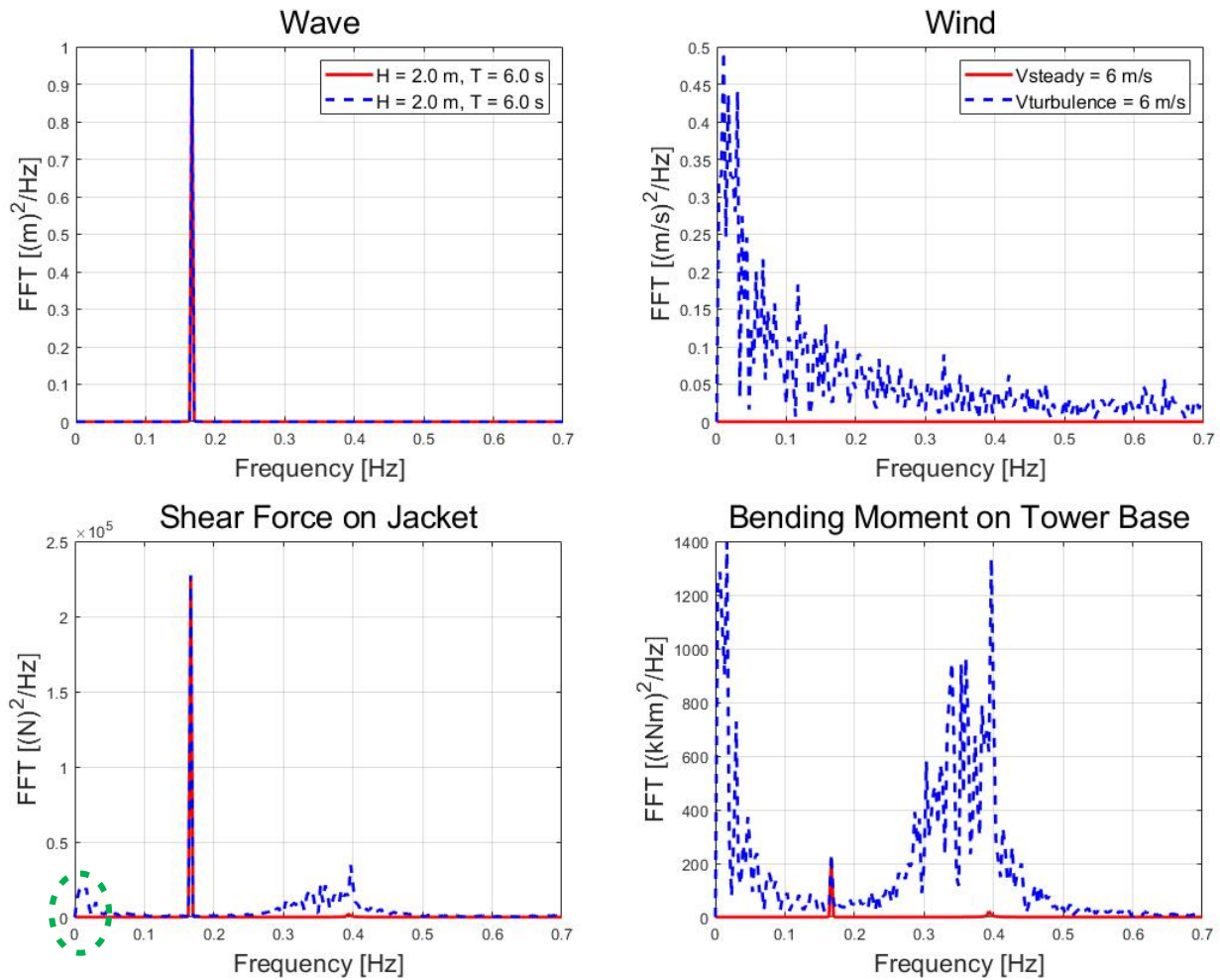


Fig. 10 Comparison of shear force on jacket and tower bending moment for DLC #6 & #7, regular wave with different wind types

substituted in the regular wave condition ( $H = 2$  m,  $T = 6$  s) in Fig. 10 to compare the response changes in the difference between the steady wind and turbulent wind in the regular incident wave condition (DLCs 6 and 7). The turbulent wind spectrum is dominant at a low frequency in comparison to the incident wave frequency, and the frequency change from a Fourier analysis is 0 because a constant-speed wind was inputted for the steady wind.

The shear force applied to the jacket was predominantly affected by the incident wave in a condition where the same regular wave entered (period: 6 s, frequency: 0.17 Hz), and the effect of the turbulent wind was approximately 8% in comparison to the maximum response at the corresponding point in the low-frequency interval (green circle). A small response of approximately 13% was also derived at the frequency of 0.39 Hz ( $\text{rpm} = 7.8/60 \text{ s} \times 3 \text{ blades}$ ) by the rotor rotation speed (7.8 rpm) and the number of blades at a wind speed of 6 m/s. This is because the same frequency as the rotor blade rotation frequency verified in the previous results, is included in the frequencies of the turbulent wind. However, the bending moment in the tower base has a small response of approximately 14% at the incident wave frequency of 0.17 Hz in comparison to its maximum frequency response. However, it has a maximum frequency response

at the frequency of 0.39 Hz by the low-frequency interval affected by the turbulent wind and rotor rotation. Therefore, the bending moment in the tower base has a considerable response in the frequency (0.39 Hz) band by the low-frequency interval of the turbulent wind, the natural frequency (0.32 Hz) of the structure, and the rotor rotation.

Fig. 11 compares the response characteristics of the bending moment and shear force when the steady wind (6 m/s) and turbulent wind are applied in a condition where the same irregular wave enters (DLCs 8 and 9). The shear force has a high response at a low frequency of the turbulent wind spectrum, the peak frequency of the irregular wave, and the frequency of 0.39 Hz by the rotor rotation speed; it has its maximum response at the peak frequency region (0.1–0.2 Hz) of the irregular wave regardless of the form of wind. As verified by the regular wave condition in Fig. 10, the shear force of the jacket is predominantly affected by the incident wave. However, because the significant wave height (average of top 1/3 wave heights) is applied to the irregular wave, a wide response spectrum results in approximately 0.17 Hz and the maximum response is reduced to approximately 1/4 in comparison to the regular wave, to be similar to the response by the turbulent wind. Similar to Fig. 10, the bending moment response of the tower base is slightly affected by the incident wave and is

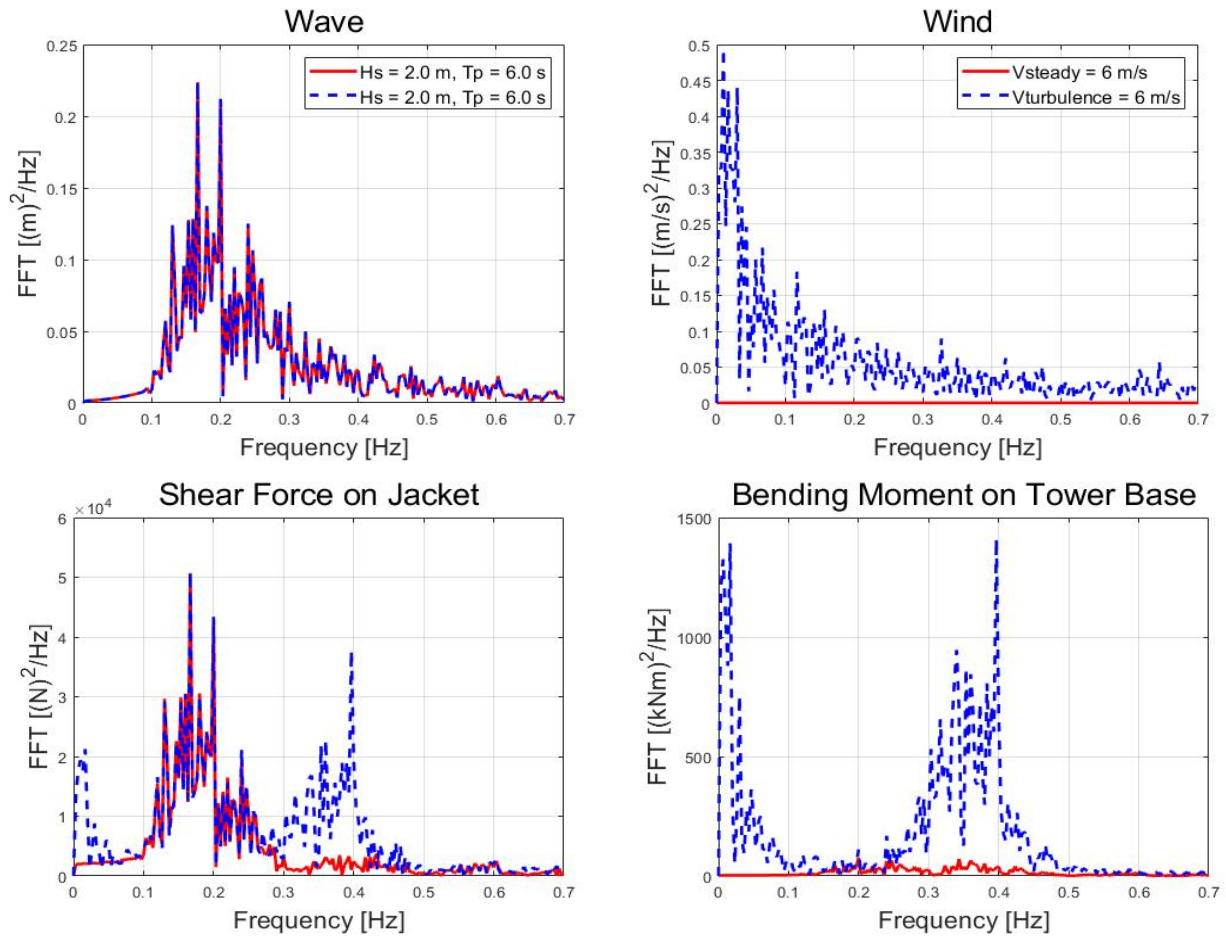


Fig. 11 Comparison of shear force on jacket and tower bending moment for DLC #8 & #9, irregular wave with different wind types

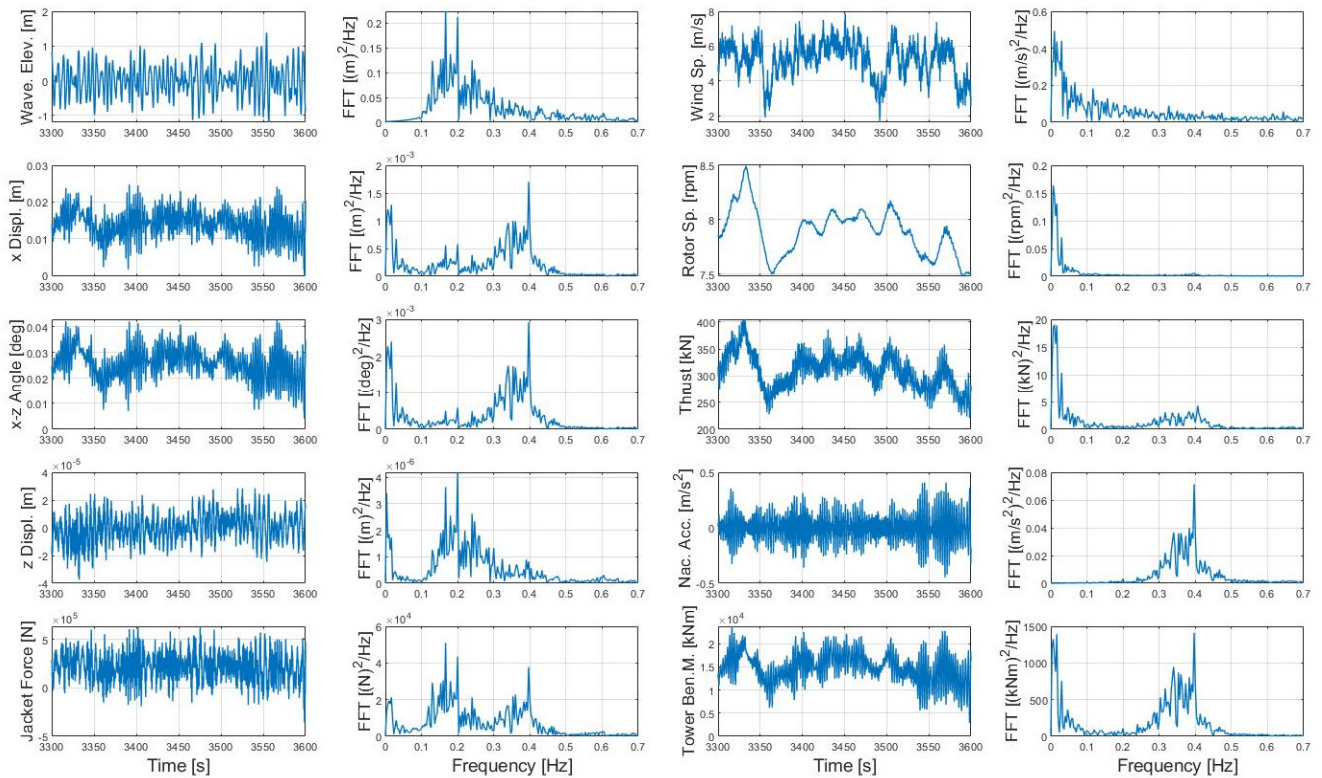


Fig. 12 Response to DLC #9, combined wind and wave condition ( $H_S = 2.0$  m,  $T_P = 6.0$  s,  $V_{Turbulence} = 6$  m/s)



predominantly affected by the wind, judging from the maximum response in the low-frequency region of the turbulent wind spectrum and the frequency region of the rotor rotation speed.

In Fig. 12, the overall response characteristics of the structure for the irregular incident wave were identified in the turbulent wind speed ( $V_{Turbulence} = 6$  m/s) condition. All the responses of the analysis model are affected by the low-frequency turbulent wind speed. The vertical displacement is relatively less affected because the wind turbine is a fixed structure. The shear force of the jacket and vertical displacement have their maximum responses at the incident wave peak frequency (period of 6 s, 0.17 Hz), which means that they are significantly affected by the incident wave. However, the horizontal displacement and  $x$ - $z$ -direction rotational displacement of the structure have their maximum responses near 0.4 Hz outside the low-frequency region, which indicates that they are predominantly affected at a frequency of 0.39 Hz ( $\text{rpm} = 7.8/60 \text{ s} \times 3 \text{ blades}$ ) resulting from multiplying the rotor rotation speed frequency by the number of blades at the inputted wind speed ( $V_{Turbulence}$ ) of 6 m/s. The shear force also has a large value at the same frequency.

The rotor rotation speed and thrust have dominant responses in the same low-frequency region by the application of the turbulent wind spectrum. Particularly, the rotor rotation speed is expressed with a spectrum of a very slow long waveform by the turbulent wind speed ( $V_{Turbulence}$ ) of 6 m/s. The nacelle acceleration has its maximum response at 0.39 Hz resulting from multiplying the rotor rotation speed of 7.8 rpm by the number of the blades. The bending moment of the tower has a large response at the frequency (0.39 Hz) by the rotor rotation and low-frequency region of the turbulent wind spectrum and shows a trend similar to the  $x$ - $z$ -direction rotational displacement response, which shows a correlation between the bending moment and rotational displacement.

Therefore, all the responses of the jacket-type wind turbine are affected by the low frequency of the turbulent wind spectrum. Particularly, the horizontal displacement, rotational displacement, nacelle acceleration, and bending moment are significantly affected at the frequency (0.39 Hz) by the rotor rotation from the wind. The effect of the incident wave frequency is dominant in the vertical displacement of the structure. The shear force of the jacket is predominantly affected in all the frequency regions above.

#### 4. Conclusions

In this study, the dynamic response characteristics corresponding to each environmental external force of a 5 MW fixed jacket-type offshore wind turbine model were analyzed. The characteristics of the frequency responses were compared by analyzing the FFTs of the time series results calculated using the FAST program. The motion responses of the analysis model were analyzed by applying single environmental conditions such as an incident wave-only condition and a wind-only condition to identify the characteristics of the motion

responses of the analysis model. The external force that predominantly affects the combined load was identified.

(1) In the incident wave-only condition, the motion response and load response of the wind turbine structure were dominant at the wave frequency; the rotor thrust, nacelle acceleration, and bending moment of the tower base had high responses in the natural frequency band of the structure.

(2) In the wind-only condition, all the responses except for the vertical displacement of the structure were dominant at the frequency resulting from multiplying the rotor rotation frequency caused by the wind and number of blades.

(3) In a combined external force where the wind and wave are simultaneously applied, the vertical displacement of the structure was mainly affected by the incident wave; the shear force applied to the jacket was affected by both the wind and incident wave; the bending moment in the tower base was predominantly affected by the wind.

The response analysis results of the fixed offshore wind turbine according to the wind and wave that were obtained in this study are expected to help in deriving more suitable models for installation in sea areas and developing improved designs by response performance comparison with different types of fixed or floating substructures in the future. It is difficult to state that the FAST program used in this study always derives accurate analysis results. However, it is currently widely used in areas related to wind turbine analysis, is open source code, and is useful in identifying the overall trend of the motion response of a structure.

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# Mechanism Development and Heading Control of Catamaran-type Sail Drone

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**ABSTRACT:** The need for energy harvesting in marine environments is gradually increasing owing to the energy limitation of marine robots. To address this problem, a catamaran-type sail drone (CSD), which can harvest marine energies such as wind and solar, was proposed in a previous study. However, it was designed and manufactured without considering the stability, optimal hull-form, and maintenance. To resolve these problems, a CSD with two keels, a performance estimator, V-shape hulls, and modularized components is proposed and its mechanism is developed in this study. To verify the performance of the CSD, the performance estimation using smoothed-particle hydrodynamics (SPH) and the heading control using fuzzy logic controller (FLC) are performed. Simulation results show the attitude stability of the CSD and the experimental results show the straight path of the CSD according to wind conditions. Therefore, the CSD has potential applications as an energy harvesting system.

## 1. Introduction

In recent years, the interest in oceans has been increasing due to the Fourth Industrial Revolution for Oceans, wind power, offshore photovoltaic power plants, and Antarctic and Arctic exploration bases. Accordingly, interest in the importance of maritime domain awareness (MDA) has also been increasing (Kim et al., 2016).

Research on marine robots for efficient mission performance in oceans has increased with the increasing interest in MDA (Yeu et al., 2019, Park et al., 2021). In the case of autonomous marine robots, there is a problem of energy insufficiency because of the size limitation. The energy insufficiency leads to severe problems, such as loss or damage of the robots caused by the lack of energy when the robots are conducting highly difficult missions and the activity radius is limited (Park et al., 2019).

To solve this problem, diverse studies have been conducted on marine-energy harvesting-based robots such as wave gliders and underwater gliders in South Korea and abroad. Among them, sailing-type robots, which have strengths in terms of speed and duration, stand out (Meinig et al., 2015).

A sail drone, a sailing-type robot, is a system that is propelled by wind and is heavily affected by wind direction and speed. Hence, it has a disadvantage that the straight path movement is not excellent

because of the cross-flow forces produced by wind (Sa et al., 2019).

To solve this problem, research was conducted in South Korea on a type of sail drone, to which a keel, a cross-flow force prevention device, was attached; however, the manufacturing and maintenance costs were high because the attitude stability and modularization for maintenance and repair were not considered in the design and manufacturing process (Man et al., 2020). Furthermore, they did not consider suitable sailing control techniques for the sail drone.

In this study, therefore, we developed a performance estimation tool that can ensure attitude stability using previously produced 3D design results and the smoothed-particle hydrodynamics (SPH) method, thereby securing attitude stability in the design process. Furthermore, we considered a V-model of the bow for speed improvement and modularization for robot maintenance and repair.

We considered the shape of the catamaran-type sail drone (CSD) to increase the attitude stability and considered a hybrid propulsion method, in which the sail is used as the main propulsion method and an electric propeller is used as the auxiliary propulsion method.

Recently, studies have used neural network (NN) methods (Fang et al., 2017) and deep learning (Sun and Gao, 2020) for the heading control of marine robots. However, owing to the complexity of sailing techniques, marine robots need expert systems that operate based on expert knowledge and are sensitive to wind direction and speed, thus

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requiring more robust controllers.

Therefore, this study proposes a fuzzy logic controller (FLC), which has more robust control characteristics and is easy to reflect an expert system.

Section 2 presents information related to the development of the mechanism of the CSD, and Section 3 presents the performance estimation tool created to secure the attitude stability in the design process. Section 4 describes the FLC for the heading control of the CSD. Section 5 discusses the experiments and results for the validation of the developed CSD mechanism and the proposed controller's performance, and Section 6 summarizes the conclusions.

## 2. Development of CSD Mechanism

The development of the CSD mechanism focuses on facilitating wind propulsion using the sails—the main propulsion method—and the attachment of solar panels. In the future, we plan to construct the system using solar panels for energy supply and the electric thruster as an auxiliary propulsion system while the sails are folded when the CSD enters a no-go zone.

The previously developed CSD ver.1.0 was not modularized and had high manufacturing and maintenance costs. Therefore, we configured the CSD ver.2.0 to facilitate easy disassembly and assembly of each module to increase the efficiency of manufacturing and maintenance. Fig. 1(a) shows the final design result of the CSD ver.2.0, and Fig. 1(b) shows the design considering the modularization, as mentioned earlier.

The keel was modularized to facilitate disassembly and assembly for the keel selection test and maintenance/repair, and the cross-sectional design of the keel was performed using a ship equipment design method.

The newly developed CSD ver.2.0 uses the same sails as the previously developed ver.1.0, but it is configured for better performance (Man, 2021).

Table 1 lists the performance and specifications of the CSD ver.1.0 and 2.0. It can be seen that because the bow of ver.2.0 was designed

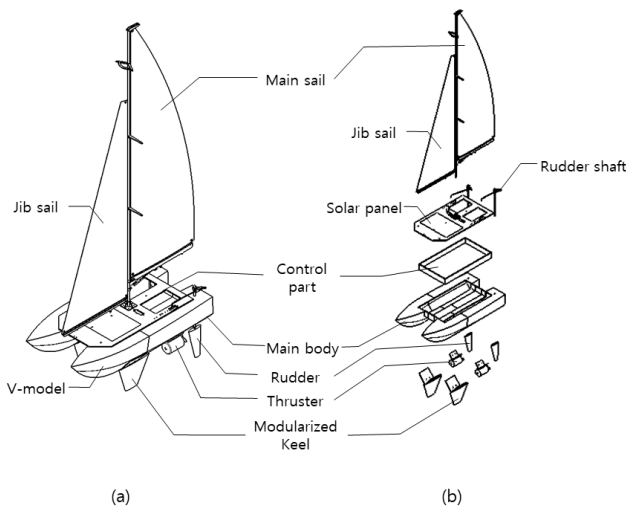


Fig. 1 Mechanism of buoy robot

Table 1 CSD ver.1.0 and 2.0 performance and specifications comparison

		Ver.1.0	Ver.2.0
Size	Weight(on air) (kg)	3.4	2.0
	Payload (kg)	1.12	1.5
	Length over all ( $L$ ) (cm)	60	50
	Moulded Brdadh ( $B$ ) (cm)	33.4	26.5
	Depth ( $D$ ) (cm)	16	16.3
Speed (Gentle breeze)	Height ( $H$ ) (cm)	113	112.6
	Downwind (m/s)	0.205	0.233
	Crosswind (m/s)	0.291	0.389
Speed	Upwind (m/s)	0.318	0.437
	Electric propulsion (Max Speed) (m/s)	0.2	0.255



Fig. 2 Prototype of CSD ver.2.0

considering the V-model, the payload increased by approximately 1.4 times, despite the fact that the CSD's breadth and length decreased. Furthermore, as the size of the body decreased with the same area of the sails, the speed increased by approximately 1.1–1.4 times at a wind speed of 3–5 m/s, which was under the gentle breeze category in the Beaufort wind force scale. Moreover, when propelled by electricity, the speed increased by approximately 1.3 times.

Fig. 2 shows the shape of the completed prototype, which was produced as a scale model for the convenience of fabrication and experiments. We used CATIA, a 3D design tool, for modeling, based on which the prototype was fabricated using a 3D printer. The control box and body cover unit were fabricated with acrylic using a laser machine.

It was equipped with an attitude heading reference system (AHRS) for heading control and a weathervane for detecting wind direction. Additionally, it was configured to save data on an SD card and backup data through Bluetooth and on the host PC through wireless communication.

## 3. Development of Performance Estimation Tool

We developed a performance estimation tool to examine the attitude

stability of the CSD before constructing it using the final 3D design data. Various sensors and devices are required to check the attitude stability using the fabricated equipment. However, if the performance estimation tool is used, it is easy to attach and use the sensors, without incurring costs.

The performance estimation tool was created using the SPH method, which allows real-time rendering based on the interaction between each particle of the fluid. Therefore, we developed the performance estimation tool using NVIDIA Flex that implemented the SPH method and using Unreal Engine 4 (UE4), which supported it.

The performance estimation tool developed based on the UE4 should convert the design files into files that can be recognized by the UE4 and receive the model as input. When UE4 receives the final model as an input, the inside of the model is empty, as shown in Fig. 3(a); further, because the final model cannot be recognized as a Flex object, the fluid particles do not interact with the model and pass through it. Therefore, conversion of the model into Flex objects is required, as shown in Fig. 3(b). The Flex objects contained inside and the fluid particles are configured in the same size. Table 2 lists the performance and specifications of the performance estimation tool.

For the performance estimation tool, we chose the water tank size, frames per second (FPS), maximum size and maximum quantity of particles, and life cycle to facilitate real-time rendering. The water tank size reflected the real experimental environment as much as possible. However, if the water tank size, particle size, maximum quantity, or FPS changes, the computation amount increases, causing difficulty in real-time rendering. Therefore, we determined their values through tests to facilitate real-time rendering.

We constructed the experimental water tank in a rectangular shape to examine the movement by allowing the fluid to enter in three directions. Fig. 4 shows an execution screen of the developed

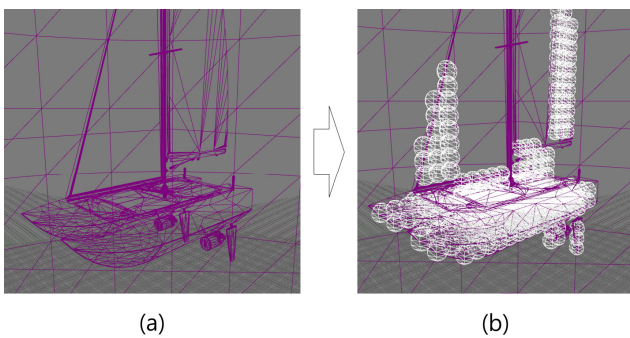


Fig. 3 Conversion result of Flex object

Table 2 Performance and specifications of performance estimation tool

Max particles (ea)	400,000
Particle radius (mm)	2.50
FPS (fps)	60
Lift cycle (s)	60
Water tank size (Width × Length) (mm × mm)	3,000 × 1,855

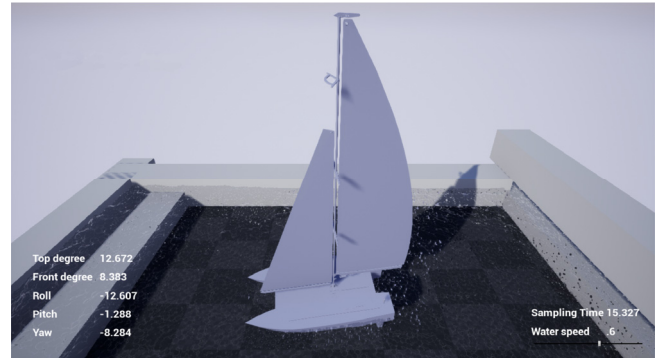


Fig. 4 Performance estimation of developed CSD

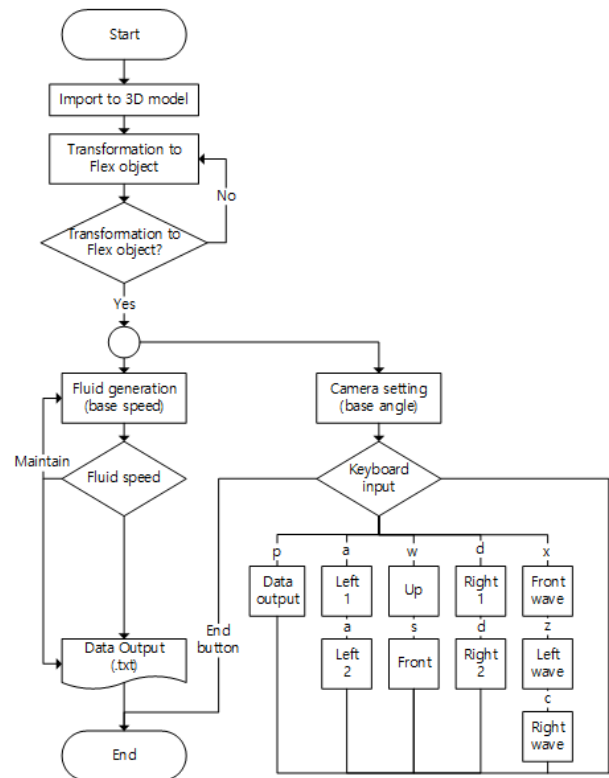


Fig. 5 Flowchart of performance estimation algorithm

performance estimation tool. It provides a total of seven views, including the front, left, right, and top.

Fig. 5 shows the algorithm flowchart. The inflow speed of the fluid can be controlled using the mouse wheel, and the flowing direction of the fluid can be controlled using the z, x, and c keys. Furthermore, to check the CSD’s attitude stability using the sensors attached to the CSD, the roll, pitch, and yaw values are output to the screen and a text file.

Figs. 6–8 show the roll, pitch, and yaw values with and without the keel in the CSD ver.2.0, which are results of the performance estimation tool. The solid line represents the case where the keels exist, and the dashed line represents the case where the keels do not exist.

As shown in Fig. 6, when there was no keel, the roll motion occurred up to approximately  $-50^\circ$  as the fluid entered from the side at

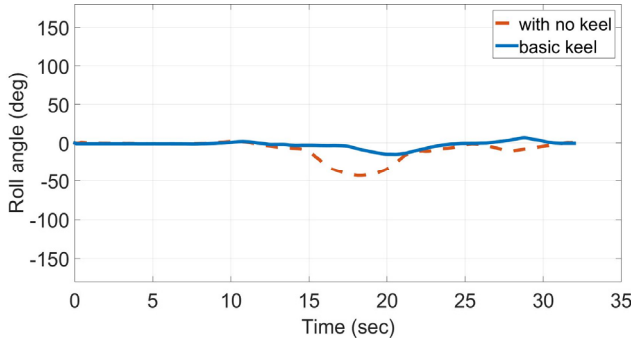


Fig. 6 Verification of attitude stability (Roll)

approximately 10 s. Furthermore, the roll motion occurred up to 10° at 25 s. In contrast, when there were keels, a maximum roll motion of ±10° occurred. This shows that keels result in better performance in terms of roll damping.

In Fig. 7, a similar performance of a maximum of approximately ±10° is shown regardless of whether the keels exist or not; it is confirmed that keels do not have a significant impact on the pitch motion.

As shown in Fig. 8, when there are keels, there is a movement of approximately 10° at 12 and 20 s, and the maximum movement is approximately 15°. When there are no keels, the maximum movement is approximately 10°. It is determined that as the keels at the bow collide with the particles first, there is more movement.

The performance estimation tool shows that the keels are helpful in terms of roll damping, through which the attitude stability can be secured.

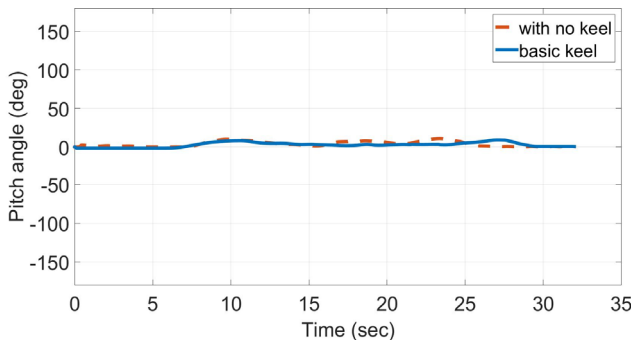


Fig. 7 Verification of attitude stability (Pitch)

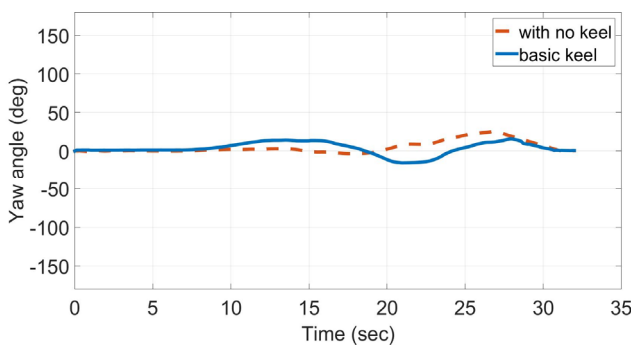


Fig. 8 Verification of attitude stability (Yaw)

### 4. Design of Heading Control Part

Sailing yachts cannot go straight through no-go zones, where the wind blows from the proceeding direction. They have to use a technique such as tacking to proceed in a zig-zag manner. Furthermore, because the speed and direction change as the angle of attack, at which the wind is met, changes according to the degree of spreading the sails, the degree of spreading the sails should be based on expert knowledge. Therefore, this paper proposes a simplified method, a hybrid technique in which the consequent comes out as a constant.

For the proposed control parts, we considered two parts: the heading control part and sail angle control part. In the heading control part, the part of the helm angle is considered using the heading value of the AHRS, whereas in the sail angle control part, the spreading angle of the sails is controlled using the heading value of the AHRS.

The fuzzy rule of the proposed heading control part is configured using the heading value error  $e_r$  and its differential  $\dot{e}_r$ , as presented in Table 3. The fuzzy rule is configured with NB (negative big), NS (negative small), Z0 (zero), PS (positive small), and PB (positive big), and it has a simple and basic format.

Table 3 Definition of fuzzy rule (Heading)

$e_r \backslash \dot{e}_r$	PB	PS	Z0	NS	NB
PB	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.0
PS	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.0	-0.5
Z0	0.8	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.8
NS	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.8	-1.0
NB	0.0	-0.5	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0

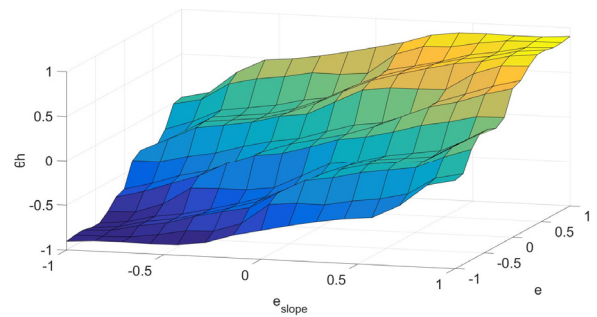


Fig. 9 Control surface of proposed FLC (Heading)

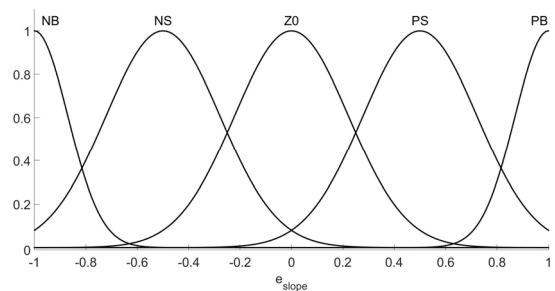


Fig. 10 Membership function of proposed FLC (Heading)

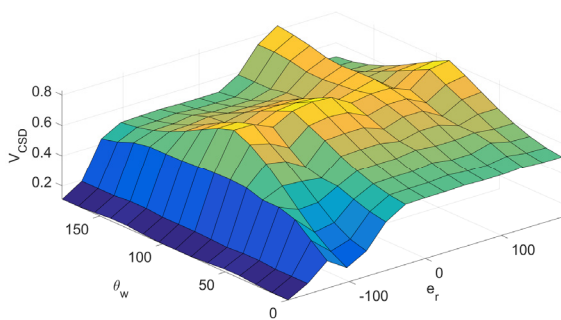
**Table 4** Proposed fuzzy rule (Sail angle)

$\theta_w \backslash e_r$	Small	Medium	Large
No-go	0.0	0.0	0.0
Up	0.0	1.0	0.5
Cross	0.8	1.0	0.5
Down	0.5	0.8	1.0
Deadrun	0.5	1.0	0.5

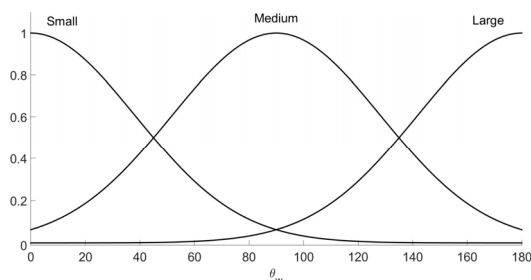
Fig. 9 shows the control surface that represents the fuzzy input and output relationship regarding the proposed fuzzy rule. For the membership function of the fuzzy input part, which uses the heading value error and error change rate as input values, we used a Gaussian form, as shown in Fig. 10.

The fuzzy rule of the proposed sail angle control part is configured using the measured wind direction angle  $\theta_w$  and the heading value error  $e_r$ , as illustrated in Table 4. The fuzzy rule divides  $e_r$  into small, medium, and large by size. The wind direction is defined for five cases with the no-go zone as the baseline: No-go; Up, which is a case of wind blowing from the front in the straight-ahead direction; Cross, which is a case of crosswind; Down, which is a case of wind blowing from the back; and deadrun, which is a case of wind blowing from a rear direction of  $\pm 170^\circ$  relative to the straight-ahead direction. In other words, we configured them based on the criteria used by experts in common sailing methods.

Fig. 11 shows the control surface that represents the fuzzy input and output relationship regarding the proposed fuzzy rule. For the membership function of the fuzzy input part, which uses the heading value error and wind direction as input values, we used a Gaussian form, as shown in Fig. 12.



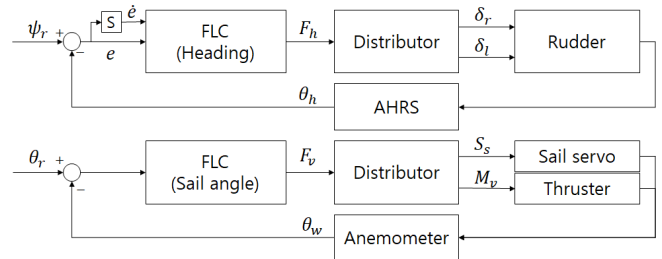
**Fig. 11** Control surface of proposed FLC (Sail angle)



**Fig. 12** Membership function of proposed FLC (Sail angle)

$$F = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N W_i c_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N W_i} \tag{1}$$

The non-fuzzification of the proposed FLC for the heading control uses a center of gravity method, as shown in Eq. (1). Here,  $F$  denotes the output value based on the center of gravity method,  $N$  is the number of fuzzy rules,  $W_i$  denotes the membership value for the  $i$ -th output variable, and  $c_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th output set single value.



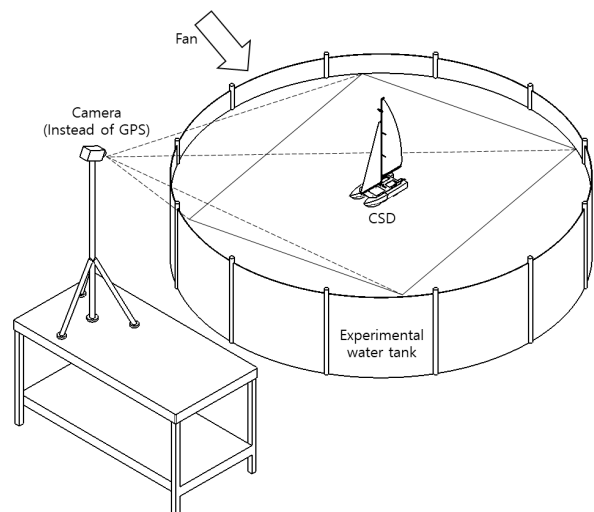
**Fig. 13** Block diagram of proposed FLC

Fig. 13 shows the control block diagram of the proposed FLC. The upper part comprises the heading control part, whereas the lower part comprises the sail angle control part. Because the sails are pushed by the cross-flow force, we used the heading value error to configure the heading and sail angle control parts. Based on the above process, we completed the design of the algorithm that uses FLC for heading control.

### 5. Experiments and Discussion

For the performance evaluation of the constructed CSD and proposed controllers, we compared the FLC and P controller that controls the helm angle using the heading value error. The experimental environment was set up as shown in Fig. 14.

An experimental water tank constructed with a size of 3.66 m and a depth of approximately 1 m was used indoors, and a camera was used



**Fig. 14** Experimental environment



**Table 5** Scenario for Test and Evaluation

Wind velocity	Wind direction		
	Downwind	Crosswind	Upwind
Gentle breeze (3–5 m/s)	Non-fuzzy / Fuzzy (D-G case)	Non-fuzzy / Fuzzy (C-G case)	Non-fuzzy / Fuzzy (U-G case)
Fresh breeze (8–10 m/s)	Non-fuzzy / Fuzzy (D-F case)	Non-fuzzy / Fuzzy (C-F case)	Non-fuzzy / Fuzzy (U-F case)

as a substitute for the GPS. The images were corrected by a perspective transform, and according to the measurement results after the image processing, 1 pixel corresponded to approximately 1 cm. Furthermore, image processing for obtaining the location information of the CSD was implemented to distinguish and track the red color using RGB for convenience of use. Furthermore, the system was configured to output the coordinate data and processed images to files.

Table 5 presents a brief overview of the test and evaluation scenarios. Here, based on the Beaufort wind force scale and the results of measuring the wind speed using a weathervane 2 m away, the wind speeds were classified into gentle breeze (a wind speed of 3–5 m/s) and fresh breeze (8–10 m/s). Furthermore, the wind direction was classified into Upwind (wind blowing at approximately 50° from the front based on the proceeding direction of the CSD), Crosswind (wind blowing at 90° from the side), and Downwind (wind blowing at 130° from the rear side).

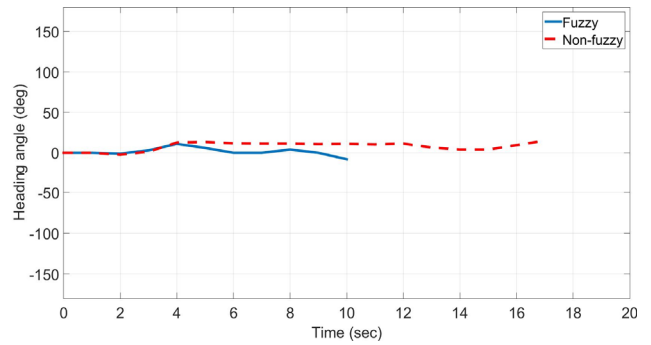
In all the experimental results, the solid line represents a case using the FLC, and the dashed line represents a case not using it. The desired target point in the image coordinates is (0, 165).

Fig. 15 shows the D-G case. In (a), the heading value graph, the maximum error is 20° identically. In the case of the dashed line, it can be seen that the direction is continuously maintained in a trajectory that has been pushed away once. The solid line shows that the direction is maintained by veering at 4 s and 8 s.

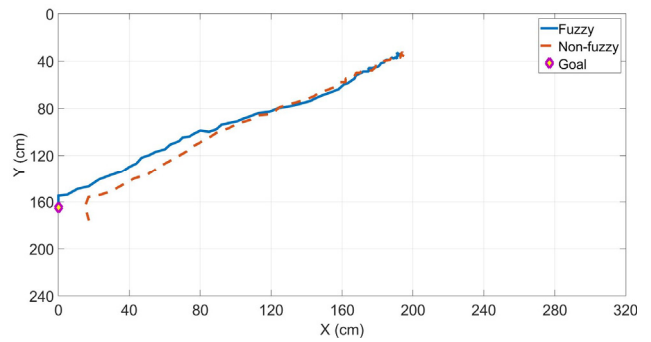
In the image coordinate trajectories of Fig. 15(b), the dashed line shows that the direction was maintained properly for a while, but it deviated near the destination, and the vessel arrived at a position approximately 16 cm away. However, the solid line shows that the vessel arrived at the desired destination, confirming that its performance is better.

Fig. 16 shows the D-F case, in which the wind speed increased, resulting in numerous errors in the heading values and a trajectory significantly pushed away. Fig. 16(a) shows that the maximum error was 25° in the case of the dashed line, but it decreased to 20° in the case of the solid line, where the FLC was used. Furthermore, because it veered at 5 s and maintained the direction properly, it can be seen that the response speed increased.

In the image trajectories of Fig. 16(b), the solid line shows that the CSD proceeded in the desired direction and arrived at a position approximately 14 cm away, but the dashed line shows that it arrived at a completely different location because the cross-flow force occurred significantly.

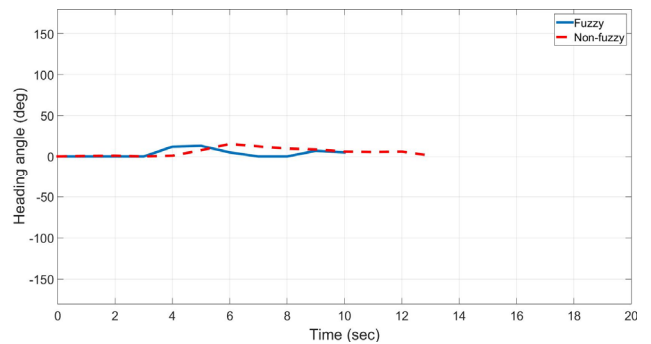


(a) Heading angle

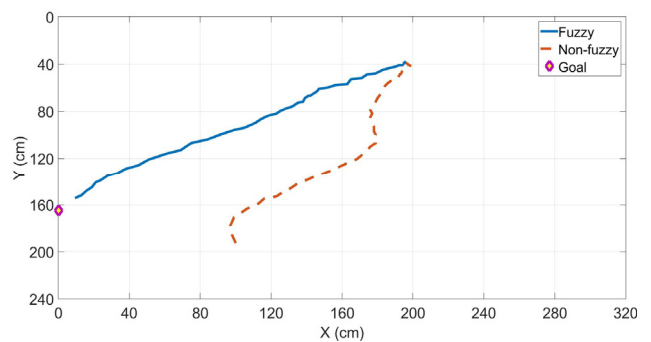


(b) Position

**Fig. 15** Performance of heading control (D-G case)



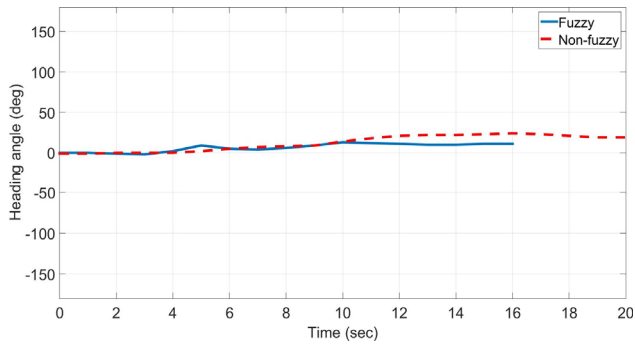
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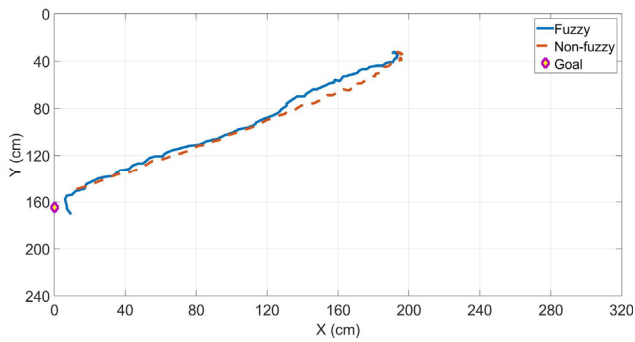
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**Fig. 16** Performance of heading control (D-F case)

Fig. 17 shows the C-G case. The crosswind, the wind blowing from the side, occurs typically, where the cross-flow force occurs the most. However, in the case of a gentle breeze, the cross-flow force was not large because the wind speed was low.

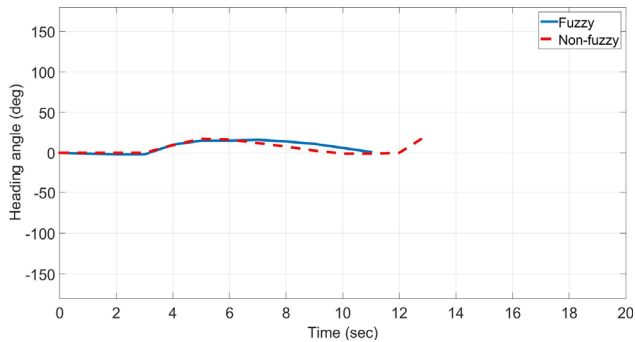


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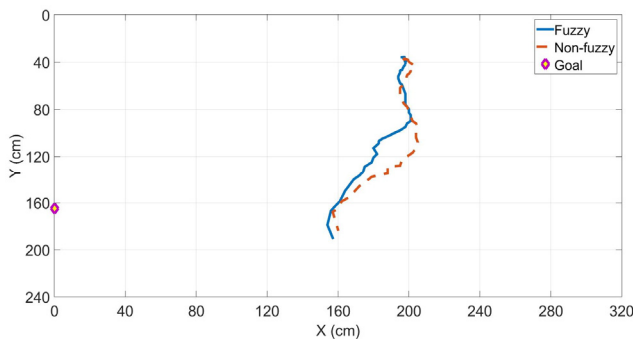


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Fig. 17 Performance of heading control (C-G case)



(a) Heading angle



(b) Position

Fig. 18 Performance of heading control (C-F case)

Fig. 17(a) shows that the maximum error of the heading values is  $30^\circ$  in the case of the dashed line. In the solid line, it can be seen that errors occurred up to  $15^\circ$  at 5 s and 10 s, but the direction was maintained by veering.

In the image coordinate trajectories of Fig. 17(b), it can be observed that the desired direction was well-maintained in both cases. In the case of the solid line, the CSD arrived at a position approximately 5 cm away, and in the case of the dashed line, it arrived at a position approximately 20 cm away.

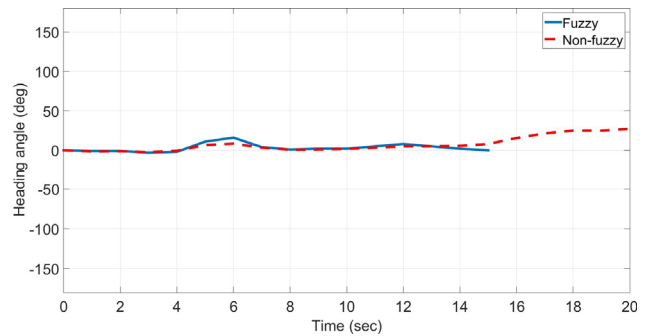
Fig. 18 shows the C-F case. As mentioned earlier, it is a case where the cross-flow force occurs the most. When the heading values are compared in Fig. 18(a), it is found that the maximum error is  $20^\circ$ . The solid line shows that direction is well-maintained through veering. In the case of the dashed line, however, the value increases up to  $24^\circ$ .

The image trajectories of Fig. 18 (b) show that the CSD was pushed away by the cross-flow force in both cases, and it was pushed away less when the proposed controller was used compared to before using it. Nevertheless, it was pushed significantly to the side in both cases, proceeding in directions different from the desired direction.

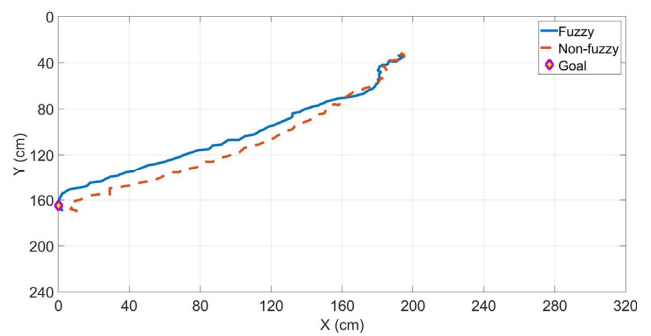
Fig. 19 shows the U-G case. In the heading values in Fig. 19(a), the dashed line shows that the direction started to turn at 6 s, turning  $30^\circ$  at the end. However, the solid line shows that a maximum error of  $18^\circ$  occurred at 6 s, but the direction was maintained by veering.

The comparison of the solid line and dashed line in the image trajectories of Fig. 19(b) shows similar performances. The dashed line shows arrival at a position approximately 8 cm away with a trajectory, which was pushed further away to the side compared to the solid line. The solid line shows that the direction was maintained, and the CSD arrived at the target position.

Fig. 20 shows the U-F case. In the heading values in Fig. 20(a), errors occurred significantly irrespective of the controller. The dashed line shows that an error of approximately  $30^\circ$  occurred, and toward the



(a) Heading angle



(b) Position

Fig. 19 Performance of heading control (U-G case)

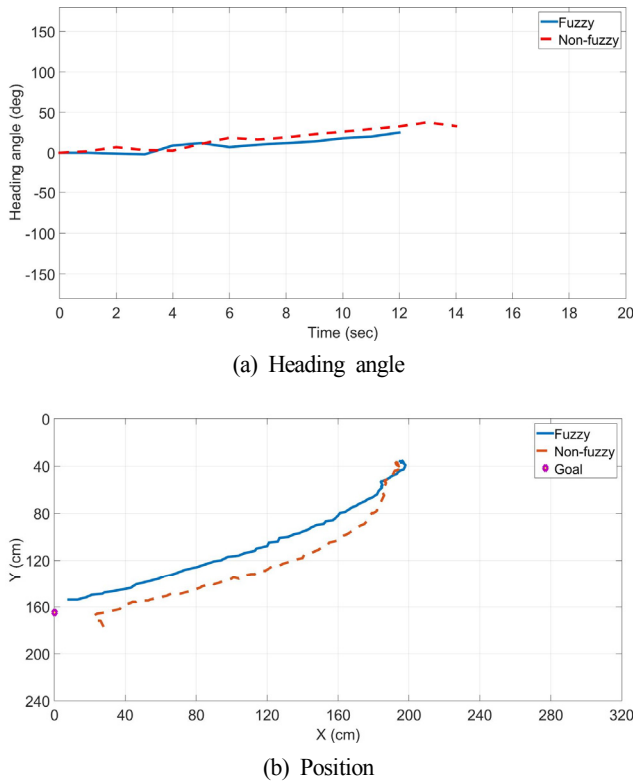


Fig. 20 Performance of heading control (U-F case)

Table 6 Result of Test & Evaluation

	FLC	D-G	D-F	C-G	C-F	U-G	U-F
Max. error (heading)	(°) ×	20	25	30	24	30	45
	○	20	20	15	20	18	30
Decrease rate (%)	×	0	20	50	17	40	33
	○	0	0	0	×	○	○
Maintaining heading	×	○	×	○	×	○	×
	○	○	○	○	×	○	○
Spending time (s)	×	17	13	20	13	20	14
	○	10	10	16	11	15	12
Decrease rate (%)	×	40	23	20	15	25	14
	○						

end, the maximum error increased to 45°. In the case of the solid line using the FLC, the maximum error was 30°.

In the image trajectories of Fig. 20(b), the dashed line shows the arrival at a position approximately 22 cm away from the target position, but in the case of the solid line, it can be observed that the CSD proceeded in the desired direction properly, arriving at a position approximately 14 cm away.

Table 6 summarizes the overall results. The heading value errors show that the use of the proposed controller reduced the maximum error by 50% overall. Furthermore, because the time spent decreased by 14–40%, it is confirmed that the speed increased.

When the capability for maintaining the heading was compared using the image coordinate values, we found that the path was well maintained overall when the proposed controller was used, except in

the C-F case. Furthermore, the D-F case was the case that exhibited the greatest difference in performance, whereby the direction was maintained to the desired destination only when the proposed controller was used.

## 6. Conclusion

In this study, we investigated a novel CSD system that considers the maintenance/repair and model of a ship, a performance estimation tool that can check the attitude stability in the CSD design process, and an FLC that reflects the expert knowledge-based sailing operation method.

The newly developed CSD considering the model of a ship and the maintenance showed better performance than the conventional CSD. Furthermore, the proposed performance estimation tool can be used to check the attitude stability before manufacturing.

To validate the proposed expert knowledge-based FLC, the heading was controlled for three types of wind direction and two types of wind speed. As indicated by the experimental results of validating the heading control, the response speed and CSD’s speed for maintaining the heading increased in all cases, showing the performance of the proposed controller.

In this study, we have prepared a foundation for research in CSD in South Korea. In the future, we will adopt various intelligent control methods to compare the performance and continue research on the improvement of straight path movement for the cases of crosswind and fresh breeze. Furthermore, the developed performance estimation tool was studied based on the limited size of the experimental water tank for real-time rendering. However, in the future, we plan to conduct research related to simulations that reflect the real-world maritime domain environment by improving the program.

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# Review of Ice Characteristics in Ship-Iceberg Collisions

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**ABSTRACT:** The International Ice Patrol (IIP) was established after the Titanic collided with an iceberg off the eastern coast of Canada in 1912 and sank, killing more than 1,500 people. Recently, the IIP has analyzed satellite images and provided safe operation information to vessels by tracking the occurrence and movement of icebergs. A large number of recent arctic studies mainly deal with sea ice formed by freezing seawater related to sea routes and resource development. The iceberg that collided with the Titanic was land-based ice that dislodged from a glacier and fell into the sea. The properties of these two types of ice are different. In addition, vessels operating in ice-covered waters such as the Arctic sea have an ice-breaking function or minimum ice-strengthened functions. Ships operating on transatlantic routes including the eastern coast of Canada do not necessarily require ice-strengthened functions. Hundreds to thousands of icebergs are discovered each year near the area where the Titanic sank. In this study, the status of ship-iceberg collision accidents was investigated to provide useful information to researchers, and the physical and mechanical characteristics of icebergs were investigated and summarized.

## 1. Introduction

Over 100 years have passed since the Titanic, one of the world's most widely known ships, sank after hitting an iceberg. According to Dasgupta(2019), the International Ice Patrol (IIP) was established to properly monitor icebergs generated in the wake of the accident. However, in his article describing 10 ships that sank due to a collision with an iceberg, Dasgupta emphasized that the Titanic was not the first ship that sank after striking an iceberg and would not be the last one to suffer such an accident, either.

Ship collisions are considered an important problem in maritime accidents (Wikipedia, 2021). First, ship collisions can result in the loss of human lives. The Titanic hit an iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic Ocean about 740 km south of Newfoundland, Canada, on April 14, 1912, causing an estimated maximum of 1,522 deaths (Hill, 2001 - 1,503 people; Bigg and Billings, 2014 - 1,514 people; Dasgupta, 2019 - 1,522 people). Ship collisions can also cause environmental disasters, including oil spills. In 1989, the Exxon Valdez ran aground off the coast of Alaska and leaked 41,640 kL of crude oil into the sea, causing an ecological disaster that threatened the local marine ecosystem. Analysis data on the cause of the accident (Paik, 1992) revealed that it was related to a glacier: the ship ran

aground on a reef while trying to steer clear of a group of floating ice packs that broke off from a glacier. Ship collisions generally entail substantial financial losses for ship owners. In 1989, the Trave Ore paid about 4 million dollars for ship repair alone after it struck a bergy bit (Hill, 2001). This amount did not include the amount of compensation for the loss of cargo or the operating deficit for ship operations.

Icebergs are chunks of ice that float above the water surface and have broken off from land-based ice. They are made of frozen fresh water with little salt, they are lighter than sea water and are more likely to float above the water surface than sea ice. For smaller icebergs, the fractions exposed above the water surface generally have a length of several meters, so they are not easily detected by instruments such as radar. However, the total mass, including the mass of the portion below the water surface, is tremendous, so an iceberg can generate huge energy when it collides with a ship. This energy is very dangerous when ship-iceberg collisions occur. When the iceberg responsible for the sinking of the Titanic was reconstructed based on the accounts of survivors, it was estimated to have a depth of 100 m and a length of 125 m, and its mass was estimated to be as large as over 2 million tonnes (Bigg and Billing, 2014).

This study reviews the data of previous investigations to investigate

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the characteristics of ice related to ship-iceberg collisions. For this purpose, we first reviewed statistical data on ship-iceberg collision accidents. This review was conducted to gain a proper understanding of the historical status and the overall characteristics of the occurrences of ship-iceberg collision. In addition, among major ice parameters related to ship-iceberg collision accidents, key properties such as the size, mass, shape, and strength of icebergs were reviewed with focus on previous research data. This analysis is expected to serve as a starting point for a more practical engineering approach to the problem of ship-iceberg collision. Finally, current efforts to prevent ship collision accidents due to icebergs were briefly summarized.

## 2. Statistics on Ship-Iceberg Collision Accidents

Table 1 shows 10 ships that collided with an iceberg (Dasgupta, 2019) based on the number of fatalities. Among the 10 accidents, the exact causes have not yet been clarified for the Naronic and the Hans Hedtoft, but since they are presumed to have been caused by icebergs, they were also included in the article. The 2,857-ton freighter Hans Hedtoft set out on a voyage bearing the prideful label of the “safest afloat,” but when the accident happened, the fishing boat that arrived at the location after receiving a distress signal did not find any traces of the ship, and the mystery remains unsolved. As shown in Table 1, aside from the Islander, 9 accidents occurred in the North Atlantic, and they mostly occurred between January and April regarding the seasonal time of the accident.

The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) has built an iceberg-ship collision database using MS Access. This database includes 670 collision accidents that occurred in the Northern Hemisphere (Hill, 2001; Hill, 2006). Most of these accidents occurred in the Grand Banks area southeast of Newfoundland Island in Canada (Fig. 1). Hill (2001) analyzed the number of ship-iceberg collisions per year and the extent of sea ice using data from the database for a period of almost 200 years from 1810 to 2004. The results showed significant

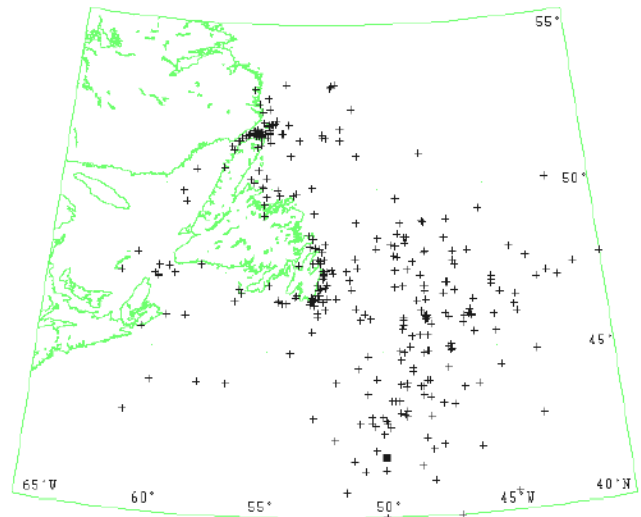


Fig. 1 Chart of the approximately 300 known locations of iceberg collisions off Newfoundland with the Titanic location marked as a square (Hill, 2001)

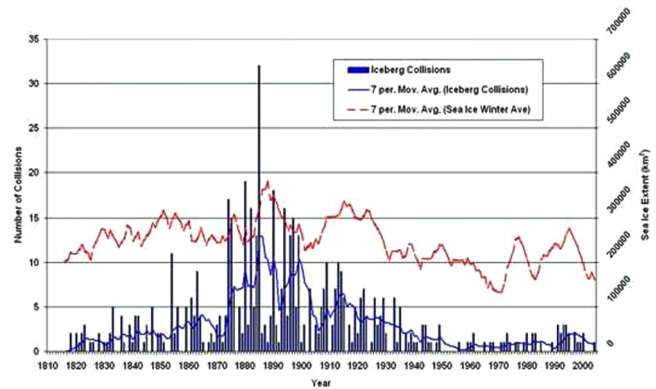


Fig. 2 Inter-annual variation of iceberg collisions and sea ice extent with a 7-year period moving average (Hill, 2006)

Table 1 10 ships sunk by accident with iceberg

Ship name	Accident date	Accident location	Life loss (people)
Titanic	1912.4.14	Newfoundland, Canada	1,522
Pacific	1856.1.23	Fr. Liverpool to New York	186
John Rutledge	1856.2.19	Fr. Liverpool to New York	133
Maria	1949.5.10	St. Paul's Island, Canada	109
Hans Hedtoft	1959.1.30	Cape Farewell, Greenland	95
Vaillant	1897.4.13	Newfoundland, Canada	78
Naronic	1893.2.11	Fr. Liverpool to New York	74
Hannah	1849.4.29	Fr. Newry (Ireland) to Quebec	50
William Brown	1841.4.19	Newfoundland, Canada	50
Islander	1901.8.15	Alaska, USA	40

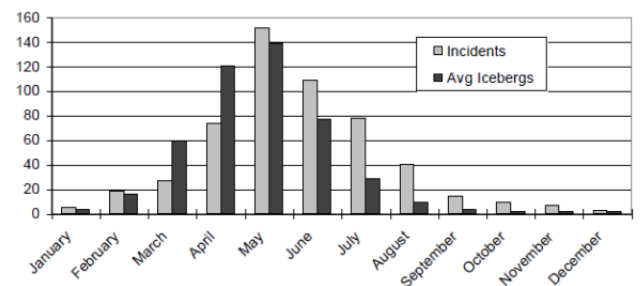


Fig. 3 Comparison of 545 incidents in the North Atlantic sorted by month and the average monthly iceberg count (Hill, 2001)

correlation between collisions and sea ice (Fig. 2). Kujala (1991), Hanninen (2005), Marchenko (2012), and Marchenko (2014) provided related information for ship-iceberg collision accidents outside the east coast of Canada or the northwestern part of the North Atlantic.

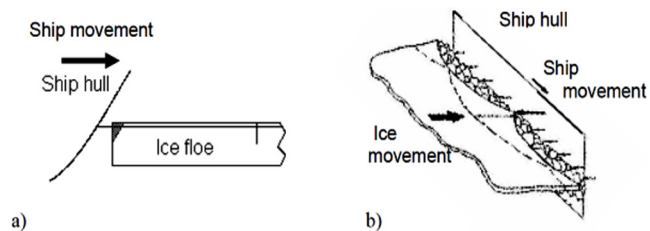
Hill (2001) presented the monthly distributions of the number of collisions and the average number of icebergs, as shown in Fig. 3. It can be seen that the monthly distributions of the two variables show close similarity. However, as pointed out by the author, this data does

not include changes in the marine traffic volume. In addition, Fig. 2 shows that the number of collisions reached a maximum of 31 at the end of the 19th century, but it has largely remained at a low level with a maximum of 3 collisions per year since the 1940s. The analysis of the types of ships that crashed into an iceberg using this database showed that ships colliding with an iceberg were mostly passenger ships and general cargo ships until 1940, but fishing vessels and bulk carriers have made up a large proportion of them since 1990. In addition, there have been no casualties due to a collision with an iceberg since the 1960s (Hill, 2006).

Marchenko (2014) investigated ship accidents caused by floating ice from the accident of the icebreaker Admiral Lazarev in the East Siberian Sea in 1965 to the accident of the Akademik Shkalskiy in the Antarctic Ocean in 2013. He classified these accidents into three types: ice floe hit, nipping/trapping by ice, and ice jet. “Ice floe hit” refers to cases where a ship sailing at a relatively high speed collides with solid sea ice in a situation where a small number of pieces of sea ice are floating in the sea at a sea-ice concentration lower than about 15-20%, and visibility is reduced by fog. “Nipping/trapping by ice” refers to cases where a ship is trapped in sea ice and is unable to move. This type of accident occurred frequently in the early 20th century, which was the early pioneering period of the Arctic sea routes, but it rarely occurs in the waters with floating icebergs dealt with in this study. “Ice jet” refers to cases where a ship collides with floating ice moving at a relatively high speed (about 0.5–1 m/s), and this type of accident is known to occur mainly in straits and bays.

Fig. 4 shows the relative moving directions of a ship and floating ice with respect to each other. Ship-iceberg collisions can be divided into cases where the bow structure of a ship sailing at a relatively high speed collides with the edge of an iceberg in a situation of poor visibility due to fog or other factors and cases where the iceberg is pressed against the side shell of the ship. In cases similar to Fig. 4(a), the impact force is determined by the ship speed and the angle of impact, and the shape and mass of the iceberg are important factors in the collision. In the case shown in Fig. 4(b), static ice load can be increased if the side shell and the iceberg move slowly in directions perpendicular to each other.

Fig. 5 shows a vessel that collided with ice at a high speed and sustained damage in the bulbous bow, even though the accident occurred in July, a summer month when ice becomes weak. This seems to correspond to the case in Fig. 4(a), and the high speed of the ship



**Fig. 4** (a) Ship moves and hits an ice floe or (b) ice is pressed against ship side (Jalonen et al., 2005)



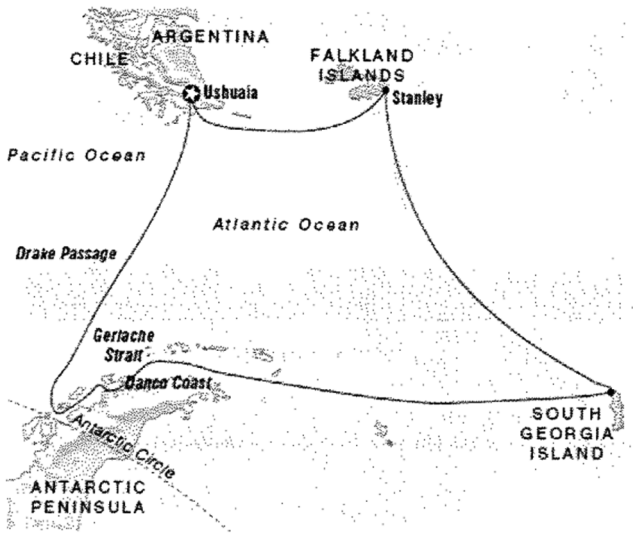
**Fig. 5** Bulbous bow of a cargo vessel with a Lloyd's 100 A1 Ice Class 1A damaged in ice en route Iqaluit, Nunavut, in July (Canadian Coast Guard, 2012)



**Fig. 6** Damaged side structure of bulk carrier Reduta Ordona by collision with a growler in Hudson Strait on its way from Poland to Churchill, Manitoba, July 21, 1996. Quebec City, MIL Davie shipyard (Foumler et al., 2020).

actually seems to be the main cause of the damage of the vessel (Canadian Coast Guard, 2012). In addition, the Reduta Ordona, a bulk carrier, collided with an iceberg in July 1996 and sustained heavy damage in the ship-length direction on the side shell on the forebody, which can be considered an example of the case shown in Fig. 4(b). Yu and Amdahl (2021) presented Fig. 6 as an example of sliding damage, which happens along the direction in which the ice slides

A ship that recently sank due to a collision with sea ice was the MS Explorer registered in Liberia, which was a Det Norske Veritas (DNV) 1A1 Ice-A class ice-strengthened vessel (Bureau of Maritime Affairs, Liberia, 2009). Although this accident was related to sea ice and not icebergs, we describe it briefly since it occurred recently. The ship was a cruise ship built in Finland in 1969 and operated around Ernest Shackleton via the Drake Passage in the Antarctic Ocean, which is known for rough waves (see Fig. 7 for the sea route of the ship). When the accident occurred, the ship collided with sea ice in the Bransfield



**Fig. 7** Route for Spirit of Shackleton Tour by the MS Explorer (Bureau of Maritime Affairs, Liberia, 2009)



**Fig. 8** The Explorer lying over its side after collision with ice wall (BBC News, 2007)

Strait near King George Island and sustained a gash similar to a deep cut, which caused seawater to flood into the ship. This ship eventually capsized, as shown in Fig. 8, but 154 people aboard including passengers and the crew were all rescued.

A final report on the investigation of the accident stated that damage of punctures and slices with a minimum length of 3.6 m occurred along with the shell plating in the longitudinal direction of the ship (Bureau of Maritime Affairs, Liberia, 2009). The report mainly attributed the accident to misjudgment based on the experience of the ship operator, who entered the ice-covered waters despite the fact that the sea ice that formed in the accident location was thicker and harder than general first-year sea ice. In connection with this, the Sea Ice Nomenclature of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (WMO, 2015) classifies first-year sea ice as three types according to the thickness: thin, medium, and thick first-year ice. First-year ice with a thickness of 30–70 cm is classified as thin, first-year ice with a thickness of 70–120 cm as medium, and first-year ice with a thickness of more than 120 cm as thick.

### 3. Characteristics of Colliding Ice and Sea Ice Extents

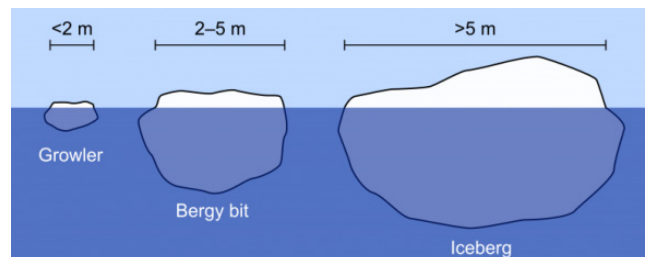
#### 3.1 Size of Ice with a High Likelihood of Colliding with a Ship

Generally, floating ice can be classified according to size. “Growlers” are smaller pieces of floating ice with the size of a truck or grand piano. They have a height of less than 3 ft (about 0.91 m) above the sea surface but cover a large area of up to about 215 ft<sup>2</sup> (about 20 m<sup>2</sup>). “Bergy bits” are larger than them and typically have a height of 3–16 ft (about 0.91–4.9 m) above the sea surface and an area of approximately 1,000–3,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (about 93–279 m<sup>2</sup>). Pieces of floating ice larger than bergy bits are referred to as icebergs (Bigg and Billing, 2014). Fig. 9 shows a comparison between the sizes of an iceberg, bergy bit, and growler, which can be figuratively described as follows (Thompson-Munson, 2021):

- Growler : Human-sized or smaller
- Bergy bit : Car-sized to house-sized
- Iceberg : Building-sized or larger

Icebergs are chunks of ice that have broken off from land-based glaciers into the sea and are made of fresh-water ice. The specific gravity of an iceberg ranges from 0.85 to 0.91, so the portion visible above the sea surface is merely a fraction of the iceberg. Since the specific gravity of sea water is generally about 1.03, approximately 12–17% of the total mass of an iceberg floats above the sea surface. Icebergs are mainly created around the western coast of Greenland in the Northern Hemisphere and on the ice cap of Antarctica in the Southern Hemisphere (Choi, 2013; Jacka and Giles, 2007). Other regions where icebergs are formed include Axel Heiberg Island, Svalbard, and Novaya Zeml'ya. Icebergs are not found in Arctic seas since they originate in the mentioned regions and are moved south by the wind and currents (Palmer and Croasdale, 2013).

According to the WMO Sea Ice Nomenclature (WMO, 2015), floating ice refers to all types of ice floating in water and is classified as lake ice, river ice, and sea ice. Data related to river ice were published by Korzhavin (1971/2002) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (2002/2005). Sea ice refers to the ice formed from the freezing of sea water and discovered in the sea. With respect to the classification of floating ice by size, the terms floe and iceberg are related to the formation process of floating ice. Floes are formed as sea



**Fig. 9** Three iceberg size categories: growler, bergy bit, and iceberg (Thompson-Munson, 2021)



ice adheres together, while icebergs are chunks of ice that have broken off from glaciers. Floes are classified according to the length in the horizontal direction as follows: floe giant (10 km or more), floe vast (2–10 km), floe big (0.5–2 km), floe medium (100–500 m), floe small (20–100 m), ice cake (20 m or less), and small ice cake (2 m or less). Although it was published quite a long time ago, the book by Sanderson (1988) is one of the best books on sea ice mechanics, and another useful book currently available is that by Cammaert and Muggerridge (1988). Sea ice is not fully dealt with in this study, and further information concerning sea ice can be found in the two books.

Icebergs are classified according to size as follows based on the height and length of the part of the iceberg visible above the sea surface. Icebergs with a sail height of 75 m or greater and a length of 200 m or greater are classified as very large icebergs, those with a sail height of 46–75 m and a length of 121–200 m are large icebergs, those with a sail height of 16–45 m and a length of 61–120 m are medium icebergs, and those with a sail height of 5–15 m and a length of 15–60 m are small icebergs. Bergy bits refer to large pieces of floating glacier ice with a sail height of 1–5 m and an area of 100–300 m<sup>2</sup>, and growlers are defined as smaller pieces of ice than bergy bits (WMO, 2015).

In dealing with the problem of ship-iceberg collision, Addario et al. (2014) argued that it is a valid approach to estimate the size of icebergs, which is a major variable, from the size of detectable icebergs. They thought that since detectable icebergs can be avoided, they no longer pose hazards to ships. Based on the results of previous investigations, they determined that the size of icebergs identifiable by airborne radar is about 20 m. In addition, they also mentioned that it may be difficult to detect icebergs with a height less than 2 m in the sea conditions commonly encountered in the Arctic region. Based on these factors, they presumed that the maximum size of icebergs that are highly likely to collide with a ship is a sail height of 2 m and a waterline length of 20 m. The DNV data (Mejlaelander-Larsen and Hysing, 2006) considers the length of icebergs identifiable by airborne radar to be 15 m or more. In addition, explanation data on icebergs from the National Snow and Ice Data Center in the U.S. (NSIDC, 2021) states that only icebergs with an area of 500 m<sup>2</sup> or larger can be tracked.

Fig. 10 shows a diagram of the appropriate navigation method when bergy bits (relatively large fragments of ice that have broken off from glaciers) are present together with icebergs. It is advised that a ship sail in the windward direction with respect to the iceberg to the left of the ship. In addition, the Canadian Coast Guard (2012) recommends taking extra care in monitoring bergy bits and growlers since they pose a great danger in that it is difficult to discern them from white caps in the open sea, as shown in Fig. 11, and they are sometimes hidden in rubbed ice in ice-covered waters. Even relatively large ones are difficult to detect by marine radar because the freeboard above the sea surface is small, and the sides of bergy bits and growlers reflect radar energy away from the antenna. For these reasons, bergy bits and growlers are considered to present the greatest hazard to ships in ice-covered waters (Canadian Coast Guard, 2012).

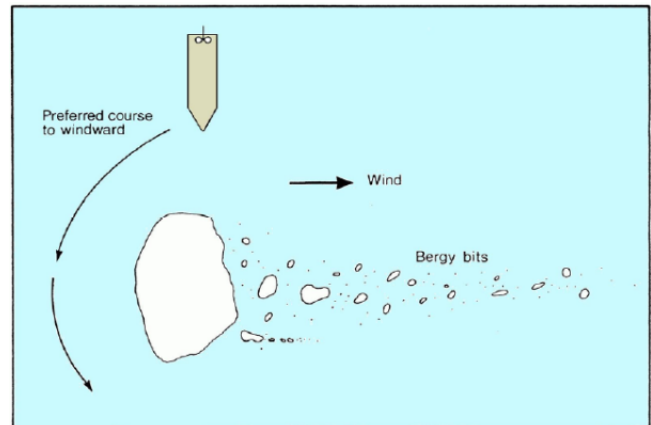


Fig. 10 Navigating around an iceberg and bergy bits (Canadian Coast Guard, 2012).



Fig. 11 Iceberg and growlers in the open sea (Canadian Coast Guard, 2012)

### 3.2 Shape of Colliding Icebergs

The actual shape of icebergs varies widely. Studies that performed measurements of shape data of these icebergs are summarized in Table 2. McKenna (2004) conducted shape characterization of icebergs by developing a method that allows us to connect the parts above and below the water surface in a consistent manner, satisfy hydrostatic considerations, and express the relationships between measured values of waterline length, waterline width, sail height, keel depth, and mass. Fig. 12 shows a representation of the overall shape of the iceberg named “Julianna” among the icebergs measured by the Dynamics of Iceberg Grounding and Scouring (DIGS) project. The iceberg had a waterline length of 292 m, a waterline width of 258 m, a sail height of 70 m, and a keel depth of 170 m (McKenna, 2005). McKenna (2005) also derived the relationships between the major parameters mentioned above for engineering application of the shape of icebergs.

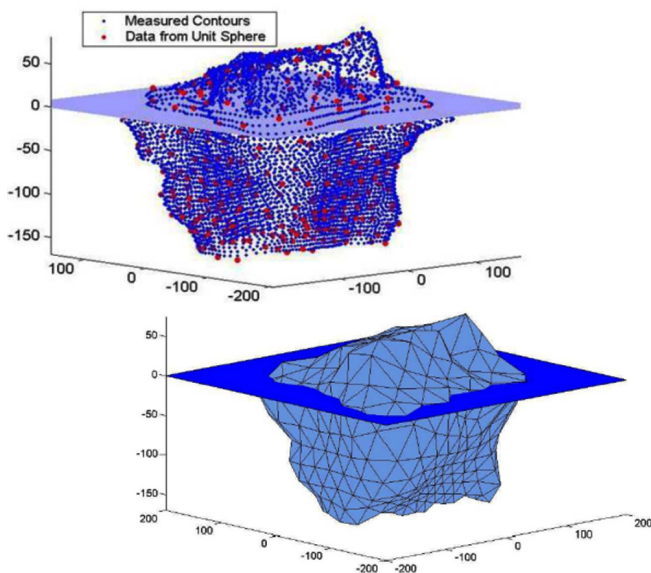
Liu (2011) described the following three possibilities in his analysis on the shape of icebergs in terms of the potential damage to the hull structure:

(1) Icebergs with a sharp protrusion have the potential to cause great damage.

(2) A blunt surface of icebergs may be less likely to cause damage since it has a large energy dissipation capacity. However, since it has greater energy at the same time, it may cause deformation of the internal structure.

**Table 2** Summary of measured iceberg shape data (McKenna, 2004)

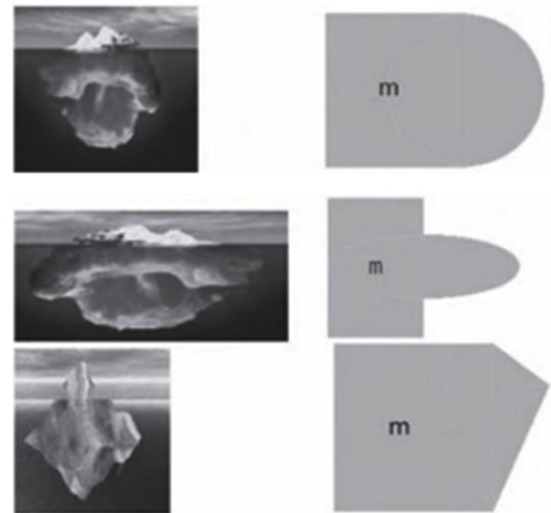
Source	Type of data
Fenco (1971)	Aerial photogrammetry, ship based above water photographs
Intera (1981)	Aerial photogrammetry
Atlantic Survey (1982)	Aerial photogrammetry
Bercha (1983)	Aerial photogrammetry
ICE Eng. (1983a)	Ship-based above-water photographs, limited underwater sonar profiles not tied in
ICE Eng. (1983b)	Ship-based above-water photographs, limited underwater sonar profiles not tied in
Bercha (1984)	Aerial photogrammetry
Dobrocky Seatech (1984)	Ship-based above-water photographs, underwater sonar profiles tied in
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Smith and Donaldson (1987)	Ship-based above-water photographs, limited underwater sonar profiles tied in
Hodgson et al. (1988)	Aerial photographs, ship-based above-water photographs, underwater sonar profiles tied in
Oceans Ltd. (2004)	Ship-based above-water photographs, underwater sonar profiles tied in



**Fig. 12** Iceberg “Julianna” showing measured contours and surface points associated with radial representations; triangular patch representation of surface points.

(3) The shape that can inflict the greatest damage to a ship may be somewhere between the shapes described in (1) and (2).

In connection with these possibilities, Addario et al. (2014) posited the three shapes of icebergs shown in Fig. 13 and conducted a collision



**Fig. 13** Selected shapes of iceberg (Addario et al., 2014)

Shape	Average height to draft ratio	Shape	Average height to draft ratio
Tabular	1:5	Wedge	1:5
Non-Tabular	1:5	Drydock	1:1
Domed	1:4	Blocky	1:5
Pinnacle	1:2		

**Fig. 14** Sample photographs of seven standard icebergs shapes and their sail height to keel depth ratios (Turnbull et al., 2015)

analysis. Icebergs can also be classified according to the shape, as shown in Fig. 14 (Turnbull et al., 2015), which is important for the record of iceberg detections by ships. In this regard, materials on the method of classification of icebergs according to the shape can be easily found on the Internet. Generally, the data also includes the average ratio of the sail height to the keel depth.

In an ice collision analysis for LNG vessels, Suh et al. (2008) assumed that the shape of a bergy bit as a striking body is classified as three types: conical, spherical, and cubic. This is based on the data of DNV (Mejlaelander-Larsen and Hysing, 2006), and they are typical shapes of bergy bits that are likely to collide with LNG vessels sailing on the sea routes from Murmansk to the coast of the United States. For the bergy bit with a conical shape, it was assumed that the cone angle

with the horizontal plane was  $60^\circ$ , the diameter of the base was 2.5 m, and the diameter at the water surface was 1.15 m. For the bergy bit with a spherical shape, it was posited that the diameter was 5.1 m, and the diameter at the water surface was 4.05 m to consider the characteristics of general icebergs.

### 3.3 Mass of Icebergs

Among the laws of physics related to general collisions, the law of conservation of energy is considered the most fundamental principle. This law means that the energy of the entire system must be conserved regardless of the situation in which a striking body collides with a struck body. Let us consider a situation immediately before a collision occurs in relation to the ship-iceberg collision problem. Presumably, the most reasonable scenario is to assume that the ship and the iceberg are both in motion. It is likely that the ship is naturally moving toward its destination and that the iceberg is moving slowly under the influence of currents and the wind. A huge problem in this situation is the enormous mass effect of the iceberg.

As mentioned earlier, the mass of the iceberg that collided with the Titanic was estimated to be about 2 million tonnes. Even if an iceberg with such a huge mass moves very slowly, its kinetic energy would be very large. The portion of an iceberg exposed above the sea surface is typically only 12–17% of the total volume, and the size of the fraction exposed above the water surface is generally measured. Therefore, the mass of an iceberg is estimated based on the size and shape of the fraction of the iceberg above the water surface. Rudkin et al. (2005) presented a simple estimation formula for the mass  $M$  (units: t) of icebergs:

$$M = 7.12 \times L \times W \times H \times sf \quad (1)$$

where  $L$  represents the waterline length (m),  $W$  denotes the waterline width (m), and  $H$  indicates the sail height (m). Also,  $sf$  represents the shape factor for the diverse shapes of icebergs presented in Fig. 14. Turnbull et al. (2015) presented values of shape factors ranging from 0.15 to 0.5 for the icebergs observed in the Grand Banks, Canada, as shown in Table 3. Taking into consideration the situations in which only one side of icebergs can generally be photographed when taking photographs of icebergs, Turnbull et al. (2015) suggested a modified form of Eq. (1) by substituting  $L^2$  for  $L \times W$ .

**Table 3** Iceberg shapes and their shape factors (Rudkin et al., 2005)

Iceberg shape	Shape factor
Tabular	0.5
Non-tabular	0.41
Domed	0.41
Pinnacle	0.25
Wedge	0.33
Drydock	0.15
Blocky	0.5

**Table 4** Calculated iceberg dimensions and mass based on photographic measurement (Ralph et al., 2008)

Berg ID	Shape	Dimensions (m)			Mass (t)			
		Length	Width	Height	Eq. (1)	$0.3L^3$	$R_{cont}^{1)}$	$uw_{cont}^{2)}$
05	wedge	73.5	23.6	12.9	19915	119120	22045	-
14	dome	16.6	11.3	3.1	1698	1525	1911	2173
16	dome	18.4	14.2	4.3	3280	2077	2838	966
17	dome	32.7	22.4	3.9	8339	11655	8526	9076
18	dome	12.1	7.9	1.4	391	591	590	-

<sup>1)</sup>Revolved contour

<sup>2)</sup>Underwater contour

The mass of a blocky iceberg with a waterline length of 20 m and a sail height of 2 m posited by Addario et al. (2014) is calculated to be about 2,848 ton by Eq. (1). Sanderson (1988) presented a table of classification of icebergs according to the size and provided the estimated mass of each type of iceberg. According to Sanderson (1988), the mass of a growler is about 100 tons, and that of a bergy bit is about 1,000 tons. When the mass of a bergy bit with maximum size is calculated by this formula (for a sail height of 5 m and a length of 15 m), the mass of the bergy bit is determined to be about 4,000 tons. Gagnon (2007) conducted a numerical analysis of an impact experiment using an actual growler, and the growler used in the experiment was reported to have a size of  $1.73 \text{ m} \times 0.88 \text{ m} \times 0.98 \text{ m}$  and a mass of 1,068 kg.

Canada's National Research Council Institute for Ocean Technology (NRC/IOT) conducted an experiment on bergy bit impact using the Terry Fox, a Canadian Coast Guard ice breaker, near St. Anthony on the northeast coast of Newfoundland in June 2001. During this experiment, data on icebergs was collected by methods such as aerial photography, exploration by sonar, and stereo photography. Ralph et al. (2008) calculated the size of icebergs using the data and presented the estimated mass of icebergs from several methods. Table 4 shows the mass of 5 icebergs with all dimension values among a total of 18 icebergs studied by Ralph et al. (2008). In Table 4, " $0.3L^3$ " indicates an empirical equation derived from measured data and is a useful estimation formula for mass when only the maximum waterline dimension values are given.  $R_{cont}$  indicates "revolved contour" and was considered to produce the best estimates by Ralph et al. (2008). It starts from the assumption that if an iceberg is homogeneous in density in all parts, the total volume ( $V$ ) and the volume of the fraction exposed above the water surface ( $V_a$ ) are proportional to the density of surrounding water and the difference between the density of sea water and that of ice. In addition,  $uw_{cont}$  represents "underwater contour" and is the mass calculated using the profile of the iceberg obtained by multibeam sonar.

### 3.4 Strength of Iceberg, River Ice, and Sea Ice

According to the US Army Corps of Engineers (2002, 2005), the elastic modulus varies depending on the measurement techniques. Specifically, they reported that the measured values of elastic modulus

obtained by in-situ measurements ranged from 0.4 to 9.8 GPa, the elastic modulus values of freshwater ice grown in a large laboratory tank ranged from 4.3 to 8.3 GPa, and the measured values of small specimens used for laboratories were higher. Yu and Amdahl (2021) conducted a numerical analysis of glacial ice impact, and for this purpose, ice density was posited to be 900 kg/m<sup>3</sup> based on ISO 19906 (2019). Also, the elastic modulus and Poisson's ratio were assumed to be 9.5 GPa and 0.3, respectively, based on the study by Timco and Weeks (2010). A friction coefficient of 0.15 was also used.

The mechanical properties of ice are known to vary depending on the measurement environment, such as in situ measurements and the laboratory, as well as the specimen size. Thus, to standardize a cold room test, Kim (2007) focused on the uniaxial compression test of fresh water ice grown in a laboratory. He reported that ductile failure occurred when the strain rate was  $10^{-5}$ – $10^{-4}$  (1/s) or lower.

According to a review study on the mechanical properties of ice and snow (Petrovic, 2003), the tensile strength of ice ranges from 0.7 to 3.1 MPa, and the compressive strength ranges from 5 to 25 MPa. In addition, as the temperature decreases or as the strain rate increases, compressive strength increases. Tensile strength is not very sensitive to these variables, and as the ice grain size increases, the tensile strength decreases. In addition, elastic modulus ranges from 9.7 to 11.2 GPa, and Poisson's ratio ranges from 0.29 to 0.32, which is summarized based on previous data (Haynes, 1978; Gold, 1988; Lee and Schulson, 1988; Schulson, 1999).

Glacial ice in which icebergs originate is formed from snow, which gradually changes into ice. This change depends on temperature and pressure, and ice is formed at a density of about 830 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The density of pure ice is about 917 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, and air bubbles can be formed within ice at up to 10% of the total volume of the ice (Daley and Veitch, 2000). The density of freshly deposited snow is 50–300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, and the density of wet snow or firm snow is about 400–830 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (Paterson, 1994). The average density estimated from the measured porosity values of 5 icebergs that drifted to the coast of Newfoundland was about 893±7 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, and the grain size was measured to be about 15 mm (Gammon et al., 1983).

Gammon et al. (1983) performed a uniaxial compression test for glacial ice at an average temperature of -4.2°C and a constant strain rate of  $1.085 \times 10^{-3}$  (1/s). The average values of elastic modulus and uniaxial compressive strength were 6.092 GPa and 5.34 MPa, respectively. They also carried out experiments on freshwater ice and found that the strength of glacier ice is about 35% higher. Gagnon and Gammon (1995) performed a flexural strength test using specimens obtained from icebergs, and the average density estimated from the measured value of porosity was 895 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Another study repeatedly performed the flexural strength test 24 times under the conditions of a strain rate of  $10^{-3}$ /s and a temperature of -1 to -16°C. The flexural strength  $S_f$  (MPa) was temperature dependent, as shown in the equation below (Veitch and Daley, 2000):

$$S_f = 0.8827 - 0.0738T - 0.00213T^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $T$  represents the temperature (°C). For example, the flexural strength at -10°C is calculated to be 1.41 MPa by Eq. (2).

Jang et al. (1997) proposed a crushable ice model of spherical icebergs when they conducted an iceberg collision simulation for ice-class shuttle tankers. This model has the form of a sphere and a rigid shell element with an external surface covered with a crushable solid element that has constant thickness. The material properties of icebergs assigned to the crushable solid element were as follows: elastic modulus of 9.5 GPa, Poisson's ratio of 0.3, yield strength of 10 MPa, hardening modulus of 95 MPa, and maximum plastic strain of 0.01. These elements were also adopted in an ice collision analysis by Suh et al. (2008) for a membrane tank-type LNG carrier. They adopted the nominal ice crushing strength of the winter season of 4–5 MPa (Meilaelander-Larsen and Hysing, 2006).

Korzhasvin (1971, 2002) presented a summary of the material properties of river ice in the USSR region for the period up to the 1950s. The data includes the values of the stress-strain curve, elastic modulus, shear modulus, and ultimate strength. The elastic modulus of river ice was reported to be a maximum of 206 MPa under bending conditions, a maximum of 491 MPa under expansion conditions, and a maximum of 824 MPa under compression conditions. The shear modulus measured under a torsion load was a maximum of 177 MPa.

Timco and Weeks (2010) examined engineering characteristics of sea ice through an extensive investigation. They found that the material properties of sea ice are affected by the degree of salt content (that is, salinity and porosity related to the formation and growth of ice). In addition, they reported that the properties of sea ice vary according to the formation period or whether it is first-year or multi-year sea ice. Among the properties of sea ice, salinity depends on the thickness of ice, and porosity depends on salinity and temperature. For example, the average salinity ( $S_i$ ) of first-year sea ice can be determined by the empirical equation below:

$$S_i = 4.606 + (91.603/h_i) \quad (3)$$

where  $h_i$  denotes the thickness of ice (cm), and the maximum value is considered to be 200 cm.

Timco and Weeks (2010) reported that first-year sea ice had a density of 920 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and multi-year sea ice showed a density of 910–915 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. In addition, it was found that the tensile strength of first-year sea ice is 0.2–0.8 MPa in the direction horizontal to the sea ice sheet, which increases up to 2 MPa when a load is applied in the direction parallel to the growth direction of columnar sea ice. The flexural strength of first-year ice decreases as porosity increases, and the maximum value is about 1.5 MPa, but collected data revealed that flexural strength at a medium level of porosity was 0.3–0.8 MPa. Generally, compressive strength is greatly affected by the loading strain rate, and the compressive strength of first-year sea ice ranges from 0.4 to 5 MPa.

The borehole jack test is widely used to measure ice strength in situ. A borehole jack is lowered into a hole from the surface of ice, and an

ice core sample with a diameter of 15-20 cm is collected from the ice sheet. Borehole ice strength refers to the degree of resistance of ice in this process, and this method has a great advantage in that there is no need to remove the ice sample from the ice sheet. The mid-winter ice strength value of first-year sea ice is generally 25–30 MPa, and since the value varies significantly depending on the temperature, the ice strength level in July is about 10% of the mid-winter ice strength level.

Timco and Weeks (2010) reported that first-year sea ice has an elastic modulus in the range of 7–10 GPa, and the elastic modulus of multi-year sea ice was shown to be 5% lower. Generally, the average value of Poisson’s ratio is  $0.295 \pm 0.009$ , but it may vary depending on the stress rate, and the maximum value of Poisson’s ratio was 0.48 at 0.01 MPa/s. In addition, they argued that in the calculation of short-term bearing capacity (50 kPa/s), an effective Poisson’s ratio of 0.42 is more appropriate than the dynamic value of 0.33. However, they reported that it changes to 0.25 in painted steel and 0.45 in corroded steel, and they pointed out that there is still a considerable lack of understanding of Poisson’s ratio, as in the case of friction, which was found to range from 0.2 to 0.6.

Jia et al. (2009) used sea ice material data provided by the Safe Ice project. According to the data, sea ice has a yield stress of 35 MPa, elastic modulus of 7 GPa, Poisson’s ratio of 0.34, and density of  $920 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . In addition, Høyland et al. (2020) described ice characteristics that changed from those in the first edition of ISO 19906 (the international standard related to ice action on polar offshore structures) in the second edition (ISO, 2019). These include physical properties of ice such as temperature, salinity, porosity, density, and coefficient of friction, as well as mechanical properties, such as the elastic modulus and Poisson’s ratio.

3.5 Ice Extents

Fig. 15 shows three limits of floating ice in the Grand Banks region of eastern Canada. First, the dotted line in Fig. 15 indicates the sea ice limit in April based on statistical data from the period of 1979–2013. The dashed line represents the sea ice limit of the region for the early 20th century, which was also applied in 1912 when the Titanic accident occurred. Finally, the solid line represents the limit connecting the areas where icebergs appeared during the total period of the 20th century. In Fig. 15, the region marked as 48°N latitude represents an area in the vicinity of the city of St. John’s, and the bold “X” symbol represents the spot where the Titanic collided with an iceberg. The shades of blue indicate different ocean depths, and the lightest blue regions represent continental shelves with a water depth of 1,000 m or less (Bigg and Billings, 2014).

1,038 icebergs were observed at 48°N latitude in 1912 when the Titanic sank following a collision with an iceberg. This number corresponds to 90% of the average number of observed icebergs per year during the past 112-year period since 1900. In 112 years of observations, there were 14 cases in which the 90% value was exceeded and the number of detected icebergs has risen since the mid-1970s. In 2009, 1,200 icebergs were detected. The iceberg that

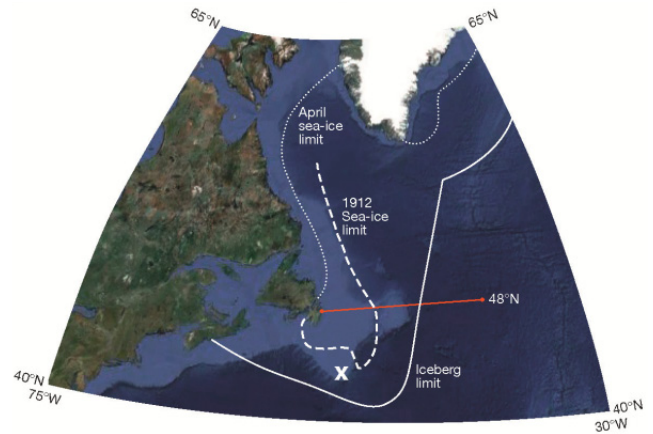


Fig. 15 The average sea-ice limit for April 1979–2013 (dotted line), a typical Newfoundland maximum sea-ice limit for early 20th century (dashed line and denoted as 1912), and the maximum iceberg limit for 1900–2000 (Bigg and Billings, 2014).

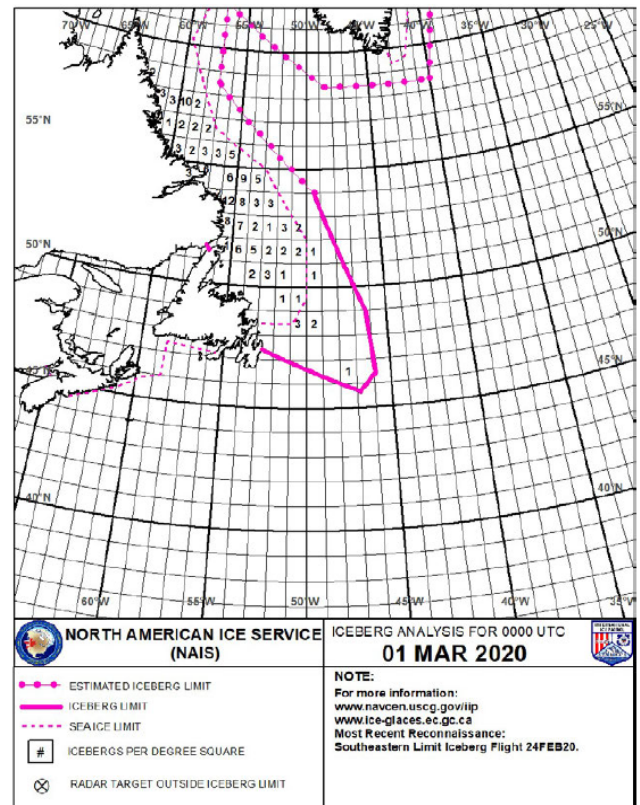


Fig. 16 Semi-monthly iceberg charts by IIP (USCG, 2020)

sank the Titanic was reported to be a relatively large one. Based on survivors’ reports and general characteristics of icebergs, the iceberg is estimated to have a depth of 90-185 m and a length of 125 m. The mass of the iceberg was eventually estimated to be about 2 million tonnes (Bigg and Billings, 2014), and thus, it would have had a very large impact.

In addition, the International Ice Patrol (IIP) creates iceberg charts that represent the analysis of the status of icebergs in the region on the

first and 15th days of each month, as shown in Fig. 16. These charts show the number of icebergs discovered by dividing the sea area into grid cells and present the limits of icebergs and sea ice.

#### 4. Activities for Prevention of Iceberg Collisions

Currently, ice hazard warning services in the Northwestern Atlantic region are provided by the IIP, some commercial companies, and ice and weather forecast service agencies. The IIP was established in 1914 to watch icebergs in the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans and report their movements for safety. It is operated by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) with the financial support of 13 countries related to transatlantic sailing, including Canada, the United Kingdom, and France (USCG, 2020). This organization provides data by combining sightings, satellite imagery, and radar surveillance and iceberg trajectory models (Bigg and Billings, 2014). It has contributed to a dramatic reduction in the number of ship-iceberg collisions since 1913.

The IIP has collected data on sea-ice extents and iceberg locations to provide ships in the waters around the Grand Banks of Newfoundland with ice navigation hazard warnings. In earlier days, reports from ships around the region and dedicated cruises were used for observation, and in the mid-20th century, aircraft patrol was mainly used for observation. Recently, satellite image analysis and iceberg modeling were introduced for observation.

Since 2013, the number of icebergs discovered on the transatlantic sea routes was lowest in the 2020 ice year (October 2019 to September 2020) according to a recent report of the IIP (USCG, 2020). The number of icebergs that drifted into the routes of ships in the 2020 ice year was 169, which is the second-lowest number after 13 ships in 2013. These figures are based on 48°N latitude in the waters near Newfoundland, Canada.

Fig. 17 shows the changes in the number of icebergs that moved south below 48°N latitude in the region. The average number of icebergs per year was 498 for the period of 1900 to 2019 and 795 for the period of 1983 to the present day. As shown in Fig. 17, the number of icebergs discovered in 2019 was as much as 1,515. The IIP distinctively refers to the period from 1983 to the present day as the modern reconnaissance era and presents statistics by classifying icebergs detected by other sources such as satellites and aircraft.

Fig. 18 shows a bar graph representing the monthly number of icebergs moving south below 48°N latitude in the 2020 ice year. Out of the total of 169 icebergs, the highest proportion of them (76 icebergs) was discovered in May, and 98.8% appeared between March and June. The red solid line represents the average monthly number of icebergs for 120 years from 1900 to the present day, and the green solid line represents the value for the modern reconnaissance era since 1983. The average monthly number of icebergs discovered in the 2020 ice year was significantly lower than the average numbers for the two periods.

The U.S. National Ice Center is also using satellites to track large icebergs found near Antarctica. In addition, the Canadian Ice Service

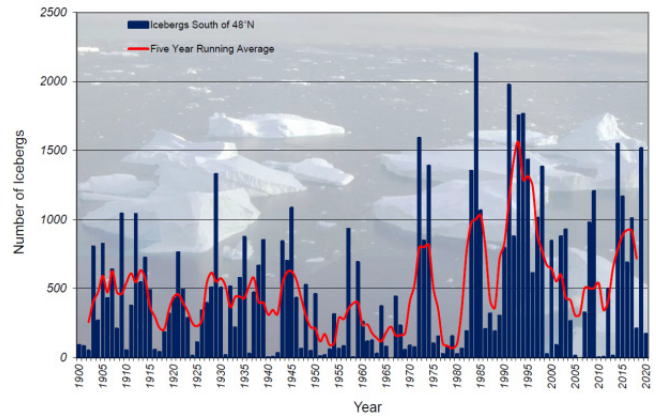


Fig. 17 Icebergs crossing 48°N by year (blue bars) and five-year running average for 1900–2019 (red line) (USCG, 2020)

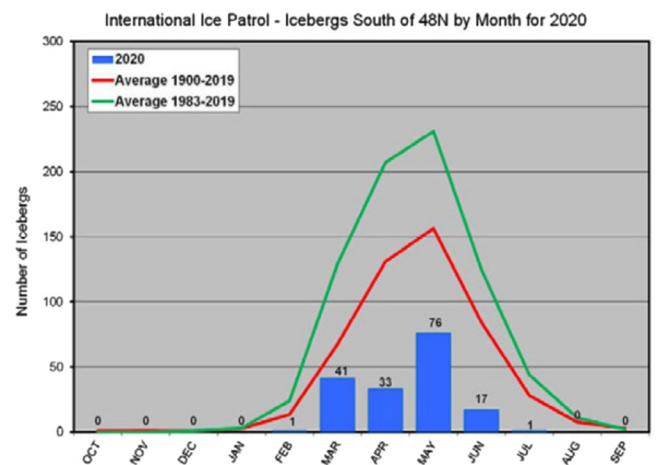


Fig. 18 Icebergs south of 48°N by month for 2020 (USCG, 2020)

also provides information on ice sheets in the waters around Canada. In recent years, efforts have been continuously made to achieve highly accurate detection of even small icebergs using the image data from synthetic aperture radar (SAR), which allows us to obtain high-resolution images of extensive regions regardless of weather conditions or the time of day or night (Frost et al., 2016; Choi, 2018; Barbat et al., 2019; Soldal et al., 2019; Bailey et al., 2021).

#### 5. Summary and Conclusions

It has been more than 100 years since the Titanic sank with the loss of over 1,500 lives, but the danger of ship-iceberg collisions is still present. Technological advances that allow more accurate detection of icebergs, such as marine radar, satellite image analysis, and aircraft patrol, have made the North Atlantic safer, but an average of 15,000 icebergs are formed each year. 2% of them move down to the area where the Titanic sank, and ships still continue to operate in the vicinity of the area (Sosnowski, 2012). Bergy bits and growlers, which refer to small icebergs, are difficult to detect by radar or satellites, so they are highly likely to present hazards for the operation of ships.

In this study, statistical data on ship-iceberg collision accidents were

reviewed, and it was found that an average of three accidents occur per year, even in recent years. Additionally, in relation to such accidents, the characteristics of icebergs generated when chunks of ice break off from land-based glaciers were examined through a review of previous studies. Specifically, the size, shape, and mass of icebergs were included in the analysis. Also, properties related to ice strength were examined, such as density, elastic modulus, and Poisson's ratio, and the tensile strength and bending strength were also investigated. Finally, overall activities to prevent accidents related to ship-iceberg collisions were described, such as the investigation of ice extents and collection and analysis of data on the generation, distribution, and movement of icebergs.

According to NASA, an average of 402 gigatonnes of mountain glaciers and ice caps disappear every year, and Professor Wadhams at Cambridge University stated that in the past 10 years, the downhill flow rate of glaciers in Greenland has doubled over the past decade. A number of icebergs are being generated, resulting in more icebergs floating in the sea than in 1912, when the accident of the Titanic occurred (Sosnowski, 2012). In this situation, ship-iceberg collision accidents are likely to occur at any time. In particular, it should be noted that despite cutting-edge technologies and continued patrol efforts, it is still possible for ships to sustain heavy damage due to a collision or contact with small icebergs that are difficult to detect, such as bergy bits and growlers.

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# Prospects and Economics of Offshore Wind Turbine Systems

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**ABSTRACT:** In recent years, floating offshore wind turbines have attracted more attention as a new renewable energy resource while bottom-fixed offshore wind turbines reach their limit of water depth. Various projects have been proposed with the rapid increase in installed floating wind power capacity, but the economic aspect remains as a biggest issue. To figure out sensible approaches for saving costs, a comparison analysis of the levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) between floating and bottom-fixed offshore wind turbines was carried out. The LCOE was reviewed from a social perspective and a cost breakdown and a literature review analysis were used to itemize the costs into its various components in each level of power plant and system integration. The results show that the highest proportion in capital expenditure of a floating offshore wind turbine results in the substructure part, which is the main difference from a bottom-fixed wind turbine. A floating offshore wind turbine was found to have several advantages over a bottom-fixed wind turbine. Although a similarity in operation and maintenance cost structure is revealed, a floating wind turbine still has the benefit of being able to be maintained at a seaport. After emphasizing the cost-reduction advantages of a floating wind turbine, its LCOE outlook is provided to give a brief overview in the following years. Finally, some estimated cost drivers, such as economics of scale, wind turbine rating, a floater with mooring system, and grid connection cost, are outlined as proposals for floating wind LCOE reduction.

## 1. Introduction

The share of offshore wind power has increased steadily in recent years because large offshore wind farms can be developed with the advantages of faster and steadier wind speeds. In particular, bottom-fixed offshore wind farms are now becoming more competitive due to significant cost reduction. According to the 2019 IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency) report, the LCOE (levelized cost of electricity) for onshore wind power was reported to be about 50-170 USD/MWh (IRENA, 2019) which is competitive compared to that of fossil fueled power. The report revealed that the LCOE of bottom-fixed offshore wind power was 53-94 USD/MWh in the European wind farms. The ARENA report predicted that the LCOE will be lower than that of fossil fuels.

As reported by Wind Europe, approximately 80% of potential offshore wind power is distributed in offshore area deeper than 60 m water depth (Wind Europe, 2017). This equates to 4,000 GW in Europe, 2,450 GW in the United States, and 500 GW in Japan,

respectively. Larger foundation substructures and higher strength steels are necessary at such a water depth, which inevitably induce for the bottom-fixed offshore wind turbines to be less economical. Therefore, the interest in floating offshore wind turbines (FOWT) is growing rapidly as an alternative to untapped offshore wind potential.

Floating offshore wind power is a method of generating electricity by combining a wind generator and a floating substructure called a floater, which is not fixed to the seabed. The floating offshore wind started in 2009 with the installation of the first prototype in the world called the Hywind Demo, which is a 2.3-MW floating turbine with a rotor diameter of 82.4 m in the southeast of Karmoy in Norway at a water depth of about 220 m. After the commission of the Hywind Demo, the total installed floating offshore wind capacity has increased speedily and reached about 124 MW in 2020 (Spearman and Strivens, 2020). The pilot FOWT projects are in commissioning or have been completed. They are mainly located in Norway, Portugal, England, France, Japan, and the United States.

The FOWTs are capable of not only increasing the total production

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of renewable energy at deep sea areas but also minimizing ecosystem degradation, civil complaints, noise problems, etc. Consequently, it has shown a trend of focusing on floating offshore wind power all over the world.

In spite of those advantages of the FOWTs, they remain nascent technically compared to the bottom-fixed offshore wind turbines. It still makes investors very concerned about its economic feasibility. In this context, the LCOEs of floating and bottom-fixed offshore wind power were analyzed to understand the economic feasibility. In addition, we intended to identify major LCOE cost drivers of floating offshore wind power generation through an analysis, and we outlined some suggestions.

## 2. Floating Offshore Wind Market Reviews

### 2.1 Global Market Reviews

After the commissioning of the world's first floating offshore wind turbine, the Hywind Demo, in 2009, the total electricity production by floating offshore wind turbines has grown steadily up to 124 MW in

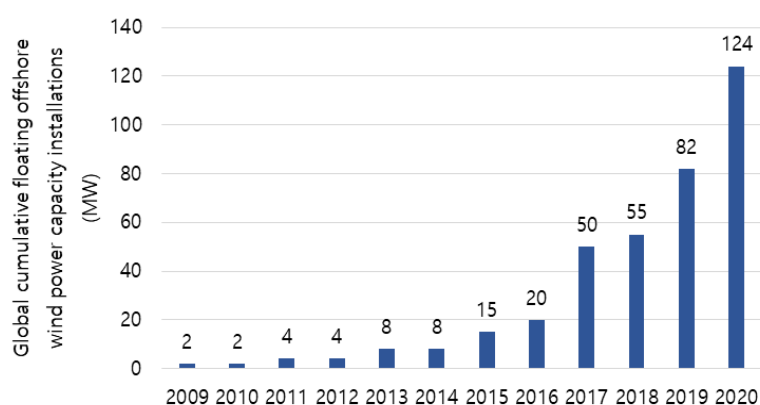
2020 of which 90% of total installations is in Europe. The United States, Japan, and Korea are preparing to carry out pilot projects, and they are expected to accelerate the development of floating offshore wind power by the early 2020s (Table 1). Installation of FOWT is forecasted to reach 10-30 GW in 2030 and up to 250 GW in 2050 (Fig. 1 and Table 2).

Among the FOWT pilot projects, the Equinor's Hywind and the PPI's WindFloat are considered as the most pioneering ones. After the success of the Hywind Demo in 2009, Equinor constructed a pilot park called Hywind Scotland to demonstrate world's first offshore floating wind farm (Fig. 2). The Hywind Scotland finished installation of five 6 MW capacity wind turbines mounted on a spar type of floater at depth of 95–120 m in October 2017, and it has been actively operating since then.

PPI installed a 2 MW capacity wind turbine on a semi-submersible type of floater, which is called the WindFloat 1 project. The successful completion of the project paved the way for the development of a FOWT wind farm, the WindFloat Atlantic project (Fig. 3). The new floating offshore wind farm is located 20 km off the coast of Portugal

**Table 1** Floating offshore wind farms expected to be commissioned by 2022 (Spearman and Strivens, 2020)

Project	Country	Capacity [Turbine rating]	Commissioning date
Hywind Scotland	UK	30 MW [6 MW × 5]	2017 (in operation)
Wind Float Atlantic	Portugal	25 MW [8.3 MW × 3]	2020 (in operation)
Kincardine	UK	50 MW [2 MW × 1, 9.6 MW × 5]	2021
Groix and Belle-Ile	France	28.5 MW [9.5 MW × 3]	2021/2022
EFGL	France	30 MW [10 MW × 3]	2021/2022
EolMed	France	30 MW [10 MW × 3]	2021/2022
PGL wind farm	France	25.2 MW [8.4 MW × 3]	2021/2022
Goto City	Japan	22 MW [2MW × 1, 5 MW × 4]	2021/2022
Hywind Tampen	Norway	88 MW [8 MW × 11]	2021/2022



**Fig. 1** Global cumulative floating offshore wind power capacity installation (Spearman and Strivens, 2020)

**Table 2** Global wind energy growth (IRENA, 2019)

Wind turbine type	2030	2050
Onshore wind	1,787 GW	5,044 GW
Bottom-fixed offshore wind	228 GW	1,000 GW
Floating offshore wind	5-30 GW	250 GW

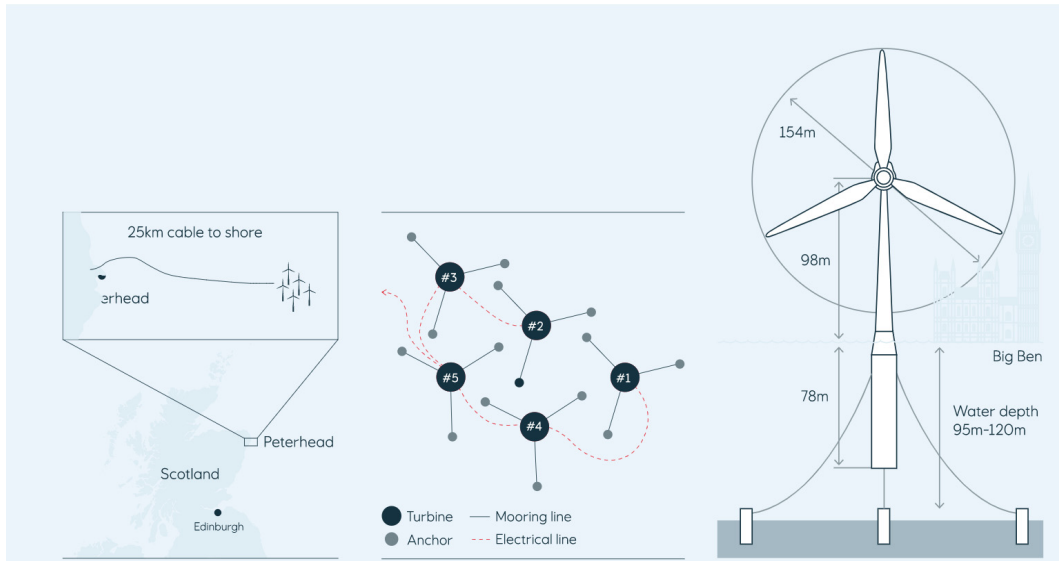


Fig. 2 Hywind Scotland floating wind turbine concept by Equinor

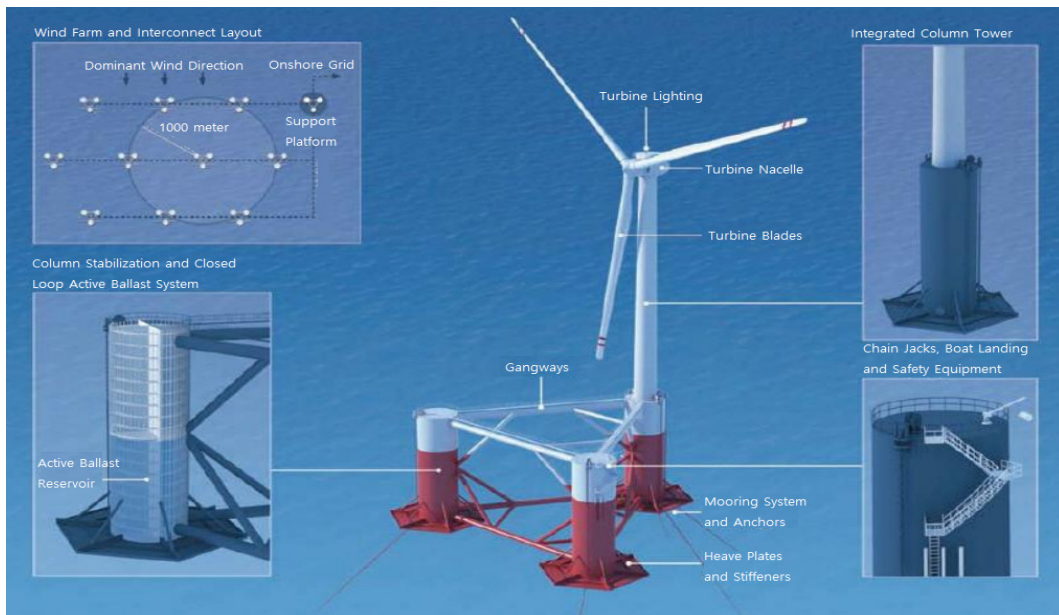


Fig. 3 WindFloat Atlantic floating wind turbine concept by PPI

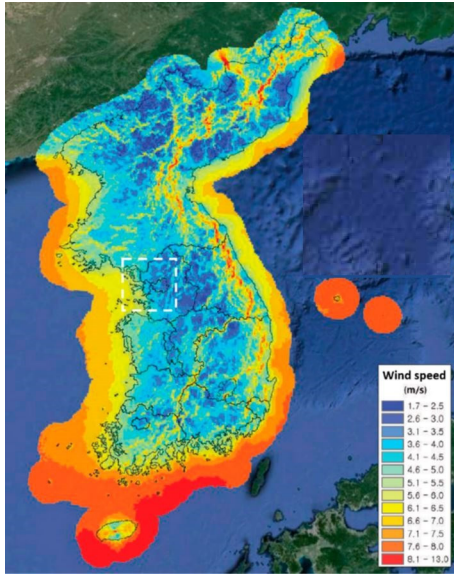
and was commissioned in the middle of 2020. The project is considered to be the world’s first semi-submersible floating wind farm to include three 8.4 MW capacity wind turbines.

During first 5 years of operation, the WindFloat 1 generated more than 11 GWh of electricity with a five-year average capacity factor of 47% (Weinstein, 2014). It experienced an extreme wave height of 18 m for this period and no structural damages were reported. The Hywind Demo has survived against 19 m wave height and produced about 55 GWh of electricity with an annual average capacity factor of about 50% in 2011 (Equinor, n.d.). After the commission in 2017, the Hywind Scotland recorded a capacity factor of up to 65% for the first three months and an average factor of 56% for first two years of operation (Equinor, 2020). With such huge capacity factors, floating offshore wind power has shown strong competitiveness compared to

bottom-fixed offshore wind power which has a capacity factor of less than 40%.

### 2.2 Korean Market Reviews

According to data from the Korea Energy Agency (2020), the potential capacity of offshore wind power in the Korean Peninsula is estimated to be 41 GW based on the minimum economic feasibility. The potential of offshore wind resources on the Korean Peninsula is estimated to be 41GW based on the minimum economic feasibility. The sea area southeast of the Korean Peninsula and offshore area of the Jeju Island have a wide continental shelf for which water depth is suitable for floating offshore wind power generation. The average annual wind speed in these areas is over 8 m/s, and it is known as the best places for floating offshore wind power generation as shown in Fig. 4.



**Fig. 4** Wind resource map of Korean Peninsula of mean wind speed at 100 m height above ground (Korea Institute of Energy Research, 2015)

As of 2019, 28 units of offshore wind turbines with 72 MW capacity were installed at 5 locations, accounting for 4.8% of the total installed wind power capacity (Korea Energy Agency, 2020). In the same year, the Korean government supported development of the first 750-kW FOWT project, which will be installed in the sea at 2.6 km in front of Sin-ri, Ulju-gun, Metropolitan Ulsan (Fig. 5). Since then, the development research of a MW-size FOWT has been continuously promoted. Recently, the government has continuously funded 50 billion KRW for the project of developing and manufacturing the Korea’s first 8 MW FOWT from 2020 to 2026. In the report of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE), the government also plans to install a 200 MW floating offshore wind farm in 2023, a 1.4 GW FOWT farm in Ulsan, and a 4.6 GW FOWT farm in the southeast region after 2030 (Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, 2020).

### 3. LCOE of FOWT

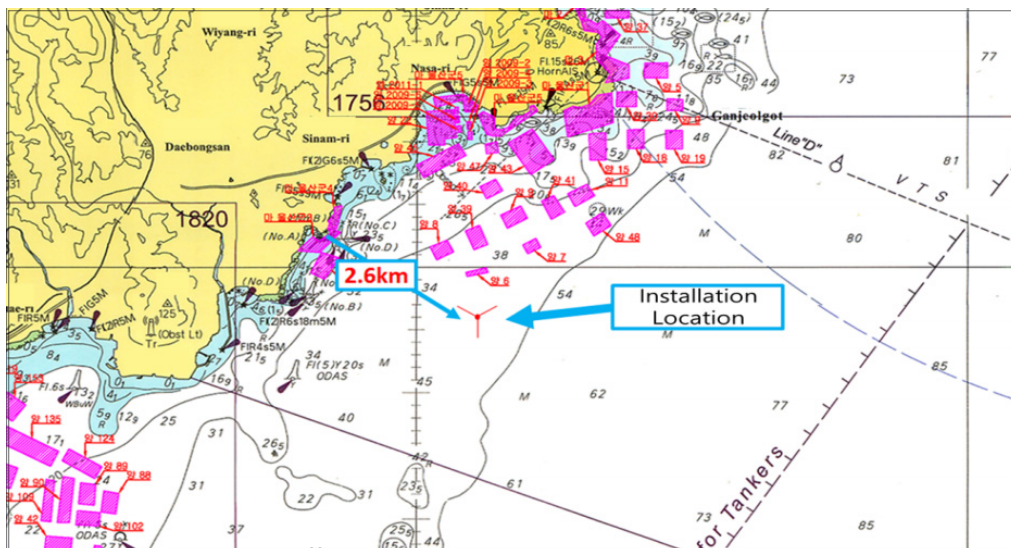
The economics of energy resources are based on LCOE which is the average power generation cost over the lifetime of the generator and means the average real power generation cost (KRW) per unit of power (kWh) produced by a power plant (Lee and Kim, 2020). LCOE is calculated as the ratio between the present value of the total cost of the generator and the present value of the total amount of electricity generated (Lee, 2017) and is expressed as Eq. (1):

$$LCOE = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n \frac{C_t}{(1+i)^t}}{\sum_{t=1}^n \frac{Q}{(1+i)^t}} \tag{1}$$

Where  $C_t$  is the total cost for energy generation in year  $t$ ,  $Q_t$  is the total generated electricity during year  $t$  and  $i$  is the discount rate. As specified by Samadi (2017), the costs related to power generation can be divided into three levels: power plant costs, systems integration costs, and social costs (or external costs).

#### 3.1 Power Plant Cost

Power plant costs include capital costs, fuel costs, operating and maintenance costs, and market costs of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (Samadi, 2017). In the case of renewable energy, such as floating offshore wind power, only capital costs and operating and maintenance costs are considered because fuel costs and market costs of greenhouse gas emissions are not produced. Table 3 shows the main components of capital costs through reference analyses (Harries and Grace, 2015; Rhodri and Marc, 2015; Benveniste, et al., 2016; Valpy et al., 2017; Tyler et al., 2019, Lerch, 2019). The capital cost comparison between bottom-fixed and floating offshore wind power may not be accurate since the data is collected from different sizes of installations, but some general conclusions can be drawn.



**Fig. 5** Installation location of the first 750-kW floating offshore wind turbine in Korea

**Table 3** Capex break-down according to some researches

Research	Bottom-fixed wind	Floating wind	Note
Harries and Grace, 2015	- Development: 4% - Windturbine: 45% - Balance of plant: 33% - Installation: 18%	- Development: 2% - Windturbine: 21% - Balance of plant: 73% - Installation: 4%	Based on 2015 data for bottom-fixed offshore wind turbine Based on assumption of 2020 projection for floating wind turbine
Rhodri and Marc, 2015	- Wind turbine: 40% - Balance of plant: 37% - Installation: 23%	- Wind turbine: 42% - Balance of plant: 45.5% - Installation: 12.5%	Based on assumption of a bottom-fixed offshore wind farm Based on assumption of a floating offshore wind farm
Benveniste, et al., 2016	- Development: 4% - Windturbine: 39% - Balance of plant: 31% - Installation: 26%	- Development: 4.8% - Windturbine: 37.6% - Balance of plant: 44.5% - Installation: 13.1%	Based on assumption of a 10 MW bottom-fixed offshore wind turbine Based on assumption of a 10 MW floating offshore wind turbine
Valpy et al., 2017	- Development: 4.7% - Windturbine: 51.3% - Balance of plant: 27.9% - Installation: 16.1%		Based on assumption of a 500 MW bottom-fixed offshore wind farm
Tyler et al., 2019	- Development: 5.1% - Windturbine: 31.9% - Balance of plant :40.9% - Installation: 22.1%	- Development: 4.7% - Windturbine: 24.4% - Balance of plant: 47.1% - Installation: 23.8%	Based on assumption of a 600 MW bottom-fixed offshore wind farm Based on assumption of a 600 MW floating offshore wind farm
Lerch, 2019	- Development: 5% - Windturbine: 40% - Balance of plant: 31% - Installation: 25%	- Development: 5% - Windturbine: 39% - Balance of plant: 50% - Installation: 6%	Based on a 4.14 MW bottom-fixed offshore wind turbine Based on a 10 MW floating offshore wind turbine

As shown in Table 3, the capital costs usually consist of four types of costs: costs for development and management, wind turbine, balance of plant (BOP), and transportation and installation, even though Rhodri and Marc (2015) did not classify development and management cost separately. The development and management cost includes expenses such as development, design, marine environment surveys, management, construction insurance, etc. and varies with the size of the project. In the case of FOWTs, the scope and intensity for a seabed environment survey are less considerable than those in case of bottom-fixed offshore wind turbines since a FOWT is not fixed on the seabed, but the cost of analyzing the weather for deep sea installation may be higher.

The wind turbine cost consists of three elements: rotor, nacelle, and tower. Rotor contains blades, hub, auxiliary systems, and blade bearings, while nacelle is a cover housing that houses most turbine components such as generator, gearbox, drive train, power take-off, control system, and other assemblies. The nacelle and contained components account for the largest share of wind turbine cost, followed by the rotor cost. The compositions of the 5 MW and 10 MW wind turbines' costs are shown in Table 4. When upscaling a wind turbine, while other parts' proportions show small changes, the nacelle cost increases significantly due to especially the generator cost rise. In the case of a gearless-type 10 MW wind turbine, the generator cost is even double that of one with the gearbox (Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, 2019).

The BOP cost includes floater of wind turbine, mooring system, anchor, and connecting cable. More than 40 concepts of floaters have

**Table 4** Offshore wind turbine cost break-down

Wind turbine cost	5 MW turbine <sup>1)</sup>	10 MW turbine <sup>2)</sup>
Nacelle:	41.70%	60.61%
- Bedplate and shaft	3.70%	6.06%
- Main bearing	1.30%	3.03%
- Gearbox	16.70%	10.61%
- Generator	4.20%	15.15%
- Power take-off	6.70%	10.61%
- Control system	2.80%	3.79%
- Others	6.30%	11.06%
Rotor:	25.00%	28.79%
- Blade	17.50%	19.70%
- Hub casting	1.30%	2.27%
- Pitch system	2.50%	1.52%
- Others	3.70%	5.15%
Tower:	16.70%	10.61%
- Tower	16.70%	10.61%
Miscellaneous components:	16.70%	NA

<sup>1)</sup> Bjerkseter and Agotnes (2013)

<sup>2)</sup> Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult (2019)

been proposed (Spearman and Strivens, 2020), but they can be segmented into 3 main types: spar, semi-submersible and tension leg platform (TLP) (Fig. 6). A spar-type floater is ballast-stabilized structure with a large draft that is suitable for deep water. A TLP is a

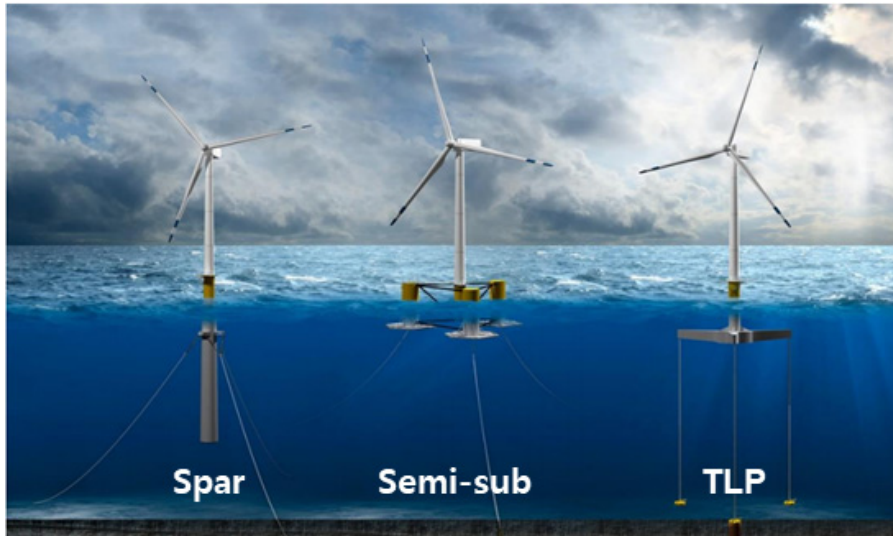


Fig. 6 Main substructure types of offshore floating wind turbine

Table 5 Offshore wind turbine cost breakdown<sup>1)</sup>

Item	Spar	Semi-submersible	TLP
Weight	heavy	heavy	light
Wave sensitivity	low	high	low
Pitch stability	ballast	buoyancy	mooring
MCF <sup>2)</sup>	120%	200%	130%
Water depth	> 100 m	> 50 m	> 50 m

<sup>1)</sup> Jung and Lee (2020)

<sup>2)</sup> MCF (Manufacturing complexity factor): The relative complexity of manufacturing in compare with the bottom-fixed monopile type.

tension-stabilized structure that uses tendons, so the seabed surface needs to be hard enough for tendon installation, and the installation cost increases with water depth. In the case of a semi-submersible substructure, with catenary mooring-stabilized structure, it is suitable for relatively shallow to deep water depth (Table 5).

According to Global Wind energy Council (GWEC) database, by the end of 2020, 67% of floating offshore wind turbines in the market use a semi-submersible floater (Lee and Zhao, 2020). Although spars and TLPs could reduce manufacturing cost due to lighter weight, transportation and installation procedures are more complicated than semi-submersibles' one. A semi-submersible platform needs more complicated manufacturing process and requires more amount of steel but has advantages such as ease of transportation and installation. It can be also installed in shallow water depth.

Bottom-fixed and floating offshore wind turbines show a meaningful difference in the BOP costs. Due to the low complexity of the BOP design, turbine cost accounts for the largest share of the total cost of fixed-bottom offshore wind power generation. In other words, the foundation design of onshore wind power can be applied again to that of fixed-bottom offshore wind turbine. Since it costs so much to design and build a floating substructure, most of the references estimate higher BOP cost. For instance, according to the research results of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) based

on a 6 MW wind turbine (Lerch, 2019), the difference between the turbine cost and BOP cost of bottom-fixed offshore wind power is only 9%, but that of FOWT is up to 22.7% as shown in Table 3. The reason for this is that the floating substructure occupies a large share of the BOP cost. As the floating substructure technology develops in terms of design and production, the BOP cost is expected to be reduced gradually.

The transportation and installation cost include the costs for transportation, installation, and decommissioning (Sun, 2020). Transportation and installation cost mainly depend on the types of floating structures. Since a semi-submersible FOWT is assembled on the ground or at the quayside and towed to an installation offshore site, the installation process is simpler and therefore the transportation and installation costs of the semi-submersible FOWTs are more competitive than other types of floaters. A spar floater should be towed a certain distance to have a sufficient water depth and positioned to upright position by a ballasting operation. After then, tower, nacelle, and rotor are assembled to the spar floater step by step. A fully assembled spar-type FOWT is towed to the installation site.

In the case of a TLP-type floater, there are various ways of installation methods. For example, the Germany's GICON TLP can be assembled on the ground by mounting the tower and RNA (rotor nacelle assembly) on the floater and towed by tugboats (wet towing) or transported by special transportation vessel (dry towing) to an installation site or floating slab/towing vessel. Therefore, unlike bottom-fixed offshore wind power, there is no need to hire heavy lift vessel in the installation process of FOWT. The rental fee for a heavy lift vessel is about 150,000 £ or 230 million KRW per day, while that for a fleet of tugboats is only around 30,000 £ (about 47 million KRW) per day (Jame and Costa Ros, 2015).

The operation and maintenance cost is necessary for operating and maintaining a wind turbine over its lifetime. This cost is mainly classified into operation cost and maintenance cost. The portion of the costs are almost same as that of the bottom-fixed offshore wind turbine,

**Table 6** Operation and Maintenance cost break-down

O&M cost	Components	% in LCOE
500 MW wind farm <sup>1)</sup>	Bottom-fixed	- Material: 15%
		- Labour: 10%
		- Equipment: 75%
	(average)	22.0%
Floating	- Material: 13%	
	- Labour: 9%	
	- Equipment: 79%	
(average)	25.0%	
600 MW wind farm <sup>2)</sup>	Bottom-fixed	- Operation: 23%
		- Maintenance: 77%
	(average)	34.3%
	Floating	- Operation: 22%
- Maintenance: 78%		
(average)	29.5%	

<sup>1)</sup> Bjerkseter and Agotnes (2013)

<sup>2)</sup> Tyler et al. (2019)

accounting for about 22–34% of the LCOE (refer to Table 6). A large proportion of operating and maintenance cost is maintenance costs. It is known that the maintenance cost of a geared type turbine is higher than that of a gearless type turbine (direct-driven type turbine) due to complexity of gear system. The semi-submersible FOWT is possible to tow it back to a repair yard whenever maintenance is required. Therefore the semi-submersible FOWT is more advantageous than the bottom-fixed one in terms of the maintenance cost.

### 3.2 System Integration Cost

System integration cost is commonly referred to the cost of integrating an individual power plant into an electricity system (Lee, 2017). It is classified according to the type of renewable energy system: balancing cost, grid cost, and profile cost (Jang, 2019). The balancing cost comes from the renewable power generation due to weather forecast uncertainty. The grid cost includes connection costs and system reinforcement costs for connecting the generator to the transmission/distribution network. Finally, the profile cost, which is also called utilization cost or backup cost is the cost incurred by the variability of renewable generation.

Even though the LCOE always includes capital expenditure (CAPEX) and operating expenditure (OPEX), the formulas for calculating the system integration cost may be different by country or by project, which may affect the estimation of the LCOE (EWEA, 2016). When the average consumption of wind energy was about 10.2% in Europe in 2014, the balancing cost of wind energy was about 2–3 €/MWh. However, when the consumption increased to 20%, the balancing cost increased to about 4.5 €/MWh (EWEA, 2016). The profile cost, similarly to the balancing cost, elevates as the use of wind energy increases (Jang, 2019). However, these data are based on an onshore wind turbines only and there are few analytical studies on the profile cost of offshore wind case.

The FOWTs usually require higher grid cost than the bottom-fixed offshore wind turbines or onshore wind turbines because they are located farther from the energy consumption sites. According to the OECD NEA (Organization for Economic Co-operation and

Development Nuclear Energy Agency), the grid cost in the system integration cost shares about 70% and 46% corresponding to the use of offshore wind power of 10% and 30%, respectively (OECD NEA, 2018). The grid cost of a FOWT is about 24% of the LCOE and can be influenced largely by environmental conditions, the distance from land, water depth, etc. (Myhr et al., 2014).

### 3.3 Social Cost

In the case of renewable energy, the social cost is not significant since carbon dioxide, air pollution, and radionuclide emissions are not produced. According to the LCOE calculation standard of the Korean Society of Industrial Organization, the social costs include only policy cost. Policy cost includes residential and environmental compensations (Korea Electric Power Corporation, 2018). The project developers of bottom-fixed offshore wind projects have to pay much policy cost to solve the problems related to coastal ecosystem, underwater noise, and resident complaints. In contrast, a floating offshore wind turbine installed in the deep sea far from land is relatively free from these problems, and the compensation payment can be minimized.

The policy cost by the Japan Committee of Cost Verification includes human resource development, technology development for efficiency improvement, promotion, additional profits related to FIT (feed-in tariff) purchase price (Choi et al., 2019). A FIT purchase price, also called renewable energy payments, is a policy system designed to support renewable energy producers when market price of renewable energy is lower than the price announced by the government. It is mainly applied in the United States, Japan, and Germany. The Japanese FIT purchase price was maintained at 36 ¥/kWh from 2018 to 2020 for the FOWTs (Korea Energy Economics Institute, 2019).

The Korean Government also used to operate the FIT policy till 2012. The renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) is now in acts in Korea. The RPS is a system that requires power generation companies with more than 500 MW power generation facilities to produce renewable energy by a certain percentage of total power generation. A power generation operator must either produce renewable energy directly or purchase a renewable energy certificate (REC) to meet the RPS obligation (Yoo, 2018). The REC certifies that power suppliers produced renewable energy. It has different weighting factors according to the renewable energy types (Song, 2012). As shown in Table 7, the weighting factors for the offshore wind power turbines ranges from 2.0 to 3.5 according to the grid connection distances.

**Table 7** REC for offshore wind turbines<sup>1)</sup>

Grid connection (km)	REC weighting factor
$d < 5$	2.0
$5.0 \leq d < 10.0$	2.5
$10.0 \leq d < 15.0$	3.0
$d \geq 15.0$	3.5

<sup>1)</sup> Korea Energy Agency Renewable Energy Center (n.d.)



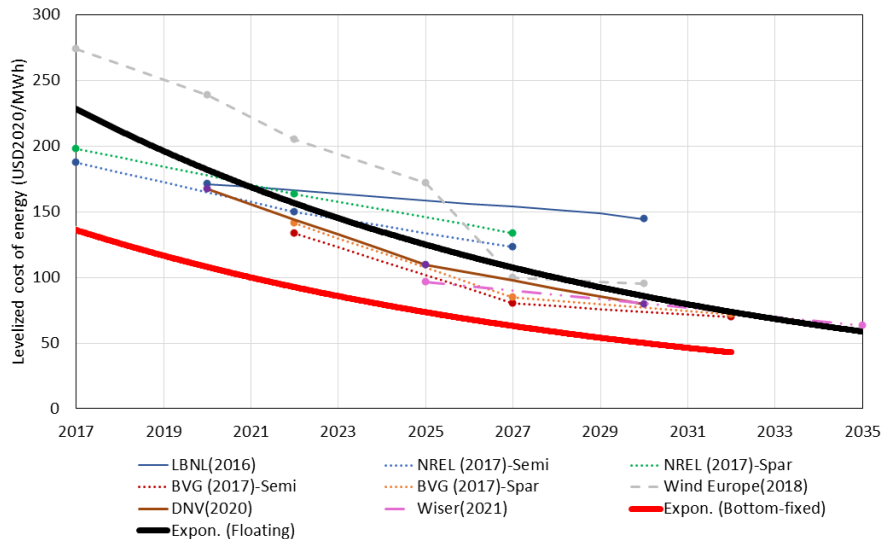


Fig. 7 Global LCOE estimates

### 3.4 Solutions for Cost Reductions in Offshore Wind Energy Production

As shown in Fig. 7, the LCOEs of the bottom-fixed and floating offshore wind turbines are predicted based on several references (Wiser et al., 2016; Beiter et al., 2017; Hundleby et al., 2017; WindEurope, 2018; DNV GL, 2020; Wiser et al., 2021). The red and black thick solid lines are exponential trend lines for the bottom-fixed and floating offshore wind turbines, respectively. The black thick solid line is more rapid reduction in the LOCE than the red one. This means the LCOE of the FOWTs could decrease faster than that of bottom-fixed wind turbines.

Although the data are based on some pilot farm projects, the LCOE of floating offshore wind farms is about 180–275 \$/MWh (Wiser et al., 2016; WindEurope, 2018), which is almost double that of the bottom-fixed wind turbines (130 \$/MWh in 2018). The LCOE of floating offshore wind farms is expected to reduce by 135–175 \$/MWh after 2022 (Hundleby et al., 2017; WindEurope, 2018). Wiser et al. (2021) even forecasted that the floating offshore wind turbines’ LCOE will decrease to about 60 \$/MWh by 2035, eliminating the difference between the LCOEs of the bottom-fixed and floating offshore wind turbines.

There are various cost raisers of floating offshore wind power, such as the scale of development, turbine rating, cost of BOP, grid cost, etc. (OREC, 2021). For instance, compared to a pilot project, the capital costs of a commercial-scale project are significantly reduced. As shown in Fig. 8, Carbon Trust (Rhodri and Marc, 2015) estimated that CAPEX of floating offshore wind farm could be reduced by 48% when scaled up from a pilot project to a large commercial farm. Equinor reported that the CAPEX of the world’s first floating offshore wind farm Hywind Scotland was reduced by 60–70% compared to the single-unit demonstration project (Equinor, n.d.).

The largest cost saving for the offshore wind farm projects is in the turbine sizes. The turbine capacity has continued to increase, but the floater capacity to support a turbine should follow it. Nevertheless, the

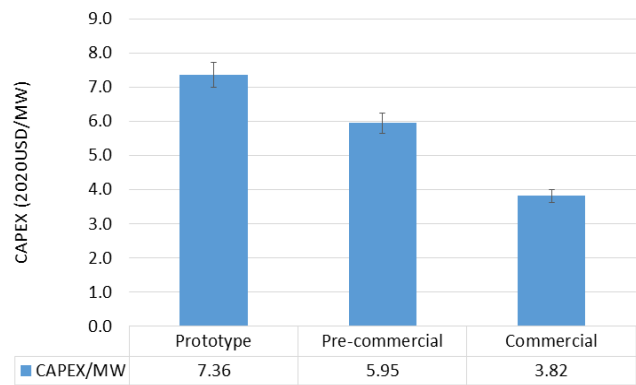


Fig. 8 Capex for floating wind devices by development stages (Rhodri and Marc, 2015)

commercial maturity of the wind turbine market continues to increase, and the design and manufacturing technology of large turbines continue to advance. As of 2021, 9.6 MW turbines were used in the floating offshore wind farm of WindFloat Kincadine project, and it is expected that 15 MW wind turbines will be used from 2030 in England, along with 20 MW wind turbines from 2037 (Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, 2021).

Continuous innovation in the design and performance of the floating substructure, which accounted for a large proportion in CAPEX, will have significant impact on total costs. In addition, the development of mooring line material and design standardization all have cost-reduction potential. The integrated design concept of an anchor, mooring system, and floating substructure could not only help to reduce cost, but also lessen the time for transportation, installation, and maintenance. For example, the objective of the COREWIND (COst REduction and increase performance of floating WIND technology) project promoted by Horizon 2020 is to reduce the LCOE of floating offshore wind power by 15% through improvements in anchor systems and power cables (Ramboll Group, n.d.).

Currently, because most offshore wind turbines for floaters are

modified from the onshore wind turbines, it is necessary to develop some specialized turbines for FOWTs. The geared wind turbines are dominant in markets, but the gearboxes require higher maintenance cost than direct-driven turbines. The gearless or direct-driven turbines wind turbines are more suitable for offshore because it will require low maintenance cost for the rotor parts being directly connected to the generator.

Grid costs make up a large portion of the LCOE. Recently, the Swedish government announced a proposal to reduce the cost of connecting offshore power plants to the national electricity grid for electricity suppliers (Swedish Wind energy Association, 2021). According to the research by Bulder et al. (2021), it is predicted that the LCOE can be reduced by 7.7% through the development and integration of offshore grids for the European markets. Moreover, by producing green hydrogen with electricity produced from floating offshore wind plants, it is possible to dramatically reduce the grid cost of floating offshore wind power. The Dolphyn project in the UK is an example of producing green hydrogen through floating offshore wind power. After starting a 2 MW demonstration in 2024, a 10 MW platform will be installed at the Kincardine floating offshore wind farm in 2027 (Scottish Government, n.d.).

#### 4. Conclusion

Floating offshore wind turbine is developing with a fast-maturing technology, while bottom-fixed offshore wind turbine has many restrictions related to water depth and seabed conditions. Recently, the global cumulative installation capacity of the FOWTs has continued to increase through many studies and pilot/wind-farm projects, but the economic feasibility is still uncertain. For the purpose of confirming the possibility of reducing floating offshore wind power’s LCOE, a comparative analysis between bottom-fixed and floating offshore wind power was performed. From a social cost perspective, the LCOE was classified into power plant costs, system integration costs, and social costs. The sub-categories of these costs are broken down and shown in Table 8.

**Table 8** LCOE break down under social perspective

Primary category	Second category	Tertiary category
Plant-level cost	Capital cost	Development & management cost
		Turbine cost
		BOP cost
	O&M cost	Transportation & Installation cost
		Operation cost
System integration cost (System cost)	Balancing cost	Maintenance cost
		Grid cost
		Profile cost
Social cost	Compensation cost	

The main difference between bottom-fixed and floating offshore wind turbines was identified as the proportion of the BOP cost in the power plant level. The wind turbine cost is the largest for the bottom-fixed offshore wind turbines, while the floating offshore wind turbines require much BOP cost among all of costs. Since there are various types of floating substructures, the BOP cost and operation and maintenance cost can also be reduced by technical choice or development of advanced floating substructures that are most suitable for the conditions of the sea area. Floating offshore wind power is expected to be more competitive than bottom-fixed offshore wind power since it has lower ecological survey cost, transportation and installation cost, and maintenance cost.

At the system integration level, analyses of balancing cost and profile cost are still insufficient, and further studies are needed to assess this part. In the case of floating wind power, the competitiveness would be low in terms of grid cost due to the long connecting distance compared to a bottom-fixed one. However, it is predicted that the grid cost of floating wind power can be dramatically reduced through new technology in electricity generation, such as green hydrogen (Power to gas, P2G).

The social costs related to the environment of floating offshore wind power are relatively low because the bottom-fixed offshore wind power requires more compensation for ecosystem impacts, civil complaints, etc. Currently, floating offshore wind power’s LCOE is more than double that of bottom-fixed offshore wind power, but through continuous technology development and cost reduction, floating offshore wind power is expected to have an LCOE that is approximately equivalent to that of bottom-fixed offshore wind power by 2035. By reducing LCOE through several methods related to development scale, wind turbine rating, BOP cost reduction, grid cost reduction, it is expected that floating offshore wind power can be a significant driver that can support energy transition in the future.

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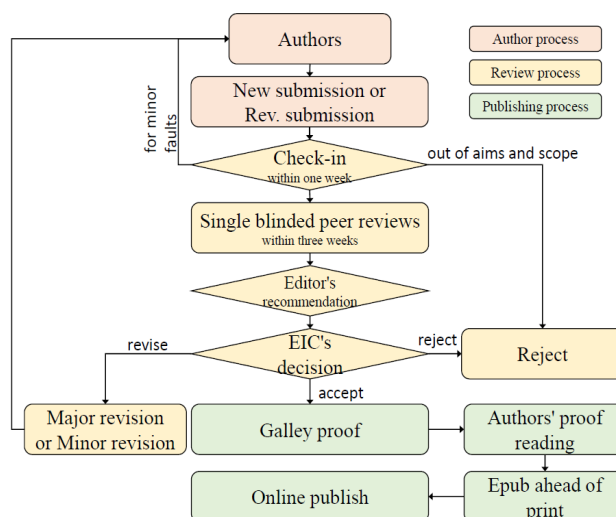


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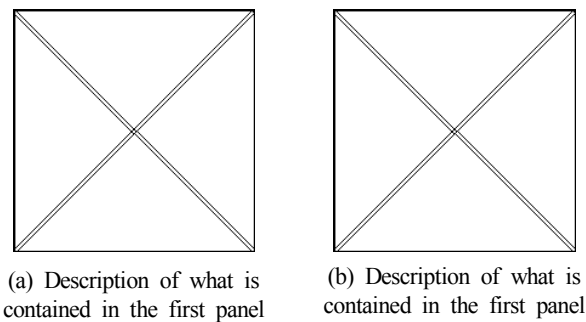
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