

FREQUENCY-DOMAIN-BASED SUBSTRUCTURE OPTIMIZATION OF A 10 MW FOWT

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Coupled Frequency Domain Models for FOWT

Equations of motion

- Steady state condition

$$\mathbf{q}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{q}}(\omega) e^{j\omega t}$$

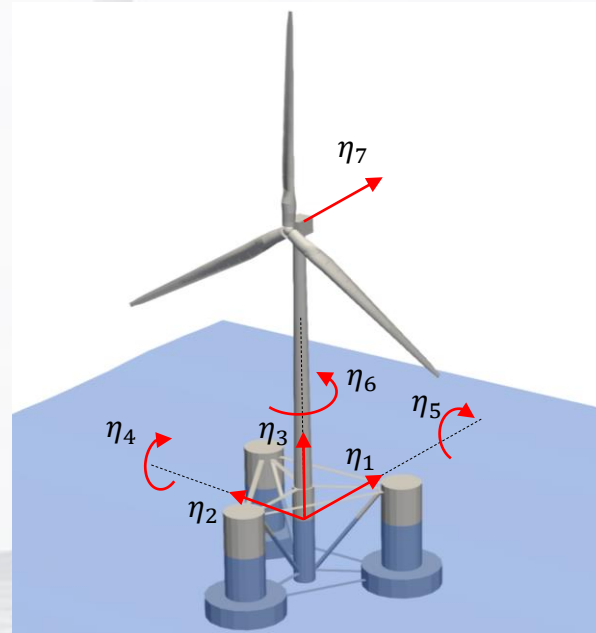
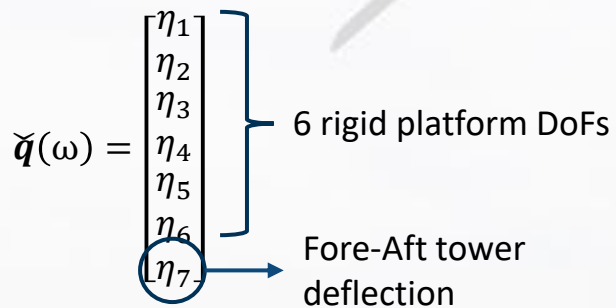
- Quasi-static mooring lines model

$$\mathbf{F}^{Lines}(t) = \mathbf{F}^{Lines,0} - \mathbf{C}^{Moor} \mathbf{q}(t)$$

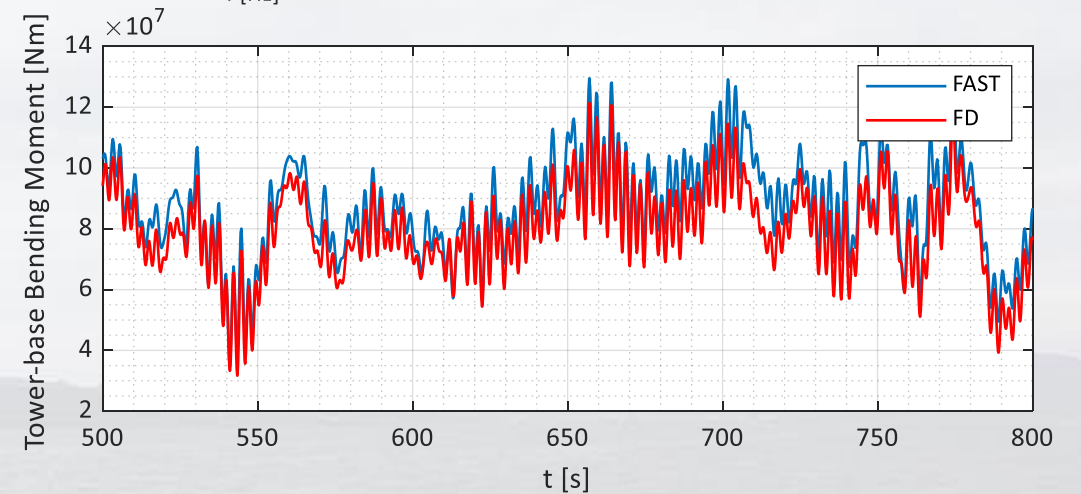
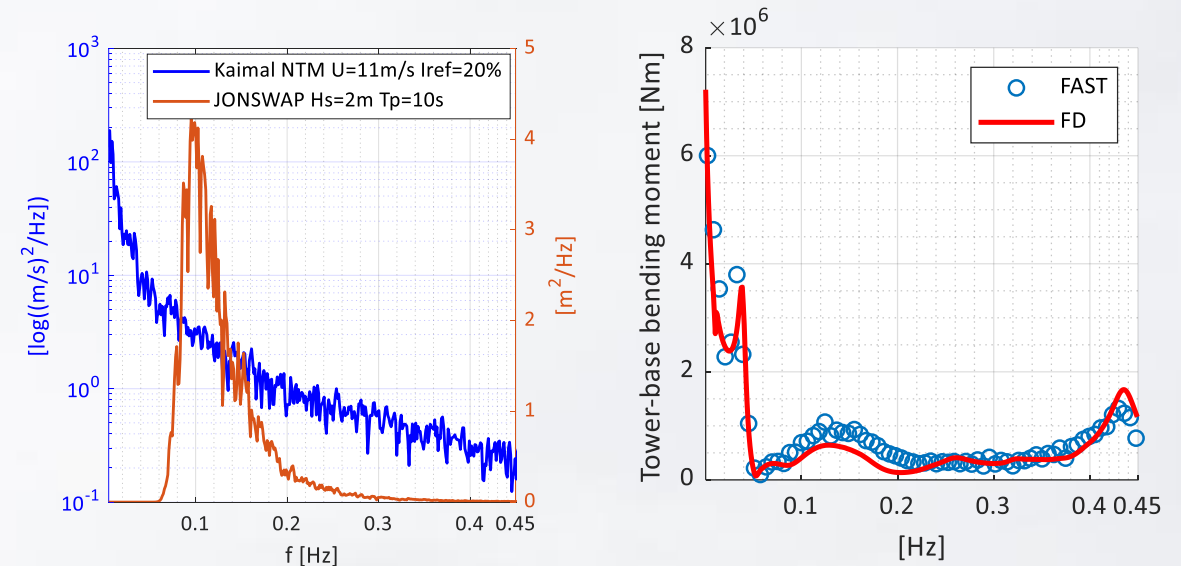
- Linearization of the Drag Forces

$$\mathbf{F}^{Mor}(t) \cong -\mathbf{B}^{Mor}(\omega, \beta, \sigma) \dot{\mathbf{q}}(t)$$

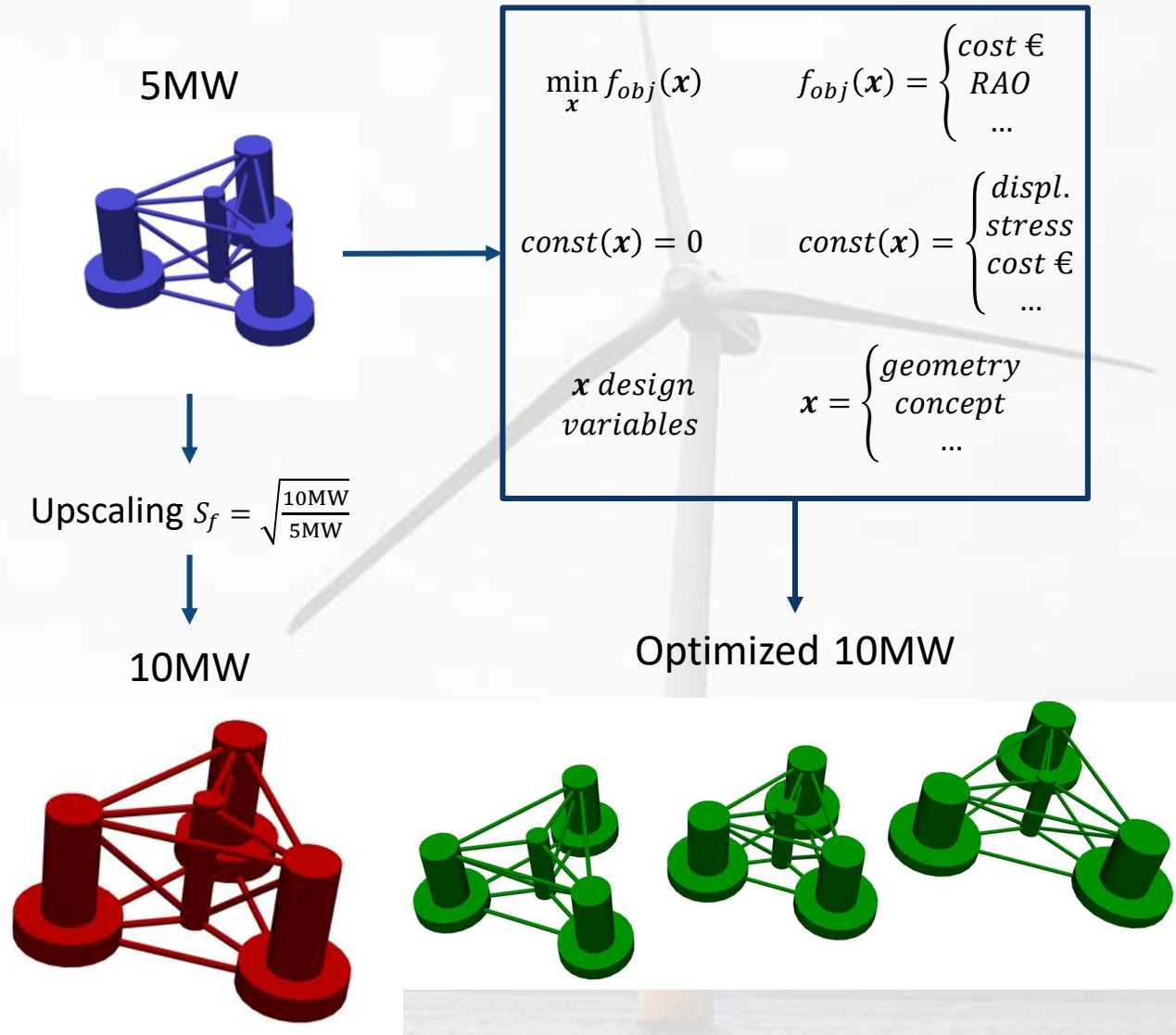
$$\left[-\omega^2 (\mathbf{A}(\omega) + \mathbf{M}^{Float} + \mathbf{M}^{Turb}) + i\omega (\mathbf{B}(\omega) + \mathbf{B}^{Turb} + \mathbf{B}^{Mor}(\omega, \beta, \sigma)) + (\mathbf{C}^{Hydro} + \mathbf{C}^{Moor} + \mathbf{C}^{Turb}) \right] \check{\mathbf{q}}(\omega) = \left(\mathbf{X}(\omega, \beta) \sqrt{2S_{\eta}(\omega)\Delta\omega} + \mathbf{F}_d \sqrt{2S_{wind}(\omega)\Delta\omega} \right)$$



Response under turbulent wind and irregular wave



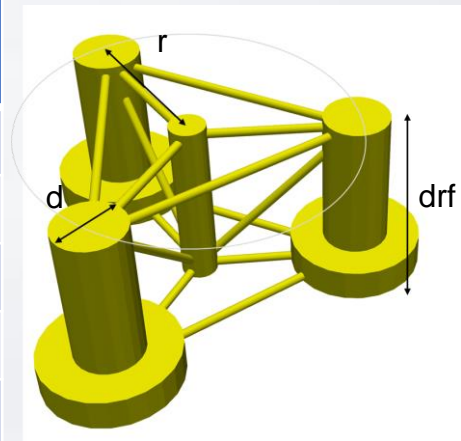
Optimization of a 10 MW semisubmersible FOWT



Genetic Algorithm single-objective optimization

Design variables

3-variable Optimization	5-variable Optimization
Column diameter, d	Column diameter, d
Platform radius, r	Platform radius, r
Draft, drf	Draft, drf
-	Anchor radius, x_{anch}
-	Cable length, L



Constraints

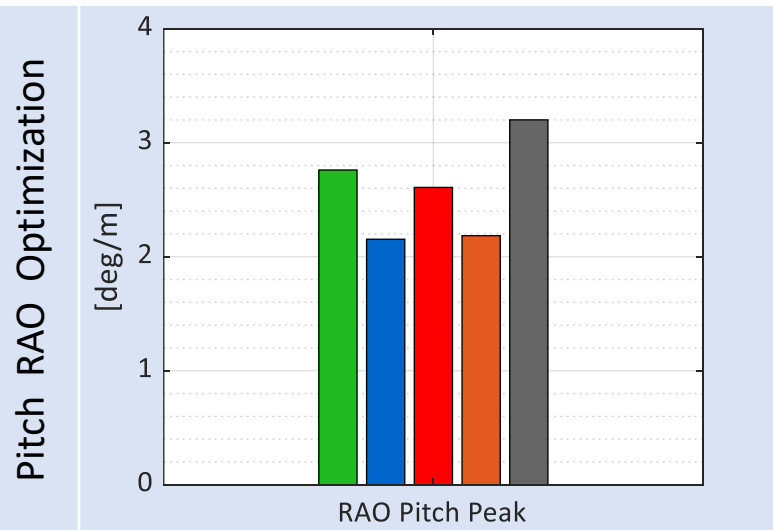
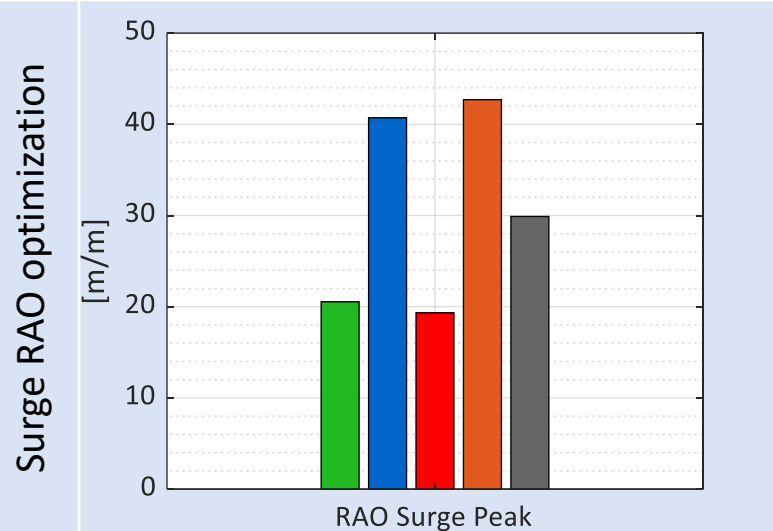
- Steady pitch at rated wind speed: $\eta_5 \leq 5^\circ$ with $V_{hub} = 11.4$ m/s
- Platform admissible offset: $\frac{\Delta x_{offset}}{z_{depth}} \leq 0.15$
- Triangle side length: $L > \sqrt{(x_{anch} - x_{Fair})^2 + (z_{anch} - z_{Fair})^2}$
- Line resting on seabed: $L_B = L - \frac{|V_{Fair}|}{\omega_{moor}} \geq \frac{L}{10}$

Objective functions

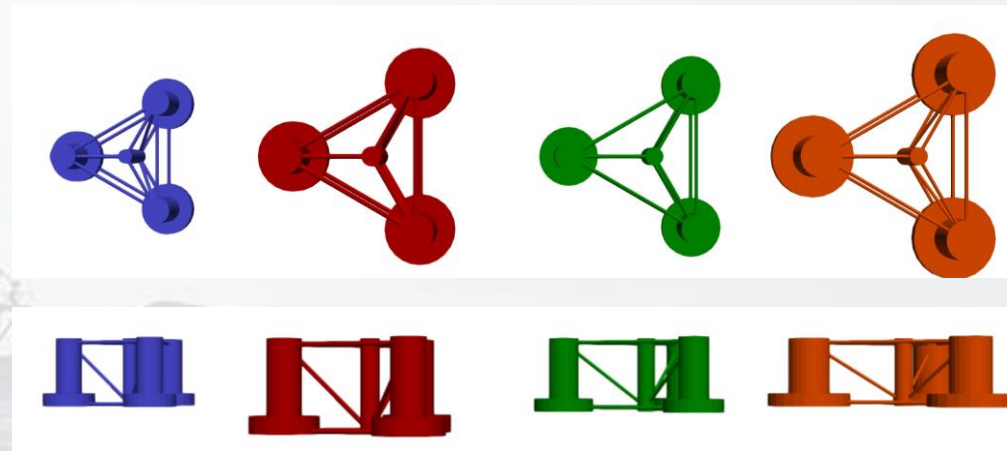
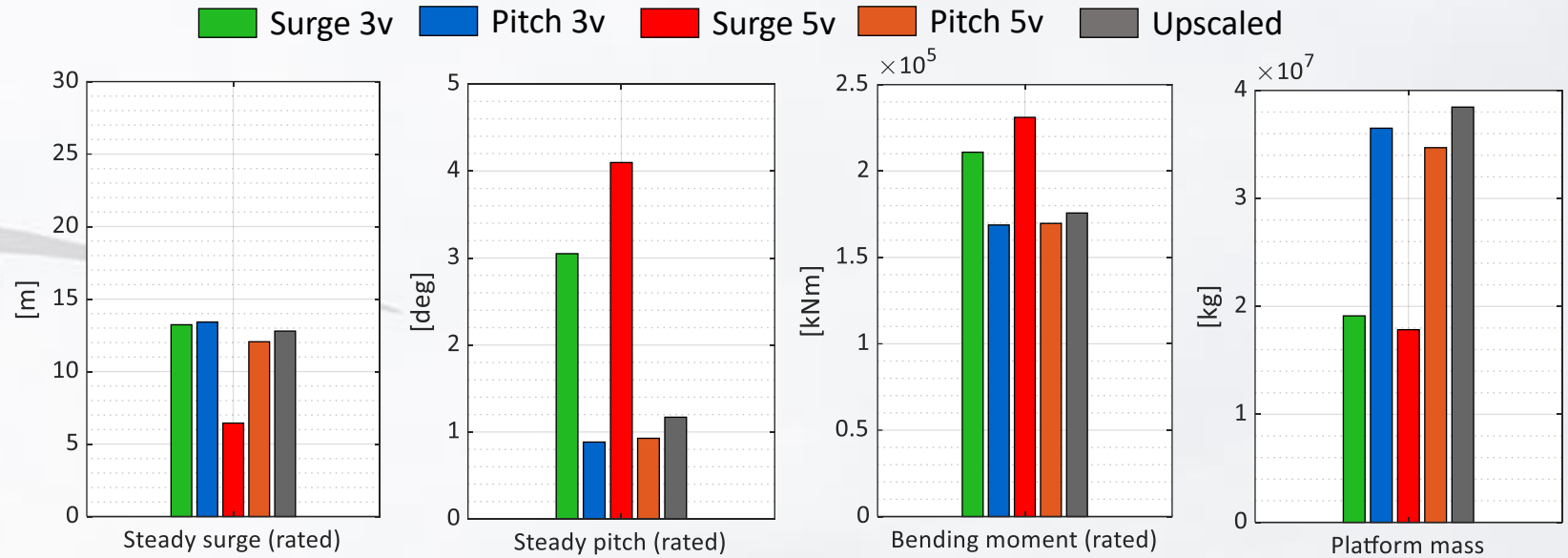
- RAO peaks at platform eigenfrequencies

Platform optimization results

Surge and Pitch RAOs optimization



Optimized substructures: Mean values



- Platform 5MW
- Upscaled 10 MW
- Surge 3v optimized 10 MW
- Pitch 5v optimized 10 MW

Conclusions

- ✓ Coupled FD models show a good accuracy, which makes them promising for optimization procedures of FOWTs
- ✓ The optimization of a 10MW semisubmersible FOWT shows that upscaling procedures may lead to oversized solutions

Future works

- Site-specific and cost optimization of a 10MW FOWT

Reference

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