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# A Fast Simulation Method for Damaged Ship Dynamics

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**Abstract:** Ship accidents that entail flooding may lead to disastrous consequences which could be avoided or mitigated based on the knowledge of damaged ship dynamics. The dynamic behaviour of a damaged hull is a complex phenomenon involving the interaction of the flooded water and the ship motions. The presence of a damage opening allows water flow into and out from the compartment, which further complicates the mathematical description of the problem. A fast simulation method, based on the lumped mass approach, is developed and presented. The lumped mass path in space depends on free-surface inclinations that differ from the ship angles of the roll and pitch. The viscous effects in the floodwater dynamics are implemented based on the model for the dissipation of the energy of standing waves in rectangular rooms. The method applies to both the transient stage of flooding and to the dynamic behaviour of a flooded ship in regular waves. In the first case, viscous effects are implemented considering the water in the compartment variable with time. Several case studies are carried out on three different hull models: Transient stage of flooding, roll decay of the damaged hull, and steady state responses in waves are simulated and compared with available experimental data.

**Keywords:** flooded ship dynamics; damaged ship dynamics; transient stage of flooding; roll decay; experimental seakeeping

## 1. Introduction

The improvement in the safety of a damaged ship is oriented towards simulation-based guidelines on critical scenarios [1,2]. Following this trend, the possibility to provide a fast simulation tool, estimating the damaged ship dynamics, represents a valuable challenge. Numerical simulations can approach the complex problem of the ship motions and floodwater coupling more efficiently and economically than model tests.

Several calculation methods have been developed, concerning the ship damage stability in the time domain. Among these, the most accurate are computational fluid dynamics (CFD) approaches, such as the mesh-less technique named smoothed-particle hydrodynamic (SPH) [3,4] and volume of fluid methods (VOF) [5–7]. In general, CFD is used intensively for studying sloshing phenomena [8–10] and many efforts are made to couple them with the dynamics of a damaged ship in waves [7,11,12].

Notwithstanding that these methods prove to yield accurate results, their computation time is still a limit for wider applications.

By using fast methods based on potential flow with different levels of simplifications in boundary conditions, an acceptable accuracy of flow motion can be obtained [13]. Developing fast numerical simulation tools, capable of modelling water dynamics inside a compartment, is a state of the art challenge. Some of them are based on the lumped mass approach [14]; some of them are based on shallow water equations [15,16]. In [17,18], the so-called quasi-static approach was introduced as the

coupling of the equations of motions of a flooded ship in waves with the floodwater, characterized by a flat free surface, moving in phase with the ship. The quasi-static approach fails significantly in predicting the roll behaviour and the resonant condition of ships with partially flooded compartments [17,19].

In [20,21], a novel method in simulating water flooding and its effects on ship motions was presented. It is based on the lumped mass approach, considering the inclination of a flat free-surface due to the action of the ship’s lateral acceleration and thus the more accurate position of the lumped mass.

The current paper presents improvements of the method developed in [20,21], accounting for the water exchange through the damage opening in ship dynamics and accounting for longitudinal acceleration effects in the free-surface inclination.

The presented method is intended to be an intermediate approach between the quasi-static methods (uncoupled) and fully coupled simulations for ship motions with flooded compartments in waves. The coupling is realized by accounting for the pressure distribution of the liquid induced by the acceleration of the lumped mass. The description of the numerical model is provided in the following sections.

The method applies both to the transient stage and to the steady-state stage of flooding [22]. Therefore, case studies are carried out for three hulls involving different damage simulations: A barge dealing with transient flooding [23]; a damaged ferry in a steady state that exhibits two frequency modes [24]; and a damaged frigate dealing with steady state dynamics in head and beam waves [25]. The comparison with the available experimental data [23–25] highlights the pros and cons of the fast model, according to the simulated damage cases and comments on the obtained accuracy.

## 2. Numerical Model

The equations of motion in the time domain for a damaged ship, for six degrees of freedom (6 DoF), are extensively described in [21]. In this section, the main assumptions of the model and the current improvements are given.

In modelling ship dynamics, the hull is assumed as a rigid body with zero speed. A discrete representation of the hull, using triangular panels, is adopted:

$$m[\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{f}_{ext} + m\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{f}_i \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{I}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{I}\boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{m}_{ext} - \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i \tag{2}$$

$$m_i[\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \mathbf{r}_i + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\mathbf{u} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_i) + \dot{\mathbf{u}}_i + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u}_i] + \dot{m}_i(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}_i + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_i) = \mathbf{f}_i + m_i\mathbf{g} \tag{3}$$

The external forces and moments, namely  $\mathbf{f}_{ext}$  and  $\mathbf{m}_{ext}$ , consist of restoring, radiation, and wave actions that are Froude-Krylov forces and moments and diffraction [26]. The so-call blended approach is adopted: It consists in linear diffraction and radiation forces (based on potential theory [27]) and includes all pertinent non-linearities in Froude-Krylov and hydrostatic forces.

As is well known, the damping in the potential theories is due to the wave radiation away from the body and it is not accurate enough for the roll motion. The other contribution in damping can be introduced in the numerical model or as Ikeda’s correction or from the experimental assessment of linear ( $\alpha$ ), quadratic ( $\beta$ ), and cubic ( $\gamma$ ) extinction coefficients as defined in [28].

The damage is simulated by the added weight technique. The flooded water,  $m_i$ , is modelled as a lumped mass (3), whose position and velocity are  $\mathbf{r}_i$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i$ , respectively.

The position of the lumped mass,  $\mathbf{r}_i$ , is restrained on a discrete three-dimensional path, depending on the amount of flooded water and on the free surface inclination in the longitudinal and lateral direction. The free surface of the floodwater is treated as a flat surface. It can have different inclinations

from the ship roll and pitch angles. The inclinations of the free surface are evaluated by the analogy with the pressure distribution in a liquid within a tank that is uniformly accelerated [29]. It holds:

$$\nabla p = \rho(\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{a}_L) \tag{4}$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_L$  is the acceleration of the lumped mass in body fixed coordinates ( $\mathbf{a}_L = a_{Lx} \mathbf{i} + a_{Ly} \mathbf{j} + a_{Lz} \mathbf{k}$ ). It is equal to:

$$\mathbf{a}_L = [\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \mathbf{r}_i + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\mathbf{u} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_i) + \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u}_i] \tag{5}$$

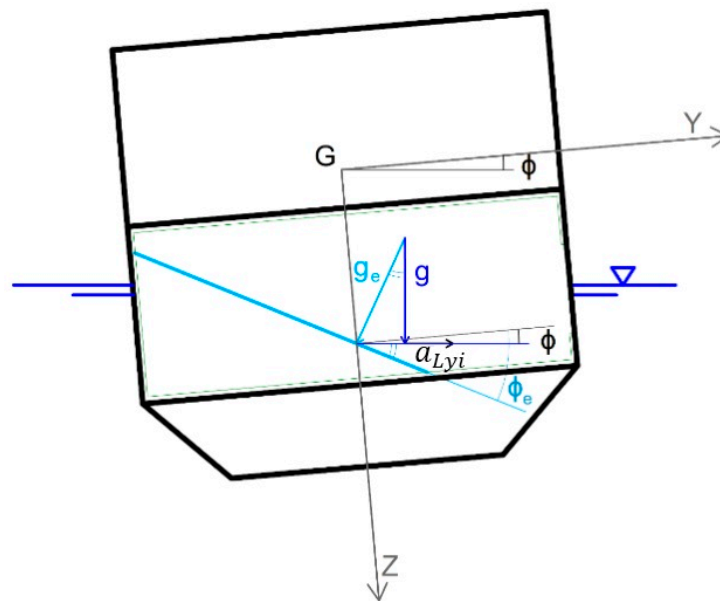


Figure 1. Sketch of the free surface inclination assumption.

Therefore, the acceleration in the inertial system reference is obtained ( $\mathbf{a}_{Li} = a_{Lix} \mathbf{I} + a_{Liy} \mathbf{J} + a_{Liz} \mathbf{K}$ ). The effect of the transversal acceleration component,  $a_{Liy}$ , is appreciated in roll motion, while the longitudinal acceleration component,  $a_{Lix}$ , will contribute in pitch motion, yielding to the so called “effective”  $\mathbf{g}_e$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{g}_e = g\mathbf{K} - (a_{Lix}\mathbf{I} + a_{Liy}\mathbf{J}) \tag{6a}$$

If the ship has instantaneous roll and pitch angles ( $\phi$  and  $\theta$ ) and the lumped mass has accelerations,  $a_{Lix}$  and  $a_{Liy}$ , the free surface, in the body fixed frame, will be inclined of angles,  $\phi_e$  (see for example Figure 1) and  $\theta_e$ :

$$\phi_e = \phi - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a_{Liy}}{g}\right) \tag{6b}$$

$$\theta_e = \theta - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a_{Lix}}{g}\right) \tag{7}$$

Viscous effects in the floodwater dynamics are applied only to roll inclinations,  $\phi_e$ , according to [14,30]. The transversal acceleration component,  $a_{Liy}$ , in Equations (6a) and (6b) is replaced by  $a_{Liy} - \delta_f \dot{\phi}_e |r_{iy}|$ . The friction coefficient,  $\delta_f$ , is obtained from a reference model based on the dissipation of the energy of standing waves in rectangular rooms [14,30]:

$$\delta_f = \frac{kg\pi}{\omega^2 \cosh(kh)^2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{2\rho\omega}} \{ \sinh(2kh) + kl[\sinh(2kh) - 2kh] + kl \} \tag{8}$$

For the simulation of the transient stage of flooding, the water height is assumed as being variable with time,  $h(t)$ , thus the friction coefficient is time dependent.

### 3. Flooding Law Modelling

Some of the damage scenarios that are studied and simulated in the applications present a damage opening on the side. Damaged ship roll is affected by flooding water exchange. This is implemented in the numerical simulation by means of the flooding law (9,10), where  $Q$  is the flow rate:

$$m_i(t) = \int_0^t \rho Q(t) dt \tag{9}$$

$$Q(t) = \text{sign}(H_o - H_t) \frac{2}{3} l_0 C_D H_0(t) \sqrt{2g|H(t)|} \tag{10}$$

where  $H(t) = H_o(t) - H_t(t)$ ;

The sea water height,  $H_o$ , and the flooded water height,  $H_t$ , vary in time, according to the ship dynamics (see Figure 2).

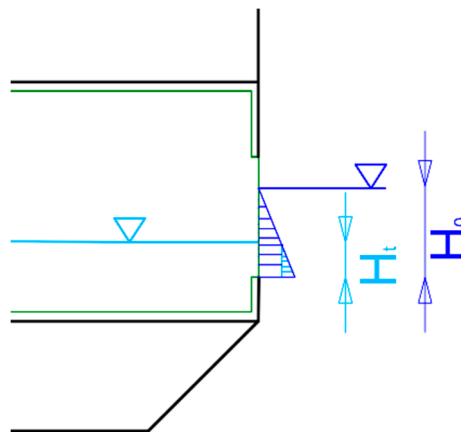


Figure 2. Transversal view of the damaged compartment with pressure distribution.

In case of  $H(t) < 0$ , a routine that models water spilling from the compartment is implemented. In other words, when the sign of the flow rate is positive, the compartment is filled by floodwater; conversely, when the sign becomes negative, floodwater is removed from the compartment.

In all flooding applications, the discharge coefficient,  $C_D$ , is 0.65, in analogy with [14]. Additional details for Sections 2 and 3 can be found in [20,21].

Longitudinal acceleration effects,  $\theta_e$ , the friction coefficient variable with time,  $\delta_f(t)$ , together with the flooding law modelling, are the novel enhancements to the model presented in the previous research [21].

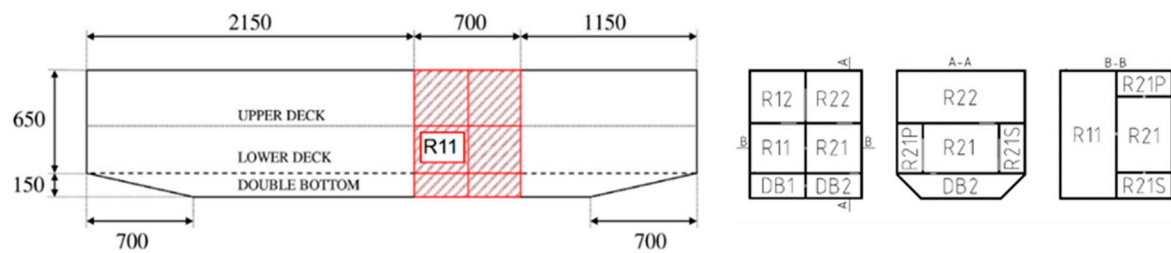
### 4. Case Studies

The accuracy of the numerical model was examined for three different hull models: A barge, a passenger ferry, and a frigate, DTMB 5415 (see main data in Tables 1–3, respectively), in different flooding conditions. For these hulls, experimental data and model geometry are available [23–25].

Simulation time depends mainly on the panel discretization of the ship and on the time step. In the previous research [21], it was highlighted that the computational time is almost three times faster than real time (hull discretized by 56,456 panels and a time step of 0.25 s).

#### 4.1. Flooding Simulations on the Barge Model

The first application carried out is the transient flooding of the compartment, R11, shown in Figure 3, of the barge model in still water. Principal barge and side opening characteristics are reported in Table 1. The still water condition allows observations of the effects of water dynamics on the ship roll response to be made, wave forces are equal to zero and added mass and damping matrices are taken from the reference work [14]; non-linear damping effects are neglected. The simulations are carried out in the model scale at zero speed.



**Figure 3.** General arrangement and compartment details of the barge model. Flooding of the compartment, R11, is investigated.

**Table 1.** Main particulars of the barge model.

Symbol	Description	Model Scale
$L_{OA}$	Length over all	4.000 m
$B_{OA}$	Breadth over all	0.800 m
$D$	Depth	0.800 m
$m$	Total mass	657 kg
$T$	Draft	0.253 m
$GM_{02}$	Initial metacentric height of the intact ship	0.0274 m
$h_b$	Damage opening height from the compartment bottom	50 mm
$l_0$	Dimension of the square damage opening	200 mm

In this scenario, the longitudinal inclination of the free surface does not influence the ship dynamic response that is mainly governed by lateral motions. Therefore, the lateral inclination of the free surface,  $\phi_e$ , is calculated from Equation (7) while the longitudinal inclination equals the pitch angle of the barge,  $\theta$ . The dissipation of the energy of standing waves in rectangular rooms, expressed by Equation (8), is herein implemented accounting for the variable height of water in the compartment,  $h = h(t)$ . This allows for modelling of the friction effects during the transient stage of flooding to be conducted.

The numerical simulation results are obtained by: The dynamic modelling of the flat free surface without friction effects (d.a., no-fric), the dynamic modelling of the flat free surface with internal friction effects (d.a., fric), and the quasi-static modelling of the flat free surface (q.s.).

In Figures 4–6, the numerical results are shown and compared with available experimental data.

The measured roll angle (see Figure 4—black line) presents two peaks, one smaller one larger, within the first 10 s of the time history. The dynamic modelling of the free surface (see d.a., fric and d.a., no-fric in Figure 4) provides accurate results regarding the transient roll motions during flooding; the two initial peaks and the final roll angle are fairly identified by the simulations. The introduction of the friction model on the dynamic free-surface slightly increases the roll frequency of the transient stage, improving the obtained results compared to the experimental data.

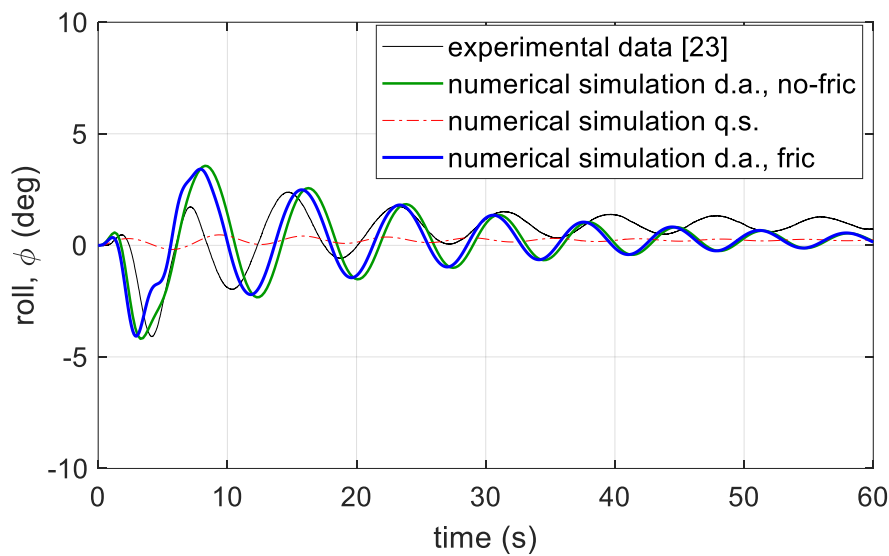
Figures 5 and 6 show the flooding water amount within the compartment and the change in draft, respectively. It is possible to observe that the transient stage lasts around 10 s; then, the water amount and the draft remain constant. The dynamic modelling of the free surface with friction effects (d.a.,

fric) shows good agreement with the experimental data with an overall improvement compared to the dynamic modelling with no friction (d.a., no-fric).

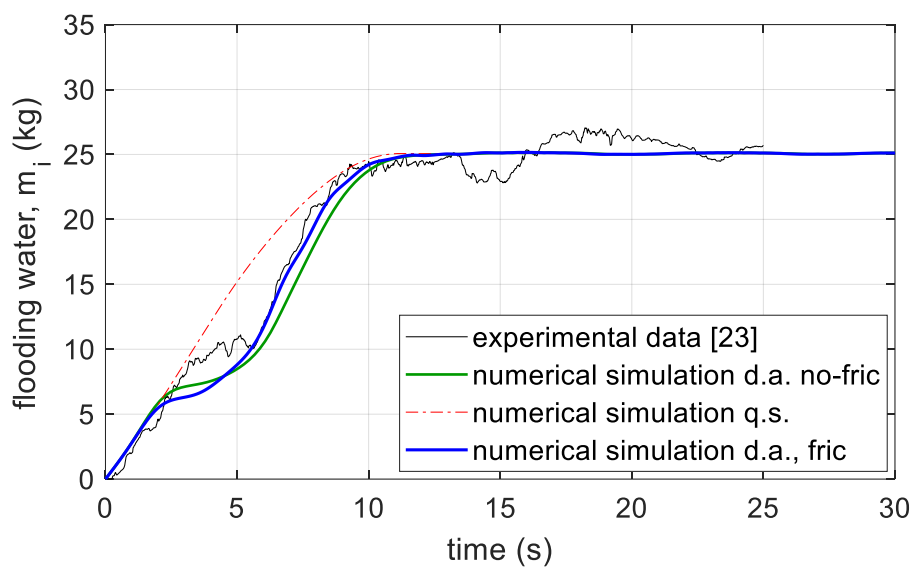
Moreover, once the transient stage ends, the system only dampens the excited roll motion (resembling a roll decay); this could explain the overlapping of the d.a., fric and d.a., no-fric roll outcomes once the transient stage effects are extinguished (see Figure 4).

Although the numerical results based on the developed dynamic approach do not exactly match the whole time history, they yield fair outcomes for a fast simulation method. It is worth noting that the differences between the d.a., fric, d.a., and no-fric outcomes are appreciable within the first 10 s (transient stage duration), then they converge to the same final equilibrium condition.

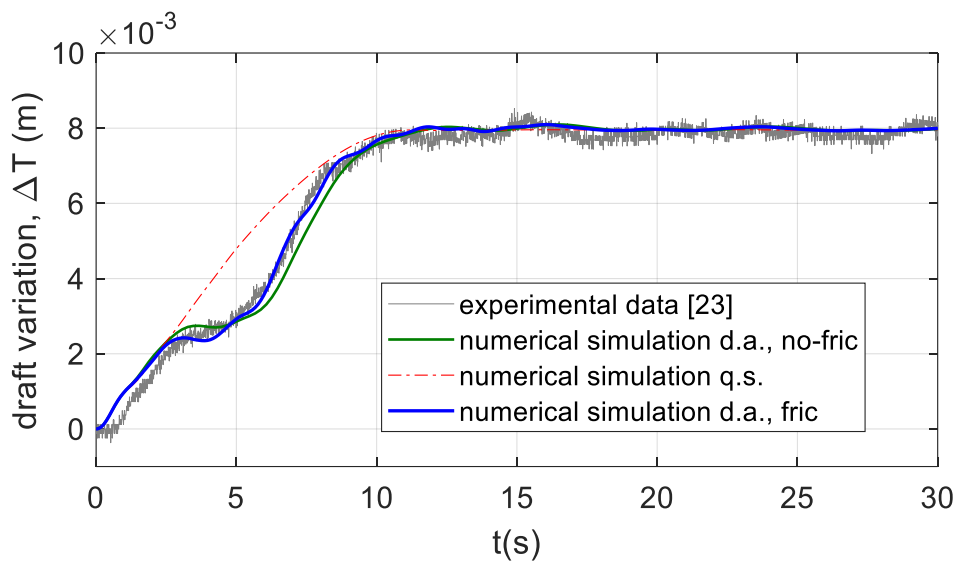
The quasi-static approach fails in modelling transient stages of flooding (Figure 4), in modelling the transient roll behaviour, (see Figure 5) and the consequent decay after roll excitation (Figure 6).



**Figure 4.** Roll behaviour of the damaged barge during the transient stage of flooding: experimental vs. numerical results.



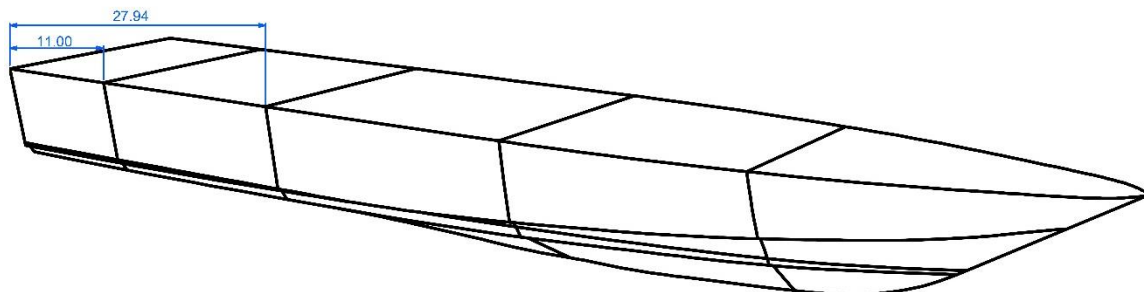
**Figure 5.** Transient flooding water in the damaged compartment: experimental vs. numerical results.



**Figure 6.** Transient flooding draft of the damaged barge: experimental vs. numerical results (zero is the initial draft).

4.2. Roll Decay Simulations and Roll Response in Beam Waves on the Ferry Model

The passenger ferry model is used for simulating the free roll decay and roll behaviour in beam waves with a flooded compartment, in the absence of damage openings (see Figure 7). This case study focuses on the simulation of the steady state response of a flooded hull with a constant amount of water in time. The flooded tank is a whole compartment (see Figure 7), and it shows a filling ratio typical of an intermediate liquid depth [31]. It was observed experimentally that the roll response of this damaged hull is characterized by two frequency modes.



**Figure 7.** Hull and flooded compartment of the passenger ferry, ship scale (meters).

Once the numerical model is validated for the intact ship behaviour (both in still water and in regular beam waves), the ship compartment is flooded and simulations are carried out in the ship scale at zero speed. The ship-model scale factor,  $\lambda$ , is equal to 22. The numerical model accounts for the dynamic approach in modelling the free surface and for internal friction effects. The implemented friction model, developed for a rectangular tank, is less effective when applied to the considered flooded compartment, characterized by a prismatic geometry.

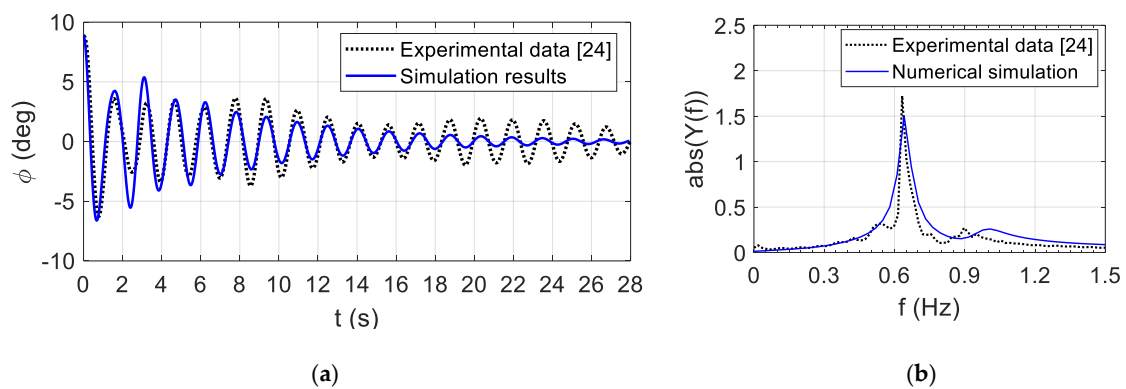
In Figure 8, the numerical roll decay test of the flooded ship reported in the model scale is compared against the corresponding experimental data. The numerical simulation (blue continuous line) matches the roll period of the flooded ship [24] and the rapid decay of the first two cycles. However, it does not feature a re-amplification of the roll motion as observable from the experimental data (black dotted line). The fast Fourier transform (FFT) analysis of the experimental data shows that the roll decay signal features two frequency modes. The numerical simulation fairly matches the first mode with 1% of difference: The simulated period is 1.560 s while the corresponding experimental



period is 1.579 s. The second mode shows an error of 12% with a simulated period of 0.992 s simulated against 1.115 s of the experimental period.

**Table 2.** Main particulars of the passenger ferry.

Symbol	Description	Ship Scale	Model Scale
$L_{BP}$	Length between perpendicular	77.55 m	3.525 m
$B$	Breadth	17.930 m	0.815 m
$T$	Draft	3.960 m	0.180 m
$\Delta$	Displacement	1810 t	0.170 t
$KG$	Vertical centre of gravity	6.886 m	0.313 m
$GM_0$	Transversal metacentric height of the intact ship	5.808 m	0.264 m
$\omega_0$	Natural roll frequency	1.173 rad/s	5.507 rad/s
$k_{xx}$	Roll radius of inertia in air	5.450 m	0.247 m
$k_{yy}$	Pitch radius of inertia in air	24.384 m	1.108 m
$k_{zz}$	Yaw radius of inertia in air	24.499 m	1.113 m
$L_t$	Length of the compartment	16.940 m	0.767 m
$B_t$	Width of the compartment	17.930 m	0.815 m
$d_f$	Flooded water depth	3.674 m	0.167 m
$d_f/B_t$	Aspect ratio	0.205	0.205
$W_t$	Flooded water weight	688.9 t	64.7 kg

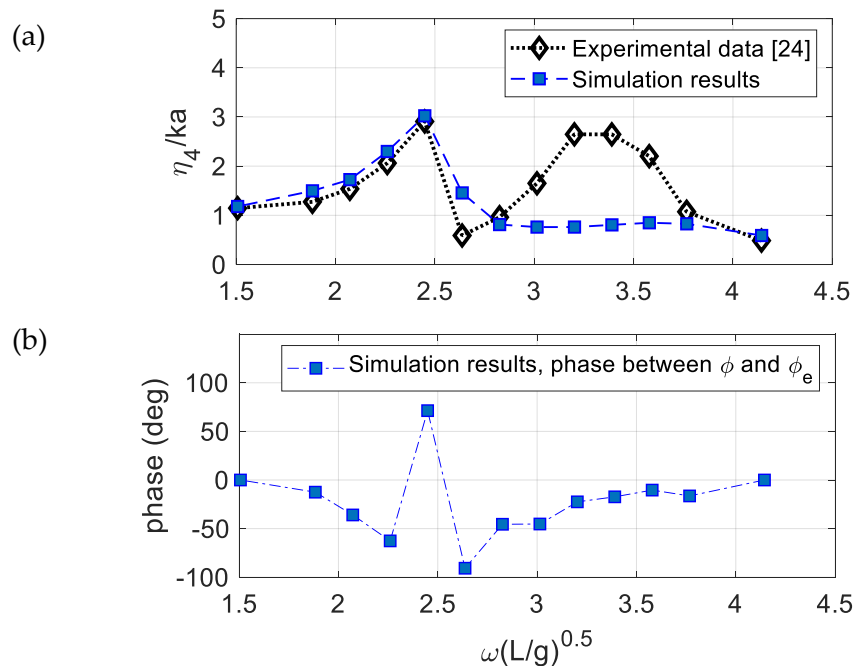


**Figure 8.** Roll decay (a) and FFT analysis (b), both referring to the model scale.

The comparison of the damage ship roll response in the non-dimensional form,  $\eta_d/ka$ , in beam waves is presented in Figure 9. The wave frequency is made non-dimensional dividing by  $\sqrt{L/g}$ . The experimental data (diamond marker) show a two-peak behaviour usually observed in an anti-roll tank [32]. The numerical simulation (round marker) matches the general trend of the roll response curve in particular around 0.633 Hz (in the non-dimensional form, it is 2.38), i.e., the lower frequency peak. Moreover, looking at the phase diagram, in analogy with anti-roll tanks, the numerical simulation succeeds in modelling the maximum damping effects of the flooded tank at the non-dimensional frequency of 2.64, with a phase between the roll motion,  $\phi$ , and free surface inclination,  $\phi_e$ , of  $-90.6^\circ$ . Although the implemented dynamic approach on the free surface fails in modelling the second peak of the roll response amplitude operator (RAO), it features both the two frequency modes, as observed from the roll decay simulations. Therefore, by the FFT analysis of the simulated roll decay, it is still possible to predict, with a certain accuracy, the exciting frequencies where roll motion amplifies.

The assumption of a flat free surface restrains the floodwater dynamics to feature only the first natural mode of sloshing. Indeed, this could explain the failure in predicting the second peak of the roll RAO. The deformable free surface of the floodwater might trigger resonance phenomena related to other natural modes of sloshing, responsible for the high frequency peak (see Figure 9).

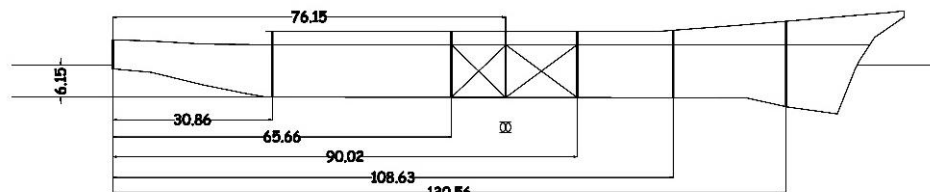




**Figure 9.** Roll RAO for the flooded ship in beam waves (a) (numerical vs. experimental) and phase angles (b) (numerical only).

4.3. Motion Responses in Beam and Head Waves on the DTMB5415 Model

The third test case is the frigate model DTMB 5415 model (see Figure 10) for which several experiments concerning roll behaviour were carried out in damage conditions [25,33,34]. The ship’s main characteristics are listed in Table 3.



**Figure 10.** DTMB5415 subdivision and flooded compartment definition—dimensions are in ship scale.

**Table 3.** Main particulars of the DTMB5415 (ship and model scale).

Symbol	Description	Ship Scale	Model Scale
$L_{BP}$	Length between perpendicular	142.200 m	2.788 m
$B$	Breadth on waterline	19.082 m	0.374 m
$T$	Draft	6.150 m	0.120 m
$D$	Depth	12.470 m	0.244 m
$\Delta$	Displacement	8635 t	63.5 kg
$KG$	Vertical centre of gravity	7.555 m	1.375 m
$GM_0$	Transversal metacentric height of the intact ship	1.938 m	0.038 m
$k_{xx}$	Roll radius of inertia in water	6.932 m	0.136 m
$k_{yy}$	Pitch radius of inertia in air	36.802 m	0.696 m
$k_{zz}$	Yaw radius of inertia in air	36.802 m	0.696 m
$L_t$	Length of the compartment	24.360 m	0.478 m
$B_t$	Width of the compartment	19.458 m	0.382 m
$W_t$	Flooded water weight	2638.9 t	19.4

The numerical model is fully applied accounting for:

- Non-linear damping.
- Internal viscous effects.
- Longitudinal dynamic effects on the free surface.
- Water exchange through the opening.
- Wave actions.

The quadratic damping coefficient,  $\beta$ , for the damaged hull is available from [35].

The first part of the applications regard the roll behaviour of the damaged hull in beam waves, while the second part focuses on head sea behaviour.

All the applications are carried out in ship scale at zero speed. The ship-model scale factor,  $\lambda$ , is equal to 51.

The wave steepness chosen for the simulations is  $H/\lambda_w = 1/80$  to avoid wave heights that exceed the hull freeboard. This is a limit of the applicability of the implemented code also in the intact condition [21].

In Figure 11, the simulated results are compared with the available experimental data that correspond to a wave steepness of  $H/\lambda_w = 1/50$ . The roll response amplitude,  $\eta_4$ , is obtained from FFT analysis of the simulated roll, referring to the first harmonic (the same applies also for the heave and pitch responses,  $\eta_3$  and  $\eta_5$ , in Figures 12 and 13, respectively). It is possible to notice that the simulated results are fairly close to the experimental ones except for the peak value at resonance. It is important to recall that the choice of a smaller wave steepness makes the non-linear damping actions less effective. Therefore, additional simulations are carried out for the wave steepness,  $H/\lambda_w = 1/50$  (same as the experimental data), limited to the wave frequencies up to the peak value. In Figure 11, it can be observed that the simulated data with the larger steepness shows values closer to the experimental ones [25], although in a limited frequency range. Nevertheless, the numerical model is not fully effective in depicting the whole damping contribution of the damaged compartment. It is worth pointing out that in the simulations, the modelling of the water exchange through the opening affects the inertia and the restoring actions on the ship, rather than the water dynamics. Thus, the hydrodynamic problem through the damage opening, affecting the dynamics of the damaged hull, is only partially modelled.

However, the implemented fast model, based on an approximate approach, can simulate complex roll phenomena with a fair accuracy.

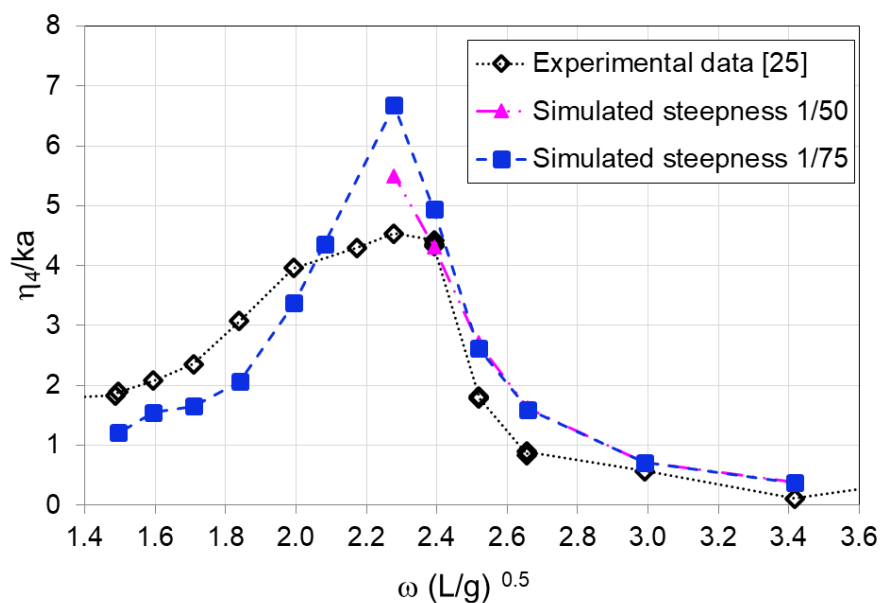


Figure 11. Roll RAO in beam wave: comparison between experimental and simulated results.

In Figures 12 and 13, respectively, the pitch and heave RAO are shown for the same damaged hull in head sea. The simulation results are compared with the available experimental data. Simulations are repeated by means of the quasi-static approach on the free surface (i.e., same inclination as the ship). From the obtained outcomes, it seems that ship motions in the longitudinal plane (heave and pitch) are less sensitive to free surface dynamics. In this peculiar damage scenario, there is a poor sensitivity of the ship dynamics due to the longitudinal position of the flooded water. Therefore, both the quasi-static and dynamic approach on the free surface can fairly simulate the heave and pitch motions of a damaged ship in head sea. However, from the experimental campaign in head sea, excitation of the roll in all frequency ranges was observed due to fluid motions inside compartments. The comparison of the measured roll response in head sea with the simulated one exhibits that the numerical excitation of roll motions is far from the measured ones (see Figure 14). Concerning the experimental test [25], the authors underlined that due to the side opening, the flooded water could slosh and communicate without flow just with one side of the hull. The current modelling of the water exchange through the opening is not effective in properly simulating the above phenomenon. Nevertheless, the dynamic approach on the free surface inclination identifies an excitation of the roll motion, although smaller, while the quasi-static approach does not identify any (see Figure 14).

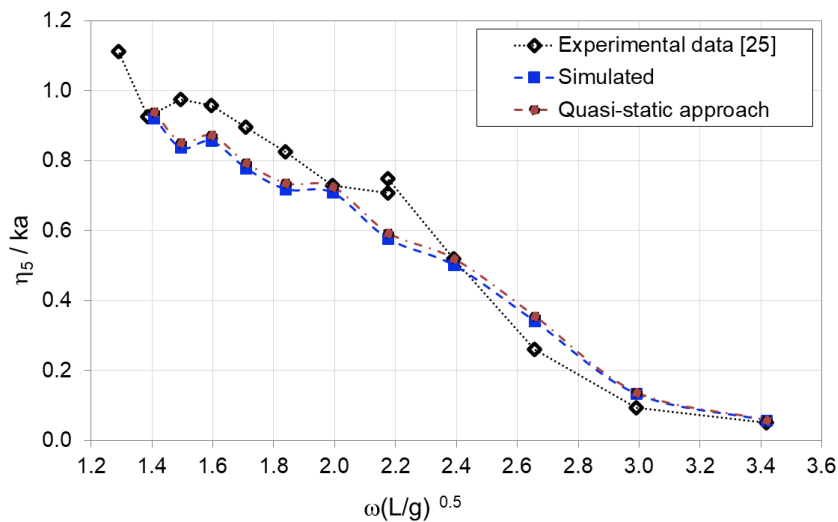


Figure 12. Pitch RAO in head sea: comparisons between simulated and experimental data.

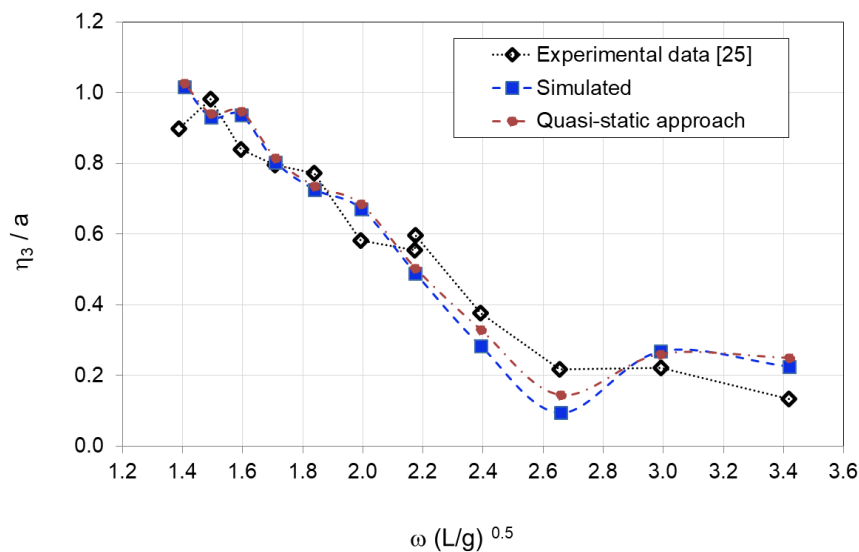


Figure 13. Heave RAO in head sea: comparisons between simulated and experimental data.

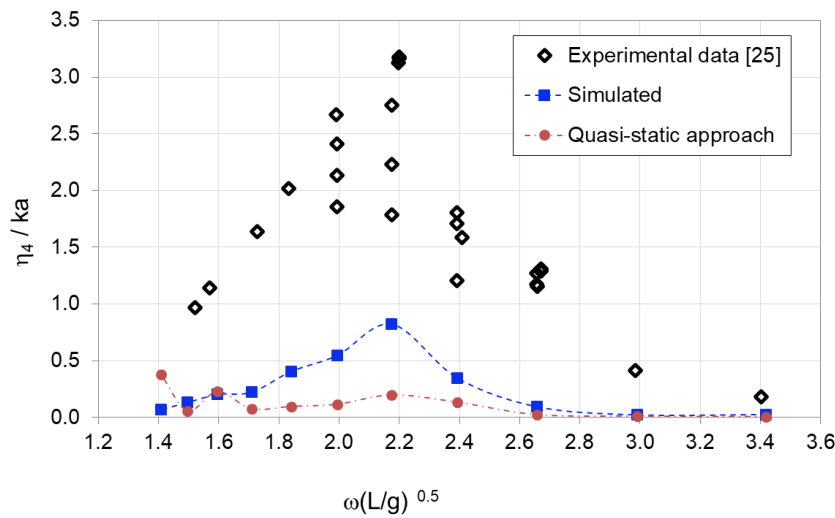


Figure 14. Roll RAO in head sea: comparisons between simulated and experimental data.

### 5. Conclusions

The results of three case studies on the flooded ship behaviour, obtained by the proposed fast simulation method, were presented. The ship motions were obtained from the so-call blended approach that combines linear diffraction and radiation forces (based on potential theory) and non-linear Froude-Krylov and hydrostatic forces.

Flooded water is considered as the lumped mass and its coupling with ship dynamics is realized by means of the accelerations of the inertial system. The present work discussed the accuracy of the introduced viscous effects of flooding water, and the implementation of the inertial effects instead of the quasi-static approach. All obtained results showed better agreement with the experimental ones with respect to the quasi-static approach, especially regarding roll motions.

Generally, the non-linear effects, which were observed during experiments, were obtained also by the simulations within reasonable differences.

Only the case study of the damaged ship’s heave and pitch motions in head sea was less sensitive to couplings between the ship and flooded water dynamics.

With this “extensive” validation of the method, it can be concluded that the proposed improvements can be easily implemented, gaining more correct insight of a damaged ship’s flooded water dynamics. Further enhancements in the numerical model are envisaged accounting for a non-flat free surface of the floodwater. Moreover, the flooding law in waves could be upgraded, including dynamic pressure effects, and a dynamic model for the water exchange through the damage hole could be implemented.

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### Nomenclature

Symbol	Description
$a_L$	acceleration of the lumped mass ( $m/s^2$ )
$a_{Lx}$	acceleration of the lumped mass horizontal component ( $m/s^2$ )
$a_{Ly}$	acceleration of the lumped mass transversal component ( $m/s^2$ )
$a_{Lz}$	acceleration of the lumped mass vertical component ( $m/s^2$ )
$f_{ext}$	external forces (N)

$g_e$	apparent gravity ( $m/s^2$ )
$H_0$	height of the undisturbed sea water (m)
$I$	matrix of inertia ( $kg\ m^2$ )
$m$	body mass (kg)
$m_{ext}$	external moments (Nm)
$Q(t)$	flow rate ( $m^3/s$ )
$r_i$	position vector of the lamped mass (m)
$u$	velocity vector (m/s)
$\omega$	angular velocity vector (rad/s)
<b>Symbol</b>	<b>GREEK ALPHABET</b>
$\phi$	instantaneous roll angle (rad)
$\theta$	instantaneous pitch angle (rad)
$\delta_f$	dissipation of the energy of standing waves in rectangular tanks (-)
$\lambda_w$	wave length (m)
<b>Symbol</b>	<b>TANK PROPERTIES</b>
$l$	length of a rectangular tank (m)
$b$	breadth of a rectangular tank (m)
$h$	water height in the tanks (m)
$k$	$k = \pi/b$ tank wave number (1/m)
$\omega$	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g\pi}{b} \tanh \frac{\pi h}{b}}$ natural frequency of sloshing (rad/s)
$H_t$	the height of the flooded water in the compartment (m)
$C_D$	discharge coefficient (-)

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