

# Multiple Wave Spectra



Fluid Dynamics

Structural Mechanics

Electromagnetics

Systems and Multiphysics

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# 1. Introduction



Ocean waves with different **frequencies** and **directions**  
are very difficult to model mathematically

Various **simplified** theories & spectral models of ocean waves

- small amplitude linear Airy wave
- higher order Stokes wave
- long crested irregular waves
- multiple directional (short crested) irregular waves

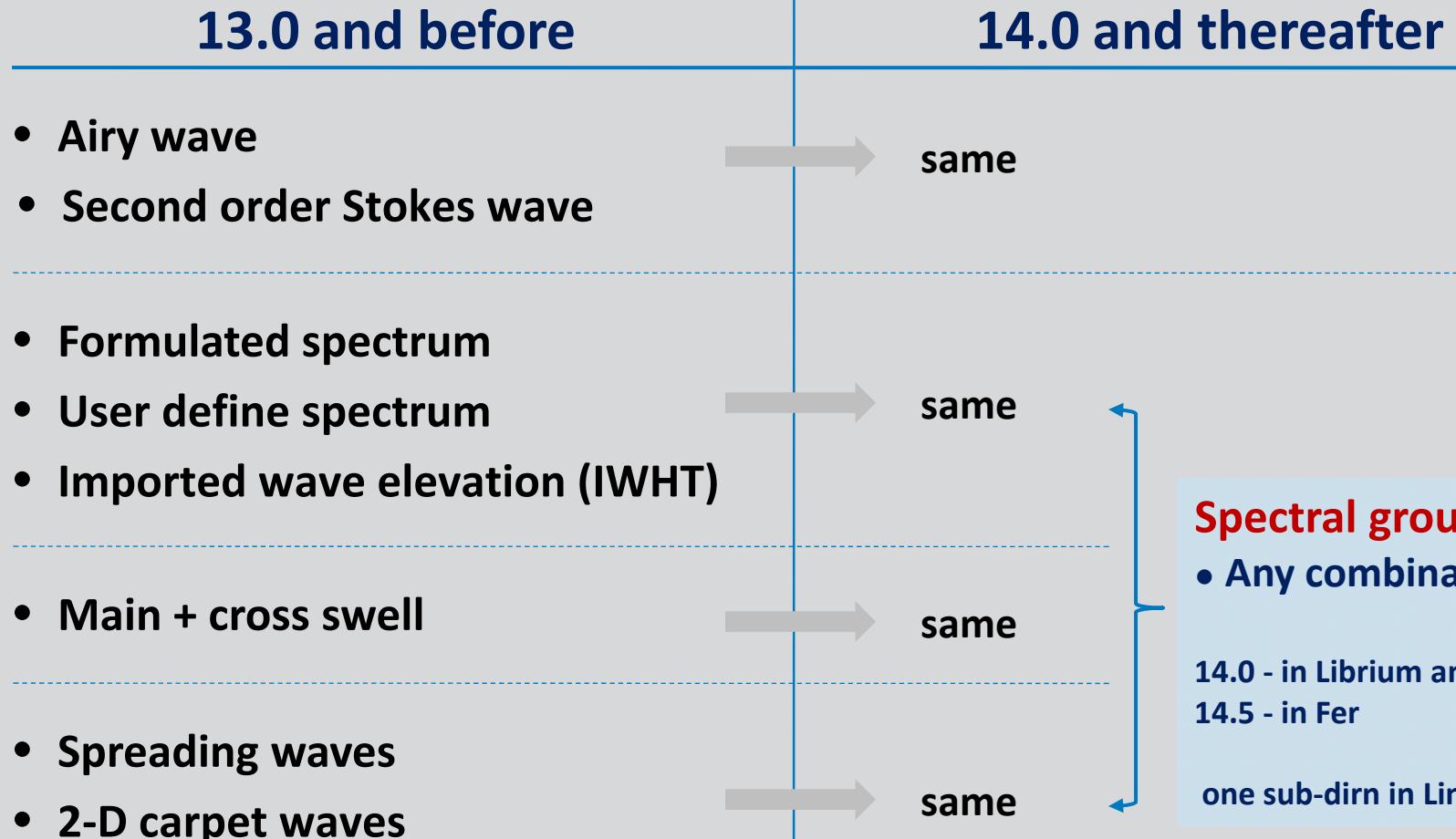
## Waves induce forces on offshore structures:

- the wave exciting forces at wave frequency
- non-linear wave forces:
  - low frequency drift force & sum frequency forces,  
due to the instantaneous wetted hull surface varying,  
impact, slamming forces.

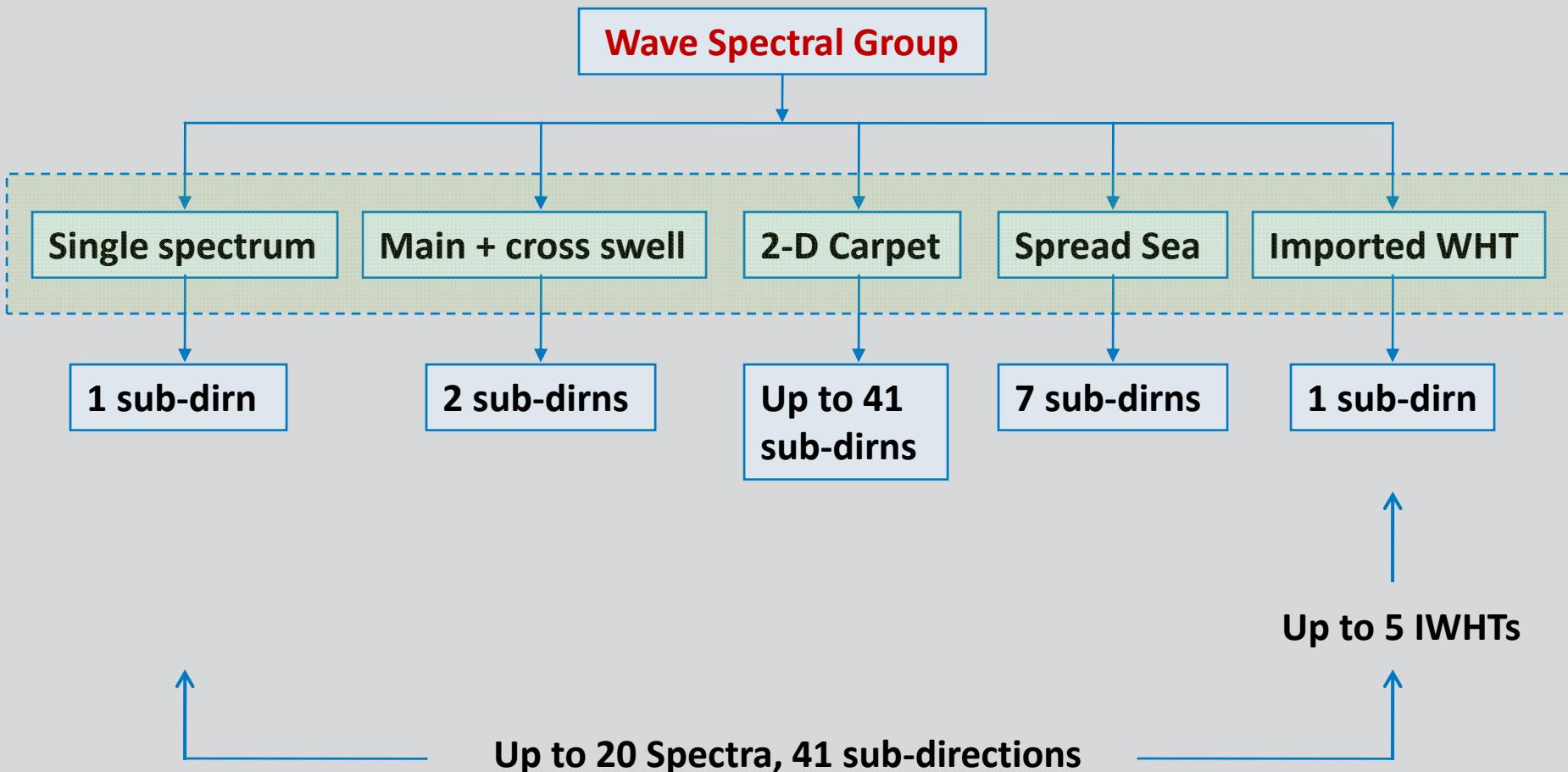
Long crested wave case does **not necessarily** lead to conservative results,

the interaction effect between waves from different directions may be important (Renaud et al. 2008)

## 2. Ocean Waves Modeling in Aqwa



# Structure of wave spectral group



\* IWHTs: Imported files of wave elevation time history

# Definition of spectral group in Aqwa-suite

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13SPGR  
13SGNM          UDEF + PSMZ + 2 IWHTs  
13CURR          0.5      50.0  
13ISOW  
13WIND          15.0     150.0  
*-----  
13NAME          1.UDEF - LONG CRESTED  
*-----  
13SEED 1005  
13SPDN          0.000  
13UDEF          0.3142   0.0000  
...  
13UDEF          1.8850   0.4618  
13FINI  
*-----  
13NAME          2. LONG CRESTED -FORMULATTED  
*-----  
13SEED 1006  
13PSMZ          0.3      2.5      0.001    7.0  
*-----  
13NAME          3. IMPORTED WAVE ELEVATION  
*-----  
13SEED 1007  
13IWHT          MTWAVE1.WHT  
13IWHT          MTWAVE2.WHT  
13NODR  
END13
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Spectral group & name

One current/wind setting

Wave spectrum definition

Seed definition  
(see Aqwa reference 4.13.6  
for default values)

Ignore 2<sup>nd</sup> force of this  
sub-directional spectrum

# Definition of spectral group in Aqwa-Workbench

The screenshot shows the ANSYS Aqwa-Workbench interface with the following details:

**Project Outline:**

- Project
- Model (B3, C3)
  - Geometry
    - ship
    - Fixed Point 1
  - Connections
    - Catenary Data
    - Fender 1
  - Mesh
- Hydrodynamic Diffraction (B4)
  - Analysis Settings
  - Gravity
  - Structure Selection
  - Wave Directions
  - Wave Frequencies
  - Solution (B5)
- Hydrodynamic Time Response (C4)
  - Analysis Settings
  - Irregular Wave Group (Jonswap + IWHTs)
    - Jonswap (Hs=1.0, fp=0.6)+swell
    - Imported wave elevation #1
    - Imported wave elevation #2
  - Solution (C5)

**Details pane (Top Right):**

**Details of Jonswap (Hs=1.0, fp=0.6)+swell**

Name	Jonswap (Hs=1.0, fp=0.6)+swell
Visibility	Visible
Activity	Not Suppressed
Wave Range Defined by	Frequency

**Wave Spectrum Details**

Wave Type	Jonswap (Hs)
<input type="checkbox"/> Direction of Spectrum	50 °
Seed Definition	User defined
<input type="checkbox"/> Seed	50001
Omit Calculation of Drift Forces	No
<input type="checkbox"/> Start Frequency	0.1 rad/s
<input type="checkbox"/> Finish Frequency	1.2 rad/s
<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Wave Height	1 m
<input type="checkbox"/> Gamma	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Peak Frequency	0.6 rad/s

**Cross Swell Details**

Cross Swell Spectrum	Gaussian
<input type="checkbox"/> Direction	90 °
<input type="checkbox"/> Hs	0.5 m
<input type="checkbox"/> Peak Frequency	0.4 rad/s
<input type="checkbox"/> Sigma	1 rad/s

**Details pane (Bottom Right):**

**Details of Imported wave elevation #1**

Name	Imported wave elevation #1
Visibility	Visible
Activity	Not Suppressed

**Wave Spectrum Details**

Wave Type	User Time History
<input type="checkbox"/> Direction of Spectrum	0 °
Seed Definition	Program Controlled
Omit Calculation of Drift Forces	No
<input type="checkbox"/> X Reference	100 m
<input type="checkbox"/> Y Reference	0 m

### 3. Multi-Directional Wave Effects on Loads

- **Wave representation:** Linear superposition – no interaction

$$\zeta(\vec{X}, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \sum_{j=1}^{N_w} a_{jm} e^{i(K_{jm} X \cos \theta_m + K_{jm} Y \sin \theta_m - \omega_{jm} t + \varepsilon_{jm})}$$

- **1<sup>st</sup> order wave exciting force:** Linear superposition

$$\vec{F}^{(1)}(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \sum_{j=1}^{N_w} a_{jm} \vec{F}_{jm}^{(1)} e^{i(-\omega_{jm} t + \varepsilon_{jm})}$$

- **Morison drag force:** Linear superposition of fluid particle velocities

$$F_d(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \rho C_d |U_r(t)| U_r(t),$$

$$U_r(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \sum_{j=1}^{N_w} a_{jm} V_{jm}(\vec{X}) e^{i(-\omega_{jm} t + \varepsilon_{jm})} + U_C - U_S$$

- **Second order wave forces**

$$\vec{F}^{(2)}(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} a_{jm} a_{kn} \{ \vec{P}_{jkmn}^+ \cos[(\omega_{jm} + \omega_{kn})t - (\varepsilon_{jm} + \varepsilon_{kn})] \\ + \vec{Q}_{jkmn}^+ \sin[(\omega_{jm} + \omega_{kn})t - (\varepsilon_{jm} + \varepsilon_{kn})] \\ + \vec{P}_{jkmn}^- \cos[(\omega_{jm} - \omega_{kn})t - (\varepsilon_{jm} - \varepsilon_{kn})] \\ + \vec{Q}_{jkmn}^- \sin[(\omega_{jm} - \omega_{kn})t - (\varepsilon_{jm} - \varepsilon_{kn})] \},$$



### Quadruple summations

- Interaction between **frequencies** (sum and difference)  
and between **directions**

- **Drift damping** (Kim et al, 1997)

$$B_{11} = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \sum_{j=1}^{N_w} \Xi_{11}(\omega_j; \beta_m, \beta_n) \bar{F}_x(\omega_j; \beta_m, \beta_n),$$

$$\Xi_{11}(\omega_j; \beta_m, \beta_n) = \frac{1}{2} \{ (\cos \beta_m + \cos \beta_n) \cdot (k_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_j} + \frac{2K_j}{C_{gj}}) - \frac{1}{C_{gj}} (\sin \beta_m \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_m} + \sin \beta_n \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_n}) \}$$

- Mean Drift force for **multiple directional wave case**

$$\bar{F}^{(2)} = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \sum_{j=1}^{N_w} a_{jm} a_{jn} \{ P_{jjmn}^- \cos(\varepsilon_{jm} - \varepsilon_{jn}) - Q_{jjmn}^- \sin(\varepsilon_{jm} - \varepsilon_{jn}) \}$$

- Mean Drift force for **single directional wave case**

$$\bar{F}^{(2)} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_w} a_j P_{jj}^-$$

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- Triple summations including directional coupling,
  - In phase and out of phase components,
  - Sensitive to wavelet random phases.

- First order wave exciting force

$$S_{F^{(1)}}(\omega) = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} |F_m^{(1)}(\omega)|^2 S_m(\omega)$$

- Difference frequency second order wave force (v14.5)

$$S_{F^{(2)}}(\omega) = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \{8 \int S_m(\mu) S_n(\mu + \omega) |D_{mn}(\mu, \mu + \omega)|^2 d\mu\},$$

$$|D_{mn}(\mu, \mu + \omega)|^2 = |P_{mn}^-(\mu, \mu + \omega)|^2 + |Q_{mn}^-(\mu, \mu + \omega)|^2$$

- Total wave force

$$S_F(\omega) = S_{F^{(1)}}(\omega) + S_{F^{(2)}}(\omega)$$

## Second order force coefficients

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{F}^{(2)} = & -\frac{1}{2}\rho g \oint_{WL} \zeta_r^{(1)} \cdot \zeta_r^{(1)} \vec{n} dl & \textbf{Water line integral} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}\rho \iint_{S_0} [\nabla \Phi^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \Phi^{(1)}] \vec{n} dS & \textbf{Bernoulli} \\
 & + \rho \iint_{S_0} [\vec{X}^{(1)} \cdot \nabla \frac{d\Phi^{(1)}}{dt}] \vec{n} dS & \textbf{Acceleration} \\
 & + \vec{\alpha}^{(1)} \times \vec{F}^{(1)} & \textbf{Momentum} \\
 & + \rho \iint_{S_0} \frac{d\Phi^{(2)}}{dt} \vec{n} dS & \textbf{2nd order potential}
 \end{aligned}$$

**without the 5<sup>th</sup> term and using complex values for unit wave amplitude**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\vec{P}_{jkmn}^+, \vec{Q}_{jkmn}^+) = & -\frac{1}{4}\rho g \oint_{WL} \zeta_{rjm}^+ \cdot \zeta_{rkn}^+ \vec{n} dl + \frac{1}{4}\rho \iint_{S_0} [\nabla \Phi_{jm}^+ \cdot \nabla \Phi_{kn}^+] \vec{n} dS \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}\rho \iint_{S_0} [\vec{X}_{jm}^+ \cdot \nabla \frac{d\Phi_{kn}^+}{dt}] \vec{n} dS + \frac{1}{2}\vec{\alpha}_{jm}^+ \times [\mathbf{M}_s \cdot \ddot{\vec{X}}_{gkn}^+] , \\
 (\vec{P}_{jkmn}^-, \vec{Q}_{jkmn}^-) = & -\frac{1}{4}\rho g \oint_{WL} \zeta_{rjm}^- \cdot \zeta_{rkn}^{**} \vec{n} dl + \frac{1}{4}\rho \iint_{S_0} [\nabla \Phi_{jm}^- \cdot \nabla \Phi_{kn}^{**}] \vec{n} dS \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}\rho \iint_{S_0} [\vec{X}_{jm}^- \cdot \nabla \frac{d\Phi_{kn}^{**}}{dt}] \vec{n} dS + \frac{1}{2}\vec{\alpha}_{jm}^- \times [\mathbf{M}_s \cdot \ddot{\vec{X}}_{gkn}^{**}] .
 \end{aligned}$$

## 4. Extended Newman's Approximation

- Store  $(\vec{P}_{jkmn}^+, \vec{Q}_{jkmn}^+, \vec{P}_{jkmn}^-, \vec{Q}_{jkmn}^-)$  database,
- Interpolating  $(\vec{P}_{jkmn}^+, \vec{Q}_{jkmn}^+, \vec{P}_{jkmn}^-, \vec{Q}_{jkmn}^-)$  of all wavelets at each time step,
- Quadruple summation of all 2<sup>nd</sup> order force components

→ is numerically prohibitive

- Newman's approximation for single directional waves

$$\vec{P}_{jk}^- = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{P}_{jj}^- + \vec{P}_{kk}^- ]$$

- Extended Newman's approximation for multiple directional waves

$$\vec{P}_{jkmn}^- = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{P}_{jjmn}^- + \vec{P}_{kknm}^- ],$$

$$\vec{Q}_{jkmn}^- = \frac{1}{2} [\vec{Q}_{jjmn}^- - \vec{Q}_{kknm}^- ].$$

## 4. Newman's Approximation

$$\begin{matrix} \omega & \omega = 1 & 2 & \dots & j \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & P & & & \\ 2 & P & \dots & \dots & X \\ . & P & & & \\ . & P & & & \\ . & P & & & \\ j & P & & & \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

## 4. Extended Newman's Approximation

$$\begin{matrix} \omega = 1 & 2 & \dots & j \\ \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} & \vdots \\ \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} & \vdots \\ \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} & \vdots \end{matrix}$$

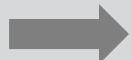
- Employing extended Newman's approximation

$$\vec{F}^{(2)} = \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \left\{ \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} c_{jm} \right) \times \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} (c_{kn} \vec{P}_{kknm}^- - s_{kn} \vec{Q}_{kknm}^-) \right] \right\}$$

$$+ \sum_{m=1}^{N_d} \left\{ \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} s_{jm} \right) \times \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{N_d} \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} (s_{kn} \vec{P}_{kknm}^- + c_{kn} \vec{Q}_{kknm}^-) \right] \right\}$$

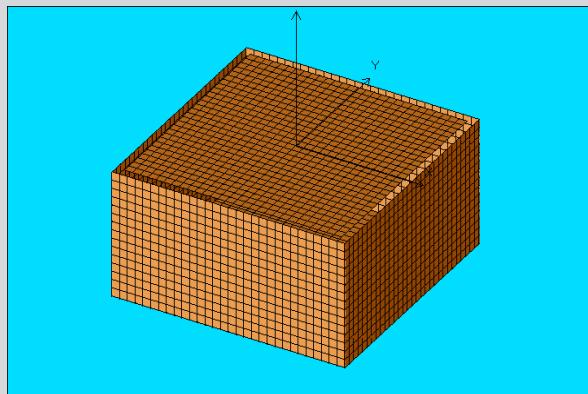
where  $c_{jm} = a_{jm} \cos(\omega_{jm} t - \varepsilon_{jm})$ ,  $s_{jm} = a_{jm} \sin(\omega_{jm} t - \varepsilon_{jm})$

- Require directional coupling mean drift force coefficients database,
- Obtain  $(\vec{P}_{kknm}^-, \vec{Q}_{kknm}^-)$  of actual relative direction at each time step,
- Quadruple summation reduced to triple summation.



**Less hard disk and memory requirement,  
more efficient**

# Validation of extended Newman's approximation

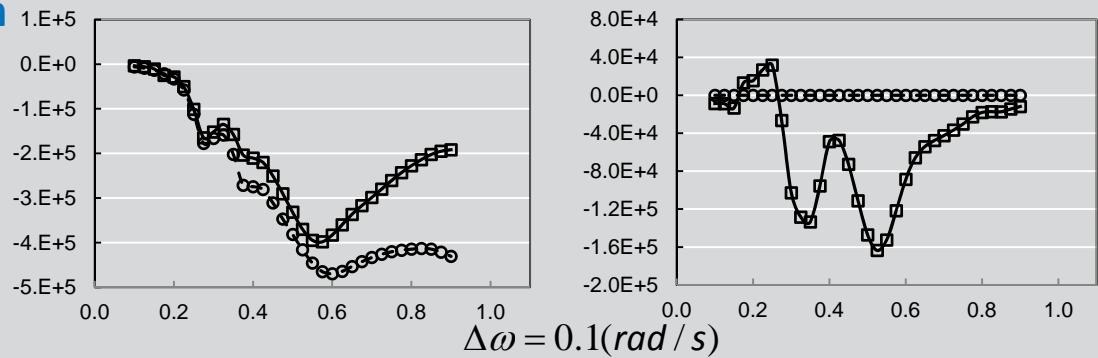
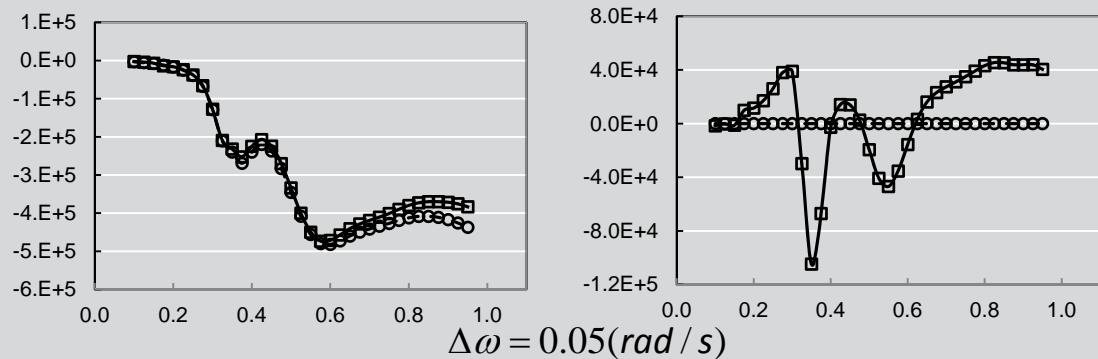
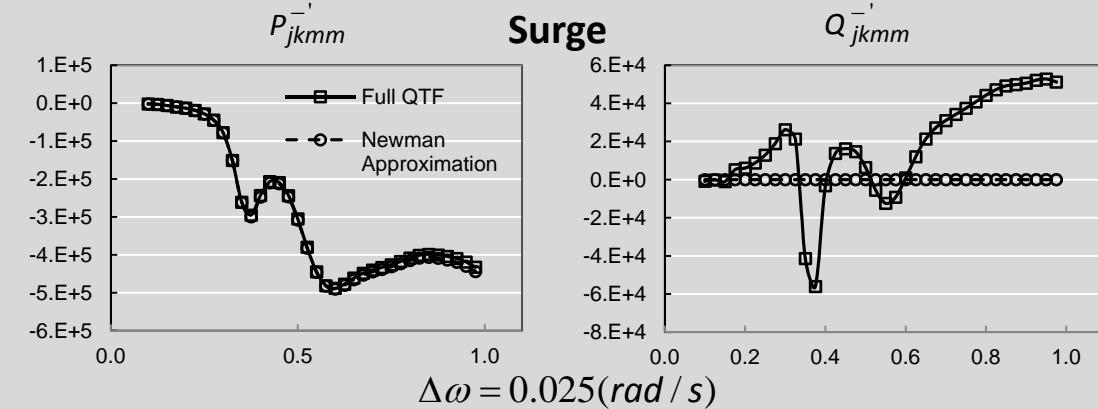


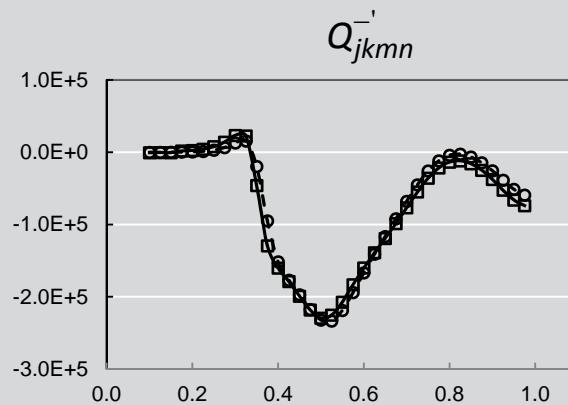
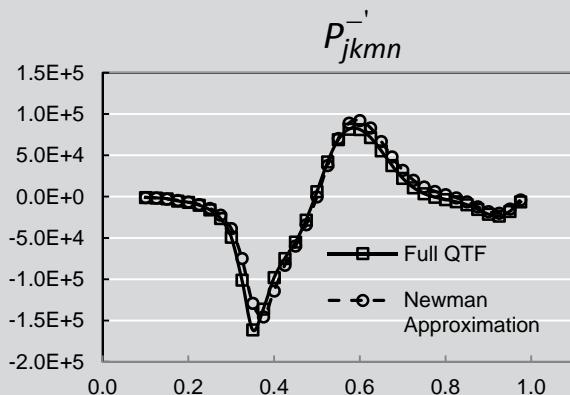
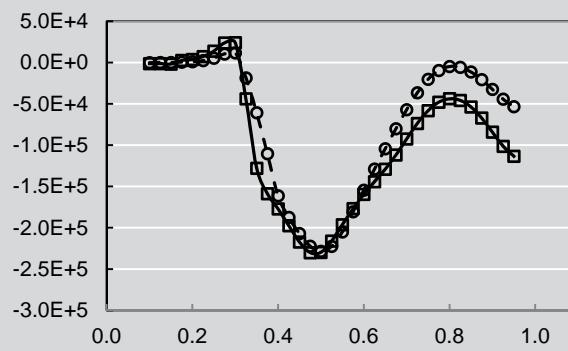
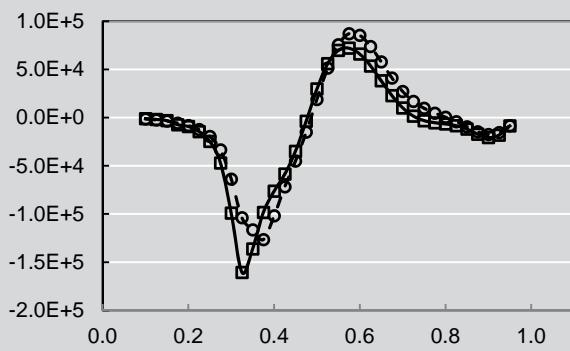
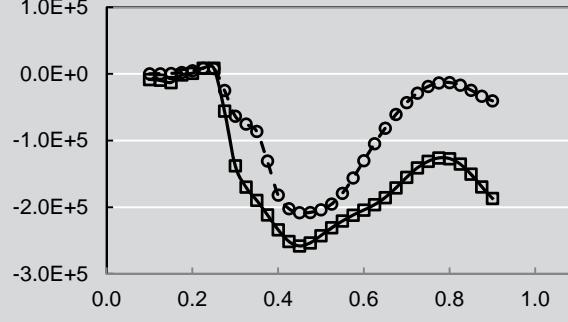
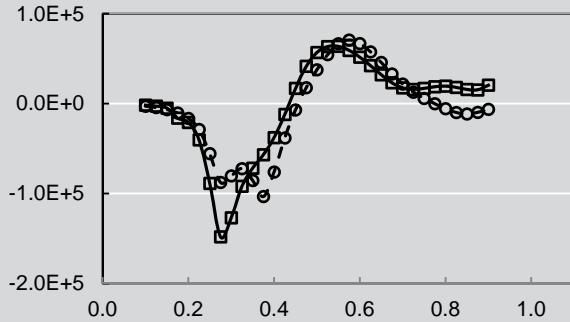
**Rectangular box in deep water,  
Internal lid,  
No 5<sup>th</sup> term**

**m=n: Newman's approximation**

$$\theta_m = \theta_n = -180^\circ$$

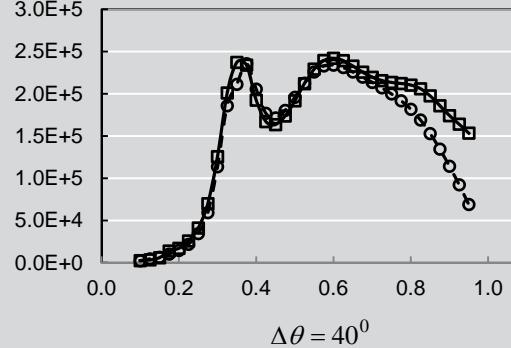
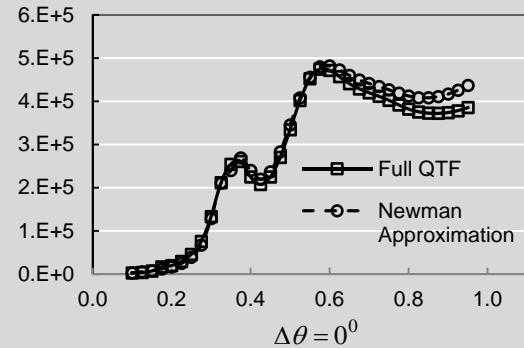
- $|P_{jkmm}^-| > |Q_{jkmm}^-|$
- Good for small  $\Delta\omega$



2<sup>nd</sup> order surge force ( $\theta_m = -180^0$ ,  $\theta_n = -90^0$ )
 $\Delta\omega = 0.025 \text{ (rad / s)}$ 

 $\Delta\omega = 0.05 \text{ (rad / s)}$ 

 $\Delta\omega = 0.1 \text{ (rad / s)}$ 

- $|P_{jkmn}^{-'}|, |Q_{jkmn}^{-'}|$  same order
- Good for small  $\Delta\omega$

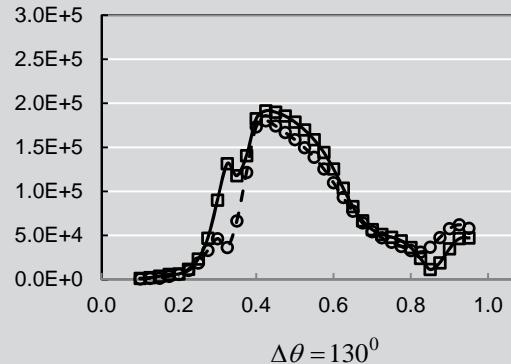
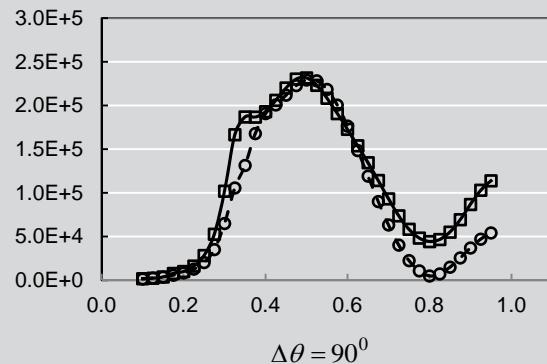
# Directional coupling effect on 2<sup>nd</sup> order surge force



$$\sqrt{(P_{jkmn}^-)^2 + (Q_{jkmn}^-)^2}$$

$$\theta_m = -180^0$$

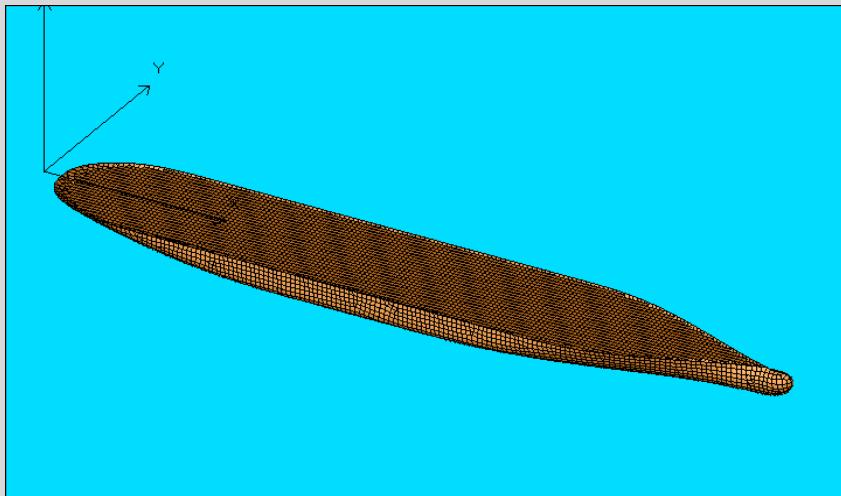
$$\Delta\omega = 0.05(\text{rad/s})$$



## → Extended Newman's approximation

- Enable to estimate  $(\bar{P}_{jkmn}^-, \bar{Q}_{jkmn}^-)$  to include directional coupling effect
- As good as the original Newman's approximation for multiple directions
- Easy accomplishment

## 5. Effect of multi directional spectrum on a moored LNG carrier



**13500m<sup>3</sup> storage capacity LNG carrier**  
(by courtesy of SBM)

Length between perpendiculars: 274m  
Draft: 11m

**Soft mooring system:**  
Longitudinal mooring stiffness: 281kN/m  
Transverse mooring stiffness: 254kN/m  
Rotational mooring stiffness: 4.58E6kNm

Roll damping: 4.0e5 kNms/rad  
Water depth: 15m

### Spread sea:

JONSWAP spectrum:  $H_s=1\text{m}$ ,  $T_p=10\text{s}$ ,  $\gamma = 3.3$   
spreading form:  $\cos^2(\theta - \bar{\theta})$ ,  $\bar{\theta} = 180^\circ$

- Soft spring system is defined by additional structural stiffness (**SSTF**)
- 39 frequencies and 37 directions in [-180, 180] degrees
- Use **MQTF** option to calculate the directional coupling mean QTF matrices
- 25% extra CPU time for the directional coupling mean QTF calculation
- \*.MQT size of **12mb** compared to **2.3mb** of \*.RES

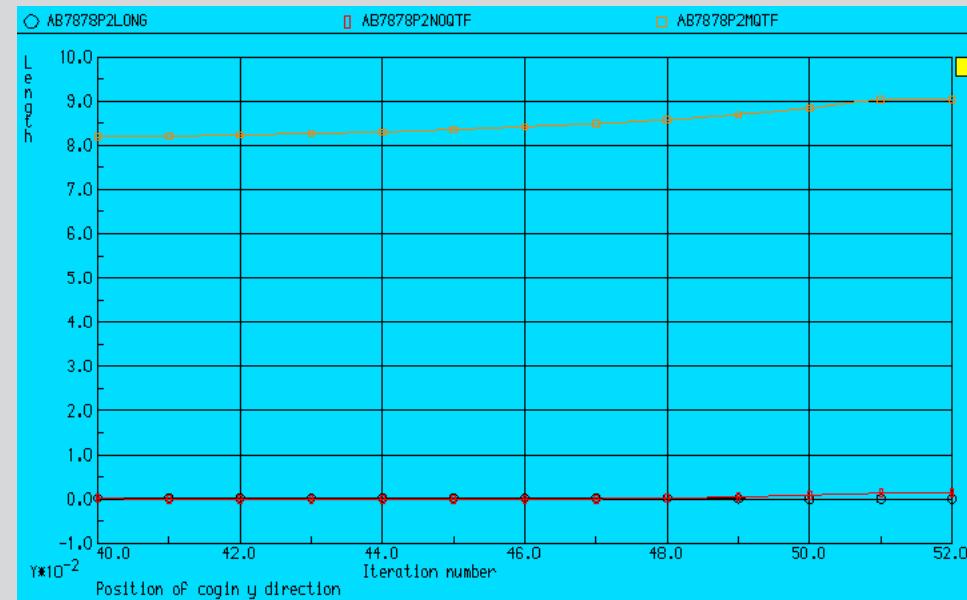
# Effects on equilibrium position

## Three treatments of spreading sea:

- (1) Long crested wave along main heading – AB7878P2LONG
- (2) Represented by 7-point Gaussian integration, no directional coupling MQTF - AB7878P2NOQTF
- (3) Represented by 7-point Gaussian integration, with directional coupling MQTF – AB7878P2MQTF

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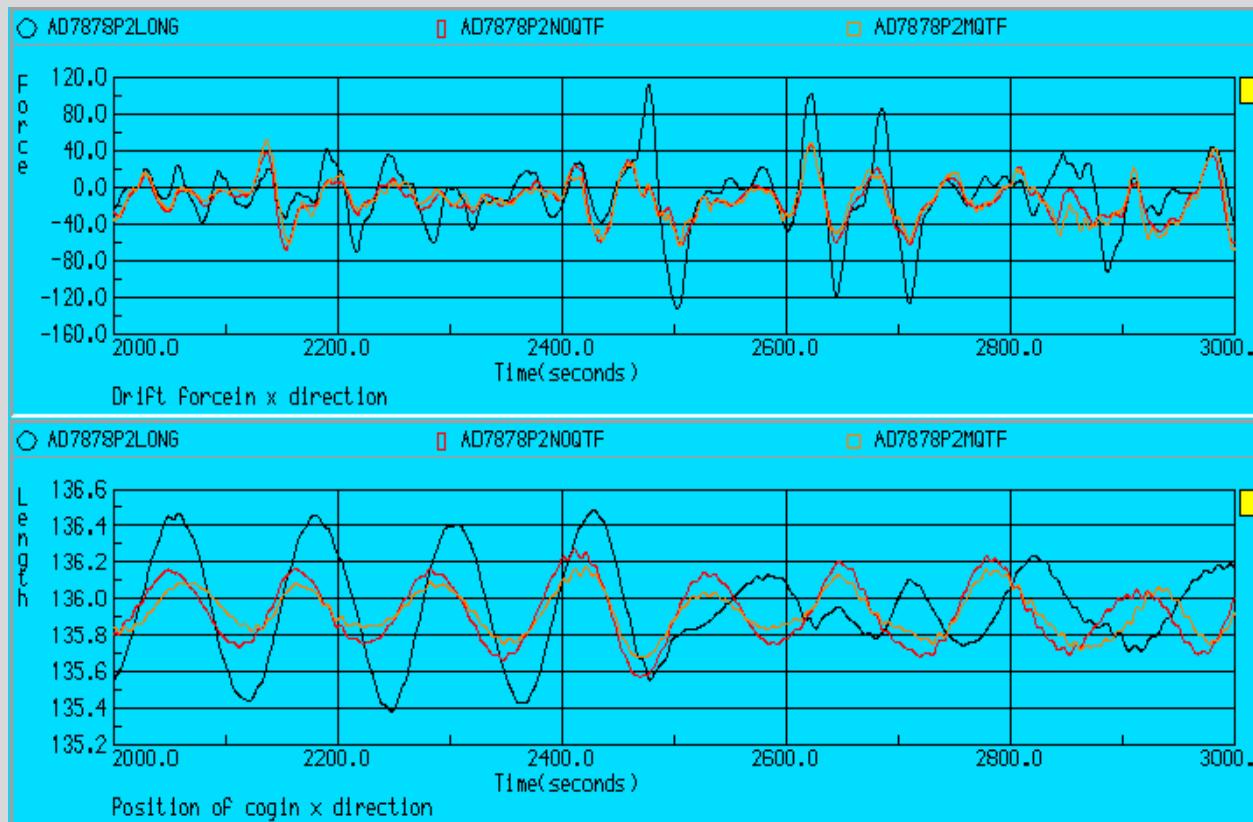
## Input data



## Iterative procedure

# Time domain analysis (Aqwa-Drift)

- 5% CPU increment for 7-sub-direction coupling drift force calculation
- Evident differences between 3 treatment results



- Output total force/response spectrum contributed by all sub-spectra
- Output RAO et al in main sub-direction (with max. Hs)
- Optionally output RAO in specified sub-direction (**SSPC** in deck18)

## Comparison of the significant translational motions

	Surge (m)		Sway (m)		Heave (m)	
	Drift freq.	Wave freq.	Drift freq.	Wave freq.	Drift freq.	Wave freq.
Long crested	1.073	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.036
Spread, no coupling	0.558	0.025	0.563	0.040	0.007	0.055
Spread, coupling	0.620	0.025	0.618	0.040	0.007	0.055

## 6. Conclusions

- Spectral group is introduced to model multi-directional waves
- The directional coupling mean QTFs are calculated and used in Aqwa
- Extended Newman's approximation provides a fast & relatively accurate approach with acceptable hard disk/memory requirements
- Multiple directional waves and directional coupling QTF should be considered for moored offshore structure hydrodynamic analysis.

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