

WEC-Sim Webinar #3
PTO and Control Applications

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Introduction



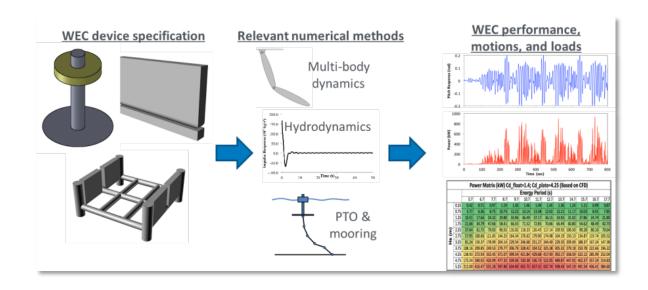
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WEC-Sim Updates



Reduced the size of the repo

- Remove publications from the repo since all the publications are available from the website http://wec-sim.github.io/WEC-Sim/publications.html
- Working on removing the large data file (e.g., *.h5 and *.mat)
 from repo history

Created a WEC-Sim_Application submodule in WEC-Sim

- This can be pulled into WEC-Sim currently if desired https://github.com/WEC-Sim/WEC-Sim_Applications
- Cleaned up PTO-Sim application cases

WEC-Sim Updates

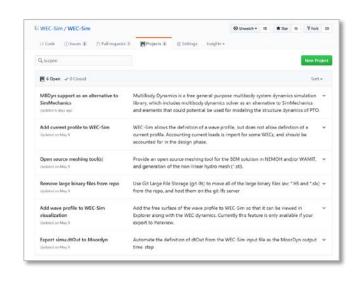


Created a separate moorDyn library repo

- Due to different licenses, moorDyn is now saved in another repository
- To use MoorDyn in WEC-Sim, please download moorDyn from repo https://github.com/WEC-Sim/moorDyn
- Place all the files and folders under
 WEC-Sim/source/functions/moorDyn folder

Added a WEC-Sim Projects Page

- Can be used to track requested feature additions, and their status
- https://github.com/WEC-Sim/WEC-Sim/projects



Schedule



Advanced Feature Webinars 1hr each

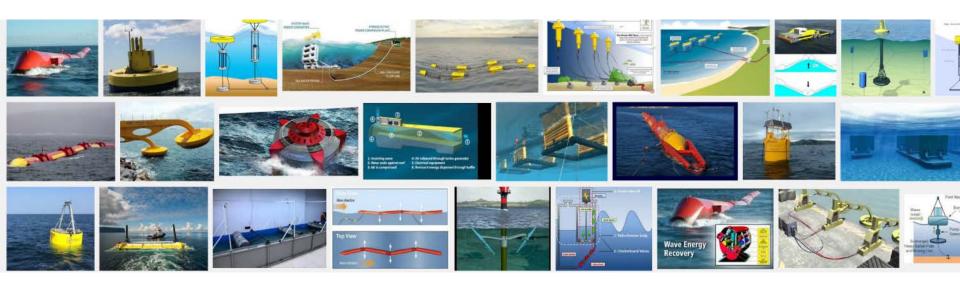
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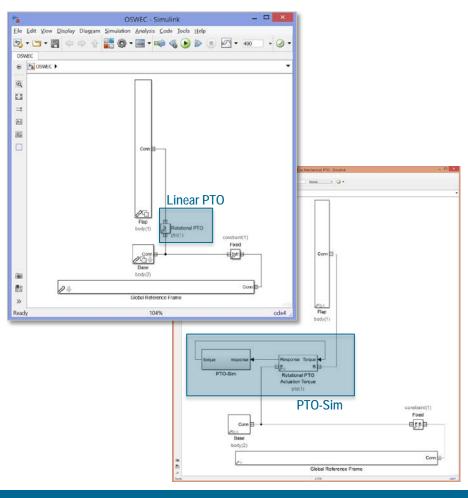
PTO and Control

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WEC-Sim can model Power Take-Off (PTO) and Control with different approaches and level of fidelity

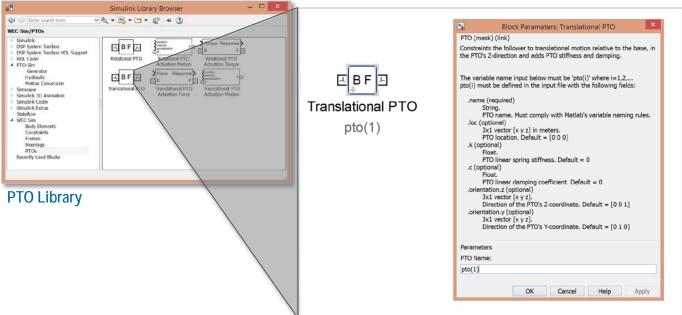
- Linear Stiffness/Damping
- Coupled with PTO-Sim
 - PM Generator
 - Components
 - Look-up table
 - Hydraulic
 - Compressible
 - Non-compressible
- User-Defined Force/Position



Linear Stiffness/Damping



WEC-Sim can model PTOs with linear stiffness and damping

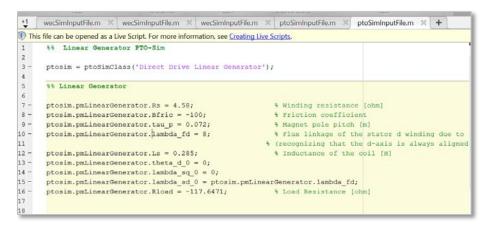


Coupled with PTO-Sim

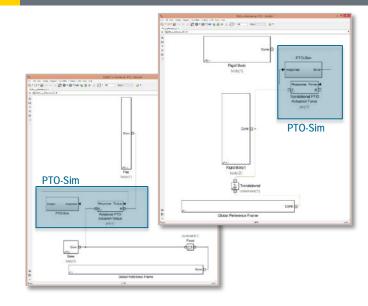


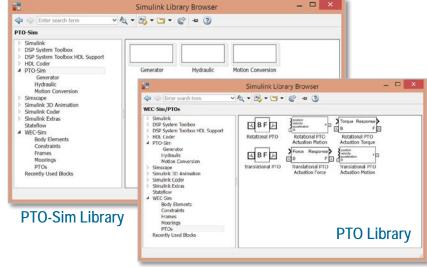
WEC-Sim can model PTOs using PTO-Sim and the actuated PTOs

 Initialize PTO-Sim and define parameters in ptoSimInputFile.m



- The PTO-Sim input file will vary depending on which PTO-Sim blocks are used
- Example PTO-Sim applications are available: https://github.com/WEC-Sim/WEC-Sim/WEC-Sim_Applications



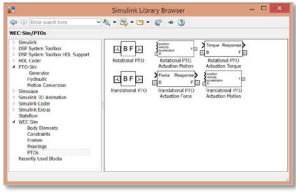


User-Defined Force/Position



Using the WEC-Sim library PTO blocks, users cam define, input force or position in translation or rotation

- Users can build their own Simulink blocks, call on a *.m file, define a look-up table, implement control, etc.
- Use Project page for requests
- Desalination application next



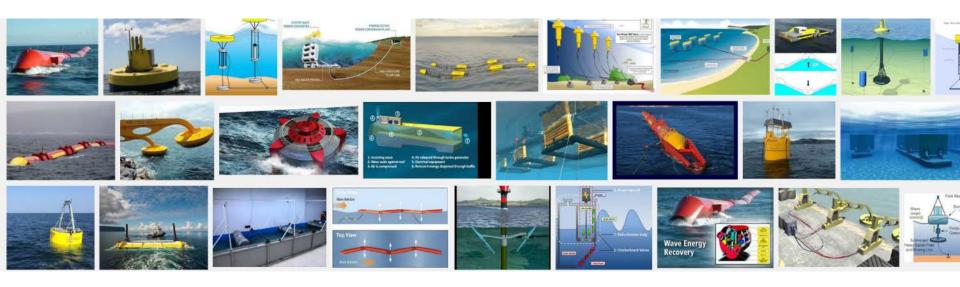
PTO Library

Force Input Rigid Body body(1) Response Force Translational PTO Actuation Force pto(1) 5-3-3 000 B 5-3 00 C-4 Conn E Rigid Body1 Translational constraint(1) Conn 🖪 Global Reference Frame Torque Input constraint(1) Fixed Global Reference Frame

5-13-2 00 0 2 5-13-10 4 D D C 2-10

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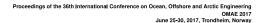
Desalination Applications Using WEC-Sim

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Desalination Applications



WEC-Sim can be further modified for other energy related production analysis by developing your own blocks.



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ANALYSIS OF A WAVE-POWERED, REVERSE-OSMOSIS SYSTEM AND ITS ECONOMIC AVAILABILITY IN THE UNITED STATES

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ABSTRACT

A wave energy converter (WEC) system has the potential to convert the wave energy resource directly into the highpressure flow that is needed by the desalination system to permeate saltwater through the reverse-osmosis membrane to generate clean water. In this study, a wave-to-water numerical model was developed to investigate the potential use of a wavepowered desalination system (WPDS) for water production in the United States. The model was developed by coupling a time-domain radiation-and-diffraction-method-based numerical tool (WEC-Sim) for predicting the hydrodynamic performance of WECs with a solution-diffusion model that was used to simulate the reverse-osmosis process. To evaluate the feasibility of the WPDS, the wave-to-water numerical model was applied to simulate a desalination system that used an oscillating surge WEC device to pump seawater through the system. The annual water production was estimated based on the wave resource at a reference site on the coast of northern California to investigate the potential cost of water in that area, where the cost of water and electricity is high compared to other regions. In the scenario evaluated, for a 100-unit utility-scale array, the estimated levelized cost of energy for these WECs is about 3-6 times the U.S.'s current, unsubsidized electricity rates. However, with clean water as an end product and by directly producing pressurized water with WECs, rather than electricity as an intermediary, it is presently only 12% greater than typical water cost in California. This study suggests that a WEC array that produces water may be a viable, near-tern solution to the nation's water supply, and the niche application of the WPDS may also provide developers with new opportunities to further develop technologies that benefit both the electric and drinking water markets.

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KEYWORDS

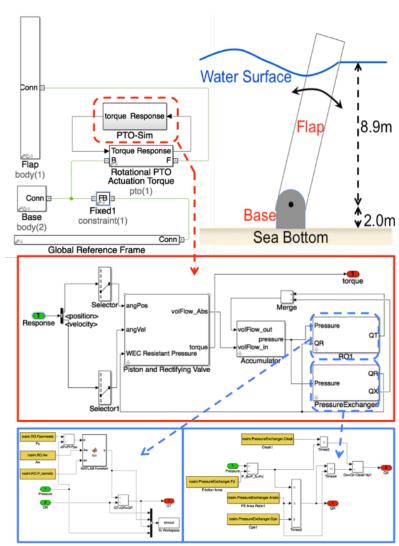
Wave energy; desalination; reverse osmosis; time-domain numerical model; cost of energy; cost of water

INTRODUCTION

Developing alternative water resources through the use of desalination is important to human activities. But desalination technologies are inherently energy-intensive, with the majority of processes requiring high levels of electricity consumption. Further, in many areas where water is scarce, electricity prices are also high, for example, in California, or areas with limited electrical grid connection (e.g., small islands and isolated coastal communities). Thus, reverse osmosis has been the most commonly used desalination process because of the lower energy consumption than traditional thermal processes, which, among other reasons, makes reverse osmosis one of the most promising desalination approaches. However, it still requires a great amount of energy to create the pressure needed to pump the saltwater through the reverse-osmosis membranes. A wave energy converter (WEC) system has the potential to convert wave energy directly into the high-pressure flow that is needed by the reverse-osmosis system and eliminate the electricity production process to potentially reduce the cost of water. In addition, the niche application of wave-powered desalination will also provide a great opportunity to further advance wave energy technologies for both water and electricity generation.

Several designs have been proposed to develop wavepowered desalination plants in the past 30 years, e.g., a linearpump-based buoy system (Delbuoy) in the 1980s [1], an oscillating water column type of WEC in India in 2004 [2], and more recently a fixe-bottom flapper design from Resolute Marine [3].

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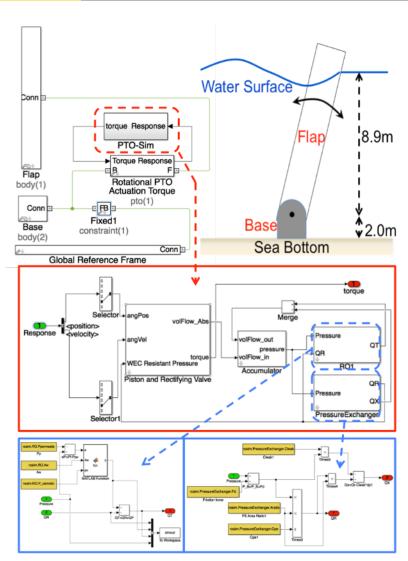


Desalination Applications



WEC-Sim can be further modified for other energy related production analysis by developing your own blocks.

- This webinar will focus on how this can be done from an existing WEC-Sim case.
- The results of the Reverse Osmosis
 (RO) desalination analysis will be
 presented at OMAE 2017,
 Trondheim, Norway, June 25-30.



WEC-Sim Theory

 Dynamics simulated by solving time-domain equation of motion (Cummins, 1962)

$$m\ddot{x}(t) = f_{hs}(t) + f_{ex}(t) + f_{rad}(t) + f_{v}(t) + f_{pto}(t) + f_{m}(t)$$
Hydrostatic restoring force
Wave excitation & diffraction force (from BEM simulations)

Radiation force: added mass and radiation damping (from BEM simulations)

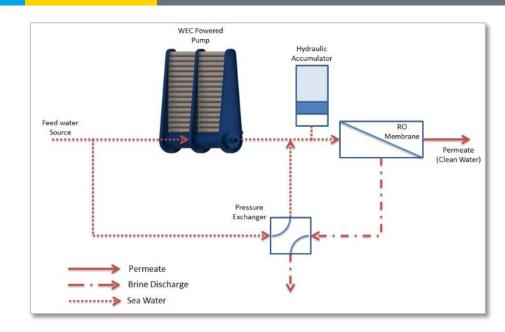
 Use radiation and diffraction method and calculate the hydrodynamic forces from frequency-domain Boundary Element Method (BEM)

$$f_{rad}(t) = \underbrace{-A_{\infty}\ddot{X}}_{\text{BEM}} - \underbrace{\int_{0}^{t} K(t + \tau)\dot{X}(\tau)d\tau}_{\text{BEM}} \qquad f_{ex}(t) = \Re\left[R_{f}F_{X}(\omega_{r})e^{i(\omega_{r}t + \phi)}\int_{0}^{\infty}\sqrt{2S(\omega_{r})d\omega_{r}}\right]$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \eta(\tau)f_{e}(t + \tau)d\tau$$

Wave-Powered Desalination System

 For WEC, the RO membrane can be modeled as a "PTO", providing forces back to the WEC system.

 For the RO membrane, the WEC can be modeled as an hydraulic pump with oscillating flow velocity.



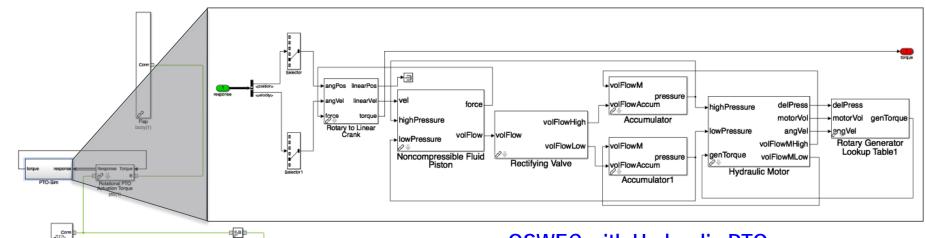
Solution-Diffusion Model:

$$Q_P = A_{\omega}(\Delta p - \Delta \pi)$$

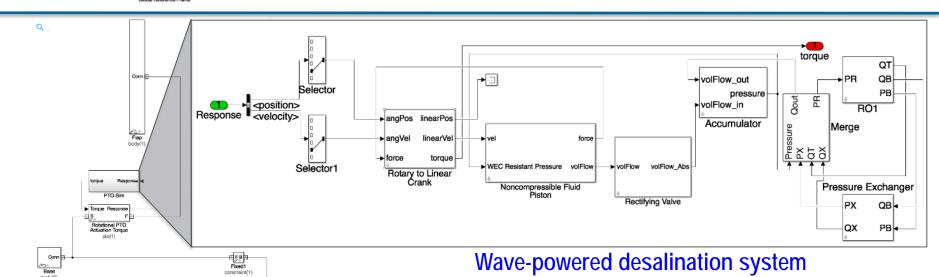
where A_{ω} is the permeability coefficient, depending on the membrane permeability, membrane surface area, temperature, and fouling factor.

WEC-Sim/PTO-Sim Model

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OSWEC with Hydraulic PTO (PTO-Sim_OSWEC_w_NCF_Hydraulic_PTO)



WEC-Sim/PTO-Sim Model



- Same hydrodynamic and motion conversion models
 - Hydrodynamics model
 - WEC-Sim input file
 - "Rotary to LinearCrank", "Noncompressible Fluid Piston" and "Rectifying Valve" blocks under PTO-Sim
- The hydraulic motors and generator were replaced by a RO membrane block and a pressure exchanger block.
- The primary difference between the two models:
 - OSWEC with non-compressible fluid hydraulic system is a closed loop system circulated with high pressure fluid.
 - Wave-powered desalination system is open to atmosphere

WEC-Sim Input File



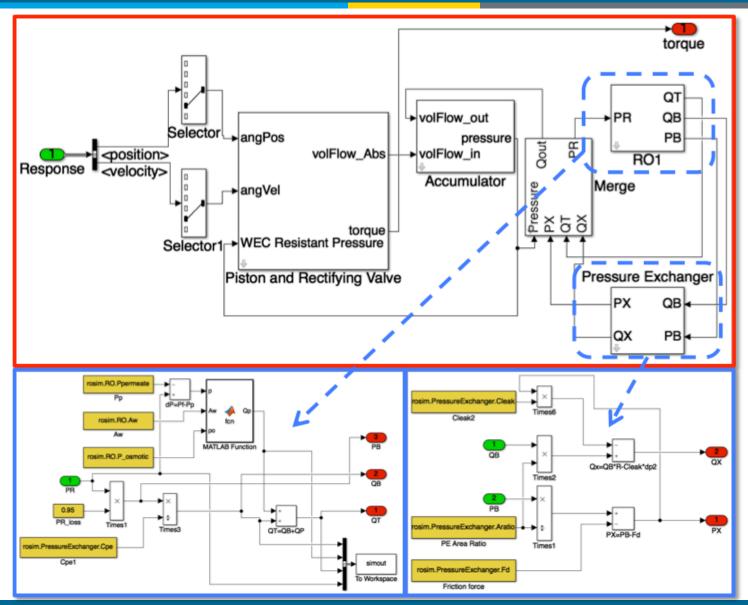
OSWEC with Hydraulic PTO

(PTO-Sim_OSWEC_w_NCF_Hydraulic_PTO)

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       %% Simulation Data
       simu = simulationClass():
                                             % Initialize Wave Class
       simu.mode = 'normal';
                                             % Specify Simulation Mode ('normal', 'accelerator',
       simu.explorer='on';
                                             % Turn SimMechanics Explorer (on/off)
 6 -
       simu.startTime = 0;
                                             % Simulation Start Time [s]
       simu.endTime=500;
                                             % Simulation End Time [s]
 8 -
       simu.dt = 0.01:
                                             % Simulation Time-Step [s]
 9 -
       simu.rampT = 100:
                                             % Wave Ramp Time Length [s]
       simu.CITime = 30;
                                             % Specify CI Time
11
12
       % Wave Information
       %Irregular Waves using PM Spectrum
13
14 -
       waves = waveClass('irregular');
                                             % Initializa Wave Class and Specify Type
       waves.H = 2.5;
                                             % Significant Wave Height [m]
16 -
       waves.T = 8;
                                             % Peak Period [s]
       waves.spectrumType = 'PM';
17 -
                                             % Specify Wave Spectrum
       waves.randPreDefined=1:
                                             % Seed Random Phase
18 -
19
20
21 -
       body(1) = bodyClass('../../tutorials/OSWEC/hydroData/oswec.h5'); % Initialize bodyClass
       body(1).geometryFile = '../../tutorials/OSWEC/geometry/flap.stl'; % Geometry File
22 -
                                                     % User-Defined mass [kg]
23 -
       body(1).mass = 127000;
       body(1).momOfInertia = [1.85e6 1.85e6 1.85e6]; % Moment of Inertia [kg-m^2]
24 -
25 -
       body(1).linearDamping = [0, 0, 0, 0, 1*10^7, 0];
26
27 -
       body(2) = bodyClass('../../tutorials/OSWEC/hydroData/oswec.h5'); % Initialize bodyClass 1
       body(2).geometryFile = '../../tutorials/OSWEC/geometry/base.stl'; % Geometry File
28 -
29 -
       body(2).mass = 'fixed':
                                                    % Creates Fixed Body
30
       % PTO and Constraint Parameters
31
32 -
       constraint(1)= constraintClass('Constraint1'): % Initialize ConstraintClass for Constraint
33 -
       constraint(1).loc = [0 \ 0 \ -10];
                                                     % Constraint Location [m]
34
35
       % Rotational PTO
36 -
       pto(1) = ptoClass('PTO1');
                                                     % Initialize ptoClass for PT01
                                                     % PTO Stiffness Coeff [Nm/rad]
37 -
       pto(1).k = 0:
38 -
       pto(1).c =0;
                                                     % PTO Damping Coeff [Nsm/rad]
39 -
       pto(1).loc = [0 0 -8.9];
                                                    % PTO Global Location [m]
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Wave-powered desalination system

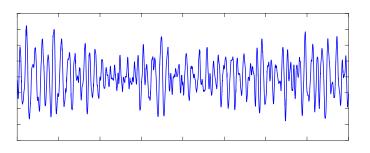
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wecSimInputFile.m × wecSimInputFile.m × +
        % Simulation Data
        simu = simulationClass();
        simu.simMechanicsFile = 'OSWEC WM.slx';
                                                         % Specify Simulink Model File
       simu.mode = 'rapid-accelerator';
                                                              % Specify Simulation Mode ('no
        simu.explorer='off';
                                                     % Turn SimMechanics Explorer (on/off)
        % simu.startTime = 0;
                                                     % Simulation Start Time [s]
        simu.endTime=2000;
        simu.solver = 'ode4':
                                                     %simu.solver = 'ode4' for fixed step &
        simu.dt = 0.05:
                                                          %Simulation time-step [s] for a cor
        simu.rampT = 250;
11 -
        simu.CITime = 30:
12 -
        simu.morrisonElement = 1:
13
14
        % Wave Information
        % noWaveCIC, no waves with radiation CIC
15
       % waves = waveClass('noWaveCIC');
                                                %Create the Wave Variable and Specify Type
17
18
        %% Regular Waves
19
       % waves = waveClass('regular');
20
        % waves.H = 2.5;
21
        % waves.T = 8:
22
23
        3% Irregular Waves using PM Spectrum with Convolution Integral Calculation
24 -
        waves = waveClass('irregular');
25 -
        waves.H = 2.25;
26 -
        waves.T = 8.7;
27 -
        waves.spectrumType = 'BS';
28 -
        waves.randPreDefined = 1:
29
30
        1 Irregular Waves using User-Defined Spectrum
31
        % waves = waveClass('irregularImport');
32
       % waves.spectrumDataFile = 'ndbcBuoyData.txt';
34
        % Body Data
35
       ₩ Flap
        body(1) = bodyClass('./hydroData/oswec.h5'); % Initialize bodyClass for Flap
37 -
        body(1).bemioFlag = 0; % If using the new MATLAB based BEMIO
                                                      % User-Defined mass [kg]
38 -
        body(1).mass = 127000;
        body(1).momOfInertia = [1.85e6 1.85e6 1.85e6]; % Moment of Inertia [kg-m^2]
        body(1).geometryFile = './geometry/flap.stl'; % Geometry File
40 -
41 -
        body(1).morrisonElement.cd = ones (5,3);
42 -
        body(1).morrisonElement.ca = zeros(5,3);
        body(1).morrisonElement.characteristicArea = zeros(5,3);
        body(1).morrisonElement.characteristicArea(:,1) = 18*1.8;
44 -
        body(1).morrisonElement.characteristicArea(:,3) = 18*1.8;
45 -
        body(1).morrisonElement.VME = zeros(5,1);
        body(1).morrisonElement.rgME = [0 0 -3; 0 0 -1.2; 0 0 0.6; 0 0 2.4; 0 0 4.2];
47 -
49
50 -
        body(2) = bodyClass('./hydroData/oswec.h5'); % Initialize bodyClass for Base
        body(2).bemioFlag = 0; % If using the new MATLAB based BEMIO
52 -
        body(2).geometryFile = './geometry/base.stl'; % Geometry File
53 -
        body(2).mass = 'fixed';
                                                       % Creates Fixed Body
54
55
        %% PTO and Constraint Parameters
        constraint(1)= constraintClass('Constraint1'); % Initialize ConstraintClass for Const
57 -
        constraint(1).loc = [0 \ 0 \ -10];
58
        pto(1) = ptoClass('PT01');
                                                      % Initialize ptoClass for PT01
60 -
        pto(1).k = 0;
                                                      % PTO Stiffness Coeff [Nm/rad]
                                                      % PTO Damping Coeff [Nsm/rad]
61 -
        pto(1).c = 0:
        pto(1).loc = [0 0 -8.9];
                                                      % PTO Global Location [m]
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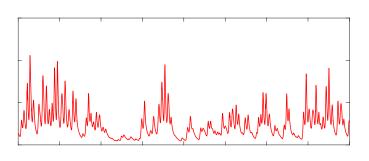


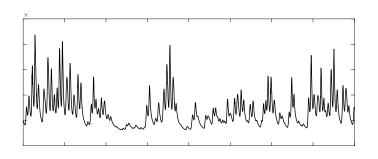
RO-Sim Class (roSimInputFile.m)

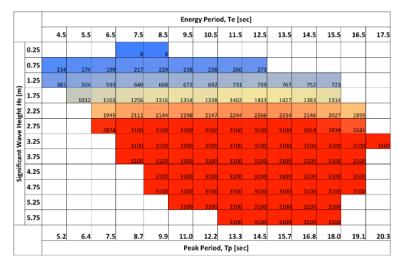
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roSimInputFile.m ×
   wecSimInputFile.m ×
                       wecSimInputFile.m
        rosim = roSimClass('RO-Sim');
 3 -
 4
 5
       % %% Piston
 6 -
       rosim.pistonNCF.topA = 0.180188206642432;
        rosim.pistonNCF.botA = 0.180188206642432;
 7 -
 8
 9
       % 8% Rotary to Linear Crank
10 -
       rosim.motionMechanism.crank = 3;
       rosim.motionMechanism.offset = 1.3;
11 -
12 -
       rosim.motionMechanism.rodLength = 5;
13
14
       % %% Env
15 -
       rosim.inflow.Pinlet
16
17
       % %% RO
18 -
       rosim.RO(1).Aw
                              = 184798535.242295; %0.4E7/rosim.pistonNCF.topA^2;
19 -
       rosim.RO(1).Ppermeate = 0;
20 -
       rosim.RO(1).P osmotic = 330*6.89476*1000;
21
22
       % 5% High Pressure Accumulator
23 -
       rosim.accumulator(1).VI0 = 6;
24 -
       rosim.accumulator(1).pIprecharge = 0.3789e5;
        rosim.accumulator(1).VIeq= rosim.accumulator(1).VI0/2;
25 -
26
27
       % %% Pressure Exchanger
       rosim.PressureExchanger.Aratio = 0.95;
28 -
29 -
       rosim.PressureExchanger.Cpe
                                       = 184798535.242295/2; %0.4E7/rosim.pistonNCF.topA^2;
       rosim.PressureExchanger.Cleak = 1e-11;
30 -
        rosim.PressureExchanger.Fd
                                       = 100/((0.15/2)^2*pi);
31 -
32
33
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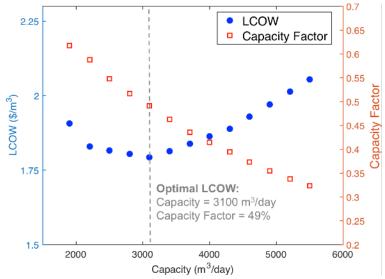
Results (Yu & Jenne, OMAE 2017)











Work To Be Done



- Work in the process
 - Merge back to the latest WEC-Sim release and add the desalination modeling capability to WEC-Sim.
 - Add the documentation for desalination application to WEC-Sim Github website.
 - Upload to the example run case to WEC-Sim Application repo.

Thank you!



Upcoming scheduled webinars and training courses...

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