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## 1. Overview

The SEDIMARE “Introductory Training School” was organized at the University of Nottingham (UNOTT), Nottingham, UK, on 22-24 April 2023. Local organizers were Prof. N. Dodd and Prof. R. Briganti. The training event was attended in person by DCs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and remotely (due to travel obligations) by DCs 3 and 12. The program of the event is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Program of the SEDIMARE “1<sup>st</sup> Network Training School”

Time	April 22, Monday (Day 1)
<b>9:00-10:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction: Short introduction by the REA Project Officer (Dr. Vyzikas) and the Project Coordinator on the purpose of the Mid-Term Meeting.</li> <li>• SEDIMARE Research teams: All scientists-in-charge from Beneficiaries and Associated Partners should briefly present their research team and describe their role within the Network.</li> <li>• REA Project officer presentation: Presentation on the monitoring of project implementation, reporting and purpose of the mid-term check, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MTM objective</li> <li>○ Assessment of recruitment / Reminder of DCs rights &amp; obligations</li> <li>○ Project Management</li> <li>○ Reporting &amp; finance</li> <li>○ Communication, Dissemination, Exploitation, Synergies Useful links &amp; reference documents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>10:45-11:00</b>	Coffee / Tea
<b>11:00-12:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Coordinator's presentation: Presentation of the Network and the progress covering the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State of play of the recruitment, deliverables and milestones;</li> <li>○ Management activities (Supervisory board activities, etc.);</li> <li>○ Financial aspects;</li> <li>○ Critical implementation risks and mitigation actions;</li> <li>○ Document management and Open Science.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DC introductions: The 12 DCs will present themselves, their background and their individual research project (foreseen research, training, secondments, etc.). Scientific results are not expected at this stage.</li> </ul>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	DC presentations: The 12 DCs will present work done so far especially in terms of literature review and research planning.
<b>15:30-17:00</b>	Restricted session with the DCs: the session is intended to allow the researchers to discuss with the REA representative about their experiences within the network in terms of training foreseen, supervision

	<p>arrangements, progress and impact on their future careers. <i>This session was postponed (Dr. Vyzikas was under the weather); it was scheduled and held one week later.</i></p> <p>Discussion between the SEDIMARE scientists and DCs on issues and ways to improve the Network impact.</p>
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<p>Restricted session: Meeting between Project Coordinator and Project Officer to discuss any issue. <i>This session was also postponed; Dr. Vyzikas sent his remarks to the Coordinator one week later via email.</i></p>
	<p><b>April 23, Tuesday (Day 2)</b></p>
<b>08:45-09:00</b>	Announcements
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<p>“Q2Dmorfo: a reduced complexity model for long term coastal dynamics” (Invited Speaker <b>Albert Falqués</b>, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya)</p>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	Coffee / Tea
<b>11:00-12:15</b>	<p>“Find your course in choosing between coarse grids, fine grids, unstructured grids, quadtree grids and subgrids” (<b>N. Volp</b>, UTWENTE)</p>
<b>12:15-14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00-15:15</b>	<p>“Modelling of coupled hydrodynamics, sediment transport and bed morphodynamics” (<b>A. Dimas</b>, UPATRAS)</p>
<b>15:15-15:45</b>	Coffee / Tea Break
<b>15:45-17:00</b>	<p>“Application of the projection method for the Navier Stokes equations to two-phase flow solvers” (<b>M. Papalexandris</b>, UCL)</p>
	<p><b>April 24, Wednesday (Day 3)</b></p>
<b>09:00-10:15</b>	<p>“Blending coastal morphodynamic models and observations through data assimilation” (<b>M. Alvarez</b>, FIHAC)</p>
<b>10:15-10:45</b>	Coffee / Tea
<b>10:45-12:00</b>	<p>“Wave resolving numerical modelling of swash zone hydro- and morphodynamics” (<b>R. Briganti</b>, UNOTT)</p>
<b>12:00-14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00-15:15</b>	<p>“Modelling eddies and coherent structures in the coastal area.” (<b>M. Postacchini</b>, UNIVPM)</p>
<b>15:15-15:45</b>	Coffee / Tea
<b>15:45-17:00</b>	<p>“Calibration and verification of sediment transport models in the real world” (<b>M. Knaapen</b>, HRW)</p>

## **2. Extracts from the Presentations**

The theme of the 1<sup>st</sup> Network Training School was “Numerical Methods in Coastal Hydrodynamics and Sediment Transport”. Therefore, the scope of the presentations was on the fundamentals and the applications of numerical methods to be used by the DCs in their research.

Characteristic parts of corresponding presentations are shown in the next pages but first the presentations of all DCs in terms of literature review, work done so far and research planning are included.

## **DC Presentations**



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# Literature Review & Research Planning

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# Objective

- Development of large-eddy simulation (LES) software to model turbulent oscillatory flow and sediment transport induced by waves over a flat or rippled sandy bed.
- Sediment transport module with the capability to model sand composed by grains of single size. ✓
- The sediment transport module will have the capability to model sand composed by grains of mixed and not single size.

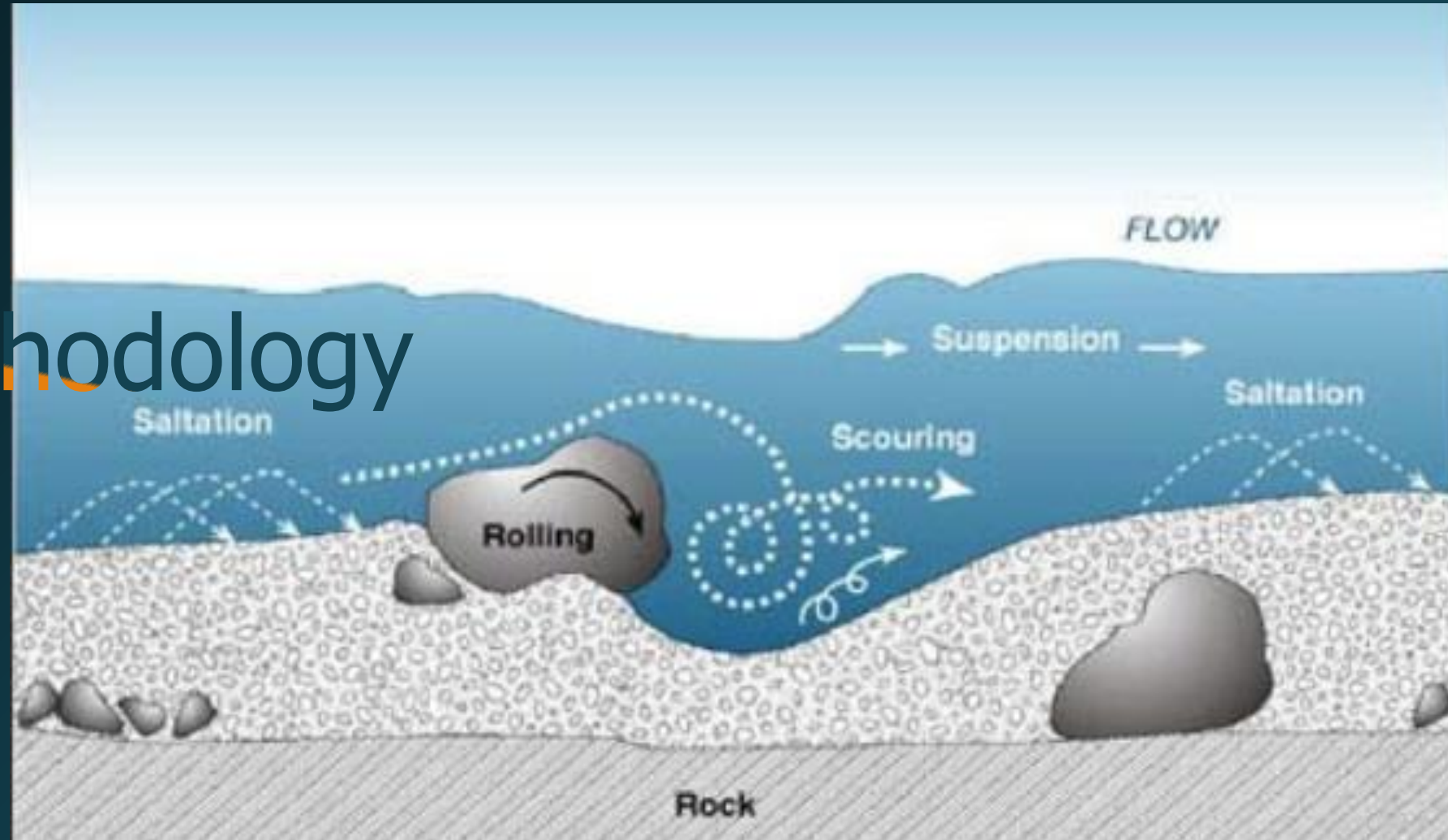


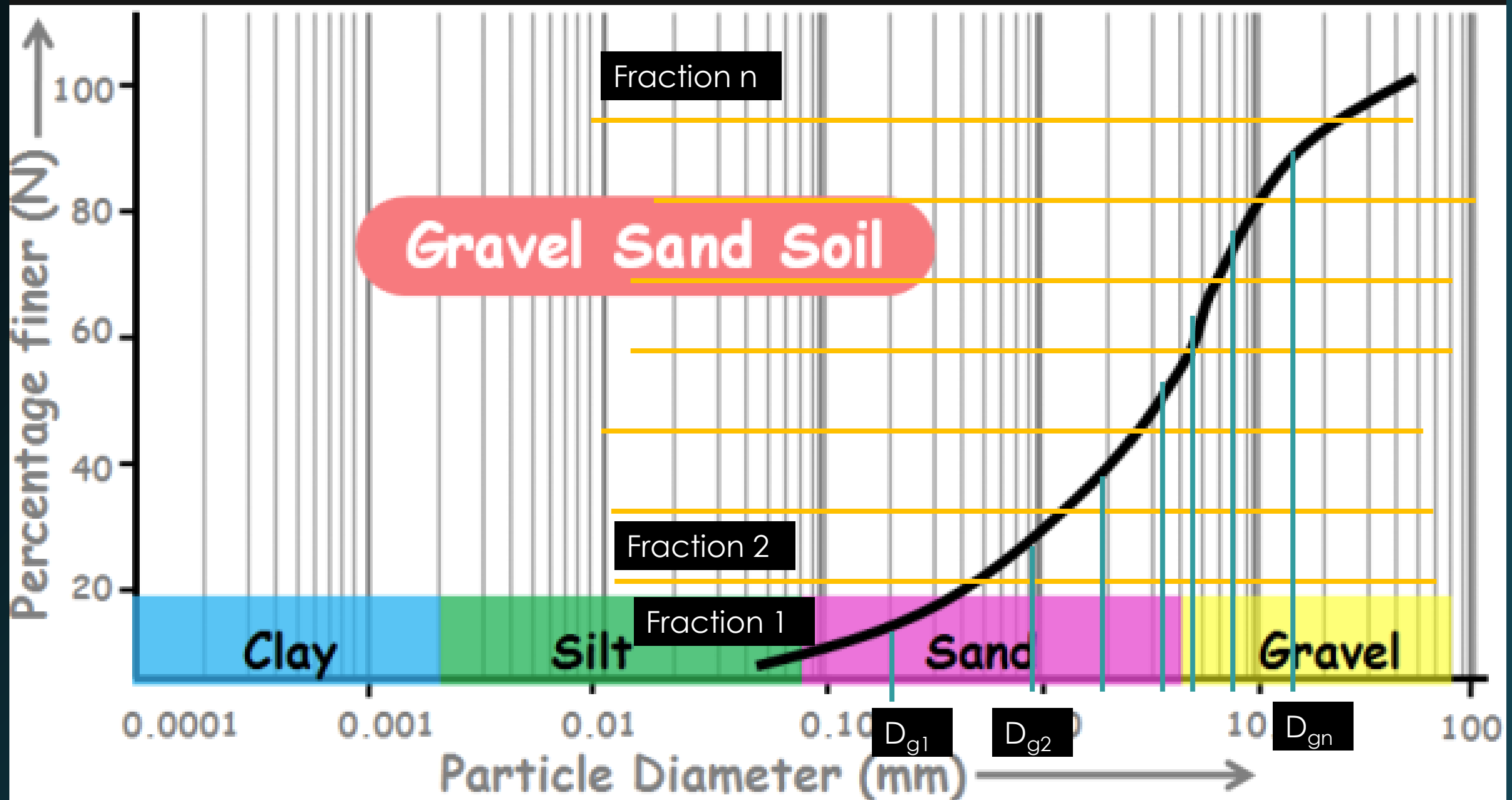


# Literature Review

- Depth-Averaged Two-Dimensional Numerical Modeling of Unsteady Flow and Non-uniform Sediment Transport in Open Channels (Weiming Wu, M.ASCE)
- 2D numerical modeling of grain-sorting processes and grain size distributions (Yi Xiao, Hong Wang, Xuejun Shao, Journal of Hydro-environment Research )
- Non-uniform sediment transport in alluvial rivers (Weiming Wu, Sam S.Y. Wang & Yafei Jia, Journal of Hydraulic Research )

# Methodology





# Sediment Transport Equations, Bed Load

Bed load transport rate

$$\frac{Q_b}{\sqrt{(S-1)gD_g^3}} = \overset{1}{\Phi_b(\theta, \theta_c, Dg)}$$

Shields number

$$\theta = \frac{\tau_b}{\rho(S-1)gD_g^3}$$

Critical Shields number

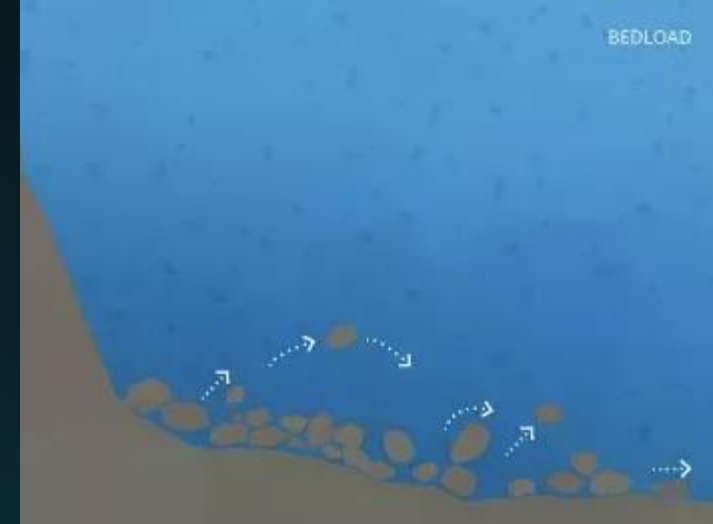
$$\overset{2}{\theta_c} = \theta_c(\varphi, \tan\beta, \theta_{co})$$

Critical Shields number  
(Horizontal Bed)

$$\theta_{co} = f(D_*) \quad (\text{van Rijn, 1984})$$

Dimensionless grain size

$$D_* = D_g \left[ (S-1)g / \nu^2 \right]^{1/3}$$



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Non-dimensional fractional bed-load transport rate

$$\Phi_{bi} = \frac{Q_{bi}}{f_{b,i} \sqrt{(S-1)gD_{gi}^3}}$$

- $Q_{bi}$  : transport rate of the  $i$ th fraction of bed-load per unit width ( $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ )
- $f_{bi}$  : percentage of bed particles in fraction “ $i$ ” with mean diameter  $D_{gi}$

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Critical Shields number

$$\theta_{c,i} = \theta_{c,i}(\varphi_i, \tan\beta, \theta_{coi})$$

- $\theta_c$ , can be interpreted as the non-dimensional critical shear stress for the corresponding uniform sediment or the mean size of bed materials for each “ $i$ ” fraction.



# Sediment Transport Equations ,Suspended Sediment

Advection-Diffusion Equation

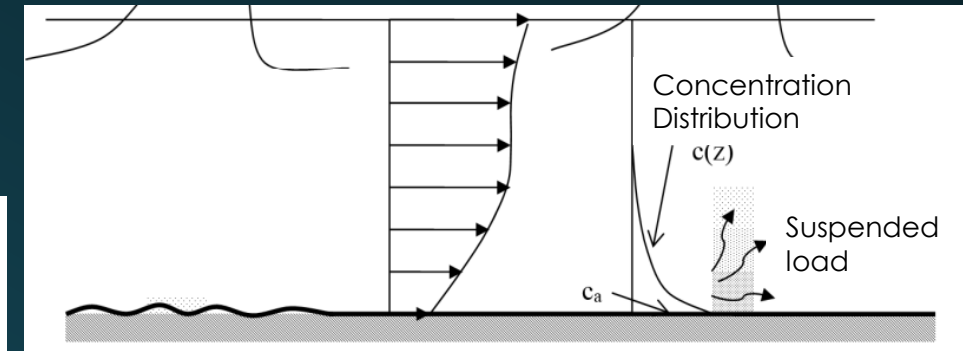
$$\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial x_j} - w_s \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{Re \cdot Sc} \frac{\partial^2 c_i}{\partial x_j^2} - \frac{\partial \chi_{j,i}}{\partial x_j}$$

Bed Boundary Condition (Dirichlet)

$$C_{a,i} = c_{a,i}(\theta, \theta_c, D_g) \quad (\text{van Rijn 1984})$$

Transport rate of suspended sediment

$$q_{s,x,i}(x, y, t) = \int_{z_a}^h (uc) dz \quad , \quad q_{s,y,i}(x, y, t) = \int_{z_a}^h (vc) dz$$



The Boundary Condition should change for every fraction “i” of the model, so the advection diffusion equation shall be solved for each sediment fraction ,i.

# Morphology Evolution Equations

Conservation of sediment mass equation (Exner equation)

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$$\left(\frac{\partial z_B}{\partial t}\right)_i + \frac{1}{1-n_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int_{z_a}^h c_i dz \right) = - \frac{1}{1-n_p} \left( \frac{\partial q_{t,x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q_{t,y}}{\partial y} \right)_i$$

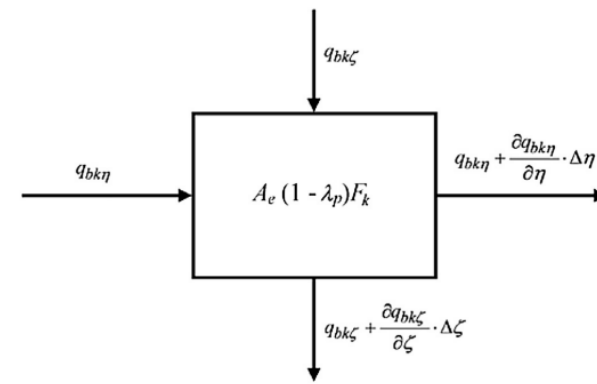
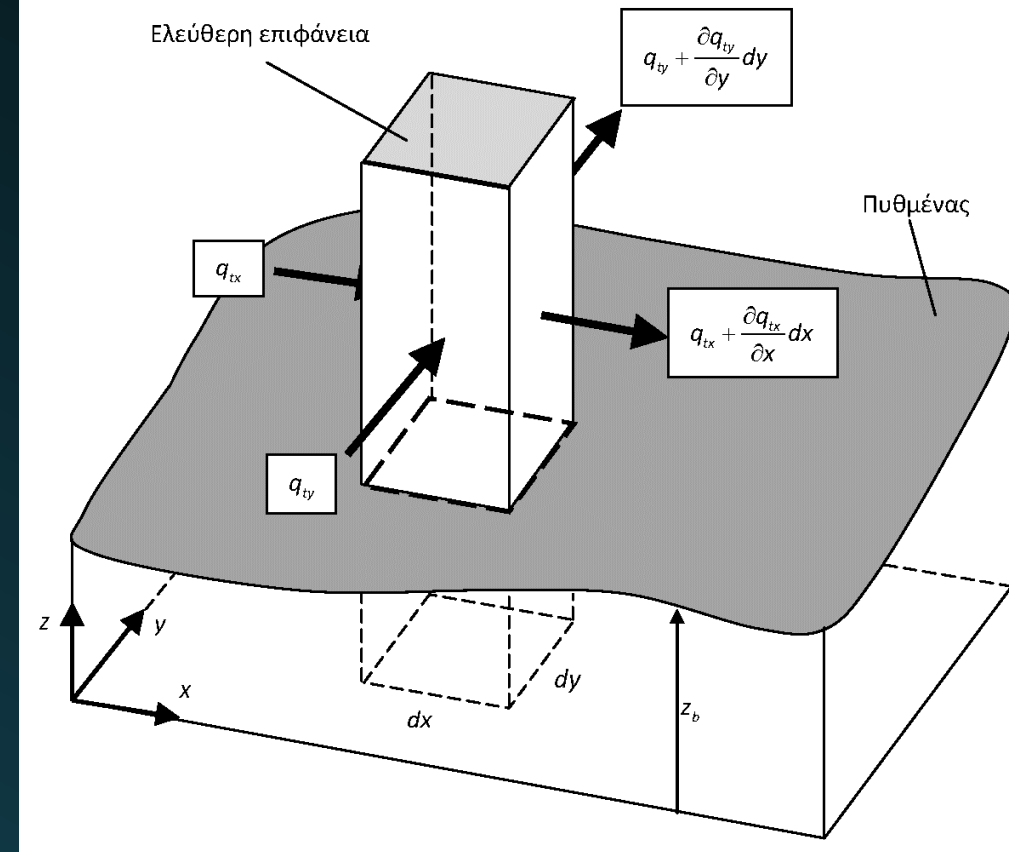
$$q_{t,i} = q_{b,i} + q_{s,i}$$

$z_B = z_{B1} + z_{B2} + \dots + z_{Bn}$  The total depth results from the sum of each depth of the respective fractions

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$\left(\frac{\partial z_b}{\partial t}\right)_i$  = bed change rate corresponding to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  fraction of sediment

The morphology equation shall be calculated for each "i" fraction of sediment







**Thank you for your attention**





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# SEDIMARE DC MEETING

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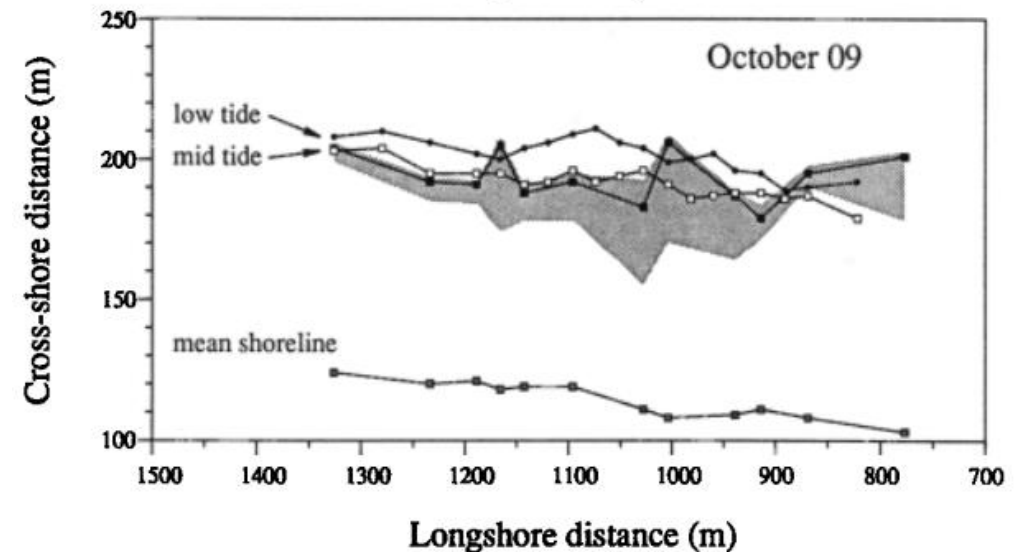
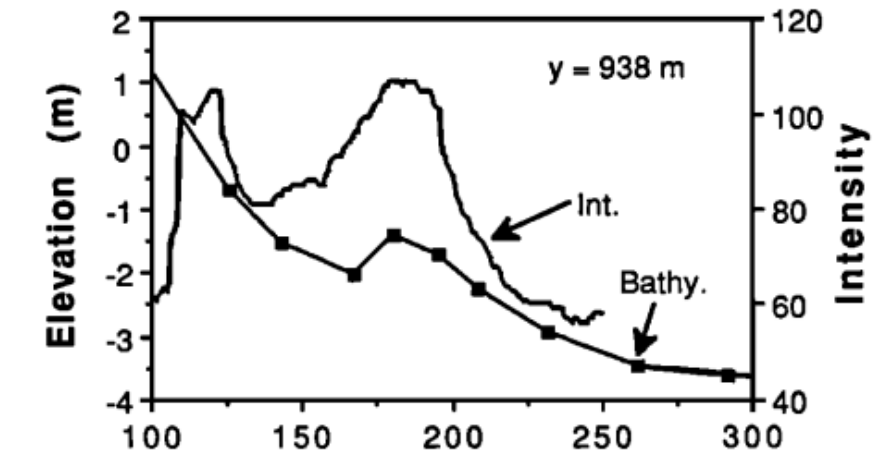
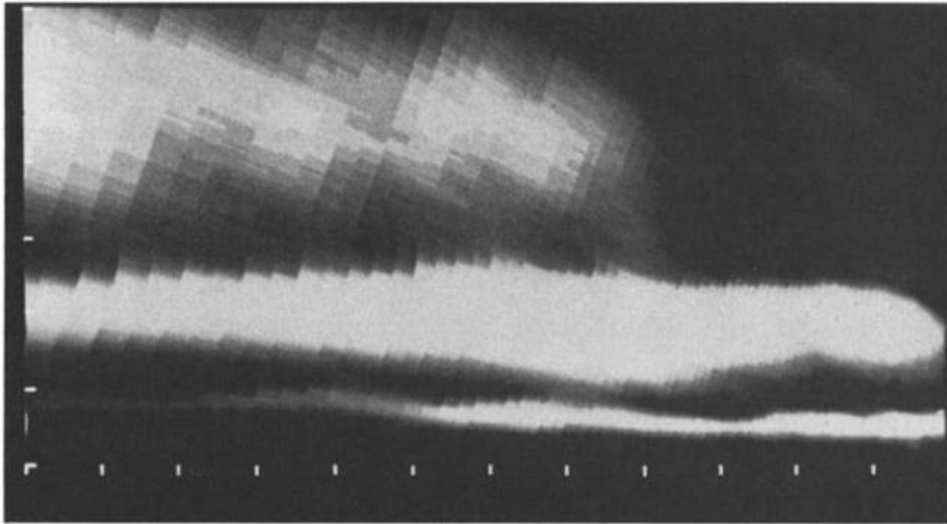
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Nearshore Wave Processes by Remote Sensing

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# Coastal Dynamics by Remote Sensing

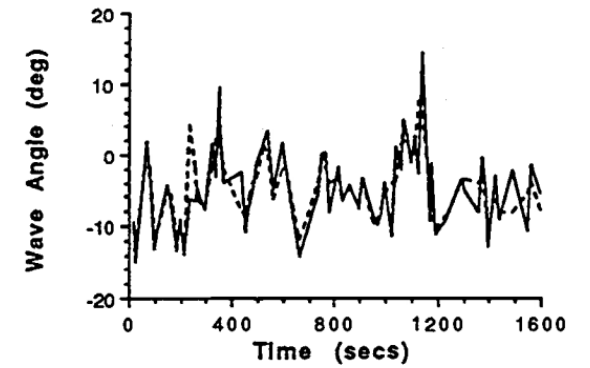
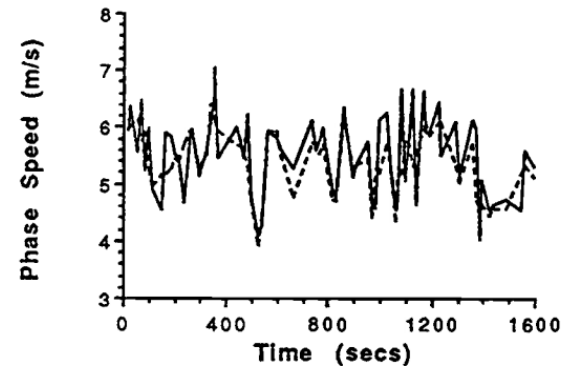
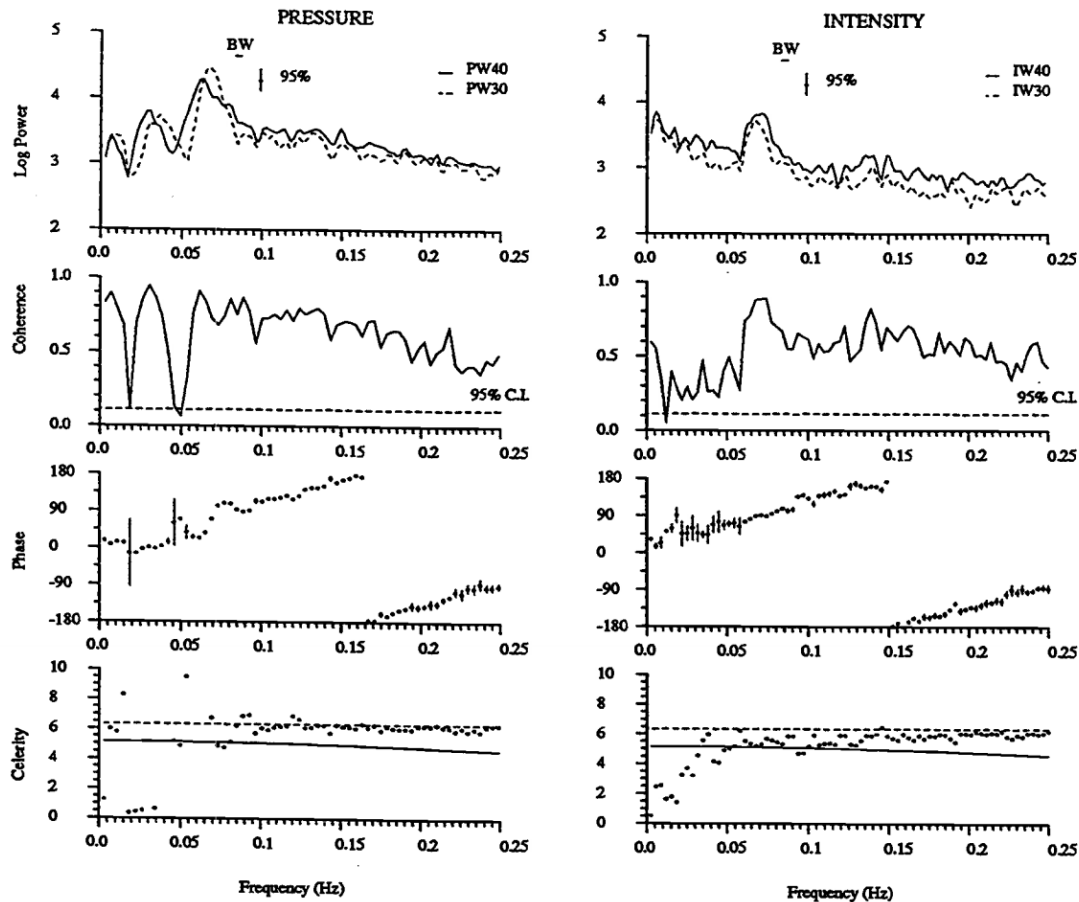
- Monitoring by videocameras
- Quantification of sand bars



[Lipmann and Holman, 1989]

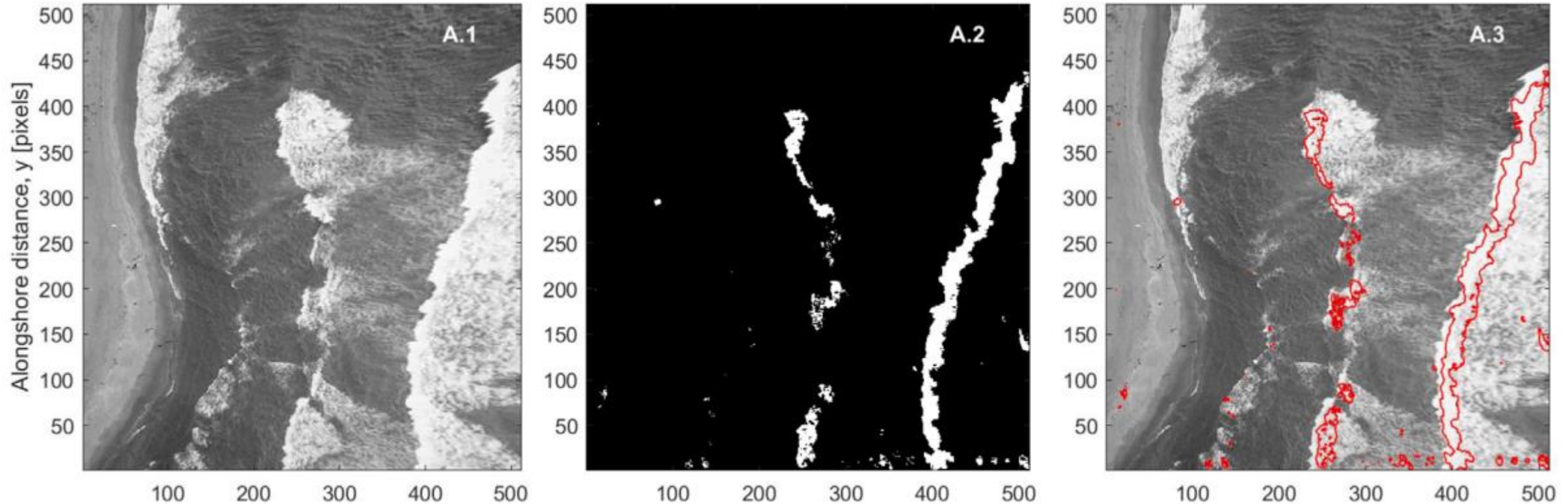
# Coastal Dynamics by Remote Sensing

- Monitoring by videocameras
- Wave characteristics



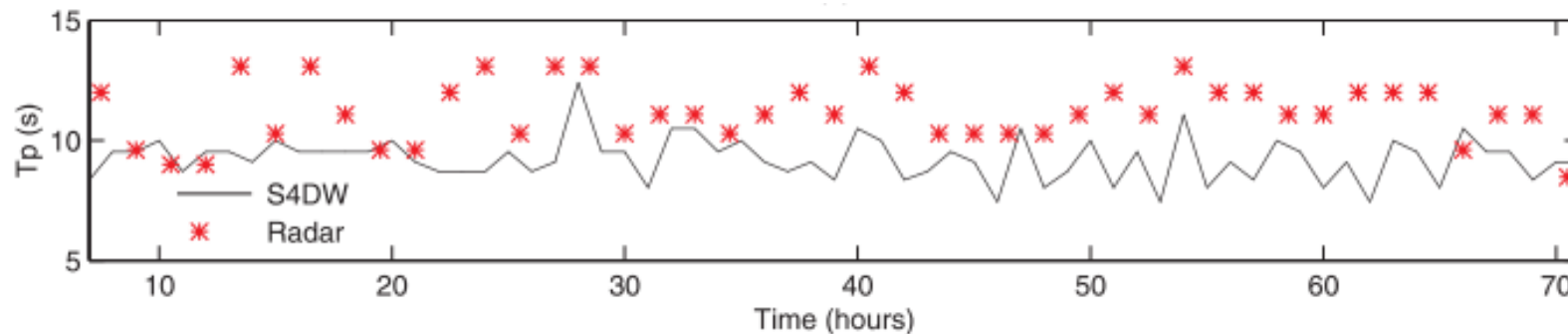
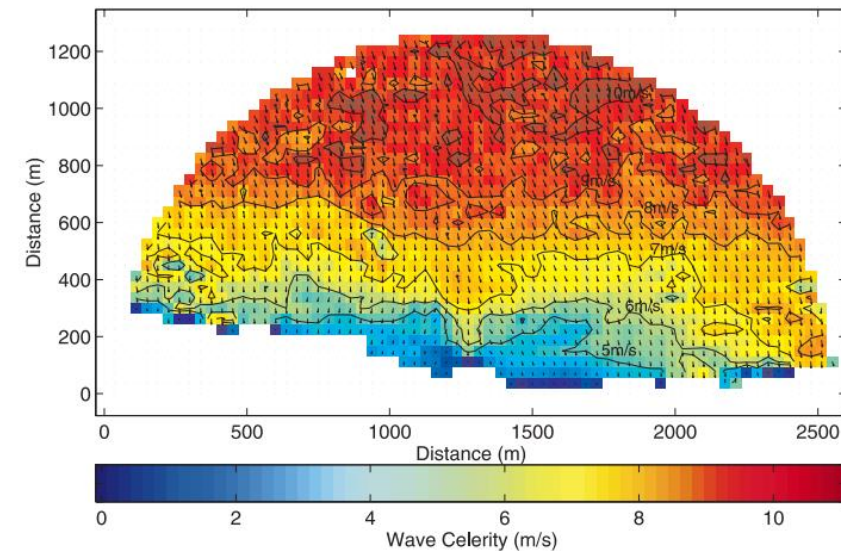
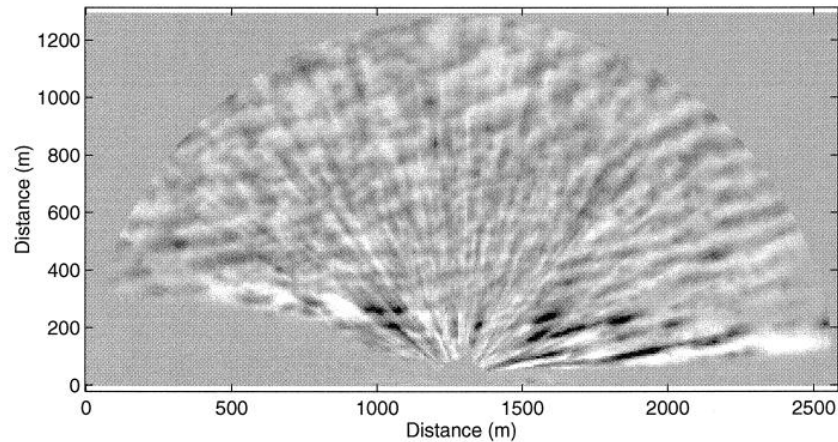
# Coastal Dynamics by Remote Sensing

- Monitoring by videocameras
  - Identification of wave breaking



# Coastal Dynamics by Remote Sensing

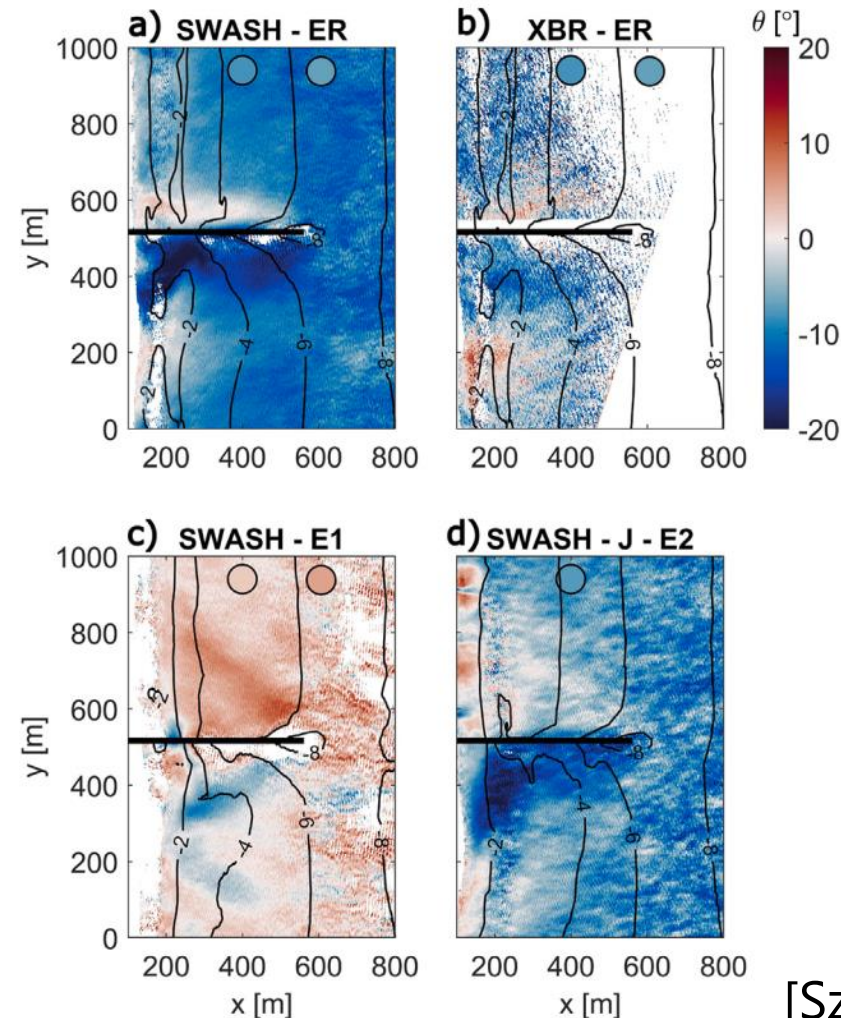
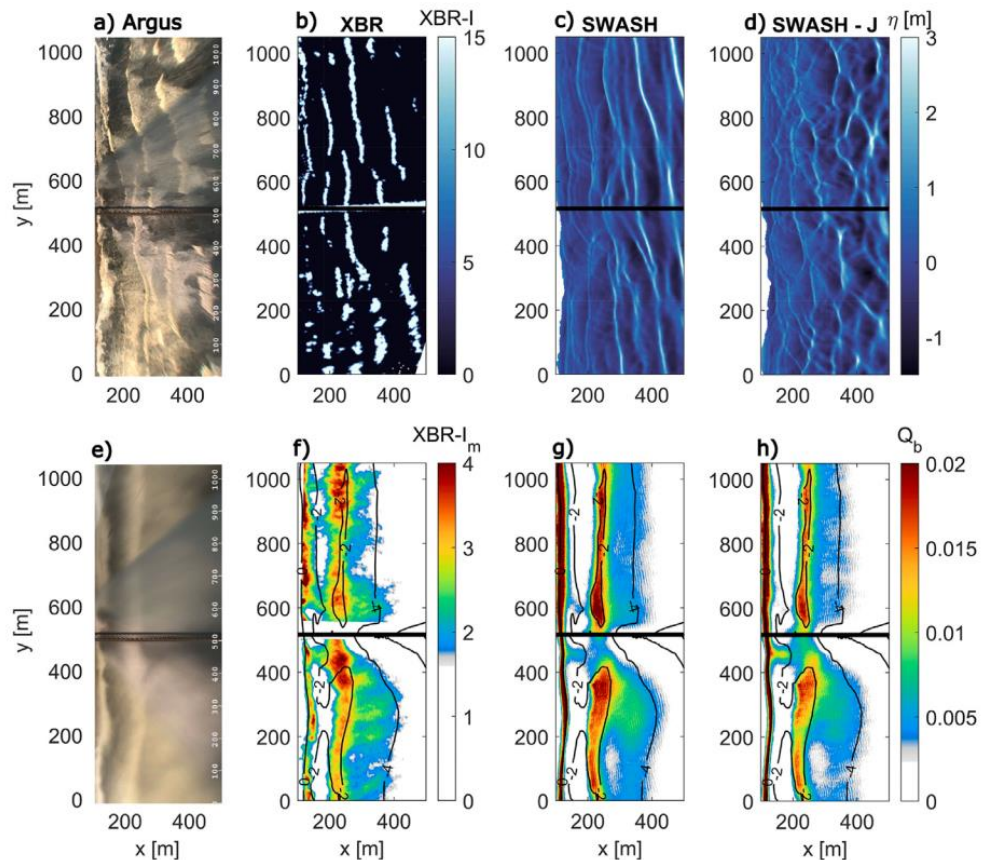
- Monitoring by radar system
- Evaluation of wave characteristics





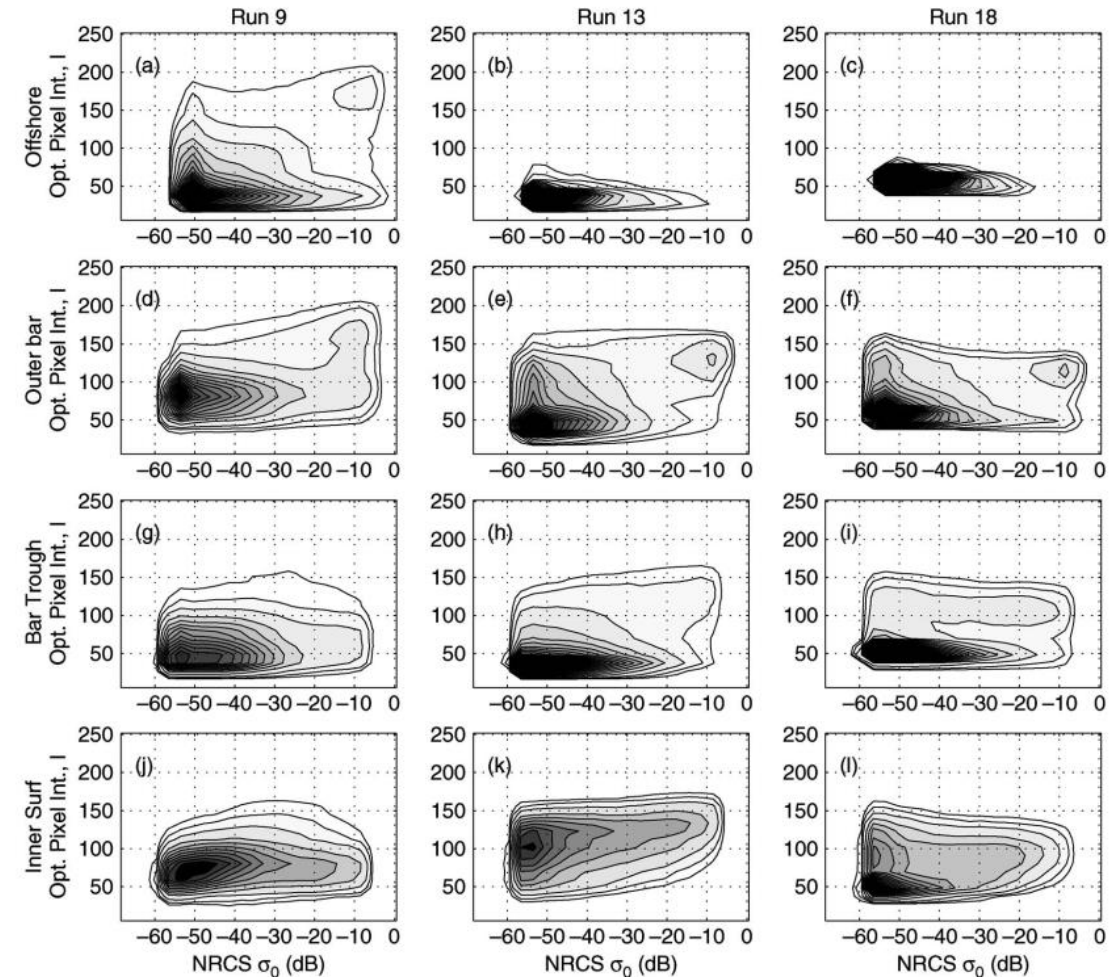
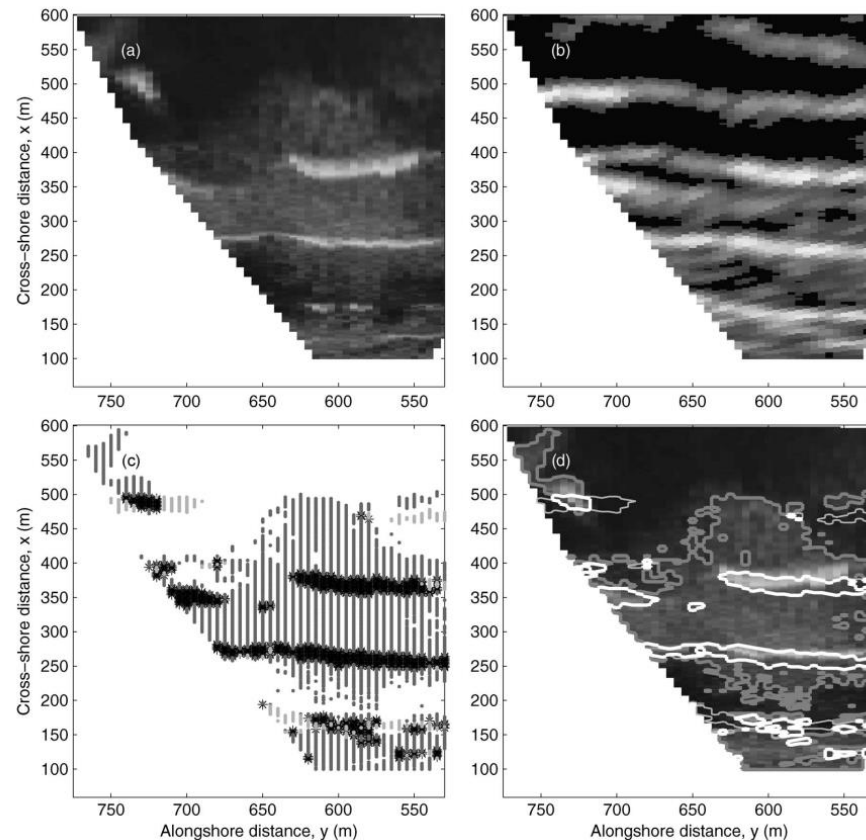
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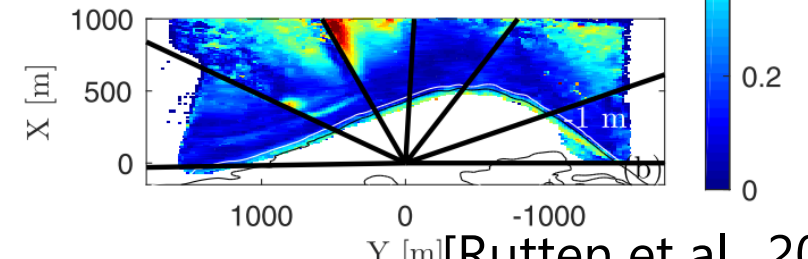
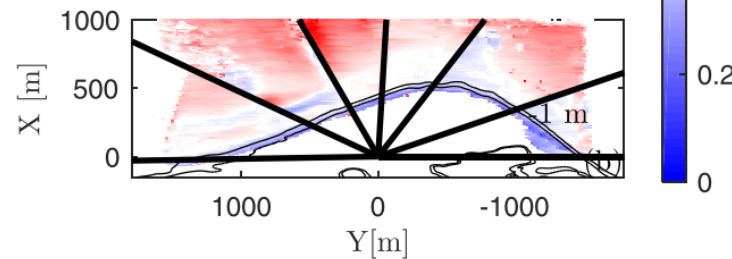
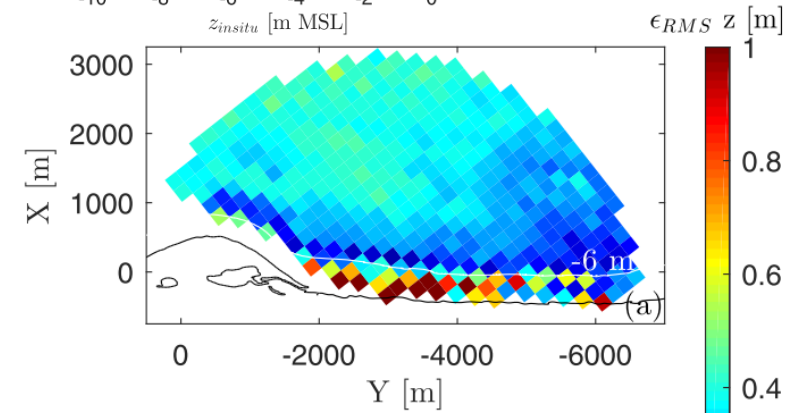
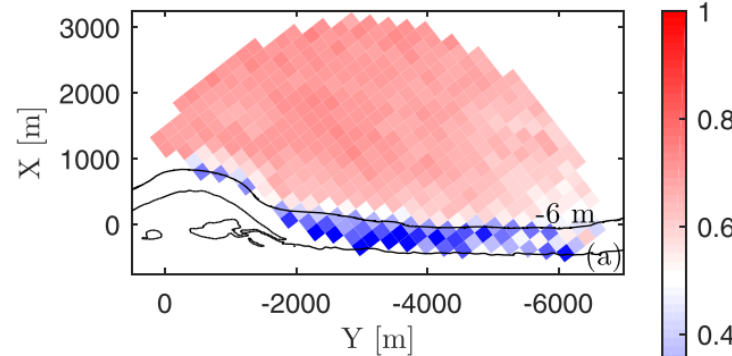
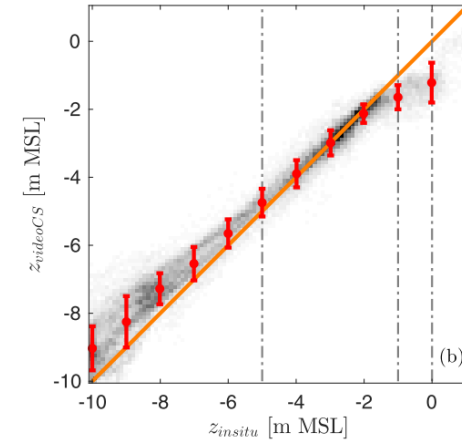
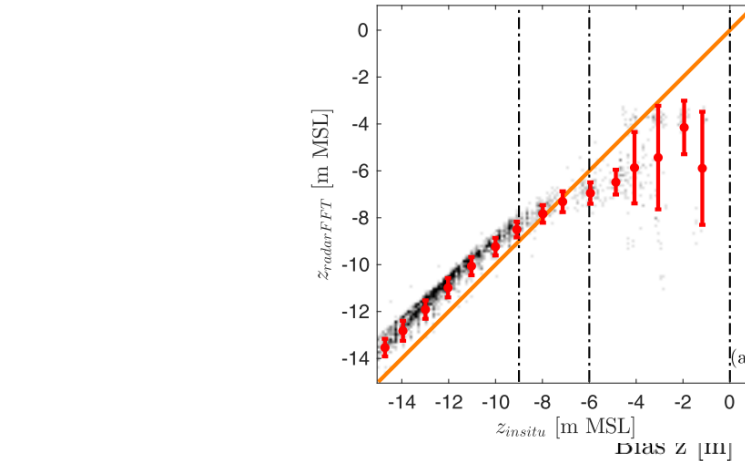
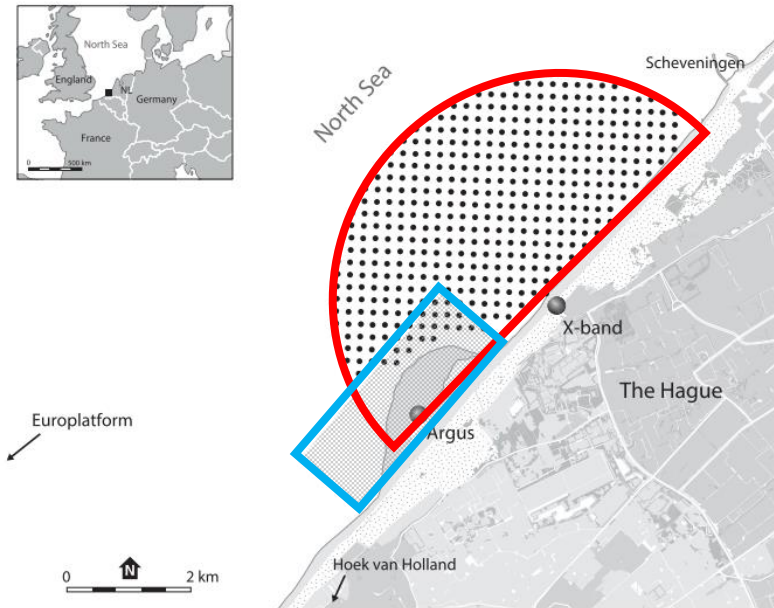
# Coastal Dynamics by Remote Sensing

→ Combined use of tools



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[Rutten et al., 2017]



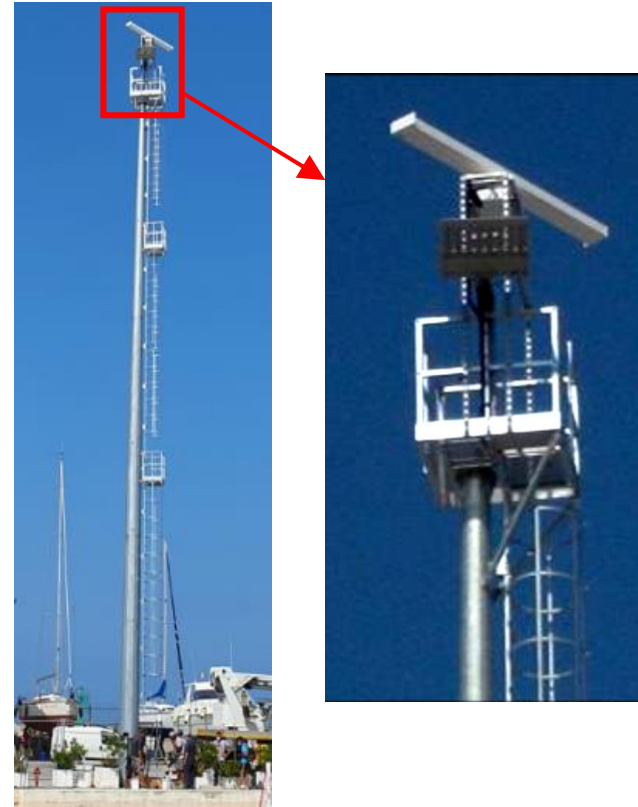
# Aim

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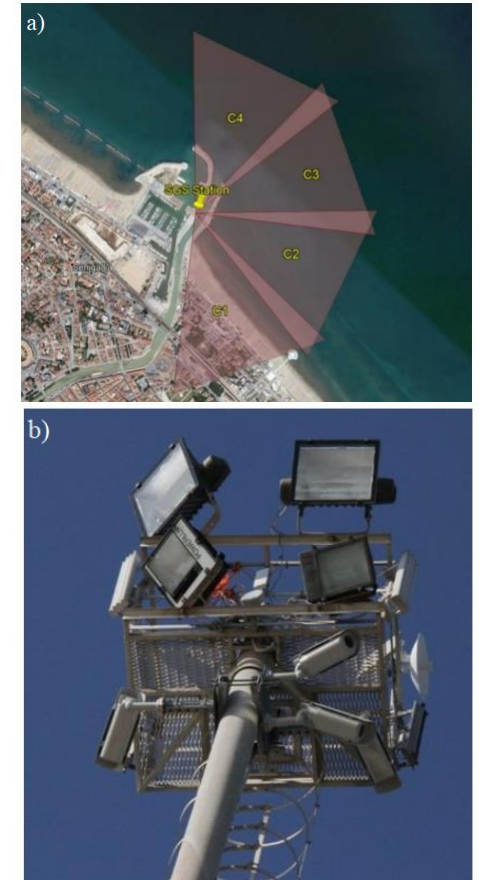
- Investigate nearshore wave processes by combining remote sensing, in-situ data and numerical modelling. [D3.1, D2.6]
- Efforts on better understanding of wave propagation impacts on the coastal resilience. [D3.1, D2.6]
- Investigate other indicators for coastal resilience and develop an analytical, quick, approach. [D3.1]
- Test the approach for selected European beaches by using numerical models and available data. [D3.6]
- Forecast the coastal resilience by accounting for SLR. [D3.6]

# Methodology and Preliminary Analyses

→ Study site



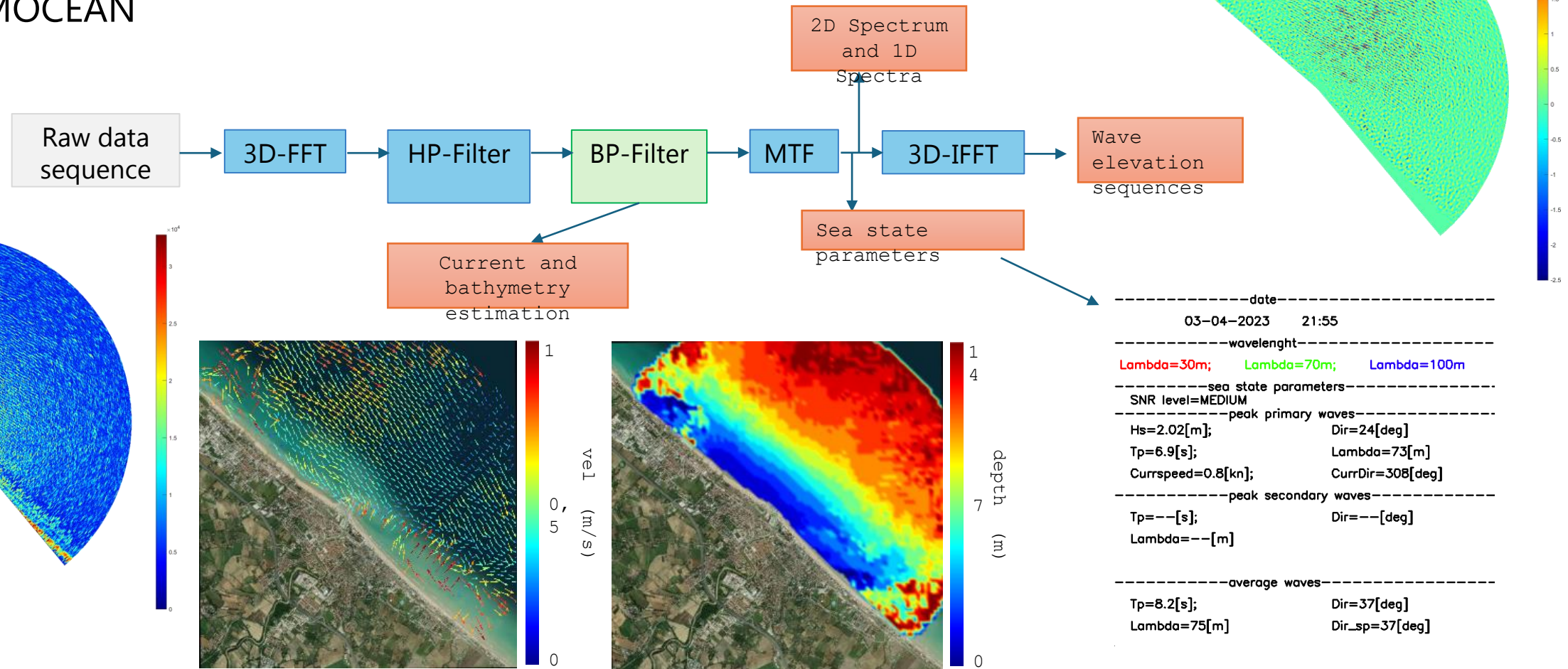
X-Band Radar System  
REMOCEAN



SGS Video  
Monitoring System

# Methodology and Preliminary Analyses

→ Processing data obtained from remote sensing tools.  
- REMOCEAN

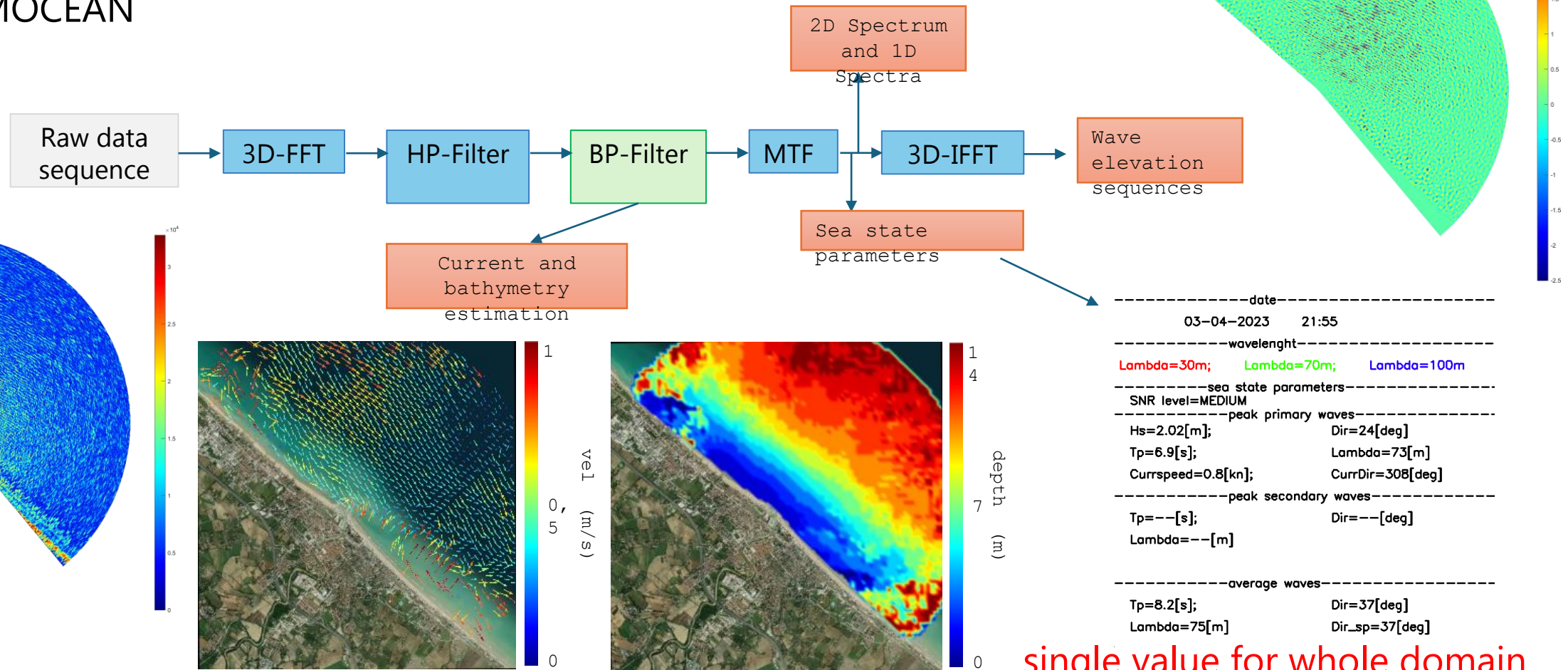


[Serafino et al., 2012]



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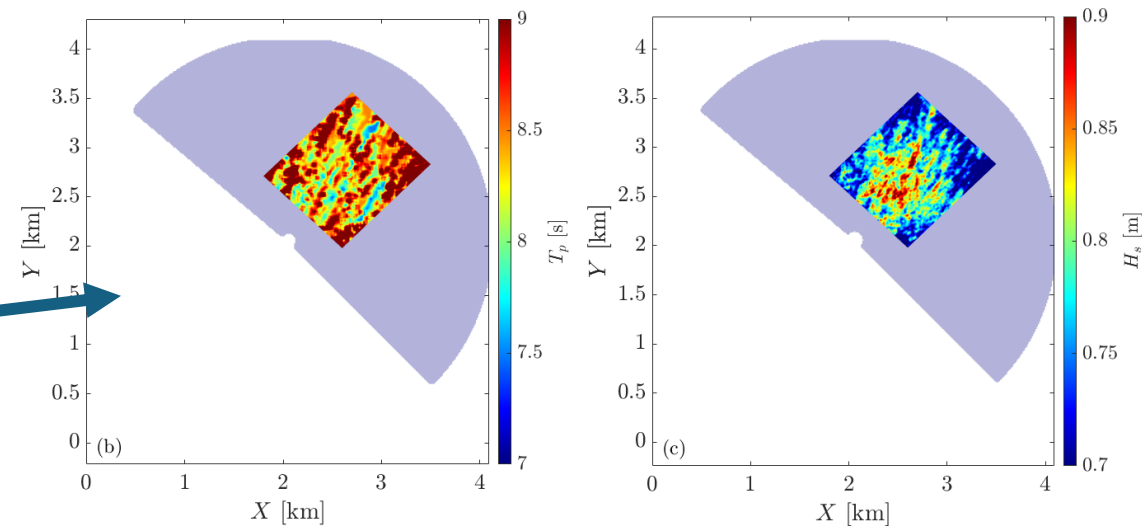
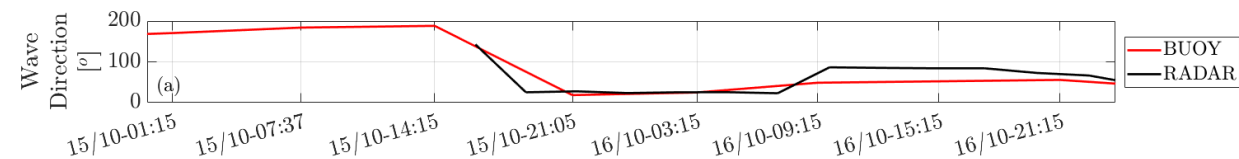
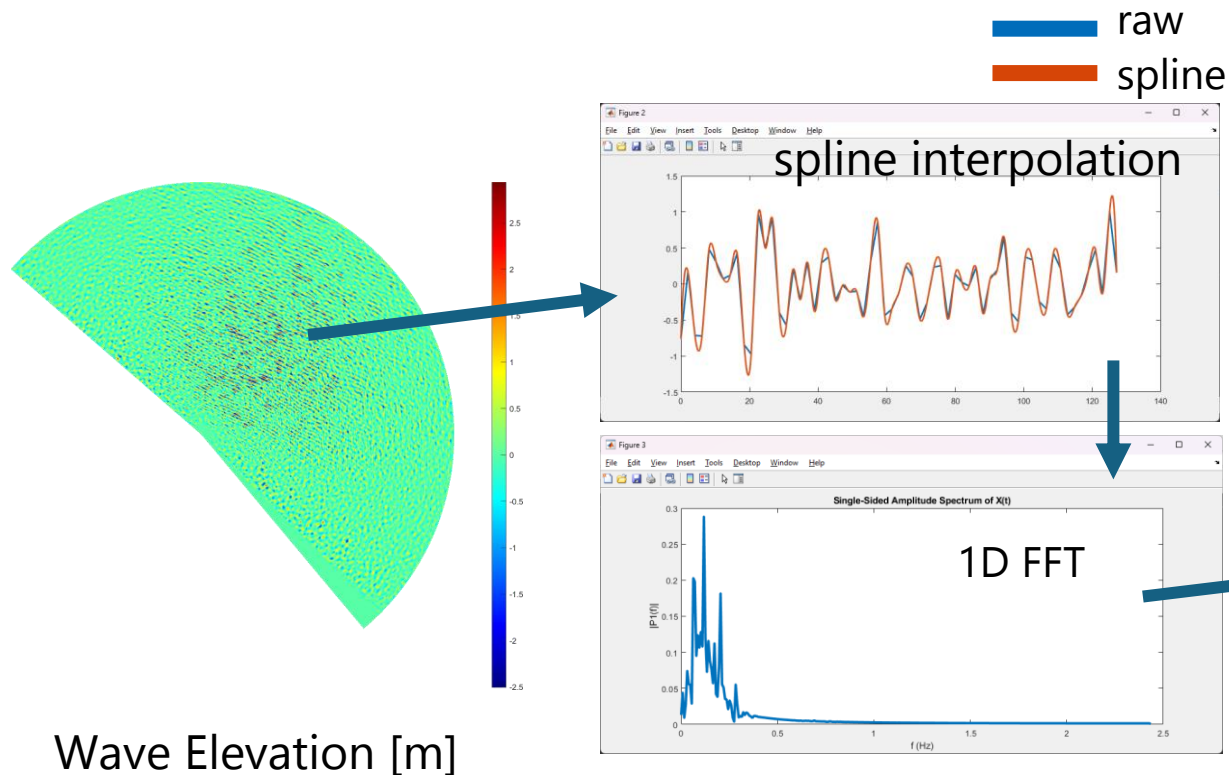


single value for whole domain

[Serafino et al., 2012]

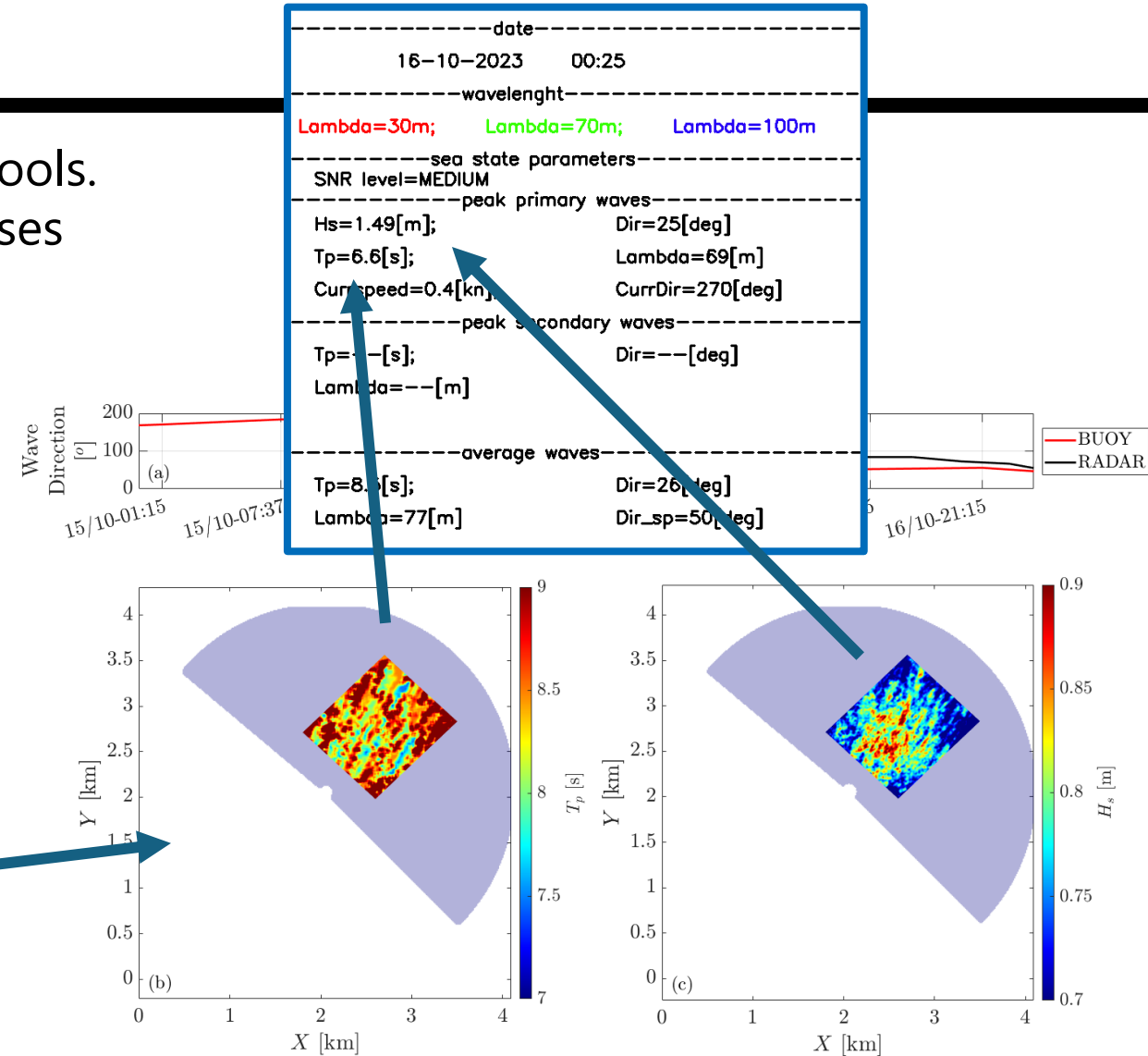
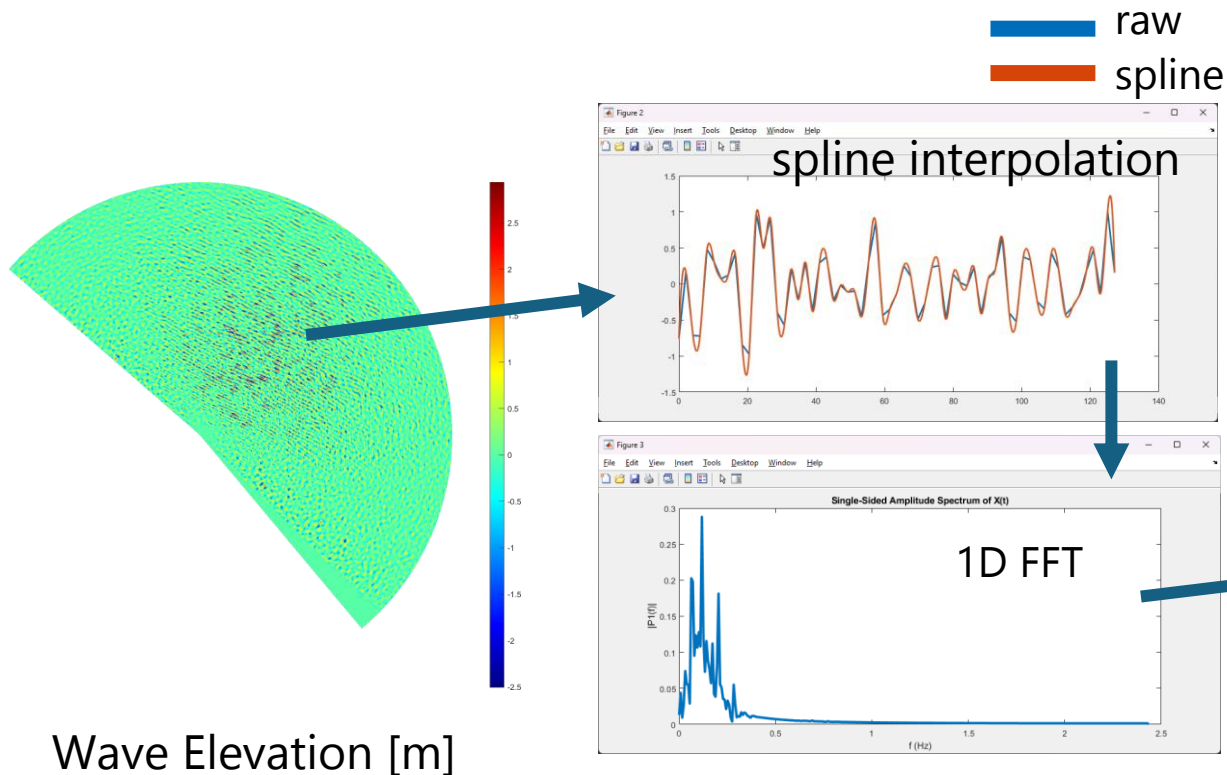
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- Processing data obtained from remote sensing tools.
- Efforts to resolve spatiotemporal wave processes



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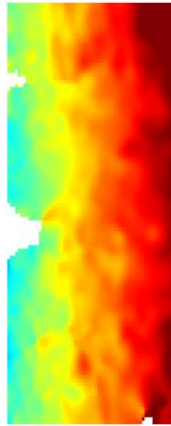
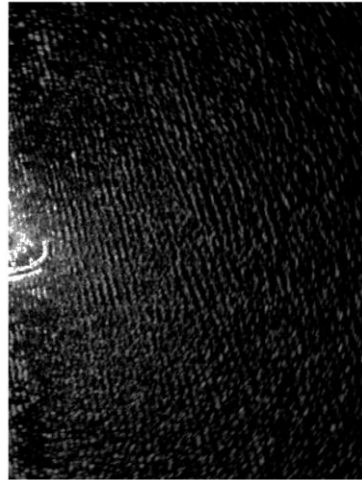
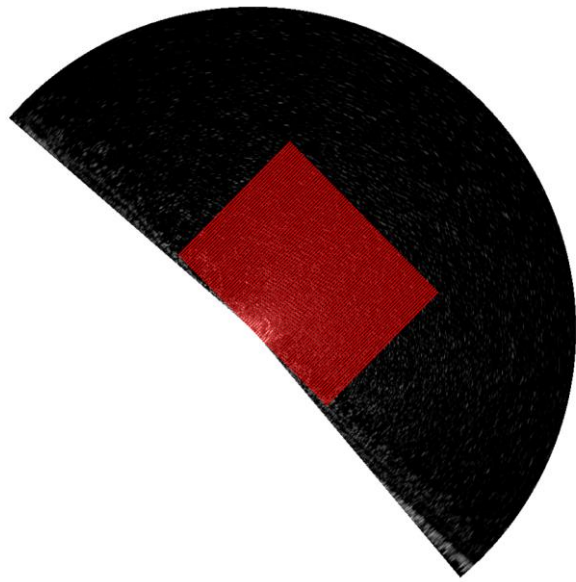
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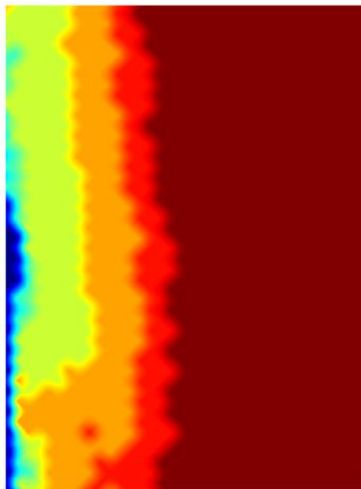
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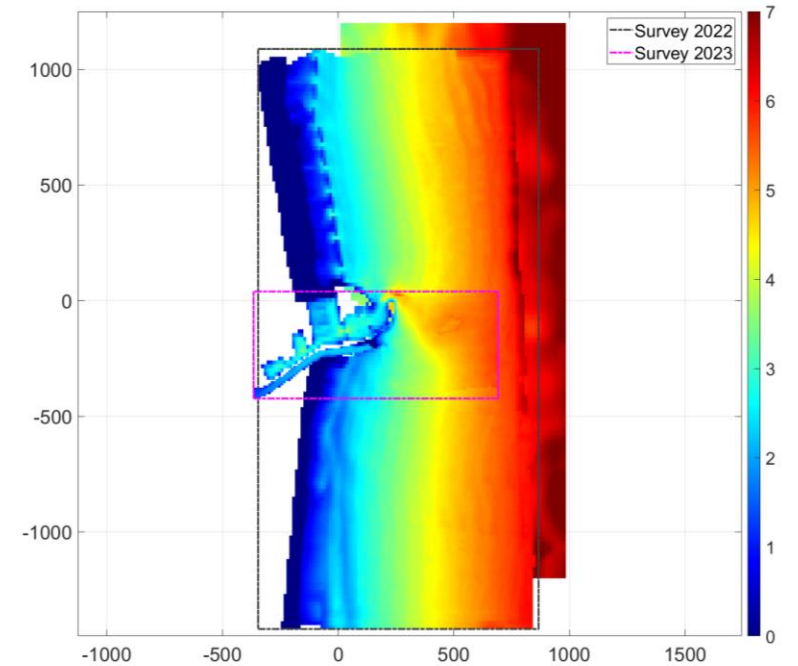
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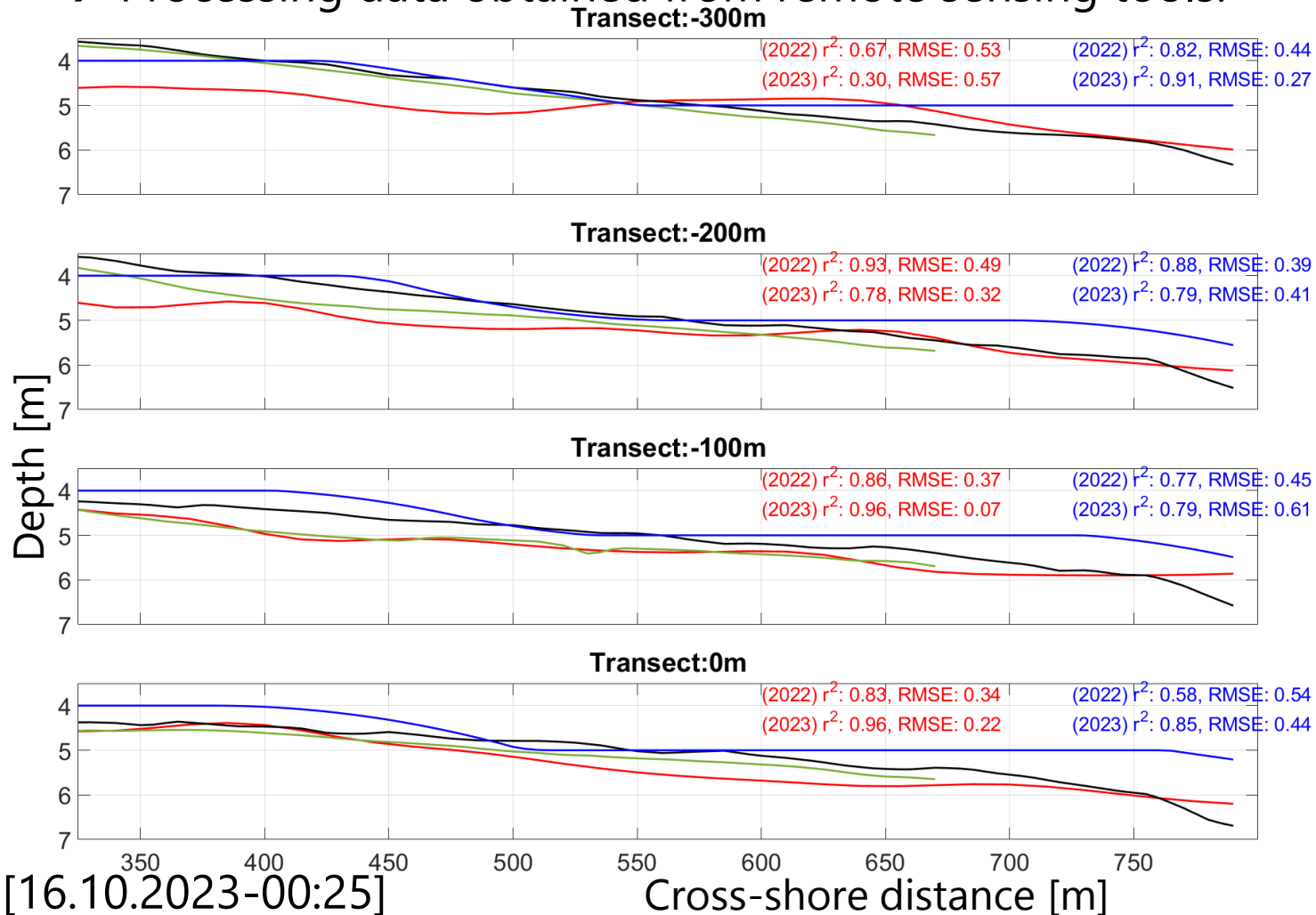
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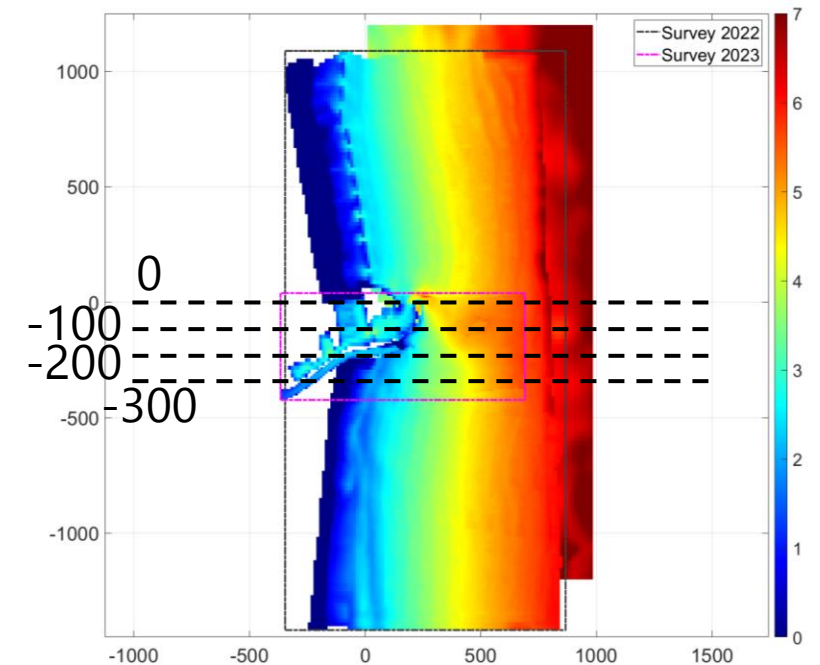


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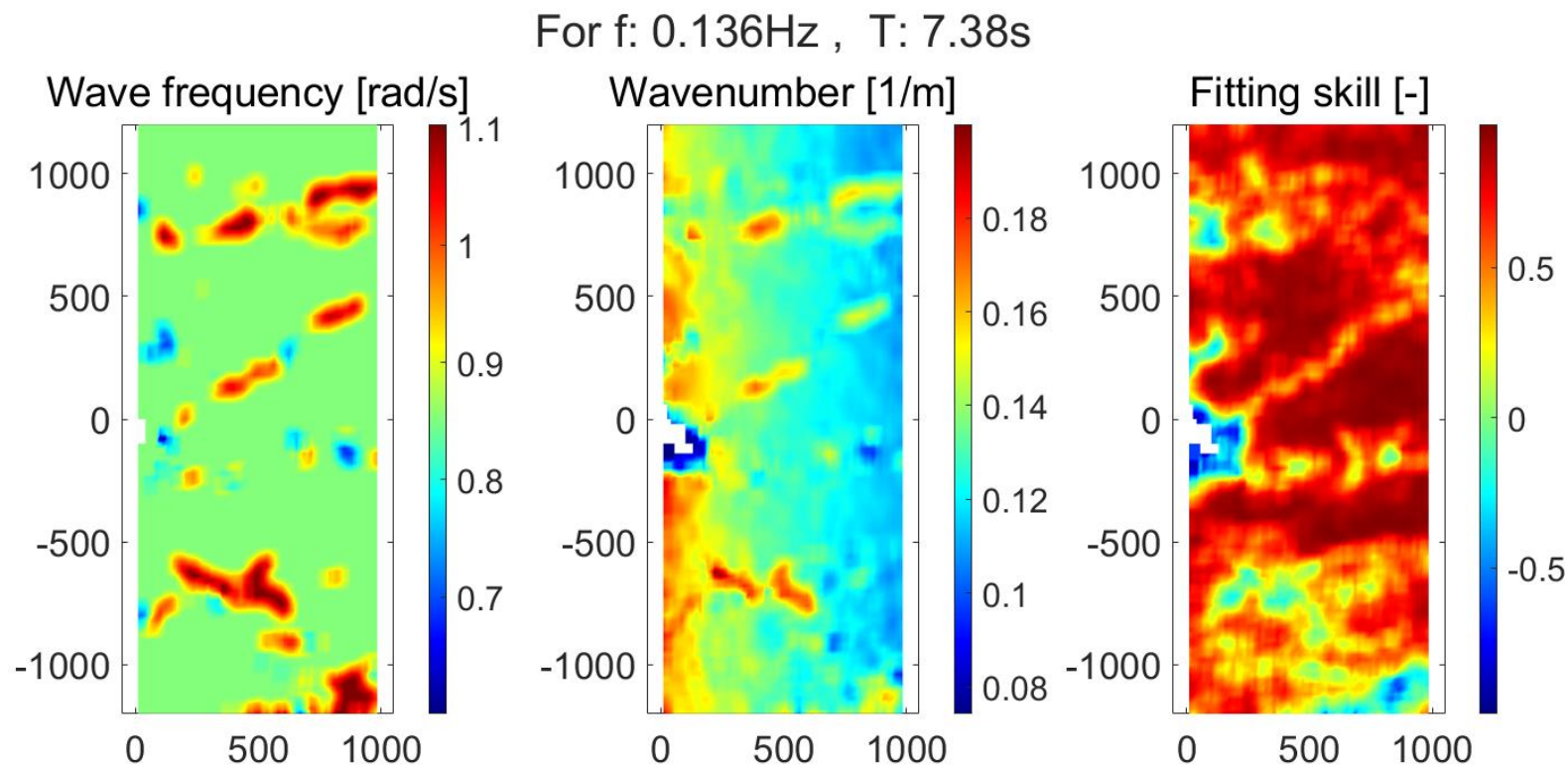
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# Methodology and Preliminary Analyses

→ Efforts to resolve spatiotemporal wave processes (cBathy)



# Methodology and Preliminary Analyses

- Efforts to resolve spatiotemporal wave processes (cBathy)
- Approximation of wave height from amplitude dispersion

$$c = \sqrt{g(d + \alpha_{ad}H)}, \quad d = \frac{H}{\gamma},$$

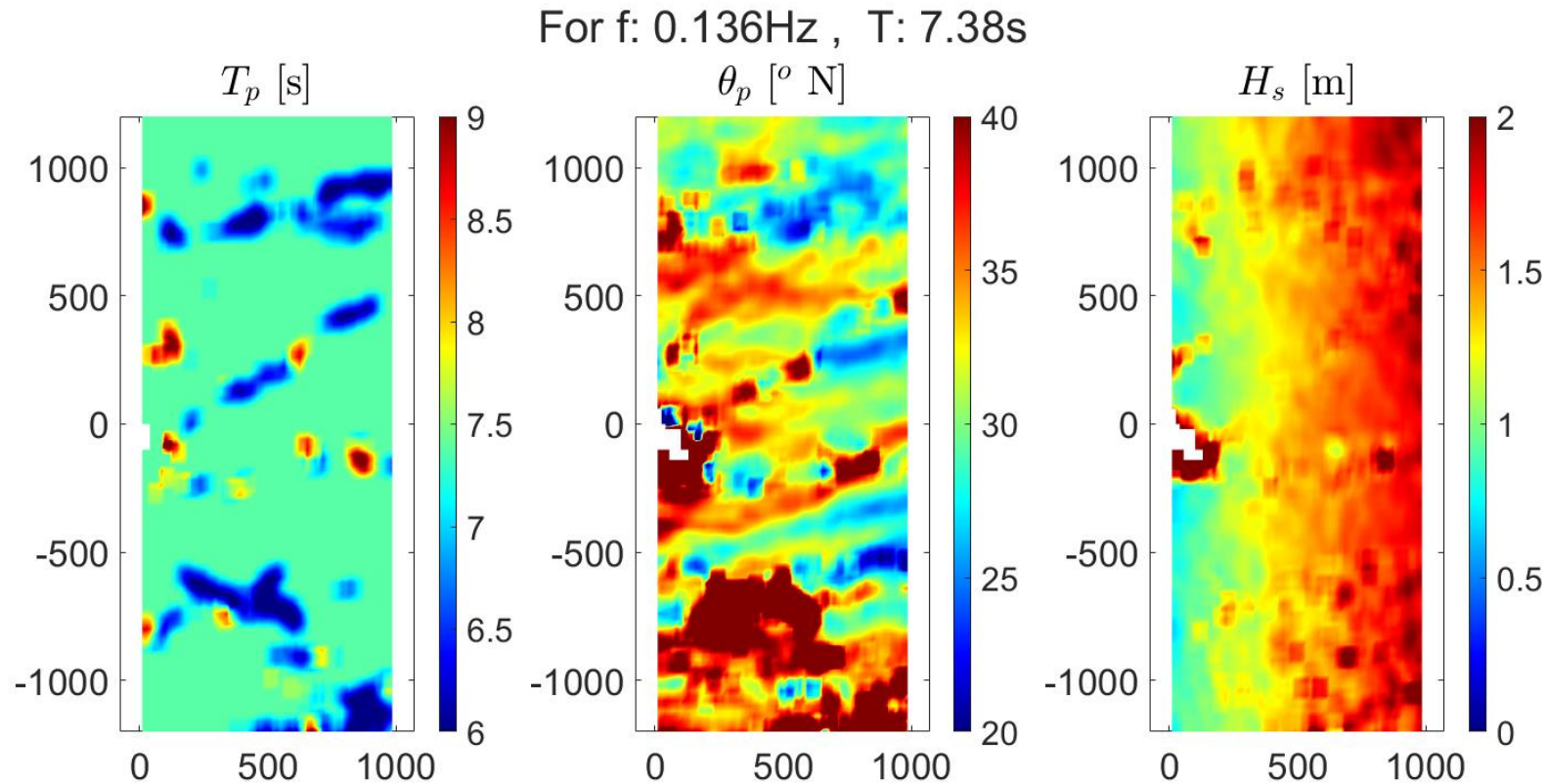
- $\alpha_{ad}$ : calibration coefficient to what extent amplitude dispersion is considered ( $\alpha_{ad}=0 \rightarrow$  shallow,  $\alpha_{ad}=1 \rightarrow$  solitary).
- $\gamma$ : breaker parameter

$$H = \frac{c^2}{g \left( \frac{1}{\gamma} + \alpha_{ad} \right)}, \quad c = \frac{\omega}{\kappa}$$

$$H_p = \sim 1.6 - 2.0 * H_s \quad [\text{Goda, 2000}]$$

# Methodology and Preliminary Analyses

→ Efforts to resolve spatiotemporal wave processes (cBathy)



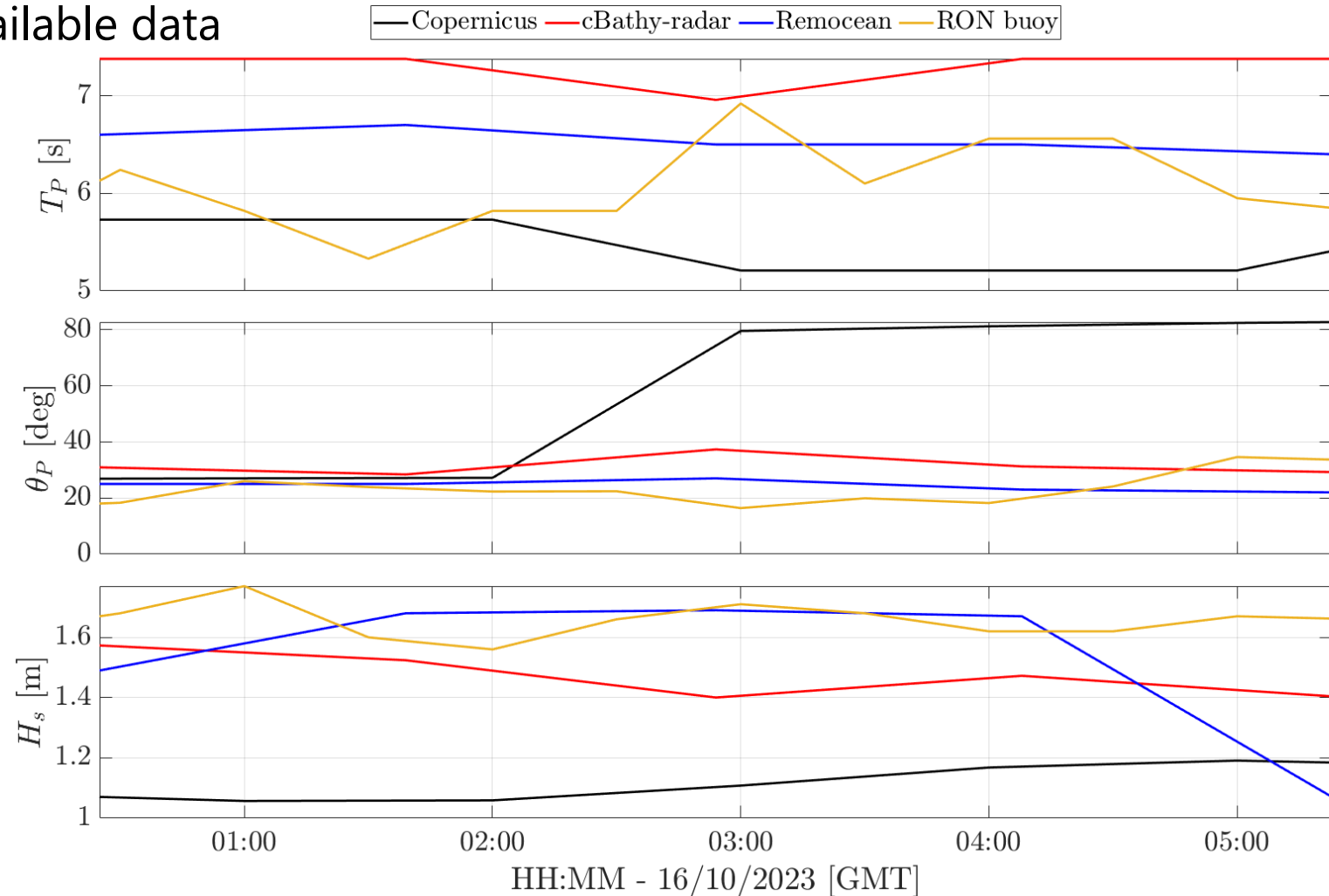
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→ Efforts to resolve spatiotemporal wave processes (cBathy)

- Comparison with available data

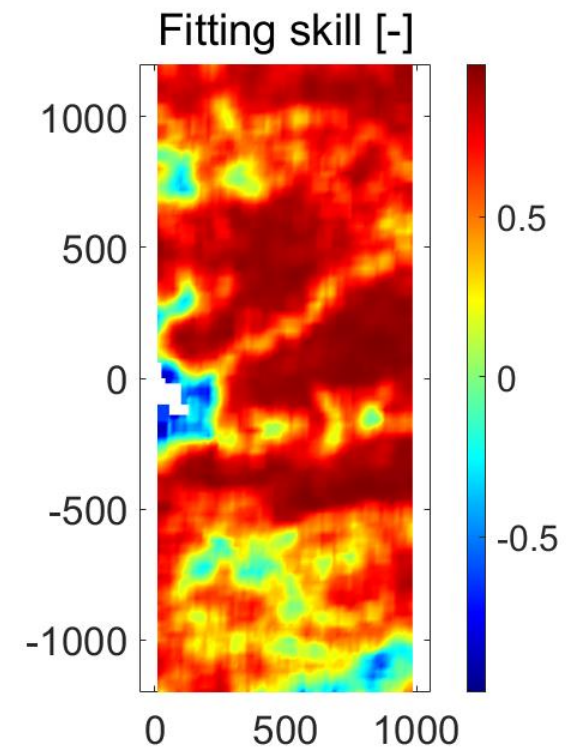
Model → 5-6 m

Buoy → 70 m



# Ongoing Studies

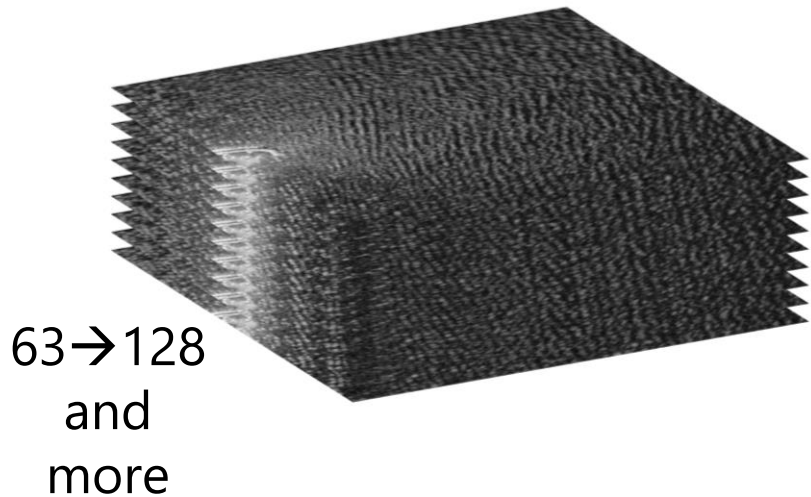
→ Improving skill of the cBathy



# Ongoing Studies

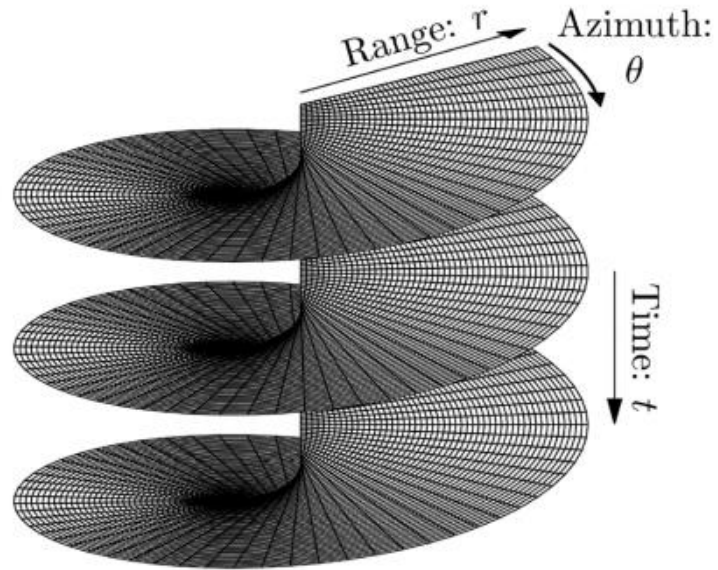
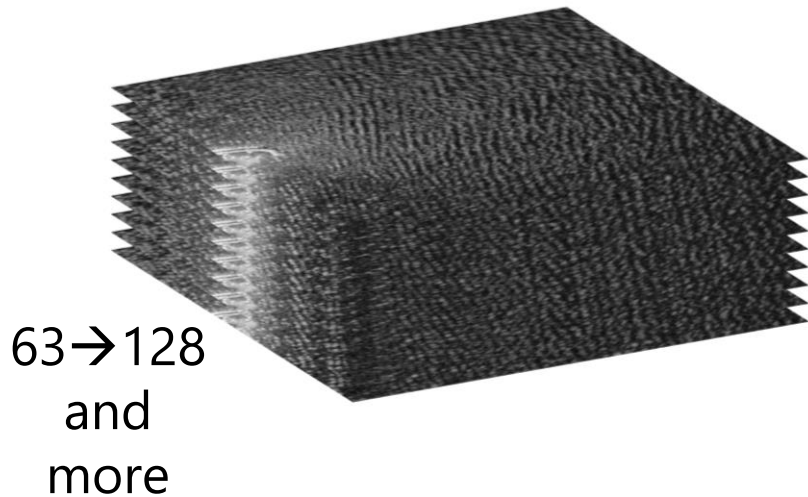
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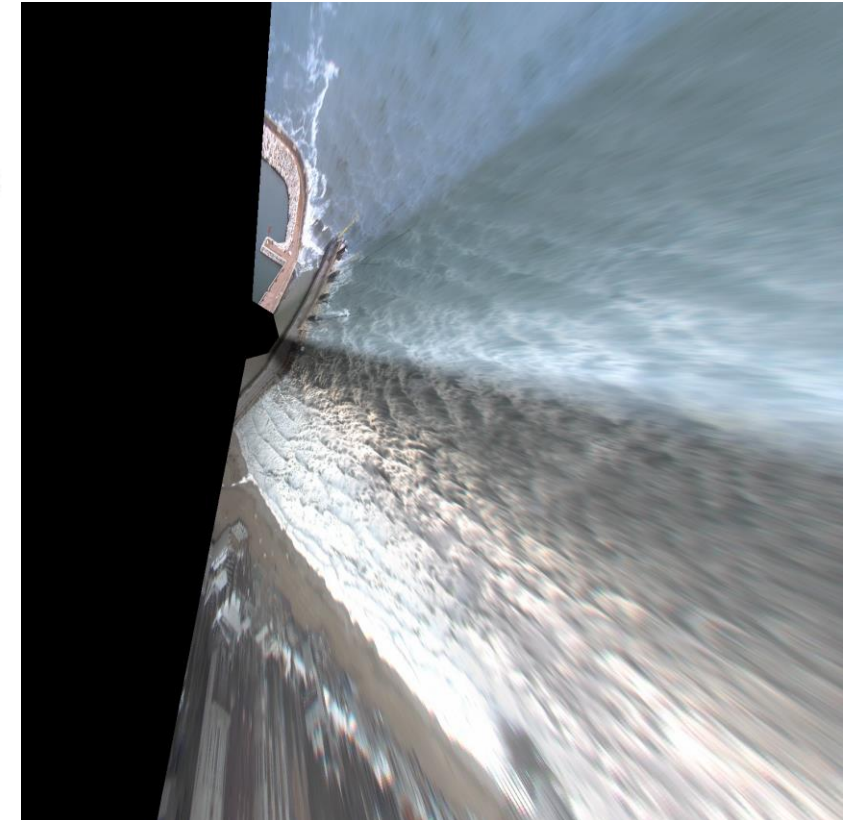
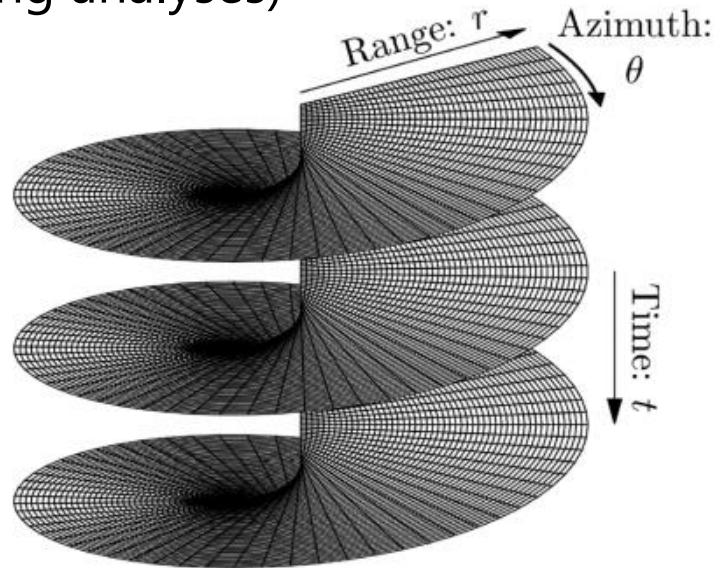
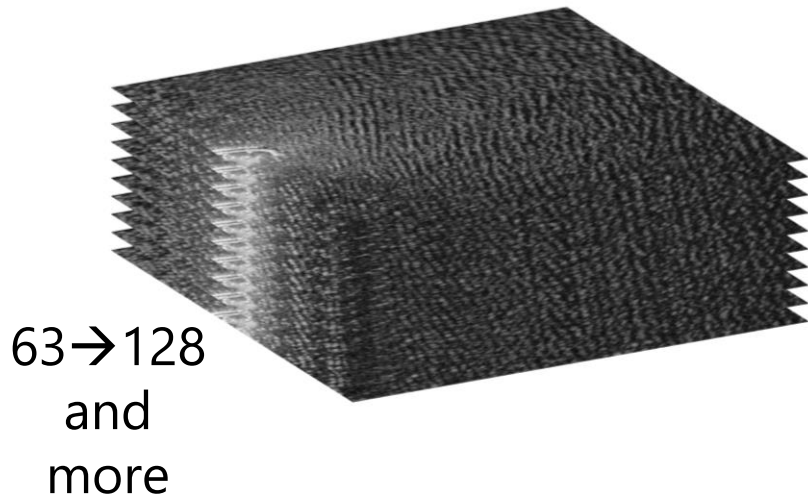




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→ Improving skill of the cBathy

- Increasing the recording number
- Apply phase correction
- Combine with camera system  
(wave characteristics and breaking analyses)







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# SEDIMARE DC MEETING

22.04.2024-24.04.2024

Nottingham, the UK

# THANKS

*EROSION AND TRANSPORT OF SAND-SILT MIXTURES*

**Nottingham Meeting**

## INTRODUCTION OF DC #3 IN SEDIMARE PROJECT

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*Promotor: P.C. Roos (Pieter)*

*Co-promotor: J.J. van der Werf (Jebbe)*

*Date: 2024 Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>*

# INTRODUCTION

## Research background

2015 – 2019

- Bachelor program

Taking bachelor degree at the ***Oceanology Department, University of Science, HCMC, Vietnam.***



2020 – 2022

- Master program

Master training at ***COAST (Coastal Ocean And Sediment Transport)*** research group, National Central University, Taiwan.



2023 – 2027

- PhD program

**UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.**

Studying the PhD program in the **University of Twente, Netherlands.** I am working on the SEDIMARE project under supervision of ***Dr. ir. Jebbe van der Werf*** and ***Dr. ir. Pieter Roos.***

The interdisciplinary training of 12 Doctoral Candidates (DC) in coastal processes and engineering, aiming towards a sustainable coastal use and protection.



**SEDIMARE #3:**  
Erosion and transport of sand-silt mixtures.



**SEDIMARE #7 (Jowi Miranda)**  
Practical morphological modelling of sand-mud mixtures

Collecting dataset of erosion and transport of sand-silt mixtures from laboratory experiments

Observe, identify and quantify the influence of silt on the erosion and transport of sand-silt mixtures.

Obtained knowledge will be translated into empirical models which can be easily be implemented in modeling (e.g. Delft3D and Xbeach)



Natural sediments primarily exist in mixtures of sand ( $63 \mu\text{m} \leq D < 2,000 \mu\text{m}$ ) and fine sediments ( $D < 63 \mu\text{m}$ ). These fine sediments are usually collectively called mud, and consist of silt ( $4 \mu\text{m} \leq D < 63 \mu\text{m}$ ) and clay ( $D < 4 \mu\text{m}$ ). Mixed sediments are prevalent in less dynamic systems (e.g. tidal basins, estuaries, rivers).



Mangrove forest with silty sediments in Mekong Delta (Vietnam)  
[Photo by [MangLub project](#)]



Silt in the Tamar River, Tasmania, Australia.  
[Photo by [ABC Northern Tasmania: Craig Heerey](#)]



Western Scheldt (river), Netherlands  
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Recently, there have been more studies focusing on the transport of mixed sediment. However, most of these studies treated clay and silt collectively as mud (Mitchener and Torfs, 1996; Van Ledden, 2003; Jacobs, 2011; Winterwerp et al., 2012; Colina Alonso et al., 2023). This is despite the fact that clay and silt are different in properties and behaviors and there are also many notable silt-dominated systems. **We still lack a thorough understanding of the role of silt in the erosion of sand-silt mixtures.**

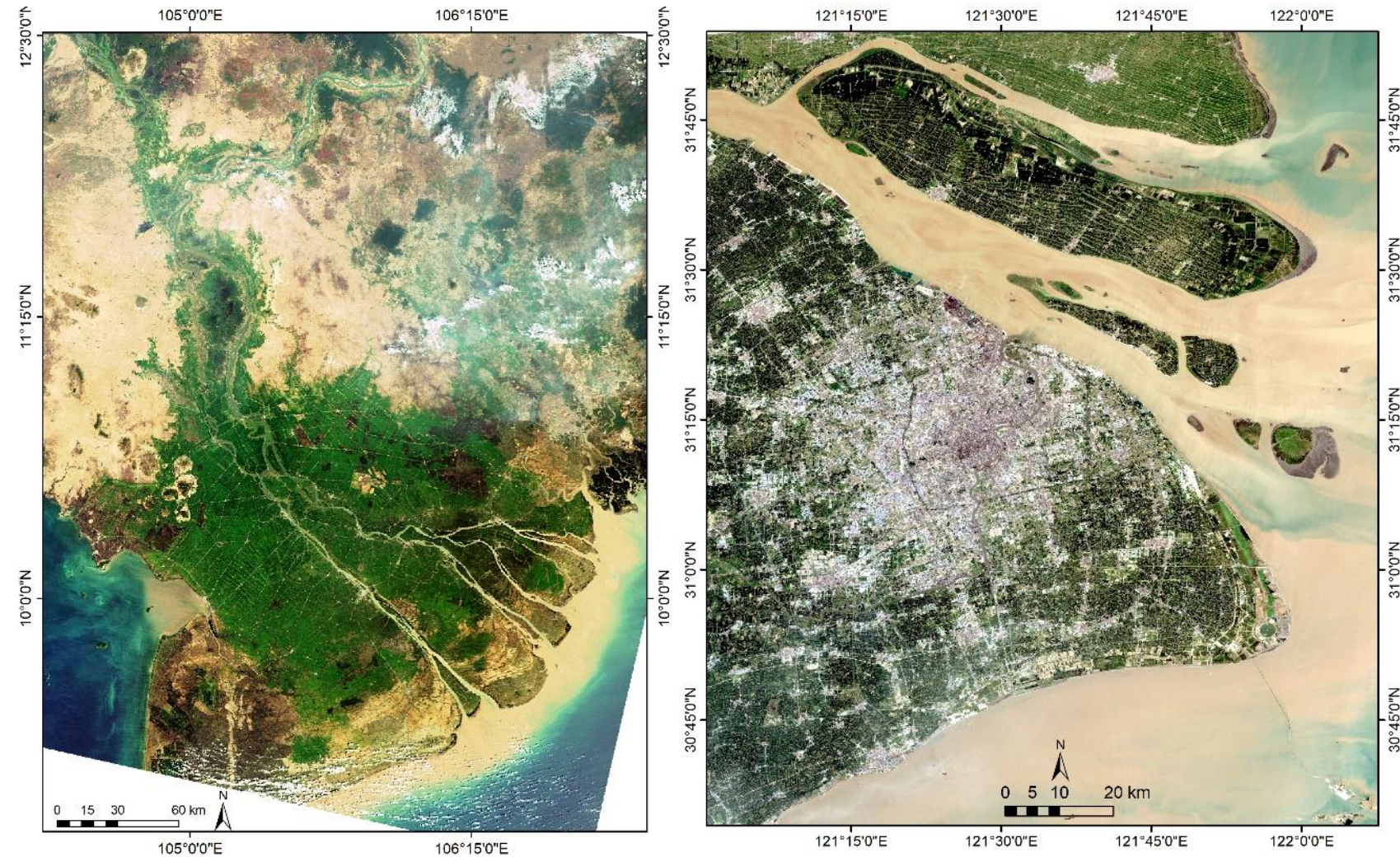


Figure 1. Satellite images of the Mekong Delta (a) taken by Envisat and the Yangtze Delta (b) taken by Shanghai Landsat 7, respectively.



### OBJECTIVE OF OUR PROJECT:

Collecting dataset of erosion and transport of sand-silt mixtures from **laboratory experiments**.

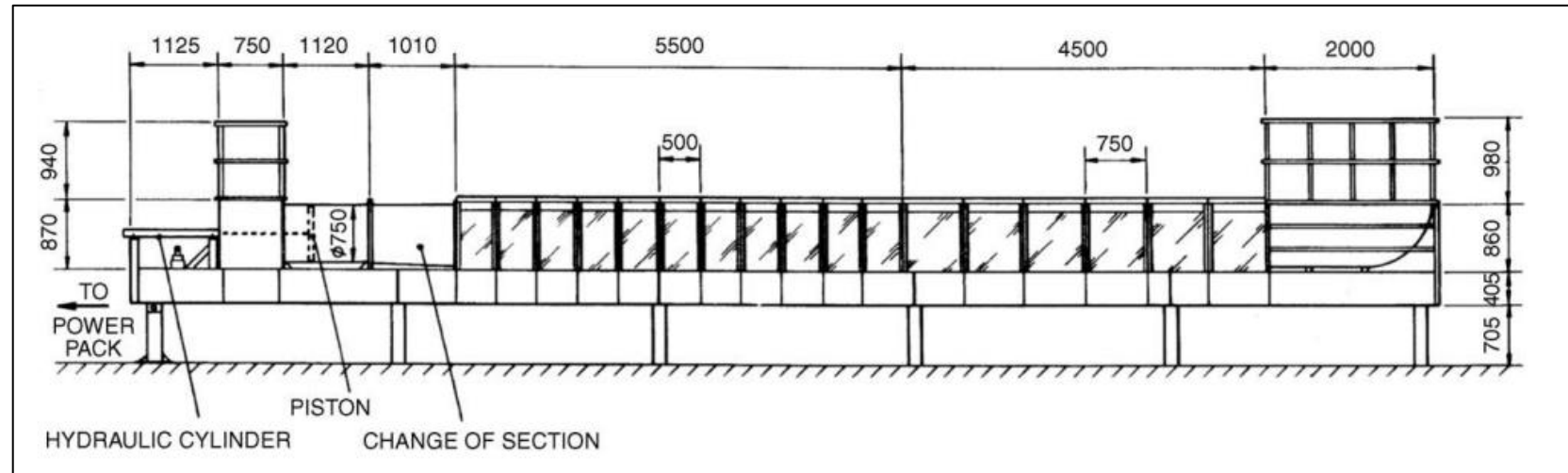
Observe, identify and quantify the influence of silt on the erosion and transport of sand-silt mixtures.

Obtained knowledge will be translated into empirical models which can be easily be implemented in modeling (e.g. Delft3D and Xbeach)

The **laboratory experiments** will be carried out at the **University of Aberdeen (UK)** in collaboration with Dr. ir. Dominic van der A and Prof. Dr. Thomas O'Donoghue.

### Main experiment

(10 m long, 0.75 m high and 0.3 m wide)



The Aberdeen oscillatory flow tunnel (**AOFT**) at the University of Aberdeen (van der Werf et al., 2006)

Before conducting the main experiments in AOFT, we will carry out a preparatory experiment in the small-scale oscillatory tunnel, also known as the **Aberdeen Mini Tunnel (AMT)**.

Observations, results, and experiences obtained from the preparatory experiments will inform the conditions, bed configurations and procedures of the main AOFT experiments.

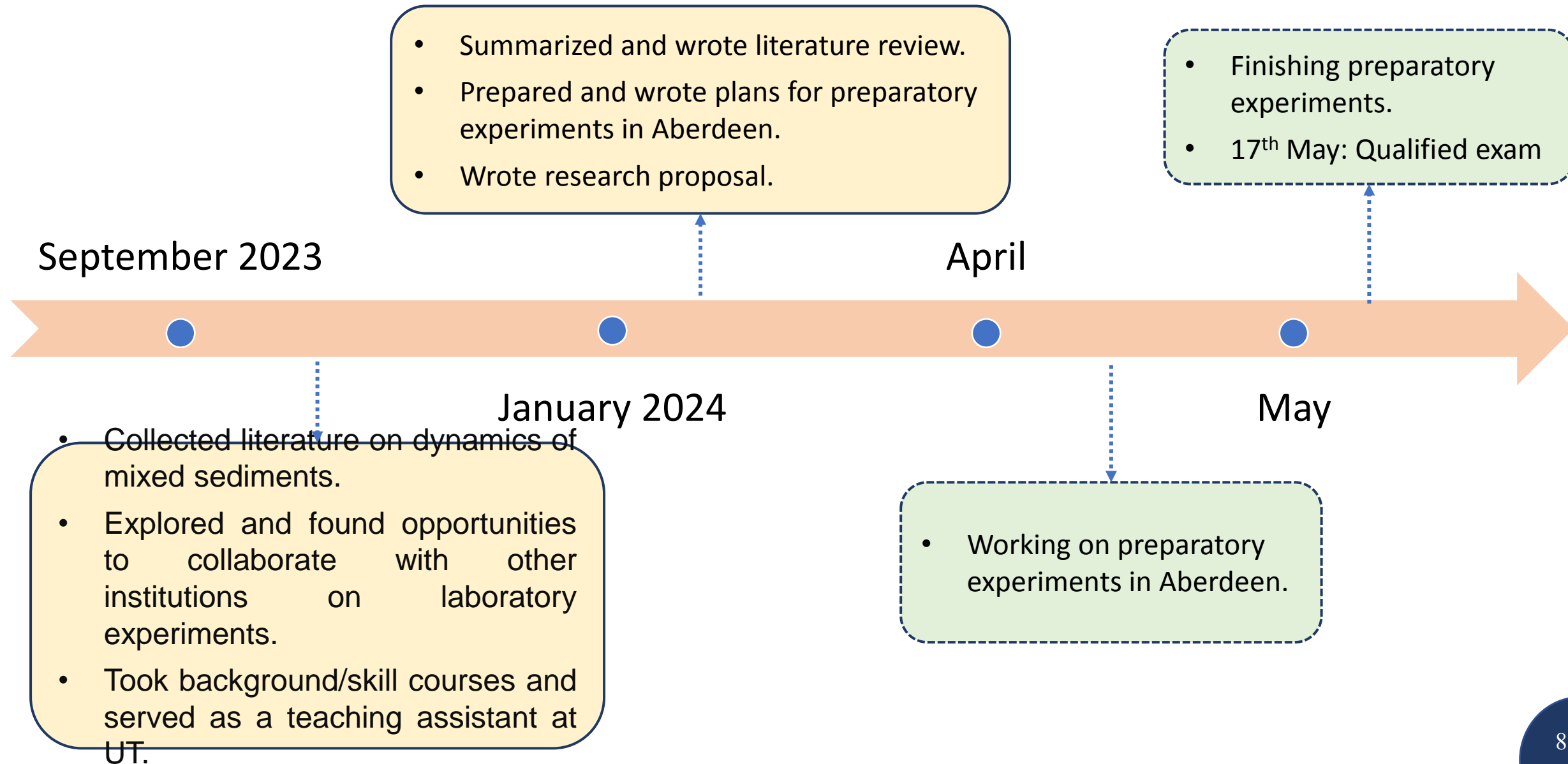
### Preparatory experiment



The Aberdeen Mini Tunnel (AMT) at the University of Aberdeen.

# *SEDIMARE #3 PROJECT*

## *Current progress*



### Research timeline

Task	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4			
Literature review																
Research proposal																
Preparatory experiments																
Qualifier			Q													
Main experiments																
Data analysis for erosion of sand-silt mixtures (RQ1)																
Writing paper 1									P1							
Data analysis for transport of sand-silt mixtures (RQ2)																
Writing paper 2											P2					
Data analysis to improve empirical formulas (RQ3)																
Writing paper 3													P3			
Writing dissertation																
Submit & Defense																D



A scenic view of a tropical beach. The foreground shows a sandy shore with gentle waves washing onto it, creating white foam. The water is a vibrant turquoise color. In the background, a lush green coastline with trees and rocks is visible under a bright blue sky filled with fluffy white clouds.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
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**Prof. Athanassios Dimas – UPATRAS**  
**Prof. Matteo Postacchini – UNIVPM**

**DC 4: Mixing and transport in the coastal area**

**22 Apr., 2024**

- ❑ The focus of this research project is the **development of a 2D numerical solver** for the hydro-morphodynamics in the nearshore area to extract the Lagrangian motion/flow field, also with the support of UPATRAS (where a secondment period is planned).
- ❑ In my project, **to extract the Lagrangian motion and flow field**, the open solver **FUNWAVE-TVD** will be utilized. It uses a Total Variation Diminishing (**TVD**) scheme, which helps to maintain the accuracy and stability of the numerical solutions. **FUNWAVE-TVD** is an example of the recently improved models implementing a high-order adaptive time-stepping.
- ❑ I am working on simple cases on FUNWAVE TVD for my case study to analysis a simulation of nearshore processes and providing insights into wave-sediment interactions and their impact on nearshore morphology
- ❑ To gather data and validate numerical models for investigating the mixing and transport of particles due to different characteristics:

**Numerical modeling**

Real-world nearshore cases will be numerically modeled, where mixing easily occurs and significantly impacts on the transported particles (sediments or pollutants)

**Laboratory experiments**

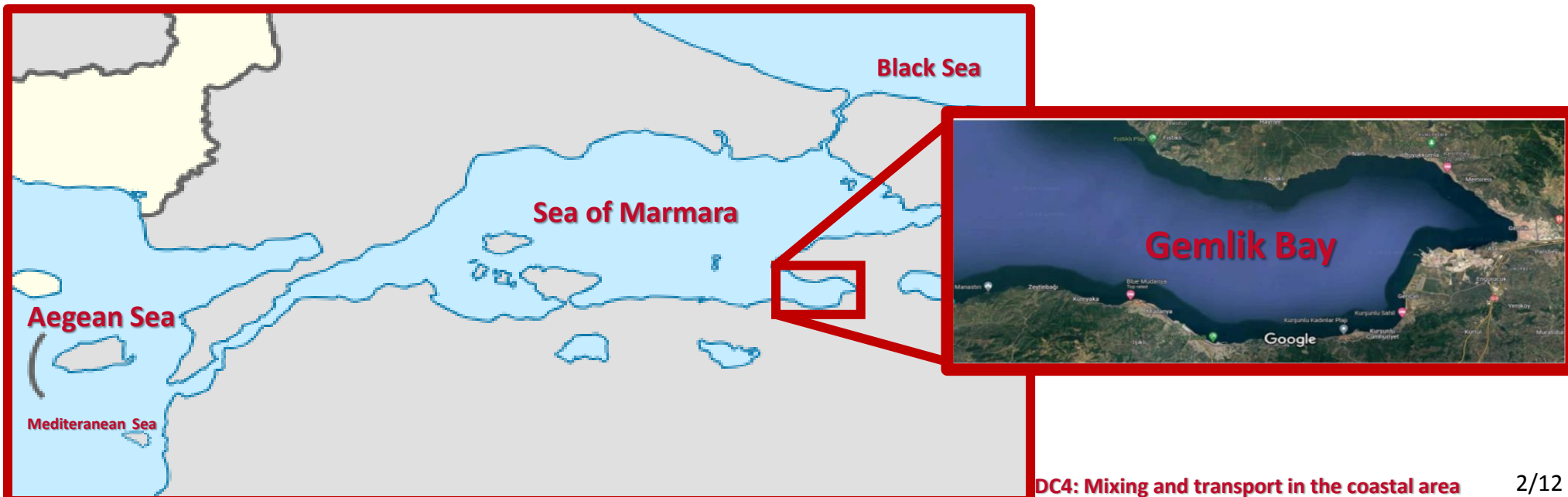
Controlled experiments will be conducted to model physical processes occurring around breakwater and the motion of suspended particles for monitoring and analyzing

**Field measurements**

The video-monitoring system at the Misa River Estuary will be used to track surficial sediment transport and circulation patterns around existing coastal structures

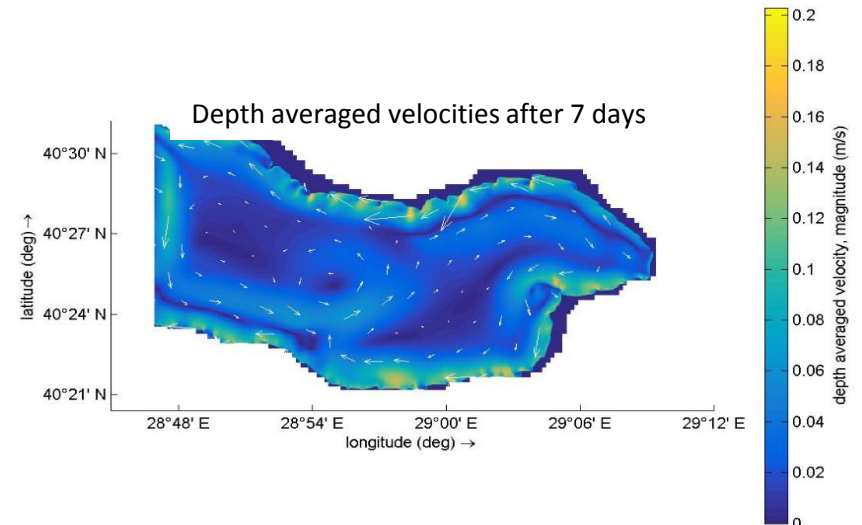
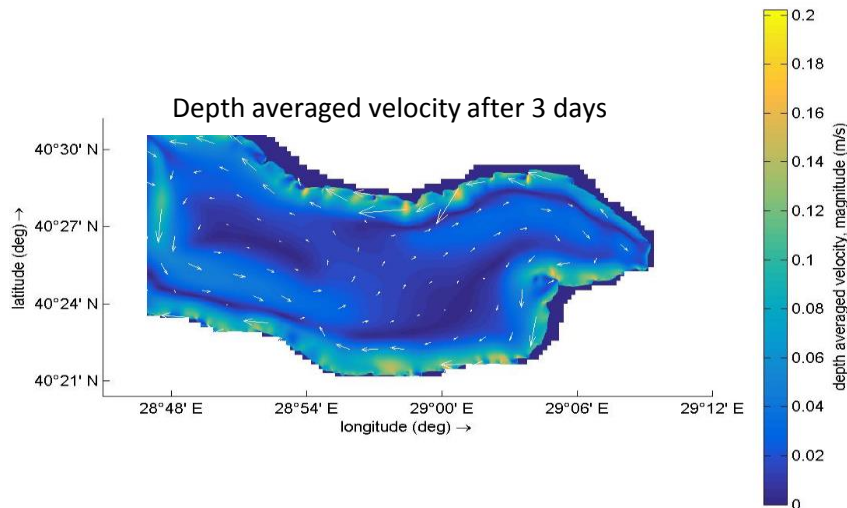
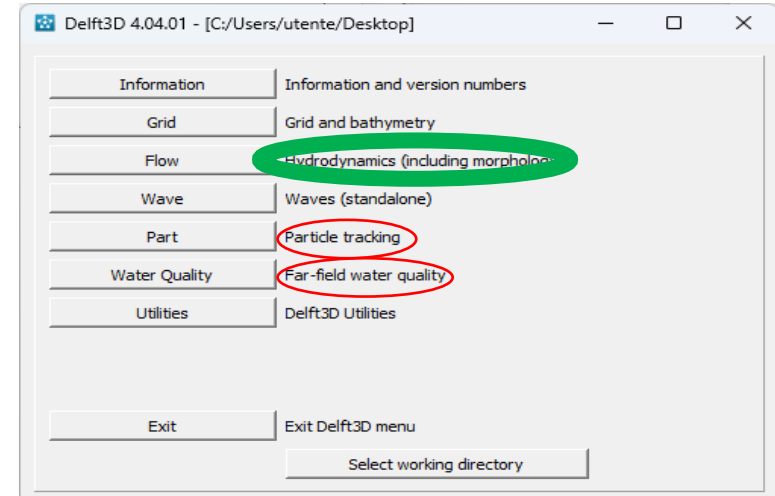
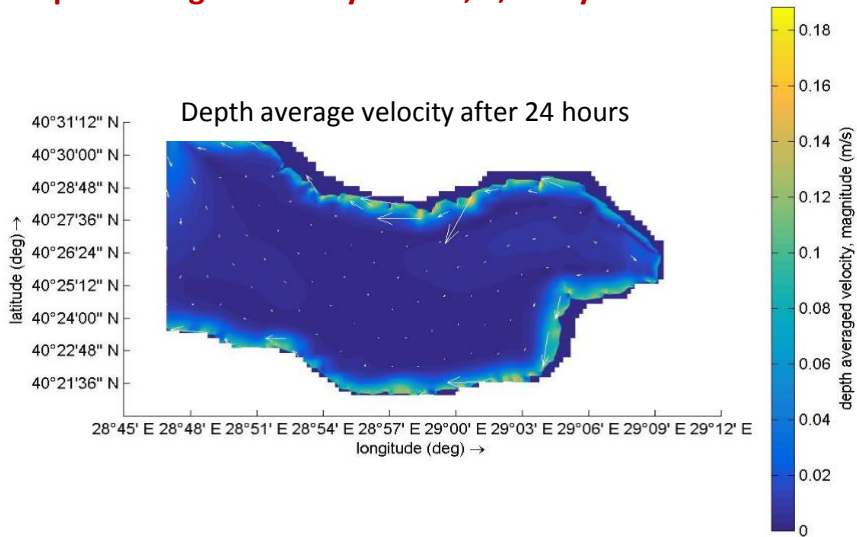
## Introduction

- ❑ The **Sea of Marmara** is a permanently stratified water body:
  - *Differences in salinity* in the two large adjacent basins
  - *Stratified based on temperature*
- ✓ So, due to variations in salinity or temperature, **pycnocline** forms (sharp gradients in density).
- **Gemlik Bay** is an inlet of the Sea of Marmara, in the Marmara region of **Turkey**, which is located in the southwestern part of the sea of Marmara.
- ✓ Gemlik Bay is **open to the waves** coming from the band between northwest and southwest.
- ❑ Based on measurements in the Sea of Marmara, three "**warm and saline**" and **upwelling events** were observed **during autumn and winter** scientific expeditions.
- Using **Delft-3D**: circulation flow was simulated in Gemlik bay.
- Using **Delft-3D**: investigating how varying salinity and temperature over time and at different depths by consideration of Bosphorus trait entering the sea Marmara salinity flow from Aegean Sea (Next step)



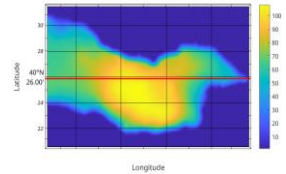
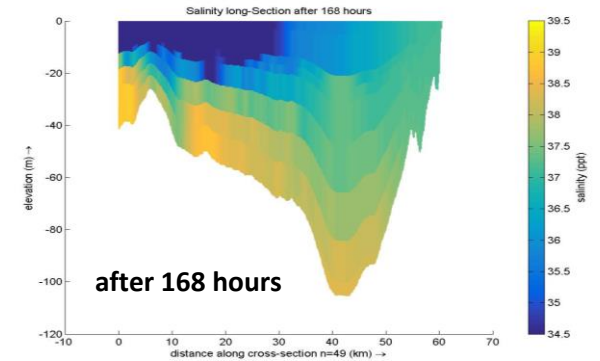
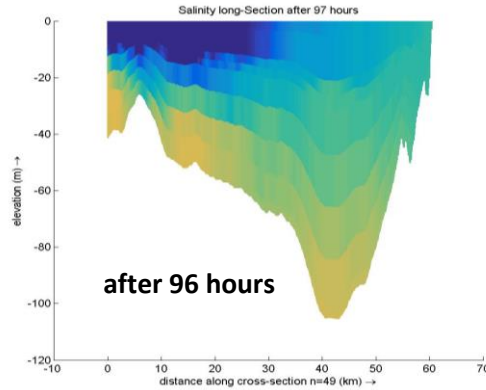
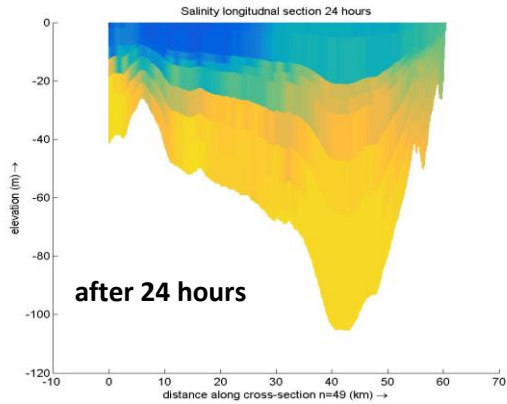
❑ To investigate the flow circulation in Gemlik Bay, the hydrodynamic module, **Delft-3D- Flow**, was used.

➤ **Depth averaged velocity after 1, 3, 7 days:**

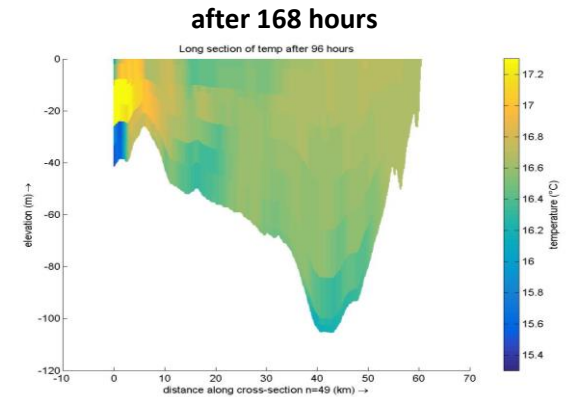
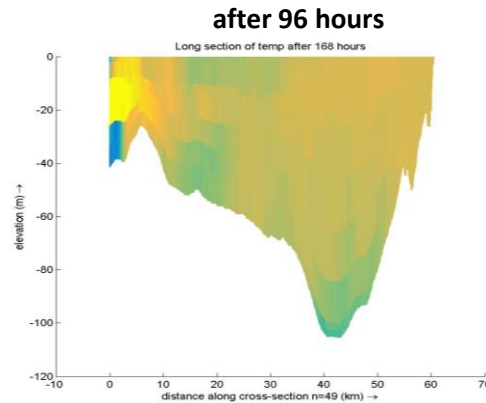
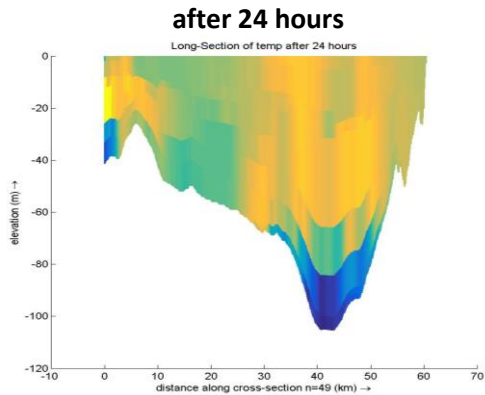




## Salinities profile:

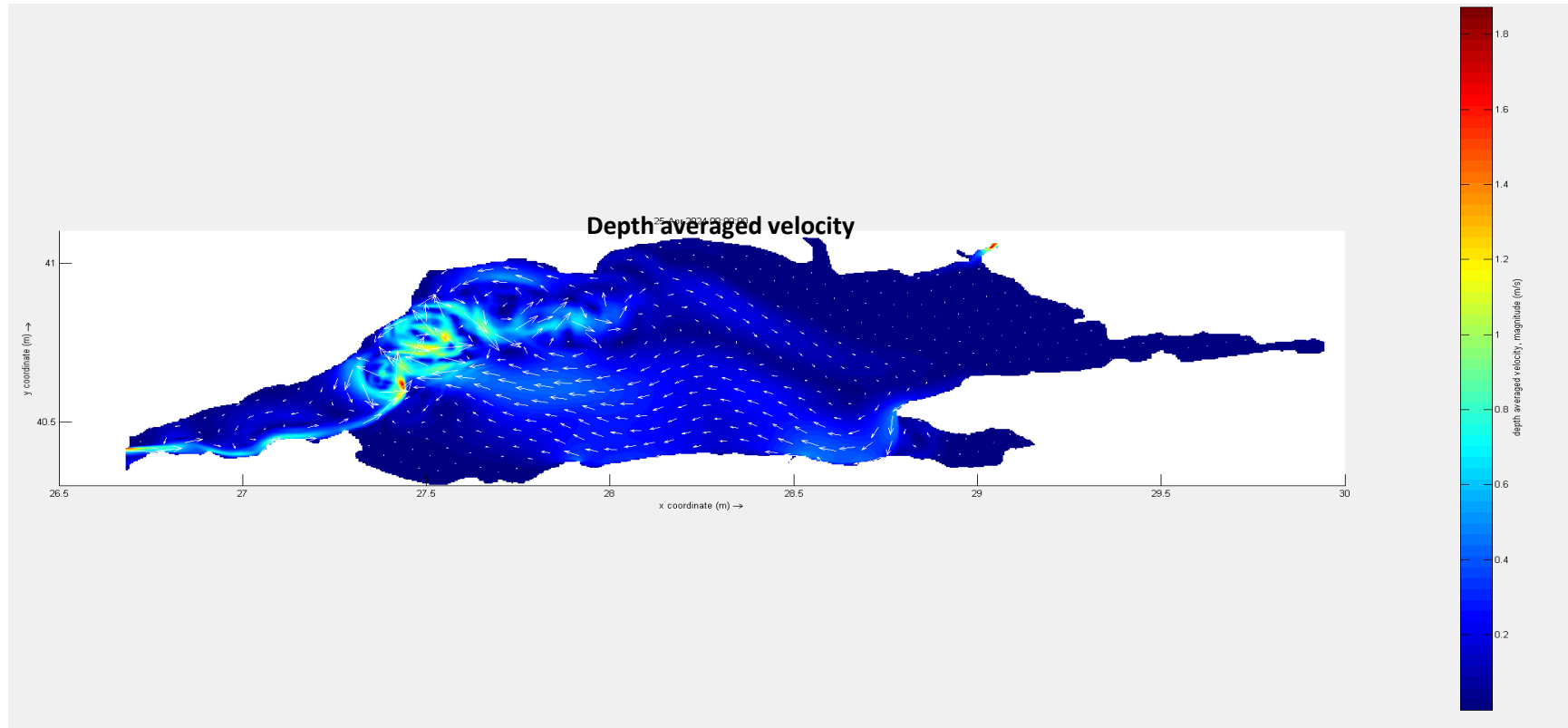


## Temperature profile:



- ✓ From these figures, you can see non uniform profiles. After 24 hours of the simulation, it shows comparatively low values of the surface temperature.

❑ Simulation for all region:

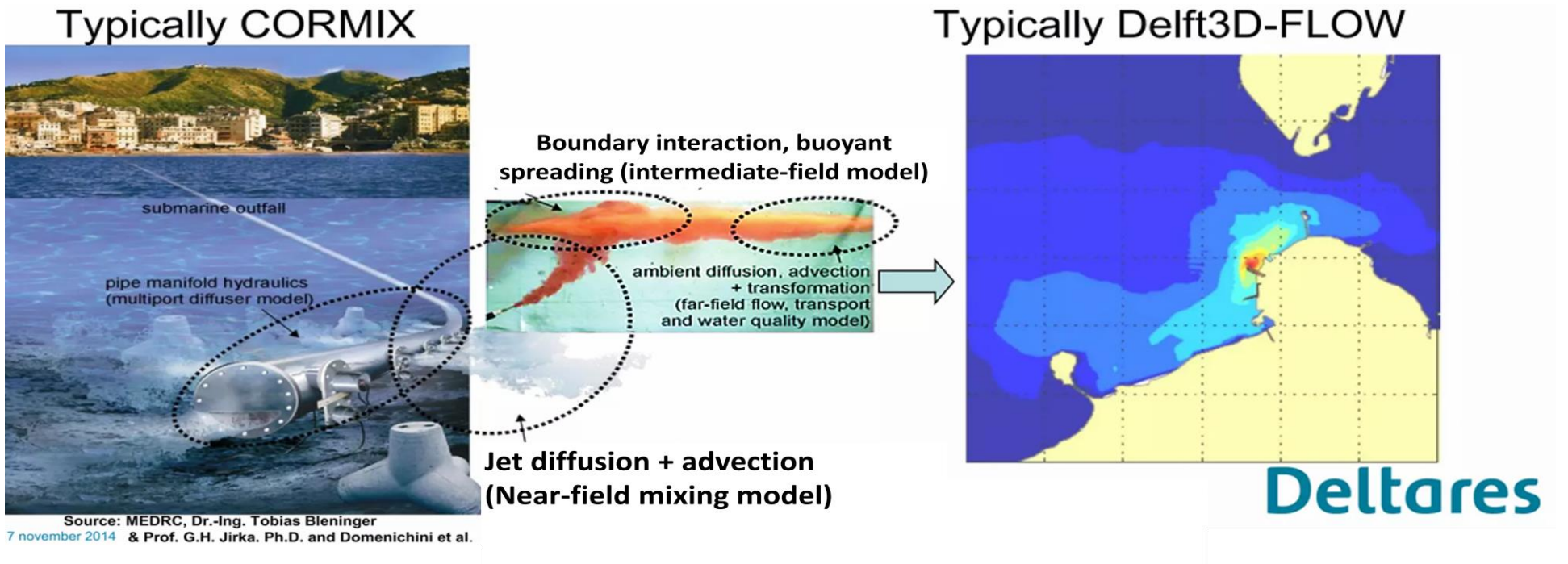


- **The Marmara Sea** plays a **crucial role** in the distribution of oxygen and water masses.
- **Mixing** due to atmospheric conditions and the jet stream from the Bosphorus and salinity flow from Mediterranean sea lead to an increase in the vertical mixing which readouts in the weakening of the stratification in Gemlik Bay.

## Numerical part

- ❑ Turbulence in the ocean directly controls transport and dispersion of materials in the ocean water.
- Many such materials directly affect human and ecosystem health and human activities (e.g. microplastic, oil and nutrients and phytoplankton), **making their mixing and transport mechanisms an important topic of investigation.**

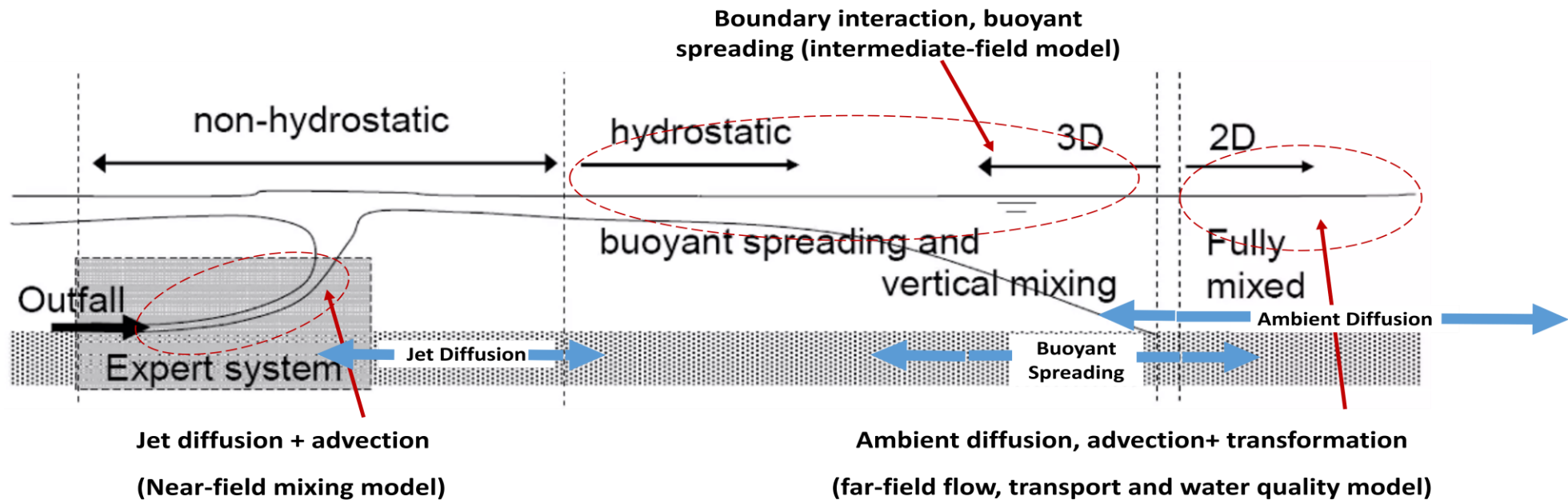
### ❑ Coupling Delft3D- FLOW with CORMIX:



One of the challenges of current oceanic sciences research is **to understand and predict the vertical mixing and horizontal transport of properties** in the Ocean Surface.

❑ By coupling Delft3D- FLOW with CORMIX:

- **Coupling of near-field and far field models** is required to accurately and efficiently assess the characteristics of the outfall plume on all spatial scales.



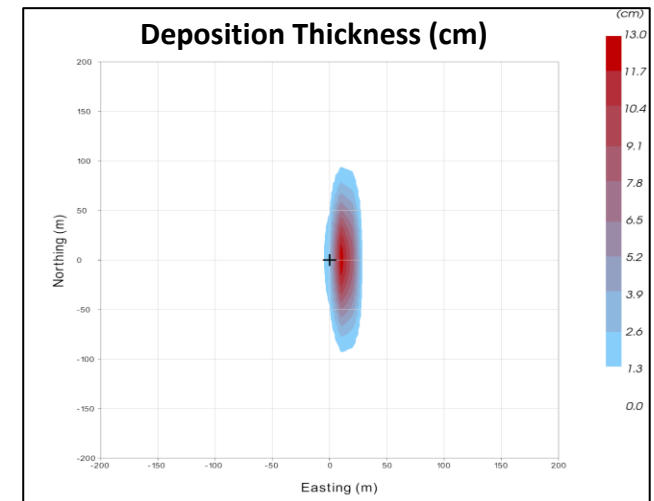
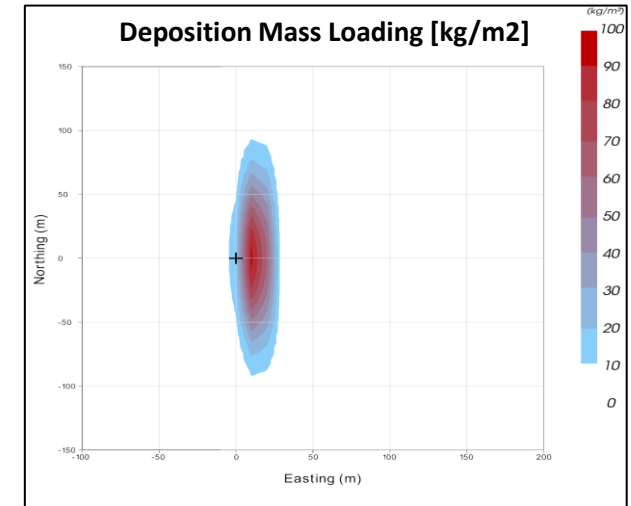
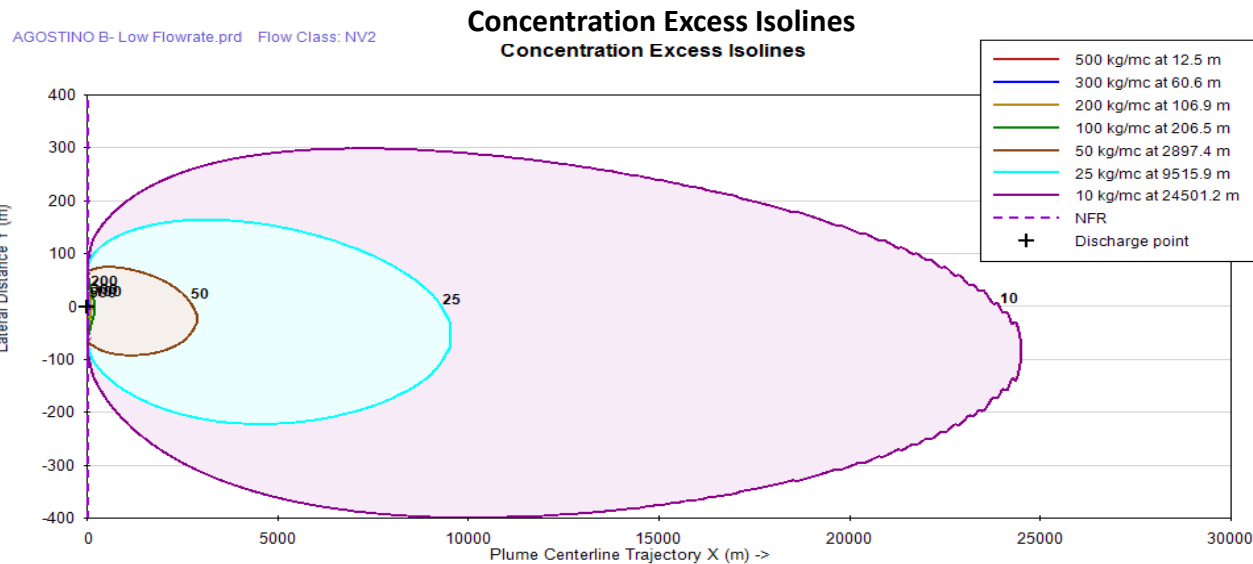
- ✓ Predicting the vertical distribution of microplastics in the ocean surface mixed layer is necessary for extrapolating surface measurements and comparing observations across conditions.

- ❑ **CORMIX** software is broadly accepted as an easy-to-use powerful tool for accurate and reliable point source **mixing analysis**.
- ❑ In my project, I will utilize **CORMIX** to further investigate the **sediment transport** in coastal areas and the effect of **pollutants released with sediments**.
- ✓ It is a specialized software system used for analyzing mixing zones that occur when pollutants are discharged into water bodies
- ❑ About CORMIX: There are different simulation models in **CORMIX** :
  - CORMIX 1: single port discharges.
  - CORMIX 2: submerged multiport diffusers.
  - CORMIX 3: buoyant surface discharges.
  - DHYDRO: dense brine and/or sediment discharges (single port, submerged multiport, or surface discharges).
- ❑ **Input data in CORMIX**:
  - A**: Pollutant Properties
  - B**: Environmental Conditions
  - C**: Discharge Parameters

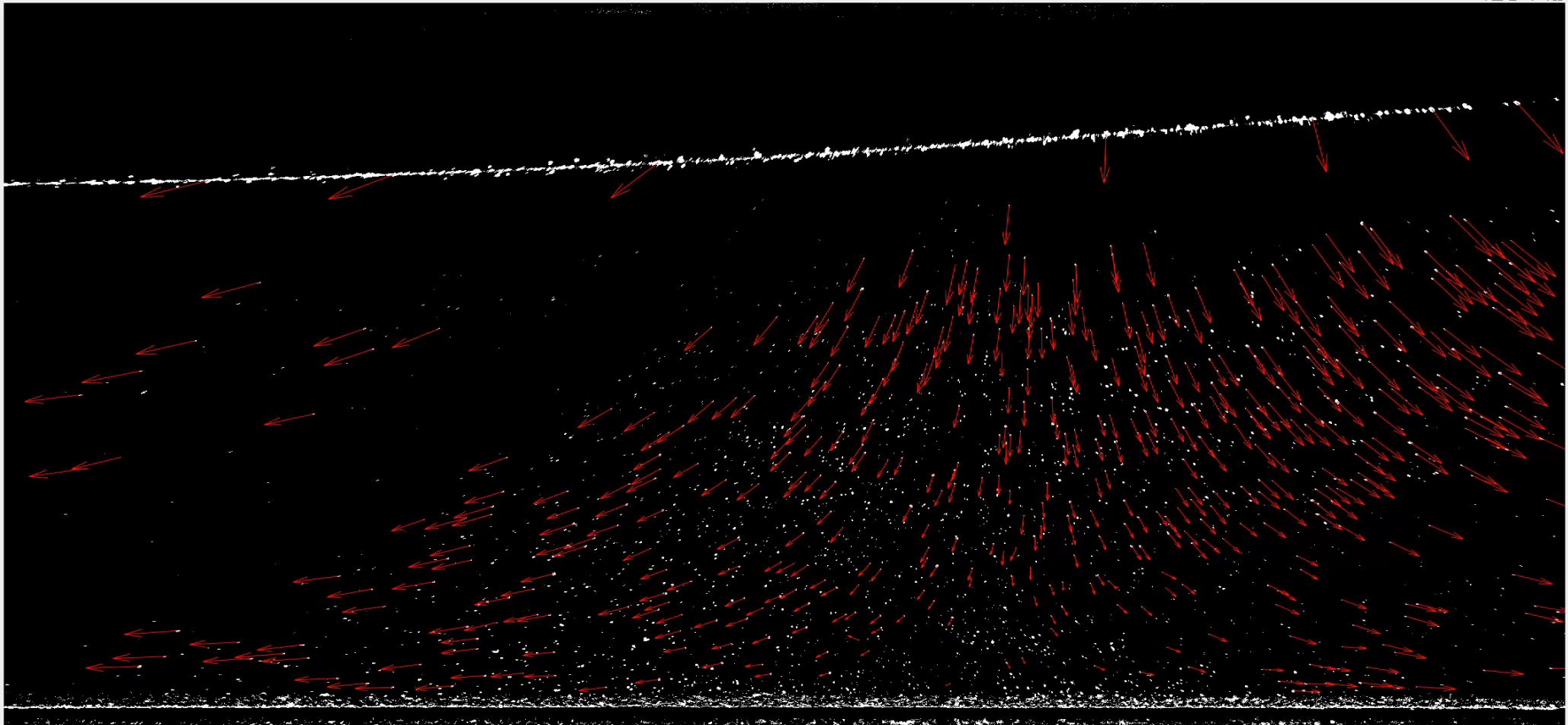


Test Platform	Current Velocity [m/s]	Mass Discharge [kg/s]	Effluent Concentration [kg/mc]	Effluent Density	Effluent Flowrate [mc/s]	N_legs	(DISTB) [km]	Water Depth (H-D) [m]	Z break [m]	Y break [m]	Nearshore Bottom Slope (i)	Far Slope
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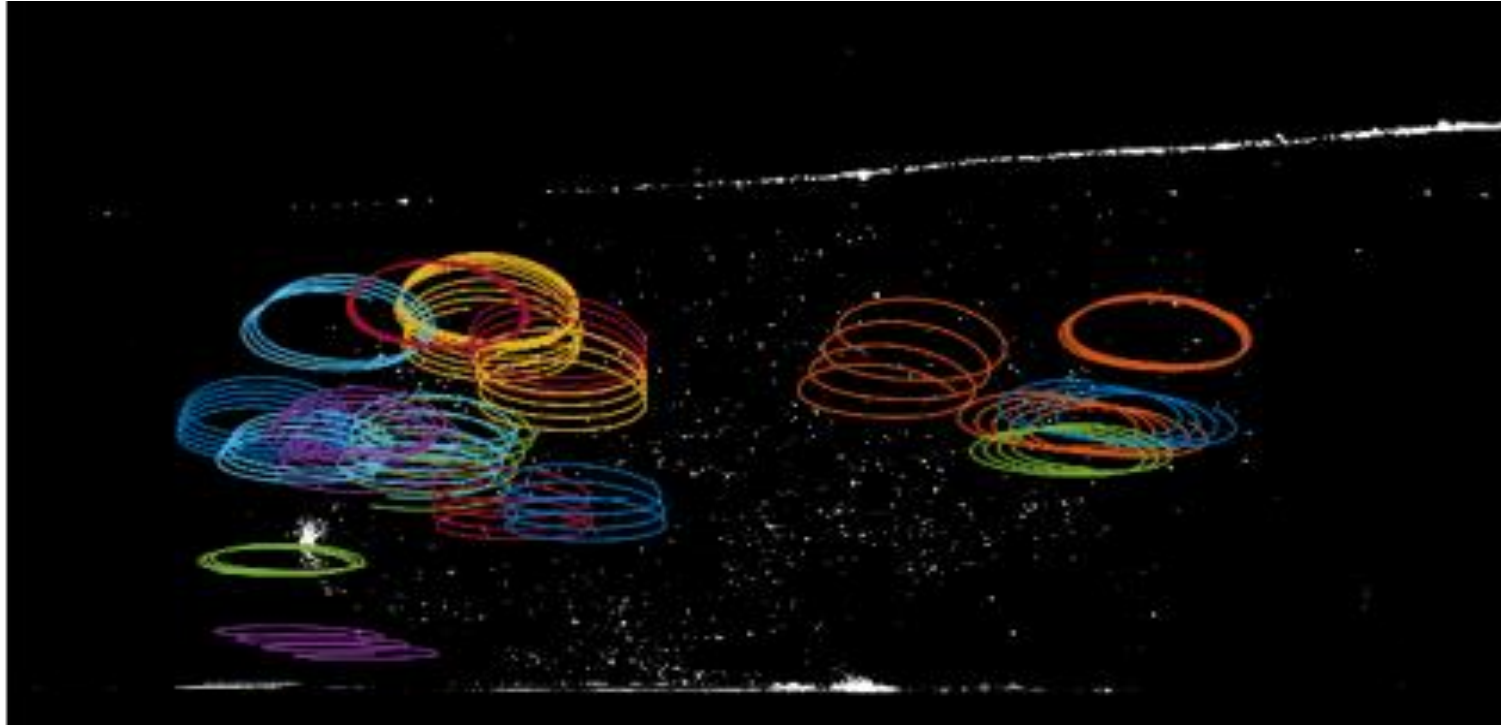
Discharge time = 0,599 h refers to the duration required for an excavator operating at minimum efficiency (100 m3/s)



- ✓ **Both erosion and dispersion** play crucial roles in shaping the morphology of sediment beds and influencing sediment transport patterns.
- ❑ The link between morphological changes and bed-exchange processes of erosion and dispersion can be understood through the concept of *particle tracking*.
- ❑ **Particle tracking** is a numerical method used to simulate the movement of individual particles within a fluid or granular system.
- ❑ We performed some **experimental tests** in the laboratory at UNIVPM under monochromatic and bichromatic waves to explore the behavior of the particles



- Performing post-processing consists of the proper tracing of particles.
- By reviewing each frame, particle trajectories are then extracted.



- ✓ Our objective was to analyze the position and direction of each trajectory with respect to the wave.
- ✓ **So, particle tracking** provides valuable information about the dynamics of erosion and dispersion processes and their impact on morphological changes.

- ❑ By combining this approach with other techniques such as field measurements and laboratory experiments, we can gain a comprehensive understanding of sediment transport and bed evolution in natural systems.
- ❑ The awareness of plastic pollution and its environmental consequences has grown significantly in recent years.

✓ We will do lab experiments on plastic floaters, using available colored balls

To model physical processes occurring around coastal structures and the motion of suspended particles.

❑ Different scenarios

varying wave conditions

tidal level

particle characteristics

will be tested to understand their effects on particle movement and distribution

❑ Scenarios will be based on the use of:

- 1) floating particles with different features (density, size, shape)
- 2) groups of particles with different aggregation rates (congested and uncongested configurations)
- 3) different flow features (wave height, period, water depth)

- We can have distribution of different densities, shapes, and sizes of plastic debris to investigate the effect of waves and wave-induced currents on the input rate.

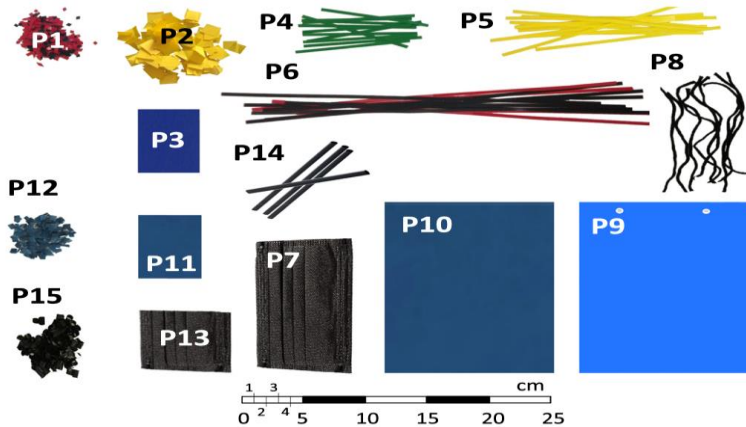


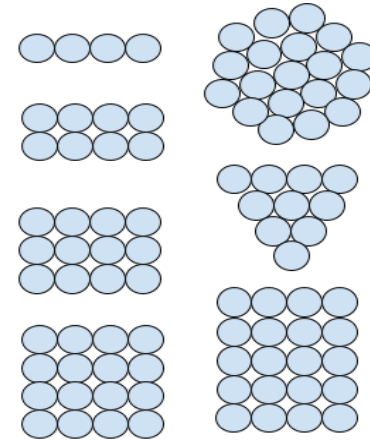
Fig. 2. Plastic debris types ( $P_i$ ) under study.

Núñez et al (2023)

Uncongested



Congested



- ✓ By mitigating plastic pollution, we can help protect marine and coastal ecosystems and preserve the invaluable services they provide.

## Field measurement

- **In the case of field experiments**, the video-monitoring system at the Misa River Estuary (nearby UNIVPM) will be used to track surficial sediment transport and circulation patterns around existing coastal structures (e.g., jetty, harbor).





Thank you  
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# Morphodynamic Analysis of the upper confined and unconfined beach profiles during Episodic events

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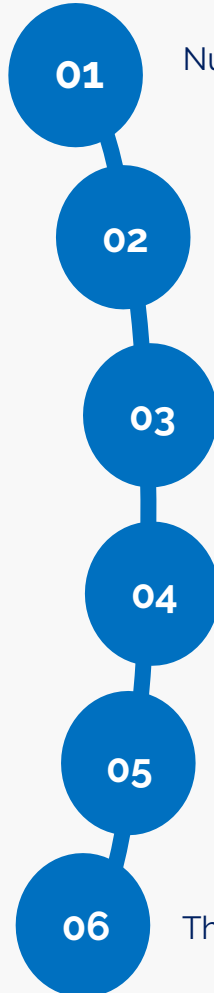
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# I INTRODUCTION

- 
- 01 Numerical models can accommodate the physics behind the coastal processes quite accurately
  - 02 Wave averaged models have limitations in predicting certain aspects of morphodynamics including swash zone dynamics while Lagrangian and two-phase models are highly accurate but with expensive computational needs
  - 03 IH2VOF-SED a Eulerian one phase model employing RANS equations provides a great compromise in-between
  - 04 With IH2VOF-SED model processes behind breaker bar evolution, movement and stabilization, role of infra-gravity waves will be explored
  - 05 With implementations within the model to include submerged vegetation and structures, the model will be put to use for computing the influence of these measures in morphodynamic processes.
  - 06 The final product would be an improved functional 2DV numerical model available for practical use

## II Background IH2VOF

2DV RANS based solver

Turbulence is accounted using a k- $\epsilon$  closure model

Finite difference computational approach in a structured orthogonal mesh

Free surface reconstruction using Volume of Fluid technique

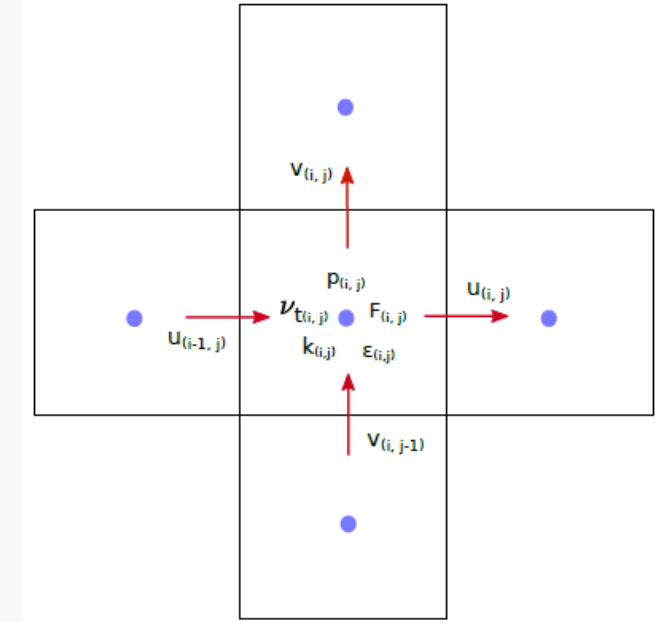
Incorporation of solid boundary using partial cell treatment

Two step projection method is used as numerical solving procedure

VARANS equations for solved for flows in the porous media

A well validated model which can different real world scenarios

Accurately predict runup, overtopping, pressure and forces on the structures



Computed variables

1	1	0.91	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
1	1	0.68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0.89	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	0.96	0.31	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	0.99	0.46	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.61	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.75	0.07
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.86
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Partial cell Treatment



Wave run-up and overtopping over a structure



### III Background IH2VOF- SED

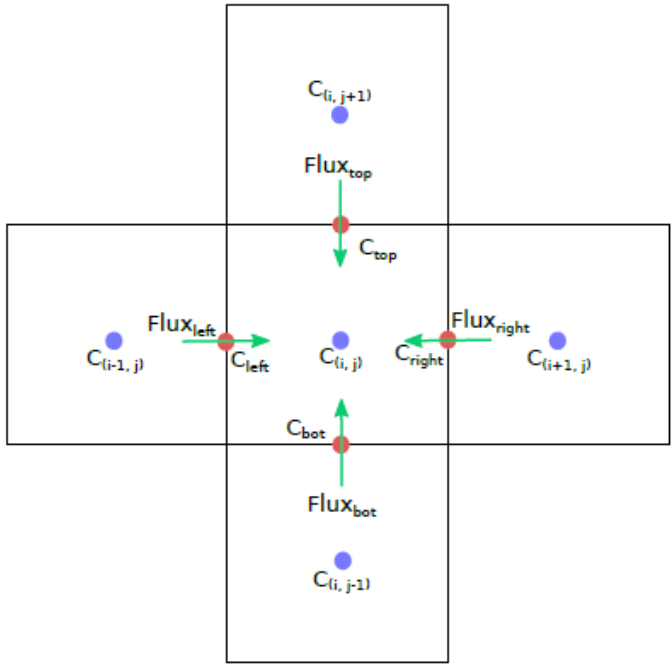
Bedload transport is computed by a instantaneous transport rate formula proposed by Roulund et.al 2005

Suspended load transport is computed by solving advective – diffusive equation

Reference Concentration is used for fluid-solid boundary layer, formulation by Smith and McLean, 1977

For seabed displacement a sediment balance equation is used

García-Maribona, J et.al (2021, 2022)

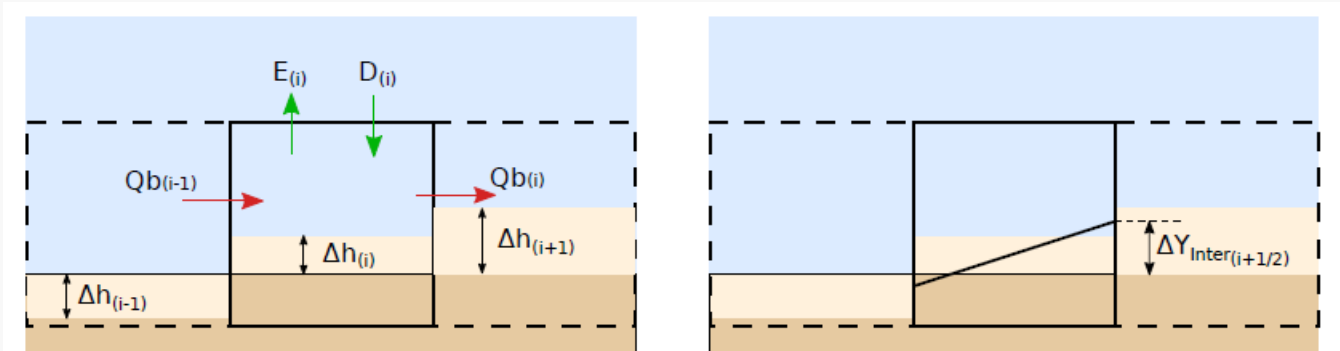


Computed variables

In its current state the implementation is only tested for regular wave erosive condition

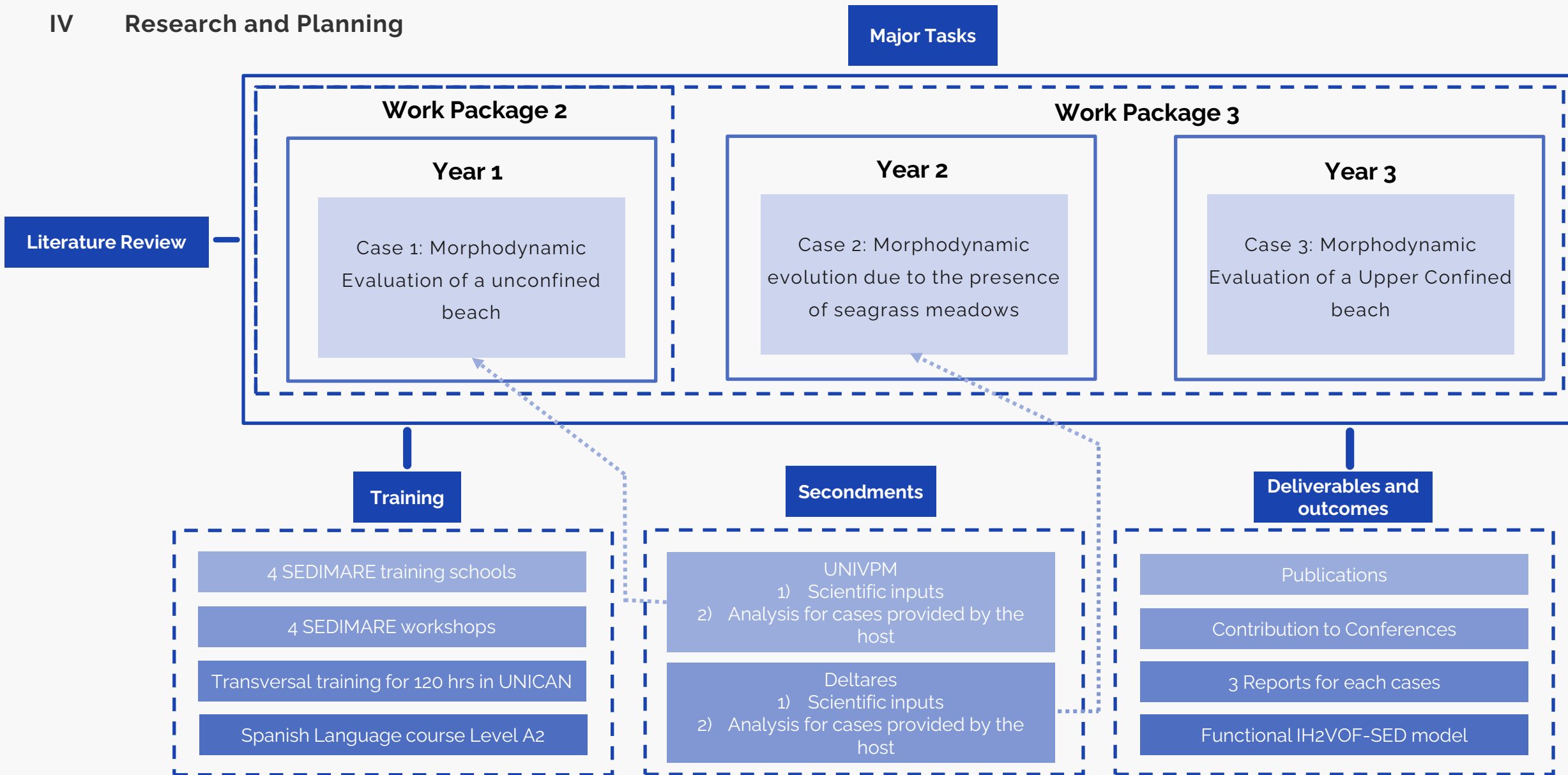
The model needs further validation under irregular wave and accretive condition

Incorporation of other schemes to capture vegetative impacts and structural implementation



Bed displacement computation

# IV Research and Planning



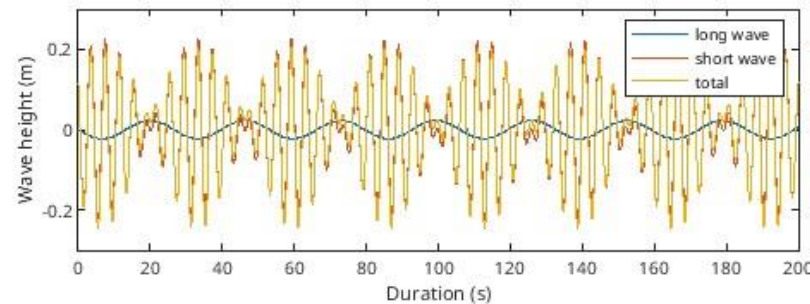
## V CASE I – Morphodynamic Evaluation for unconfined beach OB-1 and WP-2

1. Validation for biochromatic and irregular wave condition
2. Evolution of breaker bar under alternating erosive and accretive Bichromatic waves
3. Inclusion of infragravity waves bound to the short waves to evaluate its influence

### Validation case

- Different sequences of alternating erosive and accretive conditions will be tested
- The work will be based on Grossmann et al., 2023)

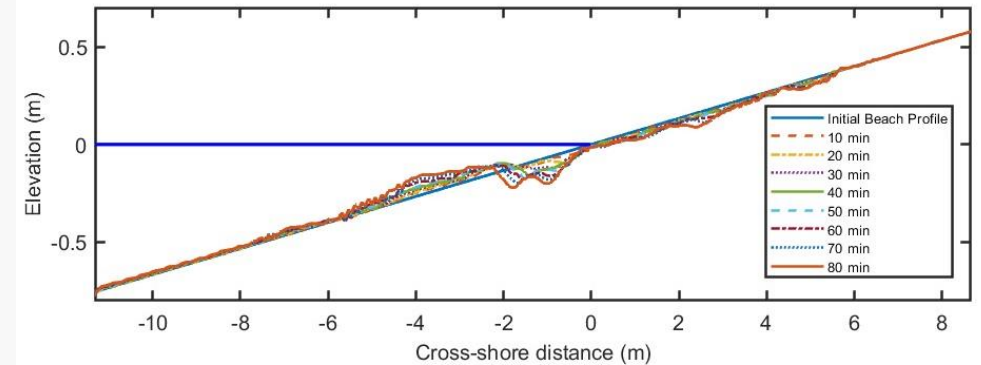
Wave condition			$H_{rms}$ (m)	$T_p$ (s)	$\Omega$ (-)	$H_1$ (m)	$H_2$ (m)	$f_1$ (Hz)	$f_2$ (Hz)	$T_p$ (s)
B	Benchmark	Random	0.30	4	2.21	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
E1	High energy 1	Bichromatic	0.42	3.7	3.34	0.320	0.320	0.3041	0.2365	14.80
E2	High energy 2	Bichromatic	0.32	3.7	2.54	0.245	0.245	0.3041	0.2365	14.80
A1	Low energy 1	Bichromatic	0.23	4.7	1.44	0.101	0.202	0.2276	0.1979	33.68
A2	Low energy 2	Bichromatic	0.19	5.3	1.05	0.085	0.171	0.2018	0.1755	37.98
A3	Low energy 3	Bichromatic	0.14	5.7	0.72	0.063	0.126	0.1877	0.1632	40.85



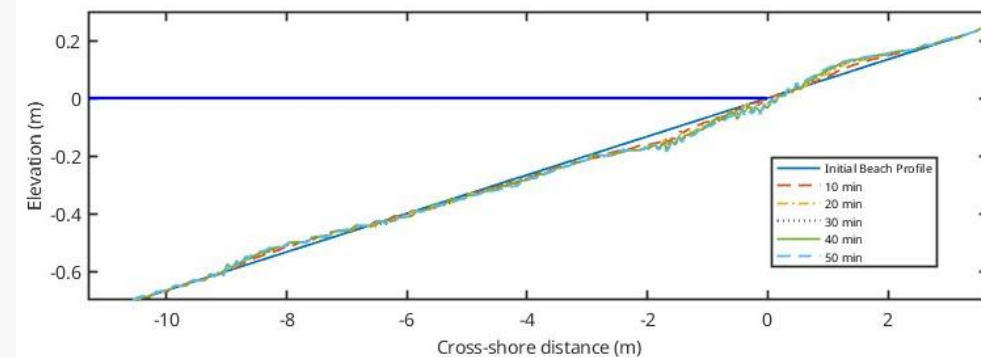
### Key expected outputs

1. Breaker bar dynamics in alternating erosive and accretive conditions
2. Role of initial beach profile in the bar dynamics
3. Hydrodynamic and Morphodynamic Processes including infragravity wave release rate influencing the bar generation and evolution

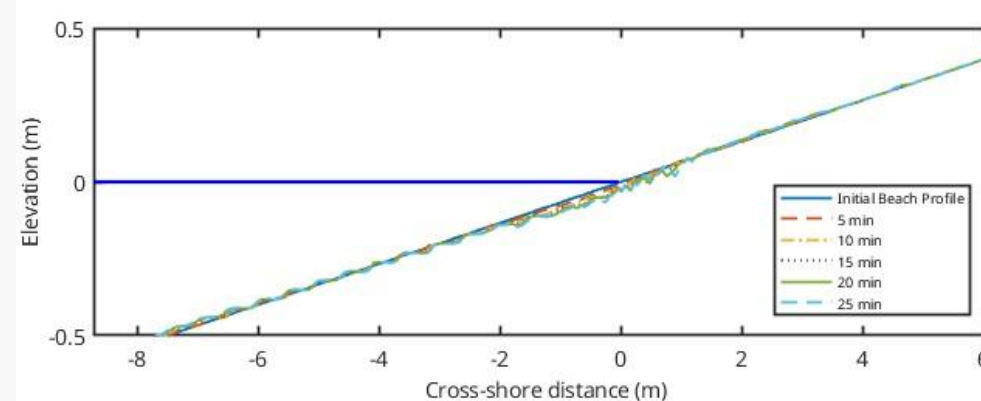
### Regular Waves



### Bichromatic Waves



### Random Waves

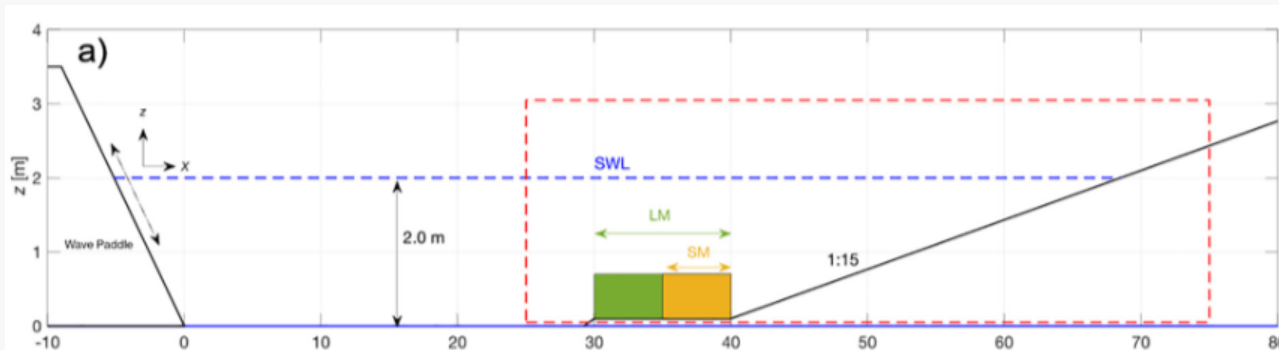


## VI CASE II – Morphodynamic evolution due to the presence of seagrass meadow

OB-2 and WP-2,3

1. Development of Numerical scheme to incorporate the impact of *Posidonia Oceania*
2. Validation against CIEM Flume experiments which used a surrogate vegetation model
3. Evaluate the morphodynamic response due to the presence of the seagrass meadow

### Validation case



Physical model setup - Astudillo et al., 2022; Astudillo-Gutierrez et al., 2024)

### Key expected outputs

1. Functional numerical model incorporating submerged vegetation
2. Role of submerged meadow of different lengths in attenuating waves and velocities
3. Impact of vegetation in breaker bar dynamics

Numerical scheme developed by Maza et al., 2013

$$\bar{F}_{D,i} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot C_D \cdot a \cdot N \cdot \bar{u}_{rel,i} \cdot |\bar{u}_{rel,i}|$$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + g_i + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{\tau}_{ij}}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial (\overline{u'_i u'_j})}{\partial x_j} - \bar{F}_{D,i}$$

Drag force consideration in RANS equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{+ \rho C_{kp} C_D a N \sqrt{\bar{u}_{rel,j} \bar{u}_{rel,j}} k}_{k_w} \\ & \underbrace{+ \rho C_{ep} C_D a N \sqrt{\bar{u}_{rel,j} \bar{u}_{rel,j}} \varepsilon}_{\varepsilon_w} \end{aligned}$$

Dispersive stresses consideration in K-ε model

$$\begin{aligned} & m_0 \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \xi_i}{\partial t^2} + C \cdot \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial t} + \left( E \cdot I \cdot \frac{\partial^4 \xi_i}{\partial z^4} \right) = \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot C_D \cdot a \cdot \left( \bar{u} - \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \left| \bar{u} - \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial t} \right| + (\rho_p - \rho) \cdot g \cdot V_p \cdot \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial z} + \rho \cdot V_p \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \rho \cdot C_m \cdot V_p \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 \xi_i}{\partial t^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Morrison equation for plant motion



## VII CASE III – Morphodynamic Evaluation of a Upper Confined beach

OB-3 and WP-2,3

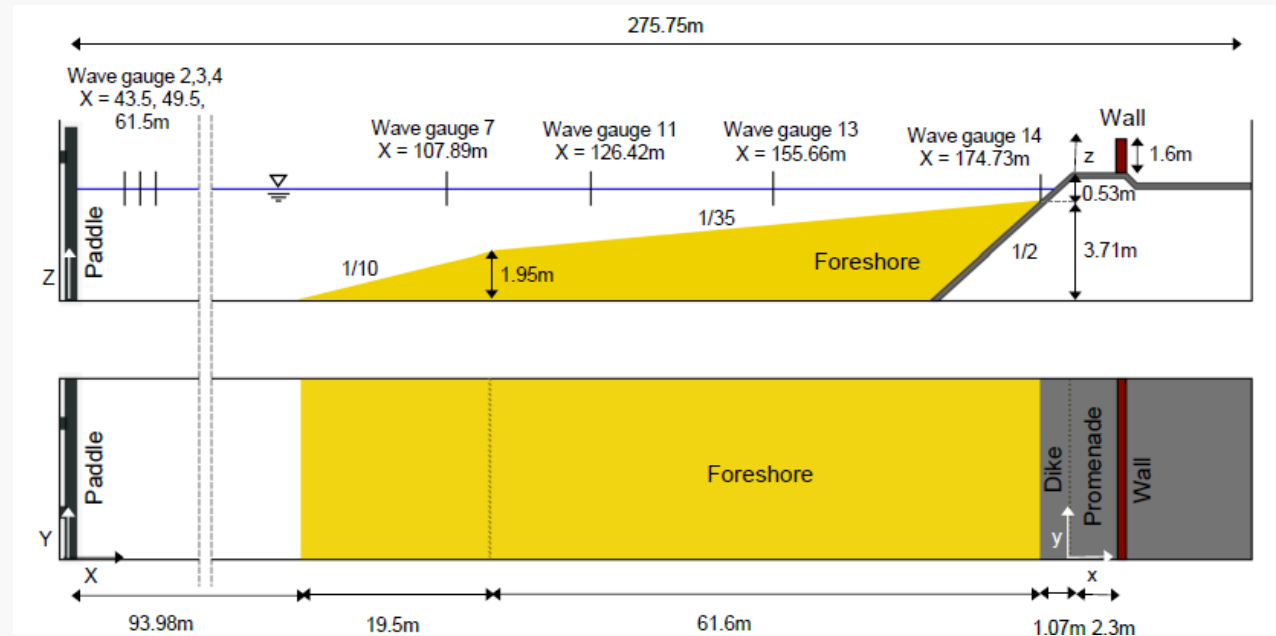
1. Development of Numerical scheme to incorporate coastal structures as non-erodible layers
2. Validation against Delta Flume experiments conducted on dike model with a vertical wall
3. Evaluate the morphodynamic response due to the presence of the seagrass meadow

### Validation case

- Large scale Experimental results from WALOWA experiments conducted in Delta flume
- Different tests were conducted by use of Bichromatic waves and Irregular waves

### Key expected outputs

1. Functional numerical model with ability to model structurally confined beaches by incorporating non-erodible layers
2. Impact force and pressure behavior of overtopped waves on vertical structures on top of a dike
3. Scour dynamics



Physical model setup -Streicher et al., 2017)

**Thank you!**

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# *Mathematical modeling and numerical simulations of water-saturated granular materials with emphasis to sediment transport*

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# Background

- BSc in Applied Mathematics, Department of Mathematics & Applied Mathematics, University of Crete  
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MSc Thesis: Dynamics of Airy wavepackets and beams  
Supervisor: George N. Makrakis

# Project summary

The four parts of my project

- Analysis of mathematical models for flows in porous media and granular mixtures (water-sand).
- Development of advanced computational tools and simulation software for granular mixtures.
- Detailed numerical simulations of shear-driven (Couette) and gravity driven flows of water-sand mixtures. (Emphasis on sediment mobilization and resuspension)
- subgrid (LES) models and reduced models to simulate large-scale sediment mobilization and resuspensions.

# Part I

- theoretical work about structural stability and continuous dependence of mathematical models

## Part II

- Develop numerical treatment of the stiffness of certain physical parameters (such as granular viscosity)
- perform simulations of sediment dynamics with unprecedented fidelity

I will focus on the numerical algorithm where I want to

- establish new and accurate modelling approaches and related numerical algorithms for the mobilization and resuspension of sediments
- perform 2D simulations of sediment mobilization and transport due to shear-driven and gravity driven water currents at the laboratory scale
- compared my results with earlier experimental studies and new experiments conducted at UCLouvain



In order to improve our understanding of the phenomena of interest and also improve the design of reduced, engineering models for practical applications, I will pursue to

- resolve the relevant turbulent structures of the flow in a computationally efficient manner
- develop of subgrid (LES) models and derive simplified versions of viscous stresses

# Progress

- enhanced my theoretical and computational skills
- studied in depth continuum mechanics and thermodynamics of irreversible processes , multi-phase flow modeling, the mathematical model for granular suspensions and the algorithms for its numerical treatment
- studied programming languages (C, Python) and familiarized myself with PETSc which solves linear and nonlinear systems of equations that arise from discretizations of Partial Differential Equations
- completed the intensive advanced course on High Performance Computing offered by UCLouvain
- participated in the first winter school of SEDIMARE, Ancona, Italy
- worked on the analysis of the structural stability of the model for granular mixtures
- attend the course MECA2771: Thermodynamics of irreversible phenomena, UCLouvain

# Results

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \phi \nabla p \\ &= \nabla \cdot (\phi \zeta (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}) + \nabla \cdot (\phi \mu \mathbf{V}^d) - a^*(\phi) \mathbf{u} - b^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}| \mathbf{u} + \phi \mathbf{f} \end{aligned}$$

$$\zeta, \mu > 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{V}^d = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T) - \frac{1}{3} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \mathbf{I}$$

$$b^*(\phi) = b(1 - \phi) + d(1 - \phi)^2, \quad a^*(\phi) = a(1 - \phi), \quad a, b, d > 0$$

$$0 < \phi_{\min} \leq \phi \leq \phi_{\max} < 1$$

# Results

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} , \quad \pi = p - q , \quad b^* = b_1^* - b_2^* = b(1 - \phi) , \quad b = b_1 - b_2$$

$$\Phi = \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \phi \mathbf{w}^2 d\mathbf{x} d\eta$$

$$\Phi(t) \leq \frac{c}{2a\lambda^{1/2}\mu^2} \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\min}} - 1\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)^{-1} \frac{(\phi_{\max})^{7/2}}{(\phi_{\min})^{9/2}} \\ \left(\int_{\Omega} \phi |\mathbf{g}|^2 d\mathbf{x}\right)^2 [1 - e^{-2a(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1)t}] b^2$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \phi |\mathbf{w}|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq \frac{c}{\lambda_1^{1/2}\mu^2} \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\min}} - 1\right)^2 \frac{(\phi_{\max})^{7/2}}{(\phi_{\min})^{9/2}} \left(\int_{\Omega} \phi |\mathbf{g}|^2 d\mathbf{x}\right)^2 b^2$$

# Essential reading



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# Literature review

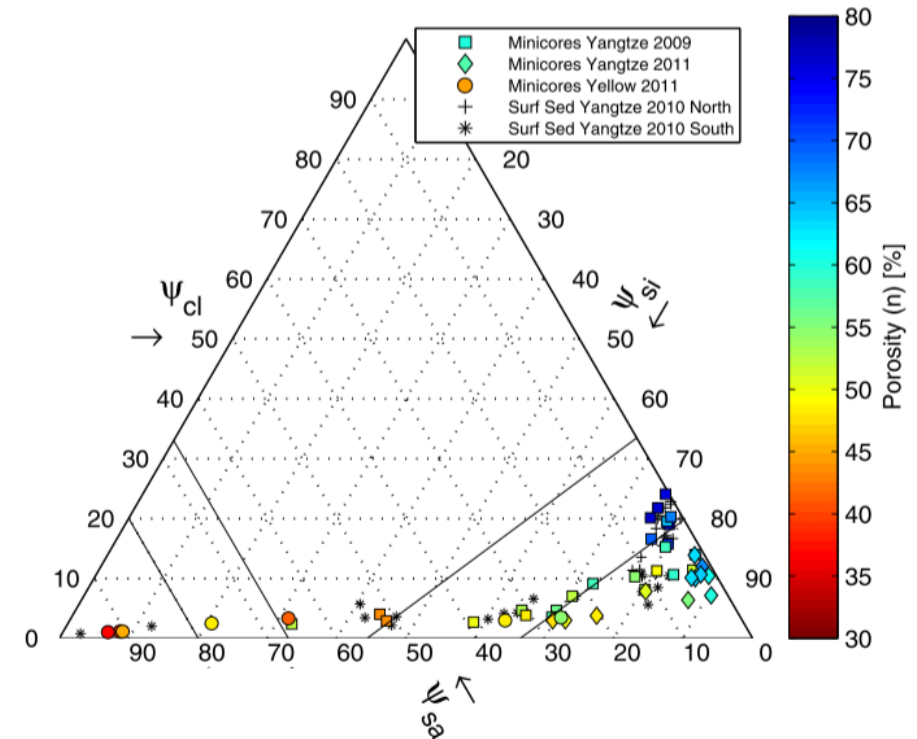
- **Van Ledden, 2003**

- Proposed framework for sand-mud erosion modeling
- Used mud content:
  - despite clay content,  $P_{clay,crit}$ , showing considerable effect on erosion behavior
  - due to almost fixed clay: silt ratio in sand-mud environments in Northern Europe
- Introduced a **critical mud content**,  $P_{mud,crit}$ , to describe seabed behavior
- $P_{mud,crit}$  was found to be at ~30%
  - if  $P_{mud} \geq P_{mud,crit}$  bed behaves like cohesive sediment
  - if  $P_{mud} < P_{mud,crit}$  bed behaves like non – cohesive sediment



# Literature review

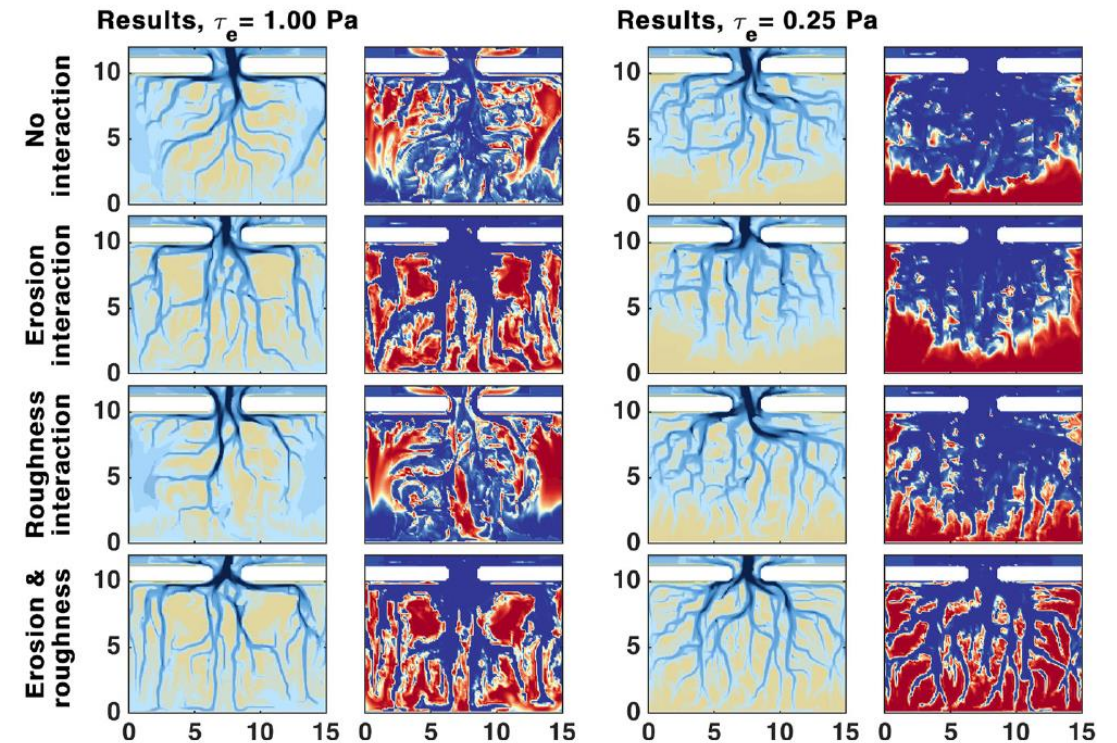
- **te Slaa, 2020**
  - Studied deposition and erosion behavior of silt-dominated environments
  - Obtained samples from Yangtze river estuary and tested in laboratory flume
    - Ternary diagram from silt-dominated environment
  - Erosion of silt-dominated is a result of the following sediment parameters:
    - permeability
    - undrained shear strength



# Literature review

- **Colina-Alonso, 2024**

- Incorporated Van Ledden 2003 framework for sand-mud erosion modeling into Delft 3D
- Sand-mud interaction mechanisms:
  - Erosion interaction
  - Roughness interaction
- Result of applying the different mechanisms:

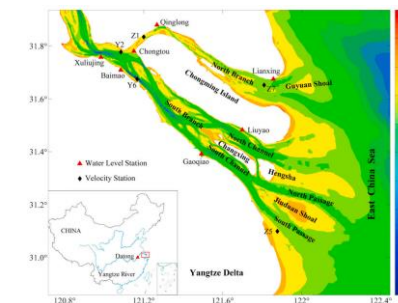
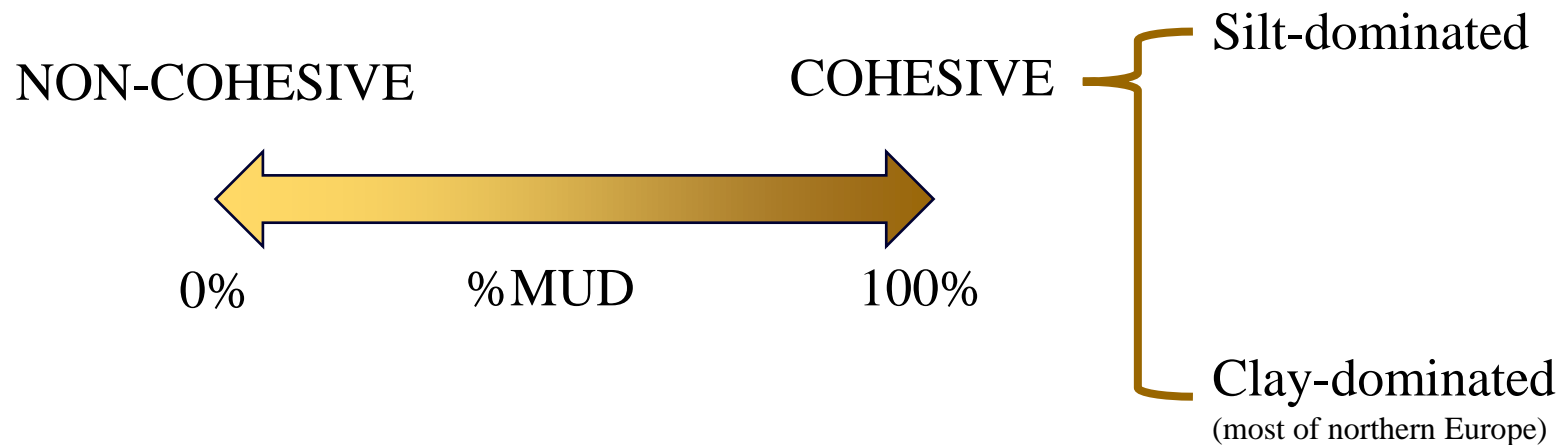


# Research gap

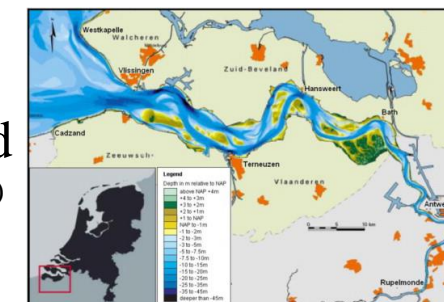
- Recall, the content of mud

$$\text{MUD} = \text{SILT} + \text{CLAY}$$

- From framework of Van Ledden
  - Does not include different mud composition
  - Hypothesis:** different erosion behavior for *mud with more silt* (i.e. Yangtze river estuary) vs *mud with more clay* (i.e. Scheldt estuary, Wadden Sea)



Yangtze river estuary  
(Feng et al., 2020)



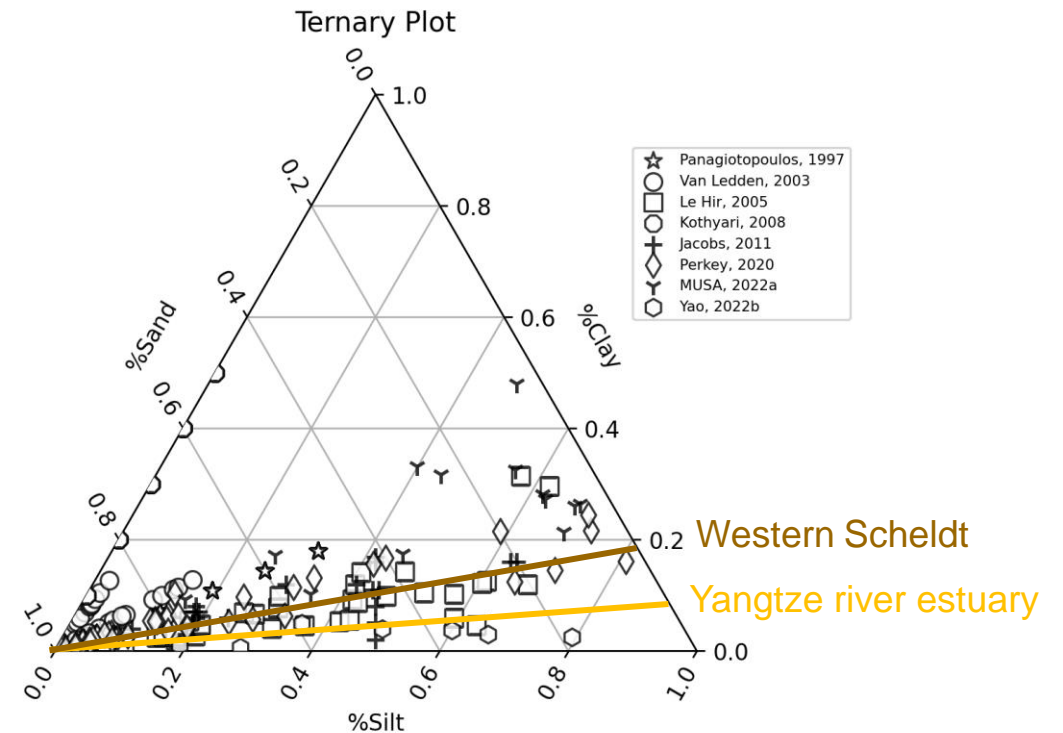
Scheldt Estuary  
(Bolle et al., 2010)



# Research update

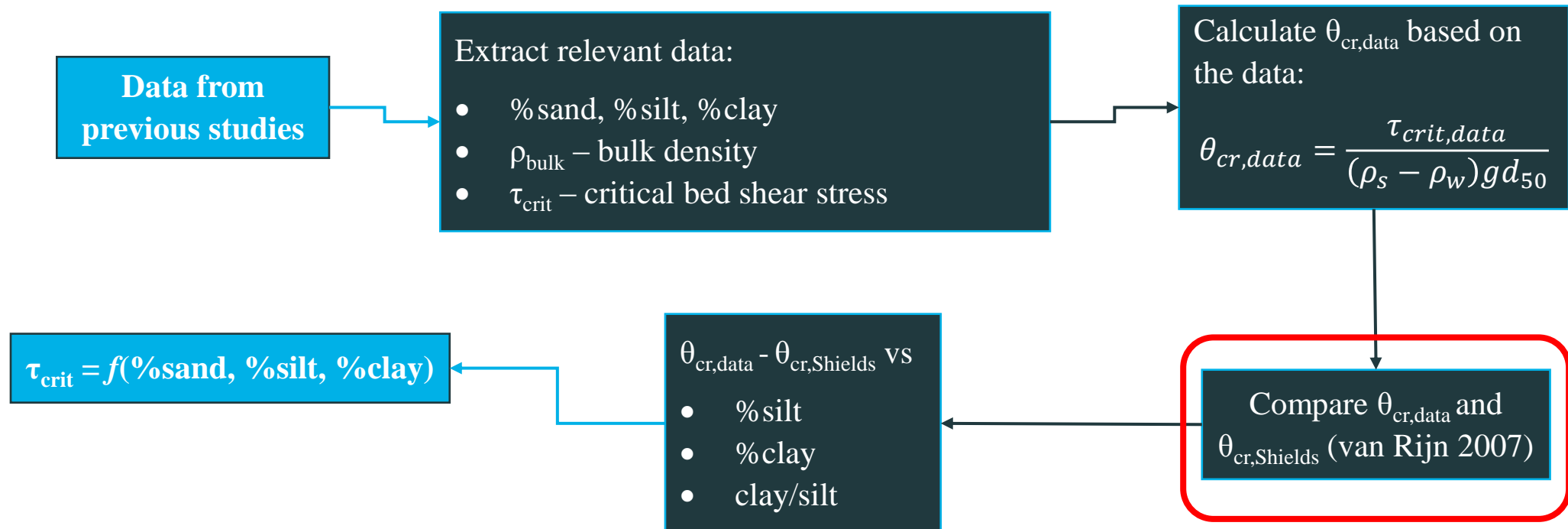
- Data collection
  - Pertinent info:
    - %Sand, %Silt, %Clay,  $D_{50}$ ,  $\tau_{crit}$ ,  $\tau_b$  vs  $E$
  - From previous studies
    - Panagiotopoulos, I., et al. (1997).
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- Compilation of sediment composition in ternary diagram



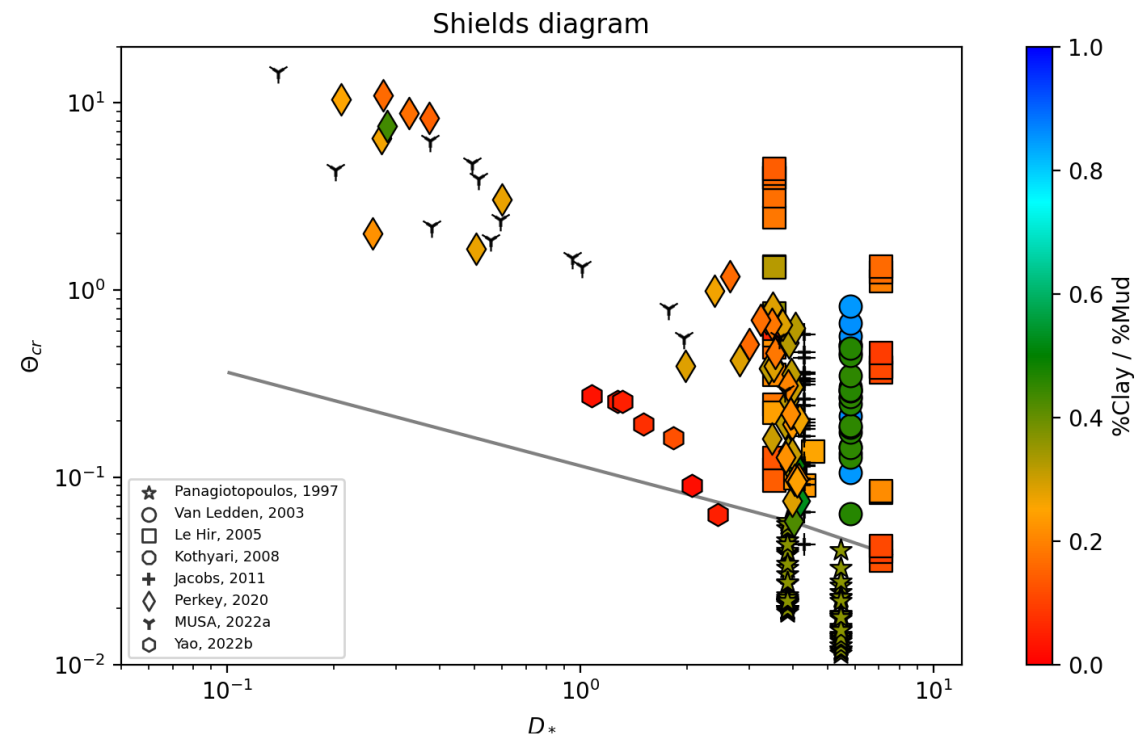
# Research update

- Schematic diagram of current section of research project



# Research update

- Compare Shields parameter from data vs critical Shields parameter from van Rijn, L. C. (2007).



# Research update

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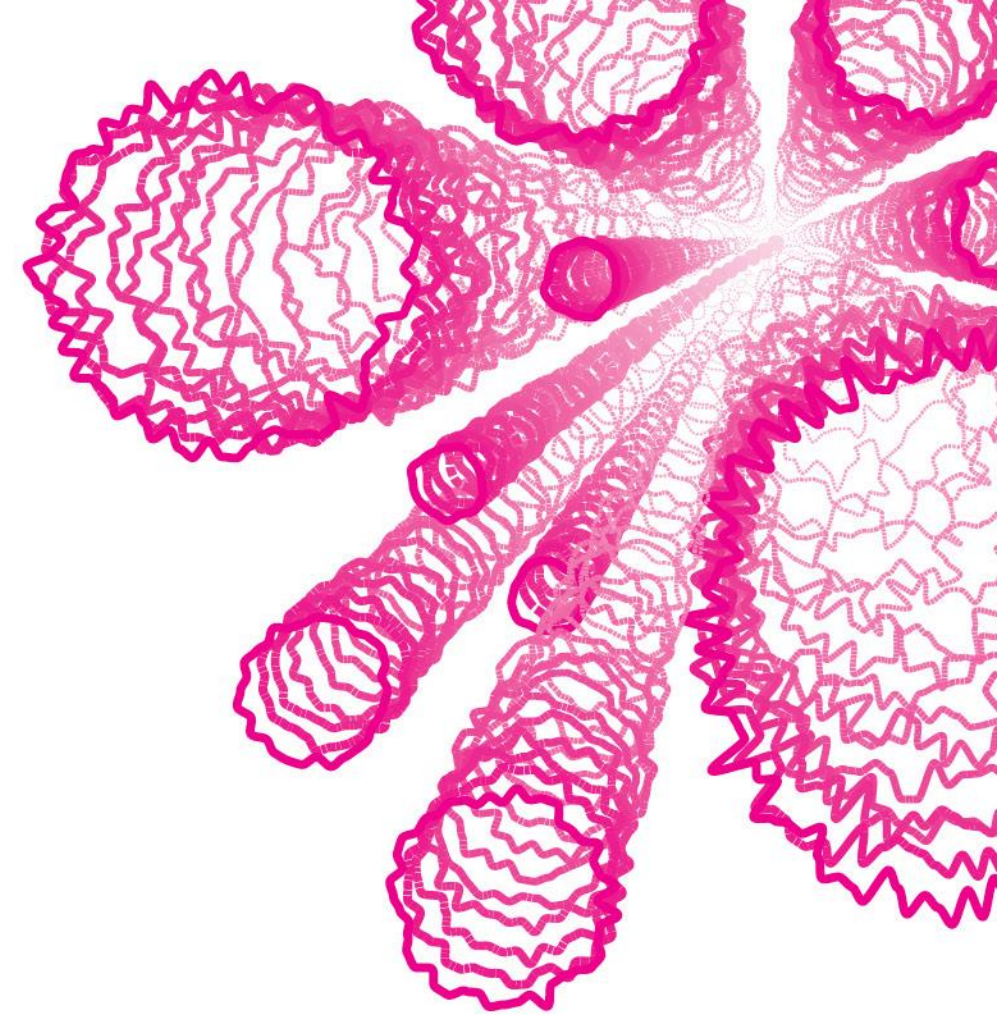
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# SEDIMARE DC8 – CURRENT PROGRESS

MORPHODYNAMICS OF BREACH GROWTH AND BANK  
EROSION USING LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

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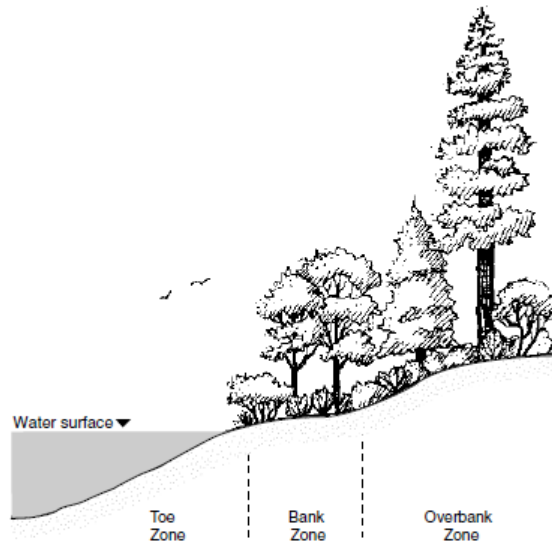
# DEFINITION

## MORPHODYNAMICS OF BREACH GROWTH AND BANK EROSION USING LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

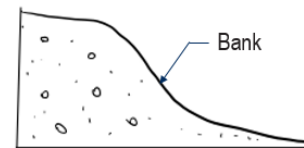
**Bank erosion** refers to the process of removing material from a bank which is the land alongside a body of water in geography (Duan, 2005; Sutarto et al., 2014).

Through Hill et al (1993) banks can be divided into three general zones: **toe**, **bank** and **over bank zones**.

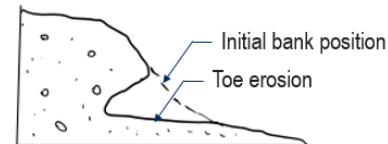
Biedenharn et al (1997), Duan (2005), Osman and Thorne (1988) and Sutarto et al (2014) indicated that there are two main modes of bank erosion, which are **hydraulic erosion** and **mechanical failure**.



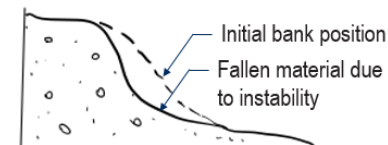
(Hill et al., 1993)



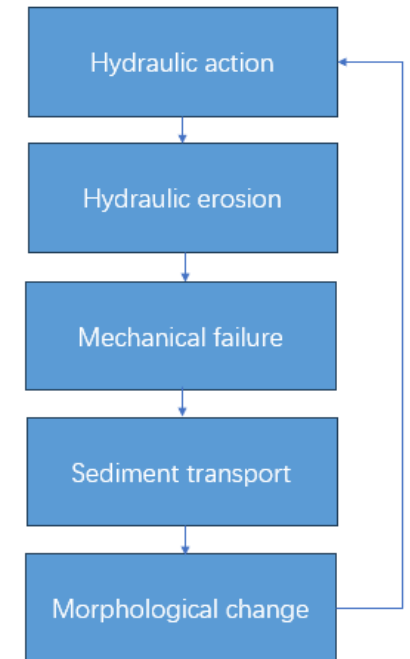
a) Initial bank position



b) Hydraulic erosion at the toe zone



c) Mechanical failure



# HYDRAULIC EROSION

## MORPHODYNAMICS OF BREACH GROWTH AND BANK EROSION USING LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

**Hydraulic erosion** is a continuous and uninterrupted process and occurs when the **hydrodynamic forces** surpass the particle resisting **threshold** (Sutarto et al., 2014). This means that the part of the bank in direct contact with these forces, known as the **bank toe**, is typically eroded first, leading to **undercutting**. Research from both field studies and computer models has revealed that this undercutting removes support from the lower part of the bank, creating **overhangs** which can result in mechanical failure (Das et al., 2019; Duan, 2005; Wilson et al., 2007).



# MECHANICAL FAILURE

## MORPHODYNAMICS OF BREACH GROWTH AND BANK EROSION USING LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

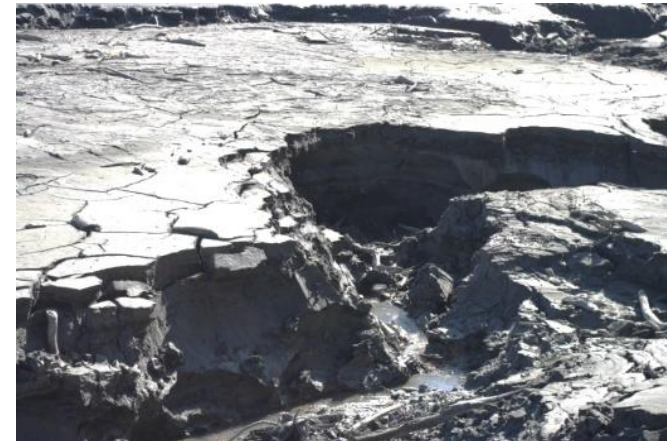
Regarding **mechanical failure**, non-cohesive and cohesive banks exhibit distinct modes of failure.

For **non-cohesive banks**, mechanical failure is predominantly caused by the **movement of individual particles** on banks that have a slope exceeding the angle of repose. This movement results in a very slightly curved slip surface, a phenomenon known as **plane failure** (ASCE Task Committee, 1998).

**Cohesive banks** differ from non-cohesive ones, the cohesion among particles in cohesive banks allows for **steeper slopes** than the angle of friction would permit, with very cohesive sediment sometimes having stable vertical failure. This is because the soil can sustain the forces exerted at the top of slopes which are steeper than the friction angle (Thorne, 1978). These internal forces between particles can influence mechanical failure as **circular failure**.



(Soares-Frazão et al., 2007)

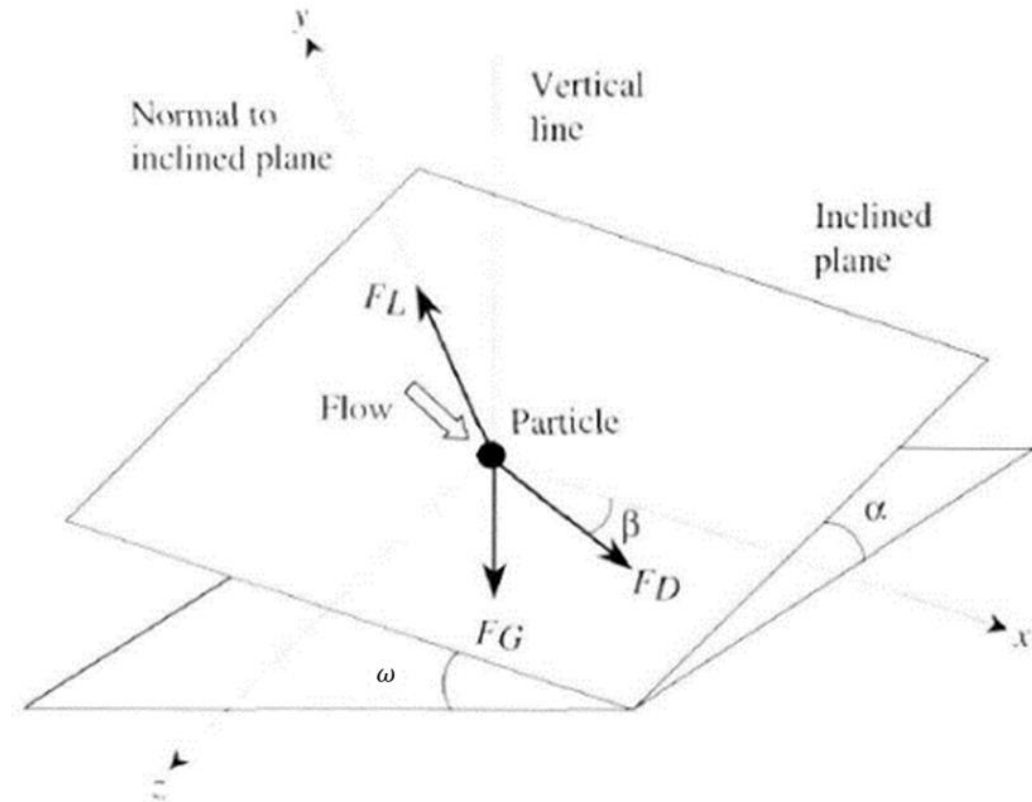
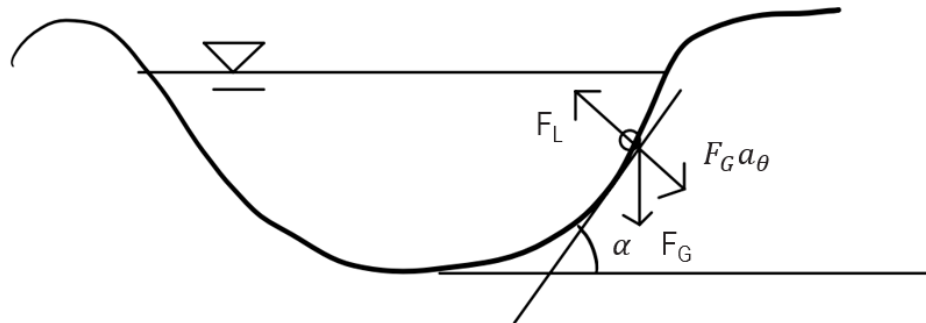




# FORCE ANALYSIS OF THRESHOLD OF BANK EROSION

## MORPHODYNAMICS OF BREACH GROWTH AND BANK EROSION USING LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

The forces are the submerged **weight** of the particle ( $\vec{F}_G$ ) and the hydrodynamic force, which is decomposed into **drag force** ( $\vec{F}_D$ ) and **lift force** ( $\vec{F}_L$ ).  $\beta$  is the angle of inclination of flow with respect to the longitudinal axis of the channel,  $\omega$  is the **downstream angle** and  $\alpha$  is the **side slope angle**.



# FORCE ANALYSIS OF THRESHOLD OF BANK EROSION

## MORPHODYNAMICS OF BREACH GROWTH AND BANK EROSION USING LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

For **transverse bank slopes** :

$$\tilde{\tau} = \cos \alpha \sqrt{1 - \frac{\tan^2 \alpha}{\tan^2 \phi}}$$

Where  $\tilde{\tau}$  is critical shear stress ratio

$\tau_c^*/\tau_0^*$

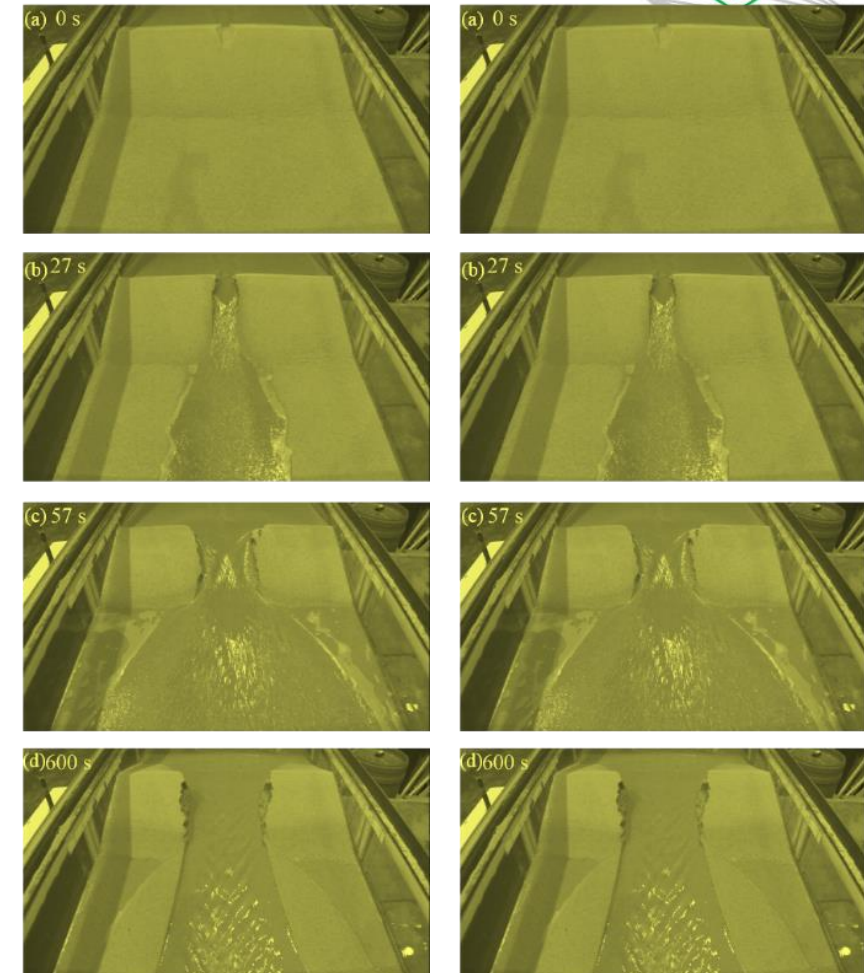
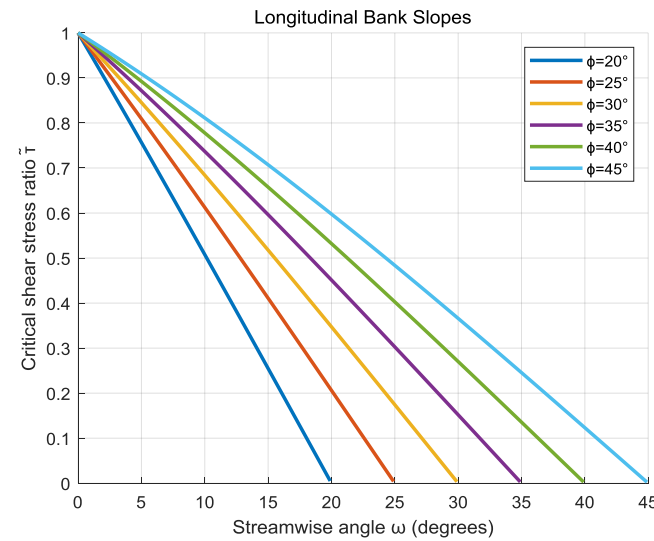
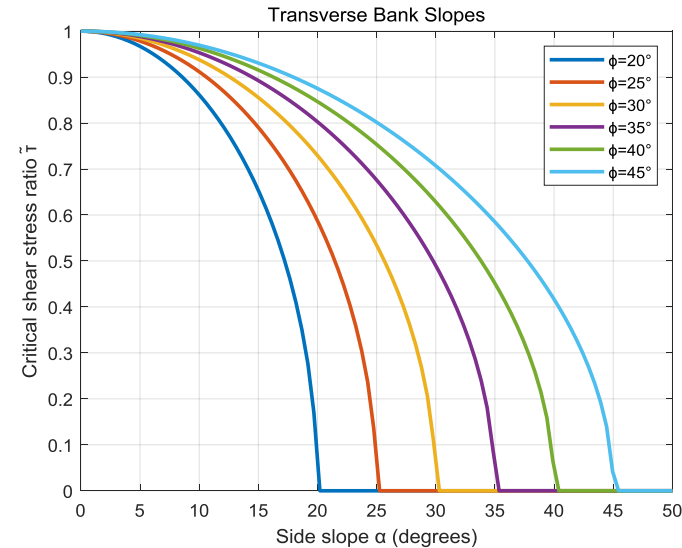
$\alpha$  is the side slope angle

$\phi$  is angle of repose

For **longitudinal bank slopes** :

$$\tilde{\tau} = \cos \omega \left( 1 - \frac{\tan \omega}{\tan \phi} \right)$$

Where  $\omega$  is the downstream angle



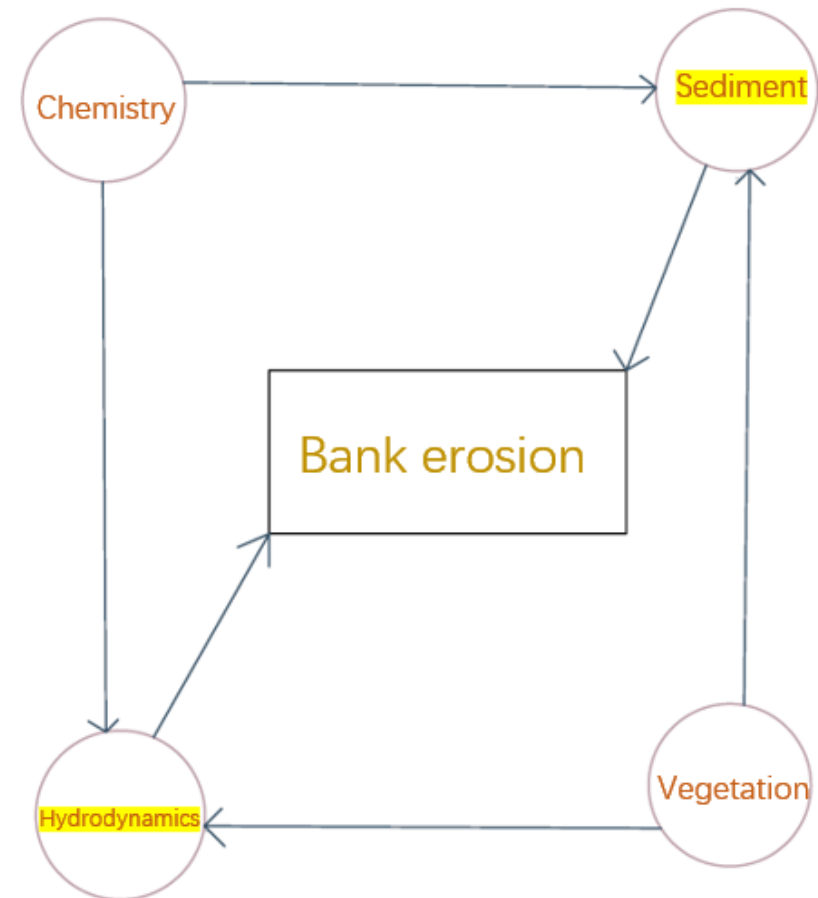
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# EXPERIMENT DESIGN

## MORPHODYNAMICS OF BREACH GROWTH AND BANK EROSION USING LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

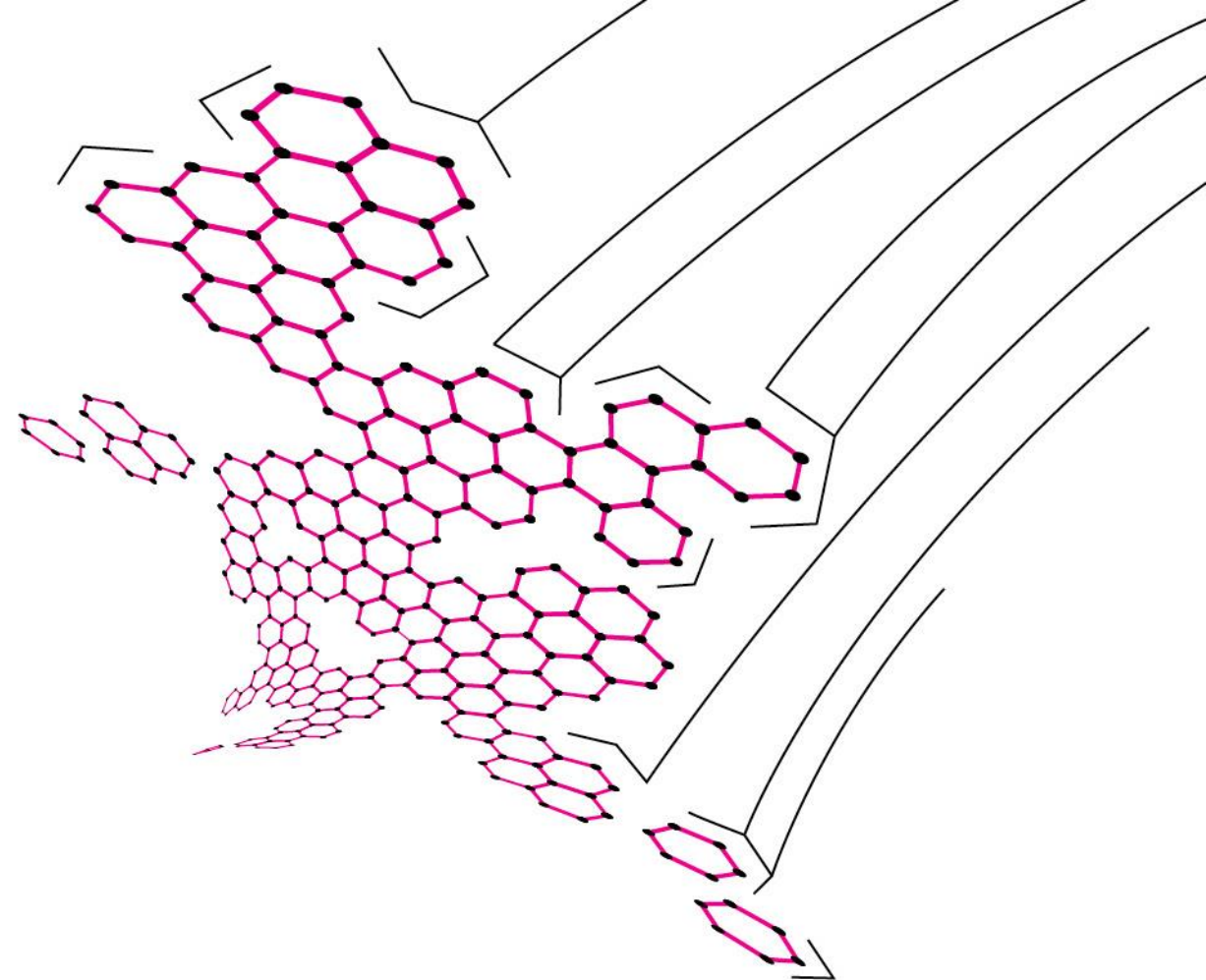
- Definition of the test dimensions
- Selection of the dike and bank material
- Design of the construction procedure
- Test procedure (constant discharge or prescribed hydrograph)



## An abstract geometric pattern composed of numerous overlapping triangles. The triangles are rendered in two colors: a vibrant green and a light grey. They are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some triangles appearing to be in the foreground and others receding into the background. The overall effect is a complex, layered composition of sharp, angular shapes.

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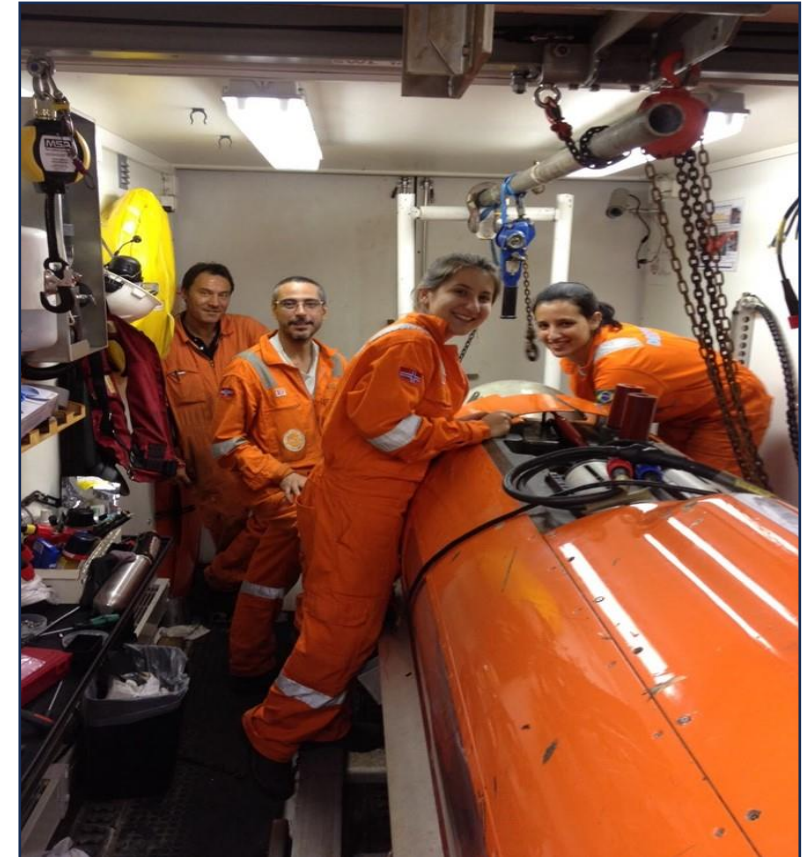
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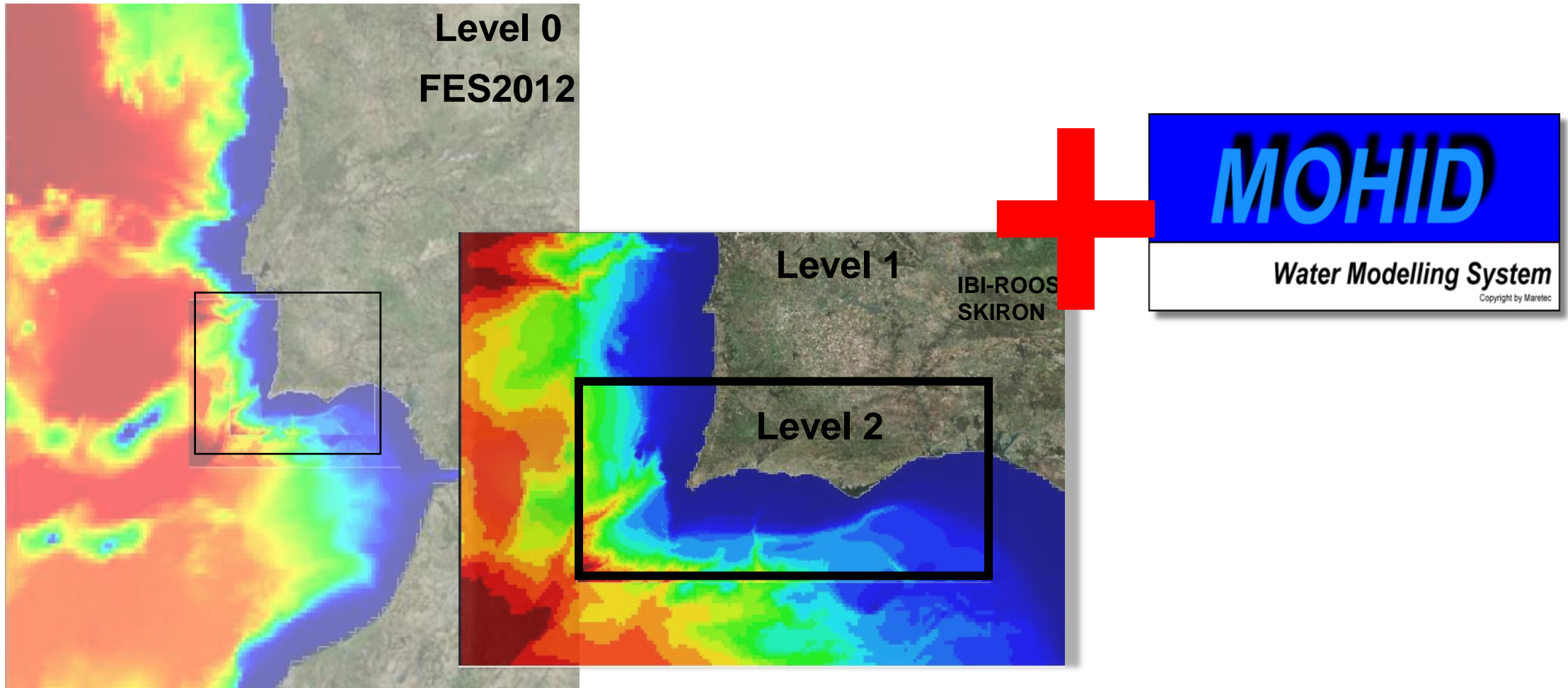
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# Master thesis - Methodology

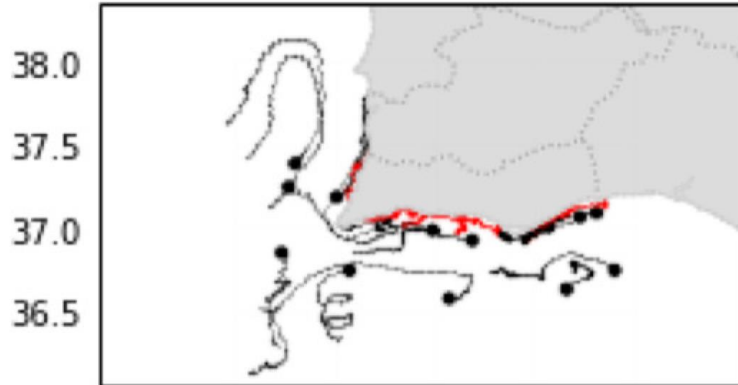
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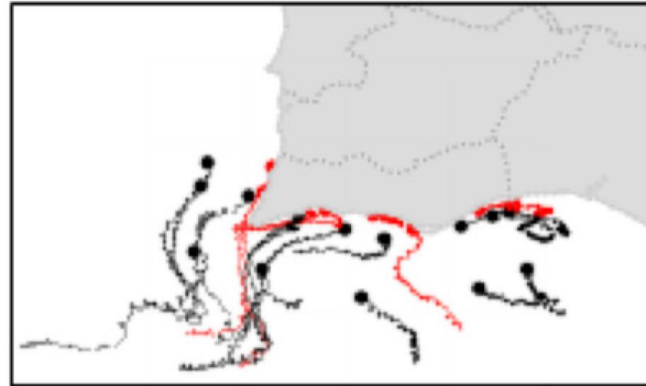


# Master – Pathways of Floating litter

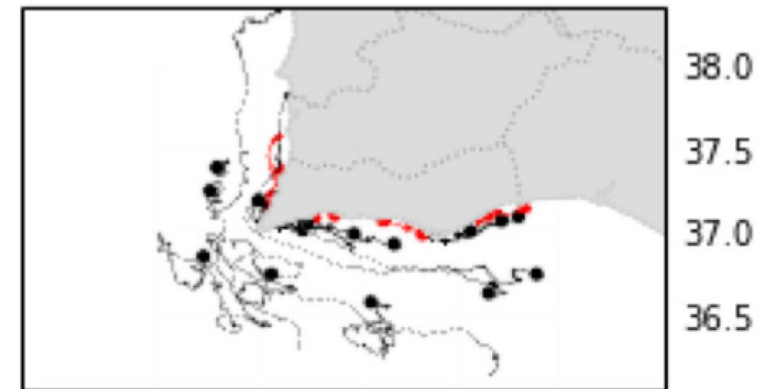
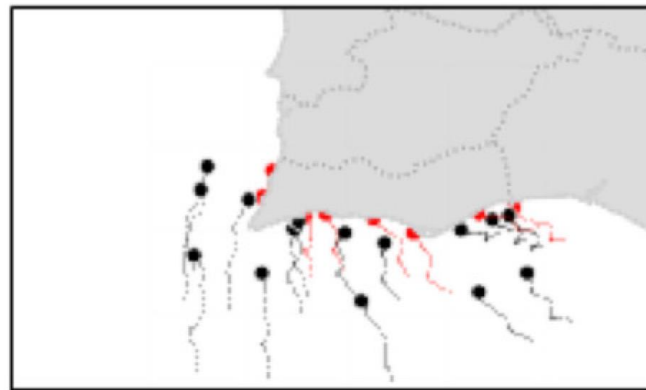
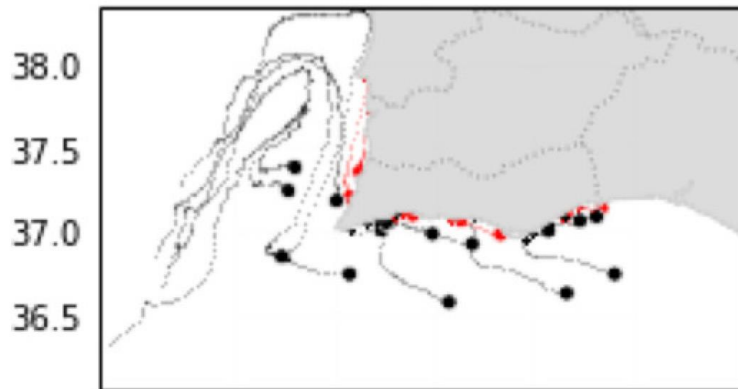
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# Pathways and Hot Spots of Floating and Submerged Microplastics in Atlantic Iberian Marine Waters: A Modelling Approach

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**Abstract:** Plastic pollution has been observed in many marine environments surrounding the Iberian Peninsula, from the surface water to deeper waters, yet studies on their pathways and accumulation areas are still limited. In this study, a global ocean reanalysis model was combined with a particle-tracking Lagrangian model to provide insights into the pathways and accumulation patterns of microplastics originating in southern Portuguese coastal waters (SW Iberian). The study investigates microplastics floating on the surface as well as submerged at different water depths. Model results suggest that the North Atlantic Gyre is the main pathway for microplastics in surface and subsurface waters, transporting the microplastics southwards and eastwards towards the Mediterranean Sea and the Canary Islands. Currents flowing out of the Mediterranean Sea act as the main pathway for microplastics in deep waters, transporting the microplastics along western Iberia. An average residence time of twenty days in the coastal waters suggests that microplastics do not accumulate close to their sources due to their relatively fast transport to adjacent ocean areas. Notably, a significant proportion of microplastics leave the model domain at all depths, implying that SW Iberia may act as a source of microplastics for the adjacent areas, including the Mediterranean Sea, Morocco, the Canary Islands, Western Iberia, and the Bay of Biscay.

**Keywords:** microplastics; pathways; accumulation; SW Iberia; numerical model



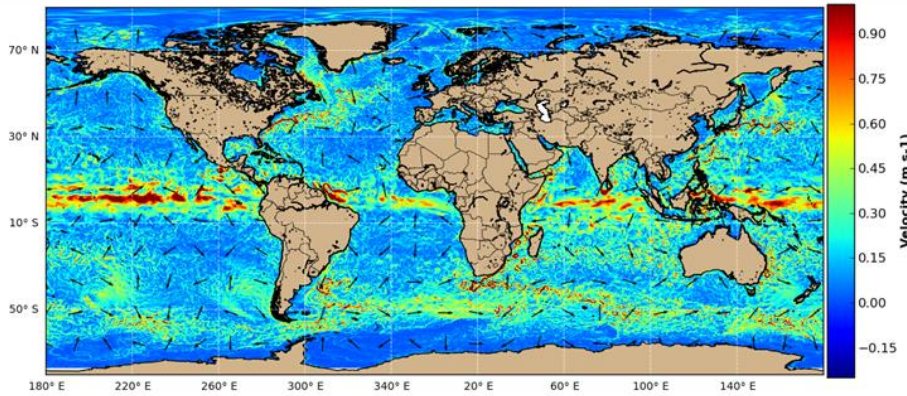
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# Methodology – Microplastic Model

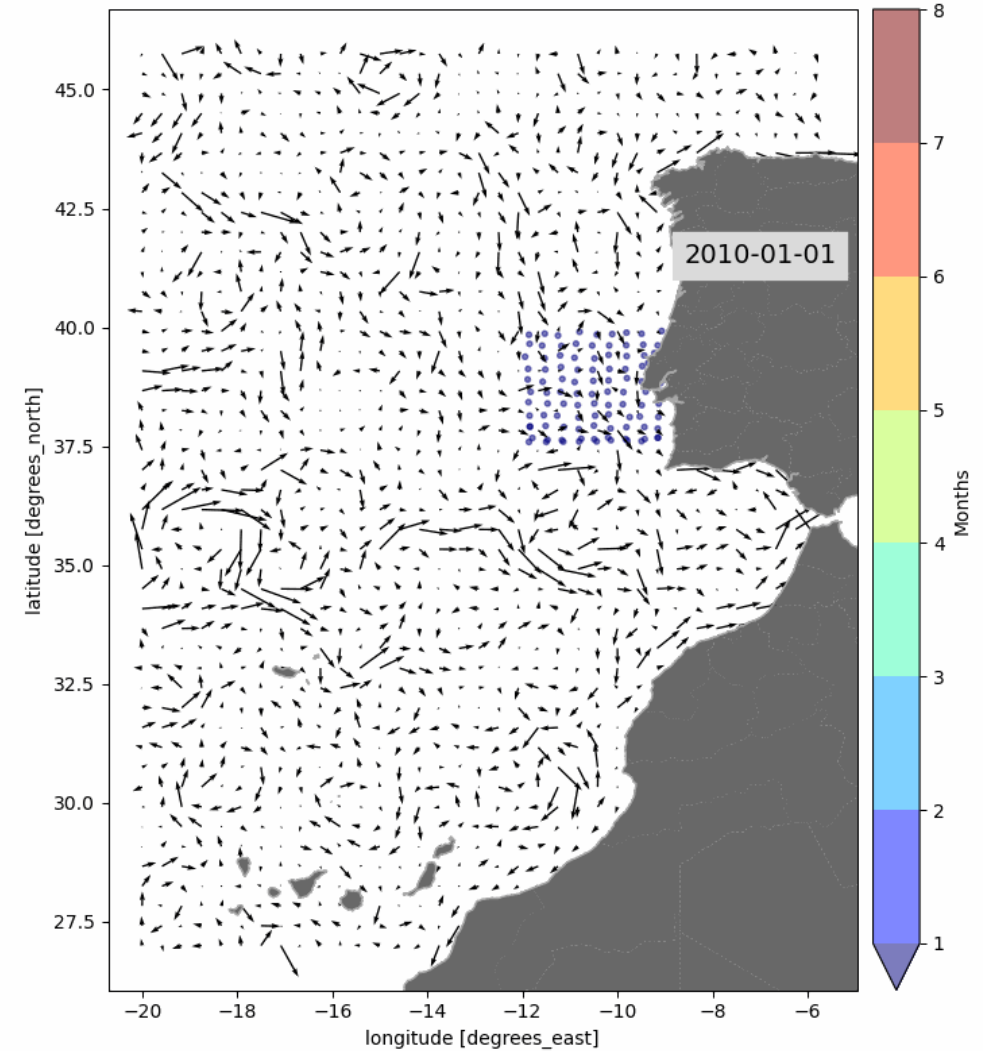
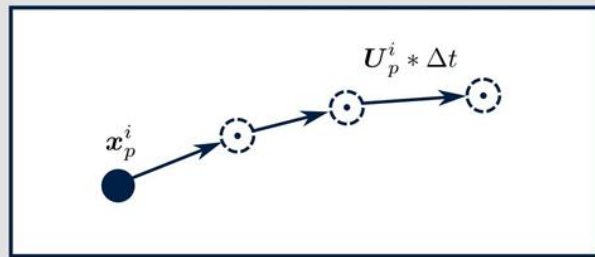
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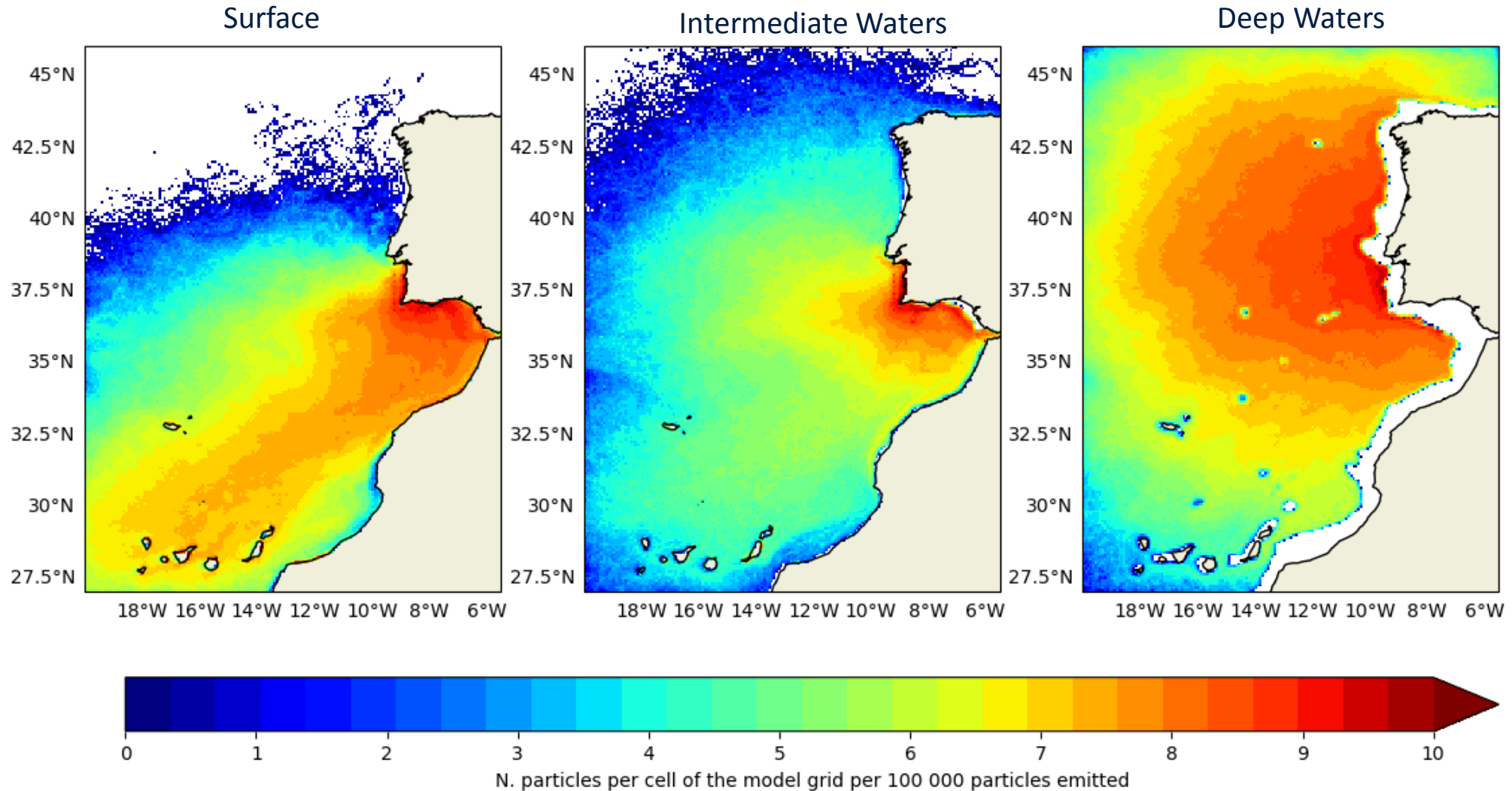




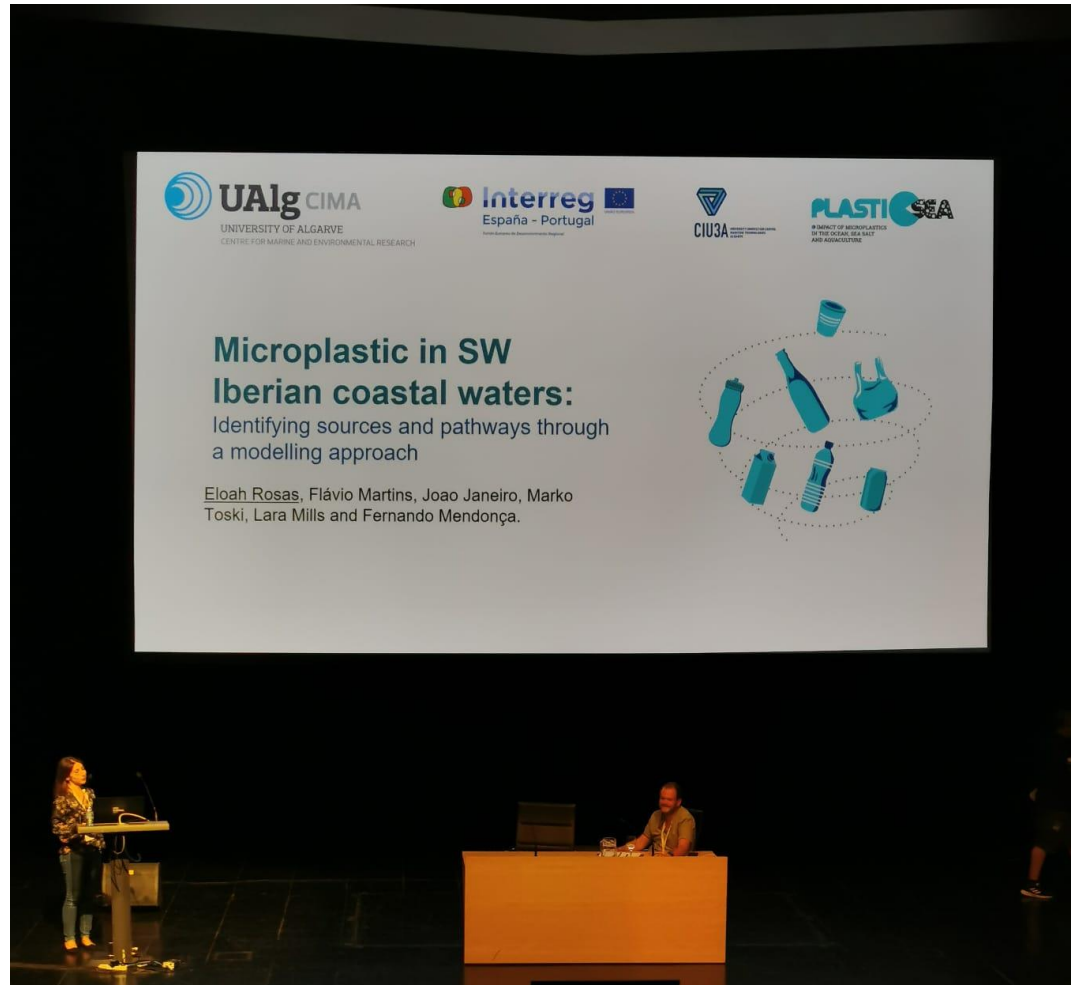
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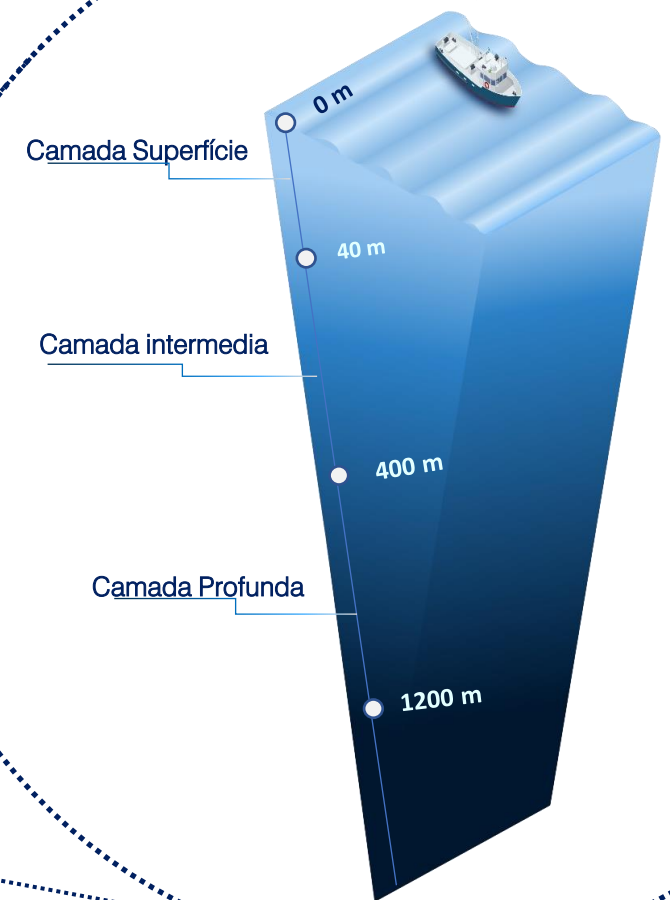
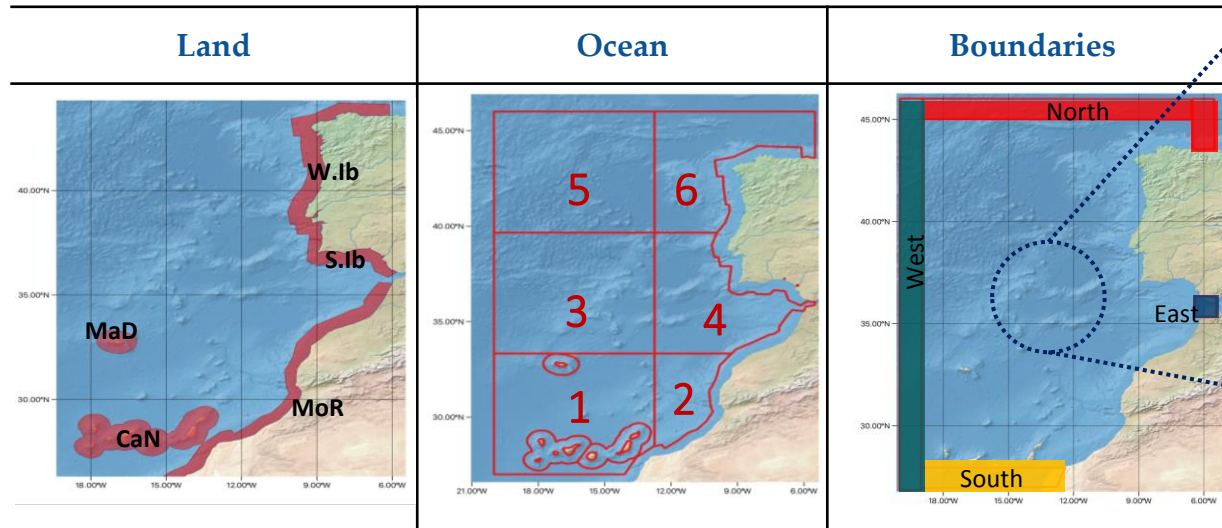
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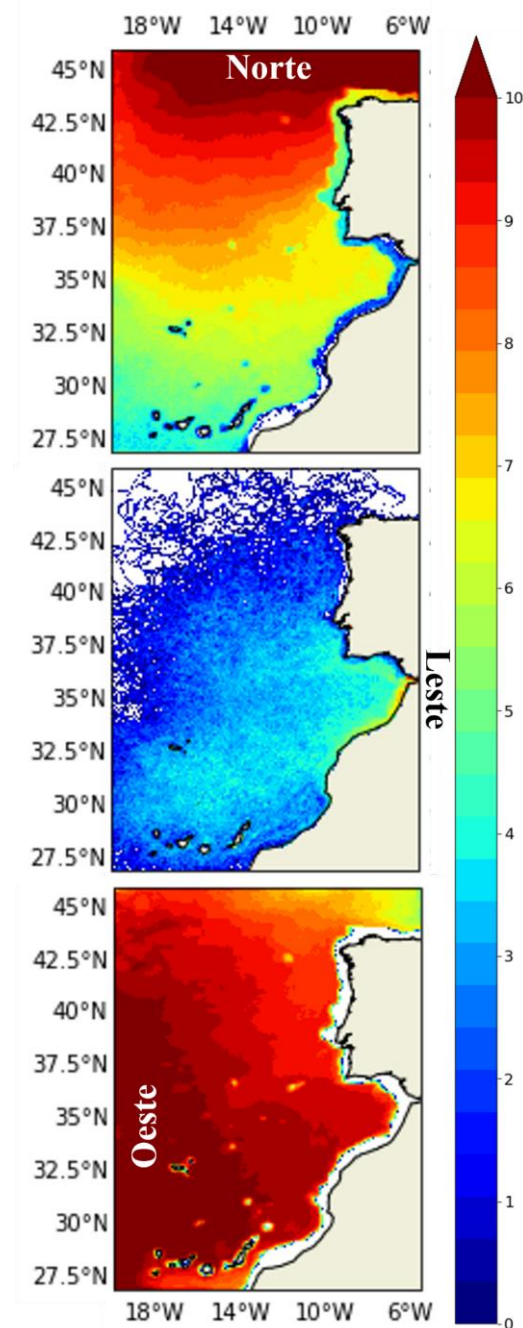
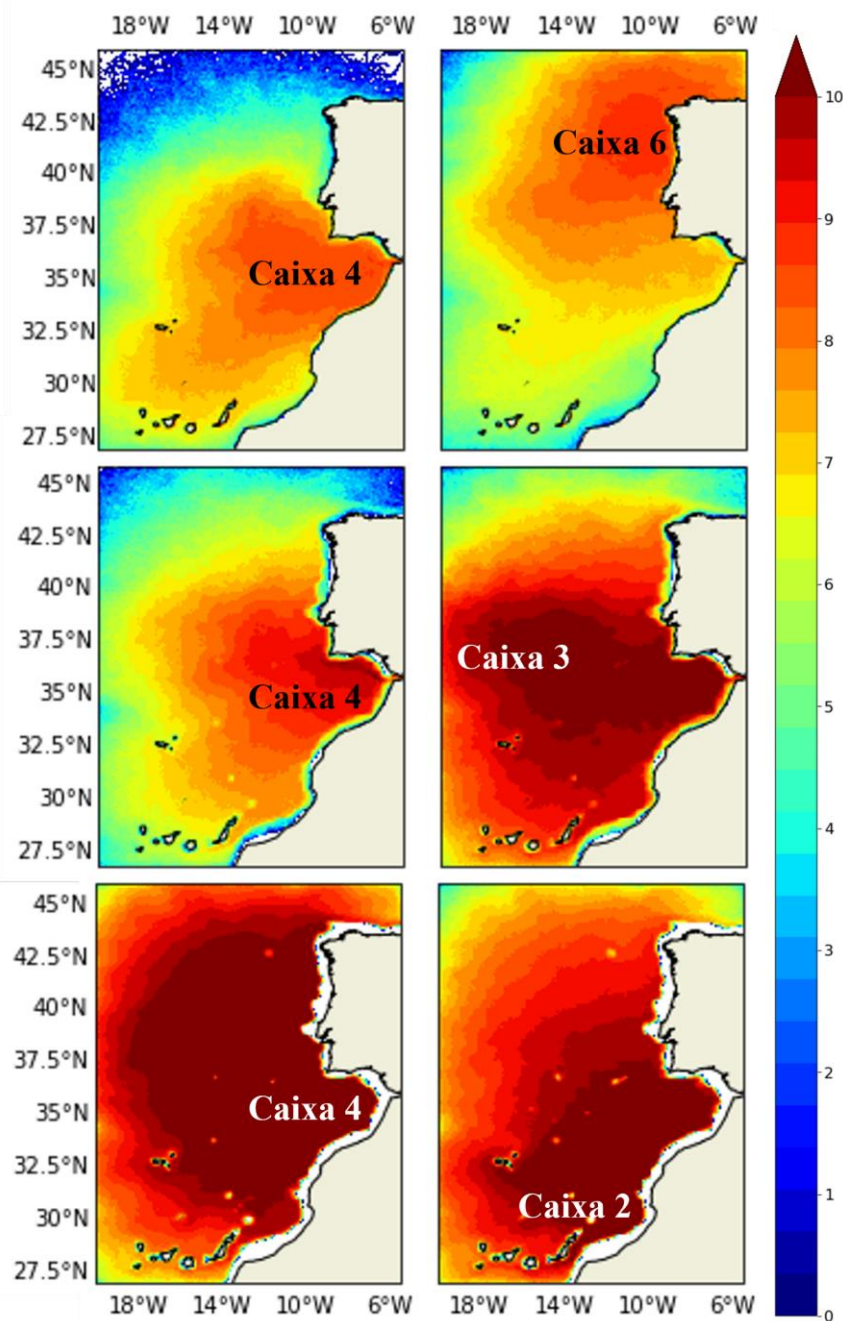
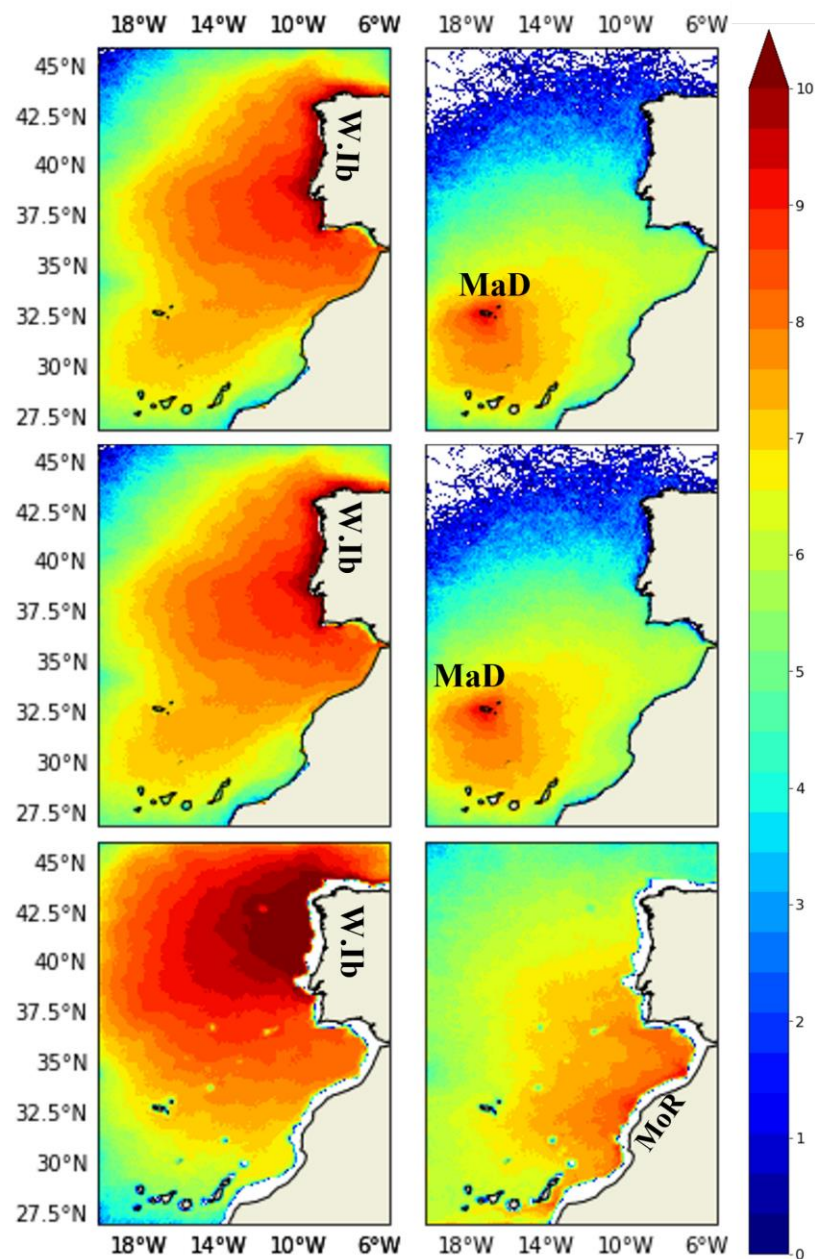
# Identifying the sources of Microplastics



# Sources of Microplastic – Methodology







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**LAUV - Light Autonomous Underwater Vehicle**

DVL - Doppler Velocity Log

CTD - Conductivity, Temperature and Depth

ADCP - Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler







# Overtopping Breakwater For Energy Conversion (OBREC)

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# Introduction

- Advantages of an innovative vertical breakwater with an overtopping wave energy converter (2020)

- Increasing the relative freeboard, reduces the relative overtopping discharge.

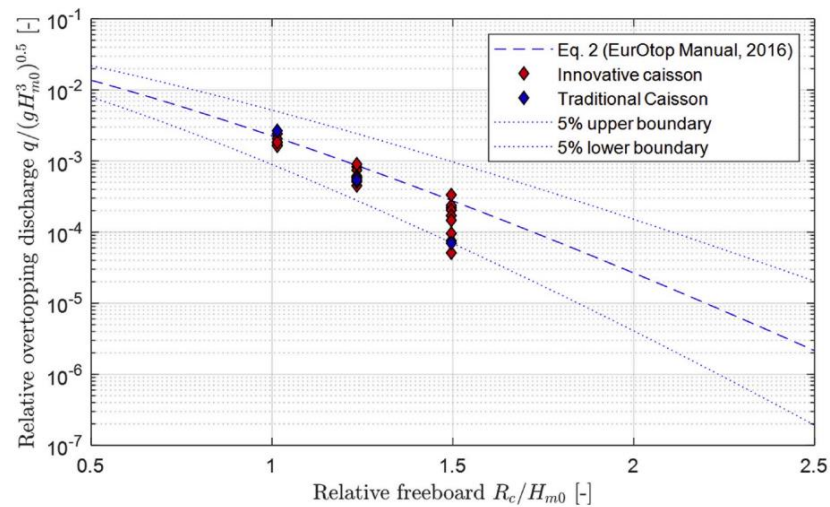


Fig. 8. Measured numerical data of the wave overtopping discharges over the traditional (blue points) and the innovative OBREC caisson (red points). Wave overtopping equation for vertical breakwater (Eq. 7.1 in EurOtop, 2016) with 5% under and upper exceedance limits is reported with blue dotted lines. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the Web version of this article.)

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- Overtopping device numerical study: OpenFoam solution verification and evaluation of curved ramps performances (2020)

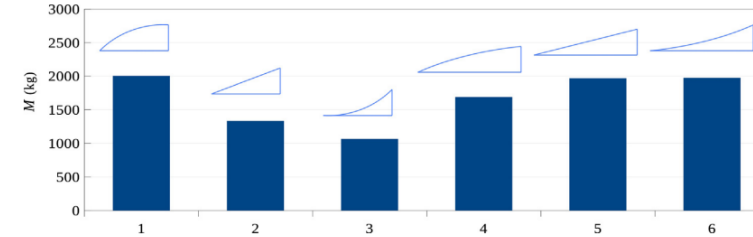


Fig. 19. Average discharge peak for all analyzed ramps shapes.

- In comparison to the regular ramp shape, curves effect changes by difference with the ratio of  $H_1/L_1$ .

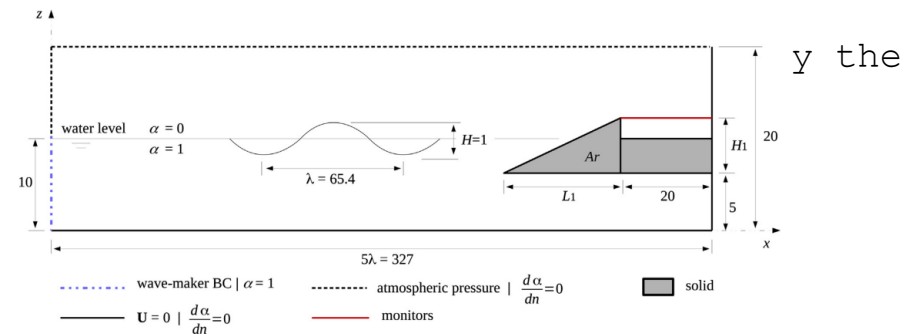


Fig. 6. Schematic domain studied in Martins et al. [16] (dimensions in m; not in scale).

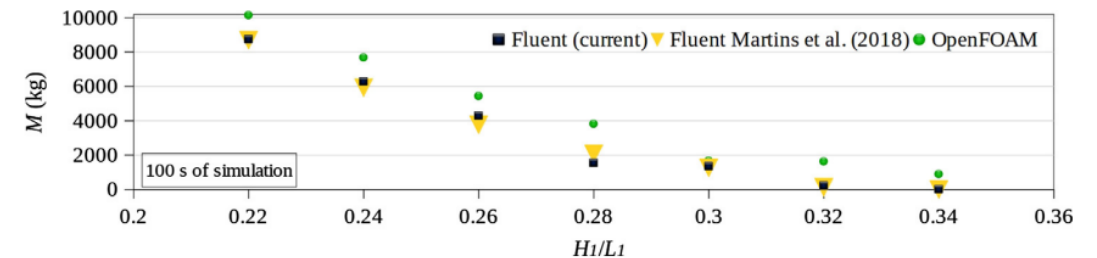


Fig. 13. Water discharge inside the reservoir for all  $H_1/L_1$  studied conditions.

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- A Simple Model to Assess the Performance of an Overtopping Wave Energy Converter Embedded in a Port Breakwater (2020)

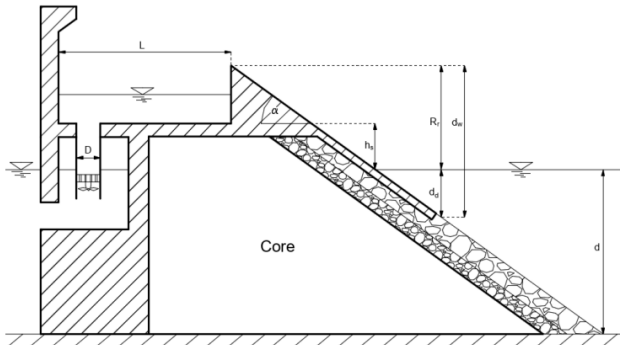


Figure 1. Sketch of an OBREC cross-section and definition of the main geometrical parameters to be considered for design.

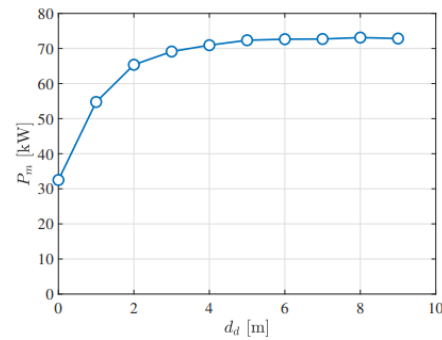


Figure 9. Yearly average output power versus the variation of  $d_d$  ( $N = 50$ ,  $R_r = 2.5$  m and  $h_s = 2$  m).

- Empirical overtopping volume statistics at an OBREC (2019)

C. Iuppa, et al.

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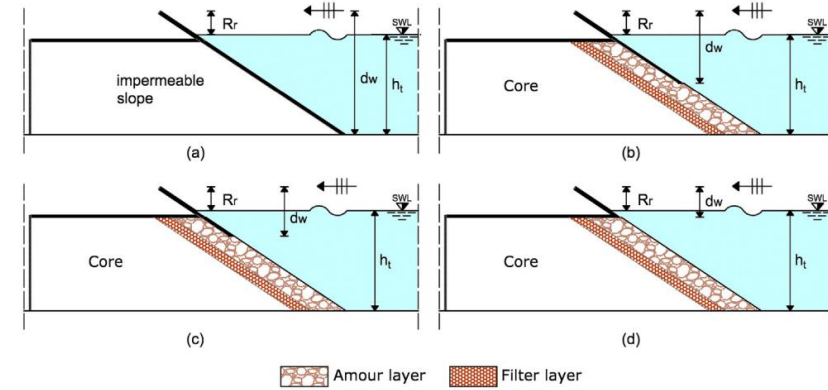


Fig. 3. OBREC configurations analyzed in the present experimental campaign: a)  $d_w = 0.274$  m ( $d_w^* = 1.0$ ); b)  $d_w = 0.166$  m ( $d_w^* = 0.6$ ); c)  $d_w = 0.113$  m ( $d_w^* = 0.4$ ); d)  $d_w = 0.064$  m ( $d_w^* = 0.2$ ).  $R_r$  indicates the crest free-board and  $h_t$  indicates the water depth at the model toe.

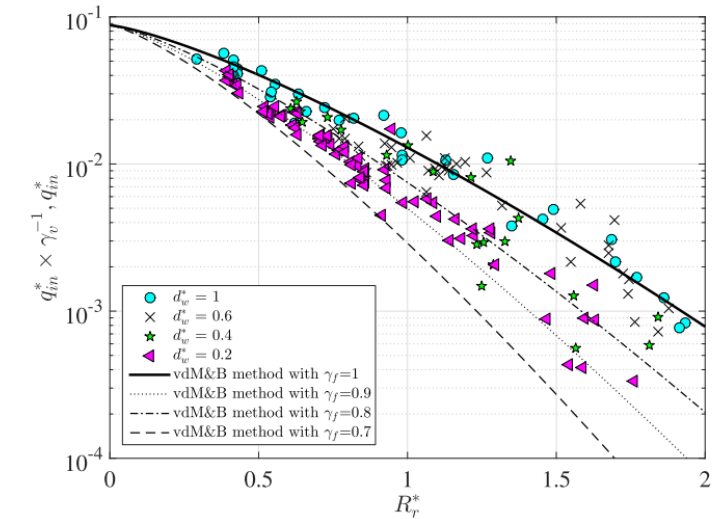


Fig. 8. Comparison of the average wave overtopping rates measured for all configurations tested in the present tests and those estimated by the prediction method of van der Meer and Bruce (2013) adopting four different values of  $\gamma_f$ . The experimental data were corrected using the coefficient  $\gamma_v$ .

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- Crown Wall Modifications as Response to Wave Overtopping under a Future Sea Level Scenario: An Experimental Parametric Study for an Innovative Composite Seawall (2020)

1. Relative overtopping discharge is plotted against the Iribarren number:

$$\xi_0 = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{H_0}{L_0}}}$$

$\lambda^* = \lambda / \lambda_{\text{small}}$  , where  $\lambda_{\text{small}} = 0.10$  and  $\lambda = h_{\text{nose}} / h_w$

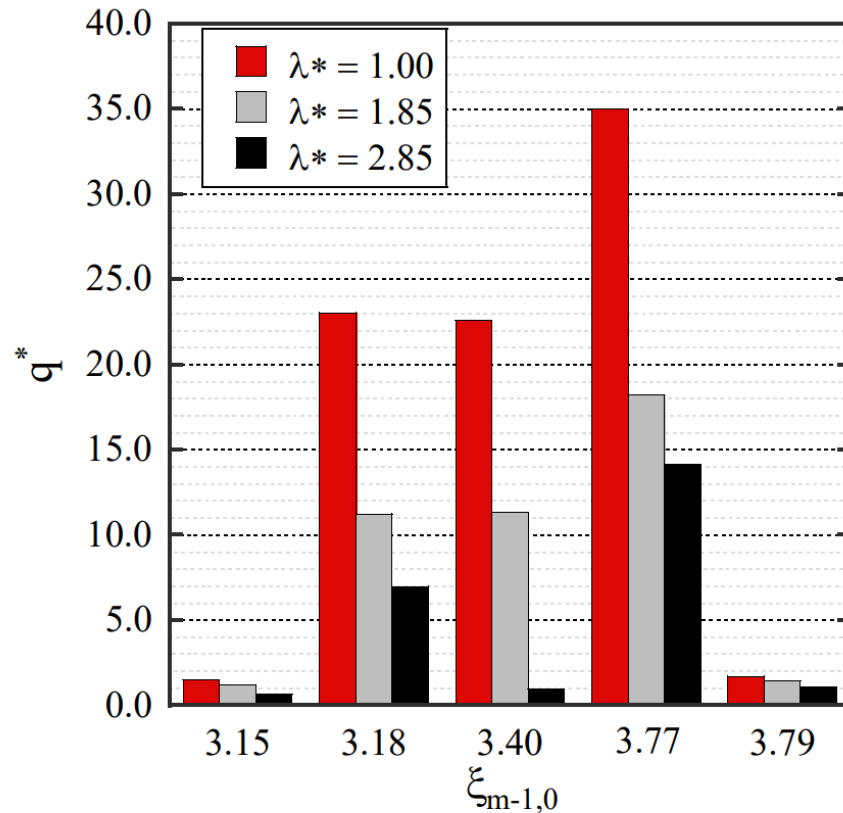


Figure 12. Relative overtopping discharge,  $q^*$ , against  $\xi_{m-1,0}$ .

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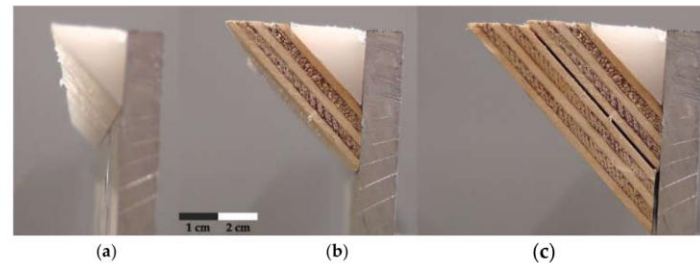
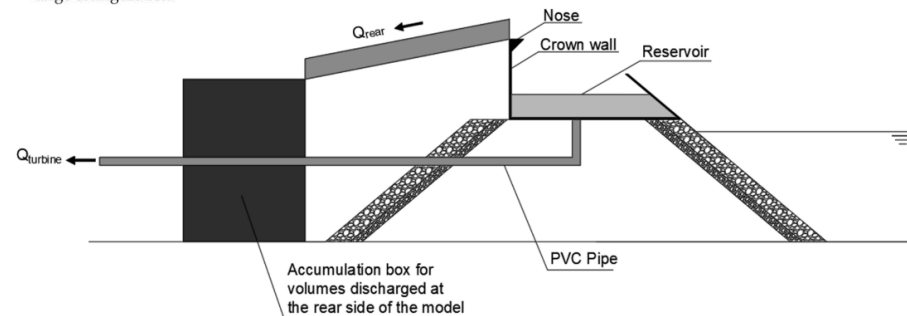


Figure 7. Photos showing the nose in (a) small configuration, (b) large configuration and (c) extra-large configuration.





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- Prototype Overtopping Breakwater for Wave Energy Conversion at Port of Naples (2016)



Fig. 6 - Antifers handling by mobile crane



Fig. 7 - Construction of micropiles by micropiles drilling rig



Fig. 8 - The bottom slab construction



Fig. 9 - Positioning of the prefabricated ramps



Fig. 2 - Plan view of the location of the OBREC prototype at Naples port (Italy)



Fig. 10 - OBREC prototype under wave storm



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- Integrated assessment of the hydraulic and structural performance of the OBREC device in the Gulf of Naples (Palma et al., 2020)

G. Palma, et al.

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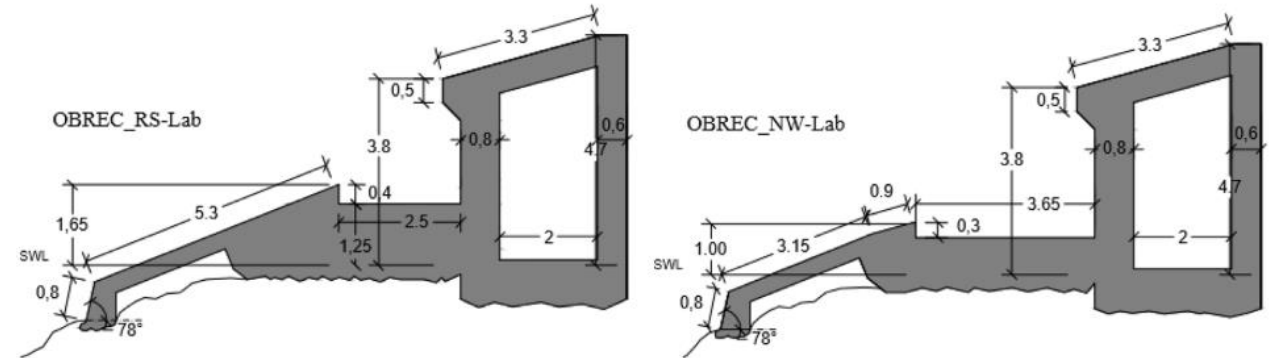


Fig. 2. Cross-sections of the OBREC prototype configurations in the Naples harbour: a) RS-Lab configuration; b) NW-Lab configuration [14].

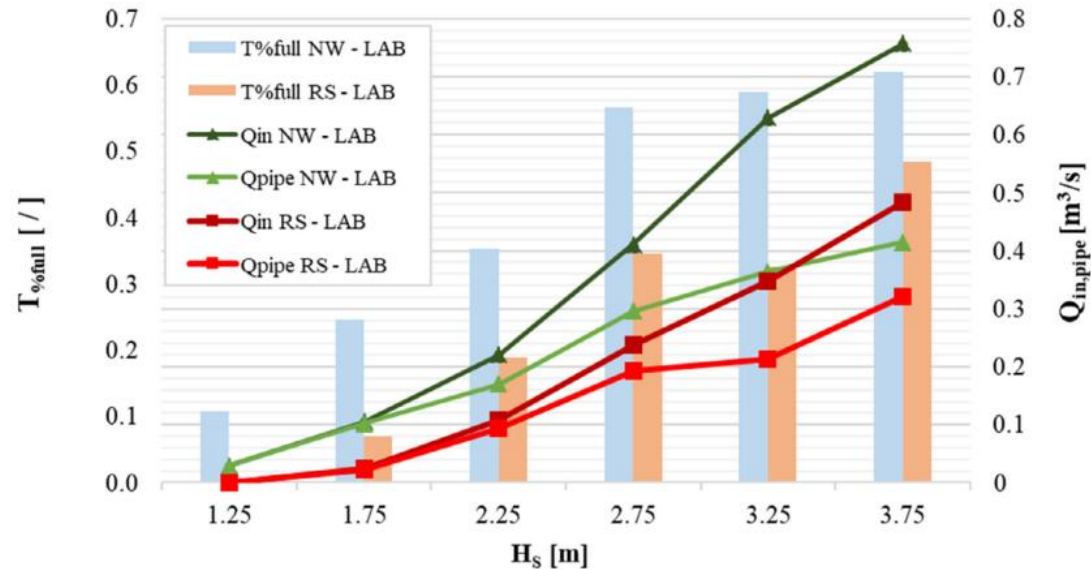


Fig. 16. Comparison between the discharge rate inside the reservoir  $Q_{in}$  and inside  $Q_{pipe}$  for both the configuration.

- NW-Lab configuration gives more  $Q$ (in the pipe) and  $T\%full$ .

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1. They used Flow3D software, and simulations were done within the 60s.
2. Waves with the highest period and significant wave height did not give the maximum result.

- The Influence of Ramp Shape Parameters on Performance of Overtopping Breakwater for Energy Conversion (2020)

Table 2. Ramp shape in polynomial equation expression.

Ramp Shape Name	Polynomial Equation	2D Illustrate	3D Illustration
Linear	$f(x) = -0.34x + 3$		
Convex	$f(x) = -0.037x^2 - 0.009x + 3$		
Concave	$f(x) = 0.037x^2 - 0.66x + 3$		

The comparison of overtopping rates at different wave conditions or local monsoon situations is presented in Figure 14. It is shown that the R3 condition gave a higher overtopping discharge rate compared to others. The outcome also indicates that overtopping will gradually increase with increasing wave height (R1–R3). However, the overtopping declined for wave condition R4, although it has a larger wave height compared to other conditions. Theoretically, overtopping rate is relatively proportional to the wave height and period. Among the possible explanations for what happens during R4 condition is being unaware of the effect of the wave number in experiment test. Since R4 have longer wavelength compared to other waves, it produces the least number of overtopping waves within 60 s of the experiment test. This outcome clearly indicates a strong relationship between wave characteristics into overtopping waves and needs an improvement in the experiment setup.

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Table 2. Cont.

Ramp Shape Name	Polynomial Equation	2D Illustrate	3D Illustration
Cubic	$f(x) = -0.015x^3 + 0.191x^2 - 0.924x + 3$		
Cubic (-ve)	$f(x) = 0.015x^3 - 0.191x^2 + 0.27x + 3$		
Quantic	$f(x) = -0.0025x^5 + 0.0543x^4 - 0.415x^3 + 1.29x^2 - 1.729x + 3$		
Quantic(-ve)	$f(x) = 0.0025x^5 - 0.0543x^4 + 0.415x^3 - 1.29x^2 + 1.05x + 3$		

In this study, several wave parameters were used to see an overall effect of ramp shape into overtopping discharge. Four types of normal Malaysian wave characteristics were generated in both simulations and experiment. These waves represent average waves during non-monsoon season (R1), average waves in the year of 2013 (R2), average waves peak waves in the year of 2013 (R3), and average during monsoon season (R4). The corresponding wave parameters are given in Table 3.

Table 3. Statistical average of wave data according to monsoon.

Data Period	Period $T_p$ (s)	Significant Wave Height $H_s$ (m)
Average wave per year (R2)	6.67	1.245
Average Northeast monsoon (R4)	7.74	1.76
Average Southeast monsoon (R1)	4.99	0.79
Average max wave per year (R3)	7.13	1.53 ( $H_{max}$ )

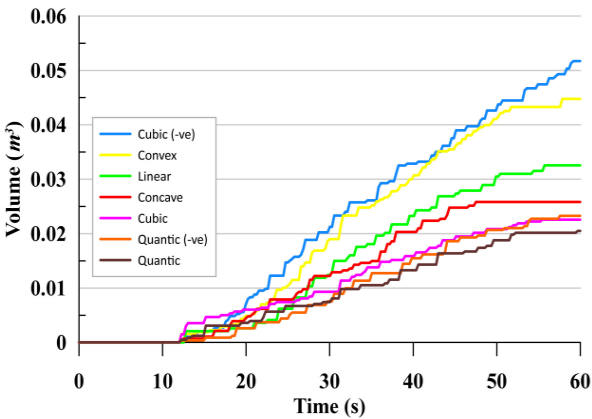


Figure 12. Comparison of overtopping volume for different ramp shapes.

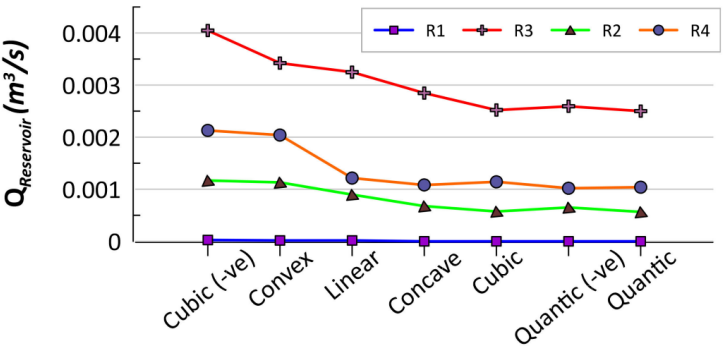


Figure 14. Overtopping rates at different monsoons.

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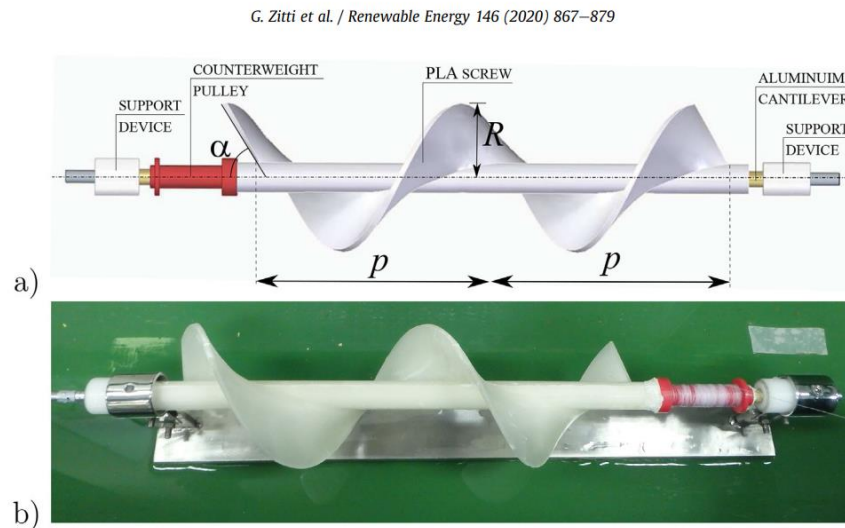


Fig. 3. The screw turbine used for the experiments. a) sketch of the screw turbine model with main components; b) top view of the turbine in the support system.

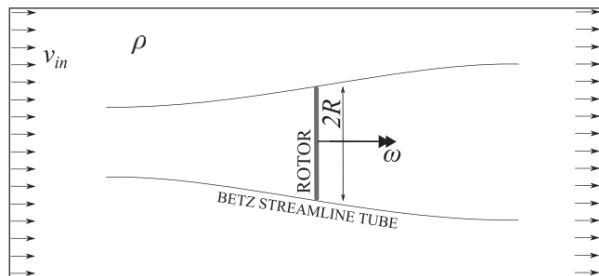


Fig. 1. Sketch of Betz' model.

- Efficiency evaluation of a ductless Archimedes turbine: Laboratory experiments and numerical simulations

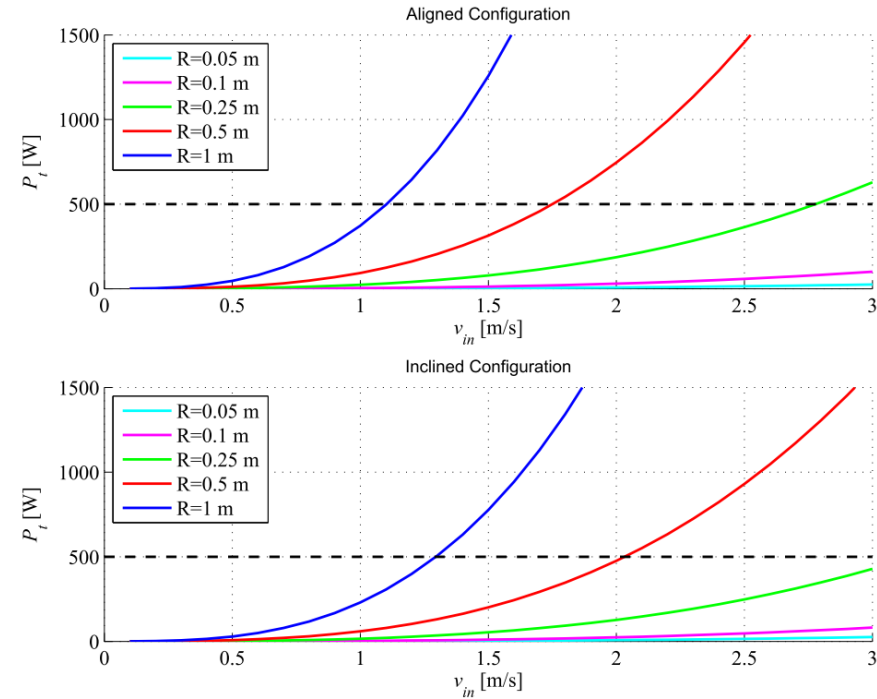


Fig. 12. Power generated by Archimedean-Type Hydrokinetic turbines, with different radii  $R$  and for different water flow  $v_{in}$ .

1. Archimedes screw in the aligned configuration has a good output.







# Methodology

Volume conservation:

$$\eta_t + \nabla \cdot M = 0$$

M is the horizontal volume flux.

The depth-averaged horizontal momentum:

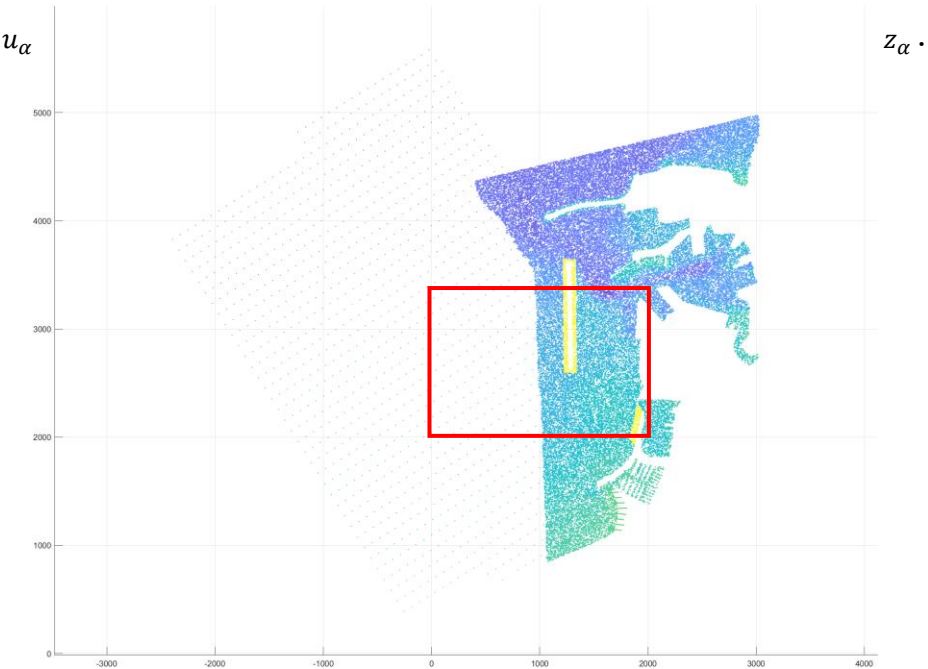
$$u_{\alpha,t} + (u_{\alpha} \cdot \nabla)u_{\alpha} + g\nabla_{\eta} + V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + R = 0$$

R: diffusive and dissipative terms (e.g. bottom friction, sub-grid lateral turbulent mixing)

$V_1$  and  $V_2$  are terms representing the dispersive Boussinesq terms (function of  $z_{\alpha}$ ).

$V_3$  contribution of the order  $O(\mu^2)$  (function of  $z_{\alpha}$ ).  $\mu = \frac{h}{l}$

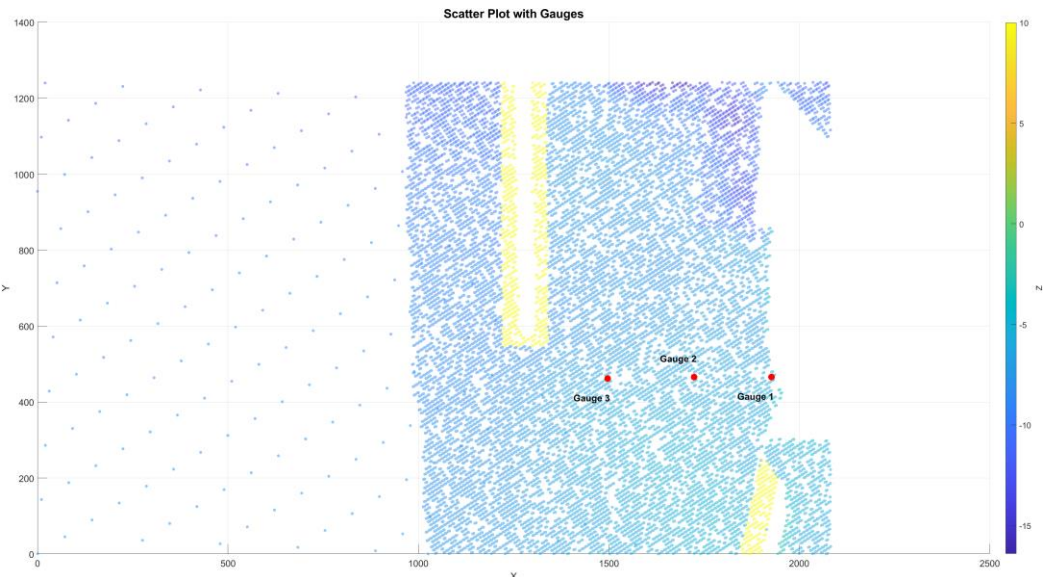
$z_{\alpha} = \zeta h + \beta \eta$  that  $\zeta$  and  $\beta$  are constants.



- FUNWAVE-TVD (Wave-resolving model) will be used as a shallow water solver.

It is based on Boussinesq-type equations in which Reynolds equations are integrated over the water depth, so the vertical structure is not directly resolved but only modelled. (2DH models)

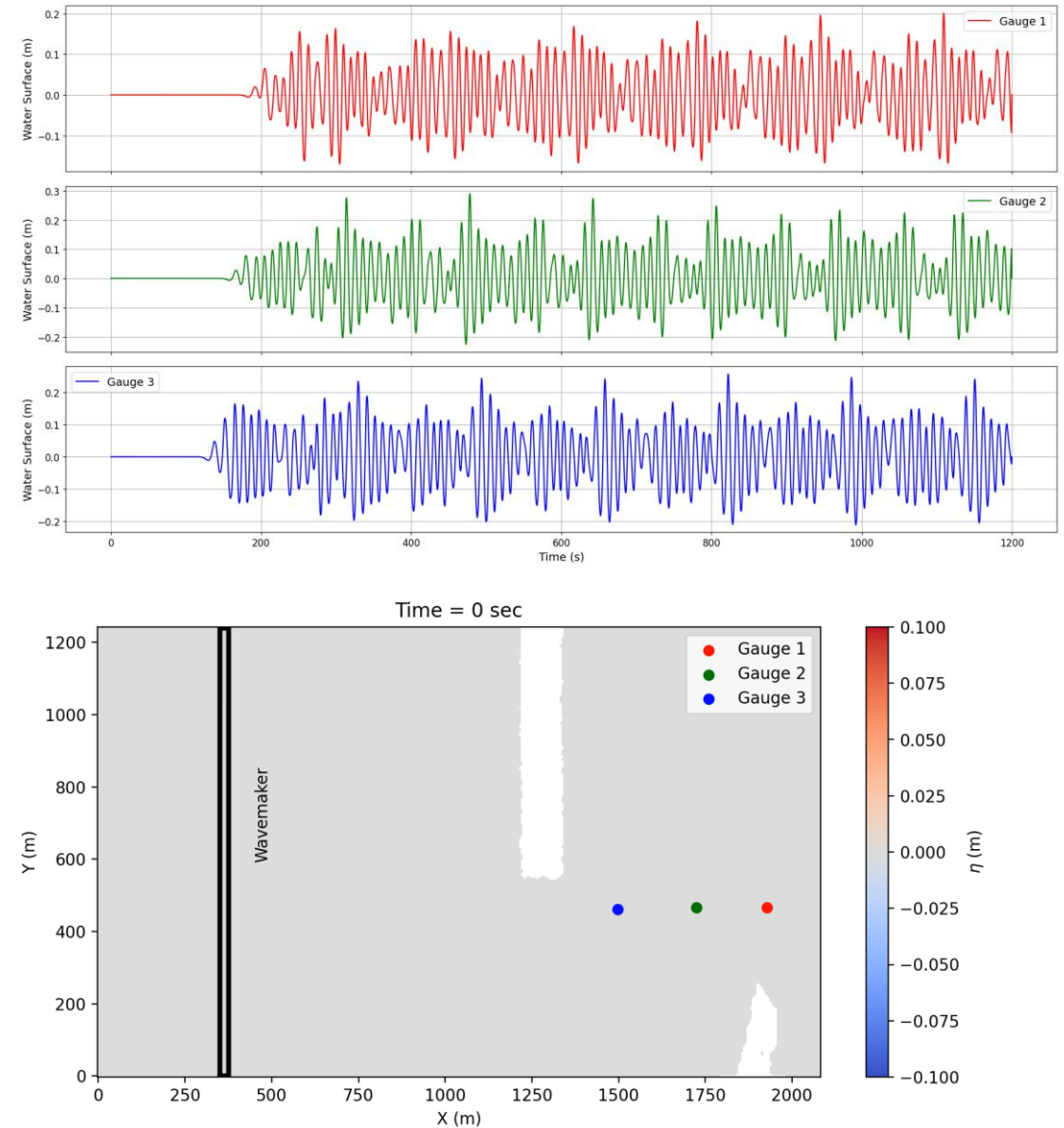
Bathymetry of the Port of Ancona for FUNWAVE:  
Combination of port bathymetry from port Authorities (CAD) and EMODnet data.





# Methodology

- Wave and Structure Interaction (CFD and/or SPH software)
- Designing the conveying system (Ansys Fluent, FLOW3D, ...)
- Experimental tests
- Monitoring of the device (D3.10)





An aerial photograph of a coastline. On the left, the ocean is a deep green color. White, frothy waves are crashing onto a wide, golden-yellow sandy beach. To the right of the beach is a steep, dark rock cliff. The cliff face is covered with patches of green and brown vegetation. The text "Thank You for Your Attention" is overlaid in the upper left quadrant of the image.

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# Morphodynamic swash zone modelling

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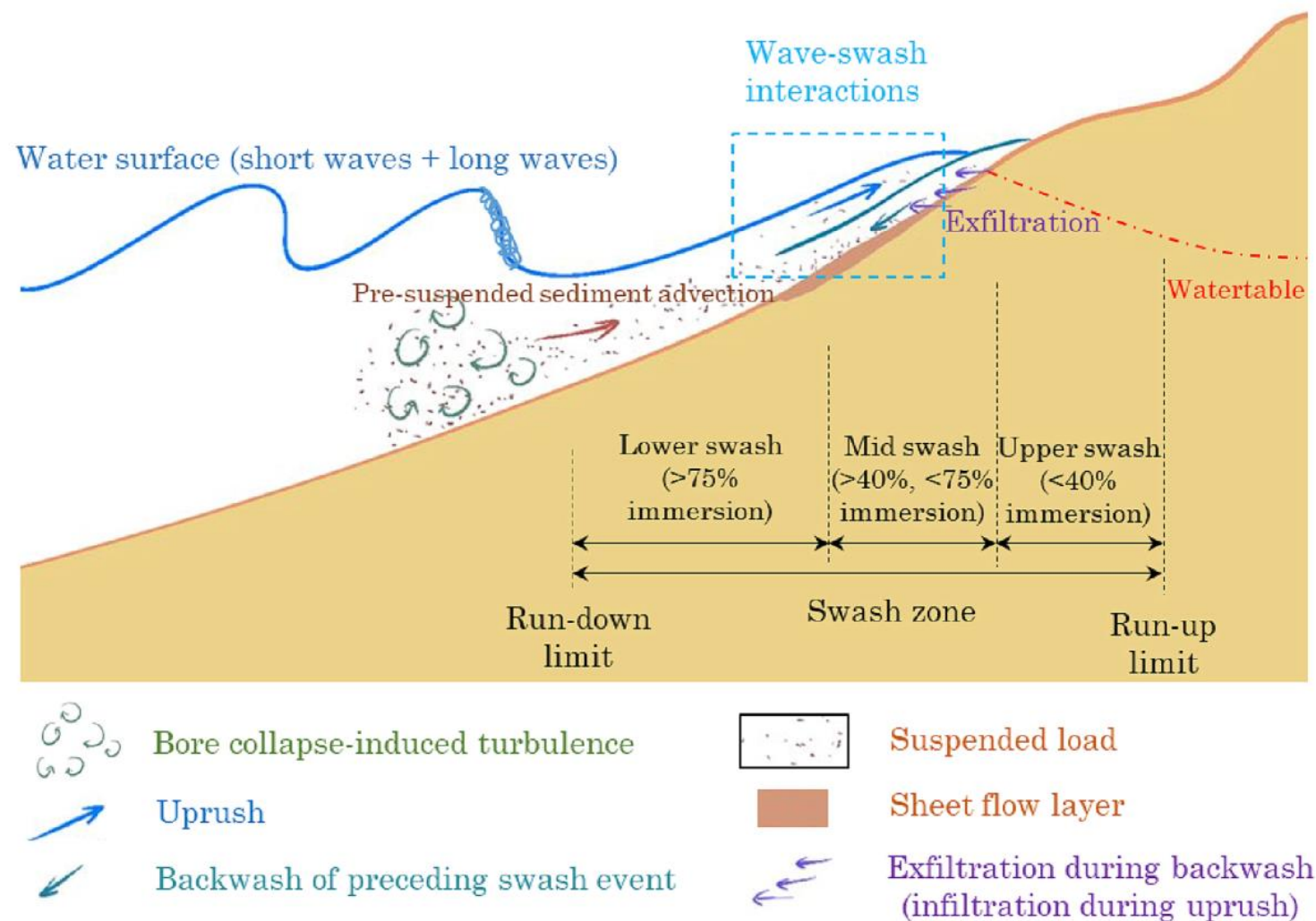


# The swash zone

## Research motivation

- The deficiency of present models is their inability to adequately represent the wave boundary layer, in shoaling, surf and swash zones.
- A recent bottom boundary layer (BBL) sub-model for a fixed bed in the swash zone has shown great performance in predicting with high accuracy water depths and velocities on non-erodible beaches.

➤ Further developed on mobile bed beaches, to improve our capacity to predict coastal accretion and erosion accurately.



Schematic overview of physical processes in the swash zone (W. Chen et al, 2023).



# Swash zone modelling

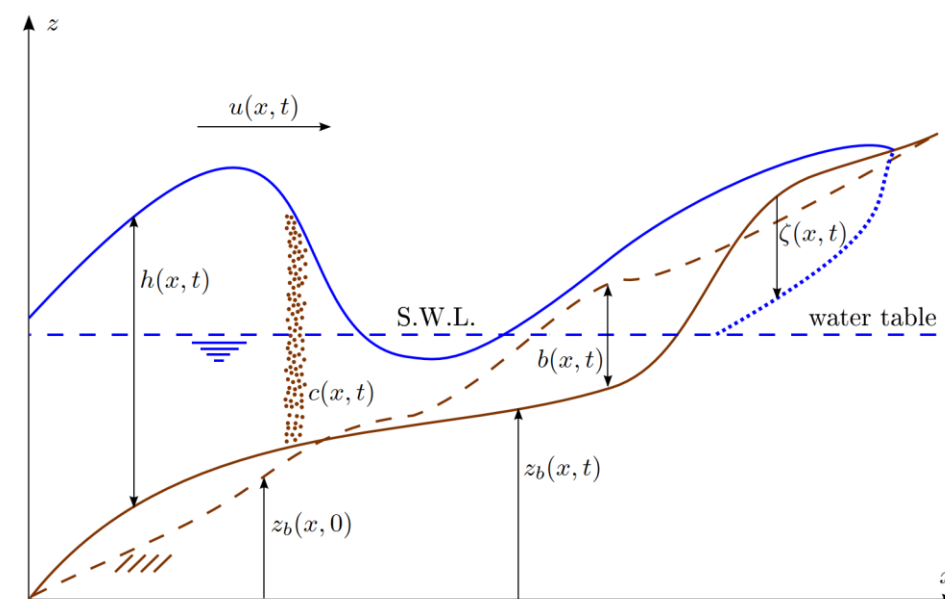
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### Solved Equations

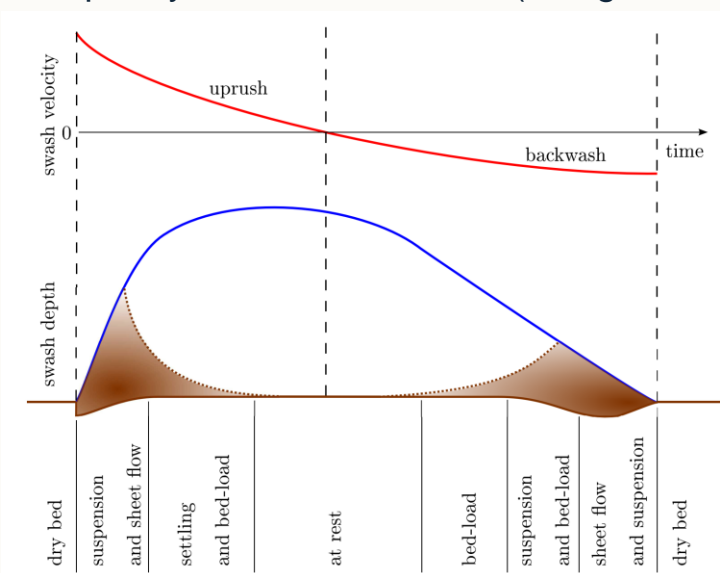
Spatial resolution	Depth-resolving / Depth-averaged
Time resolution	Wave-resolving / Group-averaged
Flow equations	NSWEs / Boussinesq-type / Hybrid
Sediment transport modes	Bed-load / Suspended load / Combined load
Subsurface flow	Excluded / Included

### Numerical aspects

Coupling	Fully-coupled / Uncoupled / Weakly-coupled
Shock treatment	Shock-fitting / Shock-capturing



Sketch of the variables involved in a generic morphodynamic swash event (Giorgio Incelli, 2016).



Sketch of the sediment transport processes during a swash cycle (Giorgio, 2016). The figure is modified from 5 Fig. 5 of Masselink and Puleo (2006).



# Research Objectives

## **The development of a morphodynamic swash zone model**

- (1) To develop a boundary layer description (sub-model) for a mobile bed that is suitable for incorporation into a NSWWE (Nonlinear Shallow Water Wave Equation) morphodynamic solver.
- (2) To validating the resulting morphodynamic solver against laboratory and field data.



# Research Methodology



# Numerical model

## Fully-coupled hydro-morphodynamical numerical solver

Overview
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Depth-averaged, phase-resolving, shock-capturing, and fully-coupled 1-Dimensional model.</li> <li>➤ Developed by the Coastal Dynamics and Engineering research group at the University of Nottingham, UK.</li> </ul>
Governing equations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Based on <b>1D nonlinear shallow water equations (NLSWEs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial hU}{\partial x} = 0</math></li> <li>• <math>\frac{\partial hU}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (hU^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2)}{\partial x} = -gh \frac{\partial z_B}{\partial x} - \frac{\tau_b}{\rho}</math></li> <li>• <b>x</b> is the horizontal abscissa, <b>t</b> is time, <b>U</b> denotes the depth-averaged horizontal velocity, <b>h</b> is the local water depth, <b>z<sub>B</sub></b> is the bed level, <b>g</b> is the gravitational acceleration, <b>τ<sub>b</sub></b> is the bottom shear stress, and <b>ρ</b> is the water density.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Spatial discretization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The <b>Total Variation Diminishing MacCormack (TVD-MCC) scheme</b>.</li> </ul>
Time stepping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The <b>adaptive explicit second-order predictor-corrector scheme</b> is employed for the main TVD-MCC scheme.</li> <li>➤ The <b>adaptive Runge-Kutta fourth-order scheme</b> is employed for the bottom boundary equations.</li> </ul>

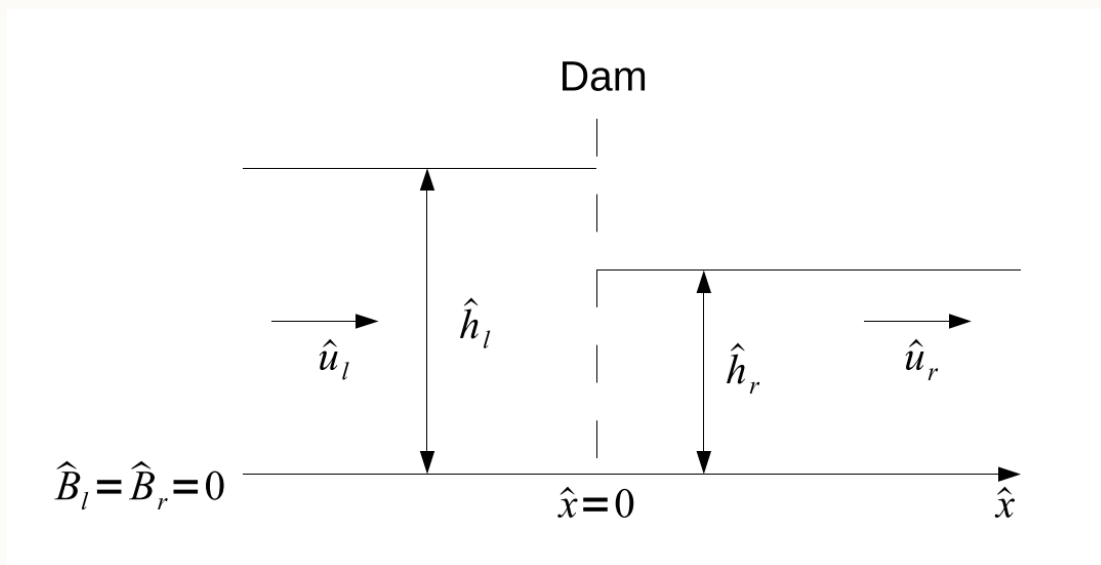
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# Calibration and Validation

## 1D Dam-break problem



Schematic for the initial conditions of a general dam-break problem. (Fangfang Zhu, 2012)

## Laboratory tests

- Intra-swash hydrodynamics and sediment flux for dam-break swash on coarse-grained beaches (O'Donoghue et al., 2016).
- Experimental study of bore-driven swash hydrodynamics on impermeable rough slopes (Kikkert et al., 2012).
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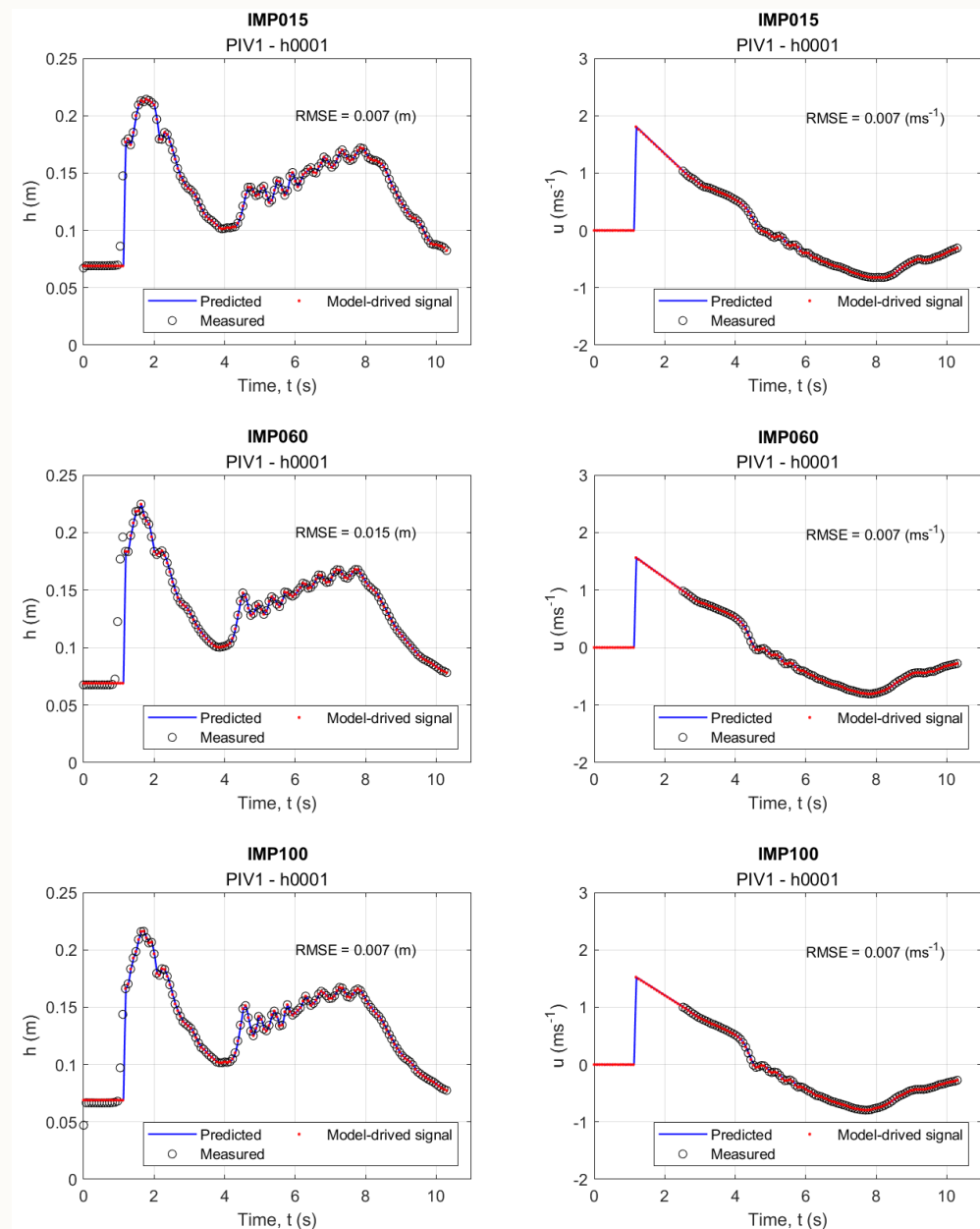
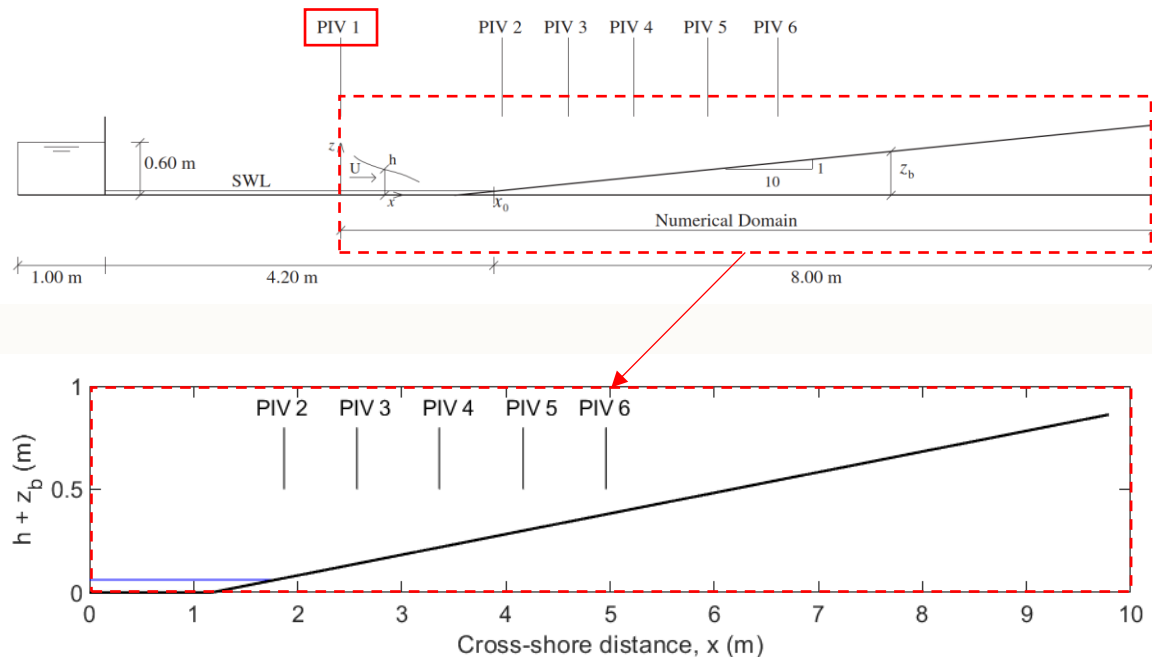


# Research progresses

Numerical simulation of bore-driven swash on impermeable rough slopes



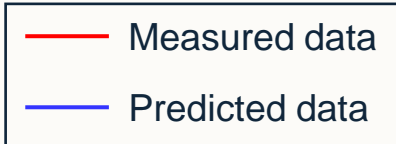
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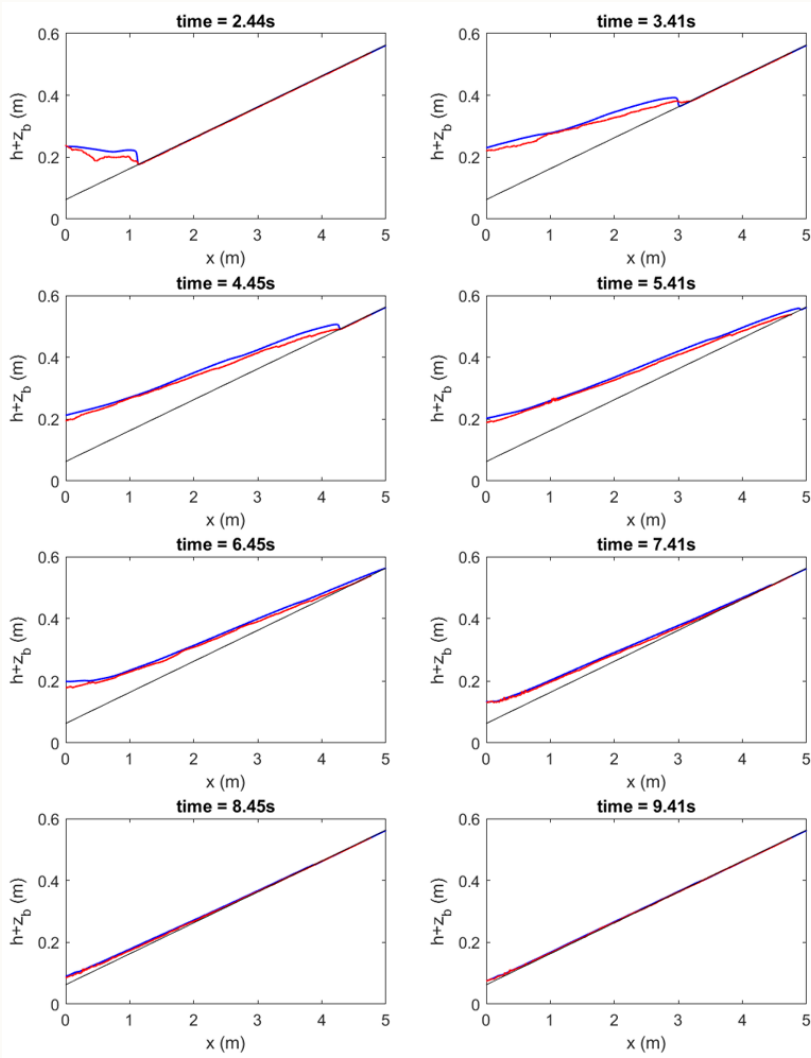
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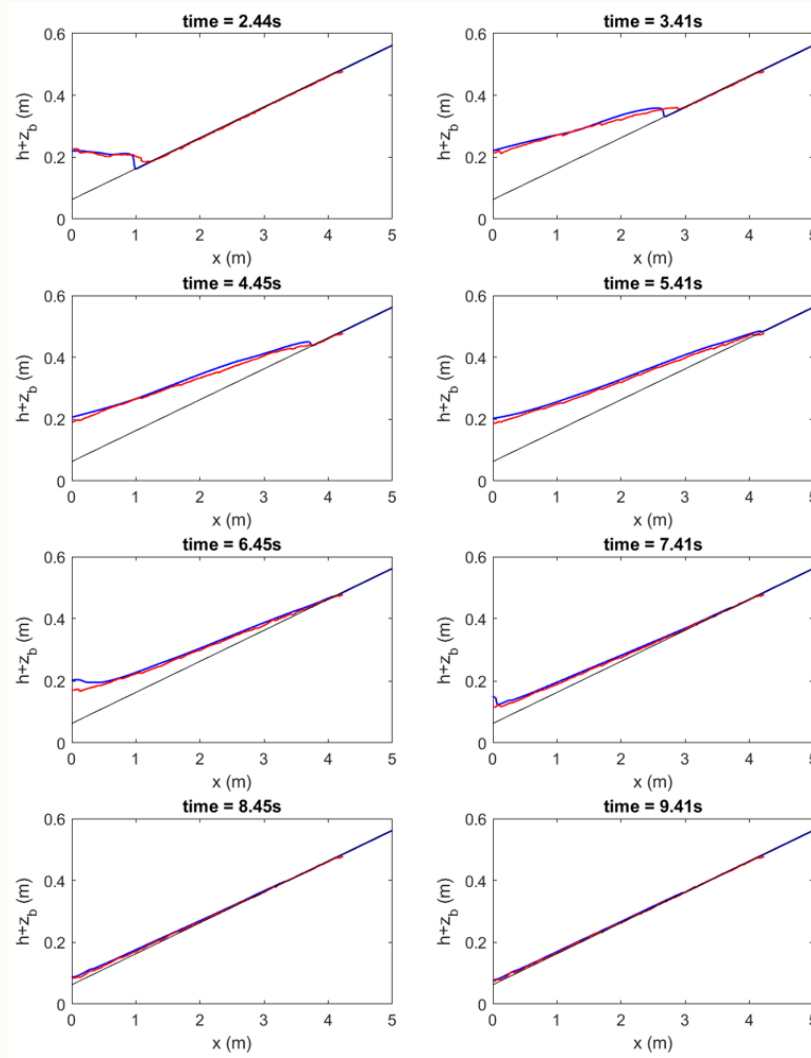
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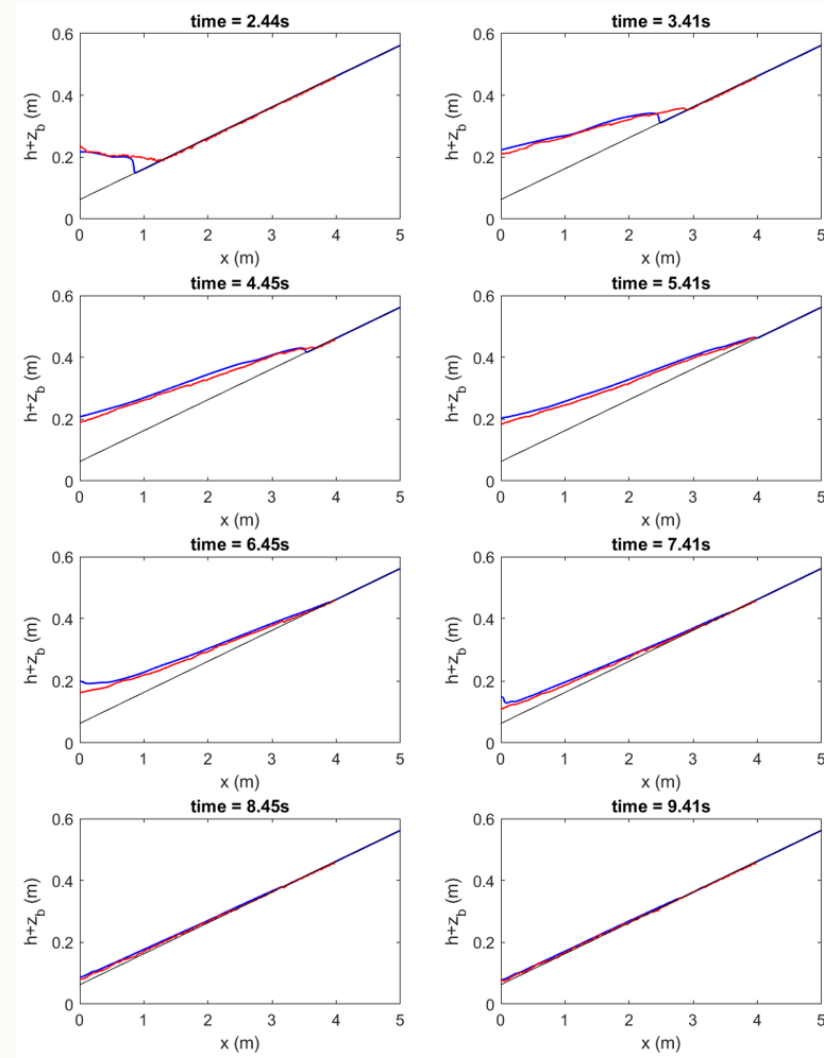
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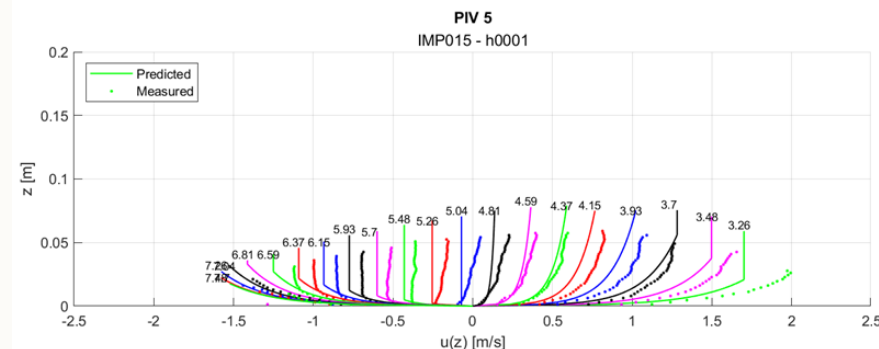
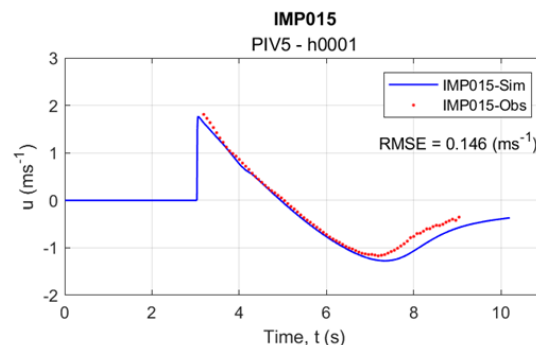
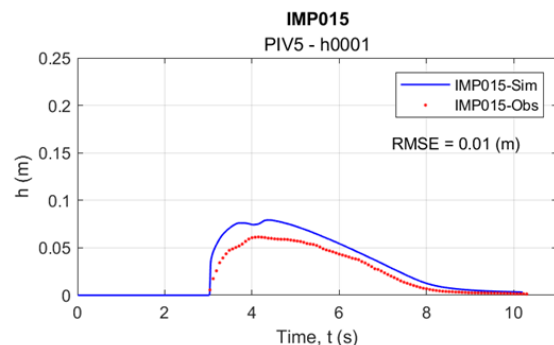
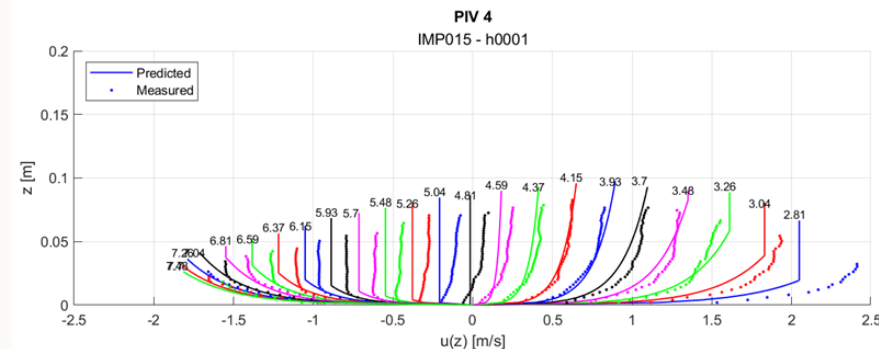
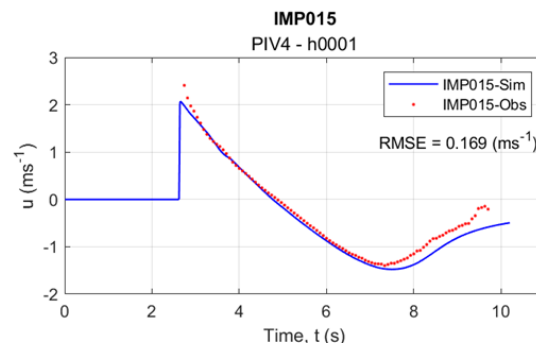
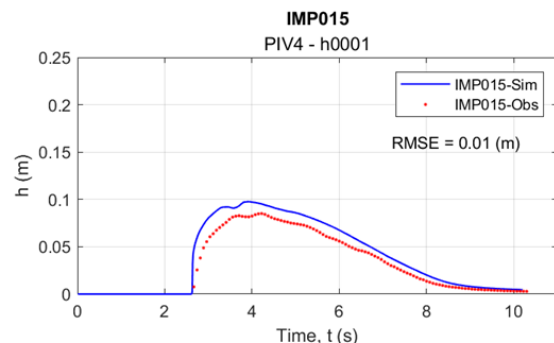
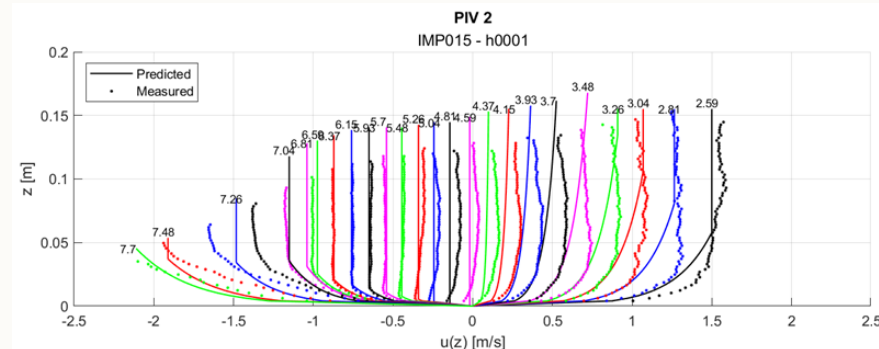
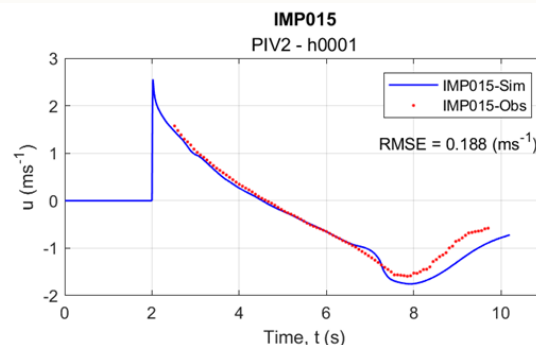
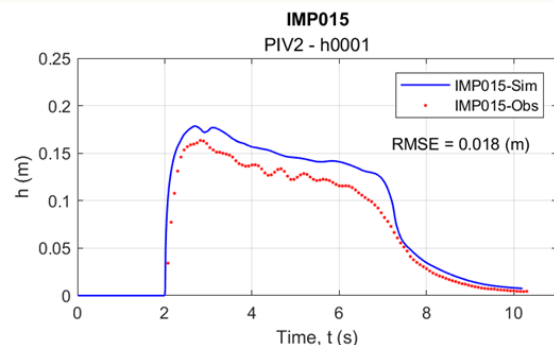
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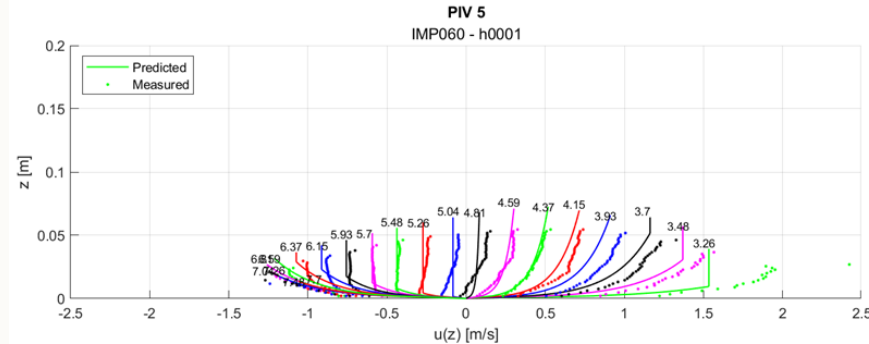
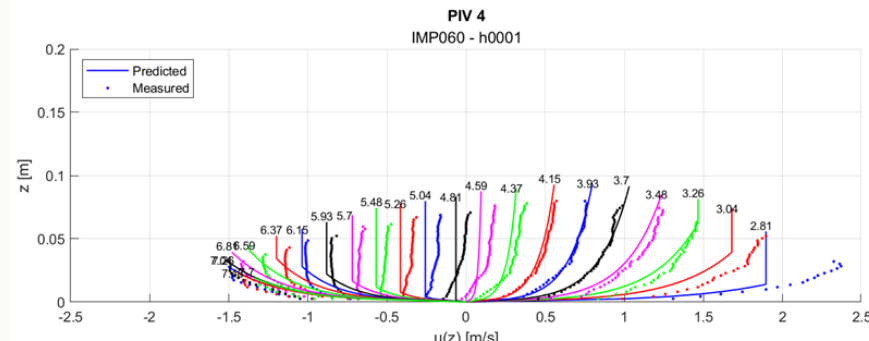
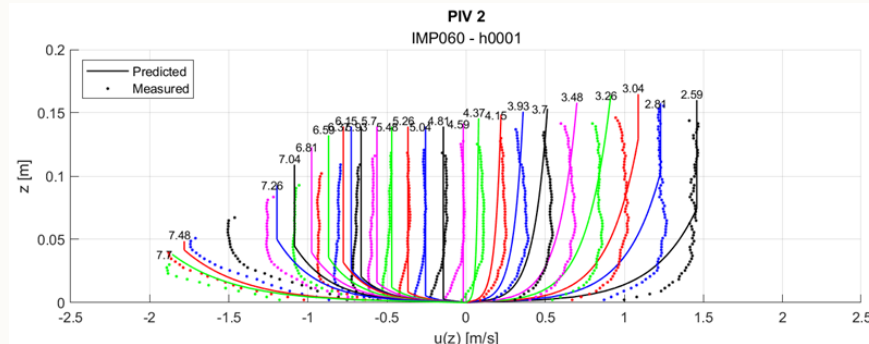
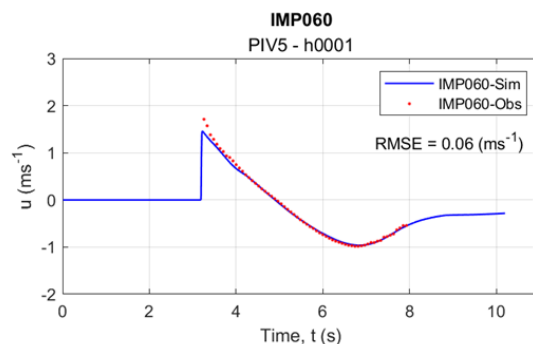
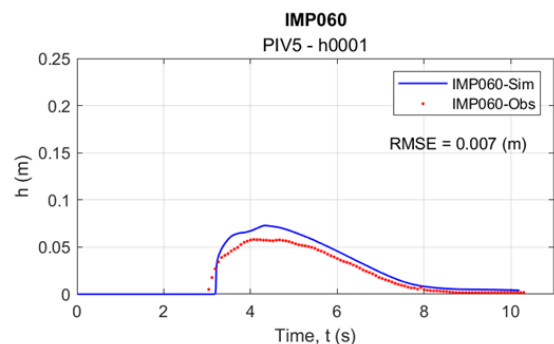
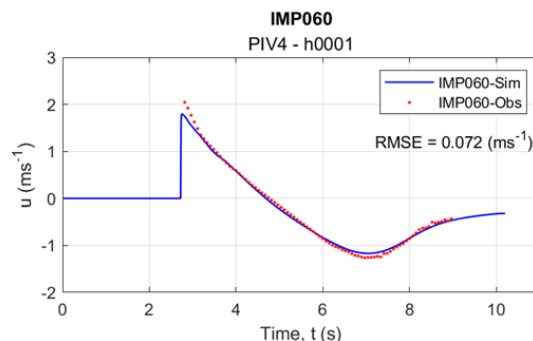
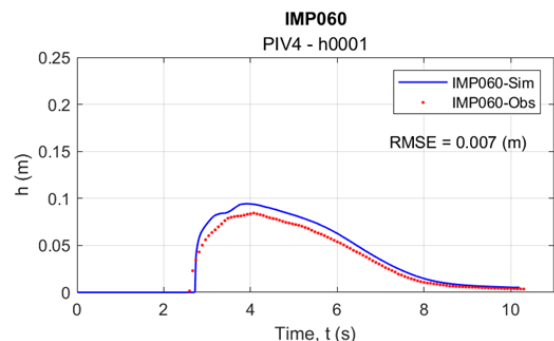
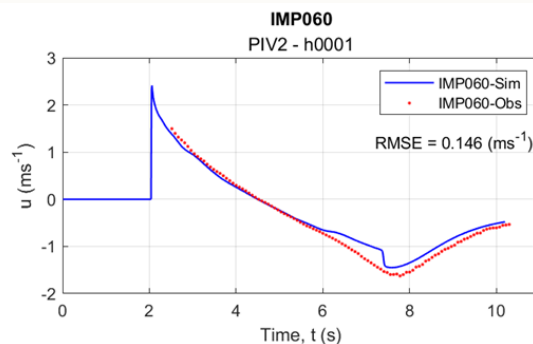
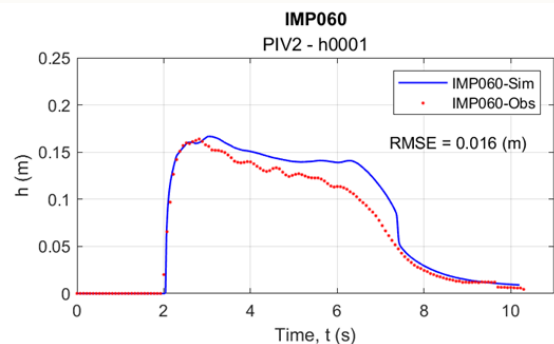






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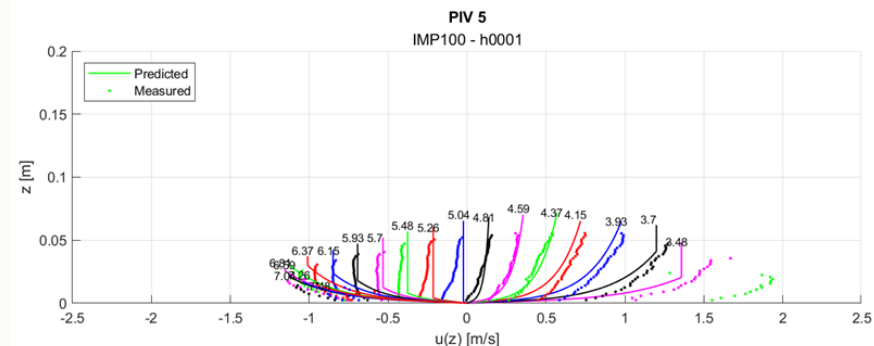
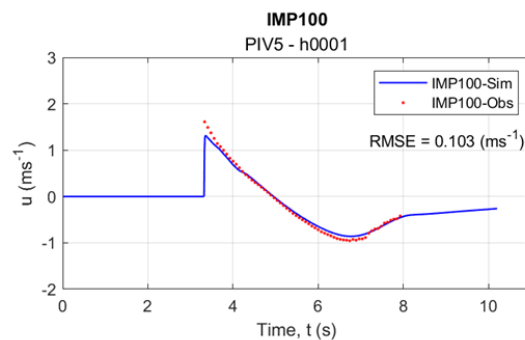
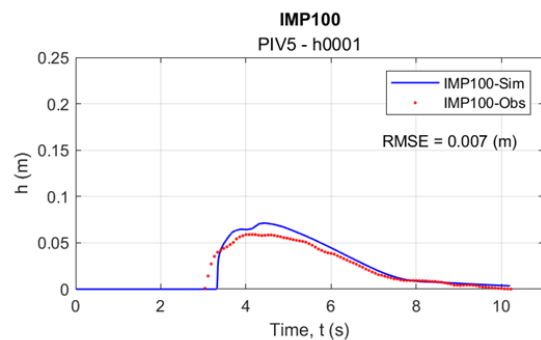
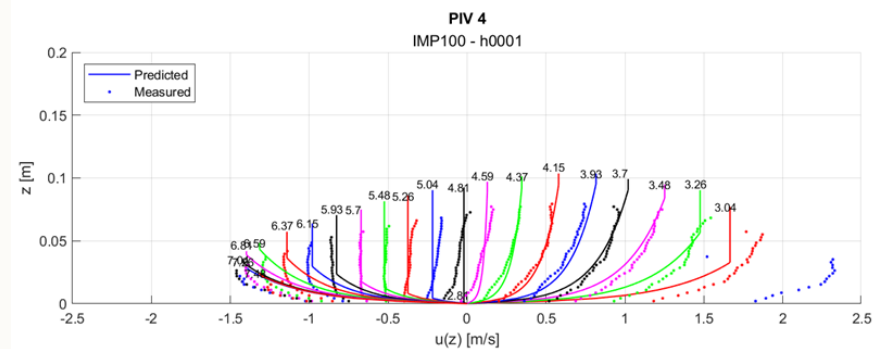
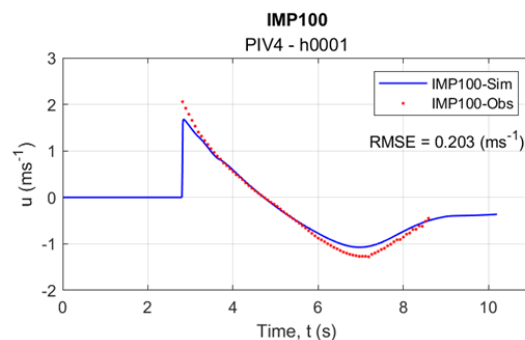
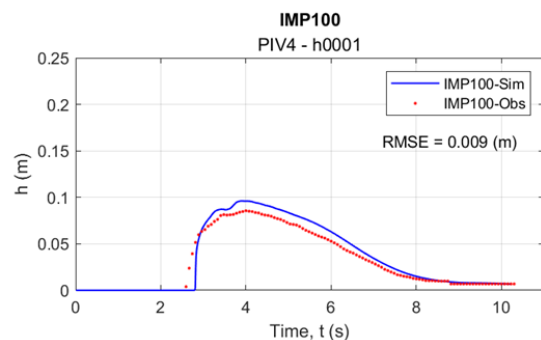
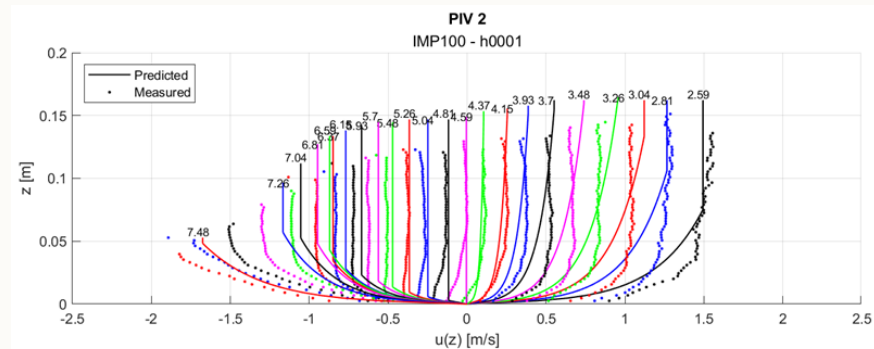
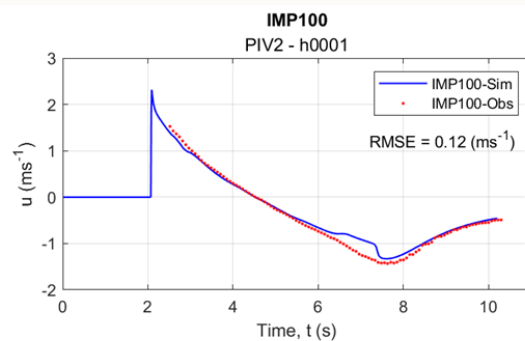
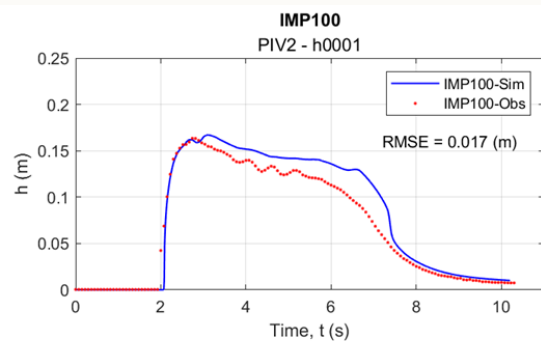
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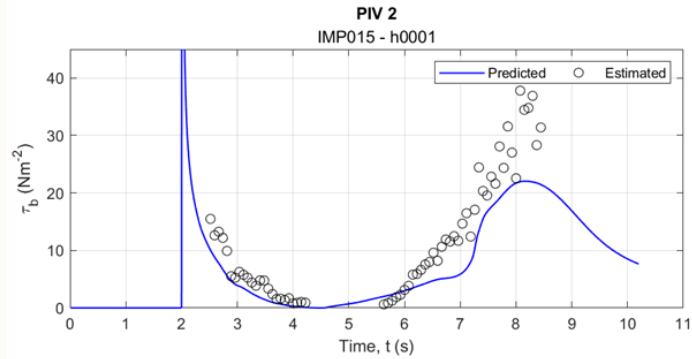
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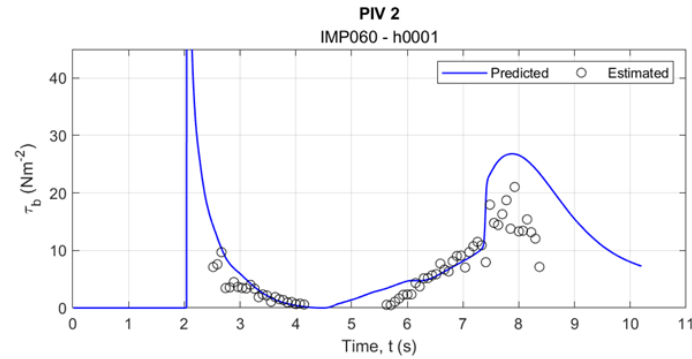


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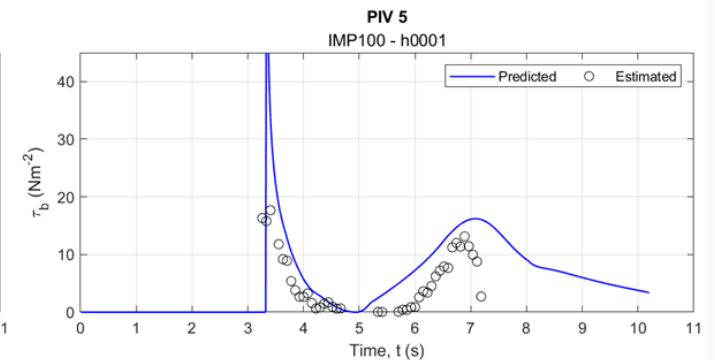
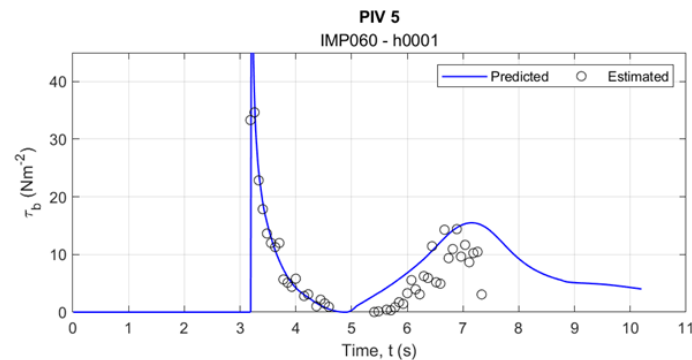
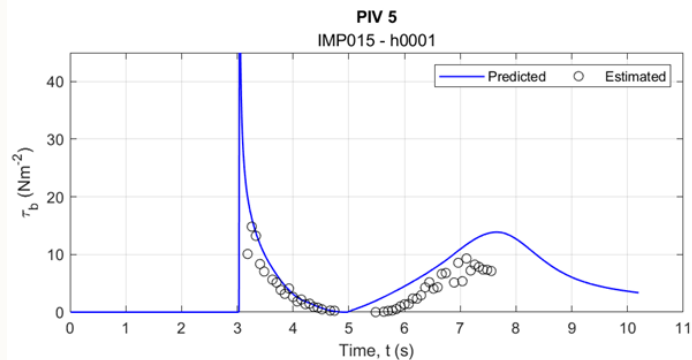
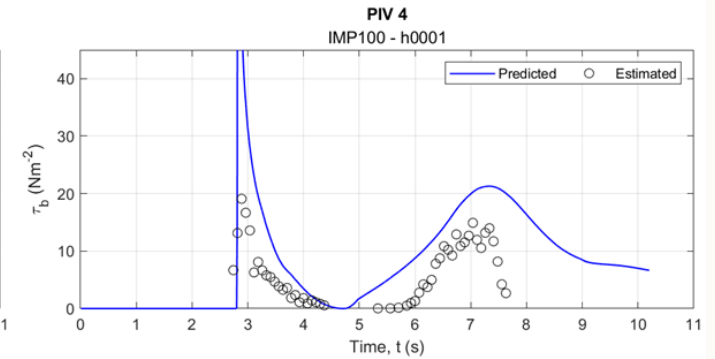
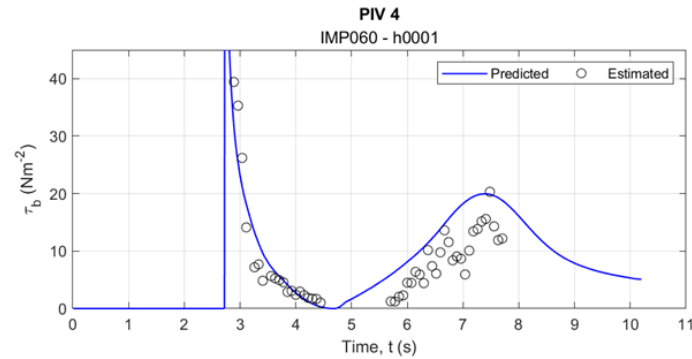
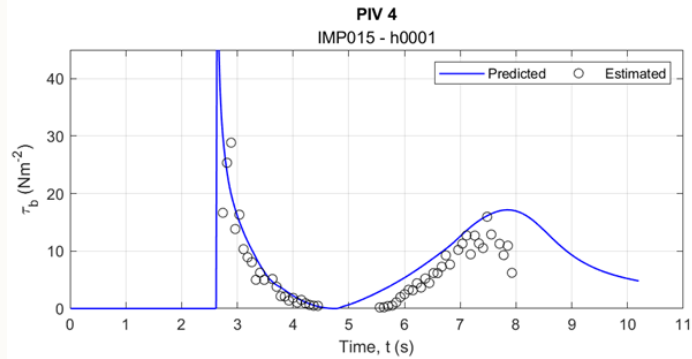
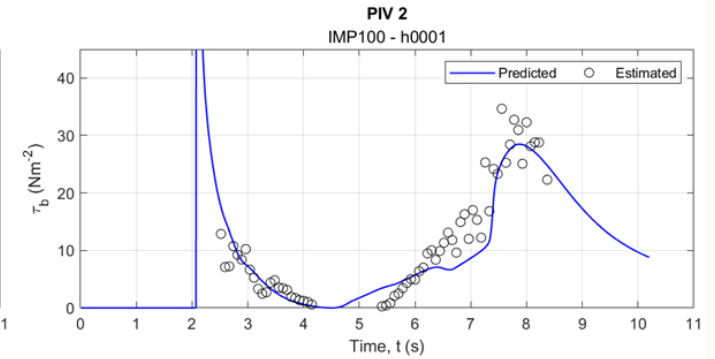
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# Research plan



# Further works

- Numerical simulation of bore-driven swash event on impermeable and permeable rough slopes (for a mobile bed).
- Improving the performance of the numerical simulation of bottom shear stress, which using the momentum integral method for the BBL.
- Incorporating the newly developed boundary layer sub-model, with a focus on the mobile bed, into a NSWEM morphodynamic solver.
- Implementing sensitivity analysis that considering the in/exfiltration and their effect on the boundary layer, possible phase effect, and the effect of bore turbulence.





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# Thank you

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**“Q2Dmorfo: a reduced complexity model for long term coastal dynamics” (Invited Speaker Albert Falqués, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya)**



# **Modelling long term and large scale coastal morphodynamics**

**Albert Falqués**

**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya**





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# 1) Aim: long term & large scale

**AIM: Long term evolution (10-100 yr) of sandy coasts at large length scales (10-100 Km)**



Llobregat river delta,  
South of Barcelona,  
Catalonia

Zandmotor meganourishment  
Near den Haag.  
The Netherlands





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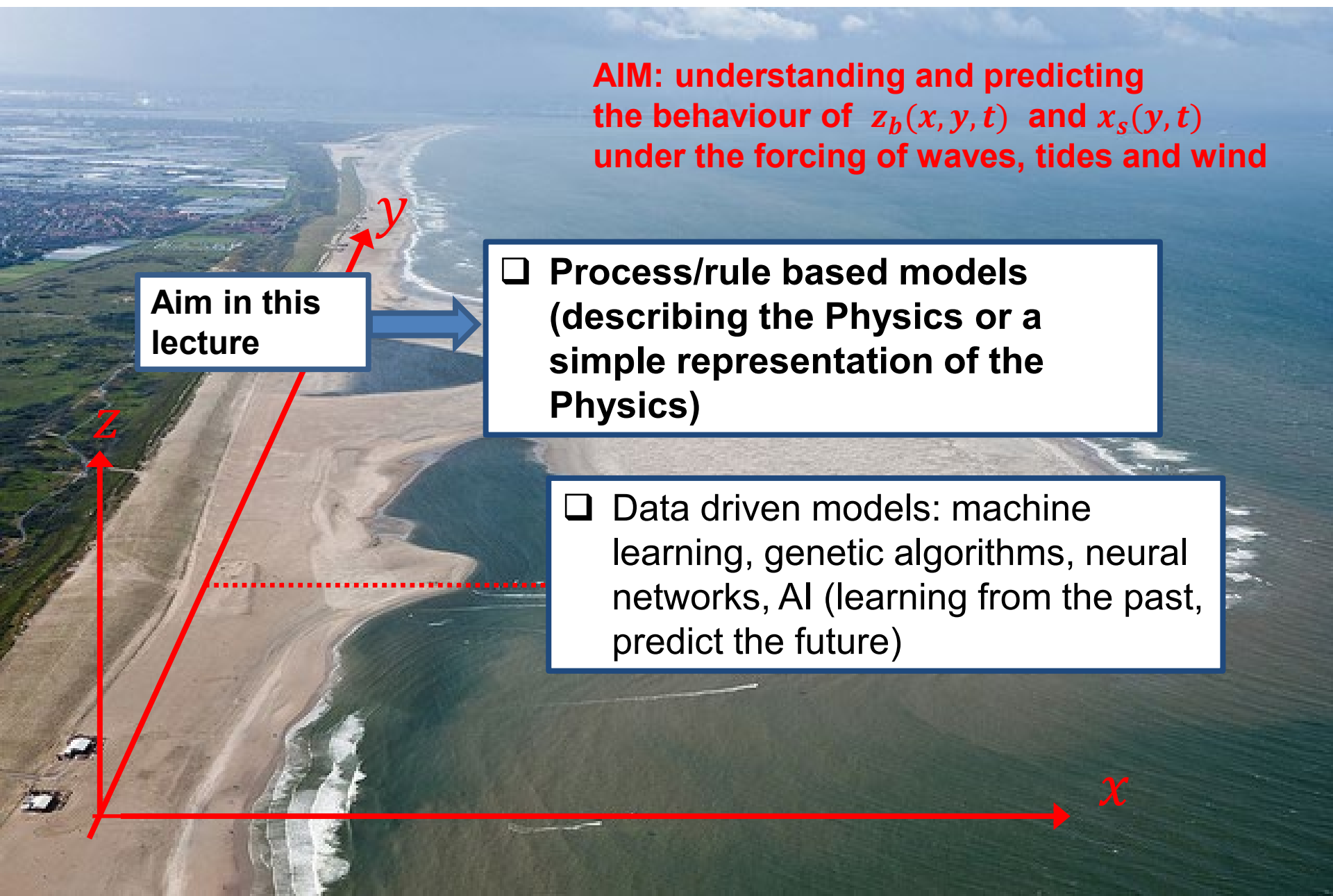
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**AIM: understanding and predicting the behaviour of  $z_b(x, y, t)$  and  $x_s(y, t)$  under the forcing of waves, tides and wind**

**Aim in this lecture**

☐ **Process/rule based models (describing the Physics or a simple representation of the Physics)**

☐ **Data driven models: machine learning, genetic algorithms, neural networks, AI (learning from the past, predict the future)**





## 2) Different types of models



**Too time consuming,  
not able for large-scale  
and long-term**

### 3D – wave-resolving

- Reynolds-averaged equations with individual waves in 3D

### 3D – wave-averaged

- Reynolds-averaged equations for mean currents in 3D
- Waves are treated on average: energy spectrum  $E(\omega, \theta)(x, y, t)$

### 2D – wave-resolving

- Average on the z coordinate (shallow water, Boussinesq, ...)
- Individual waves

### 2D – wave-averaged

- Shallow water equations for the mean currents
- Waves are treated on average: energy spectrum

➡ Very common; so-called: **coastal area models** or **2DH models**

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**Can deal with:**

- ✓ A few Km's of coast
- ✓ From days to months

**X BUT NO for several years or decades:**

- Computational cost
- Small scale error accumulation

### 2D – wave-averaged

- Shallow water equations for the mean currents
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➔ Very common; so-called: coastal circulation models

**NEED FOR SIMPLER MODELS  
("reduced-complexity models")**

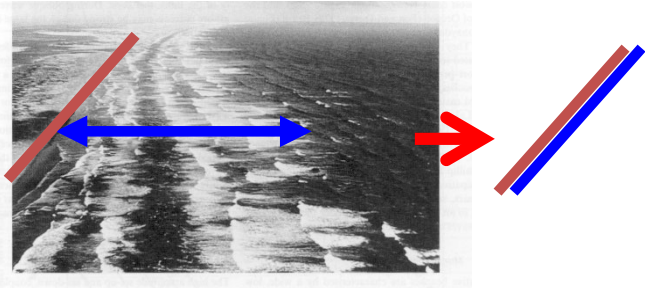
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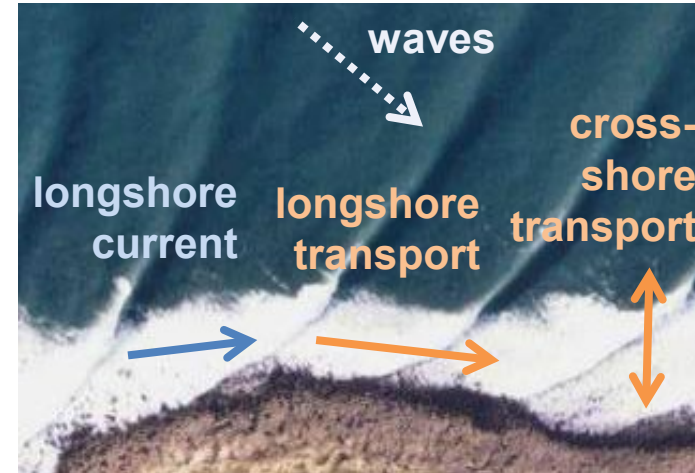


### One-line coastline models

surf zone “collapsed” in one line



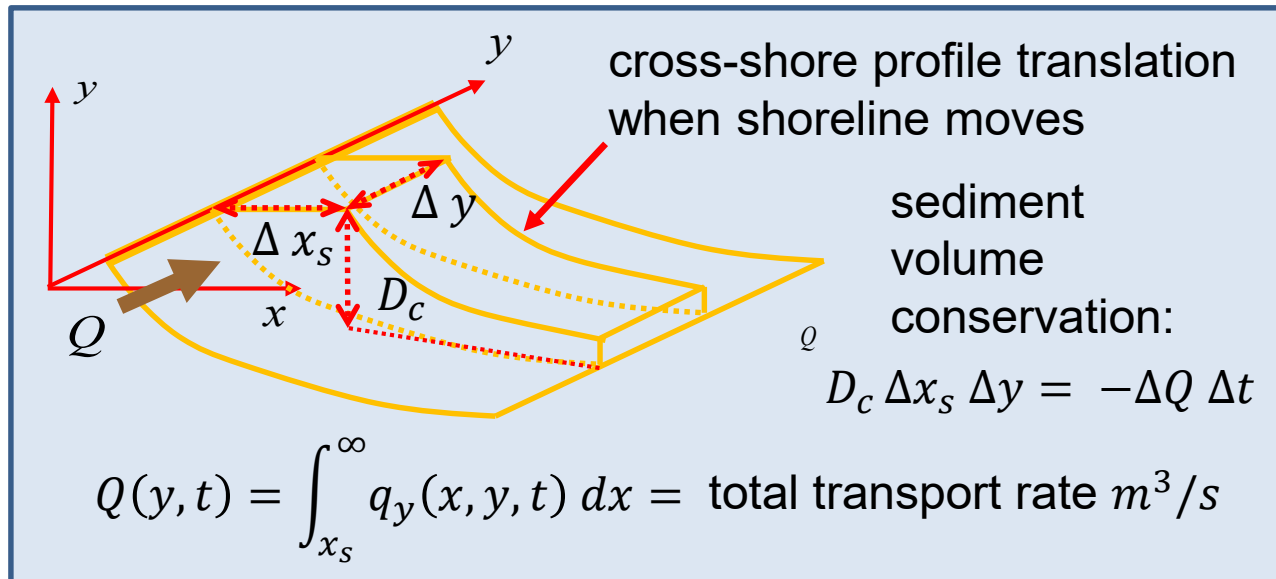
Only one unknown:  $x_s(y, t)$



Essential simplifications:

- Shoreline movement is governed just by gradients in longshore transport
- Alongshore sediment transport is computed parametrically from the waves
- Cross-shore sediment transport is not explicitly considered (instantaneous translation of the cross-shore profile according to shoreline displacement)
- Hydrodynamics not resolved (only waves)

### One-line governing equation



$$\frac{\partial x_s}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{D_c} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}$$

Pelnard-Considère equation (1956):

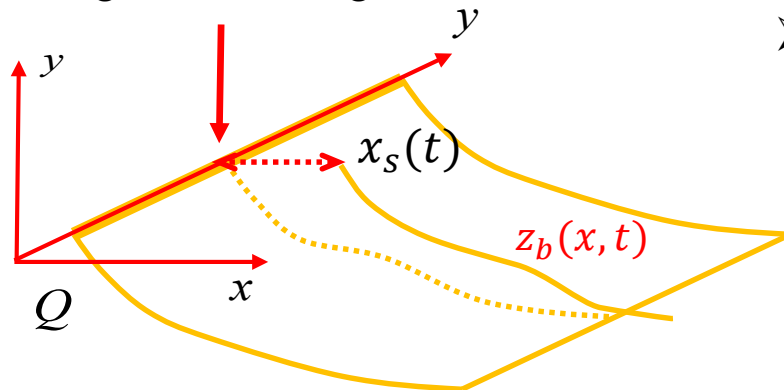
$$\frac{\partial x_s}{\partial t} = a \frac{\partial^2 x_s}{\partial y^2}$$

$$a = 2 \frac{Q_0 \cos 2\theta_b}{D_c}$$

Can we improve one-line models to include a description of cross-shore transport better than just profile translation ?

### Equilibrium shoreline models (parameterization of cross-shore processes)

shoreline  $x_s(t)$  at a particular  
alongshore location or  
alongshore average



**Concept** at any given beach:

- equilibrium shoreline position  
= function (wave forcing)
- shoreline evolves towards moving equilibrium

$$\frac{dx_s}{dt} = -k^{\pm} \gamma \Delta W$$

$$k^{\pm} = \begin{cases} k^{+} & \Delta W > 0 \\ k^{-} & \Delta W < 0 \end{cases}$$

$\gamma$  = wave thrust

$\Delta W$  = disequilibrium magnitude

Initial idea by Miller & Dean, 2004

Basically, two ways of formulation:

□ Yates et al., 2009.  $\Delta W = E - E_{eq}(x_s) \quad \gamma = E^{1/2}$

□ Splinter et al., 2014.  $\Delta W = \frac{\Omega - \Omega_{eq}}{\sigma_{\Omega}} \quad \gamma = P^{1/2}$   
 $\Omega_{eq} = f(\text{past values of } \Omega \text{ with decreasing weight})$

$$E = \frac{1}{8} \rho g H_{rms}^2$$

$$\Omega = \frac{H_s}{w T_p}$$

$$P = c_g E$$

### How to include cross-shore processes into one-line models ?

#### Extended one-line models

❑ **alongshore:** one-line

❑ **cross-shore:**

➤ equilibrium shoreline

➤ other approximations

Type	Model name	Autors	Characteristics
one-line		Pelnard-Considère 1956	1-line longshore
	GENESIS	Gravens et al. 1991	1-line longshore
	CEM	Ashton 2006	1-line longshore - cellular
One-line alongshore + equilibrium shoreline cross-shore	CoSMoS-COAST	Vitousek et al. 2017	1-line longshore + equilibrium shoreline + Bruun
	LX-Shore	Robinet et al. 2018	1-line longshore (cellular) + equilibrium shoreline + Bruun
	COCOONED	Antolinez et al. 2019	1-line longshore + equilibrium shoreline
	IH-LANS	Alvarez-Cuesta et al. 2021	1-line longshore + equilibrium shoreline + Bruun
		Tran & Berthélemy 2020	1-line longshore + equilibrium shoreline - embayed beach
One-line alongshore + «something» cross-shore	UNIBEST		1-line + detailed cross-shore processes
	MIKE 21 Shoreline Morphology		1-line longshore + cross-shore profile translation
	ShorelineS	Roelvink 2020	1-line (curvilinear-cellular) + optional cross-shore transport
	ShoreTrans	McCarroll 2021	1-line longshore + cross-shore profile translation + Bruun
N-lines	NLINE	Dabees 2000	N-lines

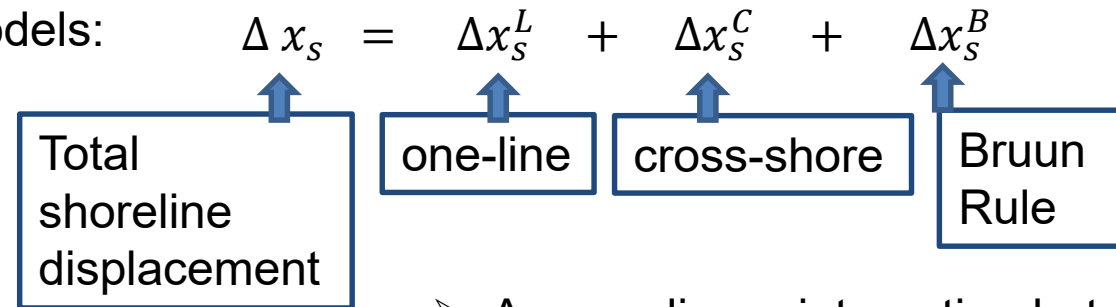


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## Q2Dmorfo: A different way to include cross-shore processes in a shoreline model

One-line extended models:



- Any nonlinear interaction between components/processes is excluded
- Sediment conservation is not explicitly considered

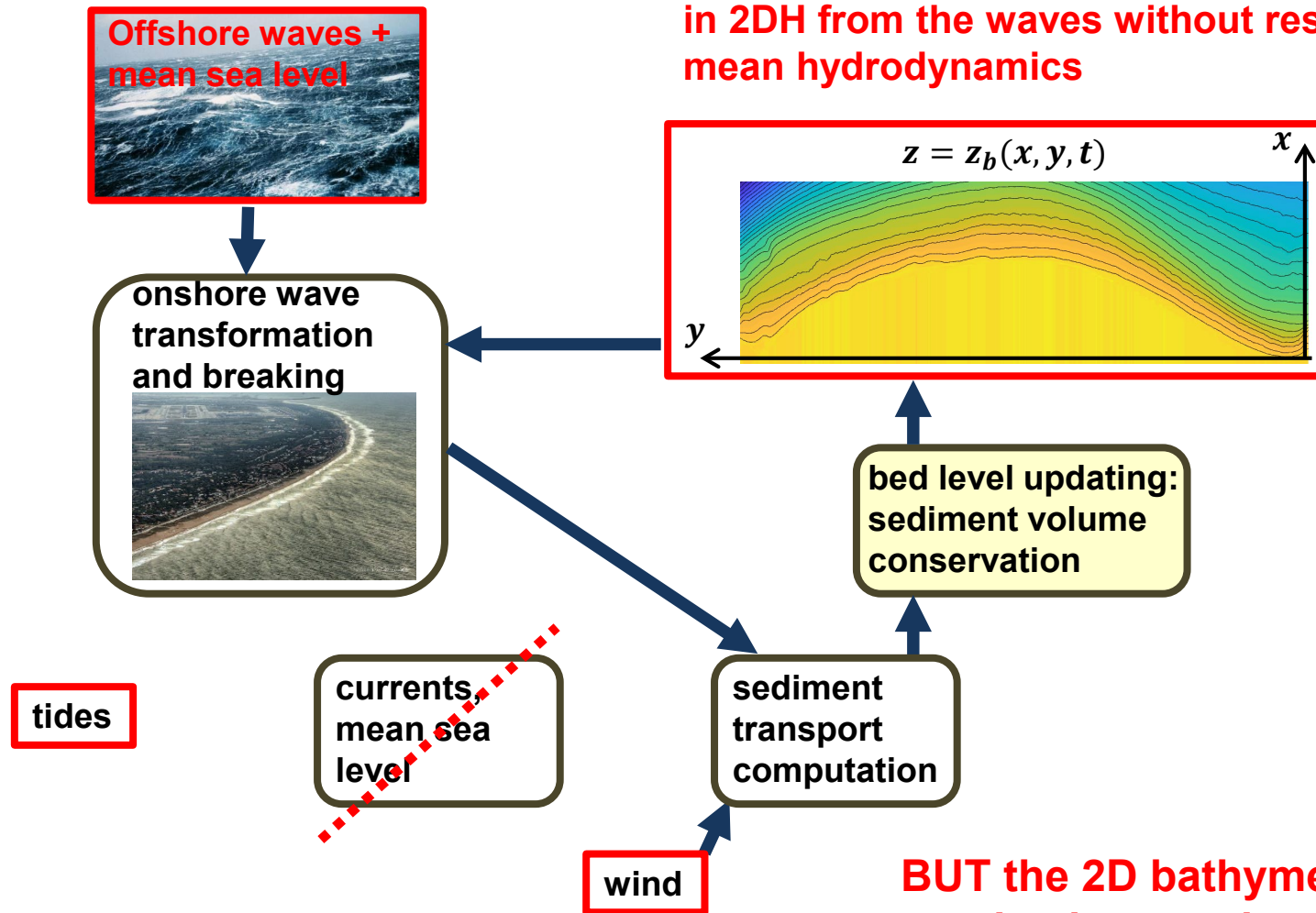
- An alternative to one-line extended models
- Several advantages
- Complexity in between 2DH models and one-line models
- Roughly inspired in N-lines models

Falqués et al., 2006, 2008;  
van den Berg et al., 2012;  
Arriaga et al., 2017

## Q2Dmorfo

Essential simplification:

- Sediment transport is computed parametrically in 2DH from the waves without resolving the mean hydrodynamics



**BUT the 2D bathymetry is resolved approximately !**

### 3) The Q2Dmorfo model

	2DH	One-line extended	Q2Dmorfo
Mean Hydrodynamics	✓	✗	✗
Longshore transport	✓	✓	✓
Cross-shore transport	✓		✓
Bathymetry	✓	✗	✓
Coastline	✓	✓	✓
Mean sea level changes	✓		✓



## Dynamic equation

$$\frac{\partial z_b}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

**sediment conservation at each horizontal cell**

Unknown: bed level

$$z = z_b(x, y, t)$$

Sediment flux ( $m^3/m \cdot s$ )  $\vec{q}(x, y, t)$

- must be evaluated at each cell, either submerged or dry
- depends on bed level, mean sea level, waves, wind ...
- very versatile: any process whose sediment flux can be parameterized can be included

sediment porosity  $p$  is included in  $\vec{q}$

**The equation is solved in all the domain  $L_x \times L_y$   
both submerged and dry beach**

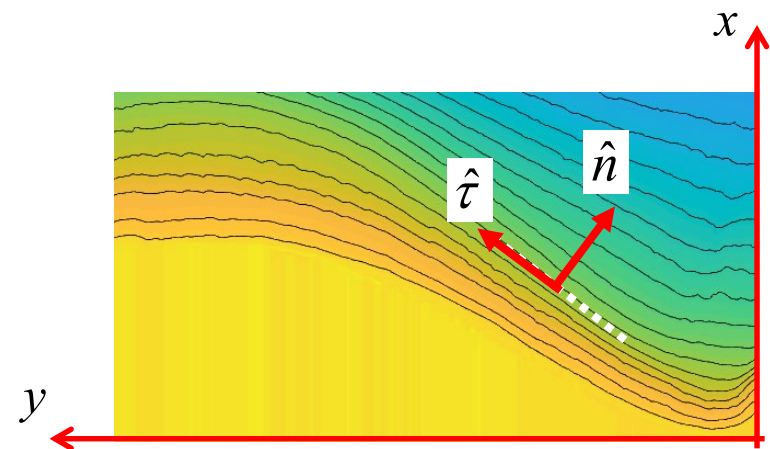
## Sediment transport

Sediment flux  $\vec{q}$  is decomposed as:

- “longshore”: transport by the wave-driven longshore current
- “cross-shore”: transport by wave nonlinearities, undertow, gravity
  - A longshore diffusive component is also added

At each grid point, the local shore-normal and longshore directions must be defined

The local cross-shore direction,  $\hat{n}$ , is defined from an averaged bathymetry (running average) representing the overall trend of the coastline (filtering out the relatively small morphological features)



## Sediment transport: “longshore”

$$\vec{q} = \vec{q}_L + \vec{q}_N + \vec{q}_D$$

longshore transport      cross-shore transport      diffusive transport

### longshore transport

$$\vec{q}_L = f(x') Q(y) \hat{\tau}$$

total transport rate m<sup>3</sup>/s;  
 e.g., CERC formula

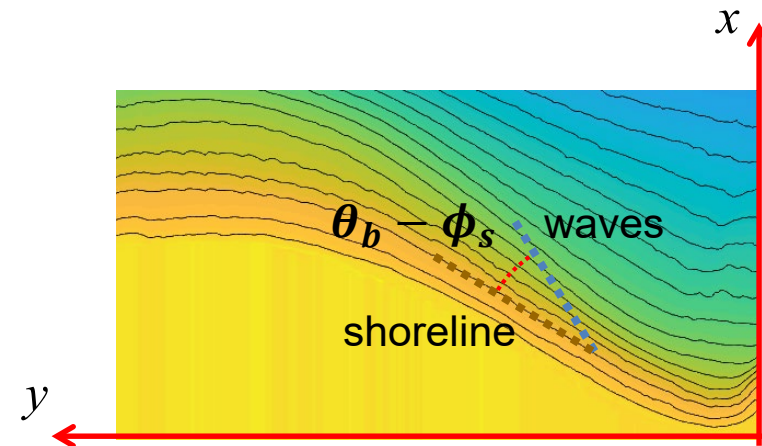
$$Q = \mu H_b^{5/2} \sin(2(\theta_b - \phi_s))$$

$f(x')$



$$f(x') = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi} L^3} x'^2 e^{-(x'/L)^2}$$

$$L = 0.8X_b + X_{sz}$$

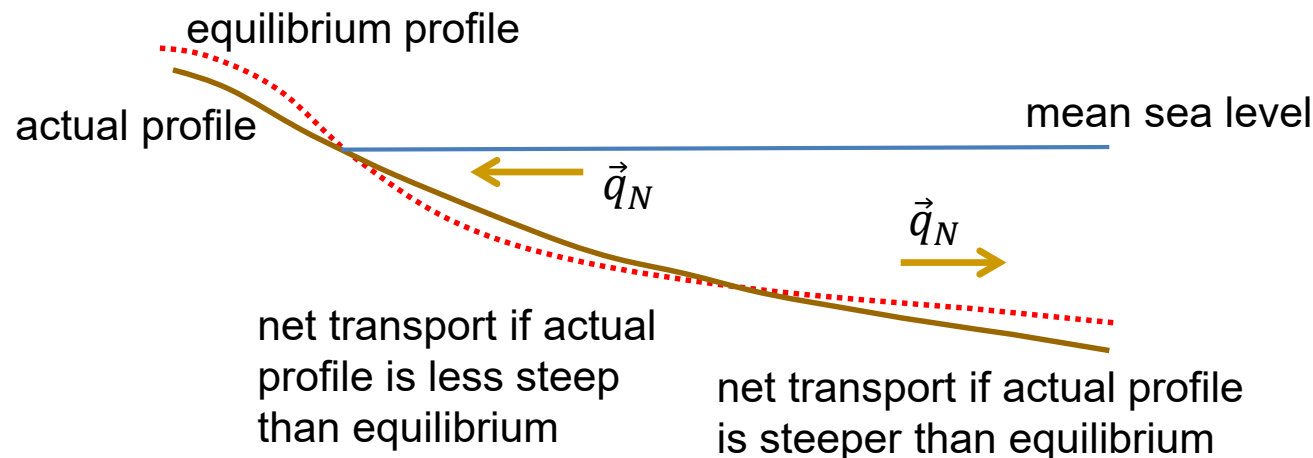


## Sediment transport: “cross-shore”

$$\vec{q} = \vec{q}_L + \vec{q}_N + \vec{q}_D$$

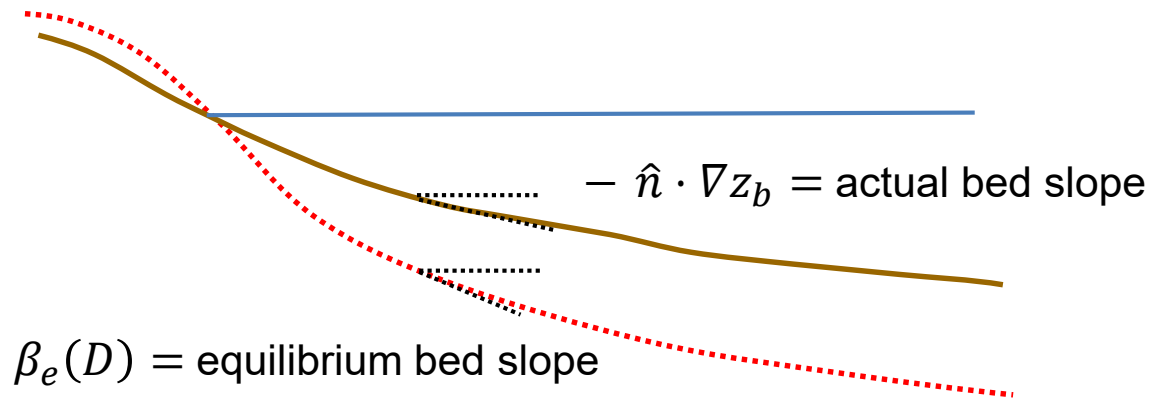
longshore transport   cross-shore transport   diffusive transport

It is based on the concept of equilibrium cross-shore beach profile: equilibrium bed slope is such that the gravity downslope transport balances the other transport sources and there is no net cross-shore transport





### 3) The Q2Dmorfo model



$$\vec{q}_N = -\gamma(D) \left( \hat{n} \cdot \nabla z_b + \beta_e(D) \right) \hat{n}$$

$\gamma(D)$  = stirring factor



**relaxation to the equilibrium profile**

The equilibrium profile is prescribed

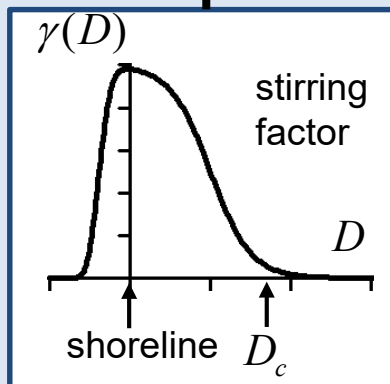
## Sediment transport: diffusive longshore

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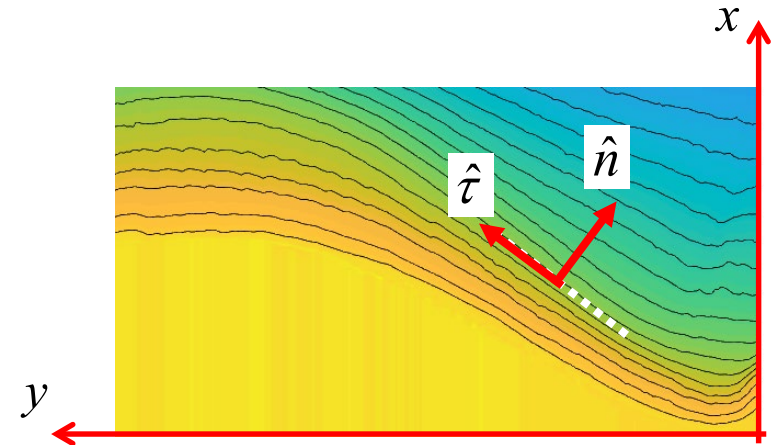
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### alongshore diffusive transport

$$\vec{q}_D = -\gamma(D) (\hat{\tau} \cdot \nabla_{z_b}) \hat{\tau}$$



smoothes morphodynamic noise in the alongshore direction



## Q2Dmorfo: SUMMARY

### ☐ Q2Dmorfo: reduced complexity model

**Main simplifications with respect to 2DH models:**

- Nearshore hydrodynamics is not resolved
- Sediment transport is computed parametrically from wave field

**Main improvement with respect to one-line shoreline models**

- Bathymetry and sediment fluxes are treated like 2DH models
- Changes in mean sea level incorporated

### ☐ Adequate to study the long term behaviour of large (or not so large) coastline stretches

### ☐ Main limitations:

- It cannot describe the surf zone features like sand bars and rip channels
- It cannot cope with extremely curved shorelines:  
e.g. developing sandy spits
- Coastal structures can only be currently included as hard lateral boundaries

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### Beach meganourishment in the Delfland coast, southern Dutch coast (2011)

- $21 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^3$  sand
- $\approx 2 \text{ km} \times 1 \text{ km}$



**Evolution under  
sea level rise up to 2100 ?**

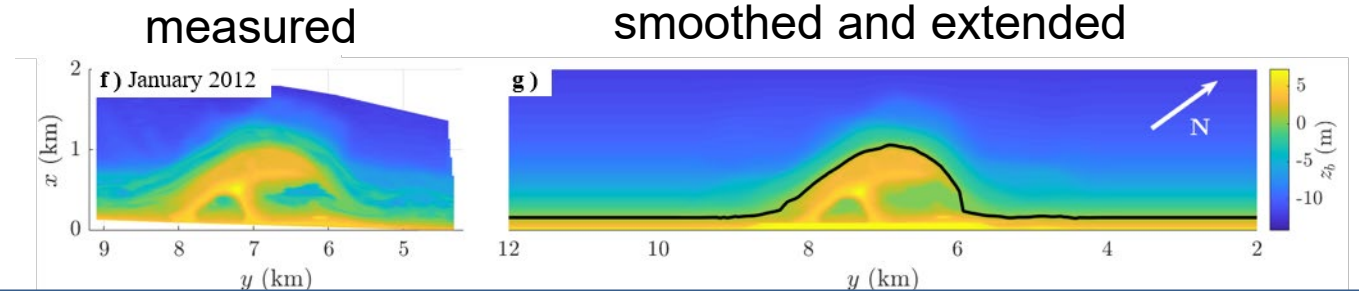


Arriaga et al., 2017

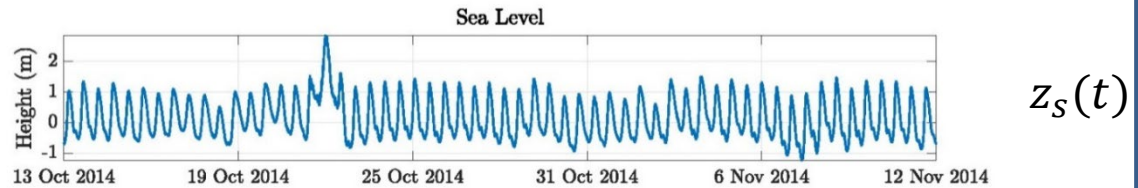
Ribas et al., 2023

## Data

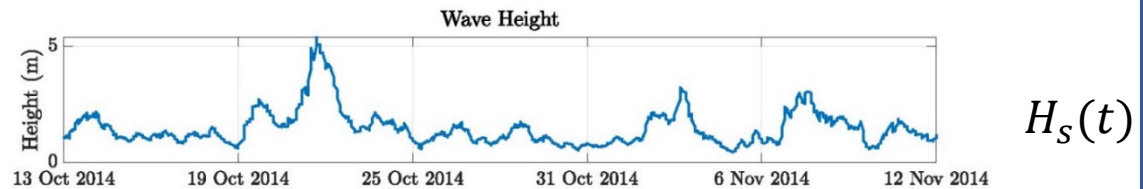
- **Initial bathymetry**  
January 2012



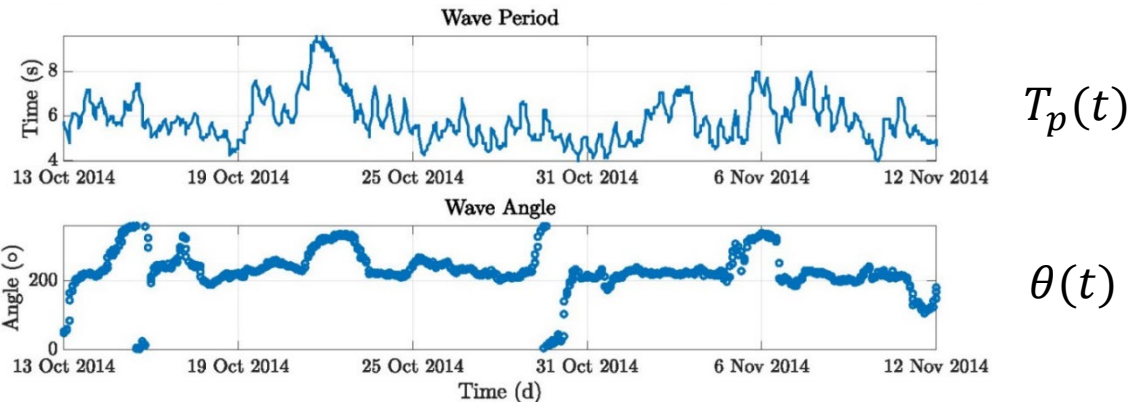
- **Mean sea level**  
one-month extract



- **Waves at the offshore boundary**  
one-month extract

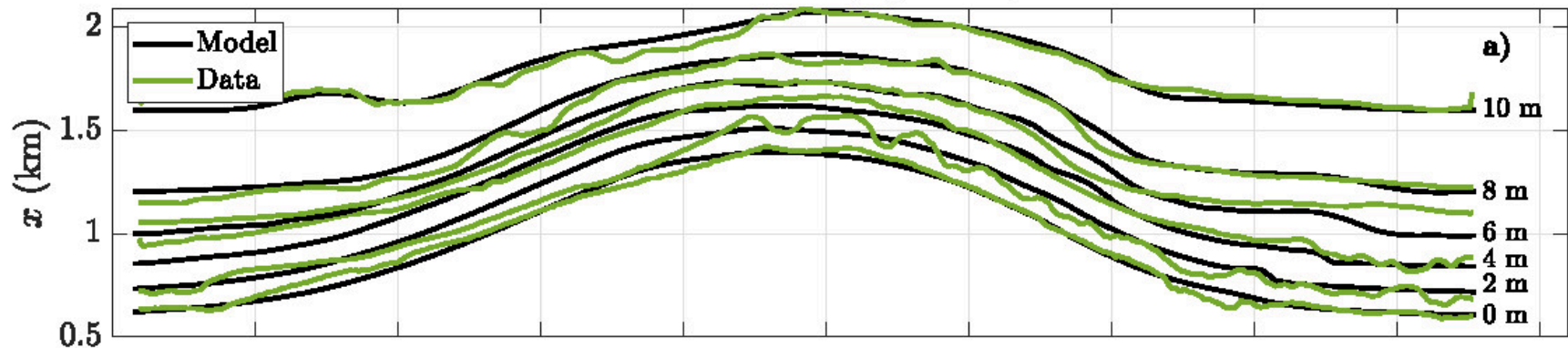


- **Equilibrium beach profile:** from historical Jarkus data (1990-2009)

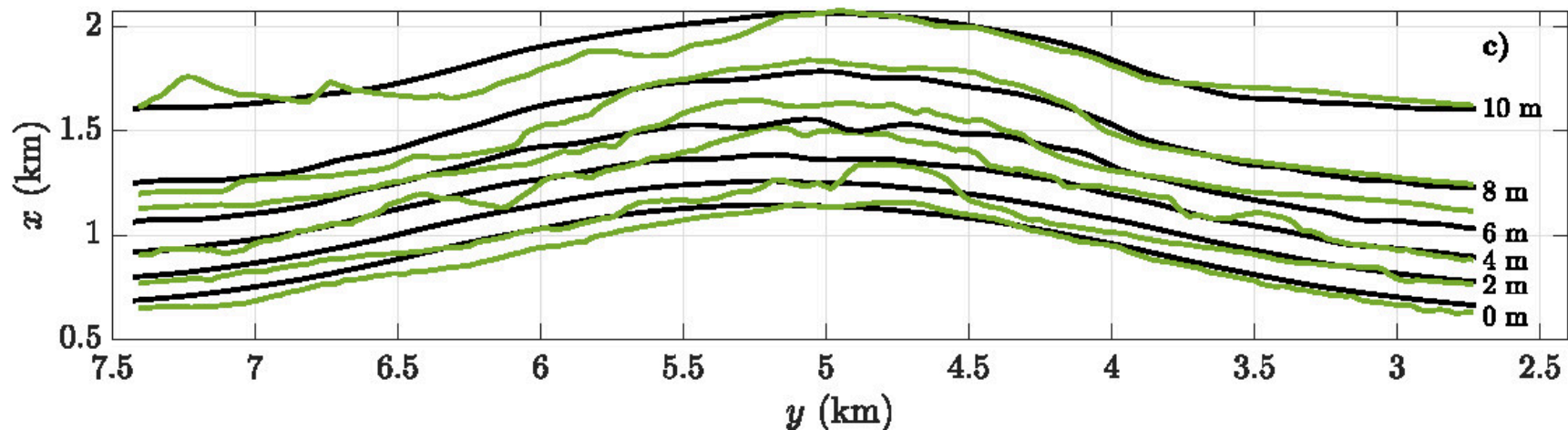


## 4) Application: Zandmotor mega - nourishment

End of calibration: April 2013



Validation: August 2019





### Long term projections

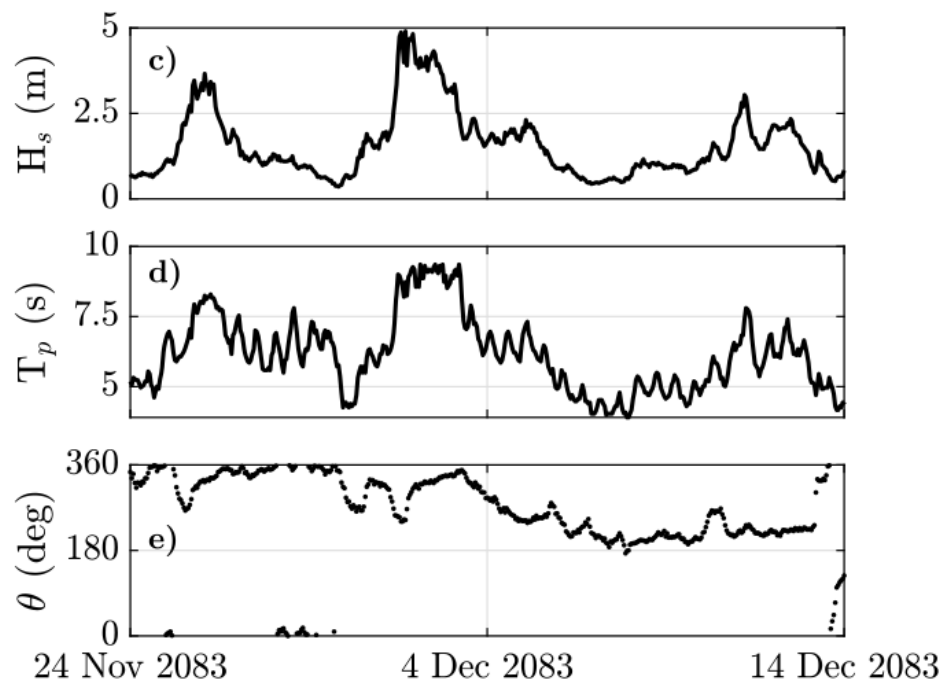
#### ➤ Forcing projection: waves

Existing studies show that not significant changes are expected in the Dutch coast during the XXI century



Wave time series = repetition of the measured waves from 2010 to 2019 (a single realization !)

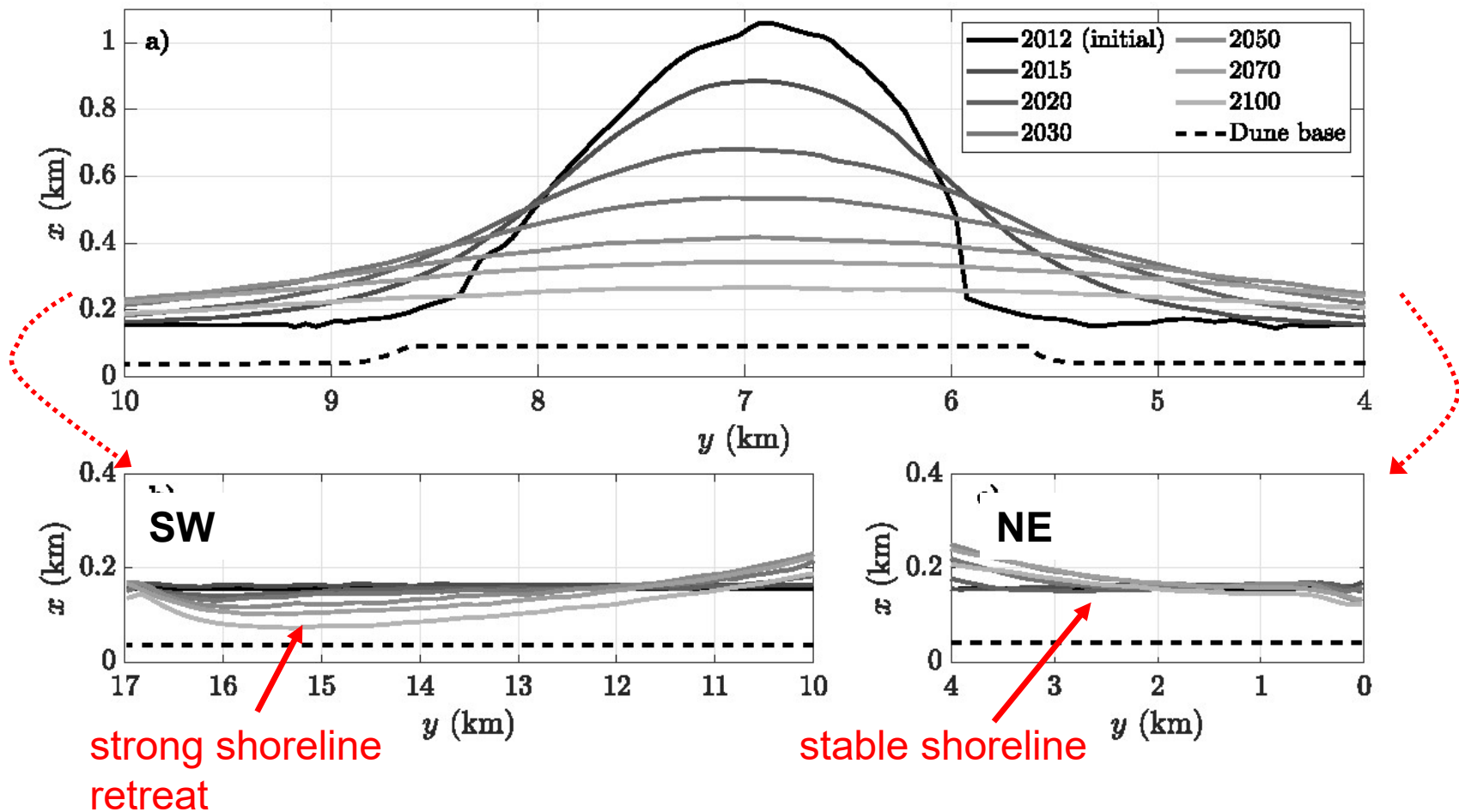
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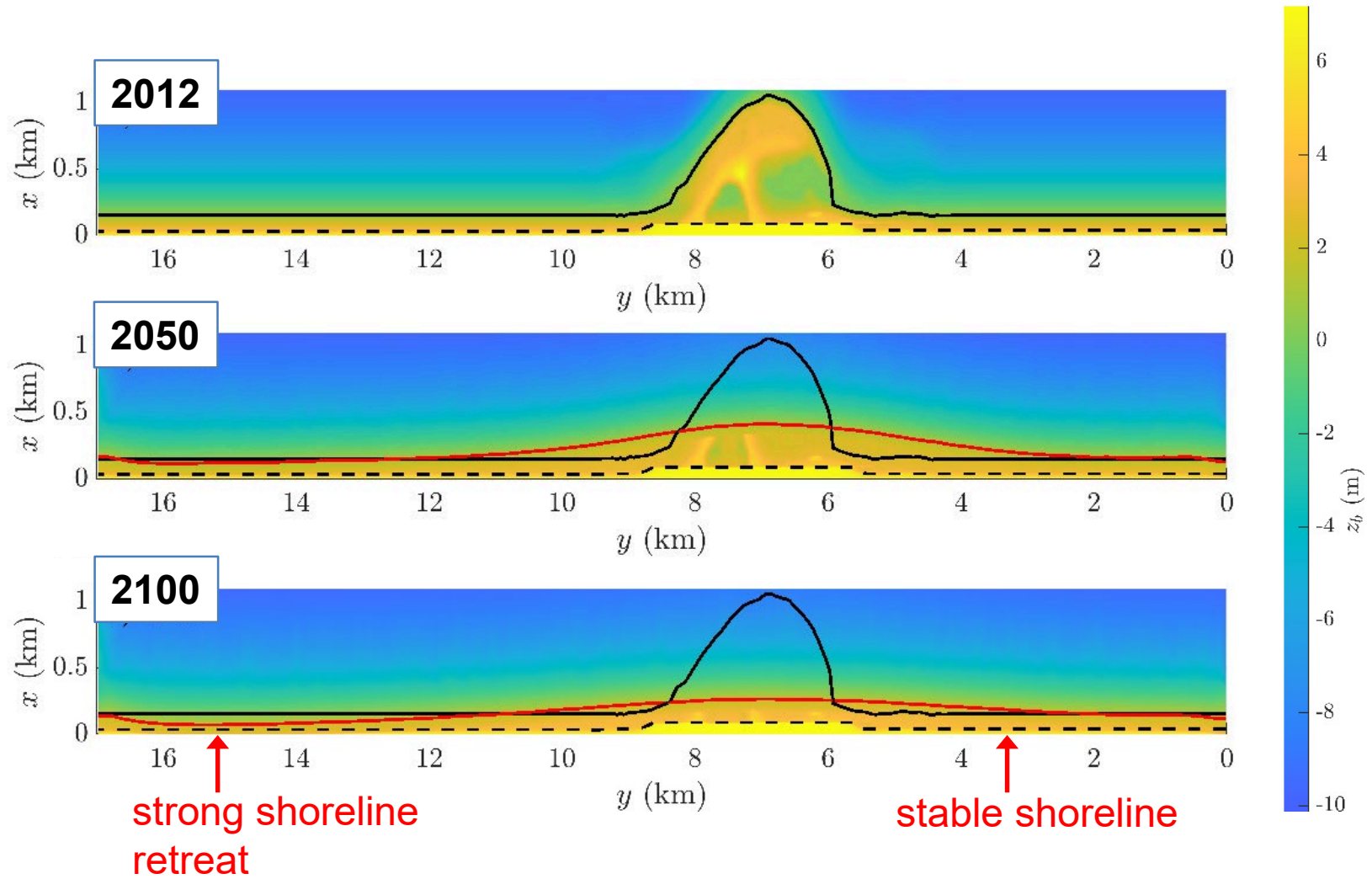


## Morphodynamic projections: results

Mean sea level rise scenario RCP8.5 ( $\Delta z_s = 0.8$  m)



# 4) Application: Zandmotor mega - nourishment



### Zandmotor mega-nourishment: SUMMARY

- ☐ Calibrated version of the model successfully reproduce evolution from 2012 to 2019
- ☐ Zandmotor will diffuse and feed adjacent beaches.
- ☐ Diffusivity is 2.5 less than that computed with Pelnard-Considère equation (due to dominant wave obliquity)
- ☐ Shoreline retreat  $\approx$  50% passive flooding and 50% offshore sediment transport
- ☐ Morphological evolution strongly alongshore variable.
- ☐ SW coast strong recession, NE keeps stable

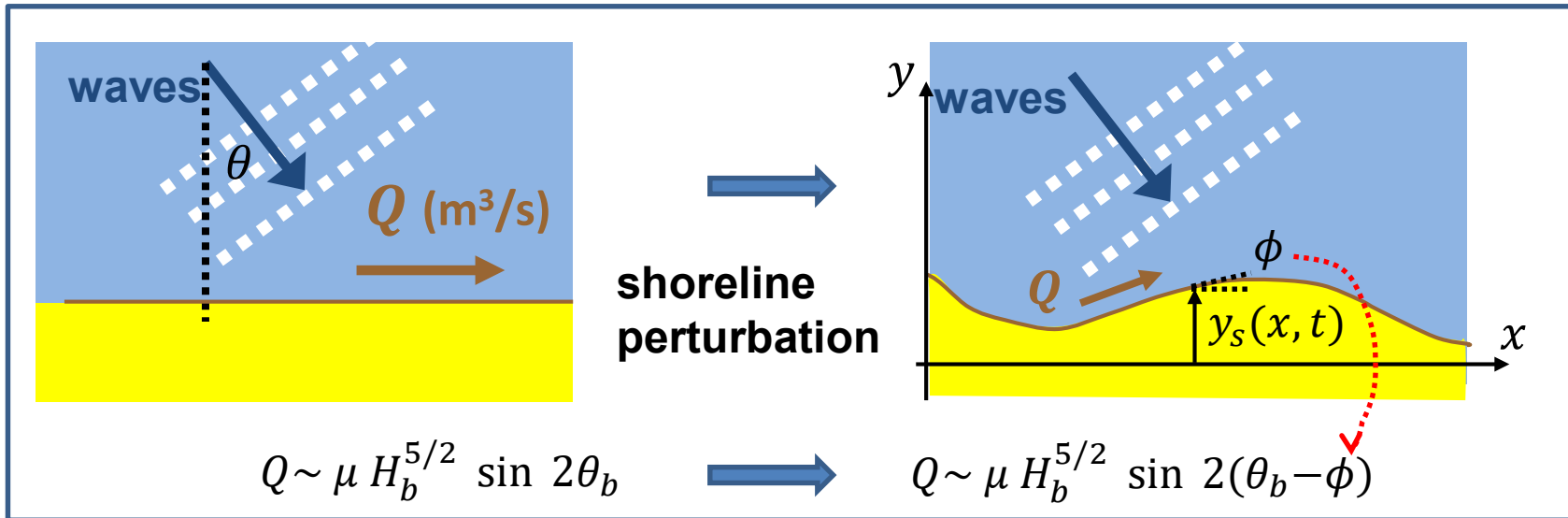


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## High-angle wave shoreline instability (HAWI)



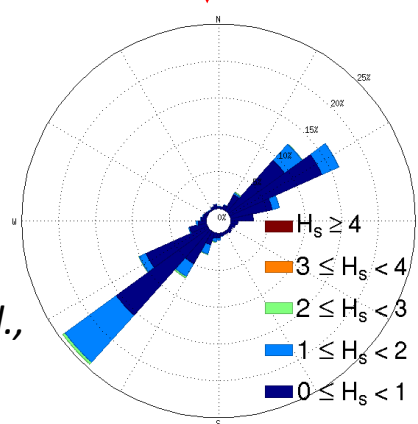
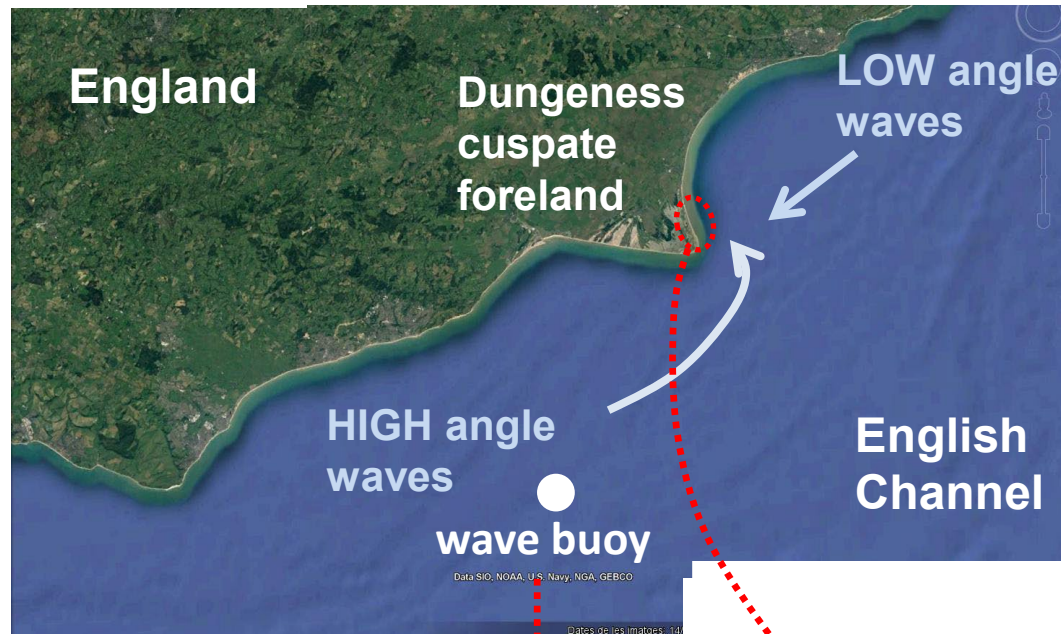
- one-line approximation
- sediment conservation
- if  $H_b, \theta_b \approx$  unaltered

$$\frac{\partial y_s}{\partial t} = \varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 y_s}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\varepsilon > 0 \quad \text{if } \theta_b < 45^\circ$$

**Rectilinear shoreline is stable**  
**Free perturbations tend to decay**

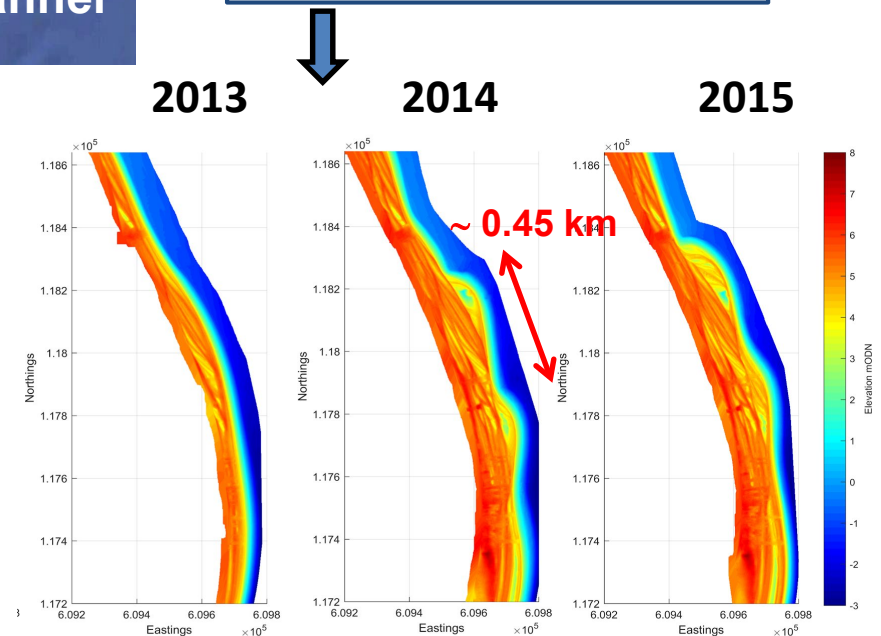
## Is this instability observed in nature?



From Arriaga et al.,  
OD, 2018

Arriaga et al., 2018

Shoreline sandwave  
formation event



Long-term + large-scale



Reduced-complexity models



## Extended one-line

- Longshore: one-line
- Cross-shore: equilibrium shoreline / approximations
- Mean sea level rise: Bruun rule


## Q2Dmorfo

- 2D topo-bathymetry
- Sediment fluxes like 2DH models
- Bed updating: sediment conservation like 2DH models
- Mean sea level changes included in a natural way

Q2Dmorfo has been applied/tested:

- ☐ three natural coasts:
  - Zandmotor meganourishment
  - Cala Castell (mediterranean pocket beach)
  - Llobregat river delta
- ☐ HAWI instability & shoreline sandwaves



An aerial photograph of a coastal area. In the foreground, a sandy beach curves along a bay with clear, turquoise water. Several small boats are anchored in the water. The beach is bordered by dense green forest. Behind the forest, a large, open green field is visible. In the background, a town is nestled in a valley, with rolling hills and mountains in the distance under a clear blue sky.

**Thank you for your attention !**

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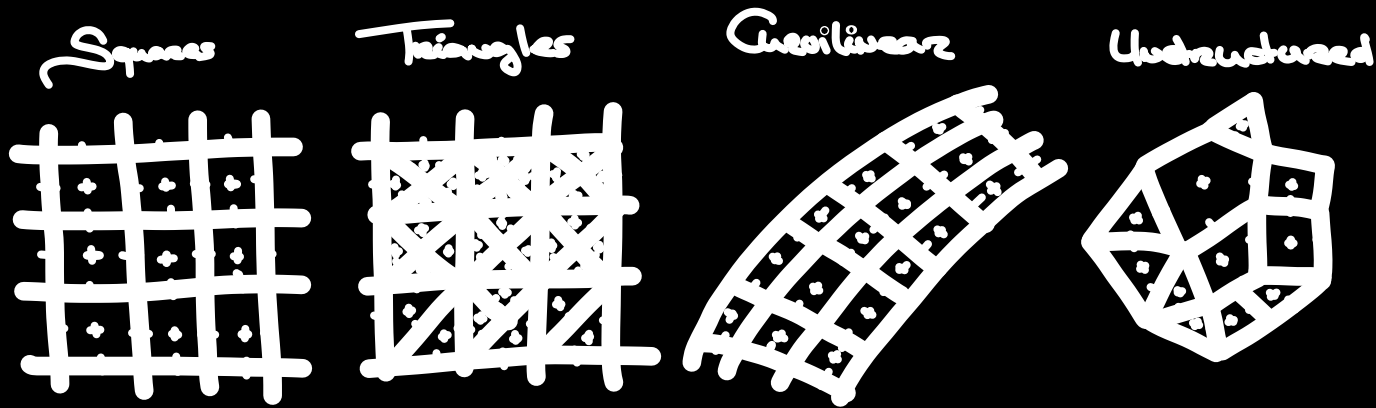


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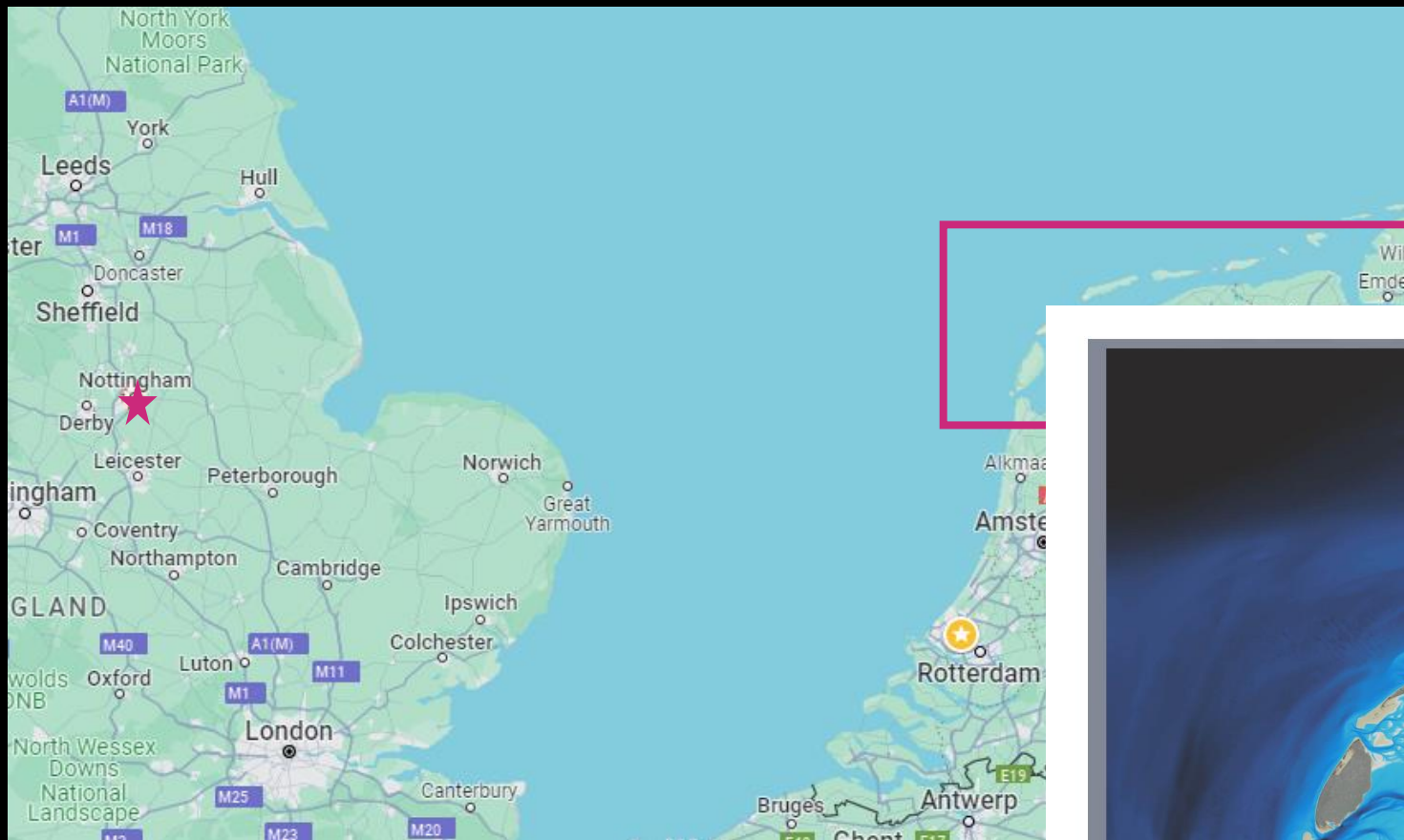
**“Find your course in choosing between coarse grids, fine grids, unstructured grids, quadtree grids and subgrids” (N. Volp, UTWENTE)**

# grids, quadtree grids and subgrids

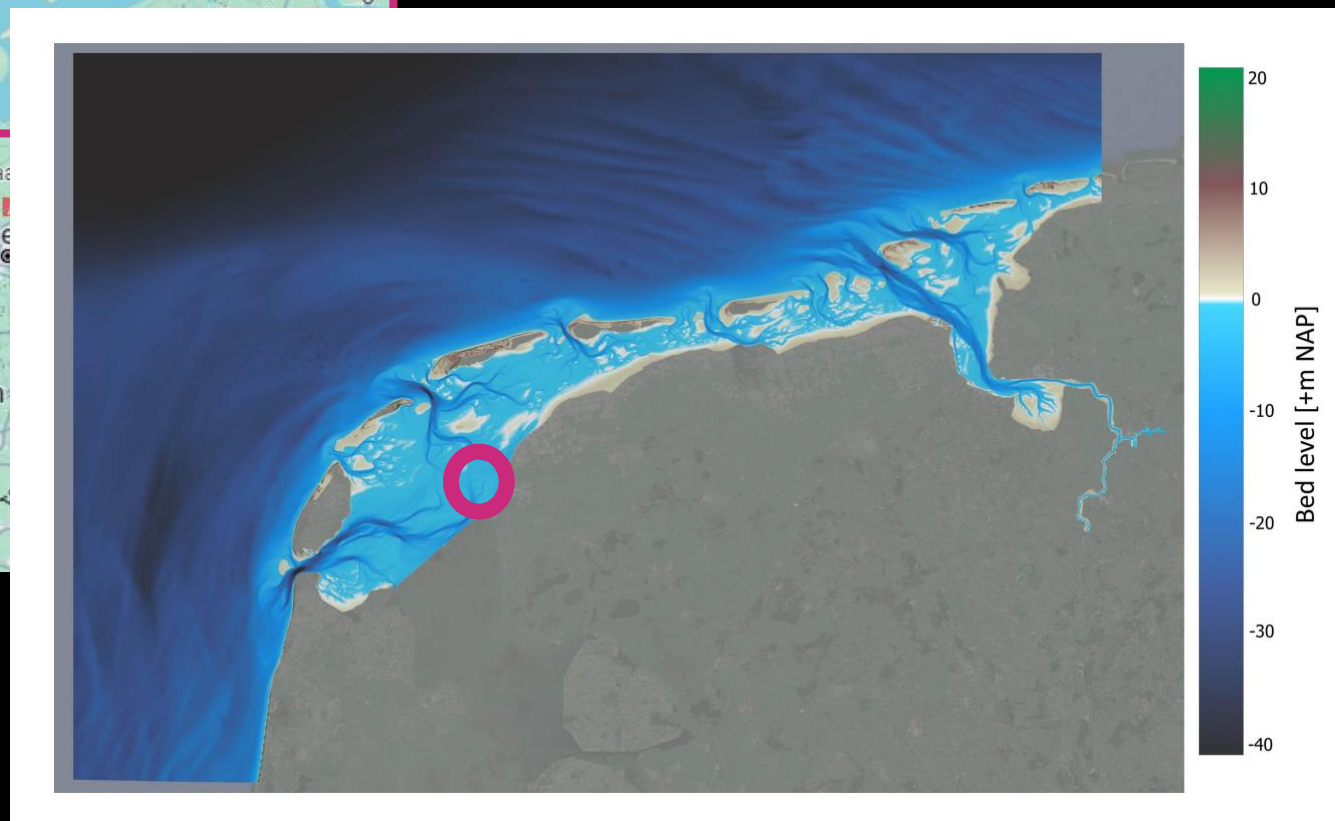


Dealing with grids in hydro- en  
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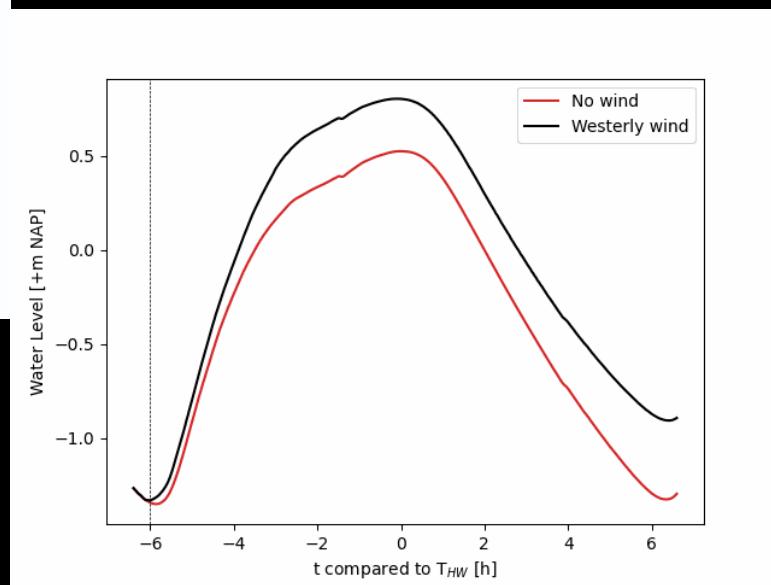
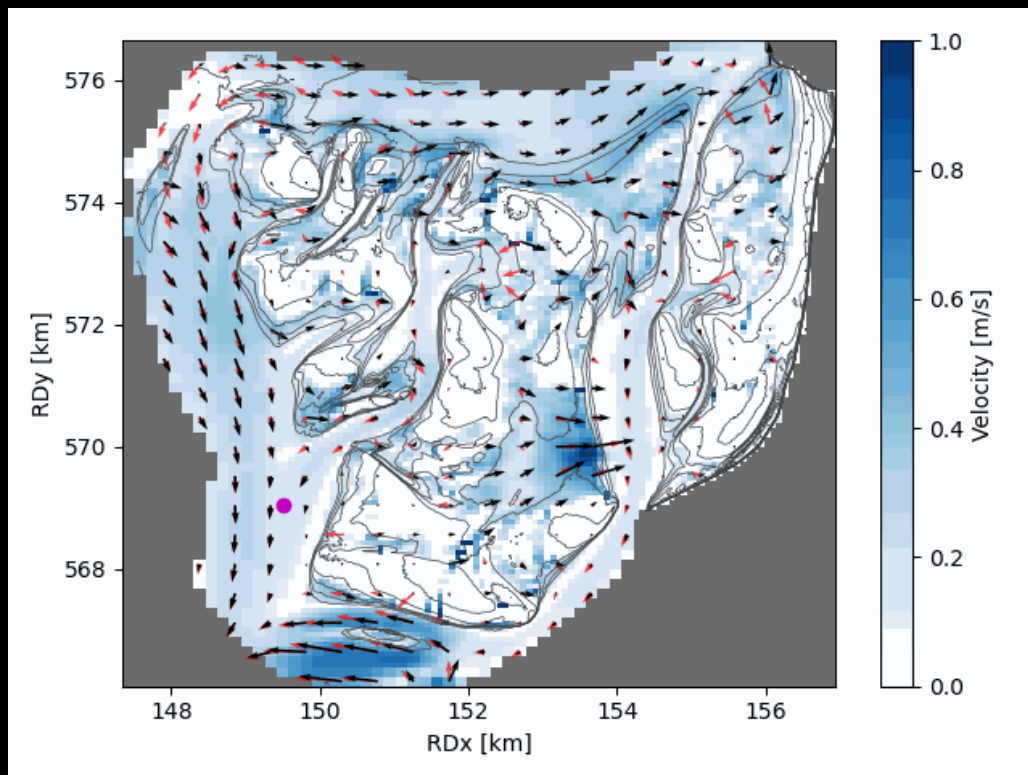


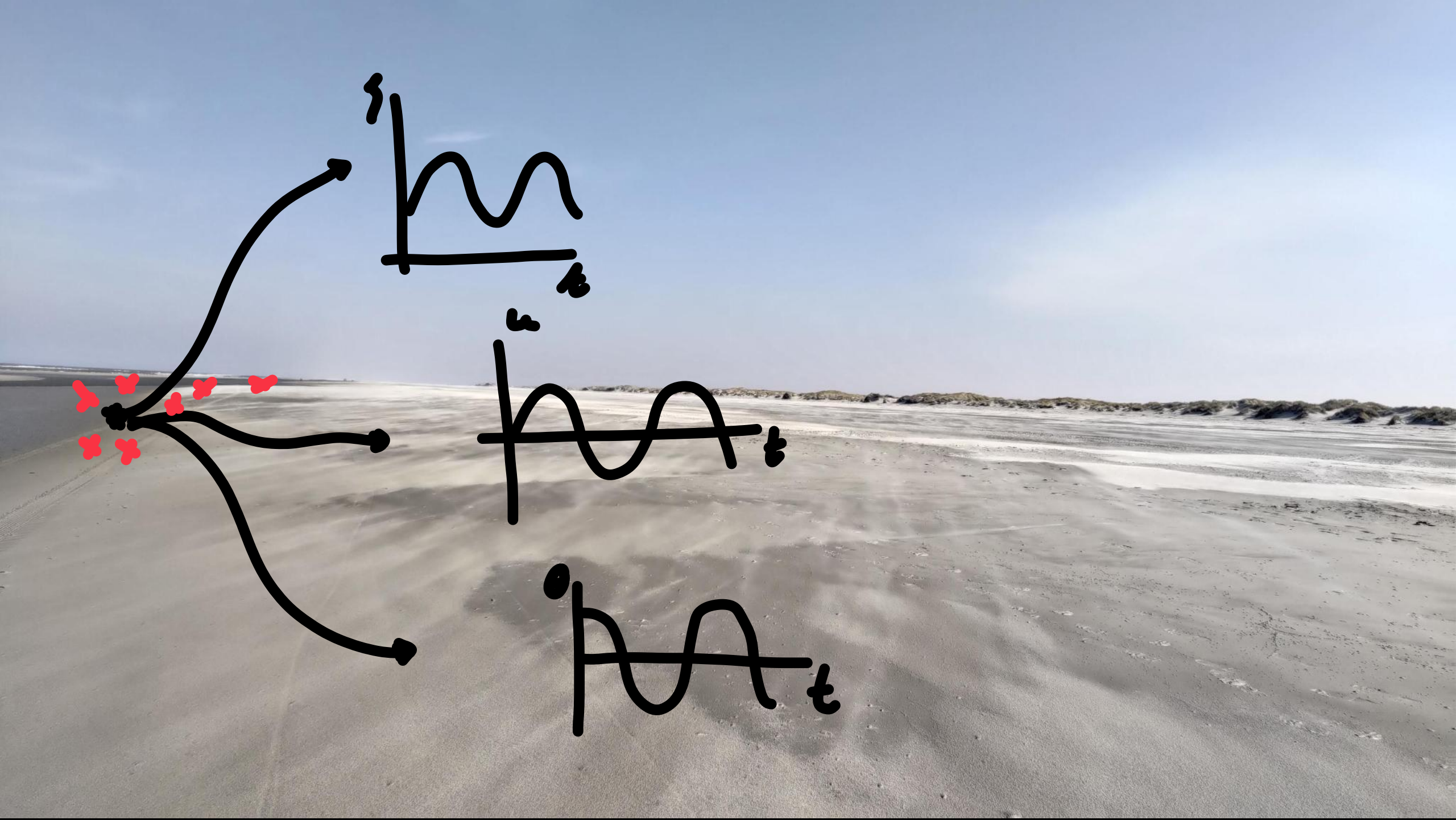


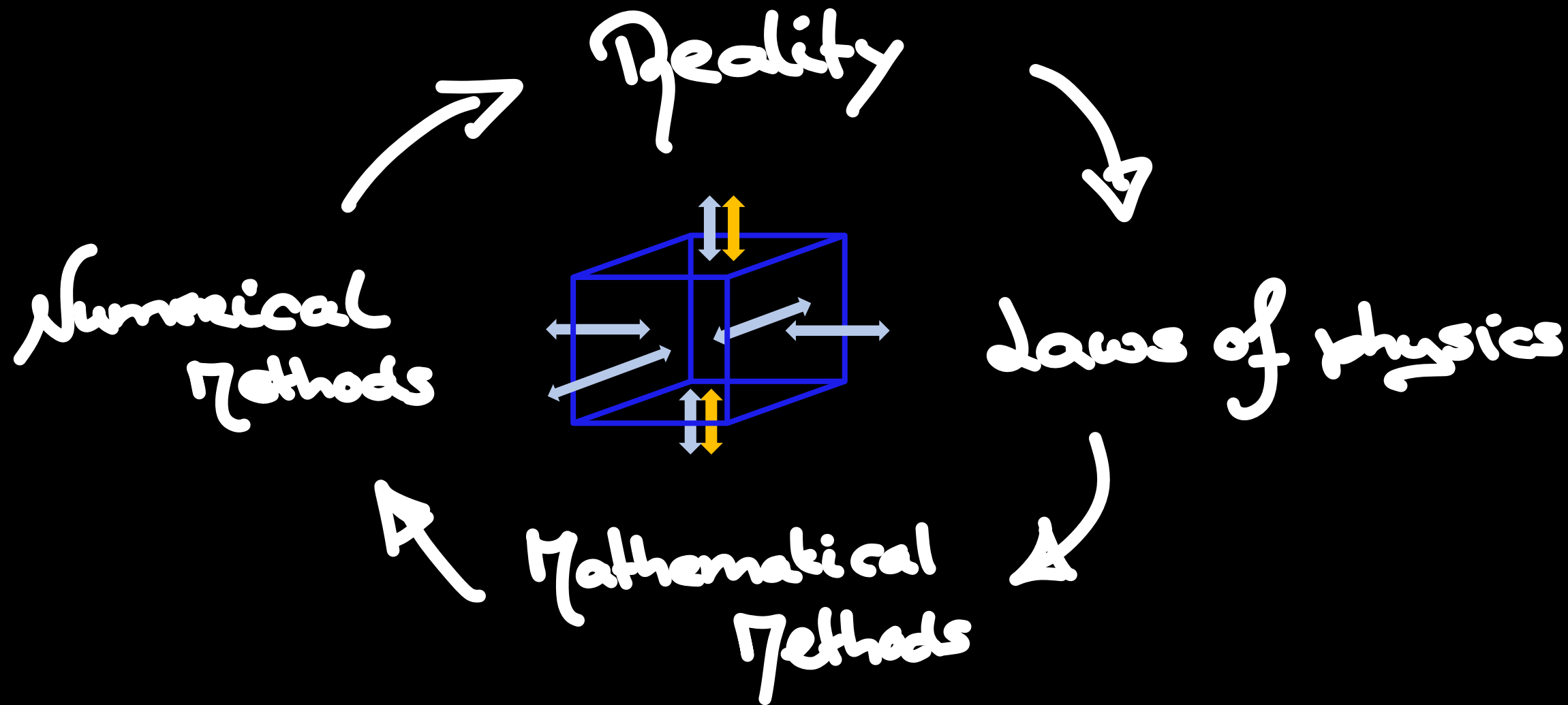
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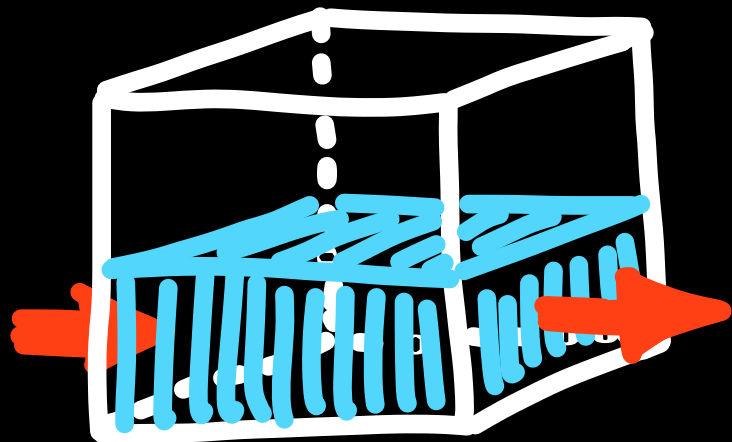
# Some Conclusions

- Get to know your grid
- Choose your resolution wisely
- Be careful with grid size transitions
- Subgrid is cool

# The equations

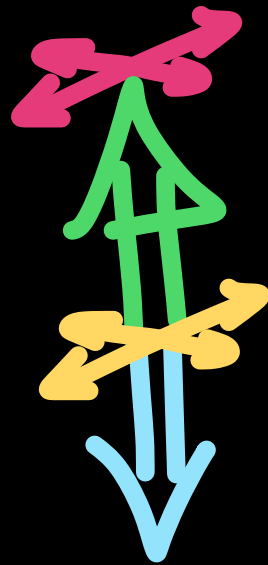
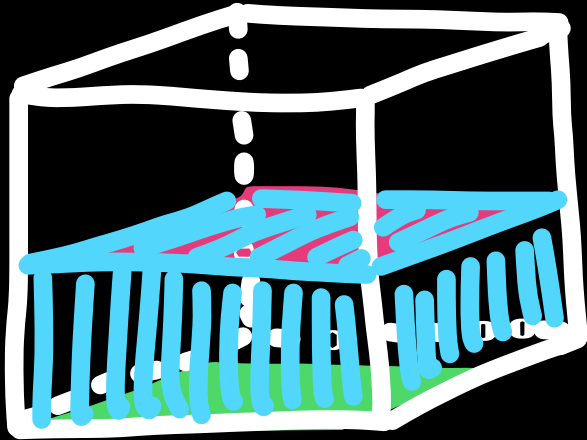
→ Conservation of mass

$$\rho \frac{dV}{dt} = \sum \rho Q_{in} - \sum \rho Q_{out}$$



# The equations

- Conservation of mass  $\rho \frac{dV}{dt} = \sum \rho Q_{in} - \sum \rho Q_{out}$
- Conservation of momentum



$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \sum \vec{F}_0 + \sum \vec{F}_f + \sum \vec{F}_n + \dots$$

The equations : an example

2D Depth Averaged Shallow Water Equations :

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} + g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \frac{g}{h} u v = 0$$

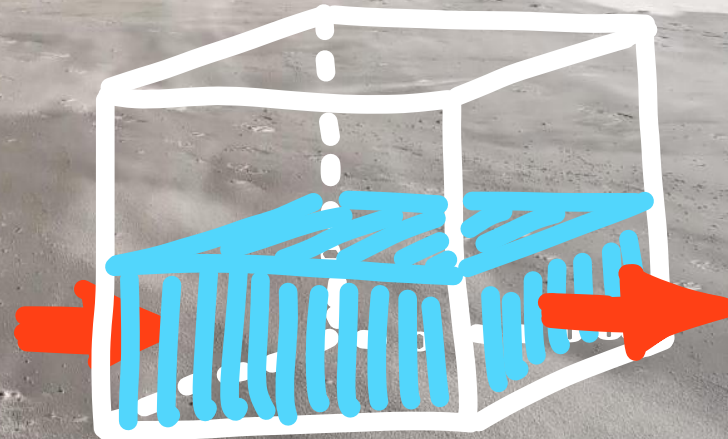
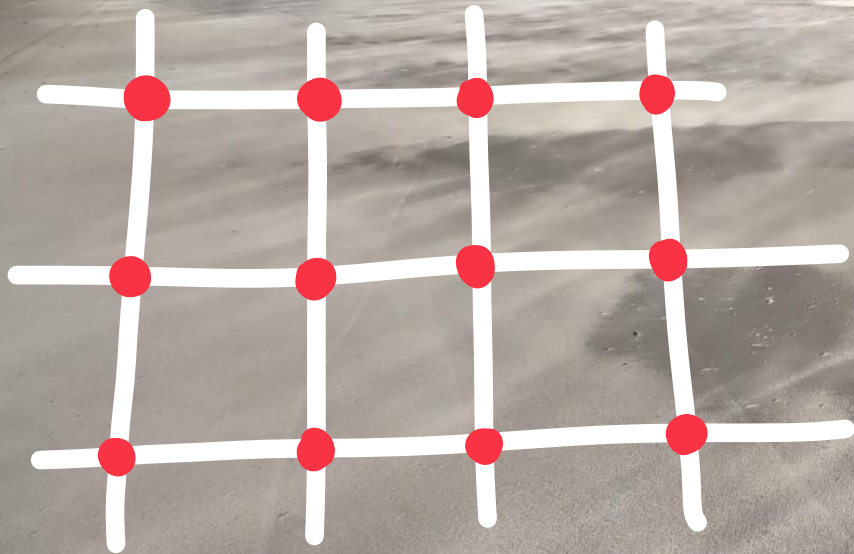
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + g \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{g}{h} u v = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + (u v)_x + (v^2)_y = 0$$



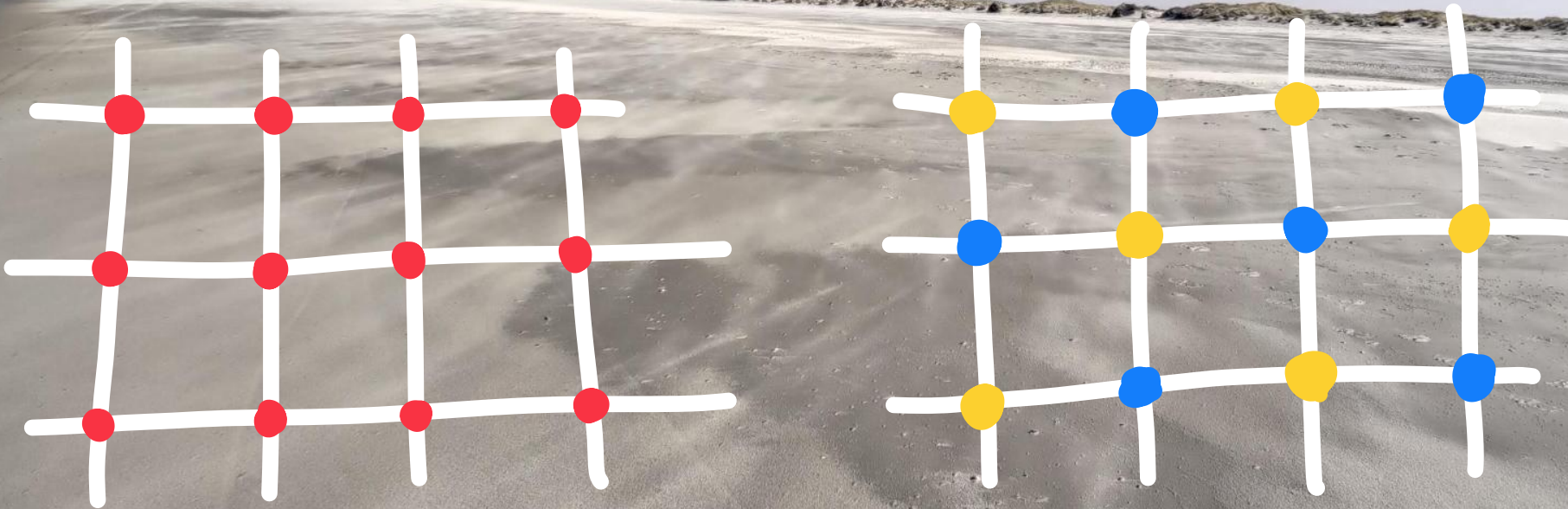
# Grids

- Water level, full velocity vector



# Grids

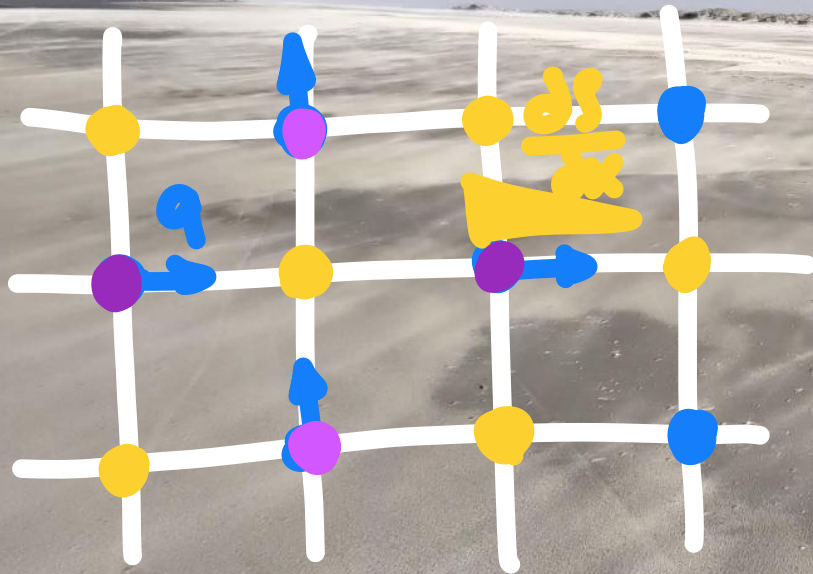
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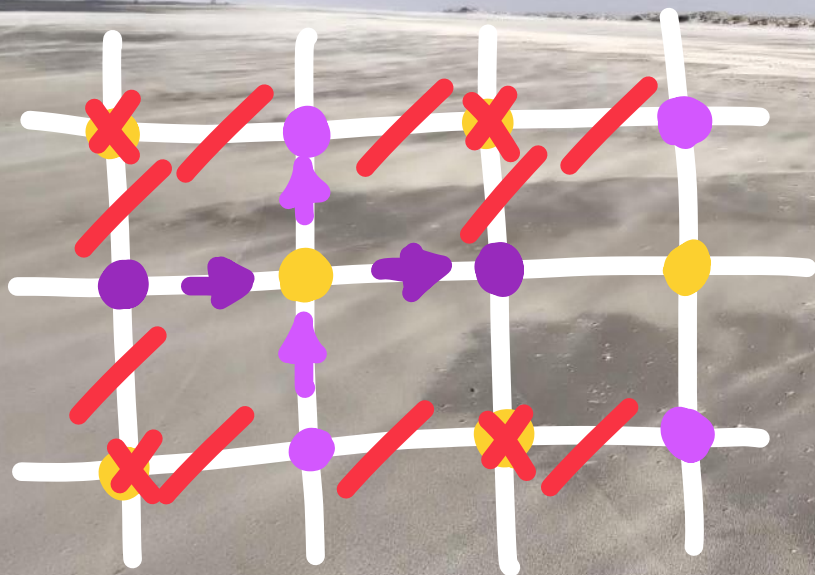
# Grids

- x-component velocity
- y-component velocity



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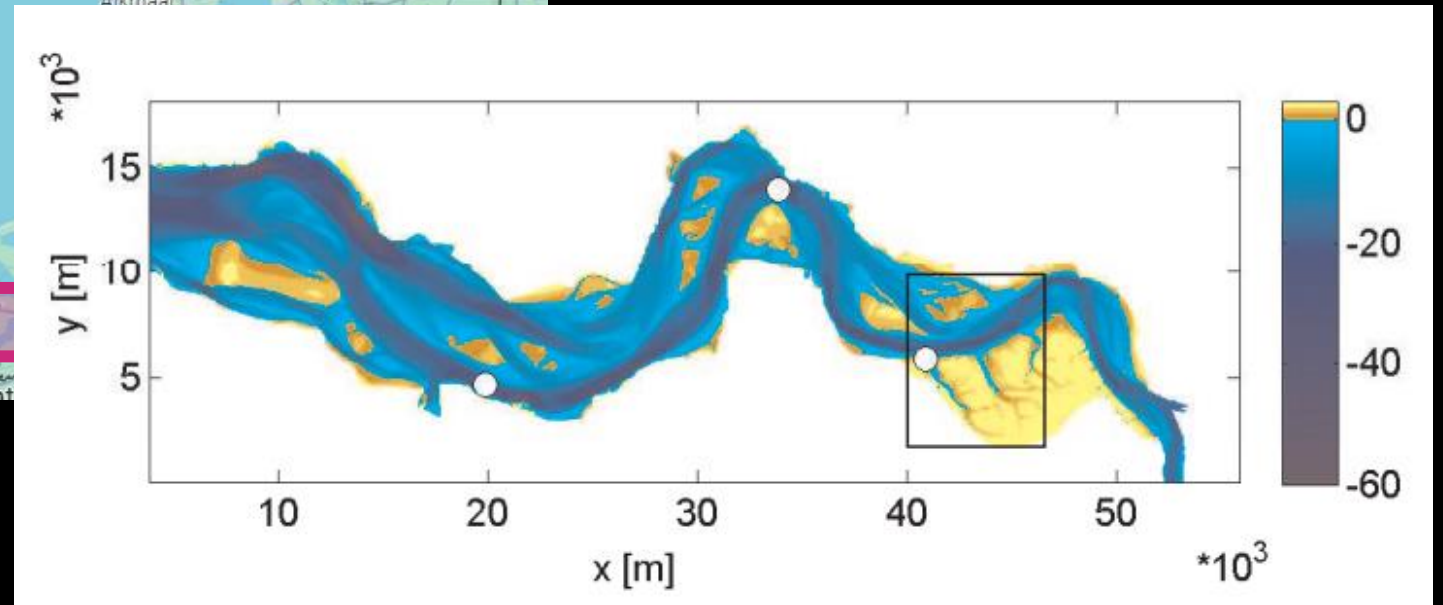
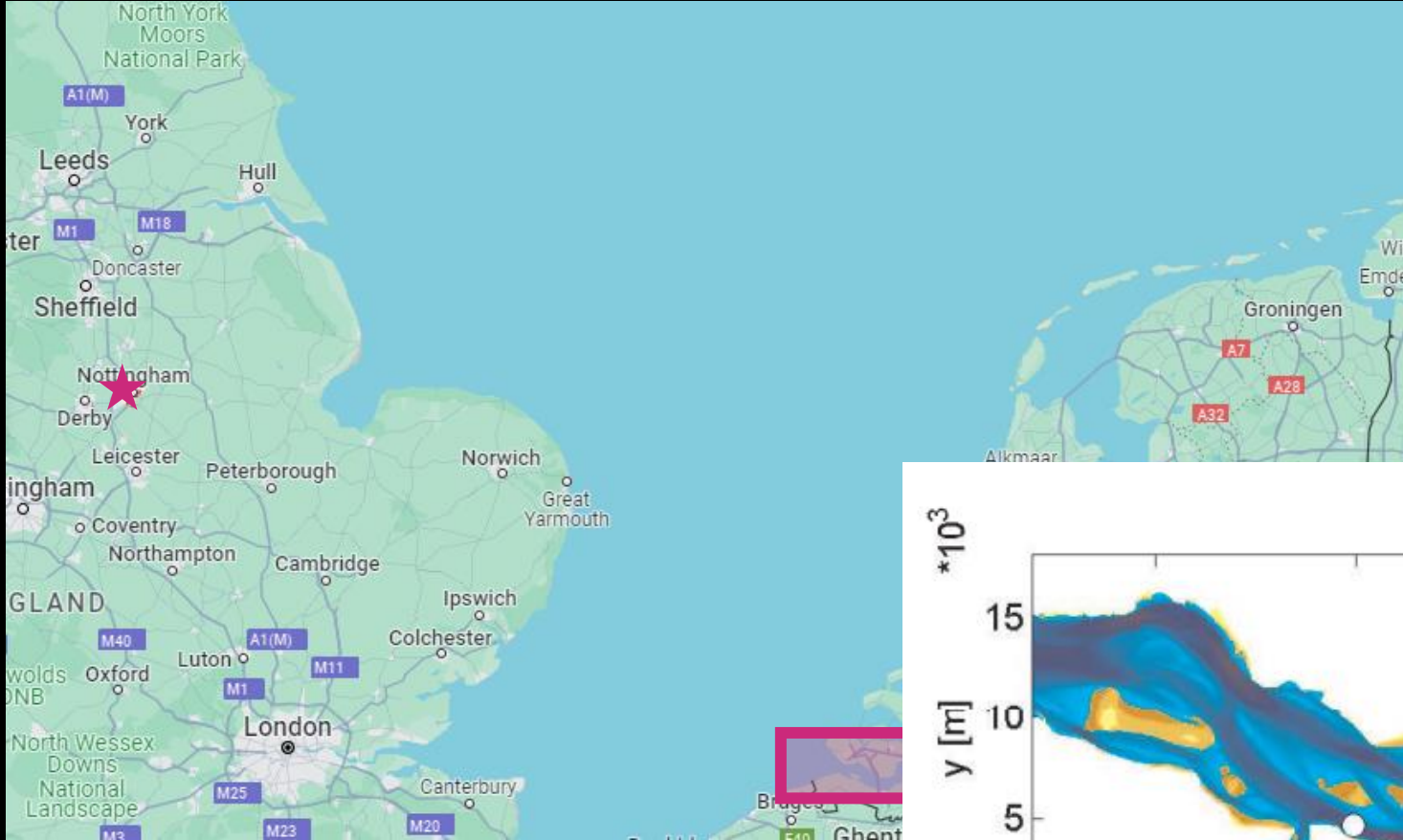
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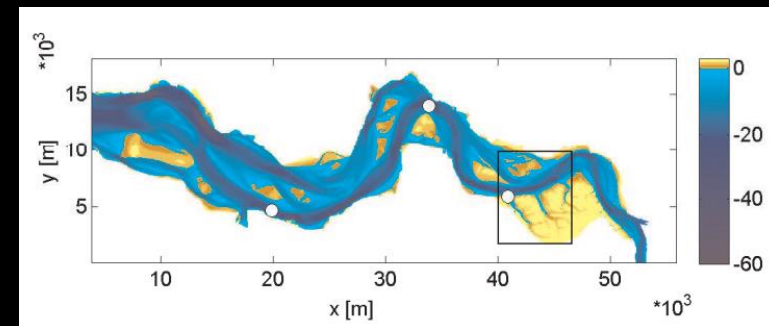
# Grid Resolution



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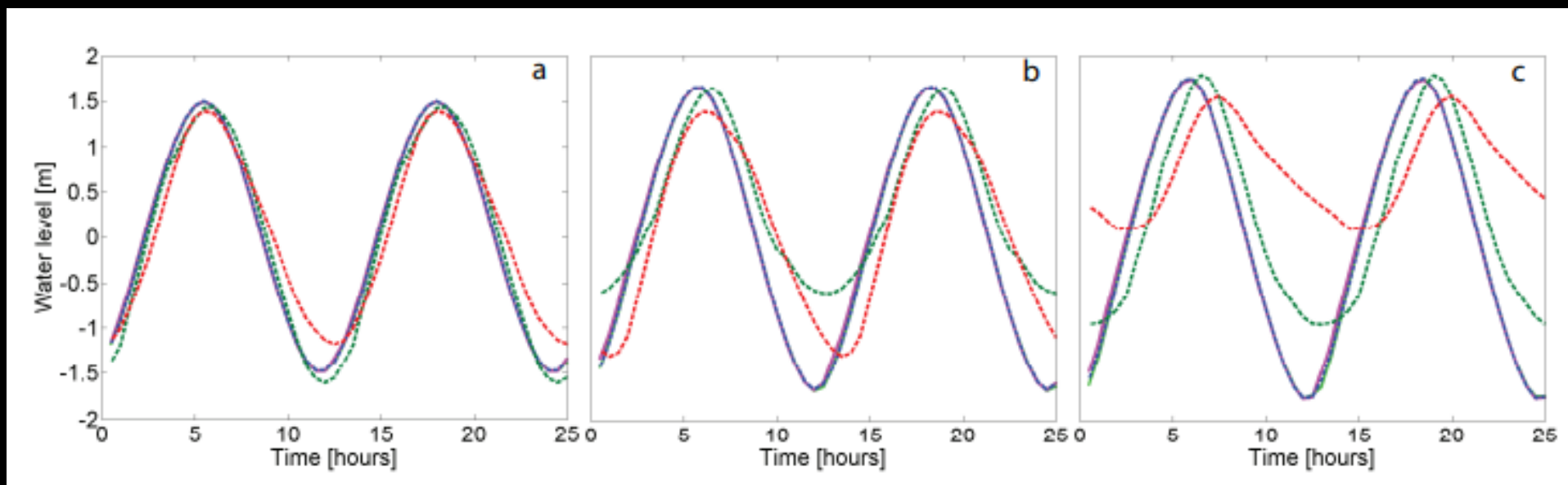
$\Delta x = 40 \text{ m}$



$\Delta x = 400 \text{ m}$



$\Delta x = 960 \text{ m}$



# The discretization Error

$$\frac{dc}{dx} = f(c, x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{c_{n+1} - c_n}{\Delta x} = f_n$$

Consistency:

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{c(x+\Delta x) - c(x)}{\Delta x} - f(c, x) = 0$$

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$$\frac{dc}{dx} = f(c, x) \rightarrow \frac{c_n - c_{n-1}}{\Delta x} = f_n \quad \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{c(x+\Delta x) - c(x)}{\Delta x} - f(c, x) = 0$$

Taylor

$$c(x+\Delta x) = c(x) + \Delta x \left. \frac{dc}{dx} \right|_x + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2c}{dx^2} \right|_x + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} \left. \frac{d^3c}{dx^3} \right|_x + \dots$$



# The discretization Error

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$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\frac{c(x_0) + \Delta x \left. \frac{dc}{dx} \right|_{x_0} + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2c}{dx^2} \right|_{x_0} + \dots - c(x_0)}{\Delta x} - f(c, x_0)$$

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$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{2!} \frac{d^2c}{dx^2} \Big|_{x_0} + \dots$$

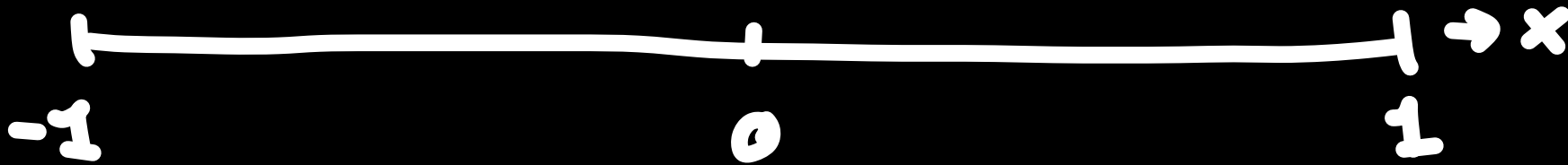
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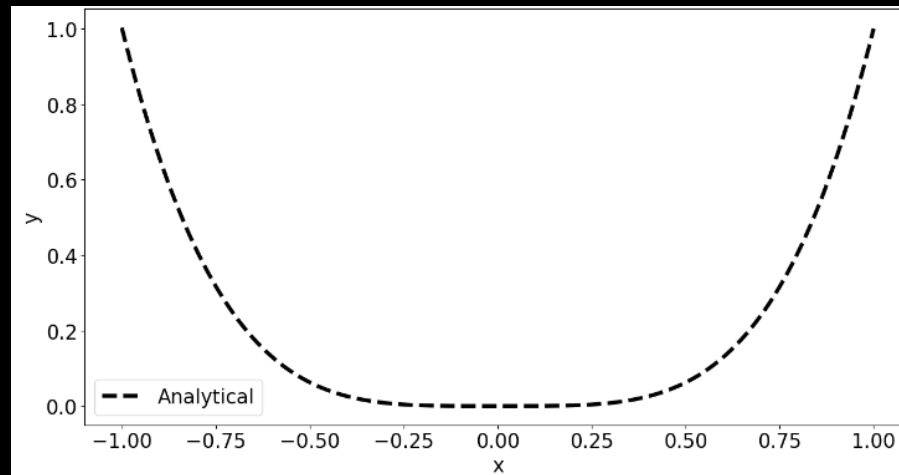


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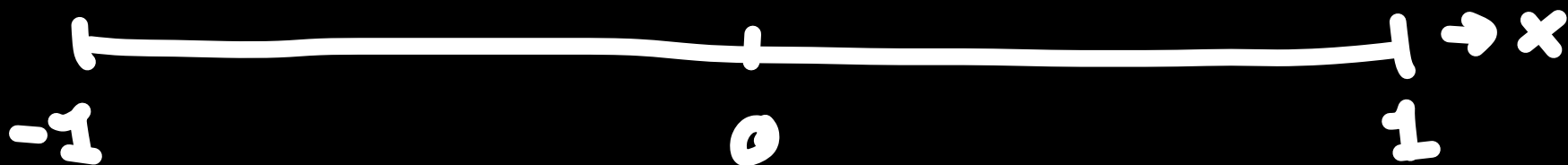
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 12x^2 \quad \parallel \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=-1} = -4 \quad y|_{x=1} = -1$$



$$y = x^4$$



# lets Check that Error



Second order scheme



Uniform Grid



Refining Grid

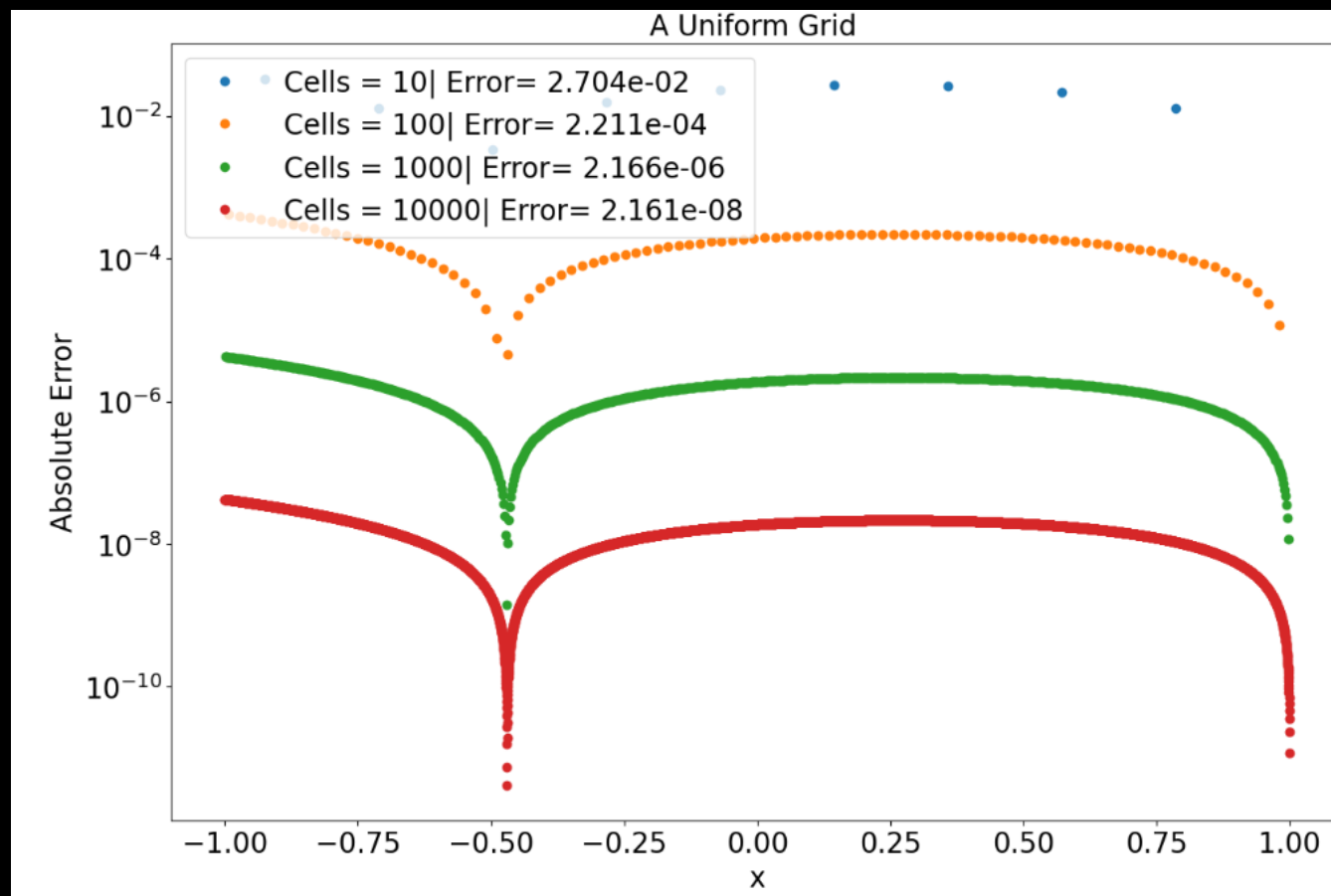


Single Grid  
Transition

# lets Check that Error



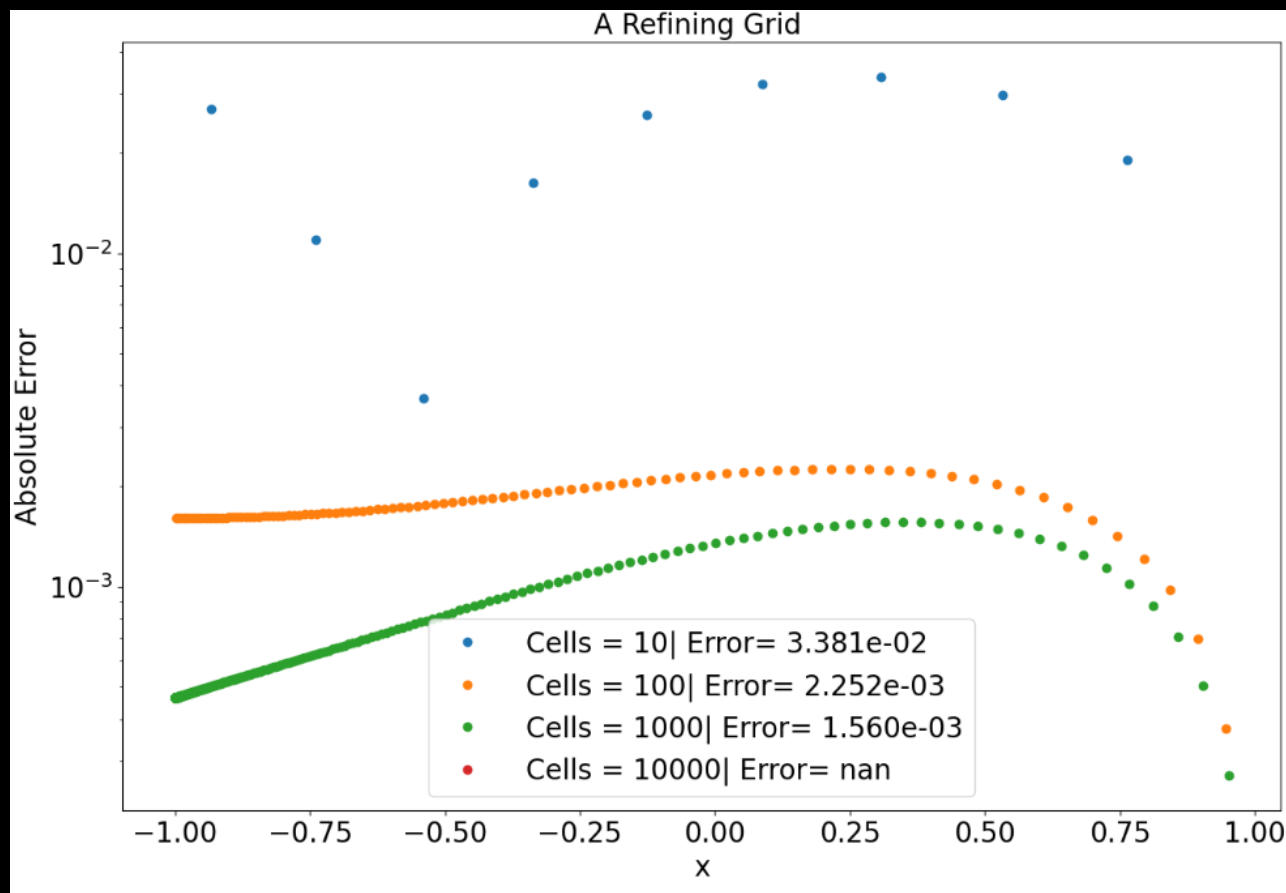
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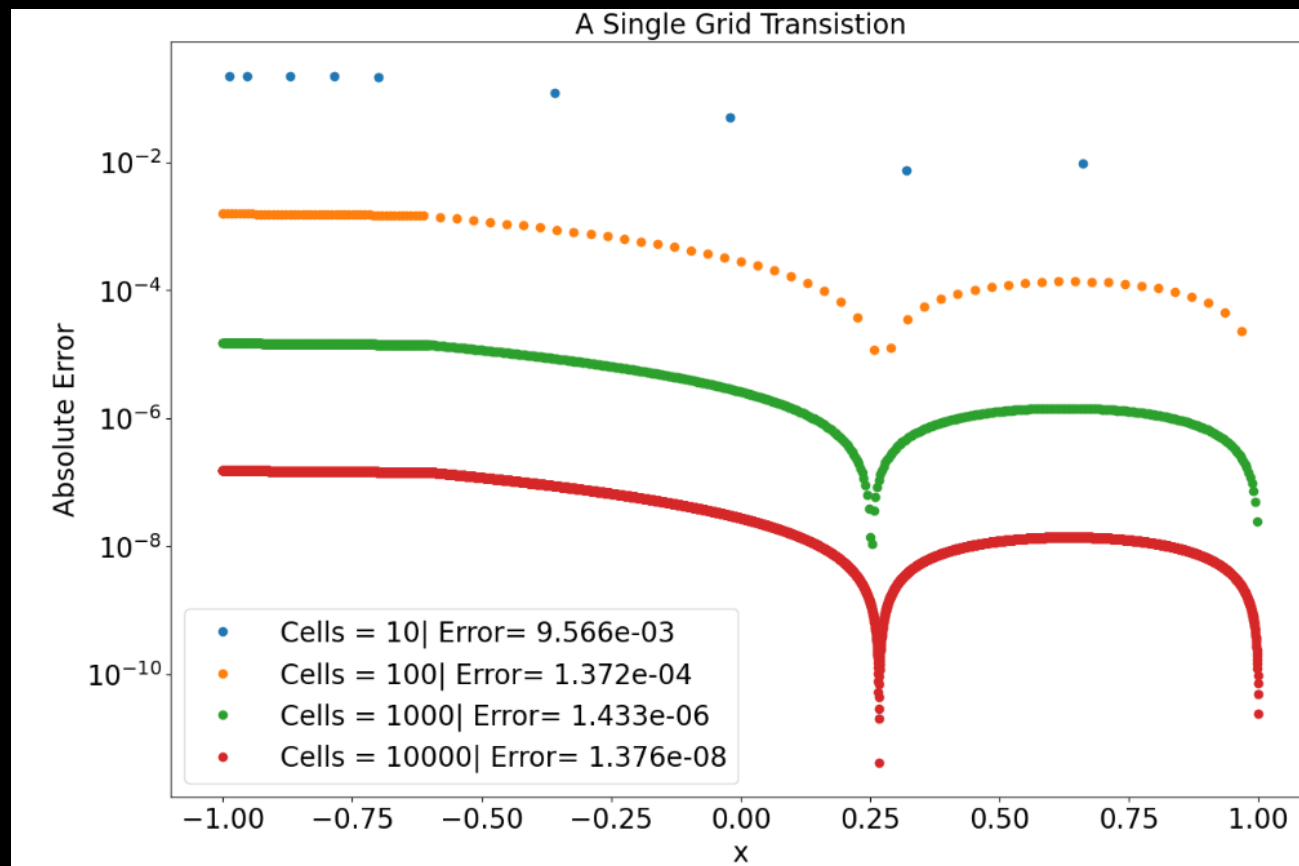




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Single Grid  
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# Grid Shape

Squares



Triangles



Curvilinear

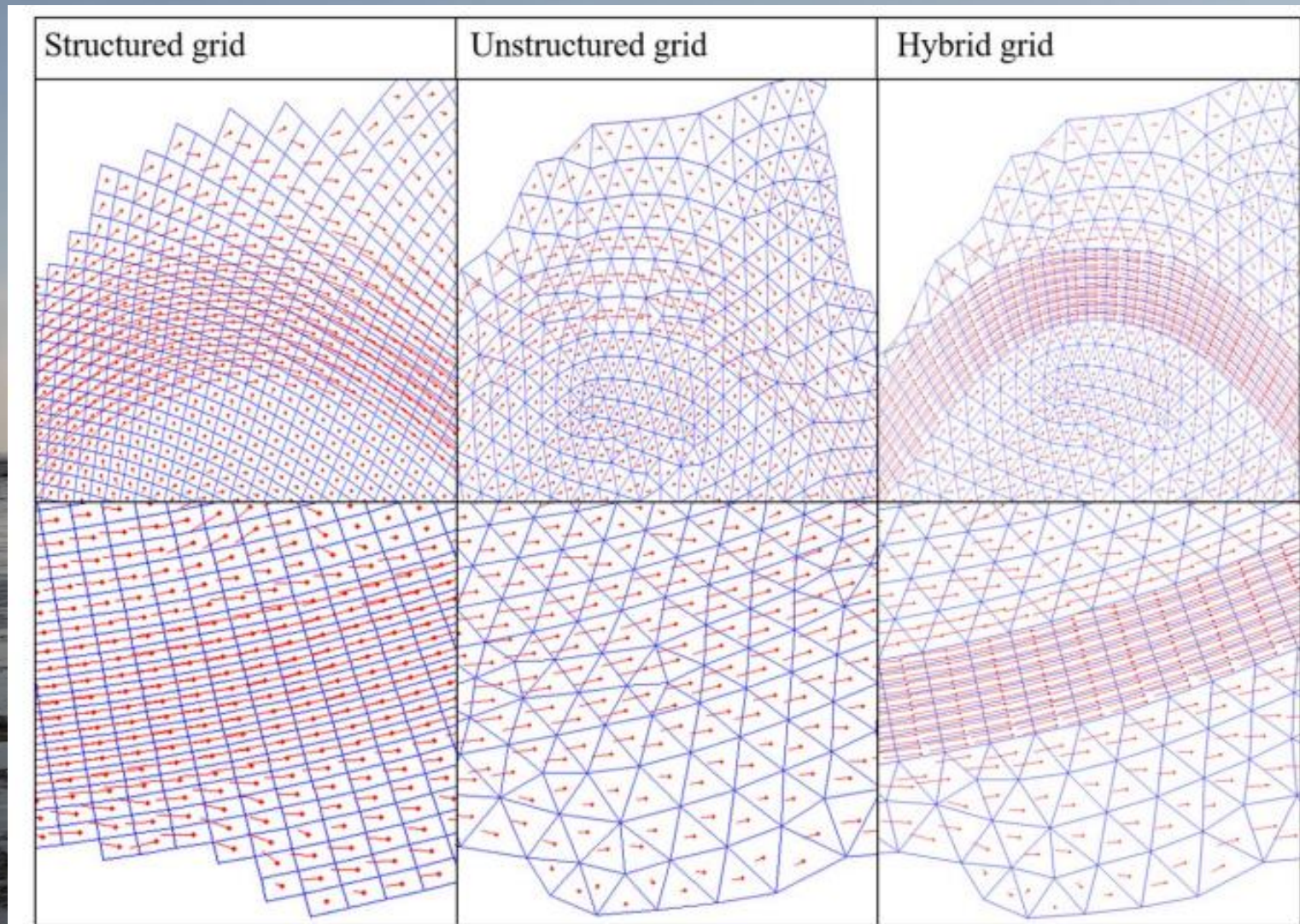


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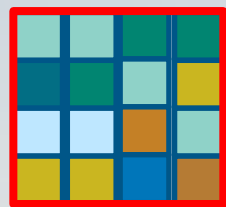


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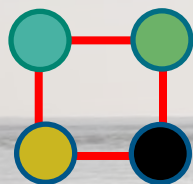
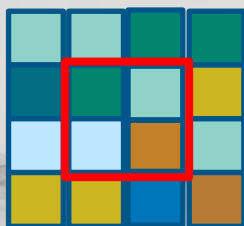




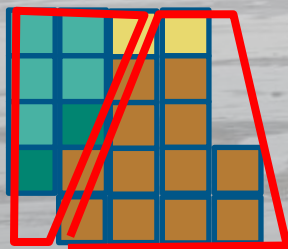
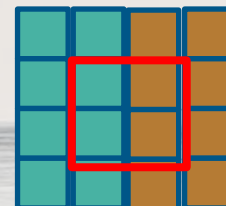
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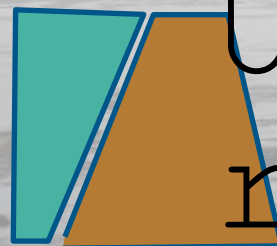
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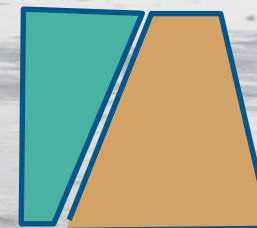
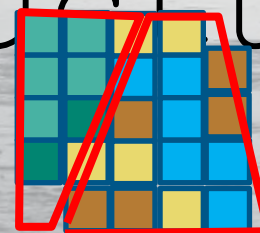
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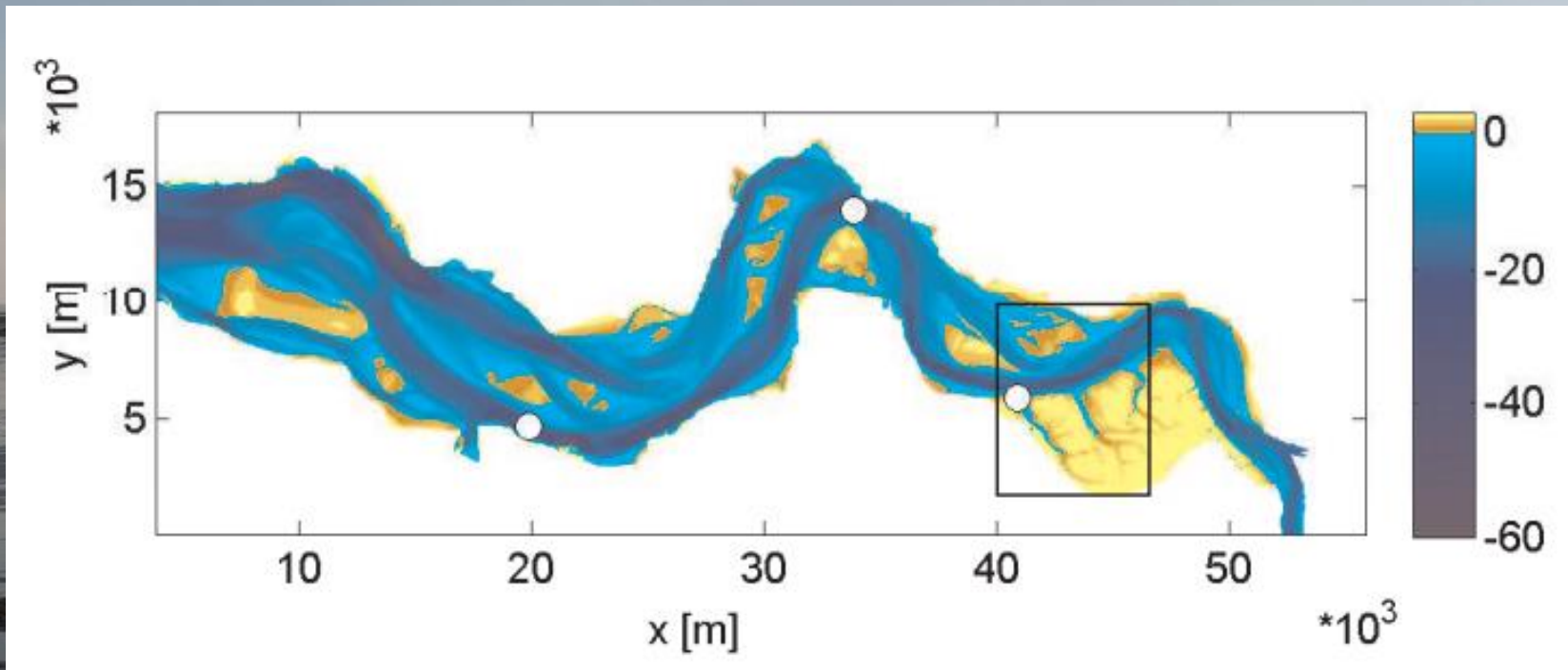
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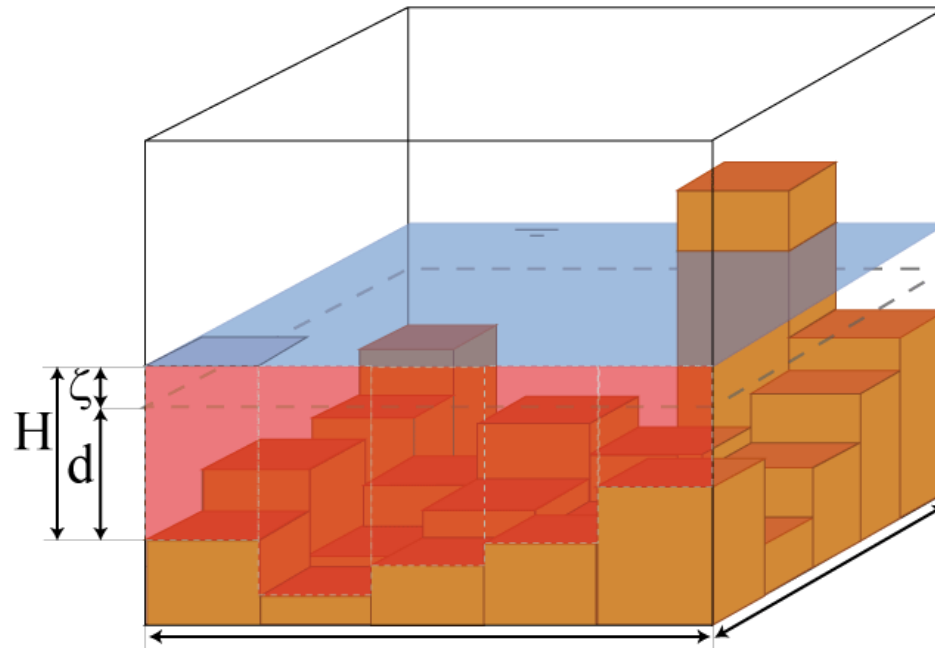


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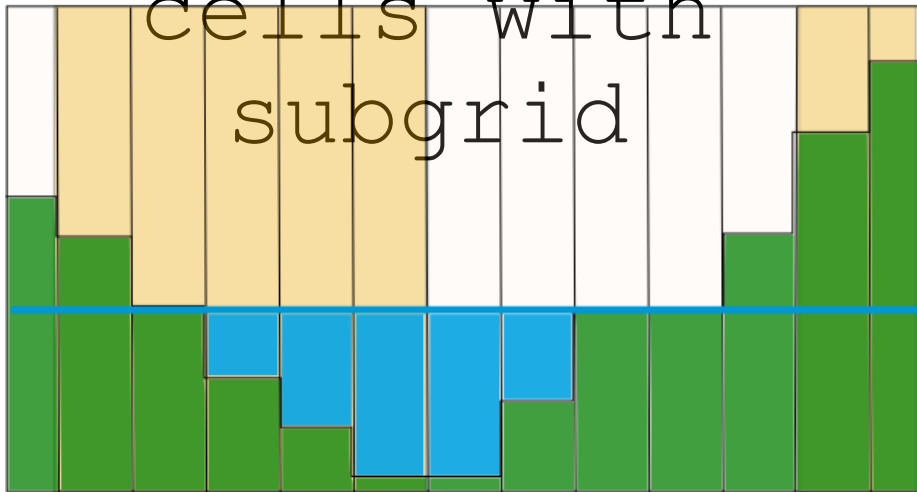


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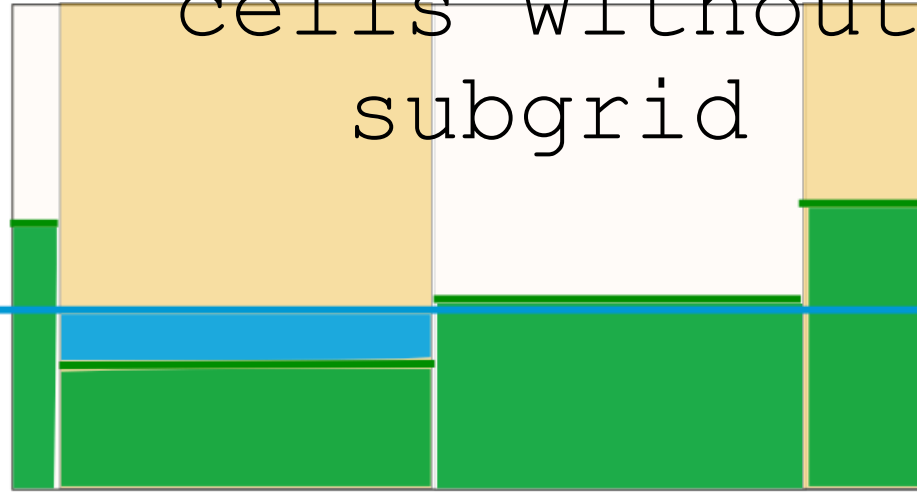


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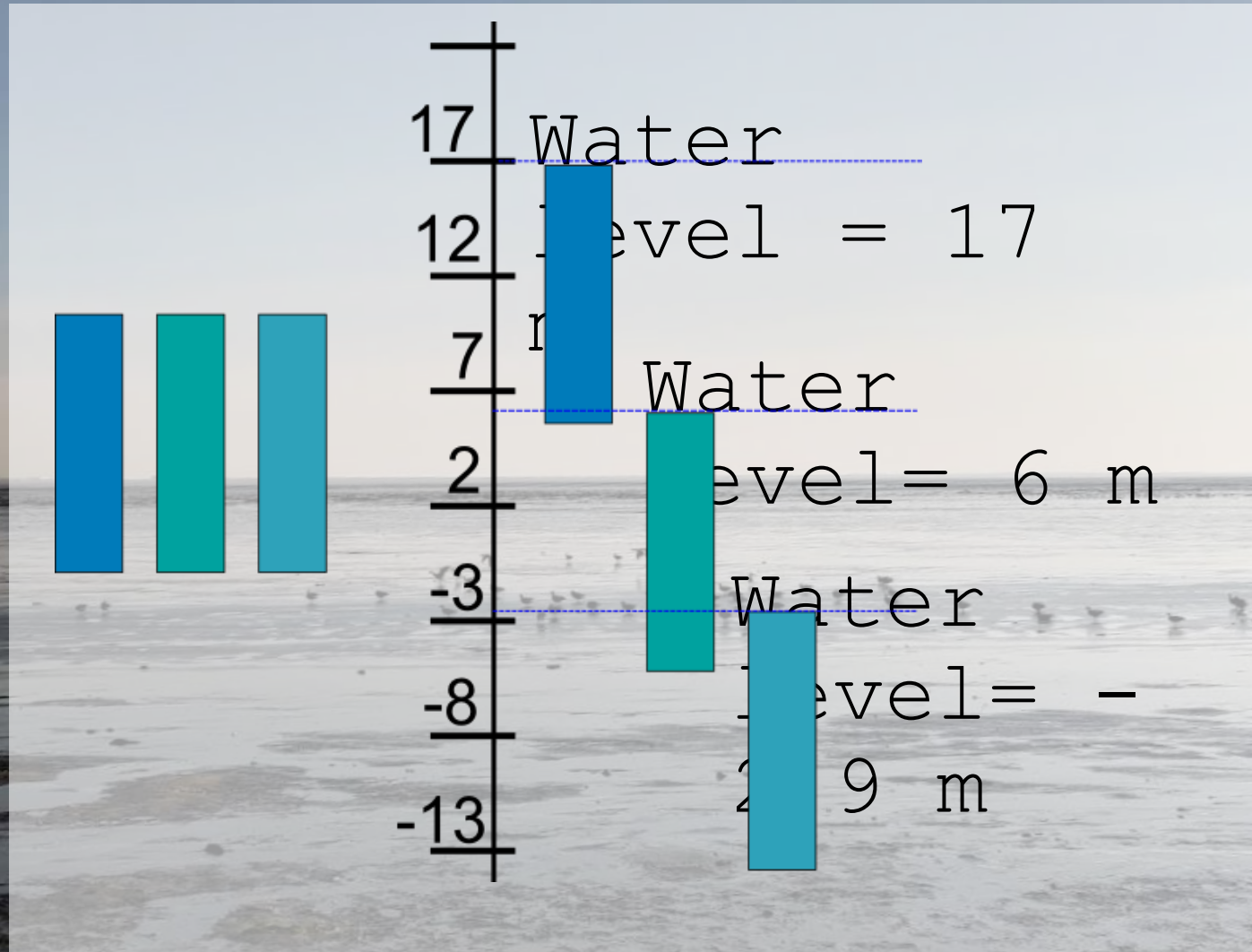
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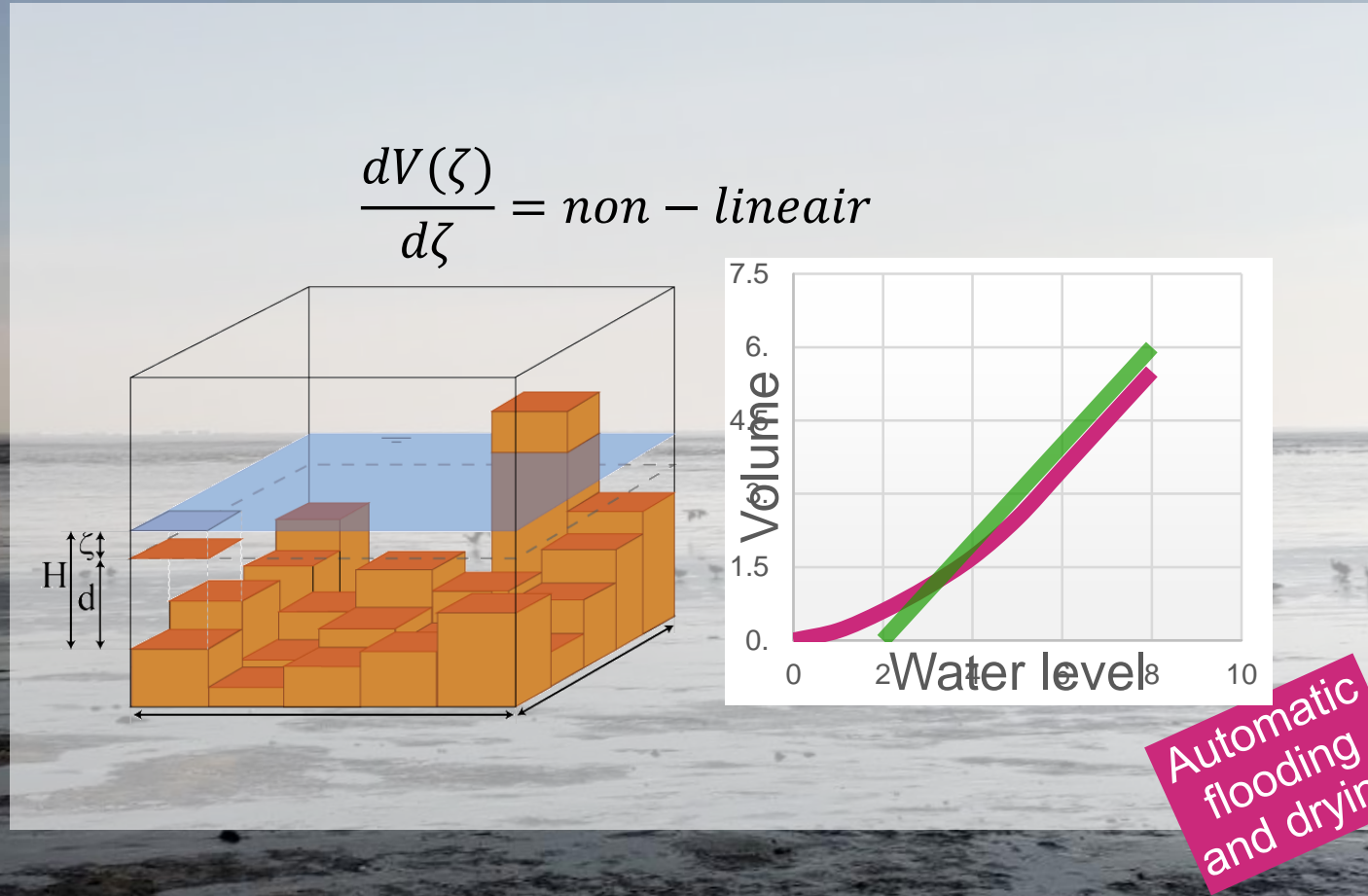


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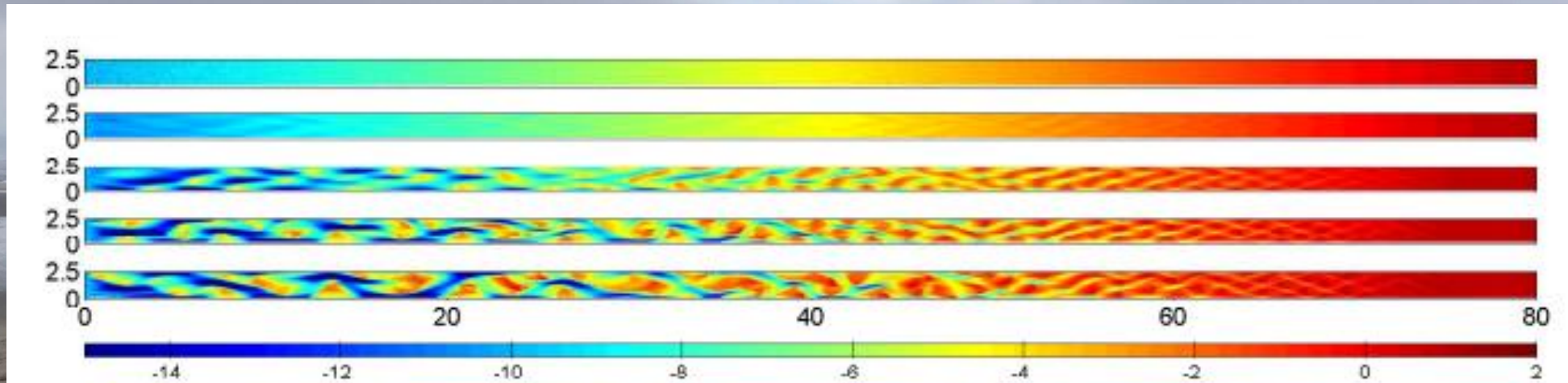


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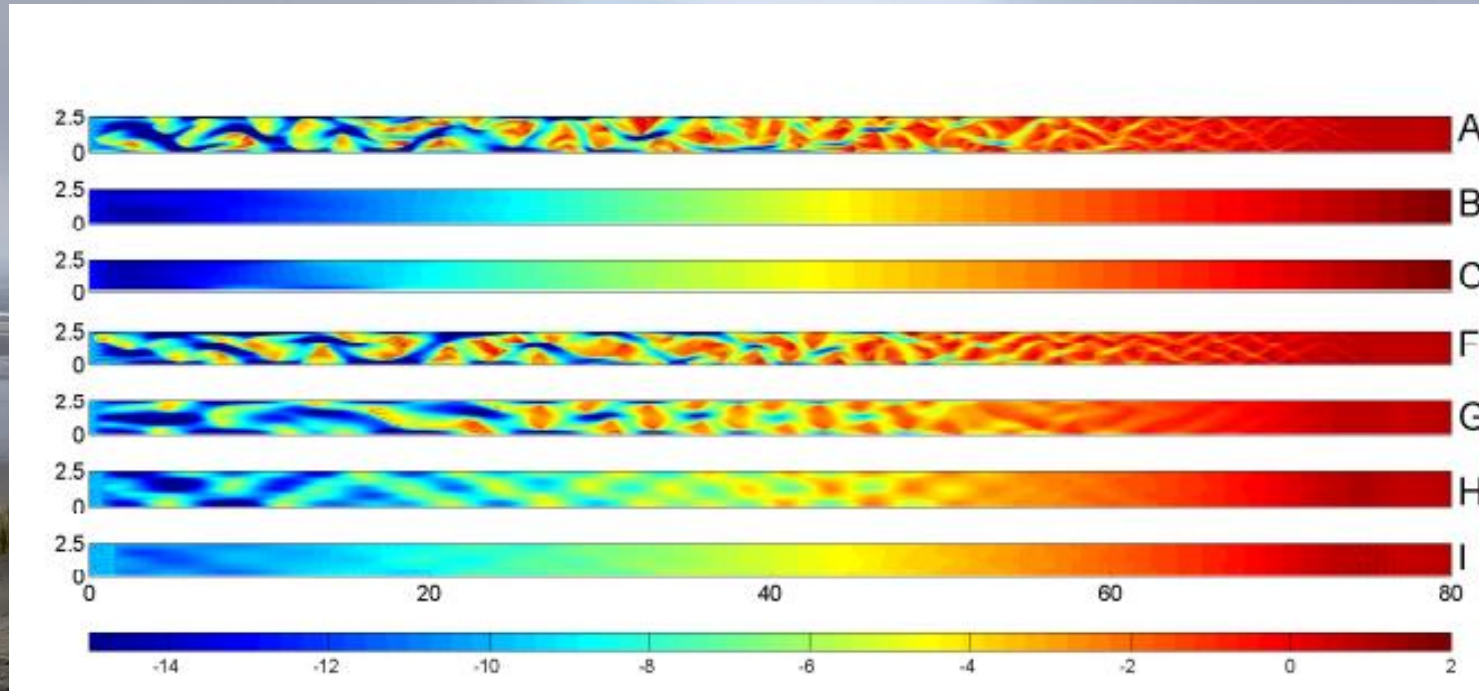


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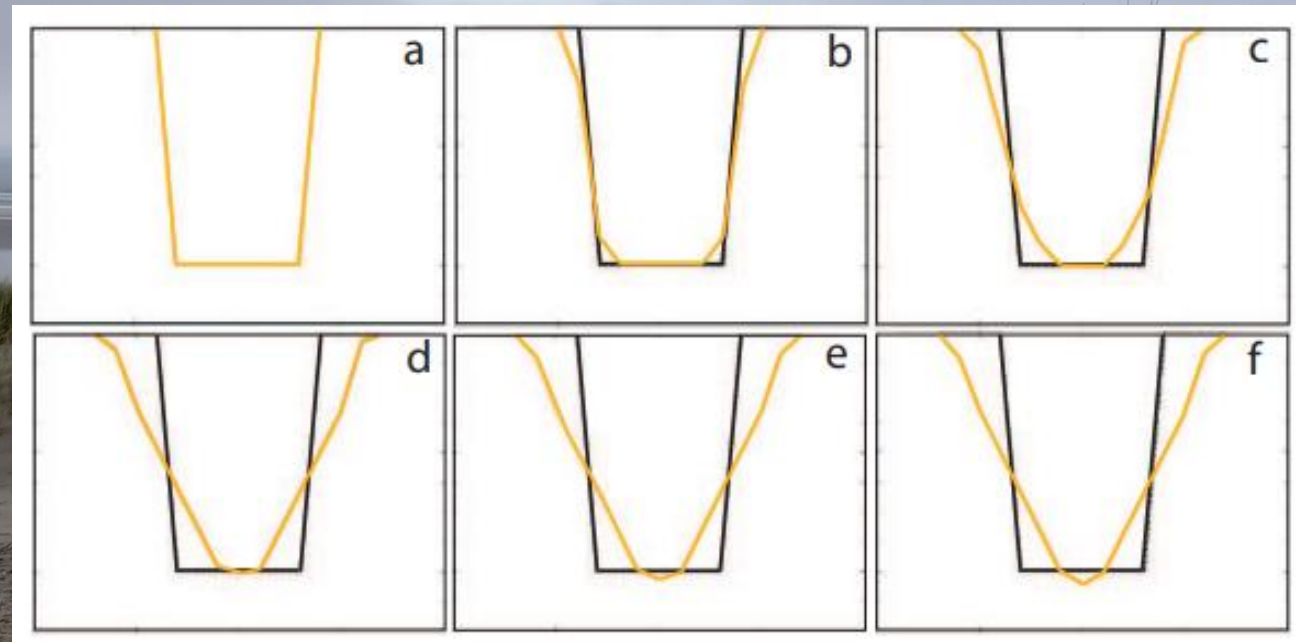
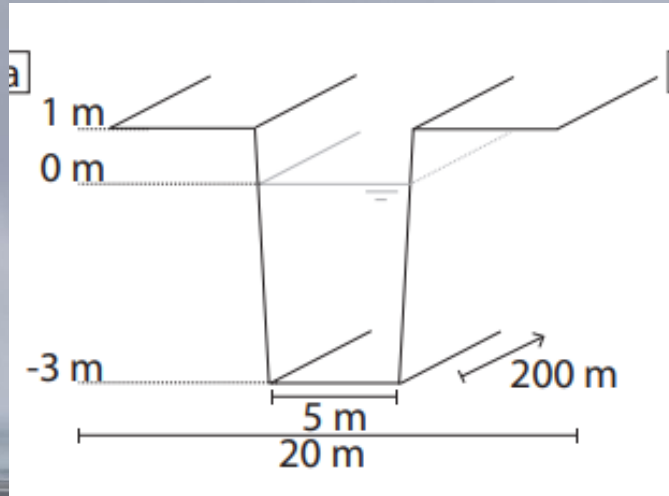




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# High Resolution Morphodynamics



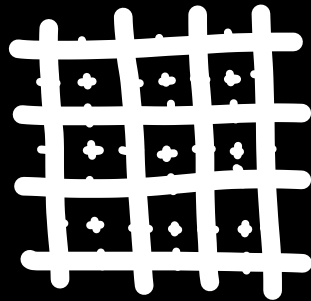
# Some Conclusions

- Get to know your grid
- Choose your resolution wisely
- Be careful with grid size transitions
- Subgrid is cool

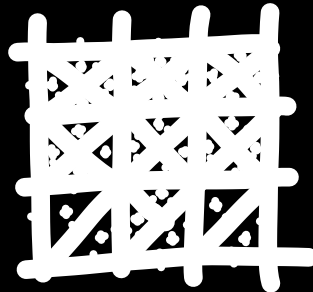


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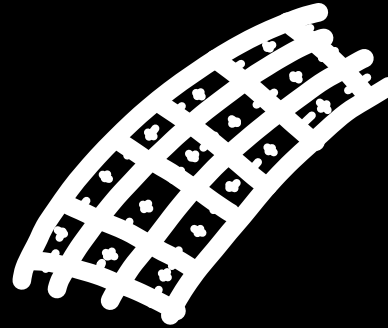
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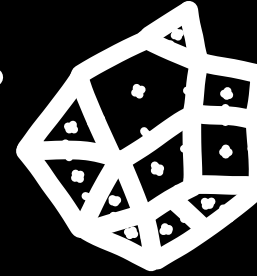
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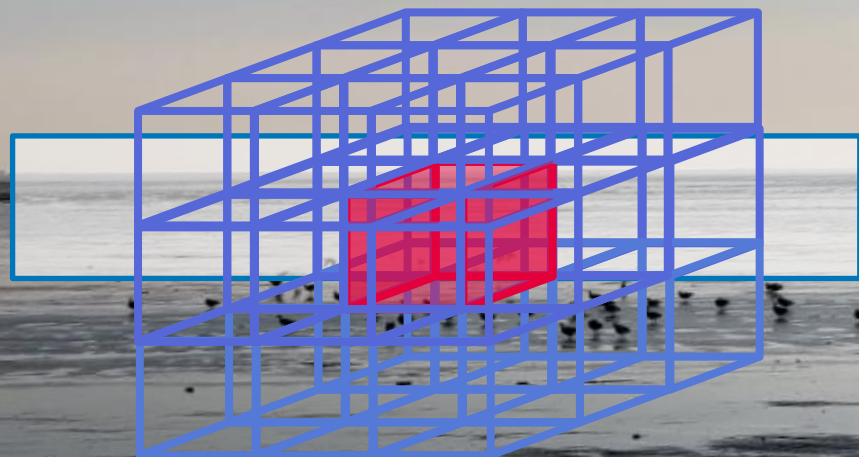


Dealing with grids in

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# Grid Shape



**“Modelling of coupled hydrodynamics, sediment transport and bed morphodynamics”  
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# Modelling of coupled hydrodynamics, sediment transport and bed morphodynamics

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- Cascade: wave-induced turbulent oscillatory flow → interaction with a coastal sandy seabed (sediment transport and bed morphodynamics) → generation of bed forms (ripples, dunes, bars)



- Coastal Engineering: bed morphodynamics is a critical factor in modeling nearshore processes at a larger scale → design of coastal protection measures/structures

## Physics

- Focus on vortex ripples (Bagnold 1946), which have a strong influence on:
  - near-bed boundary layer hydrodynamics,
  - sediment transport mechanisms,
  - bed morphodynamics.
- Effect of related non-dimensional parameters on sediment transport.
- Mechanisms regarding the morphodynamic development of vortex ripples.

## Modeling and Computing

- High Reynolds number cases →
  - implementation of large-eddy simulation (LES) formulation,
  - implementation of a hybrid CPU-GPU parallel algorithm for supercomputing use.

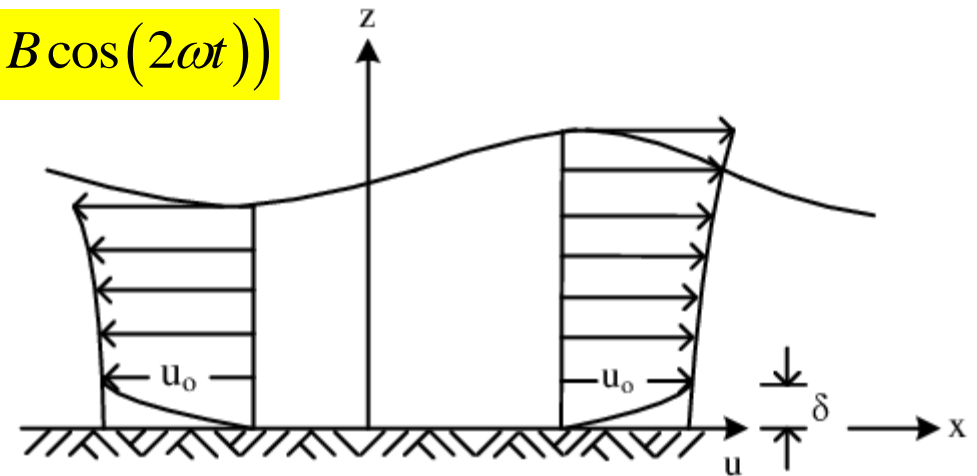
## Wave-Induced Oscillatory Flow

Near-bed (outside the wave boundary layer) horizontal velocity over flat bed (constant depth):

$$u_o = U_o \cos(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{or} \quad u_o(t) = U_o (\cos(\omega t) + B \cos(2\omega t))$$

where  $t$  is time,  $x$  is the horizontal coordinate,  $U_o$  is the velocity amplitude,  $a_o = U_o/\omega$  is the orbital motion amplitude,  $\omega = 2\pi/T$  is the wave radial frequency,  $T$  is the wave period,

$k = 2\pi/L$  is the wavenumber,  $L$  is the wavelength and  $B$  is the wave skewness.



Reynolds number:

$$\text{Re} = \frac{U_o a_o}{\nu}$$

## Flow Equations (non-dimensional)

Continuity equation:  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$

Navier-Stokes equations:  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (u_i u_j) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} + f_i$

where  $u_i$  is the resolved velocity field according to LES formalism.

Dynamic pressure:  $p = P_o + P$  where  $P_o$  is the externally imposed pressure field.

Subgrid-scale (SGS) stresses (Smagorinsky 1963):

$$\tau_{ij} = -2D_{\text{wall}} \nu_{\text{sgs}} S_{ij} = -2D_{\text{wall}} (C_s \Delta)^2 |S| S_{ij}$$

$$|S| = (2S_{ij}S_{ij})^{1/2}$$

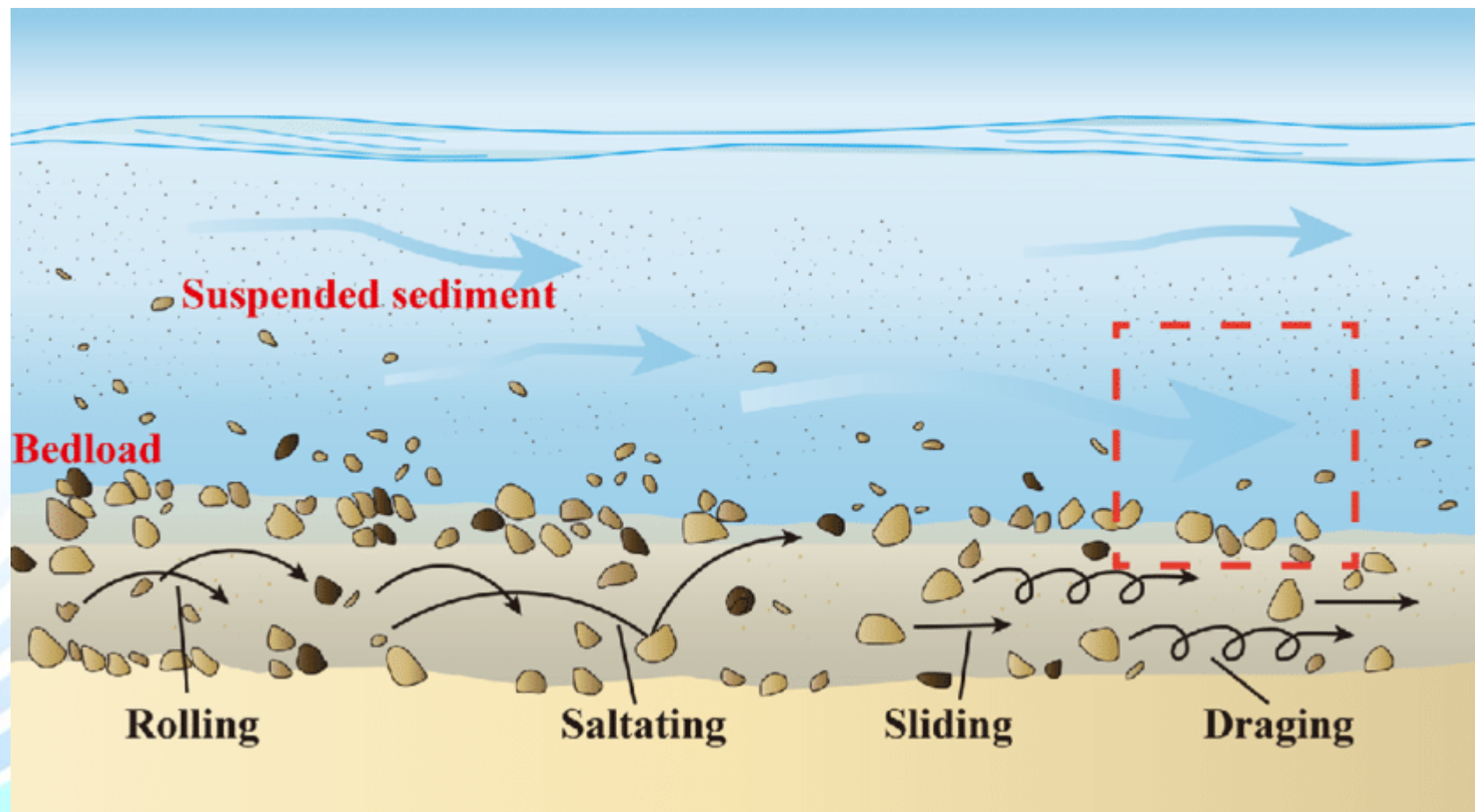
$$\Delta = (\Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 \Delta x_3)^{1/3}$$

$$D_{\text{wall}} = 1 - \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{r^+}{A^+} \right)^3 \right]$$



## Wave-Induced Sediment Transport

Sediment transport: bed load and suspended load.



## Sediment Transport Equations (Bed Load)

Bed load transport rate (Engelund and Fredsøe, 1976):

$$\frac{q_b}{\sqrt{(S-1)gD_g^3}} = \begin{cases} \operatorname{sgn}(\theta) \frac{5\pi}{3} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{\mu_d}{|\theta| - \theta_c} \right)^4 \right]^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left( \sqrt{|\theta|} - 0.7\sqrt{\theta_c} \right), & (|\theta| > \theta_c) \\ 0, & (|\theta| \leq \theta_c) \end{cases}$$

Shields number:  $\theta = \frac{\tau_b}{\rho_w (S-1) g D_g^3}$

Critical Shields number:  $\theta_c(D_g, S)$

Median grain diameter:  $D_g$

Sediment specific gravity:  $S$

Dynamic friction coefficient:  $\mu_d \approx 0.5\mu_s$

## Sediment Transport Equations (Suspended Load)

Advection-diffusion equation for the suspended sediment concentration:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial c}{\partial x_j} - w_s \frac{\partial c}{\partial x_3} = \frac{1}{\sigma \text{Re}} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} - \frac{\partial \chi_i}{\partial x_i} + f_c$$

where  $w_s$  is

the sediment fall velocity:

$$\frac{w_s D_g}{\nu} = \begin{cases} D_*^3 / 18 & D_*^3 < 39 \\ D_*^{2.1} / 6 & \text{for } 39 < D_*^3 < 10^4 \\ 1.05 D_*^{1.5} & 10^4 < D_*^3 \leq 3 \cdot 10^6 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } D_* = D_g \left( \frac{(S-1)g}{\nu^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

$\sigma$  is the Schmidt number,  $\chi_j$  is the SGS turbulent term (Zedler and Street 2001):

$$\chi_j = \frac{\nu_{\text{sgs}}}{\sigma_t} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x_j}$$

and  $\sigma_t$  is the turbulent Schmidt number.

In coastal sediment transport modeling, it is usual to set  $\sigma = \sigma_t = 1$ .

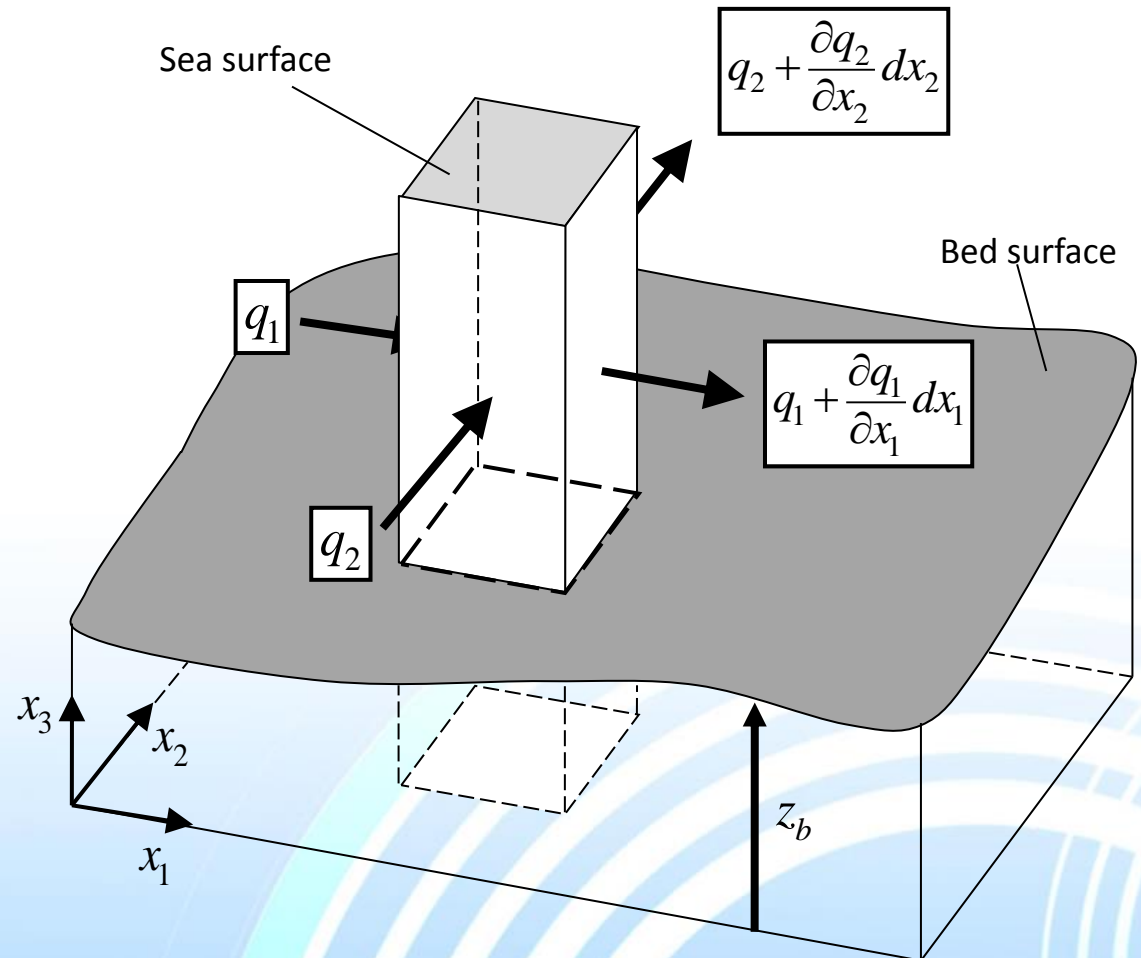
## Bed Evolution Equation

Conservation of sediment mass  $\rightarrow$

Exner equation:

$$\frac{\partial z_b}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{1-n} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{x_3 \geq z_b} c dx_3 = -\frac{1}{1-n} \left( \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial q_2}{\partial x_2} \right)$$

where  $q_{1,2} = (q_b + q_s)_{1,2}$  is the total sediment flux rate and  $n$  is the bed sediment porosity.





## Hybrid Computing

In-house code capable to run on either CPU only or CPU+GPU architectures. Switching between architectures is done only using different compilation flags.

Intra node: CPU -> shared memory approach OpenACC (similar to OpenMP)

GPU -> stream processing (CUDA or OpenACC)

Inter node: MPI communications

The code parallelization follows a domain decomposition approach:

- Divide domain in parts with same workload.
- Each sub-domain is solved in a computing node.
- Discretizations that require unknowns from other sub-domains perform MPI communications.

## Orbital Vortex Ripples

Their creation on a sandy bed depends on two non-dimensional parameters.

The mobility parameter:

$$\psi = \frac{U_o^2}{(S-1)gD_g}$$

The ratio:

$$\frac{a_o}{D_g} = \frac{d_o/2}{D_g}$$

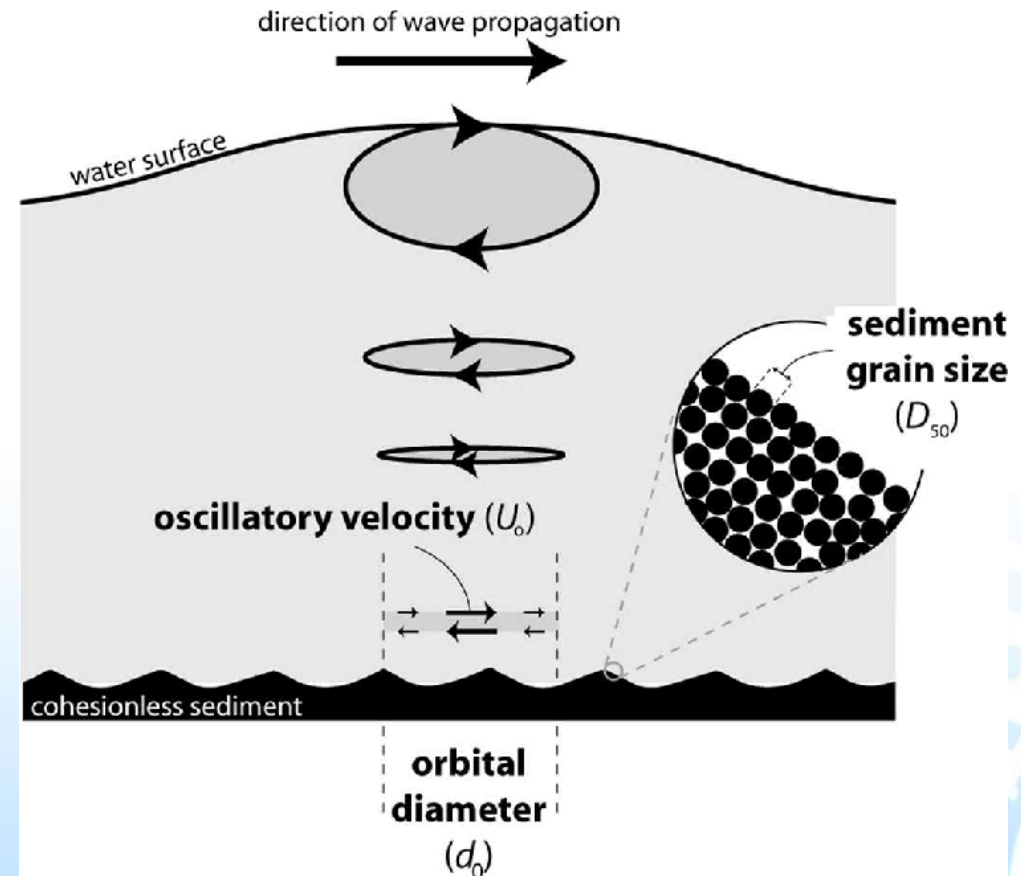
Ripple dimensions according to Nielsen (1992):

$$h_r/a_o = 0.275 - 0.022 \times \psi^{0.5}$$

$$L_r/a_o = 2.2 - 0.345 \times \psi^{0.34}$$

Orbital ripples correspond to  $a_o/D_g < 1000$  and vortex ripples to  $h_r/L_r > 0.1$ , i.e.,  $\psi < 100$ .

Note:  $\psi > 300 \rightarrow$  sheet flow



## Cases

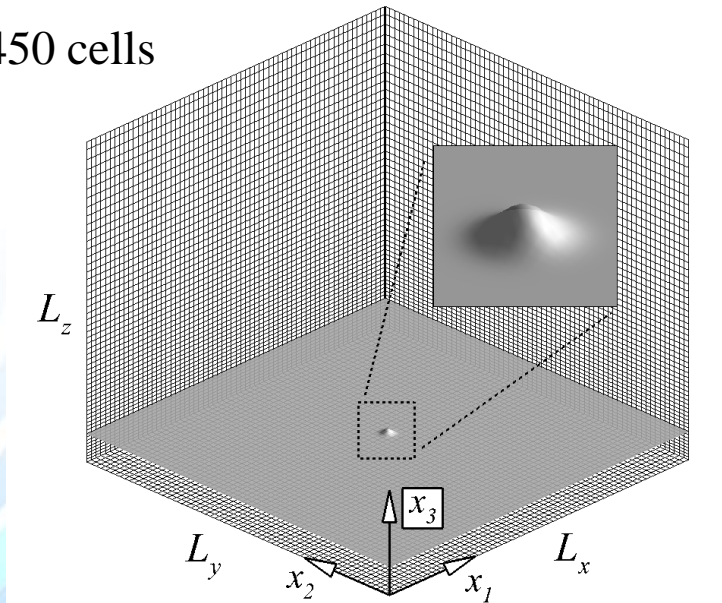
$\psi$	$L_r/a_o$	$h_r/a_o$	$h_r/L_r$	$\Delta x_{1,2}/a_o$	$\Delta x_3/a_o$
20	1.245	0.177	0.142	0.014	0.002-0.02
50	0.895	0.119	0.134	0.010	0.002-0.02
80	0.669	0.078	0.117	0.008	0.002-0.02

$$a_o/D_g = 250, 500, 1000$$

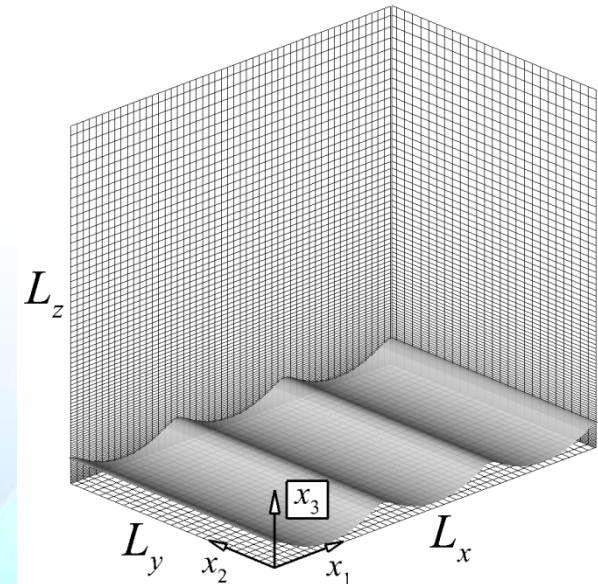
$$u_o(t) = U_o (\cos(\omega t) + B \cos(2\omega t)) \quad B = 0.176$$

$$\text{Re} = 10^5$$

Grid:  $256 \times 256 \times 450$  cells

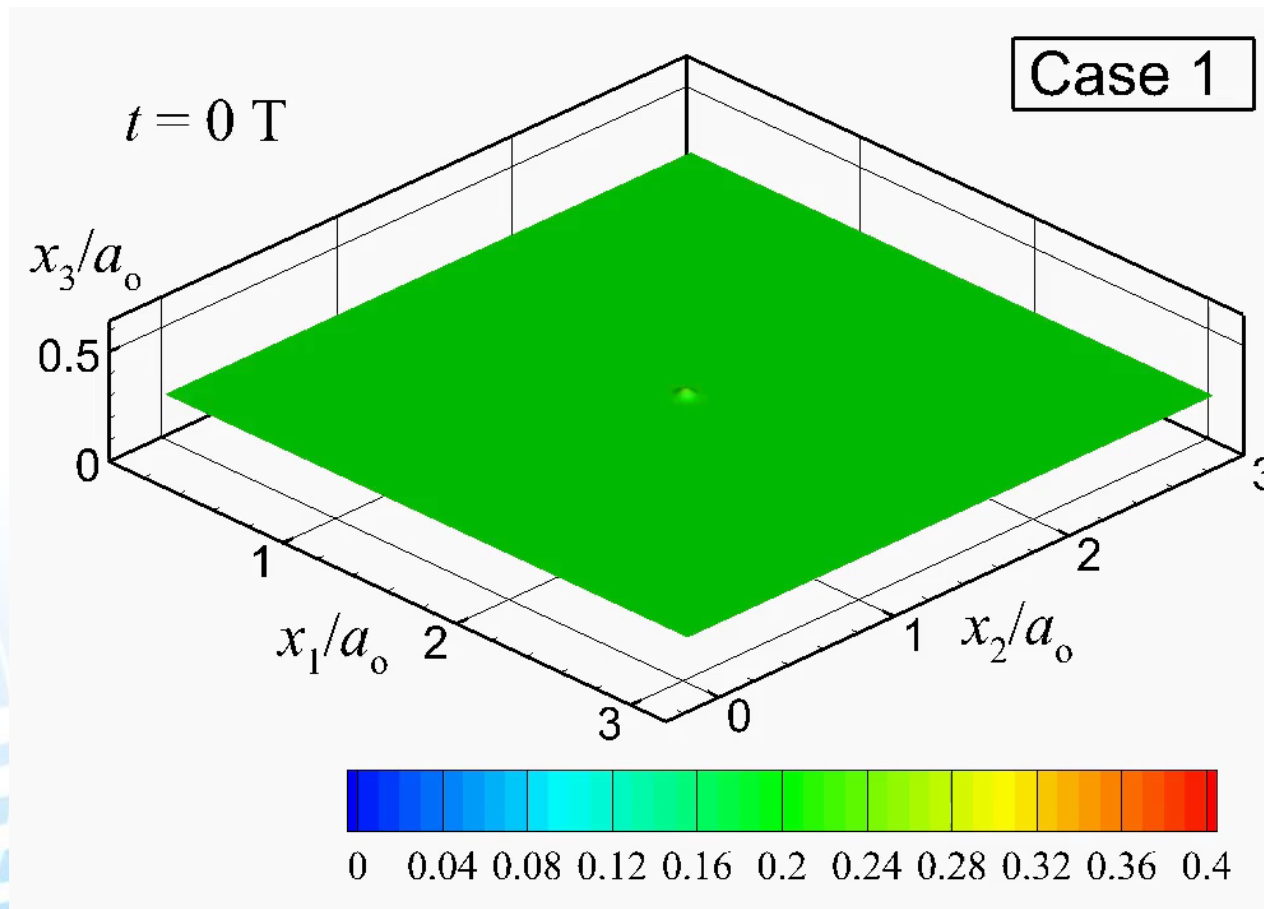


Mobile bed (every 4<sup>th</sup> node is shown)



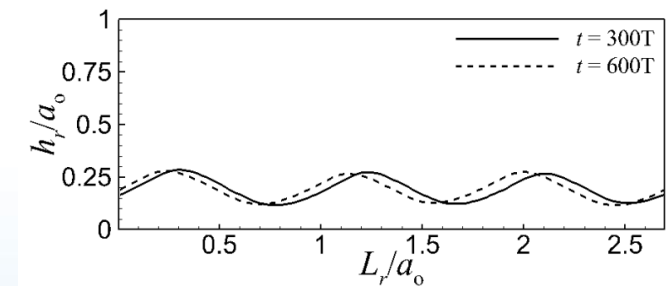
Fixed bed (every 5<sup>th</sup> node is shown)

Bed evolution and ripple creation initiating from a flat bed  
 $(0 < t < 200T, \psi = 50, \text{Re} = 23,163, a_o/D_g = 500)$



	$L_r/a_o$	$h_r/a_o$	$h_r/L_r$
Simulation	0.89	0.14	0.157
Nielsen	0.895	0.119	0.133

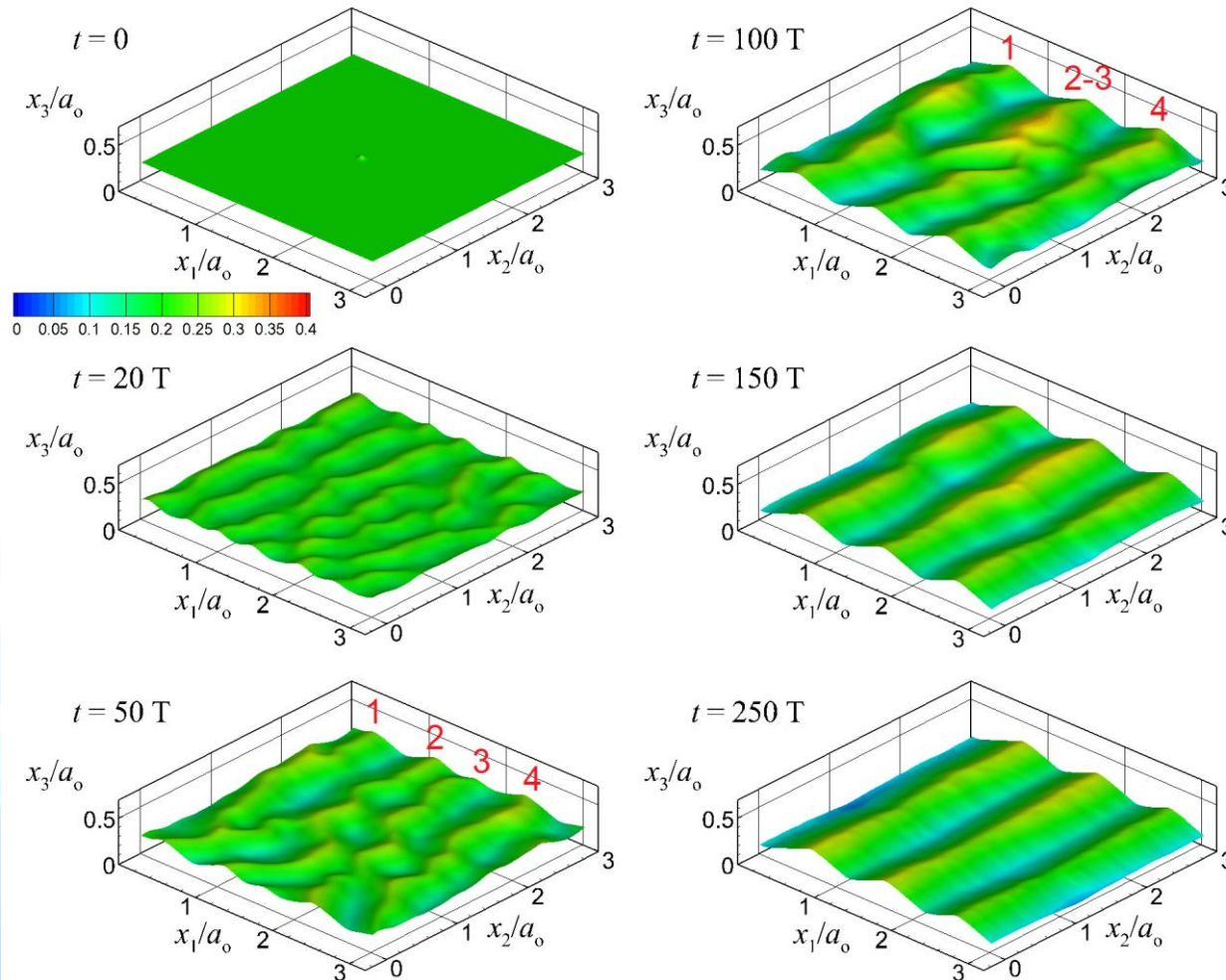
Comparison with Nielsen (1992)



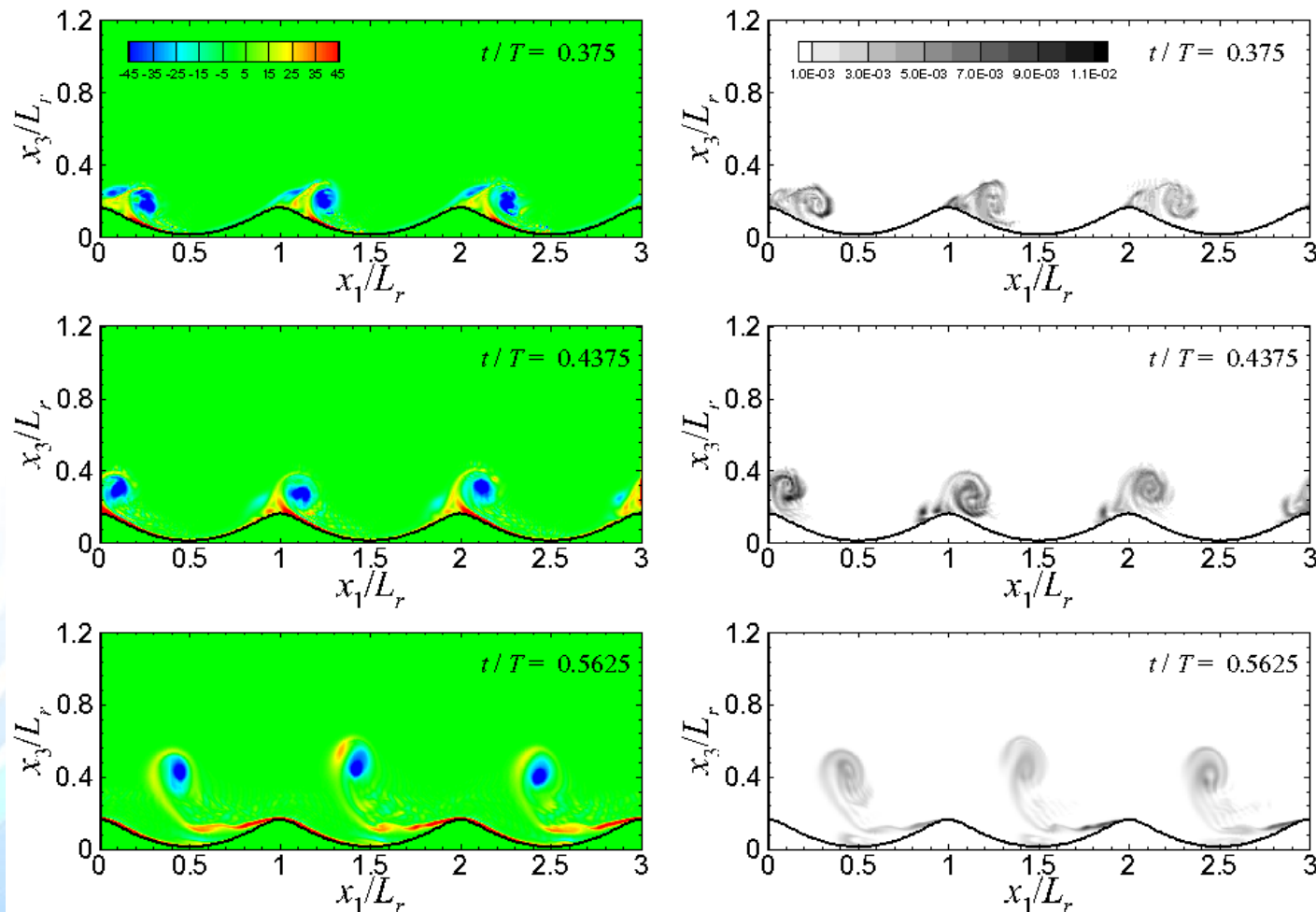
Ripple migration in equilibrium state



Bed evolution and ripple creation initiating from a flat bed  
 $(\psi = 50, a_o/D_g = 500)$



Spanwise-averaged vorticity (left) and suspended sediment concentration (right)  
( $\psi = 50$ ,  $a_o/D_g = 500$ )



# Results (Validation)

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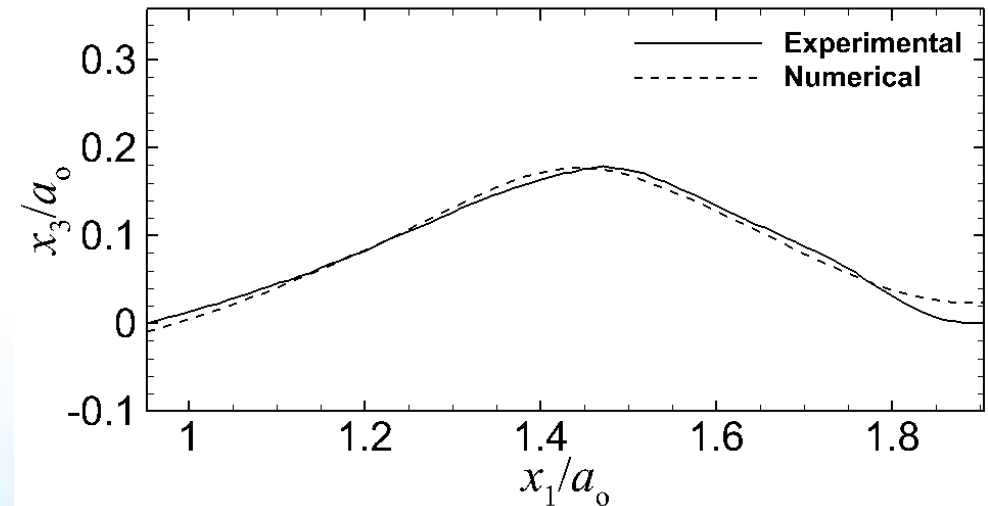
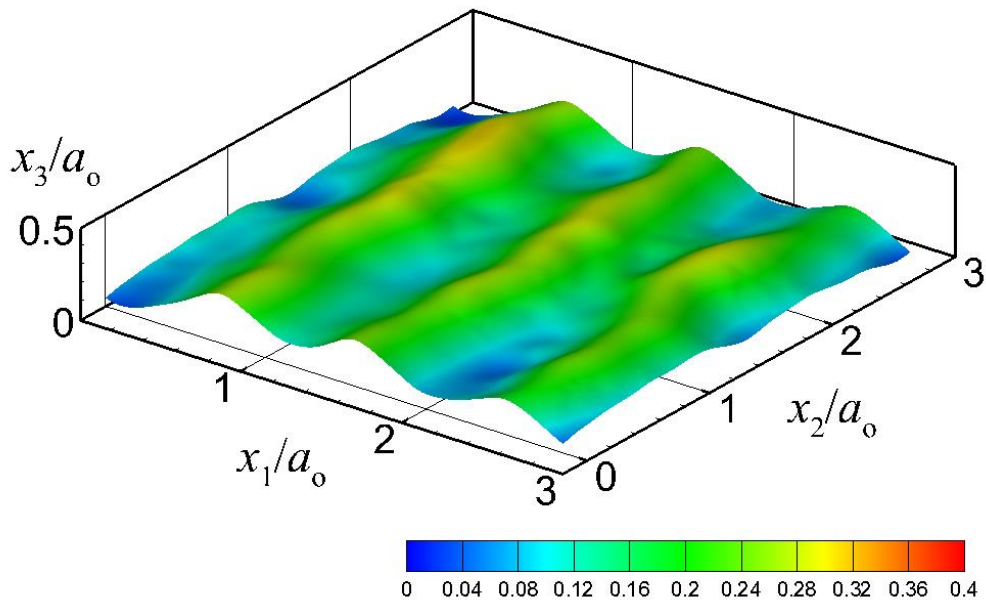
Parameters according to the experiment Mr5b63 in Van der Werf et al. (2007).

$$\psi = 42$$

$$a_o/D_g = 990$$

$$L_r/a_o = 0.9535$$

$$h_r/a_o = 0.1767$$

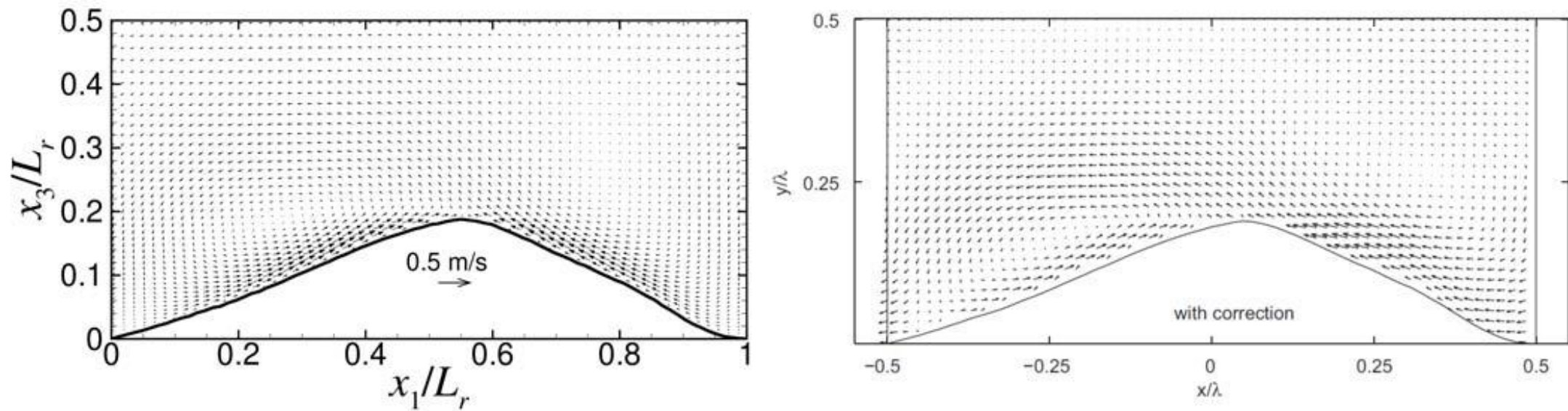


Bed after 500 wave periods (left) and ripple profile comparison (right).

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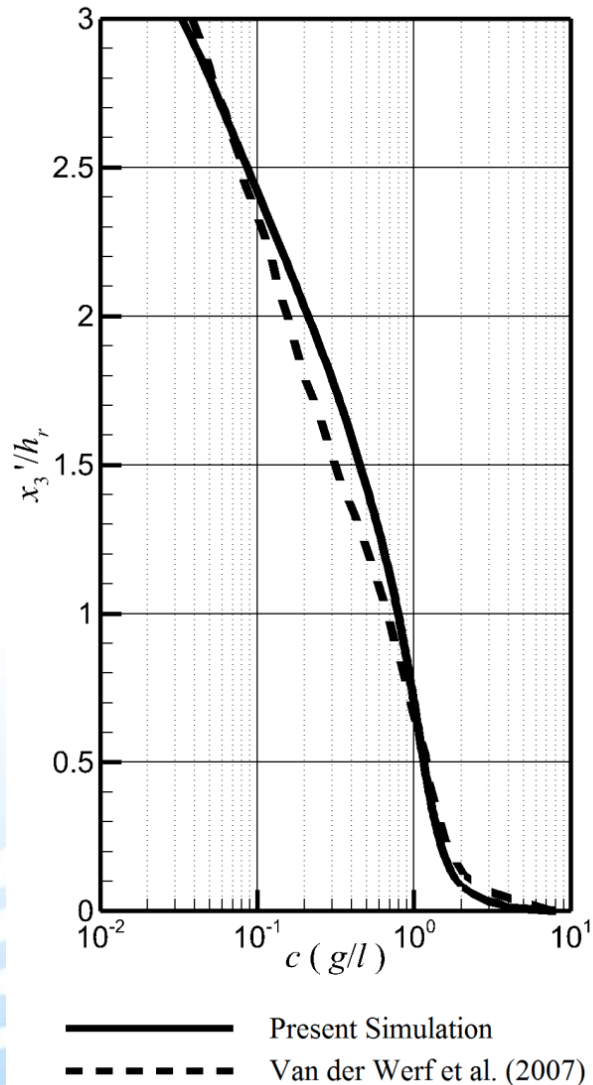


Time- and spanwise-averaged velocity comparison between numerical (left) and experimental (right) results.



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Time- and horizontally-averaged concentration of the suspended sediment according to the parameters in the experiment Mr5b63 in Van der Werf et al. (2007).

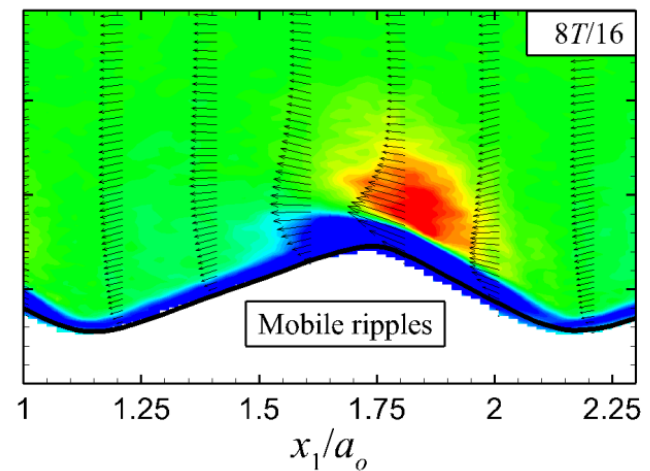
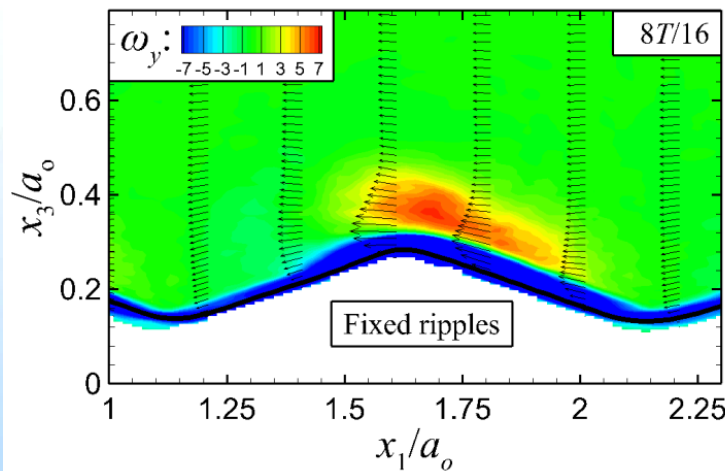
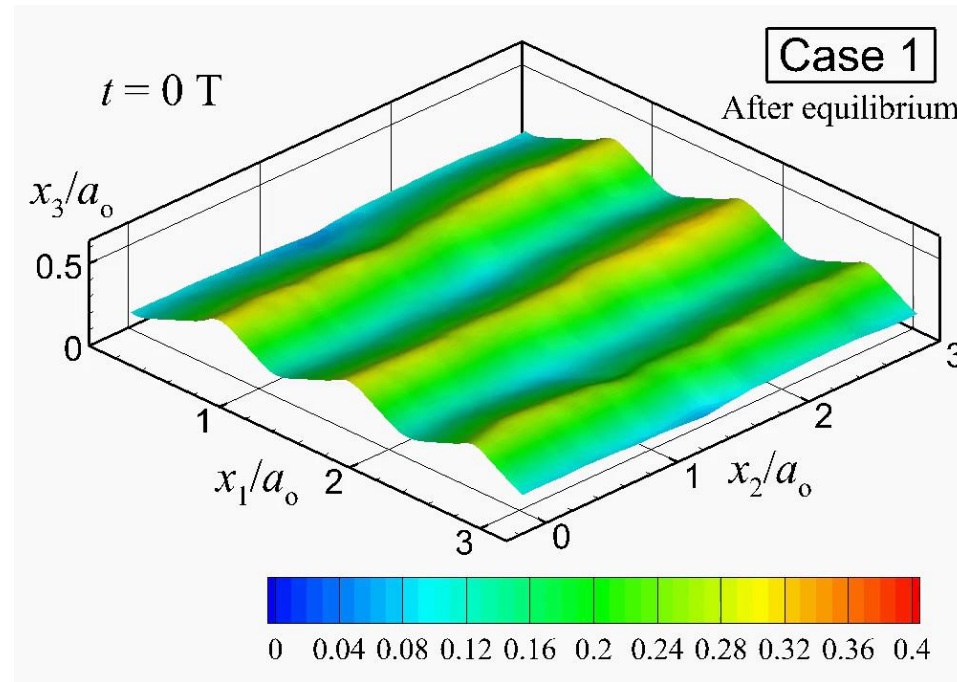
Mean bed, suspended and net load comparison.

	$\langle Q_b \rangle$ (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)	$\langle Q_s \rangle$ (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)	$\langle Q_{tot} \rangle$ (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)
Numerical Results	6.1	-10.2	-4.1
Van der Werf et al. (2008)	$6.9 \pm 1$	$-10.6 \pm 1.7$	$-3.7 \pm 0.7$

# Results

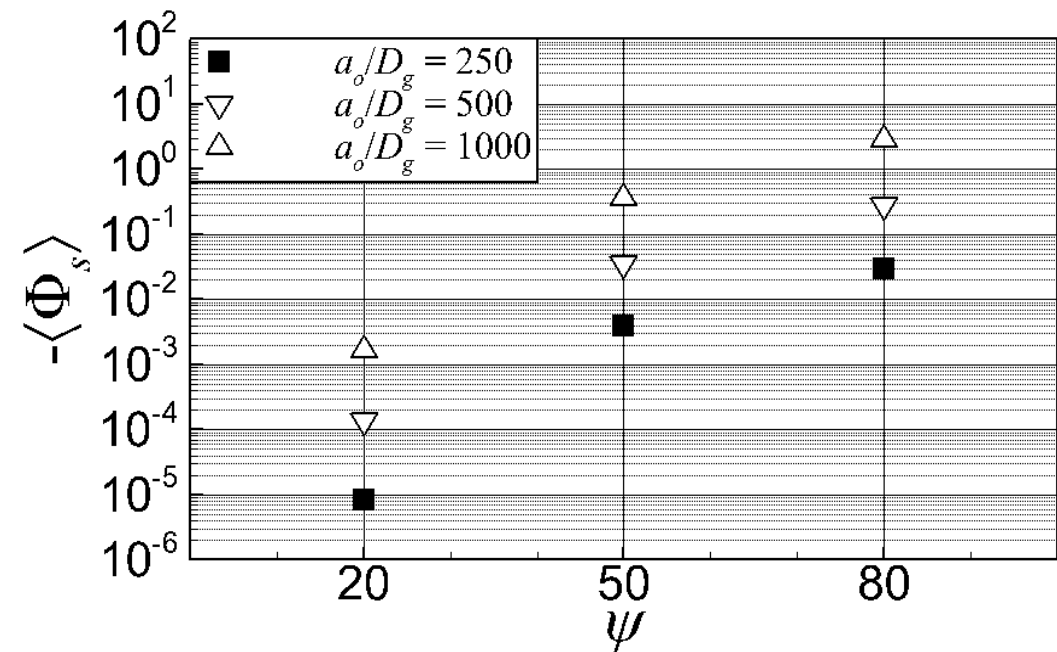
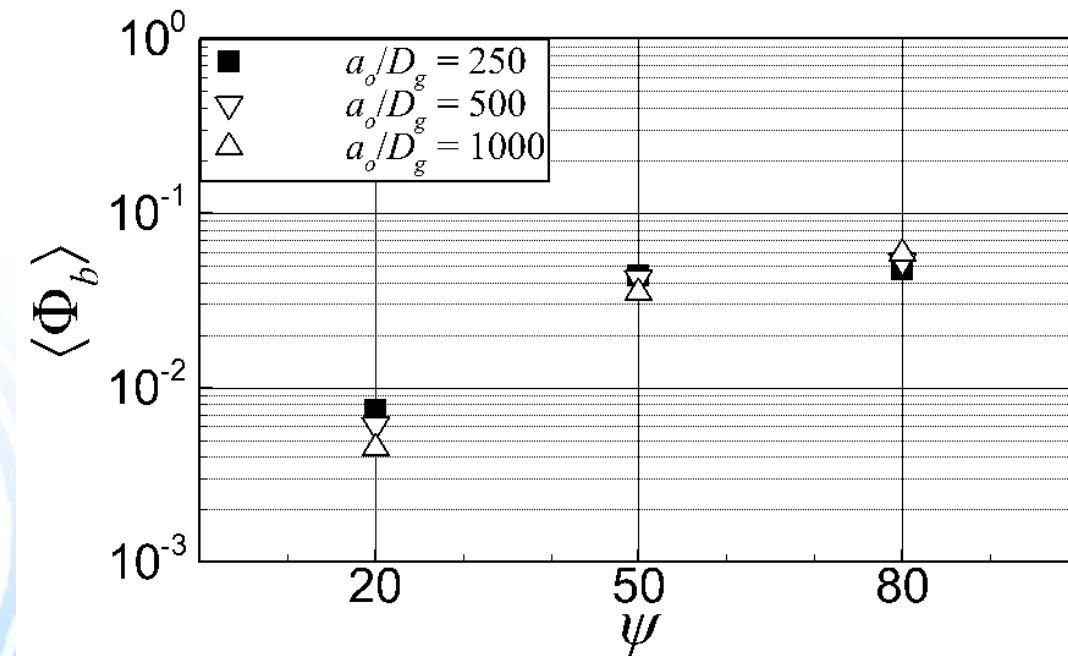
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Mobile ripple evolution and  
spanwise-averaged vorticity  
for mobile and fixed ripples  
( $\psi = 50$ ,  $a_o/D_g = 500$ )

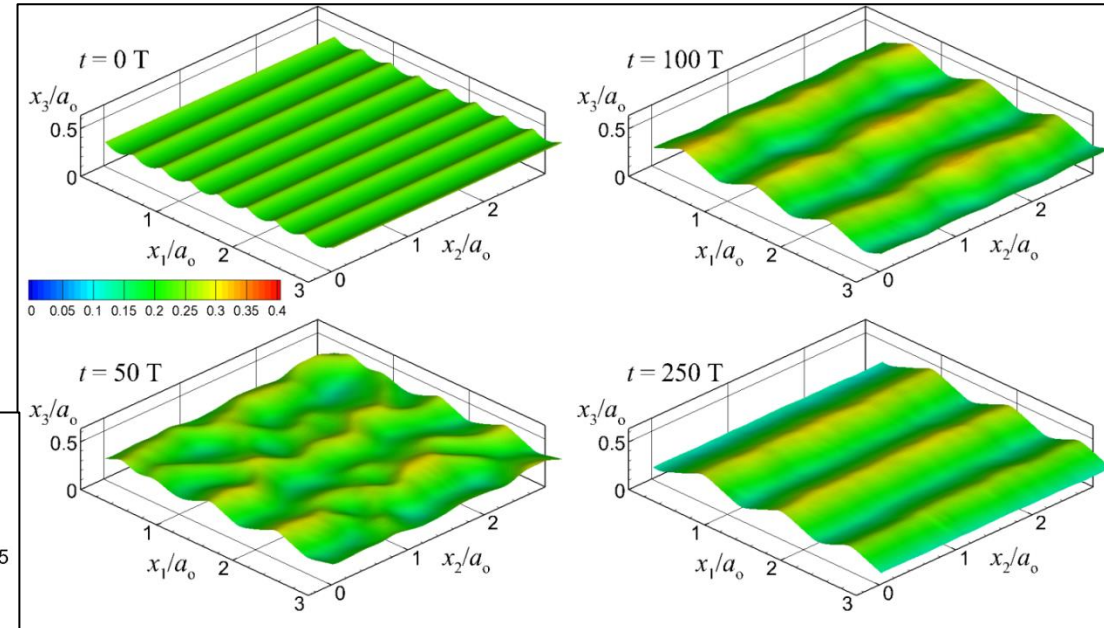
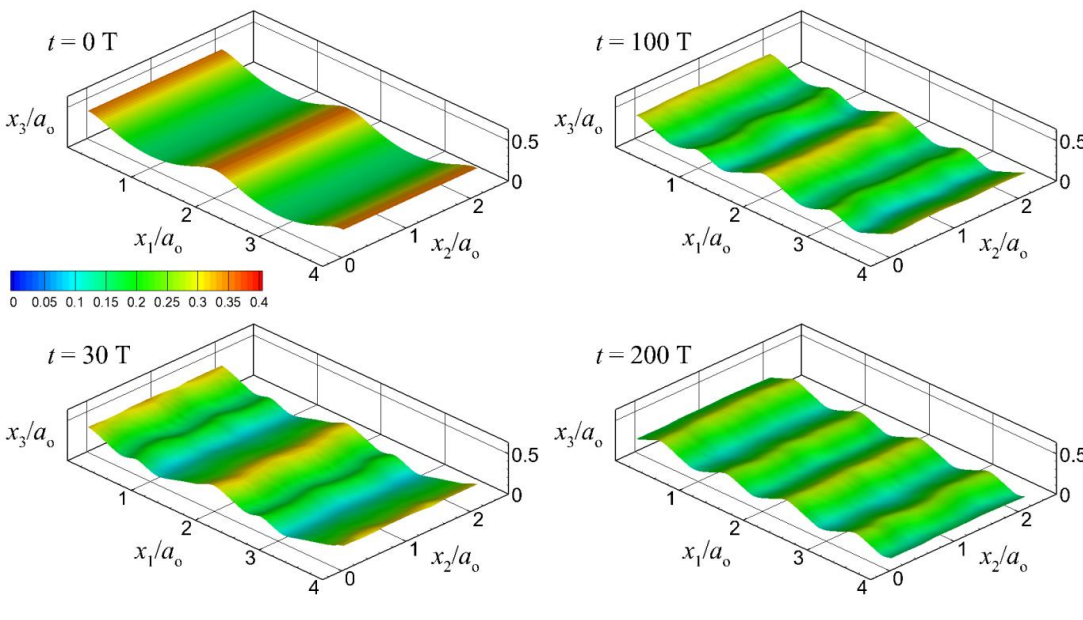


Net bed load parameter  $\langle \Phi_b \rangle$  (left) and net suspended load parameter  $\langle \Phi_s \rangle$  (right) as functions of the mobility parameter  $\psi$  and the relative sand grain size  $a_o/D_g$ .

$$\Phi_{b,s} = \frac{q_{b,s}}{\sqrt{(S-1)gD_g^3}}$$

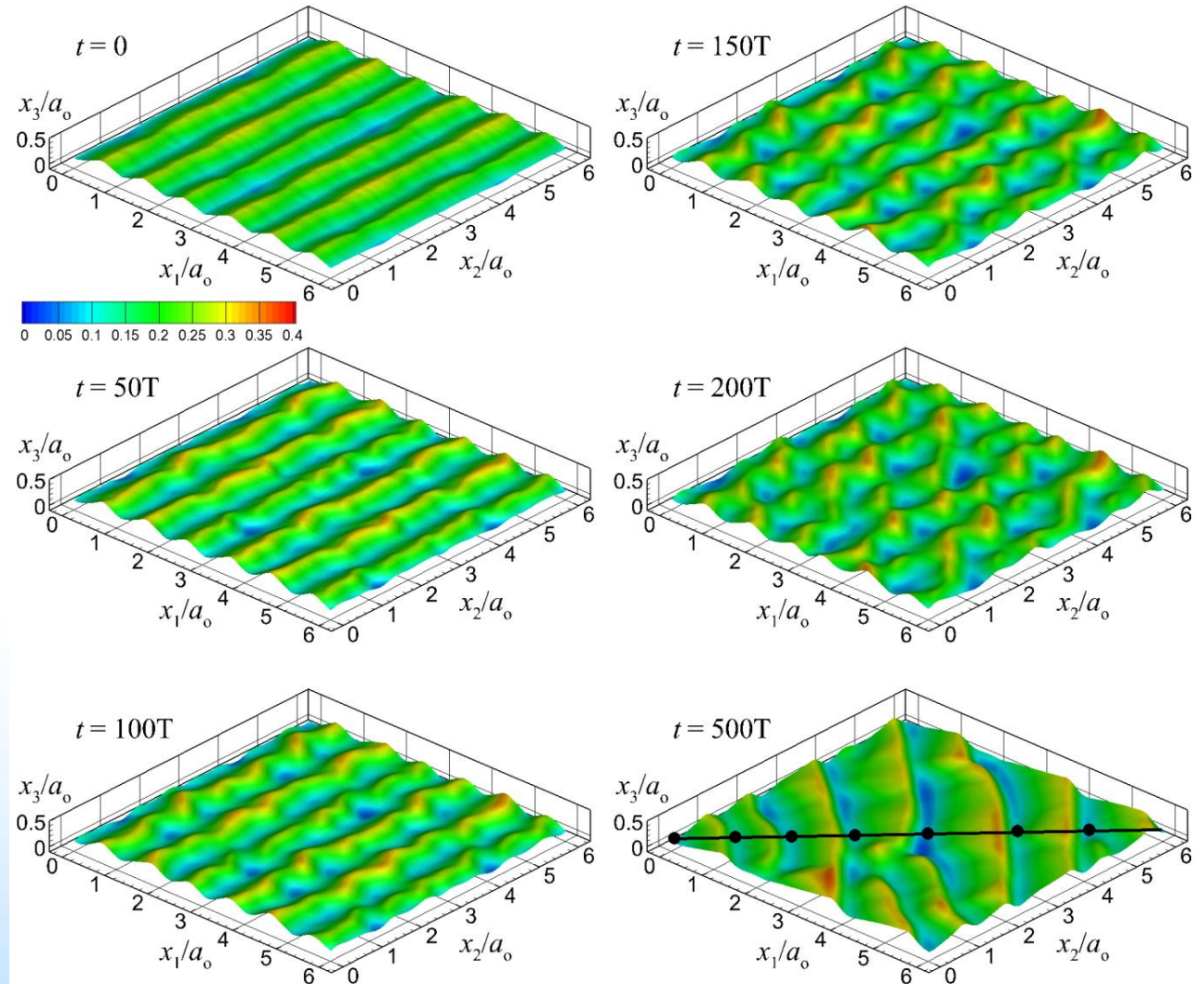


Ripple widening or shortening  
 $(\psi = 50, a_o/D_g = 500)$





Ripple re-orientation,  
driven by oblique ( $45^\circ$ )  
oscillatory flow  
( $\psi = 50$ ,  $a_o/D_g = 500$ )



Comparison of 4 different implementation strategies for using the computing node:

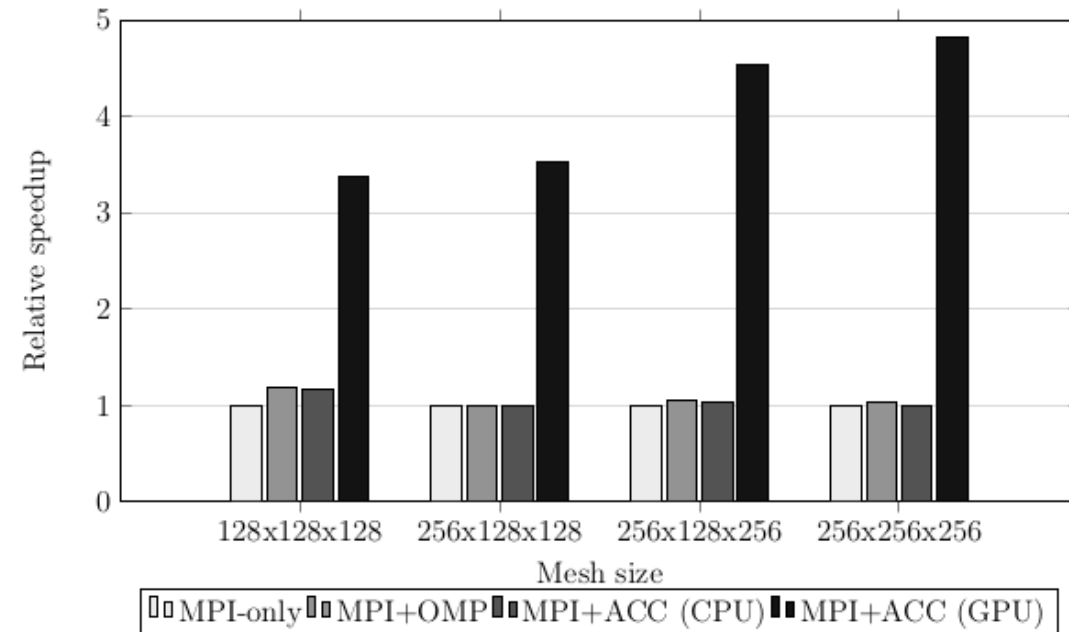
CPU:     → MPI  
          → MPI+OPENMP  
          → MPI+OPENACC  
GPU:     → MPI+OPENACC

## Relative speedup over MPI-only:

- All CPU implementations obtain nearly same performance.
- GPU performance depends on the problem size but it is much faster than the CPU-only.

## Timings:

- 2 hrs / wave period, 30 million grid cells (20 CPU processors, 0.5 PF machine, OPENMP)
- 3 hrs / wave period, 400 million grid cells (512 hybrid nodes, 25 PF machine, OPENACC)



## Sediment transport

- Net bed load in the wave direction; its magnitude increases linearly with  $D_g/a_o$ .
- The effect of  $\psi$  on the net bed load is stronger for  $\psi < 50$  than for  $\psi > 50$ .
- Net suspended load in the opposite to the wave direction; its magnitude increases with increasing  $\psi$  and  $a_o/D_g$ .
- The relative contribution of bed load versus suspended load on the total sediment load was found to depend on both  $\psi$  and  $a_o/D_g$ .
- For  $\psi > 50$  and  $a_o/D_g > 500$ , the suspended load is the dominant mode.

## Morphodynamics

- Model predicts ripple creation, growth, merging, and re-orientation.
- Under the same hydrodynamic forcing, the bed reaches the same equilibrium state regardless of its initial geometry, and ripples are eventually oriented perpendicular to the flow direction, regardless of their initial orientation or shape.
- Predicted sediment transport loads and ripple dimensions in accordance with experimental and empirically obtained results.
- Comparing fixed and mobile bed cases, bed load did not present substantial differences but suspended load demonstrated a strong increase by a factor of about three in mobile cases.

**“Blending coastal morphodynamic models and observations through data assimilation”**  
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- Coastal impacts of climate change (erosion and flooding)
- Data assimilation and machine learning applied to coastal impact forecasting

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# Introduction



# Future

## SLR

## Waves

## Extreme events



Jevrejeva et al., (2016)  
Hermans et al., (2021)



Hemer et al., (2013)  
Lobeto et al., (2021)



Bloemendaal et al., (2022)  
Gori et al., (2022)



# What will be the future of our coasts?

*"the future of the coastline will be what we engineer it to be"*

Vitousek et al. (2017)



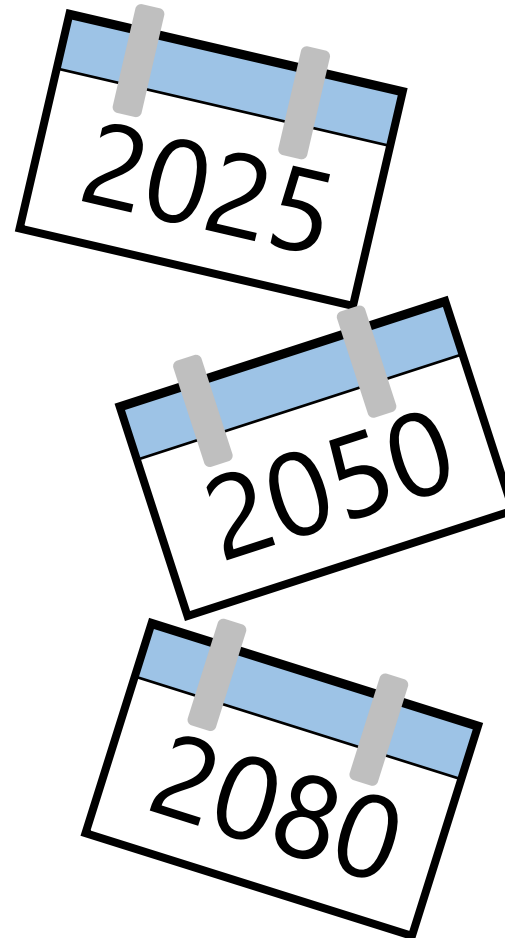


# Key questions to answer

Where?

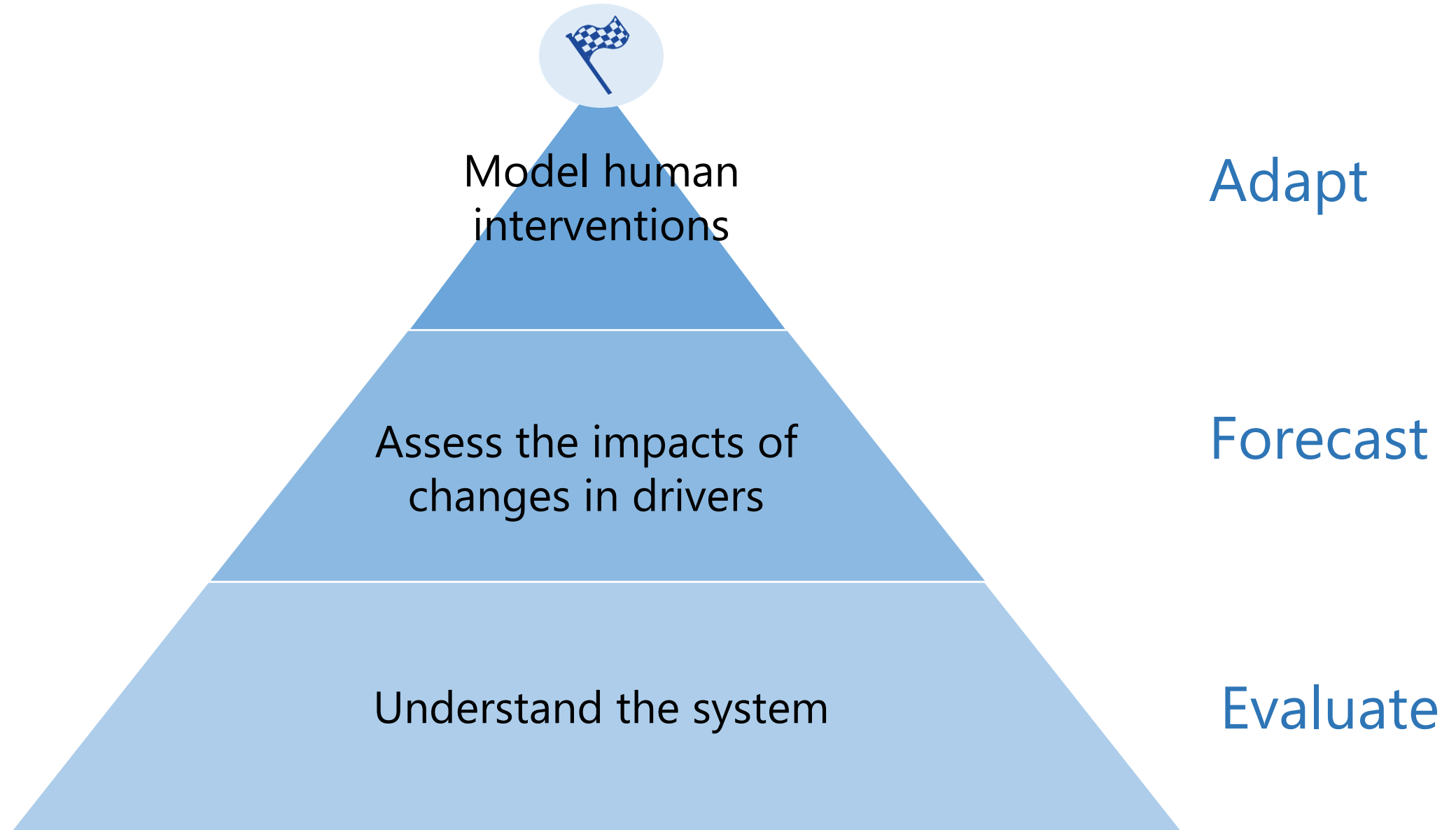


When?



How?

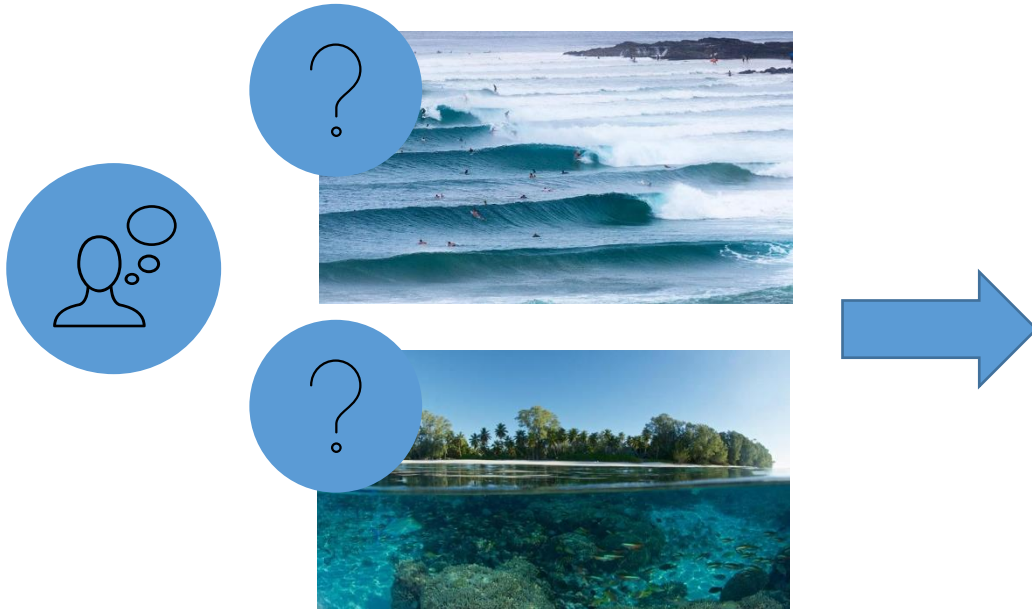






# Evaluate, forecast and adapt

- 1.- Classical coastal engineering problem
- 2.- Climate change



Probabilistic methods

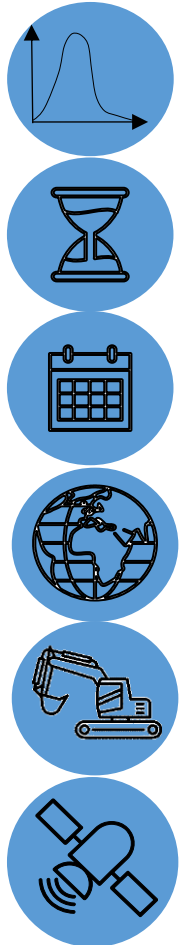
Computationally efficient

Temporal scale (decades)

Spatial scale (10's km)

Adaptation measures

Observations

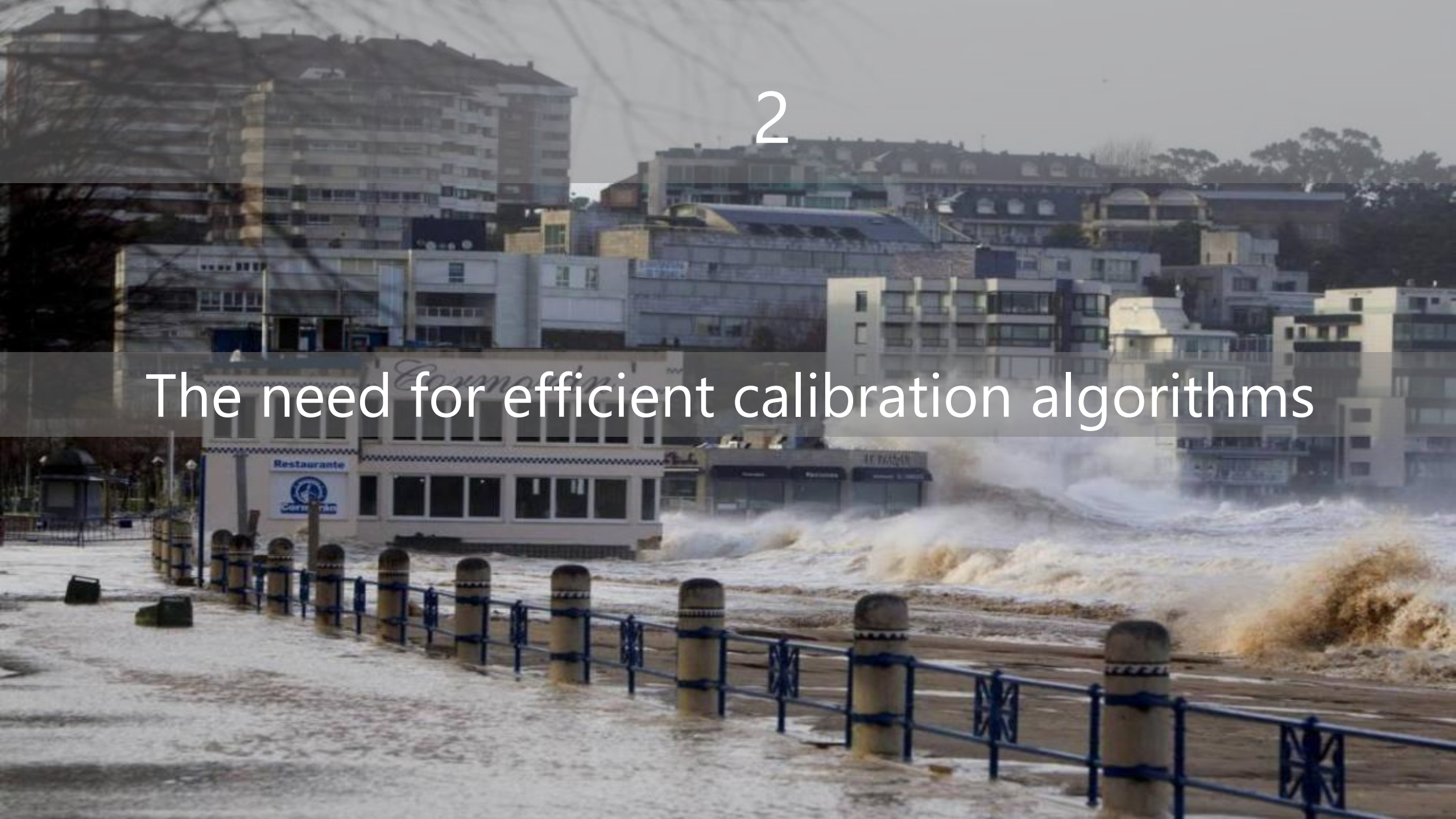


Main goal: **improve** the assessment of **coastal impacts** (erosion and flooding) to produce more accurate risk assessments to support **climate change adaptation**.

1. **Evaluate.** Development of a **shoreline evolution model** accounting for the main physical processes, the effect of man-made intervention and enhanced by data assimilation
2. **Project.** Development of a methodology to **forecast** the **coastal evolution** considering erosion and flooding accounting for the **climate uncertainty**.
3. **Adapt.** Development of a long-term **coastal model** capable of solving **complex coastal environments**.

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The need for efficient calibration algorithms



## Process-based models

Hydrodynamics

Sed. transport



Morphodynamics

- Time scales Storms  $\mathcal{O}(\text{days})$
- Spatial scales  $\mathcal{O}(10^2\text{m})$

## Physics-based models

Cross-shore

Longshore



Shoreline

- Time scales  $\mathcal{O}(\text{years})$
- Spatial scales  $\mathcal{O}(10^2\text{km})$

## Empirical models

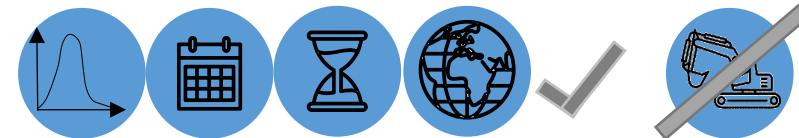
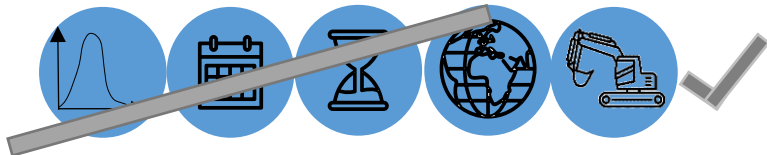
*in situ* Measures

Remote sensing

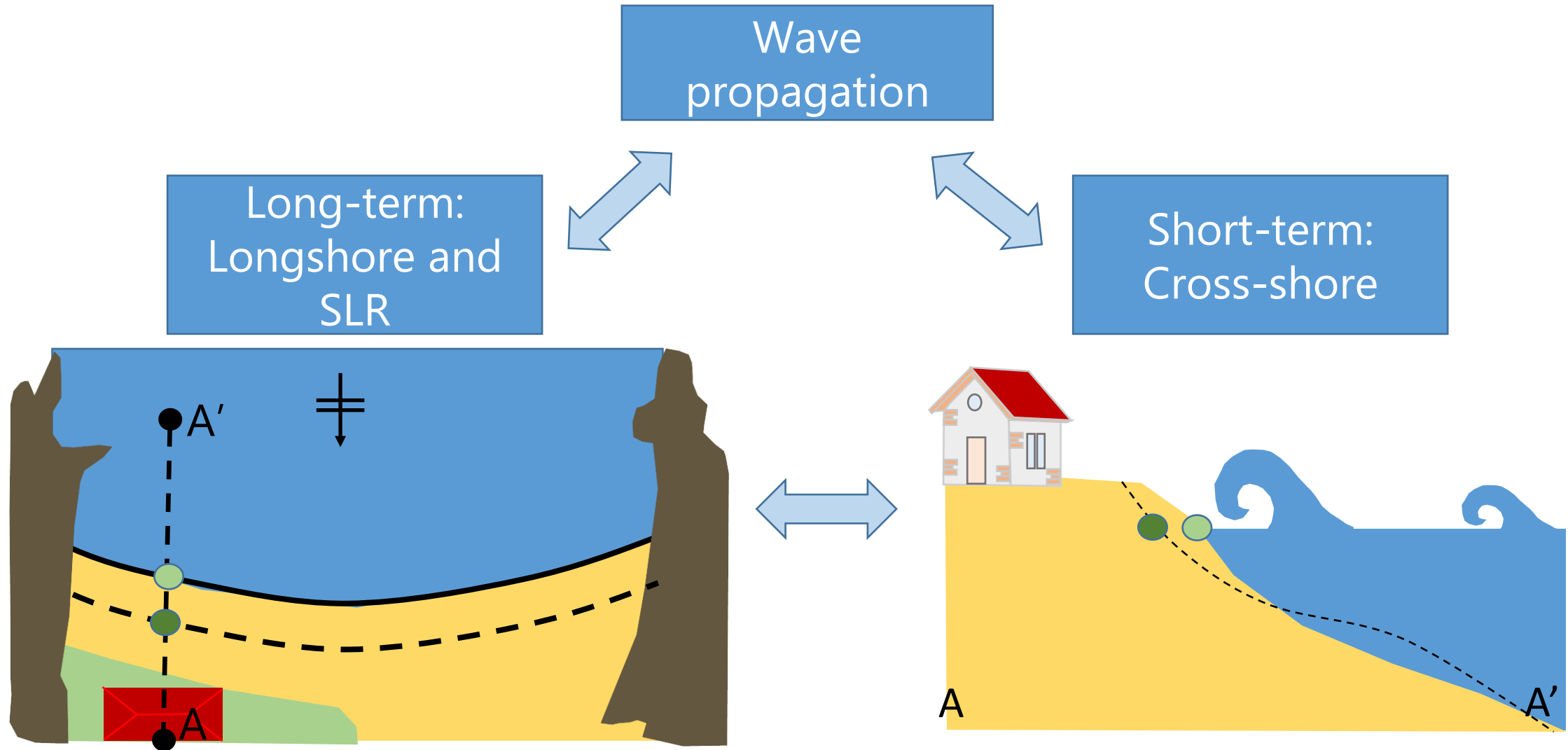


Shoreline

- Spatio-temporal scales  
f(data)







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# Data assimilations fundamentals

# DA vs AI

## DA

“Data assimilation is a process used in various fields to improve the accuracy of models and forecasts by integrating observed data into them.”

$$Y = F(x)$$

Processes + data

## AI

“Artificial intelligence is based on algorithms and mathematical models that allow machines to process large amounts of data, identify patterns and make decisions or take actions based on those patterns.”

$$Y = F(x)$$

Data

# DA vs calibration

## DA

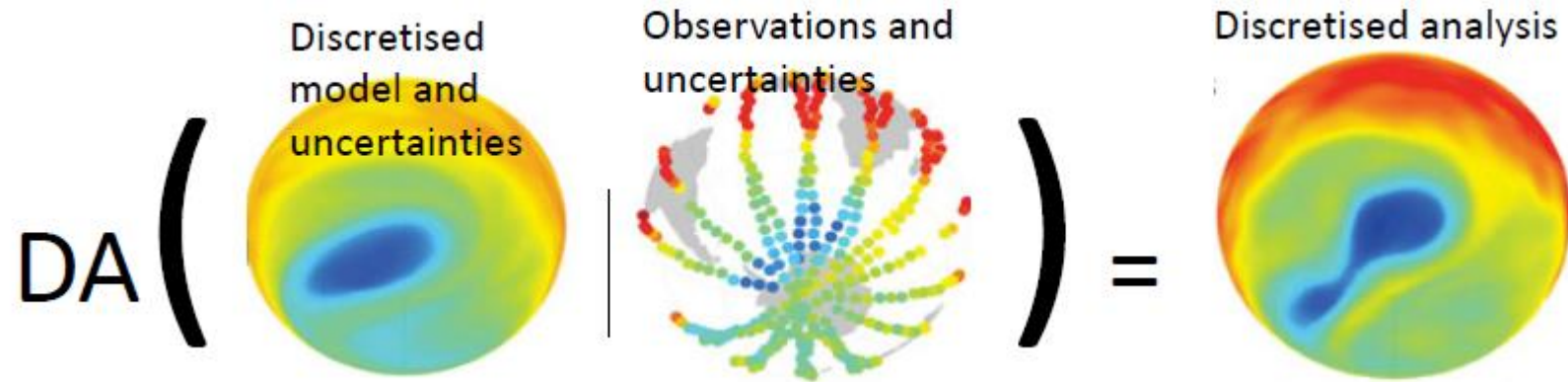
- Ground truth is assume to be a weighted mean of the model and the observations:  $state = model + observations$
- Model and observations are considered to be uncertain
- One or reduced number (<100) of model runs
- New observations can be integrated easily

## Standard calibration

- Adjust the model to fit the observations:  $state = model$
- No uncertainty is considered in the model nor in the observations
- Many model runs
- New observations require recalibration



# DA ingredients



$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{y})}$$

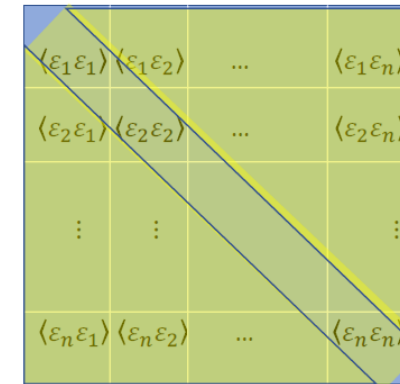
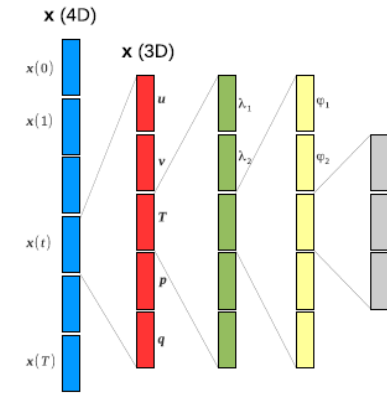
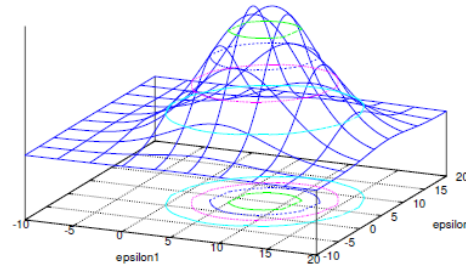
$p(\mathbf{x})$  PDF of the state (model forecast)

$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$  PDF of the observations given a state

$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$  PDF of the state considering the observations

# DA ingredients

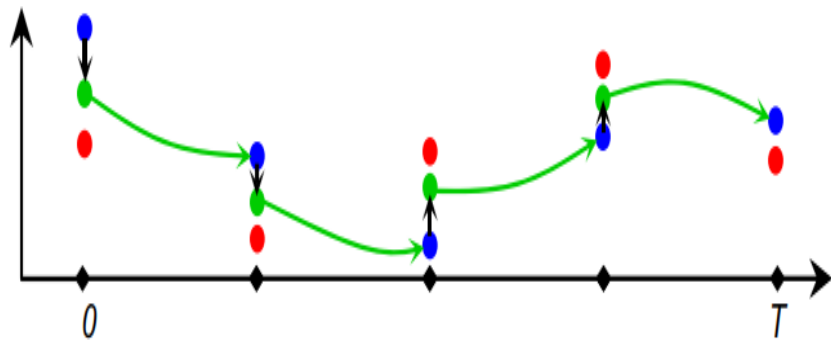
- Gaussianity (mean and covariance)
- Vector of vectors
- Forward model:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1}^f = \mathcal{M}_i(\mathbf{x}_i^a)$
- Observation operator:  $\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}_{i+1}^t) + \epsilon$
- B matrix
- R matrix (usually uncorrelated)



# 2 families of DA methods

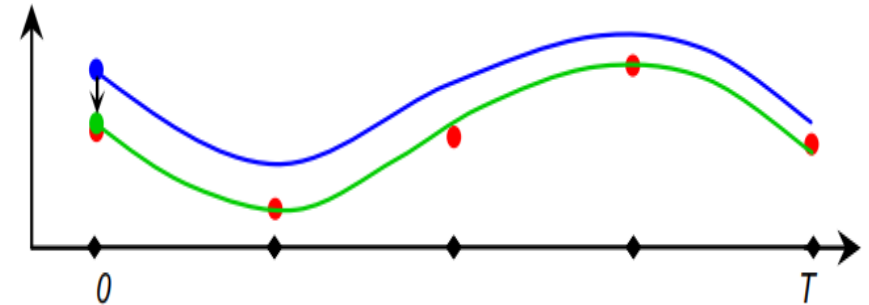
## Sequential

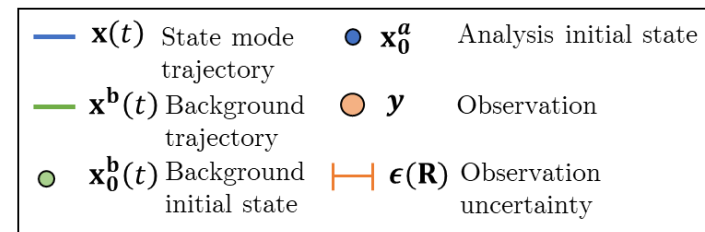
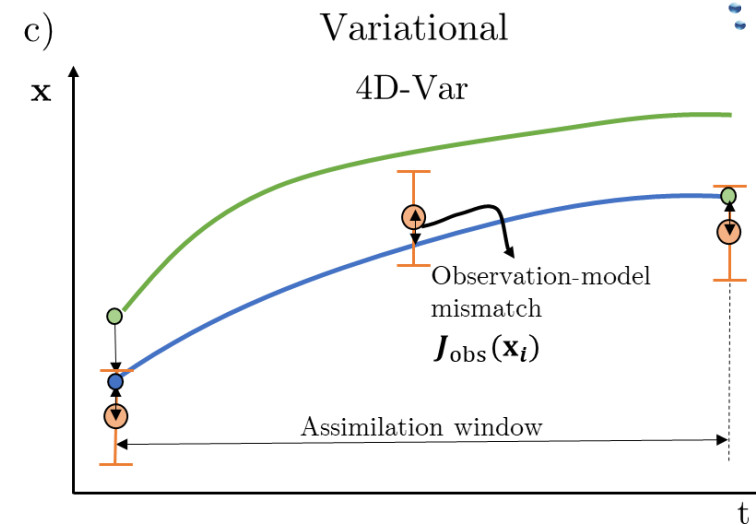
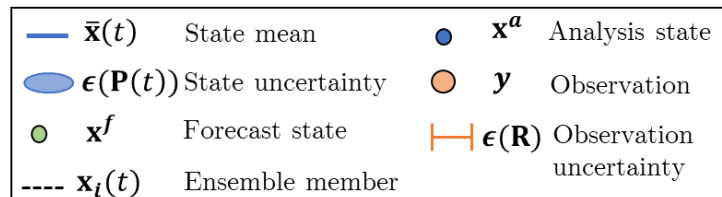
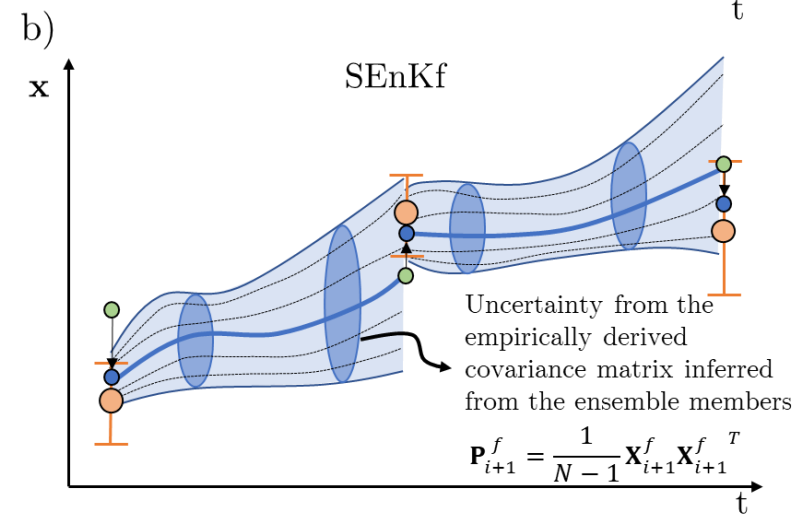
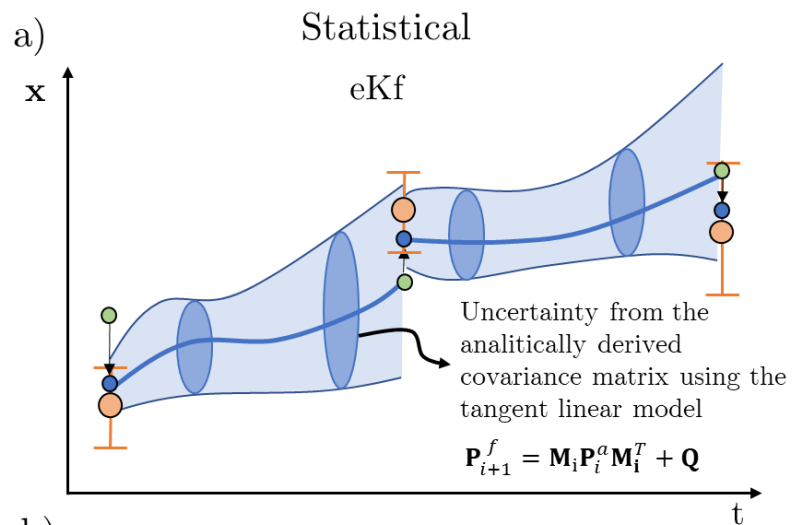
- “Estimation theory”
- Forecast state minimises the variance of the forecast error
- One observation at a time
- A given time step estimate is influenced by the last observation
- Model equations are not respected when assimilating an observation



## Variational

- “Optimal control theory”
- Forecast state minimises a cost function
- Several observations at a time
- A given time step estimate is influenced by previous and future observations
- Model equations are respected inside a time window (strong-constraint)







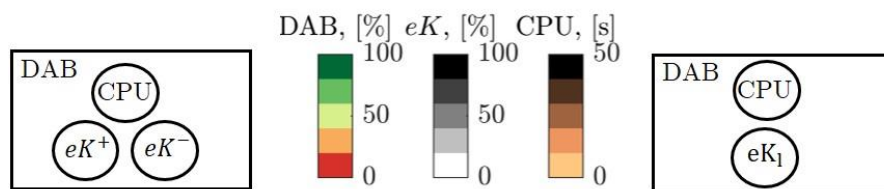
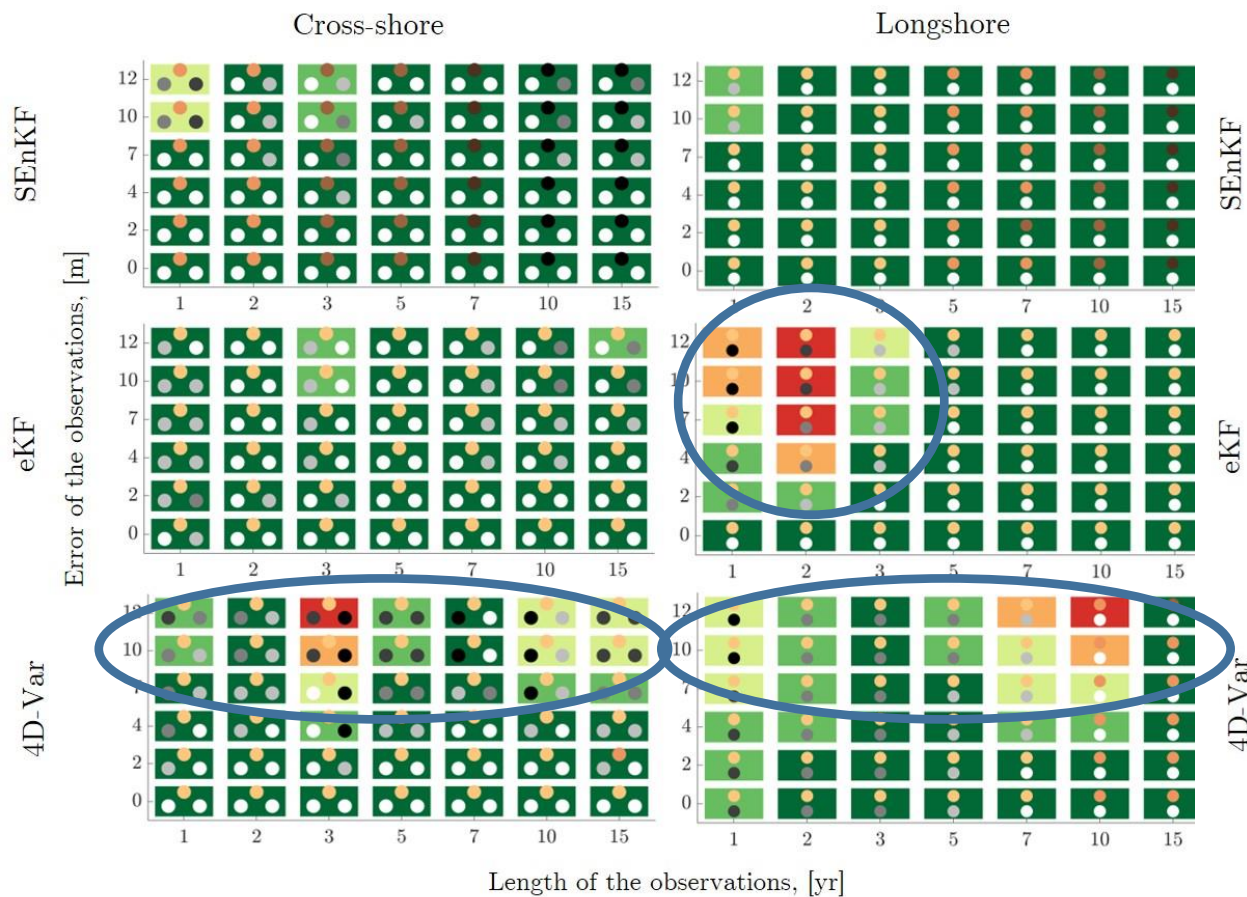
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# Data assimilation and shoreline modelling



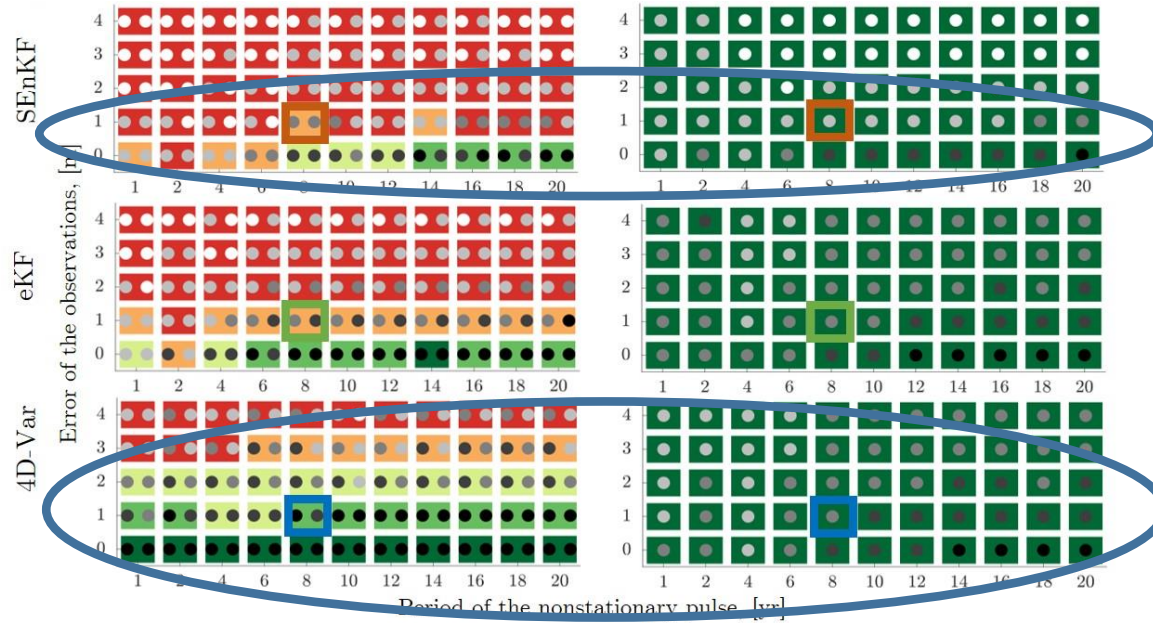


# Observation requirements

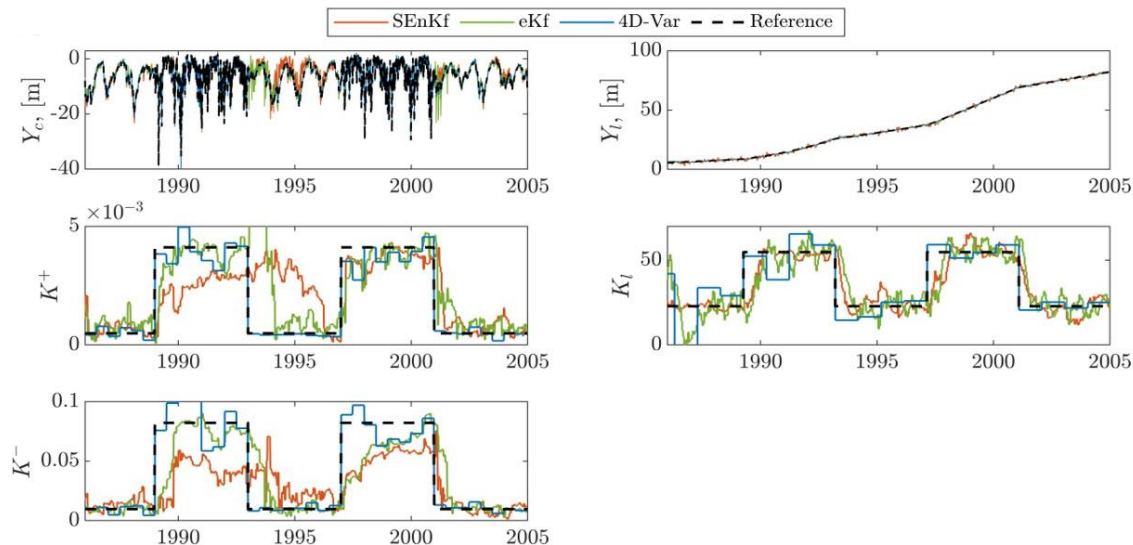


- eKF needs longer time series when errors are big
- 4D-Var performs poorly with noise
- The frequency of the observations is not relevant

# Prior system knowledge (evolution)

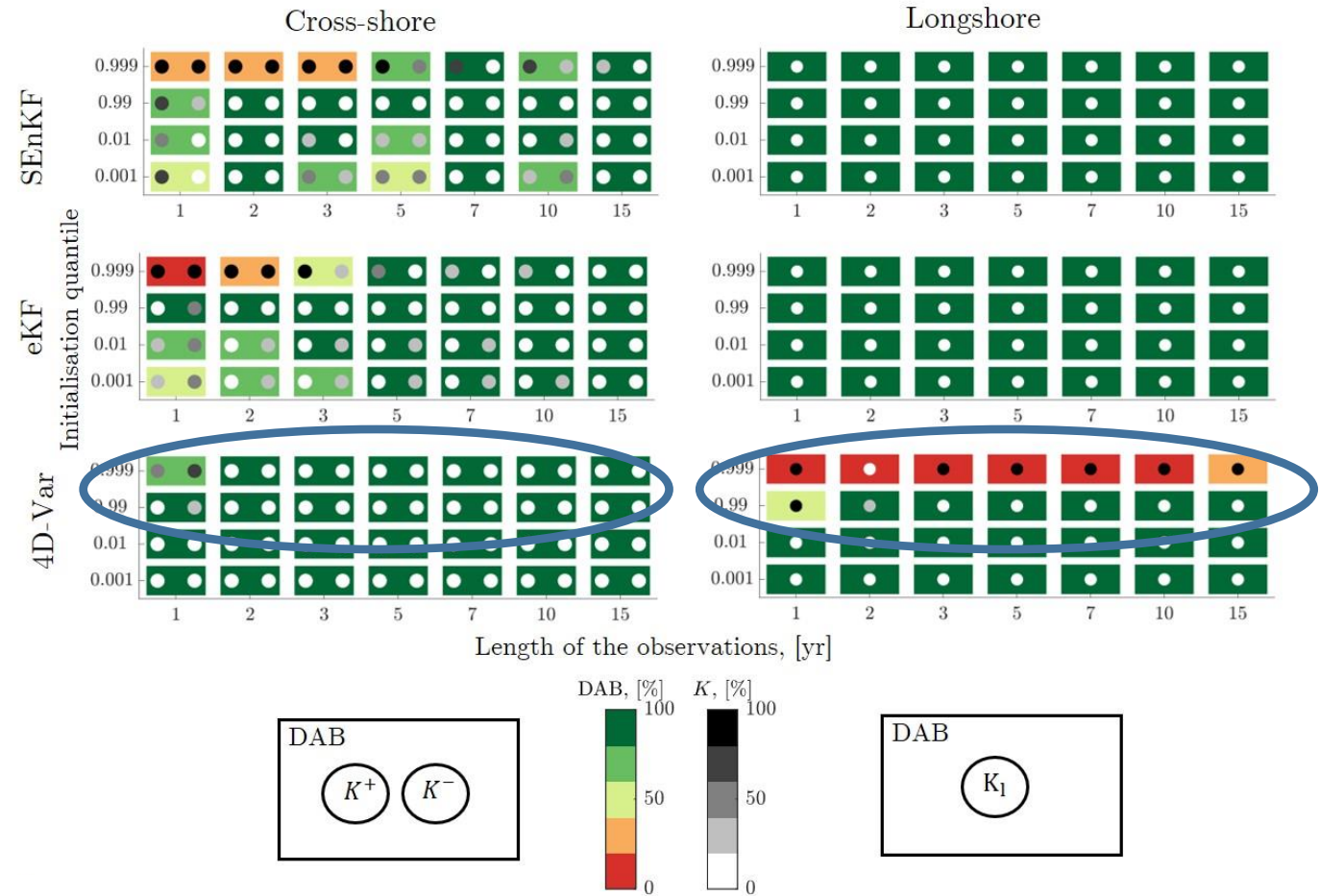
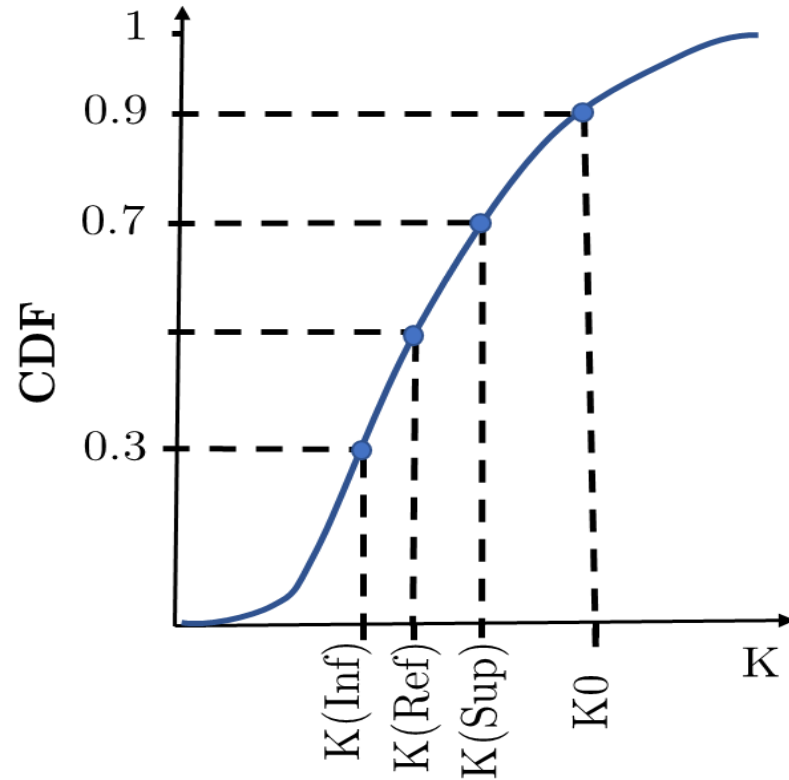


- The noise in the observations is key
- SEnKf performs poorly when errors are big
- 4D-Var is the best performing algorithm





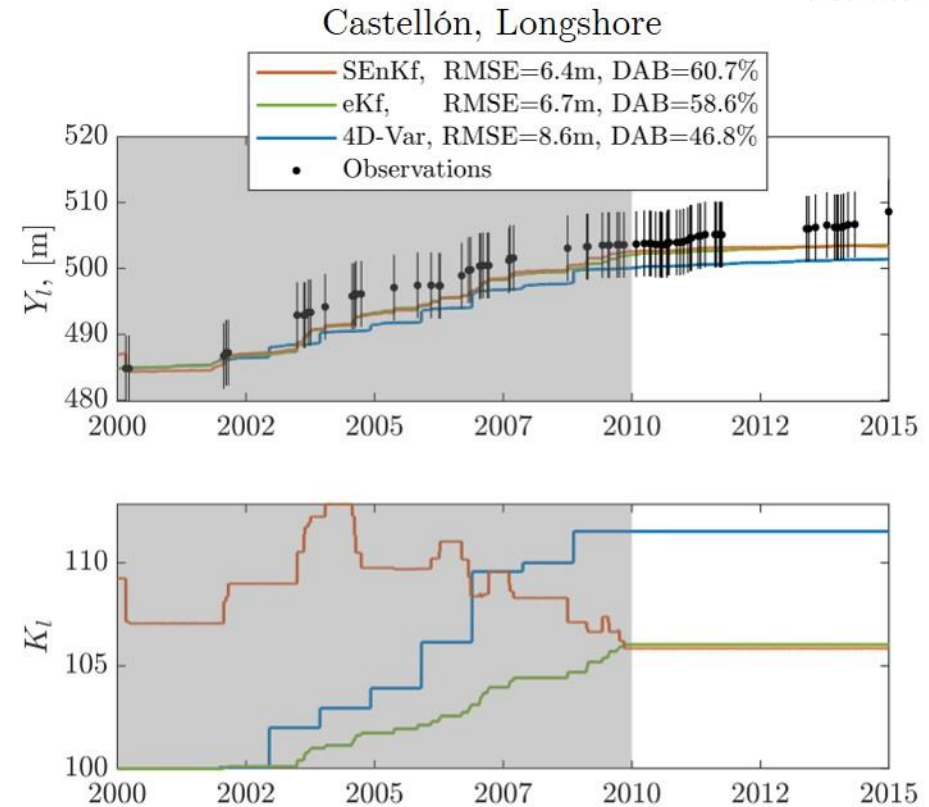
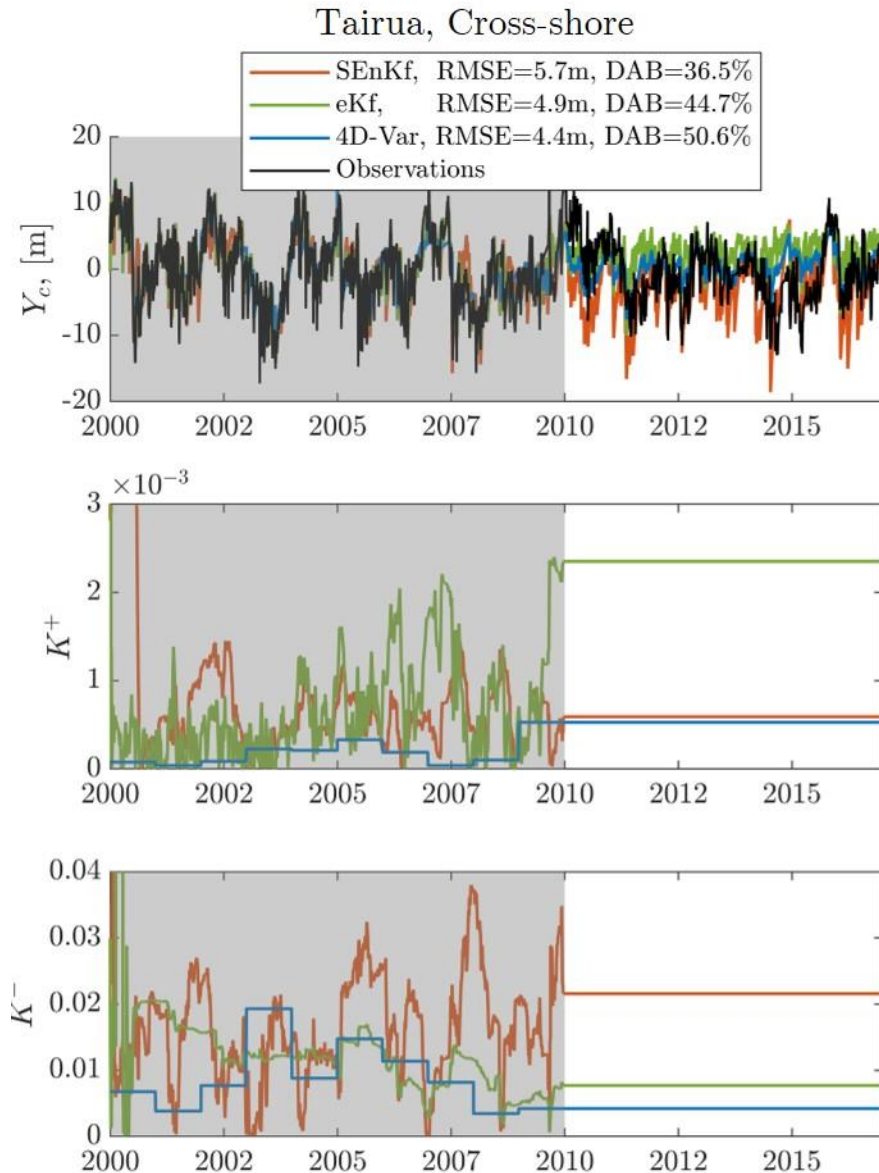
# Prior system knowledge (initial state)



- 4D-Var is the best algorithm for cross-shore processes
- 4D-Var is the worst algorithm for longshore processes



# Real case application



- Same behaviour as in theoretical cases
- Everything is much more difficult due to cascading uncertainties and model errors.

# Summary

	DA Method	Performance with low quality data	Performance with limited observations	Performance with reduced prior system knowledge.	Performance in tracking system nonstationarity	CPU efficiency	Ease of Implementation
Cross-shore	SEnKF	***	***	**	*	*	***
	eKF	***	**	**	**	***	**
	4D-Var	*	***	***	***	**	*
Longshore	SEnKF	***	***	***	**	*	***
	eKF	**	*	***	***	**	**
	4D-Var	**	**	**	***	**	*

- Which method to use?
- It depends ...

Alvarez-Cuesta, M., Toimil, A., & Losada, I. J. (2024). Which data assimilation method to use and when: unlocking the potential of observations in shoreline modelling. *Environmental Research Letters*, 19(4), 044023.

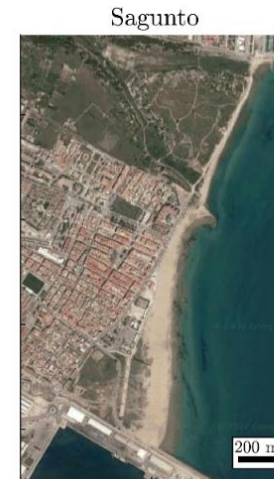


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# Practical application of DA and real-world morphodynamic models



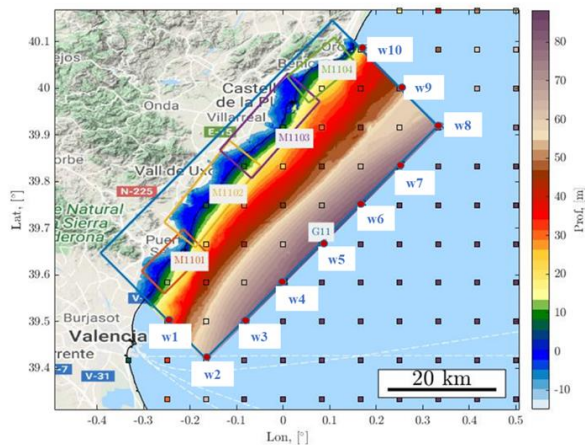
# Application to a real case



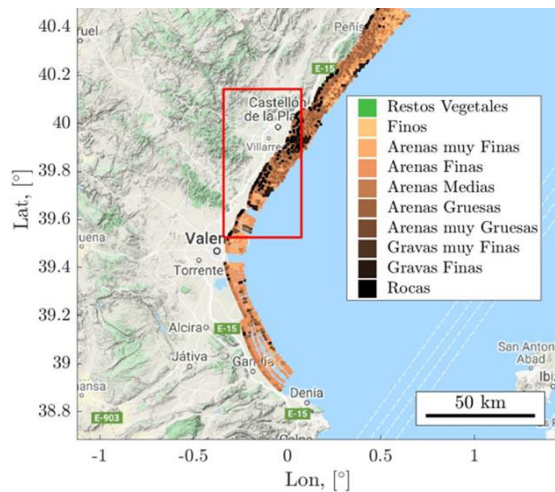


# Preprocessing

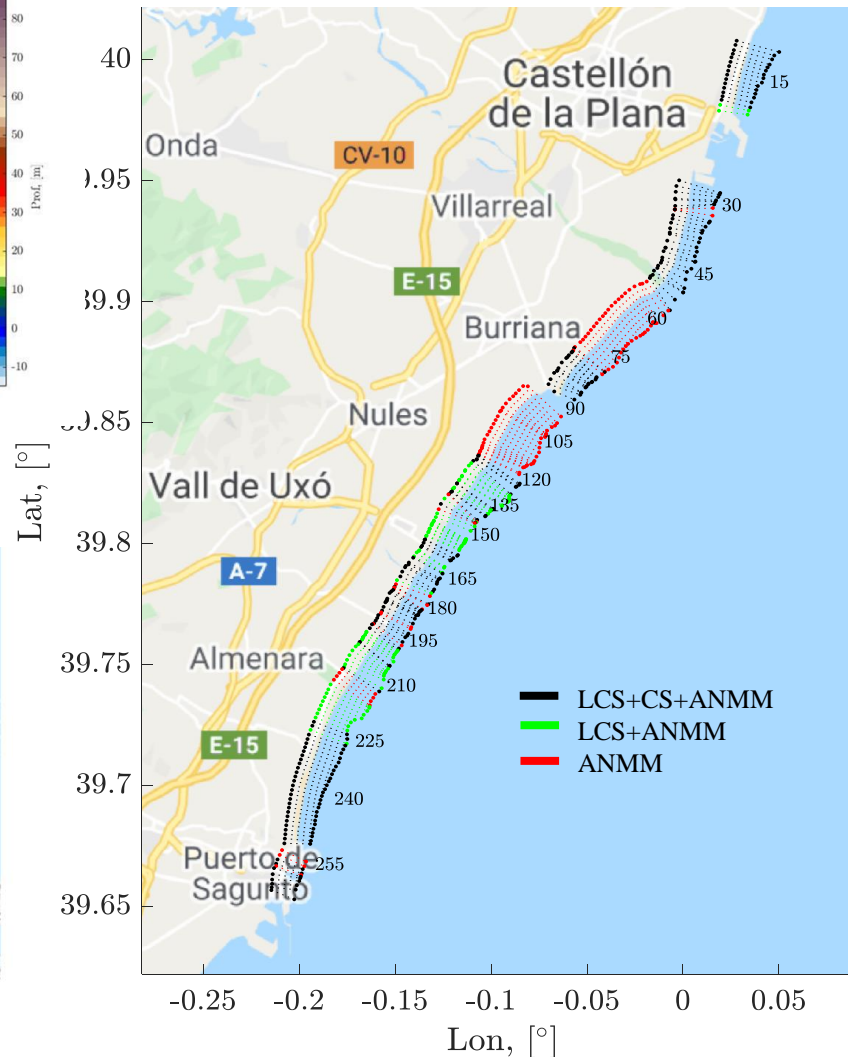
SWAN grid



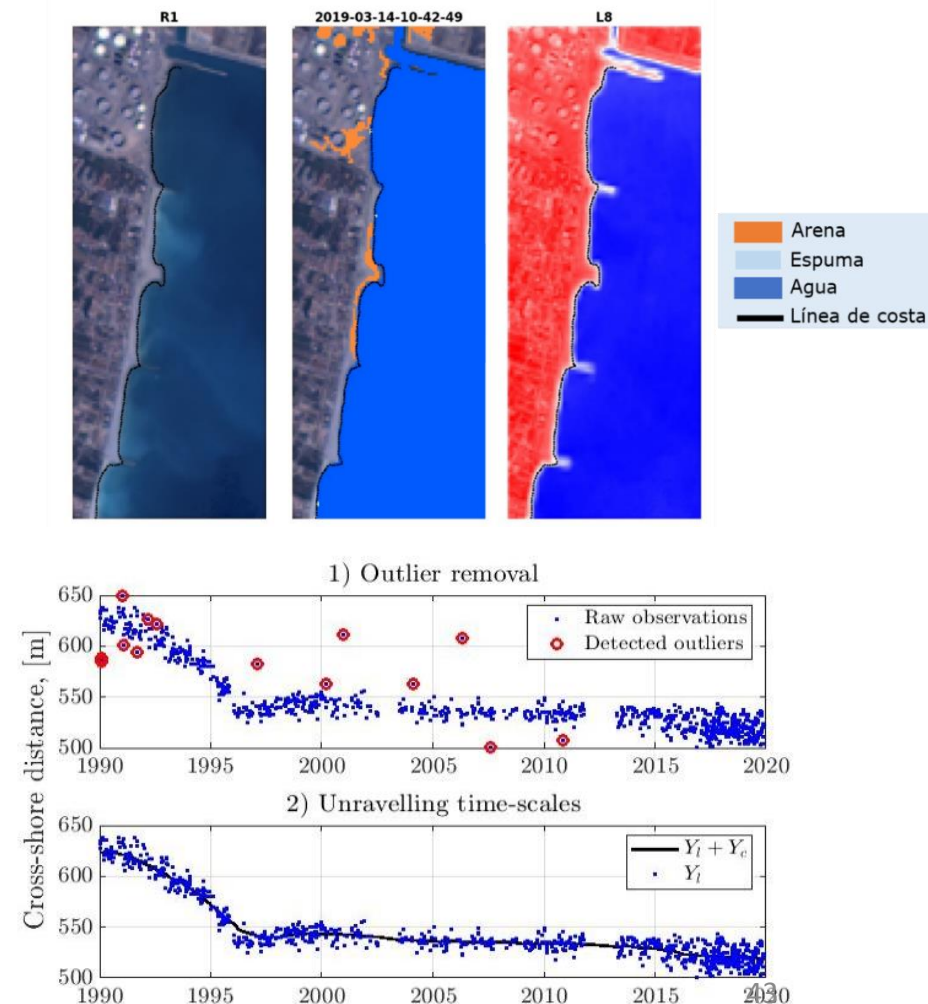
Sediments



Transects



Observations (CoastSat, Vos et al. 2019)



# Governing equation

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = - \frac{1}{B + d_c} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{B + d_c} q + vlt + K_c [Y_c^{eq} - Y_c]$$

Shoreline  
changes

$$\frac{\partial Y_l}{\partial t}$$

Longshore

$$\frac{\partial Y_c}{\partial t}$$

Cross-shore

1.- Wave breaking

2.- Structures

3.- Free parameters

$$Q = K_e K_l H_b^{2.5} \left[ \sin(2\alpha) - \frac{1}{\tan \beta_s} \frac{dH_b}{dx} \right]$$

USACE (1984)  
O&B (1980)

$$Y_c^{eq} = \Delta y_0 + \Delta Y_{eq} + R_{ANMM}$$

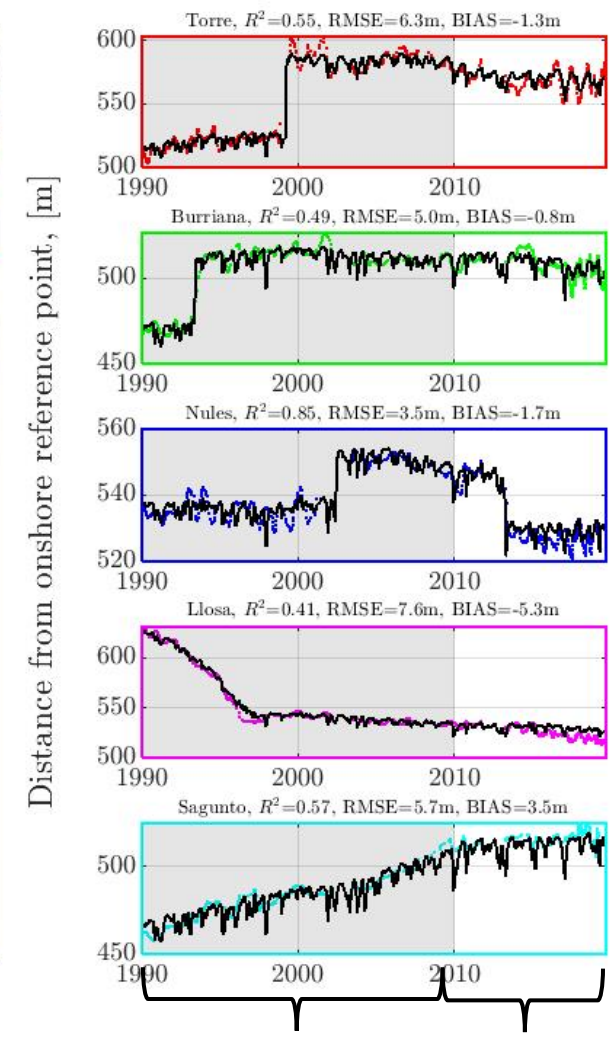
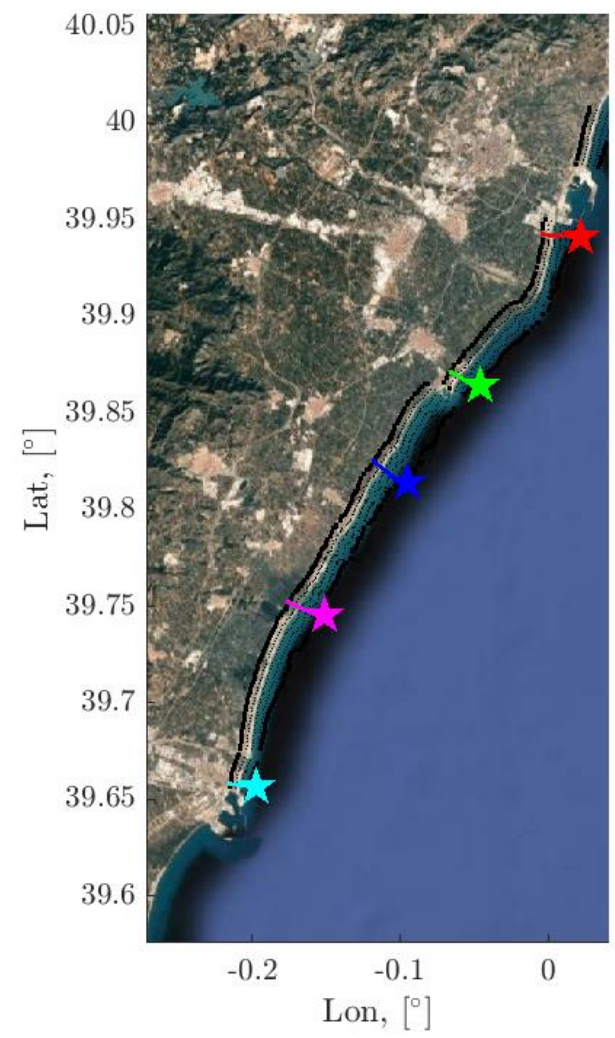
M&D (2004)  
Bruun (1962)  
Toimil et al. (2017)

$$\Delta Y_{eq} = -W_b \left( \frac{0.106 H_b + MM + MA}{B + d_b} \right)$$



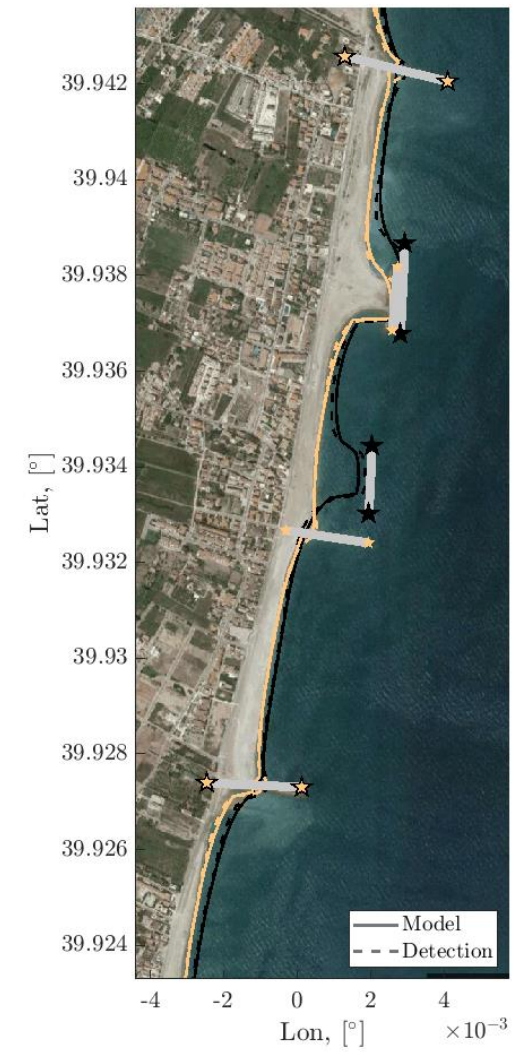
# Results

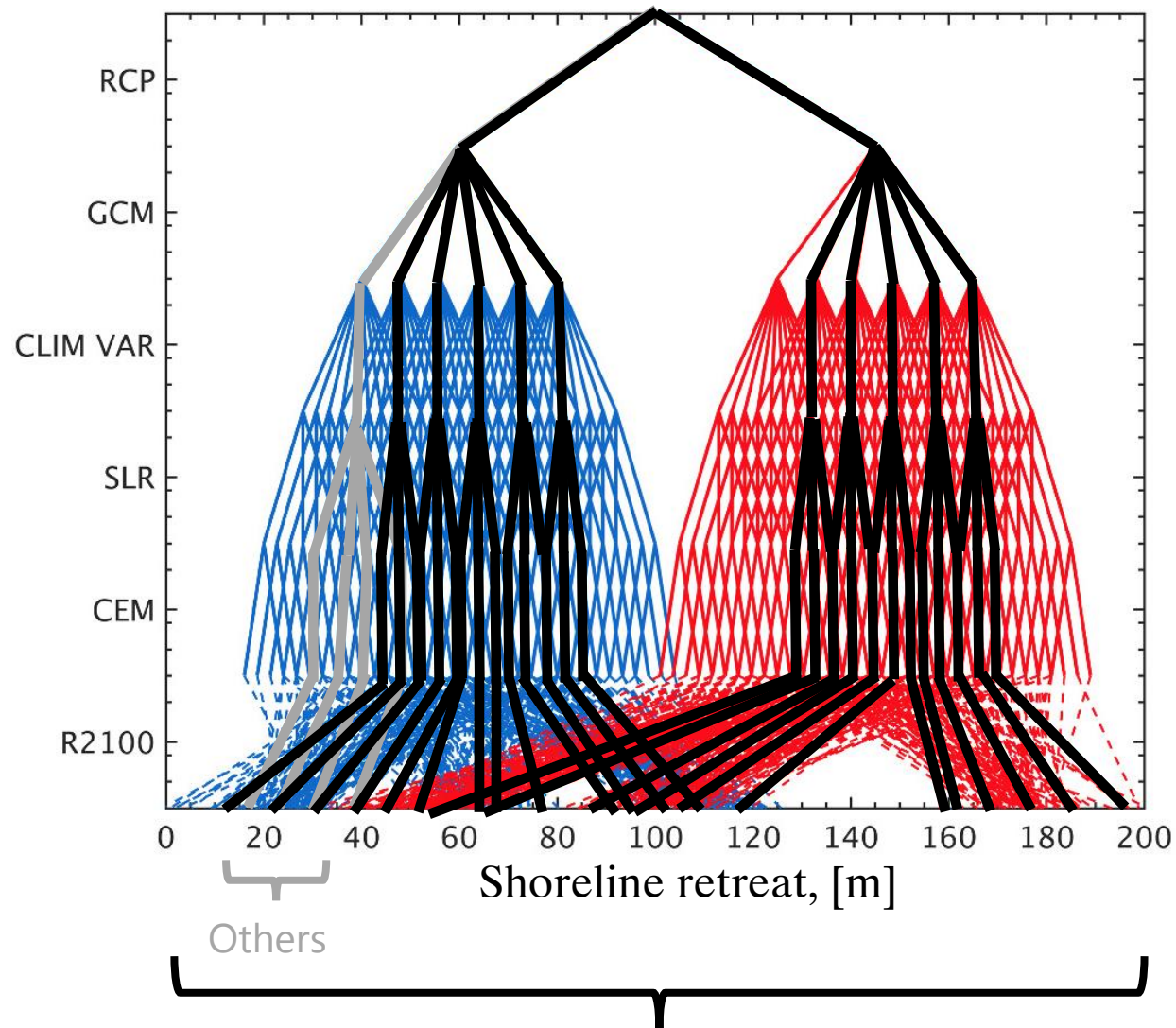
200m Transects



Assimilation Validation

15m Transects

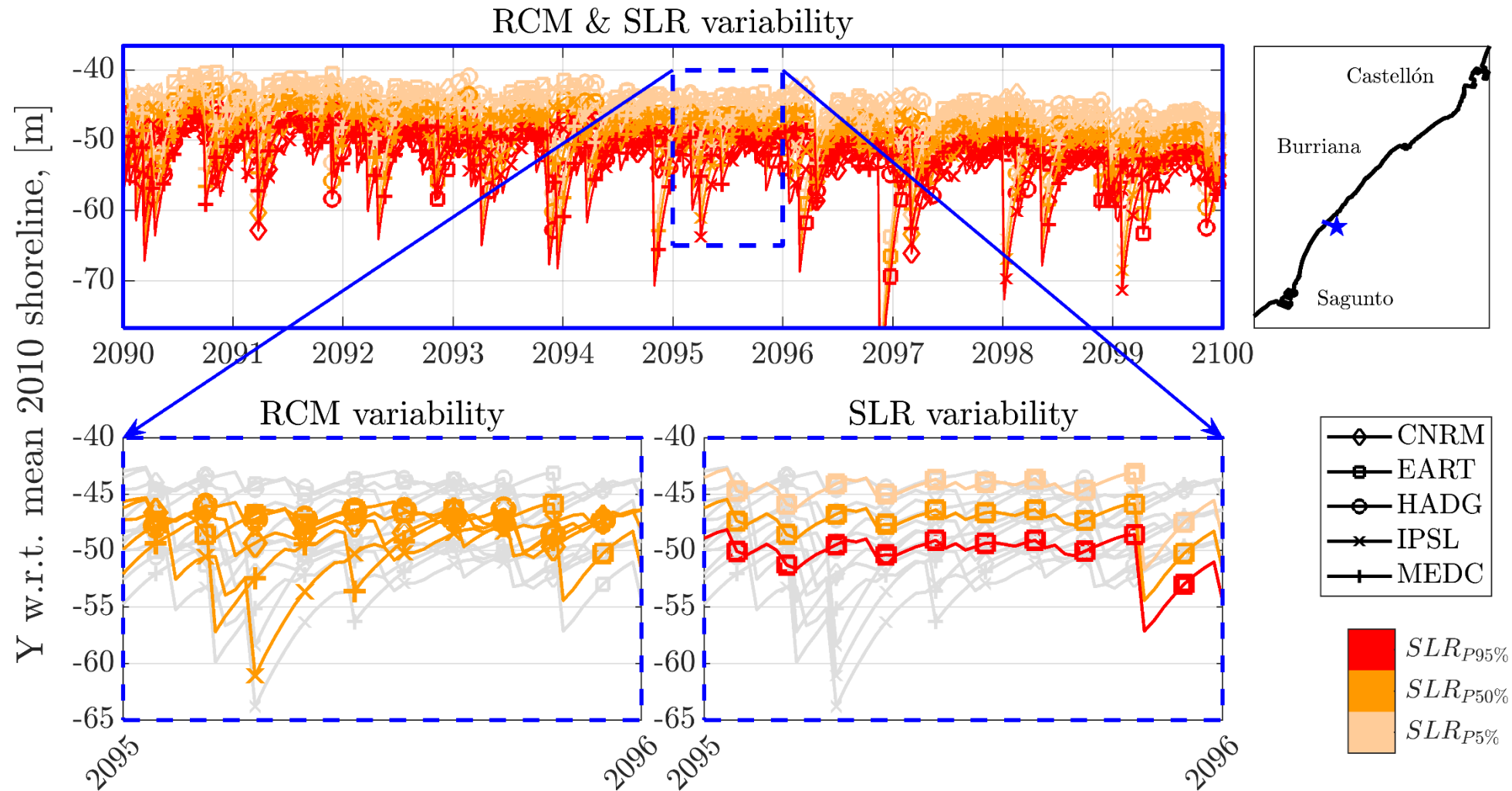




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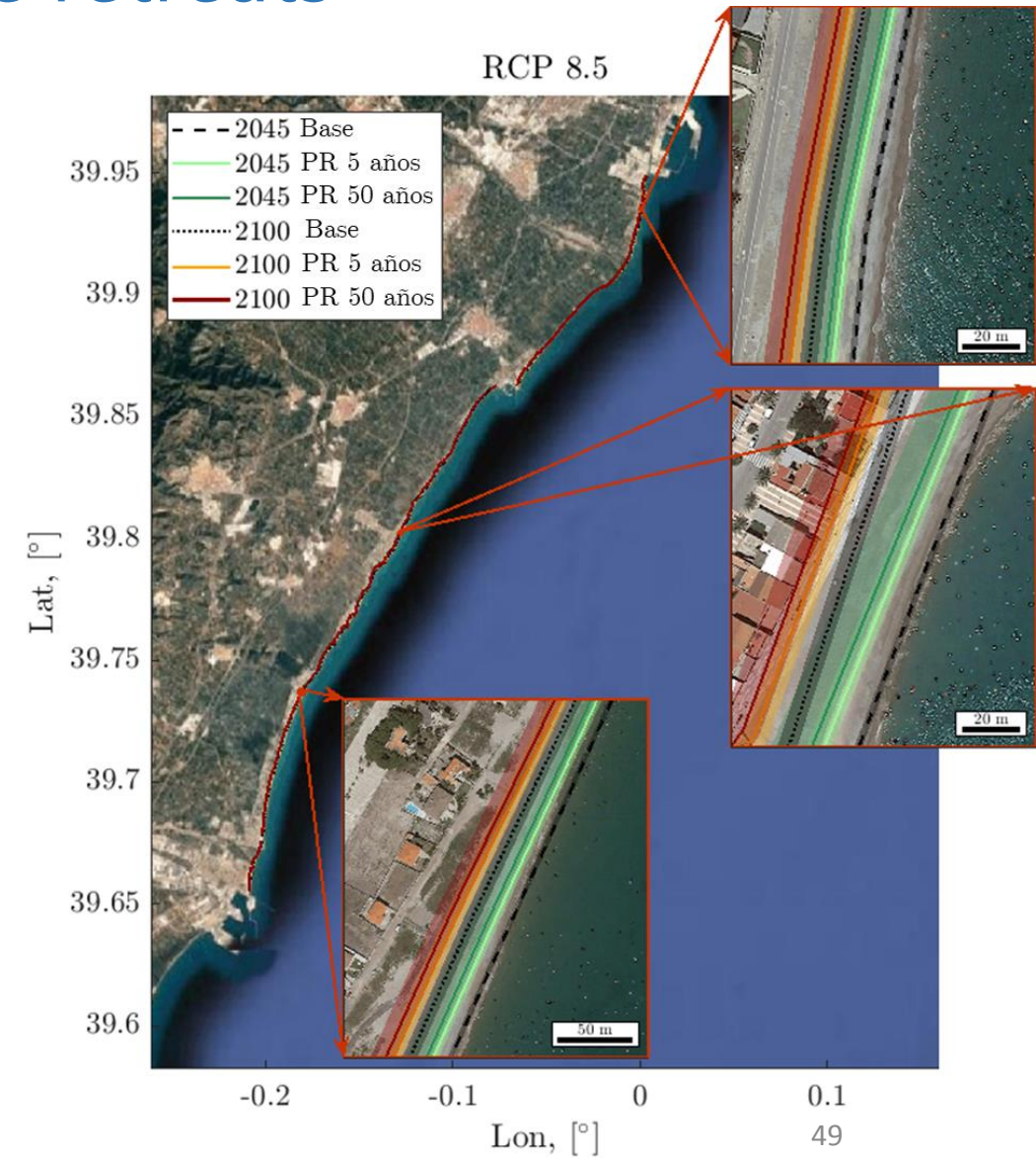
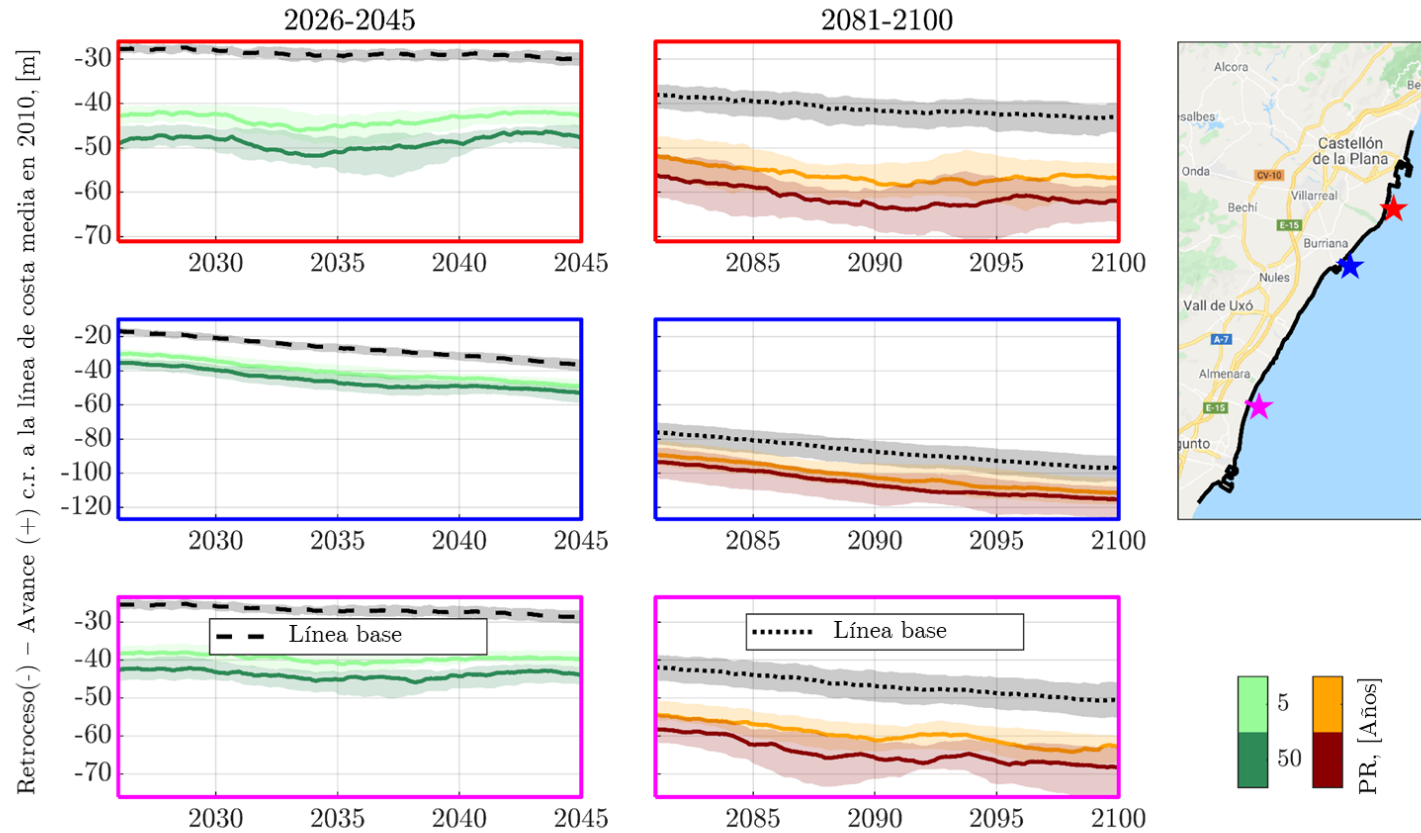


# Shoreline forecast



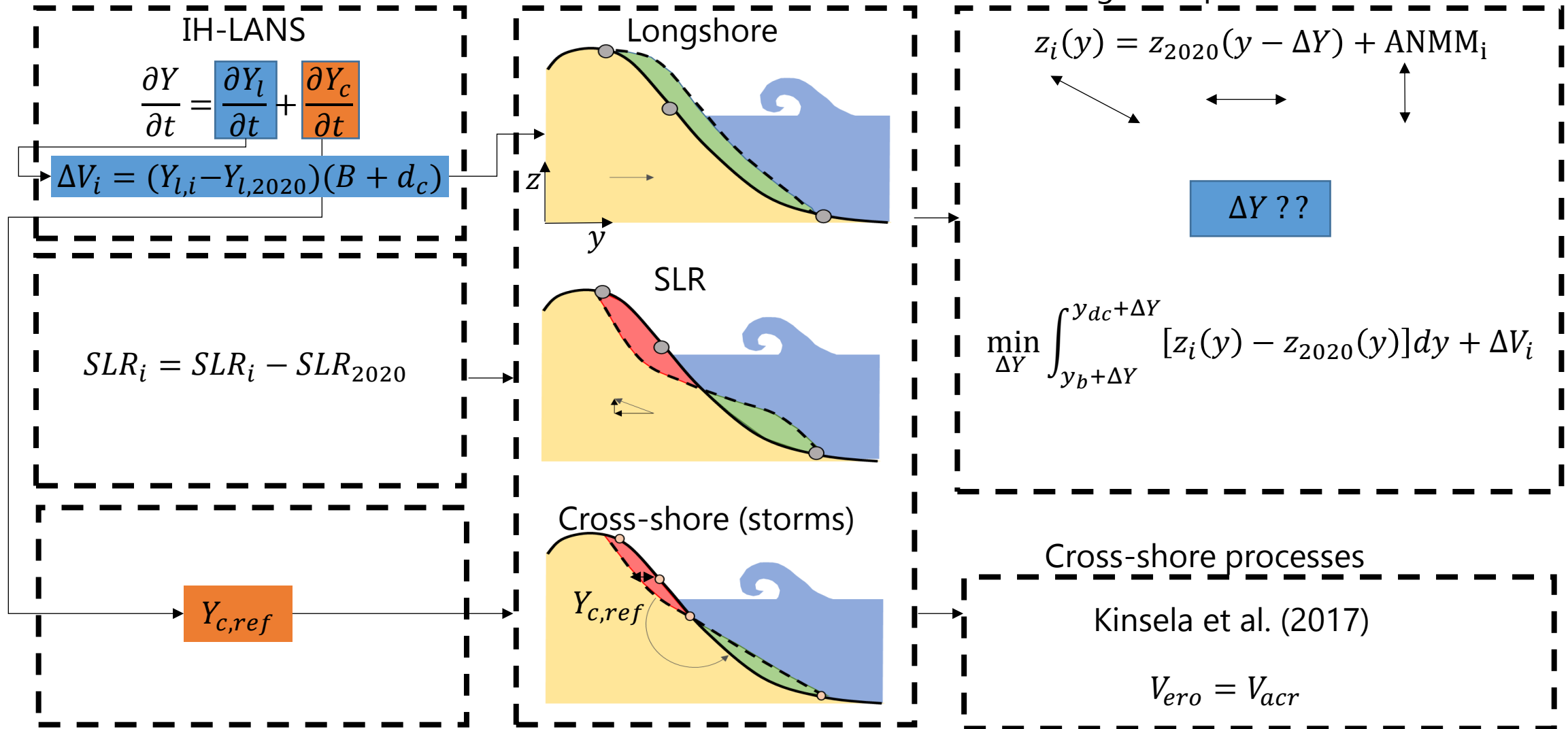
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# Nonstationary extreme retreats



# Profile translation

ShoreTrans, McCarroll et al. (2020)







Thanks for your attention!

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**“Wave resolving numerical modelling of swash zone hydro- and morphodynamics” (R. Briganti, UNOTT)**



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# **Wave resolving numerical modelling of swash zone hydro- and morphodynamics**

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Riccardo Briganti**





# Outline

**Sediment  
transport**

Overview of  
numerical  
challenges and  
models

Part 1: Description  
of bottom boundary  
layer

Part 2: Sediment  
transport modelling  
in XBeach

**Conclusions**



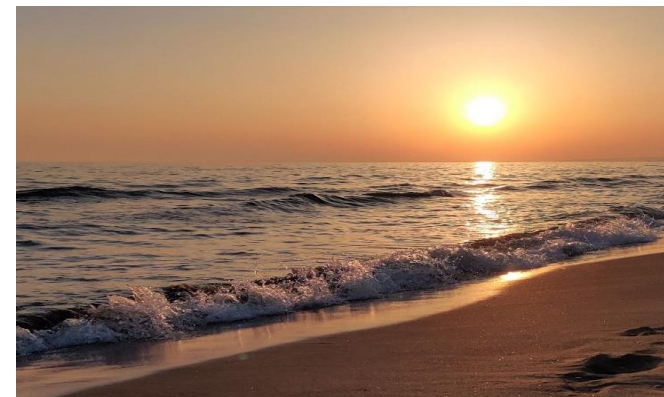
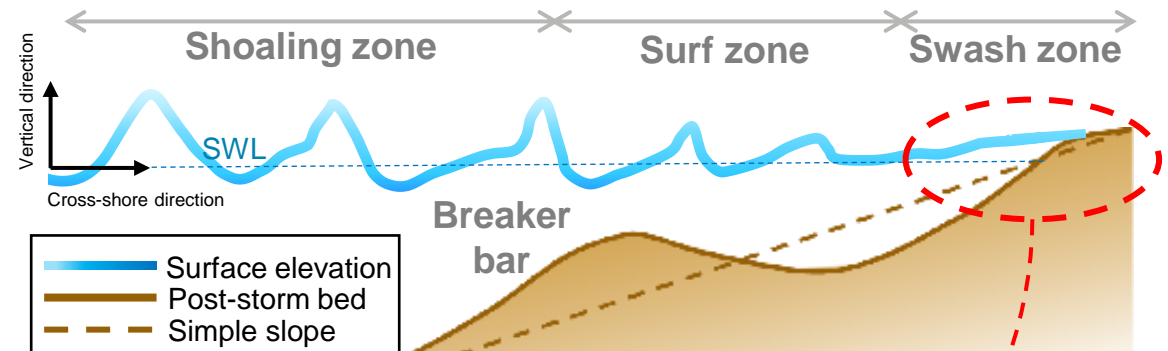
# Context and motivations

- Sandy beaches evolution plays a key role in coastal vulnerability
- The direct effect of the trends in frequency of storms on beaches profiles evolution is still difficult to predict (IPCC, 2014)
- Swash zone hydro-morphodynamics:
  - region alternatively wet or dry
  - important for bedforms (e.g. cusps, and coarse sediment beaches)
  - exchange of sediments between swash and surf zones



Cusps in Peru. Credit: coastalcare.org

Swash-swash interactions
Wave breaking turbulence
Undertow
Wave asymmetry
Infragravity waves



The swash zone in Torvaianica. Credit Dr Giulia Mancini





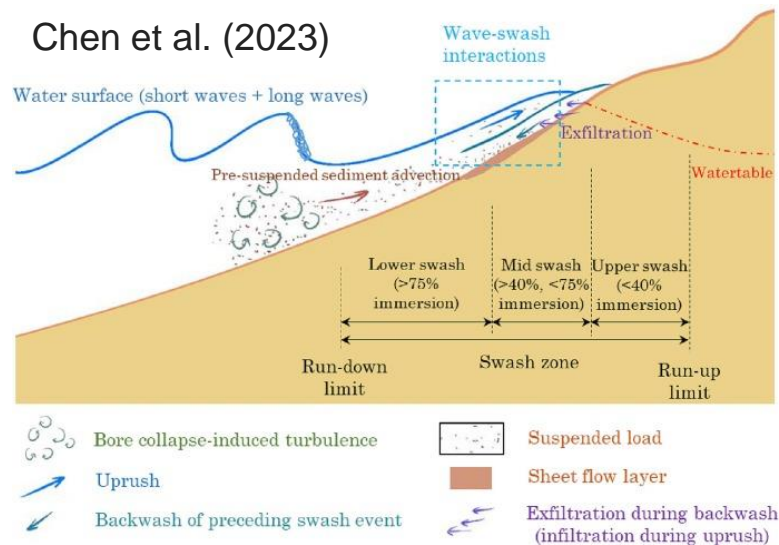
# Basic concepts in sediment transport

Sediment is transported by flows in different modes, traditionally these are defined as:

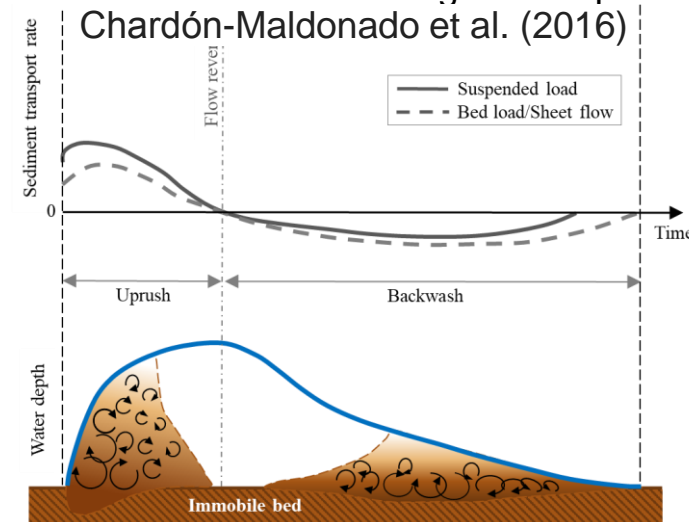
- Bed load
- Suspended load
- Sheet flow is a condition of thin, highly concentrated sediments (>50% in volume) close to the bed, it is associated to bed load, although it is actually very different.

The flow in the swash zone is highly unsteady and transitions among the three modes occur within a single wave period.

Chen et al. (2023)



Chardón-Maldonado et al. (2016)



Recent reviews:

Chardón-Maldonado, P., Pintado-Patiño, J.C. and Puleo, J.A., 2016. Advances in swash-zone research: Small-scale hydrodynamic and sediment transport processes. *Coastal Engineering*, 115, pp.8-25.

Chen, W., Van Der Werf, J.J. and Hulscher, S.J.M.H., 2023. A review of practical models of sand transport in the swash zone. *Earth-Science Reviews*, 238, p.104355.



# Numerical modelling of swash processes

Traditional classifications of numerical models for coastal hydrodynamic (wave driven) processes are based on

- The time scales resolved:
  - **Wave resolving** (or **phase resolving**): models that describe processes within individual waves, e.g. intra-swash cycle.
  - **Wave averaging** (or **phase averaging**): models that describe processes at temporal scale larger than wave period, intra-wave processes are modelled (e.g. dissipation due to wave breaking, radiation stress).
- The spatial scales/dimension resolved:
  - **Two dimensional, depth averaging** models: capable of describing horizontal hydrodynamic processes (e.g. wave refraction, diffraction). Often referred as 2DH (or 1DH if one-dimensional propagation is considered).
  - **Three dimensional, depth resolving** models: capable of resolving both horizontal and vertical (within the water column), processes (e.g. wave breaking generated turbulence. Often referred as 2DV.

Combinations: e.g., wave resolving, 2DH models (such those we develop at UoN), wave resolving 2DV models (e.g. IH2VOF); wave averaging, depth resolving models exist, e.g. for wave induced circulation, we do not discuss them here.

“Intermediate” types: e.g. some 2DH wave model provide a description of some processes within the water column, e.g. description of the vertical velocity (Boussinesq-type models, SWASH), description of the bottom boundary layer (e.g. UoN and UNIVPM models, based on NLSWE).



# Numerical modelling of sediment transport and morphodynamics

Available approaches:

- Phase resolving**
- Depth resolving (2DV) hydrodynamics eqs + particle methods (e.g. DEM: SediFOAM, SedFOAM, SPH)
  - Depth resolving (2DV) hydrodynamics eqs + continuum approximation for particles (e.g. IH2VOF-SED and Kranenburg et al, 2024)
  - Depth integrating hydrodynamics eqs + continuum approximation for sediments** (e.g. Xbeach NH, UoN/UNIVPM models)
- Depth integrating phase averaging hydrodynamics equations + continuum approximation for particles (many engineering oriented models e.g. Delft3D, see Chen et al. 2023)
- We focus on the depth integrating approach. Models for swash include:
- A set of depth integrated hydrodynamic equations, time averaged on scales comparable to one or multiple wave periods (e.g. XBeach hydrostatic governing equations), or not phase averaged (e.g. NH-NLSWE, Boussinesq-type equations, NLSWE).
  - A continuity equation for sediments (e.g. Exner equation)
  - A transport equation for suspended sediment concentration, and one equation for bed load sediment flux.



# Numerical modelling of sediment transport and morphodynamics

Bottom shear stress and turbulence in wave motion are the key parameters/processes that determine the mobilisation and entrainment of sediment particles in the flow.

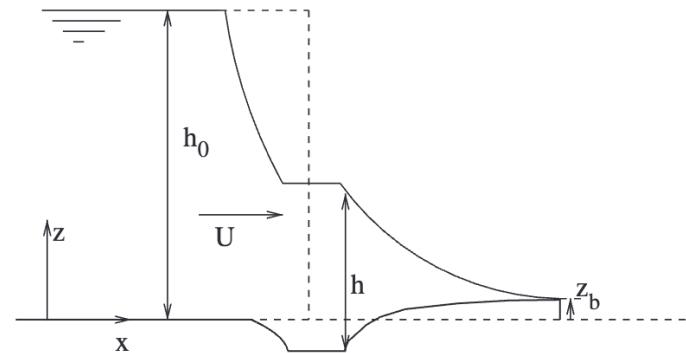
**Depth averaging and phase resolving models** (focus on work carried out at the UoN).

Bed load only for now, example:

-Description of the boundary layer in NLSWE+Exner solvers

-Numerical modelling of the intra-wave sediment transport on sandy beaches using Non-hydrostatic NLSWE + Exner solvers (

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial hU}{\partial x} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial hU}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (hU^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2)}{\partial x} = -gh \frac{\partial z_b}{\partial x} - \frac{\tau_b}{\rho}.$$
$$\frac{\partial z_b}{\partial t} + \xi \frac{\partial q_s}{\partial x} = 0,$$







# Part 1: Aims and objectives

To improve the numerical modelling of the bottom boundary layer in the swash zone:

## OBJECTIVES

- Include the spatial gradient in the momentum integral model for the BBL
- Include this formulation in a specified time interval, method of characteristics (STI-MOC) solver of the NLSWE
- Validate the solver against experimental results (Kikkert et al., 2012)
- comparing the results with the original momentum integral model



# Part 1: NLSWE and bottom boundary layer model

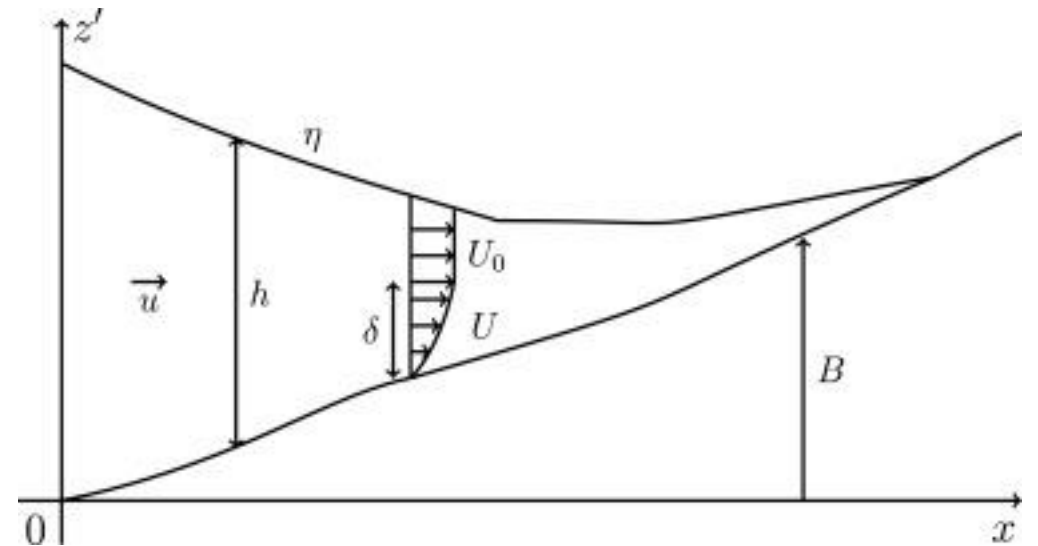
We used the NLSWE

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + u \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} - g \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{\rho h} \tau$$

See the figure for symbols: note that  $u$  is the depth averaged velocity  $U$  is the velocity in the bottom boundary layer,  $U_0$  is the free stream (depth uniform) velocity.

We solve the NLSWE for  $h$  and  $u$  and the bottom boundary layer equation provides  $\tau$  for the next step.



Zhu et al. (2022) solve the NLSWE using the STI MOC solve (SF)r of Zhu and Dodd, (2015)



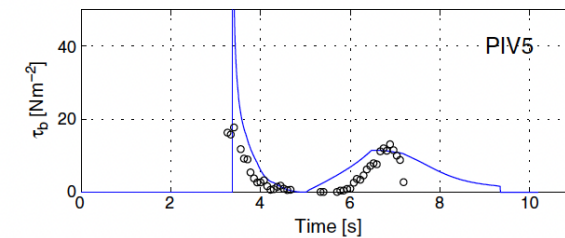
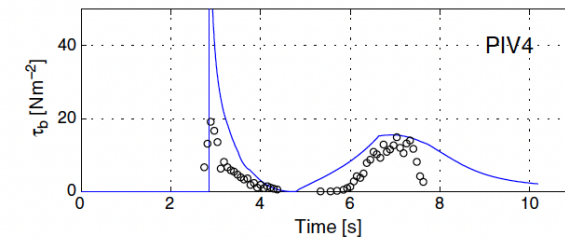
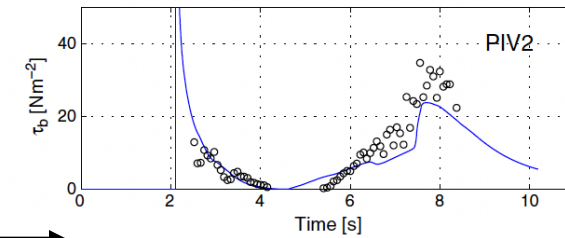
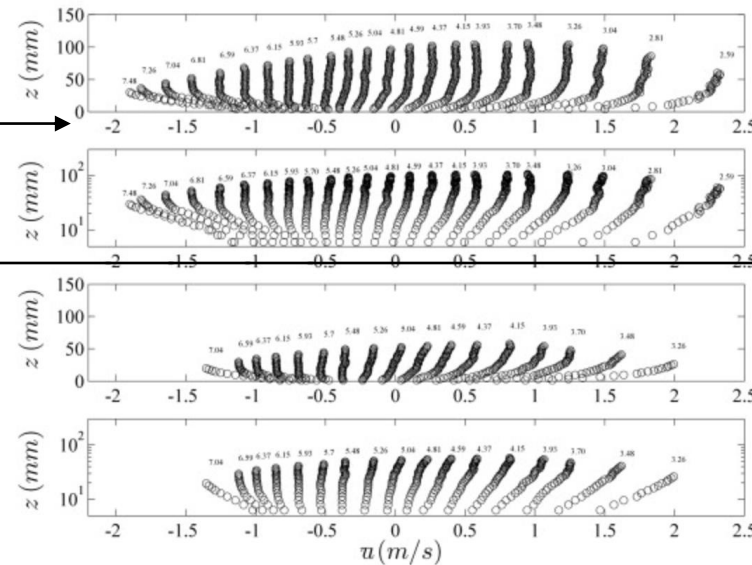
# Part 1: NLSWE and bottom boundary layer model

## Why the bottom boundary layer (BBL) is so important in the swash zone?

Bed shear stress depends on the structure of the flow near the bottom, swash flows are very energetic near the tip, as many dam-break type flows, where intense sediment transport occurs (Spinewine and Capart, 2013).

The logarithmic structure of the BBL is used, however, this is not valid around flow reversal

Shear stress is highest at the tip, and in mid-flow reversal.



2DV solvers are capable of resolving the BBL, however they need suitable high resolution in proximity of the bed.

In 2DH we can use Chezy formulation or simplified BBL models.

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# Part 1: NLSWE and bottom boundary layer model

## Relationship between the bed shear stress and bottom boundary layer

The horizontal velocity  $u(x, z, t)$  inside the boundary layer is approximated using the logarithmic law:

$$u(x, y, z, t) = \frac{U_f}{\kappa} \ln \left( \frac{z}{z_0} \right)$$

where  $U_f$  is the friction velocity,  $z$  the vertical coordinate,  $z_0$  the height at which the velocity is assumed to be zero,  $\kappa$  is the von Karman constant ( $\approx 0.4$ ).

$$U_f = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_b}{\rho}}$$

where  $\tau_b$  is the bottom shear stress and  $\rho$  is the water density. Following the original momentum integral method (Fredsoe and Deigaard, 1993),  $U_f$  is determined by computing the integral:

$$-U_f = \int_{z_0}^{z_0 + \delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_0 - u(x, y, z, t)) dz$$

where  $\delta$  is the thickness of the boundary layer.

Reference:

Fredsoe, J., Deigaard, R., 1993. Mechanics of Coastal Sediment Transport. Vol. 3 of Advanced Series on Ocean Engineering. World Scientific, Singapore.





# Modelling the bottom boundary layer

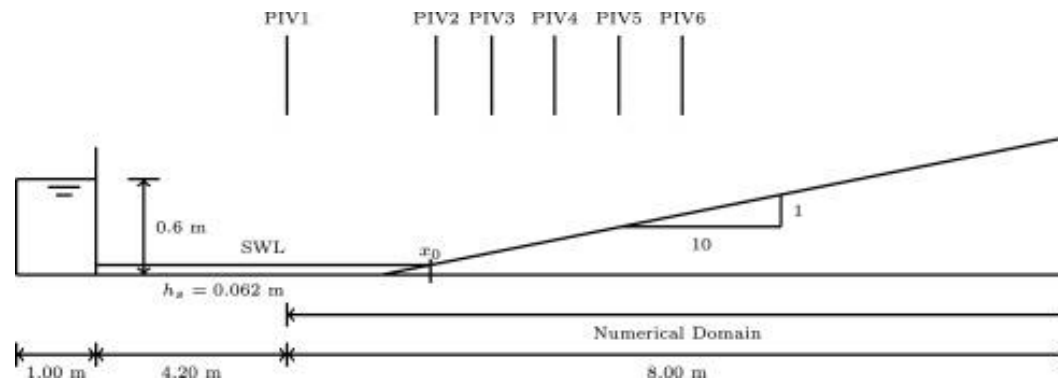
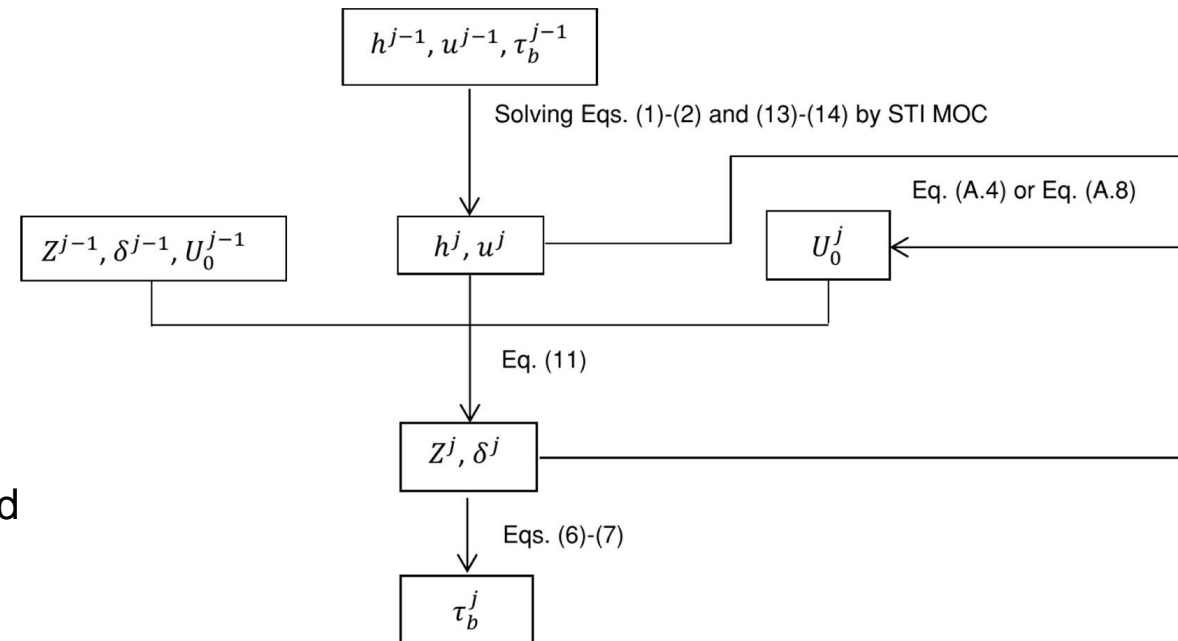
The solution of the equation

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = -g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} - g \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z}$$

Is simplified by transforming it in a PDE in Z:

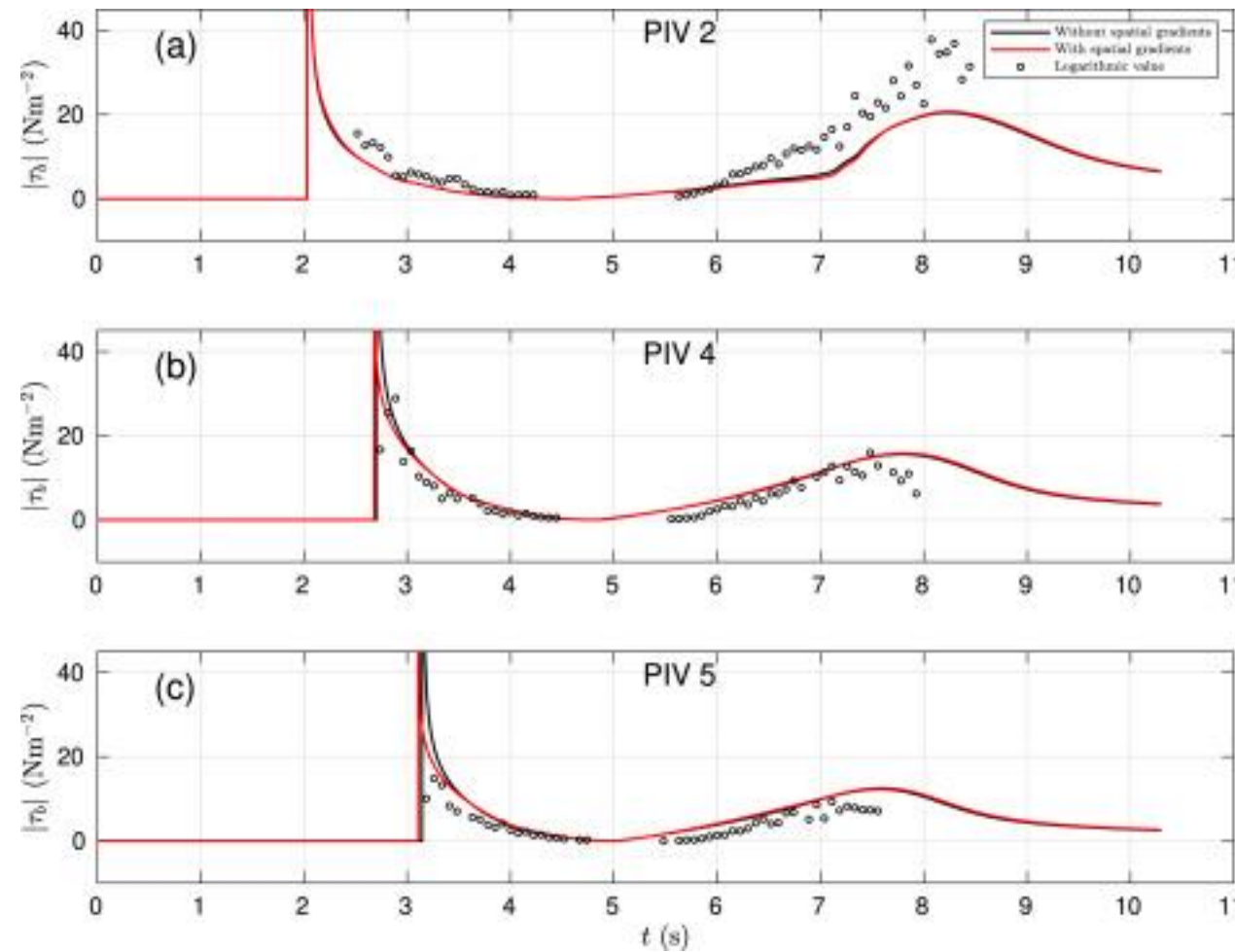
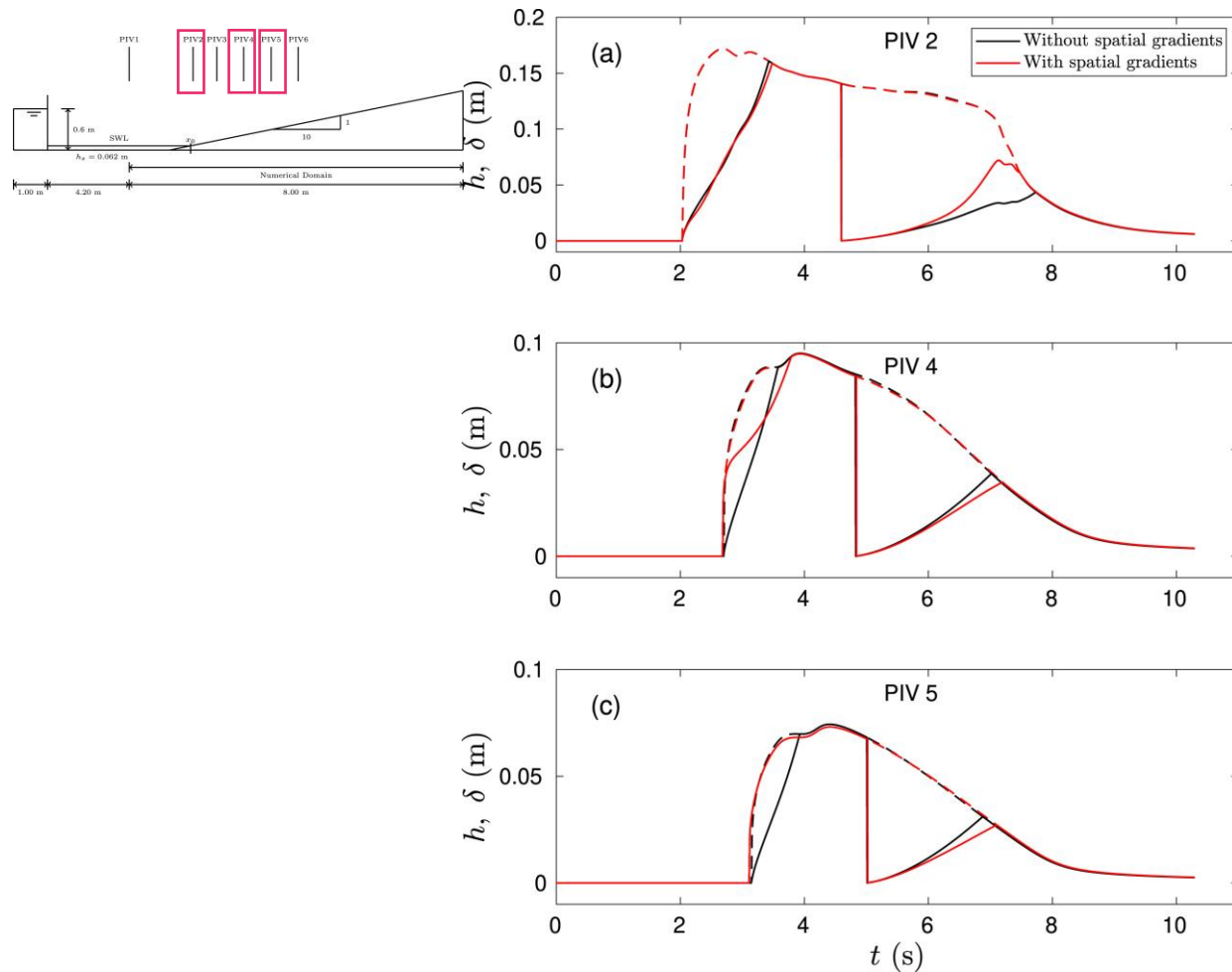
$$Z = \frac{U_0}{U_f \kappa} = \ln \left( \frac{z_0 + \delta}{z_0} \right)$$

In Zhu et al. (2022) the complete solution is derived and validated  
We used Kikkert et al. (2012)





# Modelling the bottom boundary layer



The model including spatial gradients predicts lower  $\tau$  at bore arrival, unfortunately this is the region of higher uncertainty in the measurements of velocity from which  $\tau$  is computed for the experiments.



# Conclusions: part 1



The inclusion of spatial gradients in the bottom boundary layer model is theoretically more appropriate for highly non-linear waves.



The solution of the momentum integral becomes more complex, with singularity at flow reversal as in the version of the method without spatial gradients.



Validation cases indicate an improvement in the accuracy of the flow description, in terms of RMSE



Uncertainty in the measurement of flow velocity still limit our capability of choosing best modelling for the bed shear stress at the bore arrival (i.e. at the tip of the swash lens). We don't know how accurate is any method in that region.



## Part 2: Non-hydrostatic XBeach

Few existing numerical models are able to resolve the complex morphodynamics in the swash zone, limiting their use in coastal engineering practice

Process-based Wave-resolving models

Hydrodynamics equations

Depth-resolving

RANSE

NLSWE

Depth-averaged

BTE

NH NLSWE

Coupled with morphodynamics module

NON-HYDROSTATIC  
XBEACH (XBNH)



- wave-by-wave flow and surface elevation variations due to short wave
- intra-wave bed changes at time scales of storms

- morphodynamics response lacks an extended validation in the context of sandy beaches
- available formulations developed for the Wave Averaged Sediment Transport (XBNH-WAST)



- Inaccurate prediction of beach profile evolution under bichromatic wave groups related to inaccuracies in the modelled suspended sediment concentration (Ruffini et al., 2020)

Reference

Ruffini, G., Briganti, R., Alsina, J.M., Brocchini, M., Dodd, N. and McCall, R., 2020. Numerical modeling of flow and bed evolution of bichromatic wave groups on an intermediate beach using nonhydrostatic XBeach. Journal of Waterway, Port, Coastal, and Ocean Engineering, 146(1), p.04019034.





## Part 2: Aims and objectives

To improve the numerical modelling of the intra-wave sediment transport on sandy beaches using a depth-averaged wave-resolving framework by:

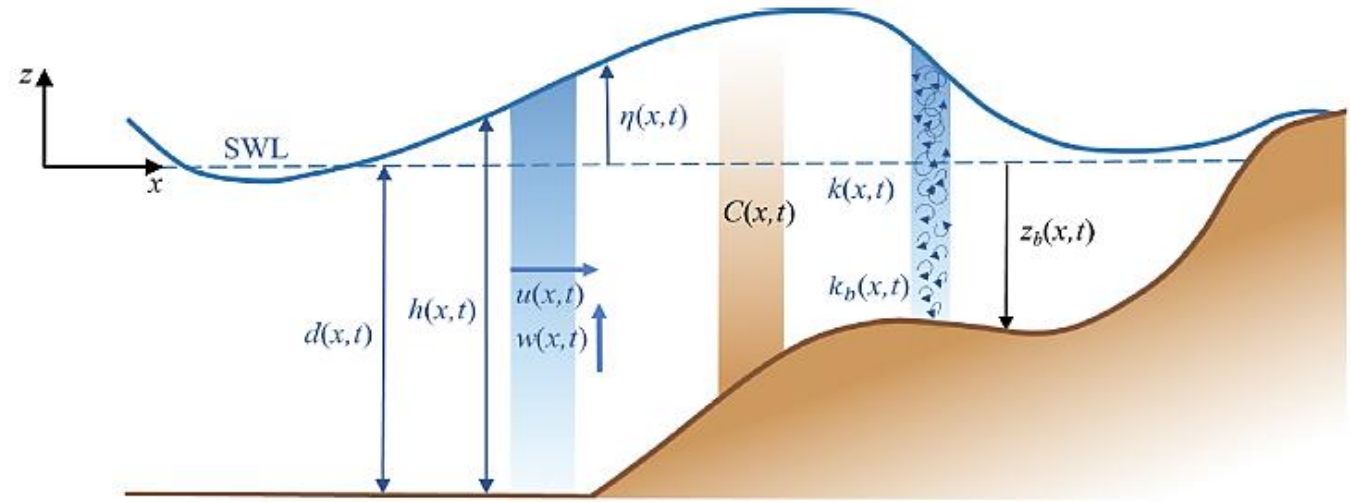
### OBJECTIVES

- improving a depth-averaged non-hydrostatic, wave-resolving framework (e.g., the open-source Non-hydrostatic XBeach) to represent the complexity of the swash zone and its mutual feedback with the surf zone
- verifying the performance and robustness of the developed model against semi-analytical solutions and experimental studies
- modelling relevant engineering scenarios by simulating laboratory experiments involving representative wave conditions in order to compare numerical results with measurements
- comparing the morphodynamic response of the improved model with the available sediment transport formulations in the selected framework



# Methodology

- Two subroutines for the **Intra-Wave Sediment Transport (XBNH-IWST)** including the effects of wave breaking-induced turbulence were newly developed



## Hydrodynamics:

1DH – Non-hydrostatic Non Linear Shallow Water Equations  
+ additional models for horizontal viscosity for the Hydrostatic Front Approximation (HFA) for wave-breaking

## Sediment transport:

Pritchard and Hogg (2003) (suspended load)  
Meyer-Peter Muller (1948) (bed load)

+ **Wave breaking-induced turbulence** model based on a depth-averaged Turbulent Kinetic Energy (TKE) balance equation

## Bed-updating:

Exner-type equation

## Notation

$x, z$	Cross-shore and vertical coordinates
$t$	Time
$\eta$	Water surface elevation
$h, d$	Total and still water depth
$d_z$	Distance from the bed level, $z_b$
$u, w$	Depth-averaged horizontal and vertical velocities
$C$	Depth-averaged suspended sediment concentration
$k, k_b$	Depth-averaged TKE and near-bed TKE



# Methodology

## Hydrodynamics:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + u \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( v_h \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial (\rho p_{nh} + \rho g \eta)}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\tau_b}{h}$$

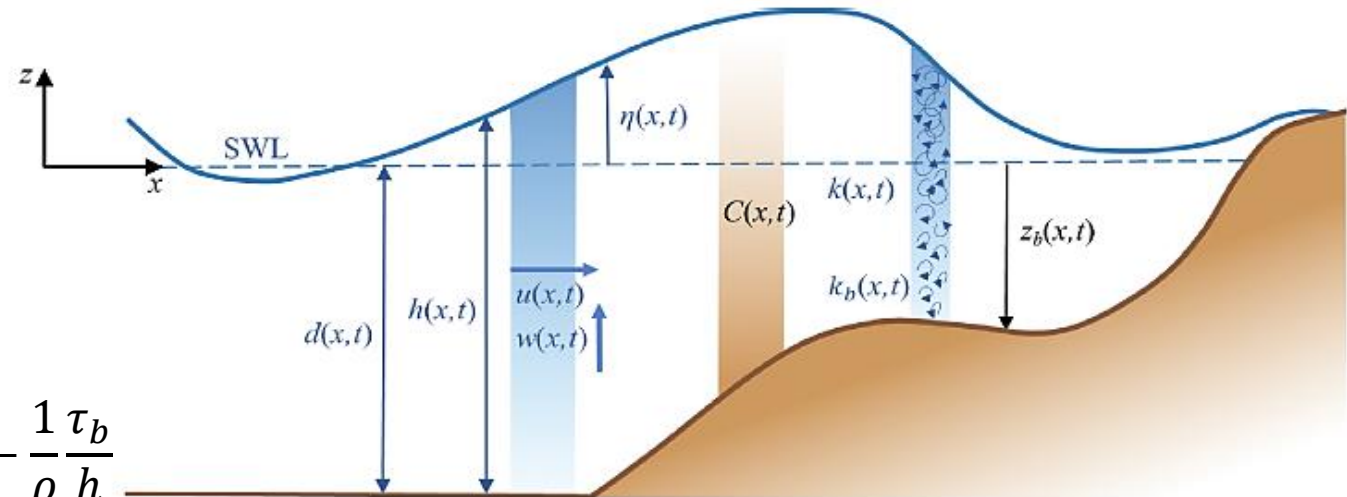
$p_{nh}$  is the dynamic pressure. The solver allows multiple layers of fluid. Here only one is used. Note slight change in symbols for consistency with XBeach literature

## Bed-updating:

Exner-type equation

$$(1 - n_b) \frac{\partial z_b}{\partial t} + E - D + \frac{\partial q_b}{\partial x} = 0$$

$q_b$  is the bed load sediment flux,  $E - D$  is the difference between erosion and deposition terms,  $E$  and  $D$  respectively



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# Methodology



## XB NH-IWST morphodynamics modelling:

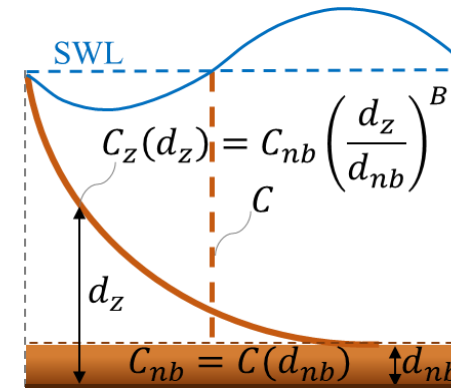
- Pritchard and Hogg (2003) transport equation:

$$\frac{\partial hC}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \left[ \left( huC + D_C h \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right) S_{sl} \right]}{\partial x} = m_e \left( \frac{\tau_b - \tau_{cr}}{\tau_{ref}} \right)^R - w_s C_{nb} = E - D$$

Mobility parameter which determines the erodibility of the sediment as suspended load

$$C_{nb} = CK_C, \quad K_C \geq 1 \quad \text{Shape factor depending on flow and sediment properties}$$

- Meyer-Peter Muller (1948) formulation for bed load transport
- Exner-type equation for bed-updating
- +TKE effects included through bed shear stress modelling



C = model output  
C<sub>z</sub> = computed in the aftermath of numerical simulations

Notation	
B	Rouse number
C	Depth-averaged suspended sediment concentration
C <sub>nb</sub>	Near-bed sediment concentration
C <sub>z</sub>	Parametric distribution of suspended sediment concentration
D <sub>C</sub>	Diffusion coefficient
D <sub>50</sub>	Median grain diameter
R > 0	Numerical exponent
S <sub>sl</sub>	Bed slope effects coefficient
τ <sub>b</sub>	Bed shear stress
τ <sub>ref</sub>	Reference bed shear stress
τ <sub>cr</sub>	Critical bed shear stress





# Methodology



## XBNH-IWST wave breaking-induced turbulence modelling:

- Turbulent Kinetic Energy (TKE) balance equation:

$$\frac{\partial hk}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial huk}{\partial x} = \text{Source}_k - \text{Sink}_k$$

- **R13 turbulence model:** based on the roller surface model for the wave energy dissipation used in Reniers et al. (2013)
- **KW92-A09 turbulence model:** based on the time-varying wave energy model of Kobayashi and Wurjanto (1992) and Alsina et al. (2009) study (**used for XBNH-IWST validation**)

- near-bed TKE model:

$$k_b = k \left[ \min \left( \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{h}{l_m}\right) - 1}, 1 \right) \right] \longrightarrow \text{Included in bed shear stress modelling}$$



# Results

## XBNH-IWST sediment transport model verification

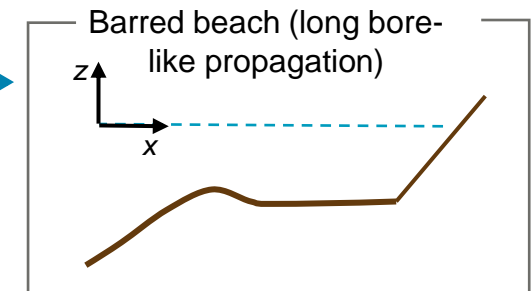
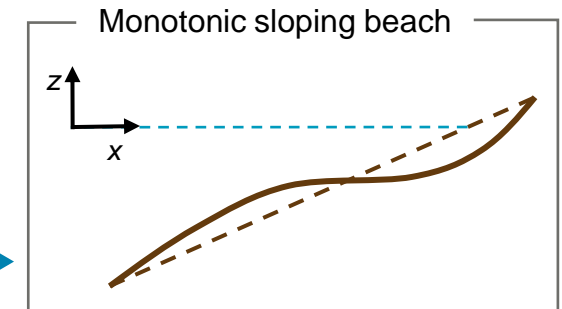
- with the of Zhu and Dodd (2015) high-accuracy STI-MOC solution for a solitary wave over an erodible sloped bed

## XBNH-IWST turbulence model verification

- with the Ting and Kirby (1994) laboratory experiments for plunging and spilling breakers over a fixed bed

## XBNH-IWST validation

- with the Alsina et al. (2016) laboratory experiments
- with the Young et al. (2010) laboratory experiments
- with the Van der Zanden et al. (2017) experiments



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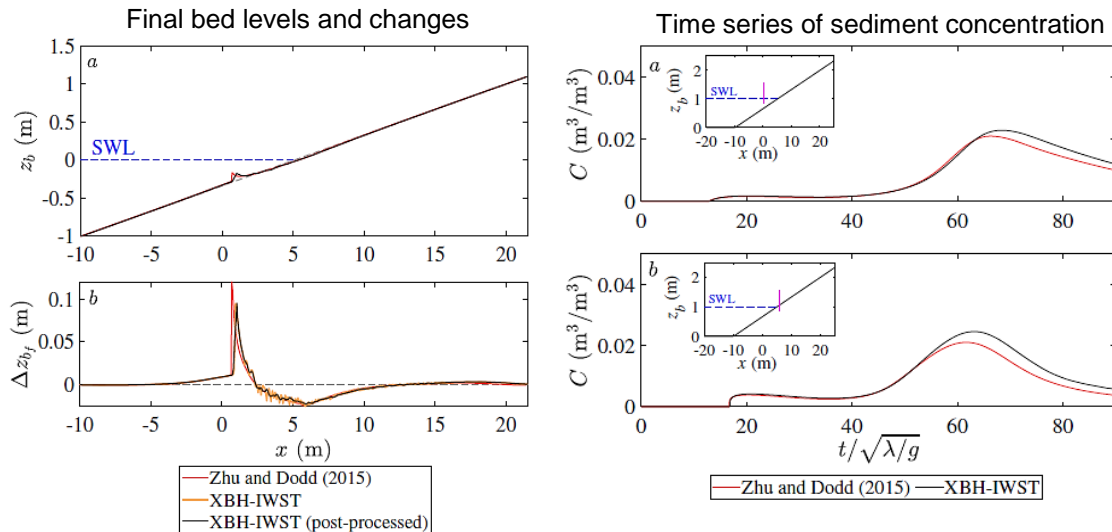
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# Results: model verification

## XBNH-IWST sediment transport model verification

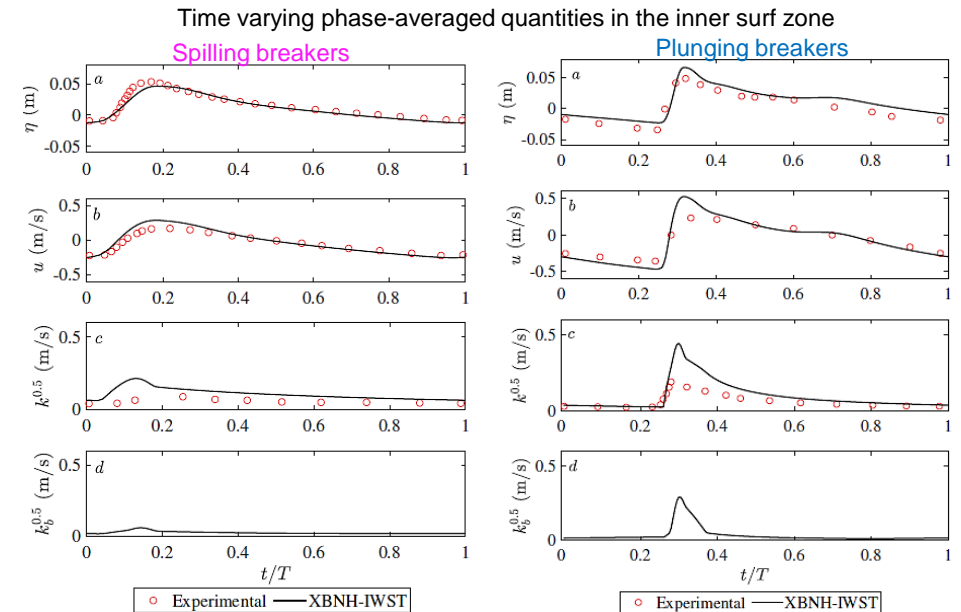
- with the of Zhu and Dodd (2015) high-accuracy numerical solution for a solitary wave over an erodible sloped bed:
  - Model parameters set up like Zhu and Dodd (2015)
    - + well-mixing, dynamic pressure off
  - Same sediment transport formulations used in the two models



Verification indicated that the Pritchard and Hogg (2003) transport equation performs qualitatively and quantitatively well when compared with a high-accuracy numerical solution of NLSWE

## XBNH-IWST wave breaking TKE model verification

- with the Ting and Kirby (1994) laboratory experiments for plunging and spilling breakers over a fixed bed:
  - Sensitivity analysis and calibration of TKE model
  - Verification of additional horizontal viscosity models for HFA (i.e., wave-breaking)



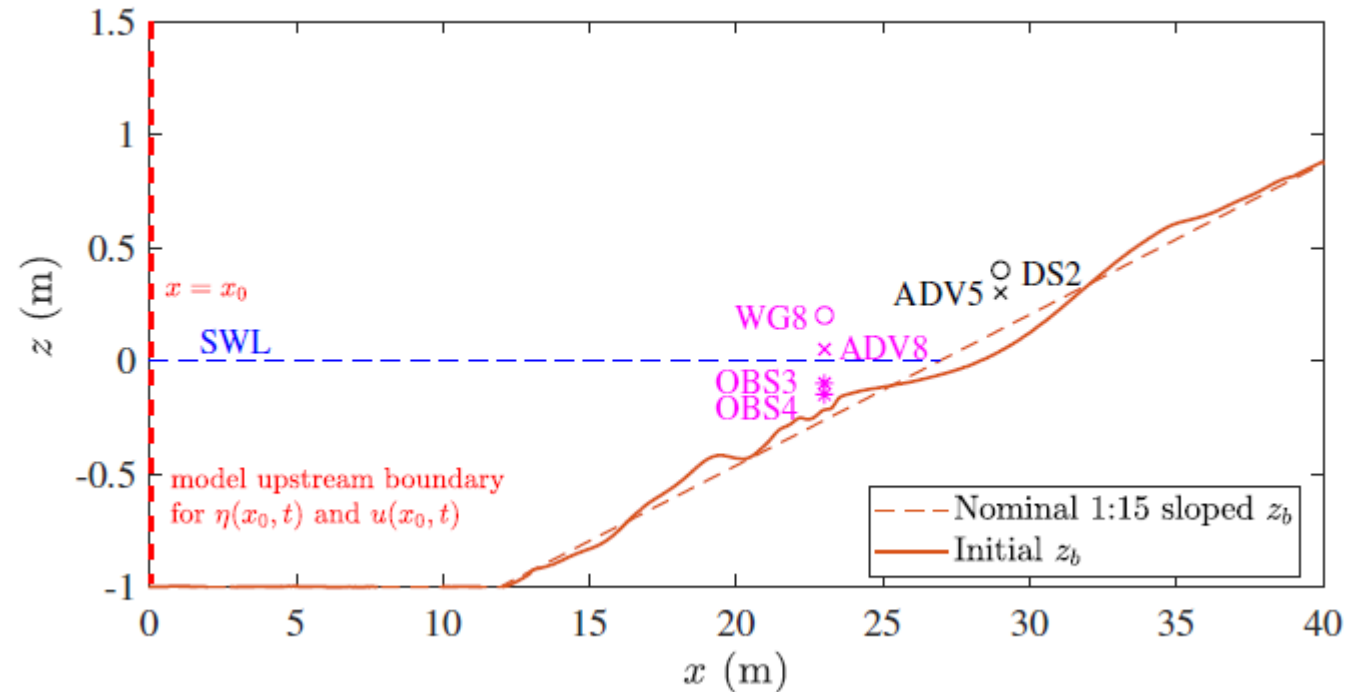
The accuracy in the prediction of  $k$  is higher for the plunging breakers, for which  $k$  was observed to vary over the water depth less than for the spilling breakers in the experiments



# Results: model validation

- Numerical simulations of the Young et al. (2010) laboratory experiments:

- Consecutive, non-interacting solitary waves over a sandy sloped beach
- Initial bed: result of previous runs on the nominal 1:15 sloped bed level, hence near-equilibrium profile beach state
- To be consistent with experiments, reflection due to the finite size of the flume was taken into account in the numerical simulations

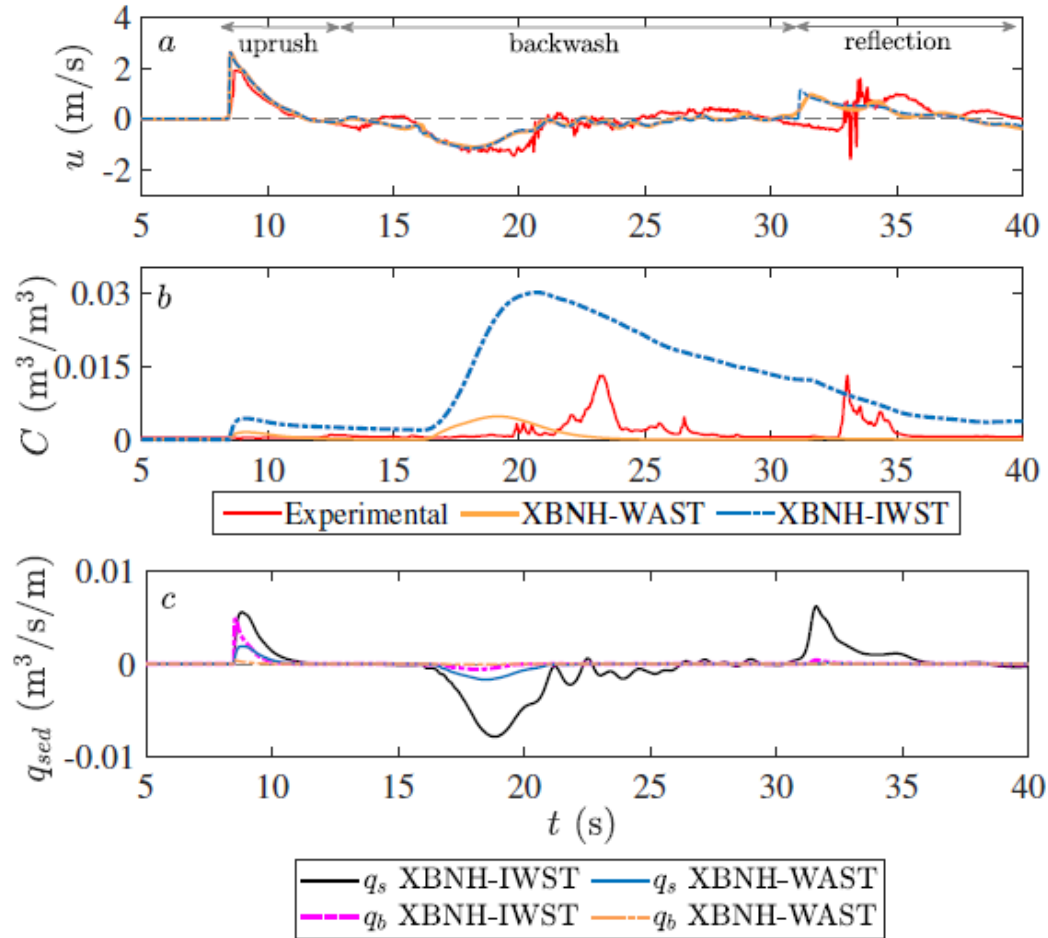






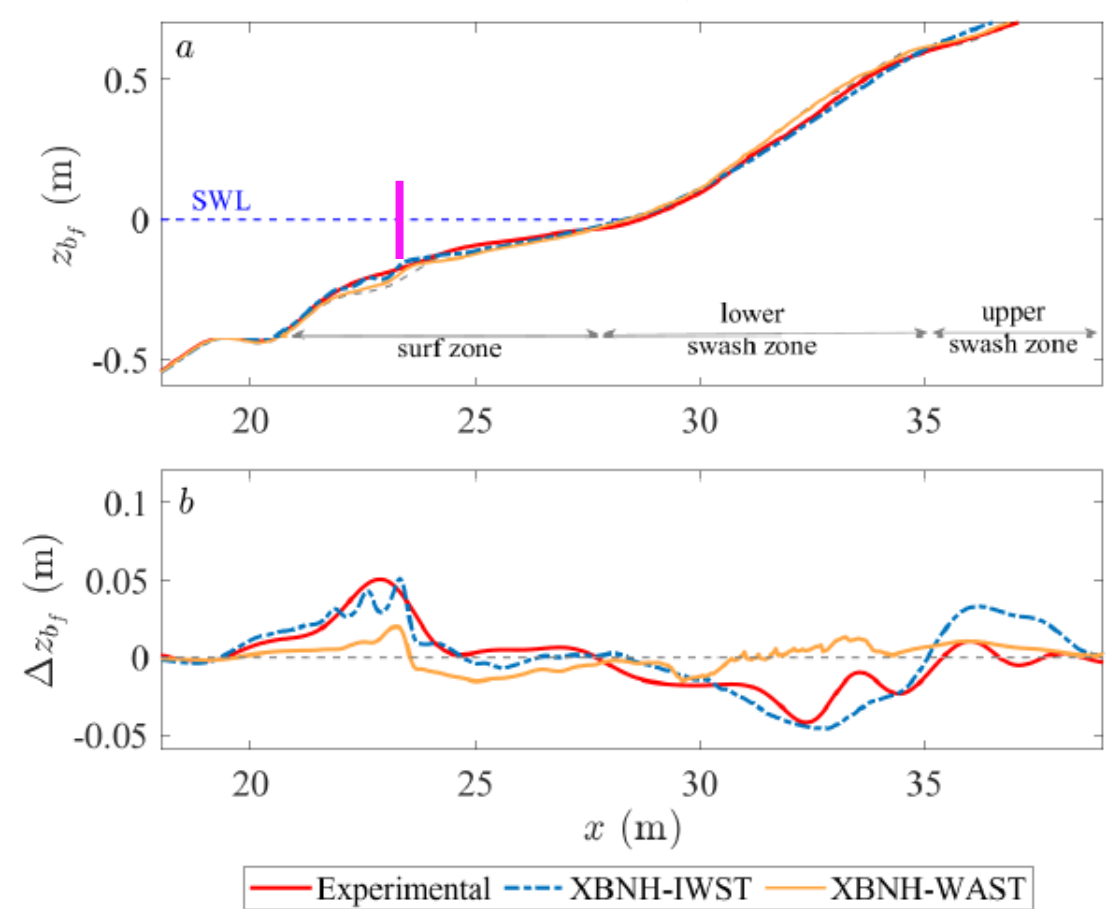
# Results: model validation

Time series of flow and sediment transport quantities



As for the Alsina et al. (2016) case, XBNH-IWST overestimates  $C$  at the backwash but it can reproduce the suspension close to flow reversal unlike XBNH-WAST

Final bed levels and changes after 3 waves



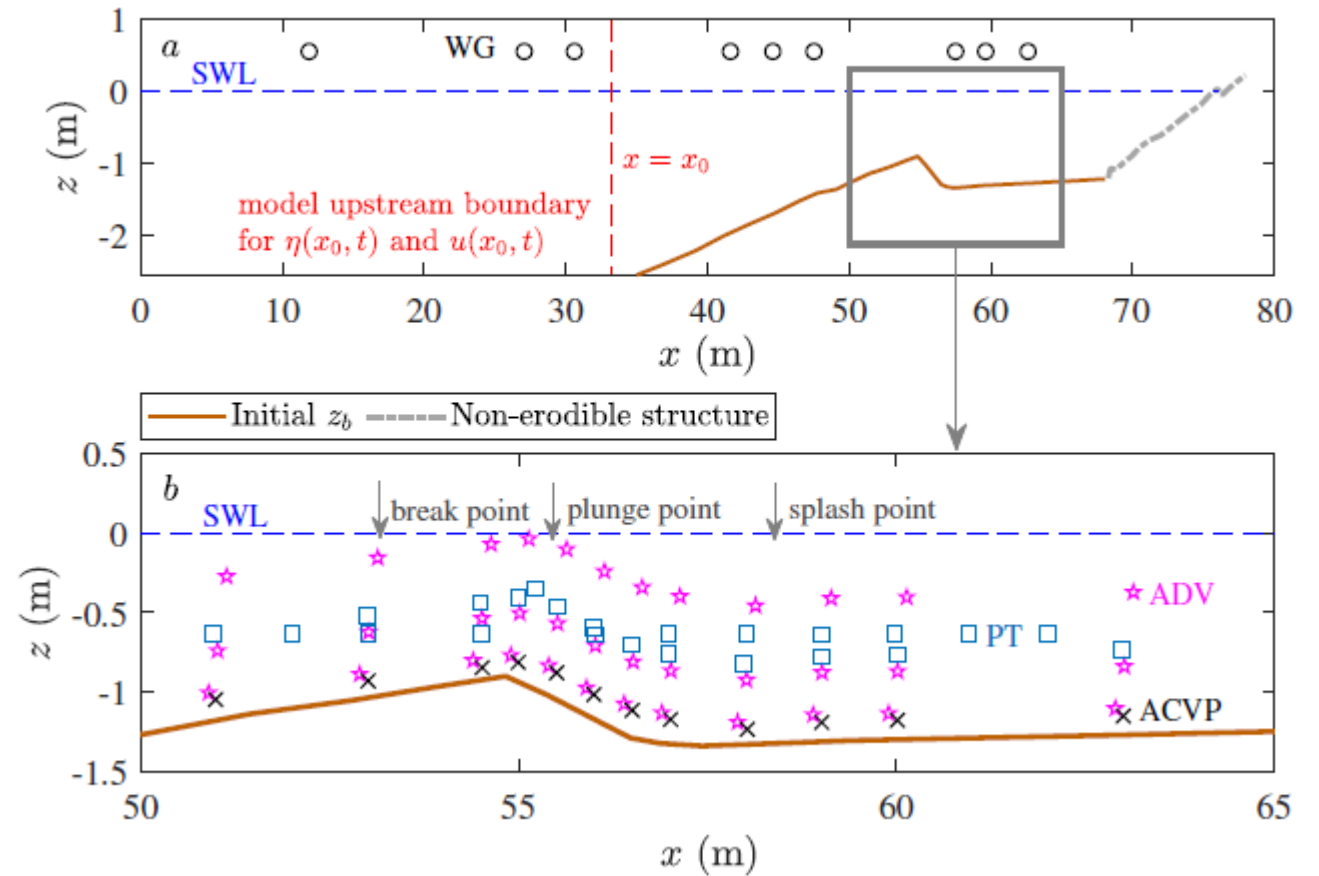
nRMSE (XBNH-IWST) < nRMSE (XBNH-WAST) by 35%  
RMSTE (XBNH-IWST) < RMSTE (XBNH-WAST) by 84%



# Results: model validation

- Numerical simulations of the Van der Zanden et al. (2016) laboratory experiments:

- Regular plunging breakers (first order wave theory) over a barred beach (long-bore like propagation over the shelf extending shoreward of the breaker bar trough)
- Detailed measurements of velocity and TKE, including near-bed TKE
- Assessment of XBNH-IWST modelling of wave breaking-generated TKE and its morphodynamics response in the surf zone



The experiments consisted of 6 runs of 15 mins each. The bed profile was measured prior to the first run and after every 30 mins



## Conclusions: part 2



XBNH-IWST improves the prediction of suspended sediment concentration close to flow reversal, and in turn, of swash morphodynamics compared to XBNH-WAST



However, the prediction of suspended sediment concentration with XBNH-IWST is not accurate, especially at the backwash stage of the flow, and breakers bar development is not properly captured



For monotonic sloping beaches XBNH-IWST performs better when the initial bed level is closer to the morphodynamic equilibrium (i.e., the bed has already evolved) than for an initial uniform sloped bed



Results for Van der Zanden et al. (2016) case show that XBNH-IWST does not properly obtain the experimental spatial gradient of the flow velocity in the surf zone, and therefore, the observed bar evolution



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**Thank you for your attention!**

**“Modelling eddies and coherent structures in the coastal area.” (M. Postacchini,  
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# MODELLING EDDIES AND COHERENT STRUCTURES IN THE COASTAL AREA

\_THE ROLE OF MACRO-VORTICES

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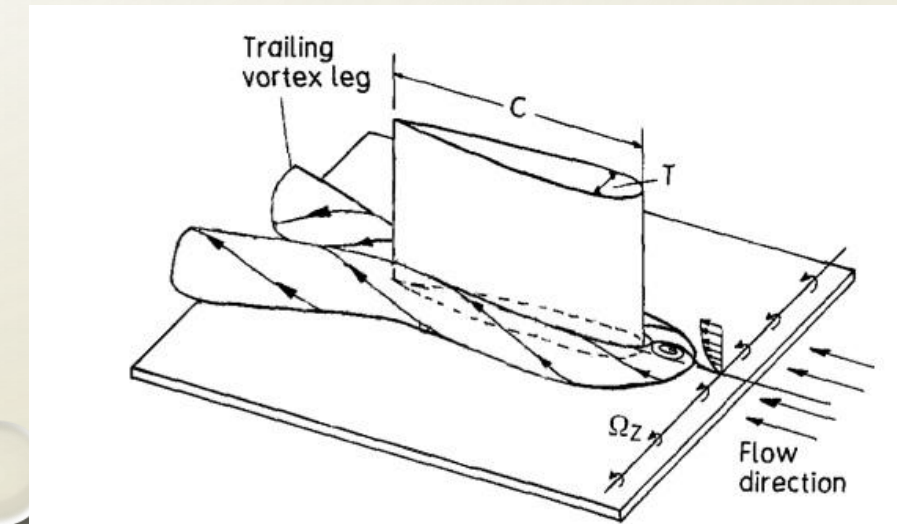
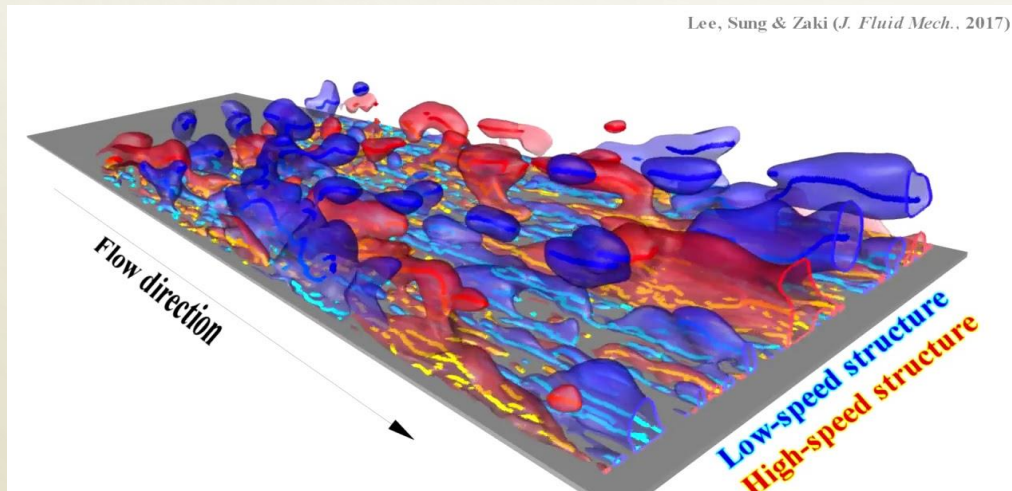
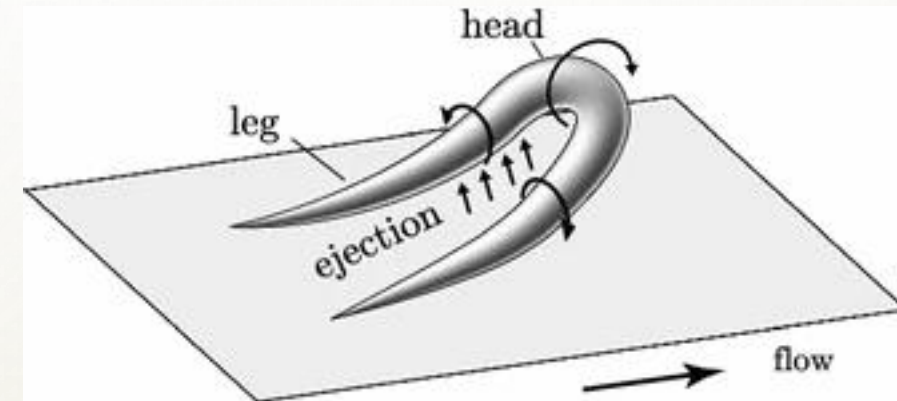
# DEFINITIONS

- **EDDY**

- “A current of water or air running contrary to the main current (especially, a circular current: whirlpool)” (Merriam-Webster)

- **COHERENT STRUCTURE**

- “A coherent structure is a connected turbulent fluid mass with instantaneously phase-correlated vorticity over its spatial extent” (Hussain, *J.FluidMech.* 1986)

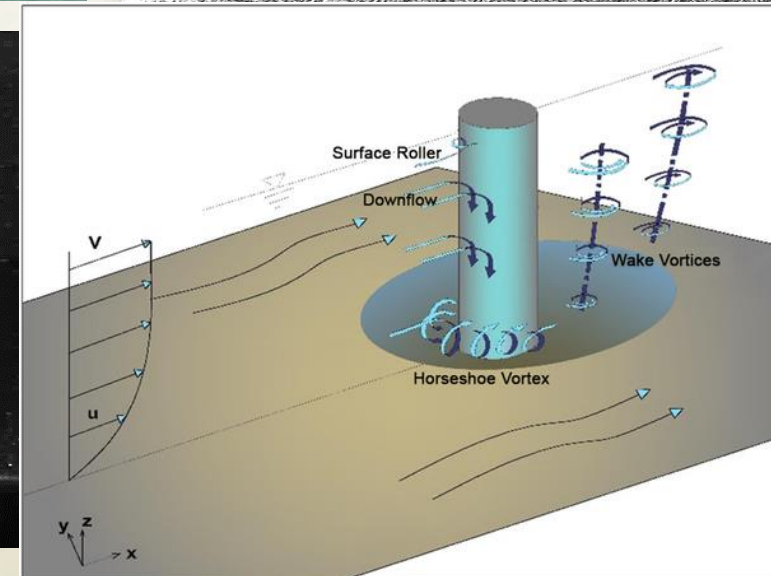
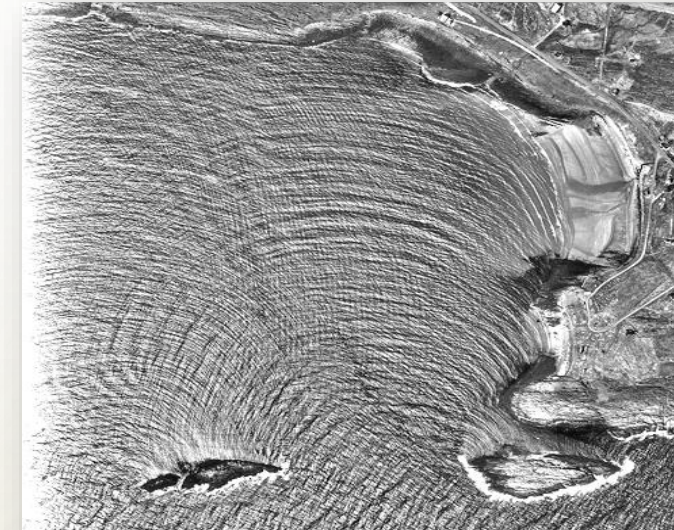
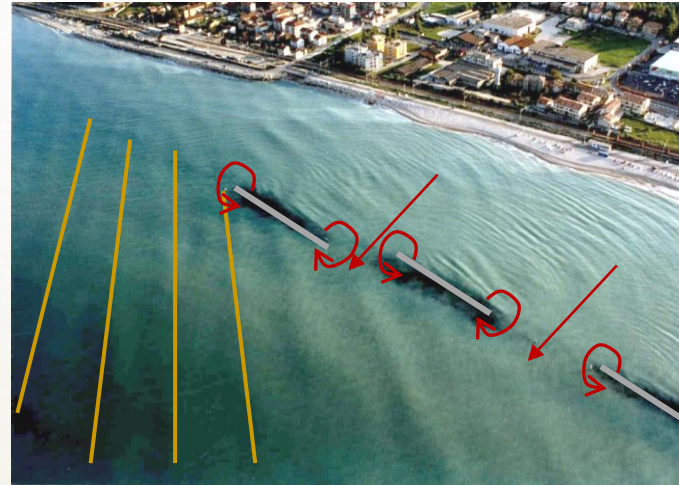




# WHY STUDYING EDDIES?

## WHAT IS THEIR ROLE IN THE COASTAL REGION?

- Wave propagation in the nearshore
  - generation of short-crested waves
    - breaking → edge (vertical) vortices
    - rip currents
  - interaction with submerged structures (e.g. pipelines)
    - generation of horizontal vorticity
  - interaction with emerged structures (e.g. vertical cylinders)
    - generation of complex vorticity patterns



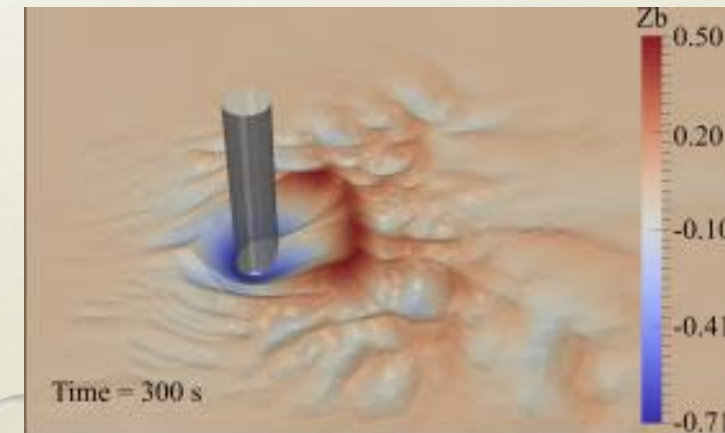
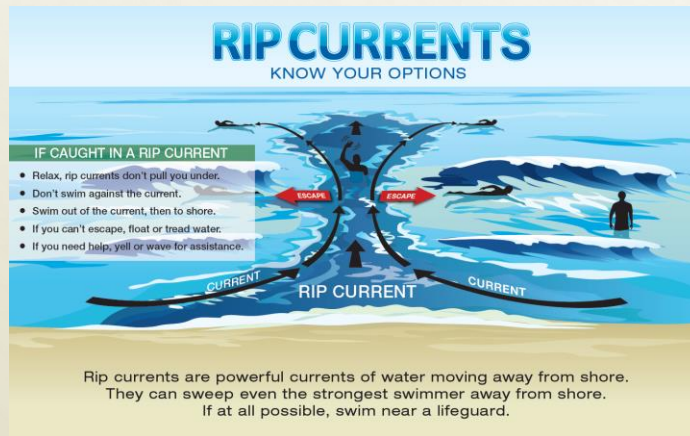
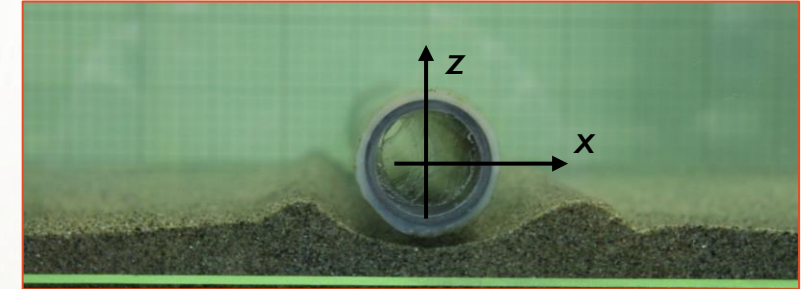


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- coastal erosion
- scour
- structure stability
- coastal safety

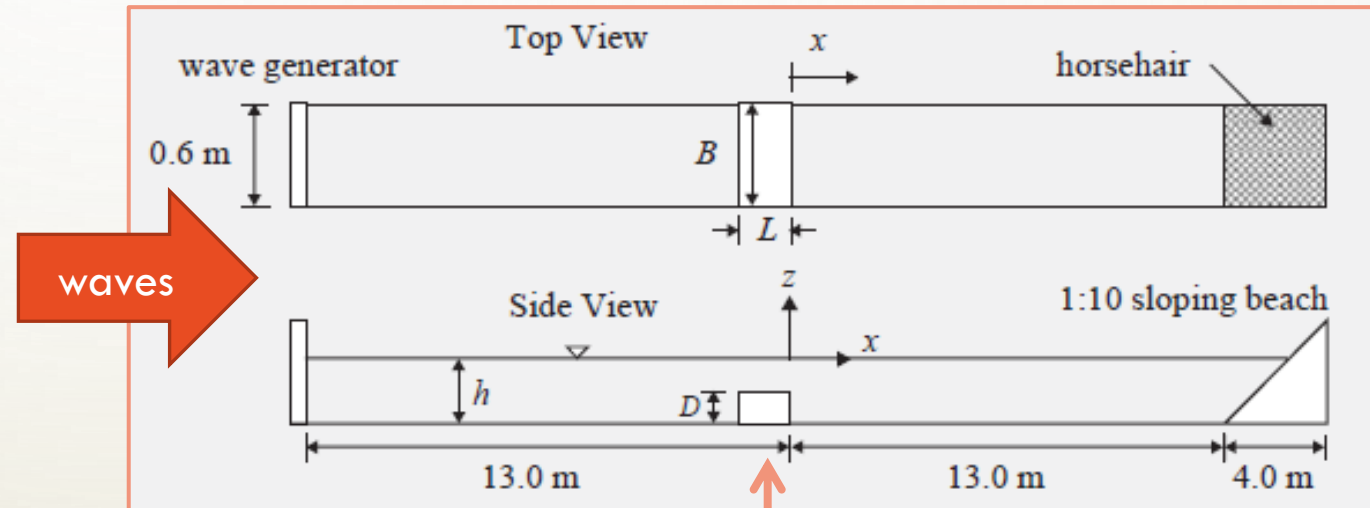


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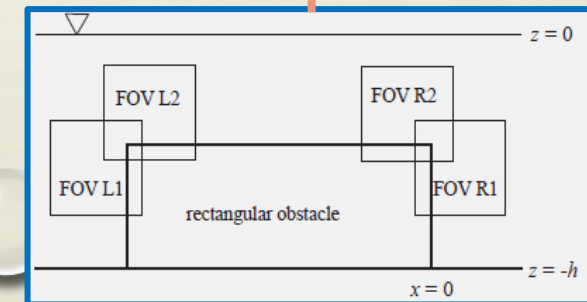
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## Lab experiments

- wave flume (30x0.6x0.9)m<sup>3</sup>
- cnoidal waves over a vertical barrier
  - structure:  $D=(6-12)$ cm
  - water level:  $h=24$ cm
  - waves:  $T=2$ s,  $H/h=0.05-0.25$
- PIV measurements



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(Coast. Eng., 2005)



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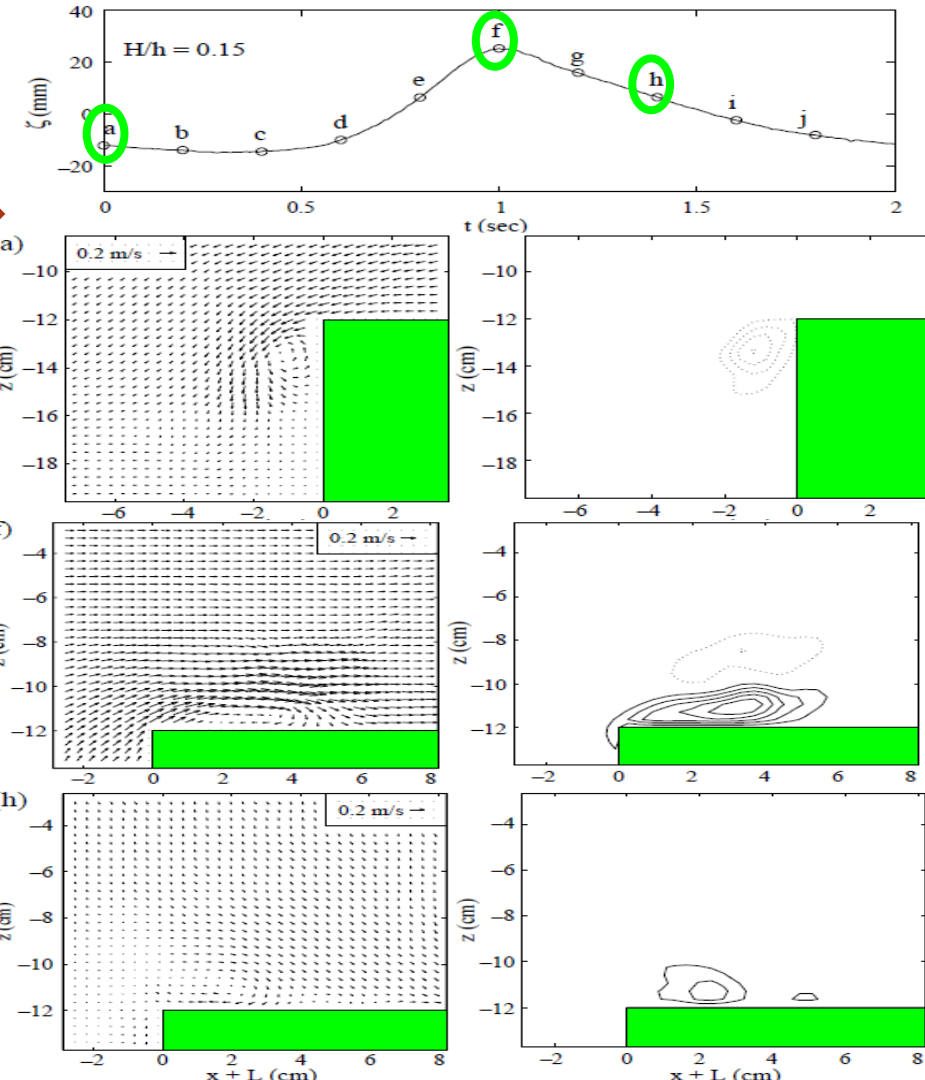
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## Findings at the weather side

- little anti-clockwise vortex (**phase a**)
- generation of clockwise vortex reaching its maximum vorticity during wave crest (**phase f**)
- split of clockwise vortex into two vortices (**phase h**)

waves

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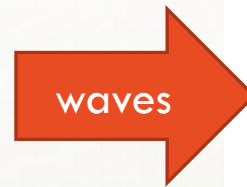


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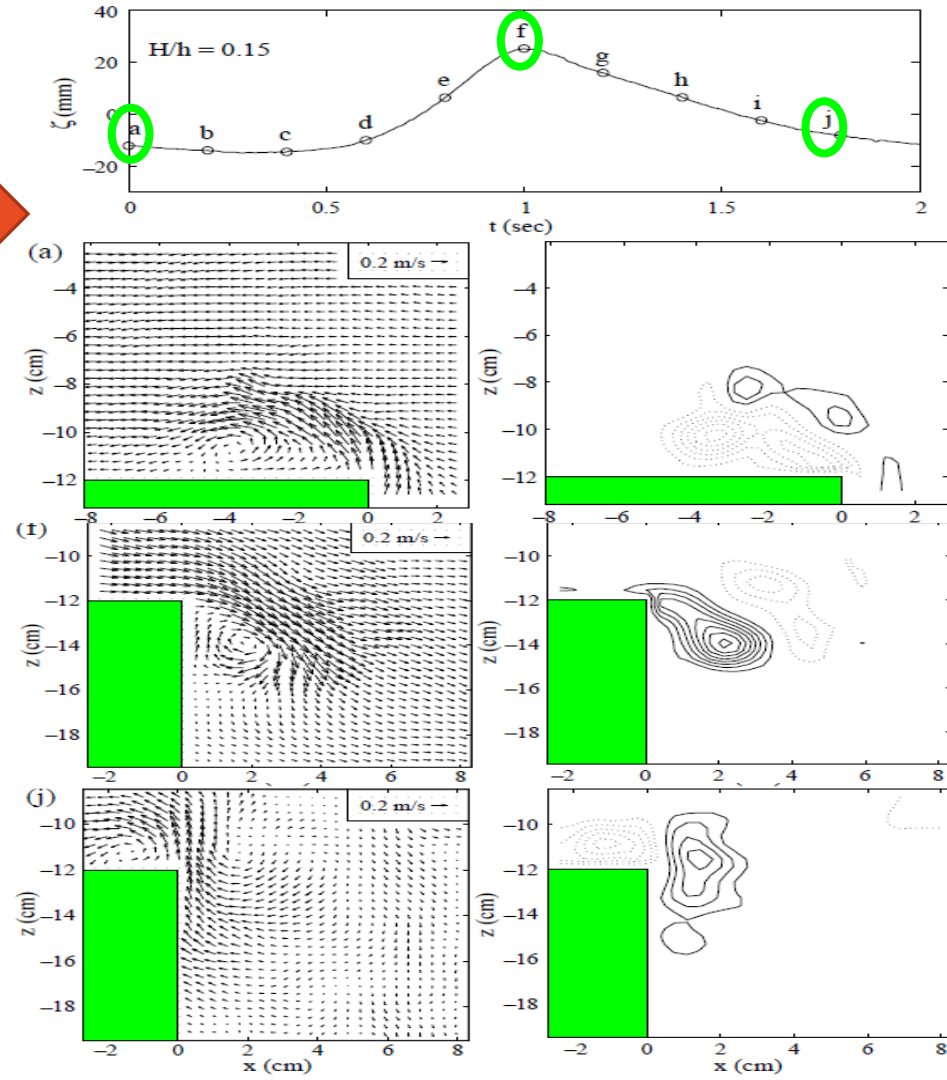
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## Findings at the lee side

- anti-clockwise vortex above the obstacle (**phase a**)
- flow separation/jet-like flow around the top corner, forming a clockwise vortex, then convected along x (**phase f**)
  - vortex motion limited to nearby area
  - jet-like flow pattern not clearly observed at the weather side
- anti-clockwise vortex generated at the top corner and upward motion of clockwise vortex (**phase j**)
- vortices last much longer in the case of solitary waves



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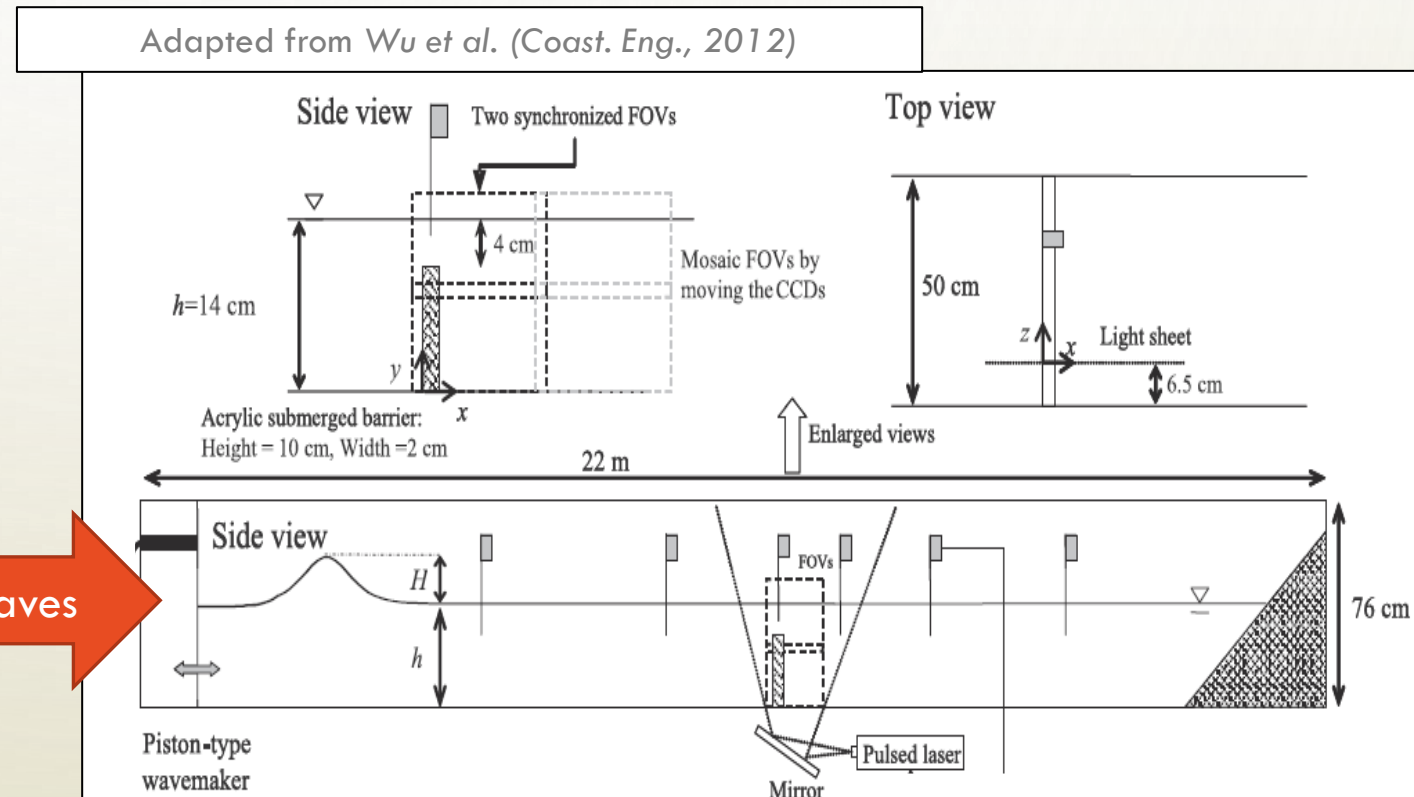


# (ALMOST) HORIZONTAL VORTICITY

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## Lab experiments

- wave flume (22x0.5x0.76)m<sup>3</sup>
- solitary waves over a vertical barrier
  - $h=14\text{cm}$ ,  $H/h=0.5$
- PIV measurements



waves

# (ALMOST) HORIZONTAL VORTICITY

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## Numerical simulations

- COBRAS (Wu *et al.*, *Coast.Eng.* 2012)
  - 2D scheme solving Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) equations
  - nonlinear k- $\epsilon$  equations for the turbulent kinetic energy (k) and the turbulent dissipation rate ( $\epsilon$ )
- CIP-based model (Wang *et al.*, *Oc.Eng.* 2018)
  - 2D Constrained Interpolation Profile method to solve hyperbolic-type equations
  - non-uniform and staggered Cartesian grid
  - semi-Lagrangian scheme, mainly applied in fields of physics and electromagnetism
  - continuity + 2D N-S equations

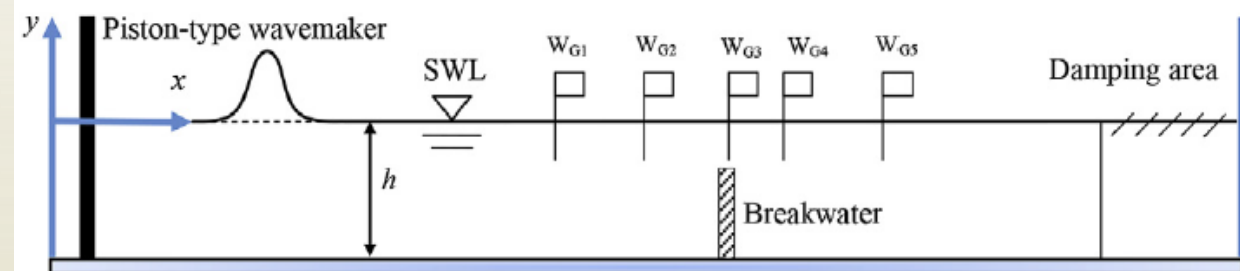
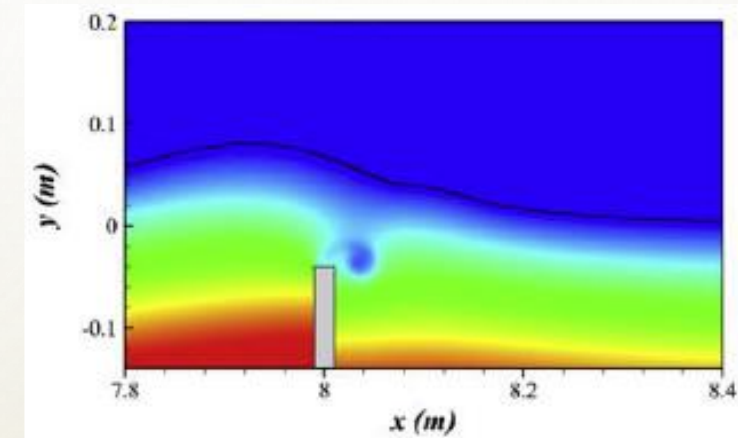


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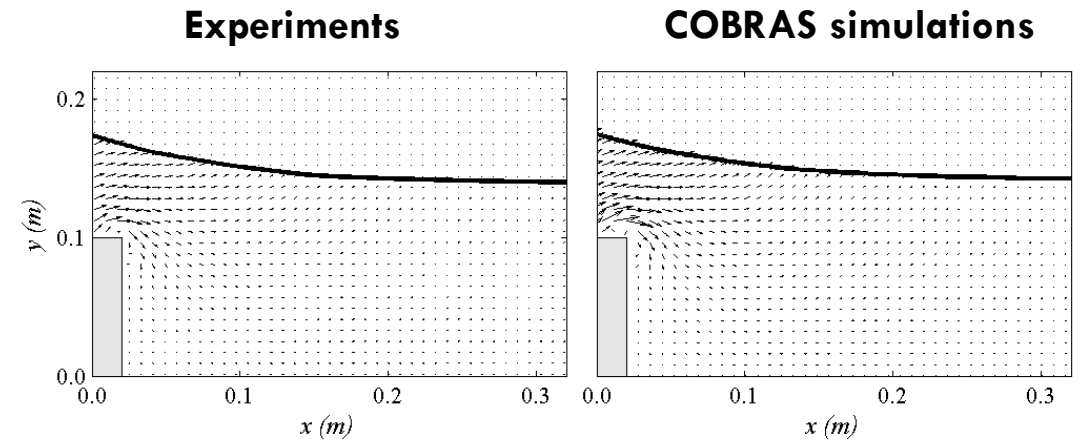
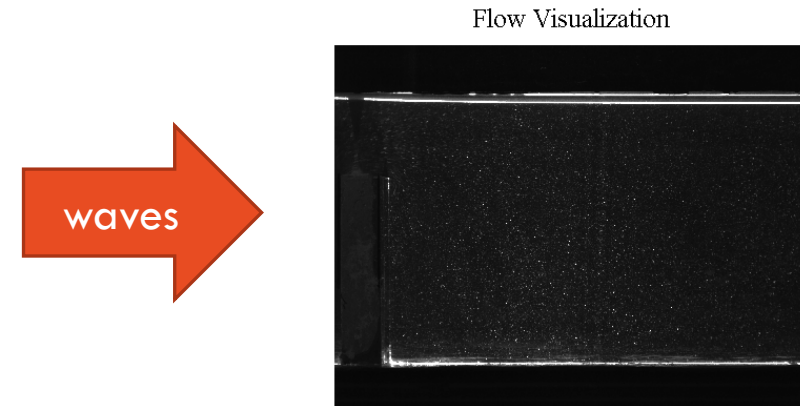
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## Exp-COBRAS comparison (Wu et al., 2012)

- large clockwise vortex generated by flow separation (similar to non-breaking-wave case)
- smaller anti-clockwise vortex:
  1. intact wave form approaching the structure
  2. free-surface bulging and double wave crest
  3. “backward breaking” (sort of hydraulic jump)
  4. air-water mixing + anti-clockwise vortex
- interaction between counter-rotating eddies

Courtesy of Prof. Shih-Chun Hsiao



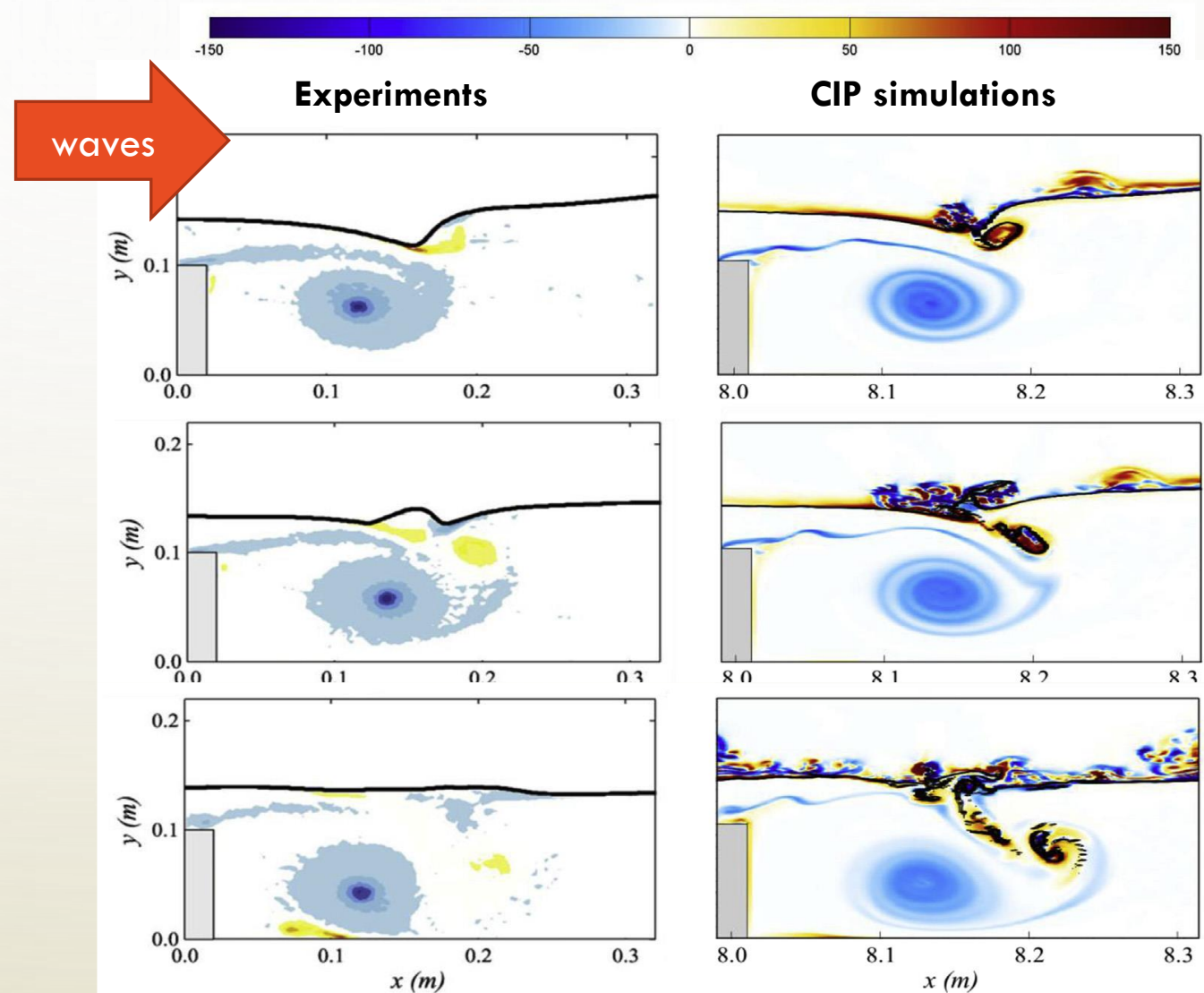


# (ALMOST) HORIZONTAL VORTICITY

*\_breaking waves over a rectangular structure*

## Exp-CIP comparison (Wang et al., 2018)

- large clockwise vortex generated by flow separation (similar to non-breaking-wave case)
- smaller anti-clockwise vortex:
  1. intact wave form approaching the structure
  2. free-surface bulging and double wave crest
  3. “backward breaking” (sort of hydraulic jump)
  4. air-water mixing + anti-clockwise vortex
- interaction between counter-rotating eddies
- additional vortex generated at bed



# (ALMOST) HORIZONTAL VORTICITY



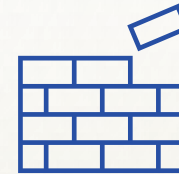
**clockwise vortex** from flow separation due to waves over obstacles of various size/shape

- ruled by wave characteristics, obstacle geometry, soil type (e.g., grain size, porosity)



**anti-clockwise vortex** at the surface due to wave breaking

- driven by impinging jet (function of wave characteristics)
- interaction between counter-rotating vortices



**wave - structure - soil**  
→ vortex features (e.g., strength, energy)

- potential soil erosion close to or relatively far from structure (case of vortex-vortex interaction)
- potential structure damages or failure

# (ALMOST) VERTICAL VORTICITY

*\_short-crested waves*

**Wave breaking** → transfer of momentum between atmosphere and ocean

- *Open ocean* (deep waters) → breaking forced by wind stress
  - development of vortex ring around breaking area, where flow topology requires the horizontal ring segment as a connection between counter-rotating vertical vortices developing at the edges of the breaking region

Adapted from  
Peregrine  
(*Eur.J.Mech.B/Fluids*,  
1999)



# (ALMOST) VERTICAL VORTICITY

*\_short-crested waves*

**Wave breaking** → transfer of momentum between atmosphere and ocean

- *Coastal region*

- short-crested waves → finite-length breakers/bores

- *Peregrine* (1998,1999):

- rate of change of circulation around closed loop crossing a breaker = wave energy dissipation across wave front (head

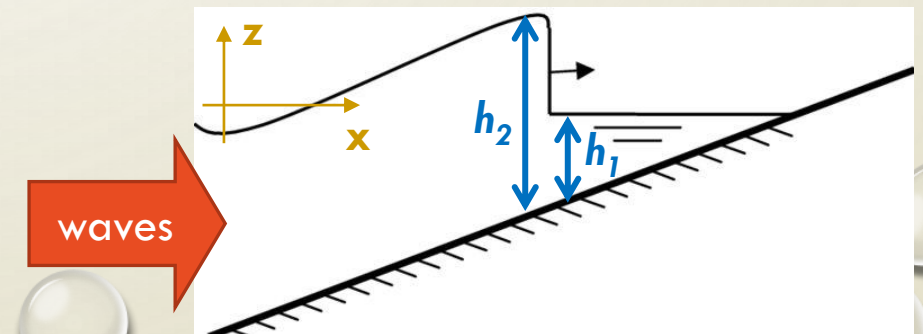
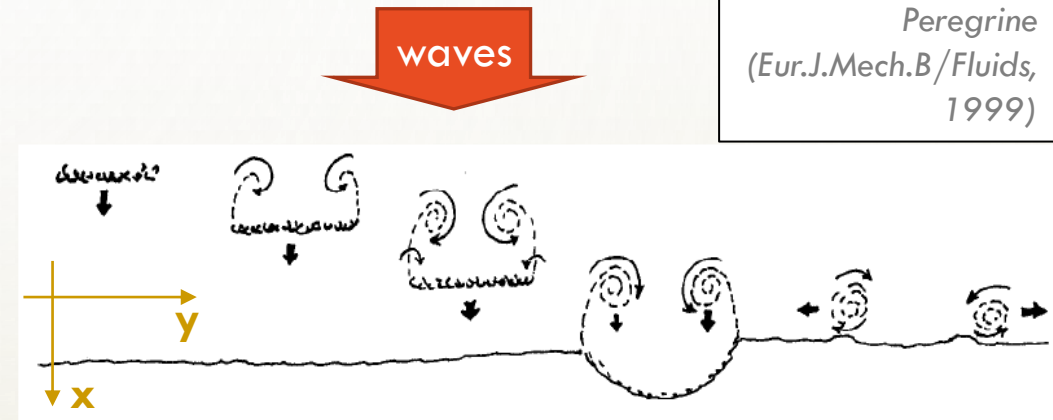
$$\text{loss}): \quad \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial t} = E_D = \frac{g(h_2 - h_1)^3}{4h_1 h_2}$$

- ( $h_2, h_1$ : water depths behind and in front of breaking wave)

- longshore differential wave energy dissipation (e.g., at breaker edges) forces a jump in potential vorticity (due to changes in  $h_2$  and  $h_1$ ):

$$\Delta \Omega \propto \frac{\partial E_D}{\partial y}$$

Adapted from  
*Peregrine*  
(*Eur.J.Mech.B/Fluids*,  
1999)





# (ALMOST) VERTICAL VORTICITY

*\_short-crested wave breaking and vortex generation*

- From *long-crested* to *short-crested* waves in the nearshore

- **submerged structures**

- breaking over the structure and generation of short breakers

- **cross-sea**

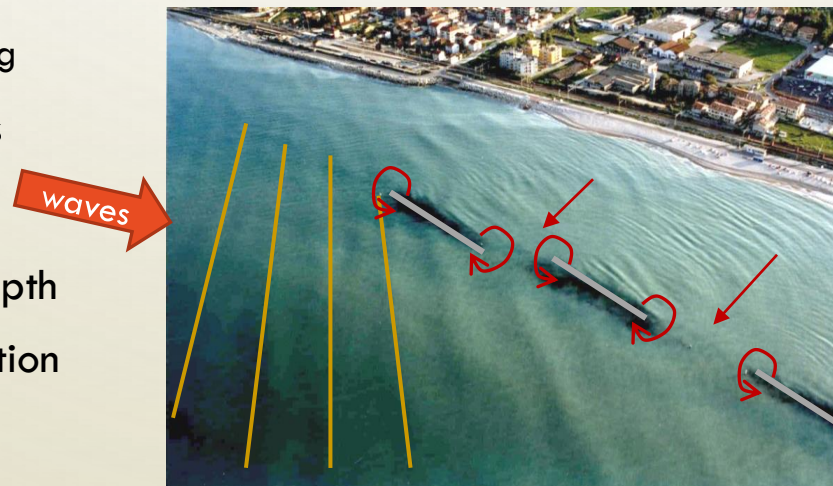
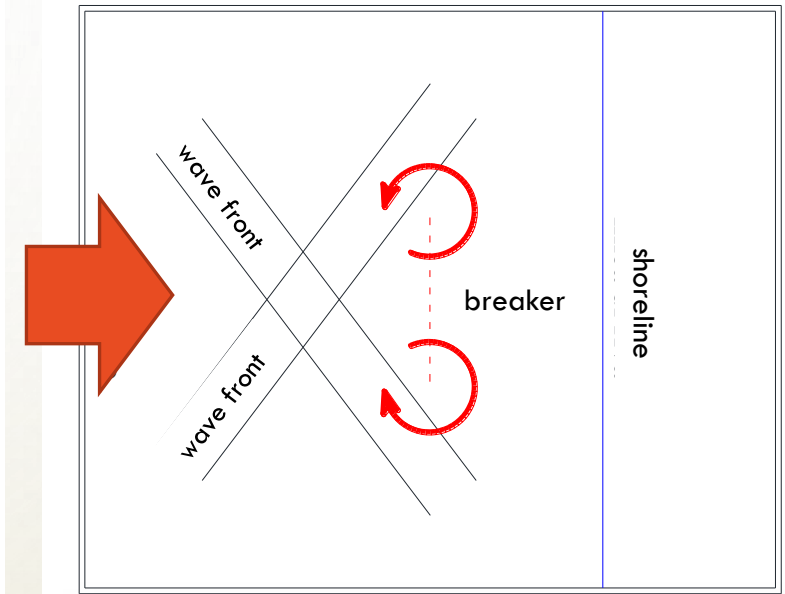
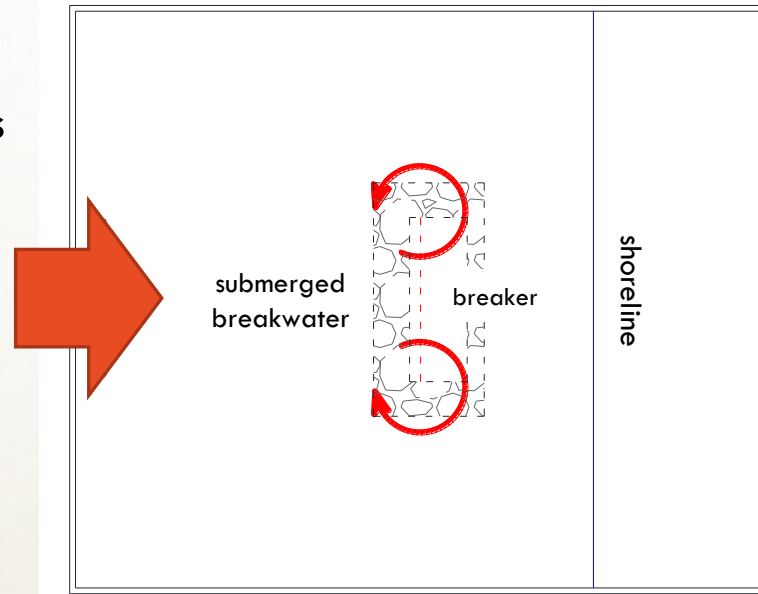
- induced by wave processes (e.g., reflection, refraction, diffraction)
- honeycomb structure and breaking

- Vortex *generation* at breaker edges

- Typical *mechanisms* of motion

❑ **self-advection** – driven by bed depth

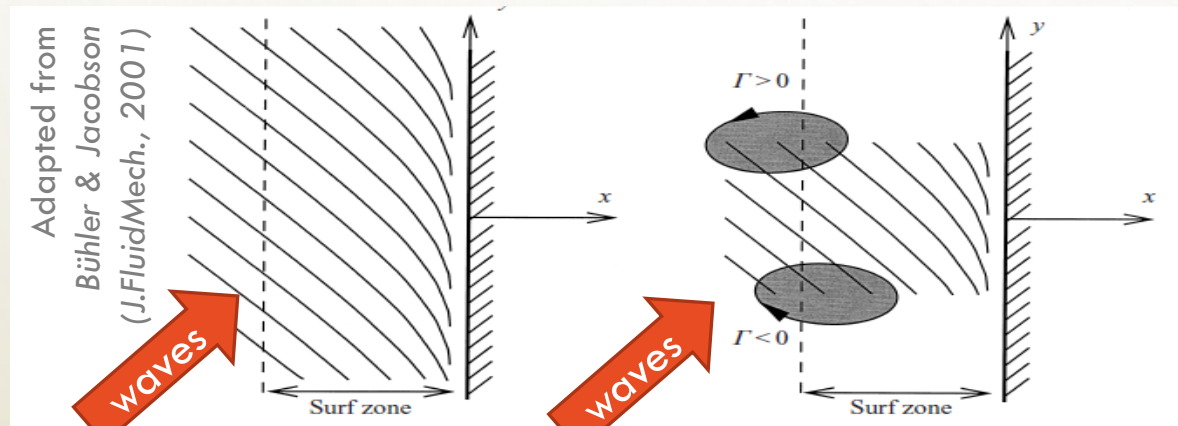
❑ **mutual advection** – vortex interaction





# (ALMOST) VERTICAL VORTICITY

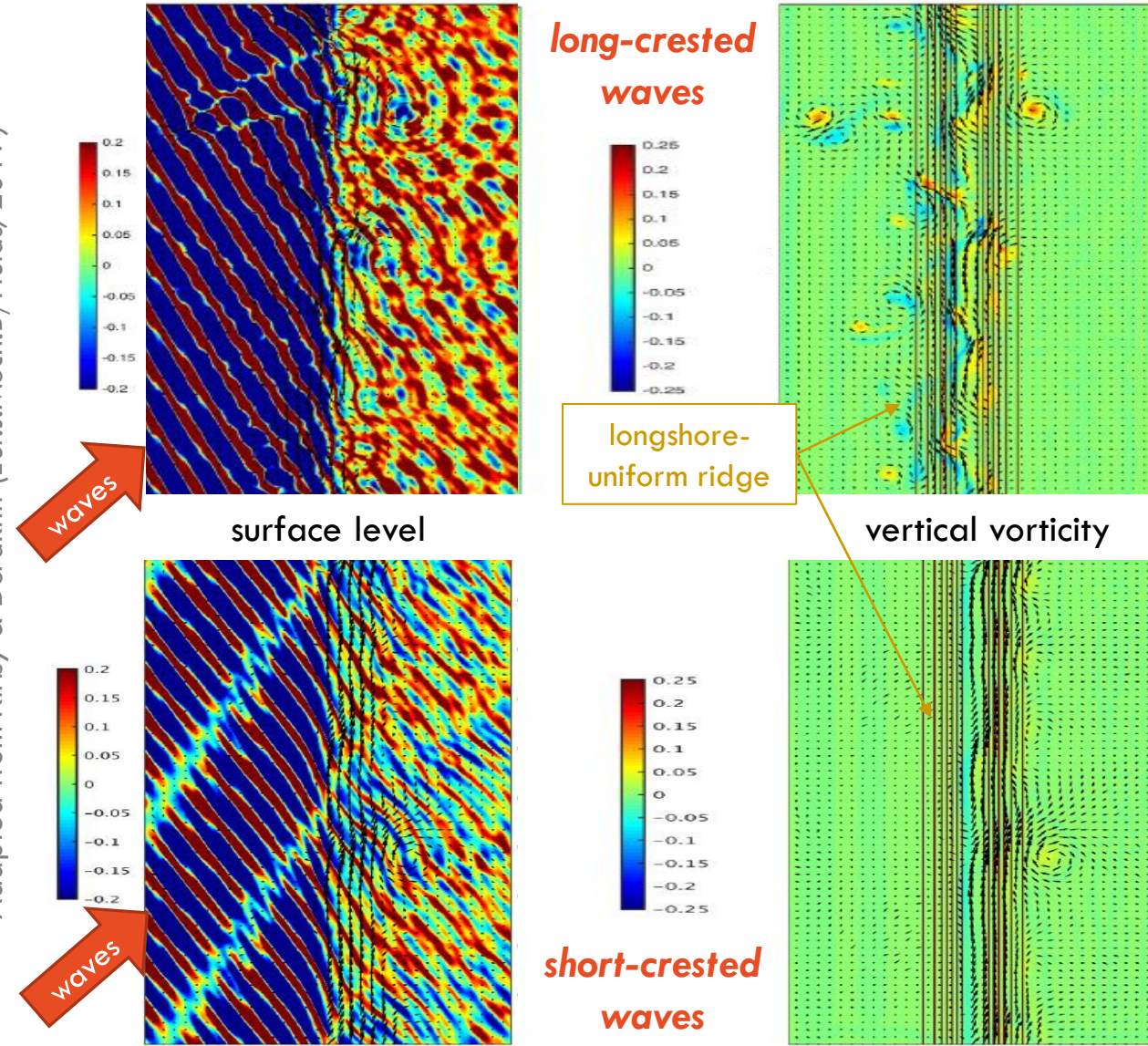
- Surf zone as source for turbulent eddy structures
  - 2D inverse cascade (transfer of energy from small-scale vorticity to larger structures)
- Short waves due to different nearshore processes
  - “dipolar vorticity structure” at breaker edges



- Alongshore current due to breaking over submerged bars
  - long-crested: strong current over the bar crest
  - short-crested: large landward shift over barred beaches (e.g., ~50m, Kirby & Derakhti, 2019) and weak over planar beaches (Bühler & Jacobson, 2001)

short-crested waves

Adapted from Kirby & Derakhti (Eur.J.Mech.B/Fluids, 2019)





# (ALMOST) VERTICAL VORTICITY

short-crested waves

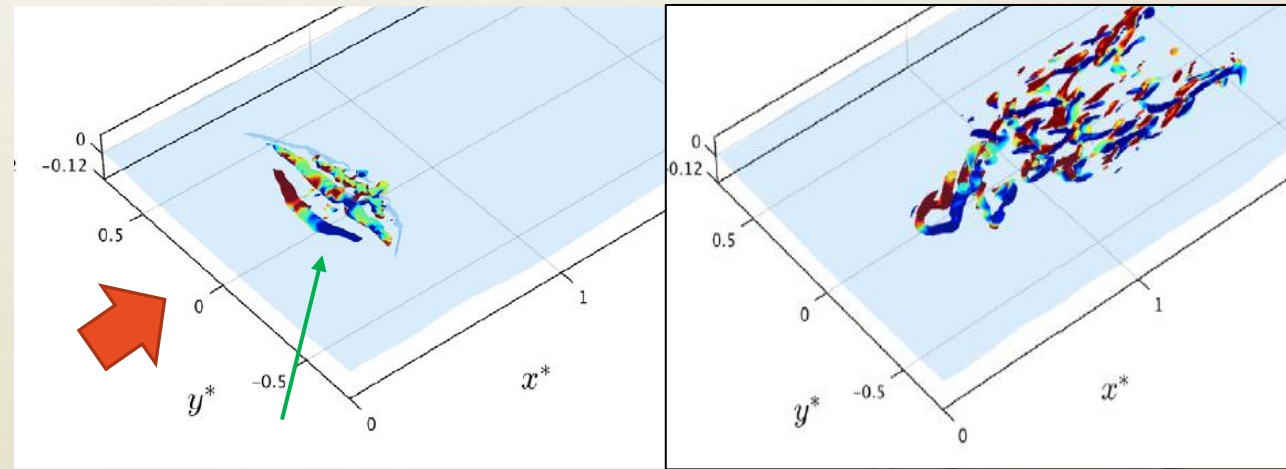
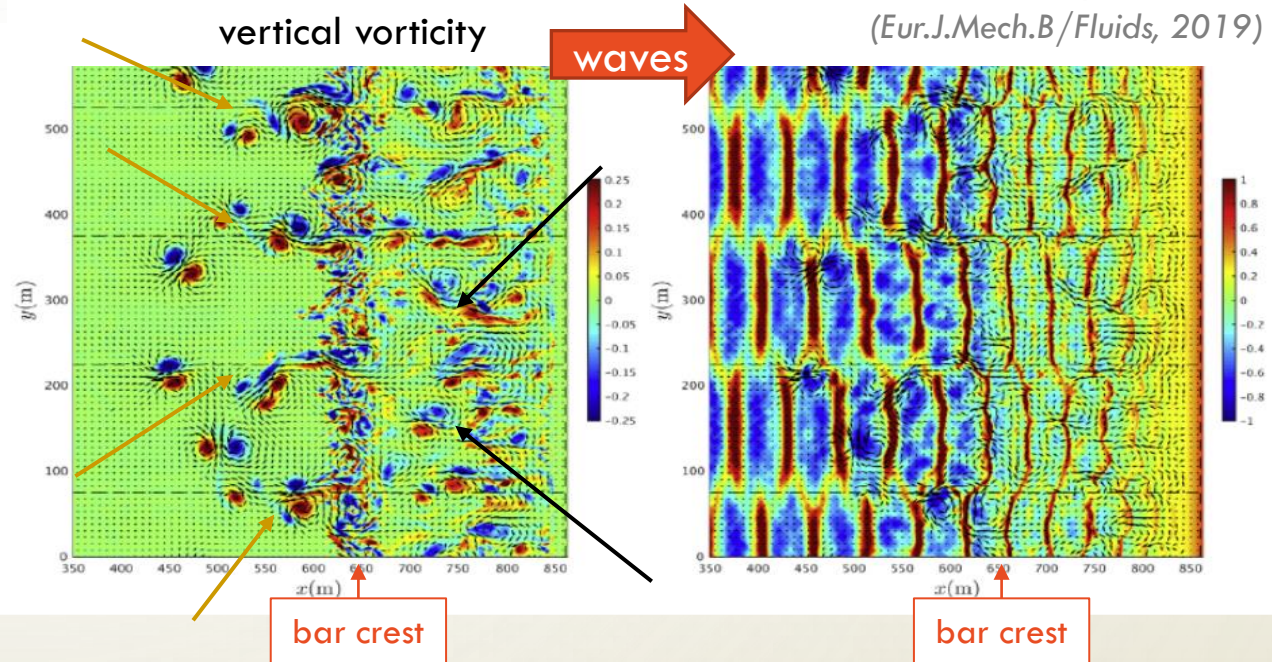
Adapted from  
Kirby & Derakhti  
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## • 2DH simulations

- FUNWAVE - depth-averaged Boussinesq-type model
- short-crested waves traveling over a barred beach
- breaking over bar crest ( $x \sim 650\text{m}$ )
- counter-rotating vortices at breaker edges
- well-organized (seaward) **rip currents** at incident wave nodes (dashed lines)
- nearshore breaking and **further rip currents**

## • 3D simulations

- TRUCHAS – Large Eddy Simulations (LES) code
- Peregrine (1999)'s **vortex loop** evolving towards a horseshoe vortex, then aligning with mean flow



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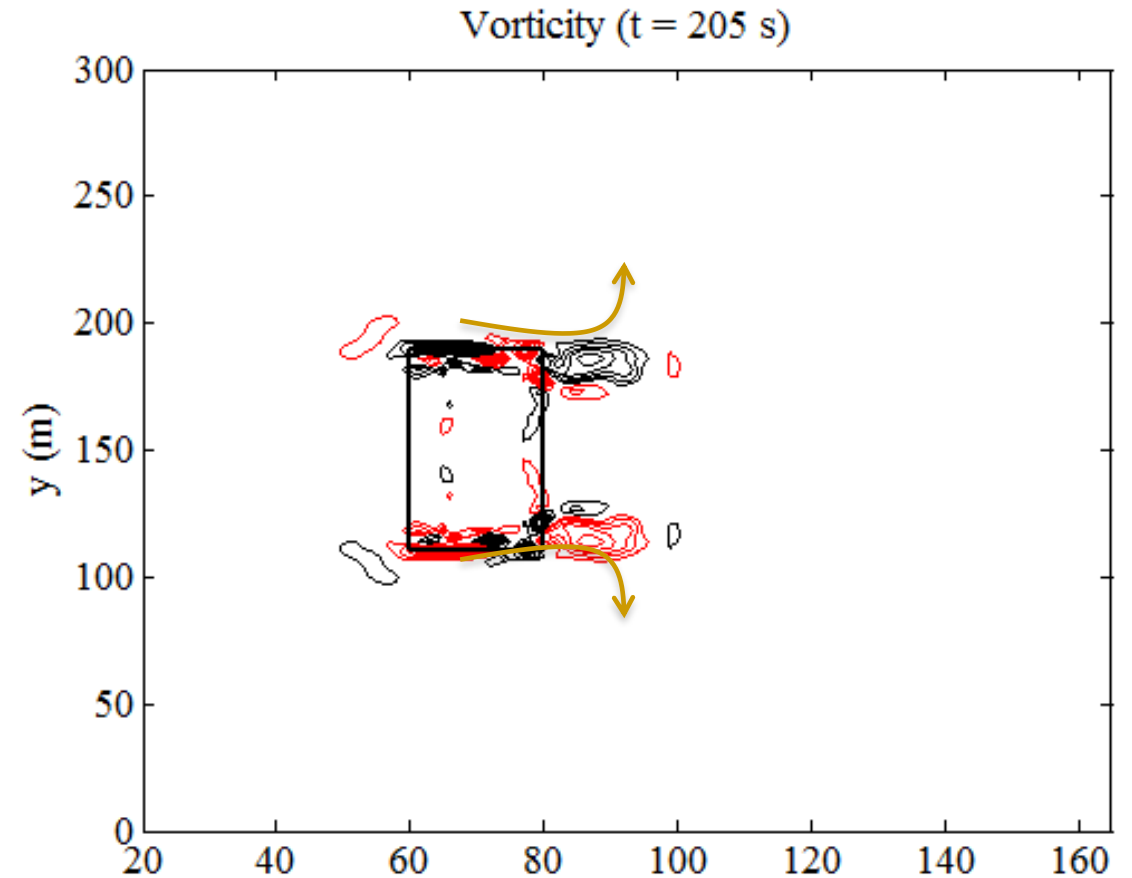
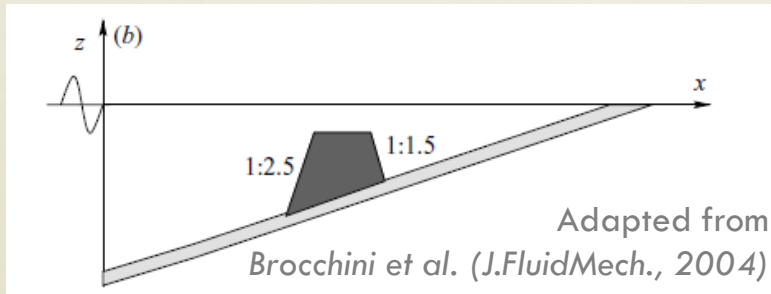
*\_breaking over submerged structures*

- **Numerical simulations**

- Nonlinear Shallow Water Equations (NSWE)
  - 2DH depth-averaged model
- regular wave train ( $H=1\text{ m}$ ,  $T=10\text{ s}$ ) over submerged breakwater

- **Findings**

- vortex generation along the lateral boundaries
- shoreward motion (mutual advection)
- self-advection around the structure + detachment
- motion nearby the structure (self-advection and interaction among vortices)
- vortex dissipation



Adapted from Postacchini & Brocchini (IDRA 2014)

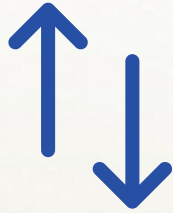


# (ALMOST) VERTICAL VORTICITY



**counter-rotating vortices**  
at the edges of short-crested breakers

- induced by submerged finite-length obstacles or intersecting waves



vortex motion ruled by  
**self-advection** and  
**mutual interaction**

- dispersion mechanism and inverse cascade
- important role in rip-current generation/development



**breakwater or cross-sea characteristics** define pattern of vortex pairs

- swimmers'/beach-goers' safety
- morphological changes, especially close to structures/at breaking locations, in the rip channel, where vortices migrate

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

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coherent structures in the coastal region at the basis of *engineering, environmental, safety* issues

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*almost horizontal vorticity* generates from interaction with submerged obstacles

- **bed erosion** (e.g., at structure toe) or **scouring** process
  - potential **structure instability**
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*almost vertical vorticity* generates from short-crested breakers

- interaction, shoreward-seaward motion, rip currents
- **erosion-deposition** patterns
- people **safety**



# SEDIMARE

Sediment Transport and Morphodynamics in Marine and Coastal Waters with Engineering  
Solutions



THANKS  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION

**“Calibration and verification of sediment transport models in the real world” (M. Knaapen, HRW)**





# Calibration and validation for morphological modelling in consultancy

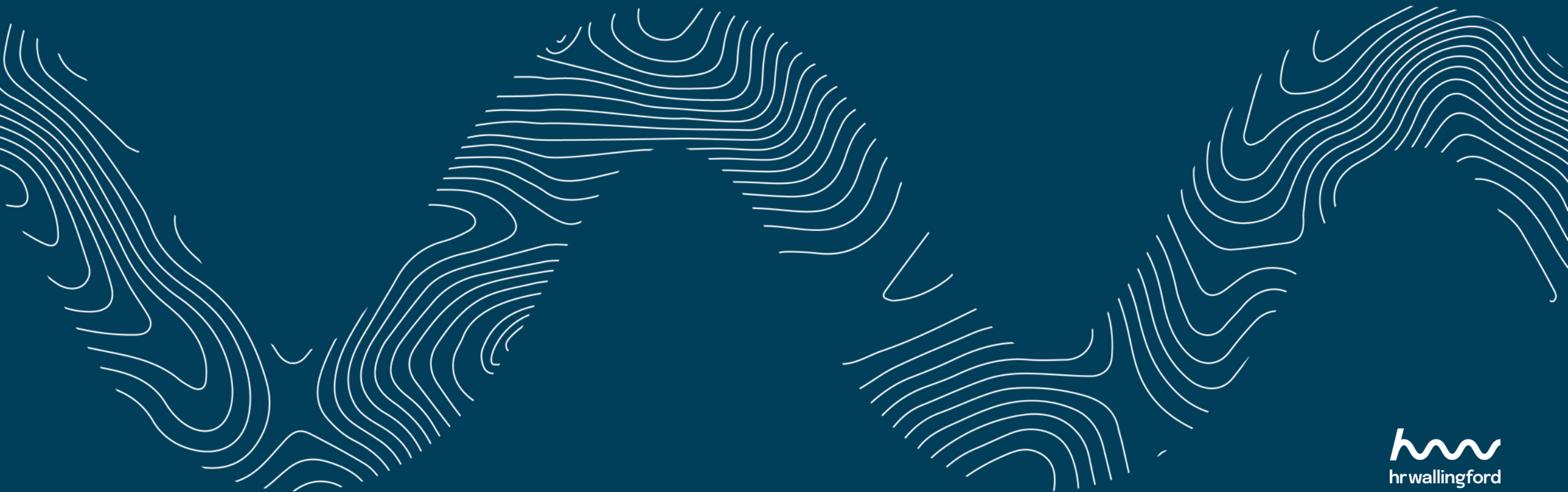
Michiel Knaapen



# Overview

- Data availability and quality
- Derived data/pseudo data
- Model input data sources
- Calibration parameters
- Project examples
  - Poole & Christchurch Bays
  - Texas

Data: Publicly available



Data availability

Water levels

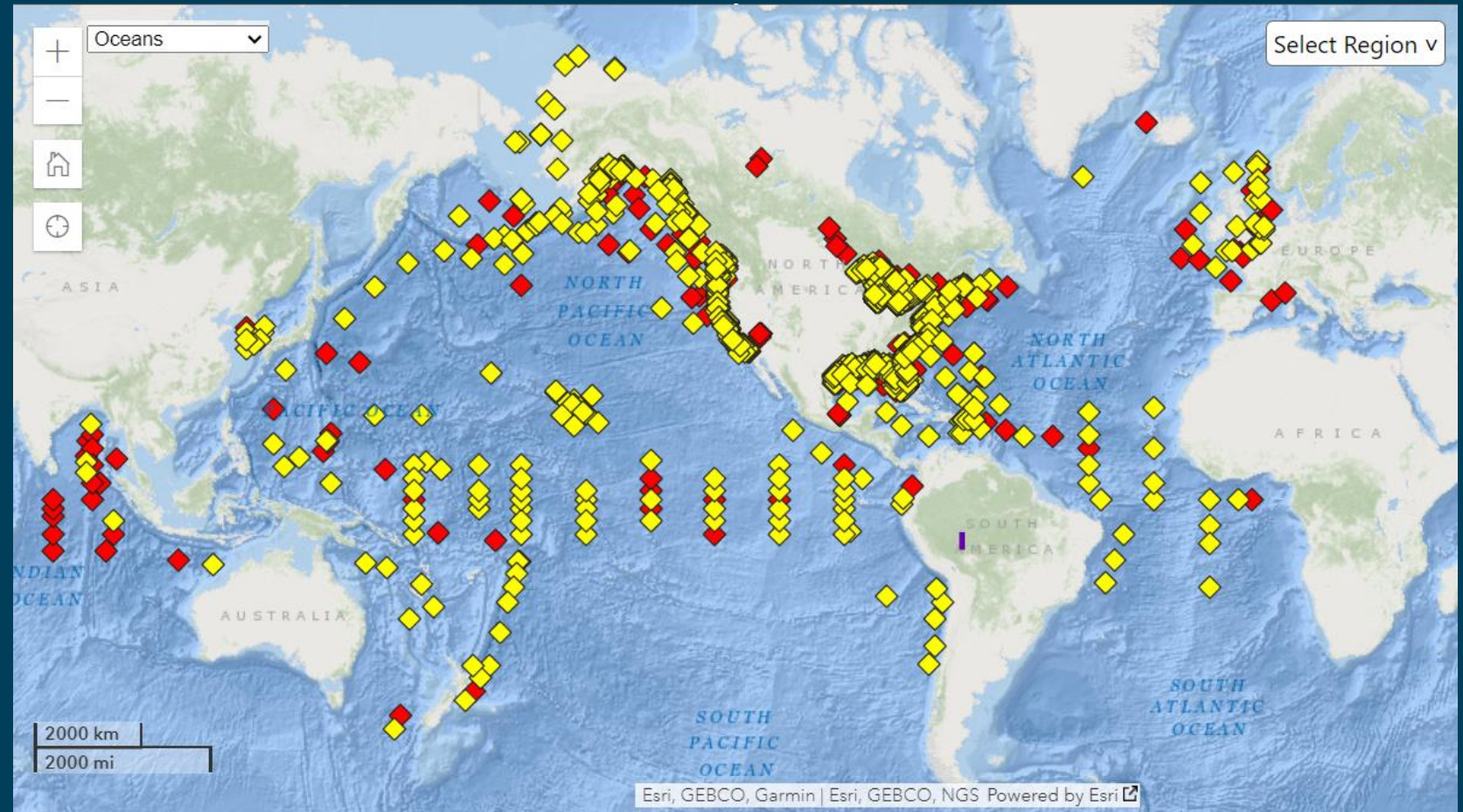
- Almost every port has a tide gauge
- Accurate satellite data



# Data availability

<https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

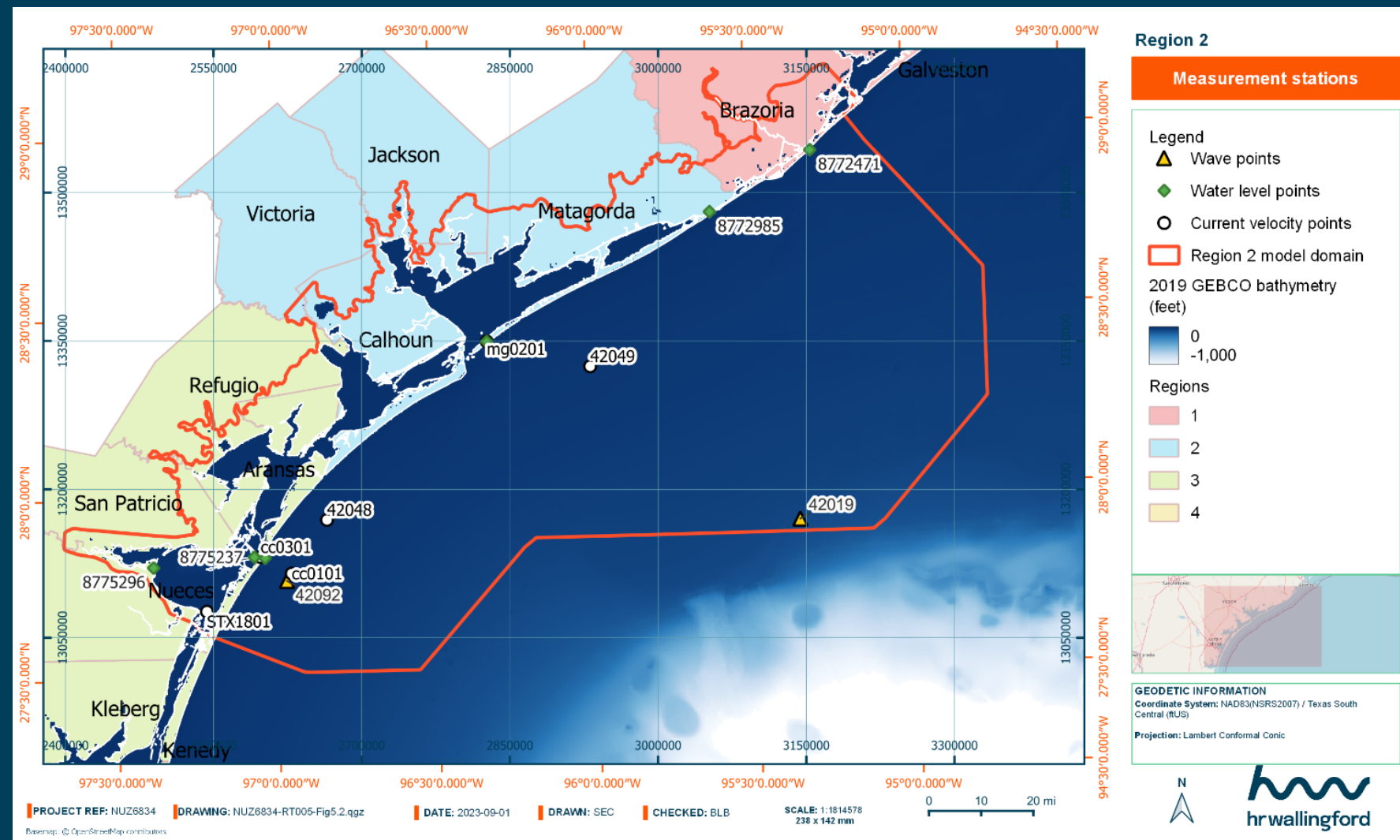
## Wave & current data



\*There are more buoys around

# Data availability

## Wave data & current data



Data availability

Current data

Generally only surface currents

If profiles are available, it will be missing

- the top 0.5-1m and
- bottom 0.5-1m

Data availability

Sediments

Sediment transport cannot be  
measured directly



## Data availability

### Sediments

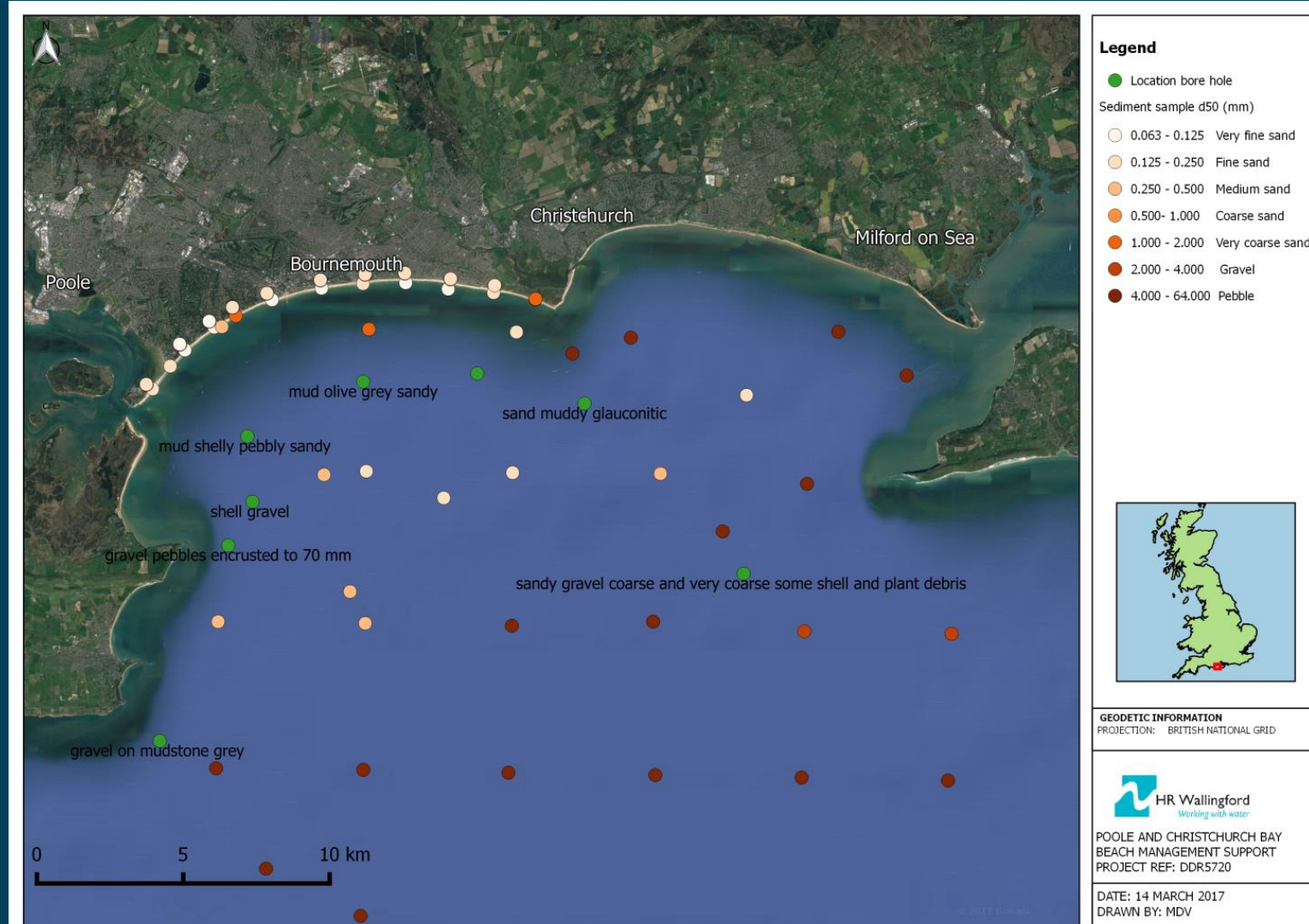
Concentration data is very rare outside specific research locations (Duck/Egmond/...)

- Taken during calm conditions
- Short period
- calm conditions
- Never taken near the bed

# Data availability

## Sediments

Seabed composition:  
Low resolution



Data availability

Sediments

Seabed composition:

Grain size distributions

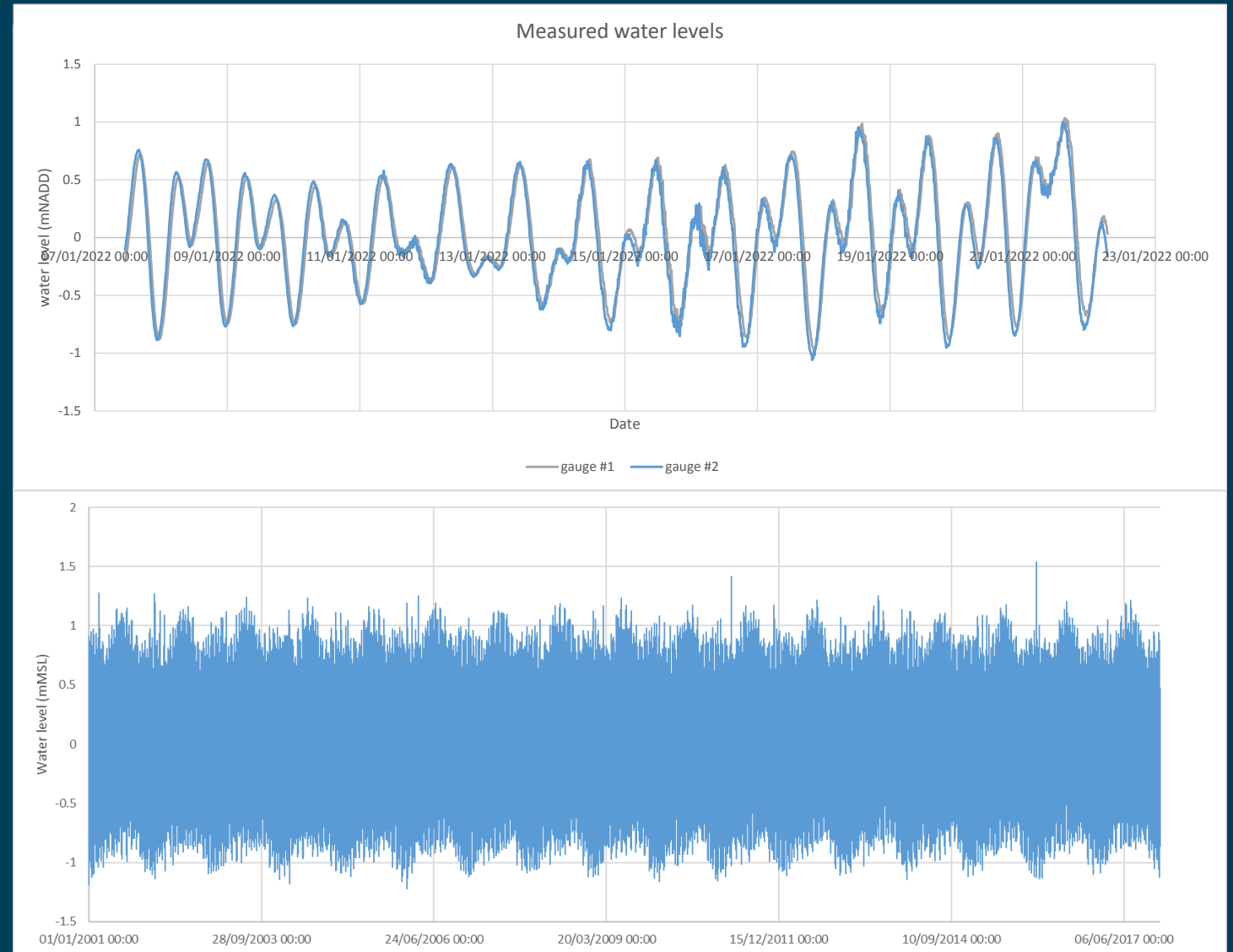
Median size

Sediment fractions  
(clay/silt/mud/gravel)

Classification

Project dependent  
data cover short  
period of time

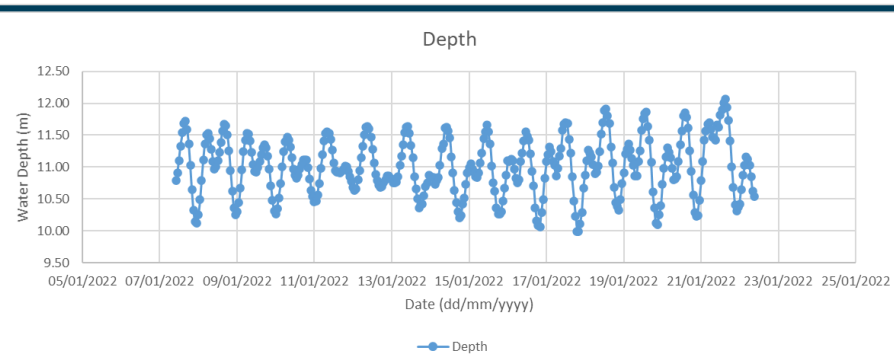
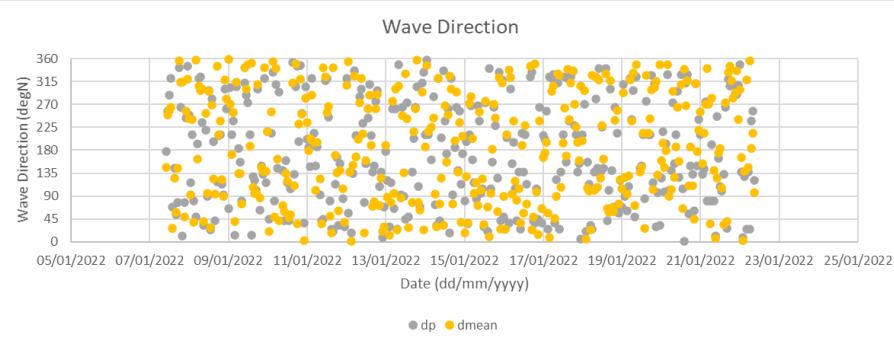
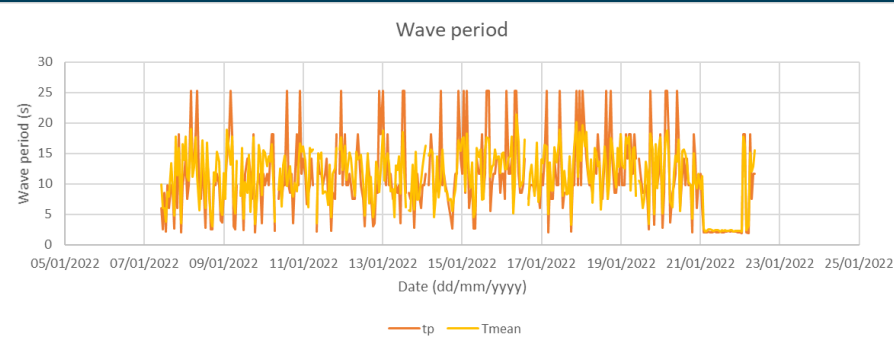
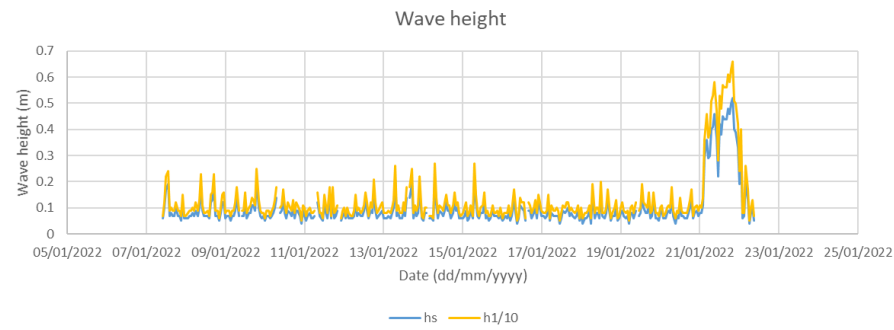
Water levels for  
Extreme level analysis





# Project dependent data

## Wave measurements for Extreme level analysis and sediment transport



# Uncertainties in sediment transport

- To improve form a factor 2-5, we do need verification
- Against local measurements
  - sediment transport or

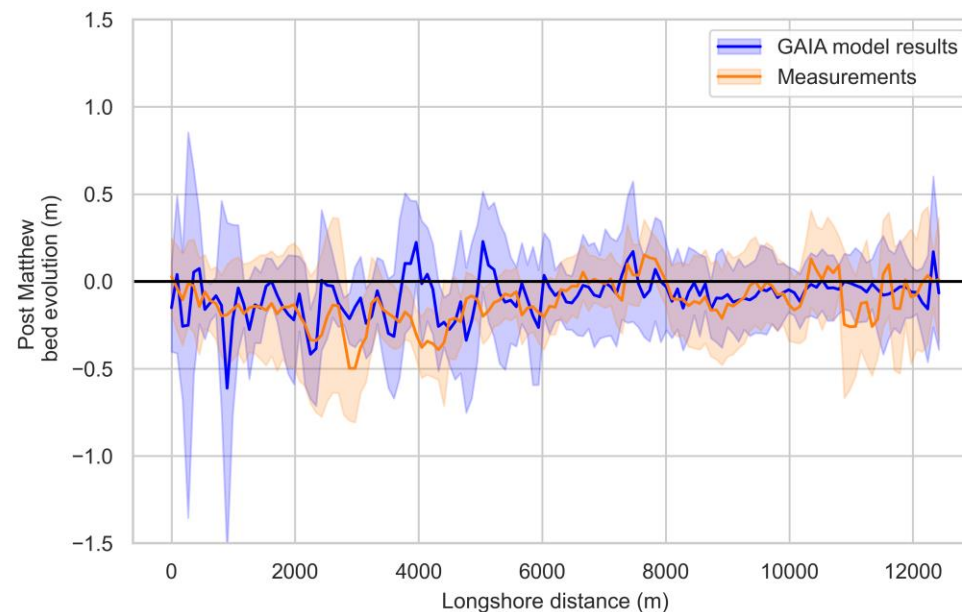
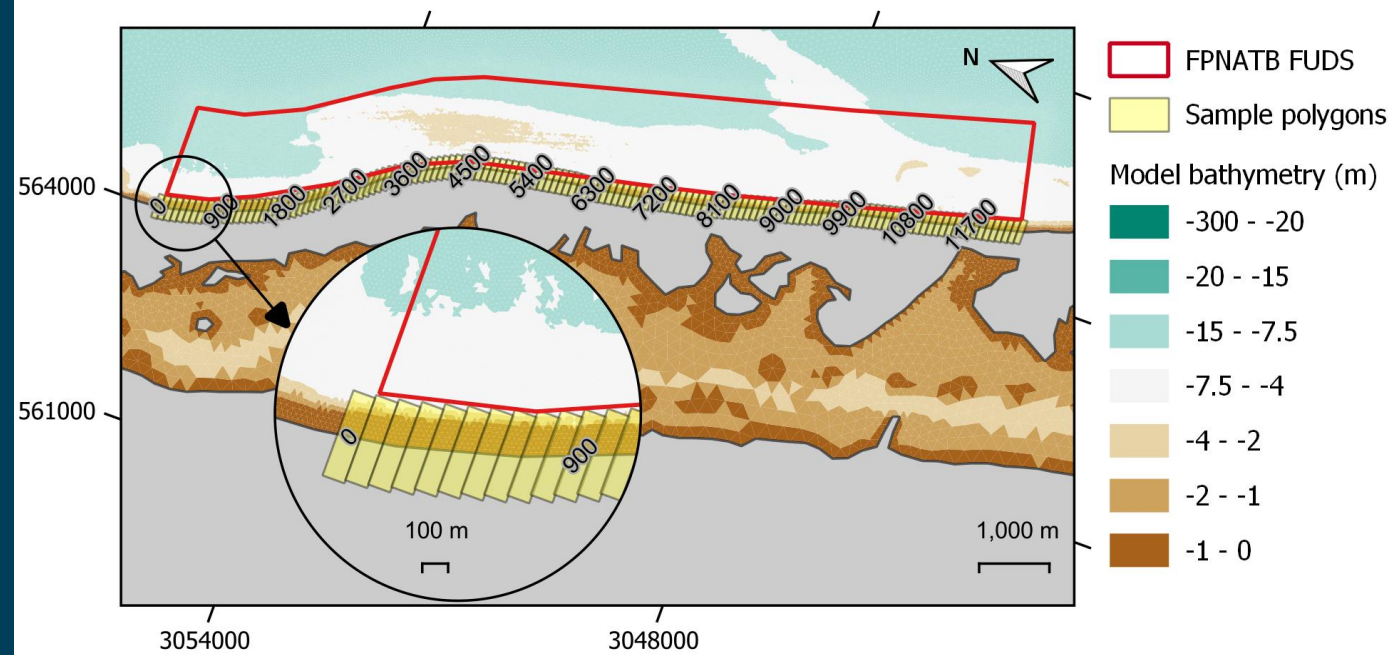
$$Q_s = \int_0^h u C$$

- $Q_s$  = suspended load transport
- $U$  = velocity
- $C$  = concentration
- $h$  = water depth

So needs velocities and concentrations in same location

# Shoreline morphology

## Modelled sediment budgets compared to observed shoreline retreat





# CHALLENGING ACCEPTED KNOWLEDGE ON THE LITTORAL DRIFT IN TEXAS

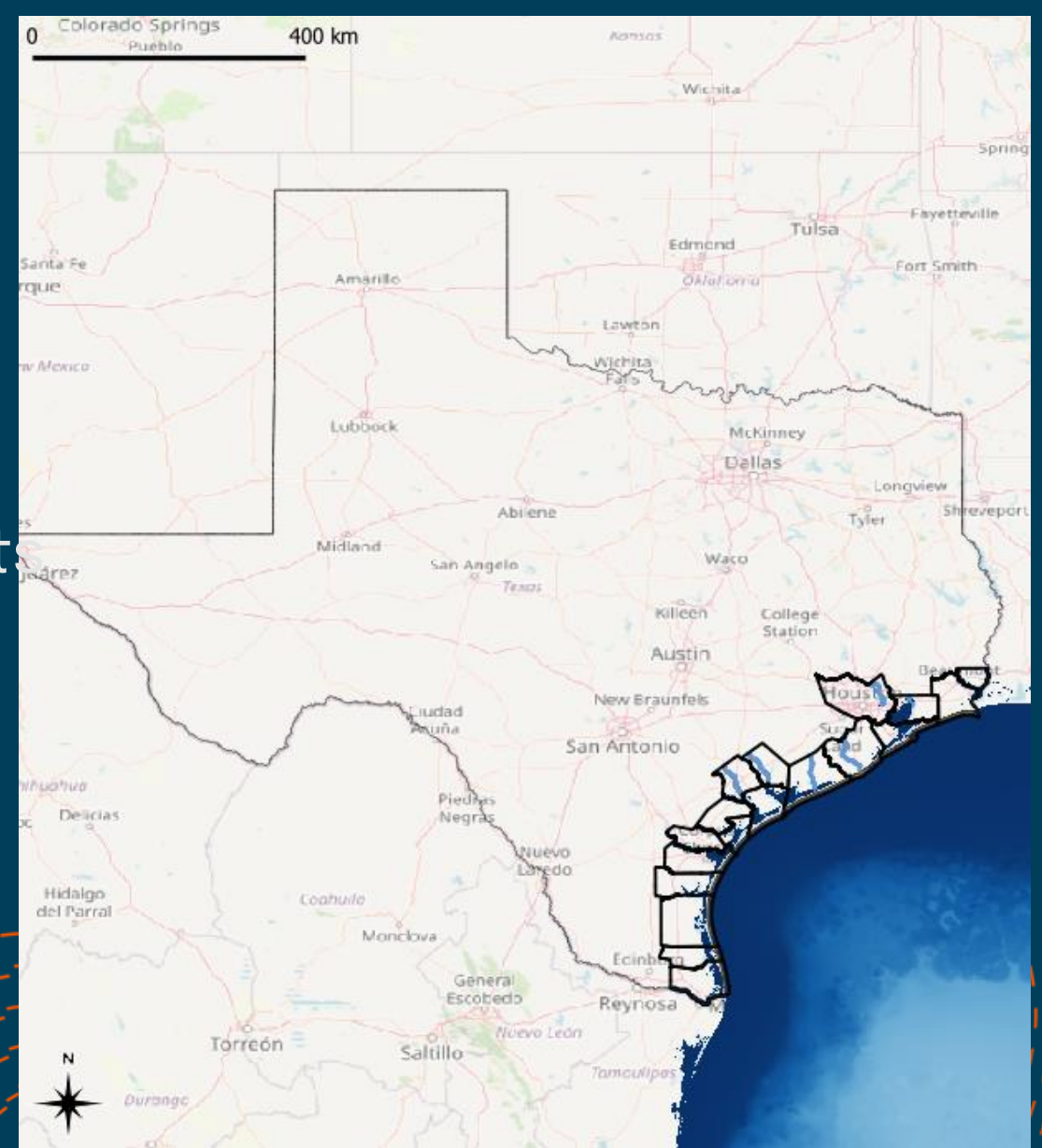
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# Soft solutions for coastal management

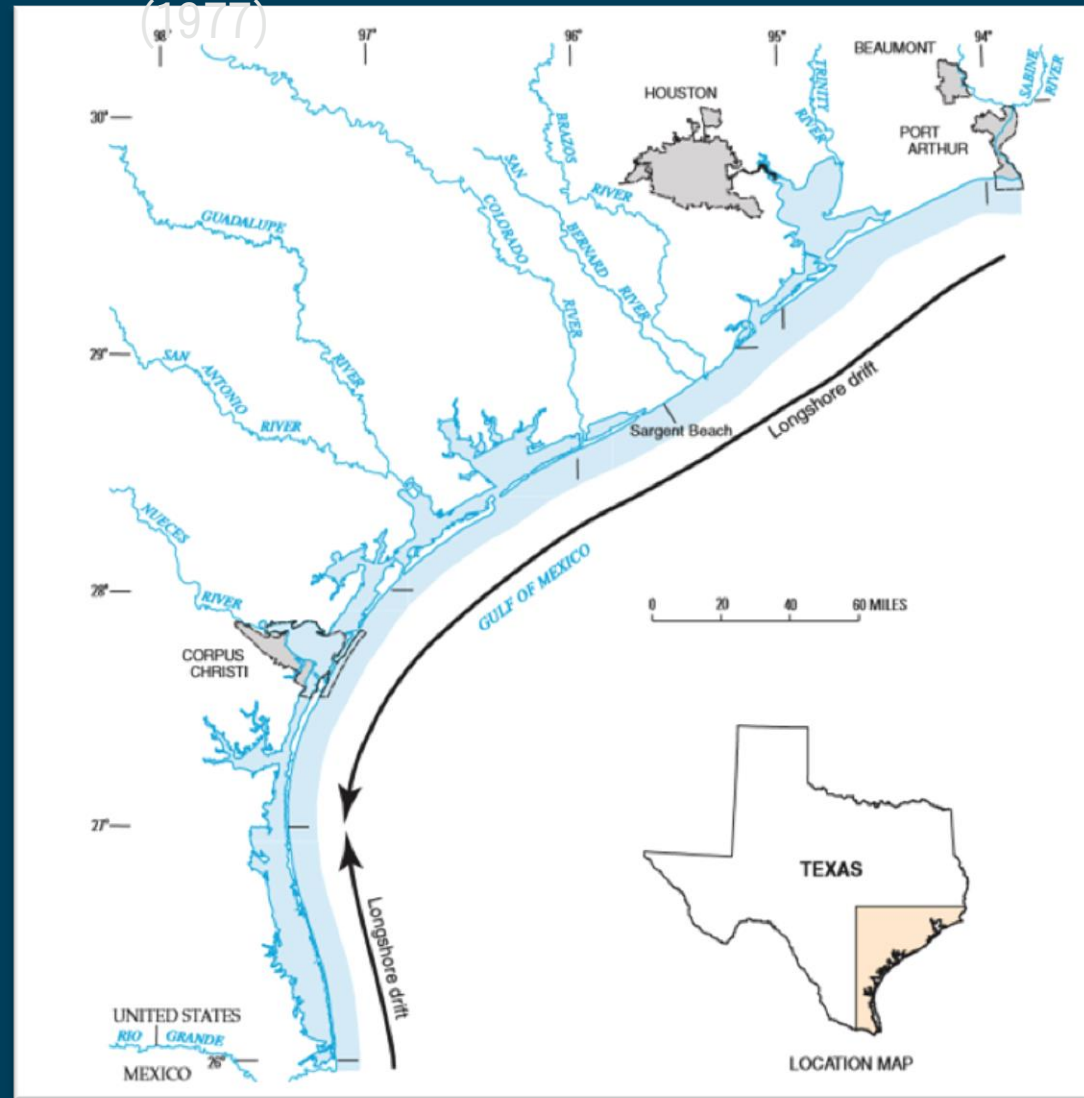
- Increasing number of nourishment
- Nourishment disappearing
- Need more sources for sediment



Literature based on McGowen et al

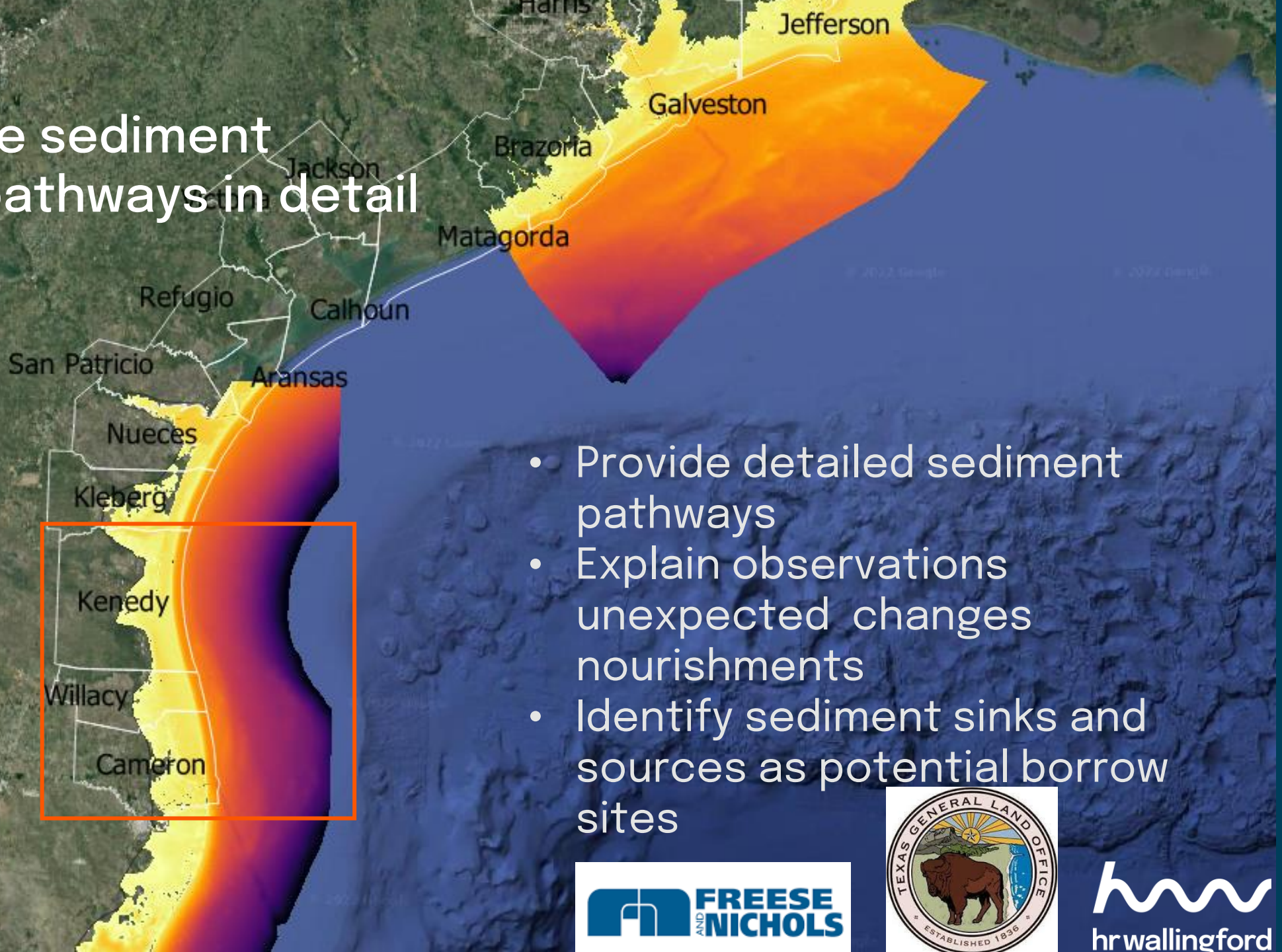
## Existing knowledge

Based on littoral drift  
due to waves from  
sector E-S,  
ignoring currents





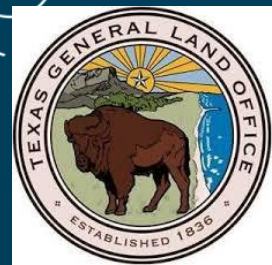
# Mapping the sediment transport pathways in detail



- Provide detailed sediment pathways
- Explain observations unexpected changes nourishments
- Identify sediment sinks and sources as potential borrow sites

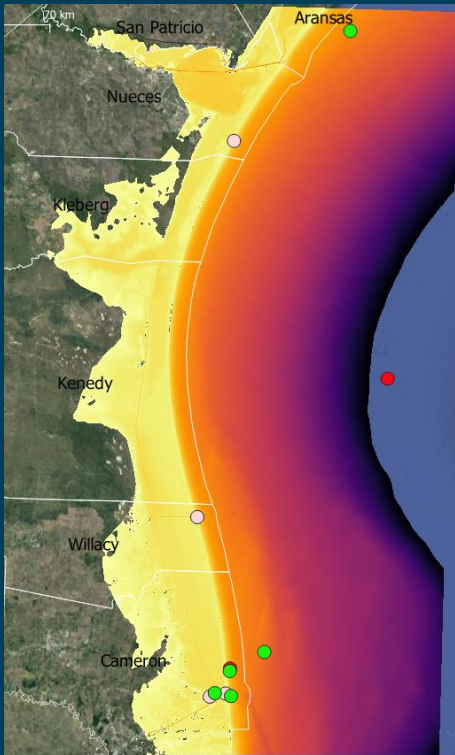
# The model: TELEMAC- TOMAWAC-SISYPHE

<http://www.opentelemac.org/>





# Model set-up sand transport modelling



## Mesh

- 500,000 nodes;
- 10m at breaker line;
- 5km on offshore boundary;
- barrier islands in bathymetry

# Model set-up sand transport modelling

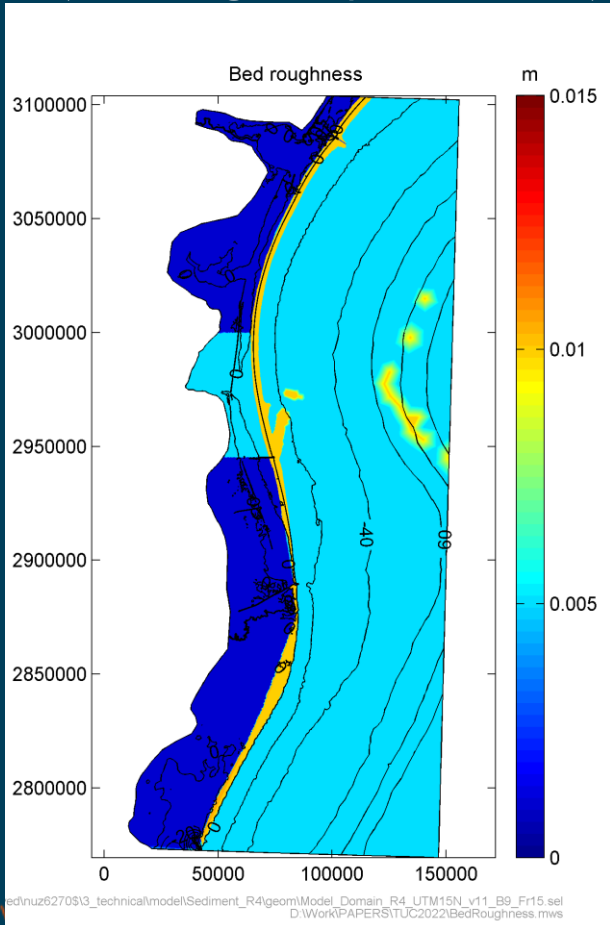
(Following Knaapen TUC 2019)

## Model setting:

- Waves: TOMAWAC
- Currents: TELEMAC 2D

Model settings as close to default as possible, exceptions:

- Numerical stability settings
- Smagorinski turbulence model
- Friction: Nikuradse, spatially varying



# Model set-up sand transport modelling

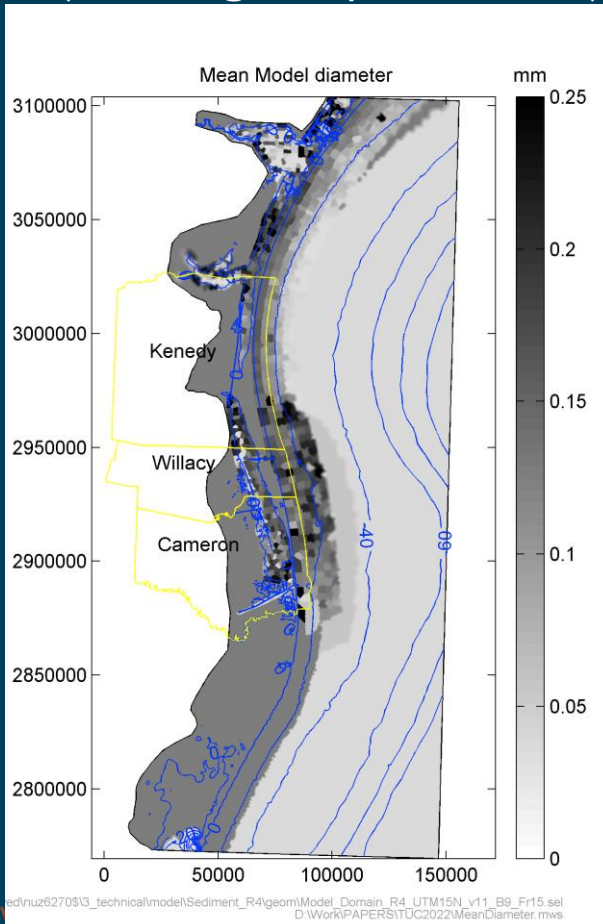
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## Model setting:

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- Currents: TELEMAC 2D
- Sediment: SISYPHE

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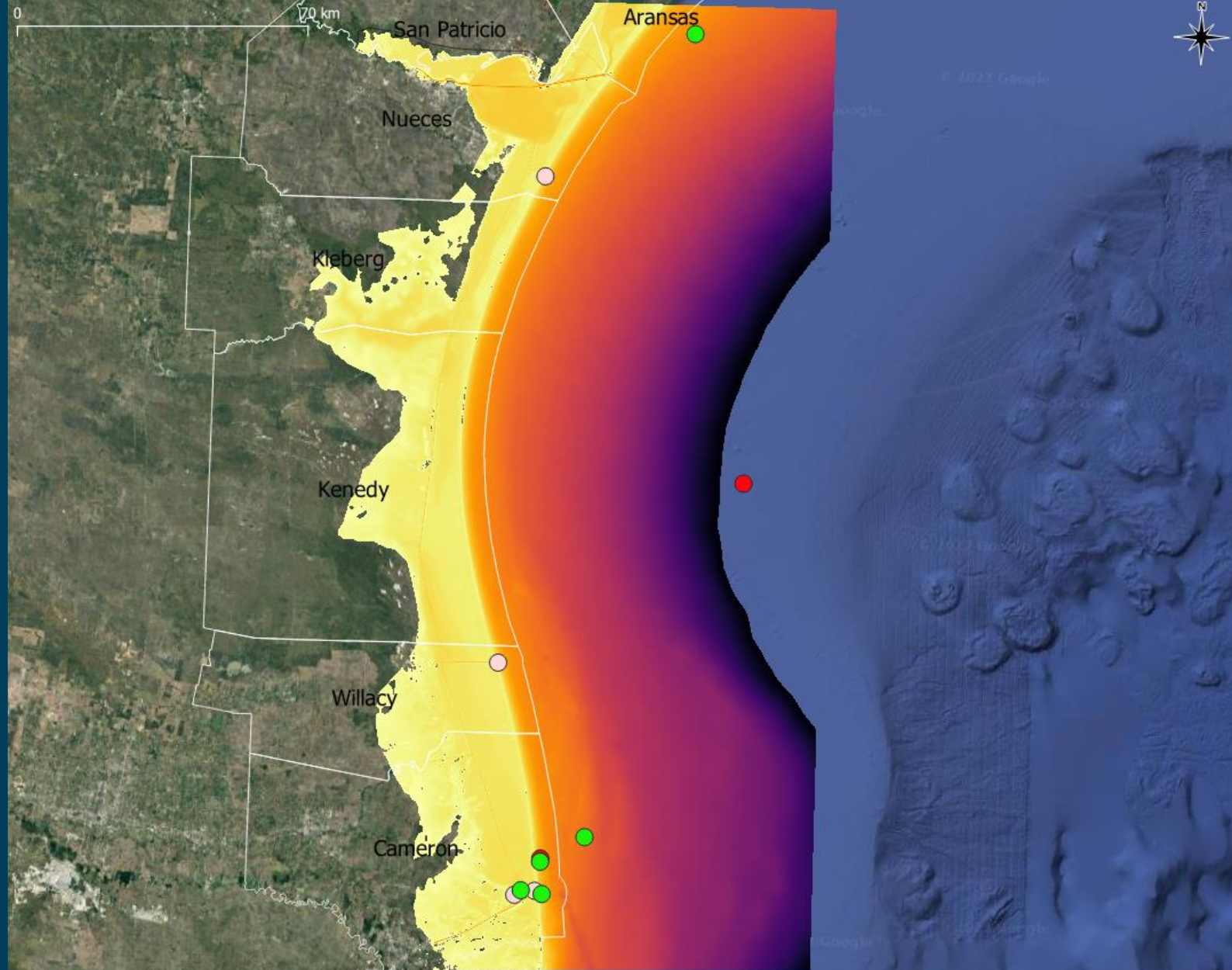
- Bedload sediment transport: Soulsby-van Rijn
- Suspended sediment transport: Soulsby-van Rijn
- Settling lag
- Grain size: Spatially varying; 5 sediment classes (silt & sand)





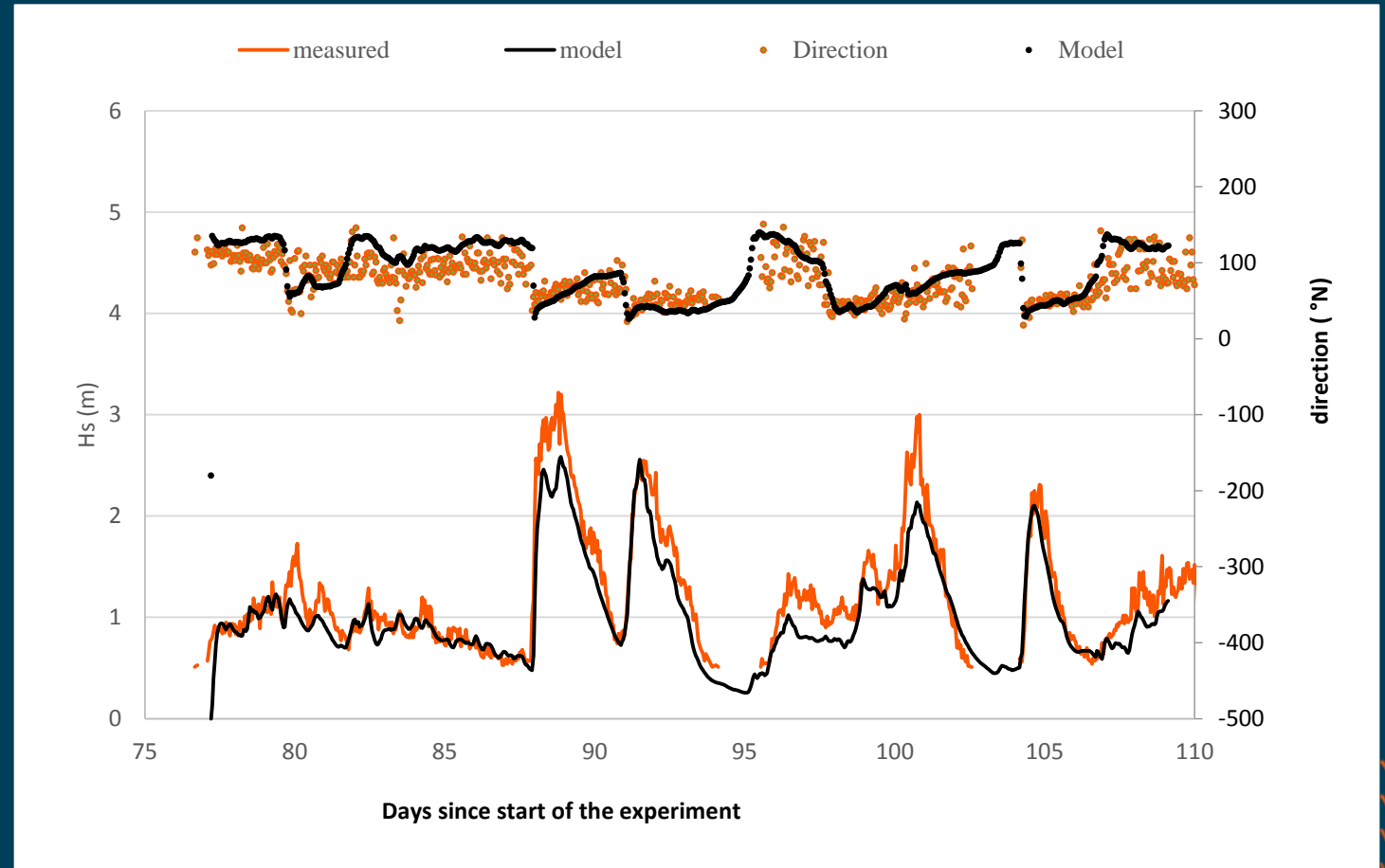
# Calibration/Validation data

Waves: 2 points (red)  
Currents: 5 points (green)  
Levels: 4 points (pink)

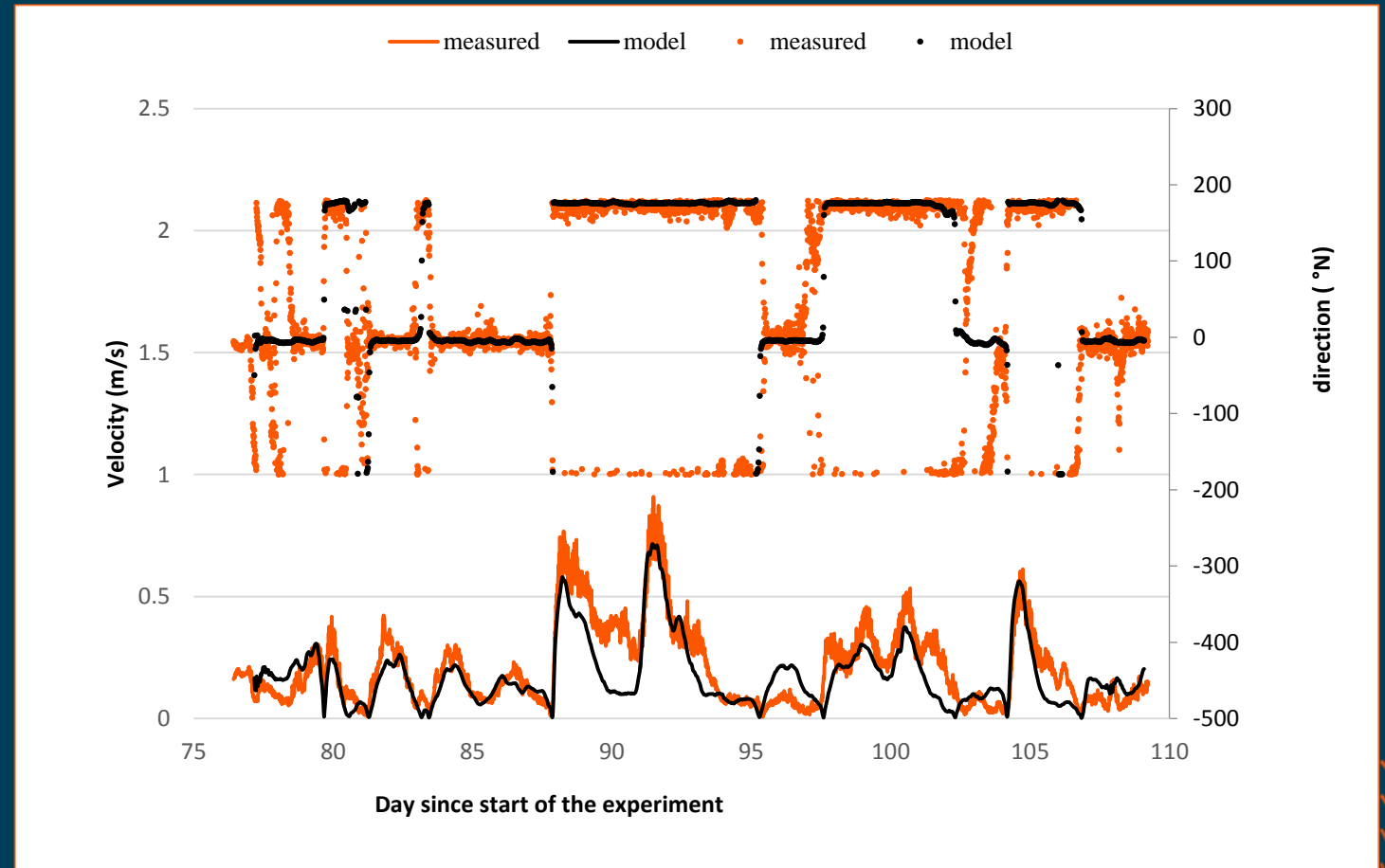




# Validation results nearshore waves



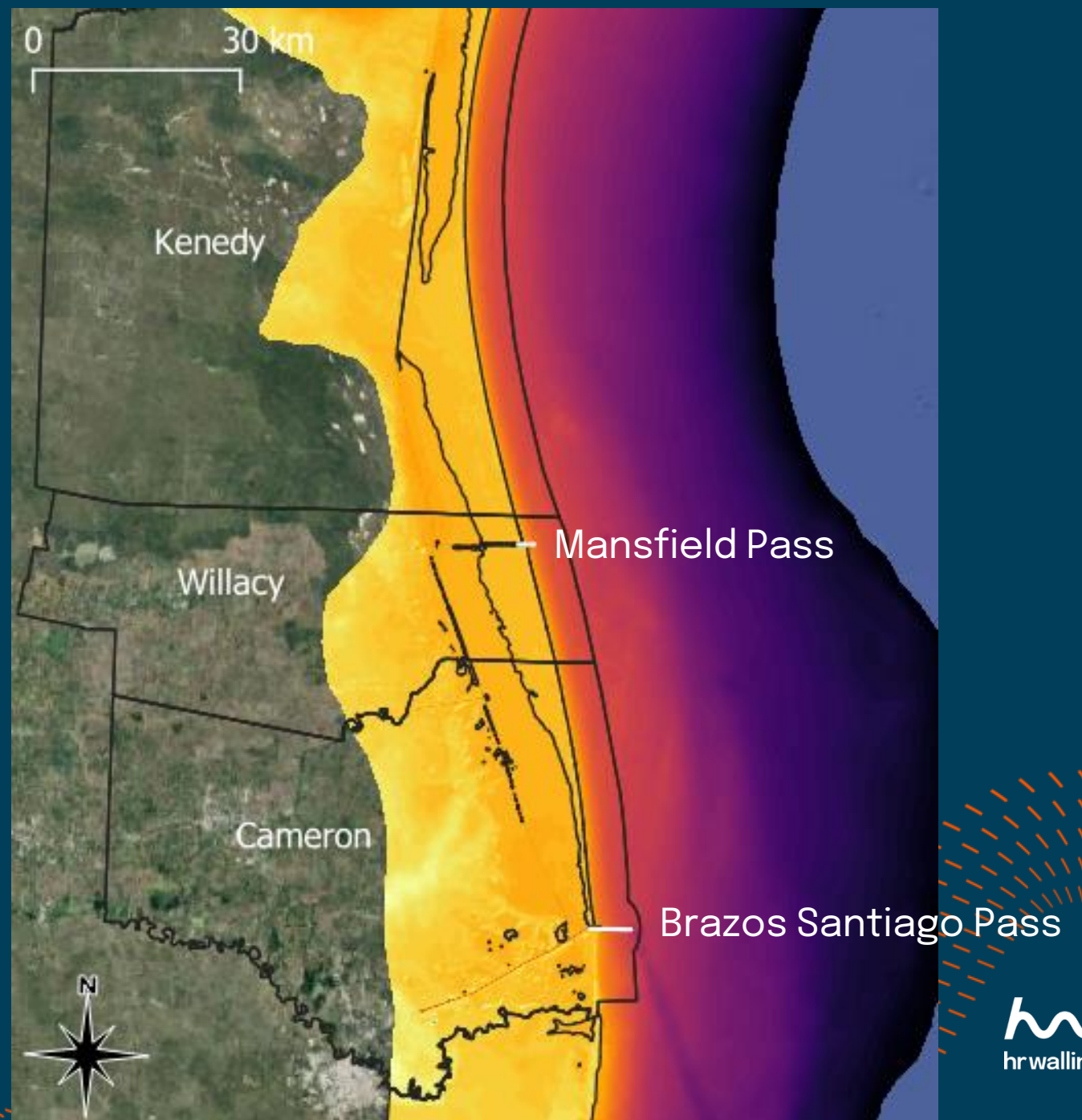
# Validation results nearshore currents



# Error statistics validation

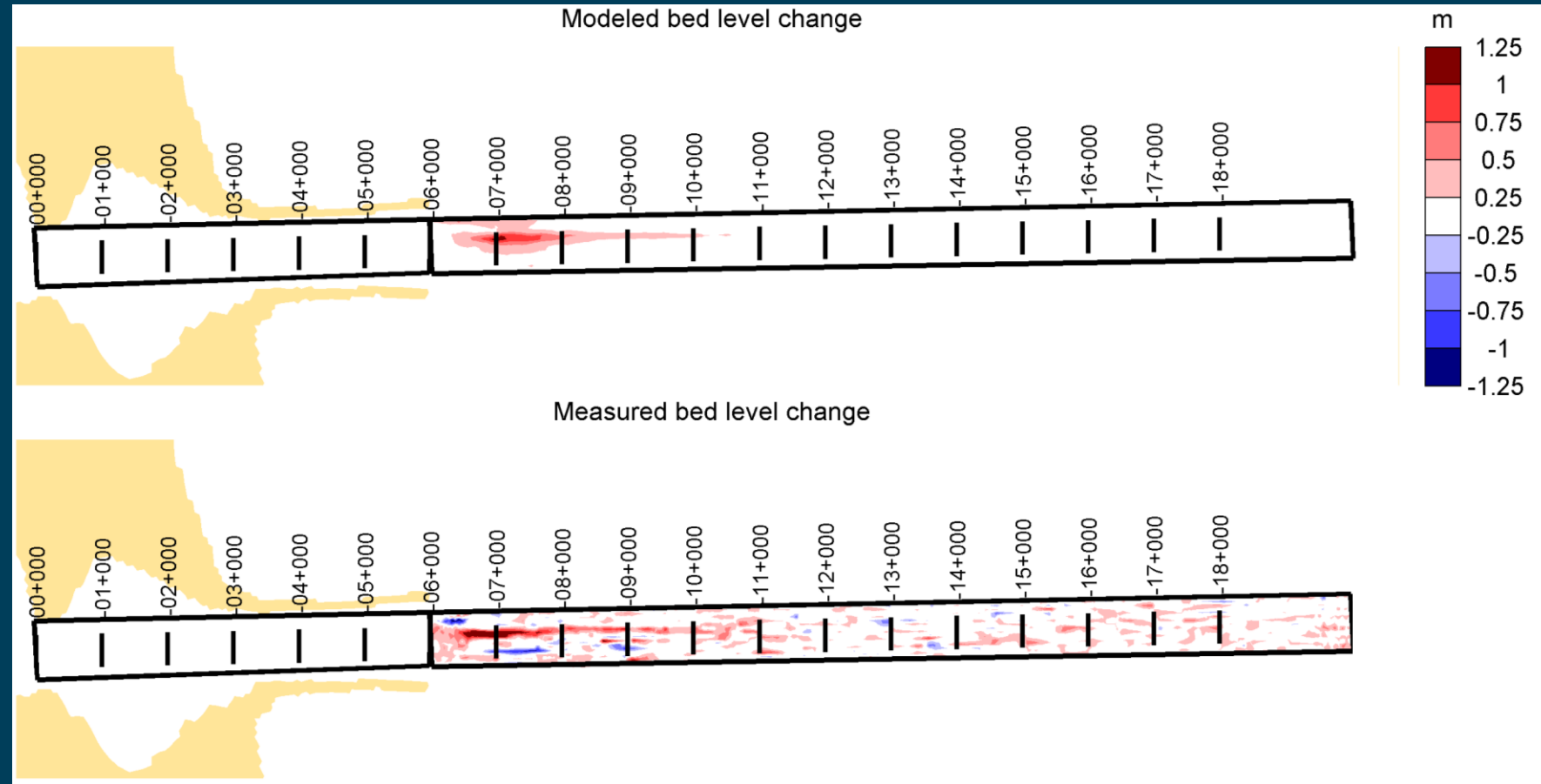
Variable	Location		RMSE	Skill
Water level (m)	Aransas Pass	Inlet	0.29	0.93
	Bob Hall Pier	Coast	0.29	0.93
	South Padre Island	Inlet	0.27	0.89
	Port Isabel	Laguna	0.28	0.94
Velocity (m/s)	Tabs Buoy D	Ocean	0.14	0.55
	Tabs Buoy J	Ocean	0.06	0.66
	South Padre Island September*	Coast	0.06	0.60
	South Padre Island November*	Coast	0.11	0.89
Wave height (m)	NDBC 42045	Ocean	0.28	0.85
	Engel et al (2019) South Padre Island November*	Coast	0.14	0.95

# Channel sedimentation

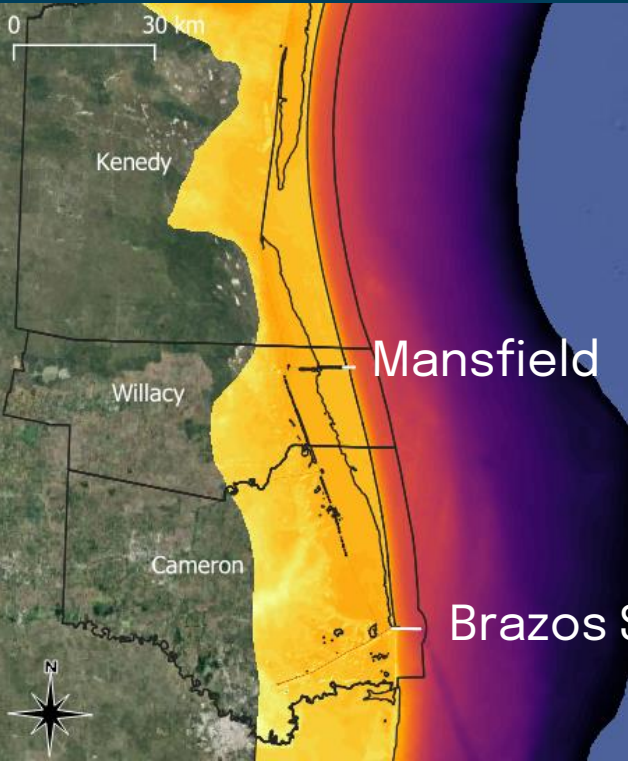




# Channel sedimentation outside Brazos Santiago Pass

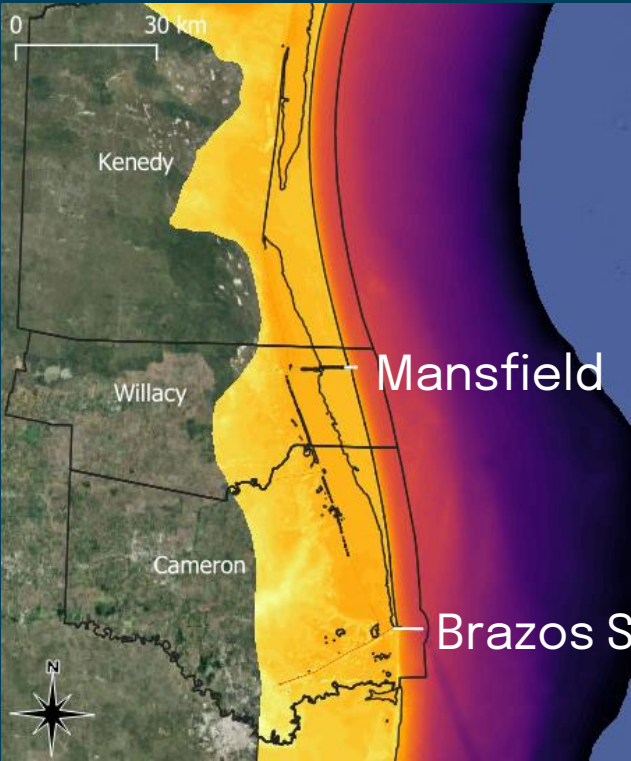


# Quantification evolution 3 months



Channel	Measured infill	Model infill	Error
	m <sup>3</sup> /y	m <sup>3</sup> /y	%
Brazos Santiago jetties	62,000*	58,000	-6
Brazos Santiago outer	78,000	73,000	-6
Mansfield jetties	-45,000	-22,000	-51

# Quantification long-term infill /dredging volumes



Channel	Measured infill	Model infill	Error
	m <sup>3</sup> /y	m <sup>3</sup> /y	%
Brazos Santiago jetties	115,000	147,000	28
Brazos Santiago outer	154,000	124,000	19
Mansfield jetties	27,000	41,000	52
Mansfield outer	2,000	0	-100

# Area modelling changes the conventional knowledge on littoral drift in Texas

## Conclusion:

- Even though the current velocities in the Gulf of Mexico are low, they cannot be neglected in nearshore sediment transport calculations



# Area modelling changes the conventional knowledge on littoral drift in Texas

## Implications:

- Placement of dredged material:
  - Placement sites north of the entrance channel
  - Sediment could rapidly return to channel
- Location of Nourishment:
  - Distance offshore might effect direction of movement
- Breakwaters/groynes:
  - The length of the groyne might influence not only the magnitude but also the direction of sediment bypassing