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## 1. Program

The SEDIMARE “2<sup>nd</sup> Training School” was organized by the University of Twente and Deltares at Twente and Delft, respectively, in the Netherlands, on 5-8 November 2024. Local organizers were Prof. P. Roos and Prof. J. van der Werf. The event was attended in person by all DCs.

The SEDIMARE meeting consisted of two parts:

1. Training for the DCs at the University of Twente, Enschede on 5-6 November. The DCs followed a presentation skills training. They worked on the presentations to be given at Part 2 of the meeting. Draft presentations had to be ready before the start of the training.
2. Experimental & modeling workshop for all SEDIMARE members at Deltares, Delft on 7-8 November.

### **Tuesday 5 November (DCs only) - University of Twente, Horsttoren, room Z-203**

08.45 – 09.00 walk-in

09.00 – 09.15 welcome by Kathelijne Wijnberg, UT professor Coastal Systems a& Nature-Based Engineering

09.15 – 12.30 training presentation skills

12.30 – 14.00 lunch

14.00 – 17.00 training presentation skills

### **Wednesday 6 November (DCs only) - University of Twente, Horsttoren, room Z-203**

09.00 – 12.30 training presentation skills

12.30 – 13.00 lunch

~14.00 train to Delft

### **Thursday 7 November – Deltares, room Ganges Delta**

Training School & Workshop “Experimental and Practical Modelling of Sediment Transport and Coastal Morphology”

09.00 – 09.30 walk-in

09.30 – 09.45 welcome by Dirk-Jan Walstra (managing director Deltares) & Jebbe van der Werf

09.45 – 10.00 Athanassios Dimas (PI) – introduction of SEDIMARE

10.00 – 10.40 Keynote 1: Bas van Maren (Deltares, TUDelft) – “Measurements and modeling of the erodibility of sand-mud beds” (30 min + 10 min discussion)

10.40-11.00 coffee/tea break

*Morphodynamic modeling oriented DCs (10 min presentation, 10 min discussion)*

- 11.00 – 11.20 Buckle Subbiah Elavazhagan (#5) - Morphodynamic analysis of the upper confined and unconfined beach profiles during episodic events
- 11.20 – 11.40 Jowi Miranda (#7) – Process-based modeling of sand mud morphodynamics
- 11.40 – 12.00 Nasim Soori (#4) - Mixing and transport in the coastal area
- 12.00 – 12.20 Nishchay Tiwari (#12) - Multi-models approach to scour in dynamics areas
- 12.20 – 13.30 lunch
- 13.30 – 14.10 Keynote 2: Sandra Soares-Frazão, UCL – “Breaching of earthen embankments: from small-scale laboratory experiments to field measurements using photogrammetry” (30 min + 10 min discussion)

*Field/lab oriented DCs (10 min presentation, 10 min discussion)*

- 14.10 – 14.30 Muhammed Said Parlak (#2) - Nearshore wave processes by remote sensing
- 14.30 – 14.50 Van Thi To Nguyen (#3) - Erosion and transport processes of sand-silt mixtures
- 14.50 – 15.10 coffee/tea break
- 15.10 – 15.30 Siyuan Wang (#8) - Morphodynamics of breach growth and bank erosion using laboratory experiments
- 15.30 – 15.50 Eloah Rosas (#9) - Characterization of stratification and near-bed dense layers in high-density sediment-laden flows
- 15.50 – 16.10 Saeed Osouli (#10) - Overtopping breakwater for energy conversion
- 16.10 – 17.00 discussion of DC secondments (lead by Athanassios Dimas)
- 19.00 “Meeting” dinner in the evening.

**Friday 8 November – Deltares, room Ganges Delta**

Training School & Workshop “Experimental and Practical Modelling of Sediment Transport and Coastal Morphology”

*Detailed numerical modeling DCs (10 min presentation, 10 min discussion)*

- 09.30 – 9.50 Ioannis Gerasimos Tsipas (#1) - Large-eddy simulations of turbulent oscillatory flow and sediment transport induced by waves
- 09.50 – 10.10 Quan Nguyen (#11) - Morphodynamic swash zone modelling
- 10.10 – 10.30 Evangelos Petridis (#6) - Mathematical modeling and numerical simulations of water-saturated granular materials
- 10.30 – 11.00 Keynote 3: Mark Klein Breteler – Deltares experimental facilities & measuring techniques (20 min + 10 min discussion)
- 11.00 – 11.15 coffee/tea break
- 11.15 – 12.30 guided tour of Deltares experimental facilities
- 12.30 – 13.30 lunch

## **2. Presentations**

The theme of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Network Training School was “Experimental and Practical Modelling of Sediment Transport and Coastal Morphology”. Therefore, the scope of the presentations by scientists was on the fundamentals and the applications of experimental and field methods, as well as on practical modelling to be used by the DCs in their research.

The corresponding presentations, as well as the presentations of all the DCs, are shown in the next pages.

**“Measurements and modeling of the erodibility of sand-mud beds”**

**(Invited Speaker Bas van Maren, Deltares & TUDelft)**

## Measurements and modeling of the erodibility of (sand)-mud beds

Recent insights into the role of density

Bas van Maren

(with most of the work done by others, especially Leo van Rijn, Roy van Weerdenburg, Marcio Boechat, Ana Colina, Irene Colosimo, Thijs van Kessel, Floris van Rees)

# Wadden Sea fringing flats (near Koehool)

What is the mud content?  
What is the dry density?



**'Mud'**  
Density  $\sim 500 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
Mud content  $\sim 50\text{-}60\%$   
  
PhD work Irene Colosimo





# Recent insights

- Role of density in erosion of sand-mud mixtures
  - MUSA experiments
  - Delft3D improvements
- Strength development during drying
  - Field experiments
  - Delft3D improvements

Erosion parameter

Critical bed shear stress for erosion

$$E = M \frac{(\tau_b - \tau_{cr})}{\tau_{cr}}$$

# Role of density in erosion of sand-mud mixtures

- MUSA project (Improve understanding of erosion & sedimentation of sand-mud mixtures and implement it in engineering tools and numerical software)
- 2020 – 2023 (MUSA2 2024 – 2028)
- Consortium of Leo v. Rijn, WaterProof, Boskalis, DEME, Jan de Nul, RHDHV, Arcadis, DHI, HRW, Deltares (Svasek, Rijkswaterstaat, Waterbouwkundig Laboratorium Borgerhout)



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Literature survey



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Lab experiments

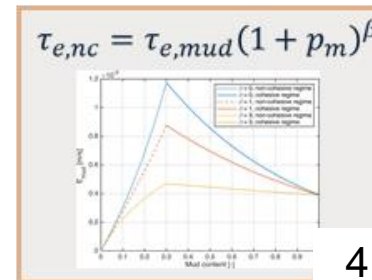
- Erosion (flumes)
- Properties



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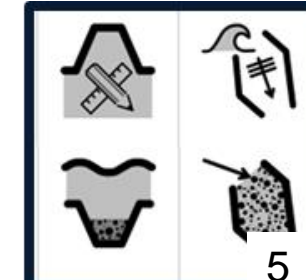
Field surveys

- boat + frame
- Flocculation camera measurements



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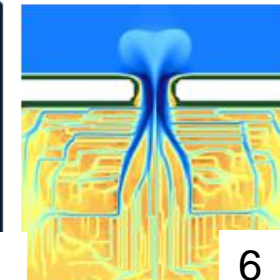
Analysis +  
Formulations



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Toolbox

- Leo van Rijn tools
- CoDeS



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Upgrade  
numerical  
models:  
Delft3D + Mike

# Sample collection

- Bulk samples
- Undisturbed samples





# Erosion tests

Small flume

Big flume



Deltares

# Erosion tests



Deltares

# Erosion tests

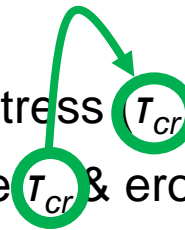
Sediment beds:

- Placed beds (undisturbed samples)
- Remoulded beds
- Diluted, remoulded beds

Observation method

- Visual determination of Critical Bed Shear Stress  $\tau_{cr}$  (all samples)
- SSC conversion to erosion rate to determine  $\tau_{cr}$  & erosion parameter (some samples)

verification





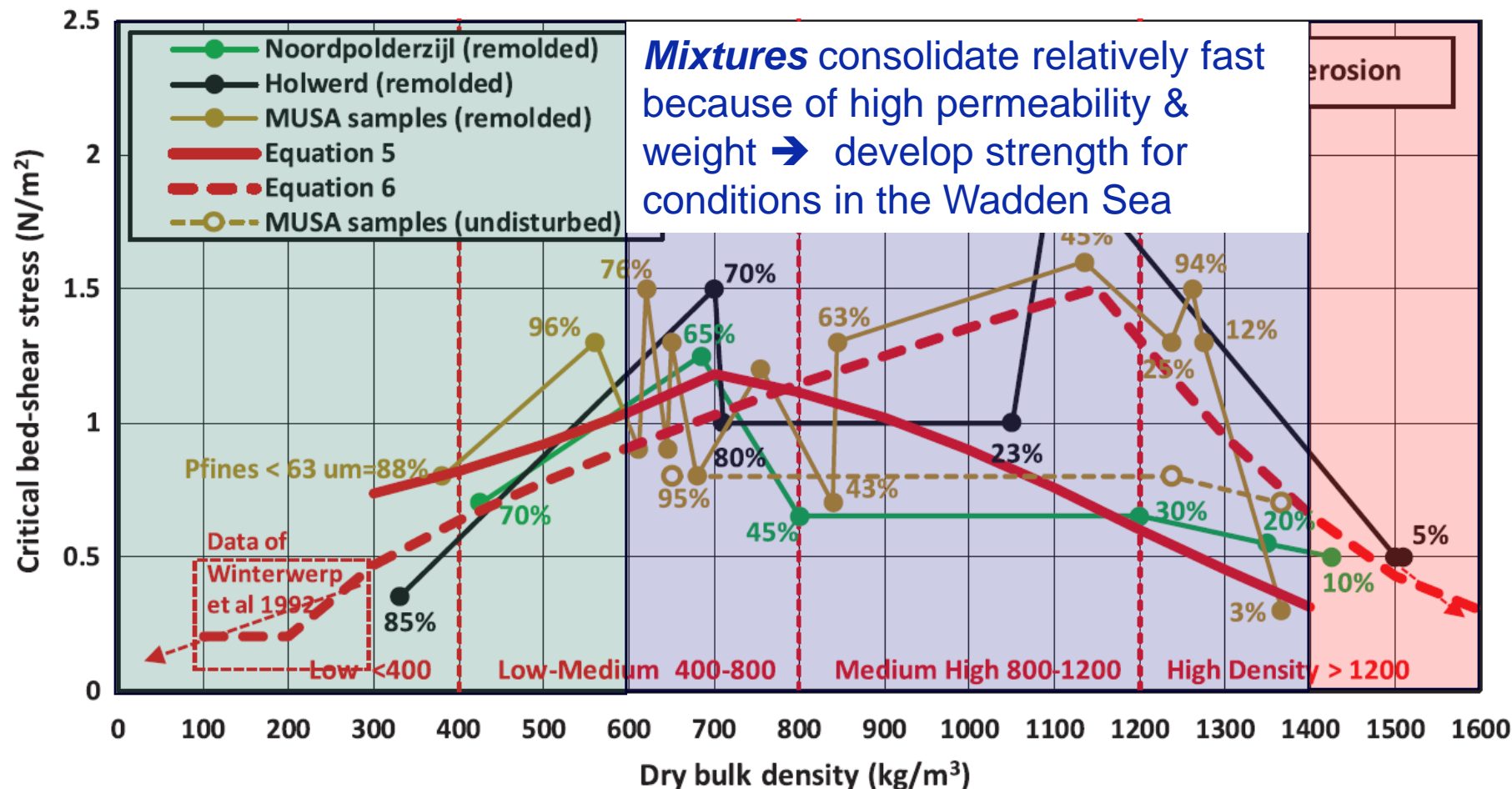
# Erosion tests – main findings

## Critical Bed-Shear Stress of Mud–Sand Mixtures

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**Muddy sediment** consolidates slowly →  
remains soft under Wadden Sea conditions

**Sand** erodes  
relatively easy



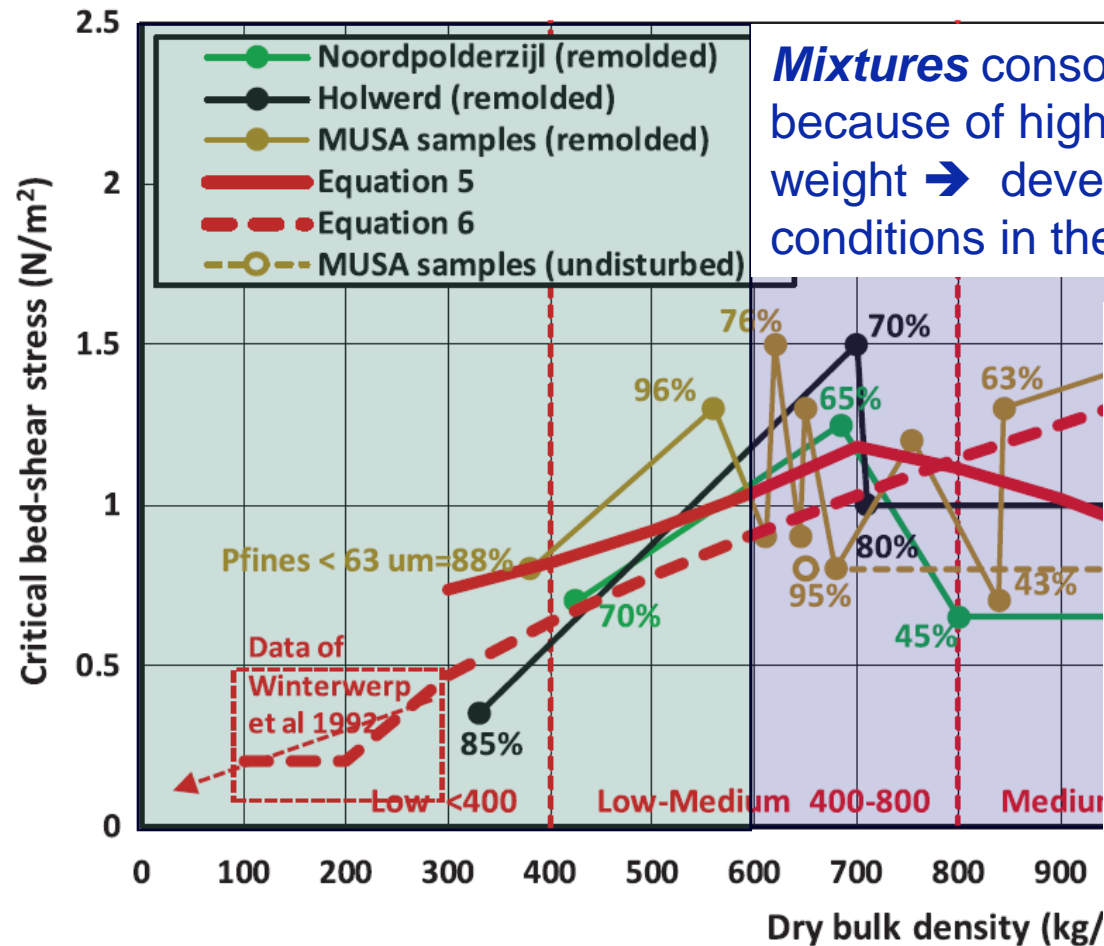
- $\tau_{cr}$  is highest for intermediate density
- This corresponds to mixtures with a mud content of 30-70%
- High density: sandy mixtures with a low  $\tau_{cr}$  (Shields curve erosion)
- Low density: muddy mixtures with a low  $\tau_{cr}$

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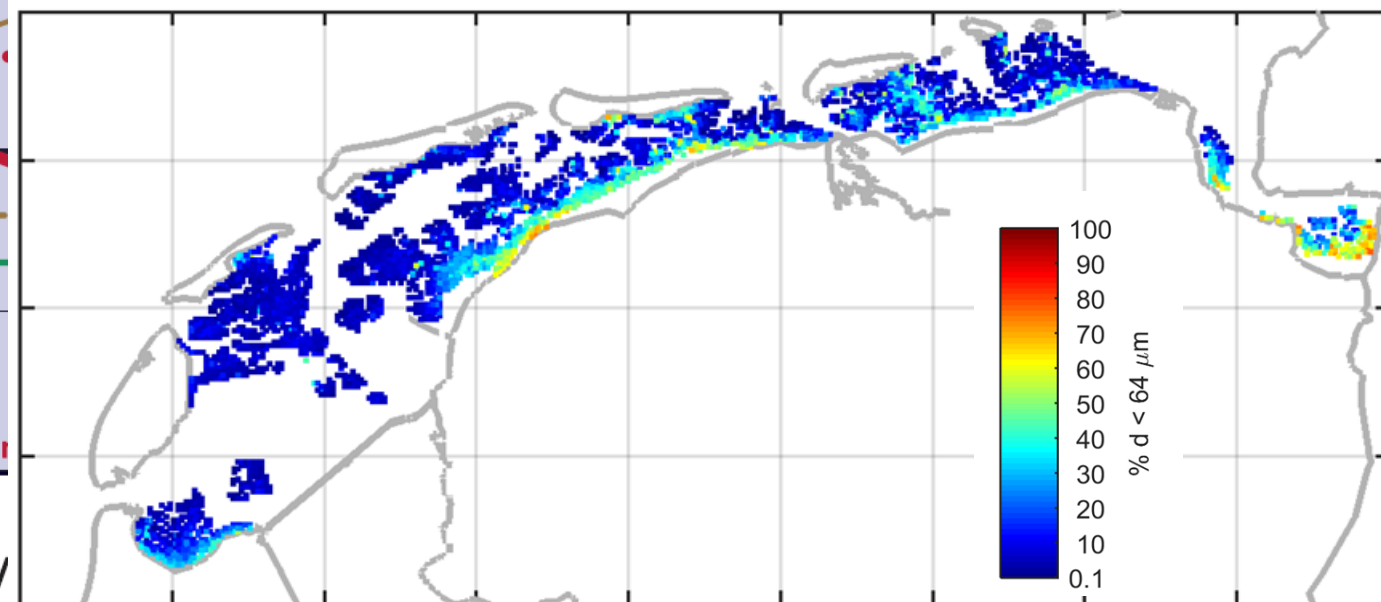


**Mixtures** consolidate relatively fast  
because of high permeability &  
weight → develop strength for  
conditions in the Wadden Sea

Erosion

Pure muds do not exist in the  
exposed Wadden Sea (only  
depositing in sheltered  
areas)

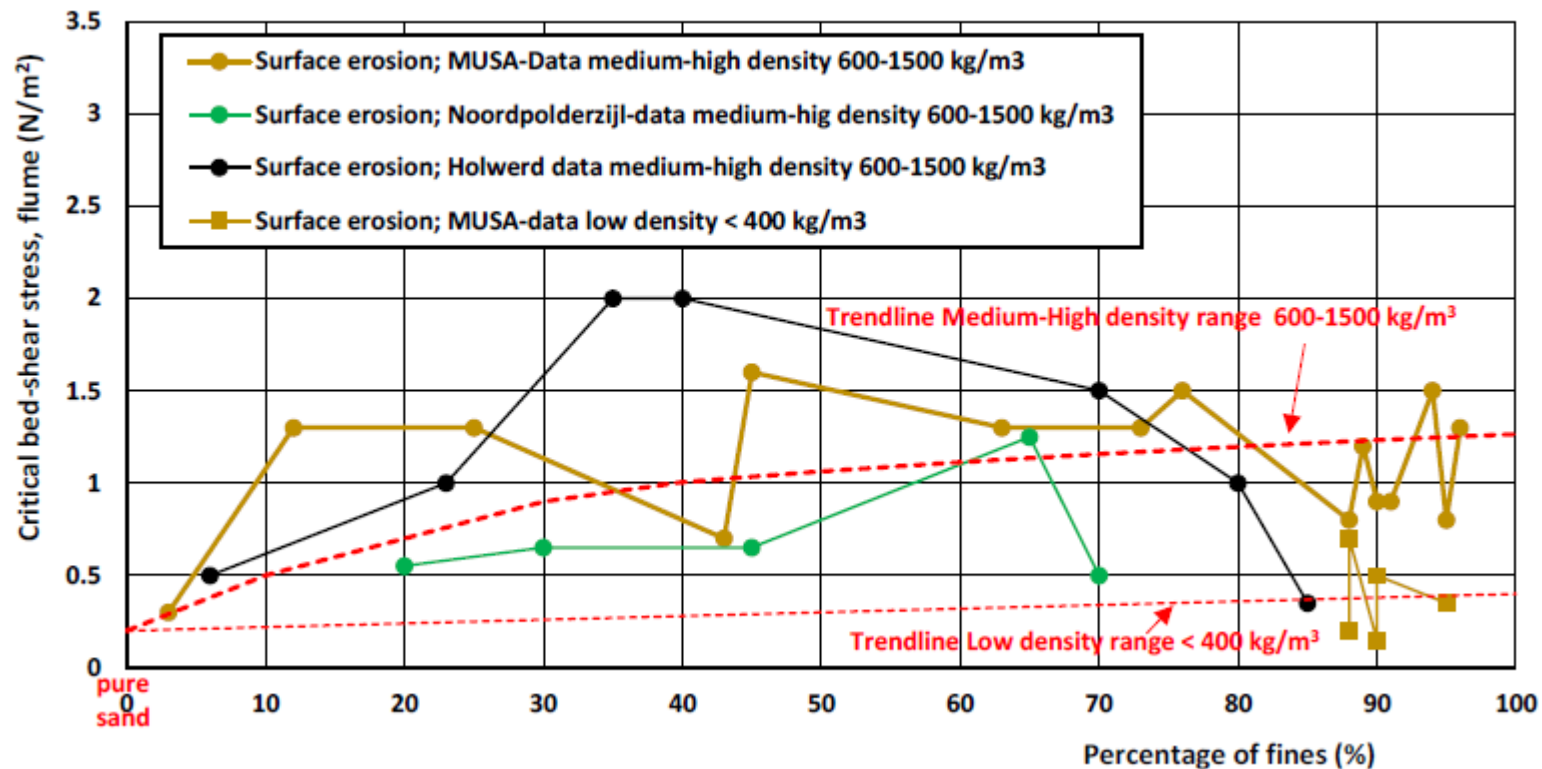
## Mean mud content 2008-2013





# Erosion tests – main findings

- Why not relating directly to mud content? Correlation with density is stronger.

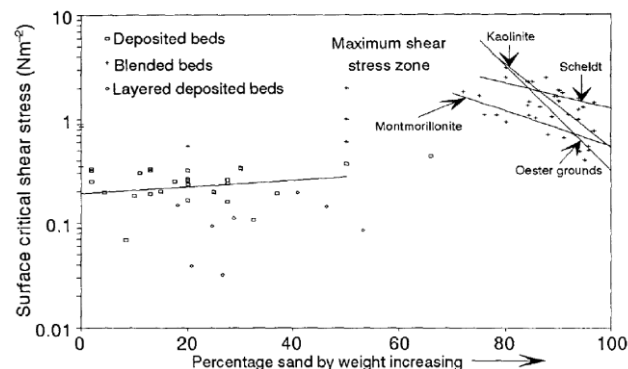


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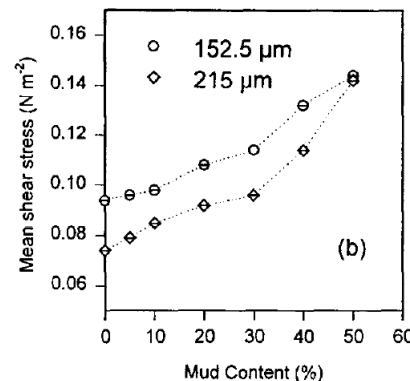
So what is new?

- Most earlier work focussed on **maximum** densities, not **actual** densities, of the sand-mud mixtures
- But in dynamic systems with regular resuspension and deposition as fluid mud, muddy mixtures do not have time to consolidate

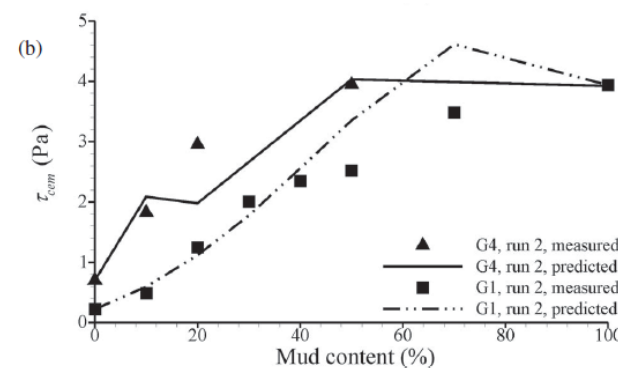
*Mitchener & Torfs, 1996*



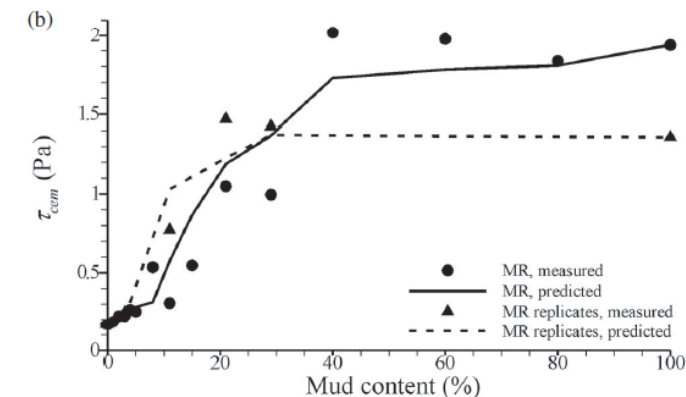
*Panagiotopoulos et al., 1997*



*Ye et al., 2011*

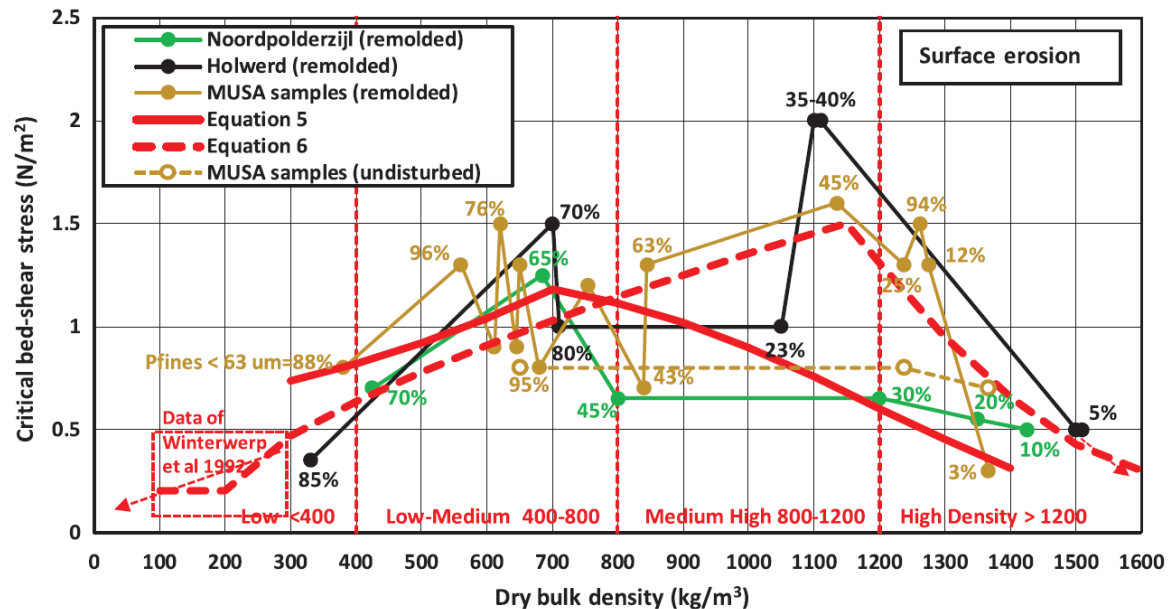


*Smith et al., 2015*



# Implementation in Delft3D

- Equation 6 implemented in Delft3D
- Density related to mud content via empirical site-specific relation  $\rho_{dry} = 500p_{fines} + 1600p_{sand}$ .

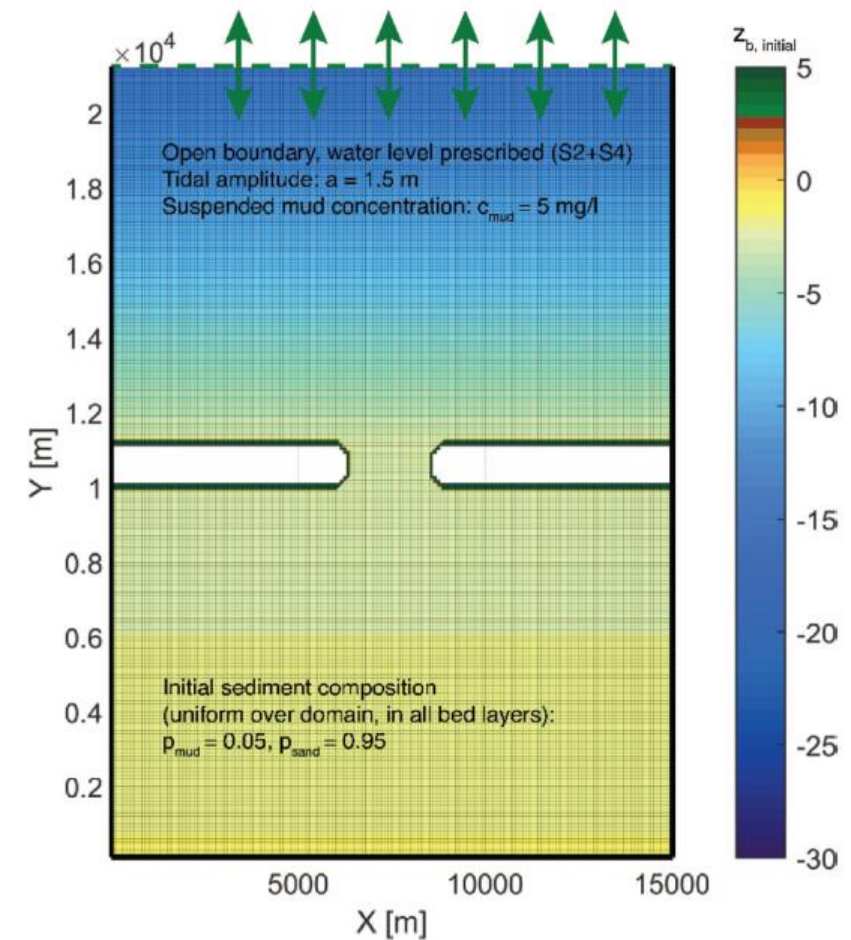
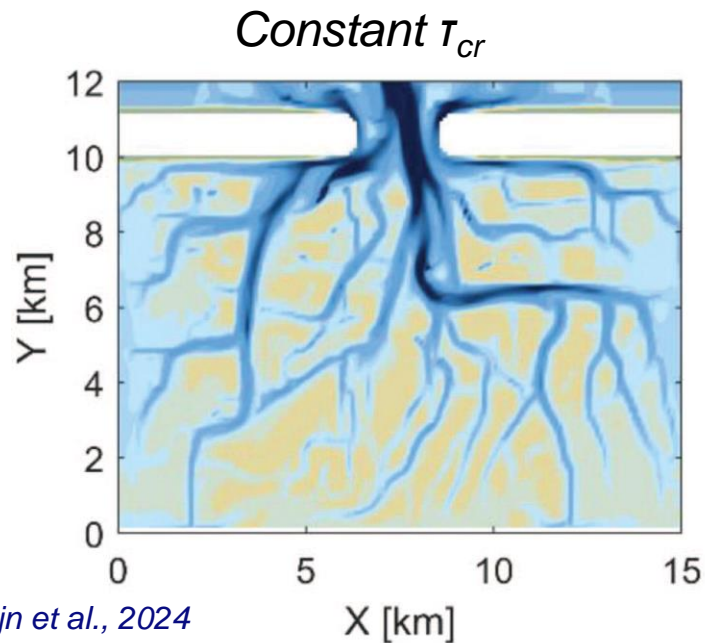


$$\tau_{cr,fines} = \tau_{cr,min1} + [(\rho_{dry} - \rho_{dry,min}) / (\rho_{dry,*} - \rho_{dry,min})]^{\alpha1} (\tau_{cr,max} - \tau_{cr,min1}) \quad \text{for } \rho_{dry} < \rho_{dry,*} \quad (6a)$$

$$\tau_{cr,fines} = \tau_{cr,min2} + [(\rho_{dry,max} - \rho_{dry}) / (\rho_{dry,max} - \rho_{dry,*})]^{\alpha2} (\tau_{cr,max} - \tau_{cr,min2}) \quad \text{for } \rho_{dry} > \rho_{dry,*} \quad (6b)$$

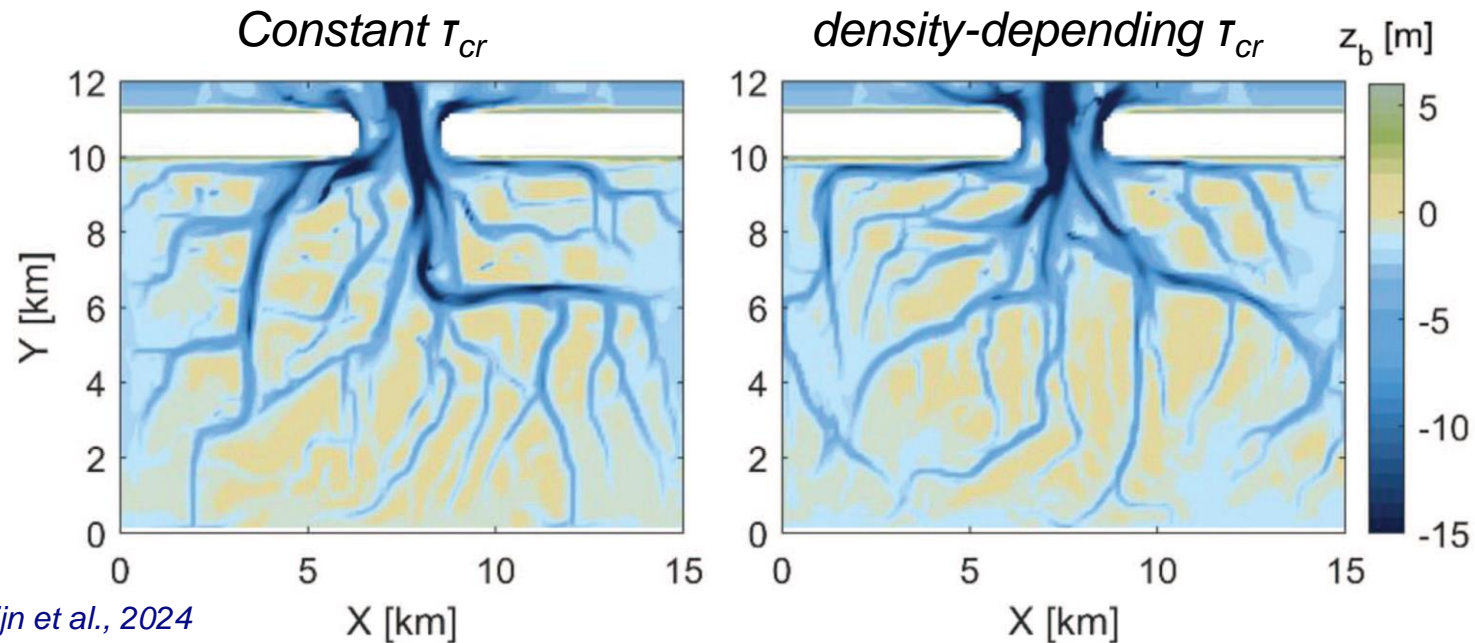
# Testing with Delft3D

- Schematized tidal basin with uniform initial bathymetry consisting of 95% sand and 5% mud
- Mud and sand prescribed at **open boundary conditions**
- Model is run for tidal conditions with mild waves for 45 years to generate a typical tidal basin morphology
- Followed by 5 years with more energetic wave conditions



# Testing with Delft3D

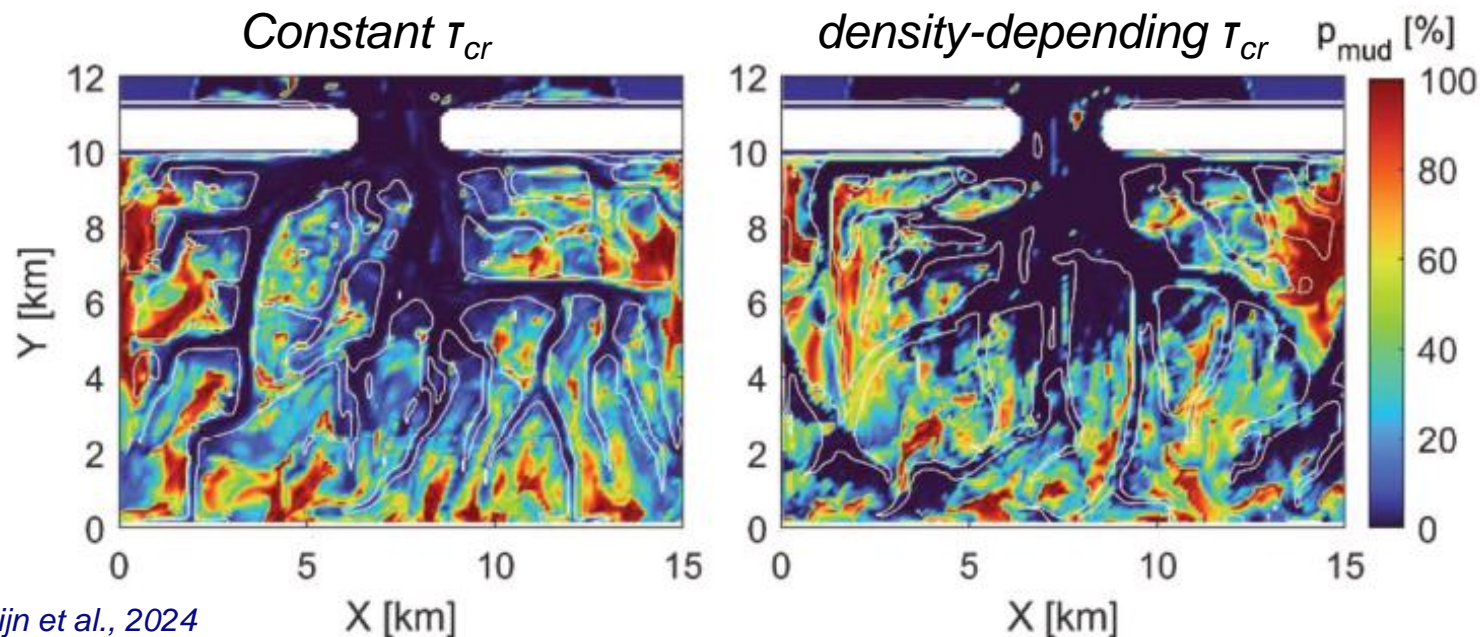
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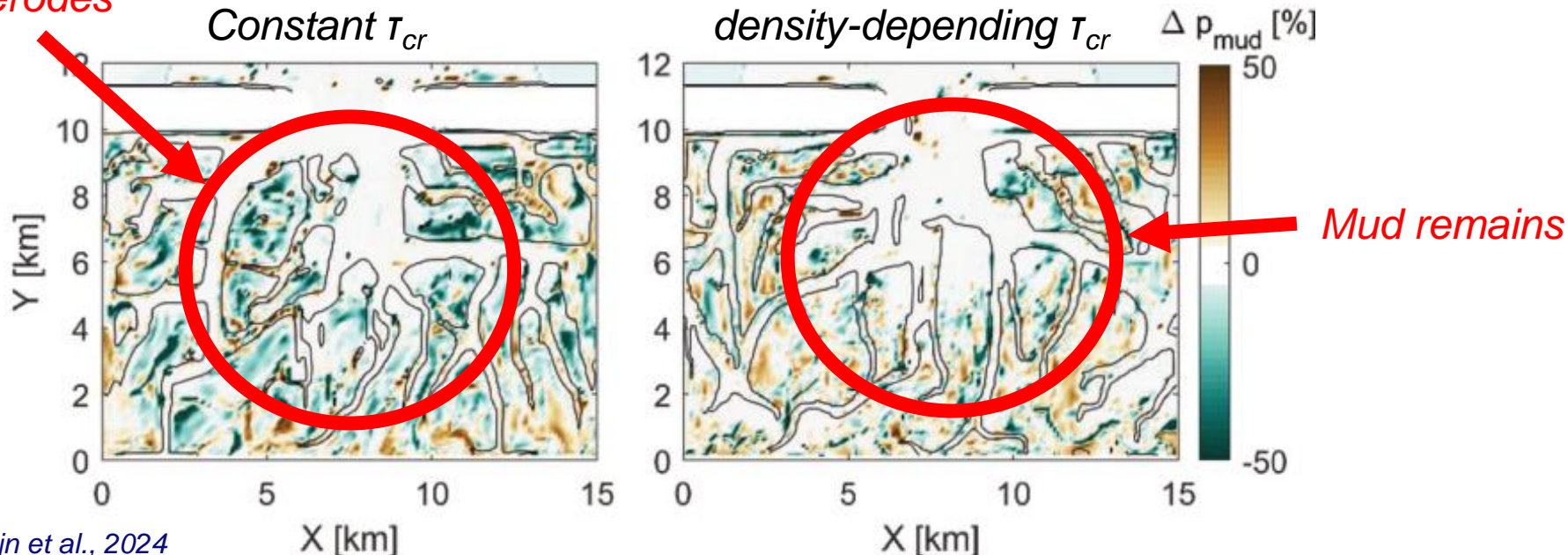
# Testing with Delft3D

A simple parameterization for a complex process:

- Tides bring sediment to the flats
- Muddy sediments consolidate and gain strength to withstand erosion
- But then... without a complex consolidation model
- And including sand-mud

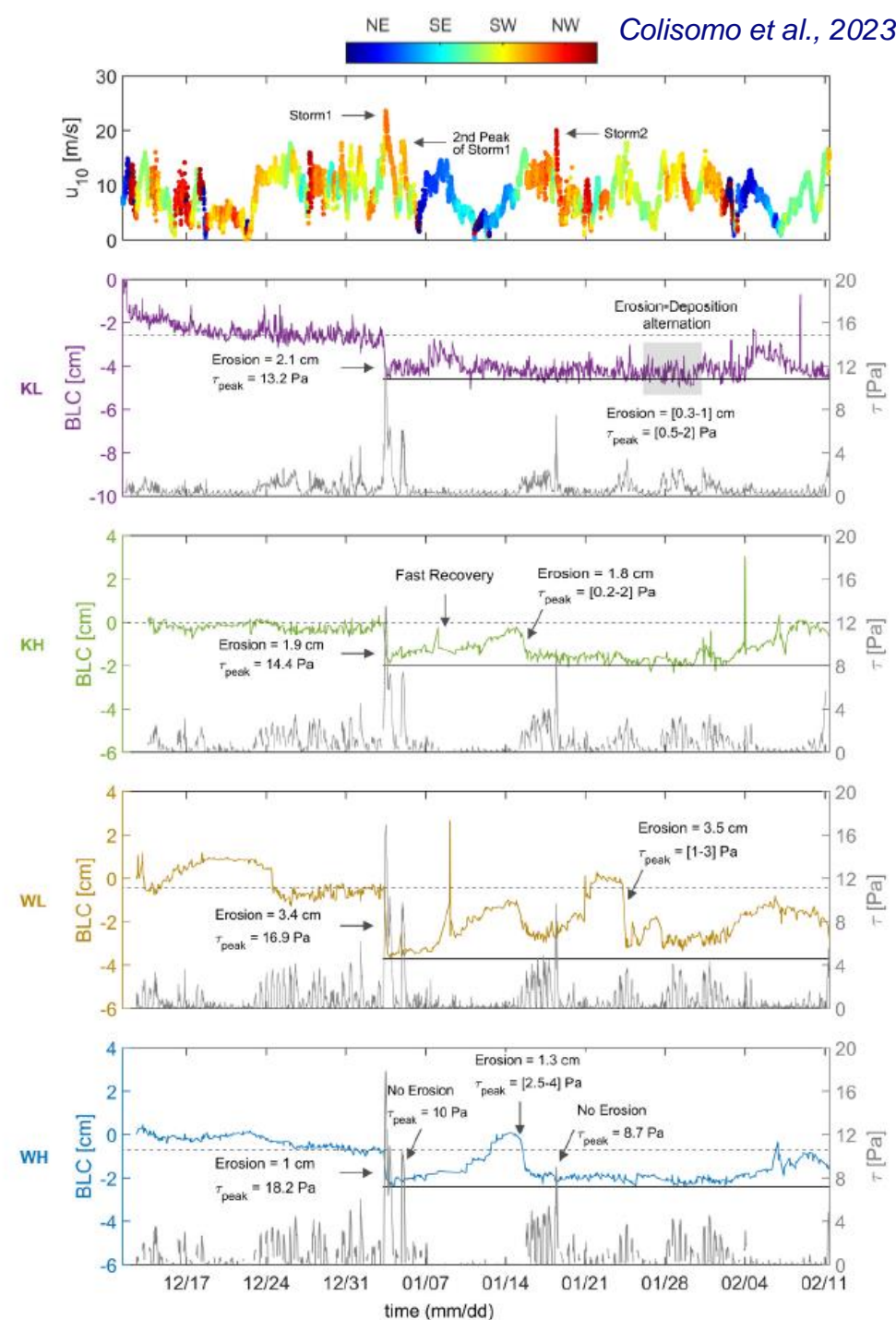
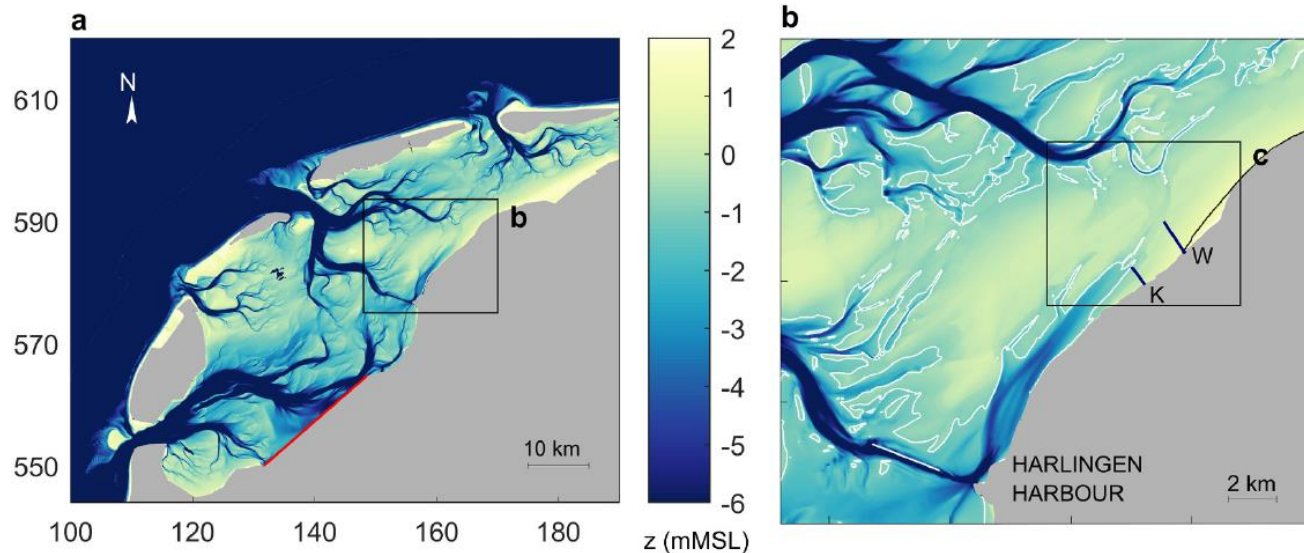
- Calm conditions (45 years):
  - marginal effect of a density-dependent  $\tau_{cr}$
  - Mud deposits on the higher flats
- Storm conditions (5 years)
  - For constant  $\tau_{cr}$ , a large amount of mud deposited during calm conditions is eroded
  - For density-dependent  $\tau_{cr}$ , the mud largely remains on the flats

*Mud erodes*



# Drying of intertidal flats

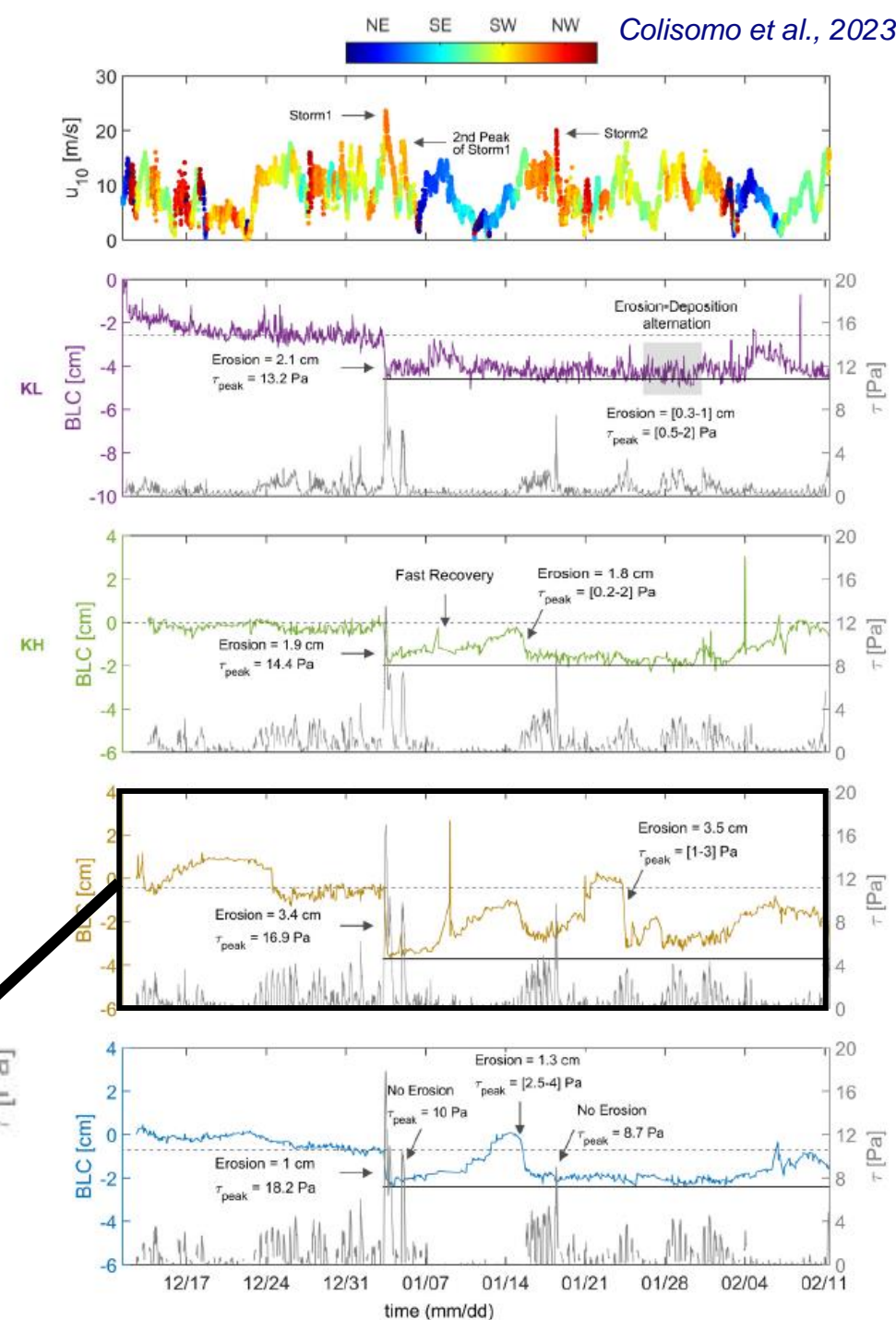
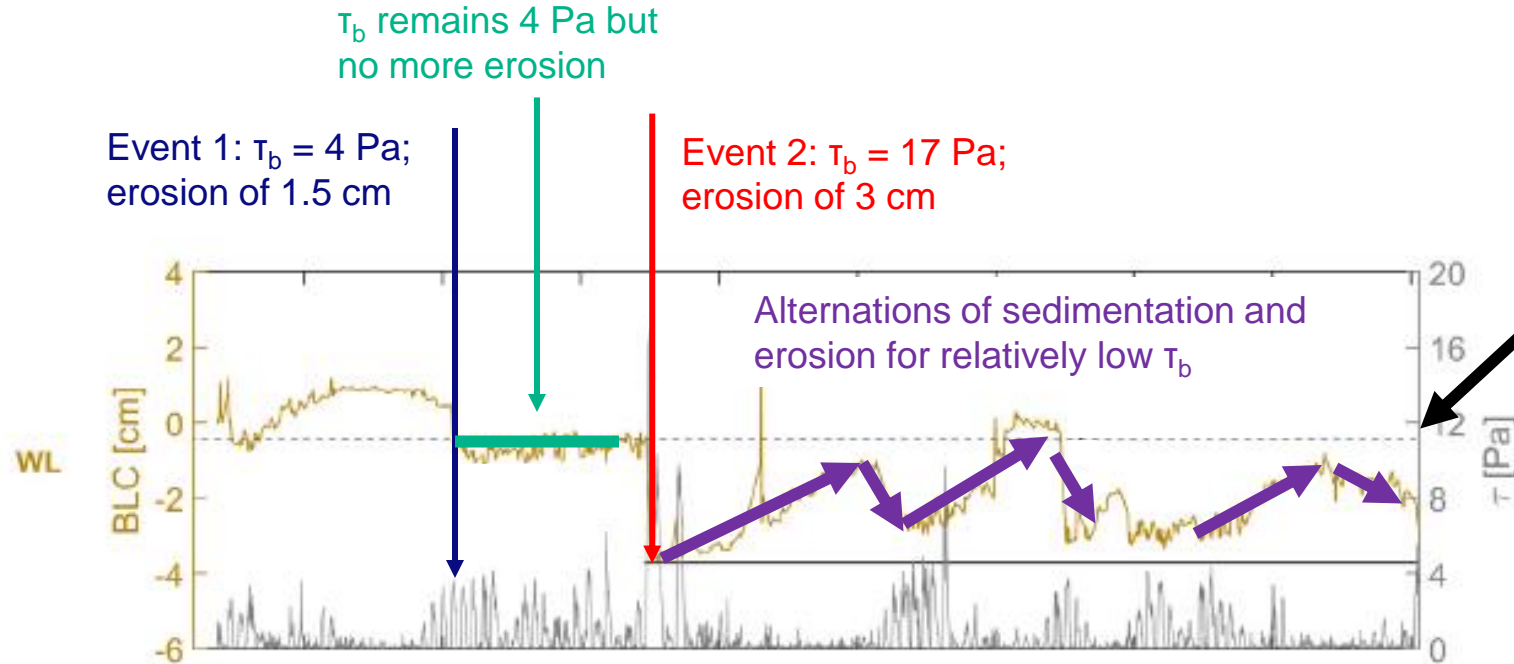
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- Four frames equipped with ADV (velocity & bed level), SSC, pressure. Converted to bed level change (BLC) & bed shear stress  $\tau_b$





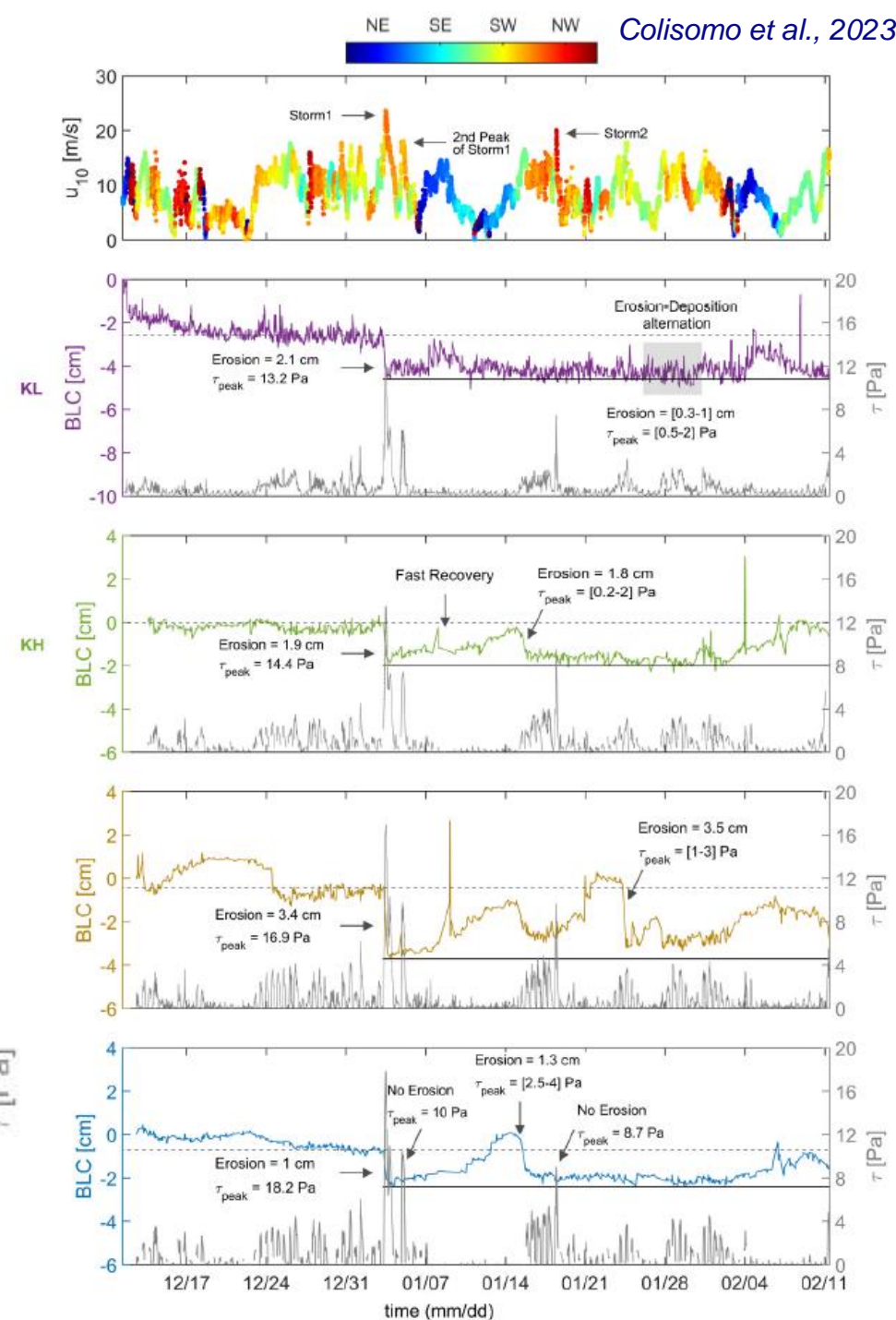
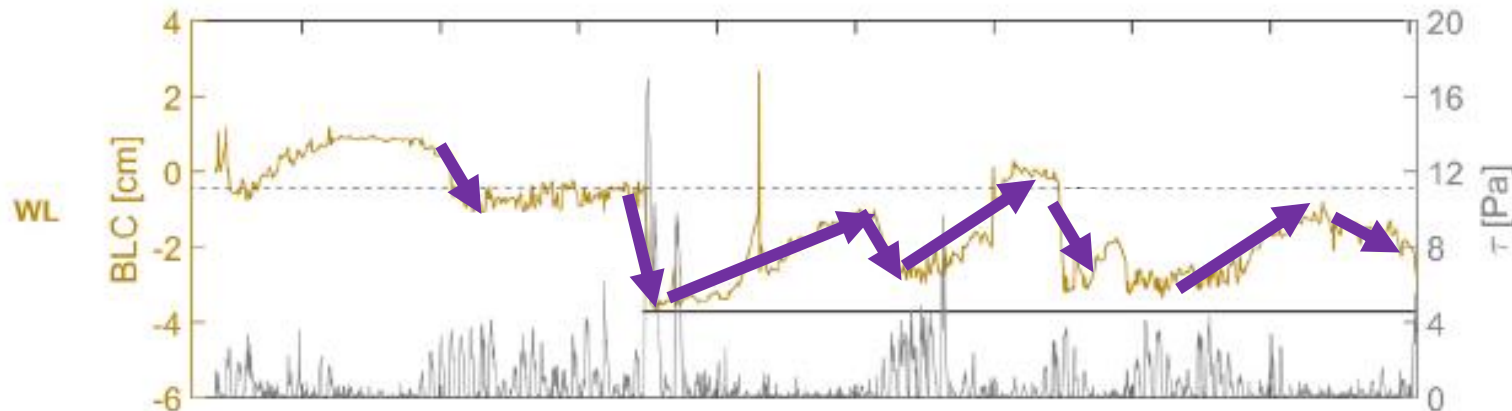
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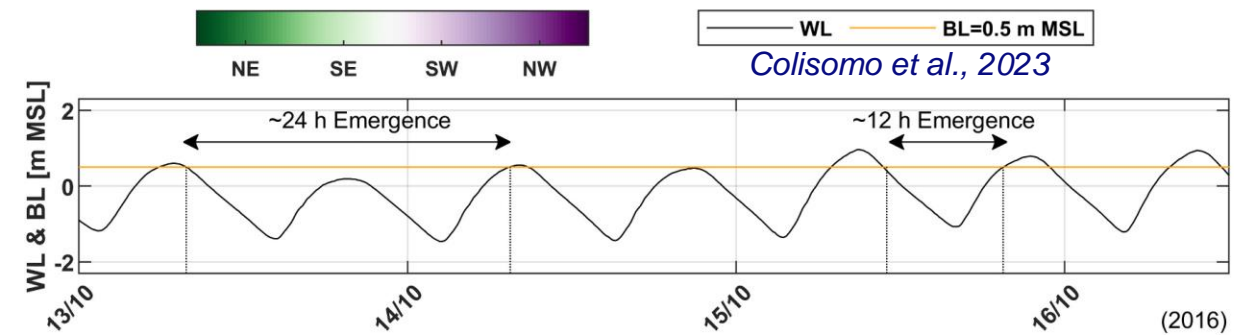
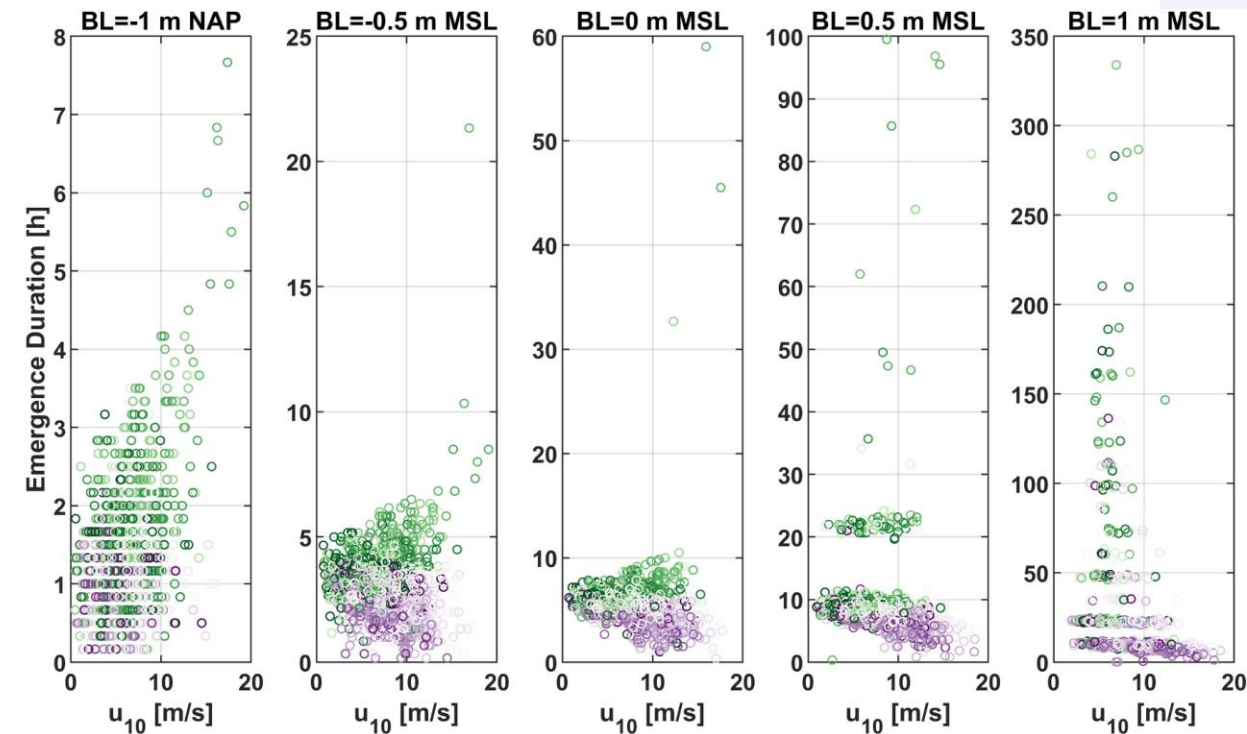
# Drying of intertidal flats

- Critical bed shear stress increases with depth to values of several Pa.
- Eroded sediment is quickly replaced by new sediment
- But: this sediment has low resistance to erosion and is washed away at every new cycle with moderate wave energy (every 1-2 weeks in winter)
- ***What are conditions that the bed gains sufficient strength to withstand erosion? → drying of intertidal flats***



# Drying of intertidal flats

- Key to gaining strength against energetic conditions is emergence of tidal flats
  - Negative pore pressures
  - Drying
- In the Wadden Sea, emergence is strongly regulated by wind effects
- The upper intertidal remains dry multiple tidal cycles during periods with wind-induced setdown



Winds of opportunity: The effects of wind on intertidal flat accretion

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Johan Christiaan Winterwerp<sup>a</sup>, Bram Christiaan van Prooijen<sup>a</sup>





# Drying of intertidal flats

## Modelling effect of drying on erodibility

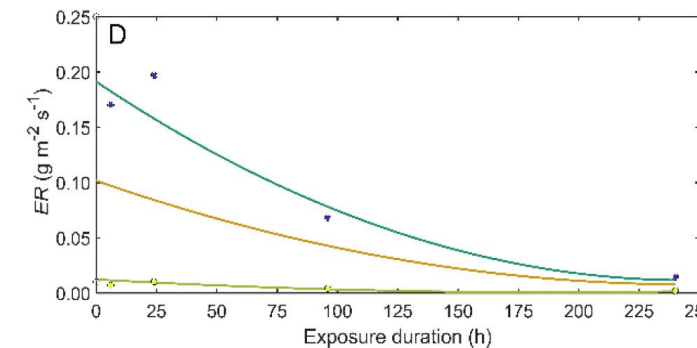
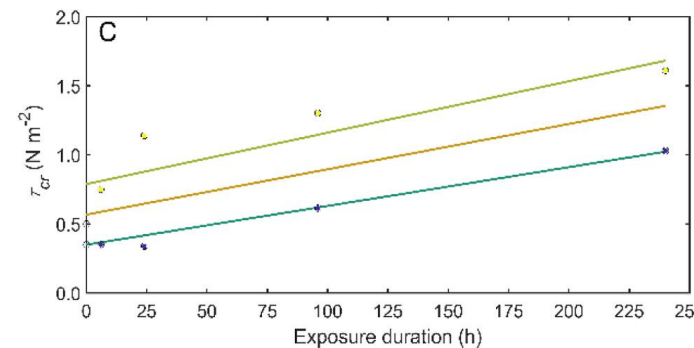
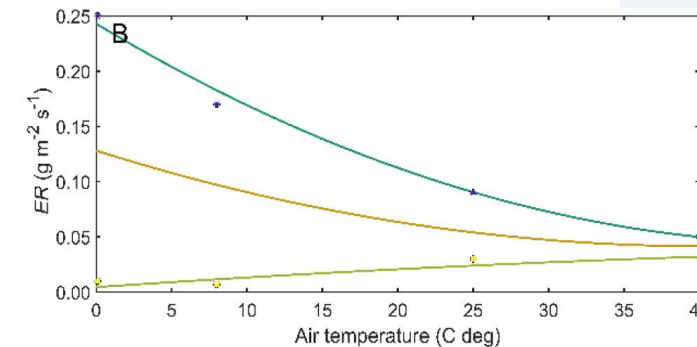
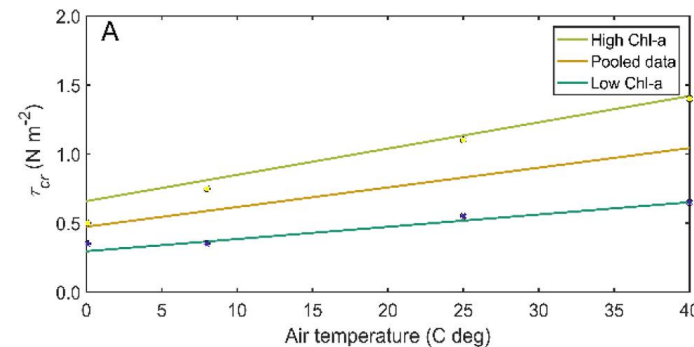
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- $\tau_{cr}$  (and M) as a function of
  - Chlorofyll content
  - Exposure duration
  - Air temperature
- Implemented in the BMI environment of Delft3D-FM

$$E = M \frac{(\tau_b - \tau_{cr})}{\tau_{cr}}$$

## Modeling the effects of aerial temperature and exposure period on intertidal mudflat profiles

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- First experiences... this method has some intrinsic instabilities

Relationships tends to enlarge existing topographic differences in the intertidal zone

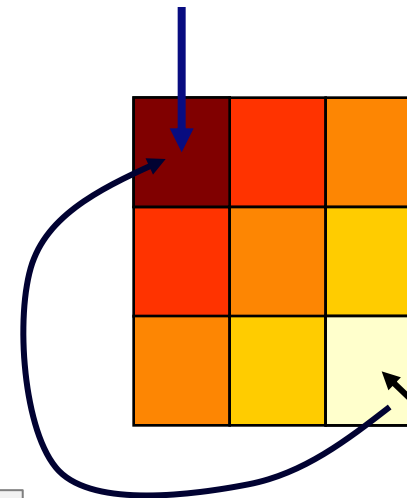


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High elevation → more evaporation → high  $\tau_{cr}$  → deposition



Low elevation → less evaporation → low  $\tau_{cr}$  → easily eroded  
Sediment settles on nearby high point with high  $\tau_{cr}$  → erosion

# Drying of intertidal flats - modelling

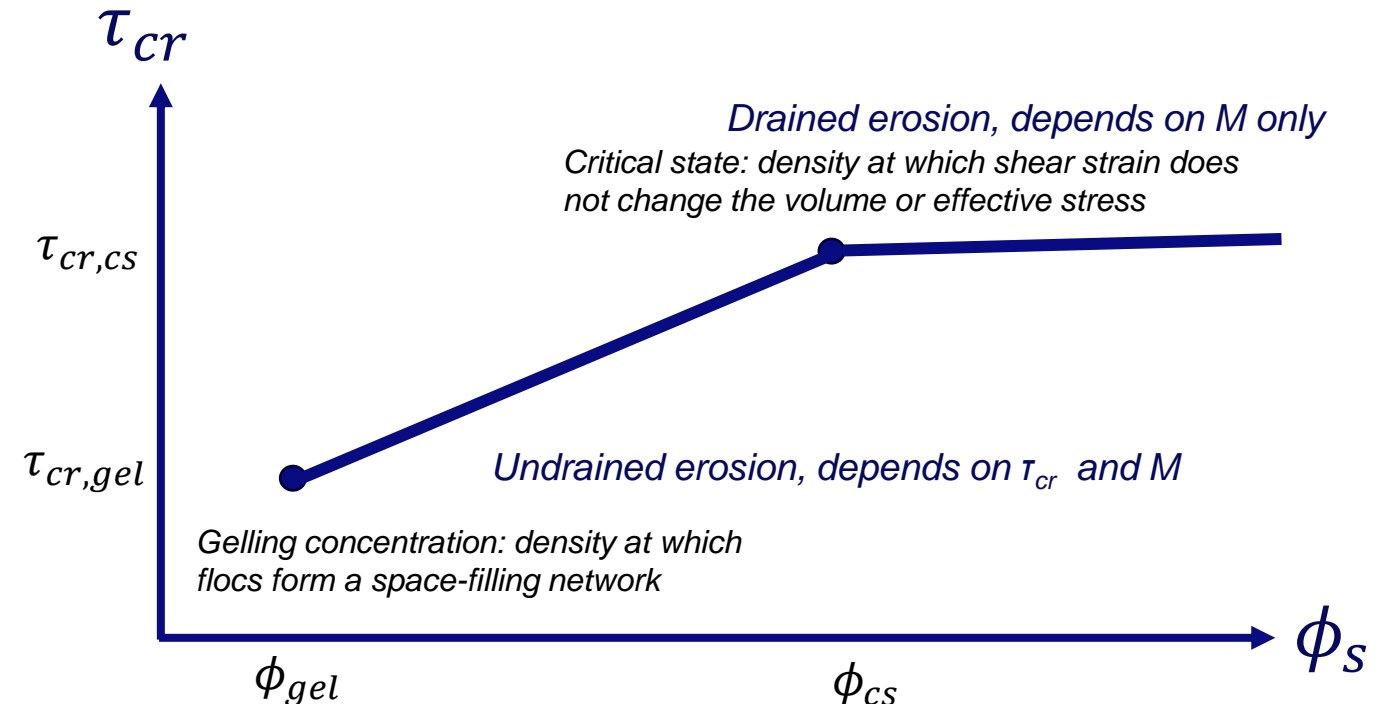
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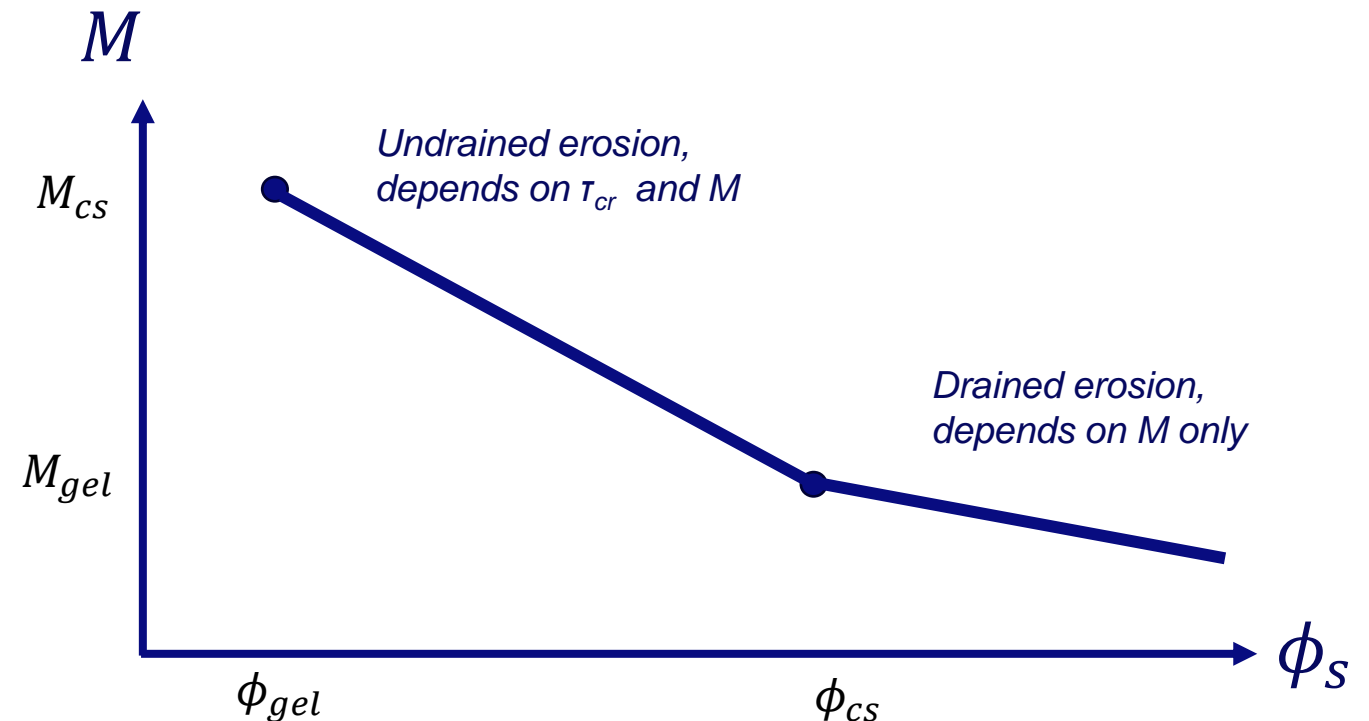
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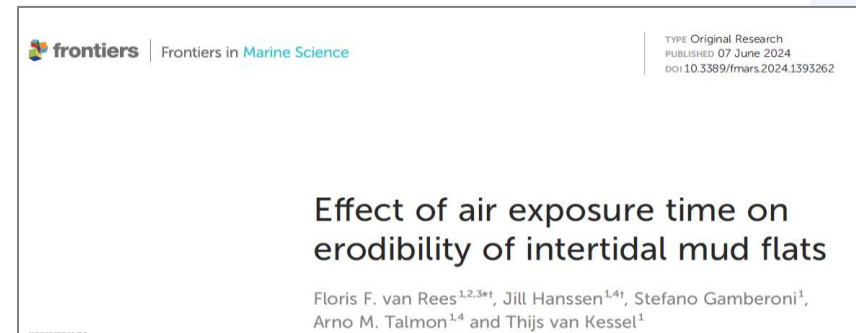
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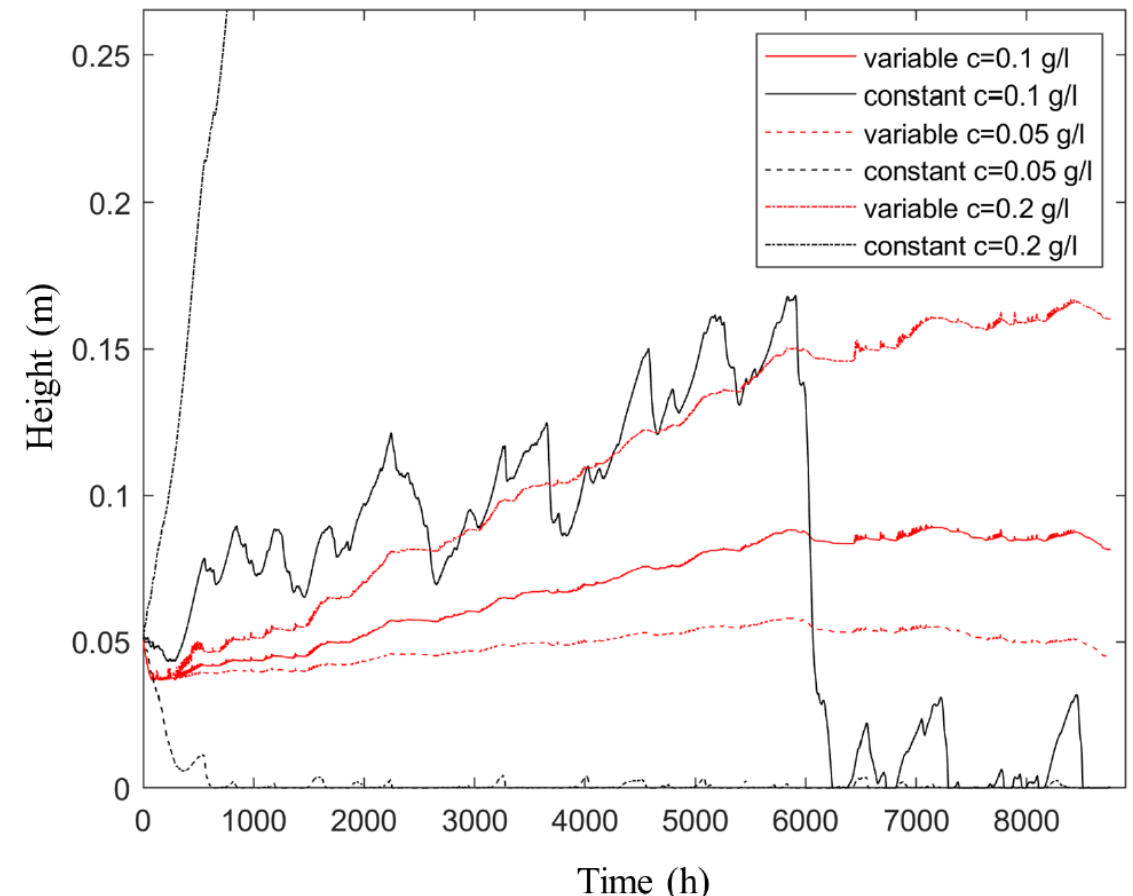
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1DV model & Delft3D-Delwaq implementation (ongoing work)

Deltares






# Main takeaways

- Erosion of sand-mud mixtures depends more strongly on density than on mud content
- In wave-influenced environments very muddy mixtures are easily erodible because they consolidate slowly (and therefore do not exist in the Wadden Sea)
- Sand-mud mixtures especially gain resistance against erosion during dry periods
- We have some new modelling tools accounting for these effects....

**“Breaching of earthen embankments: from small-scale laboratory experiments to field measurements using photogrammetry”**  
**(Sandra Soares-Frazão, UCLOUVAIN)**



# **Breaching of earthen embankments**

## **From small-scale laboratory experiments to field measurements using photogrammetry**

Sandra Soares-Frazão

Masoumeh Ebrahimi, Nathan Delpierre, Jiangtao Yang

# Outline

- Dikes, embankments, levees
- Failure modes
- What information do we need ?
- Laboratory experiments
- Field tests



# Earth dams



Banasura Sagar Dam, India



Embankment dam at Diamond Valley Lake, an off-stream reservoir in Riverside County, California



# River dikes



Paved bike path on top of earthen dike levee along Mississippi River in Louisiana

# Sea dikes and dunes



Sea-dike in Westkapelle, the Netherlands



Dunes in Belgium



# These structures can fail...



Teton dam, USA, 1976

# These structures can fail...

Steinbach-dam  
Germany  
July 2021





# These structures can fail...

Tous dam, Spain  
1982





# These structures can fail...



The 17th Street Canal, New Orleans, 2005





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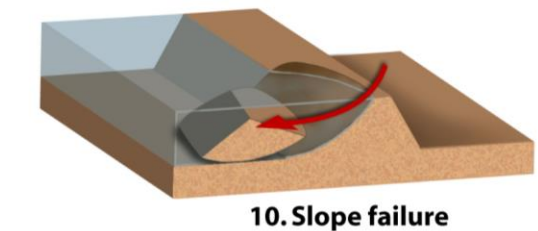
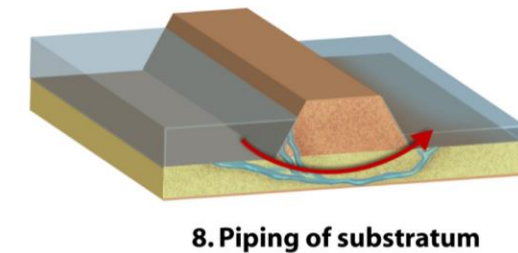
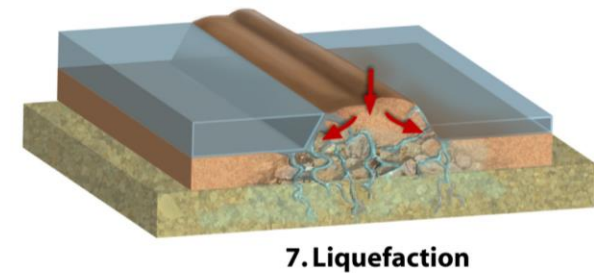
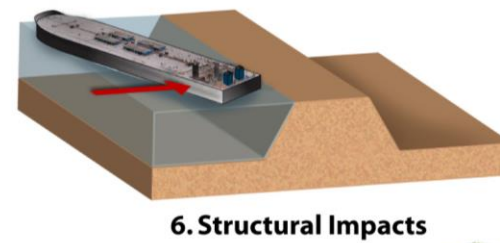
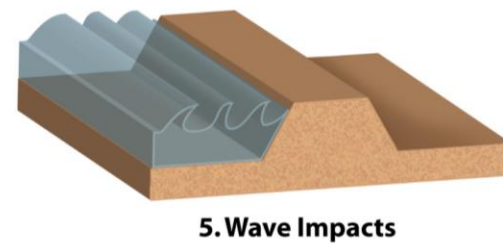
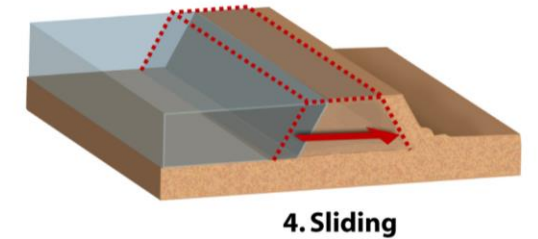
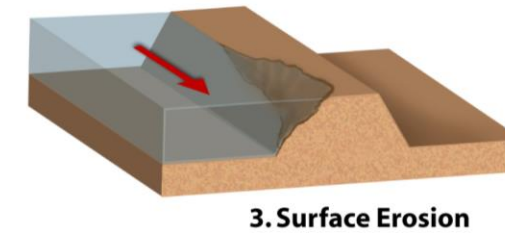
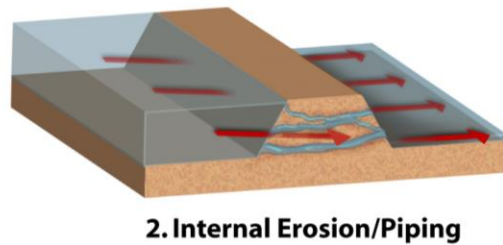
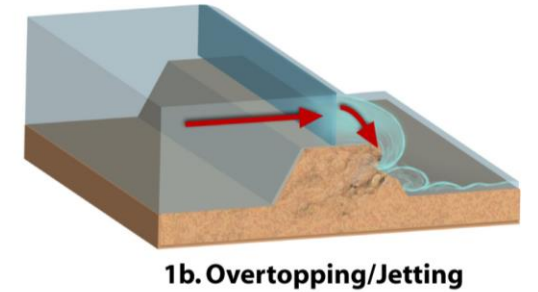
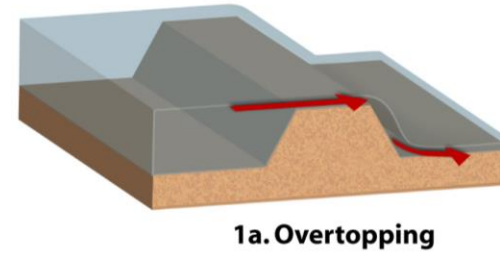
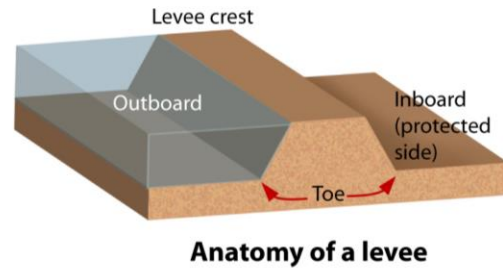
Baige landslide dam, Jinsha River, China, 2018



# Failure modes



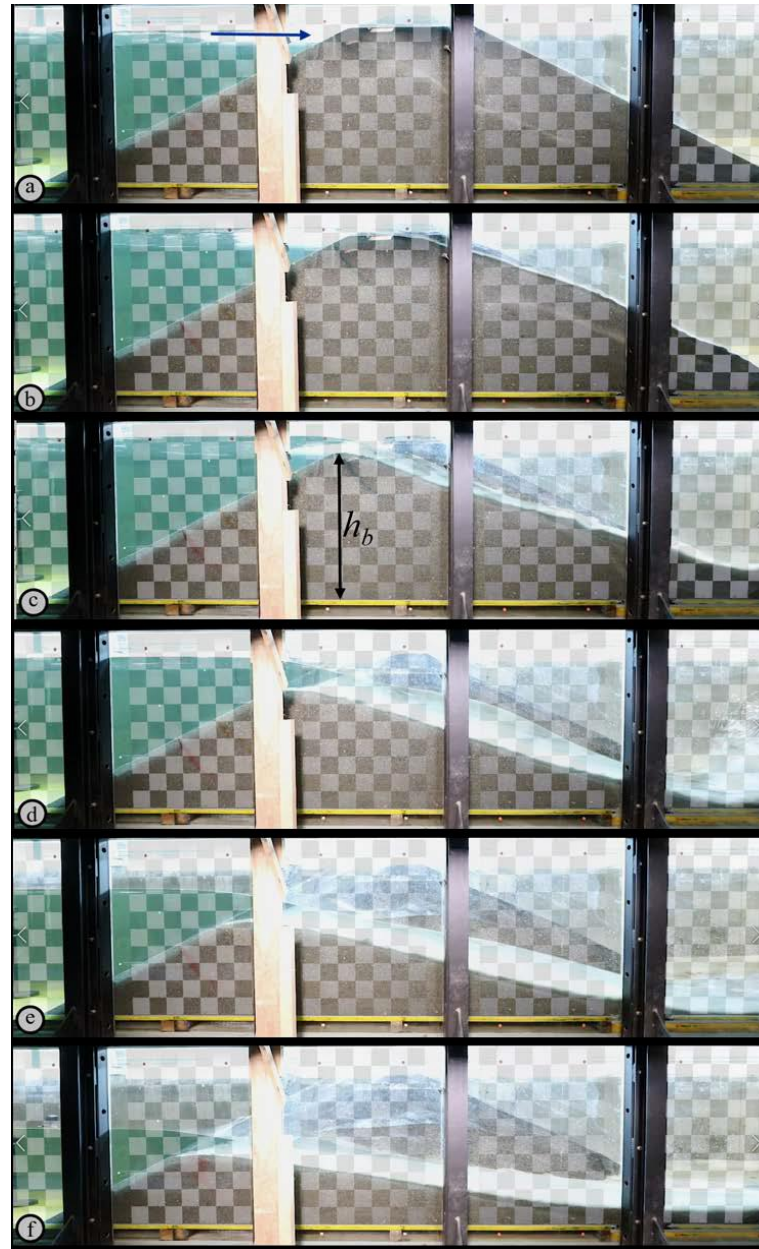
- Overtopping
- Seepage and piping
- Structural failure
- Others





# Overtopping

- Non-cohesive: progressive, surface erosion
- Cohesive: mass failure, steep bank slopes



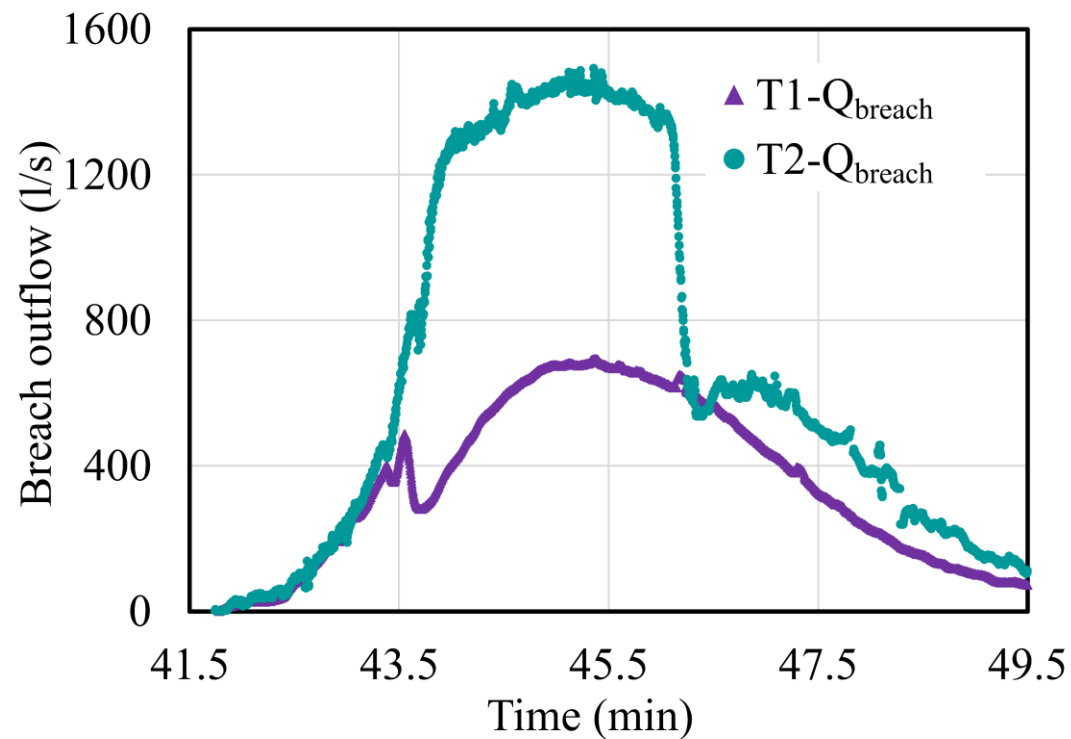
(a) Headcut erosion through a test levee [Photo: USDA-ARS-HERU Stillwater, OK. US]



Walder et al. 2015

# Key variables to know

- Breach hydrograph
- Breach formation and widening
- Failure time

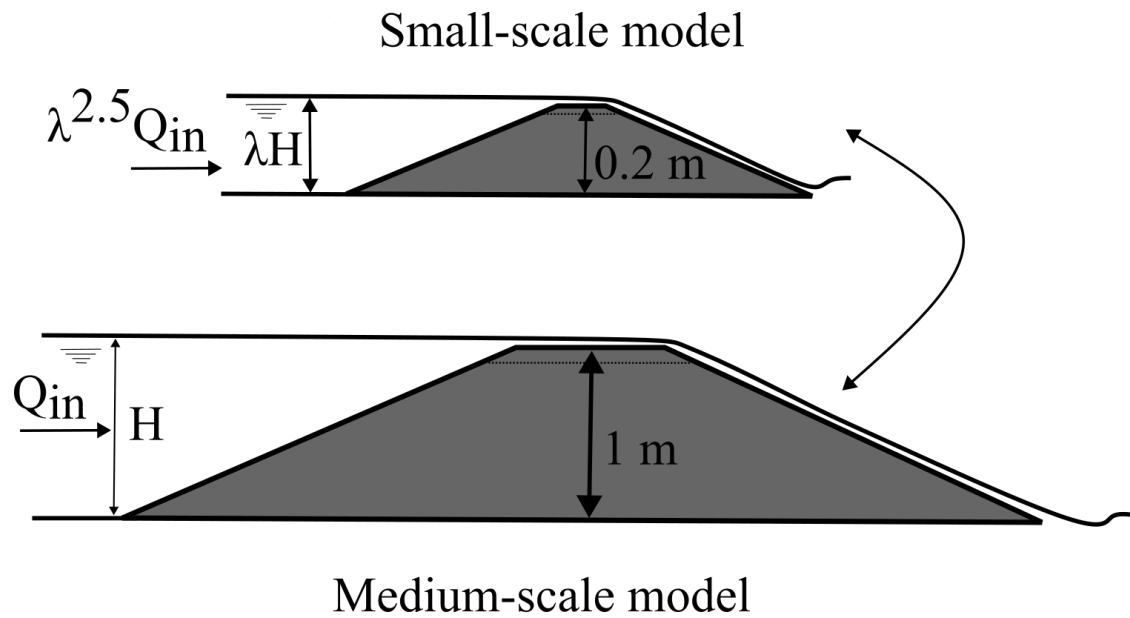


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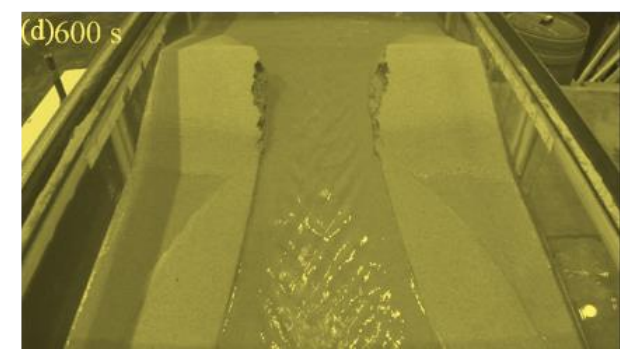
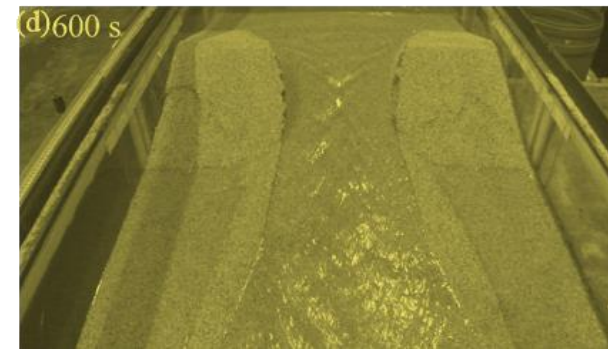
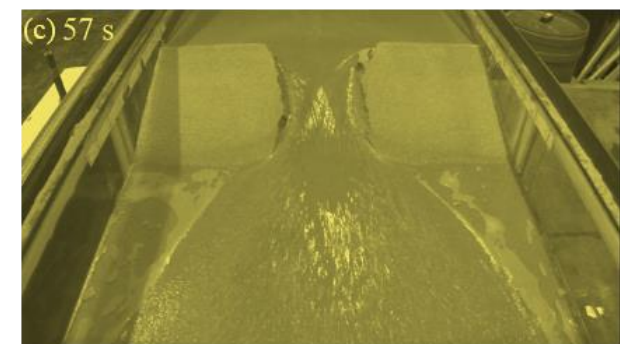
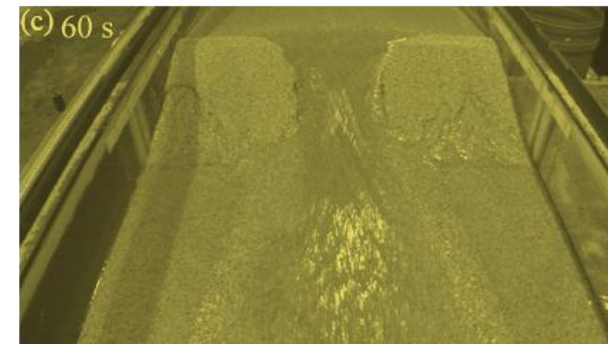
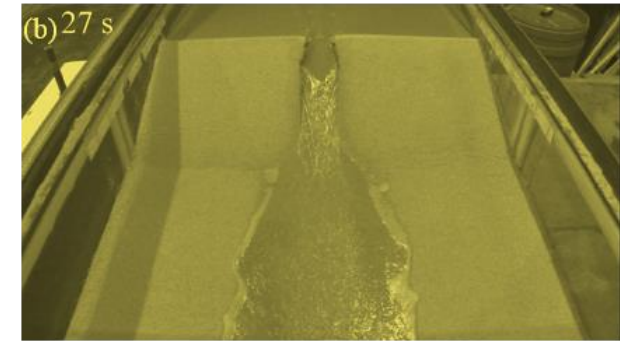
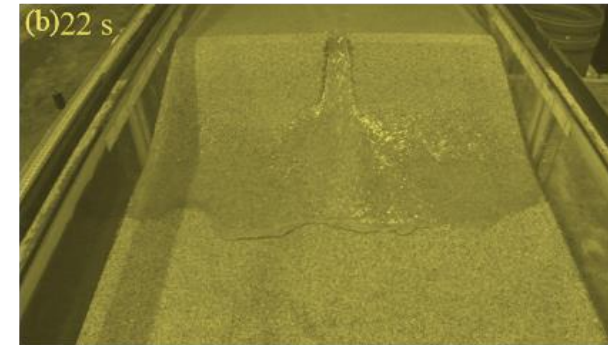
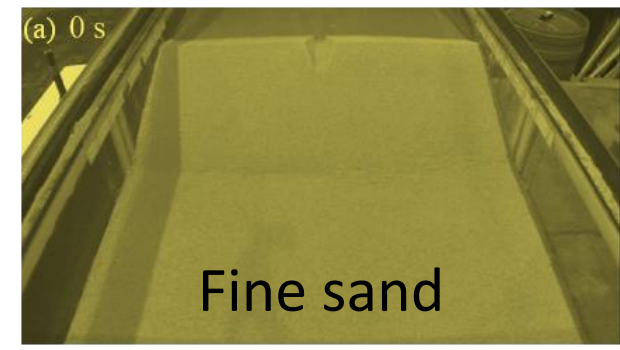


# Laboratory experiments

- Scale effects: Froude  $\lambda_v = \lambda_t = \lambda^{1/2}$   
 $\lambda_Q = \lambda^{5/2}$

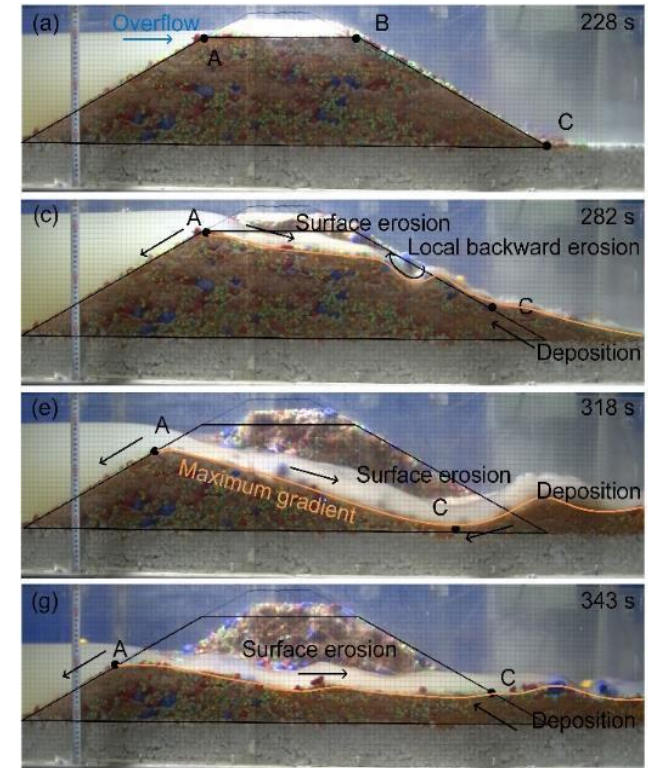
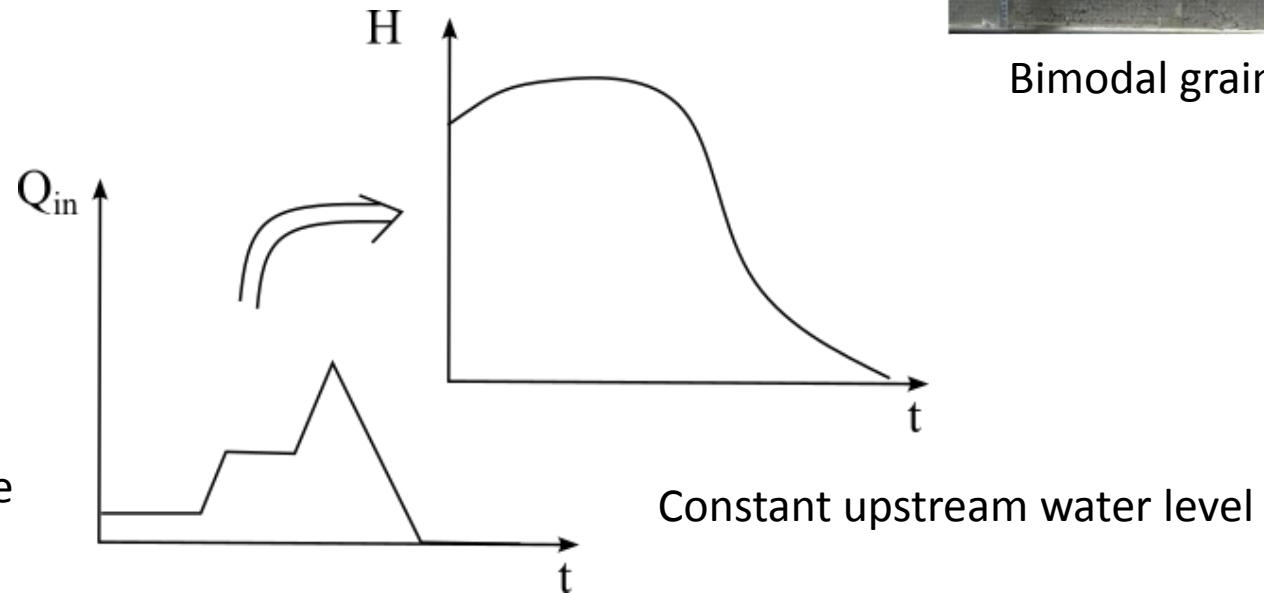
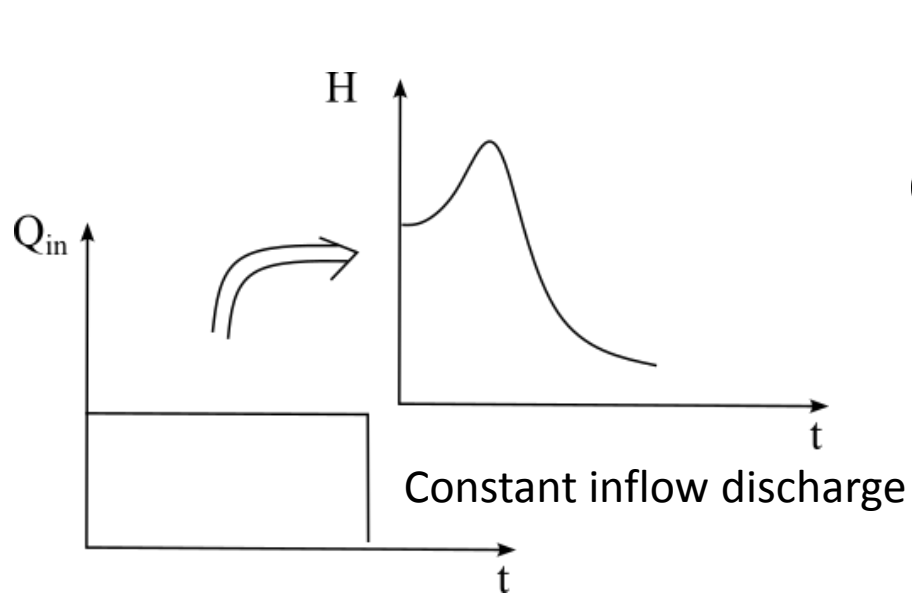


Embankment height: 0.2 m



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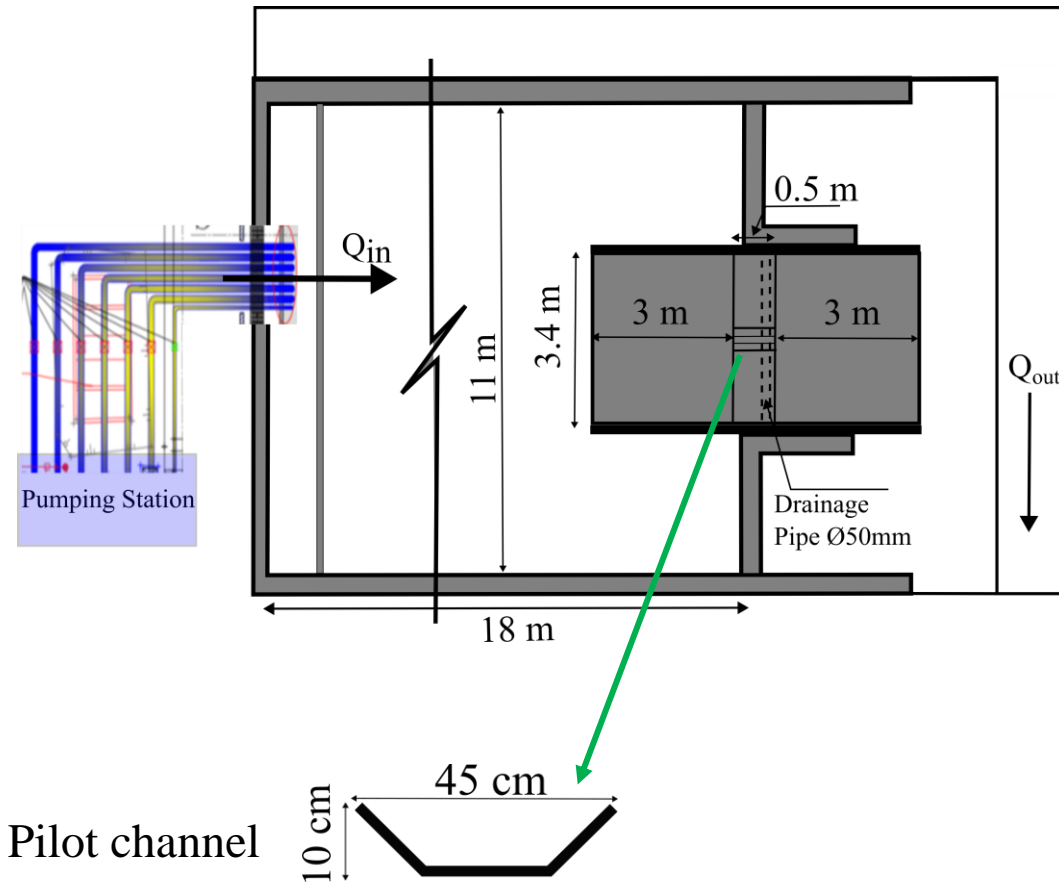
- Dam layout
- Scale
- Dam material
- Inflow conditions
- Measurements



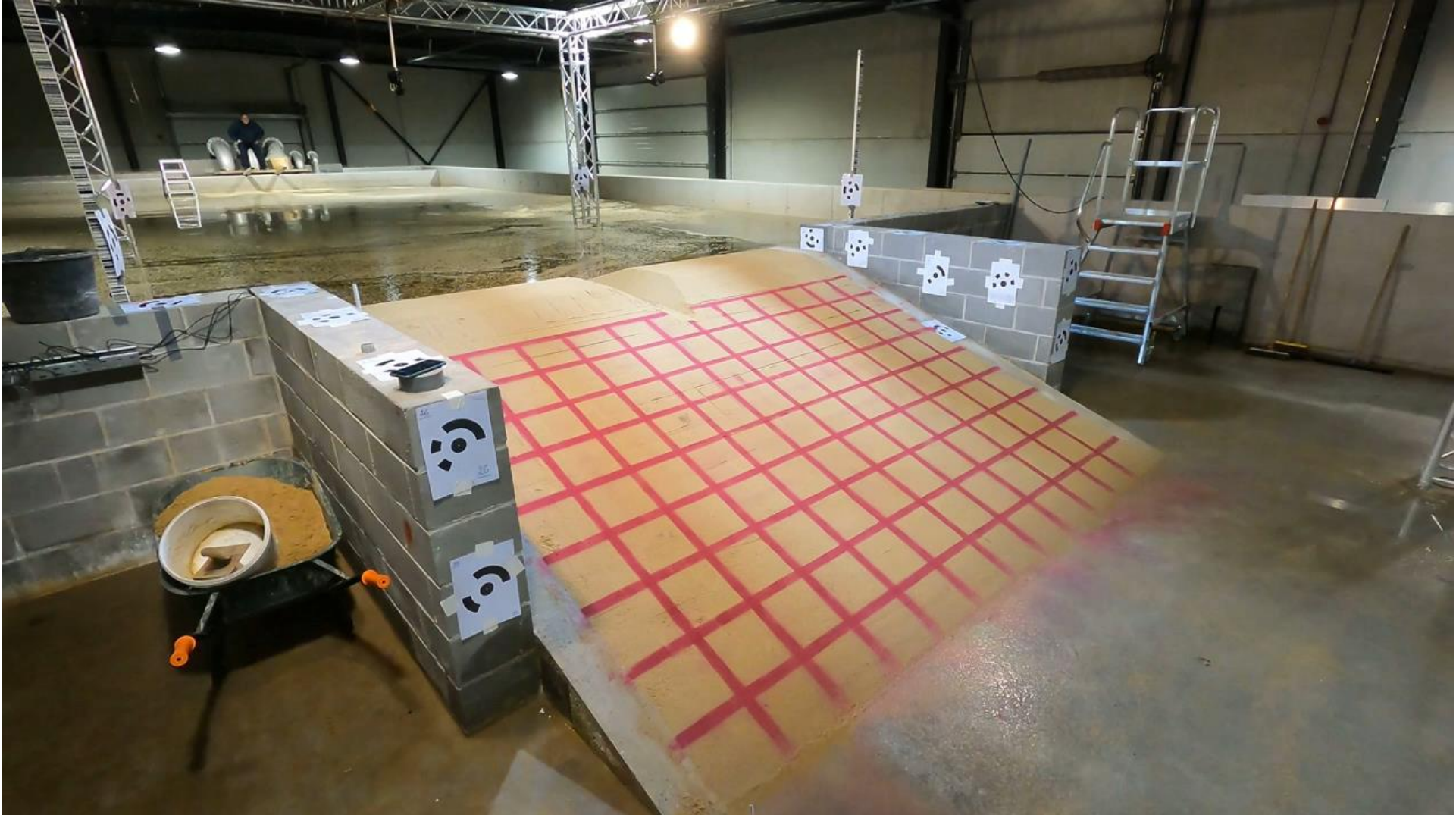
Bimodal grain distribution



# Medium-scale experiments



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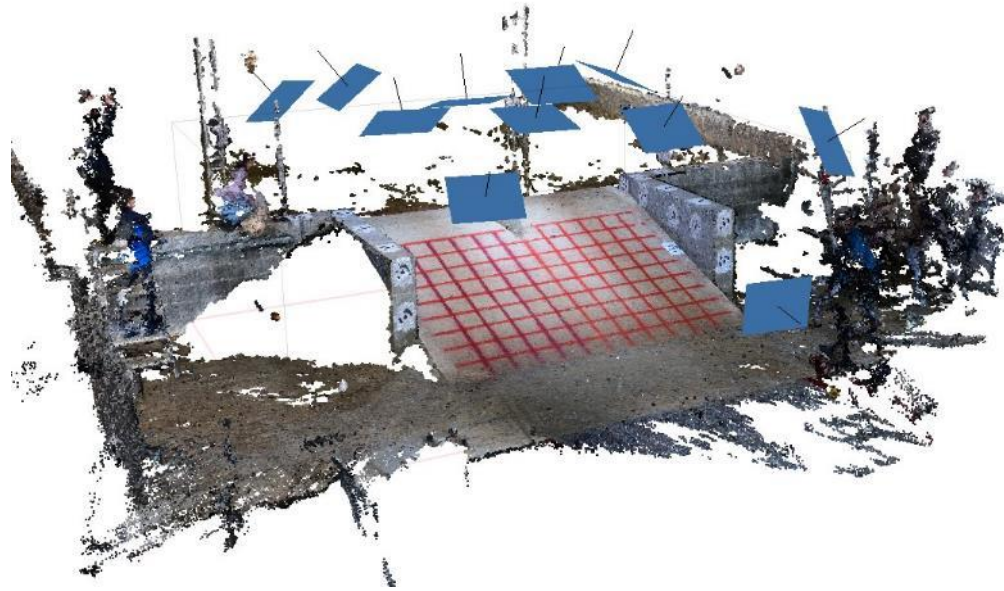




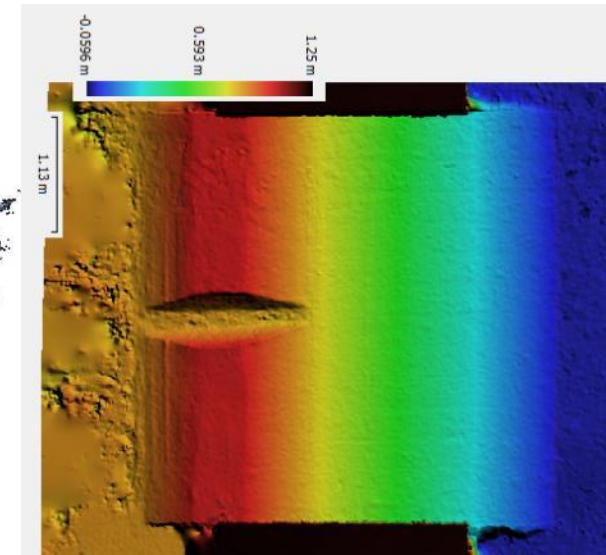
# Photogrammetry measurements



Multi-stationary synchronized  
cameras  
10 Fixed cameras on time-lapse mode



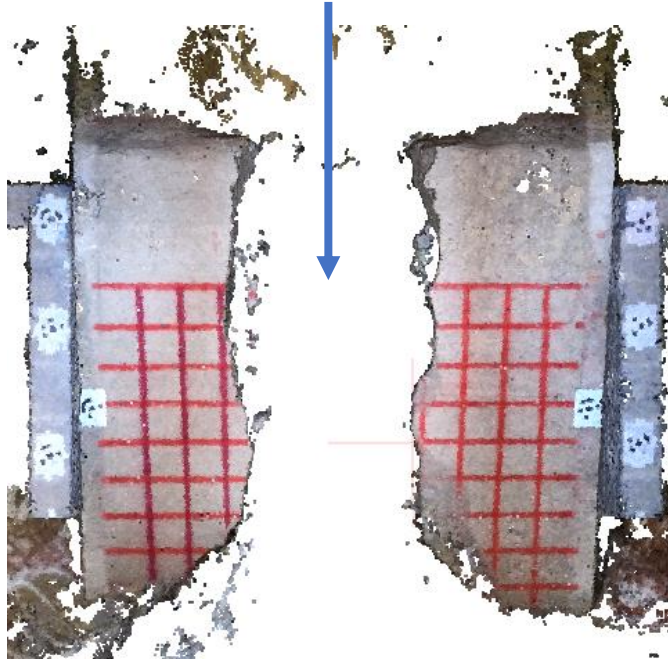
Dense Point Cloud  
2,000,000 points



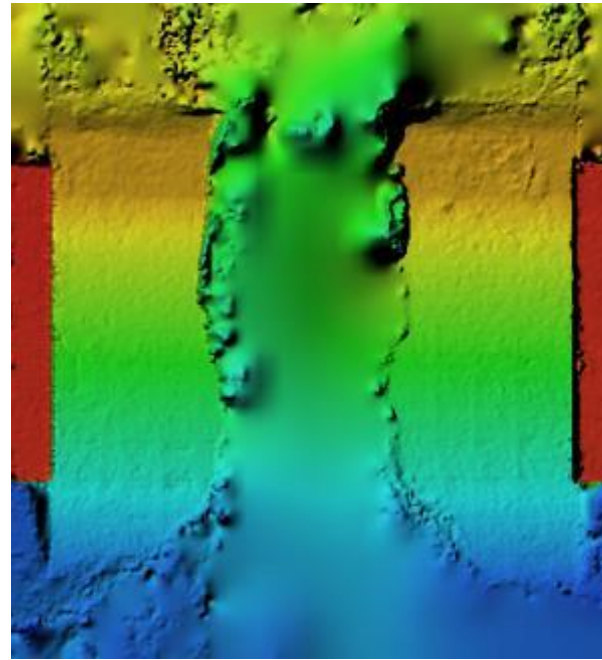
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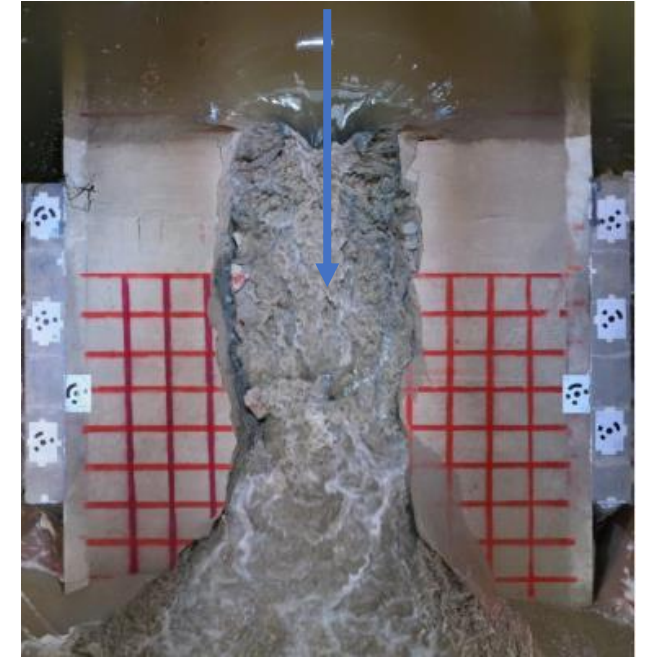
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Dense Point Cloud  
No point or few points inside the flow

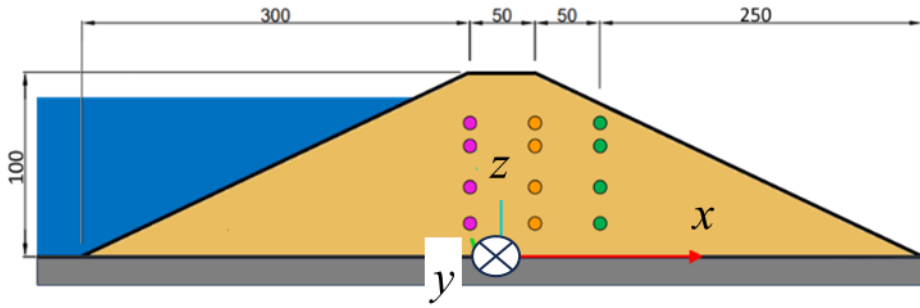


Elevation Map (DEM)  
Interpolation

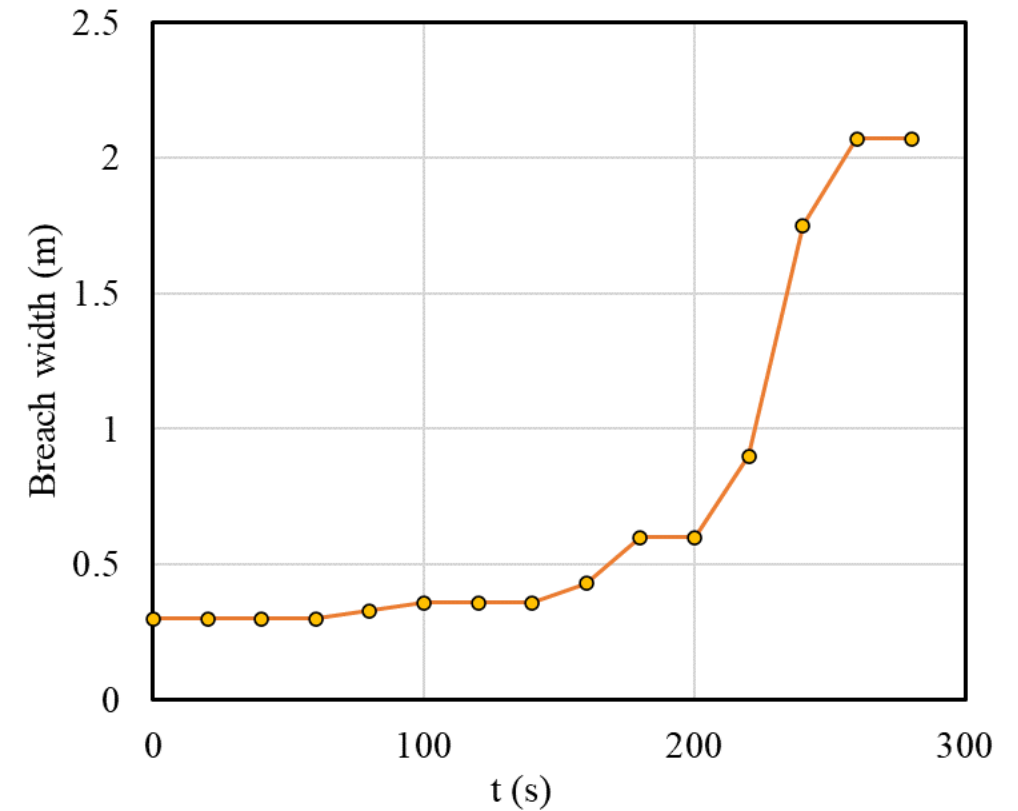
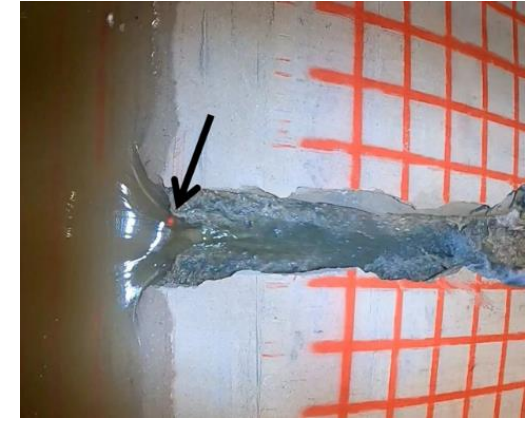
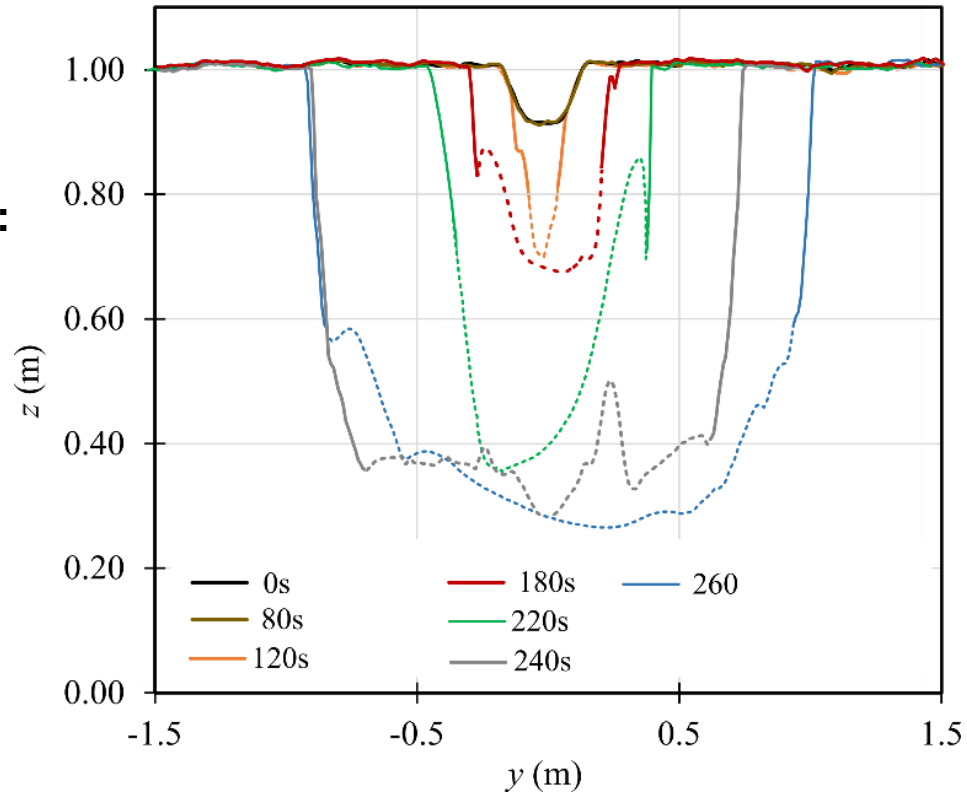


Orthophoto  
Resolution: 1.39 mm/pix

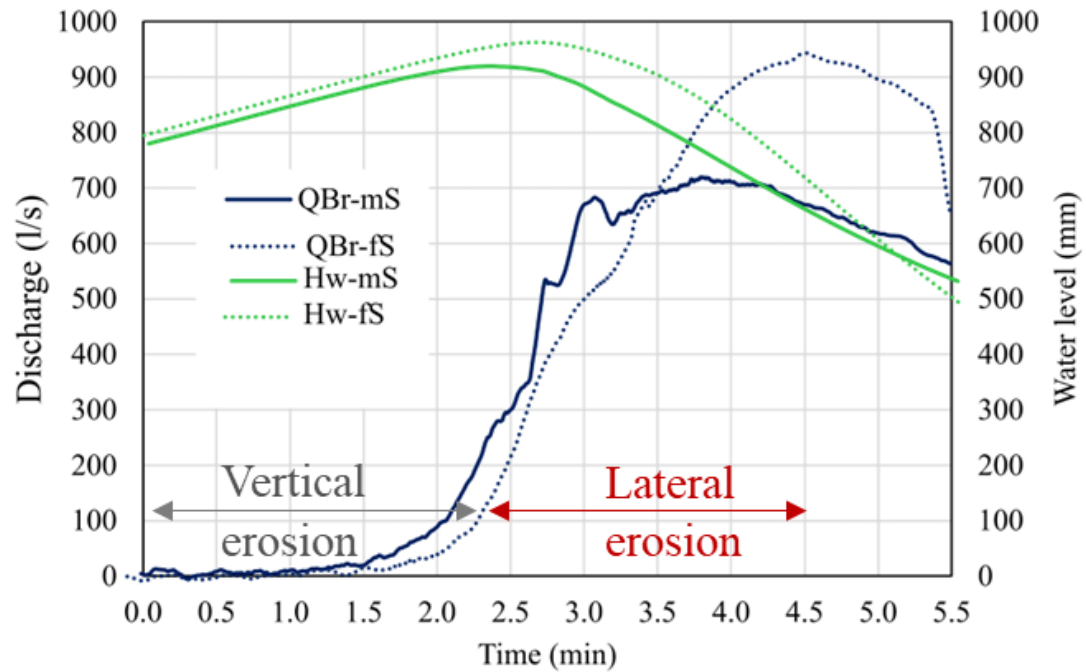
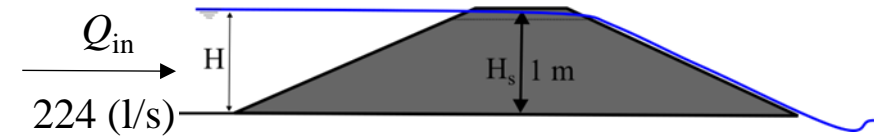
# Breach evolution



**Continuous segment :**  
above water  
**Dashed segment:**  
interpolated area  
inside the flow



# Breach hydrograph



Fine Sand (fS)  
Medium Sand (mS)

$$Q_{breach} = Q_{in} - A \frac{dz_w}{dt}$$

Fine Sand



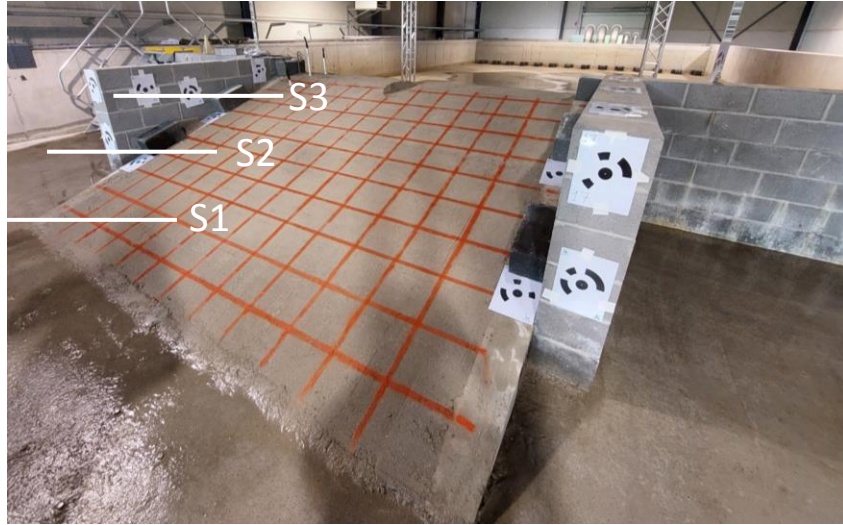
Medium Sand



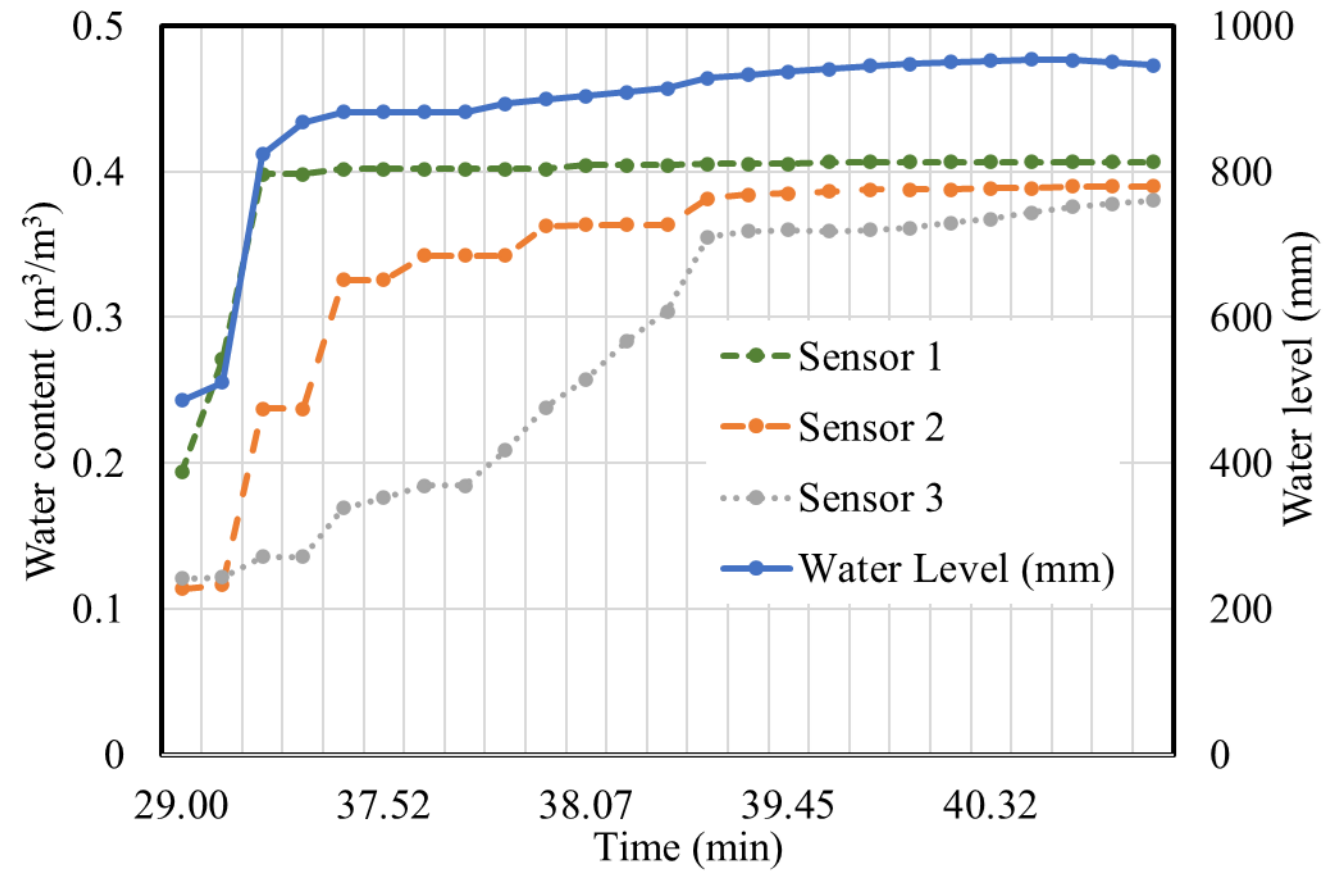
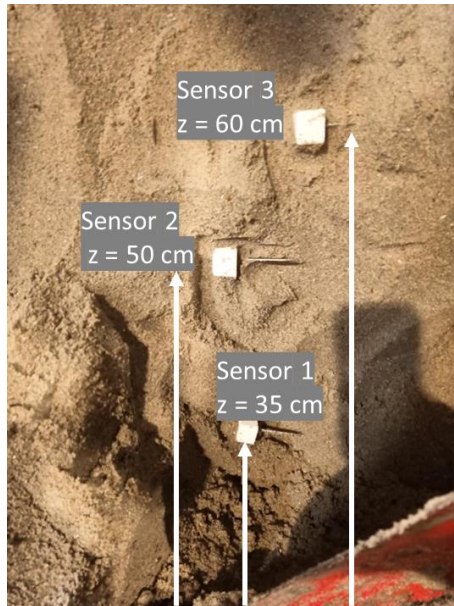
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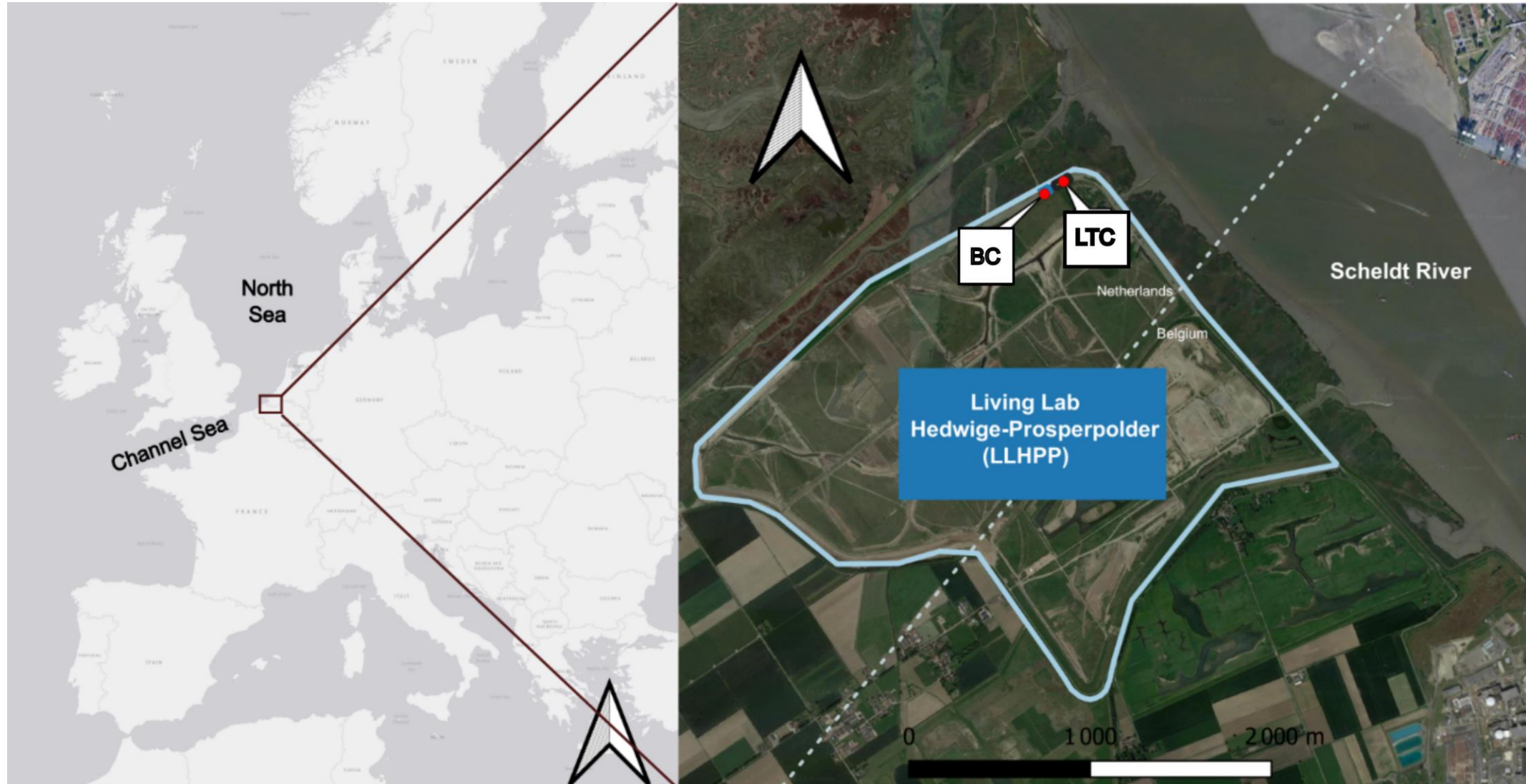
# Water content in the embankment



Sensors visible after dike failure



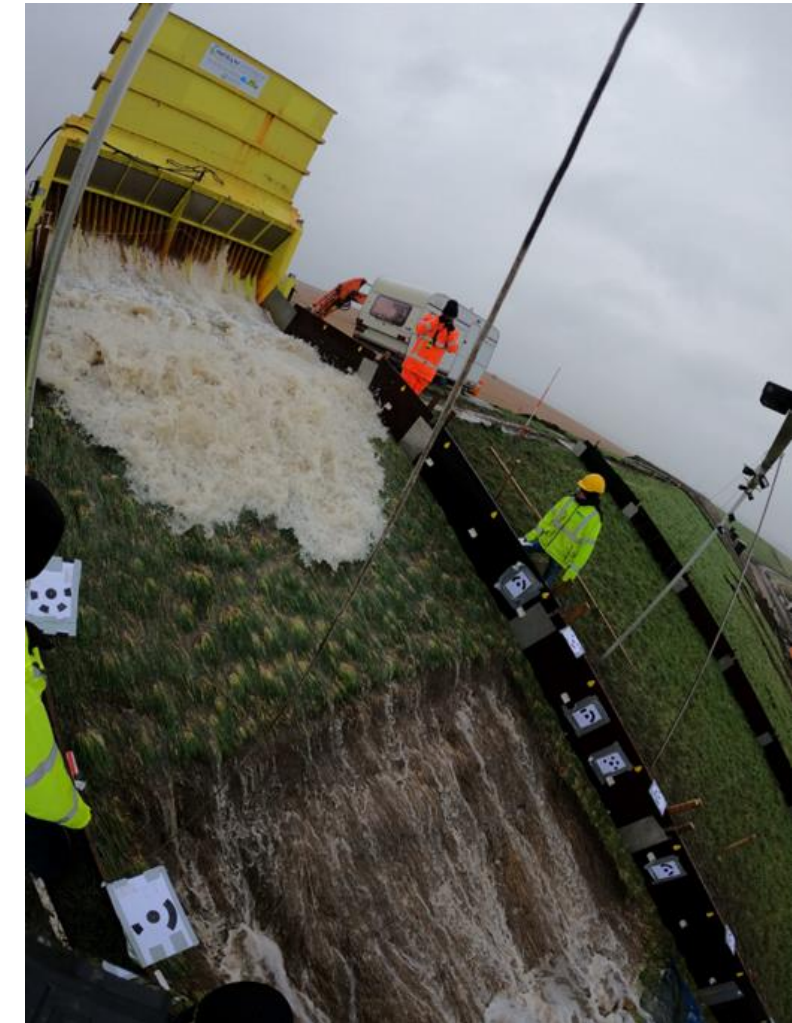
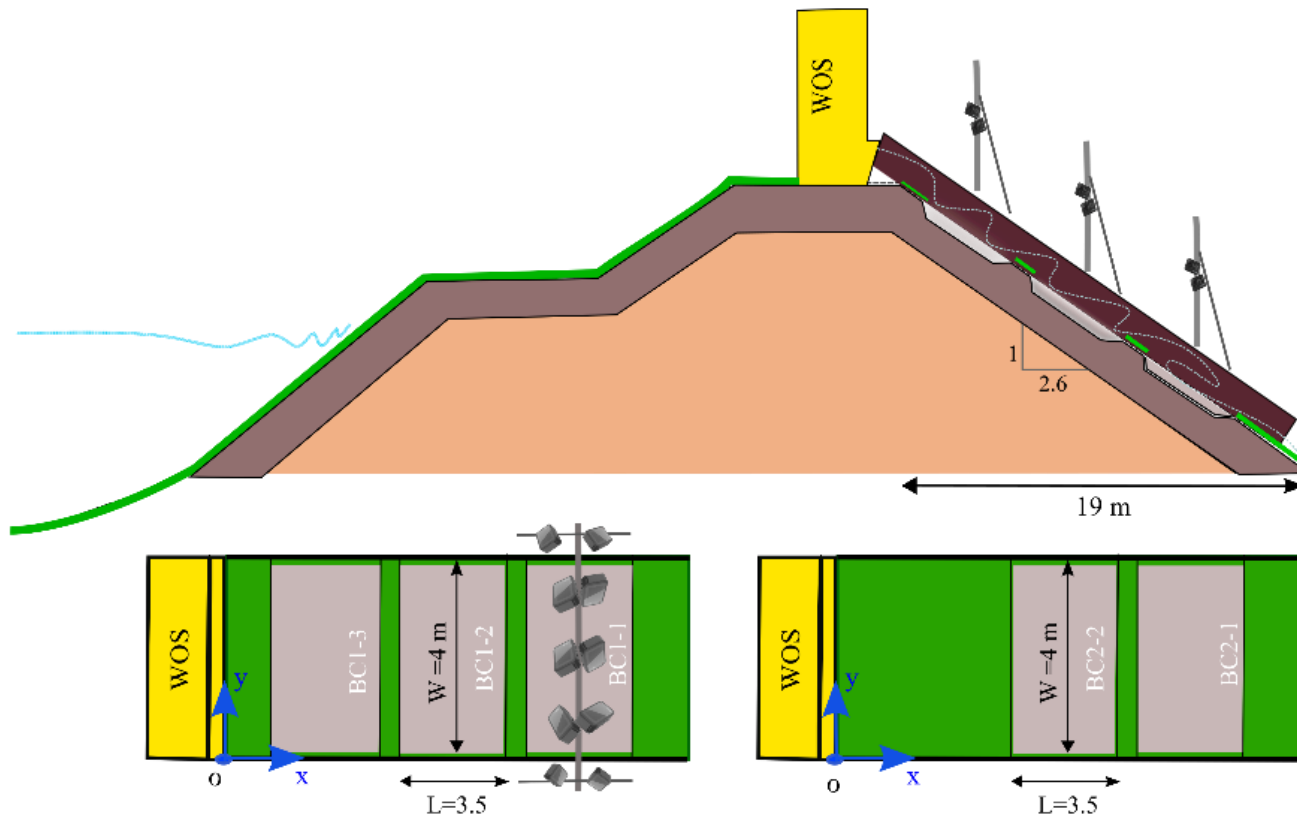
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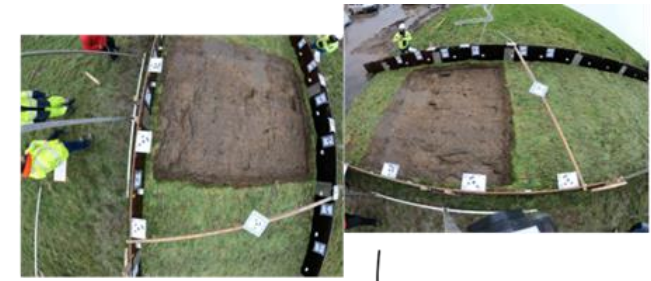
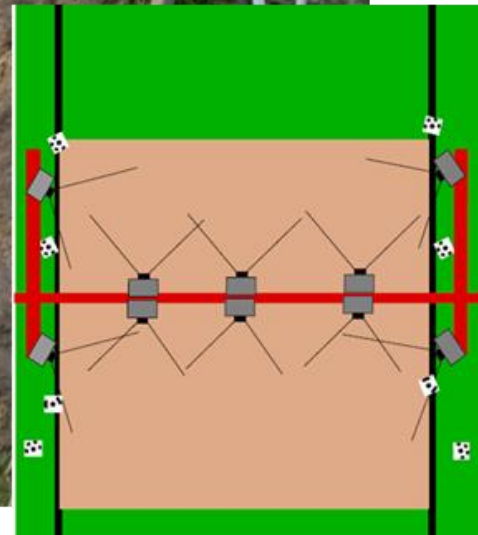
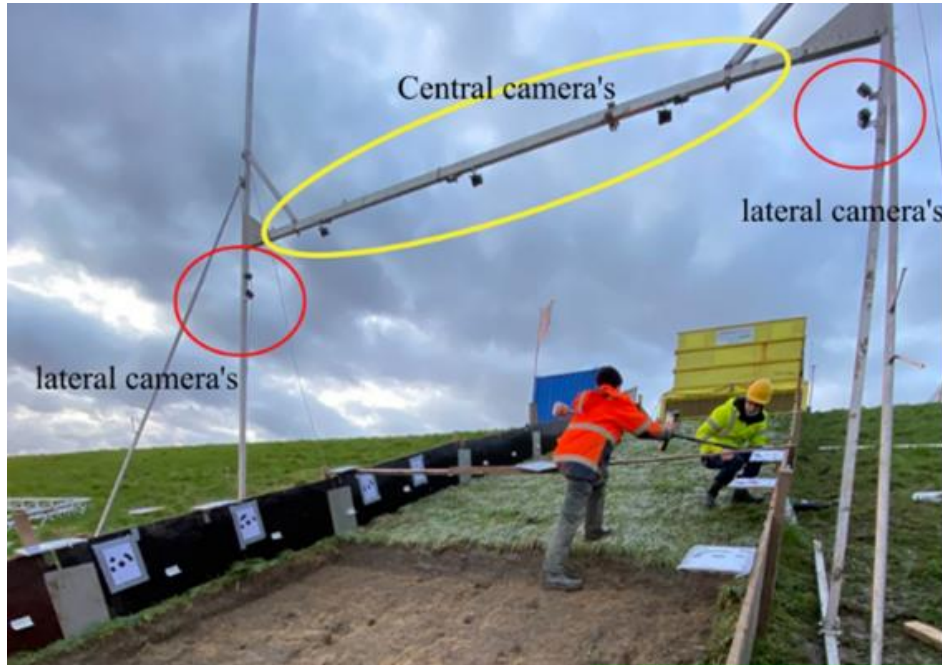
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## Wave overtopping tests





# Field measurements



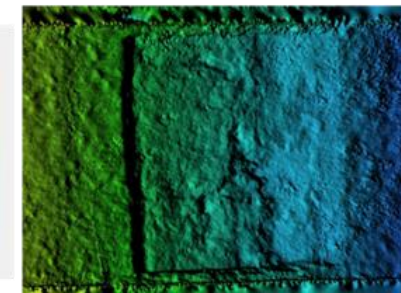
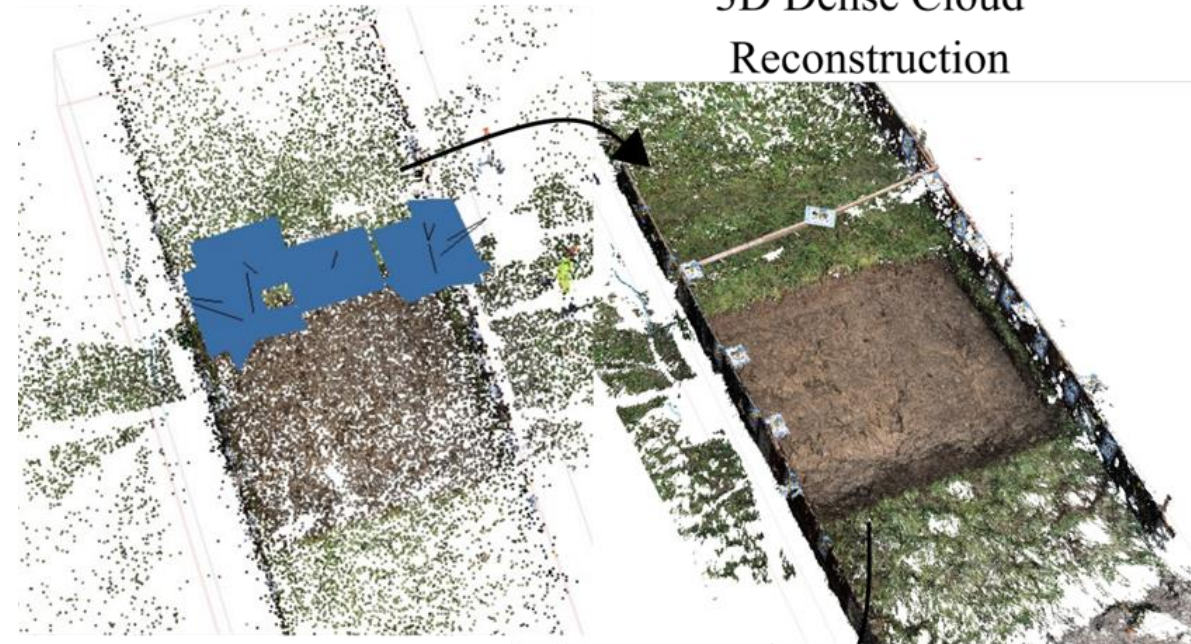
10 cameras;  
Time-lapse:  
1 photo/s

Importing 10 photos into



Cameras Alignment

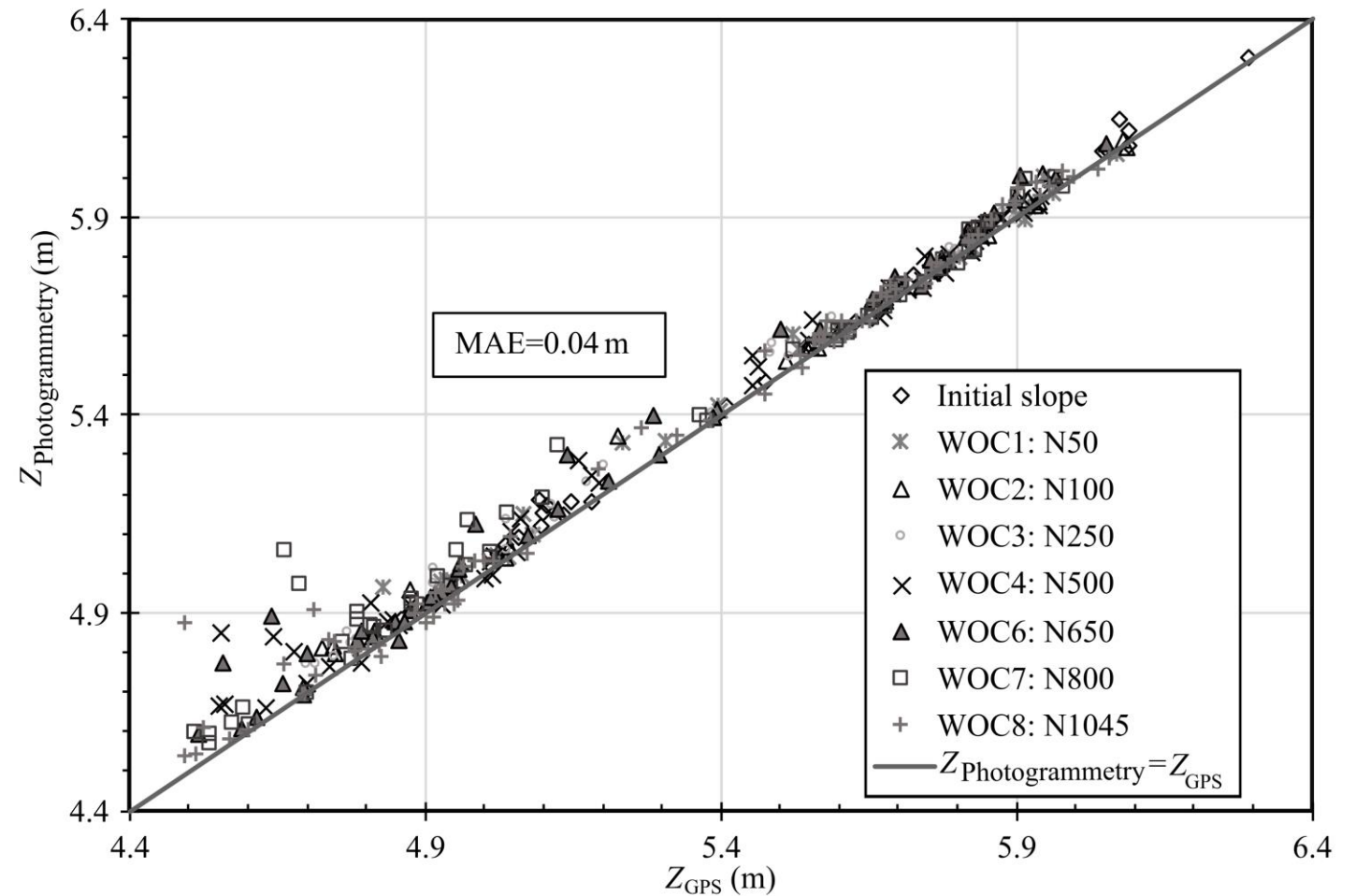
3D Dense Cloud  
Reconstruction



Digital elevation model  
(DEM) containing  
coordinates of all points



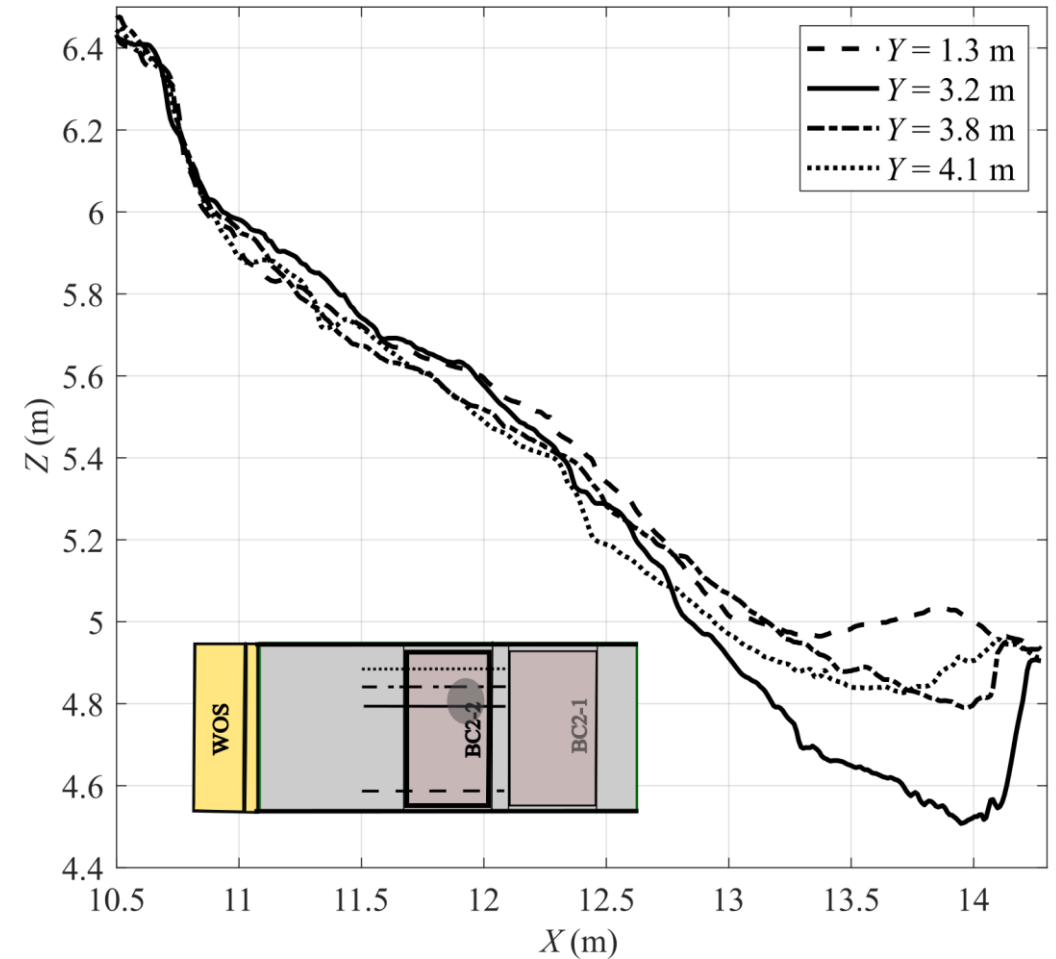
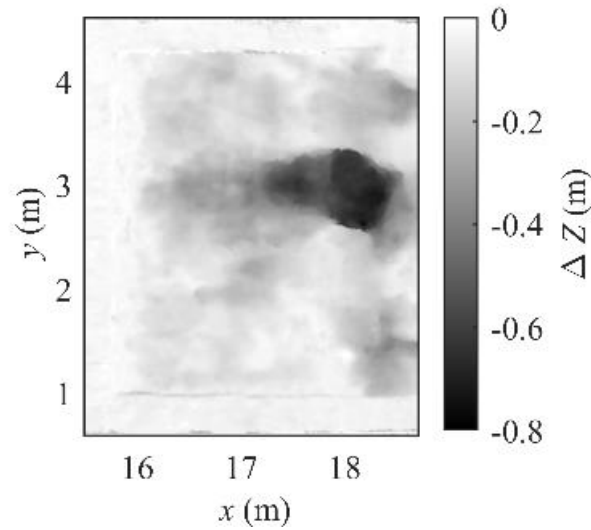
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## Erosion measurements



# What's next ?

Pore pressure and saturation degree evolution must be tracked

- Numerical modelling

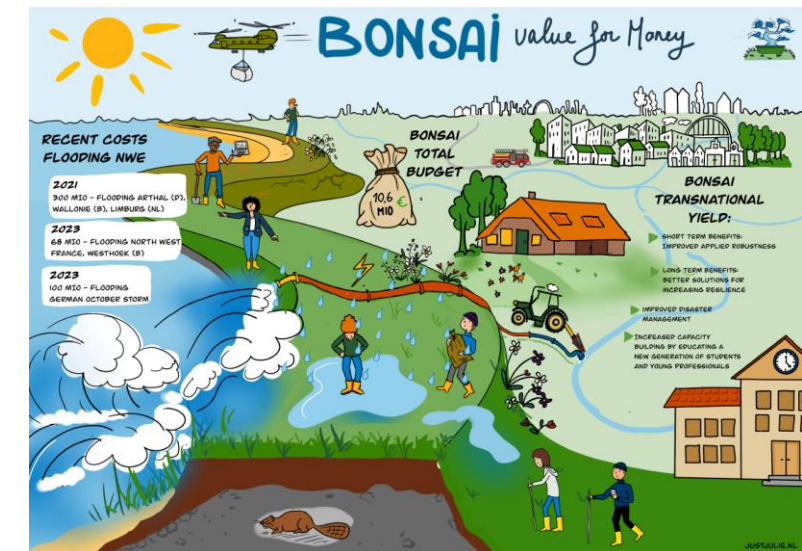
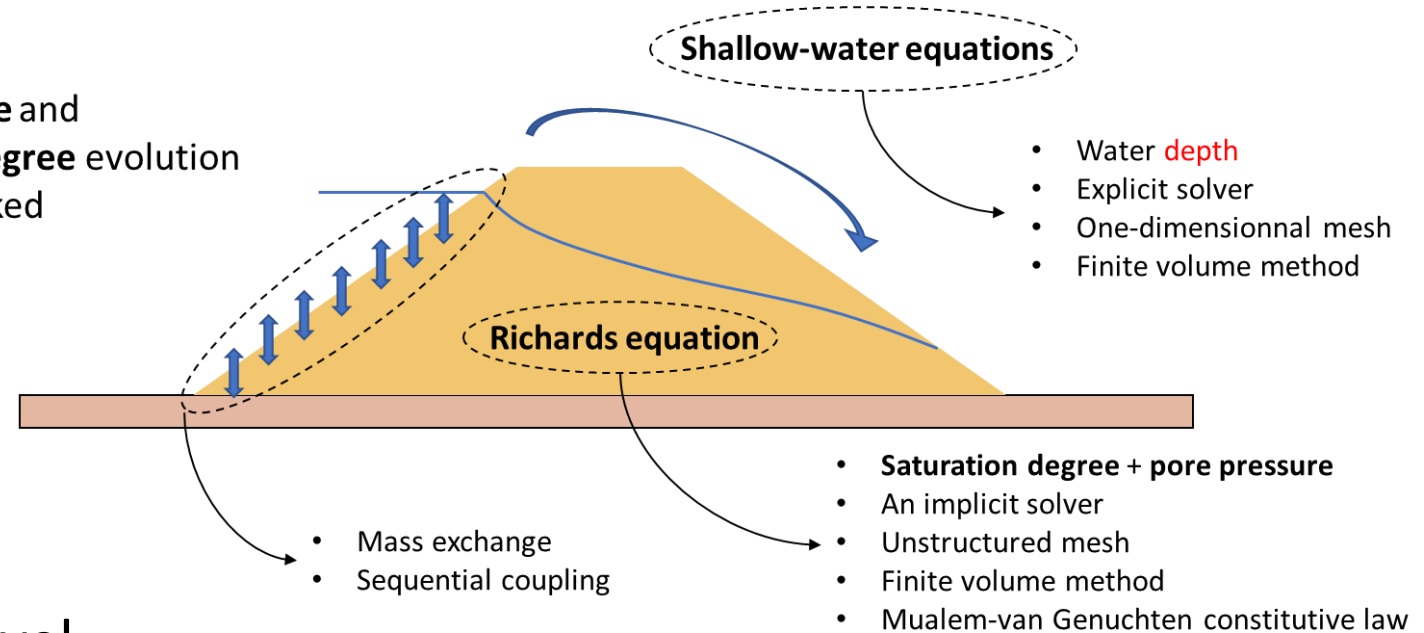
- Breaching process and bank erosion: improved model
- Influence of soil saturation level

- Experiments

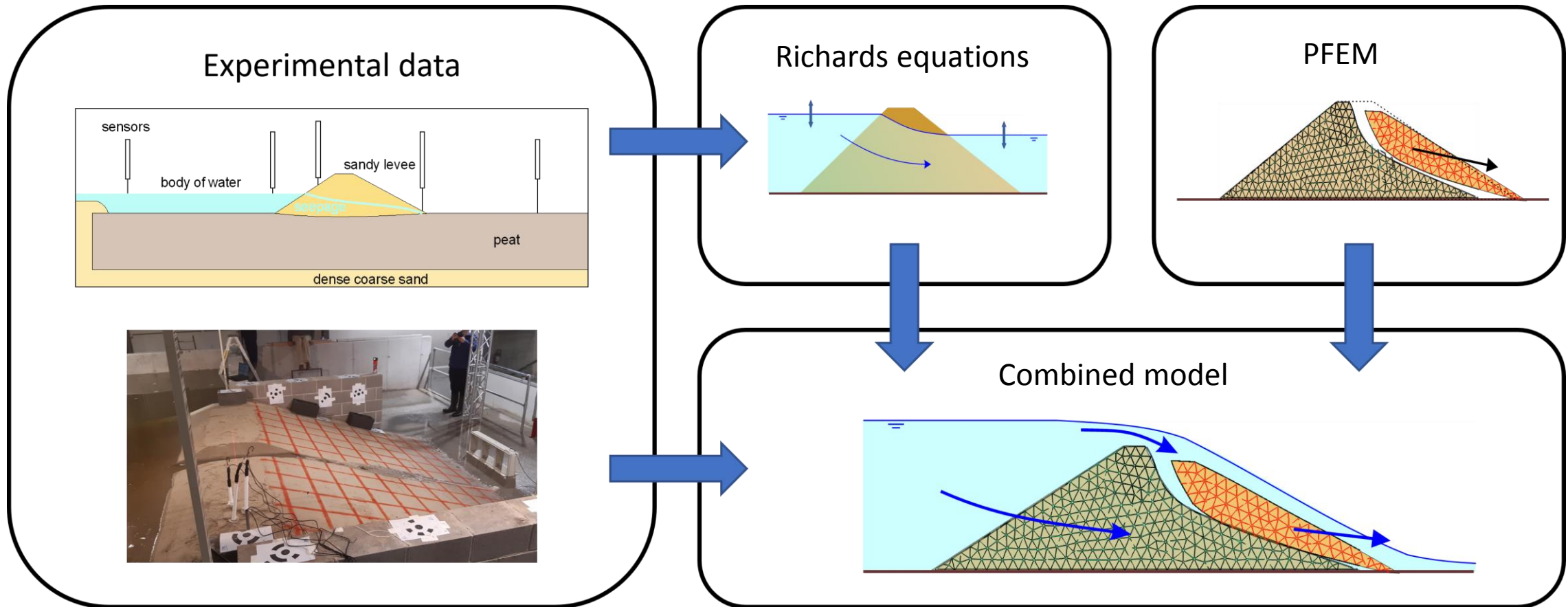
- Small and medium scales, various materials
- Flow through the dike
- Velocity measurements

- Field work

- Bonsai project

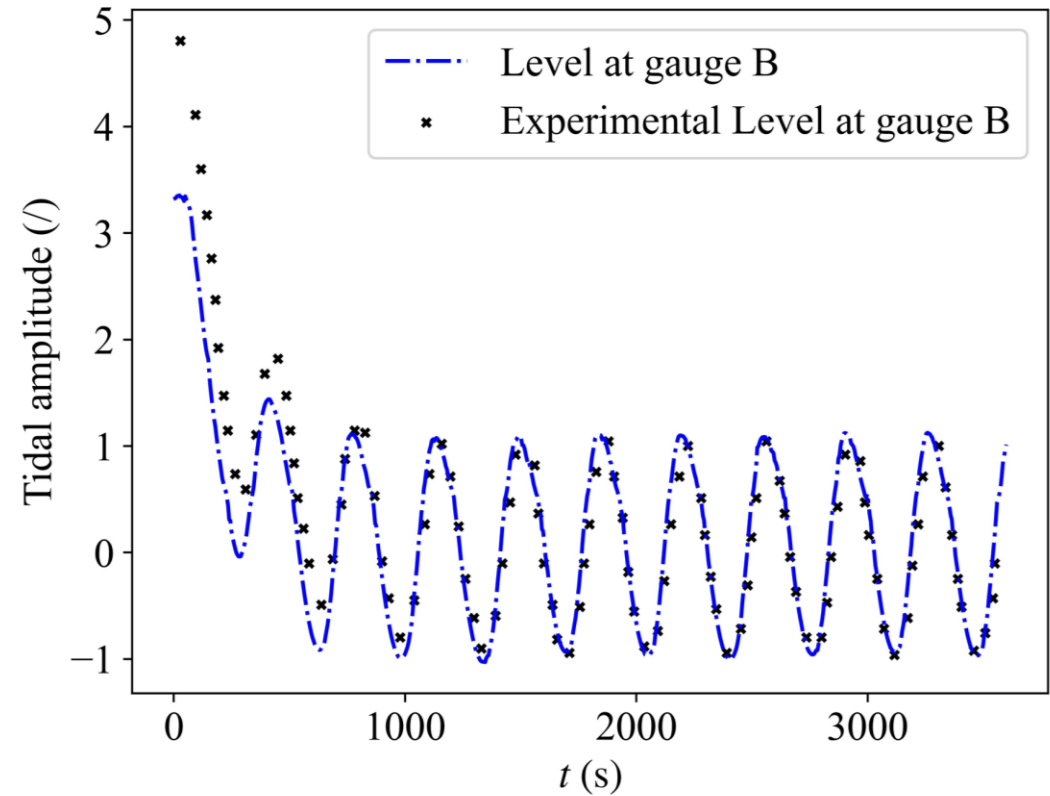
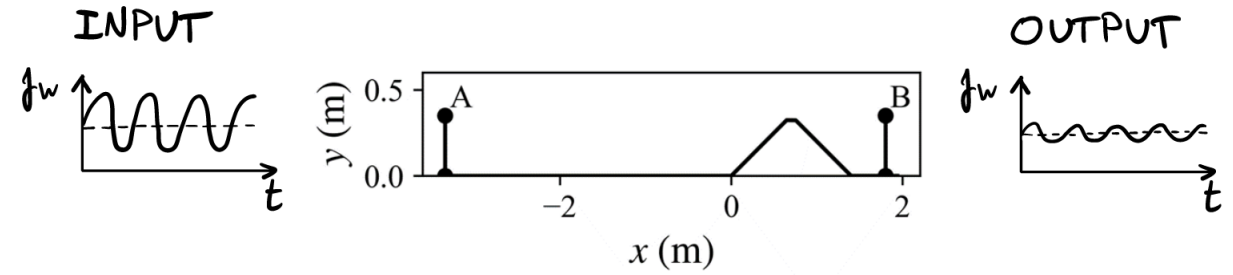
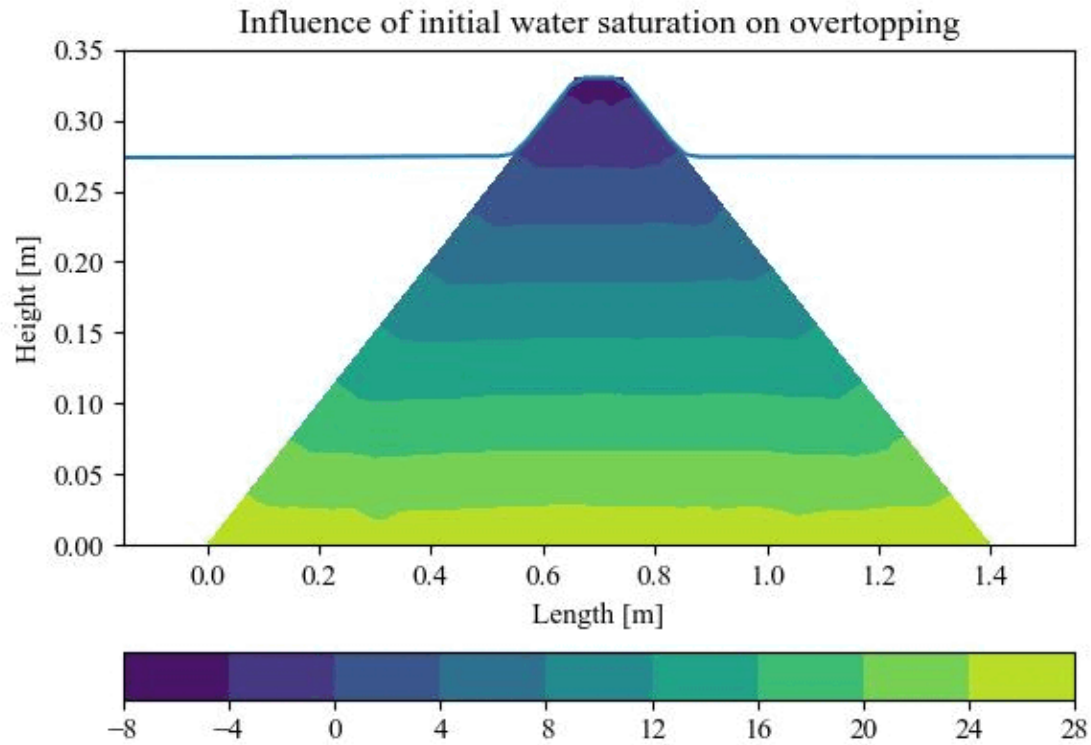


# Numerical modelling





# Flow through the embankment

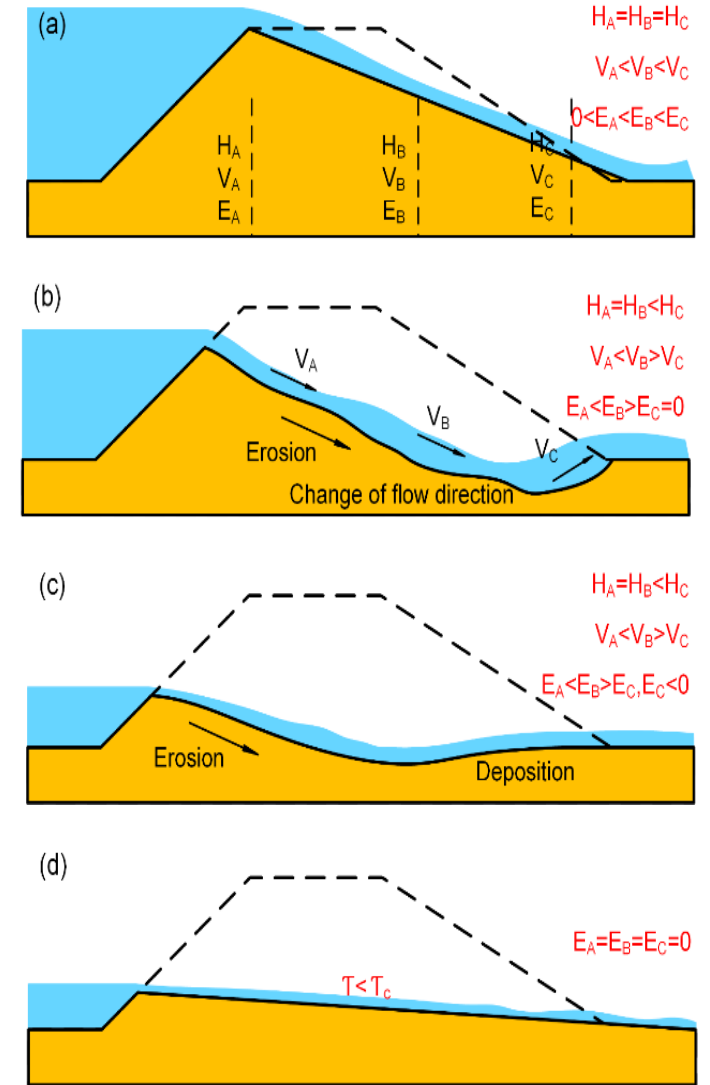
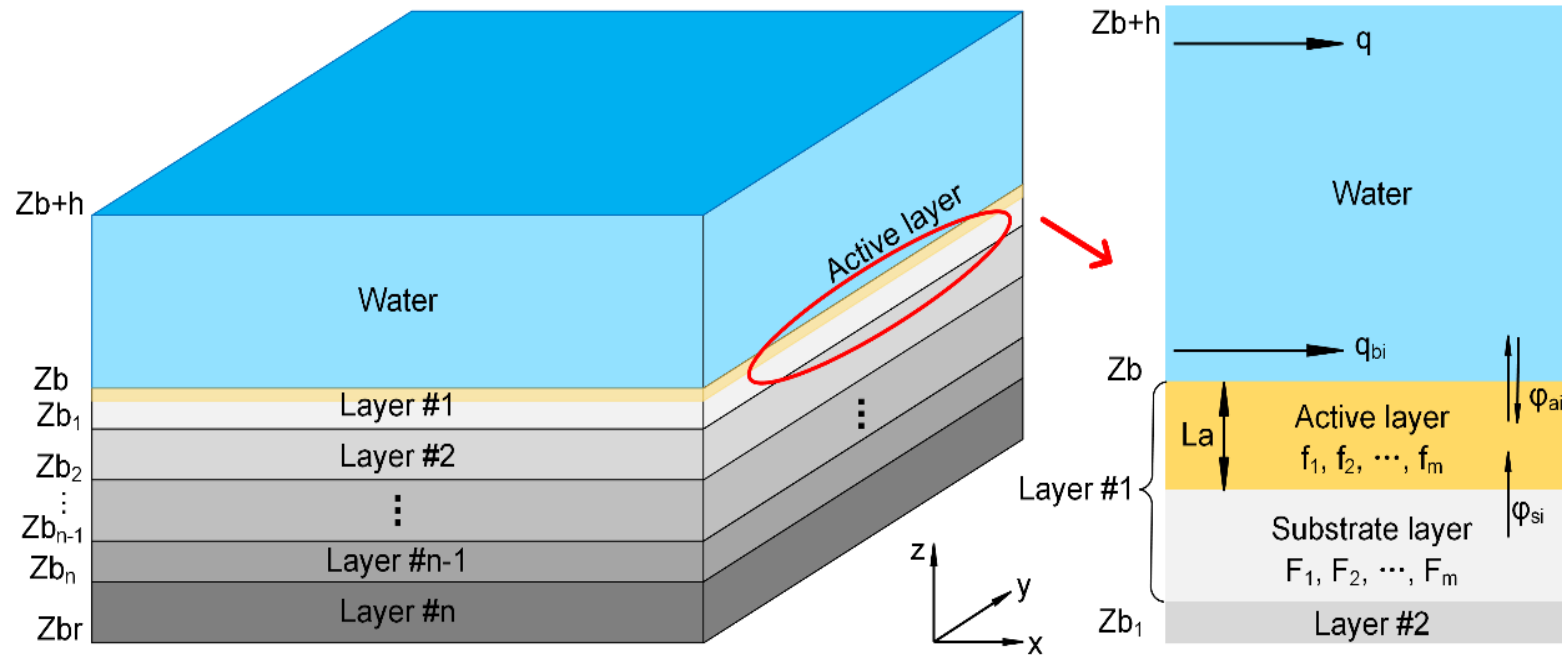


# Surface erosion

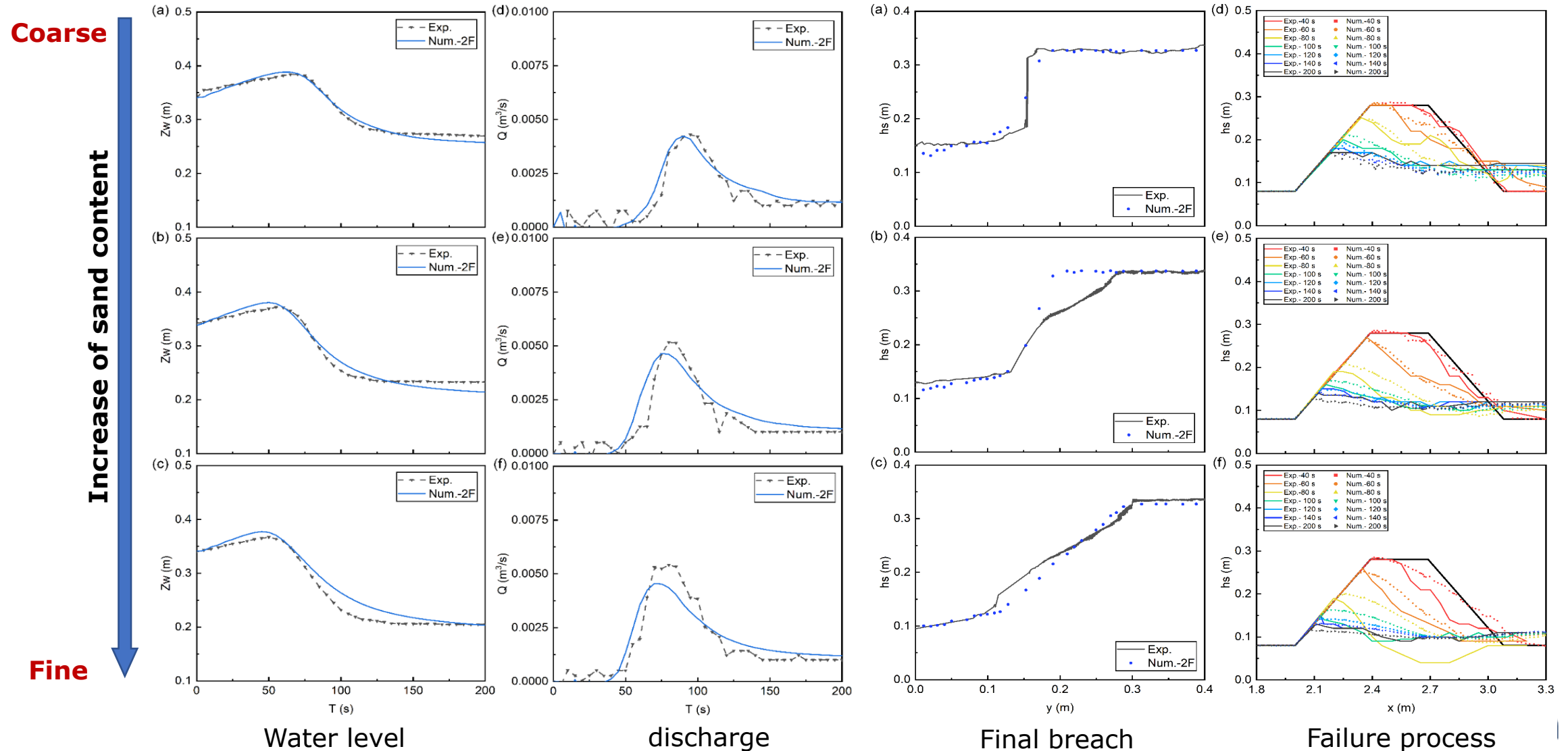
2D shallow-water equations

Exner equation for sediment continuity

Multi-layered and non-uniform sediment transport



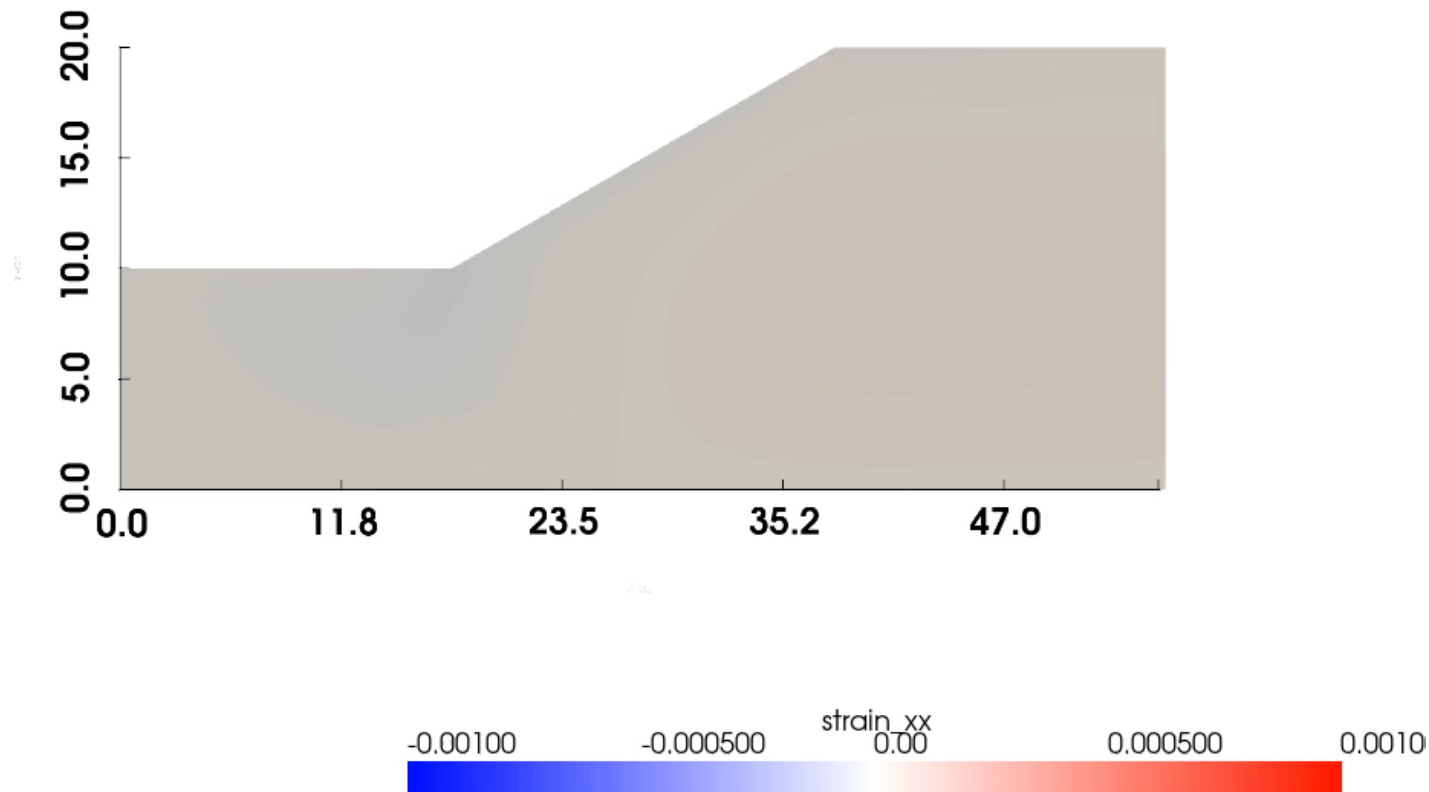
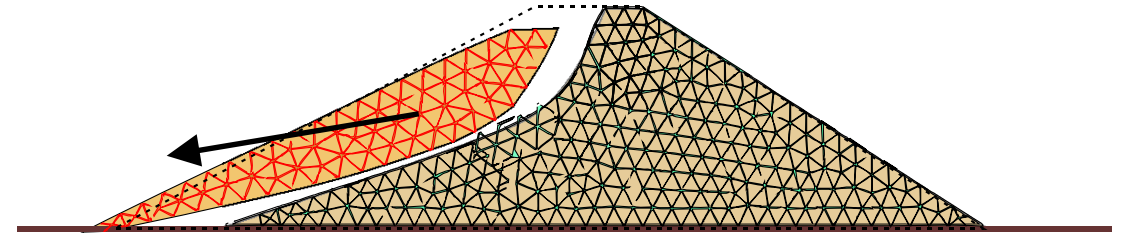
# Dike erosion with different « fine » content





# Mass movement using PFEM

Time (s): 0.0





**Thank you for your attention**

**“Deltares experimental facilities & measuring techniques”**

**(Invited Speaker Mark Klein Breteler, Deltares)**





# Deltares

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### Experimental facilities & measurement techniques at Deltares

Mark Klein Breteler

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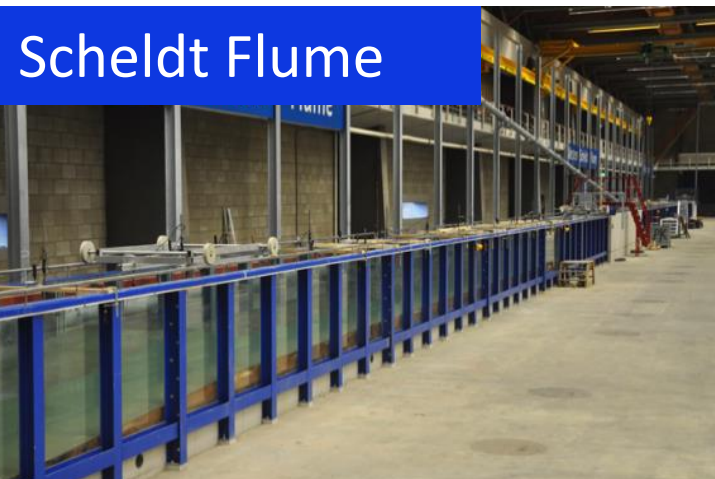
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  - Scheldt Flume
  - Delta Basin
  - Atlantic Basin
- Typical projects & measurements for small scale facilities
- A deeper dive into the Delta Flume

# Physical modelling at Deltares

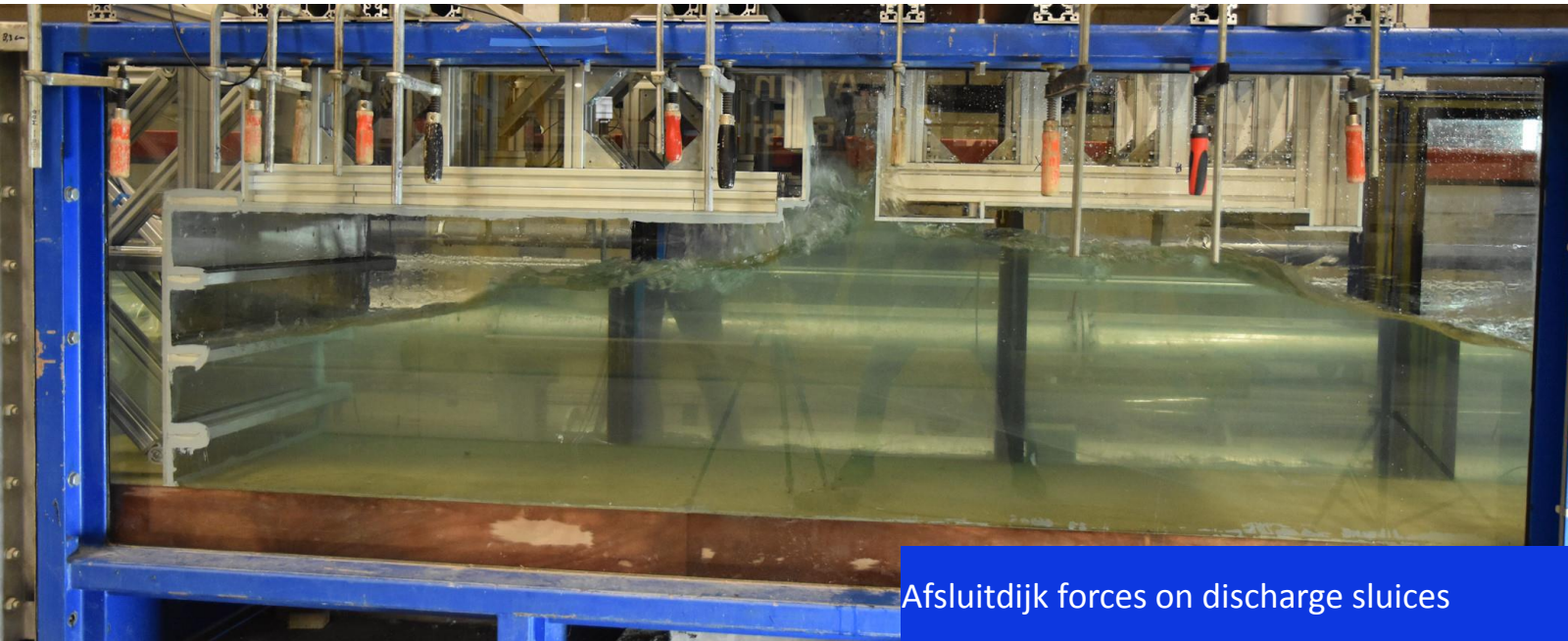
*Wave flumes and wave basins:*

- |                         |                | L (m) | W (m) | h (m) | H <sub>s</sub> (m) |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| • 2D, small scale:      | Scheldt Flume  | 110   | 1     | 1.2   | 0.28               |
| • 2D & 3D, small scale: | Atlantic Basin | 75    | 8.7   | 1.4   | 0.25               |
| • 3D, small scale:      | Delta Basin    | 50    | 50    | 1.4   | 0.25               |
| • 2D, large scale:      | Delta Flume    | 300   | 5     | 9.5   | 2.2                |





# Projects in the Scheldt Flume



Afsluitdijk forces on discharge sluices



Afsluitdijk armour stability and overtopping



Low-crested structure with dynamic cobble beach



Toe stability



# Projects in the Scheldt Flume



Coastal structures



Low-crested structure with raised foreshore to lower wave overtopping



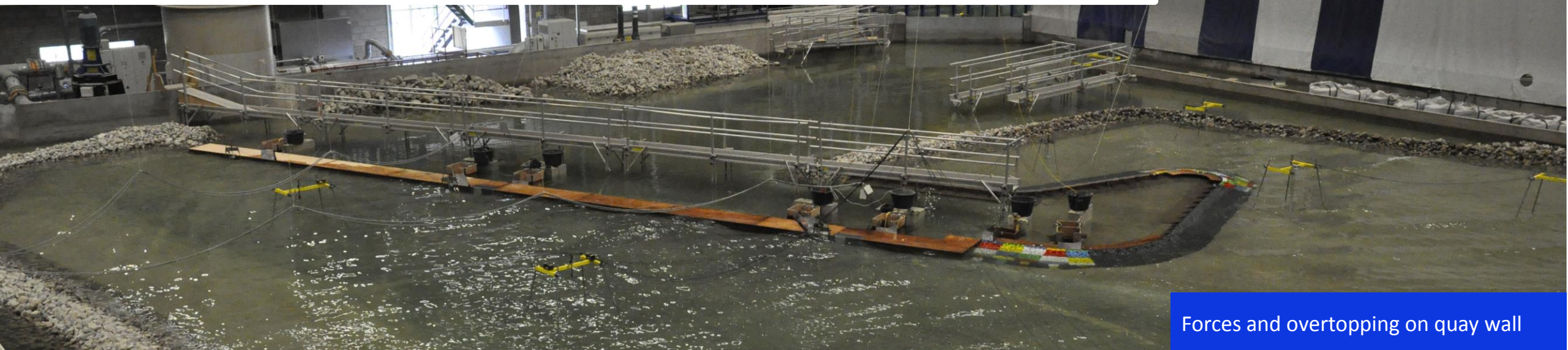
# Projects in the Delta Basin



Forces on deck on piles



Modelling of stability of groynes

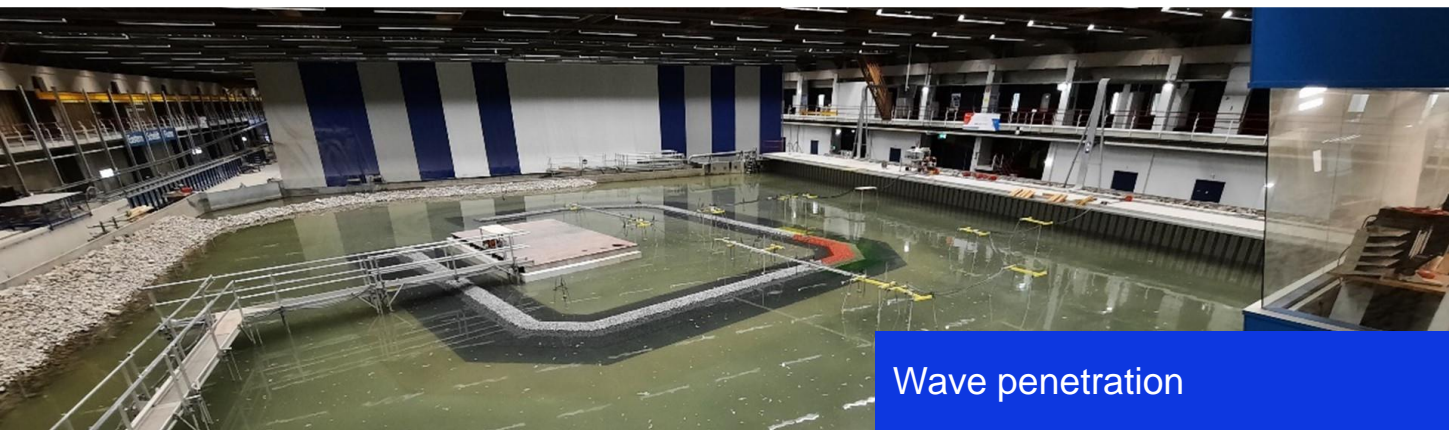


Forces and overtopping on quay wall



# Projects in the Delta Basin

Ship motions



Wave penetration



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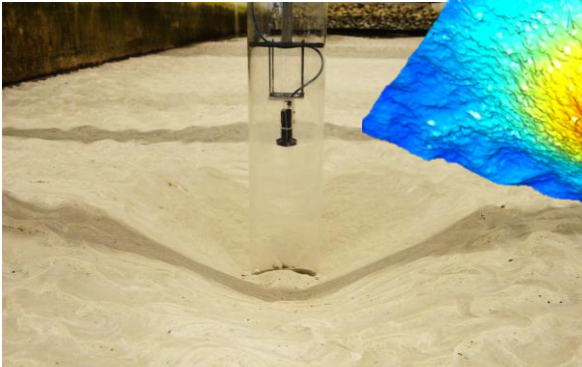
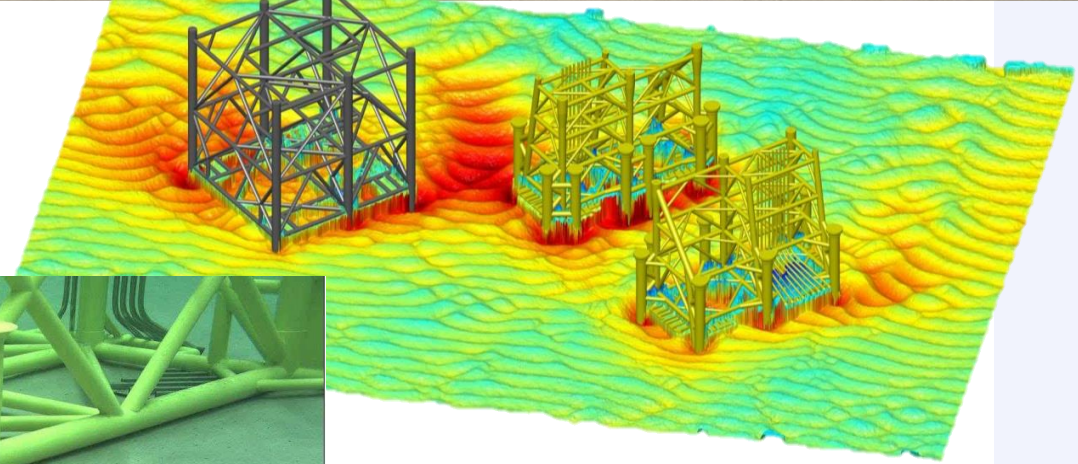


Construction phase modelling

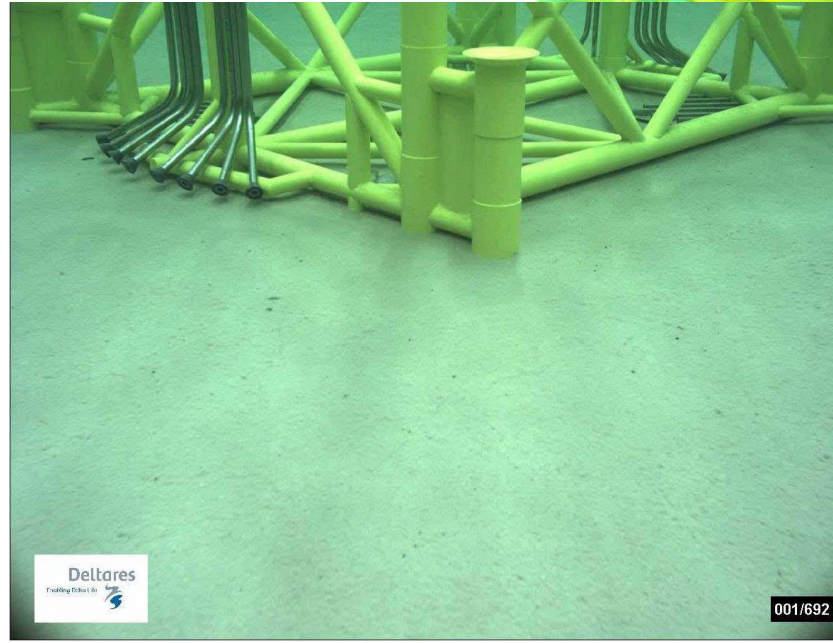
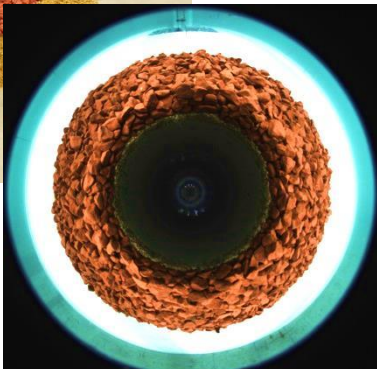
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# Projects in the Atlantic Basin



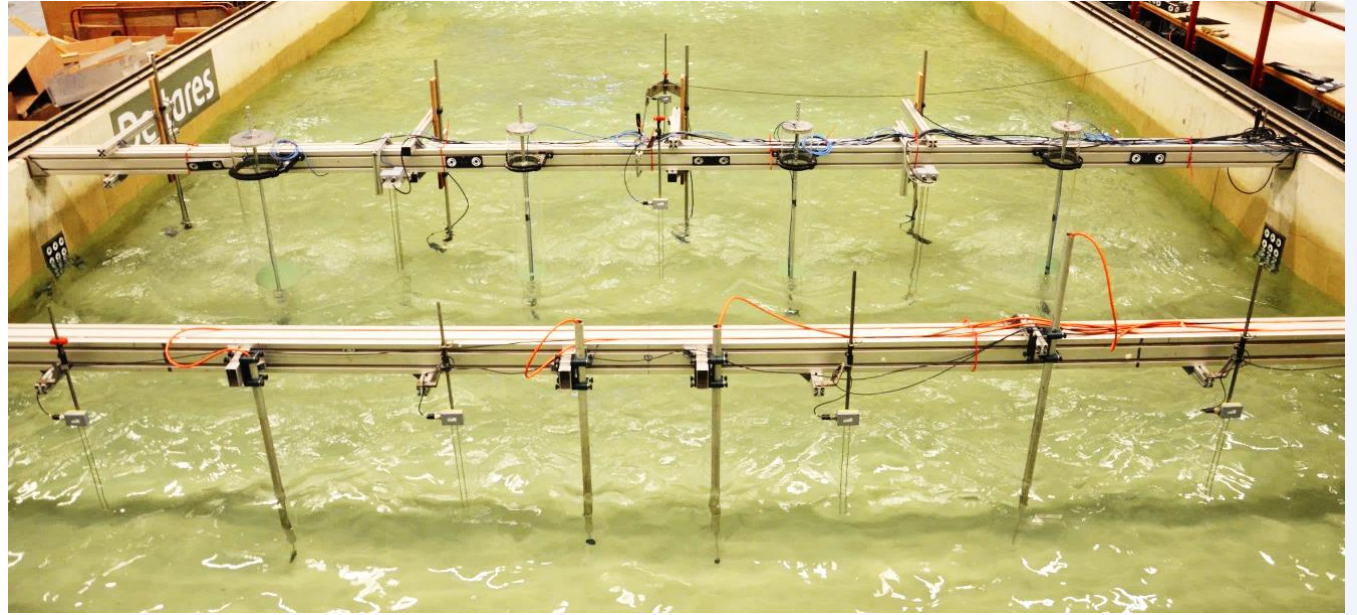
Scour around monopile foundations





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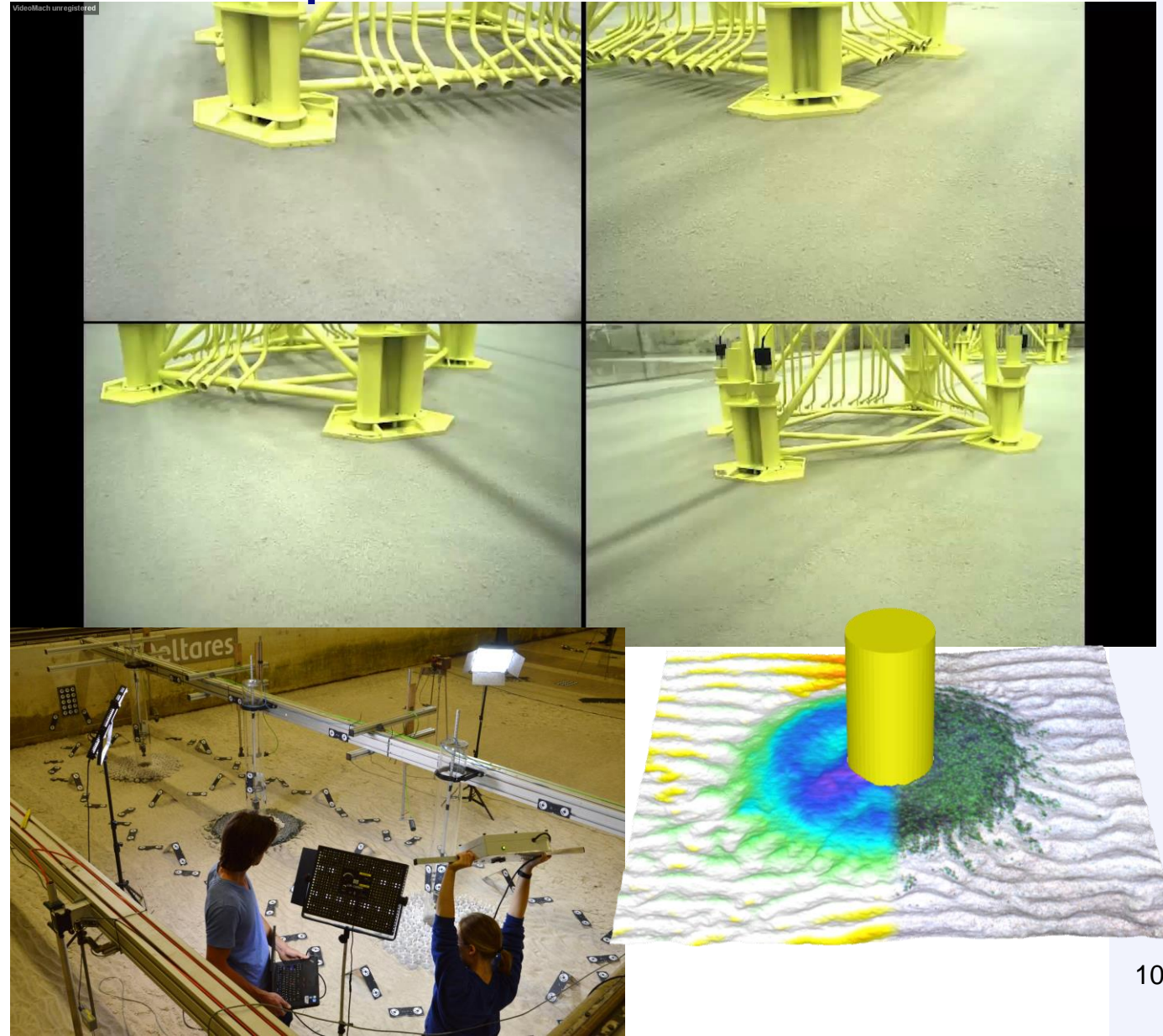
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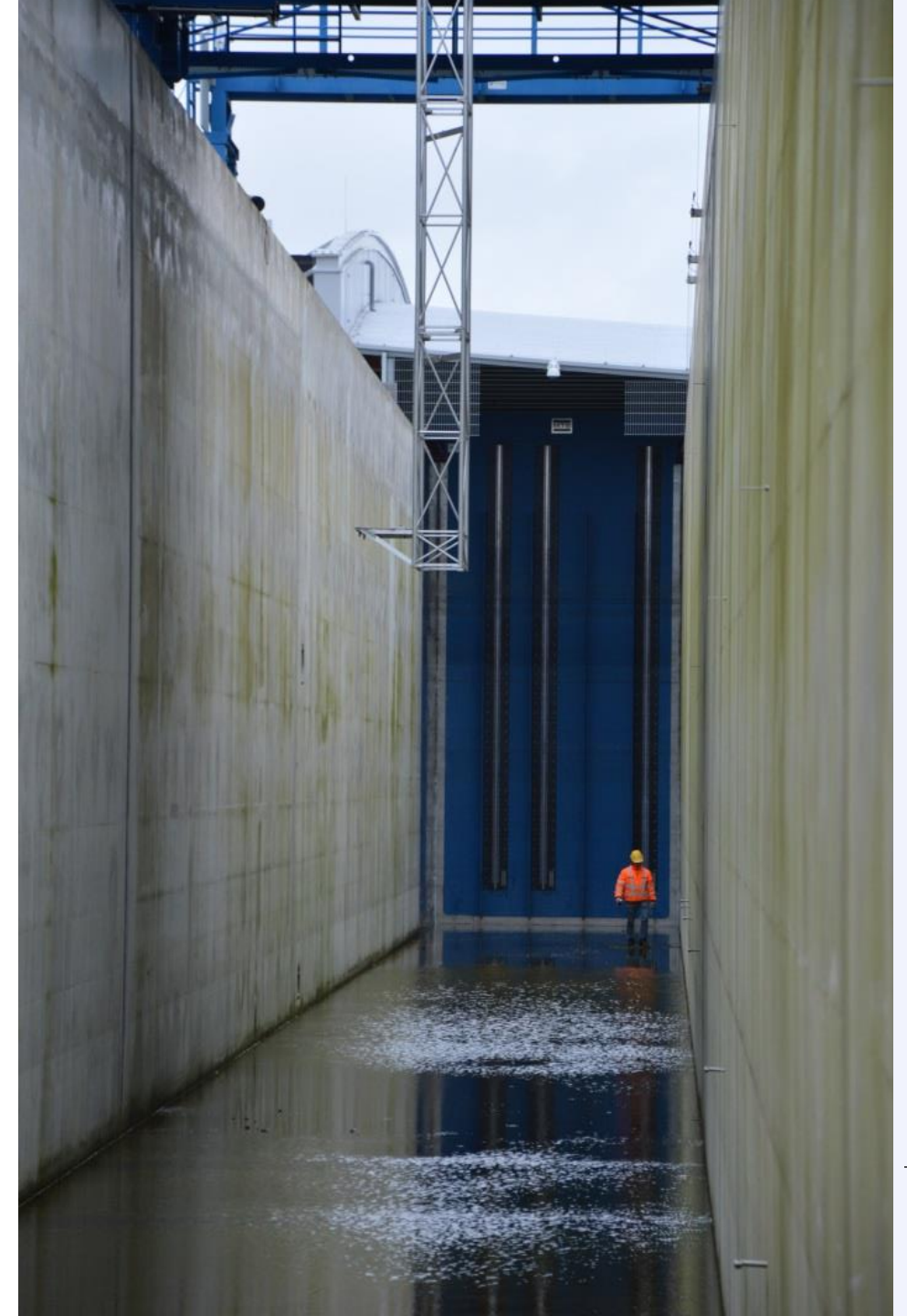
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# Delta Flume - Specifications

- Wave height:  $H_{s,max} = 2.1$  m,  $H_{max} = 4.7$  m
- Regular waves  $H_{max} = 3.2$  m
- Length: 300 m
- Width: 5 m
- Depth: 9.5 m
- Active reflection compensation
- Tidal water level variation during tests





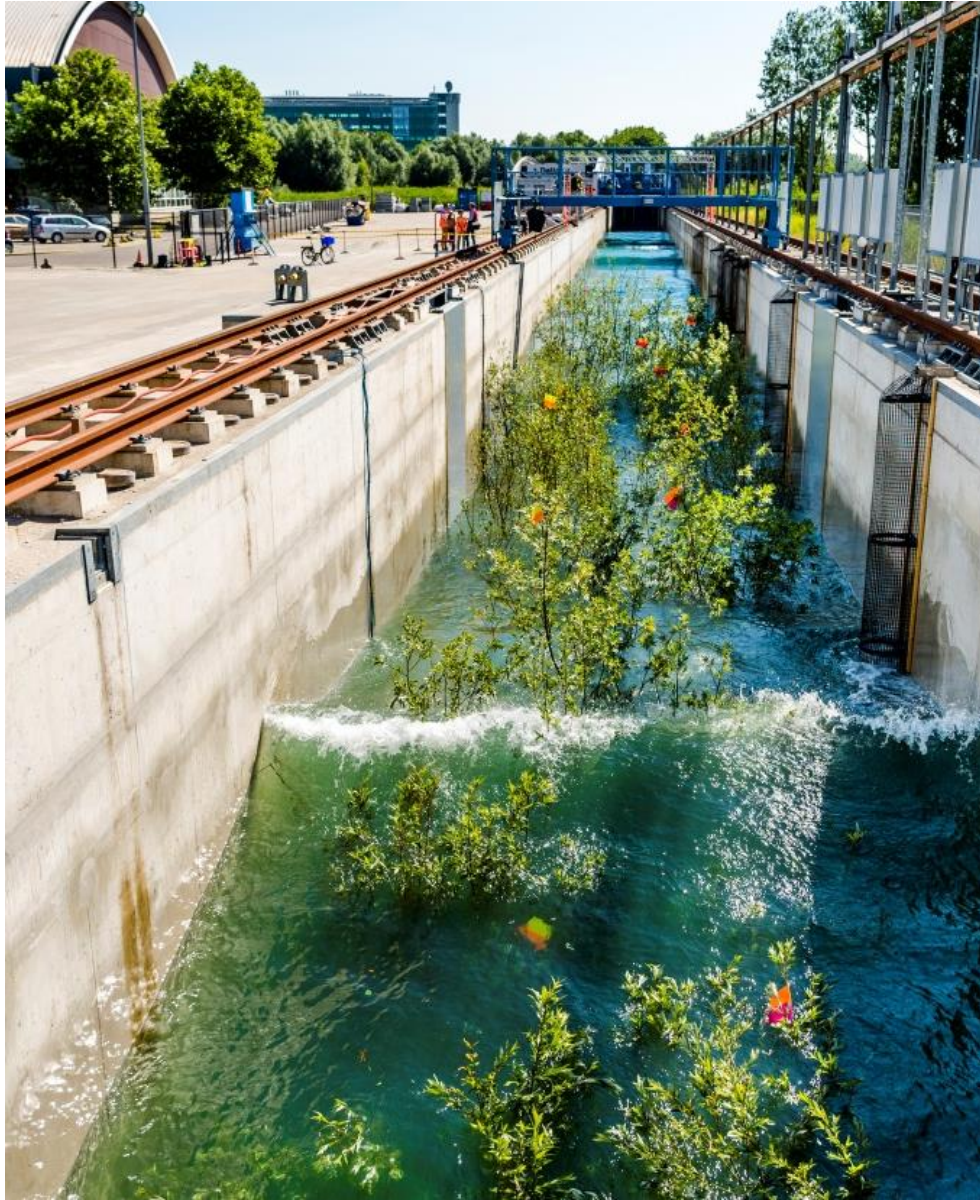
# Delta Flume - Examples of projects

- **Coastal structures:**
  - Wave impacts
  - Vegetation (building with nature)
- **Energy transition: offshore wind**
  - Wave attack on offshore wind turbine substructure
  - Scour protection
- **Soilmechanics:**
  - deformations
  - erosion

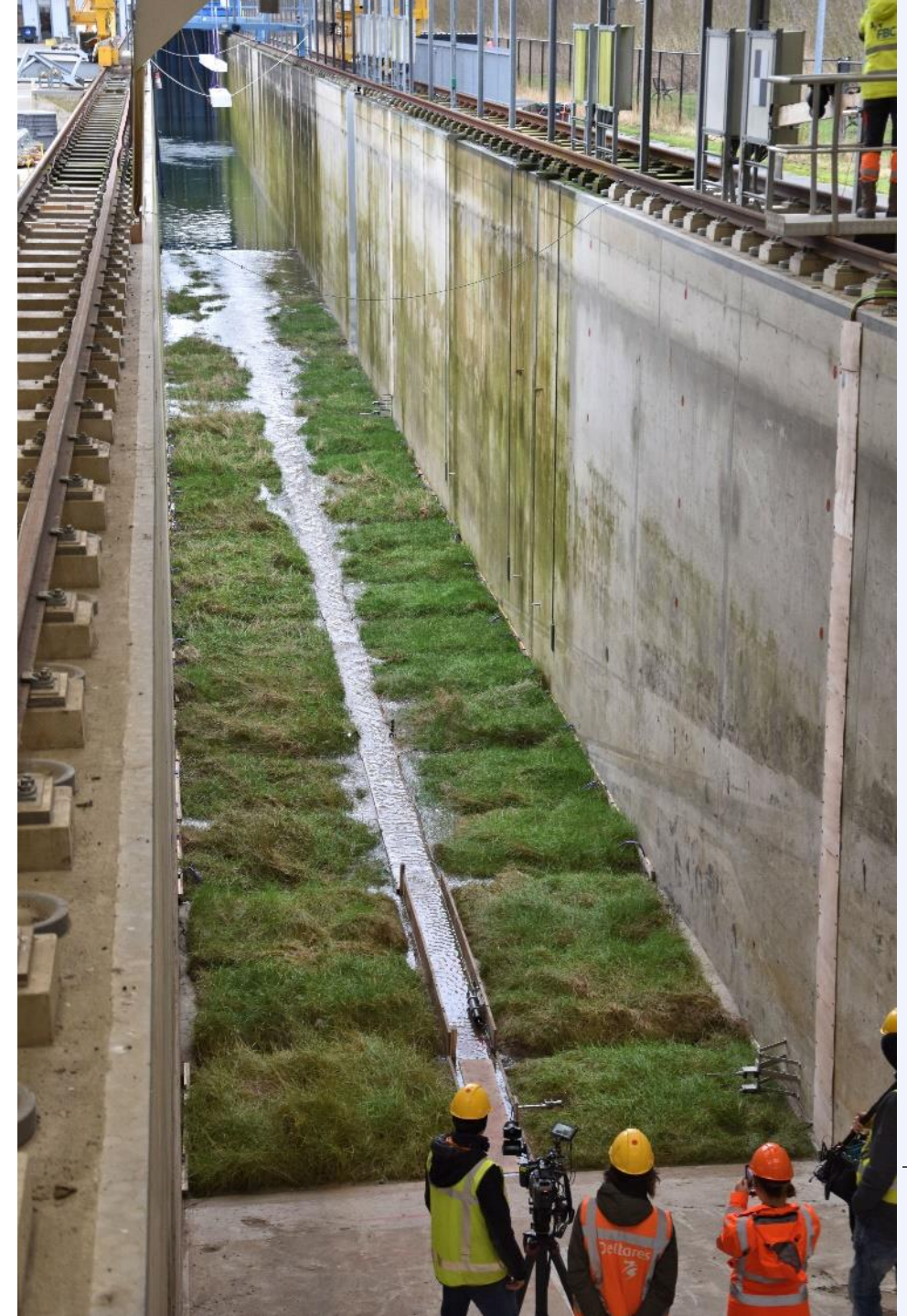




## Building with nature



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# Energy transition: offshore wind

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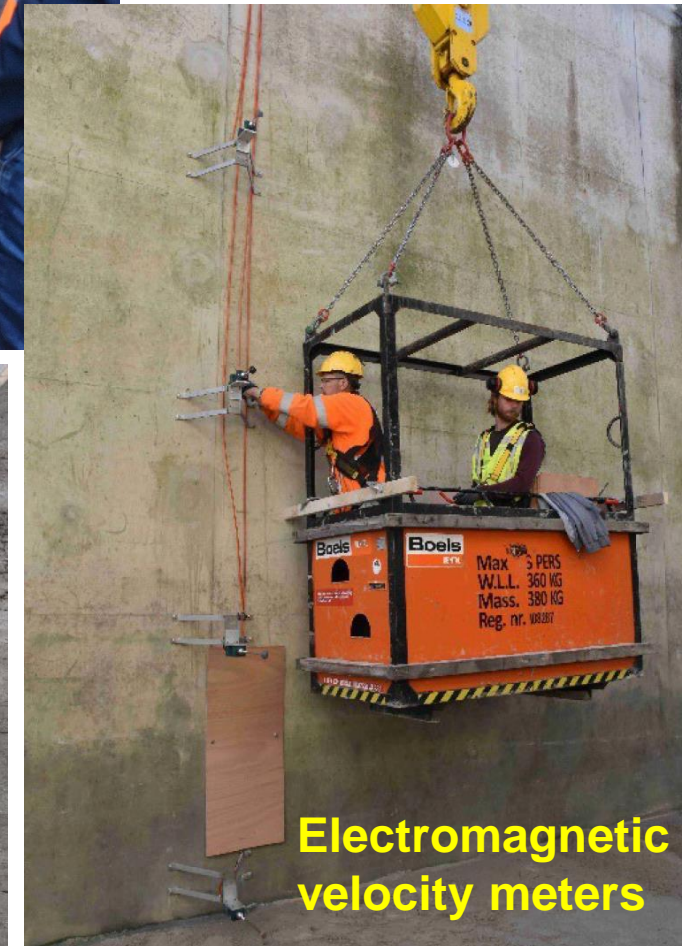




# Delta Flume - Examples of instruments

- Wave gauges:
  - Resistant type
  - Radac (acoustic)
  - Lidar
  - Video AI
- Flow meters
  - Electromagnetic
  - ADV and ADCP
- Pressure cells
- Accelerometers
- Faro laser scanner
- Video

**Deltares**





# Delta Flume – Example project

## Erosion of clay embankments by wave attack





# Erosion of clay embankments by wave attack



**Structures clay with mature grass from old embankement**



**Blocks of 2x2 m<sup>2</sup>, 0.85 m thick**

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# Erosion of clay embankments by wave attack

## Construction of full scale embankment





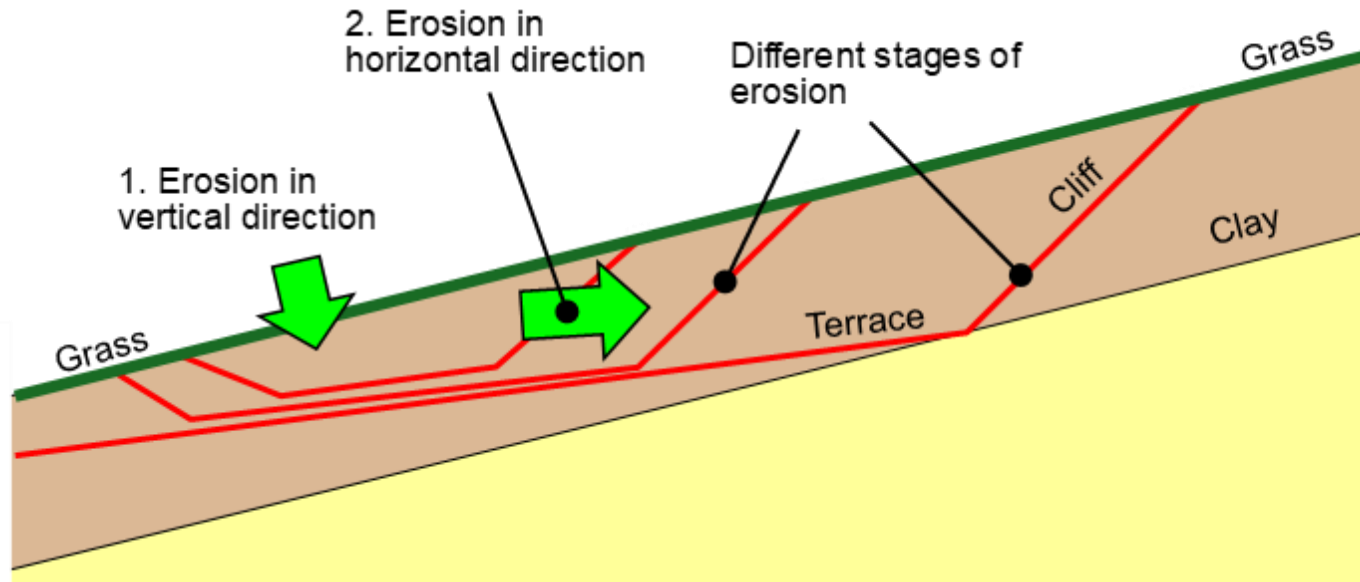
# Erosion approach

Projects aimed at characterisation of erosion process

Observed erosion process:

Phase 1: erosion grows mainly in depth

Phase 2: terrace and cliff erosion  
eroded volume increases faster



# Erosion approach

Projects aimed at characterisation of erosion process

## Physical modelling

- Erodibility of clay
- Erosion process

## Numerical modelling

- Extension of the Delta flume experiments
- Detailed information on the hydraulic loads

## Erosion formulas

- Empirical formulas to describe the erosion rate
- Description of the erosion profile over time

## Probabilistic calculations

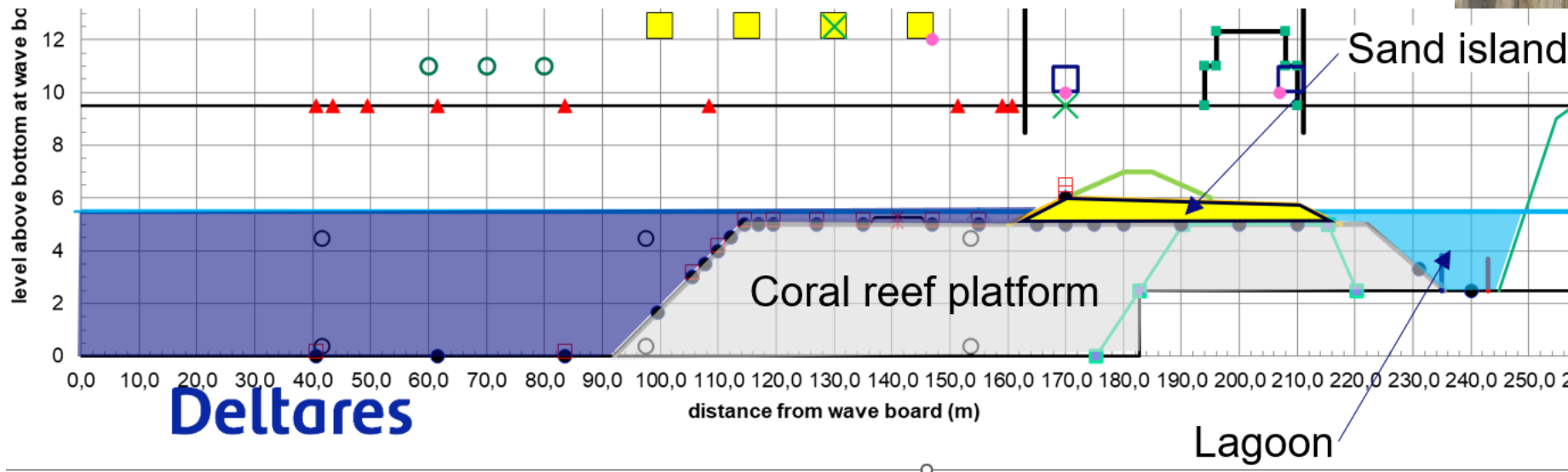
- Expected return period of erosion depths
- Minimum required thickness of the clay revetment



# Delta Flume – Example project

## Climate impact on atoll islands (ARISE)

- Modelling of climate impact on Atoll islands
  - Large scale because of scale effects
- Runup, overwash, erosion of island
- Validation of Xbeach numerical model



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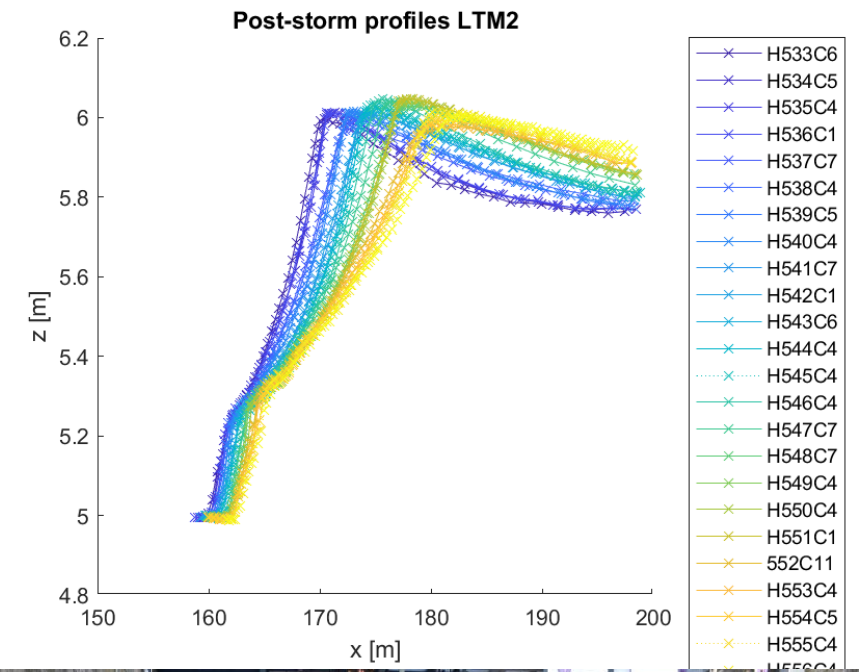
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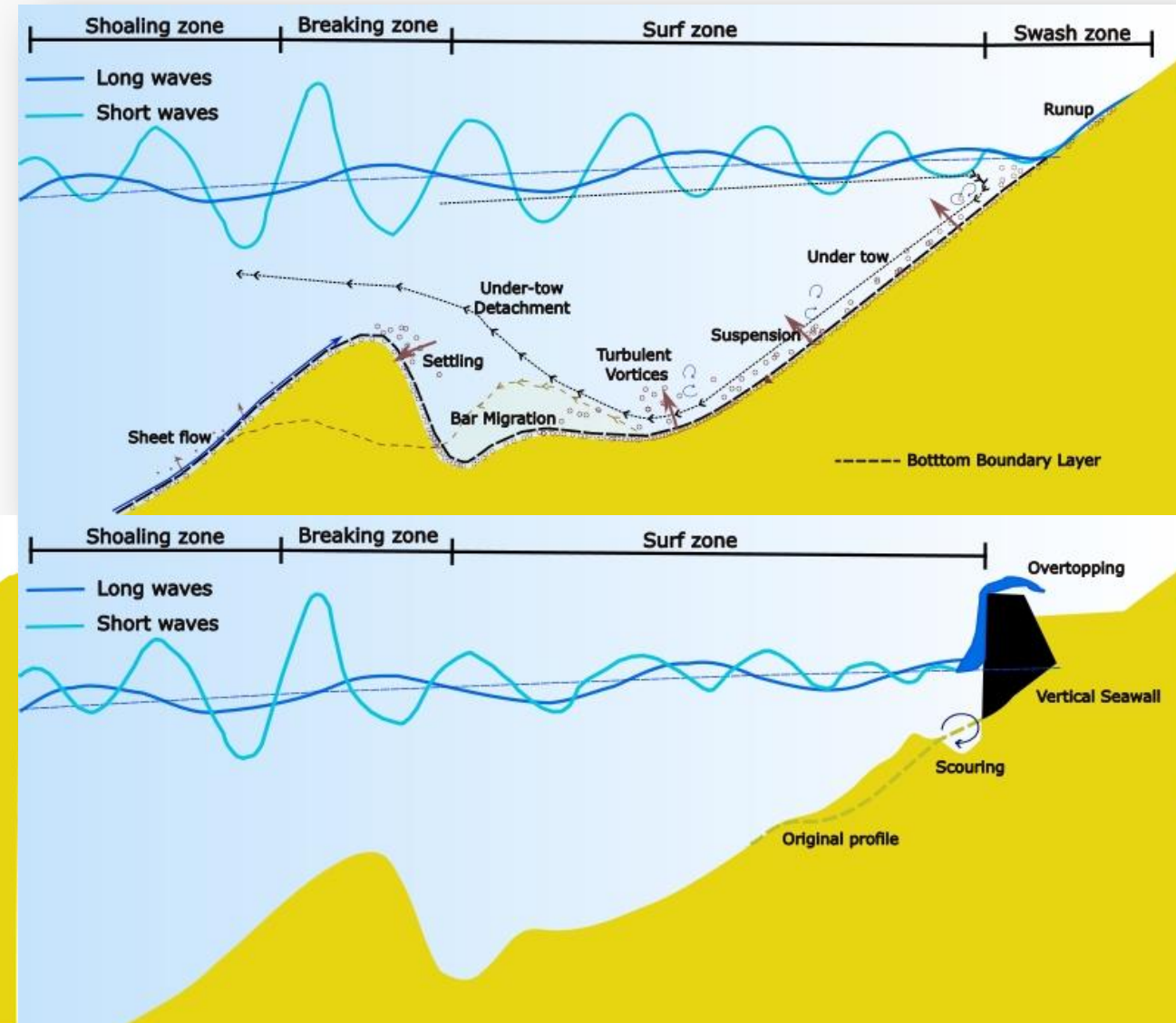
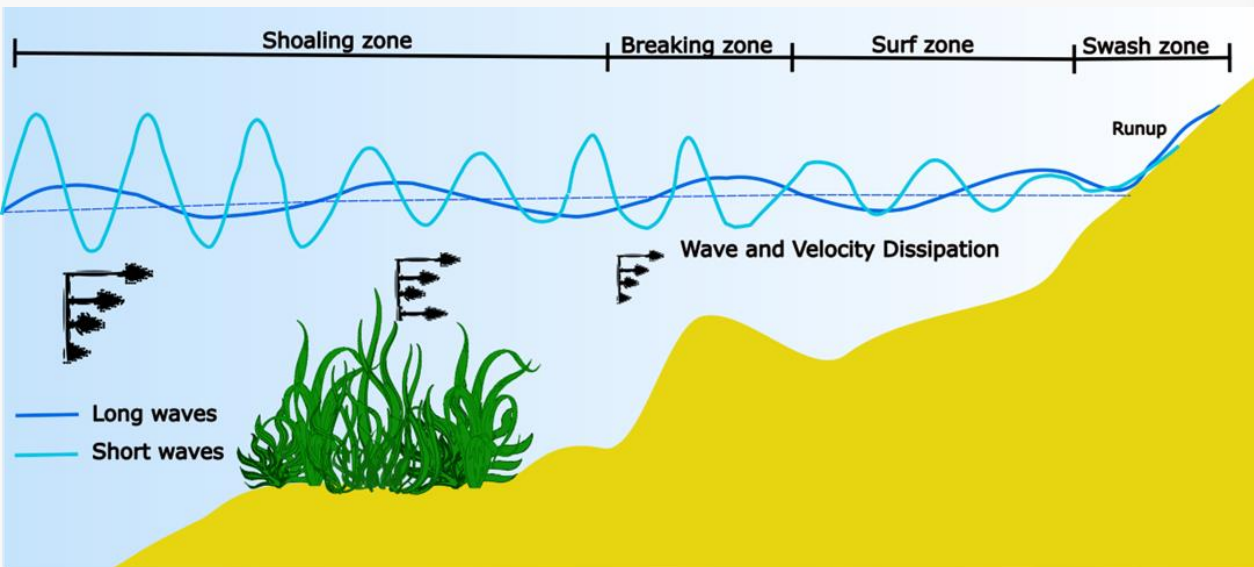
**CONCLUSION**

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**WHAT'S NEXT**

# I INTRODUCTION

Applying IH2VOF –SED model to model different morphodynamic processes and the governing hydrodynamics on different beach configurations and sustainable protection measures





## II NUMERICAL BACKGROUND

2DV RANS based solver

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

Free surface reconstruction using Volume of Fluid technique

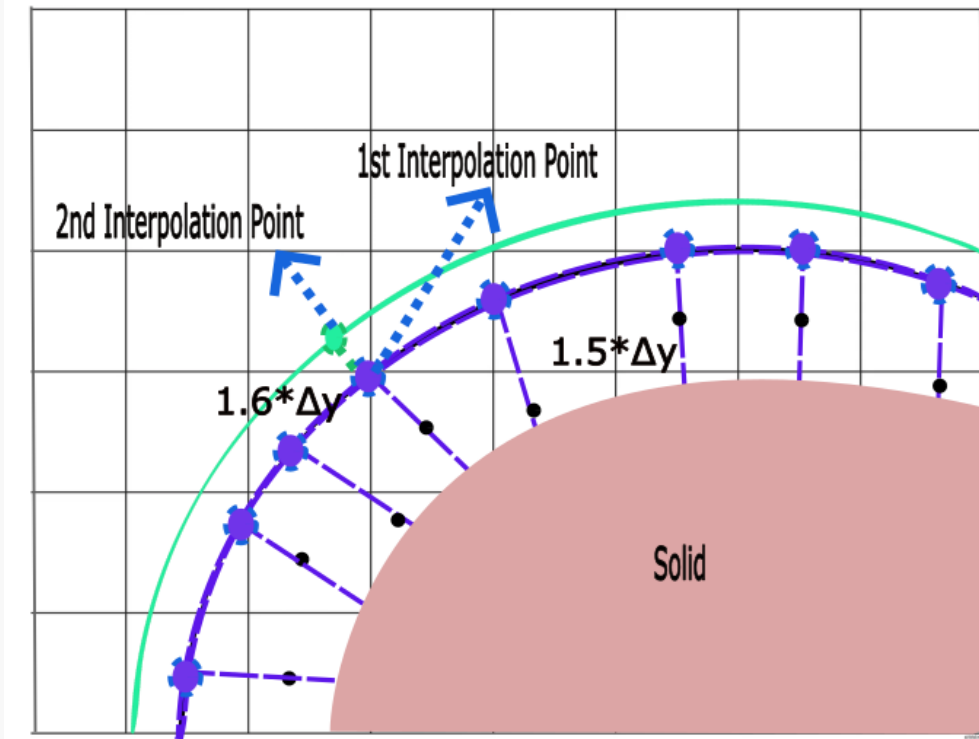
Roulond et.al 2006 Emprical formula for Bed load transport

Advective- Diffusive equation is solved for Suspended load transport

Cut-cell technique is used to model solid boundaries

Made improvements to the existing code

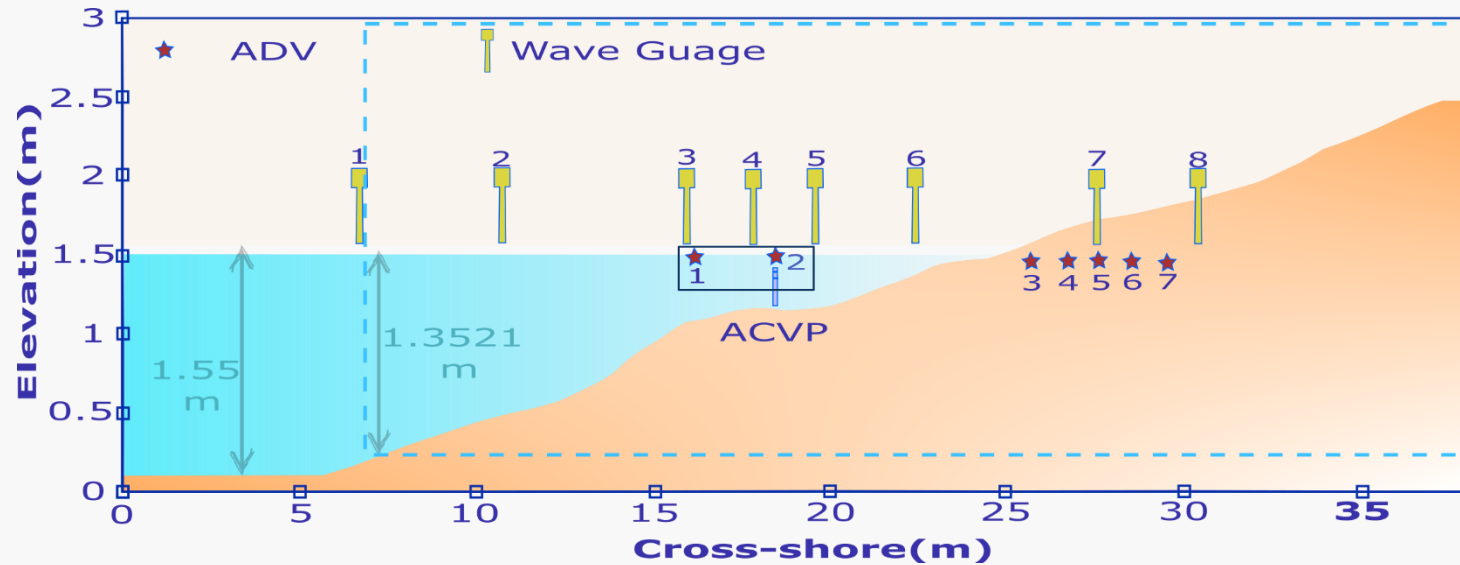
Implemented Two point Friction velocity estimation method



This approach still use log-law for estimation

But removes assumption of Roughness Length

### III Implementing Laboratory case

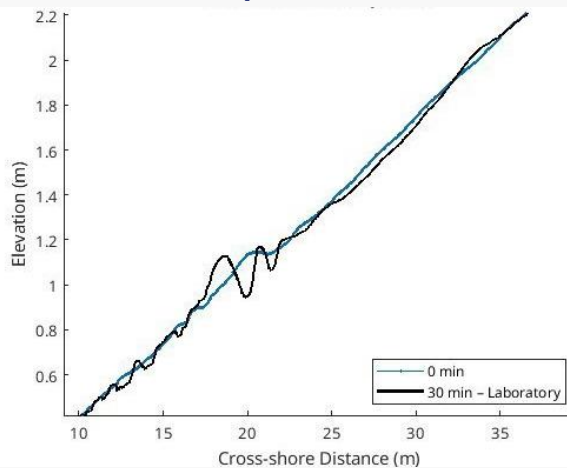


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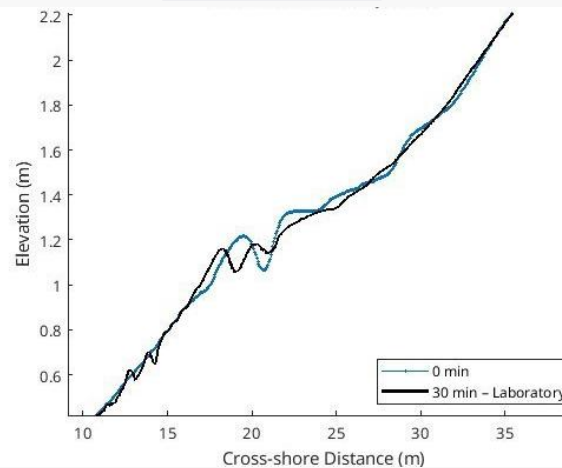
Erosive case using Bi-chromatic Waves

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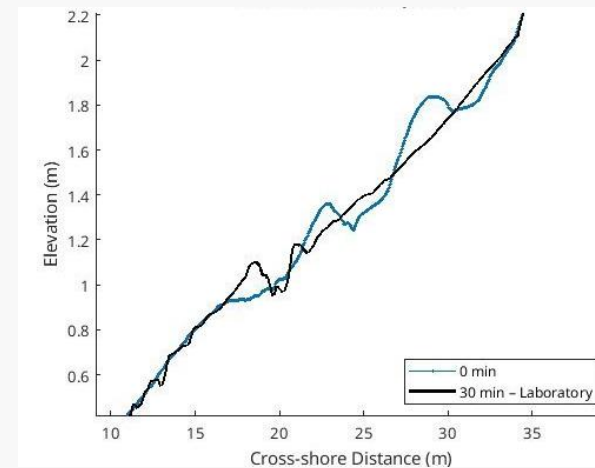
Bar formation



3-different Initial beach states  
Bar movement



Berm Erosion



### III Implementing Laboratory case

#### Experimental Limitation

1. First Order Wave generation
2. Significant Presence of Free long waves
3. No active wave absorption

#### Data Limitation

1. Didn't get wave paddle motion signals
2. Certain ADV and ADCP data are lacking due to unexpected sedimentation during the experiments

#### Numerical Capabilities

1. First and second order waves as boundary condition
2. Active wave absorption with possibility of disabling it

#### Numerical Limitation

1. 2D model
2. Difficulty in replicating entire length of the flume
3. High computational cost

1. Modelling entire length of the flume would be challenging for a Sediment transport model without coupling with a hydrodynamic model
2. No paddle signals means measured wave gauge data at a certain point would be used as a wave input

J.W.M. Kranenburg et.al, 2024

Effects of free surface modelling and wave-breaking turbulence on depth-resolved modelling of sediment transport in the swash zone, Coastal Engineering.

Joep van der Zanden et.al, 2019a

Sand transport processes and bed level changes induced by two alternating laboratory swash events, Coastal Engineering.



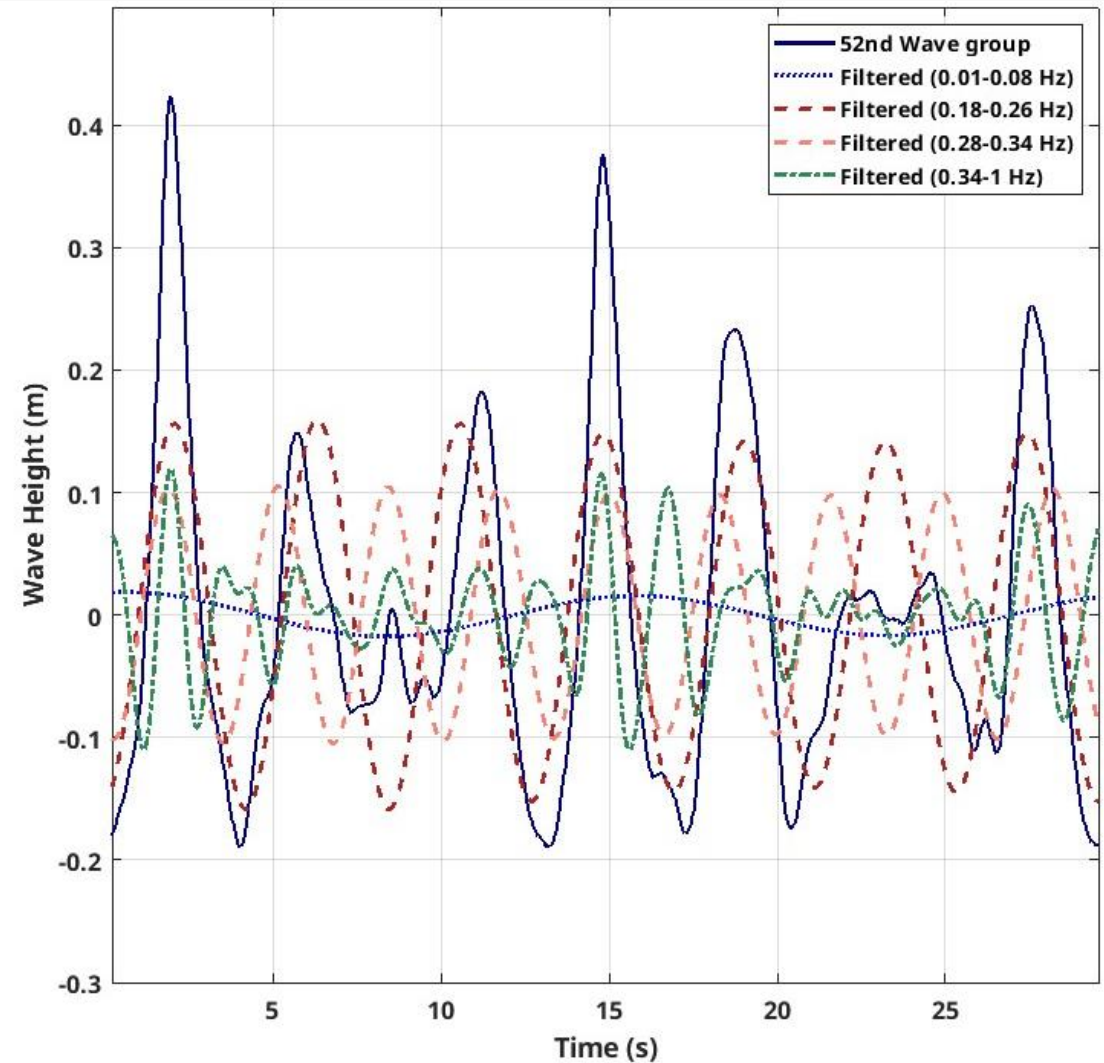
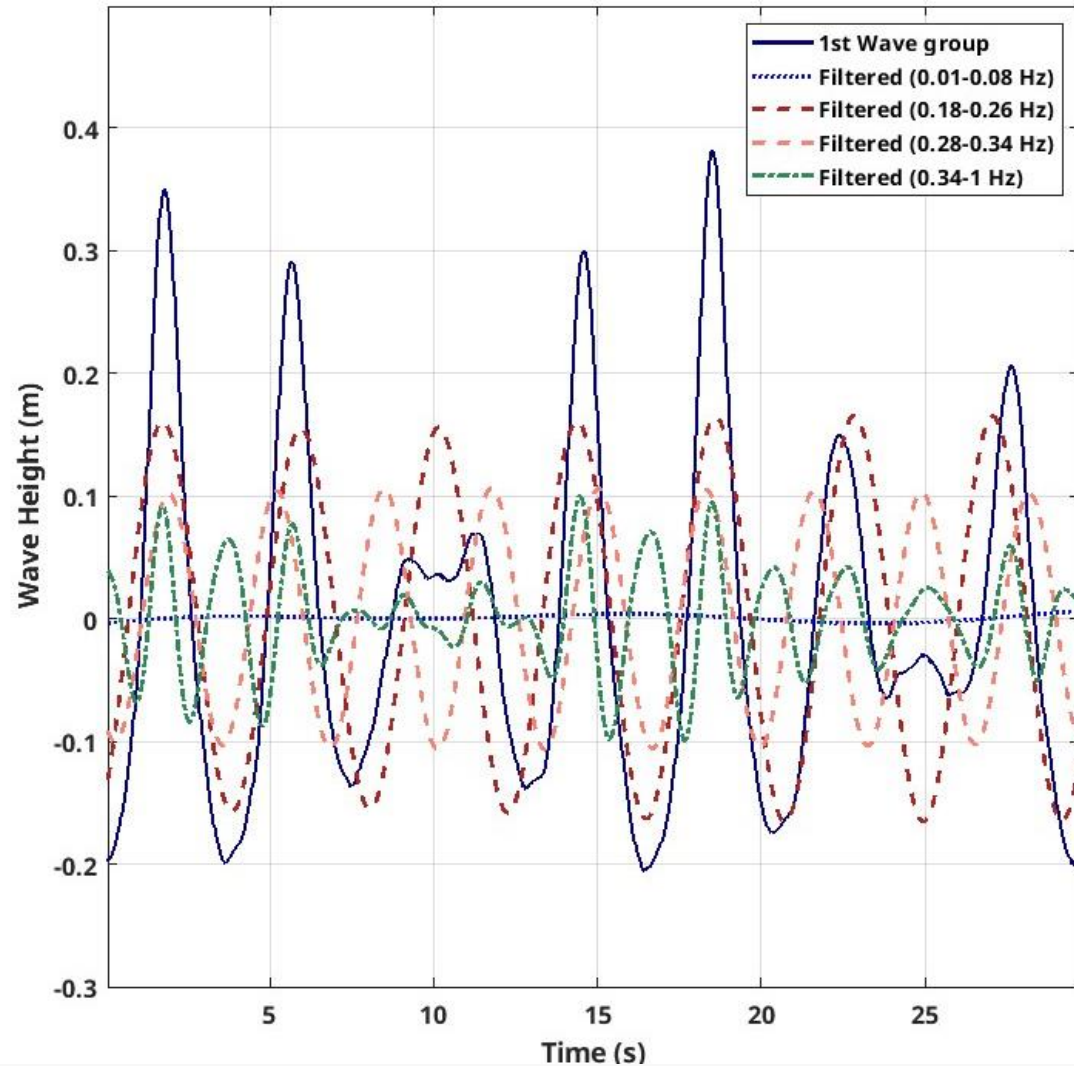
## IV Free vs Bound Long waves

	<u>Bound Long Waves</u>	<u>Free Long Waves</u>
<u>Source</u>	Generated at the wave paddle bound to the primary wave group using 2 <sup>nd</sup> order wave generation	Generated Freely in the lab through non linear interactions of primary wave group and wave reflections
<u>Dependence</u>	Tied to primary wave group, travels at wave group celerity	Independent, self-propagating
<u>Trigger for Existence</u>	After Wave breaking becomes free	Primary wave group interaction

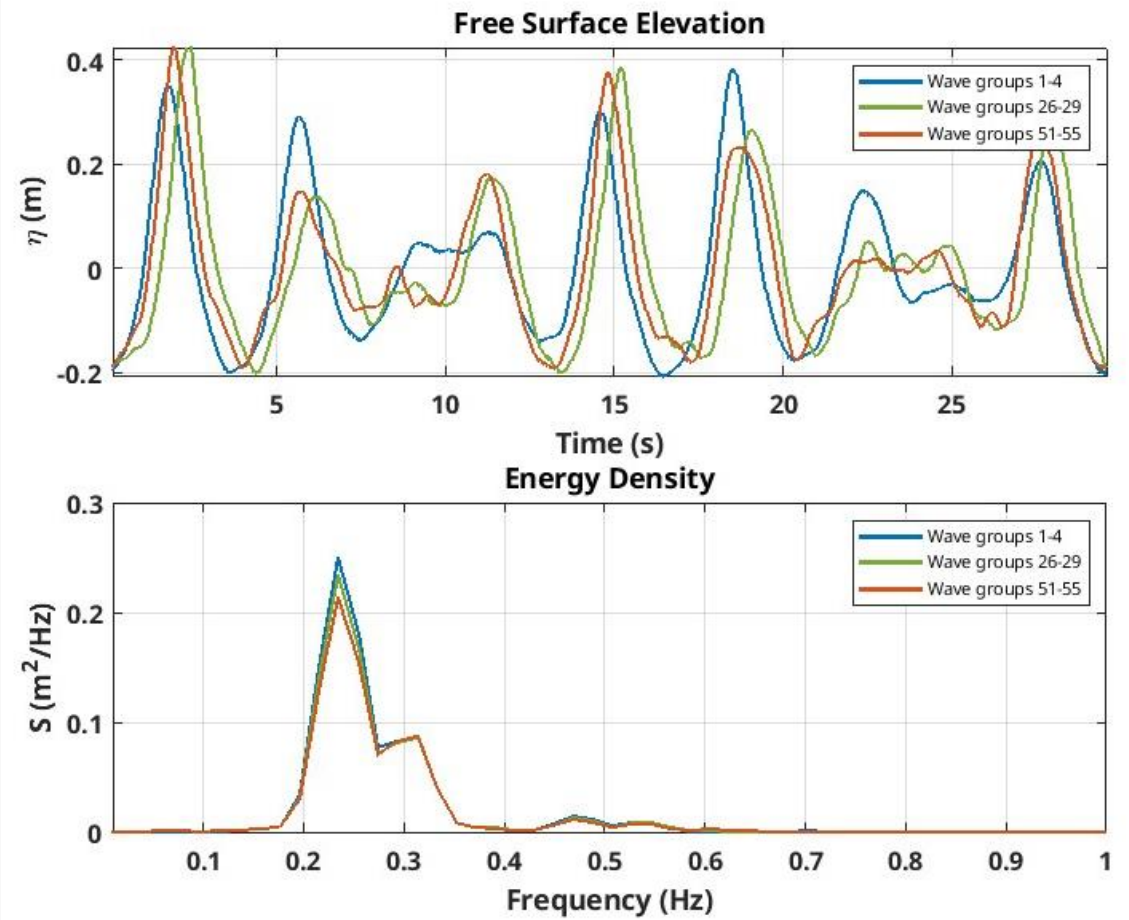
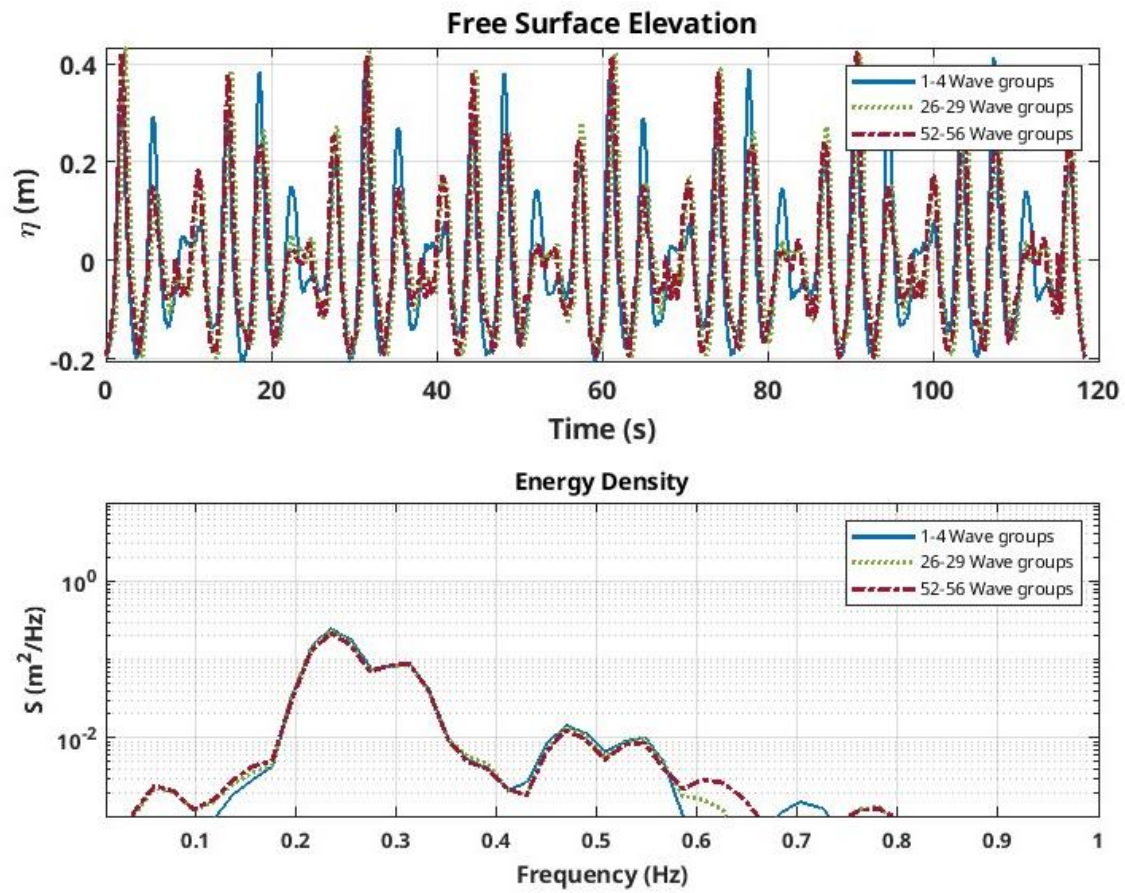
## V Free Wave Generation in the Lab

1<sup>st</sup> wave group vs 52<sup>nd</sup> wave group

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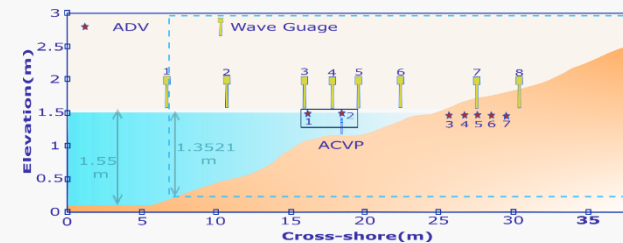
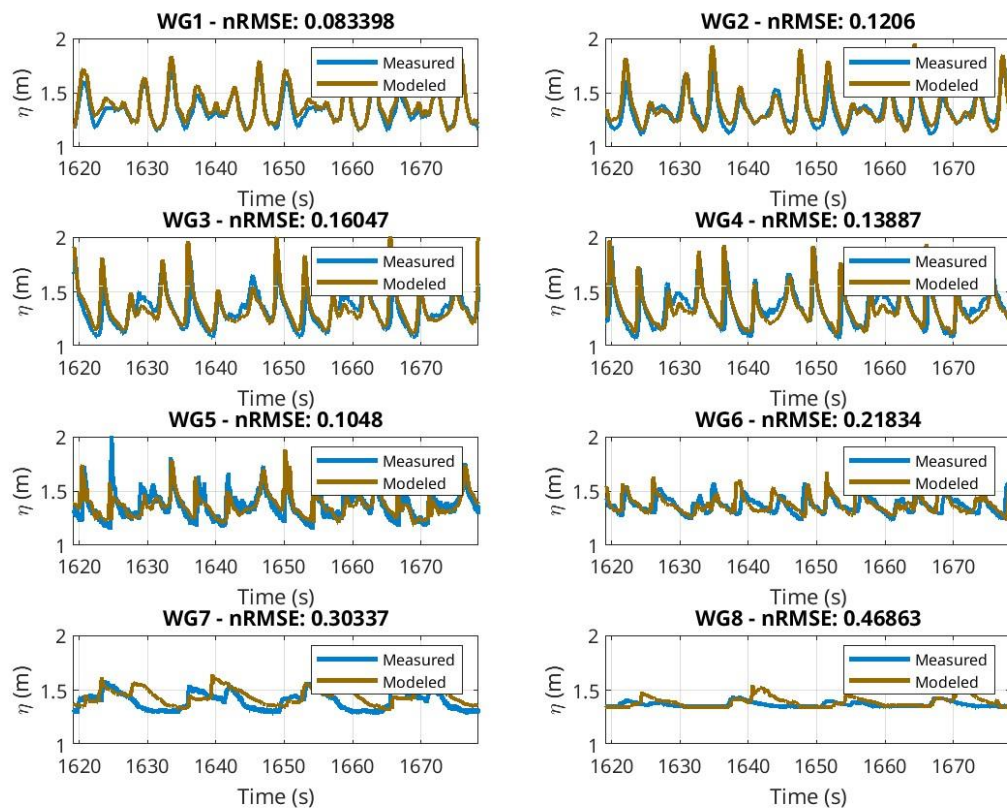
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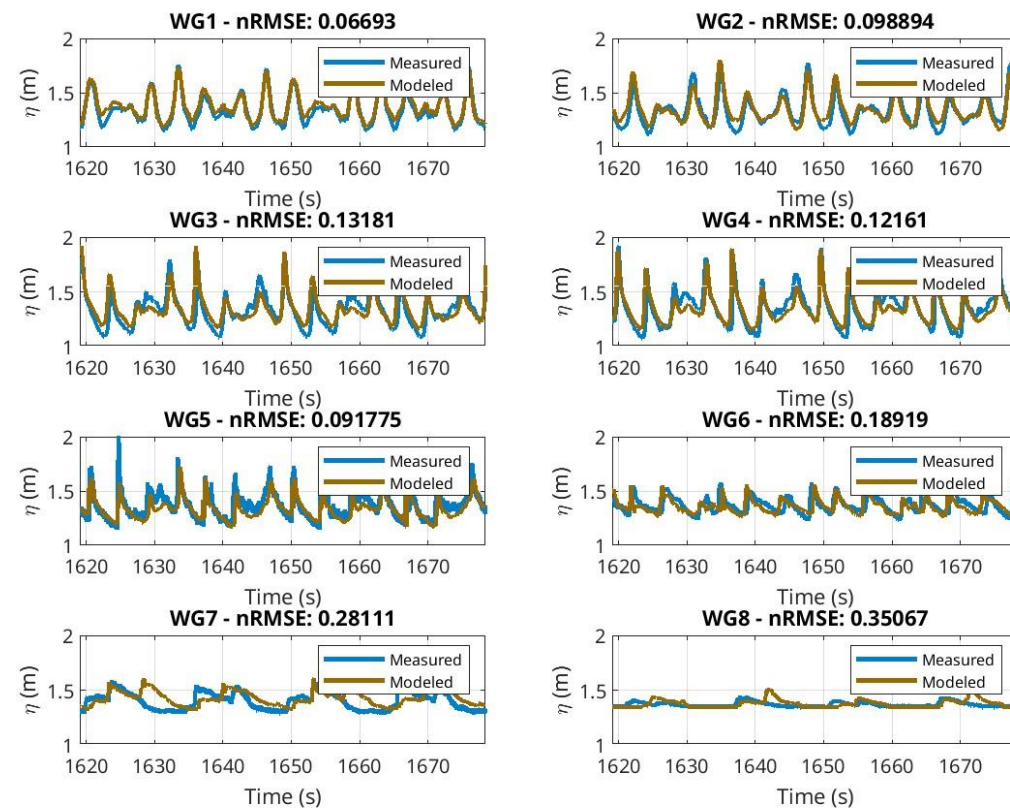
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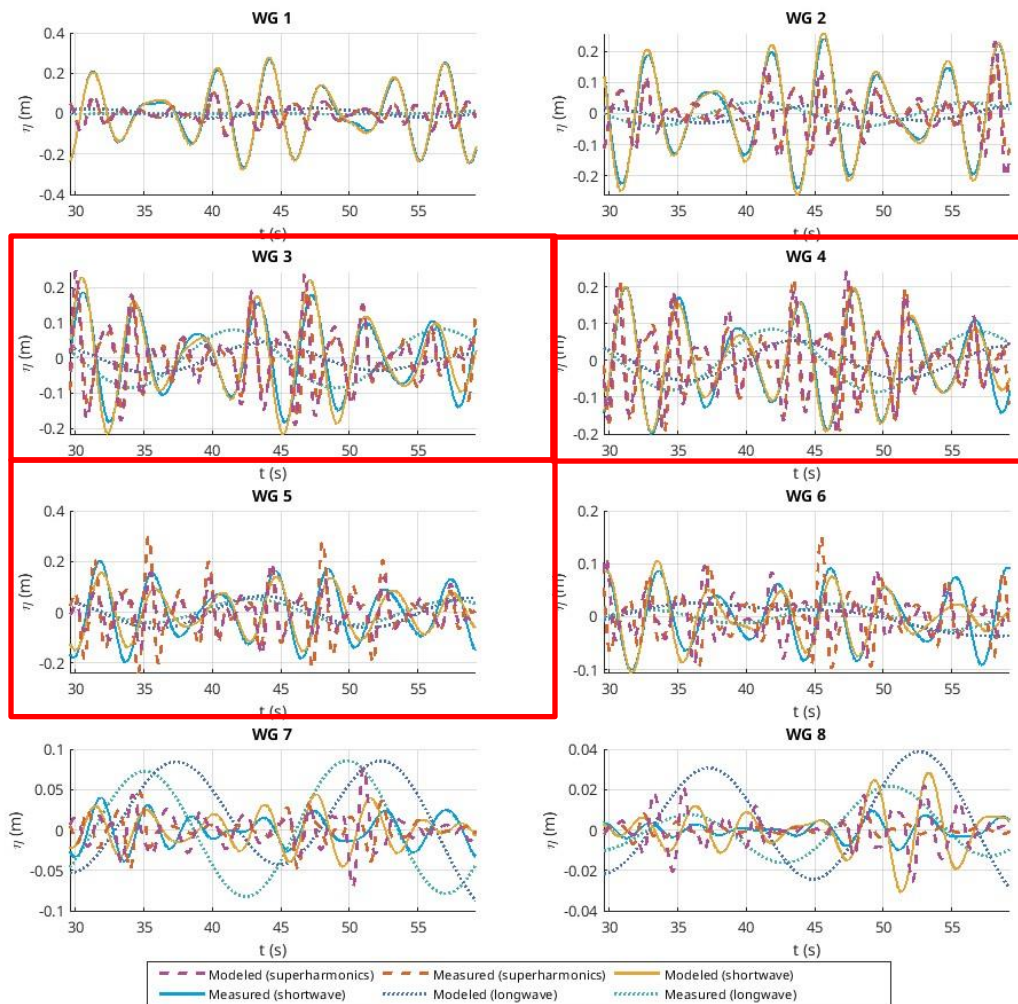
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Removed Free long wave and super-harmonics from the signal

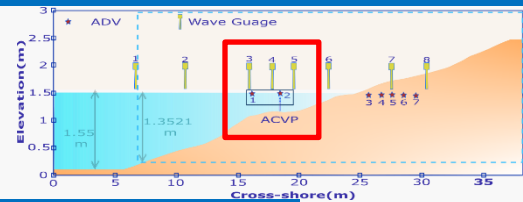
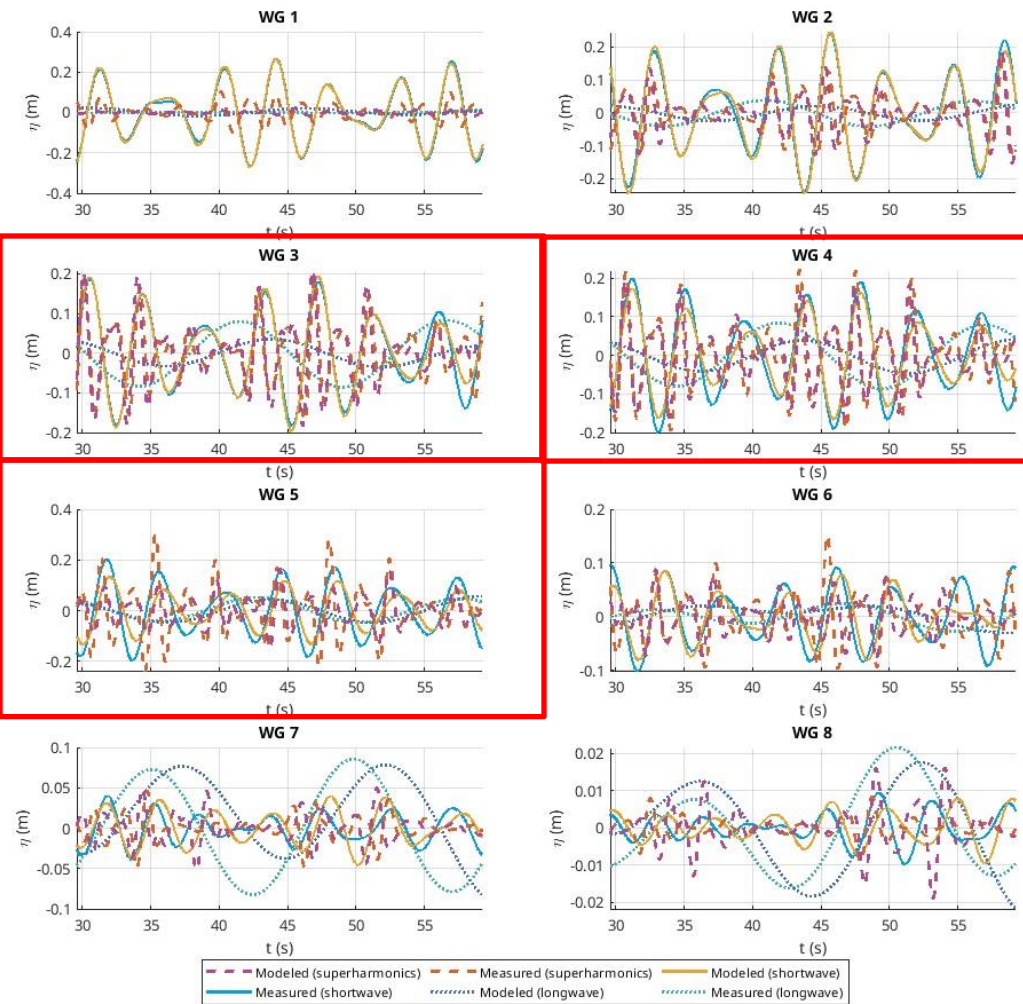


## VI Results - Wave components (First 4 wave groups)

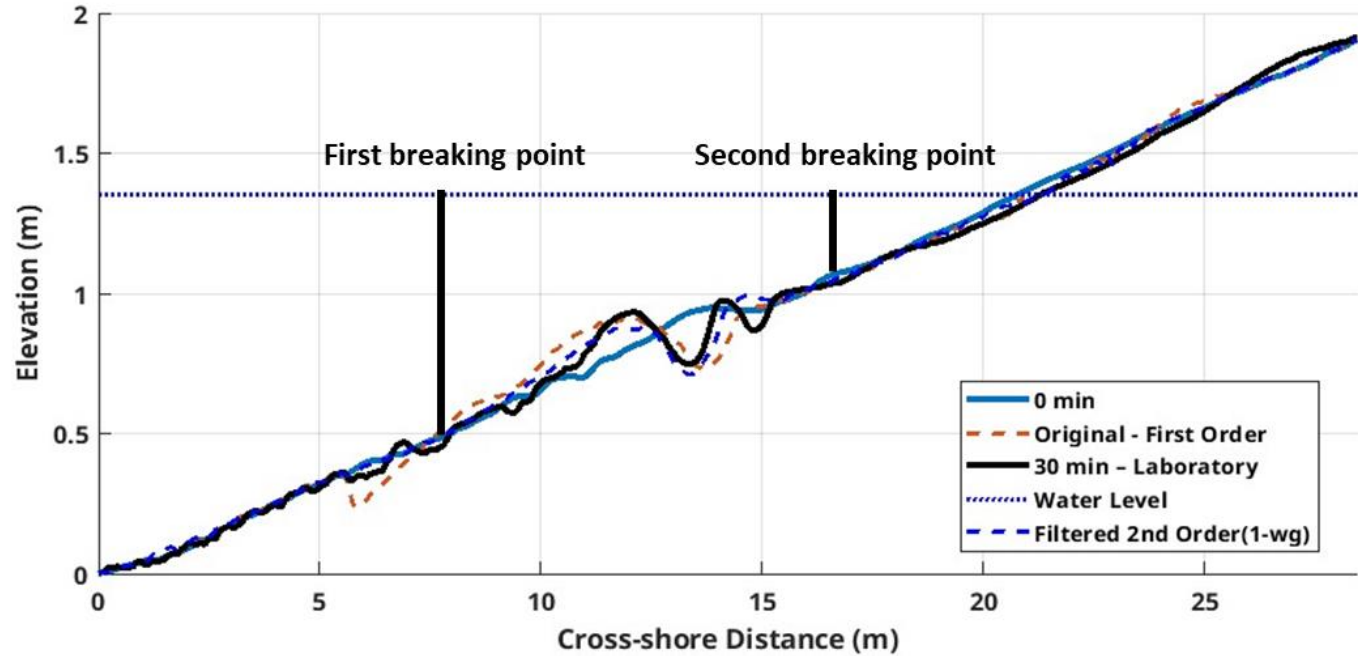
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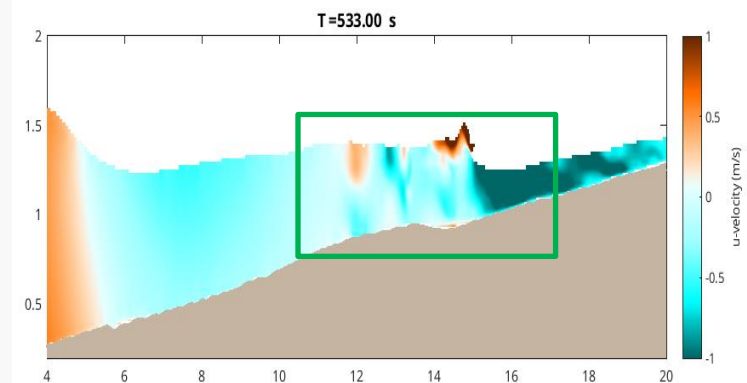
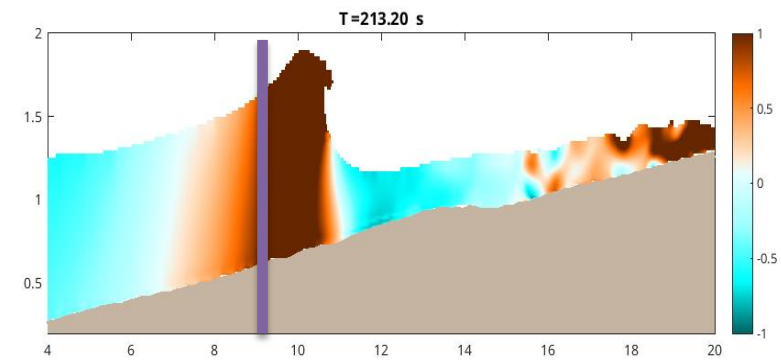
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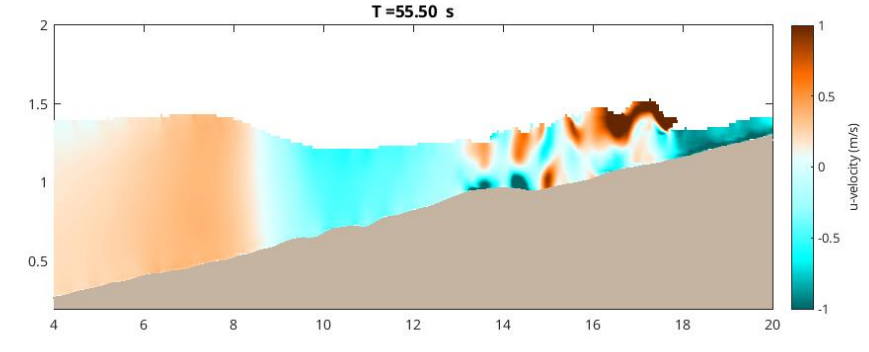
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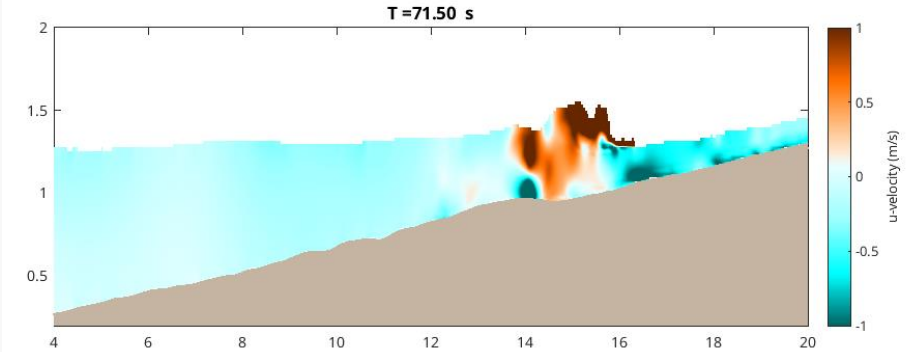
Desirable Primary breaking point



Twin velocity concentration points at the bed potentially leading to formation of two troughs



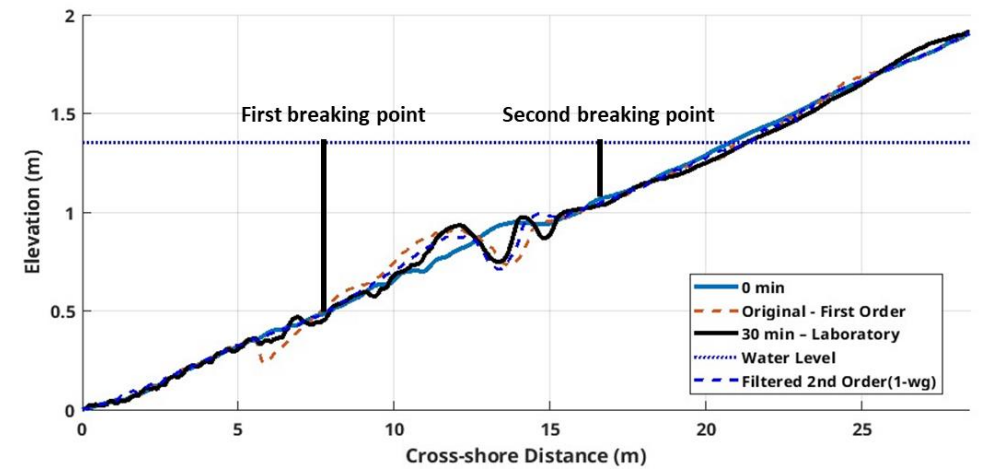
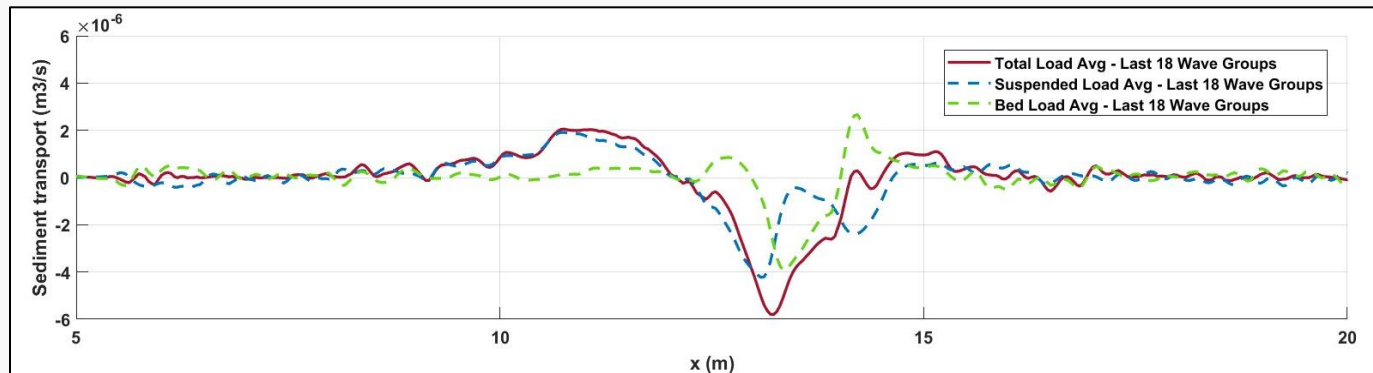
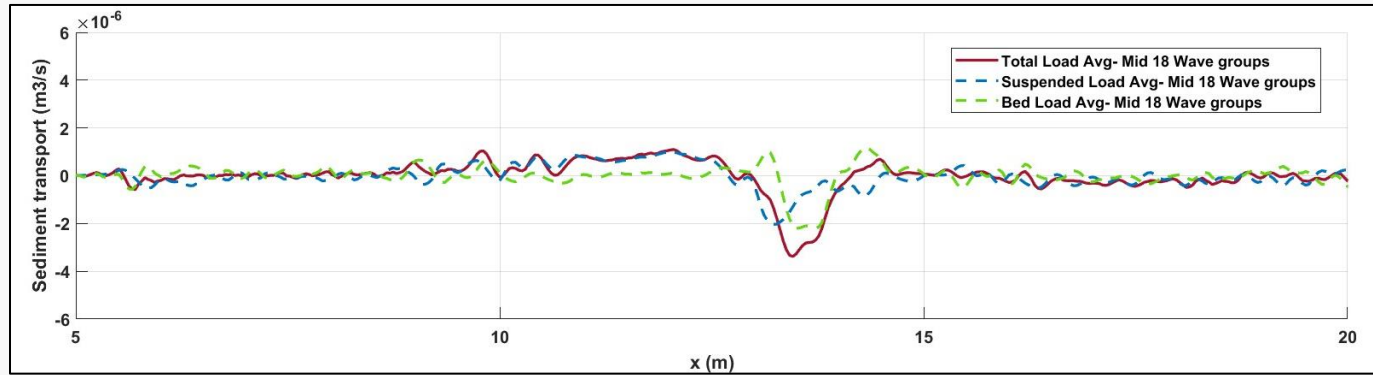
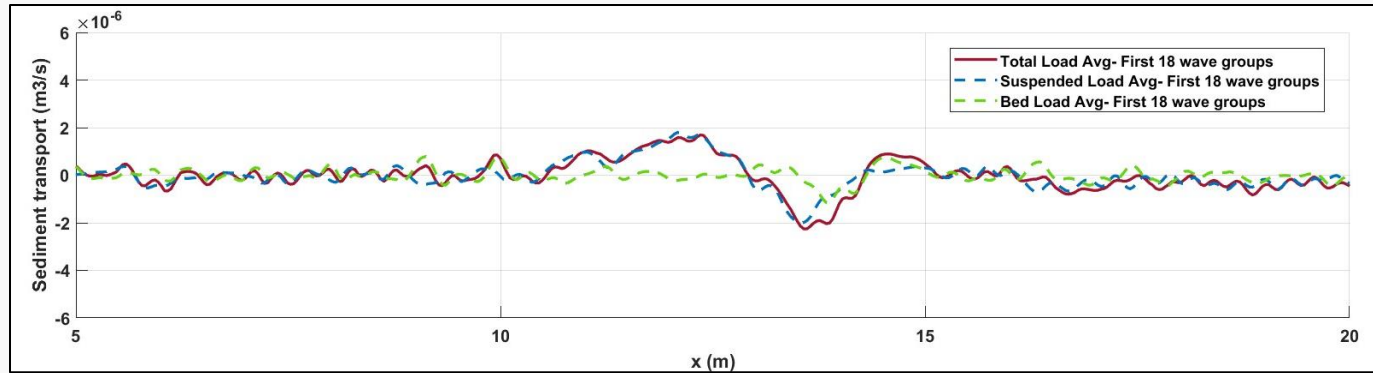
Single concentration point, potentially corresponding the larger of the two troughs



1. First Breaking point is correctly modelled and thus formation of the primary bar
2. Second breaking influences the dynamics of swash zone and also the formation of the smaller bar
3. Strong off-shore directed current means, single concentration point on the bed or wave dissipates without significant impact to the bed



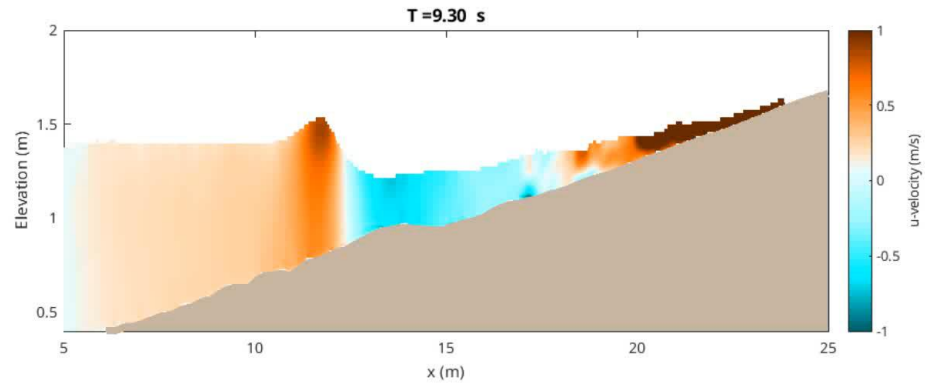
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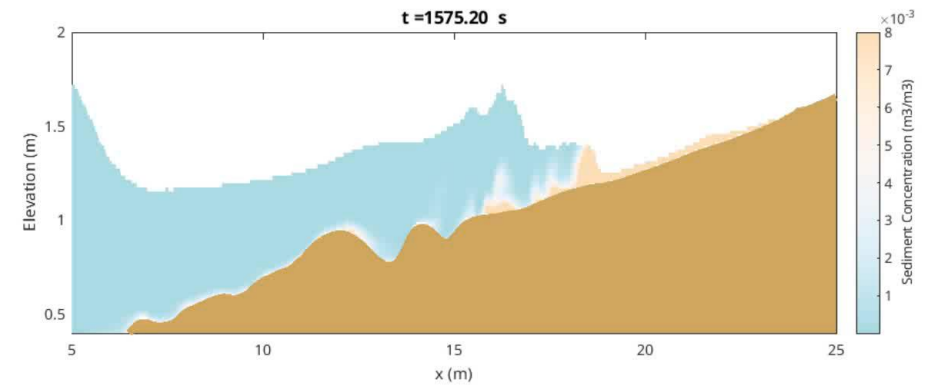
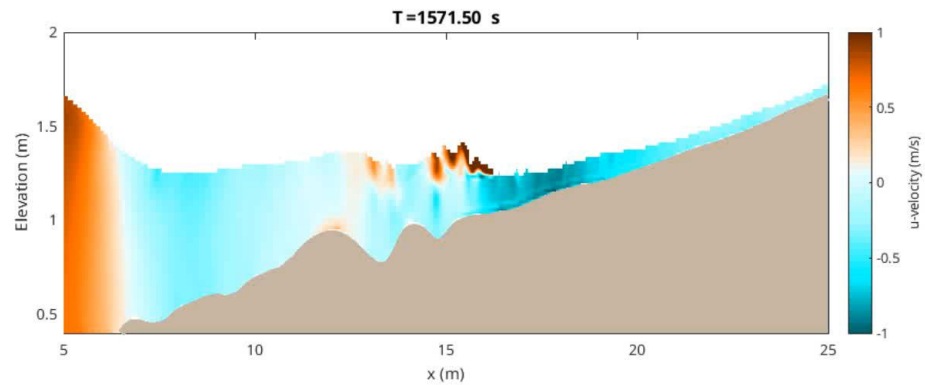
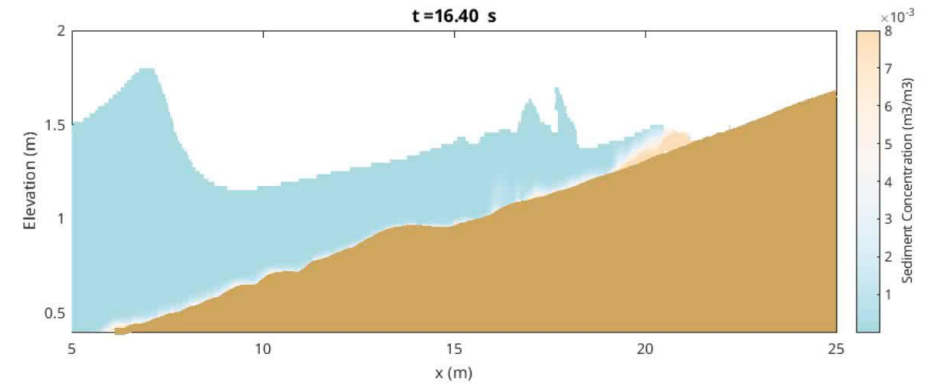
**Representation of evolution of Sediment transport over 30minutes, in the Filtered + Second Order case**

## VI Results – Velocity and Sediment concentration during first 4 and final 4 wave groups


U- Velocity



Sediment Concentration

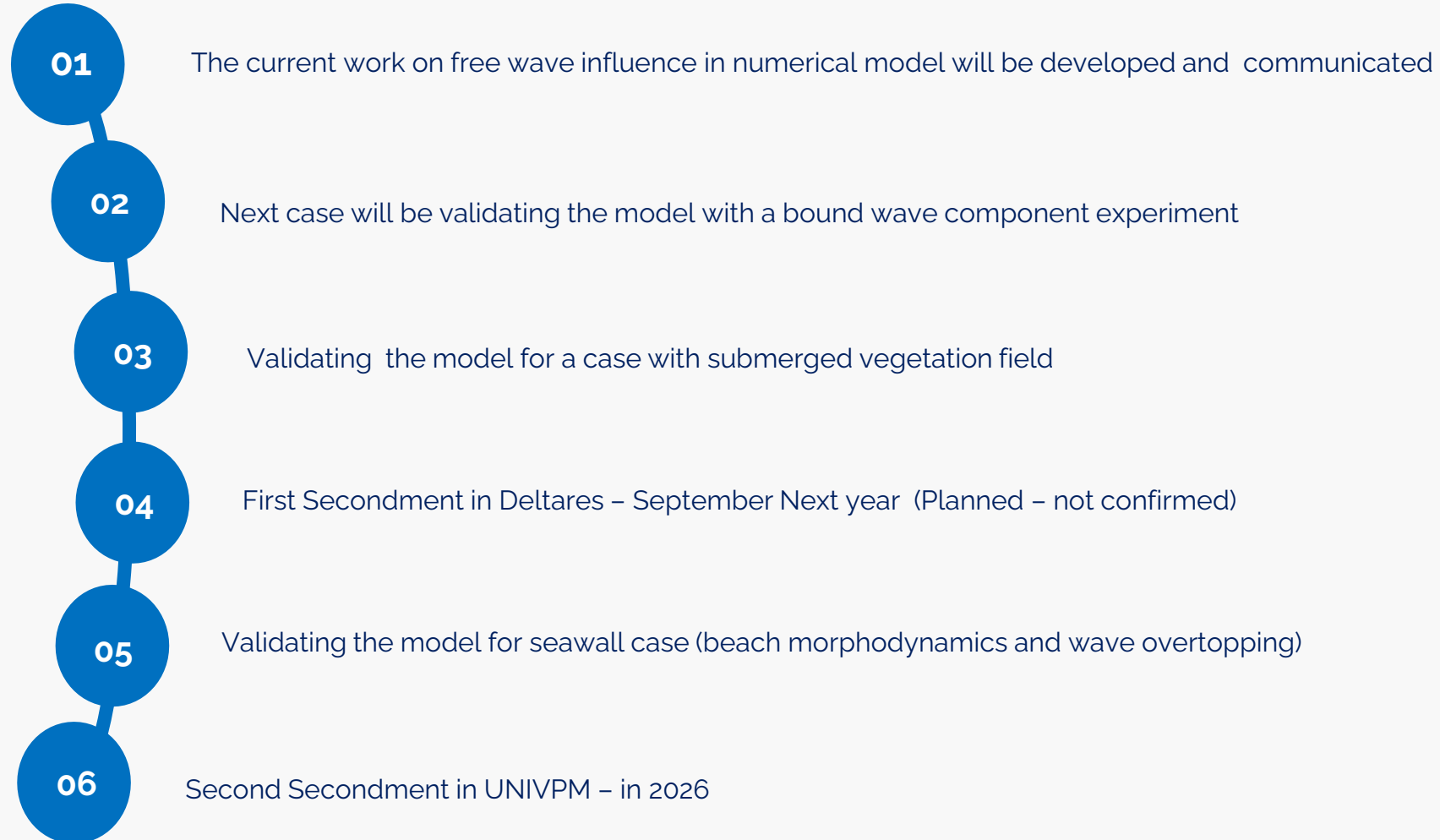


## VII Conclusion

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- 01 Accurate representation of phase of the long wave and free wave energy is needed for accurate representation of sediment transport
  - 02 Using free wave contaminated waves from gauges changes the way the waves breaks in the model and thus bar formation
  - 03 Free long waves generated in the model does not perfectly match the long waves generated in the Laboratory
  - 04 In the breaking zone significant difference in free long wave presence alters the breaking and sediment dynamics



## VIII What's Next



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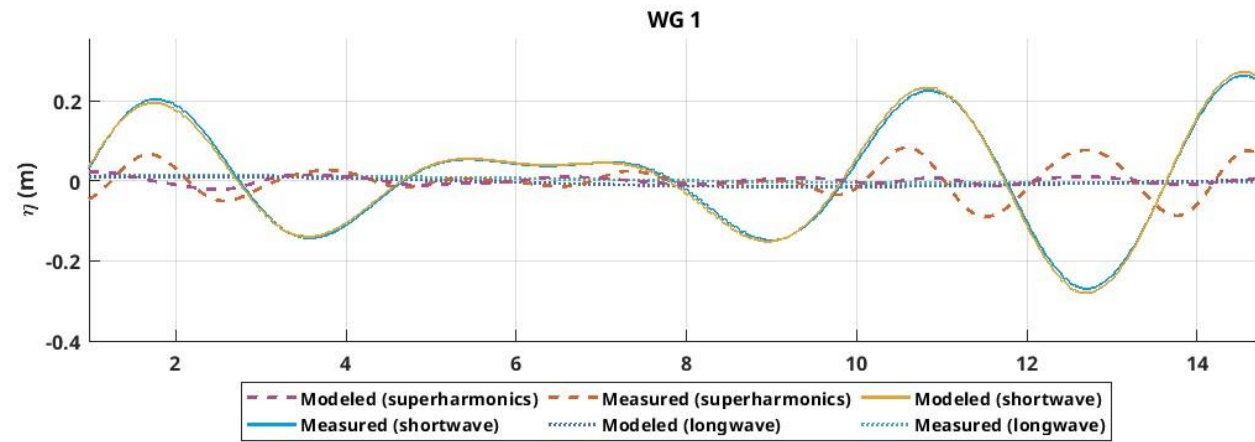
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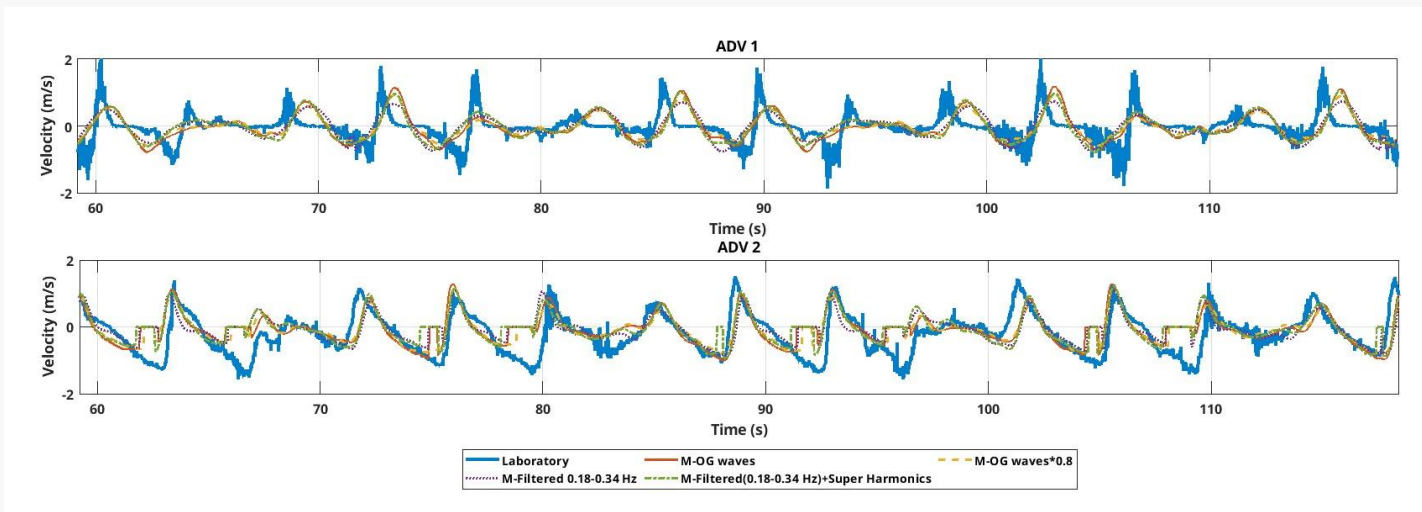
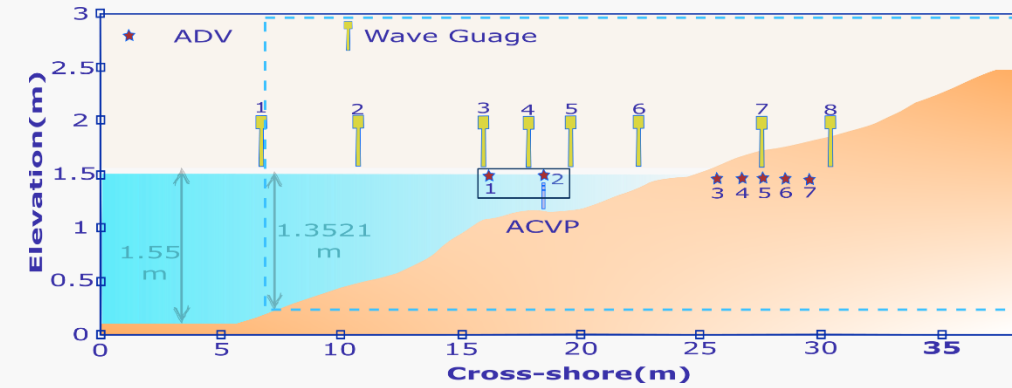
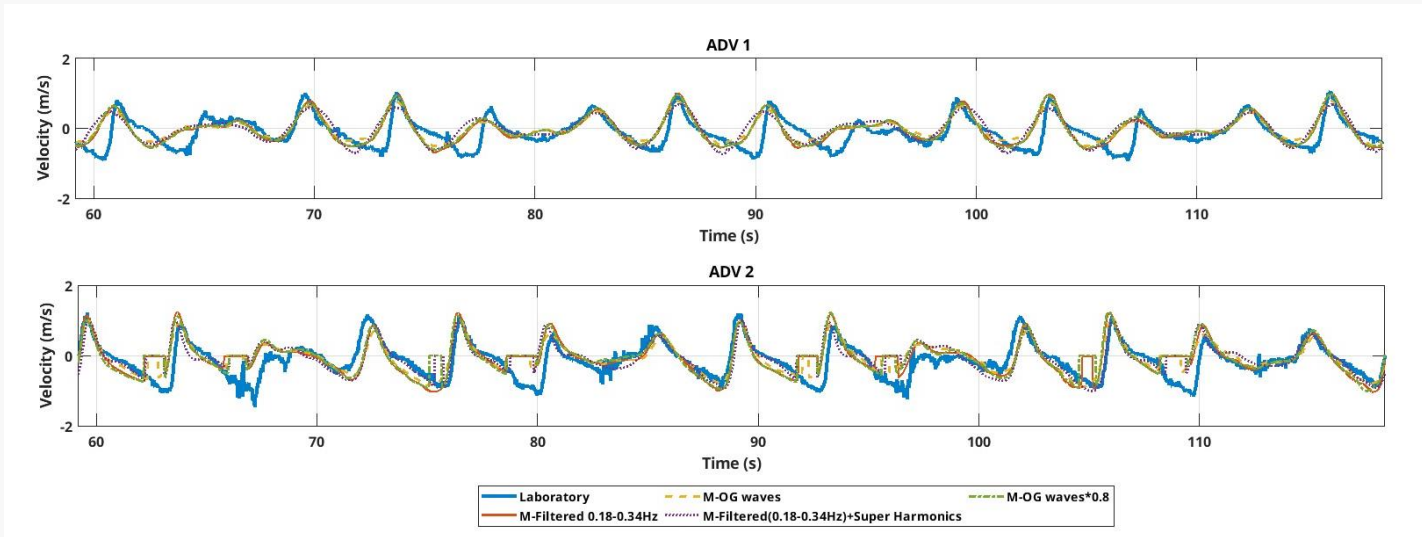
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Free waves are filtered from the input wave, but there also frequencies generated in the model.

## VI Results - Velocity

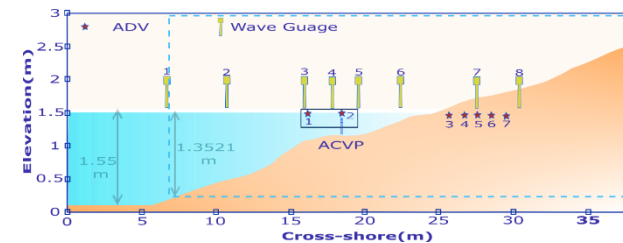
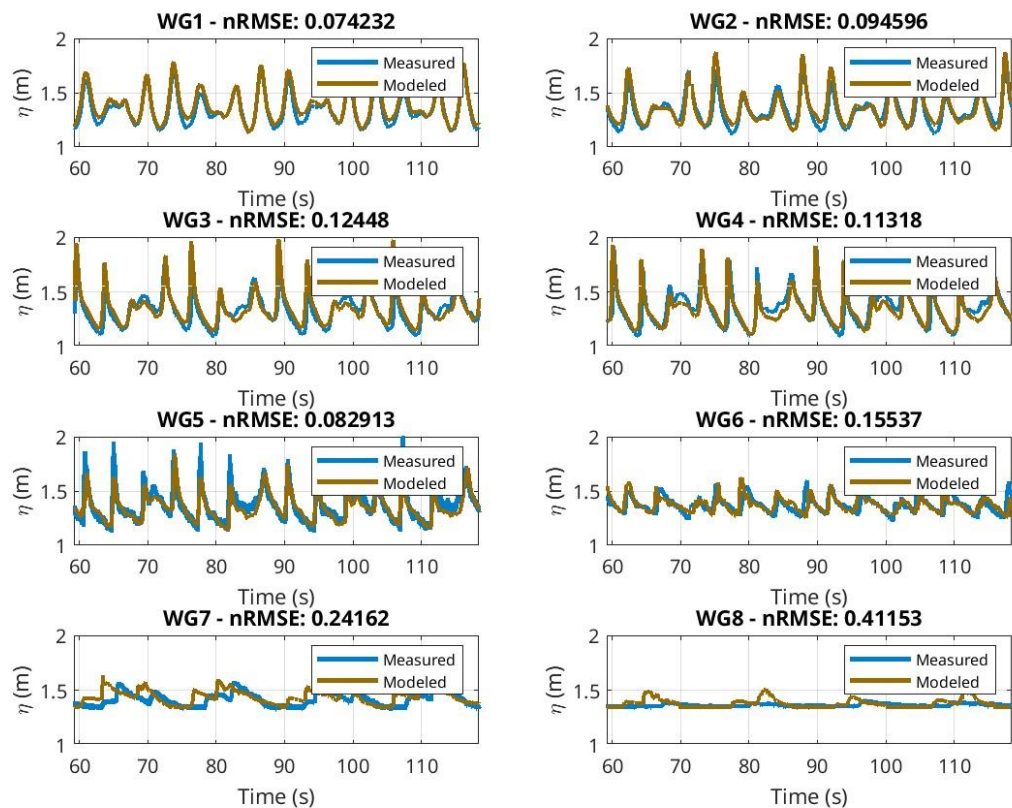


1. No significant changes in the velocities for the change in wave conditions
2. Meaning wave breaking occurs quite similarly across the different cases.
3. RMSE values varies between 0.4 to 0.6 for the different cases



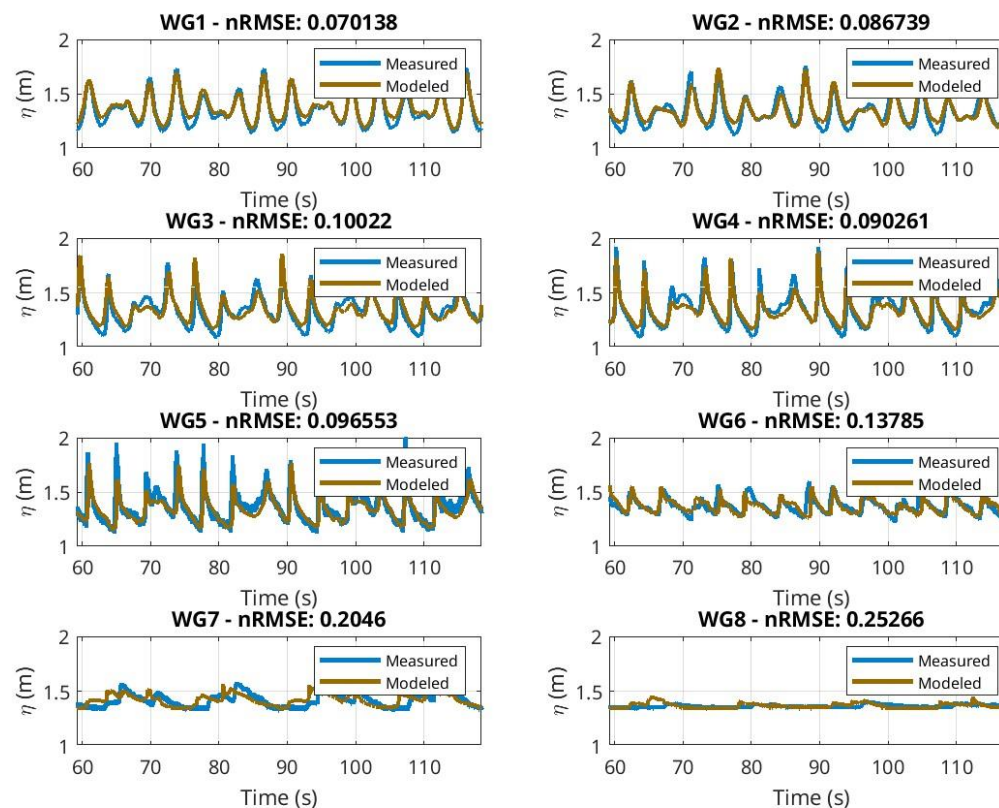
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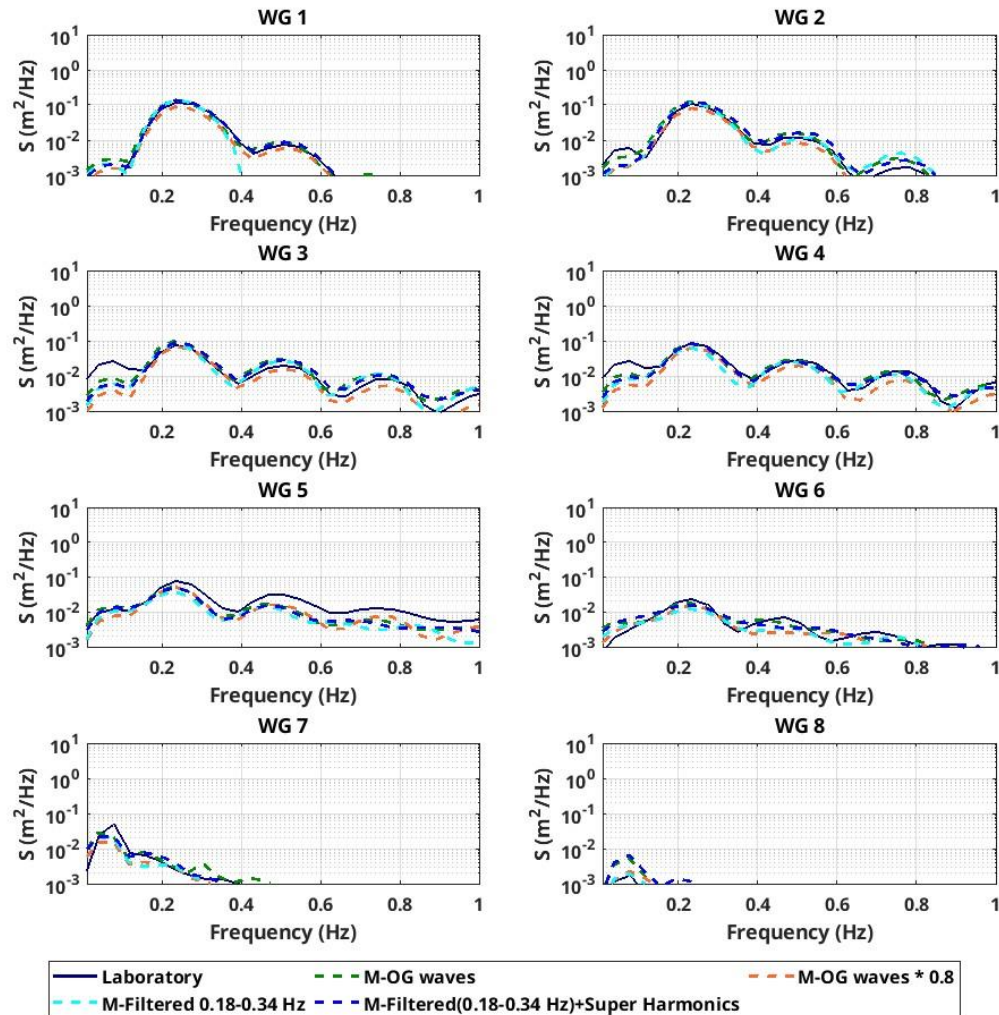
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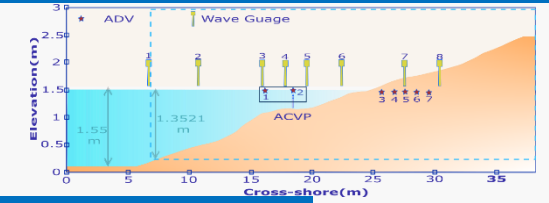
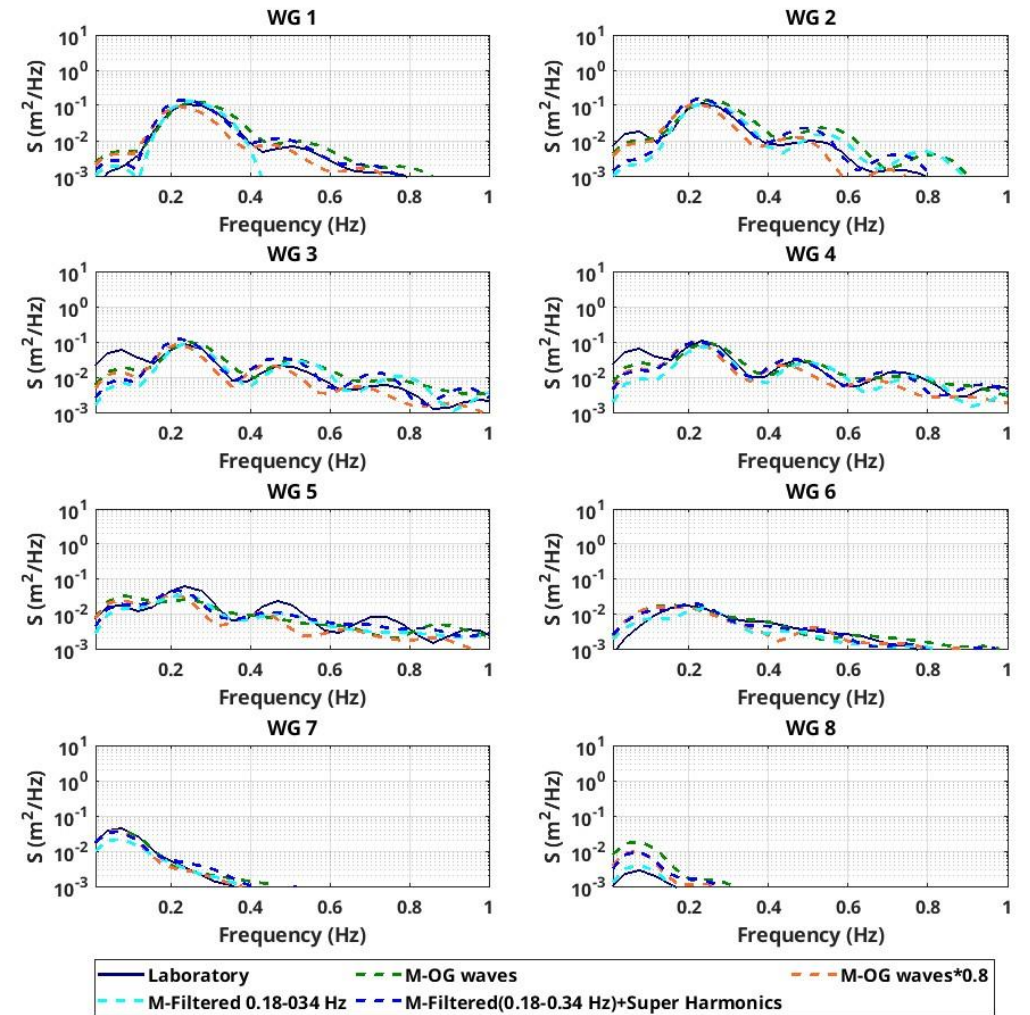


## VI Results - Energy Density

First Four Wave groups



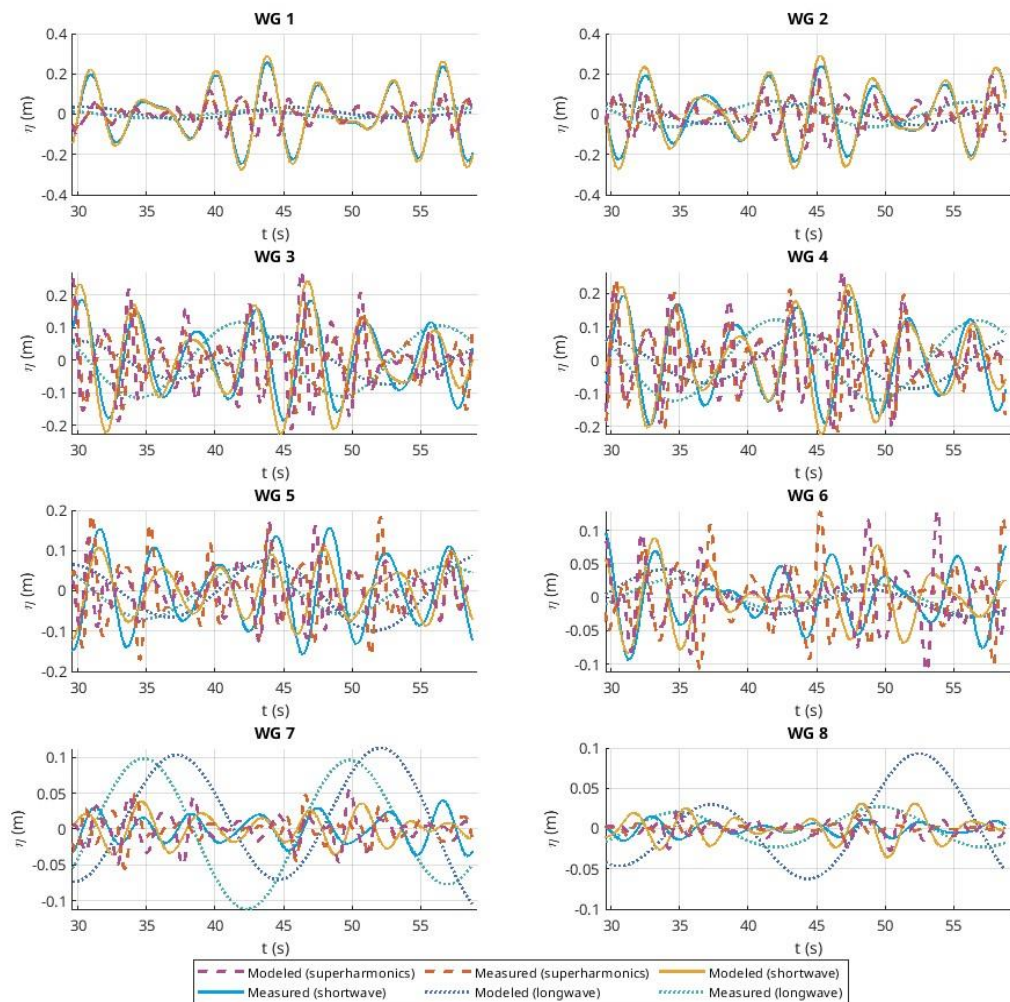
Final Four Wave groups



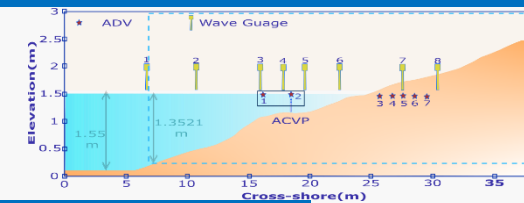
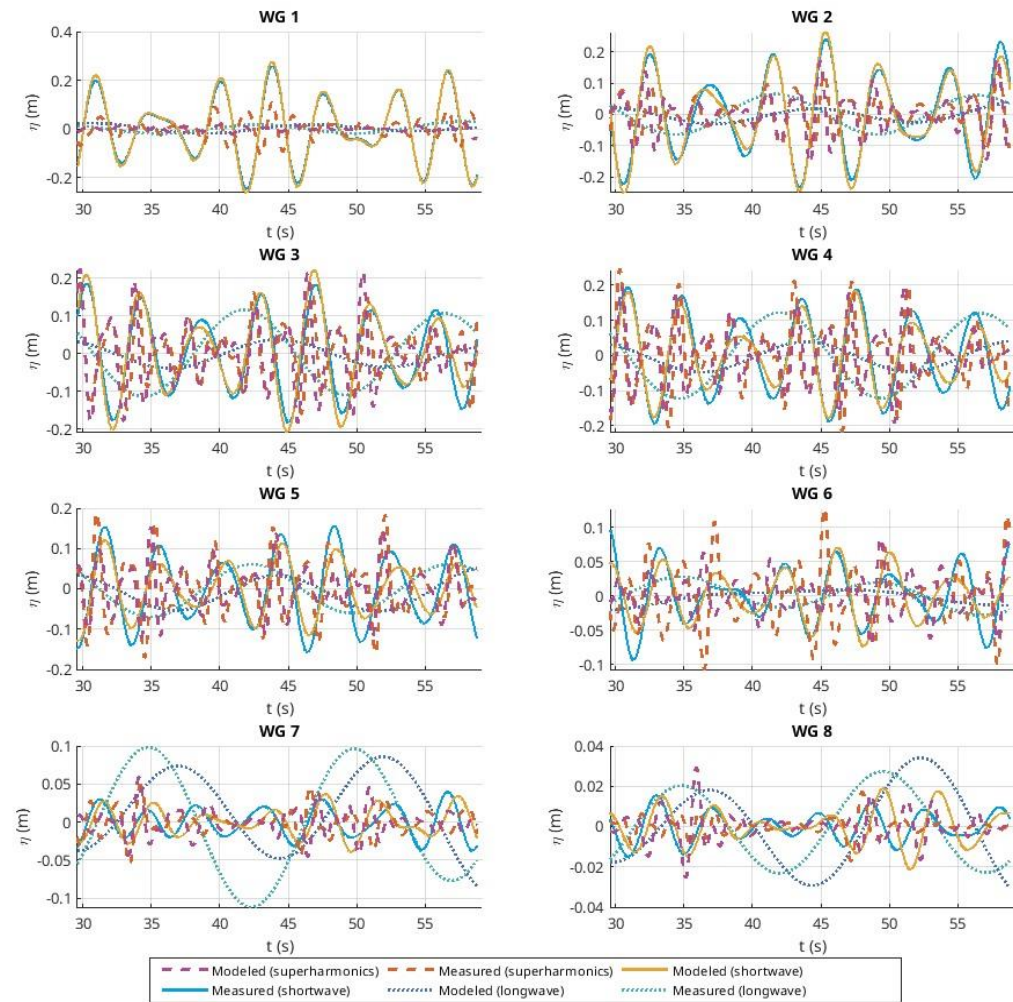


## VI Results - Wave Components(Final 4 wave groups)

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Filtered signal from wave gauge





# Initiation of motion of sand-mud beds

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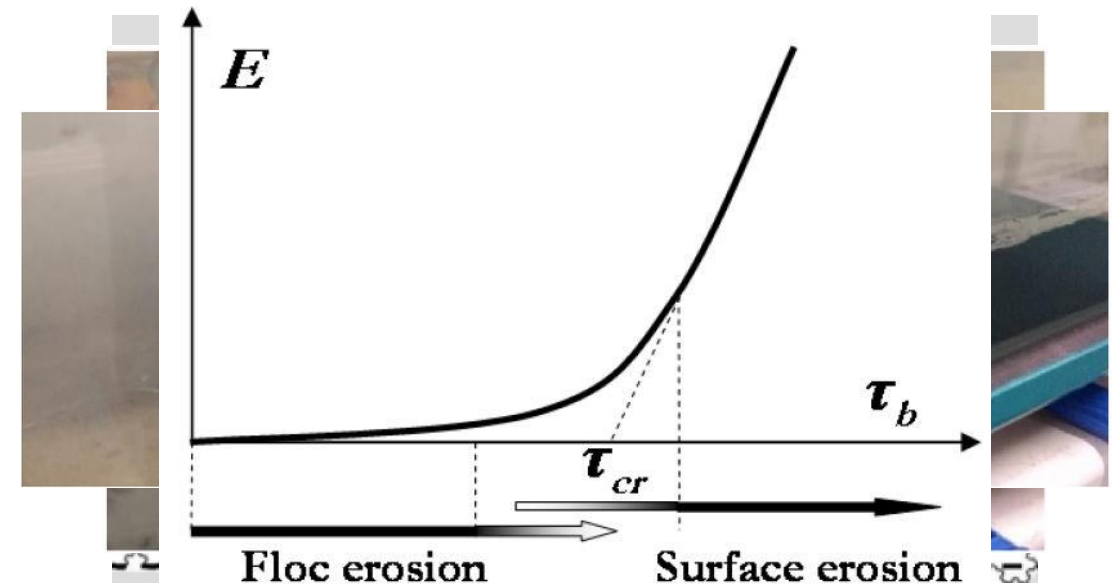
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- **Initiation of motion of sediment classes (e.g. sand, silt, clay)**
- **Framework for initiation of motion of sand-mud**
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# Sand-mud erosion

- Erosion of sediment bed containing both sand and mud
- Modes of erosion:
  - Particle / floc erosion
  - Surface erosion
  - Mass erosion
- Estimating erosion requires a definition for initiation of motion of both sand and mud
  - $E$  [kg/(m<sup>2</sup>s)] vs  $\tau_b$  (Pa)
  - Definition of  $\tau_{crit}$



van Rijn, 2020  
Jacobs, 2011



# Initiation of motion for each sediment class

## Sand

- Silica material (quartz)
- Diameter:  $> 63 \mu\text{m}$
- **Non-cohesive**

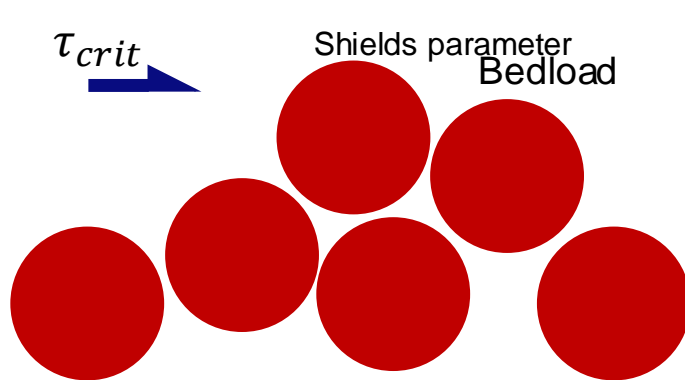
## Silt

- Silica material (quartz)
- Diameter:  $2 - 63 \mu\text{m}$
- **Apparently cohesive:**
  - Van der Waal forces of attraction

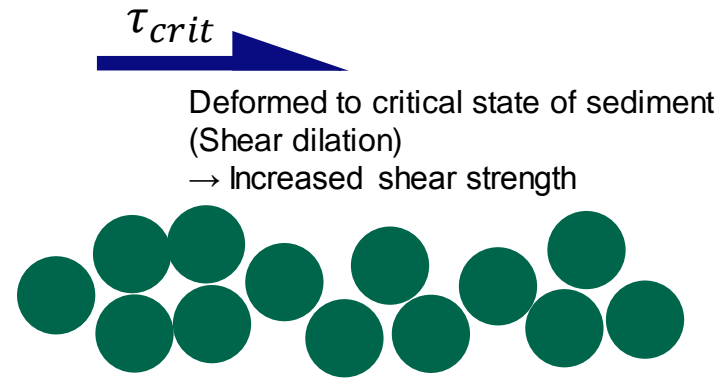
## Clay

- Alumino-silica
- Diameter:  $< 2 \mu\text{m}$
- **Cohesive:**
  - Cationic nature of alumino-silica
  - Van der Waal forces of attraction

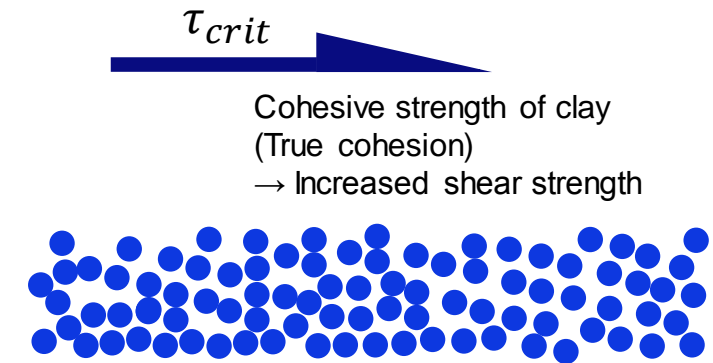
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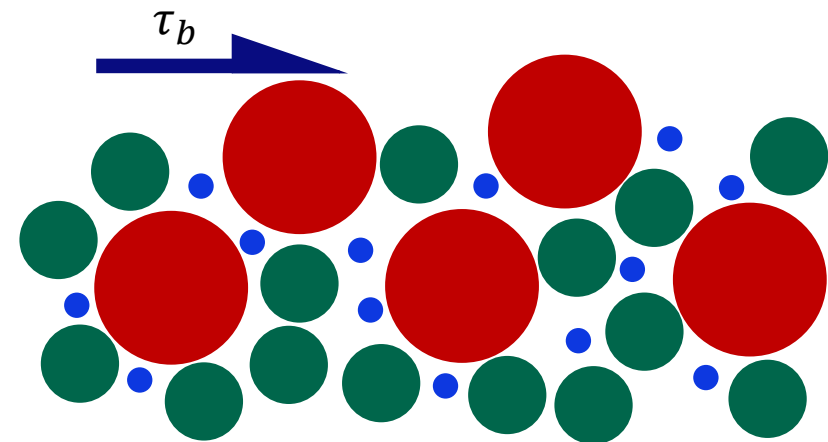
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# Initiation of motion

Sand-Mud (sand-silt-clay)

- What is the process for sand-mud beds?
  - Shields parameter?
  - Shear dilation?
  - True cohesion?

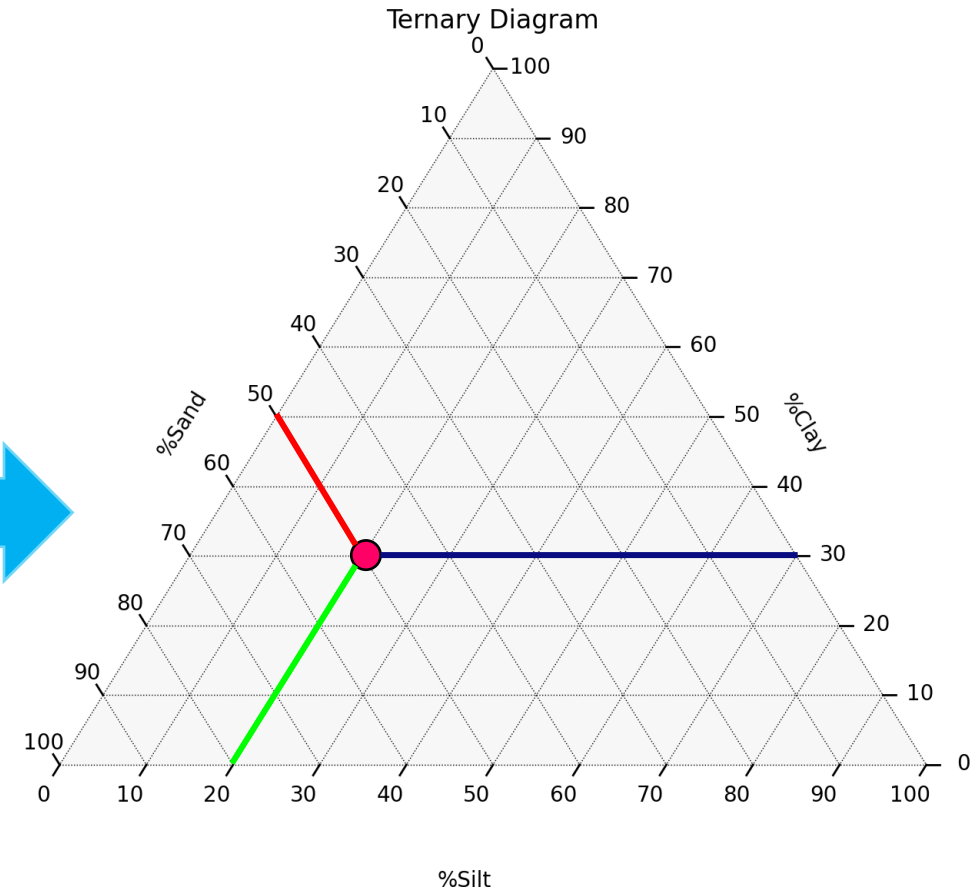
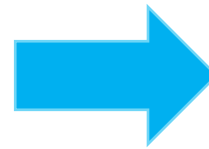


# Framework for initiation of motion

- Current estimation methods for initiation of motion are a function of bulk geotechnical parameters:
  - Wet bulk density,  $\rho_{bulk}$
  - Median grain size diameter,  $D_{50}$
  - Dry volume percentage of mud,  $P_{mud}$

NON-COHESIVE

COHESIVE

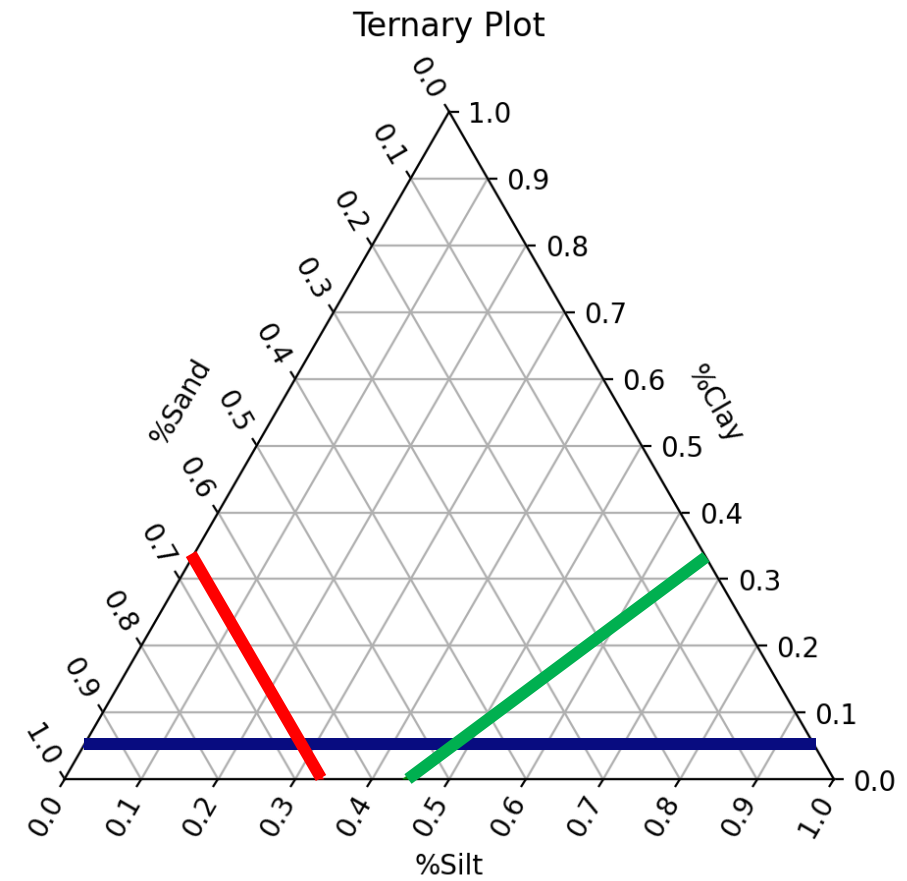


- Shift from a binary spectrum to a ternary analysis



# Framework for initiation of motion

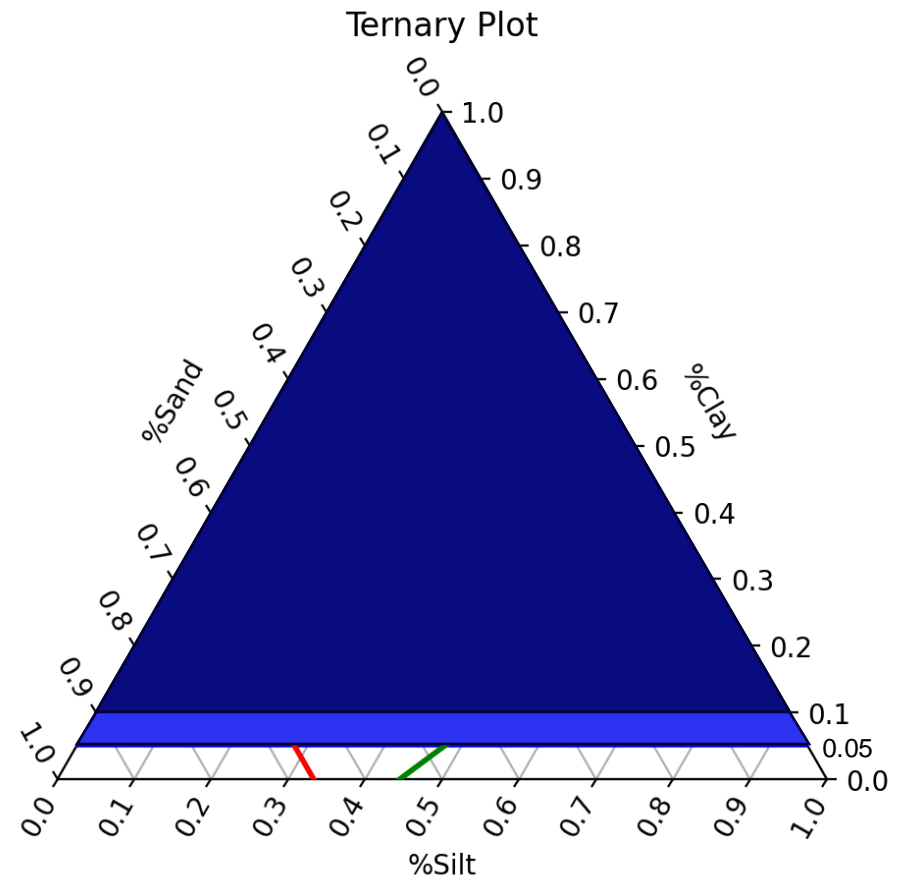
- Van Ledden bed types
  - Based on information from ternary diagram and volume concentration of water
  - Framework characteristics:
    1. Cohesion
    2. Network structure



# Framework for initiation of motion

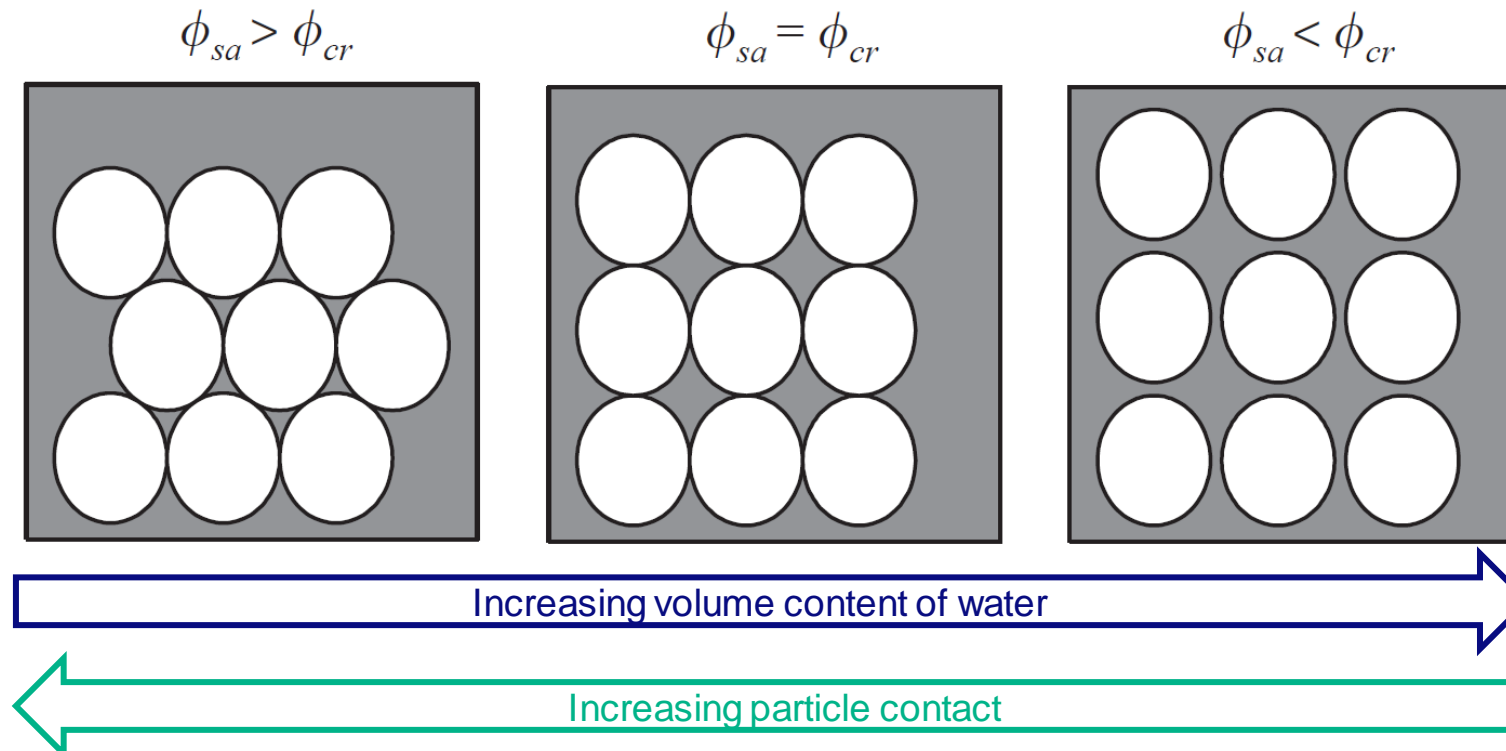
- Cohesion
  - Based on dry volume percentage of clay
  - Literature provides a lower limit of 5-10%

$$P_{clay} = 5 - 10\%$$



# Framework for initiation of motion

- Network structure
  - Interaction of particles based on the volume content of water,  $\phi_{water}$
  - Illustration using pure sand:





# Framework for initiation of motion

- Network structure

- Van Ledden et al., 2003 suggests that for sand-mud, the dominant sediment can be based on wet volume percentage of sand,  $\phi_{sand}$ , and silt,  $\phi_{silt}$ .

- Sand-dominated network structure:

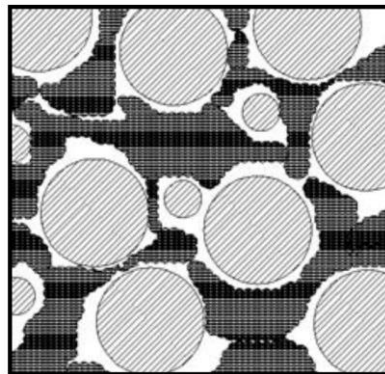
$$\phi_{sand} \geq 40 - 50\%$$

- Silt-dominated network structure:

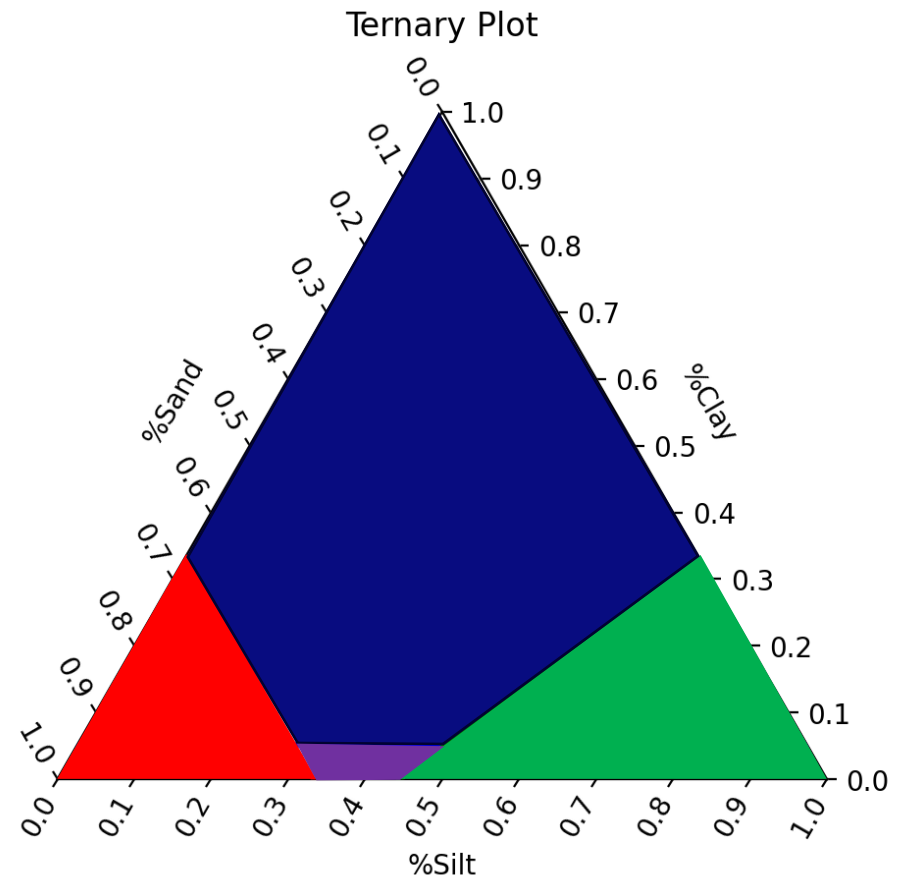
$$\frac{\phi_{silt}}{(1 - \phi_{sand})} \geq 40 - 50\%$$

- Other network structures:

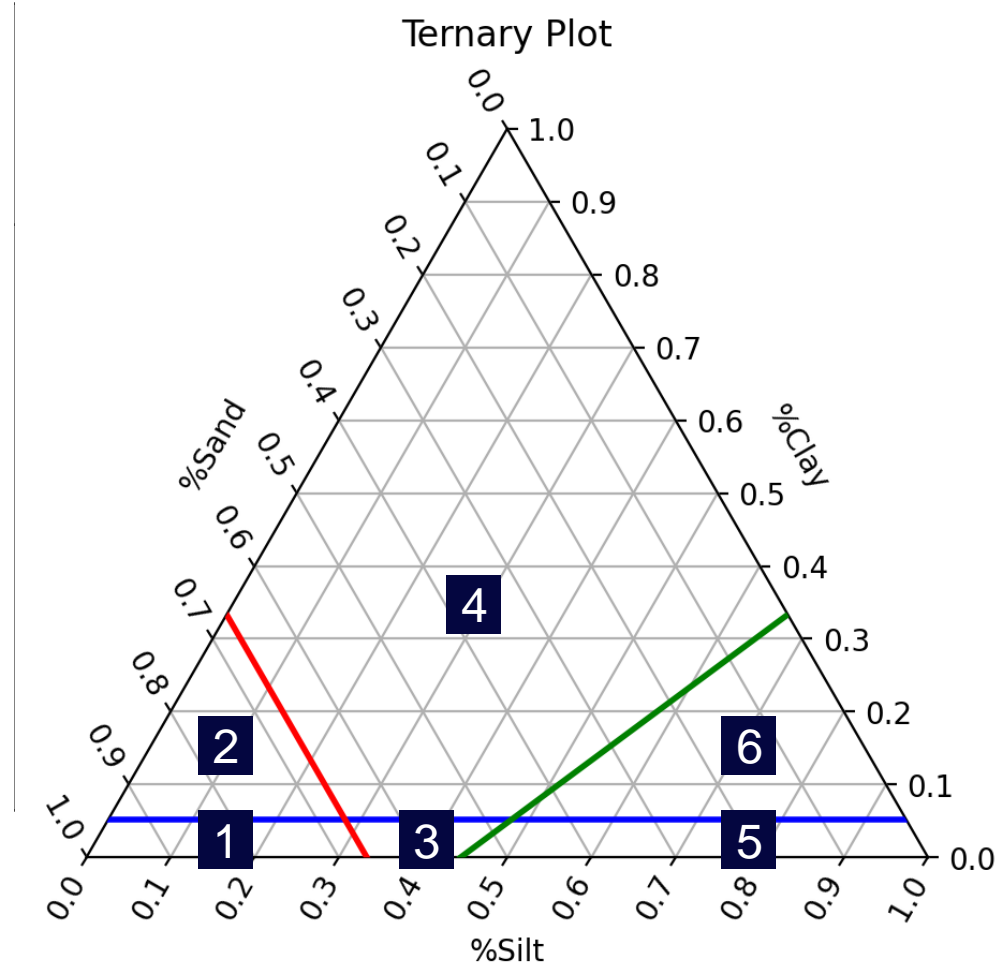
1. Clay-water matrix
2. Mixed structures



Jacobs, 2011

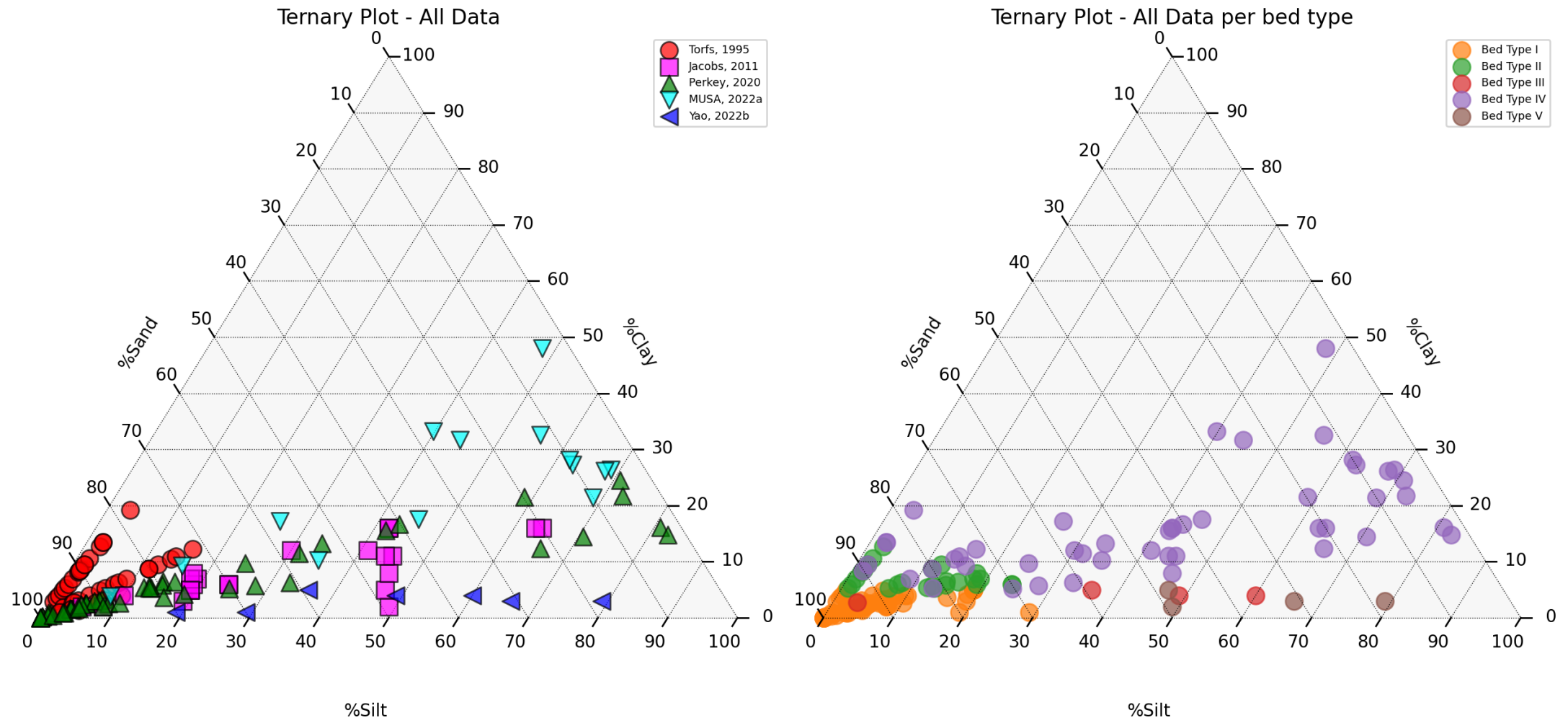


# Framework for initiation of motion



Cohesion	
Non-cohesive ( $P_{clay} < 5 - 10\%$ )	Cohesive ( $P_{clay} \geq 5 - 10\%$ )
1. Sand-dominated non-cohesive sediment bed	<b>Type 2:</b> Sand-dominated, cohesive sediment bed
2. Sand-dominated cohesive sediment bed	<b>Type 6:</b> Mixed structure non-cohesive sediment bed
3. Mixed structure non-cohesive sediment bed	<b>Type 5:</b> Silt-dominated, cohesive sediment bed
4. Clay-dominated non-cohesive sediment bed	<b>Type 4:</b> Clay-water matrix, cohesive sediment bed
5. Silt-dominated non-cohesive sediment bed	
6. Silt-dominated cohesive sediment bed	

# Application of framework to collected data





# Next steps

- Dominant initiation of motion process for each bed type
- Existing initiation of motion equations,  $\tau_{crit}$ 
  - Which equation best describes each Van Ledden bed type?
    1. Mehta, 1988
    2. Mitchener & Torfs, 1996
    3. Roberts et al., 1998
    4. Van Ledden et al., 2003
    5. Van Rijn, 2007
    6. Wu et al., 2018
    7. Yao et al., 2022

# Initiation of motion of sand-mud beds

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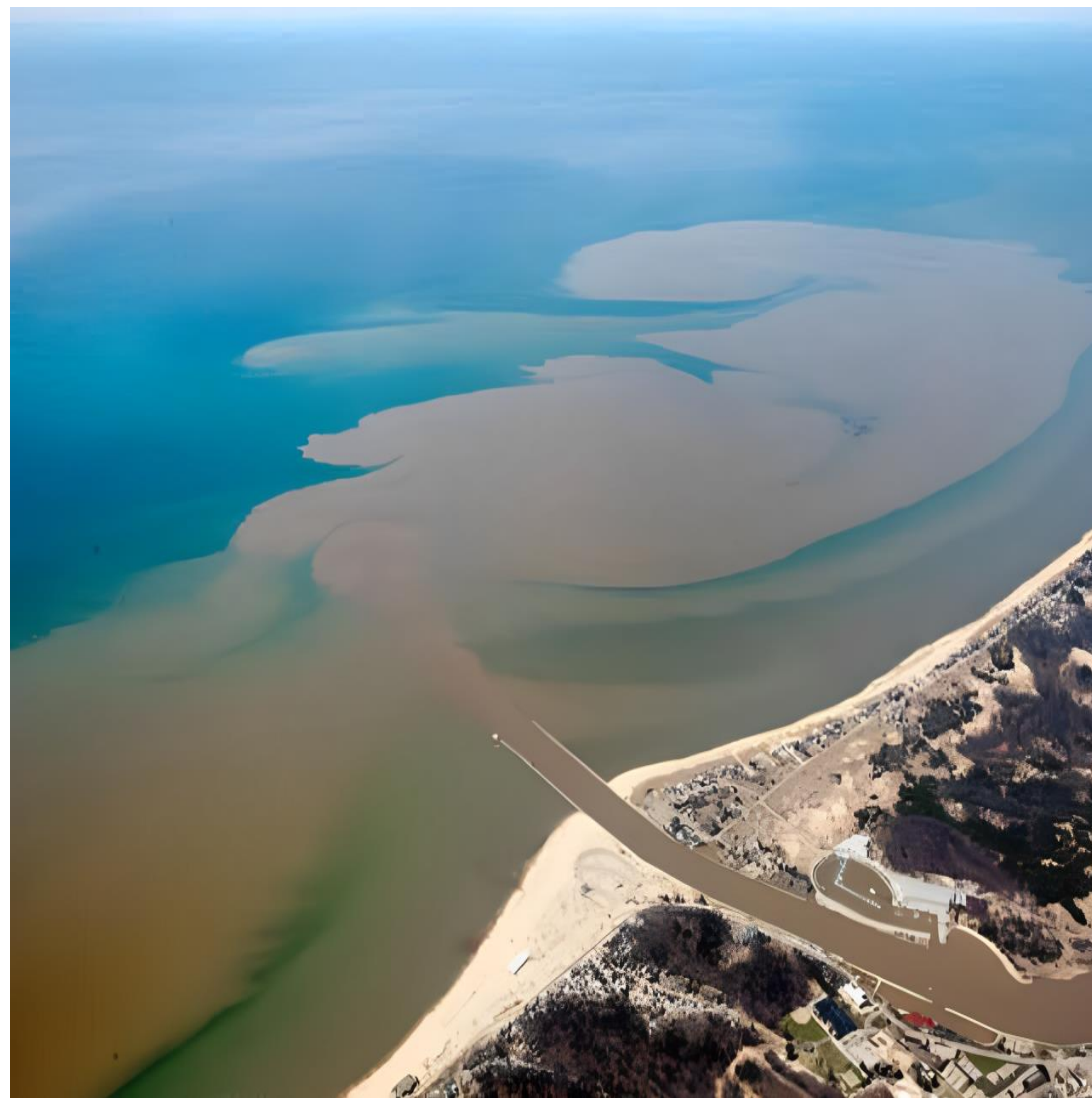
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**DC 4: Mixing and transport in the coastal area**

**Netherland- 7 Nov., 2024**



**The nearshore area:** { dynamically evolving  
often densely populated  
under increasing threat

❑ **Estuarine environments** are dynamically complex, with hydrodynamics being triggered by many factors, e.g., nonlinear interactions between the bathymetry, the river current and many sea forcing actions.

➤ In our project, we are focusing on the **development of a 2D numerical solver** for the hydro-morphodynamics in the nearshore area **to extract the Lagrangian motion/flow field**.

✓ **To inspect the nearshore circulations**, three current values were tested, following the study of Olabarrieta et al. (2014).

- Olabarrieta et al. (2014): circulation of the New River inlet, North Carolina



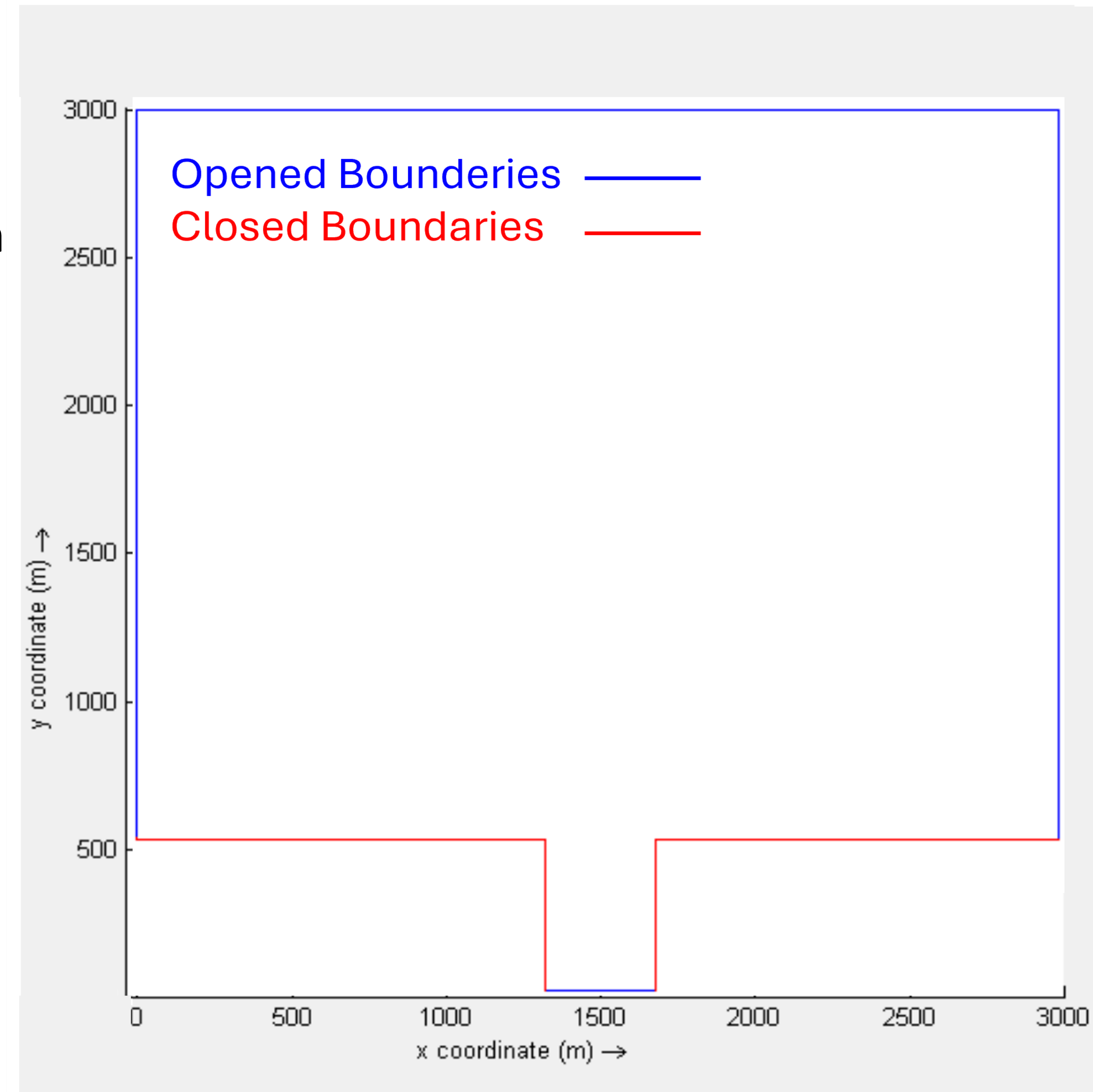
the New River, North Carolina



**Domain:** 3 km long in both cross-shore and alongshore directions

□ **Delft-3D- Flow**, to investigate the flow circulation

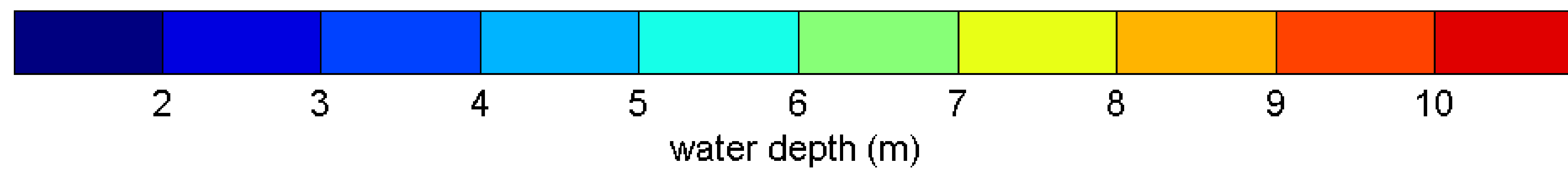
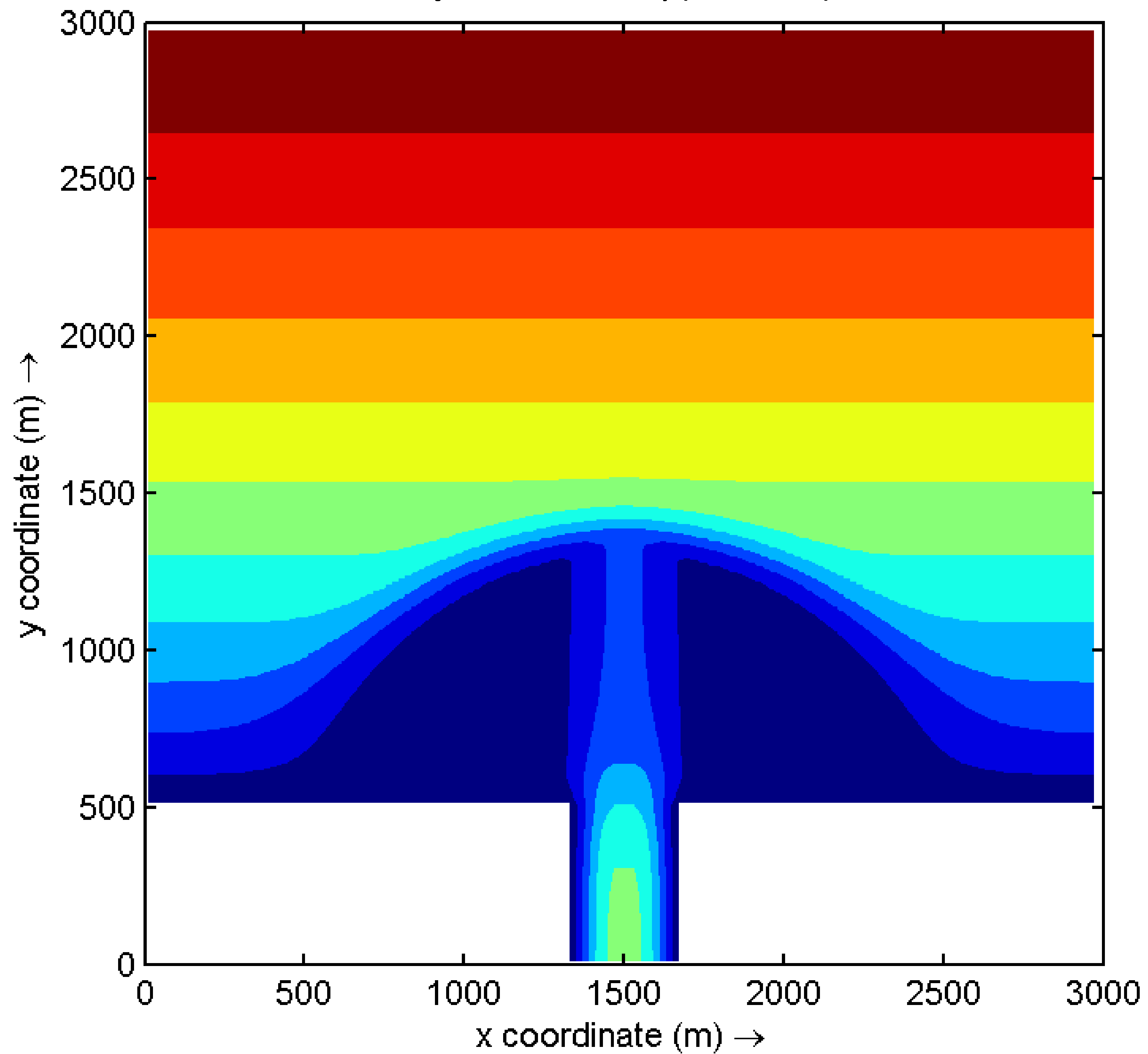
- **Computational mesh:** spacings  $\Delta x = 10$  m,  $\Delta y = 20$  m
- **The resolution of the grid:** 151 x 300 (M x N)
- **Boundary conditions:**
  - **Inlet** Boundary, Estuarine Window: Current velocity
  - **Right** Boundary: Riemann
  - **Left** Boundary: Riemann
  - **Top** Boundary: Total Discharge
- **Time Simulation:** 5 hrs



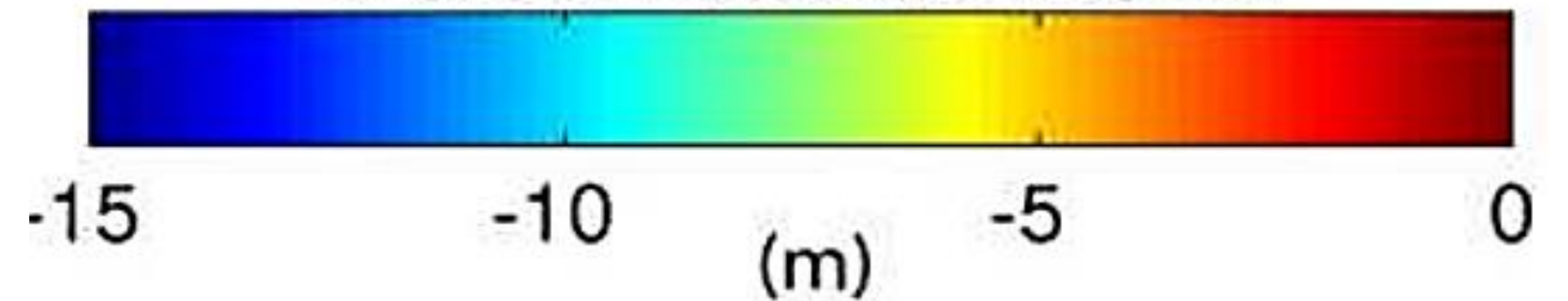
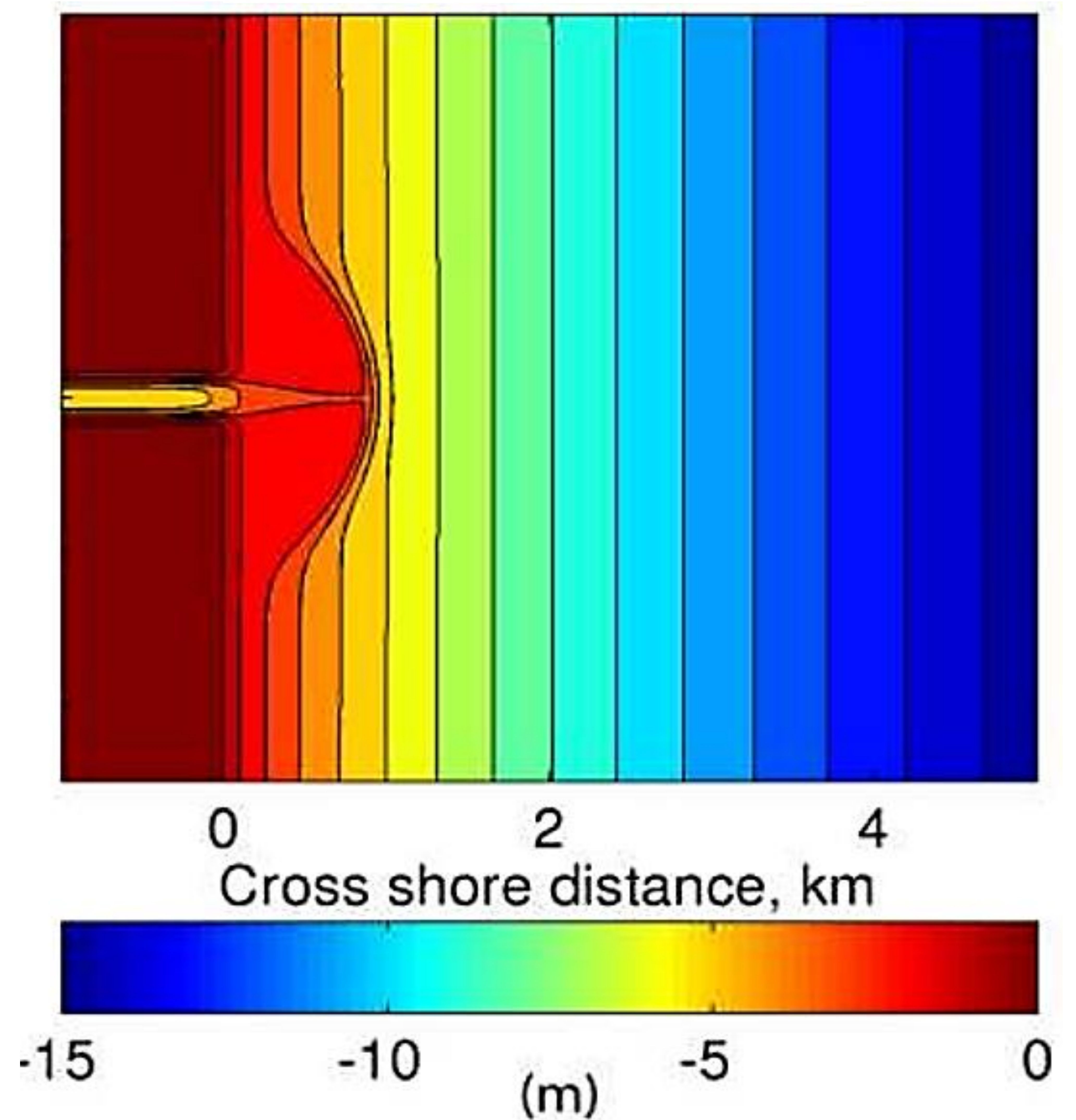


## □ Water Depth

Water Depth, our study(Delft3D)



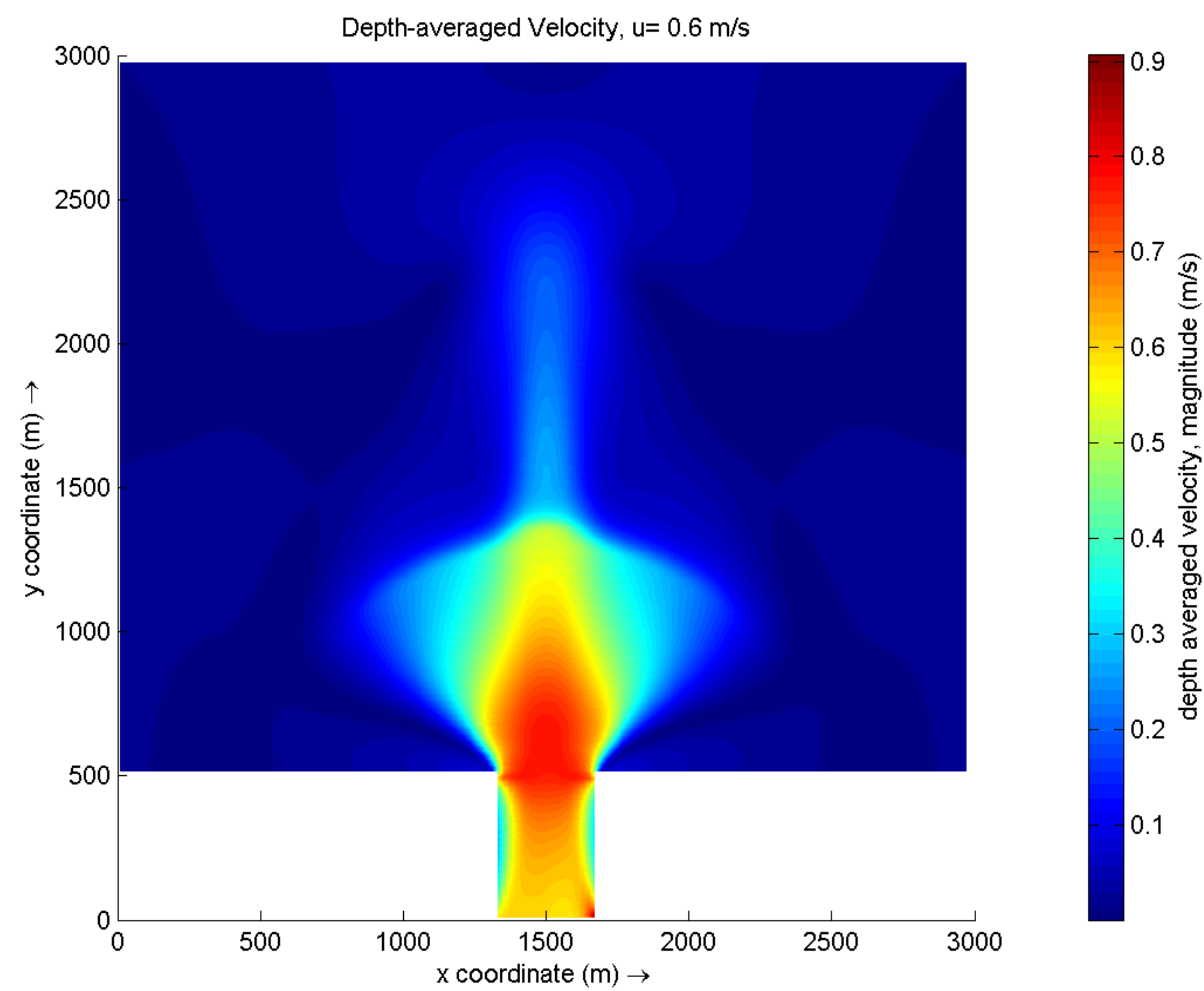
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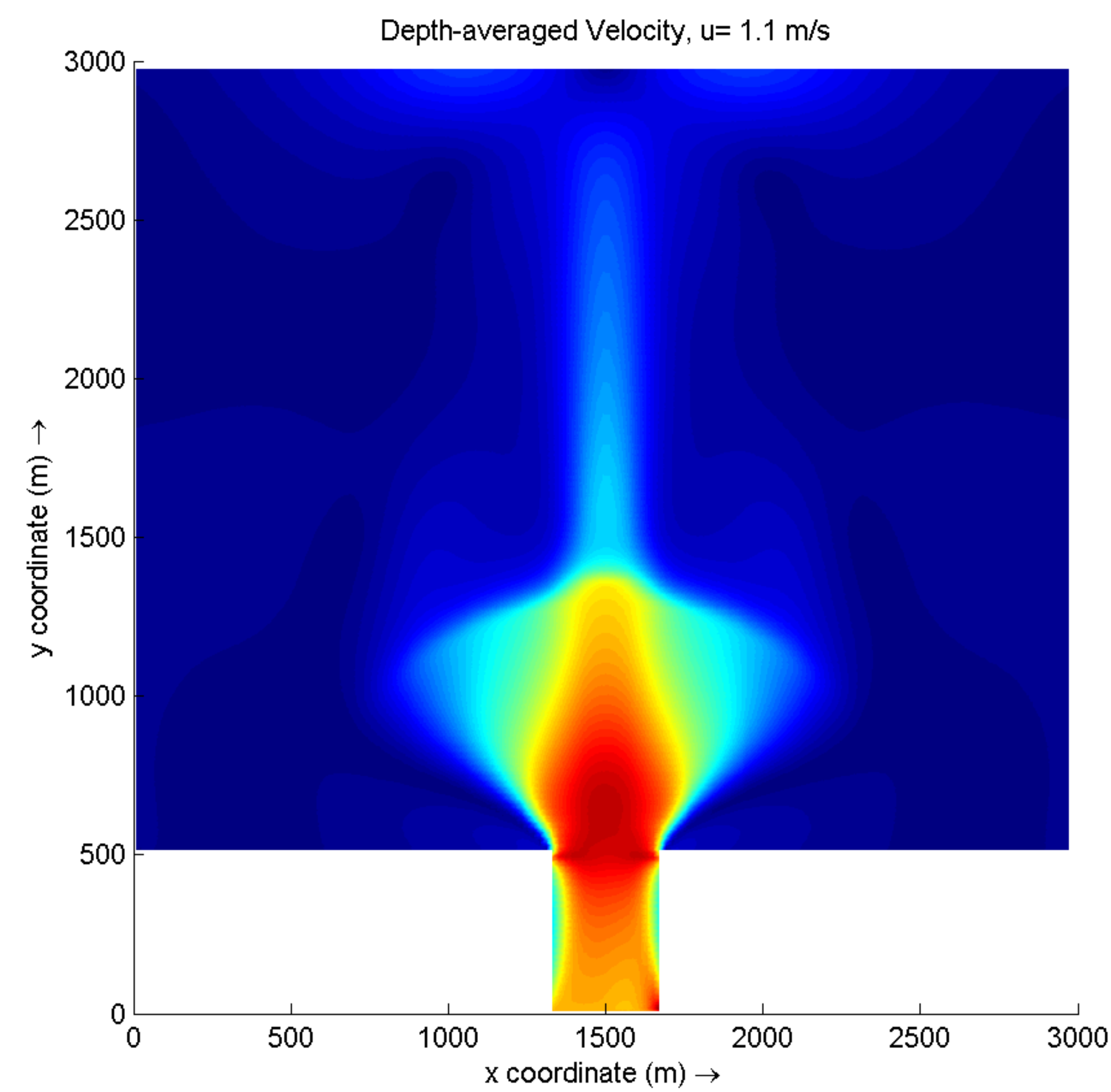


## □ Depth-averaged Velocity- Delft-3D: our study

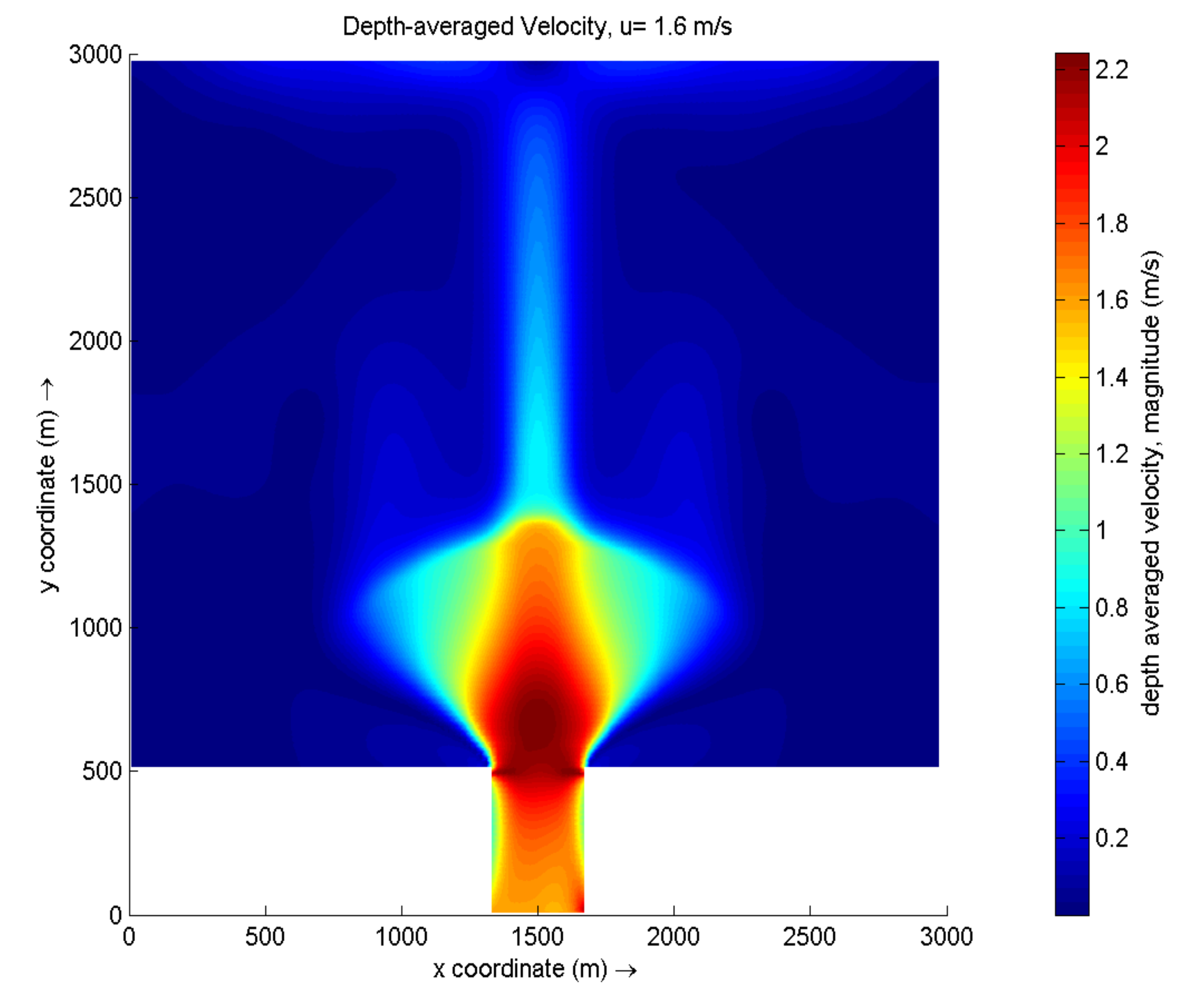
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**U=1.1 m/s**

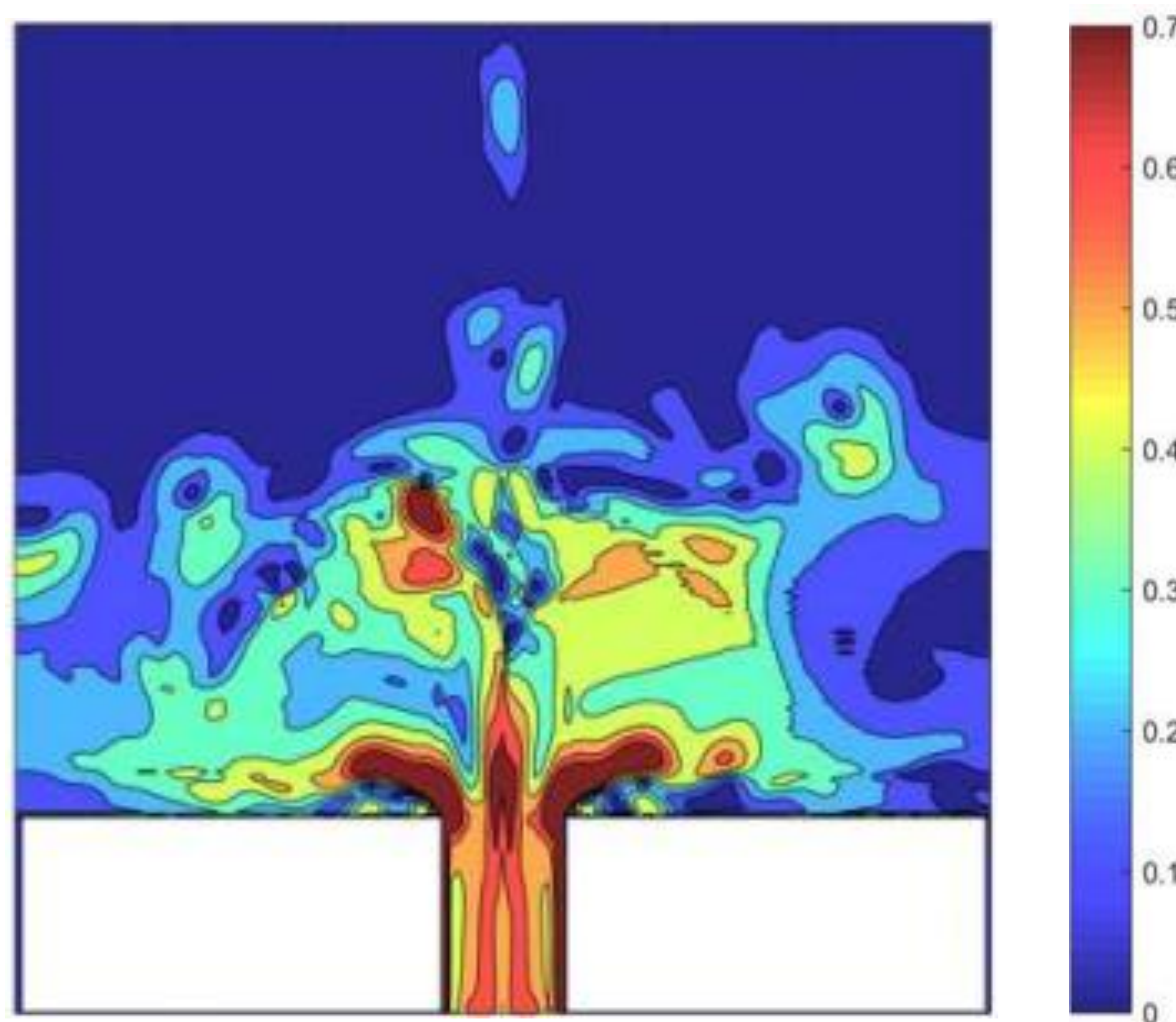


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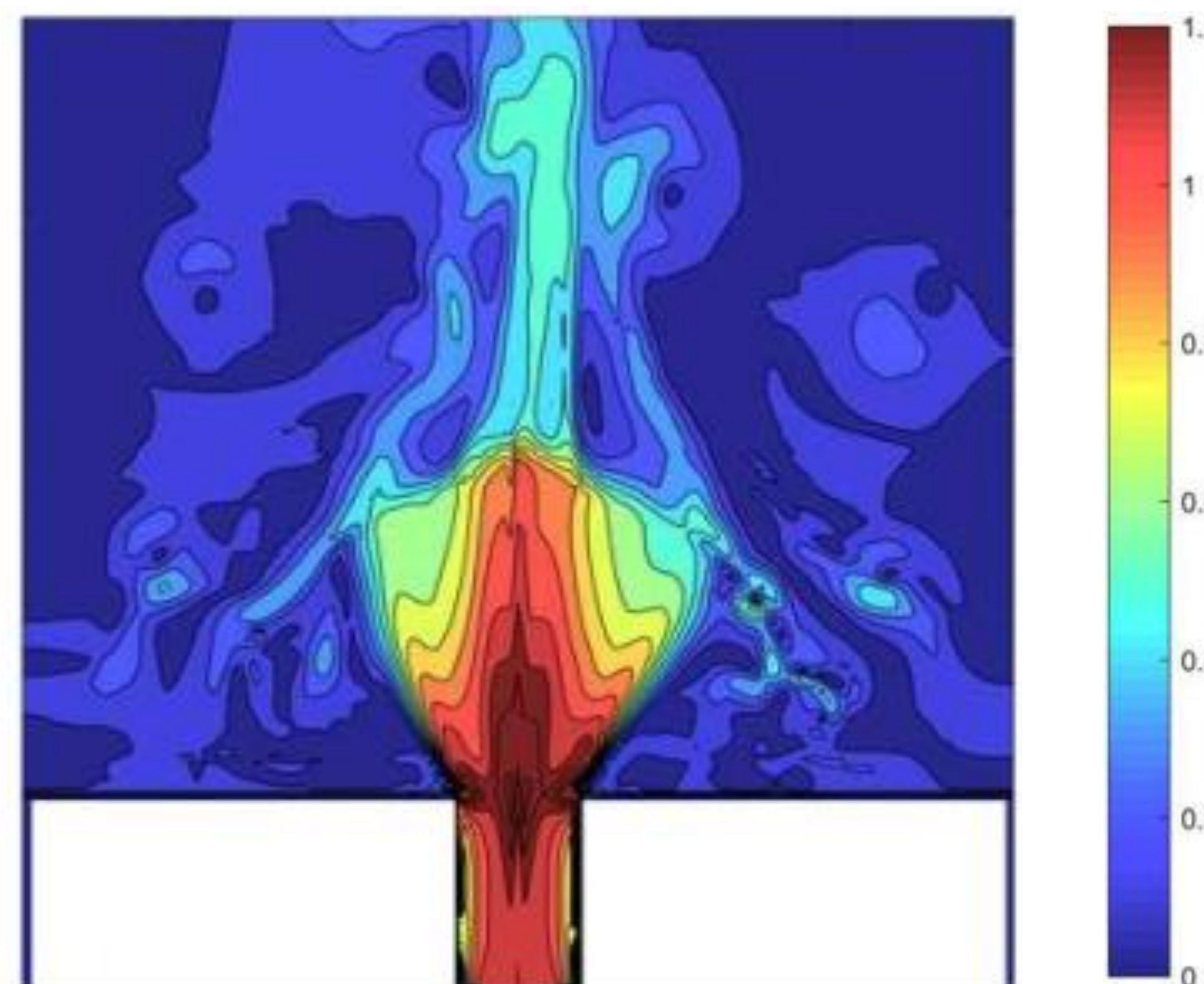


## □ Mean Velocity- NSW Solver: Melito et al. (2019)

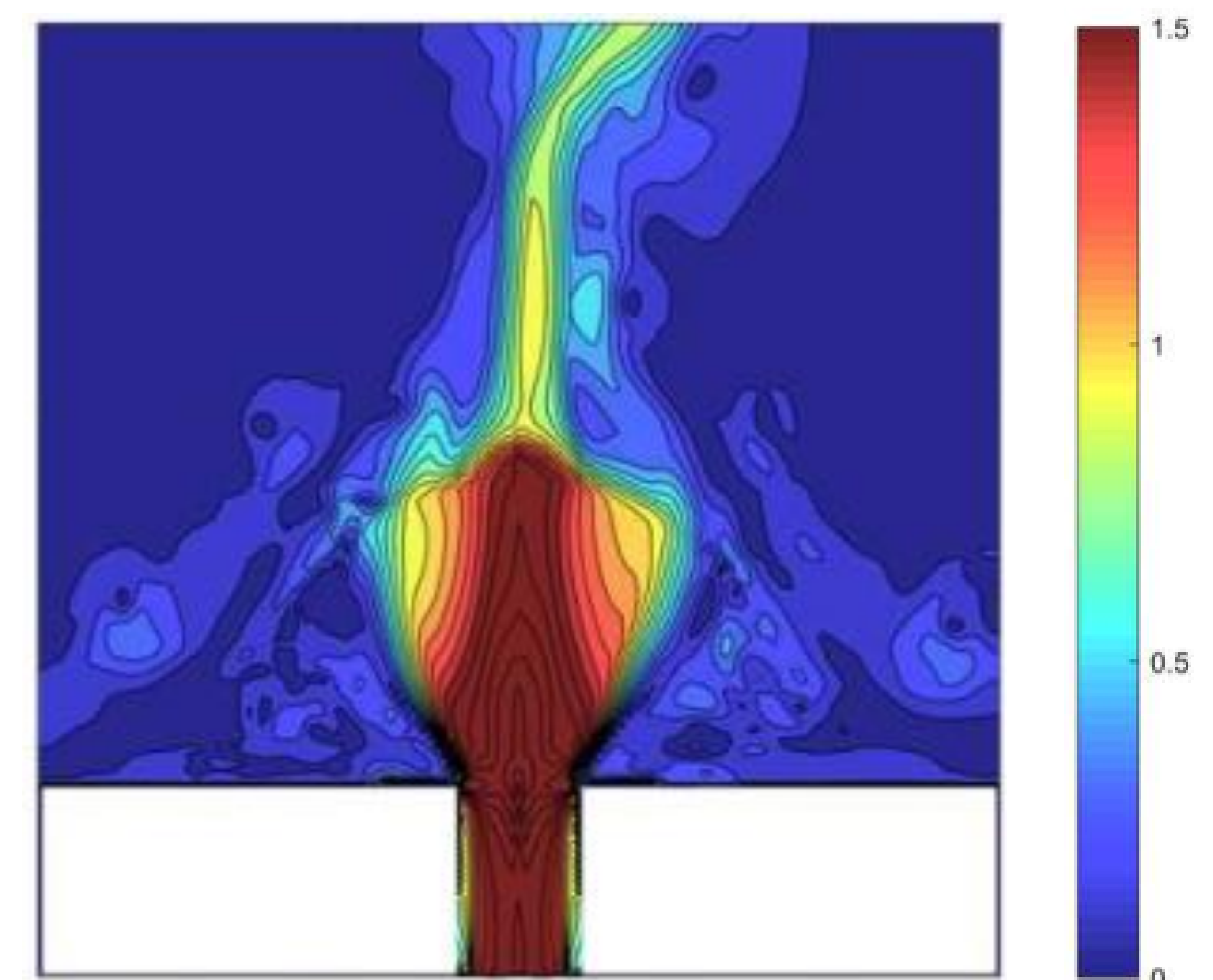
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## ❑ Particle Tracking:

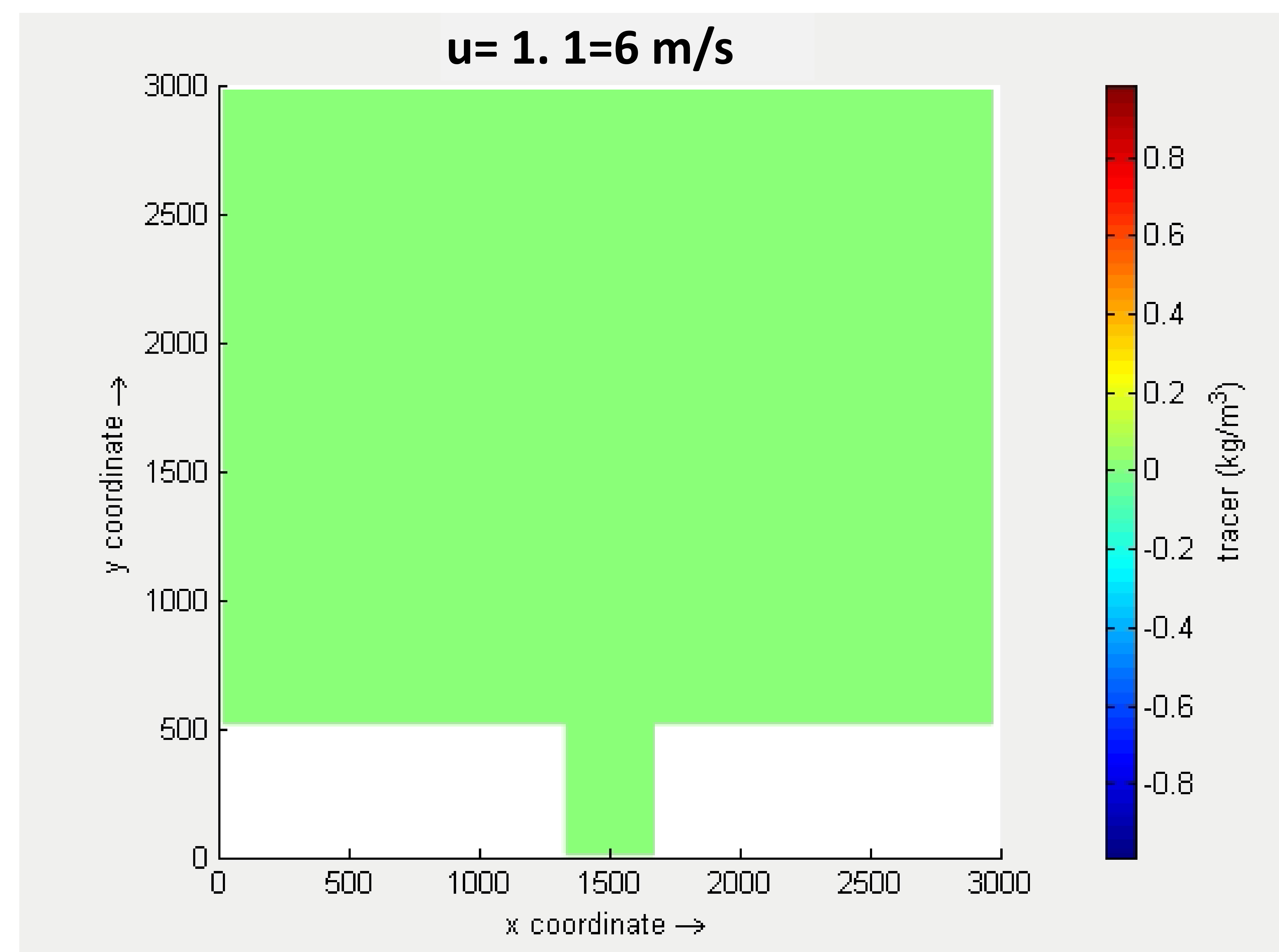
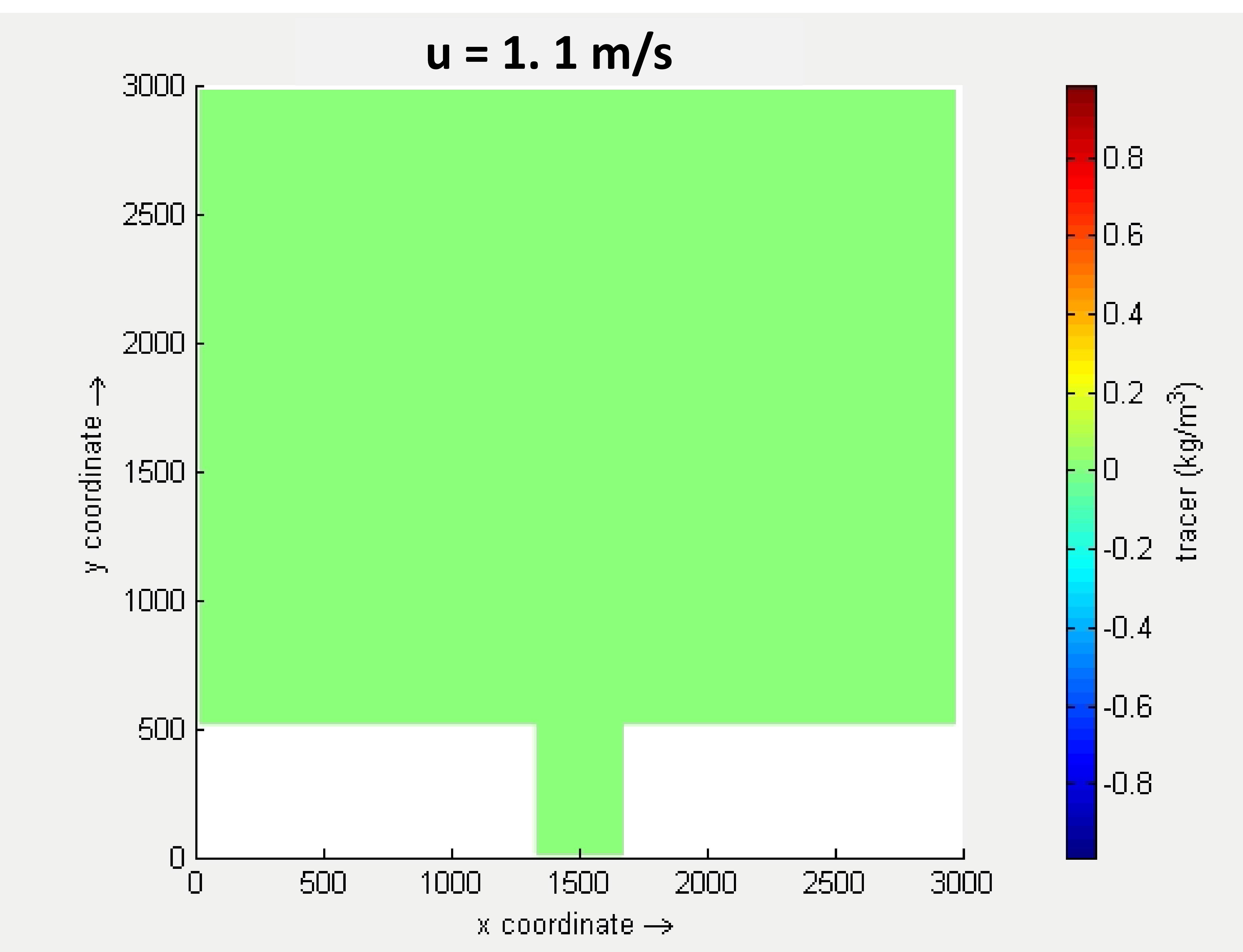
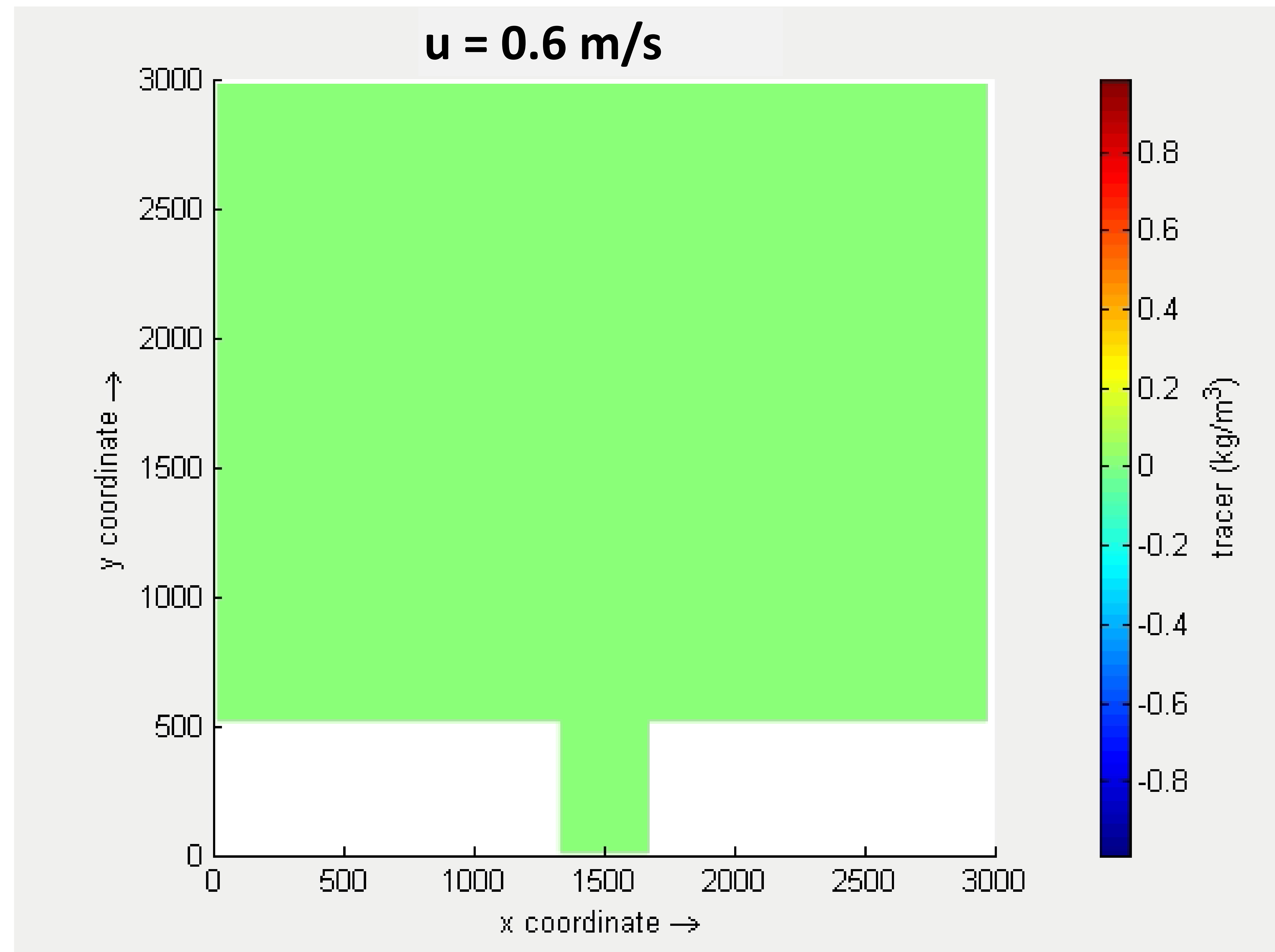
- ✓ **Changes in sediment transport** → coastal erosion, adverse effects on habitats, infrastructure, and communities located along the coast.
- ✓ **Pollution transport** → detrimental effects on marine life and habitats.

- To effectively understand and model particle transport in coastal areas
  - hydrodynamic forces
  - particle characteristics
  - environmental conditions

- D-WAQ PART is a random walk particle tracking model
- Horizontal dispersion due to turbulence.

## Releasing particles from Estuarine part:

- The advection step due to the shear stresses from currents
- The random walk step is related to the horizontal dispersion.
- Horizontal dispersion due to turbulence., According to turbulence theory this dispersion increases in time.



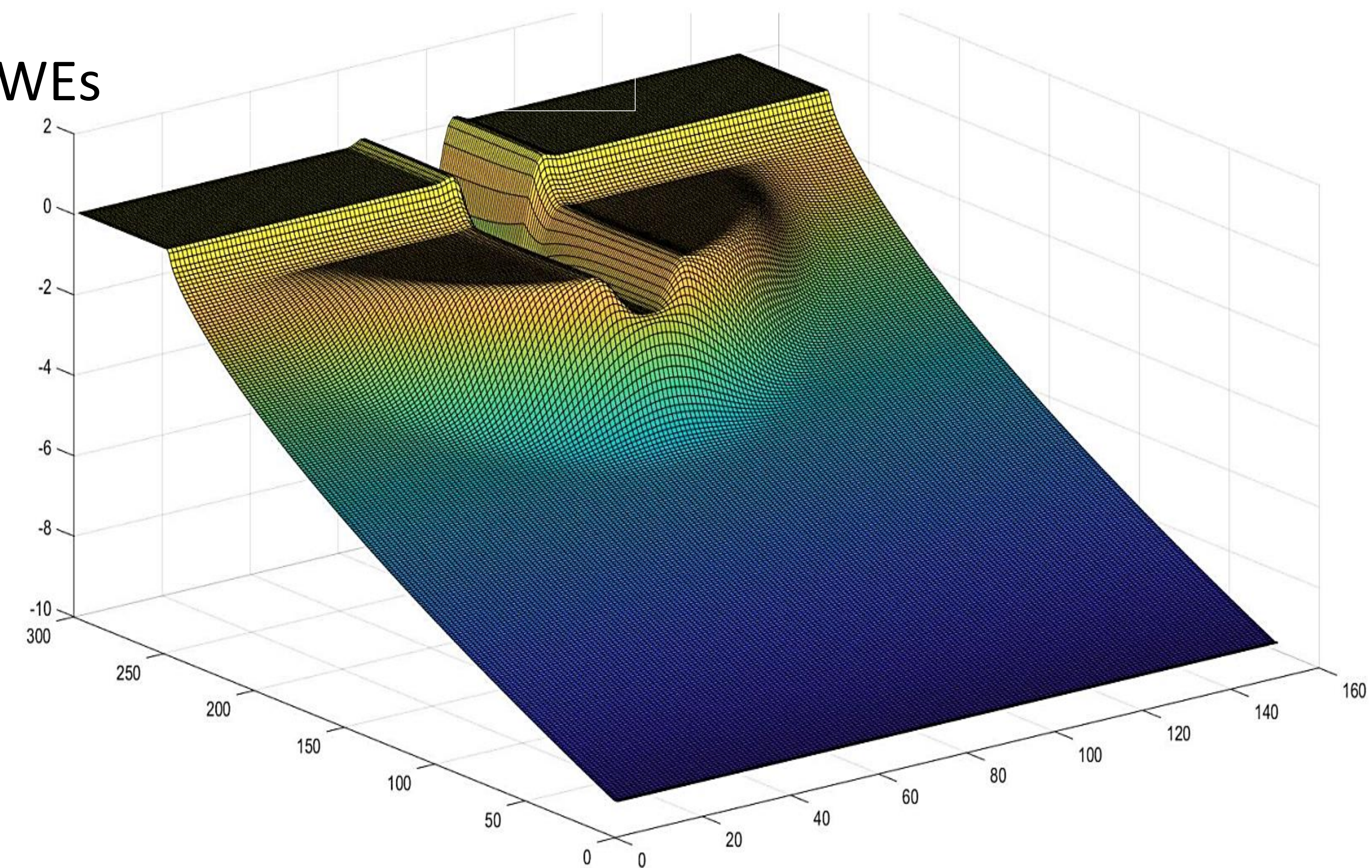


❑ To investigate the dynamics of the nearshore zone:

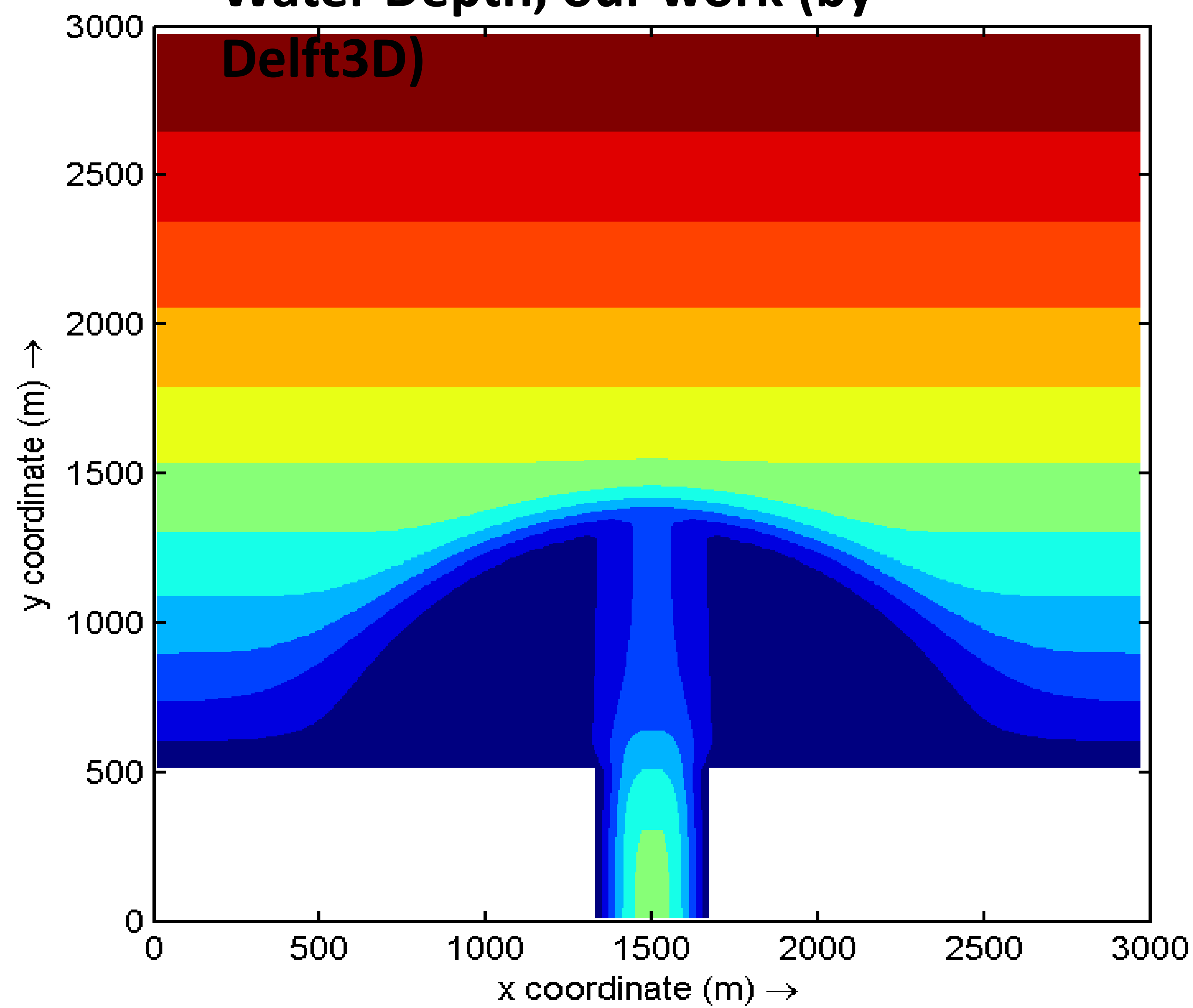
Boussinesq-type Equations  
NSWEs

- ✓ Wave resolving 2DH methods, such as NSWEs, are among the most popular approximate models for investigation of the nearshore hydro-morphodynamics (Zyserman and Johnson (2002)).

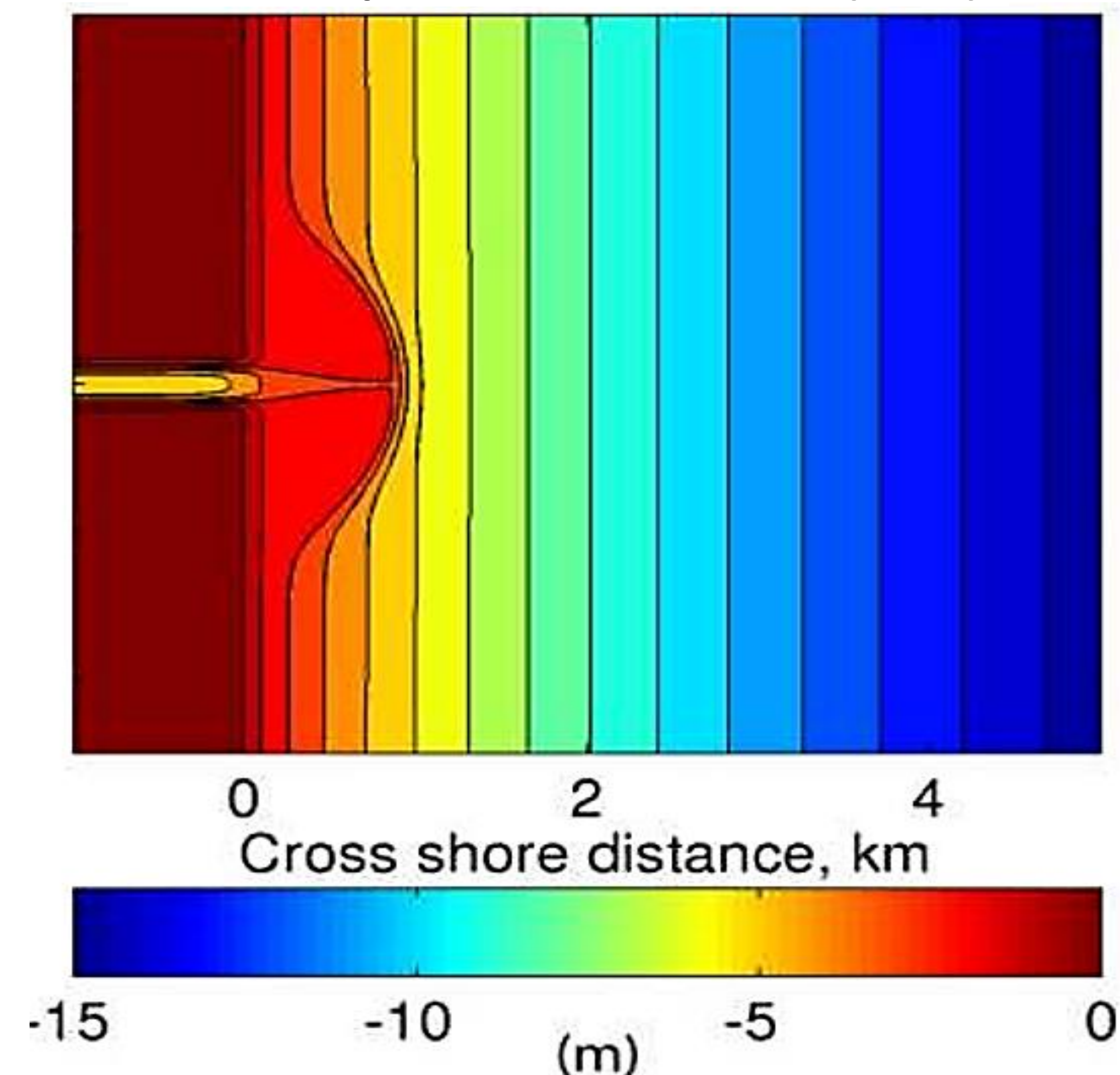
Water Depth, Our work



Water Depth, our work (by  
Delft3D)



Water Depth, Olabarrieta et al. (2014)





## Numerical part: MATLAB Script for Particle tracking

❑ The code **solves** a system of equations for a **2D shallow water model** using finite differences and central differencing for spatial derivatives.

✓ How time stepping is applied:

### 1. Discretization of Equations:

- The **depth**  $d$  is updated using the continuity equation.
- The **velocities**  $u$  and  $v$  are updated based on momentum equations in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions, respectively.

### 2. Central Difference for Spatial Derivatives:

The code uses the central difference scheme to compute spatial derivatives:

### 3. Euler Time Stepping:

- ✓ The Euler method is used to advance the solution in time:
- The **depth**  $d$  and **velocities**  $u$ ,  $v$  are updated *at each time step* by adding their time derivatives scaled by the time step  $\Delta t$ .

$$d = d + \Delta t \cdot \frac{\partial d}{\partial t}$$

$$u = u + \Delta t \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

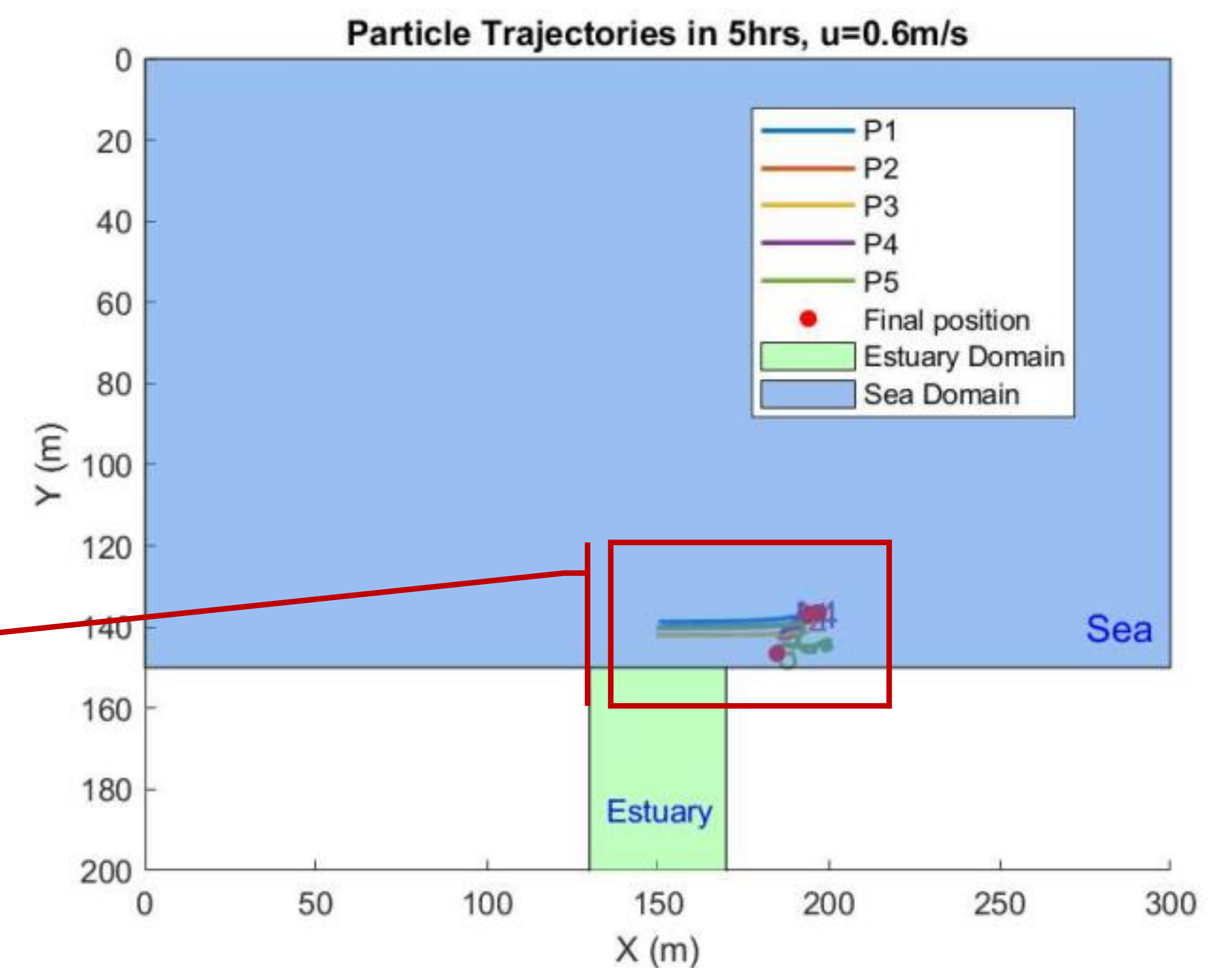
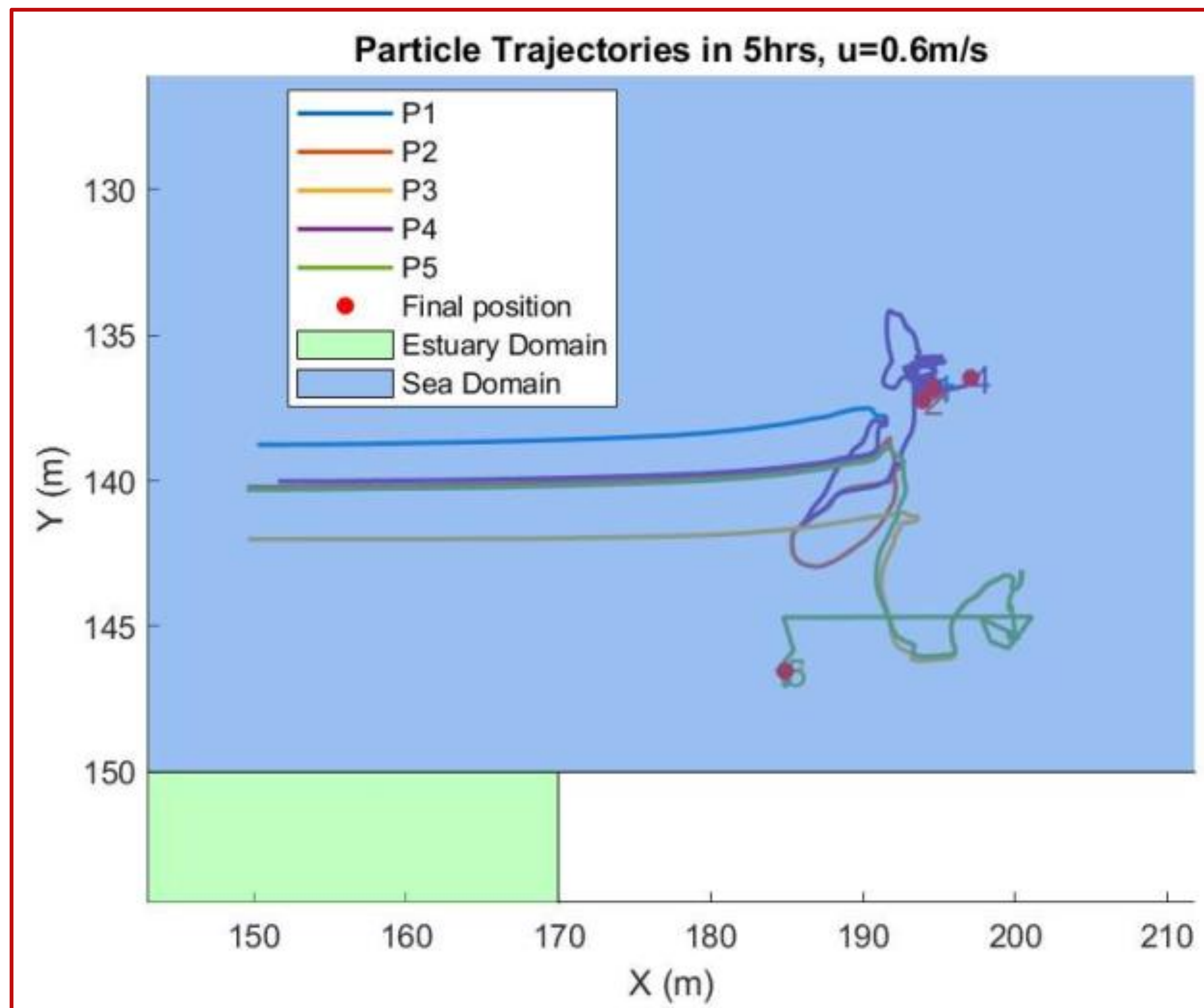
$$v = v + \Delta t \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$$

The new values of  $d$ ,  $u$ , and  $v$  are then used in the next time step.



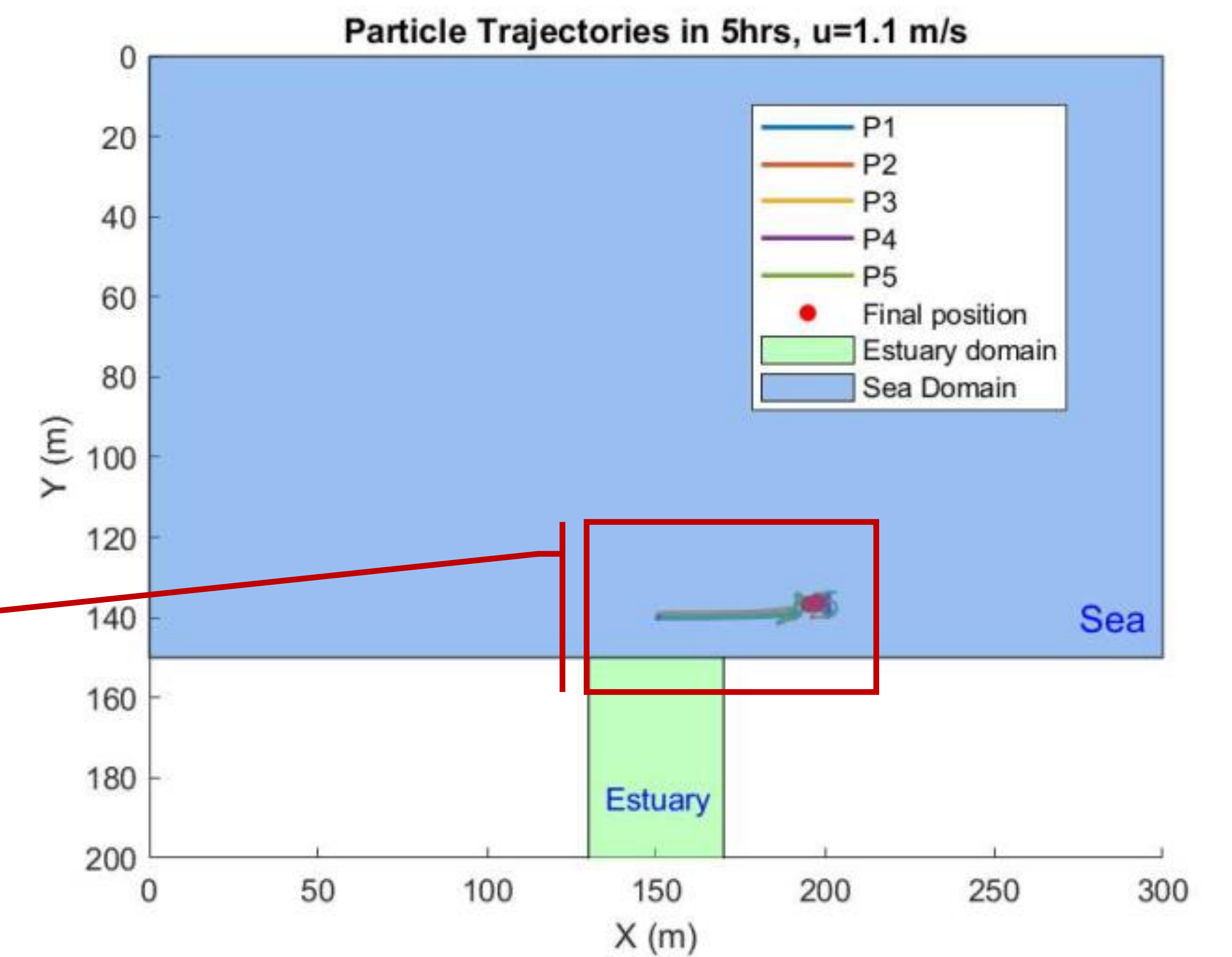
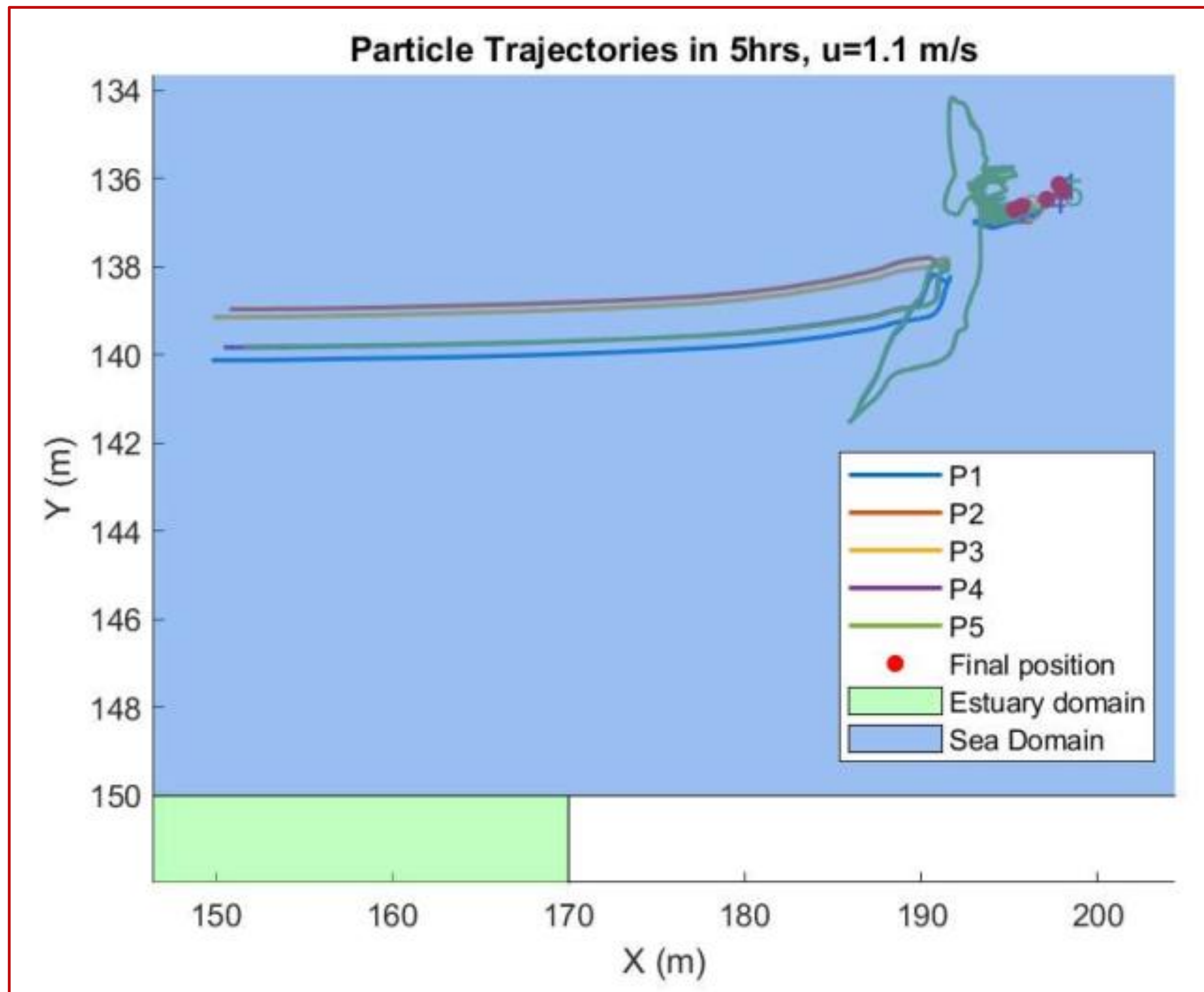
## Particle Tracking:

- ✓ Particles are tracked by interpolating the velocities ( $u_p$  and  $v_p$ ) at the particle positions.
- ✓ The positions of the particles are updated based on the velocities using a forward Euler step.



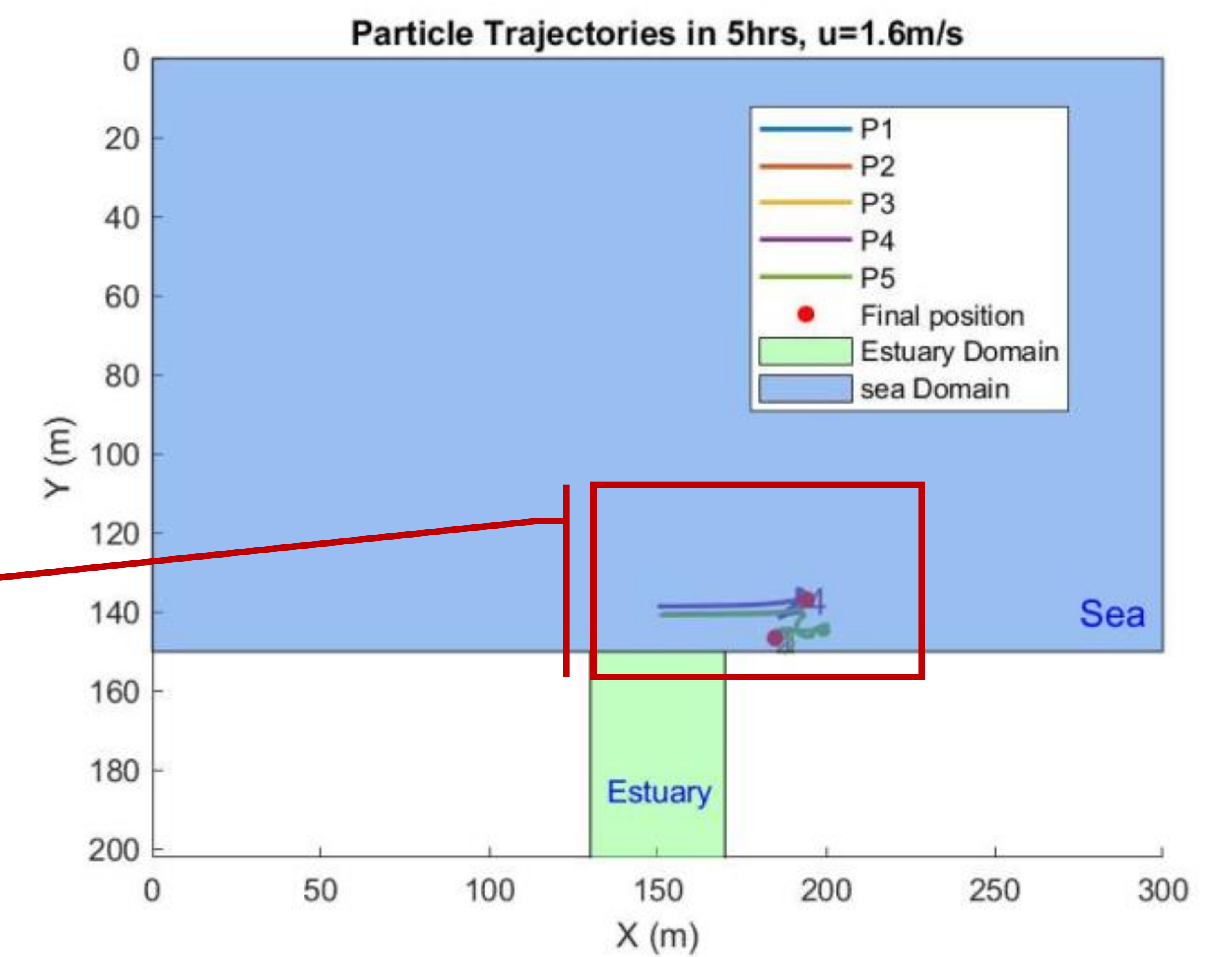
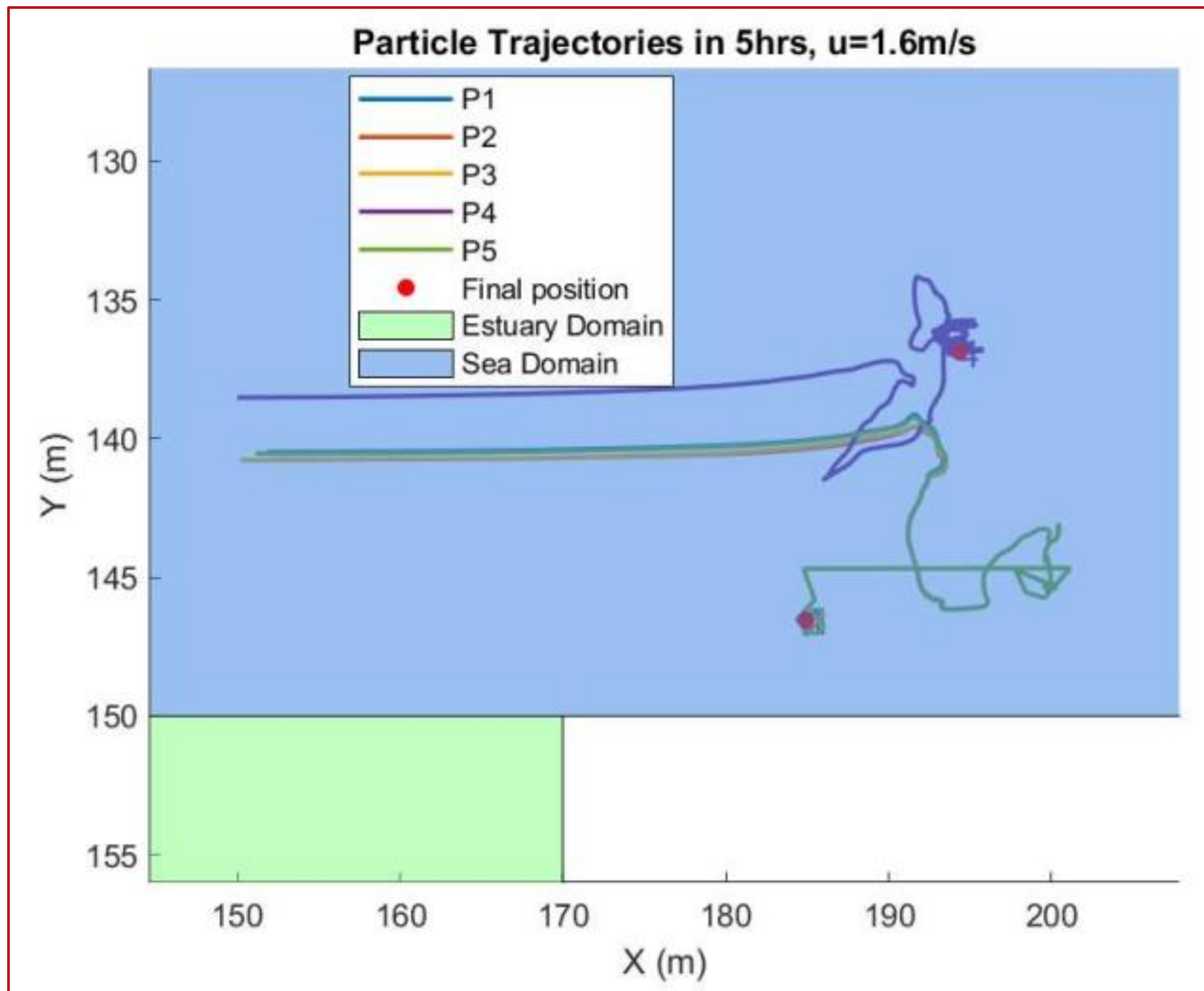


## Particle Tracking by MATLAB Script:





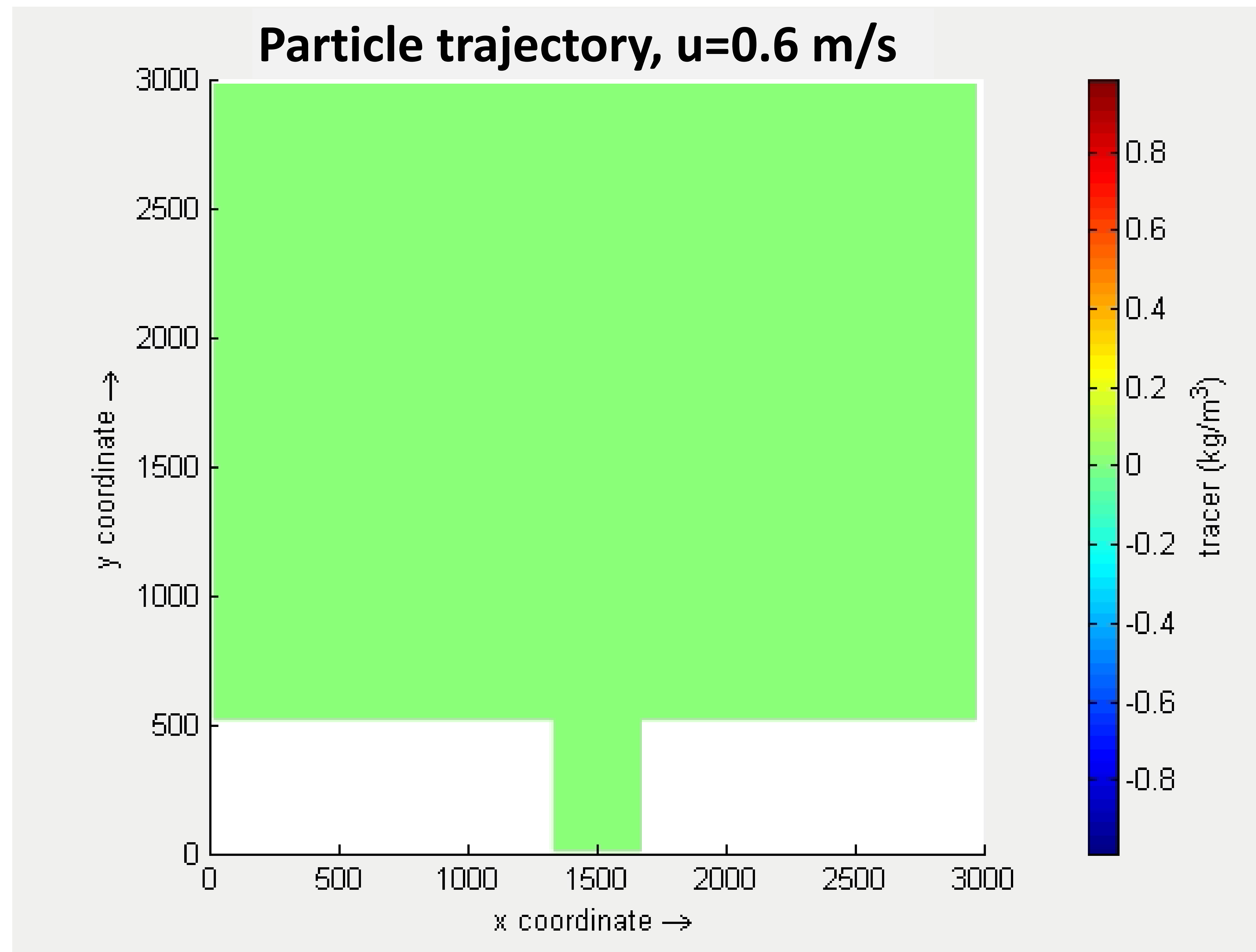
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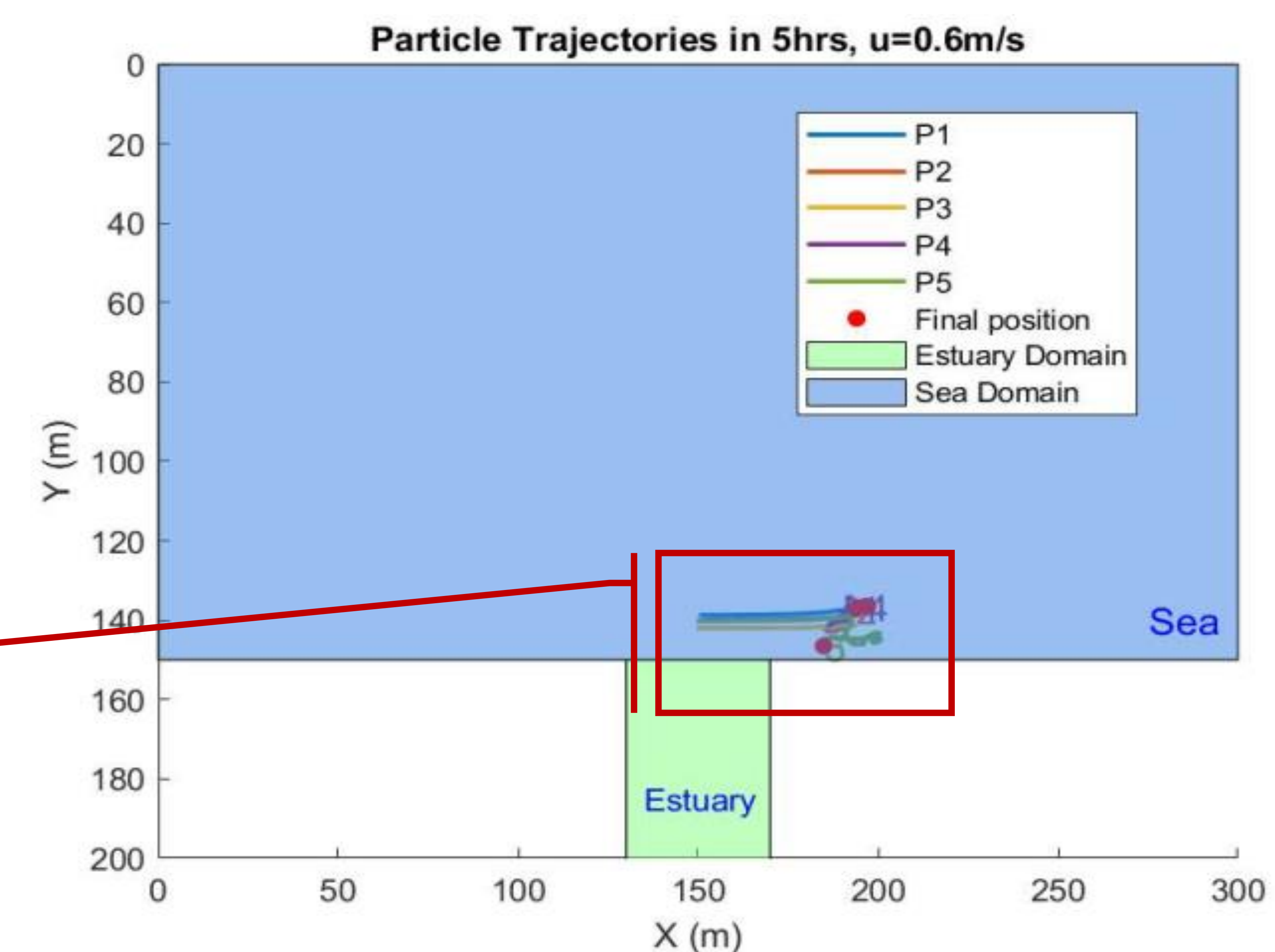
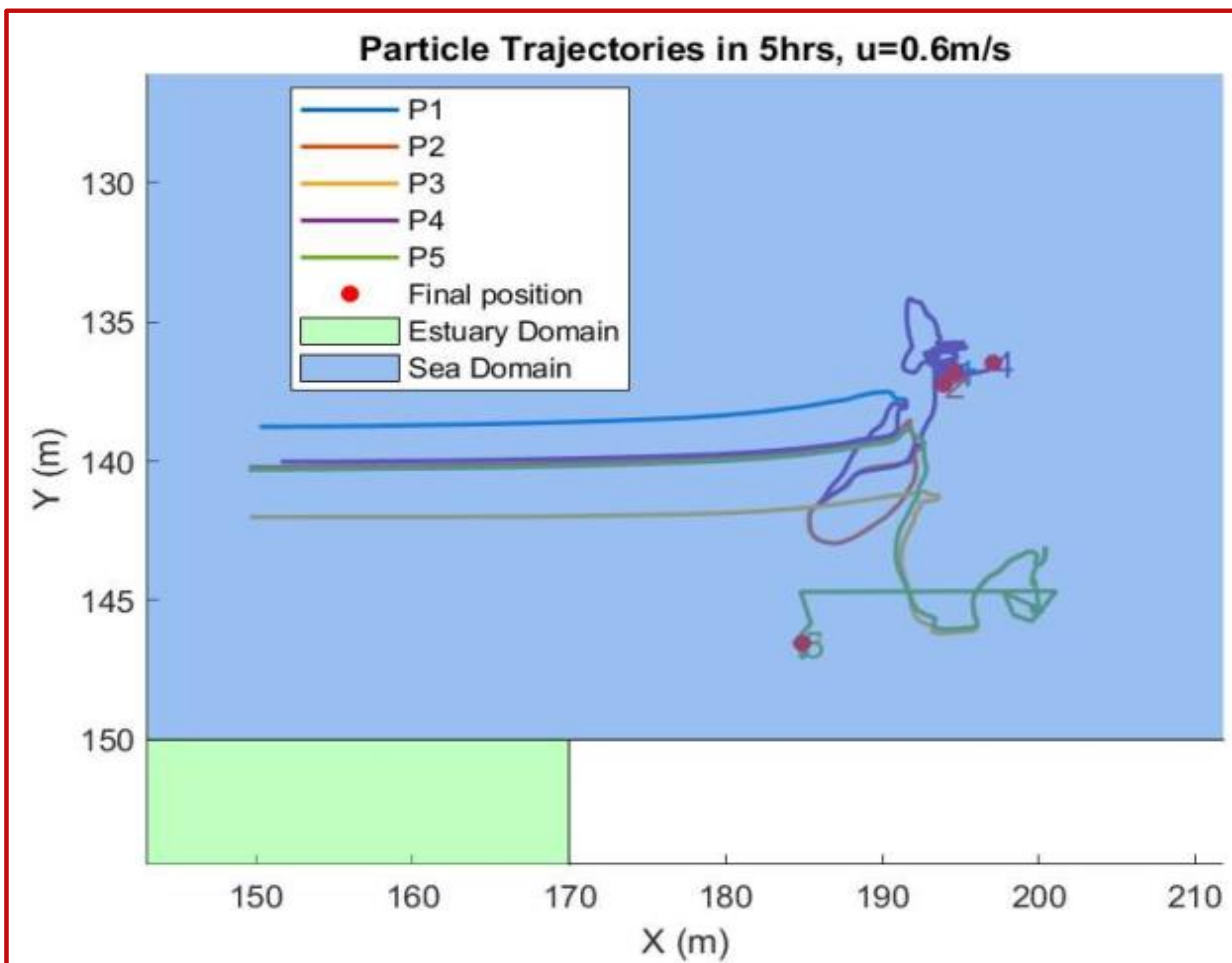


## Compare: Partilce Tracking

### ■ Delft3D Results



### ■ MATLAB Script Results



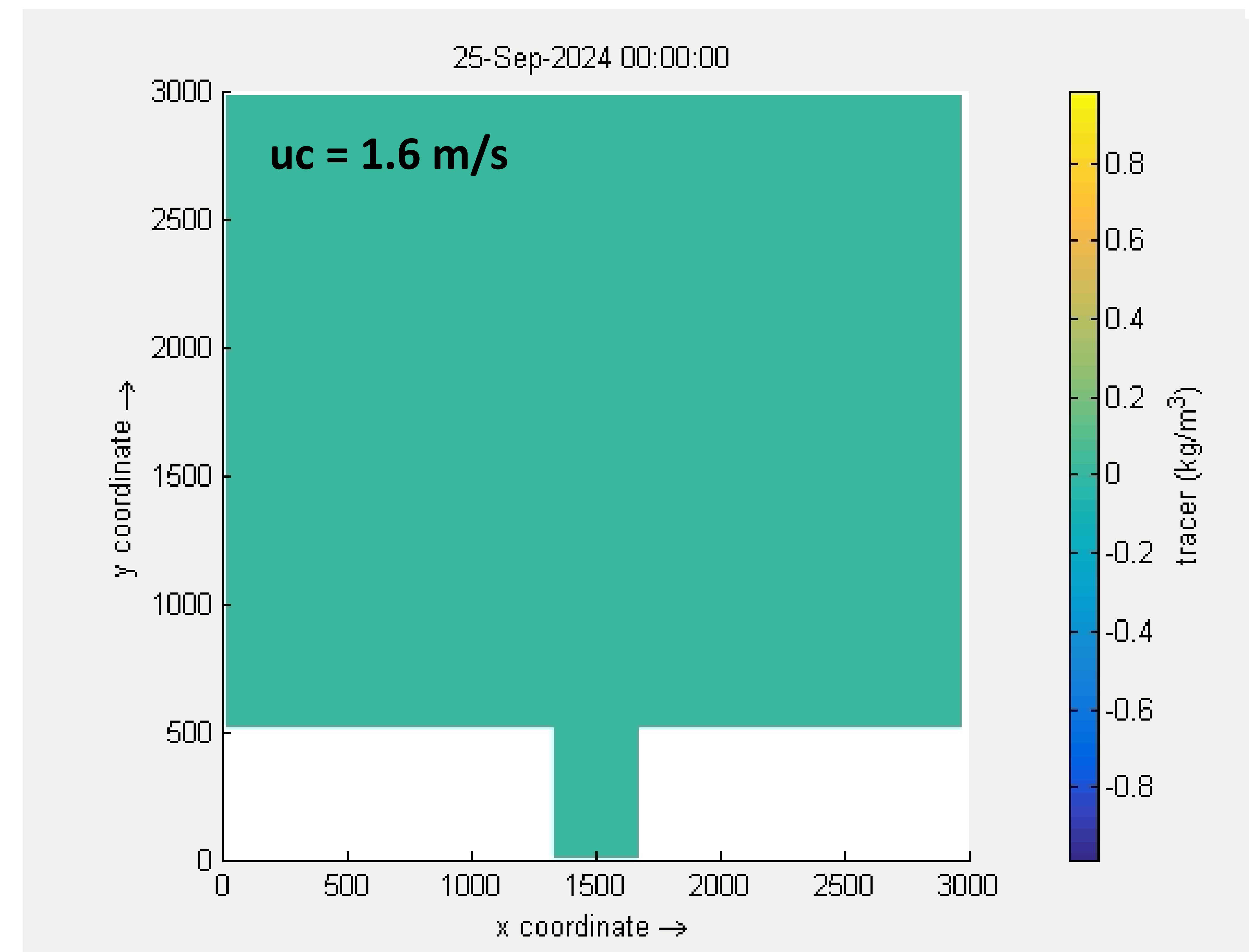
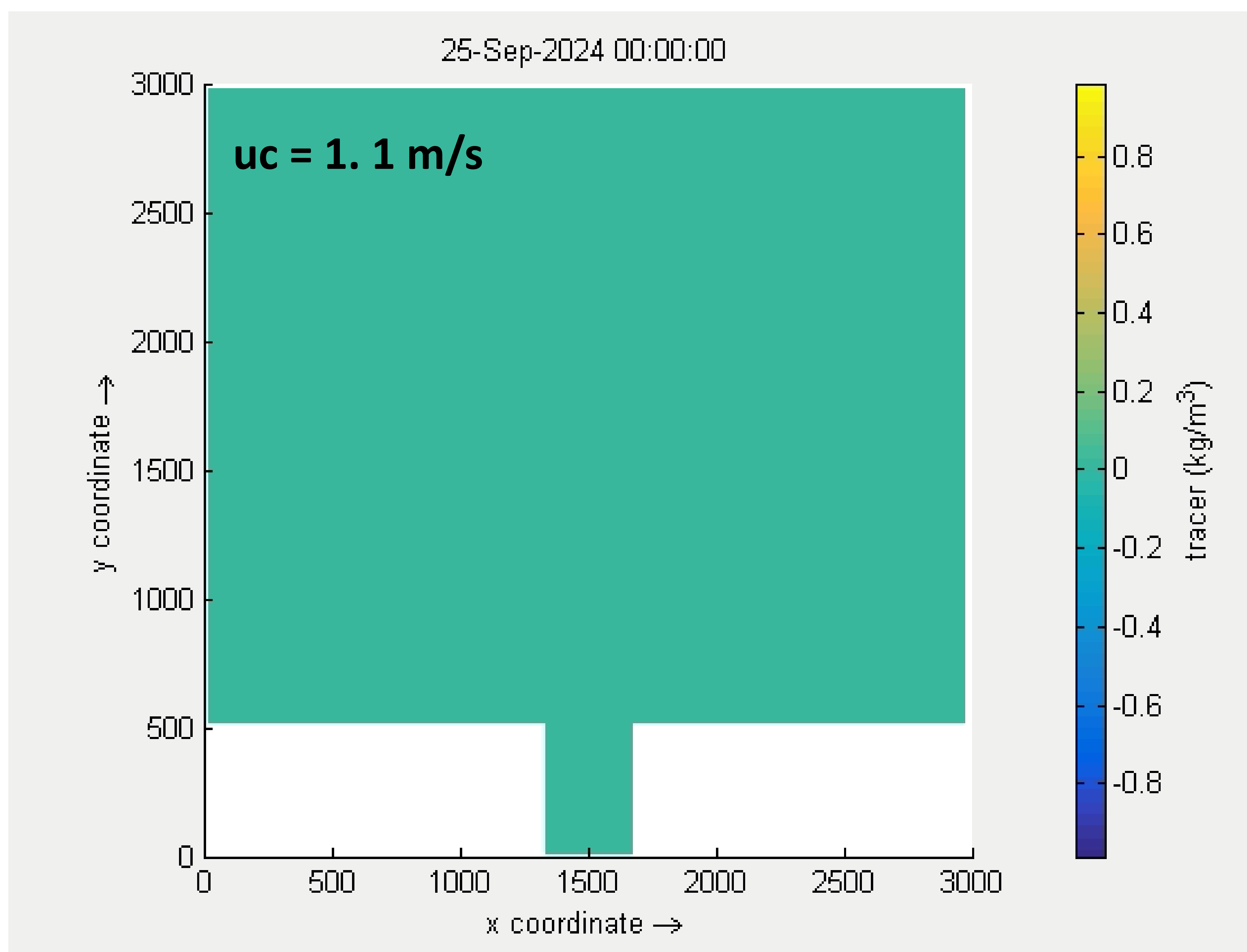
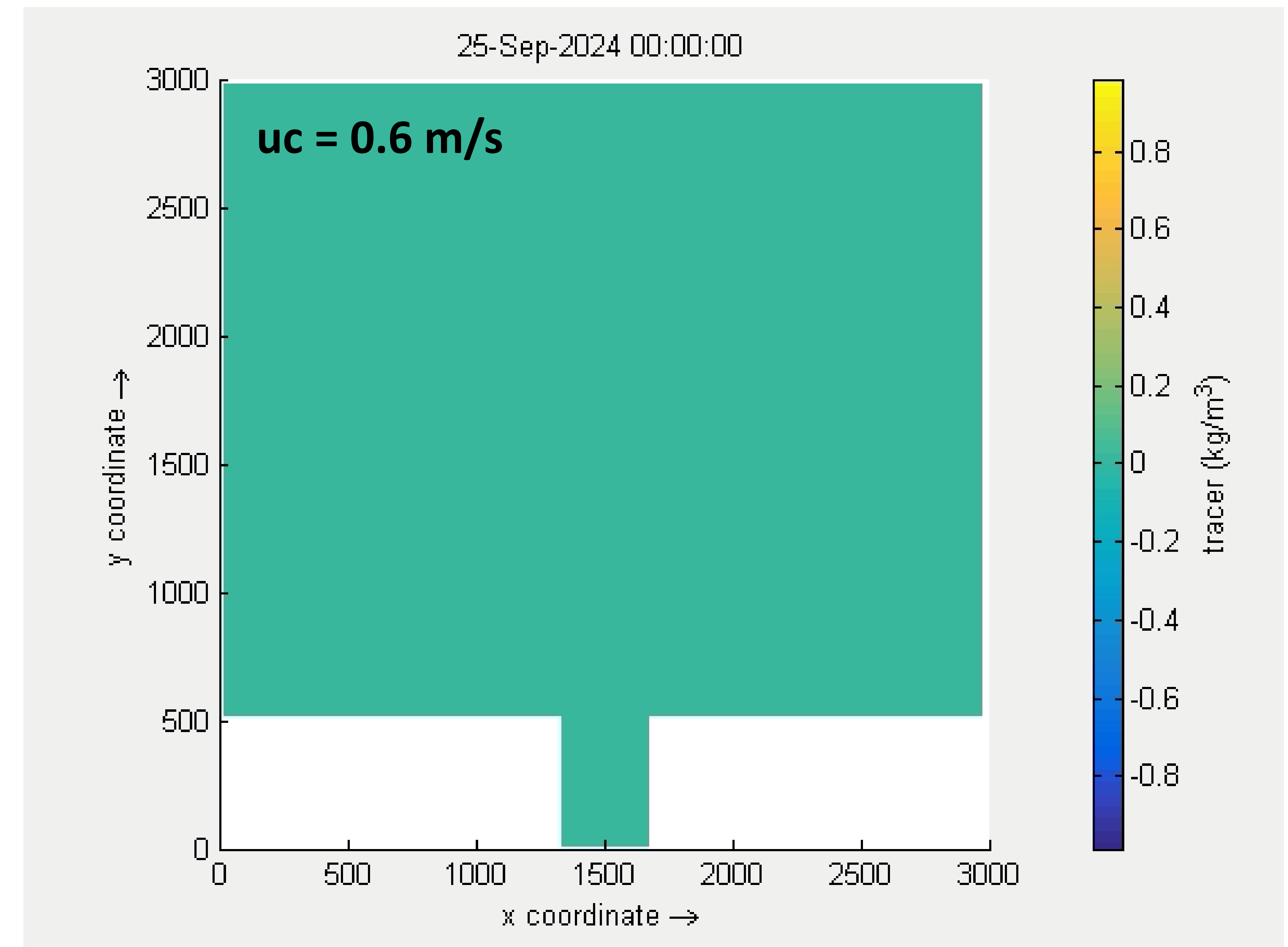




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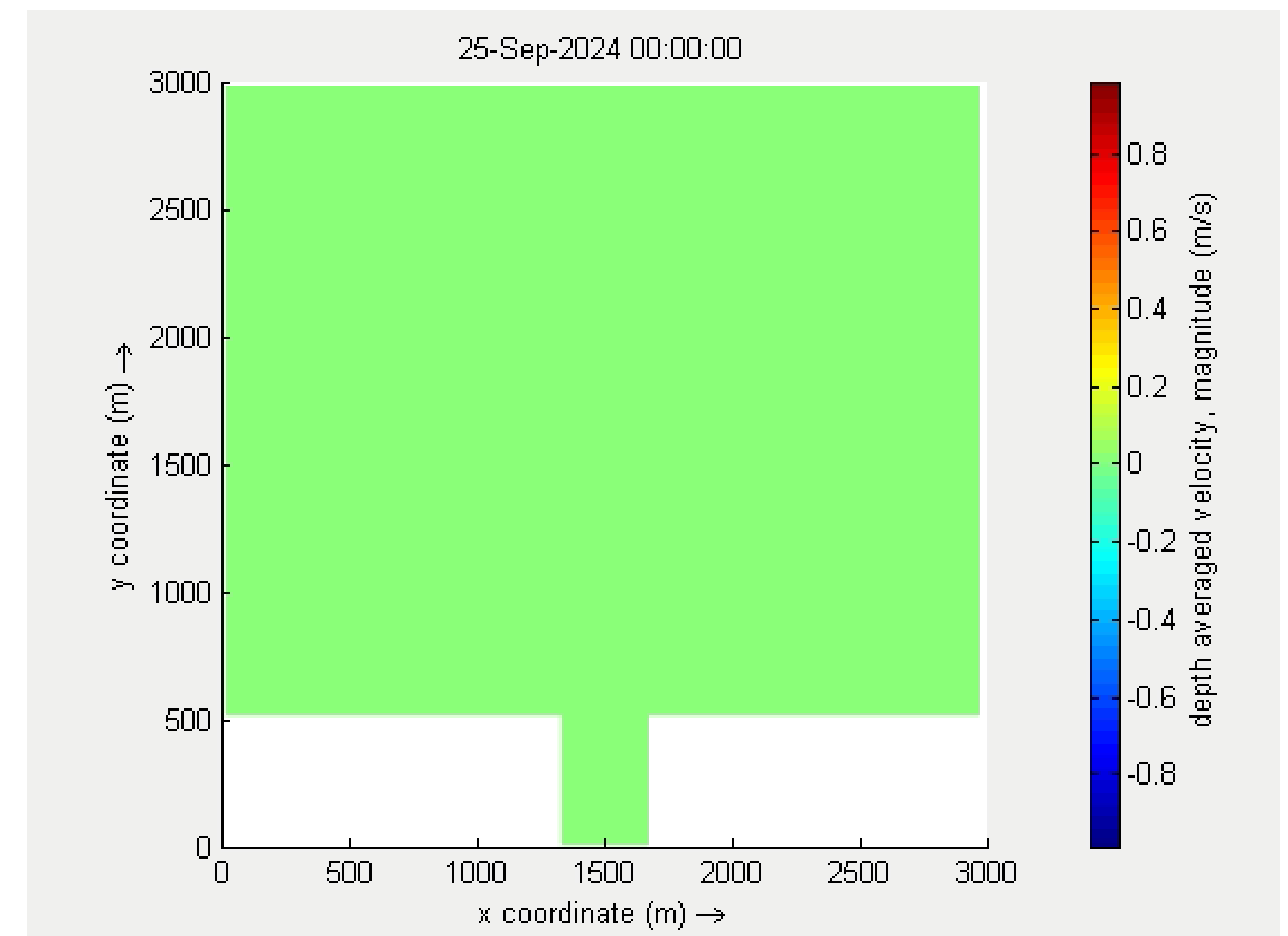
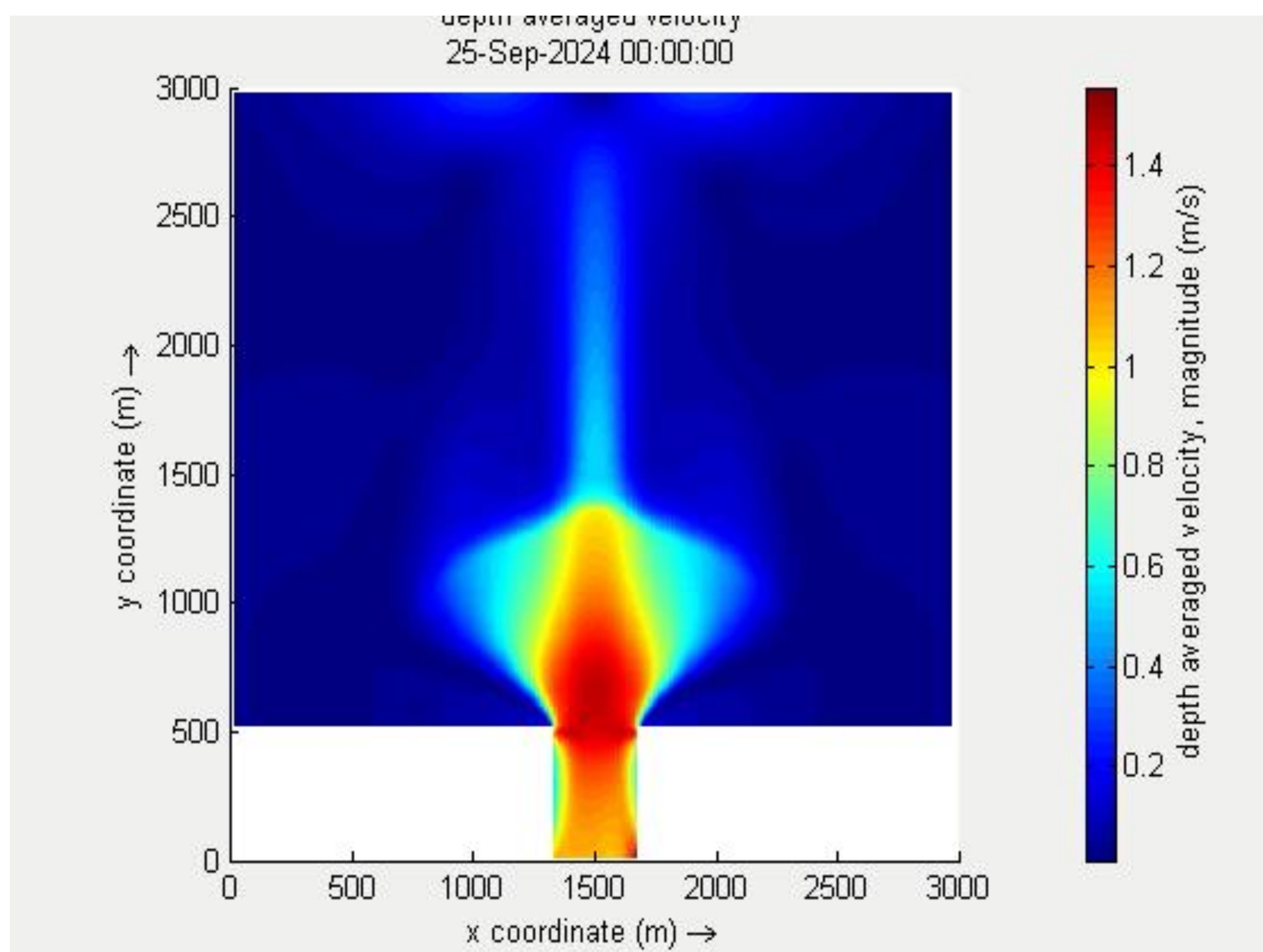
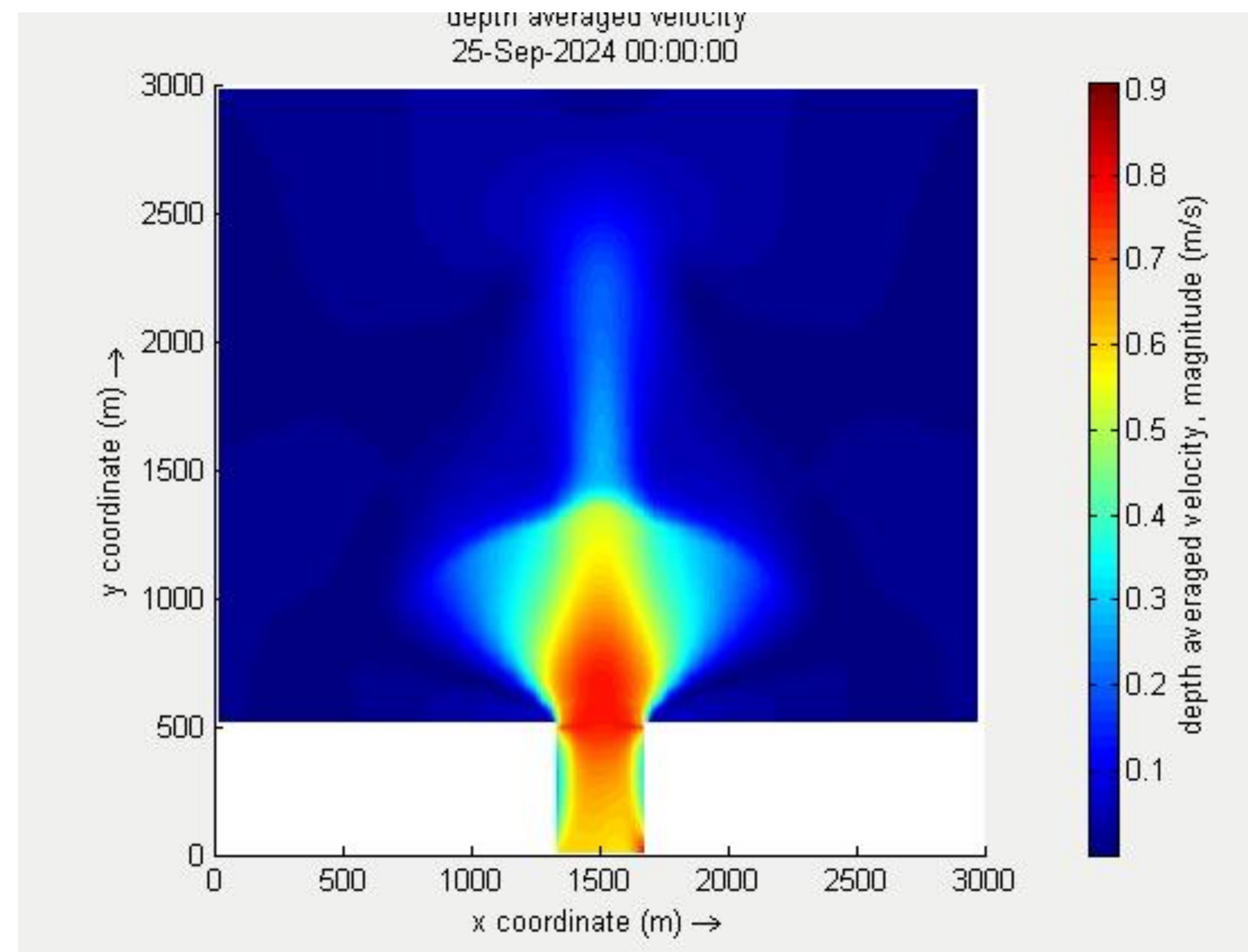


## ❑ Comparison of releasing particles from Estuarine part:





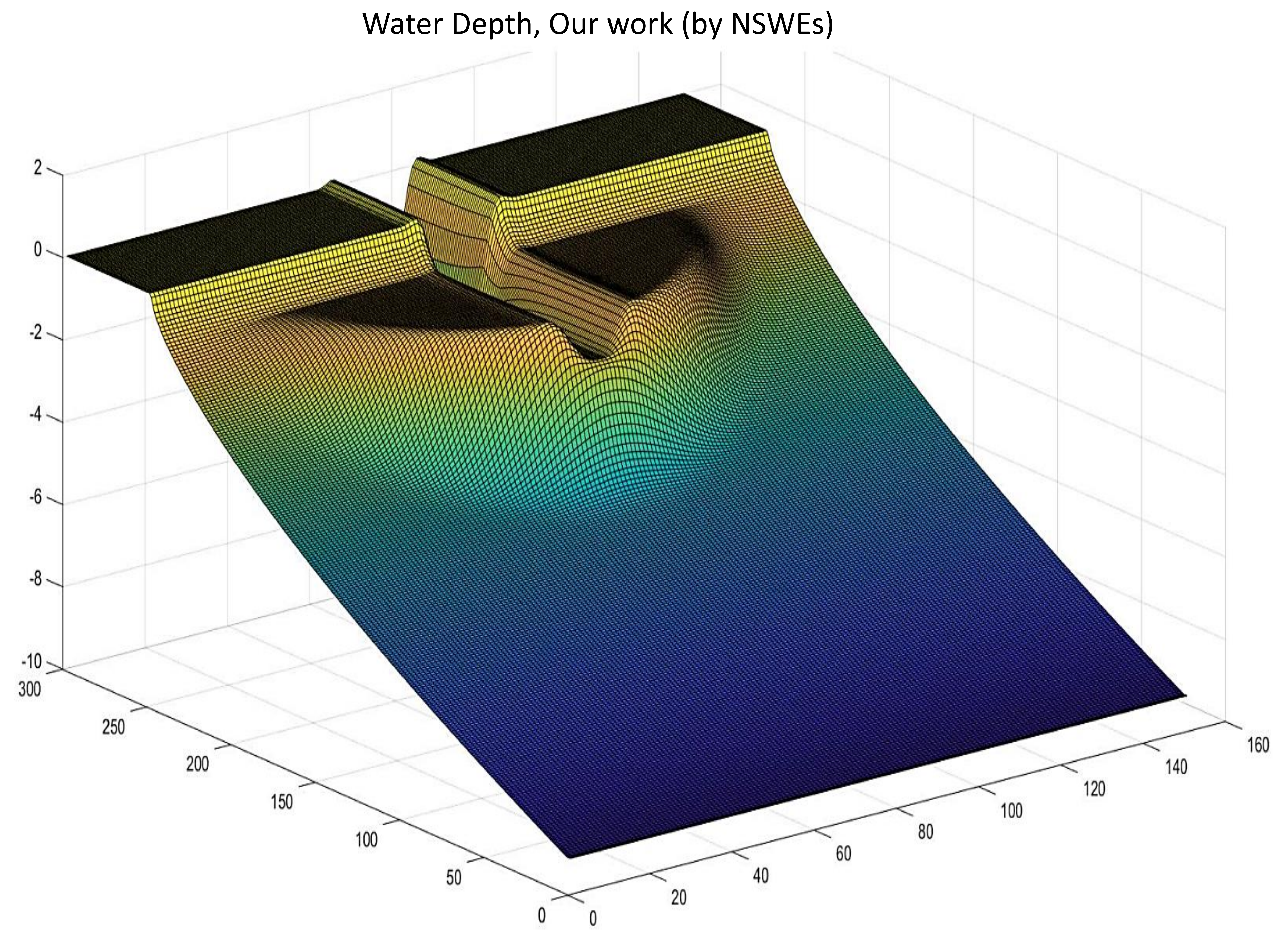
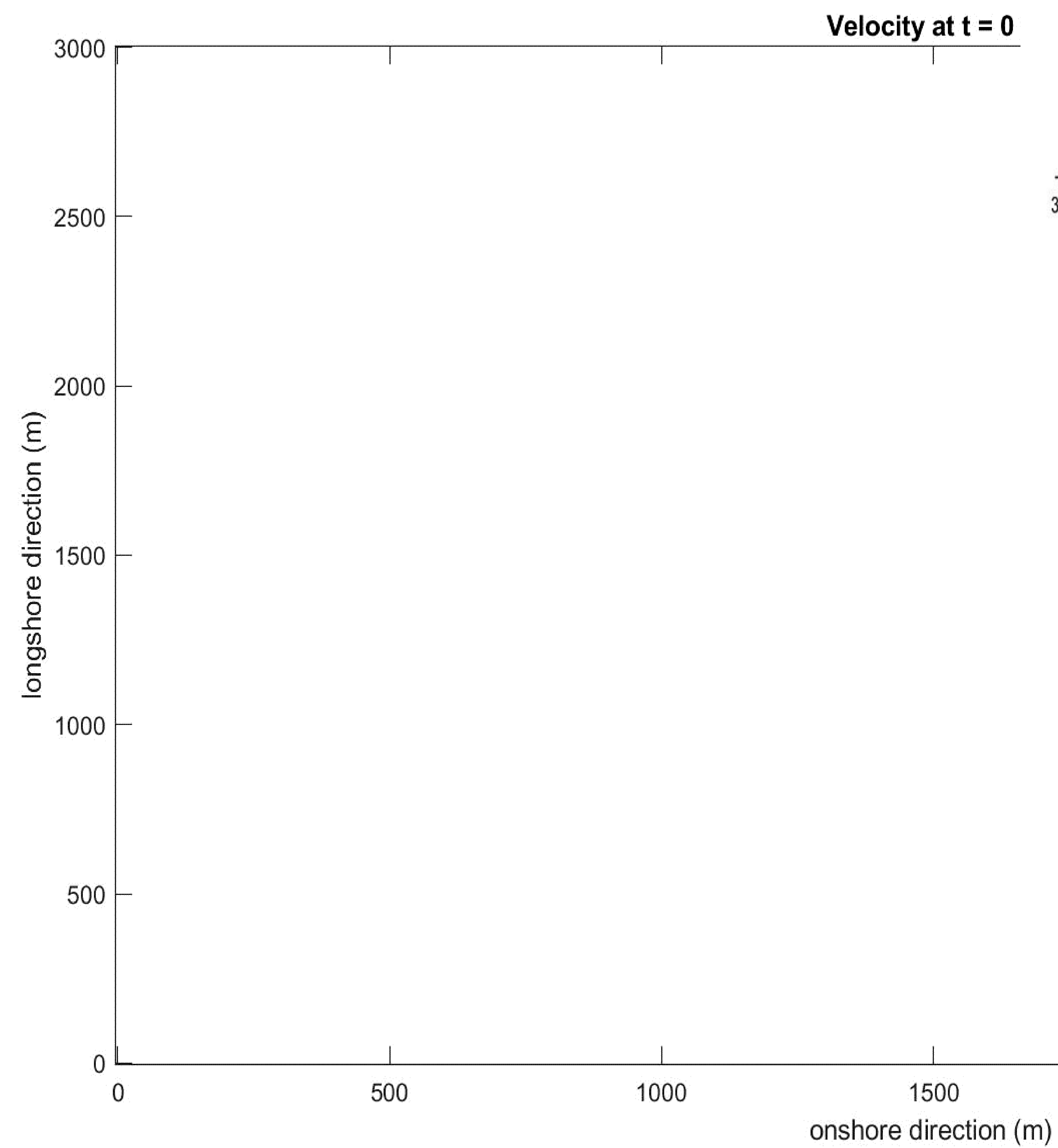
## ❑ Simulation for all regions:





# NSWE Solver

□ NSWE Solver:  $u=0.6$  m/s





## Multi-model approach to scour in dynamic areas

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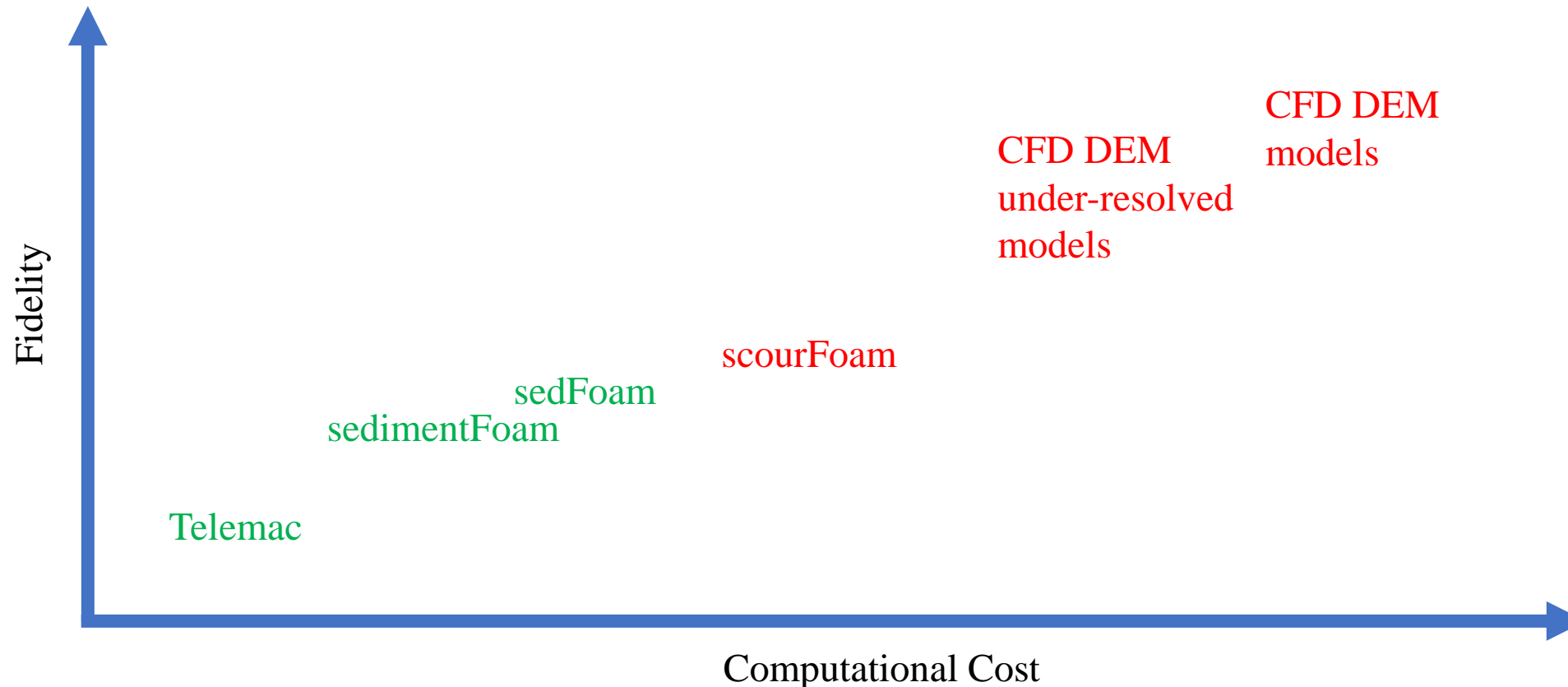


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# Objective & State of the Art

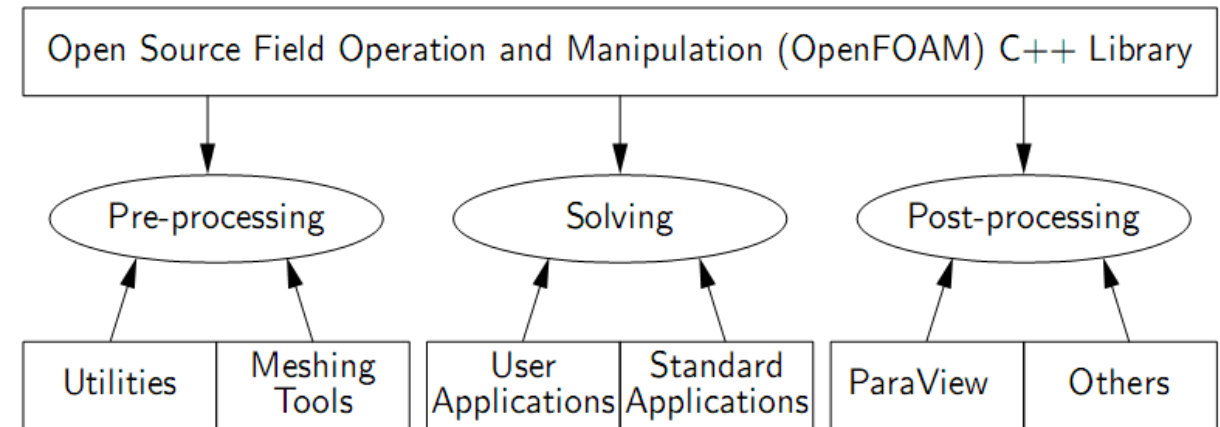
- To investigate and develop methods for extracting/deriving information from the CFD model to improve the accuracy and resolution of the large-scale simulations.





# OpenFOAM

- An open-source CFD toolbox that provides ready-to-use **solvers**, **utilities**, and **libraries**.
- Offers a versatile collection of efficient, **object-oriented C++ modules**.
- Utilizes the **Finite-Volume Method (FVM)** to solve systems of partial differential equations on any **3D unstructured** polyhedral cell mesh.
- Supports efficient **parallelization**.



# sedFoam: Numerical Modelling

## Inputs

### Experimental Data

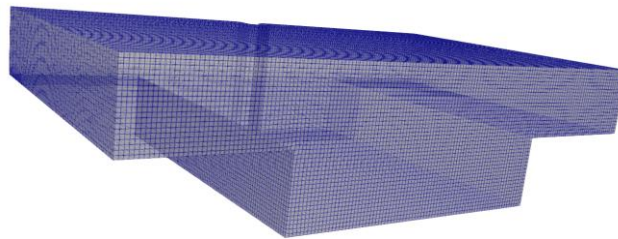
- Obtaining the transport properties of sand and water phase used in Flumes experiment.
- Use the geometrical dimensions of cofferdam models.
- Using the input flow velocity



## Solver

### Two-phase Eulerian RANS OpenFOAM

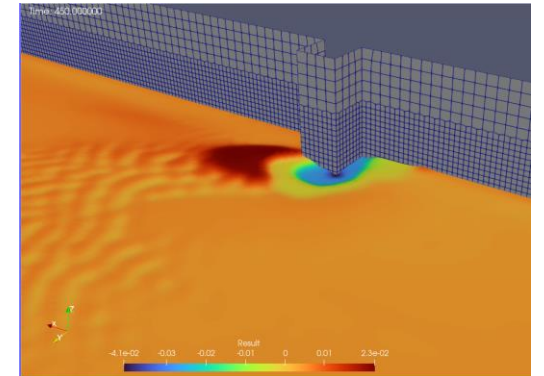
- Creating 3D domain
- Using sedFoam :
  - Granular Rheology properties (muI)
  - Interfacial properties (drag model)
  - Transport properties
  - Modified Two-phase RAS equations



## Outputs

### Scour Depth

- Estimation of volume fraction of water and sand to predict the bed formation.
- Comparison with experiments





# Experimental Data

- To develop a numerical model for the behaviours of scour using experiments performed on cofferdam models
- General Purpose Flume
  - Dimensions (25m long, 2.4m wide and 0.9m deep)
  - 0.5m deep bed with medium grained sand.
  - Flow discharge, Flow velocity and Water levels are recorded.
  - Duration of experiment: 50-75 hours

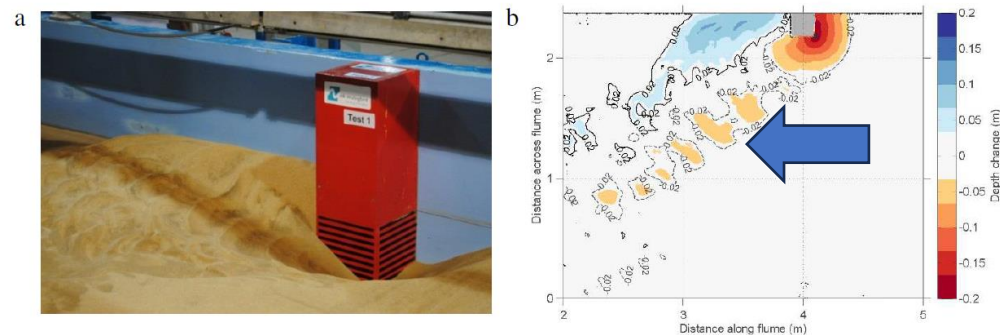


Figure 2: Test 1 result (flow from right to left); a. photograph of the post-test result (black and red graduations at 10 mm spacing) and b. difference in bed elevation between start and end of test.

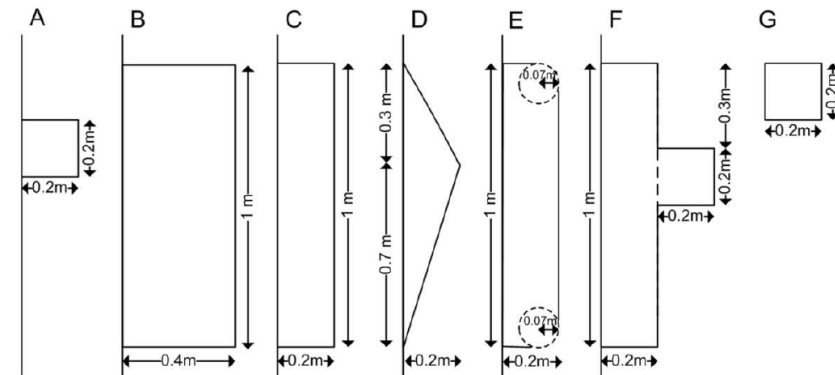
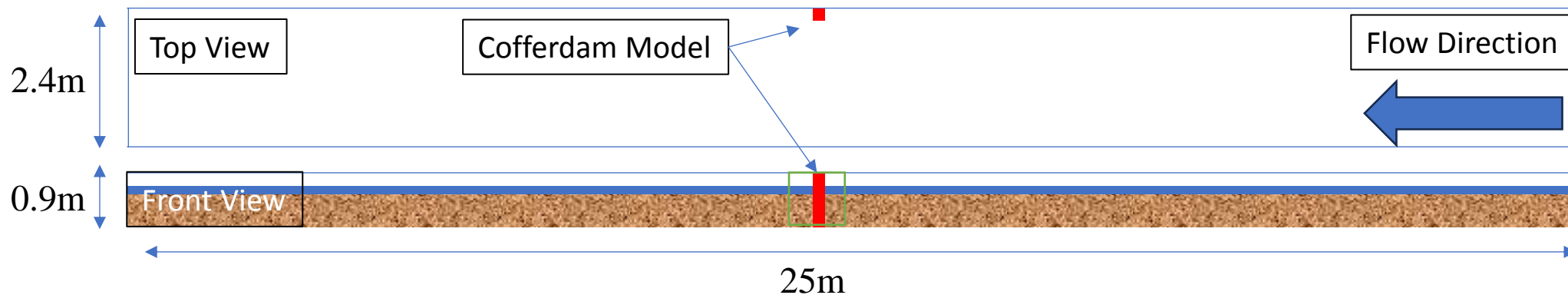
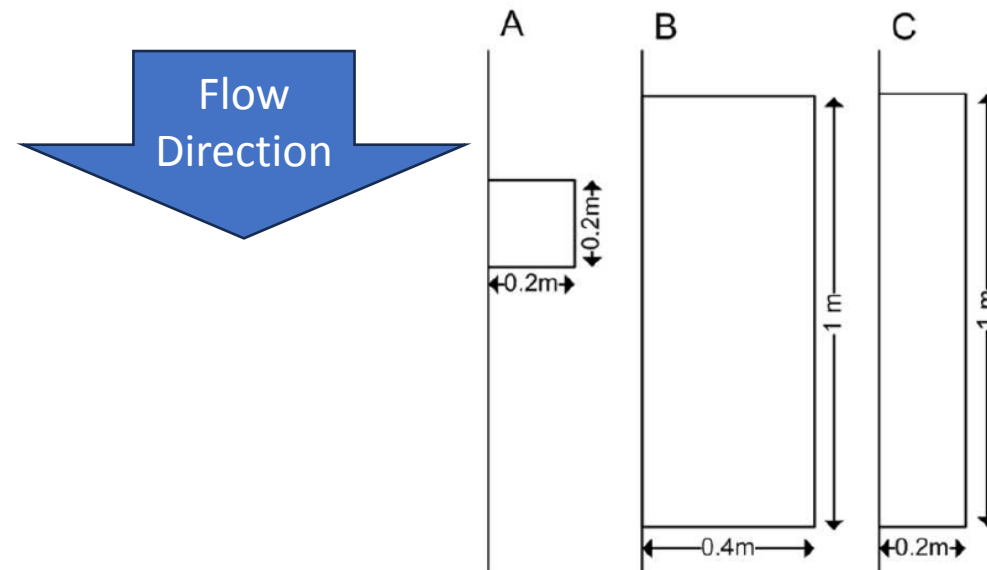


Figure 3: Cofferdam shapes used in the model experiments. The wall is on the left hand side of Structures A to F. The length of the structure is the distance along the wall and the width the distance the structure protrudes from the wall.

*Richard J.S Whitehouse, 2021*

## Experimental Data

- Inputs from Experiments
  - Grains (quartz sand):
    - $d_{10} = 0.326\text{mm}$
    - $d_{50} = 0.525\text{mm}$
    - $d_{90} = 0.673\text{mm}$
  - Flow speeds : **0.177m/s, 0.244m/s** (currents)
  - Water depths : **0.2m, 0.1m**
- Geometries of cofferdams
- Dimensions of the Flume



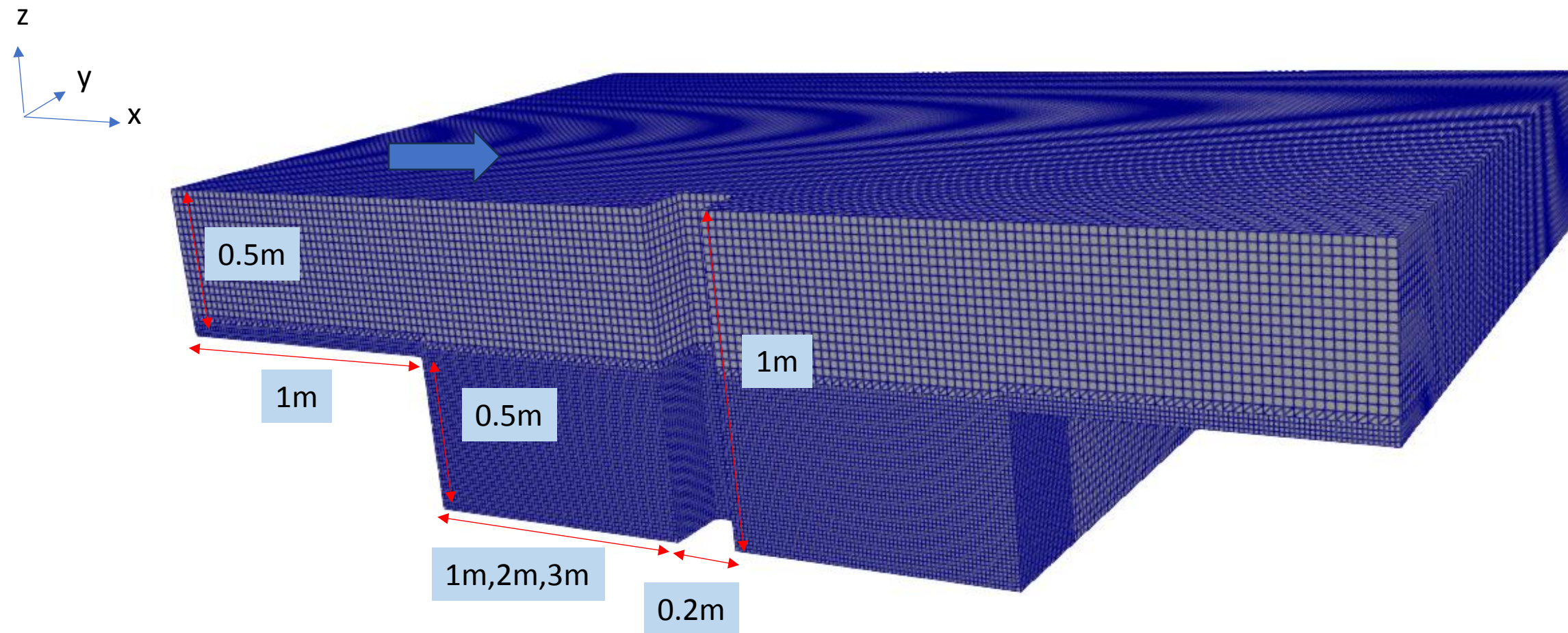


# sedFoam

## Closure Models for Stress Tensors

- Turbulence Models
  - SedFoam uses different turbulence closures for fluid flow, such as  $k-\epsilon$ ,  **$k-\omega$** , and a simple mixing length model, to capture the effects of turbulent eddies on sediment transport.
- Granular Stress Models
  - SedFoam implements granular stress models to simulate dense granular flows. The kinetic theory of granular flows and the  **$\mu(I)$ -rheology** (derived from the Jop et al., 2006 model) are commonly used.
  - In dense flows, the granular stress is influenced by **particle-particle collisions** and **inter-particle friction**, represented by the effective viscosity, which is a function of the shear rate and pressure.
  - Unlike the kinetic theory of granular flows (which works well for dilute conditions), the  $\mu(I)$  rheology is phenomenological and based on dimensional analysis, focusing on frictional contacts.

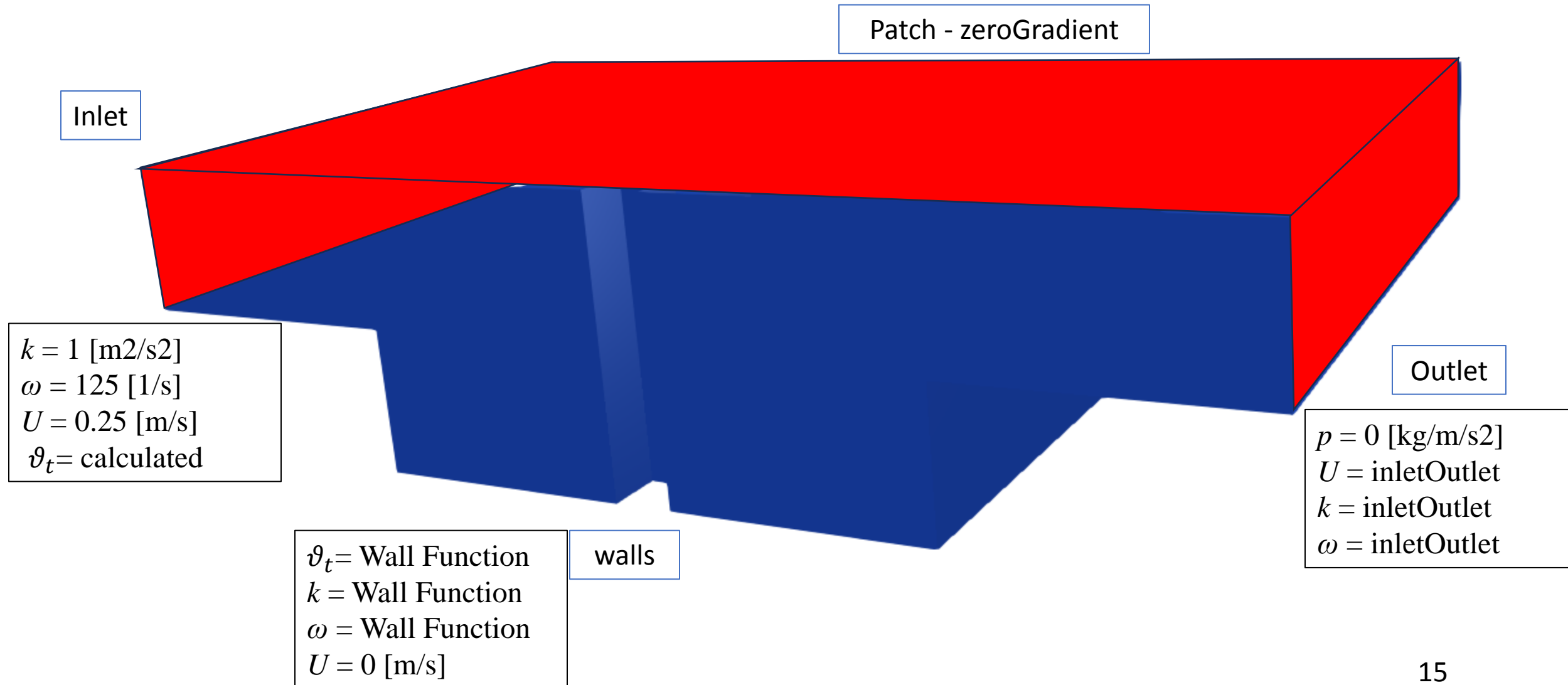
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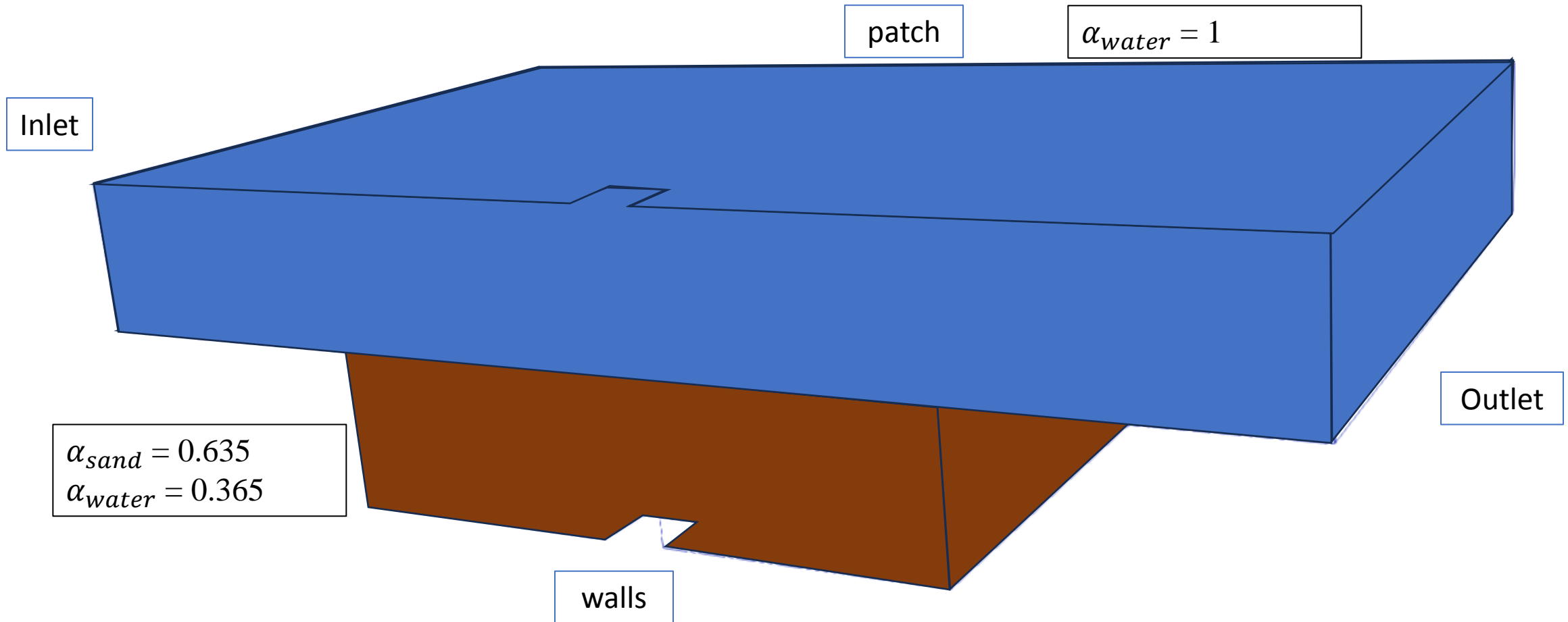
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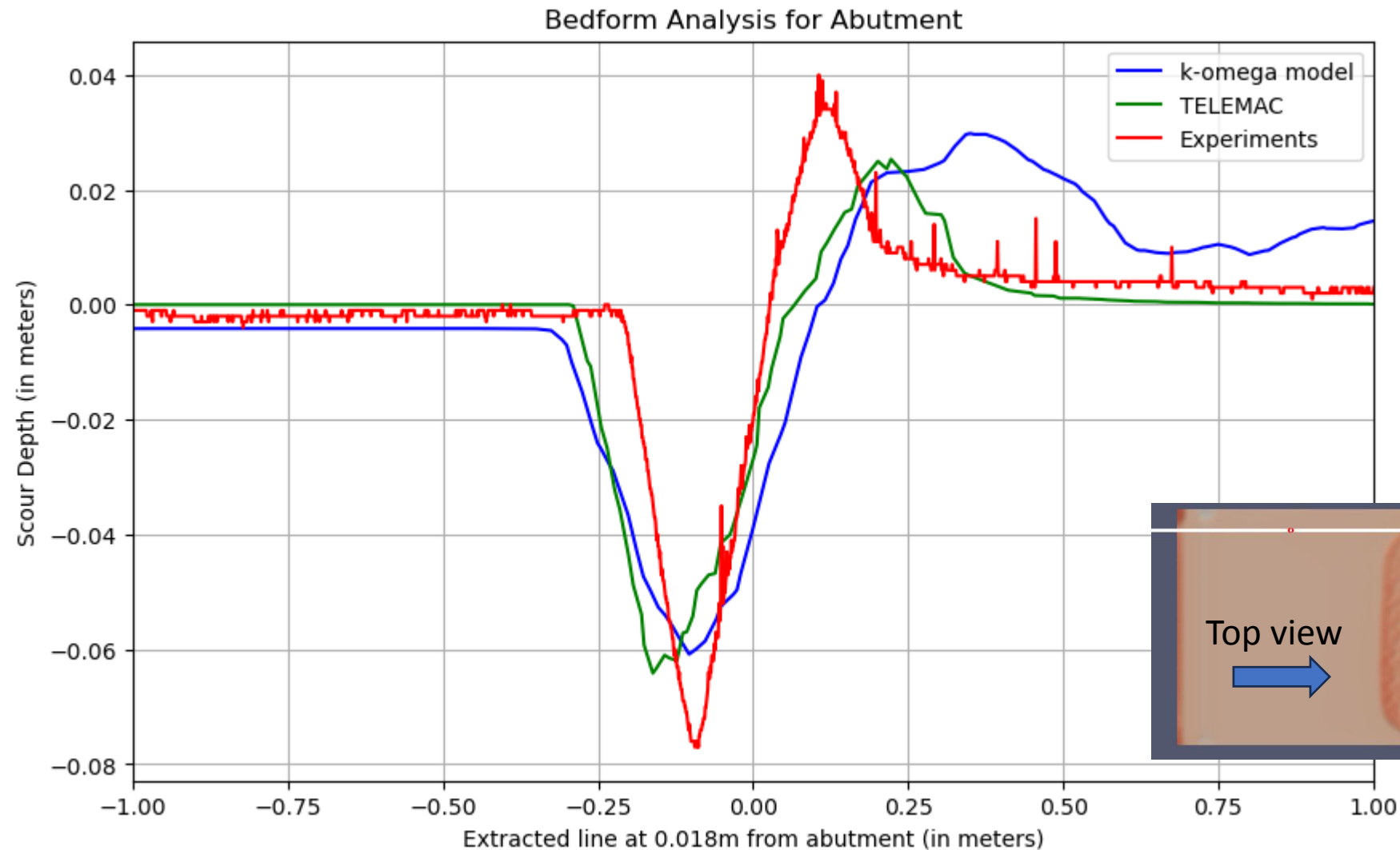
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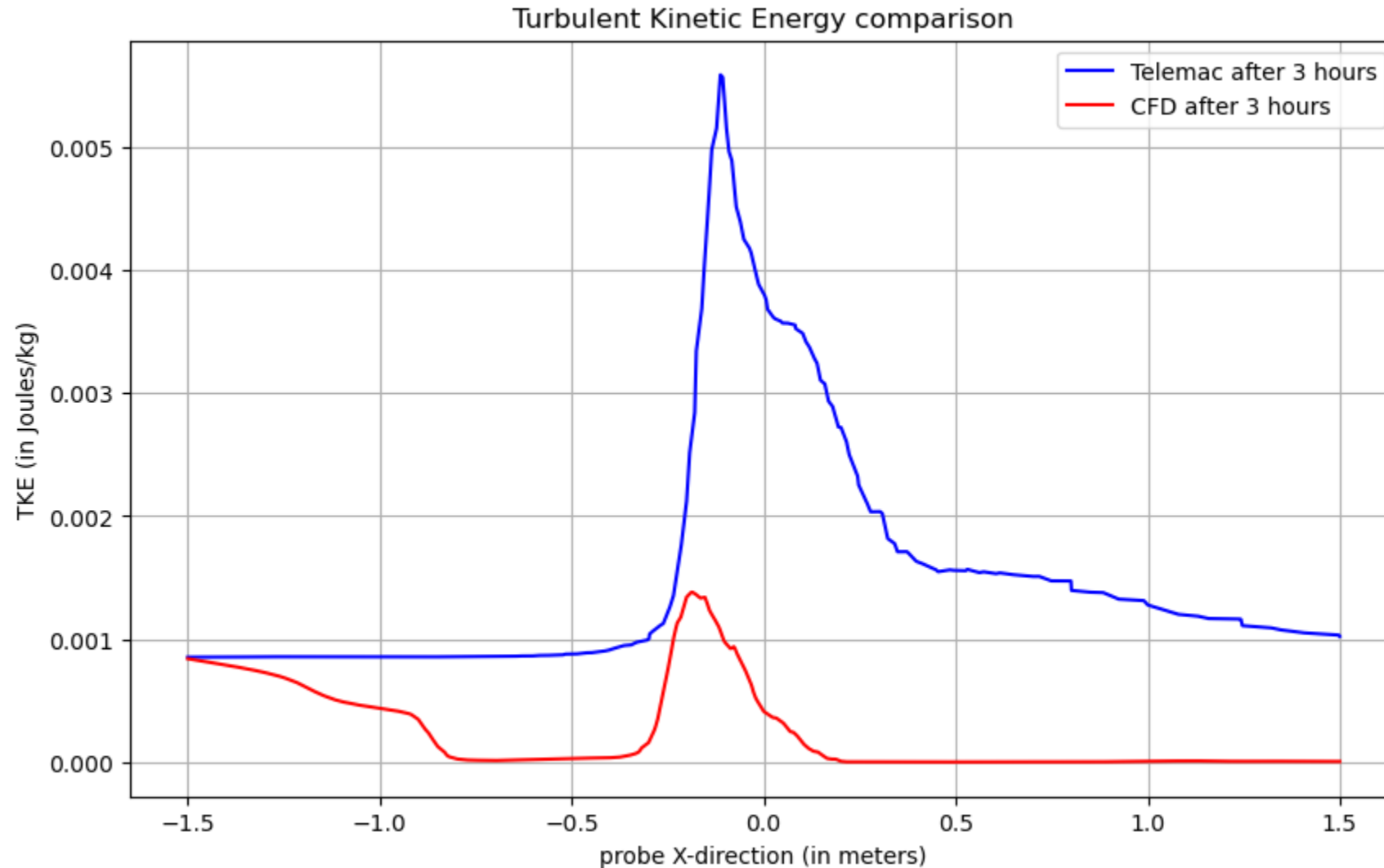
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Bedform comparison at 3hr (scour depth: surface elevation)



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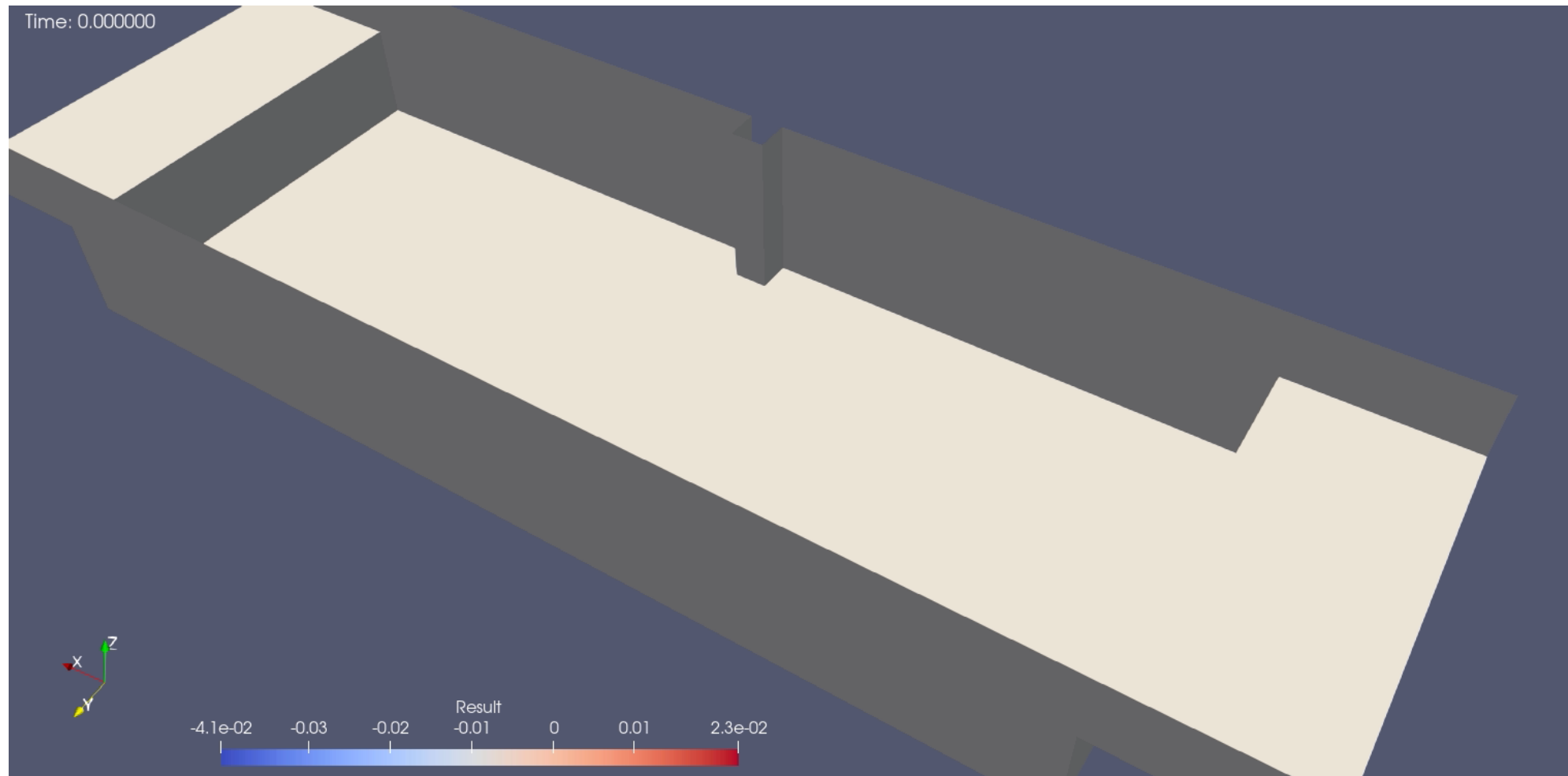
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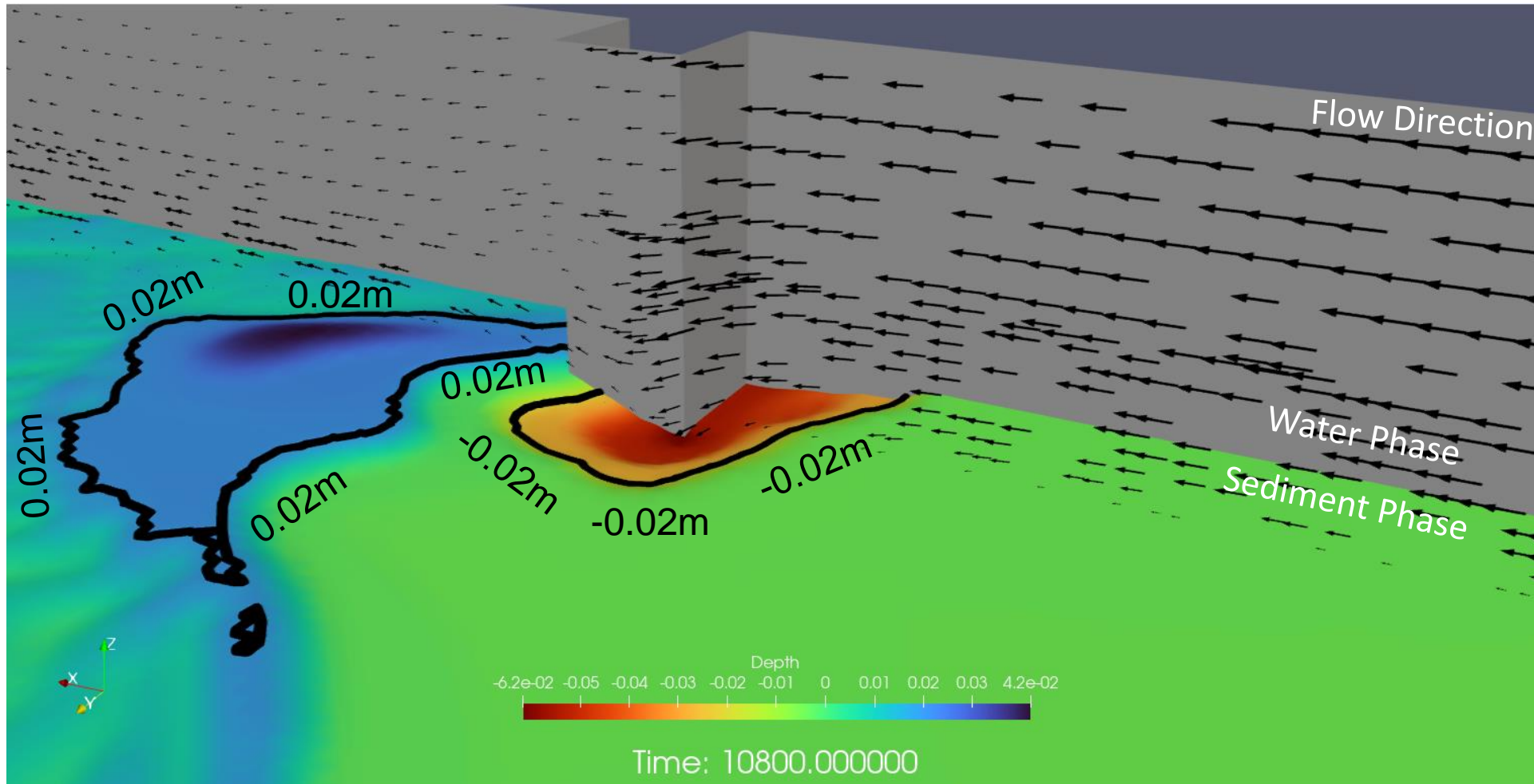
# Results

Bedform evolution (Surface Elevation)



# Results

Bedform evolution (Surface Elevation) after 3 hours





# sedimentFoam: Numerical Modelling

## Inputs

### Reference from Experimental Setup

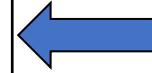
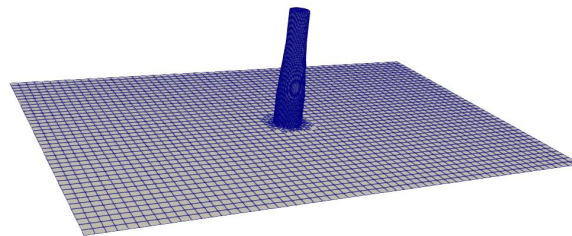
- Obtaining the transport properties of sand and water phase used in Flumes experiment.
- Use the geometrical dimensions of the monopile.
- Velocity profile available at the location of monopile



## Solver

### GFM-tetMotion RANS FOAM-extend

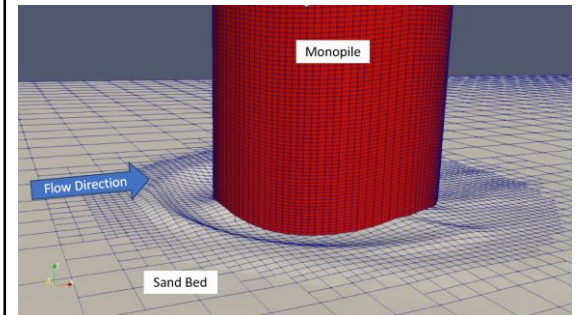
- Creating 3D domain
- Using sedimentFoam :
  - Sediment Transport properties
  - VOF Method
  - Finite Area Method
  - Mesh motion



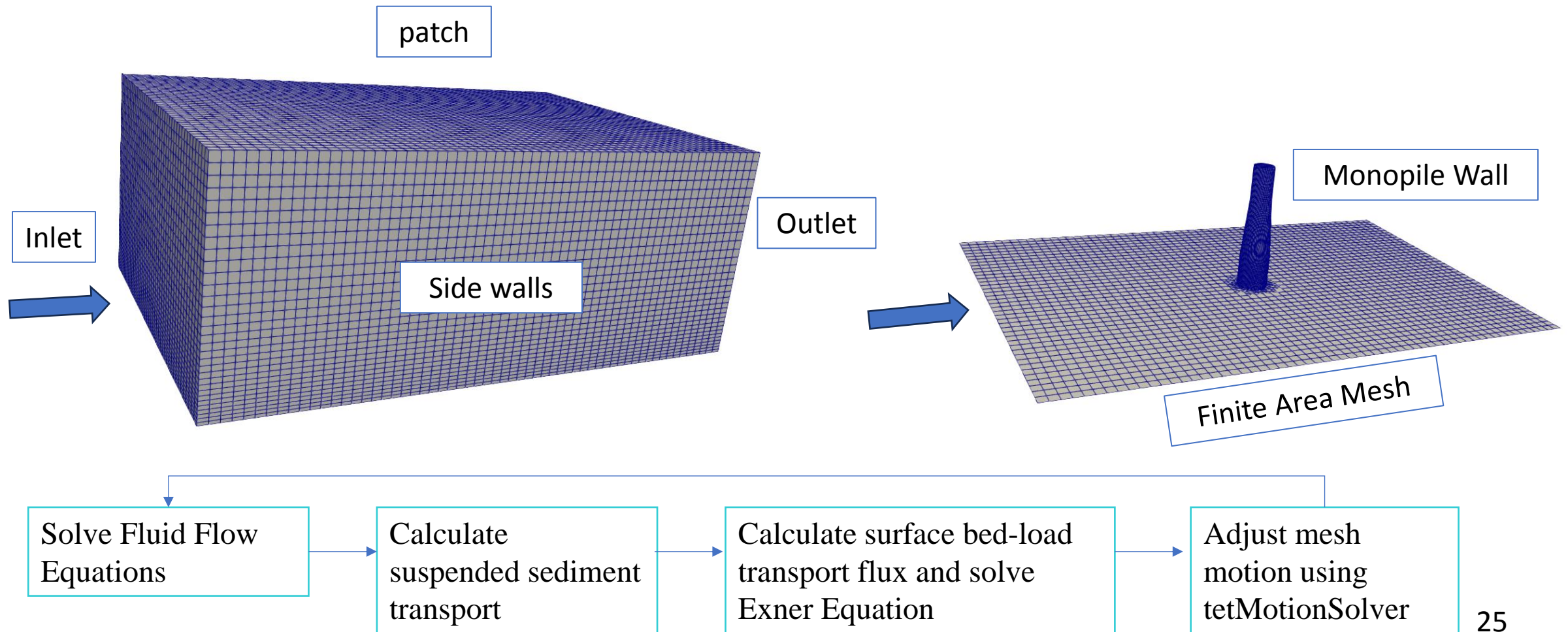
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### Scour Depth

- Estimation of surface elevation of sand to predict bed formation.
- Comparison with experiments



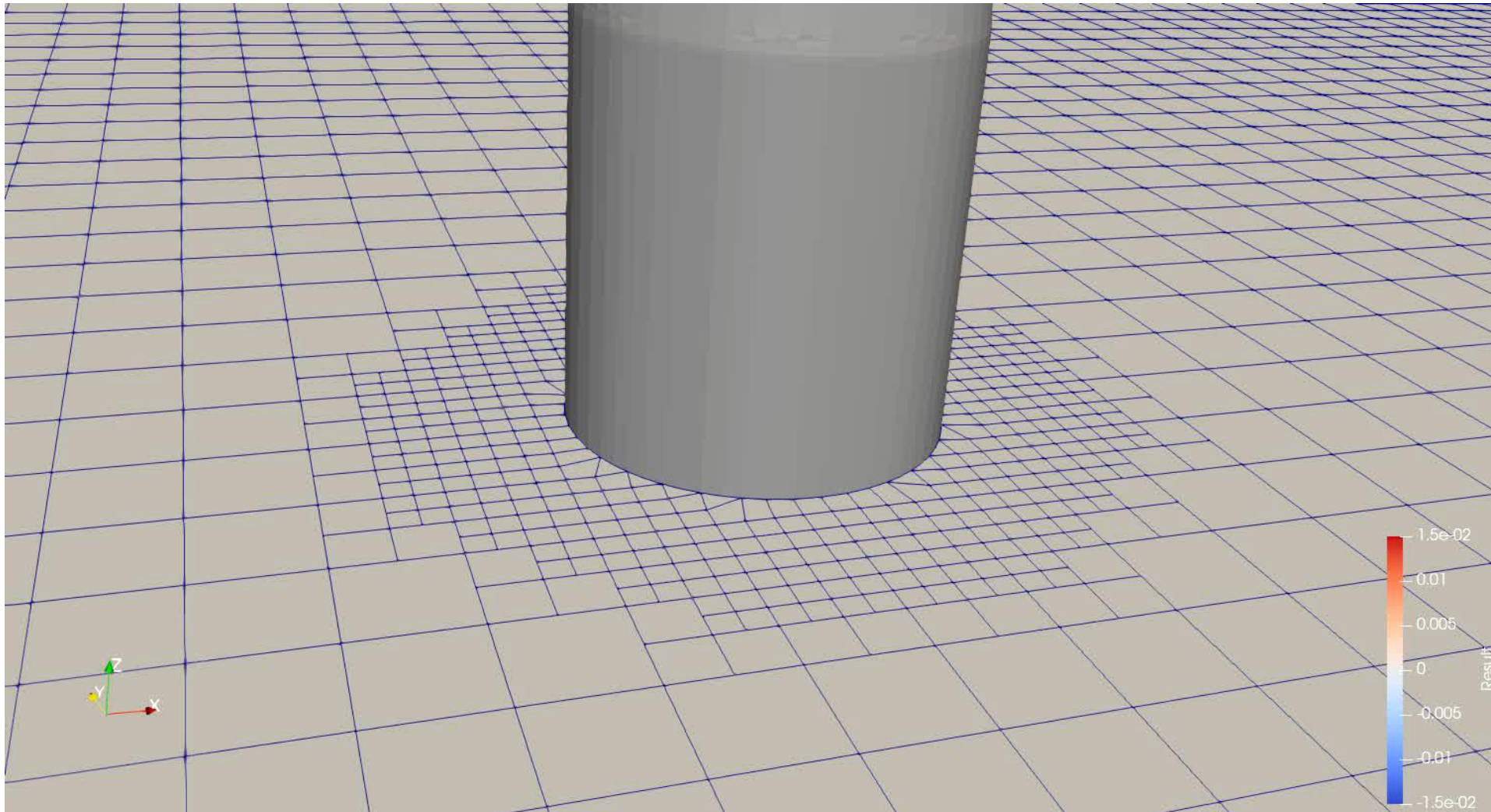
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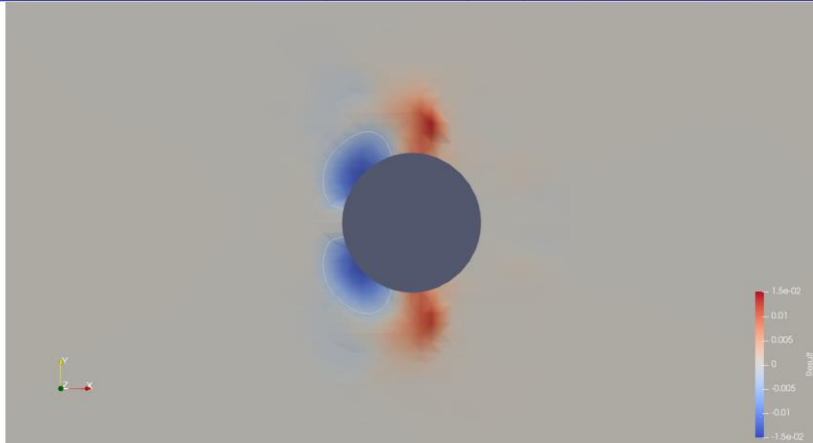
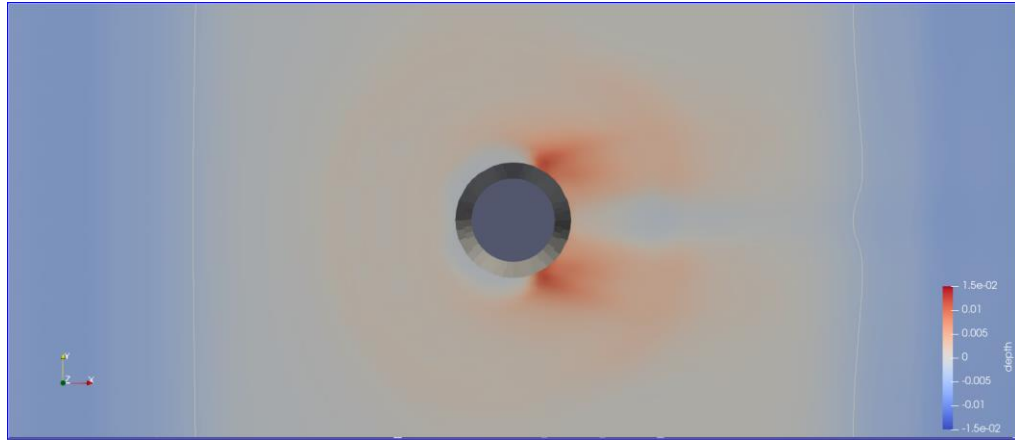
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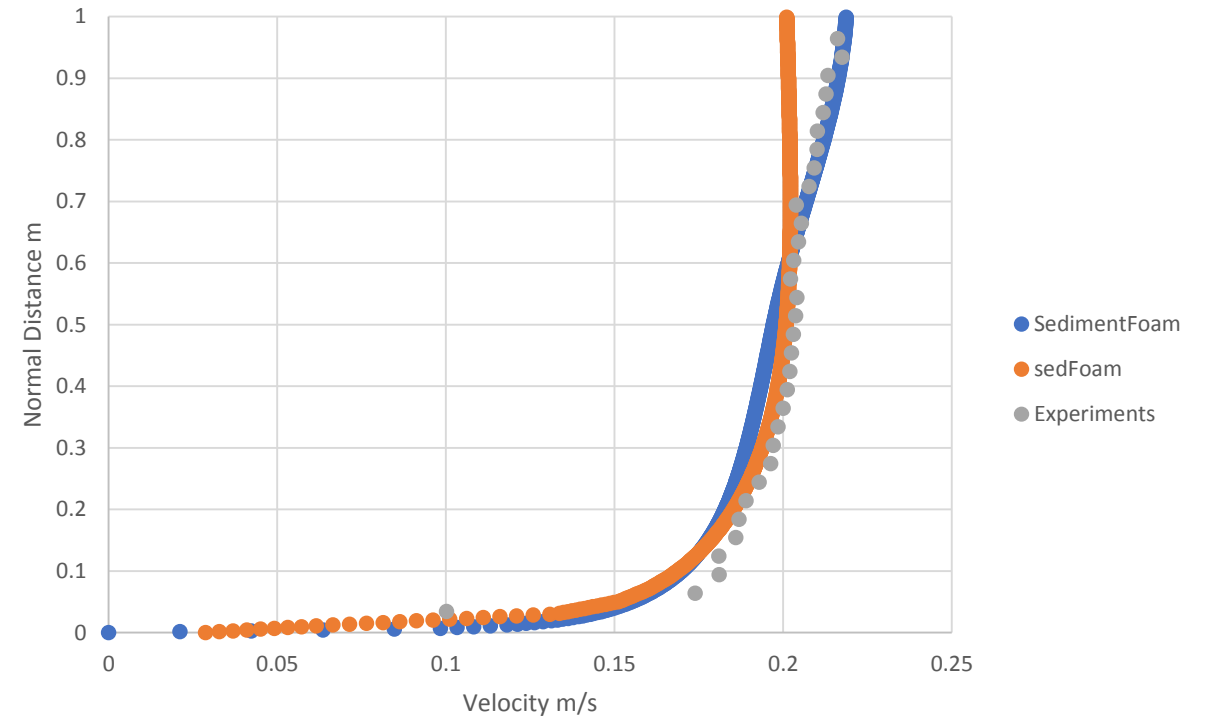


# sedFoam vs sedimentFoam

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BL comparisons



At 600 seconds



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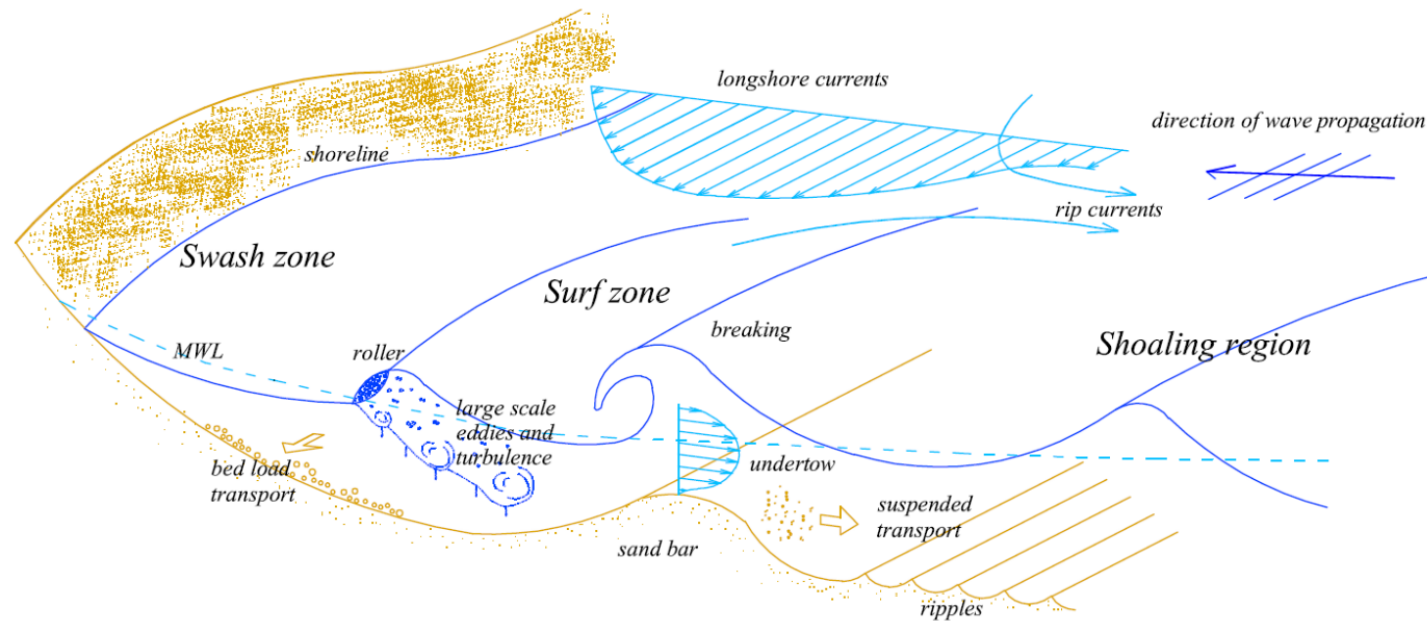
Nearshore Wave Processes by Remote Sensing

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# Introduction

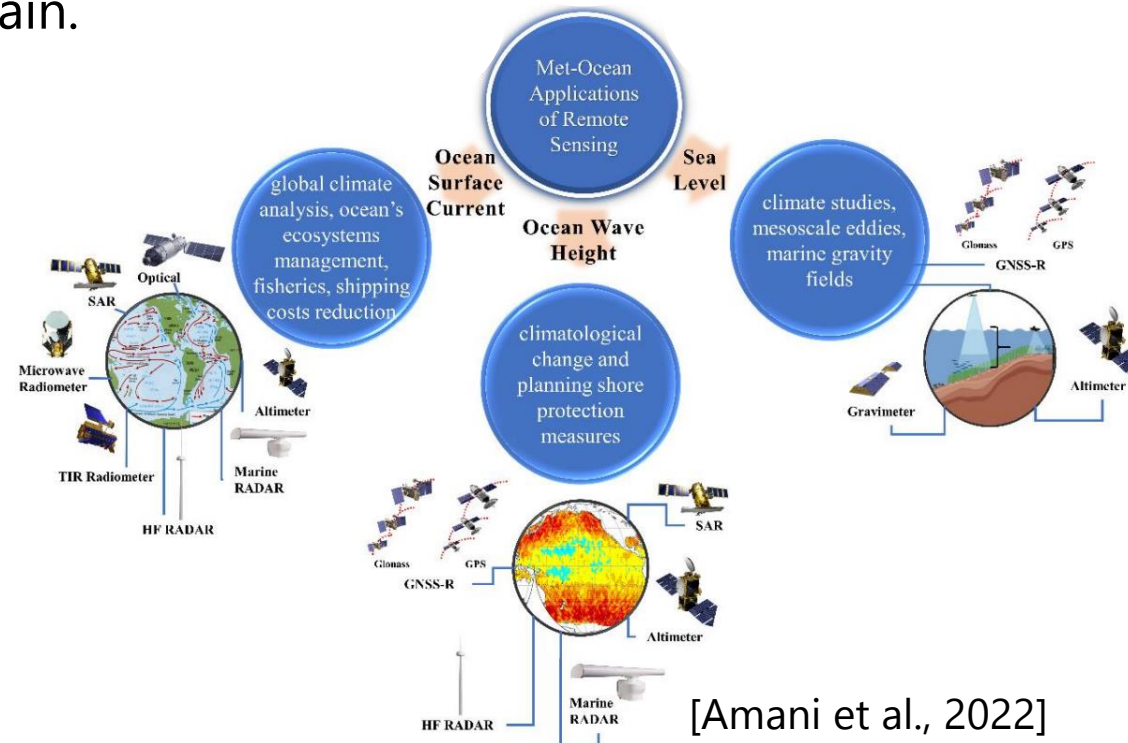
- Nearshore dynamics are dominated with nonlinear mechanisms due to multiple interactions.
- Wave propagation is one of the crucial driver of these interactions and nearshore sea state.
- Observation of sea state is essential for human activities and marine environment.



[Viviano et al., 2010]

# Introduction

- Nearshore measurement with in-situ tools is a tough task due to complex processes.
- They have many components and need regular maintenance and calibration.
- Remote sensing tools judicious alternatives since they have larger coverage area, and they are easier to maintain.

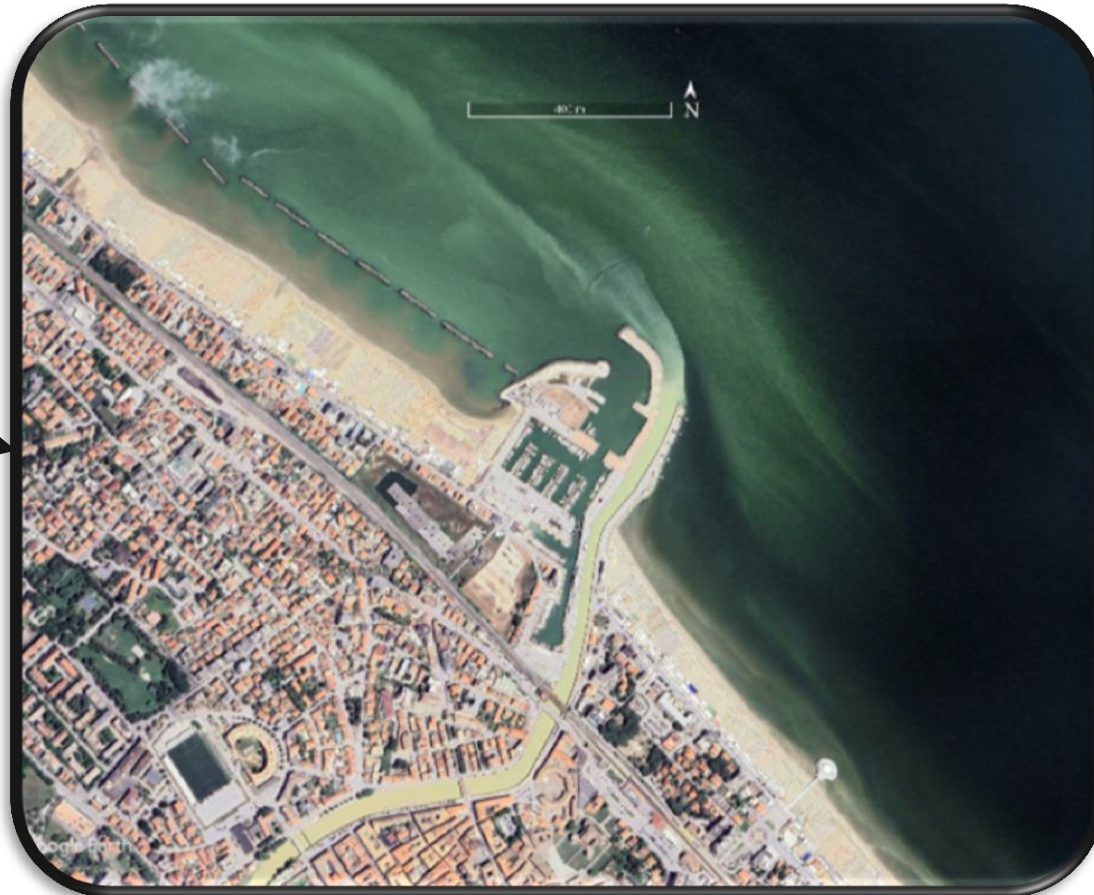
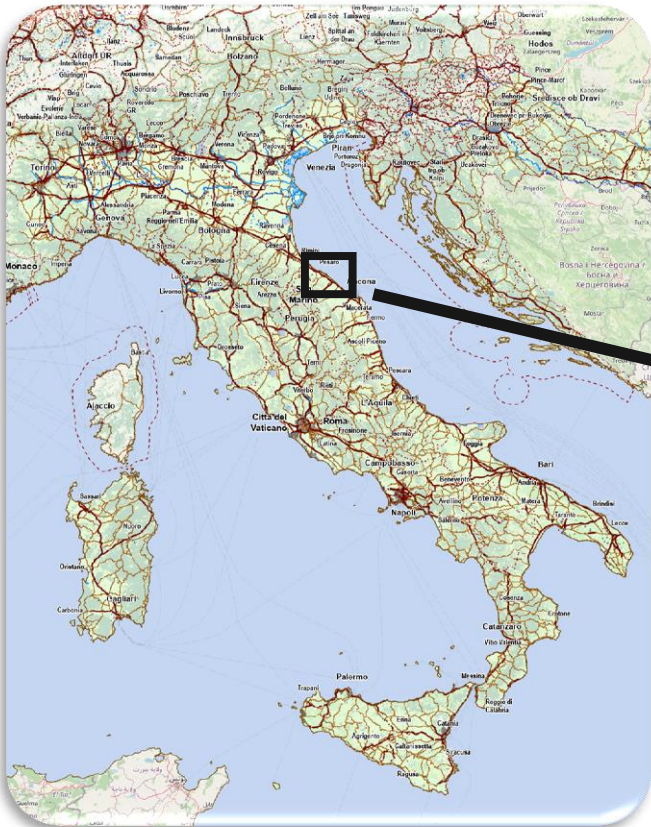


[Amani et al., 2022]



# Study Site

- Senigallia, Italy
- Senigallia Harbour, Misa River Estuary
  - Strong interactions between sea and river



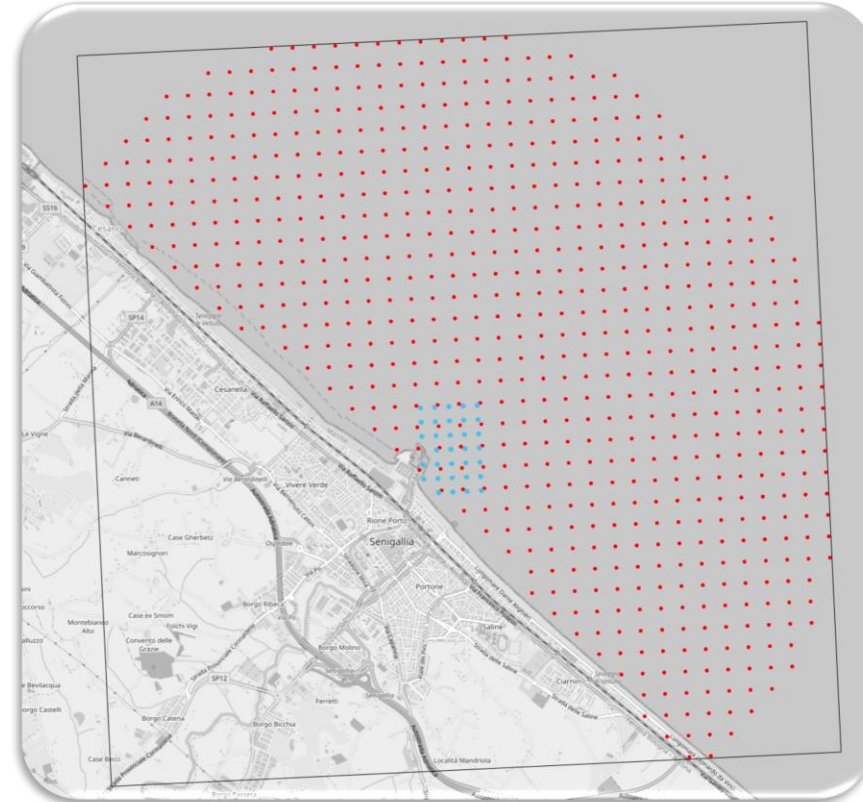
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- XBR: X-Band RADAR, 0.5 Hz sampling, 63 scans



Locations of XBR and SGS

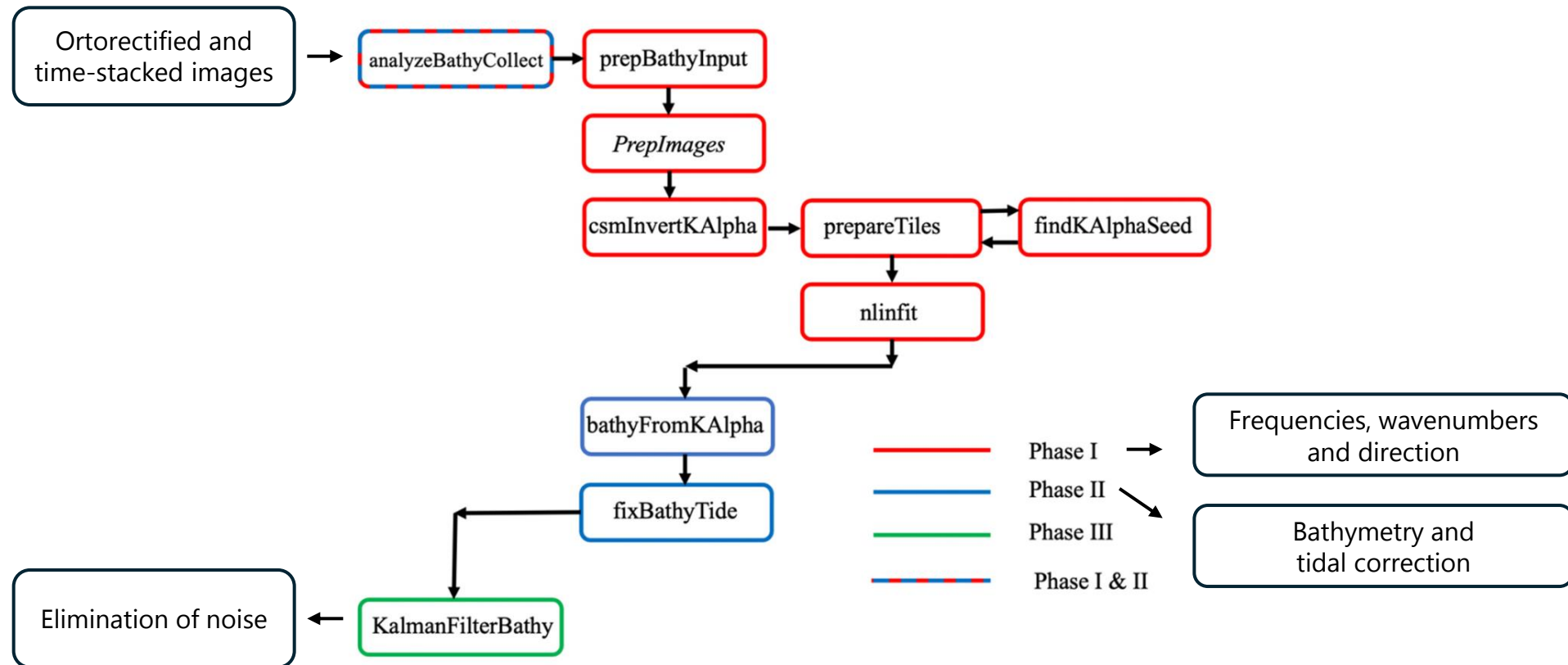


Coverage area



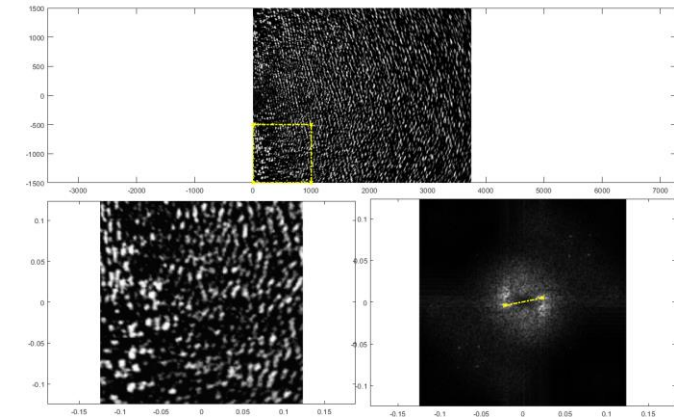
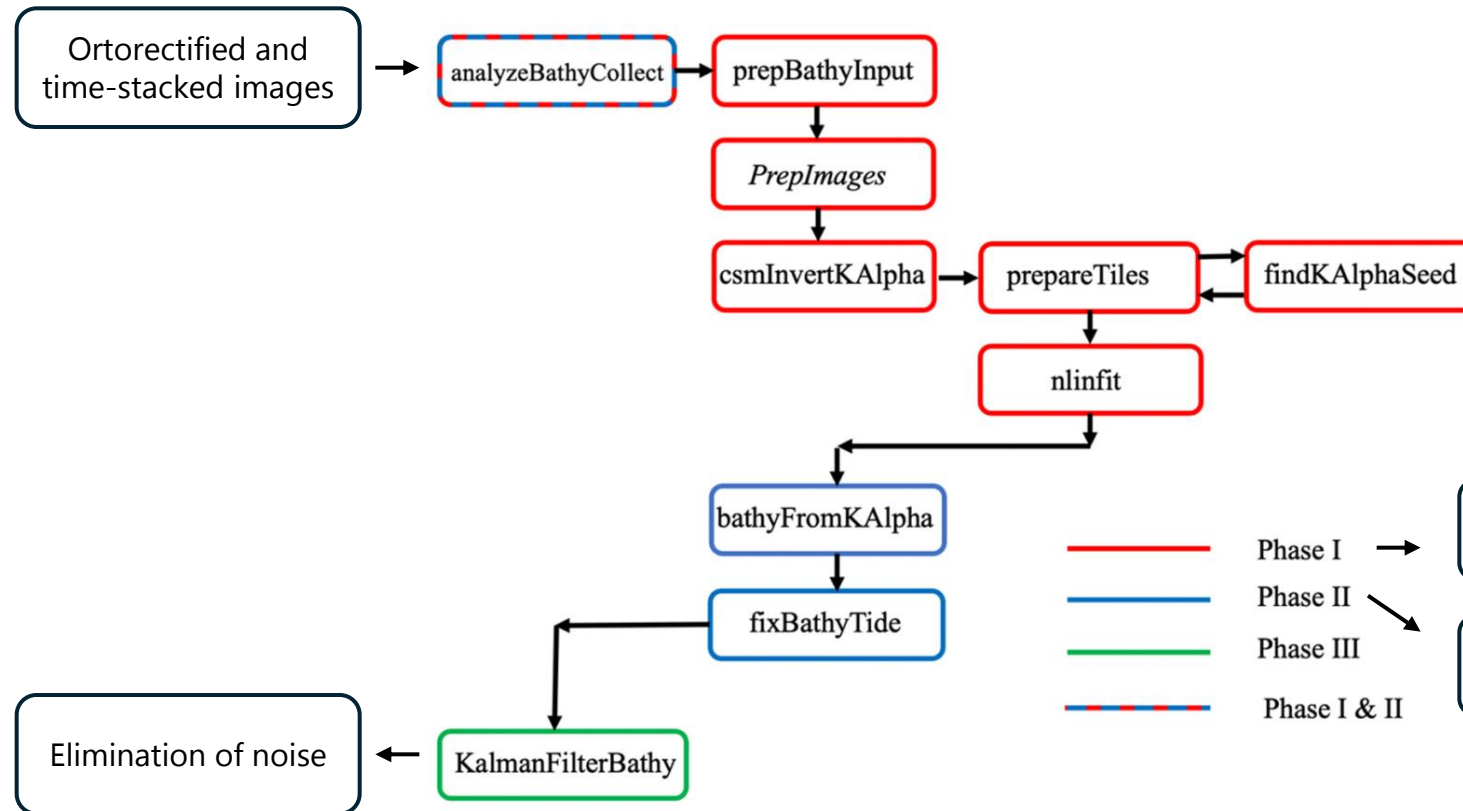
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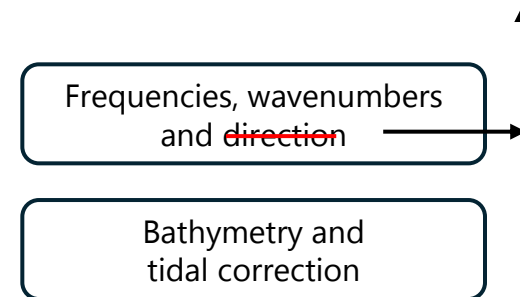


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- Assumed that the most coherent frequency is close to the peak frequency,  $f_p$ .

- Hence:

$$C_p = \frac{\omega_p}{k} = \frac{2\pi f_p}{k} \quad \lambda_p = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

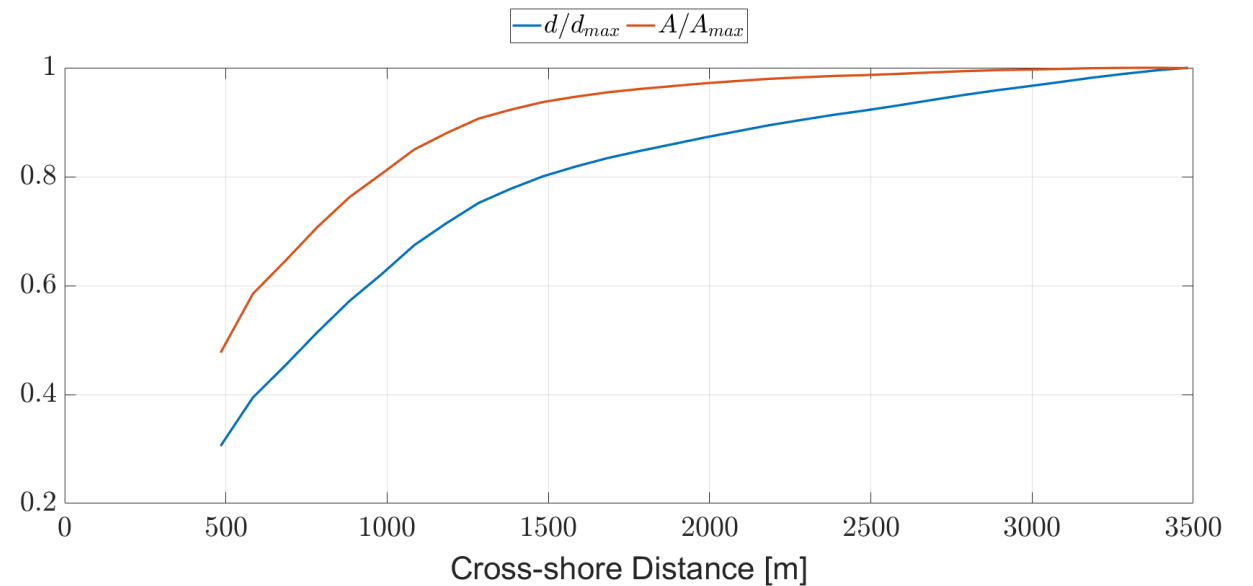
- $C_p$  is the peak celerity,  $\omega_p$  is the peak angular frequency,  $k$  is the wavenumber, and  $\lambda_p$  is the peak wavelength.

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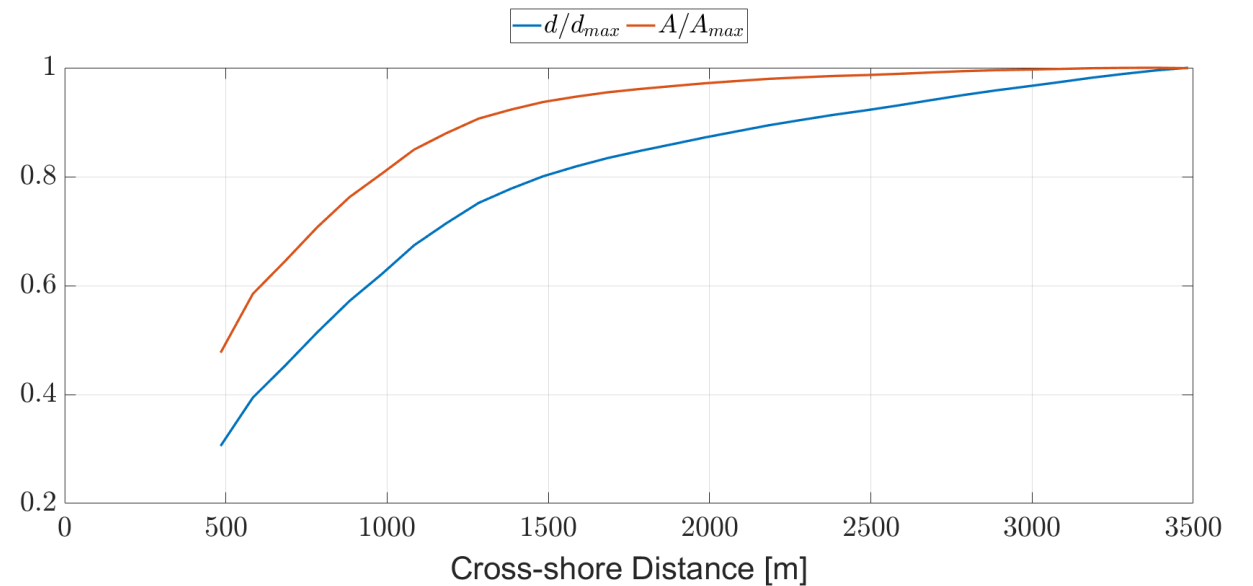
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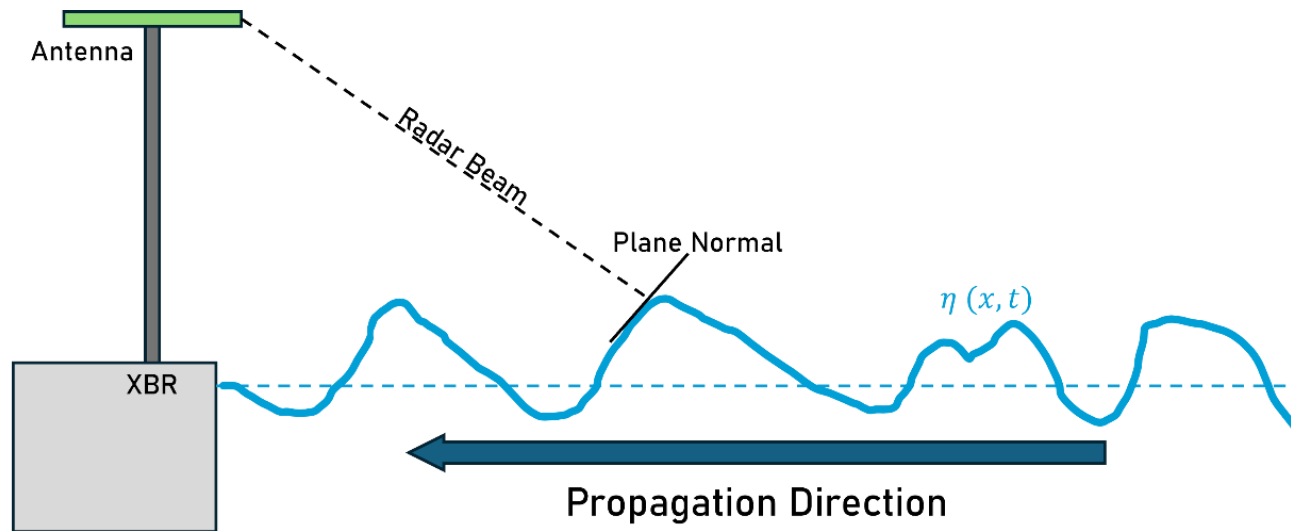
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e.g., 0,2 in this case



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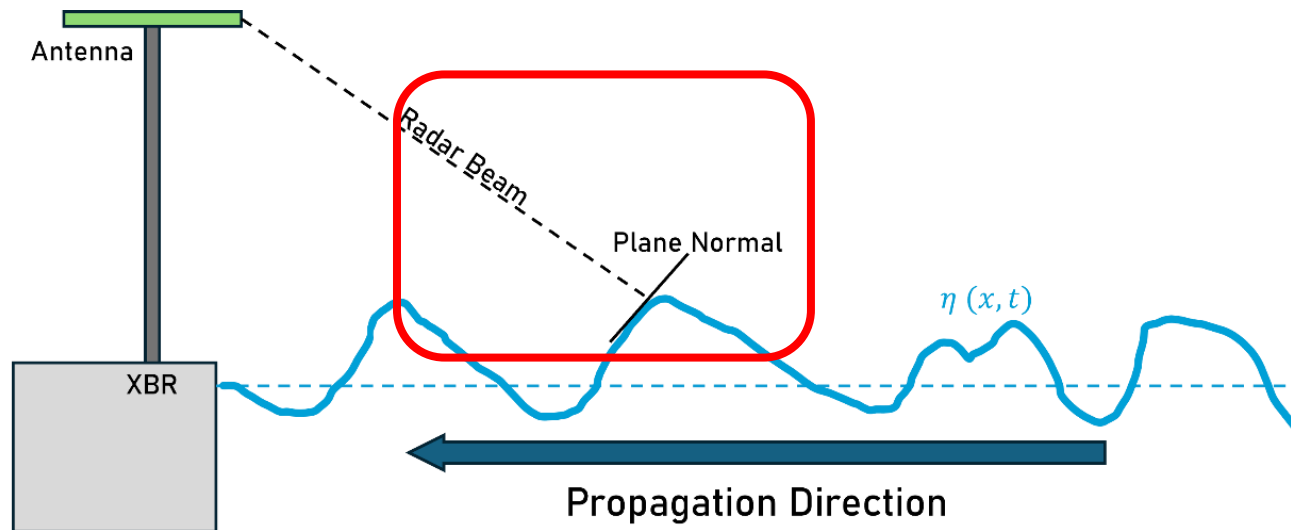
- The wave field is visible to XBR when the waves are relatively energetic.
- Radar return echo is maximized at the wave fronts.





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$$\sigma \propto \eta'$$

radar echo      First derivative of wave elevation

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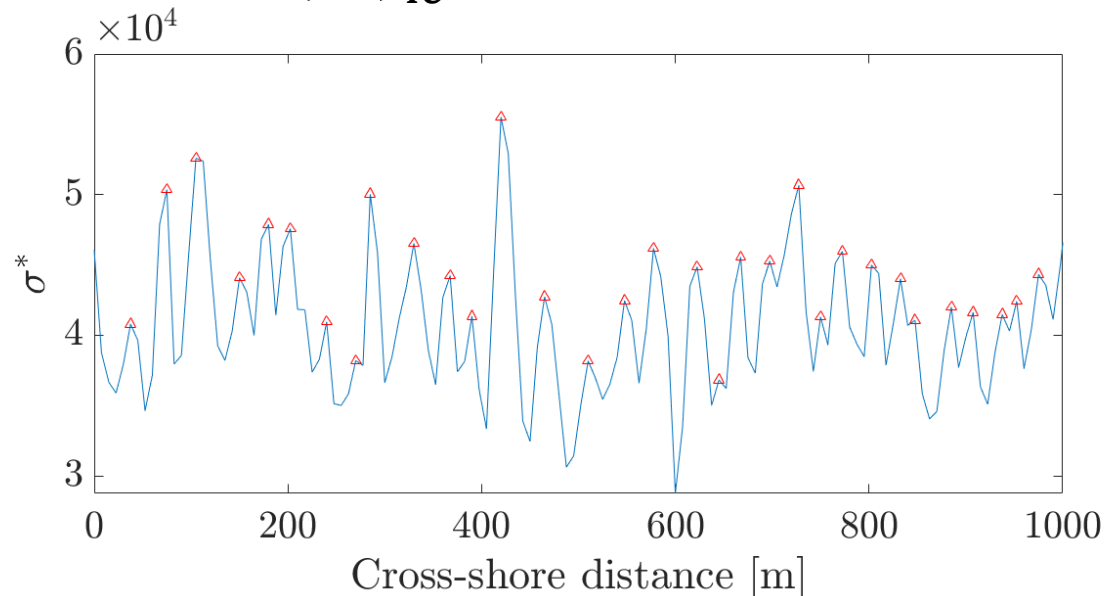
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$$\hat{\sigma} = \sigma - \bar{\sigma} \quad \text{Mean extraction}$$

$$\sigma^* = \hat{\sigma} + |\min(\hat{\sigma})| \quad \text{Shifting signal above the zero axis}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \max(\sigma^*)_{lc} \quad \text{Local maxima } \triangle$$

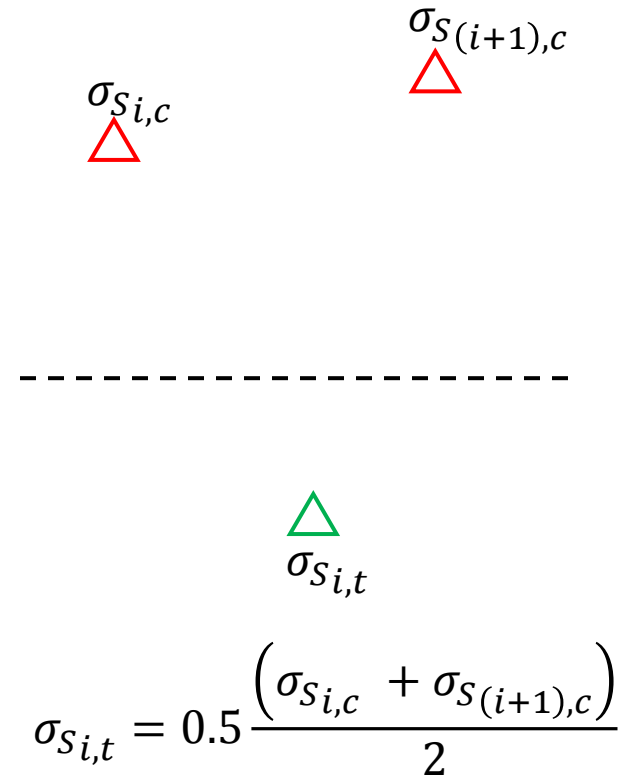




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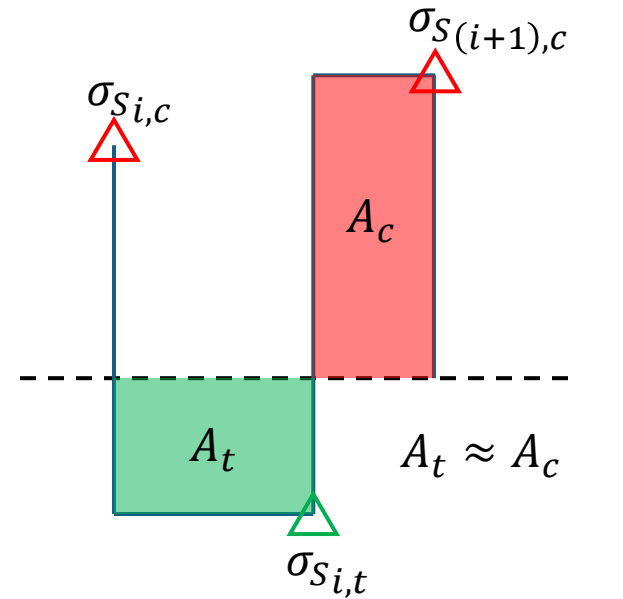
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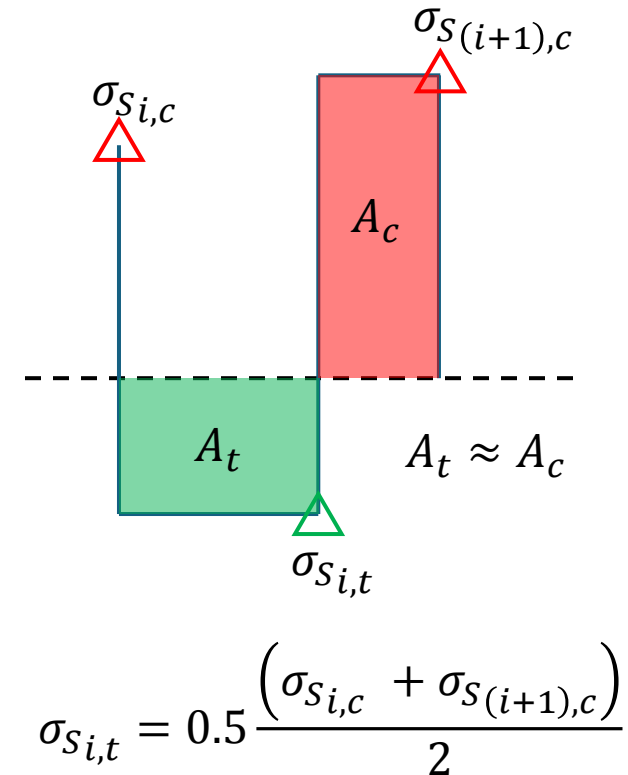
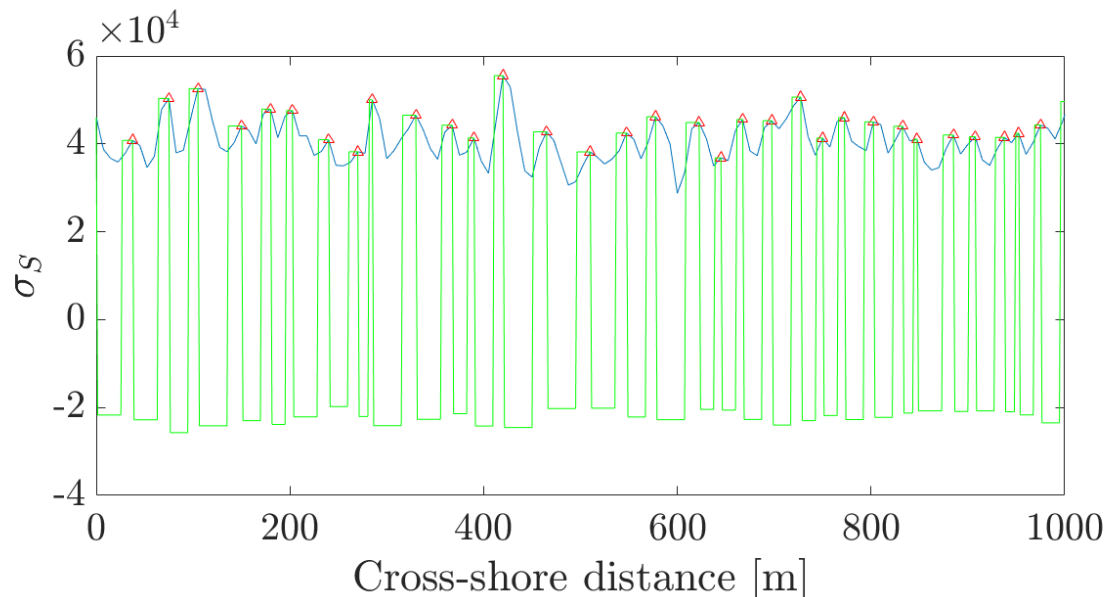
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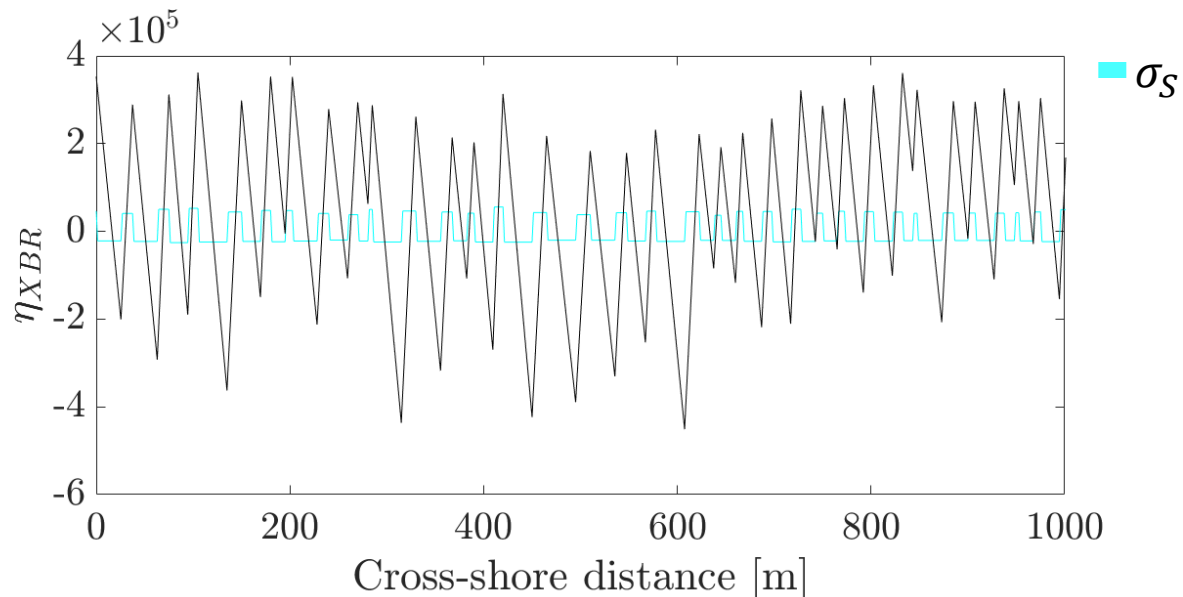
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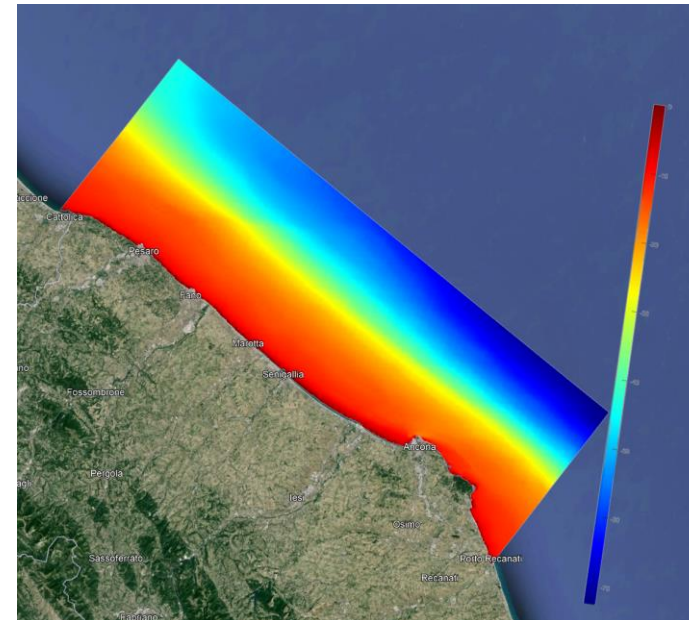
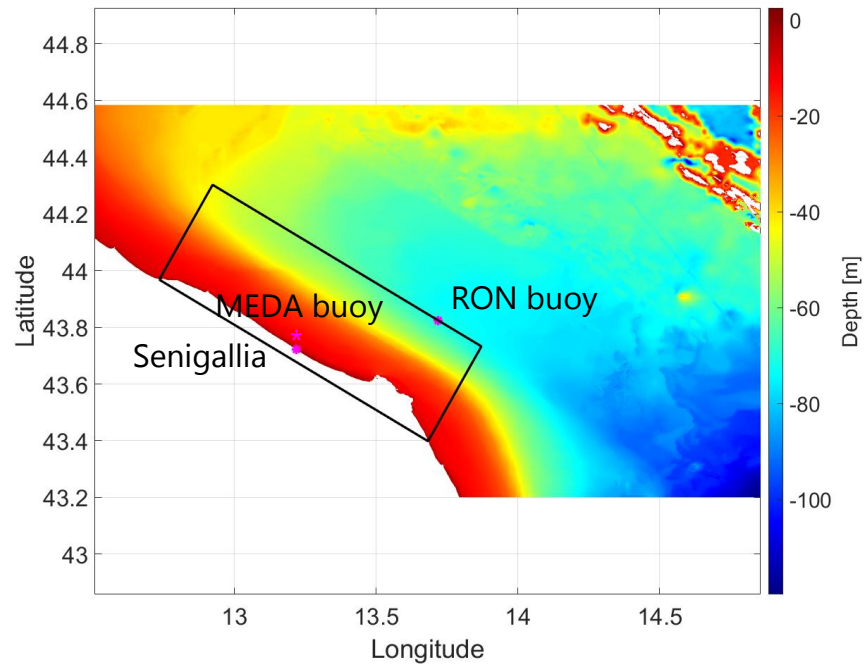




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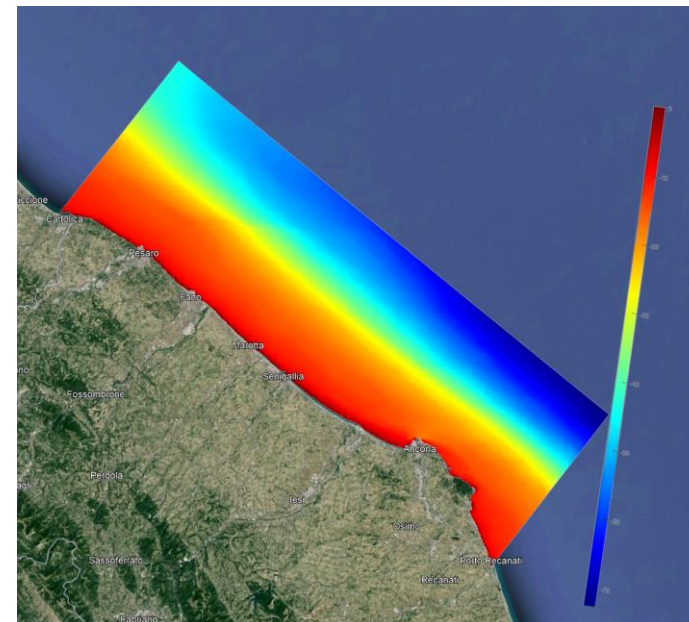
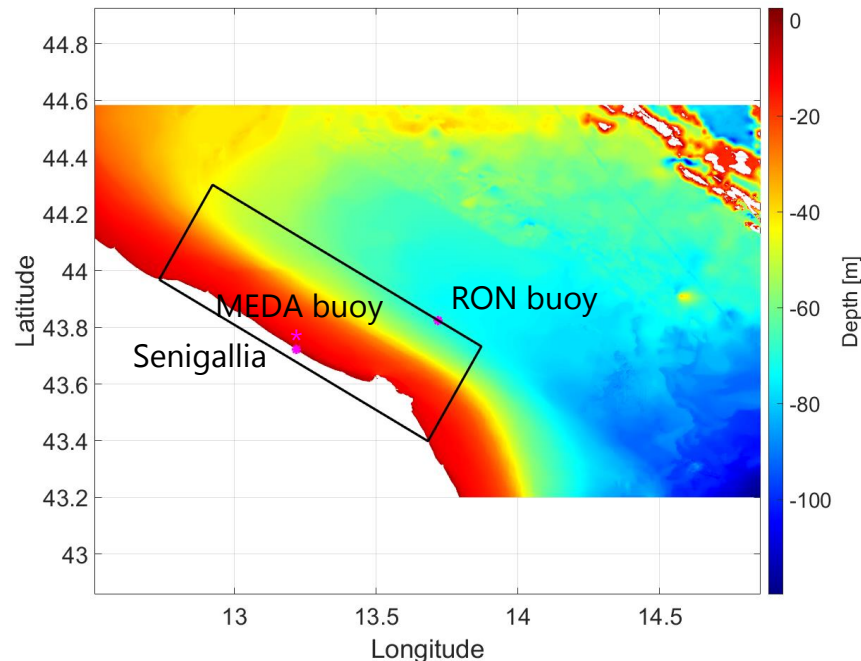
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- The grid is forced with winds from COPENICUS database

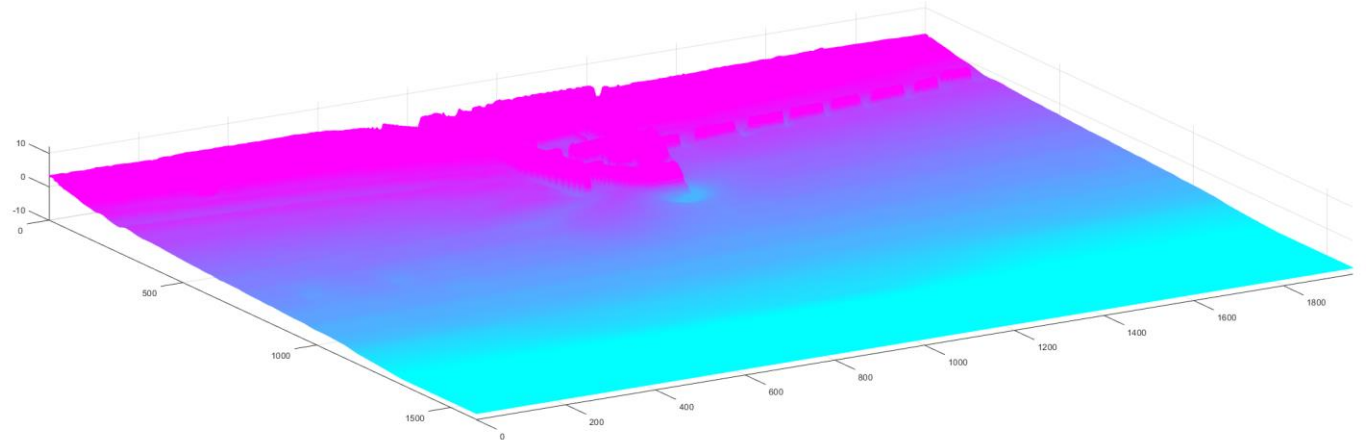
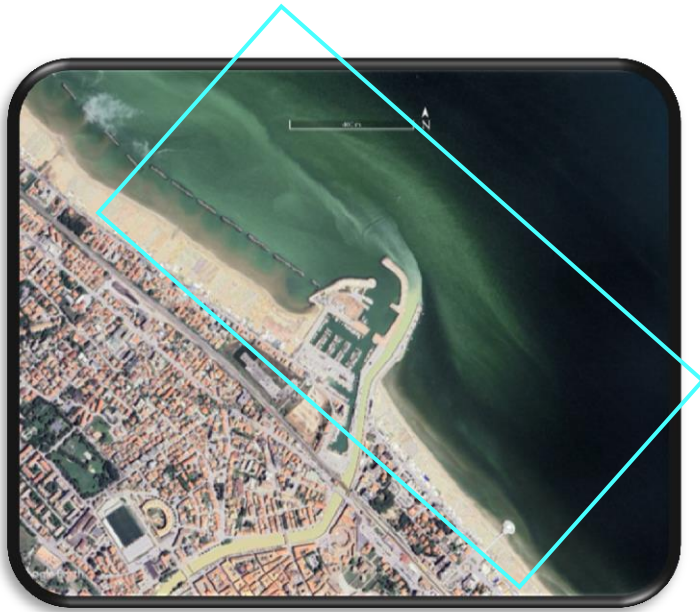




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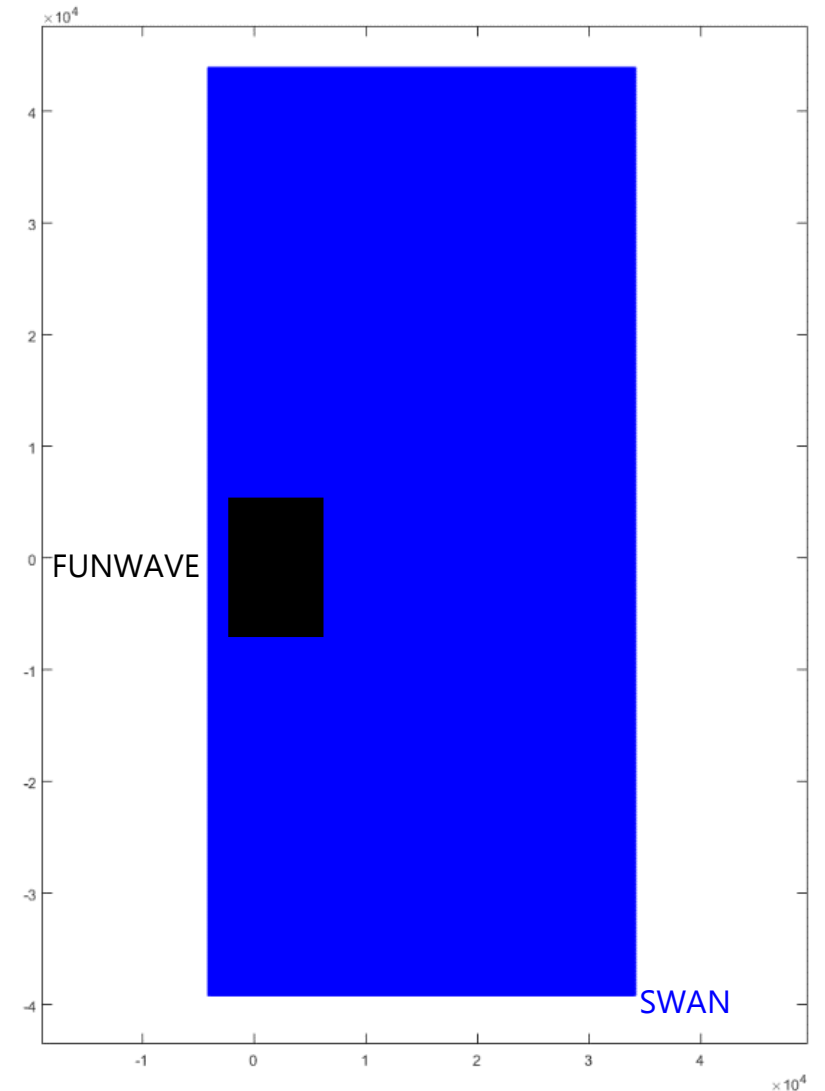
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- WAVEMAKER input is obtained from SWAN results

Properties of WM\_IRR WAVEMAKER

Parameter	$depth [m]$	$f_P [Hz]$	$H_{m0} [m]$	$\theta_P [deg]$	$\gamma_{TMA}$	$f_{min} - f_{max}$
Value	8.17	0.1337	1.27	-12.57	1.5	0.04 – 1.0

$dx=dy=1\text{ m}$   
Grid Size= 1599x1957

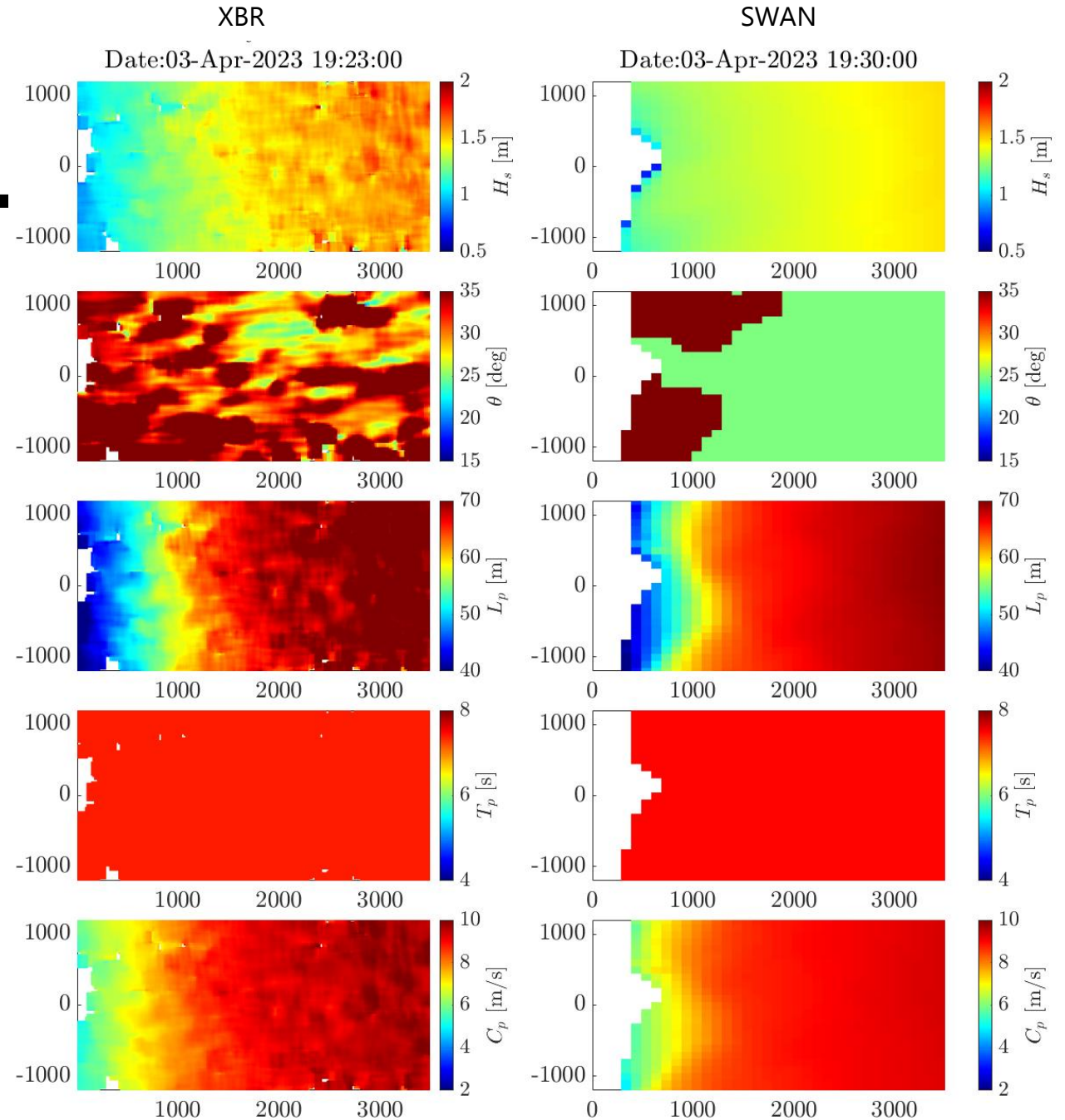




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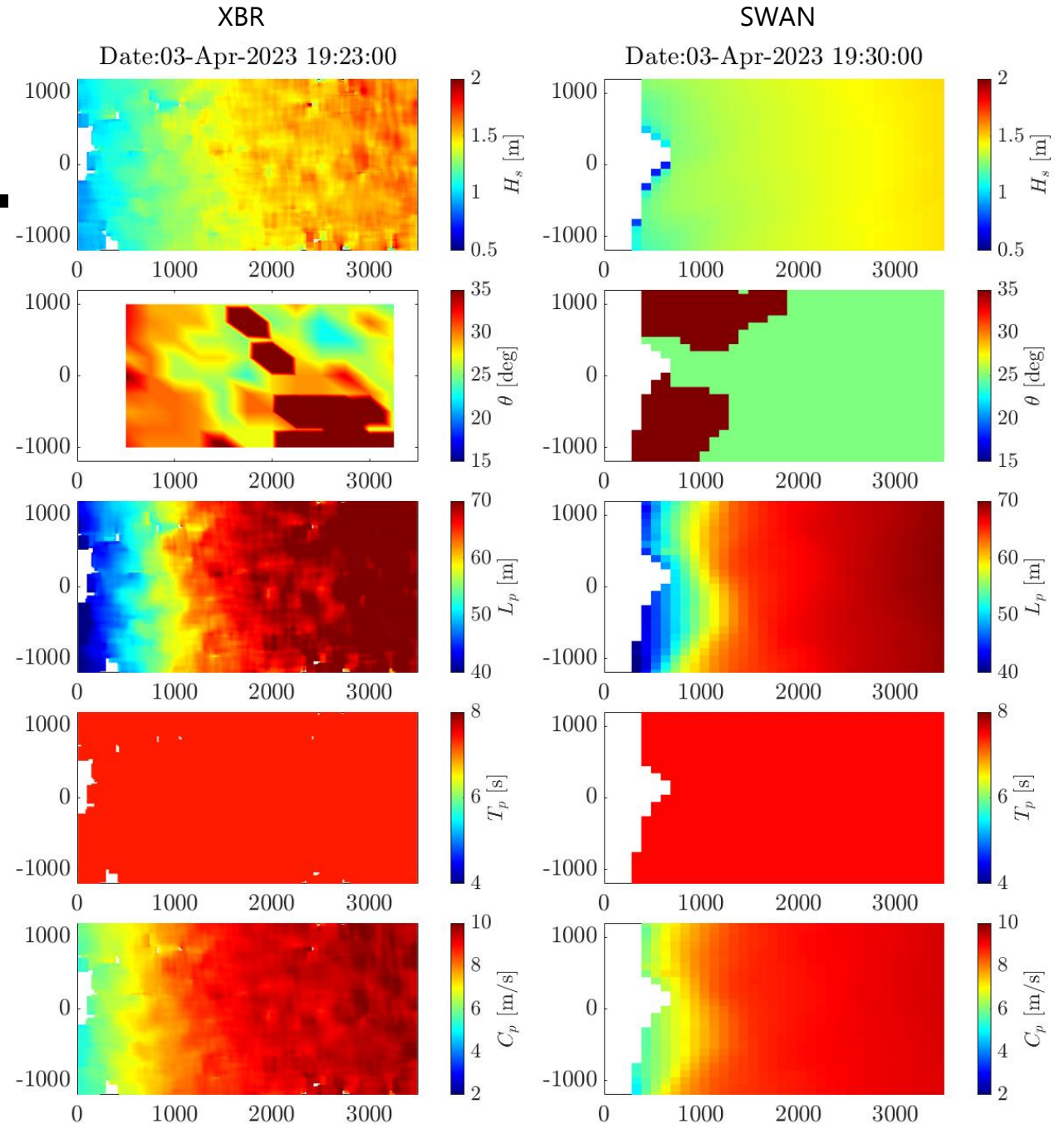
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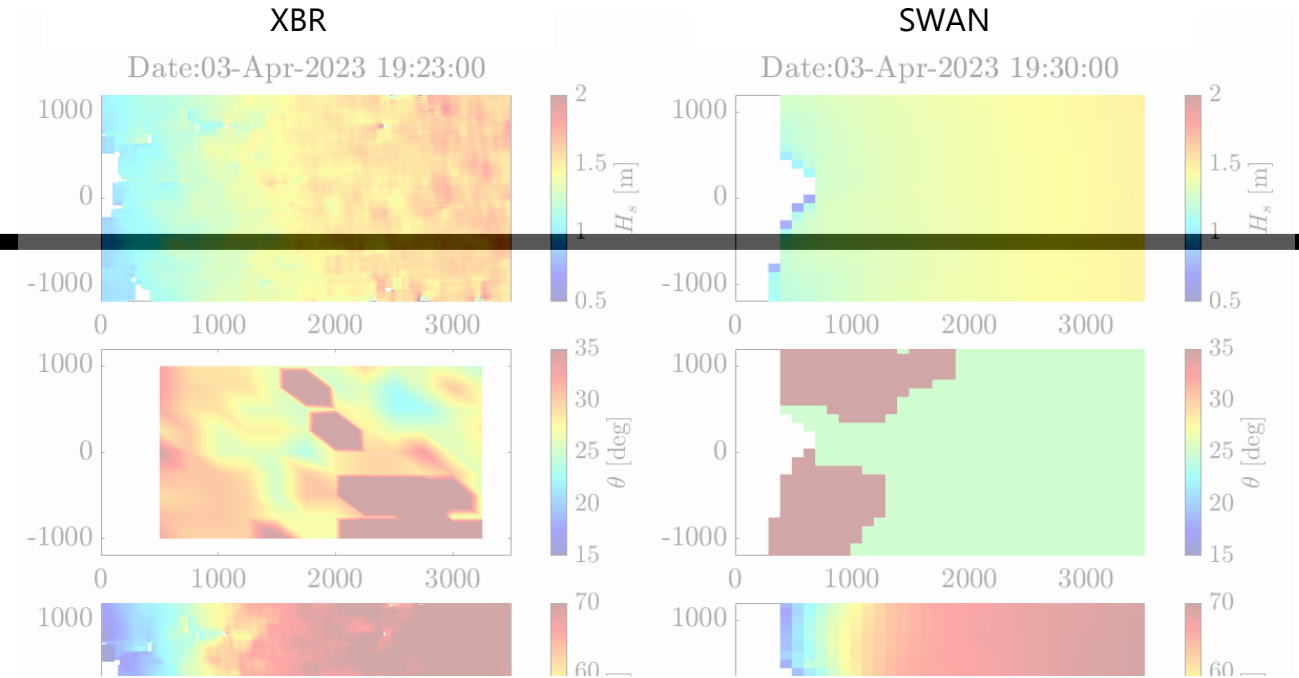




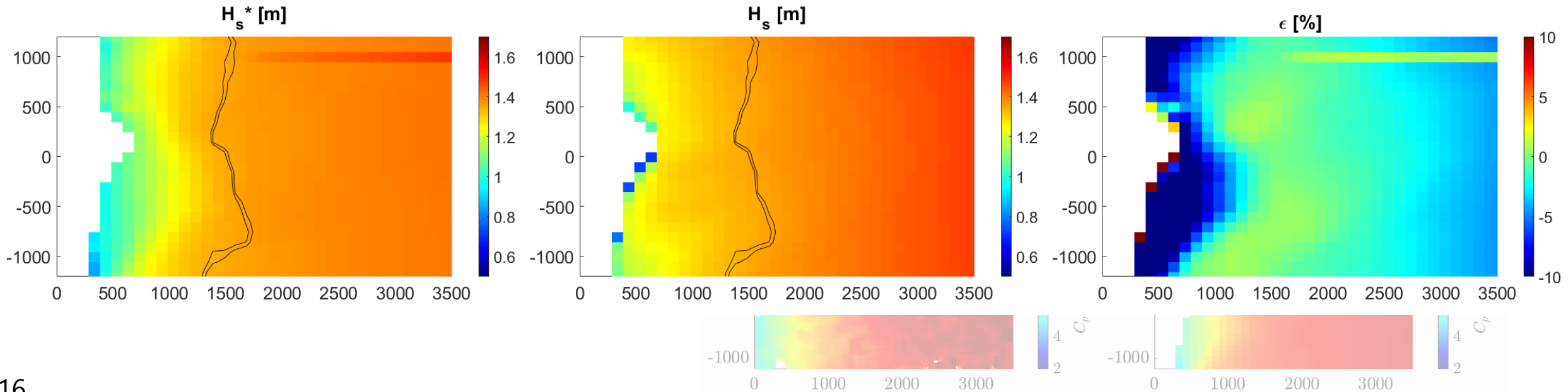
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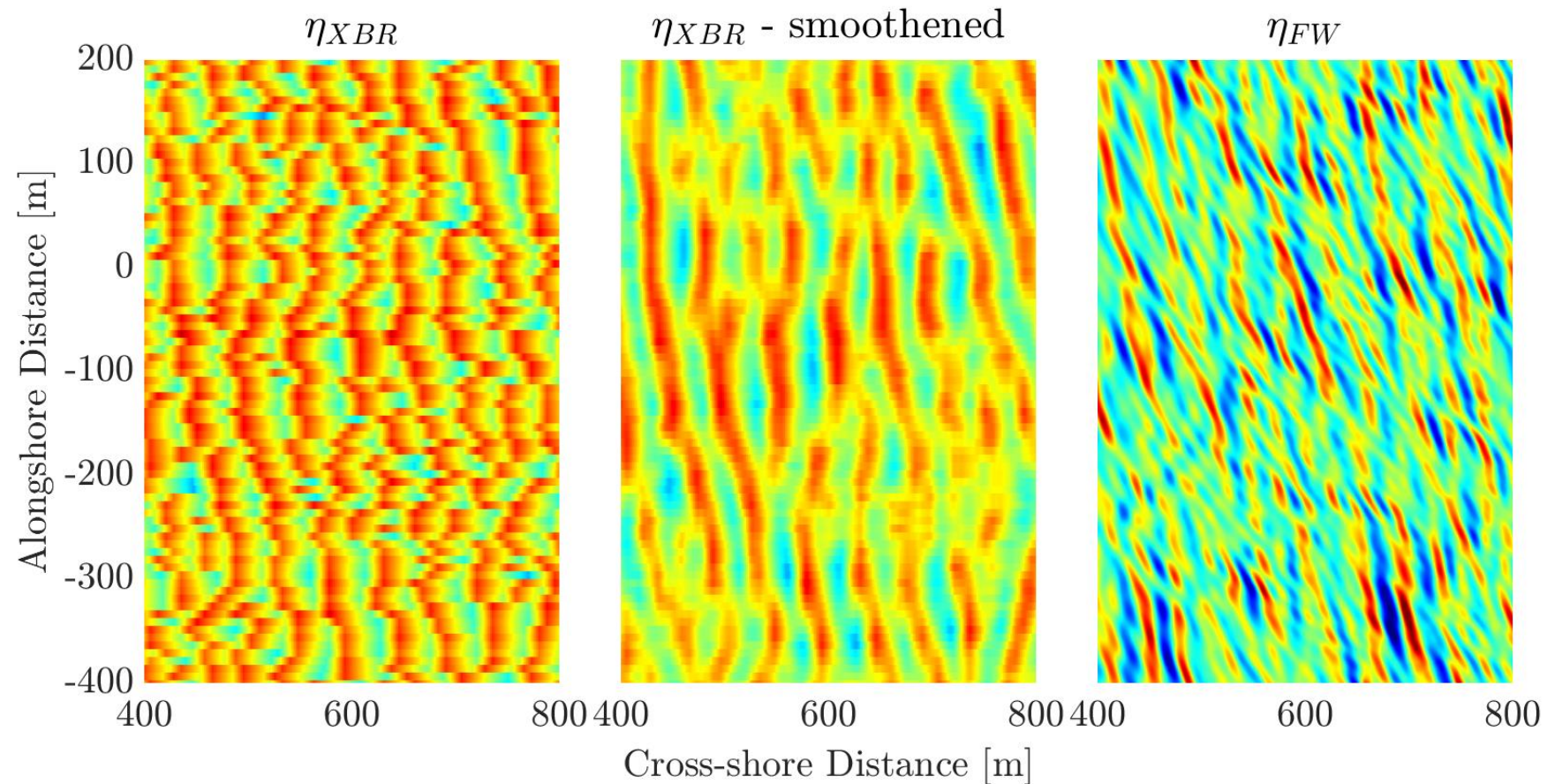


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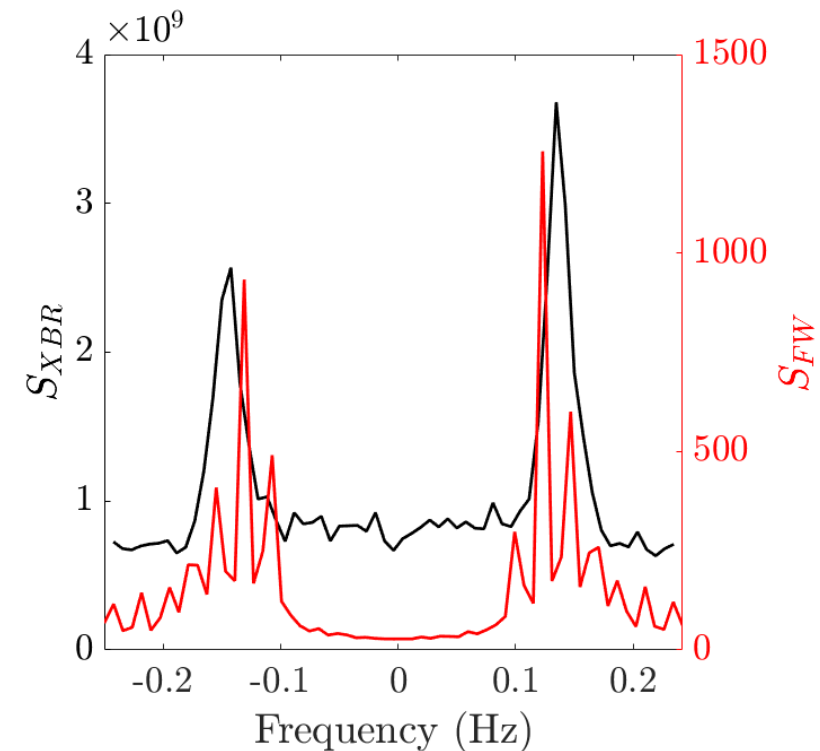
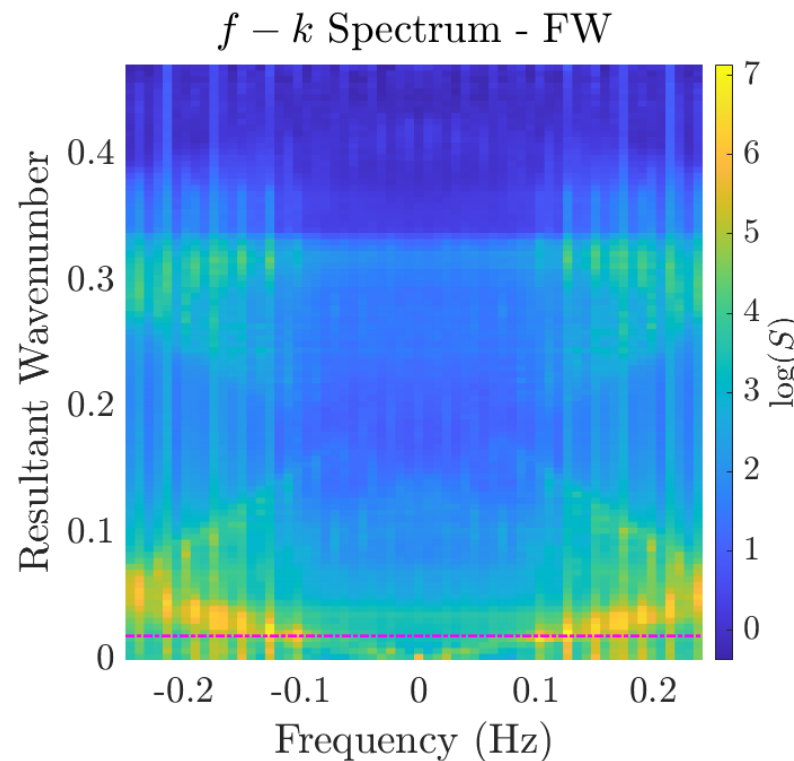
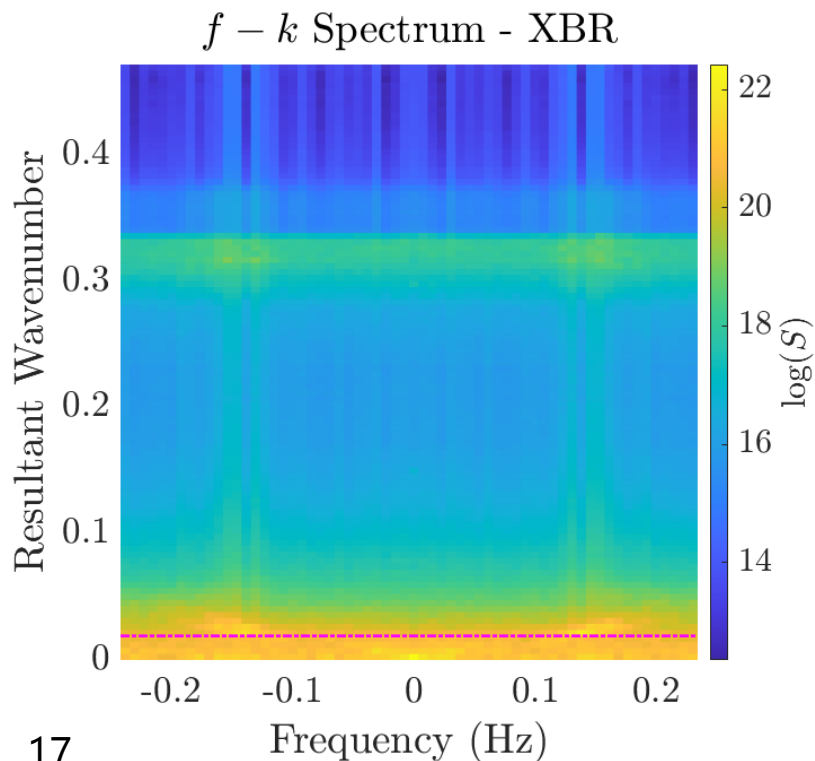
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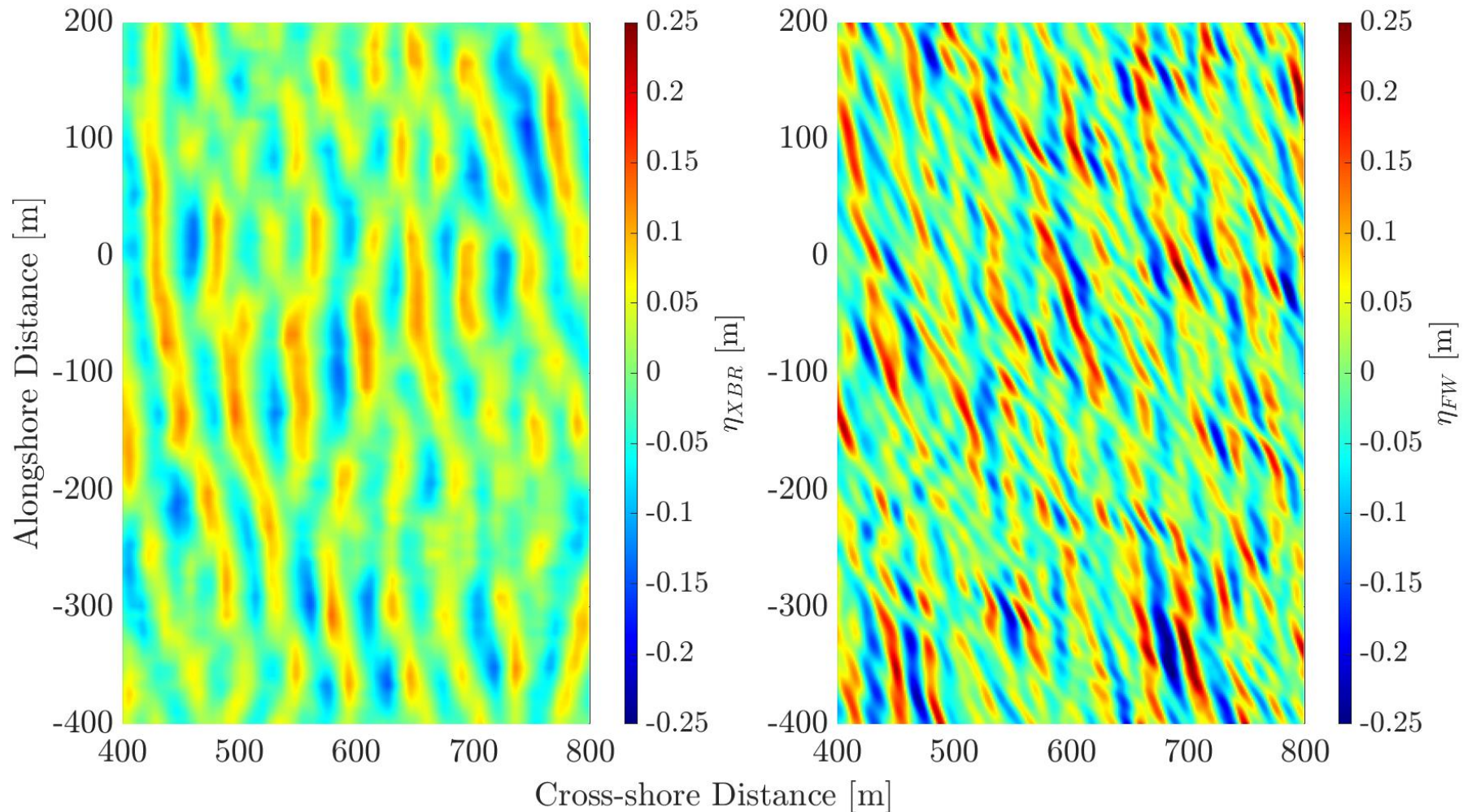
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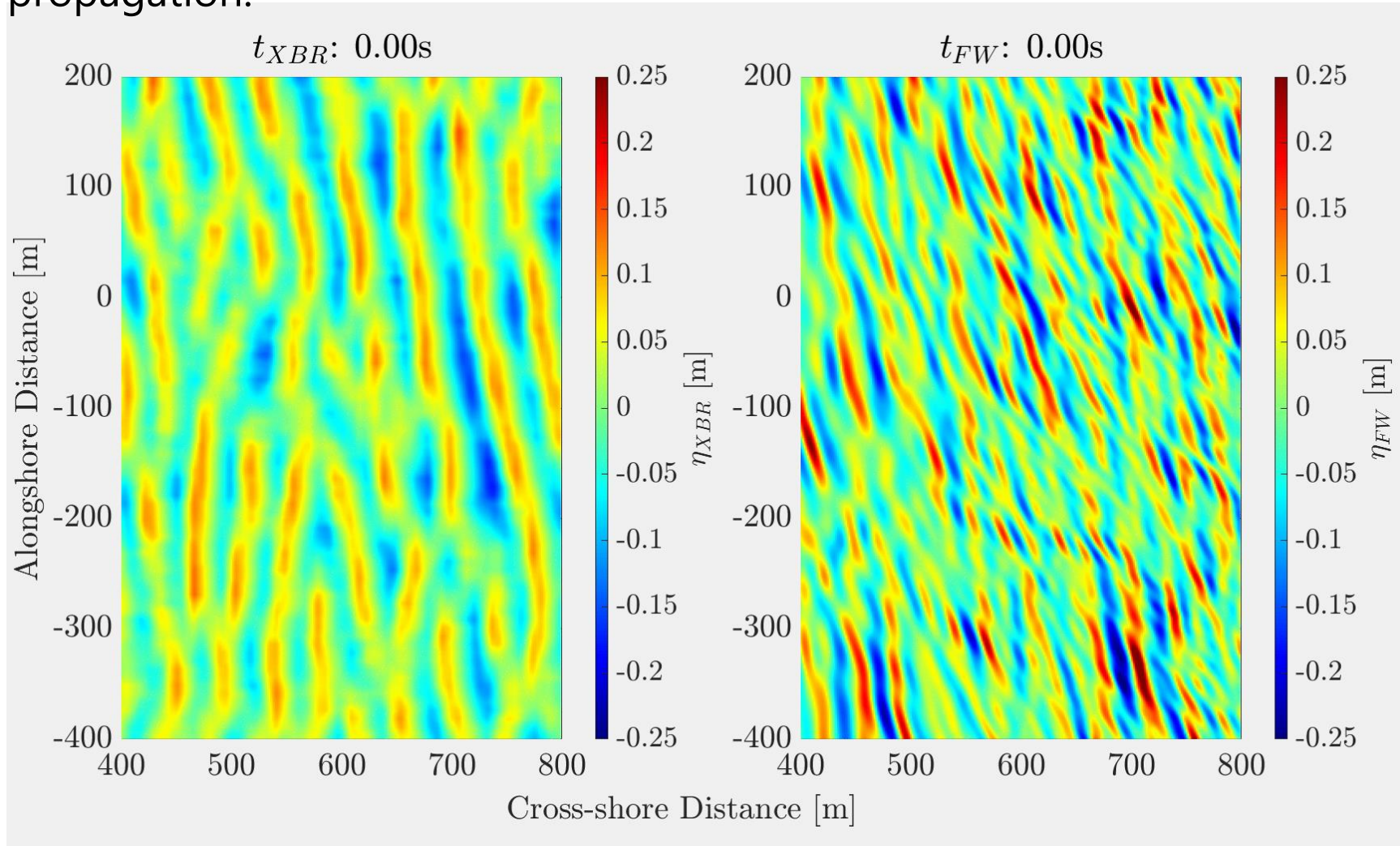
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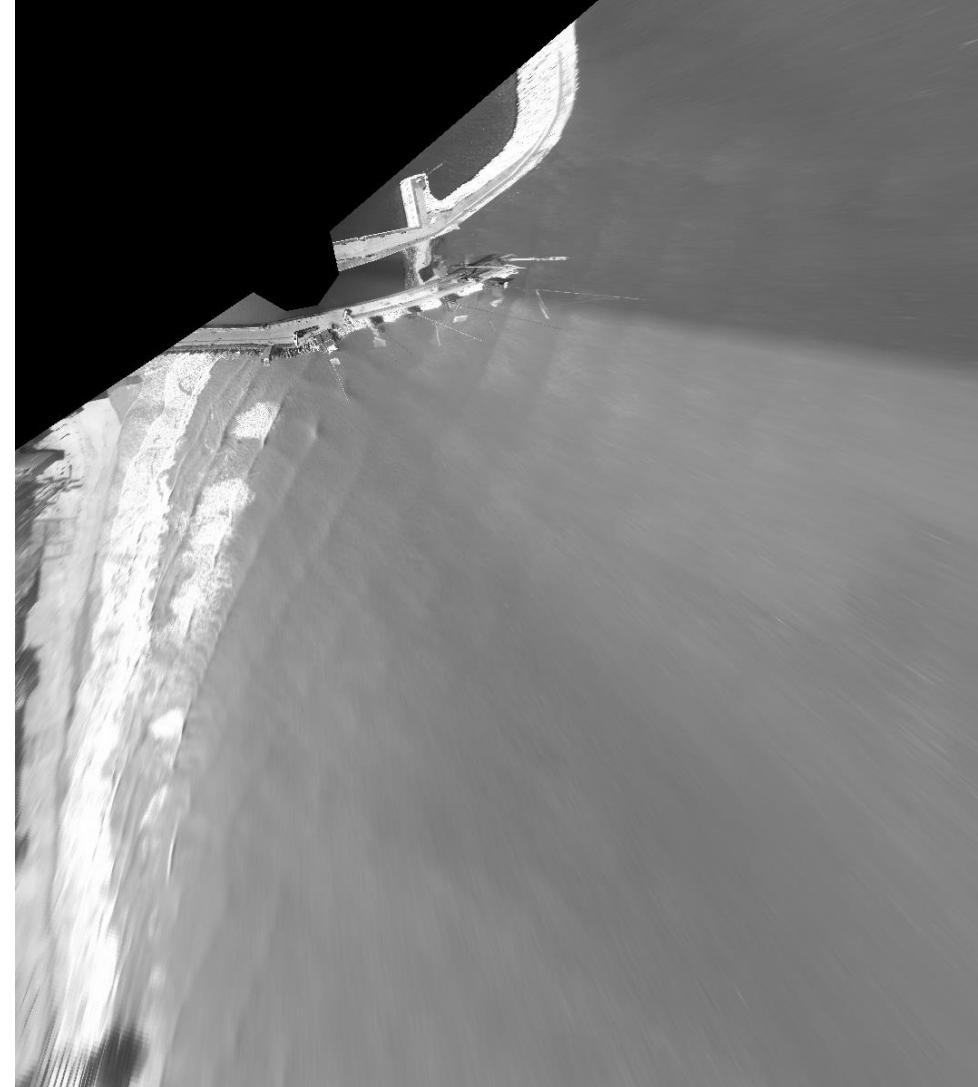
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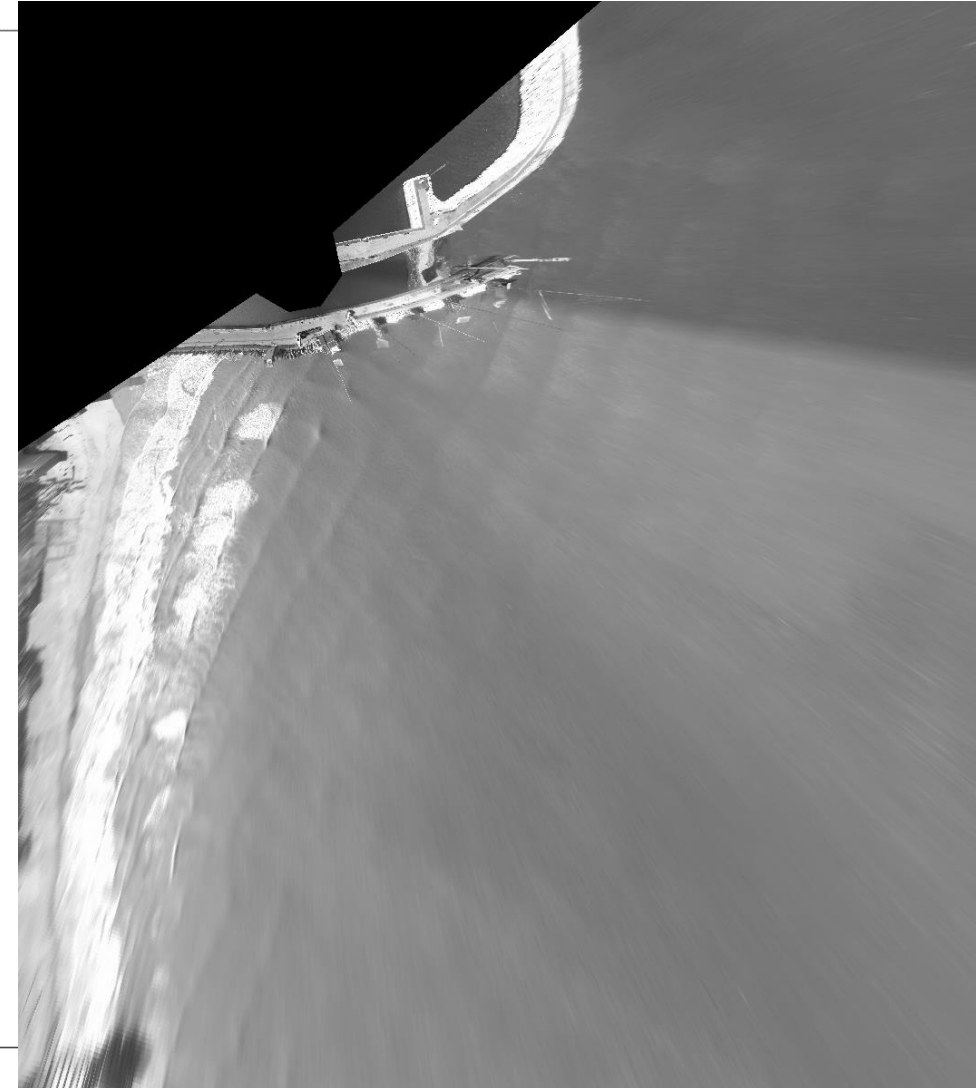
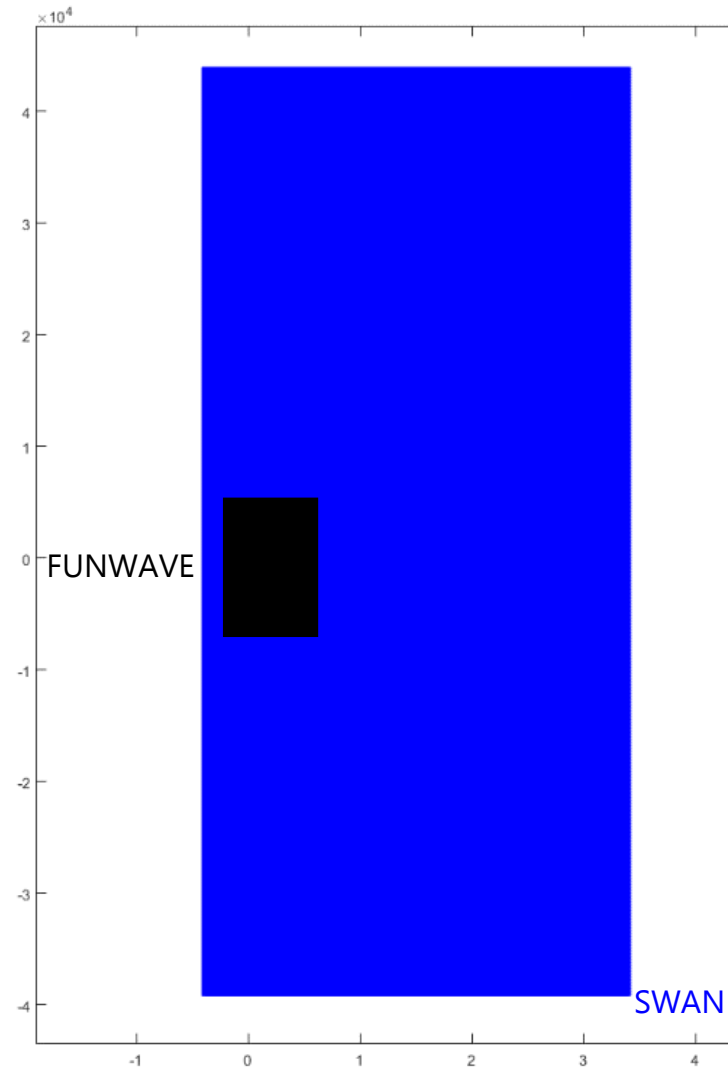
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# EROSION AND TRANSPORT OF SAND-SILT MIXTURES

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# 1. Introduction

In nature, especially in coastal and fluvial systems, most of sediments are mixes of sand and fines (clay and silt).

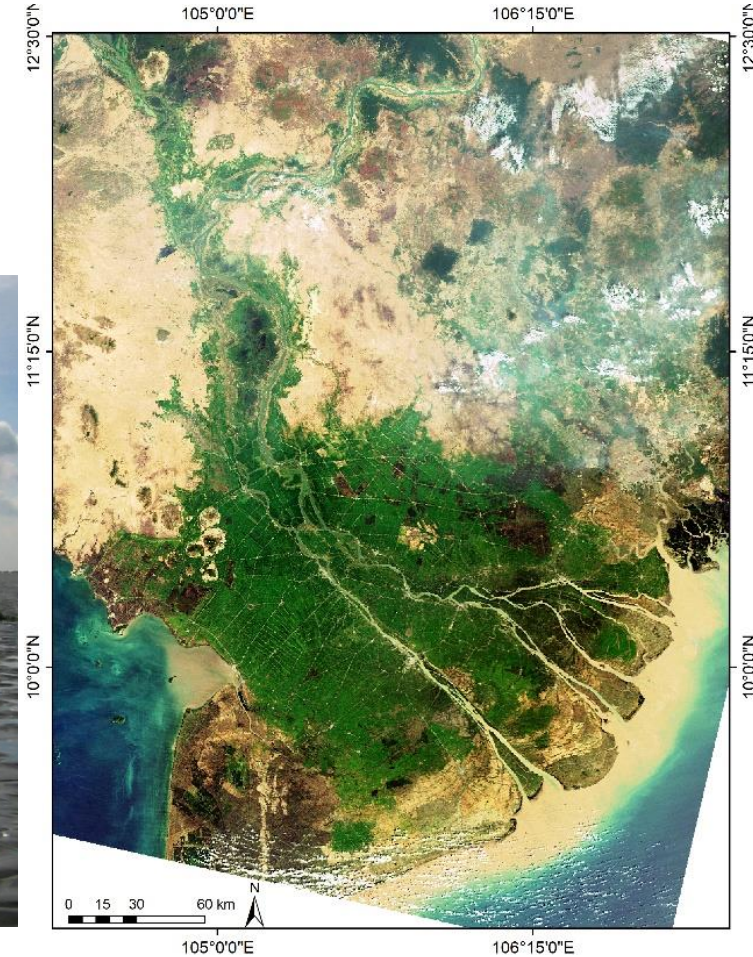
Recently, there have been more studies focusing on the transport of sand-mud mixtures. However, most of these studies treated clay and silt collectively as mud (*Mitchener and Torfs, 1996; Van Ledden, 2003; Jacobs, 2011; Winterwerp et al., 2012; Colina Alonso et al., 2023*).



*Silty sediments in Mekong Delta, Vietnam*  
[Photo by [MangLub project](#)]



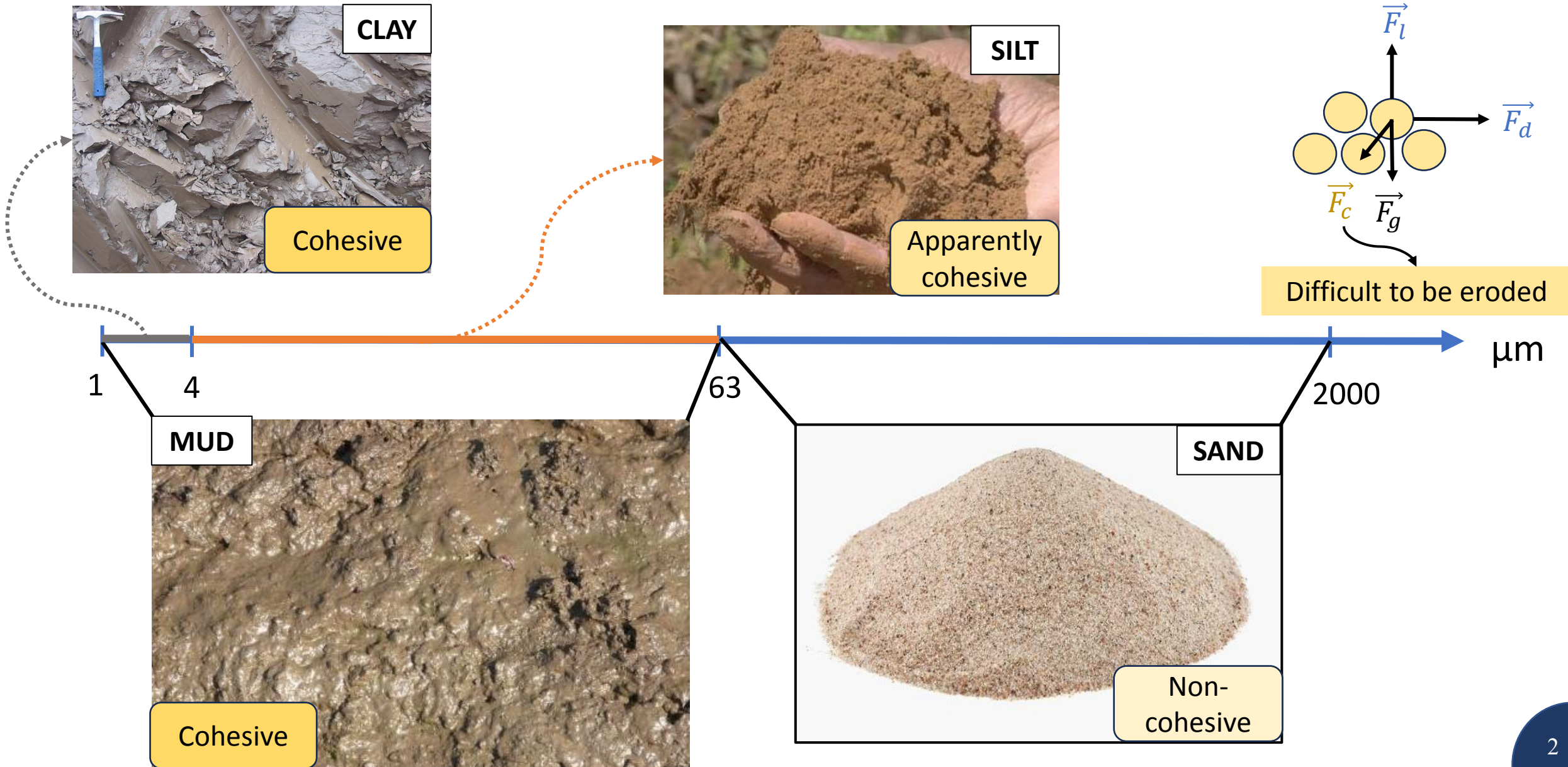
*Mudflat, Wadden Sea, Netherlands.*



*Satellite images of the Mekong Delta taken by Envisat*

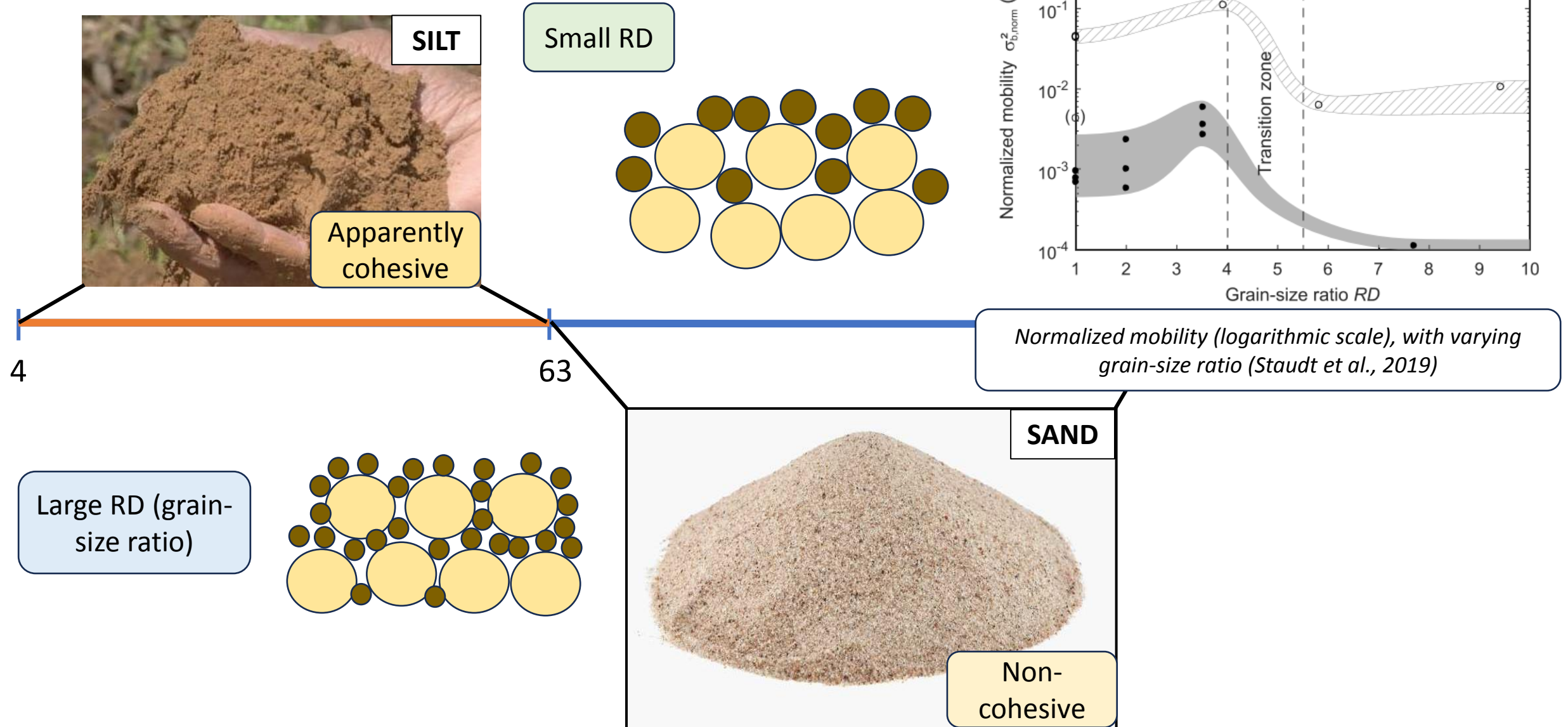


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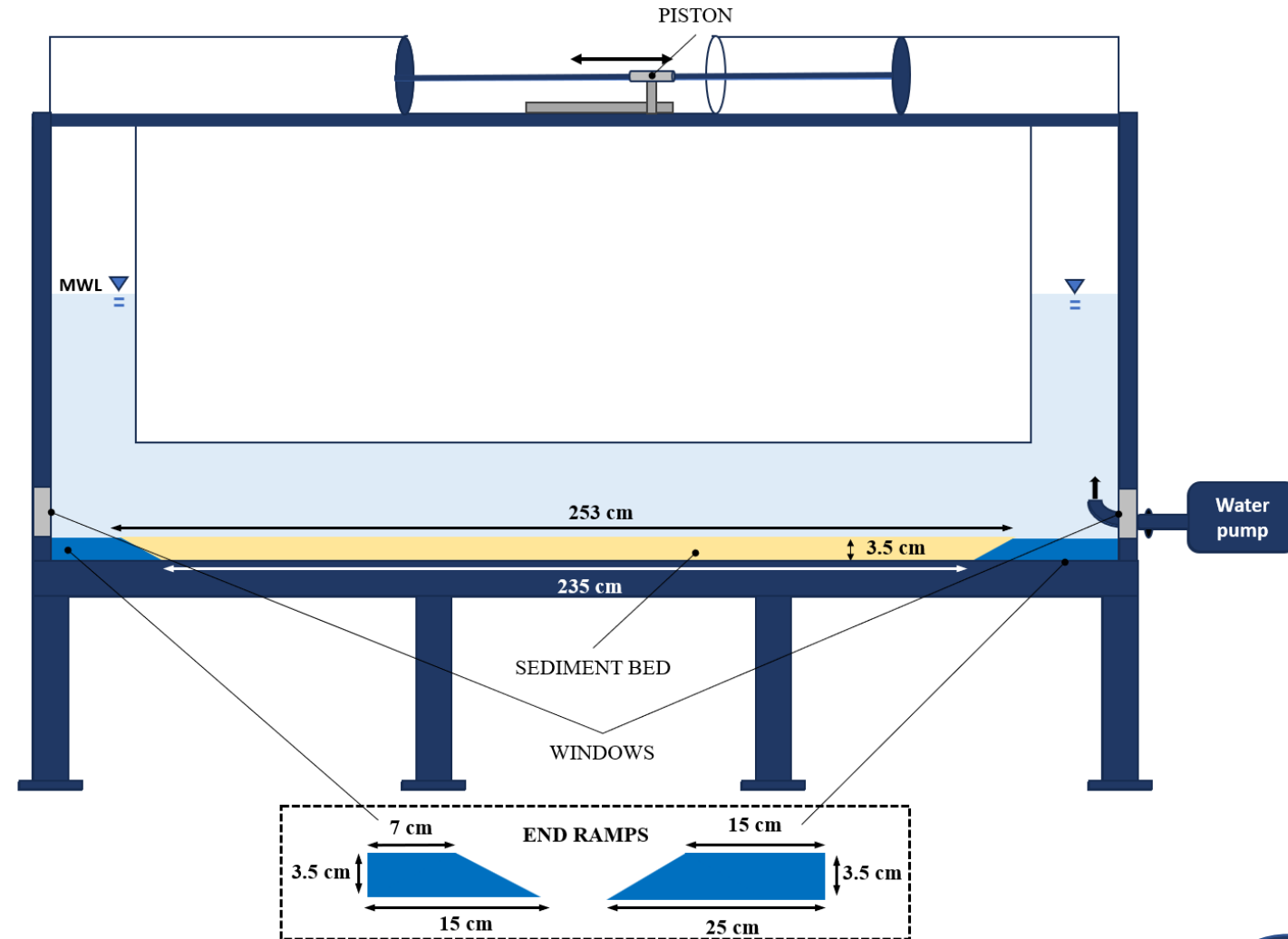


## 2. Research progress

The second preparatory experiment in the small-scale oscillatory tunnel, also known as the **Aberdeen Mini Tunnel (AMT)**. For our experiment, we will use **solid glass beads** as the material. These beads **are round** and **well-sorted**.

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

Sediment fractions	Mixtures	Silt content (%)	Velocity conditions (m/s)
Sand ( $D_{50} \approx 150 \mu m$ )	Sa	0	0.2
			0.3
Sand ( $D_{50} \approx 150 \mu m$ ) and Coarse silt ( $D_{50} \approx 50 \mu m$ )	SaCs20	20	0.2
			0.3
	SaCs40	40	0.2
			0.3
Sand ( $D_{50} \approx 150 \mu m$ ) and Medium silt ( $D_{50} \approx 25 \mu m$ )	SaMs20	20	0.2
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The Aberdeen Mini Tunnel (AMT) at the University of Aberdeen.

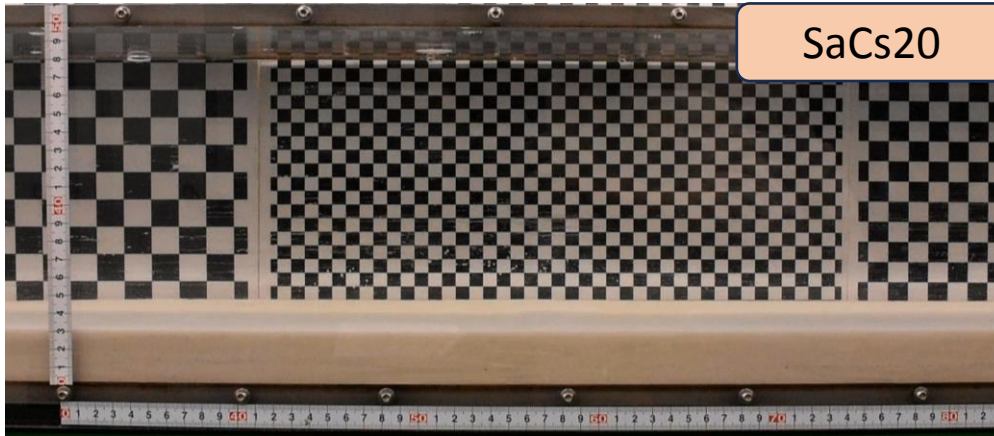


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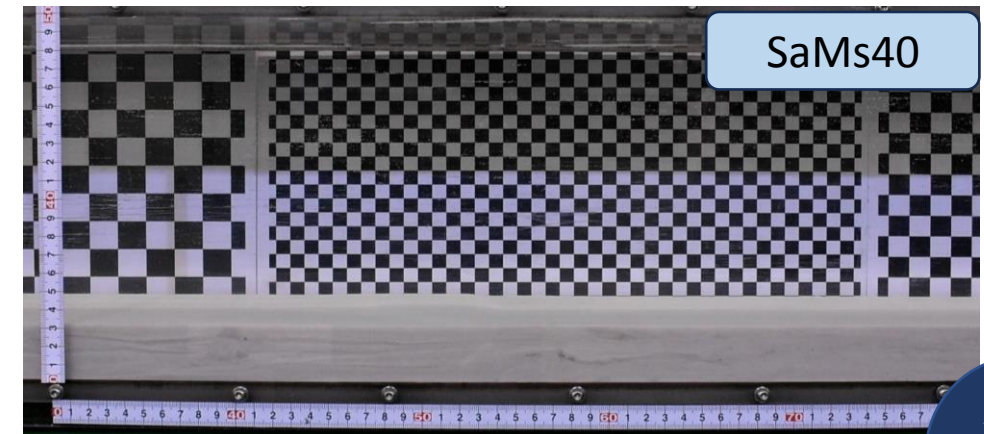
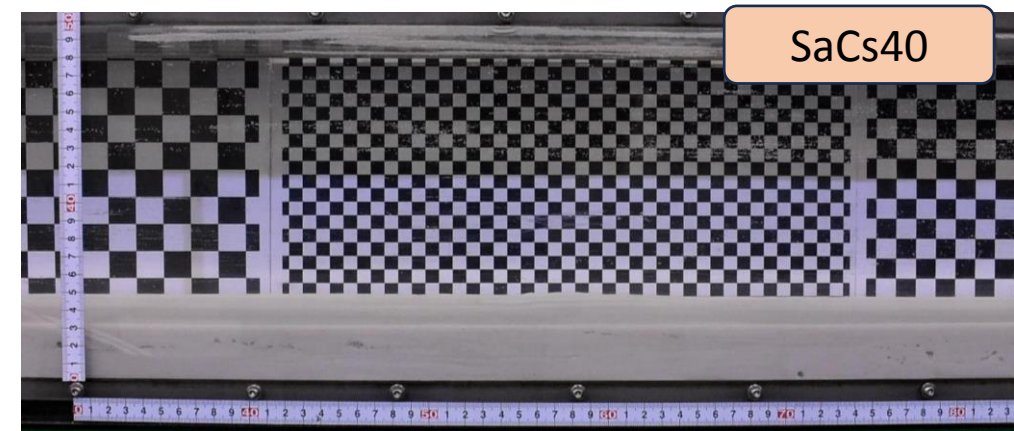
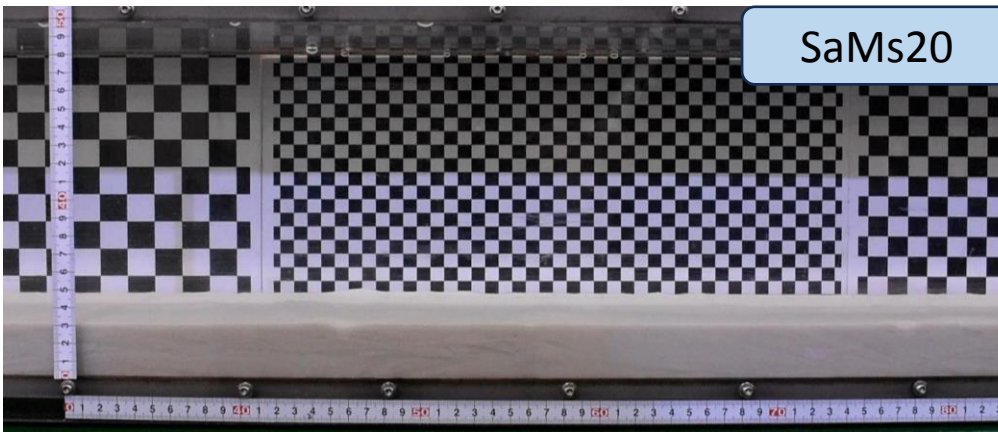
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- Bedform development over approximately **450 flow cycles** (~23 mins) for different beds was observed.
- For the mixed bed containing **40% silt**: **Higher** suspended sediment concentration (**SSC**) and **ripples developed more slowly** compared to others.

Mixtures of  
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Mixtures of  
sand and  
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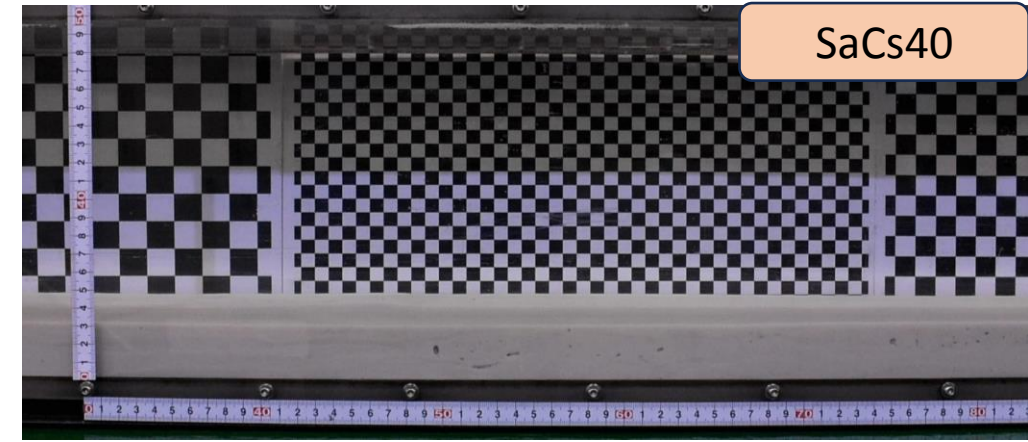
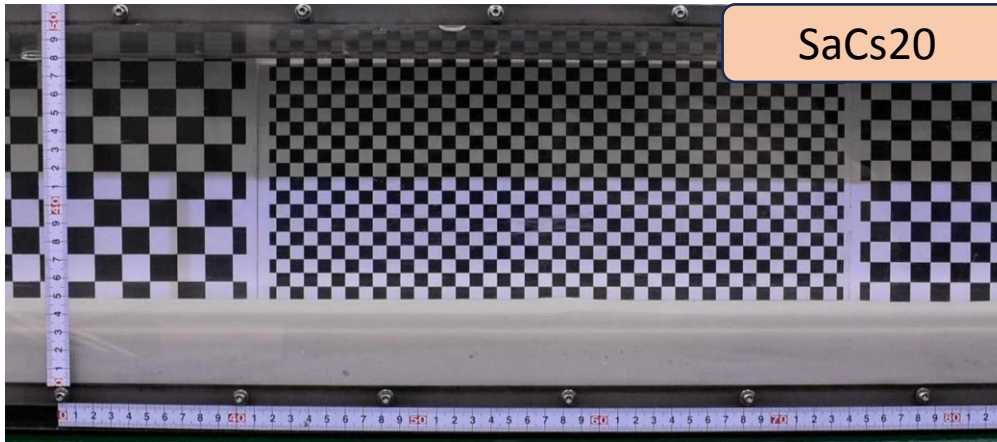


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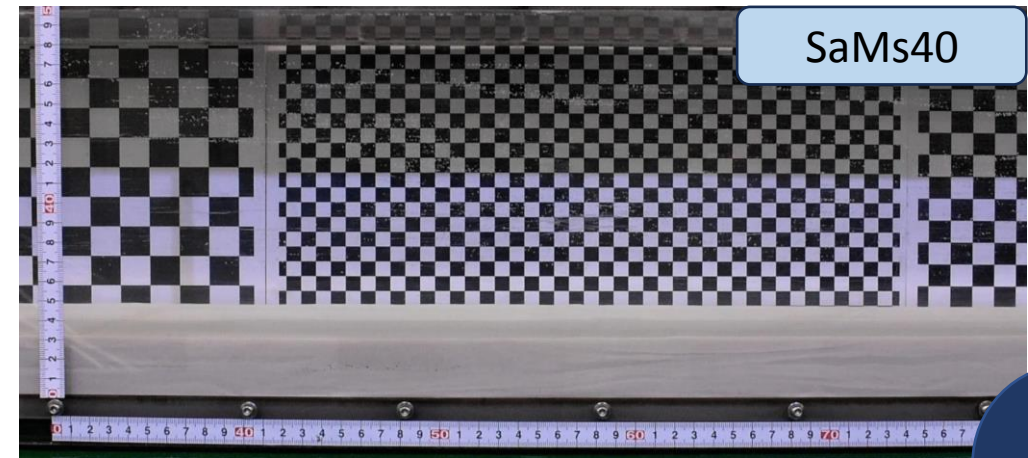
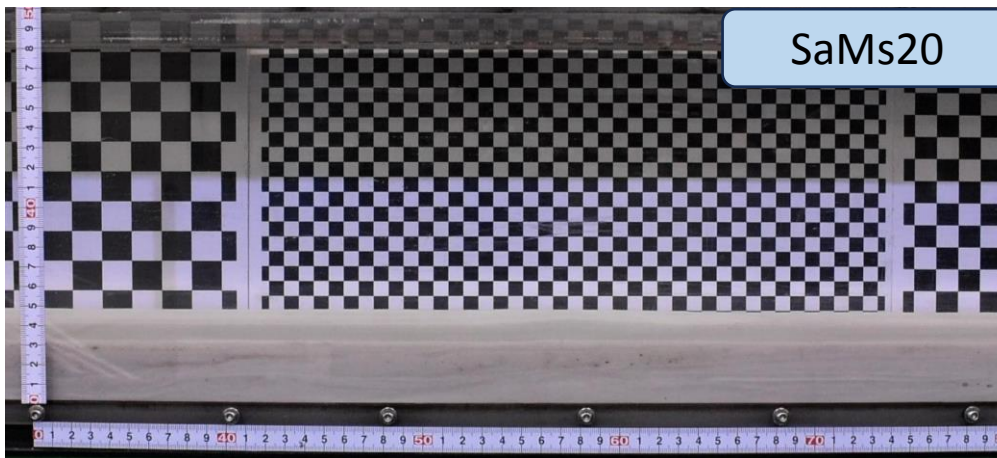
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- Under **higher-velocity** conditions, a **high suspended concentration** was easily seen during the initial cycles.
- **Ripples were forming faster** compared to the 0.2 m/s condition.

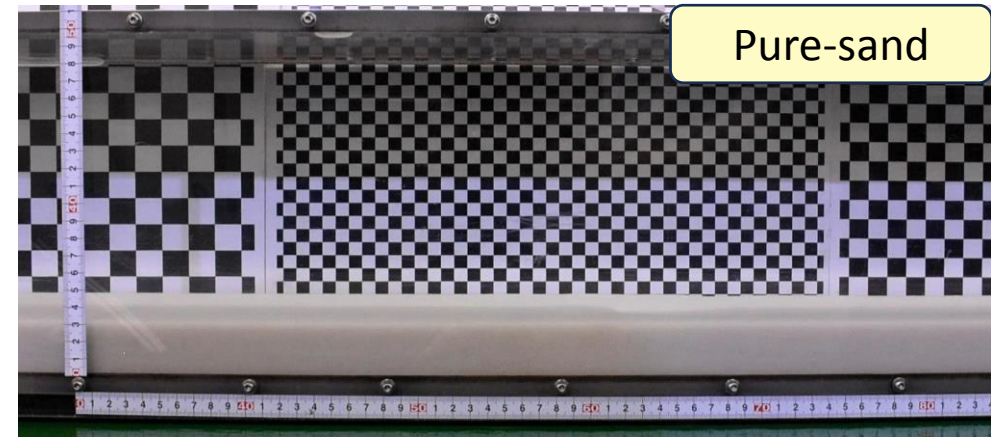
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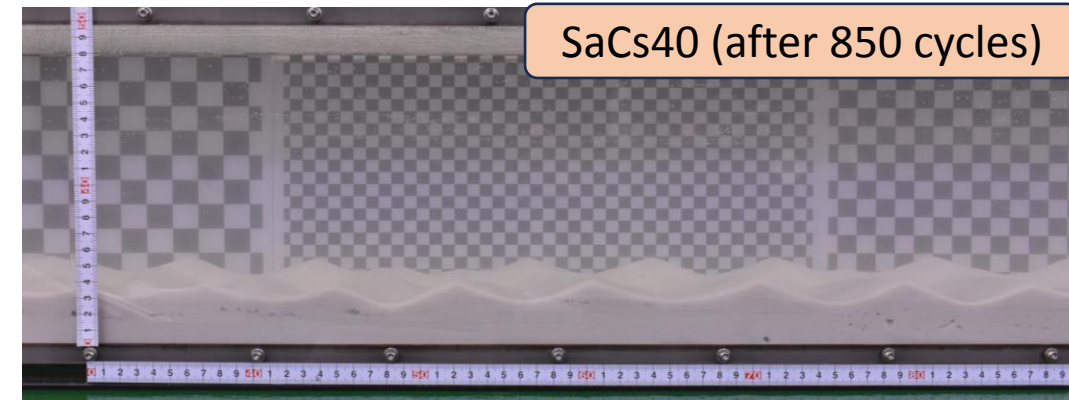
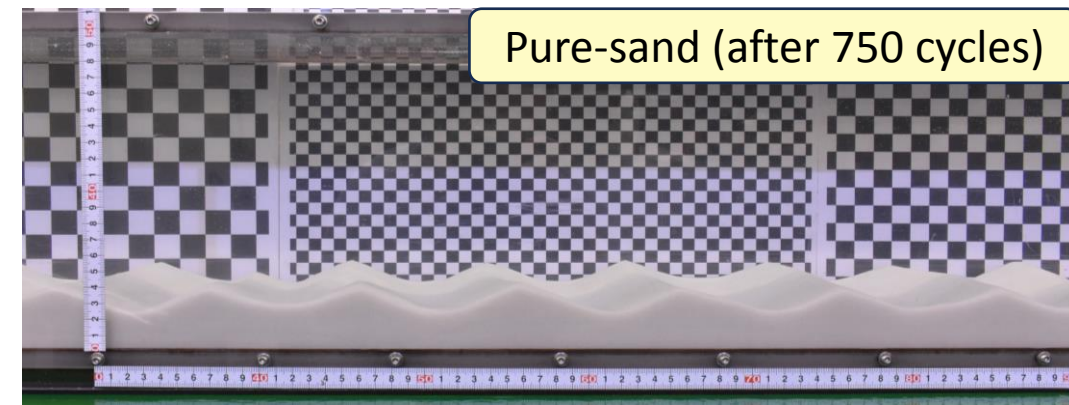
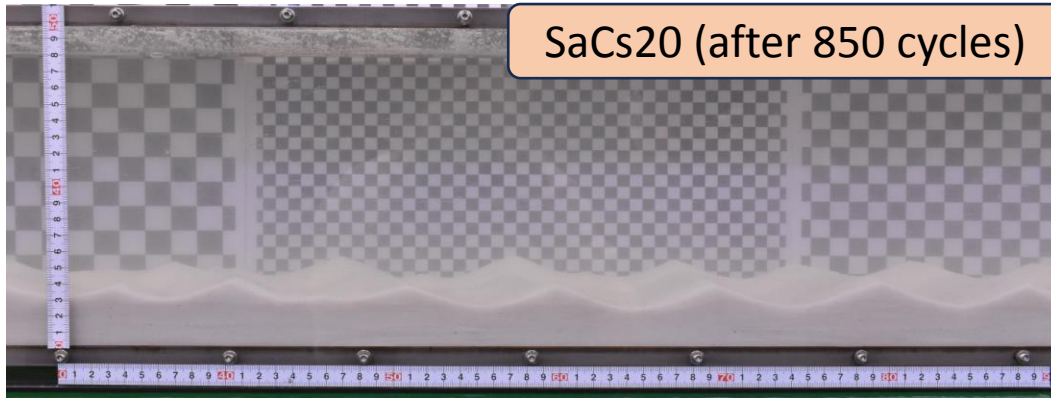


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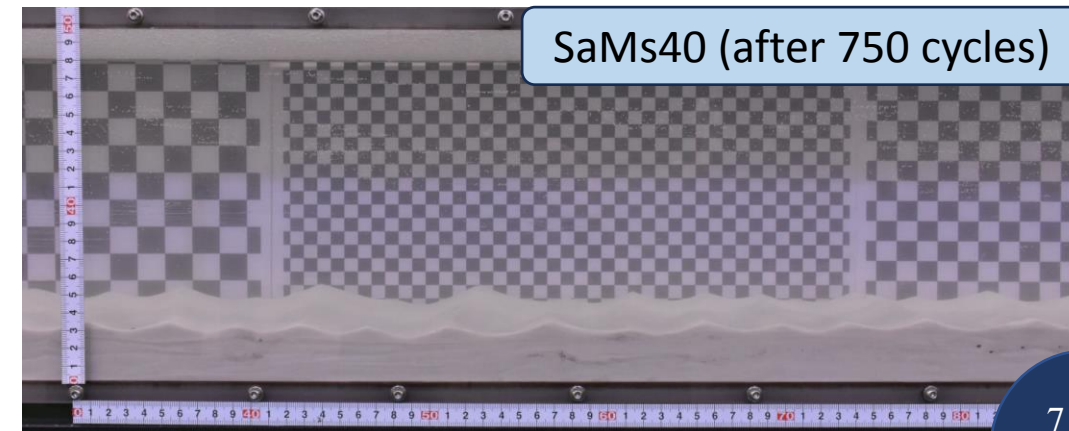
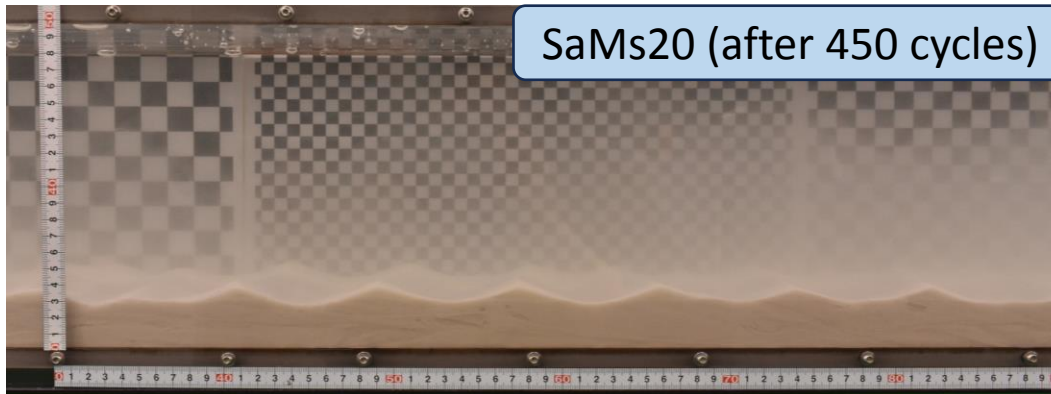
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- Bedform of different beds at **the end** of each experiment.
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- Ripples of 40%-silt-content mixtures had smaller scales compared to 20% mixtures and pure-sand bed.

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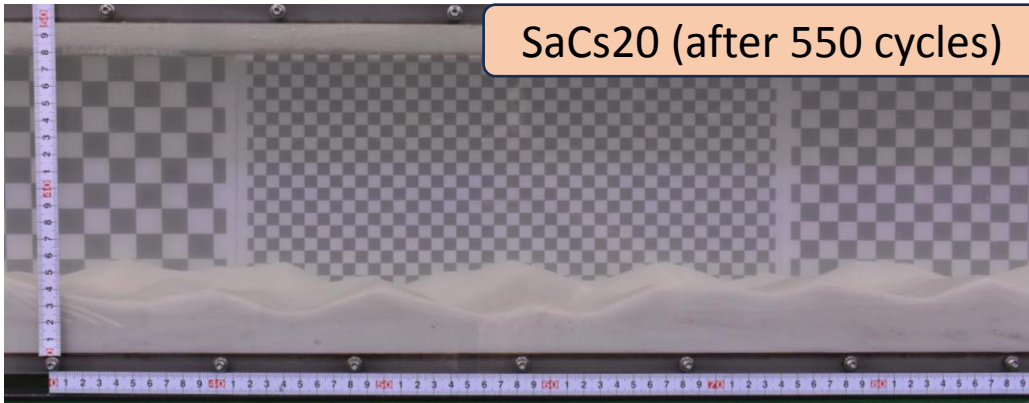


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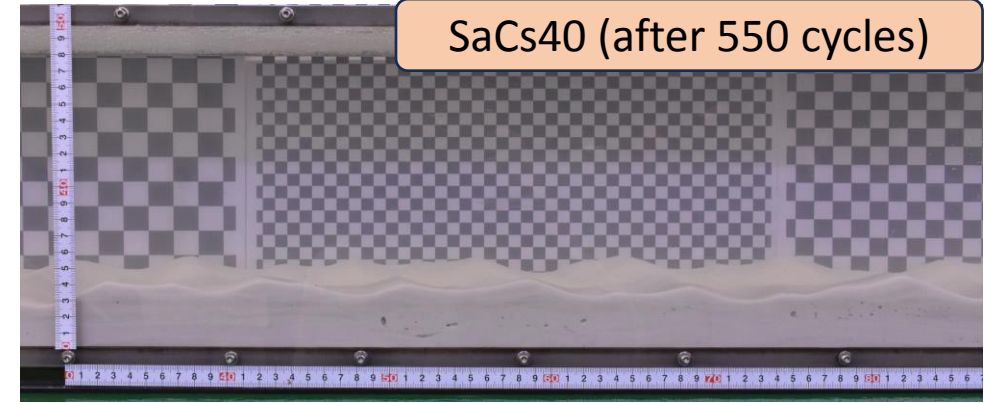
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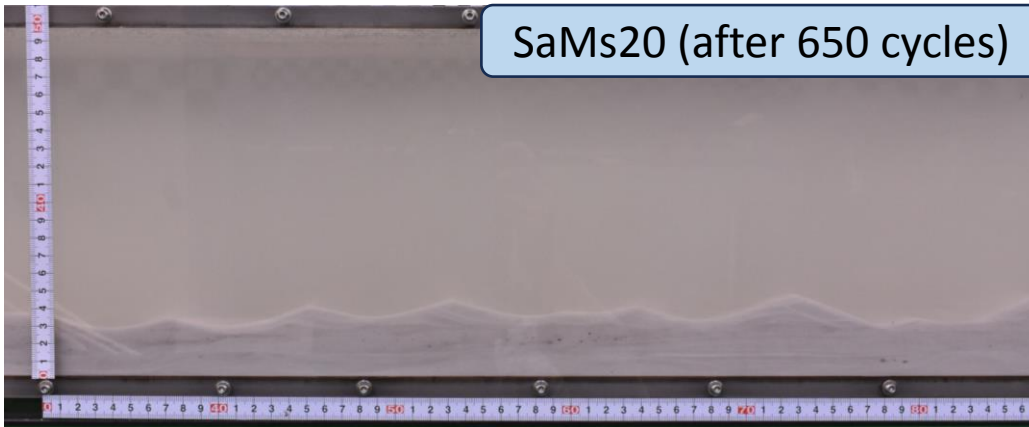
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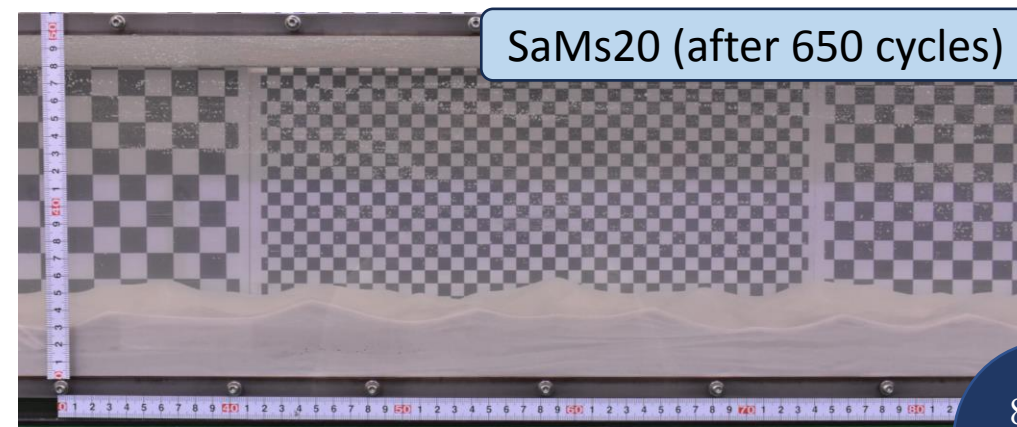
SaCs40 (after 550 cycles)



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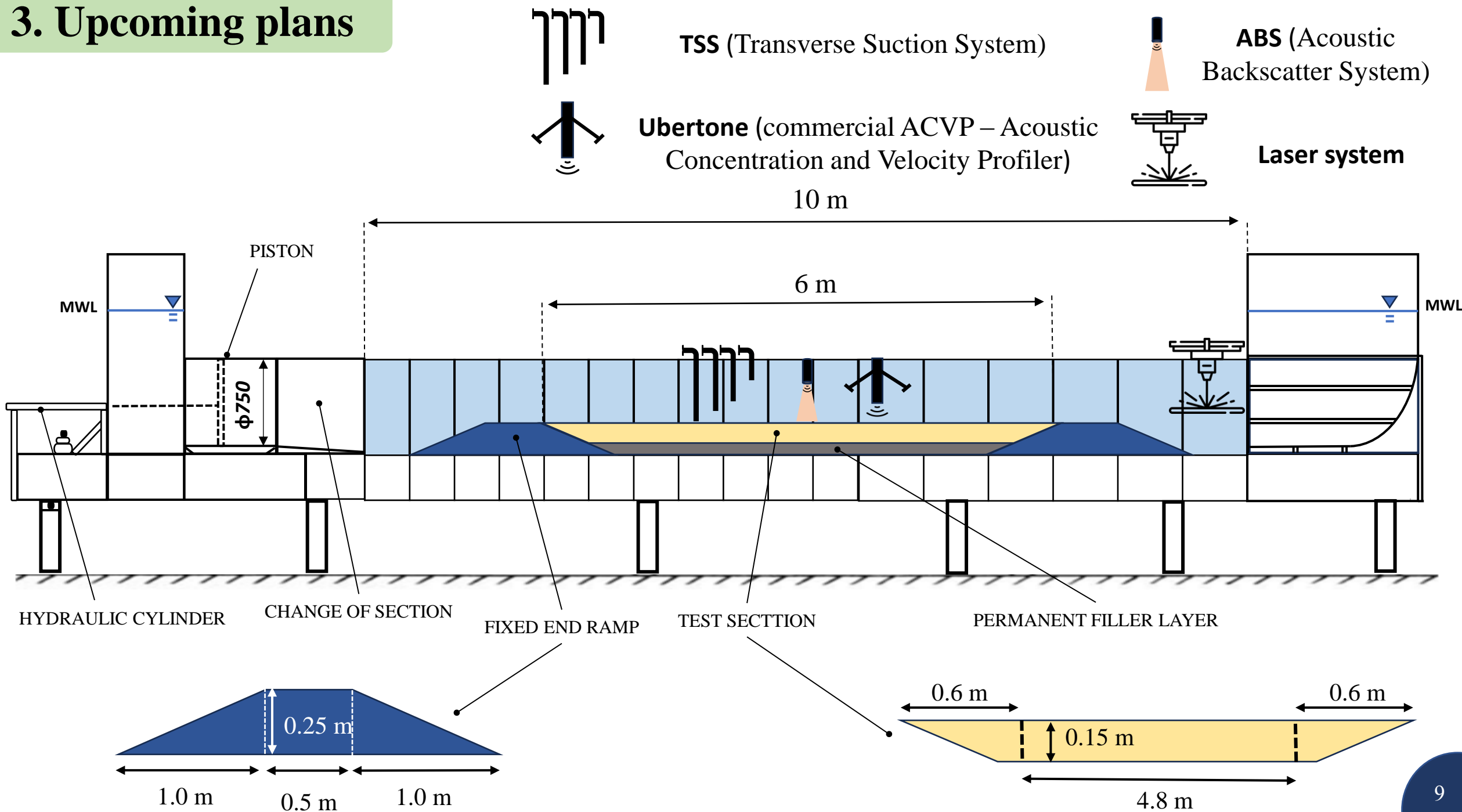


SaMs20 (after 650 cycles)





### 3. Upcoming plans



## 4. Conclusion

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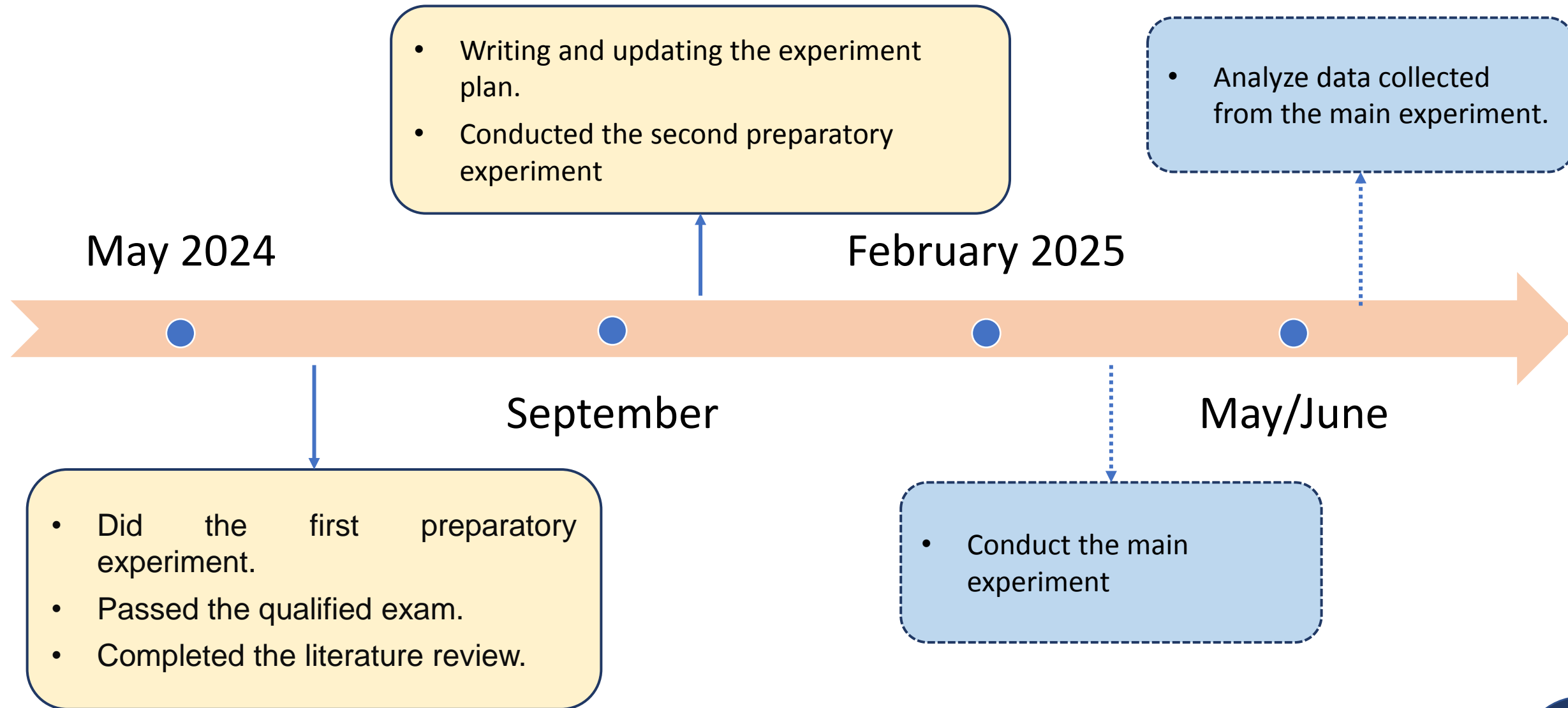
We are updating the experiment plan and preparing to have the main experiment conducted in Feb 2025.



An aerial photograph of a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sand is wet and shows intricate, wavy patterns created by the receding tide. The water is calm, reflecting the light from the sun. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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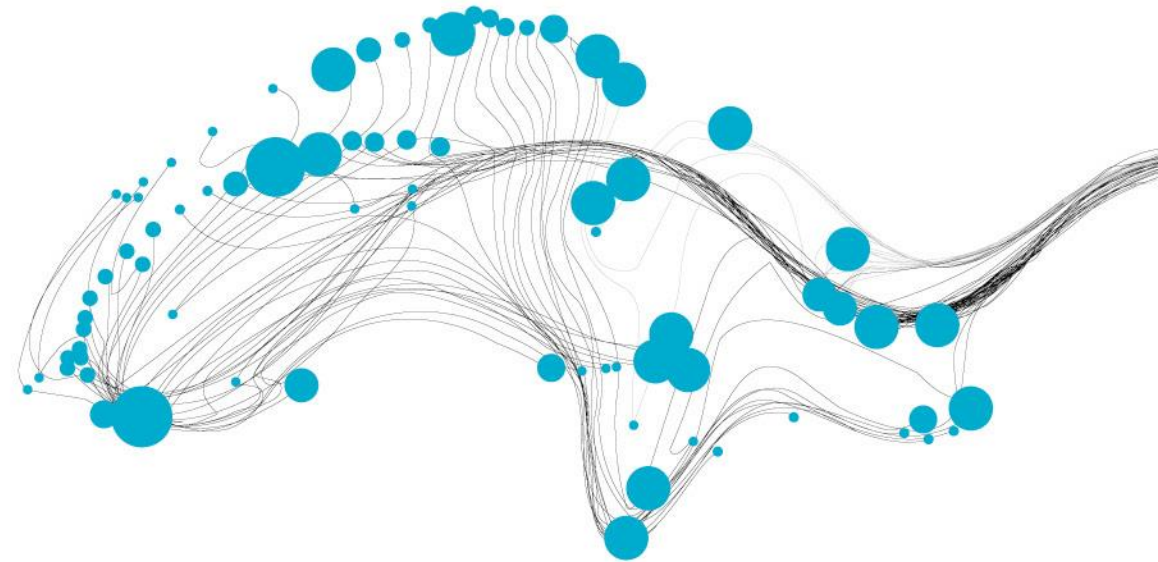


Ideas for SEDIMARE presentation:

Give introduction about sand-silt mixtures, effect of RD => filling-pores effect and hiding-exposure effect (coarser silt can enhance mobility of sand, and oppositely, fine enough silt can decrease mobility of the bed). Mention finding of Lange 2024 using the transport stage. Mention the difference between study of Lange and Staudt and Barzke

# SEDIMARE DC8

Morphodynamics of Breach Growth and Bank Erosion  
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By Siyuan Wang

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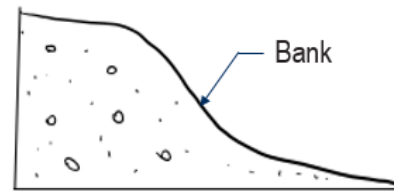
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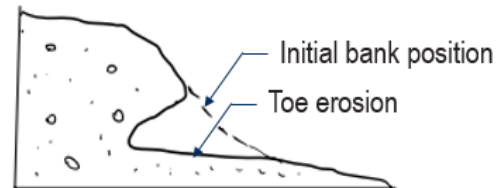
# Introduction

**Bank erosion** refers to the process of **removing material** from a bank which is the land alongside a **body of water** in geography.

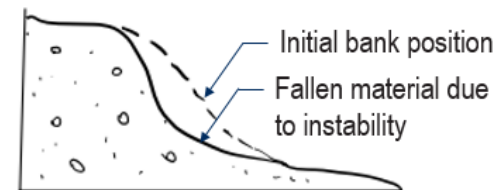
- Coastal and riverine environmen
- Two main modes
- Processes loop



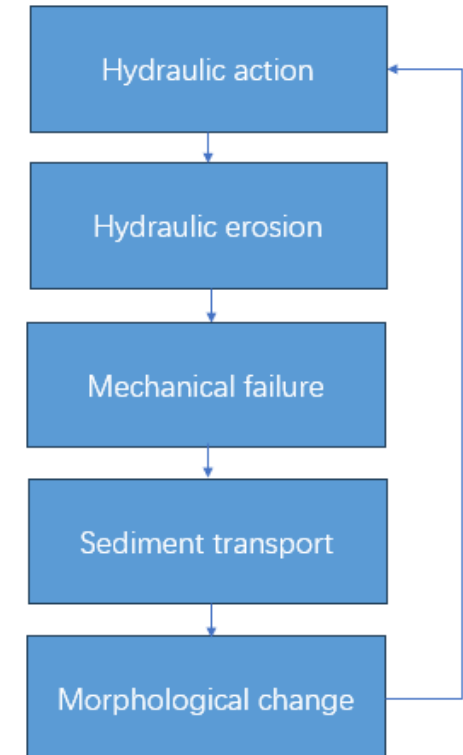
a) Initial bank position



b) Hydraulic erosion at the toe zone



c) Mechanical failure

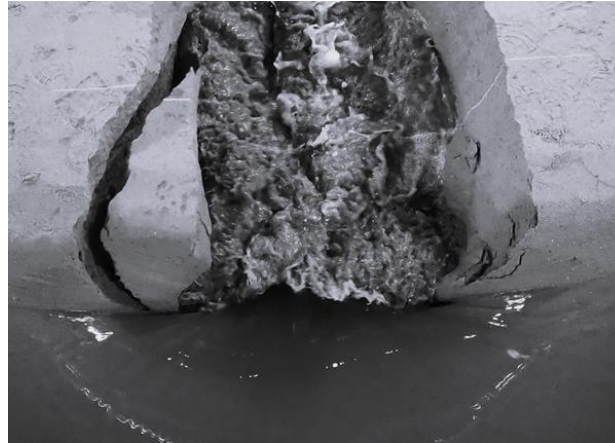




# Bank Erosion and Dam Breaching

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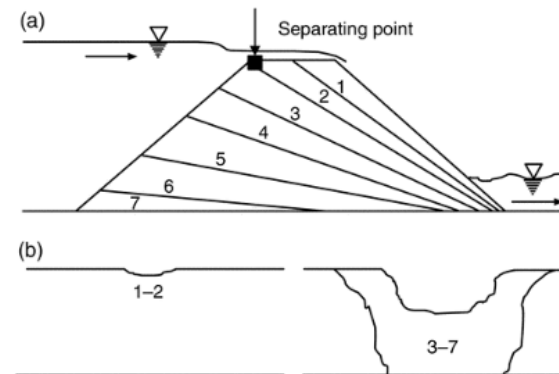
- Environment conditions
- Hydraulic forces (in coastal setting)
- Processes



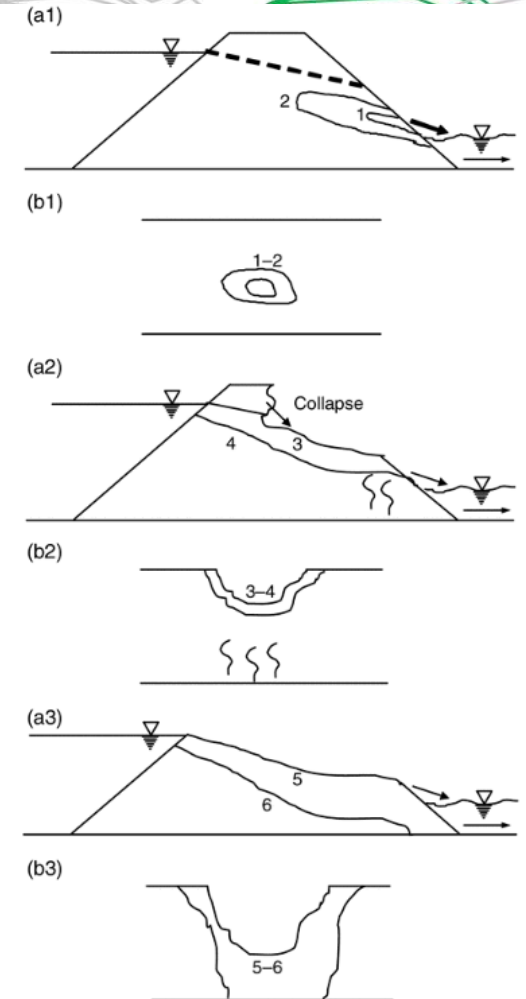
Ebrahimi, 2024

## Differences

- Initiations
- Hydraulic forces (in riverine setting)
- Processes period



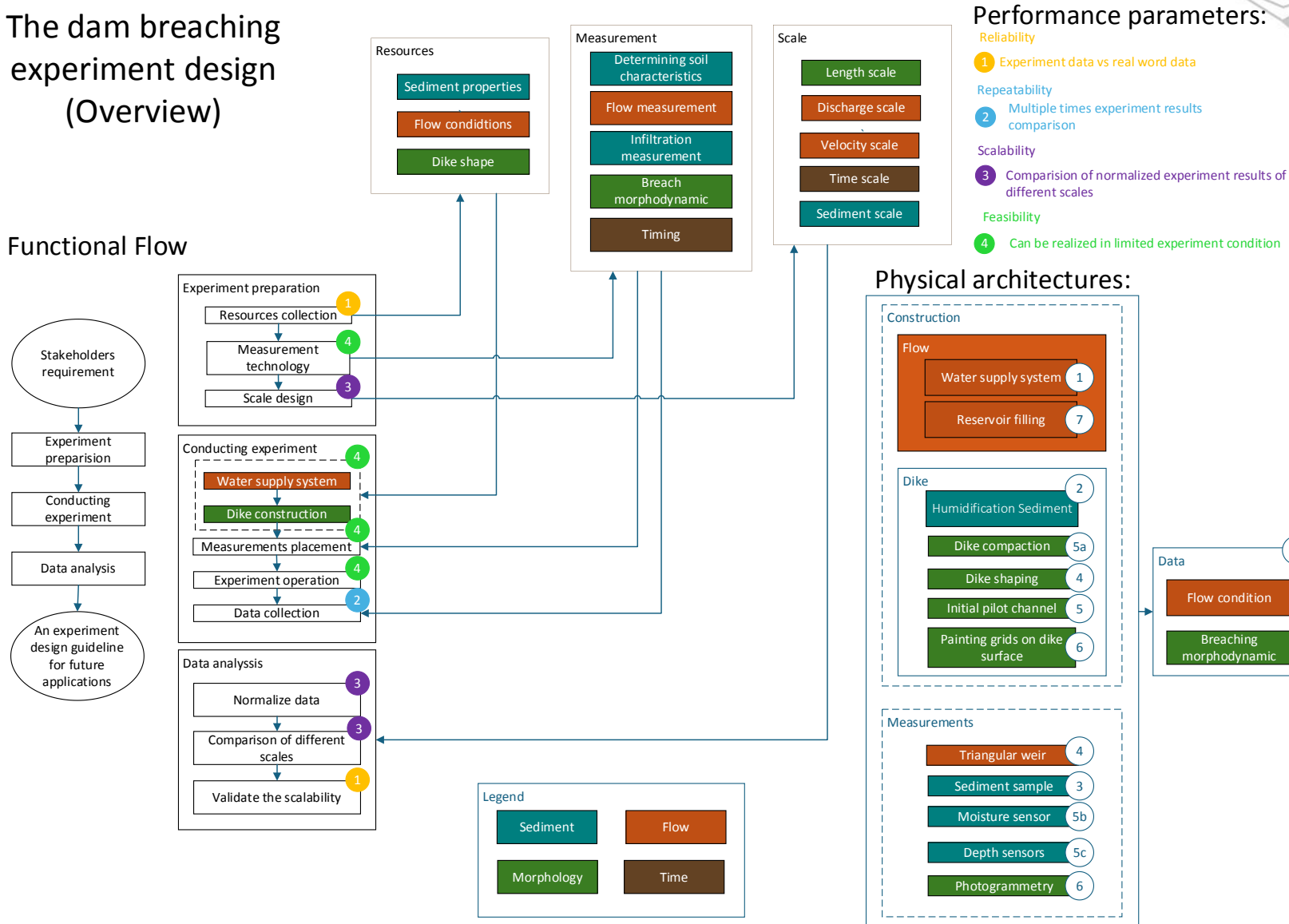
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# Dam Breaching Experiment Design

## The dam breaching experiment design (Overview)

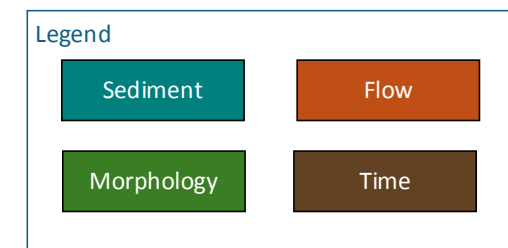
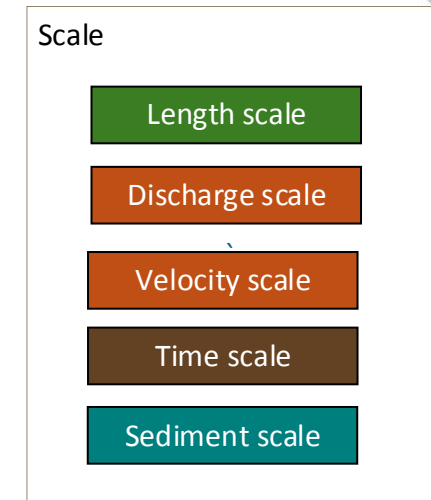
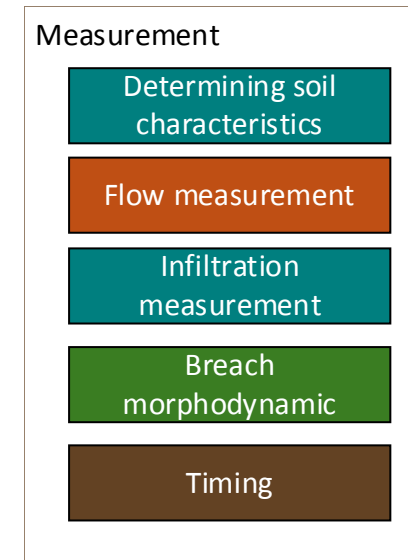
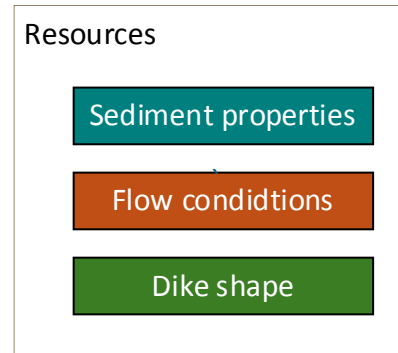
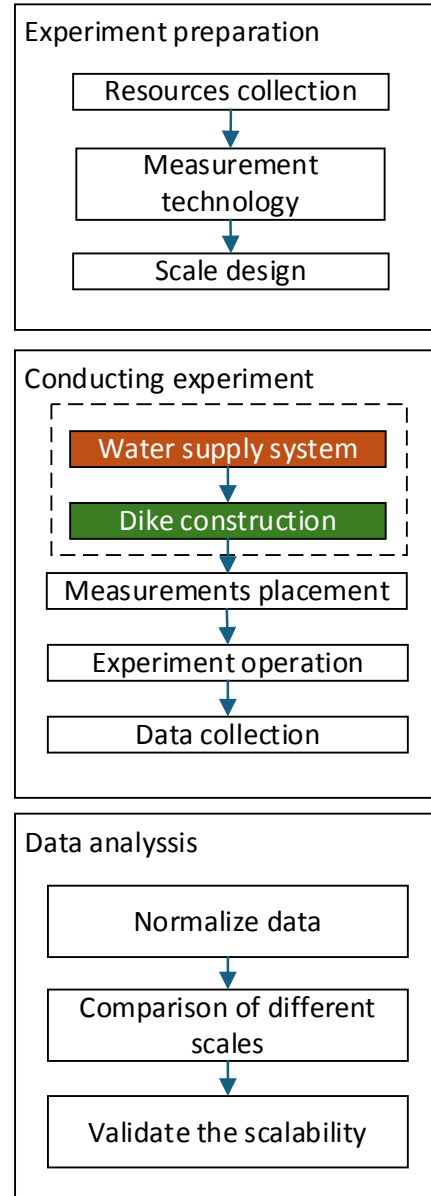
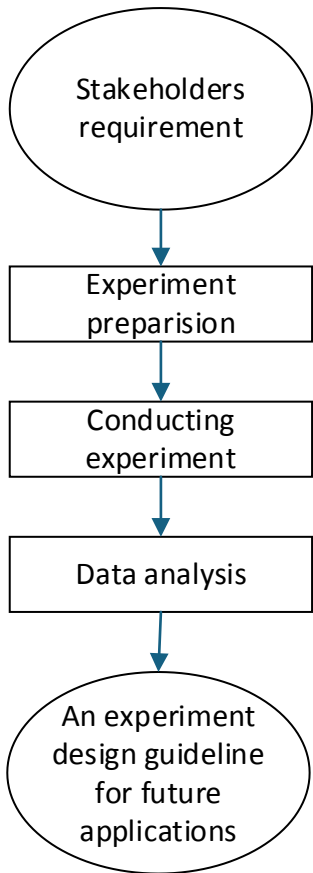
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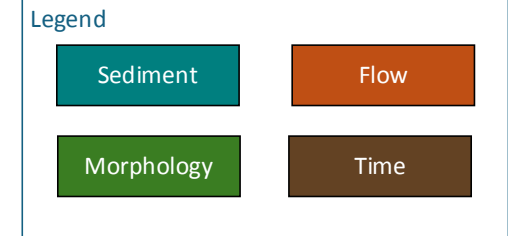
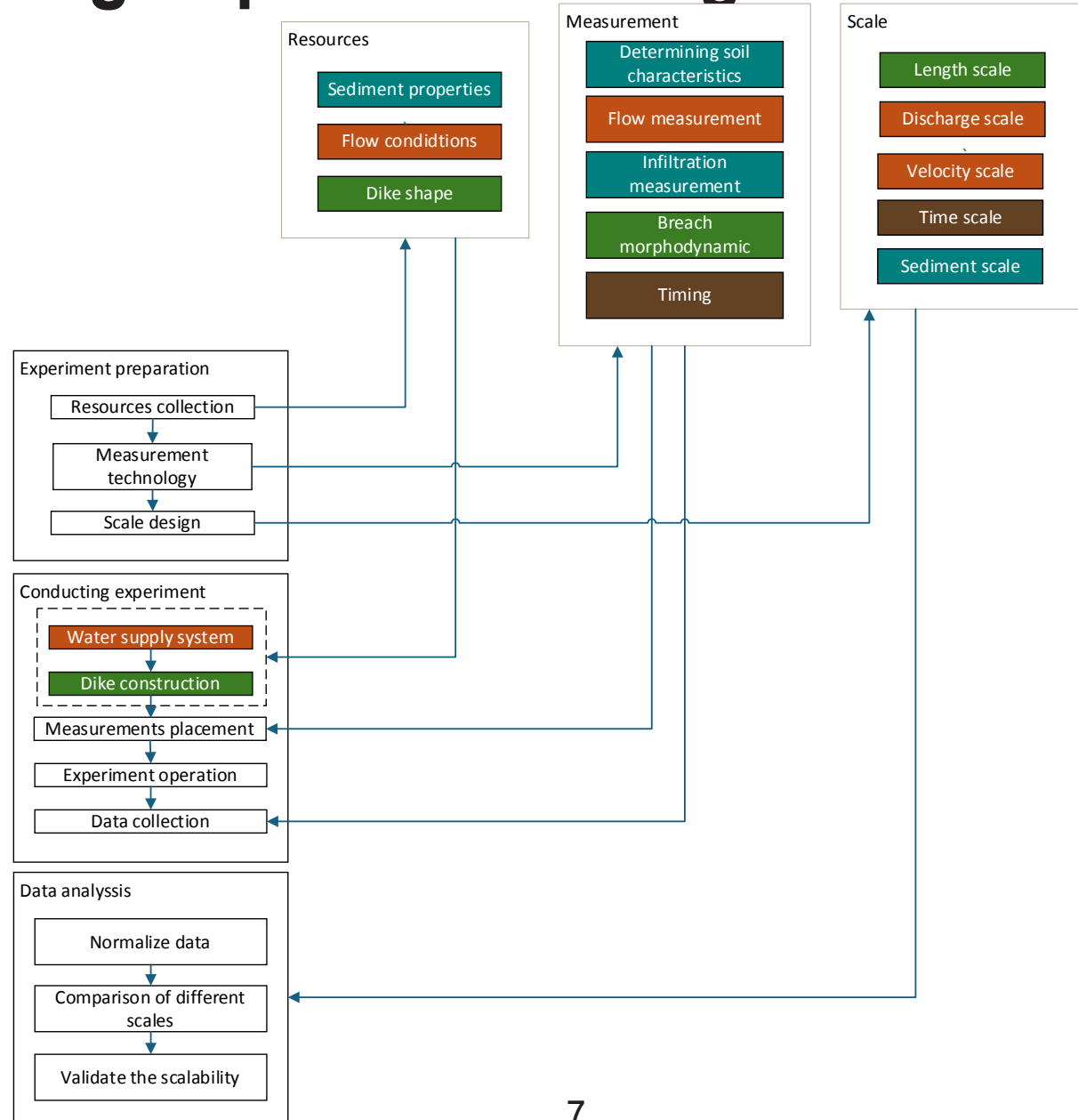
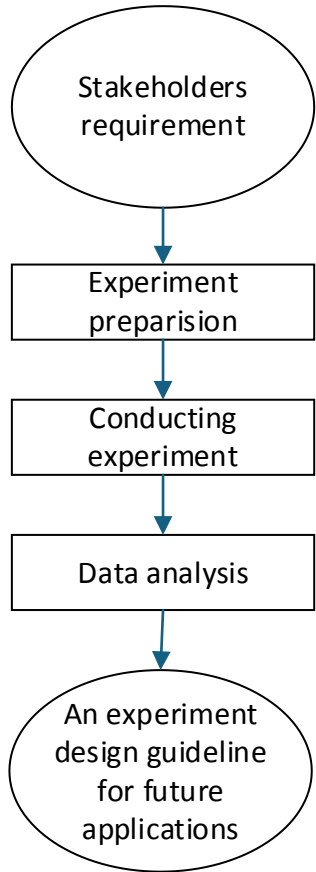
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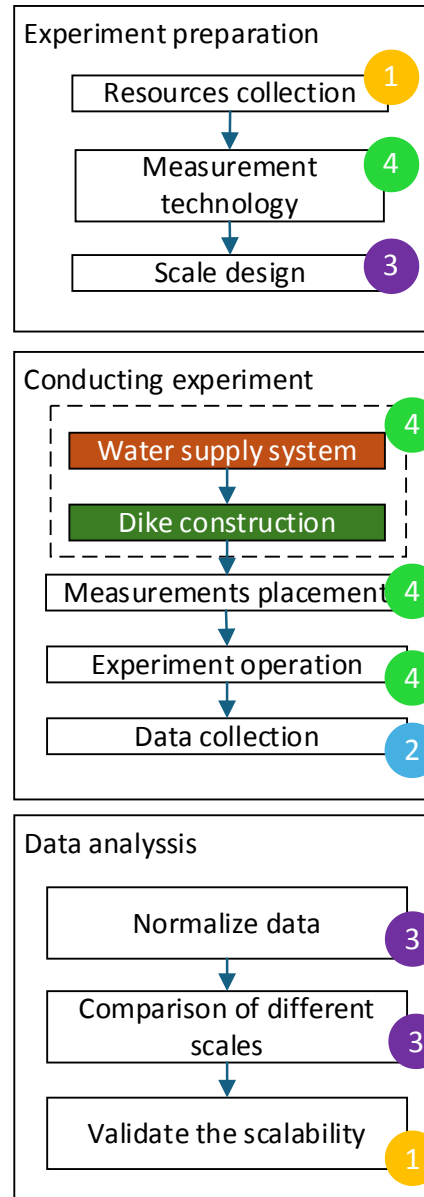
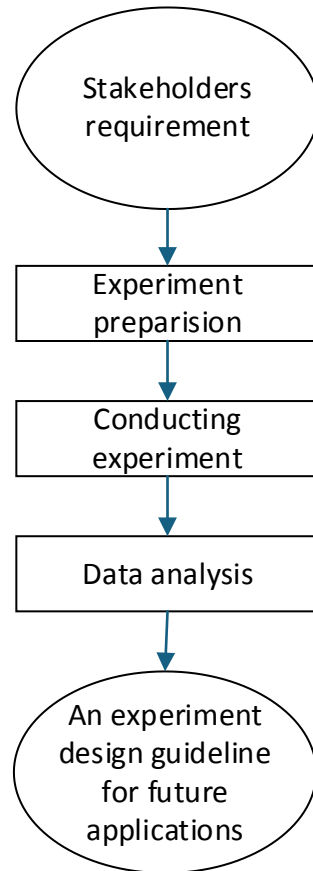
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## Performance parameters:

### Reliability

- 1 Experiment data vs real word data

### Repeatability

- 2 Multiple times experiment results comparison

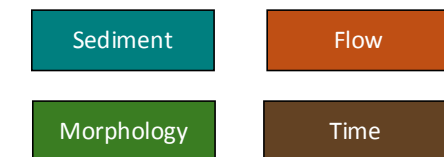
### Scalability

- 3 Comparison of normalized experiment results of different scales

### Feasibility

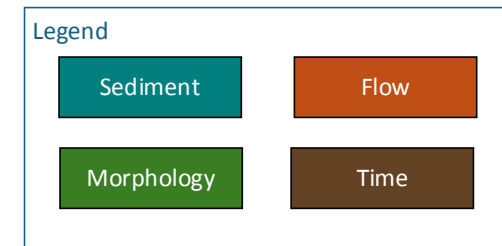
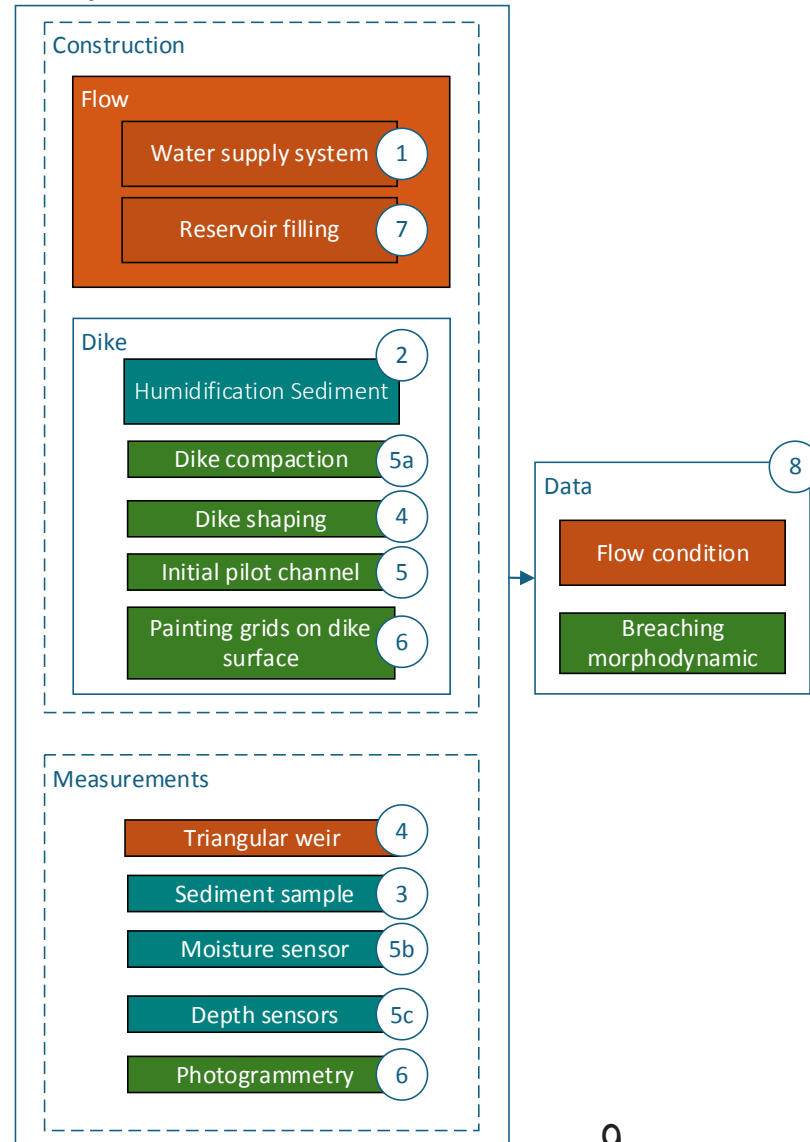
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### Legend



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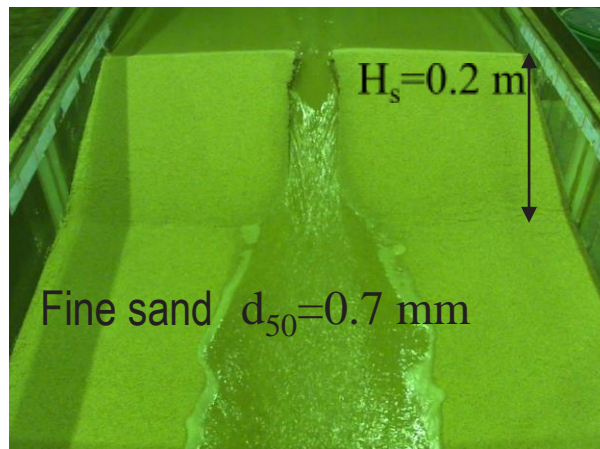
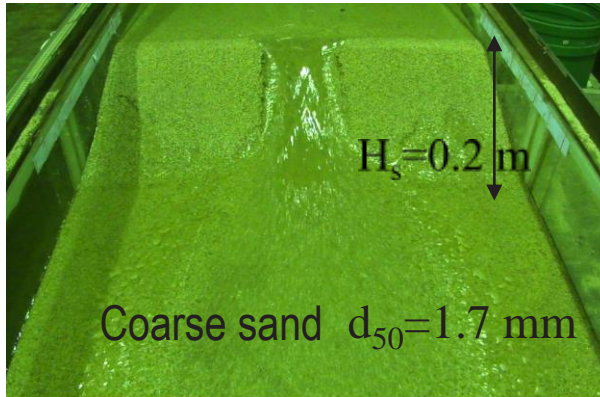




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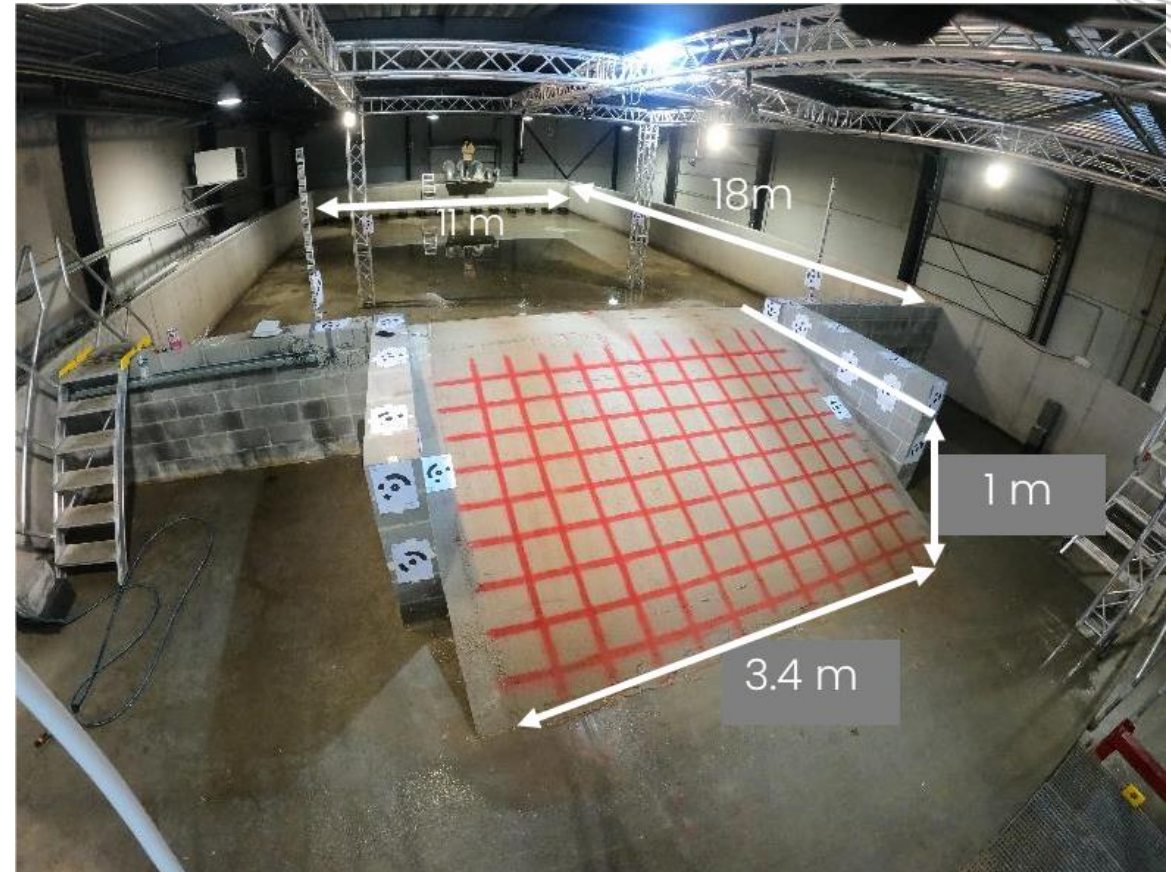
## Experiment Scales

Delpierre, 2014



Small scale

Ebrahimi, 2024



Medium scale

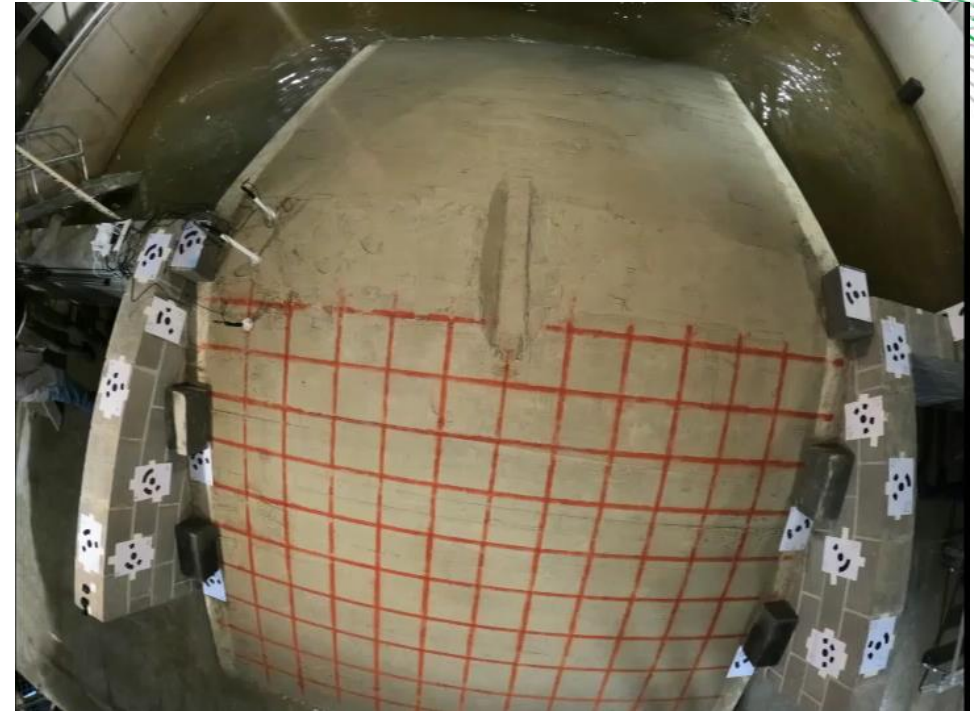
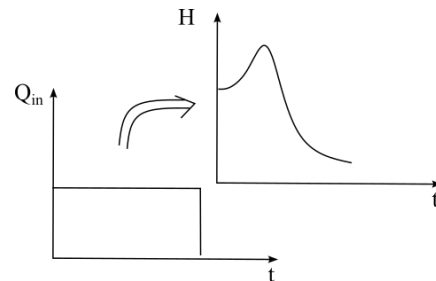


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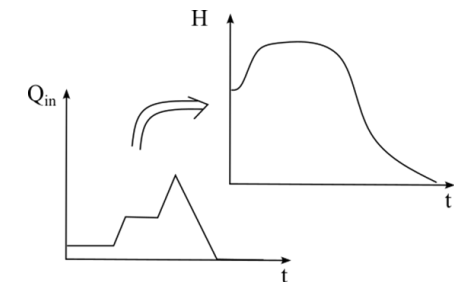
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Constant inflow



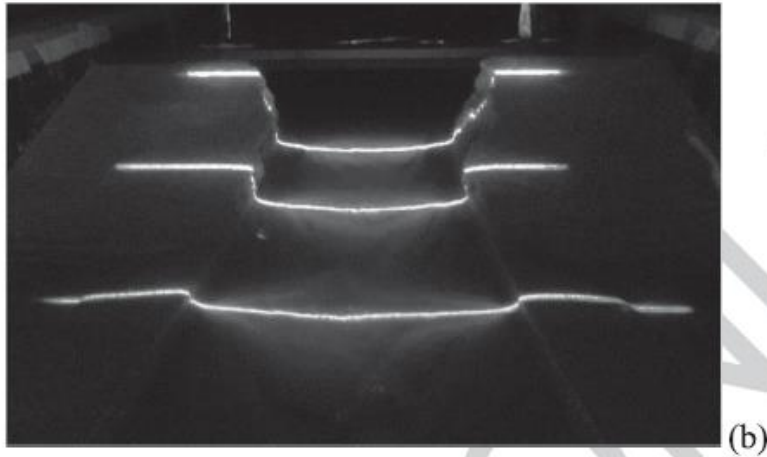
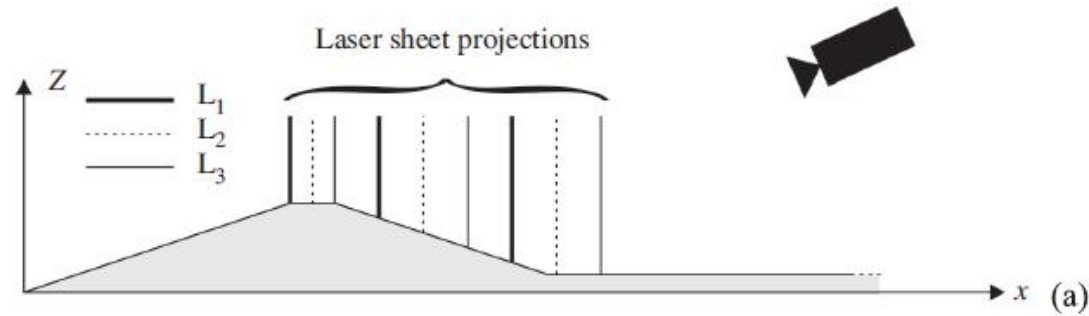
Constant water level  
Or constant inflow



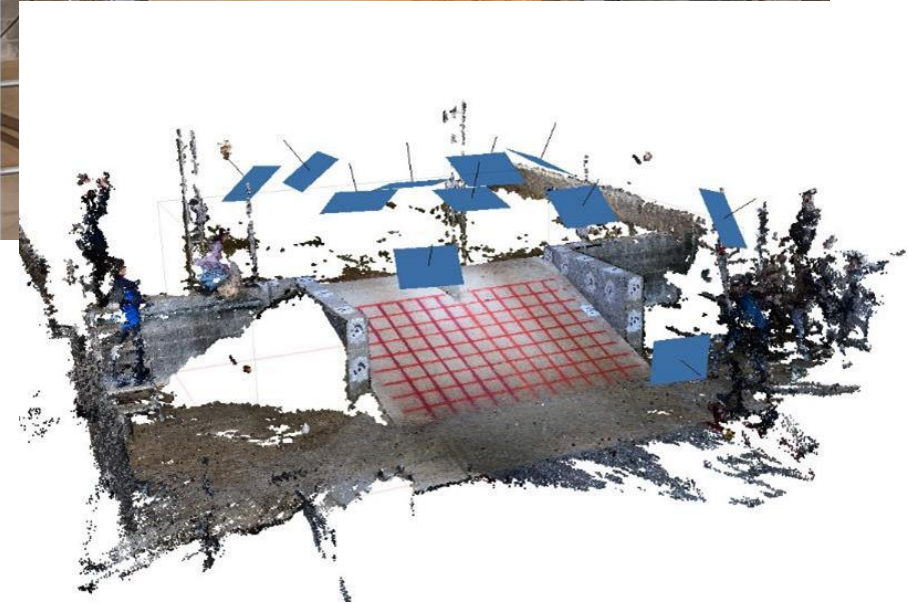


# PREVIOUS DAM BREACHING EXPERIMENTS IN UCLOUVIAN

## Measurement techniques



Laser-sheet and camera measurements



Photogrammetry







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# Characterization of stratification and near-bed dense layers in high-density sediment-laden flow

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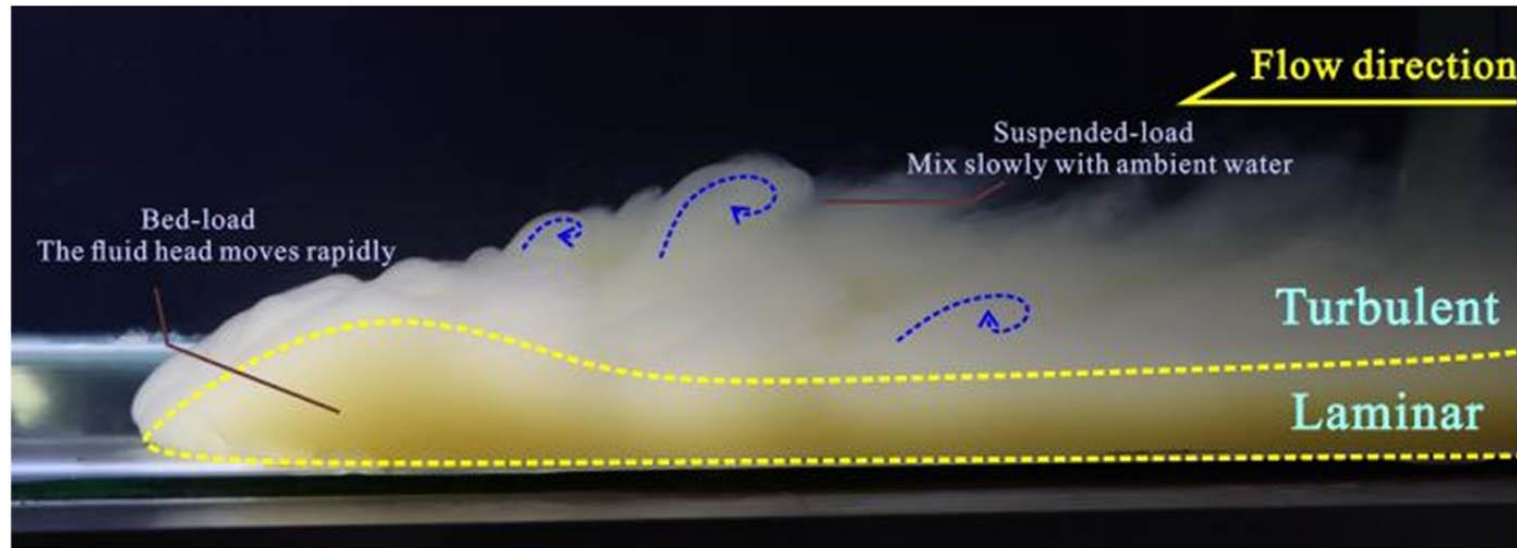
Sandra Soares

# Background and motivation

Sediment-laden flow is characterized by unsteady, highly dense sediment concentrations and vertical stratification.

High-density sediment-laden flows is common in natural systems like rivers, deltas and coastal environments, and it can be initiated by natural or anthropogenic factors in the marine environment, such as:

**Tsunamis, Earthquakes, Storms waves, Submarine Landslides, Dredging.**

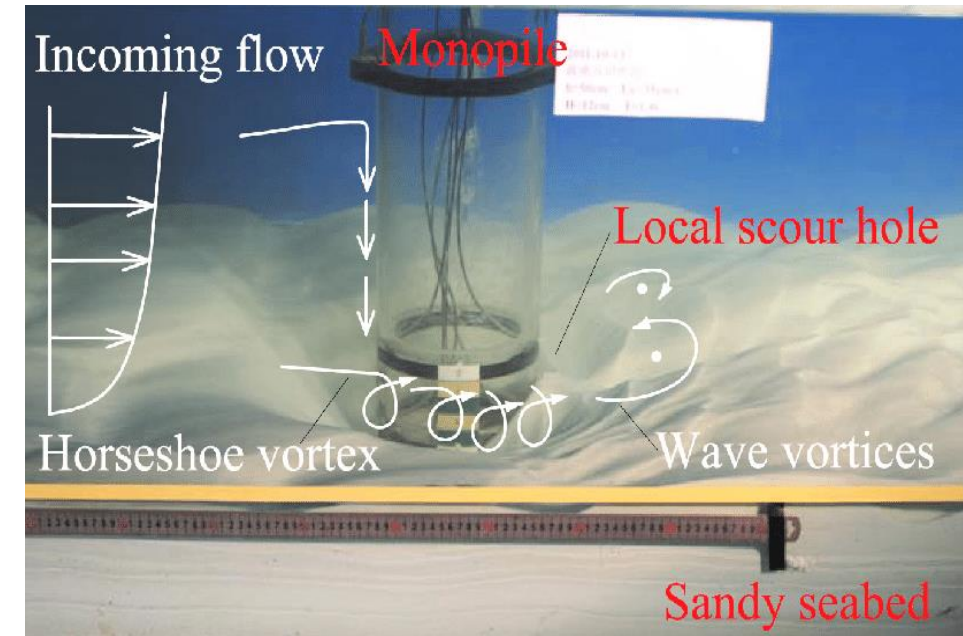




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Flow pattern involving scour around monopile. Gao, F., & Qi, W. (2022).

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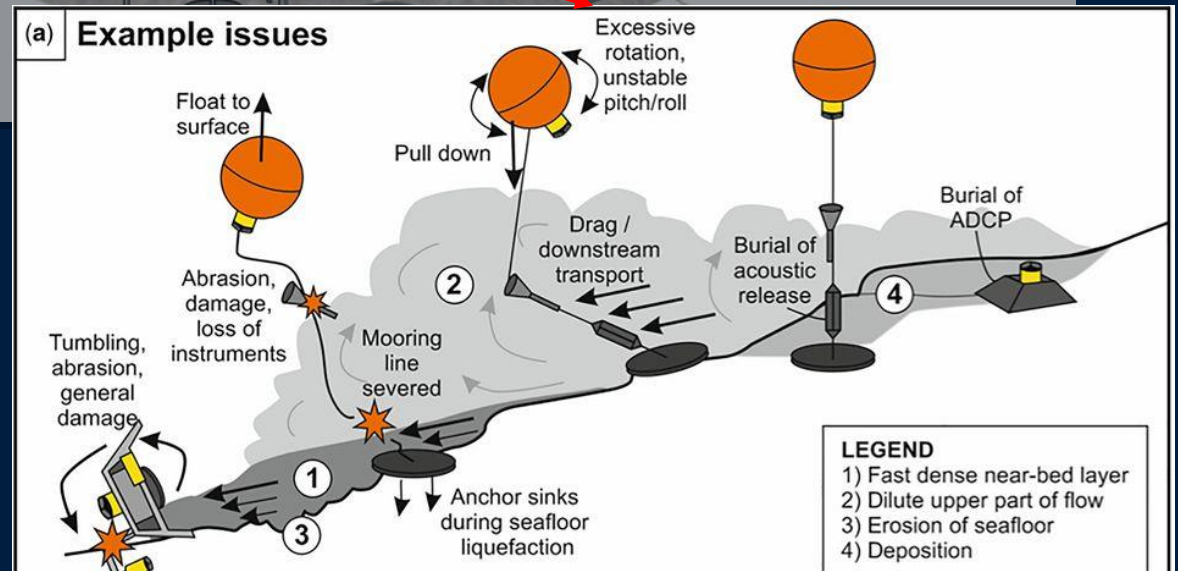
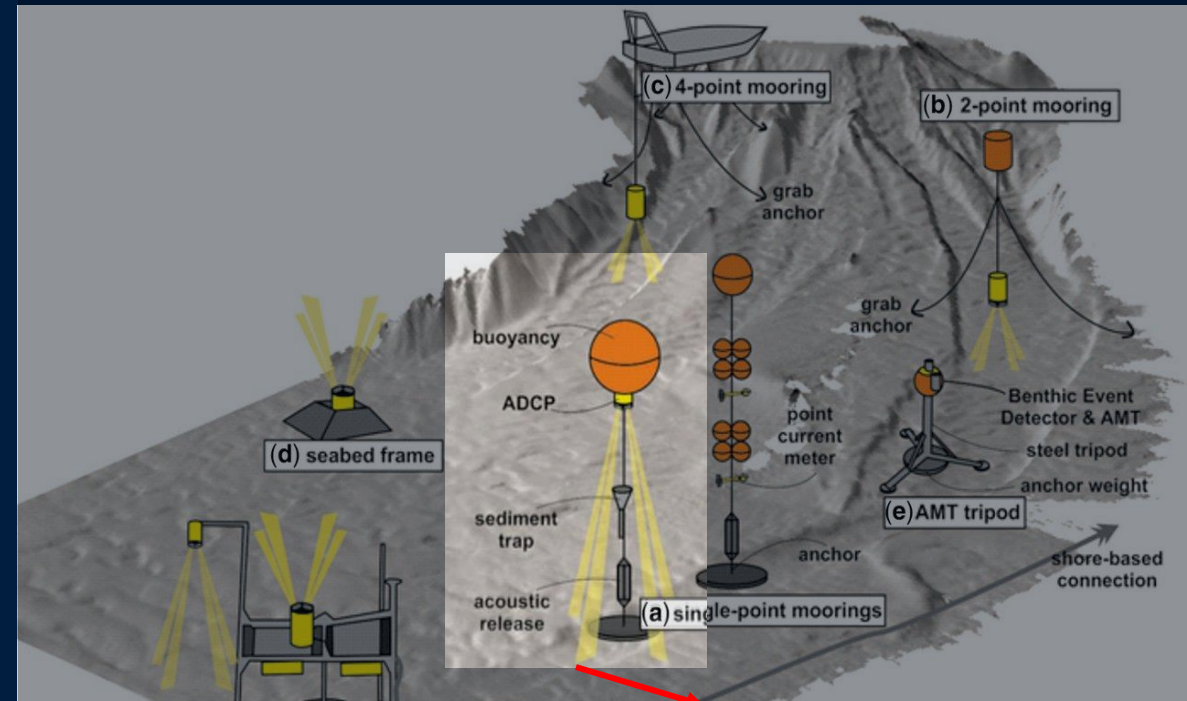


Broken cables due to the turbidity currents and submarine landslides in Kaoping Canyon subsequently two earthquakes. Hsu et al. (2008).



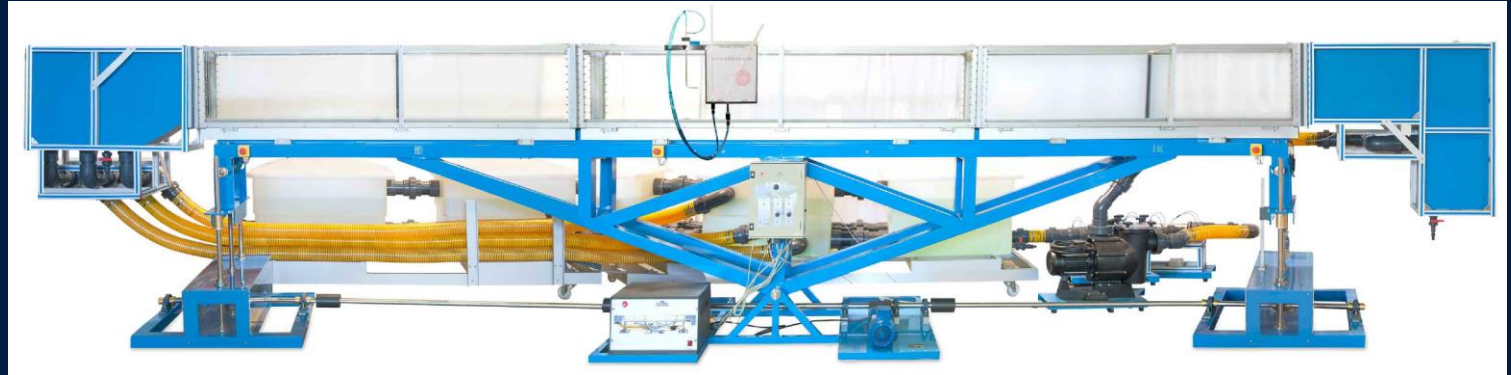
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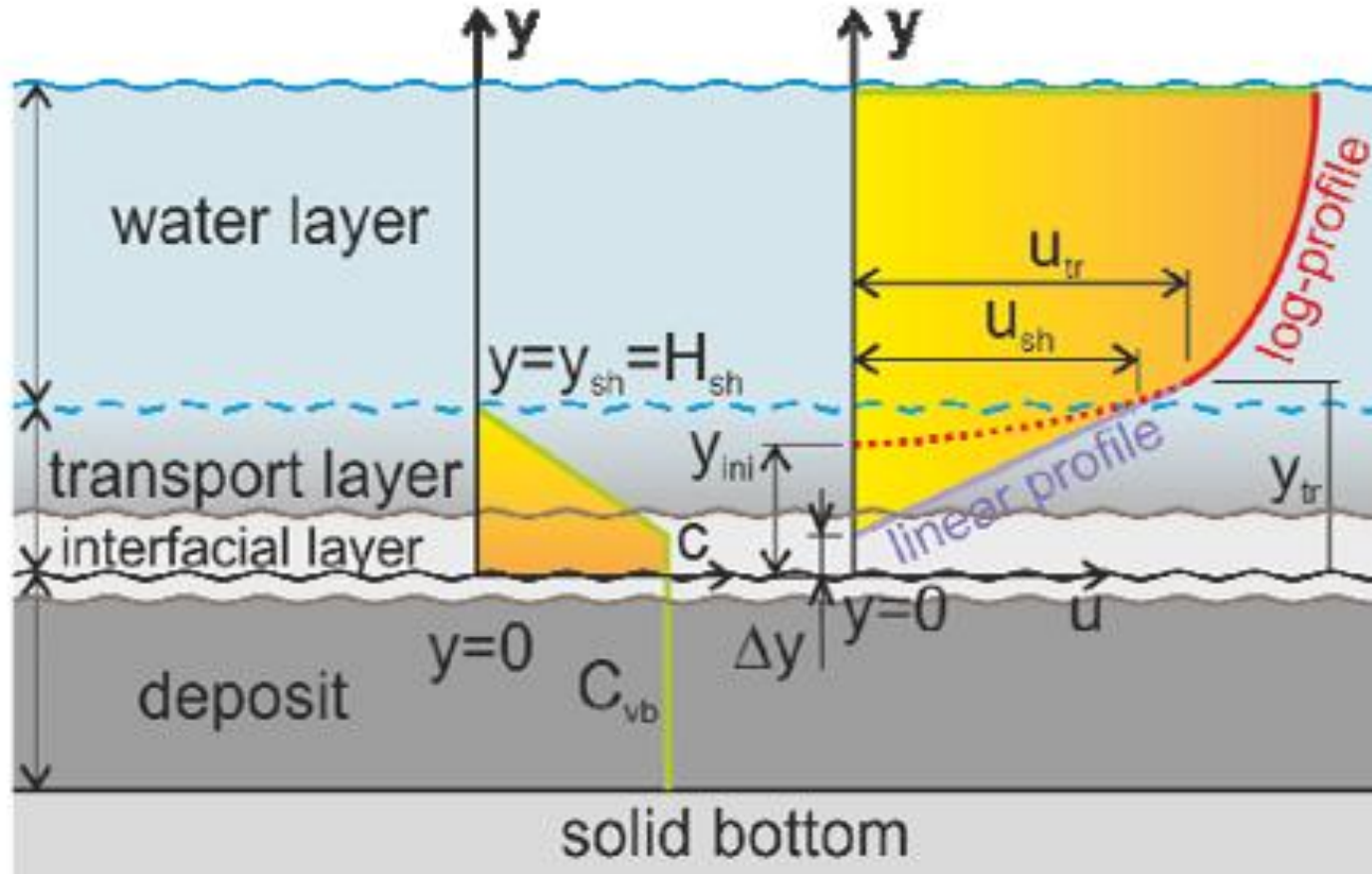
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## Matousek

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High Speed camera

Laser

UVP (4 MHz);

Prandtl tube

Ultrasonic water level

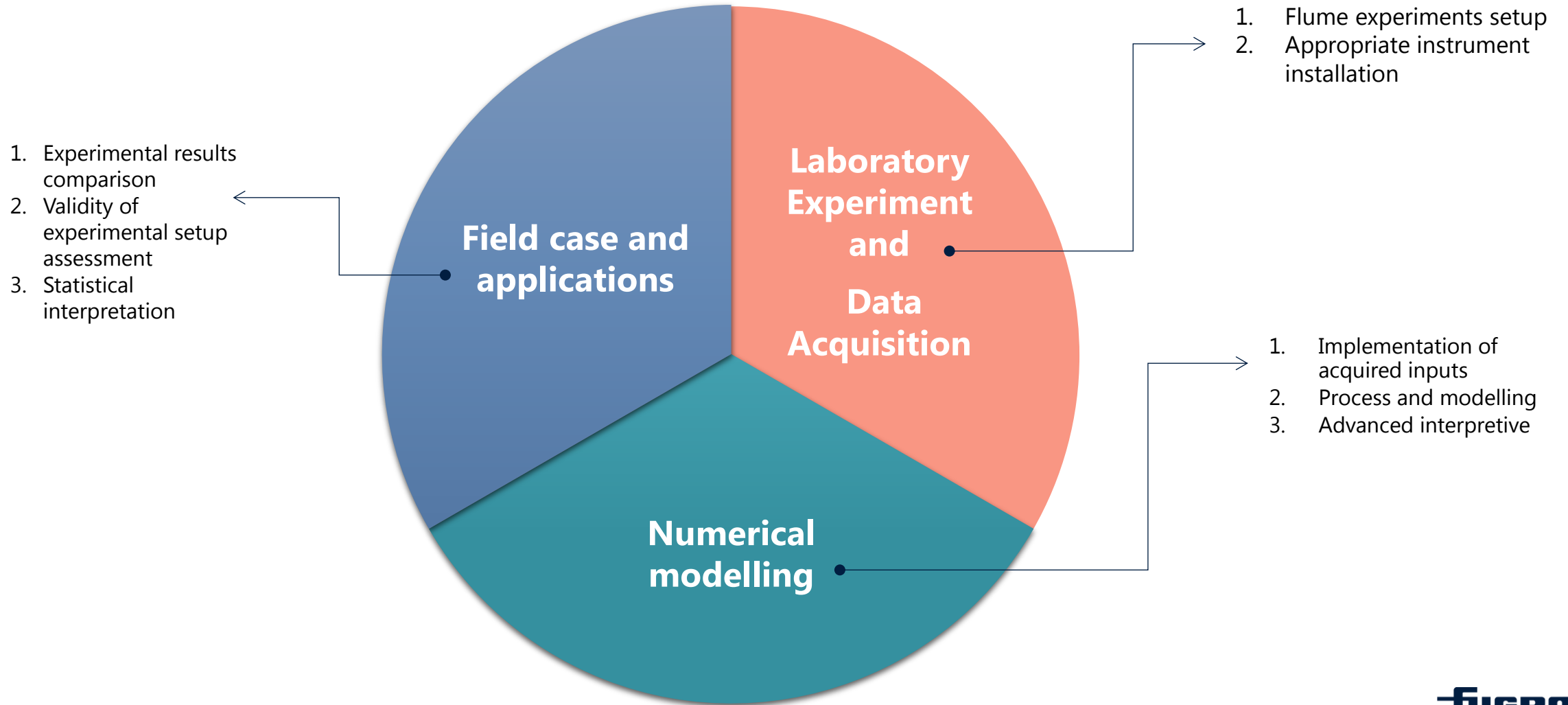
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# Objectives

1. Propose a **multi-layer shallow-water modelling** framework, and propose **practical parametrizations of inter-layer exchange processes** that may capture the behaviour of dense near-bed layers;
2. **Calibrate** these relations with well-controlled **small-scale laboratory experiments**
3. **Confront** the results with **documented case studies** or direct **field-scale observations**

# Three-tier approach



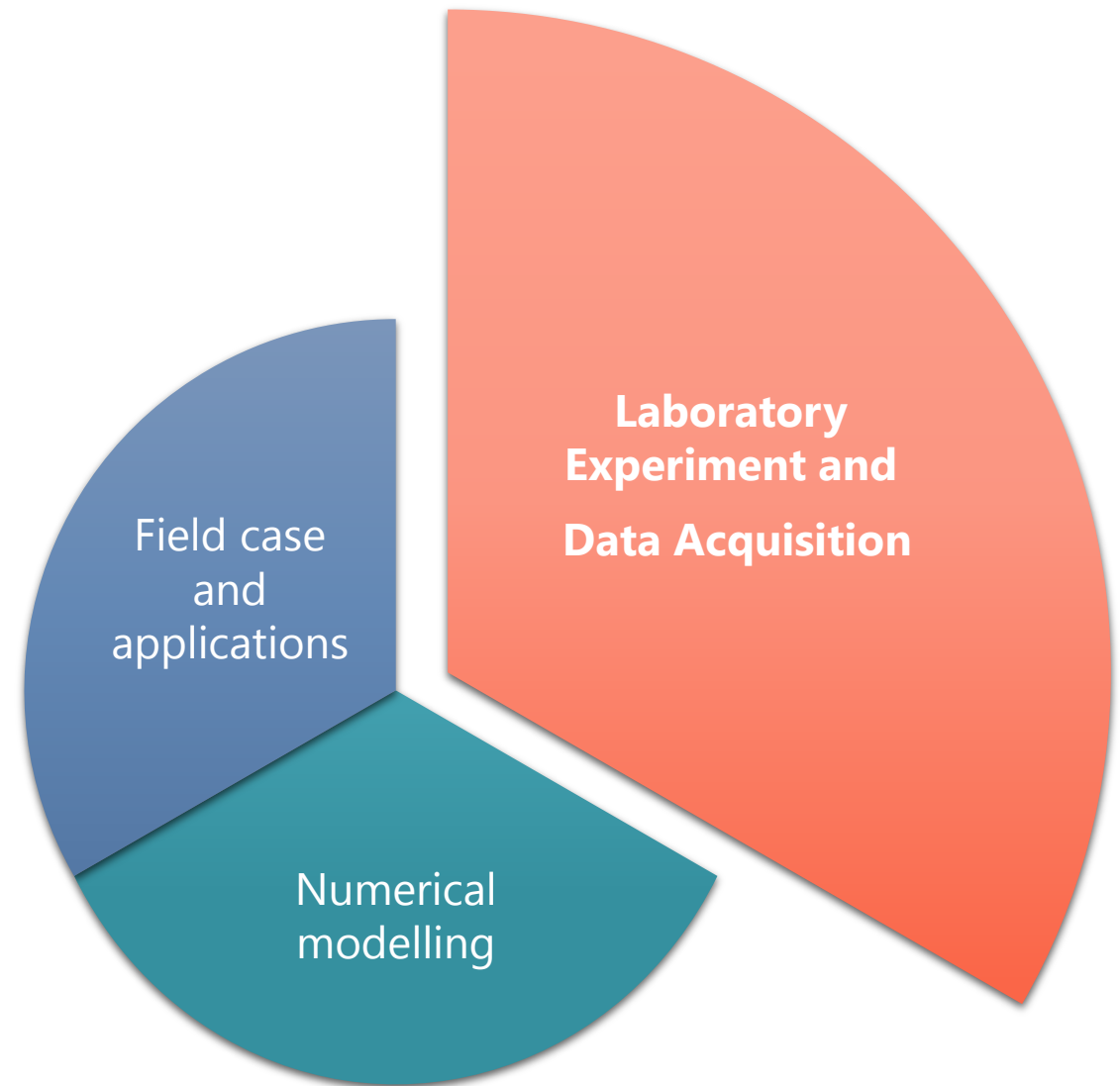
# Three-tier approach

## **Setup 1:** "Submerged Granular Column Collapse" experiments at UCL

- Experimental setup readily available
- Detailed measurements of sediment velocities in transport layer

## **Setup 2:** "modular tilting / adverse slope flume " at Fugro or UCLouvain

- Configuration 1: rapid tilting of flume with a sediment layer initially at rest:
- Configuration 2: steady liquid-granular flow on adverse slope (water goes up, sediment goes down)





# Thorpe Flume

## Channel

- Length - 1830 mm
- Width – 100 mm
- Height – 30 mm
- Glass walls

## Flume

- Tilting using Electric Jack
- Tilting angle – 4.13 in 0.45 s

**Duponcheel et al. 2017**



# Modifications Thorpe flume

## New Channel

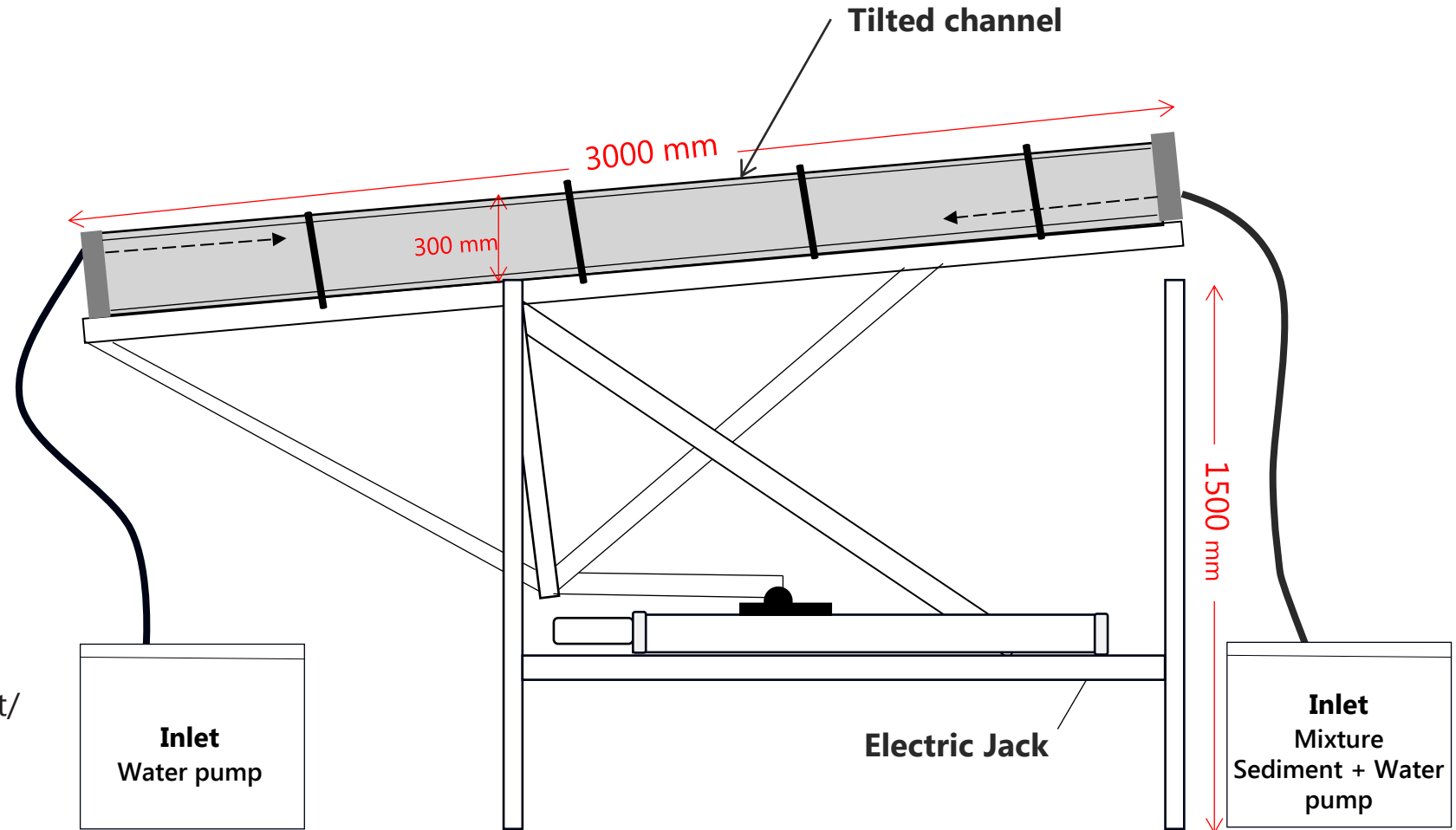
- Length - 3000 mm
- Width – 100 mm
- Height – 300 mm
- Transparent Plexiglas sidewalls

## Tilting

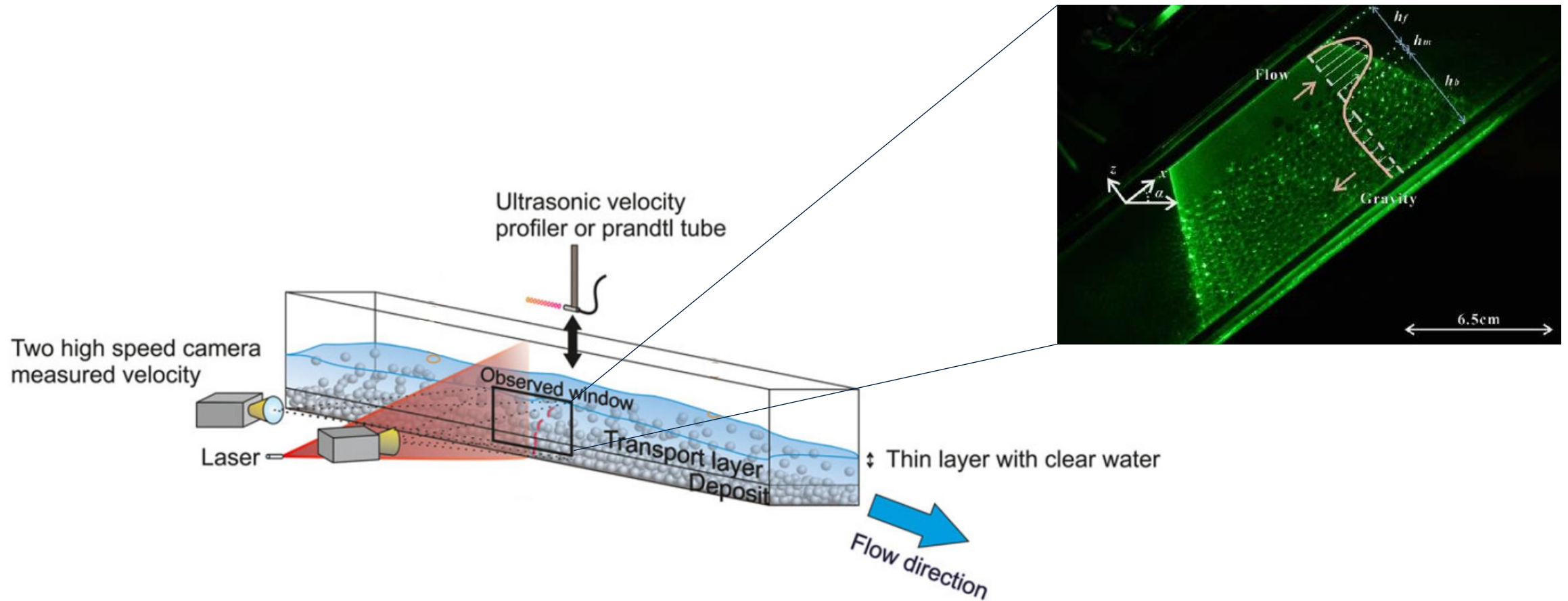
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- + 20 °

## Sediments Type

- Natural sediment (fine sediment – silt/ clay )
- Plastic grains (3 – 4 mm)



# Measuring Procedures





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Introduction

Comparing  
and  
Selecting  
Data

Shallow  
water  
Solver

CFD Module

Conclusion

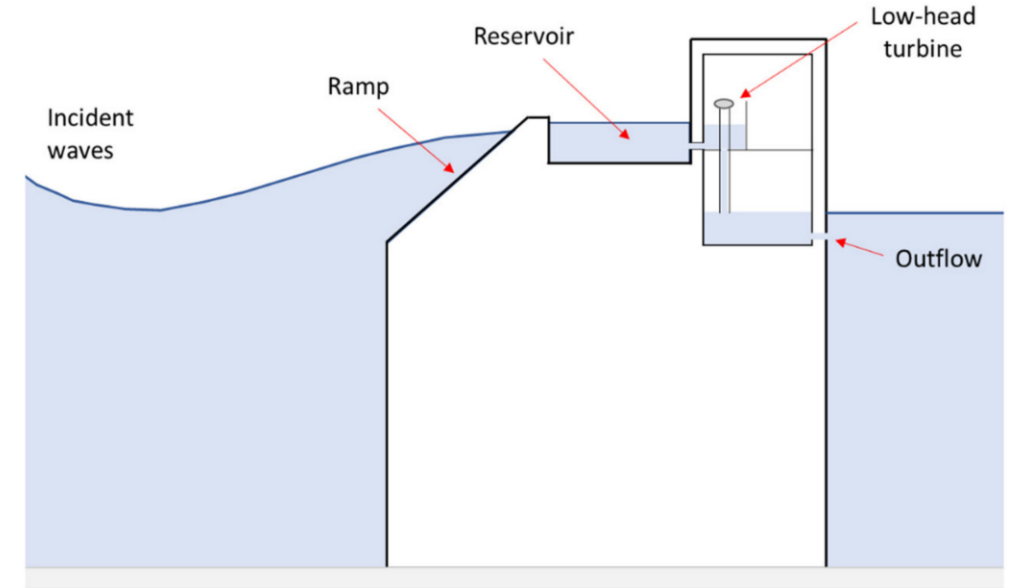


- Advantages that characterize Wave energy:

- ☐ The high energy density.
- ☐ The easy prediction of the wave characteristics.
- ☐ The reduced energy loss

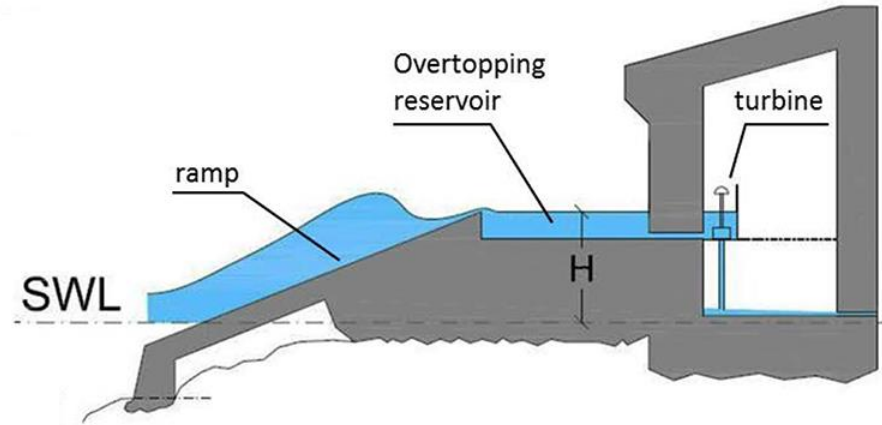
- Drawbacks:

- ☐ The high variability of the wave characteristic.
- ☐ WECs are exposed to large environmental forces.
- ☐ High production costs compared.



Scheme of the OTD integrated into a vertical caisson breakwater

## • OBREC



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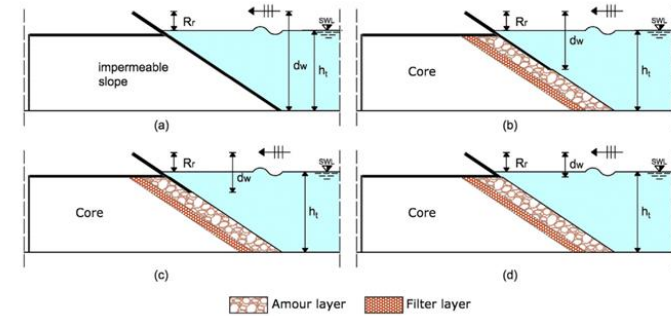


Fig. 3. OBREC configurations analyzed in the present experimental campaign: a)  $d_w = 0.274$  m ( $d_w^* = 1.0$ ); b)  $d_w = 0.166$  m ( $d_w^* = 0.6$ ); c)  $d_w = 0.113$  m ( $d_w^* = 0.4$ ); d)  $d_w = 0.064$  m ( $d_w^* = 0.2$ ).  $R_r$  indicates the crest free-board and  $h_i$  indicates the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

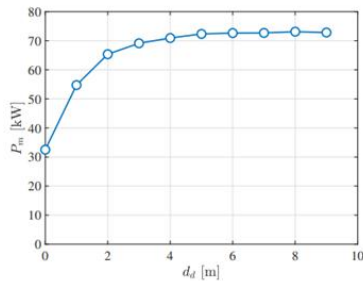


Figure 9. Yearly average output power versus the variation of  $d_d$  ( $N = 50$ ,  $R_r = 2.5$  m and  $h_s = 2$  m).

- CONCRETE
- ARMOUR LAYER (D= 2,695 m ARTIFICIAL ROCKS - OUTSIDE, D/2= 1,3475 m ARTIFICIAL ROCKS - INSIDE, W=5,87 tn)
- 1st UNDERLAYER (D= 1,25 m, W= 0,587 tn)
- 2nd UNDERLAYER (D= 0,46 m, W= 0,029 tn)
- CORE (W= 0,0015 tn)
- SAND LAYER

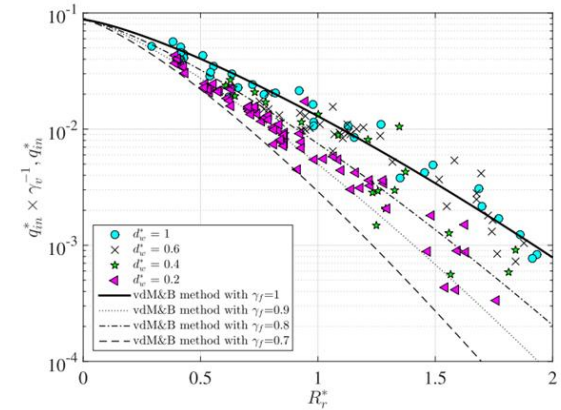
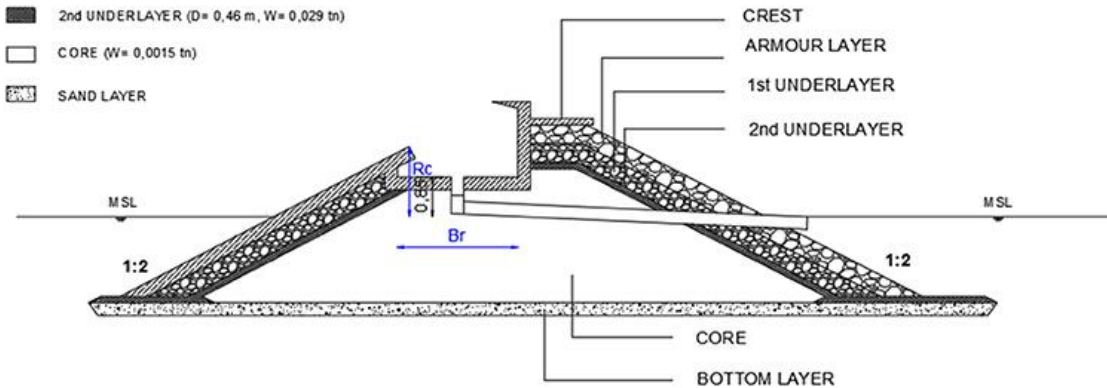
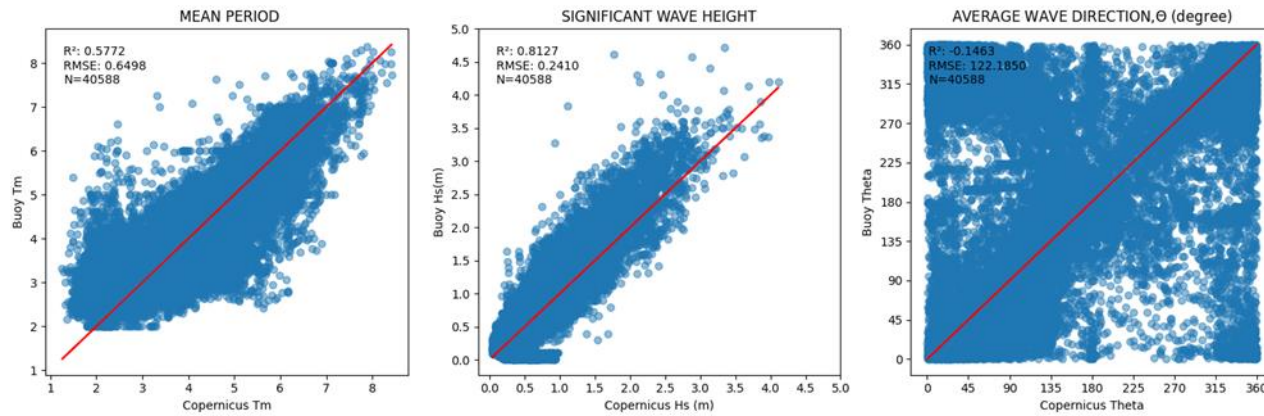
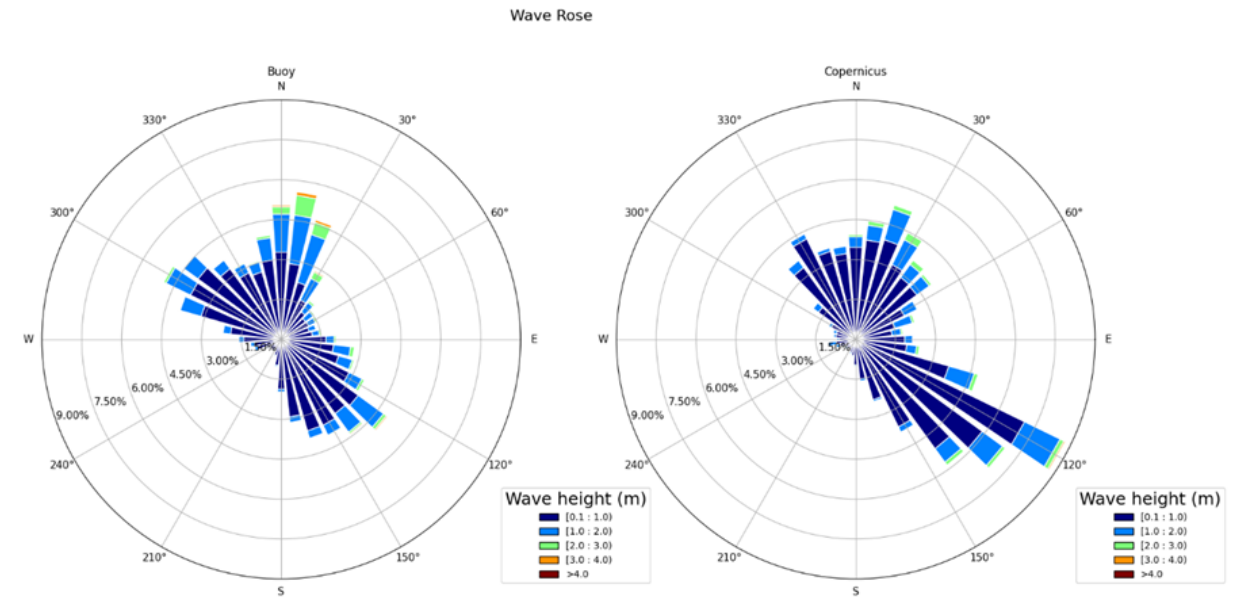
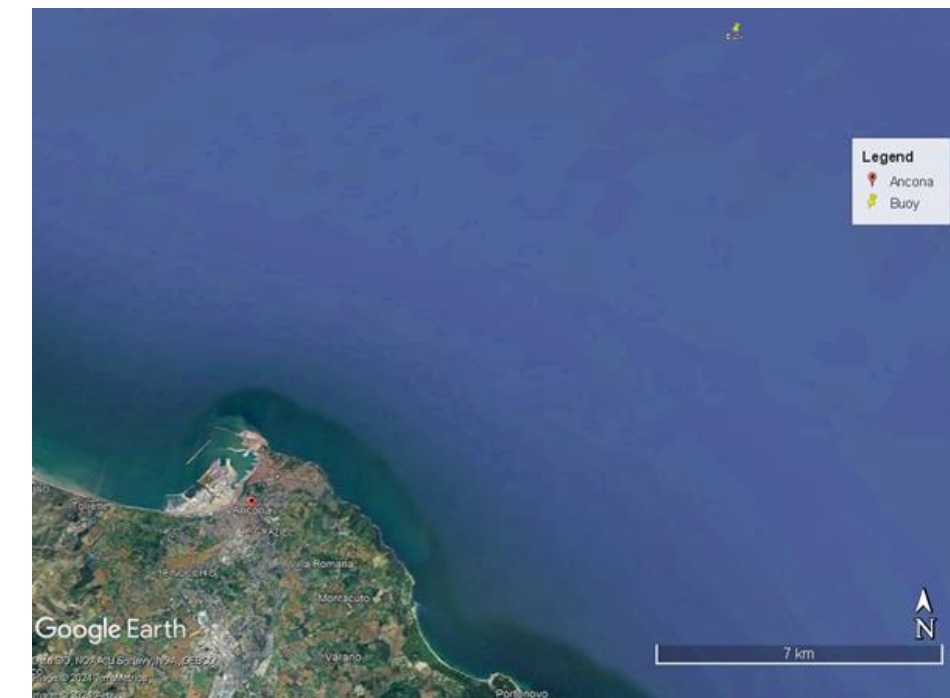


Fig. 8. Comparison of the average wave overtopping rates measured for all configurations tested in the present tests and those estimated by the prediction method of van der Meer and Bruce (2013) adopting four different values of  $\gamma_f$ . The experimental data were corrected using the coefficient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



Comparison of wave parameters from buoy and Copernicus.

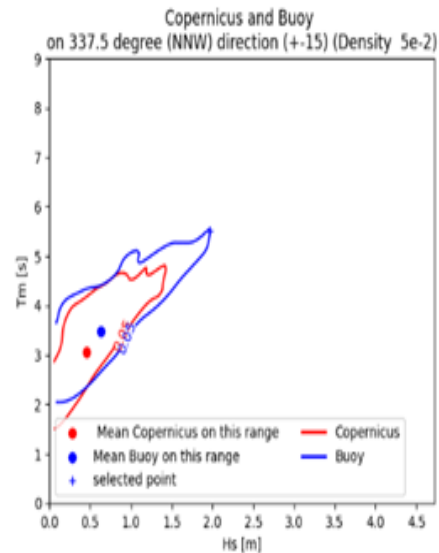
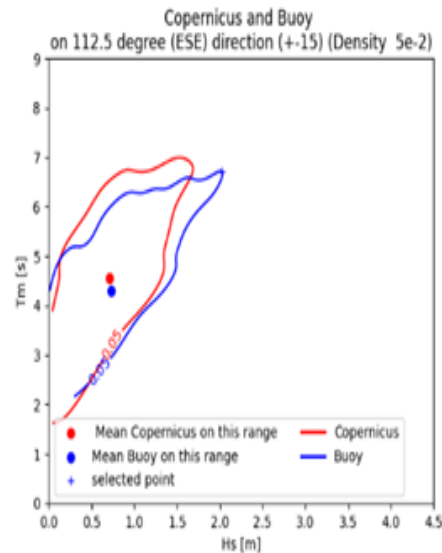
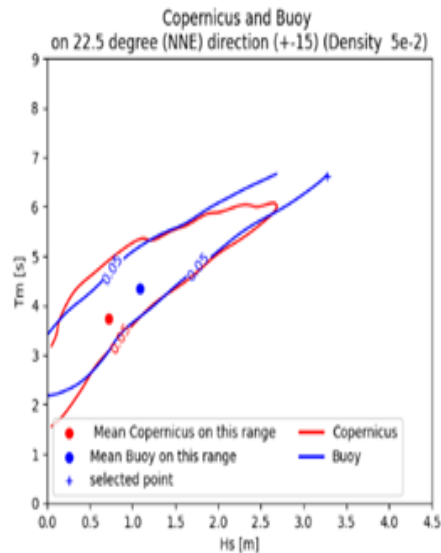
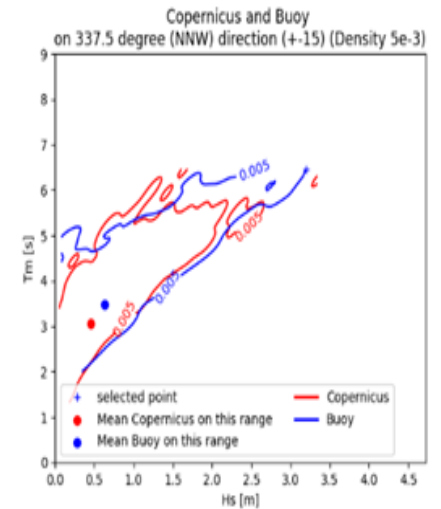
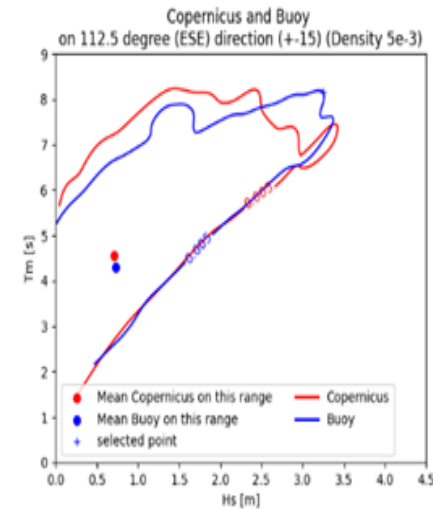
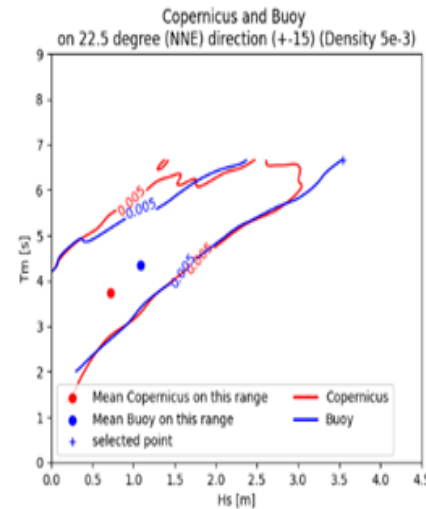


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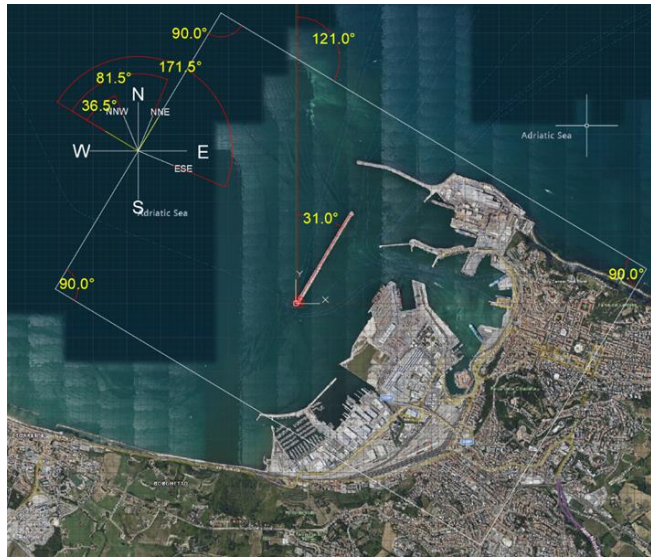


- ❑ min, max and average wave Heights based on 10-year average.
- ❑ Extreme Wave Conditions (EWC), with a 100-year return period, and Average Wave Conditions (AWC).
- ❑ Joint density functions.

Bivariate density contour lines of  $T_m$  and  $H_s$   
corresponding to  $p = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$



Bivariate density contour lines of  $T_m$  and  $H_s$   
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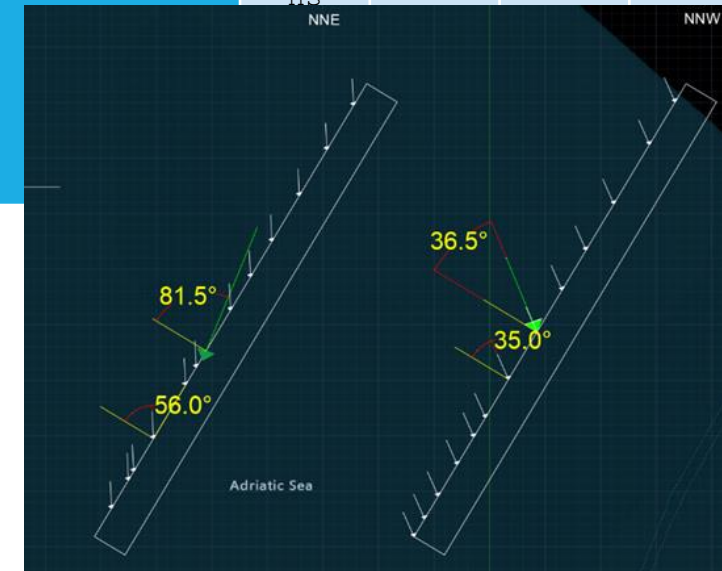
Inclination due to the boundary.

- ☐ Phase-averaged (ROMS-SWAN)
- ☐ Analytical model (Goda 2011)

			NNE	ESE	NNW
Mean	Hs (m)		1.09		0.63
	Tm (s)		4.35		3.49
	$\alpha$ (Respect to the North) [°]		22.5		337.5
	$\alpha p0$ (Respect to orthogonal line to boundary of the numerical domain) [°]		81.50		36.50
Density 0.05	Hs (m)		3.28		1.97
	Tm (s)		6.62		5.52
	$\alpha$ (Respect to the North) [°]		22.5		337.5
	$\alpha p0$ (Respect to orthogonal line to boundary of the numerical domain) [°]		81.50		36.50
Density 0.005	Hs (m)		3.54		3.2
	Tm (s)		6.67		6.46
	$\alpha$ (Respect to the North) [°]		22.5		337.5
	$\alpha p0$ (Respect to orthogonal line to boundary of the numerical domain) [°]		81.50		36.50

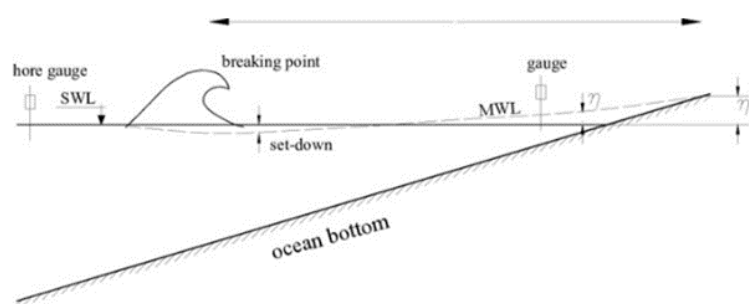
Wave characteristics at the Buoy location.

			NNE	ESE	NNW
Mean	Hs (m)		0.90		0.59
	Tp (s)		5.13		4.12
	$\alpha p, h1$ [°]		56.00		35.00
Density 0.05	Hs (m)		2.53		1.67
	Tp (s)		7.81		6.51
	$\alpha p, h1$ [°]		35.00		27.00
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Transformation and Deformation of Sea Waves.

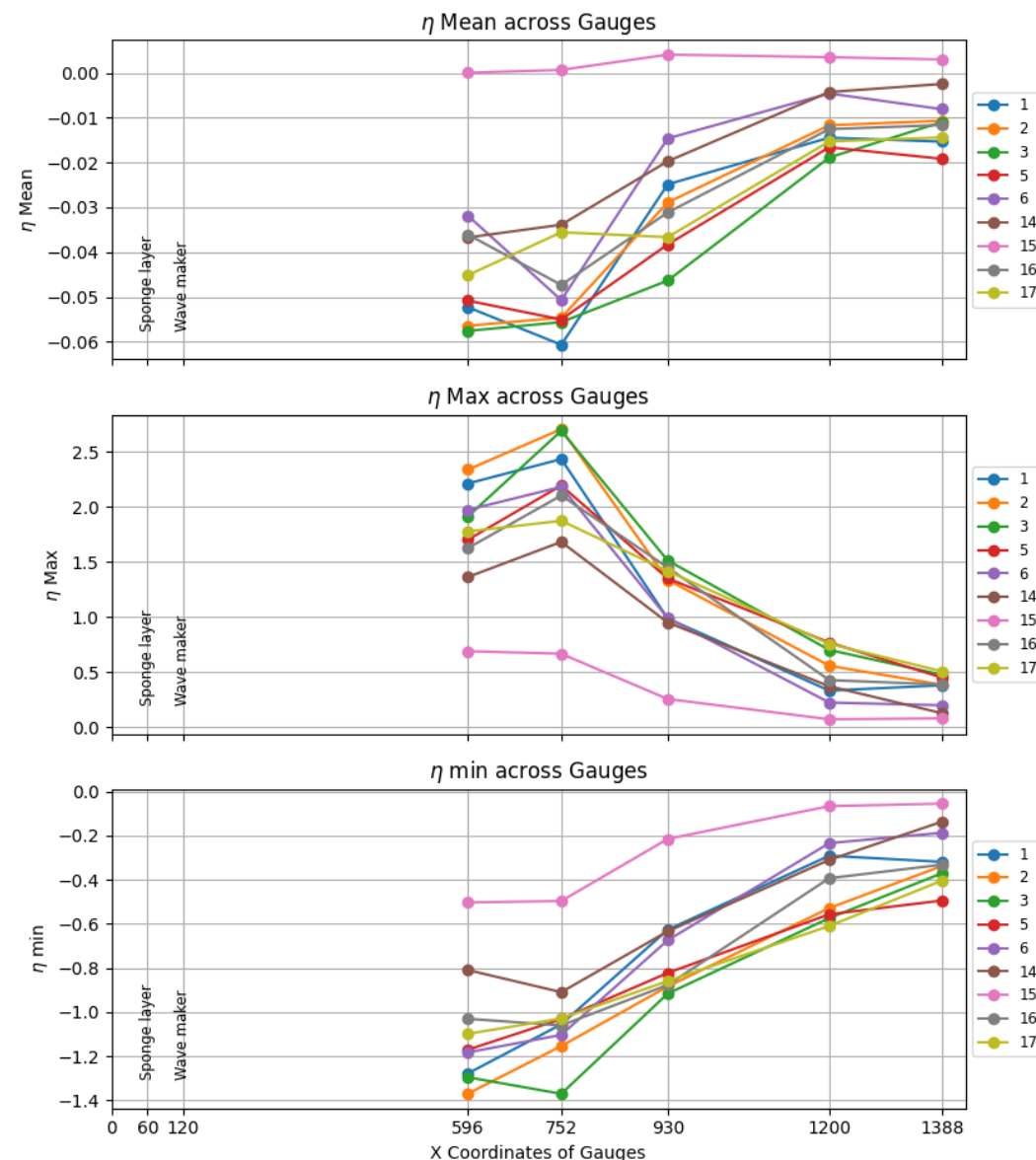
Monochromatic wave with similar characteristics of transform  
( $T_p = 7.81$  s and  $H_s = 2.53$  m,  $\theta = 35$  degree)



a set down and set up in coastal regions

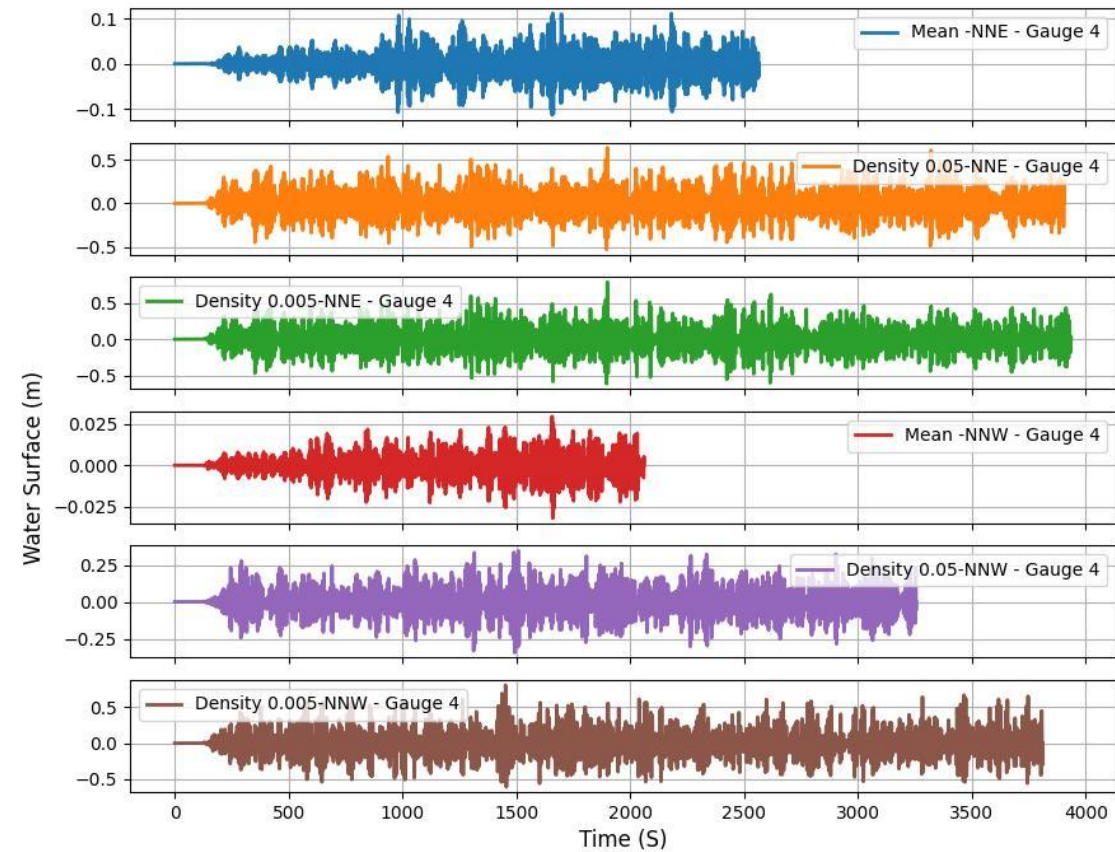
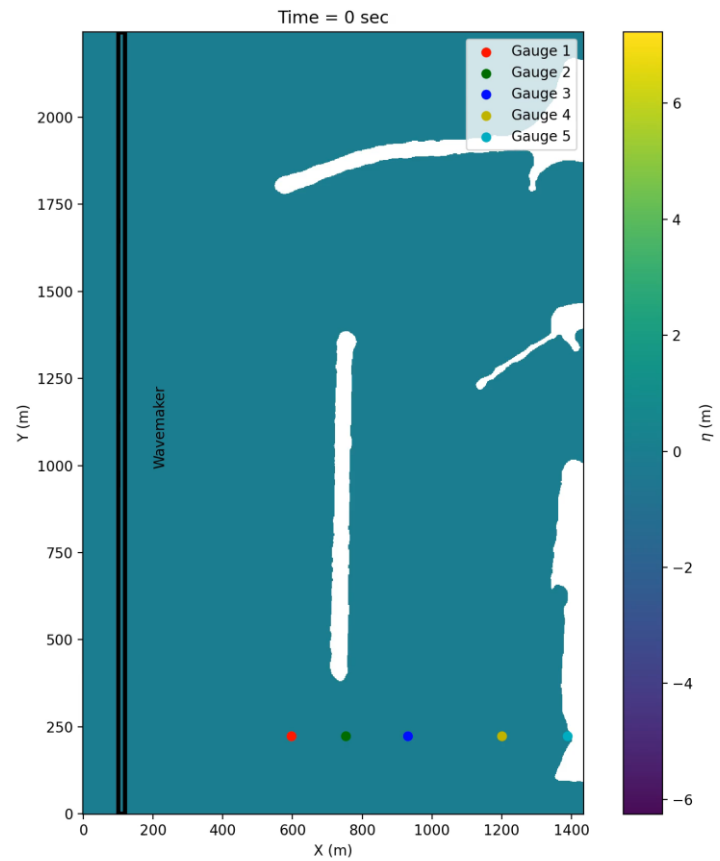
- ✓ Some simulations such as 6, 14 and 15 are off.  
(larger grid size and small domain)
- ✓ Simulations in which the depth of wavemaker was set to higher value provides much more energy. (3 and 17)

Configuration 3 was selected for next simulations.

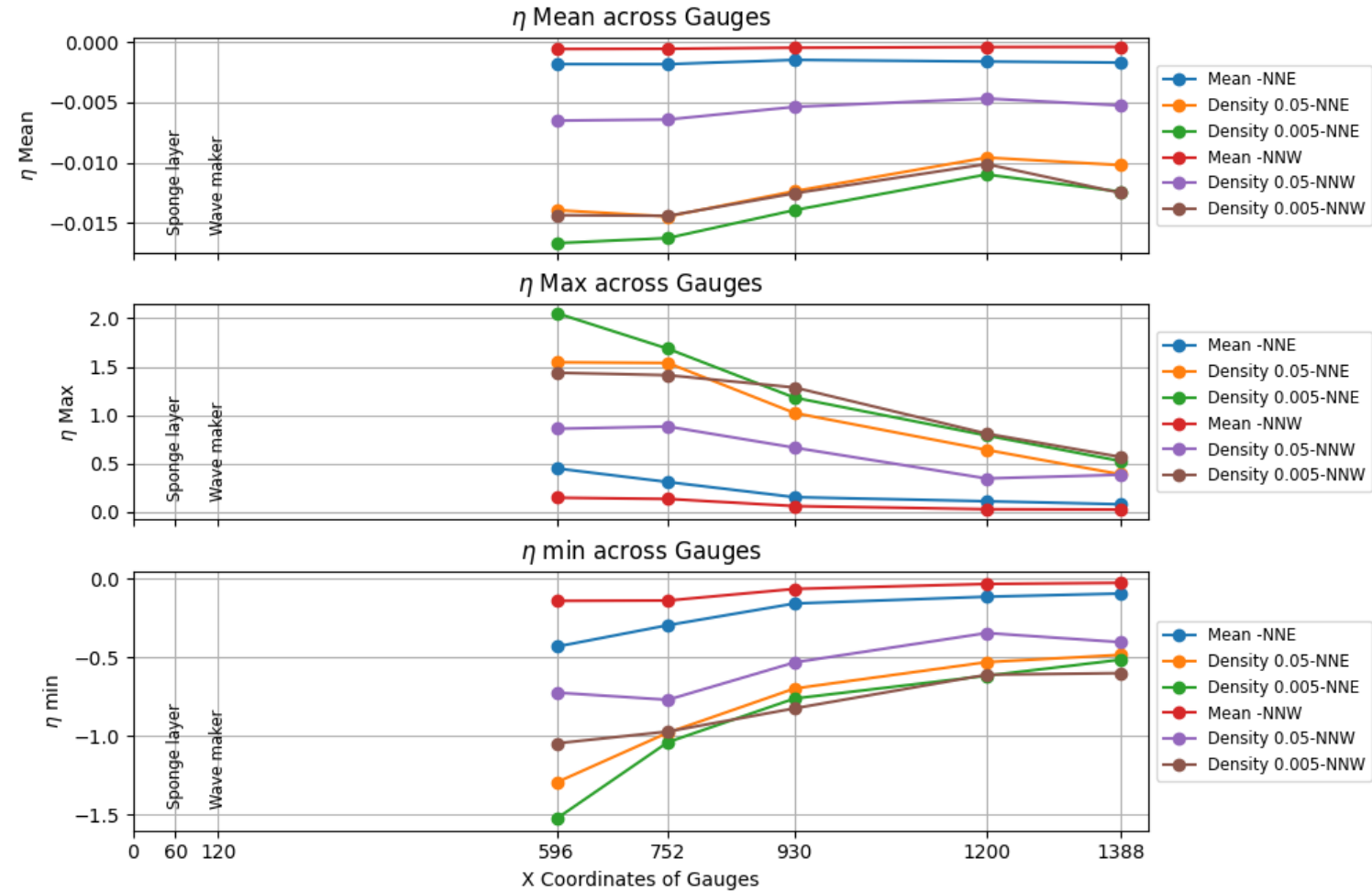
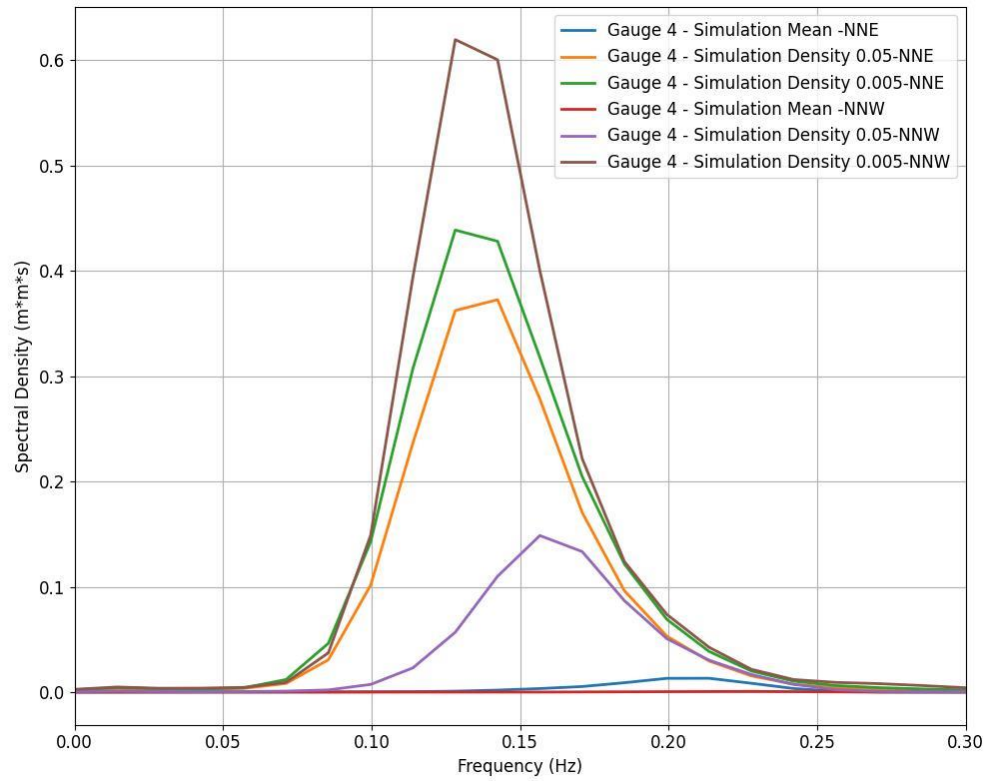




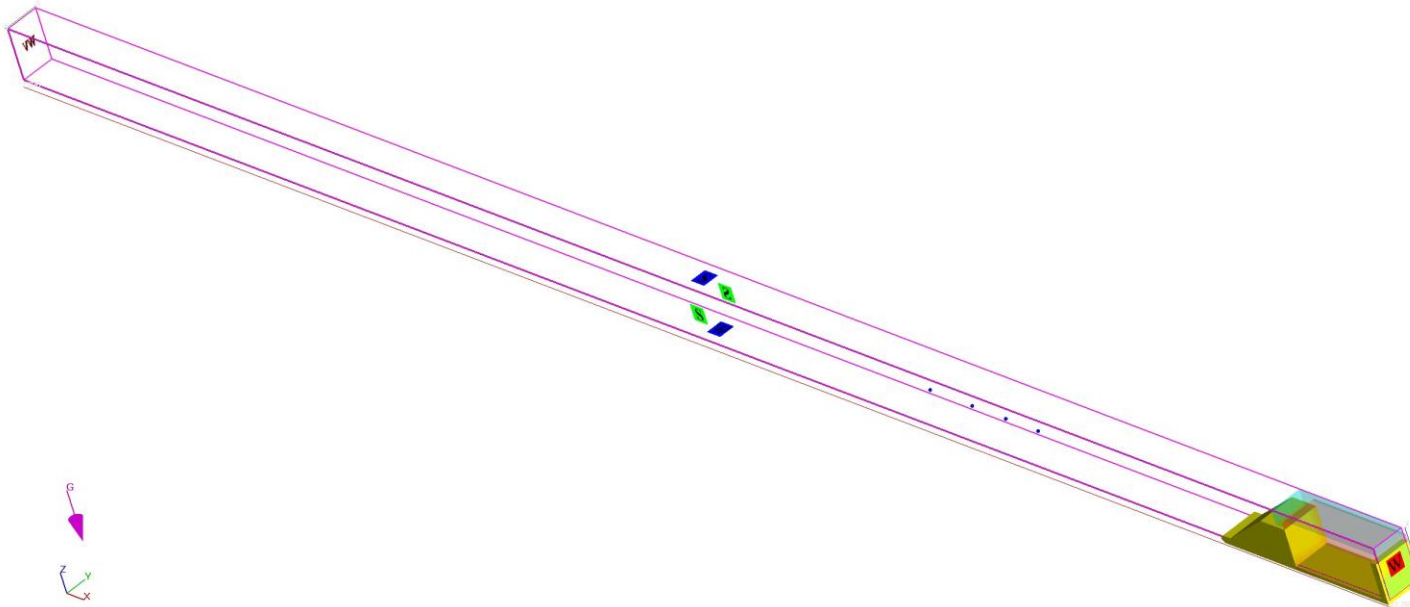
Simulation time : 500 waves for each scenarios.



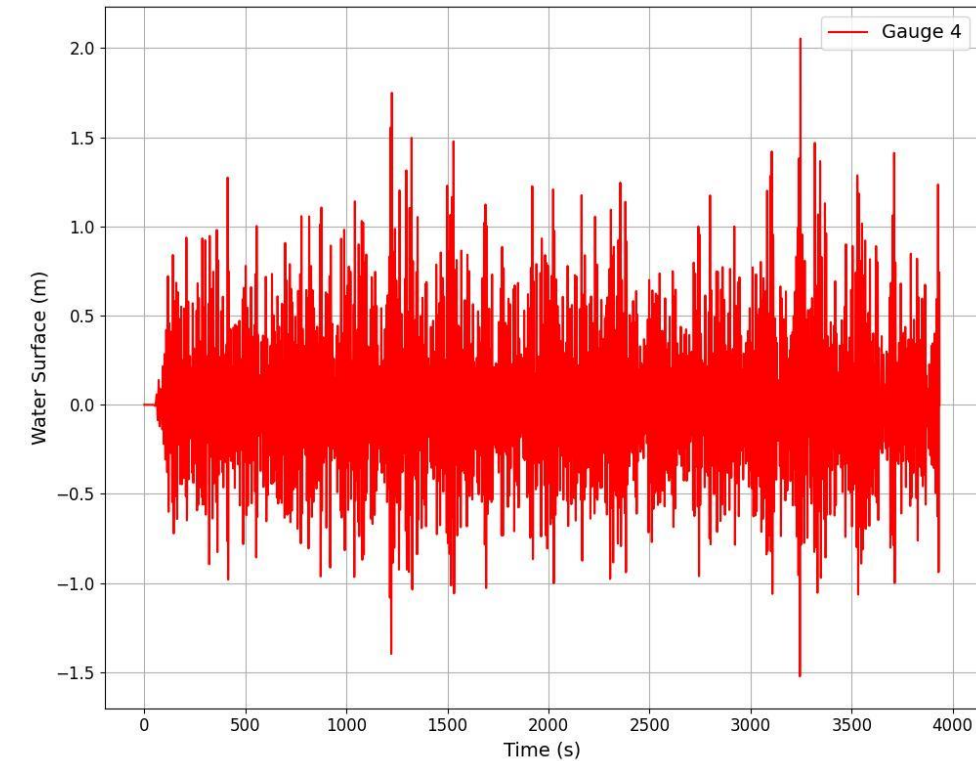
NNE Waves with 0.05  
Density



- Free surfaces are modeled with the Volume of Fluid (VOF) technique.
- Utilizing Navier-Stokes-based numerical simulation.
- Structured mesh can only be used.
- NNE waves with 0.05 density was used as Wave maker.
- Numerical domain was 227 m length, 4.4 m width and 7 m height.
- Water depth was set to 3 m. Simulation Time were 200 seconds.
- AutoCAD was used to create STL files as structures.



Boundary Conditions for numerical domain in Flow-3D



Time series of water surface for NNE waves with 0.05 Density at G4.

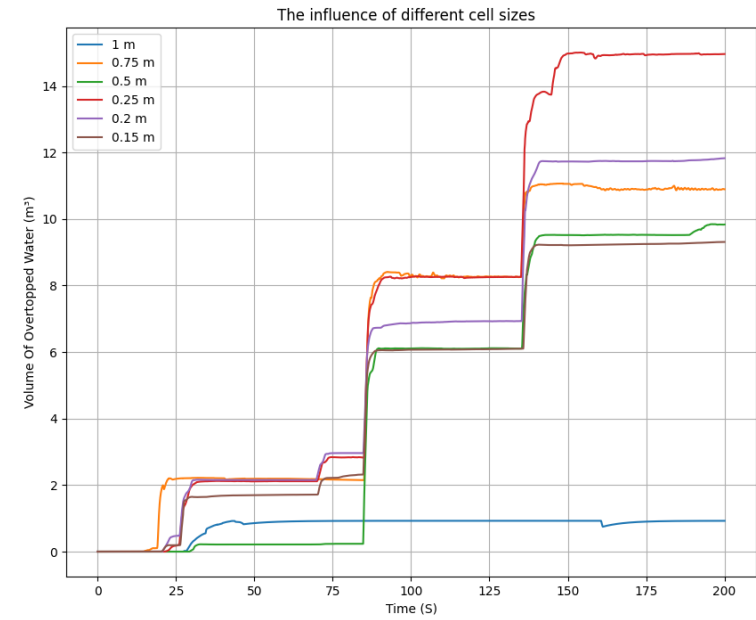
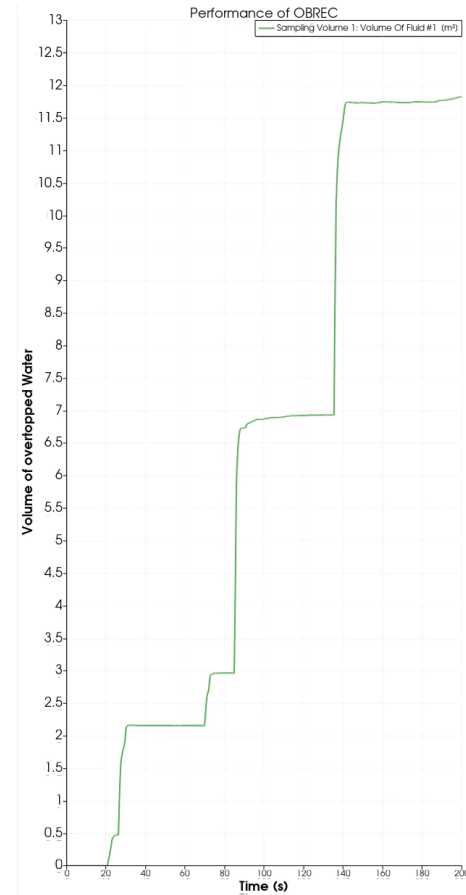
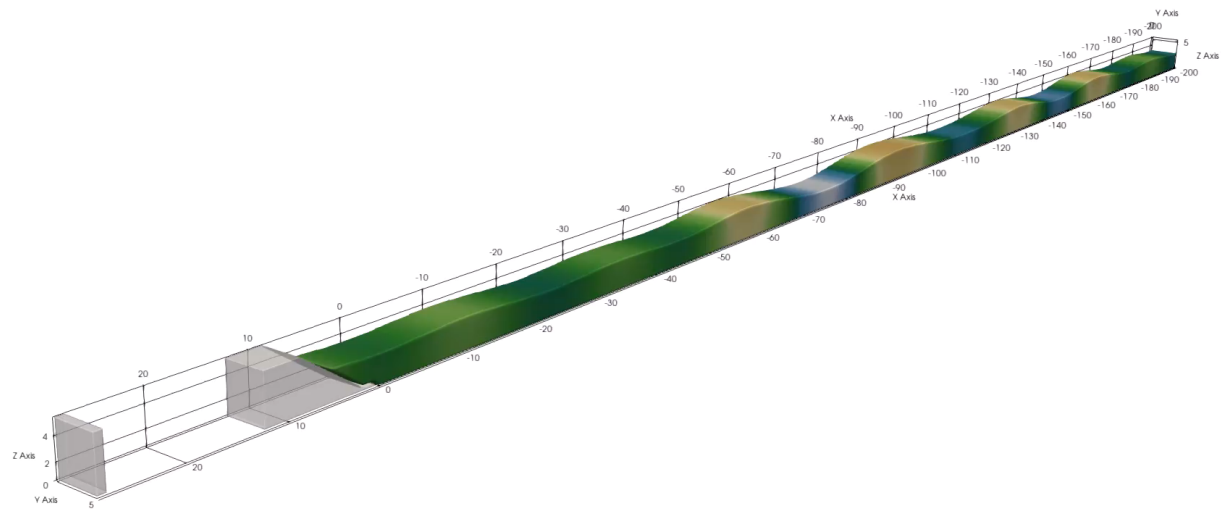
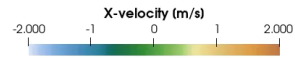


## Results

OBREC Simulation under waves in NNE direction with Density = 0.05

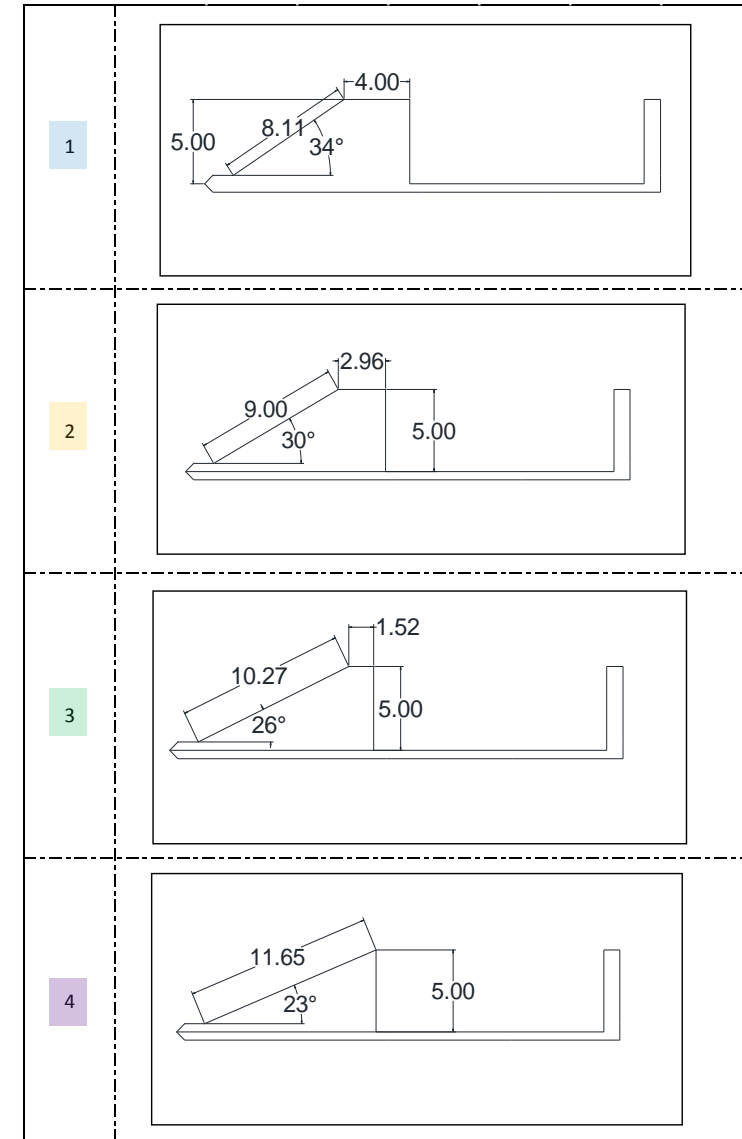
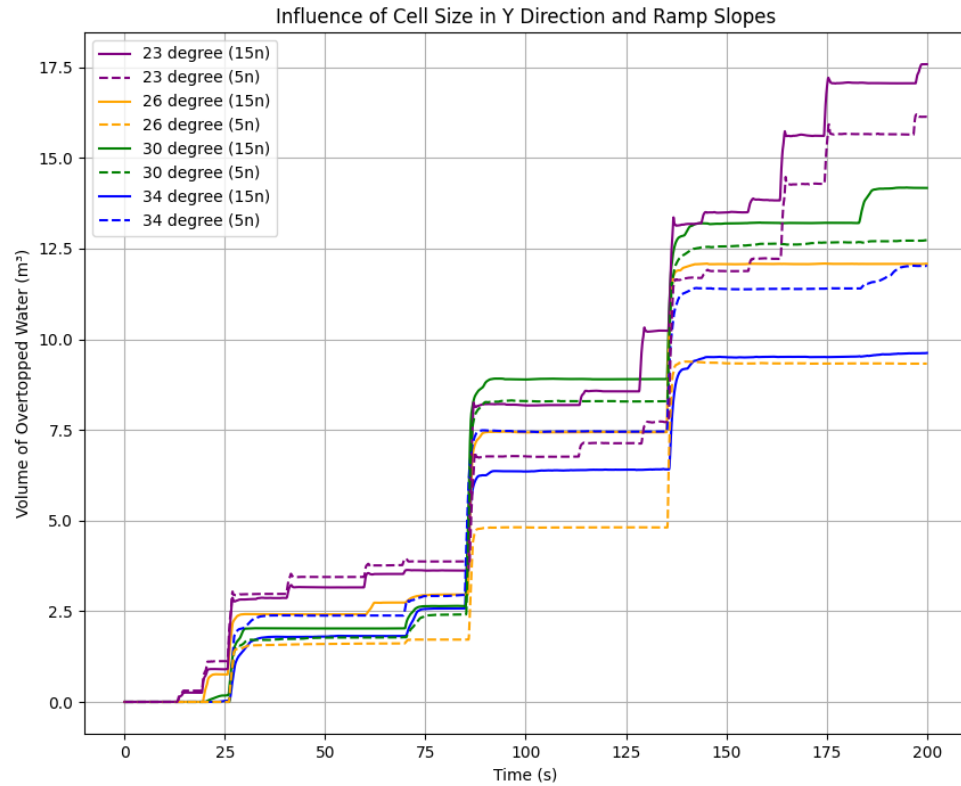
34 degree slope with uniform Cell size: 0.2 m

Time: 0.0 s



## Results

All simulations have cell sizes in X and Z direction with **0.2 m** and different cell number in Y direction.



- ❑ Copernicus data for the given period is not constant with buoy data.
- ❑ PDF diagrams was used to wave selection.
- ❑ Analytical model (Goda 2010) was used to transfer waves.
- ❑ FUNWAVE-TVD could represent set-down which is a non liner behavior of waves.
- ❑ FLOW-3D hydro was used to determine suitable grid size for evaluating various ramp shapes.
- ❑ More simulation on ramp shapes, including validation.
- ❑ Designing reservoir and convey system.
- ❑ Running simulations for other scenarios.



(Wave-resolving model) has been 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.

Volume conservation:

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

M is the horizontal volume flux.

The depth-averaged horizontal momentum:

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

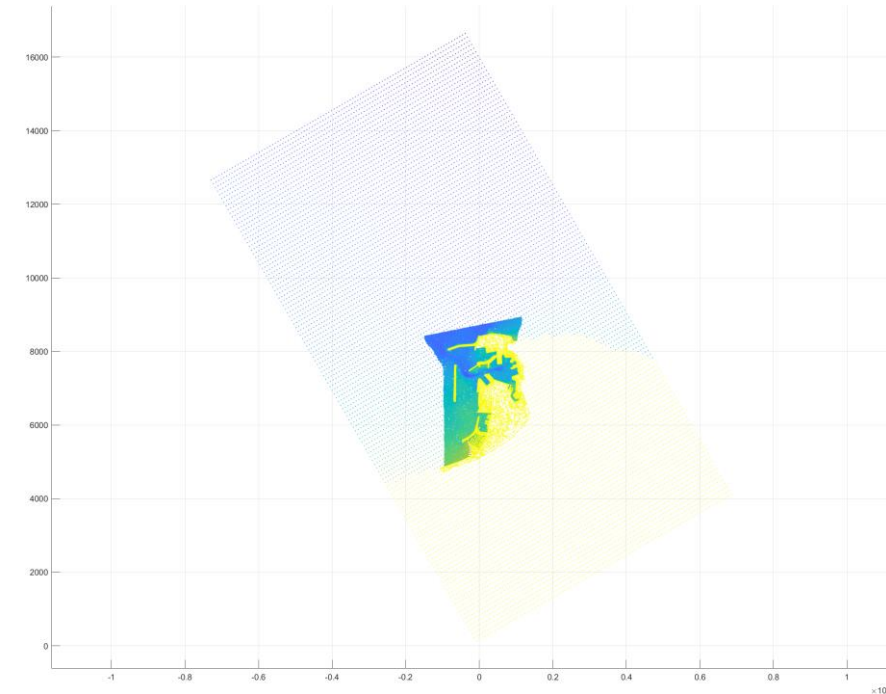
R: diffusive and dissipative terms (e.g. bottom friction, sub-grid lateral turbulent mixing)

$V_1$  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  $z_{\alpha}$ ).  $\mu = \frac{h}{l}$

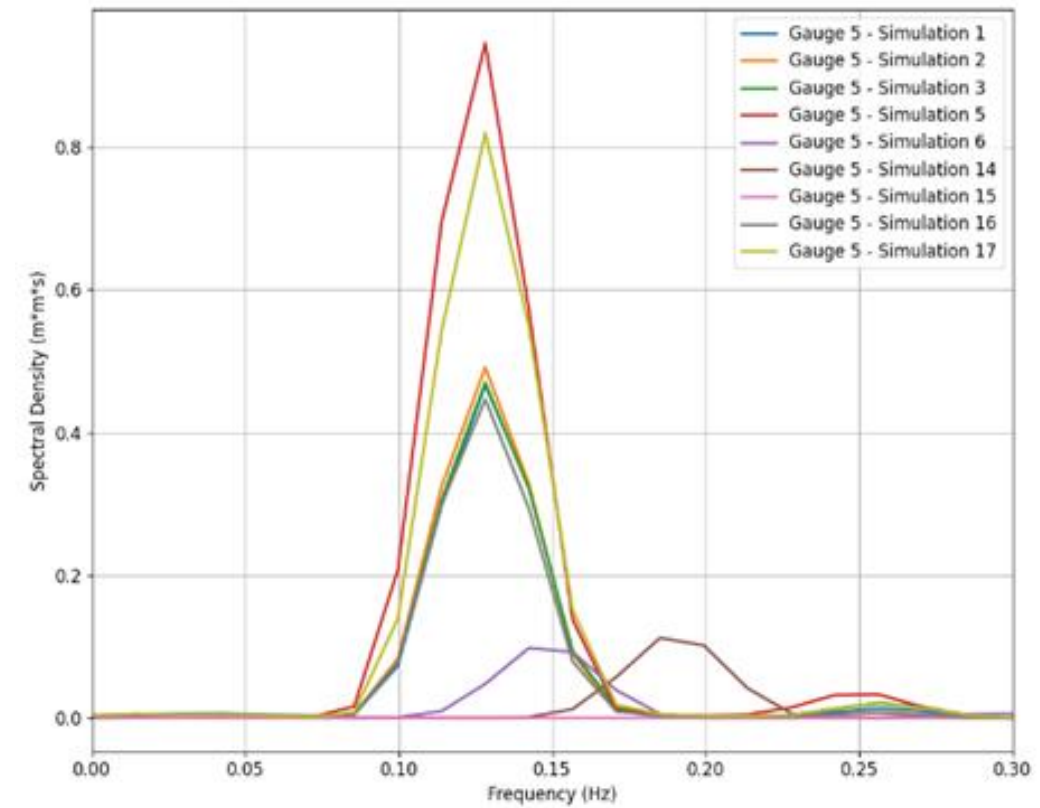
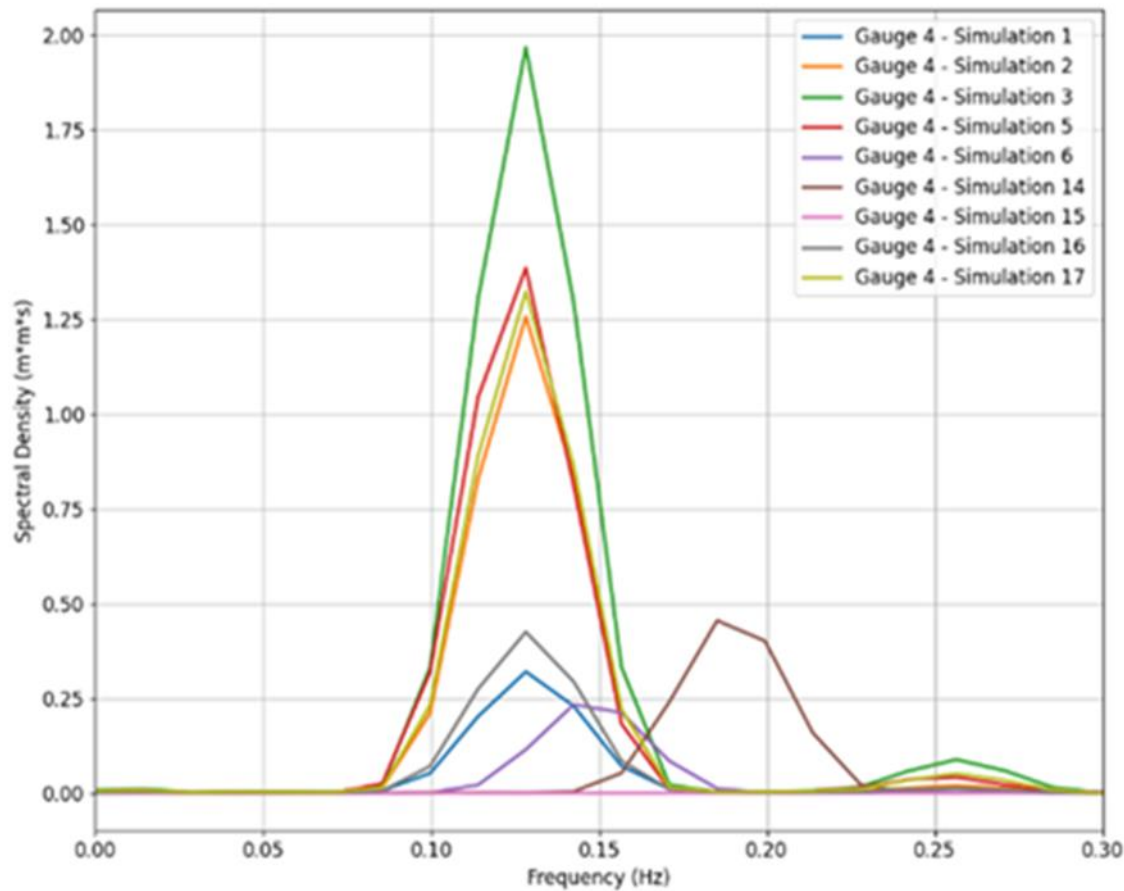
$z_{\alpha} = \zeta h + \beta \eta$  that  $\zeta$  and  $\beta$  are constants.

$u_{\alpha}$  denotes the velocity at a reference elevation  $z = z_{\alpha}$ .

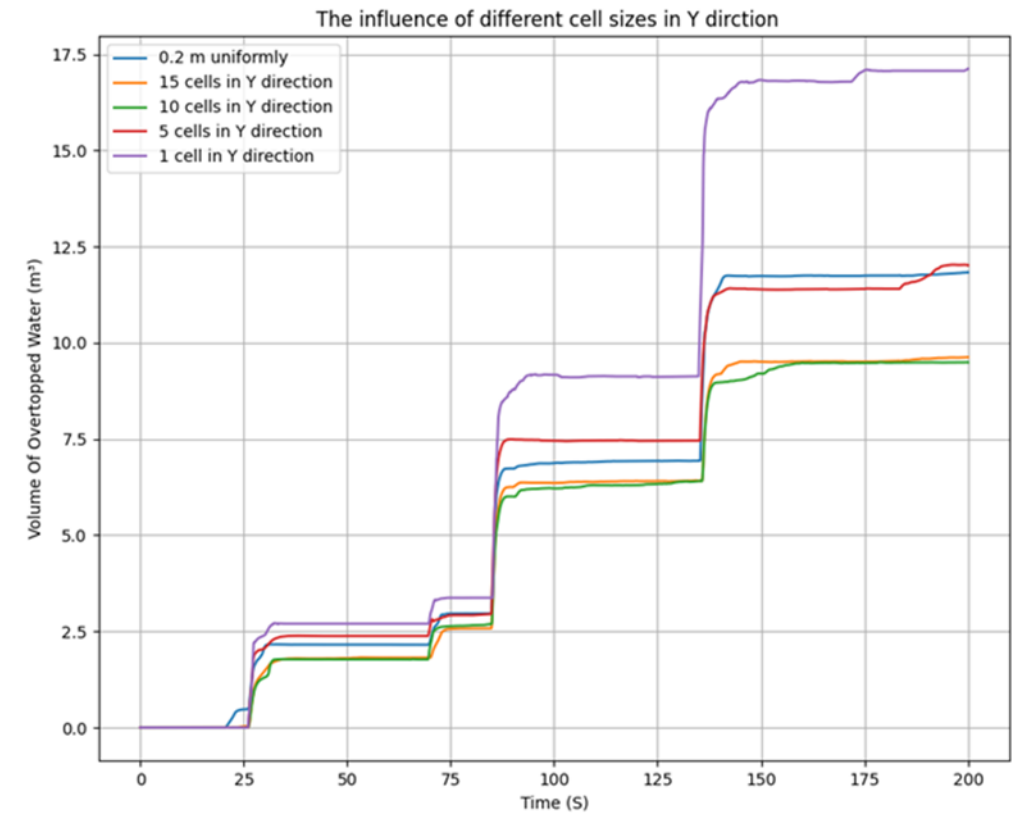


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3	2	2	1,000	806,314	stable	7	smoothdata2/sgolay/movmean	7	16 - monochromatic	no	1	0.5/0.01	P.B	no	11	1.5	1.5	185	1,432,629	instable (it happens around 122 s)	7	smoothdata2/sgolay/movmean	7	16 - monochromatic	no	1	0.5/0.01	P.B	no
4	2	2	1000	806,314	stable but a instability sign could be seen in the domain around 810 s	7	smoothdata2/sgolay/movmean	7	12 - monochromatic	no	1	0.5/0.1	P.B	no	12	1.5	1.5	151	1,432,629	instable (it happens around 120 s)	7	smoothdata2/sgolay/movmean	7	16 - monochromatic	no	3	0.5/0.01	P.B	no
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6	2	2	7870	374,468	stable	7	smoothdata2/sgolay/movmean	7	12 - monochromatic	no	1	0.5/0.01	P.B	no-small domain	14	3	3	7870	358,771	stable	7	smoothdata2/sgolay/movmean	7	12 - monochromatic	no	1	0.5/0.01	P.B	no
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Near the breakwater (G5), simulation 5  
(VISCOSITY BREAKING )  
provides much more energy.

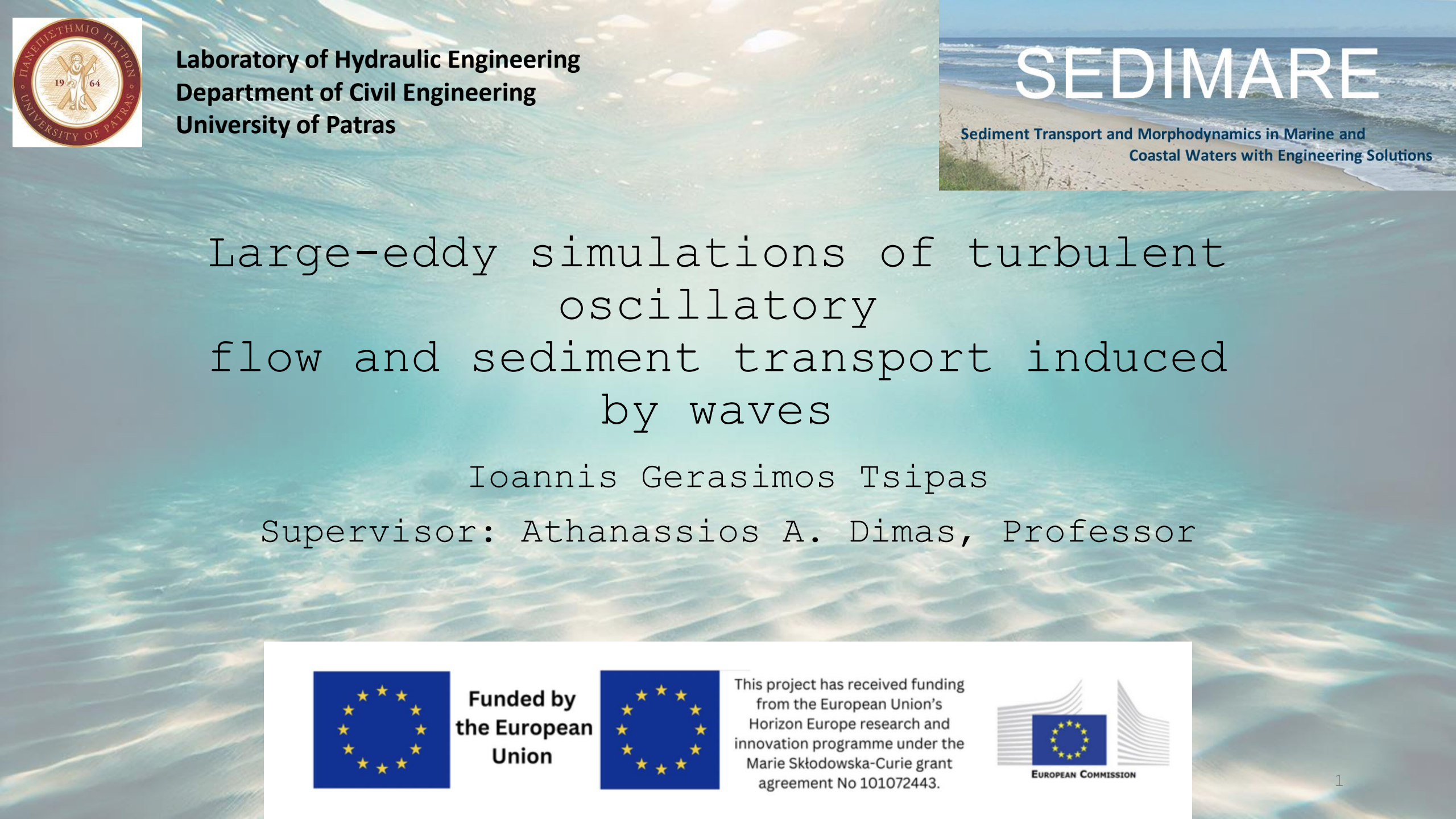




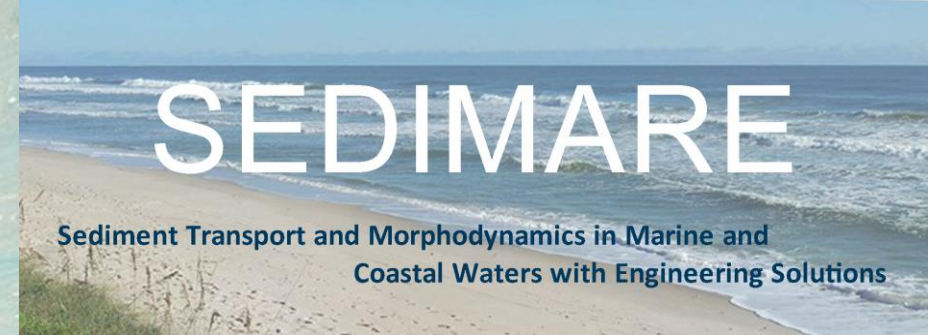


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# Large-eddy simulations of turbulent oscillatory flow and sediment transport induced by waves

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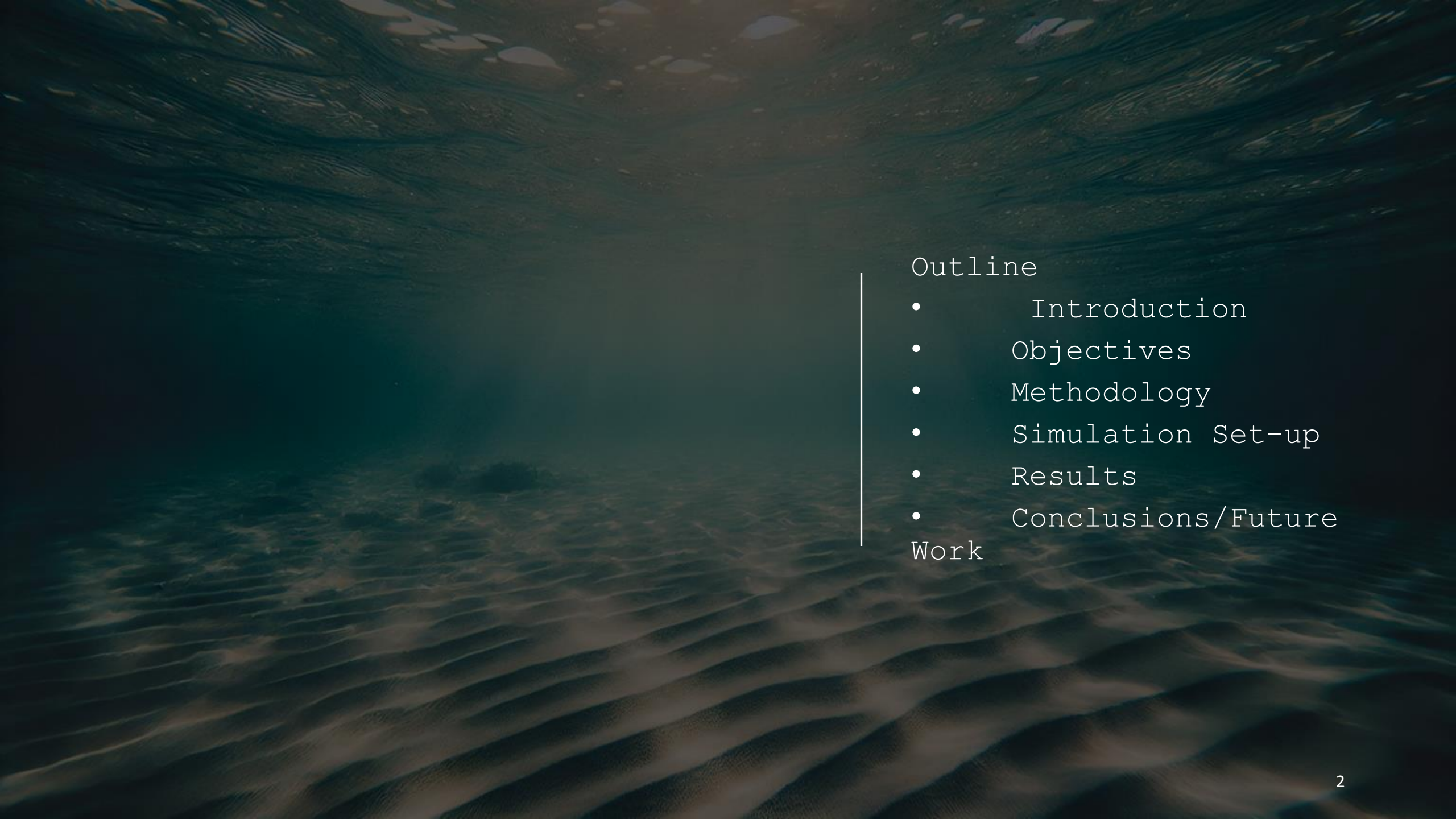
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## Outline

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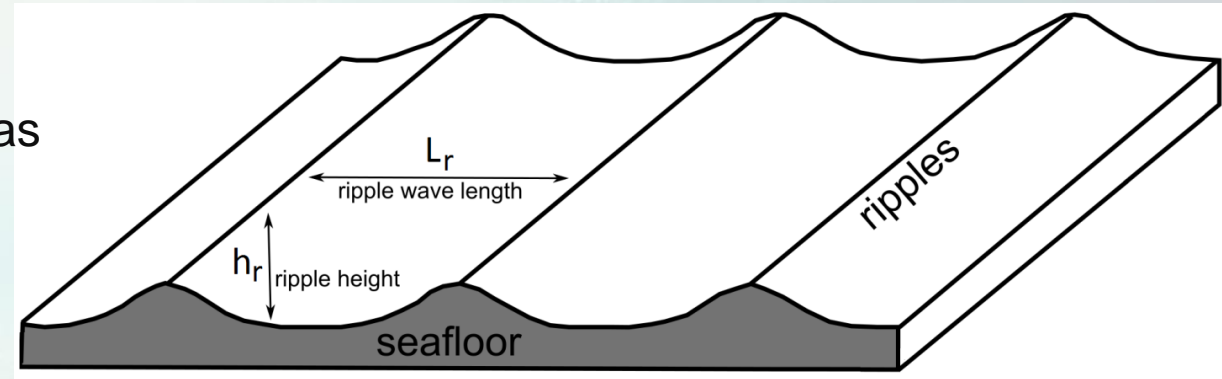
Work

- Surface waves induce oscillatory flow at seabed
- Generation of bed forms (ripples, dunes, bars)
- Significant impact on wave propagation and sediment transport by increasing bed roughness and promoting sediment suspension due to vortex shedding

The dynamics of turbulent oscillatory flow and sediment transport over sandy beds is critical for understanding various environmental and engineering processes, such as coastal erosion, sedimentation patterns, and habitat formation.

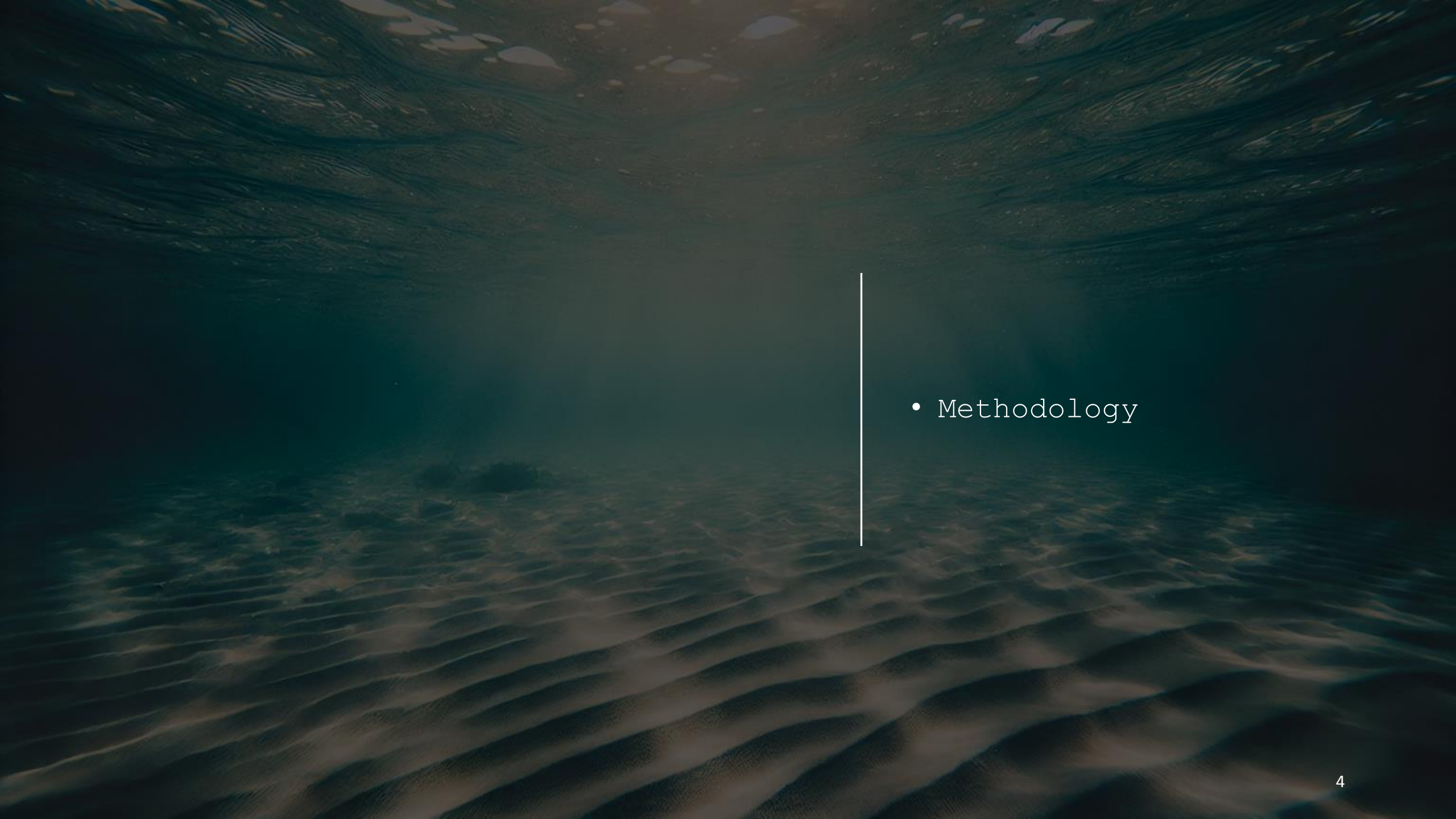
## Objectives

- Development of large-eddy simulation (LES) software to model turbulent oscillatory flow and mixed-grain sediment transport induced by waves.



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- The background is an underwater scene with a dark teal color palette. The top half shows the water surface with light reflecting off the ripples. The bottom half shows the seabed with distinct, wavy sand ripples. A thin, vertical white line is positioned on the right side of the frame, extending from the top to the middle. To the right of this line, the word 'Methodology' is written in a white, monospaced font, preceded by a bullet point.
- Methodology



# Flow Equations (non-dimensional)

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

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

$$Re = \frac{U_0 a_0}{\nu}$$

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

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

where  $P_o$  is

↓

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

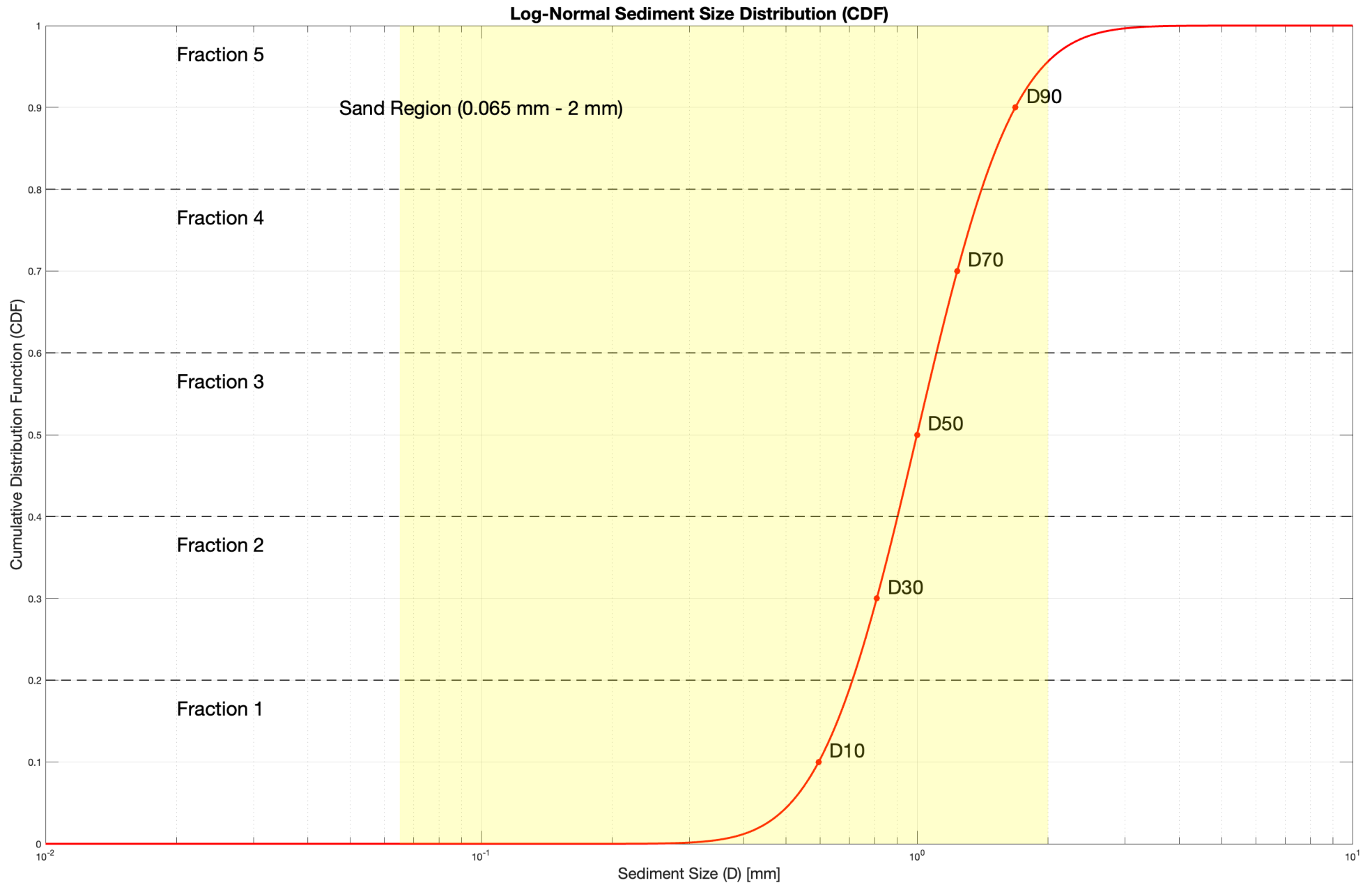
$$\tau_{ij} = -2D_{wall} \nu_{sgs} S_{ij} = -2D_{wall} (C_s \Delta)^2 |S| S_{ij}$$

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

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

Subgrid-scale (SGS) stresses

$$S_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$



# Sediment Transport Equations

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

$$\frac{q_{b(nd)}}{\sqrt{(S-1)gDg_{(nd)}^3}} = \begin{cases} \operatorname{sgn}(\theta) \frac{5\pi}{3} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{\mu_d}{|\theta_{(nd)}| - \theta_{c(nd)}} \right)^4 \right]^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left( \sqrt{|\theta_{(nd)}|} - 0.7 \sqrt{|\theta_{c(nd)}|} \right), & (\theta_{(nd)} > \theta_{c(nd)}) \\ 0, & (\theta_{(nd)} < \theta_{c(nd)}) \end{cases}$$

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

Critical Shields number:  $\theta_c(D_{g(nd)}, S)$

Grain diameters:  $D_{g(nd)}$

Sediment specific gravity:  $S$

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



Advection-diffusion equation for the suspended sediment concentration:

$$\frac{\partial c_{(nd)}}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial c_{(nd)}}{\partial x_j} - w_{s(nd)} \frac{\partial c_{(nd)}}{\partial x_3} = \frac{1}{\sigma Re} \frac{\partial^2 c_{(nd)}}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} - \frac{\partial \chi_j}{\partial x_i} + f_c$$

where  $w_{s(nd)}$  is the sediment fall velocity (Hallermeier 1981) for each

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

$$\chi_j = \frac{\nu_{sgs}}{\sigma_t} \frac{\partial c_{(nd)}}{\partial x_j}$$

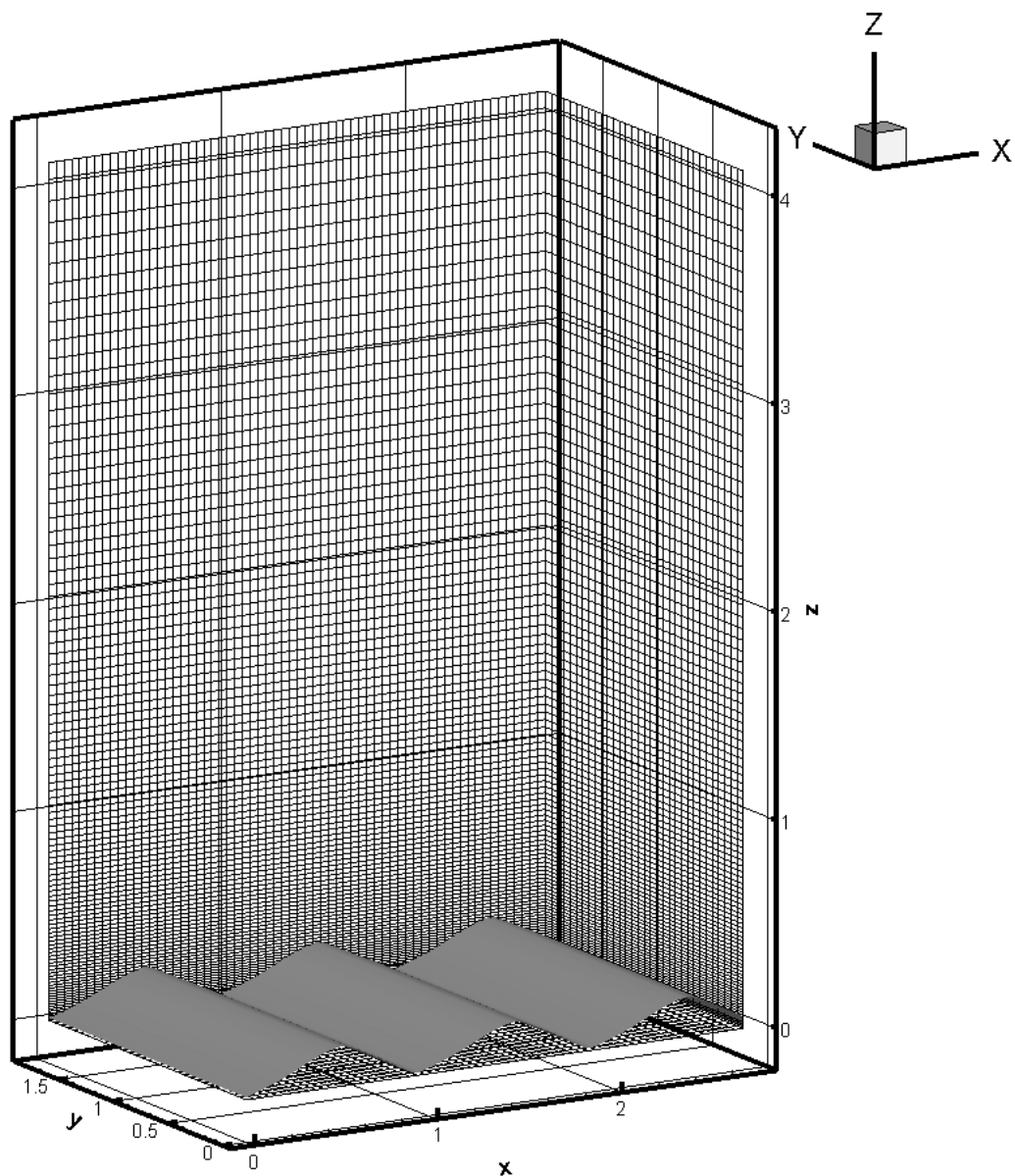
$\sigma$  is the Schmidt number,  $\chi_j$  is the SGS turbulent term (Zedler and Street 2001):

and  $\sigma_t$  is the turbulent Schmidt number.

Suspended load transport rate:  $q_{s1,2(nd)} = \int_{x_{3bed}}^{x_{3top}} u_{1,2} c_{(nd)} dx_3$

## Simulation Set-up

Van Der Werf et al.(2007) , experiment  
Mr5b63



$Re = 33000$

$L_r = 0.94$

$h_r = 0.17$

$\Delta x = 0.01055 \text{ m}$

$\Delta y = 0.01406 \text{ m}$

$\Delta z = 0.0025 \rightarrow$

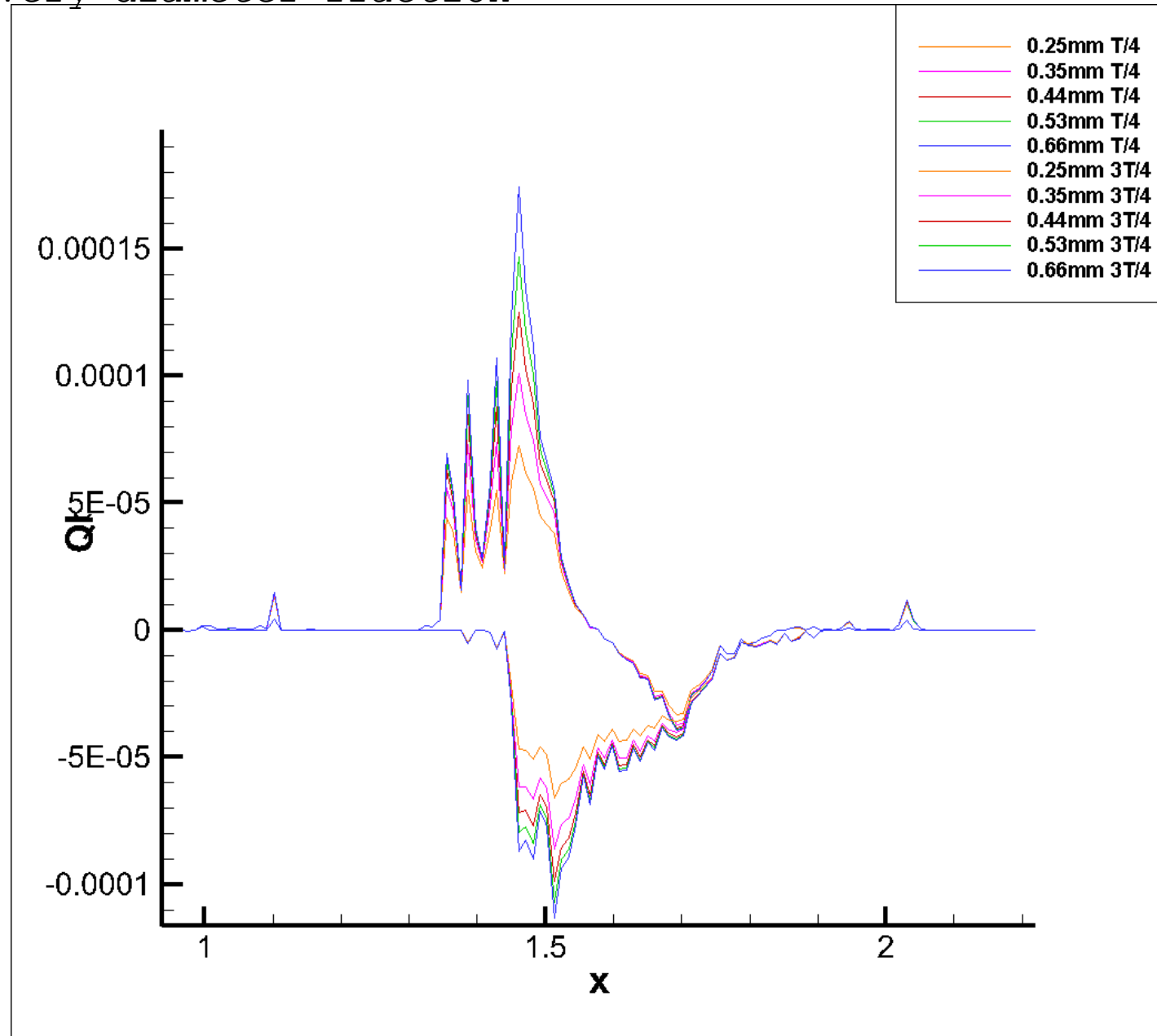
$0.02719 \text{ m}$

Grid =  $257 \times 129 \times 400$

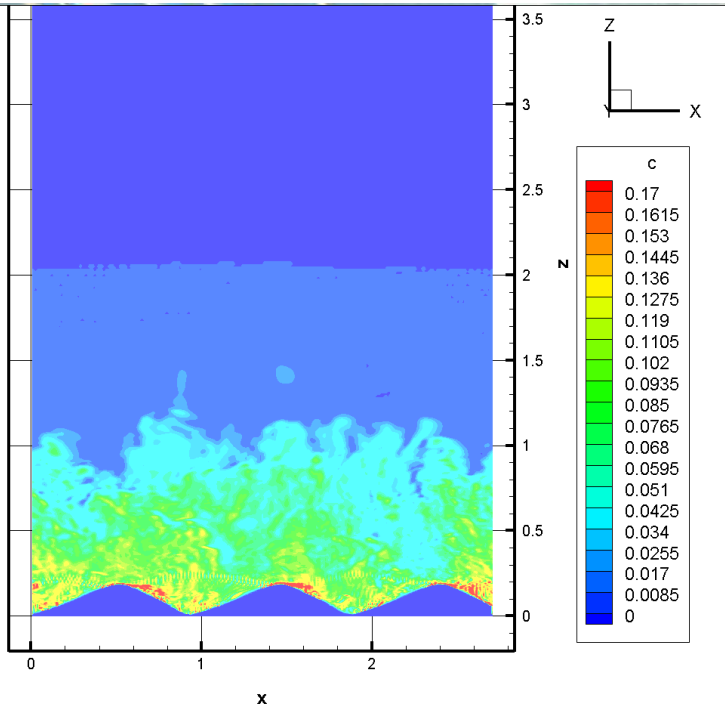
= 13261200 cells

$D_g \text{ (m)}$	$\Psi$	$a_0/D_g$
0.00025	104.4	2100
0.00035	74.5	1500
0.00044	59.3	1193
0.00053	49.2	990
0.00066	39.5	795

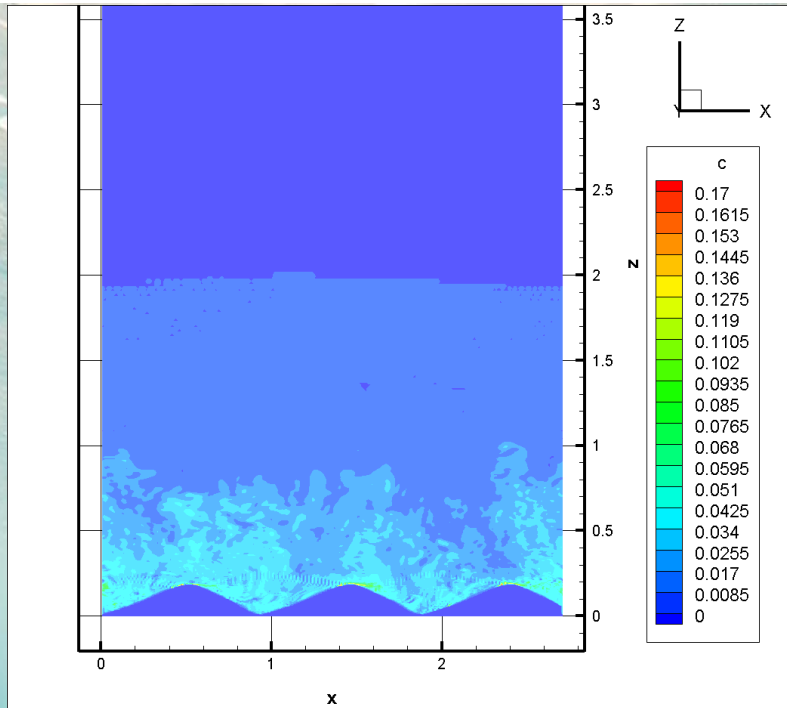
Bed Load, Spanwise & Phase(max positive/negative) averaged  
for every diameter fraction



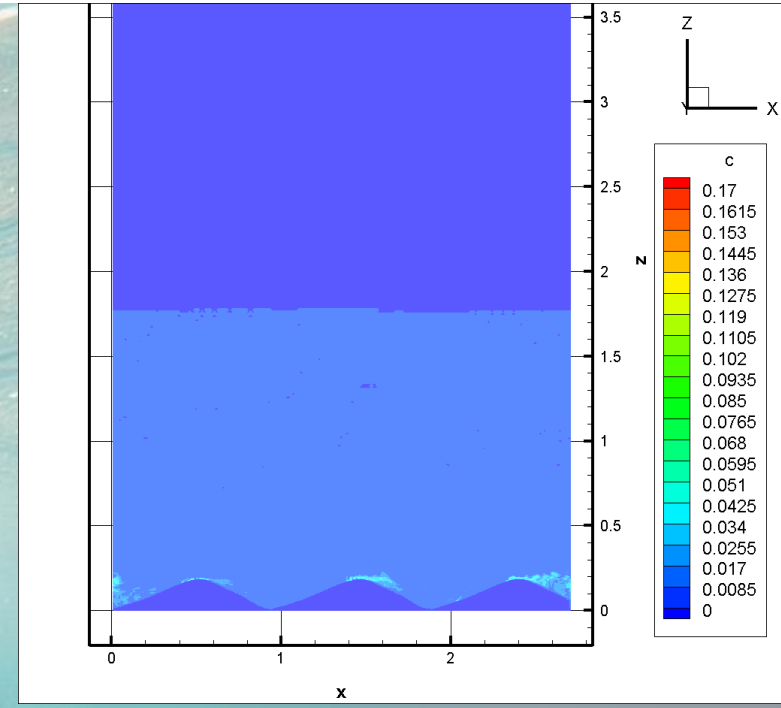




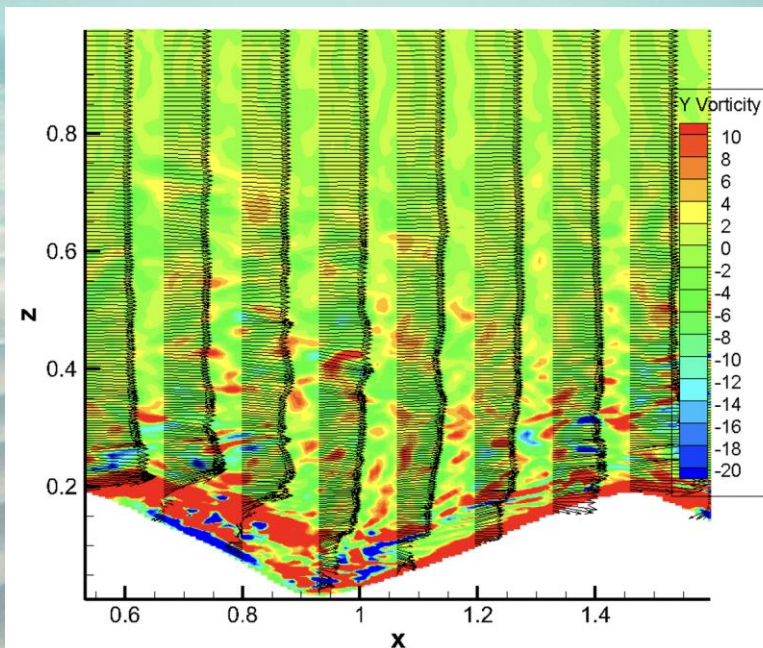
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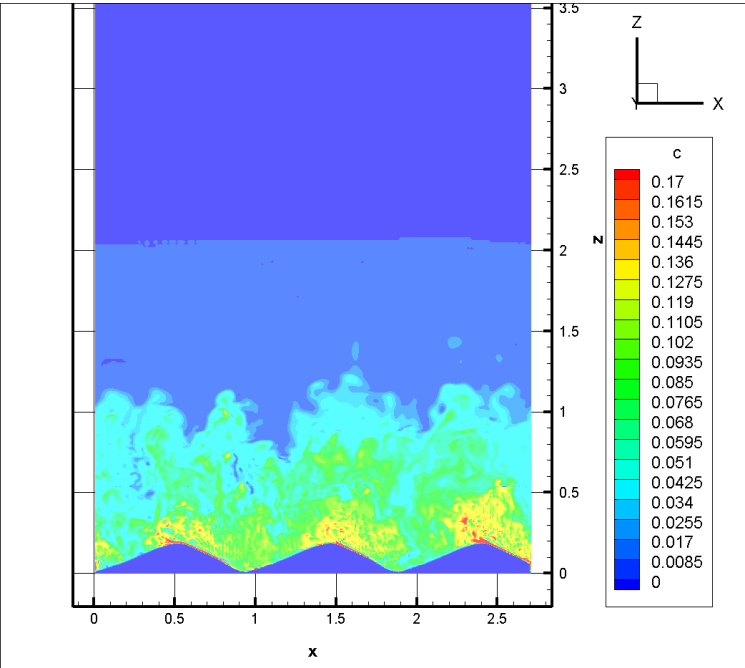
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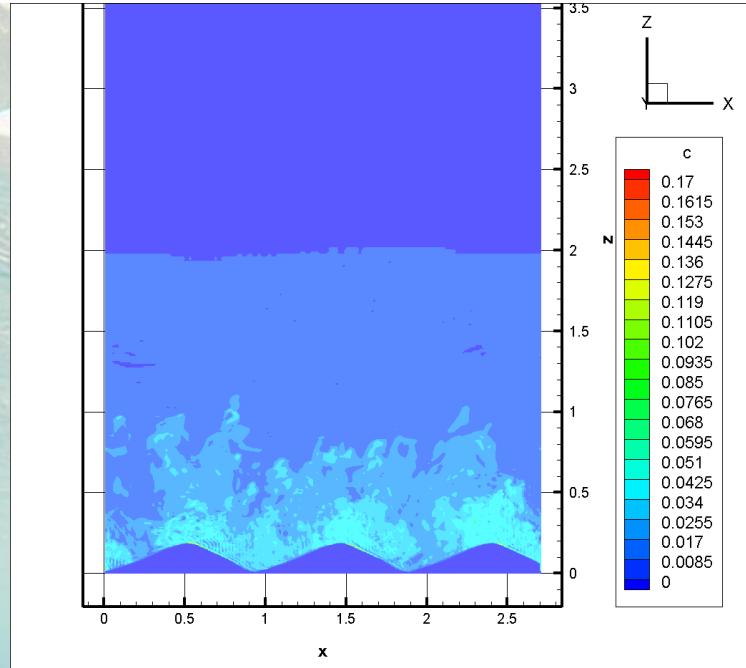
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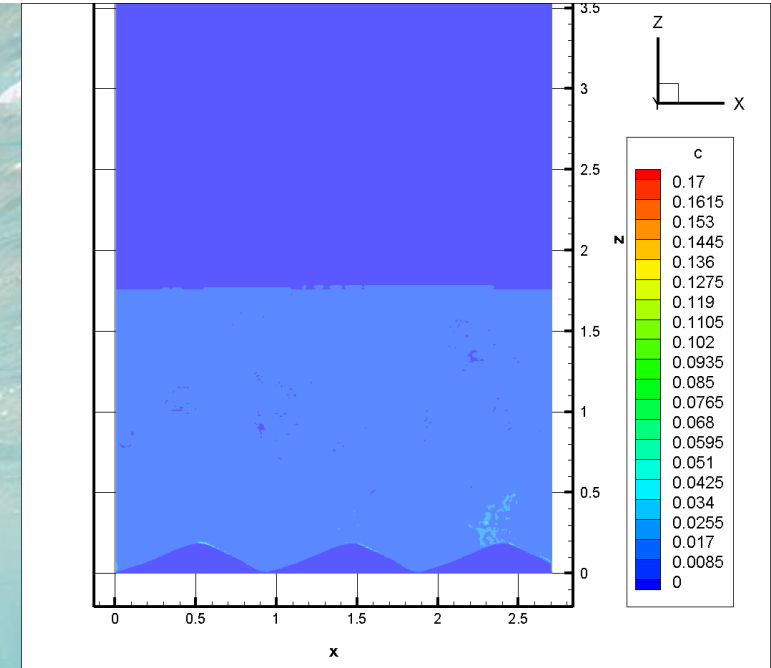
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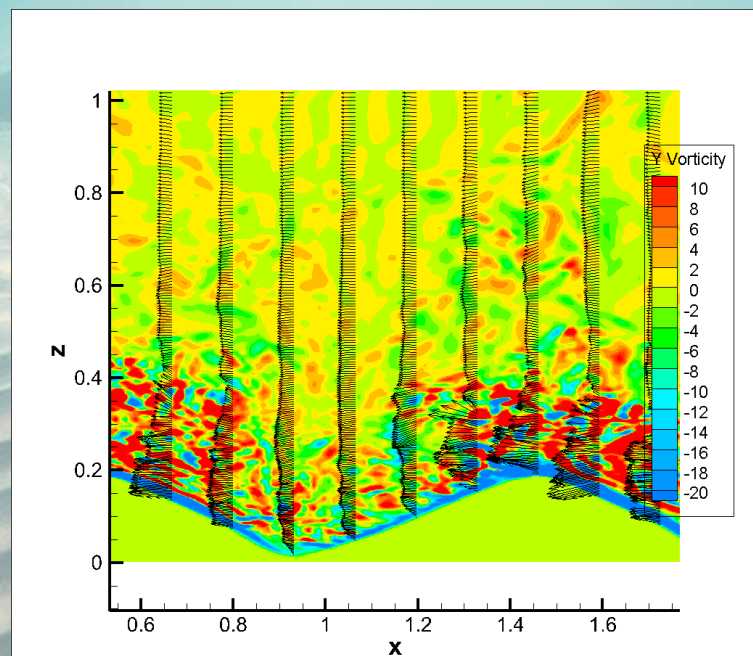
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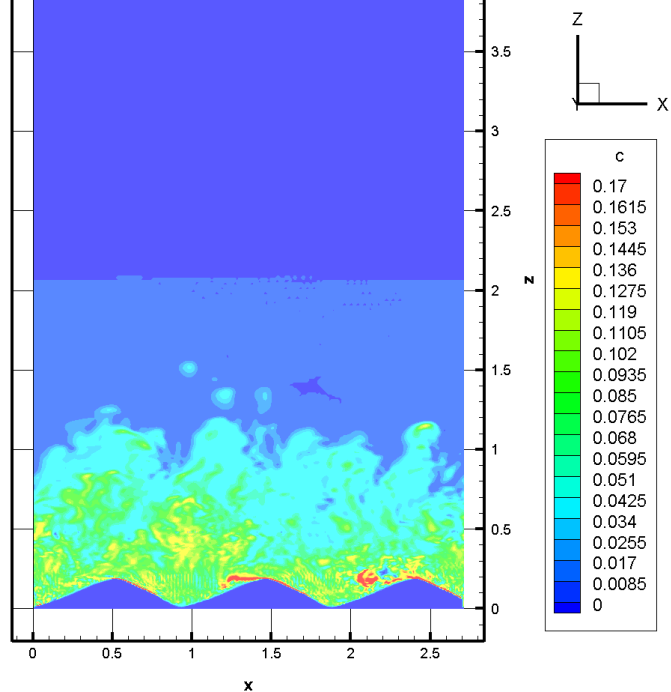


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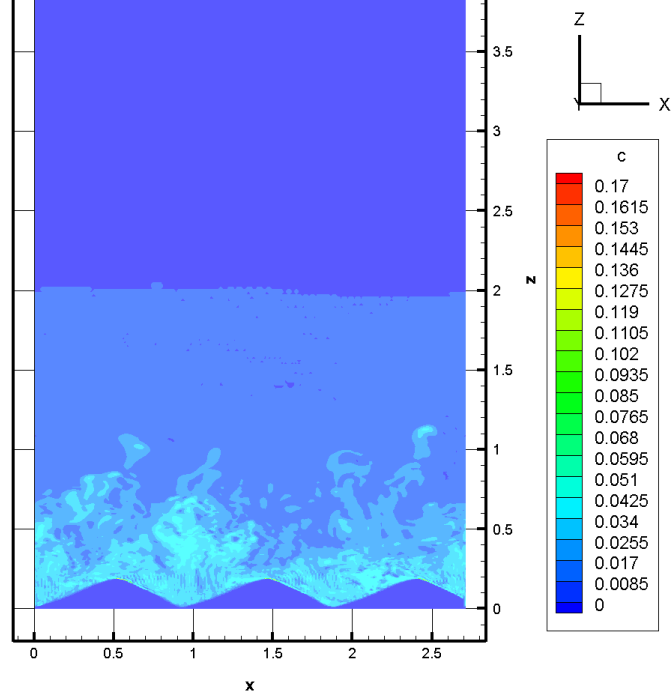


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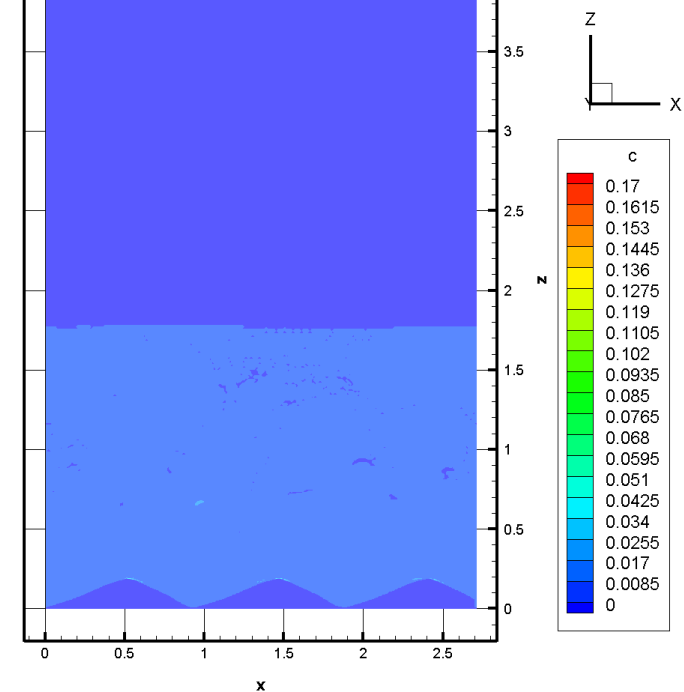




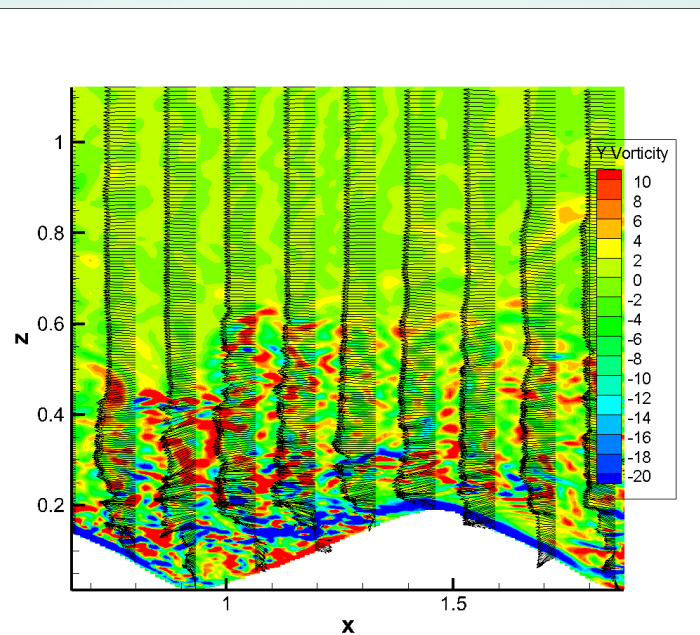
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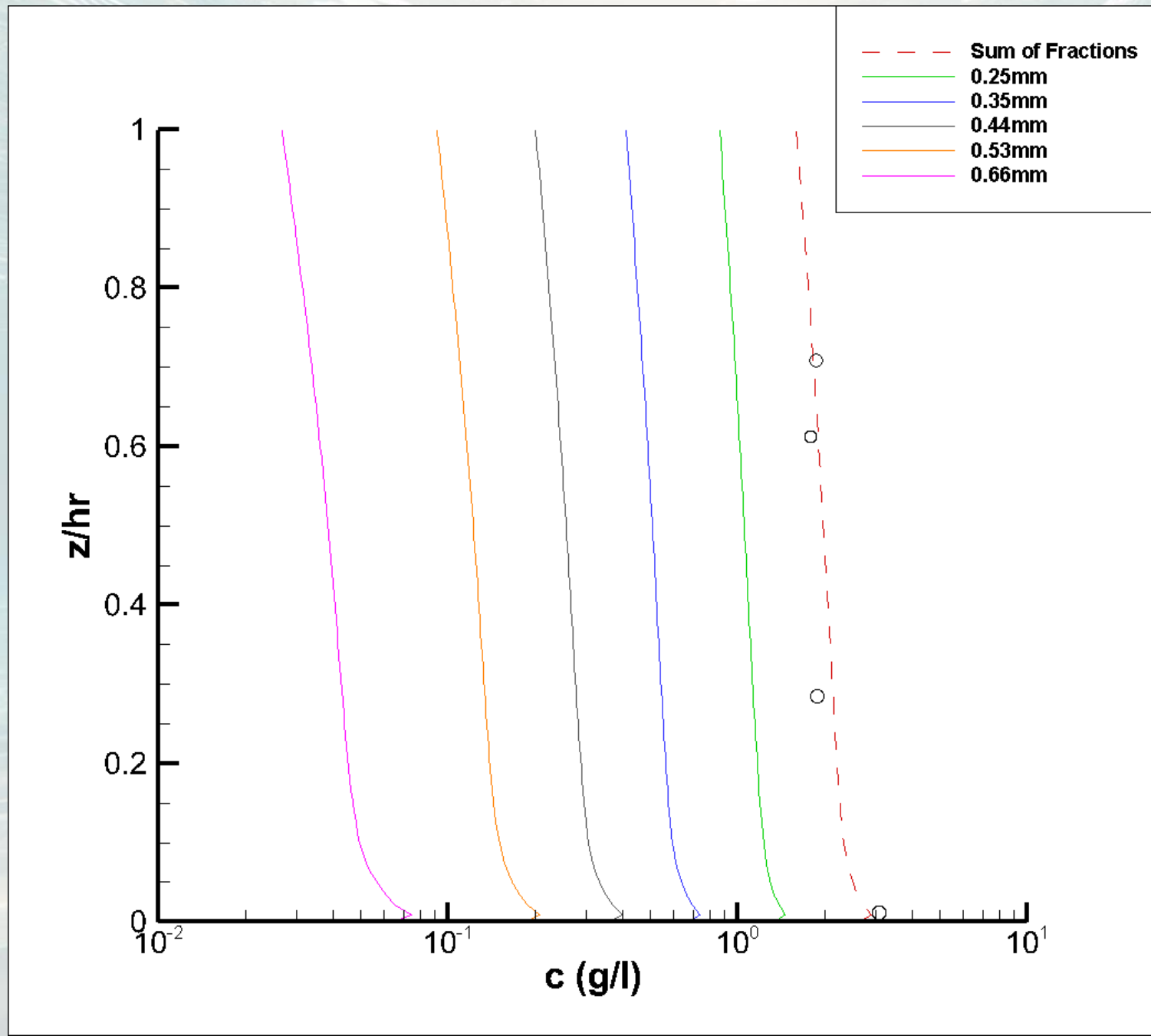
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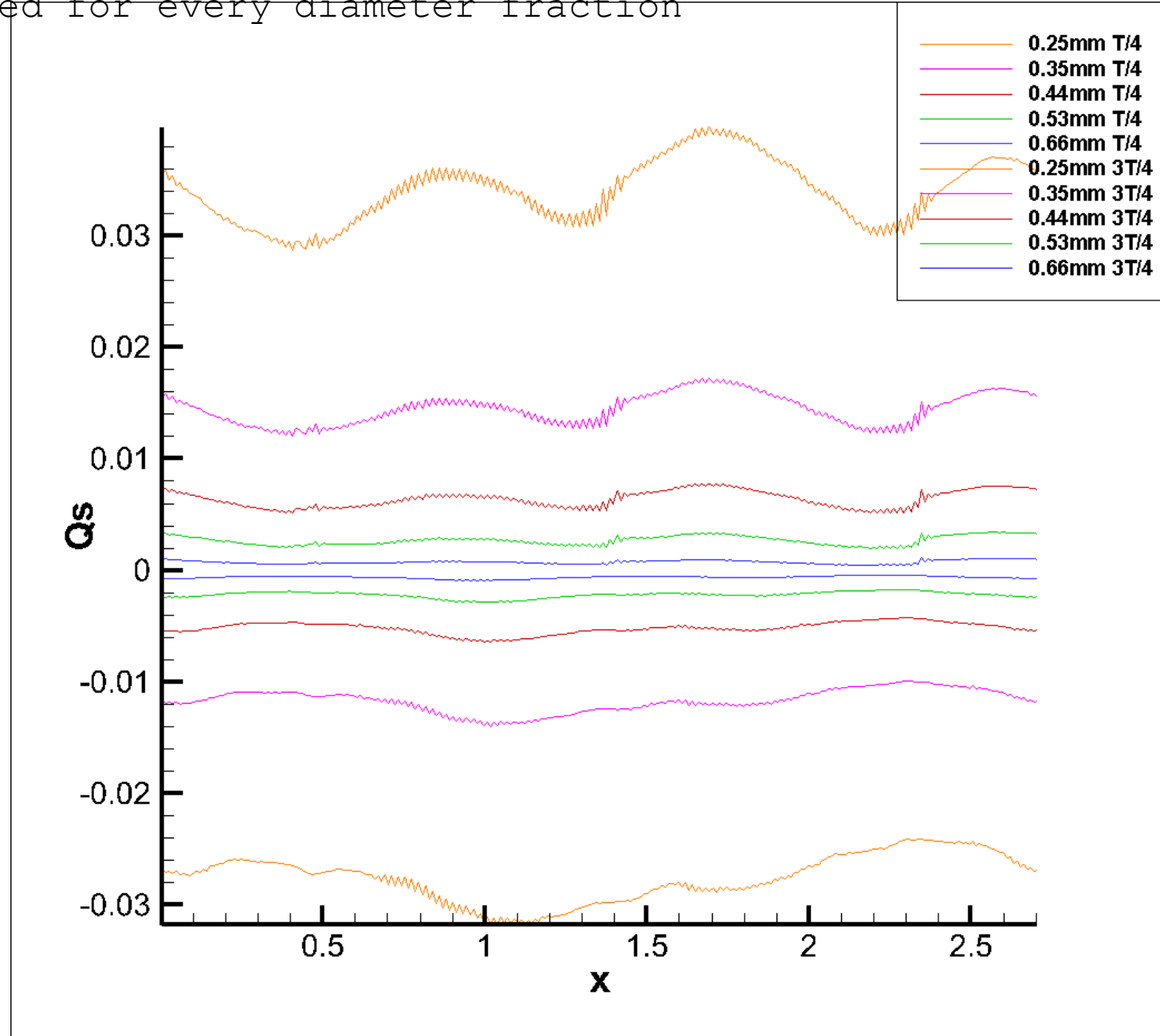
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Concentration profile for each diameter fraction and the

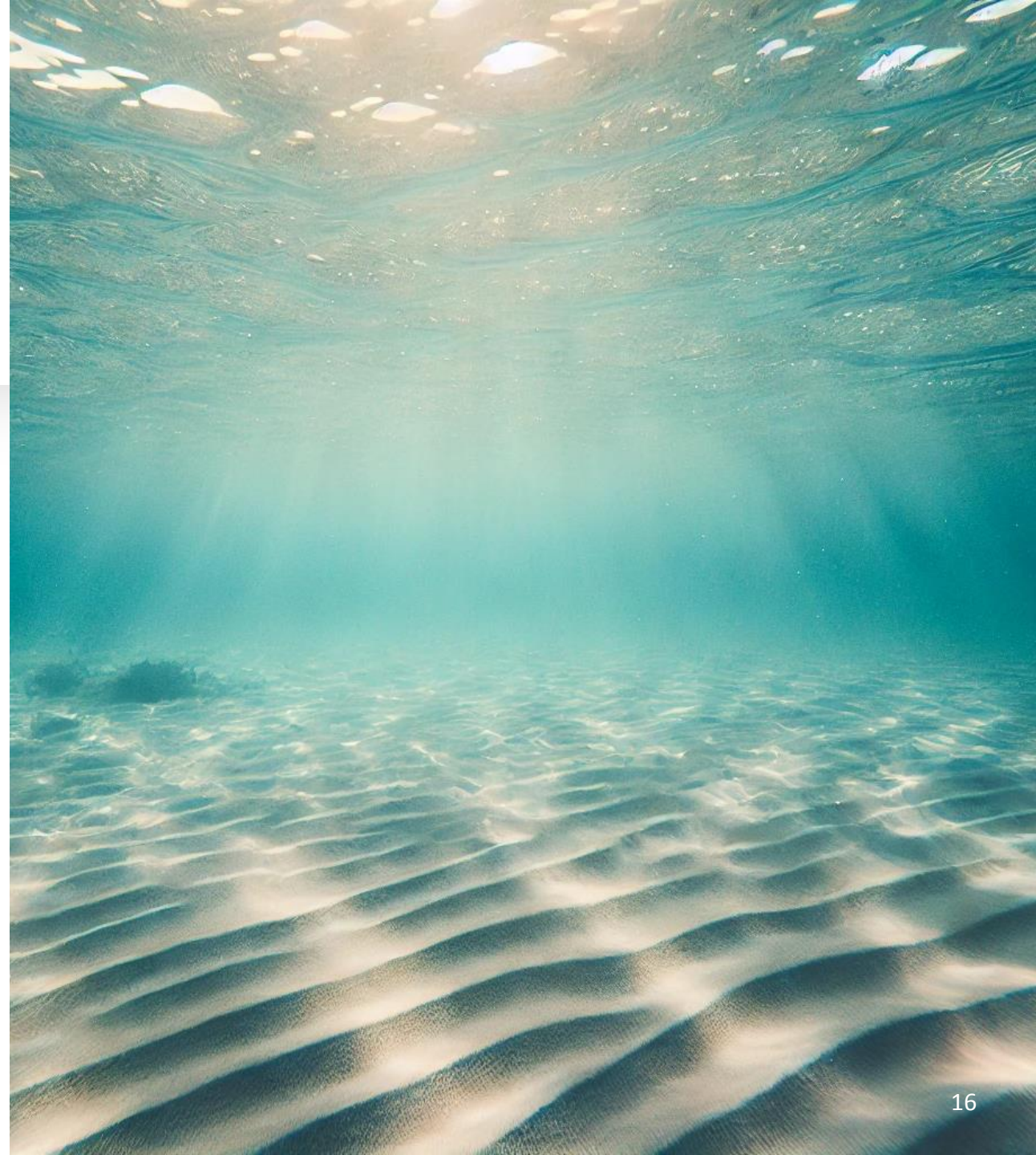


Suspended Load, Spanwise & Phase(max positive/negative)  
averaged for every diameter fraction



## Conclusions

- Bed Load : Diameter Size increasing  $\rightarrow$  Bed Load Increases
- Suspended Load : Diameter Size Decreases  $\rightarrow$  Suspended Load Increases
- Concentration : Diameter Size Decreases  $\rightarrow$  Concentration Increases







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# **Morphodynamic swash zone modelling**

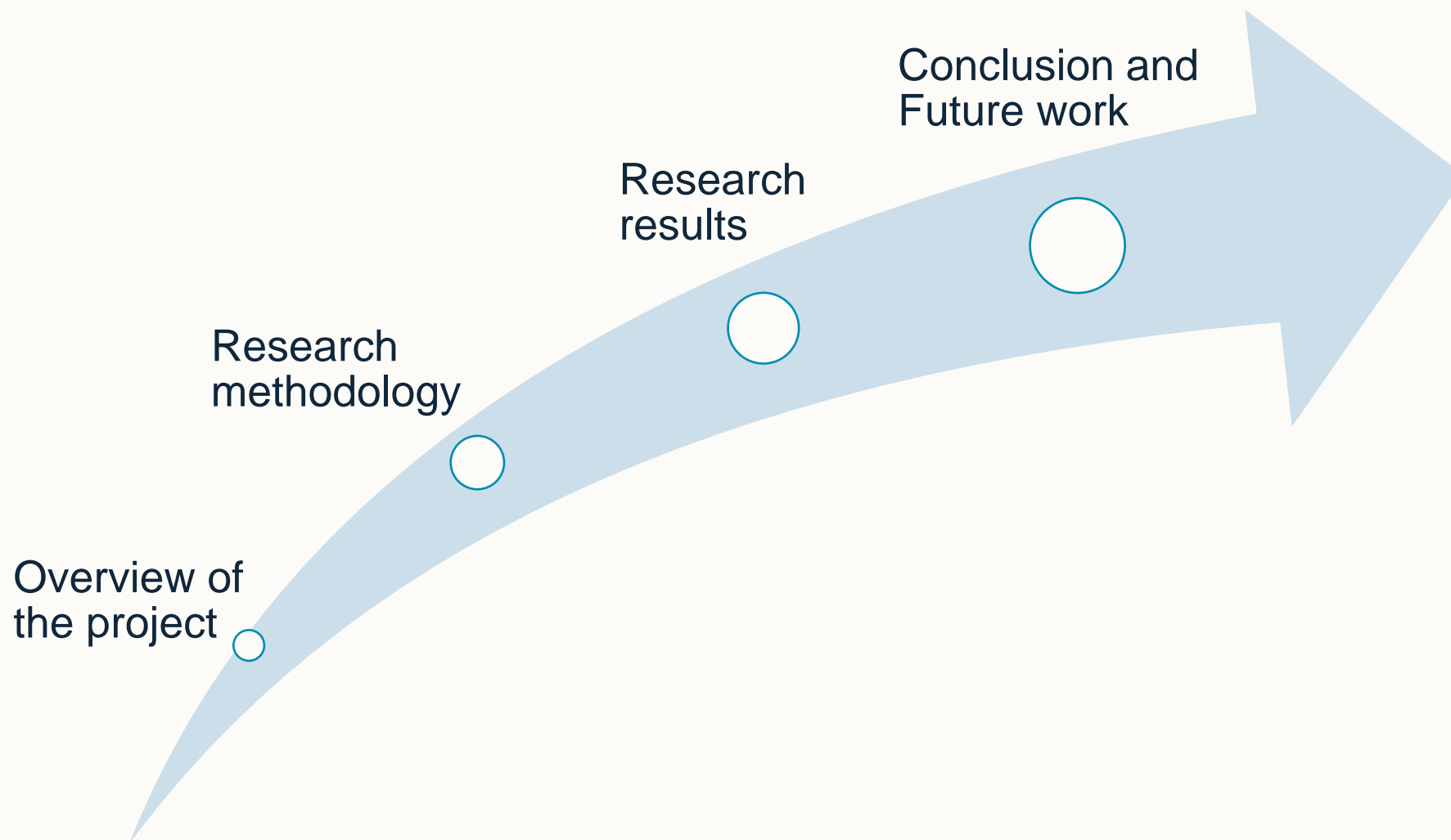
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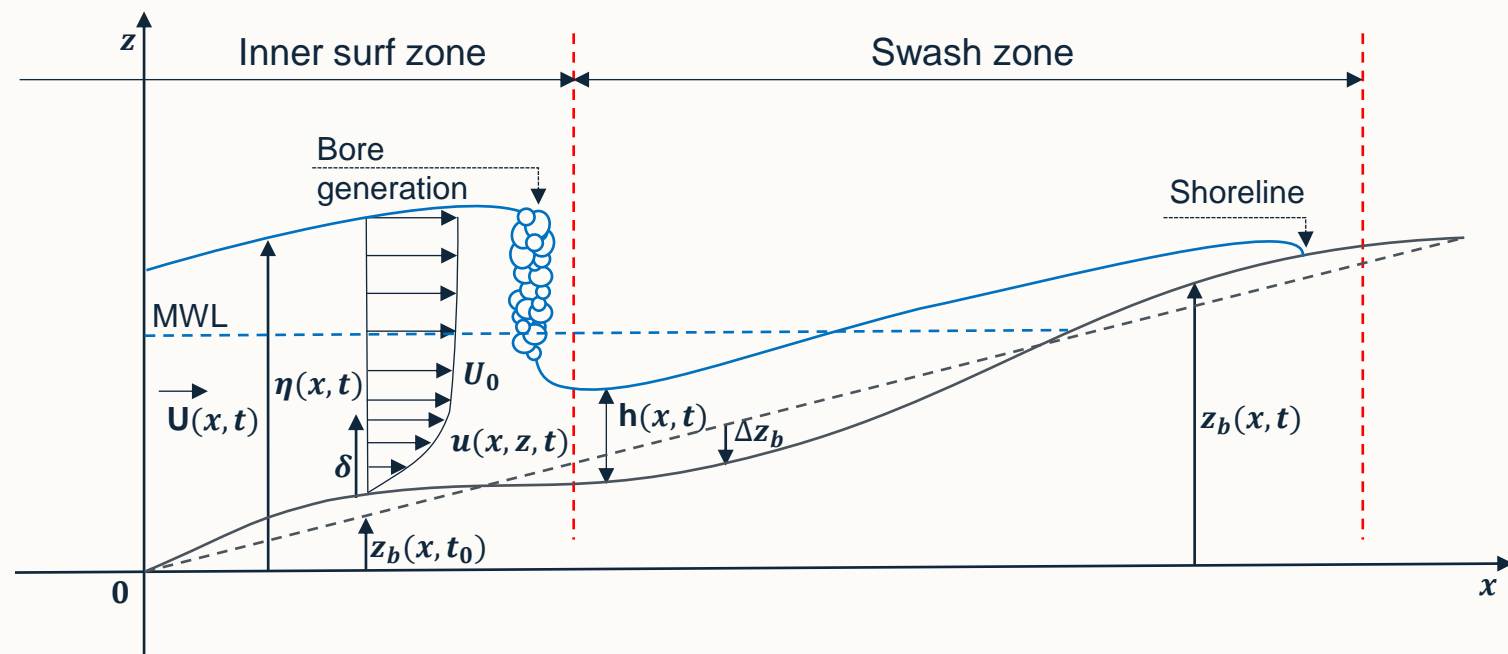




# Overview of the project

## The swash zone

- A dynamic region separating land from the inner surf zone
- Wave run-up/run-down impacts the nearshore morphology and sediment transport.
- Unsteady flow, high turbulence, rapid boundary layer growth and decay, large sediment transport rates, and rapid bed level changes



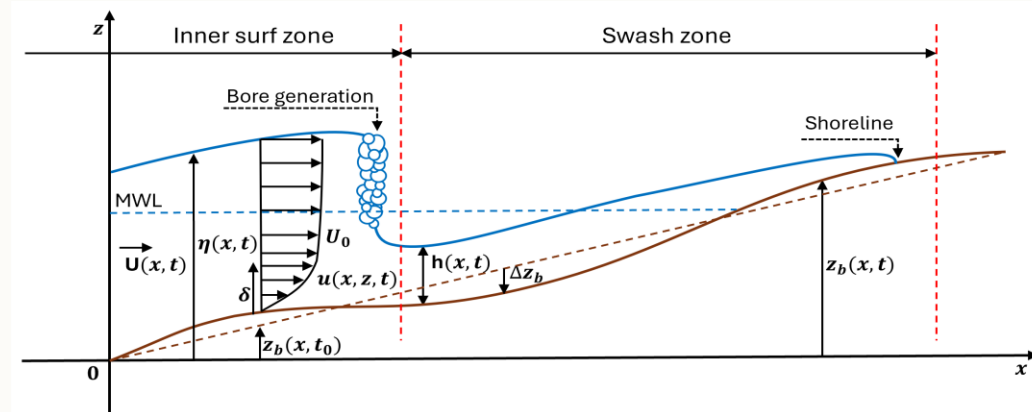
**Figure 1.** Schematic of general swash geometry.

➤ Important to coastal management and conservation strategies.



# Overview of the project

## Motivation

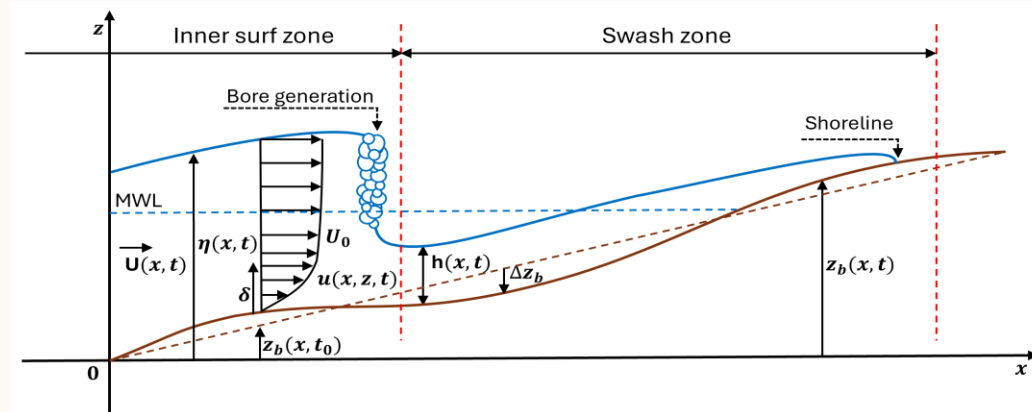


- Difficulty in adequately represent the wave boundary layer in the swash zones.
  - Difficulty in directly measure the bed shear stress within the bottom boundary layer (BBL)
  - An existing BBL sub-model for a **fixed bed** in the swash zone
- Further developed on **mobile bed** beaches, to improve our capacity to accurately described the bed shear stress within the BBL



# Overview of the project

## Objectives



- To develop an **improved** boundary layer description (sub-model) for a **mobile bed** that is suitable for incorporation into a Nonlinear Shallow Water Wave Equation (NLSWE) morphodynamic solver.
- To validate the resulting morphodynamic solver against laboratory and existing field data.





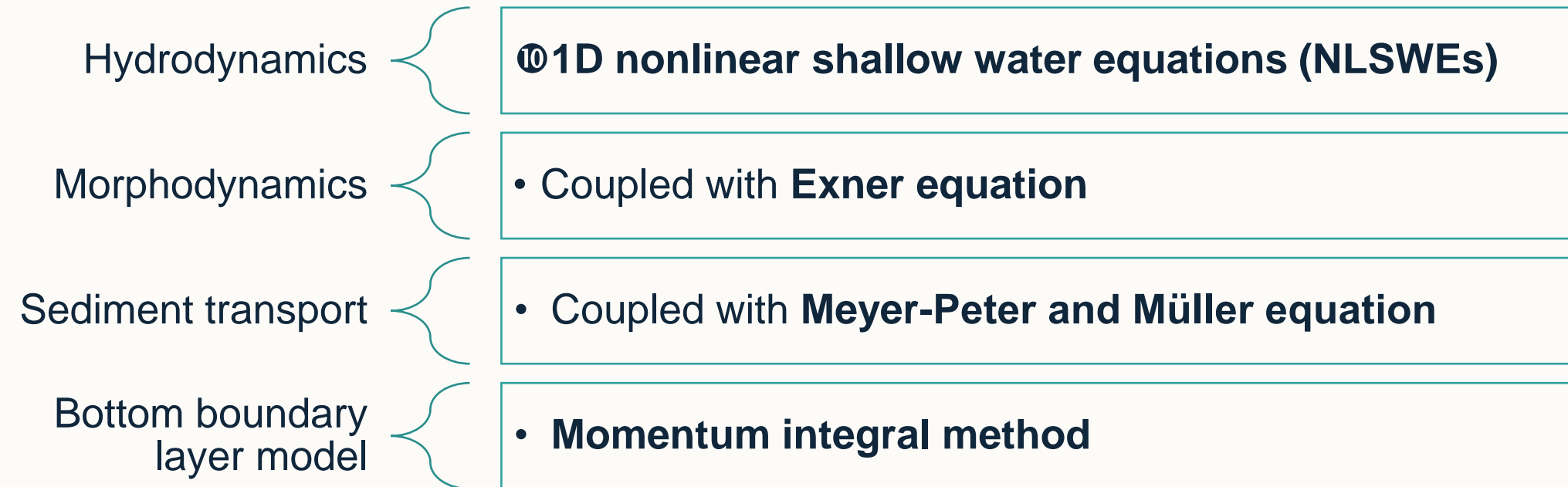
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## Numerical model

❖ Depth-averaged, phase-resolving, fully-coupled model

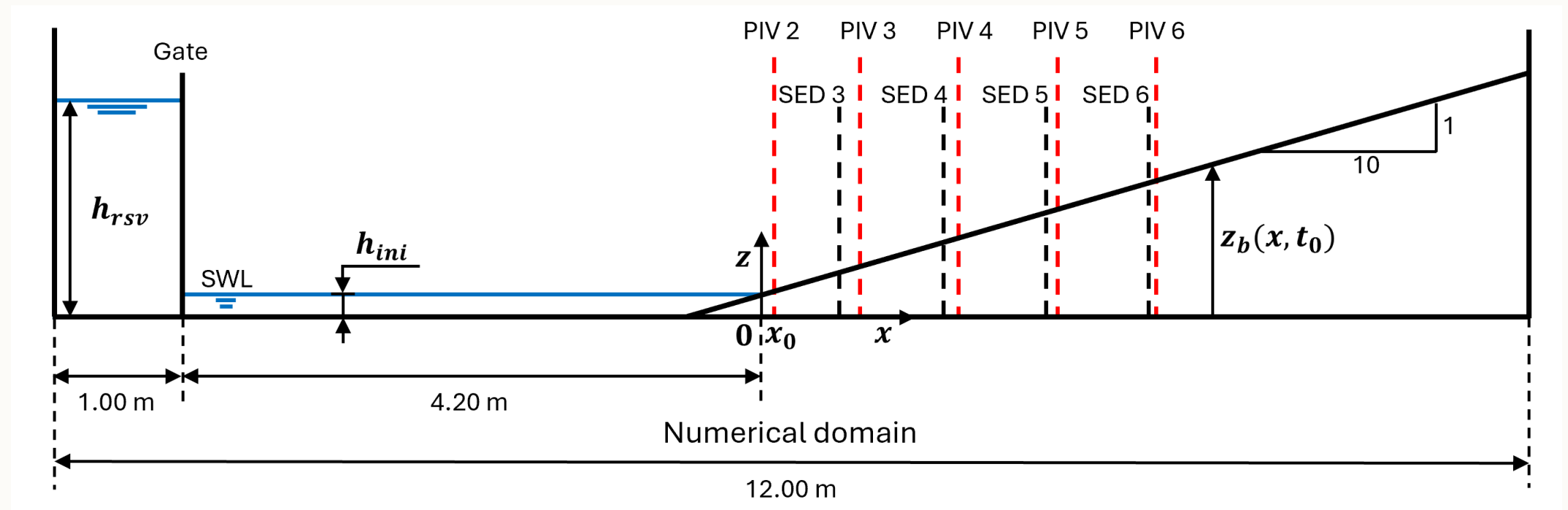




# Research methodology

## Model validation

- Single dam-break-driven swash event on the fixed bed (Kikkert et al., 2012)



**Figure 2.** Schematic of the numerical setup based on the Aberdeen Swash facility.



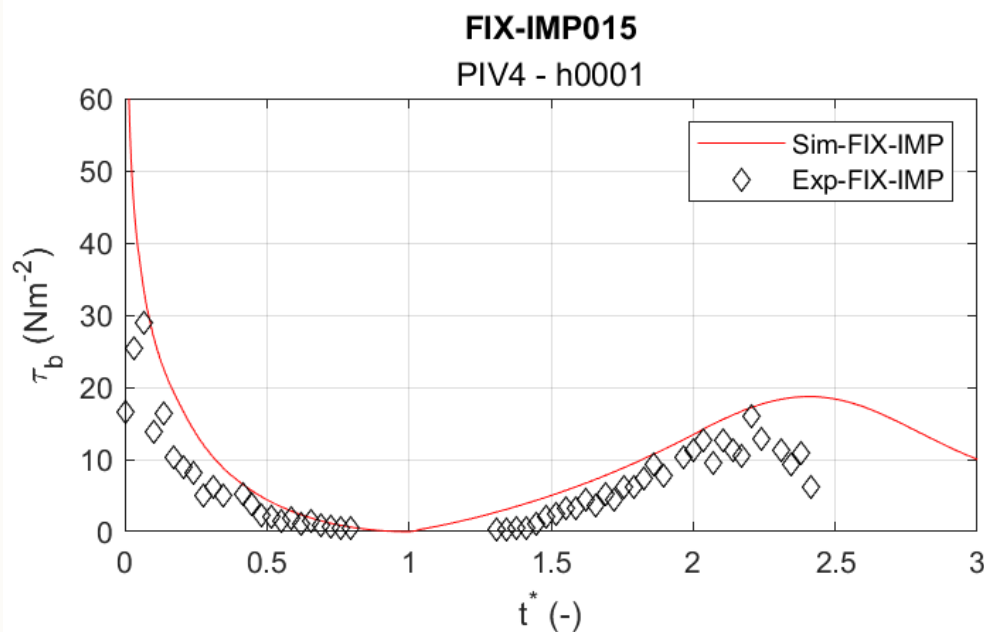
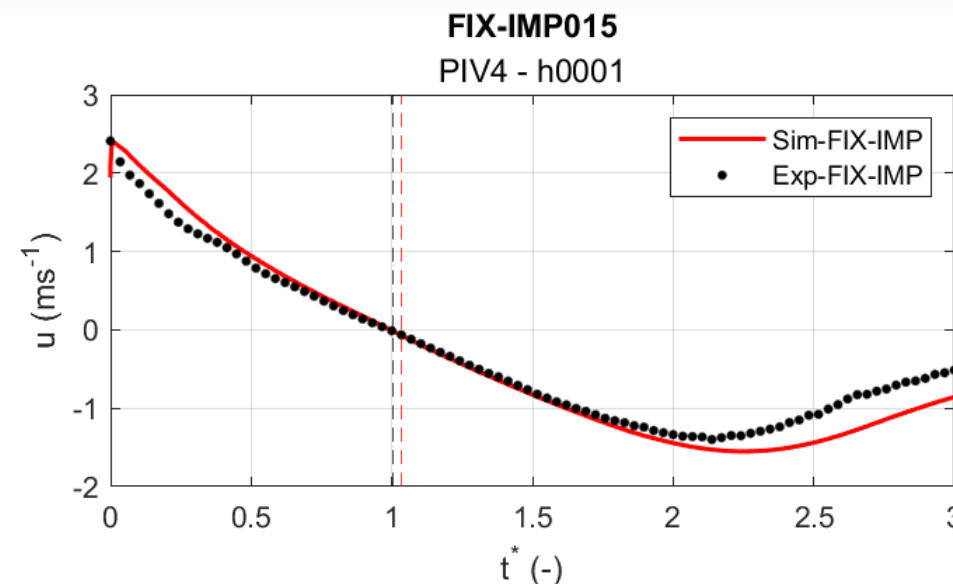
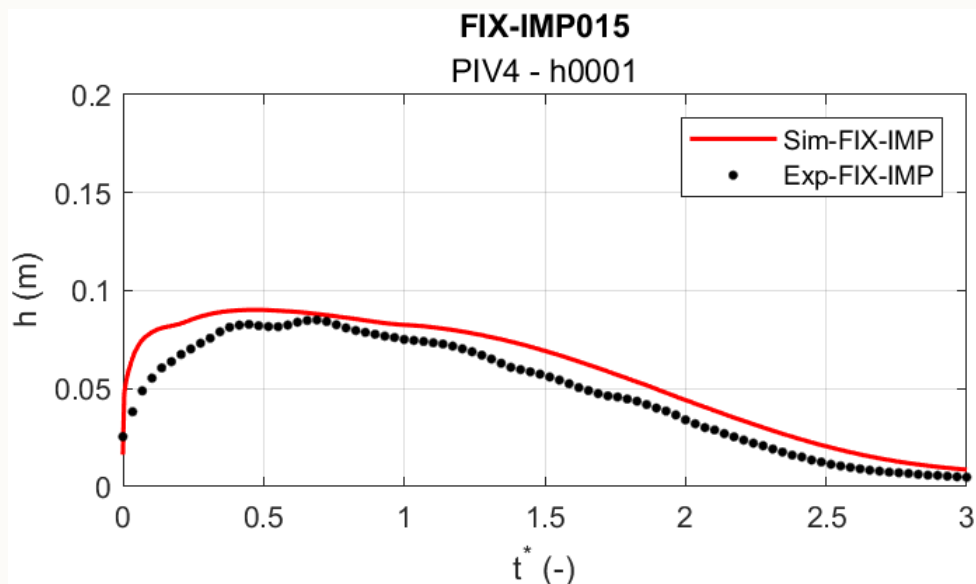


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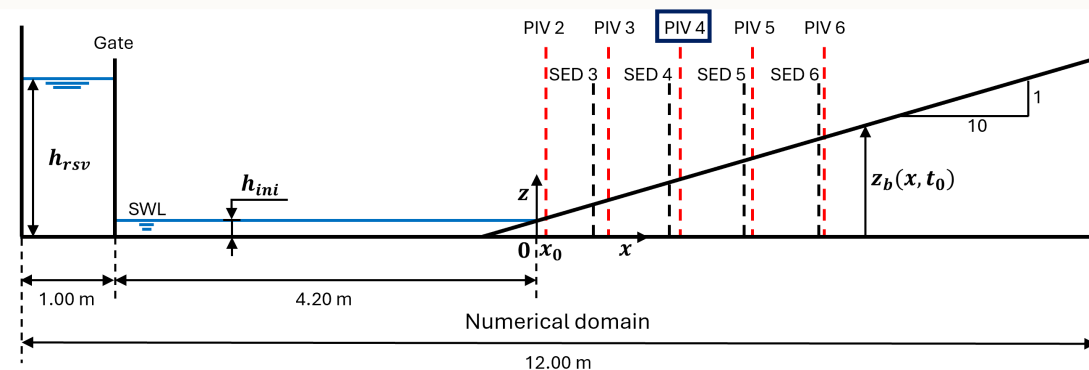
Model validation: Single swash on impermeable fixed beds



# Water depth - Depth-averaged velocity – Bed shear stress

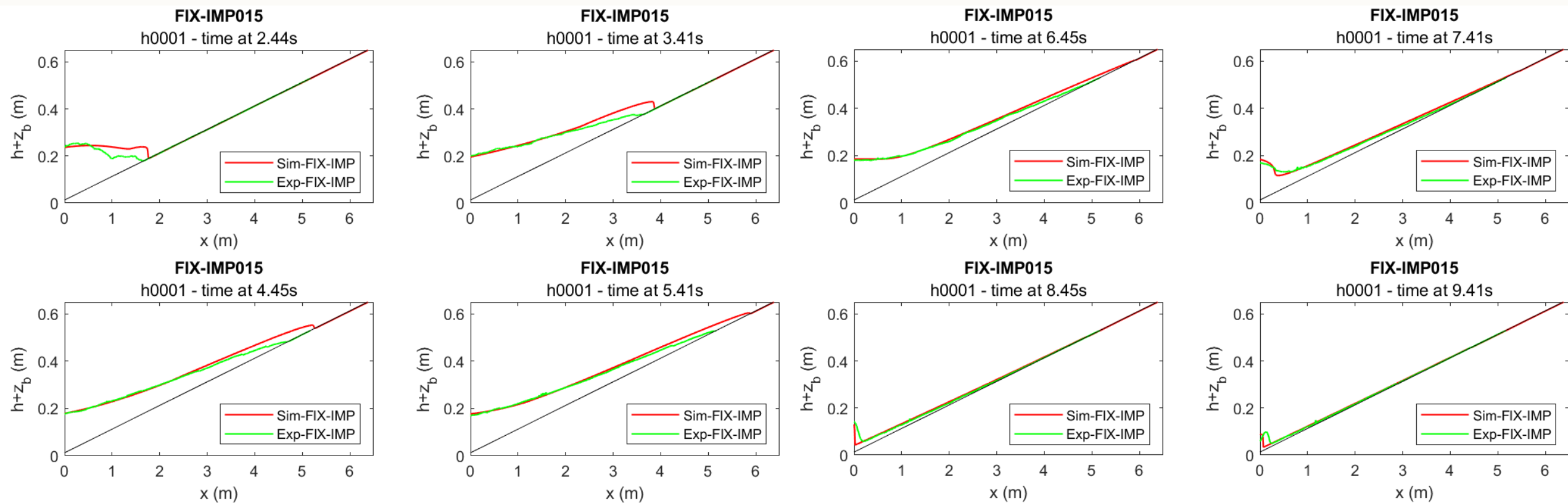


$$t^* = \frac{t - t_{bore\ arrival}}{t_{flow\ reversal} - t_{bore\ arrival}}$$





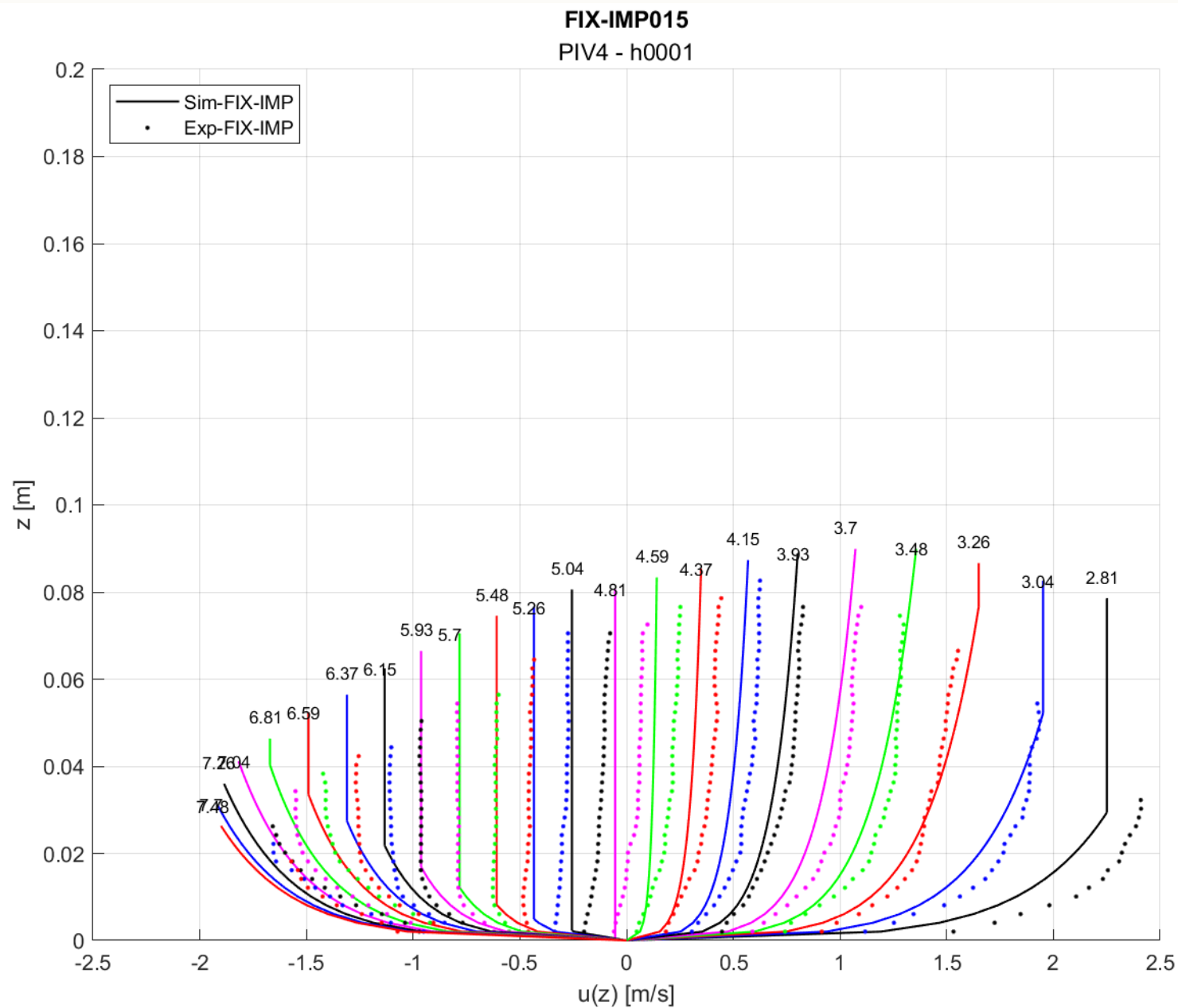
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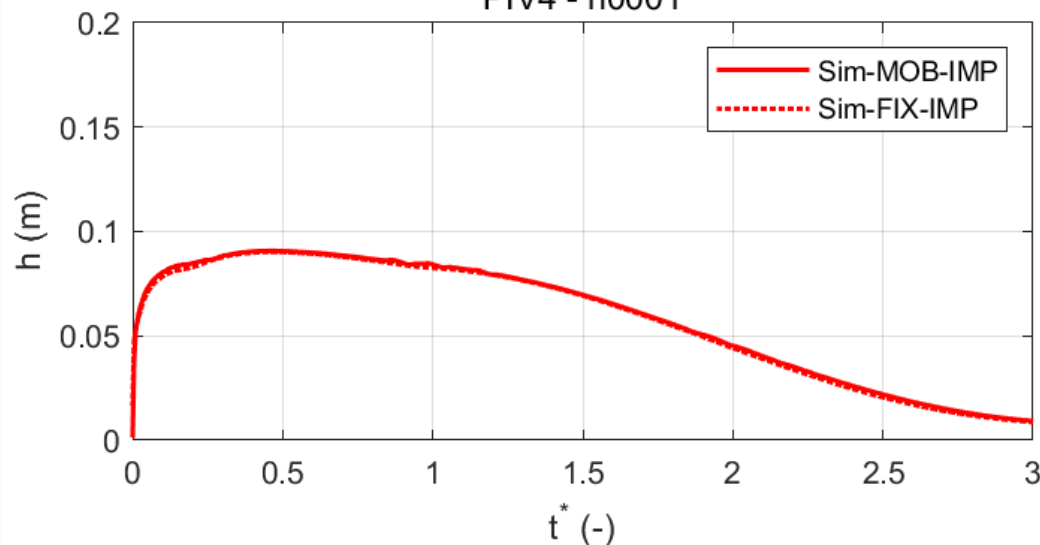
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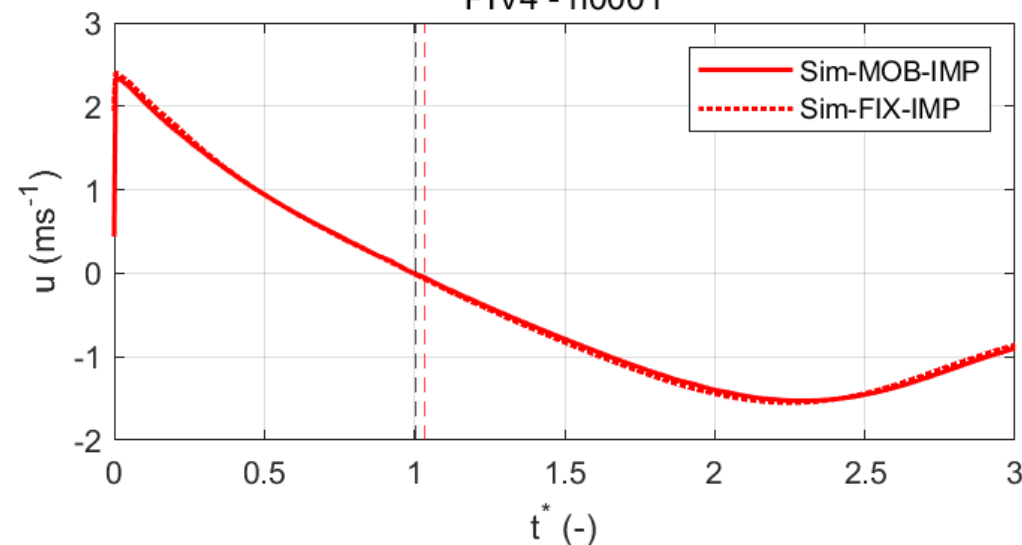
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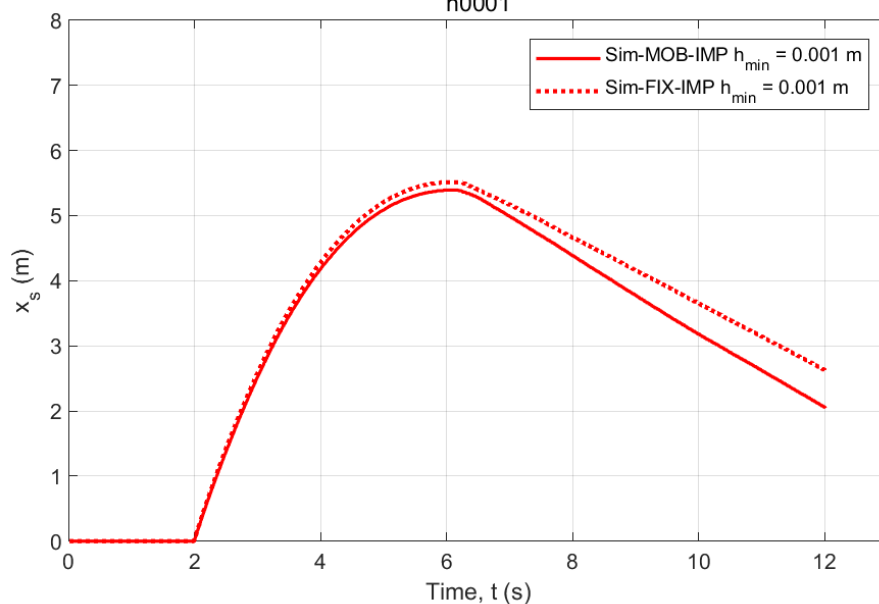
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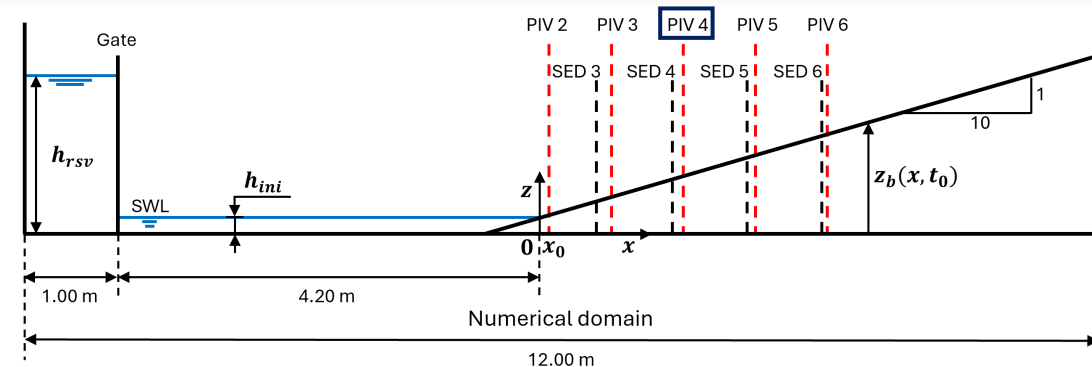


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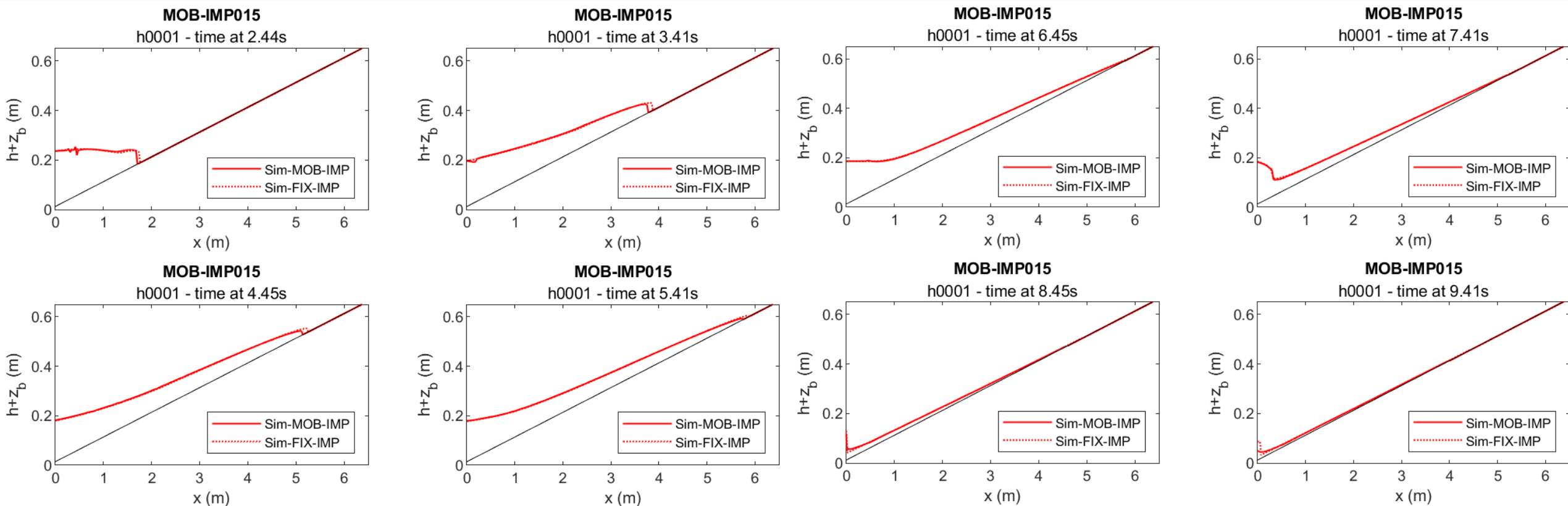
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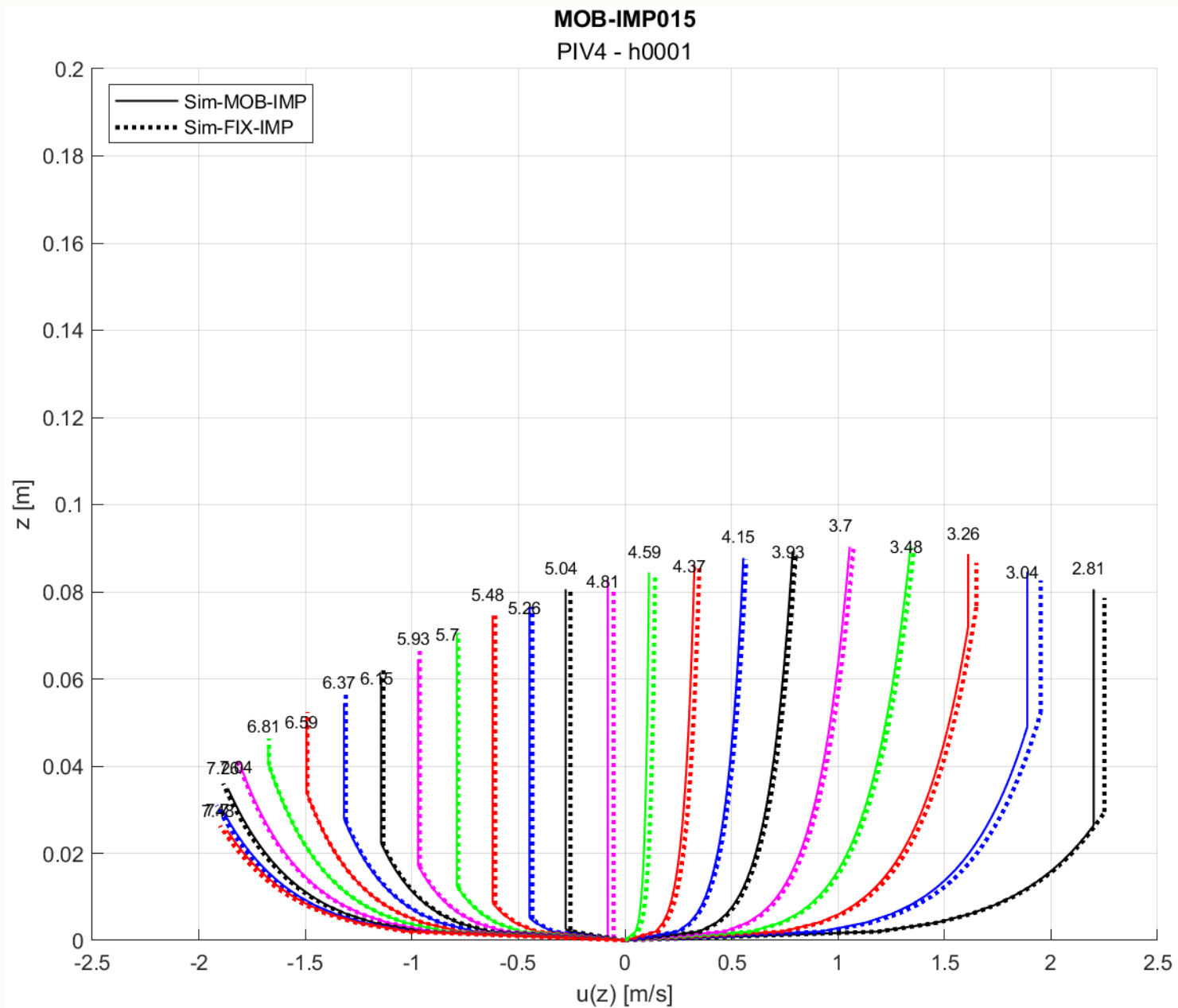


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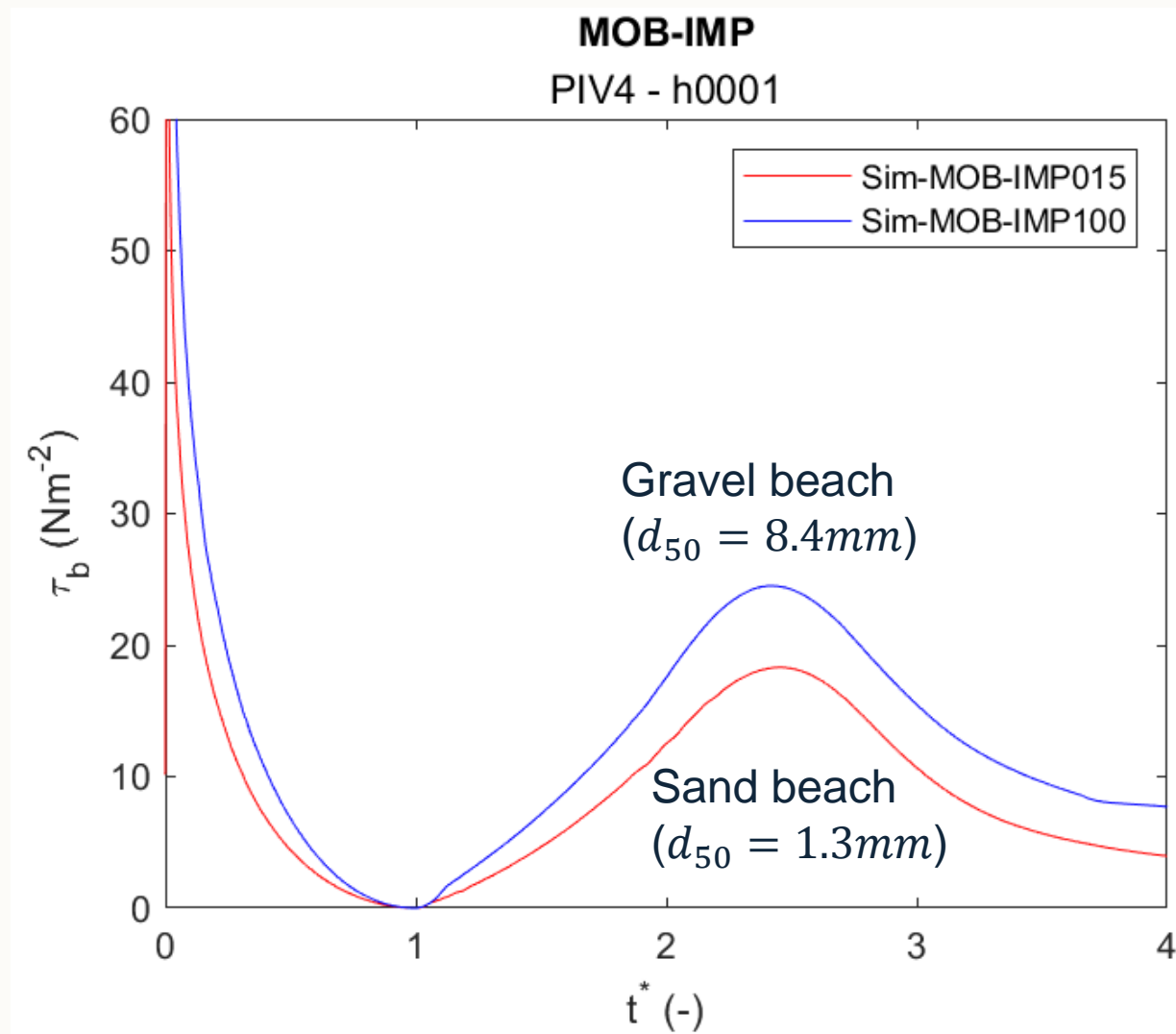
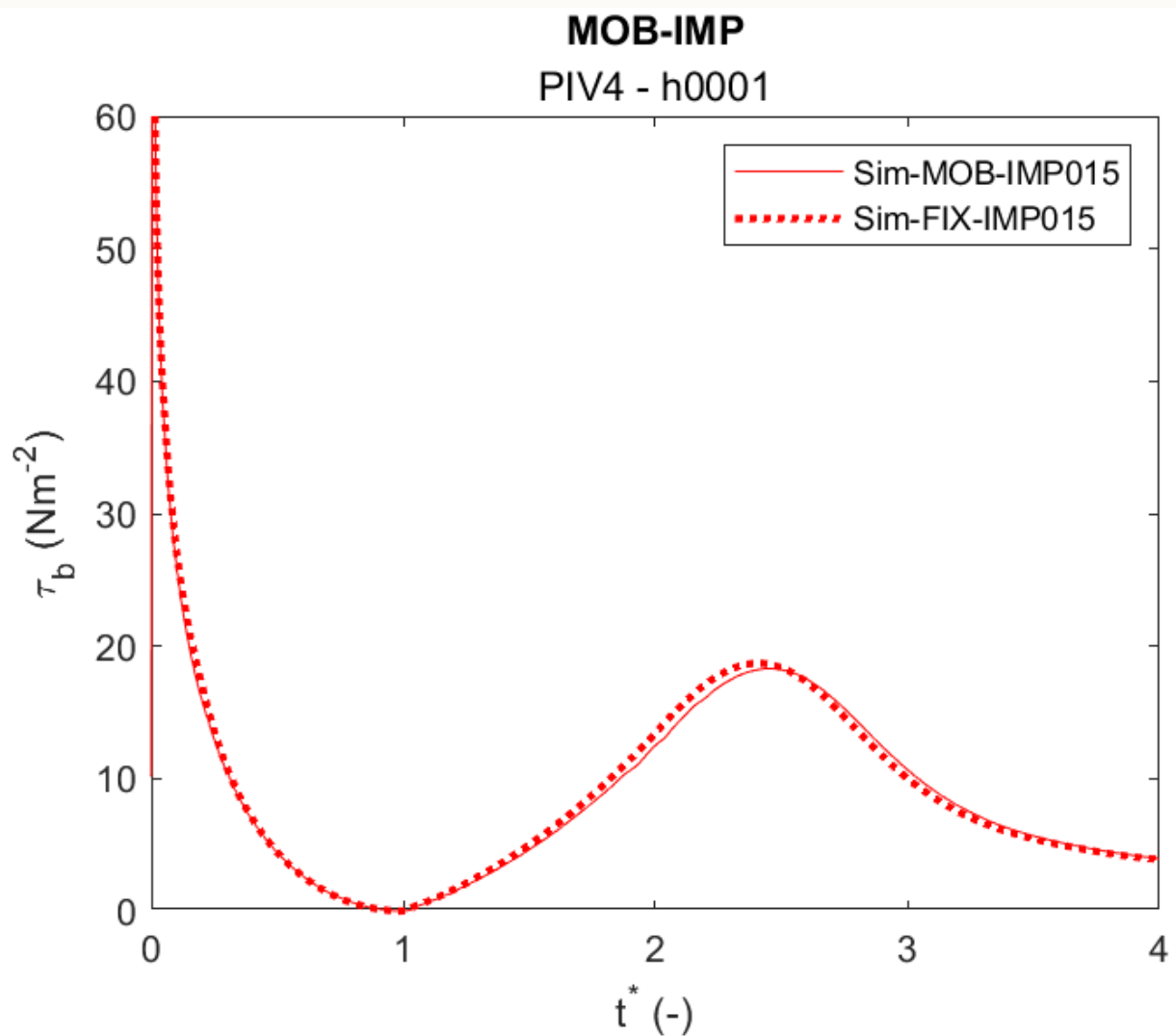


# Vertical profile of horizontal velocity





# Bed shear stress





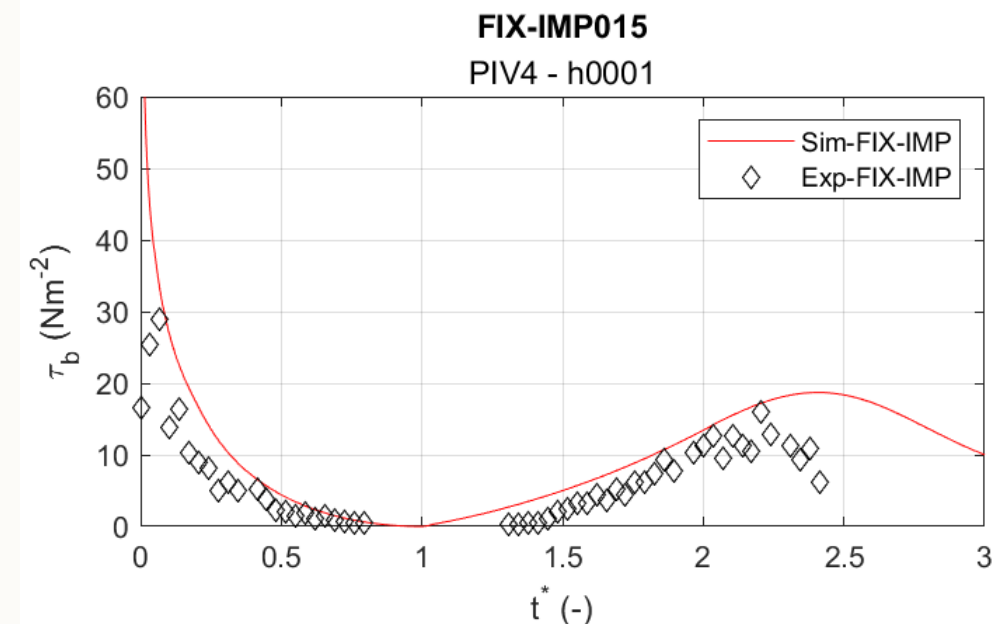
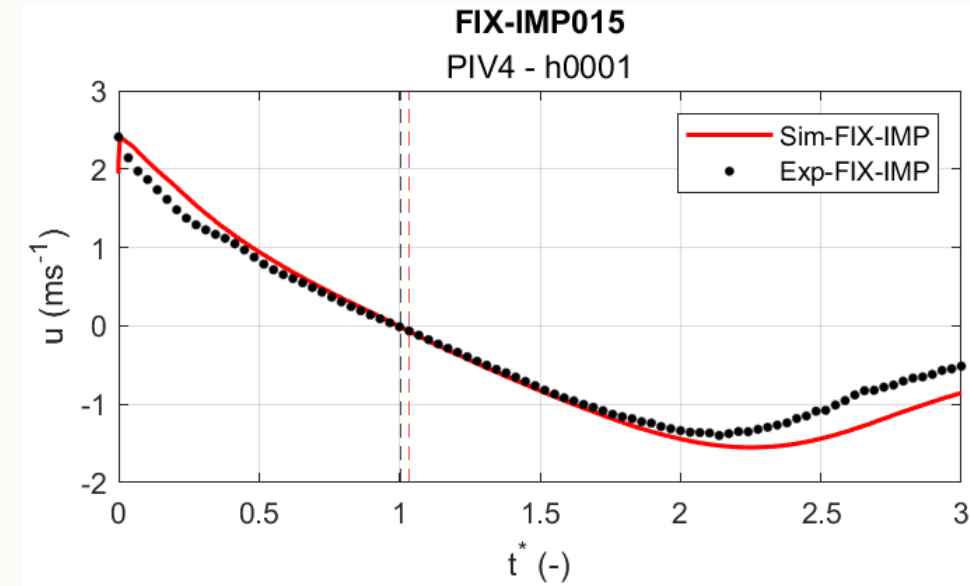


# Conclusion



# Model advancements

- Numerical results of the flow variables for the test with fixed bed are close to the experimental results
- The model accurately predicts the depth-averaged horizontal velocity in the run-up phase
- The modelled bore arrival time almost coincides with the experimental one
- The modelled bed shear stress is well predicted when compared with the log-law-derived shear stress





# Model limitations

- **Overestimation of boundary layer thickness and underestimation of velocity profile**
  - Affecting the model's ability to accurately simulate the interactions between the flow and the seabed, which are crucial for understanding the sediment transport processes.
- **Uncertainties in bed shear stress modelling**
  - Affecting the accuracy in modelling of bed shear stress at critical moments such as the arrival of the bore and during flow reversal
- **Overestimation of Flow Variables**
  - Affecting the reliability of the model in practical applications.





# Future works

- Improving the simulation of the vertical profile of horizontal velocity inside the bottom boundary layer, with a focus on the velocity profile at the flow reversal and the swash tip.
- Parameterising the physical parameters and model configuration on the simulation of the dam-break-driven swash event on an impermeable mobile bed.



# Deliverables

## 01

D2.2. Technical report on evaluation of morphodynamic swash zone model with existing boundary layer sub-model.

## 02

D2.8. Technical report on evaluation of new boundary layer sub-model.

## 03

D3.11. Technical report on application of morphodynamic swash zone model.



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# Structural stability of the Brinkman–Forchheimer equations for flow in porous media with variable porosity

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# Introduction

Payne and Straughan (1999) established continuous dependence in the Brinkman-Forchheimer equations with constant porosity . When the porosity is space dependent :

- Velocity is not divergence free.
- The term describing viscous shear stresses is not the Laplacian .
- We have normal viscous stresses (bulk viscosity  $\zeta$ ) .
- The shear viscosity  $\mu$  enters the expression for the interfacial drag (Darcy coefficient  $a$ ) .
- We are working in the weighted  $L^2$  space with the porosity  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  being the weight .

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \left( \int_{\Omega} \phi |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/2}$$

# Inequalities

Arithmetic-geometric mean inequality

$$ab \leq \frac{1}{2c} a^2 + \frac{c}{2} b^2$$

Hölder's inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{f}| |\mathbf{g}| d\mathbf{x} \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{f}|^p d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{g}|^q d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/q}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

Sobolev inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{G}|^4 d\mathbf{x} \leq C \left( \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{G}|^2 d\mathbf{x} \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{G} : \nabla \mathbf{G} d\mathbf{x} \right)^{3/2}$$

Poincare's inequality

$$\lambda_1 \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{w}|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{w} : \nabla \mathbf{w} d\mathbf{x}$$



# Model

The Brinkman–Forchheimer equations for flow in porous media with variable porosity are

$$\begin{aligned} \phi \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \phi \nabla p \\ = \nabla \cdot (\phi \zeta (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}) + \nabla \cdot (\phi \mu \mathbf{V}^d) - a^*(\phi) \mathbf{u} - b^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}| \mathbf{u} + \phi \mathbf{f} \quad , \quad \zeta, \mu > 0 \\ \nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{u}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

where  $\mathbf{u}$  is the average fluid velocity in the porous medium,  $a$  is the Darcy coefficient,  $b$  is the Forchheimer coefficient,  $\zeta$  is the bulk viscosity,  $\mu$  is the shear viscosity,  $p$  is the pressure,  $\mathbf{f}$  is the gravity and  $\phi$  is the variable porosity.

# Forchheimer coefficient $b$

To study continuous dependence on  $b$ , we let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  solve the following boundary initial-value problems for different Forchheimer coefficients  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  :

$$\phi \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \phi \nabla p = \nabla \cdot (\phi \zeta(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}) + \nabla \cdot (\phi \mu \mathbf{V}^d) - a^*(\phi) \mathbf{u} - b_1^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}| \mathbf{u} + \phi \mathbf{f} ,$$

$$\phi \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \phi \nabla q = \nabla \cdot (\phi \zeta(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{I}) + \nabla \cdot (\phi \mu \mathbf{V}^d) - a^*(\phi) \mathbf{v} - b_2^*(\phi) |\mathbf{v}| \mathbf{v} + \phi \mathbf{f} ,$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{v}) = 0 , \quad \Omega \times \{t > 0\} ,$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} , \quad \partial\Omega \times \{t > 0\} ,$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) , \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

$\Omega$  in these problems is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  whose boundary is  $\partial\Omega$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  is the given initial data.

# Forchheimer coefficient $b$

We define the difference variables  $\mathbf{w}$  ,  $p$  and  $b$  by

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

and then  $\mathbf{w}$  satisfies the boundary initial-value problem

$$\begin{aligned} \phi \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\phi \zeta (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}) \mathbf{l}) - \nabla \cdot (\phi \mu \mathbf{V}^d) \\ = -a^*(\phi) \mathbf{w} - (b_1^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}| \mathbf{u} - b_2^*(\phi) |\mathbf{v}| \mathbf{v}) - \phi \nabla \pi \text{ ,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{w}) = 0 \text{ , } \Omega \times \{t > 0\} \text{ ,}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} \text{ , } \partial\Omega \times \{t > 0\} \text{ ,}$$

$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{0} \text{ , } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$



# Forchheimer coefficient $b$

Using the relations

$$\mathbf{V}^d : \mathbf{V}^d = \mathbf{V}^d : \nabla \mathbf{w}$$

$$\|\mathbf{V}^d\|^2 \geq \frac{\phi_{\min}}{2\phi_{\max}} \|\nabla \mathbf{w}\|^2$$

and calculations we can conclude

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq \frac{c}{\lambda_1^{1/2} \mu^2} \left( \frac{1}{\phi_{\min}} - 1 \right)^2 \frac{(\phi_{\max})^{7/2}}{(\phi_{\min})^{9/2}} \|\mathbf{g}\|^4 e^{-2a\mu(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1)t} b^2$$

This specific estimate establishes continuous dependence on the Forchheimer coefficient  $b$  in the weighted  $L^2$  norm.

Also through calculations we can establish continuous dependence on

- the Darcy coefficient

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\min}} - 1\right)^2 \frac{1}{a_1 \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)^2 (a_1 - 2a_2)} \|\mathbf{g}\|^2 \left(e^{-2a_2\mu \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)t} - e^{-a_1\mu \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)t}\right) a^2$$

- the shear viscosity

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq & \left[ \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\min}} - 1\right)^2 \frac{\|\mathbf{g}\|^2}{\mu_1 \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)^2 (\mu_1 - 2\mu_2)} \left(e^{-2a\mu_2 \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)t} - e^{-a\mu_1 \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)t}\right) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\phi_{\max}}{2\mu_1\mu_2\phi_{\min}} \|\mathbf{g}\|^2 e^{-a\mu_2 \left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)t} \right] \mu^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Energy bounds

Now, let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a solution to the boundary initial-value problem for the Brinkman-Forchheimer equations with variable porosity.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \phi |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} a^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} b^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}|^3 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} \phi \mu \mathbf{V}^d : \nabla \mathbf{u} d\mathbf{x} \\ &= - \int_{\Omega} \phi \zeta (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

Through basic calculations and Poincare's inequality we can easily establish an upper bound

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{g}\|^2 e^{-(2a\mu(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1) + \frac{\lambda_1 \mu \phi_{\min}^2}{\phi_{\max}^2})t}$$



# Energy bounds

Next, we derive a lower bound for  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$ . To do this, let the kinetic energy be

$$\Phi = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2$$

and then by calculation,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Phi}{dt} &= \\ &-2 \int_{\Omega} \phi \zeta (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 d\mathbf{x} - 2 \int_{\Omega} \phi \mu \mathbf{V}^d : \mathbf{V}^d d\mathbf{x} - 2 \int_{\Omega} a^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} - 2 \int_{\Omega} b^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}|^3 d\mathbf{x} \\ &\leq \chi \end{aligned}$$

where we have set

$$\chi(t) = -2 \int_{\Omega} \phi \mu \mathbf{V}^d : \mathbf{V}^d d\mathbf{x} - 2 \int_{\Omega} \phi \zeta (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 d\mathbf{x} - 2 \int_{\Omega} a^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\mathbf{x} - \frac{4}{3} \int_{\Omega} b^*(\phi) |\mathbf{u}|^3 d\mathbf{x}$$

By further computation, we find that

$$\frac{d\chi}{dt} = 4 \int_{\Omega} \phi \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right|^2 d\mathbf{x} = 4 \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right\|^2$$

and so with the aid of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and some basic calculations we can see that

$$\Phi(t) \geq \Phi(0) e^{\frac{3\chi(0)}{2\|\mathbf{g}\|^2} t}$$

so we have established a lower and an upper bound for  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$

$$\|\mathbf{g}\|^2 e^{\frac{3\chi(0)}{2\|\mathbf{g}\|^2} t} \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{g}\|^2 e^{-(2a\mu(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1) + \frac{\lambda_1 \mu \phi_{\min}^2}{\phi_{\max}^2}) t}$$

This, of course, shows that  $\mathbf{u}$  cannot vanish identically in a finite time

# Energy bounds

Now that we know  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$  is strictly positive, we can improve the upper bound. If we use Holder's inequality and with the aid of Poincare's inequality, we may derive

$$\frac{d}{dt}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \left(2a\mu\left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right) + \frac{\lambda_1\mu\phi_{\min}^2}{\phi_{\max}^2}\right)\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \frac{2b}{m^{1/2}(\phi_{\max})^{1/2}}\left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right)\|\mathbf{u}\|^3 \leq 0$$

where  $m = m(\Omega)$  is the measure of  $\Omega$ . This inequality may be rearranged and integrated into

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{u}\| \\ & \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{g}\|(2a\phi_{\max}(1 - \phi_{\max}) + \lambda_1\phi_{\min}^2)A(t)}{2a\phi_{\max}(1 - \phi_{\max}) + \lambda_1\phi_{\min}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{g}\|b m^{-1/2}\mu^{-1}\phi_{\max}^{1/2}(1 - \phi_{\max})(1 - A(t))} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A(t) = e^{-\left(a\mu\left(\frac{1}{\phi_{\max}} - 1\right) + \frac{\lambda_1\mu\phi_{\min}^2}{2\phi_{\max}^2}\right)t}$$



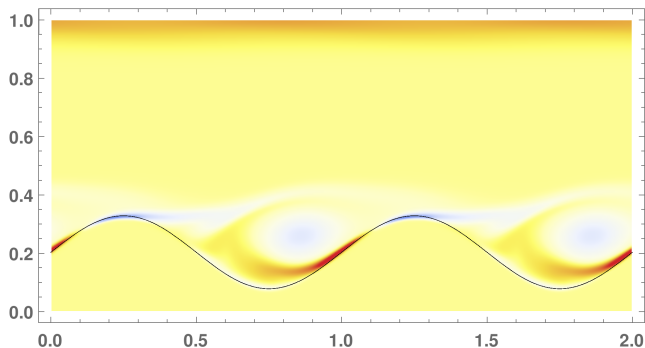
So finally we established a lower and an upper bound for  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{g}\| e^{\frac{3\chi(0)}{4\|\mathbf{g}\|^2} t} \\ & \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \\ & \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{g}\|(2a\phi_{\max}(1 - \phi_{\max}) + \lambda_1\phi_{\min}^2)A(t)}{2a\phi_{\max}(1 - \phi_{\max}) + \lambda_1\phi_{\min}^2 + 2\|\mathbf{g}\|b m^{-1/2}\mu^{-1}\phi_{\max}^{1/2}(1 - \phi_{\max})(1 - A(t))} \end{aligned}$$

# Future work

We will work on a problem include the flow of currents over deformable dunes in a channel.

Detailed numerical simulations of shear-driven (Couette) of water-sand mixtures. (Emphasis on sediment mobilization and resuspension)



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