FLOATING POWER PLANT

Use of Wave Tanks for FPP's Device Technology Development

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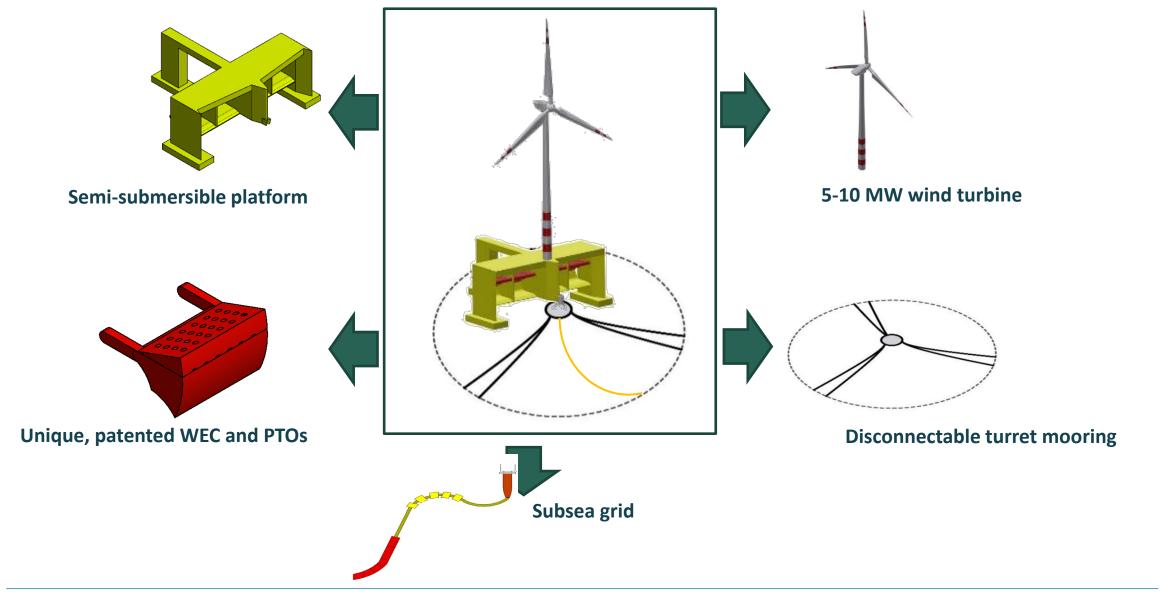
AGENDA

- 1. FPP TECHNOLOGY AND TESTING HISTORY
- 2. HOW TO PREPARE FOR WAVE TANK TESTING
- 3. WHAT TO TEST ONCE YOU ARE IN THE BASIN

TECHNOLOGY & TESTING HISTORY



POSEIDON 80 (P80) – KEY COMPONENTS



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FPP'S TECHNOLOGY: P80 COMMERCIAL DEVICE



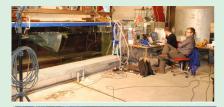


FPP'S TECHNOLOGY: P37 HALF SCALE PROTOTYPE





FPP PHYSICAL TESTING





Pre-Offshore Tests

Many 1:70 – 1:30 scale
tests in basins and flumes





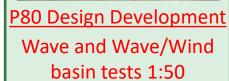
Proof of Concept
4 x Offshore Sea Trials (~1:2)







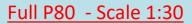






Full P80 Scale 1:30
Optimised

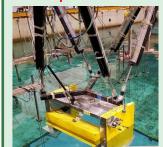
Optimised design based on validated and tuned numerical model



- Wave Wind -Current platform alignment
- WEC control
- Mooring Loads
- Drag Coefficients



Single WEC in
Moving Platform
Wave Basin with
hexapod— 1:30





Single WEC in
Stationary platform
Basin and flume tests
1:30









WHY DO WAVE TANK TESTS

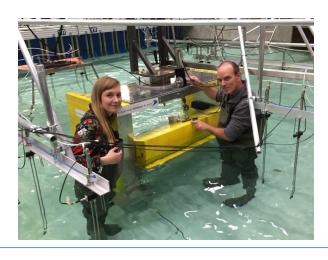
1. To compare the data to numerical models

- To obtain input coefficients for models e.g. Cd drag
- To validate the numerical model
- To determine the range of conditions the numerical model gives acceptable results

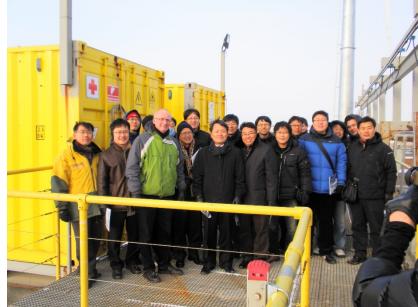


2. As a business development tool

- Existing and potential investors
- Journalists
- Engineering partners



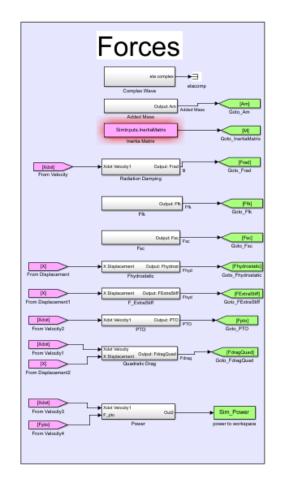


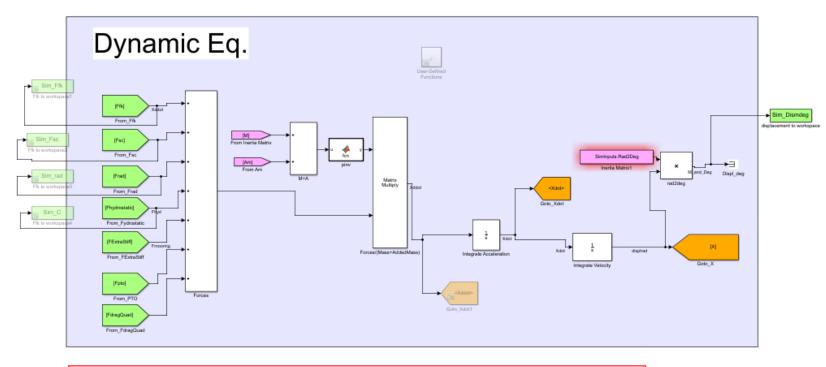


HOW TO PREPARE FOR WAVE TANK TESTING



PREPARATION:- PREPARE NUMERICAL MODELS TO VALIDATE





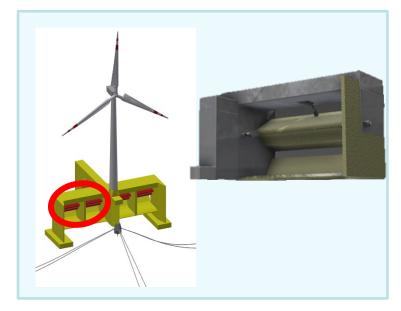
$$\ddot{X} = \frac{F_{FK} + F_{sc} + F_{other} - \int_0^t K(t - \tau) \dot{X}(\tau) d\tau - CX}{M + A_{inf}},$$

Set up the model and run the simulations first.

Decide exactly what you want to validate and what data you need for that



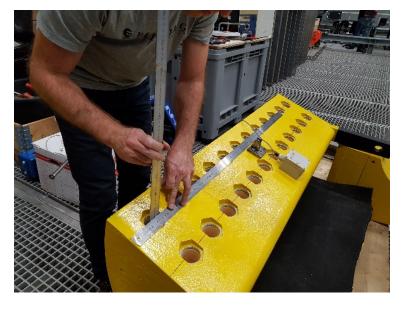
PREPARATION:- BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE TEST FACILITY



Design the scaled device (including desired mass properties)



Build it



Adjust all drawings and calculations to match reality!



PREPARATION:- DRY TESTING

Weigh all components and entire device



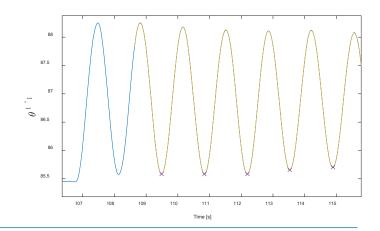
Measure Centre of Gravity



Measure Moment of Inertia







PREPARATION:- IN ANY WATER YOU CAN FIND!



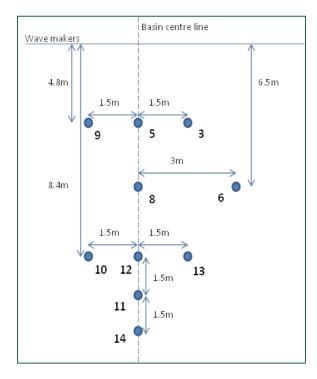
Check everything moves well in water and floats!

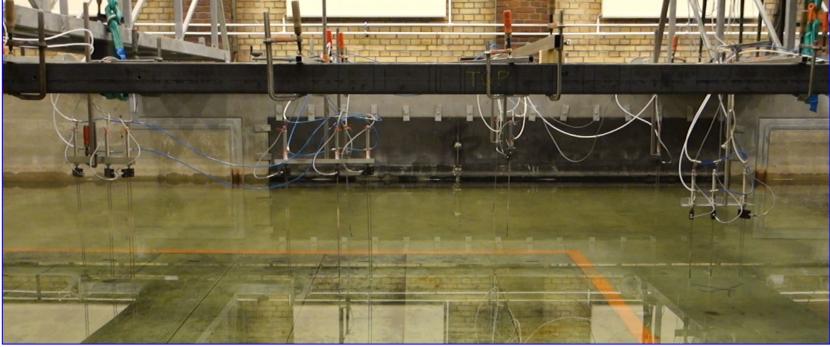
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ONCE YOU ARE IN THE BASIN



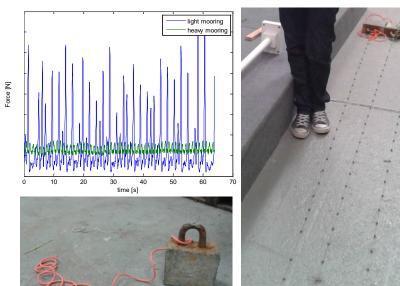
IN THE BASIN:- WAVE CALIBRATION

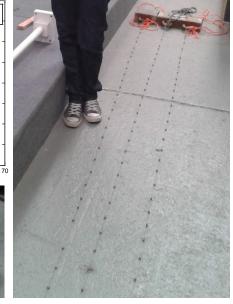


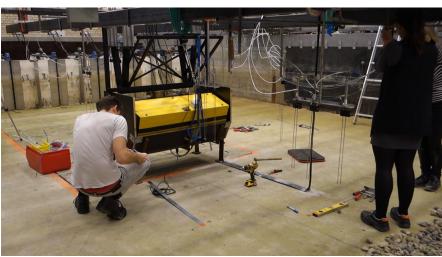




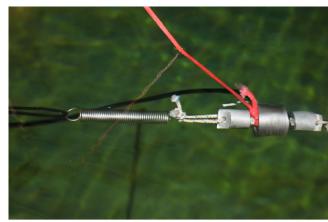
IN THE BASIN:- LAY THE MOORING / SUPPORT STRUCTURE







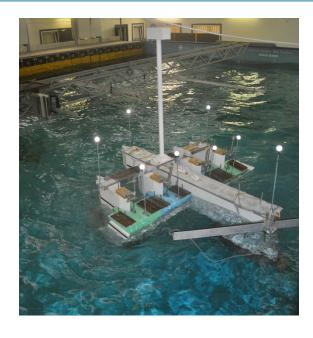


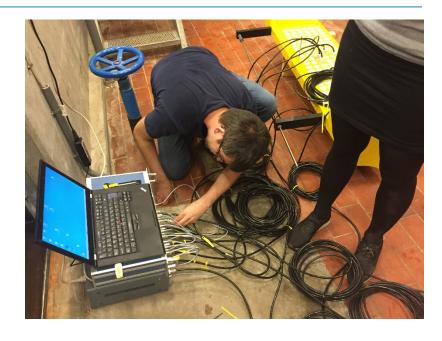


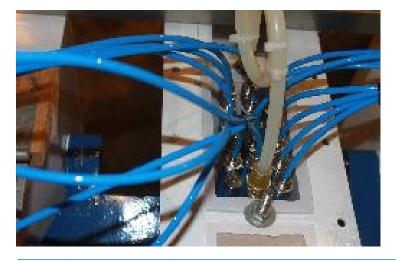


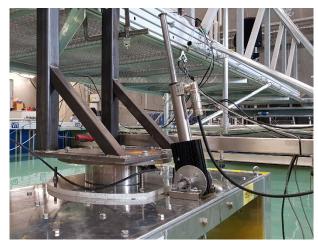
IN THE BASIN:- DEVICE SENSOR CALIBRATION









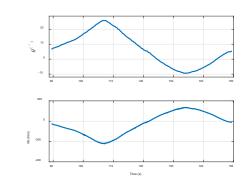




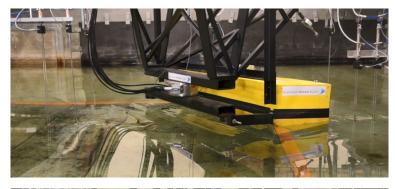


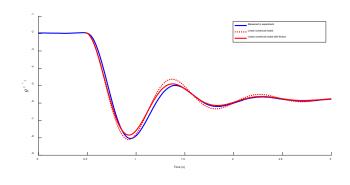
IN THE BASIN:- WITHOUT WAVES

Buoyancy:- Slow motion in calm water

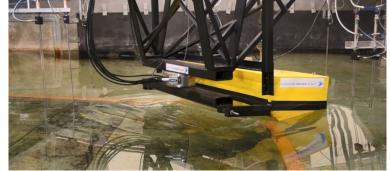


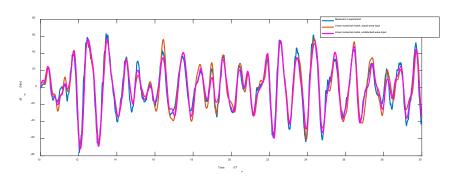
Damping: - motion decay





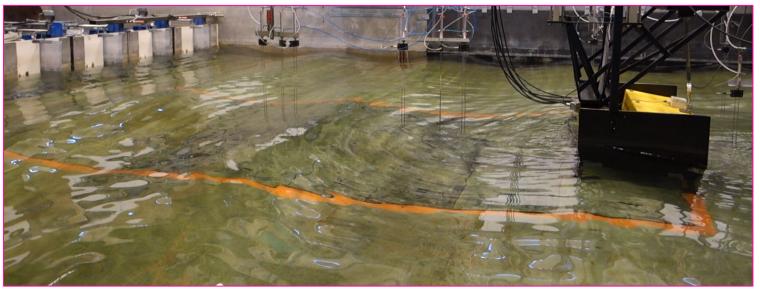
Fixed:- Excitation

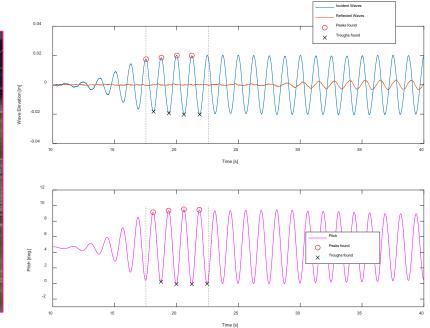






IN THE BASIN WITH WAVES:-



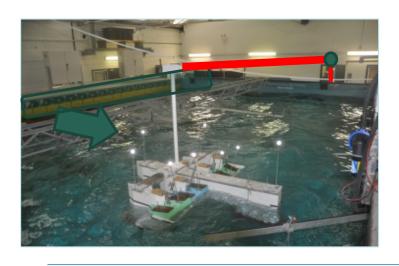


- Free device motion in waves (RAO)
- Device motion with Power Take-Off active
- Power control strategies
- Extreme waves mooring forces



ADDITIONAL BASIN COMBINATIONS

- Wind
 - Using a string-pulley system to side of basin
 - Using a wind generator
 - Using a thruster
- Current
 - Using current generators
 - Dragging the anchor-points with current speed
- Hexapod :- To move a body with a pre-described motion











MULTI-DEGREE HEXAPOD MOTION OF PLATFORM: WEC MOVES WITH WAVES



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THANK-YOU FOR LISTENING