



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

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# Numerical modelling: WHAT FOR?



Physical modelling



Flooding



Damage

# 3 basic concepts...

Which reality do we want to simulate?

Which are the coupling techniques we explored?

How efficient and accurate is the coupling?

# We (I) bet on SPH: why?

Violent hydrodynamics

Non-linearity

Wave-object and Object-object interactions



Courtesy of Prof. Peter Troch



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# Disadvantages of (WC)SPH



## Accuracy

Noise in density and pressure field  
(affecting wave propagation)

Boundary conditions (GRAND  
CHALLENGE)

Convergence (GRAND  
CHALLENGE)

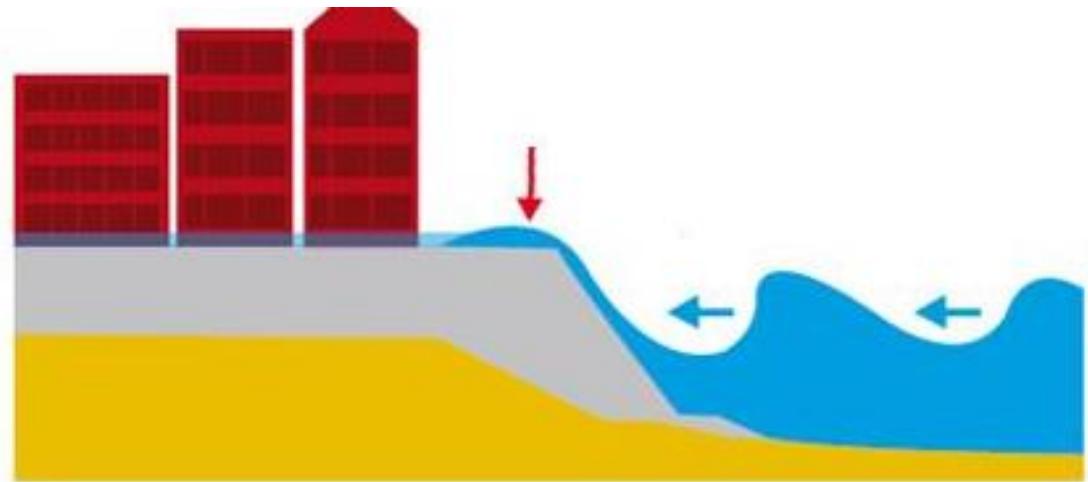
## Computational cost

NS equations

Weakly Compressible Nature

Number of Neighbors

## What do we aim at?



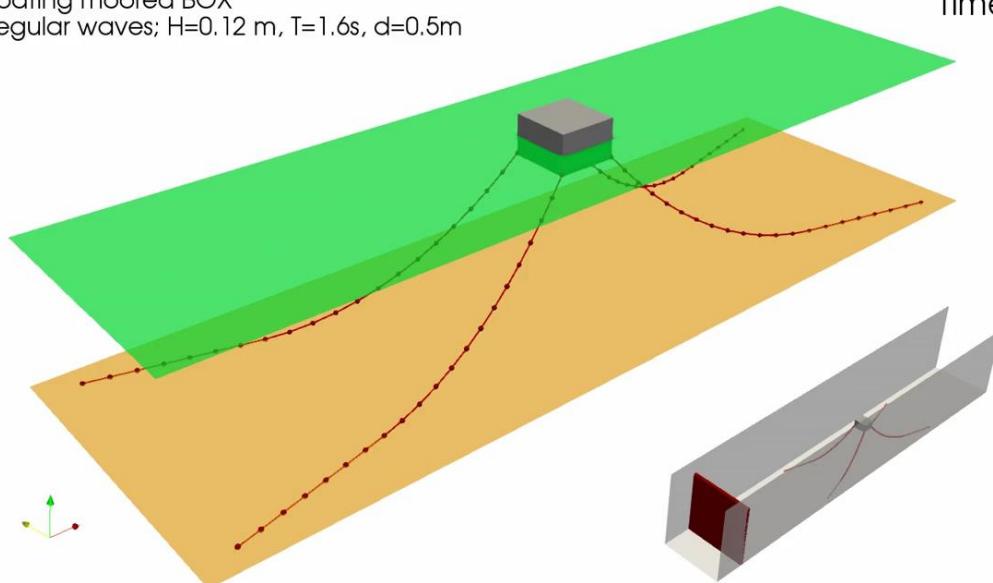
Accurate wave generation  
Good wave transformation

Reasonable computational cost  
Accurate and detailed modelling  
of wave-structure interaction

# What do we aim at?

UGHENT:  
Floating moored BOX  
Regular waves; H=0.12 m, T=1.6s, d=0.5m

Time: 0.00 s



recently.... DualSPHysics  
(+ MoorDyn)

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Efficiency and survivability of floating Oscillating Water Column Wave Energy Converters moored to the seabed

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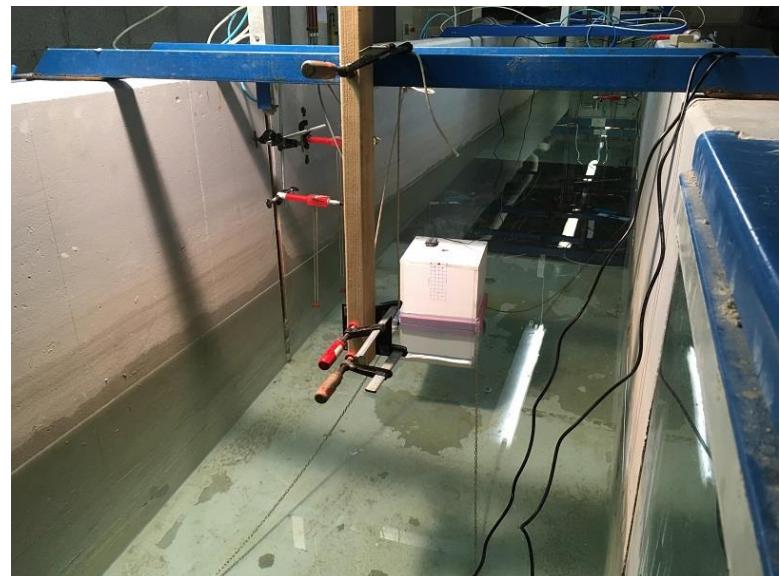
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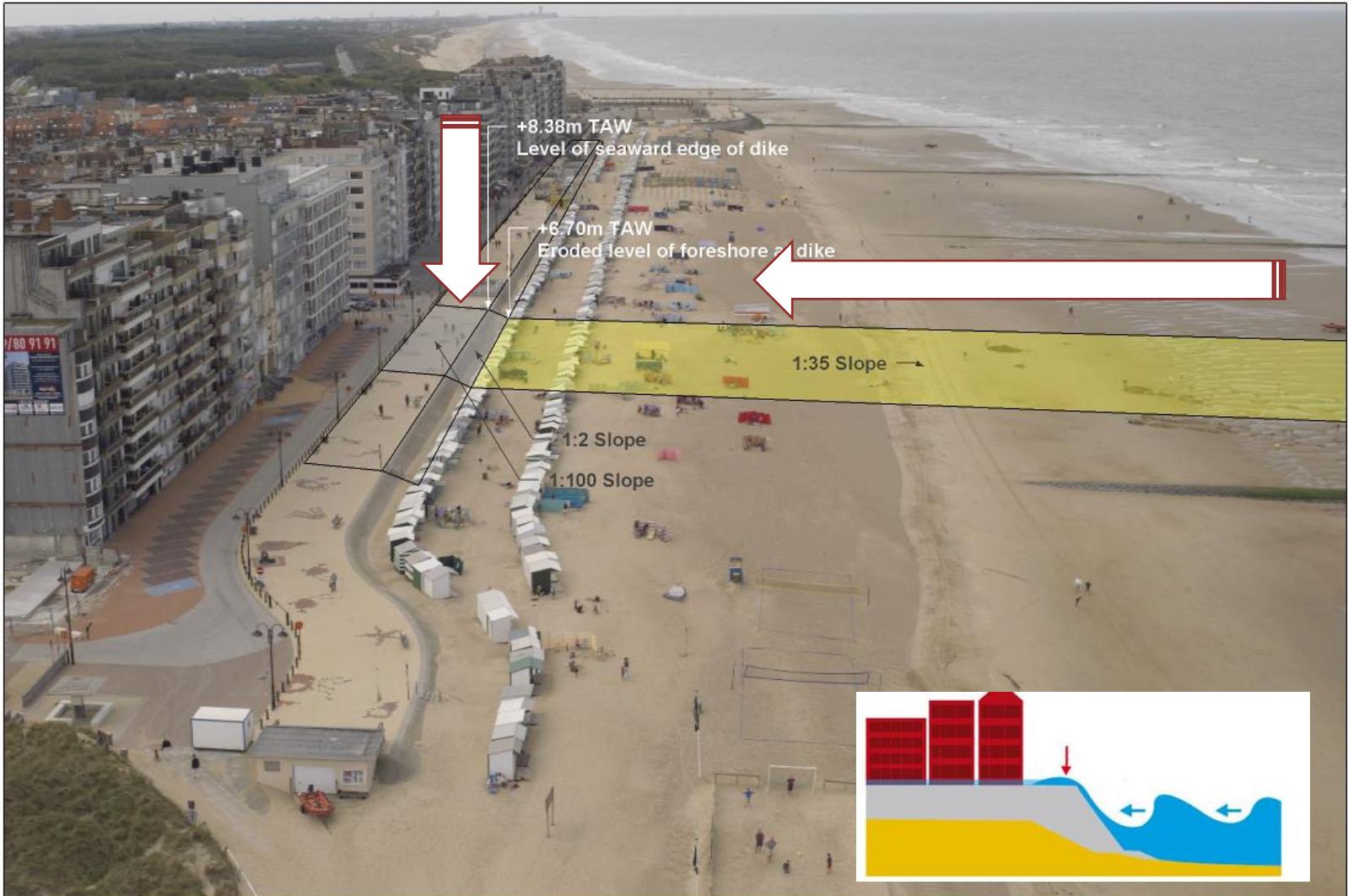
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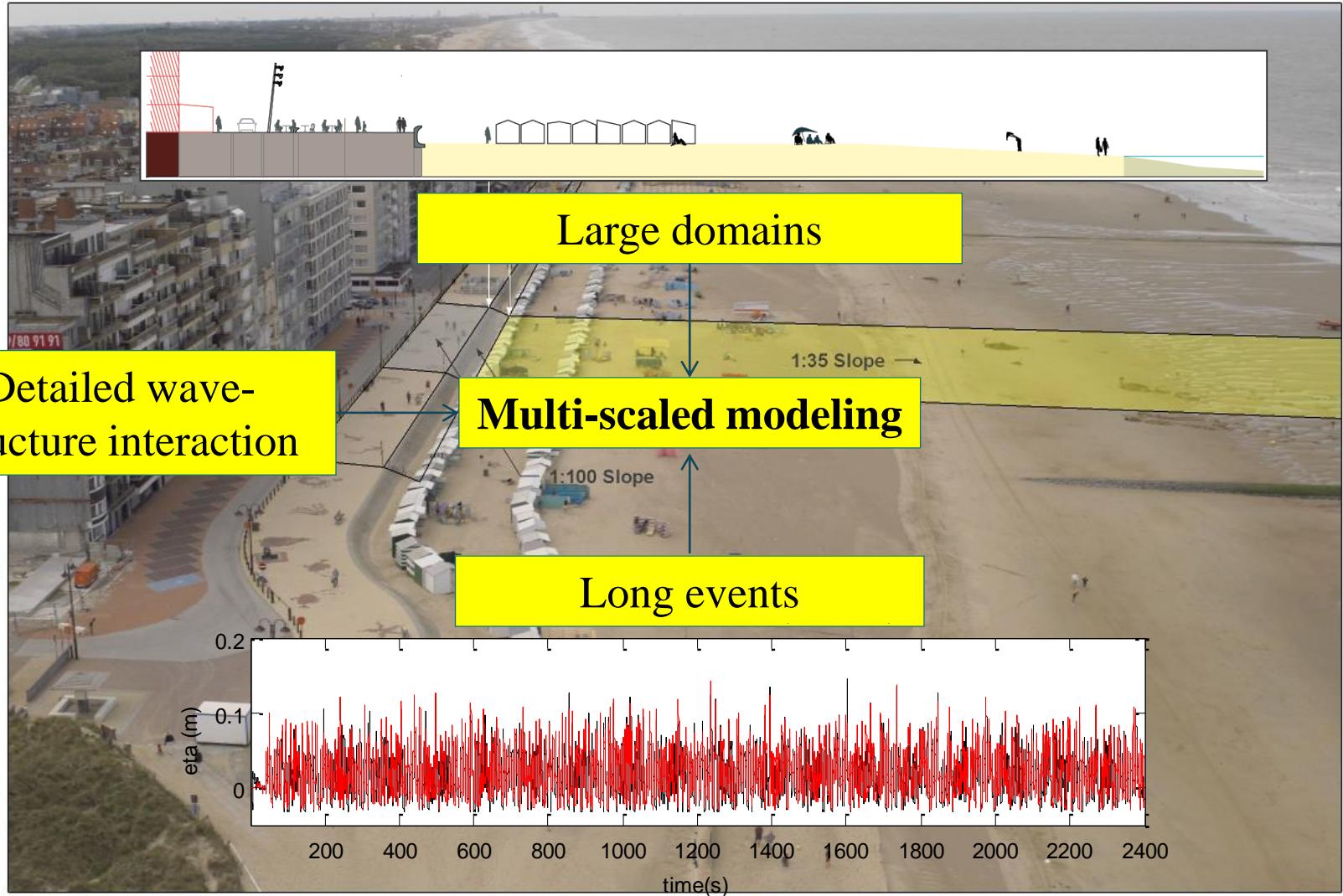
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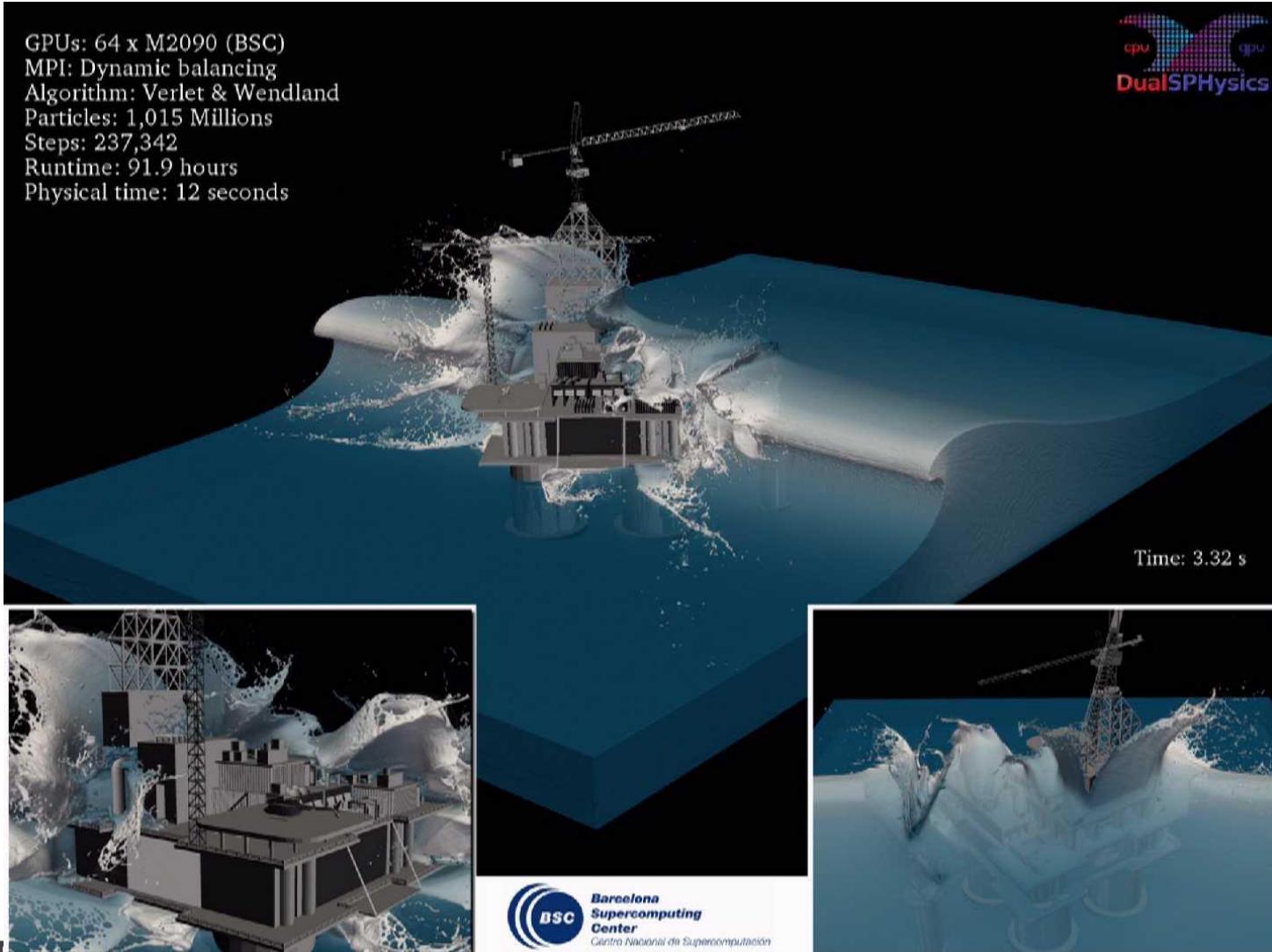
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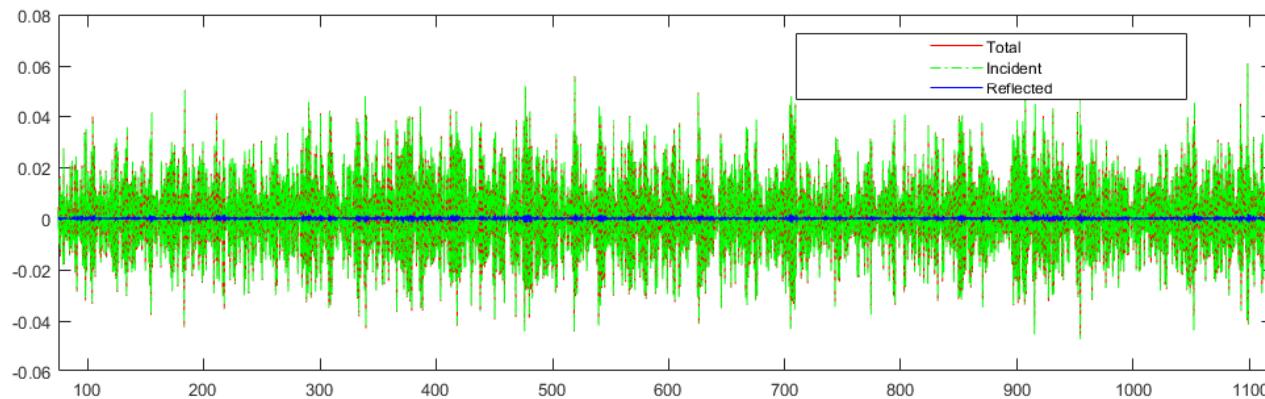


# Large domains: DONE!!

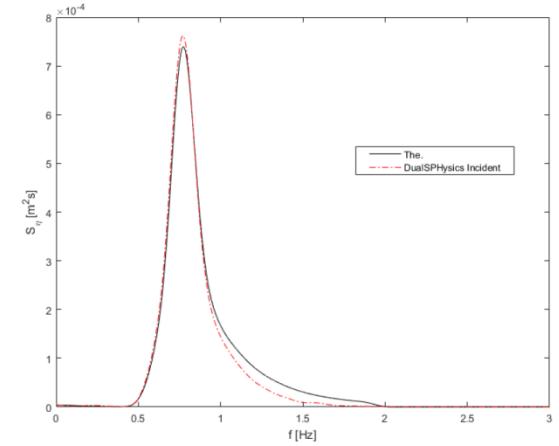
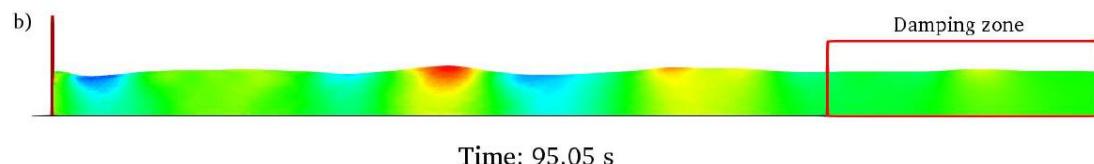
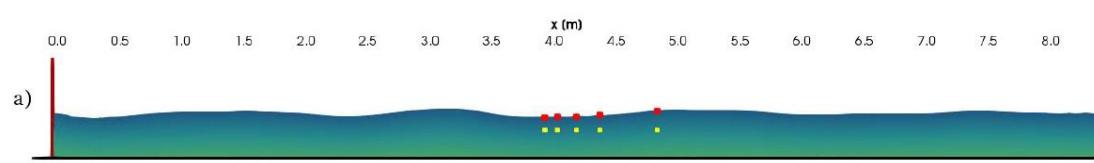


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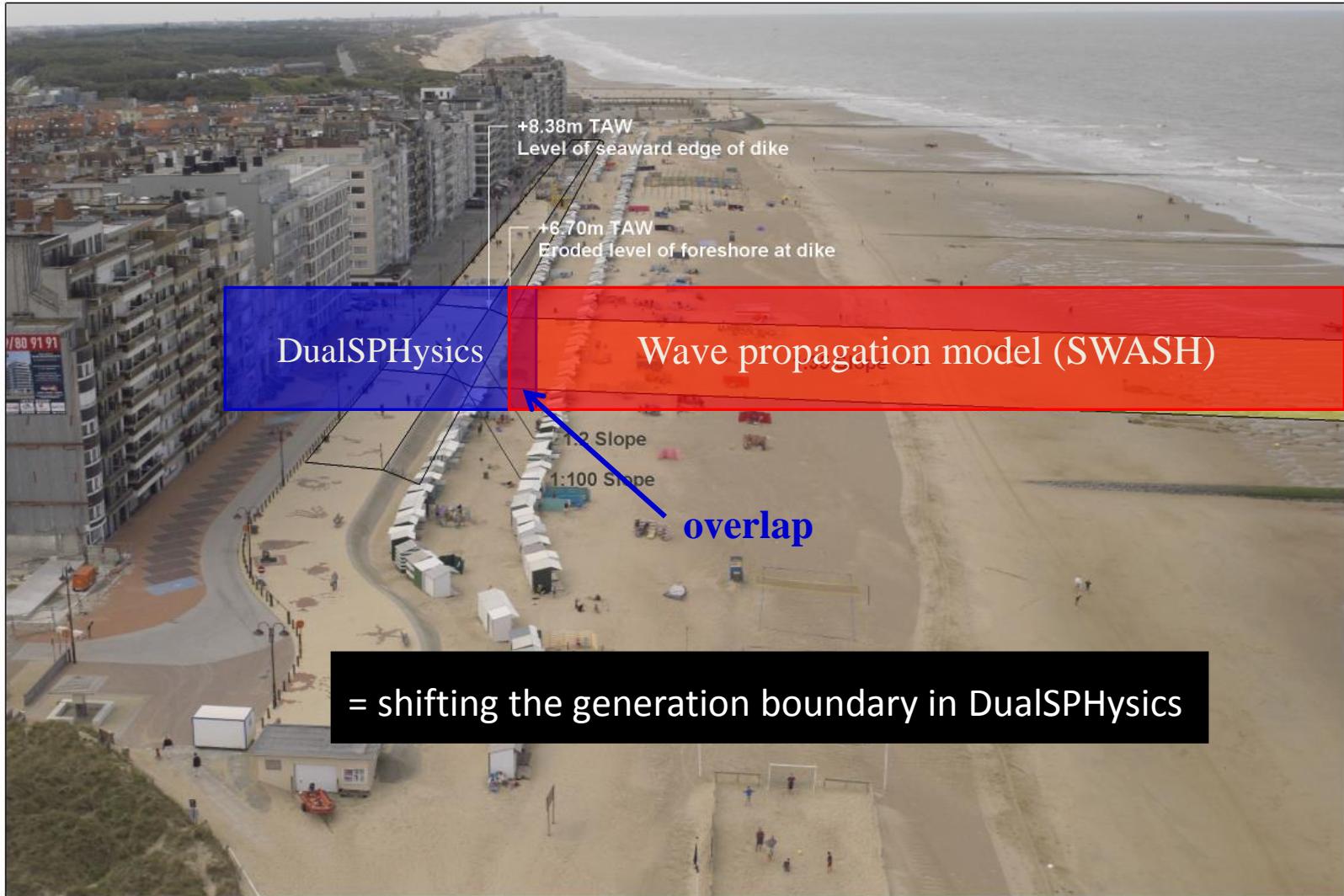
# Long events: 1000 waves DONE!!



23.6h runtime  
(on Tesla K20c )  
for 82,541 fluid  
particles

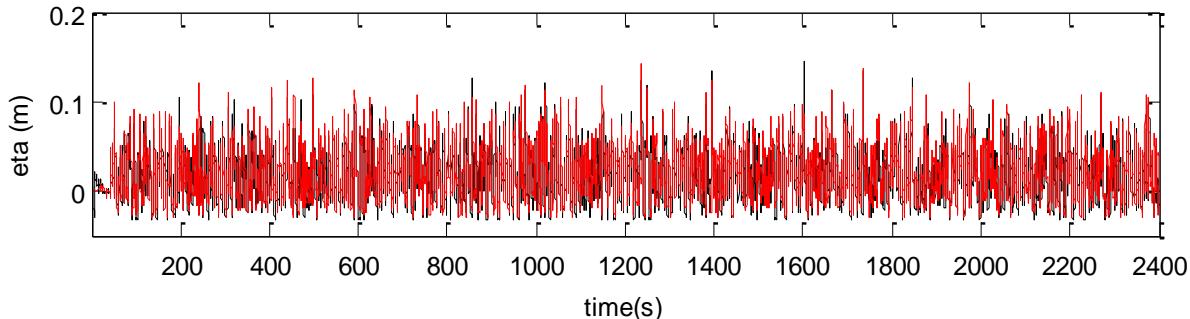


# COUPLING basic principle



# COUPLING with SWASH

- **SWASH=Simulating WAve till Shore**
- **NLSW equation model**
- **Time domain model** for simulating non-hydrostatic, free-surface and rotational flow.
- It simulates accurately **surface wave and velocity field** from deep water.
- **Not suitable to deal with abrupt changes of shape** of the coastal structures.



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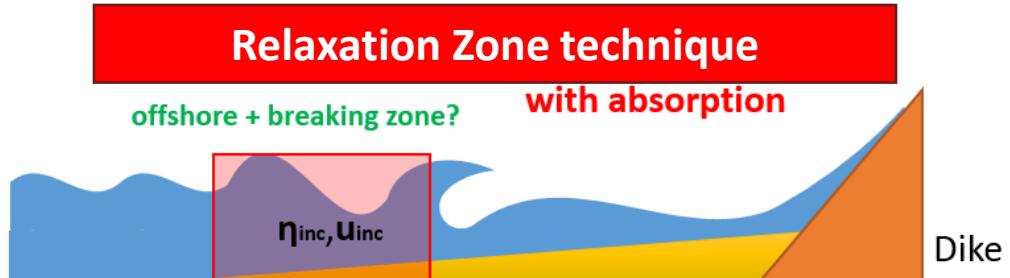
## Wave generation and propagation with SPH to study wave-structure interaction

- Accurate in terms of free surface elevation and orbital velocities
- Efficient (domain can be smaller)
- More applicability (calculation time window can be longer)

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(2) Usui et al. (2017)

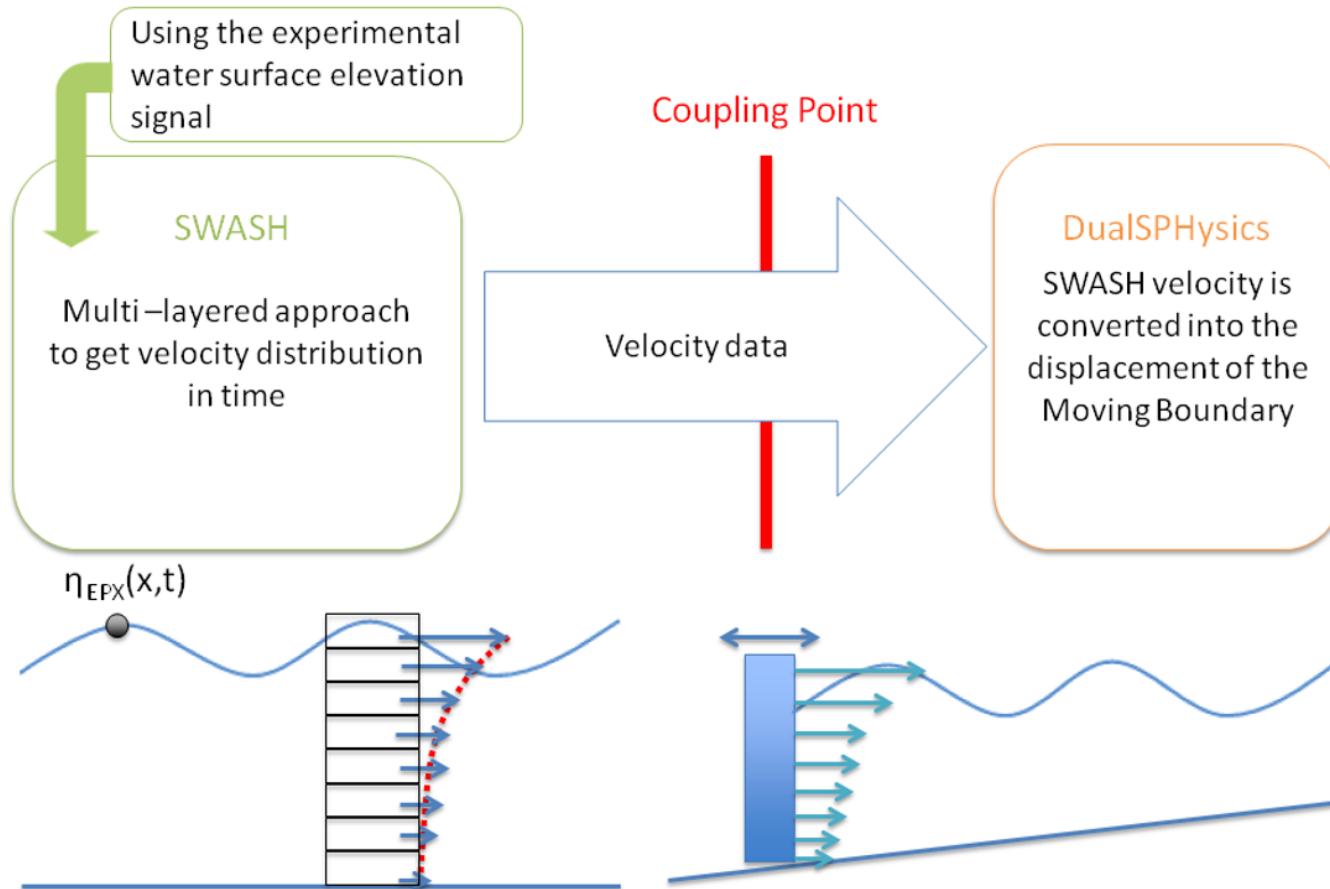


(3) Tafuni et al. (2017)



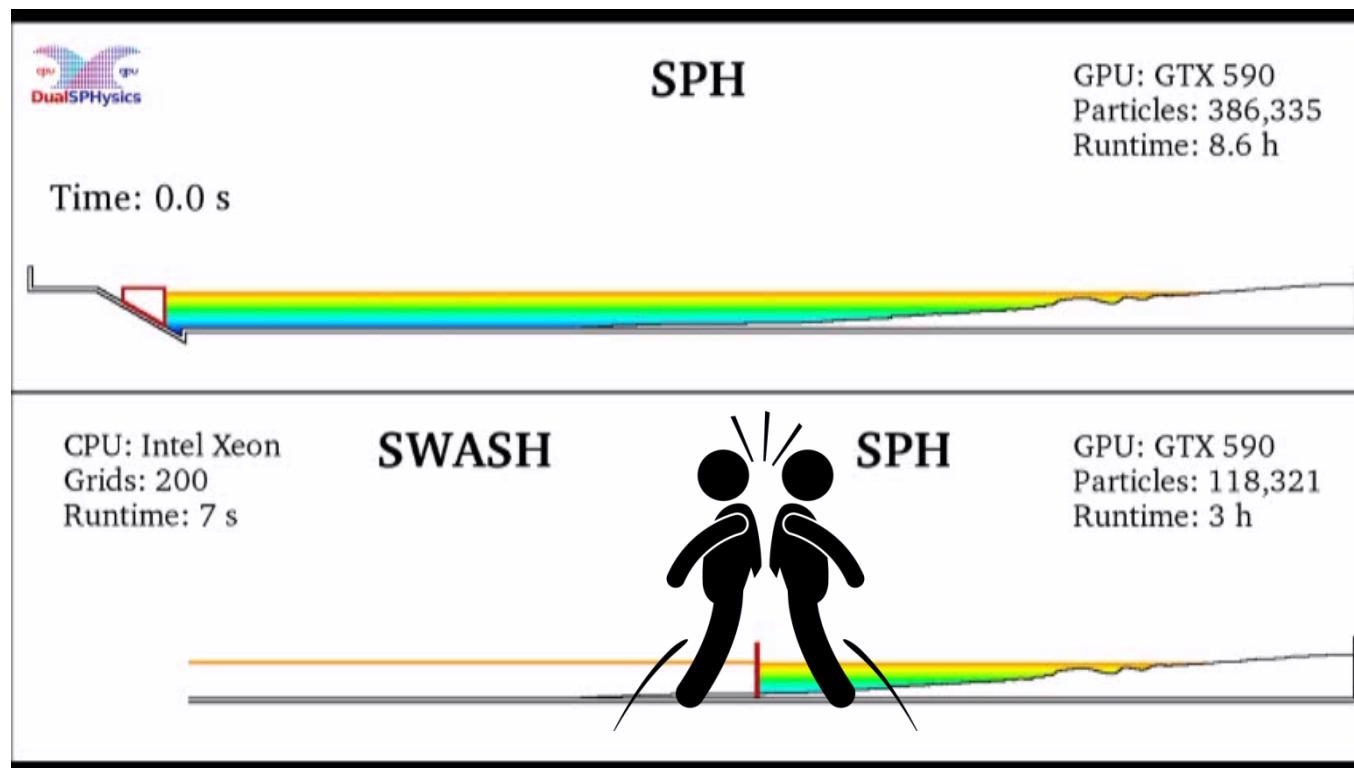
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MB (Moving boundary): Altomare et al (2015)



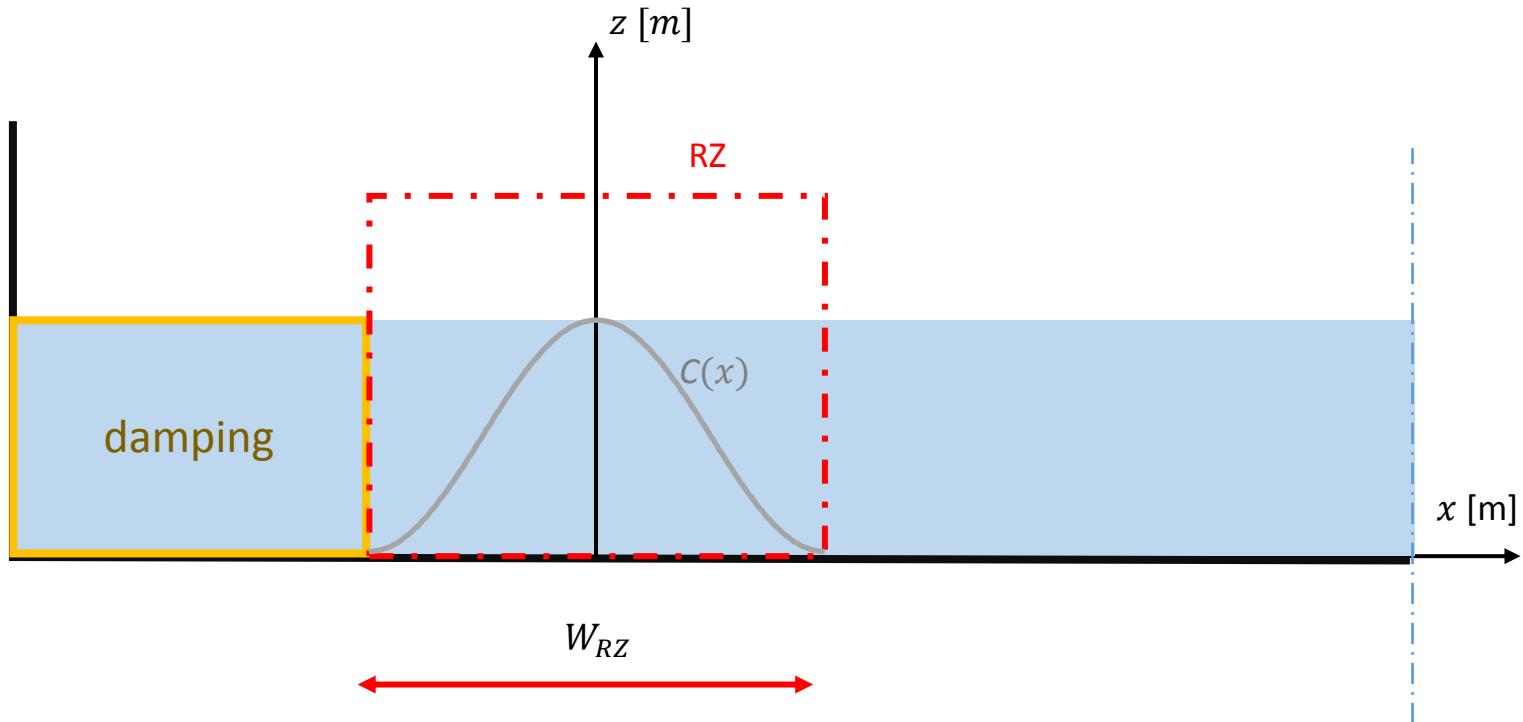
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## COUPLING with SWASH (2)

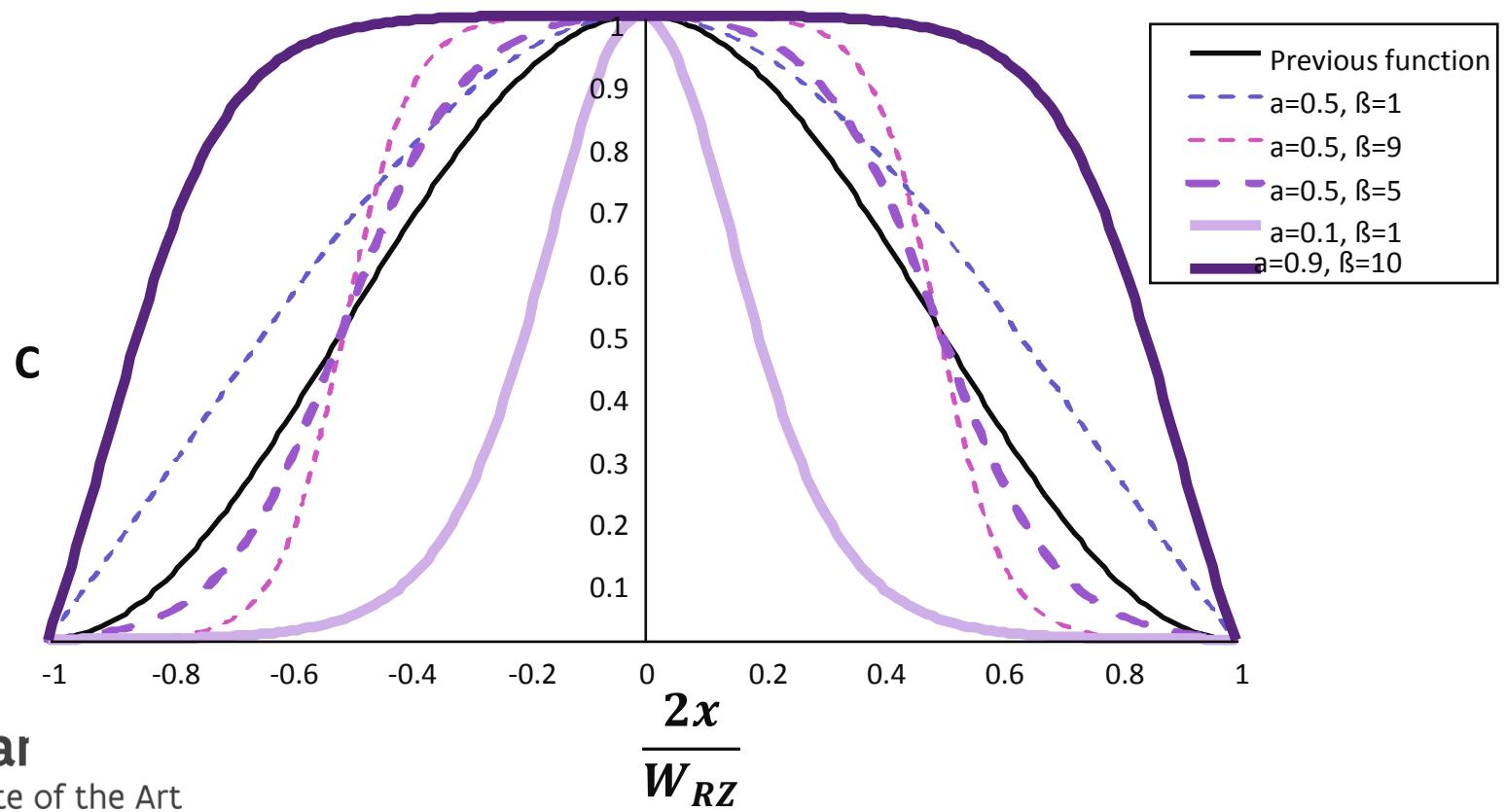
Relaxation zone (RZ) + damping



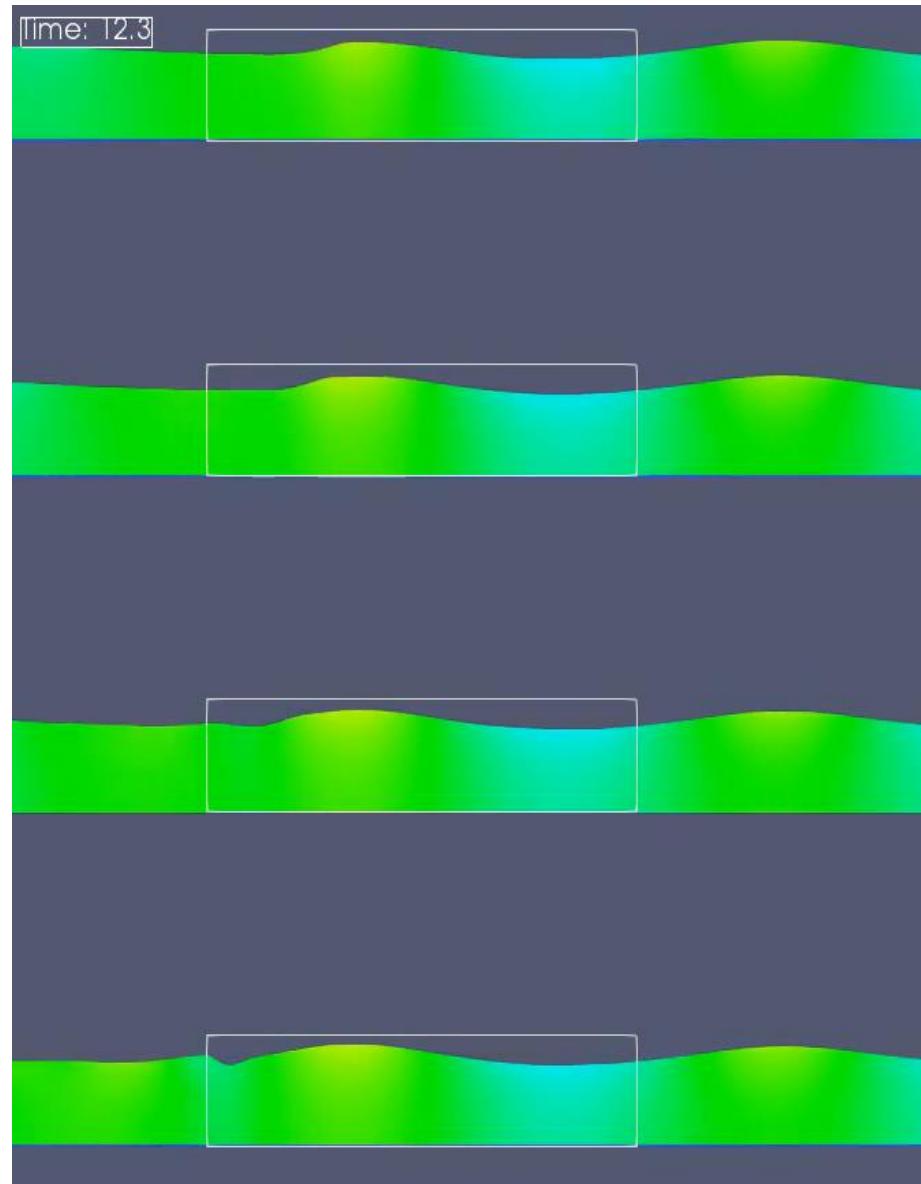
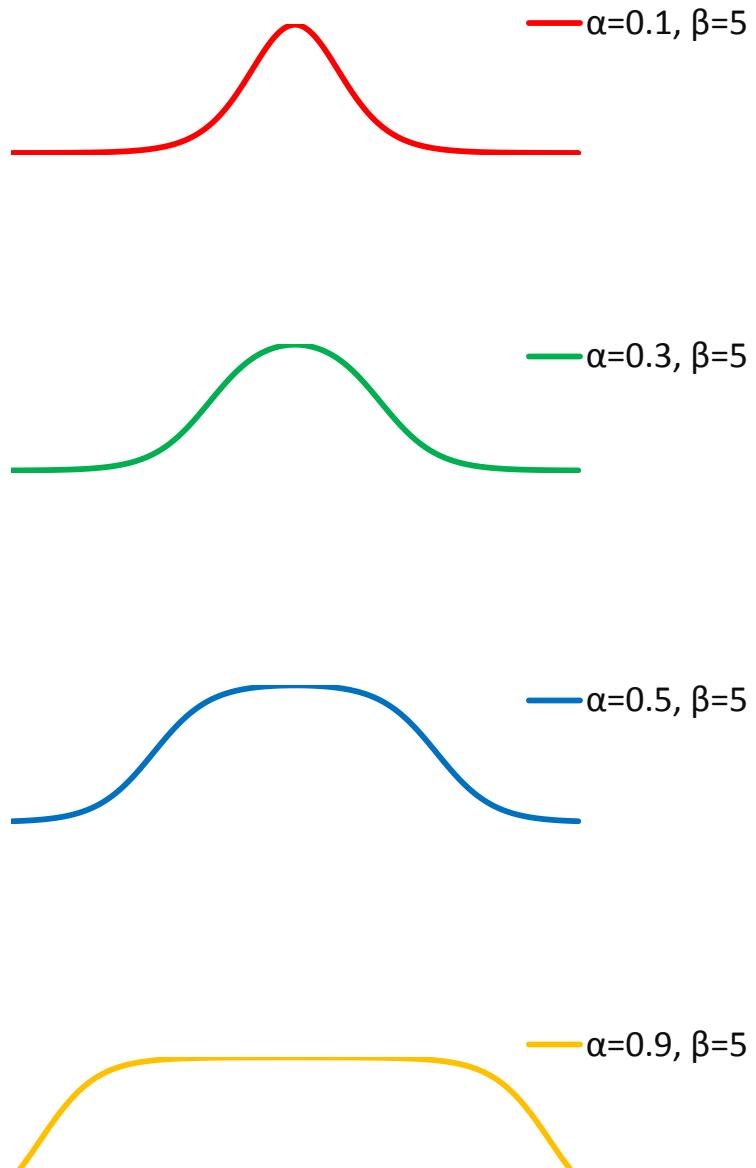
$$\bar{v}(x, z, t)_{RZ} = C(x)\bar{v}_{theory} + (1 - C(x))\bar{v}_{SPH}$$

## COUPLING with SWASH (2)

$$C(x, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\left\{ \tanh\left(\left(\frac{2x}{W_{RZ}} + \alpha\right)\beta\right) - \tanh\left(\left(\frac{2x}{W_{RZ}} - \alpha\right)\beta\right) \right\} - \left\{ \tanh((1+\alpha)\beta) - \tanh((1-\alpha)\beta) \right\}}{\left\{ \tanh(\alpha\beta) - \tanh(-\alpha\beta) \right\} - \left\{ \tanh((1+\alpha)\beta) - \tanh((1-\alpha)\beta) \right\}}$$

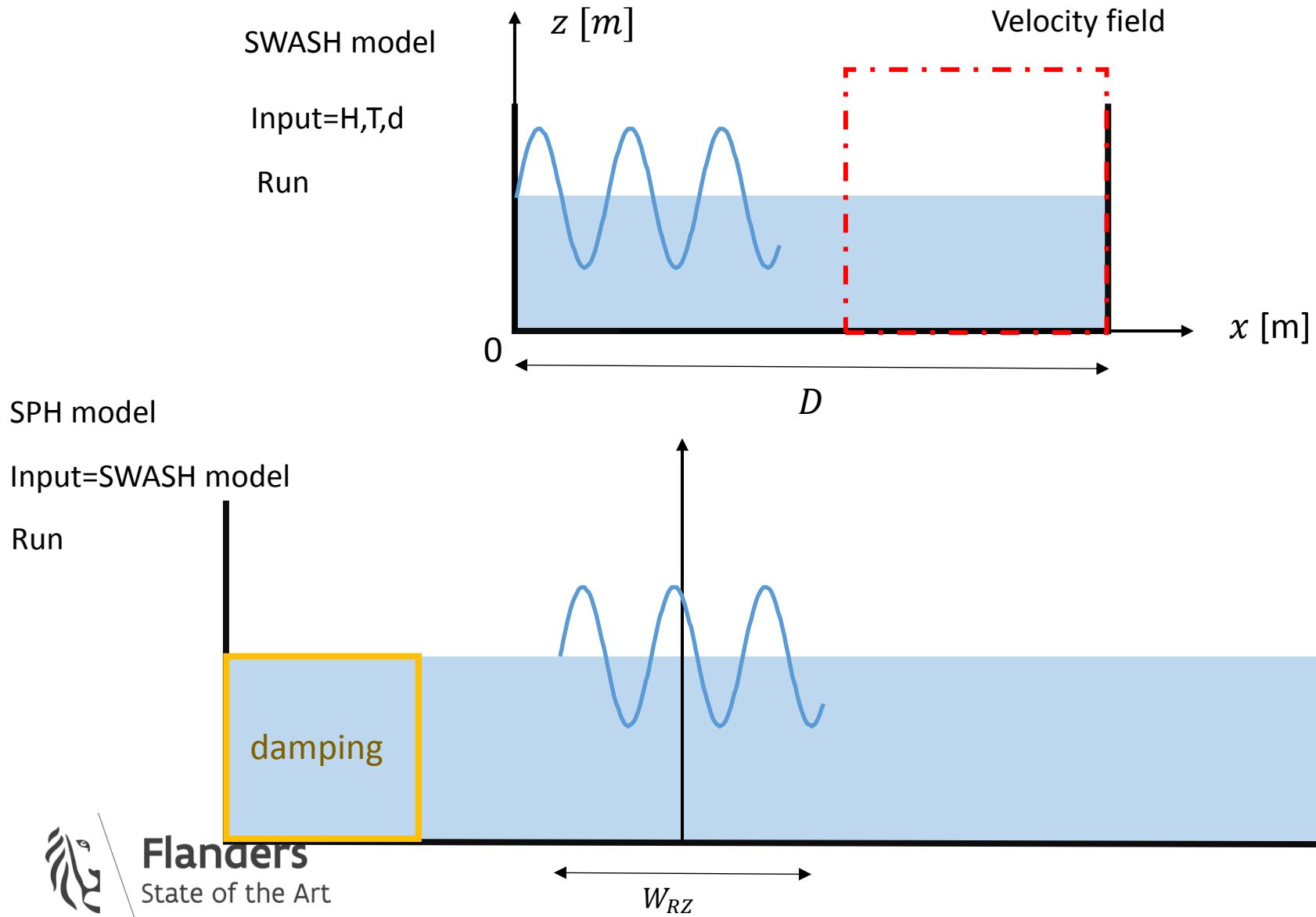


## Different C functions



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# RZ-SWASH



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# A CASE OF STUDY

DualSPHysics stand-alone

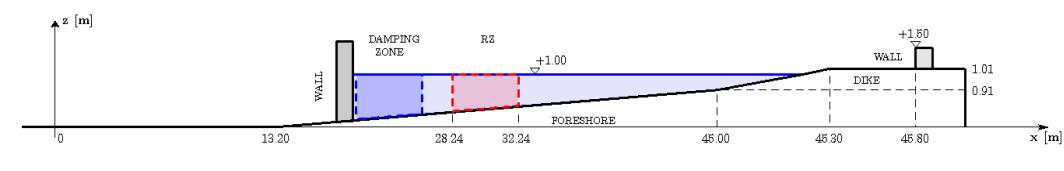
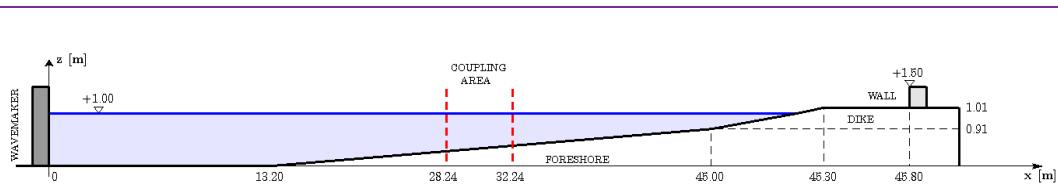
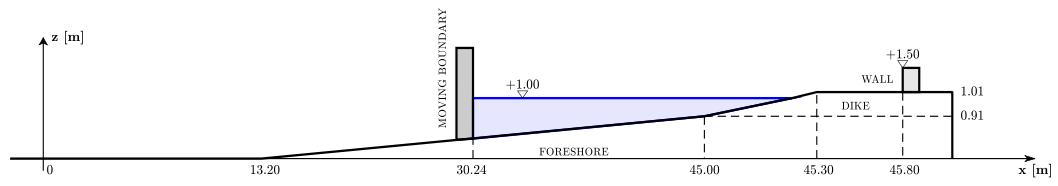
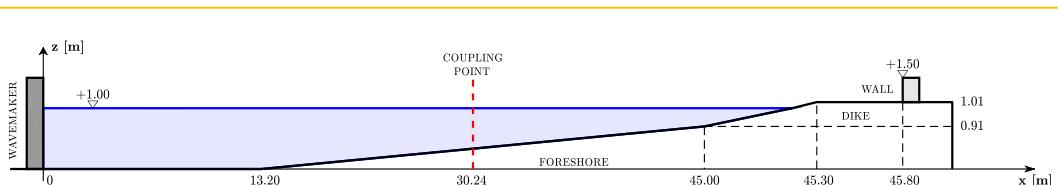
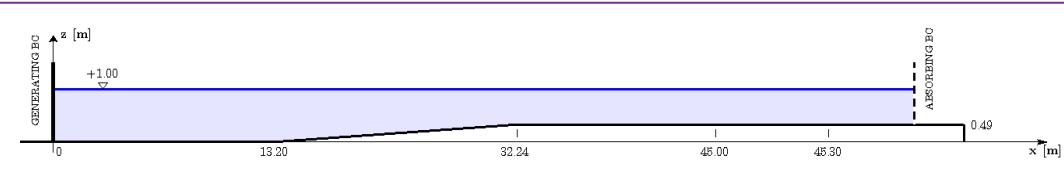
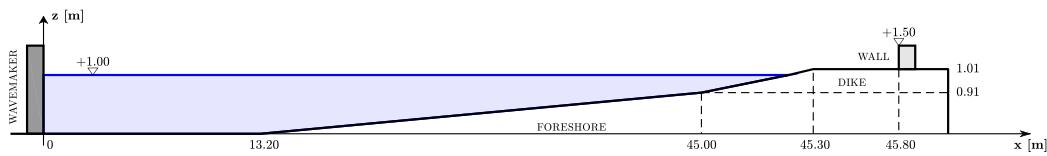
SWASH

MB (Altomare et al., 2015)

Relaxation Zone

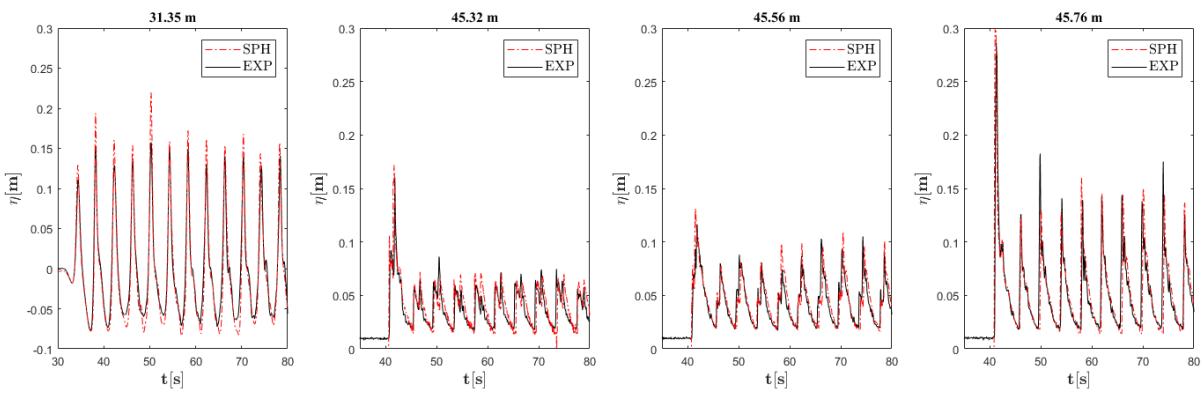


## Wave overtopping of sea dikes with very shallow foreshores

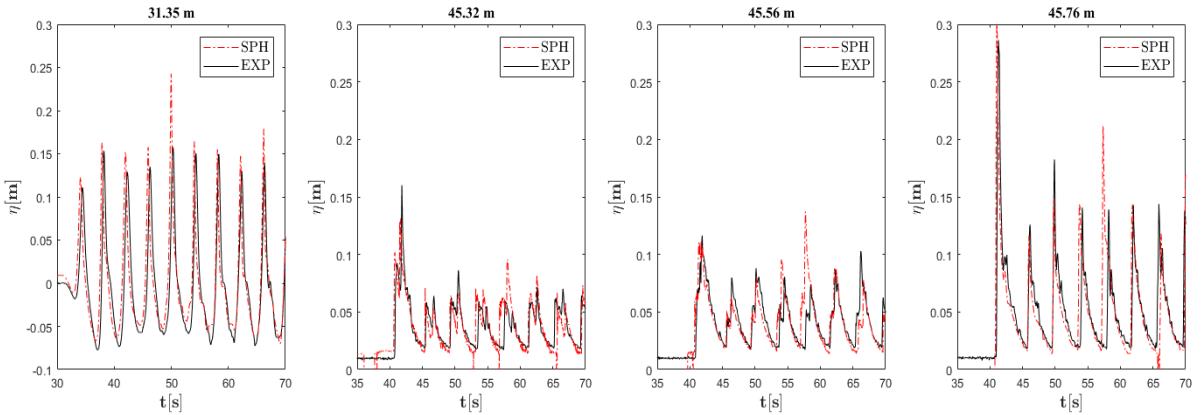


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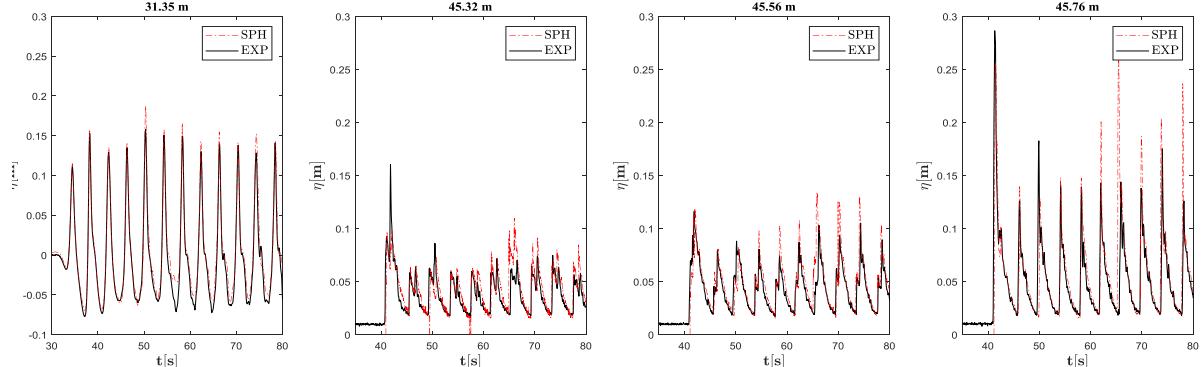
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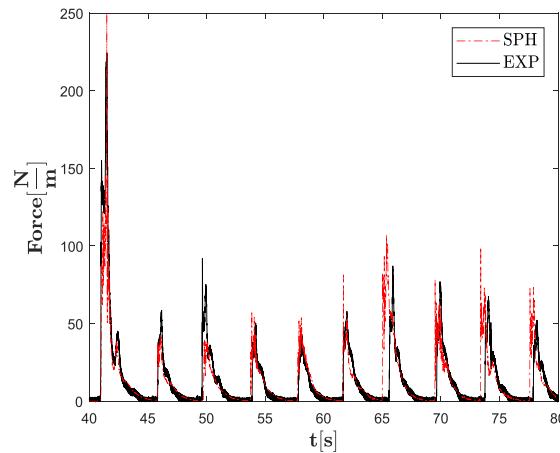
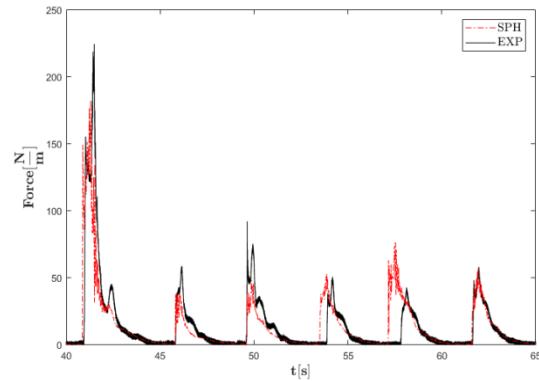
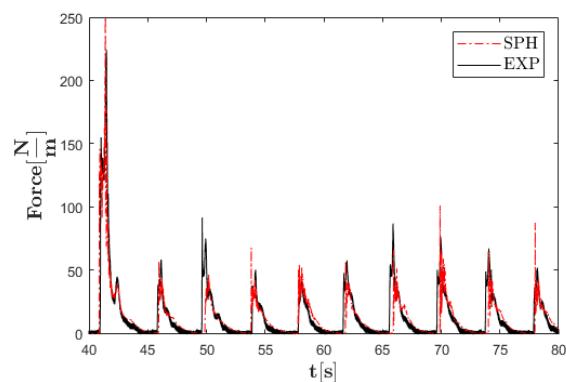
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Relaxation Zone



GeForceGTX Titan X

$n_{particle} = 3,389,266$   
 $Runtime = 95.62h$



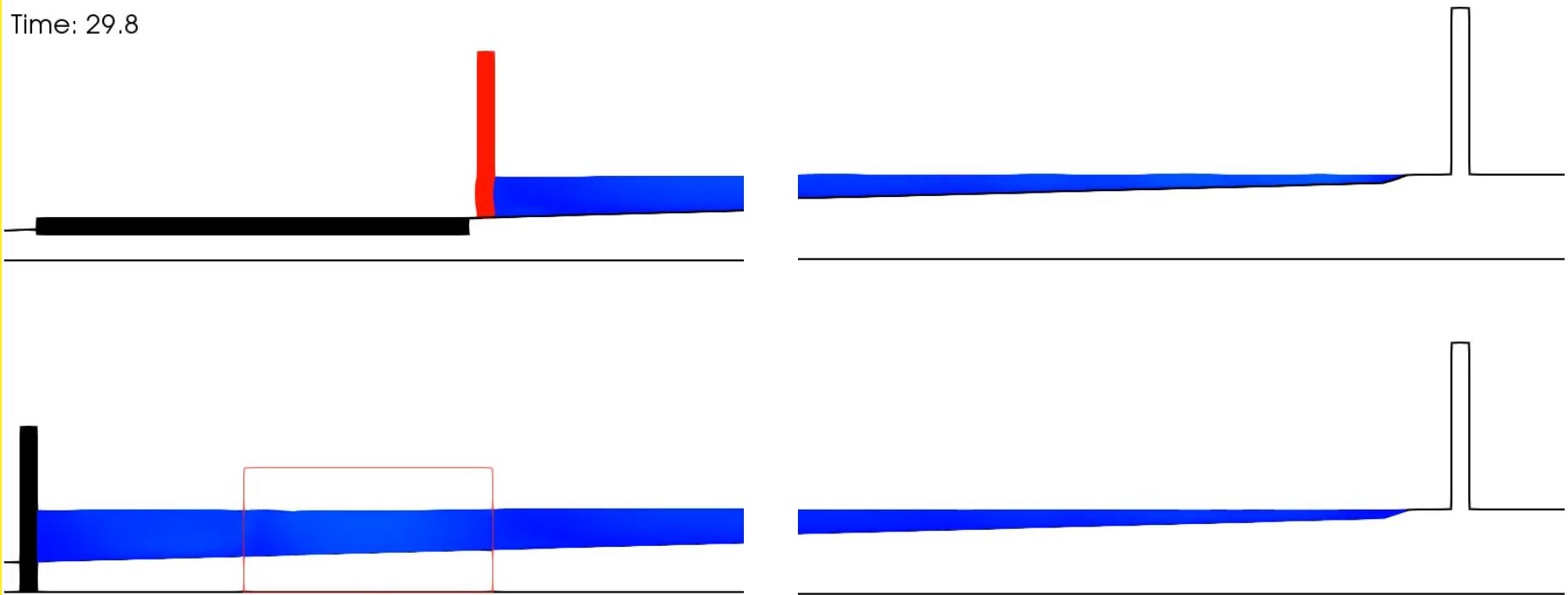
$n_{particle} = 494,388$   
 $x_{coupling} = 31.25m$   
 $Runtime = 9.95 h$

$n_{particle} = 1,269,820$   
 $x_{coupling} = 24.00 m$   
 $Runtime = 22.65 h$

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## MB vs RZ-SWASH

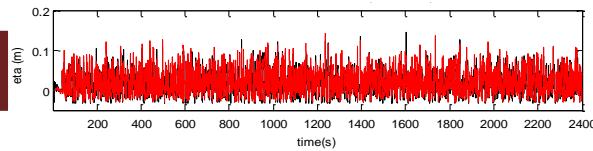
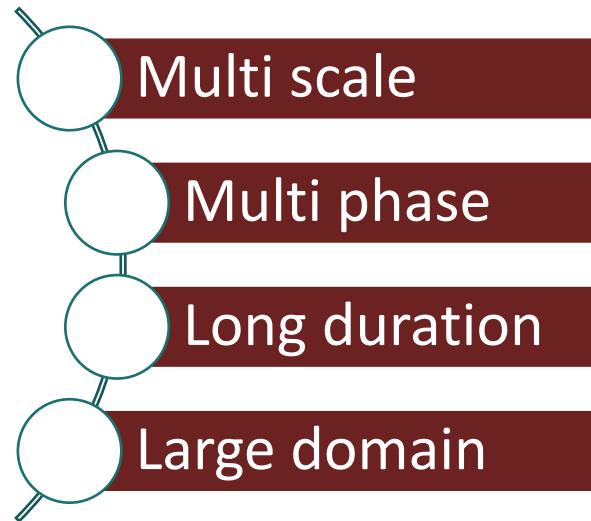
Time: 29.8



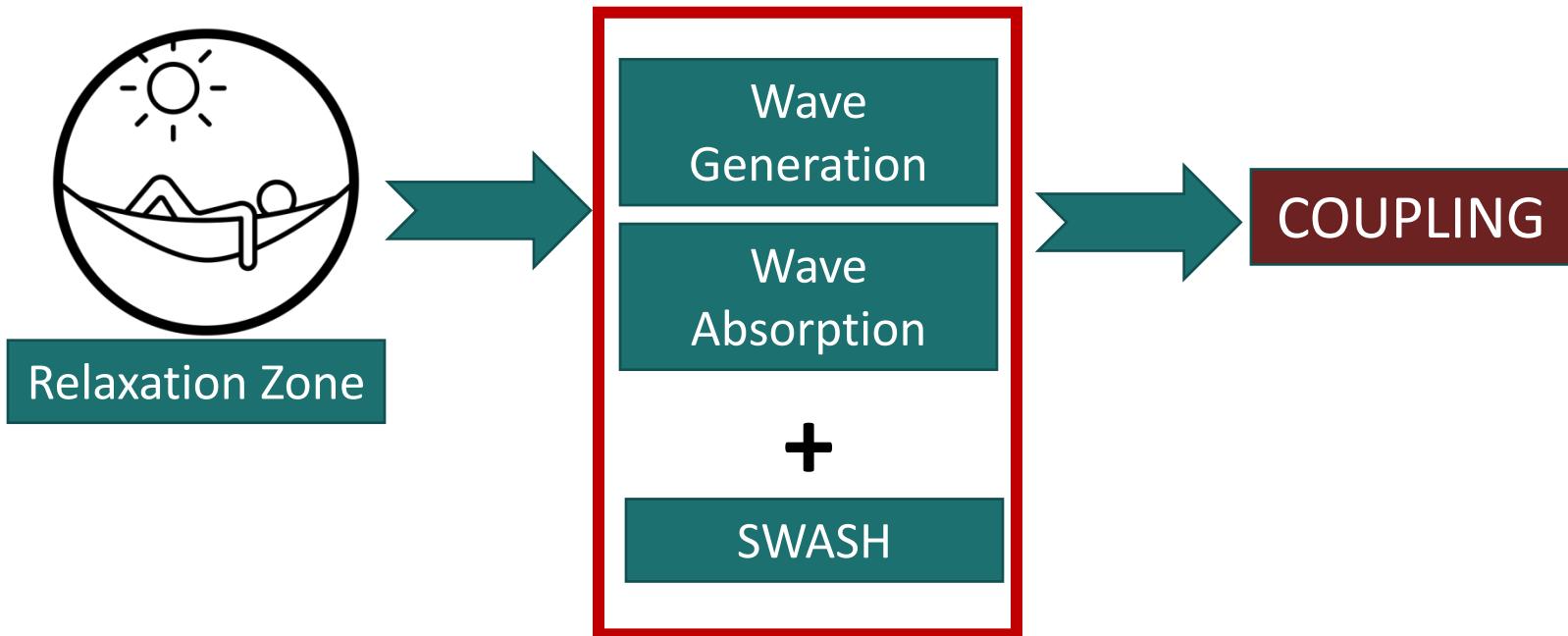
# Conclusions



Remind our target



# Conclusions



Created by Bakunetsu Kaito  
from Noun Project

Speed up



Created by emlegraphics  
from Noun Project

Accuracy