

# ***Cumulant lattice Boltzmann approach: an application to hydraulic risk***

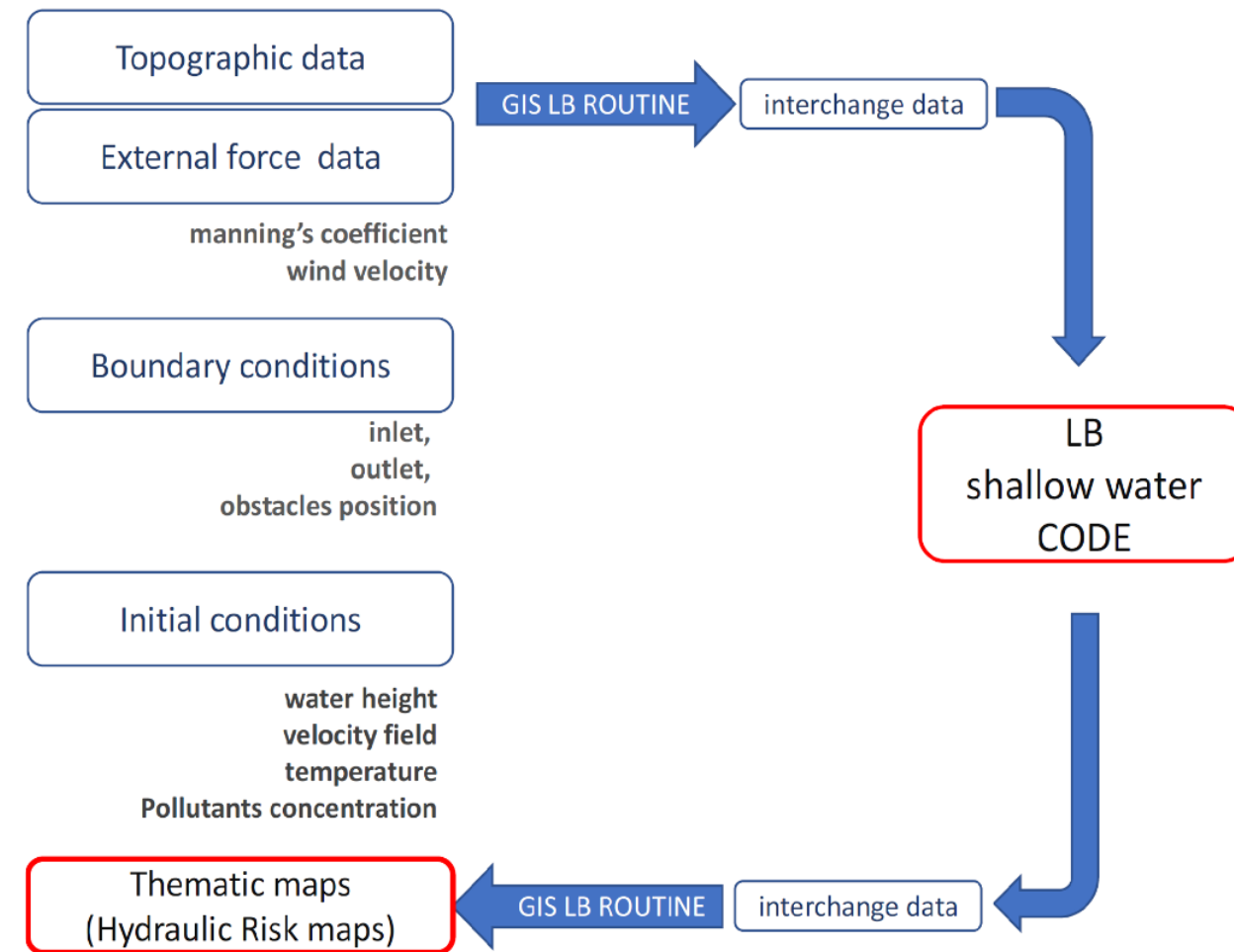
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## semi-automatic procedure for modelling flood events

- **CumLB** method:  
numerical technique for  
the solution of the  
hydrodynamic problem
- **parallelization**
- The procedure includes  
the preparation of the  
input data and the  
visualizations of the  
results (**Open source Qgis  
platform**)

## PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Shallow water – lattice Boltzmann (LB) **innovative models**
- **Wet - dry approach**
- Case study: **Malpasset dam-break**



SHALLOW WATER  
EQUATIONS

continuity 
$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(hu_j)}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

momentum 
$$\frac{\partial(hu_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(hu_i u_j)}{\partial x_j} = -g \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{h^2}{2} \right) + \nu \frac{\partial^2(hu_i)}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} + F_i$$

$$F_i = -gh \frac{\partial z_b}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\tau_{wi}}{\rho} + E_i$$

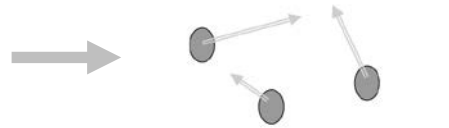
$h, u_i$



averaged along  
the vertical  
direction

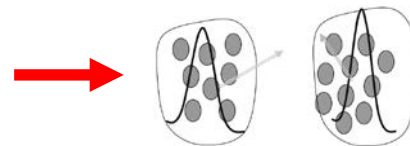
LATTICE BOLTZMANN  
METHOD

microscopic



Molecular Dynamics (MD)

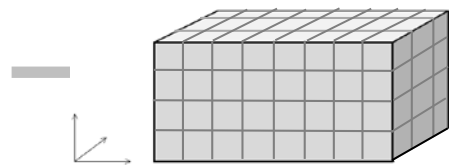
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**LATTICE BOLTZMANN  
METHOD**

*Probability Distribution Function  
 $f(x, c, t)$*

macroscopic



continuum

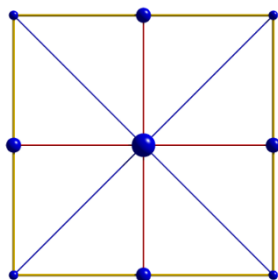
**Navier Stokes Equations**

Continuum fluid macroscopic  
properties

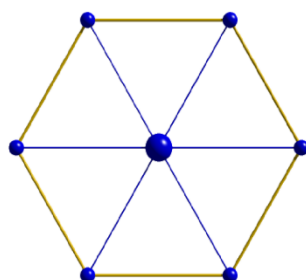


# LATTICE BOLTZMANN MODEL

## 2D models

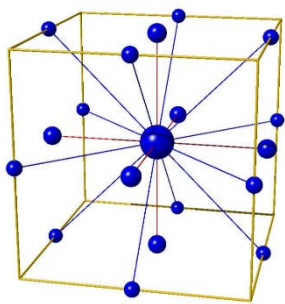


D2Q9

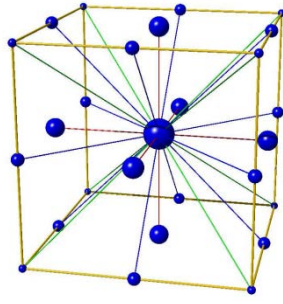


D2Q7

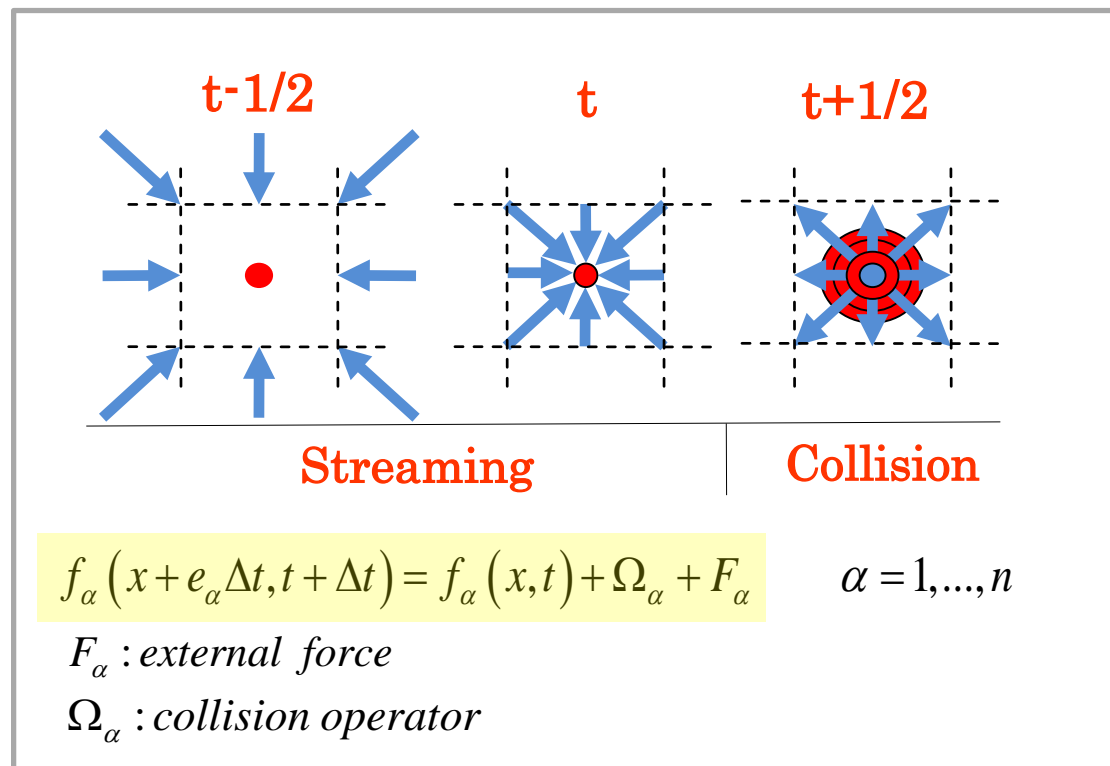
## 3D models



D3Q19



D3Q27



Conservation of mass and  
momentum in the collision



## LB MODELS FOR SWE

### Speed of sound

$$P = c_s^2 h \quad \text{equation of state} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \partial_t h + \nabla(h\mathbf{u}) &= 0 \\ \partial_t(h\mathbf{u}) + \nabla(PI + h\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u} - S) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_s^2 \Rightarrow \frac{gh}{2} \neq \frac{1}{3}$$

### Viscosity

$$\nu = c_s^2 \left( \frac{1}{\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \omega = \frac{1}{\tau} \quad \text{relaxation time}$$

### Macroscopic Variables

$$h = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n f_{\alpha} \quad u_i = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n e_{\alpha i} f_{\alpha}$$



# MRT CASCADED MODEL (CaLB)

## Central moments

$$\kappa_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i,j} (i - u)^\alpha (j - v)^\beta f_{ij} \quad i, j = -1, 0, 1$$

$$\kappa_{00} = h, \kappa_{10} = 0, \kappa_{01} = 0, \kappa_{20} = c_s^2 h, \kappa_{02} = c_s^2 h, \kappa_{11} = 0, \kappa_{12} = 0, \kappa_{22} = 0$$

$\kappa_{\alpha\beta}$  = central moments

$u, v$  = macroscopic velocities

## Collision step

$$\kappa_{\alpha\beta,post} = \kappa_{\alpha\beta} - \omega_{\alpha\beta} (\kappa_{\alpha\beta} - \kappa_{\alpha\beta,eq})$$

$$\kappa_{20+02,post} = \kappa_{20+02} - \omega_{20+02} (\kappa_{20} - \kappa_{20,eq} + \kappa_{02} - \kappa_{02,eq})$$

$$\kappa_{20-02,post} = \kappa_{20-02} (1 - \omega_{20-02})$$

## Relaxation rates

$$\omega_{11} = \frac{1}{3\nu + 0.5}$$

$$\omega_{20-02} = \omega_{11}$$

$$\omega_{\alpha\beta} = 1$$



## MRT CUMULANT MODEL (CumLB)

### Theory of cumulant

$$c_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{\partial^\alpha \partial^\beta \partial^\gamma}{\partial \Xi \partial \Upsilon \partial Z} \ln \left( \frac{F(\Xi, \Upsilon, Z)}{\varrho_0} \right) \Big|_{\Xi, \Upsilon, Z=0}$$

**Cumulants:** coefficients of the Taylor expansion of the logarithm of the Laplace transform of the distribution function  $f$  (PDF)

- The cumulant CO uses multiple relaxation rates (MRT CO)
- It relaxes observable quantities (cumulants) that are both Galilean invariant and statistically independent of each other by construction

### Galilean Invariance

- Break of Galilean invariance: due to the finite number of velocities and a resulting finite number of independent moments
- not Galilean invariant model: results depend on the reference frame → presence of preferential directions





## MRT CUMULANT MODEL (CumLB)

### cumulants

$$C_{ab} = K_{ab} \quad \text{until 3th order}$$

$$C_{22} = K_{22} - \left( K_{20}K_{02} + 2K_{11}^2 \right) / h$$

### collision step

$$C_{\alpha\beta, post} = C_{\alpha\beta} - \omega_{\alpha\beta} (C_{\alpha\beta} - C_{\alpha\beta, eq})$$

- The PDF is transformed into cumulants.
- The collision step is performed in terms of cumulants;
- After the collision, the backward transformation is applied, from cumulants to PDF.

# WET-DRY APPROACH

It was necessary to develop a procedure simulating the flow propagation over a dry bed.

**1 Height Limiter**

$$h \leq h_{\text{lim}} \rightarrow h = h_{\text{lim}}$$

threshold value: allows to avoid the error due to the division by zero

**2 Velocity Limiter**

$$Fr \geq Fr_{\text{lim}} \rightarrow |u'| = |u| \cdot \frac{Fr_{\text{lim}}}{Fr}$$

The velocity is limited by means of the Froude Number, multiplying its value for the ratio between the Fr-limiter and the actual Froude Number

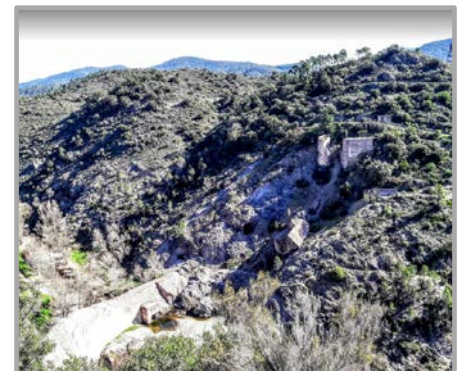
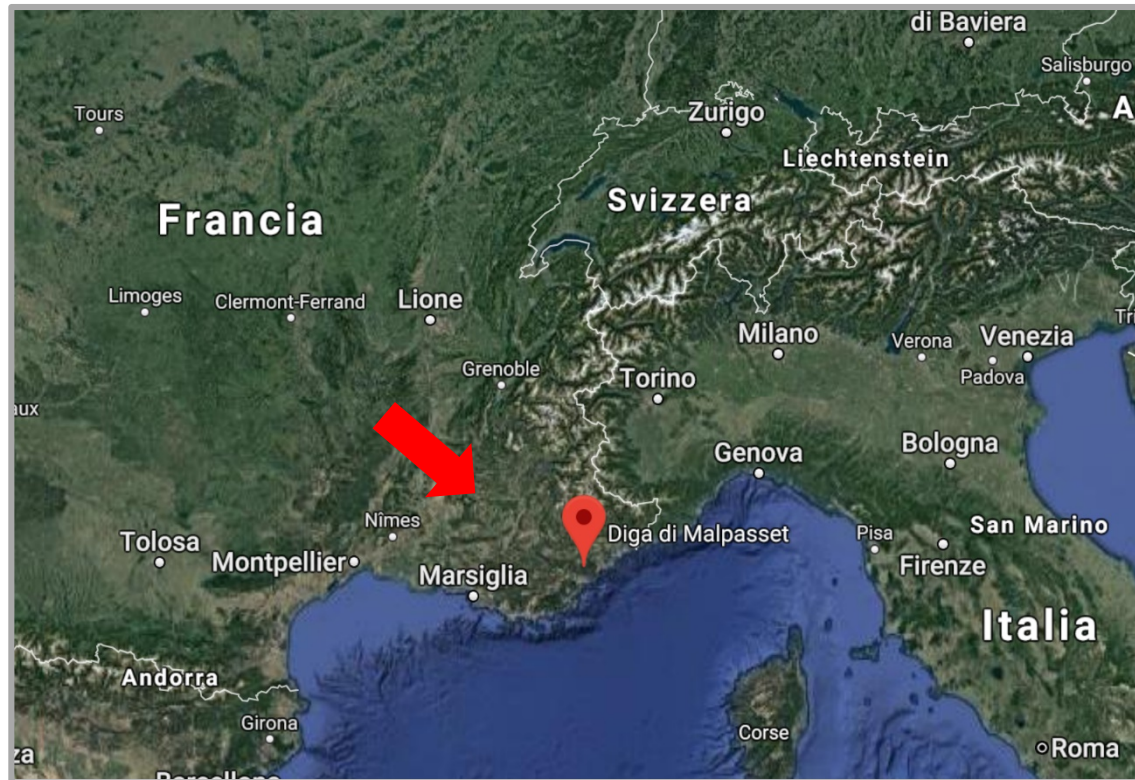
$$\frac{Fr_{\text{lim}}}{Fr} < 1$$

$$|u'| = |u| \cdot (1 - \delta) \rightarrow \delta = 1 - Fr_{\text{lim}} \sqrt{\frac{gh}{|u| \cdot |u|}}$$



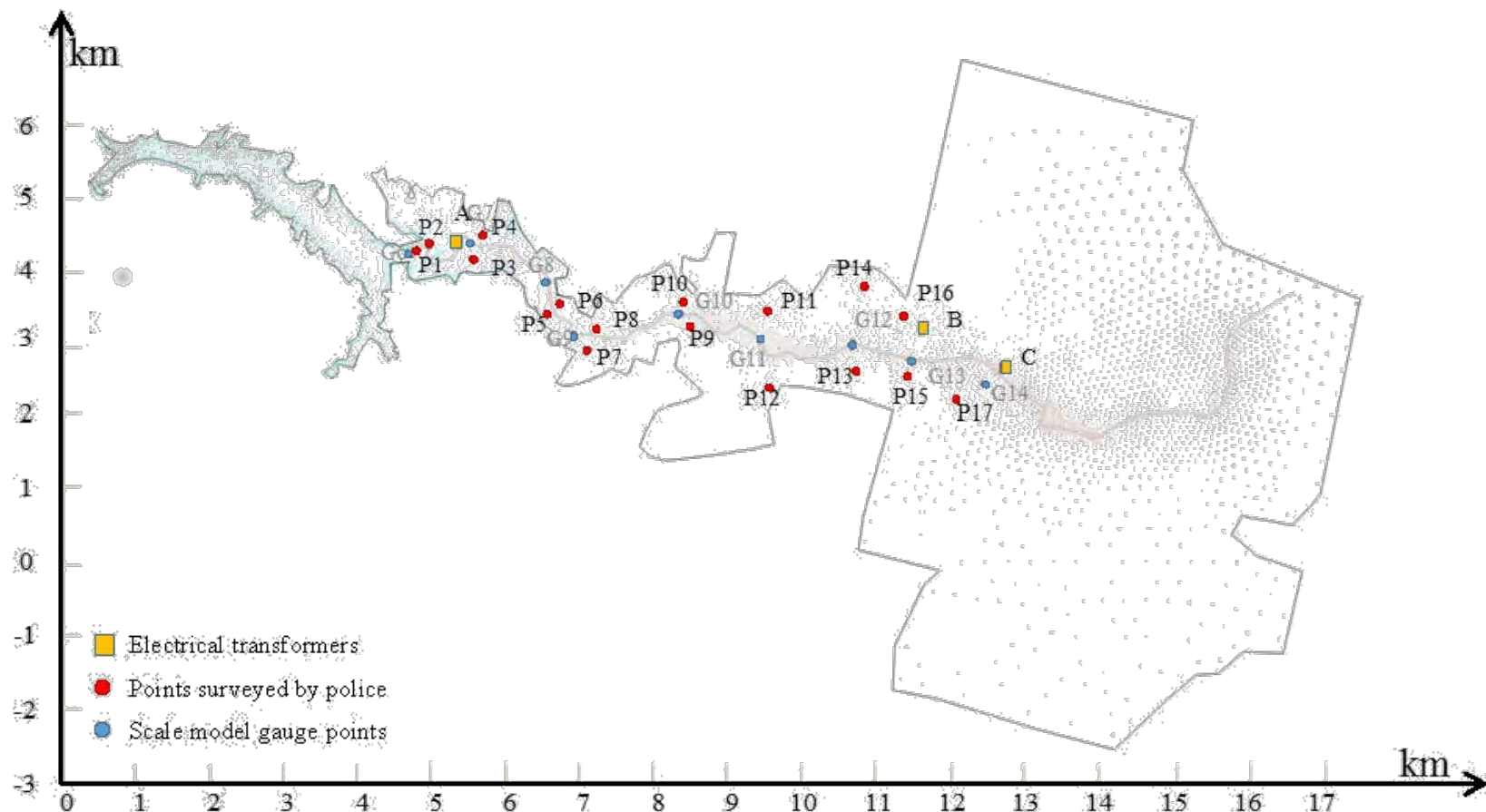
# CASE STUDY

## MALPASSET DAM-BREAK (21/12/1959)



A. Valiani et al., 'Case Study: Malpasset Dam-Break Simulation using a Two-Dimensional Finite Volume Method', 2002

C. Biscarini et al., 'On the Simulation of Floods in a Narrow Bending Valley: The Malpasset Dam Break Case Study', 2016



**AT** at hydroelectric plants (A, B, C)

**WS and velocity** at points measured by  
the police  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 17$

**WS (water surface) and AT (arrival  
time)**, Physical model, EDF,  $G_i$   $i = 1, \dots, 14$



### Domain – bounding box

**width:** 17500 m

**height:** 10000 m

### setup

**Model:** *Cumulant model*

**Grid spacing  $\Delta x$ :** 10 m, 20 m

**relaxation rate  $\tau$ :** 0.8

**Manning coeff.  $n$ :**  $0.03 \text{ s m}^{1/3}$  (*Hervouet and Petitjean, 1999*)

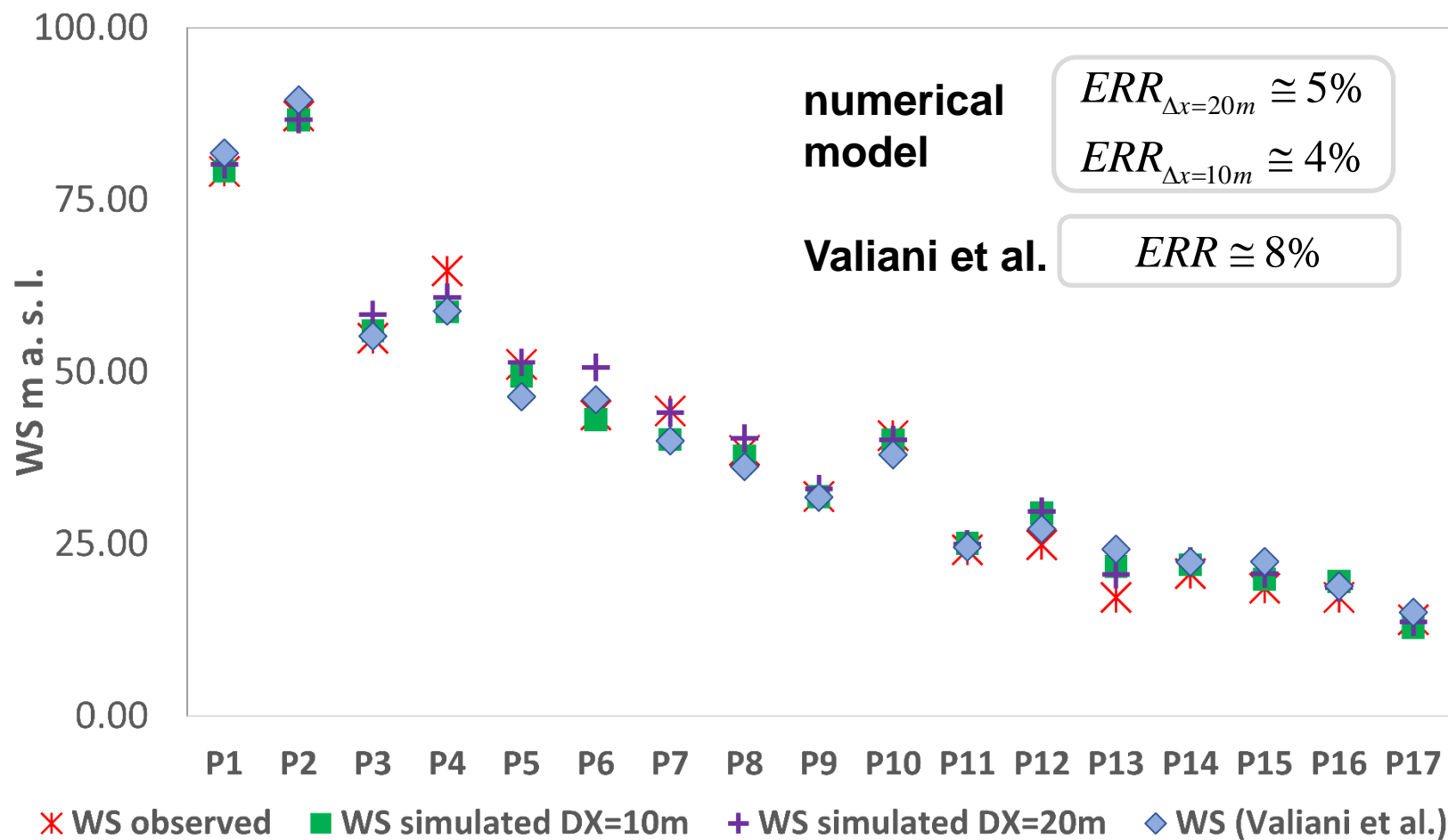
**Arrival time (AT) at  
Electrical Transformer**

**Comparison with  
simulation time**

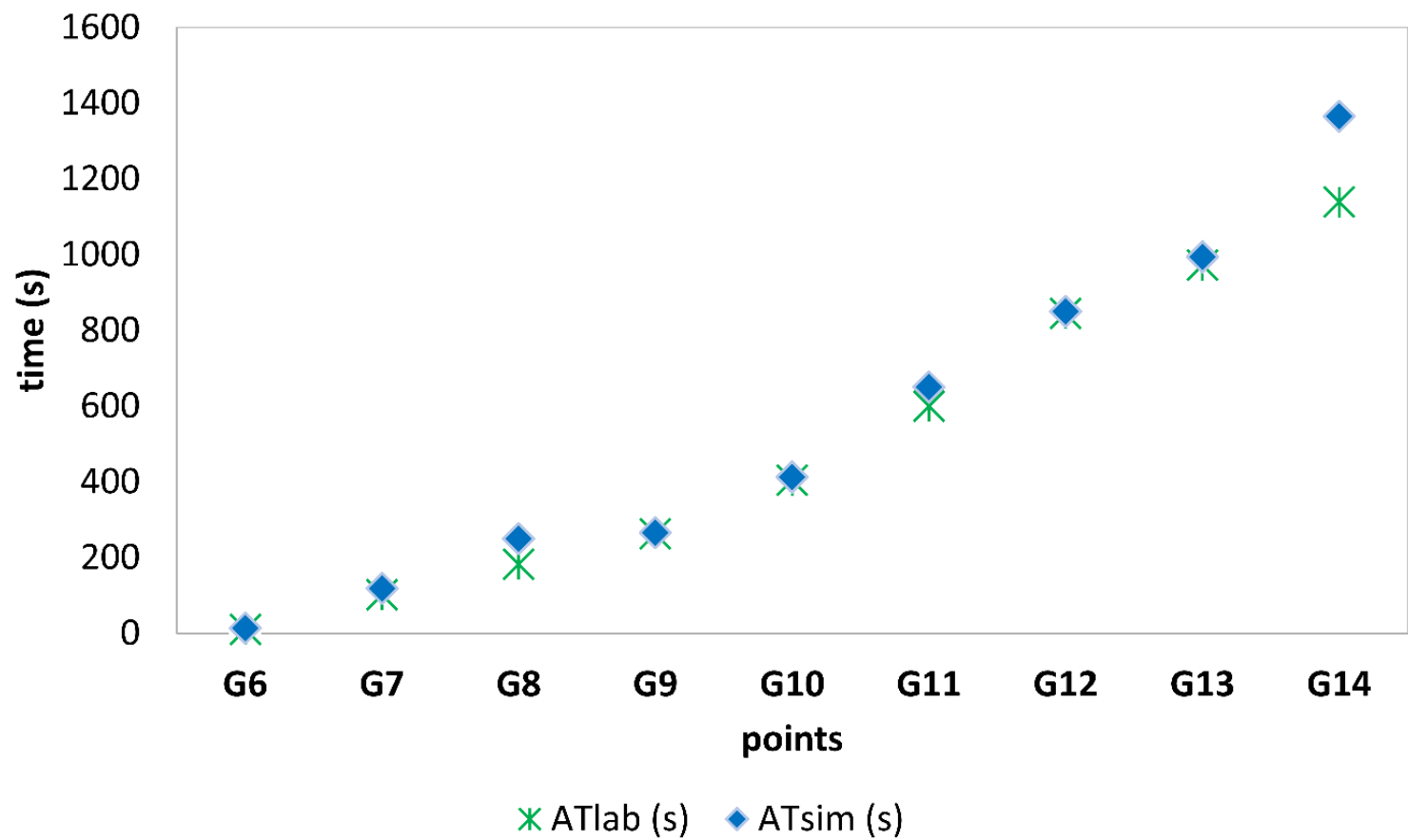


ET	At obs (s)	At sim (s)
<b>A</b>	100	98.6
<b>B</b>	1240	1314
<b>C</b>	1420	1465

Comparison of WS at Pi - points

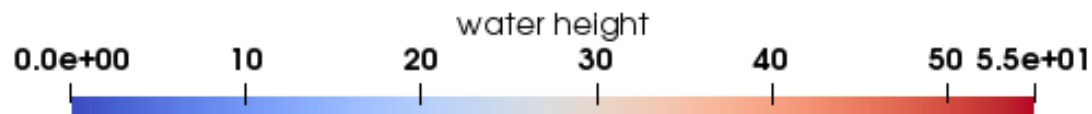
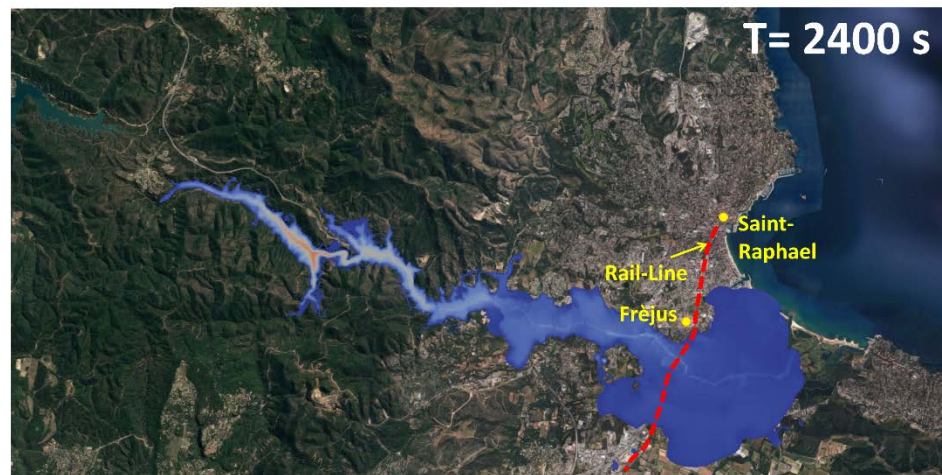
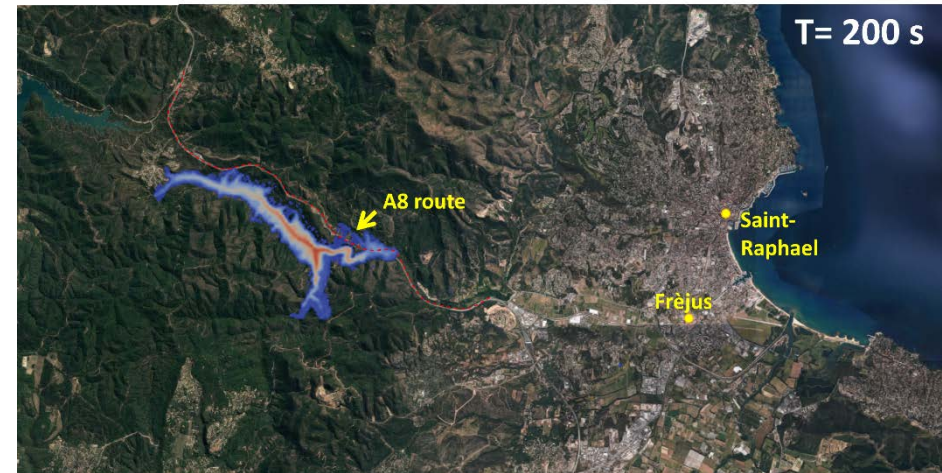
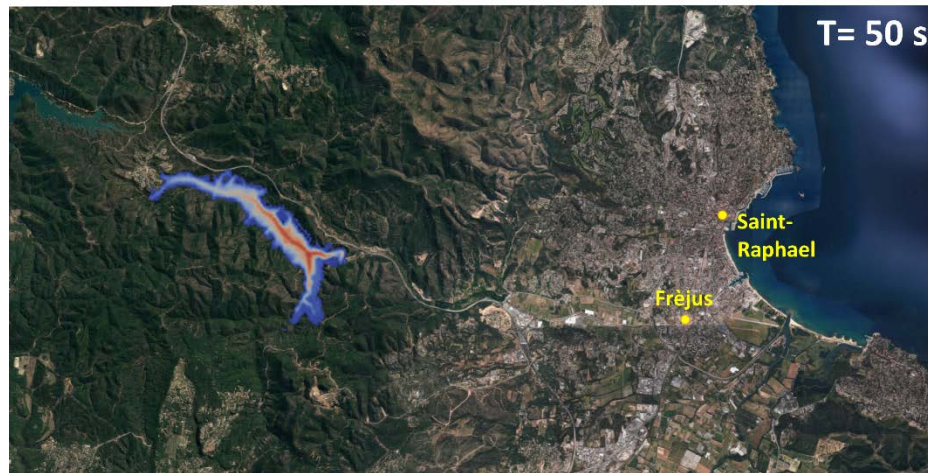


AT comparison –  $G_i$  points



Satisfying accordance between the arrival time (**AT**) at almost all  $G_i$  points





Reyran Valley

Overview

Model Analysis

Validation

Case Study

Conclusions



# CONCLUSIONS

- The applicability of **CumLB** model to the propagation of **floods** has been successfully tested;
- **Innovative models** exhibit satisfying characteristics of accuracy and stability in predicting a flood wave, introducing the possible application of the **LB Cum- GIS** routine to the assessment of the **hydraulic risk**.