



# **IBERIAN SPH 2015**

# SPH MODELLING FOR AIR ENTRAINMENT IN WAVE BREAKING

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## **OBJECTIVES**

The work here performed is part of the PhD thesis on "Air entrainment in wave breaking: experimental analysis and numerical modeling"



At LNEC in a 32.4 m wave flume (COI3)

#### Mesurements:

- 1. Resistive gauges (Free surface Elevations)
- 2. Conductivity gauges (void fraction)
- ADV and UVP sensors (Velocity field)
- 4. High speed video (velocities and void fraction)



To use both RANS and SPH models

OpenFoam (RANS)

DualSPHysics (SPH)

- Develop numerical tools for wave breaking and air entrainment calculations
- Numerical results will be validated with experimental data

Wave breaking and Air entrainment

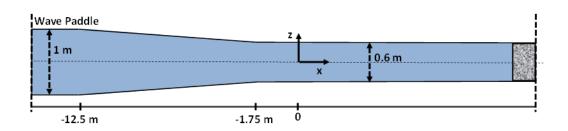
Free surface, velocity field, Wave stresses, Turbulence quantities, Energy dissipation, void fraction





# **EXPERIMENTAL**

# Experimental tests will be performed in a 32.4m Wave Flume in LNEC (COI3)







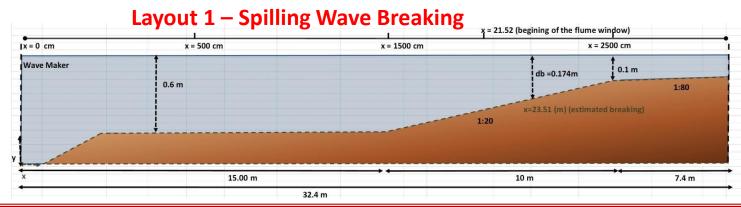




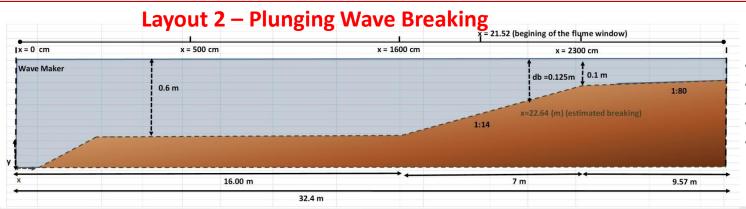
### **EXPERIMENTAL - NUMERICAL**

# Two Wave breaking Types will be studied – Spilling and Plunging

	Period (s)	Generated wave height(m)	Wave lenght (wavemaker) (m)	Main slope	Wave Steepness	Shoalling coefficient	Breaking wave height (m)	Breaking wave depth(m)	breaker depth index	breaker height index	Iribarren	Batjes (1974)	Camenen and Larson (2007)
Layouts	T <sub>o</sub>	H <sub>o</sub>	$L_{o}$	Tan <del>O</del>	H <sub>o</sub> /L <sub>o</sub>	$K_s$	H <sub>b</sub>	$d_b$	H <sub>b</sub> /d <sub>b</sub>	H <sub>b</sub> /H₀	$\xi_o$		
1	1.1	0.14	1.83	1.20	0.0765	0.679	0.142	0.174	0.812	1.012	0.181	Spilling	Spilling
2	4.5	0.1	10.7	1:14	0.0093	0.688	0.154	0.125	1.225	1.537	0.739	Plunging	Plunging



- Spilling break type
- Main Slope = 1:20
- $T_0 = 1.1s$ ;  $H_0 = 0.14m$
- $d_b = 0.174 \text{ m}$
- $\xi_0 = 0.181$



- Plunging break type
- Main Slope = 1:14
- $T_0 = 4.5s$ ;  $H_0 = 0.1m$
- $d_b = 0.125 \text{ m}$
- $\xi_o = 0.739$





## Two different numerical models will be applied

OpenFoam



**DualSPHysics** 

#### RANS model

#### Main characteristics:

- Uses VARANS equations
- Finite Volume Method
- Several turbulence models
- Several differencing schemes
- Active absorption of the wave
- Multiphase
- Supports several meshing techniques
- Open Source
- · Easily parallelized

#### SPH model

#### Main characteristics:

- Lagrangian model
- Particle based model
- Solves Navier-Stokes Eqs using SPH method
  - Interpolation kernel
  - Lagrangean form
- Explicit Method
- Uses GPU parallelization
- Open Source
- Easily manages Solid/Fluid Interaction





Using previous experimental data from wave breaking tests with the same

wave flume from Neves et al. (2012)

### **Objective**

Study the wave breaking extension

#### Measurements

Along the wave flume (25Hz) (simultaneous aquisition):

Free surface elevation (resistive wave gauges)

Velocities in the middle of the water column (ADV)

(+u towards de wavemaker)

Visual observation of the beginning and end of the surf zone

Air bubbles appearance at the surface

#### **Generated waves**

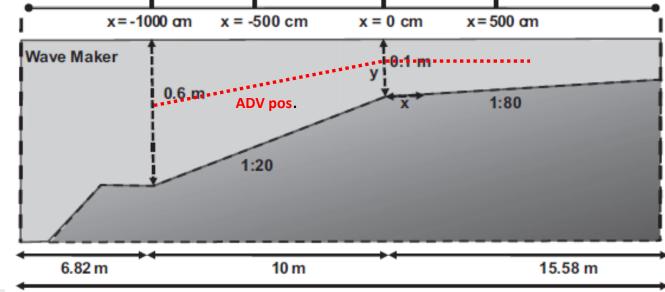
T = 1.1; 1.5, 2.0, 2.5s H = 12, 14, 15, 16cm

#### **Test duration**

240s

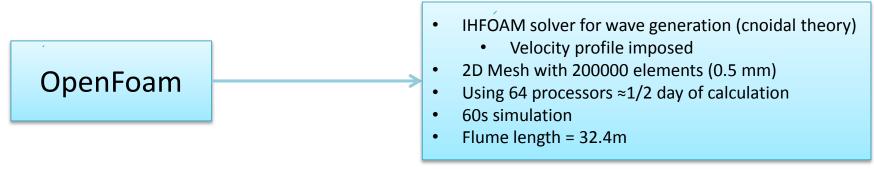
#### Measurement extension

x=-1080cm and x=560cm

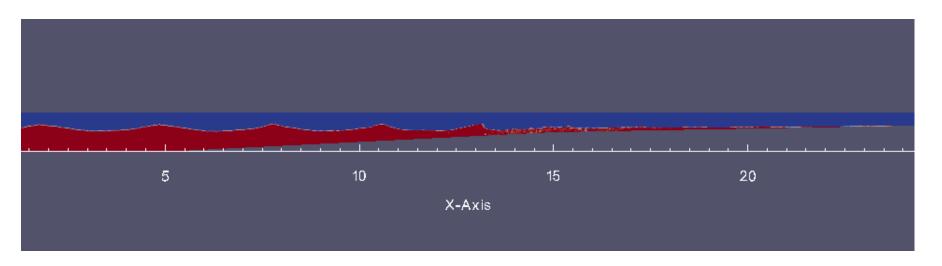




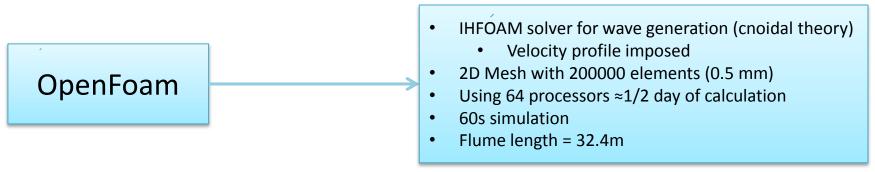




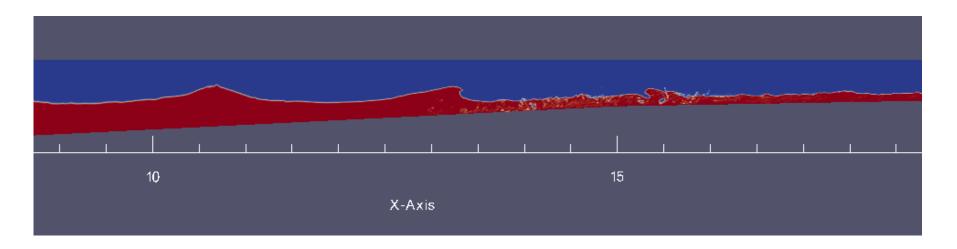
T=1.5s H= 14 cm





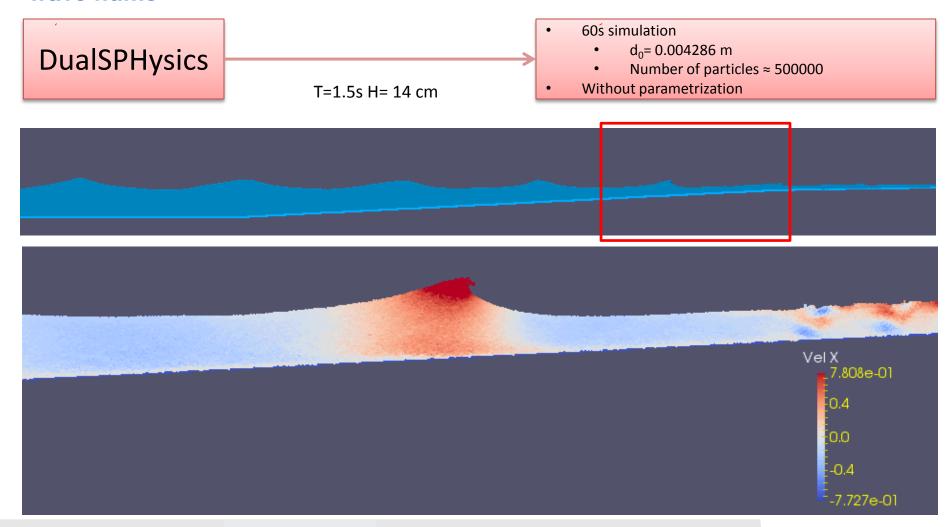


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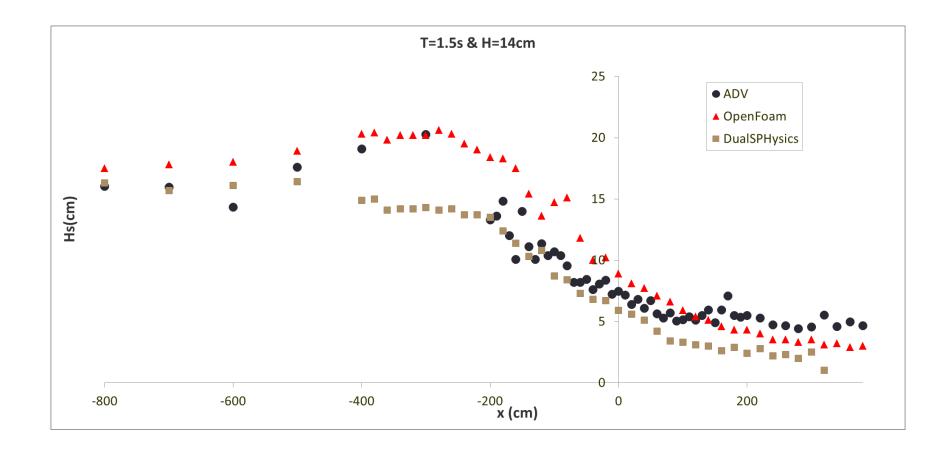
















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#### (Ting & Kirby, 1995)

"The bubble mass in the plunger vortex rises gradually while translates horizontally at velocities below the wave celerity, so that it appears to move rearward relative to the propagating wave."

#### (Hoque & Aoki, 2008)

"... since **air bubbles are not properly scaled** by the Froude similitude in small-scale models, the effects of air bubbles may have been overlooked in small size experiments."

"... air bubble entrainment—detrainment process itself **contributes greatly to wave energy dissipation** in the surf zone."

#### (Hoque & Aoki, 2005)

"Studies on surf zone air bubbles are **very limited yet**, probably because the flow fields of broken waves are very complicated after mixing the air bubbles. **It is almost unclear** how these air bubbles affect the fluid motion in the surf zone."

#### (Mori & Kakuno, 2008)

"qualitative and quantitative bubble characteristics in the surf zone and connections between bubble characteristics and wave breaking are **not well known** owing to the **lack of detail measurements**."





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#### (Hieu, Katsutoshi, & Ca, 2004)

"...The **VOF method** is usually adopted to track the movement of the free surface but the **density difference between liquid and gas is neglected**. As a result, for the case of wave breaking, the trapped air bubbles inside the water and the splashed water in the air **are not fully treated**."; "....The incorporation of the **surface tension** into the model may be necessary for better simulations of air bubbles entrained in the water."

#### (Bullock, Crawford, Hewson, Walkden, & Bird, 2001)

"Bubbles formed in freshwater tend to be larger than those which occur in seawater and they tend to coalesce more easily. As large bubbles are more buoyant than small bubbles, they rise through the water more rapidly. Consequently, air can escape more quickly from freshwater than from seawater."; "...The physical and chemical properties of seawater influence the number and size distributions of the bubble population"; "...Temperature, salt concentration, ionic structure and the exudates of marine organisms were all found to have an effect."

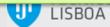
#### (Blenkinsopp & Chaplin, 2011)

"bubble size distribution follows a power law with an exponent which decreases with depth."; "that the spectra of bubbles with a **diameter larger than approximately 0.4 mm produced** by wave breaking are **comparable** in freshwater, artificial seawater and natural seawater. However a population of **much smaller bubbles** was also entrained by each breaking event that may **not have been picked up** and which due to its low rise velocity, tends to accumulate over repeated breaking events."

#### Chanson et al. (2006)

"The results suggest that classical dimensional analysis is incomplete and that air entrainment at plunging jets is affected by physical, chemical, and biological properties other than density, viscosity, surface tension, and salinity."





# **DualSPHysics**

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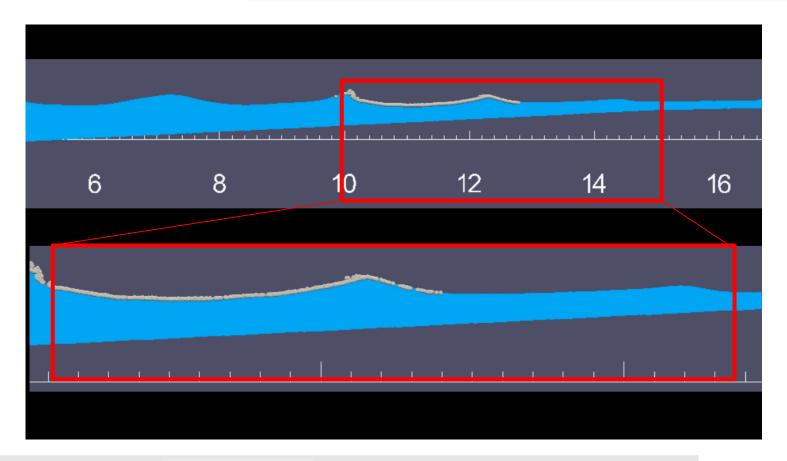






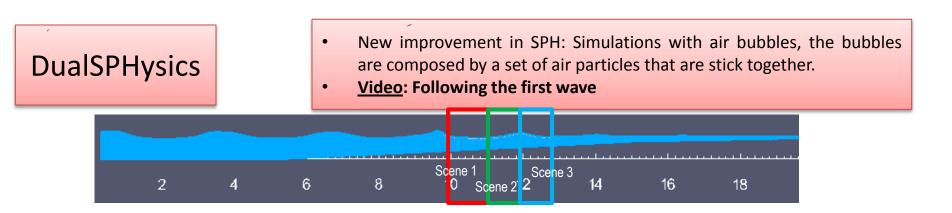
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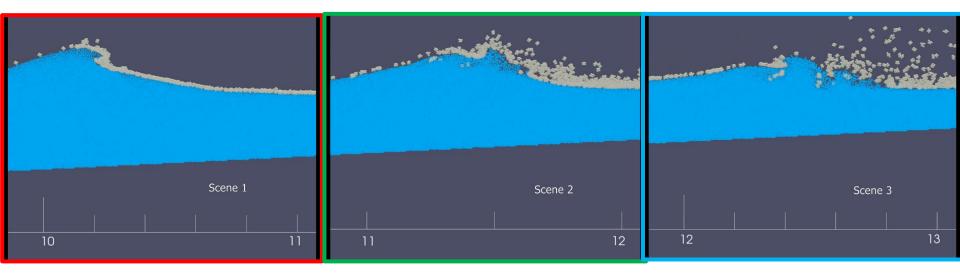
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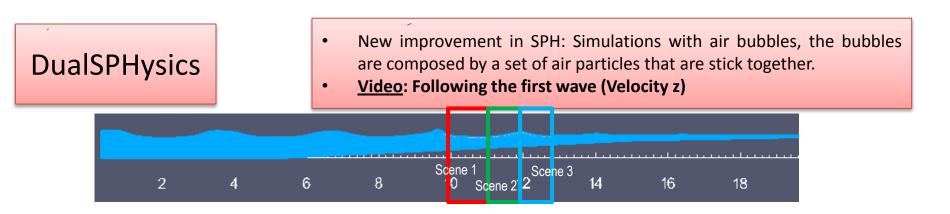


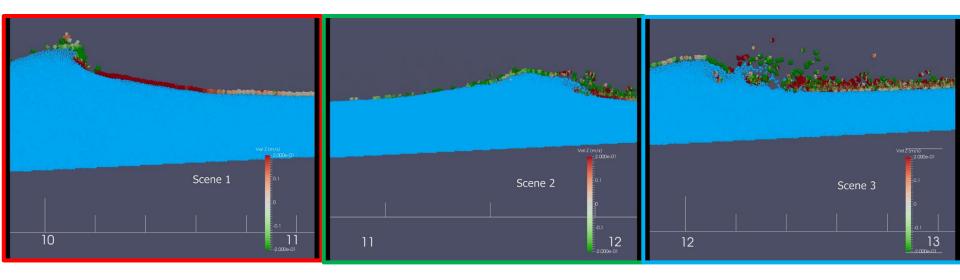
















# **Next Steps**

# **DualSPHysics**

#### **Next steps:**

- Make much more and smaller air bubbles
- Simulate and compare SPH simulations with the experimental tests made in Blenkinsopp & Chaplin (2007) and Blenkinsopp & Chaplin (2011)

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