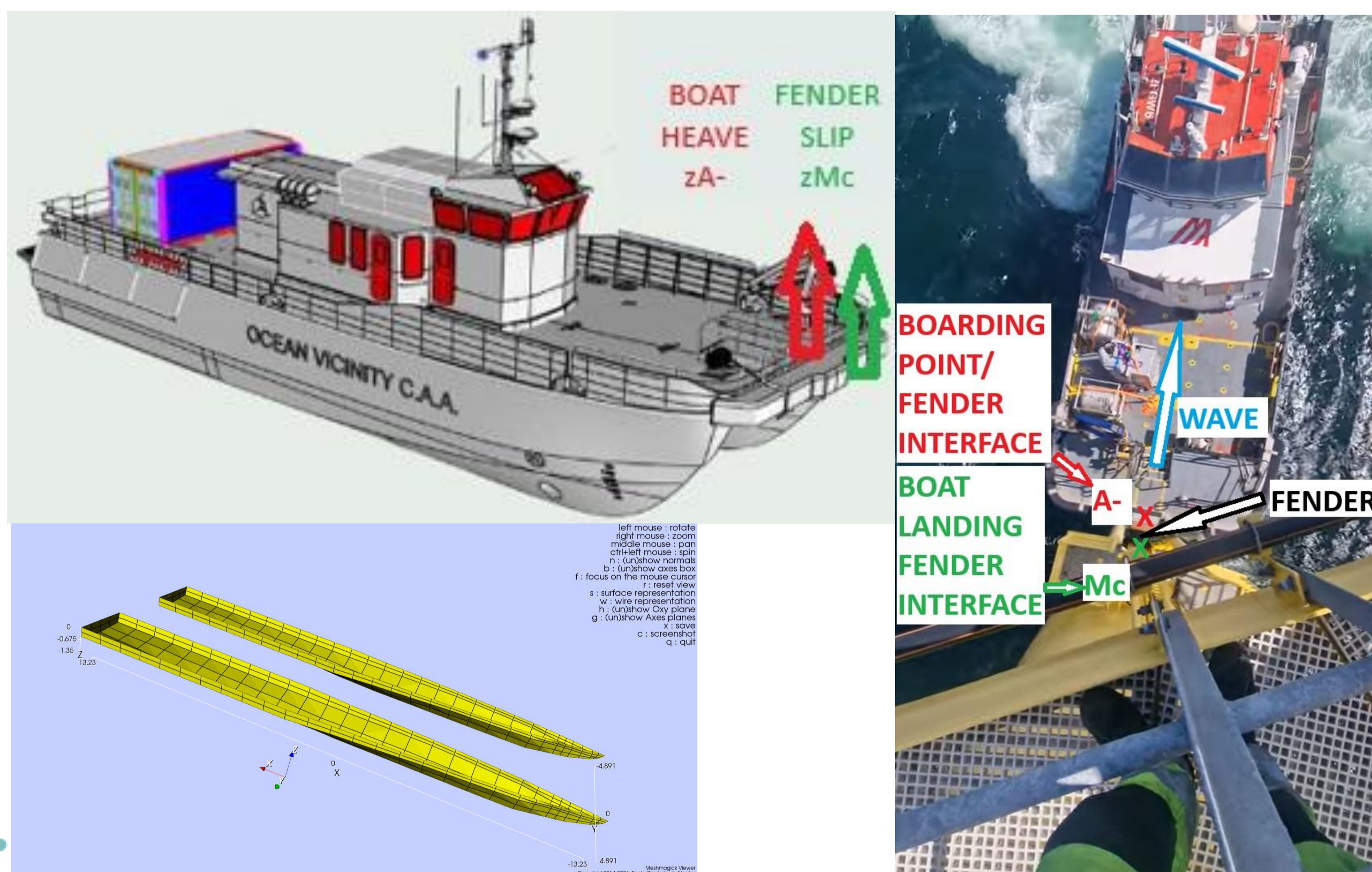


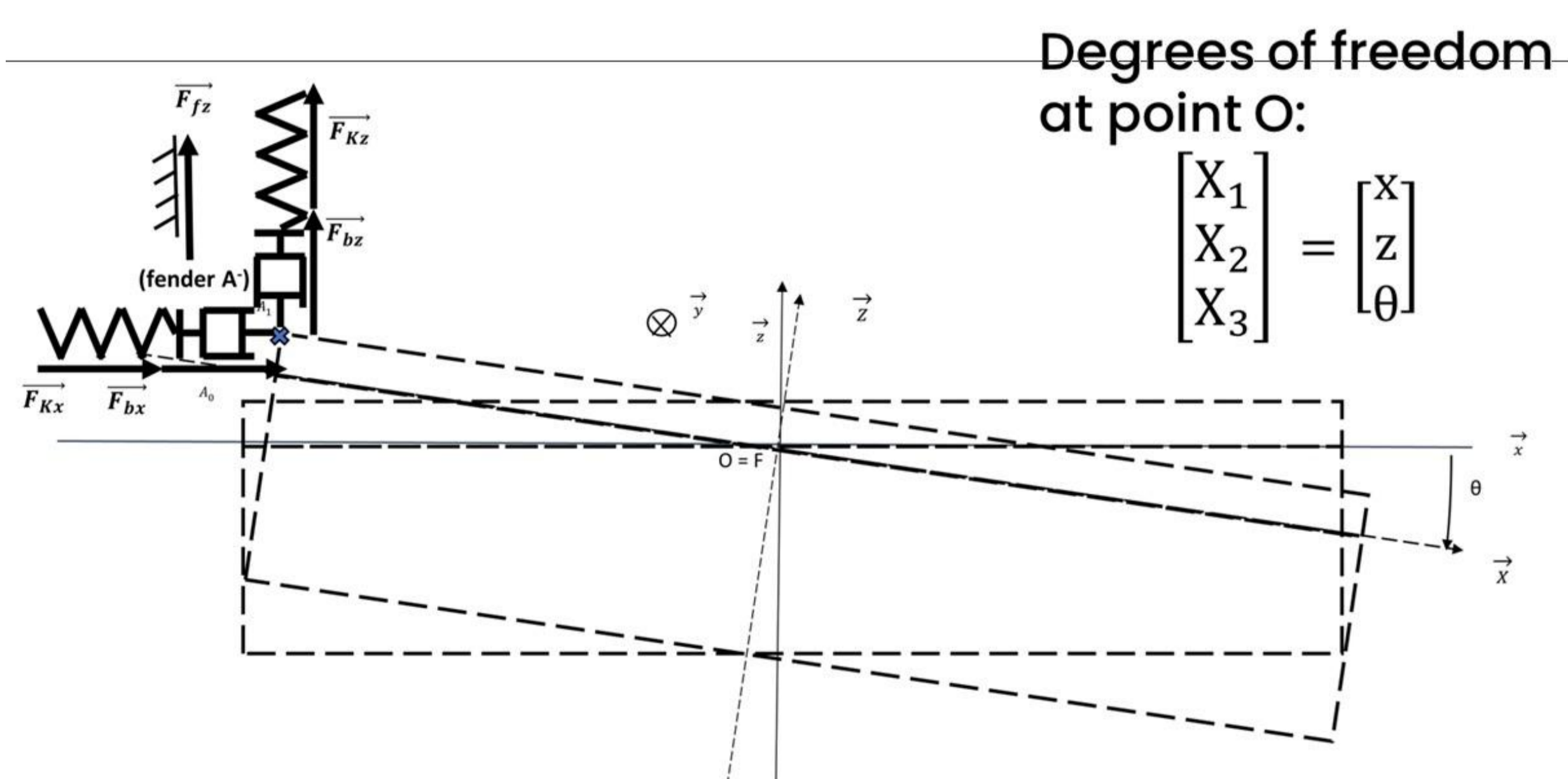
Boat docking at a wind turbine, for actual sea state & real hull shape

Introduction



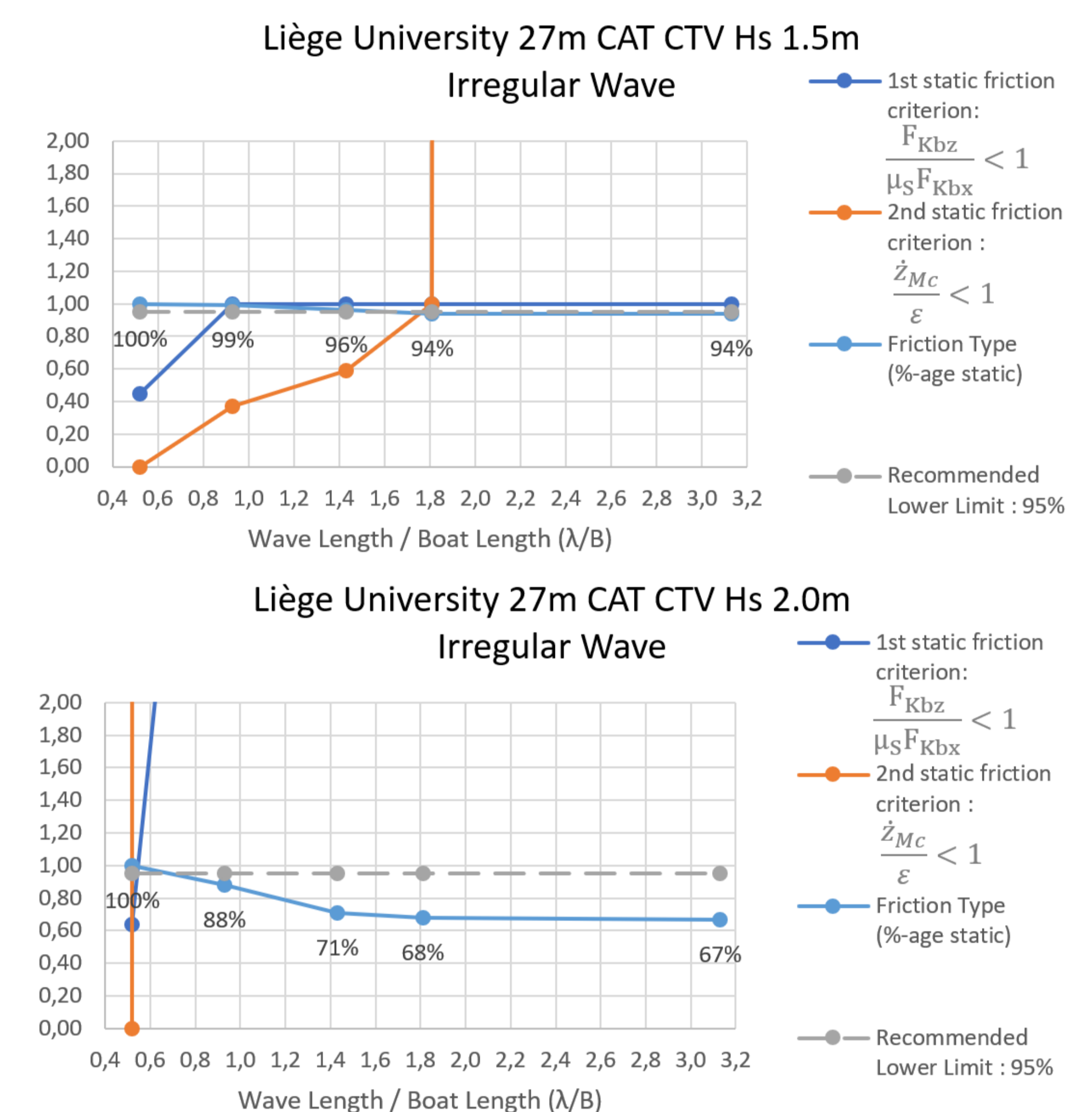
Actual sea state : irregular wave [1]. Real boat shape : meshed from hull plans [2].

Method



- Boarding point/fender interface : modeled by horizontal, vertical springs and dampers. $F_{Kbx(z)} = F_{Kx(z)} + F_{bx(z)}$
- Boat landing/fender interface : modeled by a vertical friction.
- 2 boarding acceptance criteria [3] : $\frac{F_{Kbz}}{\mu_S F_{Kbx}} < 1$ and $\frac{\dot{z}_{Mc}}{\epsilon} < 1$

Results



Benchmark for boarding acceptance [4] :

Wavelength λ:	2 x 15 m	2 x 25 m	2 x 75 m
15 m SES DC: 1 m Hs		1.5 m Hs	
27 m CAAt CTV: 2 m Hs			1.5 m Hs

Compared with benchmark, calc. finds boarding:

- Possible for Hs 1.5m and any λ.
- Impossible for Hs 2m & $\lambda/B < 50/24 = 1.85$

Conclusion

- Fender modelling with springs & dampers is insufficient.
- Investigate fender non-linear stress-strain law.
- Future outcomes : boat propeller thrust control system for optimising fuel consumption.

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