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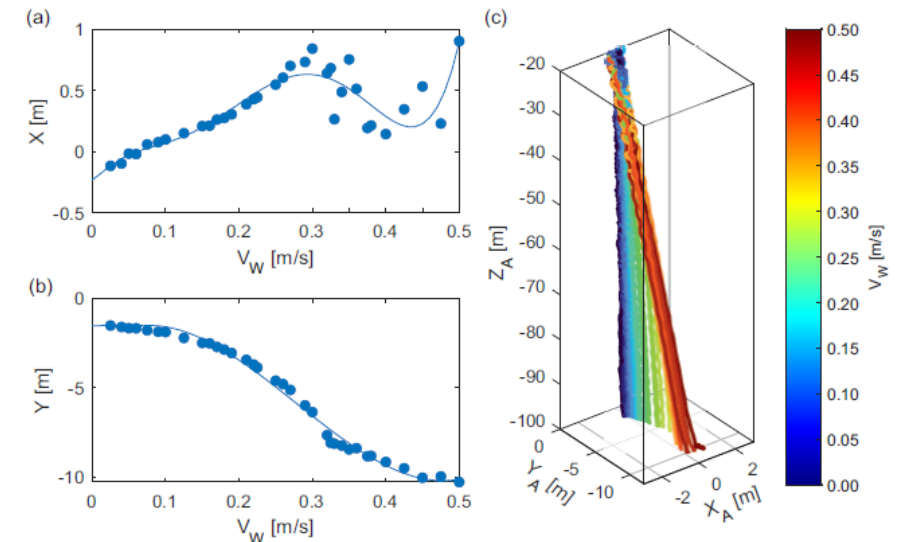
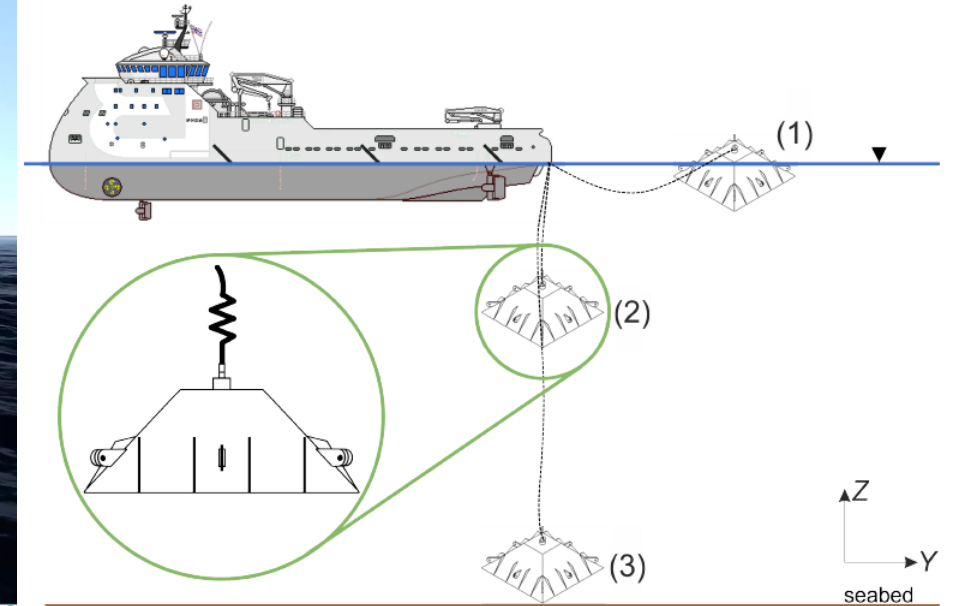
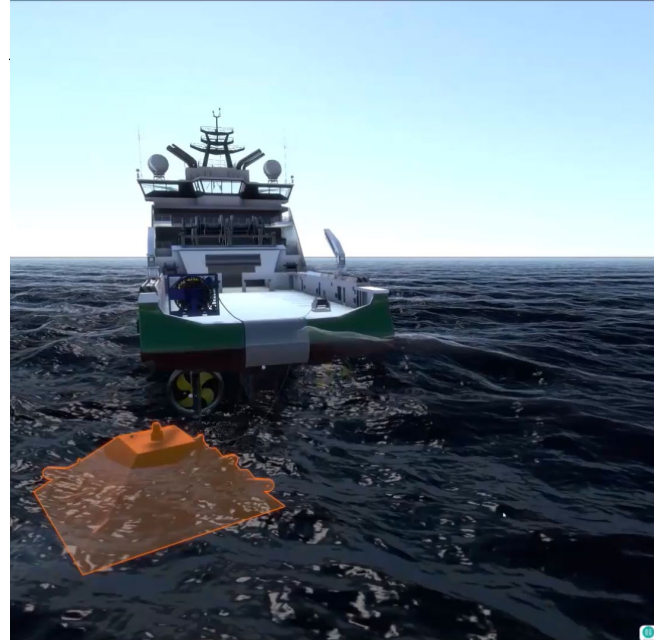


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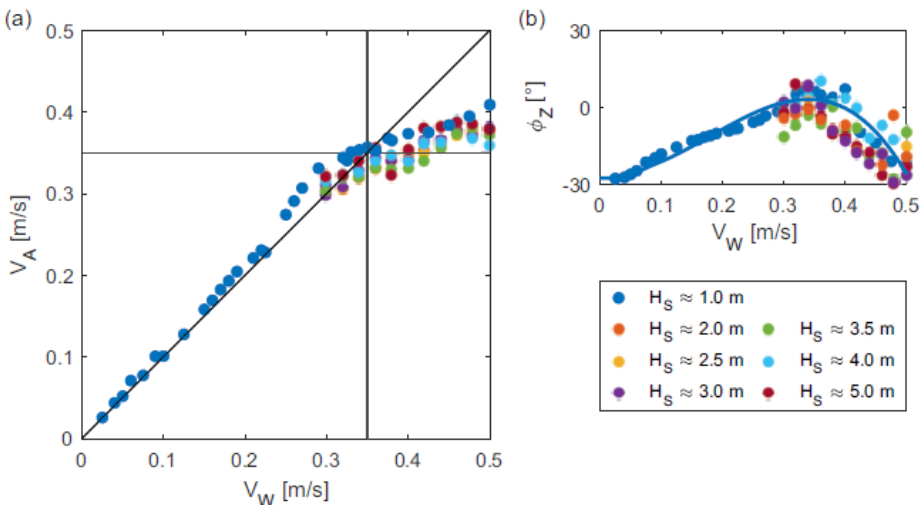
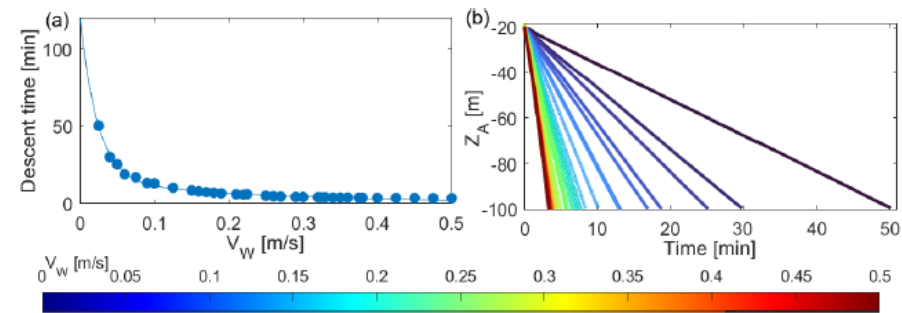
Cost Effective Methods of Installing Offshore Wind Infrastructure

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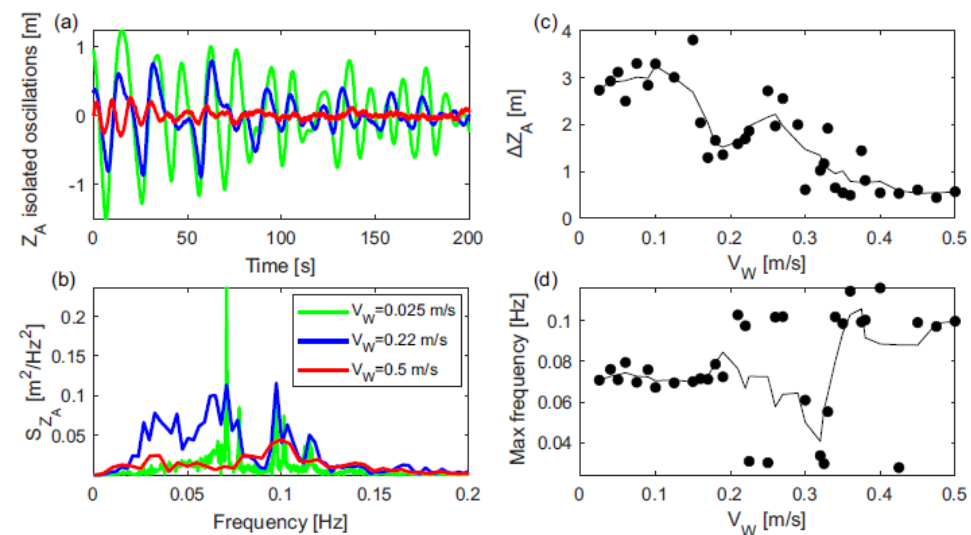
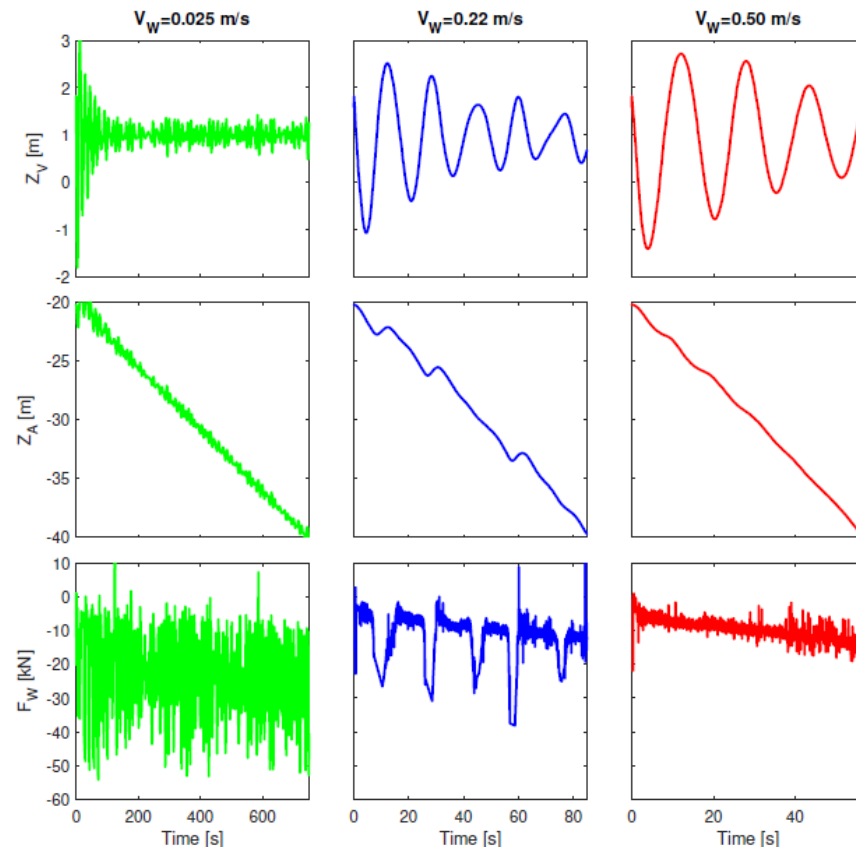
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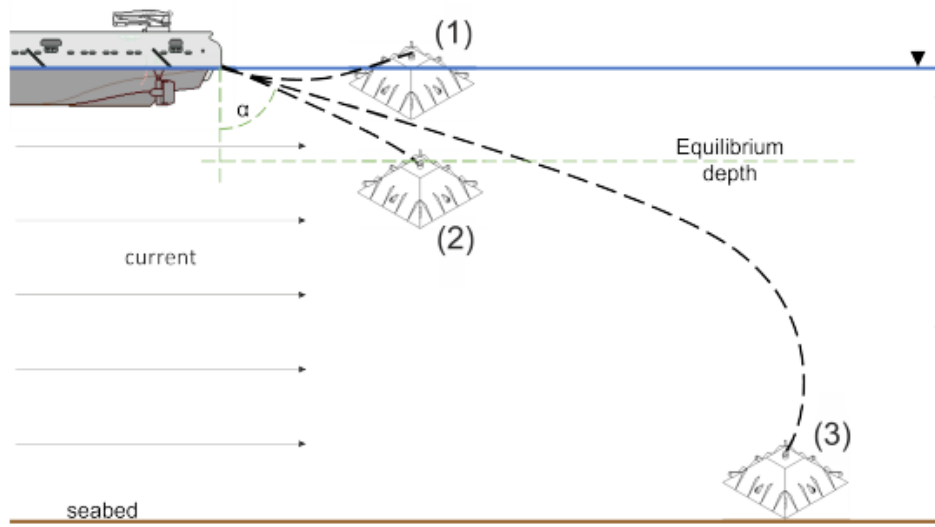
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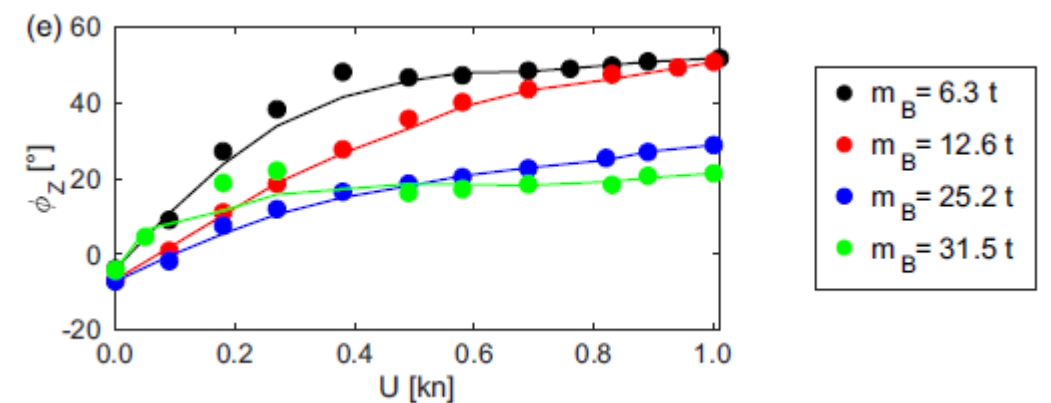
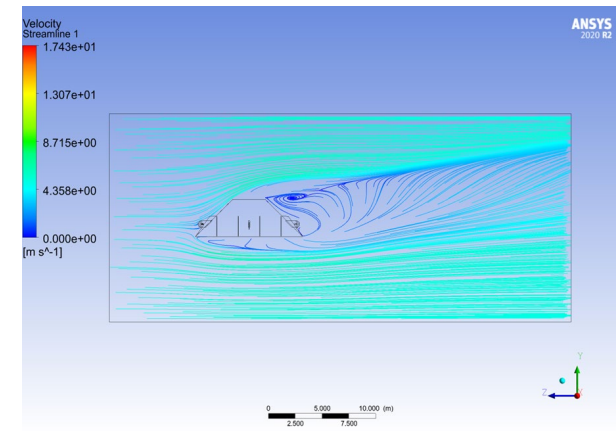
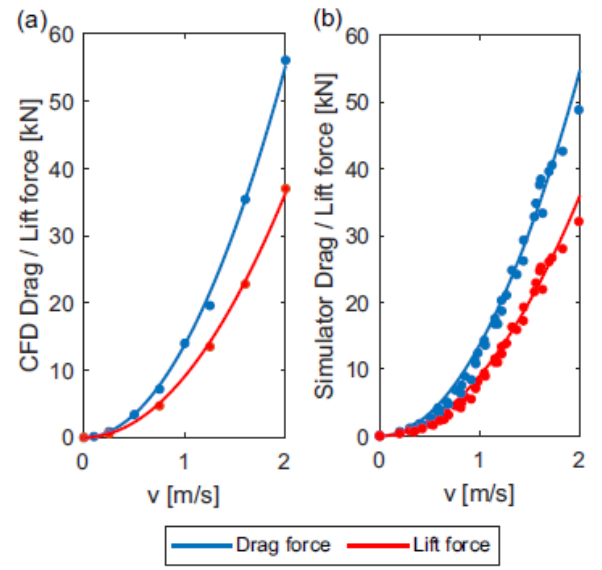
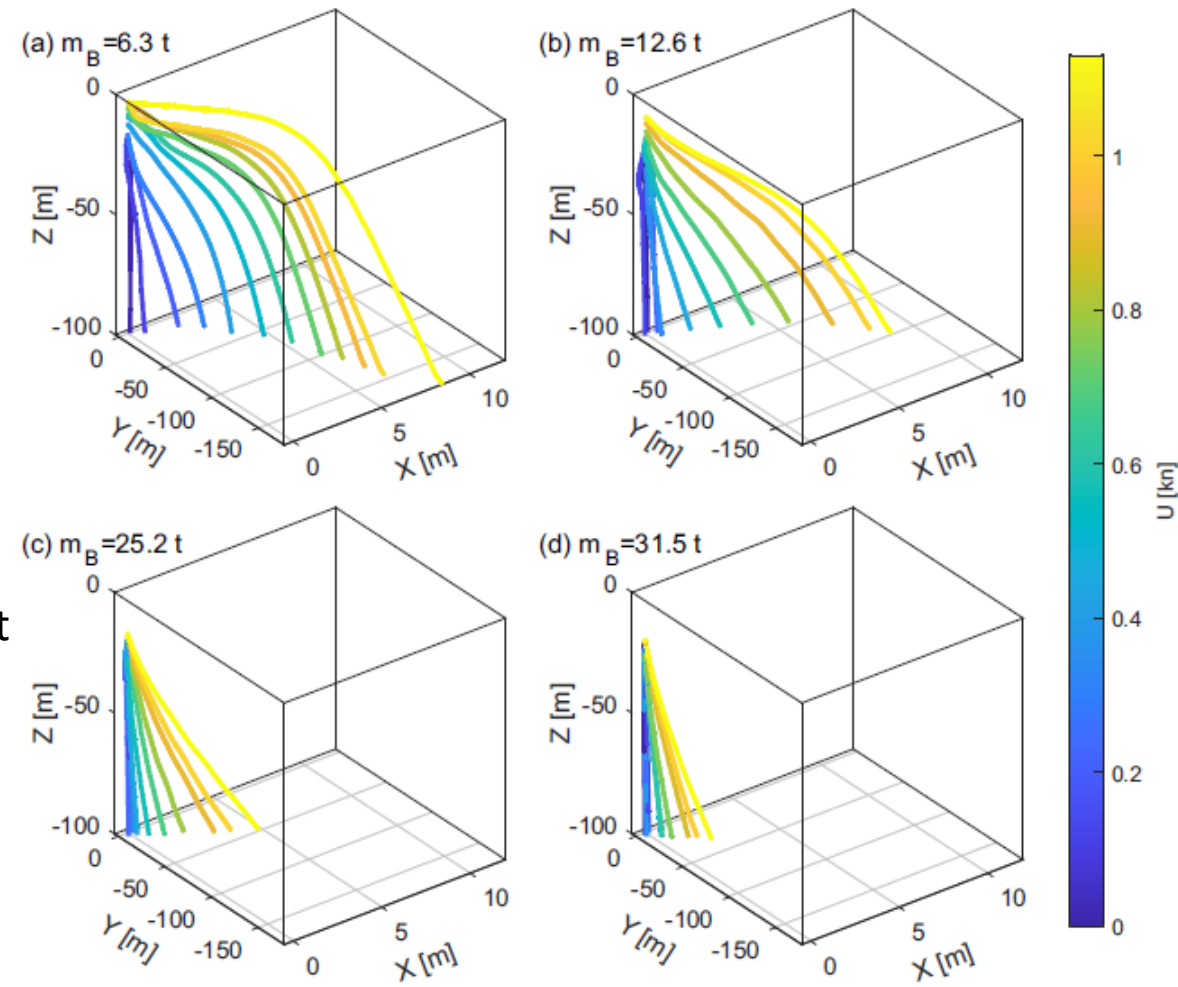
- Observe coupling between vessel's heave and anchor's vertical position
- The coupling diminishes as winch velocity increases
- At winch speed $V_W = 0.35$ m/s the anchor velocity (V_A) stops increasing at the same rate (1:1) as V_W .
- Induced yaw minimum around $V_W = 0.35$ m/s
- Similar behaviour for all wave cases.



Current effect



- Ballast weight limits the impact currents have on the anchor's drift
- High currents can be dealt with by increasing amount of ballast





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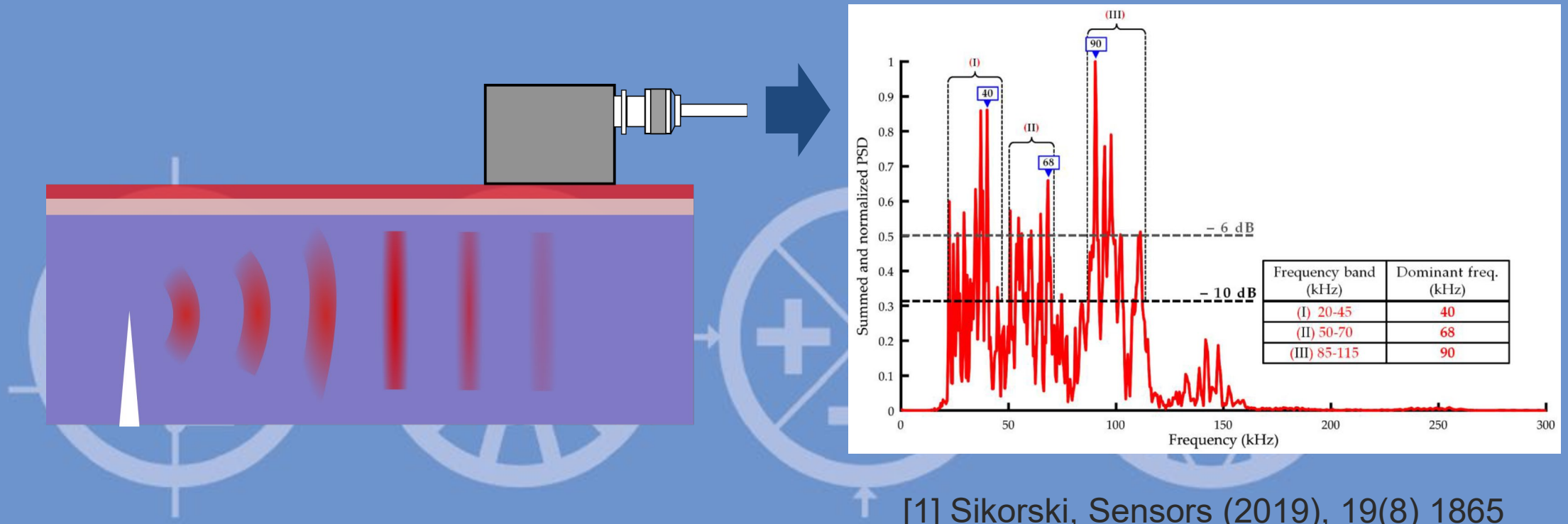
NOVEL PIEZOELECTRIC COMPOSITES FOR PARTIAL DISCHARGE MONITORING

- Dr Rolan Mansour, Dr Andrew Reid, Prof Brian Stewart, Prof James Windmill



ACOUSTIC EMISSIONS DETECTION

- Partial discharges can occur across the voids, causing voltage stress and an acoustic impulse
- For a partial discharge, typical frequency range is low ultrasound up to 200 kHz



[1] Sikorski, Sensors (2019), 19(8) 1865



ACOUSTIC EMISSION ANALYSIS

- We can gain some information about the fault from the frequency spectrum
- But the medium is dispersive and highly attenuating
- Signal quality degrades rapidly



Narrow bandwidth



Broad bandwidth, strong



Broad bandwidth, weak



PARTIAL DISCHARGE DETECTION

- Partial discharge detection already well developed using pulse detection – why use acoustic?
- Significant disadvantages – poor sensitivity, limited range, hard to determine level of partial discharge and requires some calibration to make sense
- Existing acoustic emission detectors are not made for high voltage cables.
 - Why?
 - Low cost
 - Non-destructive
 - No EM interference



Olympus Range

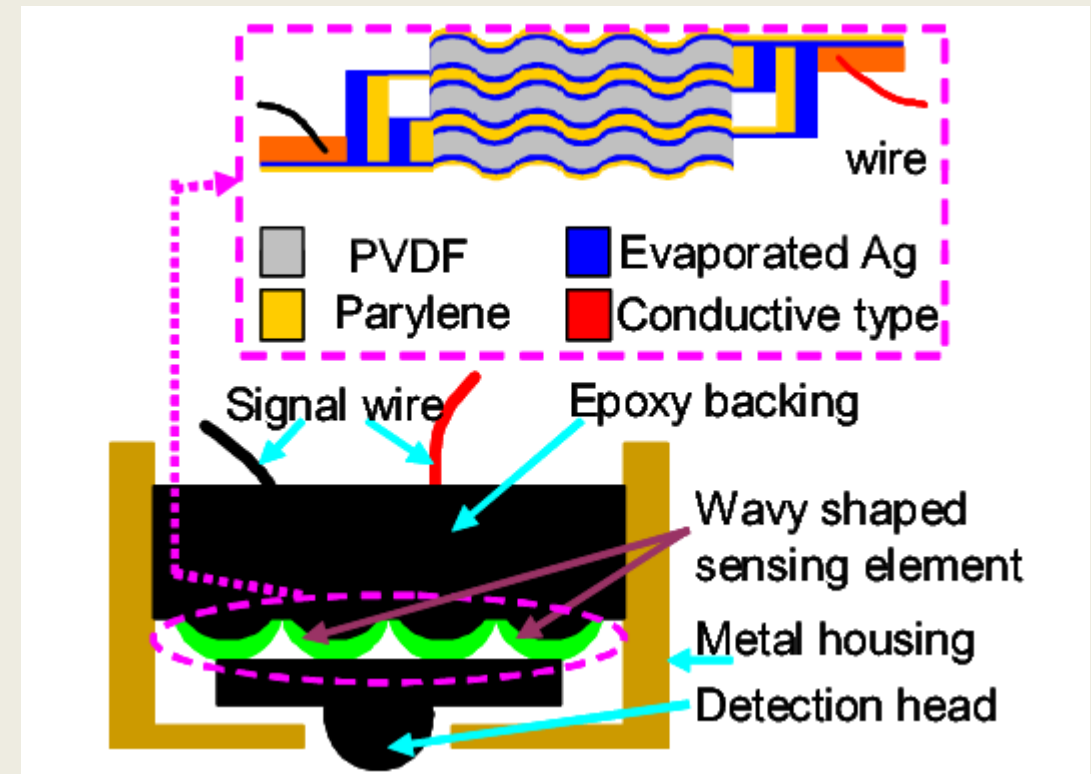


Physical Acoustics



ON-LINE STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING

- ‘Soft’ sensors becoming popular for composite inspection.
- Sensors can be embedded or conform to the surface under test.
- ‘Fit and forget’ system – low cost, passive monitoring of equipment health.

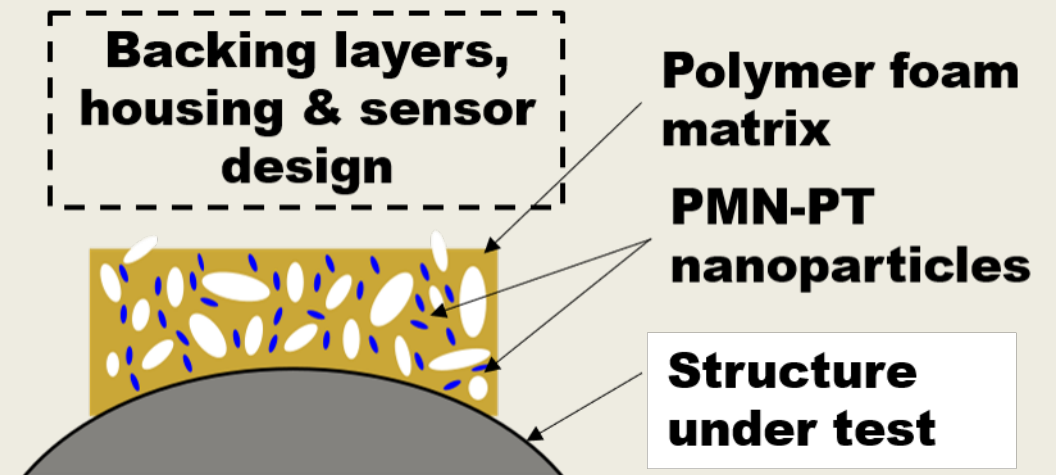


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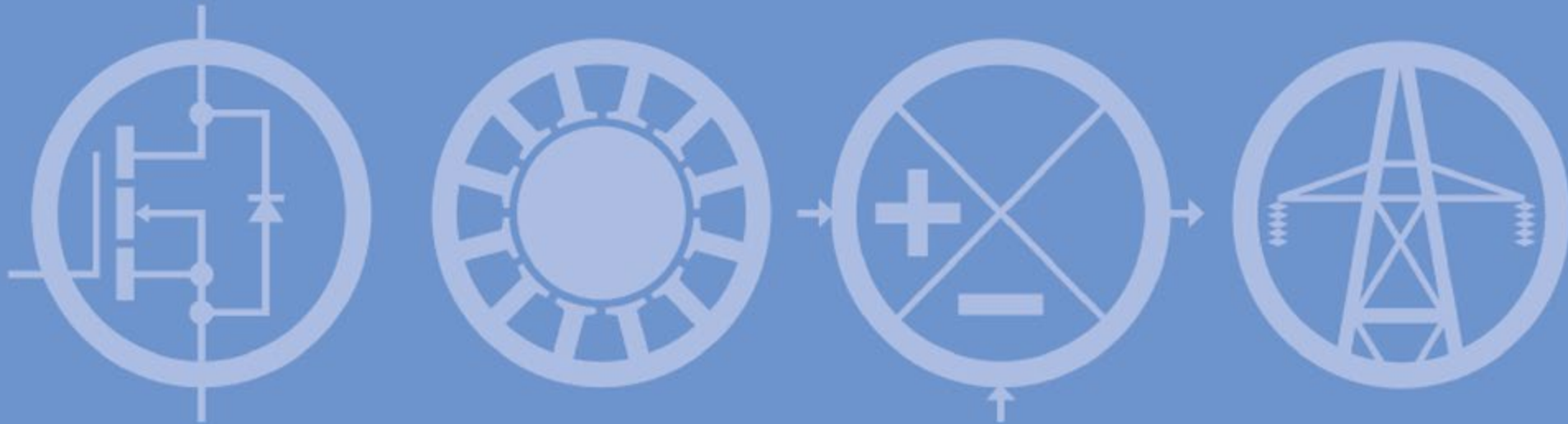


NOVEL COMPOSITE SOFT SENSOR

- Polymer composite of PMMA and PMN-PT remains highly flexible
- Photopolymerizable, can be made to fit any cable / pipe
- Significantly higher coupling co-efficient than PVDF.



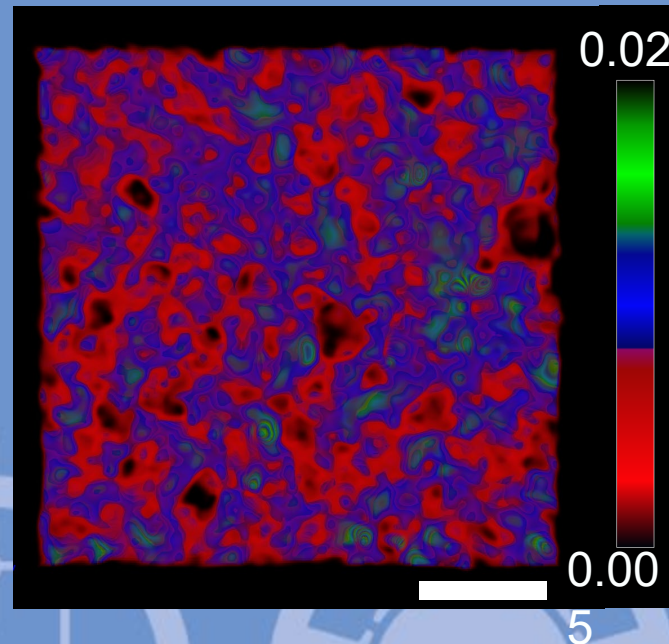
SIMPLE FABRICATION METHODS



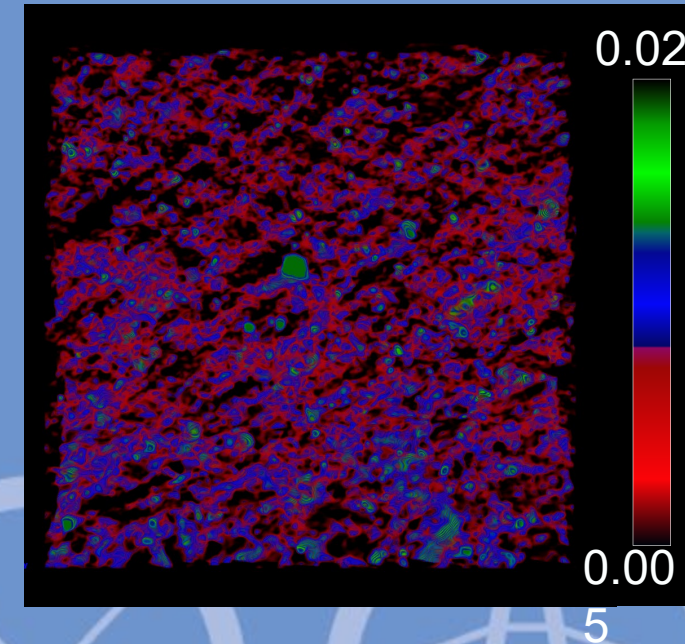
Single-layer curing of 0-3 composite (without voids)



SUGAR CASTING



Icing sugar / PMN-PT / PMMA

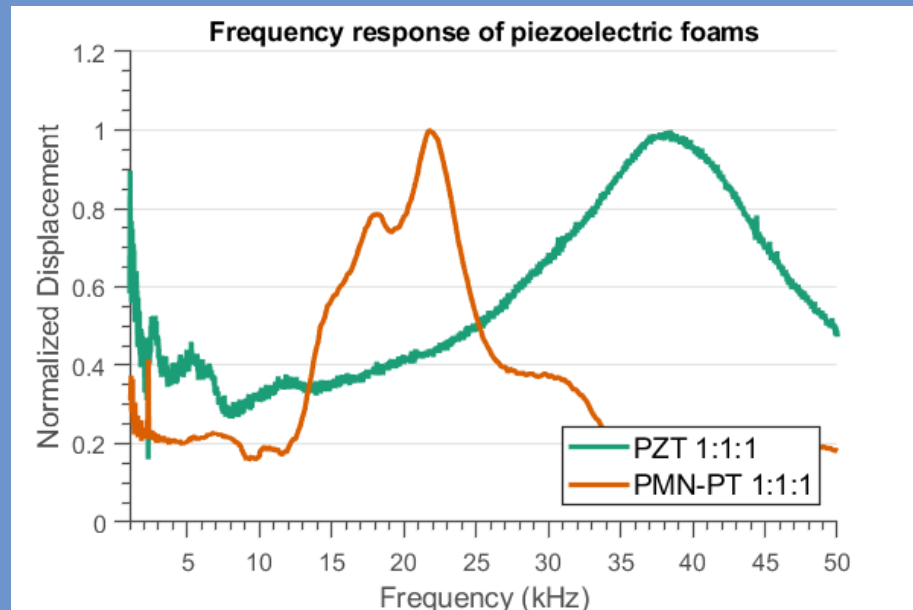


Boiled PMN-PT / PMMA

- Sugar casting provided a simple entry point compatible with photopolymerization.



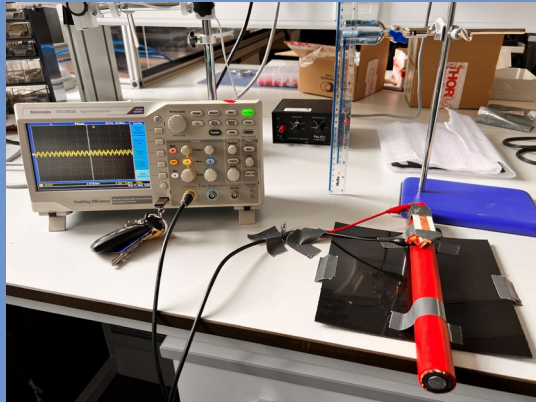
GAIN IN COUPLING COEFFICIENTS



Polymer/ Piezo composite	d33 measurement	
	No voids	Sugar cast
PZT / FormLabs Grey	33 pm/V	33 pm/V
PMN-PT / FormLabs Grey	35 pm/V	69 pm/V



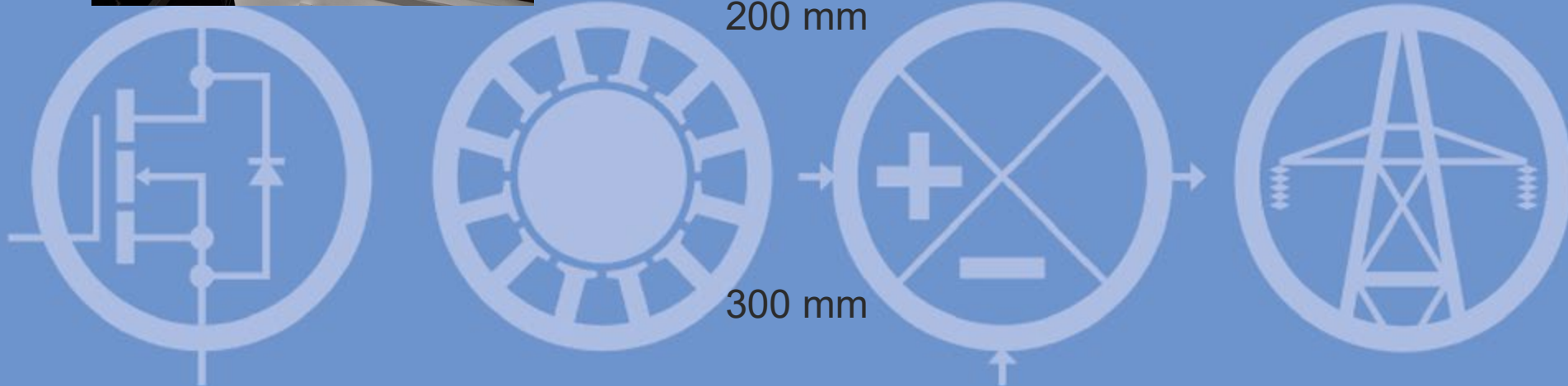
RESPONSE TO BUMP TESTS



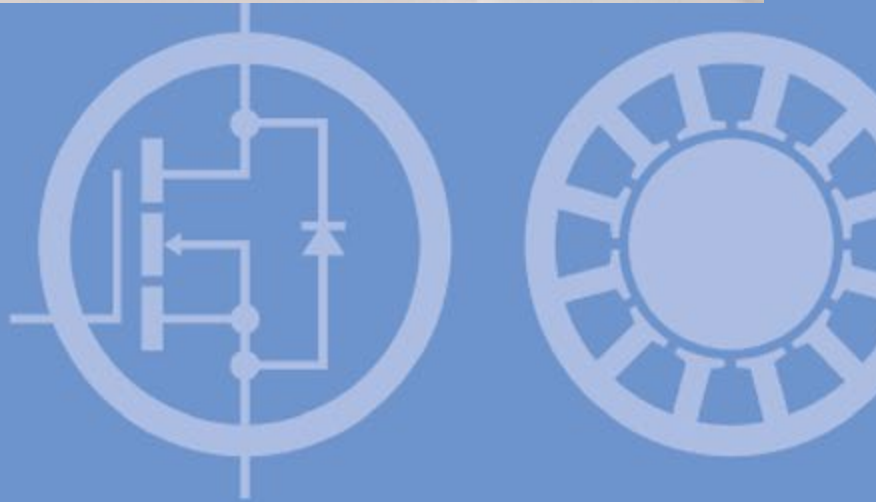
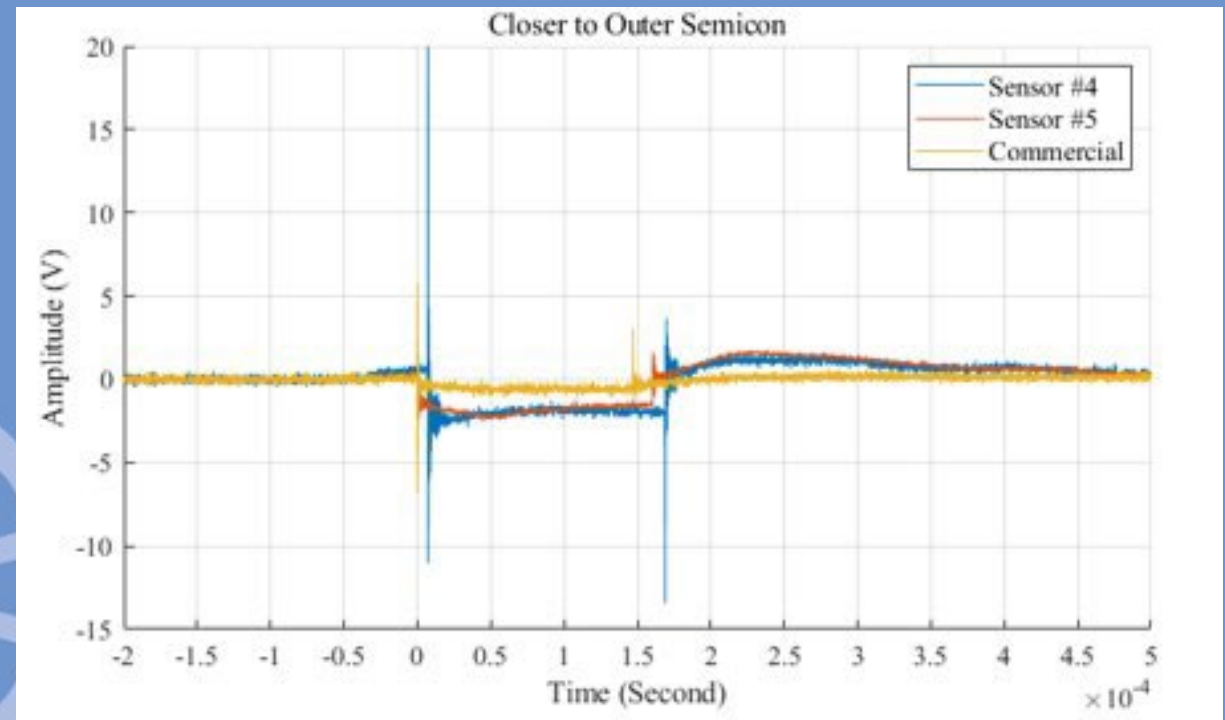
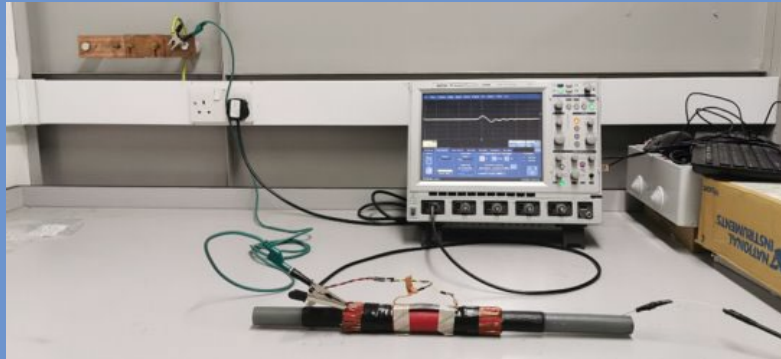
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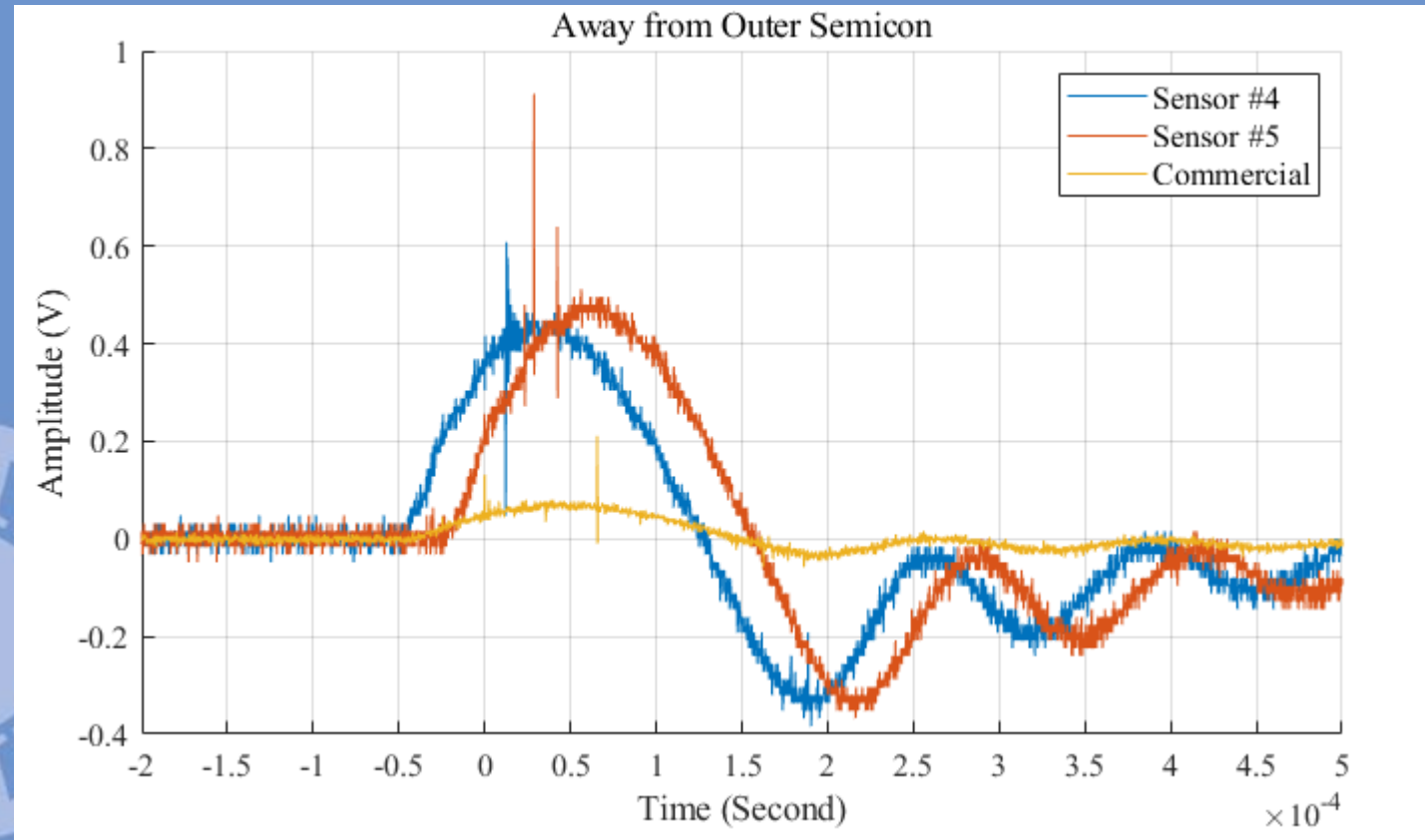
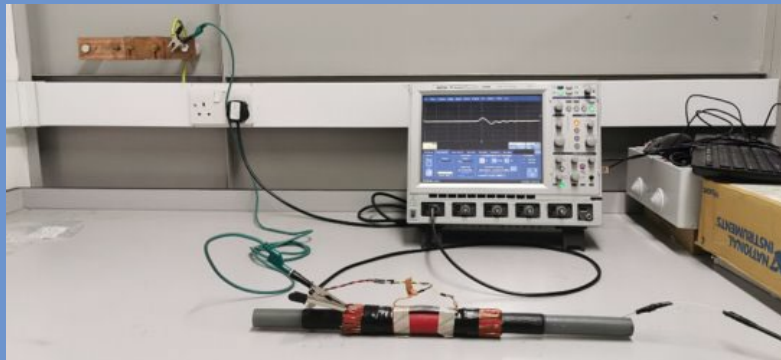
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RESPONSE TO PARTIAL DISCHARGE

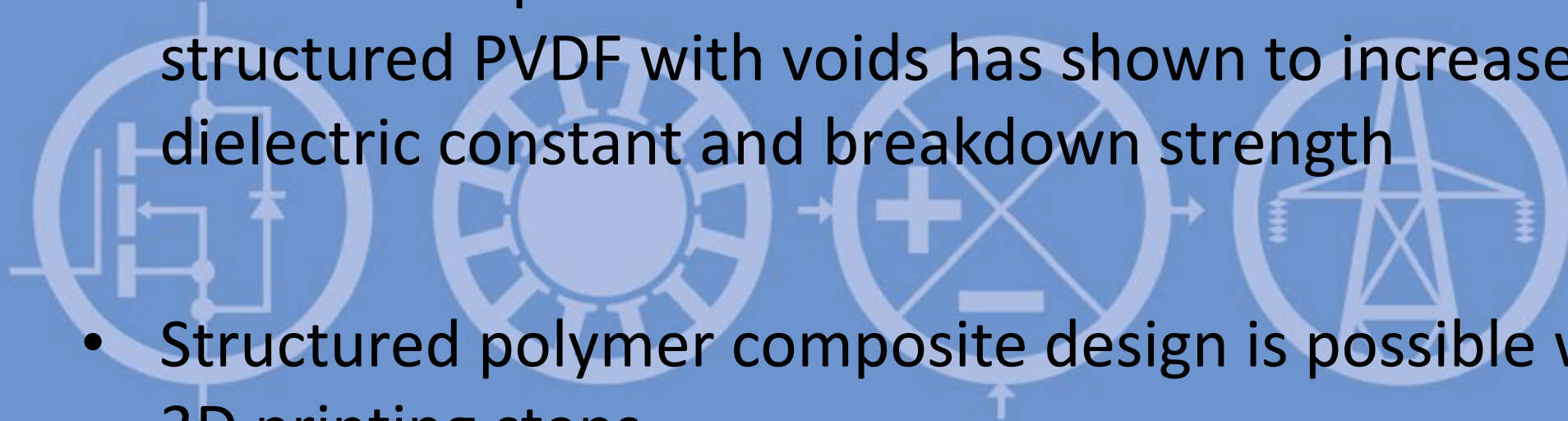


RESPONSE TO PARTIAL DISCHARGE



WHAT IS NEXT?

- Novel, promising material – needs to be integrated into a sensor package
- Room for improvement of the material? Sandwich structured PVDF with voids has shown to increase dielectric constant and breakdown strength
- Structured polymer composite design is possible with 3D printing steps.





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Corrosion and fatigue protection of offshore wind turbine structures using additive manufacturing technology (COATing)

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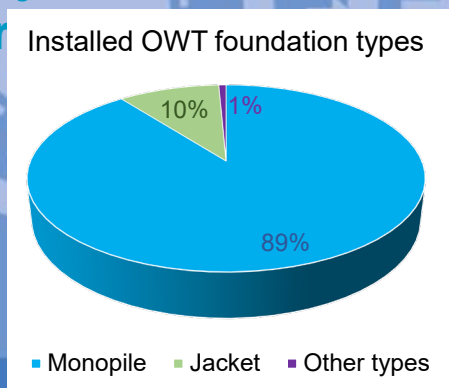
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Offshore Wind Turbine Support Structures

- ❑ Offshore wind turbines (OWTs) consist of three main parts; foundation, transition piece and tower
- ❑ Common types of offshore wind turbine foundations are
 - Monopile
 - Jacket
 - Floating
- ❑ Corrosion and fatigue are the dominant material degradation mechanisms in OWT structures, particularly in the foundations which are in direct contact with seawater and subjected to cyclic fatigue loading condition
- ❑ The overall aim of this project was to enhance corrosion-fatigue life in OWT foundations

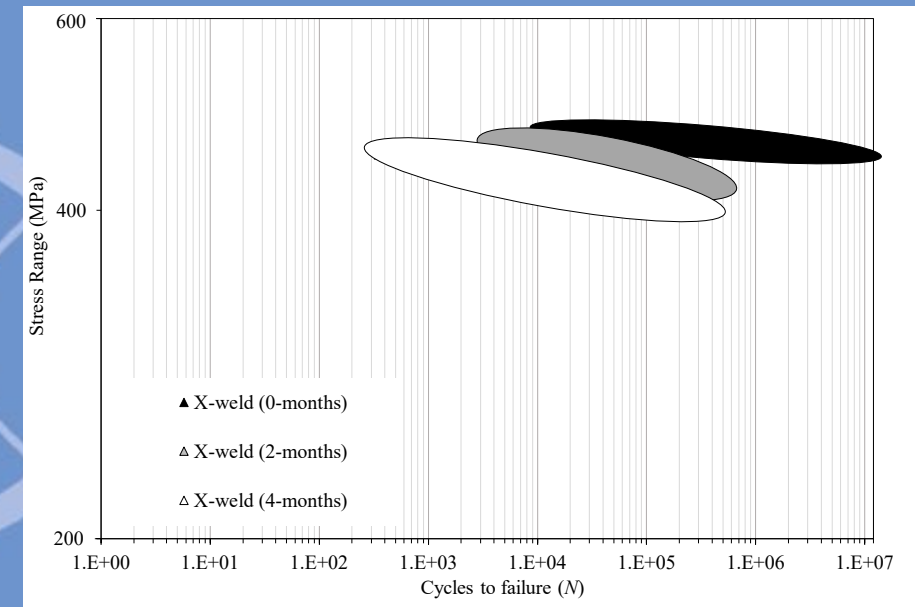
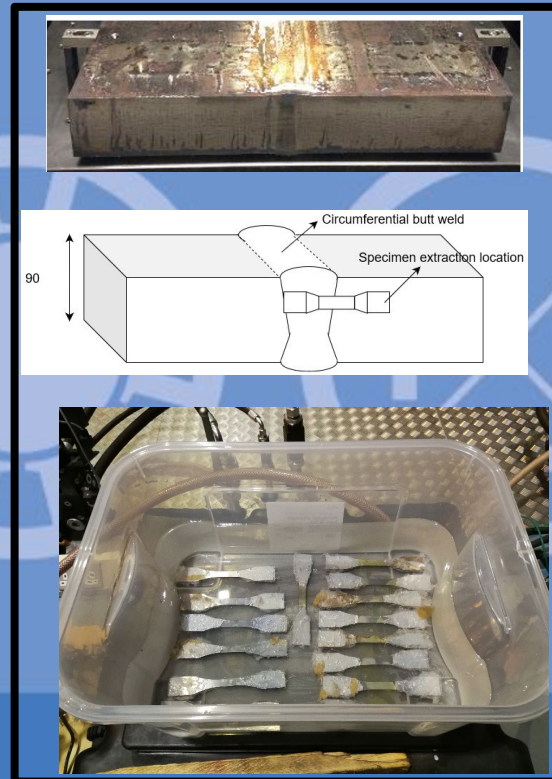
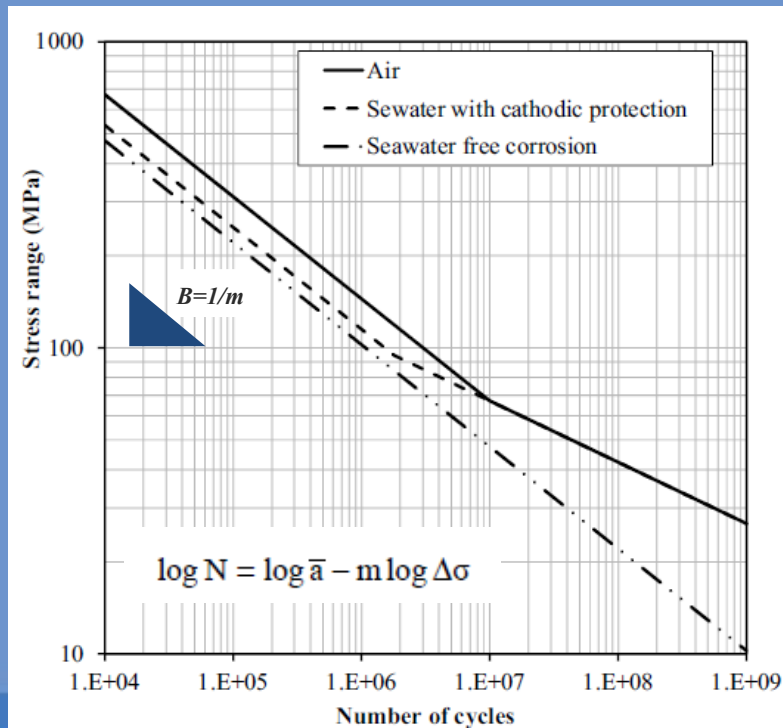


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Corrosion effects on fatigue life of welds

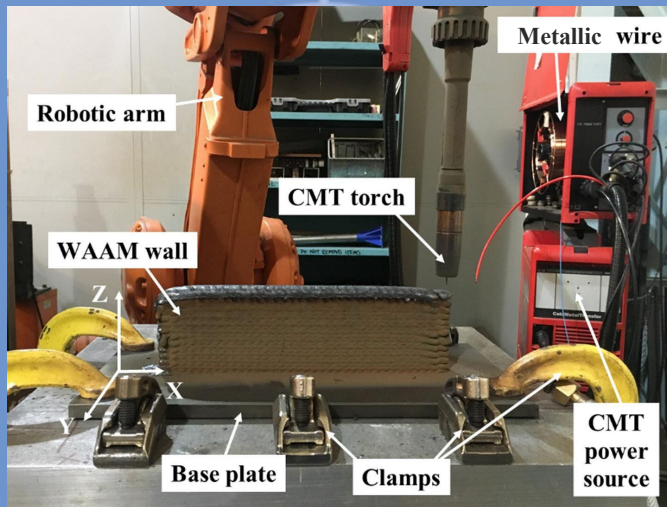
- ❑ OWT foundations are designed against fatigue, by employing appropriate S-N design curves specified in international standards (e.g. DNV, BS) for different classes of weld (e.g. D, C1)
- ❑ Design curves heavily depend on operational environment; air/cathodic protection/free corrosion
- ❑ In COATing project, the pitting corrosion effect on fatigue life of conventional welds (flush ground condition) was investigated by performing tests on S355 cross-weld specimens with 0, 2 and 4 months exposure to seawater, and a **time-dependent fatigue life reduction model was developed.**



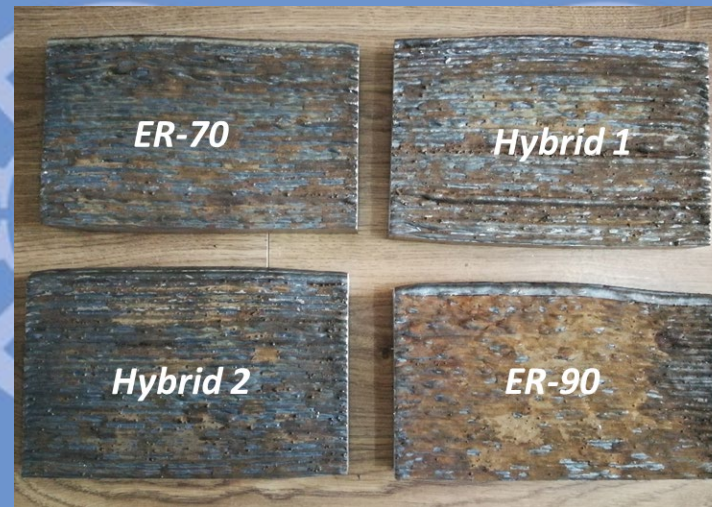
$$t_{seawater} \uparrow \rightarrow B \uparrow \rightarrow N \downarrow (>> \times 3)$$

Corrosion-fatigue life enhancement with WAAM

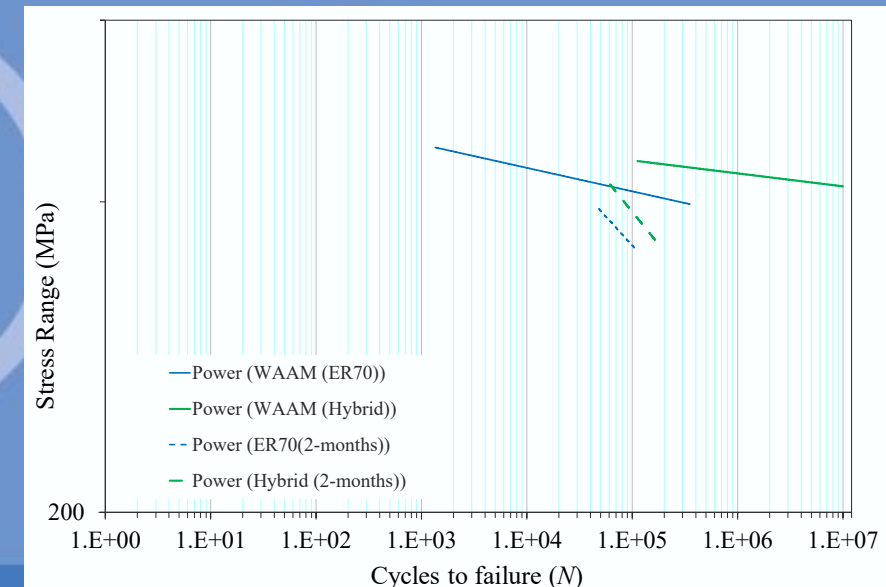
- ❑ Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM) technology is suitable for rapid and large-scale fabrication
- ❑ Hybrid WAAM deposition was conducted by mixing two alloys, ER70 and ER90, with complementary properties (fatigue and corrosion resistance) in the melt pool
- ❑ Hybrid WAAM has been found to enhance fatigue ($\approx \times 100$) and corrosion-fatigue ($\approx \times 2$) life.
- ❑ This technology can be used as a **permanent coating technology** to protect critical parts of OWT monopile foundations such as circumferential welds.



WAAM set-up



WAAM produced samples



Conclusions

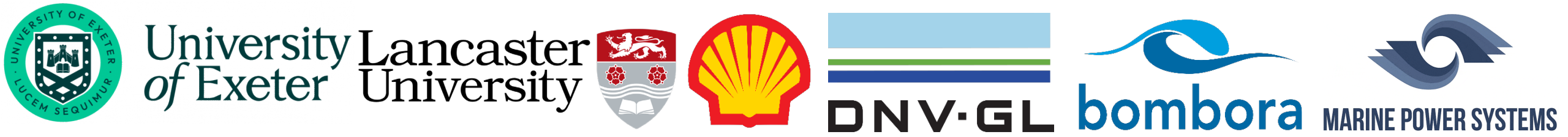
- ❑ Seawater (i.e. pitting corrosion) significantly reduces the fatigue life of OWT weldments.
- ❑ A time-dependent model has been developed to estimate the life reduction factor in seawater environment.
- ❑ The WAAM technology was examined for application in offshore environment.
- ❑ The indicative S-N curves show that hybrid (ER70+ER90) WAAM samples exhibit enhanced fatigue and corrosion-fatigue life, compared to ER70.
- ❑ The obtained results prove the suitability of the research hypothesis in COATING that hybrid additive manufacturing can be used as an effective technique to enhance fatigue and corrosion-fatigue behaviour in the critical parts of OWT support structures.

Publications

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Improved Models for Multivariate Metocean Extremes (IMEX)

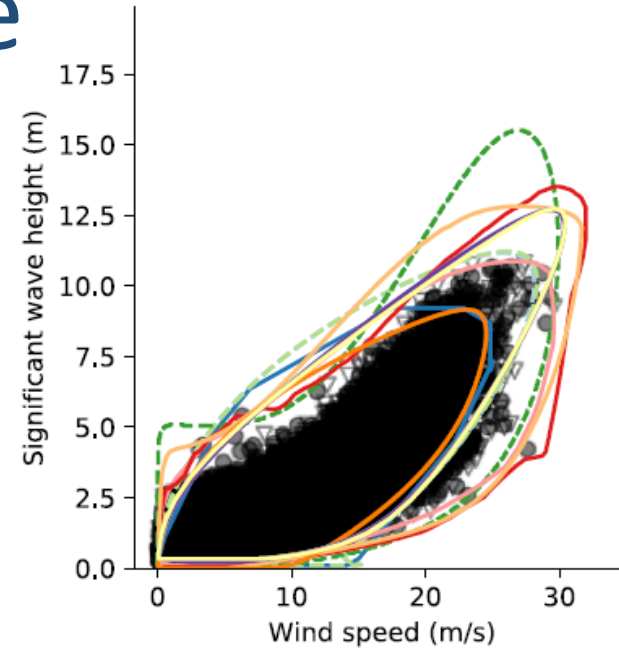
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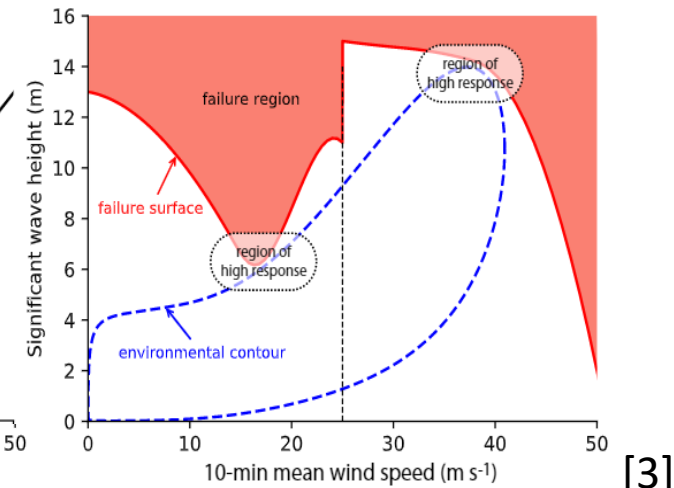
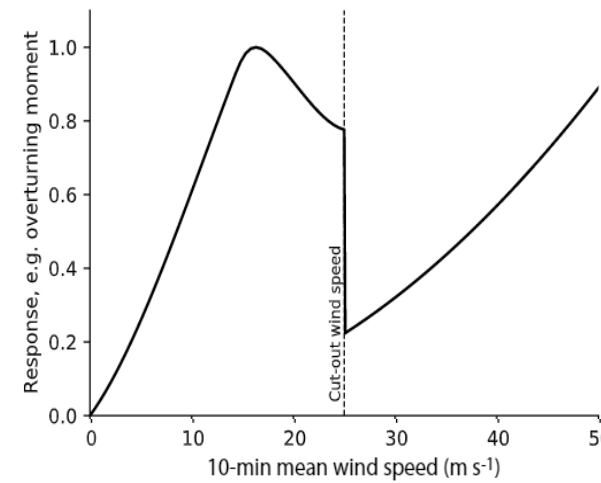
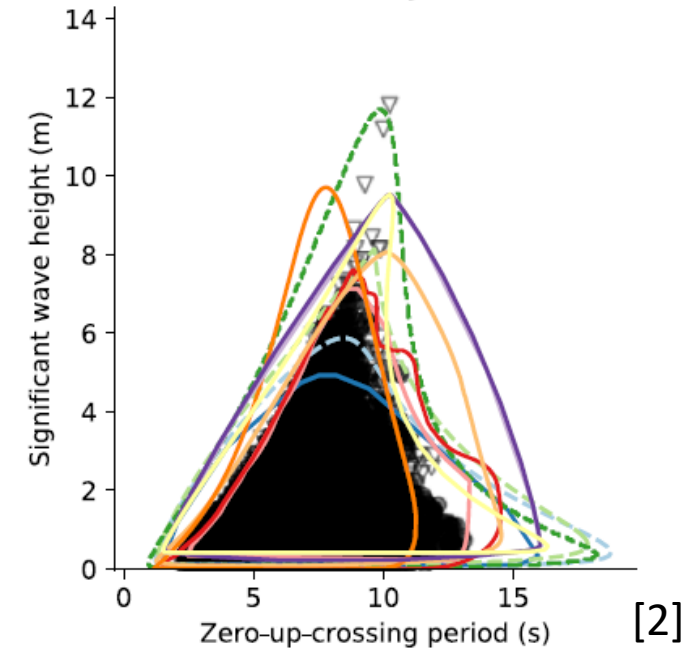
IMEX: research challenge

- Design of ORE structures requires estimates of joint extremes of winds, waves and tides
- Current design standards recommend models that make strong assumptions about form of joint distribution
- Statistical models can lead to errors in extreme response of the order of $\pm 50\%$ [1]
- Reduced uncertainty in environmental conditions leads to more efficient and reliable designs

Dataset D, 50-yr contour



Dataset A, 20-yr contour



[1] de Hauteclocque et al. "Quantitative assessment of environmental contour approaches". Ocean Eng. 245 (2022)

[2] Haselsteiner et al. "A benchmarking exercise for environmental contours" Ocean Eng. 236 . (2021)

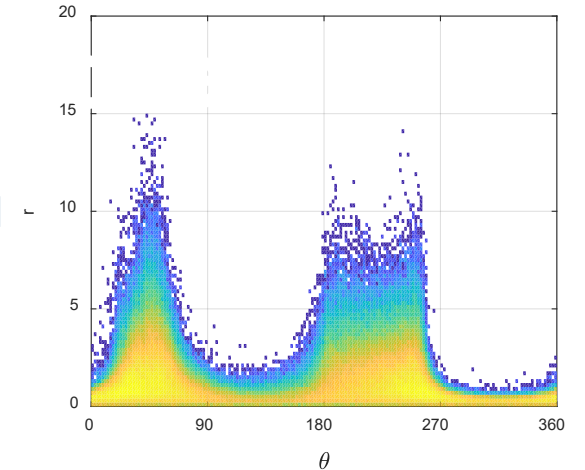
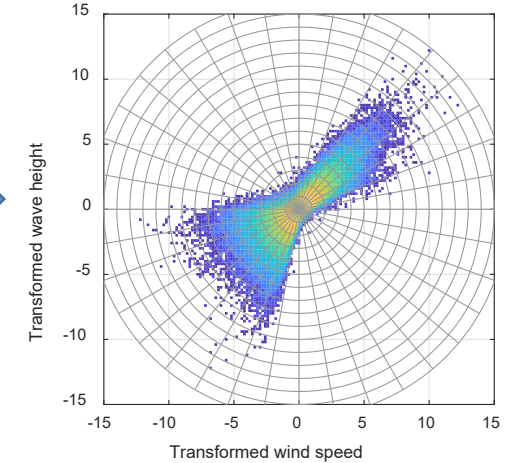
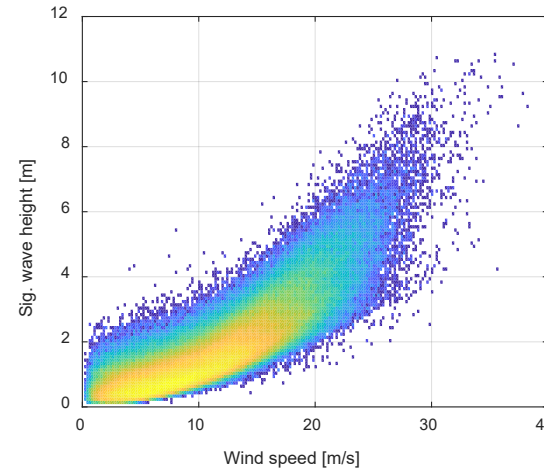
[3] Haselsteiner et al. "Long-term extreme response of an offshore turbine: How accurate are contour-based estimates?". Renew. Energy. 181 (2022)

IMEX objectives

- Develop new models for multivariate extremes
 - Based on **justifiable mathematical principles**
 - **Flexible** enough to represent observed datasets
 - **Simple** enough for routine engineering use
- Integrate models into open-source software:
 - <https://github.com/edmackay/PPL-model>
 - <https://github.com/edmackay/Direct-IFORM>

The SPAR model

- Semi-Parametric Angular-Radial (SPAR) model
- Reframes multivariate extremes as an intuitive extension of univariate theory, with angular dependence
- Inference is standard univariate problem with covariate dependence [5]
- More flexible than existing methods for multivariate extremes:
 - Existing methods are special cases of SPAR
- Extends to higher dimensions
- Method is applicable for wide range of multivariate extremes problems



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Univariate extremes
with covariate
dependence

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Flexible Responsive Systems in Wave Energy: FlexWave

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Outer shell design of the flexible Origami WEC

- The origami WEC model design
 - Two origami WEC sections are attached on each side of the central frame;
 - Each origami WEC section has a range of motion $0 < \theta < 60^\circ$.
- Minimal strain design of the origami WEC section
 - Concentrate strain on the red facets;
 - Optimise the geometry of the origami WEC section to obtain minimal strain on the red facets.

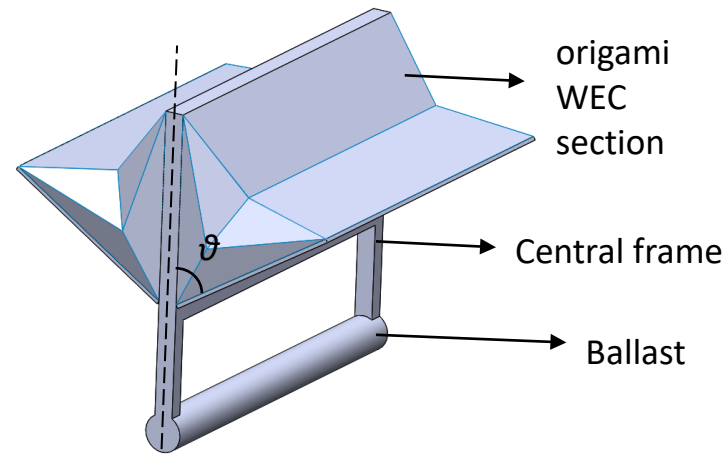


Figure 1. The origami WEC model design

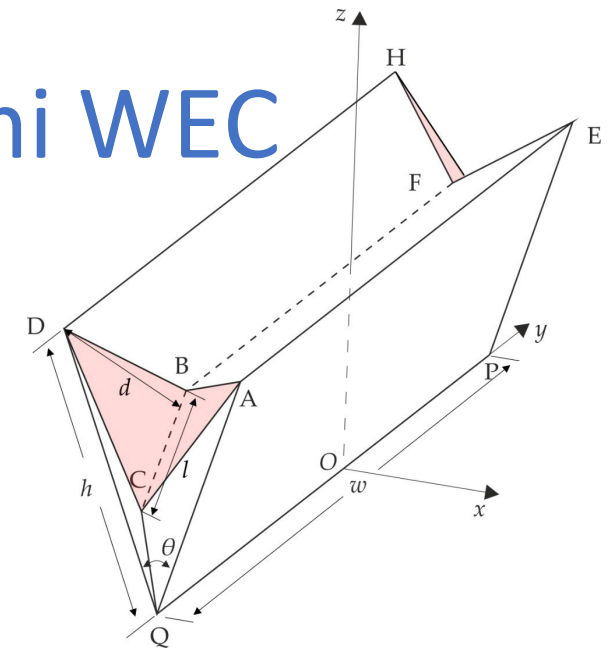
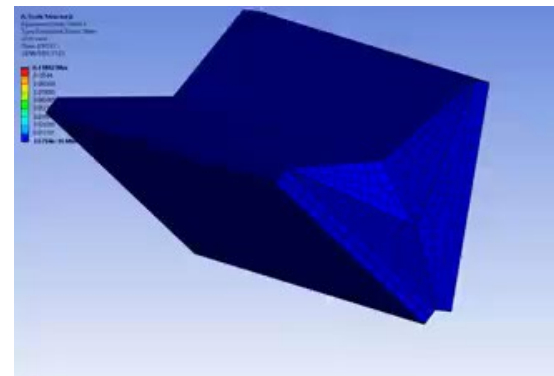
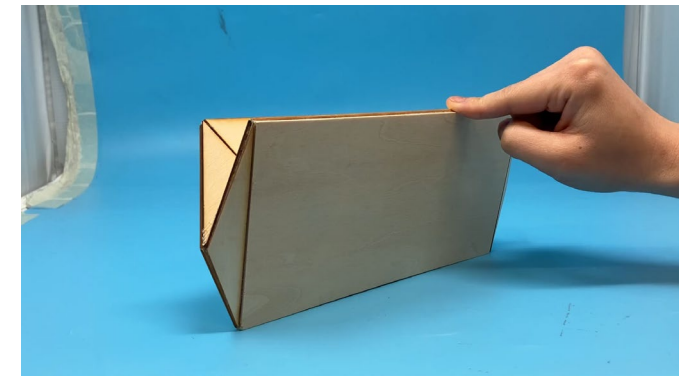


Figure 2. Minimal strain design of one origami WEC section.



Video 1. FEA of the flexible origami WEC .



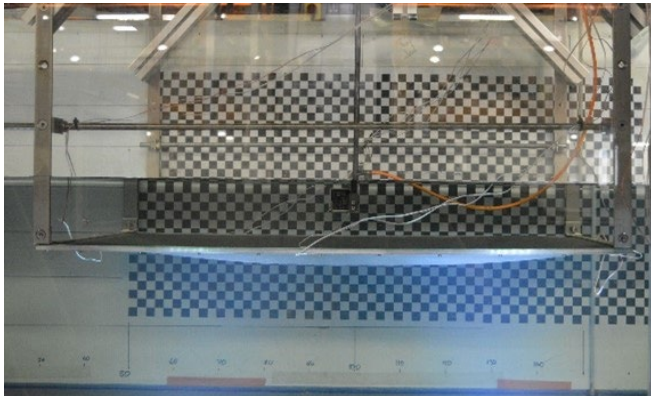
Video 2. A physical prototype of an origami WEC section.

Hydro-elastic response of flexible membranes



Neoprene Rubber data shared in the CCP-WSI Blind Test Series 4

- Presented at ISOPE 2023 and ISOPE24
- 8 groups and 9 nations participating so far
- Special Issue planned for IMEJ



- Hydro-elastic experiments conducted in 35 m x 0.6 m wave flume at the COAST Laboratory, UoP
- Materials tested: Neoprene Rubber, Reinforced Neoprene Rubber, Silicone and Polyurethane
- Membrane samples submerged and tested in regular & focused waves
- Laser distance sensor used to measure membrane response

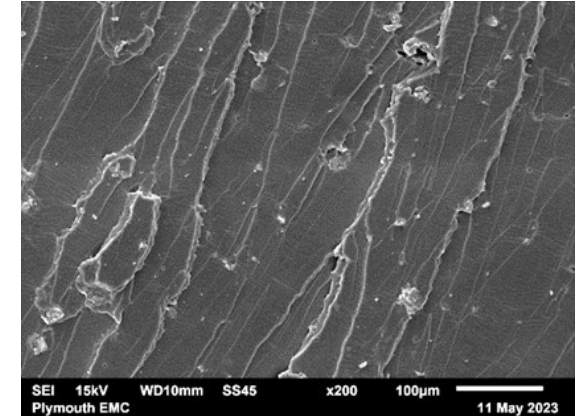


Interaction of Silicone membrane with regular wave

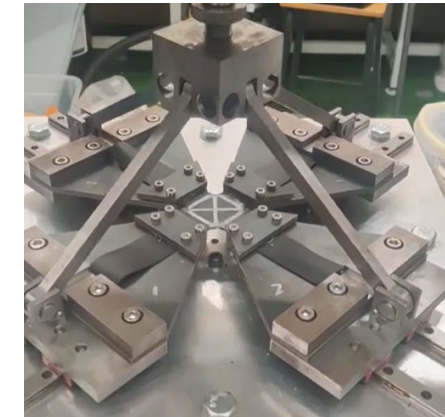
https://www.ccp-wsi.ac.uk/data_repository/test_cases

Assessment of materials manufacture & performance in flexible WECs

- Material manufacturing
 - This project explores **room-temperature curing (RTC)** elastomers to avoid using the costly rubber vulcanising method.
 - Graphene oxide (GO) with **hydrophobic treatment** is proven to have great potential as rubber reinforcement in marine environments.
- Material testing
 - A **database** of the **dynamic** performance of six different types of elastomers has been established based on testing results.
- Future work
 - A **visco-elastic model** describing the **dynamic** performance of the tested materials is to be developed, then verified with flume testing.



The fracture surface of GO-filled PU rubber (109 % of the increase in tensile strength is achieved with 1 wt. % of treated GO)



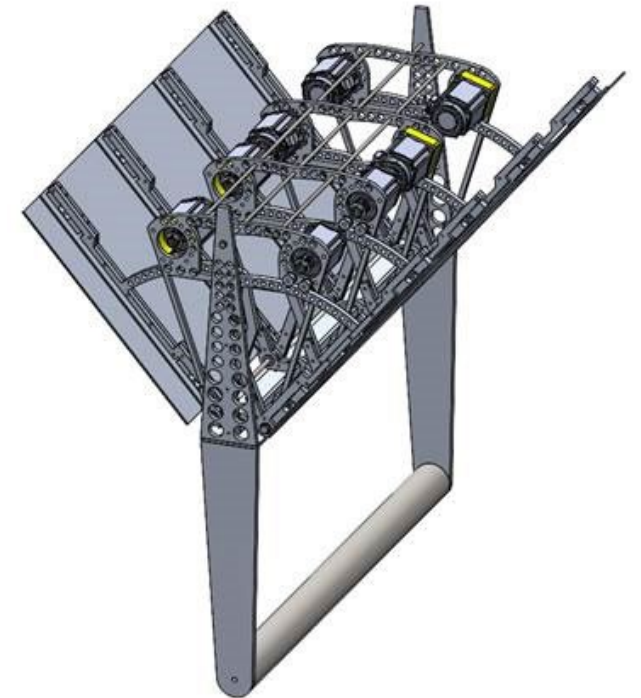
Biaxial dynamic testing setup, where materials' visco-elastic properties are investigated

Project Progress

- An optimised outer shell design of the origami WEC has been finalised;
- Hydro-elastic responses of different flexible membranes tested in the wave flume facility;
- A database of the dynamic performance of a selection of elastomers has been established;
- A patent and three conference papers have been submitted.

Future work

- Finite element analysis to validate the optimum structural design;
- 1:50 scale prototype of the origami WEC is to be tested in the Ocean Basin;
- A visco-elastic model describing the dynamic performance of the elastomer materials is to be developed



EPSRC Marine Wave Energy Programme

New Generation Modelling Suite for the Survivability of Wave Energy Convertors in Marine Environments (WavE-Suite)

Outline of Recent Progresses

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Objectives - What do we plan to achieve

Main Objectives:

- Develop a **new numerical modelling suite** (WavE-Suite) equipped with advanced machine learning algorithms by coupling five individual numerical models that are suitable for physics of different scales and nature, supported by dedicated databases, which is efficient and accurate enough.
- Realise that WavE-Suite has the ability to deal with irregular waves together with current and to simultaneously capture both large and small-scale physics.
- Validate the WavE-Suite by **bespoke experiments** and sea trial data.
- Demonstrate WavE-Suite to be able to identify the **survival conditions and quantify extreme loads** and motions of WECs

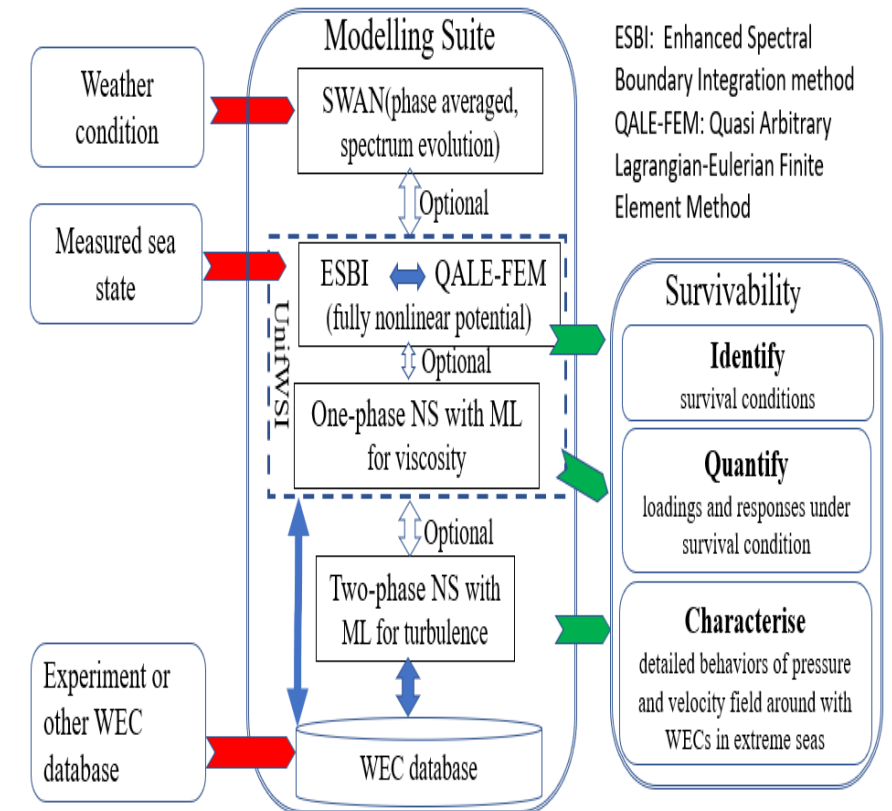
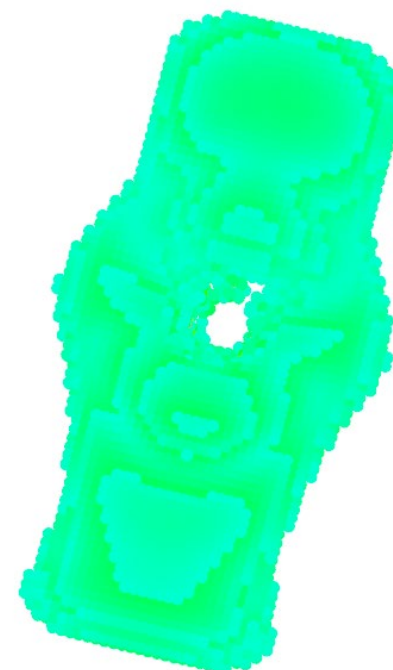
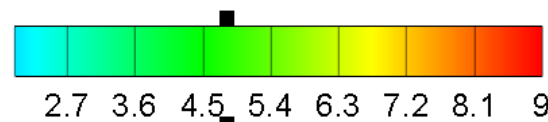
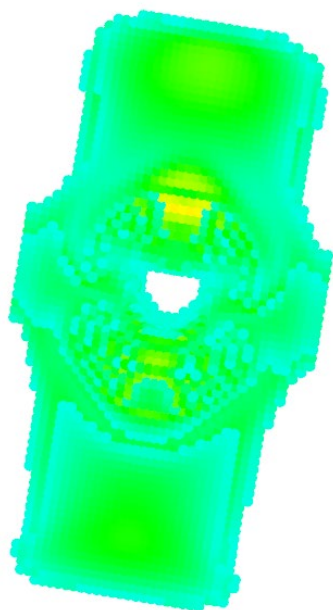
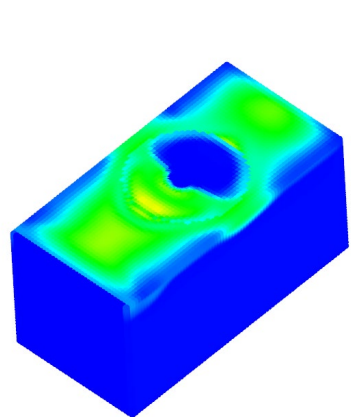


Fig. 3 Coupling mechanism of MMS modelling suite

Progress – 1: ML algorithm for predicting turbulent Viscosity

Graph Neural Network (GNN) developed and trained to predict the turbulent viscosity (WEC in focusing waves)



Distribution of turbulent viscosity near free surface around a WEC **computed by CFD**

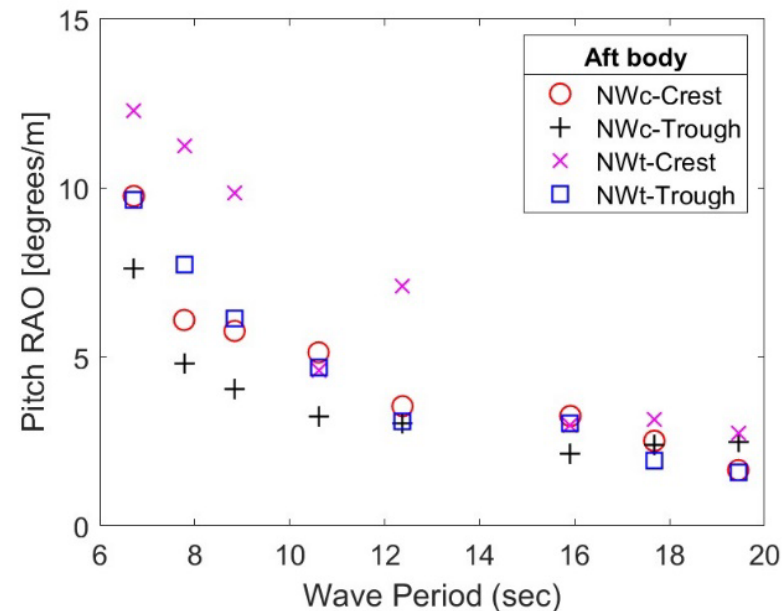
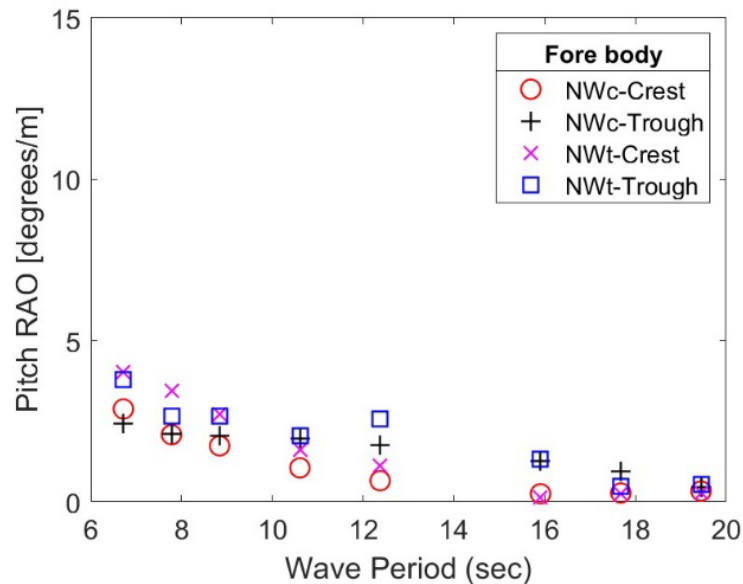
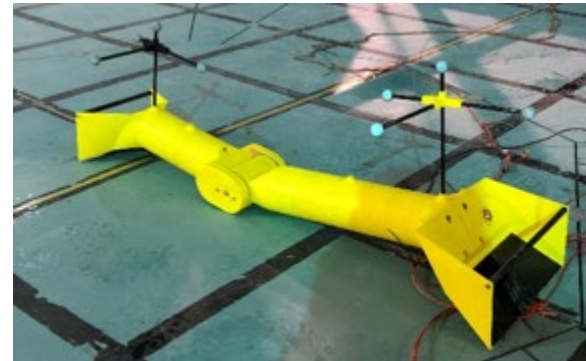
Difference between the turbulent viscosities obtained by CFD and GNN

Distribution of turbulent viscosity near free surface around WEC **Predicted by GNN**

Progress – 2: Experiments on Mocean

Mocean WEC in extreme waves focusing on the crest and trough

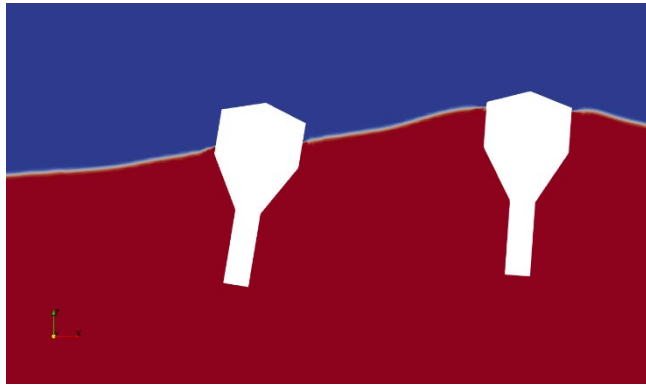
Motion responses of the trough-focusing waves (NWt) generally surpass those of the crest-focusing waves (NWc)



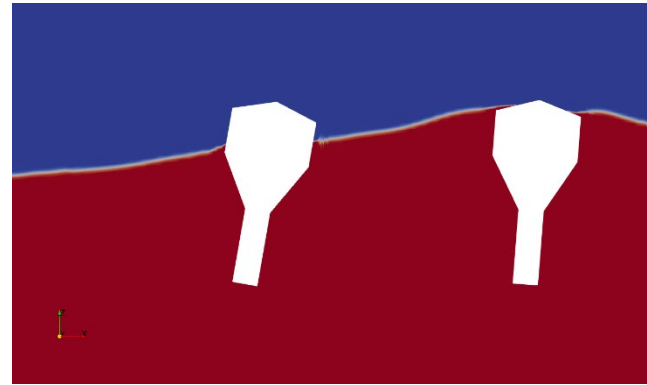
Pitch motion of Mocean hinged raft WEC subjected to NewWaves

Progress – 3: Study on wave loads and responses of two WECs

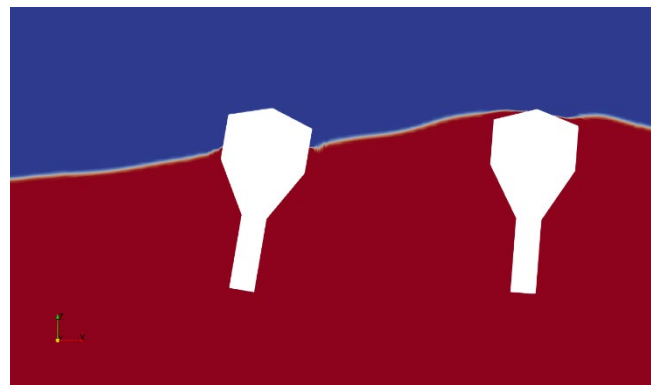
Effects of PTO on wave overtopping *in the waves of $H = 0.42$ m; $T = 2.25$ s*



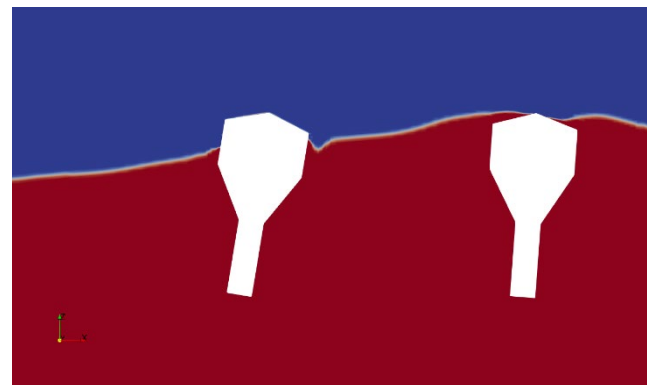
(a) $B_{PTO} = 238$ kg/s



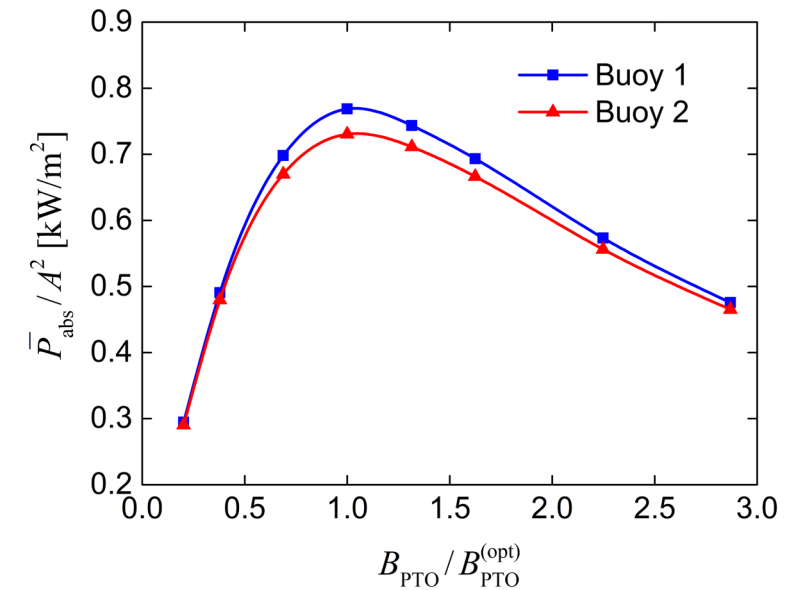
(b) $B_{PTO} = 628$ kg/s



(c) $B_{PTO} = 1020$ kg/s



(d) $B_{PTO} = 1802$ kg/s



Mean absorbed power
($B_{PTO}^{(opt)} = 628$ kg/s)

EPSRC Marine Wave Energy Programme

MoorWEC

Mooring analysis and design for offshore WEC survivability and fatigue

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Gangqiang Li, Long Zhang, **Xuefei Wang** (University of Manchester),

Lars Johanning, Philipp Thies, **Chenyu Zhao** (University of Exeter),

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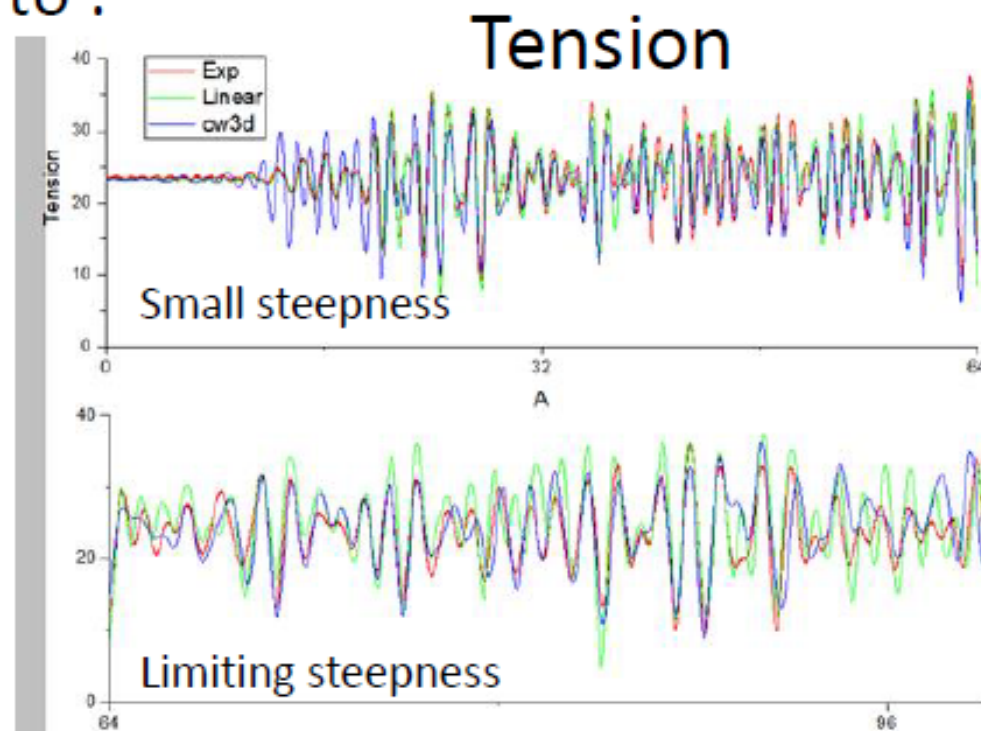
M4WavePower



Moored MultiMode Multibody

Hybrid nonlinear – linear modelling

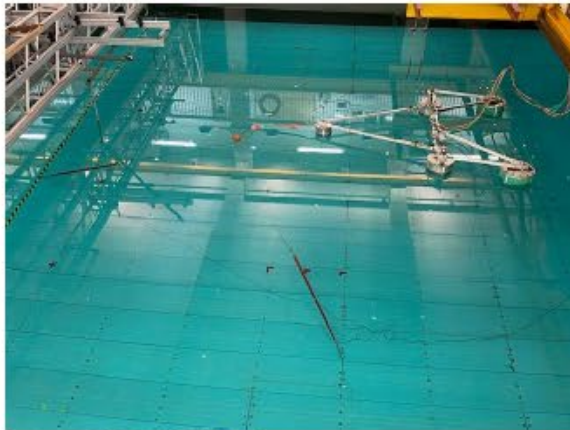
- Time domain Cummins method → OREGEN platform
- Nonlinear Froude Krylov and restoring forces, linear excitation, added mass, radiation damping
- Single float experiments on elastic mooring to :
 1. characterise latex mooring line
 2. validate hydrodynamic modelling
- OceanWave3D and linear waves input
 1. Linear input good for small/moderate waves with exact matching of surface elevation
 2. OceanWave3D much better for steep waves
- Near completion



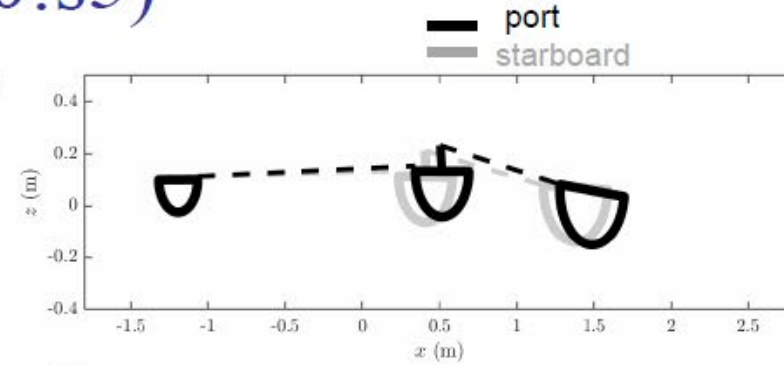
Results: Directionally Spread (case 10:s5)



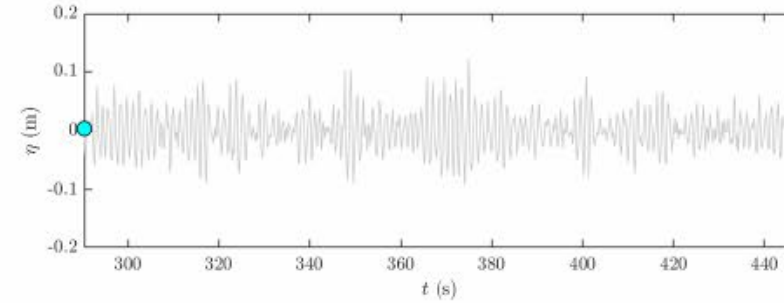
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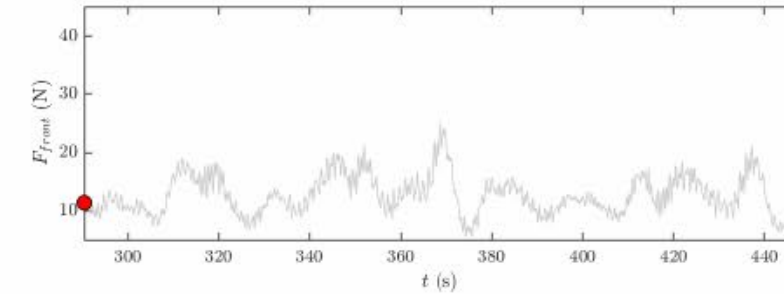
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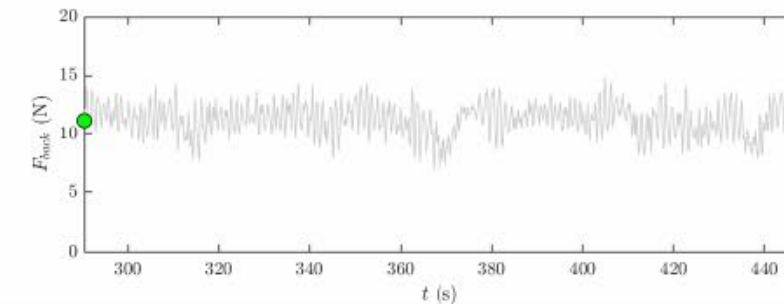
Elevation near bow float



Front mooring line load



Back mooring line load



System identification of mooring forces

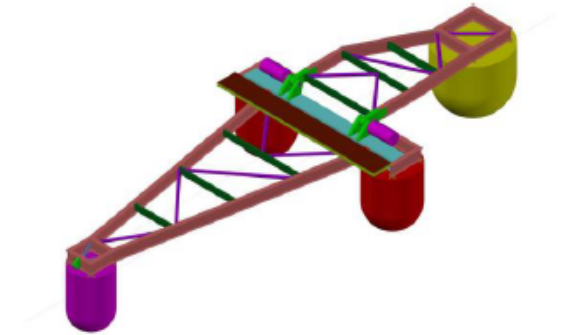
(led by Long Zhang)

- Models trained on experimental measurements
- Input surface elevation time series
- NARX models to output angular rotation and force time series
- Angular rotation quite linear
- Mooring force highly nonlinear
- Models fit given wave condition, some generalisation between conditions
- Statistics, spectral and rainflow, well predicted
- Same models with linearised waves and OW3D input waves give similar predictions
- Potential for in situ monitoring to give updated fatigue life

General points

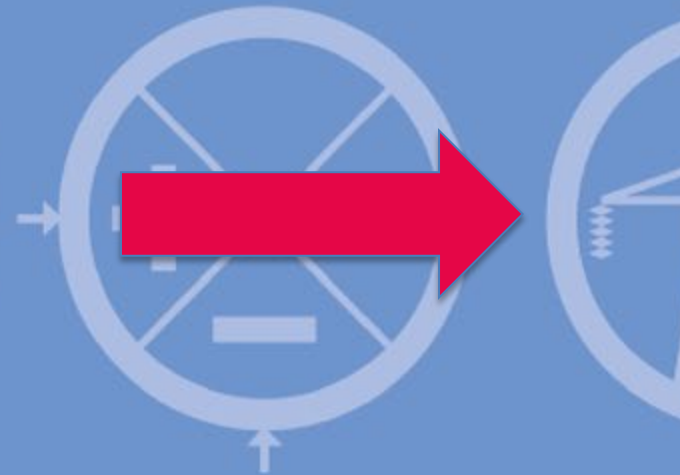
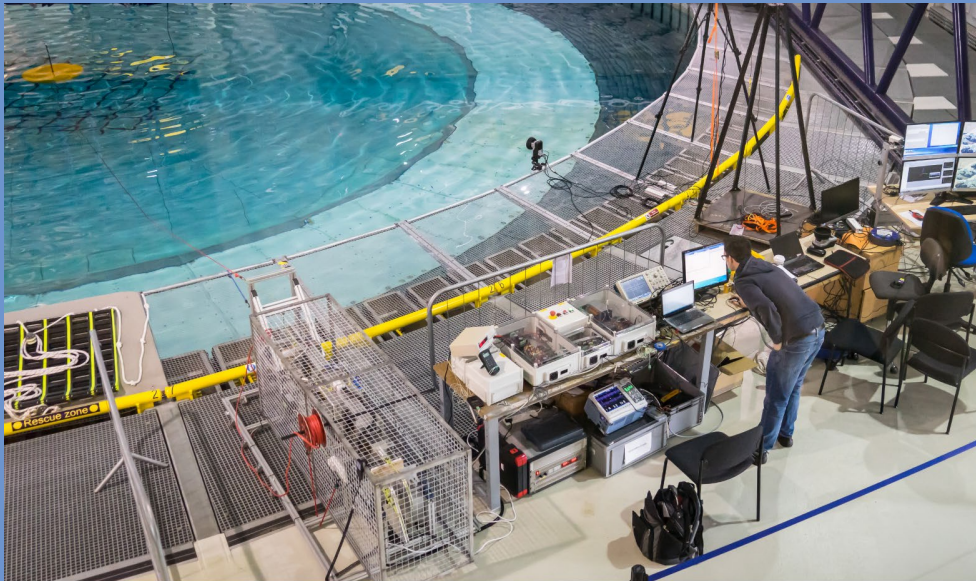
- Wave modelling (OceanWave3D, QALE_FEM, OpenFOAM), DualSPHysics) ongoing for input to OREGEN
- Orcaflex modelling has shown some but limited success
- OREGEN platform plan : make BEM, OW3D FK force, and mooring modules open source in 2024, but not overall package
- Australian UWA ocean tests on track for December

- Thanks and questions



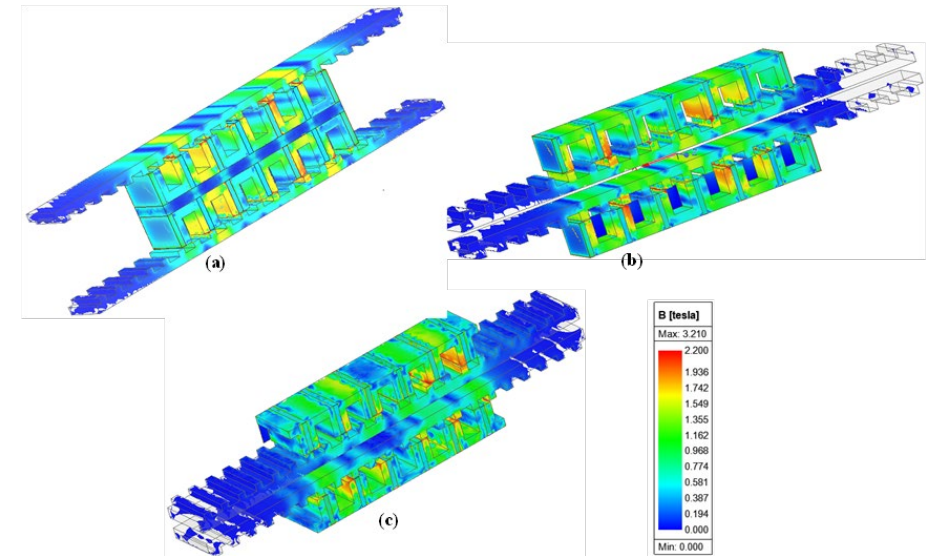
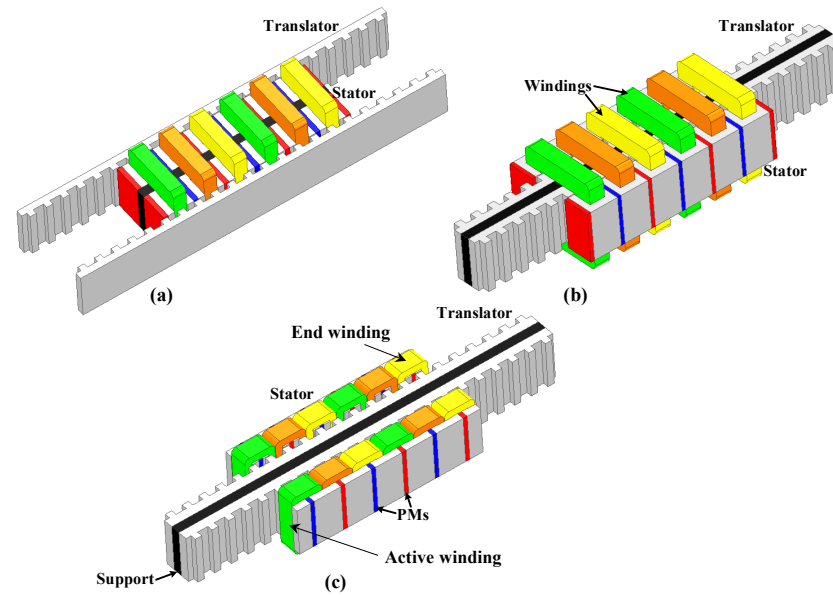
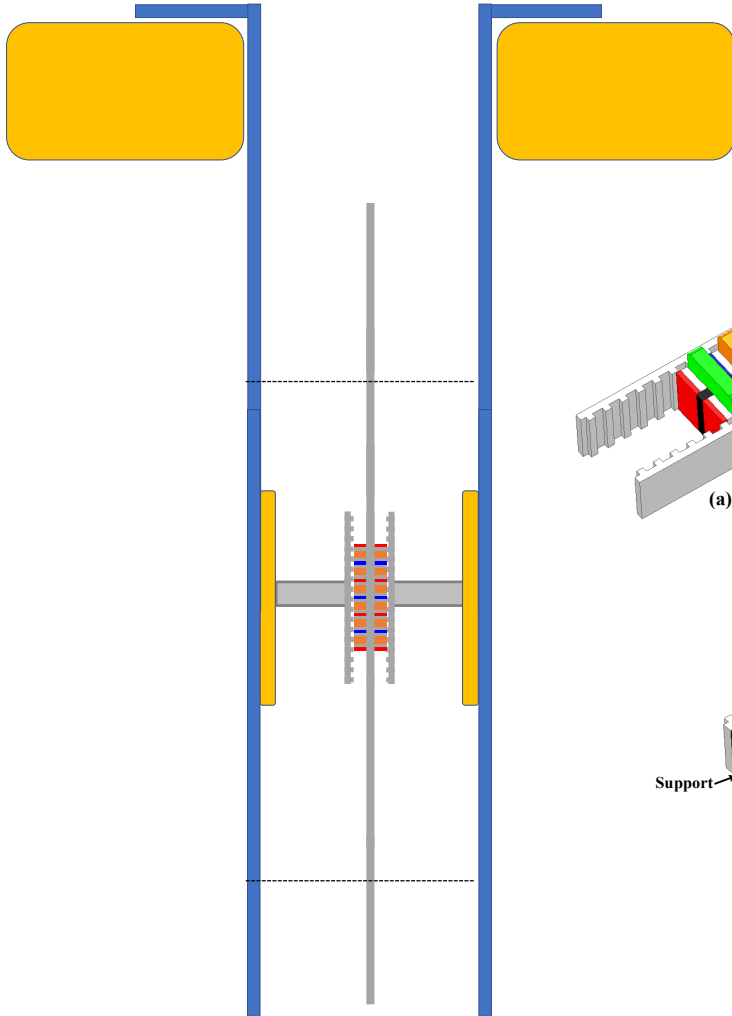
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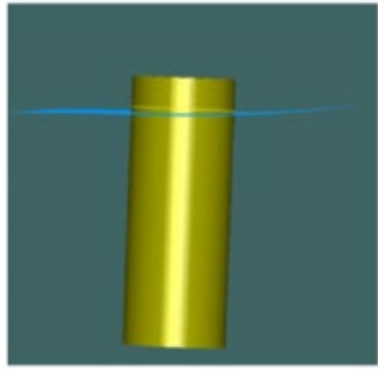
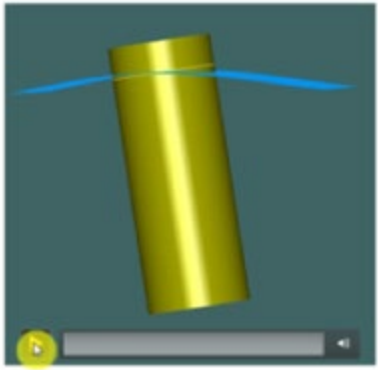
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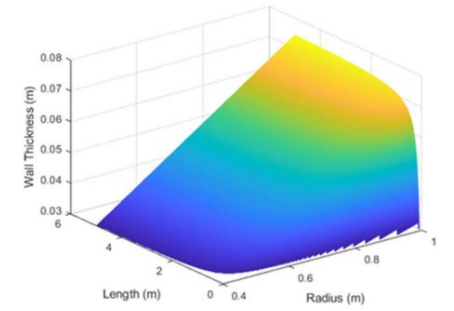
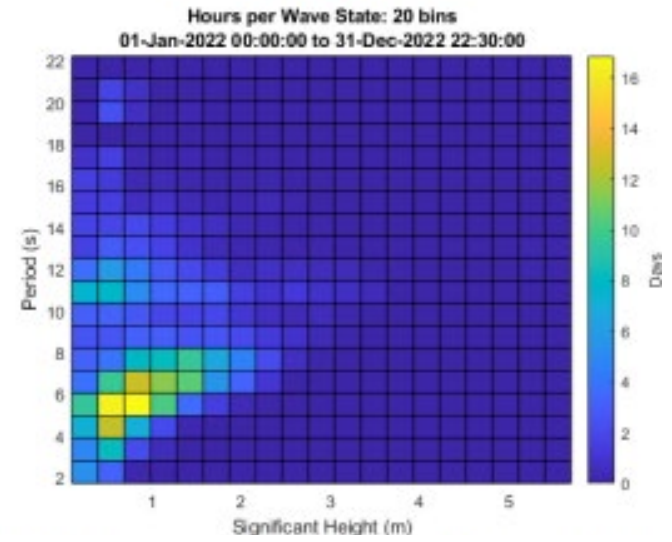
- Hydrostatics
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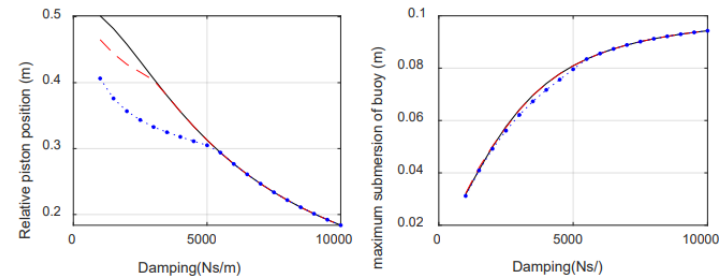
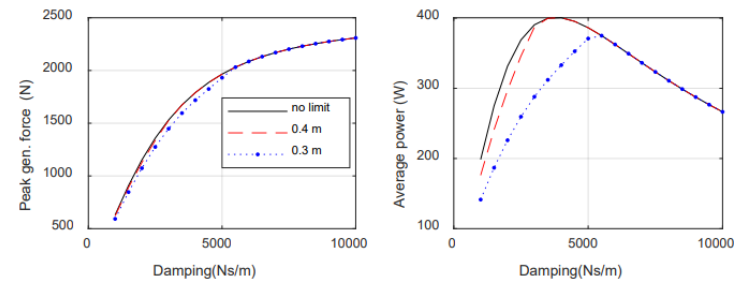
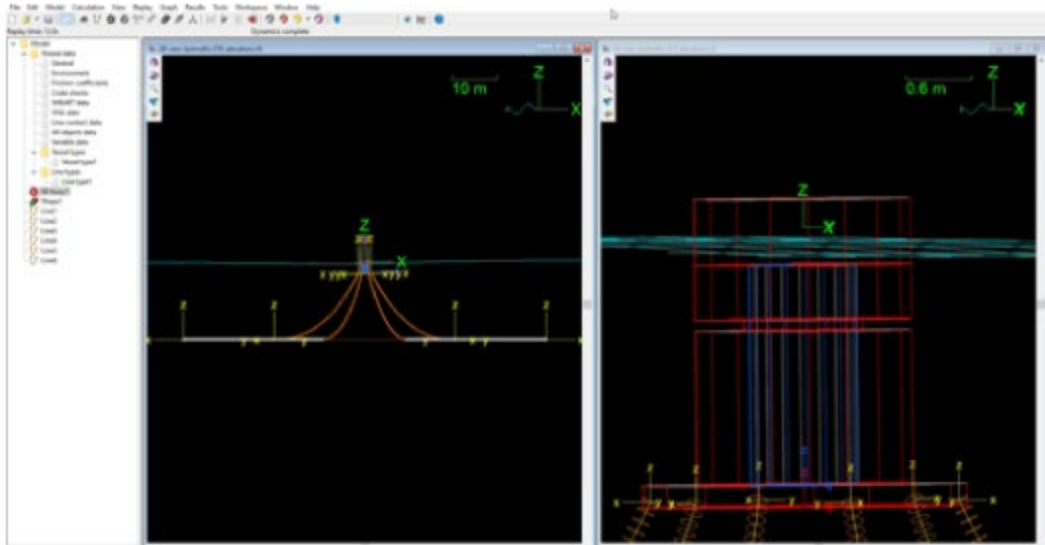
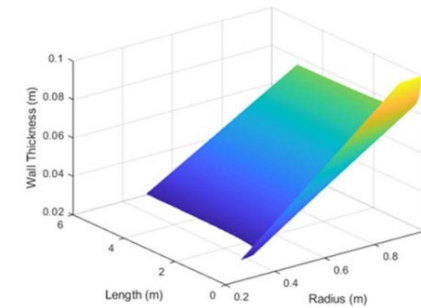


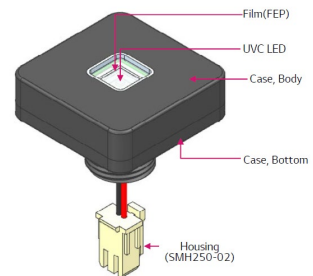
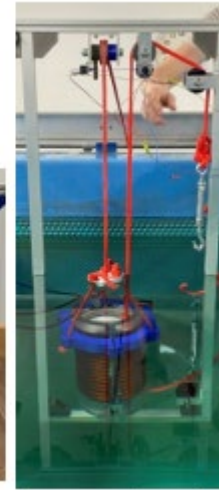
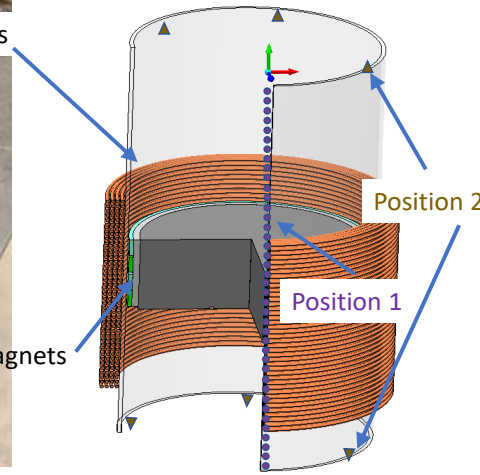


V. WAVE RESOURCE



(a) No foam used





- System is sized and 'concept' designed
- Final design dictated by £

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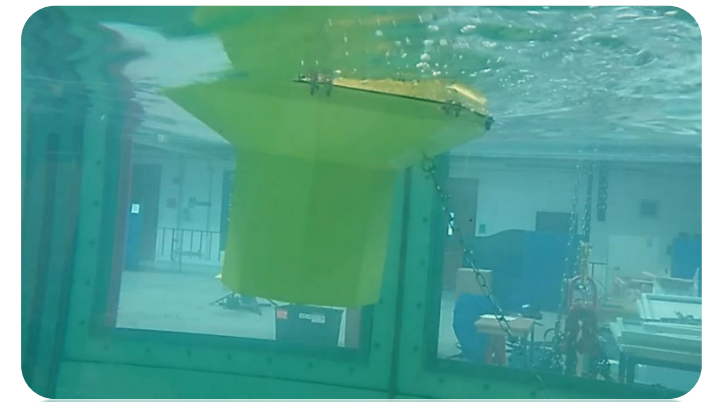


Research progress on
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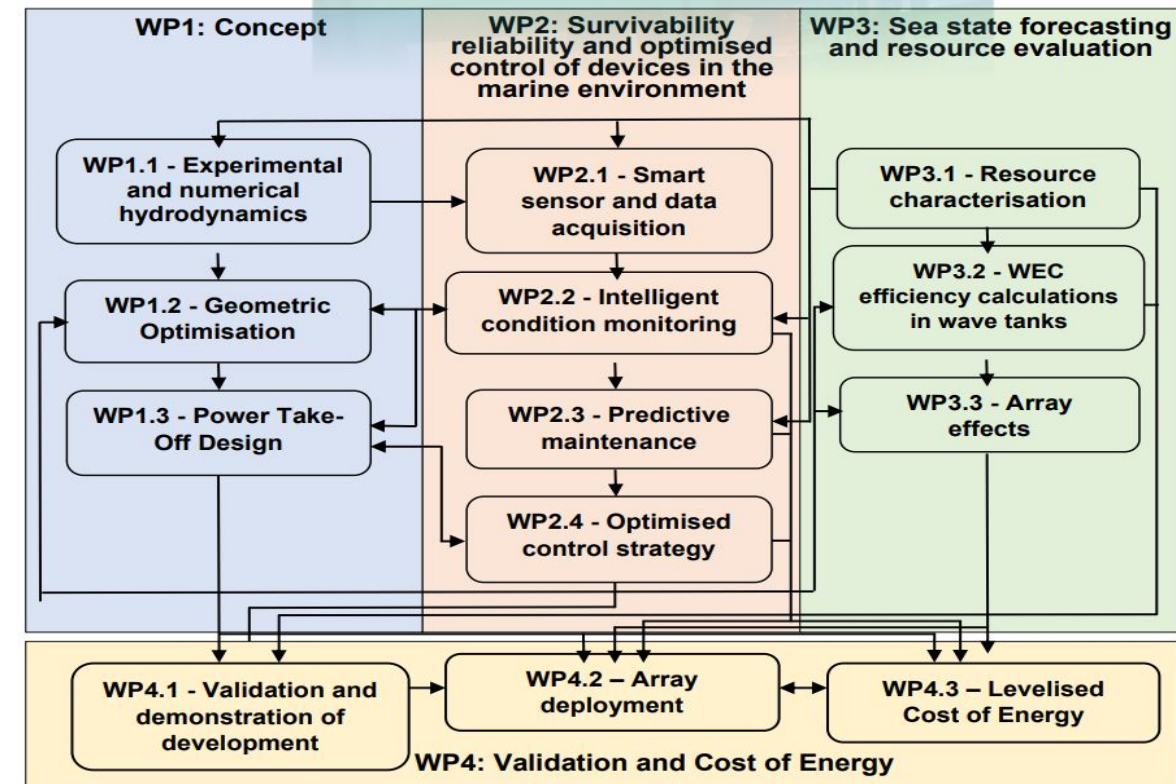


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TALOS Project Aim & Objectives

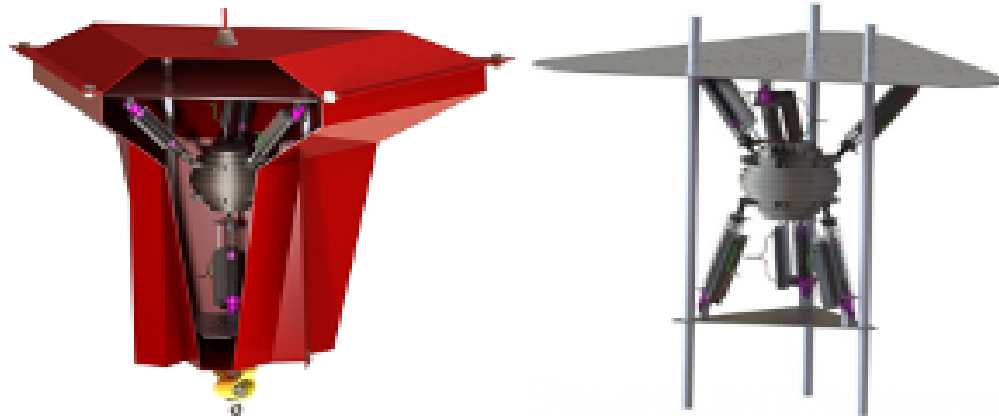
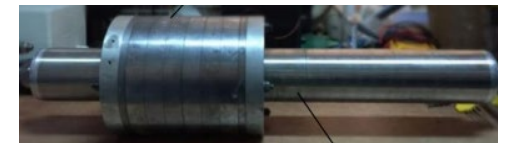
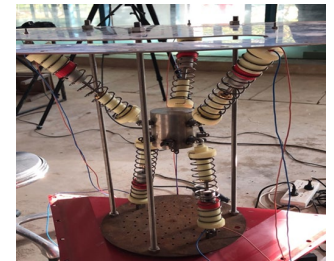
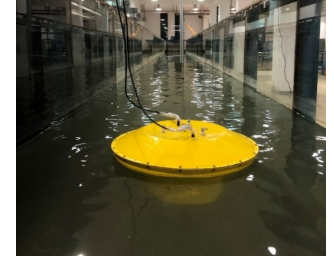
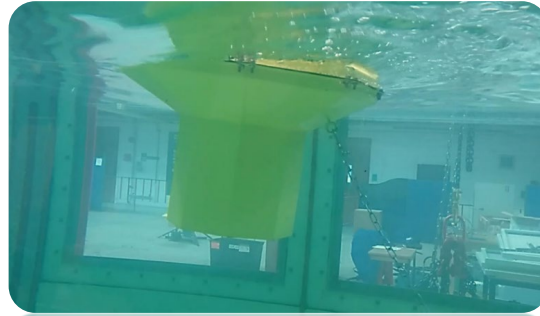
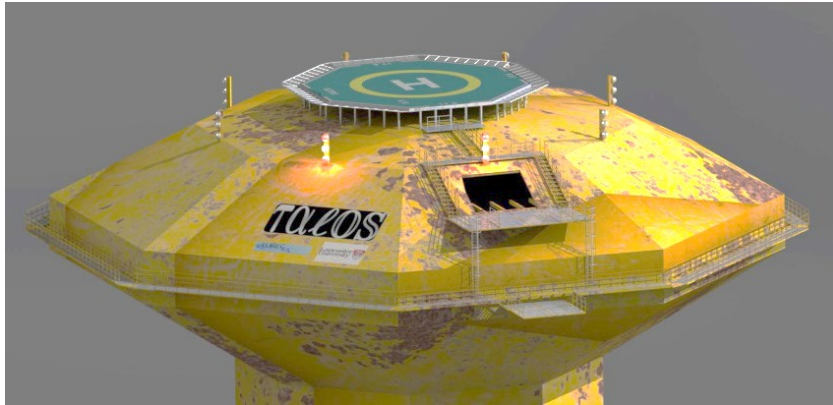


- **The project aim:** Advance WEC technology by developing essential device control and monitoring systems that are integrated with high-fidelity sea state forecasting.
- **Objectives:**
 1. **Concept optimisation** – Parameterize hydrodynamic behaviour due to the WEC geometry and PTO design to refine, optimise and maximise performance.
 2. **Operational systems** – Investigate and implement sensors and actuators required to develop a condition monitoring system that will improve reliability and survivability, and control methods for the multi-axis PTO system advancing overall conversion efficiency.
 3. **Resource forecasting** – Develop machine-learning based forecasting tools to provide both short-term accurate predictions for the operational systems and long-term energy yield predictions for the device across various deployment sites.
 4. **Device deployment potential** – Develop a wave-to-wire model to determine the Levelised Cost of Energy (LCOE) at given sites, for both standalone devices and arrays, quantifying the TRL financial baseline performance essential to stimulate commercialisation.
 5. **Marine wave energy development** – Develop industrial input and research impact objective, including dissemination and showcasing of all the outputs, to ensure that not only one technology develops but that the solutions proposed will benefit the wider energy community.



TALOS WEC

TALOS WEC – Multi Axis Point Absorber Style WEC
completely enclosed with internal inertial mass
using Hydraulic Cylinders or Linear Generators PTO



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- Renewable Energy and Environment Symposium of **ISOPE 2023** Ottawa, Canada, June 19–23, 2023, included:
 - **1** invited Speech: “Research progress on TALOS multi axis WEC”
 - **2** specific focus sessions with the title: TALOS 1 and TALOS 2
 - **12** TALOS related papers: From USA, China, Greece Turkey and UK
 - **1** TALOS Workshop

EWTEC 2023 - Spain

- The 15th European Wave and Tidal Energy Conference, EWTEC2023, 3rd – 7th September 2023, Bilbao, Spain

3 TALOS related paper submissions:

- 1) 1 from **USA & UK** Collaboration on Computational Modelling WEC Sim - (WP1)
- 2) 1 from **UK & Greece** Collaboration on Computational Modelling DNV SESAM - (WP1)
- 3) 1 from **USA & UK** Collaboration on TALOS Control - (WP2)

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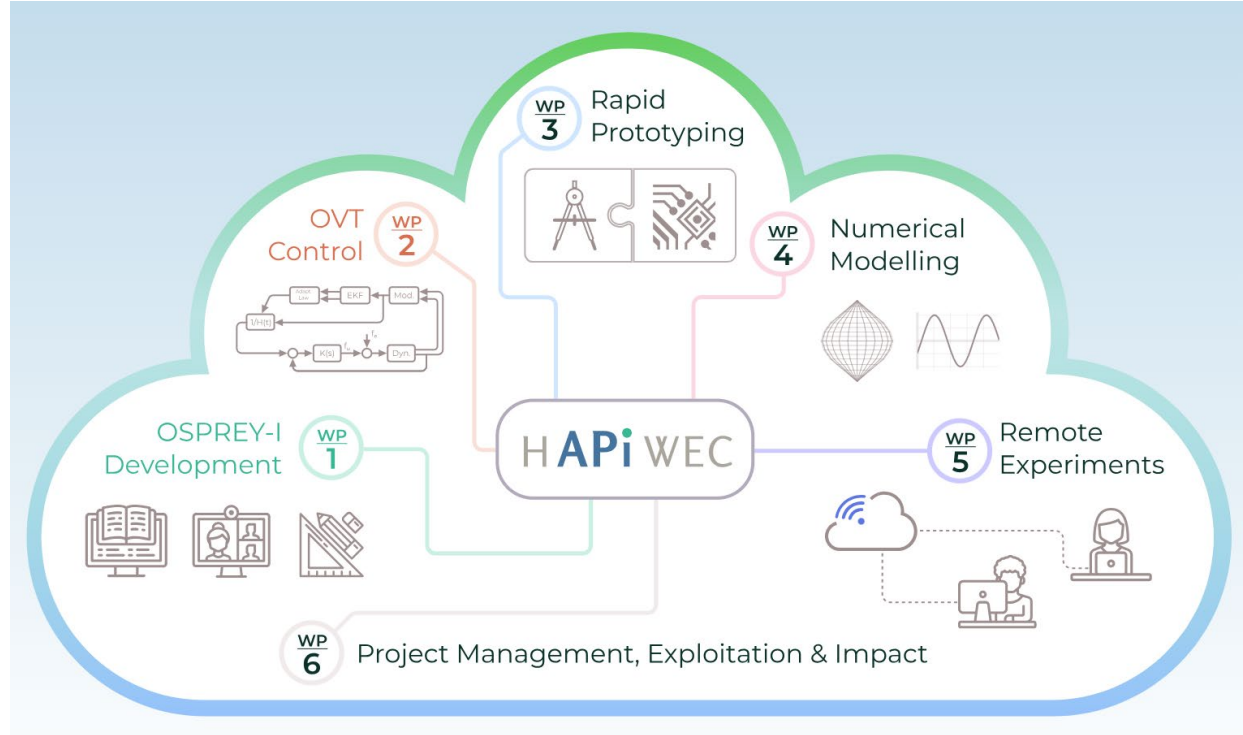
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- WP1**

A WEC Test-Rig
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OVT Control for WECs
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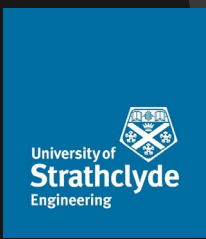
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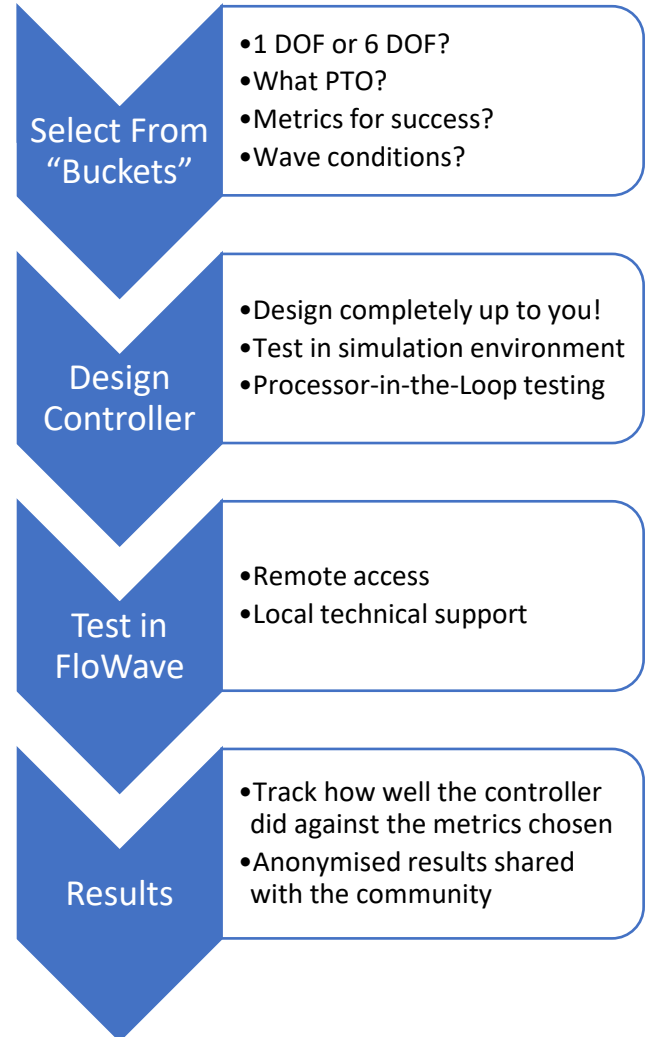
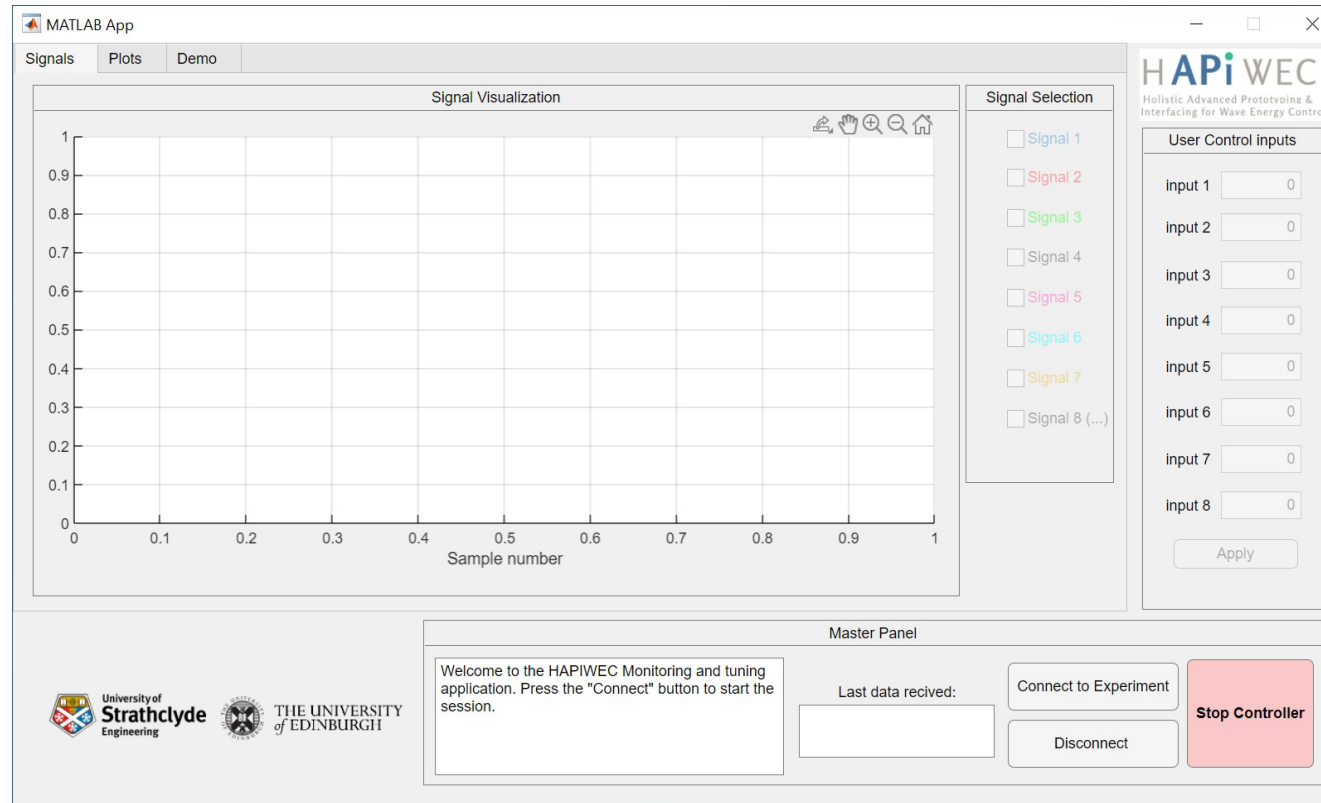


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System-level Co-design and Control of Large Capacity Wave Energy Converters with Multiple PTOs

Guang Li

The University of Manchester

12/July/2023

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Outline of the project

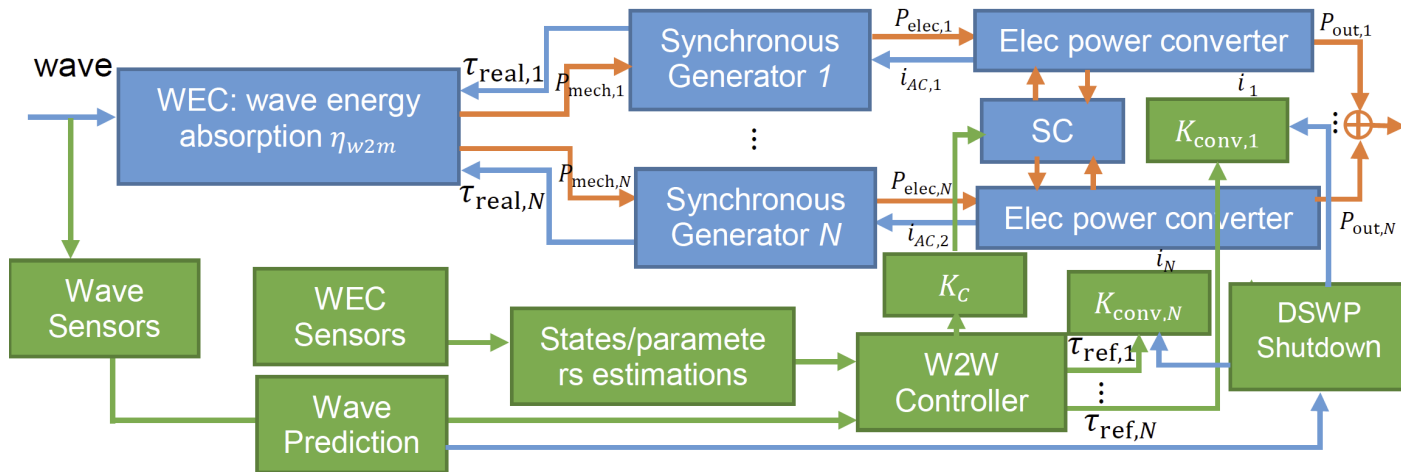


Fig. 2: Control system block diagram

- WP1: Modelling for all the subsystems: wave-to-wire model.
- WP2: Multi-directional wave prediction and shutdown.
- WP3: Control framework based on the wave-to-wire model.
- WP4: Co-design of the whole system.
- WP5: HIL for validation of control and co-design.

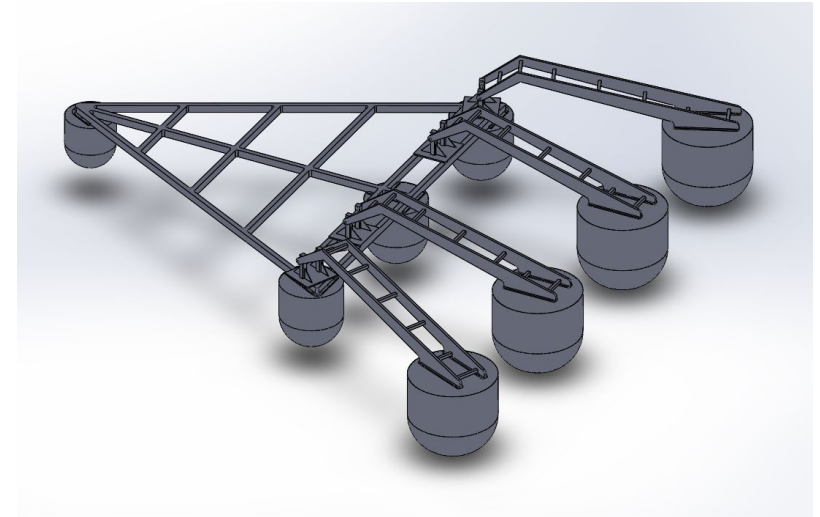


Fig. 1: M4 with 3 PTOs

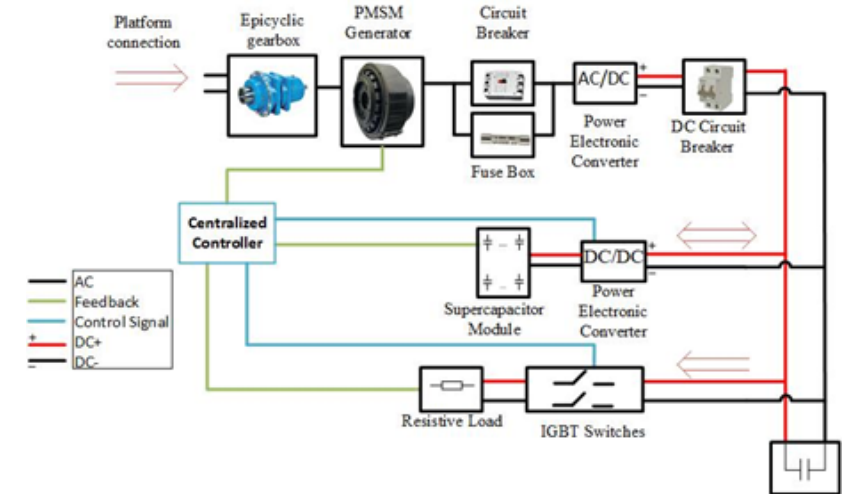


Fig. 3: Electric system overview of one channel of the M4 PTO: Gear box, generator, supercapacitor, electronic converters.

Progress

- Modelling of all sub-systems (hydrodynamic, electrical) are finished.
- Control-oriented wave-to-wire model of the multi-PTO WEC is built and validated.
- Fast Wave Profile Estimation created for Multi-directional Deterministic Sea Wave Prediction (DSWP).
- A hierarchical switching control framework is developed for the M4 W2W system:
 - High level: Model predictive control for power maximisation and peak power limiting
 - Local level: Field oriented PI control for constraints handling
- The HIL test rig has been constructed and used for control validations.
- **Our next steps: 1) co-design of the W2W system; 2) power conditioning.**

Workpackages	Lead	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3			
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WP2.1. Multi-DSWP integration into control.	UoE	█			●								
WP2.2. Multi-DSWP shutdown and integration into control	UoE												
WP3. W2W control framework development	QMUL				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
WP4. Co-design of the WEC system.	QMUL												
WP5.1. W2W test rig design and construction	UoM				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
WP5.2. Dry testing on W2W test rig	UoM												
WP6. Evaluation and exploration of the proposed techniques	QMUL												



Wave-to-wire modelling

- Dynamics in different domains and coupling:
 - Hydrodynamic
 - Mechanical
 - Electric
- Different operation stages
 - normal (no saturation)
 - torque/current limiting (gearbox protection)
 - speed/voltage limiting (inverter protection)
 - power shedding (extreme wave conditions)
- Main challenge for control
 - Effectively handle peak power

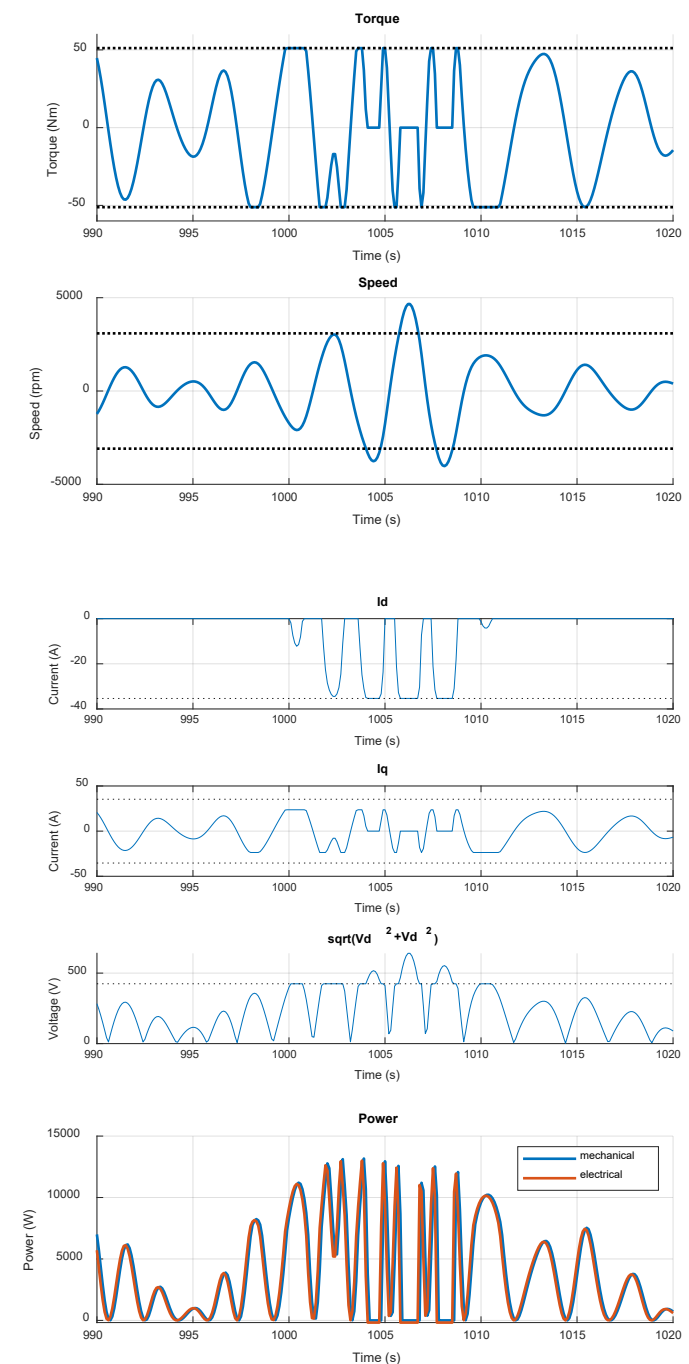


Fig. 5 Wave-to-wire model simulation result in extreme sea condition.

System Level Control Design

- Multi-layer control scheme
 - Local level: (field-oriented, PI)
 - Torque reference tracking & Constraints handling
 - High level: (Model predictive control & switching)
 - Energy maximising / Speed limiting

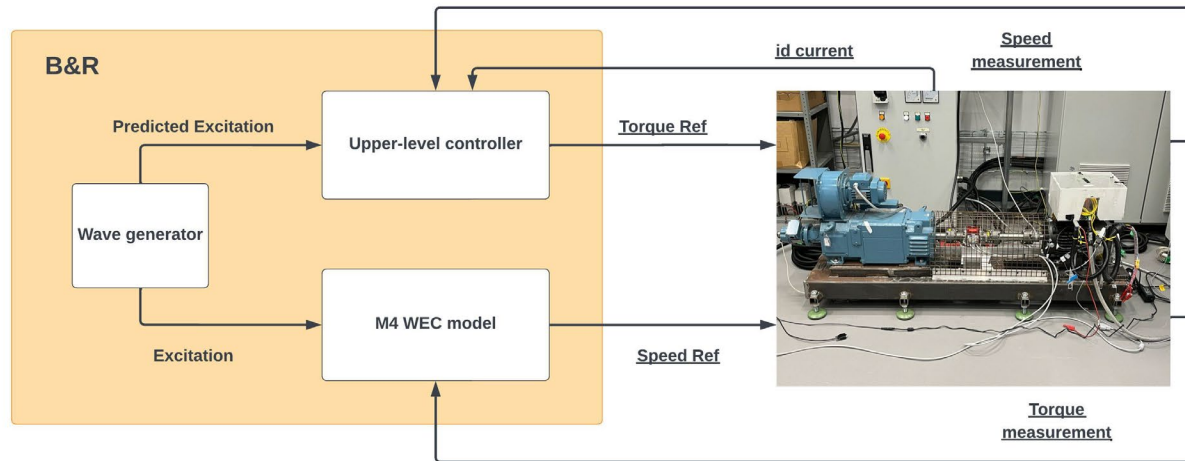


Fig. 6 Hardware-in-the-Loop test rig for control validation.

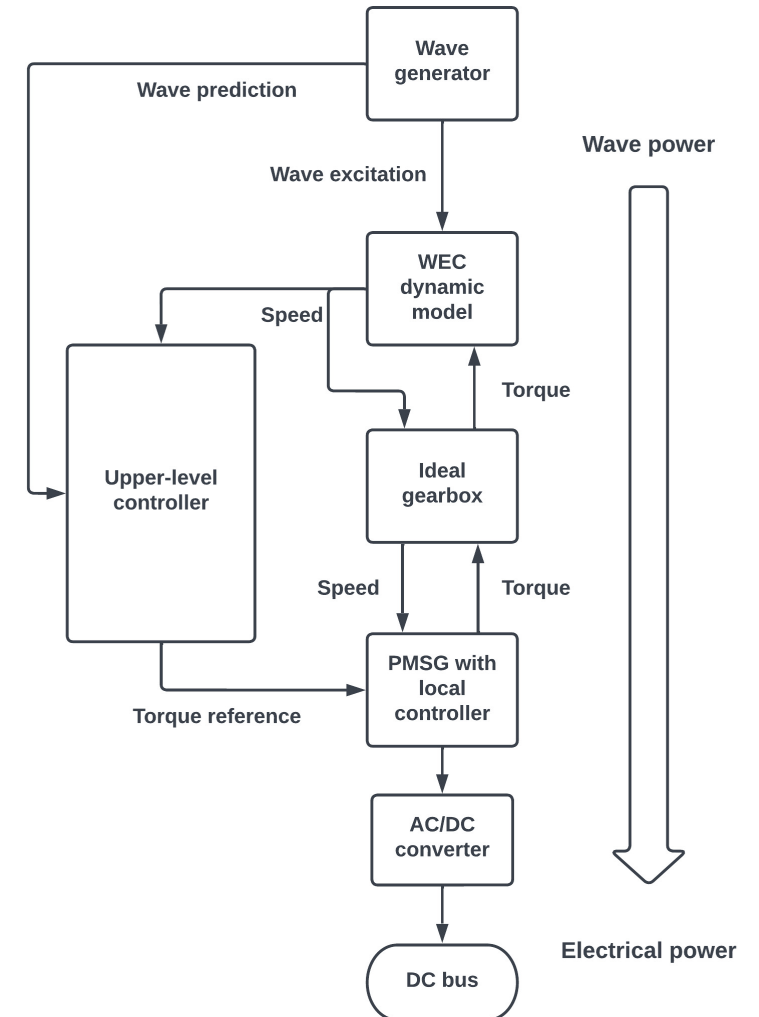


Fig. 7 System level control block diagram.

Experimental results

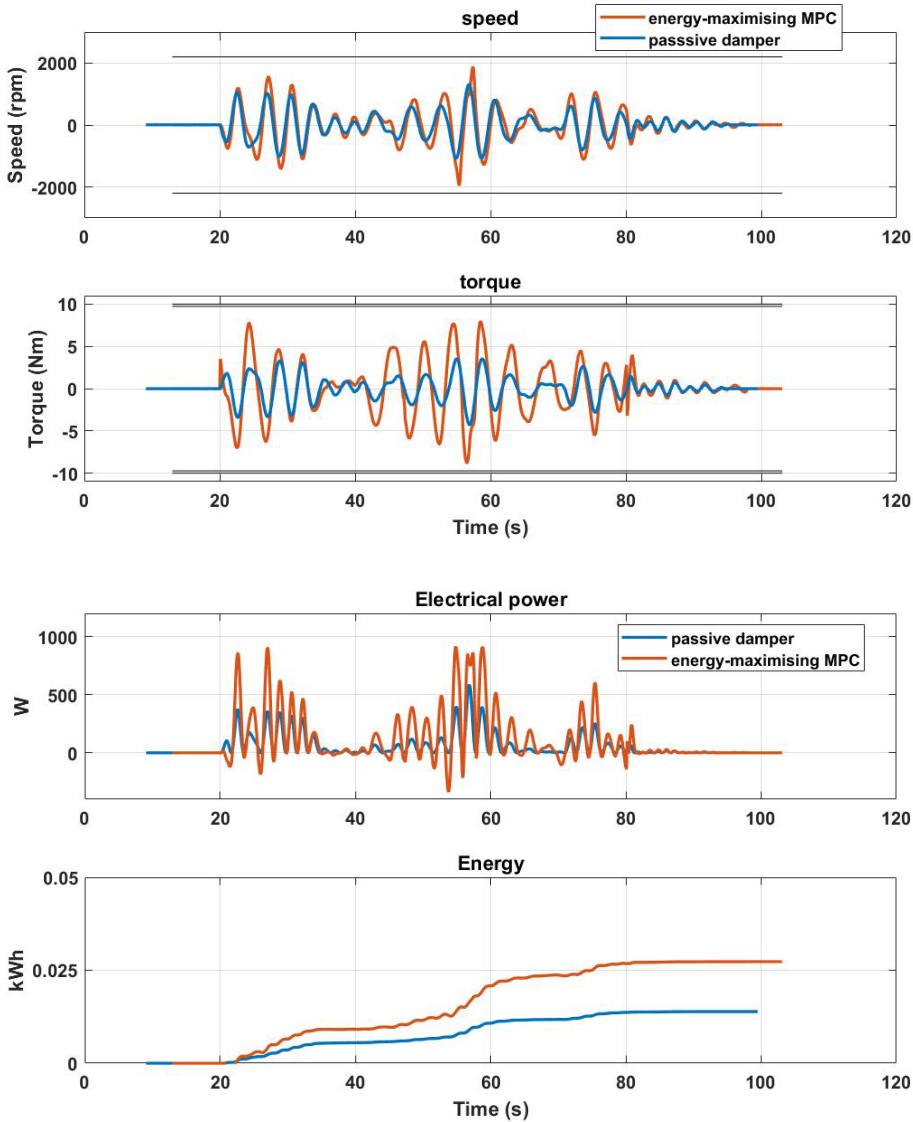


Fig. 8 MPC maximizes energy generation in moderate sea state.

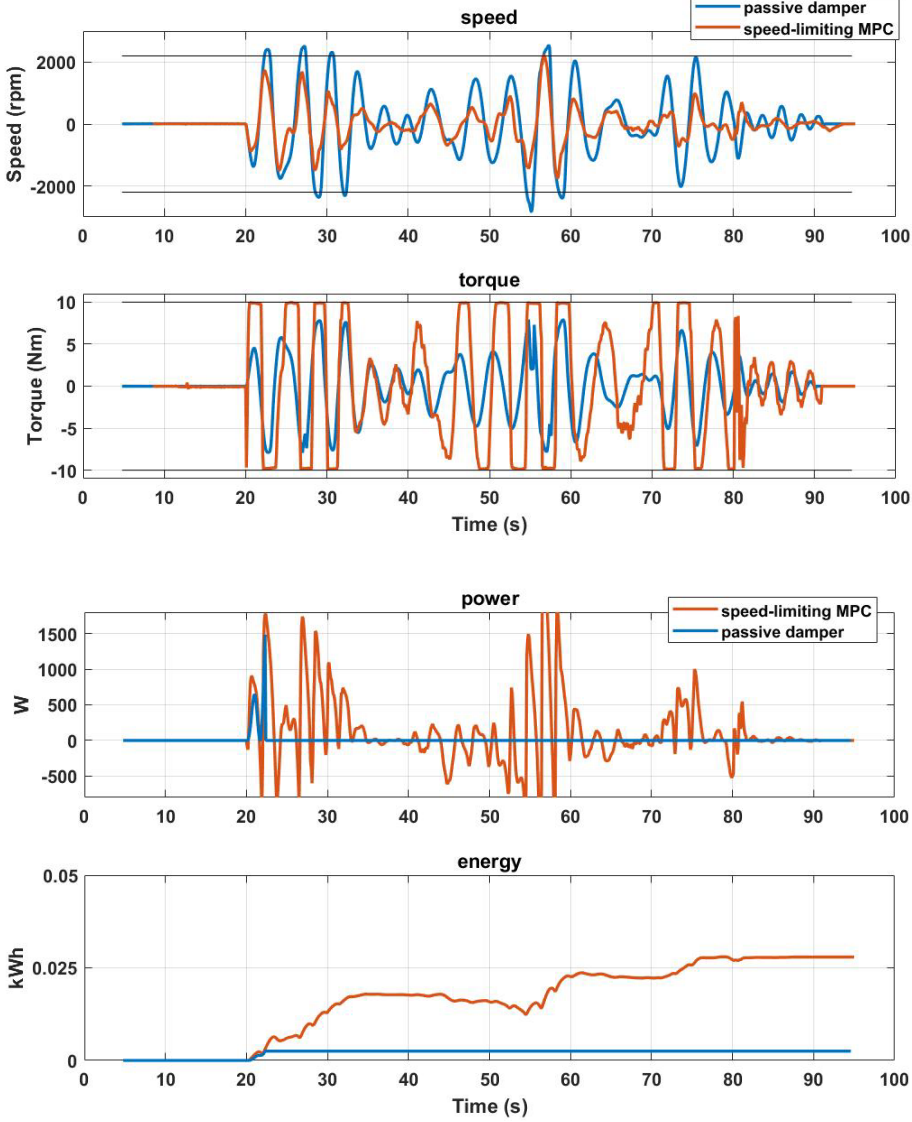


Fig. 9 MPC limits speed of generator for longer generation time in extreme sea state.

Planned sea trial in Albany, Australia

- 20 m long (1/4 scale), kW, datasets will be available in public domain

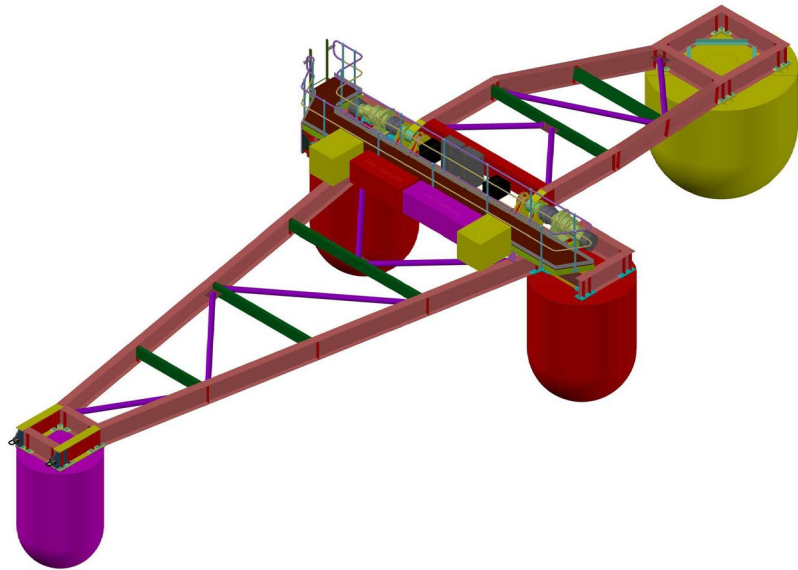


Fig. 10 CAD image of the 121 M4 wave energy platform from BMT Ltd.

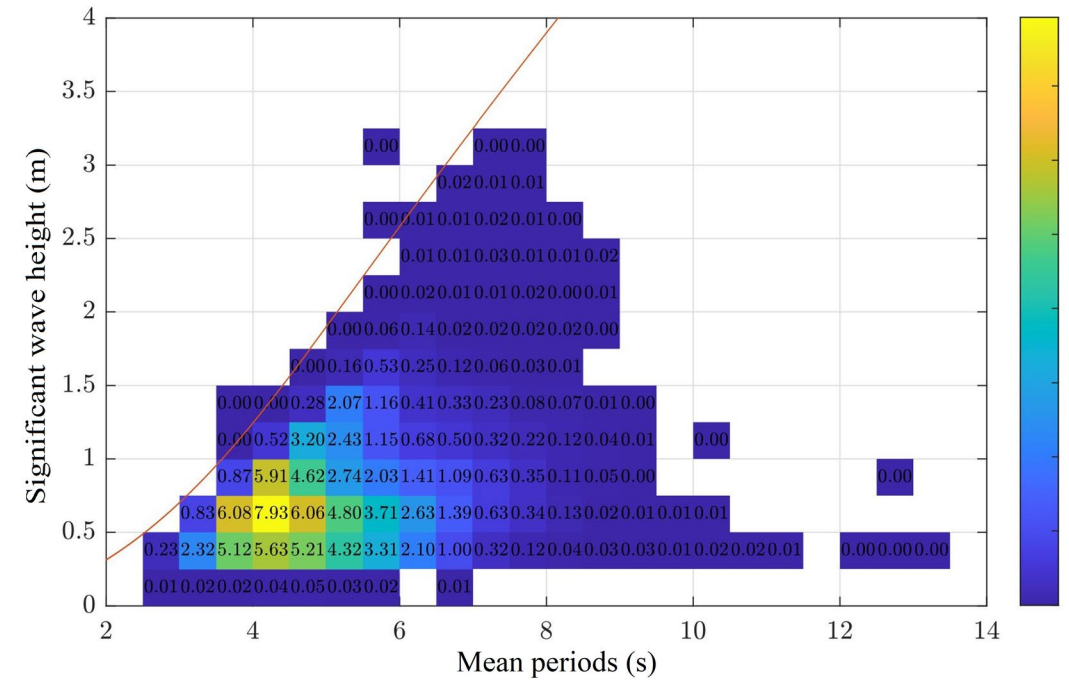


Fig. 11 Scatter diagram showing occurrence of significant wave height and mean period combinations for summer wave conditions at the test site.

Thank you!

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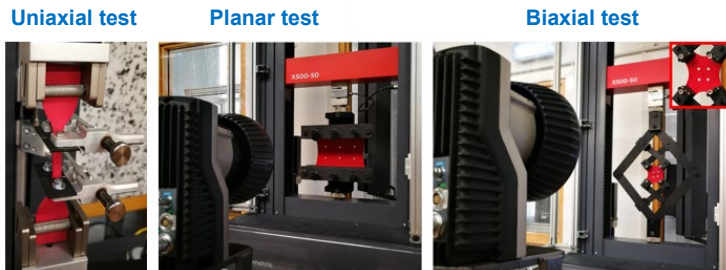
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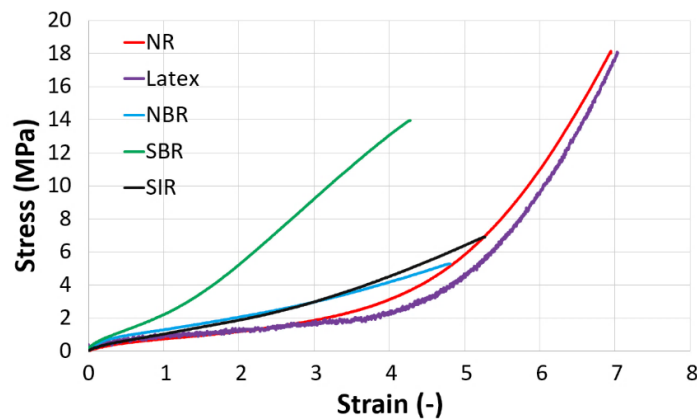
BASM-WEC project update (1-10 months)

❑ The main **aim** of the project: to develop an analysis and laboratory testing integrity toolbox to reliably design, analyse, and process the state-of-the-art adaptive stretchable materials and structures applicable to WECs.

❖ Material characterization



Various material tests



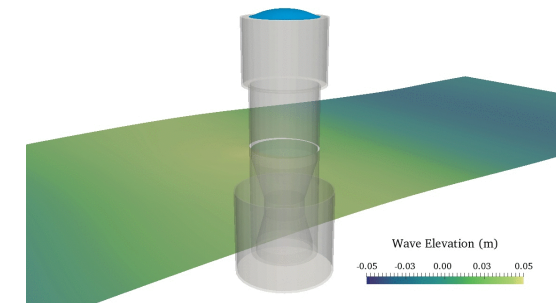
Stress-strain curves of different materials

❖ Wave tank tests

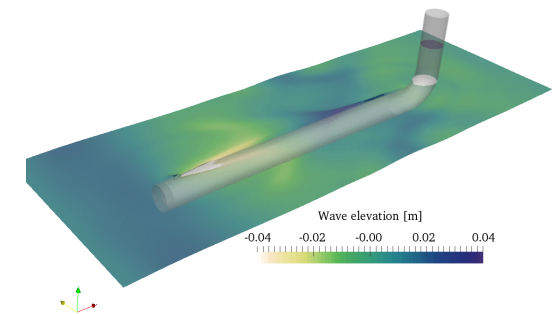


Flexible OWC test

❖ CFD-FEA numerical analysis



Poly-A-OWC WEC modelling

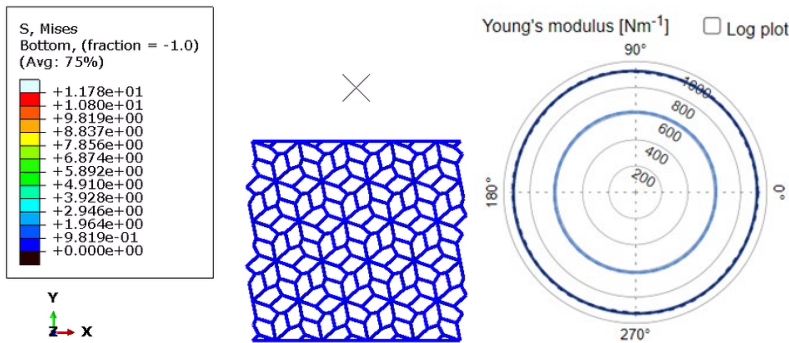


Anaconda WEC modelling

BASM-WEC project update (10-18 months)

❖ Material development

- ✓ Structured membrane
- ✓ Isotropic pattern
- ✓ Material characterization



Isotropic pattern and planar test

❖ Dry test

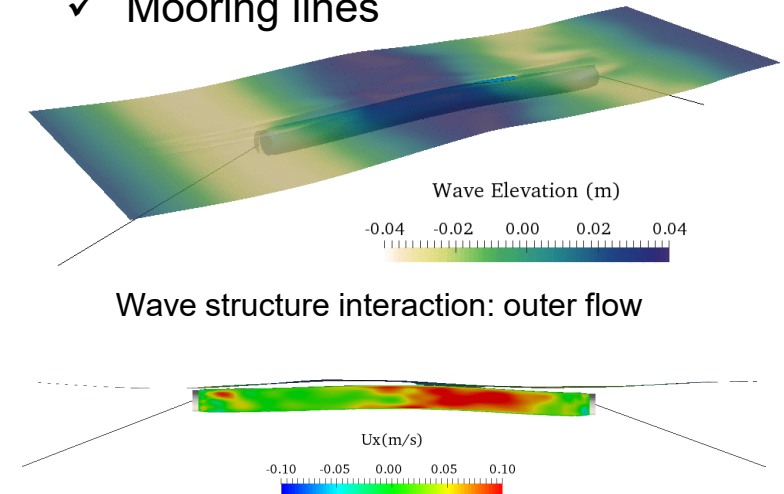
- ✓ Dry test rig provides harmonic pressure
- ✓ Bulge test - to conduct inverse material characterisation for flexible materials, provide more accurate hyperelastic model parameters for the numerical simulation



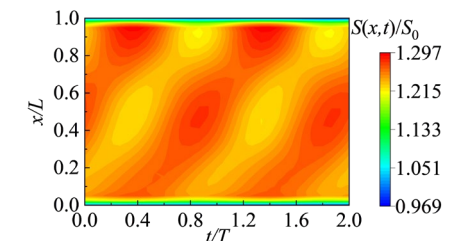
Dry test rig

❖ CFD-FEA numerical analysis

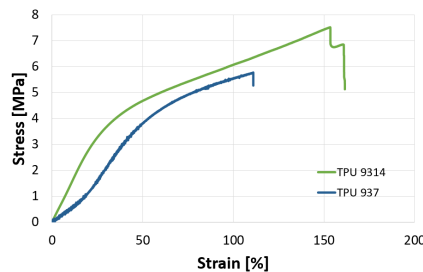
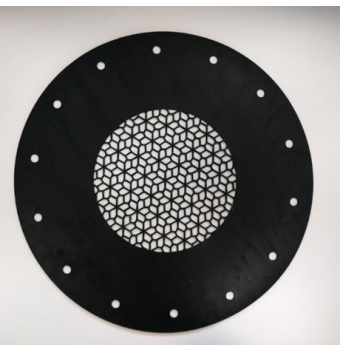
- ✓ CFD-FEA analysis tool
- ✓ 6DoF motions
- ✓ Mooring lines



Velocity field inside tube indicates highly non-uniform characteristics



Time and spatial distribution of cross-sectional area demonstrates the existence of standing wave ⁷²



Stress-strain curve



Bulge test for new material

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➤ Coming journal papers

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- ✓ Idarraga Guillermo, Selection, characterisation and modelling of elastomers for wave energy convertors.
- ✓ Idarraga Guillermo, New passive/active stiffness elastomeric structured membranes for WECs devices.
- ✓ Yang Huang, CFD study on two typical flexible tube WECs.

Near future work

➤ **Material development**

- ✓ Characterization on hyper-elastic properties of structured membranes
- ✓ Investigate the influence of structural patterns on flexible materials

➤ **Wave tank test**

- ✓ Flexible tube WEC test in wave tank
- ✓ Scaling test of flexible WEC

➤ **Numerical analysis**

- ✓ Consider impact of electric field in FSI simulation
- ✓ Add PTO module and directly output generated power

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