

# Analysis and modelling tools for ocean energy – Flap Type Arrays

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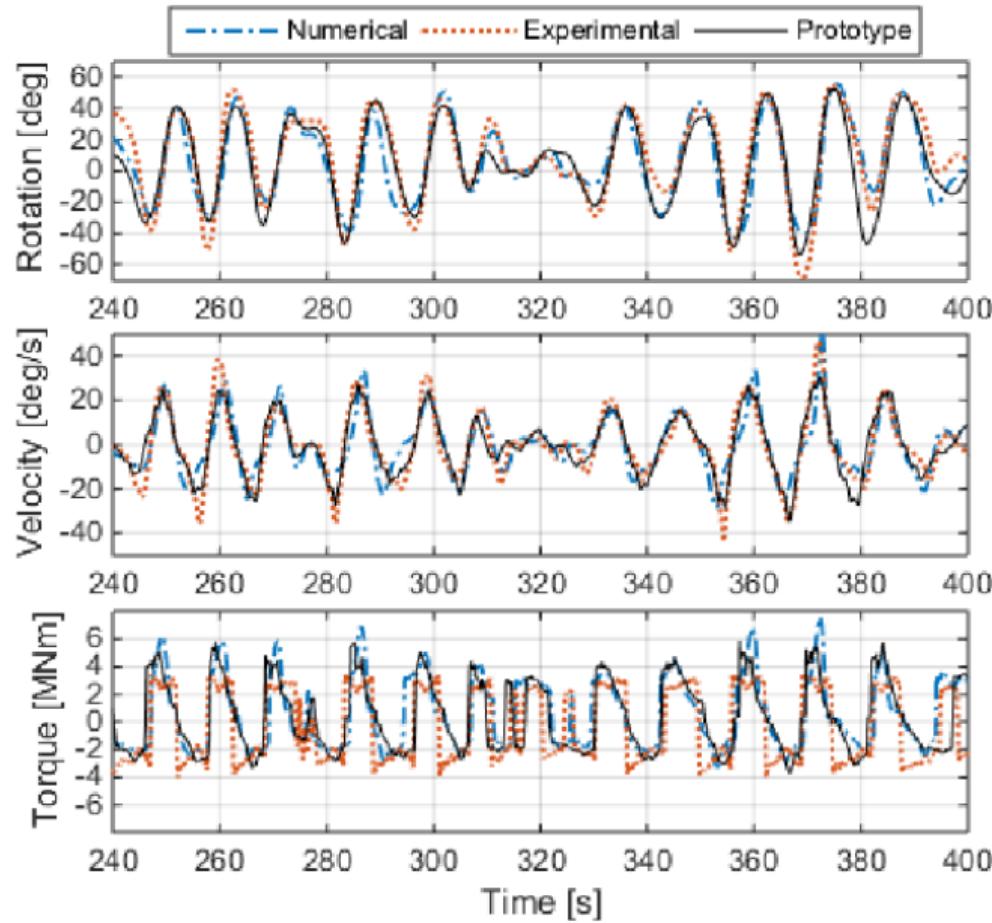
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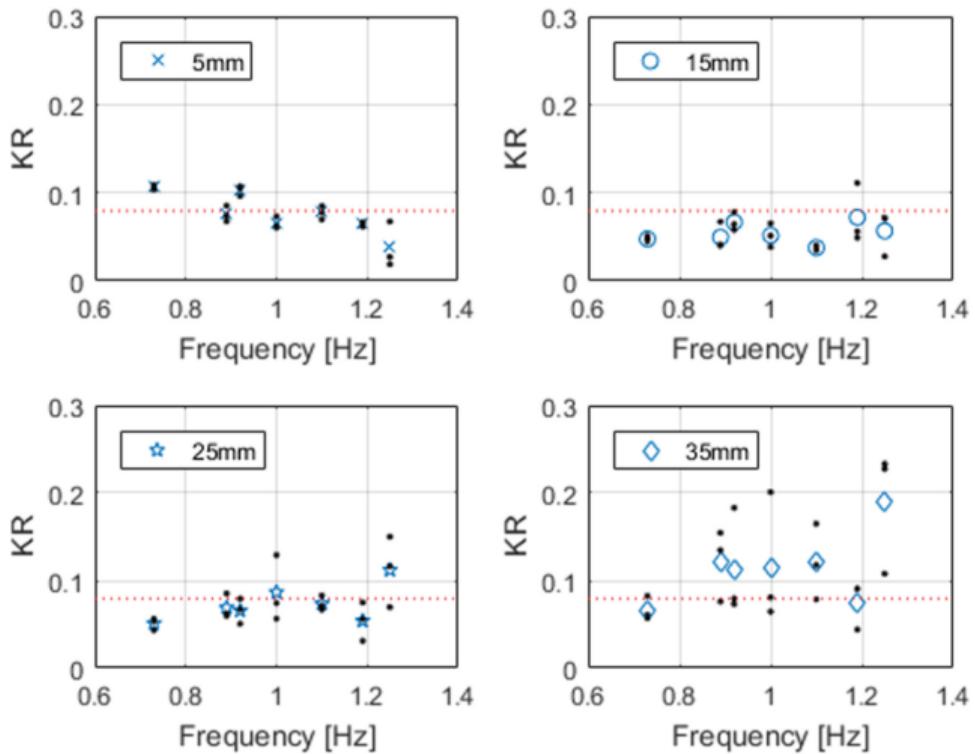
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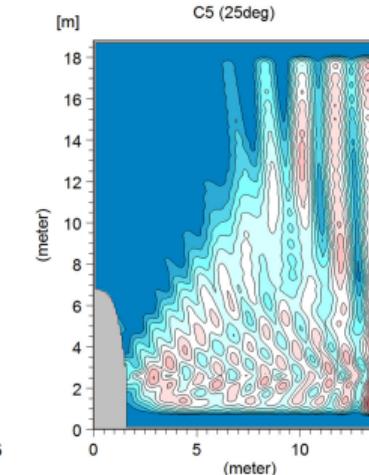
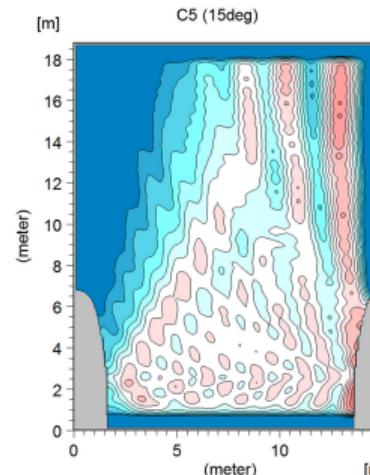
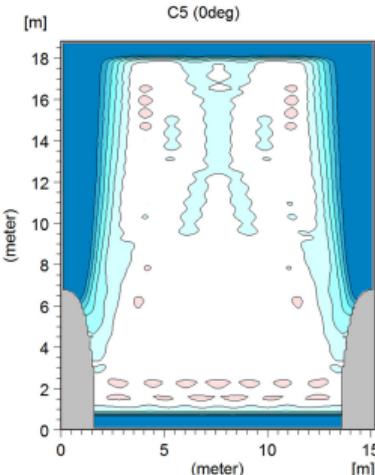
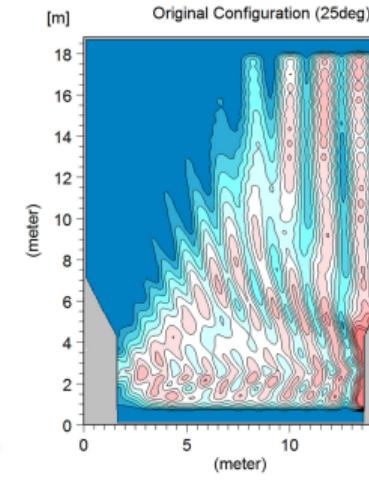
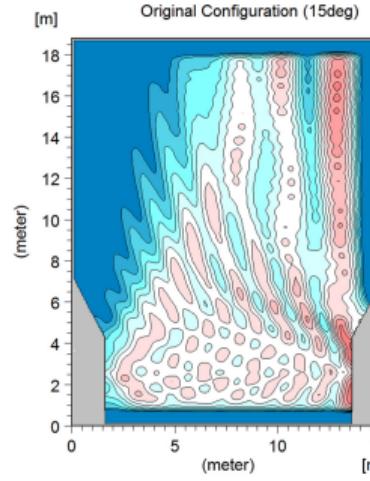
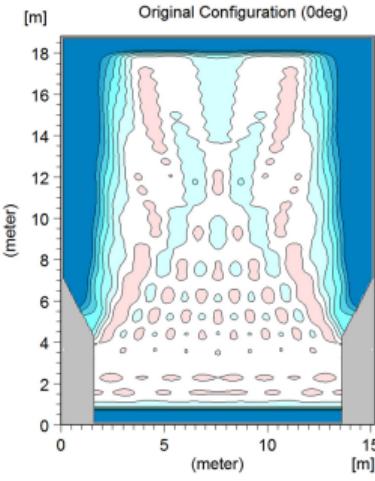
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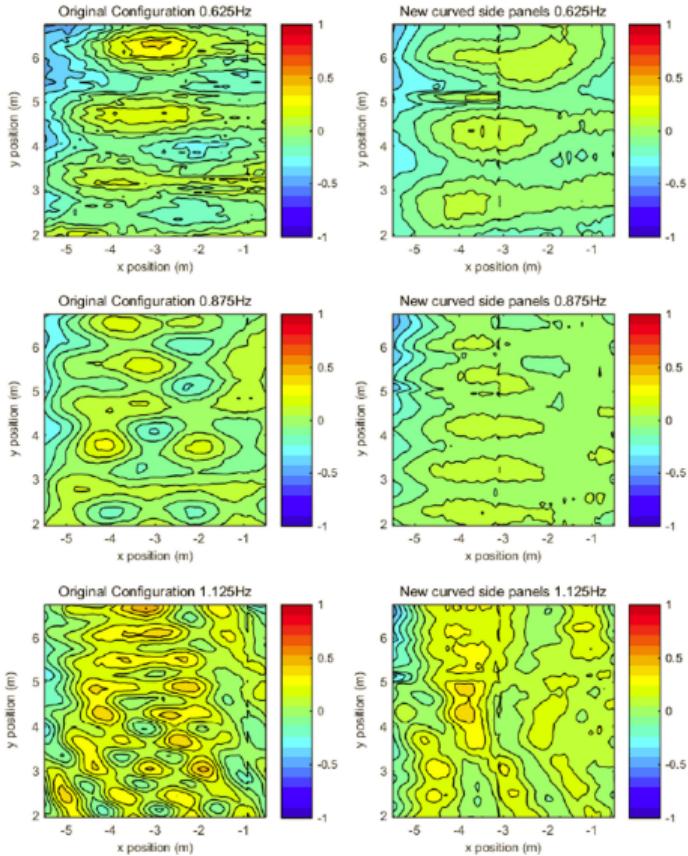
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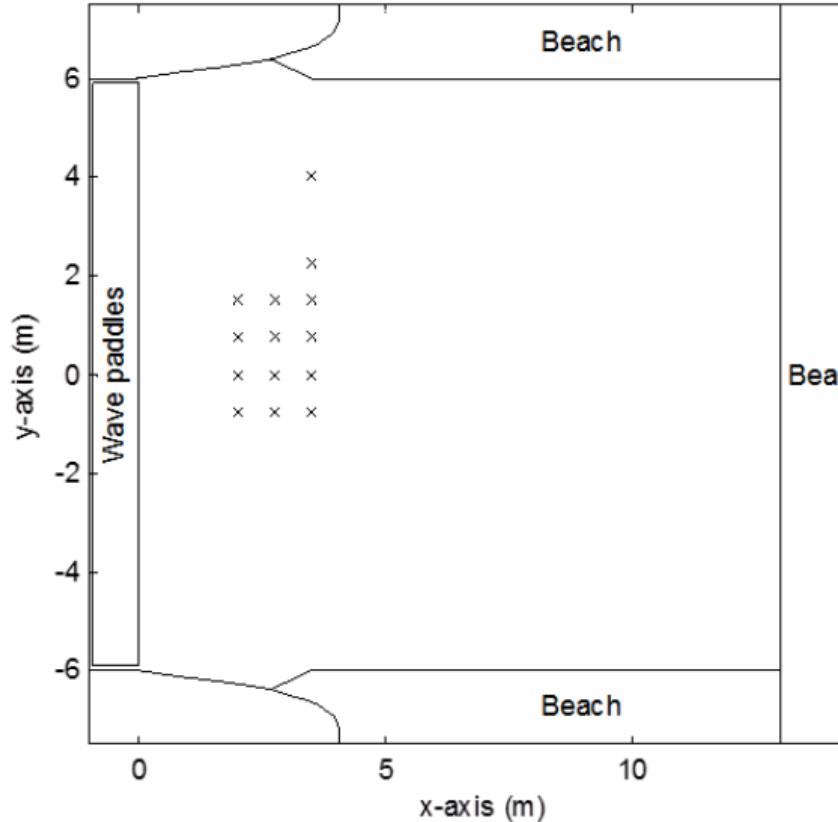
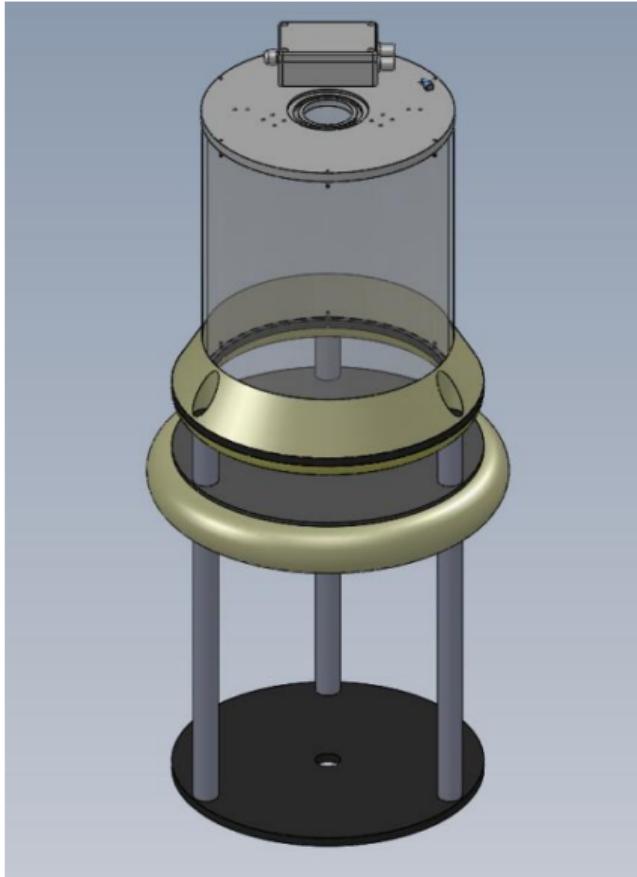


Hm0/Hm0_incoming ( )
Above 1.35
1.25 - 1.35
1.15 - 1.25
1.05 - 1.15
0.95 - 1.05
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0.75 - 0.85
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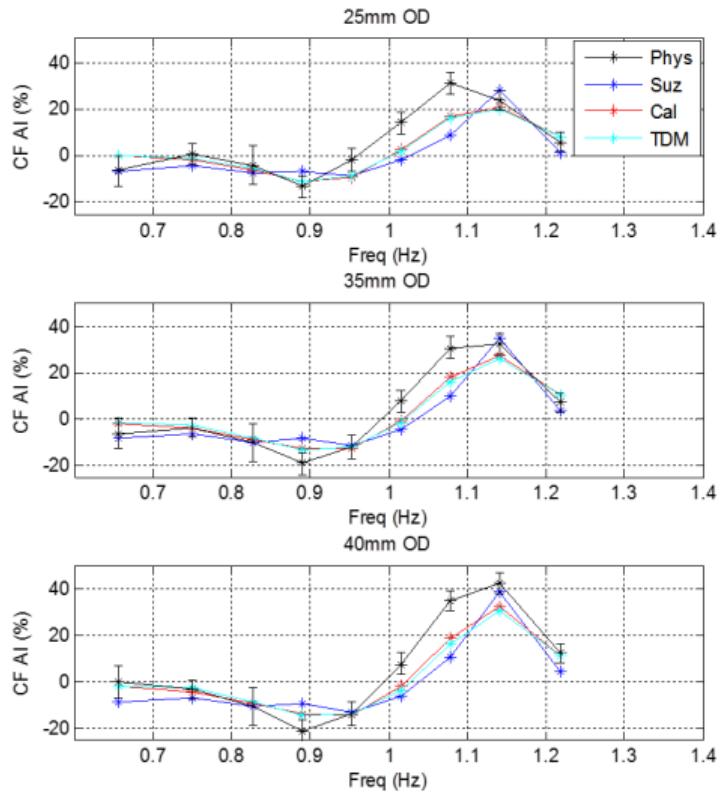
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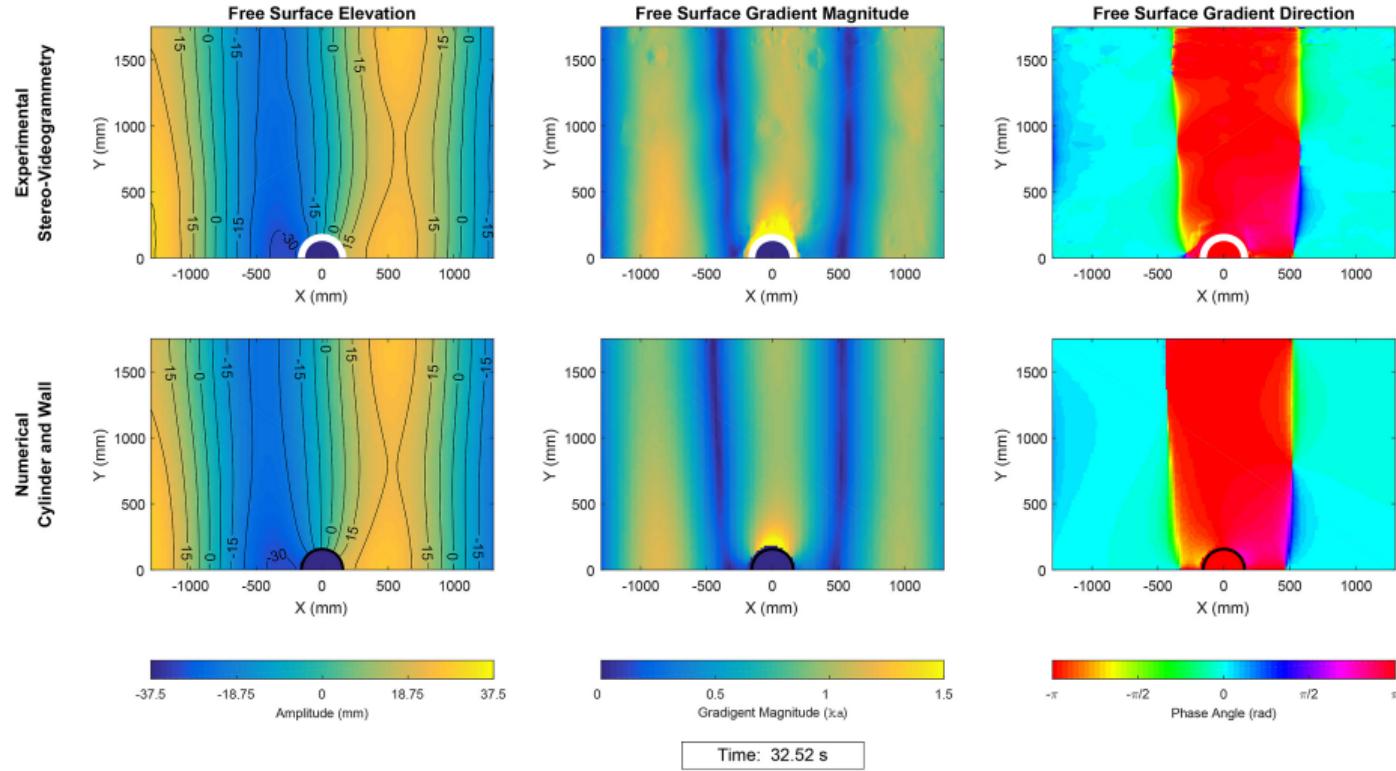
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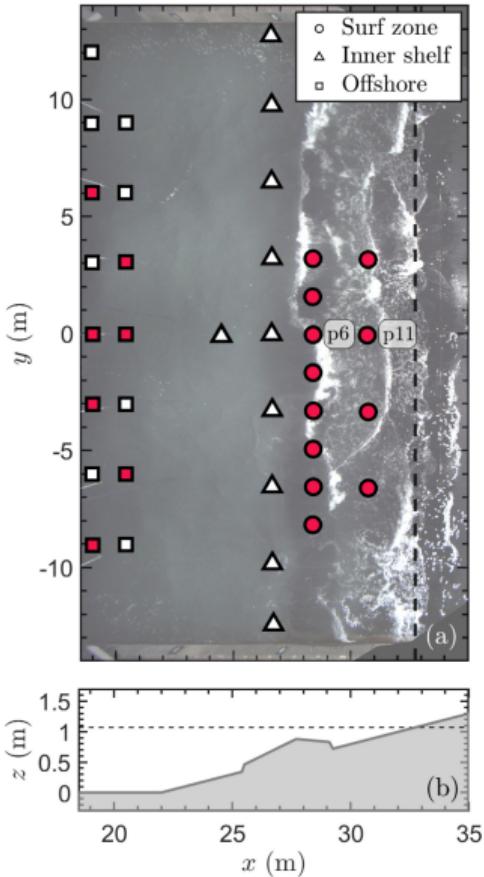


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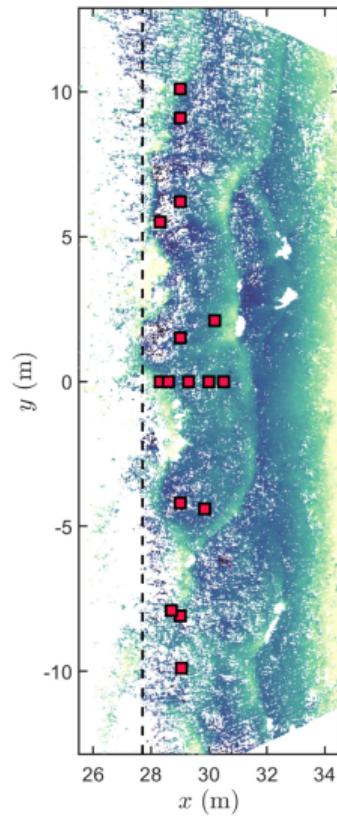


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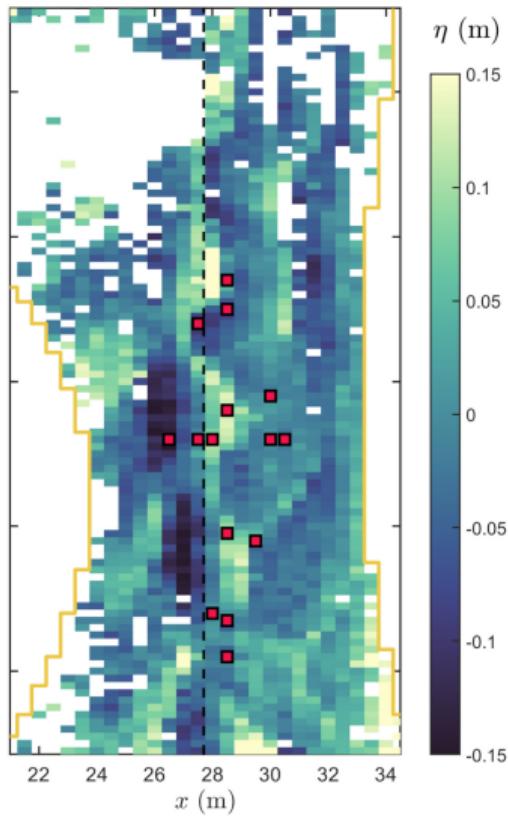


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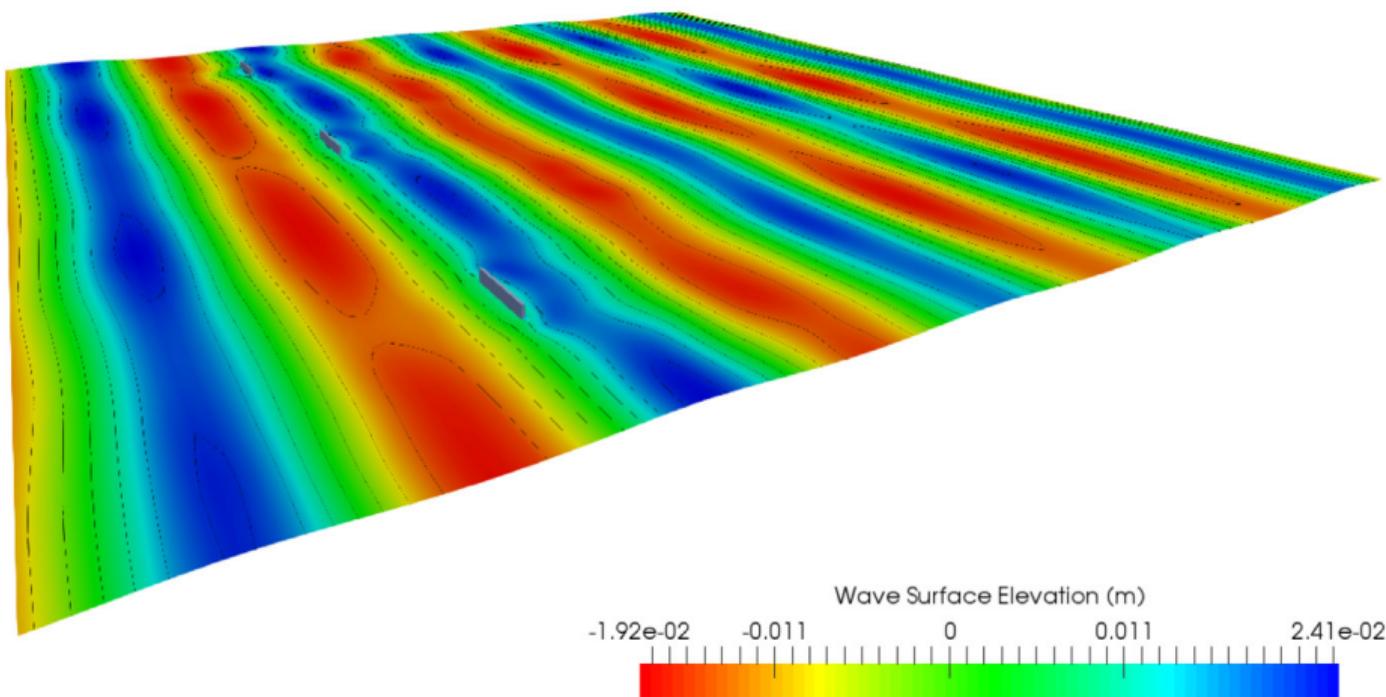


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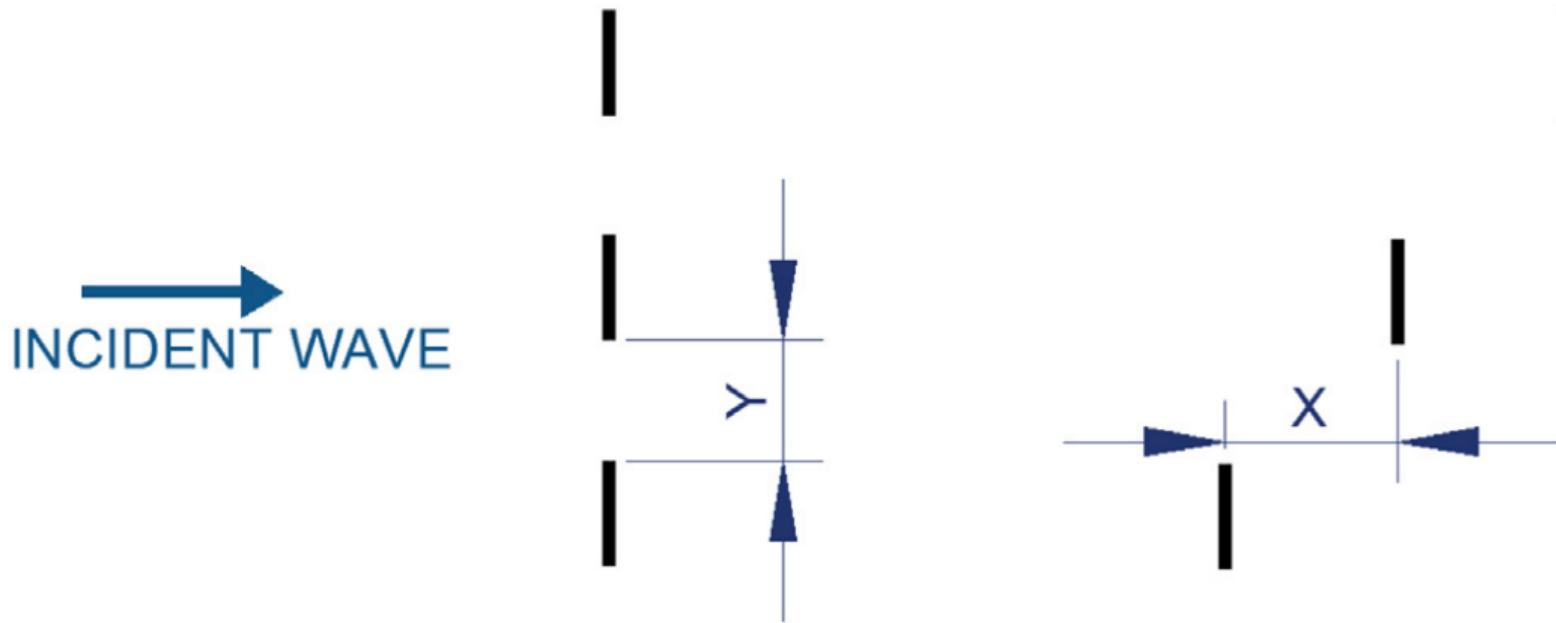


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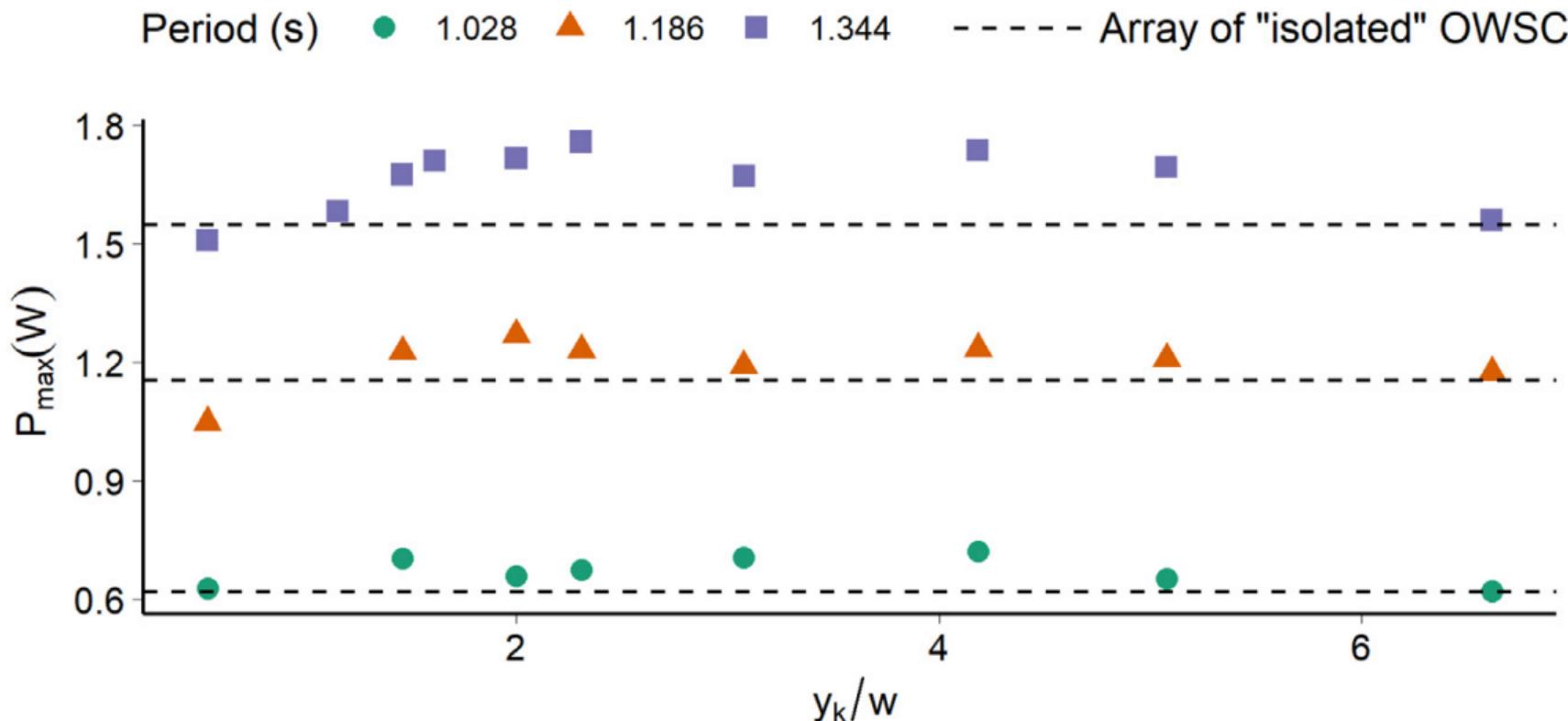
CG1

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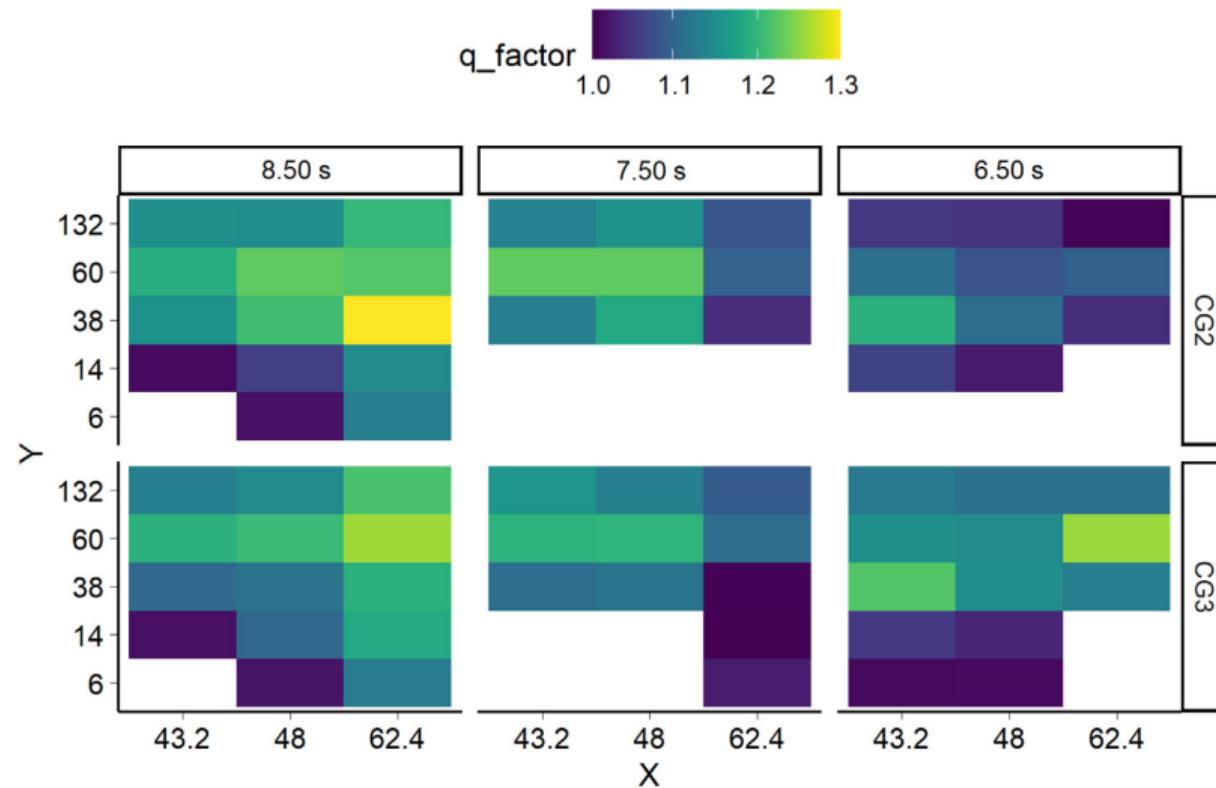
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# Conclusions

- Array interaction for realistic applications (Bathymetry, Operational Constraints)
- Good Experiments extremely challenging, but becoming cheaper, more flexible and richer in data -> More efficient for this task
- Control system...

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