

# Numerical modelling of breakwaters

### Dept. of Civil Engineering, Ghent University



Vakgroep Civiele Techniek Afdeling Weg- en Waterbouwkunde Technologiepark 904 9052 Zwijnaarde

awww.ugent.be

Contact: Peter Troch Peter.Troch@UGent.be Tel: +32 9 264 54 89

## Why numerical modelling?

Nowadays, sustainable development of infrastructures on the coast - from conceptual layouts, optimisation, stability and environmental assessment to detailed design - requires a thorough understanding of coastal processes.

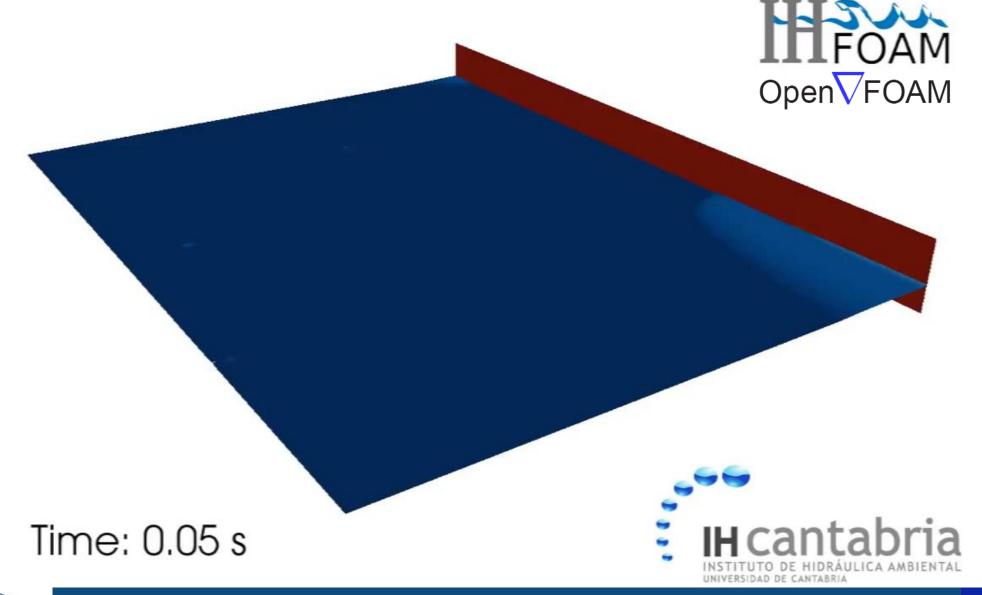
Numerical modelling is a suitable tool to investigate these physical processes and to deliver valid, accurate, efficient and usable solutions.

Therefore, numerical models are widely developed, validated and used for the design of all kind of coastal structures, such as breakwaters for example.





#### Multi-directional wave generation with a moving piston

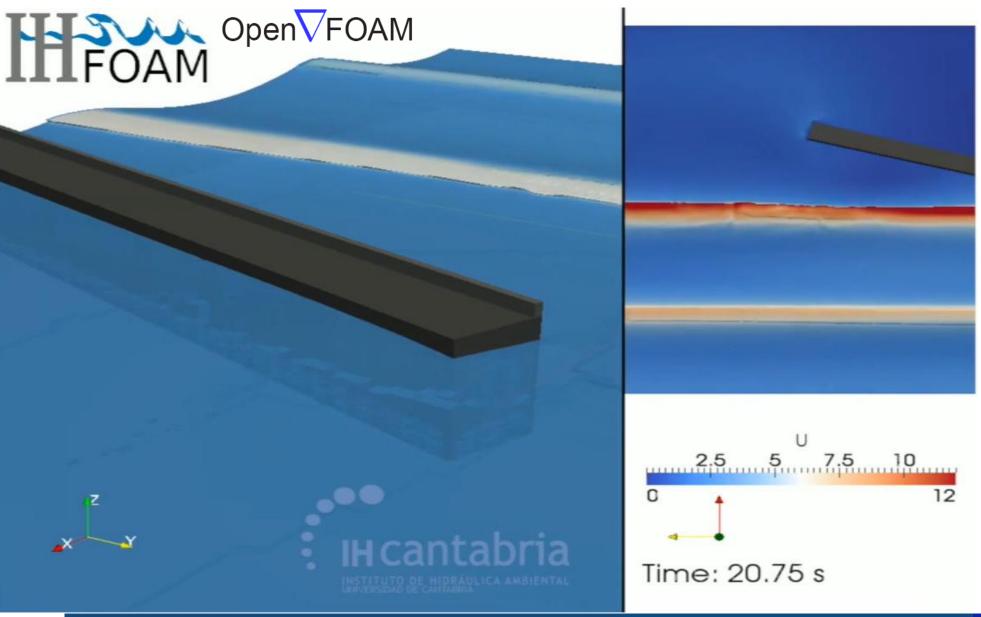




Department of Civil Engineering Ghent University



#### Wave interaction with a vertical breakwater

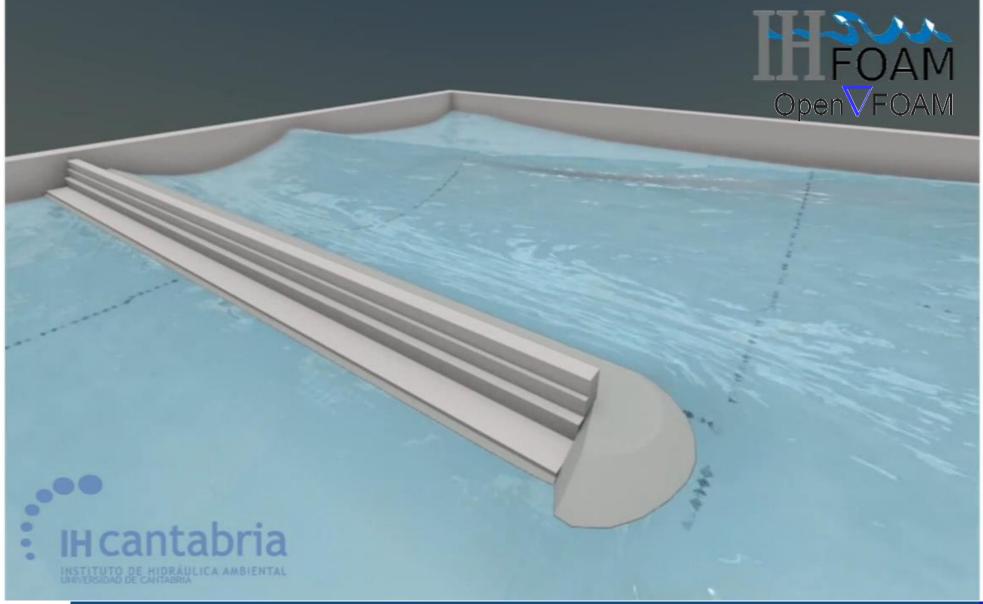




Department of Civil Engineering Ghent University



#### Wave interaction with a porous breakwater

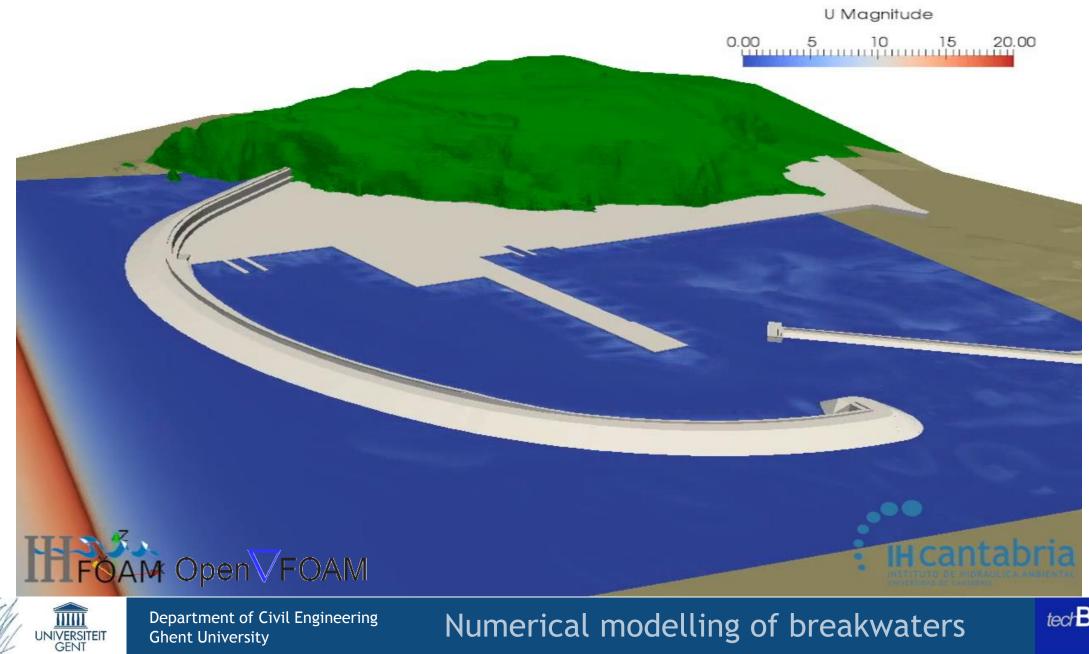




Department of Civil Engineering Ghent University



#### Tsunami approaching a harbour



**Ghent University** 



#### Research @ UGent: Porous flow inside a rubble mound breakwater

