

A symbolic framework for flexible multibody systems applied to horizontal-axis wind turbines

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1 **Abstract.** The article presents a symbolic framework that is used to obtain the linear and nonlinear equations of motion of a
2 multibody system including rigid and flexible bodies. Our approach is based on Kane's method and a nonlinear shape function
3 representation for flexible bodies. The method yields compact symbolic equations of motion with implicit account of the
4 constraints. The general and automatic framework ~~facilitate~~ facilitates the creation and manipulation of models with various
5 levels of fidelity. The symbolic treatment allows for ~~the obtention of~~ analytical gradients and linearized equations of motion.
6 The linear and nonlinear equations can be exported to Python code or dedicated software. ~~The application are multiple such as:~~
7 ~~time-domain~~ There are multiple applications, such as time domain simulation, stability analyses, frequency domain analyses,
8 advanced controller design, state observers, ~~digital twins, etc~~ and digital twins. In this article, we describe the method we used
9 to systematically generate the equations of motion of multibody systems. We apply the framework to generate illustrative land-
10 based and offshore wind turbine models. We compare our results with OpenFAST simulations and discuss the advantages and
11 limitations of the method. ~~A~~ The Python implementation is provided as an open-source project.

12 1 Introduction

13 The next generation of wind turbine digital technologies requires versatile aero-servo-hydro-elastic models, with various levels
14 of fidelity, suitable for a wide range of applications. Such applications include ~~+~~ time domain simulations, linearization (for
15 controller design and tuning, or frequency domain analyses), analytical gradients (for optimization procedures), and generation
16 of dedicated, high-performance or embedded code (for stand-alone simulations, state observers or digital twins). Current mod-
17 els are implemented for a specific purpose and are usually based on an heuristic structure. Aeroelastic tools, such as Flex (Øye,
18 1983; Branlard, 2019) or ElastoDyn ~~(?)~~ (Jonkman et al., 2021), rely on ~~+~~ an assumed chain of connections between bodies, a
19 given set of degrees of freedom, and predefined orientations of shape functions.

20 Tools with linearization capabilities, such as ~~hawestab2~~ HAWCStab2 (Sønderby and Hansen, 2014) or OpenFAST ~~(?)~~
21 (Jonkman et al., 2021) are dedicated to horizontal-axis wind turbines, and the evaluation of the gradients are limited to hard-
22 coded analytical expressions or numerical finite differences. Small implementation changes often require extensive redevelop-
23 ment, and the range of applications of the tools ~~remain~~ remains limited (Simani, 2015).

24 To address this issue, we propose a framework for the automatic derivation, processing and parametrization, and parameterization
25 of models with granularity in the level of fidelity. Our approach is based on Kane’s method (Kane and Wang, 1965) and a non-
26 linear shape function representation of flexible bodies (Shabana, 2013) described using a standard input data (SID) format
27 (Wallrapp, 1994; Schwertassek and Wallrapp, 1999). The method yields compact symbolic equations of motion with implicit
28 account of the constraints. Similar approaches have been presented in the literature: Kurz and Eberhard (2009), Merz (2018),
29 Lemmer (2018), and Branlard (2019). Our framework differs in the fact that all equations are processed at a symbolic level
30 and therefore the model can be used in its nonlinear or linearized form. We implemented an open-source version in Python
31 using SymPy (SymPy, 2021), leveraging its mechanical toolbox. Alternative symbolic frameworks found in the literature are
32 usually limited to rigid bodies (Verlinden et al., 2005; Kurz and Eberhard, 2009; Gede et al., 2013; Docquier et al., 2013) or
33 are closed-source (Reckdahl and Mitiguy, 1996; Kurtz et al., 2010; MotionGenesis, 2016) or and cannot be directly processed
34 in Python.

35 Kane’s method and the nonlinear shape function approach presented in this article do not represent the state of the art of
36 multibody dynamics with flexible bodies. The geometrically exact beam theory (Simo, 1985; Jelenić and Crisfield, 1999; G radin and Card
37 is more precise than the shape function approach. Similarly, multipurpose multibody software exists (Lange et al., 2007), such
38 as ANSYS (ANSYS, 2022), SIMPACK (SIMPACK, 2022), or MBDyn (MBDyn, 2022). These more advanced approaches
39 target different applications than those envisioned in this study: they are suitable for numerical simulations, but they cannot
40 provide simple and computationally efficient nonlinear and linear models.

41 In section 2, we present the formalism used to derive the equations of motion. In section 3, we given an overview of how the
42 equations were implemented into a symbolic calculation framework, to easily manipulate the equations and generate dedicated
43 code. Example of applications relevant to wind energy are given in section 4. Discussions and conclusions follow.

44 2 Method to obtain the equations of motion

45 In this section, we present the formalism used to setup the equations of motion.

46 2.1 System definition and kinematics

47 We consider a system of n_b bodies, rigid or flexible, connected by a set of joints. For simplicity, we assume that no kinematic
48 loops are present in the system, and the masses of the bodies are constant. An inertial frame is defined to express the positions,
49 velocities, and accelerations of the bodies. We adopt a minimal set of generalized coordinates, \mathbf{q} , of dimension n_q , to describe
50 the kinematics of the bodies: joint coordinates describing the joints displacements, and Rayleigh-Ritz coordinates for the
51 amplitudes of the shape functions of the flexible bodies (see, e.g., Branlard (2019)). The choice of coordinates is left to the
52 user, but it is assumed to form a minimal set. We will provide illustrative examples in section 4.

53 At a given time, the positions, orientations, velocities, and accelerations of all the points of the structure are entirely de-
54 termined by the knowledge of \mathbf{q} , $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$, $\ddot{\mathbf{q}}$, and $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$, where $(\dot{})$ represents the time derivative. For a given body i , and a point P

55 belonging to the body, the position, velocity, and acceleration of the point are given by (see, e.g., Shabana (2013)):

$$56 \quad \mathbf{r}_P = \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{s}_P = \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{s}_{P_0} + \mathbf{u}_P \quad (1)$$

$$57 \quad \mathbf{v}_P = \mathbf{v}_i + \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \times \mathbf{s}_P + (\dot{\mathbf{u}}_P)_i \quad (2)$$

$$58 \quad \mathbf{a}_P = \mathbf{a}_i + \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \times (\boldsymbol{\omega}_i \times \mathbf{s}_P) + \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i \times \mathbf{s}_P + 2\boldsymbol{\omega}_i \times (\dot{\mathbf{u}}_P)_i + (\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_P)_i \quad (3)$$

59 where \mathbf{r}_i , \mathbf{v}_i , and \mathbf{a}_i are the position, velocity, and acceleration of the origin of the body, respectively; \mathbf{s}_{P_0} is the initial
60 (undeformed) position vector of point P with respect to the body origin; the subscript P is used for the deformed position
61 of the point and P_0 for the undeformed position; \mathbf{u}_P is the elastic displacement of the point (equal to 0 for rigid bodies);
62 $\boldsymbol{\omega}_i$ is the rotational velocity of the body with respect to the inertial frame; (\cdot) and $(\cdot)_i$ refer to time derivatives in the inertial
63 and body frame respectively. Throughout the article, we use bold symbols for vectors and matrices, and uppercase symbols
64 for most matrices. The elastic displacement is obtained as a superposition of elastic deformations (see subsection 2.4). We
65 define the transformation matrix \mathbf{R}_i that transforms coordinates from the body frame to the inertial frame, and by definition
66 $[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i] = \dot{\mathbf{R}}_i \mathbf{R}_i^T$, where $[\tilde{\cdot}]$ represents the skew symmetric matrix, and the exponent T denotes the matrix transpose. We assume
67 that vectors are represented as column vectors to conveniently introduce matrix-vector multiplications. We use the notation “ \cdot ”
68 to indicate the dot product between two vectors (irrespective of their column or row representation).

69 2.2 Introduction to Kane’s method

70 Kane’s method (Kane and Wang, 1965) is a powerful and systematic way to obtain the equations of motion of a system. The
71 procedure leads to n_q coupled equations of motion:

$$72 \quad \mathbf{f}_r + \mathbf{f}_r^* = 0, \quad r = 1 \dots n_q \quad (4)$$

73 where \mathbf{f}_r^* is associated with inertial loads and \mathbf{f}_r is associated with external loads, and these components are obtained for each
74 all generalized coordinates. The components are obtained as a superposition of contributions from each body:

$$75 \quad \mathbf{f}_r = \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} \mathbf{f}_{ri}, \quad \mathbf{f}_r^* = \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} \mathbf{f}_{ri}^* \quad (5)$$

76 The terms \mathbf{f}_{ri} and \mathbf{f}_{ri}^* can be obtained for each body individually and assembled at the end to form the final system of equa-
77 tions. We will present in subsection 2.3 and subsection 2.4 how these terms are defined for rigid bodies and flexible bodies,
78 respectively.

79 2.3 Rigid bodies

80 We assume that body i is a rigid body and proceed to define the terms \mathbf{f}_{ri} and \mathbf{f}_{ri}^* . The inertial force, \mathbf{f}_i^* , and inertial torque,
81 $\boldsymbol{\tau}_i^*$, acting on the body are:

$$82 \quad \mathbf{f}_i^* = -m_i \mathbf{a}_{G,i}, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau}_i^* = -\mathbf{I}_{G,i} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i - \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \times (\mathbf{I}_{G,i} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_i) \quad (6)$$

83 where m_i is the mass of the body, $\mathbf{a}_{G,i}$ is the acceleration of its center of mass with respect to the inertial frame, and $\mathbf{I}_{G,i}$ is the
 84 inertial tensor of the body expressed at its center of mass. Equation 6 is a vectorial relationship; it may therefore be evaluated
 85 in any coordinate system. The component f_{ri}^* is defined as:

$$86 \quad \mathbf{f}_{ri}^* = \mathbf{J}_{v,ri} \cdot \mathbf{f}_i^* + \mathbf{J}_{\omega,ri} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_i^* \quad (7)$$

87 with

$$88 \quad \mathbf{J}_{v,ri} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_{G,i}}{\partial \dot{q}_r}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{\omega,ri} = \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_r} \quad (8)$$

89 where $\mathbf{v}_{G,i}$ is the velocity of the body ~~masse~~center-mass center with respect to the inertial frame. The partial velocities, or
 90 Jacobians, \mathbf{J}_v and \mathbf{J}_ω , are key variables of the Kane's method. They project the physical coordinates into the generalized coor-
 91 dinates (\mathbf{q}), inherently accounting for the kinematic constraints between bodies. In numerical implementations, the Jacobians
 92 are typically stored in matricial forms, referred to as “velocity transformation matrices.” The terms f_{ri}^* can equivalently be
 93 obtained using the partial velocity of any body point (e.g., the origin) by carefully transferring the inertial loads to the chosen
 94 point. The external forces and torques acting on the body are combined into an equivalent force and torque acting at the center
 95 of mass, written as \mathbf{f}_i and $\boldsymbol{\tau}_i$. The component f_{ri} is then given by:

$$96 \quad \mathbf{f}_{ri} = \mathbf{J}_{v,ri} \cdot \mathbf{f}_i + \mathbf{J}_{\omega,ri} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \quad (9)$$

97 Equivalently, the contributions from each individual force, $\mathbf{f}_{i,j}$, acting on a point P_j of the body i , and each ~~individual~~
 98 ~~torque~~torque, $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{i,k}$, can be summed using the appropriate partial velocity to obtain f_{ri} :

$$99 \quad \mathbf{f}_{ri} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_{P_j}}{\partial \dot{q}_r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{i,j} + \sum_k \mathbf{J}_{\omega,ri} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{i,k} \quad (10)$$

100 where \mathbf{v}_{P_j} is the velocity of the point j with respect to the inertial frame. Equation 7 and Equation 9 are inserted ~~in~~into
 101 Equation 5 to obtain the final equations of motion.

102 2.4 Flexible bodies

103 We assume that body i is a flexible body and proceed to define the terms f_{ri} and f_{ri}^* . The dynamics of a flexible body ~~is~~are
 104 described in standards textbooks such as Shabana (2013) or Schwertassek and Wallrapp (1999). Unlike rigid bodies, the equa-
 105 tions for flexible bodies are typically expressed with respect to a reference point different from the center of mass. We will call
 106 this point the origin and write it O_i . The elastic displacement field of the body is written as \mathbf{u} . It defines the displacement of
 107 any point of the body with respect to its undeformed position. Using the ~~first-order~~zeroth-order¹ Rayleigh-Ritz approximation,
 108 the displacement field at a given point, P , is given by the sum of shape function contributions: $\mathbf{u}(P) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_{e,i}} \Phi_{ij}(P) \mathbf{q}_{e,ij}(t)$,
 109 where Φ_{ij} are the shape functions (displacement fields) of body i , and $\mathbf{q}_{e,ij}$ is the subset of \mathbf{q} consisting of the elastic coor-
 110 dinates of body i , of size $n_{e,i}$. The principles of the shape function approach applied to beams are given in Appendix B. The

¹We address the ~~second-order~~first-order approximation in ~~and~~Appendix D4.

111 shape functions are more easily represented in the body coordinate system. Vectors and matrices that are explicitly written in
 112 the body frame will be written with primes. The equations of motion of the flexible bodies are (Wallrapp, 1994):

$$113 \begin{bmatrix} M'_{xx} & M'_{x\theta} & M'_{xe} \\ & M'_{\theta\theta} & M'_{\theta e} \\ \text{sym.} & & M'_{ee} \end{bmatrix}_i \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}'_i \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}'_i \\ \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_{e,i} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{k}'_{\omega,x} \\ \mathbf{k}'_{\omega,\theta} \\ \mathbf{k}'_{\omega,e} \end{bmatrix}_i + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \mathbf{k}_e \end{bmatrix}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}'_x \\ \mathbf{f}'_\theta \\ \mathbf{f}'_e \end{bmatrix}_i \quad (11)$$

114 ~~with: where the~~ x , θ , ~~and~~ e , subscripts ~~that respectively~~ indicate the translation, rotation, and elastic components; M ~~is~~
 115 the mass matrix of dimension $6 + n_{e,i}$ made of the block matrices M_{xx}, \dots, M_{ee} ; \mathbf{a}_i and $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i$ ~~are~~ the linear and angular
 116 acceleration of the body (origin) with respect to the inertial frame; \mathbf{k}_ω ~~are~~ the centrifugal, gyration, and Coriolis loads, also
 117 called quadratic ~~velocities-velocity~~ loads; \mathbf{k}_e ~~are~~ the elastic strain loads, ~~which may contain geometric stiffening effects~~; \mathbf{f}
 118 ~~are~~ the external forces, torques, and elastic generalized forces. The different components of M , \mathbf{k}_ω , \mathbf{k}_e , and \mathbf{f} are given in
 119 Appendix A. These terms depend on \mathbf{q} , $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$, and Φ_i . The inertial force, torque, and elastic loads are:

$$120 \mathbf{f}_i^* = -\mathbf{R}_i [M'_{xx}\mathbf{a}'_i + M'_{x\theta}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}'_i + M_{xe}\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_{e,i} + \mathbf{k}'_{\omega,x}] \quad (12)$$

$$121 \boldsymbol{\tau}_i^* = -\mathbf{R}_i [M'_{\theta x}\mathbf{a}'_i + M'_{\theta\theta}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}'_i + M_{\theta e}\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_{e,i} + \mathbf{k}'_{\omega,\theta}] \quad (13)$$

$$122 \mathbf{h}_i^* = - [M'_{ex}\mathbf{a}'_i + M'_{e\theta}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}'_i + M_{ee}\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_{e,i} + \mathbf{k}'_{\omega,e}] \quad (14)$$

123 The external and elastic loads are:

$$124 \mathbf{f}_i = \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{f}'_x \quad (15)$$

$$125 \boldsymbol{\tau}_i = \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{f}'_\theta \quad (16)$$

$$126 \mathbf{h}_i = \mathbf{f}_e - \mathbf{k}_e \quad (17)$$

127 The components of \mathbf{f}_{ri}^* and \mathbf{f}_{ri} , for $r = 1 \dots n_q$, are then defined as:

$$128 \mathbf{f}_{ri}^* = \mathbf{J}_{v,ri} \cdot \mathbf{f}_i^* + \mathbf{J}_{\omega,ri} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_i^* + \mathbf{J}_{e,ri} \cdot \mathbf{h}_i^* \quad (18)$$

$$129 \mathbf{f}_{ri} = \mathbf{J}_{v,ri} \cdot \mathbf{f}_i + \mathbf{J}_{\omega,ri} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_i + \mathbf{J}_{e,ri} \cdot \mathbf{h}_i \quad (19)$$

130 with

$$131 \mathbf{J}_{v,ri} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_{O,i}}{\partial \dot{q}_r}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{\omega,ri} = \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_r}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{e,ri} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_{e,i}}{\partial q_r} \quad (20)$$

132 where $\mathbf{v}_{O,i}$ is the velocity of the body with respect to the inertial frame. The term $\mathbf{J}_{e,ri}$ consists of 0 and 1 because $\mathbf{q}_{e,i}$ is a
 133 subset of \mathbf{q} . Equation 18 and Equation 19, once evaluated for body i , are inserted ~~in into~~ Equation 5 to obtain the final equations
 134 of motion.

135 2.5 Nonlinear and linear equations of motion

136 The n_q equations of motion given in Equation 4 are gathered into a vertical vector \mathbf{e} . They are recast into the form:

$$137 \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}, t) = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{f}^* = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}, t) - \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q})\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{0} \quad (21)$$

138 or

$$139 \quad M(\mathbf{q})\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}, t) \quad (22)$$

140 where $M = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial \ddot{\mathbf{q}}}$ is the system mass matrix, and \mathbf{F} is the forcing term vector, that vector—that is, the reminder-remainder
141 terms of the equation ($\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{e} + M\ddot{\mathbf{q}}$). The vector \mathbf{u} is introduced to represent the time-dependent inputs that are involved in the
142 determination of the external loads. Both sides of the equations are also dependent on some parameters, but this dependency is
143 omitted to shorten notations. The stiffness and damping matrices may be obtained by computing the Jacobian of the equations
144 of motion with respect to \mathbf{q} and $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$, respectively. The nonlinear equation given in Equation 22 is easily integrated numerically,
145 for instance by recasting the system into a first-order system, or by using a dedicated second-order system time integrator.

146 In various applications, a linear time invariant approximation of the system is desired. Such approximation is obtained at an
147 operating point, noted with the subscript 0, which is a solution of the nonlinear equations of motion, viznamely:

$$148 \quad \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{q}_0, \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_0, \mathbf{u}_0, t) = \mathbf{0} \quad (23)$$

149 The linearized equations about this operating point are obtained using a Taylor series expansion:

$$150 \quad M_0(\mathbf{q}_0)\delta\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + C_0(\mathbf{q}_0, \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)\delta\dot{\mathbf{q}} + K_0(\mathbf{q}_0, \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)\delta\mathbf{q} = Q_0(\mathbf{q}_0, \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0, \mathbf{u}_0)\delta\mathbf{u} \quad (24)$$

151 with

$$152 \quad M_0 = -\left.\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial \ddot{\mathbf{q}}}\right|_0, \quad C_0 = -\left.\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}}\right|_0, \quad K_0 = -\left.\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial \mathbf{q}}\right|_0, \quad Q_0 = \left.\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial \mathbf{u}}\right|_0 \quad (25)$$

153 where M_0 , C_0 , and K_0 are the linear mass, damping, and stiffness matrices, Q_0 respectively; $Q_0\delta\mathbf{u}$ is the linear forcing
154 vector (Q_0 is the input matrix); δ indicate indicates a small perturbation of the quantities; and $|_0$ indicates that the expressions
155 are evaluated at the operating point. Examples In practical applications, linearization is done at an operating point where the
156 acceleration is zero ($\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_0 = 0$) and most velocities are also zero. Examples of applications of application-of the linear equations
157 of motion are controller design, frequency domain analyses, and stability analyses. The symbolic system matrices also allow
158 for the easy formulation of linear parameter-varying models used in many advanced control applications.

159 3 Implementation into a symbolic framework

160 In this section, we discuss a Python open-source symbolic calculation framework that implements the equations given in
161 section 2. A Maxima implementation from the same authors is also available Geisler (2021).

162 The Python library YAMS (Yet Another Multibody Solver) started as a numerical tool published in previous work (Branlard,
163 2019). The library is now supplemented with a symbolic module so that both numerical and symbolic calculations can be
164 achieved. The new implementation uses the Python symbolic calculation package SymPy (SymPy, 2021). We leveraged the
165 features present in the subpackage “mechanics”, which contains all the tools necessary to compute kinematics: the definition
166 of frames and points, and the determination of positions, velocities, and accelerations. The subpackage also contains

167 an implementation of Kane’s equations for rigid **body-bodies** (i.e., subsection 2.3). We were also inspired by the package
 168 PyDy (Gede et al., 2013), which is a convenient tool to export the equations of motion to executable code and directly visualize
 169 the bodies in 3D. The core of our work consisted in implementing a class to define flexible bodies (`FlexibleBody`) and
 170 the corresponding Kane’s method for this class (subsection 2.4).

171 For the `FlexibleBody` class, we followed the formalism of Wallrapp (1994) and implemented Taylor expansions for all
 172 the terms defined in Appendix A, allowing the symbolic computation with **shape functions of Taylor expansions** to any order.
 173 **The In practice, a zeroth- or first-order expansion is used. The use of Taylor expansions is presented in Appendix D3. The**
 174 different Taylor coefficients may be kept as symbolic terms, or replaced early on by numerical values provided **for instance by**
 175 **an SID by a SID, for instance.**

176 We structured the code into three layers: 1) The low-level layer integrates seamlessly with SymPy and PyDy by using the
 177 `FlexibleBody` class we provide. It is the layer **which that** offers the highest level of granularity and control for the user,
 178 since arbitrary systems with various kinematic constraints can be implemented, at the cost of requiring more expertise. 2) The
 179 second-level automates the calculation of the kinematics by introducing simple connections between rigid and flexible bodies.
 180 The connections may be rigid, with constant offsets and rotations, or dynamic. A connection from a flexible body to another
 181 body is assumed to occur at one extremity of the flexible body. Some knowledge of SymPy mechanics **are is** still required
 182 to use this layer. 3) The third level consists of template models such as generic land-based or offshore wind turbine models.
 183 Degrees of freedom are easily turned on and off for these **conceptual** models depending on the level of fidelity asked by the
 184 user, and generic external forces can be implemented or declared as external inputs. **The**

The overall workflow for typical usage of the symbolic framework is illustrated in Figure 1. The symbolic framework

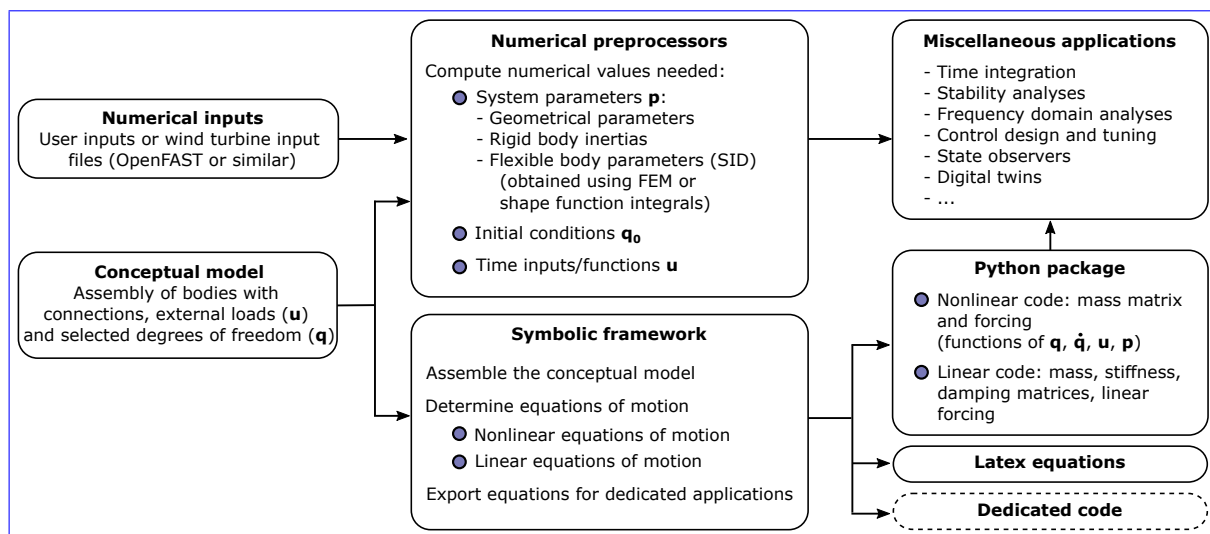


Figure 1. Typical workflow for the usage of the symbolic framework, going from numerical inputs and a conceptual model to numerical packages that can be used for various applications.

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186 takes as input a conceptual model of the structure, which is assembled using one of the three layers previously described. The
187 nonlinear and linear equations of motion can be exported to latex-LaTeX and Python-ready scripts for various applications (see
188 subsection 5.1). ~~As Using the third layer, as~~ little as three lines of code are required by the user to perform the full step from
189 derivation of the equations, optional linearization, and exportation. To obtain numerical results from the exported Python code,
190 the user needs to provide the arrays with the degrees of freedom values \mathbf{q} and $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$, their initial conditions, a dictionary with inputs
191 (\mathbf{u}) that are function-functions of time, and a dictionary of parameters (\mathbf{p}) containing all the numerical constants such as mass,
192 acceleration of gravity, ~~etc. We provide tools to and~~ geometric parameters. We implemented various preprocessing tools in
193 YAMS to facilitate the calculation of numerical parameters, typically from a set of OpenFAST input files or by using structural
194 parameters defined by the users. YAMS contains tools to compute the flexible bodies parameters (mass matrix, stiffness matrix,
195 shape integrals) using integrals over the shape functions or using a finite-element beam formulation. YAMS also contains tools
196 to compute the rigid body inertia of different components of a wind turbine or the full system. Postprocessing tools are also
197 included to readily time-integrate the generated model using numerical values (including initial values) ~~from a set of OpenFAST~~
198 ~~input files.~~

199 The source code of YAMS is available on GitHub as a subpackage of the Wind Energy LIBrary, WELIB (Branlard, 2021).
200 The repository contains tests and working examples, including the ones presented in section 4. ~~The finite element package of~~
201 ~~the repository can be used to generate the SID from beam models such as the ones used for blades and tower.~~

202 4 Wind energy applications

203 4.1 Approach

204 In this section, we present different wind energy applications of the symbolic framework. We focus on models with at least
205 one flexible body because the ~~rigid-body rigid body~~ formulation of SymPy has been well verified (Gede et al., 2013). For
206 each example, the equations of motion are given and their results are compared with OpenFAST (?) (Jonkman et al., 2021)
207 simulations. This is readily achieved because our framework can export the equations of motion to Python functions, load input
208 files from an OpenFAST model, and integrate the generated equations using the same conditions as defined in the OpenFAST
209 input files. In this article, we do not focus on the modeling of the external loads, but we include them in the equations of
210 motion. It is the responsibility of the user to define these functions, for instance through aero- or hydro-force models. For the
211 verification results presented in this section, we only include the gravitational and inertial loading. In all examples, the ~~NREL~~
212 National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) 5-MW reference wind turbine (Jonkman et al., 2009) is used. The examples
213 below are provided on the GitHub repository where the YAMS package is provided (Branlard, 2021).

214 4.2 Notations

215 We adopt a system of notations where the first letter of a body is used to identify the parameters of that body. As an example,
216 the tower is represented with the letter T, and the following body parameters are defined: T , origin; M_T , mass; L_T , length;

217 $(J_{x,T}, J_{y,T}, J_{z,T})$, diagonal coefficients of the inertia tensor about the center of gravity and in body coordinates; r_{TG} , vector
 218 from body origin to body center of mass, of coordinates (x_{TG}, y_{TG}, z_{TG}) in body coordinates. We also define θ_t , the nacelle
 219 tilt angle about the y axis; g_z the acceleration of gravity along $-z$; and O_x the origin of the global coordinate system.

220 4.3 Rotating blade with centrifugal stiffening

221 We begin with the study of a flexible blade of length $L_B = R$, rotating at the constant rotational speed Ω . We use this test case
 222 to familiarize the reader with the key concepts of the shape function approach given in Appendix B. A sketch of the system is
 223 given in Figure 2. We start by modeling the blade using a single shape function, assumed to be directed along the x -axis-axis
 (“flapwise”): $\Phi_1 = \Phi \hat{x}$, where the hat notation indicates the $\Phi_1 = \Phi e_x$, where e_x is the unit vector in the x direction. The

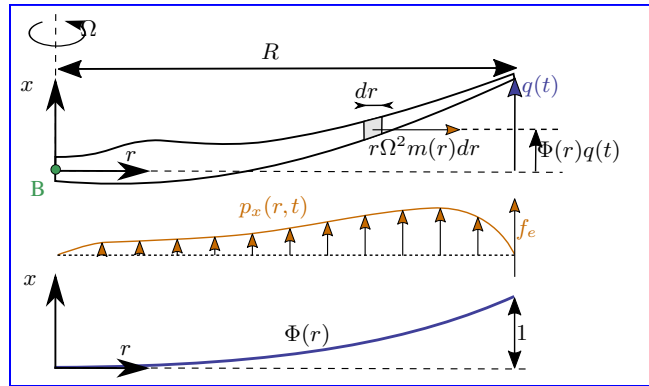


Figure 2. Sketch of a rotating blade with the restoring centrifugal force. Points are indicated in green, degrees of freedom in blue, and loads in orange.

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 225 undeflected blade is directed along the radial coordinate r and rotates around the x -axis. We assume that the shape function is
 226 known, noted $\Phi(r)$. It can be computed as the first flapwise mode of the blade using tools provided in YAMS. The expression
 227 $\Phi(r) = r^3$ is a simple approximation that can be used for hand calculations. The aerodynamic force per length in the flapwise
 228 direction is noted $p_x(r)$. The generalized mass and stiffness are computed based on the mass per length (m) and flapwise
 229 bending stiffness (EI_y) of the blade, according to Equation B1:

$$230 \quad M_e = \int_0^R m(r) \Phi^2(r) dr \quad (26)$$

$$231 \quad K_e = \int_0^R EI_y(r) \left[\frac{d^2 \Phi}{dr^2}(r) \right]^2 dr \quad (27)$$

232 The generalized force is obtained from Equation B3:

$$233 \quad f_e = \int_0^R p_x(r,t) \Phi(r) dr \quad (28)$$

234 The important consideration for this model is the axial load, N . The main axial load at a radial station r comes from the
 235 centrifugal force acting on all the points outboard of the current station:

$$236 \quad N(r) = \int_r^R m(r') \Omega^2 r' dr' \quad (29)$$

237 The geometric stiffness contribution of the axial load is obtained from Equation B5 as:

$$238 \quad K_g(\Omega) = \int_0^R N(r) \left[\frac{d\Phi}{dr} \right]^2 dr = \Omega^2 \int_0^R \int_r^R m(r') r' dr' \left[\frac{d\Phi}{dr} \right]^2 dr \quad (30)$$

239 The axial-geometric stiffness, K_g , is positive and increases with the square of the rotational speed. This restoring effect is
 240 referred to as “centrifugal stiffening”. The natural frequency of the blade will increase with the rotational speed as follows:

$$241 \quad \omega_0(\Omega) = \sqrt{\frac{(K_e + K_g(\Omega))}{M_e}} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2(0) + \frac{K_g(\Omega)}{M_e}} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2(0) + k_\Omega \Omega^2} \quad (31)$$

242 where k_Ω is referred to as the rise factor, or “rise factor” or “Southwell coefficient,” and in our approximation, it is found to be
 243 constant: $k_\Omega = K_g(\Omega)/M_e/\Omega^2$. The coefficient provides the variation of the blade frequency with rotational speed, which is
 244 something that is observed on a Campbell diagram when performing stability analyses. In general, the mode shapes of the blade
 245 will also change as a function of the rotational speed, and different shape functions should preferably be used for simulations
 246 at different rotational speeds. The effect is fairly limited, and most OpenFAST practitioners only use one shape function
 247 corresponding to the value at rated rotational speed. Similarly, the Southwell coefficient is a function of the rotational speed,
 248 but the variation is negligible as long as the rotational speed is small compared to the natural frequency (e.g., $(\Omega/\omega)^2 \lesssim 5$;
 249 see Bielawa (2006)), which is the case for wind energy applications.

250 The treatment for a shape function in the edgewise direction is similar, using $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2 \theta$ $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2 e_\theta$, where e_θ is the unit
 251 vector in the edgewise direction. In this case, the centrifugal force also has a component in the tangential direction equal
 252 to $\int_0^L p_{\theta, \text{centri}}(r) = -\Omega^2 u_\theta(r) dm(r)$, with $u_\theta = \Phi_2 q$. This leads to a generalized force equal to $\int_0^L p_{\theta, \text{centri}} dr \Phi_2 = -\Omega^2 M_e q$,
 253 or $\int_0^L p_{\theta, \text{centri}} \Phi_2 dr = -\Omega^2 M_e q$, or, equivalently, to a stiffness term: $K_\omega = -\Omega^2 M_e$. It can be verified that this generalized force
 254 corresponds to the contribution $O_{e,11} \omega_x^2$, from $k_{\omega,e}$, given in Equation A10. For an edgewise mode, the frequency therefore
 255 evolves as:

$$256 \quad \omega_0(\Omega) = \sqrt{\frac{(K_e + K_g(\Omega) + K_\omega(\Omega))}{M_e}} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2(0) + (k_\Omega - 1)\Omega^2} \quad (32)$$

257 with $k_\Omega = K_g(\Omega)/M_e/\Omega^2$ and with K_g computed using Equation 30.

258 We apply the method to the NREL 5-MW wind turbine using the blade properties and shape functions provided in the
 259 ElastoDyn input file. We order the degrees of freedom as 1st flap, 1st edge, and 2nd flap, assuming no coupling between the
 260 shape functions, so that each of them can be treated individually using the results from this section. The diagonal coefficients of
 261 the mass matrix are $\text{diag}(\mathbf{M}_e) = [9.5e3, 1.5e4, 5.7e3]$, and for the stiffness matrix they are $\text{diag}(\mathbf{K}_e) = [1.7e4, 6.7e4, 8.7e4]$,

262 computed according to [and Equations 26 and 27](#). The coefficients k_{Ω} of each degree of freedom are obtained as $\div k_{\Omega} =$
 263 [1.7, 1.4, 5.5]. We compare the frequencies obtained with the present method against OpenFAST linearization results in
 Figure 3. The simulations were run in vacuum (no gravity, no aerodynamics) and with a cone angle of 0 deg. Strong agreement

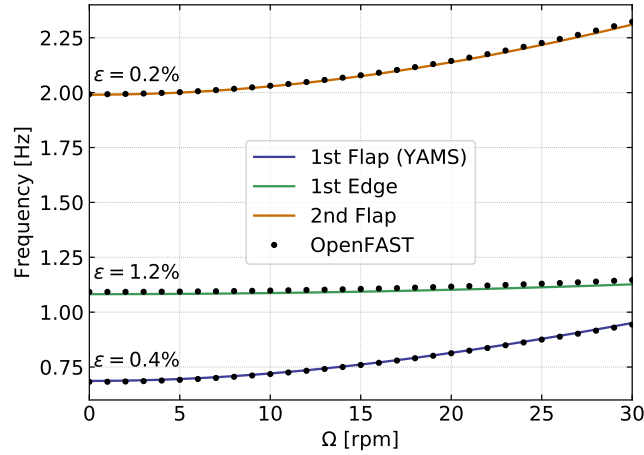


Figure 3. Variation of the natural frequencies of the NREL 5-MW [turbine](#) blade with rotational speed. Results from YAMS and OpenFAST, with mean relative error, ϵ , [are](#) reported on the figure.

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265 is found for the evolution of the different frequencies with the rotational speed. The stiffening is less pronounced for edgewise
 266 modes as a result of the softening introduced by K_{ω} .

267 This section focused on the analysis of individual shape functions. In the general case, multiple shape functions are present
 268 and couplings might exist between them (due to the structural twist [, or](#) nonorthogonality of the shape functions, or if the
 269 shape functions have components in multiple directions such as $\Phi_{\mathbf{I}} = \Phi_{1x}\hat{x} + \Phi_{1y}\hat{y}$ $\Phi_{\mathbf{1}} = \Phi_{1x}e_x + \Phi_{1y}e_y$). In such [a](#) case,
 270 the general developments of Appendix A and Appendix B should be used.

271 4.4 Two degrees of freedom model of a land-based or fixed-bottom turbine

272 We consider a system of three bodies: tower (or support structure), nacelle, and rotor. The system represents [an](#) a land-based
 273 wind turbine or a fixed-bottom offshore wind turbine. A sketch of the system is given in Figure 4. The nacelle and rotor
 274 blades are rigid bodies, whereas the tower is flexible and represented by one shape function² in the fore-aft direction, noted
 275 $\Phi_{\mathbf{I}} = \Phi_{1x}\hat{x}$ $\Phi_{\mathbf{1}} = \Phi_{1x}e_x$. For hand calculations and as a first approximation, the first mode shape of a massless beam with a
 276 top mass may be used: $\Phi_1(z) = 1 - \cos(z\pi/L/2)$. Increased accuracy is obtained when the shape function matches the actual
 277 first tower fore-aft bending mode, accounting for the effect of the rotor-nacelle mass and inertia. The degrees of freedom
 278 are $\mathbf{q} = (q, \psi)$, where q is the generalized (elastic) coordinates in the fore-aft direction and ψ is the azimuthal position. The
 279 slope of the tower shape function at the tower top is a key coupling parameter of the model, noted ν_y . When the tower

²The relevant equations of the shape function approach for a beam are given in Appendix B.

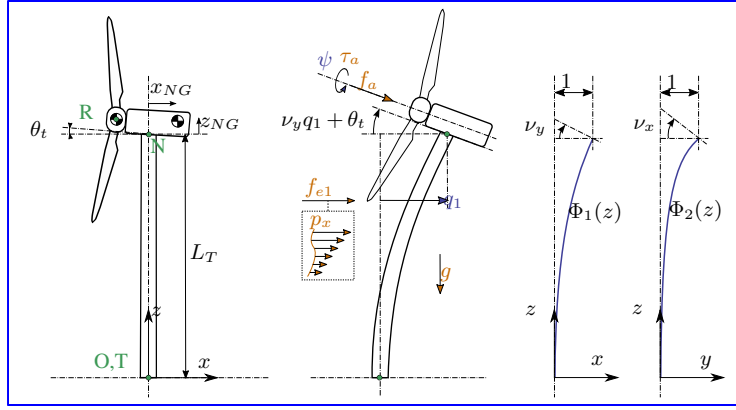


Figure 4. Model of a land-based or fixed-bottom wind turbine using one to three degrees of freedom (fore-aft and side-side flexibility of the support structure, and shaft rotation). Points are indicated in green, degrees of freedom in blue, and loads in orange.

280 deflects 1 m in the x direction, the nacelle rotates by an angle ν_y . The method assumes that the tower-top point remains
 281 along the x -axis, neglecting the so-called nonlinear geometric effect. However, nonlinear geometric effects can be included
 282 using geometric stiffening corrections ~~(Branlard, 2019)~~(see Appendix C ~~or Branlard (2019)~~). The aerodynamic thrust and
 283 torque are noted f_a ~~and~~ τ_a , ~~acting respectively, and act~~ at the rotor center (point R). The low-speed shaft generator torque is
 284 written as τ_g . The distributed loads on the tower, p_x (from aerodynamics and hydrodynamics), are projected against the shape
 285 function to obtain the generalized forces $f_e = \int_0^{L_T} p_x(z, t) \Phi_1(z) dz$. The moments of inertia of the rotor in its coordinates are
 286 $(J_{x,R}, J_{\oplus,R}, J_{\ominus,R})$. We note that ~~M_e, K_e, D_e, M_e, K_e and D_e~~ are the generalized mass, stiffness, and damping, respectively,
 287 associated with a given shape function $M_e = \int_0^{L_T} m(z) \Phi_1^2(z) dz$, $K_e = \int_0^{L_T} EI(z) \left[\frac{d^2 \Phi_1(z)}{dz^2} \right]^2 dz$, $D_e = 2\zeta M_e \omega_e$, where
 288 $m(z)$ and $EI(z)$ are the mass per length and bending stiffness of the tower, ~~respectively~~, and ω_e and ζ are the frequency and
 289 damping ratio, ~~respectively~~, associated with the shape function (assuming the shape function ~~is close to approximates~~ a mode
 290 shape). The geometric softening of the tower due to the tower-top mass (K_{gt}) and its own weight (~~K_{gs}~~ (K_{gw})) is obtained using
 291 Equation B5, as ~~$K_g = K_{gt} + K_{gs}$~~ $K_g = K_{gt} + K_{gw}$, with :

$$292 \quad K_{gt} = -g \int_0^{L_T} (M_R + M_N) \left[\frac{d\Phi_1}{dz}(z) \right]^2 dz \quad (33)$$

$$293 \quad K_{gsqw} = -g \int_0^{L_T} \left[\frac{d\Phi_1}{dz}(z) \right]^2 \left[\int_z^{L_T} m(z') dz' \right] dz \quad (34)$$

294 The shape function frequency is obtained as:

$$295 \quad \omega_e = \sqrt{(K_e + K_g)/M_e} \quad (35)$$

296 The application of the symbolic framework leads to the following equations of motion (rearranged for interpretability):

$$297 \begin{bmatrix} M_q & 0 \\ 0 & J_{x,R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{q} \\ \ddot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_q \\ \tau_a - \tau_g \end{bmatrix} \quad (36)$$

298 where:

$$299 M_q = M_e + M_N + M_R \quad (37)$$

$$300 + (J_{yN} + J_{\oplus,R} + M_N(x_{NG}^2 + z_{NG}^2) + M_R(x_{NR}^2 + z_{NR}^2))\nu_y^2 \quad (38)$$

$$301 + 2[(M_N z_{NG} + M_R z_{NR}) \cos(\nu_y q) - (M_N x_{NG} + M_R x_{NR}) \sin(\nu_y q)] \nu_y \quad (39)$$

302 and

$$303 f_q = f_e - (K_e + K_g)q - D_e \dot{q} \quad (40)$$

$$304 + g\nu_y [(M_N x_{NG} + M_R x_{NR}) \cos(\nu_y q) + (M_N z_{NG} + M_R z_{NR}) \sin(\nu_y q)] \quad (41)$$

$$305 + \nu_y^2 \dot{q}^2 [(M_N x_{NG} + M_R x_{NR}) \cos(\nu_y q) + (M_N z_{NG} + M_R z_{NR}) \sin(\nu_y q)] \quad (42)$$

$$306 + f_a \nu_y (x_{NR} \sin \theta_t + z_{NR} \cos \theta_t) \quad (43)$$

$$307 + f_a \cos(\theta_t + \nu_y q) \quad (44)$$

308 Details on the derivations are given in [Section ?? Appendix E1](#). The mass matrix consists of three main contributions: Equa-
 309 tion 37 represents the elastic mass and the rotor nacelle assembly (RNA) mass, Equation 38 is the generalized rotational inertia
 310 of the RNA, [and](#) Equation 39 is the inertial coupling between the tower bending and the rotation of the nacelle. The forcing
 311 terms are identified as follows: Equation 40 consists of the elastic load [due to resulting from](#) the external forces on the tower,
 312 the elastic and geometric stiffness loads, [and](#) the damping load on the tower; Equation 41 is the gravitational load from the
 313 RNA, [which](#) will contribute to the stiffness of the system; Equation 42 is the centrifugal force of the RNA (“ $M\omega^2 r$ ” with
 314 $\omega = \nu_y \dot{q}$); Equation 43 is the generalized torque from the aerodynamic thrust; [and](#) Equation 44 is the thrust contribution acting
 315 directly along the direction of the shape function degree of freedom (along x). The RNA center of mass plays an important
 316 part in the equations (see the terms $(M_N x_{NG} + M_R x_{NR})$ and $(M_N z_{NG} + M_R z_{NR})$).

317 The equations of motion given in Equation 36 can be used to perform time domain simulations of a wind turbine. It is noted
 318 that the two degrees of freedom are only coupled by the aerodynamic loads. The nonlinear model was used in previous work
 319 for time domain simulations and its linear version was used for state estimations (Branlard et al., 2020a, b). In this section, we
 320 apply the linearized form to compute the natural frequency of the turbine tower fore-aft mode. The linearized stiffness is [here](#)
 321 obtained by taking the gradient of the forcing with respect to q , and using a small angle approximation for ν_y to the second
 322 order:

$$323 K_{q,lin} = (K_e + K_g) - \nu_y^2 g (M_N z_{NG} + M_R z_{NR} - f_a q \cos \theta_t) + \nu_y f_a \sin \theta_t \quad (45)$$

324 For the NREL 5-MW reference turbine (Jonkman et al., 2009), the different numerical values are: $g = 9.807 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$, $\theta_t = 5$
 325 deg, $x_{NR} = -5.0 \text{ m}$, $z_{NR} = 2.4 \text{ m}$, $L_T = 87.6 \text{ m}$, $z_{NG} = 1.75 \text{ m}$, $x_{NG} = 1.9 \text{ m}$, $M_R = 1.1e5 \text{ kg}$, $J_{x,R} = 3.86e7 \text{ kg m}^2$,

326 $J_{\oplus,R} = 1.92e7 \text{ kg m}^2$, $M_N = 2.4e5 \text{ kg}$, $J_{y,N} = 1.01e6 \text{ kg m}^2$, $M_{RNA} = 3.5e5 \text{ kg}$. The first fore-aft shape function of the
 327 NREL 5-MW turbine tower, and its derivatives are:

328
$$\Phi_1(z) = (a_2 \bar{z}^2 + a_3 \bar{z}^3 + a_4 \bar{z}^4 + a_5 \bar{z}^5 + a_6 \bar{z}^6) / (a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6)$$

329
$$\frac{d\Phi_1}{dz}(z) = \frac{1}{L_T} (2a_2 \bar{z} + 3a_3 \bar{z}^2 + 4a_4 \bar{z}^3 + 5a_5 \bar{z}^4 + 6a_6 \bar{z}^5) / (a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6) \quad (46)$$

330
$$\frac{d^2\Phi_1}{dz^2}(z) = \frac{1}{L_T^2} (2a_2 + 6a_3 \bar{z} + 12a_4 \bar{z}^2 + 20a_5 \bar{z}^3 + 30a_6 \bar{z}^4) / (a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6)$$

331 with $\bar{z} = z/L_T$ and $a_2 = 0.7004$, $a_3 = 2.1963$, $a_4 = -5.6202$, $a_5 = 6.2275$, and $a_6 = -2.504$. The material properties and the shape function are illustrated in Figure 5. The scaling of the shape functions given in Equation 46 is important to ob-

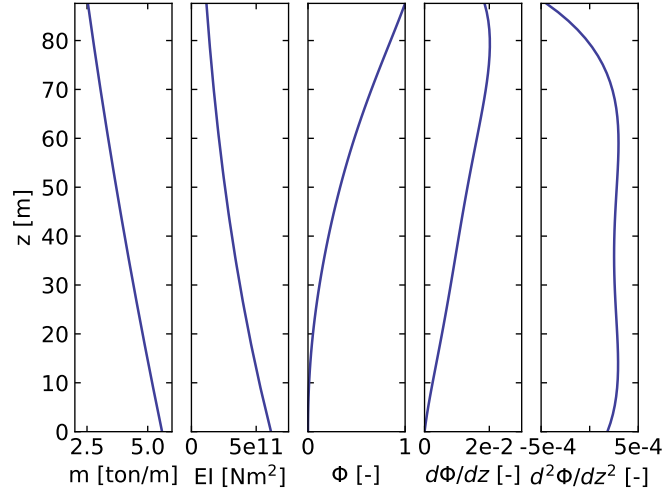


Figure 5. Properties of the NREL 5-MW turbine tower: mass per length (m), bending stiffness (EI), and shape function displacement (Φ), slope ($d\Phi/dz$) and curvature ($d^2\Phi/dz^2$).

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333 obtain the correct numerical values for the flexible tower, namely: $\nu_y = 0.0185$, $M_e = 5.4e4$, $K_e = 1.91e6$, $K_g = -5.2e4 -$
 334 $1.0e4 = -6.20e4$, $\omega_e = \sqrt{(K_e + K_g)/M_e} = 5.85 \text{ rad/s}$. These numerical values, with $q = 0$, leads lead to: $M_q = 4.375e5$
 335 and $K_q = 1.849e9$. The first fore-aft mode of the wind turbine has a natural frequency of $f = \sqrt{K_q/M_q} = 0.3272 \text{ Hz}$. This
 336 value was compared with results obtained using OpenFAST linearization. Both methods are in strong agreements agreement,
 337 with differences only arising at the fifth decimal place.

338 4.5 Three-degrees-of-freedom model of a land-based or fixed-bottom turbine

339 We consider the same system as the one presented in subsection 4.4, but the tower is now represented by one shape function in
 340 both the fore-aft and side-side directions, $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1 \hat{x}$ and $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2 \hat{y}$ $\Phi_1 = \Phi_1 e_x$ and $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2 e_y$. The degrees of freedom are
 341 $q = (q_1, q_2, \psi)$, where q_1 and q_2 are the generalized (elastic) coordinates in the fore-aft and side-side directions, respectively,
 342 and ψ is the rotor azimuth. A sketch of the system is given in Figure 4.

343 The slopes of the shape functions at the tower top are key coupling parameters of the model, noted ν_x and ν_y . The
 344 aerodynamic thrust and torque are noted f_a and τ_a , acting at point R . The distributed loads on the tower, p_x and p_y
 345 (from ~~aero~~-aerodynamics and hydrodynamics), are projected against the shape functions to obtain the generalized forces
 346 $f_{e1} = \int \Phi_1 p_x dz$ and $f_{e2} = \int \Phi_2 p_y dz$. The moments of inertia of the rotor in its coordinates are $(J_{x,R}, J_{\oplus,R}, J_{\ominus,R})$. We note
 347 that M_e , K_e , and D_e are the generalized mass, stiffness, and damping, respectively, associated with a given shape function
 348 (e.g., $M_{e11} = \int \Phi_1^2 m(z) dz$, where m is the mass per length of the tower). The application of the symbolic framework leads to
 349 the equations of motion given in ~~Section ??~~ Appendix E2. To simplify the equations and limit their length when printing them
 350 in this article, we have applied a first-order small-angle approximation for θ_t , and ~~second-order~~ a second-order approximation
 351 for ν_x and ν_y . It is observed from Equation E14 that a first-order approximation for ν_y would have removed the influence of
 352 the rotor and nacelle y -inertia on the generalized mass associated with the tower fore-aft bending.

353 We performed a time simulation of the model using both our symbolic framework YAMS and OpenFAST. The time
 354 integration in YAMS currently relies on tools provided in the SciPy package, which implements several time integrators.
 355 A sufficient level of accuracy was obtained using a fourth-order Runge-Kutta method, which is the default method. Kane's
 356 method, which uses a minimal set of coordinates, tends to lead to stiff systems, and it is possible that implicit integrators may
 357 be needed for other systems. We compare the time series obtained using our generated functions with results from the equiva-
 358 lent OpenFAST simulation in Figure 6. In this simulation, the tower top is initially displaced by 1 m in the x and y directions,
 and the rotational speed is 5 rpm. We report the mean relative error, ϵ , and the coefficient of determination, R^2 , on the figure.

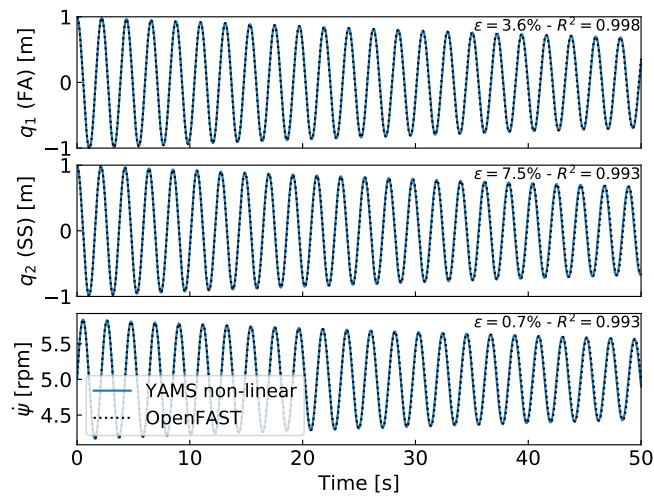


Figure 6. Free decay results for the land-based/~~fixed-bottom-fixed-bottom~~ model using both the symbolic framework (YAMS) and OpenFAST. From top to bottom: tower fore-aft bending, tower ~~side-side-side-side~~ bending, and shaft rotational speed.

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 360 We observe that our model is in strong agreement with the OpenFAST simulation. The differences in the second degree
 361 of freedom are attributed to ~~1~~) the handling of the small-angle approximation, which is different in OpenFAST (using the
 362 closest orthonormal matrix, ~~Jonkman (2009)~~) and in our formulation (two successive rotations, linearized); 2) the nonlinear

363 geometric corrections that are implemented in OpenFAST~~and~~, which we have omitted here by only selecting shape function
 364 expansion to the ~~first-zeroth~~ order (see subsection 5.2). The variation in azimuthal speed, resulting from the coupling between
 365 the gyroscopic loads and the tower bending, is ~~well-captured~~captured well.

366 4.6 Three-degrees-of-freedom model of a floating wind turbine

367 In this example, we demonstrate the applicability of the method for a floating wind turbine. We model the turbine using ~~3~~
 368 ~~three~~ bodies: rigid floater, flexible tower, ~~rigid rotor-nacelle-assembly (labelled and rigid RNA (labeled~~ “N”). The degrees of
 369 freedom selected are: $\mathbf{q} = (x, \phi, q_T)$, where x is the floater surge, ϕ ~~is~~ the floater pitch, and q_T ~~is~~ the coordinate associated
 with a selected fore-aft shape function. A sketch of the model is given in Figure 7. The notations are similar to the ones

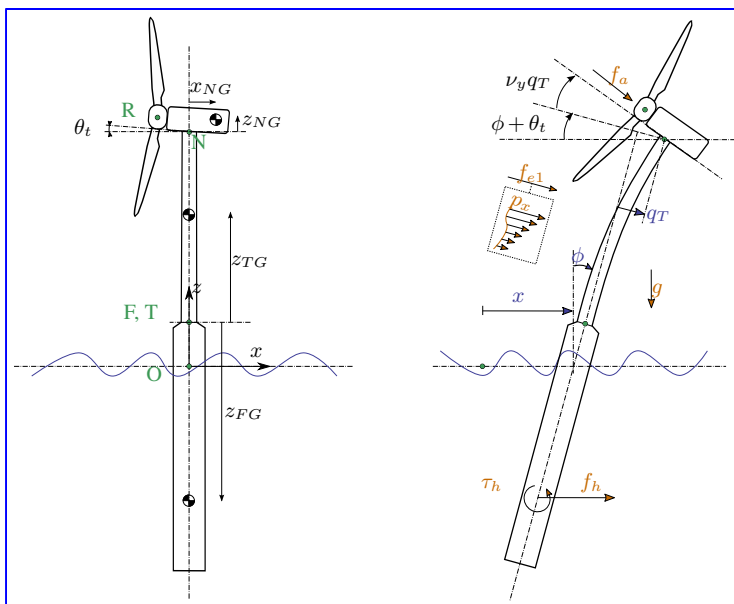


Figure 7. Model of a floating wind turbine using ~~3~~three degrees of freedom. Points are indicated in green, degrees of freedom in blue, and loads in orange.

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 371 presented in subsection 4.5. Lumped hydrodynamic loads at the floater center of mass are now added. The model can also
 372 be used for a combined tower and floater that is flexible, simply by setting the mass of the floater to zero and including the
 373 hydrodynamic loading into the loading p_x . The equations of motion are given in [Appendix E3](#). The equations were simplified
 374 using a first-order small-angle approximation of θ_t and ϕ_y , and a second-order approximation for ν_y .

375 We performed a numerical simulation of the model generated by YAMS and compared it with OpenFAST ~~for~~ a case with
 376 gravitational loads only, starting with $x = 0$ m, $\phi = 2$ deg, and $q_T = 1$ m. The results are presented in Figure 8. We observe
 377 again that the results from the two models correlate to a high degree.

378 We also compared the linearized version of both models. The symbolic framework can generate the linearized mass, stiffness,
 379 and damping matrices, as described in subsection 2.5. The matrices are then combined into a state matrix and compared with

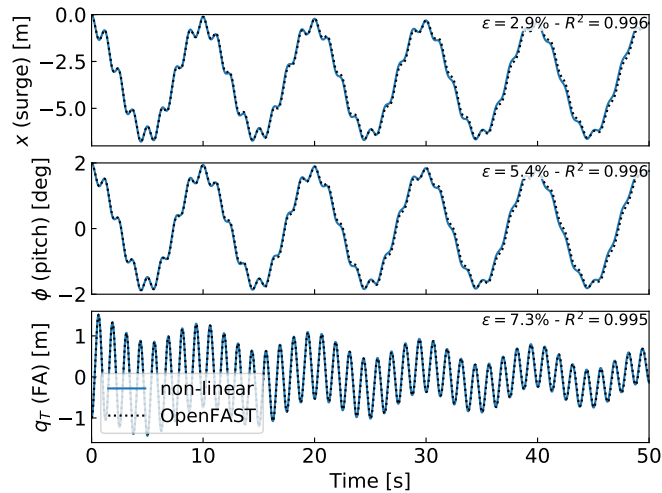


Figure 8. ~~Free decay~~ Free-decay results for the floating wind turbine model using YAMS and OpenFAST. From top to bottom: surge, pitch, and tower fore-aft bending.

380 the state matrices written by the OpenFAST linearization feature. The eigenvalue analysis of the YAMS state matrix returned
 381 a pitch and fore-aft frequencies of 0.099 Hz and 0.799 Hz, respectively, whereas OpenFAST returned 0.095 Hz and 0.795 Hz.
 382 The 4% error in the pitch frequency appears reasonable in view of the approximations used.

383 5 Discussions

384 5.1 Applications and advantages of the method

385 The implementation of the symbolic YAMS library was originally motivated by the need to obtain a simple linearized model
 386 of a floating wind turbine for frequency domain simulations. ~~The~~ There are multiple potential applications of the framework ~~are~~
 387 ~~yet multiple~~:

- 388 – The generated equations can be used in time domain simulation tools. The equations can be readily exported to different
 389 programming languages (C, FORTRAN, or Python) providing computationally efficient tools, particularly because the
 390 method generates compact and minimal equations. This is in contrast to most other multibody codes, in which many
 391 terms are calculated as matrix equations and through successive function calls. Further, the symbolic framework allows
 392 us to generate optimized code, in which common terms and factors are computed once and stored in temporary variables
 393 for reuse in the different expressions. In our examples, time domain simulations were observed to be ~~two~~ 2 orders of
 394 magnitude faster when using the automatically generated code in Python compared to OpenFAST simulations that rely
 395 on a compiled language. Using such a framework can be considered in the future to replace the existing ElastoDyn
 396 module of OpenFAST. It can also be applied to unusual configurations such as multirotor or ~~vertical-axis~~ vertical-axis

397 turbine concepts. Dedicated code can be generated for specific applications for increased performance. For instance,
398 implicit integrators with iterative Newton-Raphson-like solvers benefit from the possibility ~~to generate of generating~~
399 exact and efficient Jacobians along with the equations of motion.

400 – The generation of linearized models has a wide range of applications, such as ~~÷~~linear time domain simulations, controller
401 design and tuning, frequency domain analyses, stability analyses, state observers, or digital twins. The symbolic approach
402 is severalfold faster than alternative approaches because it can be evaluated for all operating points at once, whereas other
403 methods (e.g., OpenFAST, HAWCStab2) require multiple linearization calls. ~~Linearization-~~

404 – ~~Analytical linearization~~ with respect to parameters ~~can also be performed, making the method even more appealing, is~~
405 ~~directly obtained using our tool, which can be used for sensitivity analyses, parameter studies, optimizations, integrated~~
406 ~~design approaches, and controls co-design (e.g. for controller designs based on linear parameter varying approaches such~~
407 ~~as linear matrix inequality based designs(Pöschke et al., 2020)-, using methods such as linear-matrix-inequality-based~~
408 ~~designs) (Pöschke et al., 2020). Nonanalytical approaches require numerous linearizations and evaluations at various~~
409 ~~operating points (Jonkman et al., 2022).~~

410 – ~~In addition to the nonlinear or linear equations of motion in minimal coordinates, the equations for the constraint forces~~
411 ~~or any auxiliary kinematic variable can also be generated efficiently by inserting unknown virtual displacements in the~~
412 ~~equations (see Appendix D5 for an alternative approach). The position of all bodies in local or global coordinates can~~
413 ~~be recovered from the minimal coordinates and, in combination with the flexible code generation, be used to output data~~
414 ~~(e.g., for 3D animations of the turbine).~~

415 – Analytical gradients of the equations can be computed and used in optimizations, nonlinear model predictive control,
416 or moving horizon estimation. External loads that cannot be expressed analytically can be defined as generic functions
417 of the structural degrees of freedom, inputs, and parameters. After the code generation, the user can link a numerical
418 implementation of the function and its numerical gradients to be able to use a mix of analytical and numerical gradients.

419 **5.2 Advantage of using a symbolic framework**

420 ~~Most advantages have already been discussed in -, namely: the wide range of applications and the potential gain in~~
421 ~~computational time. Additionally, the method can provide-~~

422 – ~~Another advantage of the presented method is the possibility to quickly generate models with different levels of detail,~~
423 ~~ensuring consistency between the different levels of fidelity. This is in contrast to other more heuristic modeling approaches~~
424 ~~in which parameters often have to be retuned for each added degree of freedom.~~

425 – ~~The method provides~~ useful insights and can be used as an educational tool: simple models of a system with few degrees
426 of freedom can readily be obtained, studied, and compared to hand-based calculation.

427 5.2 Advanced consideration

428 Section 2 addressed the systematic derivation of the equations of motion for an assembly of rigid or flexible bodies. Some
429 advanced aspects of the method are discussed here:

- 430 – ~~The expression of the displacement field u in terms of a superposition of shape function is typically done using a first or~~
431 ~~second-order expansion. We discuss these formulations in . Our framework supports both approaches~~The different terms
432 involved in the equations of motion of flexible bodies can be decomposed using shape integrals (see Appendix D3).
433 Our framework readily supports this optional decomposition: it is the responsibility of the user to provide the terms and
434 values of the expansion when numerical evaluation is to occur. ~~The advantage of the second-order expansion is that some~~
435 ~~geometric nonlinearities are directly accounted for by the method, whereas these nonlinearities need to be introduced~~
436 ~~“manually” in the first-order expansion approach, as done in Branlard (2019).~~
- 437 – The definition of geometric stiffening requires attention in the general case. It is accounted for by the term k_{σ_2} presented
438 in Appendix A. ~~A general account of the effect for an arbitrary geometry can be found in Wallrapp and Schwertassek (1991)~~
439 ~~and simplified expressions are given for beams in .~~We discuss geometric stiffening in more detail in Appendix C.
- 440 – The treatment of external loads was not addressed in detail in this article because the loads are application-specific (aero-
441 dynamics, hydrodynamics, etc.). The framework can accept external loads as arbitrary functions of multiple variables ;
442 or as analytical expressions. In the former case, the user will have to provide an implementation of the function during
443 the execution.
- 444 – Even though the equations of motion are void of constraint forces, the values of these forces can be recovered. They
445 can be expressed as functions of the external forces and the states of the system. It is not necessary to compute them by
446 iteratively solving constraint equations.
- 447 – The framework can easily include rheonomous constraints—for instance, for the pitch angle—without having to supply
448 a dedicated torque. Pitch speed and accelerations can be directly introduced into the mechanical system if they are
449 provided ~~e.g.~~ by a generic second-order pitch actuator model.

450 5.3 Limitations

451 In spite of the advantages listed in subsection 5.1, the symbolic procedure presented in this work has some potential limitations.
452 We are identifying two in this section. First, constraints and closed loops have currently not been added to the framework. The
453 SymPy mechanics package supports additional constraint equations within ~~the Kanemethod. It is therefore hoped that this~~
454 ~~current~~Kane’s method. We therefore hope that this limitation can be lifted in the future. Second, large problems may challenge
455 a symbolic calculation package: memory impact, calculation time, simplification times, and size of expressions may become
456 significant. Some of these issues may be alleviated by introducing intermediate variables that are only substituted for in the
457 numerical implementation or by using a recursive formulation of the solution procedure (Branlard, 2019).

458 **6 Conclusions**

459 We presented a symbolic framework to obtain the linear and nonlinear equations of motion of a multibody system made of
460 rigid bodies, flexible bodies, and kinematic joints. Our approach is based on Kane's method and a nonlinear shape function
461 representation of flexible bodies. We provided different wind energy examples and verified the results against OpenFAST sim-
462 ulations. The framework can readily provide models suitable to a wide range of applications, with competitive computational
463 times. The framework is open source, and the examples presented are available in the repository. Future work will focus on
464 applying the framework to dedicated research projects, with more complex systems, and potentially extend the framework to
465 account for closed-loop systems and arbitrary constraints.

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480 Appendix A: Equations for a flexible body and shape integrals

481 In this section, we detail the equations of motion of a flexible body. The reader is referred to the following references for a complete treatment
 482 of the equations of motion: Shabana (2013), Schwertassek and Wallrapp (1999), and Wallrapp (1994). The subscript i , indicating the body
 483 index, is dropped. All quantities (vectors and matrices) are expressed in the body frame of reference; therefore, the prime notation is also
 484 dropped in this section. The number of flexible shape functions associated with the body is n_e , the flexible degrees of freedom are \mathbf{q}_e , and
 485 the shape functions are gathered into a matrix Φ of size $(3 \times n_e)$. ~~Primes are used to indicate that quantities are expressed in the body frame~~
 486 ~~of reference.~~ The equations of motion, given in Equation 11, are repeated below:

$$487 \begin{bmatrix} M_{xx} & M_{x\theta} & M_{xe} \\ & M_{\theta\theta} & M_{\theta e} \\ \text{sym.} & & M_{ee} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_i \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i \\ \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_e \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{k}_{\omega,x} \\ \mathbf{k}_{\omega,\theta} \\ \mathbf{k}_{\omega,e} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \mathbf{k}_e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_x \\ \mathbf{f}_\theta \\ \mathbf{f}_e \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A1})$$

488 The different terms of the mass matrix are obtained as follows:

$$489 M_{xx} = \int \mathbf{I}_3 \, dm = M \mathbf{I}_3 \quad (3 \times 3) \quad (\text{A2})$$

$$490 M_{x\theta} = - \int \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_P \, dm = -M \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_{CM} \quad (3 \times 3) \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$491 M_{\theta\theta} = - \int \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_P \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_P^T \, dm = \mathbf{J} \quad (3 \times 3) \quad (\text{A4})$$

$$492 M_{\theta e} = \int \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_P \Phi \, dm = \mathbf{C}_r^T \quad (3 \times n_e) \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$493 M_{xe} = \int \Phi \, dm = \mathbf{C}_t^T \quad (3 \times n_e) \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$494 M_{ee} = \int \Phi^T \Phi \, dm \quad (n_e \times n_e) \quad (\text{A7})$$

495 The integrals are ~~understood as~~ volume integrals over the volume of the body (for beams, they reduce to line integrals). The notation $[\tilde{\cdot}]$
 496 represents the skew symmetric matrix. M is the mass of the body. The vector \mathbf{s}_{CM} is the vector from the origin of the body to undeflected
 497 center or mass (CM) of the body. The notations \mathbf{C}_t ($n_e \times 3$) and \mathbf{C}_r ($n_e \times 3$) are introduced to match Wallrapp's notations. The vector \mathbf{s}_P
 498 is the vector from the origin of the body to a deflected point of the body of elementary mass dm . The undeflected position of this point is
 499 written as \mathbf{s}_{P_0} and the displacement field \mathbf{u} , such that: $\mathbf{s}_P = \mathbf{s}_{P_0} + \mathbf{u}$. ~~For a first-order expansion of~~ Typically, the displacement field ~~is~~
 500 ~~given by~~ $\mathbf{u} = \Phi \mathbf{q}_e$. ~~Second-order expansions need the introduction of an additional notation: $\mathbf{u} = \Phi_u(\mathbf{q}_e) \mathbf{q}_e$ (see and Wallrapp (1994)).~~
 501 but a higher-order expansion can also be introduced (see Wallrapp (1994) and Appendix D4). Wallrapp also includes the elementary mass
 502 moment of inertia, which results in additional terms in the integrals (see Wallrapp (1994)). Such contributions are relevant ~~for instance,~~ for
 503 instance, when considering the torsion of a beam (see Branlard (2019)). The block matrices M_{xx} , M_{xe} , and M_{ee} do not depend on the
 504 deformation of the body and are ~~hence~~ therefore constant. The other terms are functions of \mathbf{q}_e . They may be expressed as linear ~~combination~~
 505 combinations of constant integrals. ~~These integrals are usually referred to as shape integrals (Shabana (2013)) or Taylor series coefficients~~
 506 ~~(Wallrapp (1994)) (see Appendix D3).~~

507 The quadratic velocity terms, \mathbf{k}_{ω} , are given as:

$$508 \quad \mathbf{k}_{\omega,x} = 2\tilde{\omega}\mathbf{C}_t^T \dot{\mathbf{q}}_e + M\tilde{\omega}\tilde{\omega}\mathbf{s}_{CM} \quad (3 \times 1) \quad (\text{A8})$$

$$509 \quad \mathbf{k}_{\omega,\theta} = \tilde{\omega}\mathbf{M}_{\theta\theta}\omega + \left[\sum_{j=1..n_e} \mathbf{G}_{r,j} \dot{q}_{e,j} \right] \omega \quad (3 \times 1) \quad (\text{A9})$$

$$510 \quad \mathbf{k}_{\omega,e} = \left[\omega^T \mathbf{O}_{e,j} \omega \right]_{j=1..n_e} + \left[\sum_{j=1..n_e} \mathbf{G}_{e,j} \dot{q}_{e,j} \right] \omega \quad (n_e \times 1) \quad (\text{A10})$$

511 where

$$512 \quad \mathbf{G}_{r,j} = -2 \int \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_P \tilde{\Phi}_j dm \quad (3 \times 3) \quad (\text{A11})$$

$$513 \quad \mathbf{O}_{e,j} = \int \tilde{\Phi}_j \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_P dm = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{G}_{r,j}^T \quad (3 \times 3) \quad (\text{A12})$$

$$514 \quad \mathbf{G}_{e,j} = -2 \int \Phi^T \tilde{\Phi}_j dm \quad (n_e \times 3) \quad (\text{A13})$$

515 The first term of Equation A10 is obtained by vertically stacking the contribution of each shape function. In the [SID-standard input data](#)
516 format, this term is reshaped as the product $\mathbf{O}_e \boldsymbol{\Omega}$, where:

$$517 \quad \mathbf{O}_e = [O_{e,j,11}, O_{e,j,22}, O_{e,j,33}, O_{e,j,12} + O_{e,j,21}, O_{e,j,23} + O_{e,j,32}, O_{e,j,13} + O_{e,j,31}]_{j=1..n_e} \quad (n_e \times 6) \quad (\text{A14})$$

$$518 \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega} = [\omega_x^2, \omega_y^2, \omega_z^2, \omega_x\omega_y, \omega_y\omega_z, \omega_x\omega_z] \quad (6 \times 1) \quad (\text{A15})$$

519 The body elastic forces are given by:

$$520 \quad \mathbf{k}_e = \mathbf{k}_\sigma + \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{q}_e + \mathbf{D}_e \dot{\mathbf{q}}_e \quad (\text{A16})$$

521 where \mathbf{K}_e and \mathbf{D}_e are the elastic stiffness and damping matrices, and \mathbf{k}_σ represents [stress-stiffening terms-geometric stiffening terms \(see](#)
522 [Appendix C\)](#). The elastic damping forces are often given as stiffness proportional damping. For more details, see Wallrapp (1994), and for
523 more examples [of](#) with elastic beams, see Branlard (2019). The external loads can be assumed to consist of distributed volume forces, \mathbf{p} (in
524 practice they are [mostly-primarily](#) surface forces or line forces), and a gravitational acceleration field, \mathbf{g} . The components of the external
525 loads in Equation A1 are then obtained by integration over the whole body:

$$526 \quad \mathbf{f}_x = \int \mathbf{p} dV + M_{xx} \mathbf{g} \quad (3 \times 1) \quad (\text{A17})$$

$$527 \quad \mathbf{f}_\theta = \int \mathbf{s}_P \times \mathbf{p} dV + M_{\theta x} \mathbf{g} \quad (3 \times 1) \quad (\text{A18})$$

$$528 \quad \mathbf{f}_e = \int \Phi^T \mathbf{p} dV + M_{ex} \mathbf{g} \quad (n_e \times 1) \quad (\text{A19})$$

529 **Appendix B: Application of the shape function approach to an isolated beam**

530 In this section, we illustrate how the elastic equations of Appendix A can be applied to an isolated beam. Examples of applications are further
531 given in subsection 4.3 and subsection 4.4. We consider a beam directed along the z -axis and bending in the x and y [directiondirections](#).
532 Expressions are written in the coordinate system of the beam and primes are dropped in this section. The beam properties are the following:
533 length, L , mass per length, m , and bending stiffness, EI_x and EI_y . We assume that the displacement field is such that the shape functions are

534 functions of z only: $\mathbf{u}(z, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_e} \Phi_i(z) q_{e,i}(t)$. We also assume that the shape functions satisfy at least the geometric boundary conditions.

535 The kinetic energy of the beam is $T = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L m \dot{u}^2 dz = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j M_{e,ij} \dot{q}_{e,j} \dot{q}_{e,i}$. where $M_{e,ij}$ is (see Equation A7):

$$536 \quad M_{e,ij} = \int_0^L m(z) \Phi_i(z) \cdot \Phi_j(z) dz, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n_e \quad (\text{B1})$$

537 Equation B1 involves a scalar product of the shape functions at each spanwise position. Integrals over the moment of inertia can be used

538 to account for torsion (see Branlard (2019)). The potential energy (strain energy) of the beam, is obtained as $V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j K_{e,ij} q_{e,i} q_{e,j}$,

539 where $K_{e,ij}$ are the element elements of the stiffness matrix, which, under the assumption of small deformations, are given by:

$$540 \quad K_{e,ij} = \int_0^L \left[EI_y \frac{d^2 \Phi_{i,x}}{dz^2} \frac{d^2 \Phi_{j,x}}{dz^2} + EI_x \frac{d^2 \Phi_{i,y}}{dz^2} \frac{d^2 \Phi_{j,y}}{dz^2} \right] dz, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n_e \quad (\text{B2})$$

541 Elongation and torsional strains (EA and GK_t) can similarly be added to the strain energy and the stiffness matrix if longitudinal and

542 torsional displacement fields are included in the shape functions. The external loads on the beam are assumed to consist of a distributed force

543 vector, $\mathbf{p}(z)$. The virtual work done by the force \mathbf{p} for each virtual displacement $\delta q_{e,i}$ provides the generalized force as (see Equation A17):

$$544 \quad f_{e,i} = \int_0^L \Phi_i \cdot \mathbf{p} dz \quad (\text{B3})$$

545 The equations of motion of the isolated beam and then written in matricial matrix form as:

$$546 \quad M_e \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_e + D_e \dot{\mathbf{q}}_e + \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{q}_e = \mathbf{f}_e \quad (\text{B4})$$

547 where $\mathbf{q}_e = [q_{e,1}, \dots, q_{e,n}]$. Damping is typically added a posteriori to the equations, where the Rayleigh damping assumption is often used:

548 $D_e = \alpha M_e + \beta \mathbf{K}_e$ (stiffness proportional damping implies $\alpha = 0$). If the shape functions are mode shapes, then the shape functions are

549 orthogonal, the mass and stiffness matrices are diagonal, and the stiffness values would be $K_{e,ii} = \omega_{e,i}^2 M_{e,ii}$, with $\omega_{e,i} = \sqrt{K_{e,ii}/M_{e,ii}}$

550 the eigenfrequency of the beam mode i . The modal damping is then given by $D_{e,ii} = 2\zeta_i M_{e,ii} \omega_{e,i}$, where ζ_i is the damping ratio associated

551 with mode i .

552 If the beam is loaded axially by a force $N(z)$, then this force produces a distributed load in the transverse direction equal to $\mathbf{n} =$

553 $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} [N(z) \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial z}]$, with components in the y and z directions (see Branlard (2019)). The generalized force associated with this loading is then

554 $Q_{N,i} = \int_0^L \Phi_i \cdot \mathbf{n} dz$. Inserting the expression of \mathbf{n} and \mathbf{u} , the generalized force has the form of a stiffness term: $Q_{N,i} = - \sum_j K_{N,ij} q_j$

555 with

$$556 \quad K_{N,ij} = - \int_0^L \Phi_i \cdot \frac{d}{dz} \left[N(z) \frac{d\Phi_j}{dz} \right] dz = \int_0^L N(z) \frac{d\Phi_i}{dz} \cdot \frac{d\Phi_j}{dz} - \left[N(x) \Phi_i \cdot \frac{d\Phi_j}{dz} \right]_0^L \quad (\text{B5})$$

557 and where integration by parts was used to obtain the second equality. Examples of applications are given in subsection 4.3 and sub-

558 section 4.4. The fact that an axial load leads to a stiffness term is referred to as “geometric stiffness,” which is the topic of Appendix C.

559

560 Appendix C: Geometric stiffness

561 C1 General treatment

562 Geometric stiffness refers to the apparent change of stiffness of a structure depending on the loading it is subject to. In this section, we
 563 present a linear formulation of geometric stiffness for a flexible body undergoing motion and subject to arbitrary loading, inspired by
 564 Schwertassek and Wallrapp (1999). Additional details may be found in Wallrapp and Schwertassek (1991). The main component of the
 565 geometric stiffening term k_σ can be written:

$$566 \quad \underline{k_\sigma} = \underline{K_g} \underline{q_e} \tag{C1}$$

567 where $\underline{K_g}$ is the geometric stiffness matrix of shape $n_e \times n_e$. In general, this matrix is time-dependent, as it is a function of the inertial and
 568 external loads acting on the body. The inertial loads consist of contributions from the linear acceleration, \underline{a} , rotational acceleration, $\dot{\underline{\omega}}$, and
 569 cross products of the rotational velocity of the body (centrifugal and gyroscopic terms). The external loads consist of the gravitational force,
 570 distributed forces per unit length, \underline{p} , point loads, \underline{F}^k , and point moments, $\underline{\tau}^k$, where k is the node index where the point loads are applied.
 571 Each of these contributions can be computed at each time step using a linear superposition of unit geometric stiffness matrices, noted \underline{K}_{g^*} ,
 572 as follows:

$$573 \quad \underline{K_g} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 [(a_\alpha - g_\alpha) \underline{K}_{gt,\alpha} + \dot{\omega}_\alpha \underline{K}_{gr,\alpha}] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \sum_{\beta=1}^3 \omega_\alpha \omega_\beta \underline{K}_{g\omega,\alpha\beta}$$

$$574 \quad + \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \left[p_\alpha \underline{K}_{gp,\alpha} + \sum_k \left(F_\alpha^k \underline{K}_{gF,\alpha}^k + \tau_\alpha^k \underline{K}_{g\tau,\alpha}^k \right) \right] \tag{C2}$$

575 where the indices α and β run on the $x, y,$ and z coordinates of the body reference frame. The matrices $\underline{K}_{g^*,\alpha}$ or $\underline{K}_{g^*,\alpha\beta}$ have the shape
 576 $n_e \times n_e$ and are obtained as the geometric stiffness matrices for unit accelerations, loads, or products of rotational velocities in the given
 577 direction defined by α and β ($x, y,$ or z). For instance, $\underline{K}_{gt,z}$ is the geometric stiffness matrix corresponding to a unit acceleration in the z
 578 direction, $\underline{K}_{g\omega,xy}^k$ is the geometric stiffness matrix corresponding to a unit gyration about the x and y directions, and $\underline{K}_{gF,x}^k$ is the geometric
 579 stiffness matrix corresponding to a unit force in the x direction applied at the node k along the body. We note that the terms \underline{K}_{g^*} have
 580 different units; for instance, the terms $\underline{K}_{gt,*}$ are expressed in $\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2 \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$.

581 **C2 Expressions for a beam directed along z**

582 The expression for each of these matrices are given in Schwertassek and Wallrapp (1999) in the context of the finite-element method. The
 583 general expressions for a shape function approach would be beyond the scope of this article, but we provide the expressions for a beam
 584 below.

585 We adopt the same notations as Appendix B to describe the flexible beam. The different unit geometric matrices introduced in Appendix C
 586 can be determined using a form of Equation B5, where the axial load N is replaced by the unit inertial or external load. Since the beam is
 587 directed along the z direction, we focus on the terms where the loads act in the z direction, all other terms being zero or negligible. The
 588 ij -component of the matrix $\underline{K}_{gt,z}$ is obtained by considering a unit vertical acceleration:

$$589 \quad K_{gt,z,ij} = \int_0^L N(z) \frac{d\Phi_i}{dz} \cdot \frac{d\Phi_j}{dz} dz, \quad N(z) = \int_z^L m(z) dz \tag{C3}$$

590 We write z_k the coordinate of node k along the beam. The ij -component of the matrix $\mathbf{K}_{gF,z}^k$ is obtained as:

$$591 \quad K_{gF,z,ij}^k = \int_0^L N(z) \frac{d\Phi_i}{dz} \cdot \frac{d\Phi_j}{dz} dz, \quad N(z) = 1 \text{ if } z < z_k, 0 \text{ otherwise} \quad (C4)$$

592 The ij -component of the matrix $\mathbf{K}_{g\omega,\alpha\beta}$ is obtained by considering unit centrifugal loads generated using independent rotations around the
593 unit vectors \mathbf{e}_x , \mathbf{e}_y , and \mathbf{e}_z :

$$594 \quad K_{g\omega,\alpha\beta,ij} = \int_0^L -\mathbf{e}_z \cdot (\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_\alpha \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_\beta N(z)) \frac{d\Phi_i}{dz} \cdot \frac{d\Phi_j}{dz} dz, \quad N(z) = \int_z^L m(z) \mathbf{s}_{P_0} dz \quad (C5)$$

595 Similarly, the ij -component of the matrix $\mathbf{K}_{gr,\alpha}$ is:

$$596 \quad K_{gr,\alpha,ij} = \int_0^L -\mathbf{e}_z \cdot (\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_\alpha N(z)) \frac{d\Phi_i}{dz} \cdot \frac{d\Phi_j}{dz} dz, \quad N(z) = \int_z^L m(z) \mathbf{s}_{P_0} dz \quad (C6)$$

597 C3 Integration into the equations of motion

598 The term $\mathbf{k}_\sigma = \mathbf{K}_g \mathbf{q}_e$ appears on the third block-row of the equations of motion of the flexible body (Equation A1). Because of the linearity
599 with respect to the acceleration, rotational velocities, and forces, the different contributions can optionally be incorporated into the third
600 block-row of the mass matrix (\mathbf{M}_{e*}), the term $\mathbf{k}_{\omega,e}$, and the term \mathbf{f}_e , respectively. For instance, the term $\sum_\alpha a_\alpha \mathbf{K}_{gt,\alpha} \mathbf{q}_e$ can be reorganized
601 as $[\mathbf{K}_{gt}] \mathbf{q}_e \cdot \mathbf{a}$ (using loose notations); therefore, the mass matrix can be updated such that \mathbf{M}_{xe} becomes $\mathbf{M}_{xe} + [\mathbf{K}_{gt}] \mathbf{q}_e$. When a Taylor
602 expansion is used, such integration is easily implemented as a first-order term (see Appendix D3).

603 Appendix D: Alternative formulations

604 Different formulations of flexible multibody dynamics [using shape functions](#) are found in the literature. Some of the alternatives are briefly
605 discussed in this section.

606 D1 Jacobian and velocity transformation matrix

607 In Equation 7, the Jacobian terms \mathbf{J} and the virtual work are expressed in vector form. In such form, there is no need to [precise-state](#) in
608 which coordinate system the different vectors are expressed. This is convenient to reduce the size of the expressions when using symbolic
609 calculations. In a numerical framework, the vector will have to be expressed in a common frame. When such [an](#) approach is used (see, e.g.,
610 Lemmer (2018); Branlard (2019)), the Jacobians are sometimes stacked into a [matricial-matrix](#) form:

$$611 \quad \mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_v \\ \mathbf{J}_\omega \\ \mathbf{J}_e \end{bmatrix} \quad (D1)$$

612 Some implementation choices are needed depending if these matrices are expressed in the global frame or a body frame. The Jacobian
613 matrices are referred to as “velocity transformation matrix,” and the link between formulations in global and local coordinates is given in
614 Branlard (2019). In the same reference, recursive relationships are given for tree-like assembly of bodies τ to help express the Jacobian

615 matrices of each body recursively, based on the matrices of the parent body. It is also noted that the quadratic velocity terms, k_{ω} , can be
 616 obtained using the time derivative of the Jacobian matrix.

617 **D2 Rotations and torsion**

618 In this article, we have not ~~explicitly written the rotational impact of the~~ elaborated on the change of orientation introduced by shape
 619 functions. In most applications, bodies are connected at their extremities and the deflection slope at a body extremity will induce a rotation
 620 of the subsequent body ~~(e.g., tilting and rolling of the nacelle at the tower top)~~. The deflection slope can be obtained from the knowledge of
 621 the shape functions. This is readily accounted for by introducing a time-varying rotation matrix between bodies, and this is the approach used
 622 in our symbolic framework. A formalism of rotations of bodies connected at their extremities is given in Branlard (2019). A more general
 623 formulation, introducing shape function rotations Ψ , is given in (Wallrapp, 1994; Schwertassek and Wallrapp, 1999; Lemmer, 2018). In such
 624 a formulation, the linear rotation field is obtained as $I + \widetilde{\Psi}q$, where I is the identity matrix.

625 **D3 Shape integrals and Taylor expansion**

626 ~~The order of expansion of the displacement field leads to alternative formulations. In Shabana (2013) and Branlard (2019) a first-order~~
 627 ~~expansion is used: $u = \sum_j [\Phi_j^0] q_{e,j}$. In the work of Wallrapp a second-order expansion is used: $u = \sum_j [\Phi_j^0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \Phi_{jk}^1 q_{e,k}] q_{e,j}$. In both~~
 628 ~~formulations, the equations of motion given in~~ The results presented in Appendix A ~~lead to shape-integral expansions of the following form:~~
 629

$$630 \quad \underline{T} = T^0 + \sum_{j=1..n_e} T_j^1 q_{e,j}$$

631 ~~where T is a dummy variable standing for~~ consist of integrals over the displaced points of the structure, $s_P = s_{P_0} + u$, where the displacement
 632 field is $u = \Phi q_e$. The undeflected position of the structure (s_{P_0}) is constant, and the shape functions are known at the initialization; the only
 633 time-varying terms are the degrees of freedom q_e . Therefore, the integrals can be precomputed by decomposing them into a constant part
 634 and a part that is linear with respect to the degrees of freedom q_e . The precomputed integrals are referred to as “shape integrals.” For a given
 635 term T (standing, for instance, for $M_{\theta,\theta}$, C_t , C_r , G_r , G_e , or O_e . The “0” and “1” terms), the shape integral expansion is:

$$636 \quad \underline{T}(q_e) = T^0 + \sum_{j=1..n_e} T_j^1 q_{e,j} \tag{D2}$$

637 If T is an array, T^0 and T_j^1 have the same shape as T . As an example, the application of the shape integral expansion to the term $M_{x\theta}$ (see
 638 Equation A3) gives:

$$639 \quad \underline{M}_{x\theta} = - \int \tilde{s}_P dm = M_{x\theta}^0 + \sum_{j=1..n_e} \underline{M}_{x\theta,j}^1 q_{e,j} \tag{D3}$$

640 with

$$641 \quad \underline{M}_{x\theta}^0 = - \int \tilde{s}_{P_0} dm, \quad \underline{M}_{x\theta,j}^1 = - \int \tilde{\Phi}_j dm \tag{D4}$$

642 The zeroth- and first-order shape integrals always consist of integrals over the components of s_{P_0} and Φ , which can be precomputed for
 643 a given flexible body. We note that the precomputed shape integrals can in turn be obtained from intermediate integrals (e.g., the S_* and

644 N_* terms introduced by Wallrapp (Wallrapp, 1994), or the σ , Σ , Υ , Ψ terms introduced by Shabana (Shabana, 2013)). The zeroth- and
645 first-order shape integrals are stored using a “Taylor” object-oriented class in the **SID** standard input data format defined by Wallrapp. The
646 subtlety lays in the fact that the “1” terms will be different if the displacement is developed using a first-order expansion or a second-order
647 expansion. Some terms involving Φ_{jk}^1 will be present in the latter case. The reader is referred to Wallrapp (1993) for a full description of the
648 Taylor-expanded terms. Setting $\Phi_{jk}^1 = 0$ in these expressions will lead to the 1st-order shape integral approach. YAMS library can compute
649 the shape integrals using a direct integration or using a finite-element formulation (see Schwertassek and Wallrapp (1999)).

650 The geometric stiffness introduced in Appendix C is linear in the elastic degrees of freedom q_e . Therefore, the unit geometric stiffness
651 matrices (which are also shape integrals) can be conveniently added into the first-order terms of Shabana. Equation D2. For instance, if we
652 write M_{ex} (given in Equation A6) using a first-order expansion, $M_{ex} = M_{ex}^0 + M_{ex}^1 q_e$, then the geometric stiffening effect can directly
653 be inserted into the first-order term, such that M_{ex}^1 becomes $M_{ex}^1 + K_{gt}$. Similarly, the term K_{gt} can be inserted into $M_{\theta e}^1$, $K_{g\omega}$ into
654 O_e^1 , K_{gF} into Φ^1 , and $K_{g\tau}$ into Ψ^1 in the calculation of the generalized forces. The different contributions are summarized in Table 6.9
655 of the book of Schwertassek and Wallrapp (1999). A shortcoming of inserting the geometric stiffness effects into the first-order coefficient is
656 that it could make the mass matrix symmetric (if the user code assumes $M_{xe} = M_{ex}^t$), instead of acting only on the third block-row of the
657 mass matrix.

658 **D4 Taylor expansion of the displacement field**

659 In the work of Wallrap (Wallrapp, 1993, 1994), the displacement field is assumed to be a function of the degrees of freedom, $u = \Phi_u(q_e)q_e$,
660 where Φ_u consists of a Taylor series expansion of the shape functions that contain Φ^0 and Φ^1 terms. The resulting equations of motion are
661 still expressed using shape integrals of the form given in Equation D2, but the 1 terms will contain some additional integrals over Φ^1 . The
662 advantage of this method is that the Φ^1 terms effectively account for the geometric stiffness. In practice, it is equivalent, and as convenient,
663 to neglect the Φ^1 terms and introduce the geometric stiffness using the method presented in Appendix C (and optionally integrate them into
664 the 1 terms as presented in Appendix D3).

665 **D5 ElastoDyn and the partial loads approach**

666 The ElastoDyn module of OpenFAST (Jonkman et al., 2021) uses the so-called “partial loads” approach to implement the equations of
667 motion. The underlying theory used to derive the equations of motion is the same as Kane’s formalism presented in section 2, but the partial
668 load approach takes advantage of the fact that the calculation of reaction loads or point loads at body extremities requires similar terms to the
669 ones needed for the equations of motion. In the discussion below, we assume that the different bodies of the structure form a tree structure
670 with the root at the bottom and the leaves above. For a tree-like structure, there is a natural relationship between loads in the structure and the
671 degrees of freedom. A virtual displacement of a given degree of freedom will only displace the structure above it. The equation of motion
672 of this degree of freedom can therefore be obtained from the virtual work of the loads at a point located just above the degree of freedom,
673 as if the entire structure above was replaced by lumped loads. The point loads contain contributions from the external loads above the point
674 in consideration, but also inertial and gyroscopic loads associated with all the degrees of freedom of the system. If the point is at a joint, the
675 loads corresponds to the reaction loads at this point. We write P the point located after a given degree of freedom r . The equation of motion
676 for this degree of freedom is obtained as if the system was isolated:

$$677 \quad \dot{f}_r + f_r^* = 0 = \mathbf{J}_{vP,r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_P + \mathbf{J}_{\omega P,r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_P + h_r \quad (\text{D5})$$

678 where: $\mathbf{J}_{v_{P,r}}$ and $\mathbf{J}_{\omega_{P,r}}$ are the partial velocities of point P with respect to the degree of freedom r ; \mathbf{f}_P and $\boldsymbol{\tau}_P$ are 3-vectors containing the
679 force and torque from the structure above the degree of freedom r (including external and inertial contributions); and h_r is the generalized
680 load associated with the isolated degree of freedom r (e.g., the elastic loads for a flexible body, or the spring and damping loads for a degree
681 of freedom representing a joint). The point loads \mathbf{f}_P and $\boldsymbol{\tau}_P$ can be decomposed into terms that are proportional to the accelerations of all
682 the degrees of freedom (indexed with r) and additional terms (labeled “ t ”):

$$683 \quad \mathbf{f}_P = \sum_{j=1}^{n_q} \mathbf{f}_{P,j} \ddot{q}_j + \mathbf{f}_{P,t}, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau}_P = \sum_{j=1}^{n_q} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{P,j} \ddot{q}_j + \boldsymbol{\tau}_{P,t} \quad (D6)$$

684 The terms $\mathbf{f}_{P,r}$ and $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{P,r}$ act as generalized masses and they are referred to as “partial loads”. Combining Equation D5 and Equation D6, the
685 term r_j of the mass matrix and the term r of the right hand side of the equation of motion (Equation 22) are obtained as:

$$686 \quad M_{rj} = -\mathbf{J}_{v_{P,r}} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{P,j} - \mathbf{J}_{\omega_{P,r}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{P,j}, \quad F_r = \mathbf{J}_{v_{P,r}} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{P,t} + \mathbf{J}_{\omega_{P,r}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{P,t} + h_r \quad (D7)$$

687 Therefore, the knowledge of the partial loads and the partial velocities at key points of the structure (typically, points where user outputs
688 are desired) can be used to obtain the reaction loads (Equation D6) and the equations of motion (Equation D7). This is the approach used
689 in ElastoDyn: the loads at key points of the structure were derived using hand calculations, and then the partial loads were used for the
690 implementation of the outputs and the equations of motion. The reader is referred to the notes provided in the online documentation of
691 ElastoDyn for more details (Jonkman et al., 2021). A general procedure to obtain partial loads can be devised (using kinematics to find
692 velocities and acceleration in the structure, and computing the loads from the tree top to the root), but would be beyond the scope of this
693 article.

694 Appendix E: Equations of motion of simple wind turbine models

695 In this section, we present the equations of motion for the examples presented in section 4.

696 E1 Two-degrees-of-freedom model of a land-based or fixed-bottom wind turbine

697 In this section, we provide some intermediate values to obtain the equations of motion given in subsection 4.4. We use the hat notation to
698 indicate unit vectors of a frame, where the frame is identified as t , n , r for the tower, nacelle, and rotor, respectively. For instance, $\hat{v}_{t,x}$ is the
699 unit vector in the x direction of the tower frame. The degrees of freedom are $\mathbf{q} = (q, \psi)$. The kinematics of the tower (at its origin) are zero:

$$700 \quad \mathbf{v}_{O,T} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_T = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{a}_{O,T} = \mathbf{0} \quad (E1)$$

701 All Jacobians are zero except $\mathbf{J}_{e,1T} = 1$ The inertial force, torque, and elastic force are:

$$702 \quad \mathbf{f}_T^* = C_{tTx} \ddot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + M_T g \hat{\mathbf{t}}_z, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau}_T^* = C_{rTy} \ddot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_y, \quad \mathbf{E}_T^* = f_e + D_e \dot{q} + (K_e + K_q) q + M_e \ddot{q} \quad (E2)$$

703 The nacelle kinematics (at its center of mass) are:

$$704 \quad \mathbf{v}_{G,N} = \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + \nu_y z_{NG} \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_x - \nu_y x_{NG} \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_z, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_N = \nu_y \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_y \quad (E3)$$

$$705 \quad \mathbf{a}_{G,N} = \ddot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + (-\nu_y^2 x_{NG} \dot{q}^2 + \nu_y z_{NG} \ddot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_x + (-\nu_y^2 z_{NG} \dot{q}^2 - \nu_y x_{NG} \ddot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_z \quad (E4)$$

706 The Jacobians with respect to q are:

$$707 \quad \mathbf{J}_{v,1N} = \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + \nu_y z_{NG} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_x - \nu_y x_{NG} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_z, \quad \mathbf{J}_{\omega,1N} = \nu_y \hat{\mathbf{t}}_y \quad (\text{E5})$$

708 The inertial force and torque on the nacelle are:

$$709 \quad \mathbf{f}_N^* = M_N \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + M_N (-\nu_y^2 x_{NG} \dot{q}^2 + \nu_y z_{NG} \ddot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_x + M_N (-\nu_y^2 z_{NG} \dot{q}^2 - \nu_y x_{NG} \ddot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_z, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau}_N^* = J_{y,N} \nu_y \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_y \quad (\text{E6})$$

710 The kinematics of the rotor are:

$$711 \quad \mathbf{v}_{G,R} = \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + \nu_y z_{NR} \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_x - \nu_y x_{NR} \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_z, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_R = \dot{\psi} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{rx} + \nu_y \dot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_y \quad (\text{E7})$$

$$712 \quad \mathbf{a}_{G,R} = \ddot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + (-\nu_y^2 x_{NR} \dot{q}^2 + \nu_y z_{NR} \ddot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_x + (-\nu_y^2 z_{NR} \dot{q}^2 - \nu_y x_{NR} \ddot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_z \quad (\text{E8})$$

713 The corresponding Jacobians with respect to q (“1”) and ψ (“2”) are:

$$714 \quad \mathbf{J}_{v,1R} = \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + \nu_y z_{NR} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_x - \nu_y x_{NR} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_z, \quad \mathbf{J}_{\omega,1R} = \nu_y \hat{\mathbf{t}}_y, \quad \mathbf{J}_{\omega,2R} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}_x$$

715 The inertial force and torque on the rotor are:

$$716 \quad \mathbf{f}_R^* = M_R \ddot{q} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_x + M_R (-\nu_y^2 x_{NR} \dot{q}^2 + \nu_y z_{NR} \ddot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_x + M_R (-\nu_y^2 z_{NR} \dot{q}^2 - \nu_y x_{NR} \ddot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_z \quad (\text{E9})$$

$$717 \quad \boldsymbol{\tau}_R^* = J_{x,R} \ddot{\psi} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_x \quad (\text{E10})$$

$$718 \quad + (J_{\oplus,R} \nu_y \sin(\psi) \dot{\psi} \dot{q} + J_{\oplus,R} (-\nu_y \sin(\psi) \dot{\psi} \dot{q} + \nu_y \cos(\psi) \ddot{q}) - J_{x,R} \nu_y \sin(\psi) \dot{\psi} \dot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_y \quad (\text{E11})$$

$$719 \quad + (J_{\oplus,R} \nu_y \cos(\psi) \dot{\psi} \dot{q} + J_{\oplus,R} (-\nu_y \sin(\psi) \ddot{q} - \nu_y \cos(\psi) \dot{\psi} \dot{q}) - J_{x,R} \nu_y \cos(\psi) \dot{\psi} \dot{q}) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_z \quad (\text{E12})$$

720 E2 Three-degrees-of-freedom model of a land-based or fixed-bottom wind turbine

721 The equations of motion for the model presented in subsection 4.5, with $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2, \psi)$, are given in this section. The elements of the mass
722 matrix are:

$$723 \quad M_{11} = [M_{e11} + M_N + M_R] \quad (\text{E13})$$

$$724 \quad + [J_{y,N} + J_{\oplus,R} + M_N (x_{NG}^2 - 2x_{NG}q_1 + z_{NG}^2) + M_R (x_{NR}^2 - 2x_{NR}q_1 + z_{NR}^2)] \nu_y^2 \quad (\text{E14})$$

$$725 \quad + 2[M_N z_{NG} + M_R z_{NR}] \nu_y \quad (\text{E15})$$

$$726 \quad M_{13} = J_{x,R} \theta_t \nu_x \nu_y q_2 \quad (\text{E16})$$

$$727 \quad M_{22} = [M_{e22} + M_N + M_R] \quad (\text{E17})$$

$$728 \quad + [J_{x,N} + J_{x,R} + M_N z_{NG}^2 + M_R z_{NR}^2] \nu_x^2 \quad (\text{E18})$$

$$729 \quad - 2[M_N z_{NG} + M_R z_{NR}] \nu_x \quad (\text{E19})$$

$$730 \quad M_{23} = J_{x,R} \nu_x \quad (\text{E20})$$

$$731 \quad M_{33} = J_{x,R} \quad (\text{E21})$$

732 The elements of the forcing vector are:

$$733 \quad f_1 = f_{e1} - K_{e11}q_1 - D_{e11}\dot{q}_1 - J_{x,R}\theta_t\nu_x\nu_y\dot{\psi}\dot{q}_2 + [M_Nx_{NG} + M_Rx_{NR}]\nu_y^2\dot{q}_1^2 \quad (\text{E22})$$

$$734 \quad + g [M_N (\nu_y^2 z_{NG} q_1 + \nu_y x_{NG}) + M_R (\nu_y^2 z_{NR} q_1 + \nu_y x_{NR})] + f_a [\theta_t \nu_y x_{NR} - \theta_t \nu_y q_1 + \nu_y z_{NR} + 1] \quad (\text{E23})$$

$$735 \quad f_2 = f_{e2} - K_{e22}q_2 - D_{e22}\dot{q}_2 + J_{x,R}\theta_t\nu_x\nu_y\dot{\psi}\dot{q}_1 \quad (\text{E24})$$

$$736 \quad + g [M_N z_{NG} + M_R z_{NR}] \nu_x^2 q_2 + f_a \theta_t \nu_x q_2 \quad (\text{E25})$$

$$737 \quad f_3 = -J_{x,R}\theta_t\nu_x\nu_y\dot{q}_1\dot{q}_2 + \tau_a \quad (\text{E26})$$

738 E3 Three-degrees-of-freedom model of a floating wind turbine

739 The equations of motion for the model presented in subsection 4.6, with $\mathbf{q} = (x, \phi, q_T)$, are given in this section. The elements of the mass
740 matrix are:

$$741 \quad M_{11} = M_F + M_T + M_N \quad (\text{E27})$$

$$742 \quad M_{12} = M_F z_{FG} - M_{dz} + M_N [L_T + z_{NG} - \nu_y x_{NG} q_T - \phi_y (x_{NG} + q_T + \nu_y z_{NG} q_T)] \quad (\text{E28})$$

$$743 \quad M_{13} = C_{tT1x} + M_N [1 + \nu_y z_{NG} - \nu_y^2 x_{NG} q_T - \phi_y (\nu_y^2 z_{NG} q_T + \nu_y x_{NG})] \quad (\text{E29})$$

$$744 \quad M_{22} = J_{y,F} + M_F z_{FG}^2 + J_{T,y} + J_{y,N} + M_N [(L_T^2 + z_{NG})^2 + (q_T + x_{NG})^2 + 2\nu_y q_T (z_{NG} q_T - L_T x_{NG})] \quad (\text{E30})$$

$$745 \quad M_{23} = C_{rT1y} + [J_{y,N} + M_N (x_{NG}^2 + z_{NG}^2 + L_T z_{NG} + \nu_y q_T (z_{NG} q_T - L_T x_{NG}))] \nu_y + M_N [L_T + z_{NG}] \quad (\text{E31})$$

$$746 \quad M_{33} = M_e + M_N + [J_{y,N} + M_N (x_{NG}^2 - 2x_{NG} q_T + z_{NG}^2)] \nu_y^2 + 2M_N \nu_y z_{NG} \quad (\text{E32})$$

747 The elements of the forcing vector are:

$$748 \quad f_1 = f_H + [M_F z_{FG} - M_{dz} + M_N (L_T + z_{NG} - \nu_y x_{NG} q_T)] \phi_y \dot{\phi}_y^2 + M_N [q_T + x_{NG} + \nu_y z_{NG} q_T] \dot{\phi}_y^2 \quad (\text{E33})$$

$$749 \quad + [2C_{tx} + M_N (1 + \nu_y z_{NG} - \nu_y^2 x_{NG} q_T)] \phi_y \dot{\phi}_y \dot{q}_T + M_N \nu_y [x_{NG} + \nu_y z_{NG} q_T] \dot{\phi}_y \dot{q}_T \quad (\text{E34})$$

$$750 \quad + M_N \nu_y^2 [x_{NG} + z_{NG} \phi_y] \dot{q}_T^2 \quad (\text{E35})$$

$$751 \quad + f_a [1 - \theta_t \nu_y q_T - \nu_y \phi_y q_T] \quad (\text{E36})$$

$$752 \quad f_2 = \tau_H + M_N [\nu_y^2 (L_T x_{NG} - z_{NG} q_T)] \dot{q}_T^2 \quad (\text{E37})$$

$$753 \quad - 2M_N [q_T + x_{NG} + \nu_y (2z_{NG} q_T - L_T x_{NG}) - \nu_y^2 q_T (L_T z_{NG} + x_{NG} q_T)] \dot{\phi}_y \dot{q}_T \quad (\text{E38})$$

$$754 \quad + g [M_F z_{FG} \phi_y - M_{dz} \phi_y + M_N \{(L_T + z_{NG} - \nu_y x_{NG} q_T) \phi_y + q_T + x_{NG} + \nu_y z_{NG} q_T\}] \quad (\text{E39})$$

$$755 \quad + f_a [L_T + z_{NR} + \theta_t x_{NR} + \theta_t q_T + \nu_y \dot{q}_T^2 - L_T \theta_t \nu_y q_T] \quad (\text{E40})$$

$$756 \quad f_3 = f_e - D_e \dot{q}_T - K_e q_T \quad (\text{E41})$$

$$757 \quad + M_N [q_T + x_{NG} + \nu_y (2z_{NG} q_T - L_T x_{NG}) - \nu_y^2 q_T (L_T z_{NG} + x_{NG} q_T)] \dot{\phi}_y^2 \quad (\text{E42})$$

$$758 \quad + M_N \nu_y^2 x_{NG} \dot{q}_T^2 \quad (\text{E43})$$

$$759 \quad + g [C_{tT1x} \phi_y + M_N (\nu_y x_{NG} + \nu_y^2 z_{NG} q_T - \nu_y^2 x_{NG} \phi_y q_T + \nu_y z_{NG} \phi_y + \phi_y)] \quad (\text{E44})$$

$$760 \quad + f_a [1 + \theta_t \nu_y x_{NR} - \theta_t \nu_y q_T + \nu_y z_{NR}] \quad (\text{E45})$$

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