



PROPOSAL for NEMO ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM

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We will talk about the following topics:

- > NEMO POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS COMPARISONS
- > NEMO ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM PROPOSAL
- > NEMO PHASE 1 ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM
- > NEMO PHASE 1 POWER CONTROL SYSTEM PROPOSAL

With "*Energy Transmission System*" we define the portion of NEMO electrical power system that connects the shore station to the NEMO laboratory submarine site

Should this subsystem be designed to work in alternating or direct current ?

As all the loads to feed are dc loads

We have analyzed the possible solutions...

why do not use a dc power delivery system?



The possible solutions evaluated for the Electrical Power System are:





The *MONOPOLAR SYSTEMS* have been rejected because:

- a single-line-to-ground fault causes the complete isolation of the system (low reliability)
- corrosion and seawater pollution problems:
 - > Electrodes should be rightly dimensioned, designed
 - > metal structures nearby the electrode should be rightly protected
- electrodes presence cause system higher complexity
- periodic maintenance inspections should be done, this means very long delays and high cost due to undersea campaigns
- from a Nexans preliminary study came out that monopolar line + electrodes cost is 20% higher

Several comparison have been carried out among dc bilopar, ac monophase and threephase systems. These comparisons have been done with different values of voltage and kinds of cables. The most significant is the following:

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Evaluation of VOLTAGE DROPS and POWER JOULE LOSSES





Other *disadvantages* of dc system are:

- on shore conversion station presents major complexity and costs
- higher conversion power losses than electrical transformers one
- Iower RELIABILITY due the presence of electronic devices



CONCLUSIONS

For all the previous mentioned reasons we have agreed upon the use of the ac three phase solution.

This can be used not only for the energy transmission system but also for the distribution one.

In this way an improvement in reliability can be obtained by installing electrical transformers in critical points (such as the primary JB) and electronics devices (such as dc/dc or ac/dc converters) near each load; as a results, a fault that occur to an electronic power supply will cause only a localized loss of power.





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The electrical power system has been divided in the following subsystems:

ENERGY TRASMISSION SYSTEM :

from the shore to the submarine site - AC THREE-PHASE 4 wires

PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM :

from the Primary JB to the Secondary JB, redundancy included - AC THREE-PHASE 4 wires

• SECONDARY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM :

from the Secondary JB to the storey box- AC THREE-PHASE 4 Wires + MONOPHASE

• STOREY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM :

from the storey box to the storey electrical loads - DC

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The SECONDARY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM can be realized:

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from the Secondary JB to top of the tower by ac three phase

From the tower backbone to each storey box by ac monophase

➤all the storey loads should be distributed to the three phases to realize a balanced load

In each storey is present a linear power supply



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The aim of NEMO PHASE 1 project

is to test all the elements that compose NEMO such as:

- The electrical power system
- The data transmission system
- The control and diagnostics system



in NEMO PHASE 1 are taken the same design choices proposed

for NEMO with the appropriate changes

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Distances :

- JB Primary shore: 25 km
- JB Primary JB Secondary: 600m
- JB Secondary JB Secondary: 400m
- JB Secondary Tower: 300m



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ELECTRICAL DESIGN CONSTRAINTS

MAIN ELECTRO-OPTICAL CABLE

- 6 electrical conductors
- Conductor section: 4 mm²
- 10 optical fibres
- Maximum allowable voltage: 1200V



WET – MATEABLE ELECTRO-OPTICAL CONNECTORS

- 8 optical fibers and/or electrical circuits
- Maximum allowable current 10 A
- Maximum allowable voltage : 1000V





Secondary JB and Primary JB - control electronics - sensors to measure physic parameters

200 W - 48 Vdc

TOT 1.4 kW



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CONTROL LEVELS

- The communication between the field control system and the shore can be realized by fiber optic
- The communication among the field control levels can be realized with a conveyed waves system (the transmission means is represented by the electrical wires) fiber optical are not available



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NEMO PHASE 1 POWER CONTROL SYSTEM

The power control system should be able to:

- acquire physics parameters (temperature, humidity, current, voltage, etc.) inside the boxes
- switch the power on and off to each feeding line, both under ordinary and fault conditions,
- reveal the electric fault and remotely control the breakers in order to continue feeding the JB interested by the fault.



During design will be important:

- foresee the storage of as much as possible device inside the fiberglass box (in which there is oil and high pressure environment), to reduce the steel box dimensions.
- use, where it is possible, commercial devices already tested and used,
- minimize the failure points to maximize reliability,
- foresee the right redundancies.

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