

# Numerical modelling of landslides in reservoirs using the Particle Finite Element Method and a non Newtonian Bingham model

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# OUTLINE

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- **PFEM Overview**
- **Constitutive Model**
- **2D Validation**
- **3D Lituya Bay Landslide Simulation**
- **Conclusions**
- **Further work**



# LANDSLIDES OVERVIEW

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- **Why are landslides important?**
  - Third most dangerous natural risk
  - Special interest of landslides in reservoirs
- **To many classifications**
- **Rapid landslides**
  - Debris flows and mudflows
  - Granular avalanches
  - Sliding flows

# LANDSLIDES OVERVIEW

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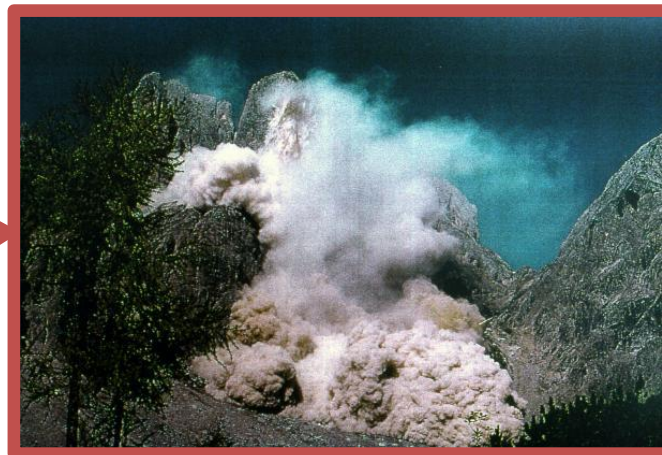
Mudflow



Sliding flow



Avalanche



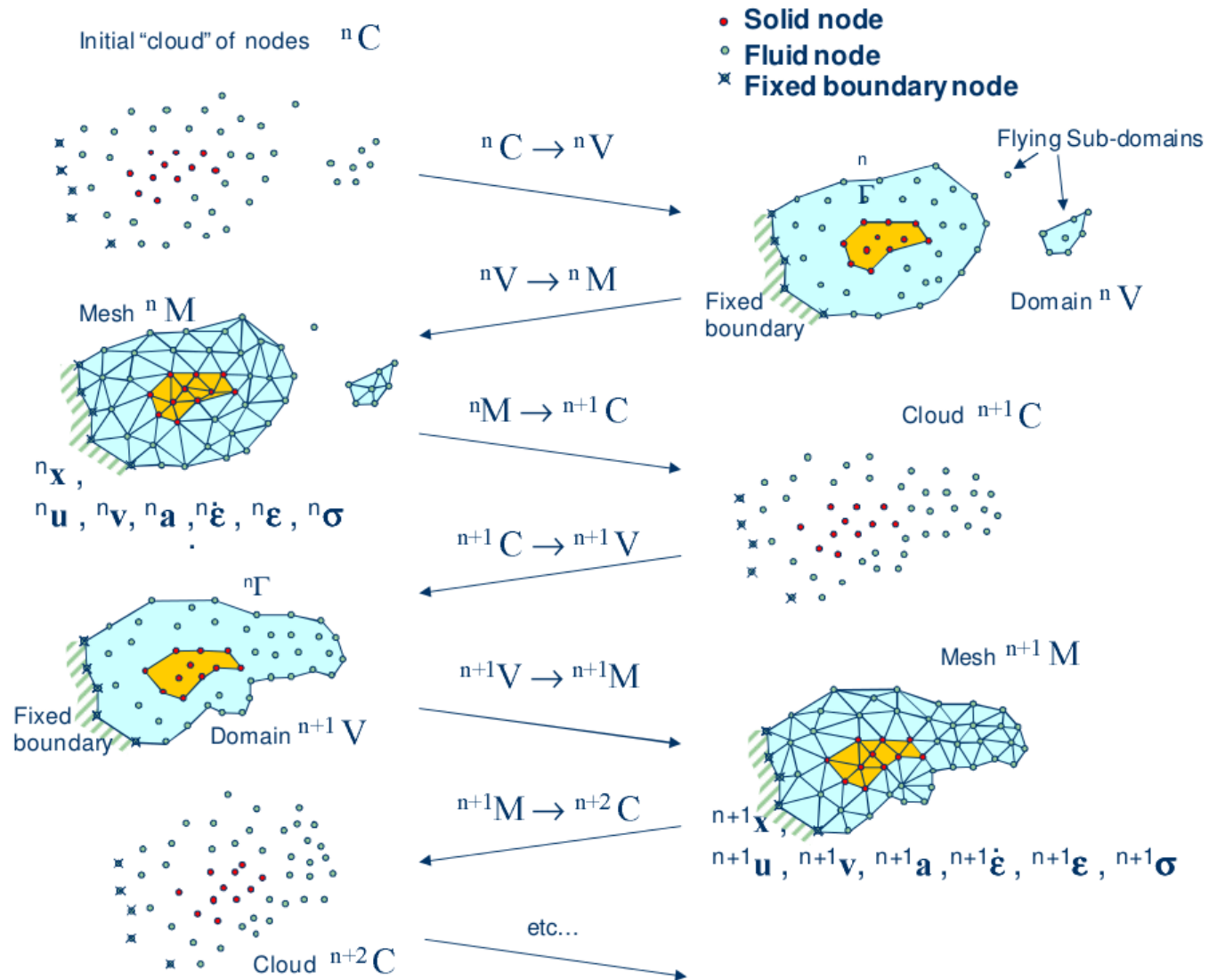


# PFEM OVERVIEW

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- **PFEM (Particle Finite Element Method): numerical technique for solving fluid-soil-structure interaction problems involving large motion**
- **PFEM uses an updated Lagrangian formulation to model the motion of particles (nodes)**
- **The mesh must be generated in each timestep to solve the governing equations in the standard FEM fashion**
- **The PFEM is particularly suited for modelling and simulation of landslides**

# PFEM OVERVIEW



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1. Loop over time steps,  $t=1, \text{NTIME}$

Known values:  ${}^t\bar{x}, {}^t\bar{v}, {}^t\bar{p}, {}^t\bar{\pi}, {}^t\bar{T}, {}^t\mu, {}^t f, {}^t q, {}^t C, {}^t V, {}^t M$

2. Loop over number of iterations,  $i = 1, \text{NITER}$

- Compute nodal velocities by solving  $\left[\frac{1}{\Delta t}M + K\right]^{t+1} \bar{v}^{i+1} = {}^{t+1} f + G^{t+1} \bar{p}^i + \frac{1}{\Delta t} M^t \bar{v}$
- Compute nodal pressures from  $\left[\frac{1}{\Delta t} - L\bar{M}\right]^{t+1} \bar{p}^{i+1} = G^{Tt+1} \bar{v}^{i+1} + Q^{t+1} \bar{\pi}^i + \frac{1}{\Delta t} M^t \bar{p}$
- Compute nodal pressure gradient projections from  ${}^{n+1}\bar{\pi}^{i+1} = -\hat{M}_D^{-1} \left[Q^T\right]^{t+1} \bar{p}^{i+1}$ ,  $\hat{M}_D = \text{diag}[\hat{M}_D]$
- Update position of analysis domain nodes  ${}^{t+\Delta t}\bar{x}^{i+1} = {}^t x^i + {}^{t+\Delta t} v^{i+1} \Delta t$

Define new cloud of nodes  ${}^{t+1}C^{i+1}$

- Update strain rate and strain values
- Update stress values

Check convergence: NO  $\rightarrow$  Next iteration  $\rightarrow i = i + 1$

YES  $\rightarrow$  Next time step  $\rightarrow t = t + 1$

New time step

- Identify new analysis domain boundary:  ${}^{t+1}V$
- Generate mesh:  ${}^{t+1}M$

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# CONSTITUTIVE MODEL

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**Most rapid landslides  $\longrightarrow$  Viscous fluid**

**Stress tensor of a Newtonian fluid:**

$$\sigma = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\nabla^S \bar{\mathbf{u}}$$

**Symmetric part of the velocity gradient:**

$$\left(\nabla^S \bar{\mathbf{u}}\right)_{kl} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \bar{u}_k}{\partial x_l} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}_l}{\partial x_k}$$

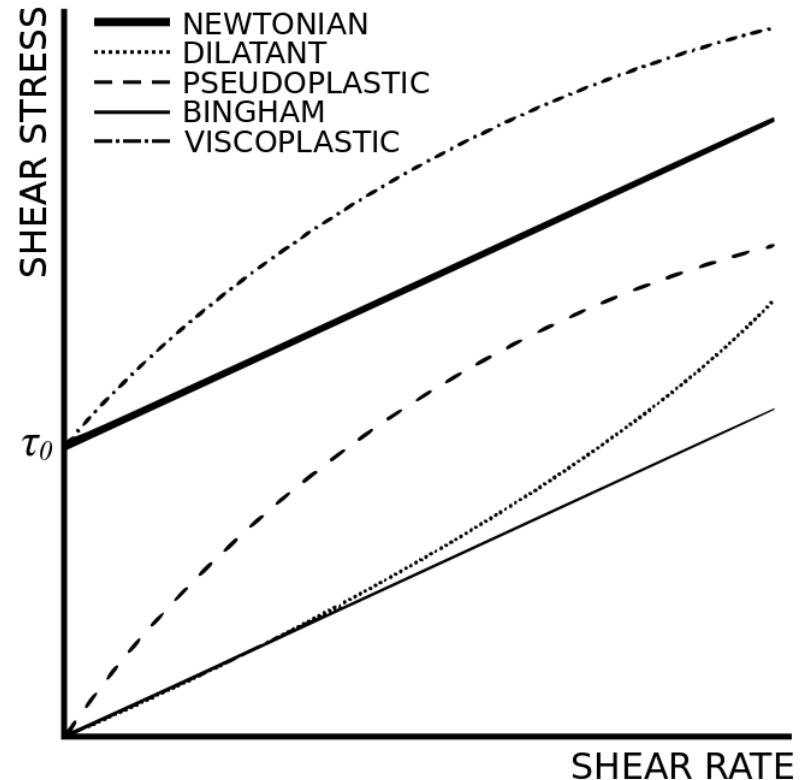


# CONSTITUTIVE MODEL

Mudflows  $\longrightarrow$  Viscoplastic material

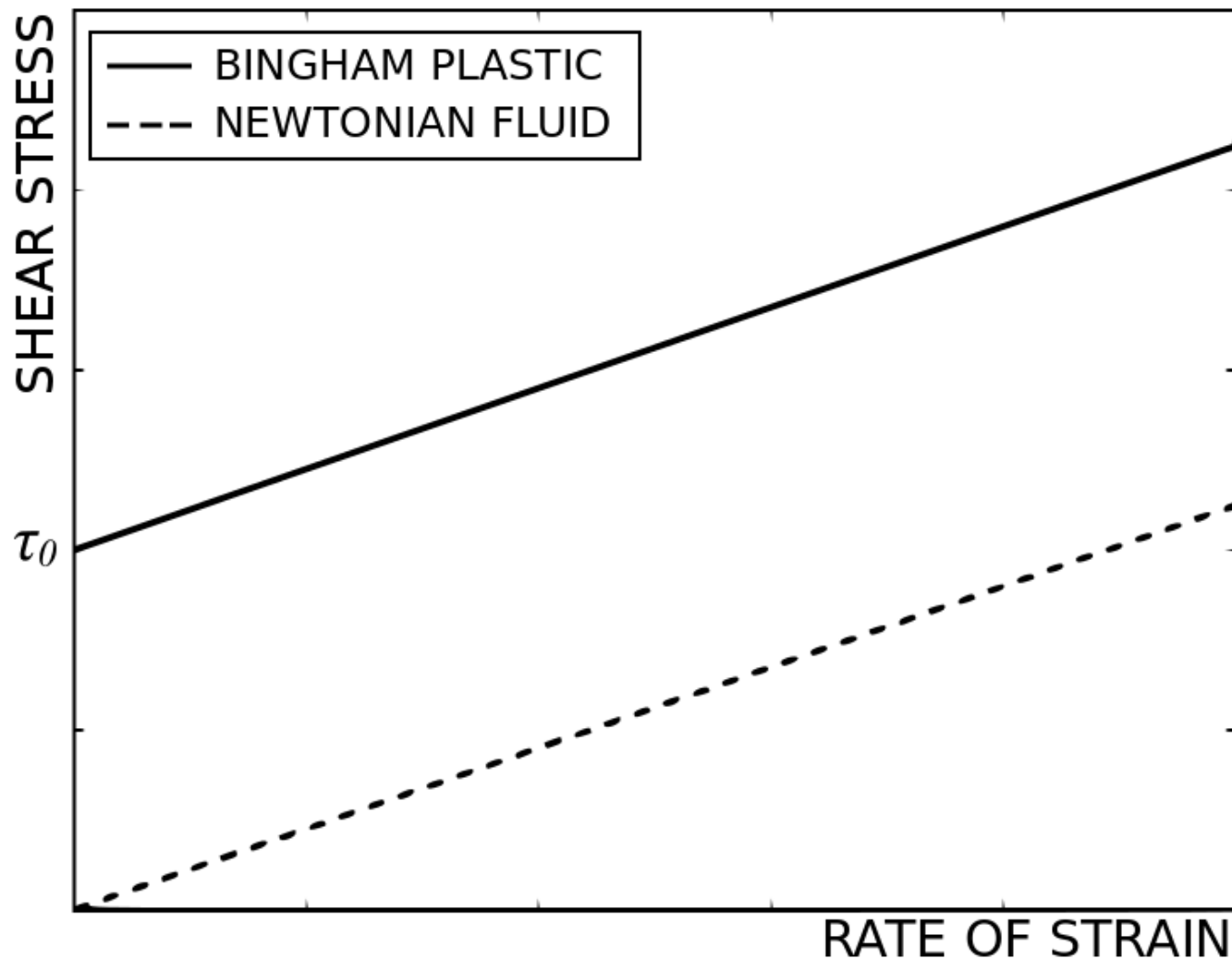
One-dimensional  
apparent viscosity:

$$\tilde{\mu}(\dot{\gamma}) = \frac{\tau}{\dot{\gamma}}$$



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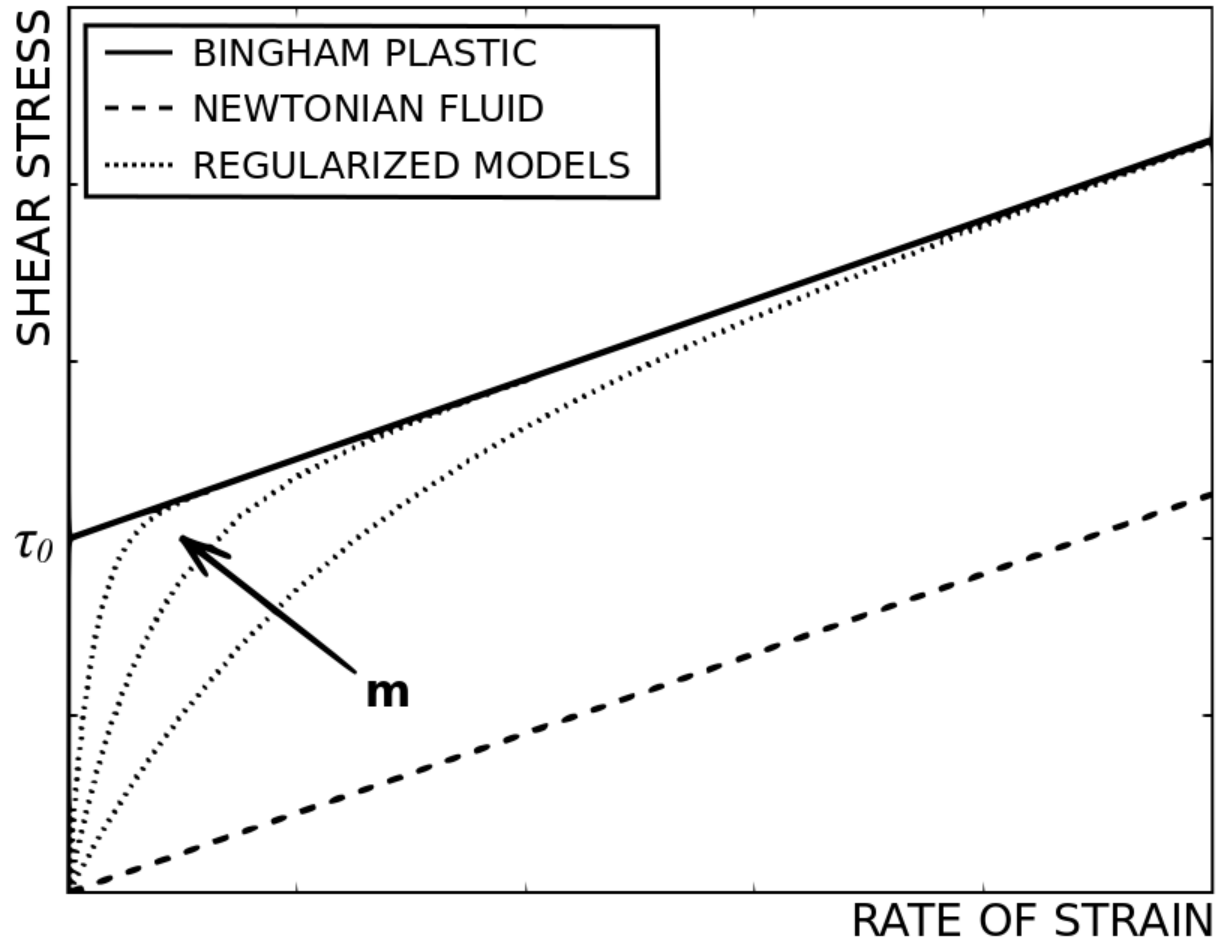
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# CONSTITUTIVE MODEL

$$\tau = \left[ \mu + \frac{\tau_0}{\dot{\gamma}} \left( 1 - e^{-m\dot{\gamma}} \right) \right] \dot{\gamma}$$

$$\tilde{\mu}(\dot{\gamma}) = \mu + \frac{\tau_0}{\dot{\gamma}} \left( 1 - e^{-m\dot{\gamma}} \right)$$



# 2D VALIDATION

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- **Laboratory experiments**

- Sælevick, G., Jensen, A., Pedersen, G., Experimental investigation of impact generated tsunami; related to a potential rock slide, Western Norway, Coastal Engineering 56 (9) (2009) 897–906.

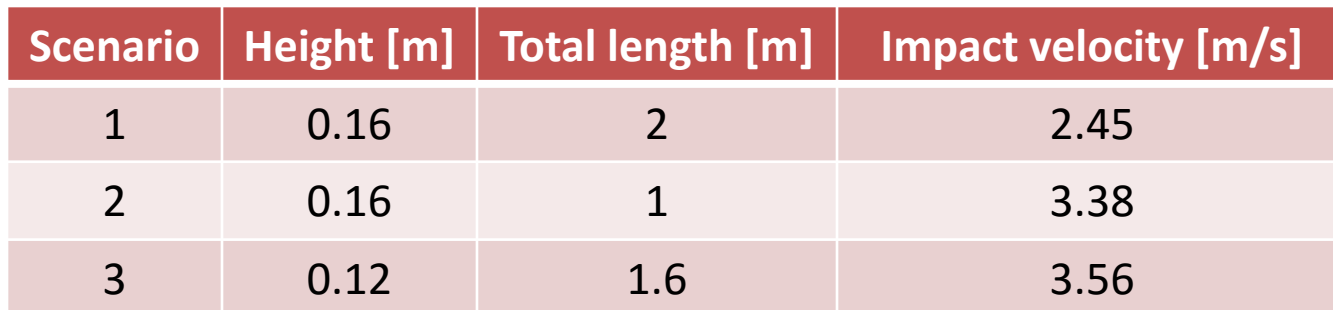
- **Lituya 2D**

- Fritz, H. M., Hager, W. H., Minor, H. E., Lituya Bay case: Rockslide impact and wave run-up. Science of Tsunami Hazards, 19(1): 3-22.

- **Vajont 2D**

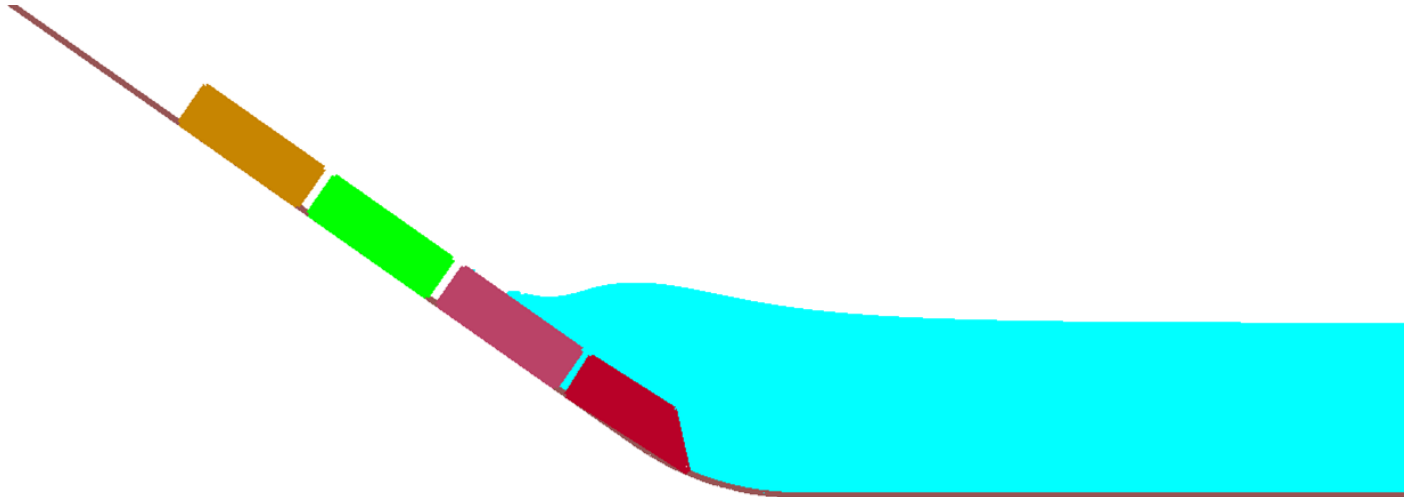
- Gómez, R., El desastre de Vajont. Jornadas técnicas de estabilidad de laderas en embalses. Zaragoza, 2007.

## Sælevick et al. laboratory experiments



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Scenario	Height [m]	Total length [m]	Impact velocity [m/s]
1	0.16	4 blocks of 0.5*	2.45
2	0.16	2 blocks of 0.5*	3.38
3	0.12	2 blocks of 0.5 and 1 of 0.6*	3.56

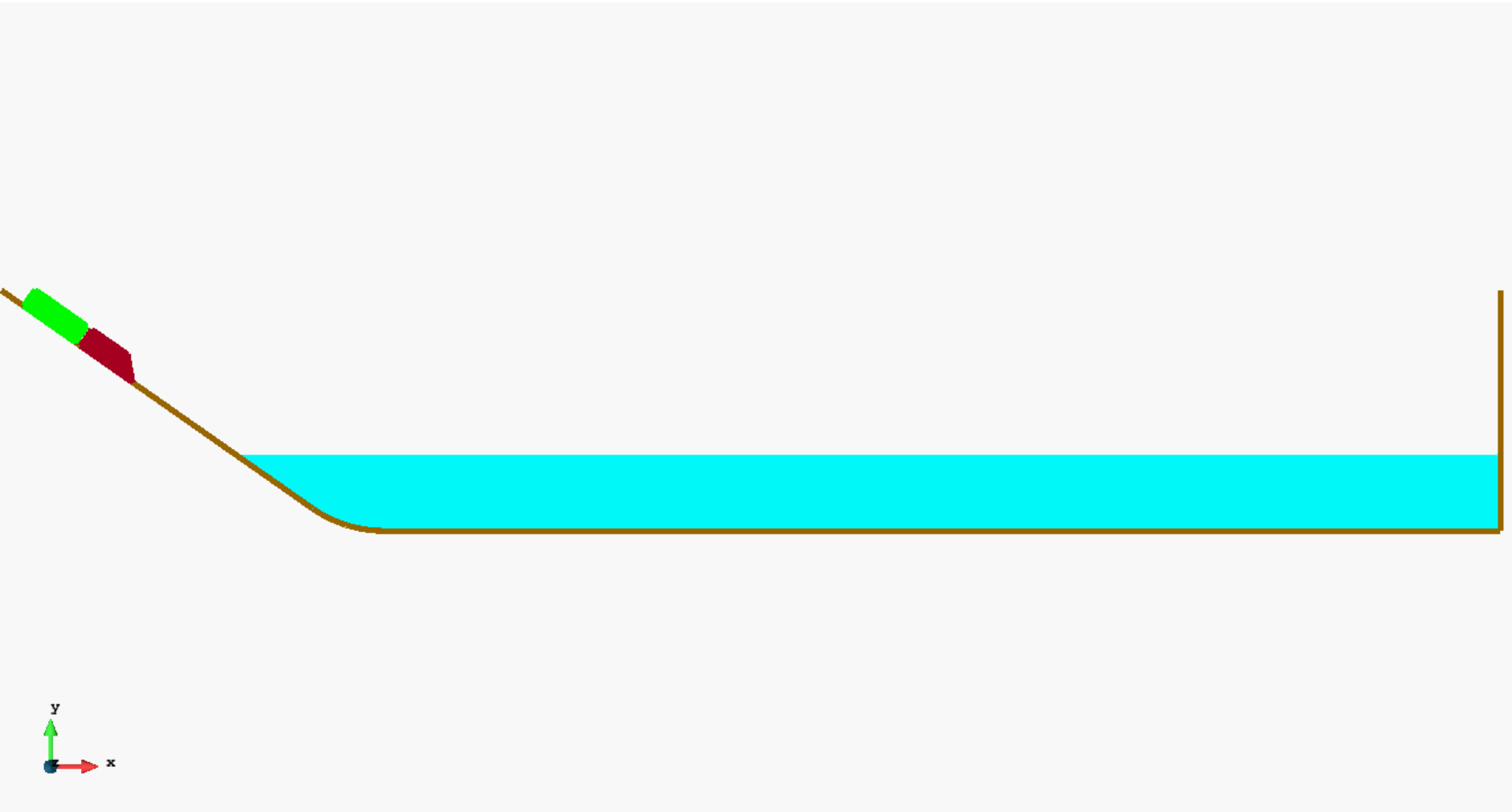
(\*)The gap between blocks was considered of 0.05 m.



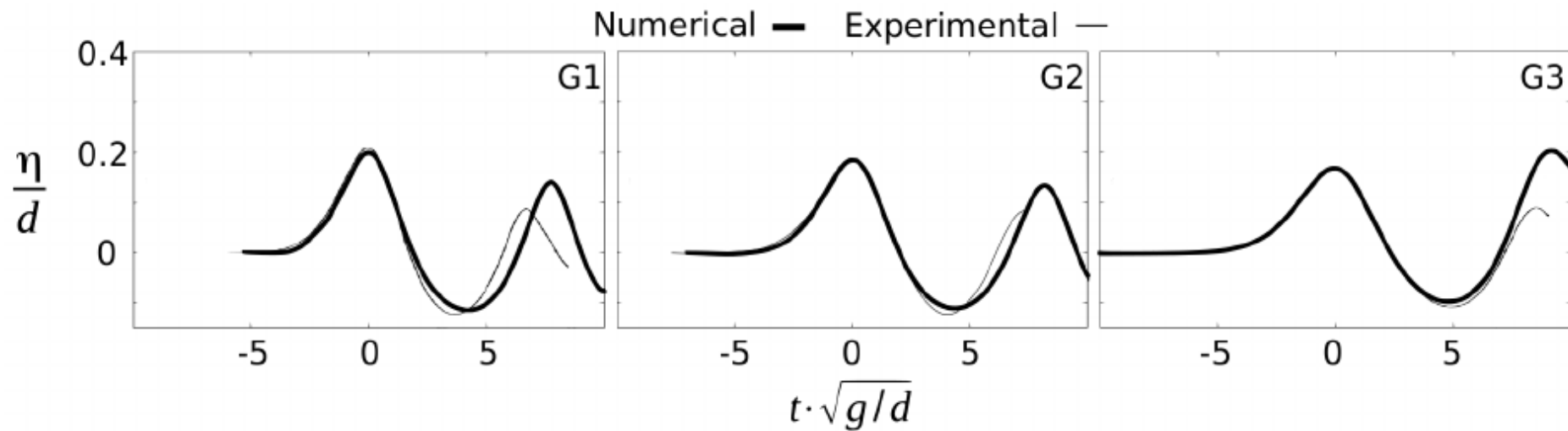
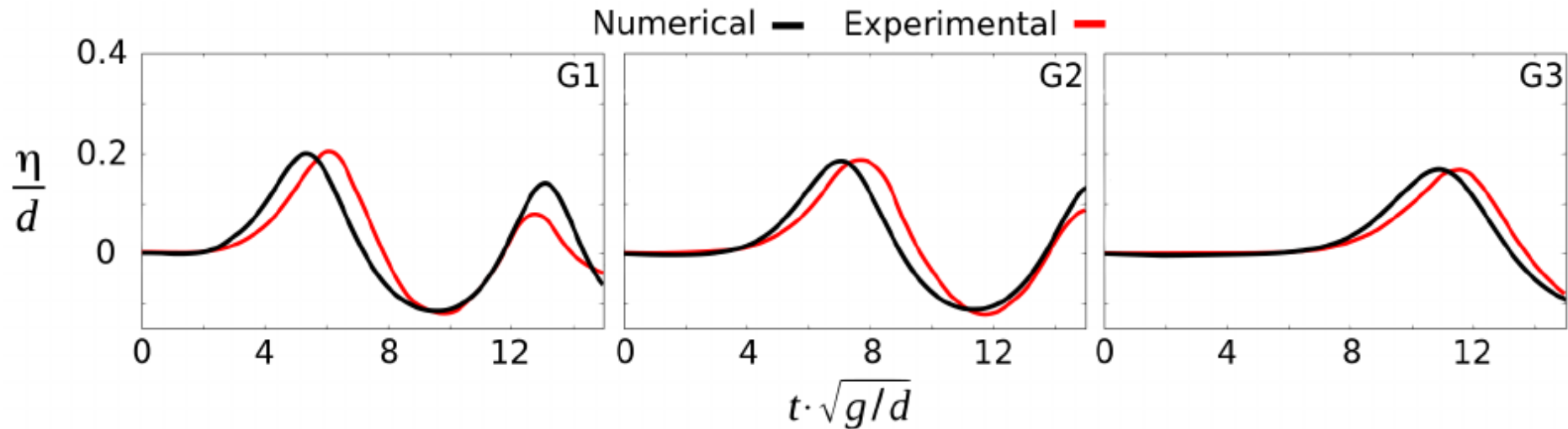
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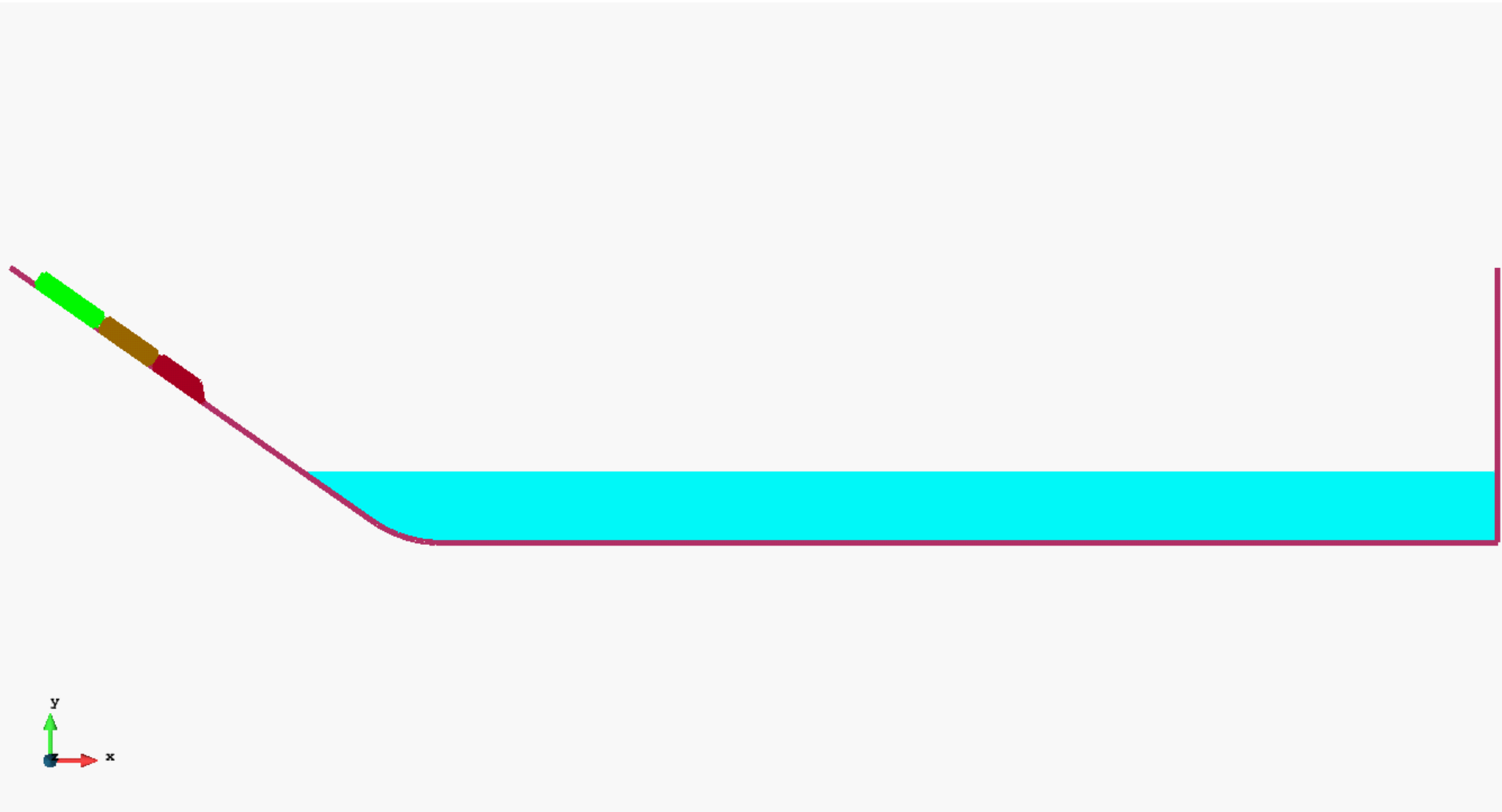
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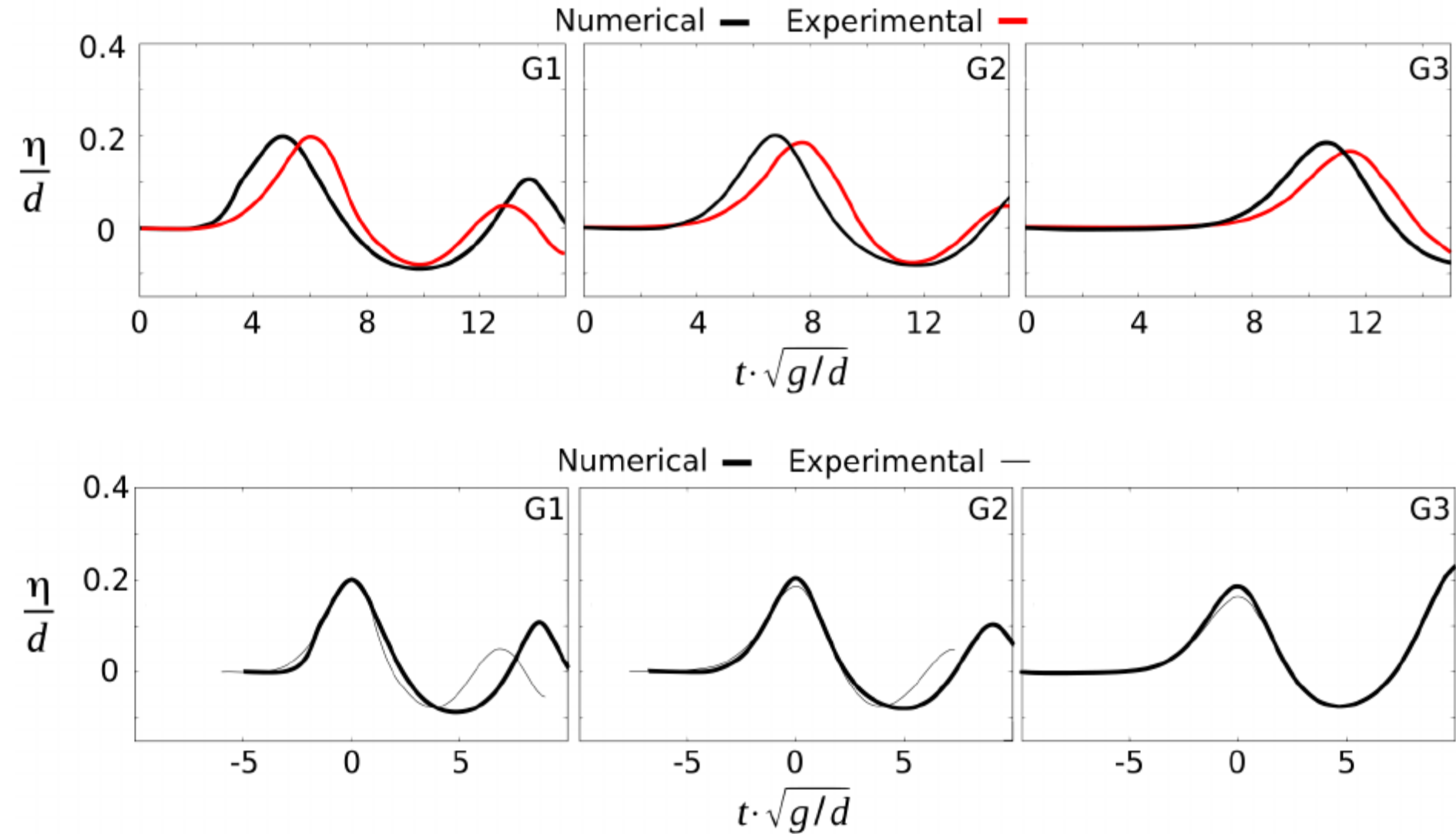
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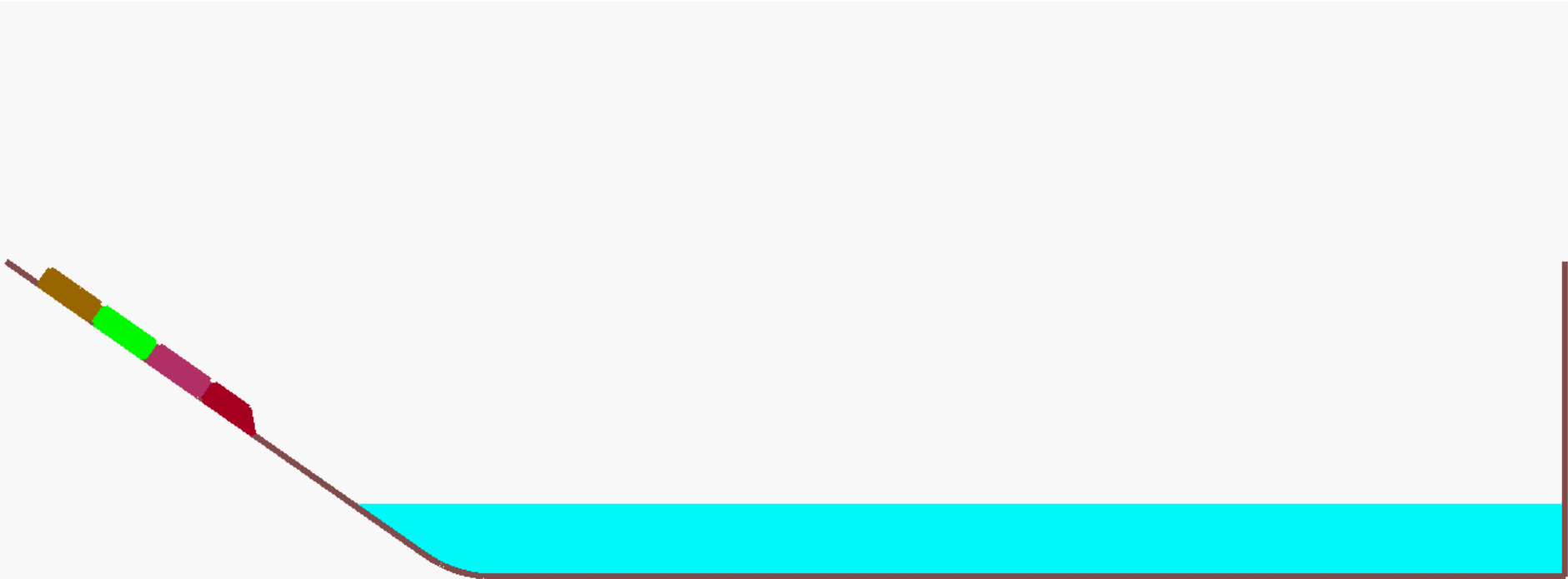
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## Scenario 1



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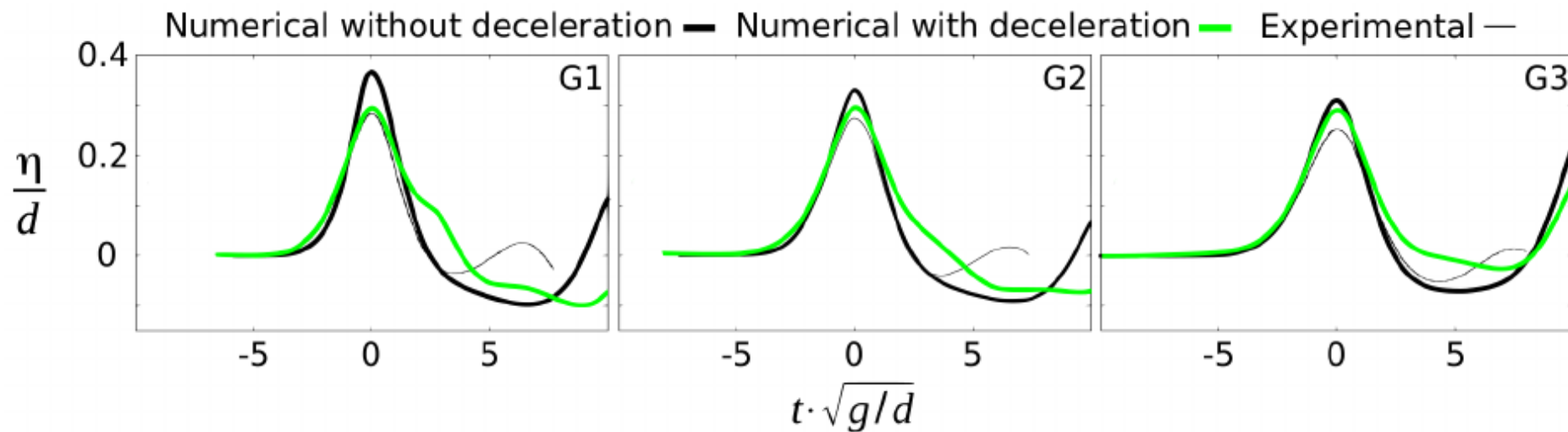
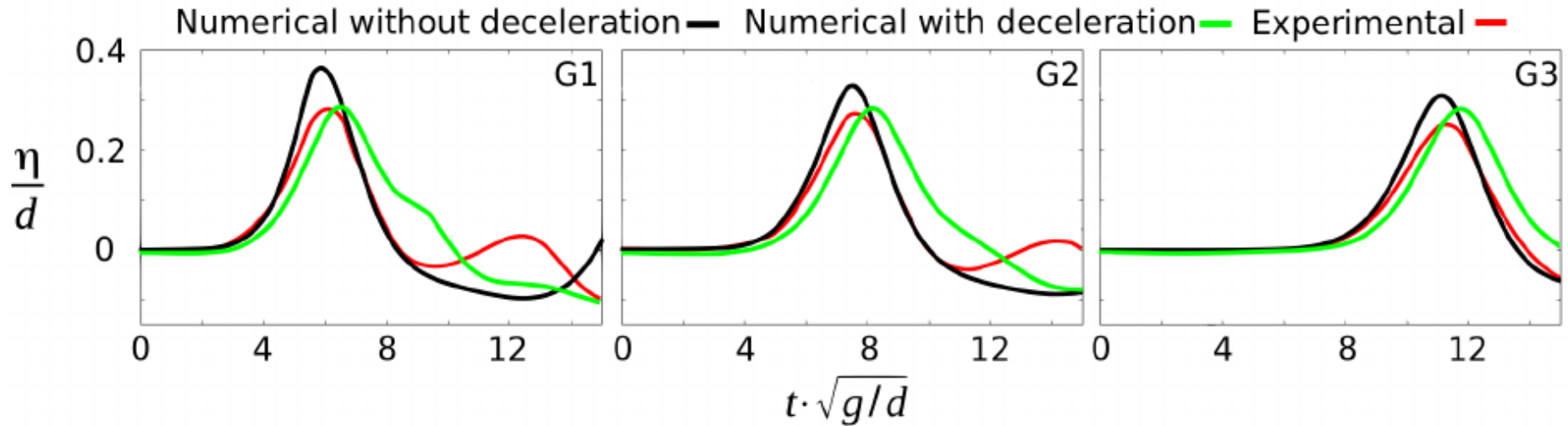
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## Scenario 1 (deceleration)





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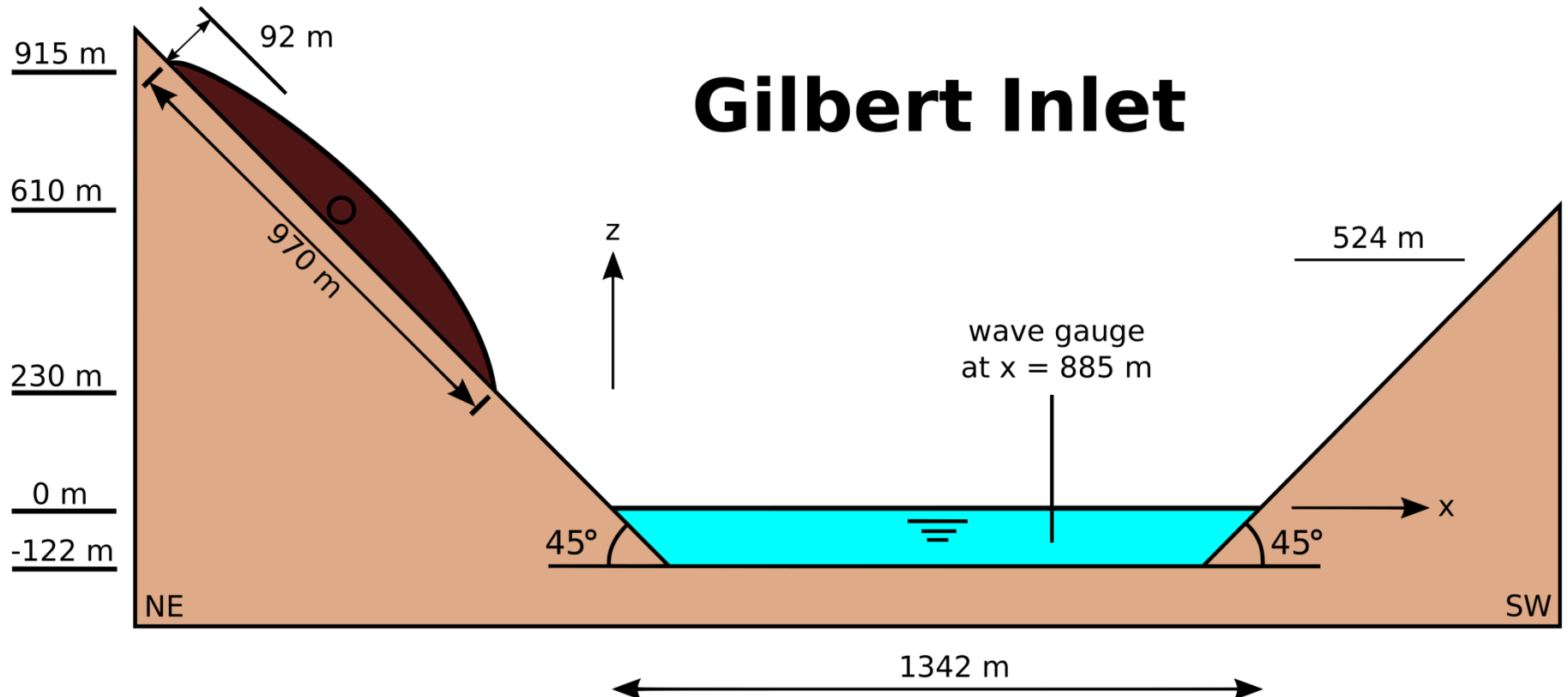
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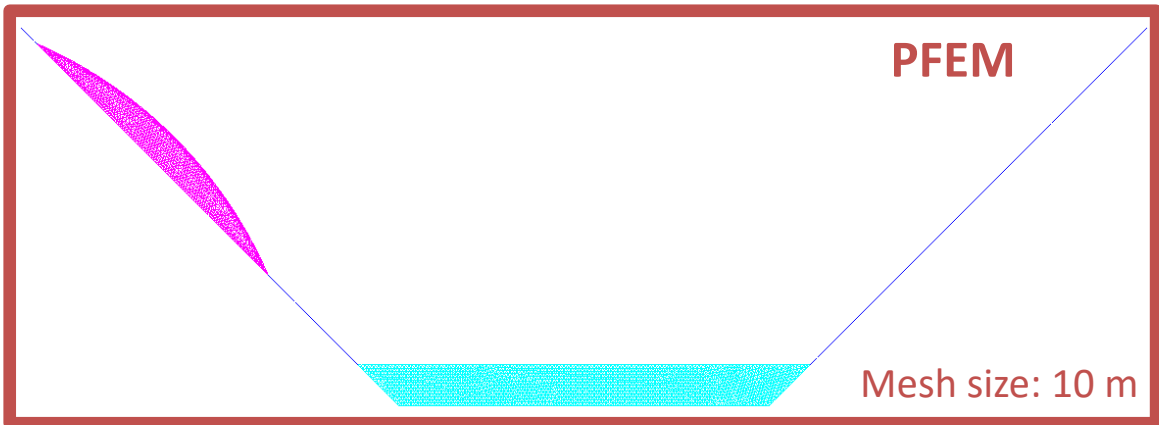
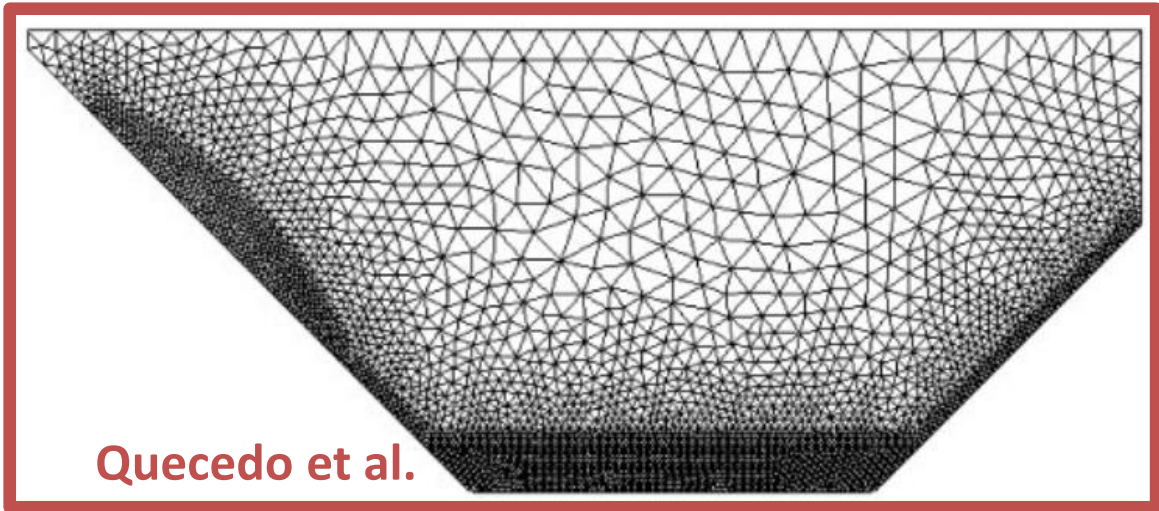
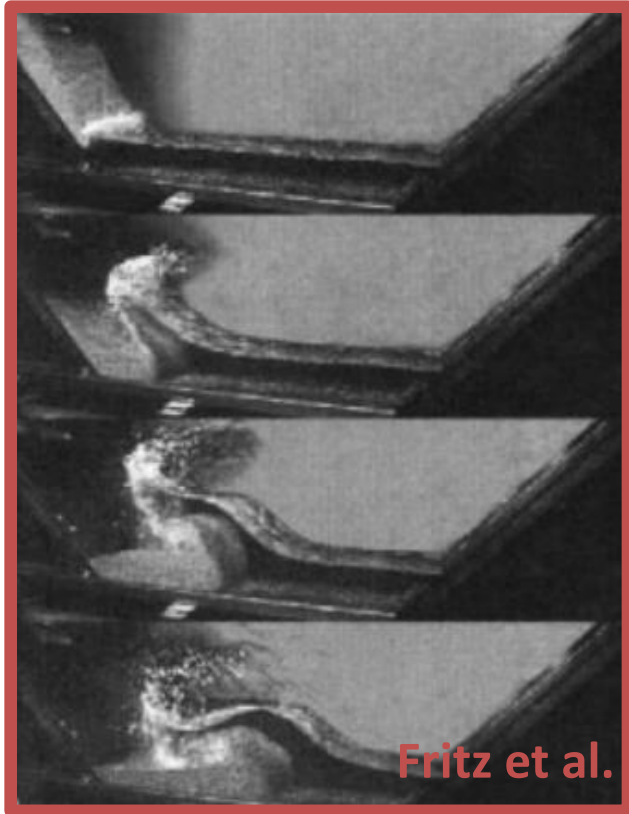
Scenario	Run	Difference in maximum wave height (%)		
		WG1	WG2	WG3
1	1	28.6	20.2	19.2
1	2	3.6	5.5	9.6
2	1	4.8	0.0	0.0
3	1	0.0	8.1	8.8

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## Lituya 2D

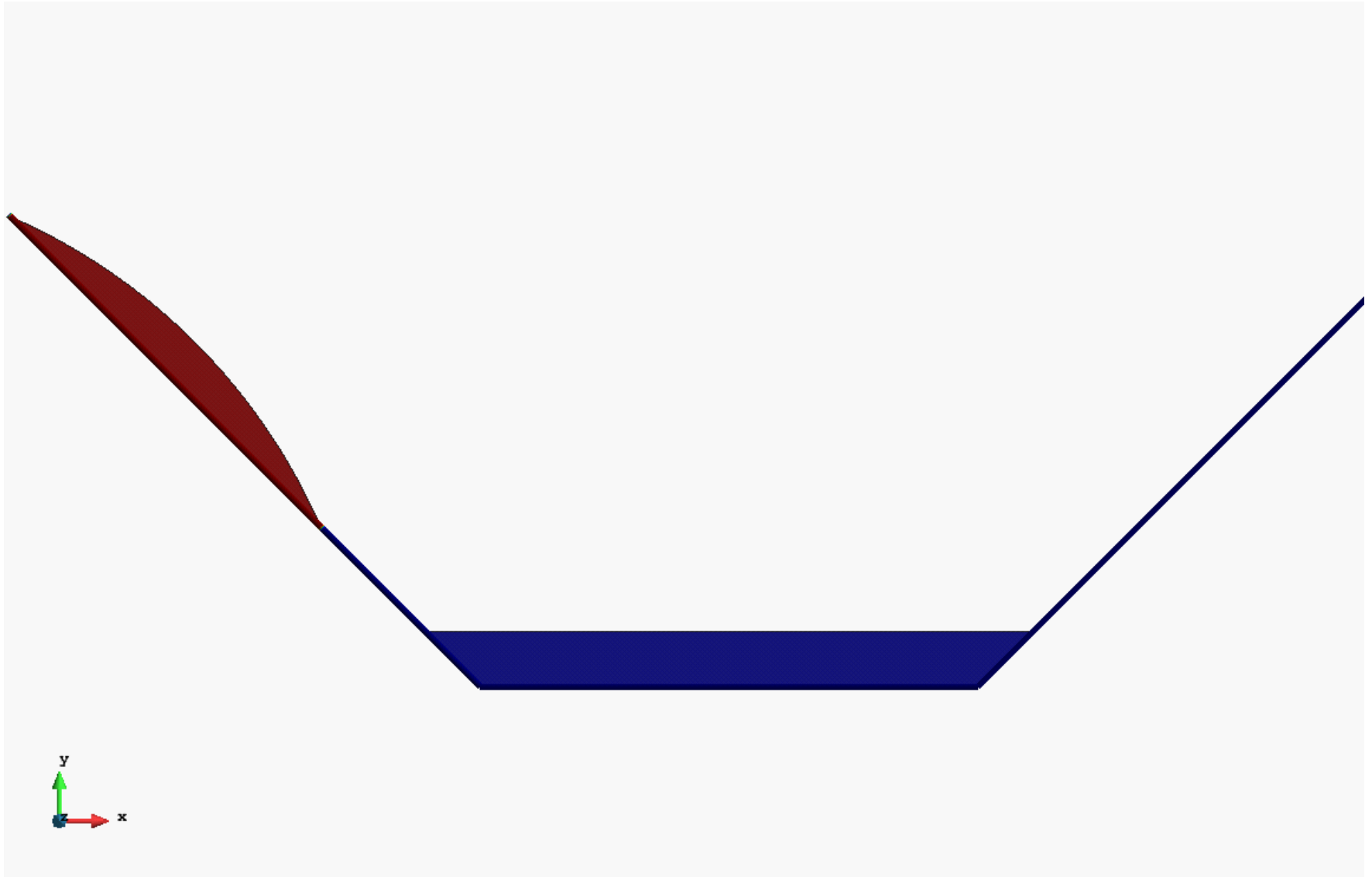


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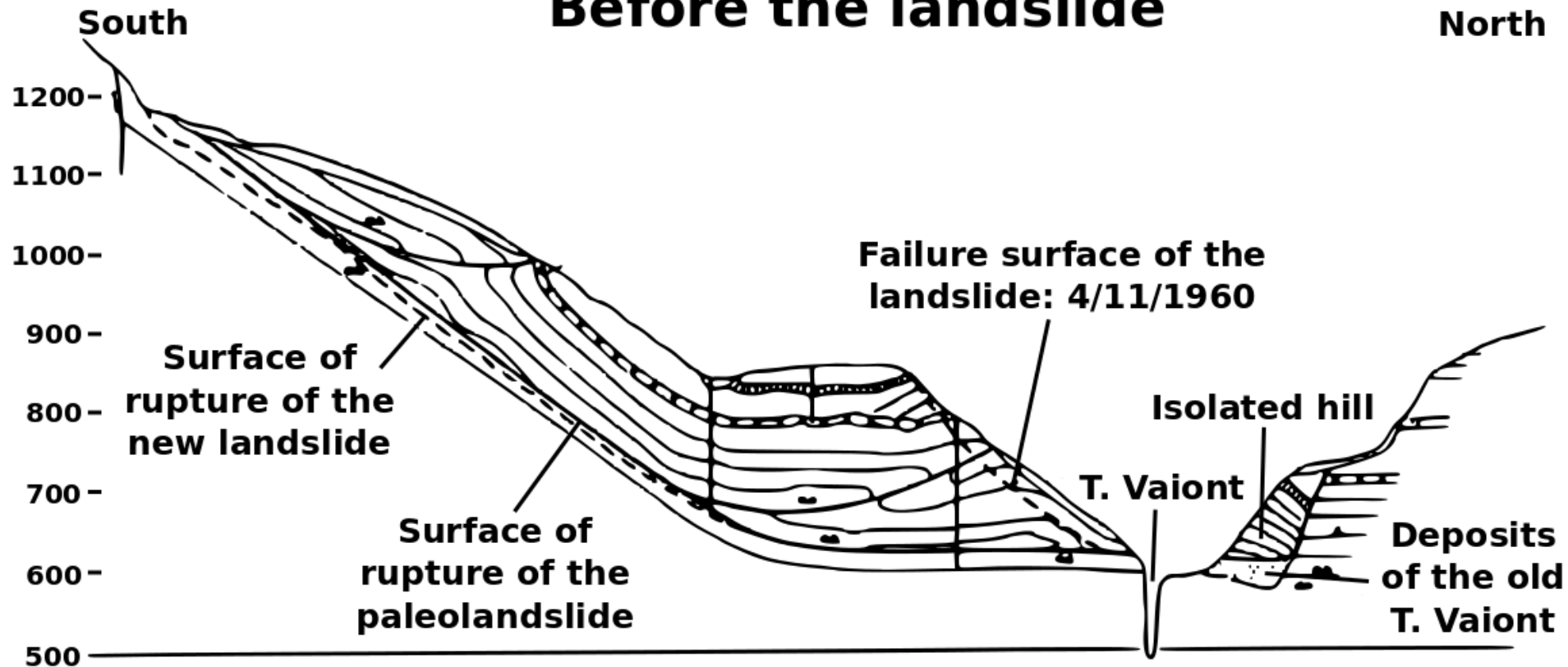
	Measured (Fritz)	Quecedo et al.	PFEM
Slide duration (s)	7	9	9.5
Slide velocity at impact (m/s)	110	85	83
Slide length at impact (m)	748	1092	1052
Maximum wave height (m)	>200	226	234
Time for maximum wave (s)	11	21	26
Maximum wave position (m)	600	600	814
Maximum wave height at 885 m	152	266	232
Time for maximum wave at 885 m (s)	16	26.8	27.1



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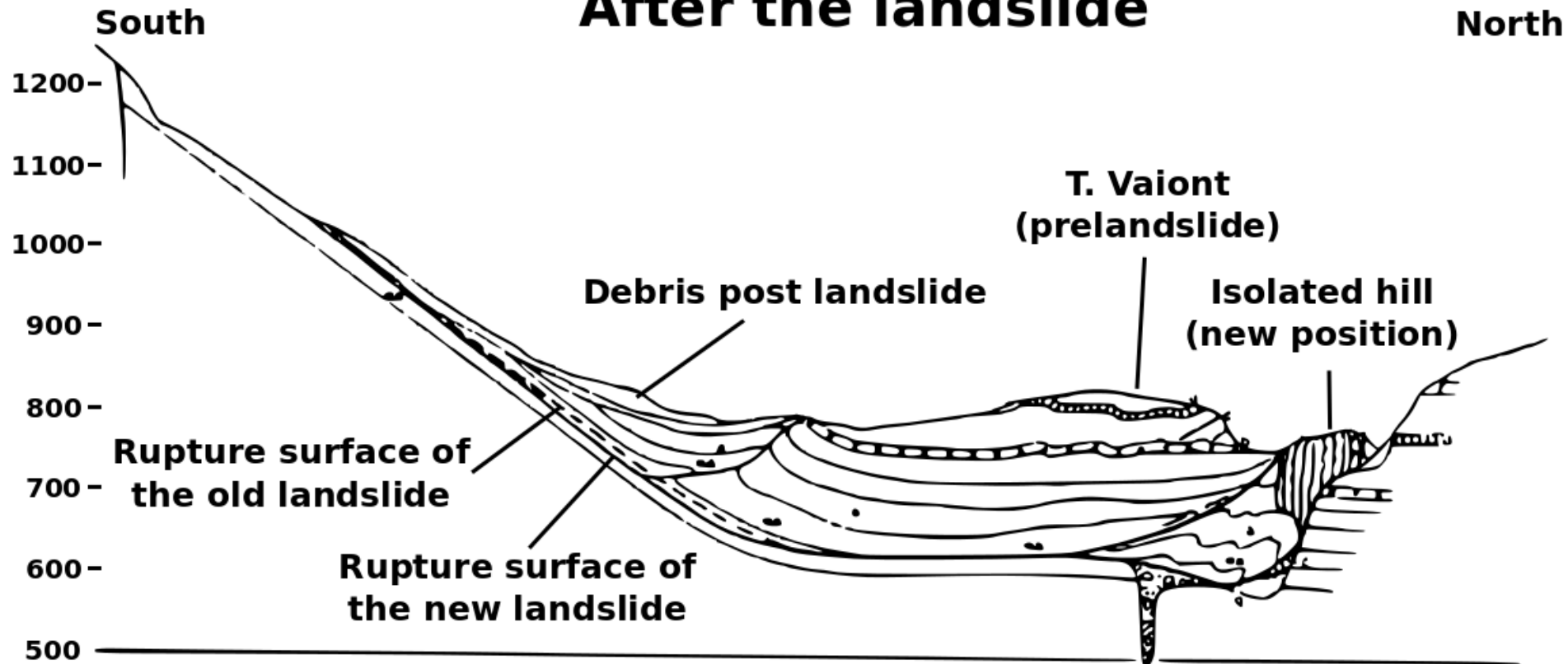
### Before the landslide



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## Vajont 2D

### After the landslide



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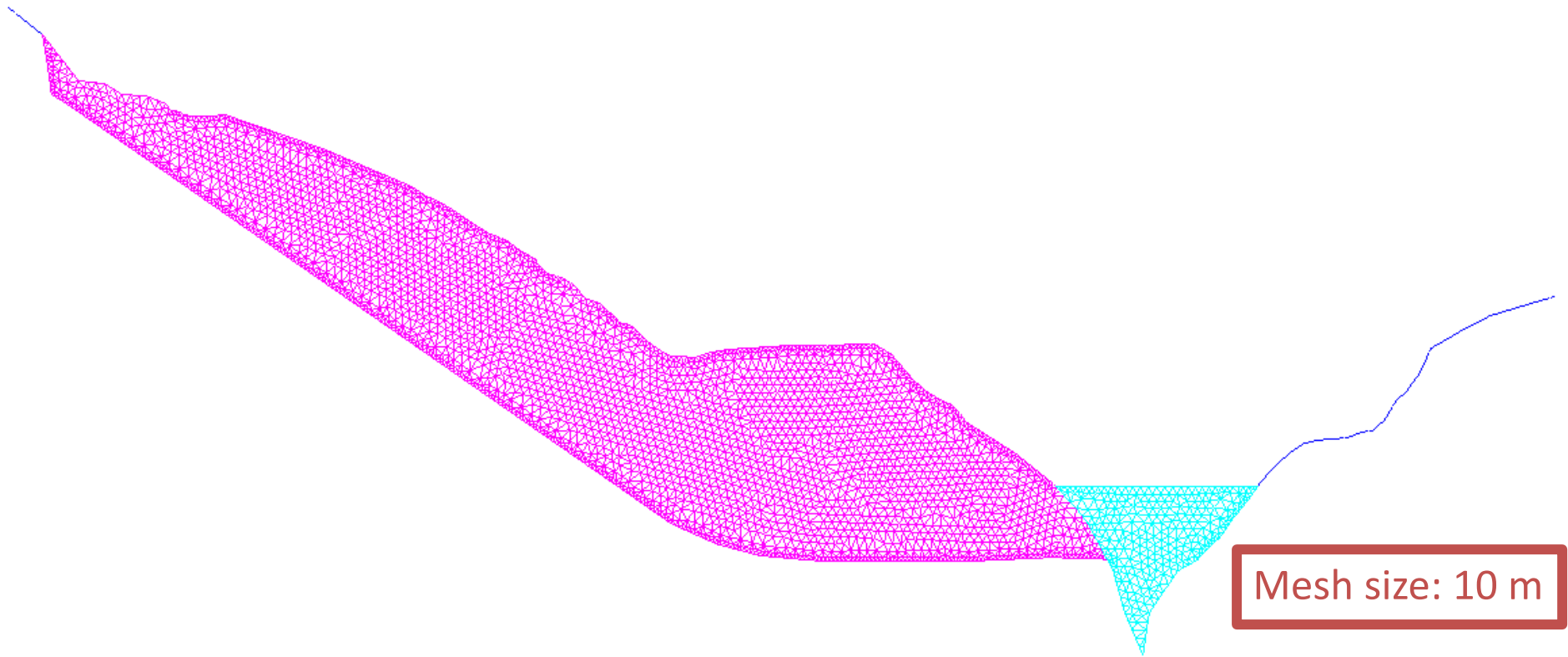
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## Other data:

- **Density:  $1800 \text{ kg/m}^3$**
- **Maximum velocity:  $28 \text{ m/s}$**
- **The landslide mass ceased after 30-40 s**

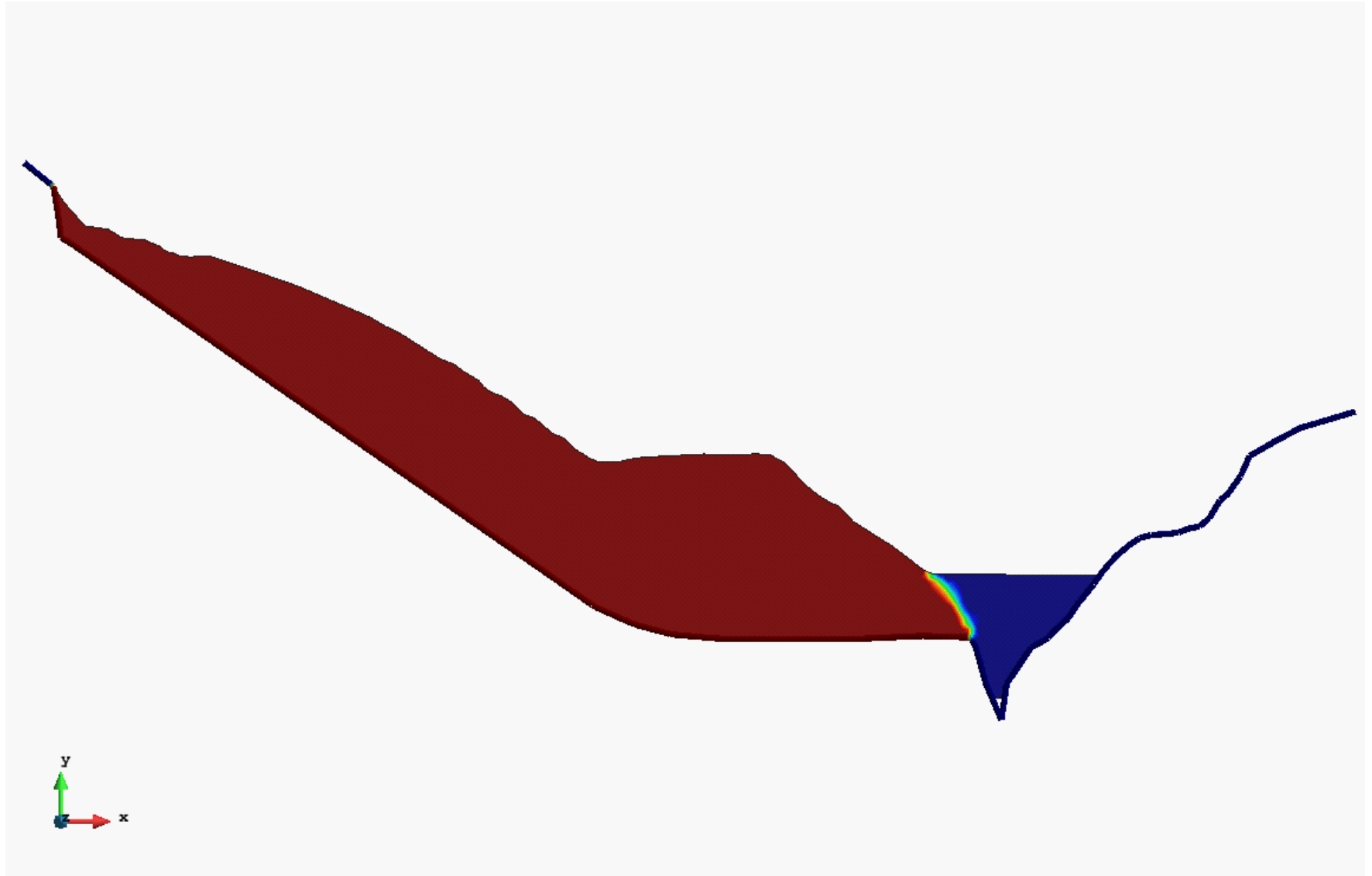
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## Calibration campaign 1

- **Used data:**
  - Yield stress (kPa): 15, 150, 300
  - Viscosity (Pa·s): 50, 500, 5000
  - $m$ : 50, 500, 5000
- **Results:** no simulation provides adequate results
- **Conclusion:** yield stress is the most affecting parameter. It should be between 150 and 300 kPa



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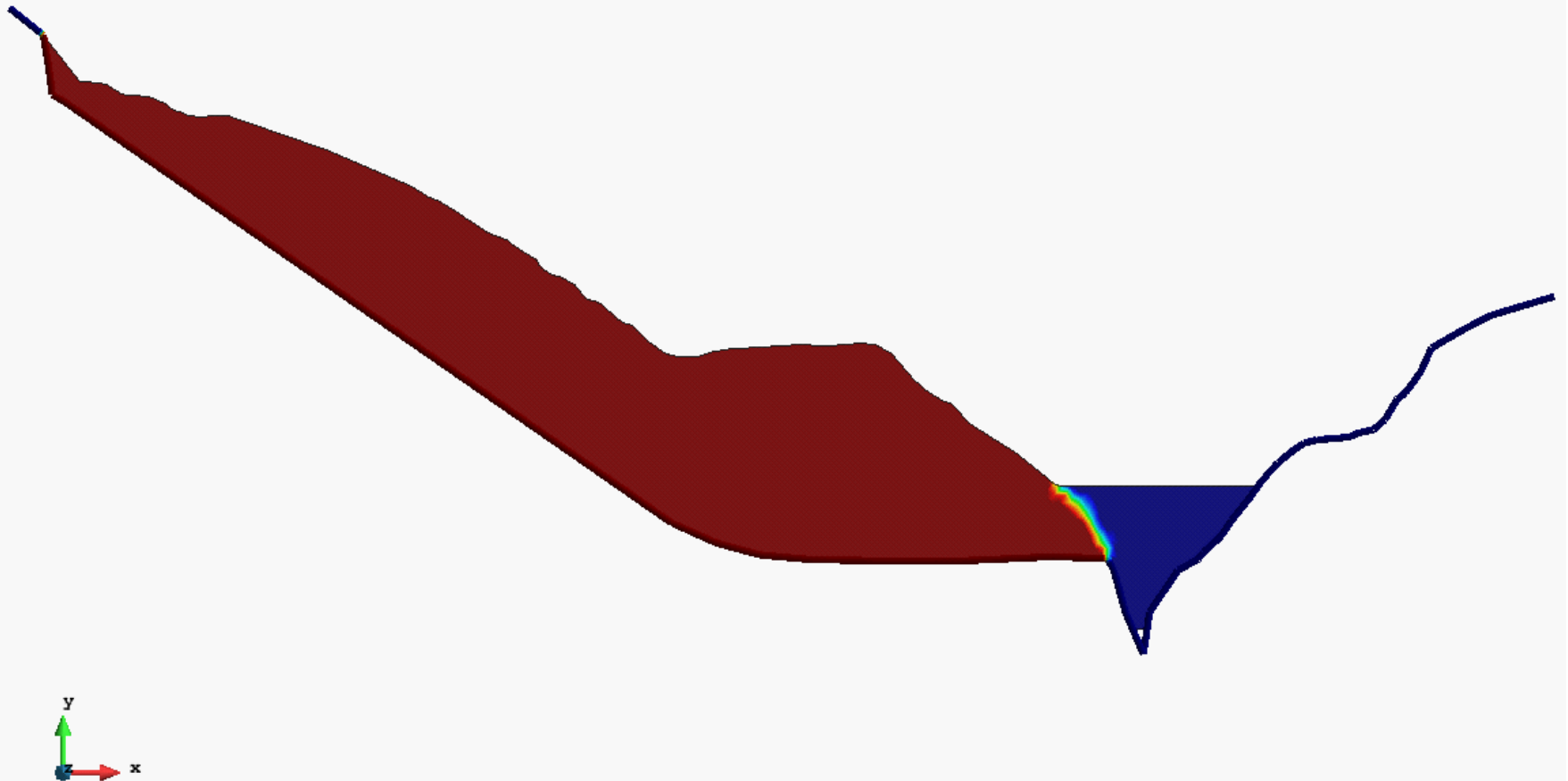
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## Calibration campaign 2

- **Used data:**
  - Yield stress (kPa): 250
  - Viscosity (Pa·s): 500
  - $m$ : 50, 500, 5000
- **Results: all simulations provide good results**
- **Data chosen: Yield stress 250 kPa, Viscosity 500 Pa·s and  $m$  500**

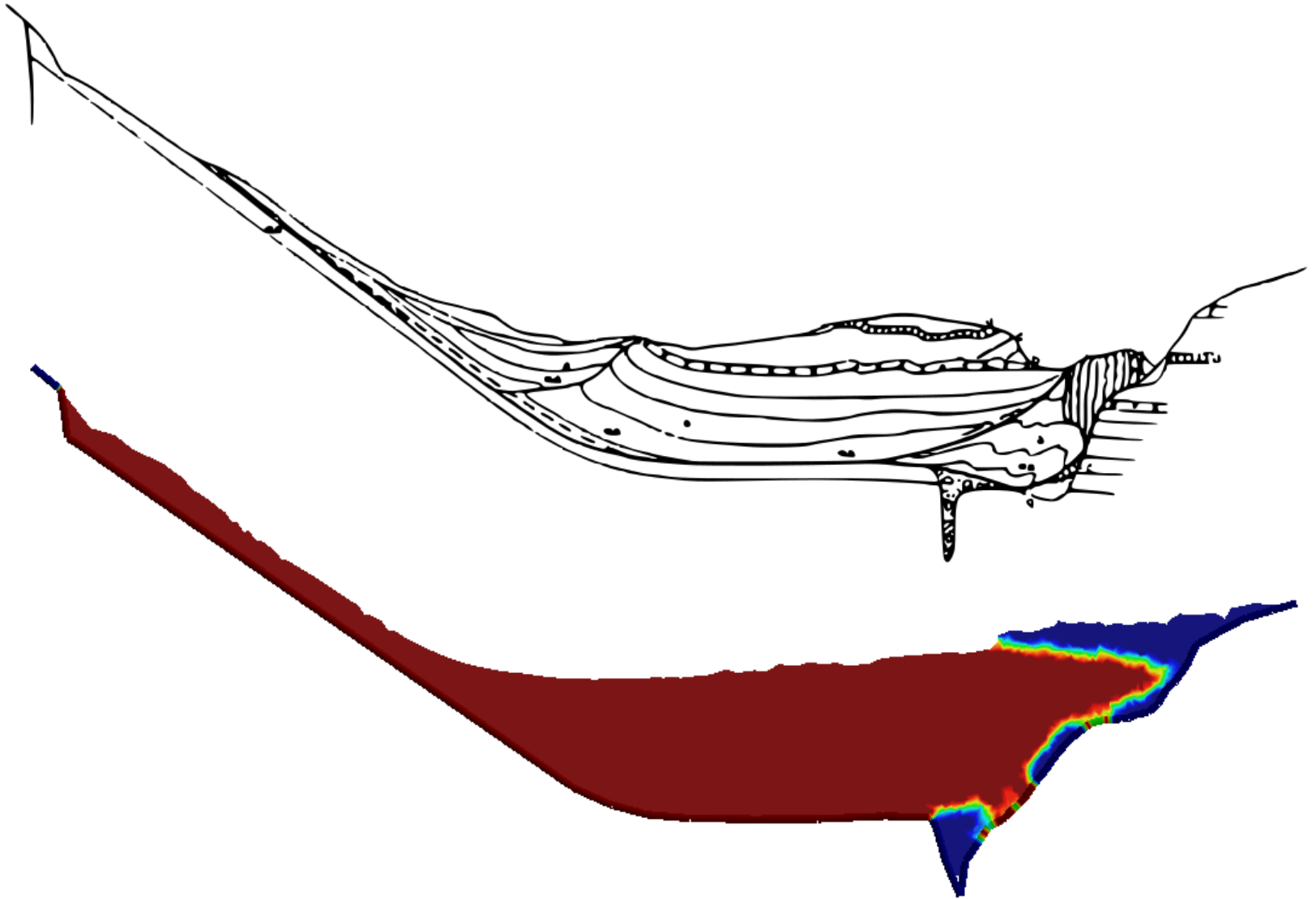
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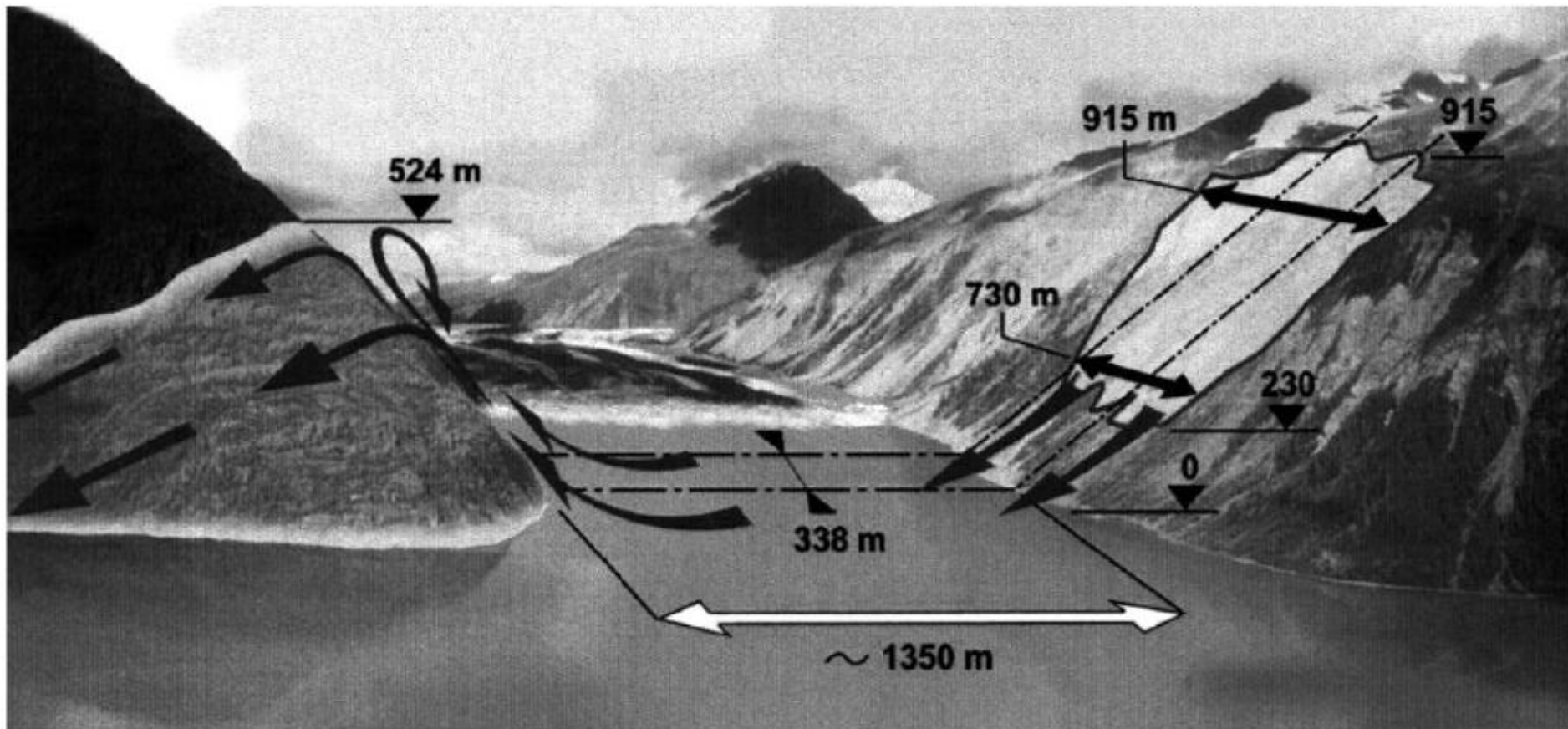
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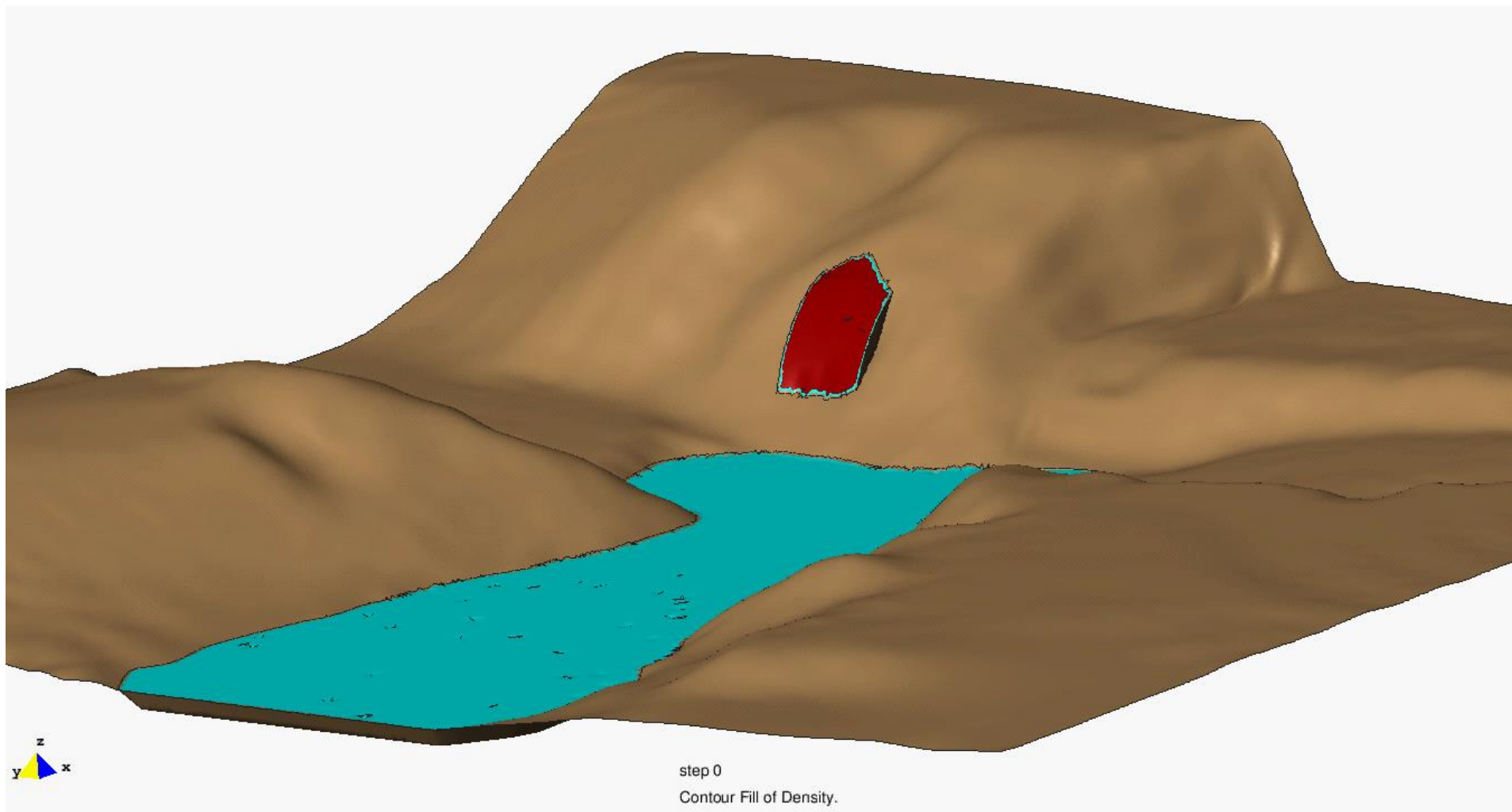
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## Lituya 3D



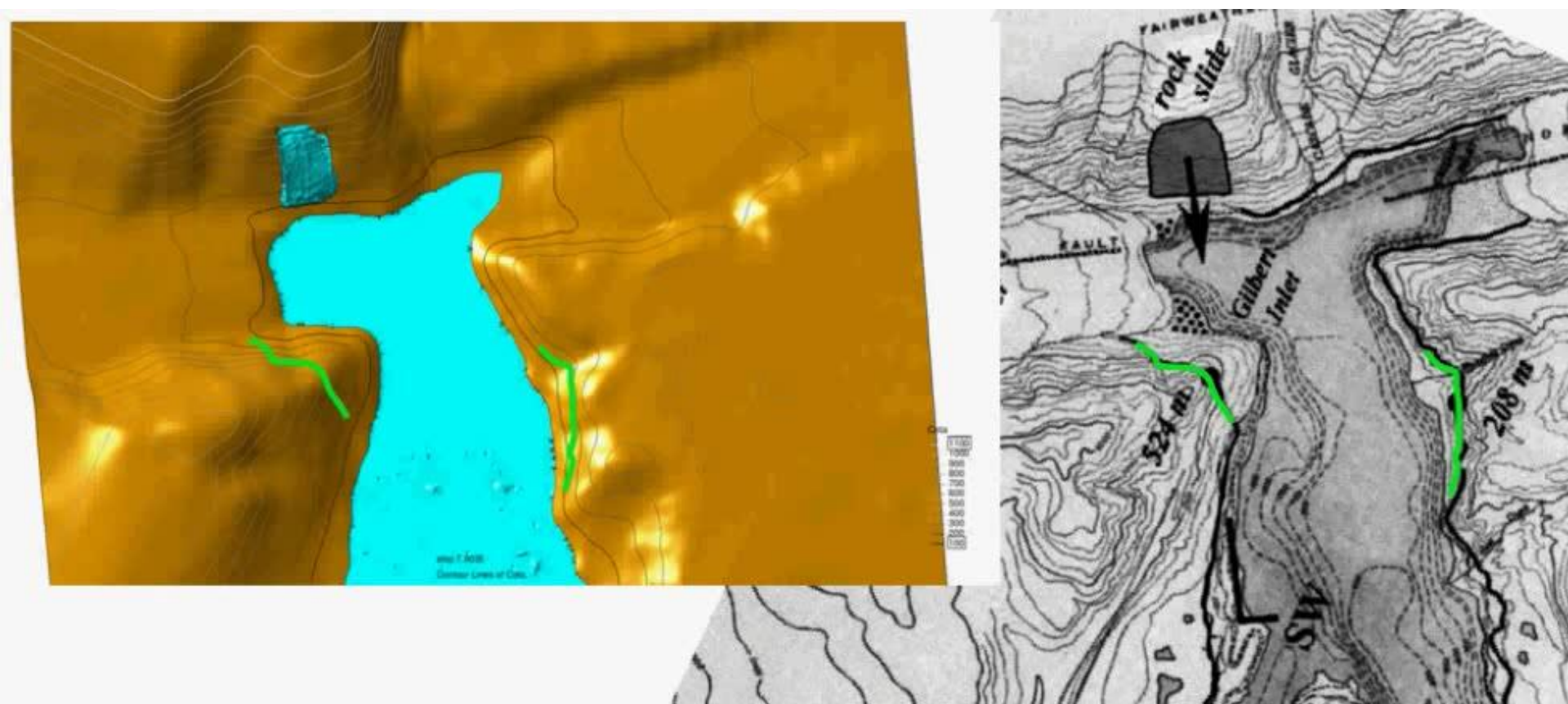
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# CONCLUSIONS

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- **Landslides can behave as newtonian and non – newtonian fluids**
- **Complex phenomenon**
- **Numerical models must apply simplifications so results are approximations to reality**
- **PFEM can be useful in the estimation of possible affections caused by landslides in reservoirs**
- **PFEM is effective reproducing landslides as a Bingham fluid**



# FURTHER WORK

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- **Further two and three-dimensional calibrations and simulations will be developed (Vajont 3D)**
- **Non-homogeneous landslide simulations**
- **Simulations of potential landslides**
- **Code optimization**



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