

WEC-Sim Training Course

for users and developers

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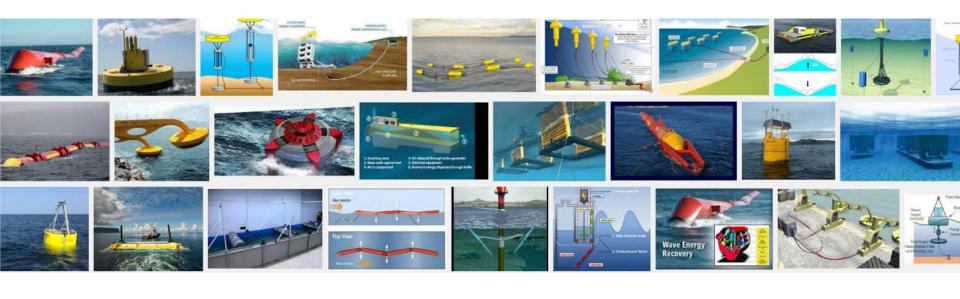
Yi-Hsiang Yu (NREL) Kelley Ruehl (Sandia)

Course Agenda

Time	Topic	Description
9:00 am	WEC-Sim Overview ~20min	Overview of course topics and WEC-Sim code
9:30 am	Theory & Workflow ~20min	Cummins' equation and WEC-Sim workflow (BEM->BEMIO->WEC-Sim)
10:00 am	Running WEC-Sim ~30min	Description of what happens when you execute WEC-Sim (wecSim.m)
11:00 am	Code Structure Overview ~1hr total	Overview of WEC-Sim's input file (wecSimInputFile.m), classes (*.m) and library blocks (*.slx)
1:00 pm	Wave Implementation ~30min	Description wave modeling implementation in WEC-Sim, in the classes (*.m) and blocks (*.slx)
1:30 pm	Body Implementation ~30min	Description body implementation in WEC-Sim, in the classes (*.m) and blocks (*.slx)
2:00pm	Q&A ∼1hr	Open Q&A for attendees to WEC-Sim Lab team

WEC-Sim Webinar





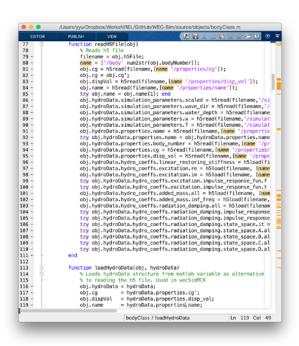
Body Implementation

Yi-Hsiang (NREL)

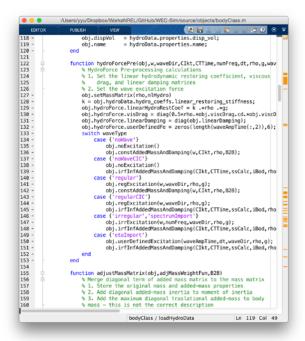
Body Class



Load Hydrodynamic Data



Hydrodynamic Force Calculations



Others

- Functions for adjusting, restoring and storing add-mass matrix during and after the simulation
- Functions for ParaView Visualization

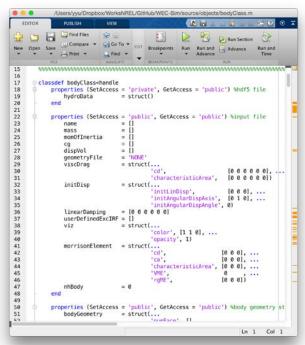
Body Implementation



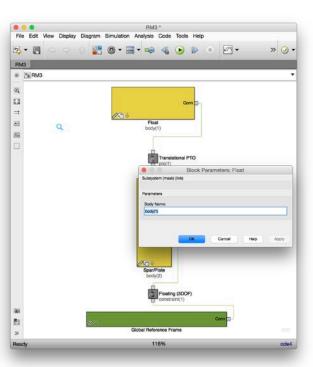
WEC-Sim input file (wecSimInputFile.m)



Body Object (bodyClass.m)

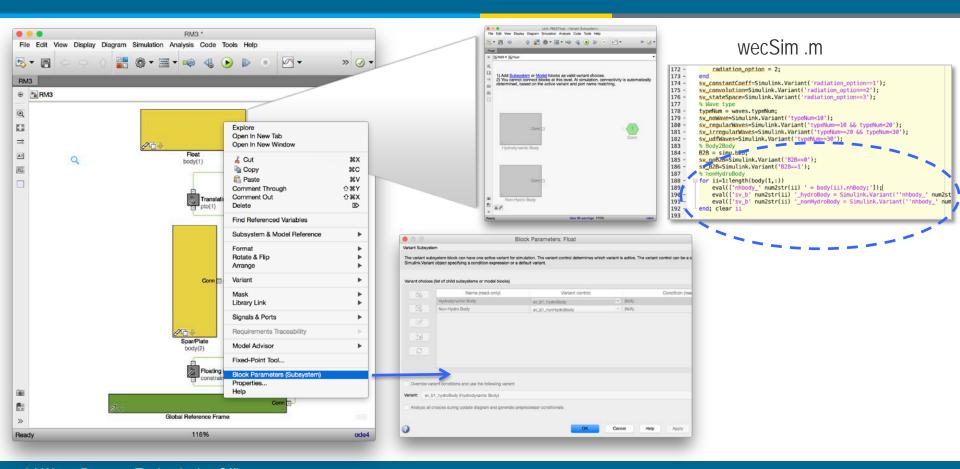


Body Block

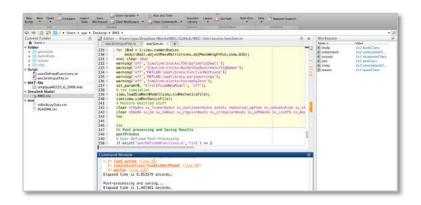


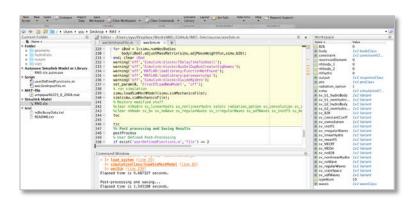
Variant Subsystems

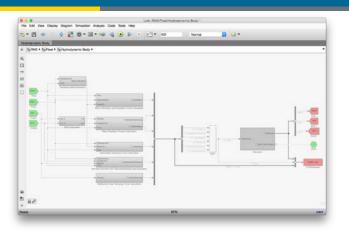


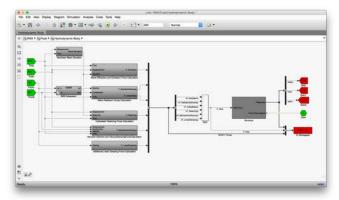


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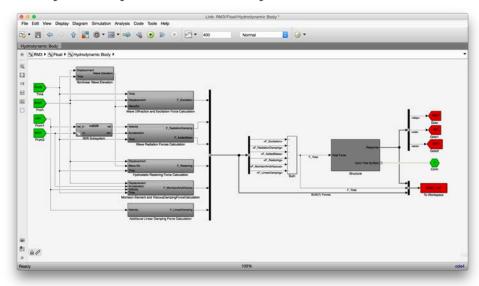




Body Block

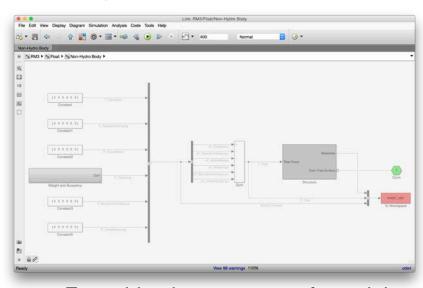


Hydrodynamic Body Block



 Include blocks for calculating all the different forcing terms

Non-Hydro Block



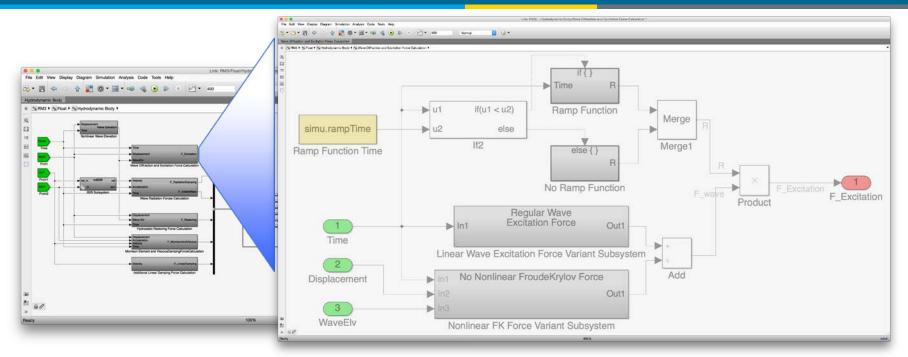
 Everything is zero except for weight and buoyancy

Note: Connection forces between multiple bodies from the joint/PTO are handled by Simscape Multibody

Hydrodynamic Body Block:



Wave Diffraction and Excitation Force Calculation Block

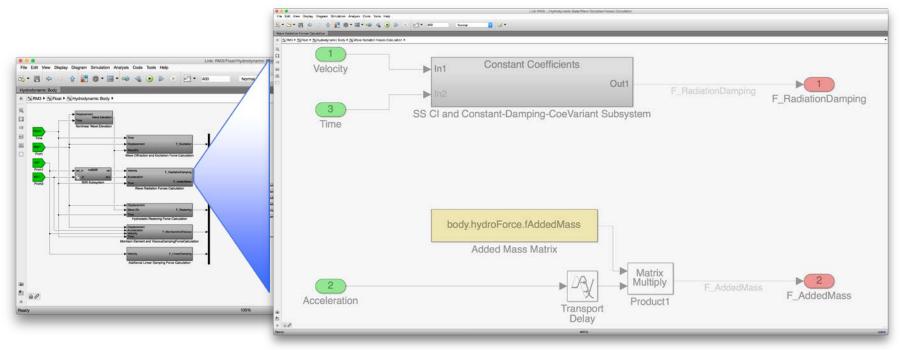


• Pre-calculated waves.waveAmpTime is not used for wave diffraction and excitation force calculation, except when user-defined time-series option is used.

Hydrodynamic Body Block:

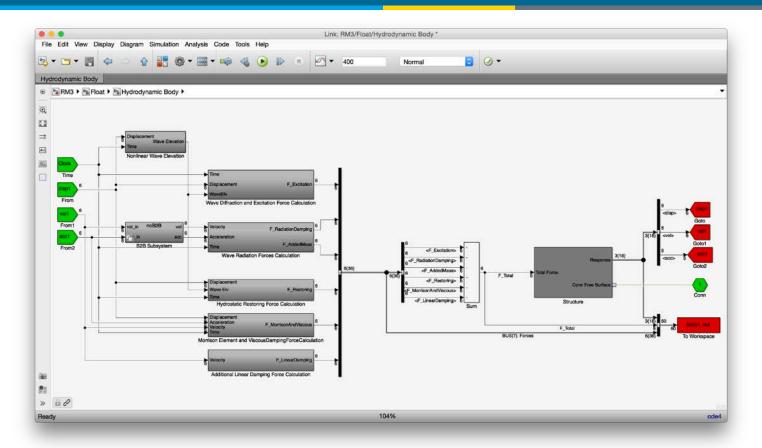
Wave Radiation Force Calculation Block





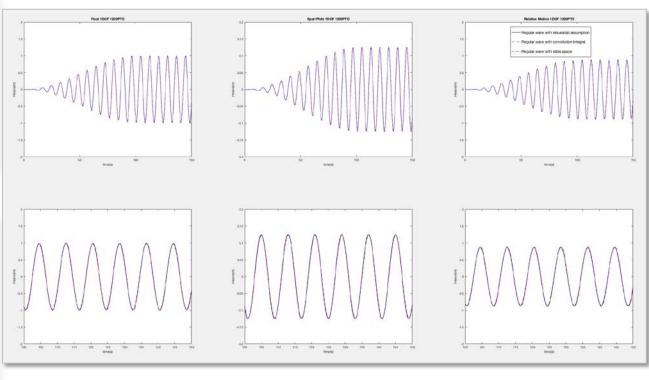
- Added-mass term is a function of acceleration. Therefore, a **Transport Delay** block is used to break the algebraic loop
- Variable Time-Step (ode45) option is available in WEC-Sim. However, the Convolution Integral block is always calculated using a fixed-time step.

Body Force Dimension Display



Verifications Cases





Thank you!



All the webinar materials and recordings are available online:

http://wec-sim.github.io/WEC-Sim/webinars.html







