



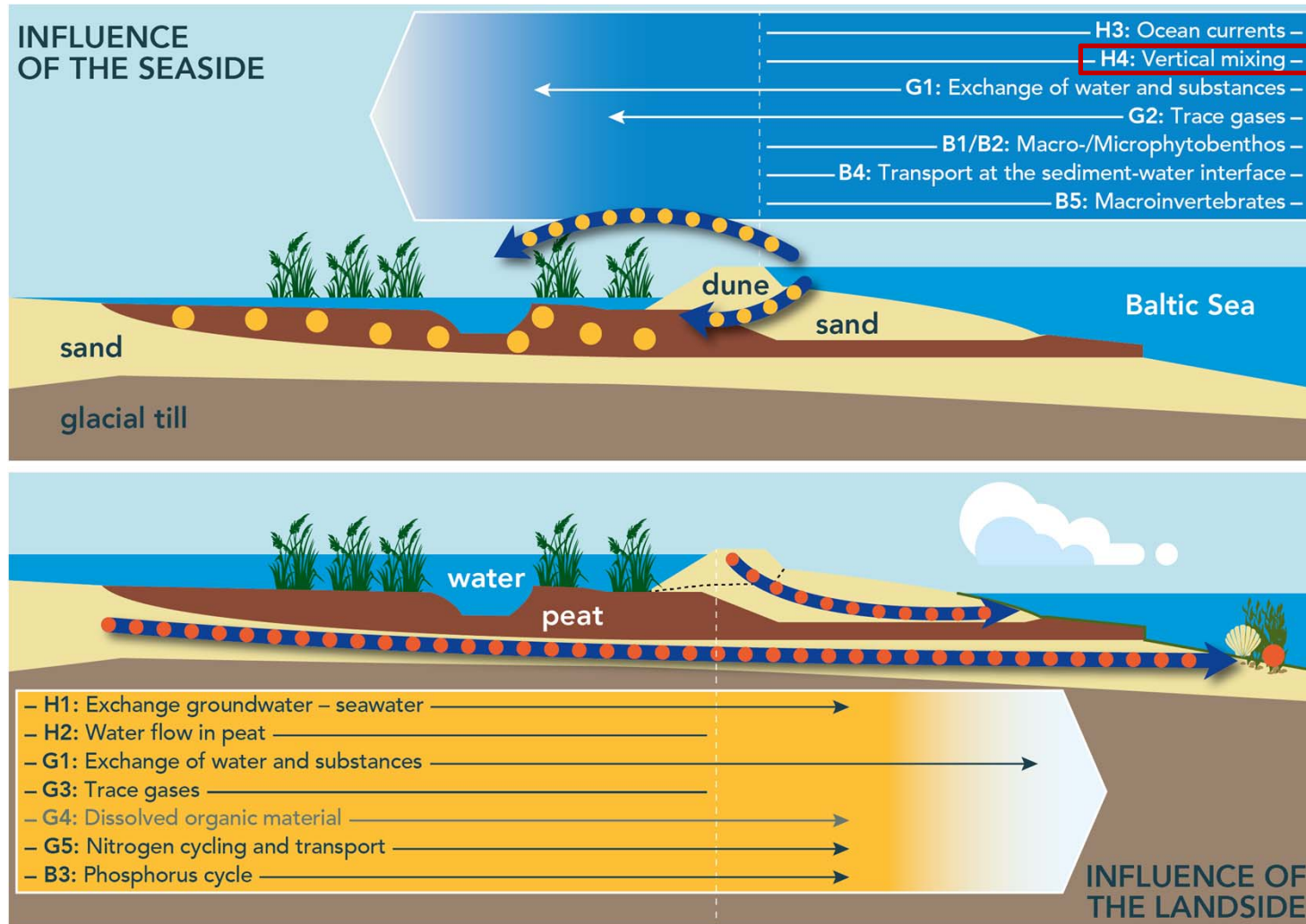
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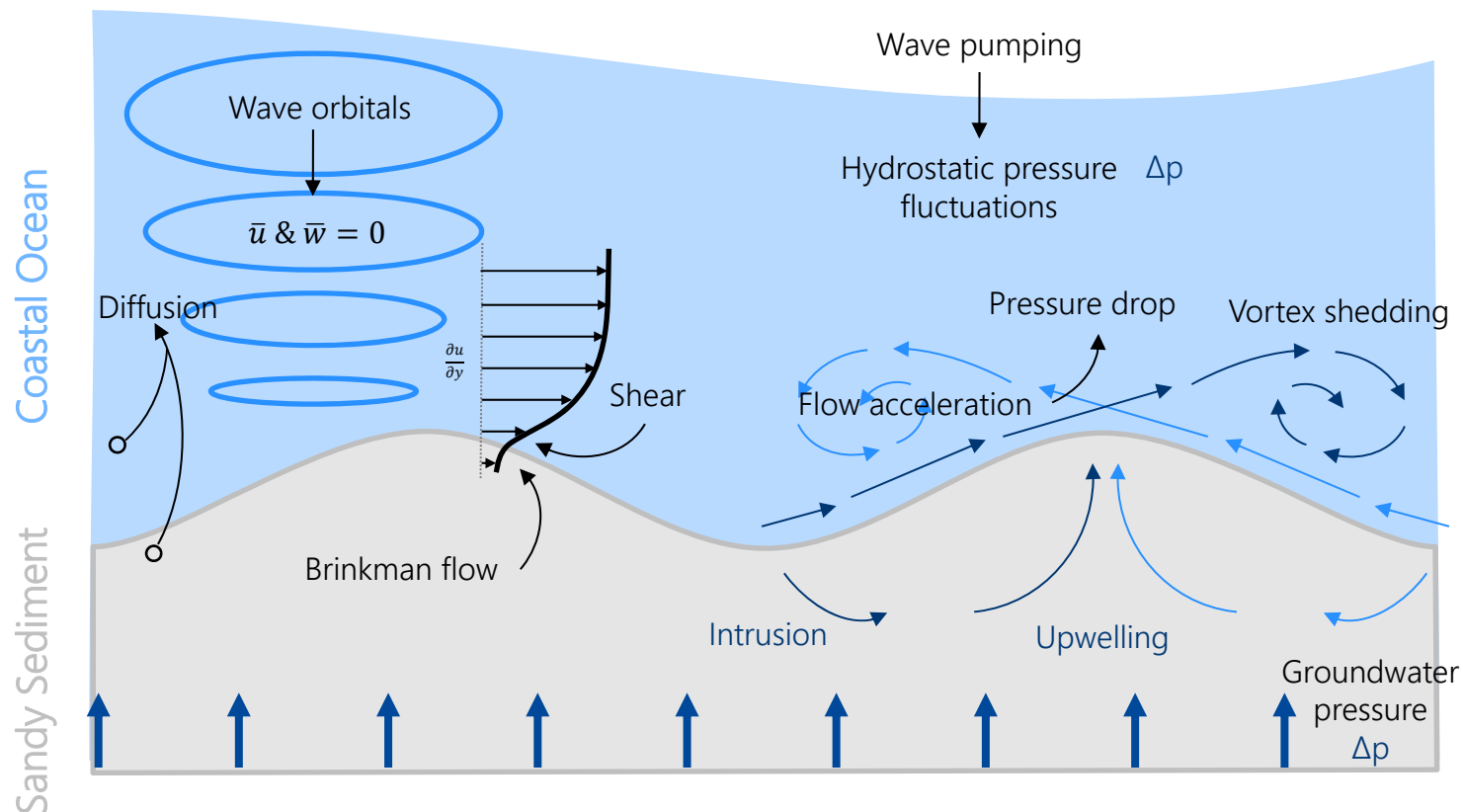
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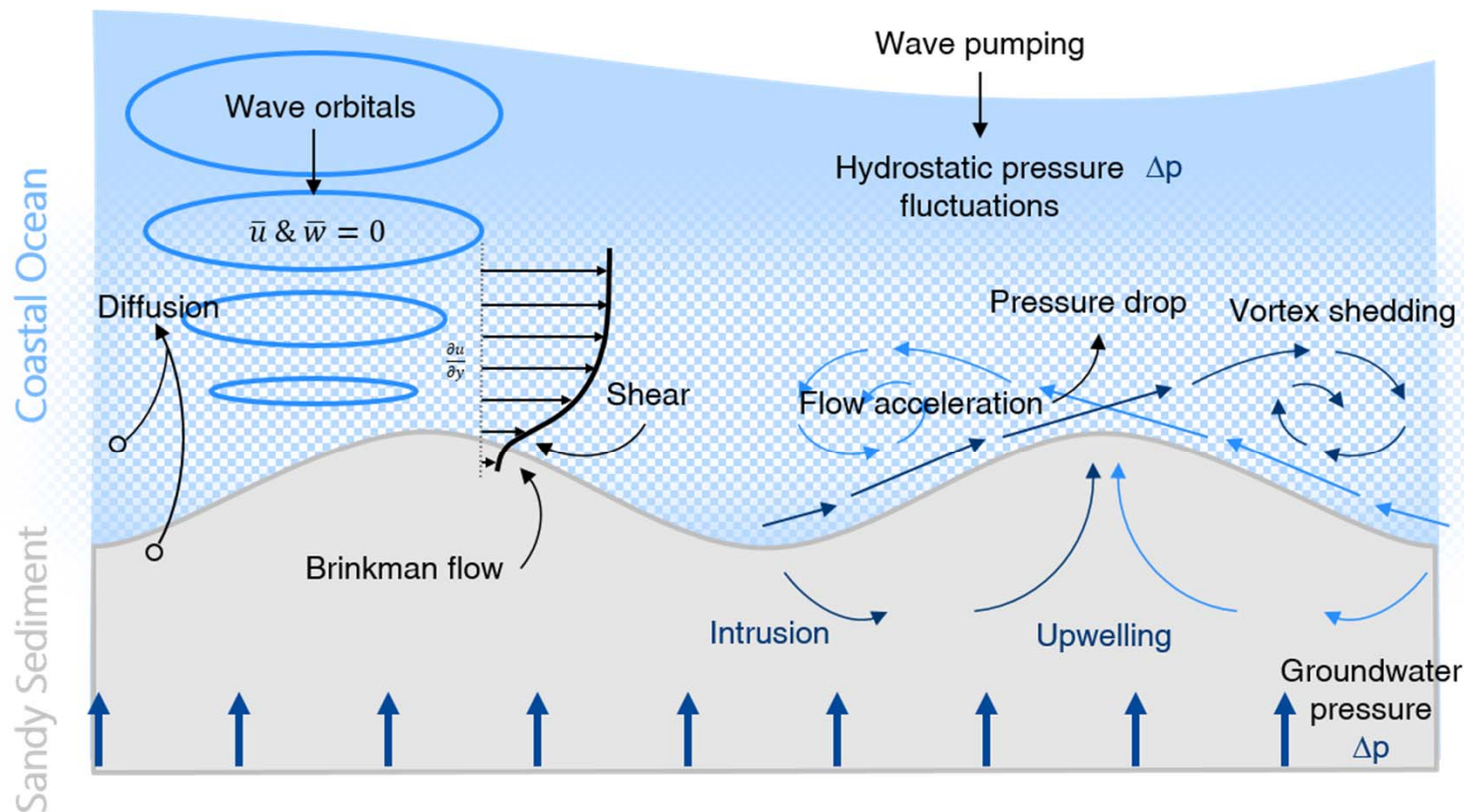
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Complex fluid dynamical processes at the sediment-water-interface



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How can mixing and transport within the benthic boundary layer be quantified?

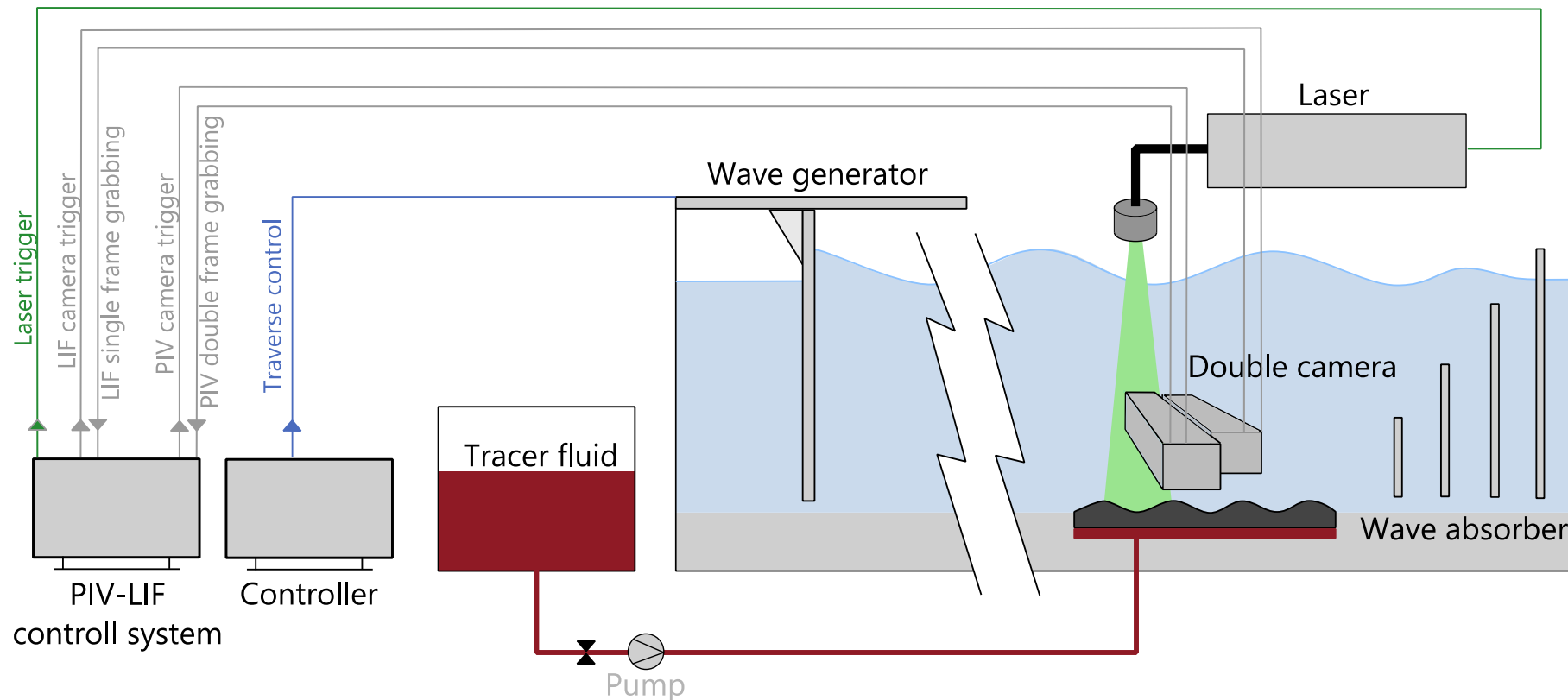


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PIV-LIF measurements in a wave tank experiment

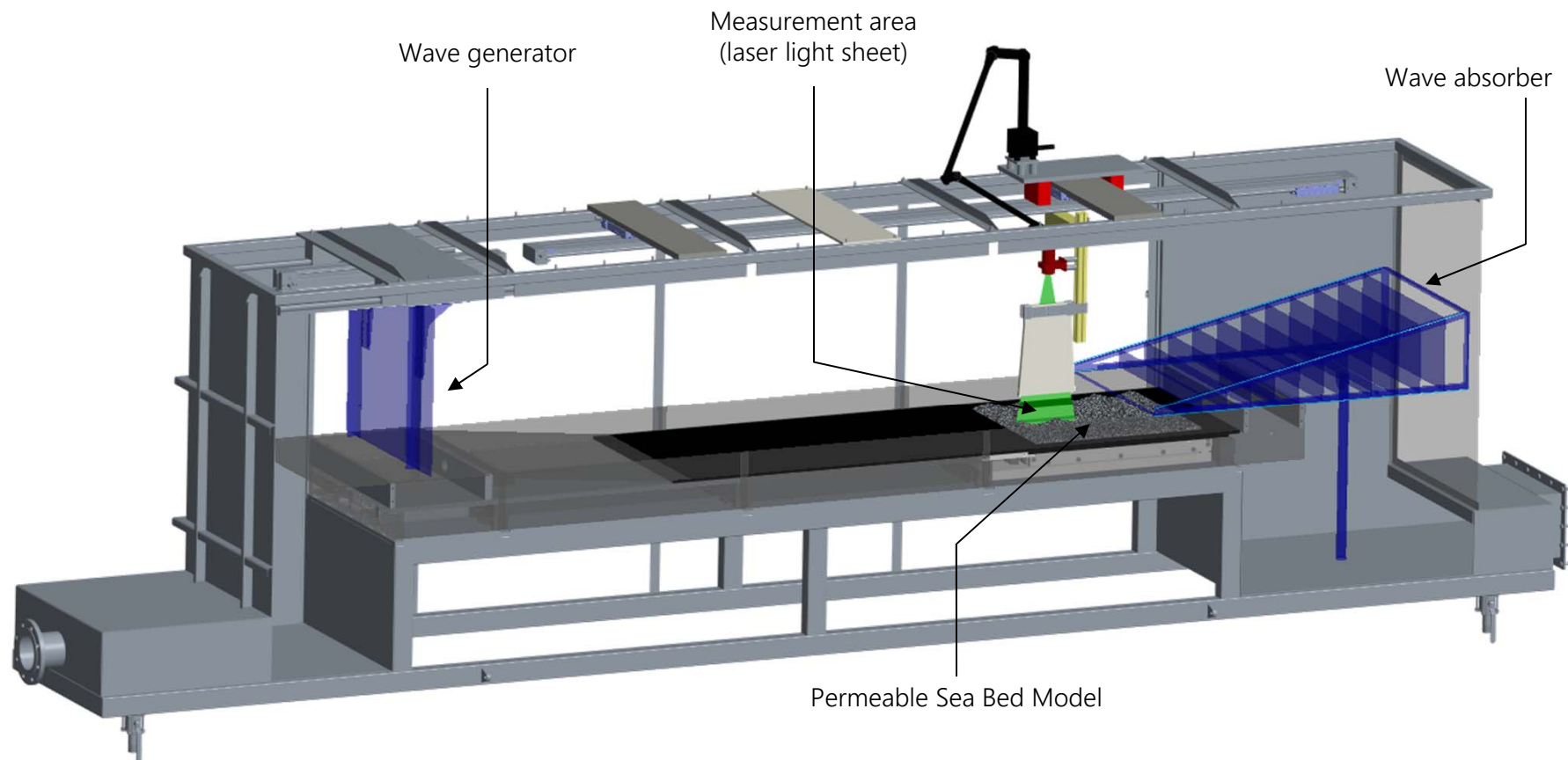
PIV – Particle Image Velocimetry (2D velocity fields)

LIF – Laser Induced Fluoreszenz (2D concentration fields)



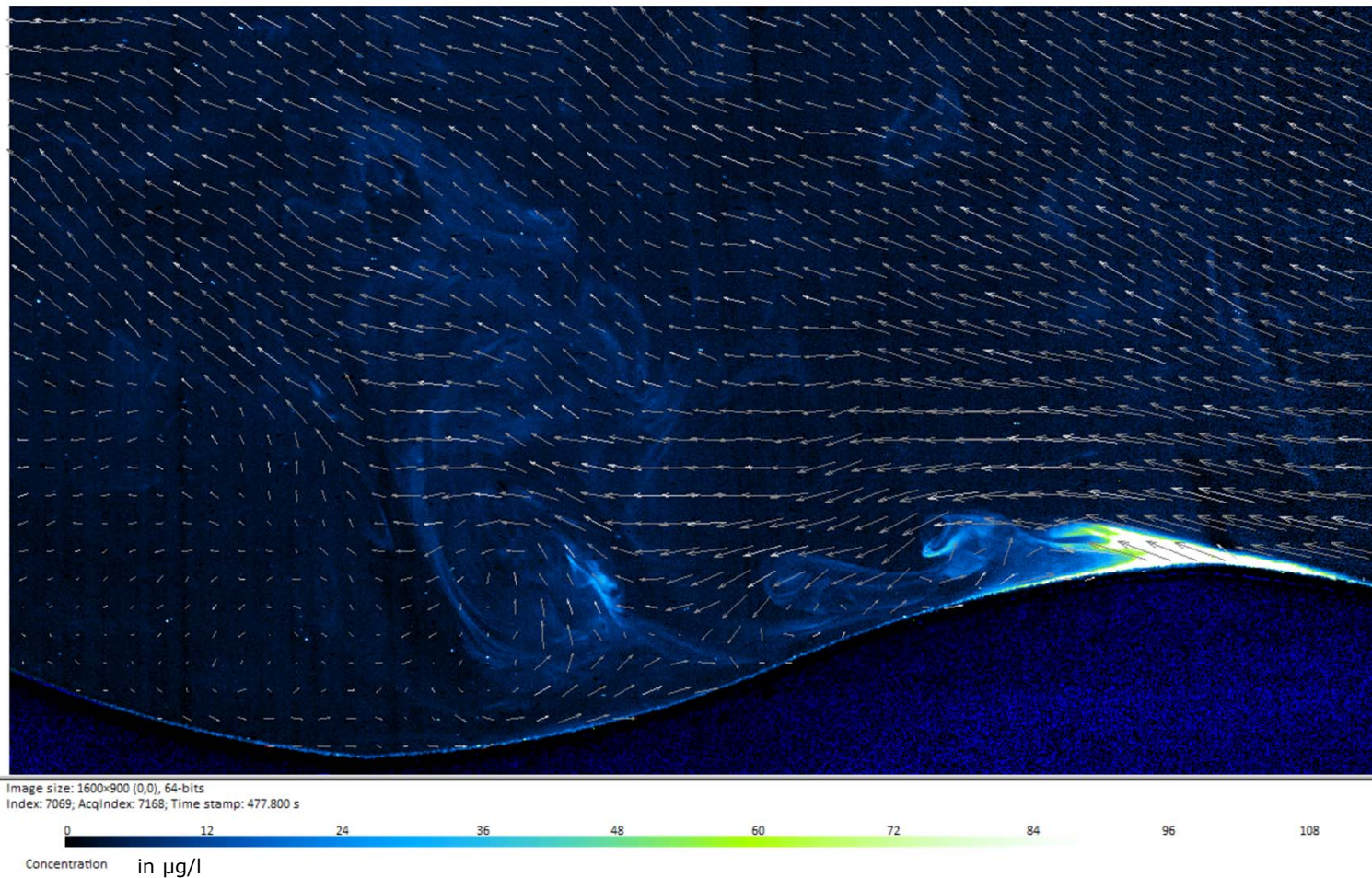
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CAD Model of wave tank setup (4.0 x 0.8 x 1.0 m)



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Raw Image



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Technical details

Experimental details:

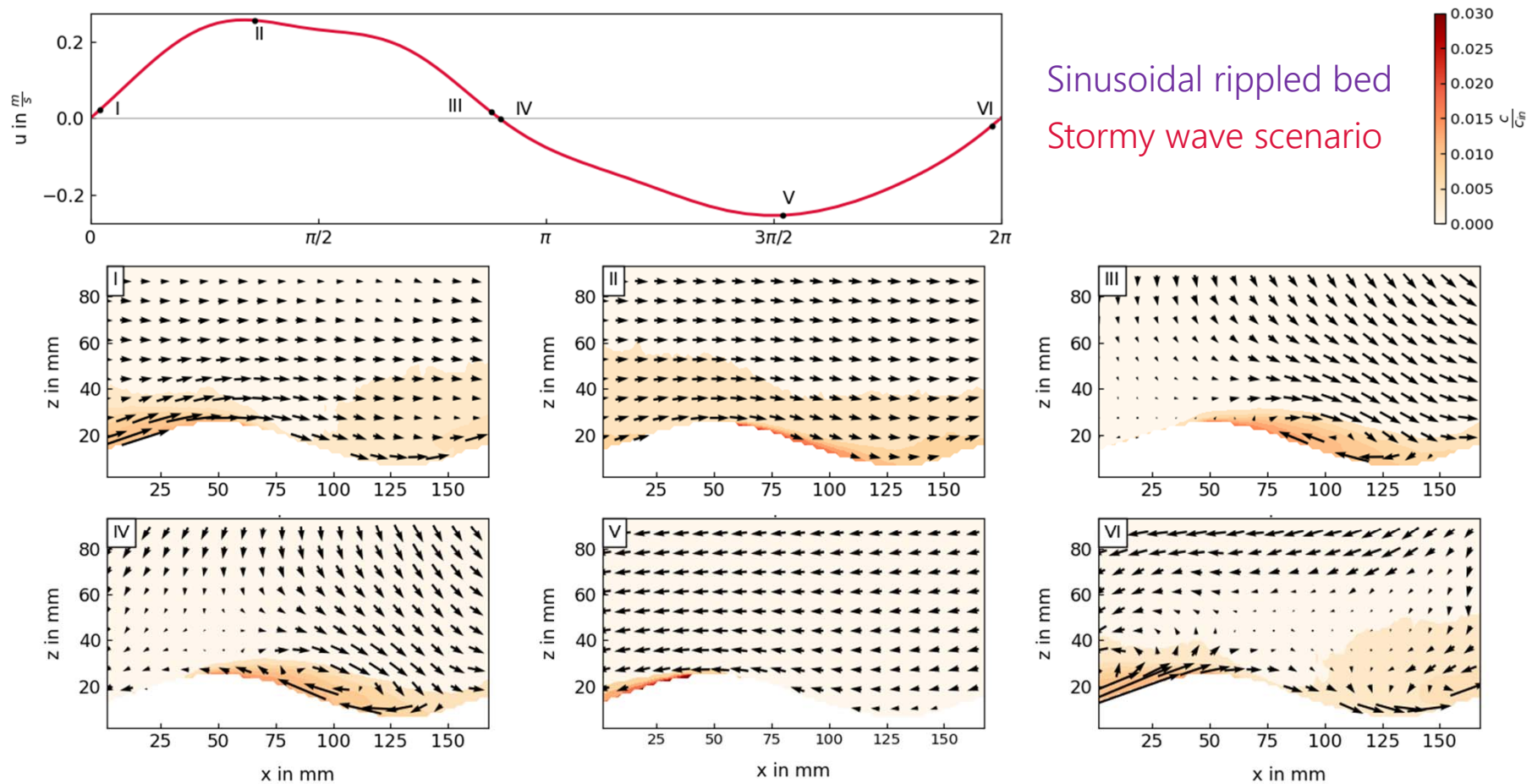
- 2D-PIV-LIF
- Camera system: 2 Dantec Flow-sense 2M cameras, resolution = 1600 x 1200 pix, pixel size 7.4 μm , double frame rate = 15 Hz
- Li-tron Nd:YAG Laser $\lambda = 532\text{nm}$
- Measurement frequency: 15 Hz
- ca. 10.000 time steps
- $\dot{V}_{\text{discharge}} \approx 0,96 \frac{\text{l}}{\text{min}} = 57,6 \frac{\text{l}}{\text{h}}$
- $A_{\text{discharge}} \approx 0.16 \text{ m}^2$
- $c_{\text{Tracer}} = 200 - 1200 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{l}}, c_{\text{ref}} = 200 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{l}}$
- Rhodamin 6G (Sigma-Aldrich®) $\lambda_{\text{absorption}} = 525\text{-}530 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda_{\text{emission}} = \text{wavelength } 590 \text{ nm}$

Post Processing details:

- Dantec DynamicStudio 6.10
- PIV-Preparation: Image Mean Substraction, Image Balancing, Image Masking*
- Adaptive PIV - Grid Step Size: 16 x 16 pix, min IA: 32 x 32 pix, max IA: 64 x 64 pix, *„Wall windowing“ at sea bed surface
- LIF-Processing ...
- Image Resampling
- Export of numerical PIV and LIF data
- Further evaluation using own Python code

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Results – Phase averaged velocity (u , w) and concentration fields (c)



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„Vertical transport dominated by turbulent motion“ [Berg et al. 2003]

Reynolds averaged Navier-Stokes-equation:

Symmetrically periodic flow!

$$\underbrace{\rho \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial t}}_{\text{Variation}} + \underbrace{\rho \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j}}_{\text{Convection}} = \underbrace{\rho k_i}_{\text{Body force therm}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i}}_{\text{Forces due to pressure gradients}} + \underbrace{\eta \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j^2}}_{\text{Diffusion (Transport on molecular scale)}} - \underbrace{\rho \frac{\partial (\overline{u_i' u_j'})}{\partial x_j}}_{\text{Additional momentum transport due to turbulence}}$$

Conservation equation also valid for a passive scalar

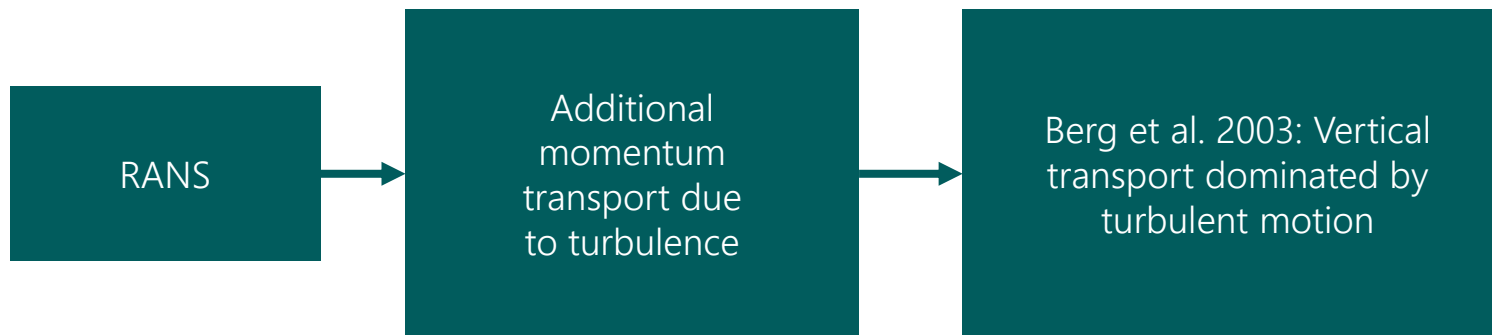
$\overline{\vec{u}' \phi'}$ → scalar flux, that results from a fluctuating velocity field

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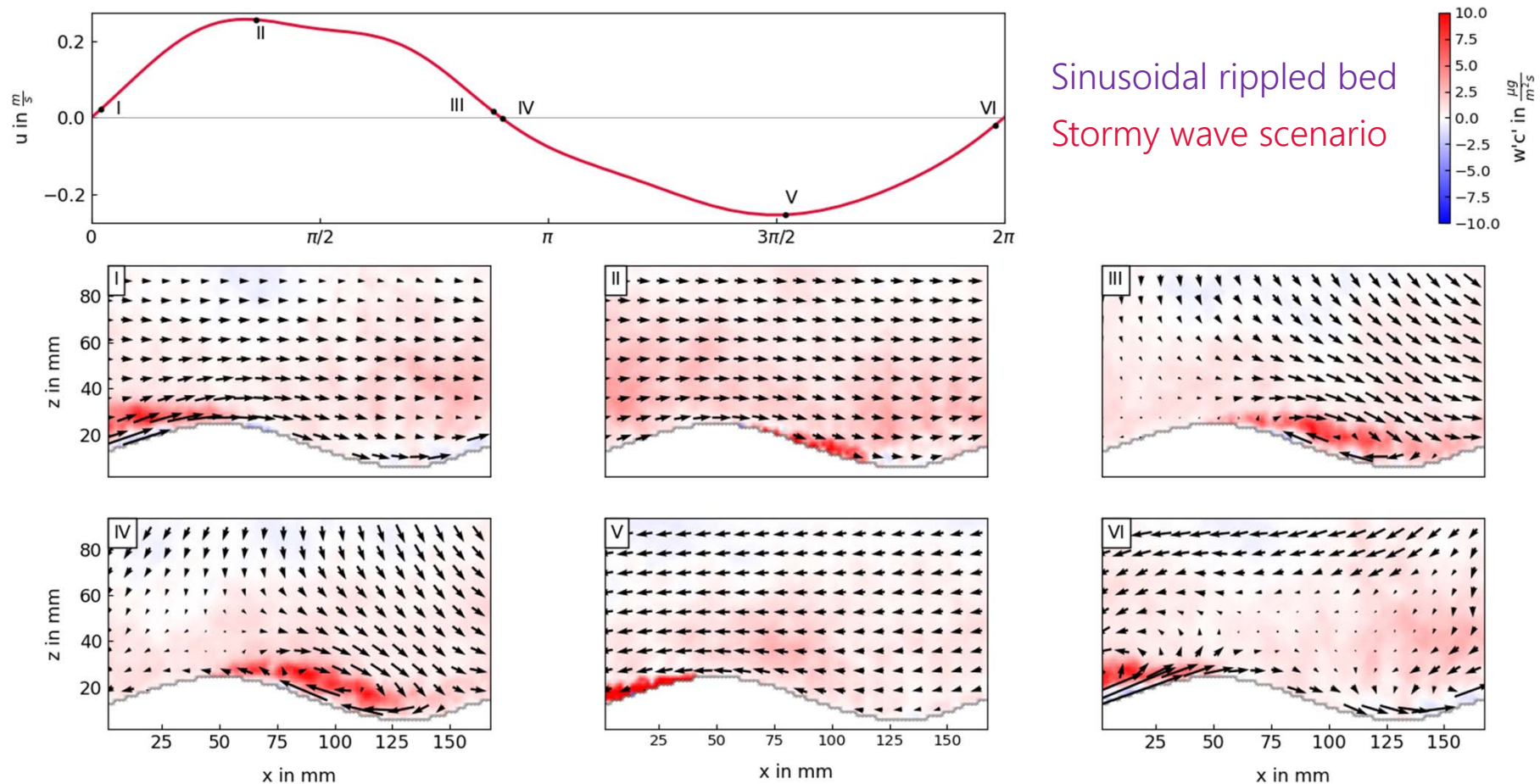


Conservation equation also valid for a passive scalar,
as e.g. concentration

$\overline{w'c'}$ → vertical concentration flux, that results from a fluctuating velocity field

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Results – Phase averaged vertical turbulent (Reynolds) fluxes $\langle w'c' \rangle_{ph}$



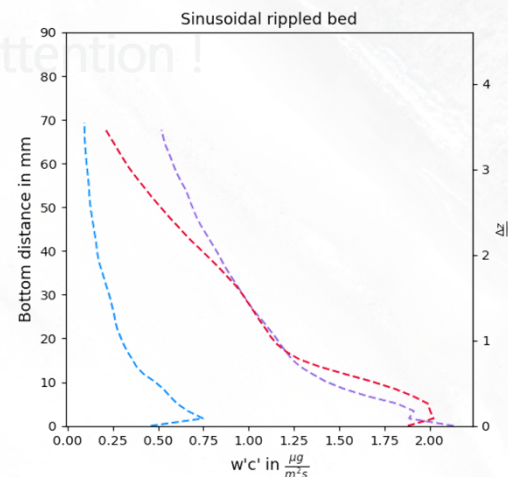
12 different experimental configurations:

Variation of bottom topography and wave scenario

→ Influence of these variables on vertical turbulent transport:

- Reynolds flux profiles
- Prandtl mixing length

→ Boundary conditions for numerical simulations



Project
Website:



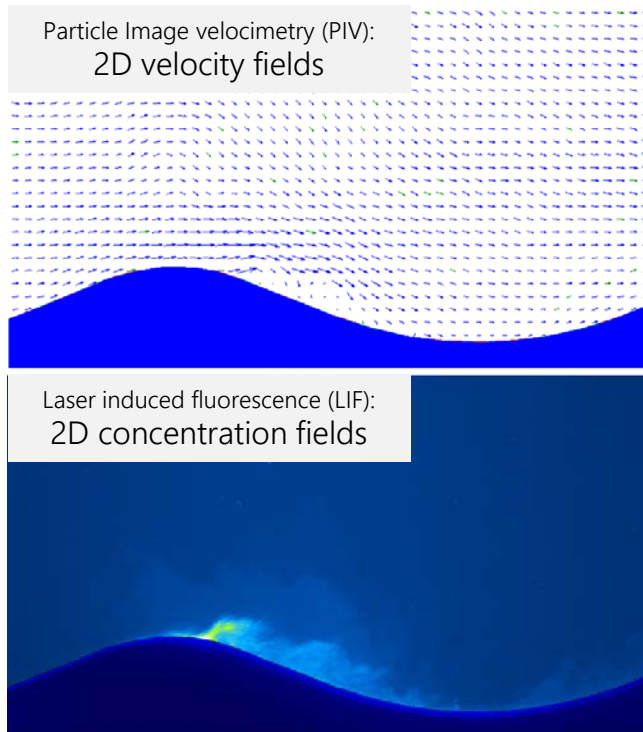
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Experimental data from wave tank experiments

Temporal resolution: 15 Hz, 10.000 time steps

Spatial resolution: 1600 x 900 px → 169.1 x 95.98 mm (scale factor: 14.3)

Variables measured → Raw data



Settings of final
measurement campaign
→ 12 configurations

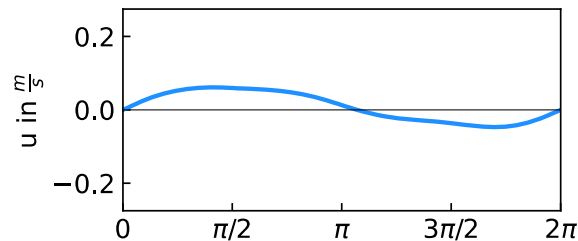
Wave scenario	Orbital velocity [m/s]	Wave period [s]
Calm	0.06	1.99
Intermediate	0.22	2.52
Stormy	0.26	3.28

Sea bed model	Bed shape	Ripple wavel. [mm]	Ripple height [mm]	Ripple asymmetry factor	Radius crest [mm]	Radius trough [mm]
REF	Flat	159.22	19.56	1	-	
SIN	Sinusoidal			1	53.78	53.78
NAT	„Naturally“ shaped			1	47.81	109.74
ASYM	Asymmetri- cally shaped			1.5	-	

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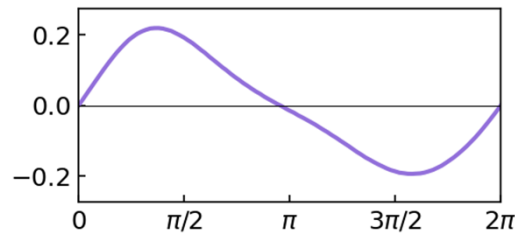
Experimental Setup

1) Wave scenario (based on in-situ measurements of coastal near bed orbital velocities)



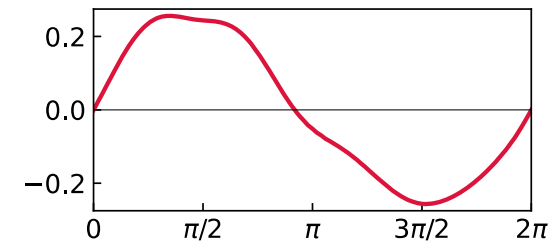
Calm wave scenario

$T \approx 1.99$ s, $u_{top,max} \approx 0.06$ m/s



Intermediate wave scenario

$T \approx 2.52$ s, $u_{top,max} \approx 0.22$ m/s



Stormy wave scenario

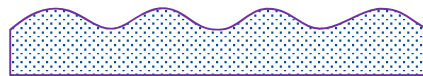
$T \approx 3.28$ s, $u_{top,max} \approx 0.26$ m/s

2) Sea bed (based on in-situ measurements of coastal sand ripples)



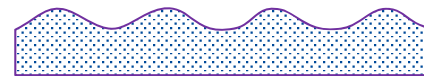
Flat bed

$\eta = 0$ mm, $\lambda = 0$ mm, $\beta/\lambda = 0$



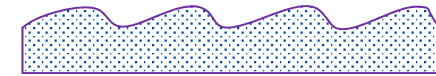
Sinusoidal rippled bed

$\eta = 18.8$ mm, $\lambda = 147$ mm, $\beta/\lambda = 0$



„Naturally“ rippled bed

$\eta = 18.8$ mm, $\lambda = 147$ mm, $\beta/\lambda = 0$

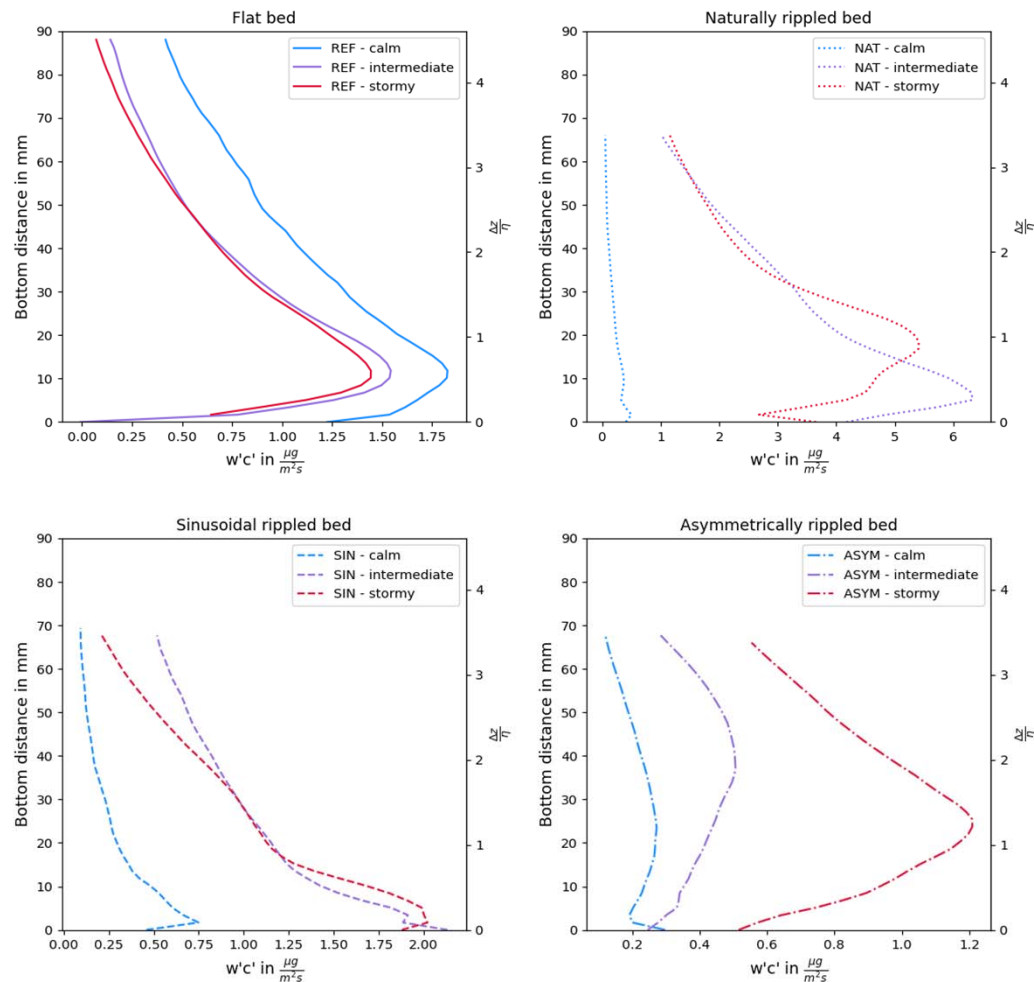


Asymmetric rippled bed

$\eta = 18.8$ mm, $\lambda = 147$ mm, $\beta/\lambda = 0$

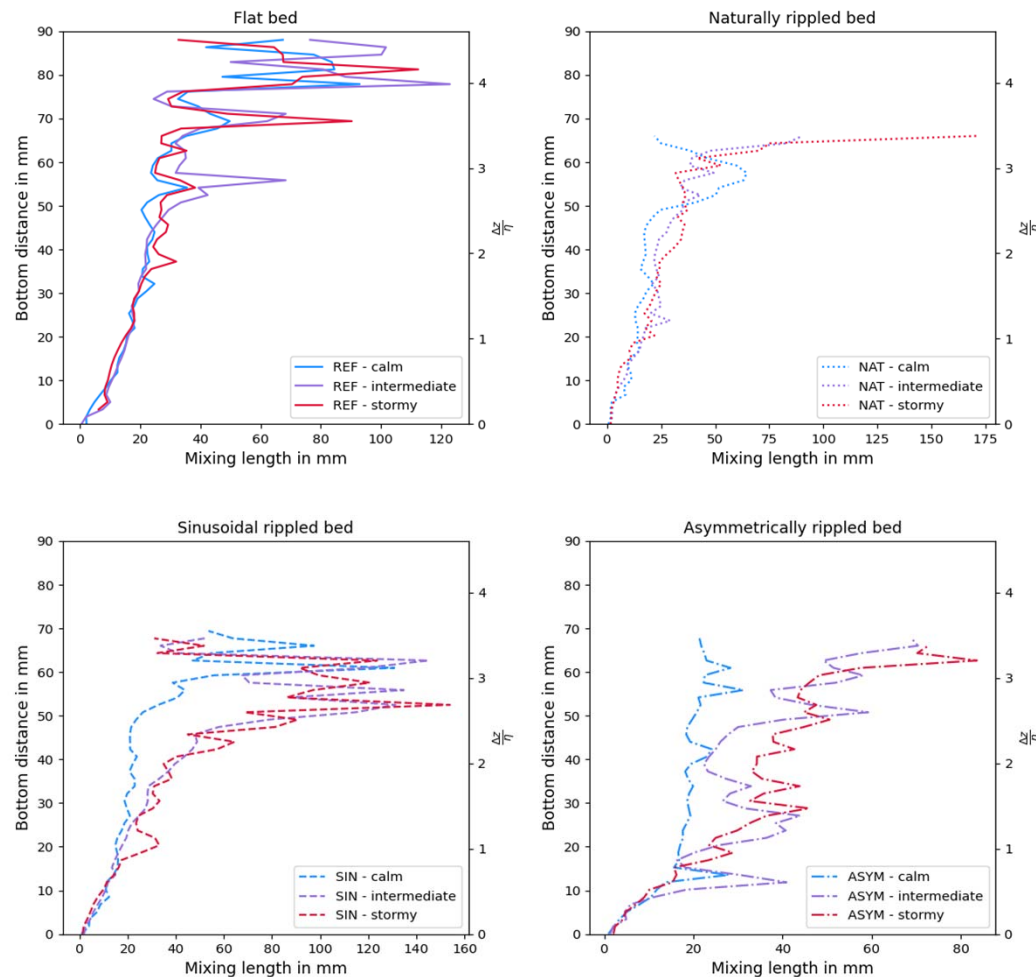
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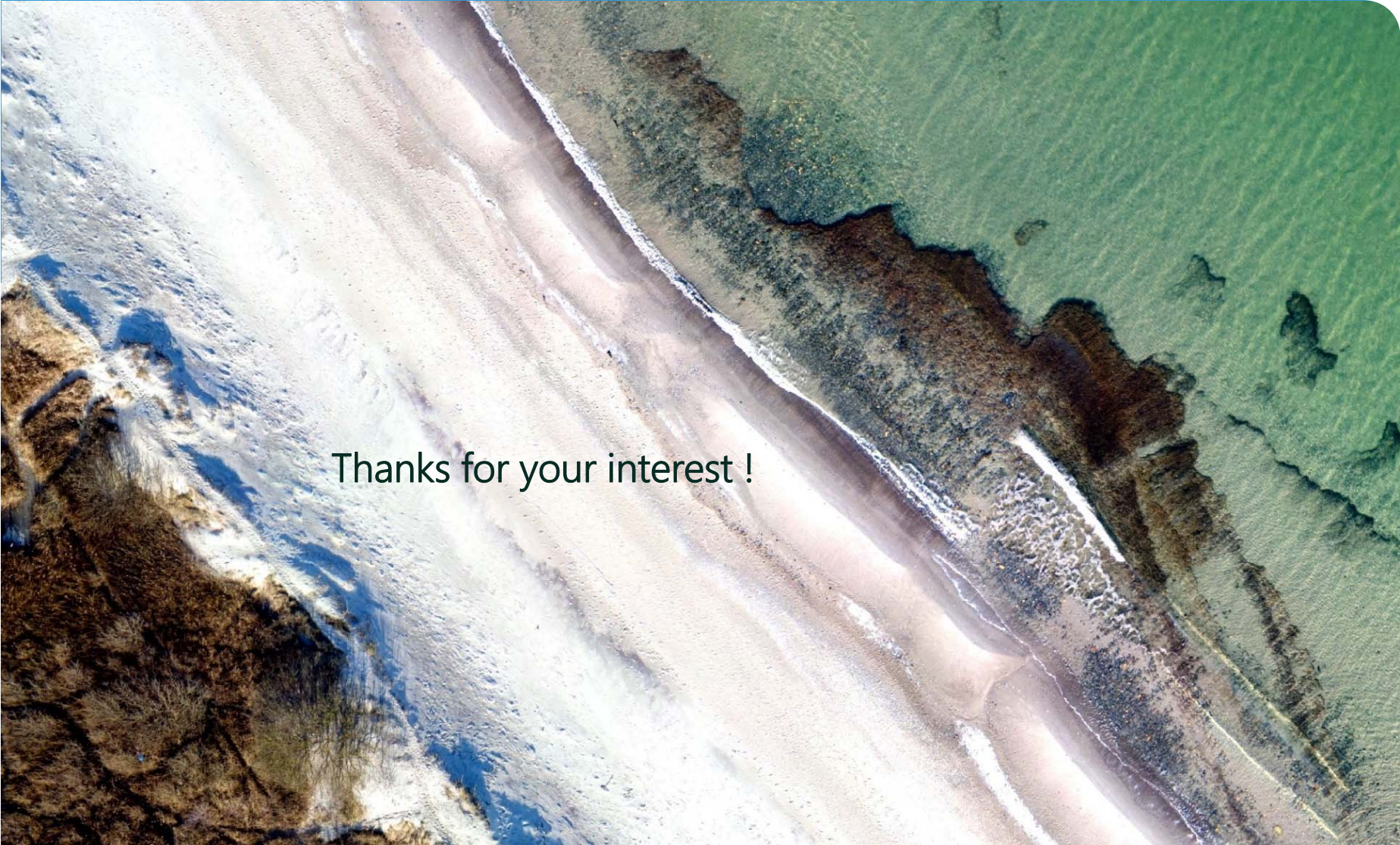
Results – Mean phase averaged vertical Reynolds flux profiles $\langle w'c' \rangle$



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Results – Mean phase averaged Prandtl mixing length profiles l_m





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