Utilising FOSS4G Tooling for Offshore Platform Electrification Rob Burgess

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Introduction

- The electrification project aims to reduce GHG emissions of oil & gas platforms.
- Subsea power cables to be laid from a landfall location to an offshore hub, before linking up to a number of platforms
- Cables must be buried / trenched into the seabed affected by shallow seabed geology



Aims

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- For a section of the route the aim was to analyse recently acquired geophysical data to better understand the shallow seabed geology along the route
- Present these findings using FOSS4G tooling.
 - Raster surface generation
 - Python data visualization
 - QGIS map production via an Atlas



Raster Surface Processing

• Data collected within a 300m corridor of the proposed cable route



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- Script that utilises command tools GMT & GDAL
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 - gdal_translate
 - gdaldem hillshade & color-relief

Raster Sampling

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- Points generated at intervals along the cable and intersected with the soil unit rasters
- The route was also divided into 5 equally sized polygons these would form the extents of each figure



Python Data Viz

- Sampled data exported as CSV
- Within Anaconda / Jupyter Lab
- Used a python library called Bokeh.

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Conclusion

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- An overview of FOSS4G tooling in support of an offshore platform electrification project:
 - GDAL & GMT to generate rasters
 - Python data visualization to map out horizons along a cross-section
 - Map automation using an QGIS Atlas
- An approach that is reproduceable over different sections of the route, longer route sections, or with newly available datasets





