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# Structural responses due to underwater detonations

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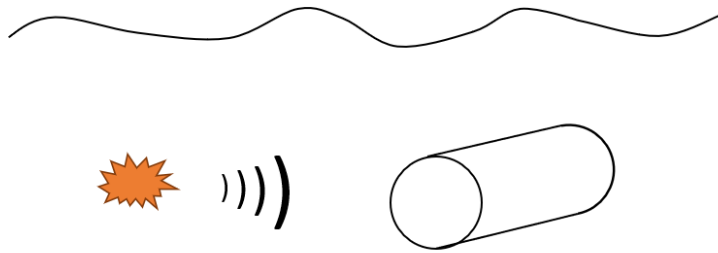
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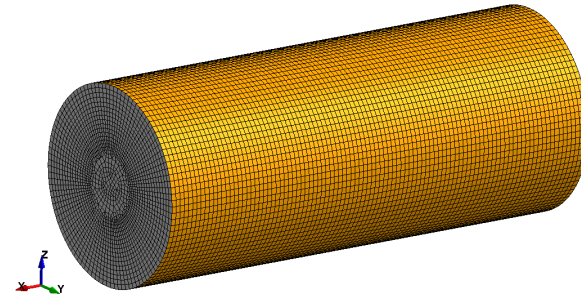
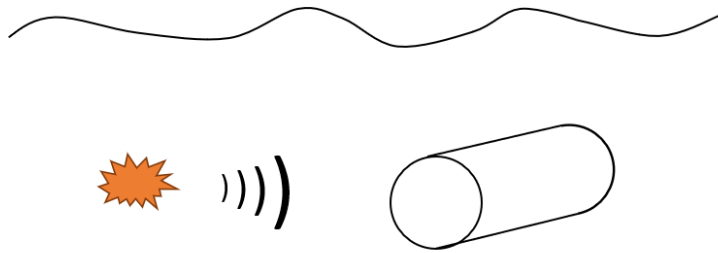
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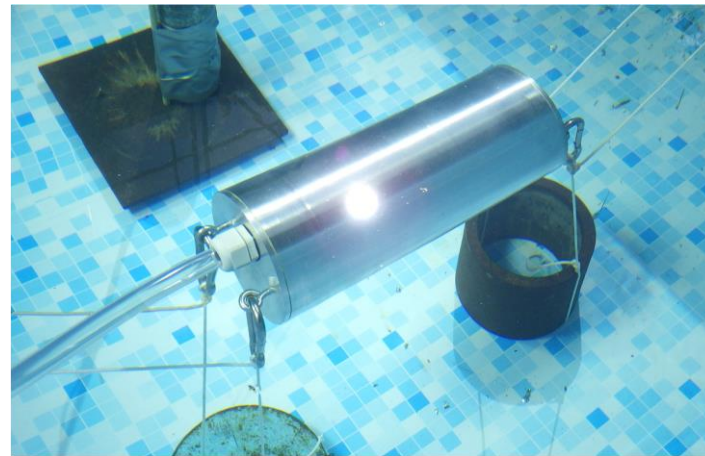
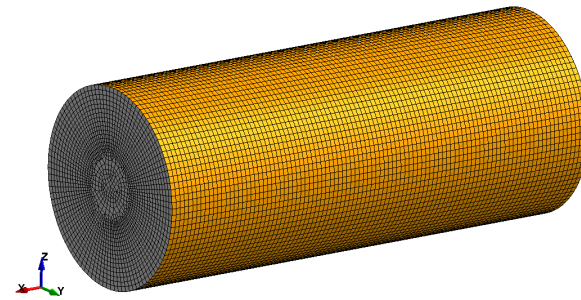
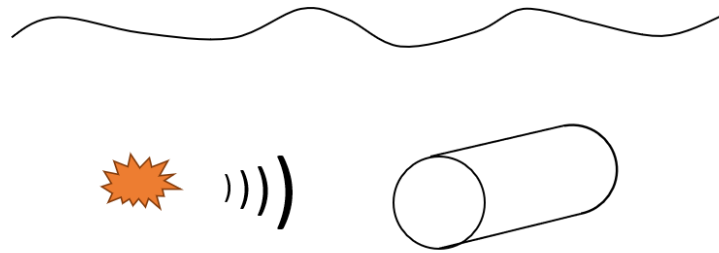
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- Gas bubble
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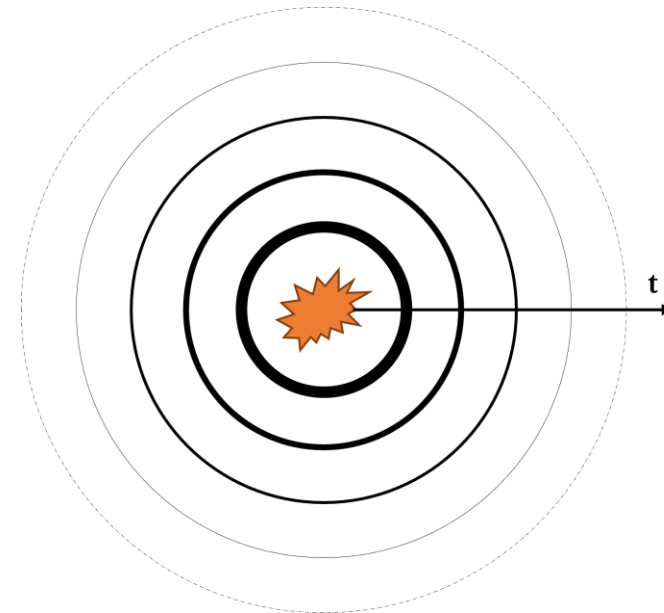
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$$P(t) = P_0 \cdot e^{-t/\theta} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \theta$$





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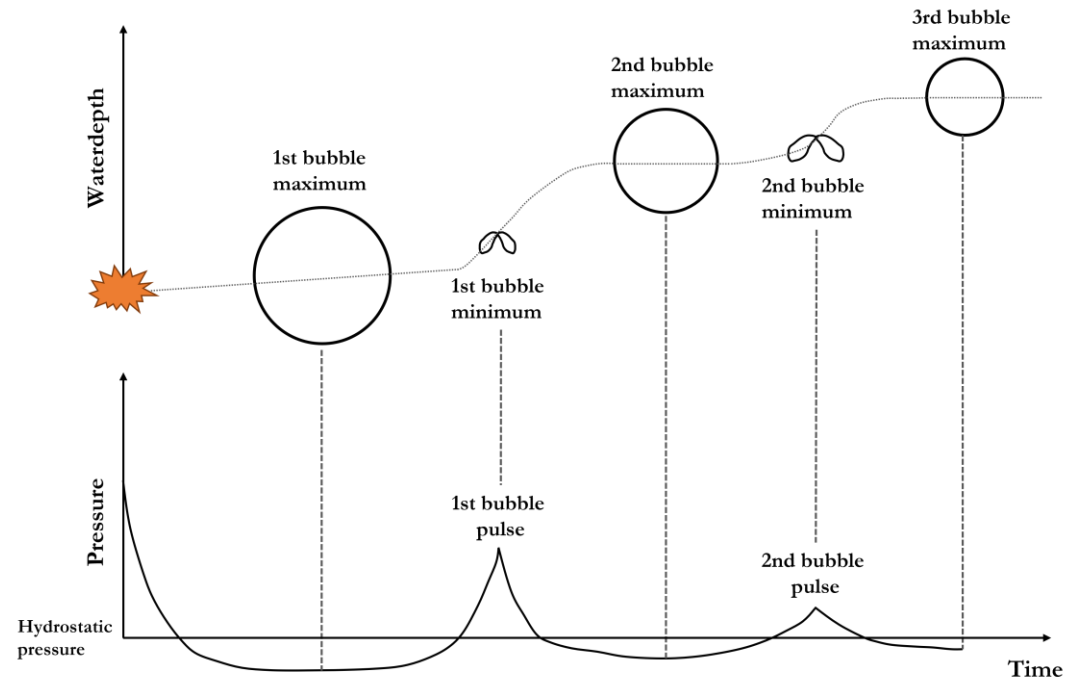
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$$R_{\max} = K6 \cdot (W^{1/3} / (D + 9.8))^{1/3}$$

$$T = K5 \cdot (W^{1/3} / (D + 9.8))^{5/6}$$



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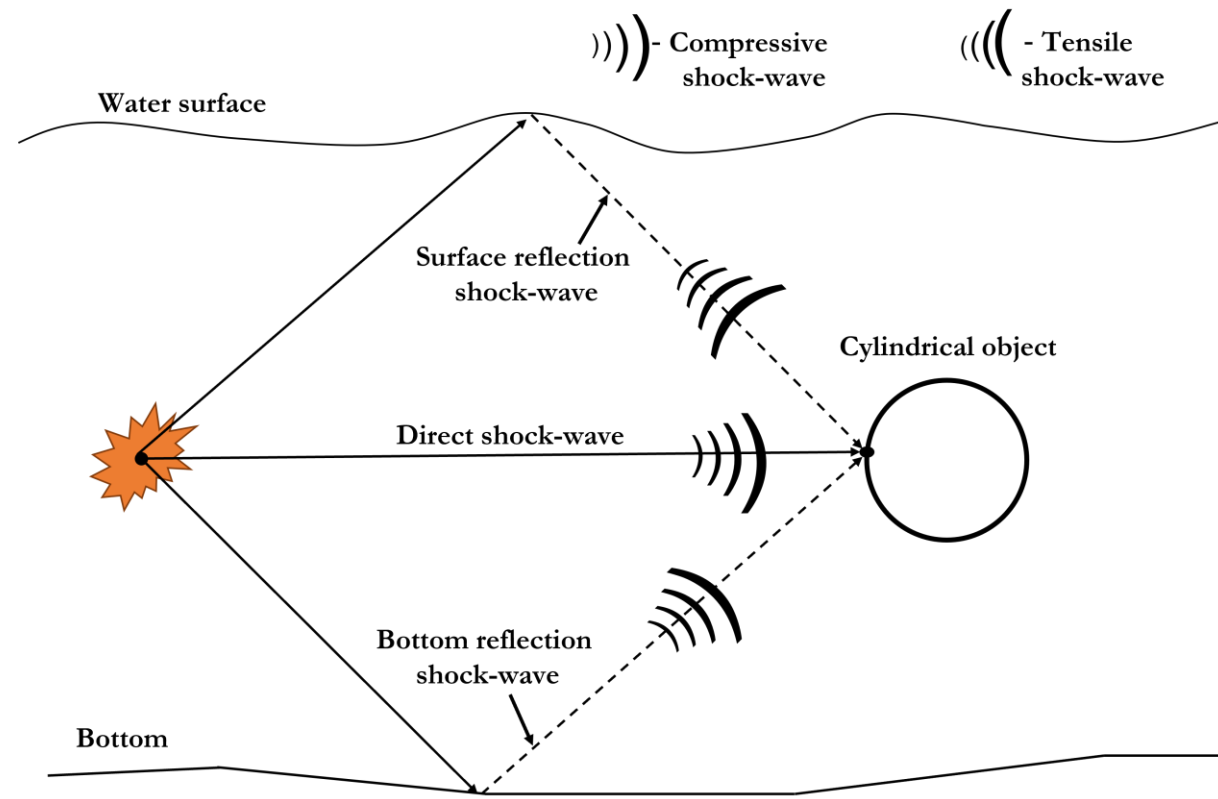
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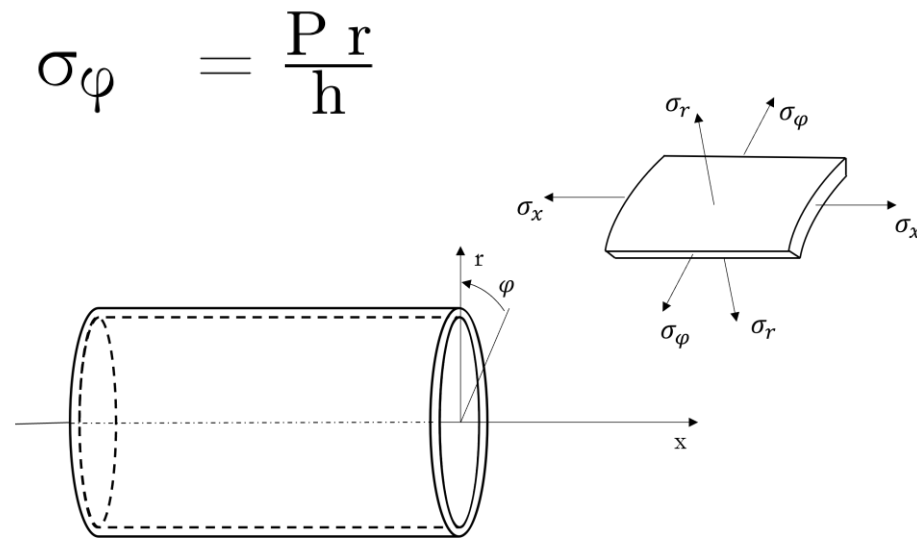
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Caused by:

- Shock wave
- Bubble pulse
- Reflections
- Combinations

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## SSA

- No modelling of water domain needed
- Based on theoretical equations

## S-ALE

- Modelled water domain
- Modelled detonation
- Computationally heavy

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SSA

BEM – Boundary Element Method

S-ALE

FSI – Fluid Structure Interaction

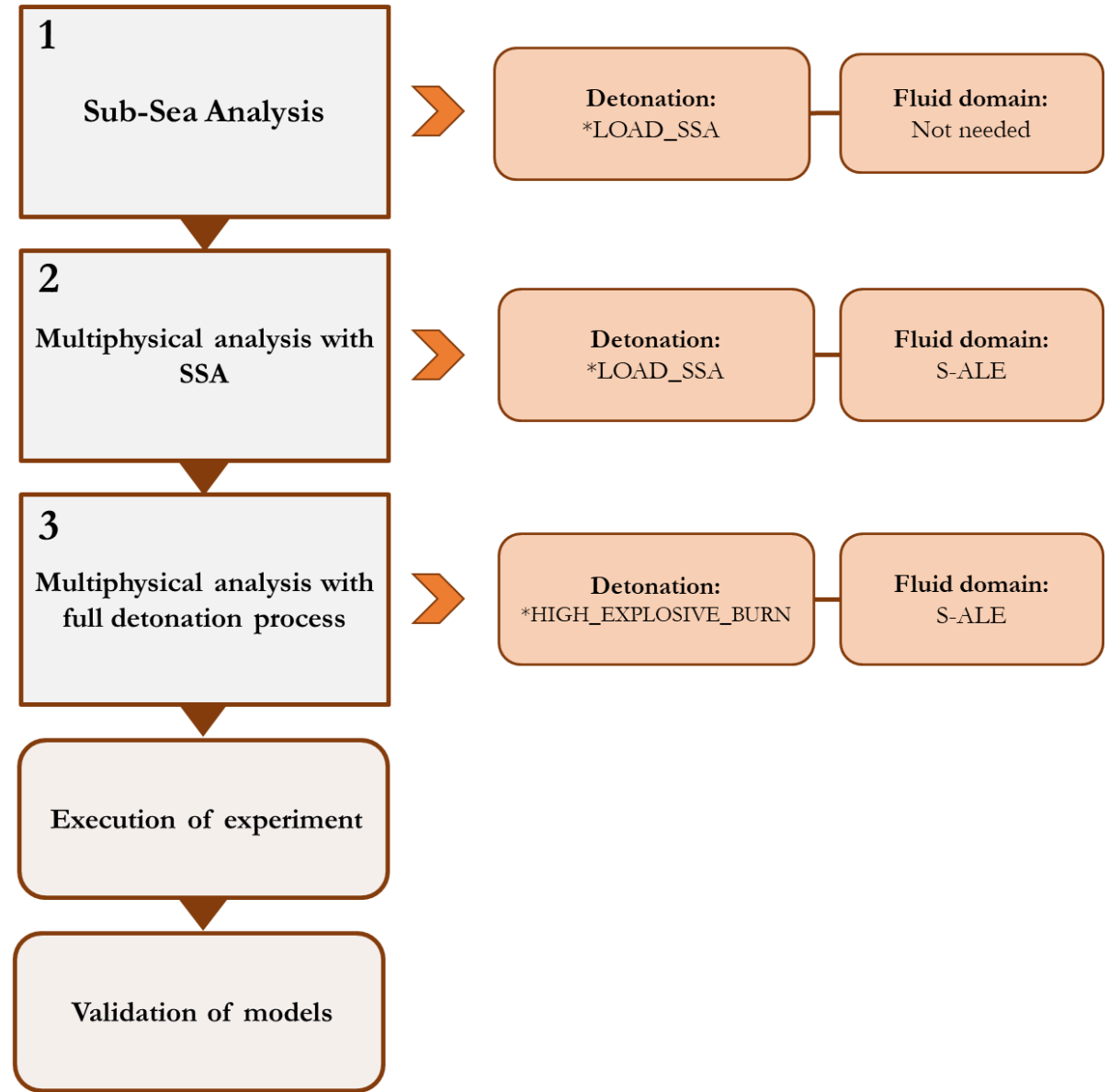
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# Project stages

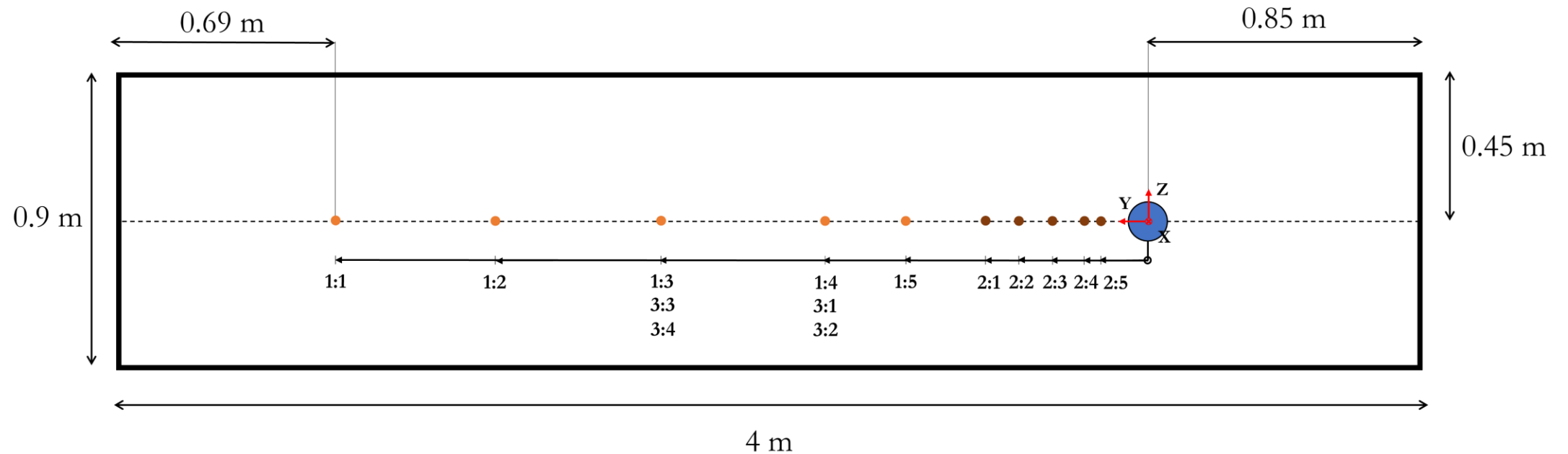
- Modelling in LS-Dyna
- Increased complexity
- Experiments for validation





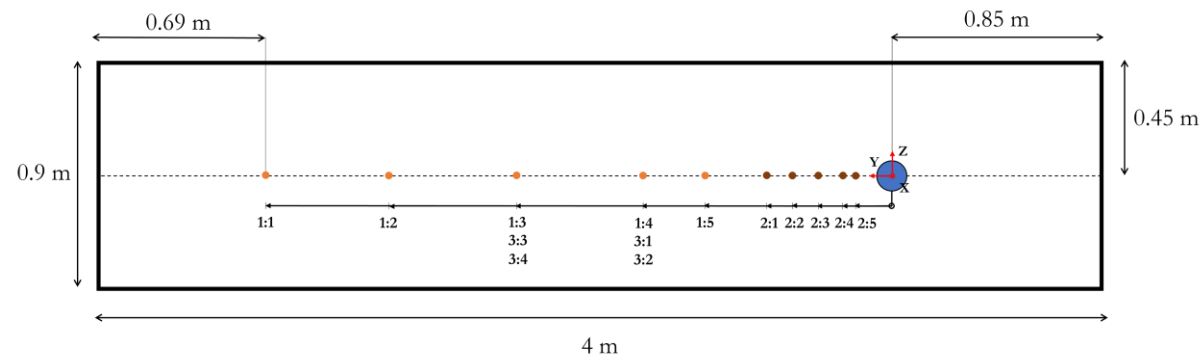
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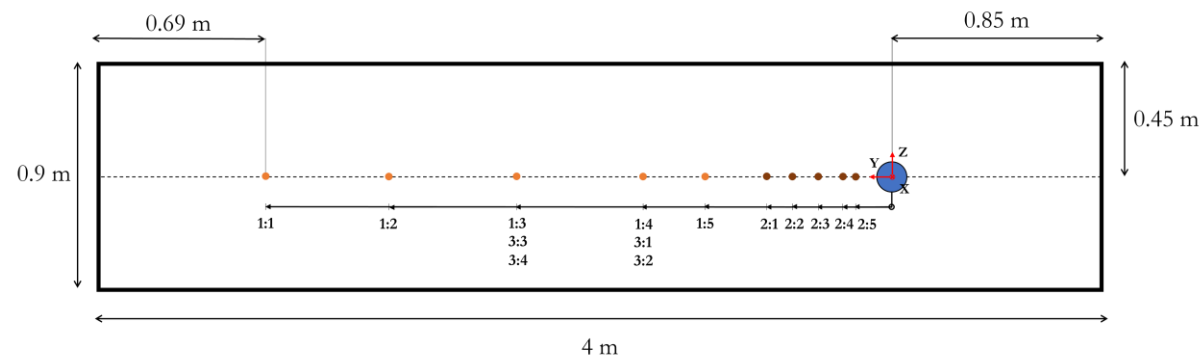
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1:4	1.00	w1
1:5	0.75	w1
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2:2	0.40	w1
2:3	0.30	w1
2:4	0.20	w1
2:5	0.15	w1
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3:4	1.50	w5

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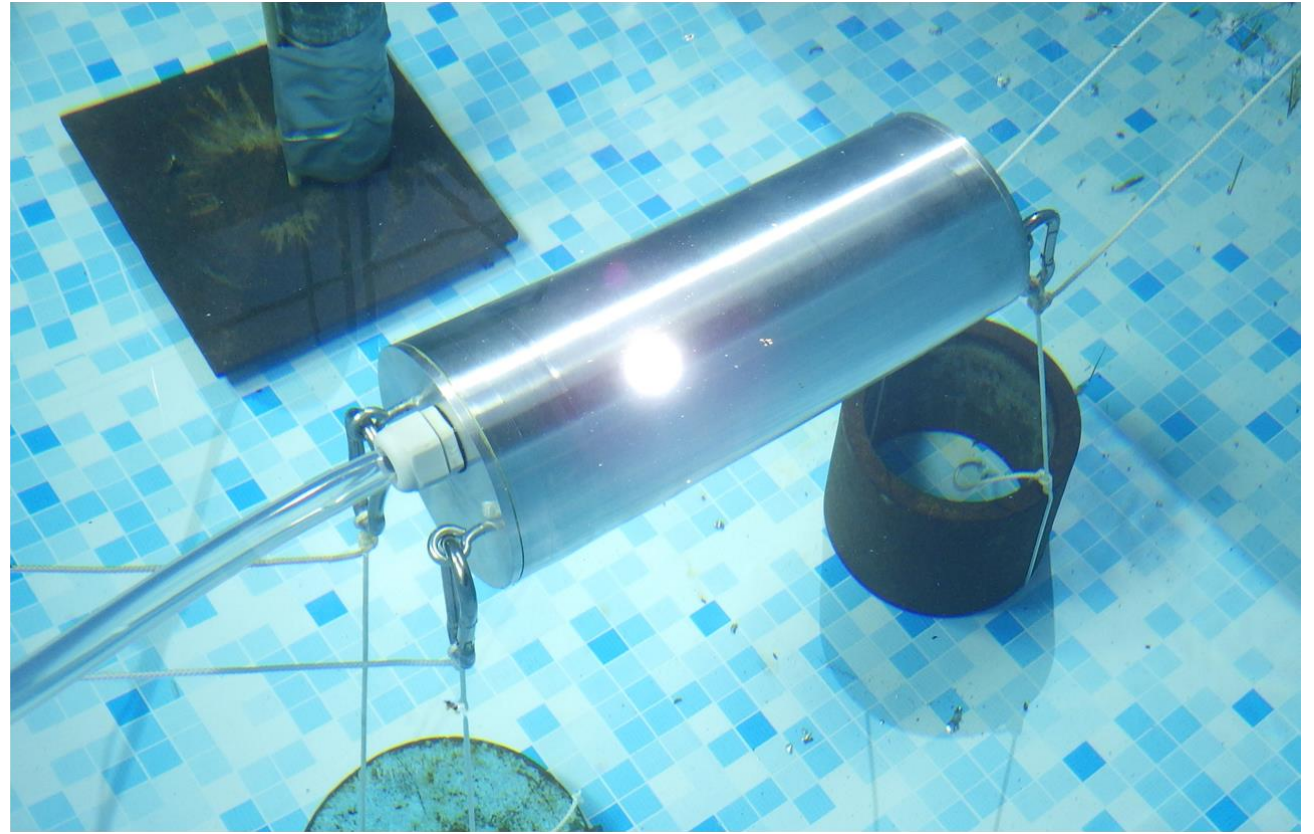
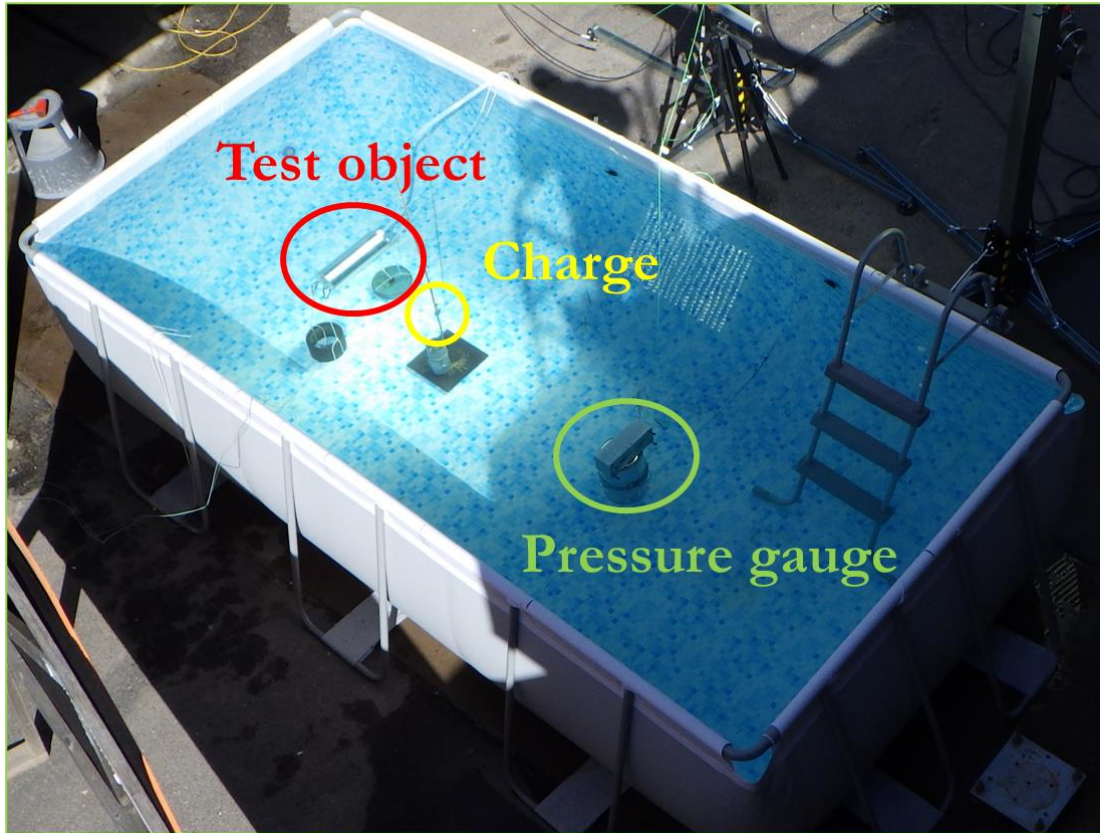
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3:1	1.00	w2
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# Experiments - Setup

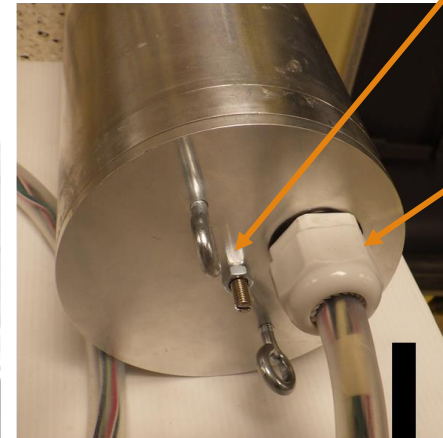
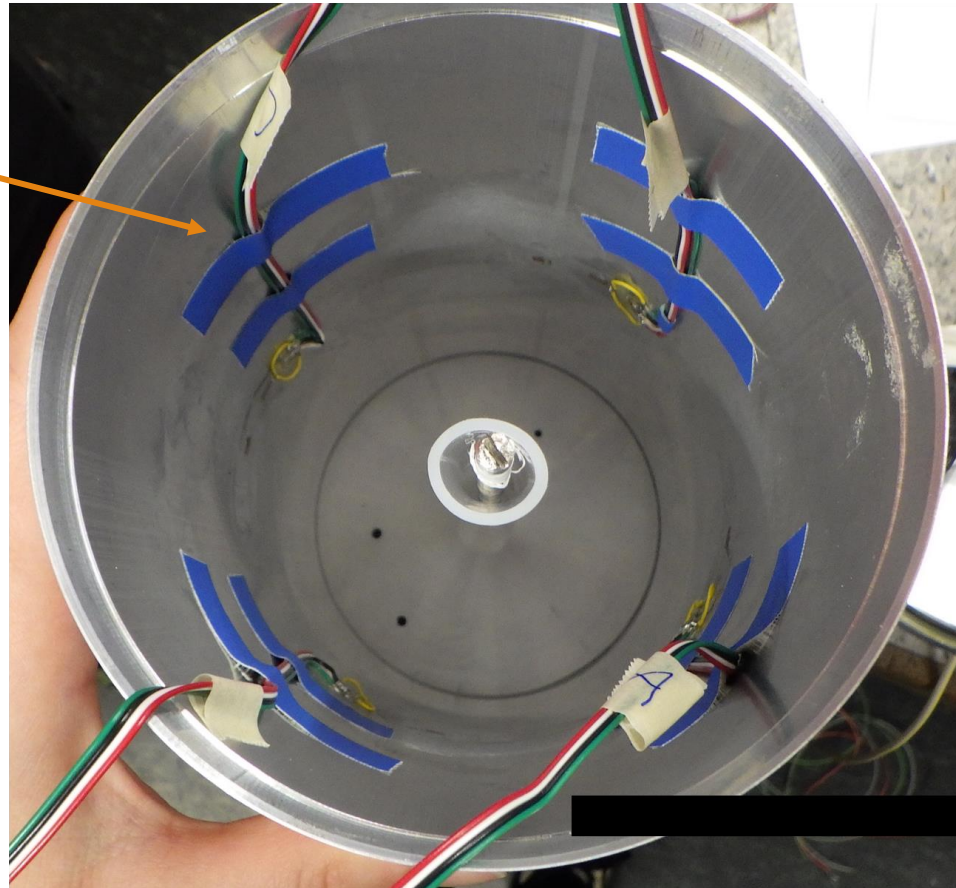
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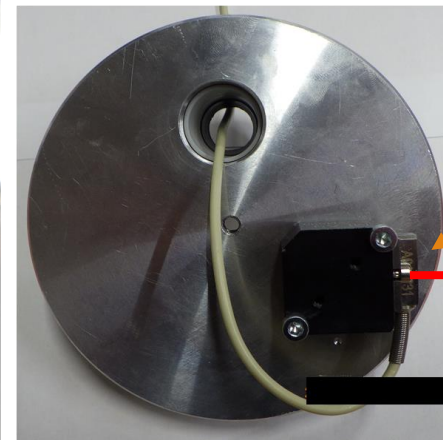
# Experiment – Measuring instruments

Threaded rod

Extensometers



Cable entry



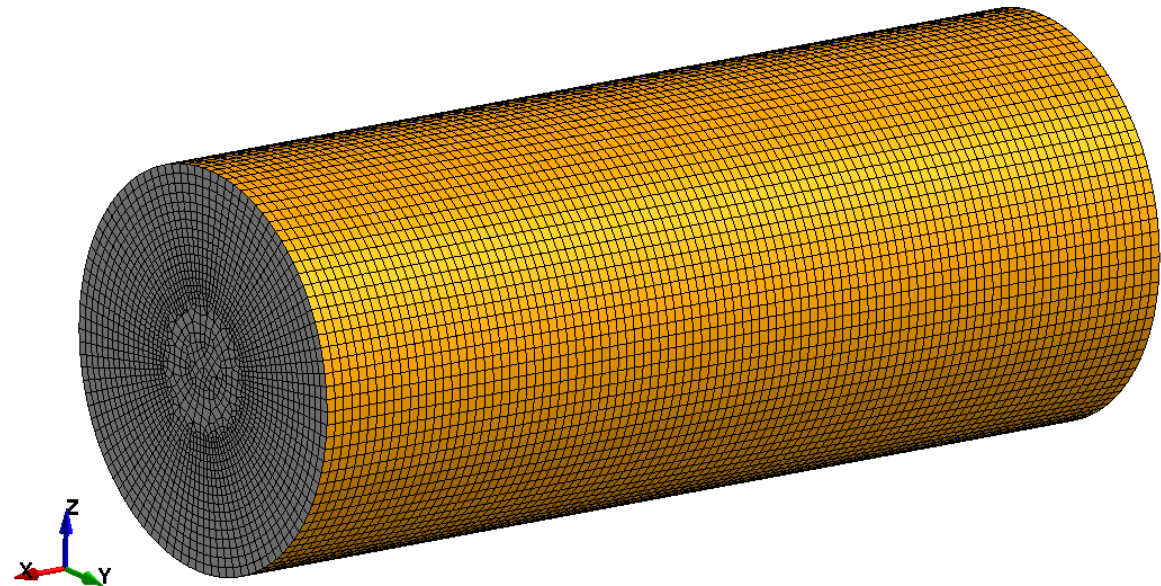
Accelerometer

Measuring direction

# Model of test object

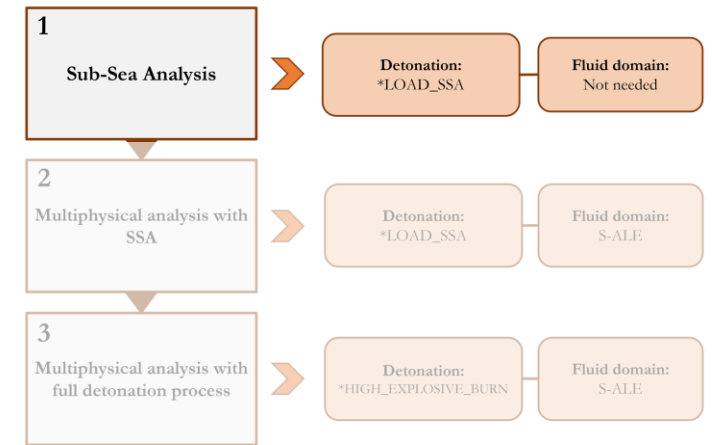
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- Used for all simulation methods
- Used for all experiments
- Dimensions:
  - $L = 300 \text{ mm}$
  - $\varnothing = 120 \text{ mm}$
  - $h = 1.5 \text{ mm}$
- Material
  - Alu 6060
  - Yield stress – 140 Mpa
  - Strain at failure – 11%



# Sub-Sea Analysis (SSA)

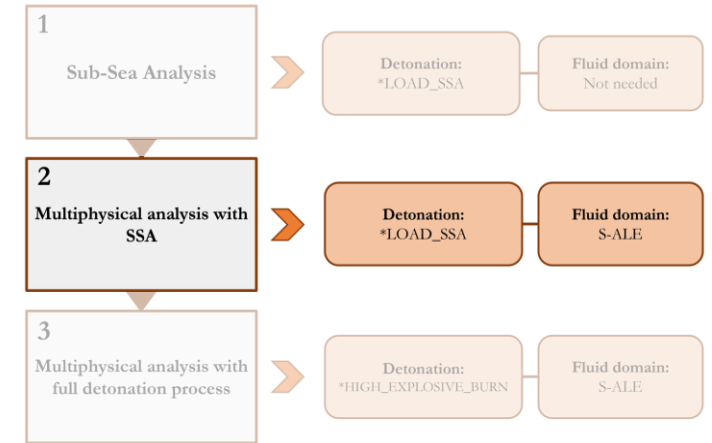
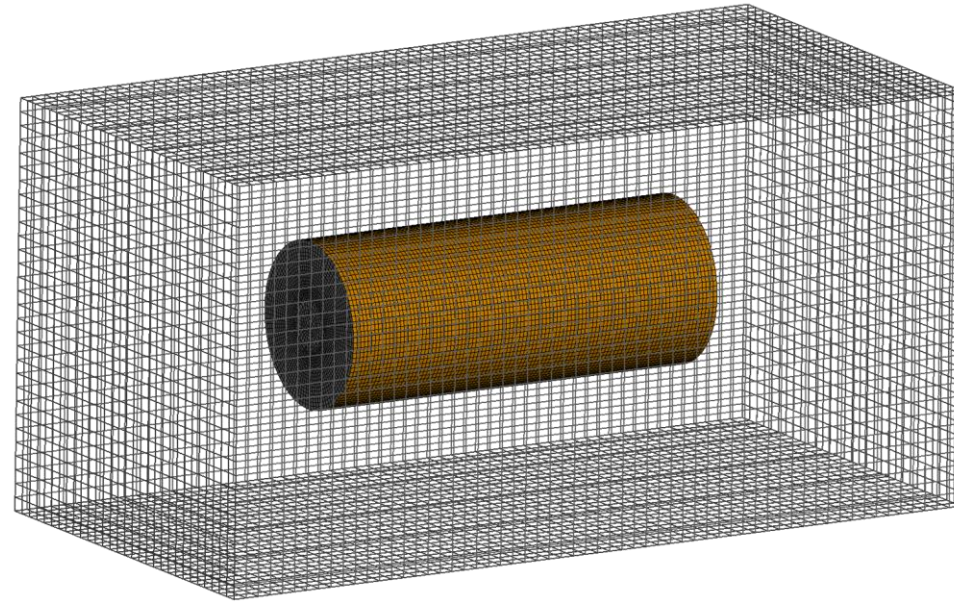
- Validation of analytical calculations
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# Multiphysics analysis with SSA

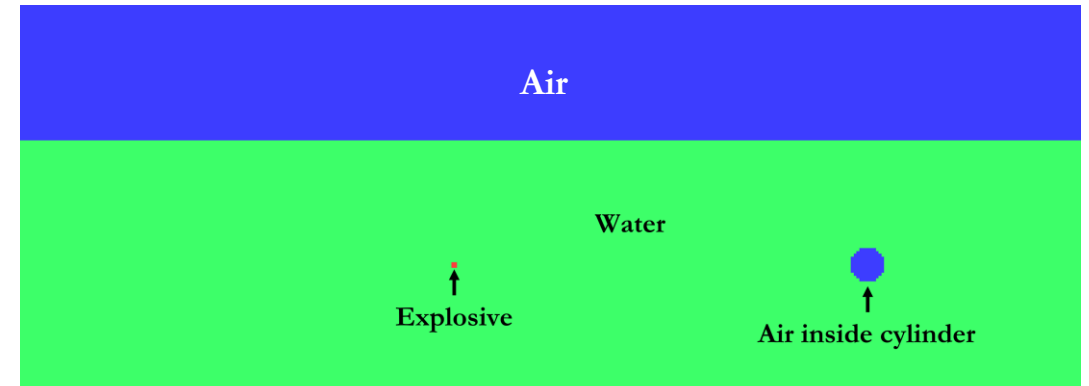
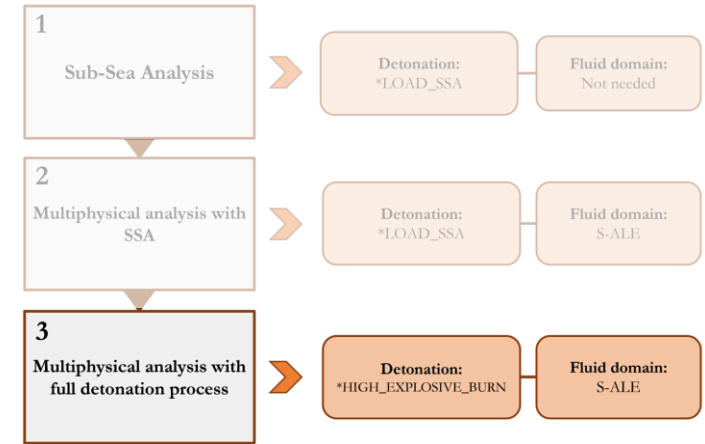
- Combination of SSA and S-ALE
- Including physics from water





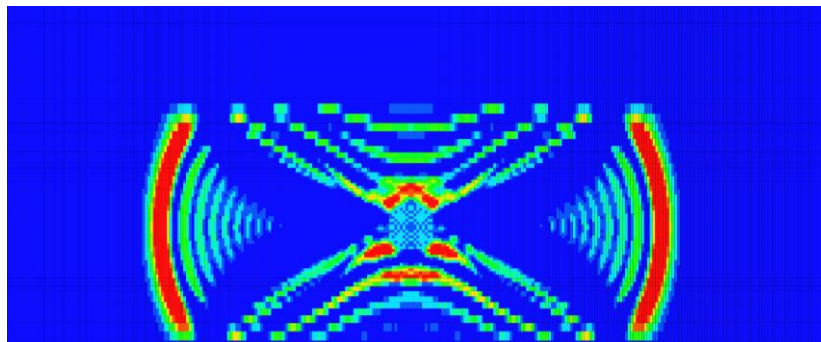
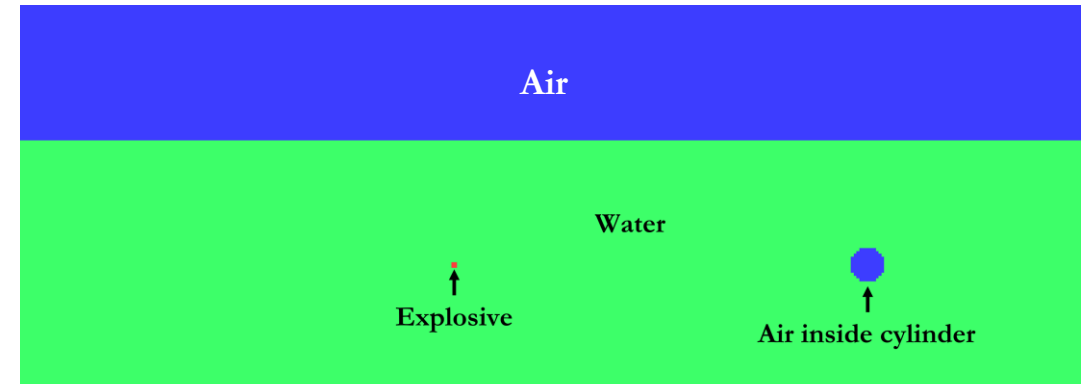
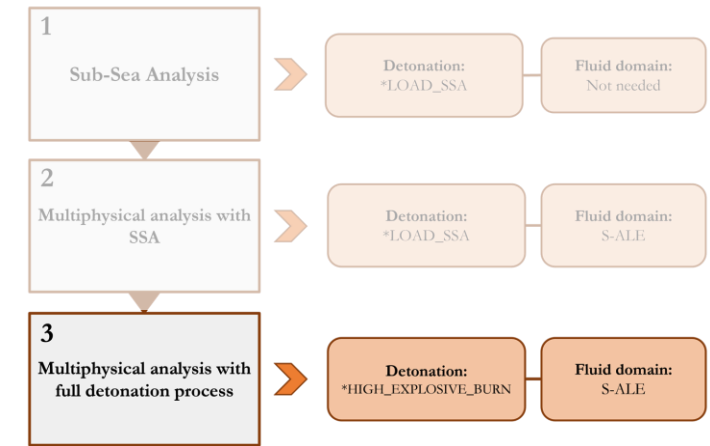
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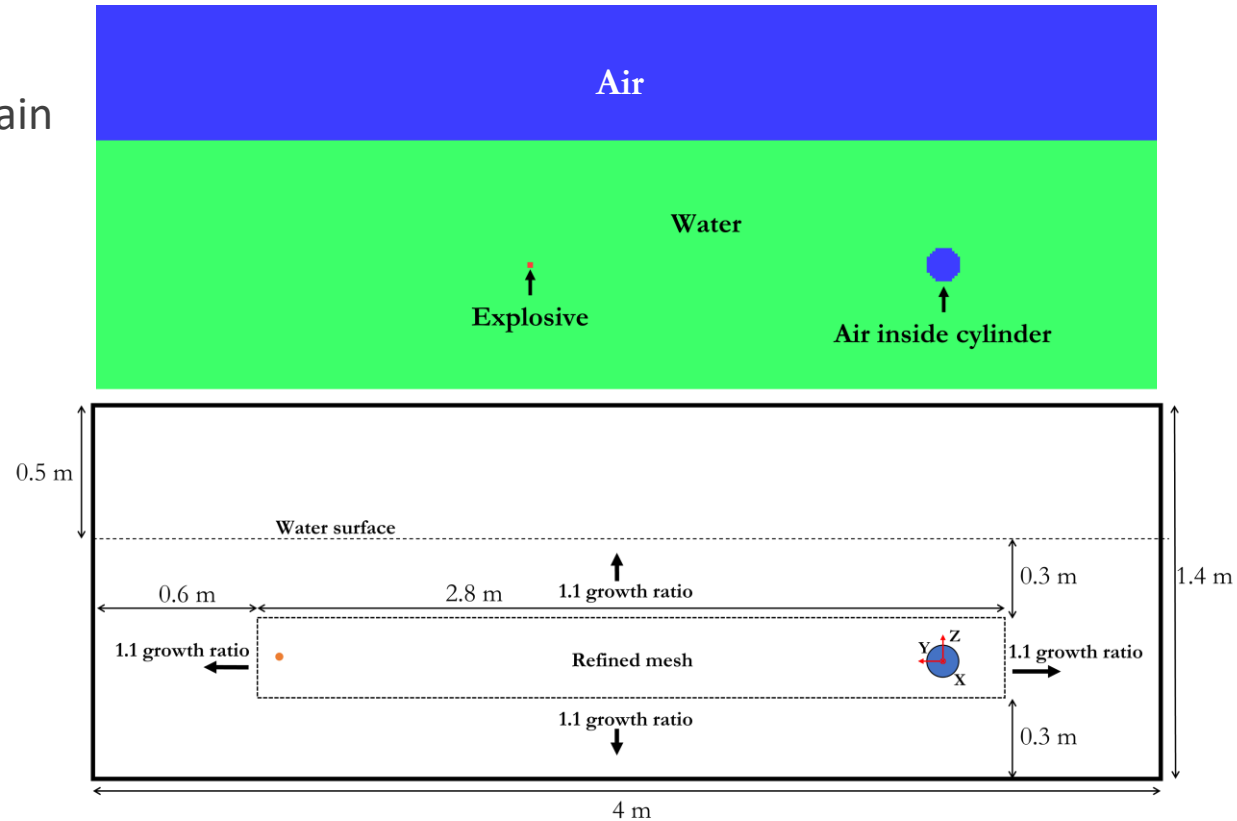
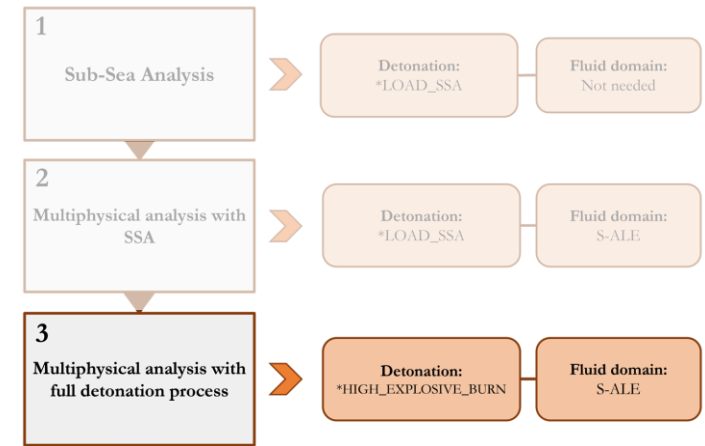
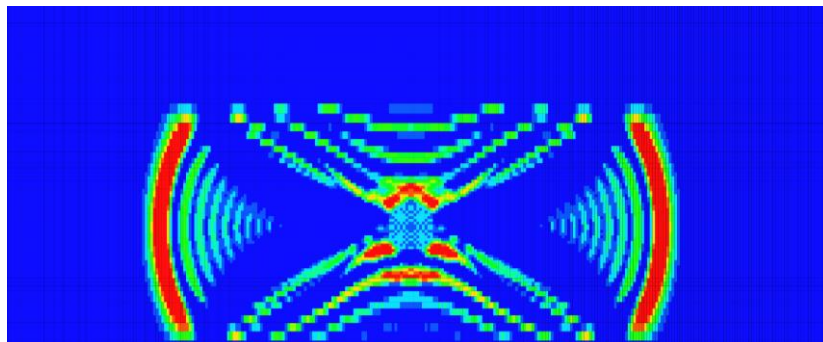
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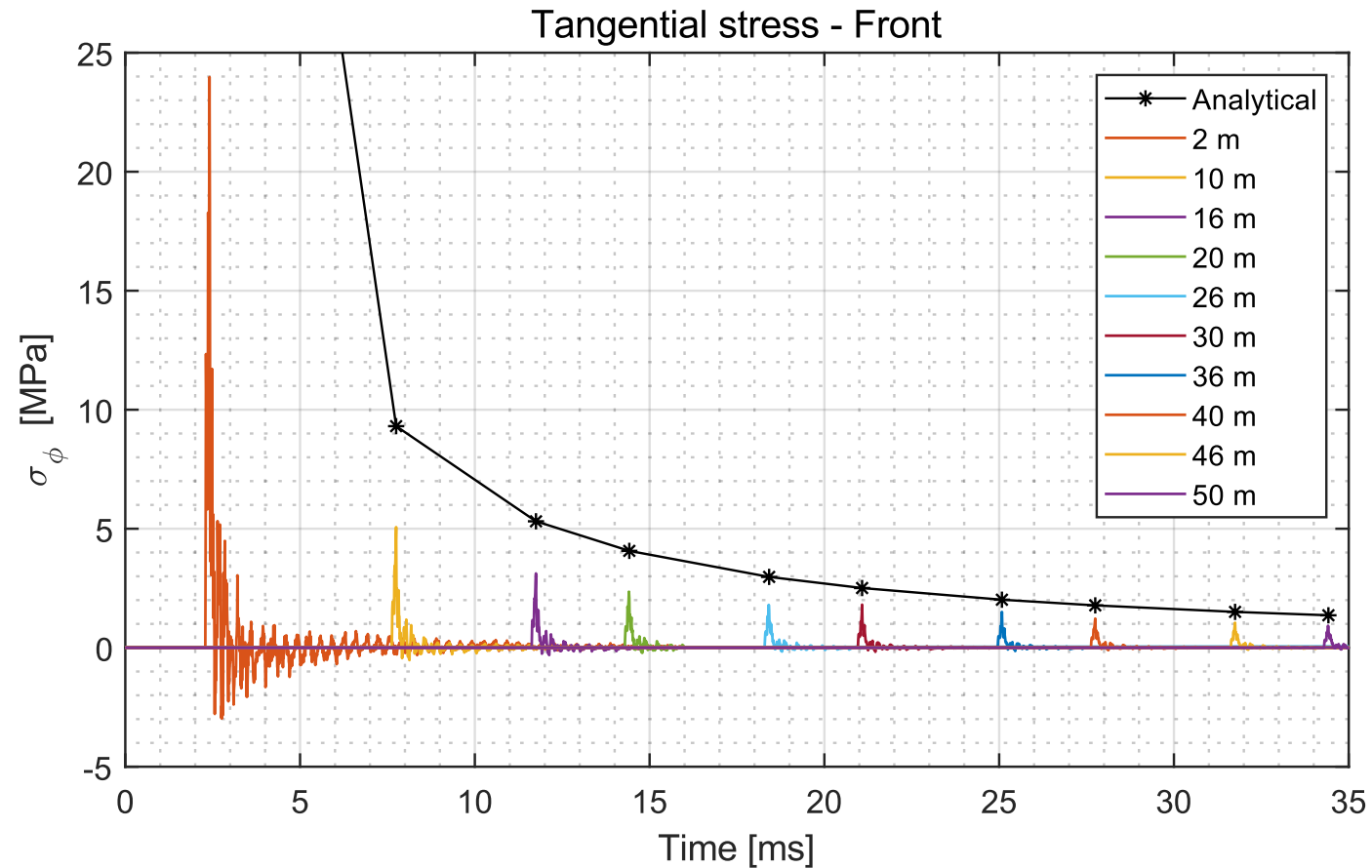


# Results & Discussion

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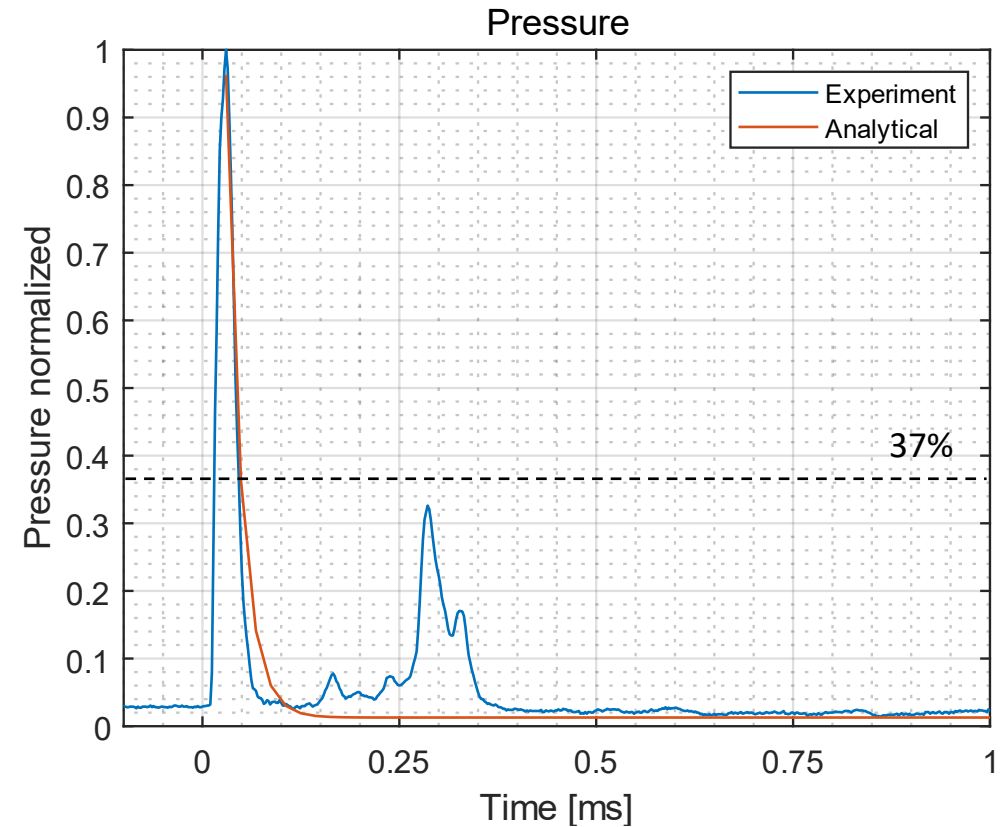
# Analytical calculations vs SSA



# Pressure study

- Normalized towards experiments
- S-ALE underpredicts pressure
  - Smaller difference for larger explosive charge
- Experiments och Analytical
  - Good agreement to approx. 30% of  $P_{\max}$

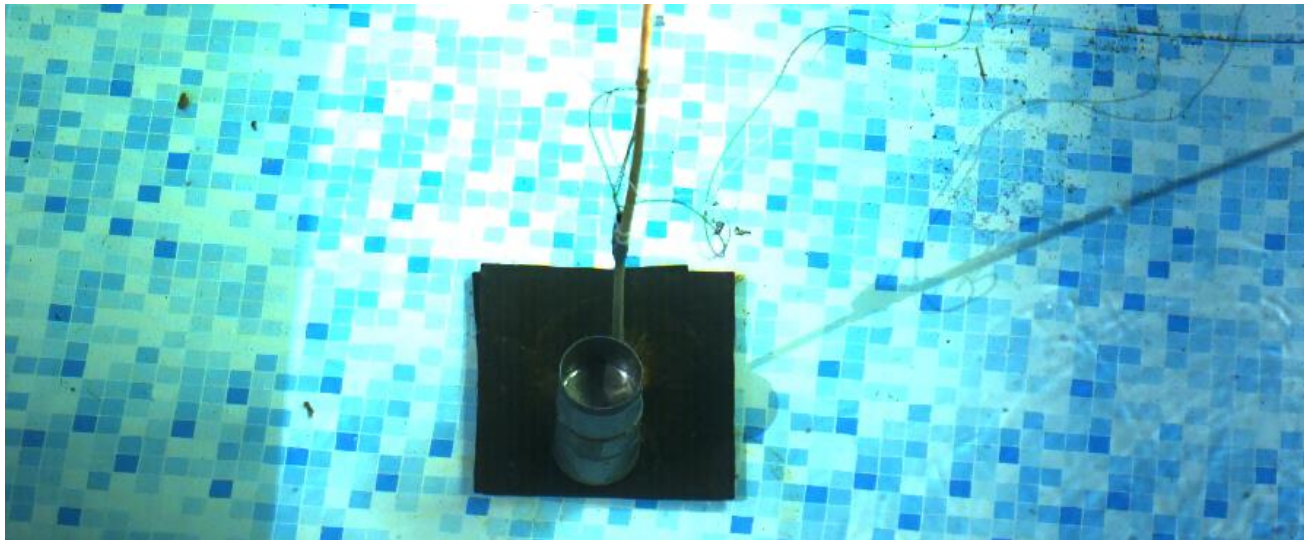
Distance [m]	Weight	Experiment	Analytical	S-ALE
2	w1	1	0,94	0,25
1,5	w4	1	0,55	0,35
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0,75	w1	1	0,99	0,13



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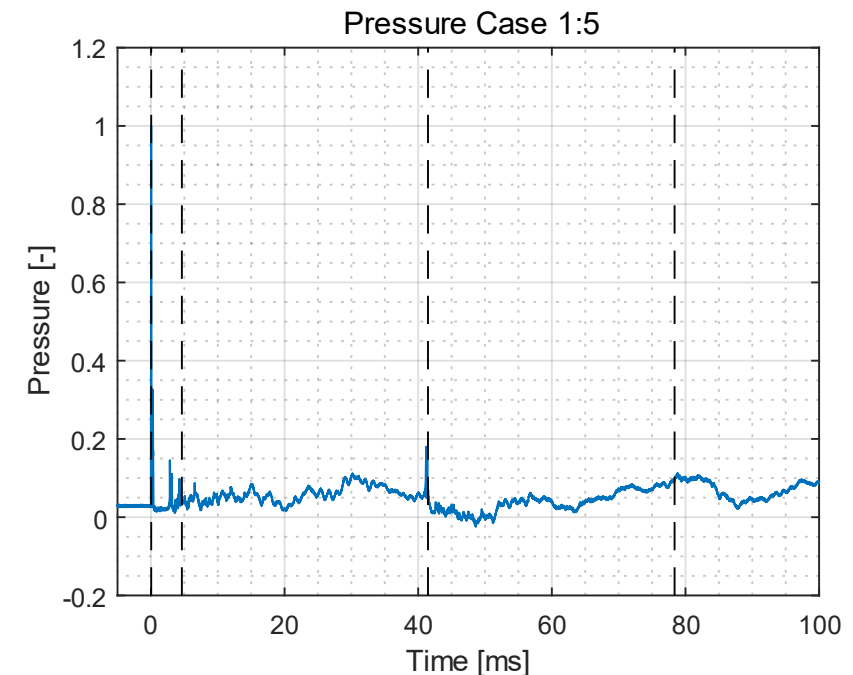
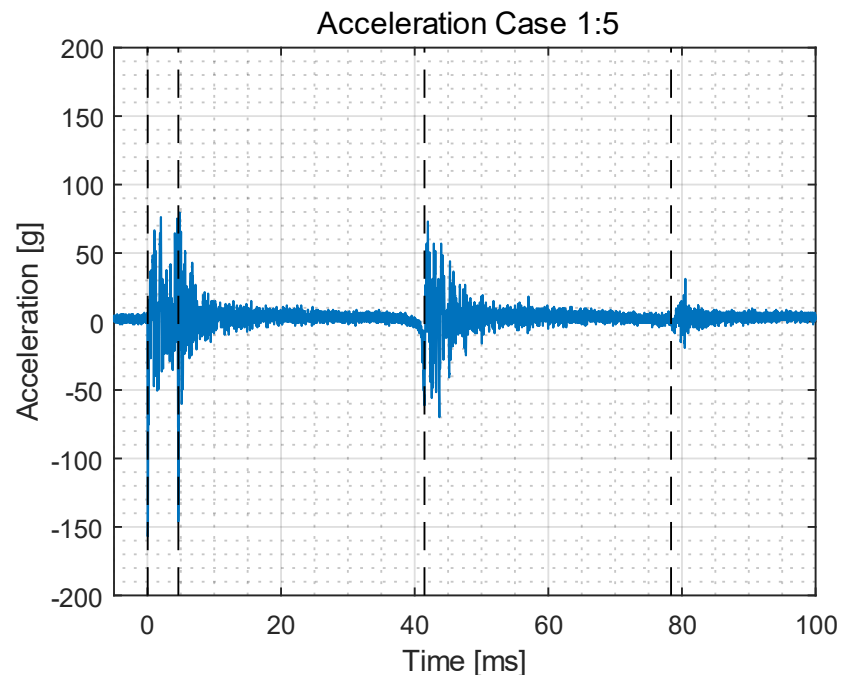
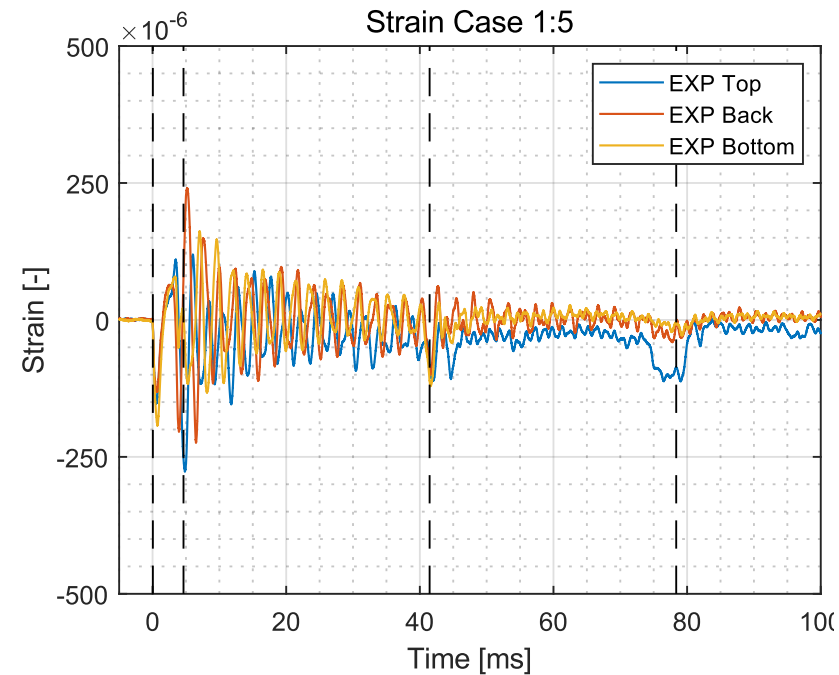
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- Distance 0.75 m
- Expected contact with bubble



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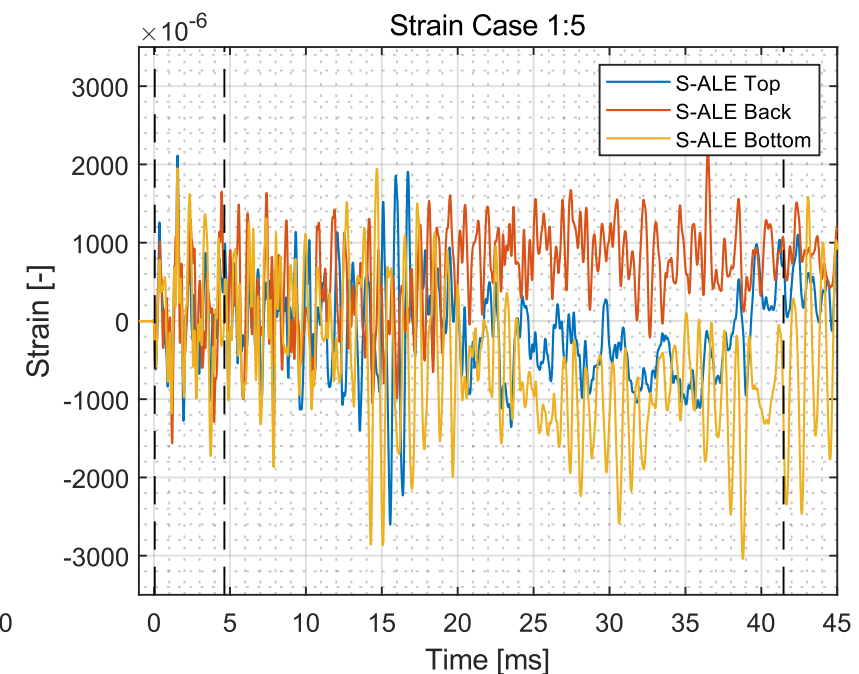
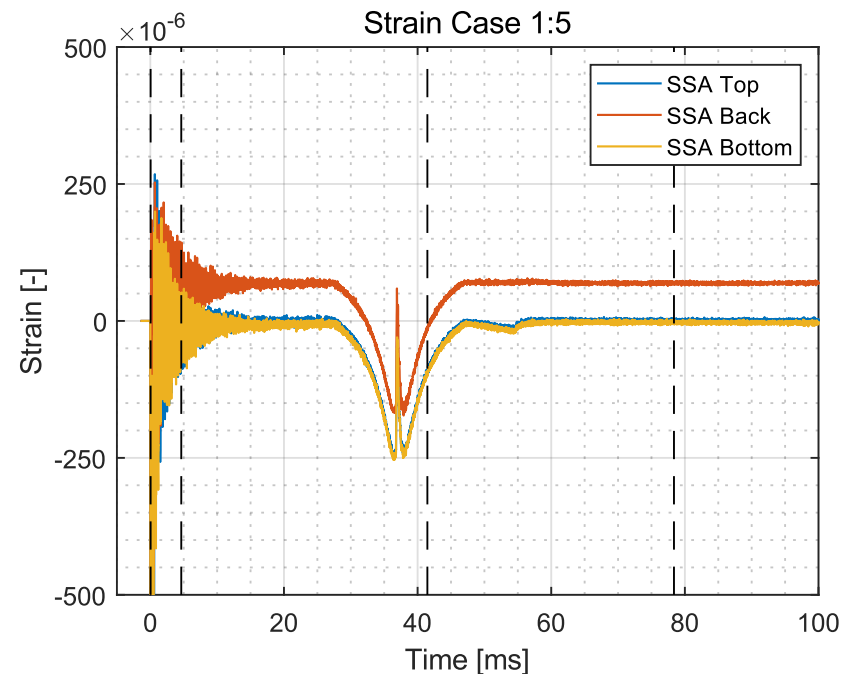
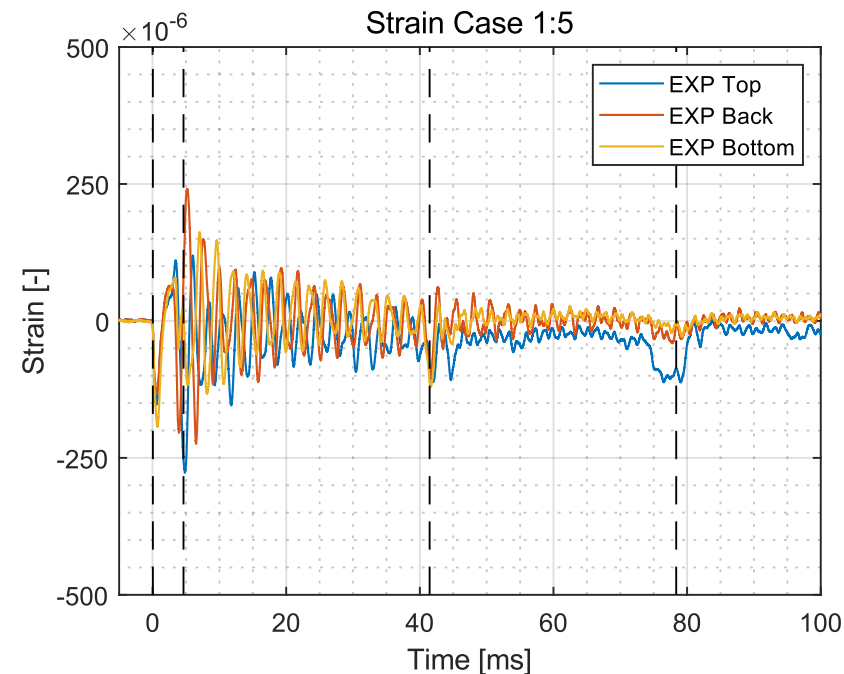
- Shock wave
- Possible snatch from strings
- 1st Bubble pulse
- 2nd Bubble pulse





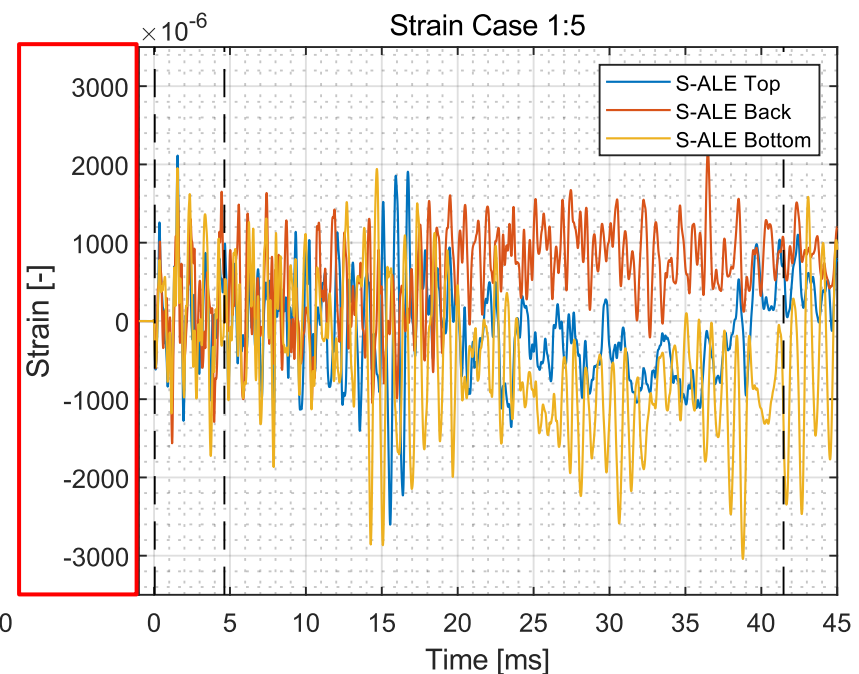
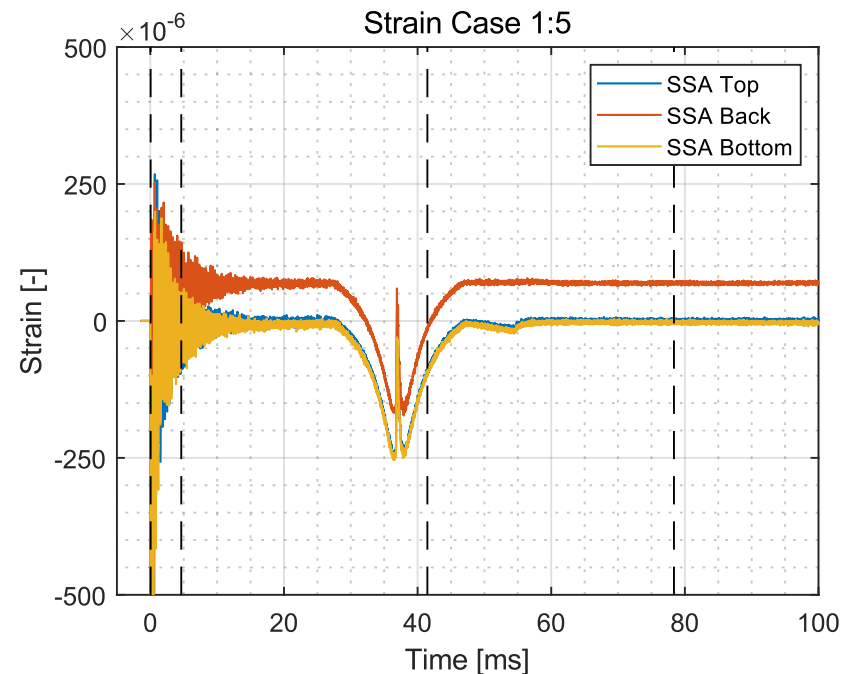
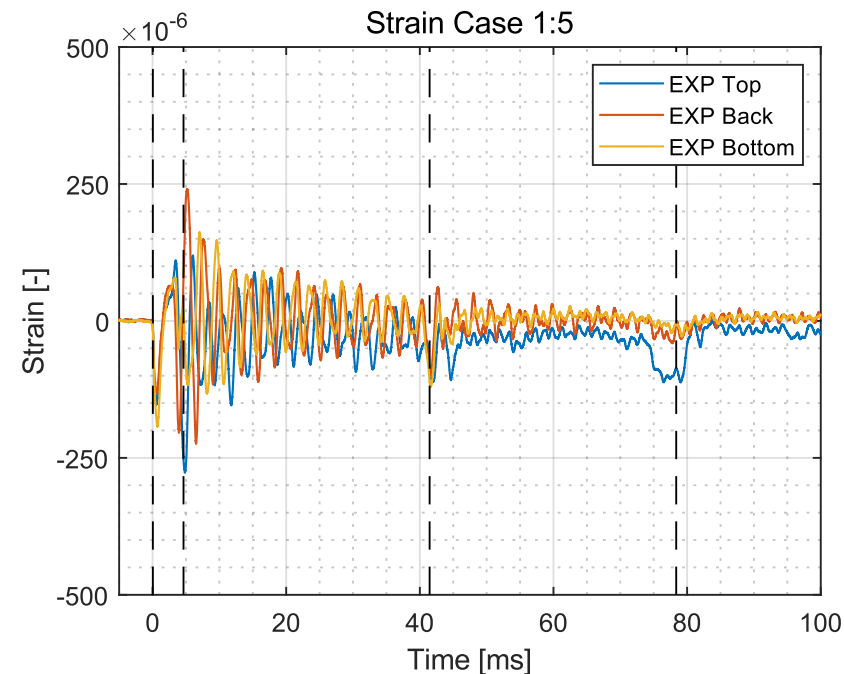
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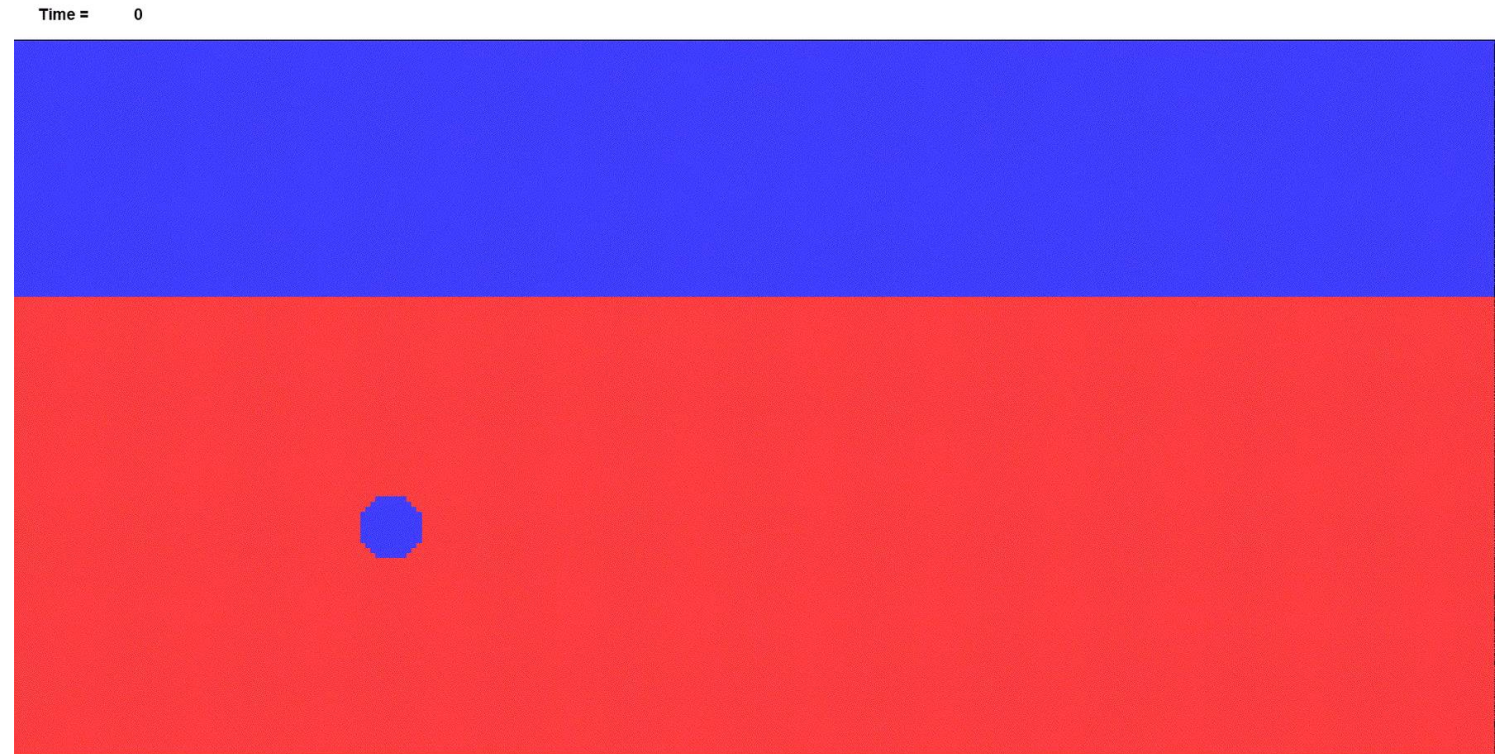
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# Case 1:5 – S-ALE bubble

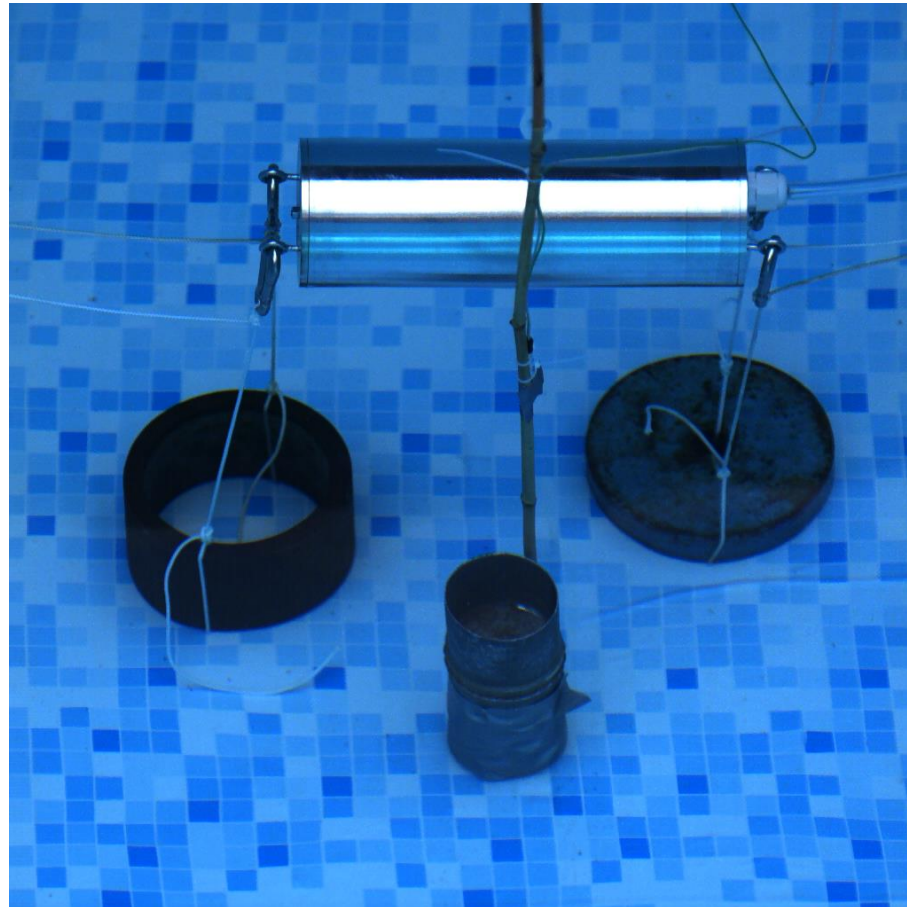
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- Bubble radius
  - 0.8 m analytical
  - 0.2 m with S-ALE
- No contact with the bubble
- Can be due to the distance to the water surface

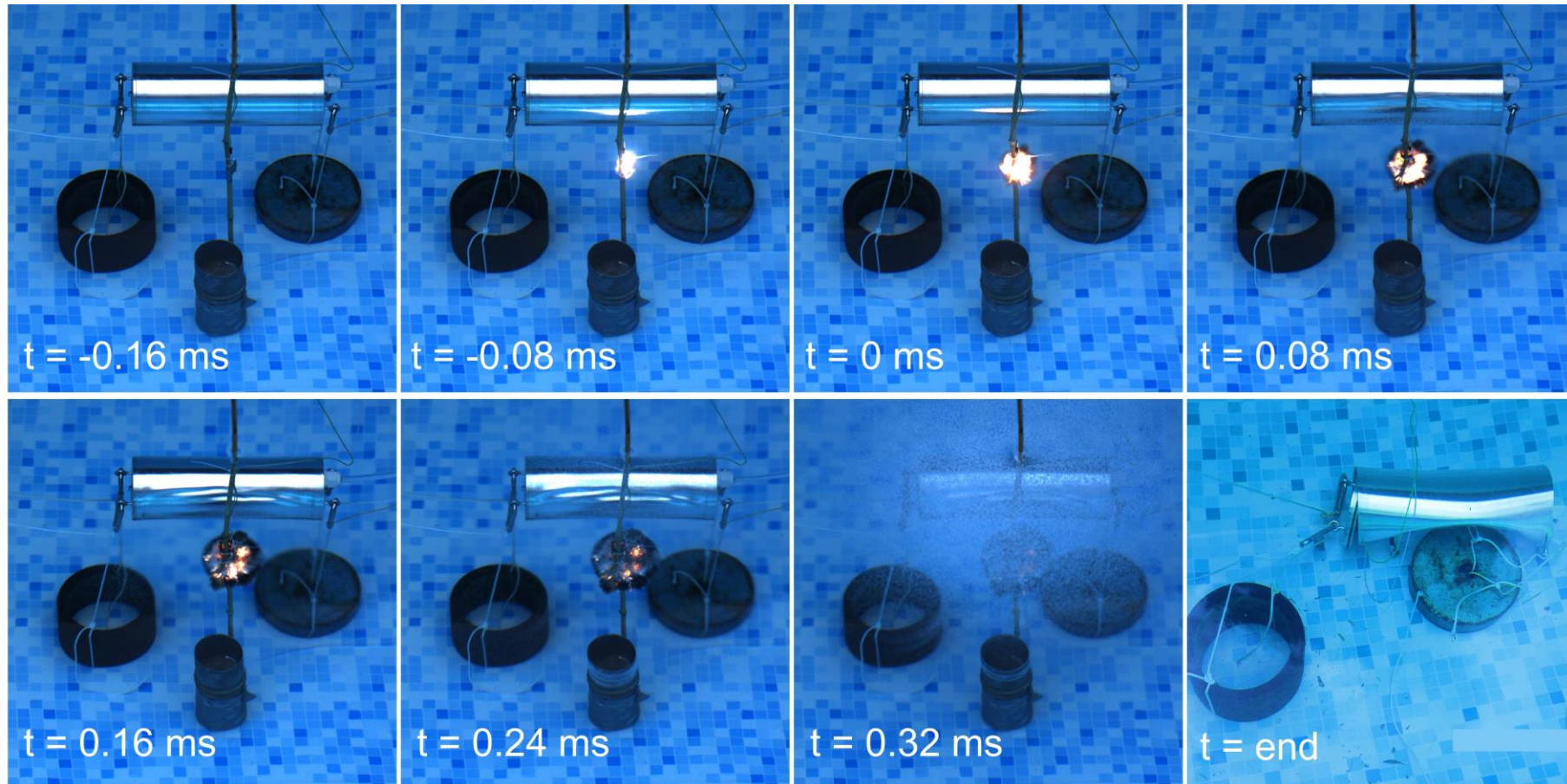


# Case 2:5 – Experiment

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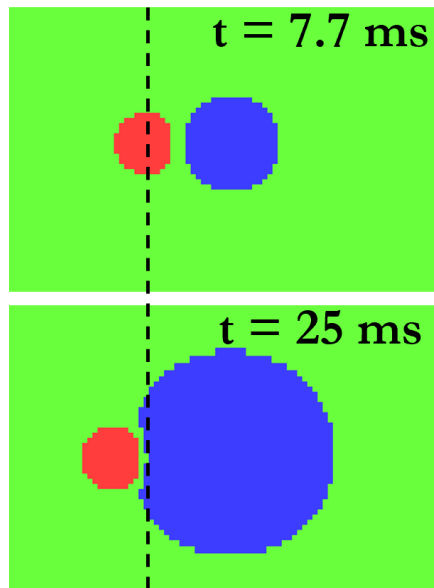


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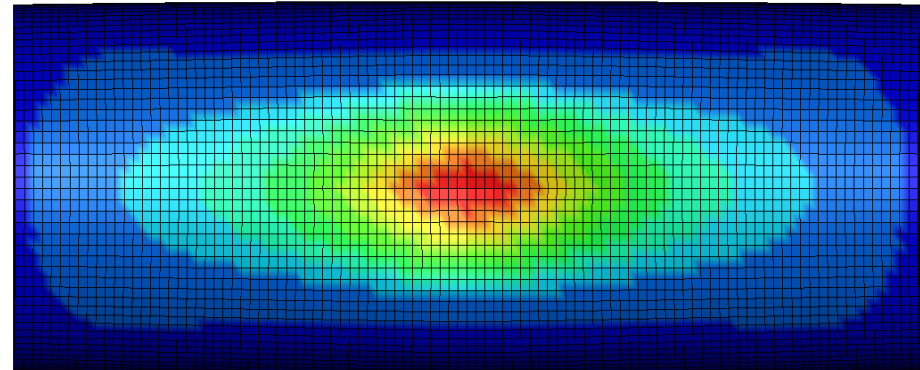
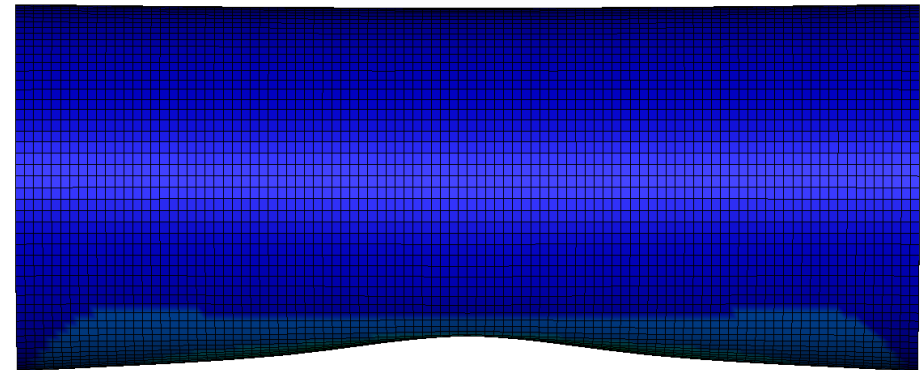


# Case 2:5 – Numerical results

- The bubble collides with the cylinder
  - SSA displaces it 0.1 mm
  - S-ALE displaces it 70 mm



Displacement in y-direction, from detonation point



# Conclusions

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- Natural frequencies have a significant impact on the results
- SSA
  - No damping function from the water
  - Only models the load application as analytical functions
  - Only accounts for the first bubble pulse
- S-ALE
  - Difficult to avoid reflections at the boundaries
  - Load transfer to cylinder agreeable with experiment
  - Better pressure resolution can be obtained for larger explosive charge
- Large impact of how detailed the structure is modelled
- Experiments are sensitive to disturbances



# Future work

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- More experiments
  - Larger water domain
  - Stiffer structure
- SSA
  - Validate with upscaled experiments
  - Mass scaling to account for water
  - Combine with S-ALE
- S-ALE
  - Investigate BCs with no reflections
  - Validate with experiments with increased charge load
- Model the test object more accurate

# Thanks for listening!

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