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Strength Analysis of Low-speed Shaft under Rotor-lock Status in a ۲.۵ MW Wind Turbine

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خلاصه مقاله:

This study presents strength analysis of rotor lock (lockbolt) and low-speed shaft (or main shaft) in a ۲.۵ MW wind turbine under load cases of transport, erection, maintenance and repair. The rotor lock prevents the motion of the main shaft in these situations. Since the rotor lock is a safety-related component, its structural stability and strength is an important issue. Finite element analysis was conducted to evaluate the safe condition of the assembly when design torques due to extreme loads of rotor locking were applied. The von Mises stresses and corresponding safety factors were calculated. It was observed that for three calculated torques of holding rotor in different load cases, the main shaft design was safe and could withstand all torques without failure (with some plasticity in lock region). Regarding the rotor lock bolt, the plastification of it should be avoided to prevent the failing of its functionality. However, the FE results showed that only T₁ in DLC ۸.۱ could be withstood by rotor lock without causing plasticity in it and for other load cases, plasticity occurred in rotor lock. As mentioned in GL guideline, by ensuring that only applying the rotor lock when qualified personnel with technical training is present at the wind turbine, it is possible to design the rotor lock for DLC ۸.۱ only.

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