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Hydrodynamic loads

Simplest: Linear wave kinematics and Morison equation

$$F = \frac{1}{2}\rho C_D D |U|U + \rho C_M A \frac{dU}{dt}$$

Better: Fully nonlinear wave kinematics and Morison-type force model

Advanced: CFD and coupled CFD

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What is ringing?

Excitation of natural frequency by higher-harmonic forcing from nonlinear waves

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Third-order inertia load theories:

FNV (1995): regular waves deep water

Krokstad et al (1998): irregular waves

Malenica & Molin (1995): finite depth

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What is impulsive excitation?



Sudden excitation of natural frequency by large and rapid force. Steep and breaking waves.





Study of nonlinear wave load effects

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Response calculations with Flex5 aero-elastic model, NREL 5MW turbine



Kinematics from a fully nonlinear potential flow solver



From kinematics to distributed force





Response in bottom of tower

Fully nonlinear waves versus linear waves

 $H_s=9.4\,\mathrm{m},~T_p=14.2\,\mathrm{s},~W=5\,\mathrm{m/s}$



Static load analysis, h=30m





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Results of aero-elastic computations



Tower response - largest sea state





Figure 44: Nonlinear and linear surface elevation for the largest sea state and the corresponding moment in the bottom of the tower, $H_s = 6.76$ m, $T_p = 11.41$ s, V = 28 m/s and $I_t = 0.13$

Linear waves can also excite the tower

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Results of aero-elastic computations



Monopile response - largest sea state



Figure 45: Nonlinear and linear surface elevation for the largest sea state and the corresponding moment in the bottom of the monopile, $H_s = 6.76 \text{ m}$, $T_p = 11.41 \text{ s}$, V = 28 m/s and $I_t = 0.13$

Vibrations less visible - occur on top of the wave loads

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Quantify fatigue effect

Accumulated equivalent load



Tower effect occur at 25m – wave nonlinearity is stronger for smaller depth

Monopile effect is largest at 40m, where it gives 4% larger equivalent loads.

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Quantify fatigue effect



Equivalent load

$$L_{eq} = \left(\sum \frac{N_{s,i}(S_i)^m}{N_{eq}}\right)^{\frac{1}{m}}$$

Accumulated equivalent load

$$L_{eq,acc} = \left(\sum_{i} L_{eq,j}^{m} \frac{T_{j}}{T}\right)^{\frac{1}{m}}$$

Conclusion of present study: Wave nonlinearity not critical for *equivalent fatigue loads*. But 4% in equivalent load corresponds to 18% in *fatigue damage* More investigations with more sea states included needed Inclusion of diffraction needed

Nonlinearity seems more important for ULS than for FLS Hence ULS study is needed

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The OpenFOAM® CFD solver



Open source CFD toolbox Vast attention during last 3 years

This study: interFoam solver 3D incompressible Navier-Stokes two phases (water and air) VOF treatment of free surface



Waves2foam wave generation toolbox has been developed and validated (Niels Gjøl Jacobsen PhD thesis 2011; Paper in Int. J. Num. Meth. Fluids)

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Development of a coupled solver





Compute outer flow field with potential flow wave model: OceanWave3D (Engsig-Karup et al 2009)

Compute inner field with wave-structure interaction with CFD-VOF model

Coupling zone



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Slender body enables one-way coupling (transfer)



Incident waves enforced in relaxation zone

Diffracted waves damped in relaxation zone $\psi = \chi \psi_{\text{target}} + (1 - \chi) \psi_{\text{com}}, \quad \psi \in \{\mathbf{u}_H, w, \alpha\},\$

- D: cylinder diameter
- I: distance to relaxation zone
- kA=0.2; kR=0.1; kh=1

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Distance can be as small as L/6



Validation for irregular wave forcing on a slope

Experiment in the Wave Loads project. Hs=8.3m (full scale). Scale 1:36



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Computation of multidirectional waves









Computation of multidirectional waves



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(a) Measured and computed free surface elevation at the location of wave gauge 15, $\{x; y\} = \{7.50; 0.00\}.$



(a) Measured and computed inline force on the cylinder.



(b) Measured and computed force on the cylinder in the *y*-direction

Detailed study on uni- and bi-directional wave group impacts





(c) Unidirectional: The wave passage



(d) Bi-directional: The wave passage

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Detailed study of regular wave forcing and higher-harmonic components



Third-harmonic force compared to FNV theory

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Paulsen et al IWWWFB 2012



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Physical model test with a flexible cylinder at DHI

Bredmose et al OMAE 2013

Inspiration from de Ridder et al OMAE 2011





Pipe properties

Target values from NREL 5MW

reference WT

Prototype scale

 $4.20 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ Nm}^2$

 $4.20 \cdot 10^{3}$ kg/m

6.0 m

0.017

160 m

937.10³kg

936.10³kg

128.6 m

87.0 m

2.0 Hz

5.6 Hz

0.28 Hz

0.144 m

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TABLE 1. Data for flexible pipe. Prototype values are indicated just
 for reference.

Instrumentation

accelerometers



displacement
 transducer

Wave gauges!

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Which waves give the largest accelerations?





Which waves give the largest accelerations?



Deeper water: larger bulk accelerations. DEPTH AND ARM

Shallow water: larger extreme accelerations. NONLINEARITY AND BREAKING

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Numerical reproduction of experiments Linear wave detection Nonlinear wave transformation

OceanWave3D (Engsig-Karup et al 2009)



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Response, h=40.8 m



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Response, h=20.8 m



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