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NUMERICAL AND HYDRAULIC EXPERIMENTS ON BORE PRESSURE DUE TO TSUNAMI

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Introduction

The 2011 Tohoku earthquake tsunami struck wide area of the eastern coast of Japan.

Many coastal structures and buildings were damaged by the tsunami.

Most of the buildings were damaged by the tsunami wave pressure.

The characteristics of tsunami wave pressures on structures in tsunami inundation areas

There are three regimes characterizing the vertical pressure profiles.

1st: The impulsive pressure

Strong hydrodynamic pressures were generated by the fluid-solid impact process.

2nd: The bore pressure

Both the hydrodynamic and hydrostatic pressures contribute the pressure profile.

3rd: The clapotis (standing wave) pressure

Quasi-steady hydrostatic pressure



Introduction

Most of the evaluation equations of tsunami wave pressure proposed can be used against the 1st and 3rd regime.

On the other hand, the characteristics and quantitative evaluations of the bore pressure remains immature.

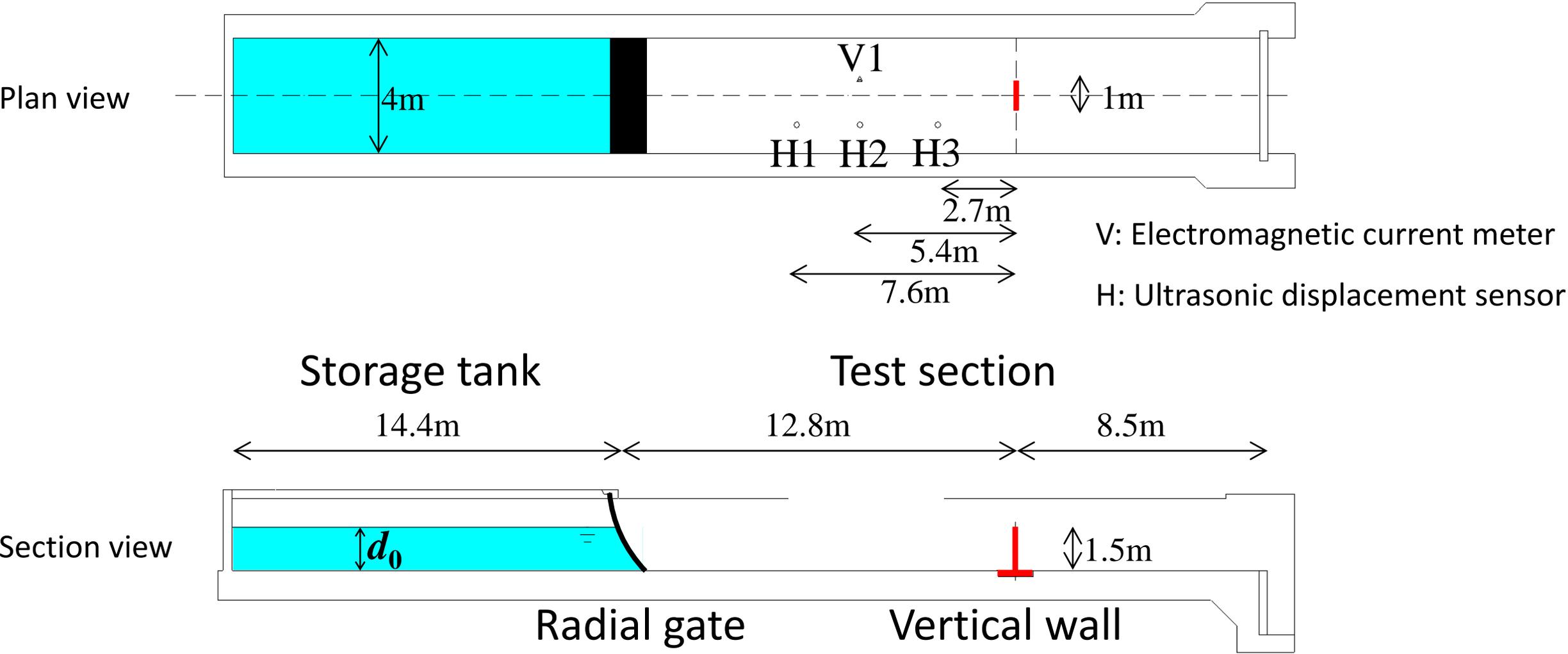
In this study, in order to clarify the characteristics of the bore pressure, we carried out experiments and 3D numerical simulations on the bore pressure.



Experiments



Experimental apparatus



Vertical wall



Height: 1.5 m

Width: 1.0 m

Thickness: 0.15 m

Pressure transducers in upstream face

23 points:

1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 31, 35, 40,
45, 50, 55, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110,
120, 130, 140, 149 cm height

Rated pressure: 49 kPa

Natural frequency: 6.8 kHz

Sampling: 10kHz



Experimental cases



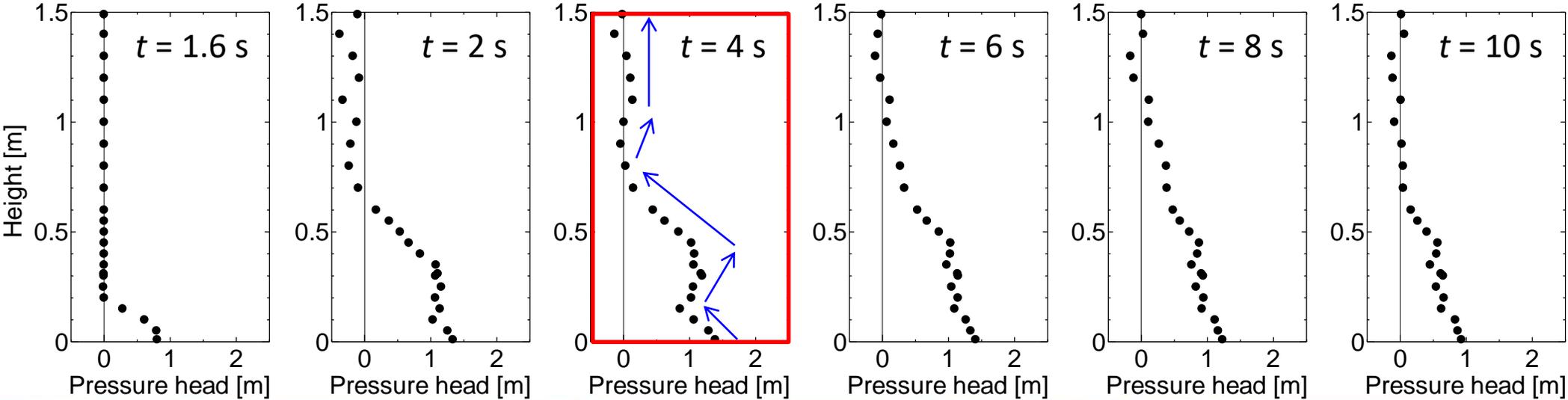
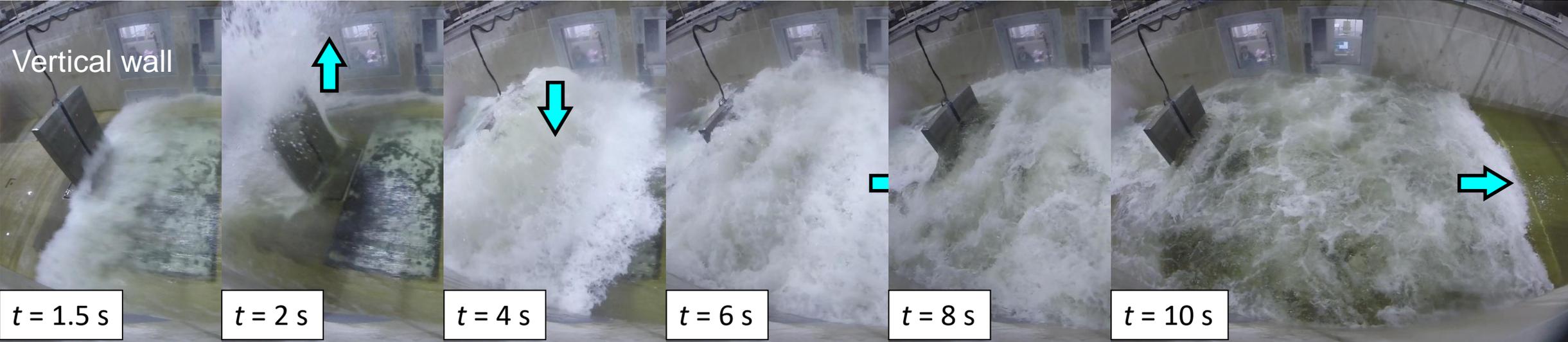
Case 3 ($d_0 = 2.0\text{m}$)

Case	d_0 [m]
Case 1	1.3
Case 2	1.7
Case 3	2.0
Case 4	2.3
Case 5	2.45

d_0 : initial water depth in the storage tank



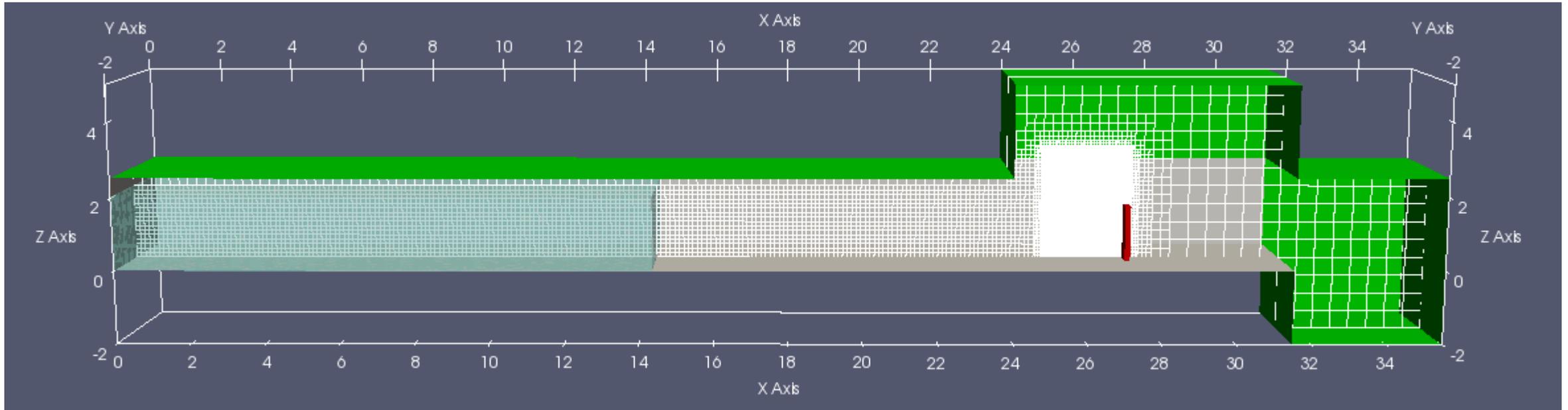
Experimental results (case 3)



Numerical simulations (dam-break)



Numerical simulation model (dam-break simulation)



OpenFOAM (Open source Field Operation And Manipulation)

Solver: InterFoam based on the volume of fluid (VOF) method

Mesh size: $\Delta x=12.5\text{cm}$ (upstream), 1.56 cm (near the vertical wall)

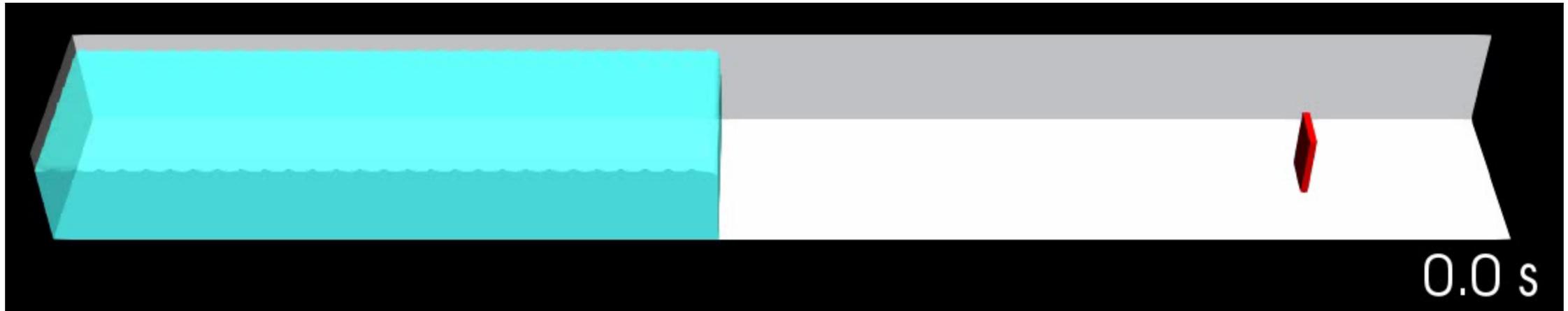
Turbulence model: LES Smagorinsky

Boundary conditions: No-slip (floor, side wall, the vertical wall)

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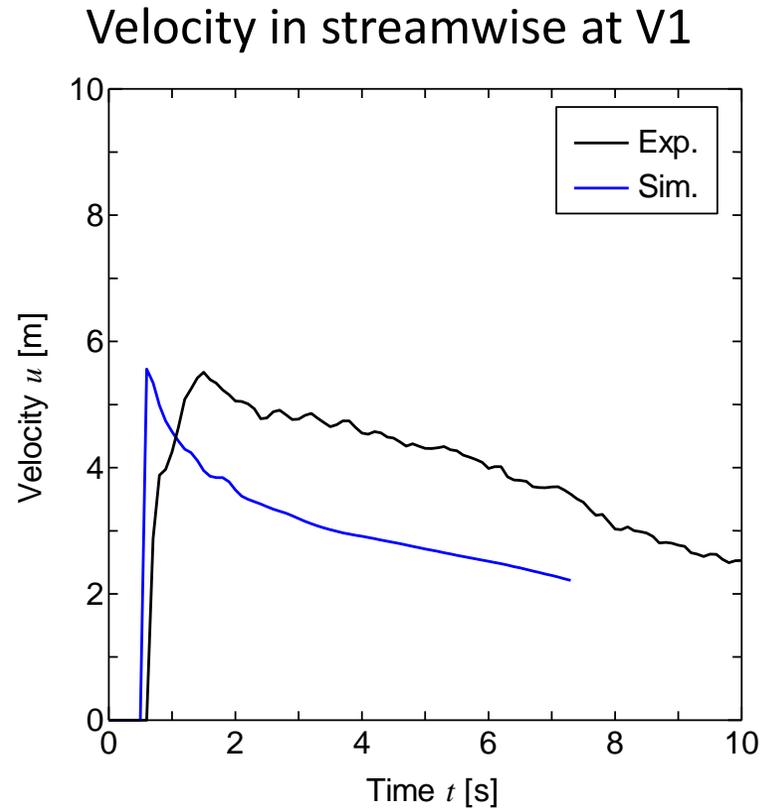
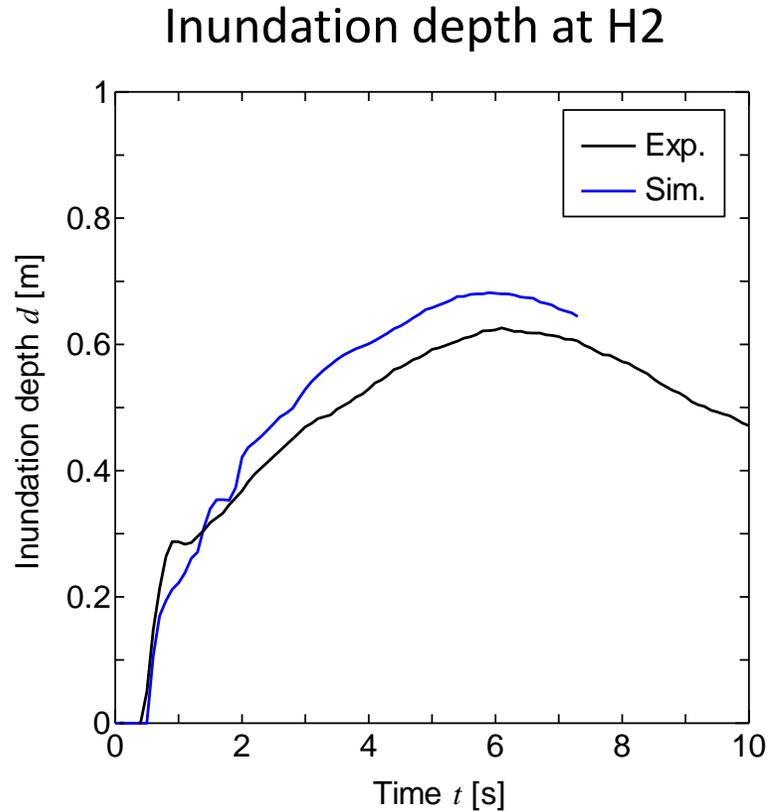
Animation (dam-break simulation, case 3)



Colored where the phase fraction $\alpha_{\text{water}} \geq 0.5$



Simulation result (dam-break simulation, case 3)



Large discrepancy in velocity profile

Experiment
about 2 seconds
for the radial gate to open.

Simulation
No gate



Numerical simulations (inlet model)

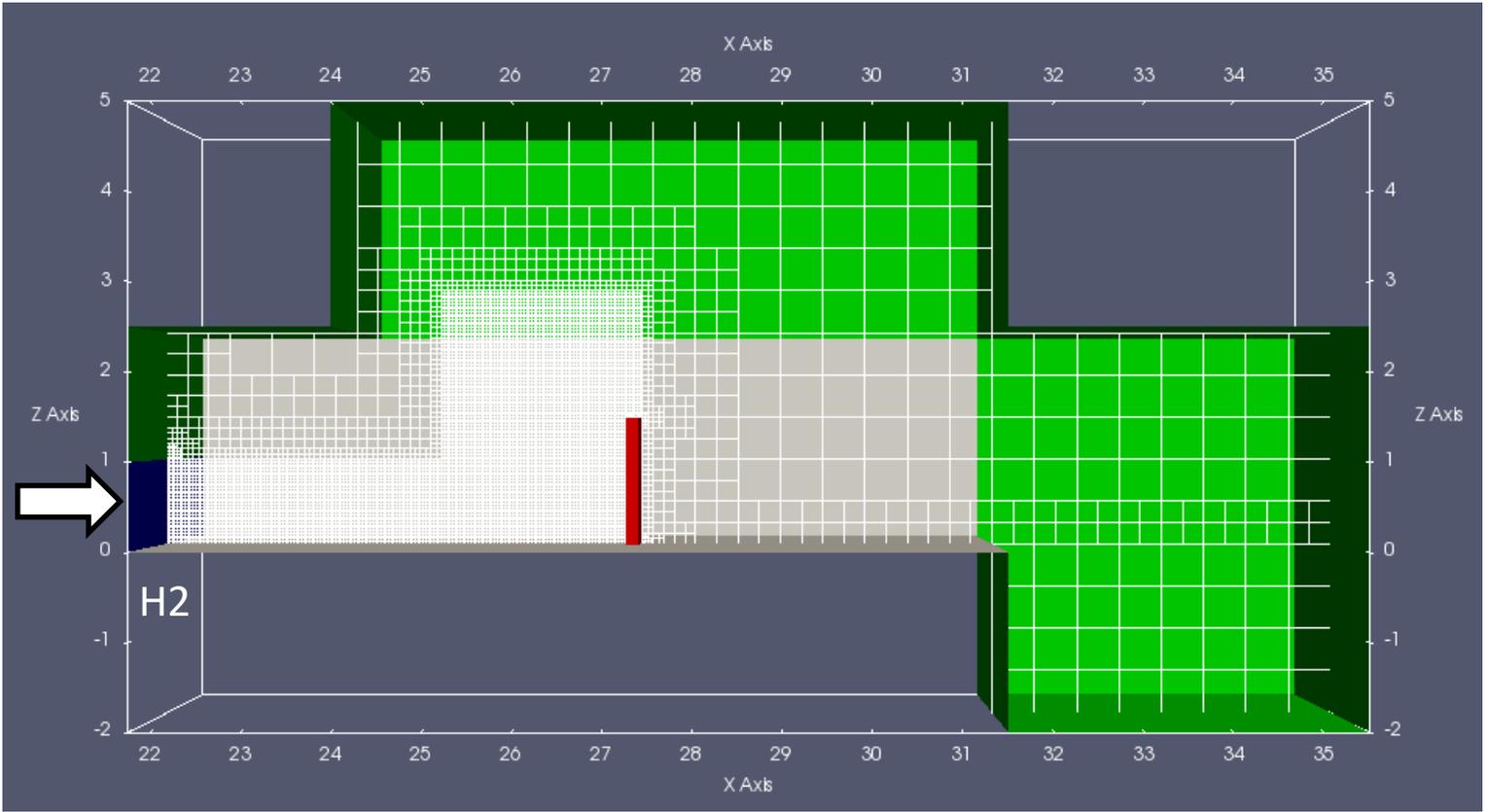


Numerical simulation model (inlet model)

Only the downstream side from H2

Input the phase fraction α_{water} and velocity u

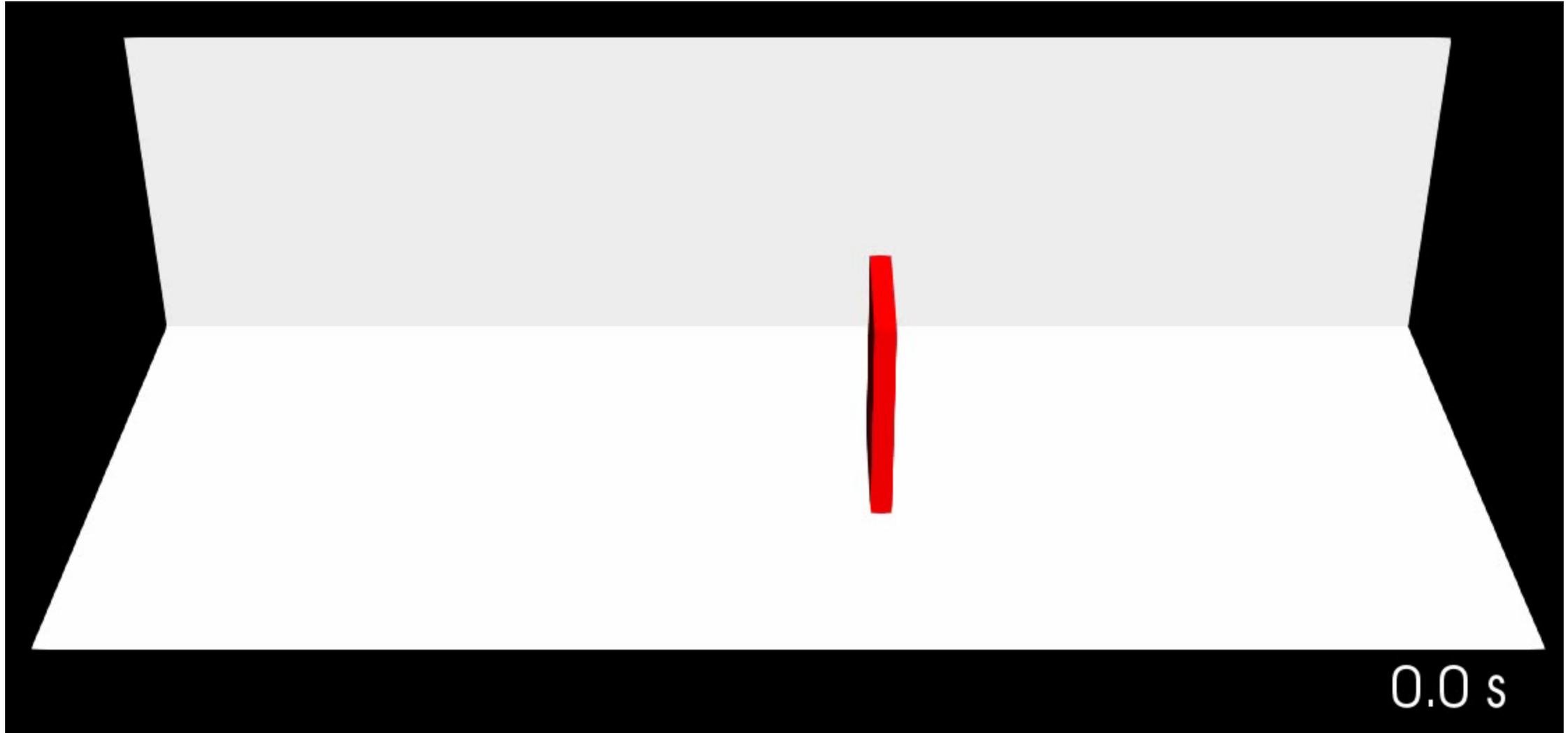
$$\alpha_{\text{water}} = 1.0 \quad (z \leq d)$$
$$\alpha_{\text{water}} = 0.0 \quad (z > d)$$



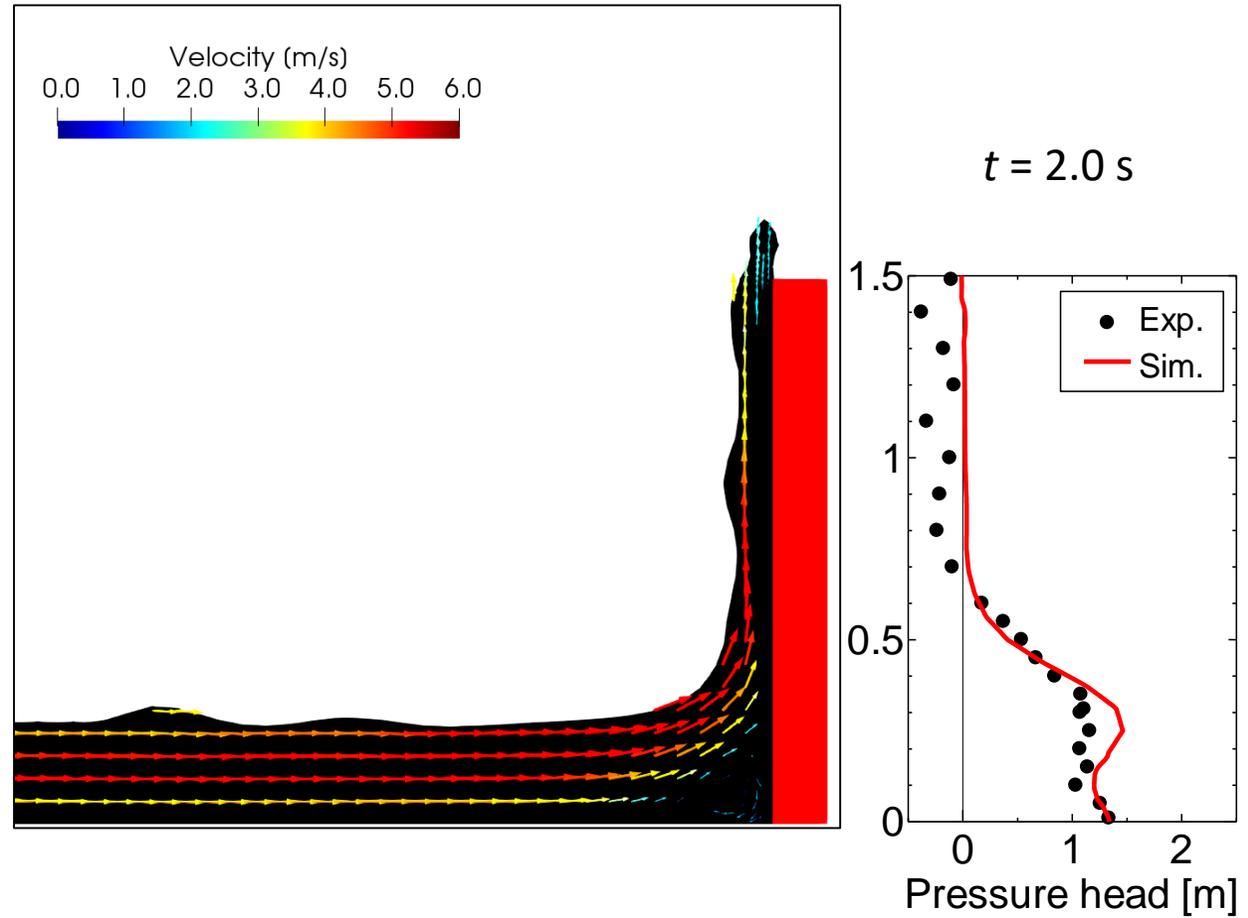
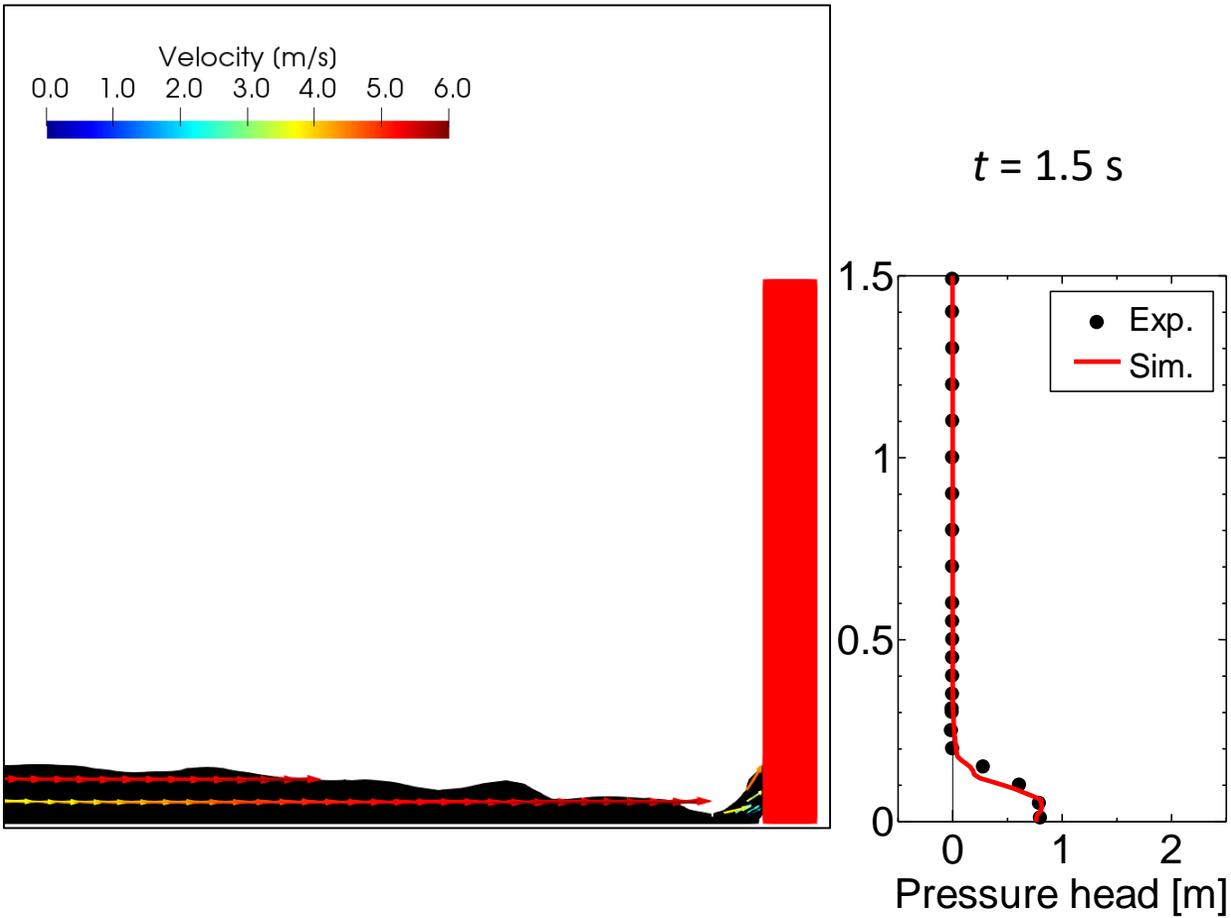
Mesh size: $\Delta x=3.125\text{cm}$ (upstream, near the vertical wall)



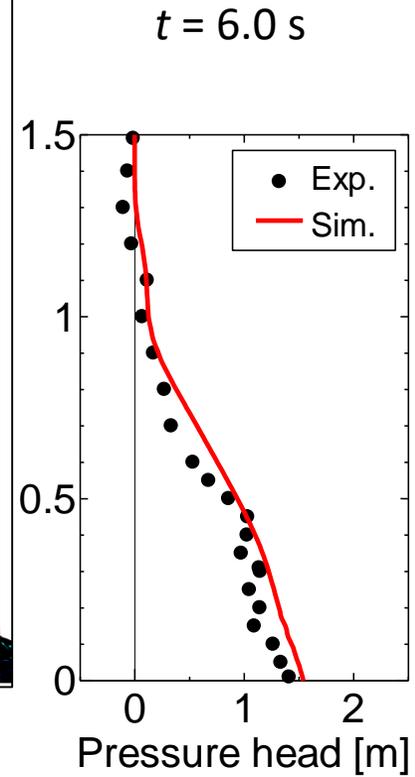
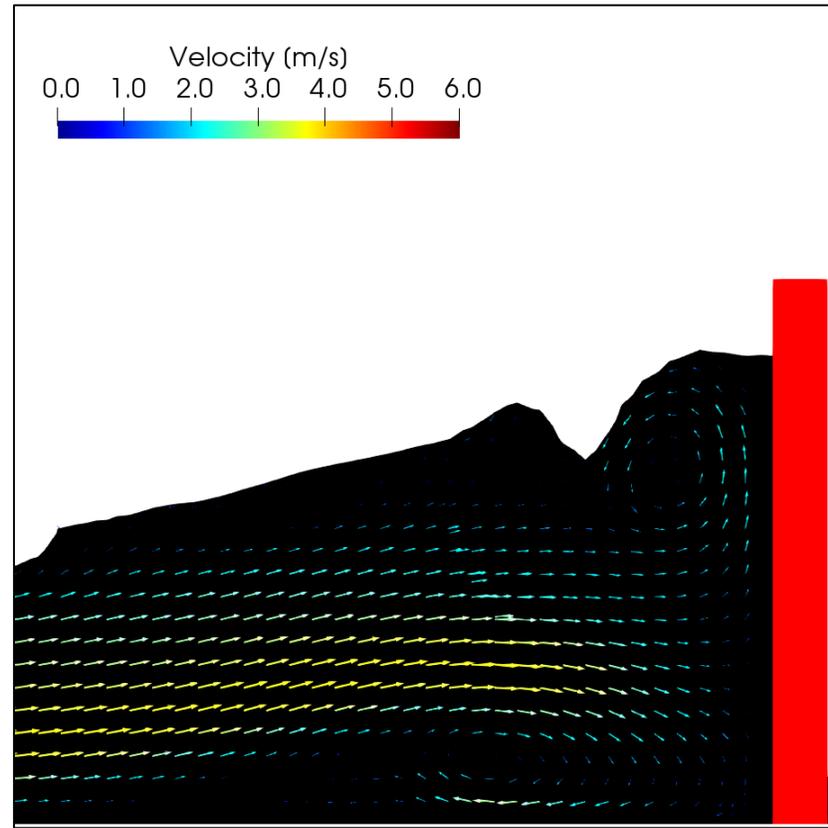
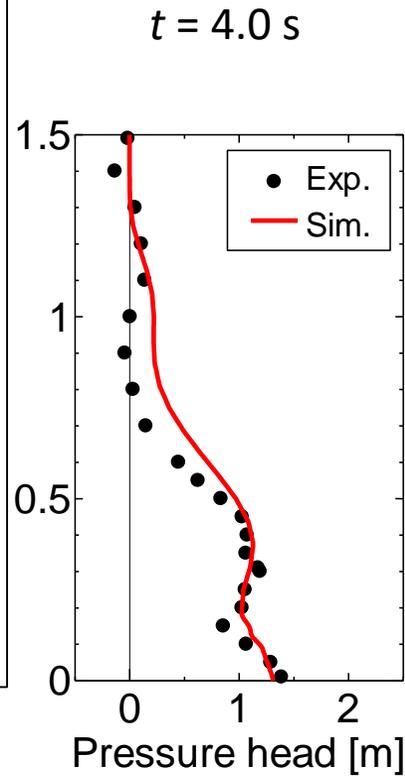
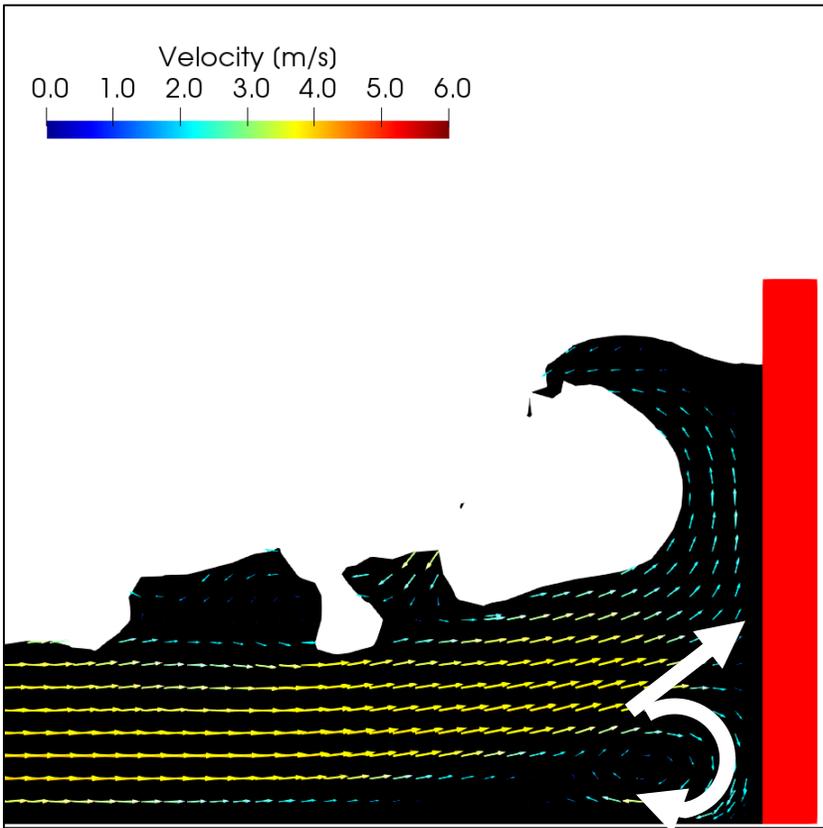
Animation (inlet model)



Velocity and pressure distribution (inlet model)



Velocity and pressure distribution (inlet model)



Summary

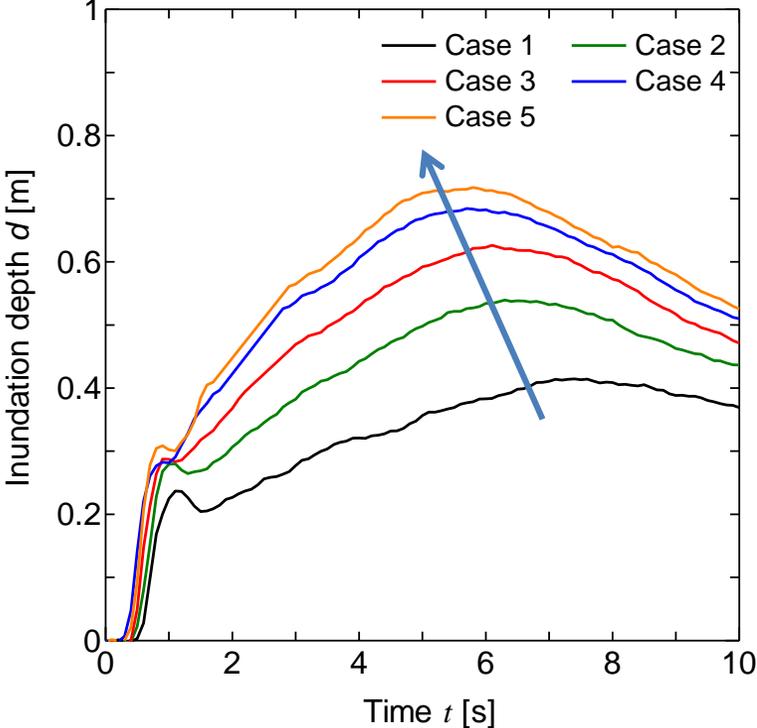
- Experiments and 3D numerical simulations on the bore pressure due to tsunami
- In the experiments, the pressure profile of the bore pressure is complicated form decrease -> increase -> decrease to a negative value -> approach zero
- In the numerical simulations, the pressure profile near the bed (decrease -> increase) can be reproduced. It is caused by the generation of vortex. The negative pressure could not be reproduced.

Thank you for your attentions.



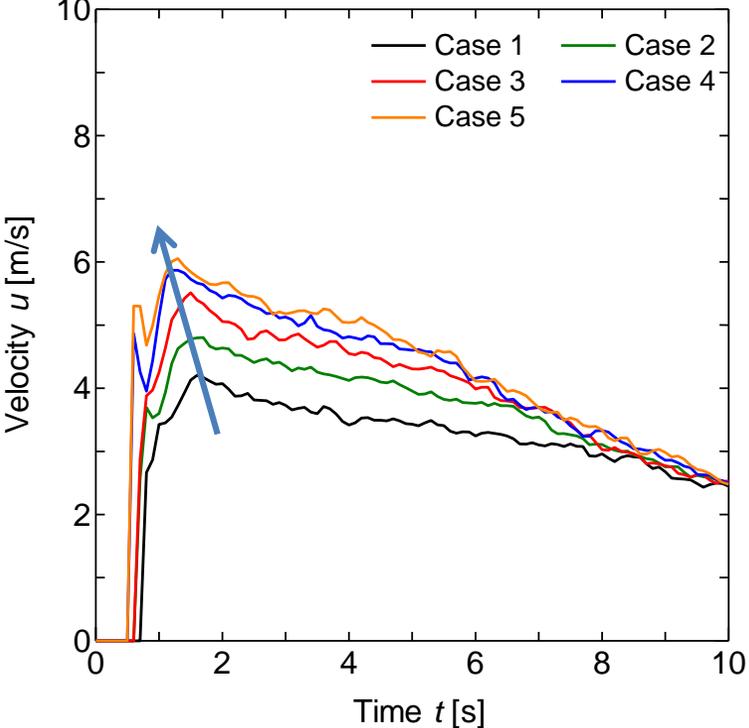
Experimental results (without the vertical wall)

Inundation depth at H2



$t=0$ when water reached H1

Velocity in streamwise at V1



Froude number

