

Digital wave flume using multi-fidelity approaches

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Research Motivation



Fig.1. Tsunami phenomenon¹



Fig.2. Hurricane²



Fig.3. Floating wind turbine³

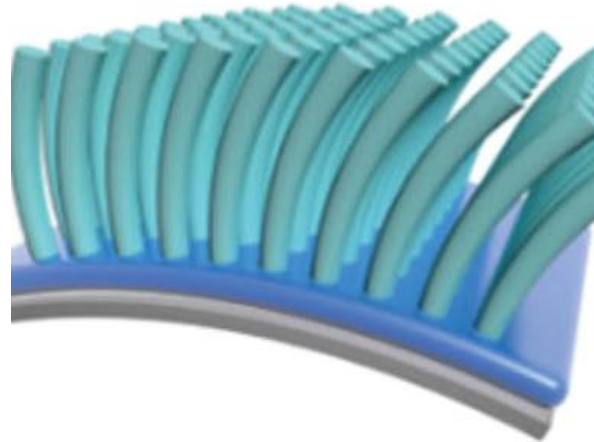


Fig.4. Ocean wave energy harvest⁴

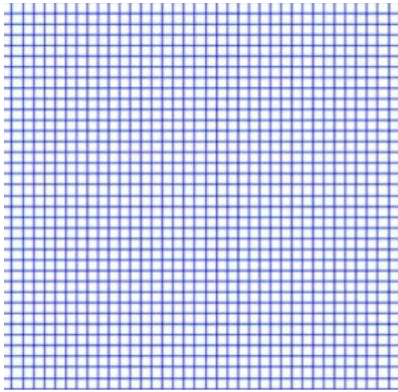
¹Crossing [swells](#), consisting of near-cnoidal wave trains. Photo taken from Phares des Baleines (Whale Lighthouse) at the western point of [Île de Ré](#) (Isle of Rhé), France, in the [Atlantic Ocean](#).

²[Hurricane Paulette](#), in [2020](#), is an example of a [sheared](#) tropical cyclone, with deep [convection](#) slightly removed from the center of the system

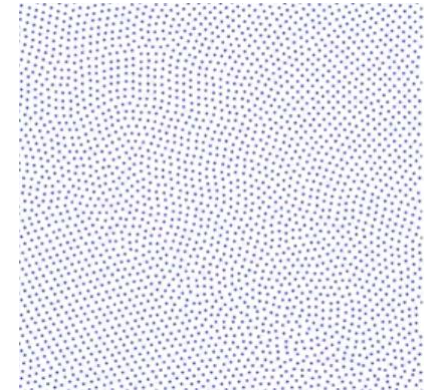
³Wang, C.M., Utsunomiya, T., Wee, S.C. and Choo, Y.S., 2010. Research on floating wind turbines: a literature survey. *The IES Journal Part A: Civil & Structural Engineering*, 3(4), pp.267-277.

⁴Huang, B., Wang, P., Wang, L., Yang, S. and Wu, D., 2020. Recent advances in ocean wave energy harvesting by triboelectric nanogenerator: An overview. *Nanotechnology Reviews*, 9(1), pp.716-735.

Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)¹



Mesh-based Method



Meshless Method

- Computational points: Nodes ----- > **Particles**
- Each particle is associated with **field variables** such as mass, momentum, velocity, position, energy, etc.
- Particles are described through **Lagrangian** derivatives – Rate of change along with the trajectory

¹Gingold, R. A., & Monaghan, J. J. (1977). Smoothed particle hydrodynamics: Theory and application to non-spherical stars. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 181(3), 375–389

- Each **particle** has an associated **weight** determined by a **kernel function**, which describes the **contribution of the neighboring particles** to the physical quantities (such as pressure or velocity)

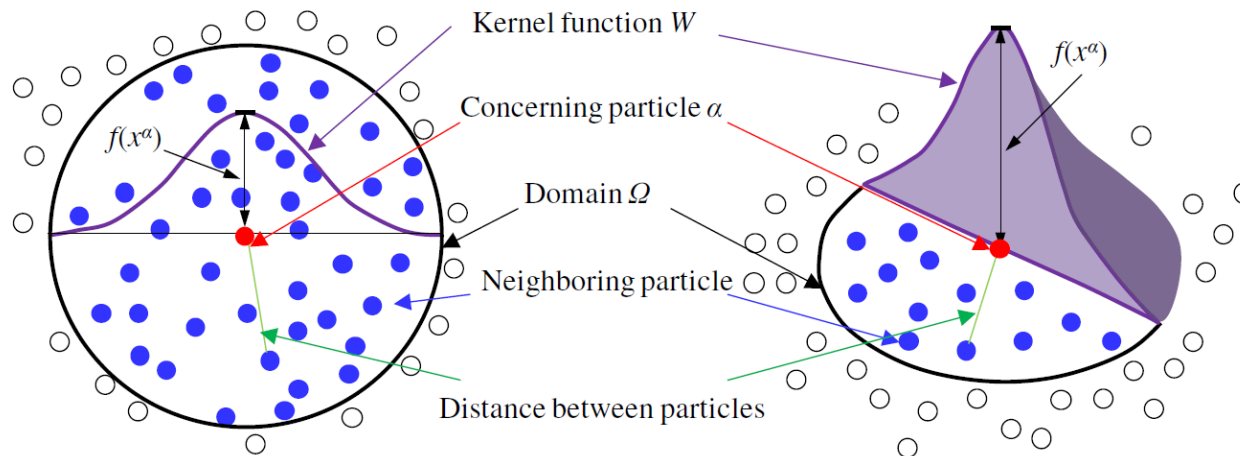


Fig. The concept of Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics¹

¹Dai, Z., Wang, F., Huang, Y., Song, K., & Iio, A. (2016). SPH-based numerical modeling for the post-failure behavior of the landslides triggered by the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake. *Geoenvironmental Disasters*, 3(1)

Experimental Setup

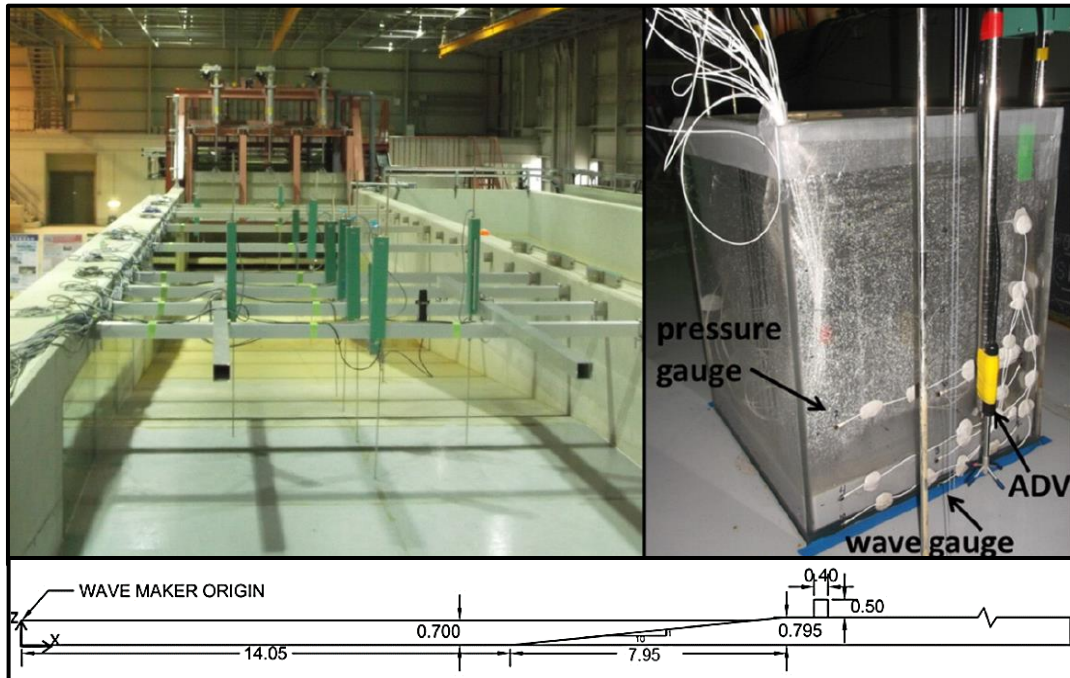


Fig. Left: resistance wave gauges and acoustic velocimeters positioned in hydraulic wave flume. Right: instrumented specimen and front side pressure gauges, wave gauge, and acoustic doppler velocimeters. Bottom: Profile views of experimental flume¹

- Hybrid Tsunami Open Flume in Ujigawa (HyTOFU) Laboratory, Kyoto University
- 45 m long, 4 m wide, and 2 m deep wave flume, slope 1:10
- A single specimen (building) instrumented with pressure gauges was placed on flat platform
- Solitary waves was generated using wave piston
- Free surface elevation was measured in 10 different locations using resistance-type Wave Gauges

¹Tomiczek, T., Prasetyo, A., Mori, N., Yasuda, T., & Kennedy, A. (2016). Physical modelling of tsunami onshore propagation, peak pressures, and shielding effects in an urban building array. *Coastal Engineering*, 117, 97–112.

Fluid particles ■
Solid particles ■
Moving particles ■

Numerical Setup

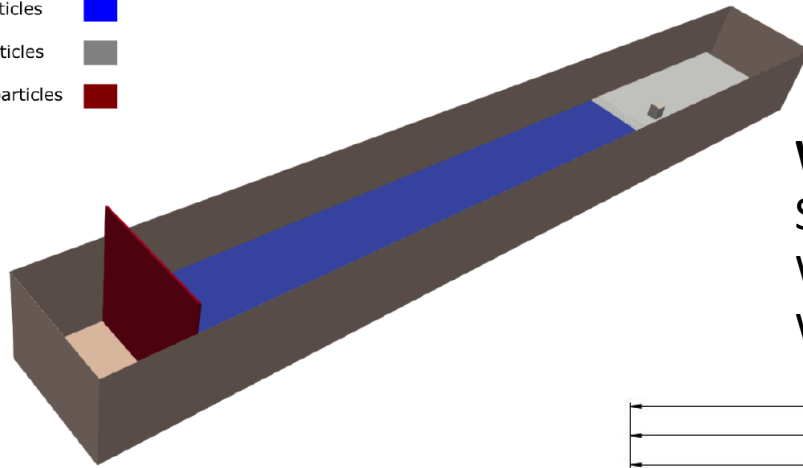


Fig. 5. HyTOFU DualSPHysics setup

Wave parameters

Still water depth - 0.7m

Wave type - Solitary wave

Wave height - 0.4m

■ Rigid fixed structure

● Wave gauge

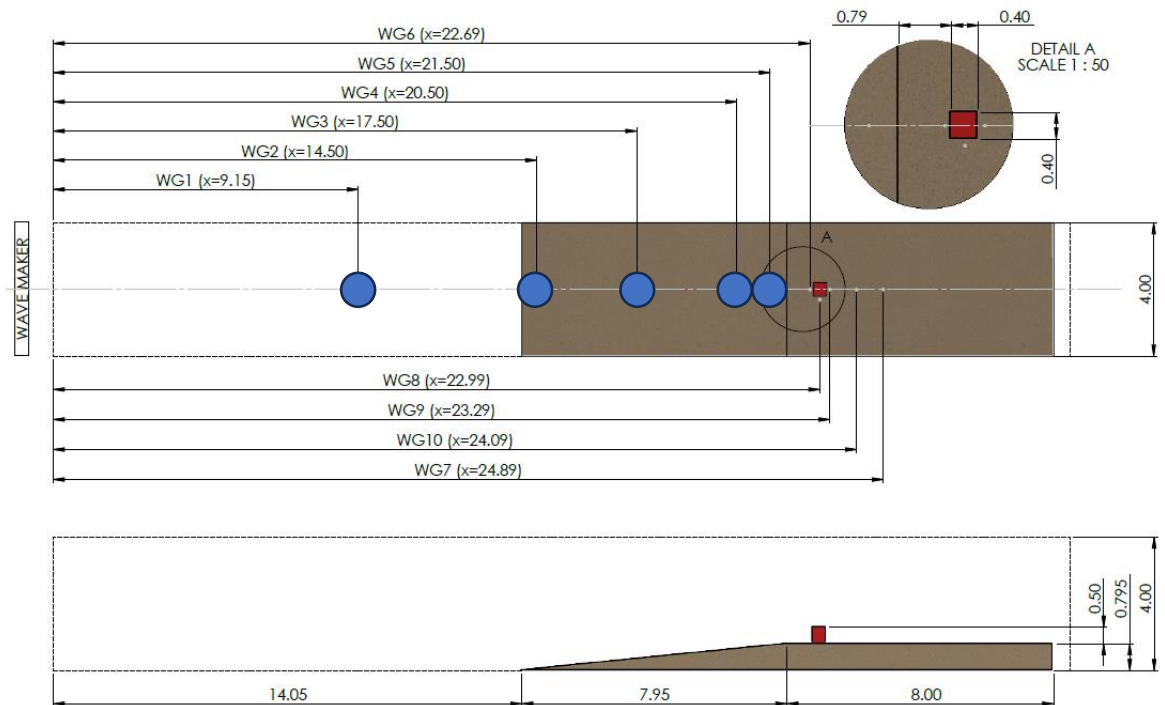


Fig. HyTOFU set up with the location of the wave gauges

Dynamic boundary conditions¹

- domain → particles
- Grey particles – solid particles (walls, building)
- Red particles – moving particles (piston wavemaker)
- Blue particles – fluid particles (water)

¹Crespo, A. J. C., Domínguez, J. M., Rogers, B. D., Gómez-Gesteira, M., Longshaw, S., Canelas, R., Vacondio, R., Barreiro, A., & García-Feal, O. (2015). DualSPHysics: Open-source parallel CFD solver based on Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH). *Computer Physics Communications*, 187

Convergence study

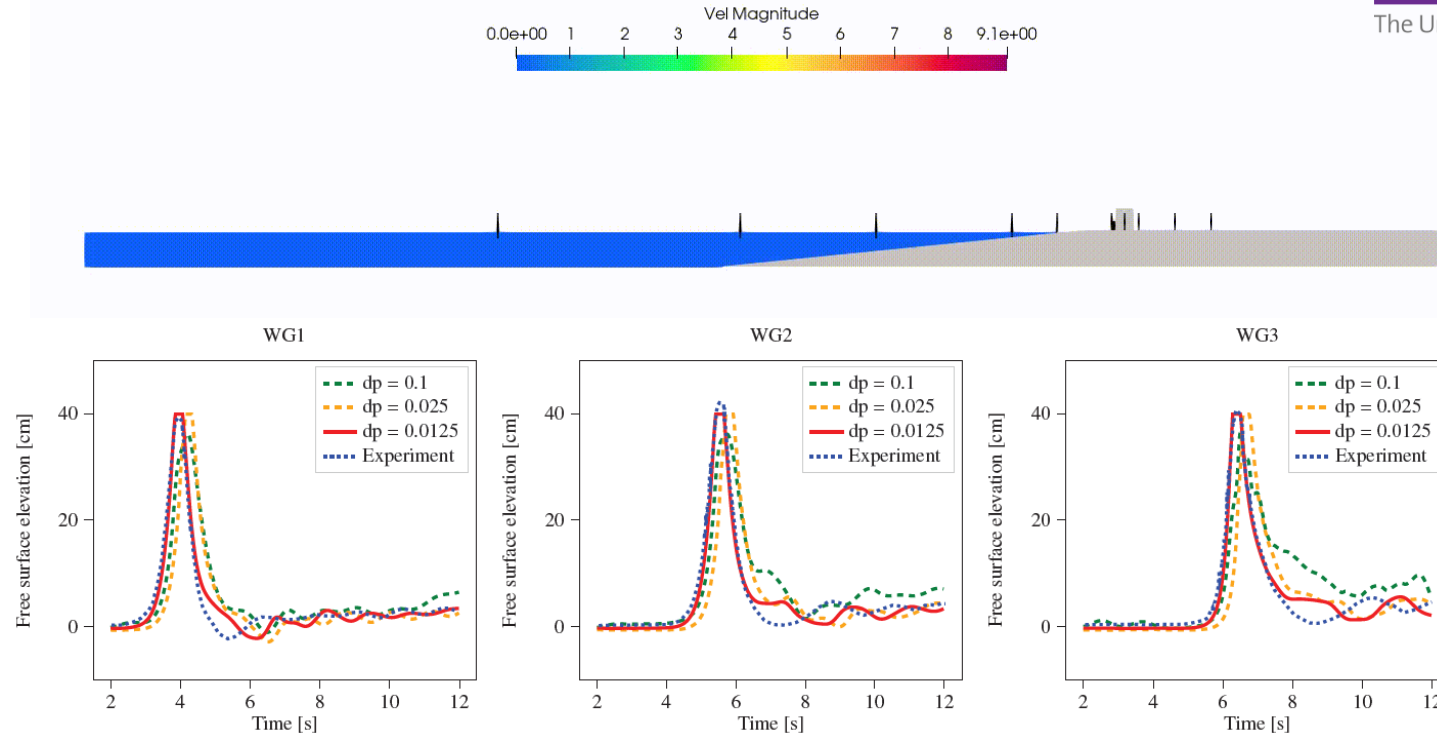
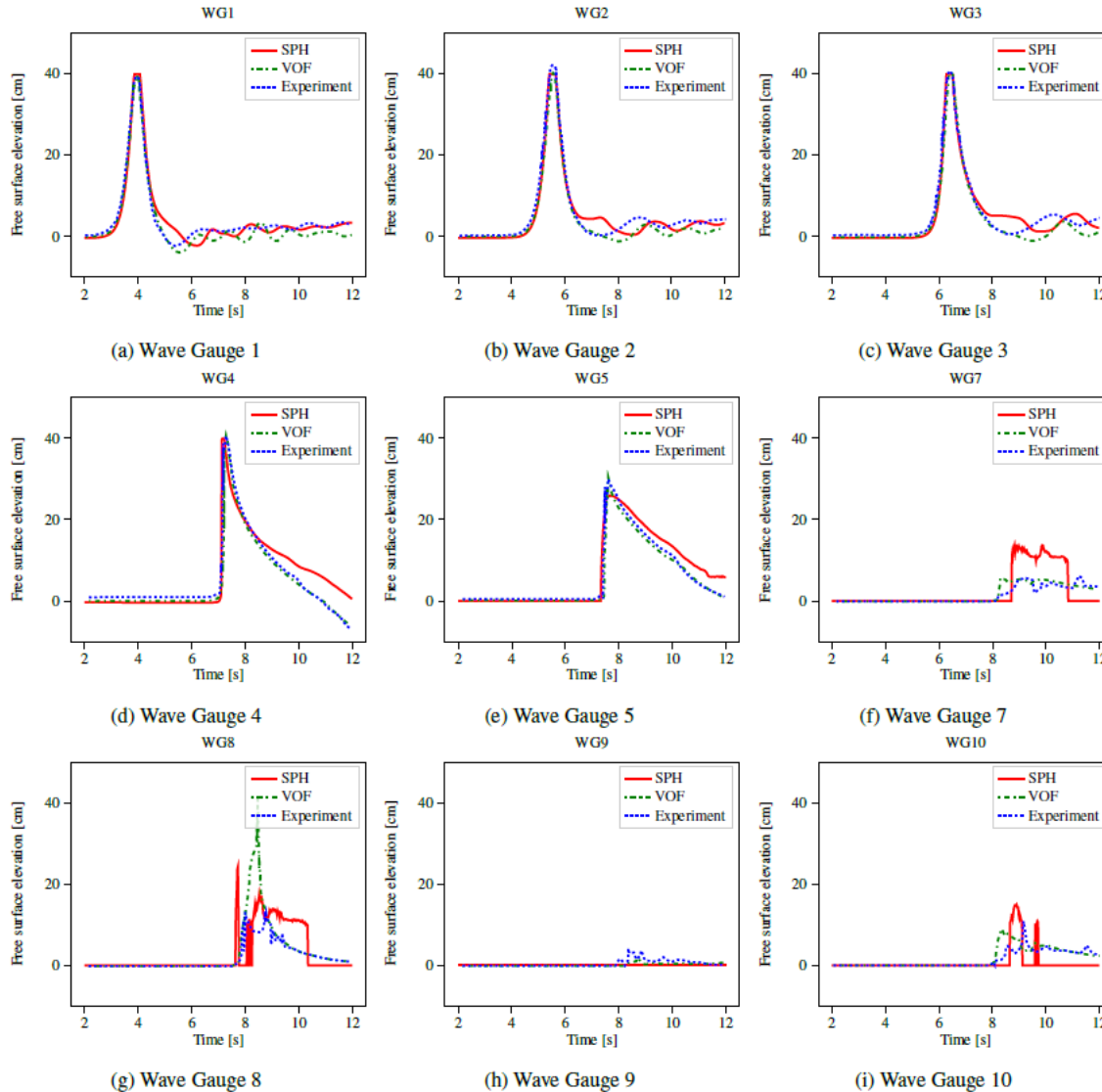


Fig. Convergence study associated with wave gauges 1, 2 and 3

- Initial interparticle distance (dp)
- Wave height (W) = 0.4 m
- **$dp = 0.0125m$ showed superior agreement with experimental data**

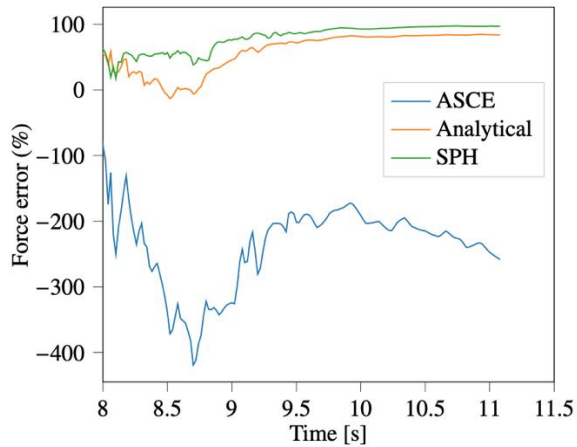
dp	H/dp	Error in peak height	Error in wave arrival time	Compute time
0.1	4	8.87 %	-2.20 %	78.51s
0.025	16	1.96 %	-3.14 %	97854s
0.0125	32	1.86 %	1.57 %	110534s

Smoothened Particle Hydrodynamics: Results

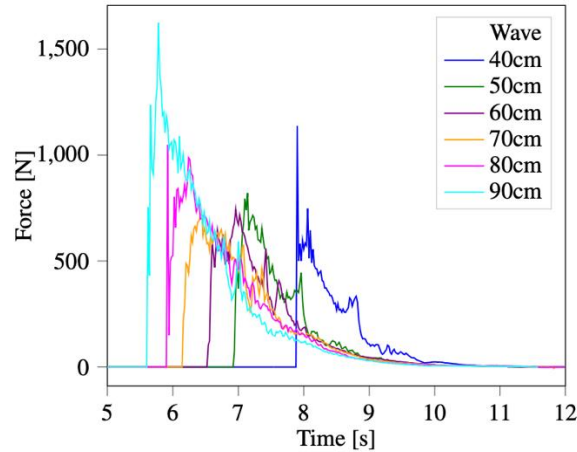


- Free surface elevation agreement is observed in initial flat and sloping sections (WG1, WG2, WG3) and test section (WG4, WG5)
- Unable to validate accuracy of free surface elevation representation in front (WG6) and back (WG9) of the specimen due to limitations in data recording
- Overall, wave arrival time and wave height show effective validation of the numerical model

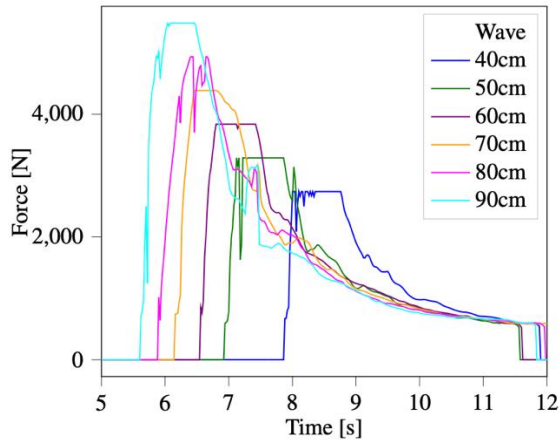
Fig. 7. Comparison of free surface elevation data



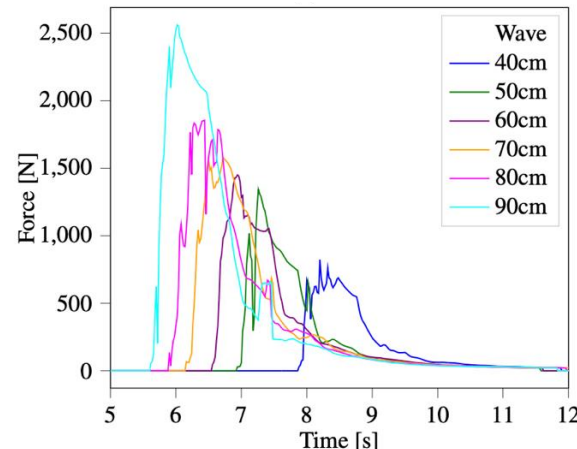
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

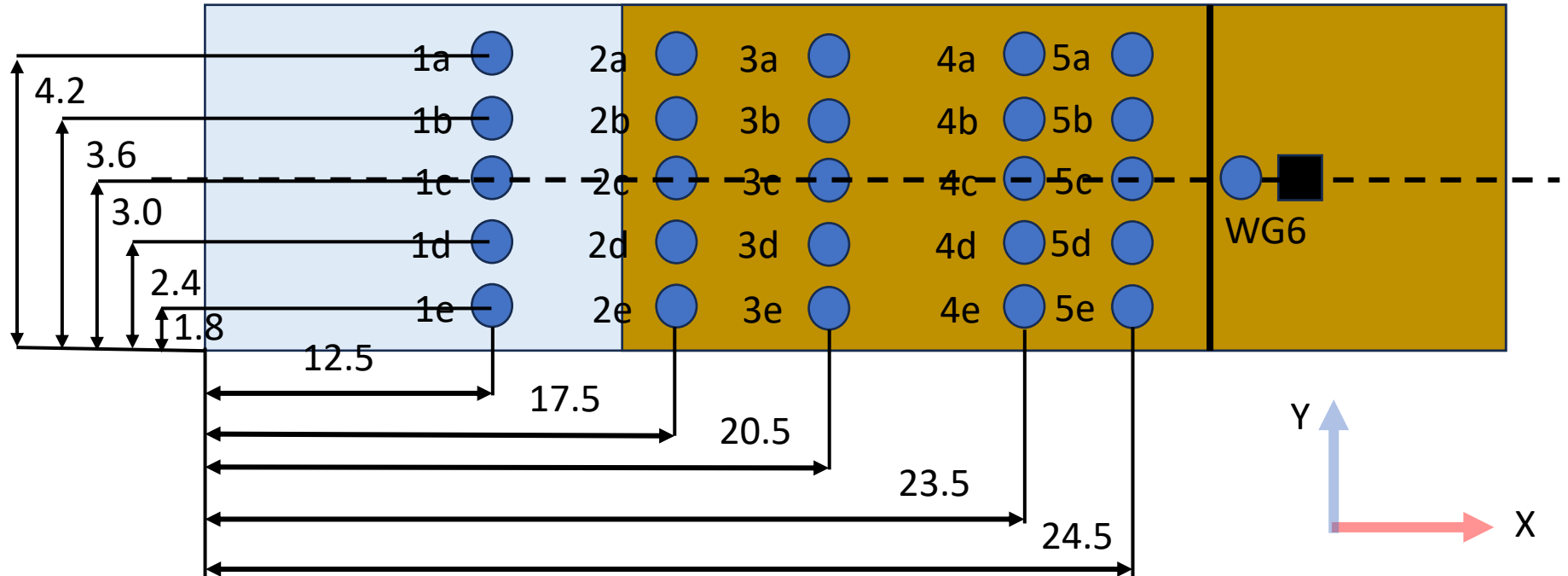
- Comparison of different methods for evaluation of structural response (a)
- Forces evaluated using different wave heights
 - SPH model (b)
 - ASCE (c)
 - Analytical (d)

Why maximum drag force does not consistently increase as initial wave height increase?

Fig. 8. Evaluation of wave loading with different initial wave heights

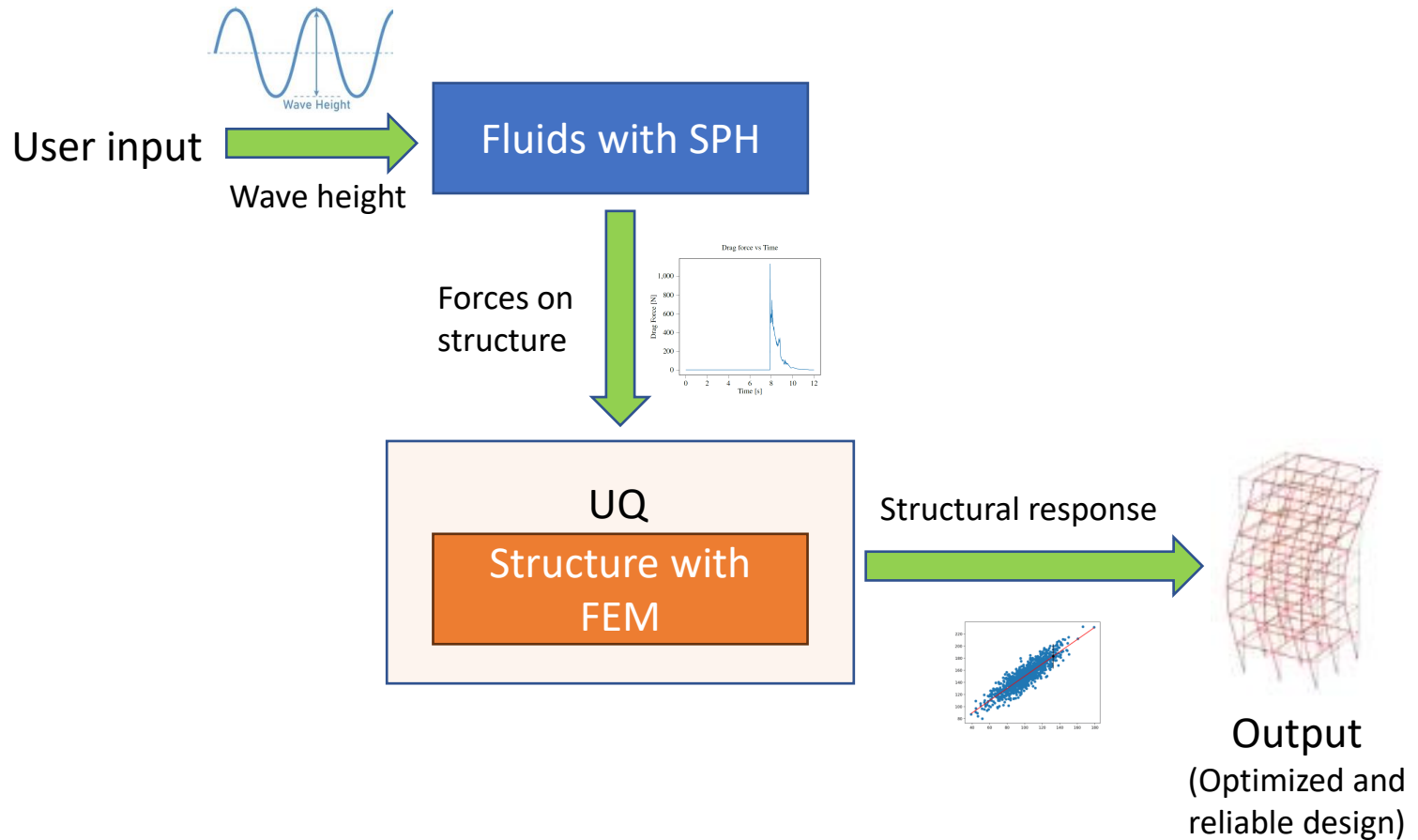
Build 25 wave gauges

To check if there is breaking point and dissipation happens in different initial wave height case



- Same: Initial wave height = 0.4m, 0.9m
- Big dump: Initial wave height = 0.5m, 0.6m
- Little dump: Initial wave height = 0.7m, 0.8m

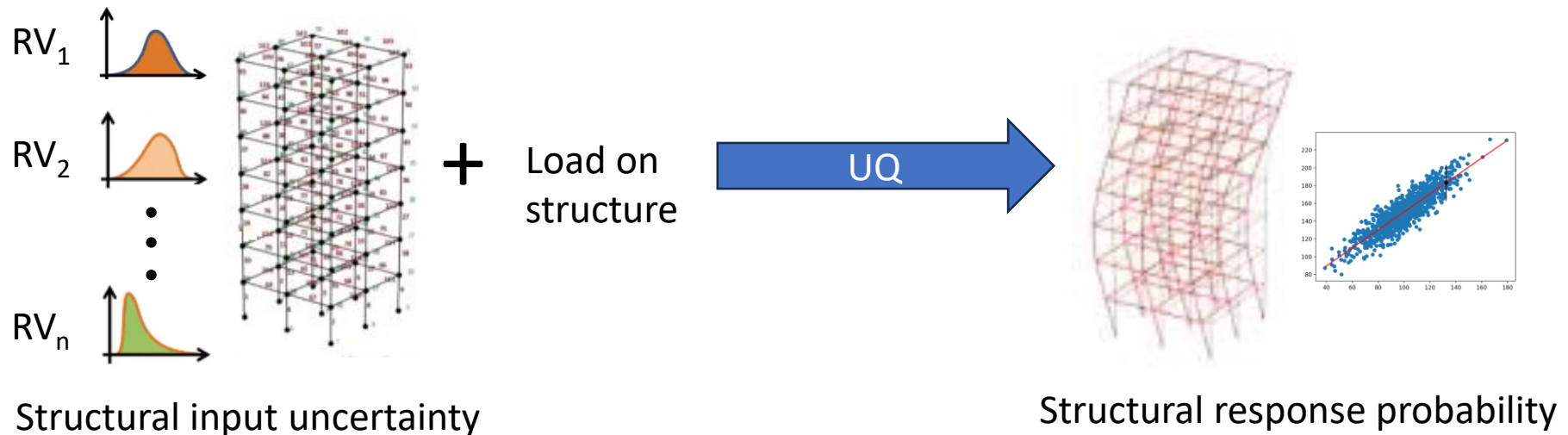
Uncertainty Quantification



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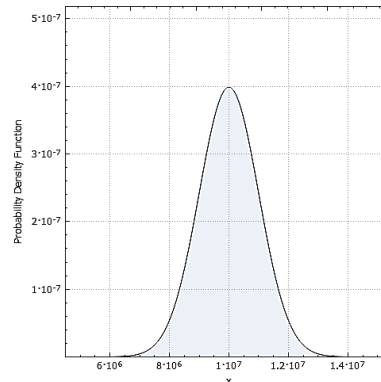
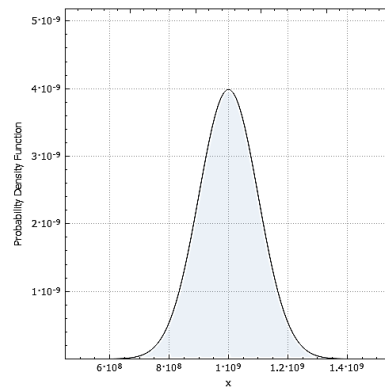
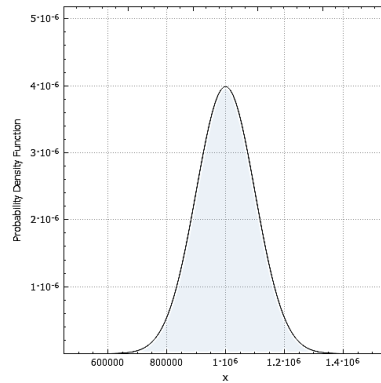
- Probabilistic structural dynamic analyses are performed to identify the realistic range of building responses
- Provides more reliable estimates for practical engineering applications
- Uncertainties in structural responses typically arise from two primary sources
 1. Parameters associated with coastal wave
 2. **Parameters associated with building (structures)**

Forward UQ (Structures) : Quantifies the uncertainty in output parameters by propagating the uncertainties present in selected input parameters



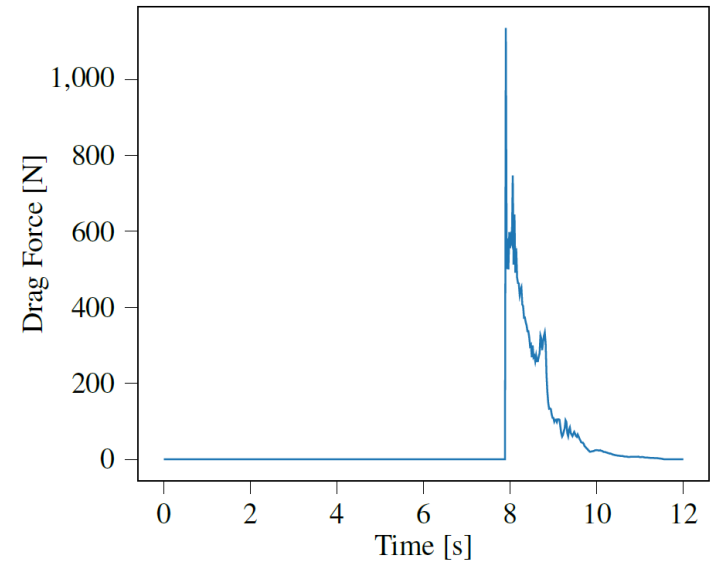
Forward UQ: Inputs

Random Variables



Load – time history

Drag force vs Time



Considered a single story building

Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS)
with sample size = 100

Forward UQ
Using
WE-UQ tool

Yield strength (F)

Distribution – Normal

Mean = 1×10^6

Standard deviation = 1×10^5

Stiffness (K)

Distribution – Normal

Mean = 1×10^9

Standard deviation = 1×10^8

Floor weight (W)

Distribution – Normal

Mean = 1×10^7

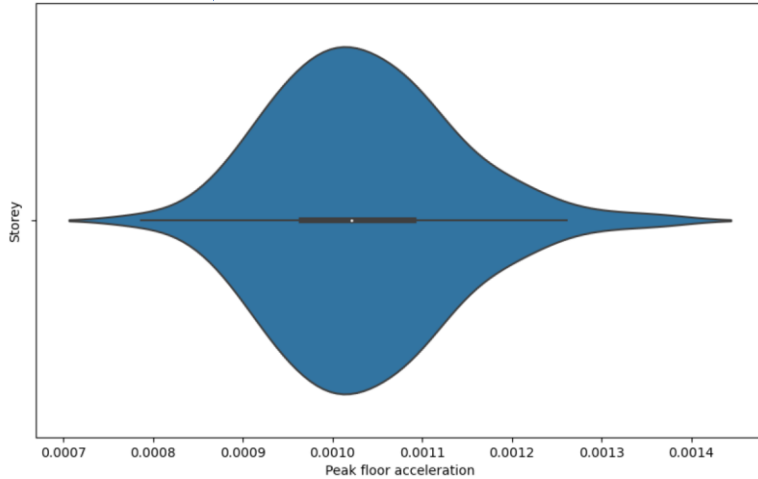
Standard deviation = 1×10^6

Forward UQ: Outputs

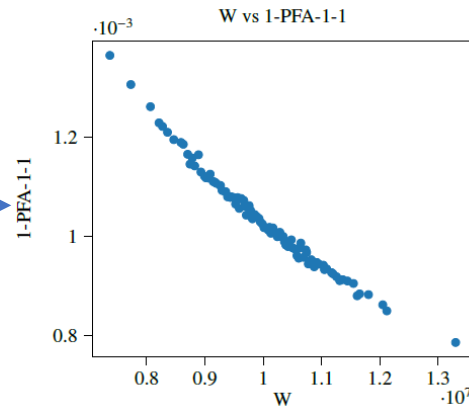
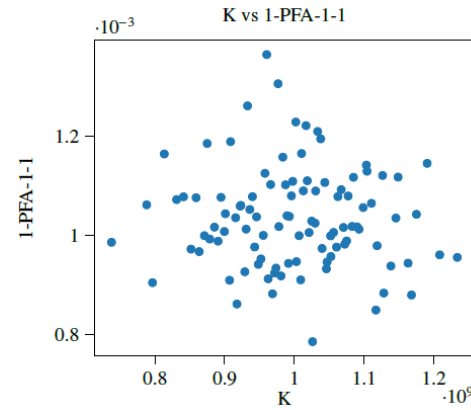
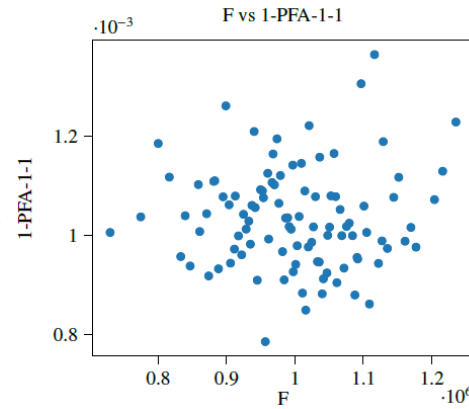
Forward UQ
Using
WE-UQ tool

Structural response:
Peak floor acceleration

Violin Plot: 1-PFA-1-1



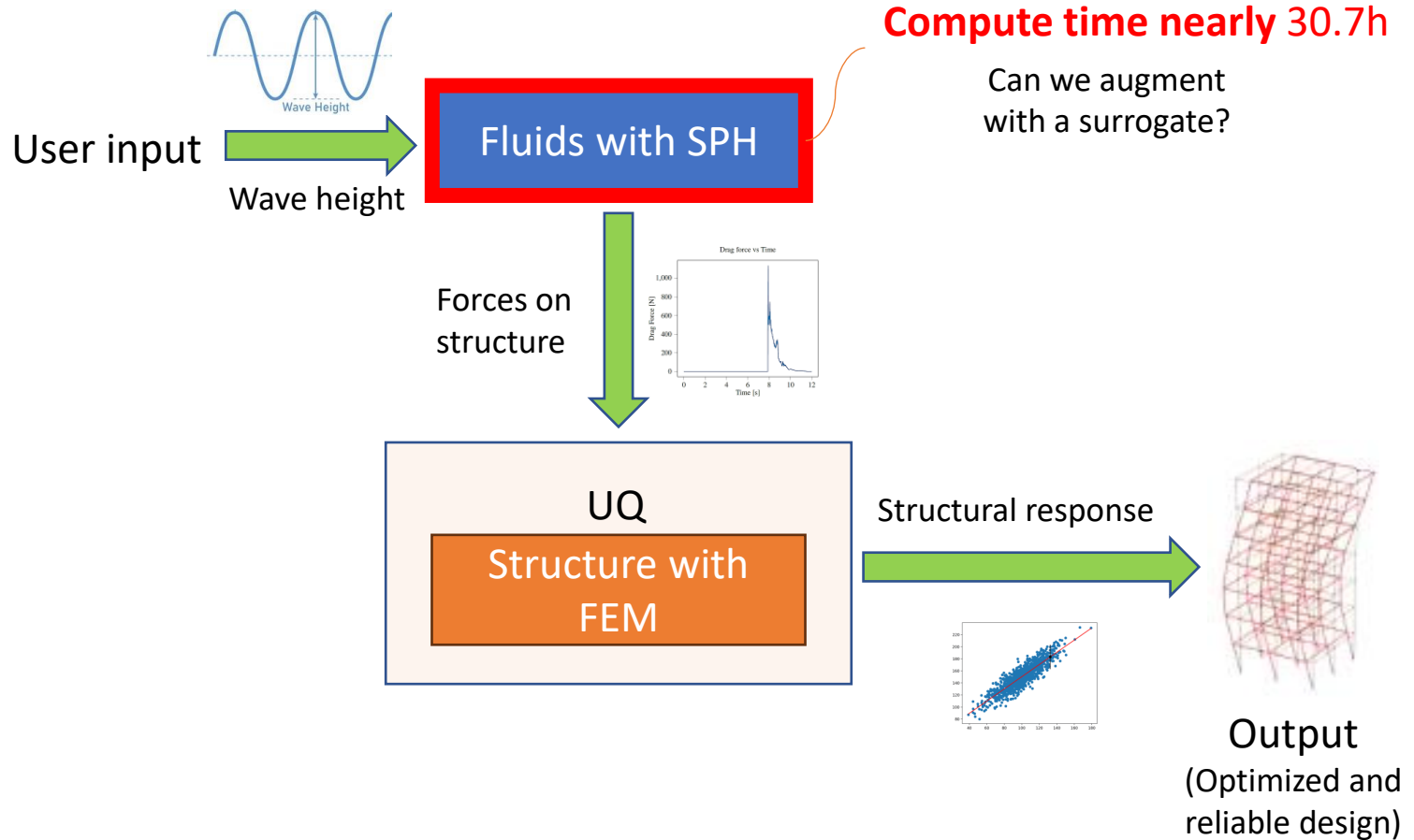
- Near-symmetrical shape, indicating a balanced distribution
- Notable concentration around middle of acceleration range
- Mean = 0.0010 m/s²
Standard deviation = 0.0001 m/s²



Yield strength versus peak floor acceleration and stiffens versus peak floor acceleration plots displayed a random distribution with **no discernible correlation**

Floor weight exhibited a **strong negative correlation** with peak floor acceleration

Need for Surrogate Modelling



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Reduce domain size

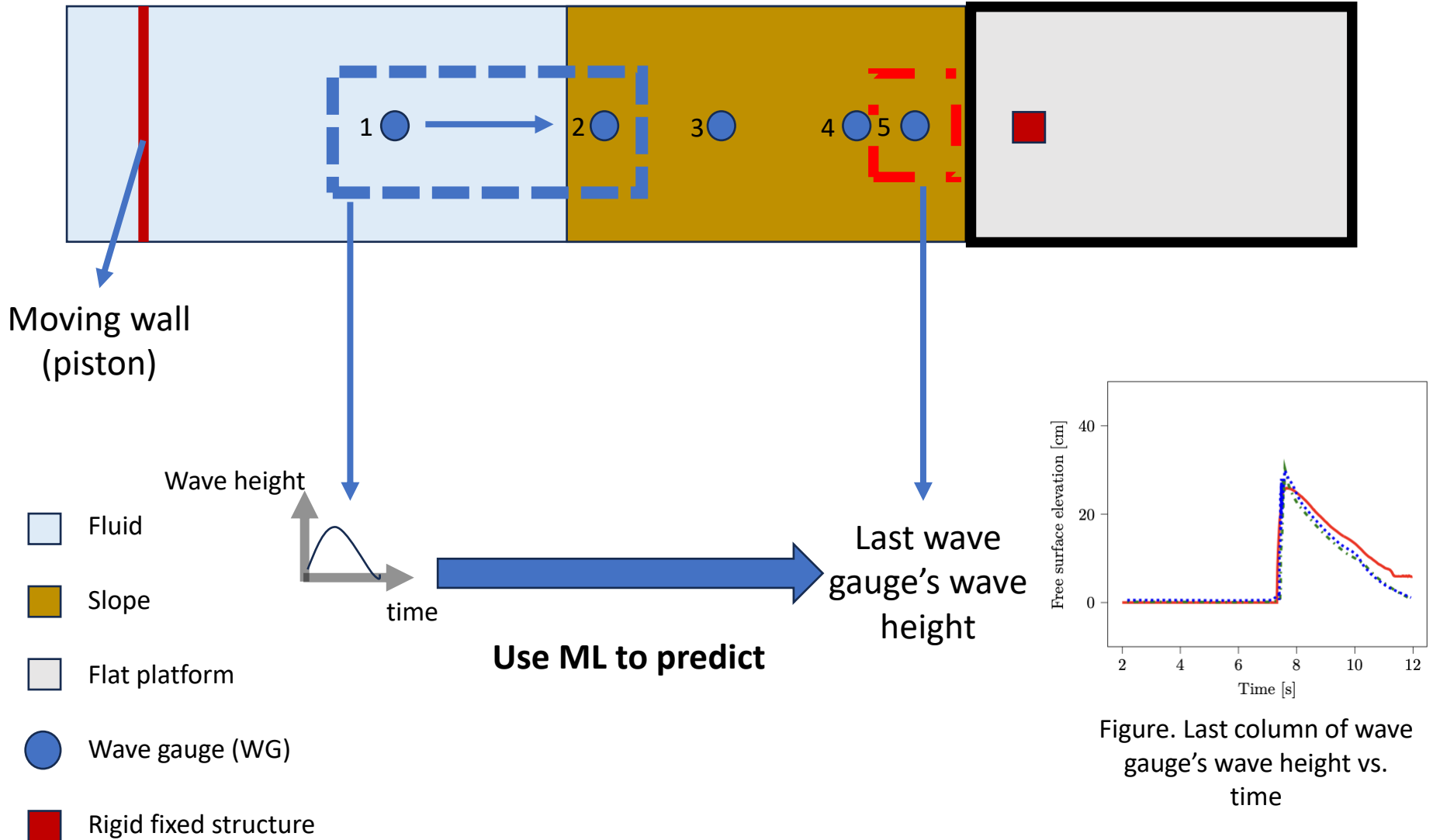
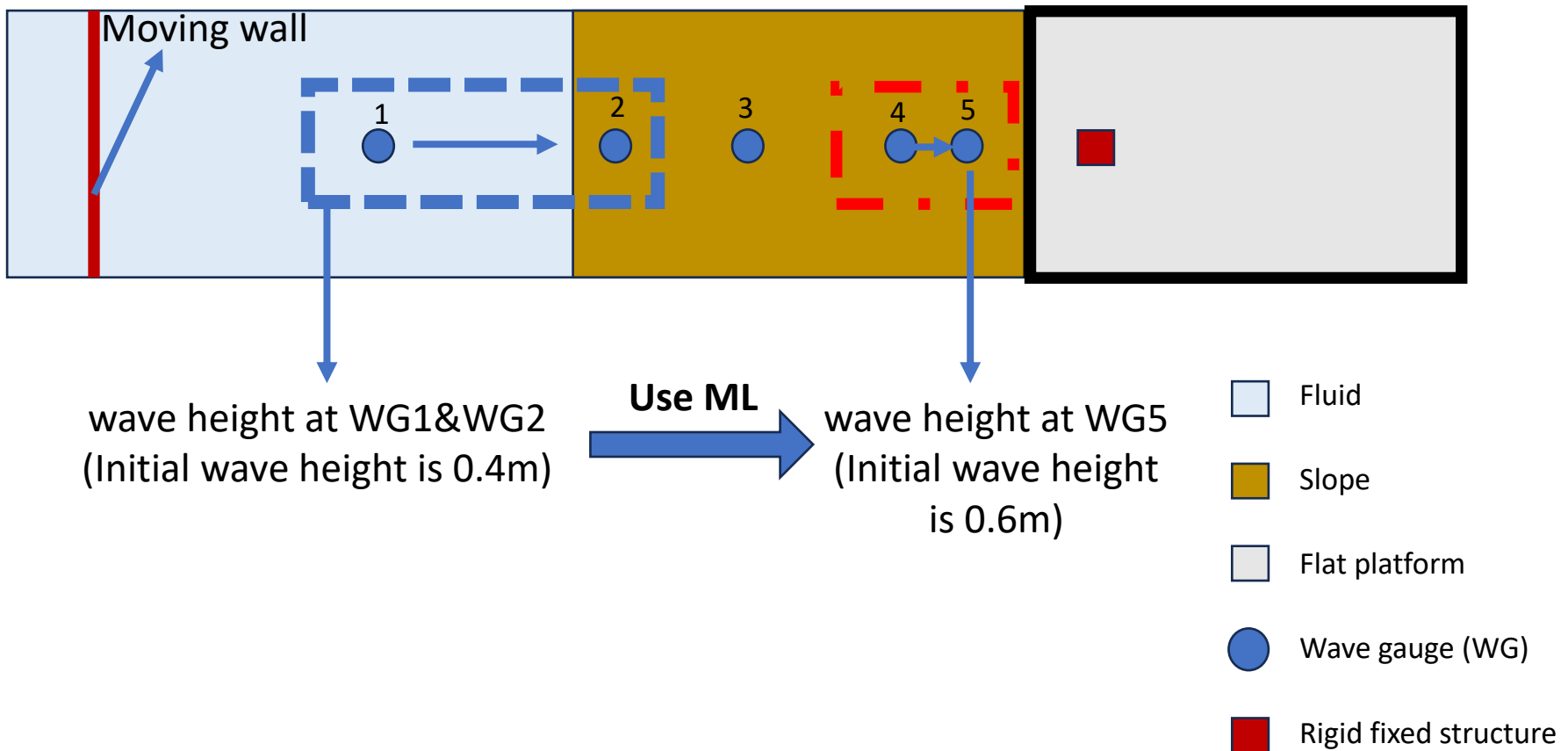


Figure. Last column of wave gauge's wave height vs. time

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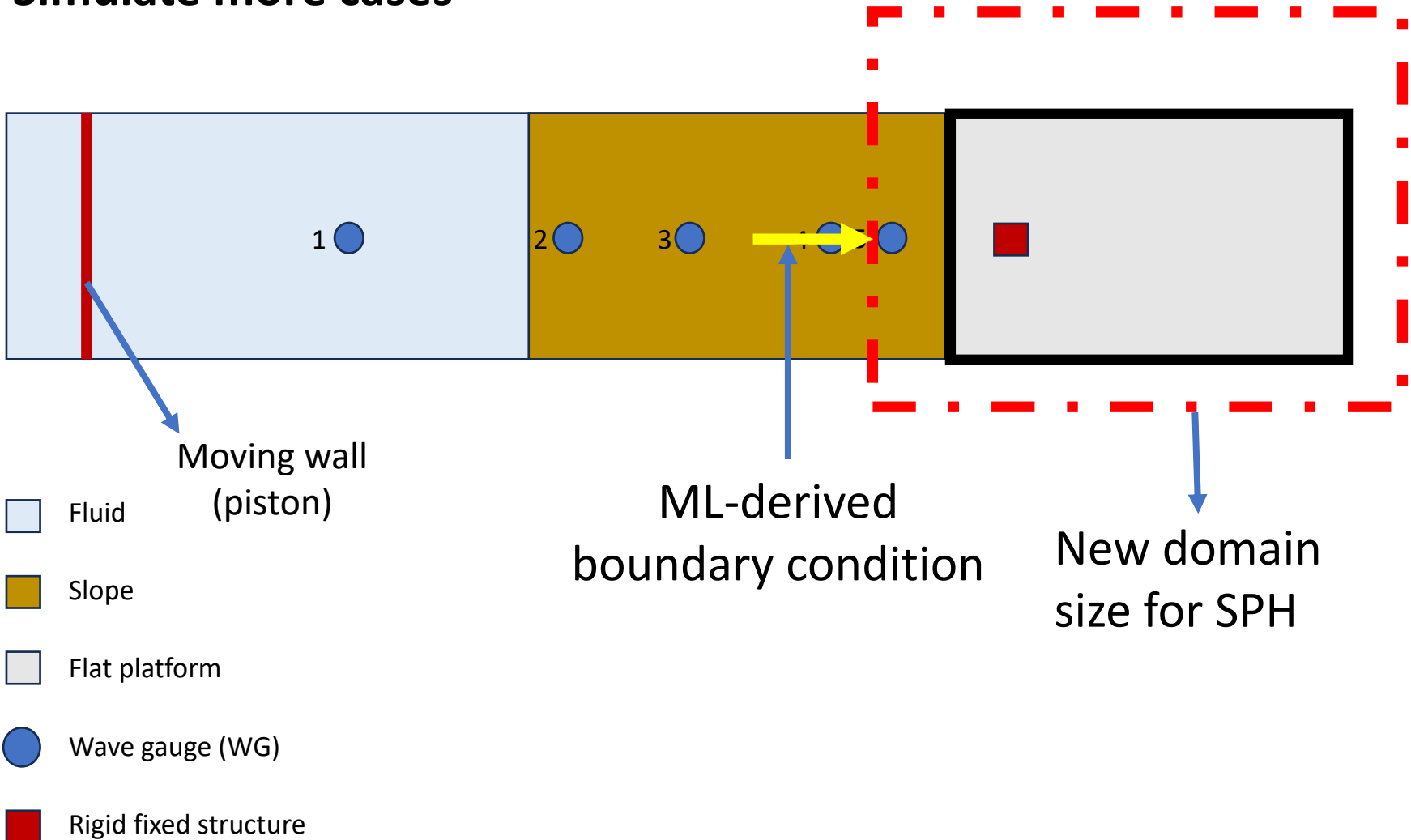
Reduce domain size
&
Simulate more cases



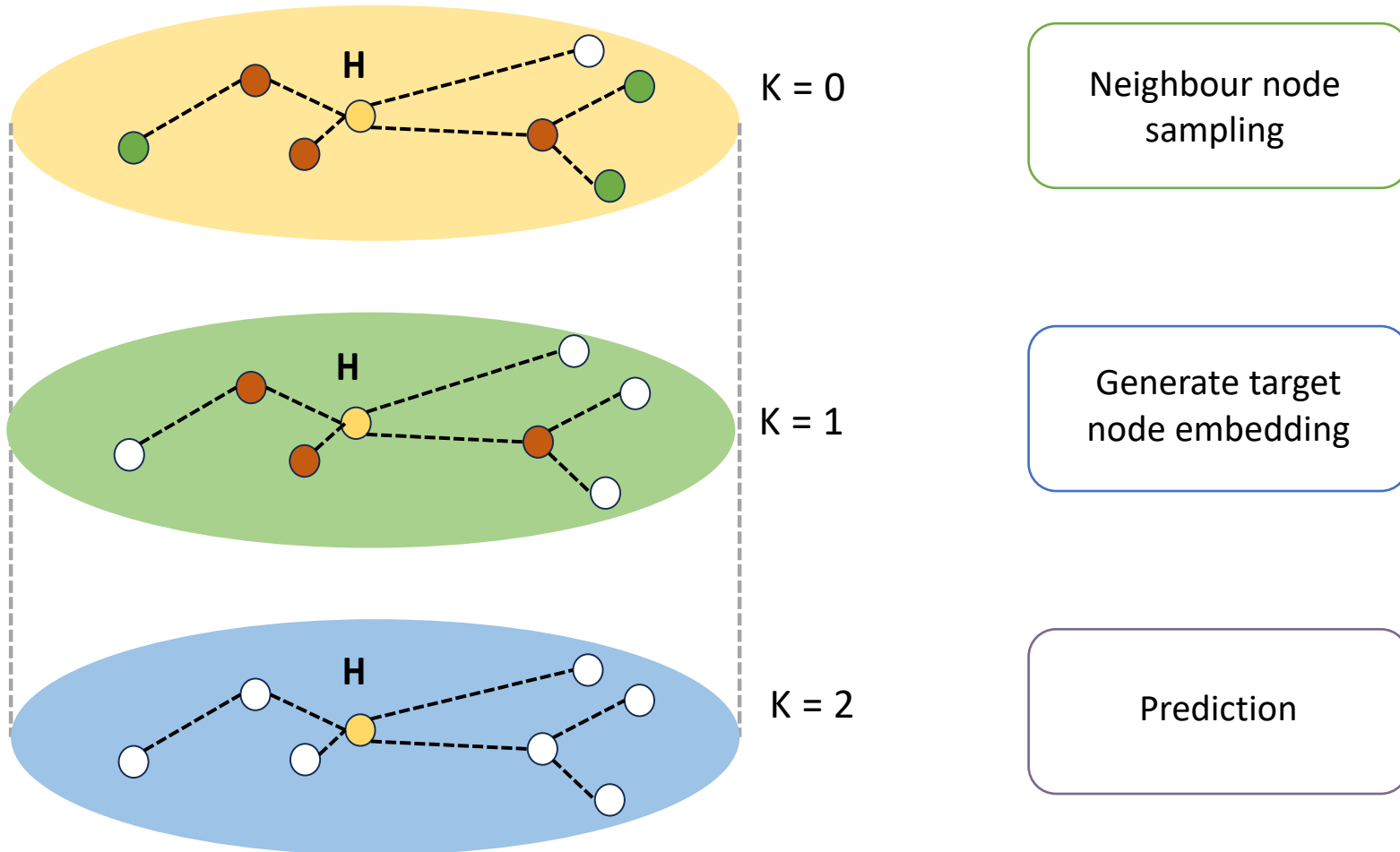
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Graph Sample and Aggregate (GraphSAGE)

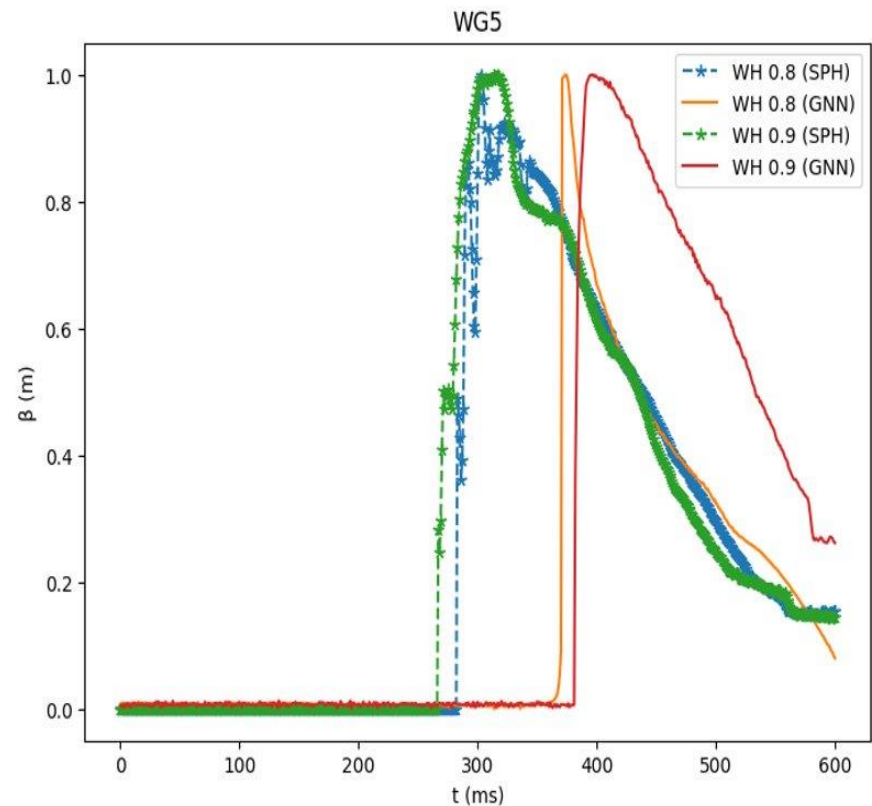


GraphSAGE in Wave Propagation Prediction

Advantage for using GraphSAGE:

- Considering the relationships between nodes
- Incorporating node features
- Learning node embeddings
- Predictive capability

	Train_x	Train_y
Training set (Initial wave height 0.4m)	Wave Gauge 4	Wave Gauge 5
Validation set (Initial wave height 0.5m)	Wave Gauge 4	Wave Gauge 5
Testing set (Initial wave height 0.8m and 0.9m)	Wave Gauge 4	Wave Gauge 5



GraphSAGE in Wave Propagation Prediction

Prediction at Wave Gauge 2

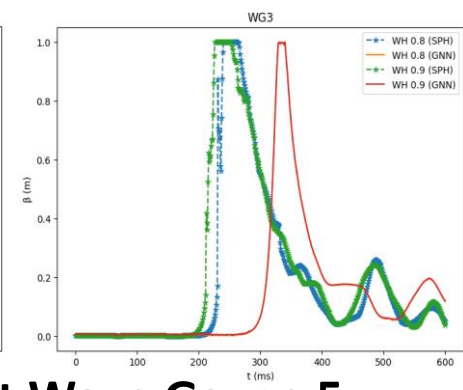
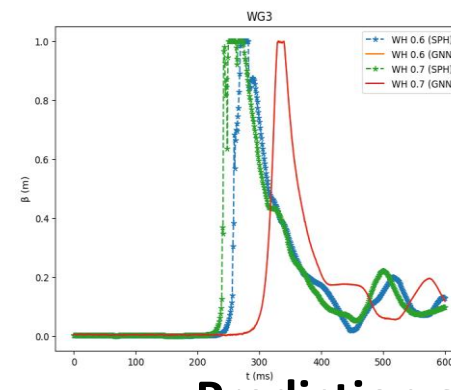
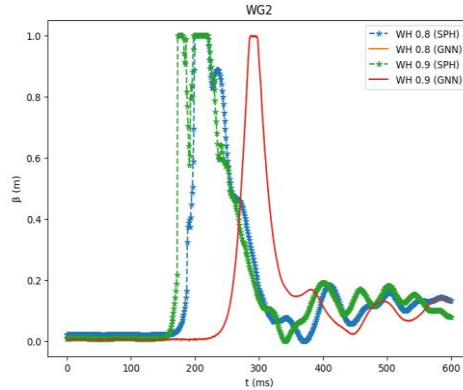
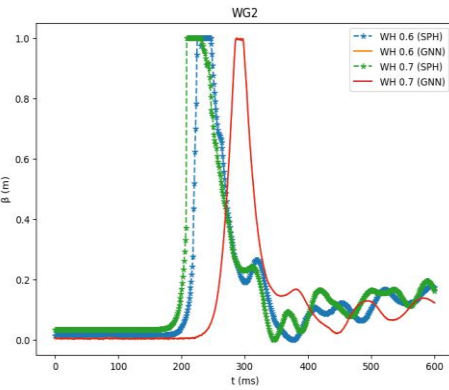
Prediction at Wave Gauge 3

Initial wave height
(0.6m, 0.7m)

Initial wave height
(0.8m, 0.9m)

Initial wave height
(0.6m, 0.7m)

Initial wave height
(0.8m, 0.9m)



Prediction at Wave Gauge 4

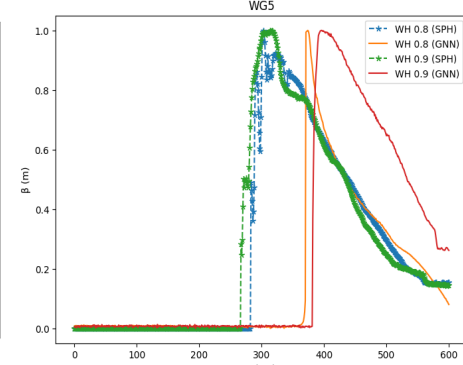
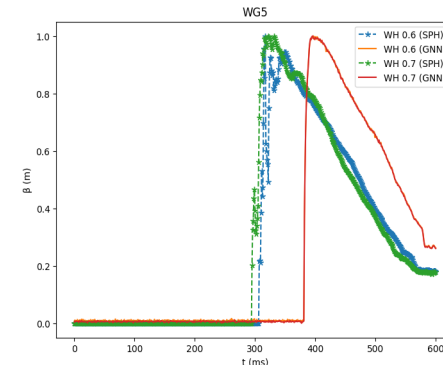
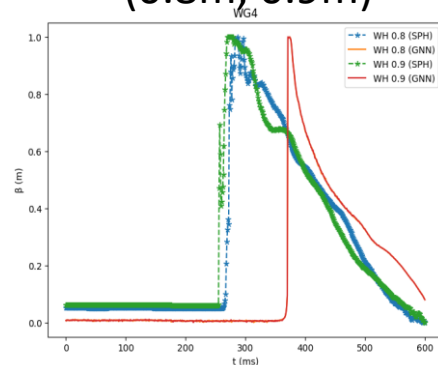
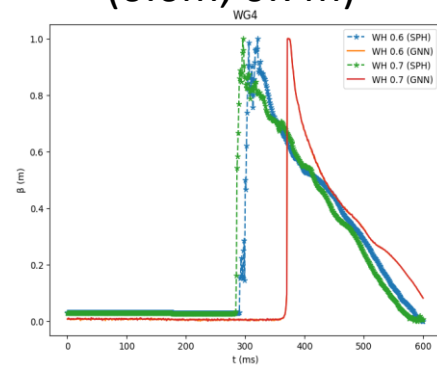
Prediction at Wave Gauge 5

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Initial wave height
(0.8m, 0.9m)

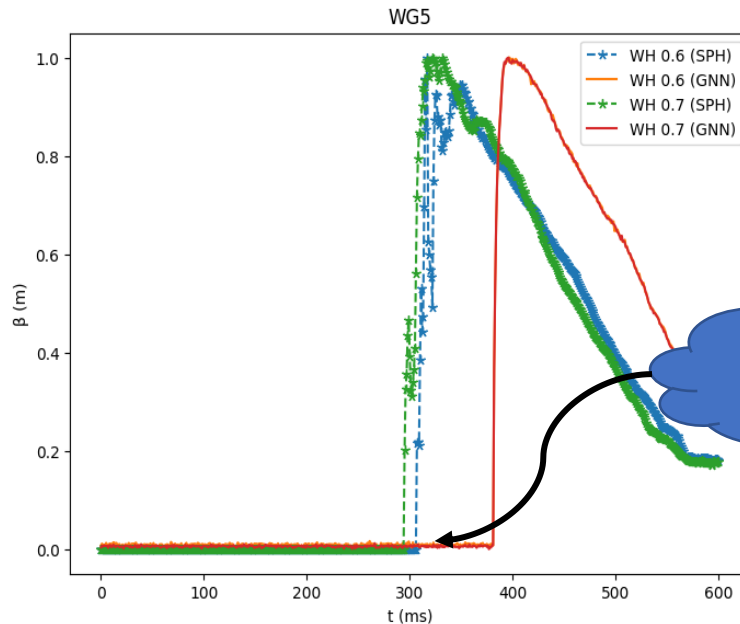
Initial wave height
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Initial wave height
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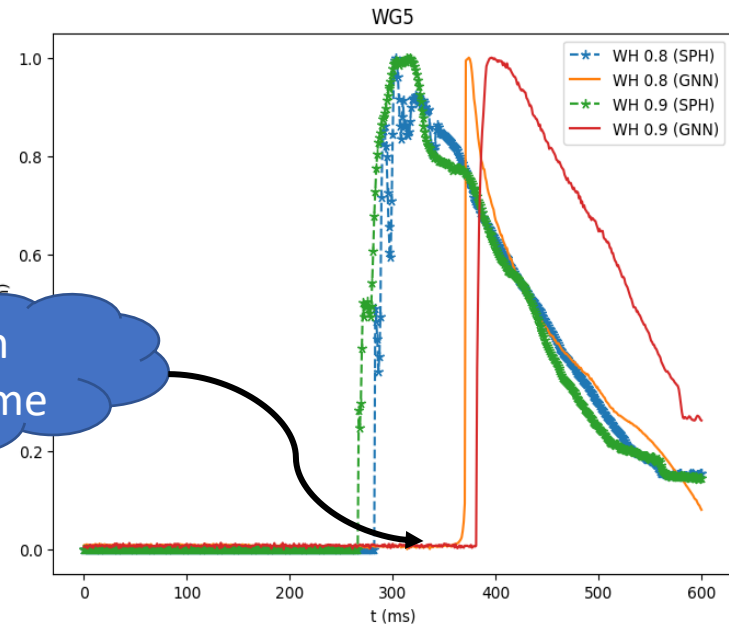


GraphSAGE at Wave gauge 5

Initial wave height
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Initial wave height
(0.8m, 0.9m)



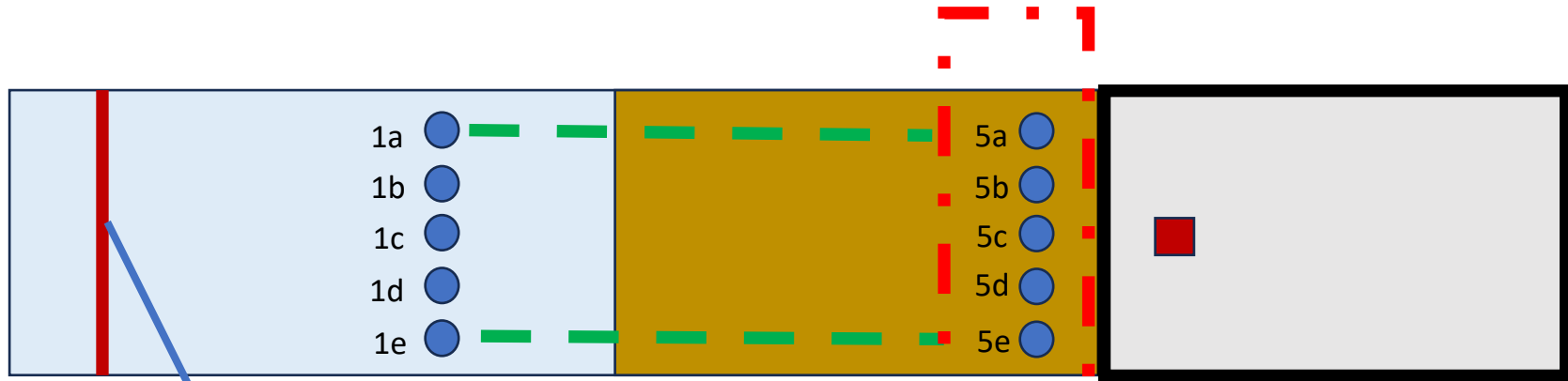
- The arrival time values are not important– Structural response is not depending on arrival time
- **Wave form** is only important information! - as we use this as boundary conditions to CFD

Conclusions

- Full fidelity CFD simulations are computationally expensive
- Proposed a promising methodology by augment surrogate model with CFD to reduced computational cost without accuracy lost
- Wave form has been successfully captured using GraphSAGE
- Coupling UQs with CFD simulations gives more realistic range of building responses

Future Work

Reduce domain size



Moving wall
(piston)

velocity

time

Last column of
wave gauges

Use ML to find correlation

- Fluid
- Slope
- Flat platform
- Wave gauge
- Rigid fixed structure

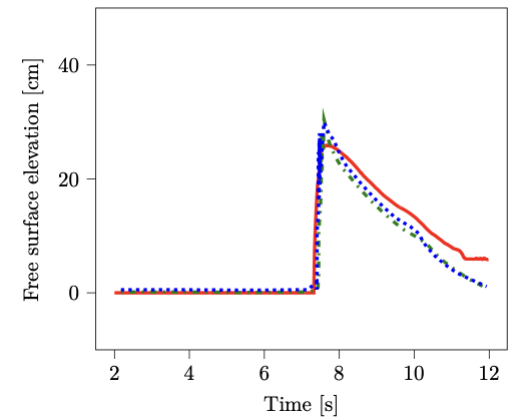
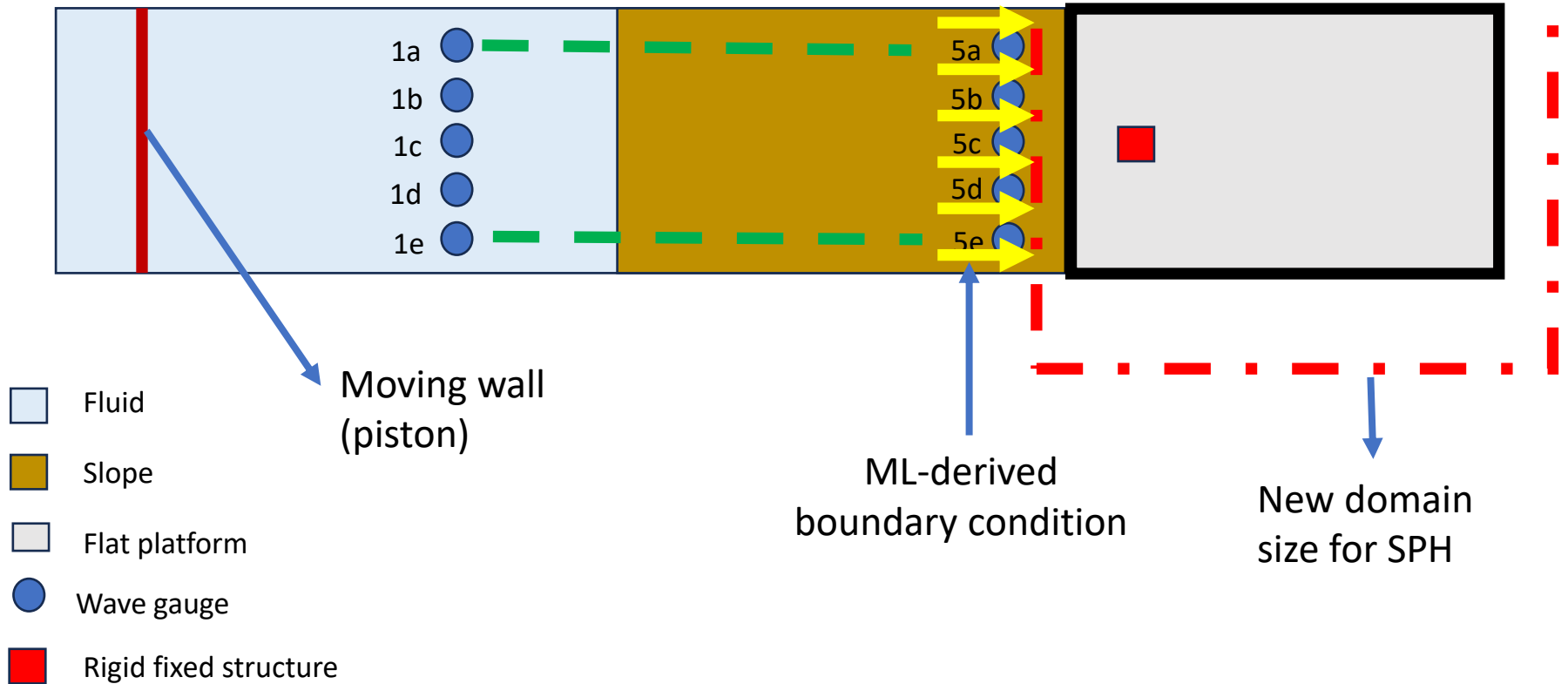


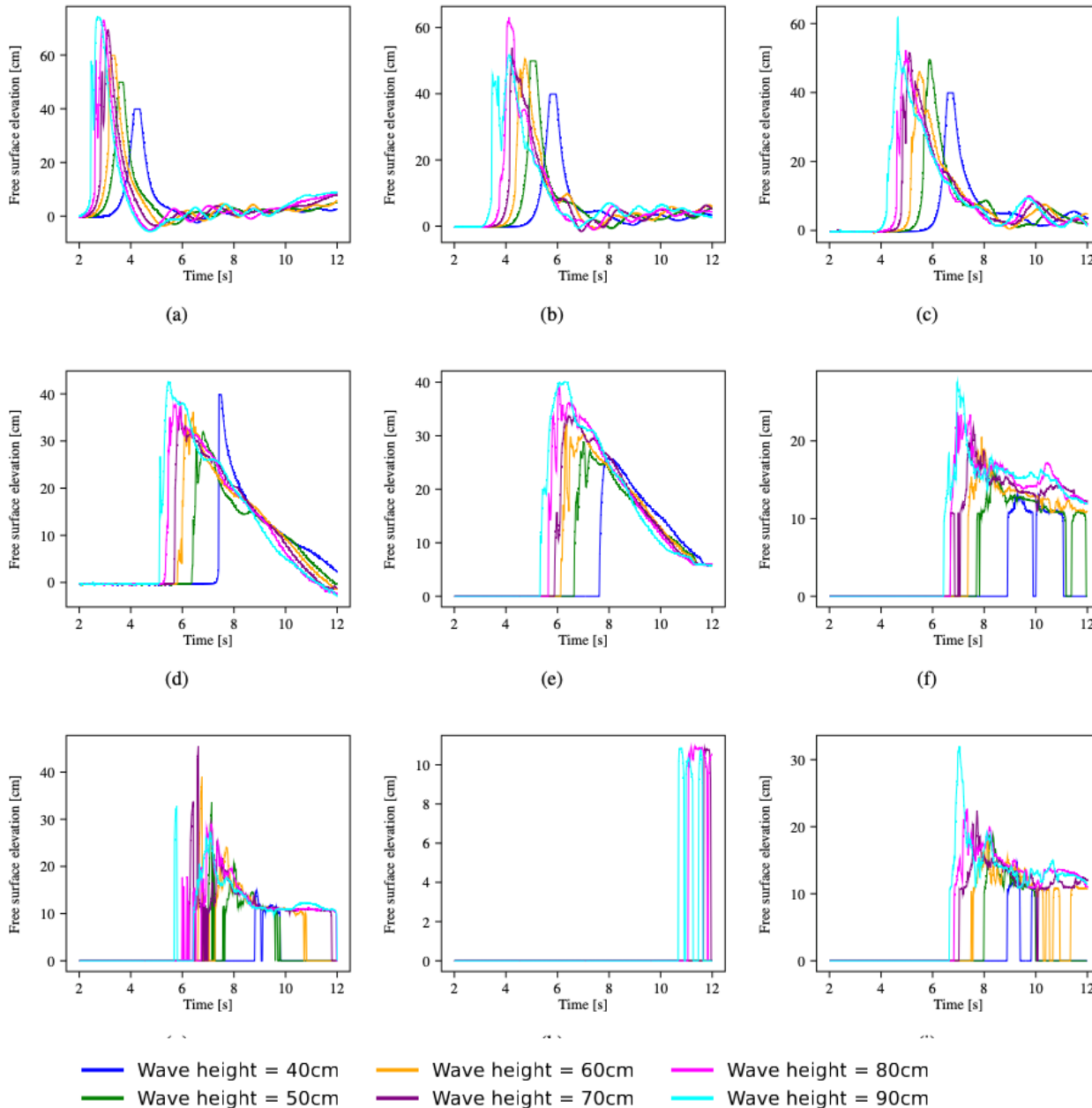
Figure. Last column of wave gauge's wave height vs. time

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Appendix 1



- (a) WG1
- (b) WG2
- (c) WG3
- (d) WG4
- (e) WG5
- (f) WG7
- (g) WG8
- (h) WG9
- (i) WG10

Fig. Free surface elevation for different wave heights for wave gauges