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Dear Steve:

Enclosed please find the final technical report for the ONR-Young Investigator projected "Chaotic and Random Response of Nonlinear Ocean Structural Systems" which ended 31 Dec., 1991.

Oded Gottlieb graduated in Dec. and is currently finishing up a couple of papers before going to MIT at the end of this month. I am very glad that he will be working with Prof. Mei, one of the best researcher in the field.

Everything is going very well with the new project. Experiments to validate the analytical models and results have been completed. We are currently doing preliminary documentation and data qualification. We are also making good progress on the stochastic analysis of chaotic systems. Ph.D. student H. Lin has developed a large-scale computer program to calculate the transient and steady state probability density functions (PDFs) governed by the Fokker-Planck equation. A new Ph.D. student, I.M. Shih, has started working on the analysis of stochastic response on the ocean systems to narrow-band excitations. Both students will examine the influence of nonlinear behavior (e.g. bifurcations, and possibly chaos) on the PDF's. A goal of the new project is to examine the extreme value distributions of the nonlinear using both F-P and narrow-band analyses.

I may be visiting the D.C. area in June to attend a National Research Council Ship Structures Committee meeting. I will contact you to arrange a meeting to report further progress on the new project. Thank you very much for your continuing support.

Regards,

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**FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT**

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**ONR - YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD**

**RESEARCH PROJECT N00014-88-K-0729**

**Chaotic and Random Responses of Ocean Structural Systems**

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**Long-Term Goals:**

→ The long-term goals of the research project were to develop a systematic analysis and design procedure for nonlinear ocean structural systems unifying both the deterministic and stochastic approaches. The procedure would provide a basis for: (1) analyzing the system response to combined periodic and stochastic excitations, (2) estimating the likelihood of chaotic response and developing guidelines for field observations, (3) predicting long-term extreme values of chaotic and stochastic responses based on measured data, and (4) ultimately, developing design methods to take into account both chaotic and stochastic behavior of compliant ocean systems.

**Near-Term Objectives:**

→ The near-term goals for the research were first to develop and analyze basic nonlinear ocean system models to understand their deterministic chaotic behavior, and then to extend the basic models to include stochastic aspects. The efforts of this ONR-YI research project focused on: (1) developing analytical models of compliant structural systems to understand the physics of chaotic behavior, (2) determining the existence and range of chaotic response of compliant structural systems under combined periodic and stochastic excitations; and (3) validating analytical results experimentally in the O.H. Hindsdale Wave Research Laboratory.

### **Approach:**

The ONR-Young Investigator (ONR-YI) research project was divided into the following tasks, and had been carried out chronologically:

- Task 1        Examine the general system, and its special cases, analytically to determine the existence of chaotic response and the qualitative characteristics of the behavior.
- Task 2        Determine quantitatively the range of environmental conditions for chaotic response using numerical techniques.
- Task 3        Examine the response characteristics of the system subject to random excitations, and superposition of periodic and random excitations with varying relative strength.
- Task 4        Develop analytical tools to identify and distinguish random and chaotic responses, and estimation of their maximum values.
- Task 5        Verify analytical and numerical results obtained in Tasks 1-4 experimentally to develop guidelines for field observation and measurement of chaotic and random responses.

### **Summary of Results and Accomplishments:**

Deterministic analyses (Tasks 1 and 2), including the development of basic mathematical models, derivation of analytical and numerical solution and chaos identification techniques, were completed in 1990. Basic stochastic analyses (Tasks 3 and 4) were completed in 1991. Experiments to verify the analytical and numerical results (Task 5) were conducted at the OSU O.H. Hindsdale Wave Research Laboratory in Dec. 1991.

Systems Considered -- Four basic nonlinear models of ocean structural systems were studied: (1) a taut multi-point cable mooring system [Gottlieb (1991a, b), Gottlieb and Yim (1990, 1991a)], (2) a single-anchor-leg-articulated tower [Gottlieb, Yim and Hadspeith (1991)], (3) an offshore component installation system [Yim and Mha (1991)], and (4) a free-standing offshore equipment system [Lin and Yim (1990), Yim and Lin (1991a,b, c and

d)]. The nonlinearities included large geometry for the multi-point system; large geometry and exact relative-motion Morison drag force for the single-anchor-leg system; bi-linear and dead-band stiffness, and impact for the component installation system; and large geometry and impact for the free-standing equipment system.

Prediction of Chaos -- An efficient systematic analytical procedure was developed to determine the existence and stability of periodic, super-harmonic and sub-harmonic responses, and to predict bifurcations and incipient chaos of nonlinear systems [Gottlieb and Yim (1990, 1991a)]. The procedure employed a combination of harmonic balance, averaging, perturbation, and Floquet stability analysis techniques to identify the regions of periodic and chaotic responses. It was successfully applied to the analysis of the taut multi-point mooring cable and the single-anchor-leg articulated tower systems [Gottlieb and Yim (1991 a, b)]. These systems were found to exhibit local instability and global bifurcations leading to complex nonlinear and chaotic responses. The analytical procedure is completely general and can supplant or significantly reduce the effort of a numerical parametric analysis for most nonlinear ocean systems.

An analytical prediction method based on the Melnikov function was developed for detecting chaotic response of the free-standing equipment system [Yim and Lin (1991d)]. The accuracy of the method was calibrated against other analytical methods and numerical results, and was found to be more accurate than prediction methods developed through perturbation and stability analysis. The Melnikov method successfully identified the major causes of the extreme sensitivity of the free-standing equipment system.

A collection of analytical and numerical tools to identify chaotic response from time series was developed for analytical studies. These tools, used to compute Poincare maps, spectral density functions, Lyapunov exponents, and fractal dimensions of chaotic time series, will also be useful for subsequent research.

Stochastic Characterization of Chaos -- A preliminary study of stochastic properties of time series of (deterministic) chaotic responses of component installation and free-standing equipment systems was performed [Yim and Lin (1990, 1991e, f), and Yim and Mha (1991)]. As anticipated, the amplitude probability density functions of chaotic time histories were found to have a periodic time dependency, thus being non-stationary. However, ensembles of Poincare maps of (deterministic) chaotic responses were found to be ergodic.

The influence of random noise on the stability of chaotic attractors was examined by including an additive white noise to the periodic excitation. Under low noise intensities, chaotic attractors were found to be stable, and the shape of the attractor can be clearly identified. However, with increasing noise intensity, the attractor became fuzzy and eventually became unidentifiable [Yim and Lin (1991d), and Mha (1991)].

Extreme Value Estimations -- To estimate the extreme values of chaotic responses, three practical methods of time series analysis -- direct, Poisson-clumping, and log-fit, were developed [Goulet, et al. (1990), and Yim, et al. (1991, 1992)]. These methods use a sample-scaling technique to overcome the maxima counting and correlation difficulties, but minimize the associated complexity and uncertainties. The direct method removes the dependence on the envelope for maxima estimation. The Poisson-clumping method employs the notion of sample scaling factor but requires neither computing the envelope nor segmenting. Log-fit is a simple logarithm curve fitting, using the slow varying, logarithmic growth property of the expected maximum. The accuracy and the computational efficiency of the methods were found to be superior to Pierce's method. Once probability structures of chaotic responses have been identified, the methods can be applied to estimate their extreme values.

Experimental Verification -- Experiments were conducted in December 1991 at the OSU Wave Research Laboratory. The systems examined consisted of spread-moored spherical buoys. The study included both one-dimensional (1-D) and three-dimensional (3-D) models. Three types of excitations (periodic waves, periodic waves with white noise, and random waves generated from TMA spectra) were used. Results are being analyzed in the continuation research project "Chaotic and Random Responses of Nonlinear Ocean Structural Systems -- Stochastic Analysis and Control". The 1-D results will be used immediately to verify the extensive analytical results obtained from this research project. The 3-D results will calibrate the adequacy of the preliminary Multi-Degrees-of-Freedom (MDOF) models and analytical results, and will be used to guide the development of more sophisticated MDOF models in the continuing research.

Award -- Mr. Oded Gottlieb (Ph.D. student) received the Jefferson Goblet Student Award at the 1991 AIAA Structures, Structural Dynamics & Material Conference with his paper entitled "Bifurcation and Routes to Chaos in

## Wave-Structure Interaction Systems."

### Continuing Research:

Subsequent research efforts on a continuation project "Chaotic and Random Responses of Ocean Structural Systems: Stochastic Analysis and Control" will focus on: (1) developing and analyzing more realistic models of the compliant structural systems, (2) characterizing and analyzing the probability structure of chaotic response with and without random noise, (3) identifying chaotic response in noisy field data, and (4) predicting long-term extreme values and fatigue behavior of the system to combined periodic and stochastic excitations.

The effects of multi-degree coupling and randomness in the input excitations on the chaotic response will be examined. The focus will be on extending classical nonlinear stochastic analytical methods including Fokker-Planck formulation to directly determine the probability density functions, and stability of nonlinear system response to narrow-band excitations to examine the stochastic behavior of chaotic responses. The experimental results from the original (ONR-YI) research project are essential in guiding the development of the complex MDOF stochastic models and validating the analytical results.

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"Chaotic and Stochastic Dynamics of Free-Standing Offshore Equipment," seminar presented at Oregon State University, Department of Civil Engineering, Feb. 1991.

"Nonlinear Oscillations, Bifurcations and Chaos in Ocean Mooring Systems," seminar presented at Oregon State University, Department of Civil Engineering, Dec. 1991 (by O. Gottlieb).

"Nonlinear Behavior of Offshore Platform Installation Systems," seminar presented at Oregon State University, Department of Civil Engineering, Dec. 1991 (by H-S. Mha).

"Stochastic Dynamics of Nonlinear Chaotic Systems," seminar presented at Oregon State University, Department of Civil Engineering, Dec. 1991 (by Y-J. Wu).

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M.S. in Civil Engineering, Mr. H. Lin, June 1990.

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### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Mr. Oded Gottlieb (Ph.D. student) received the Jefferson Goblet Student Award at the 1991 AIAA Structures, Structural Dynamics & Material Conference with his paper entitled "Bifurcation and Routes to Chaos in Wave-Structure Interaction Systems."

Solomon C.S. Yim (P.I.) was promoted to Associate Professor and granted Indefinite Tenure in 1991.