

# Physical Modeling and CFD Simulation of Wave Slamming on Offshore Wind Turbine Structures

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## Overview:

### Potential & Problems

Test field Alpha ventus - RAVE  
GIGAWIND av

Laboratory experiments

Numerical simulation

Summary & Perspectives



Quelle: REpower



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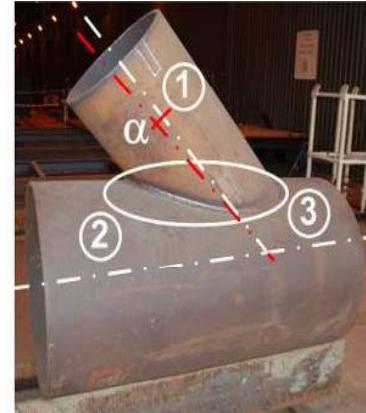
## Approved projects in the German area of the North Sea

Project	Test field: 6 x Tripods 6 x Jackets	Distance to shore [km]	Water depth [m]
Dollart Emden		0,01	3
Alpha Ventus (Borkum West I)		43	30
Sandbox 24		100	30-40
Bard Offshore 1		87	39-41
Dan Tysk		45	23-31
Borkum Riffgrund West		40	30-35
Borkum Riffgrund		34	23-29
Nordsee Ost		30	19-24
Butendiek		35	16-22
Enova Offshore North Sea		40	28-32
Amrumbank West		35	21-25
Nördlicher Grund		86	23-40
Global Tech I		75	39-41
Hochsee Windpark Nordsee		75	39
Gode Wind		45	26-35
Meerwind (Ost und Süd)		53	22-32
Hochsee Windpark, He Dreiht		75	39
Borkum West II		45	30
Nordergründe		15	8-15
Bard Offshore Hooksiel		0,4	2-8
<b>Total:</b> 4607			

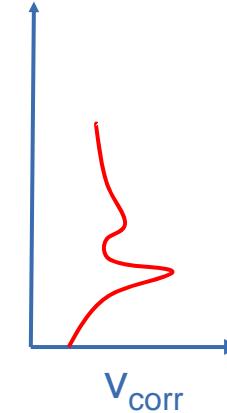
## Research project „GIGAWIND alpha ventus“



Loads



Mass production



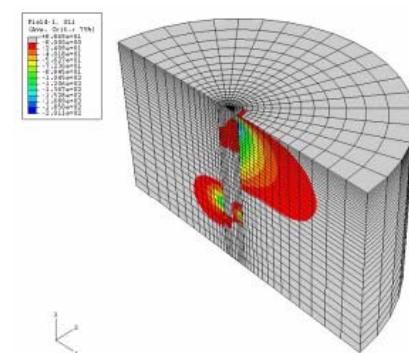
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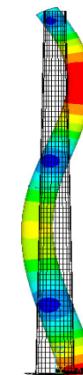
Structure health monitoring



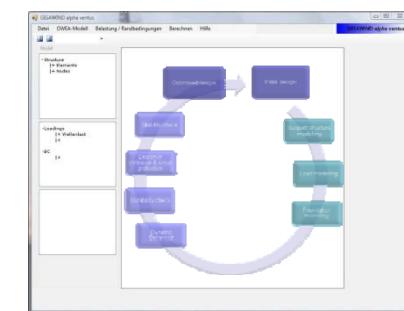
Scour



Structure soil interaction



Dynamic response



Holistic design

19 + 32 = 51 acceleration meters

67 + 46 = 113 strain gauges

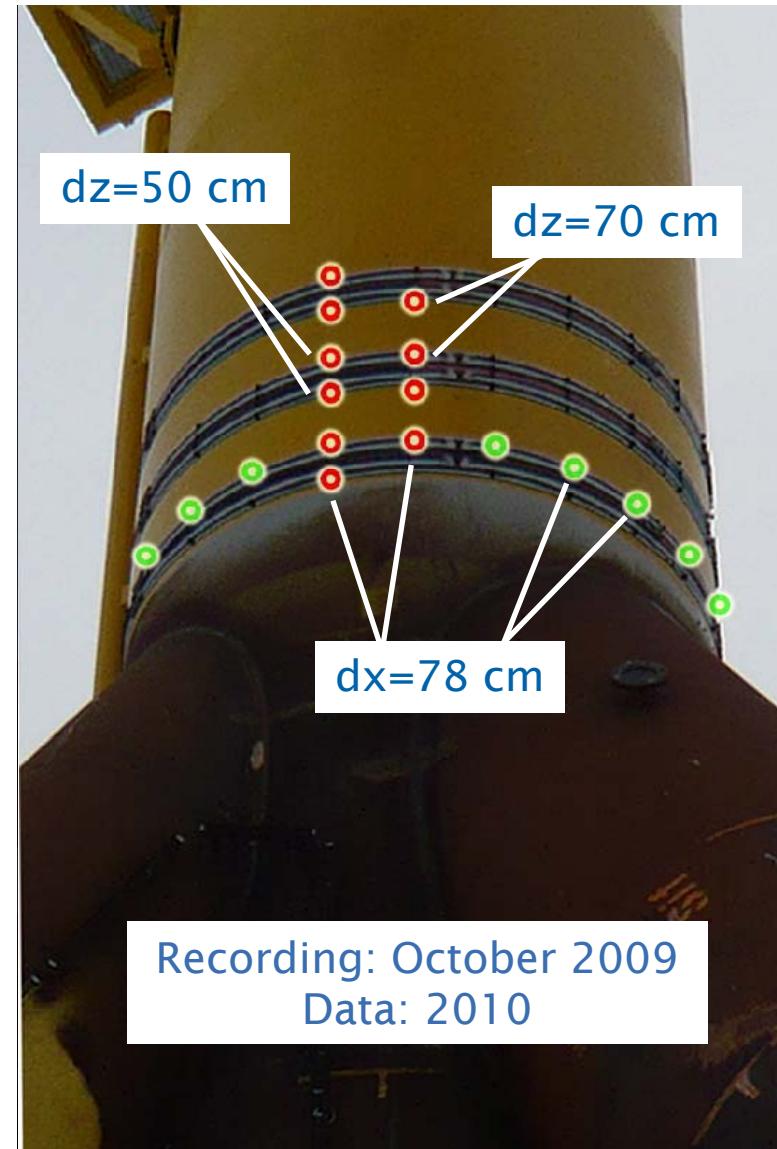
30 water pressure sensors (WPS)  
=> 2 vertical profiles: 6 and 4 WPS  
=> 1 horizontal profile: 22 WPS

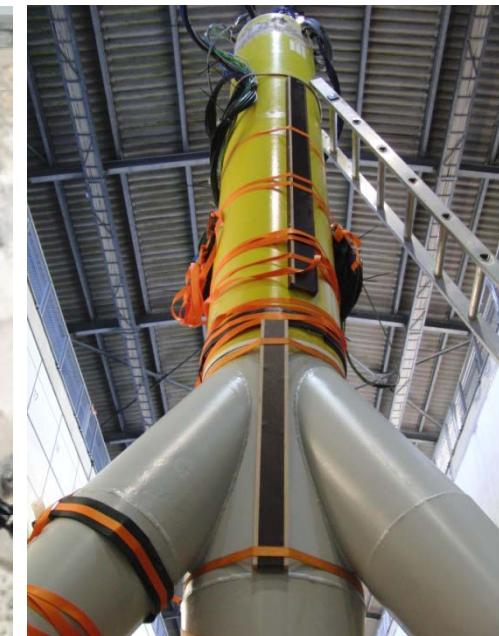
Current velocity meter  
=> ADCP + FINO 1

Wave recording  
=> Wave buoy + FINO 1

Video camera  
=> Wave run up

Wind data





30 Pressure Sensors (PS) ●

=> Vertical profile, 14+4 PS

=> Horizontal profile with 7 PS

=> Upper braces with 6 PS

2 Acceleration meters (xyz) ●

8 Strain gauges ●

Current meters

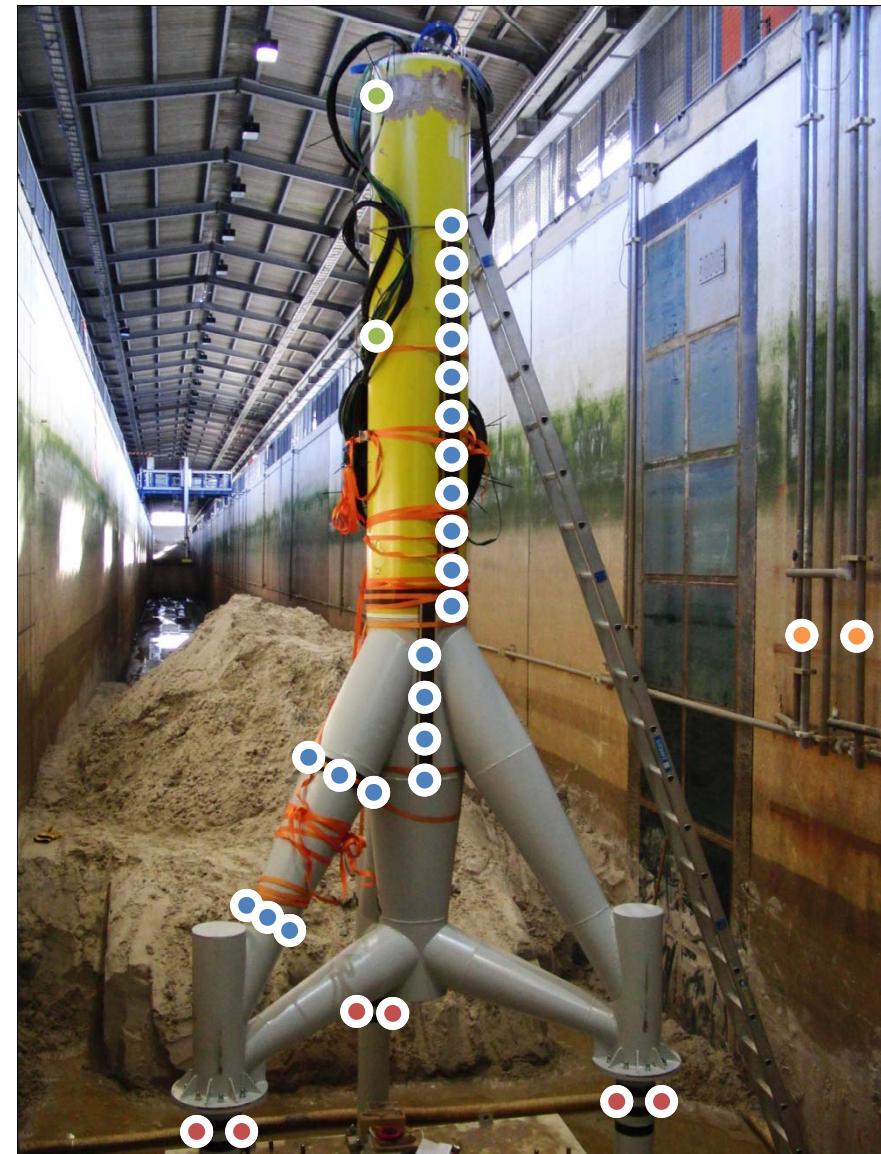
=> 2 x 3 NSW probes (xz)

Water elevation ●

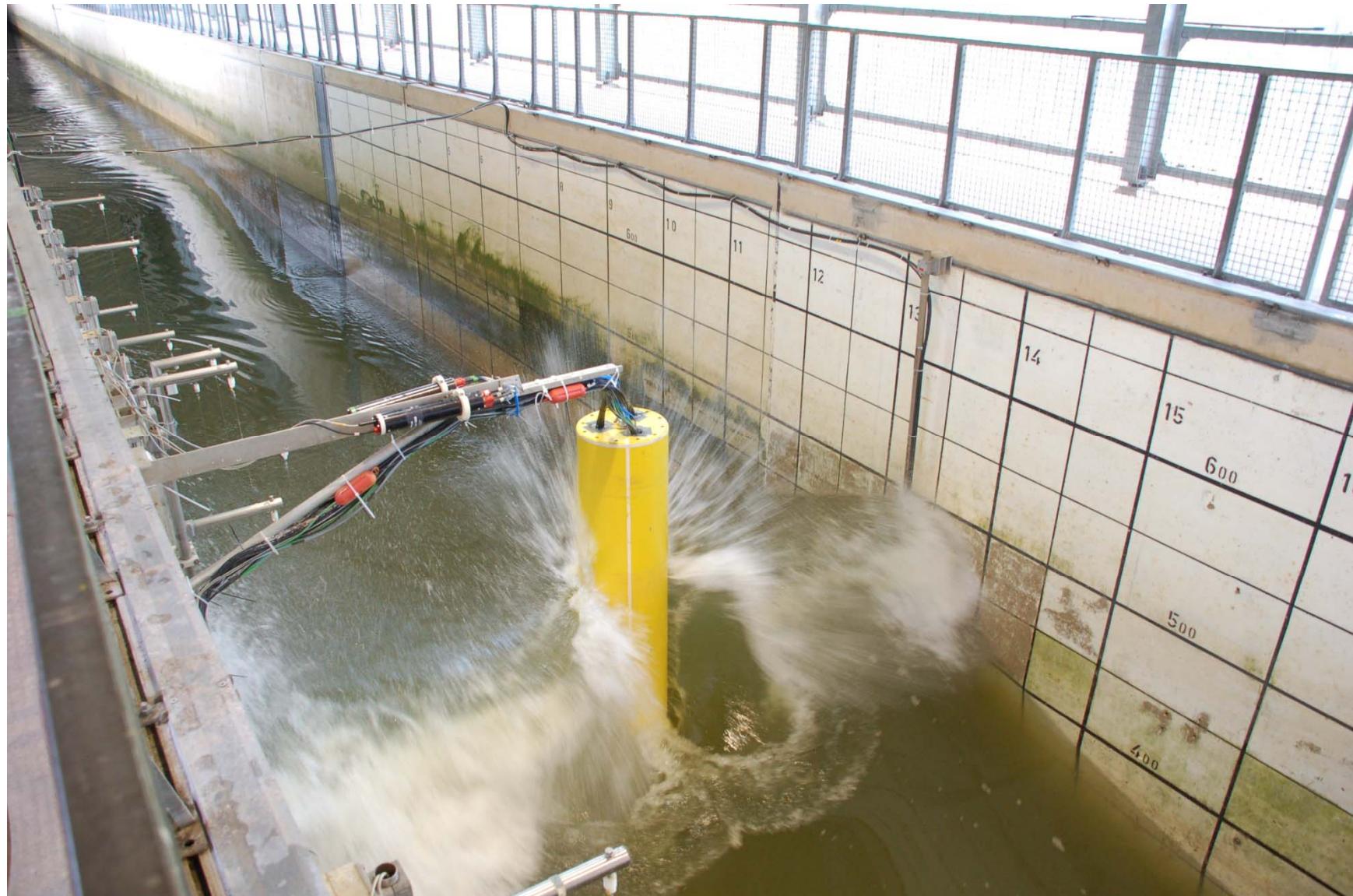
=> 24 Wave gauges

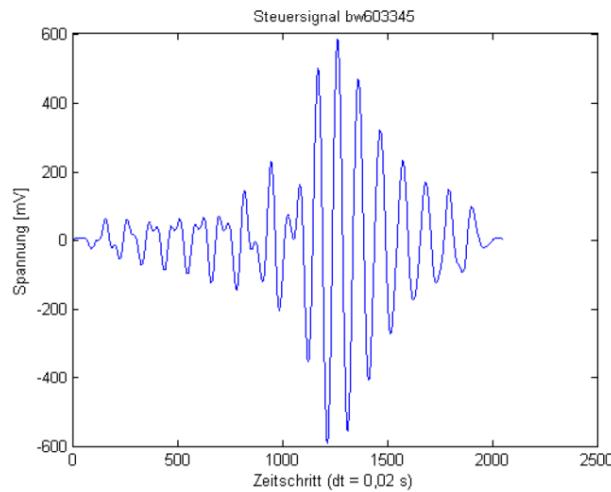
Cameras (front-, back view)

=> Wave runup, wave geometry

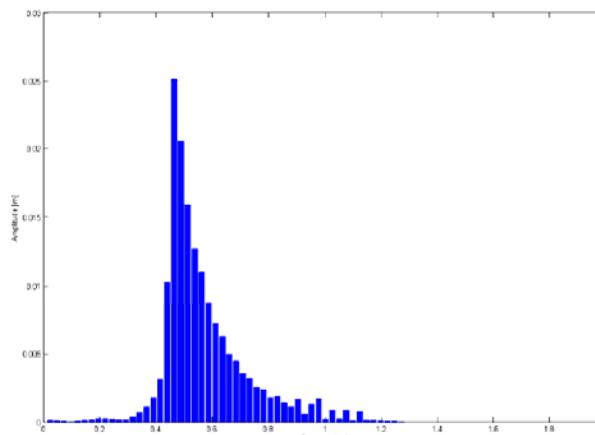








signal\_2\_fft



fft\_2\_cfxPre

$$\eta(t_*) = \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} a_i \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_i \cdot t_* + \alpha_i)$$

$\eta(t_*)$  = Free water surface in time domain

$t_*$  =  $t/\Delta t \Rightarrow t_* = 1, 2, \dots, N$

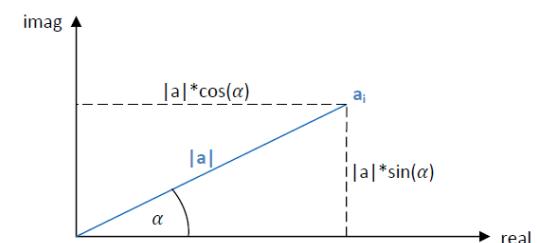
N = Number of timesteps  $\Delta t$  in time series

a = Amplitude

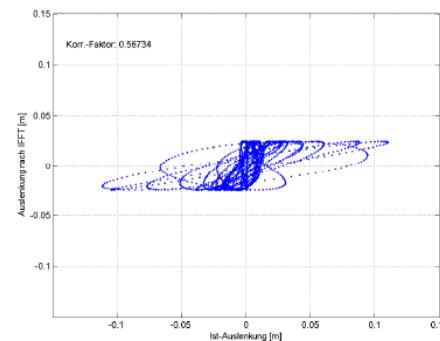
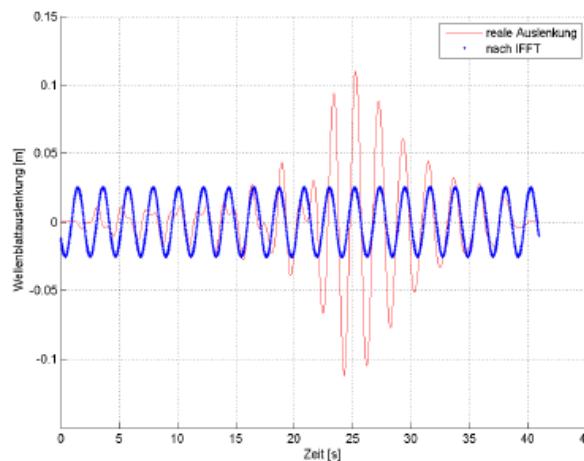
f = Frequency

$\alpha$  = Phaseshift

$$\alpha_i = \arctan\left(\frac{\text{imag}(|a_i|)}{\text{real}(|a_i|)}\right)$$

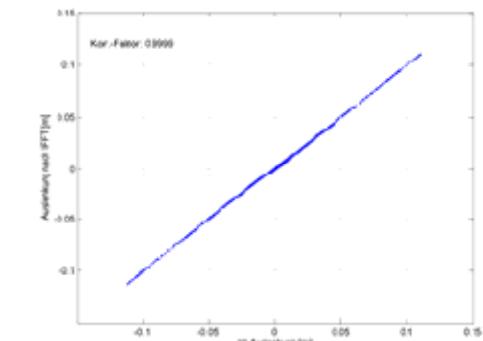
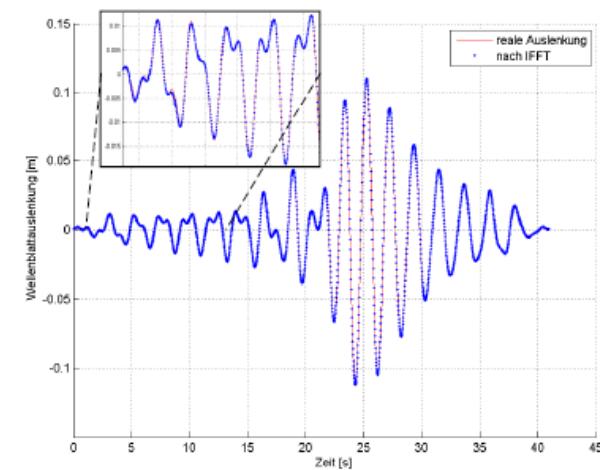


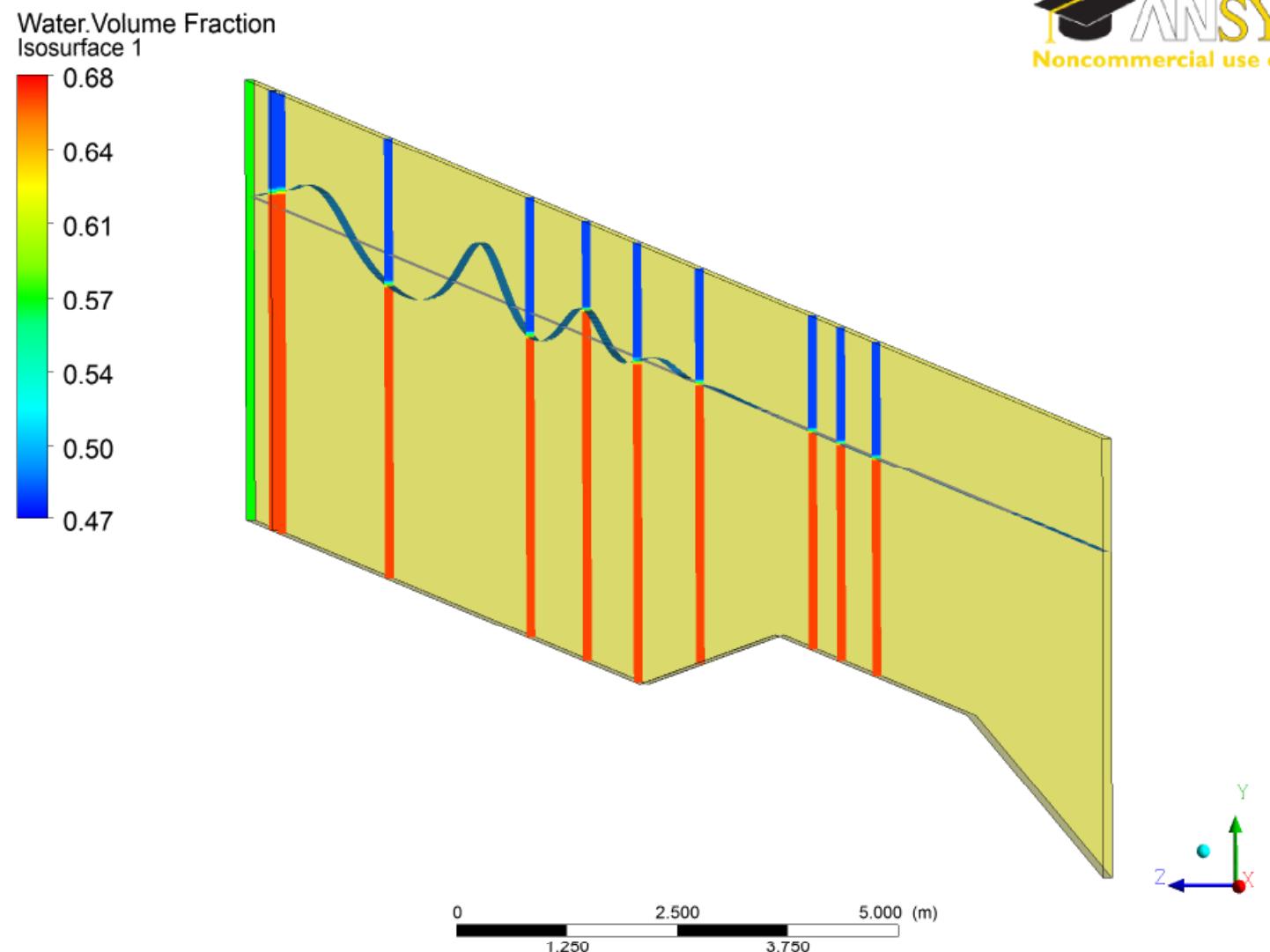
## 1 Frequency

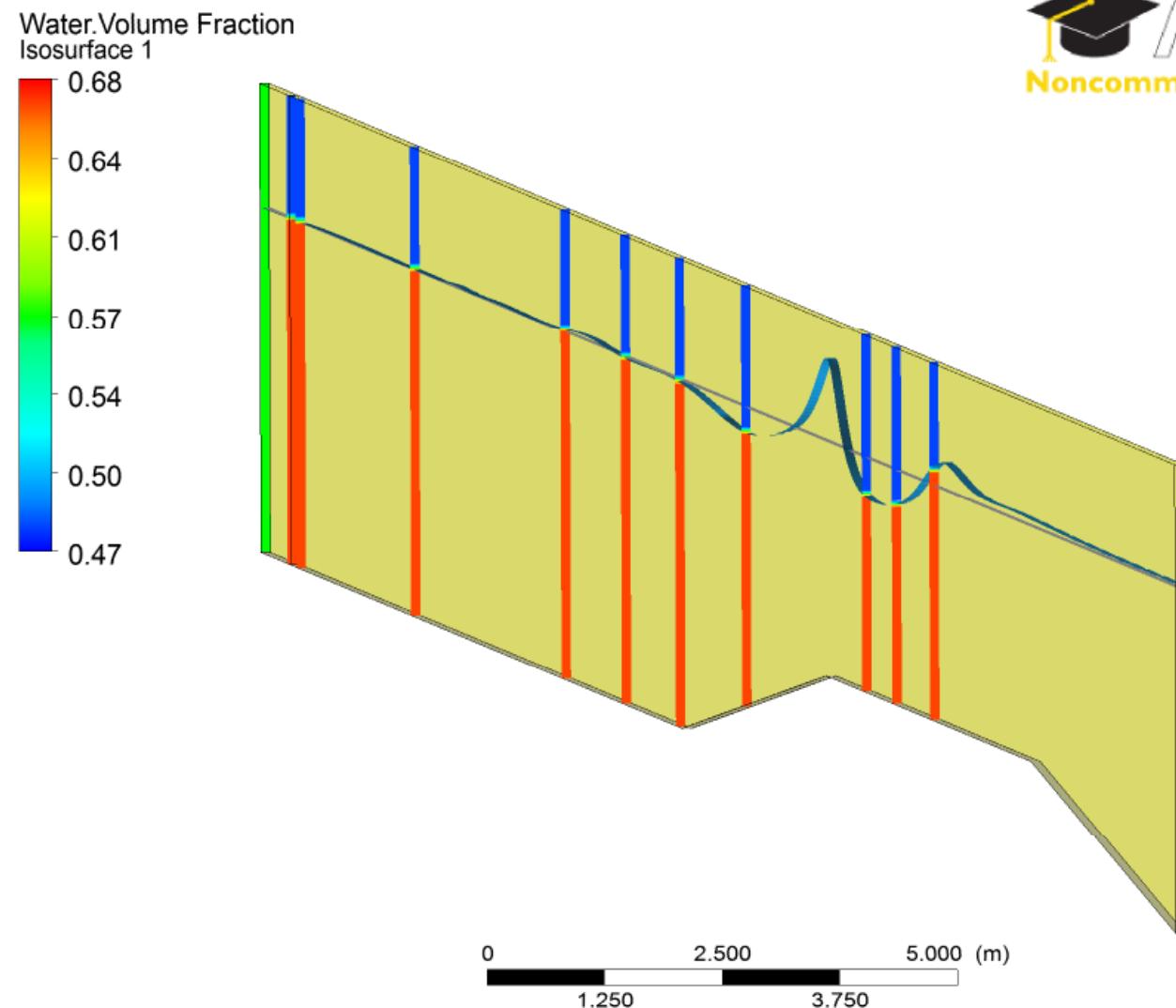


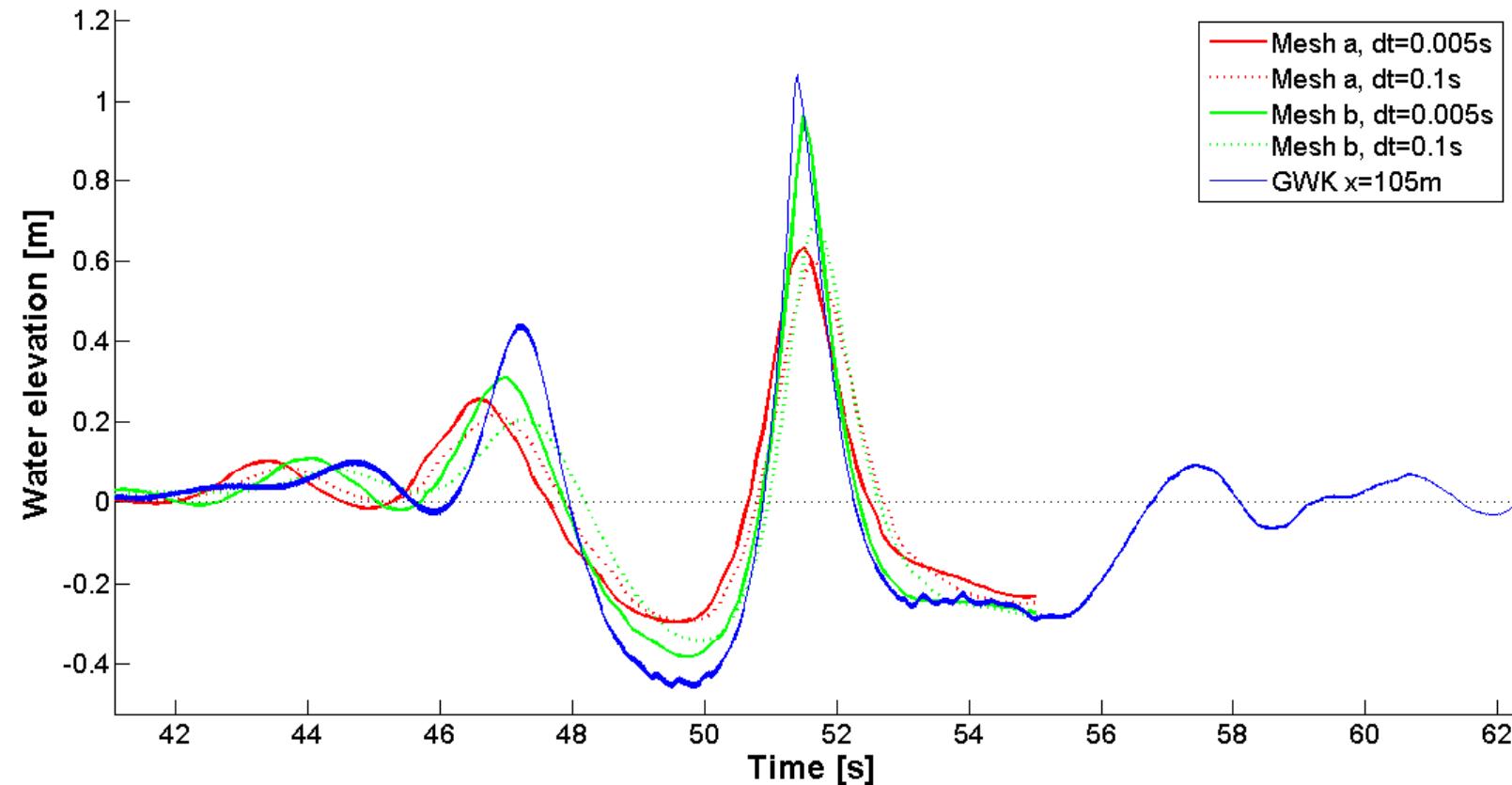
$$\begin{aligned}\eta(t) = & 0.00029309 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.19531 \cdot t + 2.7833) \\ & + 0.00030647 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.21973 \cdot t + 2.9468) \\ & + 0.00028045 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.24414 \cdot t + -3.0928) \\ & + 0.00042436 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.31738 \cdot t + -1.1338) \\ & + 0.00073515 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.3418 \cdot t + -0.82781) \\ & + 0.0011736 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.36621 \cdot t + -0.65619) \\ & + 0.0018296 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.39063 \cdot t + -0.54339) \\ & + 0.0031425 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.41504 \cdot t + -0.47334) \\ & + 0.010265 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.43945 \cdot t + -0.48657) \\ & + 0.025146 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.46387 \cdot t + 2.0443) \\ & + 0.020516 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.48828 \cdot t + -2.1838) \\ & + 0.015879 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.5127 \cdot t + 0.034278) \\ & + 0.01269 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.53711 \cdot t + 2.3999) \\ & + 0.010957 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.56152 \cdot t + -1.4619) \\ & + 0.0087465 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.58594 \cdot t + 1.0126) \\ & + 0.0072024 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.61035 \cdot t + -2.5701) \\ & + 0.0062778 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.63477 \cdot t + 0.14593) \\ & + 0.0049753 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.65918 \cdot t + 3.026) \\ & + 0.0044647 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.68359 \cdot t + -0.20674) \\ & + 0.003576 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.70801 \cdot t + 2.9292) \\ & + 0.0032275 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.73242 \cdot t + -0.0094087) \\ & + 0.0025998 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.75684 \cdot t + -2.7959) \\ & + 0.0024271 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.78125 \cdot t + 0.87949) \\ & + 0.001837 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.80566 \cdot t + 1.5816) \\ & + 0.0019428 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.83008 \cdot t + 2.3668) \\ & + 0.0014469 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.85449 \cdot t + 0.57194) \\ & + 0.0011753 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.87891 \cdot t + 1.8296) \\ & + 0.0017064 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.90332 \cdot t + -3.1108) \\ & + 0.00064007 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.92773 \cdot t + 2.3292) \\ & + 0.001356 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.95215 \cdot t + -0.31436) \\ & + 0.0017668 \cos(2\pi \cdot 0.97656 \cdot t + -0.19722) \\ & + 0.00028315 \cos(2\pi \cdot 1.001 \cdot t + 1.0076) \\ & + 0.00093962 \cos(2\pi \cdot 1.0254 \cdot t + -2.285) \\ & + 0.00029226 \cos(2\pi \cdot 1.0498 \cdot t + 0.45282) \\ & + 0.00094192 \cos(2\pi \cdot 1.0742 \cdot t + 2.9127) \\ & + 0.00082114 \cos(2\pi \cdot 1.123 \cdot t + 2.7973)\end{aligned}$$

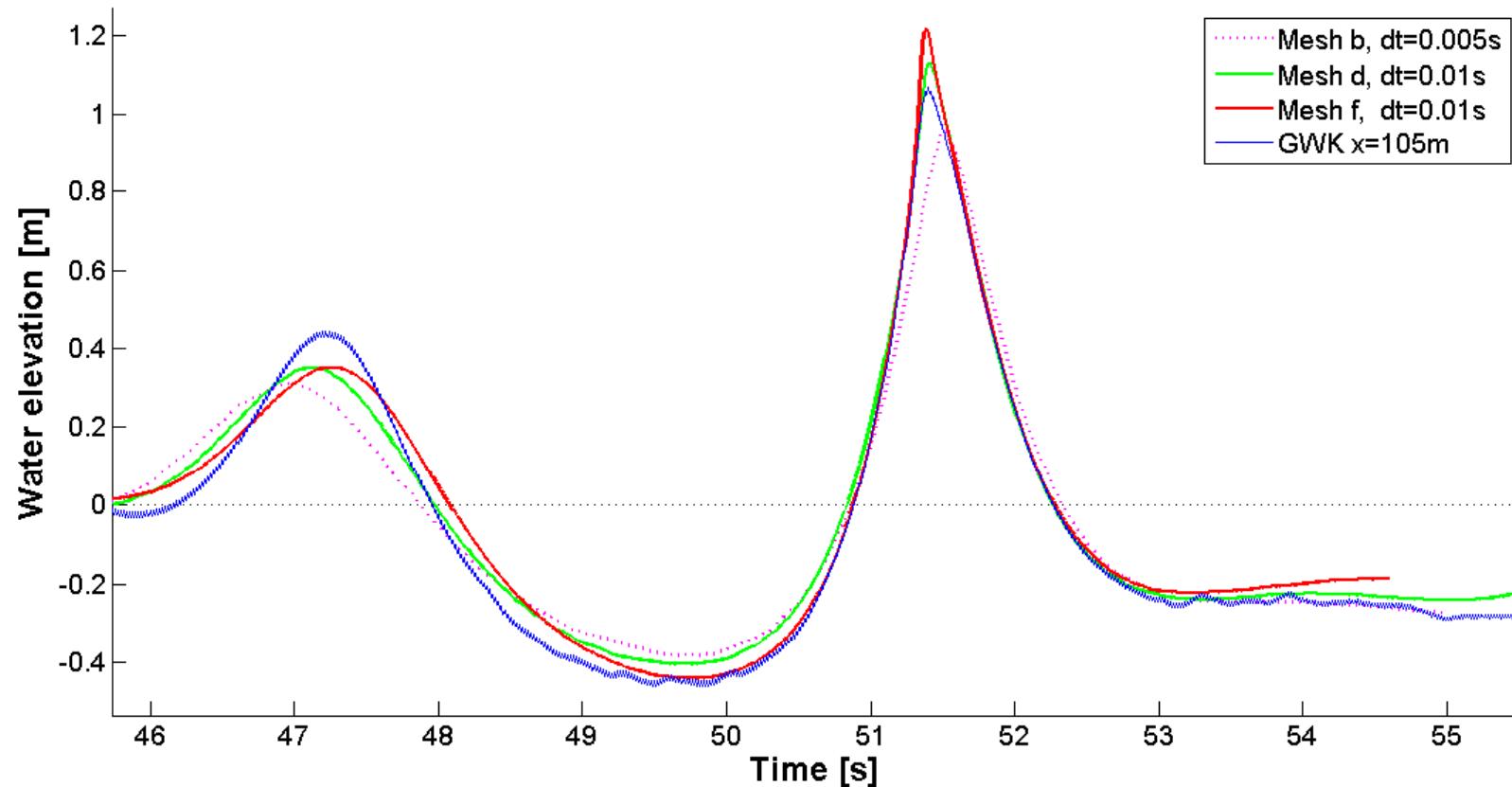
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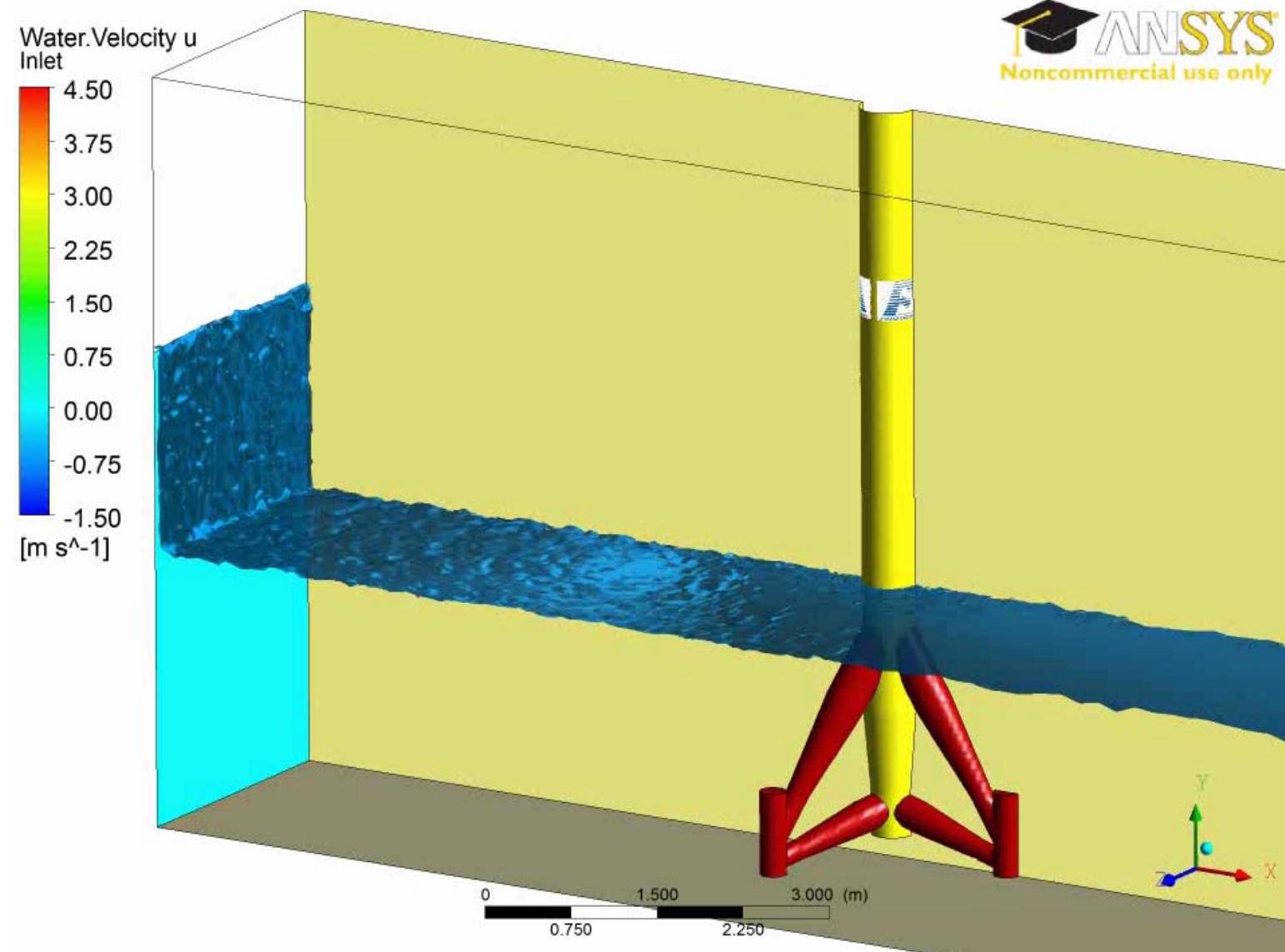




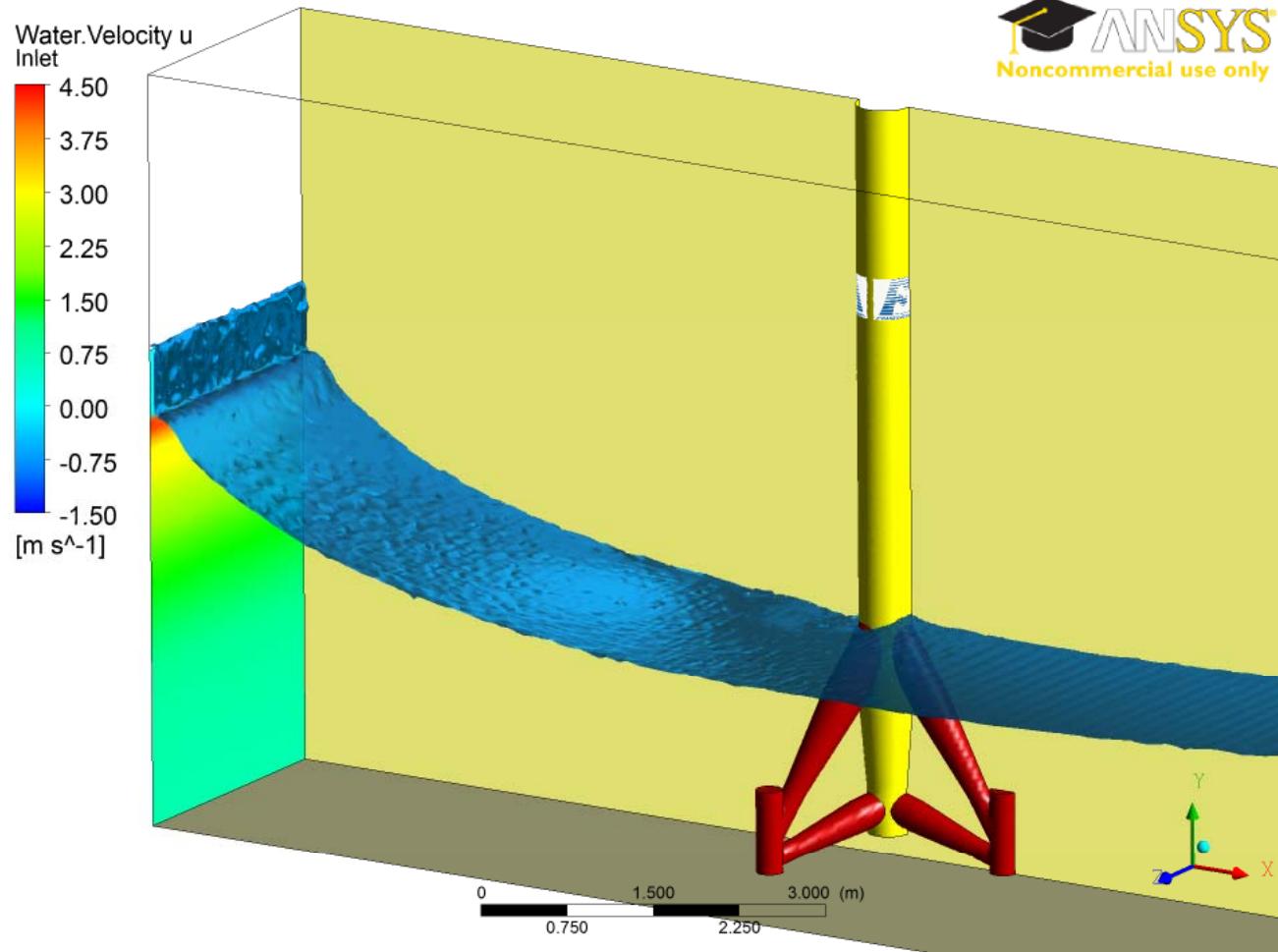






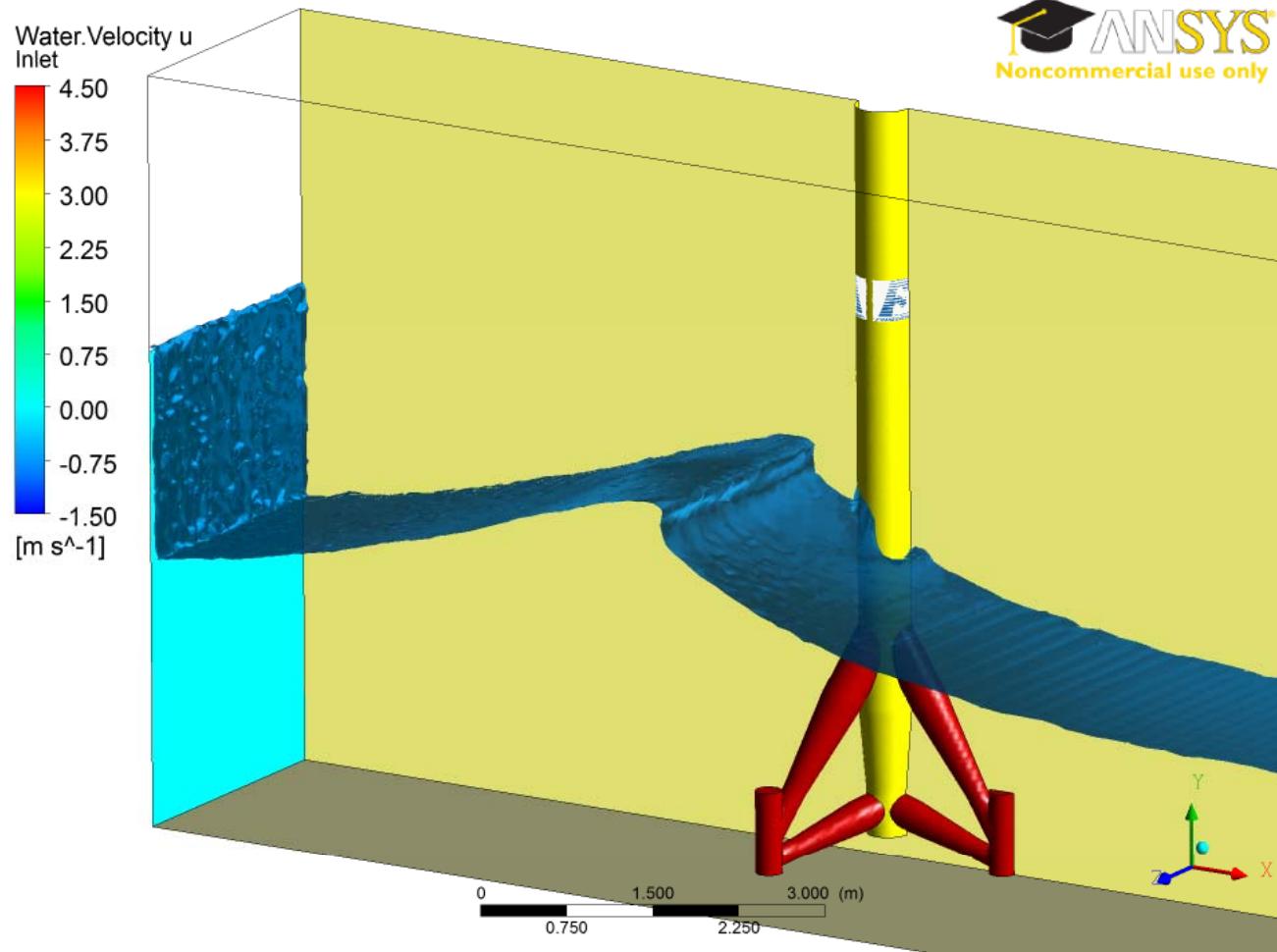


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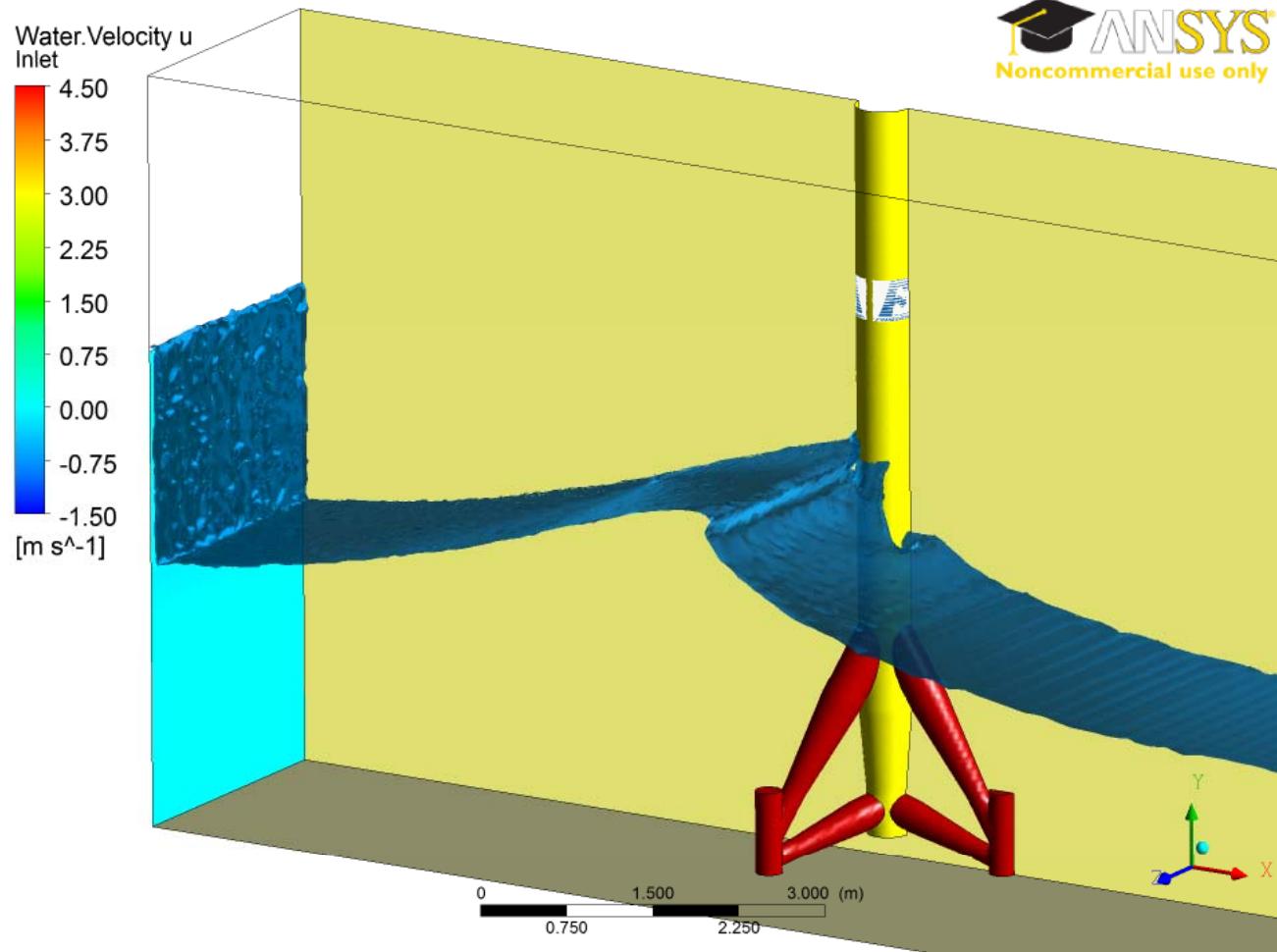
Snapshot (5.68 s / 8.00 s),  $H_B, x=105\text{m} = 1.05+0.45 = 1.5 \text{ m}$

- Inlet:  $U_{\max} = 4.0 \text{ m/s}$
- Small curling factor like deep water breaker
- Pile-up effect
- Water level gradient at pile during impact
- Diffusion in area of coarse mesh



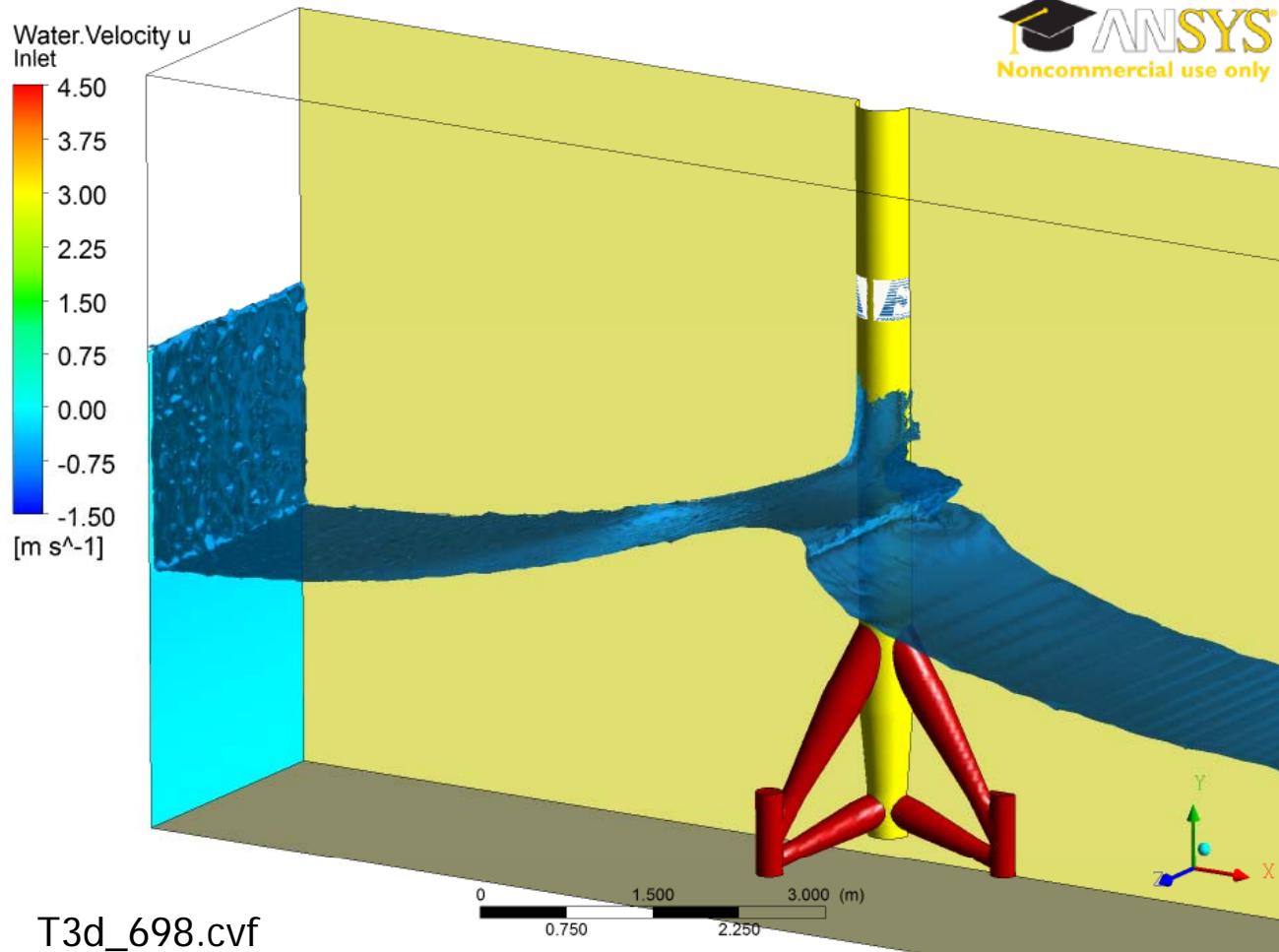
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Snapshot (6.78 s / 8.00 s),  $H_B, x=105m = 1.05+0.45 = 1.5 \text{ m}$

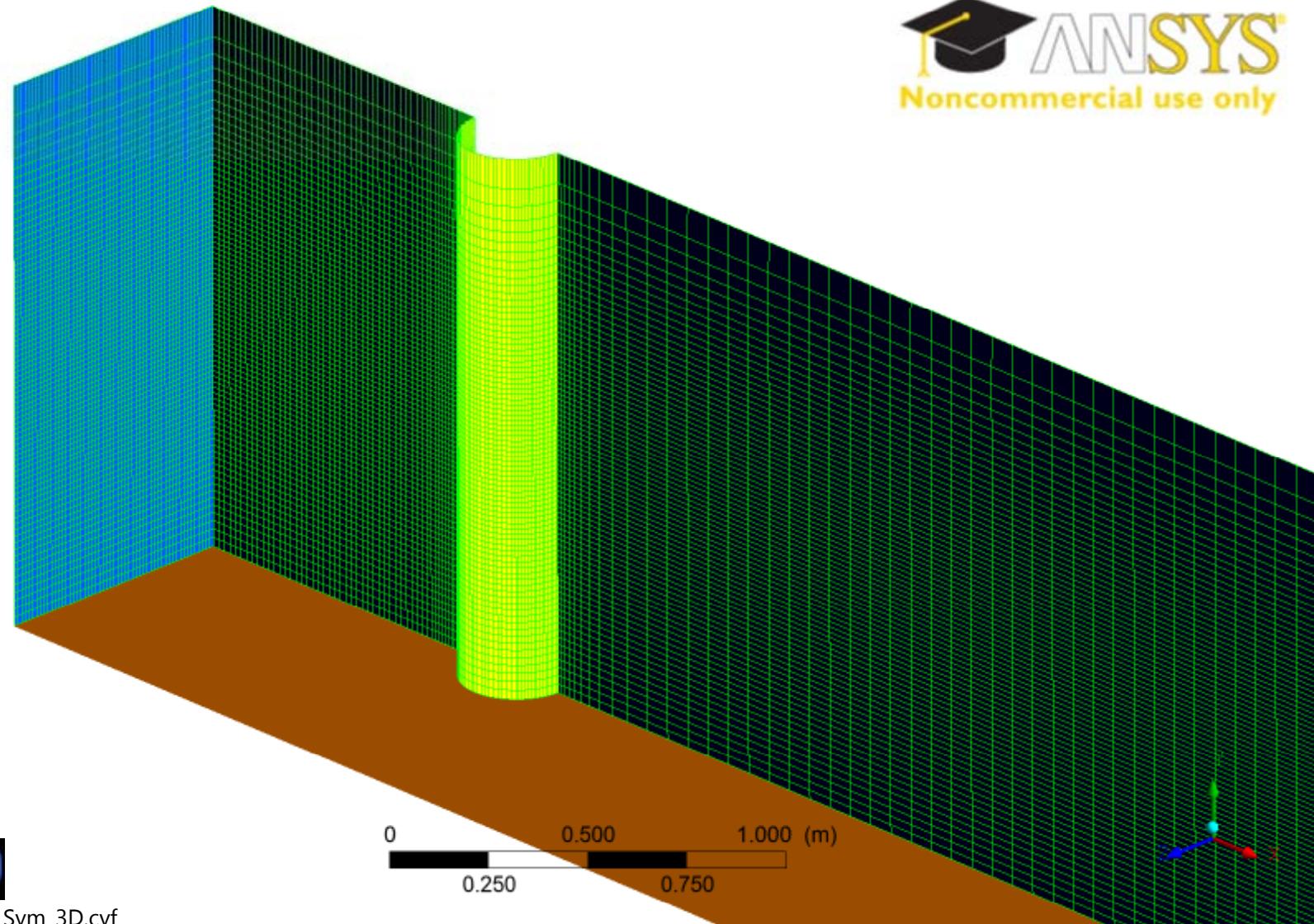
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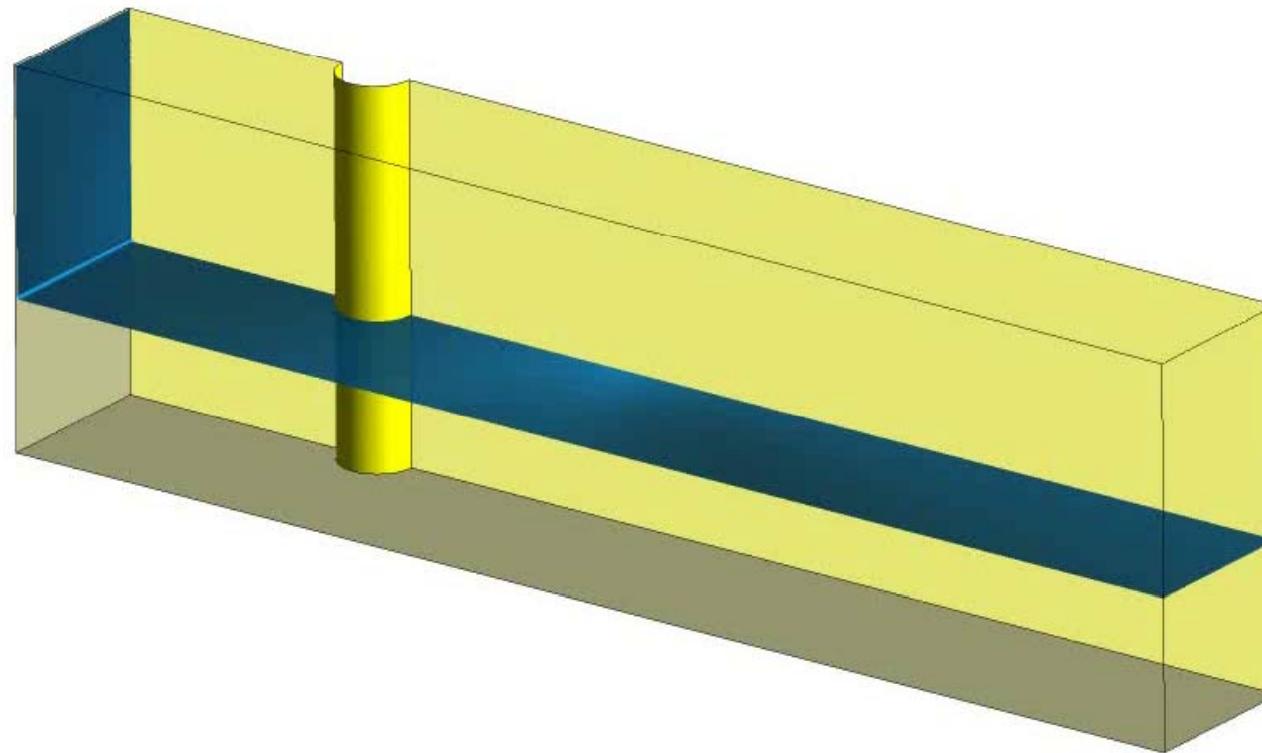


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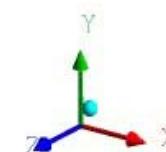


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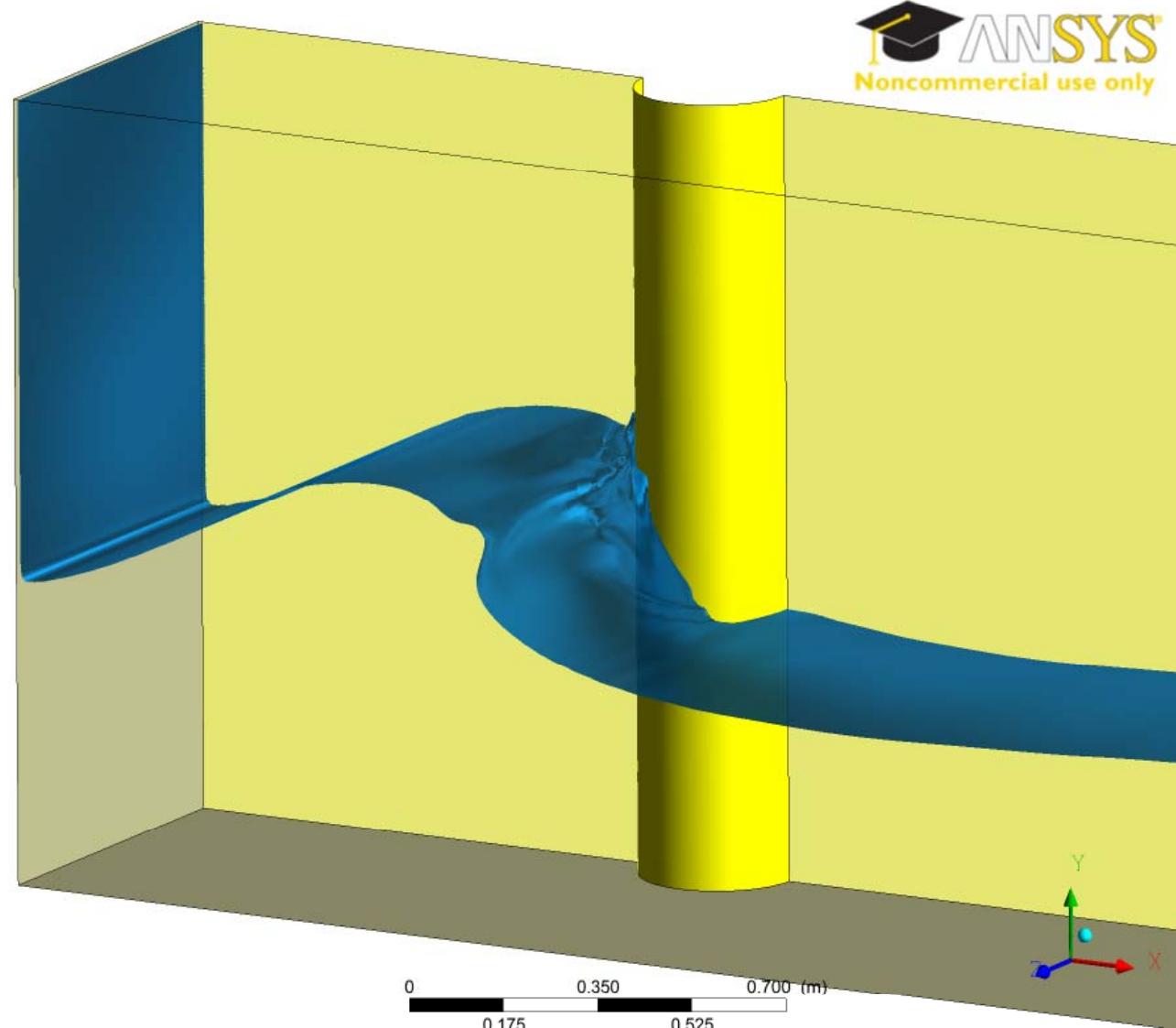
0      0.500      1.000 (m)  
0.250      0.750



Snapshot of the  
wave profile  
during wave  
impact.  
Partly vertical  
water front.

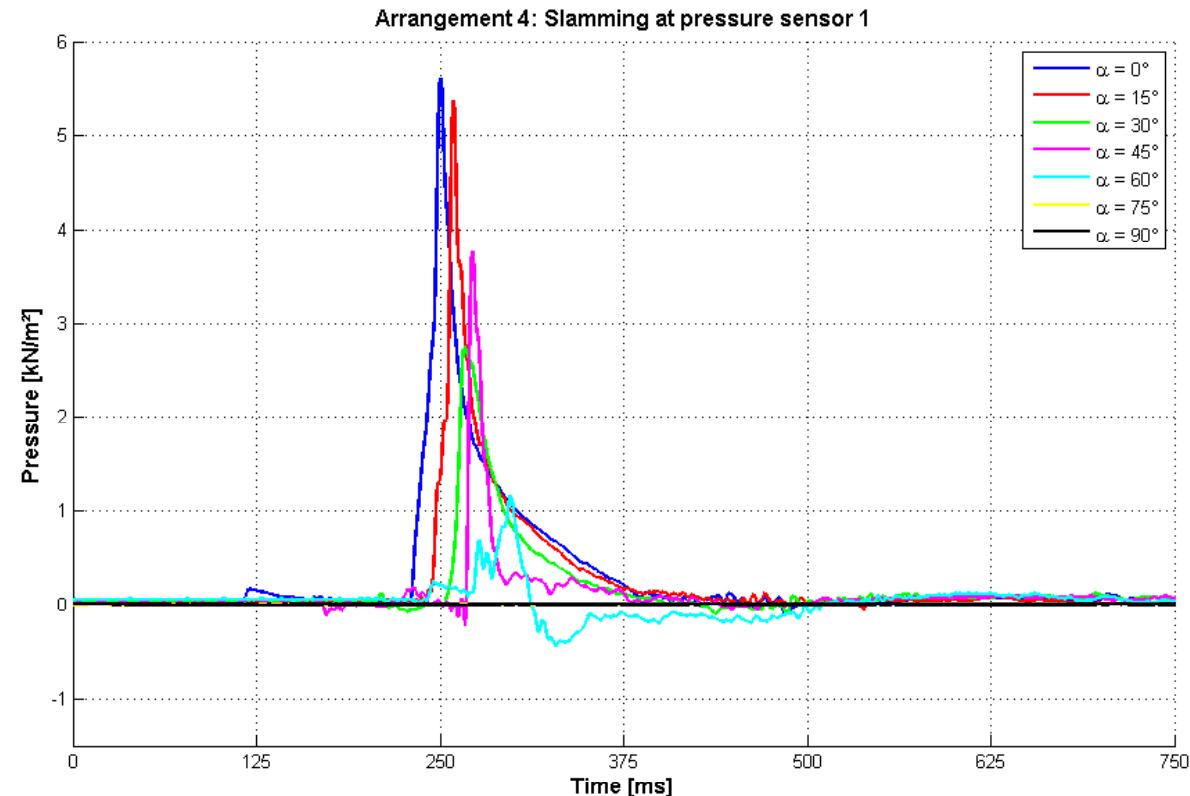


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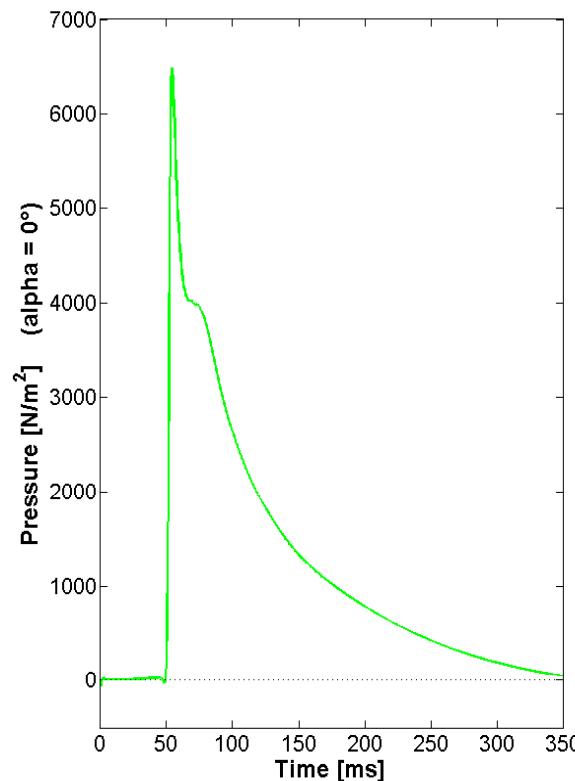


  
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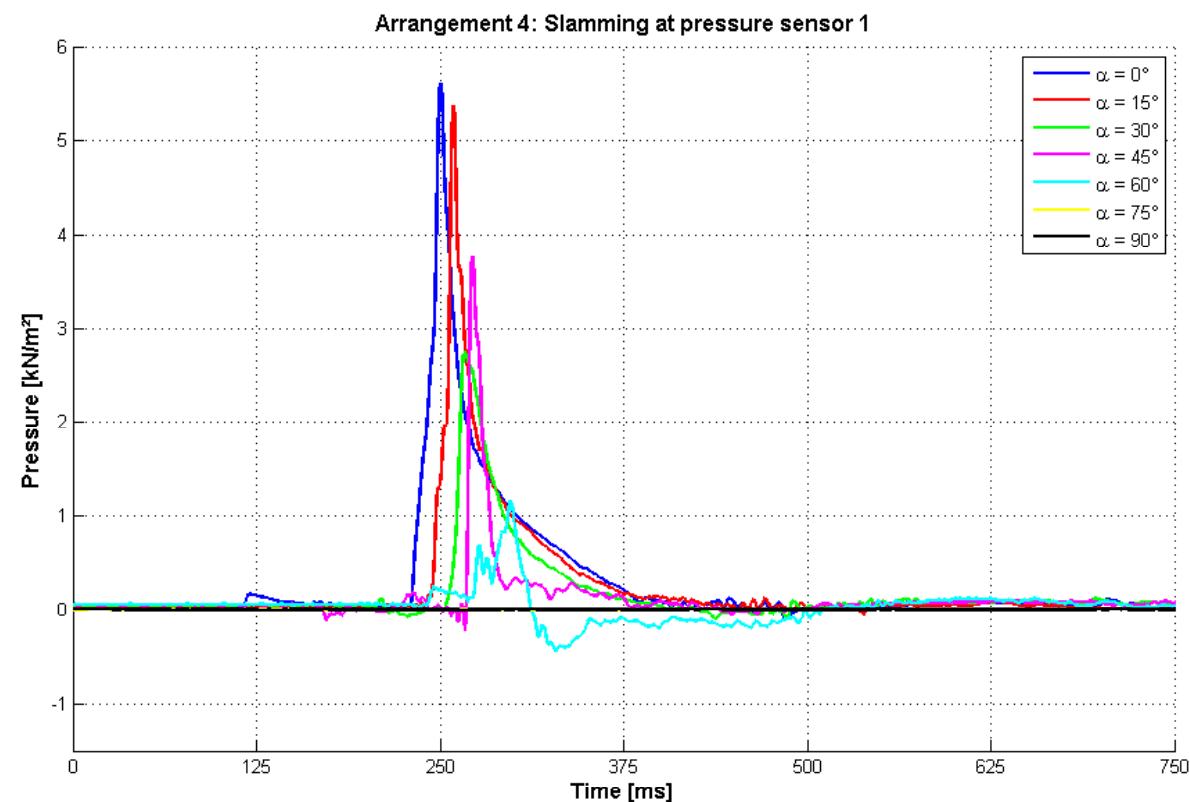
## Pressure at various heights



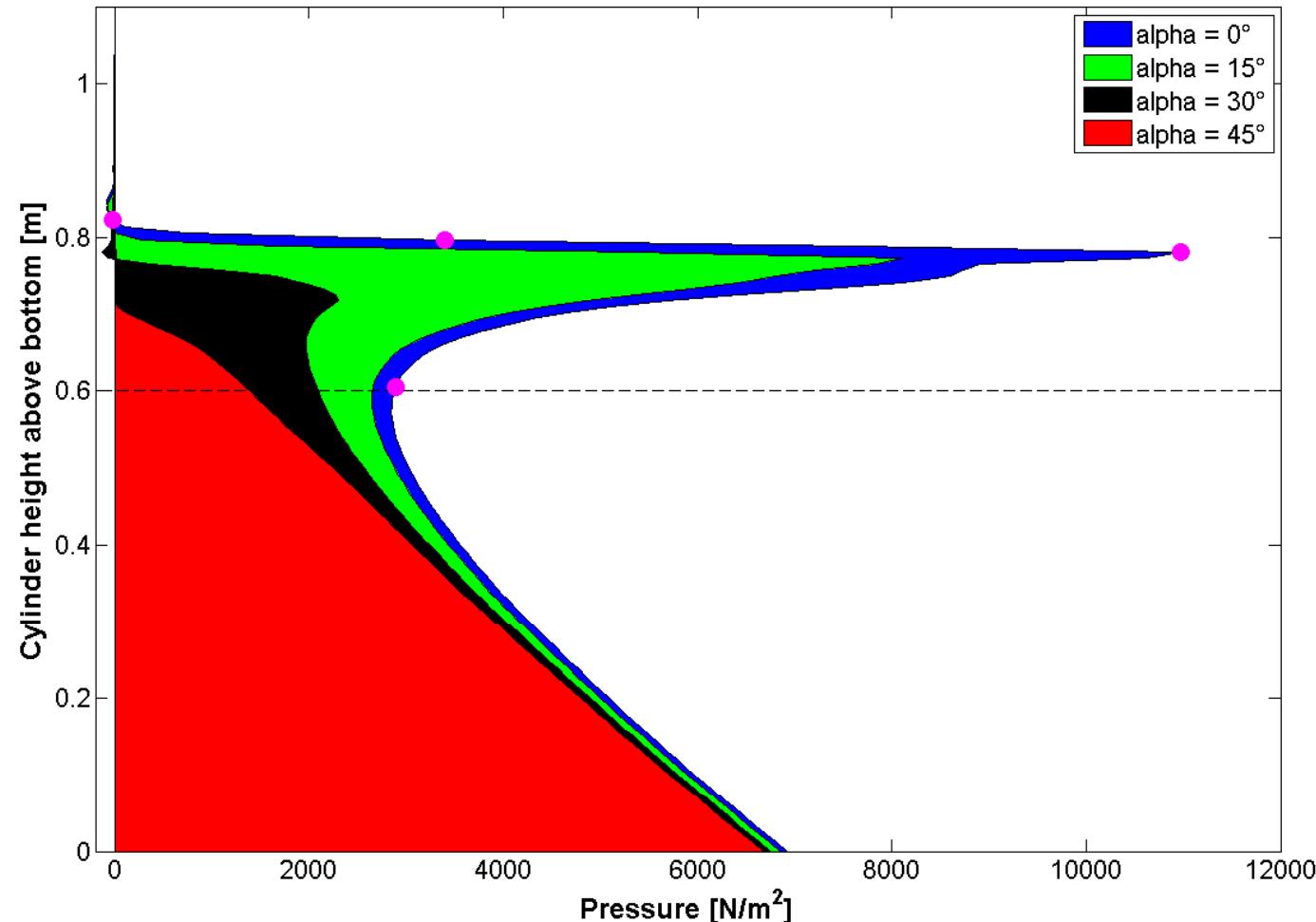
- Symmetric pressure distribution
- 30% reduced pressure over 7% of  $H_b$  in upper zone => curling factor
- Increasing rise time at lower pressure sensors



## Pressure sensor 22 cm above SWL



- Symmetric pressure distribution
- Roughly 250 ms pressure „crest“
- Peak value shows 1 kN/m<sup>2</sup> difference (wave front, highest sensor position)



- Pressure peak at cylinder front
- Small area with rapid decrease at the upper limit (small dy)
- Peak characteristic  $>30^\circ$  &  $<45^\circ$  for this point of time ( $dt < 0.01s$ )

## Summary & perspective

### GIGAWIND alpha ventus



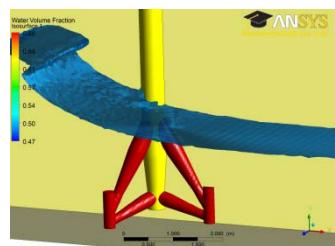
Wind, shallow waters, renewable  
Prototype installed  
Data 2010

### Development



Physical and numerical modeling, field data  
Ongoing tests  
Large Wave Flume (GWK) tests 2010

### Efficient design



Calibration of numerical models for breaking waves  
Peak pressure distribution, curling factor, rise time



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