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**Pressure distribution solution in time domain
of FOWTs with fully coupled multi-fidelity
approach**

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WT influence taken into account

Keep it affordable!

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- High fidelity hydrodynamics
- Pressure distribution available at each time step
- Drastic reduction of computational effort w.r.t full CFD

Classic approach

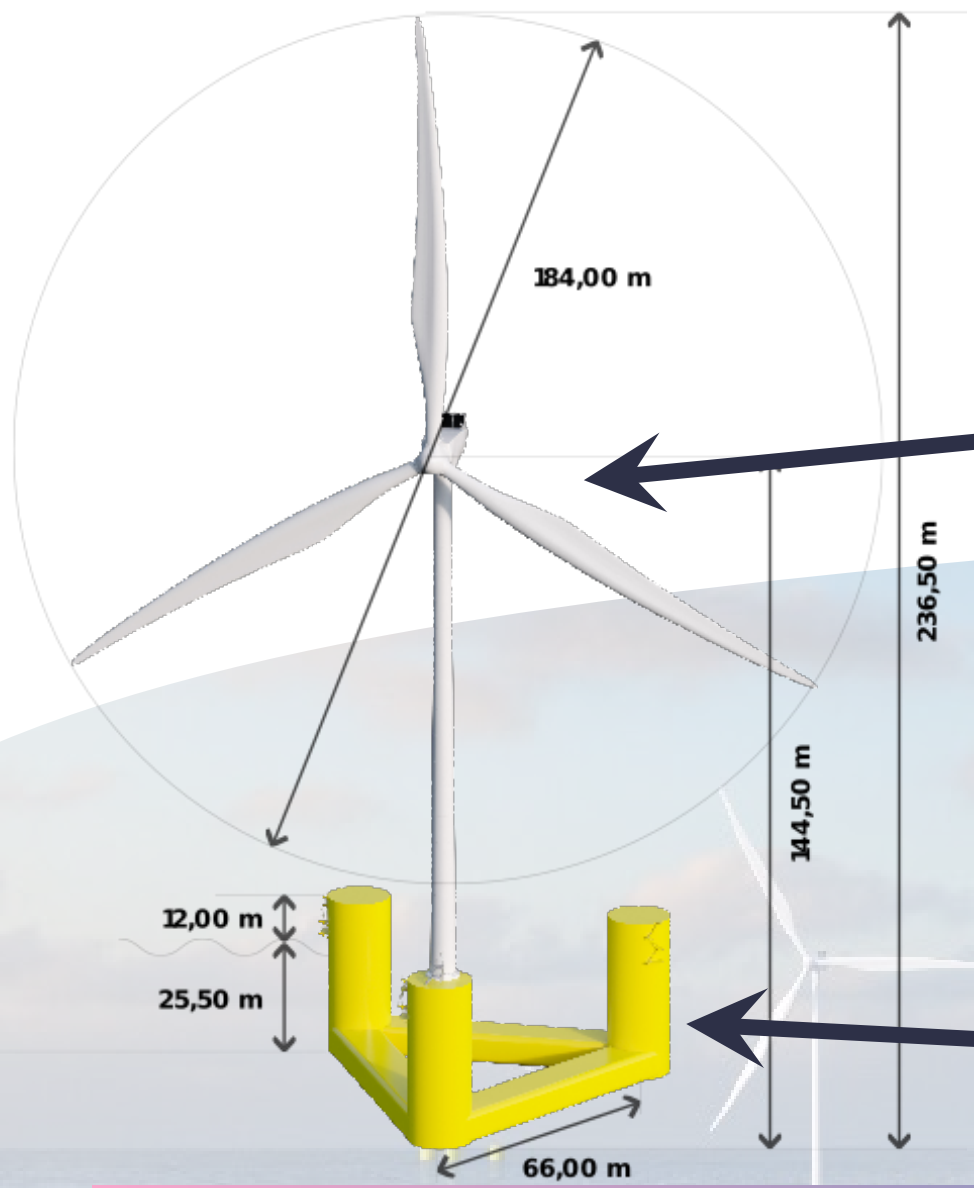
CENER's solution





Detailed explanation of the coupling between OpenFOAM and OpenFAST

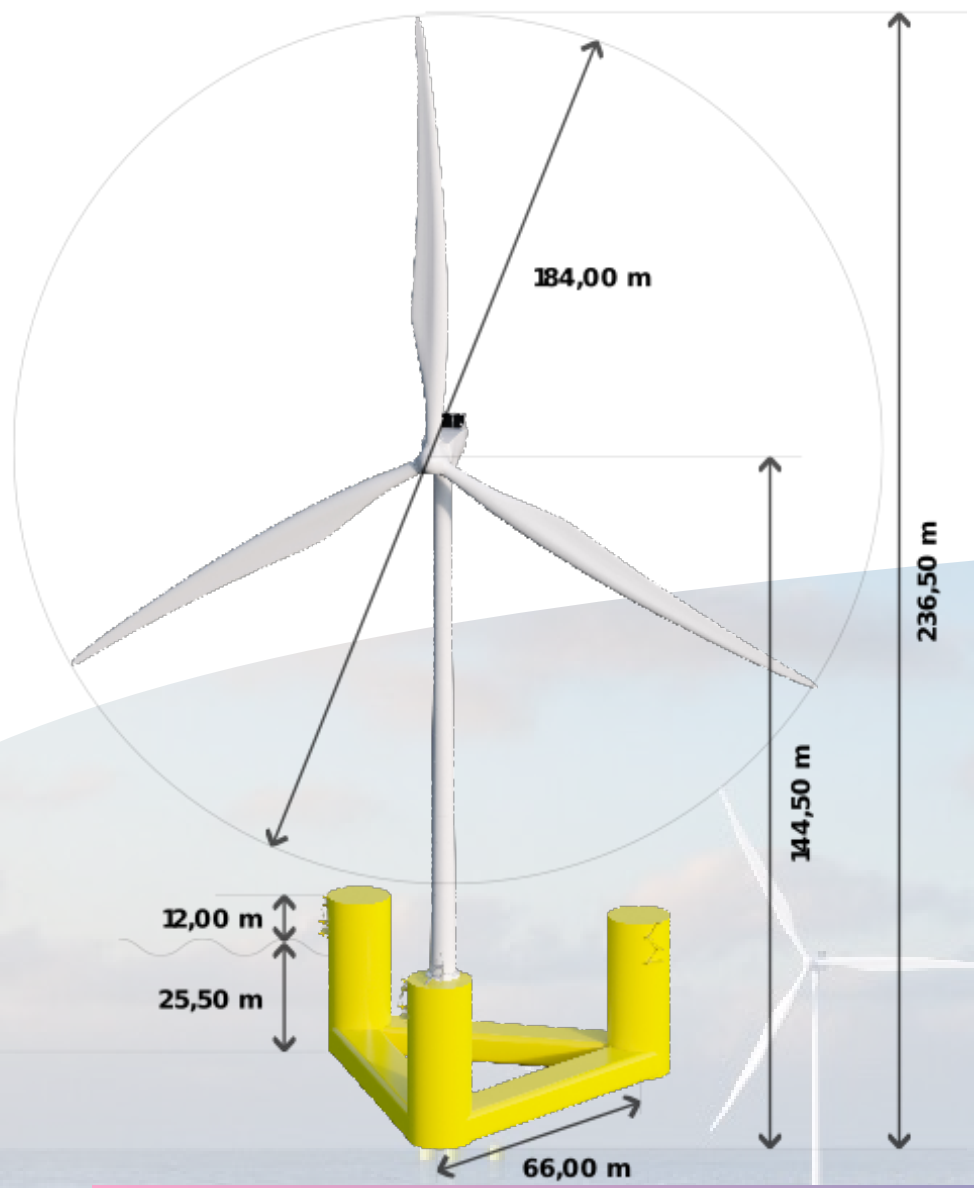


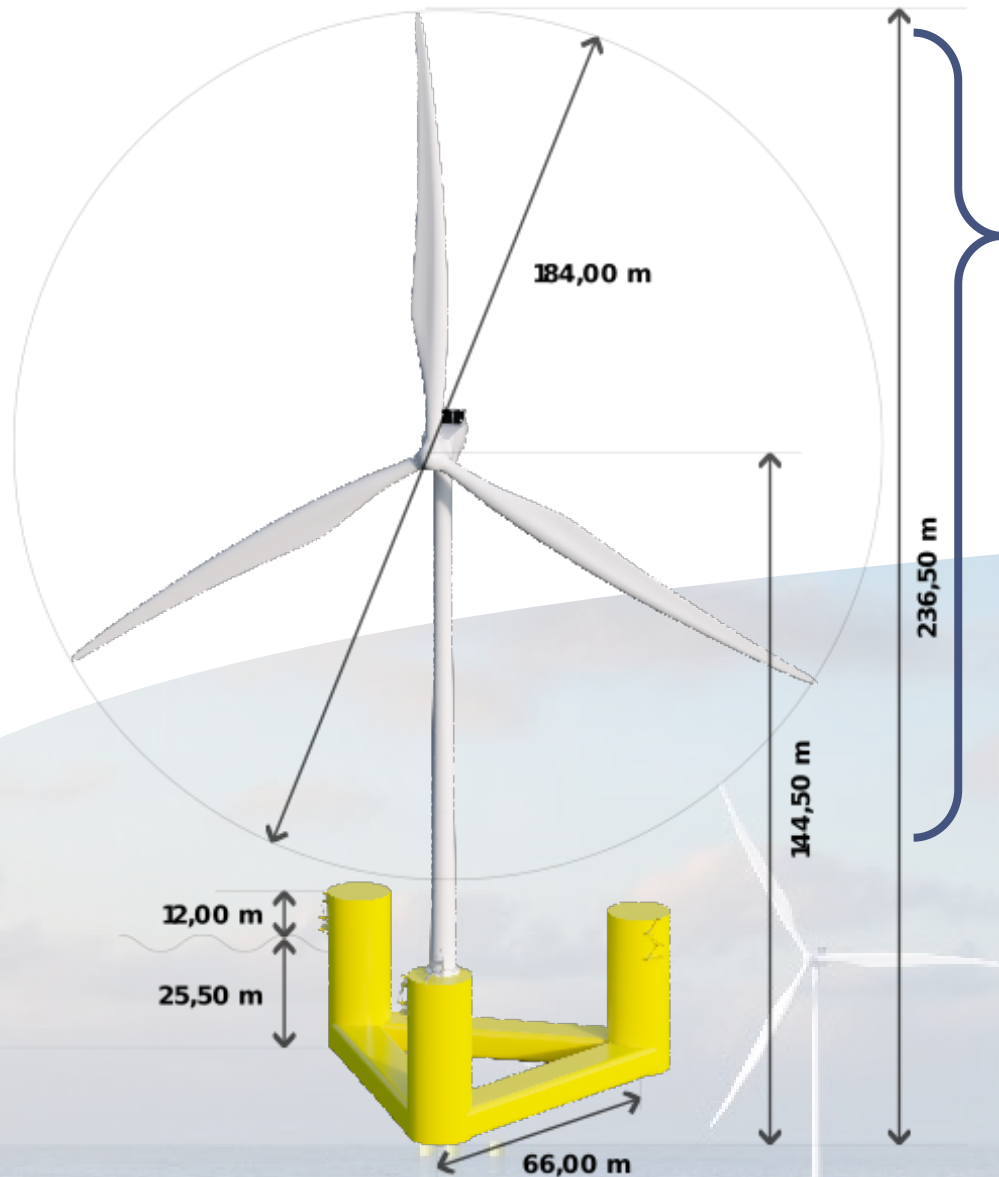


INWIND 10MW

Delta Wind



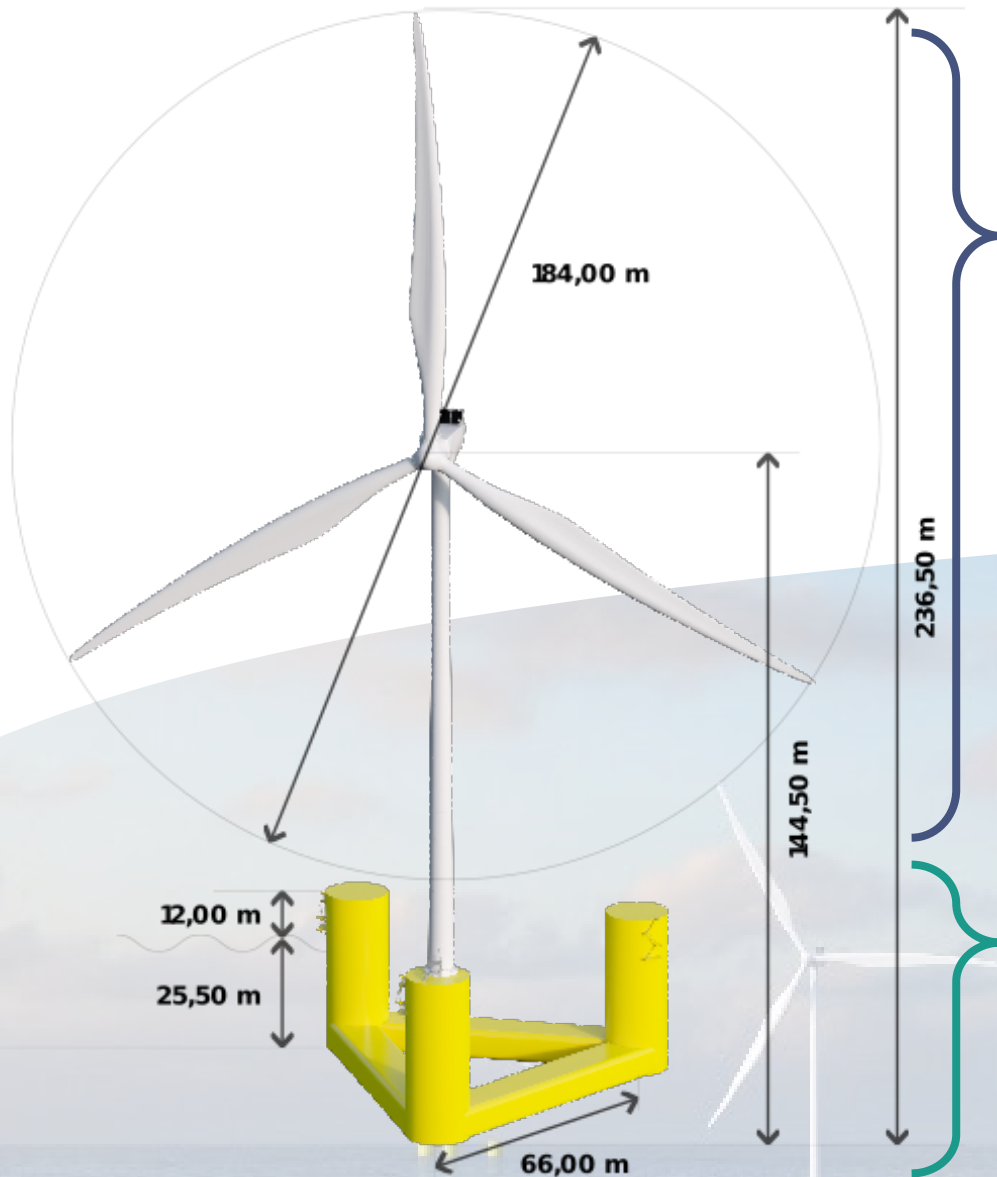




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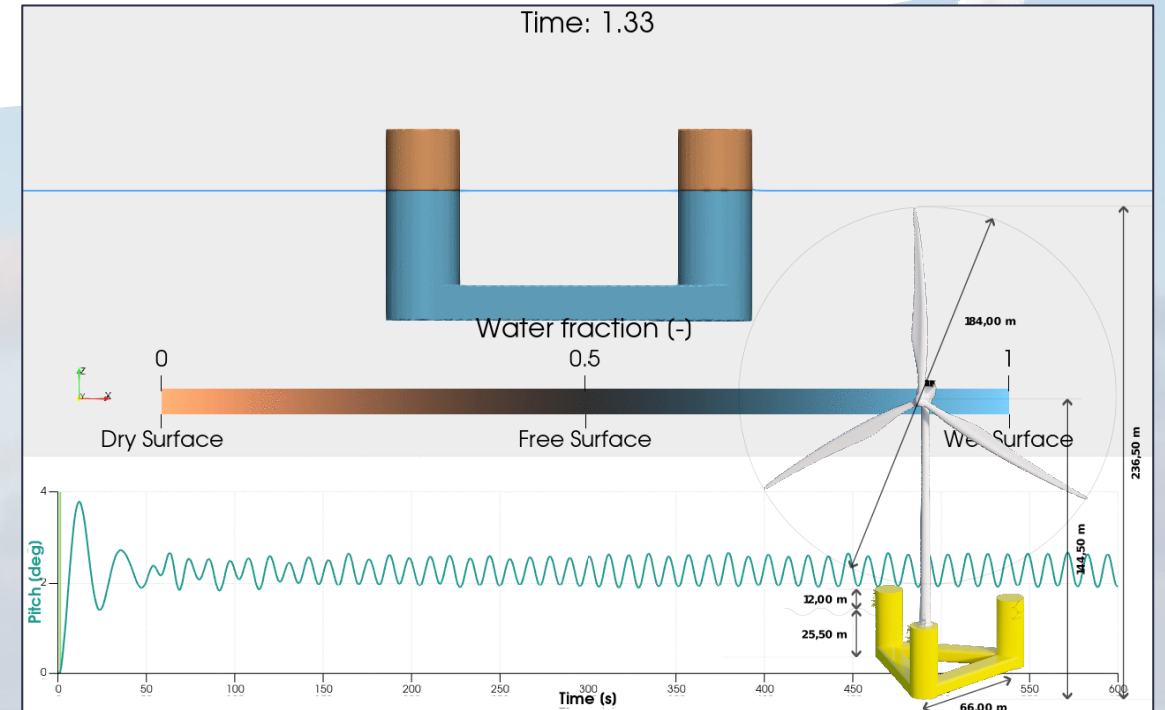
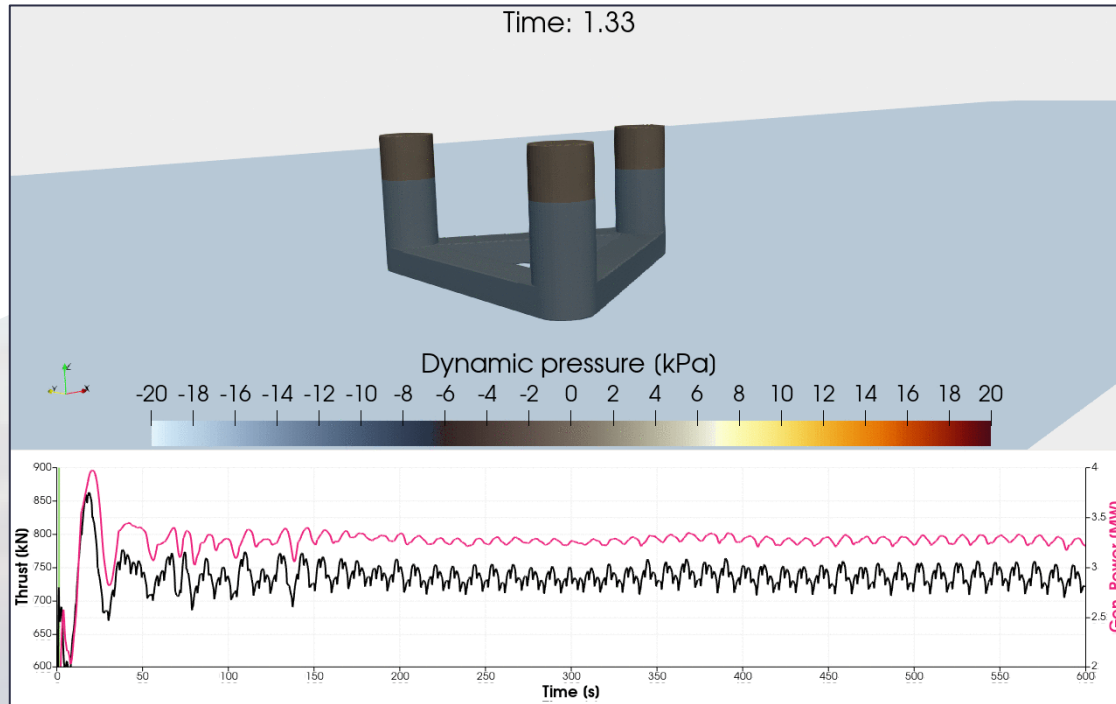
OpenFOAM:

- Hydrodynamic loads
- Pressure distribution
- Coupled with MoorDyn


Regular wave


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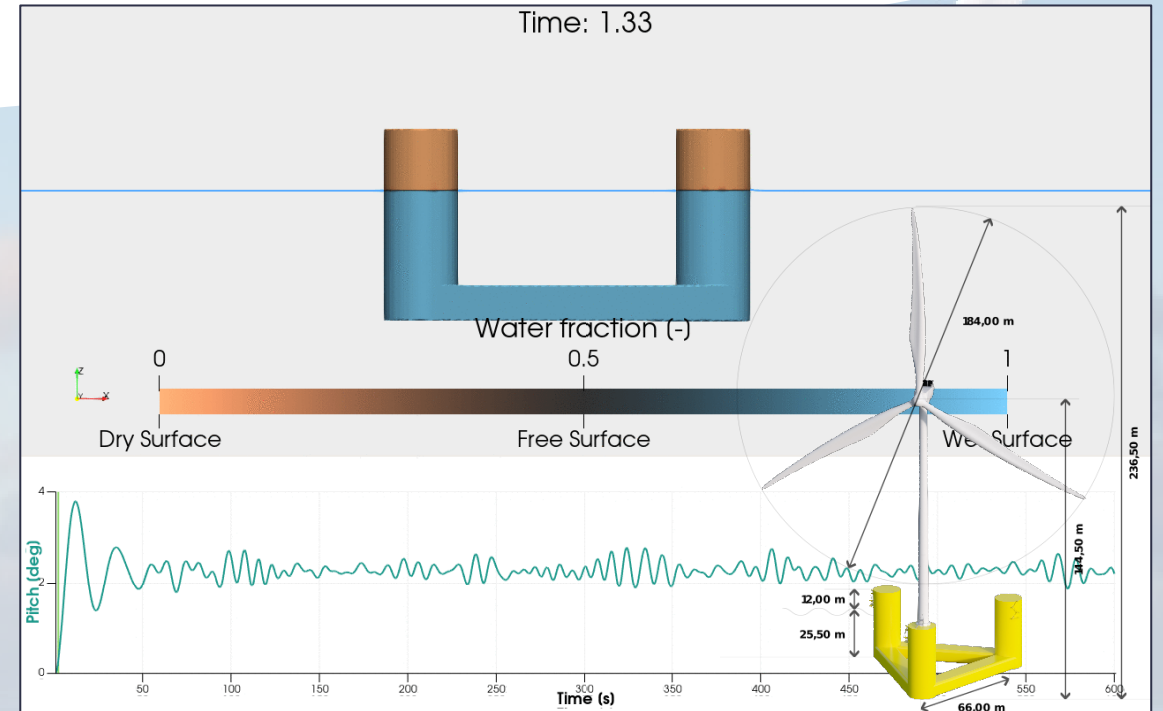
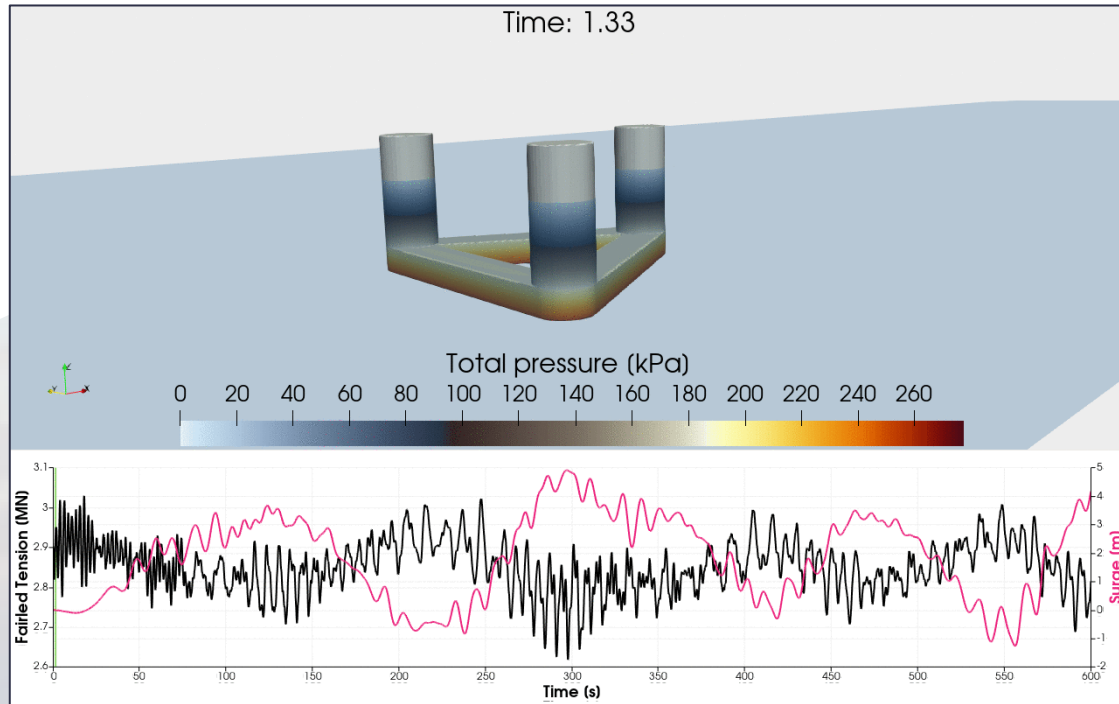
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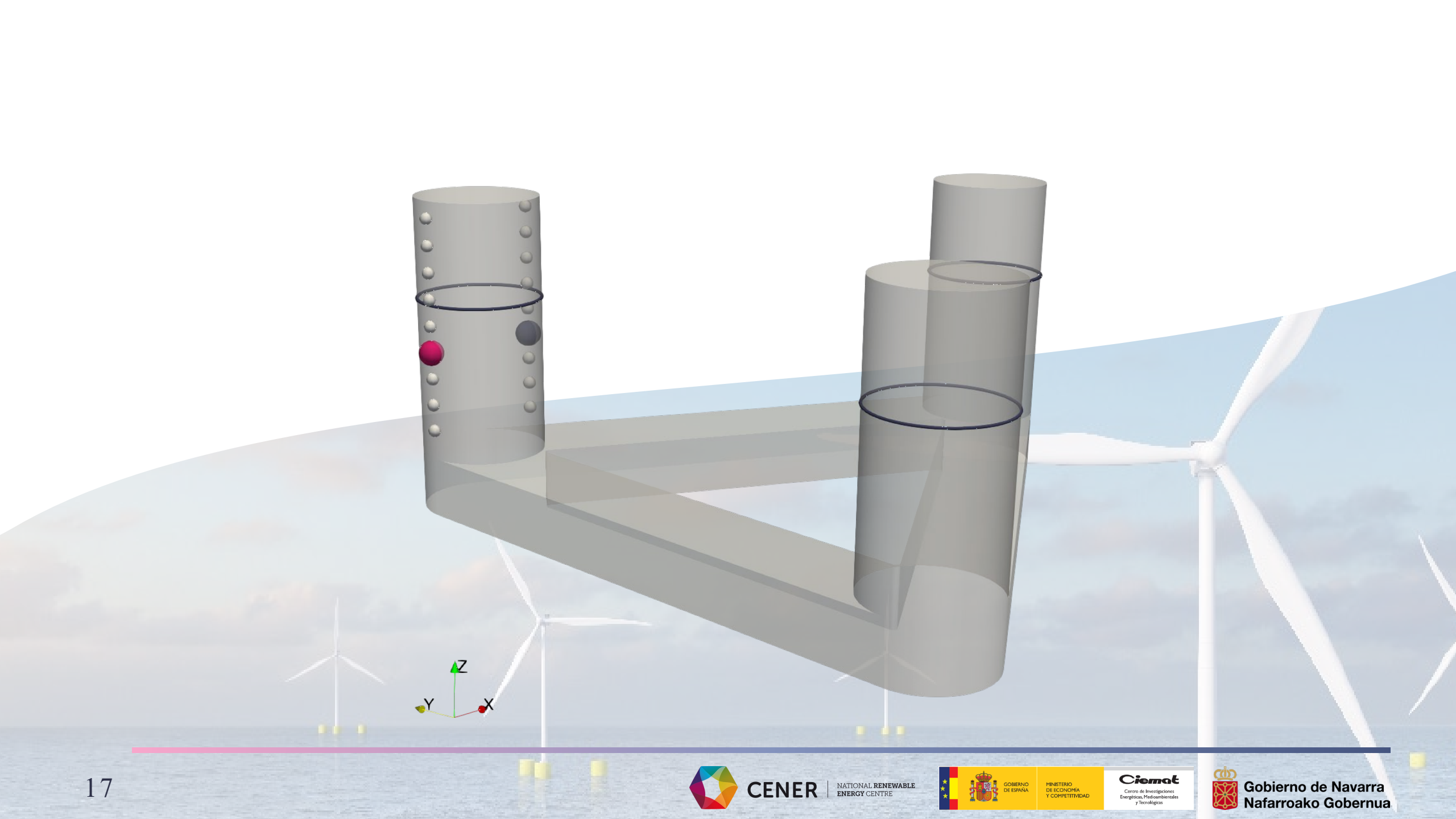
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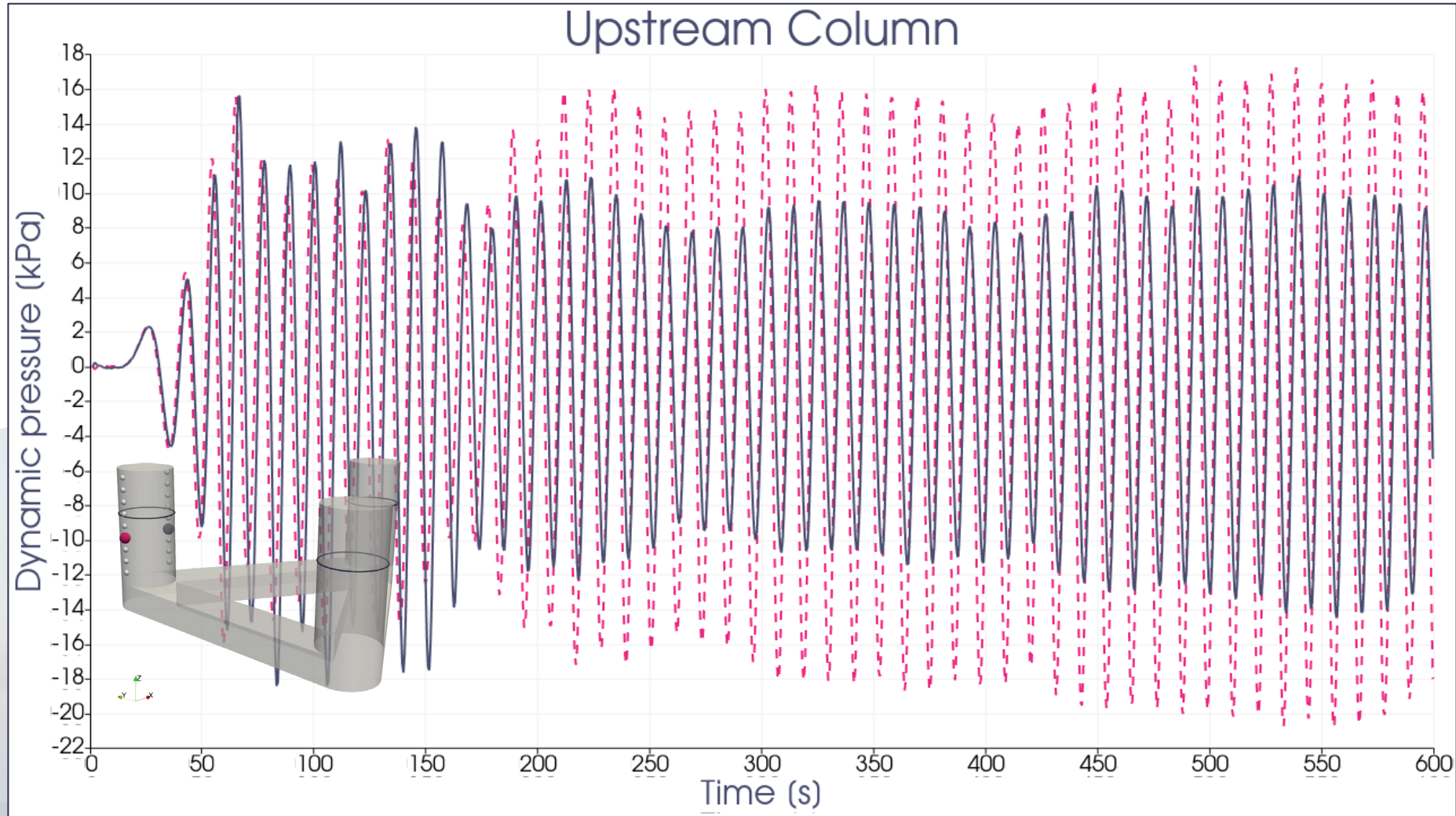
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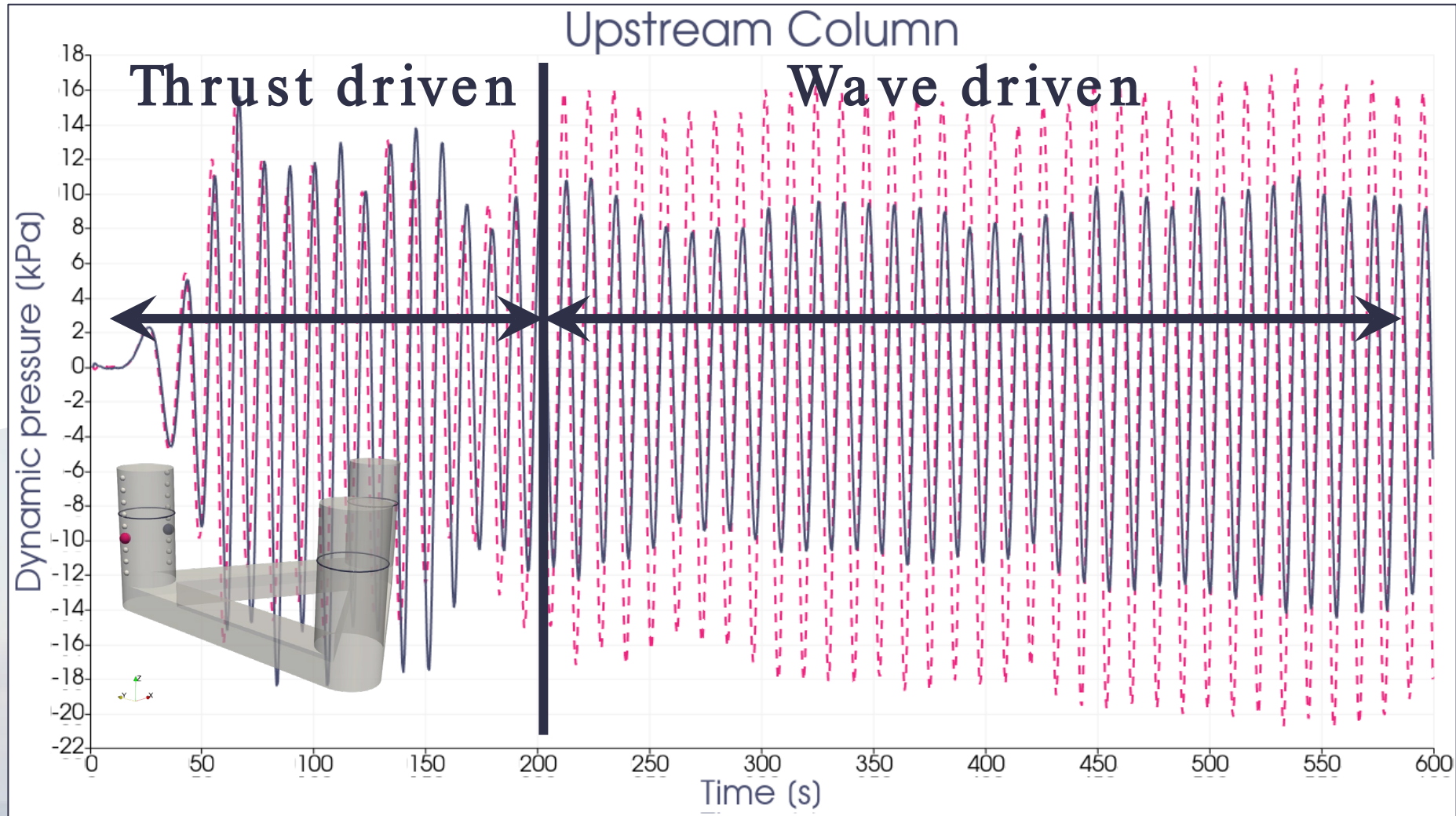


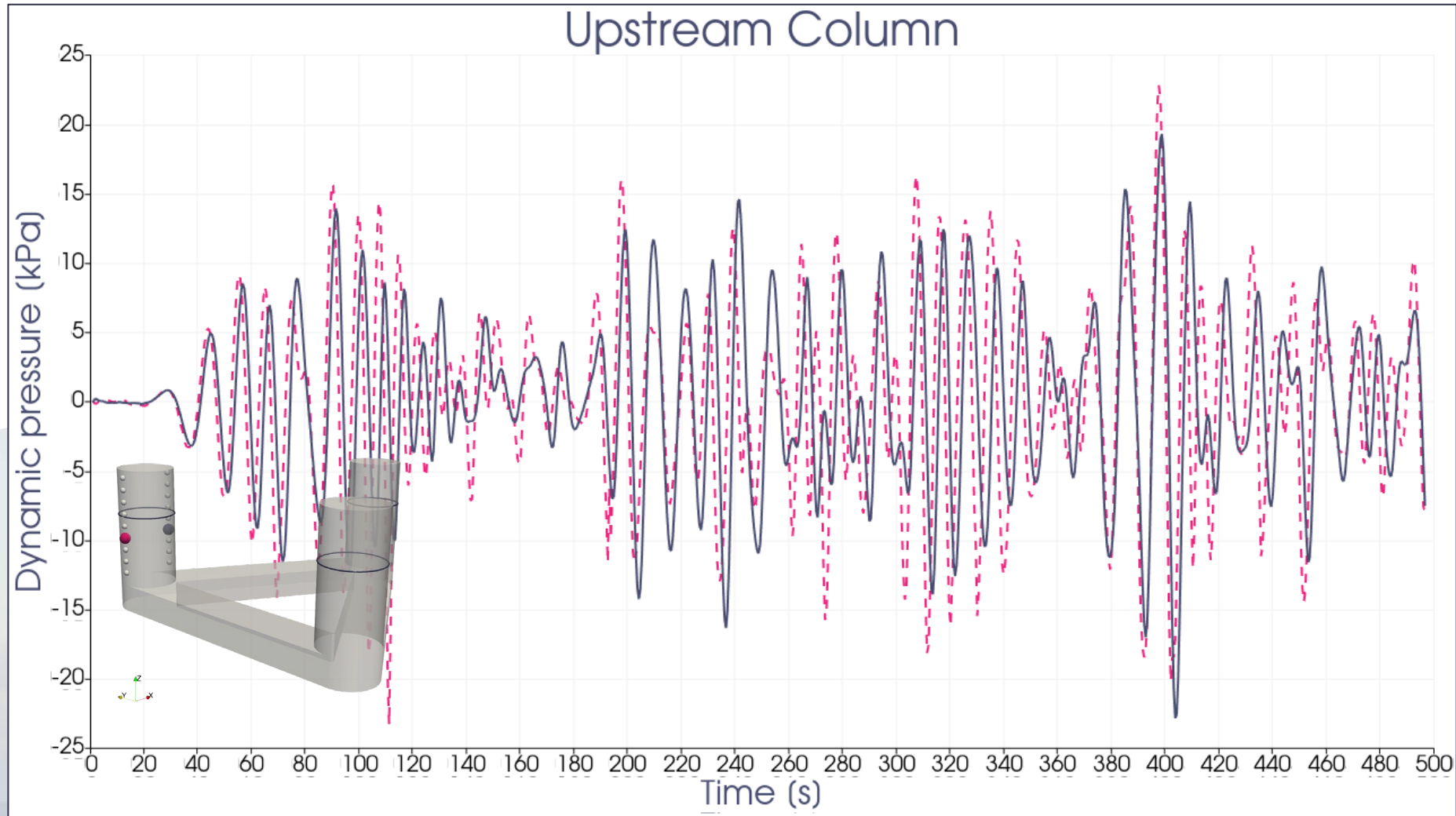


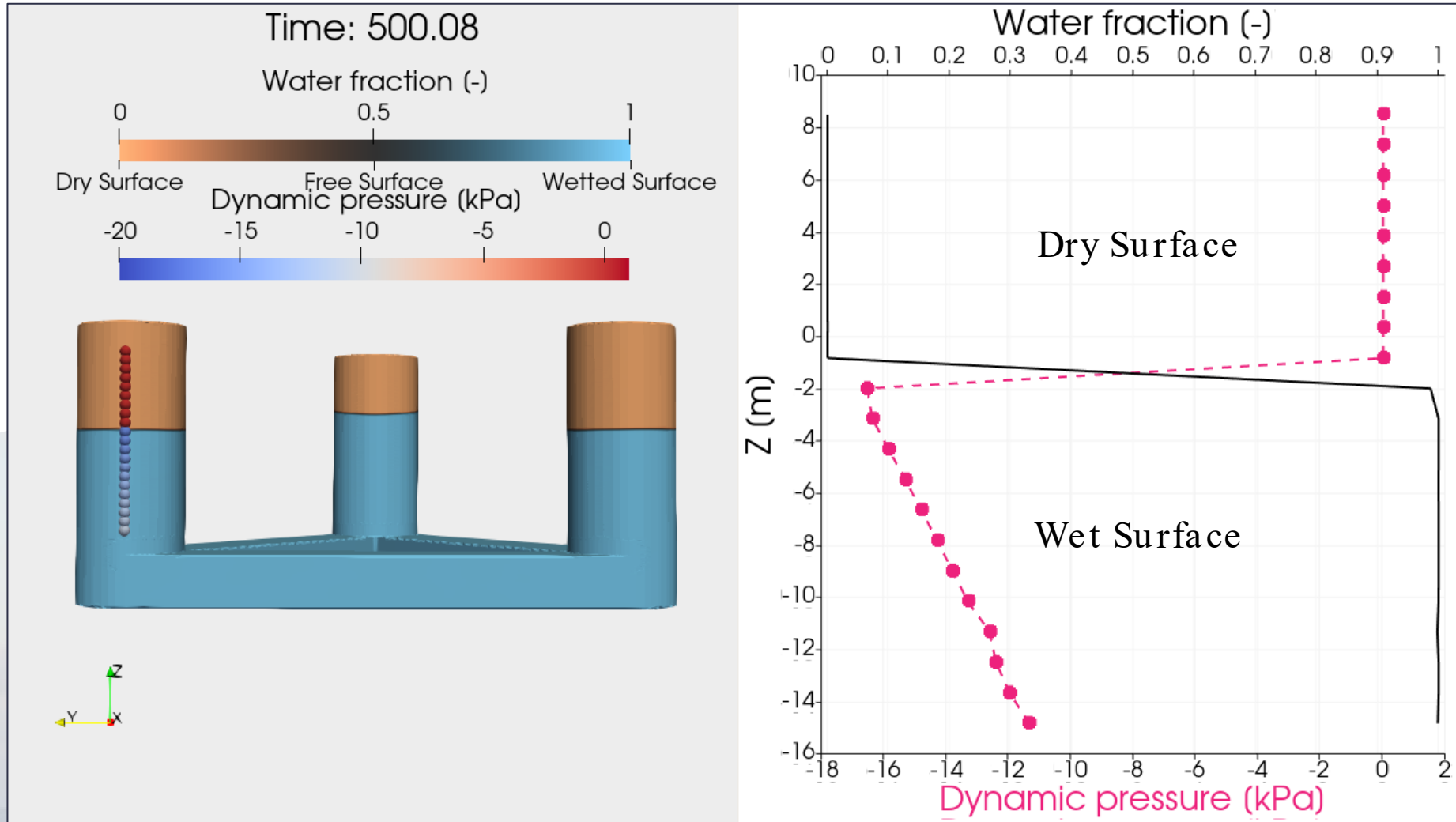
Still water level





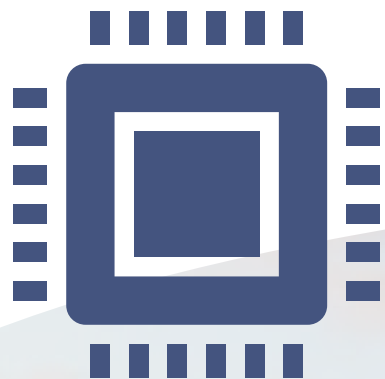




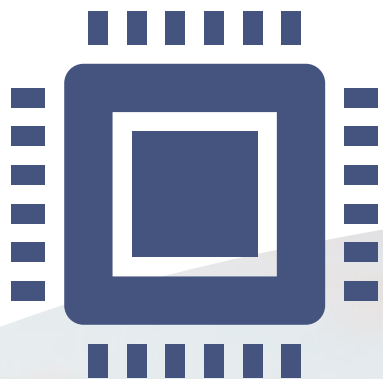




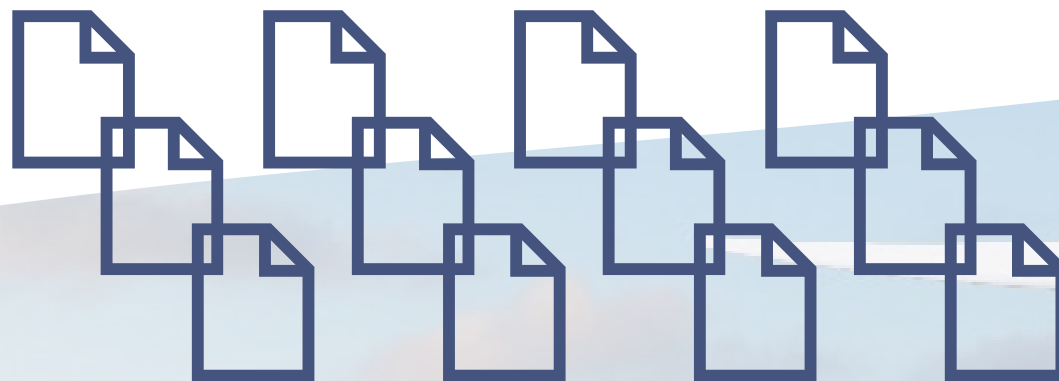
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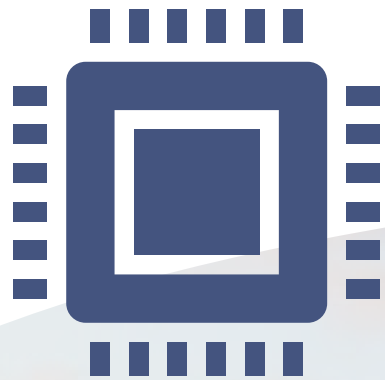
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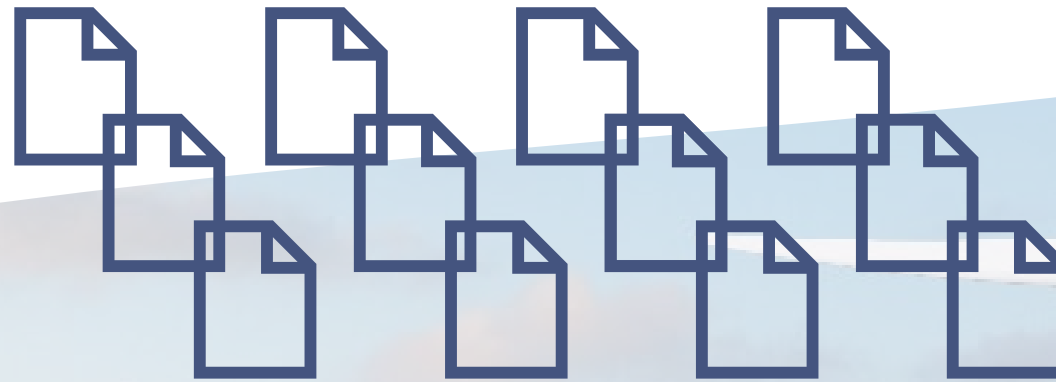
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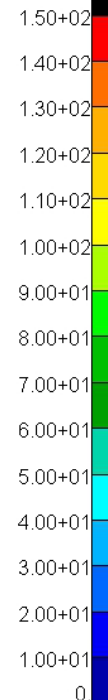
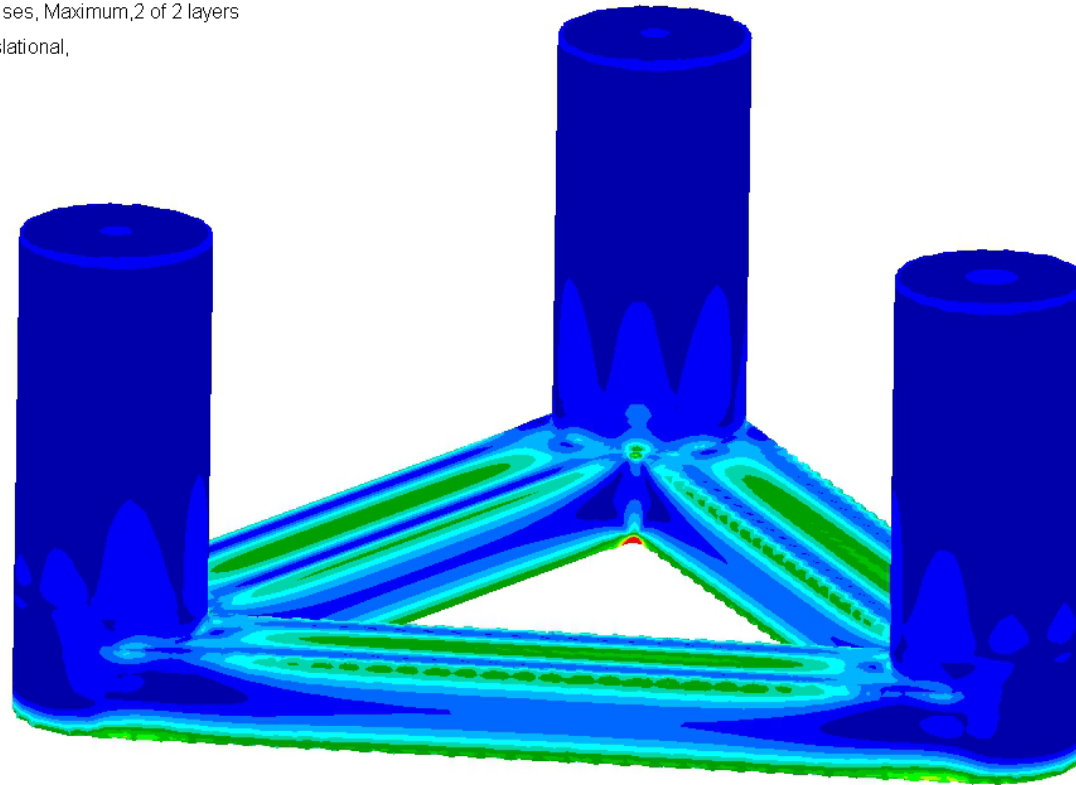


Von Mises stress distribution

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Fringe: SC1:INERTIARELIEF, A3:Static subcase, Stress Tensor, , von Mises, Maximum,2 of 2 layers

Deform: SC1:INERTIARELIEF, A3:Static subcase, Displacements, Translational,



default_Fringe :
Max 3.70+02 @Nd 36945
Min 8.79-01 @Nd 47603
default_Deformation :
Max 2.50+02 @Nd 25904



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WT and mooring influence included in simulation

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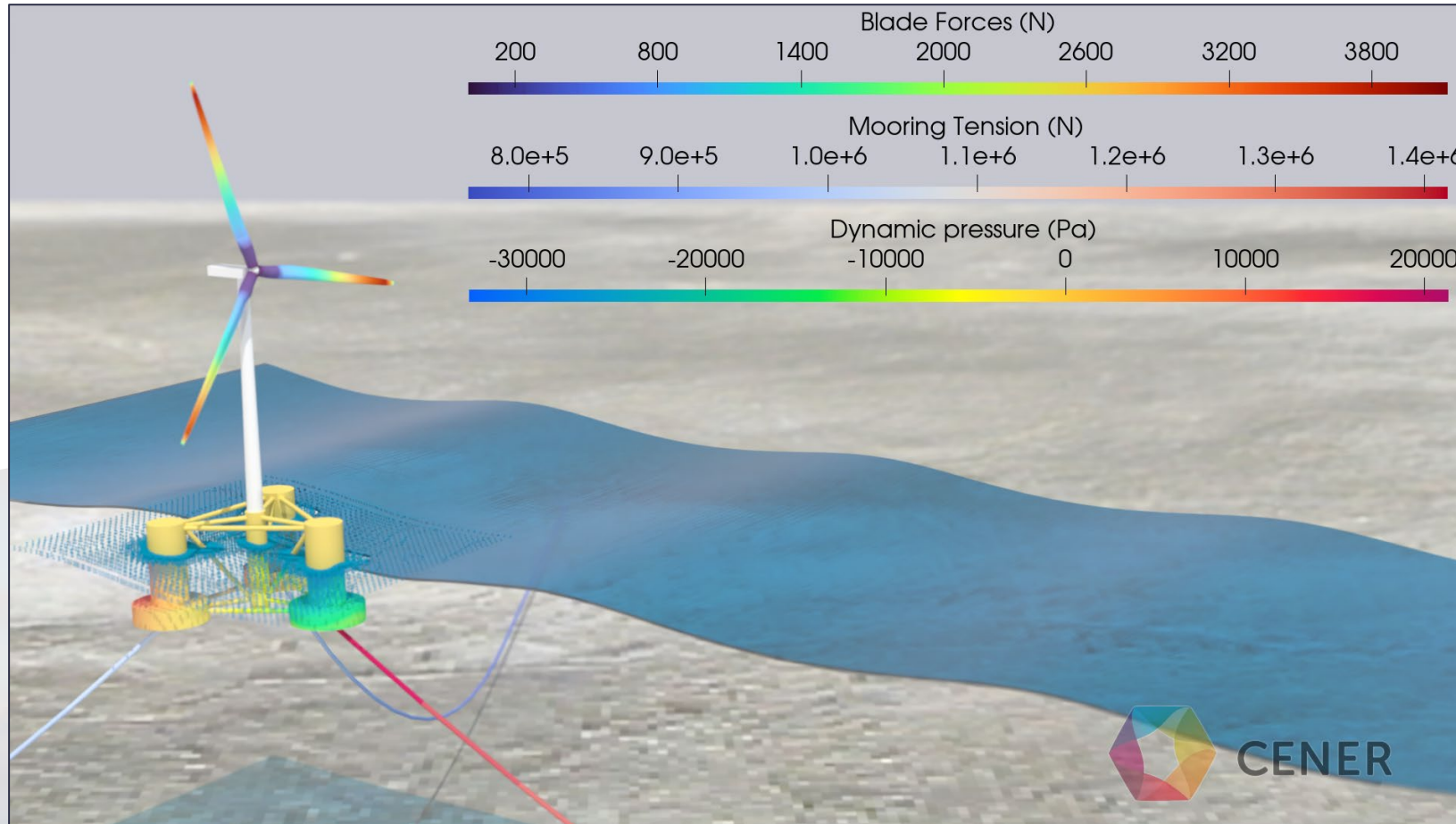
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High fidelity loads for
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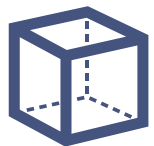
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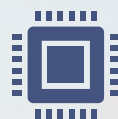


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Regular wave



40.2 h



3 x 64

2x AMD EPYC 7543 32-Core Processor,
128 Gb RAM

2x Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6126, 128 Gb
RAM

AMD EPYC 7773X, 256 Gb RAM



600 s



Ethernet 10Gbps

Irregular wave



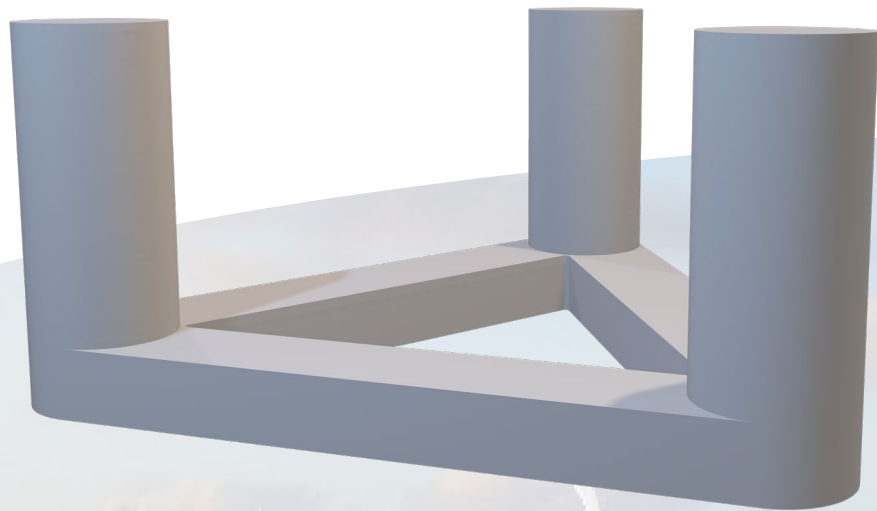
85.1 h



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DeltaWind platform



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|-----------------|------------|
| Column distance | 66 m |
| Draft | 25.5 m |
| Height | 37.5 m |
| Column Ø | 14.5 m |
| Pontoon width | 10.875 m |
| Pontoon height | 7 m |
| Mass | 23548 tons |

Pontoon points

