

Implementation of Substructure Flexibility and Member-Level Load Capabilities for Floating Offshore Wind Turbines in OpenFAST

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OpenFAST Overview

- OpenFAST is DOE / NREL's premier open-source wind turbine physics-based engineering tool
- FAST has undergone a major restructuring, with a new modularization framework (v8)
- Not only is the framework supporting expanded functionality, but it is facilitating the establishment of an open-source codedevelopment community for physics-based engineering models (OpenFAST)



Prior Offshore Functionality

HydroDyn module – Hydrodynamics for fixed & floating substructures:

- Waves 2nd order regular / irregular & directional spreading
- Sea currents
- Hydrodynamic loads Hybrid combination of strip theory (Morison's eq.) & potential flow
 SubDyn module – Fixed substructure structural dynamics:
- Linear frame finite-element beam model
- Craig-Bampton dynamic system reduction
- Static-improvement method
 MoorDyn & MAP++ modules Lumped mass mooring dynamics (MD) or analytical mooring quasi-statics (MAP):
- Multi-segmented taut / catenary lines
- Clump weights & buoyancy tanks
- Elastic stretching & nonlinear geometric restoring
- Structural damping & hydro. drag (MD)
- Apparent weight of lines & added mass (MD)
- Seabed friction



Sea-Surface Elevation (η) from the Summing of 1st- (η_1) & 2nd- (η_2) Order Waves





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Lumped-Mass Mooring Dynamics

Objective & Approach

- <u>Objective</u>: Introduce substructure flexibility & member-level load calculations in OpenFAST to enable design & optimization of floating substructures—especially next-generation platforms that show promise to be streamlined, flexible, & costeffective
- Prior work (IOWTC 2019):
 - Establish functional requirements
 - Identify modeling approaches that address functional requirements
 - Approach:
 - Meet modeling needs of most FOWT support structures (spar, semi, TLP)
 - Review existing FOWT prototypes & proposed concepts
 - Identify physics-based modeling needs
 - Only consider modeling approaches that maintain computational efficiency
- This work:
 - Mathematical details
 - Changes to SubDyn, HydroDyn, & OpenFAST glue code
- Future work:
 - Source-code implementation (nearing completion)
 - Verification & validation in collaboration w/ Stiesdal
 - Applications

SubDyn – New Element Types (In Addition to Beams)

- Pretensioned cable element:

 Important for hanging ballast
 & stiffeners
- Rigid-link element:
 - Important for large-volume members & high natural frequencies
 - Direct elimination of linear multipoint constraints:
 - ODEs instead of DAEs
 - Eliminate 6 DOFs per element

$$\epsilon_{0} = \frac{T_{0}}{EA}$$

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$$\kappa_{e} = \frac{EA}{L_{0}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\epsilon_{0}}{1+\epsilon_{0}} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\epsilon_{0}}{1+\epsilon_{0}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\epsilon_{0}}{1+\epsilon_{0}} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\epsilon_{0}}{1+\epsilon_{0}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -\frac{\epsilon_{0}}{1+\epsilon_{0}} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\epsilon_{0}}{1+\epsilon_{0}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\epsilon_{0}}{1+\epsilon_{0}} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\epsilon_{0}}{1+\epsilon_{0}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad f_{e} = EA\epsilon_{0} \begin{cases} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{cases}$$

Pretensioned Cable Element (Mass not Shown)

Full set

$$x = T \tilde{x}$$
Reduced set

$$\widetilde{M} = T^{T}MT, \quad \widetilde{K} = T^{T}KT, \quad \widetilde{F} = T^{T}F$$

$$T_{c} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{6} \\ A_{12} \\ \vdots \\ A_{1n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{with } A_{1j} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (z_{j} - z_{1}) & -(y_{j} - y_{1}) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -(z_{j} - z_{1}) & 0 & (x_{j} - x_{1}) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & (y_{j} - y_{1}) & -(x_{j} - x_{1}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Rigid-Link Element$$

SubDyn – New Rotational Joints (In Addition to Cantilevered)

- Introduced 3 new joint types:
 Important for some floaters (e.g., TetraSpar & SpiderFloat)
 - Direct elimination of linear multipoint constraints:
 - ODEs instead of DAEs
 - Pin Adds 1 DOF per beam @ joint (minus 1)
 - O Universal Adds 2 DOF per beam @ joint (minus 1)
 - Ball Adds 3 DOF per beam @ joint (minus 1)

Full set

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T} \, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$
Reduced set

HydroDyn – Updated Member-Level Hydrostatics in Strip-Theory

- Important for slender structures @ member level
- Updated strip-theory buoyancy calculation:
 - Exact for cylindrical or tapered members
 - Based on integrated hydrostatic pressure on submerged surface area
 - Dependent on displacement
 & deflection
 - Forces distributed to analysis nodes, including smoothing to ensure forces don't "step" when crossing SWL



Loads on a Fully Submerged Element



Loads on a Partially Submerged Element

HydroDyn – Support for Multiple Potential Flow Bodies

- Important for multiple largevolume bodies w/ radiation & diffraction
- Optional inclusion of hydrodynamic interaction:
 "NBody" option in WAMIT or separate single bodies
- New "NBodyMod" switch:
 1) Full hydrodynamic interaction between bodies
 - 2) Separate bodies, each centered @ origin:
 - Offsets (phase shift) included in
 HydroDyn
 - 3) Separate bodies, each located@ correct offset in floater



WAMIT Mesh of OC4-DeepCWind Semisubmersible

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OpenFAST Glue Code – Updated Module-to-Module Coupling

- Allow SubDyn to be enabled for floating (in addition to fixed)
- Couple towersubstructurehydrodynamic-mooring dynamics (ElastoDyn – SubDyn – HydroDyn – Mooring)





OpenFAST Glue Code – Updated Full-System Linearization

- **OpenFAST** primary used for nonlinear time-domain loads analysis (ultimate & fatigue)
- Linearization is about *understanding*:
 - Useful for eigenanalysis, controls design, stability analysis, gradients for optimization, & development of reduced-order models
- Prior focus:
 - Structuring source code to enable linearization
 - Developing general approach to linearizing mesh-_ mapping w/n module-to-module input-output coupling relationships, including rotations
 - Linearizing core (but not all) features of InflowWind, ServoDyn, ElastoDyn, BeamDyn, AeroDyn, HydroDyn, & MAP++ modules & their coupling
 - Verifying implementation
- This work:
 - Expanding linearization of HydroDyn to strip-theory hydrostatics & state-space-based wave excitation & radiation for multiple bodies
 - Linearizing all features of **SubDyn**
 - Including linearized ElastoDyn-SubDyn-HydroDyn-— MAP++ coupling in the OpenFAST glue code

$$\dot{x} = X(x, z, u, t)$$

$$0 = Z(x, z, u, t) \quad with \left| \frac{\partial Z}{\partial z} \right| \neq 0$$

$$y = Y(x, z, u, t)$$

$$u = u \Big|_{op} + \Delta u \quad etc.$$

$$\Delta \dot{x} = A \Delta x + B \Delta u$$

$$\Delta y = C \Delta x + D \Delta u$$
with
$$A = \left[\frac{\partial X}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial X}{\partial z} \left[\frac{\partial Z}{\partial z} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} \right]_{u} \quad etc.$$

etc.

Closing Summary

- Next generation FOWT likely to be more streamlined, flexible, & cost-effective
- Floating flexibility & member-level loads introduced into OpenFAST:
 Substructure flexibility
 - Member-level loads
 - Pretensioned cables
 - Rigid links
 - Pin, universal, & ball joints
 - Distributed buoyancy on slender members
 - Multiple large-volume bodies
 Time domain & linearization
- Coming soon: Verification, validation, & demonstration in collaboration w/ Stiesdal



Carpe Ventum!

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