NOAA NTHMP Mapping & Modeling Subcommittee Benchmarking Workshop: Tsunami Current

NEOWAVE Validation

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NEOWAVE
Non-hydrostatic Evolution of Ocean Wave

Governing Equations

- Depth-integrated, Non-hydrostatic Equations
  - Weakly dispersive waves through non-hydrostatic pressure

    (Stelling and Zijlema, 2003; Yamazaki *et al.*, 2009 & 2011)

Numerical Schemes

- Semi-implicit, Finite Difference (FD) Model
  - Explicit hydrostatic solution
  - Implicit non-hydrostatic solution
- Two-Way, Grid-Nesting Scheme
  - Standard grid refinement scheme for FD tsunami models
- Momentum Conserved Advection (MCA) Scheme
  - Shock capturing scheme for FD models

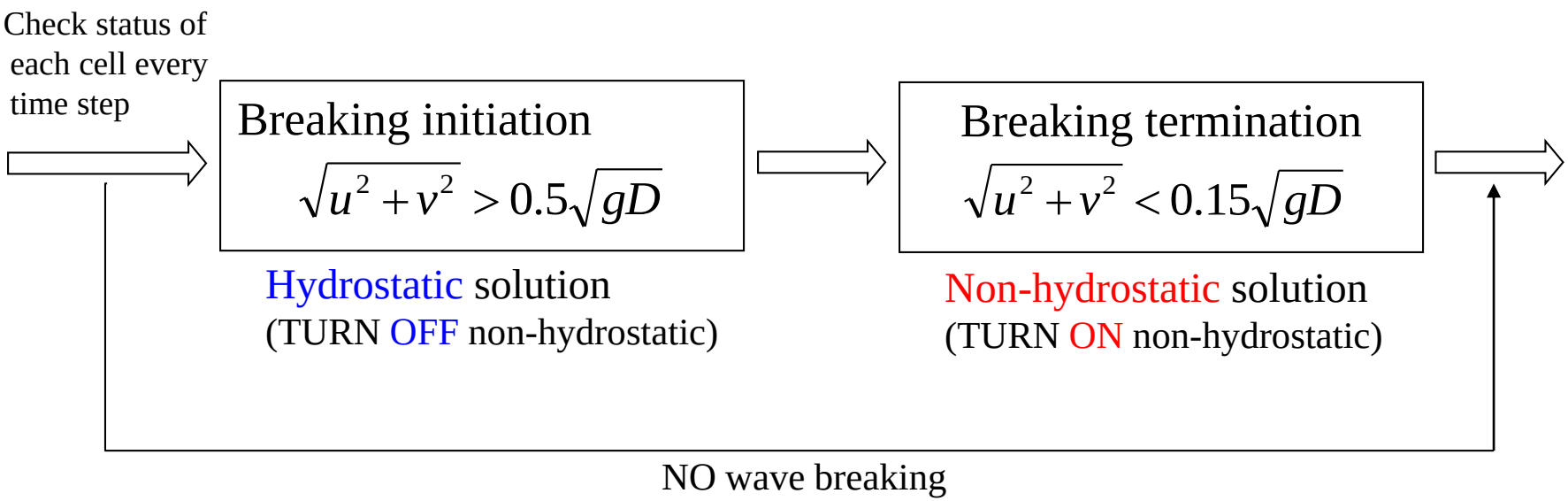
    (Stelling and Duinmeijer, 2003; Yamazaki *et al.*, 2009 & 2011)

Non-hydrostatic/Hydrostatic Hybrid Scheme

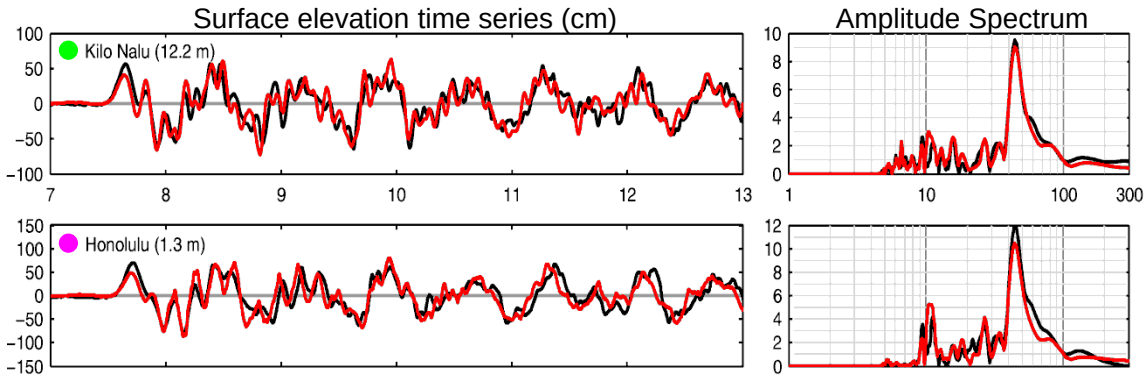
Approximation of Energetic Breaking Waves as Bores

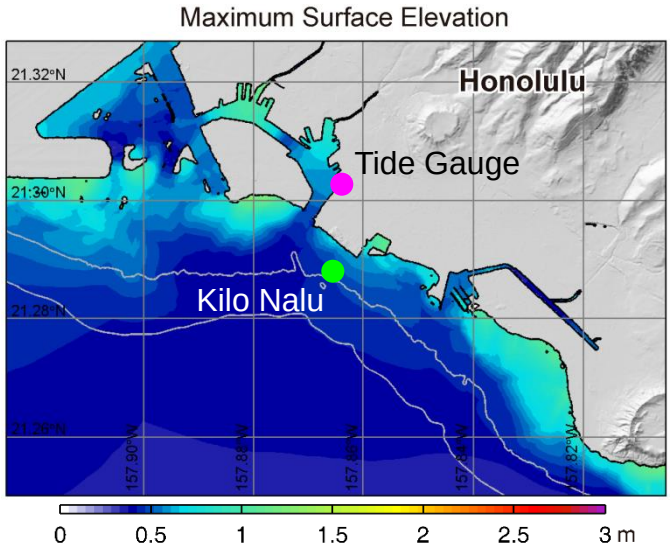
- Dispersive wave model generates artificial spike when wave front becomes steep at wave breaking or bore development

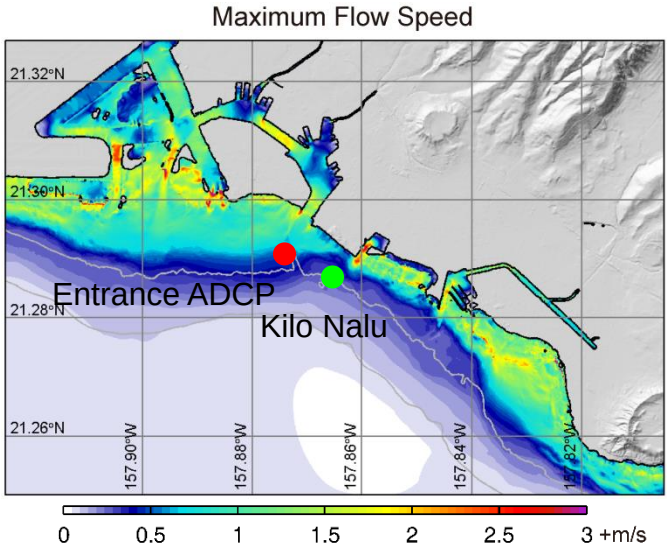
- Breaking region may consider hydrostatic for bore approximation
  - Hydrostatic pressure is main driving force
  - Non-hydrostatic pressure effects are negligible

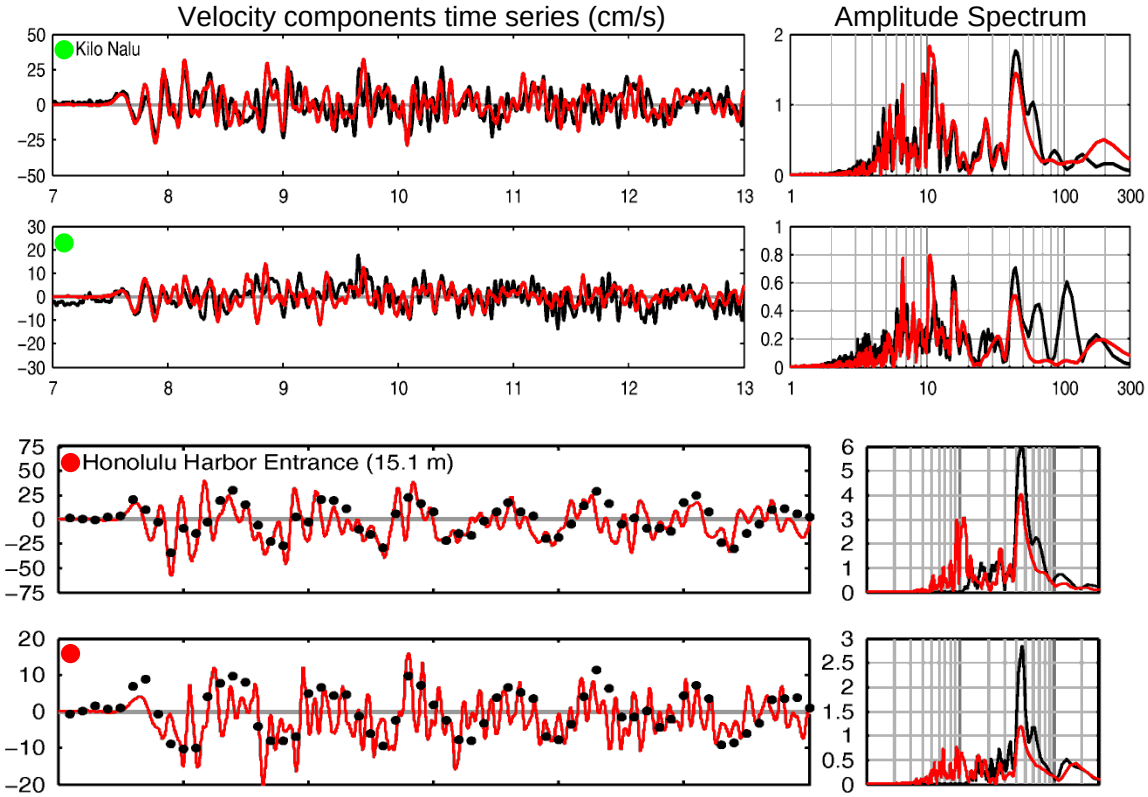


Prior Validation with 2011 Tohoku Tsunami









High Sampling Rate Mea.

Low Sampling Rate Mea.

NEOWAVE

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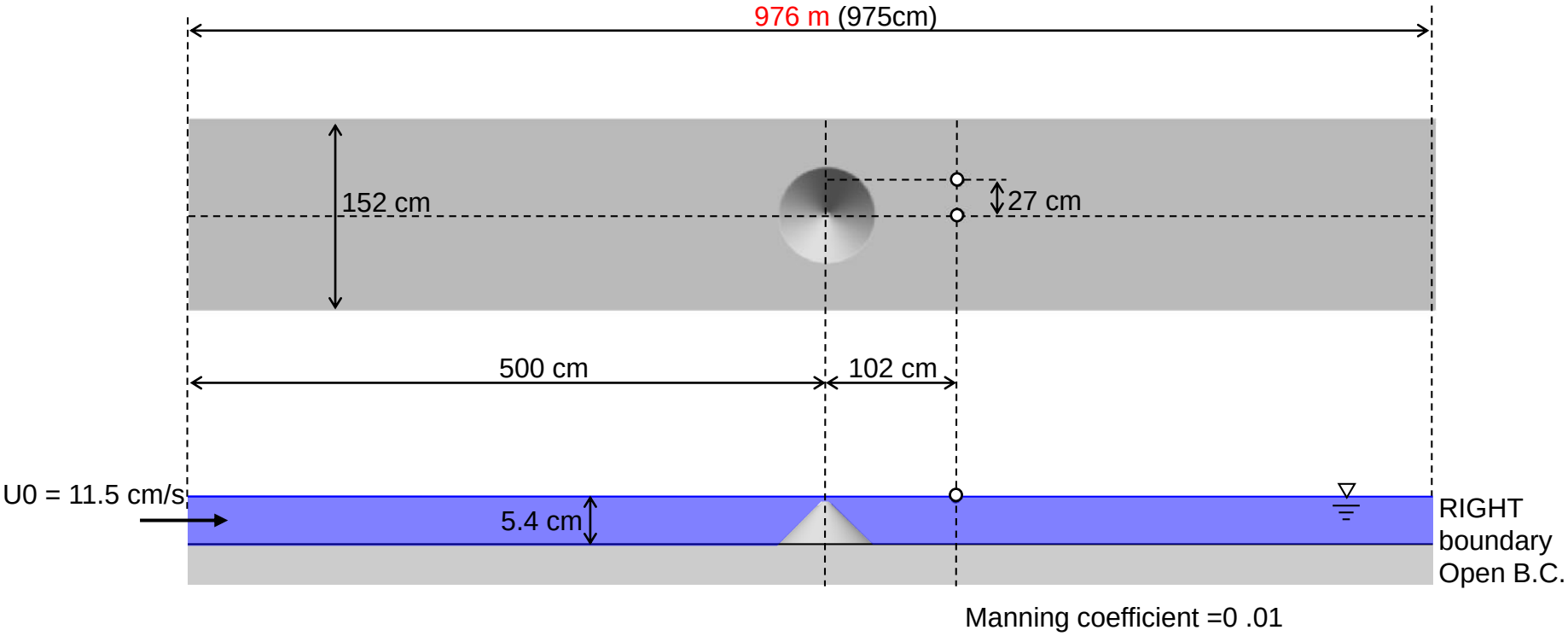
Shallow-Water Flow around Submerged Conical Island

(Lloyd and Stansby, 1997)



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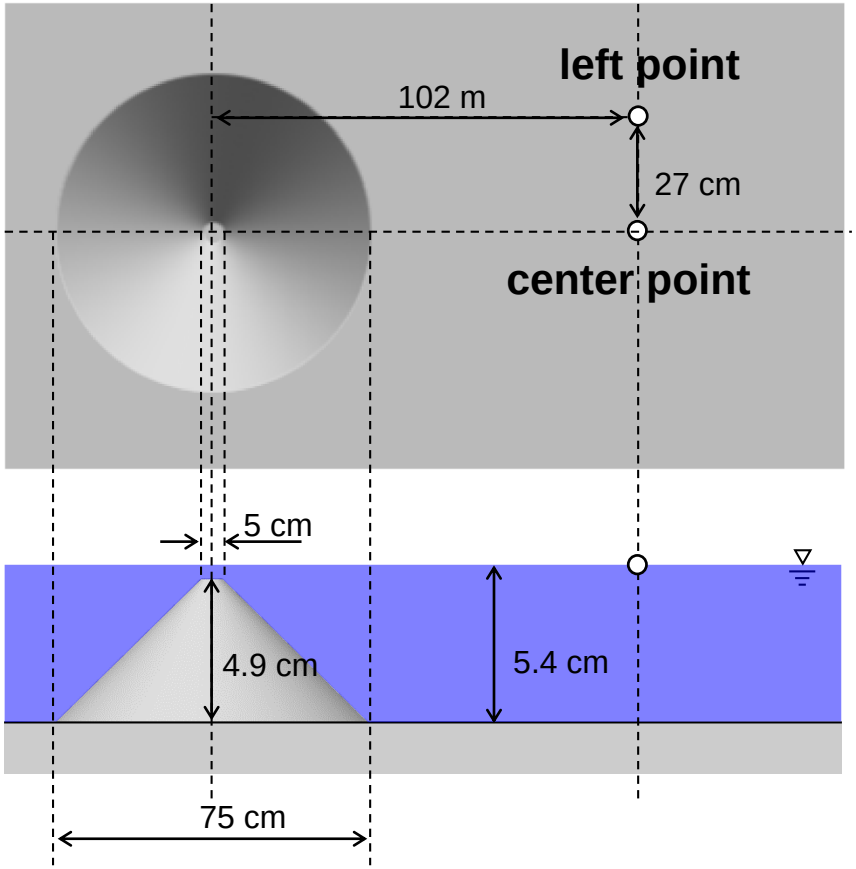
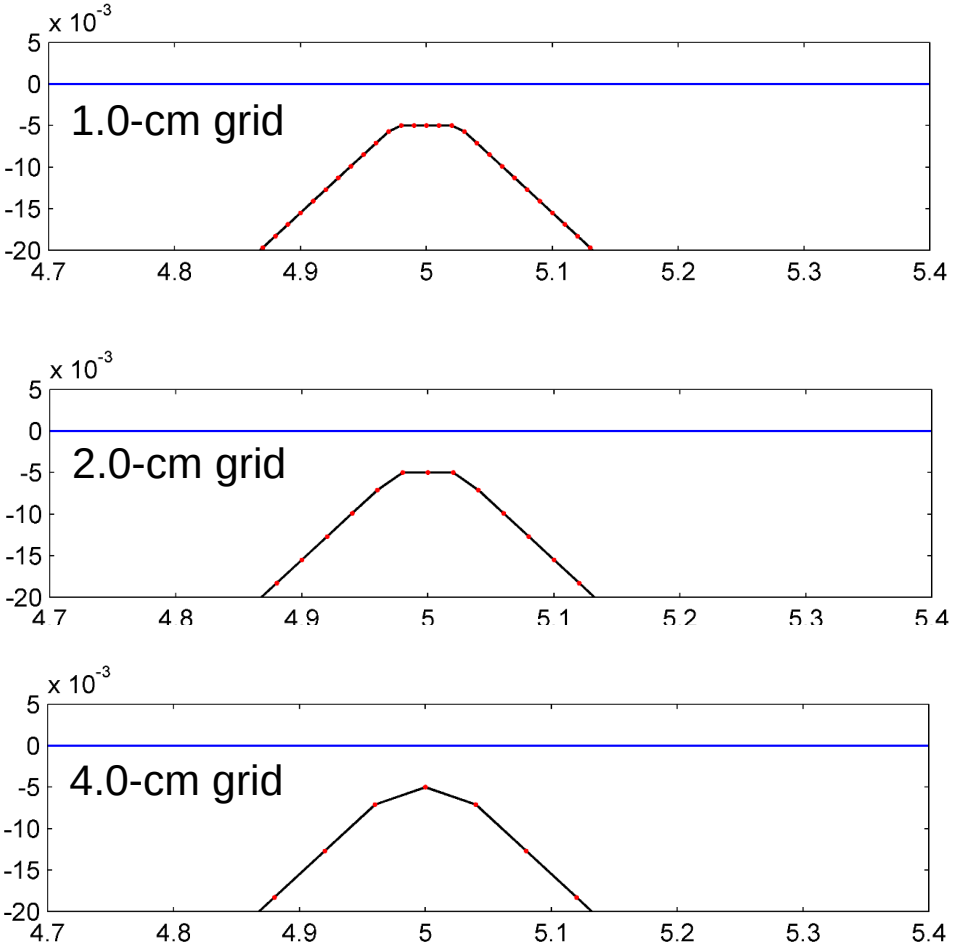
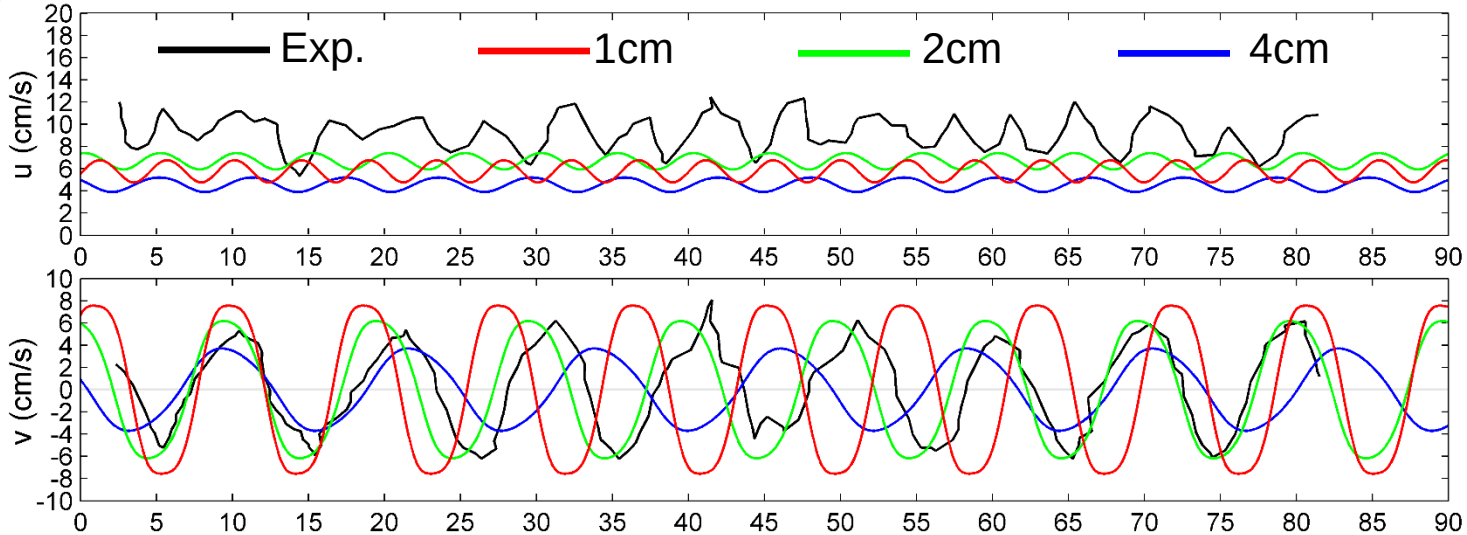
Close View of Conical Island with Three Resolutions





BM NO.1 – Velocity Comparison

center point (x, y) = (1.02m, 0.00m)



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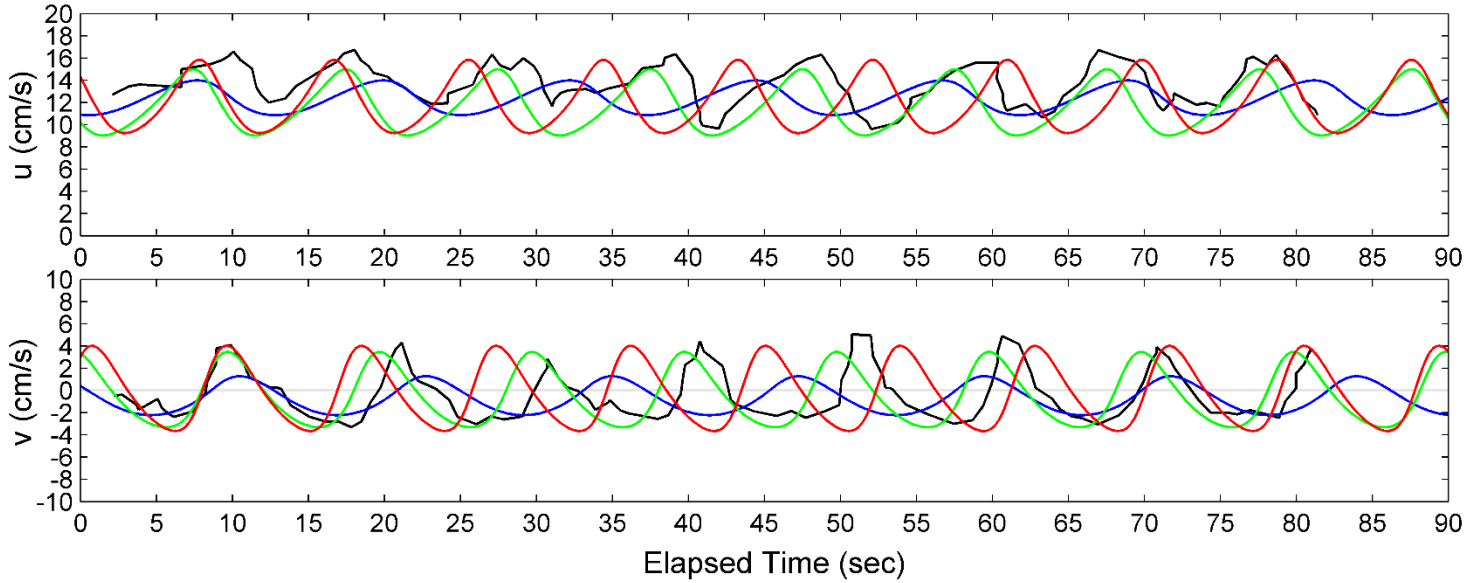
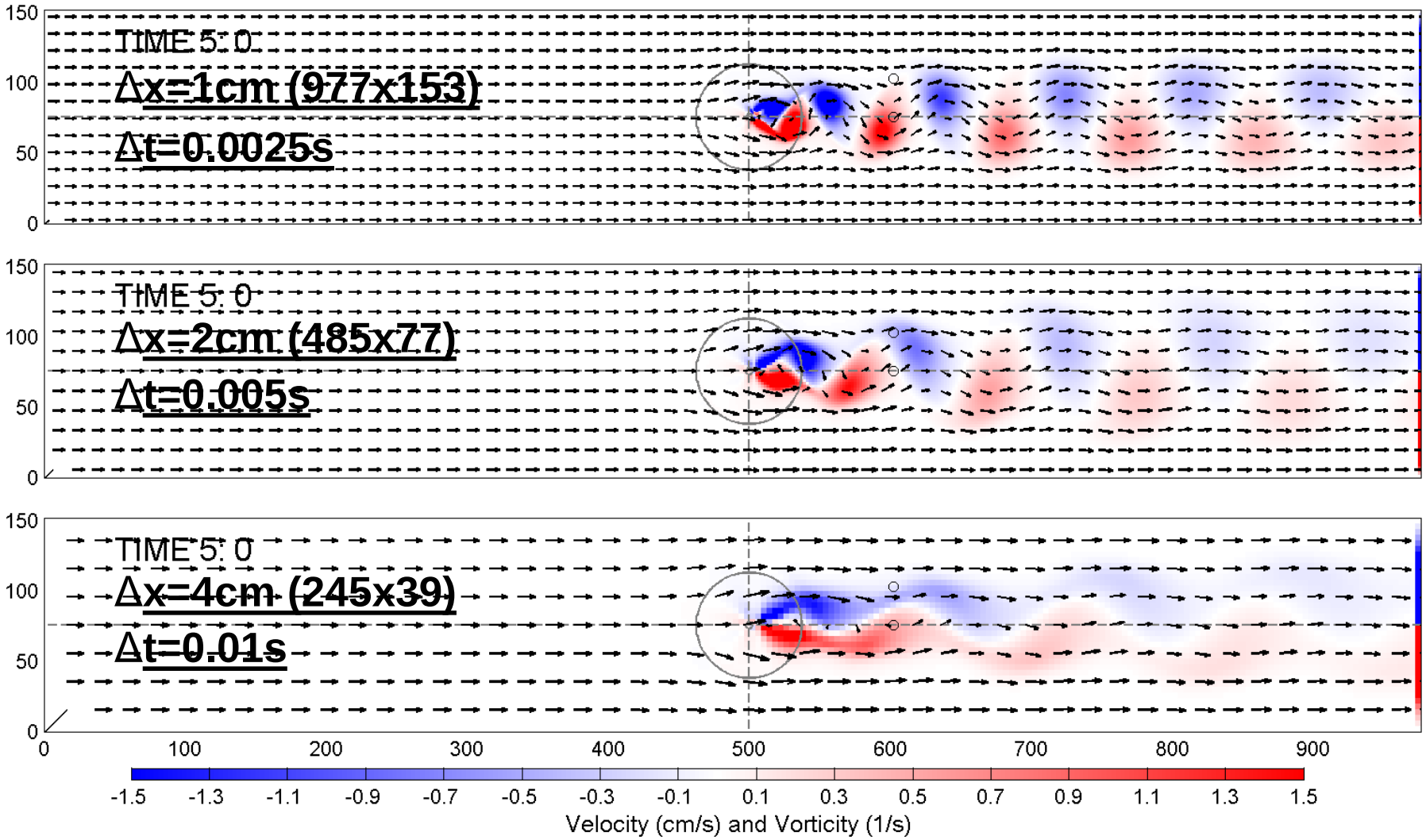
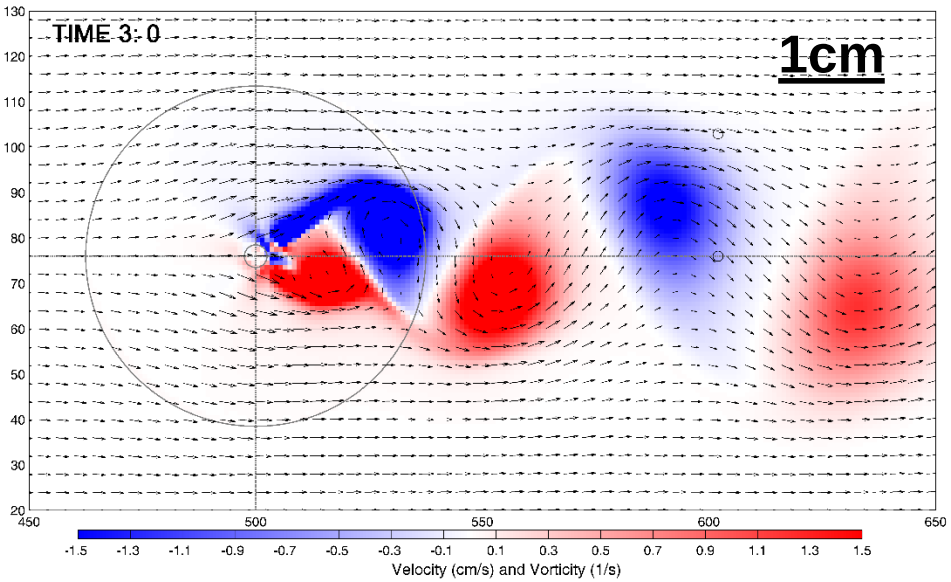


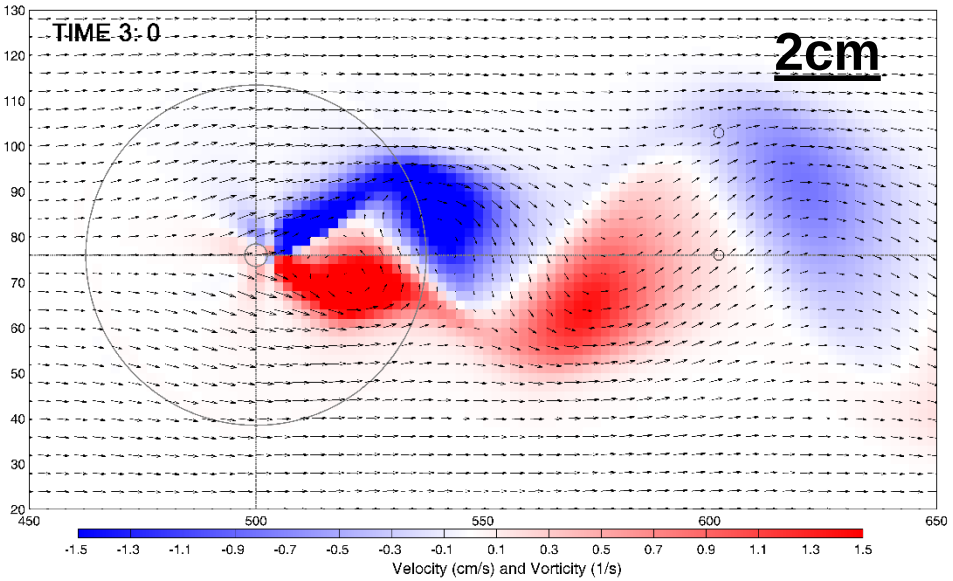
BM NO.1 – Vortex Field Comparison

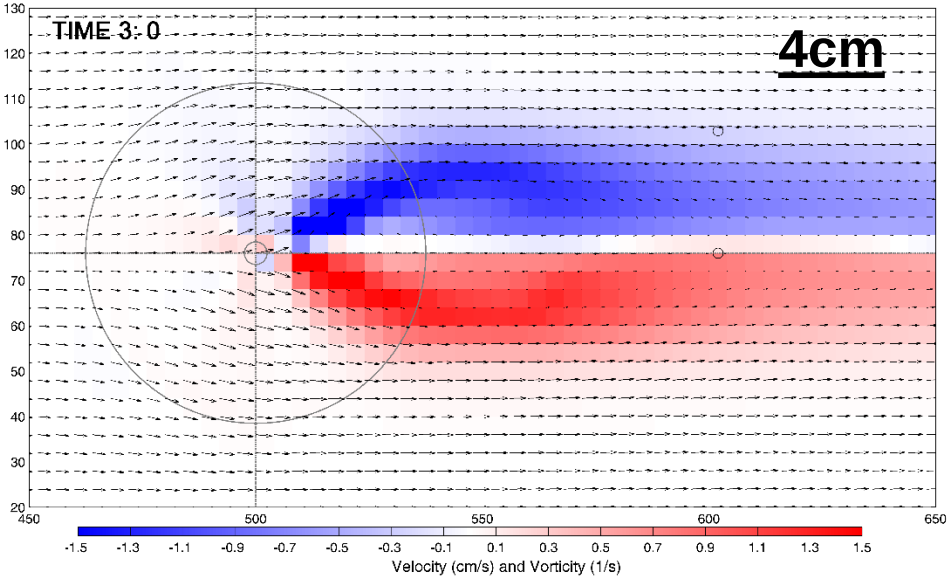


BM NO. 1 – Vortex Field Closeview

- Vortices are formed faster in finer grid
- Clear boundary between clockwise and counterclockwise vortex field







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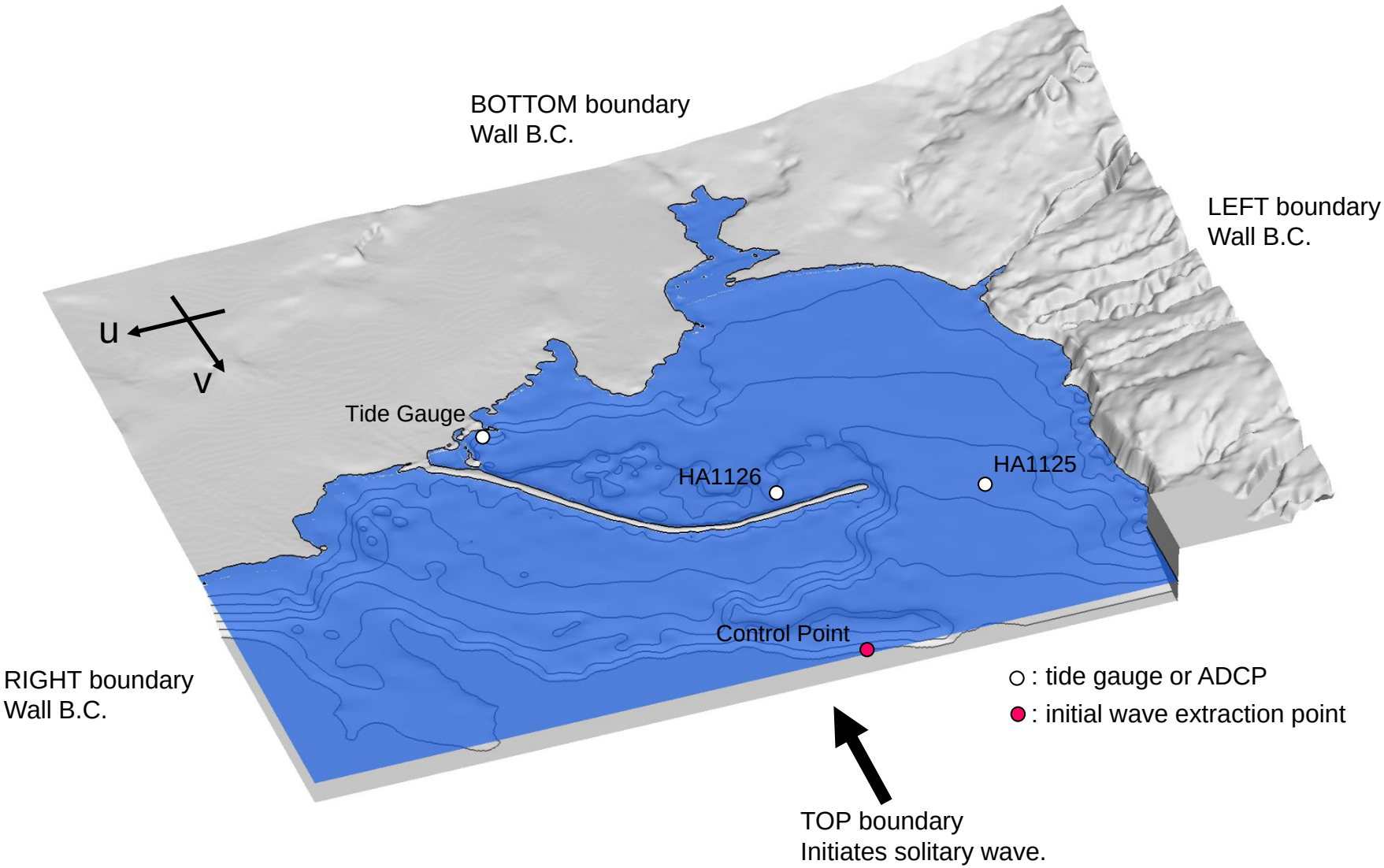
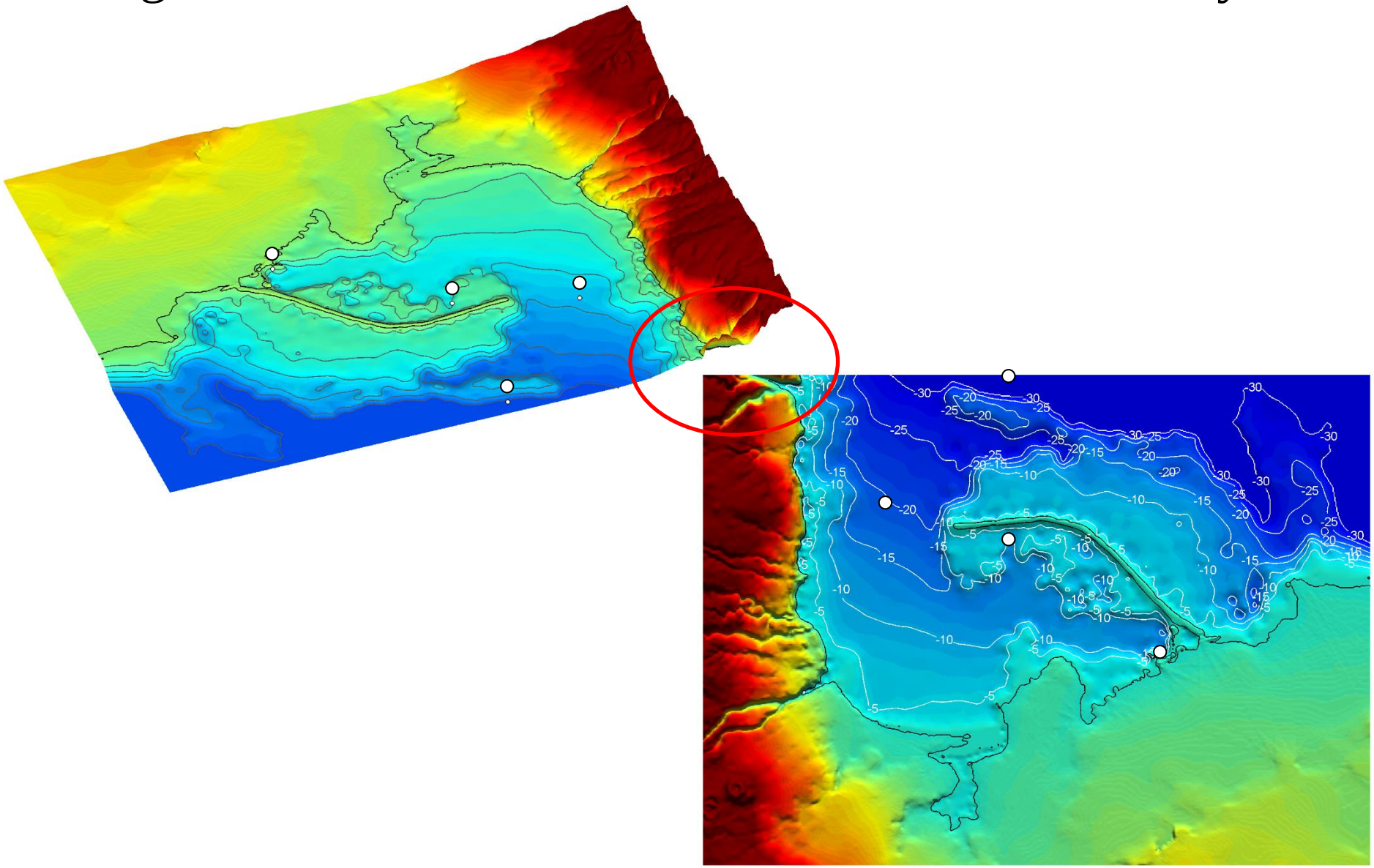
Shallow-Water Flow around Hilo Bay



BM NO.2: DEM Data Modification

Original NTHMP Hilo DEM Data - Induce Instability



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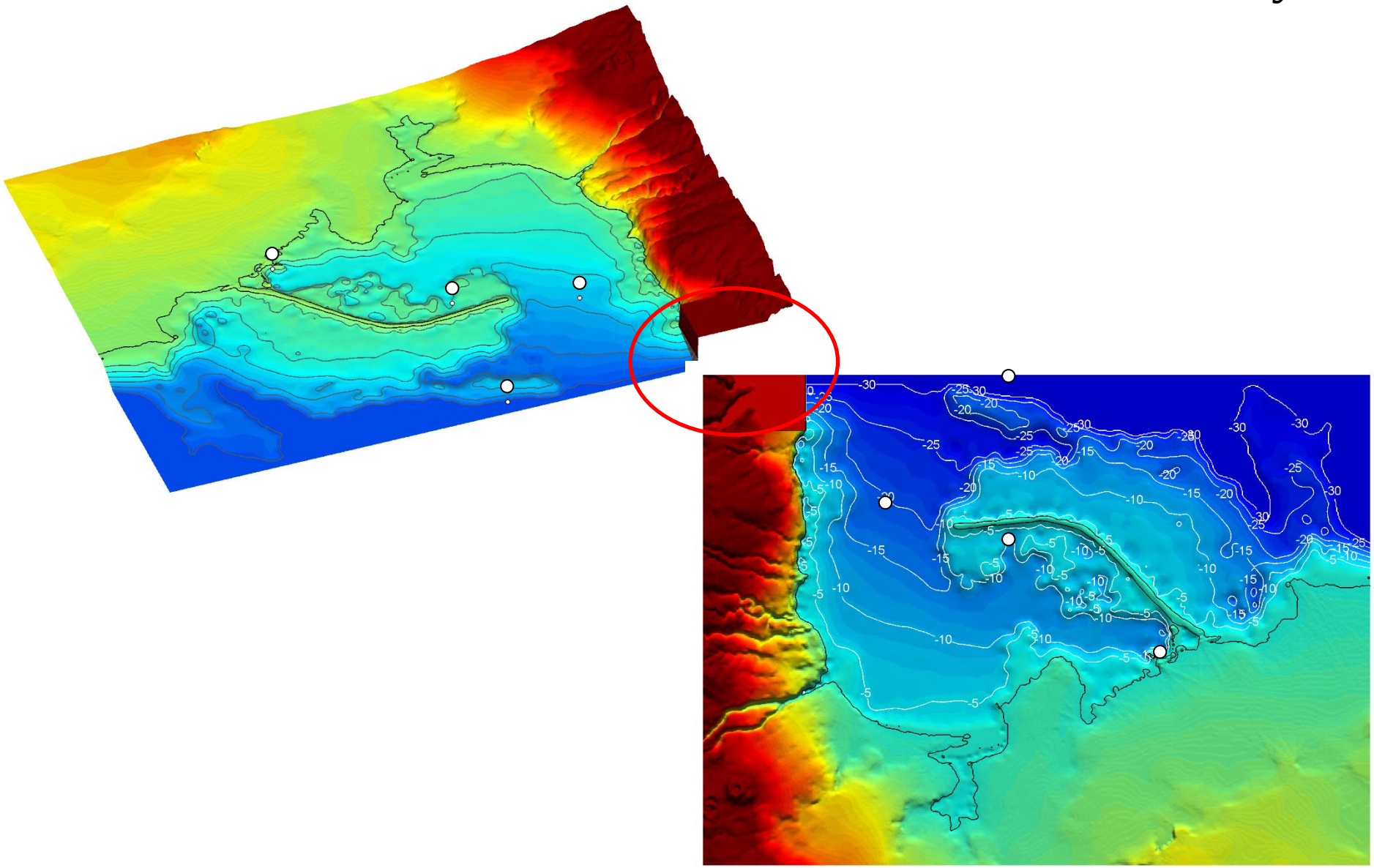
Modified NTHMP Hilo DEM Data - Remove Instability



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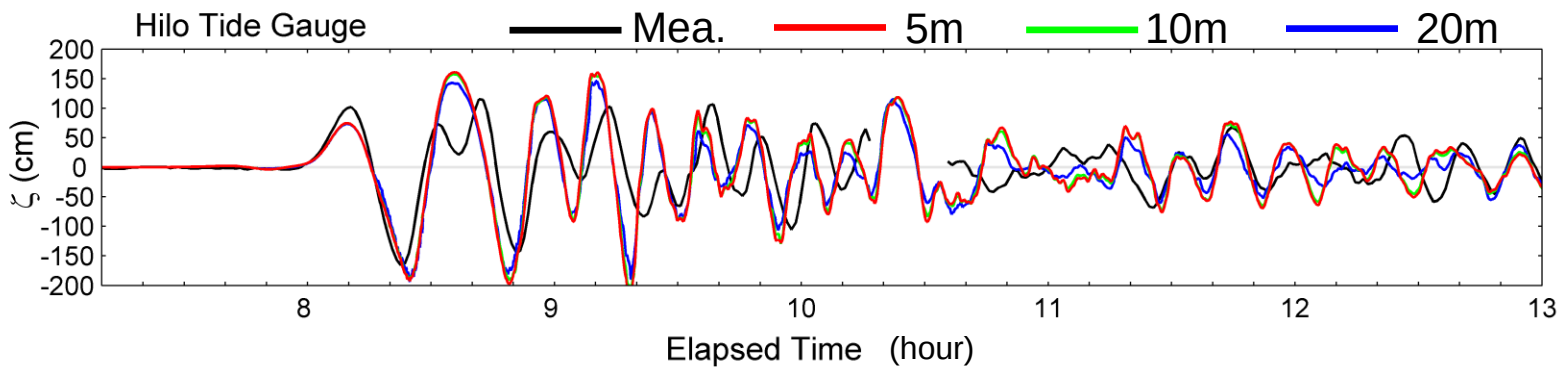

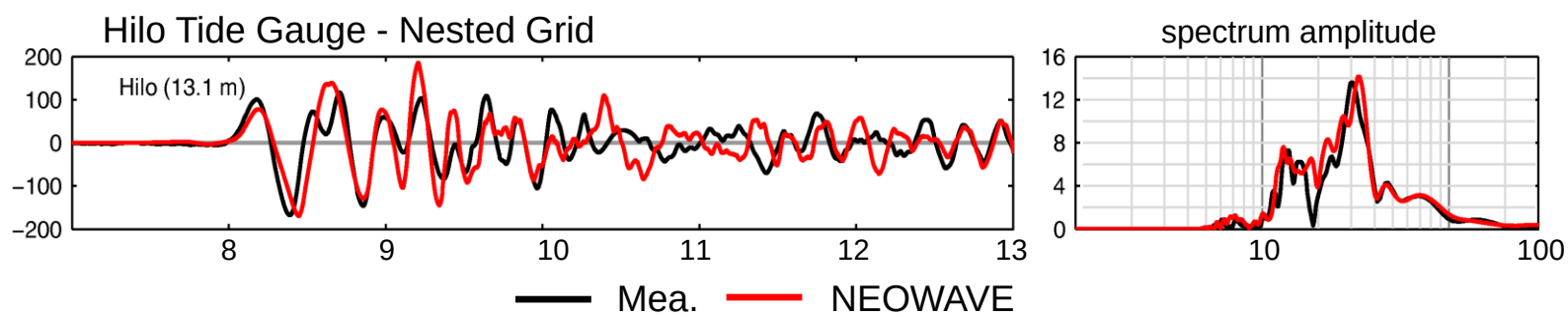

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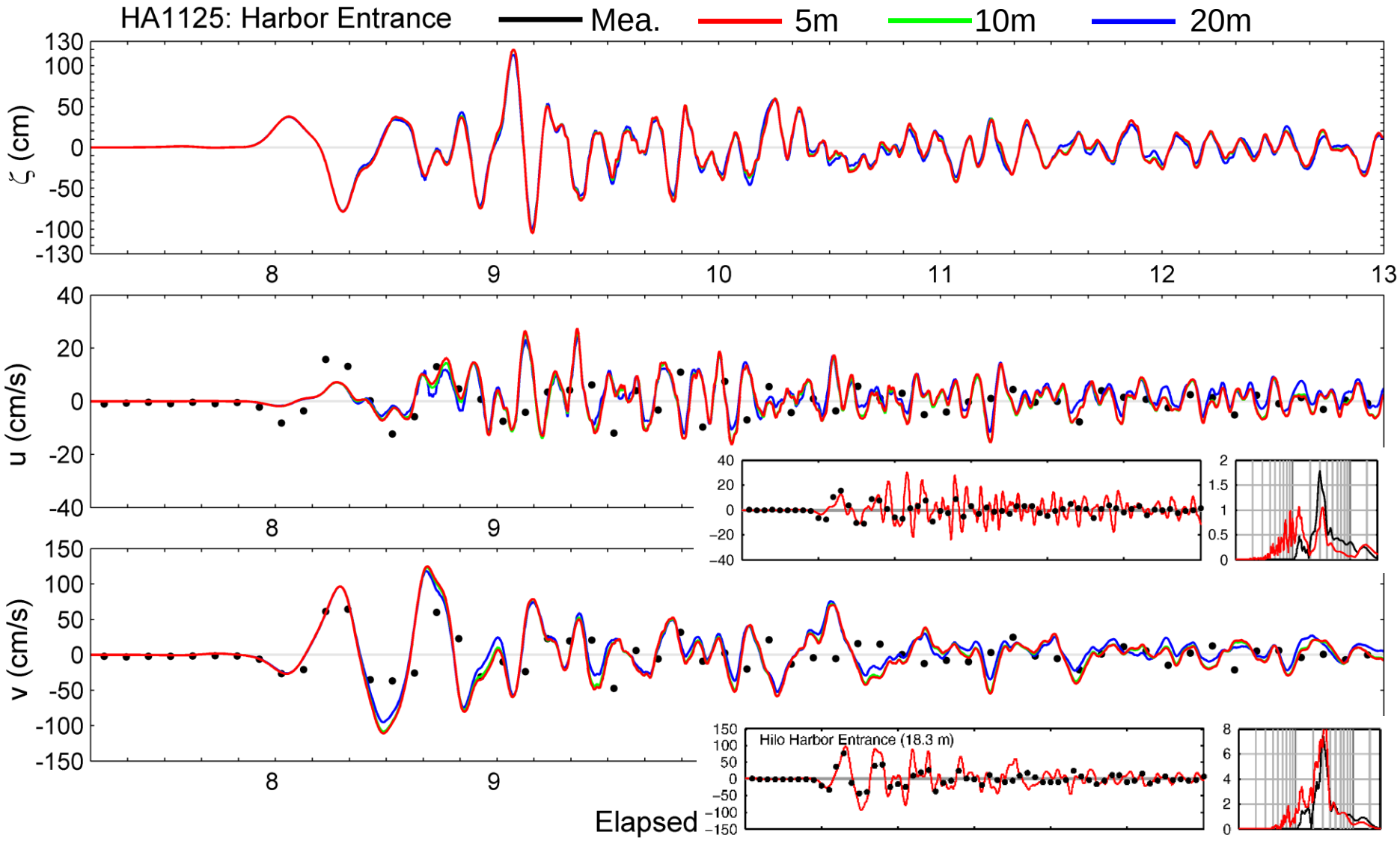

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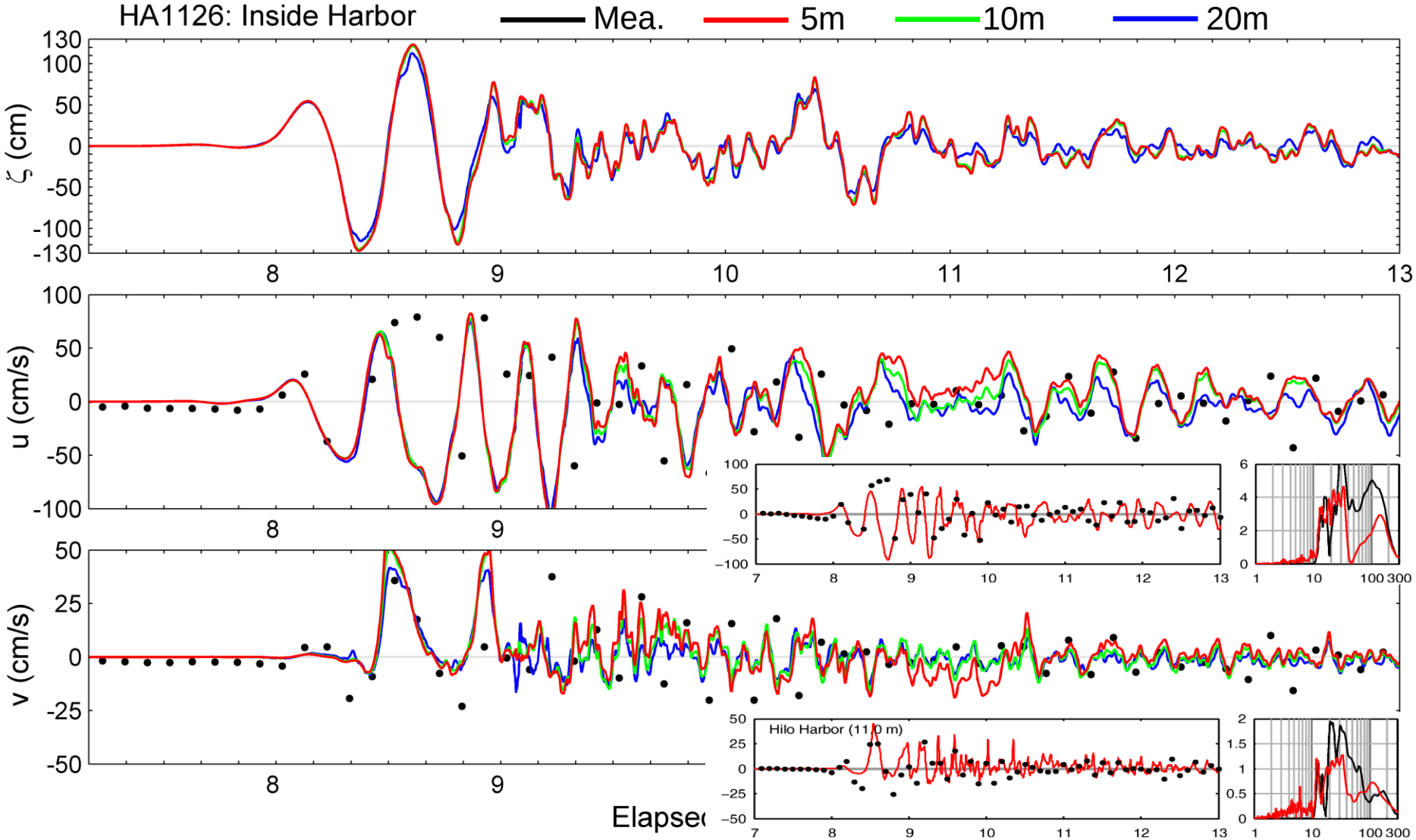
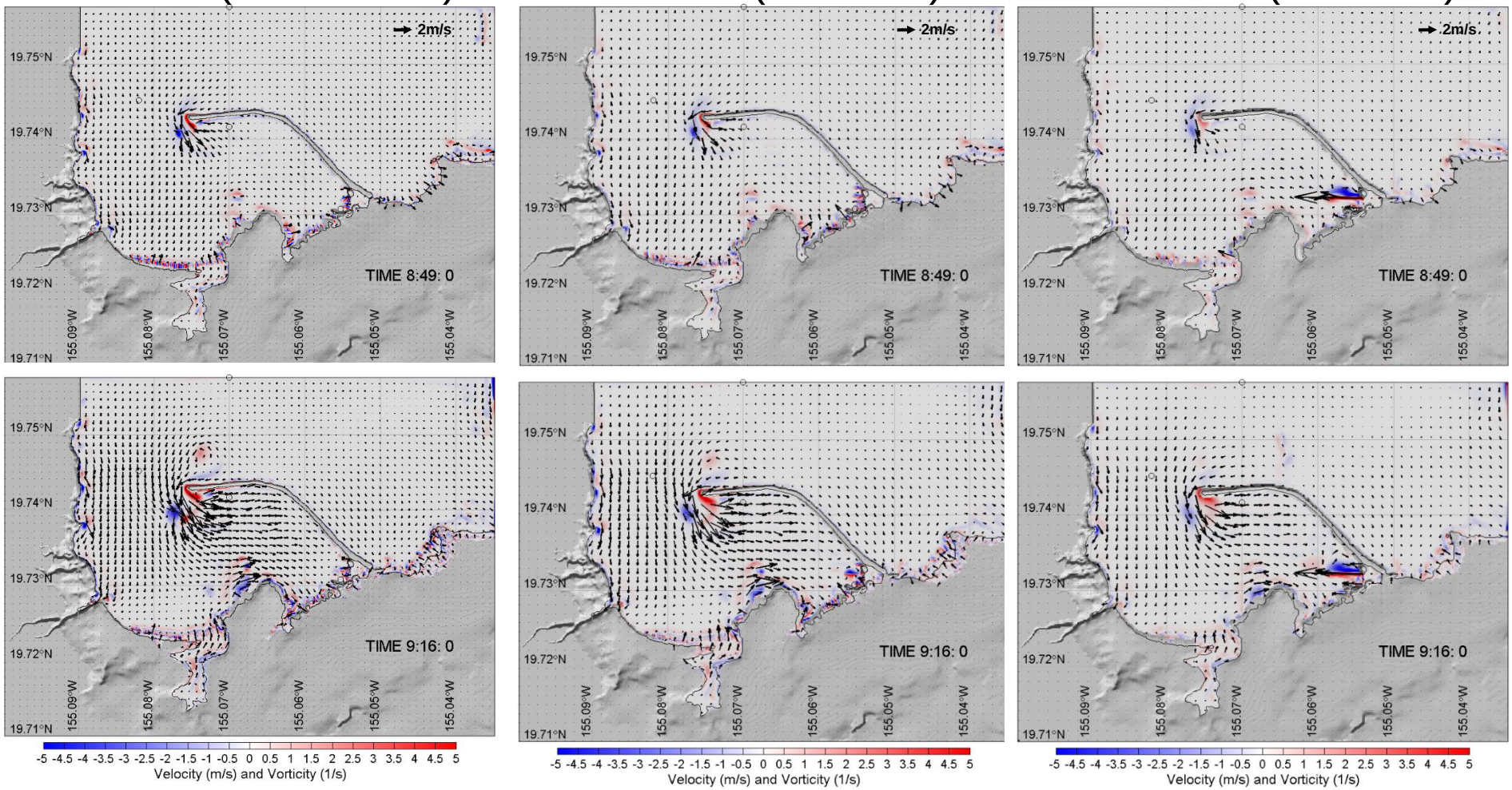


BM NO.2 – Vortex Field Comparison

Δt=0.025s
Δx=5m (1401x1029)

Δt=0.05s
Δx=10m (701x515)

Δt=0.1s
Δx=20m (351x258)



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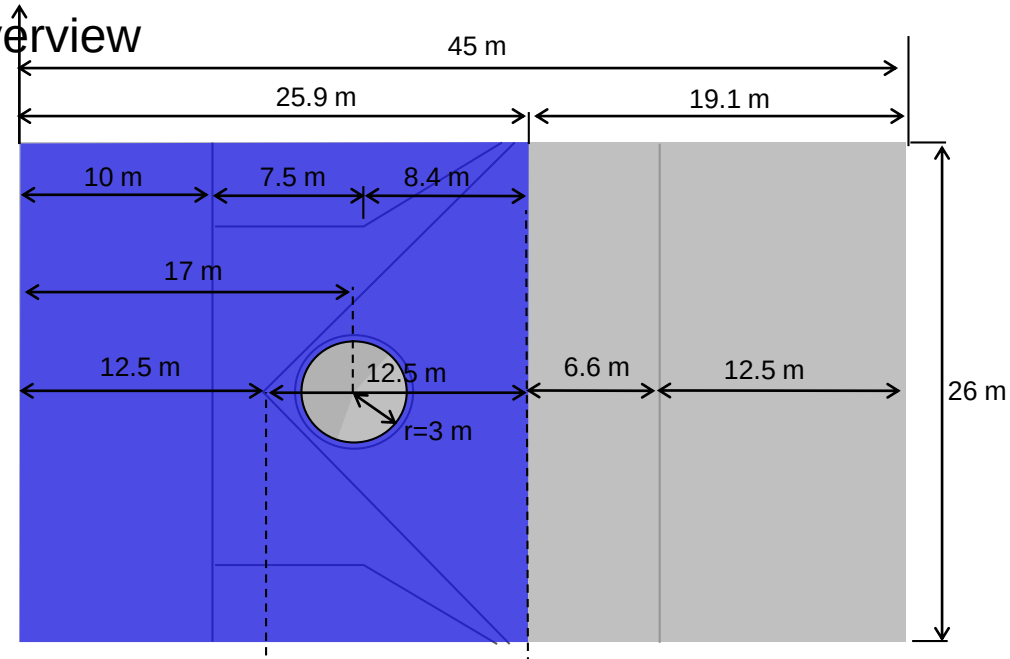
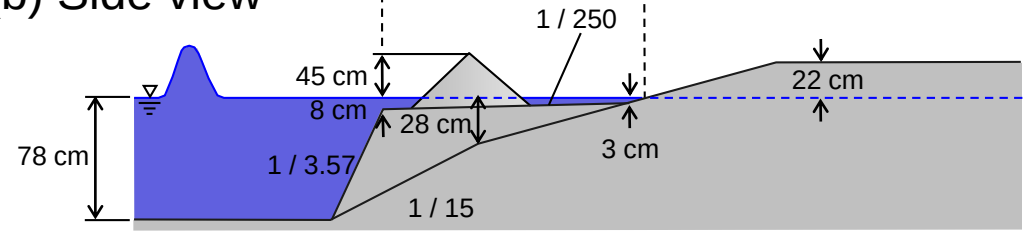
Shallow Shelf with a Conical Island

- Inundation Science & Engineering Cooperative (ISEC) Community Workshop
- Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, July 8 - 10, 2009 (http://isec.nacse.org/workshop/isec_workshop_2009/)

(a) Overview



(b) Side view



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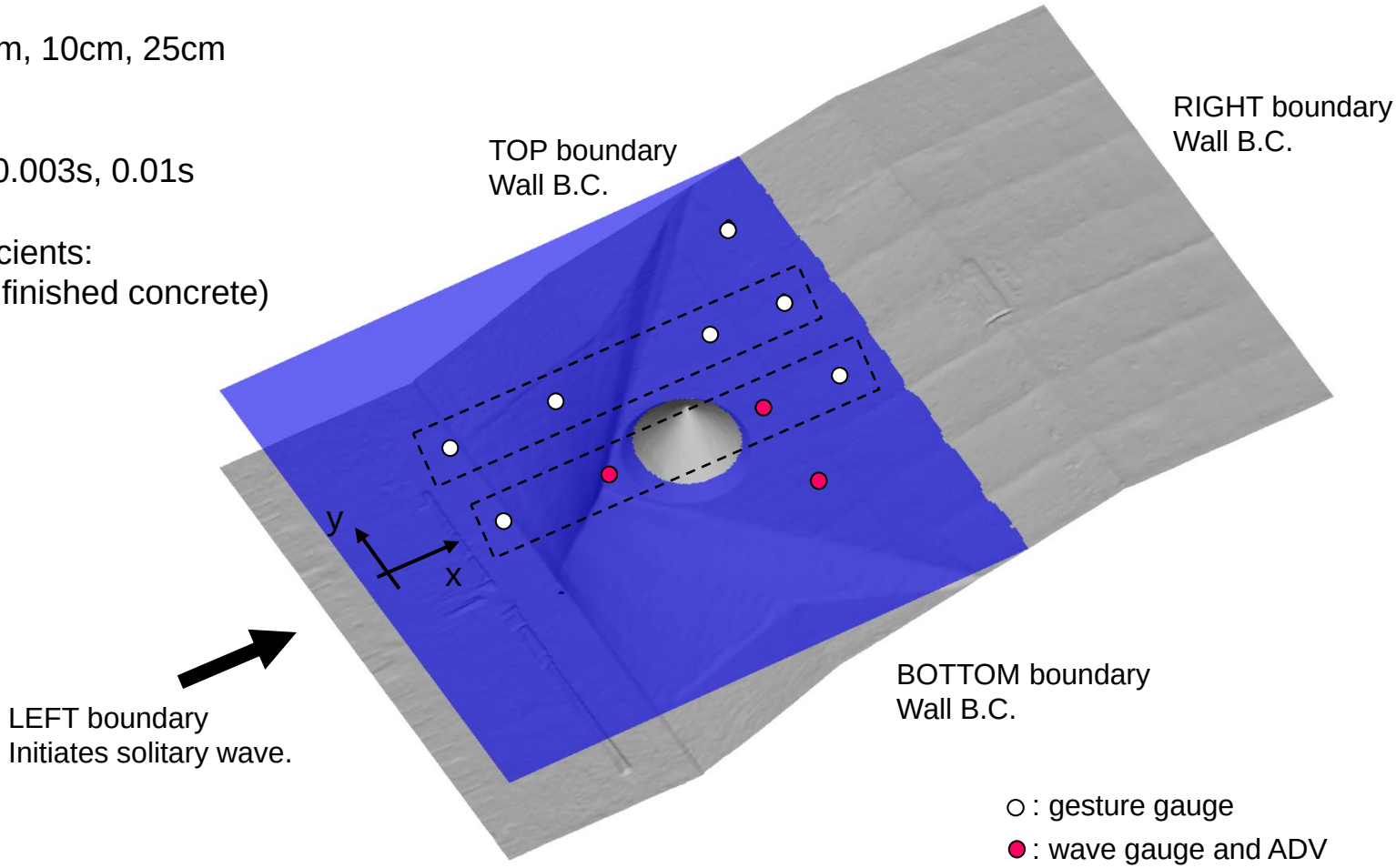
Model Setup

Gird spaces:
$\Delta x = \Delta y$ = 5cm, 10cm, 25cm

Time step:
Δt = 0.002s, 0.003s, 0.01s

Manning coefficients:
n = 0.012 (for finished concrete)

Initial condition
Solitary wave
h = 78cm
$A = 0.5\ h$



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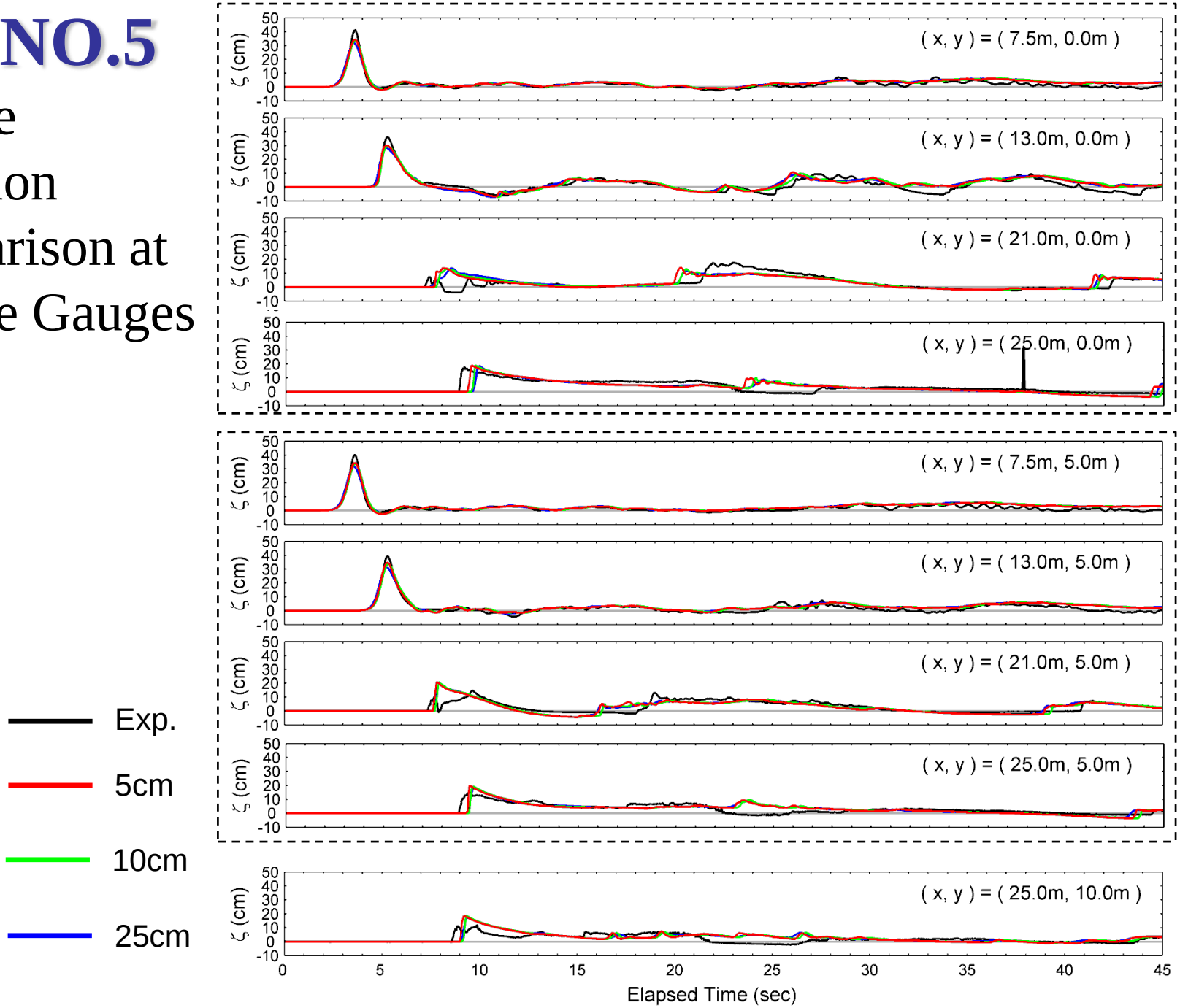
Surface Elevation Comparison at Gesture Gauges



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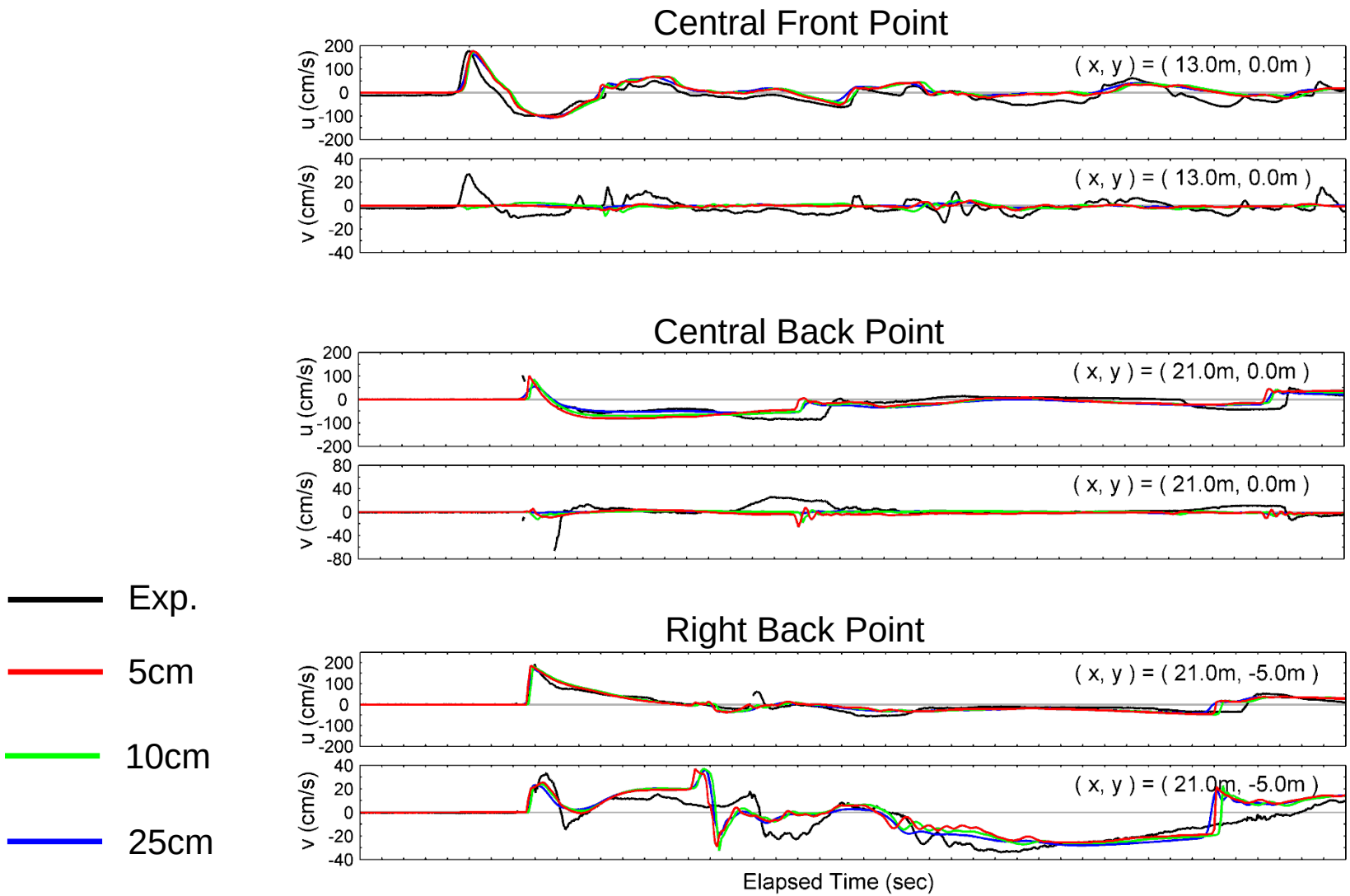
Velocity Components Comparison at ADVs



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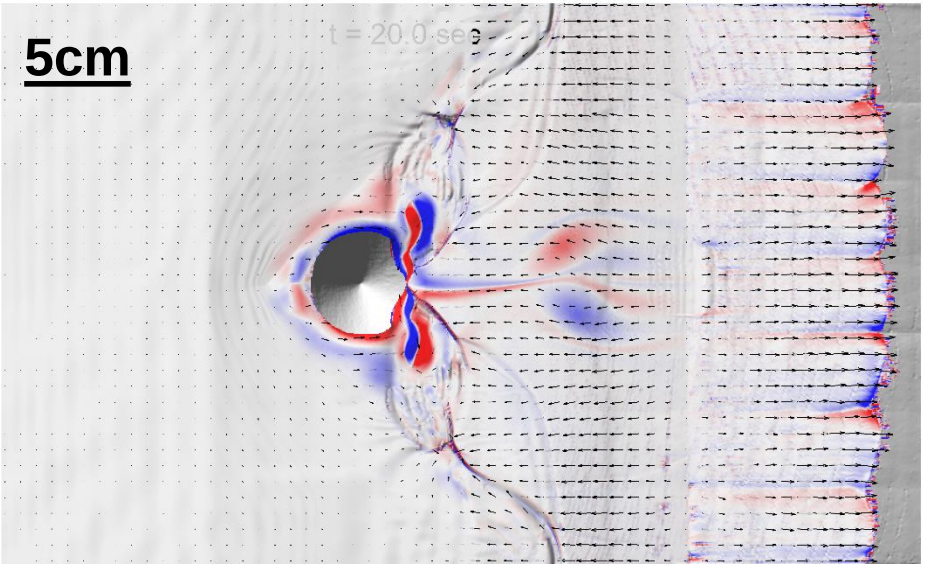
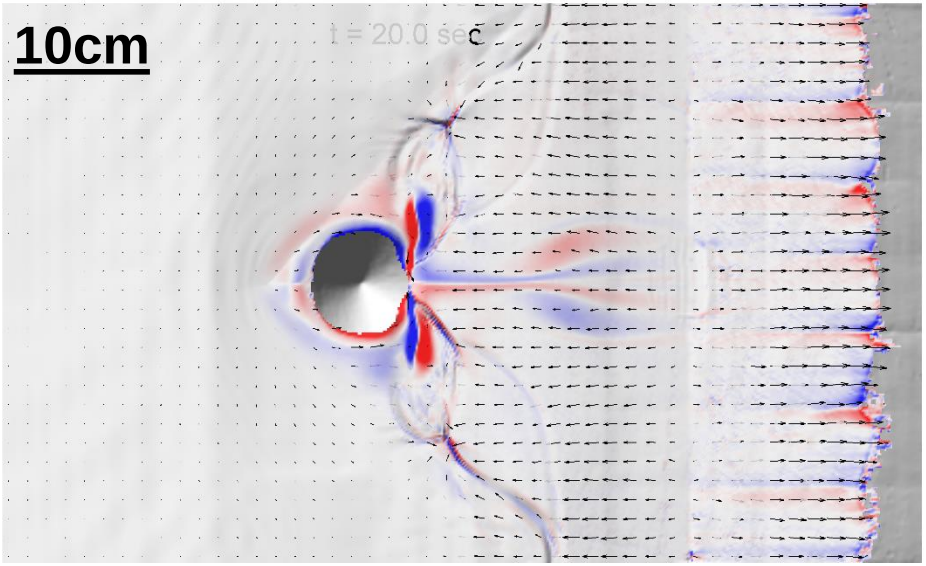
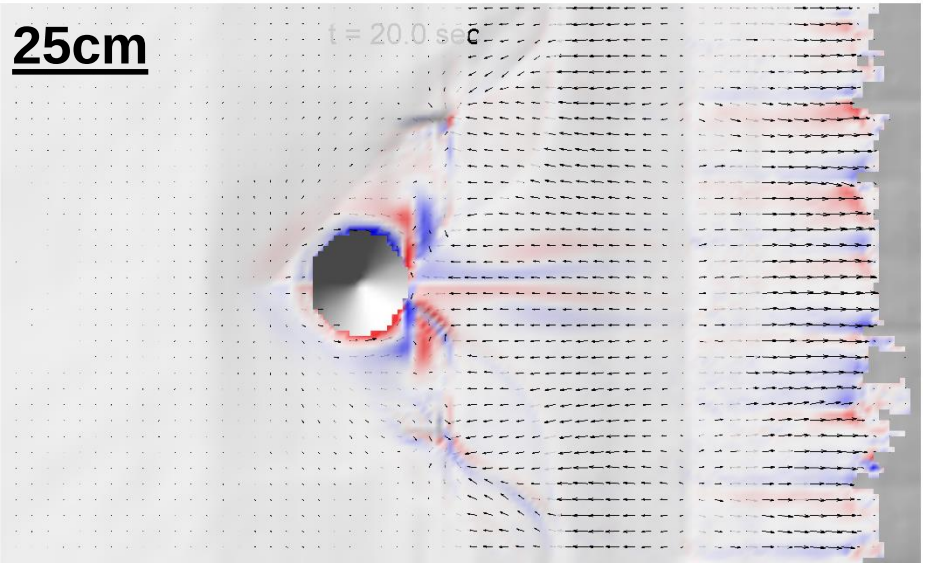
Vortex Field Comparison

- Vortices are generated in the wake and around the island
- Vortex strength is weaker in coarser grid but general pattern remains in all three grid sizes
- Runup process also involve vortex field







Conclusions

- NEOWAVE can reproduce the mean flow which is less sensitive to resolution
- Numerically generated vortex field depends on
  - Spatial and temporal resolution
  - Bottom friction
  - Numerical scheme
  - Generation mechanism
- Relation with physical vortex field