

# Investigating rubble mound breakwaters against solitary waves using DualSPHysics:

The PI-BREAK Project

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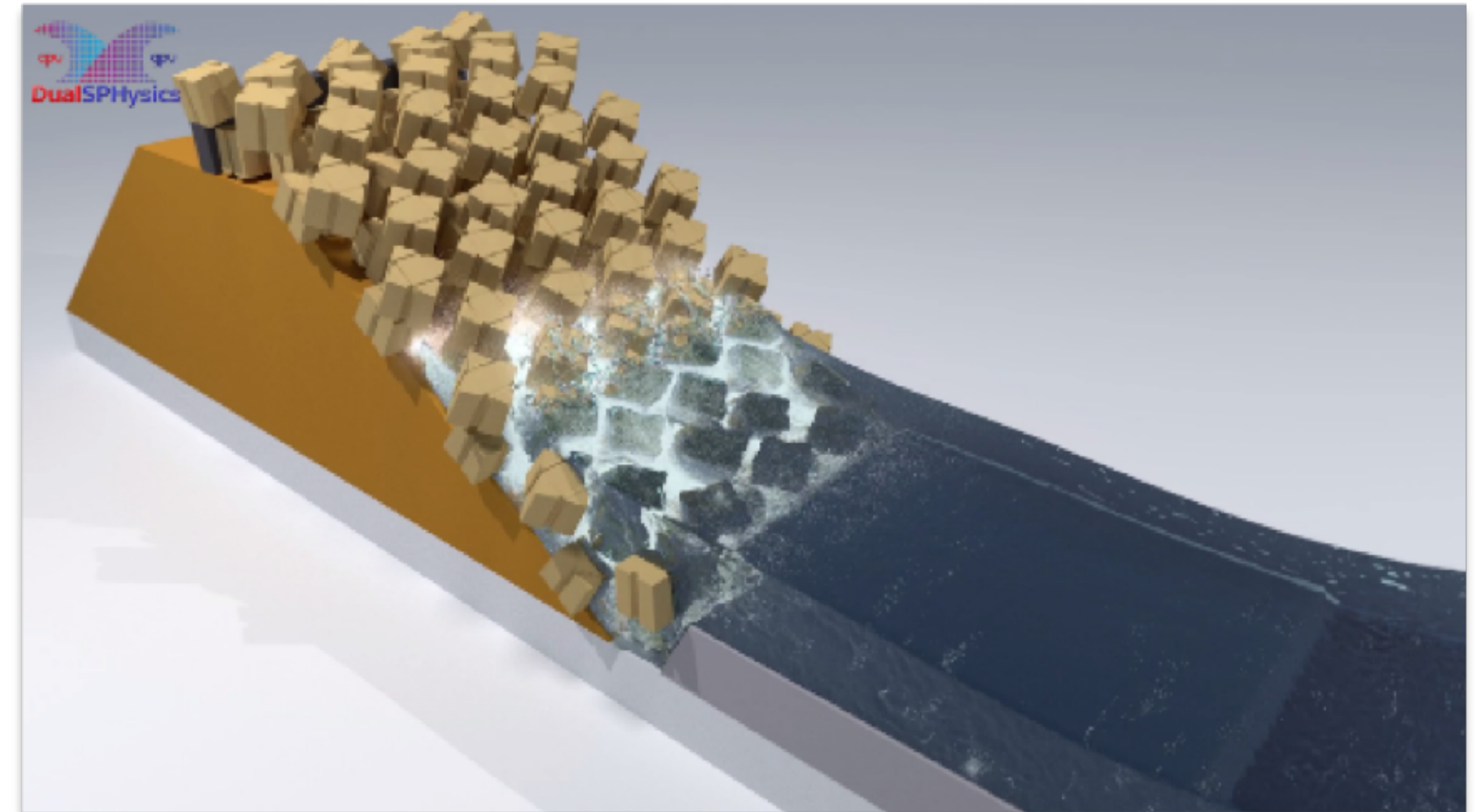
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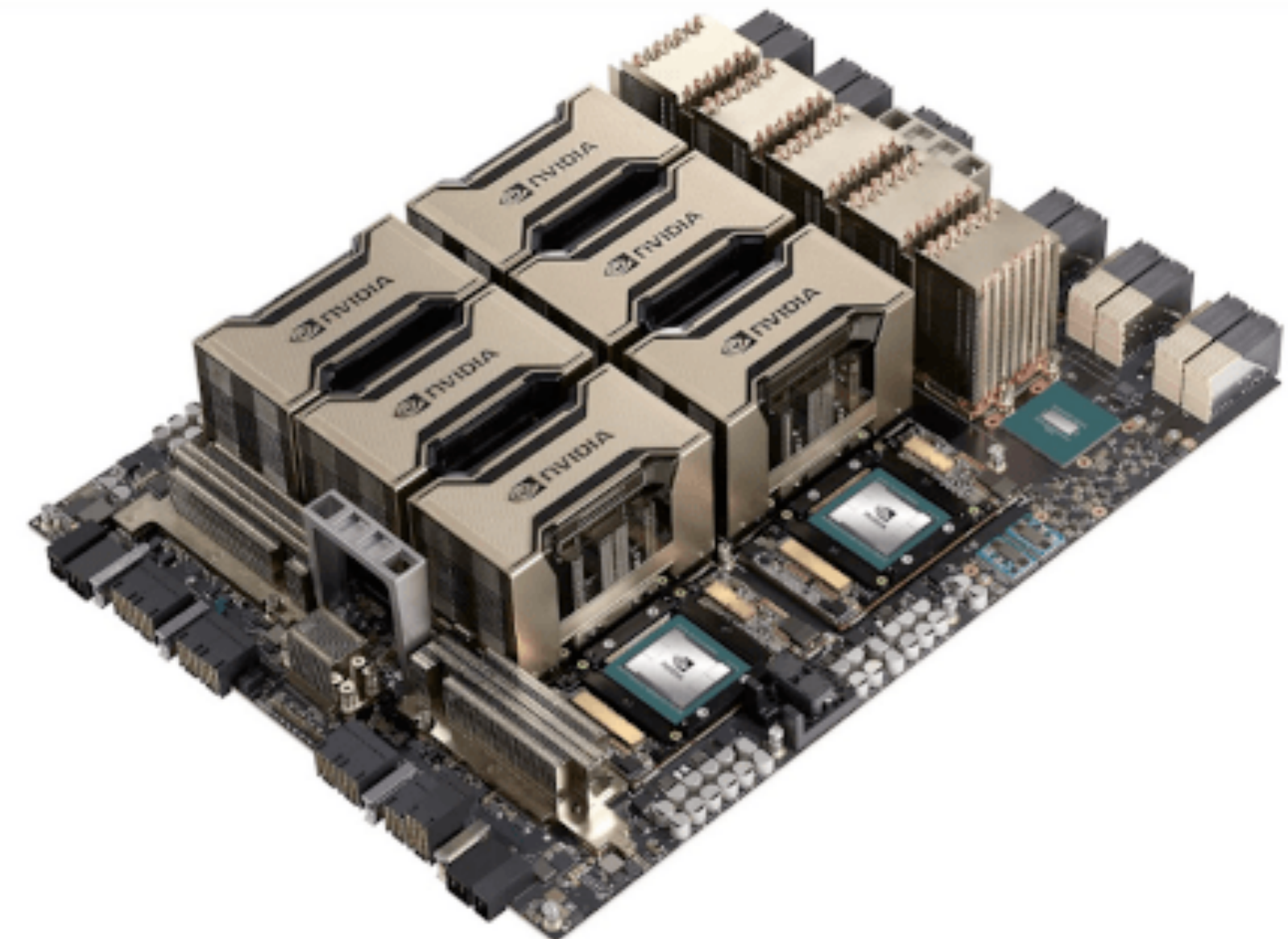
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## WP3: synthetic data generation

- Multi-scale wave modeling
- Multi-GPU computation

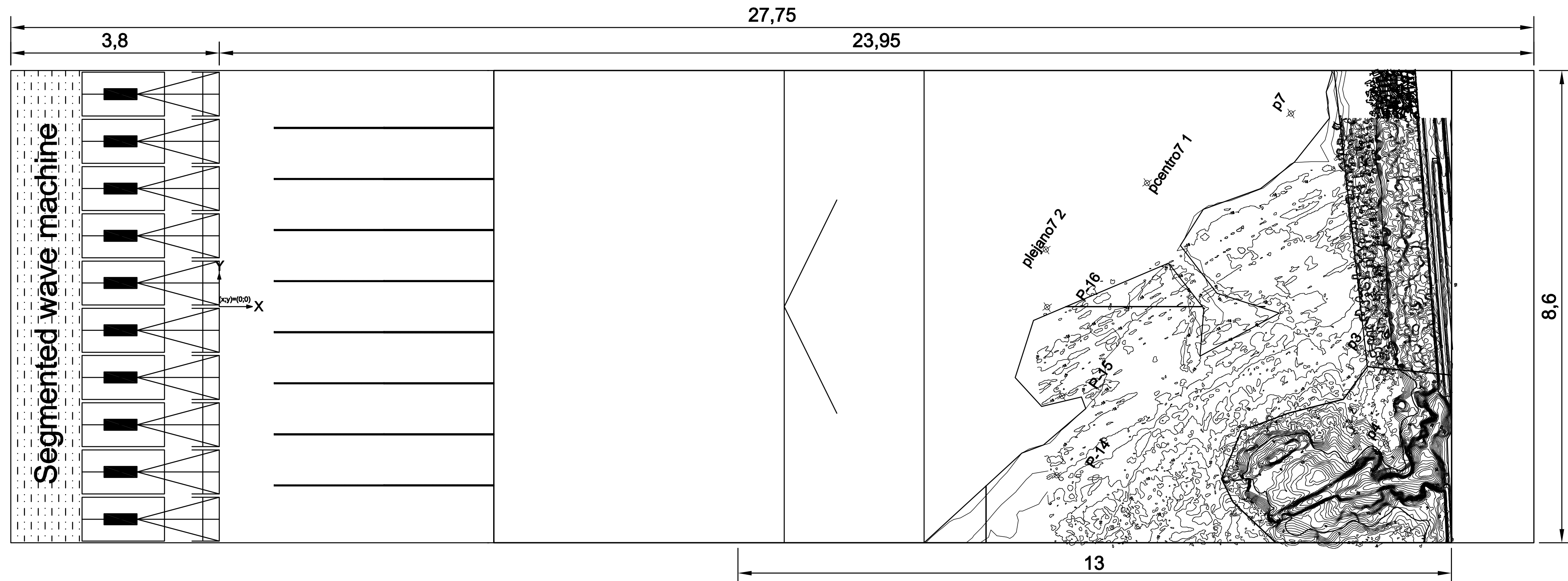
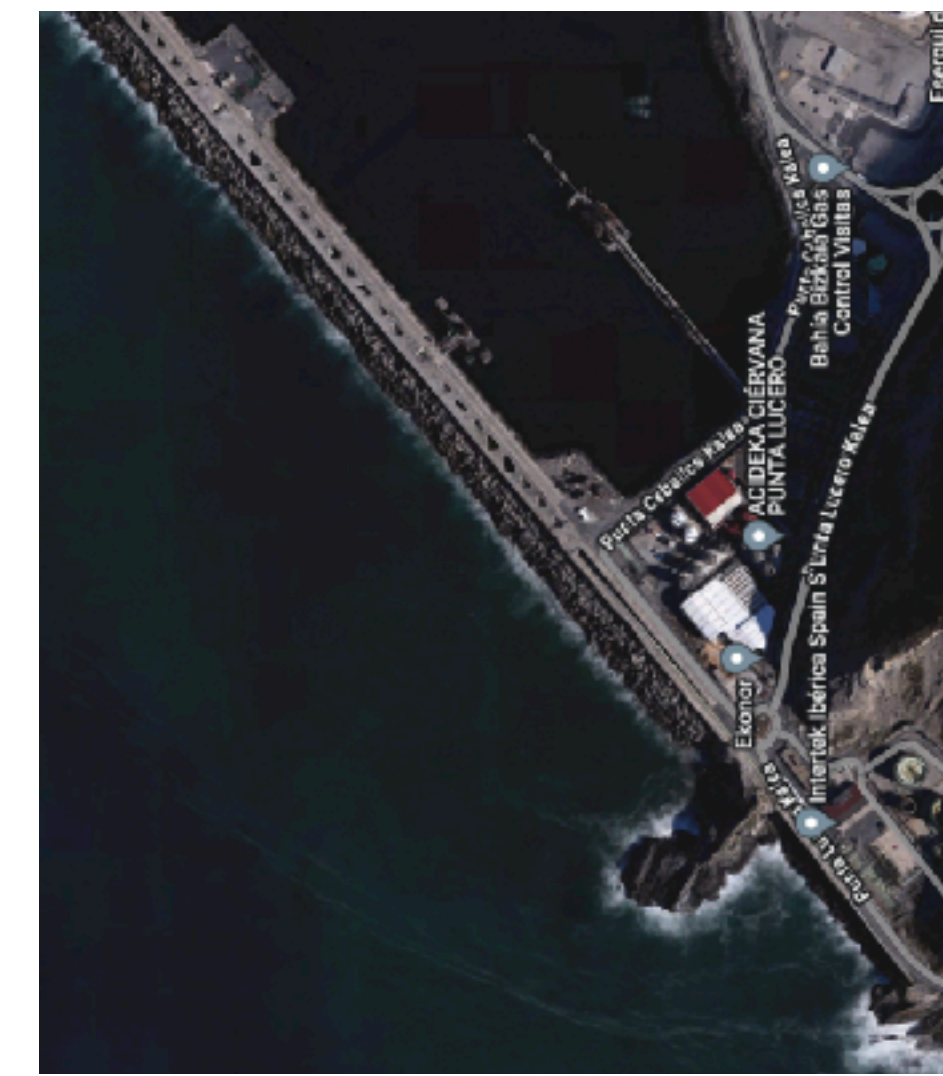




# Setup TOD-IHC

## 1/45 scaled bathymetry

3D reconstruction of the bathymetry from field data.  
This is the setup that we would consider for our validations.

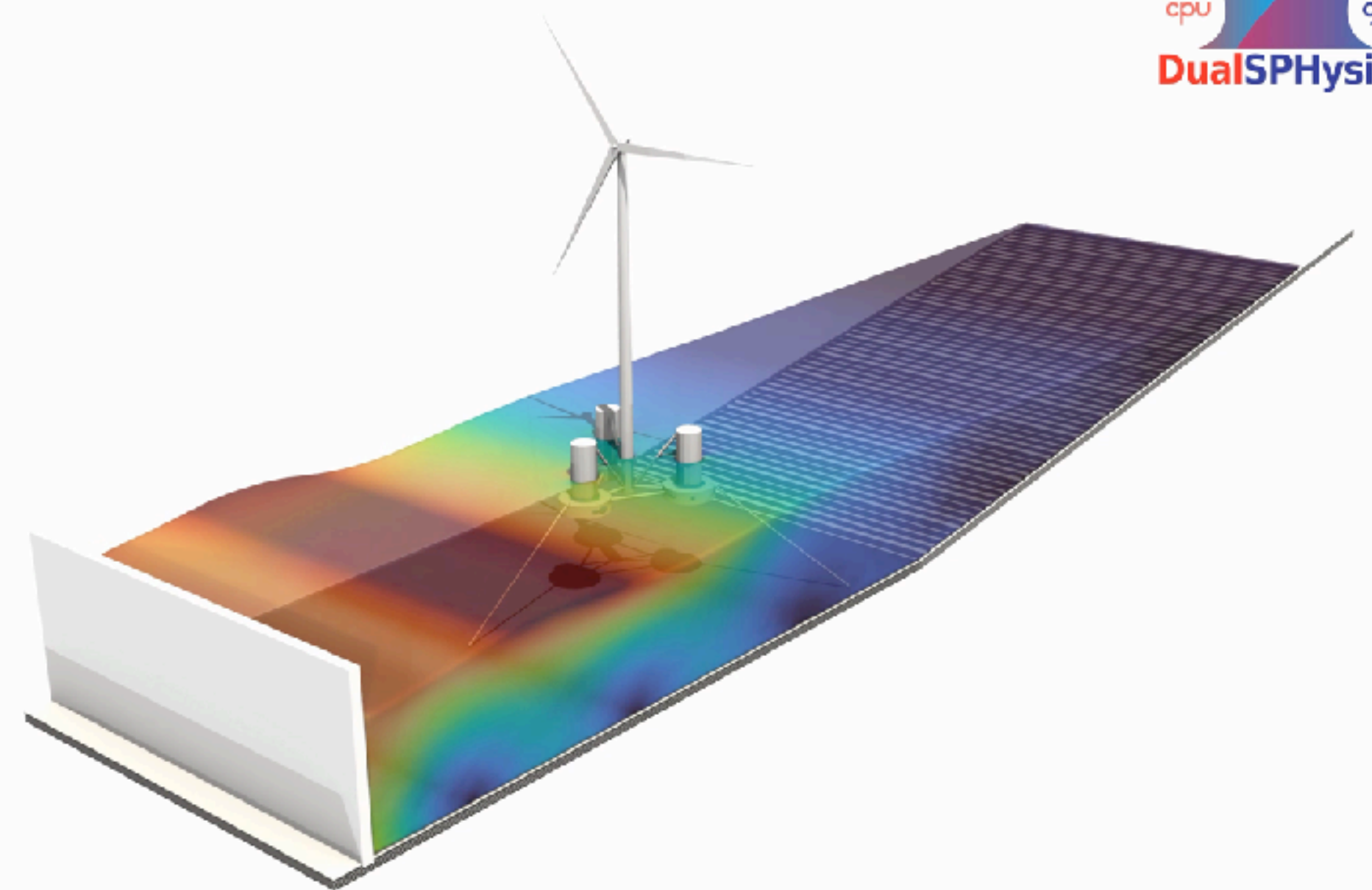




# DualSPHysics

## Open source SPH solver

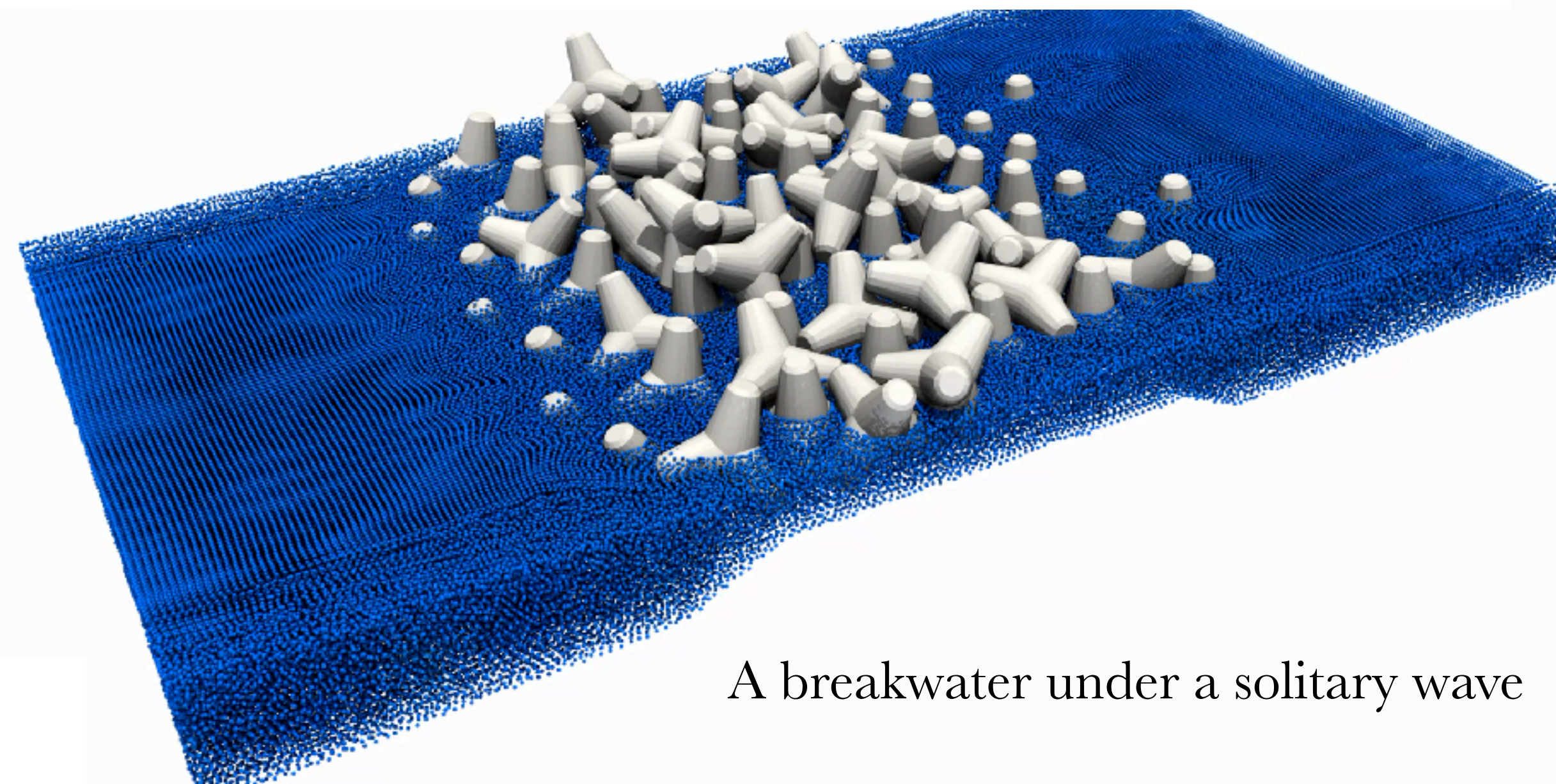
Mono-dispersed SPH implementation  
Coupling to improve the physics  
Single phase



A platform for wind energy under regular waves

## Features

- CPU/GPU Implementation (C++/Cuda)
- Highly parallelized for GPU units (only one so far)
- Pre- and Post-processing tools
- Open source



A breakwater under a solitary wave

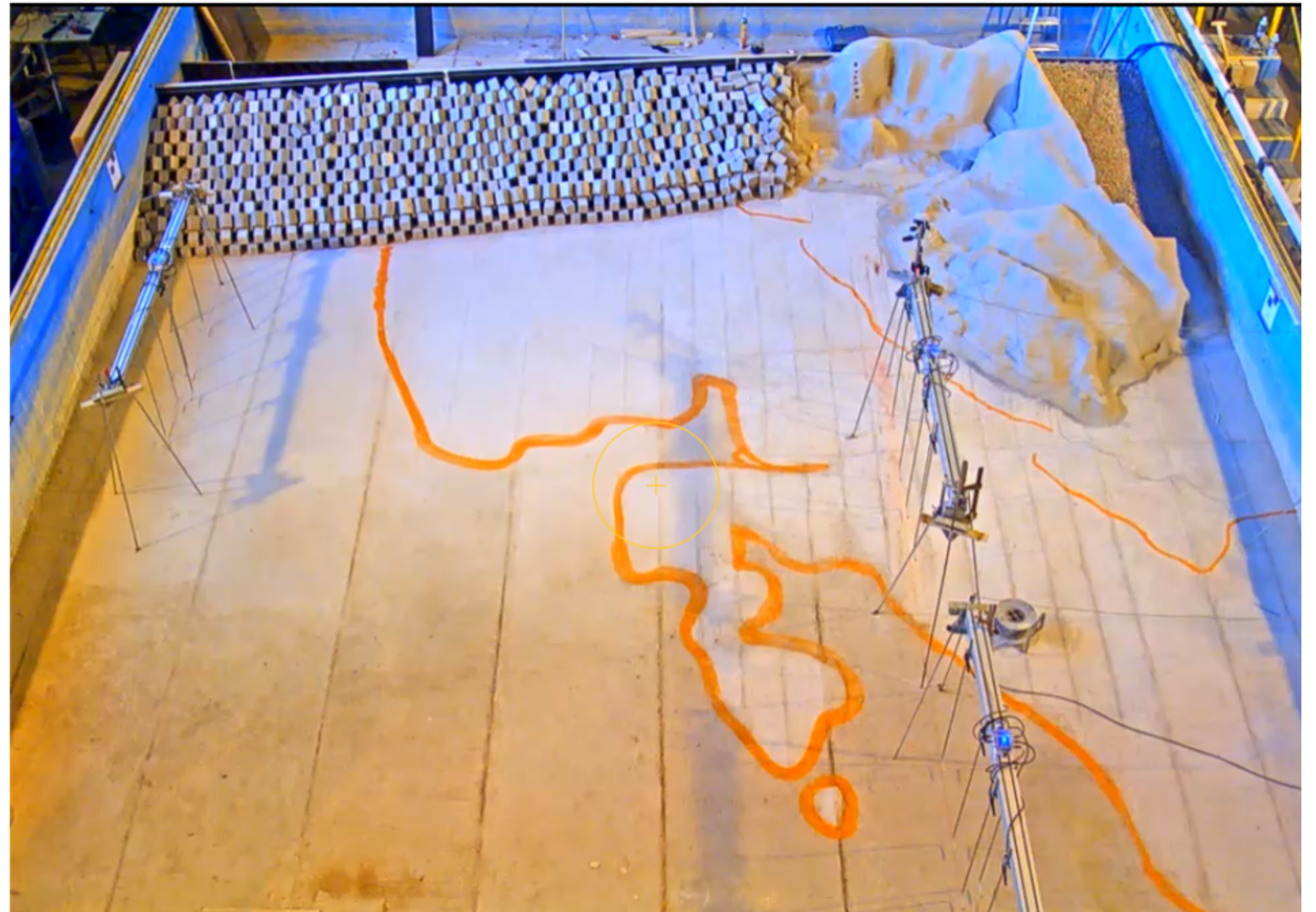
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## 1/45 scaled bathymetry

- More than 1000 blocks
- Complex bathymetry
- The blocks move only after long sea-states
- Fully-3D simulation



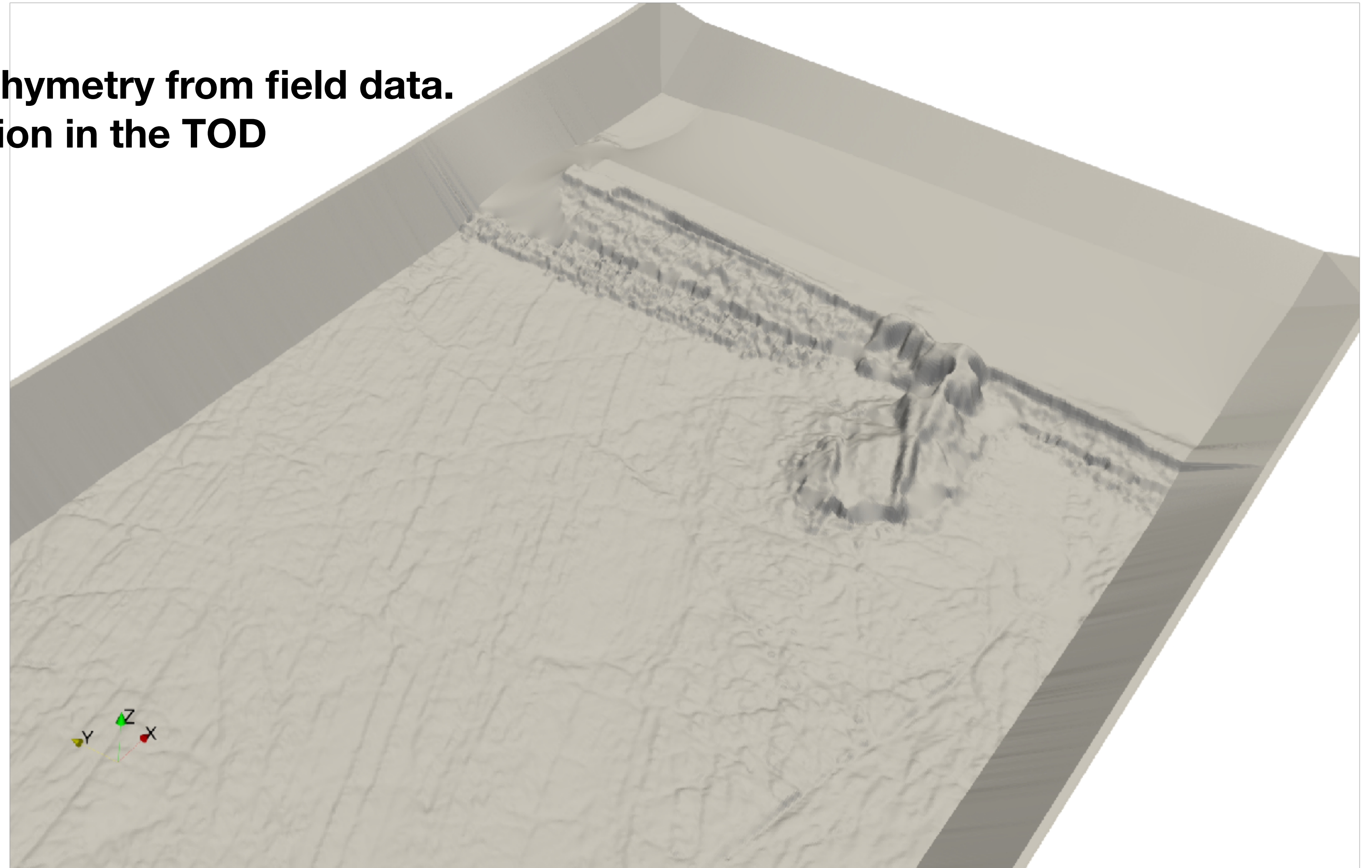
Wave basin arranged in Santander for this project



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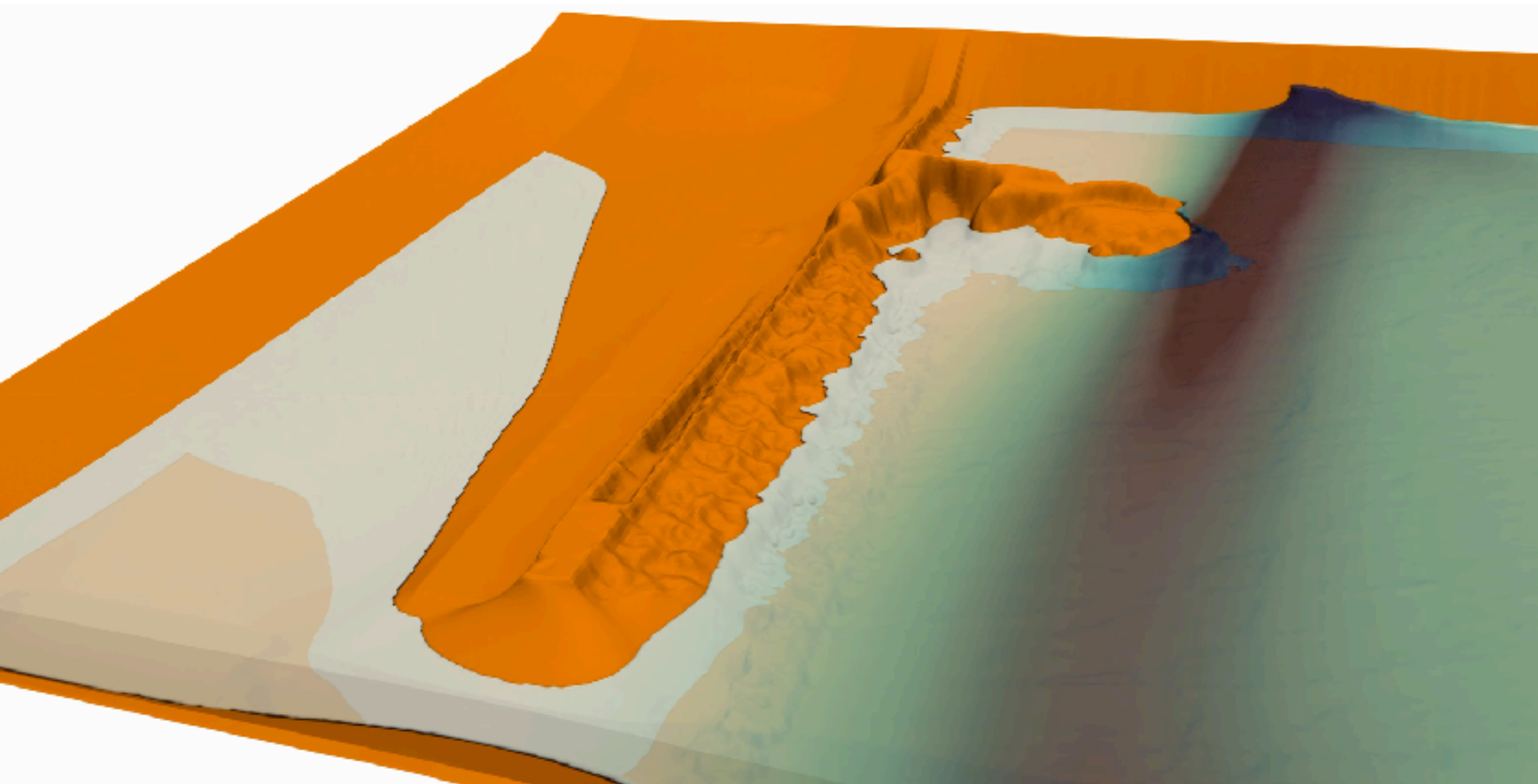
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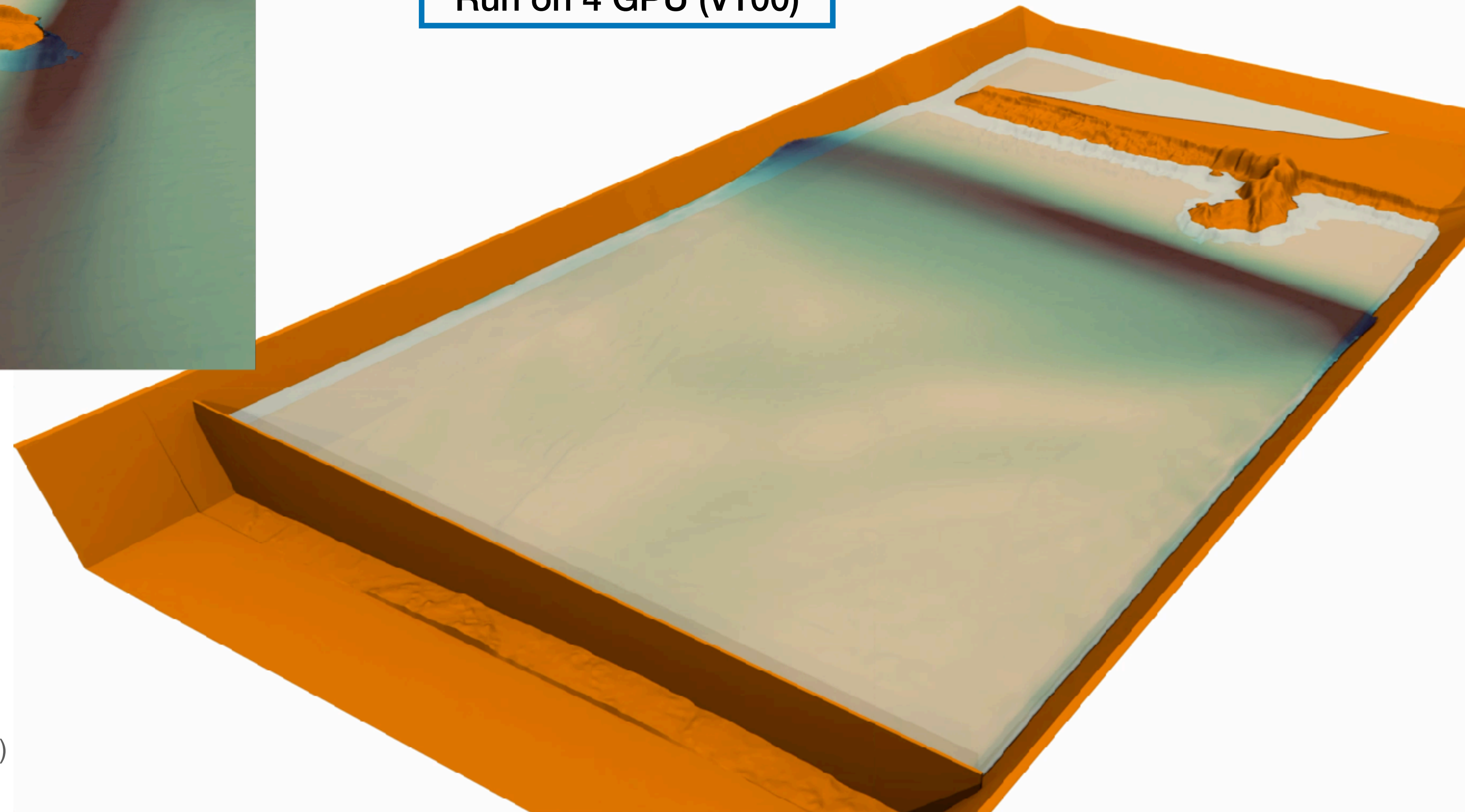


# Numerical TOD-UPC

## Multi-GPU simulation



Resolution  $dp=L/10$   
100 M particles  
Run on 4 GPU (V100)



Fully 3D  
Example of a solitary wave

Note:  $L$  is the meaningful size of a block (5.00 m)



Getting blocks in



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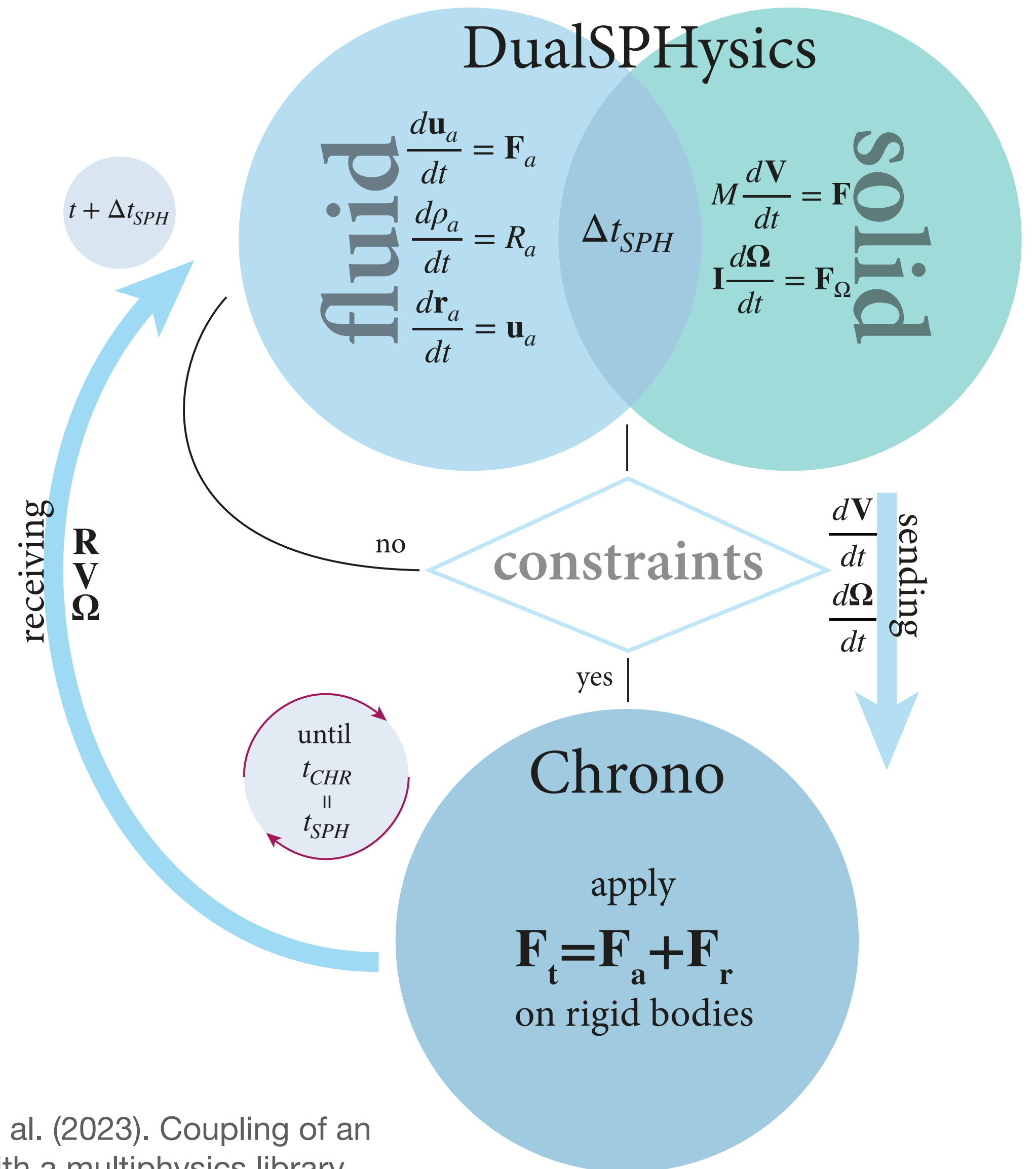
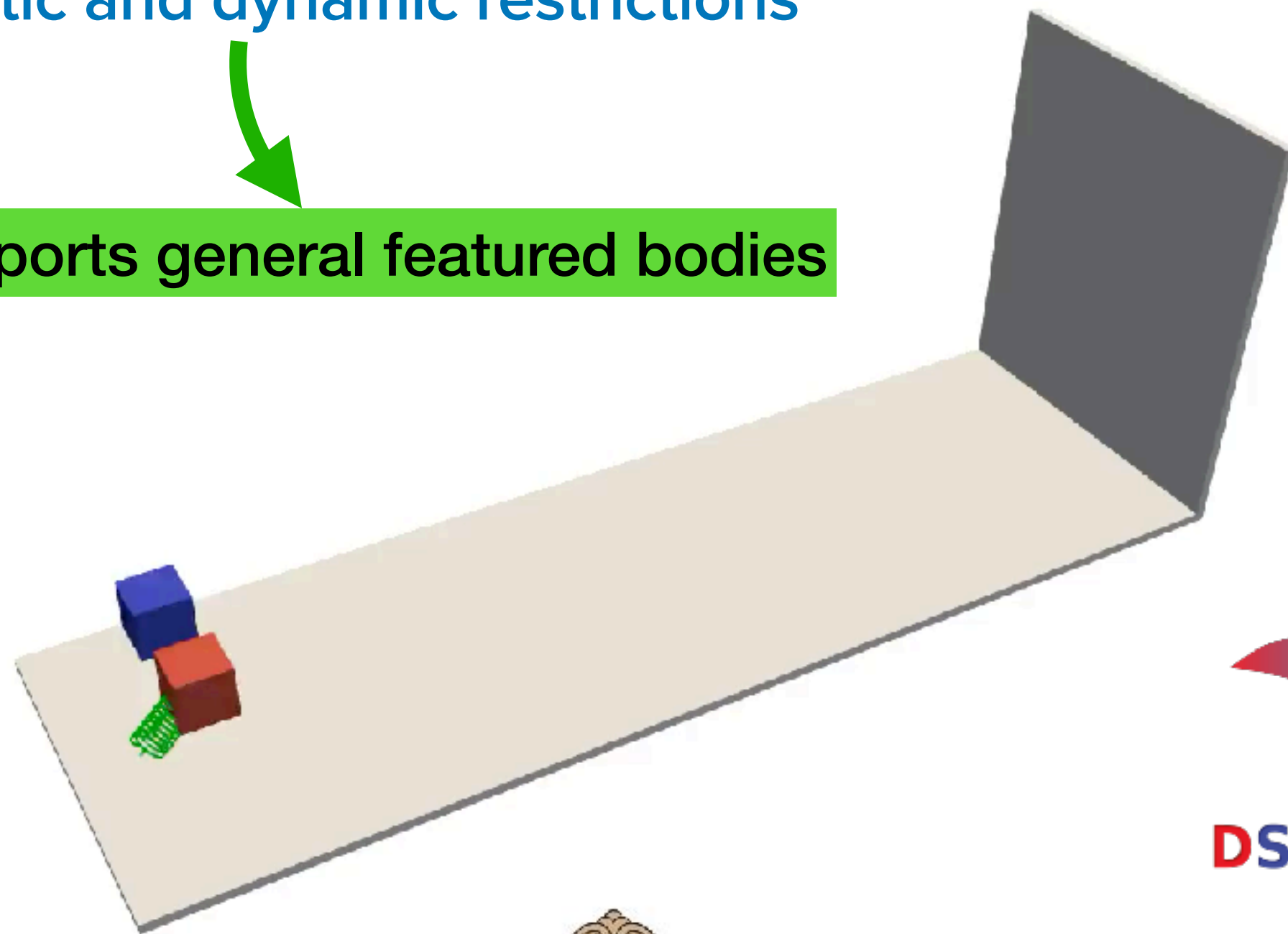
Open source multiphysics library

Multi-body support

Smooth and non-smooth contacts

Kinematic and dynamic restrictions

Supports general featured bodies



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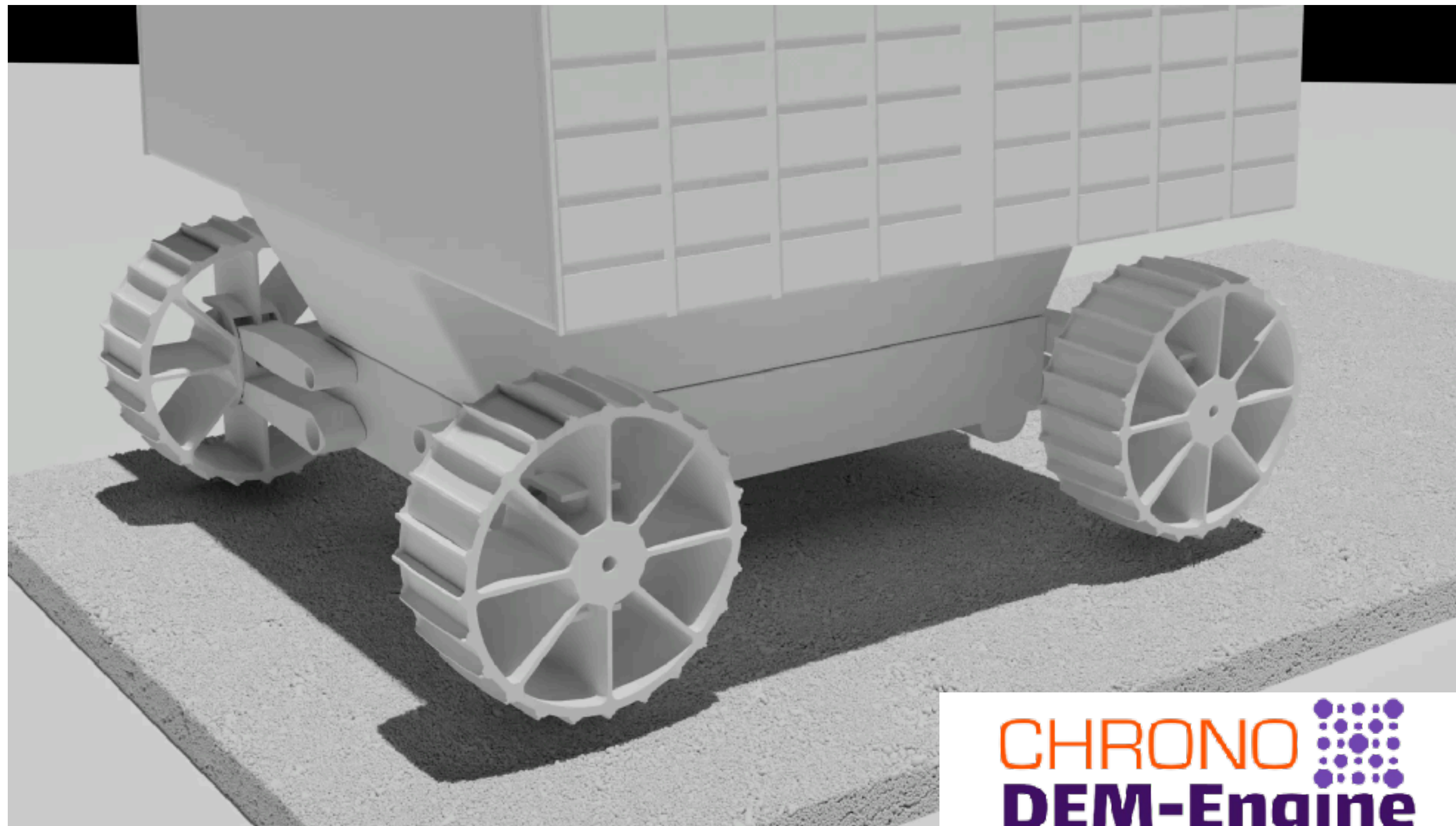
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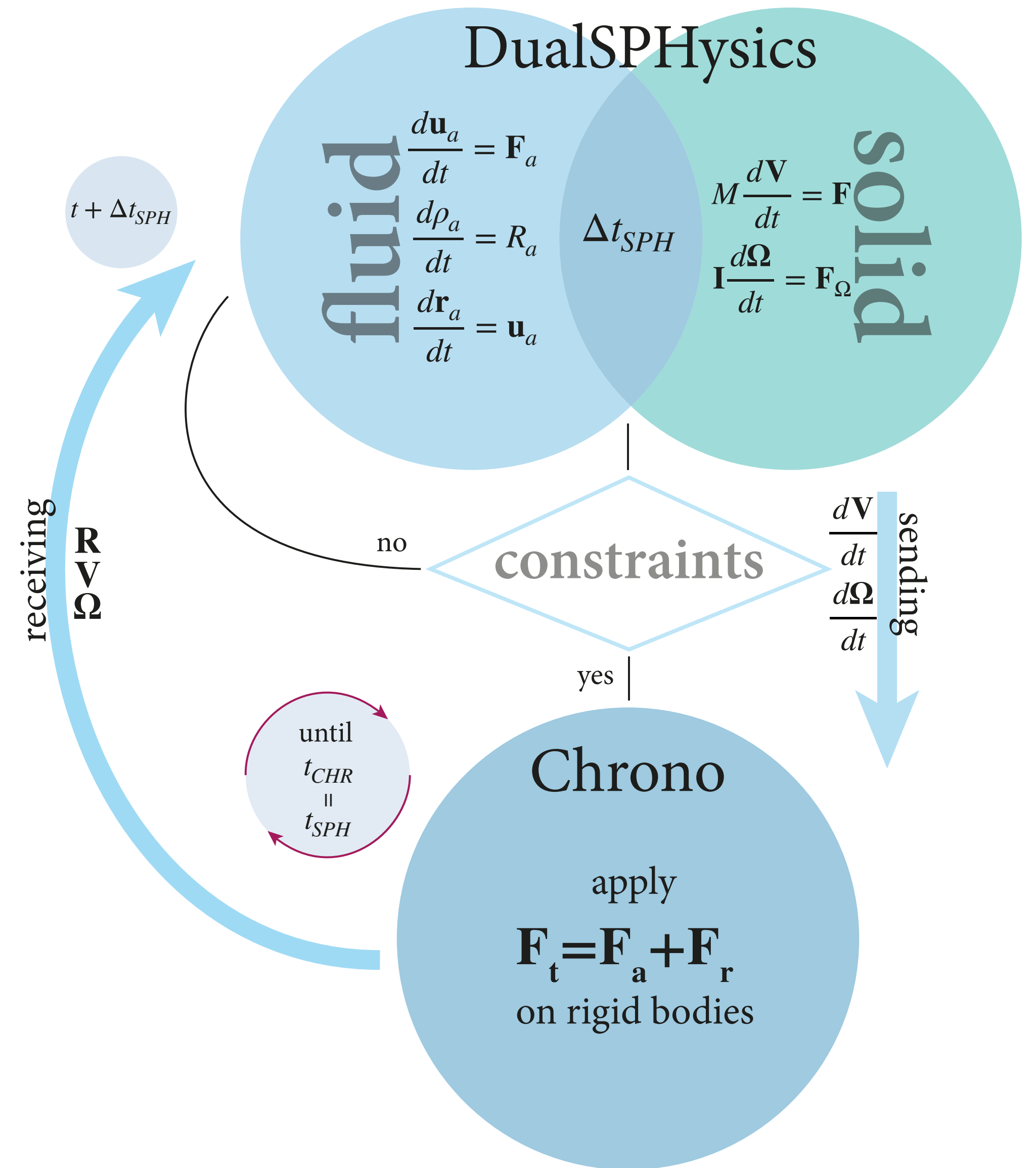
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**DEM-Engine**

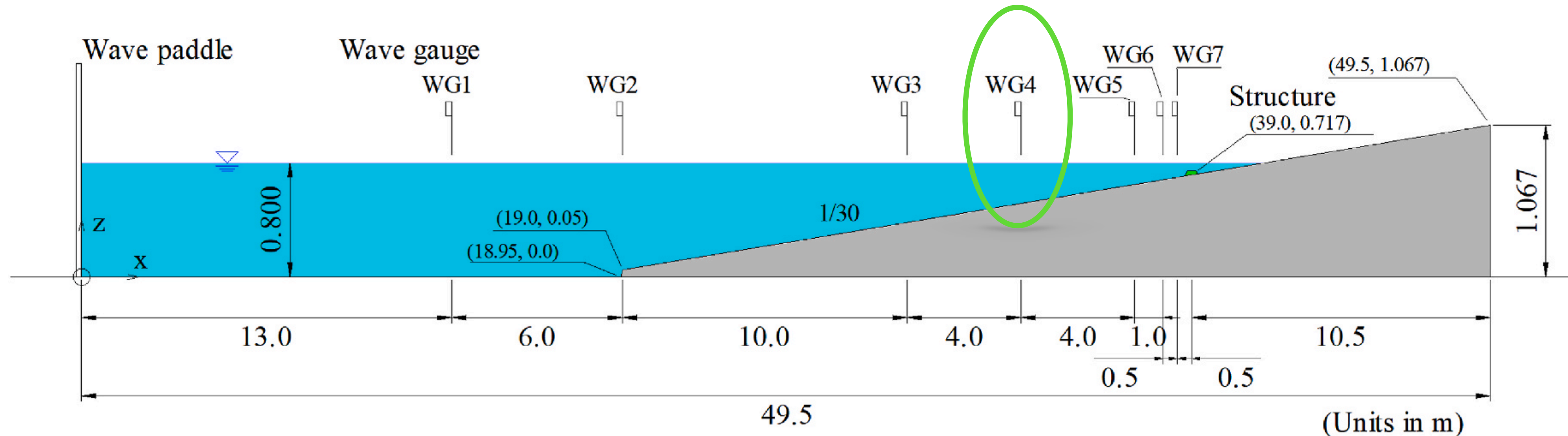
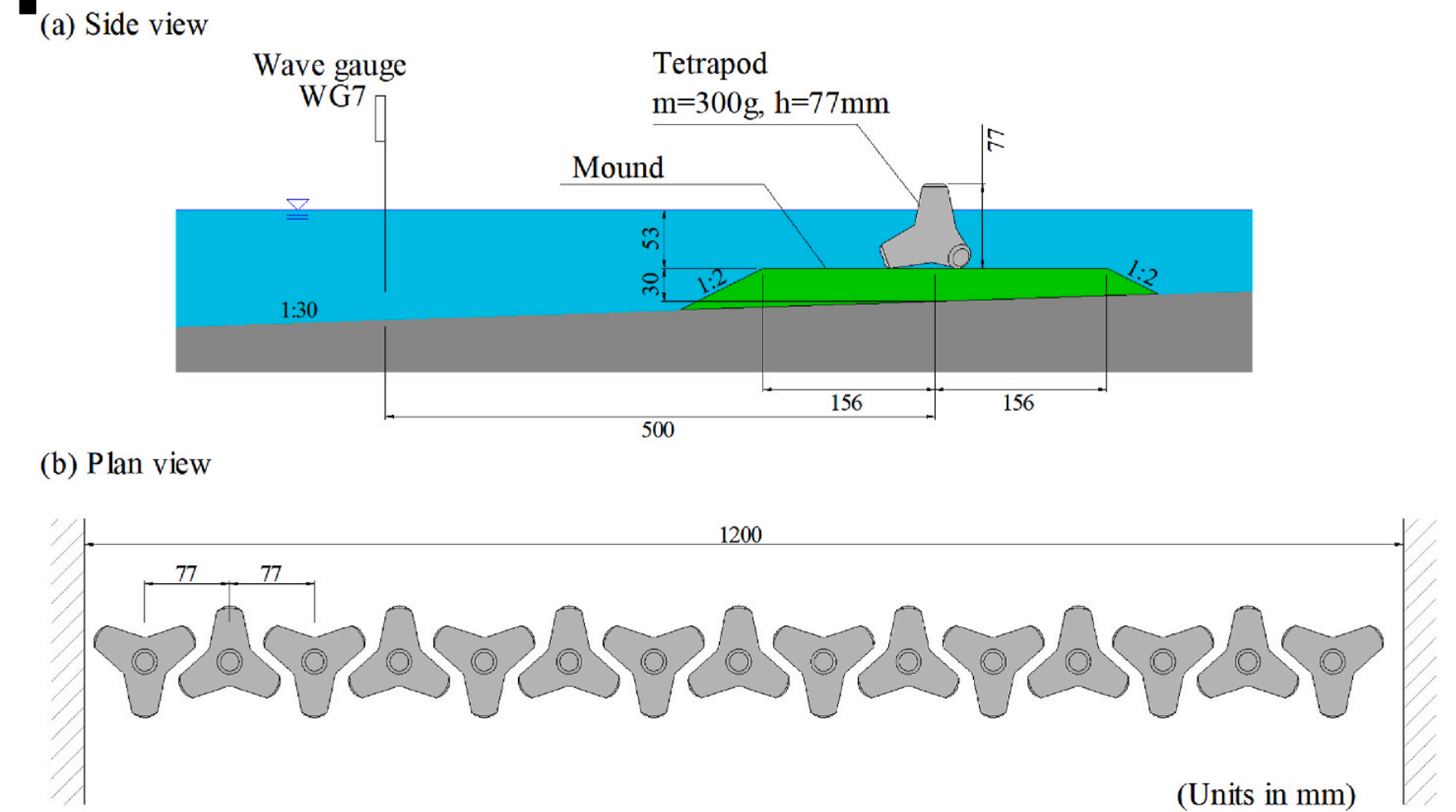




# Interaction between Tetrapods and Wave

## Tsunami wave generation and propagation

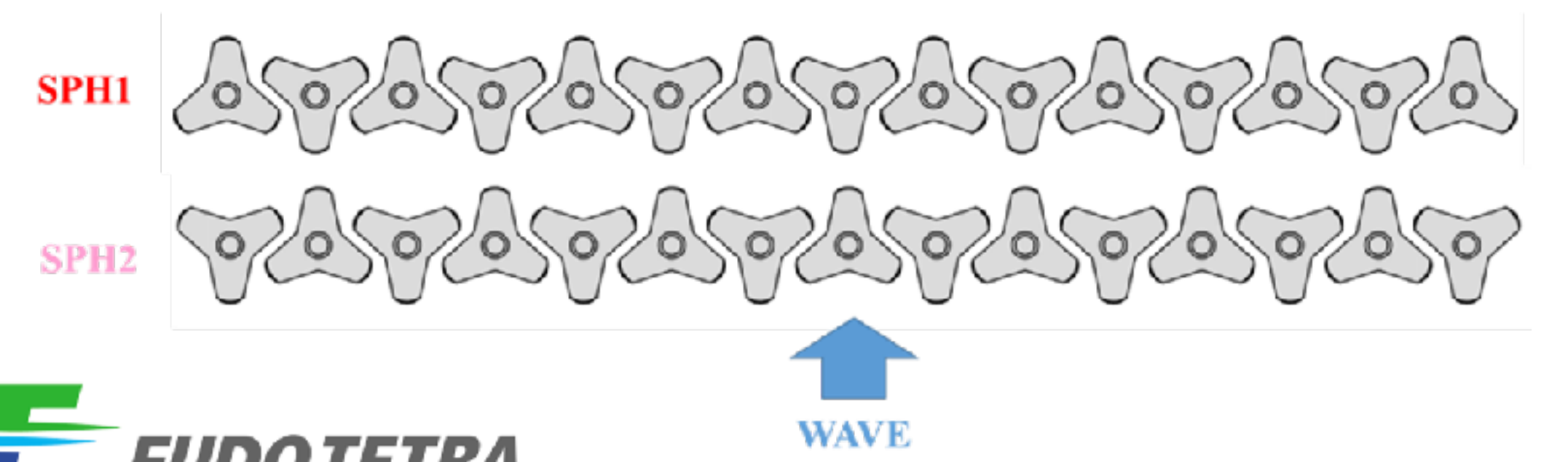
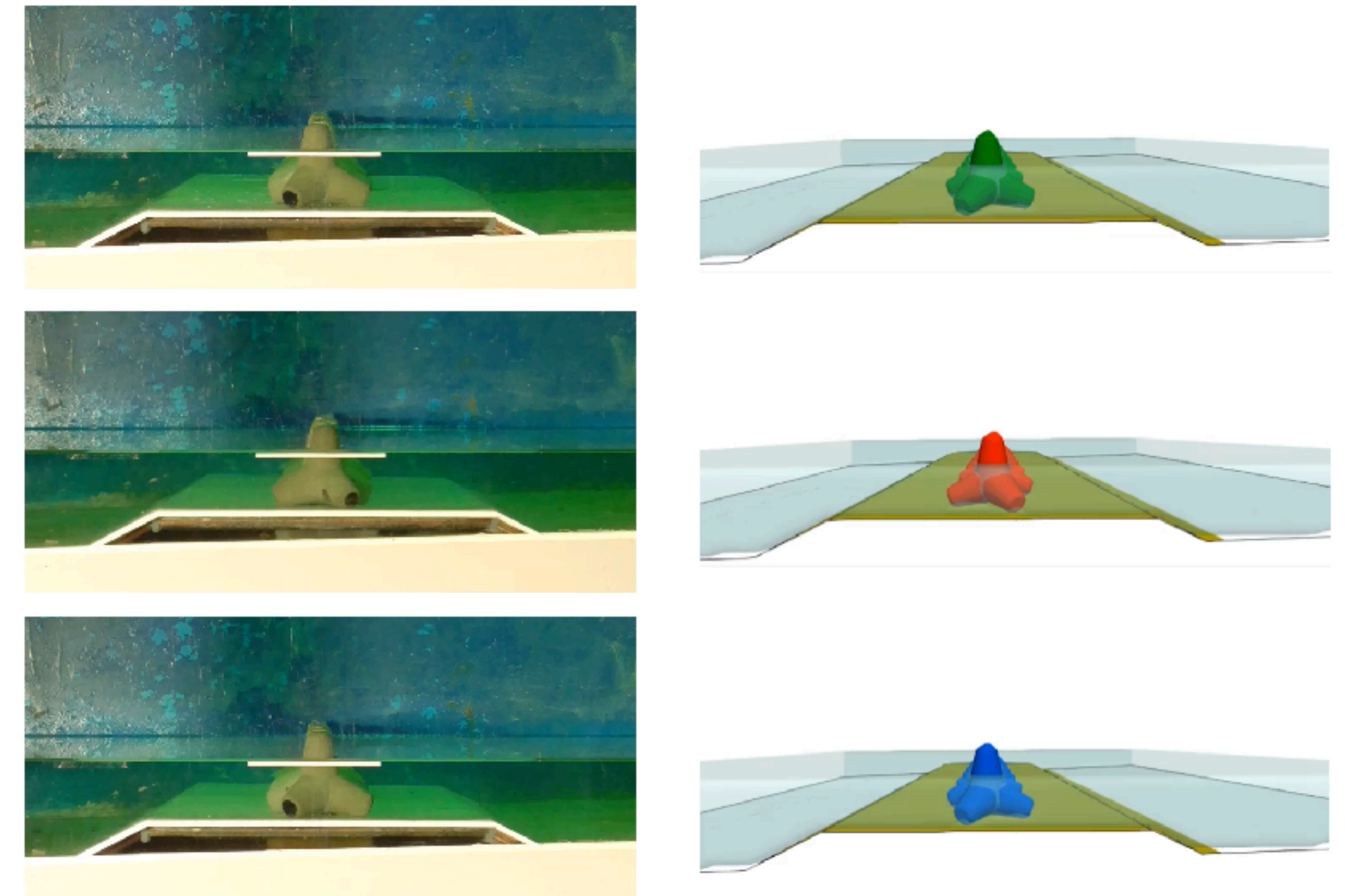
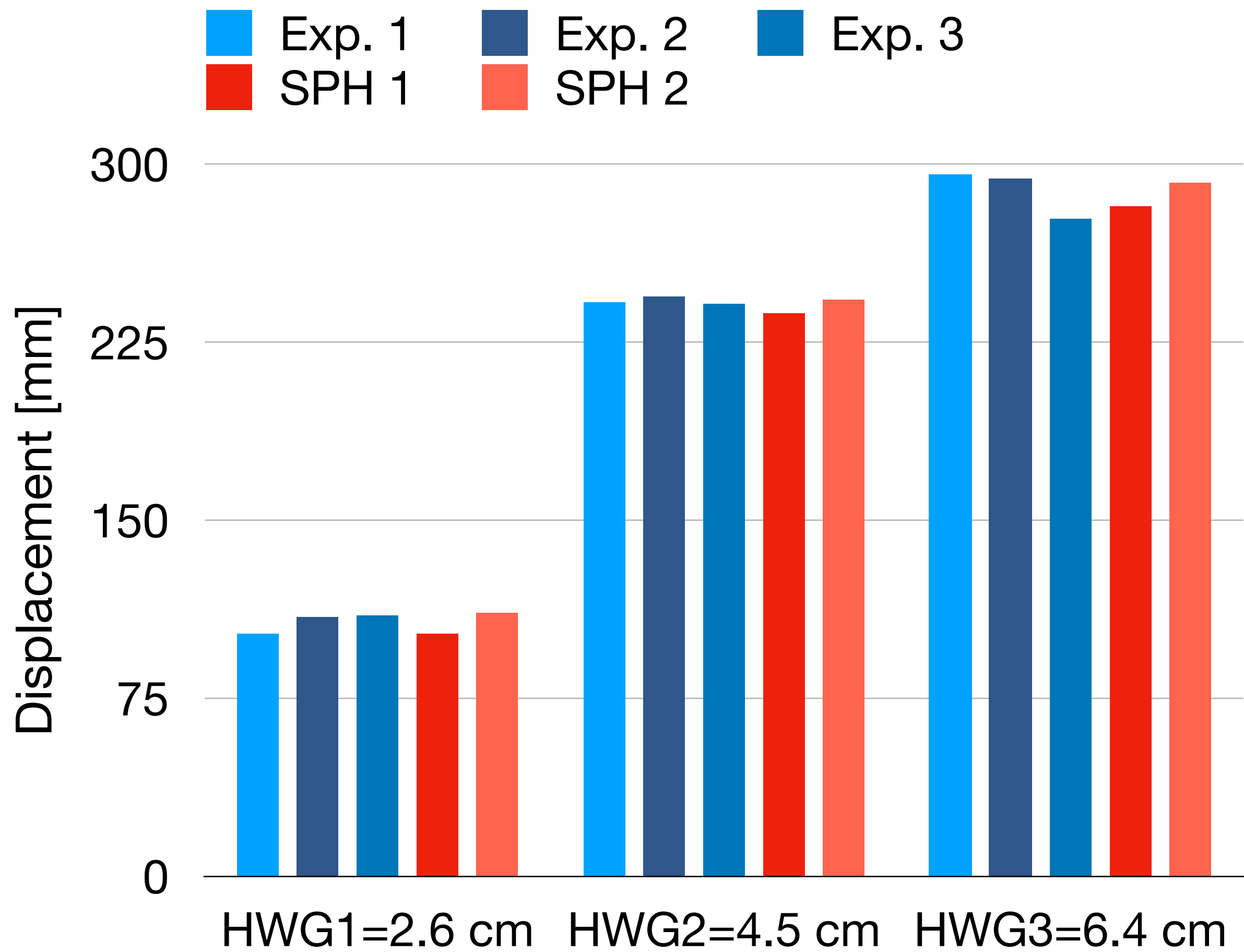
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## PVC mound



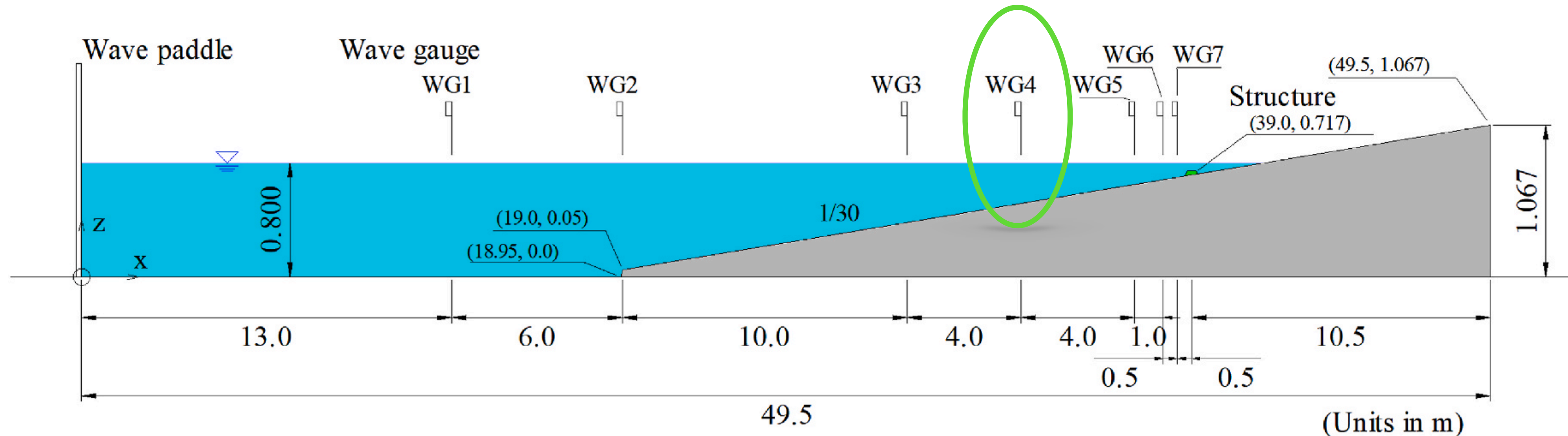
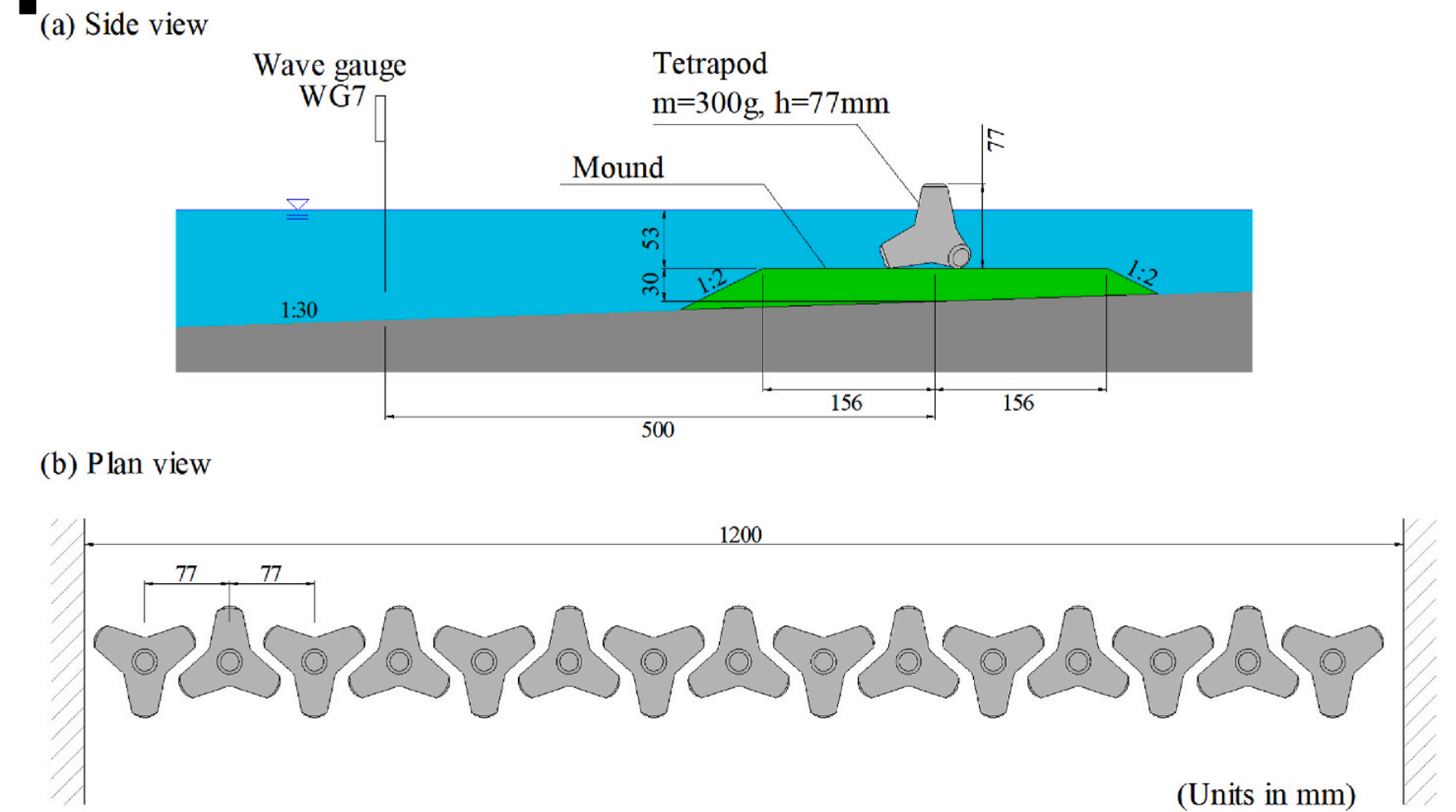
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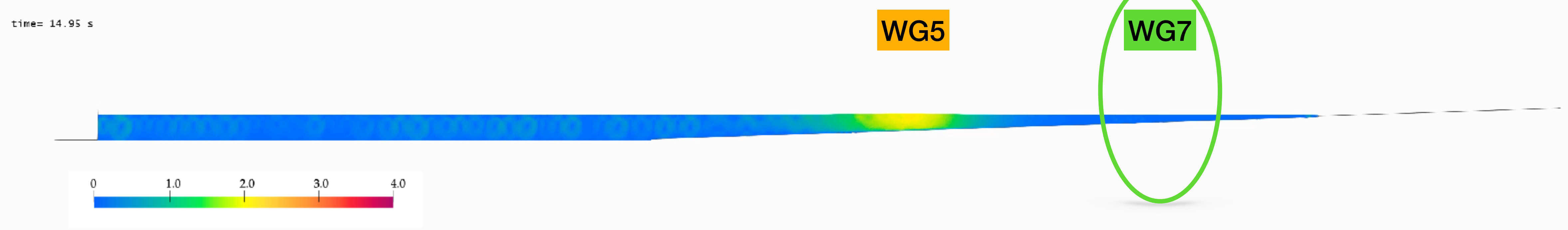
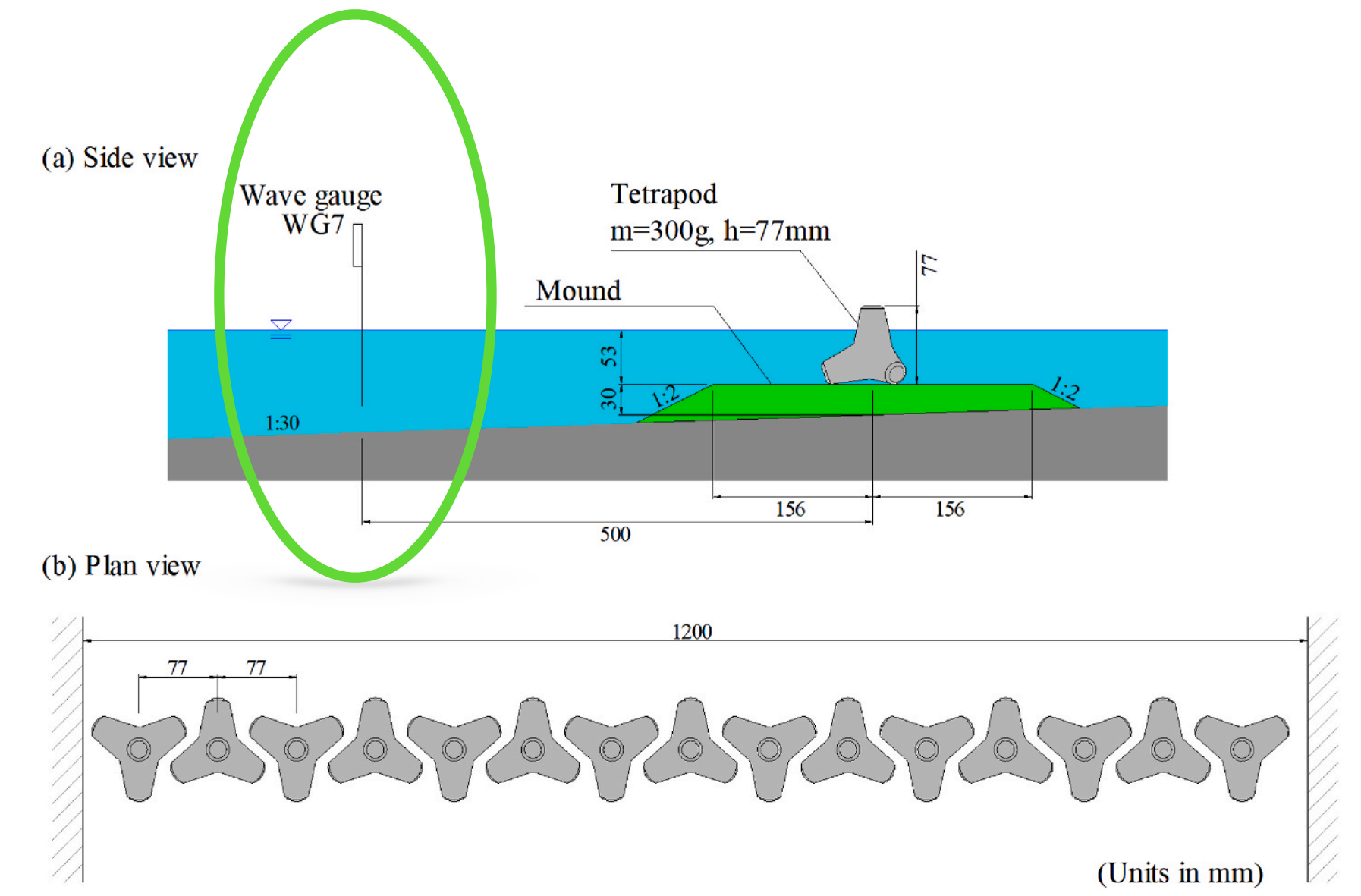
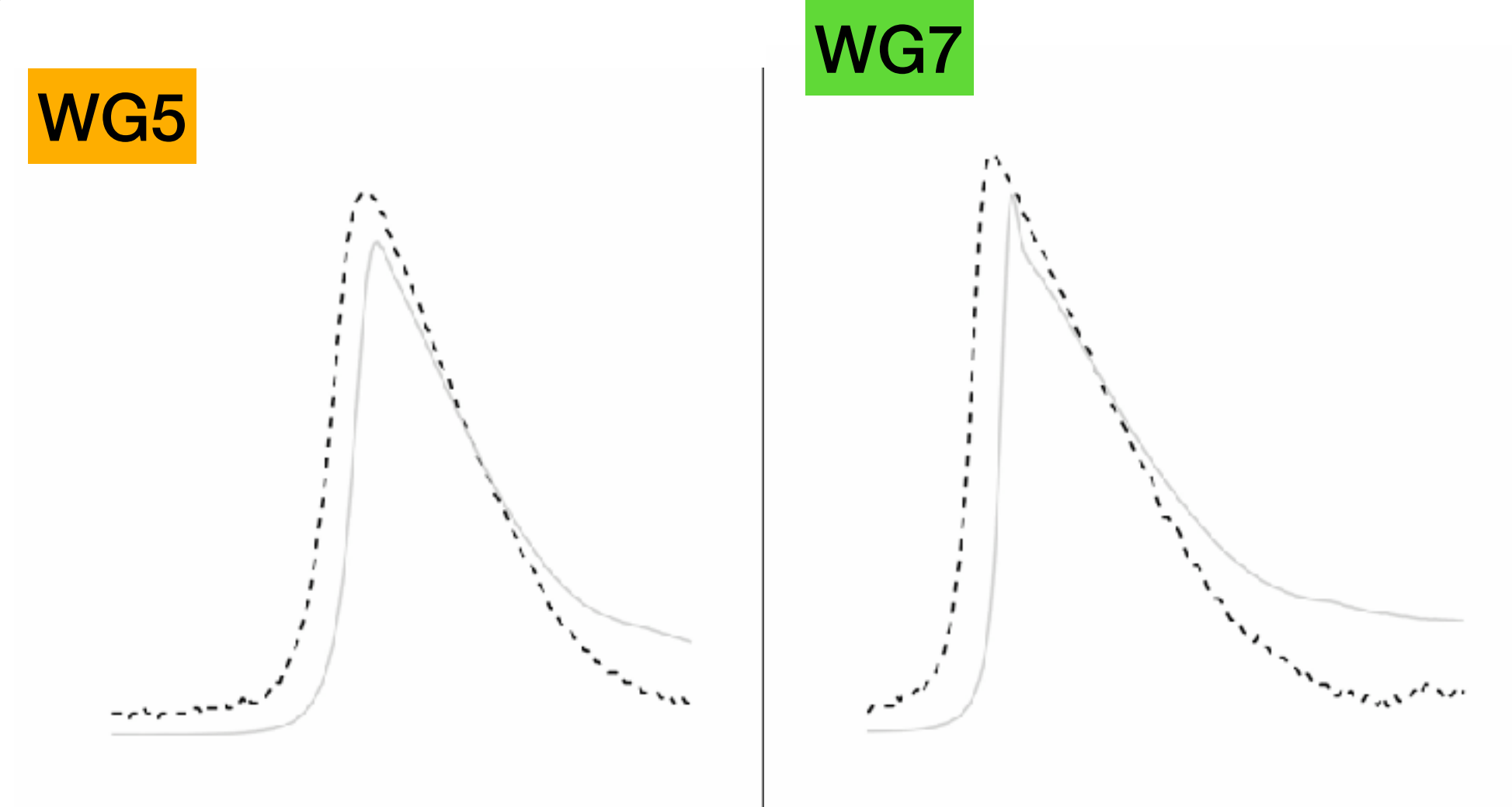
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## Moving towards smaller domains



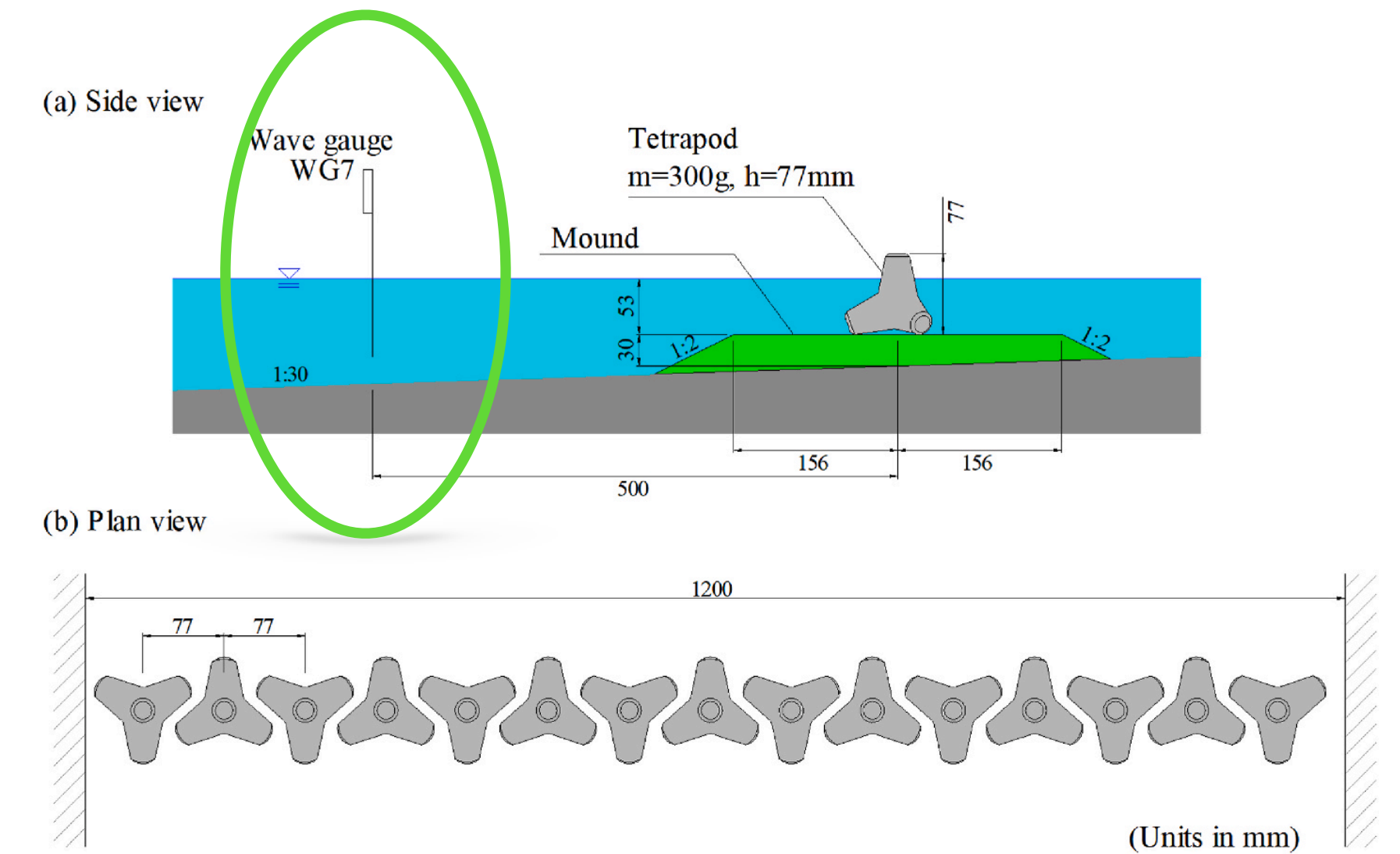
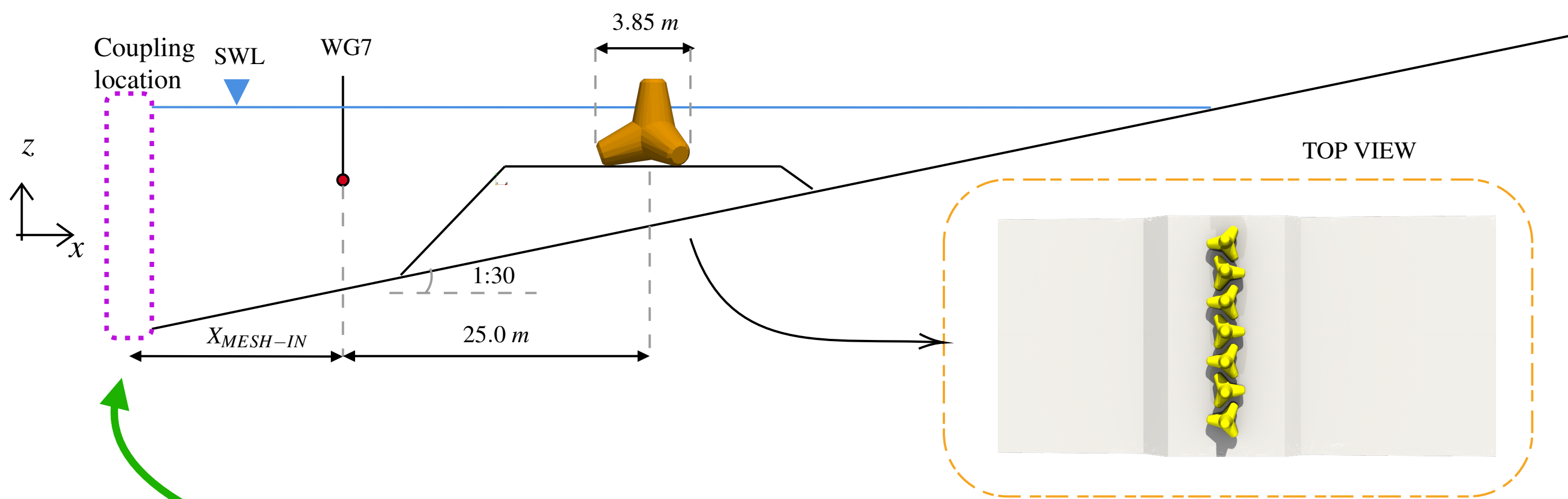
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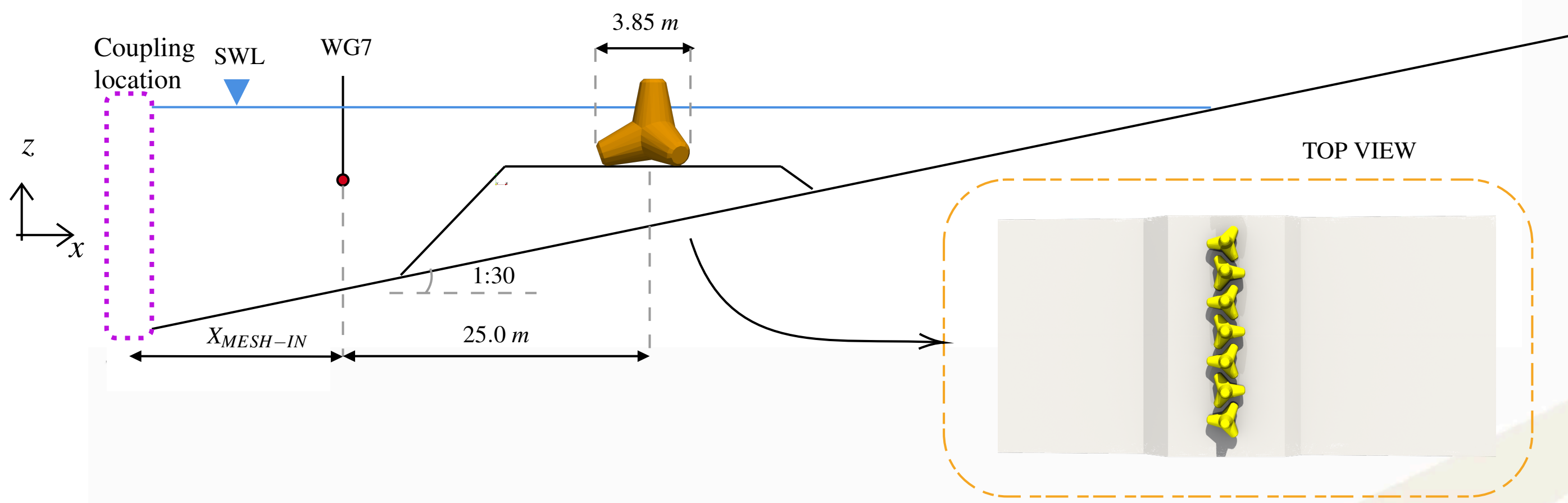
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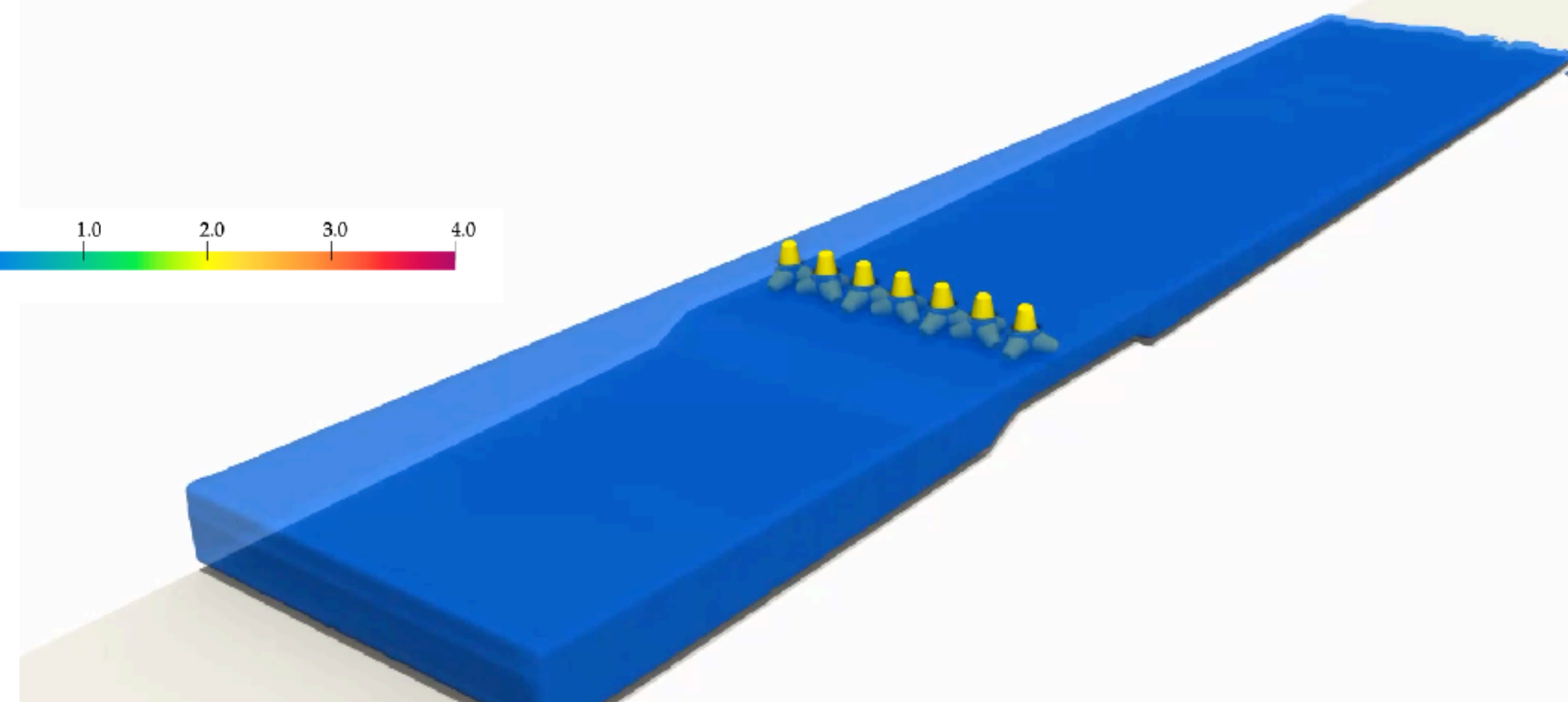
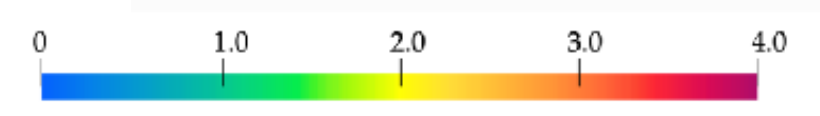
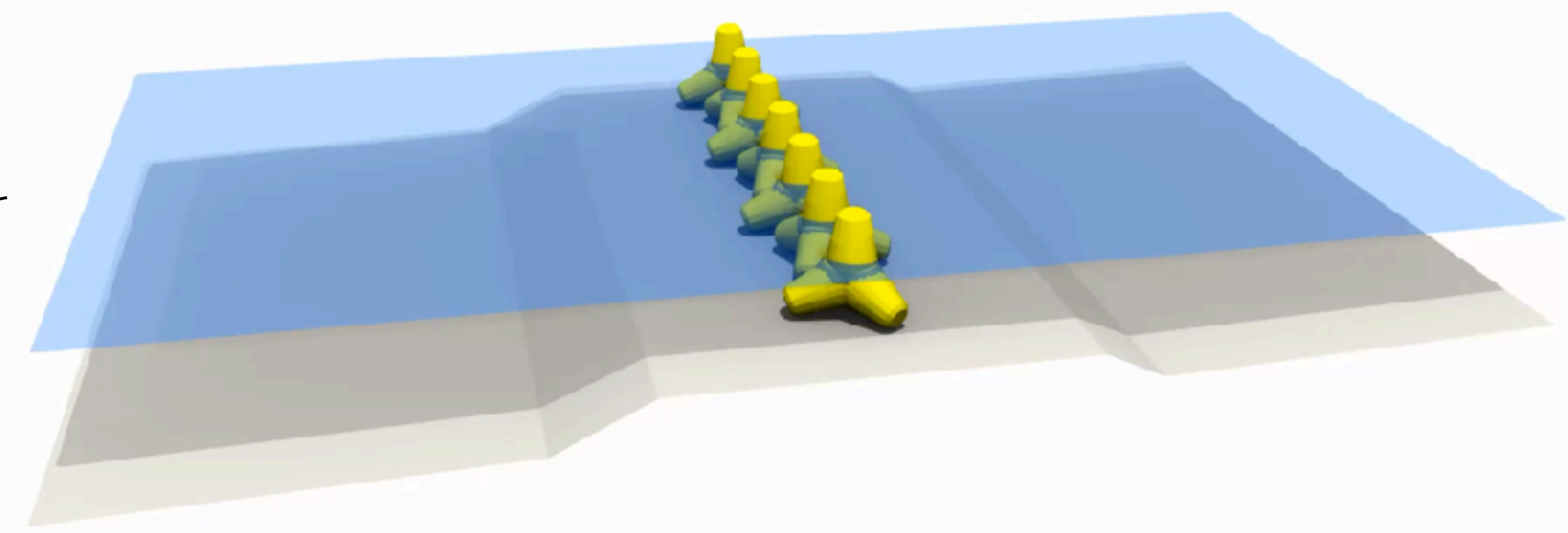


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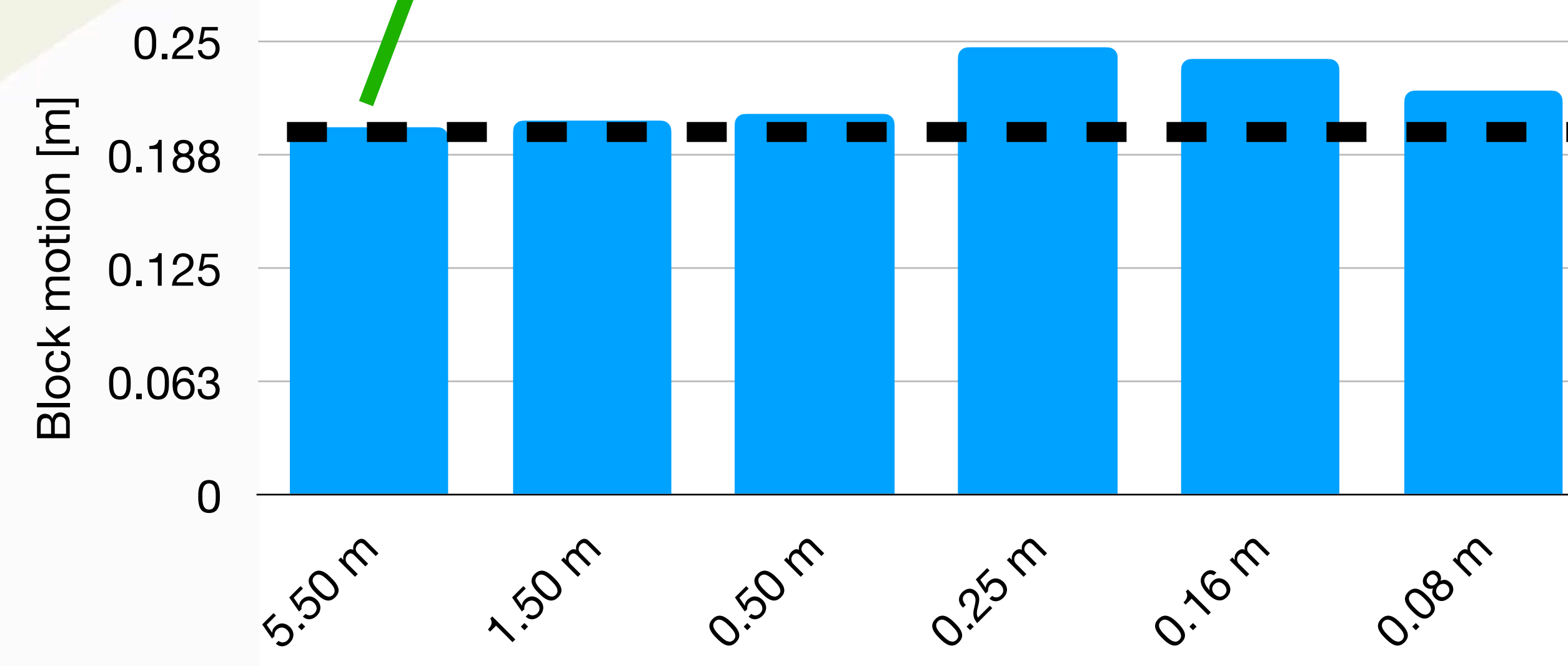


time= 15.0 s



Mitsui et al. 2023

Validation



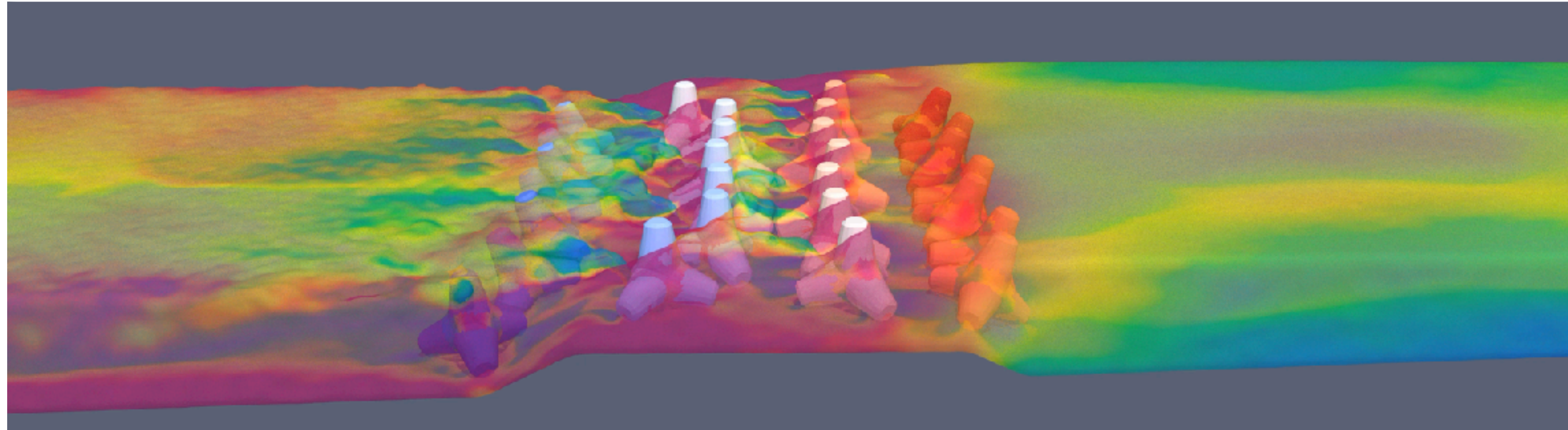


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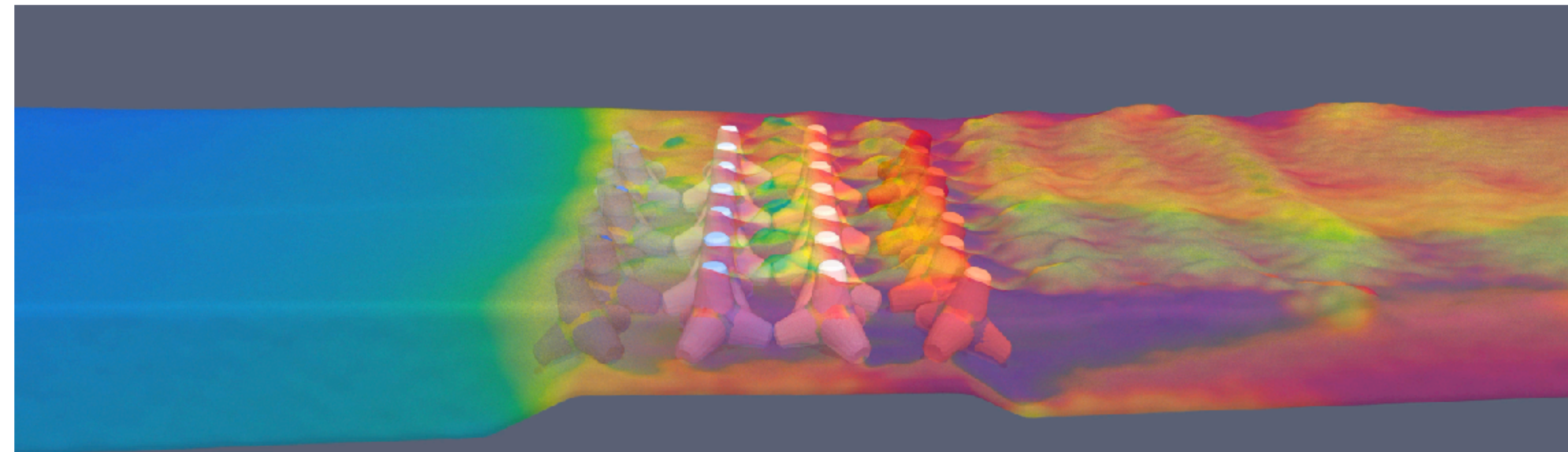
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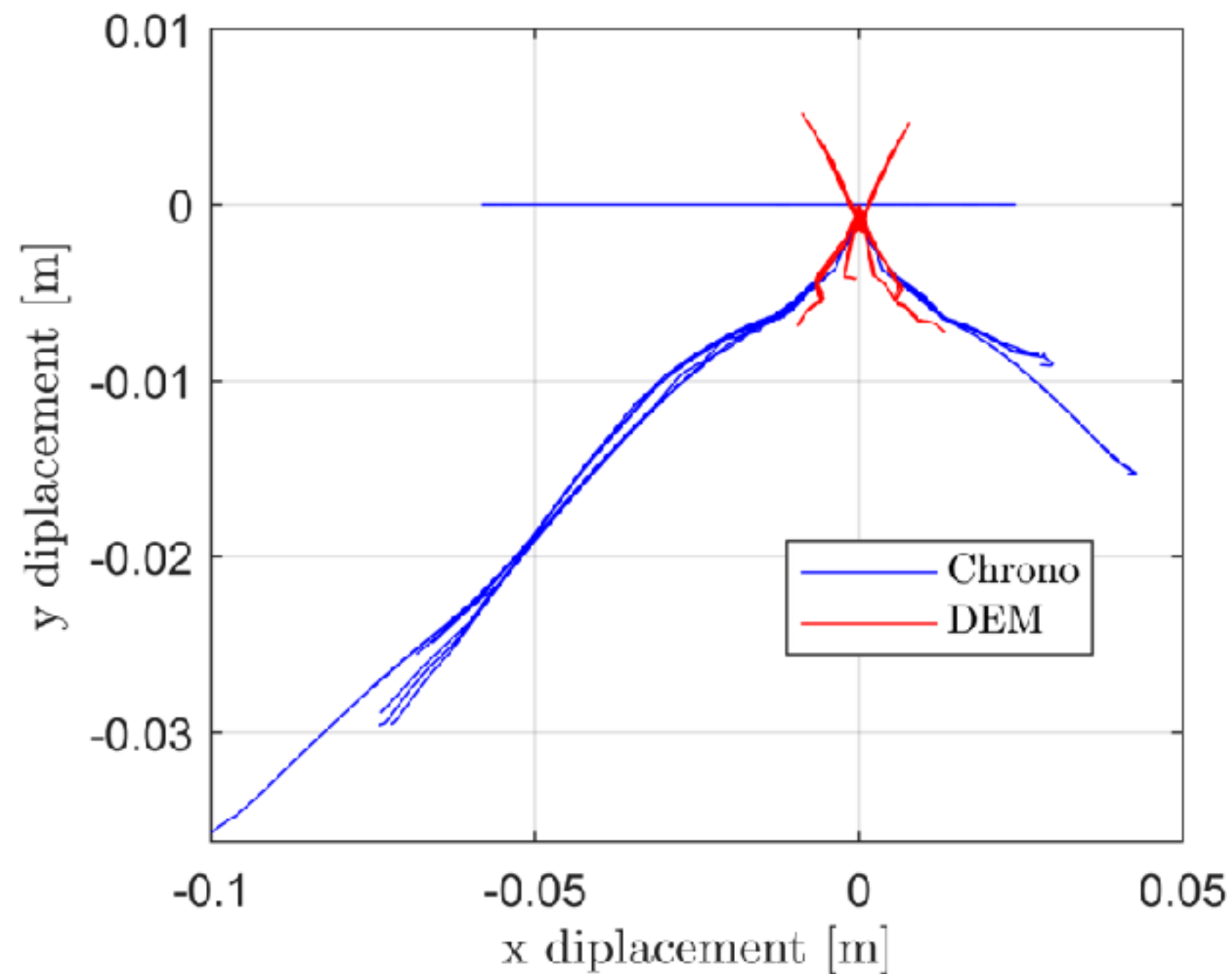
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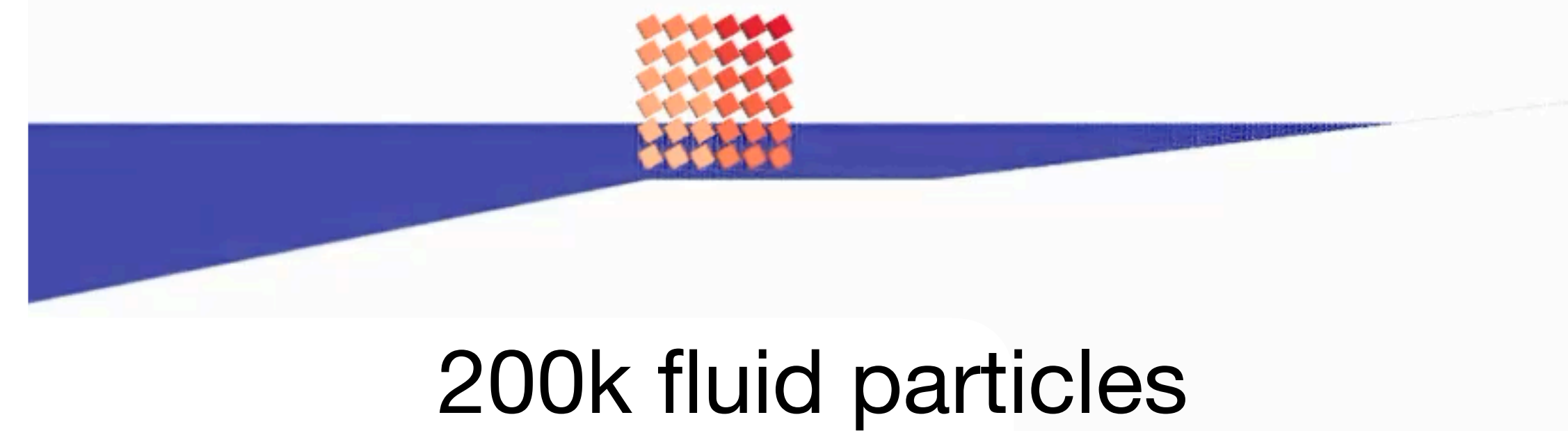
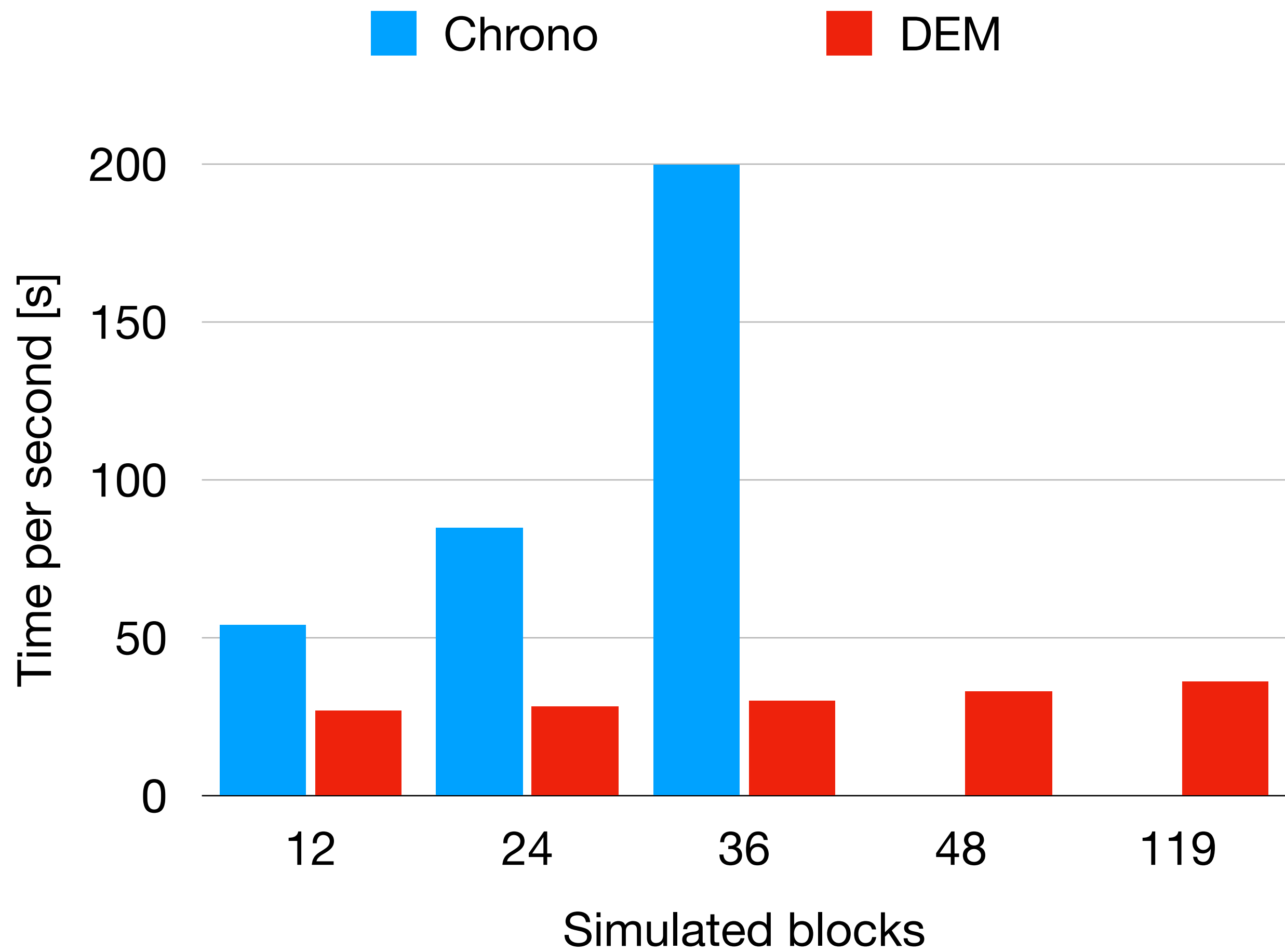
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The figure charts the path followed by each single block in the two simulations.



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**Further considerations**



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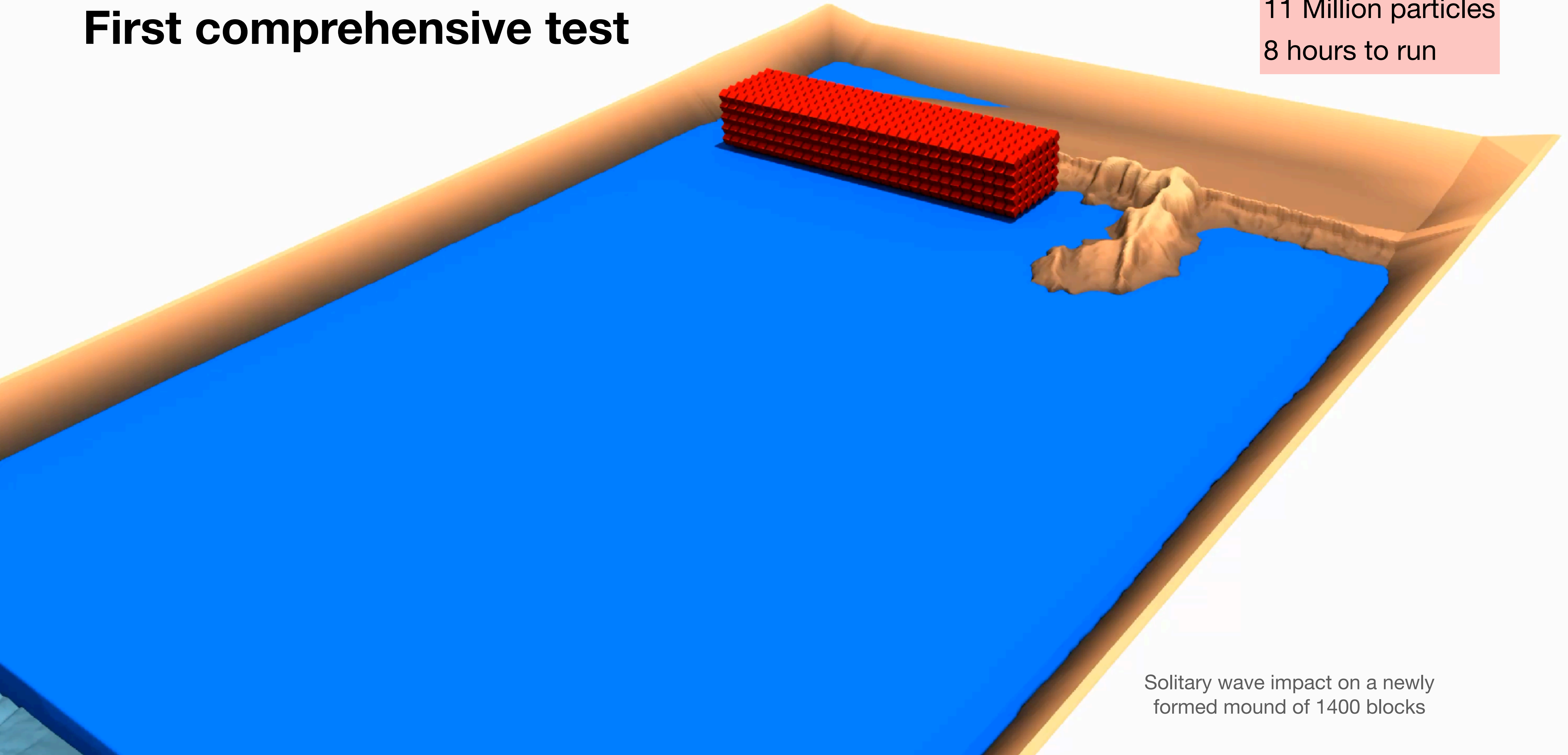
## First comprehensive test

1400 blocks

$dp=L/6$

11 Million particles

8 hours to run



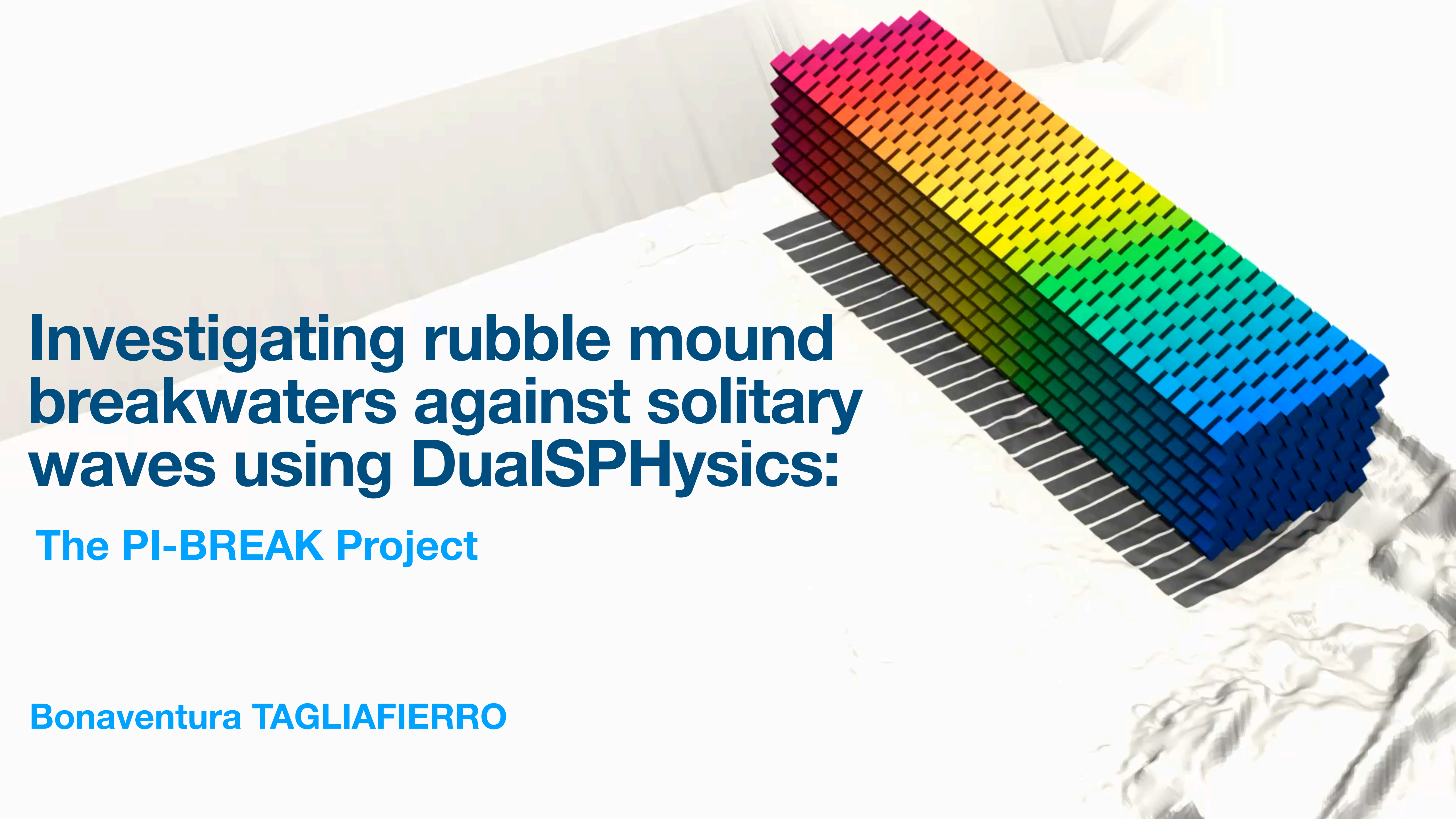
Solitary wave impact on a newly formed mound of 1400 blocks

# Further considerations

## Concluding remarks

- Fluid simulation for big coastal area (Multi-GPU)
- Targeting domain reduction doable for short events (Multi-scale)
- Enriching simulations with complex coastal structure comes with many options
- To be seen what works best for blocks (balance of resources)





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