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## 7 Abstract

In recent years, several numerical methods, including potential flow theory and Computational Fluid 8 Dynamics (CFD) methods, have been employed to predict the hydrodynamic performance of 9 Oscillating Wave Surge Converters (OWSCs). In the CFD methods, in order to consider the motions of 10 the OWSC inside the fluid, a dynamic mesh is commonly used which is computationally expensive and 11 troublesome. In this paper, a fast fictitious domain (FFD) method in conjunction with the Volume-Of-12 Fluid (VOF) method is proposed, within the frame of a fixed Eulerian grid. The method is used to 13 simulate the fully-nonlinear steep wave interactions with an OWSC at various incident conditions, 14 including the slamming. The accuracy of the proposed model is examined by comparing the numerical 15 results with the available experimental data in the literature for a two-dimensional slamming event. The 16 model is also used to investigate the effects of the Power-Take-Off (PTO) damping coefficient on the 17 OWSC capture factor, slamming characteristics and hinge forces. Results show that a freely moving 18 OWSC, might experience considerably higher hinge forces in comparison with an OWSC having a 19 suitably adjusted PTO damping force. Furthermore, as the wave height increases, the maximum capture 20 factors occur at higher values of the PTO damping coefficient. 21

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