

Optimal Resistive Control Strategy for a Floating OWC

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SNL Water Power Program

Marine Hydrokinetics, Offshore Wind, Conventional Hydropower

Unique Capabilities

- MHK environmental circulation and performance code (SNL-EFDC)
- Composite structural materials and anti-biofouling coatings test facilities
- Sandia Lake Facility – TRL 6 appropriate for wave testing
- SEAWOLF lab/field oscillatory-flow sediment transport testing
- HydroSCOPE Seasonal Optimization Tool (CH)

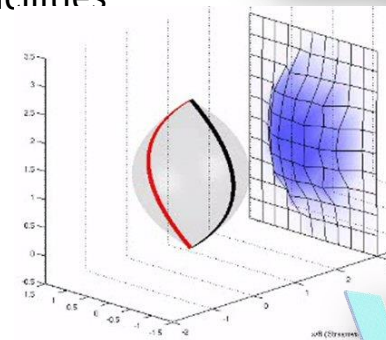
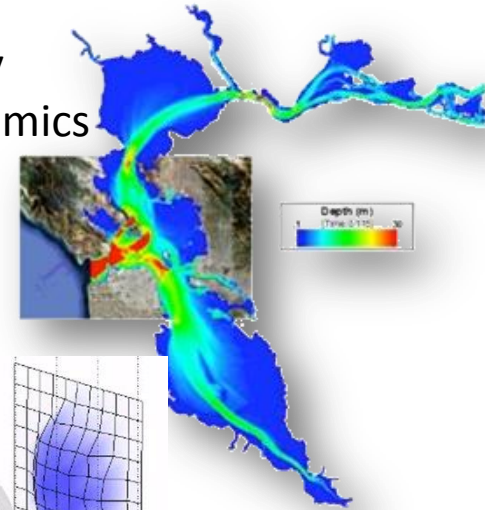
Collaborative Projects

- Technical Industry Support
 - Ocean Renewable Power Company,
 - Ocean Power Technologies,
 - Snohomish PUD
- SNL-EFDC Technology Transfer to
 - Free Flow Power, NOAA, FERC, BOEM, Verdant, ORPC

Impact Examples

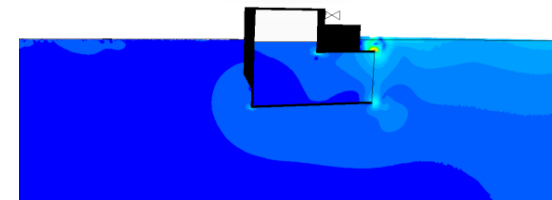
- Whale strike analysis (collaboration with PNNL) allowing demonstration project to proceed in Puget Sound
- Leading the techno-economic report to Congress detailing what steps need to be taken to ensure the growth of the WEC industry.
- Novel vertical axis wind turbine designs and structural health monitoring for offshore wind devices.

SF-Bay
Hydrodynamics



VAWT Wake

Whale Strike Analysis



OWC Dynamic Analysis



Sandia Lake Facility

Reference Model Project



Summary

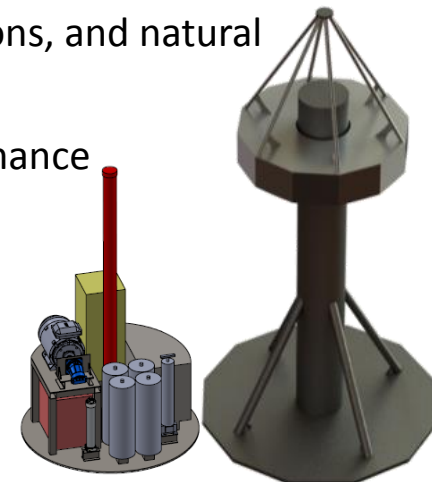
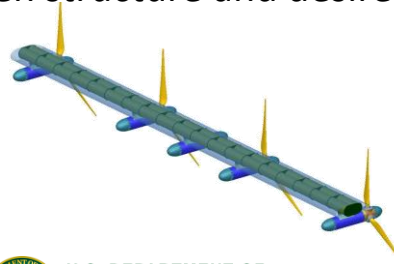
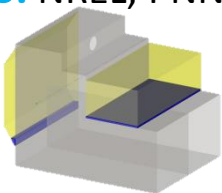
- Multi-Lab effort to obtain **baseline** performance and Cost Of Energy (**COE**) estimates for a variety of Marine Hydro-Kinetic (MHK) devices, sponsored by DOE.
- Method to achieve COE is to develop **public domain designs** incorporating the following:
 - Power performance models
 - PTO Design
 - Structural models
 - O&M / Installation
 - Anchor and mooring design
 - Permitting & Environment
 - Economic Model
- Designs are intended to be conservative, robust, and experimentally verified.



SNL Developed Models/Tools

- **Performance Models** — **WEC**: 3D model capable of handling 7DOF in Matlab; **FEC**: CACTUS
- **Survival Model** — utilize a Morison's Eq. approach to model extreme conditions
- **Structural Sizing Tool** — determination of weight, ballast, COG & COB locations, and natural frequencies
- **PTO Sizing Tool** — Turbine sizing tool for given structure and desired performance

Partners: NREL, PNNL, ARL/PSU, ORNL

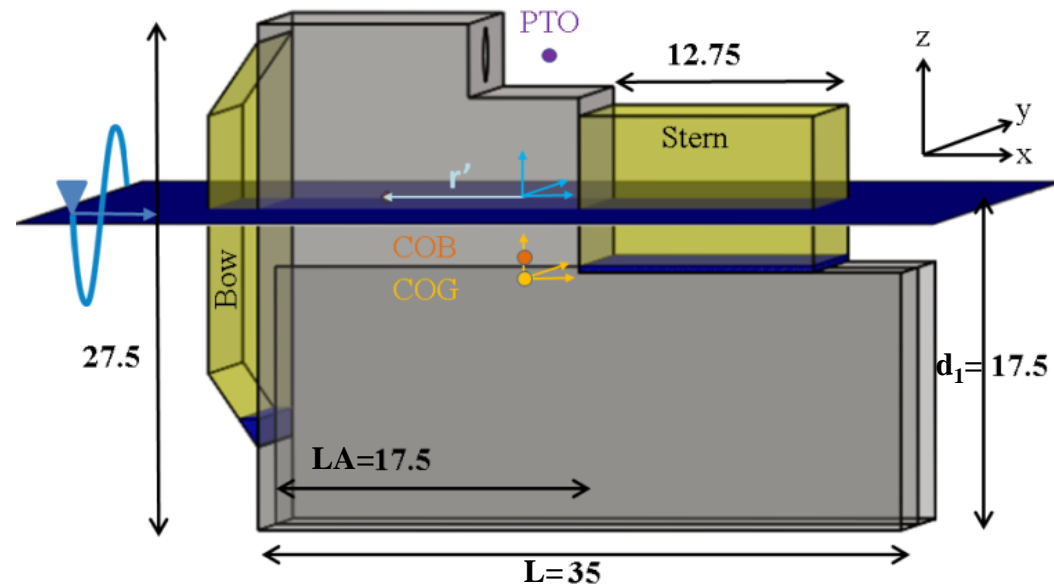


Backward Bent Duct Buoy

Profile

• Literature survey:

- $\lambda/L=4^1$ $L=35[\text{m}]$
 - 9[sec] $\lambda=140[\text{m}]$
- $L/LA=2.0^2$ $LA=17.5[\text{m}]$
- $d_1/LA=1.0^2$ $d_1=17.5[\text{m}]$
- $d_2/LA=0.2^2$ $d_2=3.5[\text{m}]$
- $L/B=1.3^{1,3}$ $B=27[\text{m}]$
 - Selected relationship based on most used in literature



Structural Design

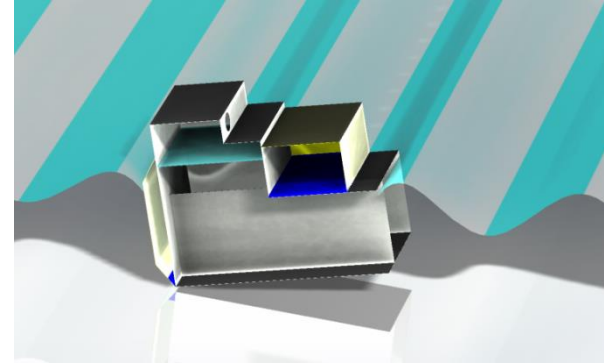
- Entire structure built to withstand hydrostatic pressure at 23.5 m
- Ballast chosen for stability
- Buoyancy chambers sized to support weight and obtain desired natural resonances

Displaced Mass [kg]		2,024,657		
Structural Mass [kg]		1,808,944		
Bow Ballast Mass [kg]		22,072		
Stern Ballast Mass [kg]		123,641		
Power Conversion Mass [kg]		70,000		
COG (x,y,z) [m]		0.00	0.00	-4.29
COB (x,y,z) [m]		0.00	0.00	-3.31
Free Surface Center (x,y,z) [m]		-5.12	0.00	0.00
Radius of Gyration at COG [m]	x	12.53	0.00	0.00
	y	0.00	14.33	0.00
	z	0.00	0.00	14.54

Optimal Resistive Control of OWCs



Grounded



Floating

Power Absorption

- Wave activated water column

Coupled Power Absorption

- Wave activated water column
- Wave activated structure

Power Conversion

- Pressure and volume in the air chamber
 - Wave activated motions linked through power conversion chain.

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Modeling the Pressure Distribution of a Floating OWC

Approximation

• Generalized Modes

- Approximates full solution with user defined number of higher order modes

Explicit Solution

• Free Surface Radiation Potential

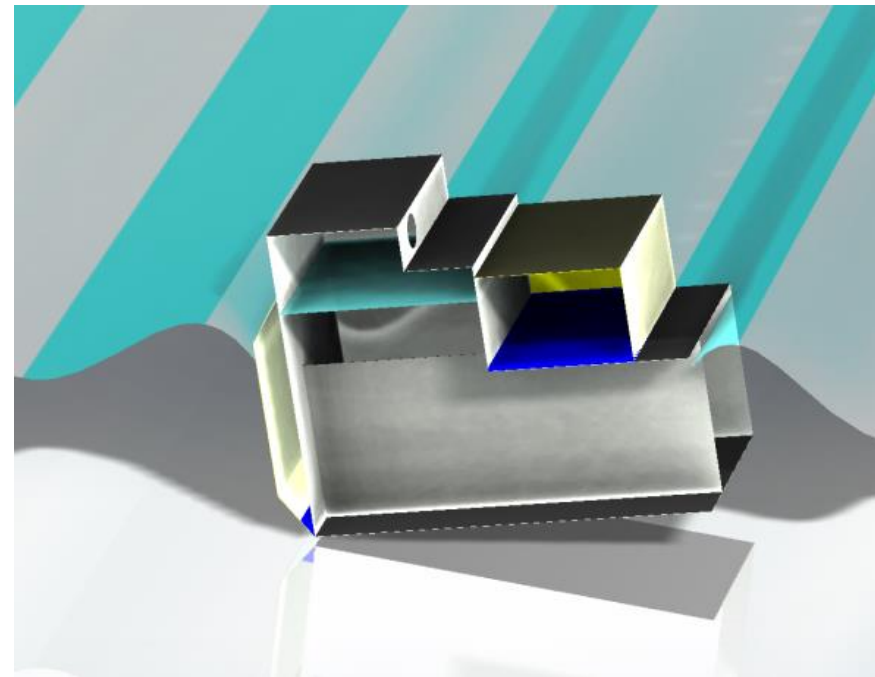
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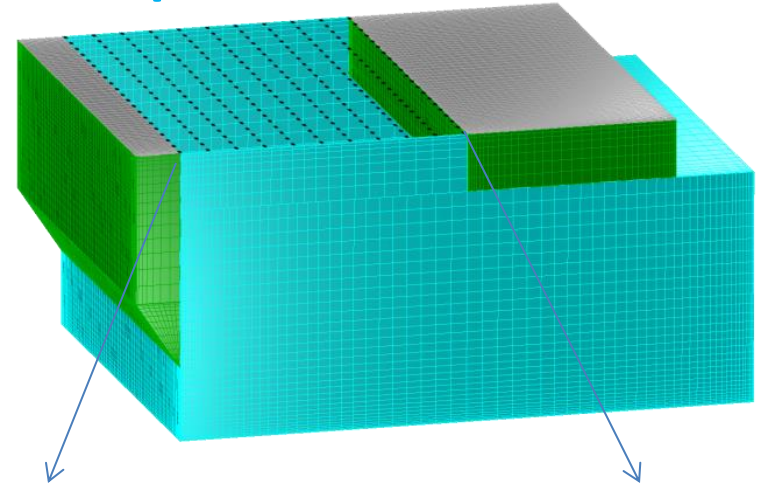
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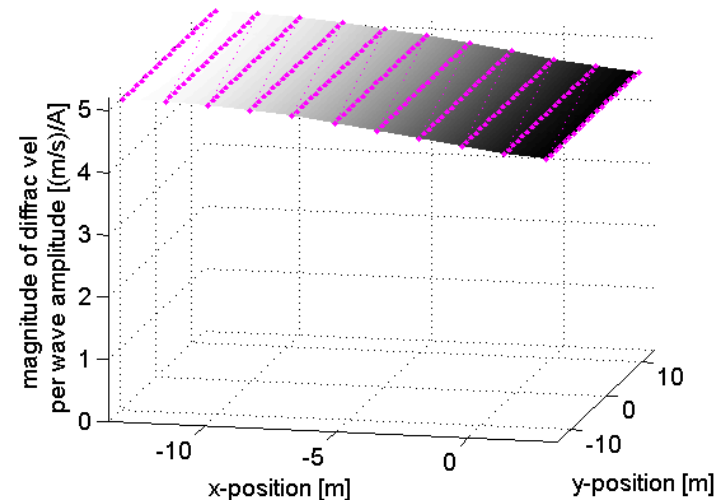
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Device Representation in WAMIT



OWC free surface diffraction velocity values for $\omega=0.46$.



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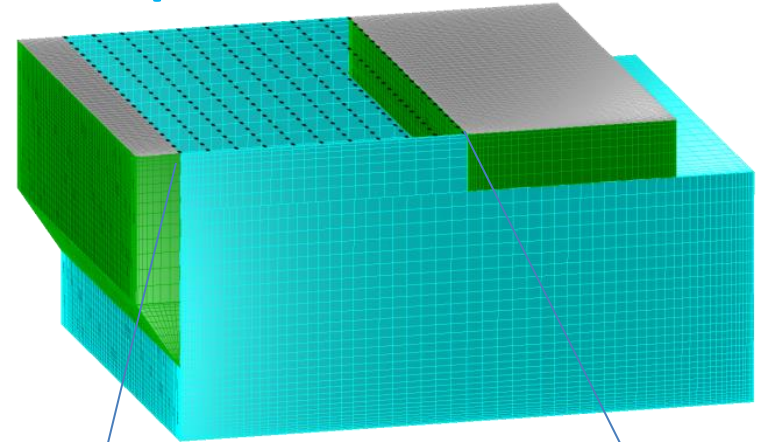
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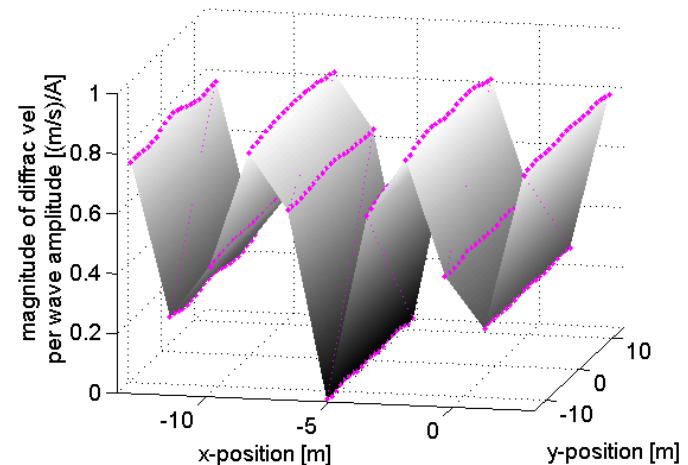
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OWC free surface diffraction velocity values for $\omega=2.3$.



Device Hydrodynamics: Wave Structure Interactions

Free Surface Hydrodynamics

Total Hydrodynamic Volume Flow: $Q_{TH} = qA - Yp - \sum_j H_j^u u_j$

Excitation Volume Flow

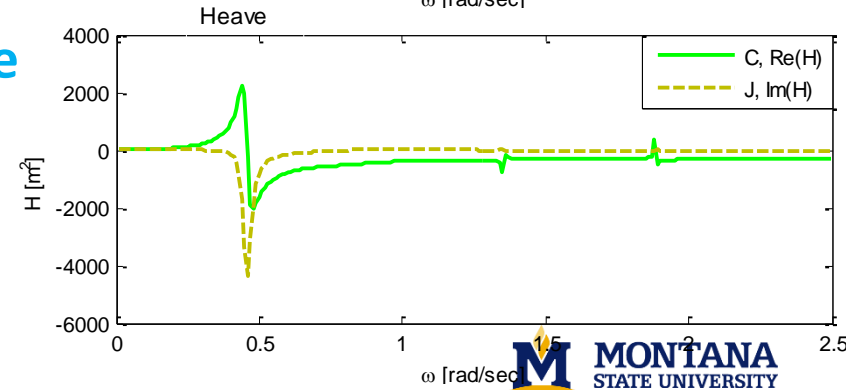
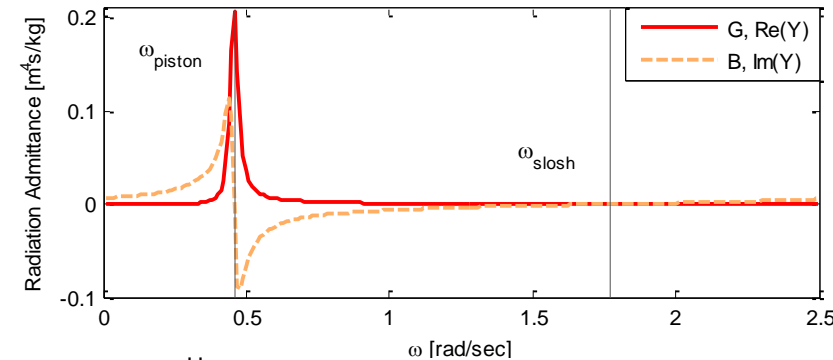
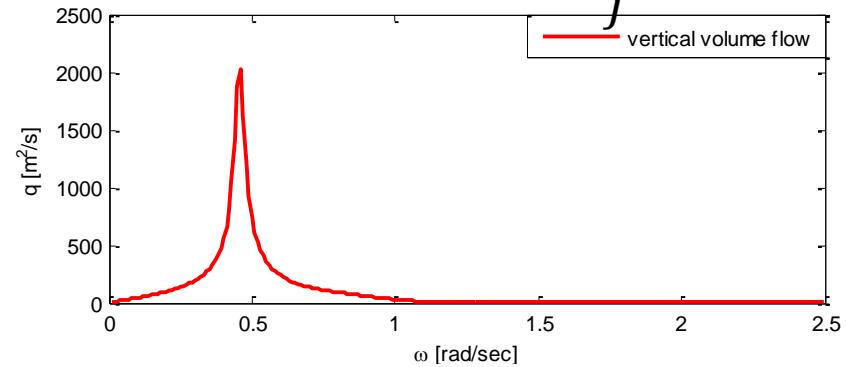
$$q = \frac{1}{A} \iint_S \frac{\partial(\phi_o + \phi_d)}{\partial z} dS$$

Radiation Admittance

$$Y = - \iint_S \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dS = G + iB$$

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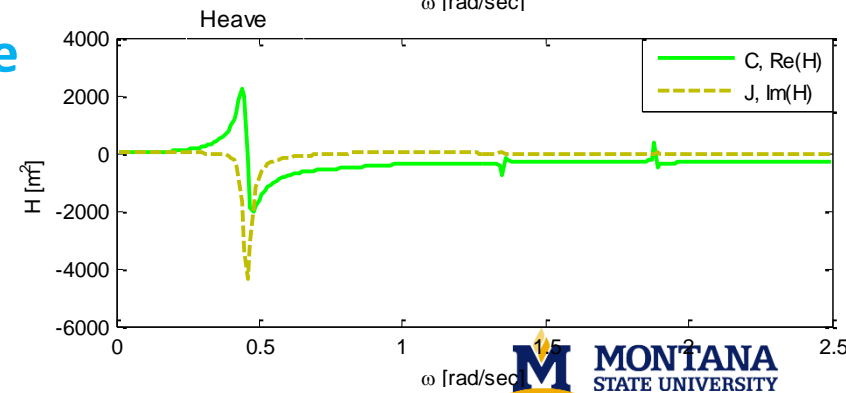
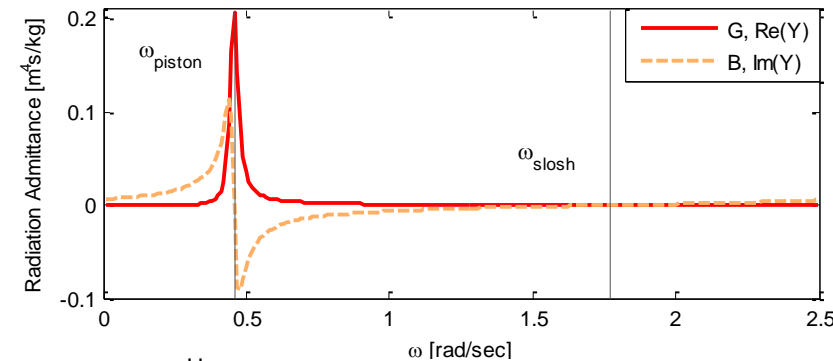
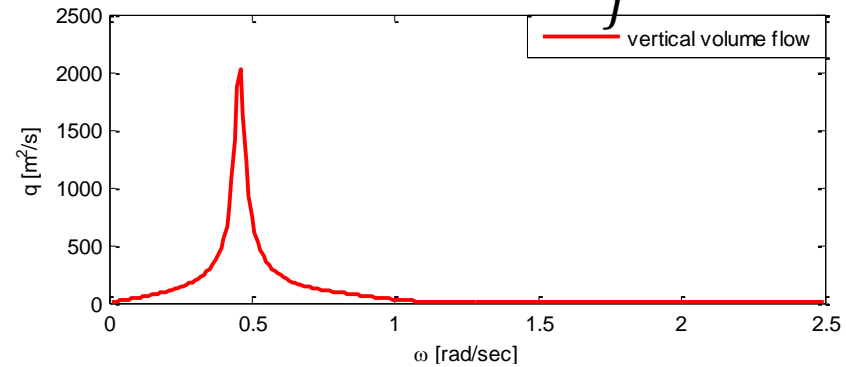
Radiation Admittance

- Reciprocity Relation $G = \frac{2k}{8\pi\rho g v_g} \int_0^\pi |q(\beta)|^2 d\beta$

- Kramers-Kronig $B(\omega) = -\frac{2\omega}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{G(y)}{\omega^2 - y^2} dy$

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Hydrodynamically Coupled Relative Pressure

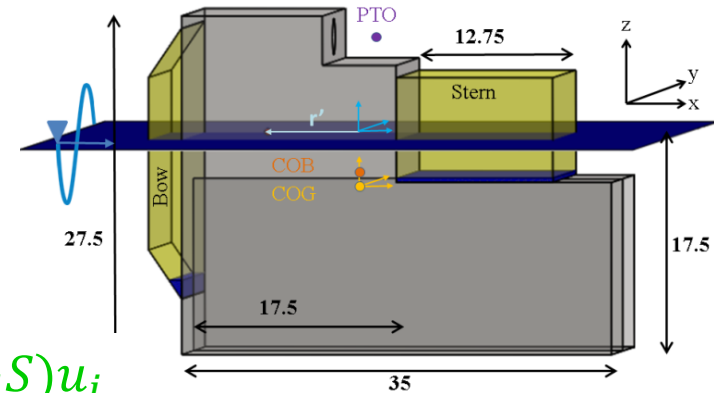
Relativizing the pressure

- Apply transformation vector to account for body oscillations

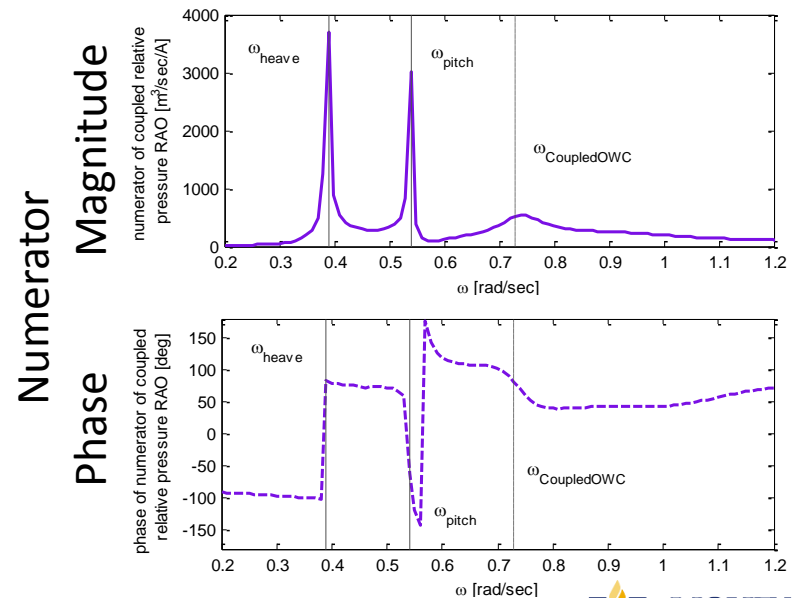
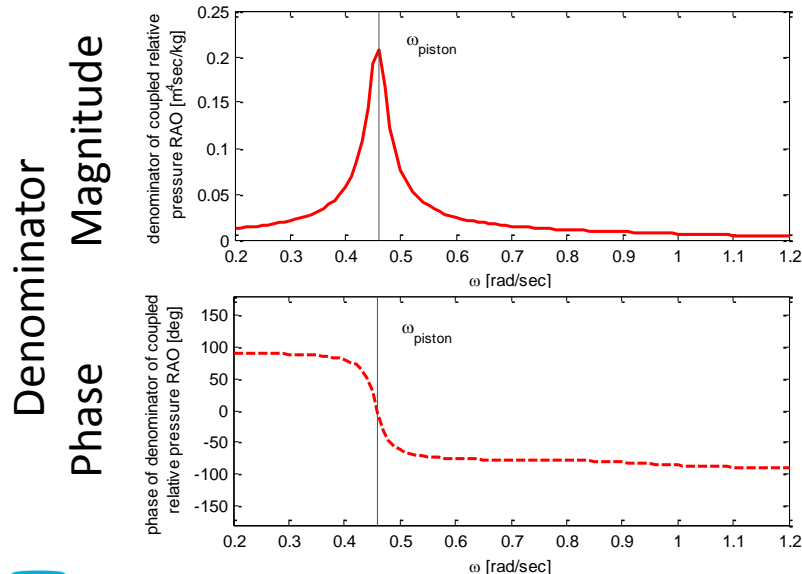
$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -r' & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Coupled relative pressure

$$\frac{p}{A} = \frac{q - \sum_j (H_j^u + T_j S) u_j}{Y}$$



Determining Resonances: Couple Relative Pressure



Device Performance: Linear Wells Turbine Linking the Structures Oscillations to the OWC

Linked Governing Equations

Linked Matrix Representation

- Structure velocity
- Relative Pressure in the Air Column

$$\begin{pmatrix} f \\ q \end{pmatrix}_A = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_i & -\mathbf{H}_i \\ \mathbf{H}_i^T & Y_i + \frac{1}{R_{load}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

- Radiation Impedance of the Structure

$$\mathbf{Z}_i = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}_{vis} + i\omega \left(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a} - \frac{(\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{K})}{\omega^2} \right)$$

- Relative Coupling Term

$$\mathbf{H}_i = \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{S}$$

- Radiation Admittance of the Compressible Air Column

$$Y_i = \left(G + \frac{1}{R_{vis}} \right) + i \left(B + \frac{\omega \nabla_o}{\gamma p_{atm}} \right)$$

Linked Total Volume Flow

$$Q_T = qA - Y_i p - \mathbf{H}_i^T \mathbf{u} = \frac{p}{R_{load}}$$

Externally Applied Forces: Viscous Damping and Mooring

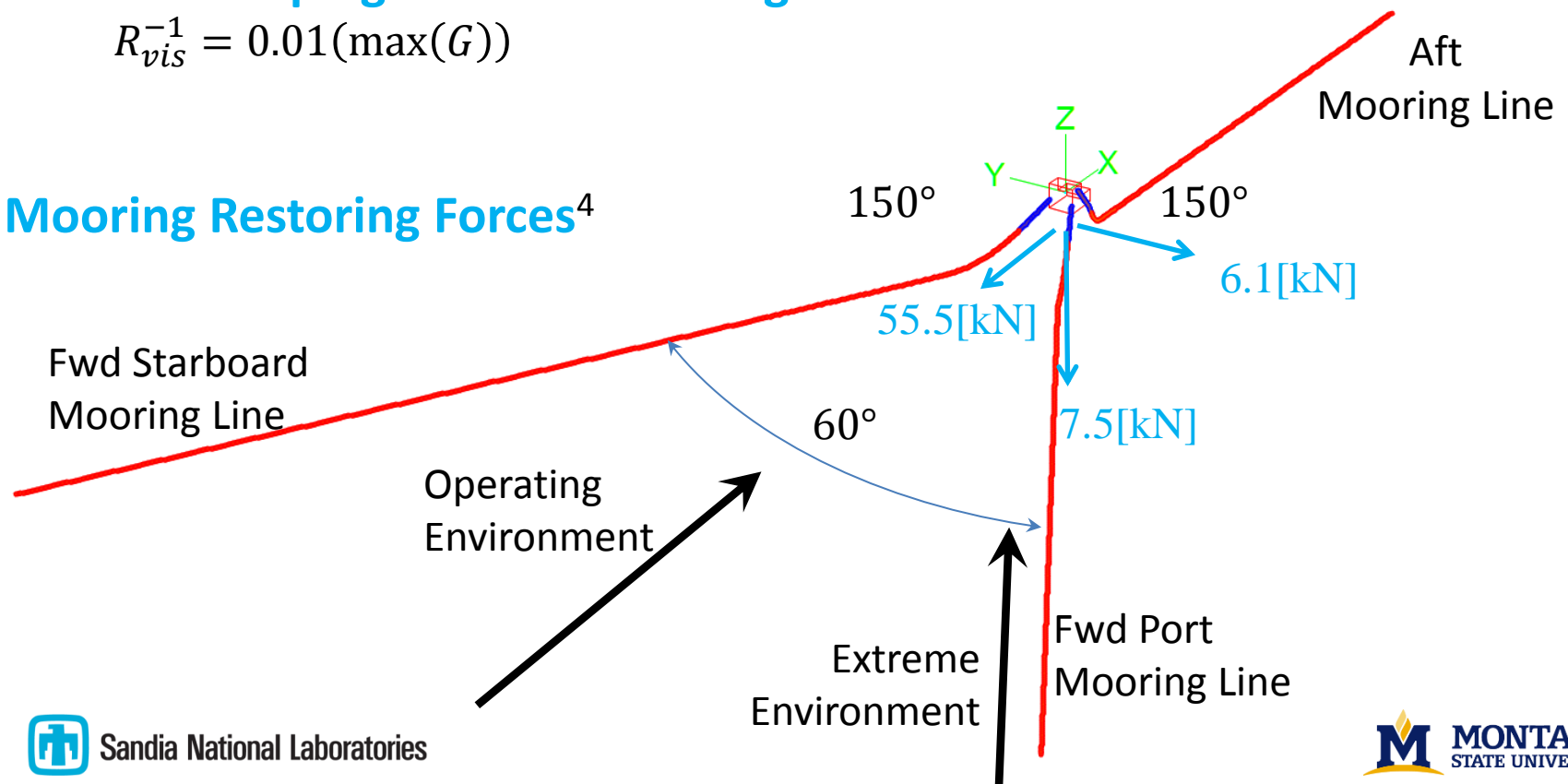
Viscous Damping on the Floating Structure

$$b_{vis} = 0.02\sqrt{M_{tot}c_{tot}}$$

Viscous Damping on the Oscillating Water Column

$$R_{vis}^{-1} = 0.01(\max(G))$$

Mooring Restoring Forces⁴



Optimal Resistive Damping: Derivation

Pneumatic Power

- $\langle P \rangle = \overline{p(t)Q_T(t)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}\{pQ_T^*\}$

Pneumatic Power In Monochromatic Waves

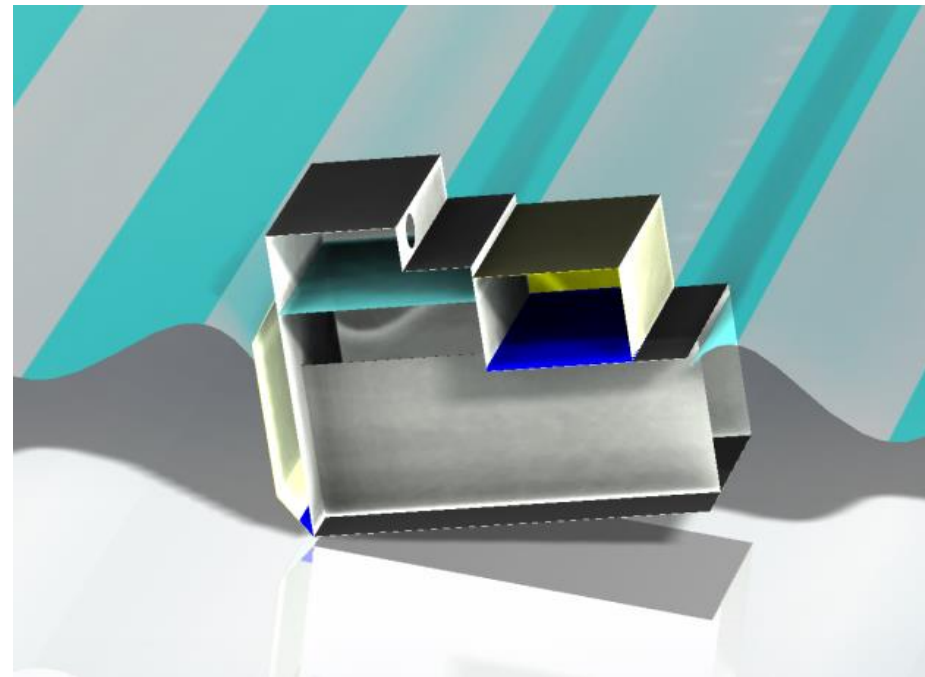
- $\langle P \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{R_{load}} |p|^2$

Optimization Condition

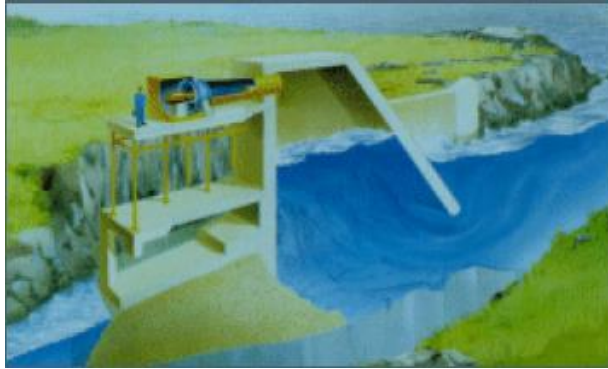
- $\frac{\partial \langle P \rangle}{\partial R_{load}} = 0$

Optimal Resistive Damping for Hydrodynamically Coupled OWC

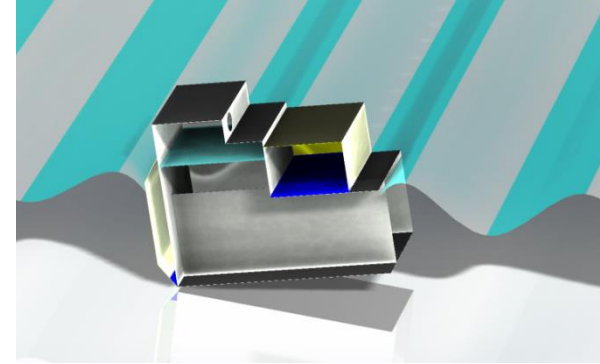
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Optimal Resistive Damping: with Wells Turbine



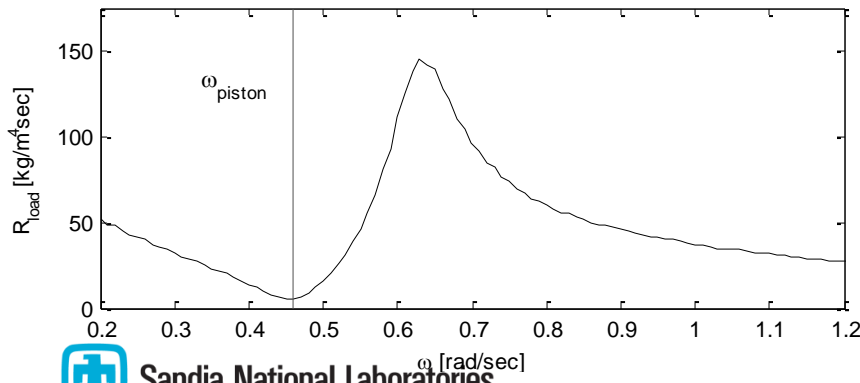
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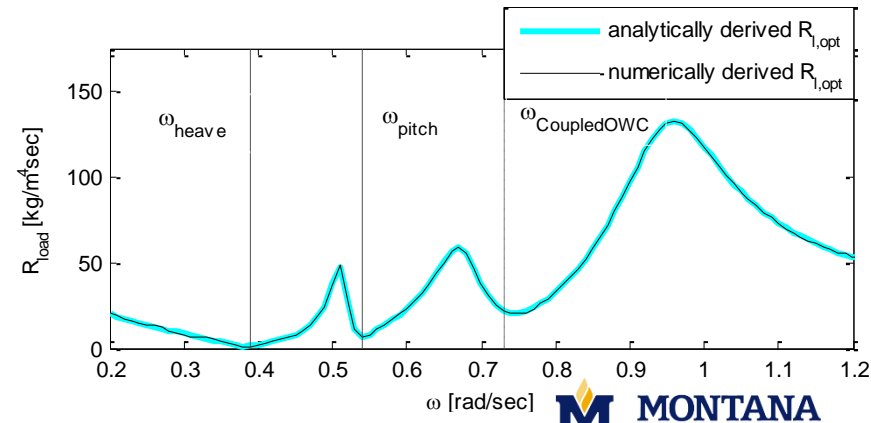
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- $R_{l_{opt}} = (|Y_i|^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$



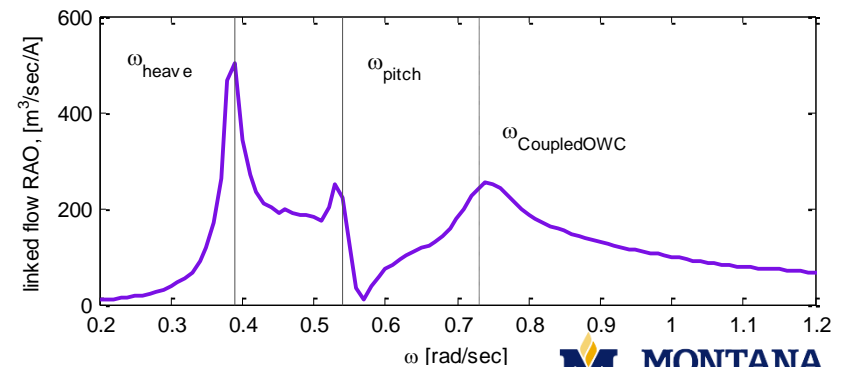
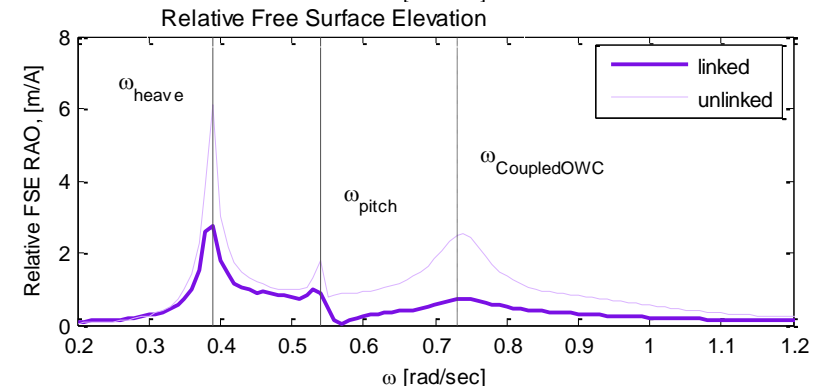
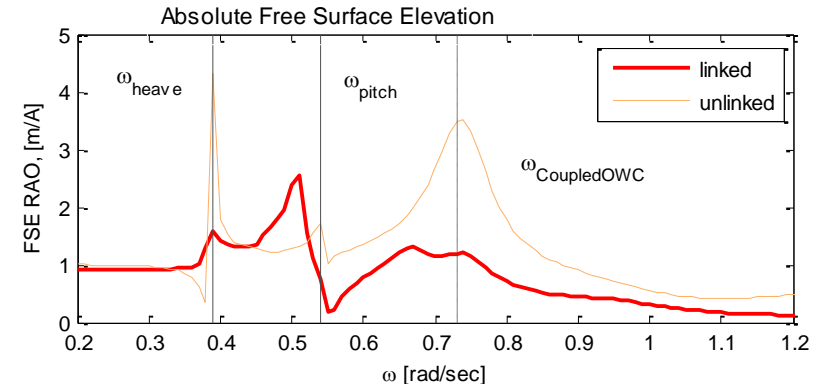
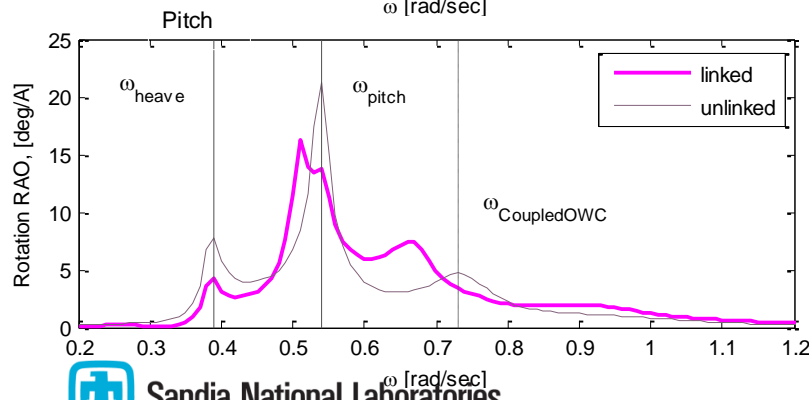
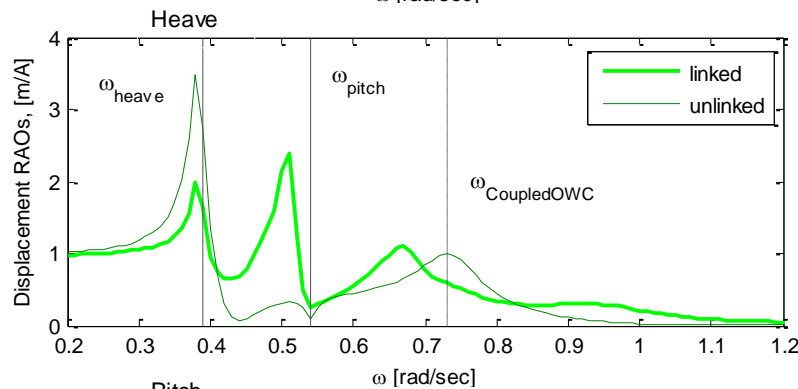
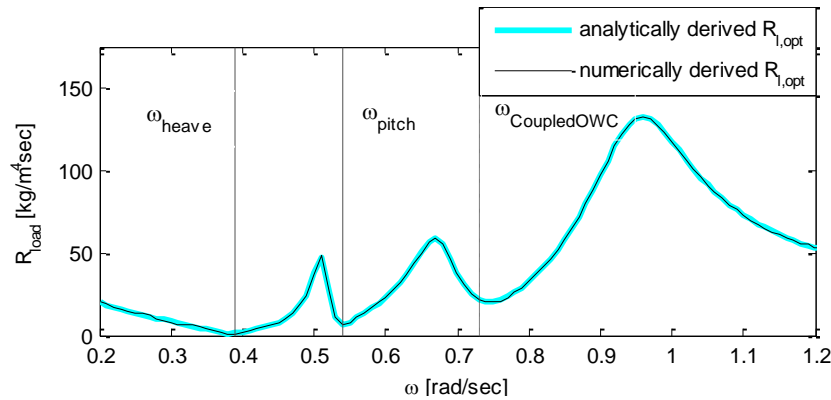
Optimal Coupled Resistive Damping

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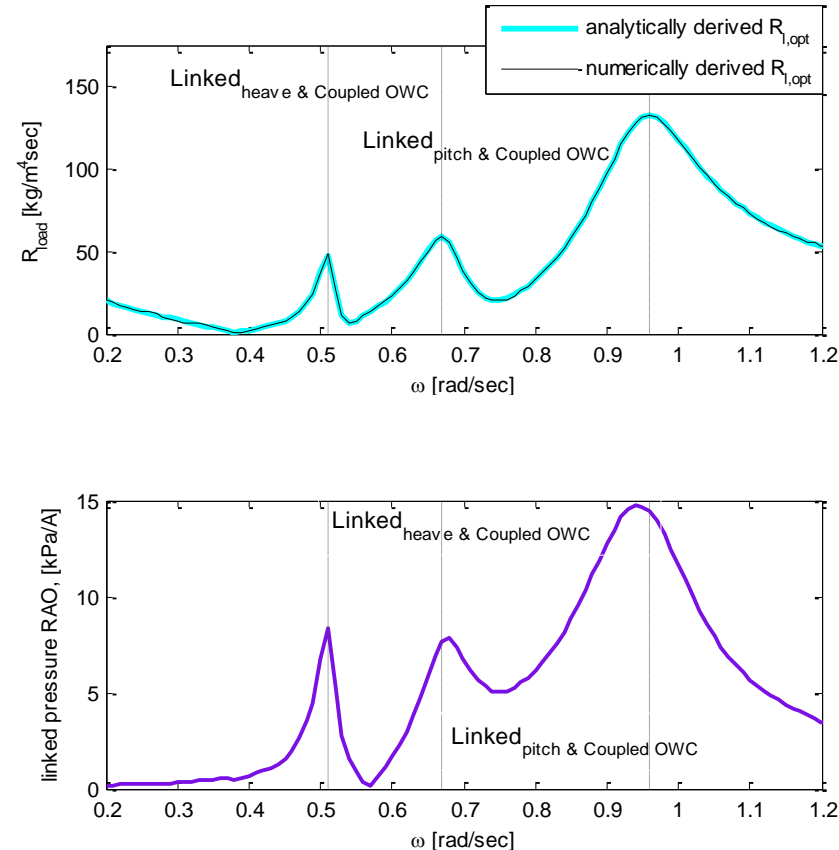


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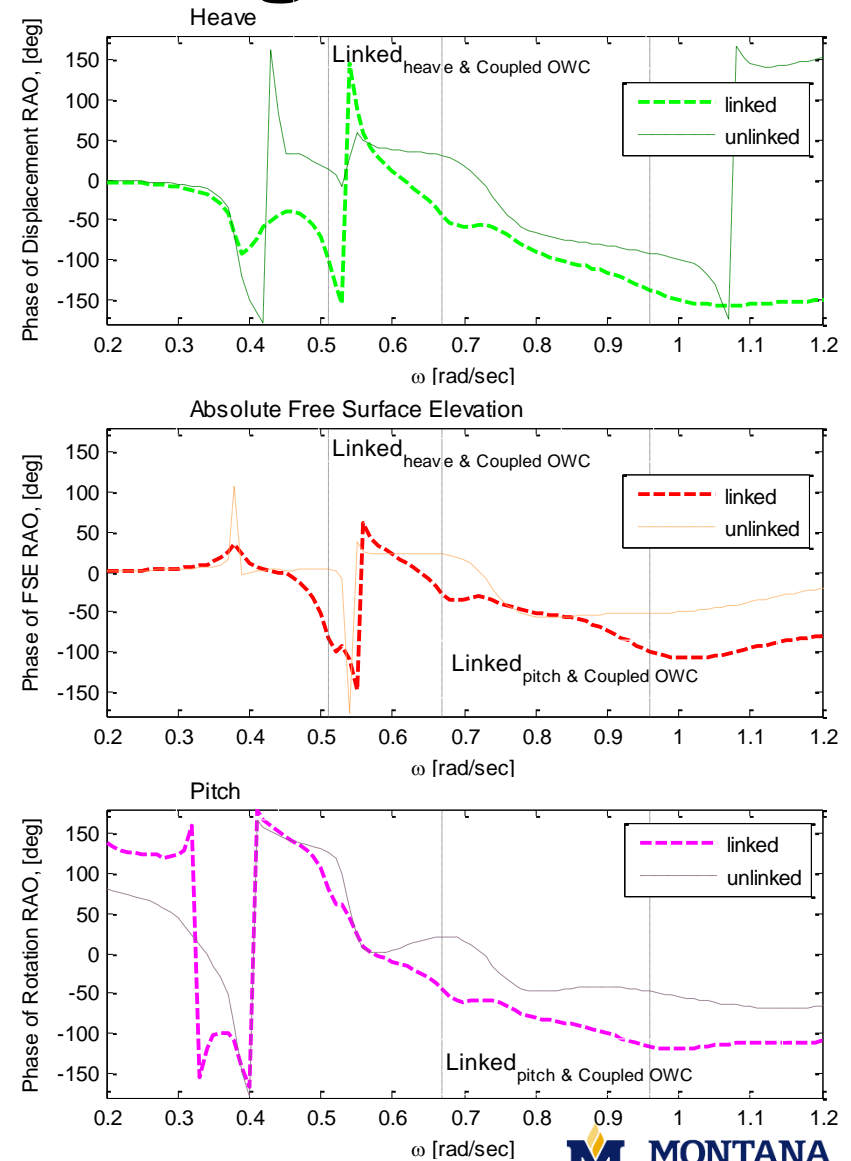
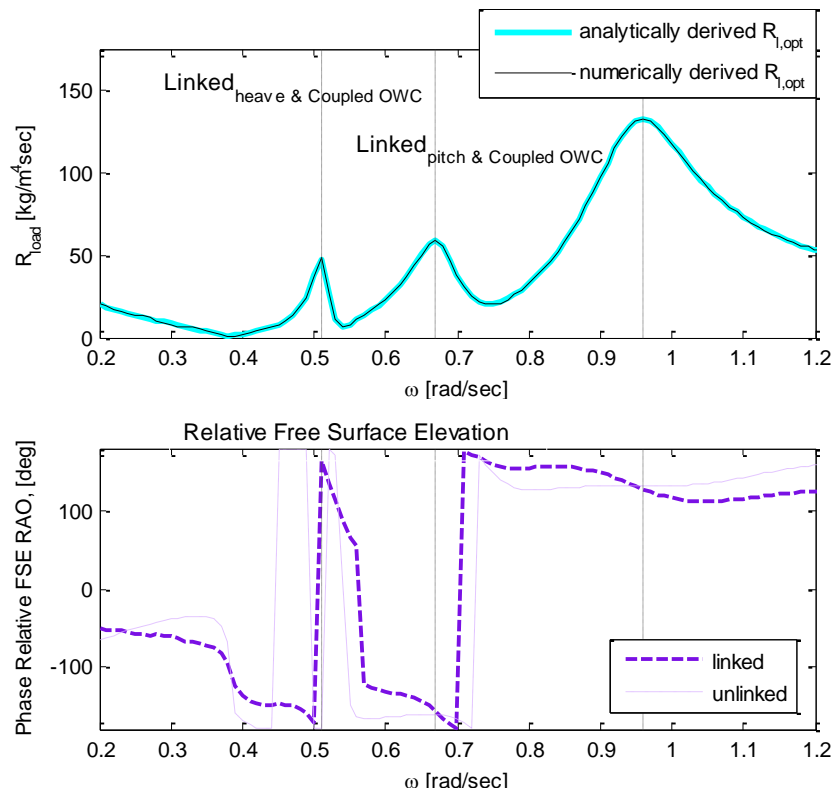
Motion: Troughs



Influence of Wells Turbine on Device Motion: Peaks

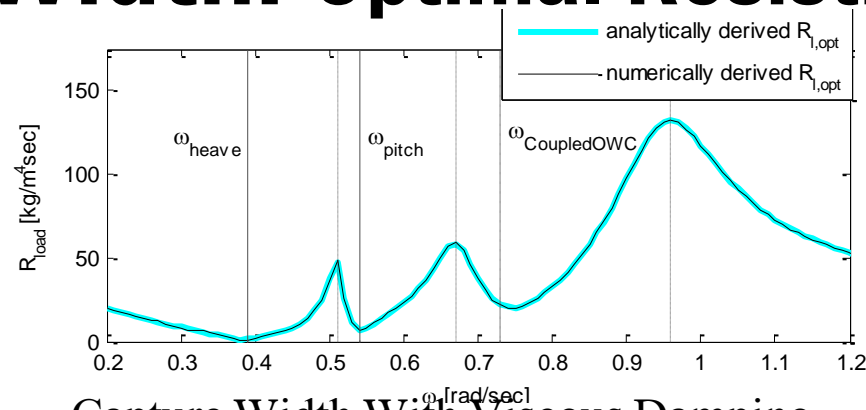


Influence of Wells Turbine on Device Motion: Understanding Peaks

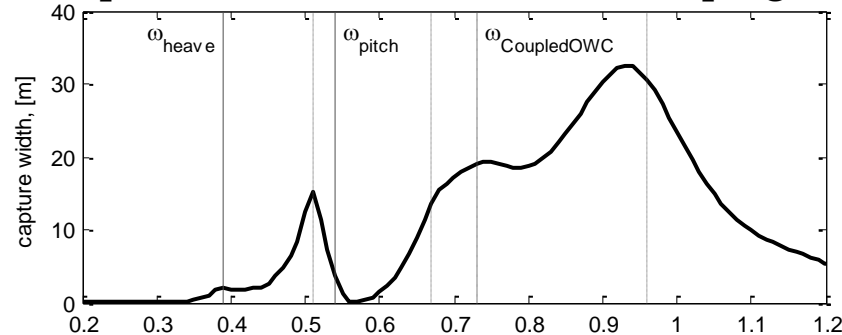


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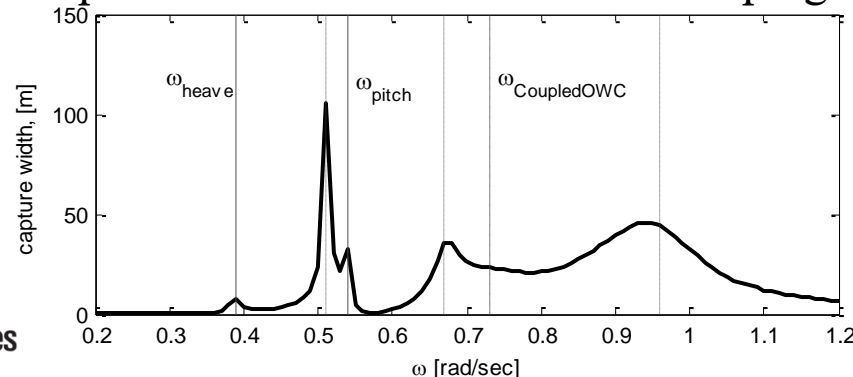
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Capture Width With Viscous Damping

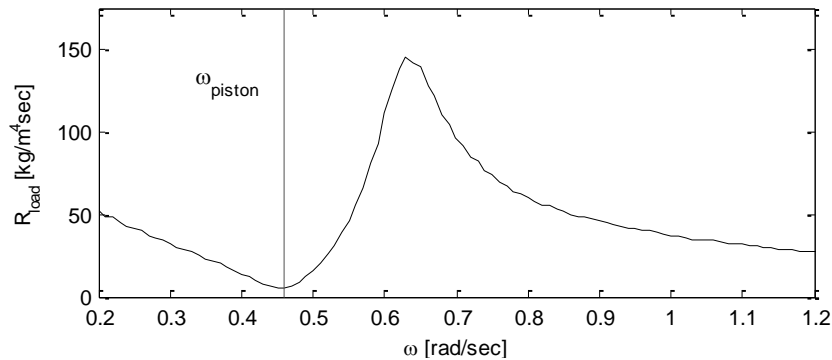


Capture Width *Without* Viscous Damping

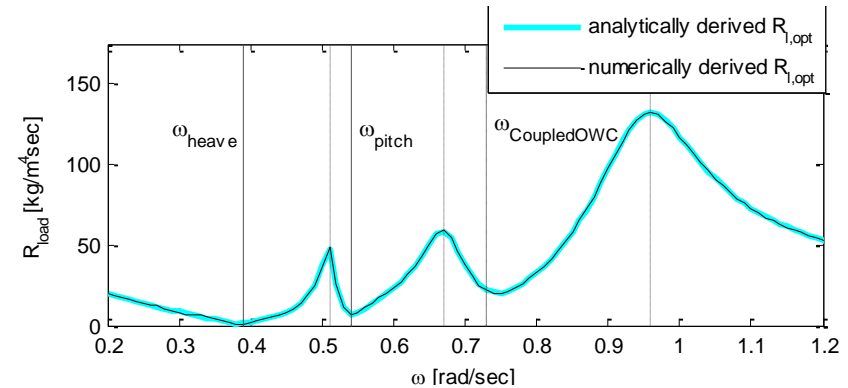


Comparison of Damping

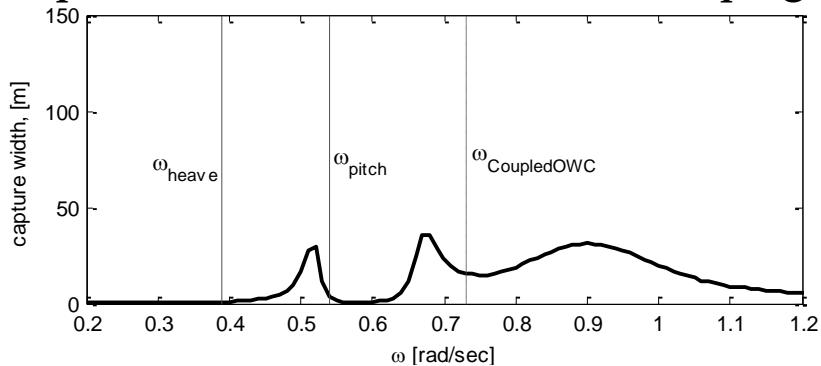
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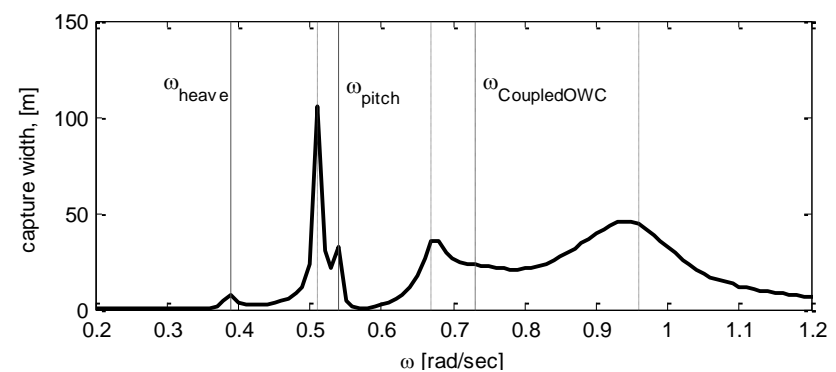
Applying Coupled $R_{l,opt}$ to Floating Device



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Conclusions

Grounded vs. Floating OWCs

- Floating OWCs must be modeled such that BOTH the wave activated water column and the wave activated structure are included

Coupled Water Column Resonance for Floating OWCs

- Floating OWCs are coupled between the wave activated column and the wave activated structure.
- This coupling results in a new resonance location for the coupled relative free surface in the device.

Optimal Resistive Control for Floating OWCs

- $$R_{l_{opt}} = \left(|Y_i + \mathbf{H}_i^T \mathbf{Z}_i^{-1} \mathbf{H}_i| \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Controls' Influence on Device Motion and Power

- Applying $R_{l_{opt}}$ to the floating OWC will preserve the natural resonances of the coupled system.
- This optimization clearly takes advantage of the coupling between the OWC and the structure.

Next Steps

Experimental Verification at HMRC

- Determine realistic viscous damping values
- Verify the shape of the optimal R_{load} curve in monochromatic waves
 - A linear scaled PTO has been designed
- Verify the predicted power absorption of the device in Northern California



Incorporation of Wells Turbine

- ARL at PennState is working with SNL to size the Wells Turbine and power electronics that should be associated with this design
 - Incorporation will include sea state – by – sea state derived efficiencies

Economic Model

- NREL will be working to determine the LCOE of this device
 - The cost model will incorporate sensitivity analysis on some of the estimates.

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