

Special Issue

Fatigue Design and Life Assessment of Offshore Wind Turbines

Message from the Guest Editor

An efficient source of renewable energy, which is increasingly the preferred solution for realising the world's short- and long-term energy ambitions, is offshore wind. Offshore wind turbines (OWTs) are typically designed for 20–25 years of operation with their foundations made of steel structures. During their lifespan, these offshore structures are subjected to cyclic loading conditions in corrosive environments introducing corrosion-fatigue damage in the material. In this Special Issue, we seek to provide a wide set of articles on various aspects of material selection, analysis of the loading conditions and degradation mechanisms in the context of structural design, integrity, and reliability engineering of OWT steel structures. Articles on the materials and microstructures, structural life assessment, risk and reliability engineering, and O&M analysis of OWTs are desired. Experimental, numerical, and analytical studies with sufficient level of contribution to knowledge are equally encouraged for publication in this Special Issue.

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