

# COUPLING BETWEEN DUALSPHYSICS AND SWASH MODELS AND LATEST APPLICATIONS TO COASTAL ENGINEERING PROBLEMS

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# INTRODUCTION

User: I'd like to generate (water) waves!

Corrado: We've got a RZ!

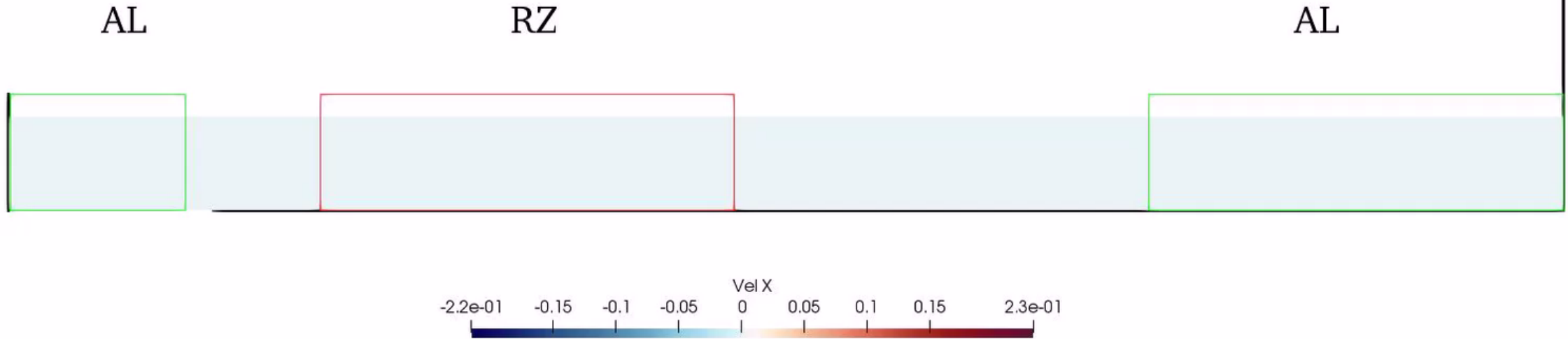
User: How can I use that?

Corrado: Well...

Simplicio: That won't work...

# INTRODUCTION

Time: 0.00



Design the Relaxation zone means fixing:

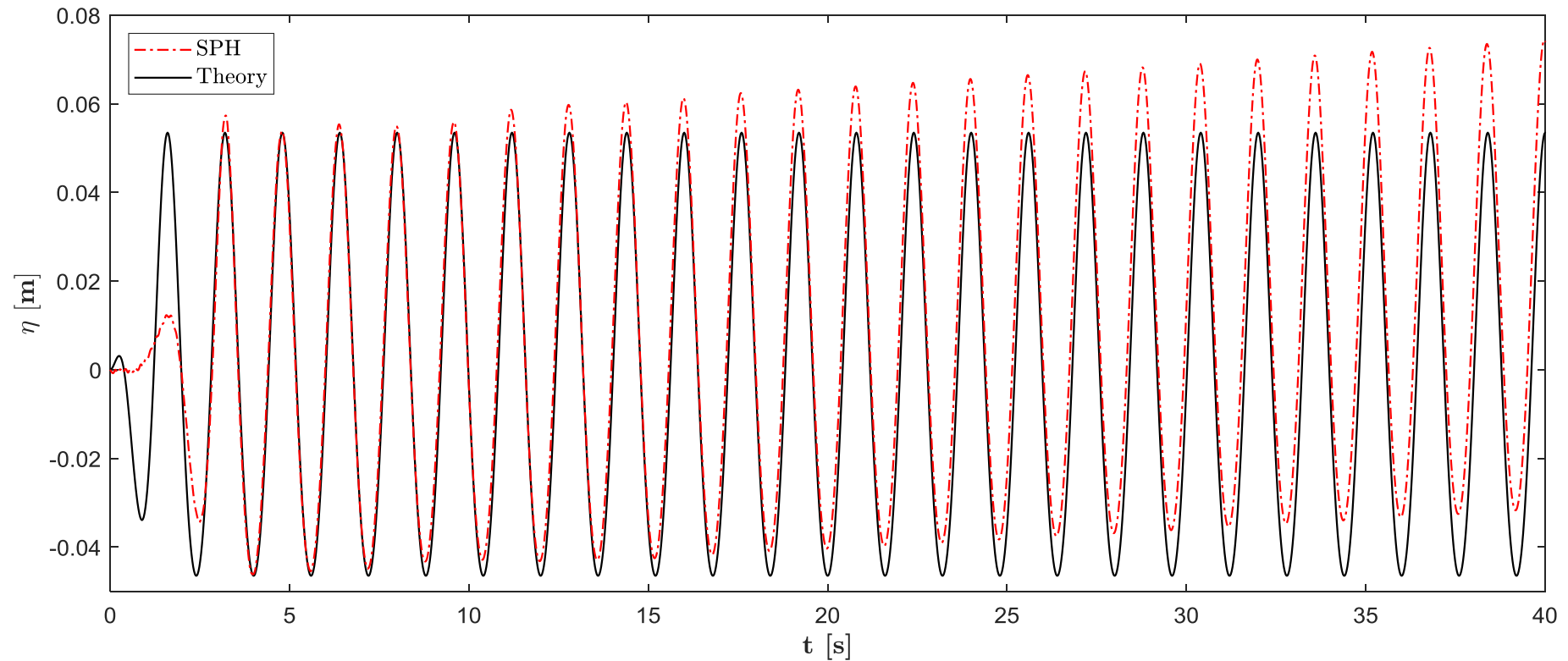
$W_{RZ}$  width of RZ

$\alpha, \beta$   $C$ -function parameters

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## 0. Wave generation using Relaxation Zone tool in DualSPHysics

mass drift!



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According to the Stokes' equations,

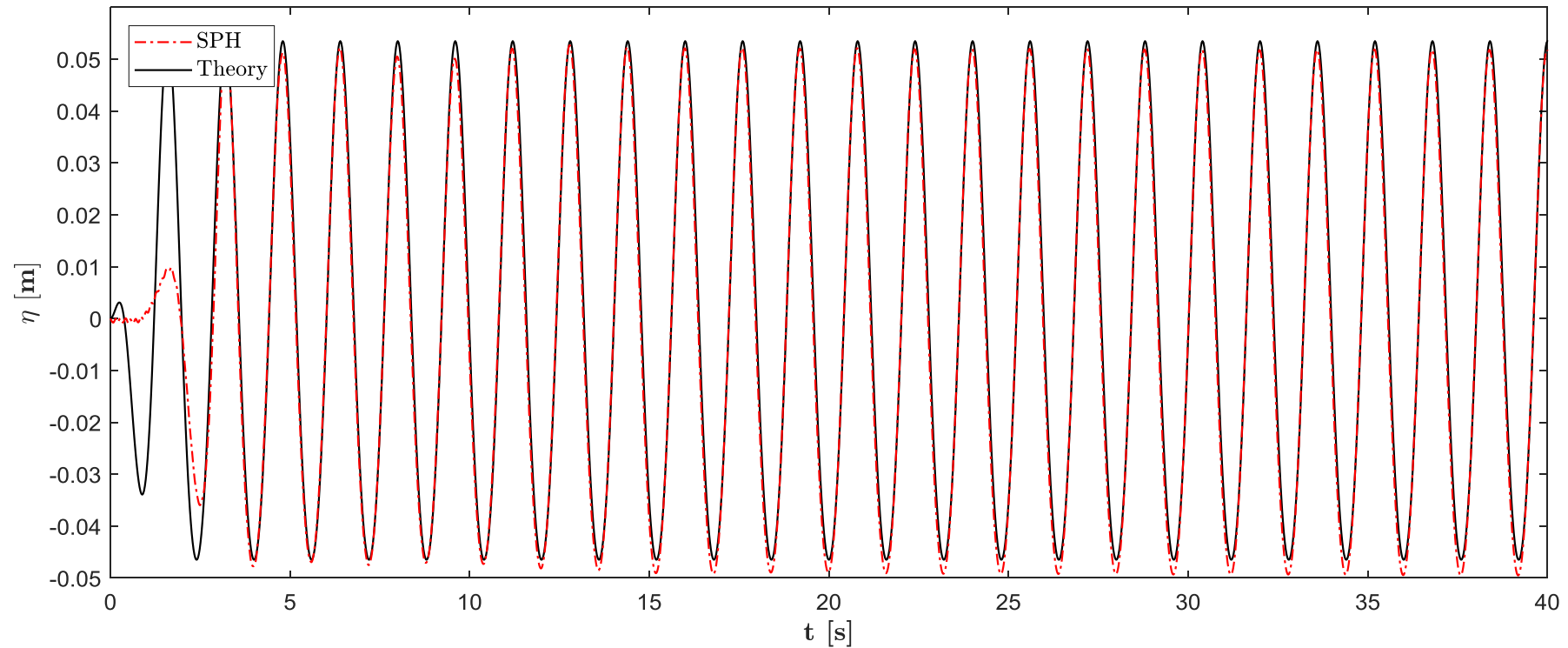
$$\bar{U}(z) = \frac{\xi(\tilde{x}, z, T) - \xi(\tilde{x}, z, 0)}{T} = \left(\frac{\pi H}{L}\right)^2 \frac{C \cosh\left[\frac{4\pi(z+d)}{L}\right]}{2 \sinh^2\left(\frac{2\pi d}{L}\right)}$$

Now we subtract this term from the theoretical velocity field

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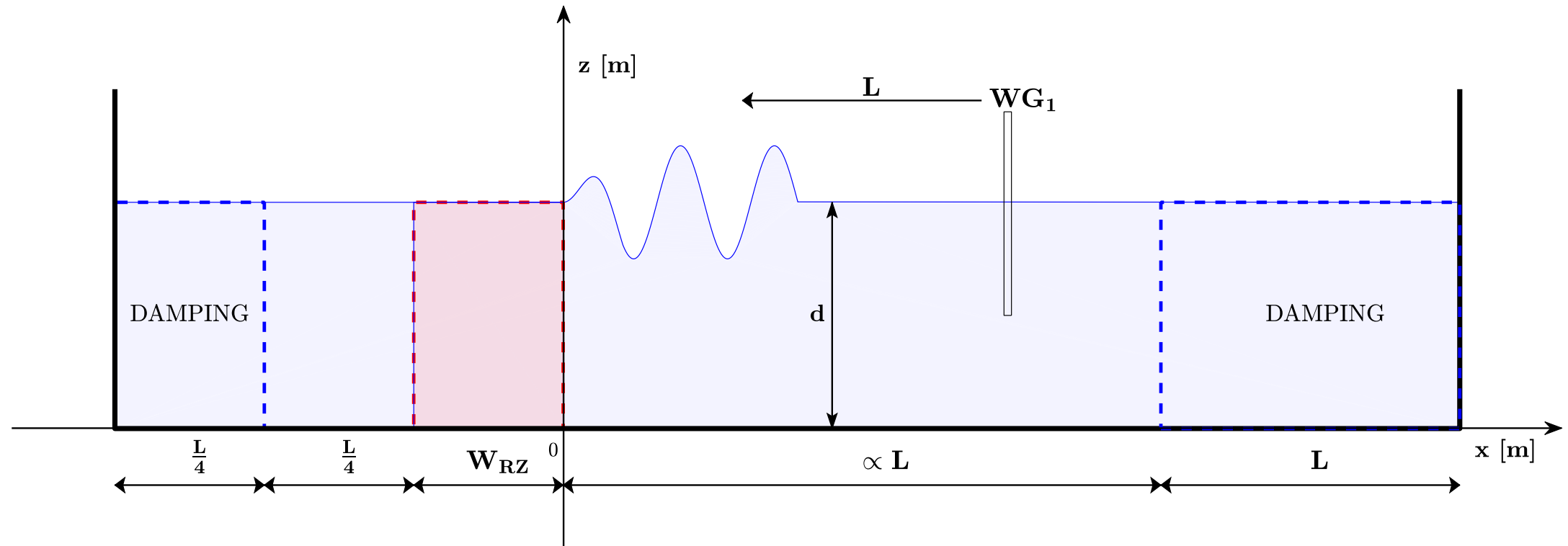
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# **1) VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION**

# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 1. Model setting





# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 2. Definition of Effective Width - $W_{eff}$

$$W_{eff} = (\chi_2 - \chi_1) \cdot W_{RZ} [m]$$

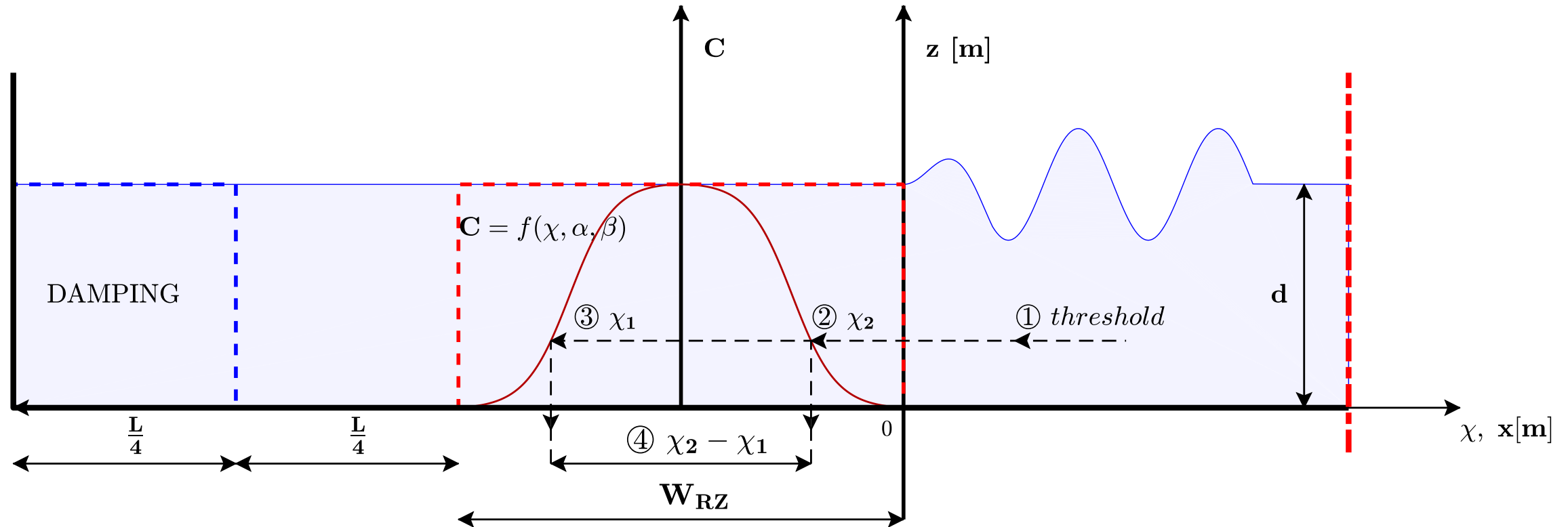
where

$$\chi_1 \parallel C(\chi, \alpha, \beta) = threshold \cup \chi \ni [-1, 0]$$

$$\chi_2 \parallel C(\chi, \alpha, \beta) = threshold \cup \chi \ni [0, 1]$$

# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 2. Definition of Effective Width - $W_{eff}$



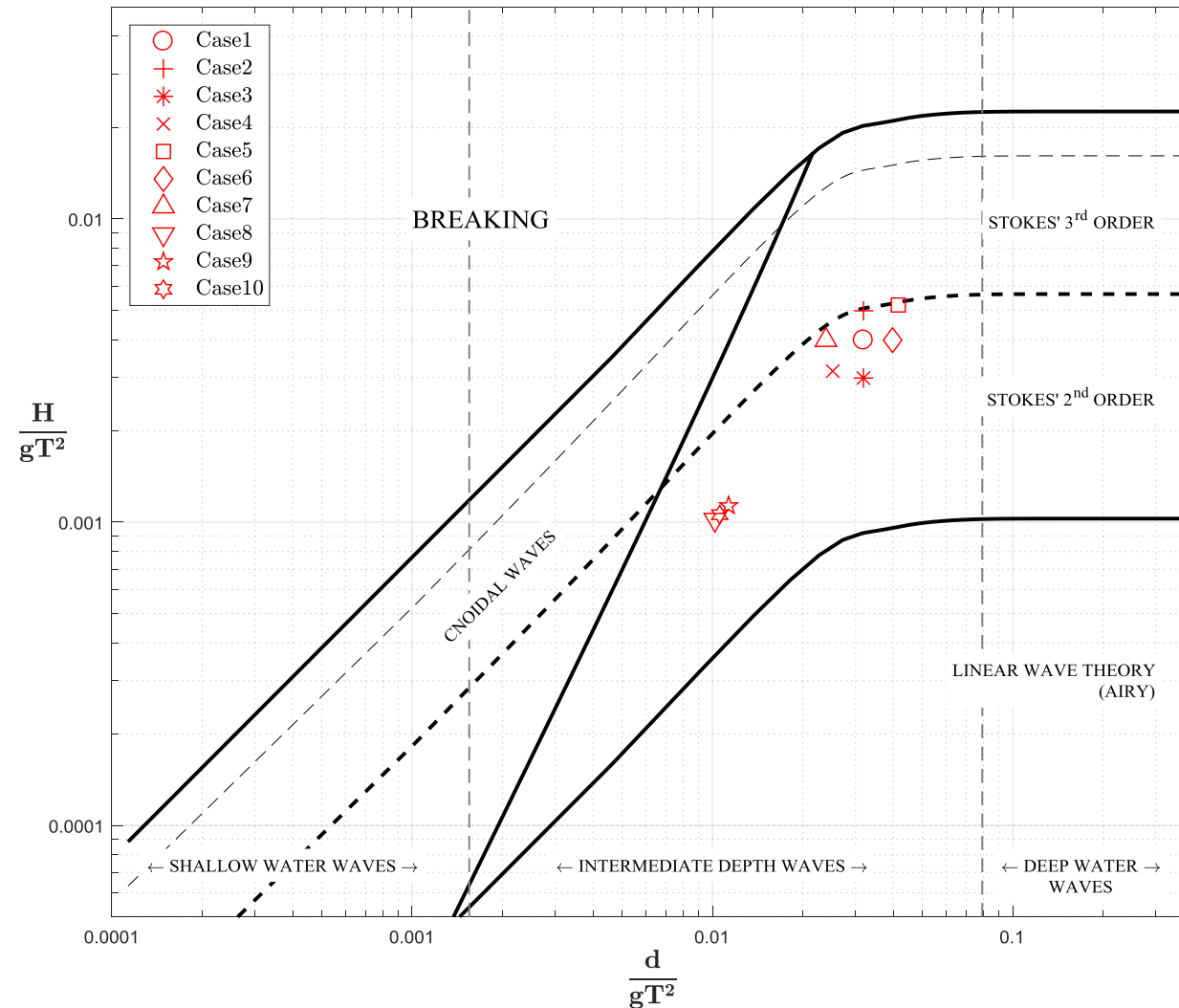
# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 3. Definition of benchmark tests – Wave conditions

Case	Height [m]	Period [s]	Depth [m]	Length [m]	Steepness [%]
<b>1</b>	0.100	1.60	0.80	3.55	<b>2.82</b>
<b>2</b>	0.125	1.60	0.80	3.55	<b>3.52</b>
<b>3</b>	0.075	1.60	0.80	3.52	<b>2.11</b>
<b>4</b>	0.100	1.80	0.80	4.22	<b>2.38</b>
<b>5</b>	0.100	1.40	0.80	2.88	<b>3.47</b>
<b>6</b>	0.100	1.60	1.00	3.73	<b>2.68</b>
<b>7</b>	0.100	1.60	0.60	3.27	<b>3.06</b>
<b>8</b>	0.040	2.00	0.40	3.69	<b>1.08</b>
<b>9</b>	0.100	3.00	1.00	8.69	<b>1.15</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>0.030</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>2.71</b>	<b>1.11</b>

# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 3. Definition of benchmark tests – Wave conditions (defined according Le Mehaute 1968)



# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 3. Definition of benchmark tests – Numerical setting

For each case, the simulations have been repeated using

$$W_{RZ} = \left[ \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{12} \right] \cdot L$$

$$\alpha = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.7]$$

$$\beta = [5, 7, 9]$$

Total=900 simulations

# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 4. Analysis – Error estimation

Error in wave height

$$\epsilon = \left( \text{mean}^{40s} \frac{|H_{SPH} - H_{Th}|}{H_{Th}} \right) \cdot 100 [\%]$$

Error in wave height in term of initial interparticle distance

$$\epsilon_h = \left( \text{mean}^{40s} \frac{|H_{SPH} - H_{Th}|}{h_{SPH}} \right) \cdot 100 [\%]$$

where:

$H_{SPH}$  is the numerical wave height

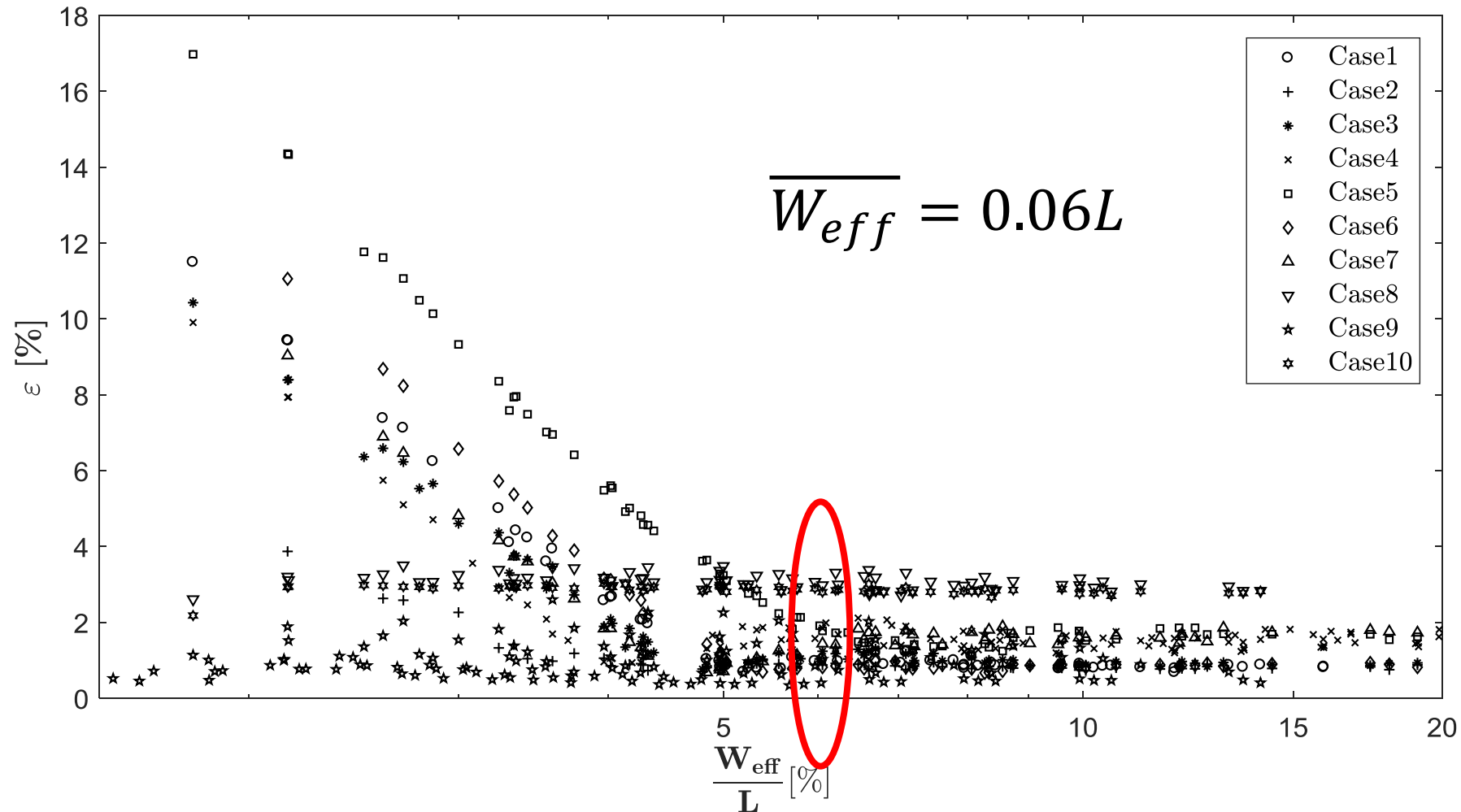
$H_{th}$  is the target theoretical wave height

$h_{SPH}$  is the smoothing length

# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 5. Results – Error in wave height

*threshold* = 0.15



# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 6. Design of Relaxation Zone

In principle, we have two unknowns ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ) varying with  $\chi$ . Fixed the value of the *threshold* = 0.15, we can calculate the

$z = f(\alpha, \beta)$ , surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , in which

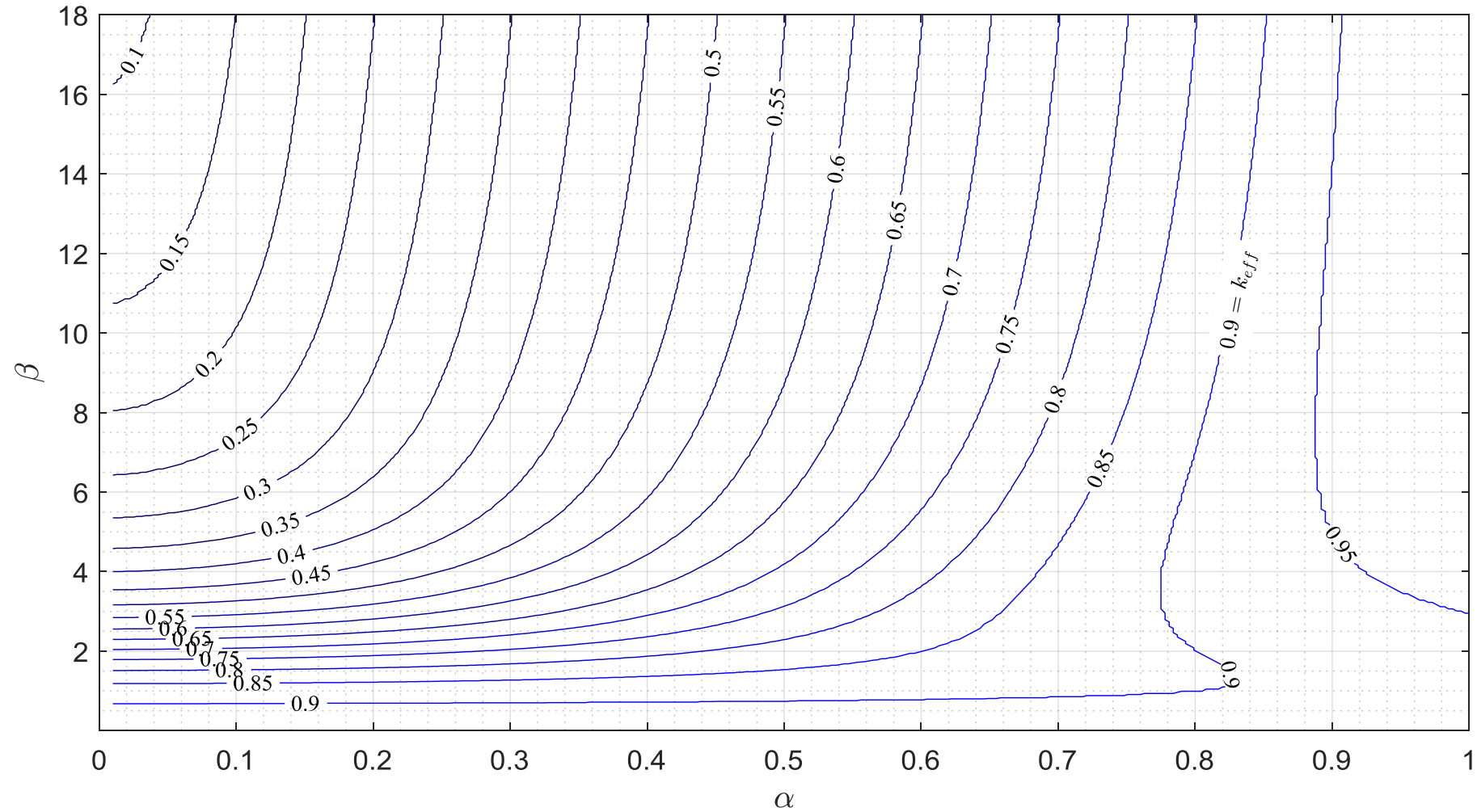
$$z = \chi \quad || \quad C(\chi, \alpha, \beta) = \textit{threshold}$$
$$\forall \alpha \in [0,2], \beta \in [0,18] \cup \chi > 0$$

We can visualize the solution plotting the  $\chi$  isolines in the  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  grid



# VALIDATION OF WAVE GENERATION

## 6. Design of Relaxation Zone



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## 6. Design of Relaxation Zone - how to use the proposed abacus

- From our analyses, it has been fixed  $\overline{W_{eff}}$  (e.g. 6% of L)
- Choose a  $\chi$  isoline ( $k_{eff} = 0.80$  could be appropriate)
- $$W_{RZ} = \frac{\overline{W_{eff}}}{k_{eff}}$$
- According to the choice of  $k_{eff}$ , the value of  $\alpha, \beta$  to be use for regular wave generation are taken.

Simplicio: It seems to be working... Ummm

User: And for highly reflective condition?

Corrado: Well you...

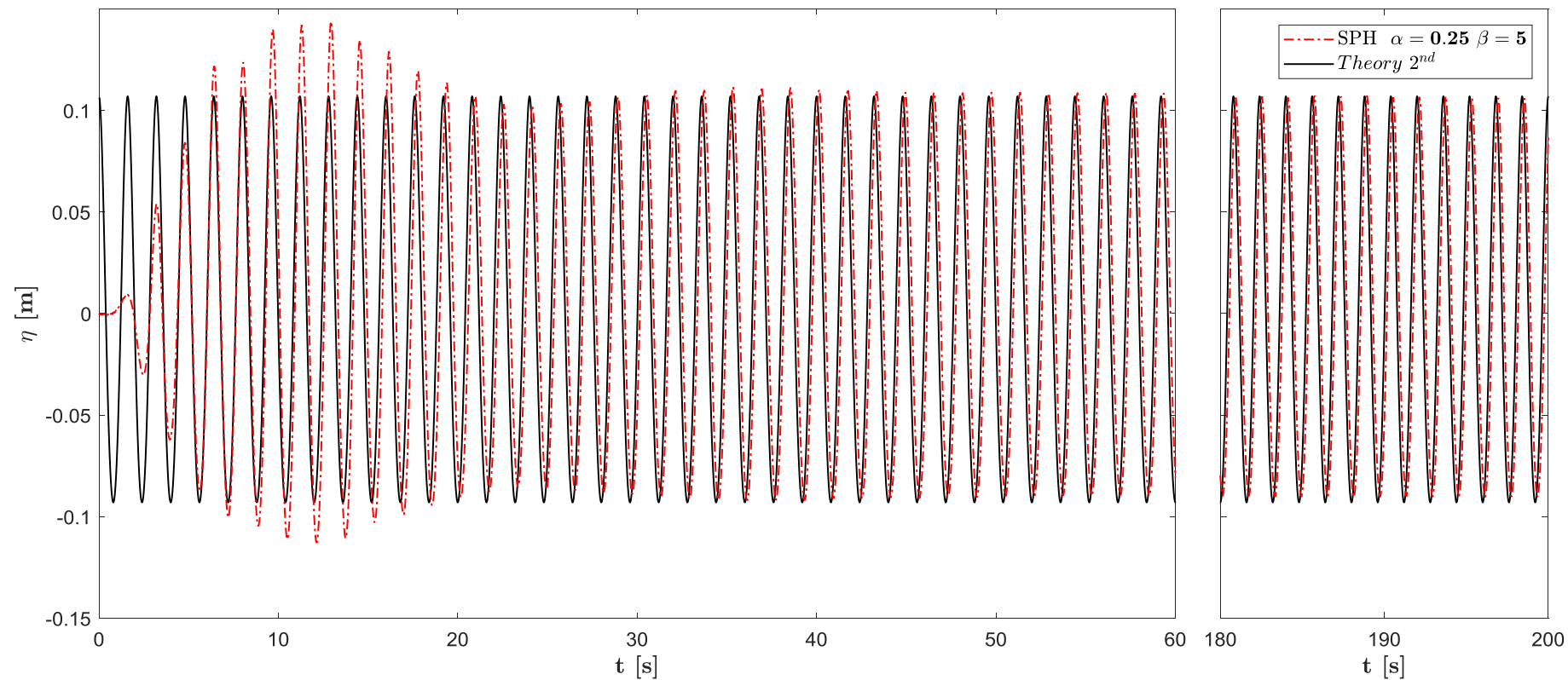
Simplicio: It can't work!

## **2) VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION**

# VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION

## 0. About reflection – General behaviour

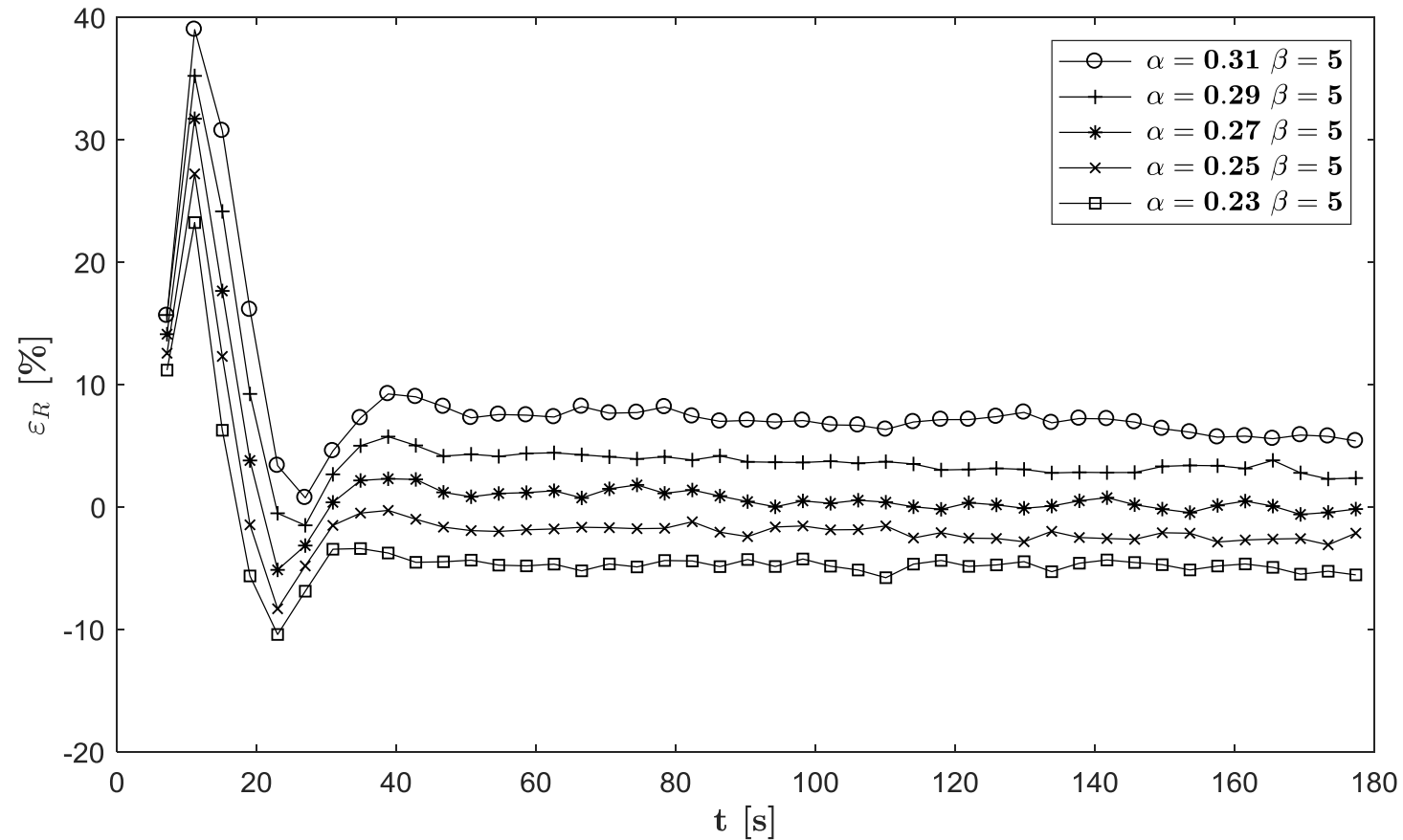
### CASE 1 – Wave profile at antinode ( $x = L$ )



# VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION

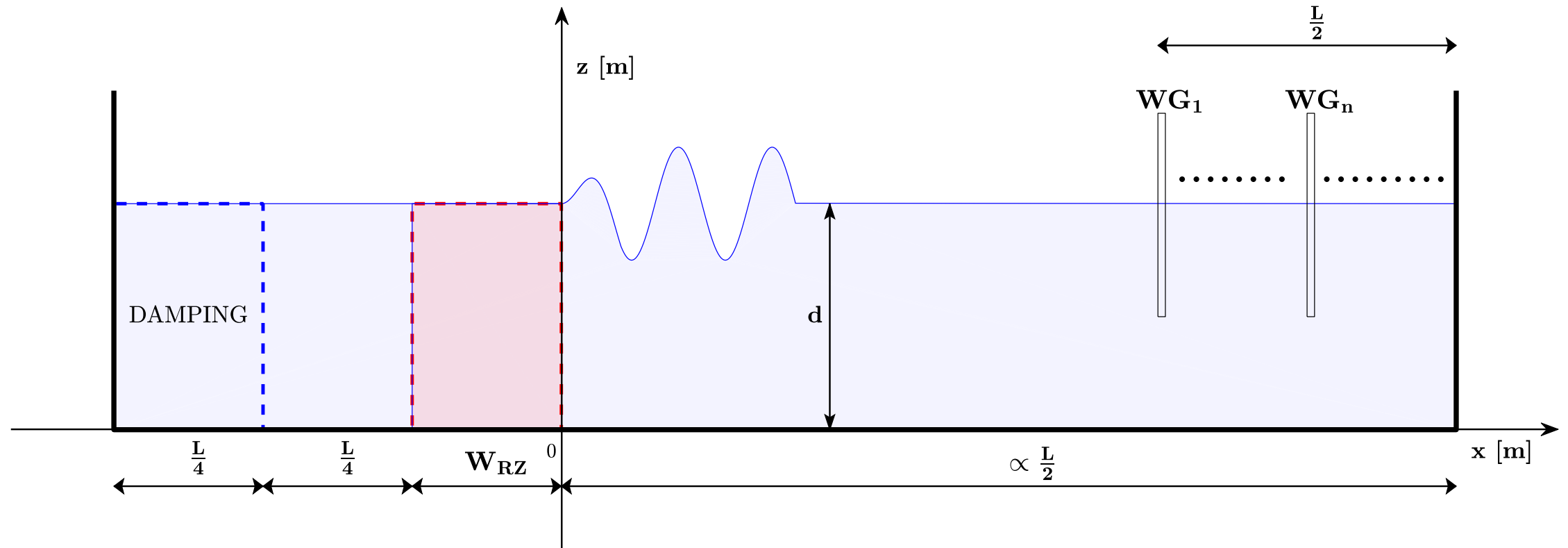
## 0. About reflection – General behaviour

### CASE 1 – Accuracy of wave reflection



# VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION

## 1. Model setting



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## 2. Definition of Effective Width in reflection - $W_{eff.R}$

$$W_{eff.R} = |\chi_1| \cdot W_{RZ}$$

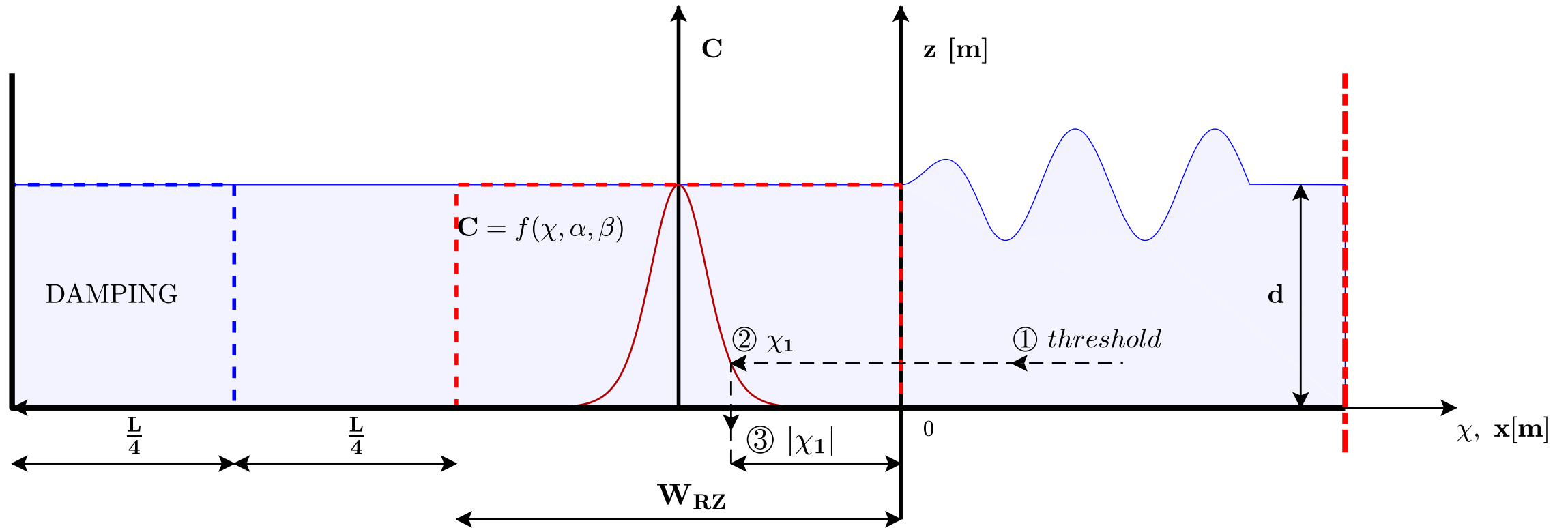
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## 2. Definition of Effective Width - $W_{eff.R}$



# VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION

## 3. Definition of benchmark tests – Numerical setting

For each case, the simulations have been repeated using

$$W_{RZ} = \left[1, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cdot L$$

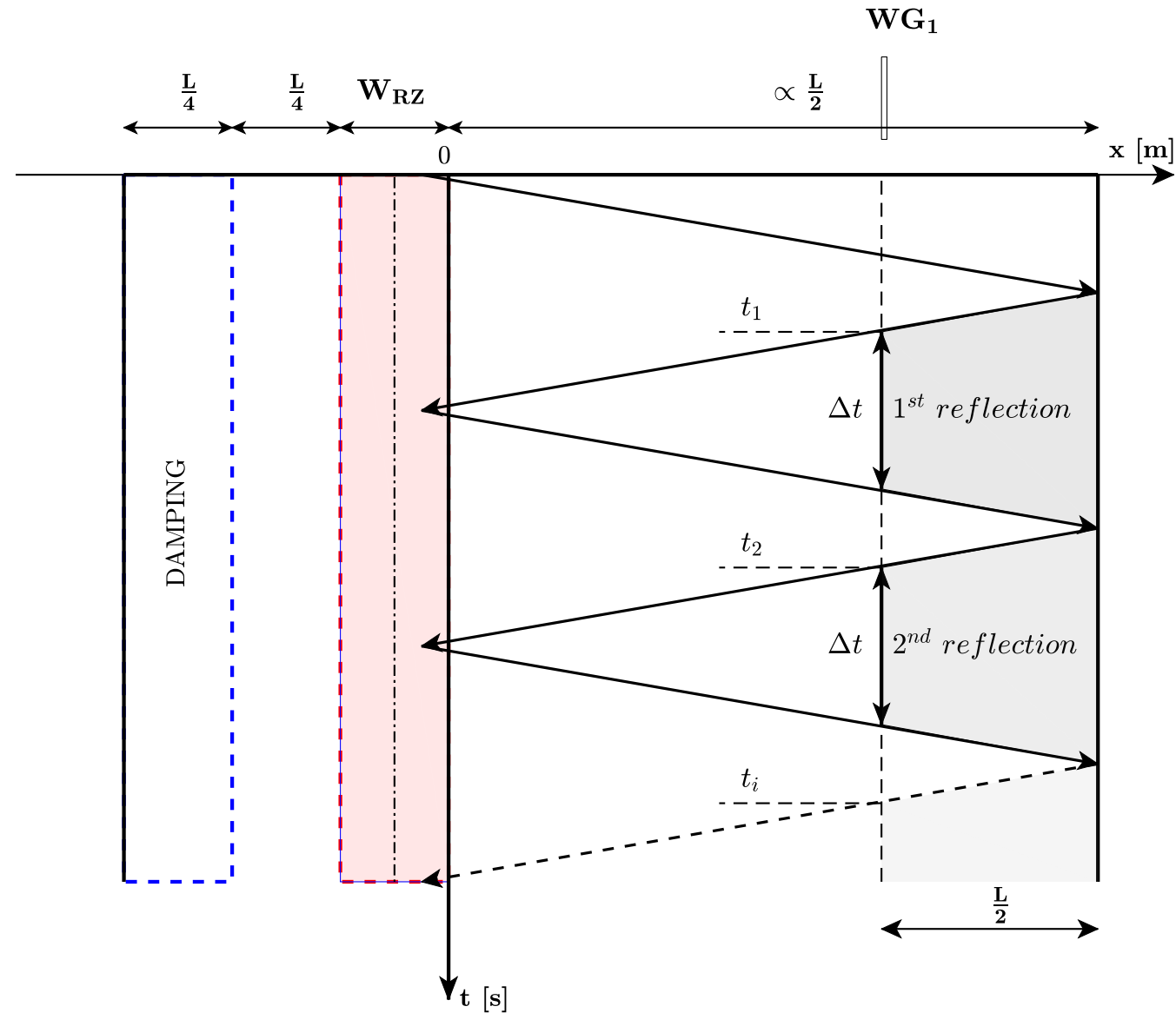
$$\alpha = [0.05, 0.08, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40, 0.50]$$

$$\beta = [2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9]$$

Total=1200 simulations

# VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION

## 4. Analysis – Error estimation



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Error in reflected wave height

$$\overline{\epsilon}_R = \frac{\sum_{i=10}^{end} (\epsilon_{R,t_i+\Delta t})}{end - 10}$$

Where

$t_i$  is the initial time of each  $i$ -th reflection time window

$\Delta t$  reflection time window

$$\epsilon_{R,t_i+\Delta t} = \left( \frac{H_{SPH}(t_i+\Delta t) - \gamma H_{Th}}{\gamma H_{Th}} \right) \cdot 100 [\%]$$

$\gamma$  scalar for reflection conditions

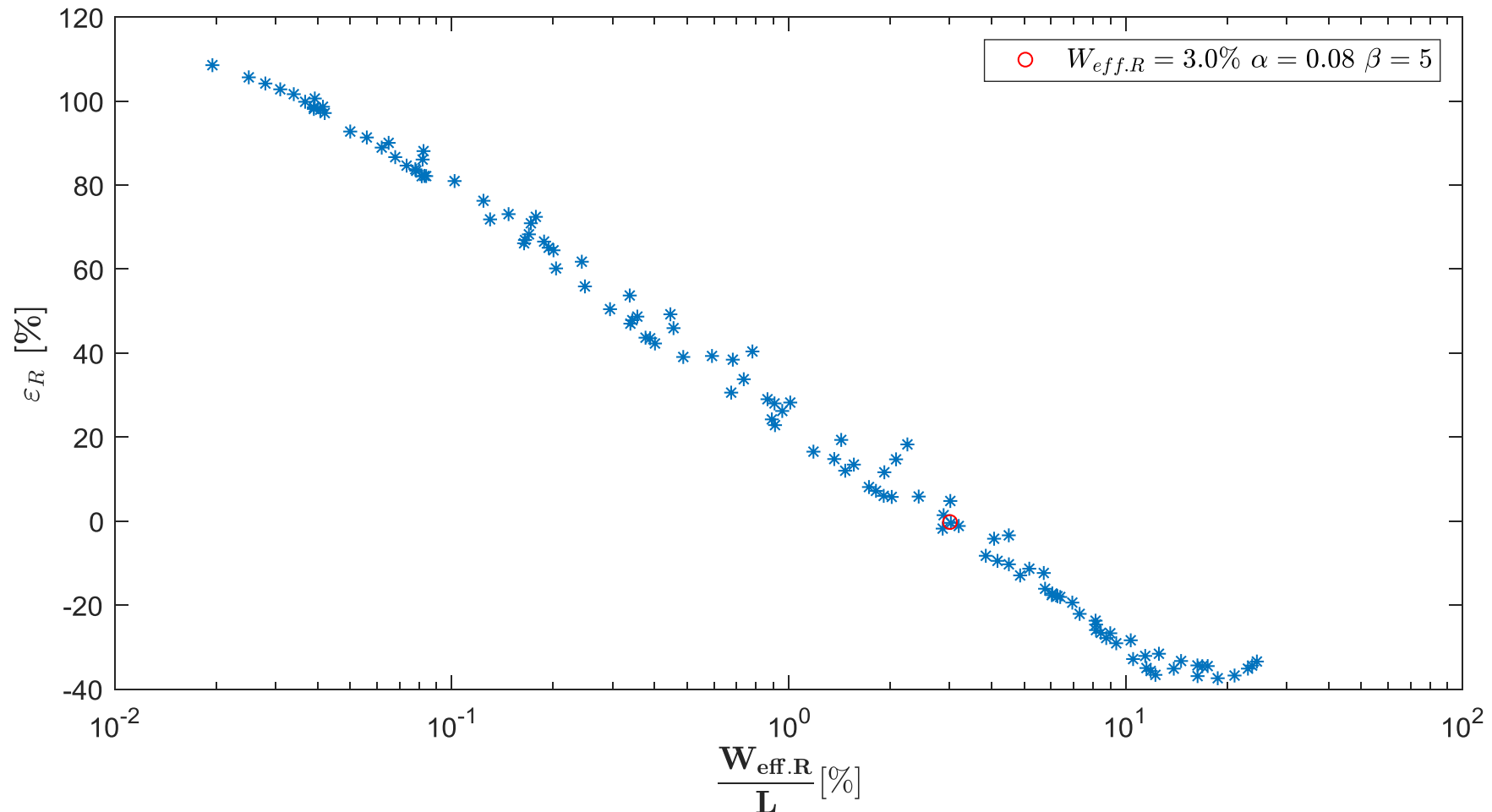
Implicitly, we've assumed that the correct reflection starts from the 10<sup>th</sup> cycle (empirical assumption).

# VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION

## 5. Results – Error in reflected wave height

### CASE 1

*working hypothesis:  $\gamma = 2$   
threshold = 0.005*



# VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION

## 5. Results – Specific wave energy flux

Specific wave energy flux

$$\bar{e} = \frac{\bar{E}}{d} = \frac{1}{d} \frac{E}{L} \left[ \frac{J}{m \cdot m} \right]$$

where:

$$E = \frac{\rho g H^2 L}{8} \quad \text{total wave energy}$$

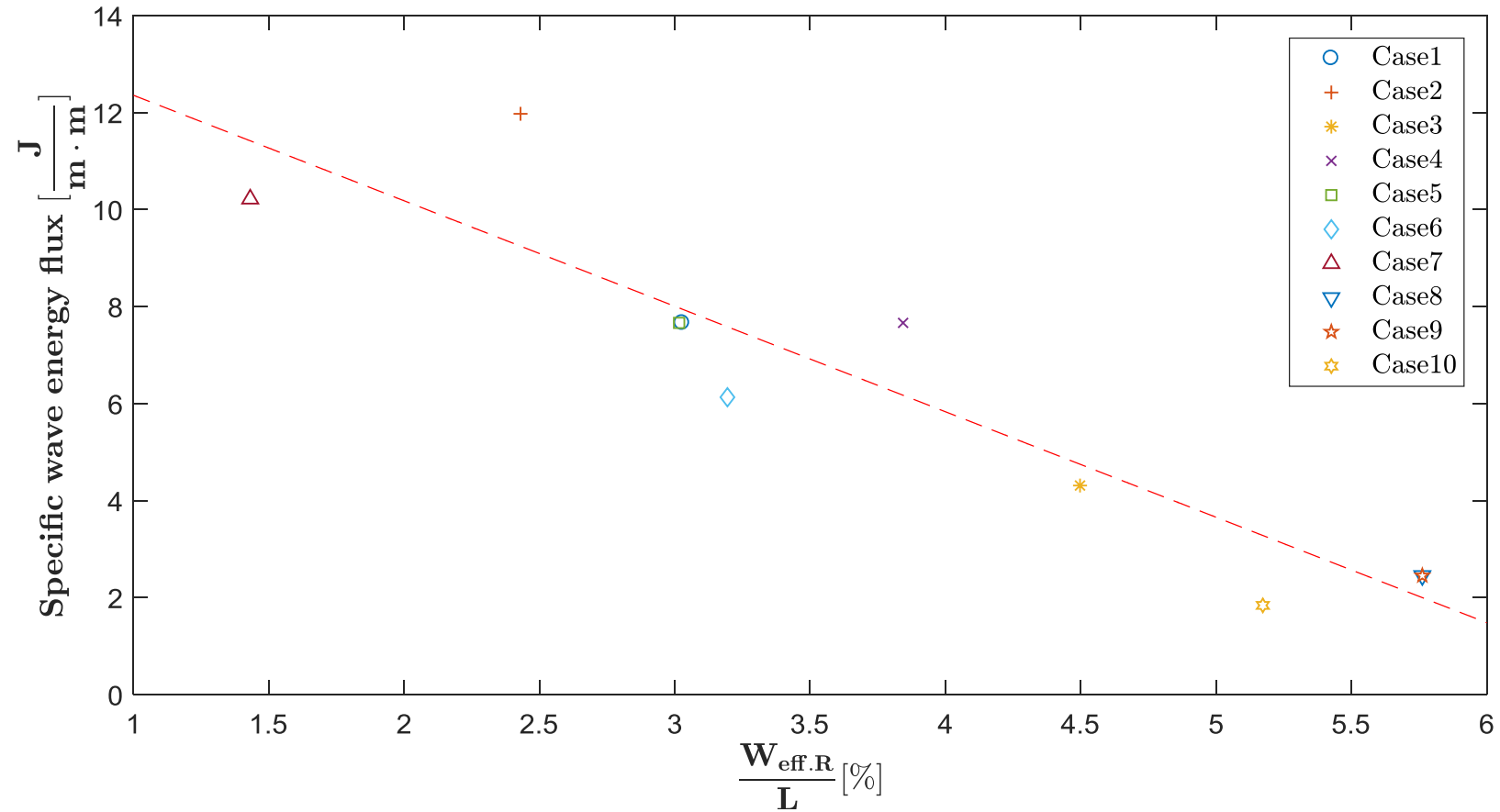
$L$  is the wave length

$d$  is the depth

$H$  is the wave height of incident wave

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## 5. Results – Error in reflected wave height



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## 6. Different structural slope angles

We define

$$CR_{theoretical} = \frac{\mu^2}{5.5 + \mu^2}$$

and

$$CR_{numerical} = \frac{H_a - H_n}{H_a + H_n}$$

where:

$$\mu = beach_{slope} / \sqrt{H/L}$$

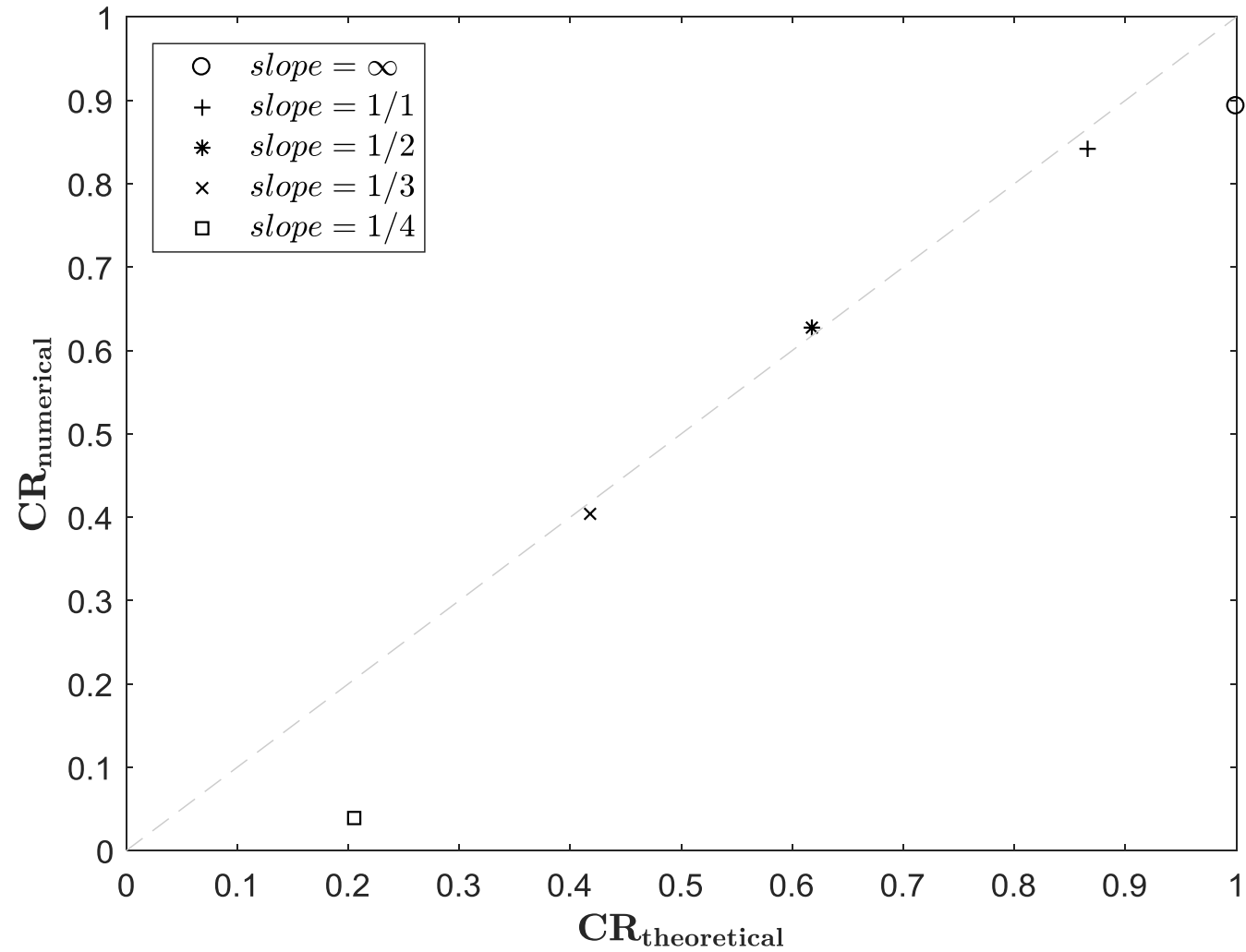
$H_a$  mean wave height at antinode

$H_n$  mean wave height at node



# VALIDATION OF WAVE REFLECTION

## 6. Different structural slope angles



# Concluding remarks

- The relaxation criterion proposed by the authors is tested among different C function shape coefficients  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$
- We propose an abacus for the design of the relaxation zone for wave generation
- A test case for the reflecting analysis is presented, showing a satisfactory agreement with the theoretical reflection coefficient.

Thank you for your attention