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Two-layer model for the numerical simulation of oil spills over coastal flows

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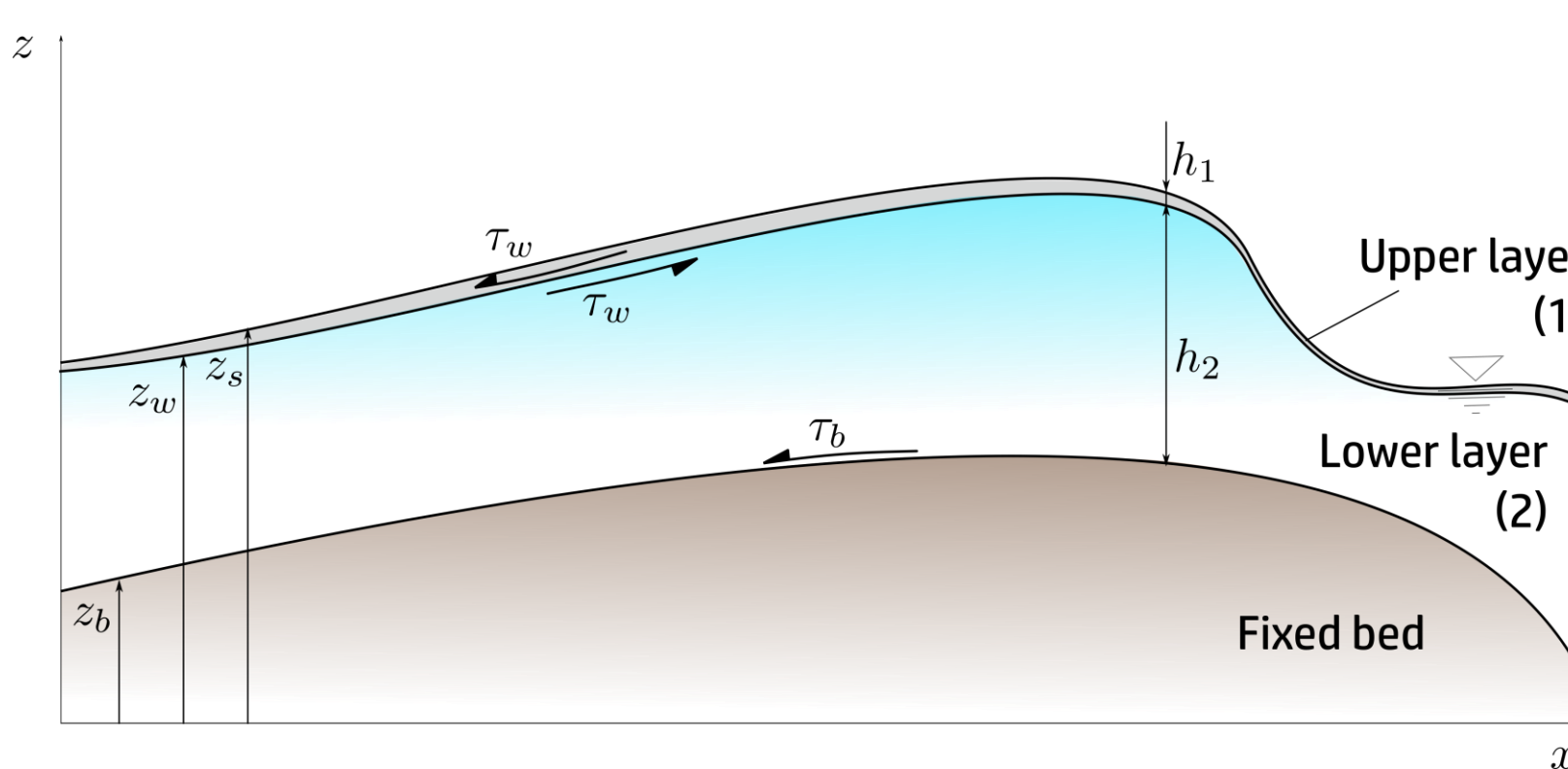
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INTRODUCTION

1D model is implemented for the resolution of unsteady oil spills in coastal flows solving both layers (oil and water) coupled by means of the interface friction stress.



METHODOLOGY

- Assumption of a very thin oil slick.
- Finite volume discretization of the unsteady hyperbolic system.
- Stable and conservative numerical scheme focused on wet-dry treatment.
- Upwind treatment of the source terms

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(h_1 u_1)}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial(h_1 u_1)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(h_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} g h_1^2 \right) &= -g h_1 \frac{\partial z_{w1}}{\partial x} - \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_1} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{UPPER LAYER}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(h_2 u_2)}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial(h_2 u_2)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(h_2 u_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} g h_2^2 \right) &= -g h_2 \frac{\partial z_{b2}}{\partial x} + \frac{\tau_b}{\rho_2} + \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_2} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{LOWER LAYER}$$

MODEL

2 layer system
Upper layer: oil
Lower layer: water
Coupling through friction terms

EQUATIONS

Shallow Water Equations
Hydrostatic pressure distribution in each layer

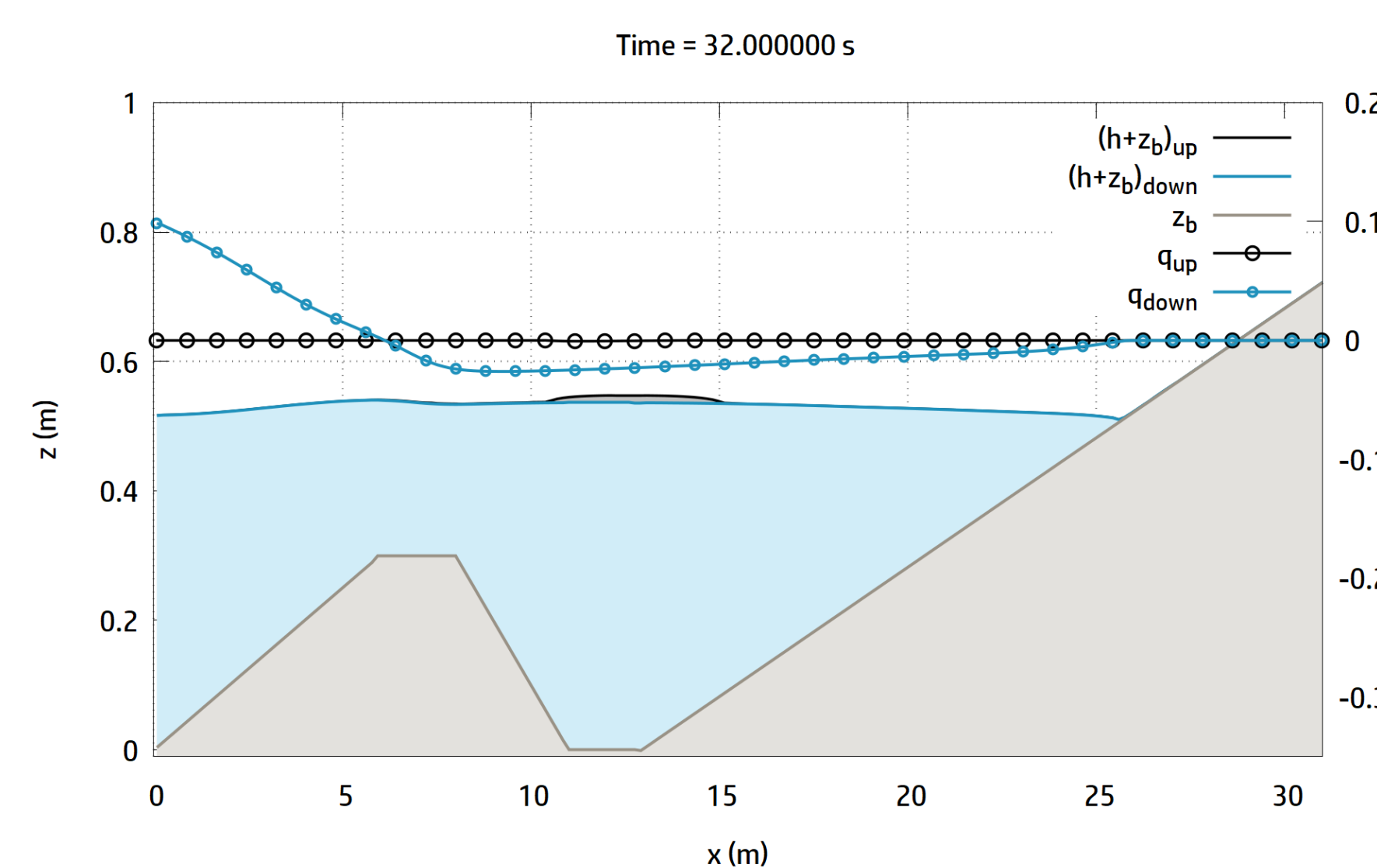
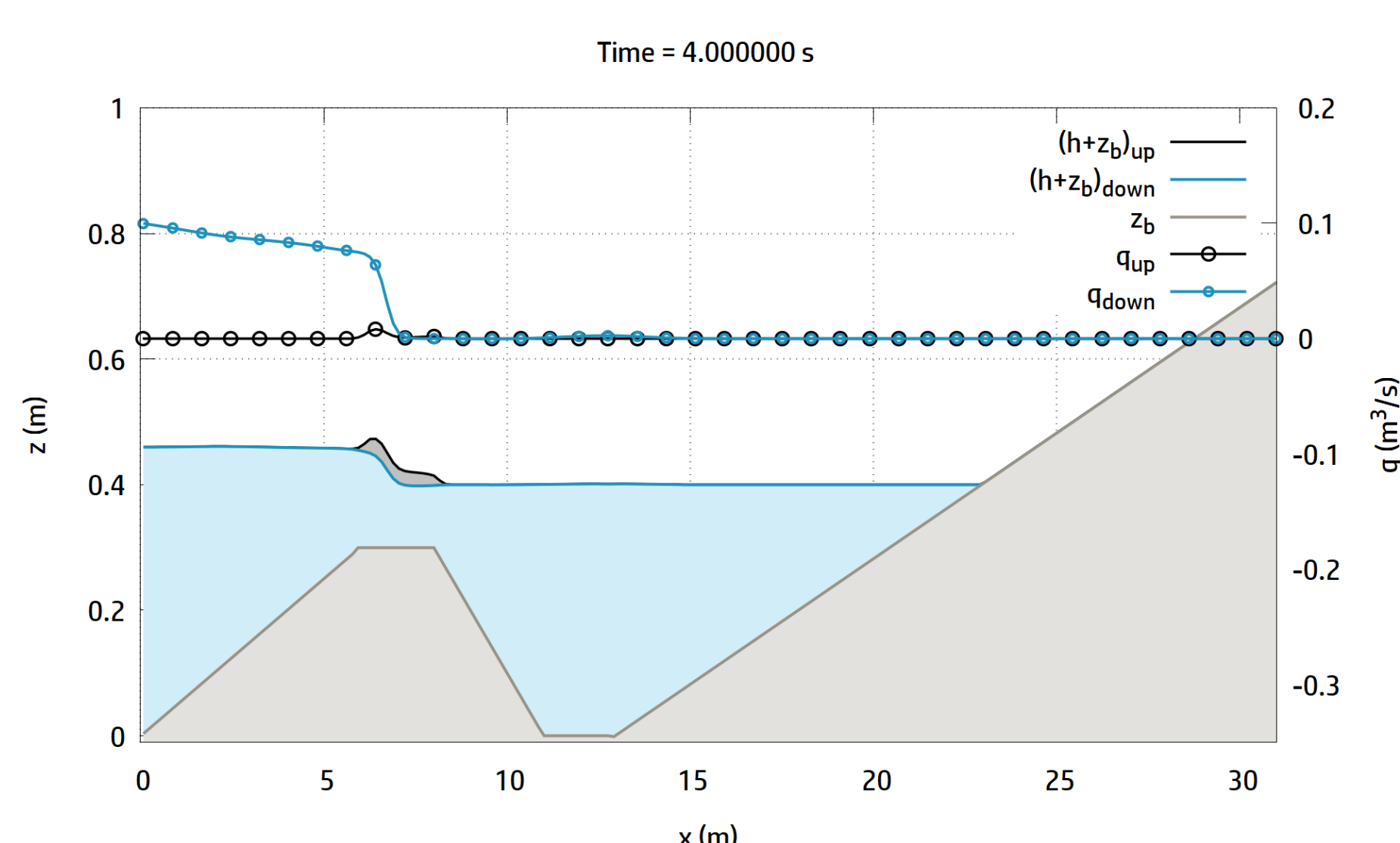
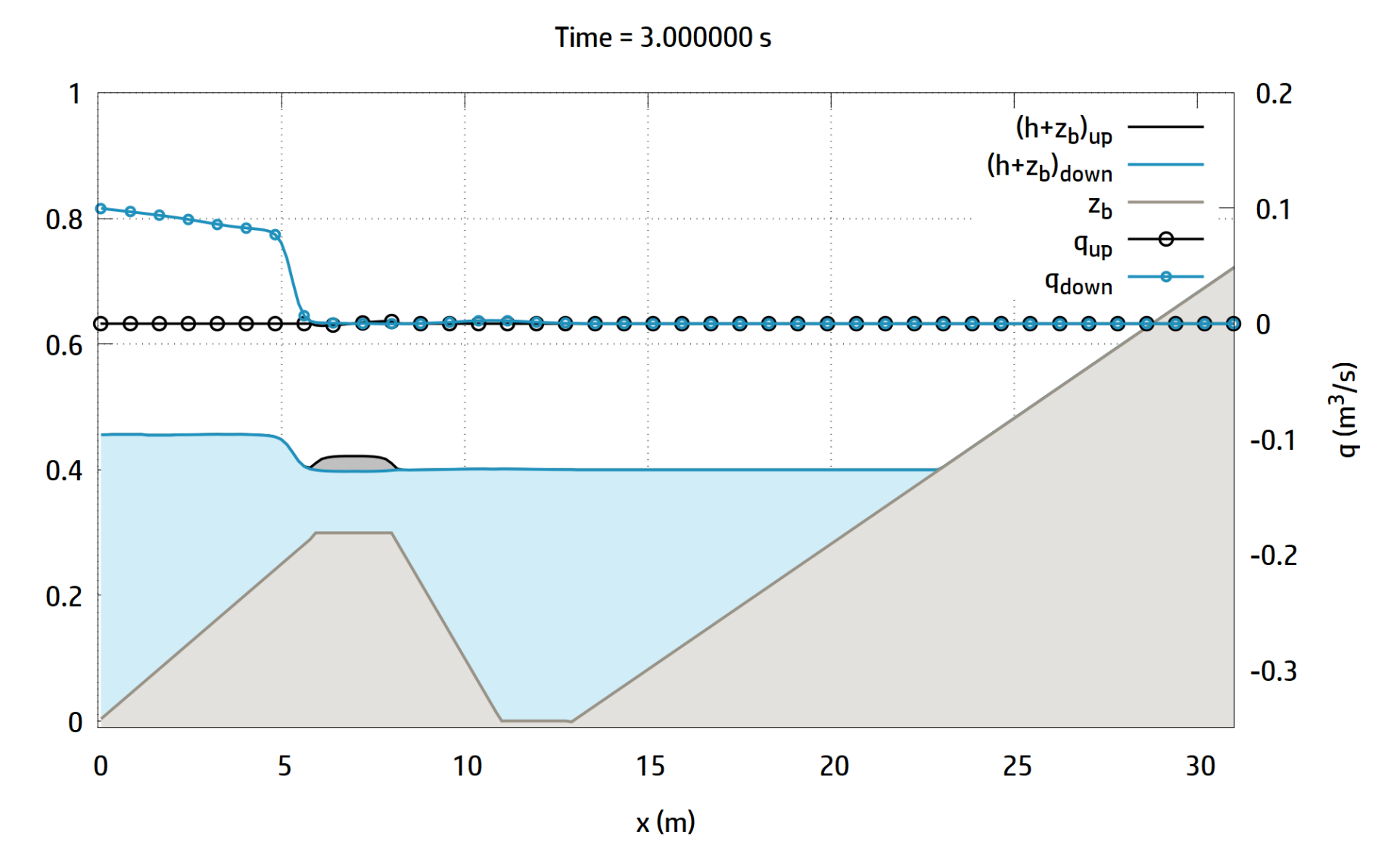
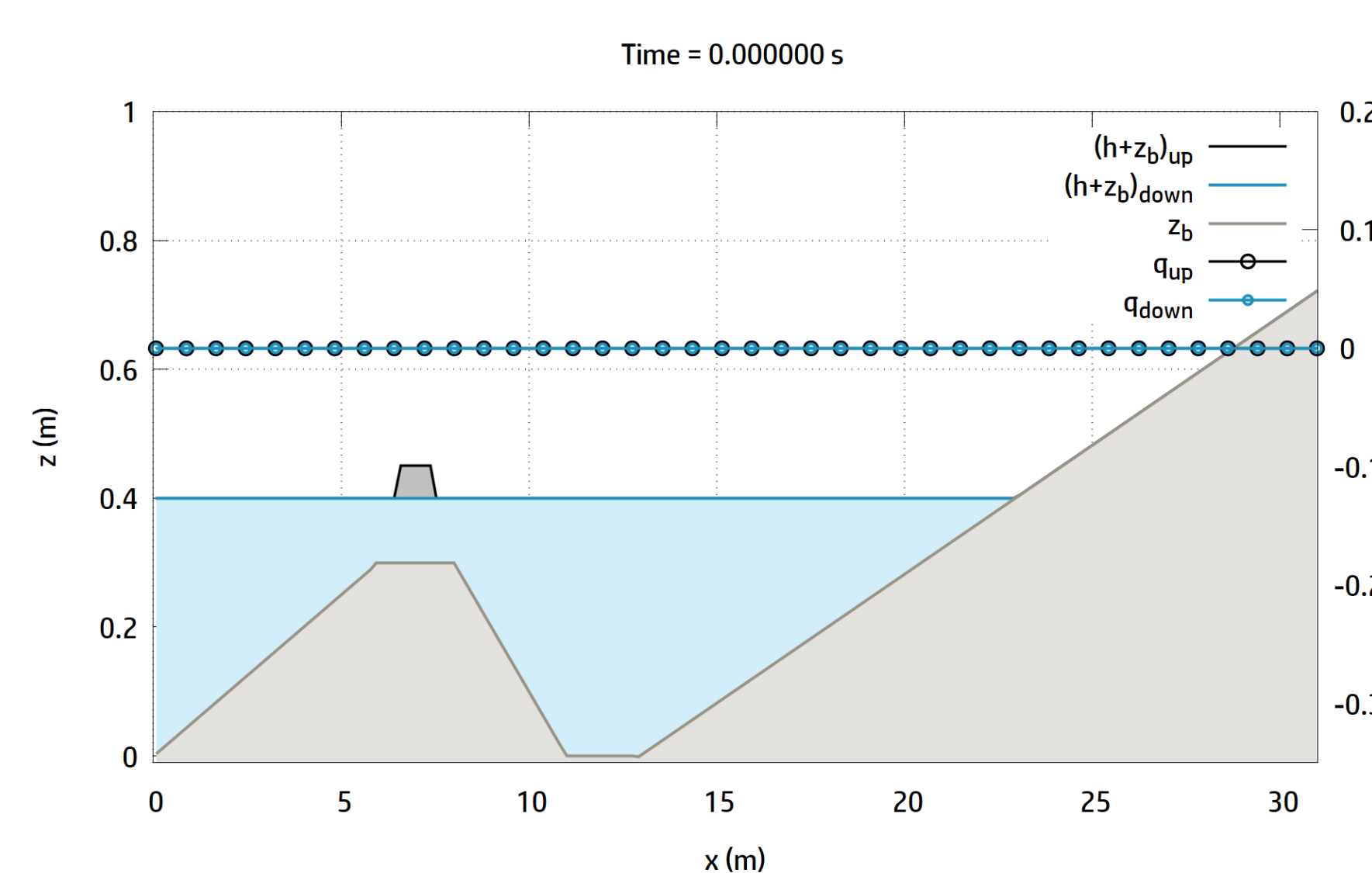
NUMERICAL SCHEME

Finite Volume
First order explicit
Upwind (Roe)
Dynamic time step

MODEL APPLICATION

Local oil spill near the coast
Lake-at-rest initial condition in water and inlet boundary condition: $Q_{in}=0.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Oil is transported towards the shore line
Wet-dry treatment controlled for all cases:

- Upper layer over lower layer
- Lower layer over bottom
- Upper layer over bottom



CONCLUSIONS

Promising results for the simulation of 1D thin oil spills propagating over coastal flow with an explicit 1st order upwind numerical scheme.

FUTURE WORK

- Non-hydrostatic pressure in the water layer
- Extension to 2D realistic models

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