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Overview

Element Type(s):	
Analysis Type(s):	
Procedure(s):	
Topic(s):	WAVE
Module(s):	SOFiLOAD
Input file(s):	wave_loading.dat

1 Problem Description

This benchmark is concerned with the validation of wave loading on a structure. In this example the linear Airy wave theory with Wheeler stretching is applied to one exemplary wave on a monopile, as presented in Fig. 1. The surface elevation and the accumulated forces produced by the wave theory are compared with the results calculated by WaveLoads. WaveLoads is a well-known software developed within the research project GIGAWIND at Hannover University for calculating wave induced loading on hydrodynamically transparent structures [1].
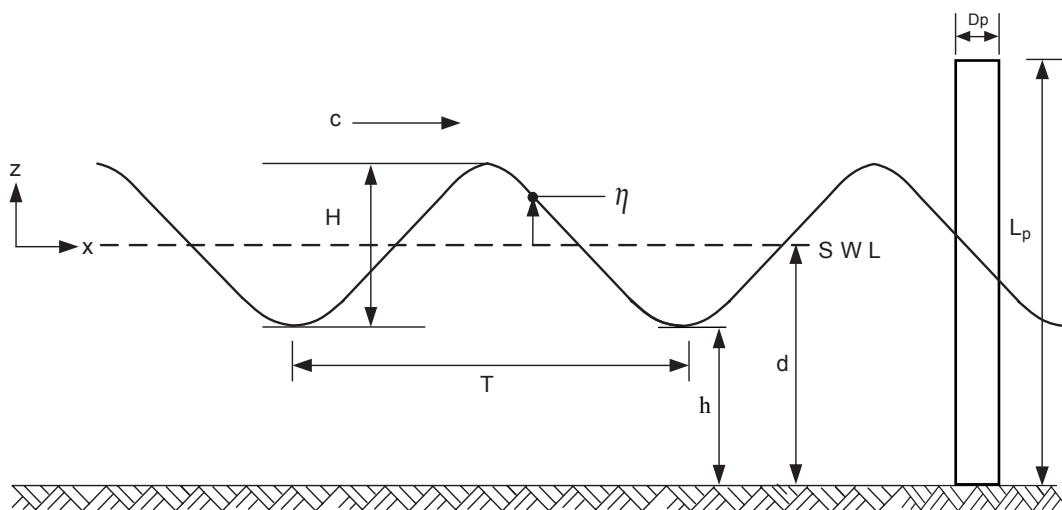

Figure 1: Wave

2 Reference Solution

The reference example is calculated with WaveLoads. Further information on the model can be found in the WaveLoads manual [1]. This benchmark aims at verifying three important components: the Airy wave theory, the Wheeler stretching scheme and the Morison equation [2].

3 Model and Results

The properties of the considered wave and the structure are defined in Table 1. The wave profile, i.e. the surface elevation η over time of one period, is computed and shown in Fig 2 and the accumulated forces over time of one period, in Fig 3. Both results are compared to the calculated reference solution [1].

Table 1: Model Properties

Wave Properties	Structure Properties
$d = 34\,m$	$D_p = 6\,m$
$H = 17.5\,m$	$L_p = 54\,m$
$T = 15\,s$	$C_m = 2.0$
$SWL = 0\,m$	$C_d = 0.7$

The pile is modeled with 500 elements as in the reference example. The Wheeler stretching is applied. The calculated wave length is $L = 246.013\,m$ and the calculated depth criterion $d/L = 0.138$ indicates that the examined case falls into finite water.
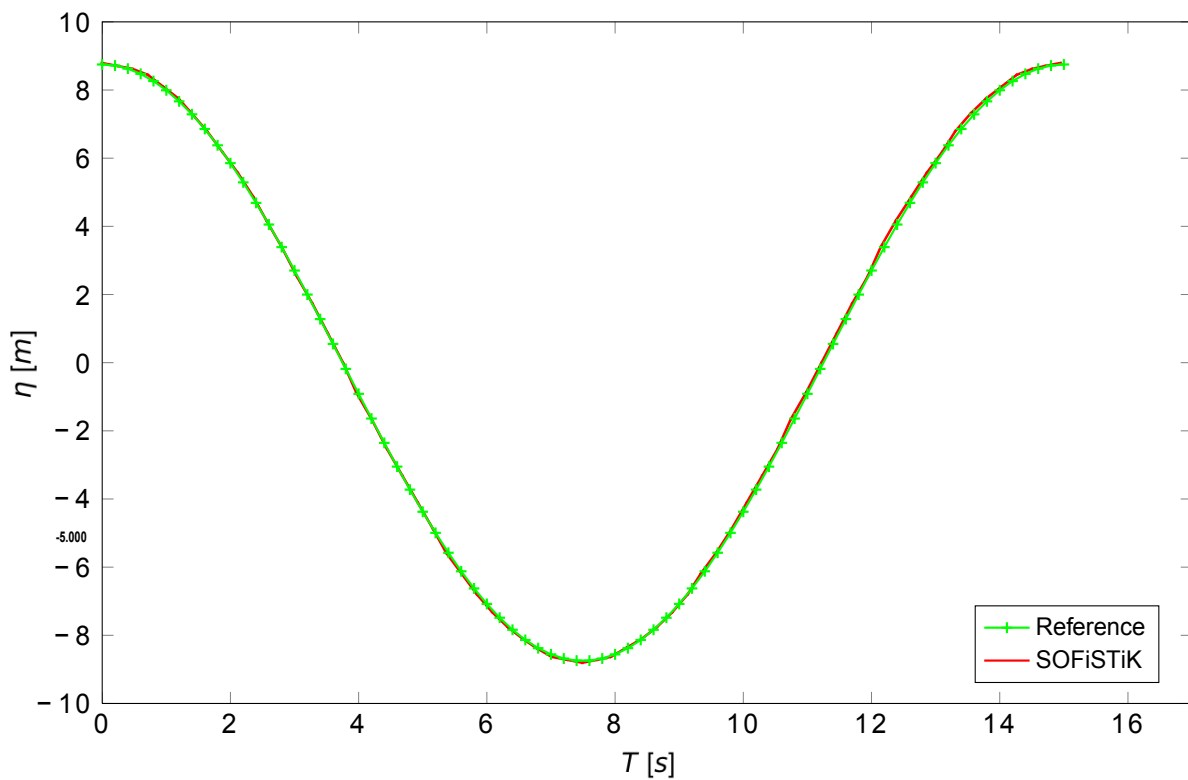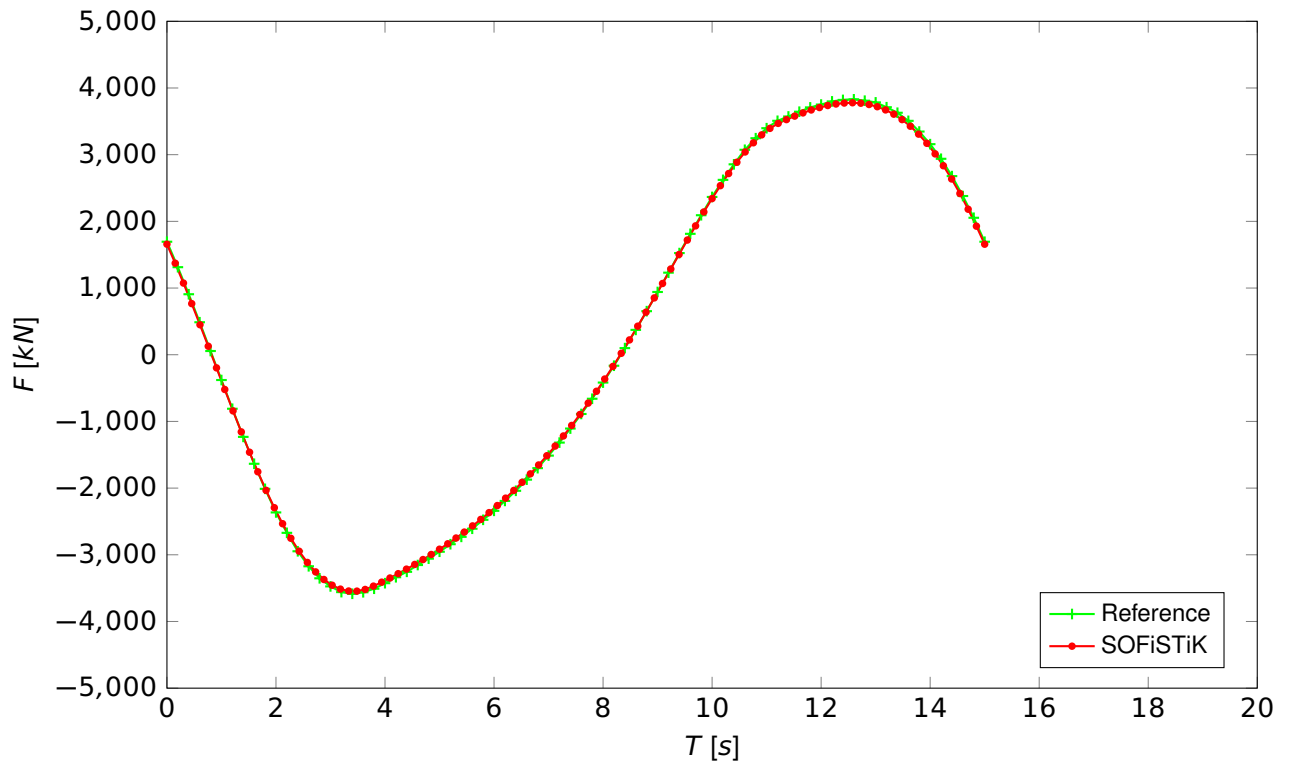

Figure 2: Wave profile

Figure 3: Accumulated Force for Airy linear wave theory in combination with Wheeler Stretching

4 Conclusion

The very good agreement between the reference and the results computed by SOFiSTiK verifies that the linear Airy wave theory, the Wheeler stretching scheme and the Morison equation are adequately implemented.

5 Literature

[1] K. Mittendorf, B. Nguyen, and M. Blümel. *WaveLoads - A computer program to calculate wave loading on vertical and inclined tubes*. ISEB - Fluid Mechanics Institute, University of Hannover. 2005.

[2] *SOFiLOAD Manual: Loads and Load Functions*. Version 2018-0. SOFiSTiK AG. Oberschleißheim, Germany, 2017.