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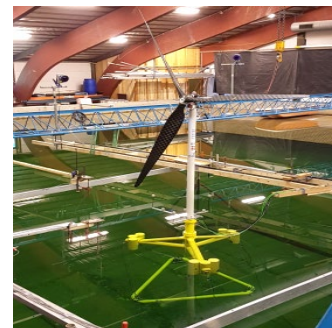
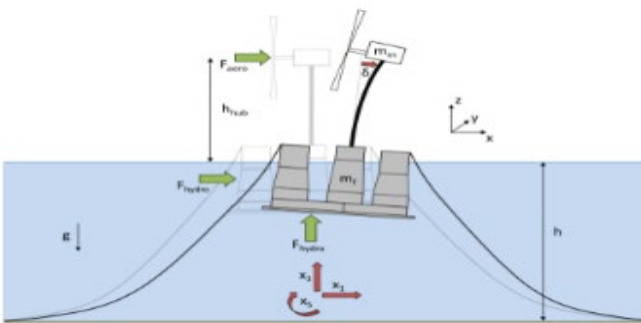


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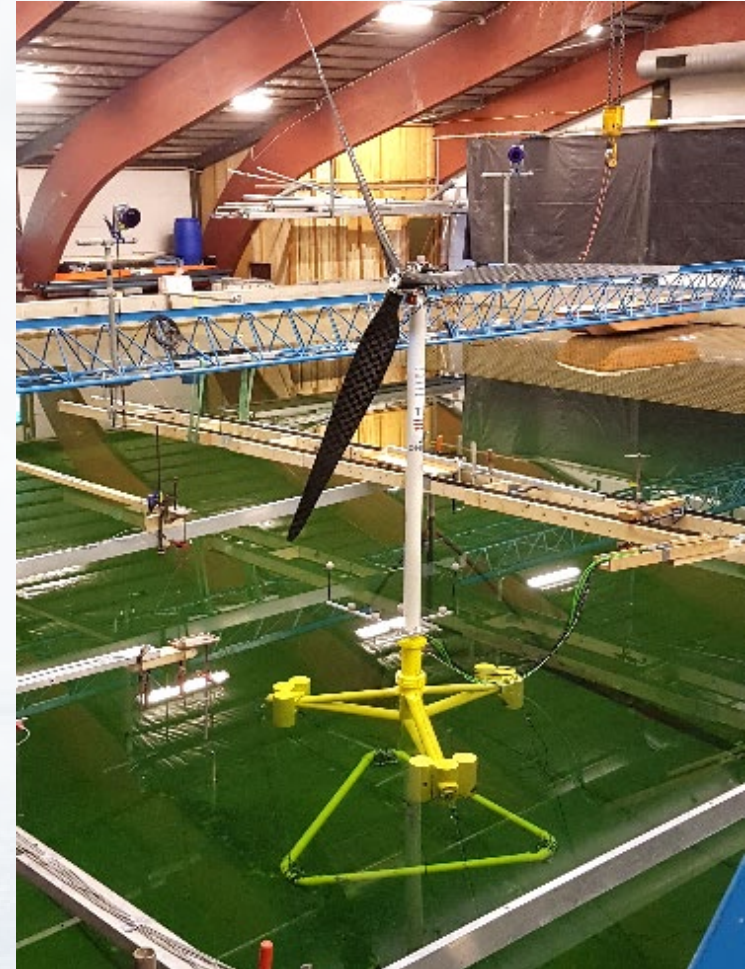


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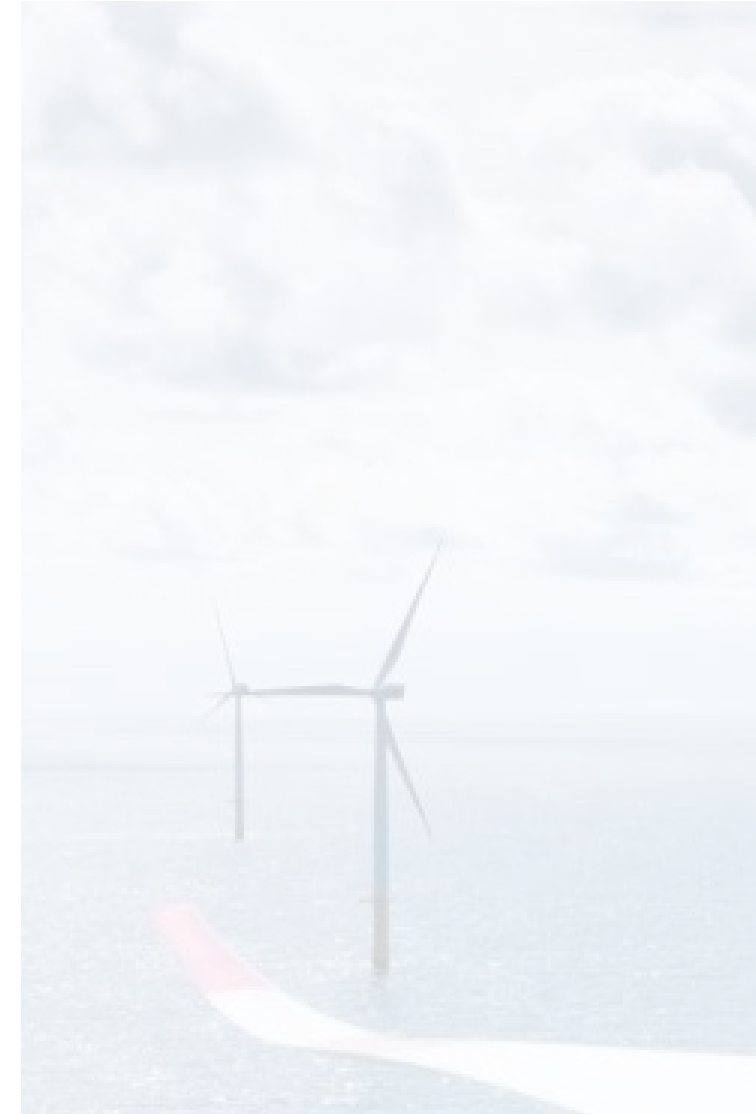
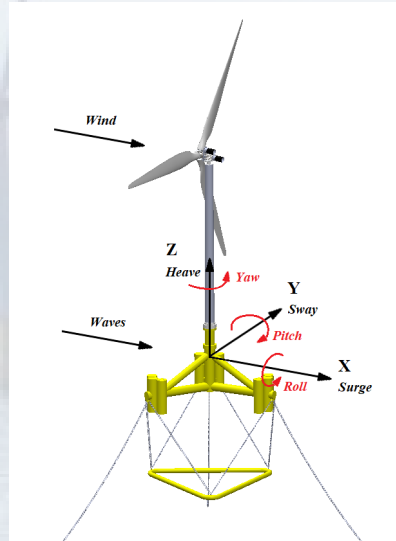
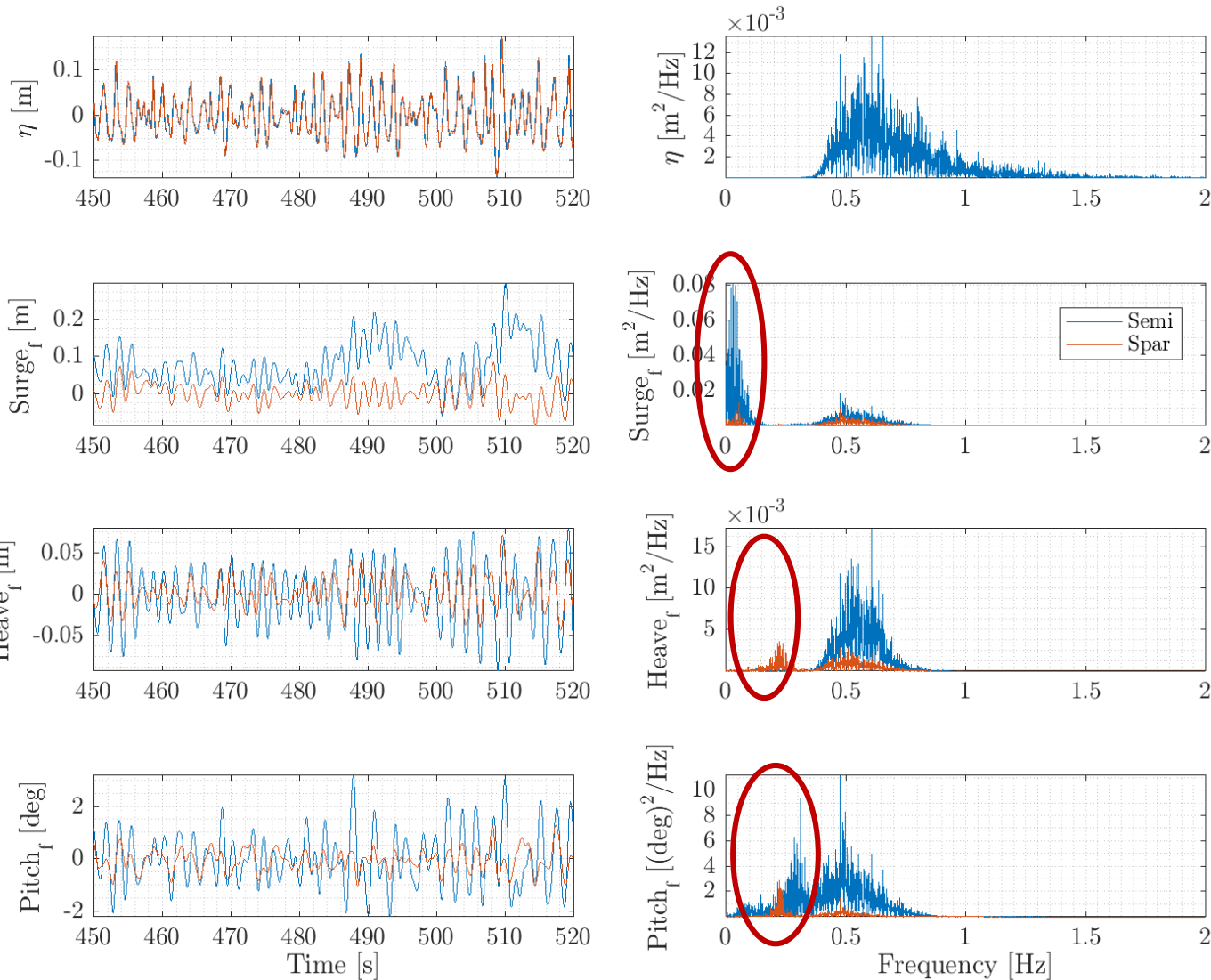
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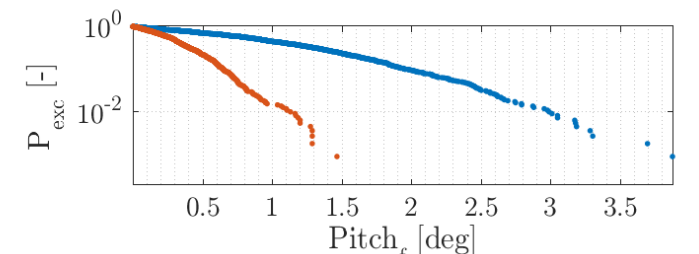
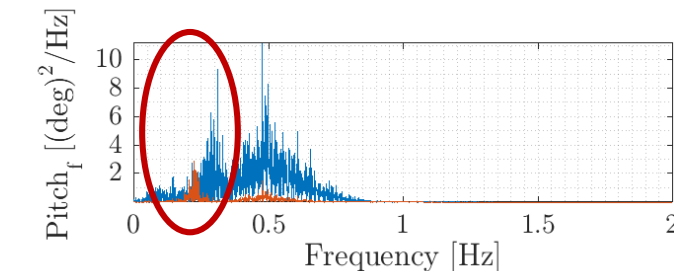
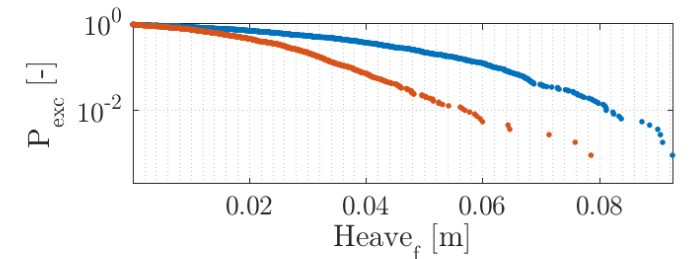
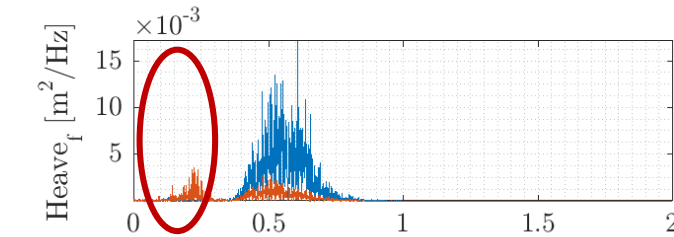
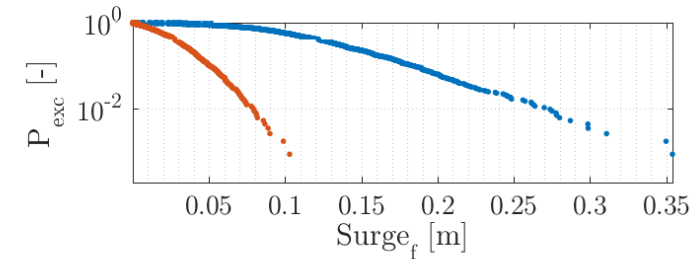
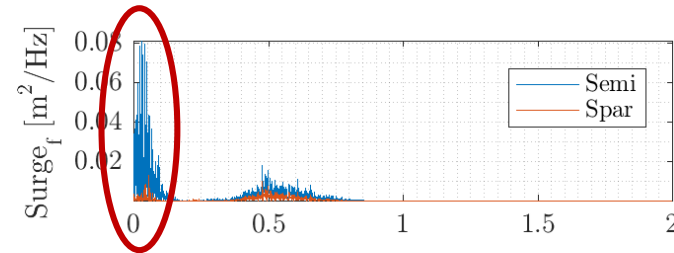
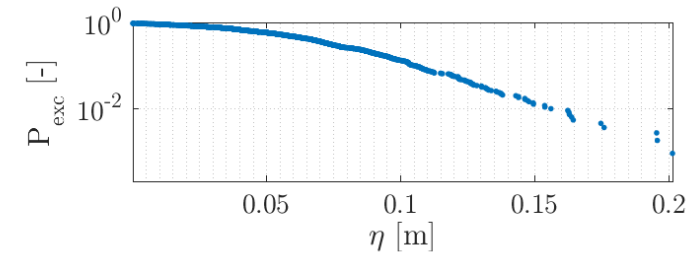
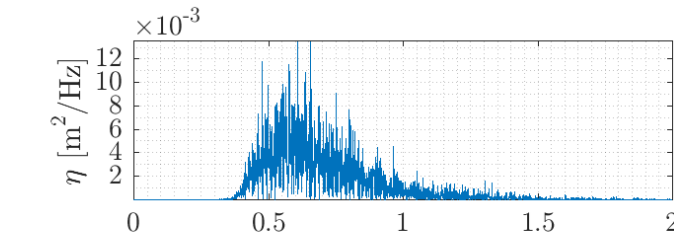
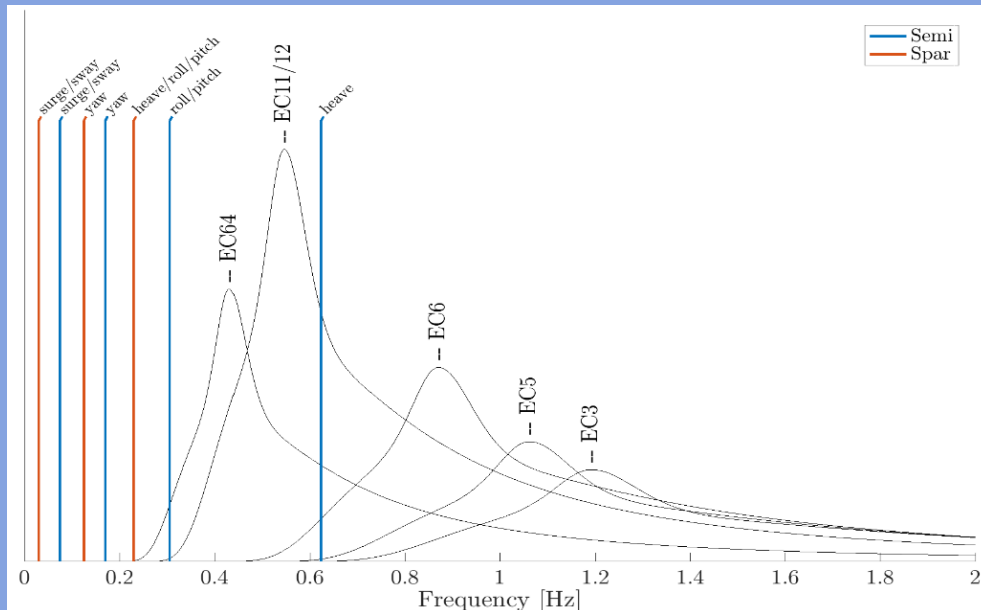
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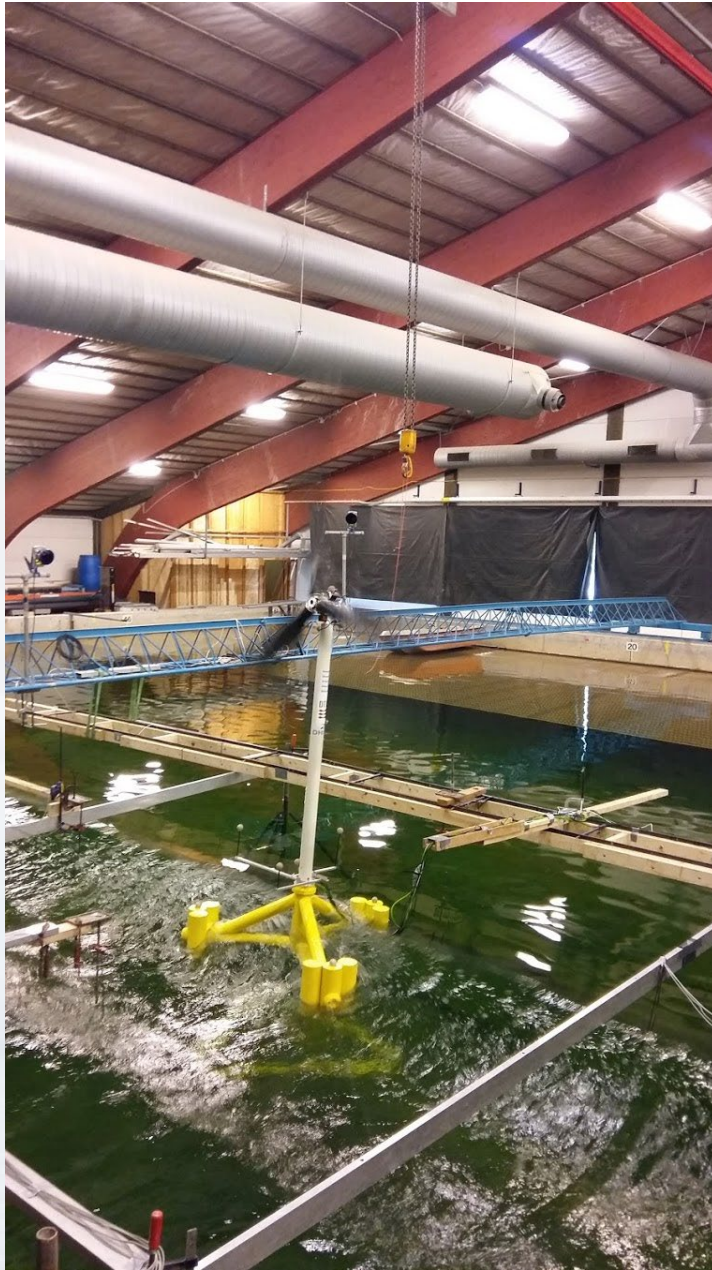




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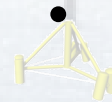
- Low-frequency response from nonlinear subharmonic wave forcing
- Excitations of the floater natural frequencies





## Which wave episodes drive the extreme response events?

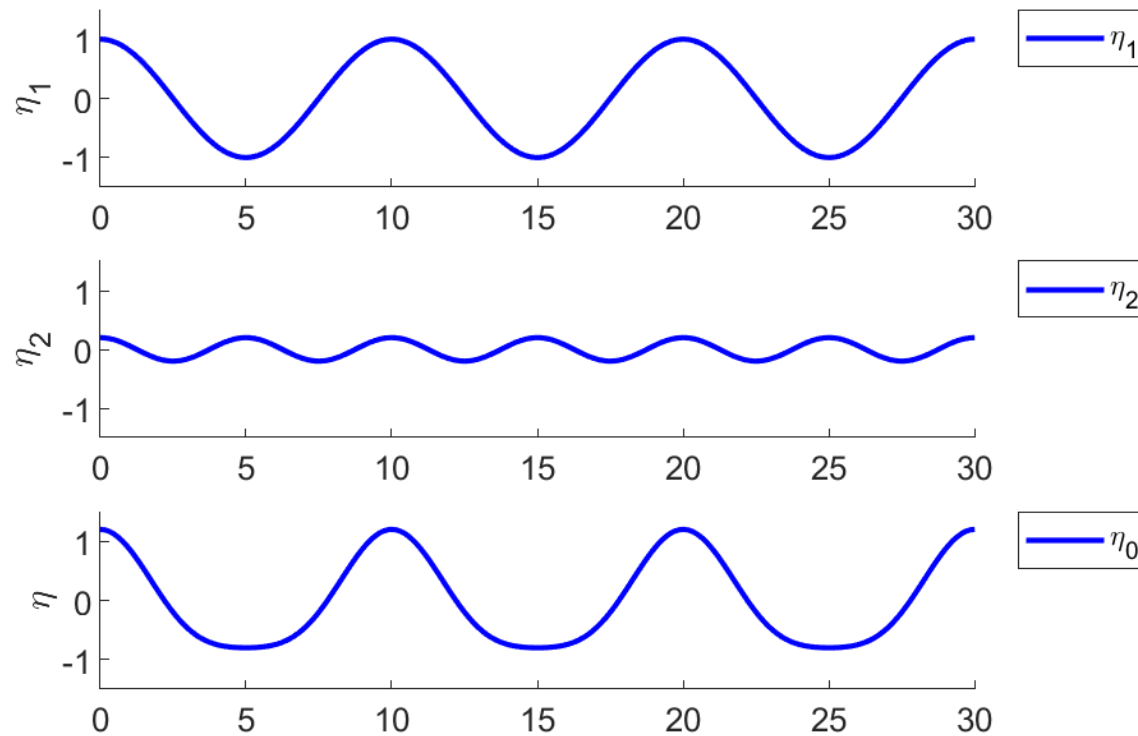
- Experimental analysis with harmonic separation
- Second-order response model with modal calibration
- Accelerated QTF method
- NewResponse
- First-order reliability method (FORM)





# Methodology – Harmonic separation

Walker, Taylor & Taylor (2004)



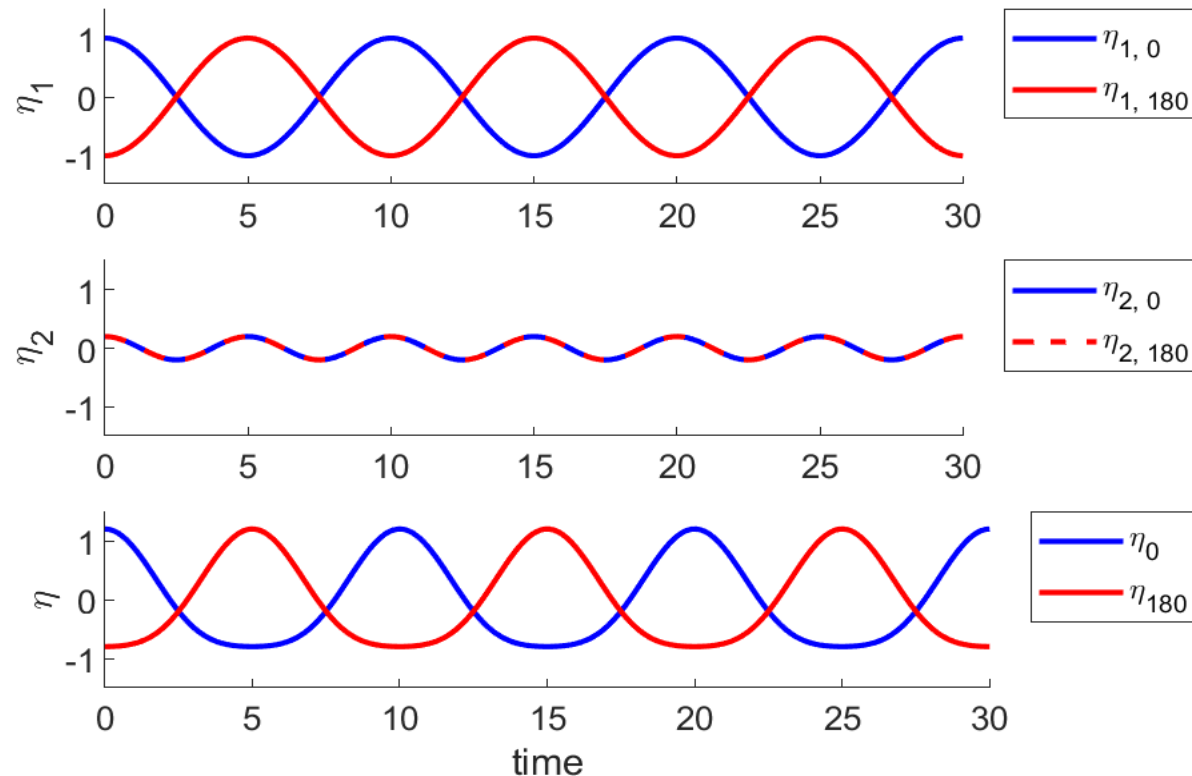
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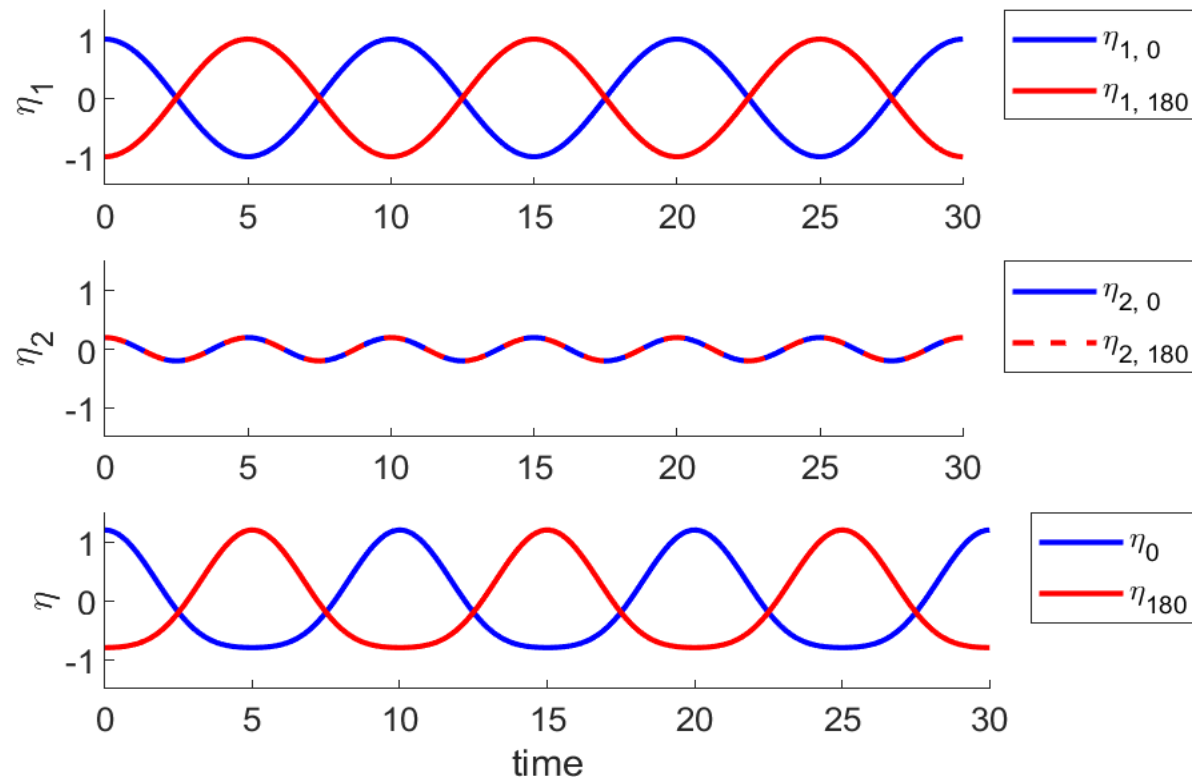
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# Methodology – Harmonic decomposition

- Non-linear Stokes perturbation expansion (Fitzgerald et al., 2014):

$$F = f_{11}a \cos \phi + f_{22}a^2 \cos 2\phi + f_{33}a^3 \cos 3\phi + f_{44}a^4 \cos 4\phi \\ + f_{20}a^2 + f_{31}a^3 \cos \phi + f_{42}a^4 \cos 2\phi + O(a^5)$$

- Contributions to the odd and even harmonics:

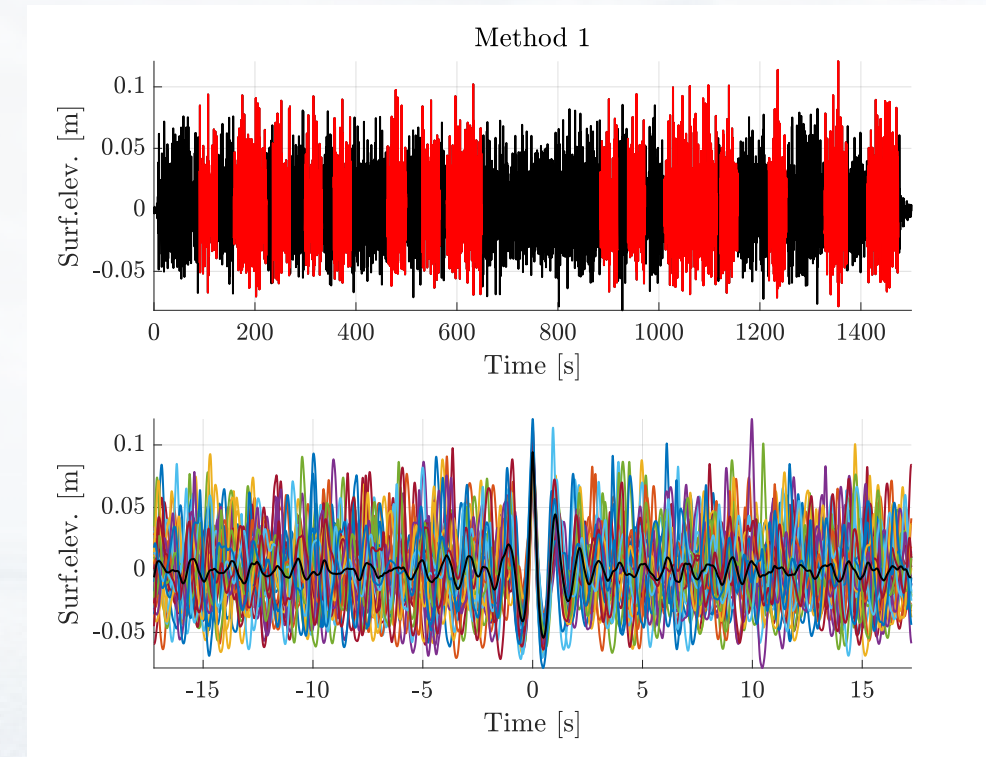
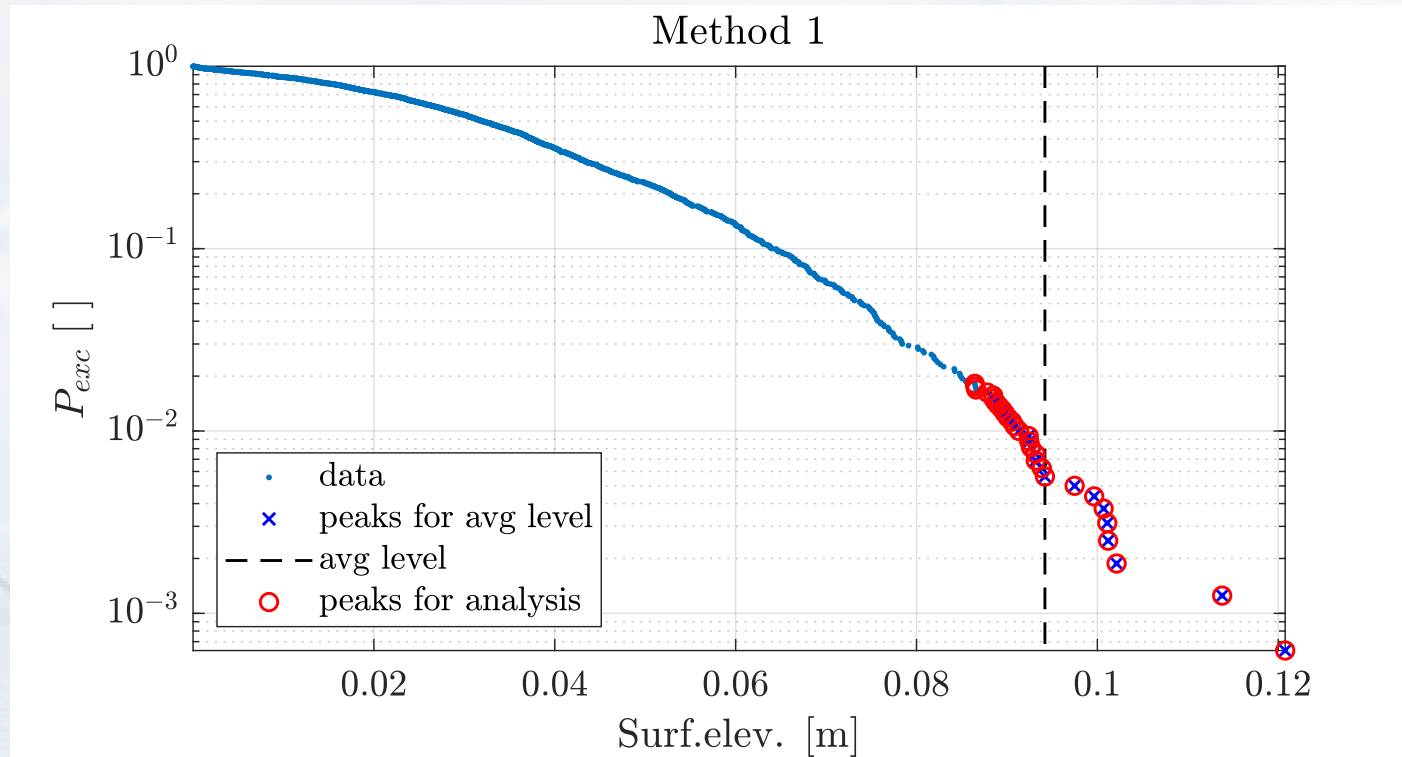
Odd harmonic:  $\frac{F_0 - F_{180}}{2} = f_{11}a \cos \phi + f_{33}a^3 \cos 3\phi + f_{31}a^3 \cos \phi + O(a^5)$

Even harmonic:  $\frac{F_0 + F_{180}}{2} = f_{22}a^2 \cos 2\phi + f_{44}a^4 \cos 4\phi + f_{20}a^2 + f_{42}a^4 \cos 2\phi + O(a^6)$

- Can be extended even further if 90 degree and 270 degree phase shifted data is available – four-phase separation
- Can be adapted to responses as well (Orszaghova et al., 2020)



# Methodology – Extreme events extraction



# Environmental Conditions

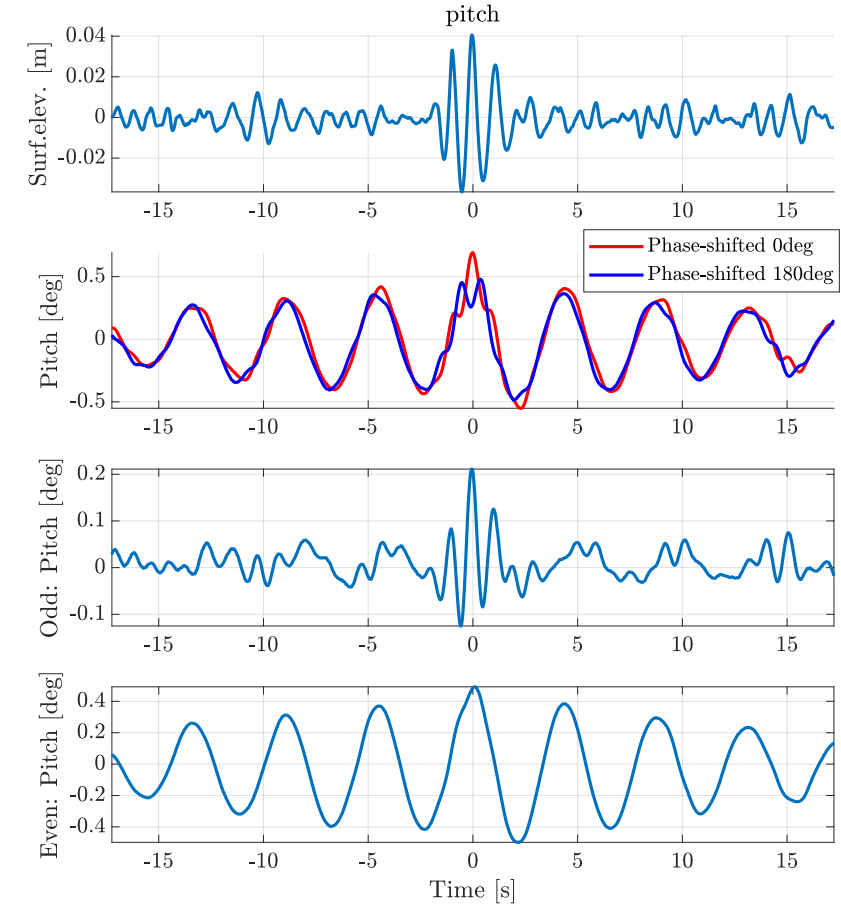
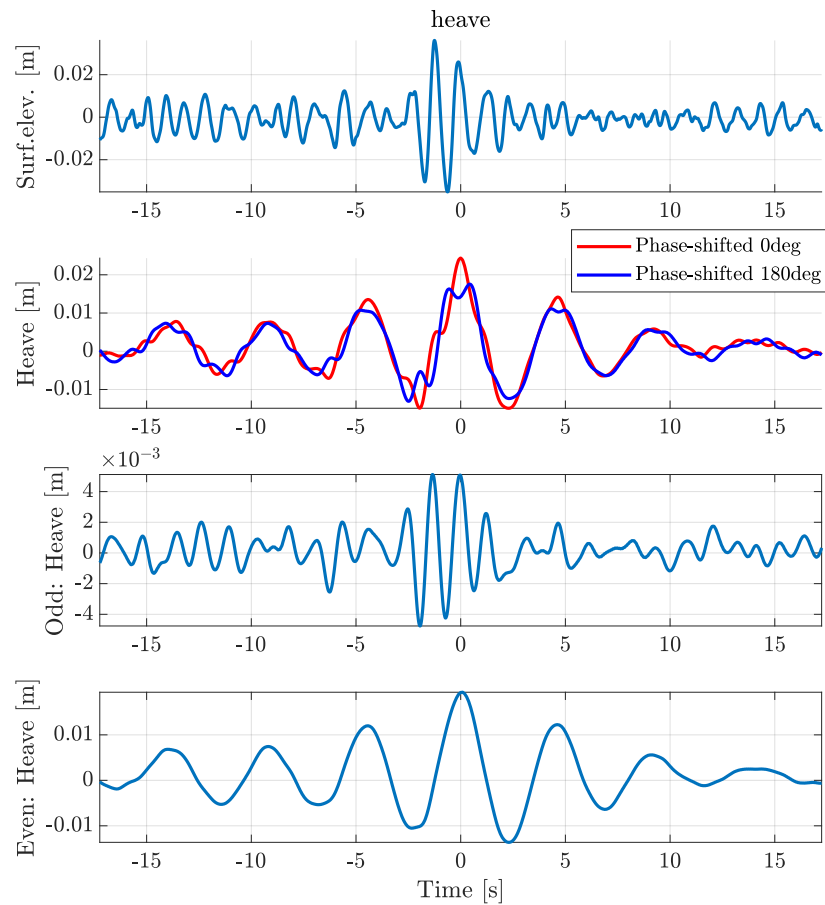
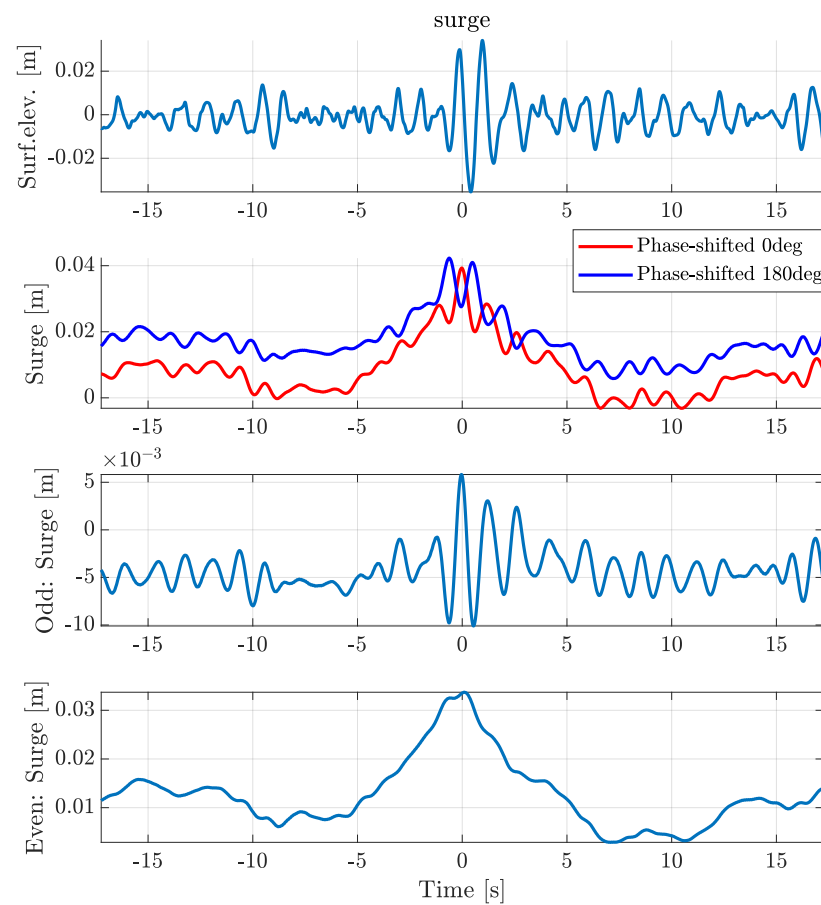
- We focus on waves-only
- Sea state above rated conditions

EC	Type	Full scale			Model scale			Turbine operation
		$U_{hub}$ [m/s]	$H, H_s$ [m]	$T, T_p$ [s]	$U_{hub}$ [m/s]	$H, H_s$ [m]	$T, T_p$ [s]	
03	below rated	8.5	3.3	6.5	1.10	0.055	0.839	yes
05	rated	11.4	4.16	7.3	1.47	0.069	0.942	yes
06	above rated	18.0	6.18	8.9	2.32	0.103	1.149	yes
064	above rated	18.0	6.18	18.0	2.32	0.175	2.324	yes
11	ULS	18.0	10.5	14.2	2.32	0.175	1.833	idling
12	ULS	18.0	10.5	14.2	2.32	0.175	1.833	yes



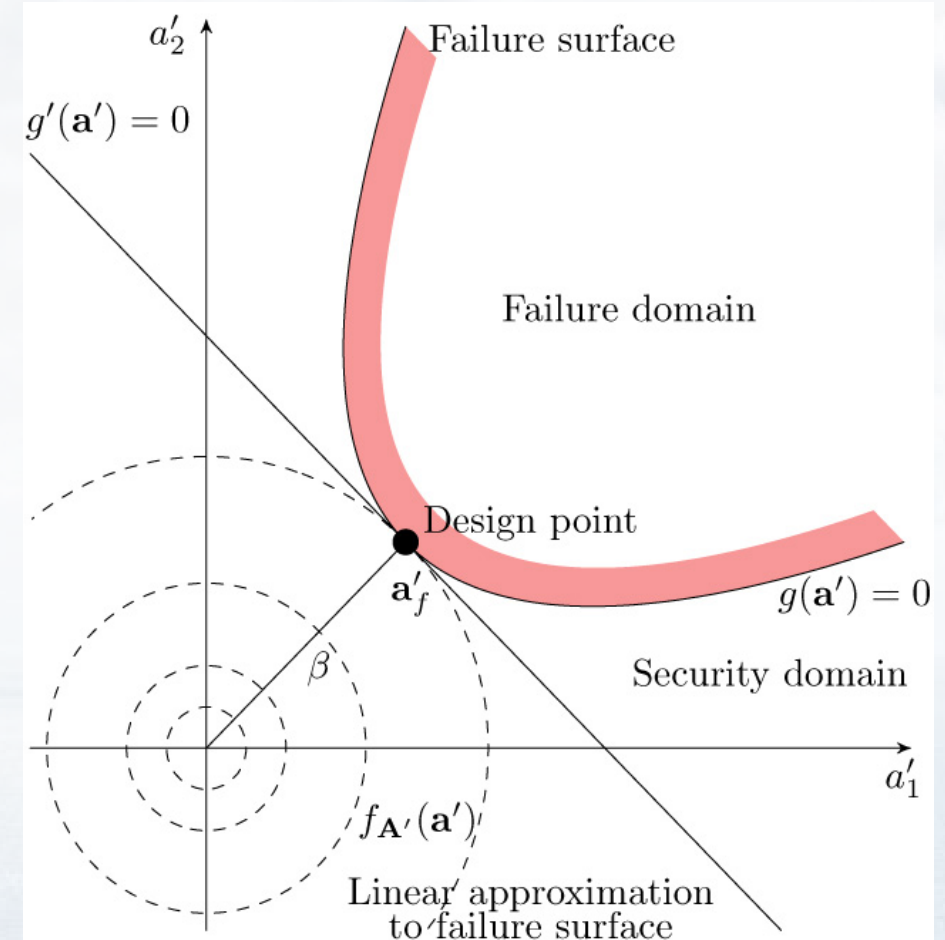
# Results - method 1

## Extreme events are conditioned on total response



# Can we predict these wave episodes with a response model?

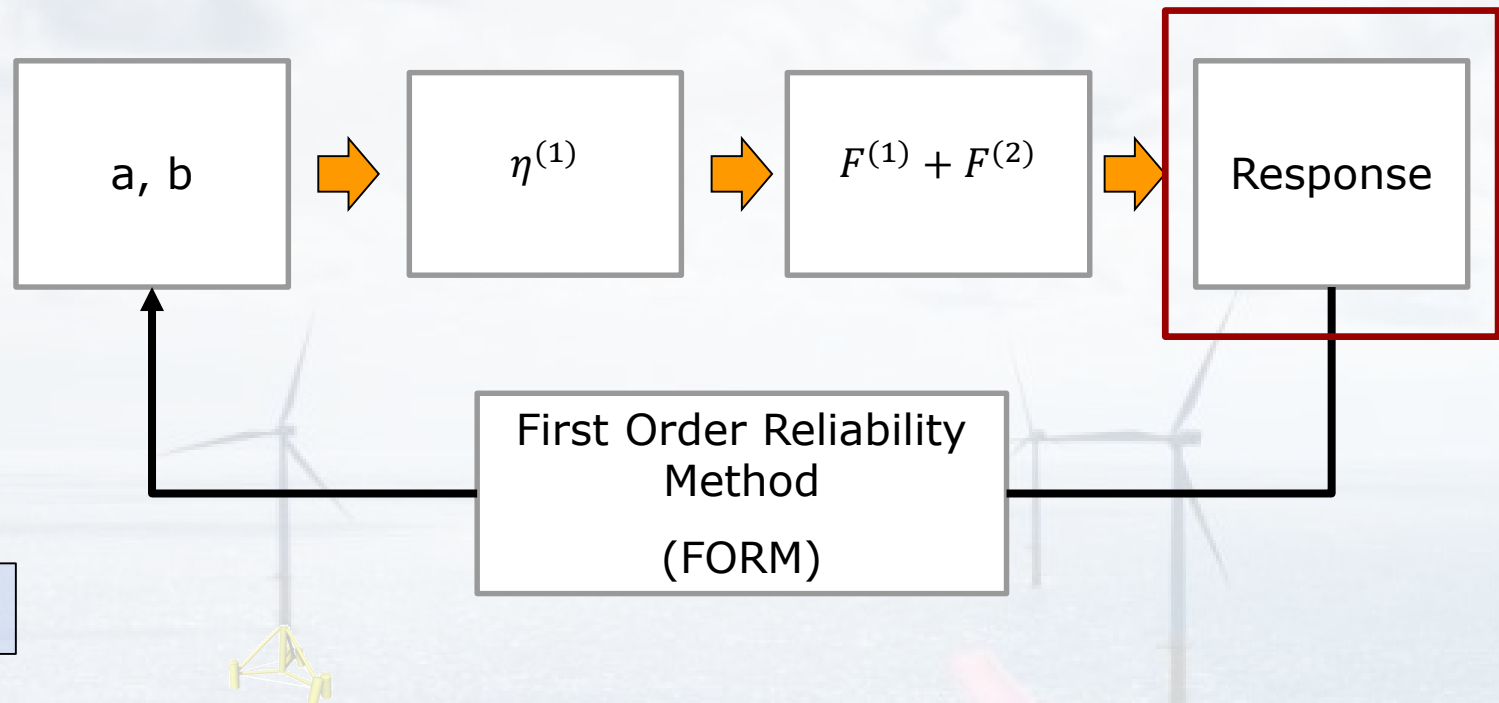
- Second-order forward model
- Run FORM to estimate the most likely extreme wave shapes (Ghadirian et al., 2017)
- Compare to tests



Source: Hernandez, Santiago & Díaz, Jacobo & Cid Montoya, Miguel & Baldomir, Aitor & Romera, Luis. (2012). Uncertainty and reliability in aircraft design and optimization. WIT Transactions on the Built Environment. 125. 219-230. 10.2495/OP120191.

# Model setup

- Response modelling
  - HAWC2 (Morison based)
  - QuLAF
  - Linear model (RAO)
- Linear hydrodynamics
  - WAMIT
  - Slender-body model (TBI)
- Second-order forcing
  - Newman's approximation from WAMIT
  - Full response QTF from WAMIT
  - Accelerated second-order slender-body model (TBI)





# The accelerated approach

- The traditional quadratic frequency interactions are costly in terms of CPU time
- Thus an accelerated approach is introduced (Bredmose and Pegalajar-Jurado, 2020a,b)
- Eigenvalues/eigenvectors of the combined QTF matrix
- ~1000 times faster than the traditional method for a 3 hour time series

$$F_+^{(2)} = \sum_{j=-N}^N \sum_{l=-N}^N QTF_{jl}^+ \hat{\eta}_j \hat{\eta}_l e^{i(\omega_j + \omega_l)t} + CC$$

$$F_-^{(2)} = \sum_{j=-N}^N \sum_{l=-N}^N QTF_{jl}^- \hat{\eta}_j \hat{\eta}_l e^{i(\omega_j - \omega_l)t} + CC$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} QTF^- & QTF^+ \\ QTF^+ & QTF^- \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_s, \vec{v}_s \Rightarrow F^{(2)} = \sum_{s=1}^{n_{modes}} \lambda_s \left[ \sum_{j=-N}^N \hat{\eta}_j e^{i\theta_j} v_{sj} \right]^2$$

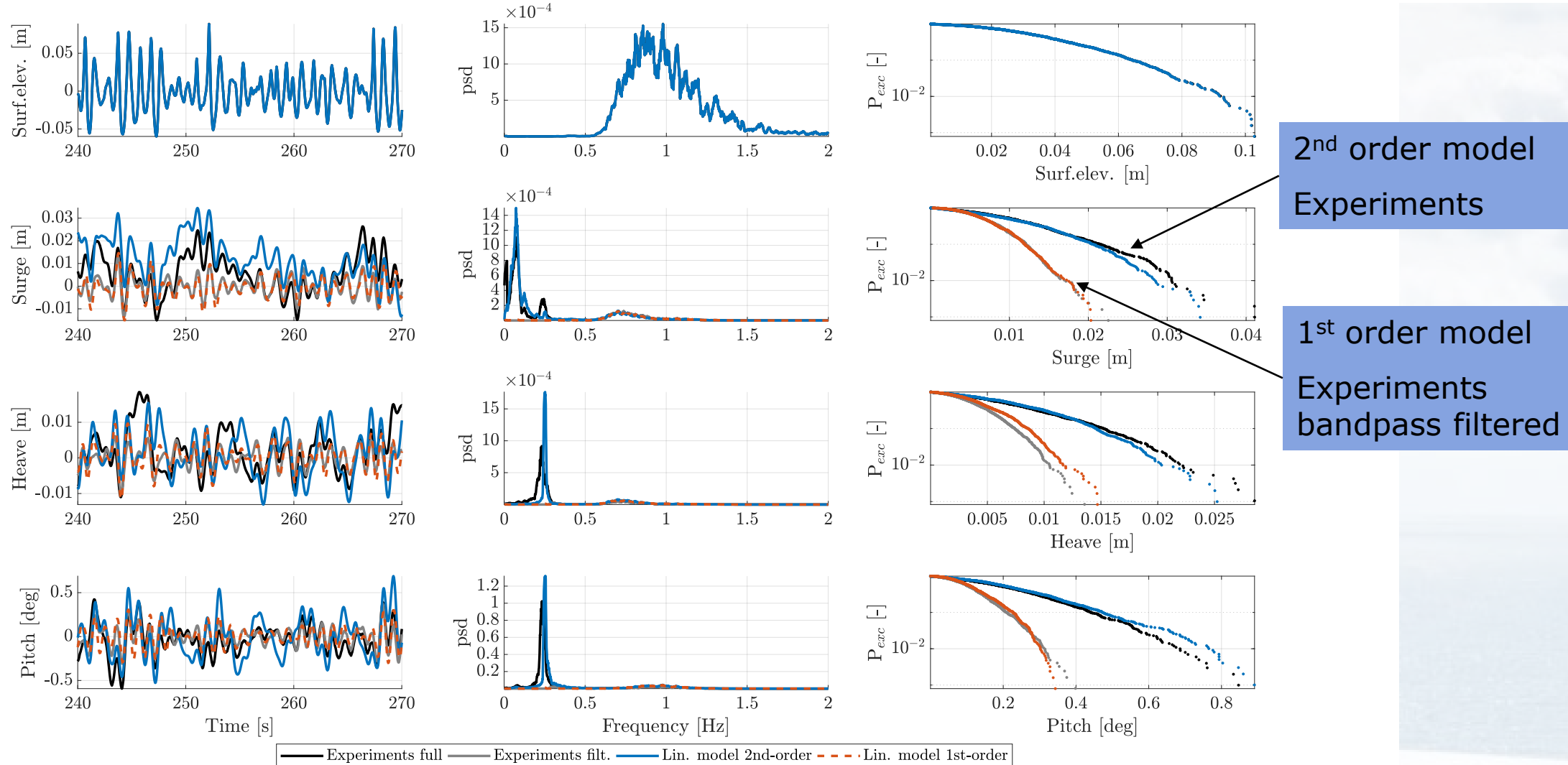
# Damping calibration of the forward model

- A constant linear global damping matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is built in the modal space
- The modal damping coefficients  $b_n$  for each mode are calibrated
- The six modal damping ratios  $\zeta_n$  are calibrated until the deviation of the standard deviation of the response is less than 5%

$$\mathbf{B} = (\Psi_{num}^T)^{-1} [b_n] \Psi_{num}^{-1}.$$

$$b_n = 2\zeta_n \sqrt{m_n k_n}.$$

# Statistics of the forward model: EC06



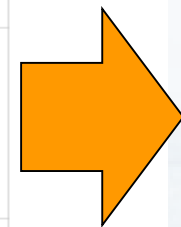
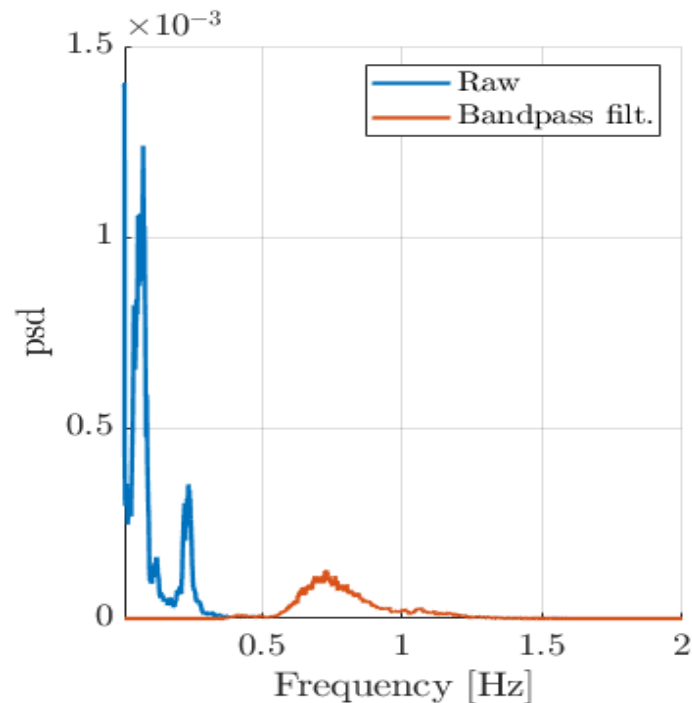
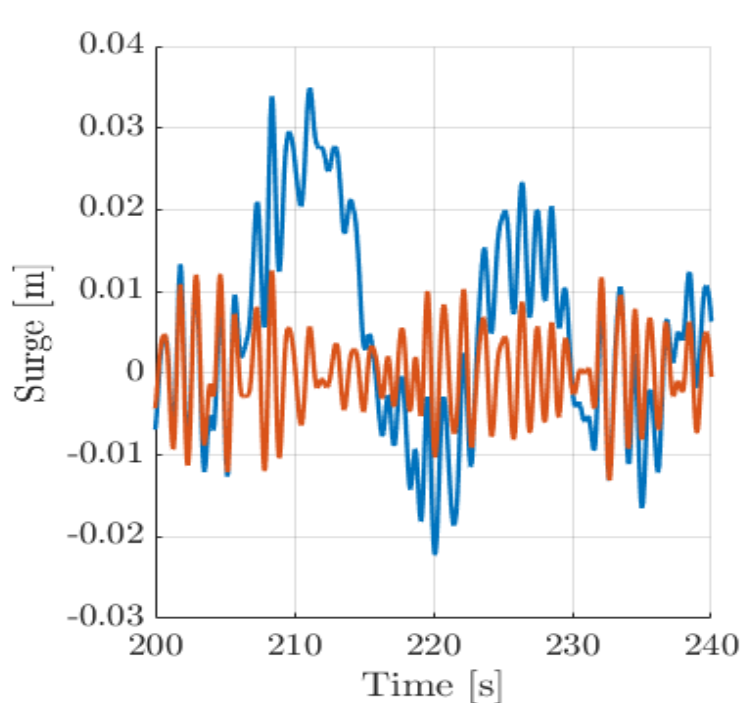


# 1st-order verification of FORM setup: NewResponse

- Based on the NewWave theory (Tromans et al., 1991):  
The expected shape of an extreme event
- Is easily applied to linear force and response (Schl er et al 2017)
- Compared to filtered exp. data - 'linear' response

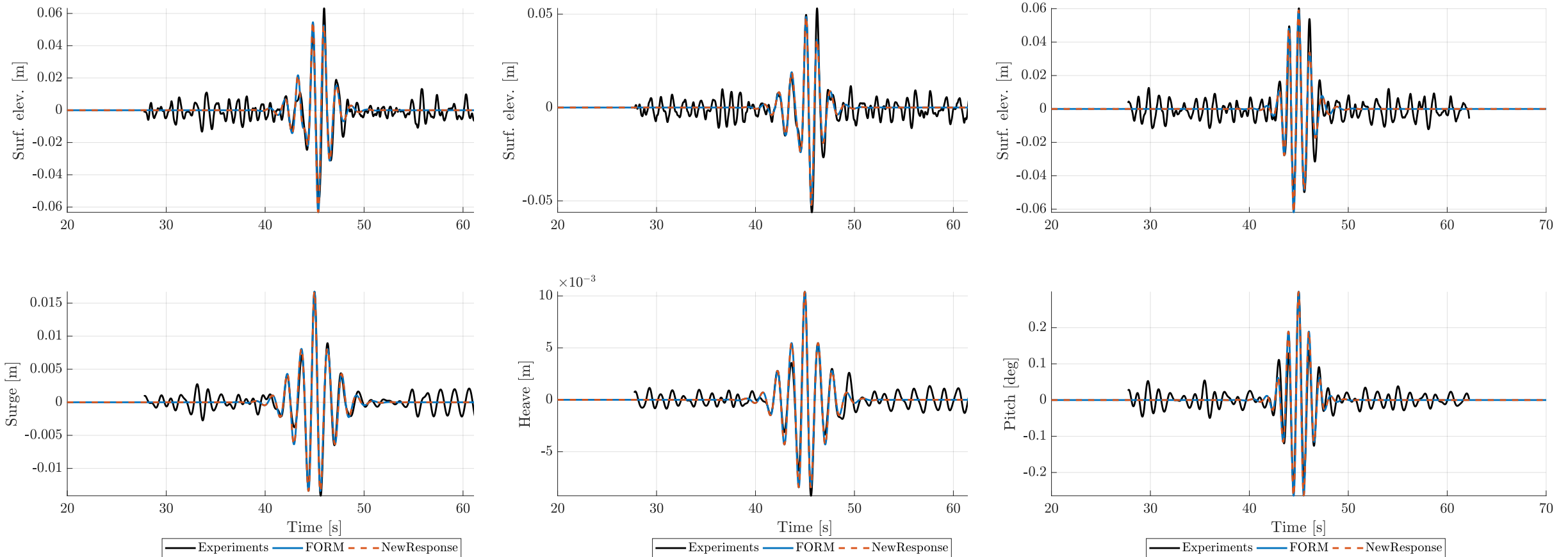
$$\eta_{NewResponse} = \frac{\alpha_X}{\sigma_X^2} \sum_j \text{Re}\{S_\eta \Gamma(\omega_j) \Delta\omega e^{-i\omega_j t}\}$$

$$X_{NewResponse} = \frac{\alpha_X}{\sigma_X^2} \sum_j \text{Re}\{S_\eta \Gamma(\omega_j) \Gamma^*(\omega_j) \Delta\omega e^{-i\omega_j t}\}$$

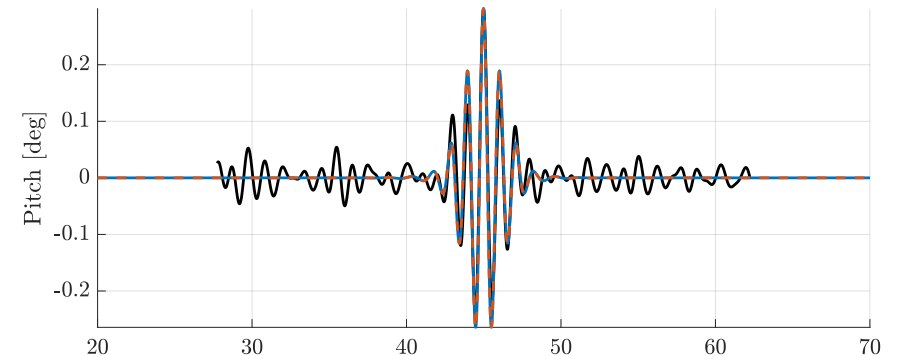
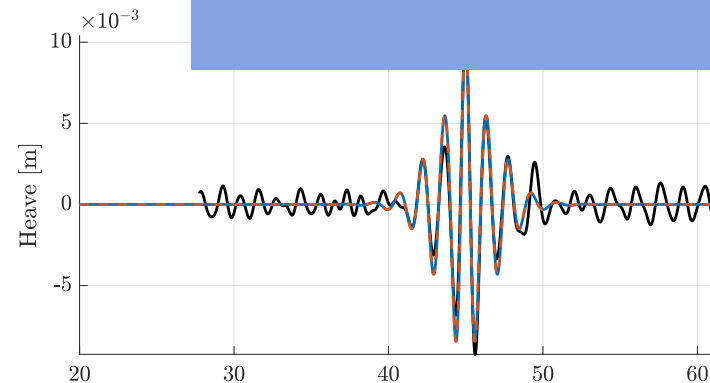
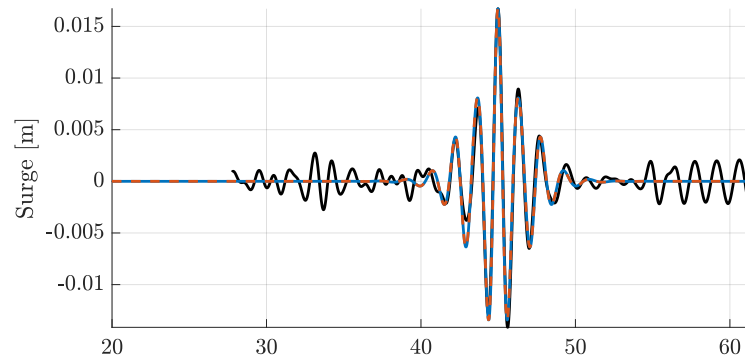
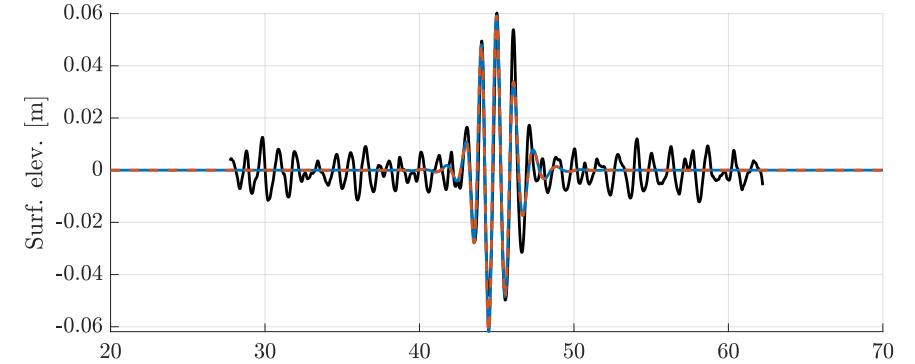
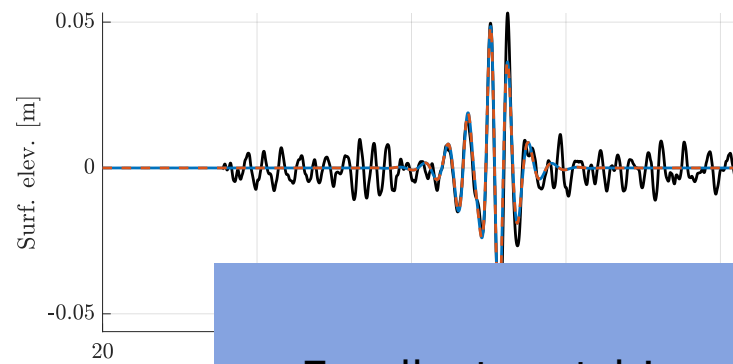
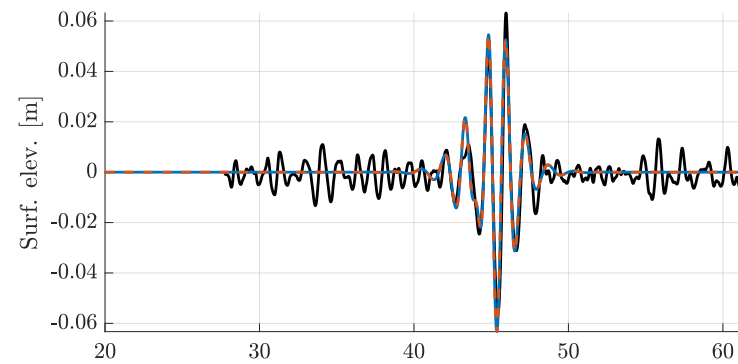


Extremes  
Averaging  
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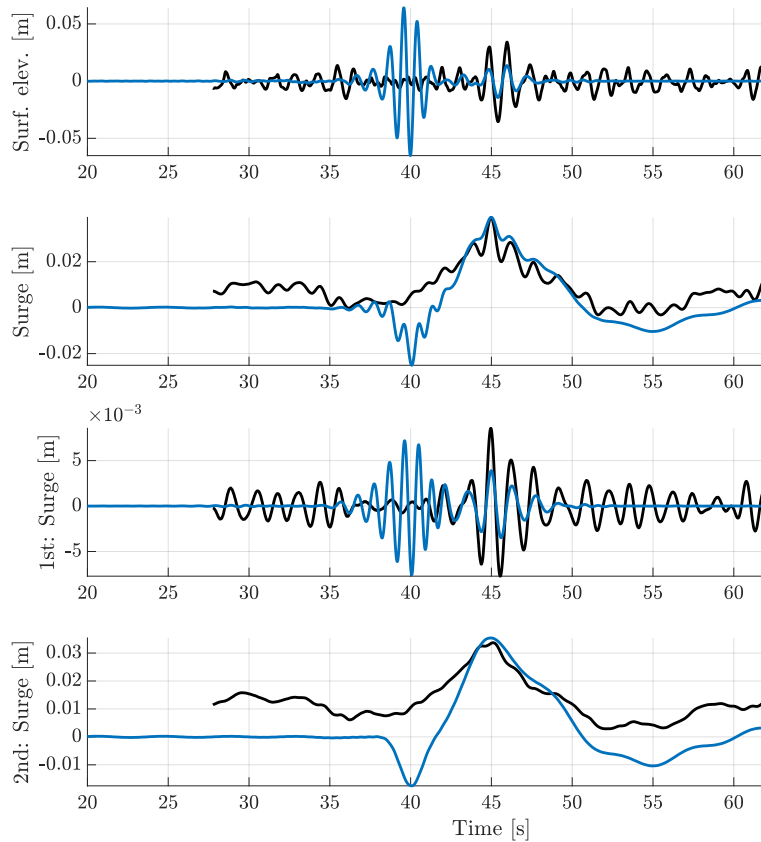
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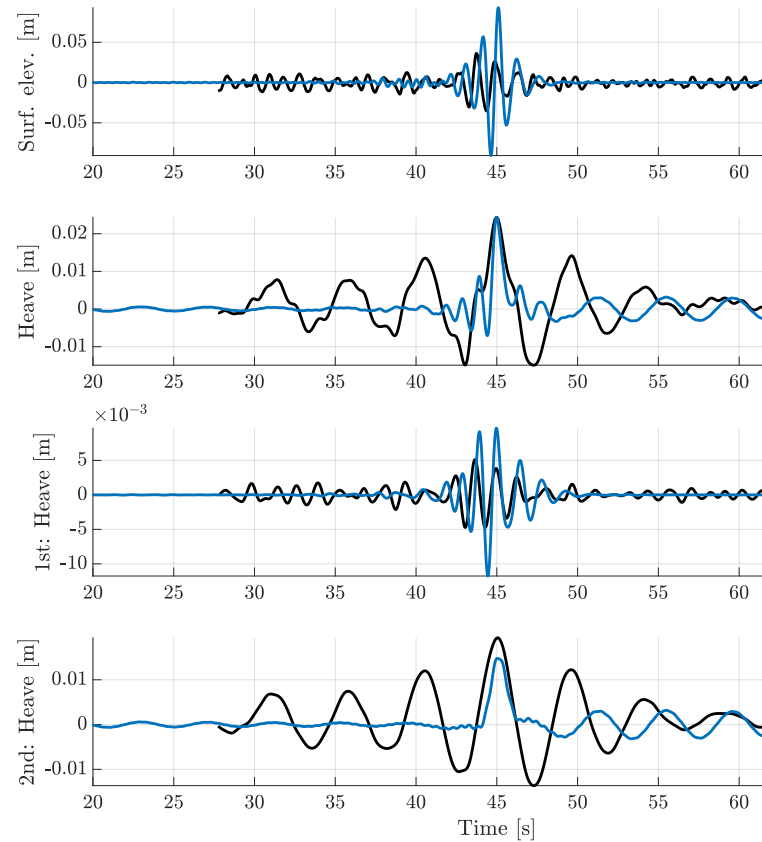
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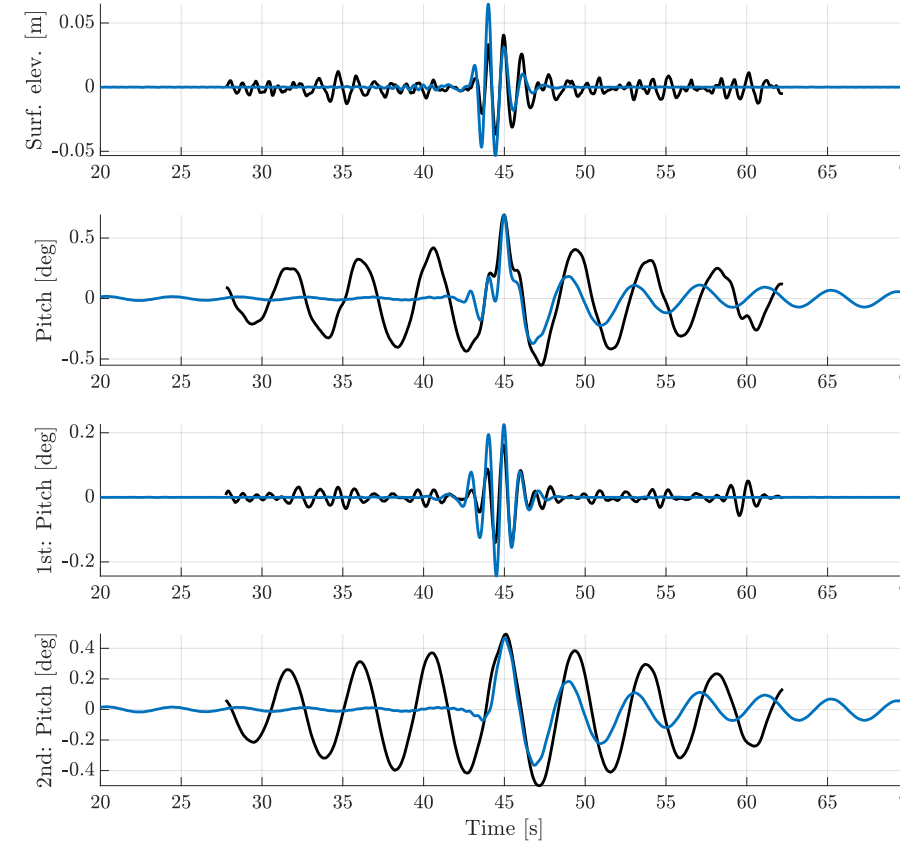
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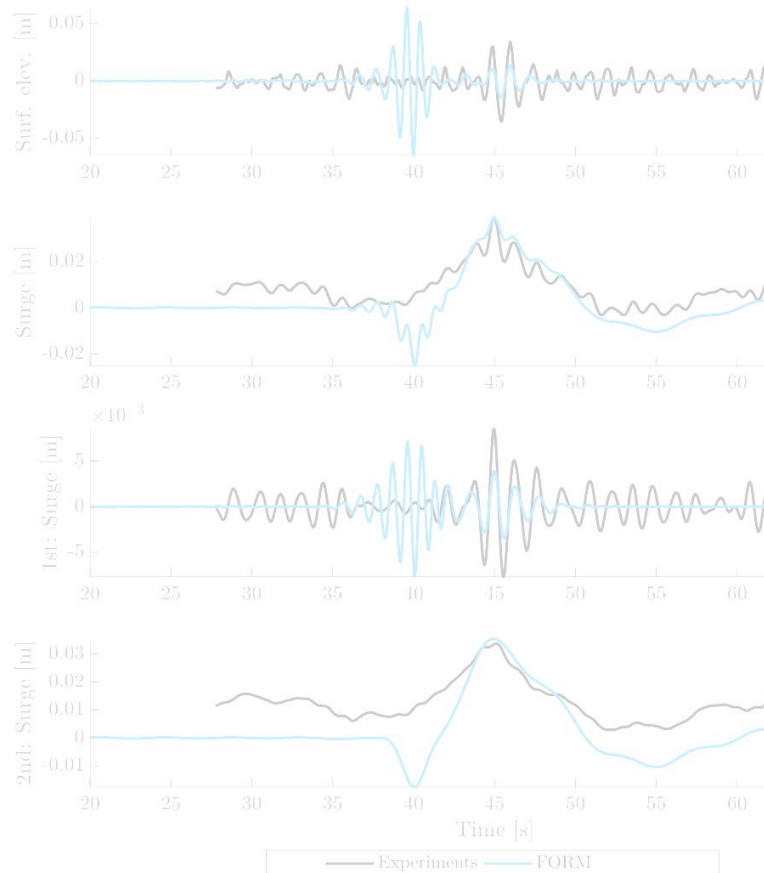


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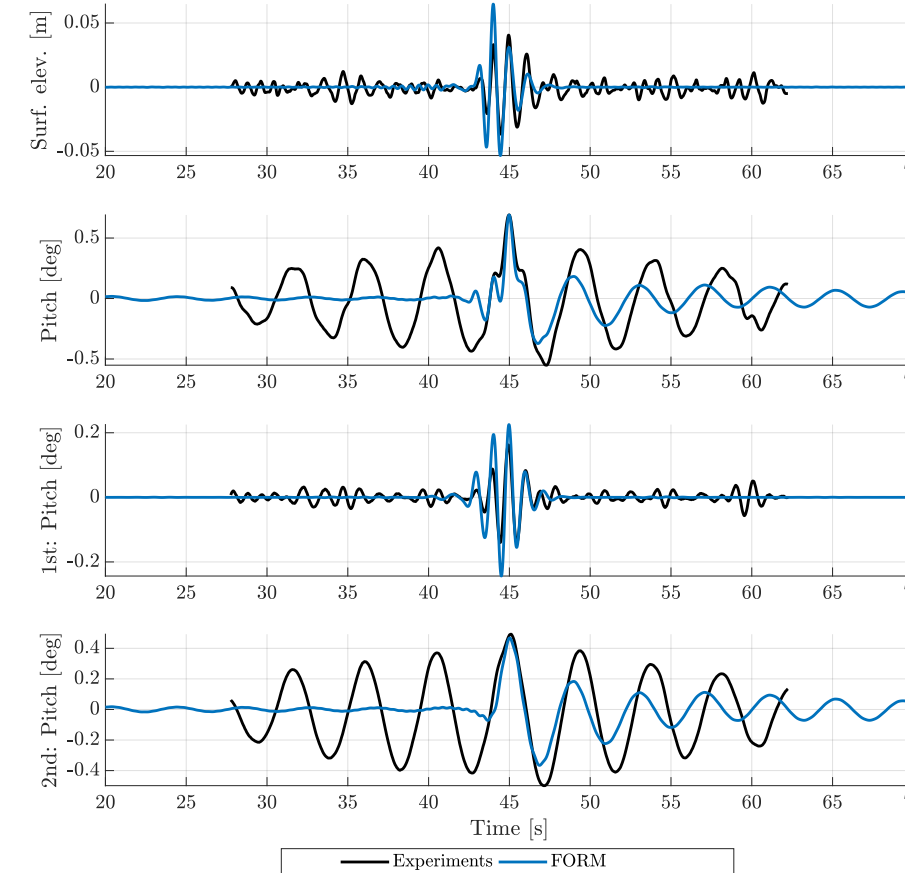
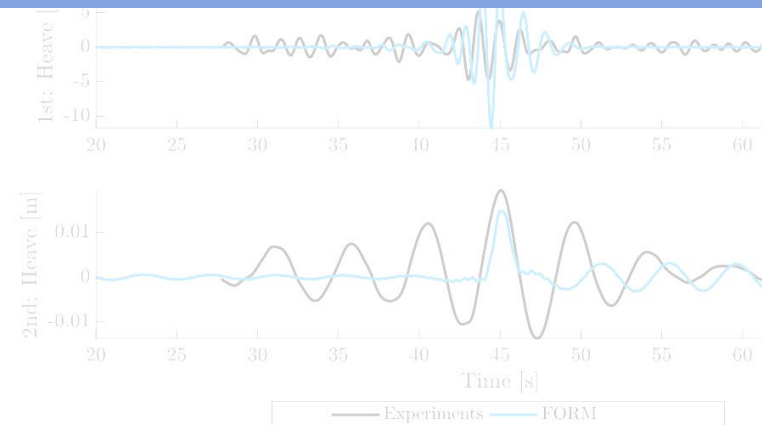
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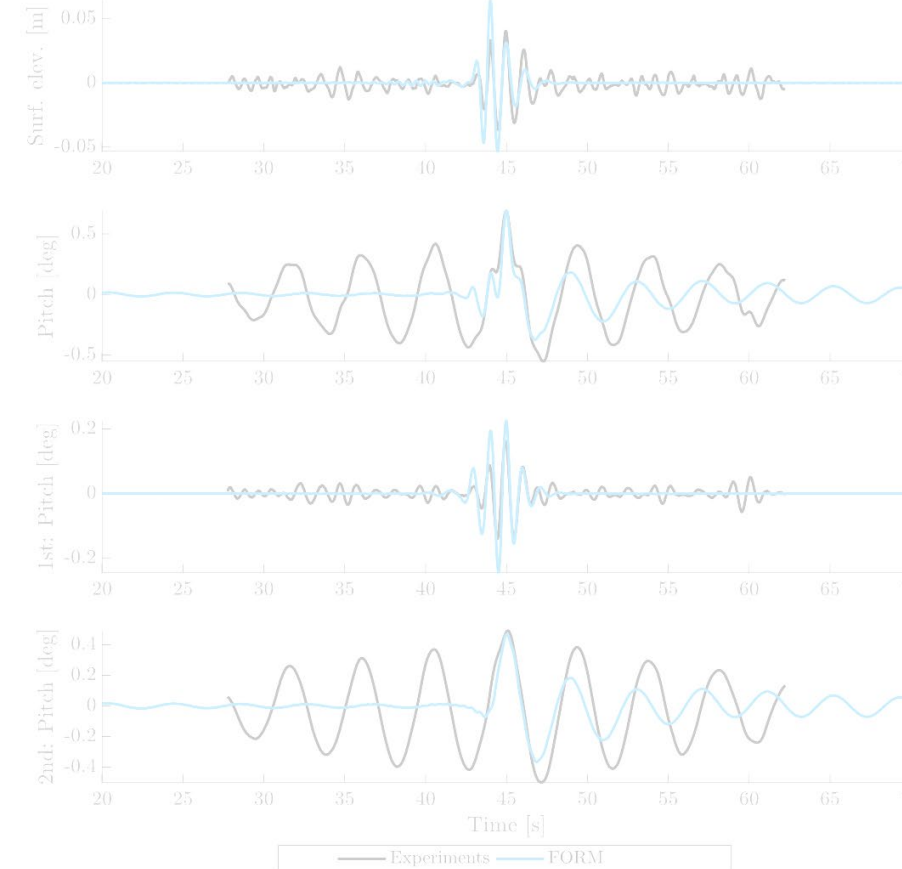
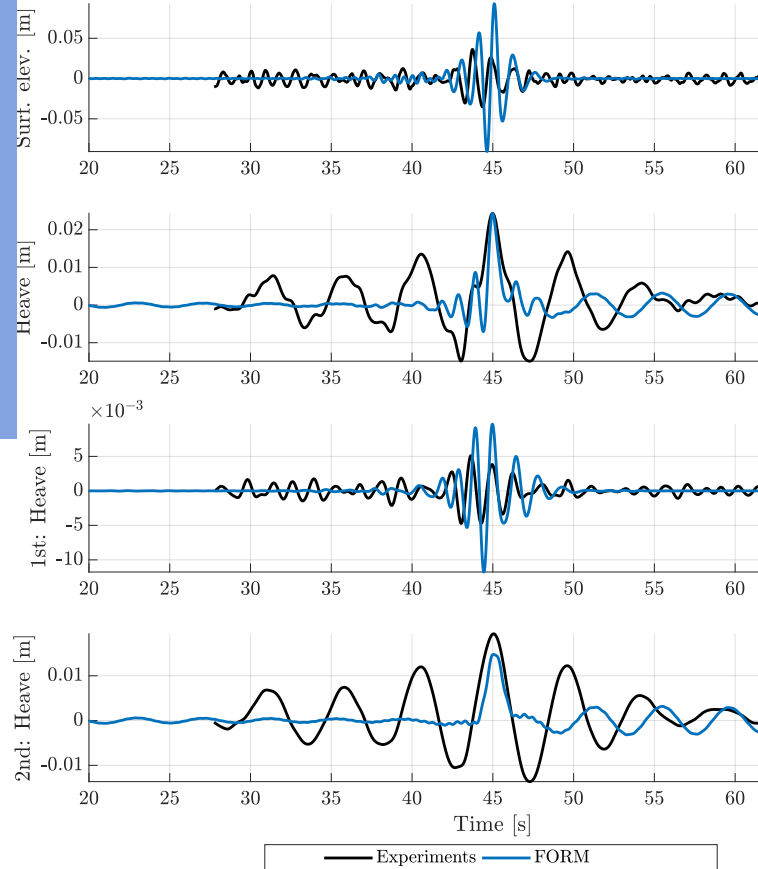
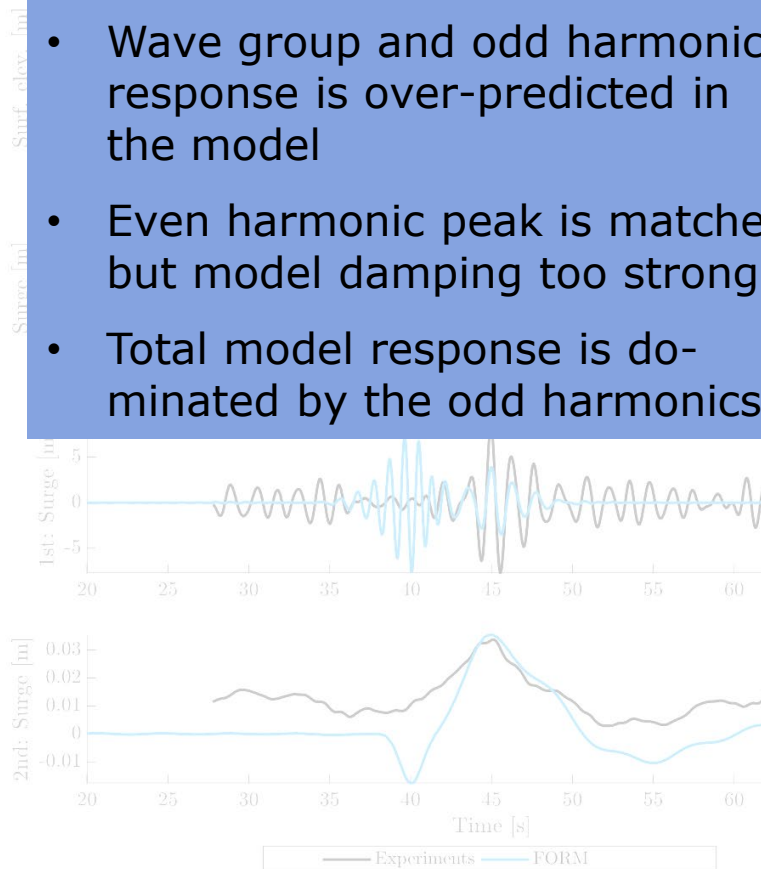
- Wave group and odd harmonic response shows fair match
- Total response is dominated by even harmonics
- Artefact of short-event approach: asymmetry in the even harmonic of the model



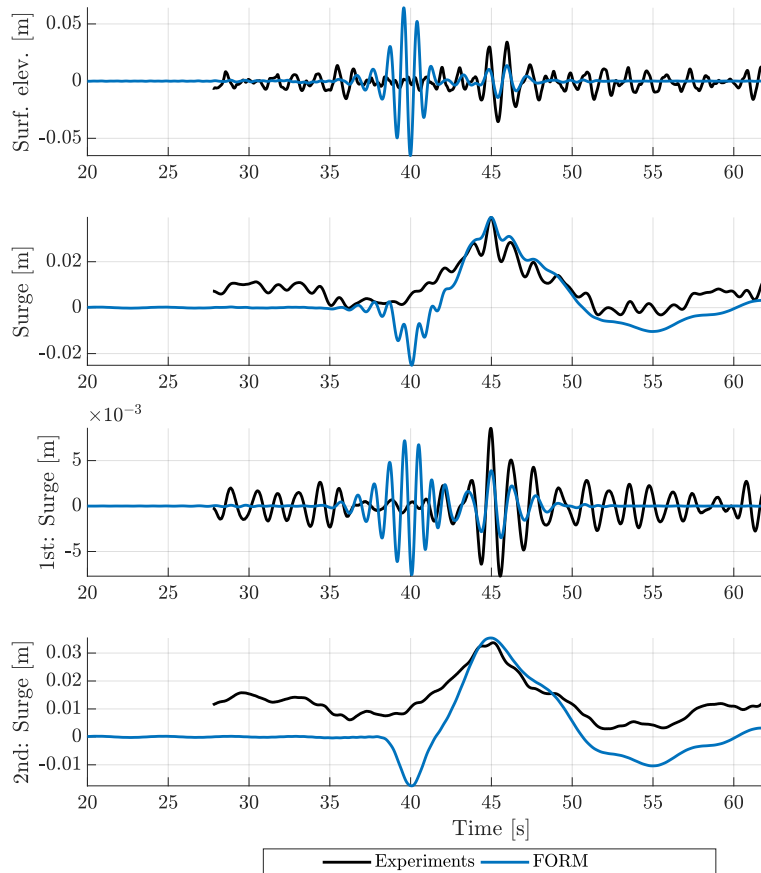
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## Heave:

- Wave group and odd harmonic response is over-predicted in the model
- Even harmonic peak is matched, but model damping too strong
- Total model response is dominated by the odd harmonics

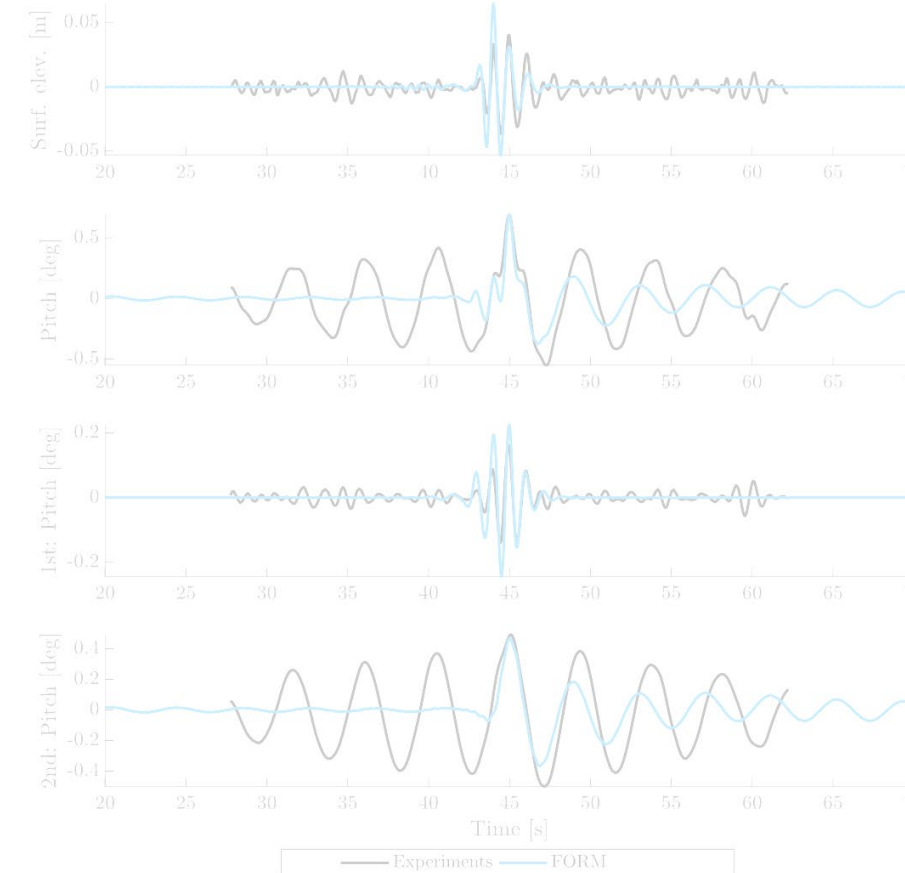
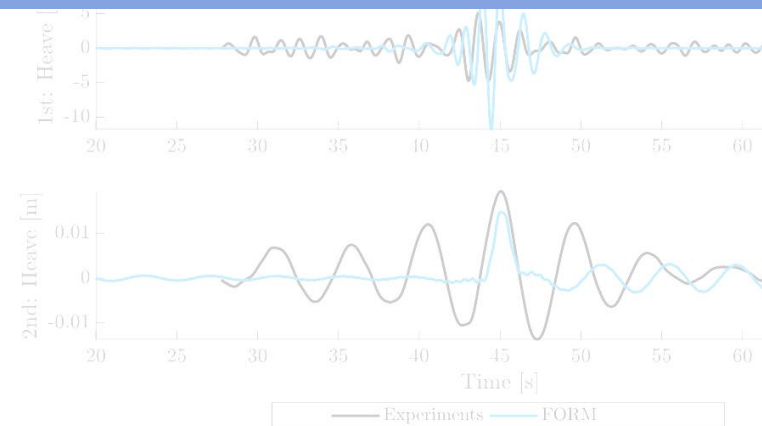


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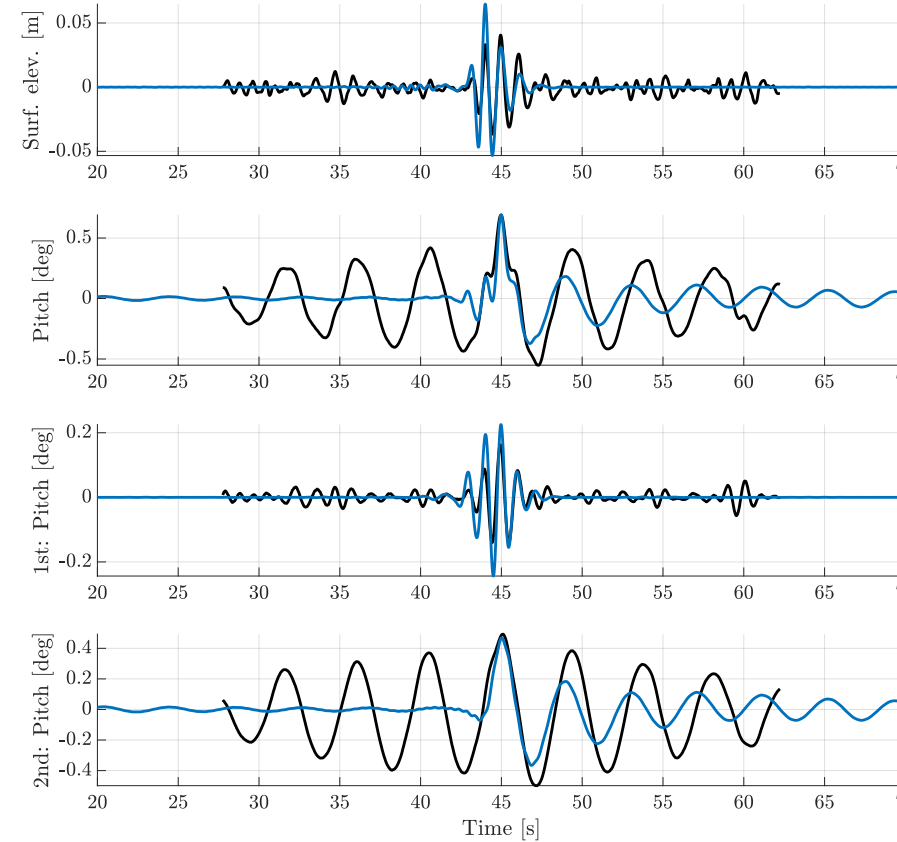
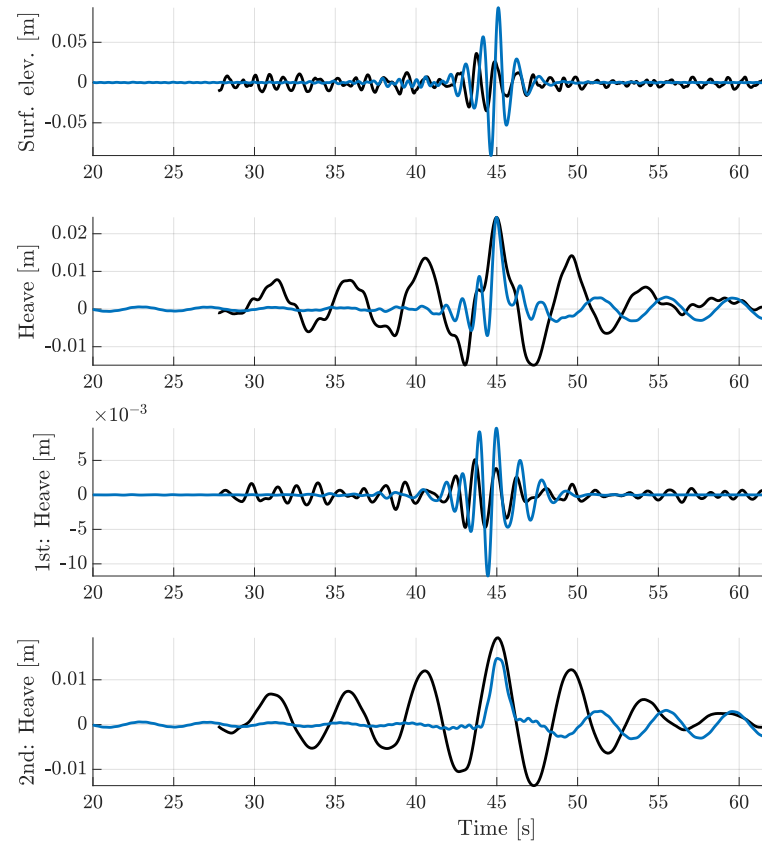
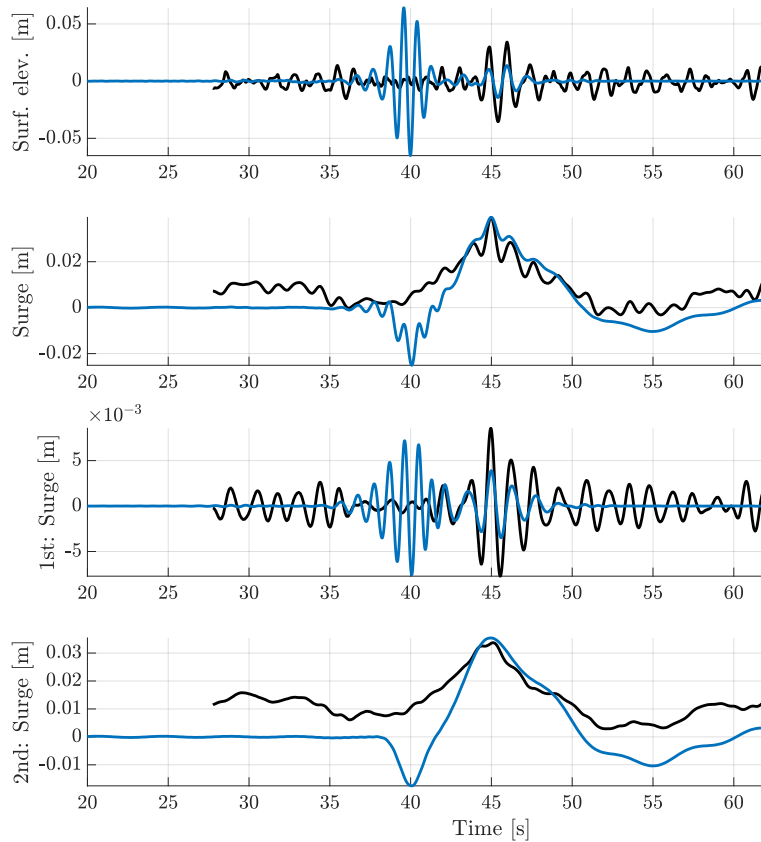
## Surge:

- Total response is matched fairly well
- Funny feature: push-up by multiple wave groups
- Short-event artefacts may be avoided by direct averaging of numerical results





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# Which wave episodes drive the extreme response events?

Harmonic separation:

- Even and odd harmonic responses for surge, heave and pitch separated
- Show clear group structure at wave and natural freq, respectively

Second-order response model:

- Response level matched well in linear and full frequency range
- Calculation of QTF forcing speeded up to  $O(N \log N)$  process

NewResponse:

- NewResponse matches linear experimental results well

FORM for prediction of design waves

- Linear signal shapes are slightly over-predicted
- Second-order signal shapes are generally asymmetric
- Push-up by multiple groups seen in numerical surge
- Short-episode artefacts may be eliminated by direct averaging.

Method can be extended to e.g. tower top acceleration and mooring loads

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A photograph of a hydrodynamic testing facility. A large, turbulent water jet flows through a central channel. To the right, a white vertical pole is supported by a complex arrangement of yellow cylindrical floats and horizontal beams. Several black cables are connected to the structure. On the left, a wooden platform with various tools and equipment is visible. The water is dark, and the scene is illuminated by overhead lights, creating reflections on the surface.

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