Mixing in the nearshore zone

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Background

Sources of pollution:

Offshore boundary
- Outfalls (but becoming cleaner, but to increased regulation)

Shoreline boundary
- Storm water overflows
e.g. Pattaya Beach

- Polluted rivers flowing into nearshore region
e.g. San Diego

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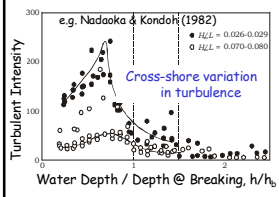
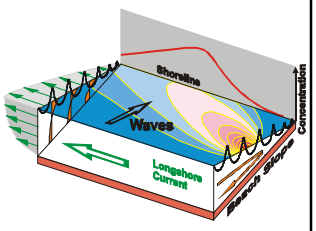
What are the mixing processes?

- Turbulent diffusion (e_y)

- Shear dispersion (k_y)





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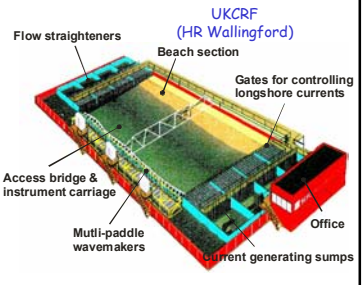

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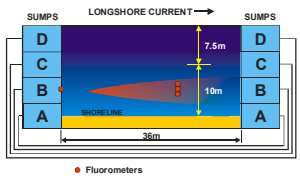
Aim: On-offshore (transverse) mixing under waves & current

Location: seawards of the breaker point

Tests: 4 regular wave conditions (constant period) superimposed on longshore current

Recirculating Flow in the CRF



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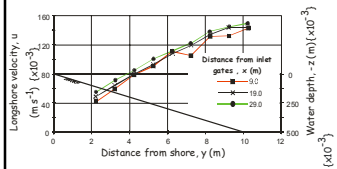
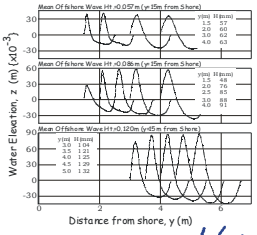


Long-shore velocity under current only conditions

Measured waves across nearshore region



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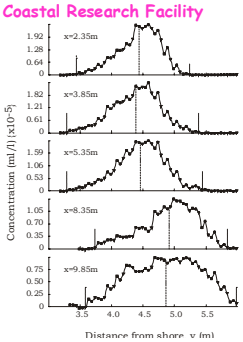
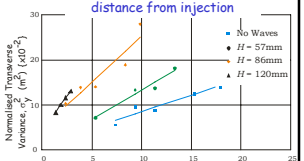
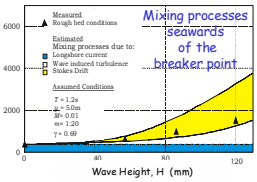


Tracer conc. profiles under waves (H = 0.086mm)

Transverse variance v's distance from injection



Mixing processes seawards of the breaker point



Summary: Increase in Transverse Mixing due to Waves

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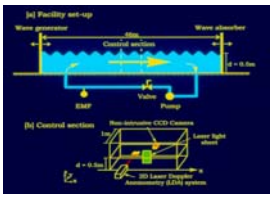
'Scheldgoot' wave – current facility

Aim: Vertical mixing under waves & combined currents using Laser induced fluorescence



overall length: 56 m
width: 1 m
height: 1.2 m

Facility set-up

Experimental water Depth: 0.5m

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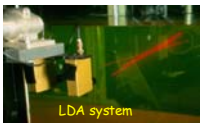
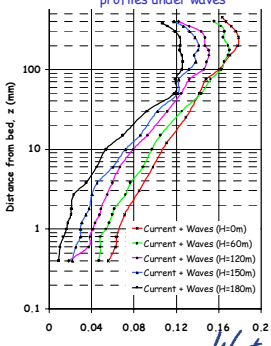


Direct Measurement of Tracer Concentration - 3 dye injection points (bed, +100mm, +200mm)

Detailed Measurement of hydrodynamics - Detailed LDA velocity profiles (+20 points over vertical)

Test conditions - 5 Regular waves (H=0, 60, 120,150 &180mm), T=1.2s tested superimposed on current.

Mean longitudinal velocity profiles under waves



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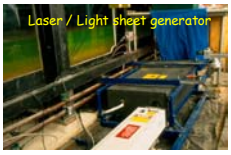

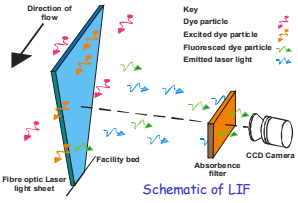

Schematic of LIF

Fluoresced 6G dye passing thro' lightsheet (~1m up stream)

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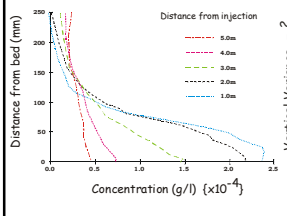
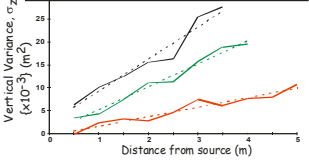
Vertical concentration distribution from bed injection



Vertical variance v's distance from injection

Wave Condition	No Waves	H=0.06m, T=1.2s	H=0.09m, T=1.2s
$\frac{\partial \sigma_z^2}{\partial x}$ (x10^{-4})	20	50	70



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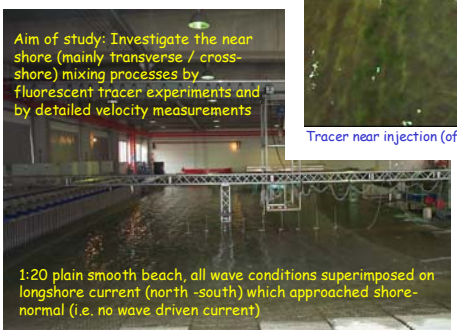
Wave Current facility at DHI



Tracer near injection (offshore region)

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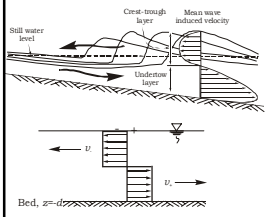

$$D_y = k_y + e_y = \frac{(v_+ - v_-)^2 d^2}{48 e_z} + e_y$$

... standard solution

assuming the idealized case, that mean velocities can be estimated from the mass flux of the breaking wave

... we can get a basic estimate of the overall transverse mixing coefficient in the surfzone:

$$D_y = \frac{gH^4}{768 d e_z} + e_y$$

The turbulent diffusion (e_z, e_y) can be estimated from Svendsen's work [e.g. Svendsen (1987), Svendsen & Putrevu (1994)]

$\nu_t = Md\sqrt{gd}$ Inside surfzone

$\nu_t = (0.8(d/d_b)^{-4} + 0.2)\nu_{tb}$ Outside surfzone

how does the simple model compare to measured data?

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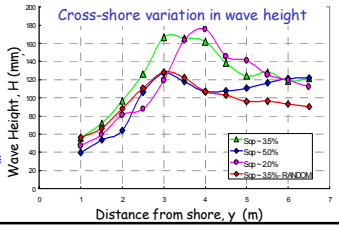
Direct Measurement of Tracer Concentration - 3 dye injection points (offshore, around breaker point & in surfzone)

Detailed Measurement of hydrodynamics - Detailed velocity profiles at y=1,2,3,4,5,6m from shoreline

Test conditions - 3 Regular waves (sop 2, 3.5, 5%) & 1 Random Ho ~120mm



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LDA velocity measurements

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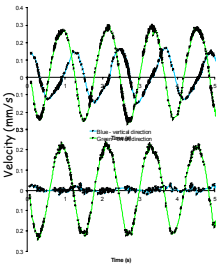
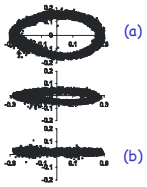
LDA velocity observations



Time series
a) near surface,
b) near bed



Z Y velocity
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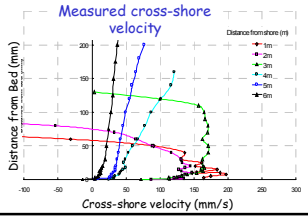
b) near bed



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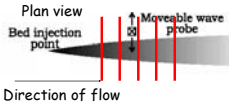
Tracer measurements

Constant head of fluorescent dye injected into facility



resultant dye concentration measured at a number of locations down stream to determine the mixing coefficient / processes

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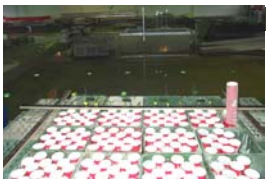
Dye collected by pumping samples from flow (for 180 seconds)

… into suitable containers and analysed by fluorometer to determine dye concentration



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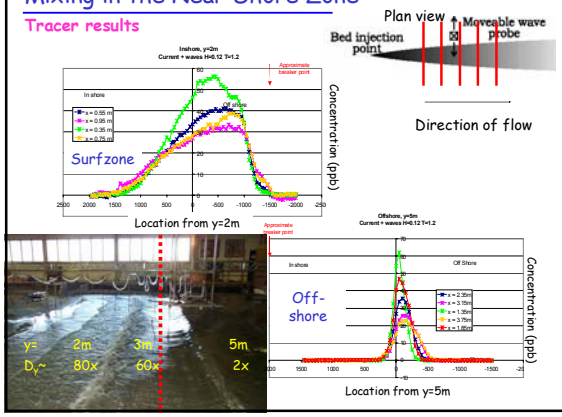
Tracer results



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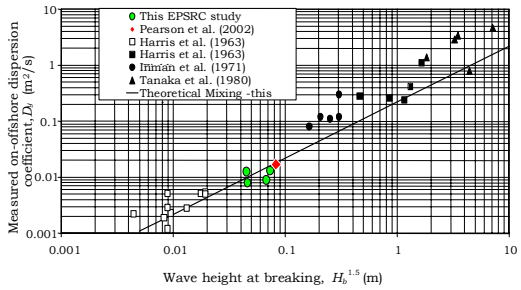
…comparisons in the surf zone for all measured conditions



Summary: Transverse mixing increases in surfzone & coefficient varies by orders of magnitude

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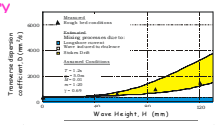
OutSide - SurfZone



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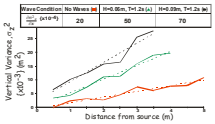
Vertical Mixing (Non-Breaking)



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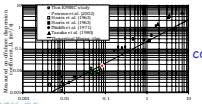
Inside Surfzone



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