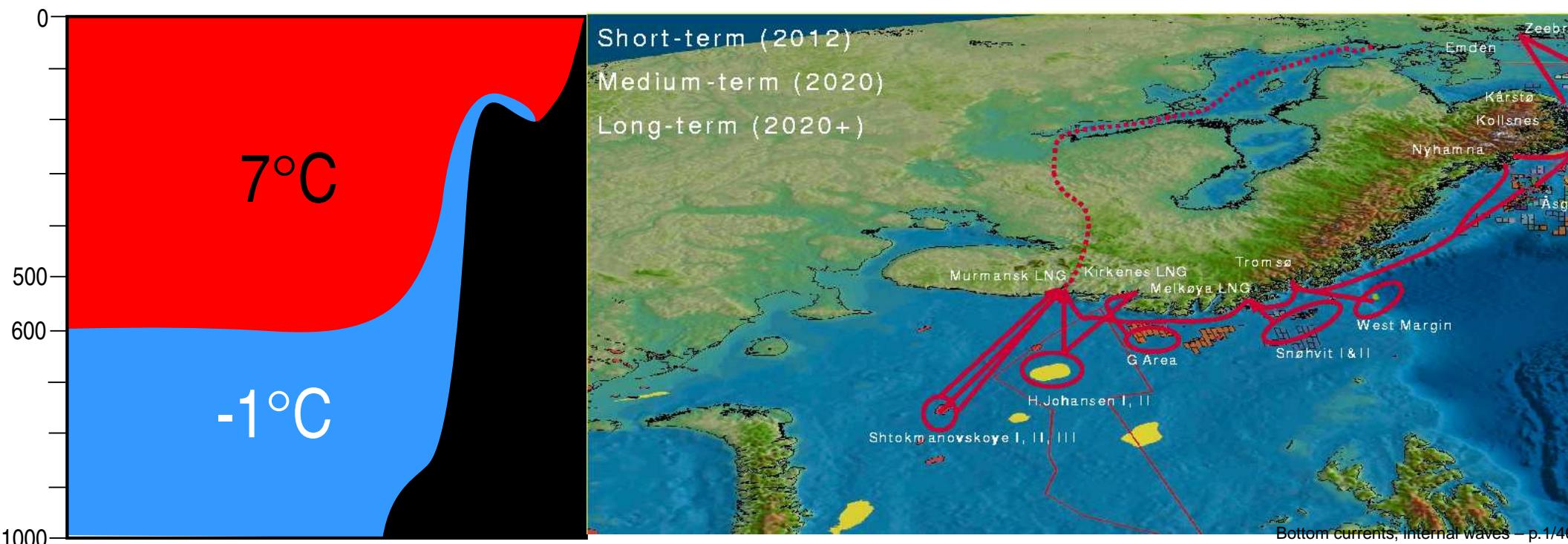
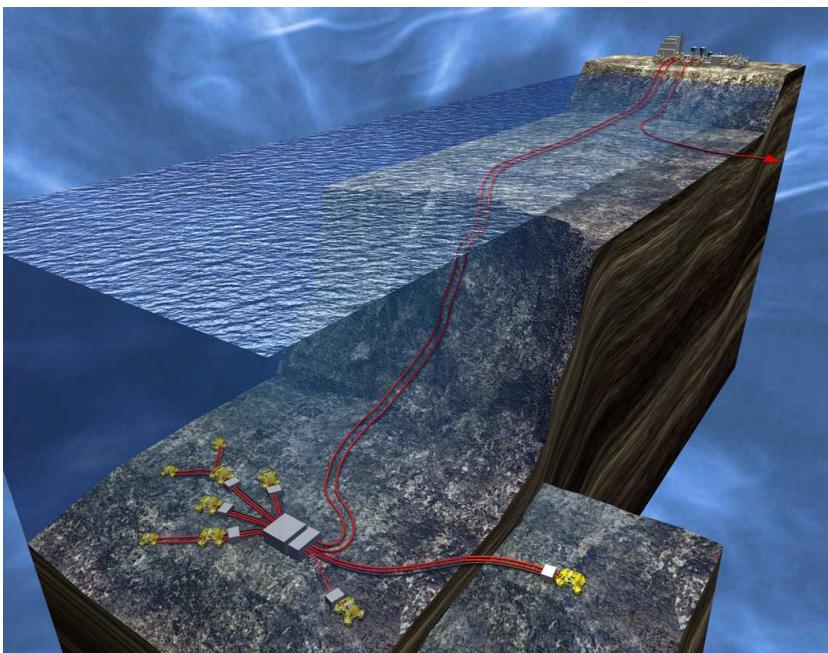


# Scaling law of internal run-up duration

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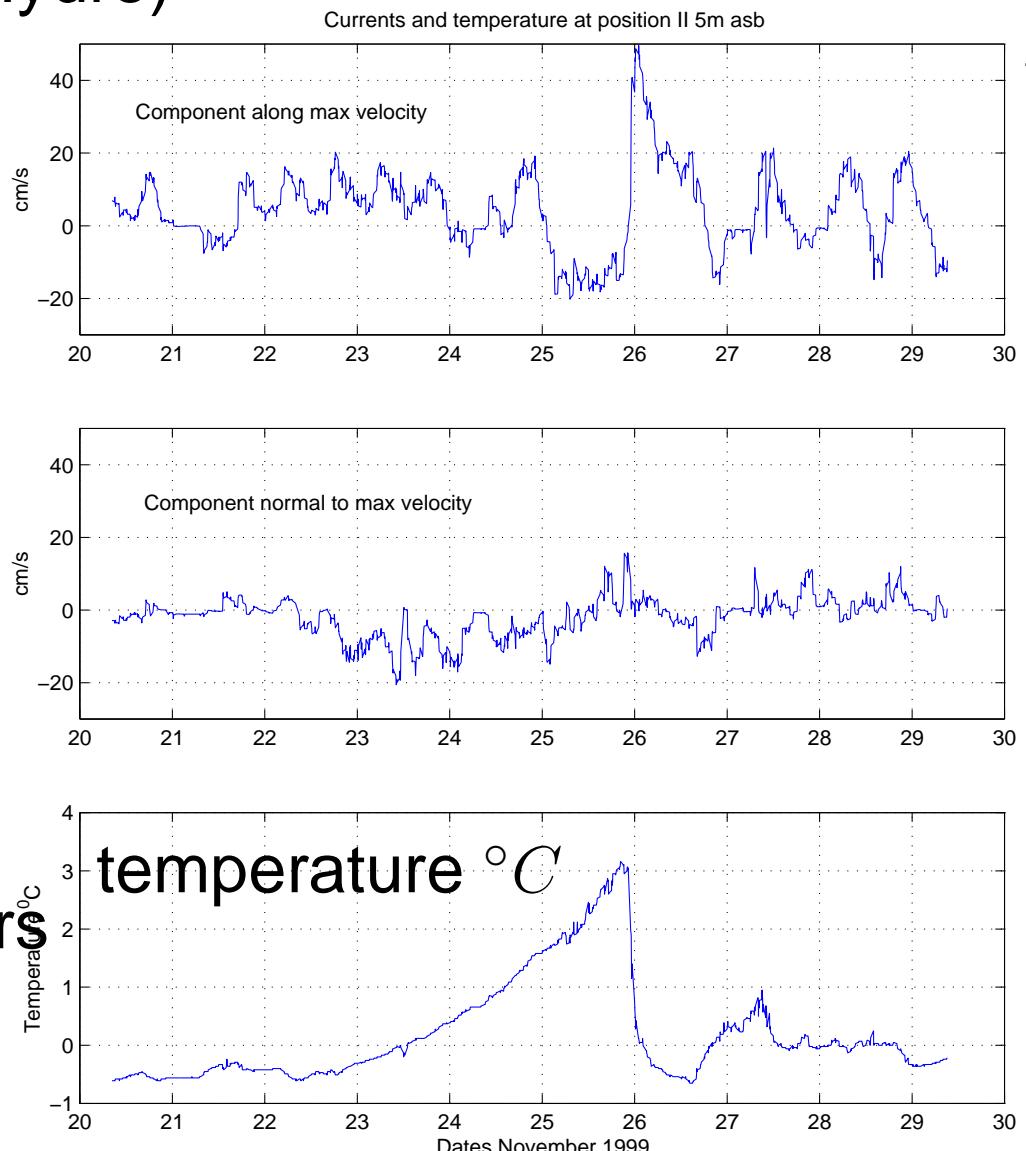
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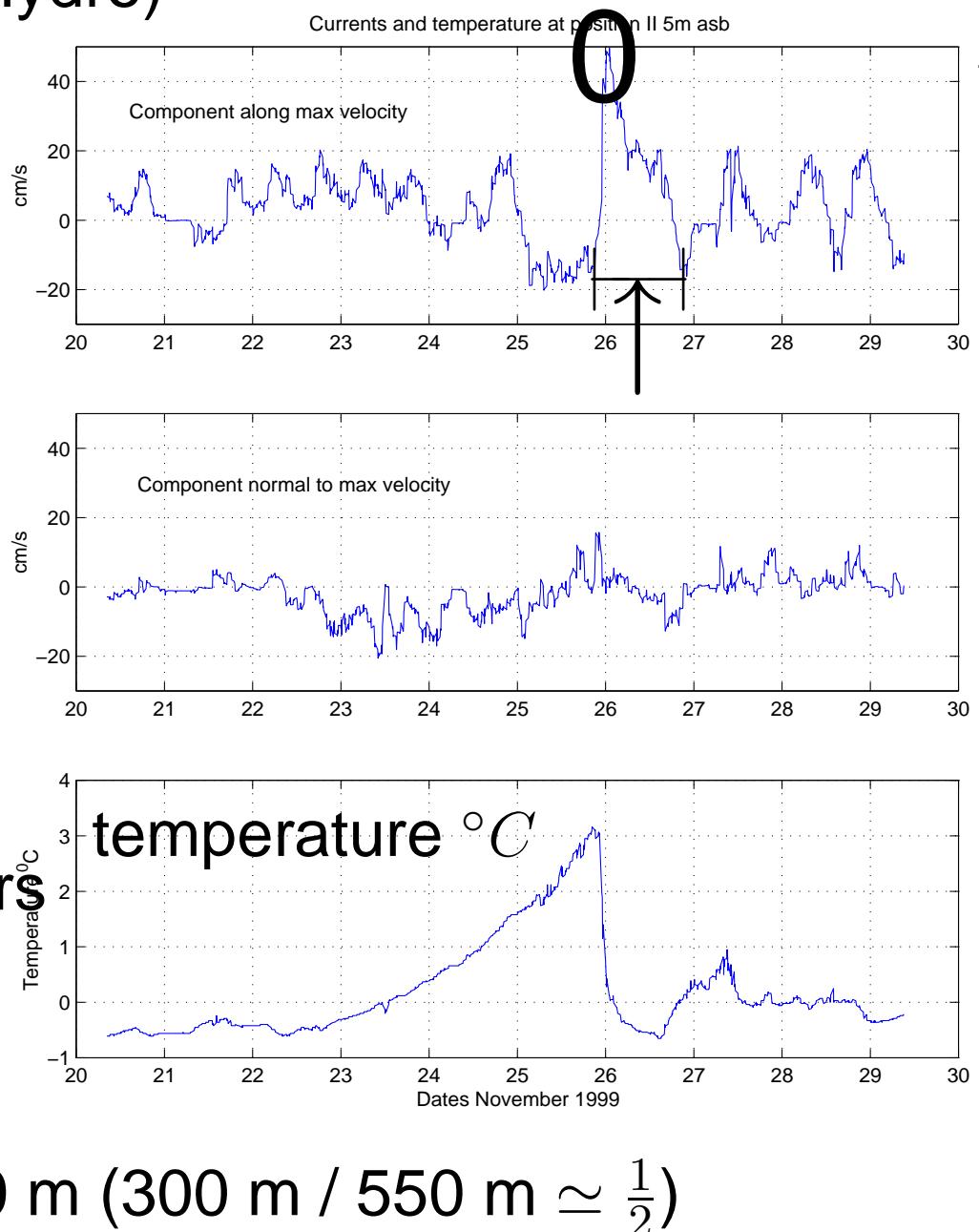
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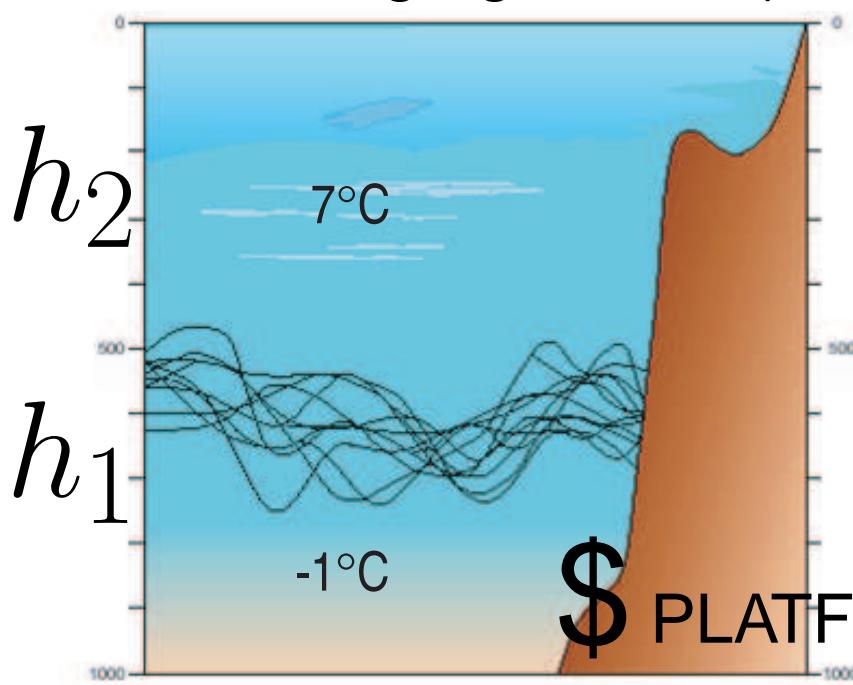
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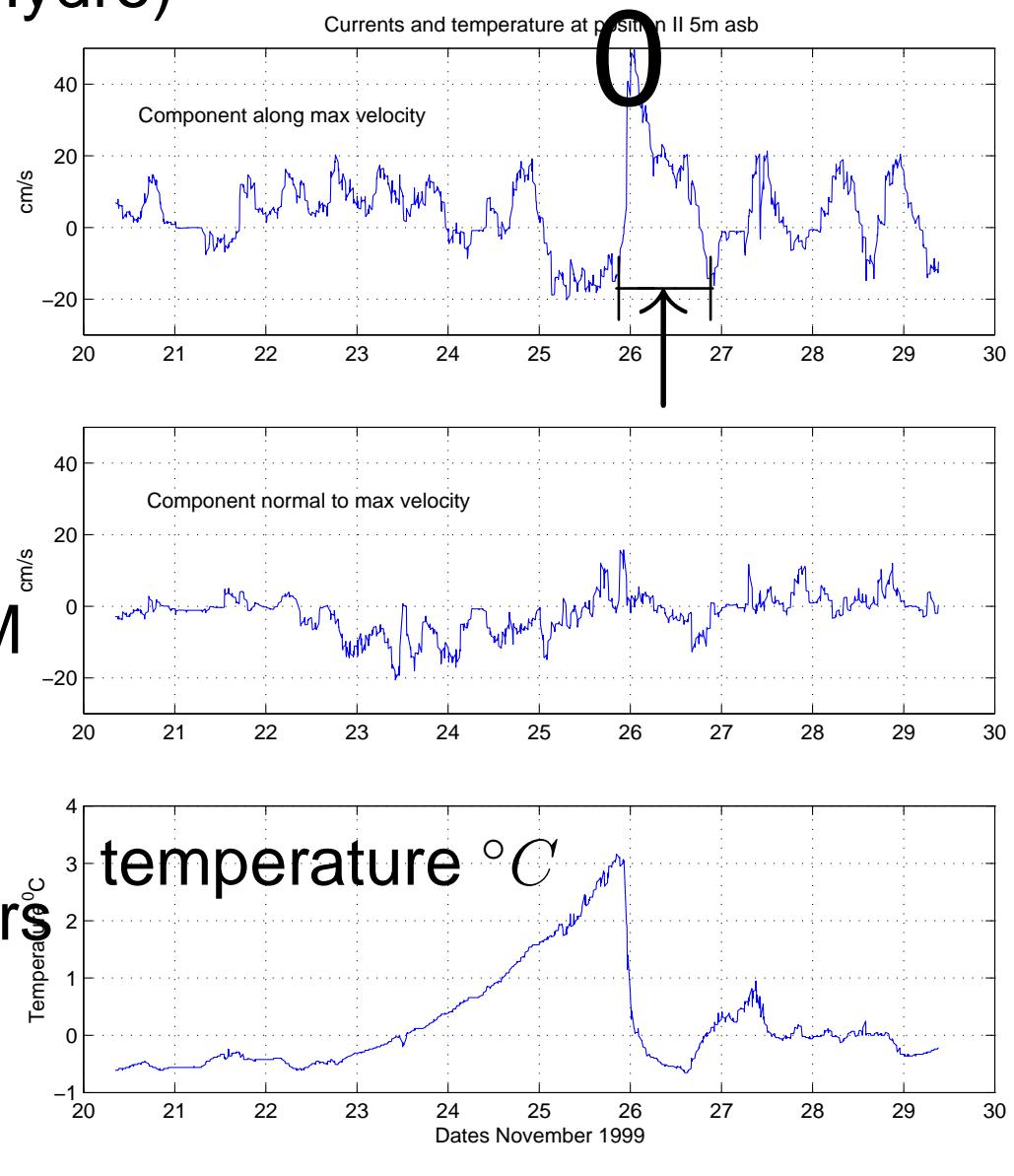
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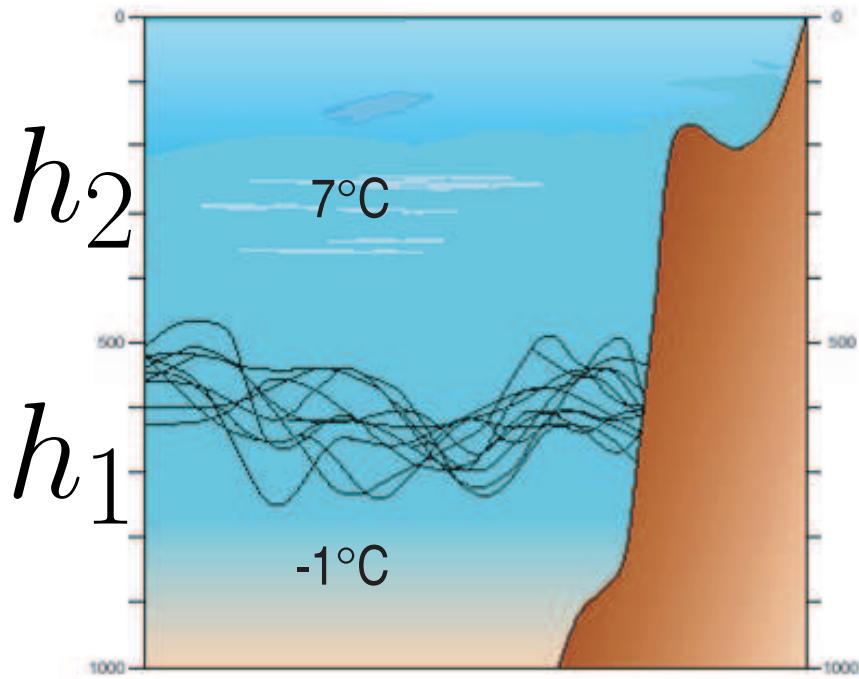
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# INTERNAL WAVE CHARACTERISTICS at Ormen Lange



thermocline at depth  $h_2 = 550 \text{ m}$

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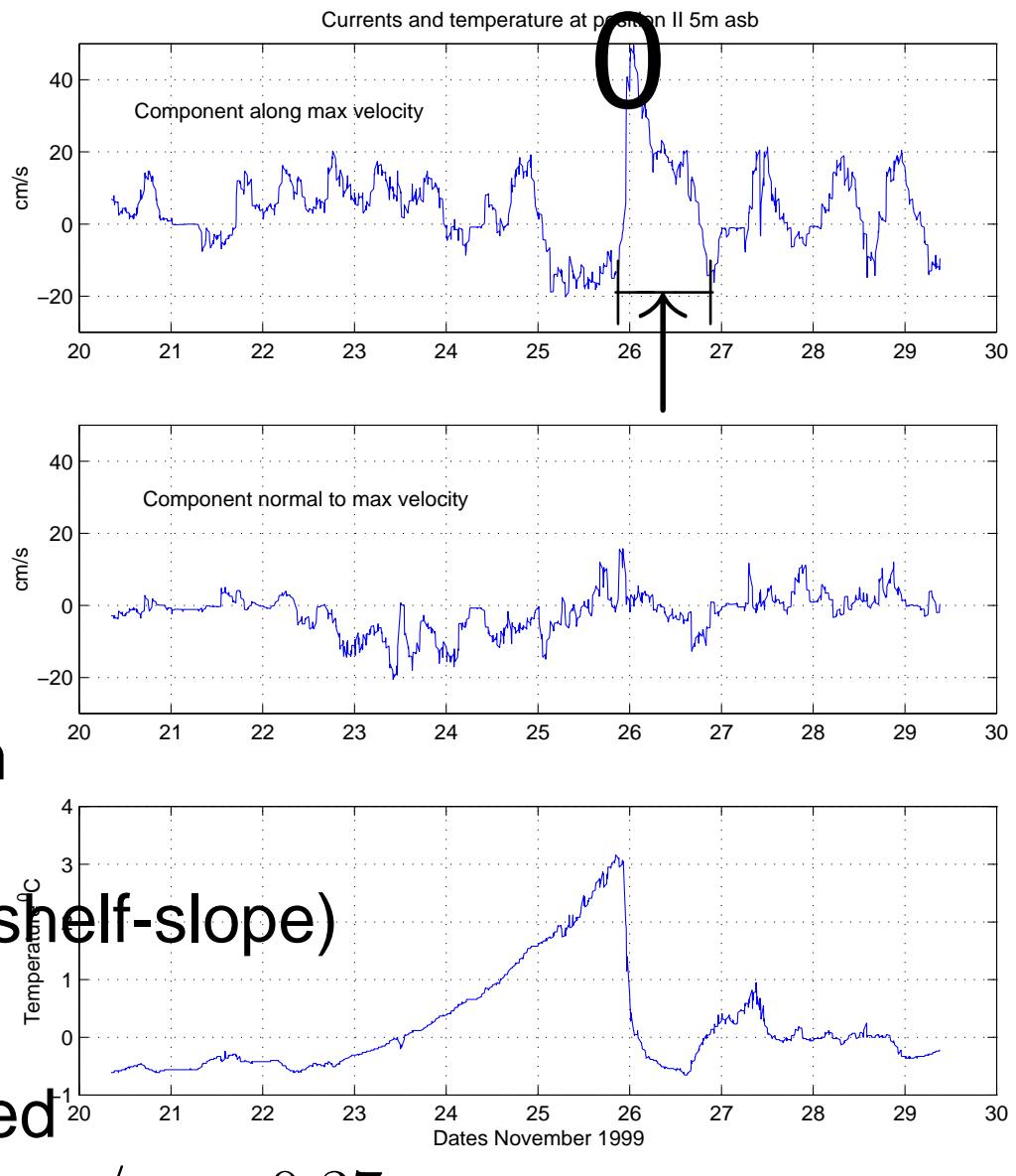
depth ratio  $h_2:h_1 = 1:2$  (outside shelf-slope)

$$c_0 = \left( \frac{g' h_2}{1 + h_2/h_1} \right)^{1/2} \simeq 1.35 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$c_0$  internal linear long wave speed

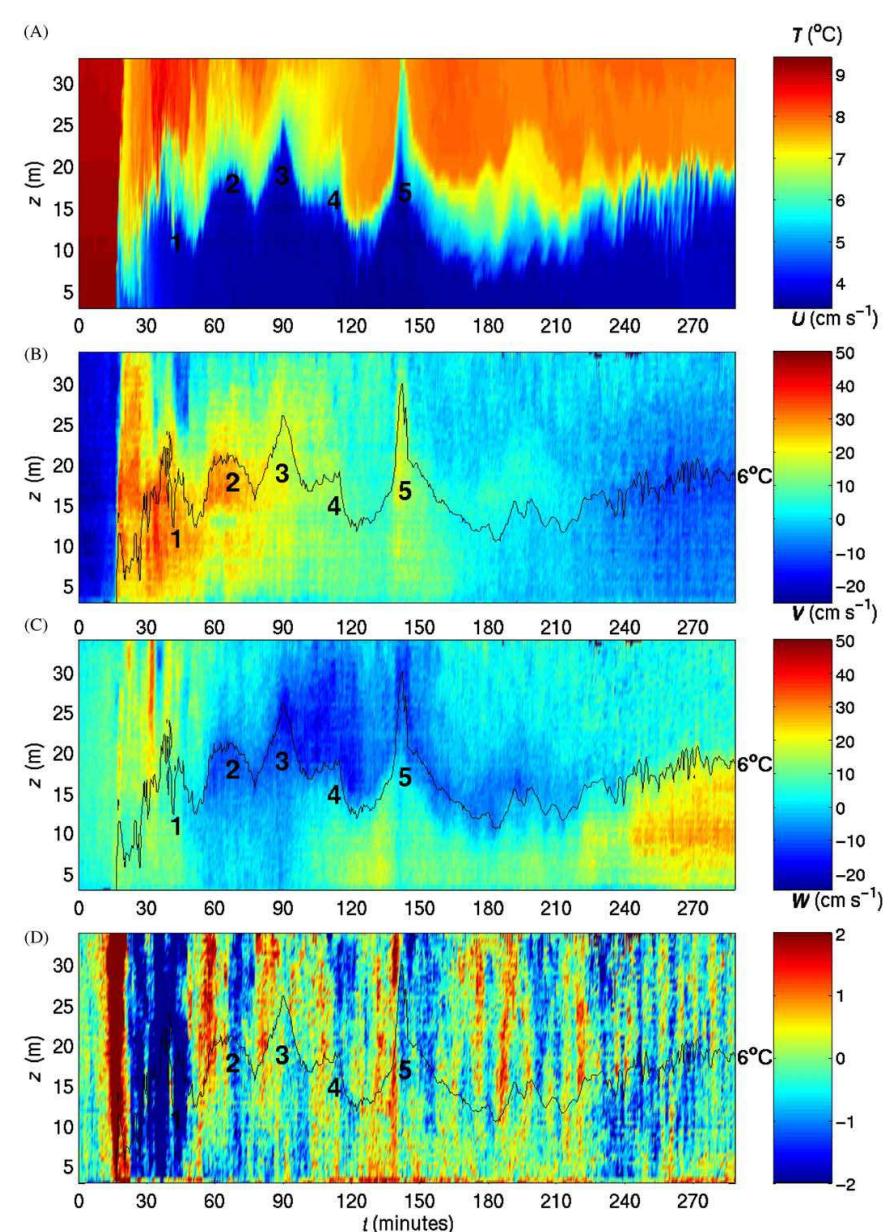
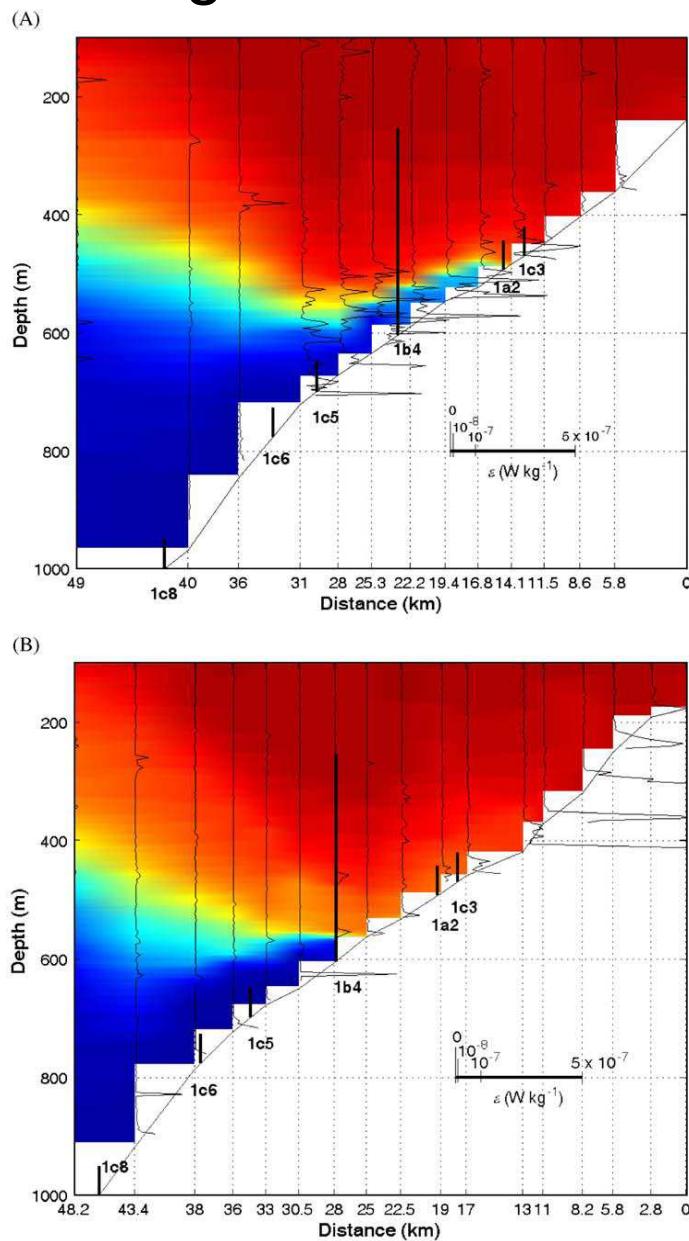
nondimensional maximal velocity  $u/c_0 = 0.37$

nondimensional duration of current event  $\Delta t c_0 / h_2 = 212$



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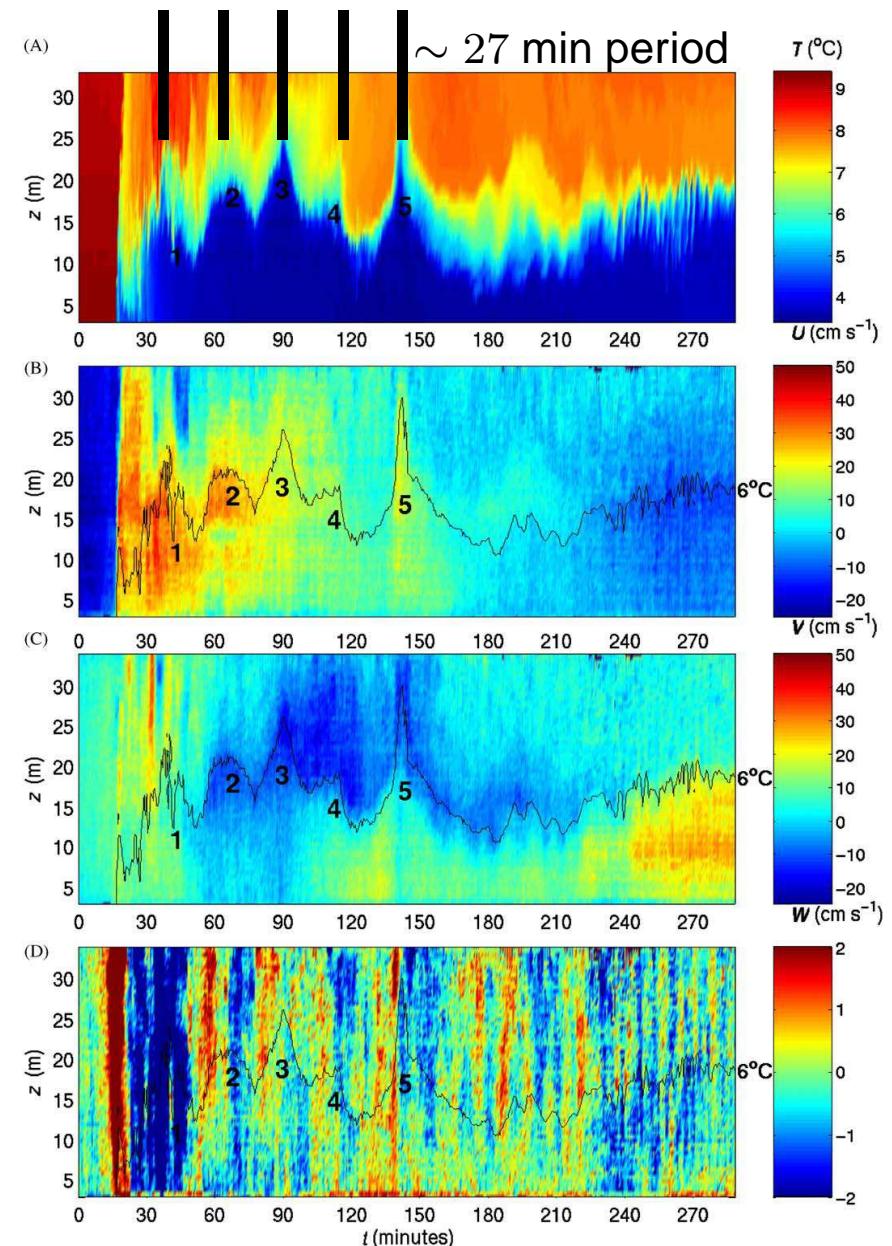
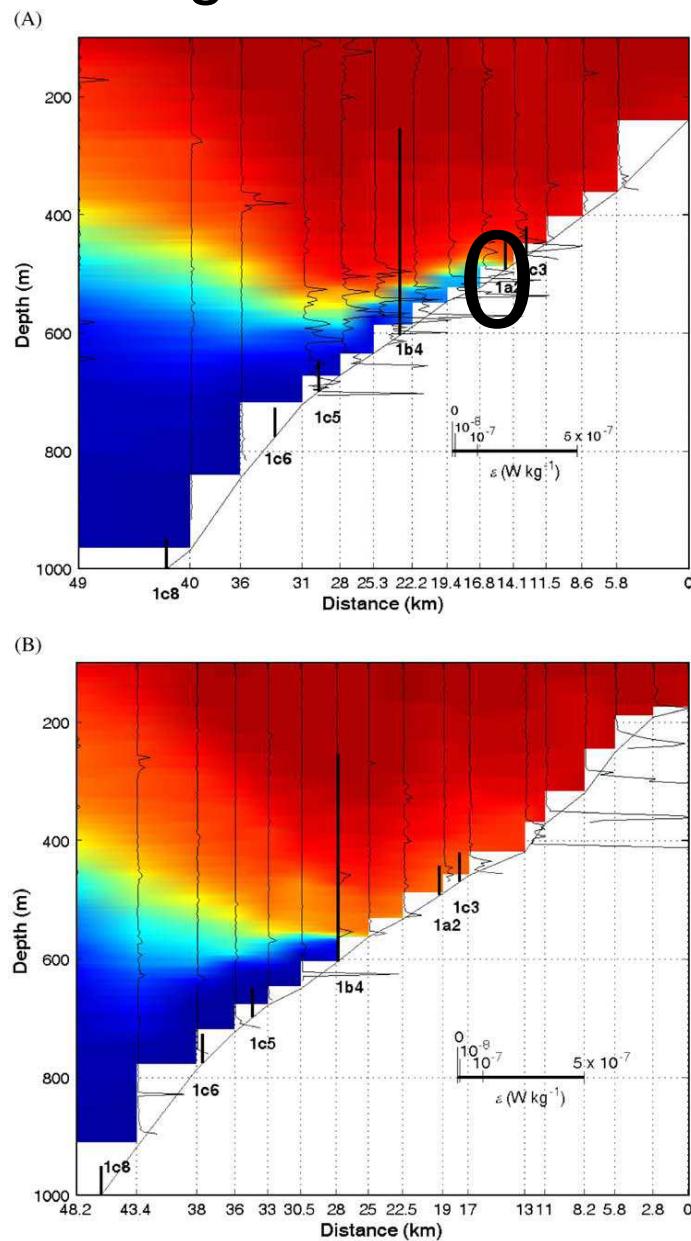
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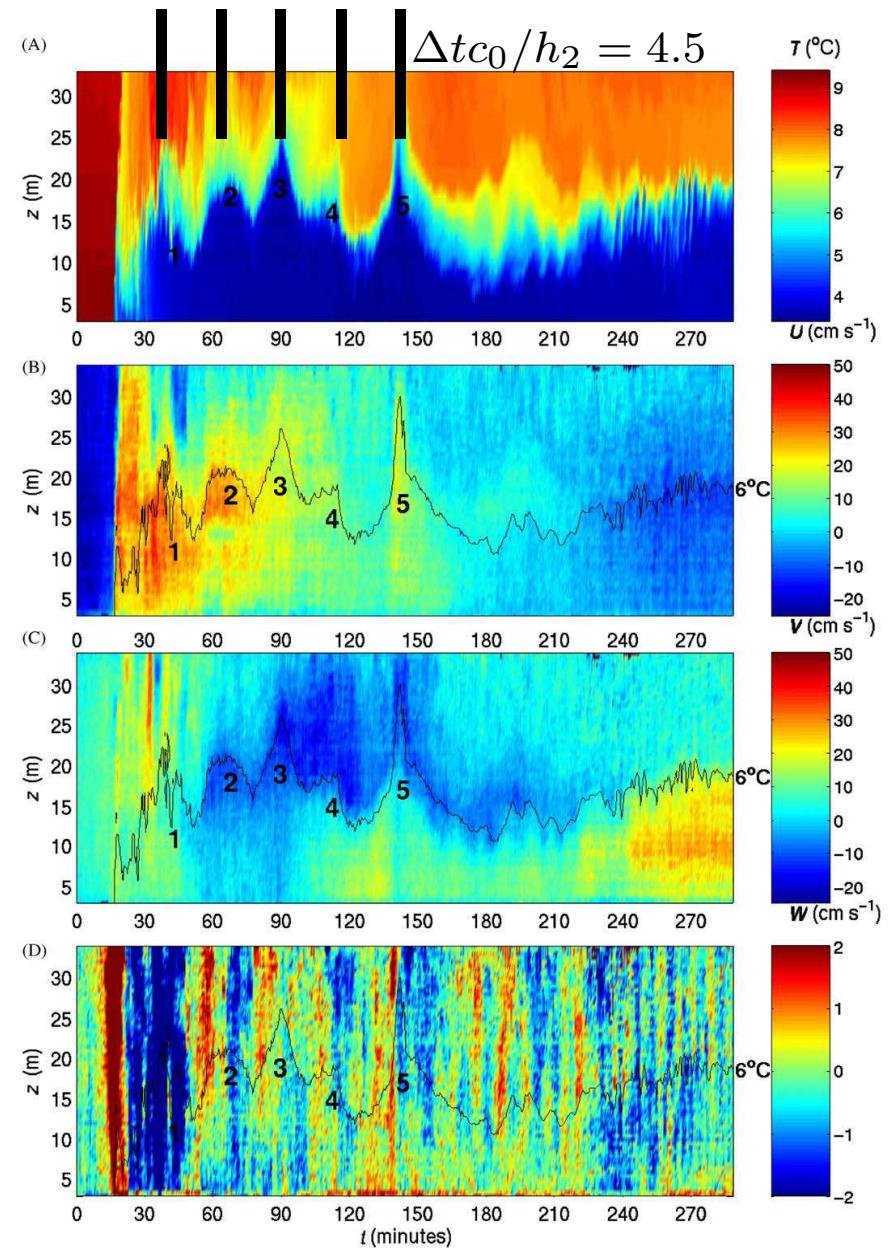
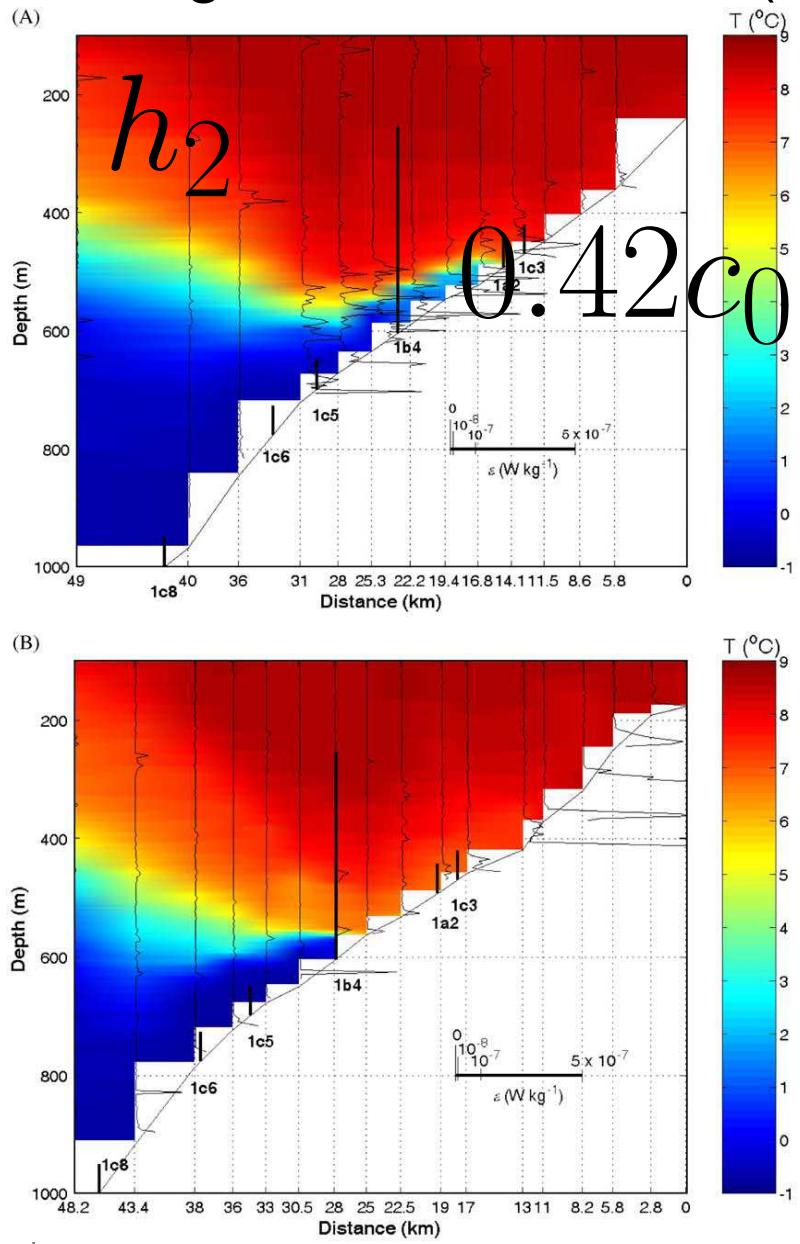


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# Hosegood and van Haren's recordings;

- cause of run-up uncertain; not tidally driven
- leading edge velocity of  $0.52 \text{ m s}^{-1} = 0.42c_0$
- $c_0$  internal linear long wave speed
- vertical excursions of wavy pycnocline 10–19 m
- period  $\Delta t = 27 \text{ min}$
- $\Delta t c_0 / h_2 \simeq 4.5$ , nondimensional period
- phase speed of bolus:  $0.24 \text{ m s}^{-1} = 0.19c_0$

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# Internal run-up and wavy bore

# Some studies on internal run-up

Cacchione and Southard (1974)

Kao, Pan and Renouard (1985)

Wallace and Wilkinson (1988)

Helfrich (1992)

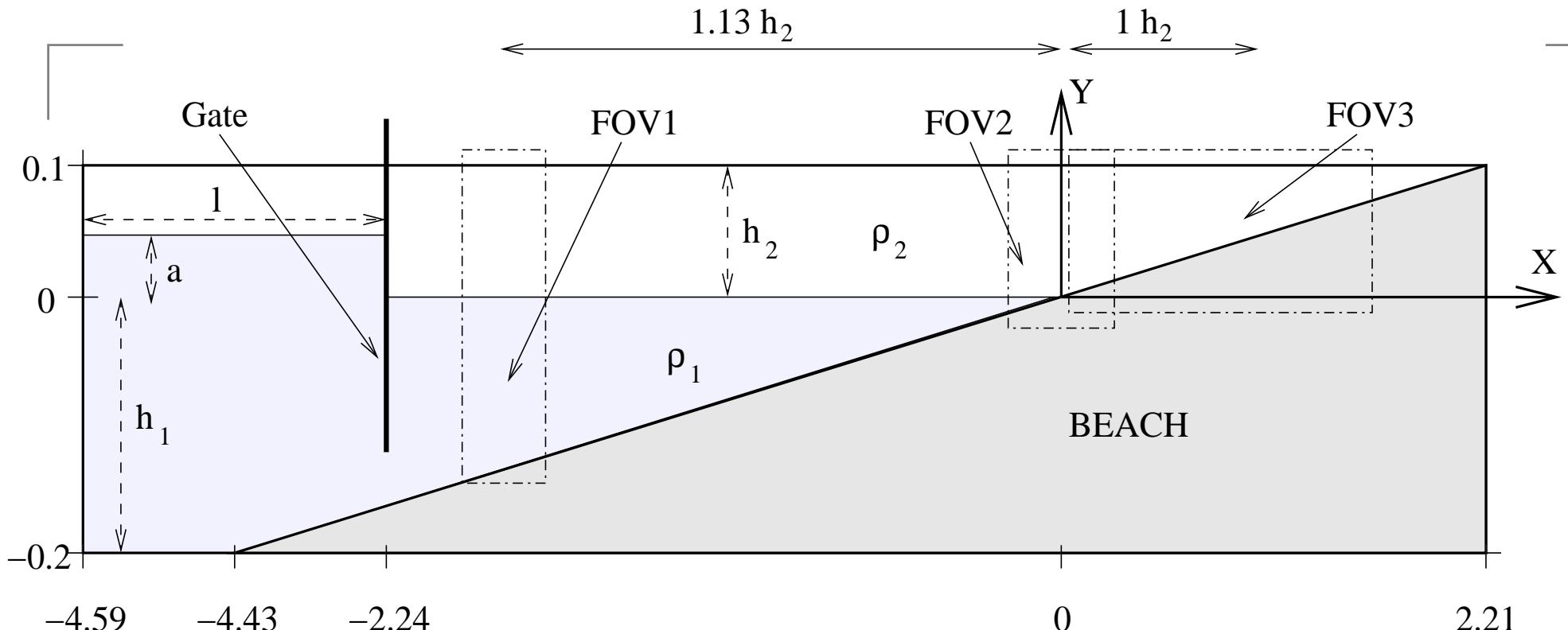
Michallet and Ivey (1999)

Sveen, Guo, Davies and Grue (2002)

Klymak and Moum (2003)

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# Study internal run-up experimentally



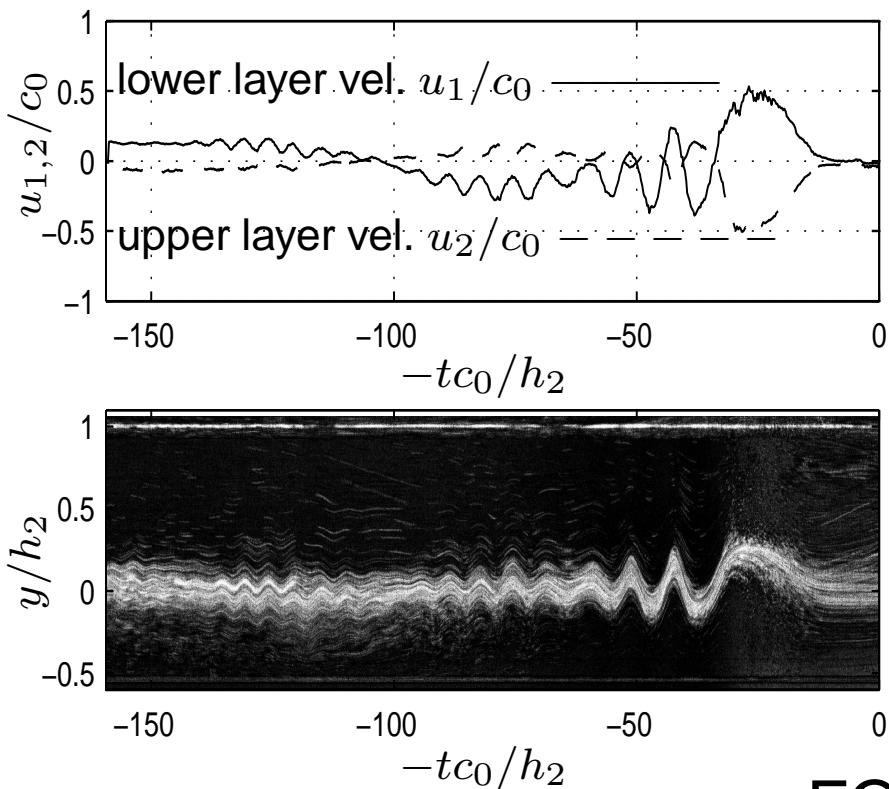
- short  $5h_2$  and long  $21.9h_2$  initial elevation/depression
- $a = \pm 0.5h_2$
- small slope  $s=0.3/6.8=0.044$
- FOV1, FOV2, FOV3
- scale 1:5000

# Focus

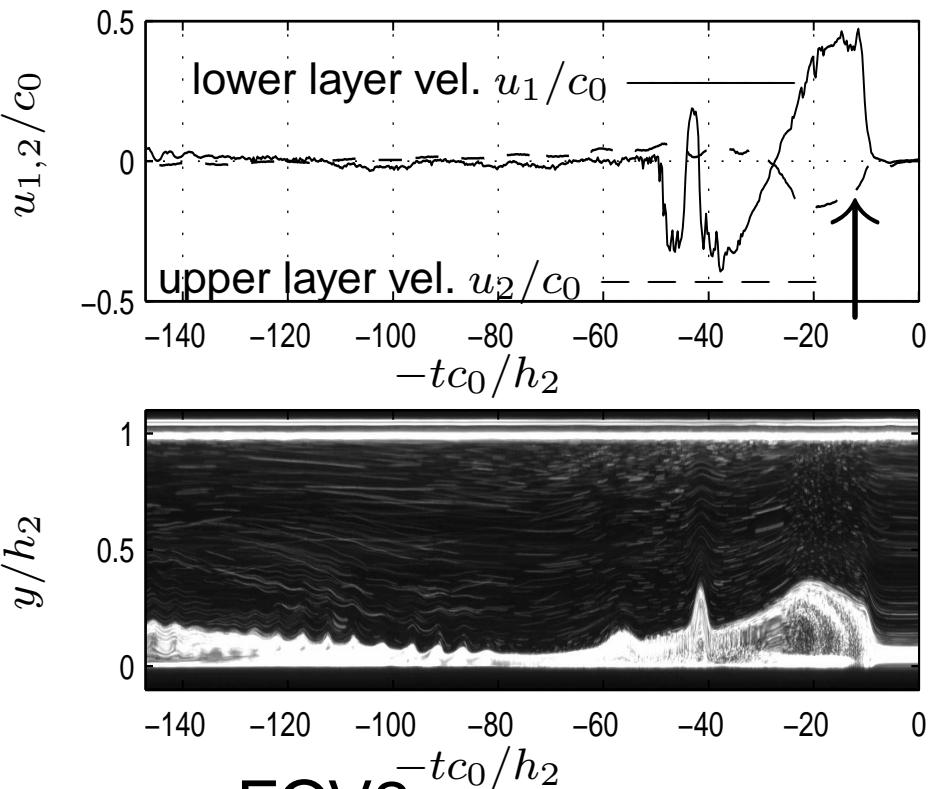
1. quantify internal wave induced velocities
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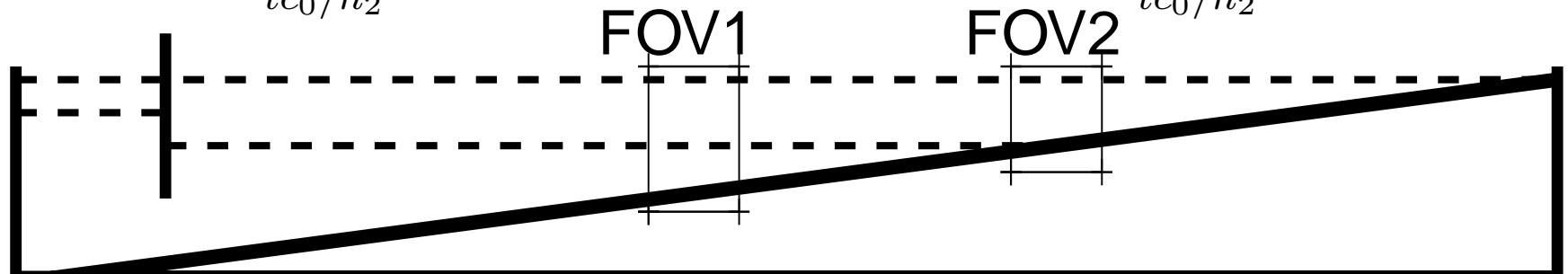
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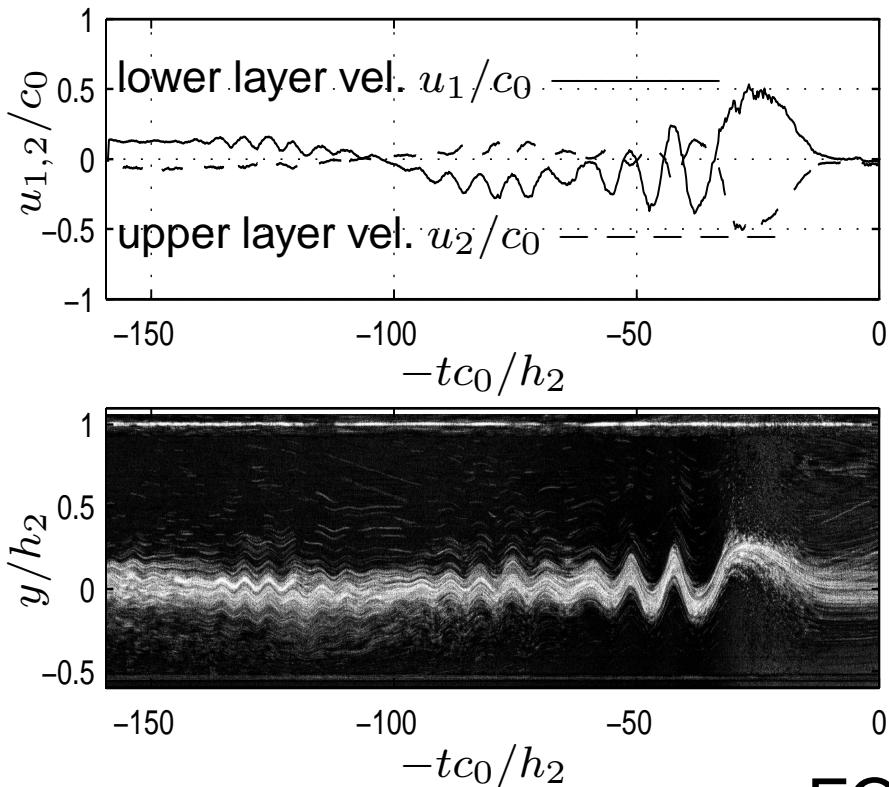


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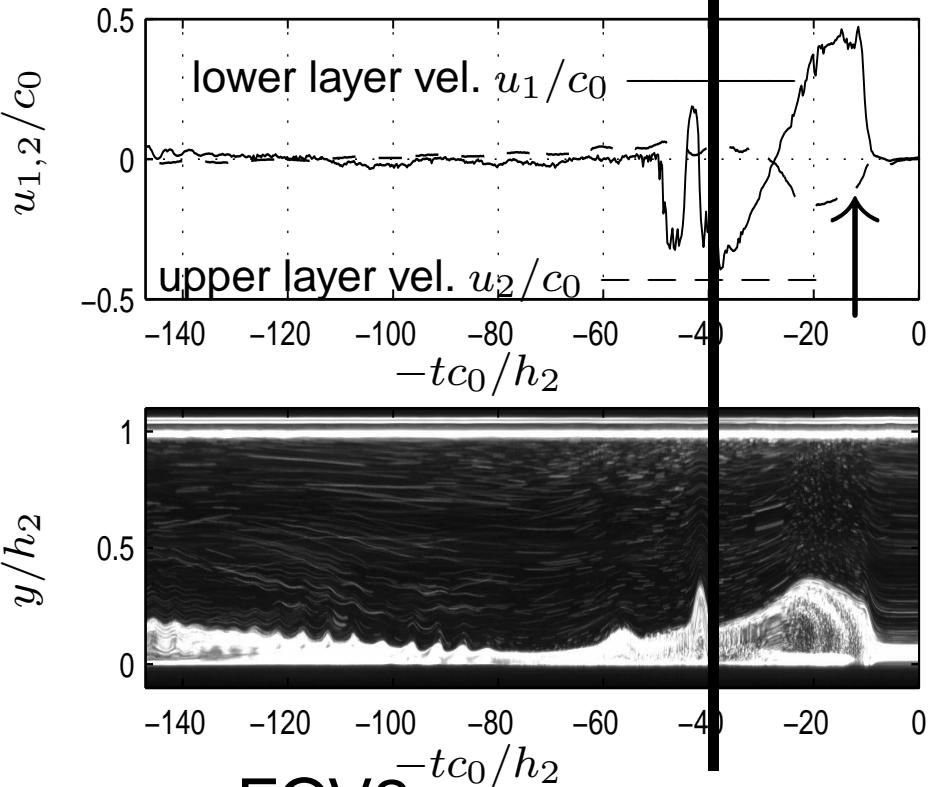


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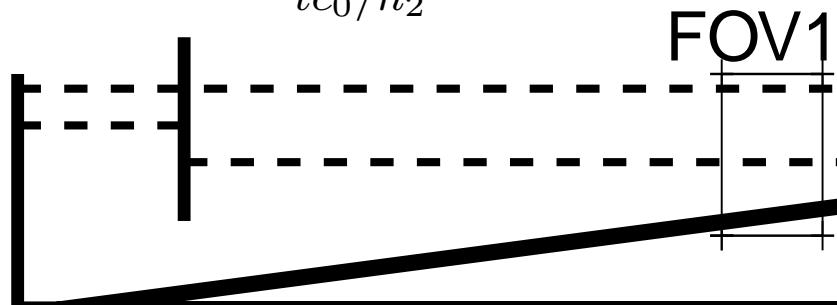
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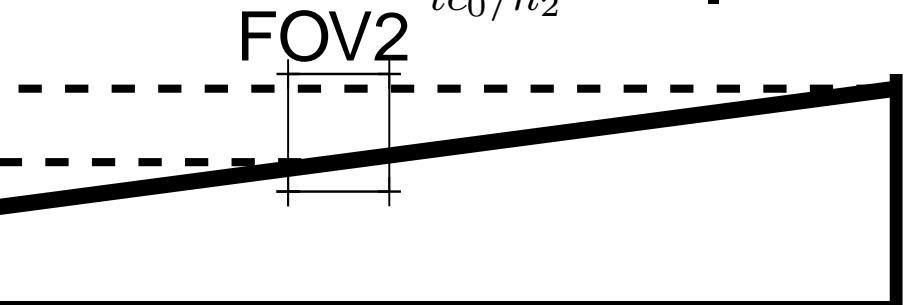
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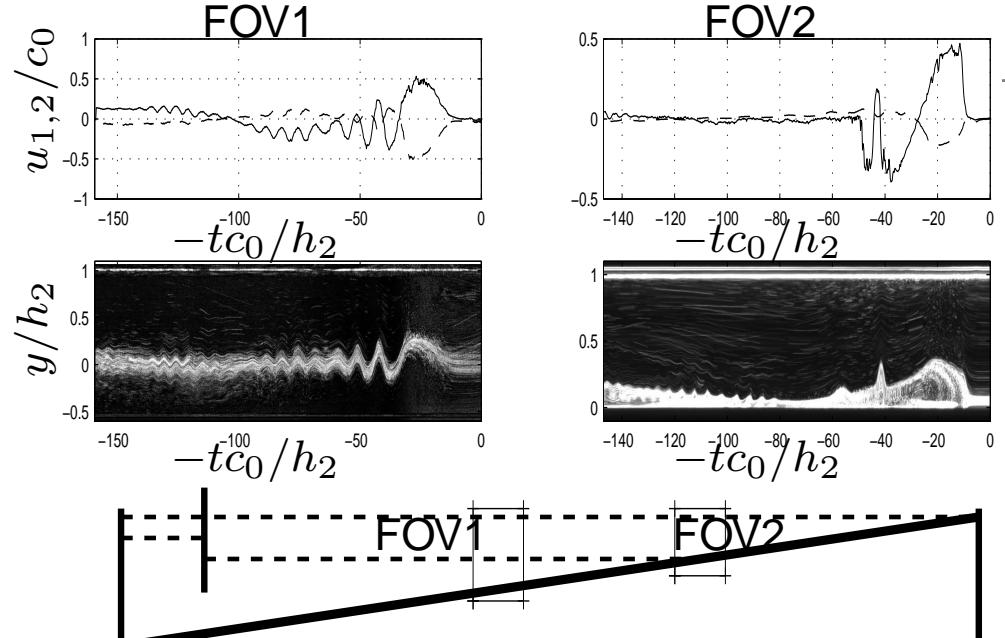


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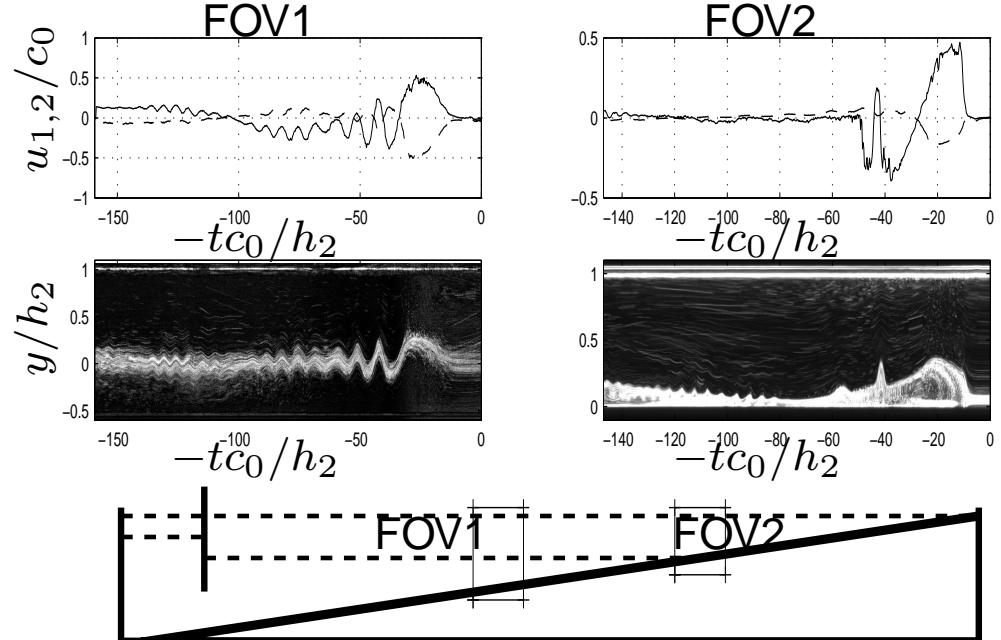
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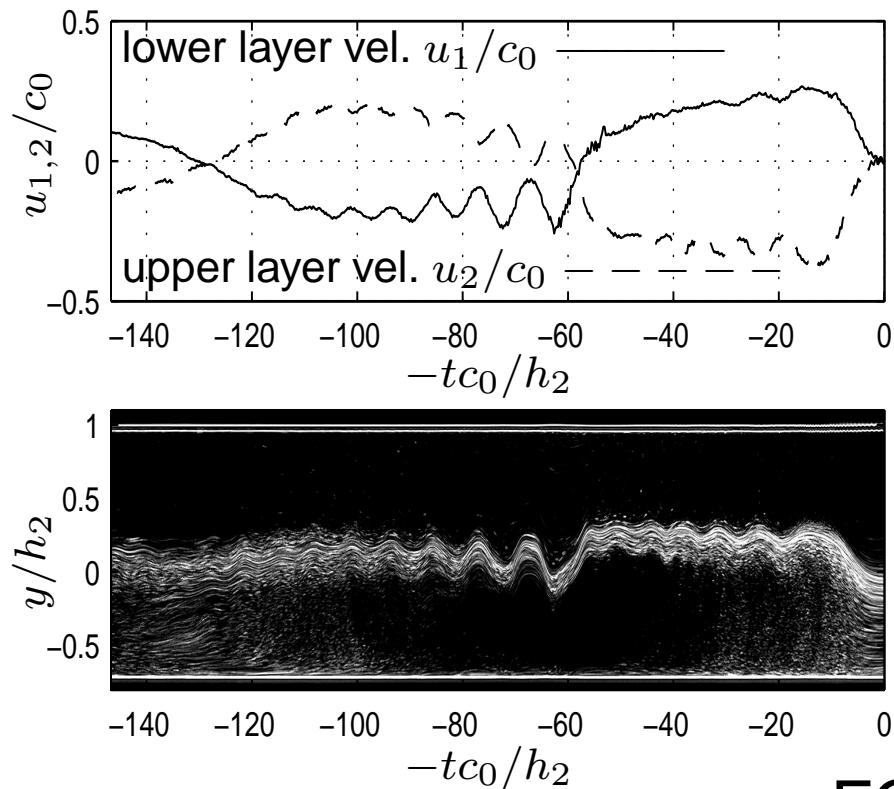
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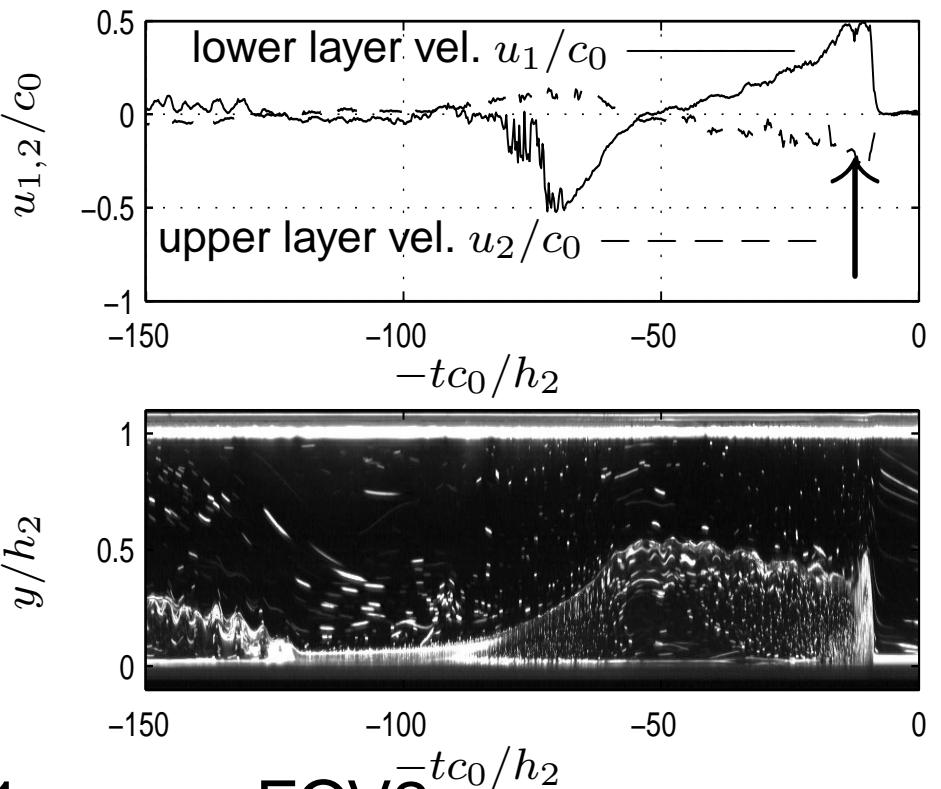
- FOV2: (intersection) leading elevation
- duration of event:  $\Delta tc_0/h_2 = 20$
- $u_1/c_0$  up to 0.45 and down to -0.35 (lower layer)
- a bolus forms behind the bore;  $\Delta tc_0/h_2 = 4.5$ ; about the same duration as measured by Hosegood & van Haren

# Long ini. elevation, $\frac{l}{h_2} = 21.9$ , $\frac{a}{h_2} = 0.5$

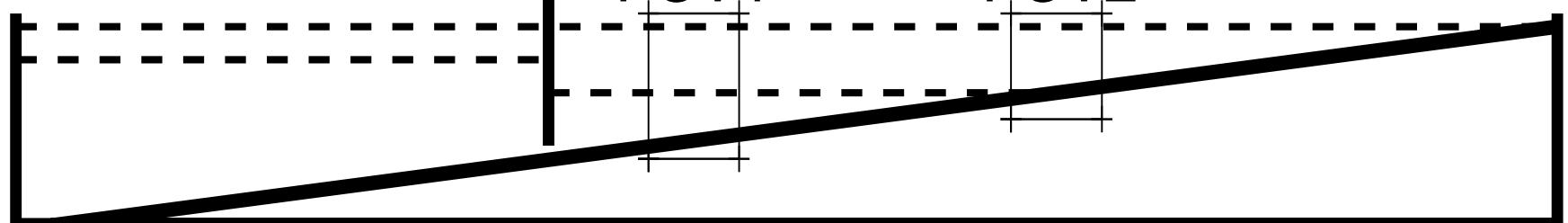
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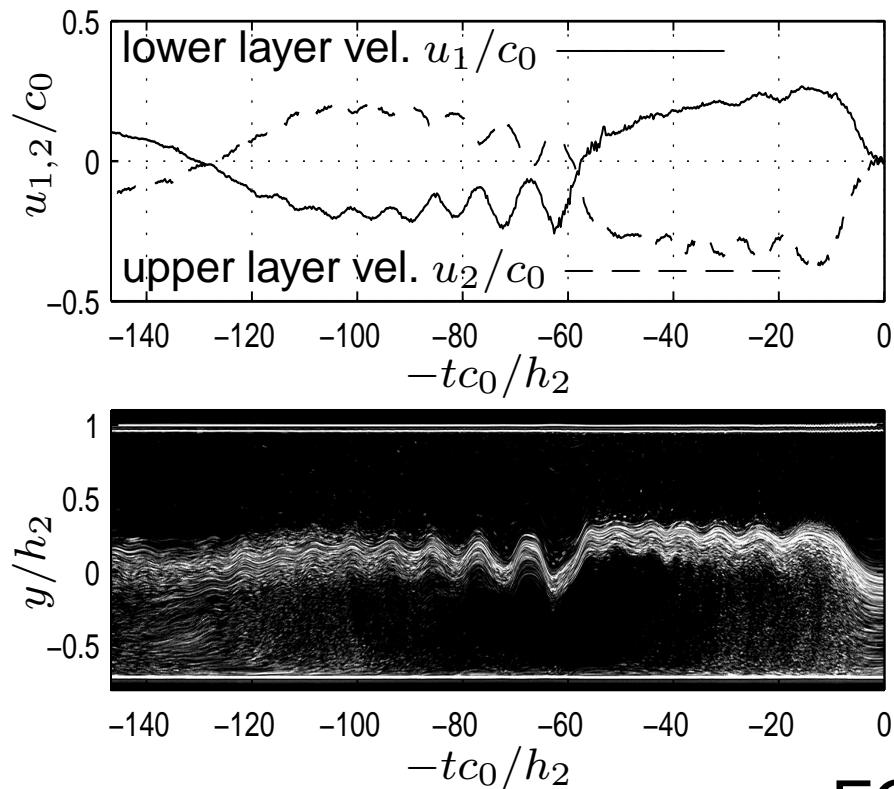
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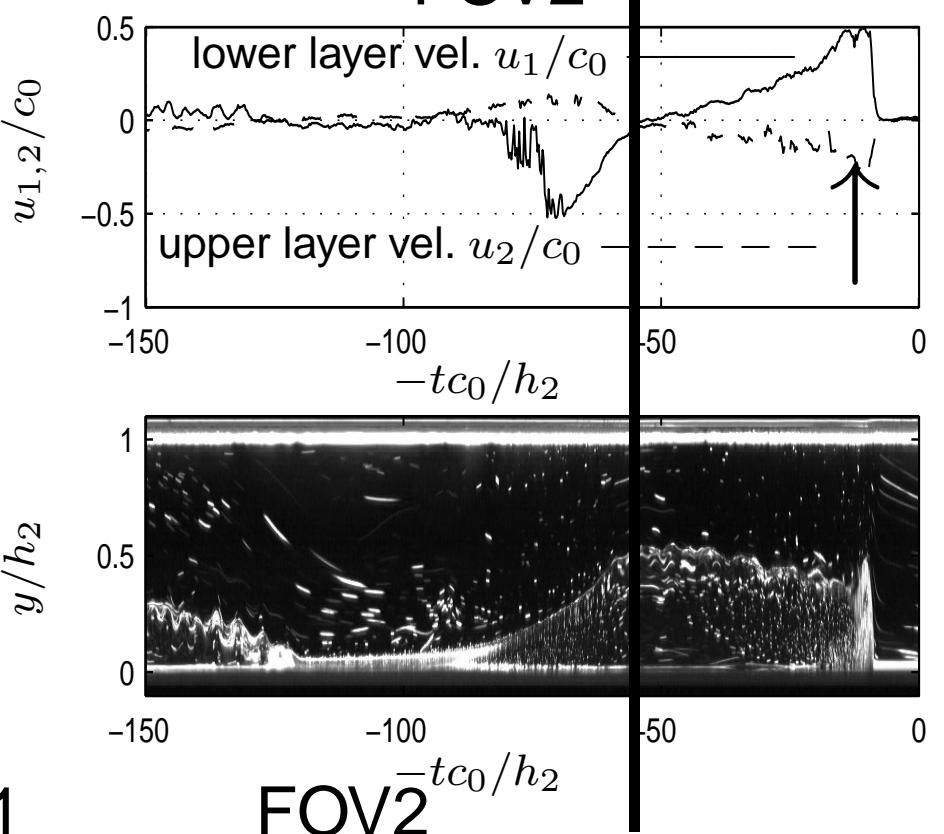
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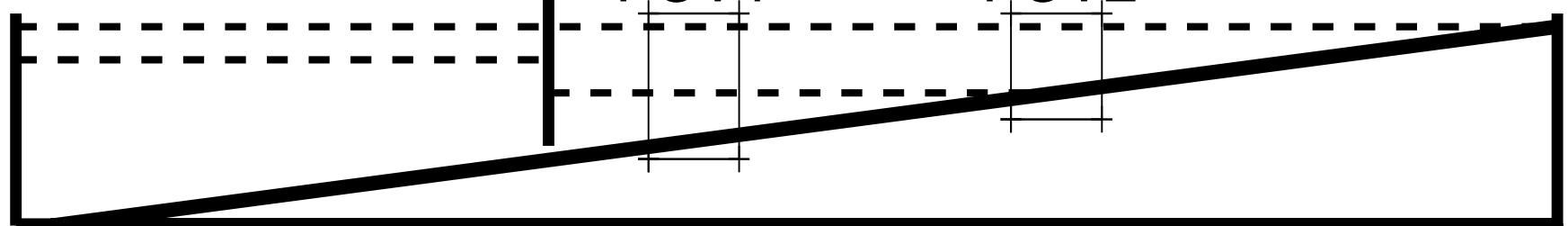


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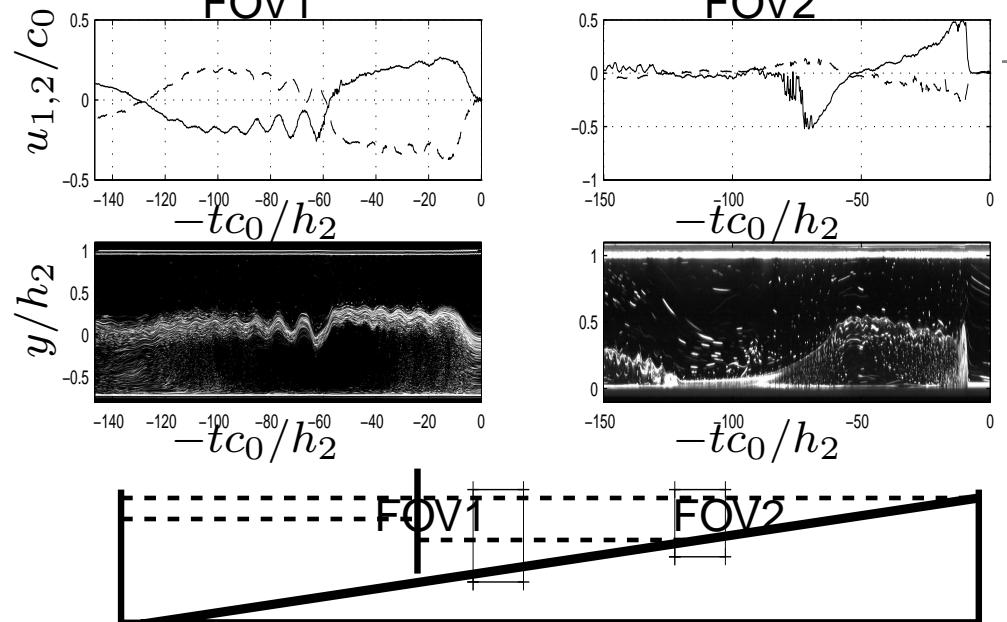
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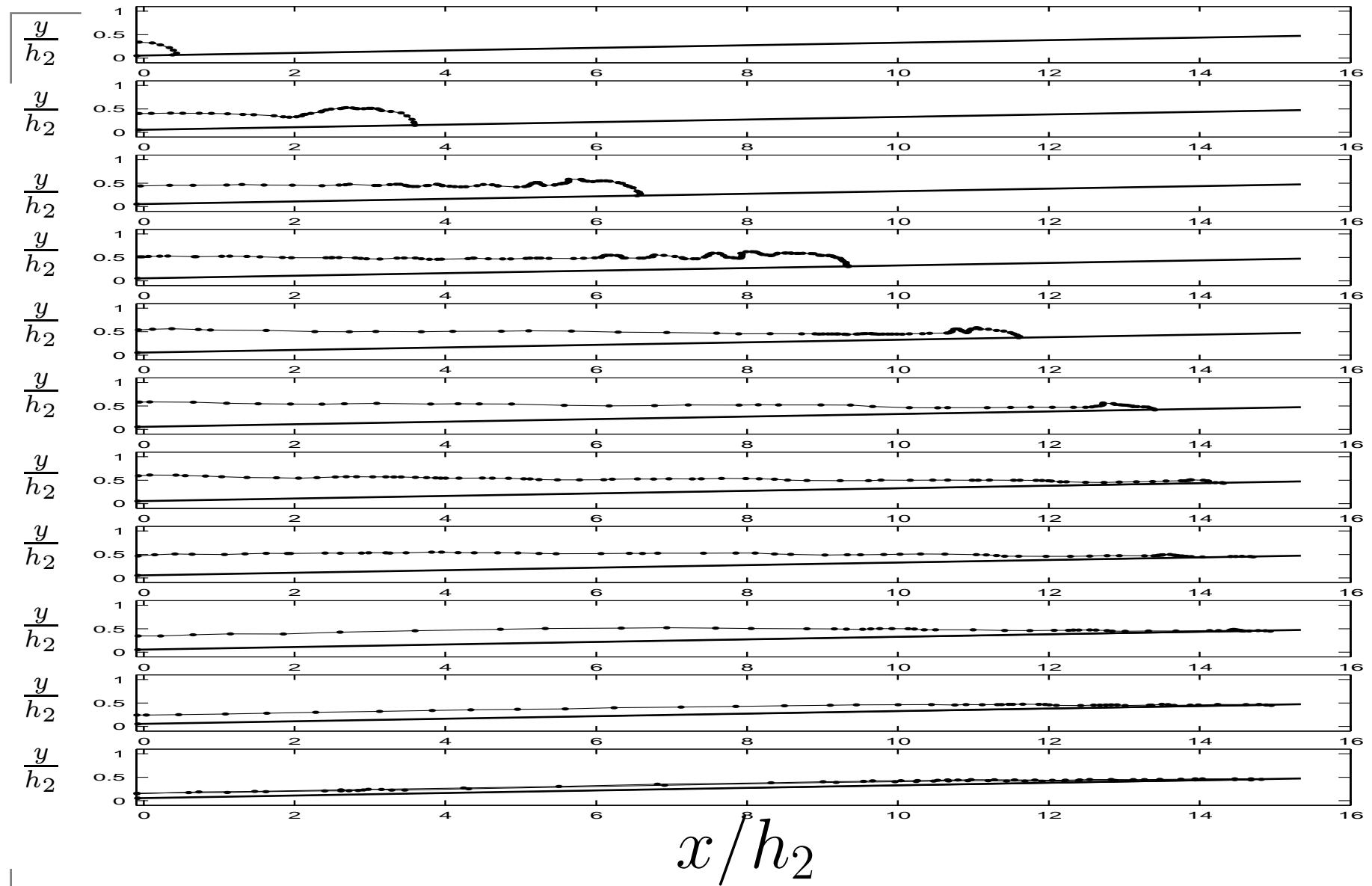
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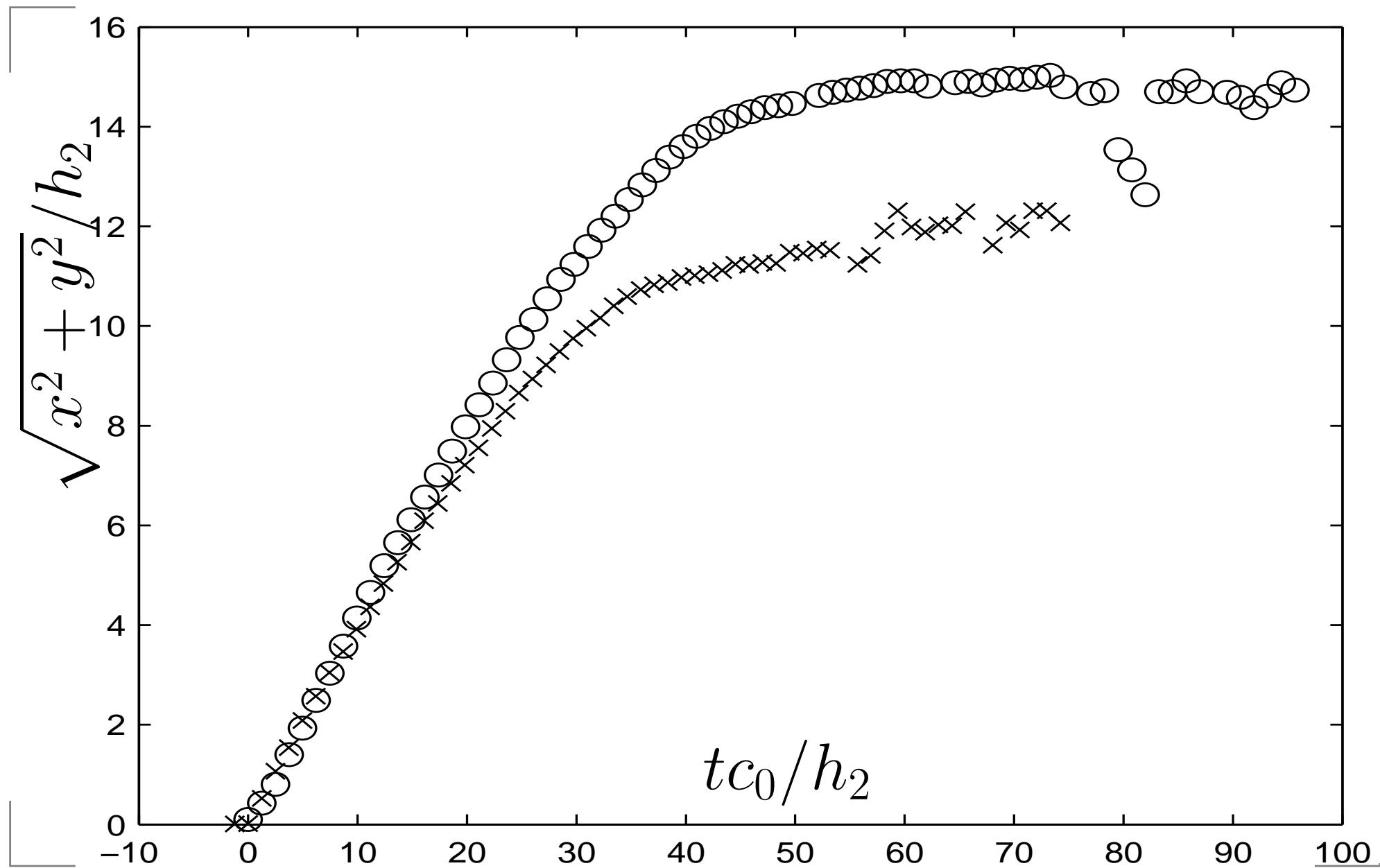
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- for the bore:  $u_1/c_0$  up to 0.25,  $u_2/c_0$  down to -0.4
- FOV2: onshore flow of dense water; velocity  $u_1/c_0$  of leading front slightly less than 0.5
- duration of onshore flow  $\Delta tc_0/h_2 = 40$



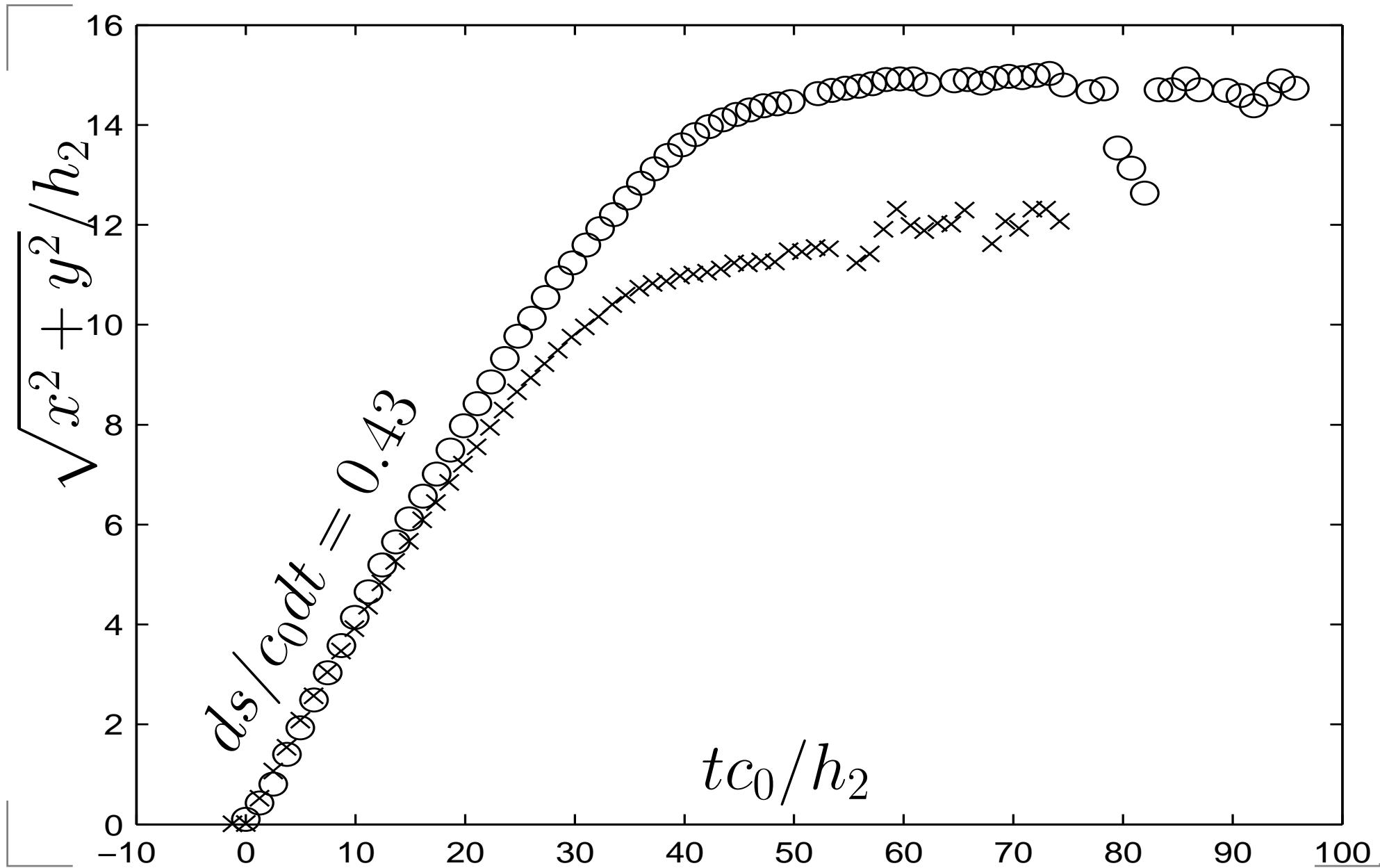
# Run-up, long initial elevation, $\Delta tc_0/h_2 = 7.8$



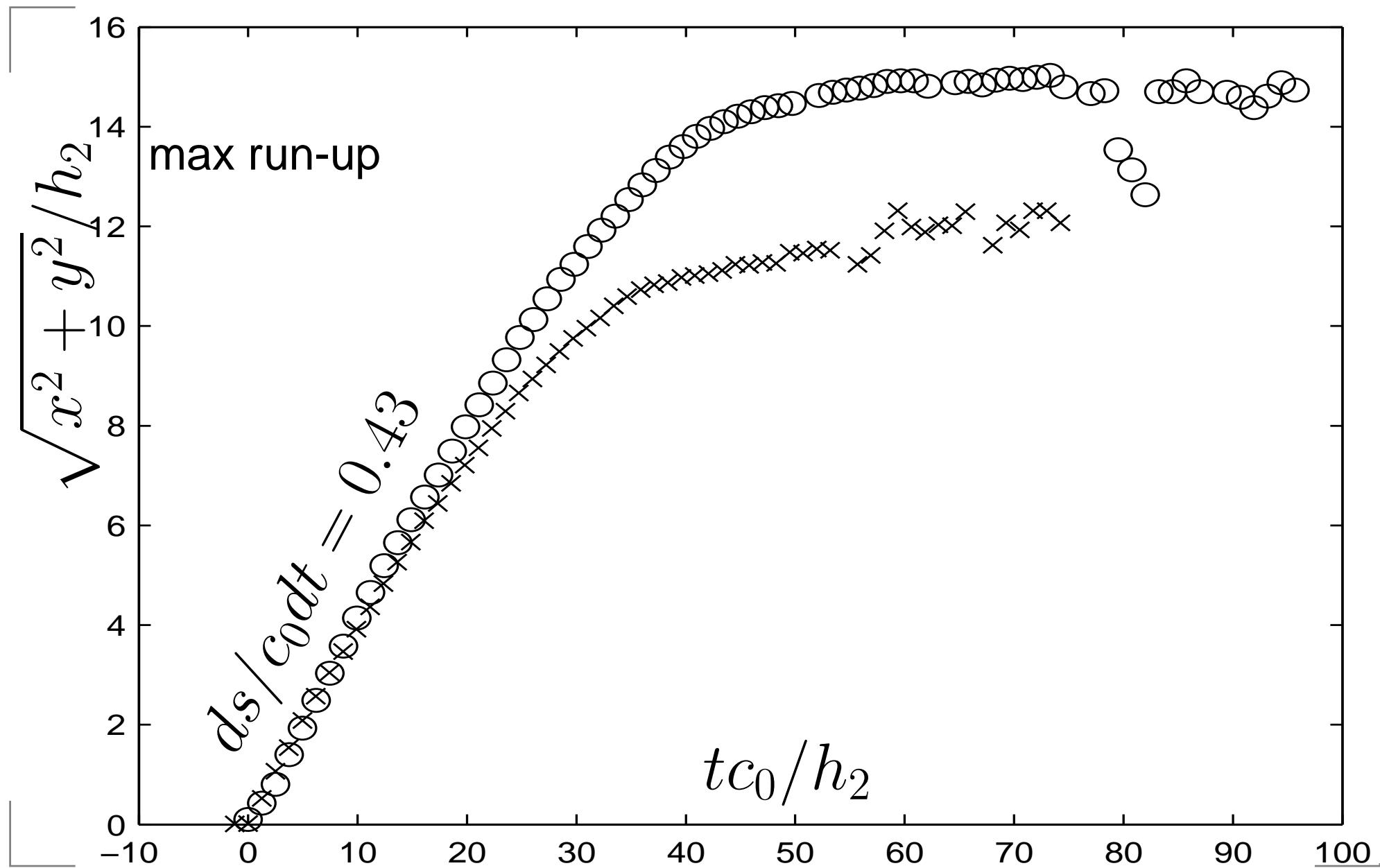
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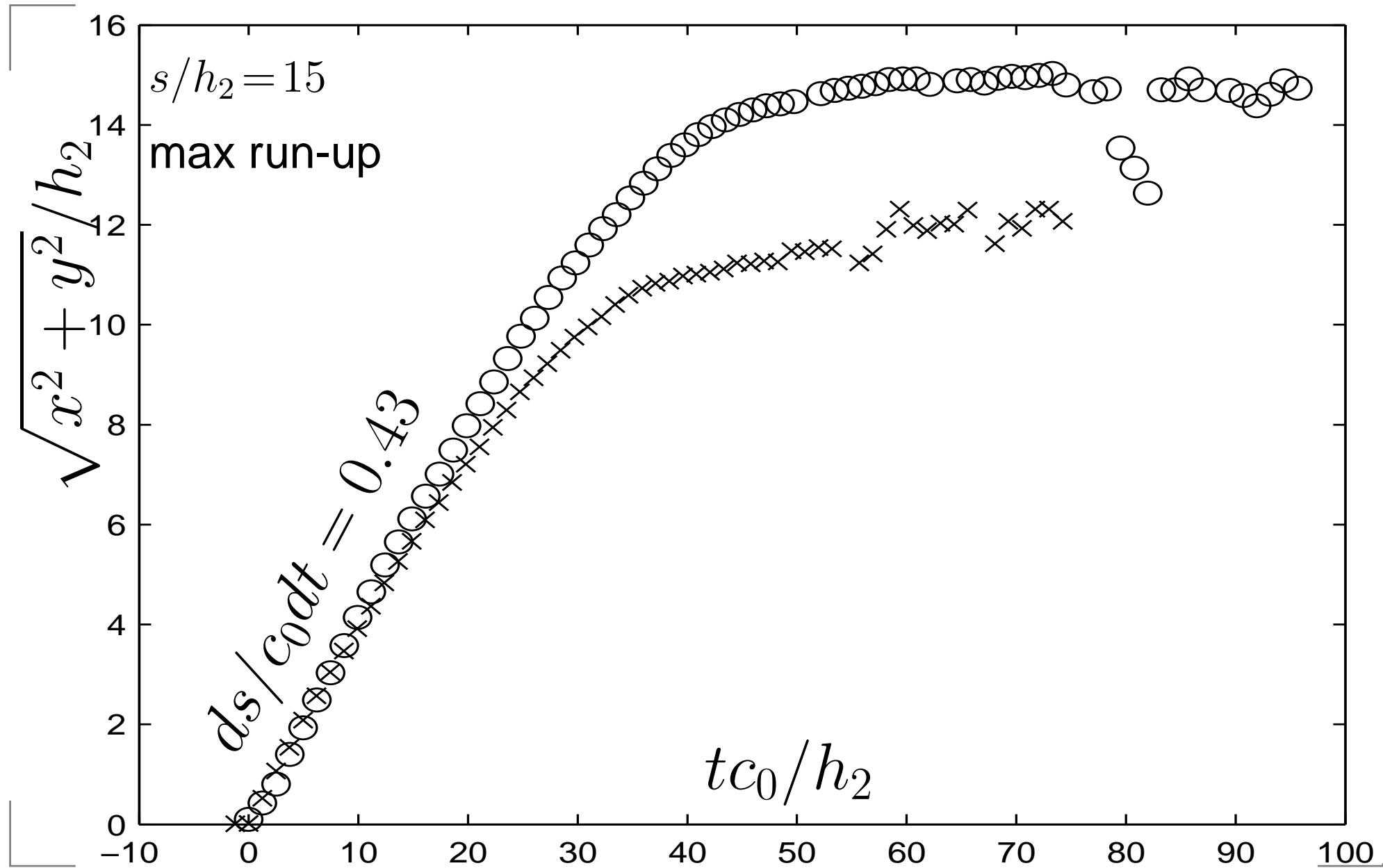
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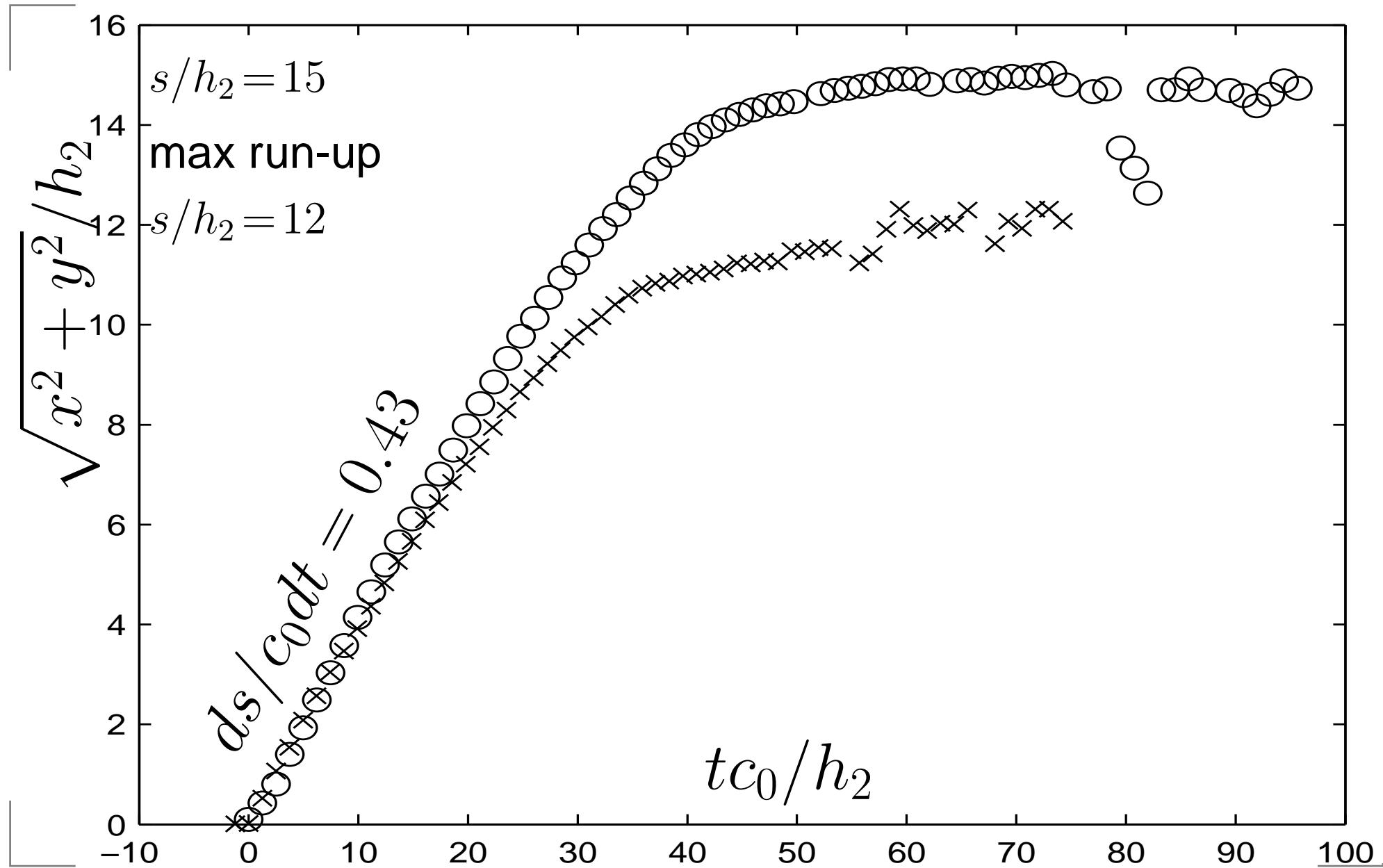
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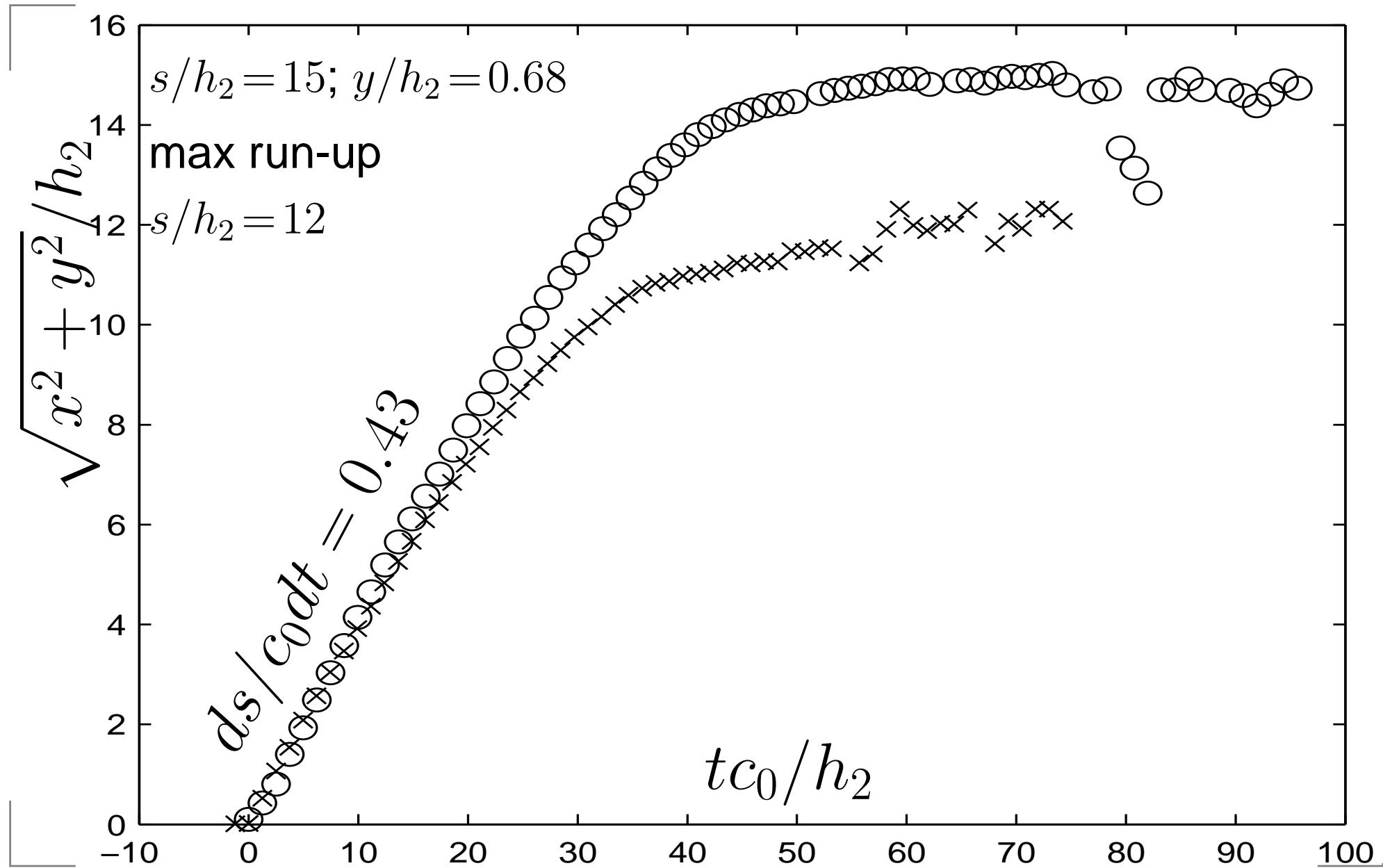
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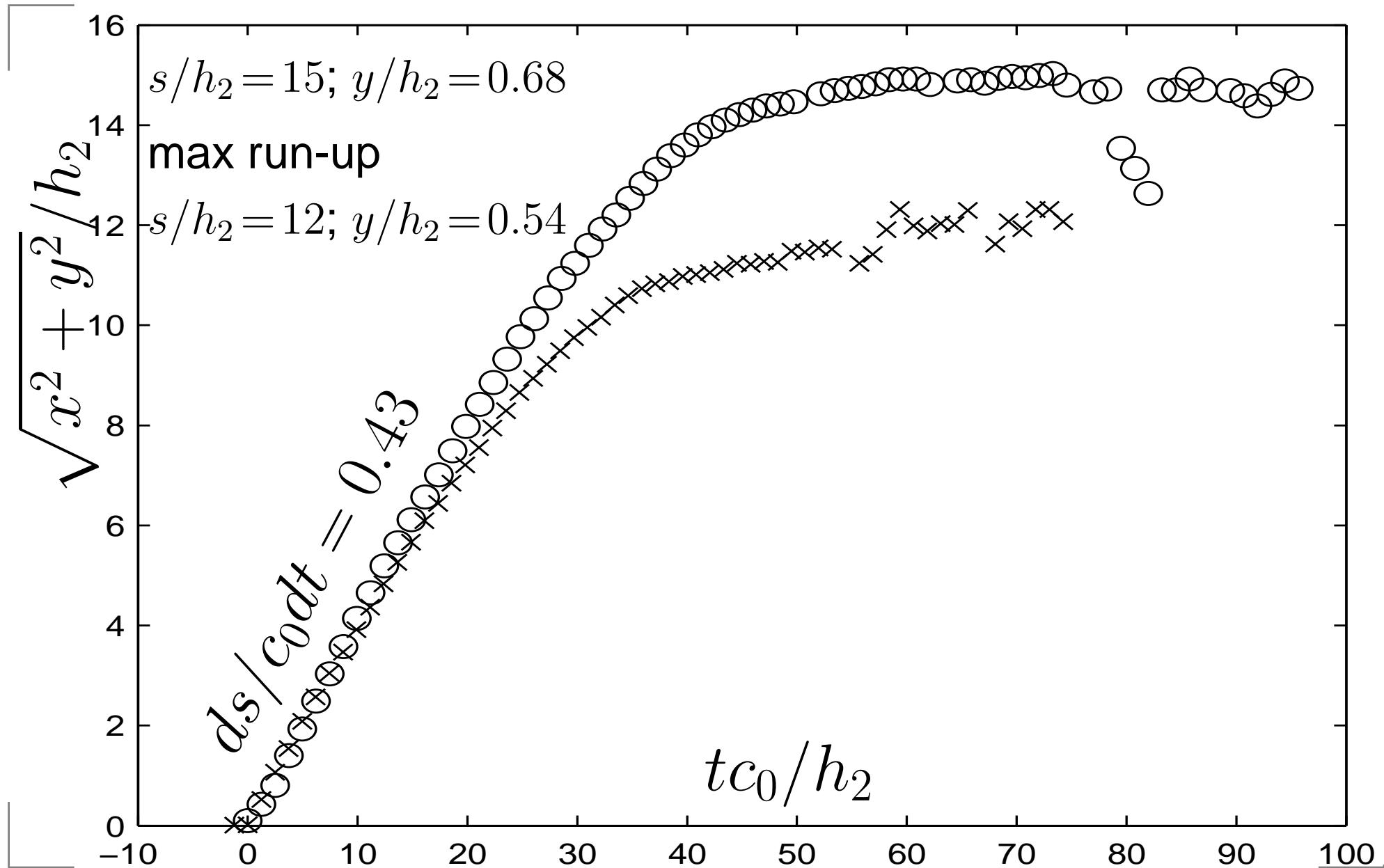
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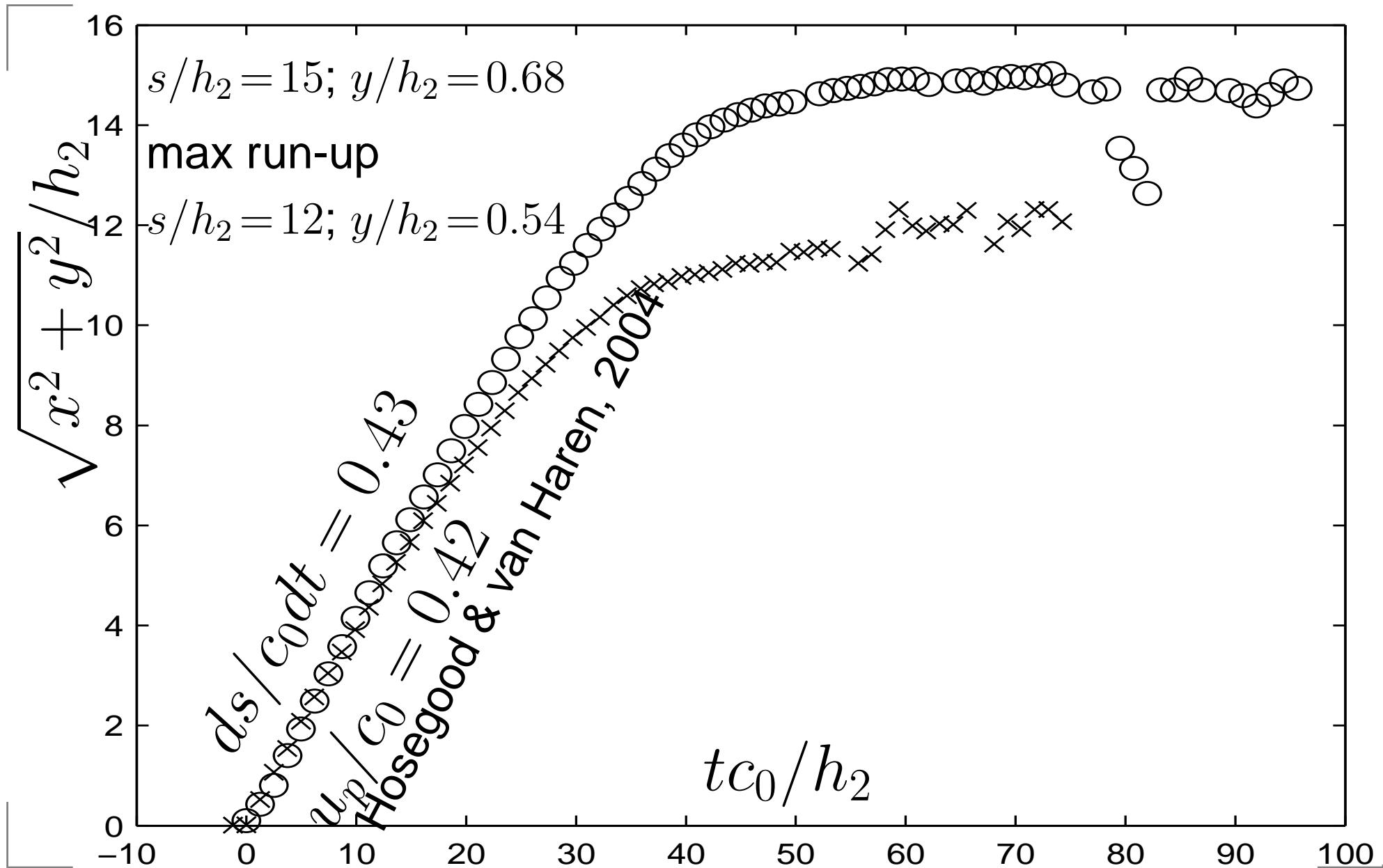
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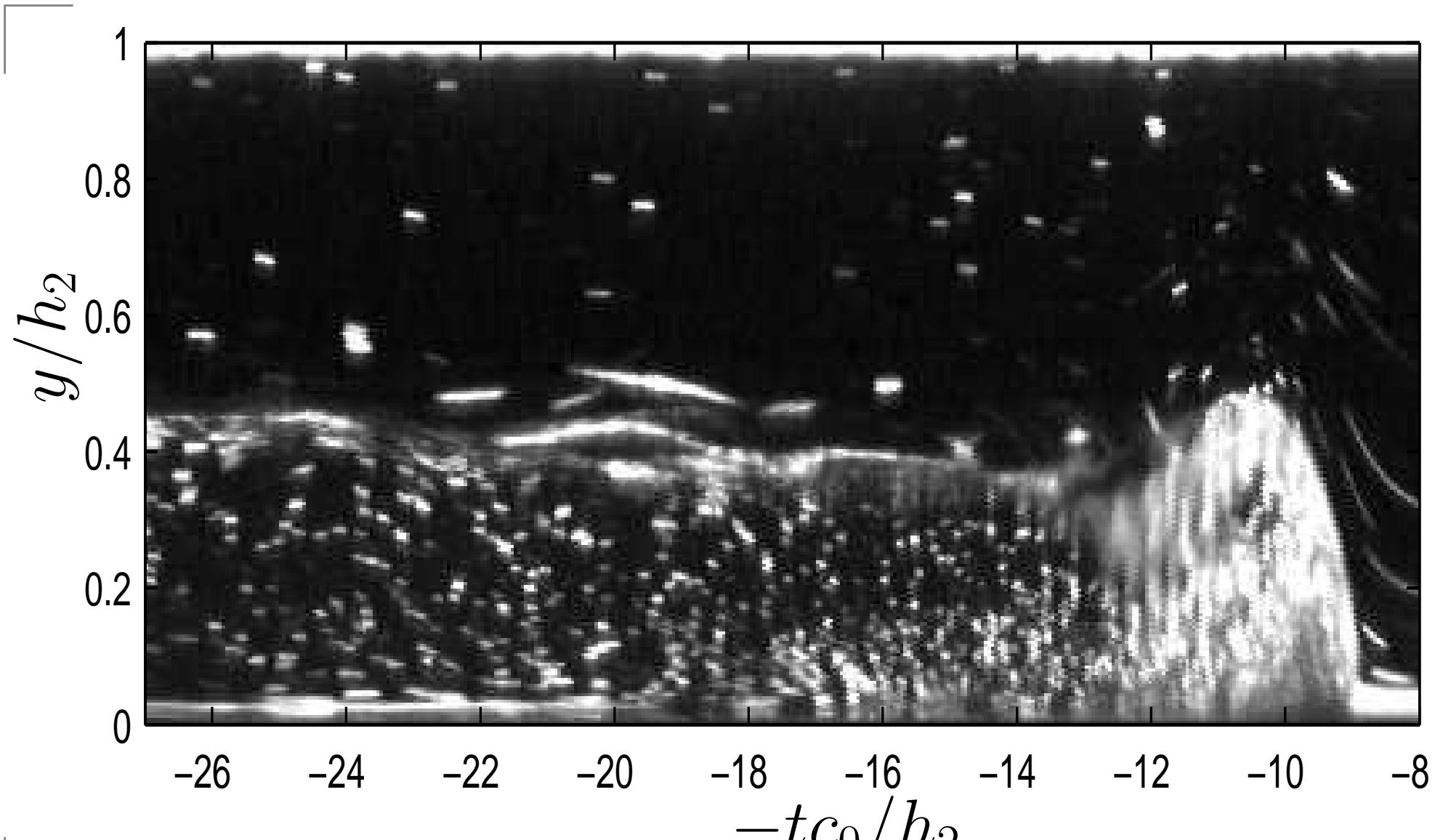
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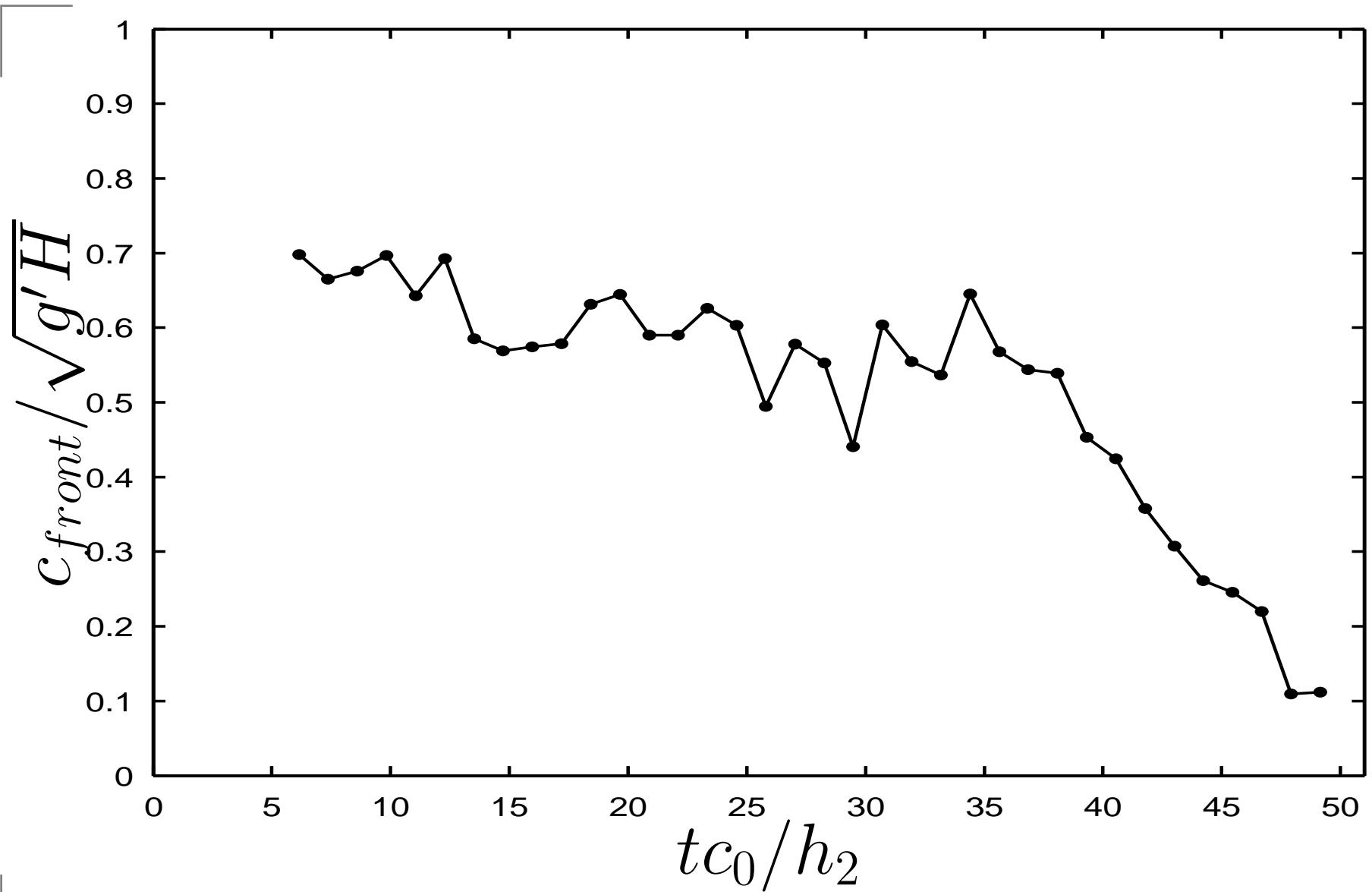
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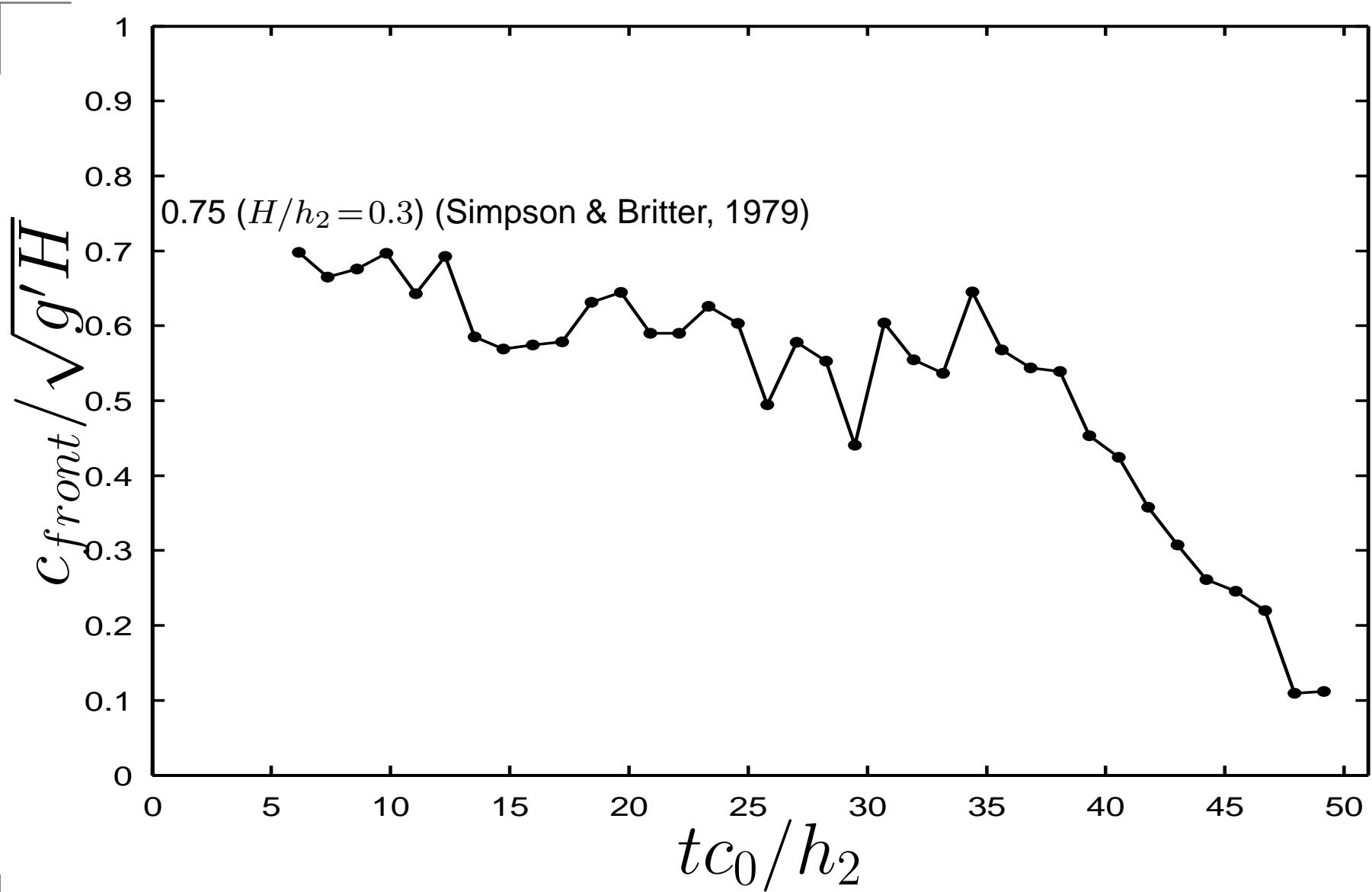
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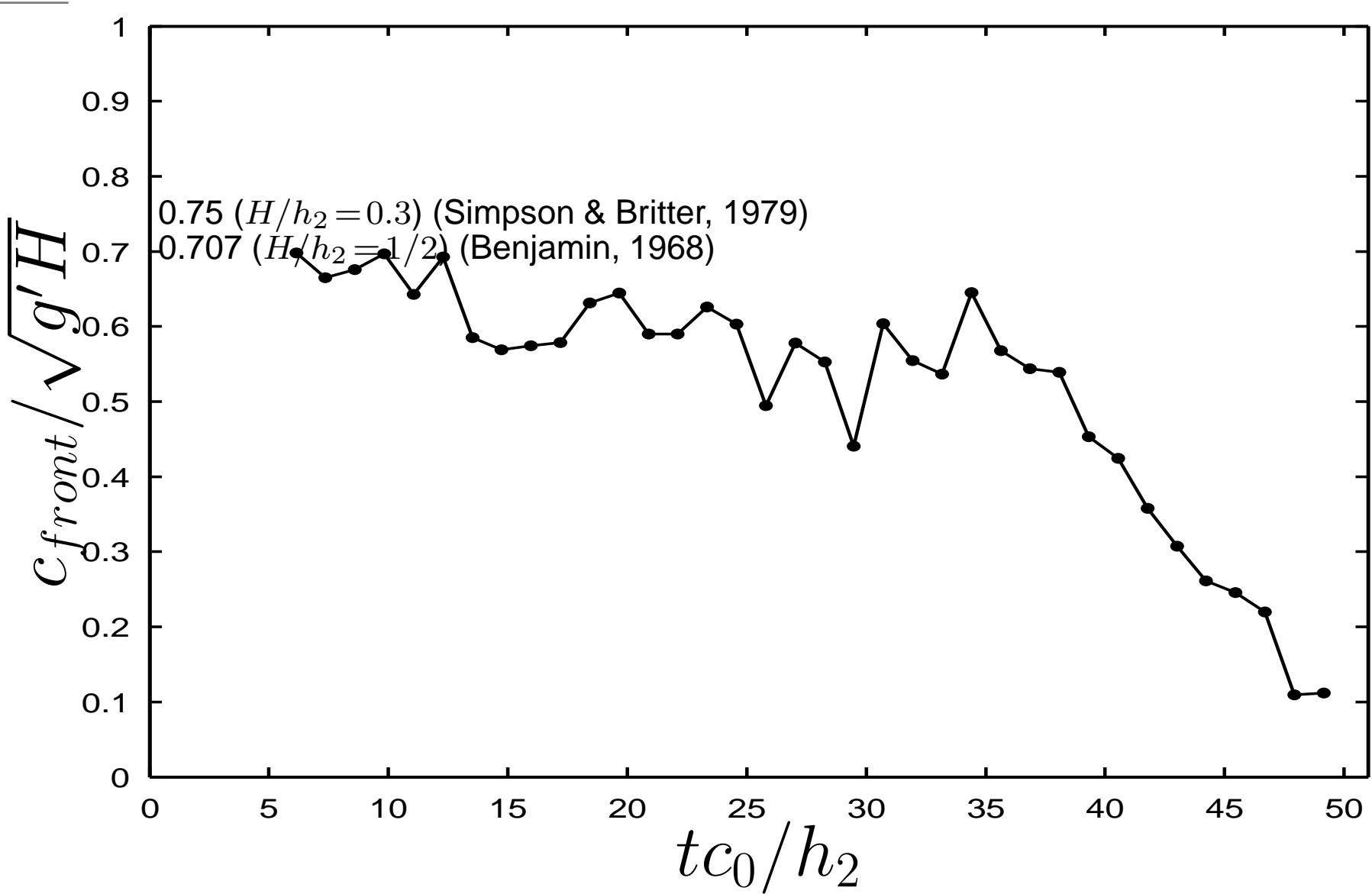
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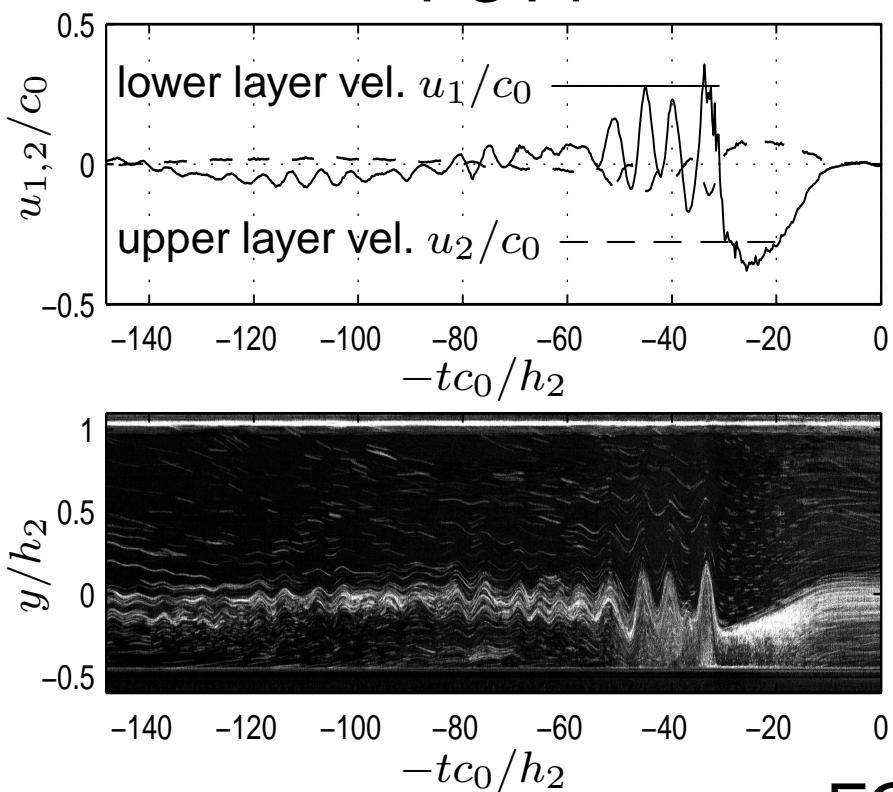


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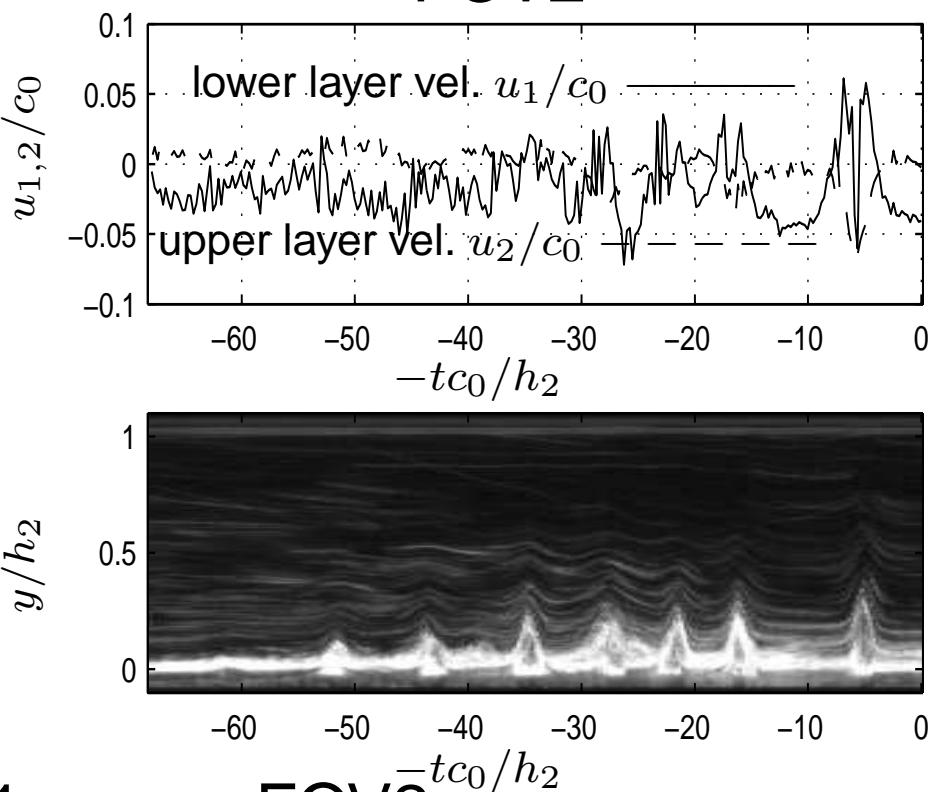


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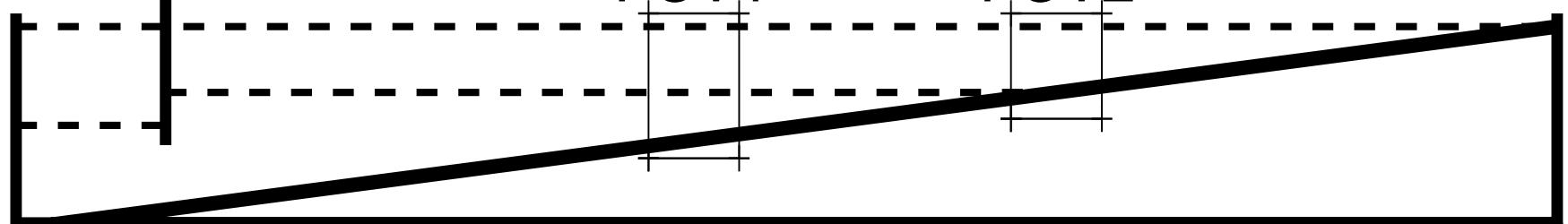
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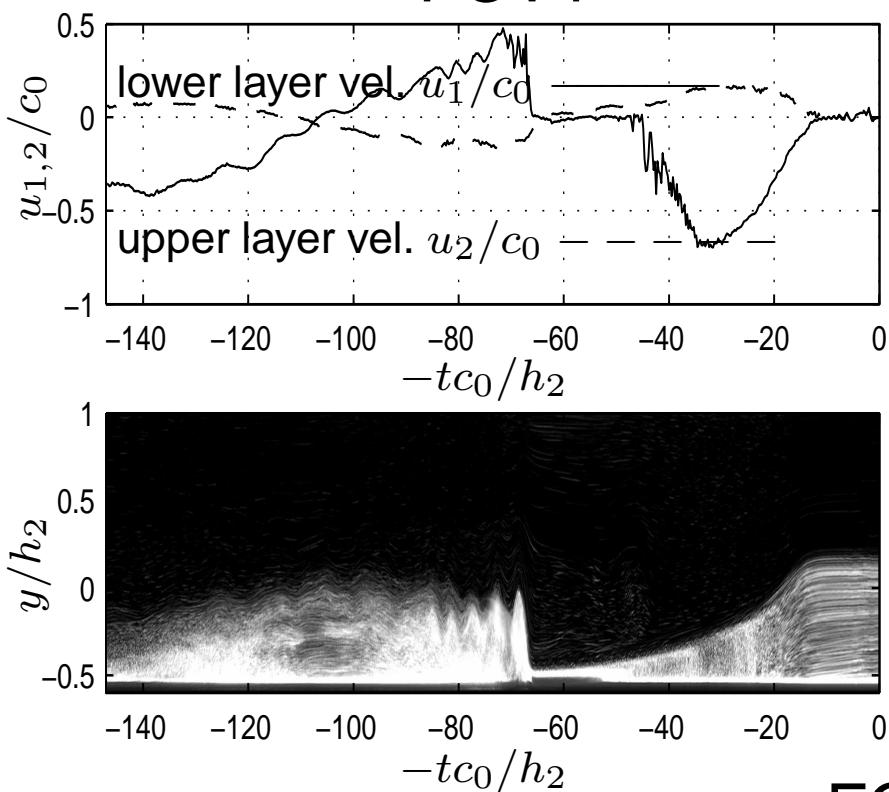


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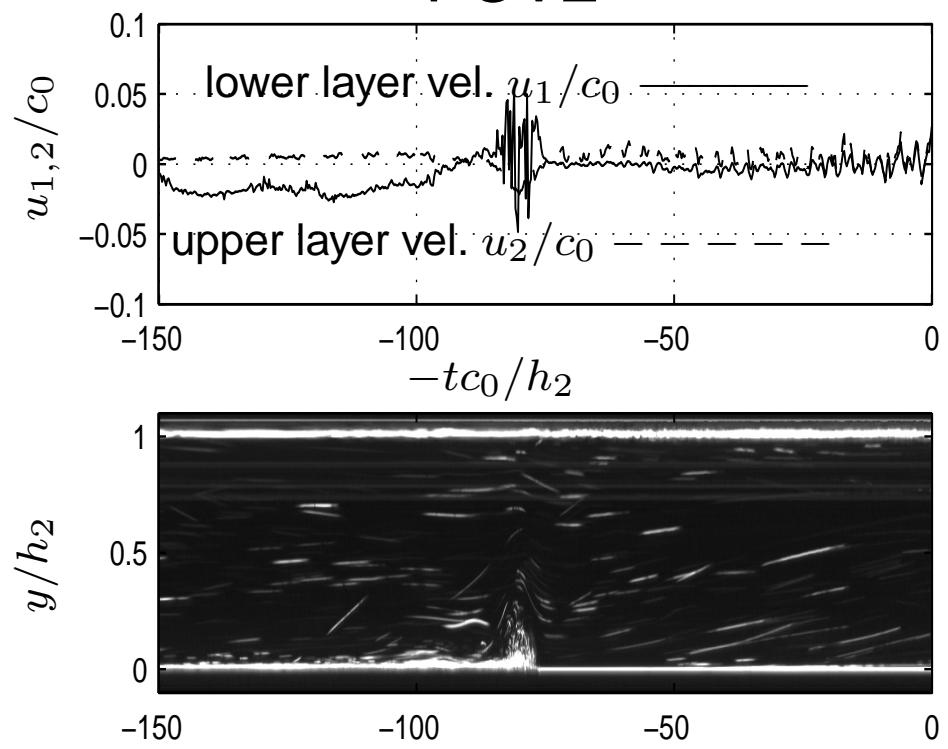


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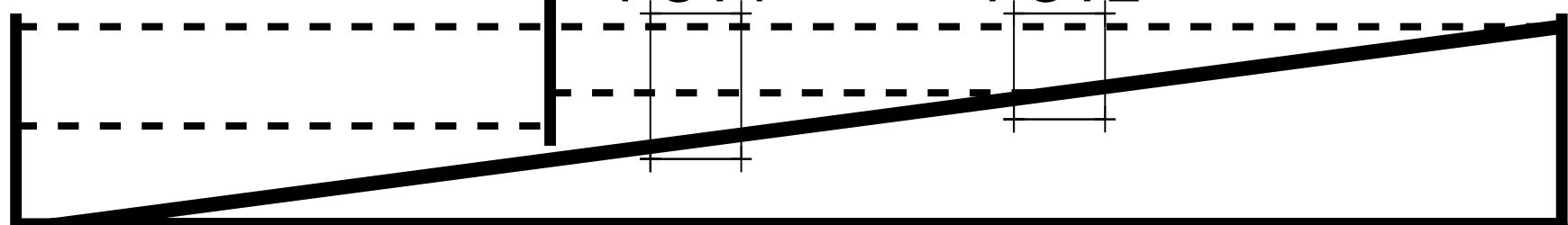
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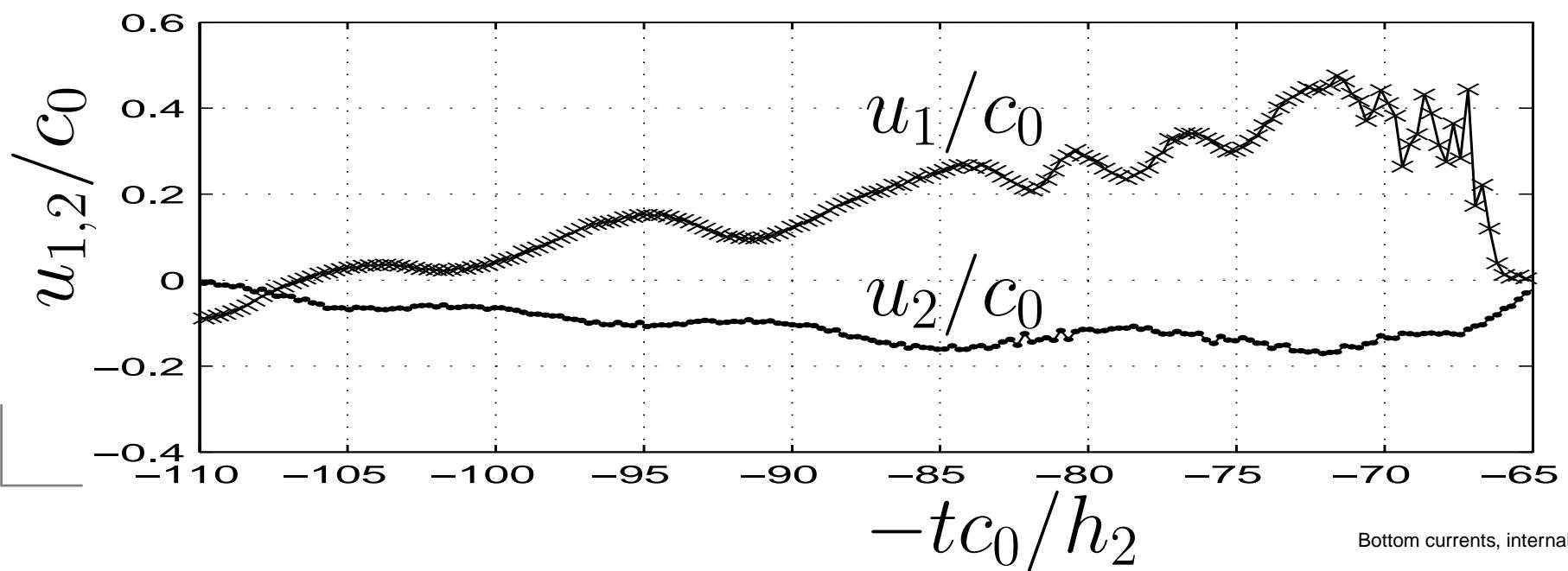
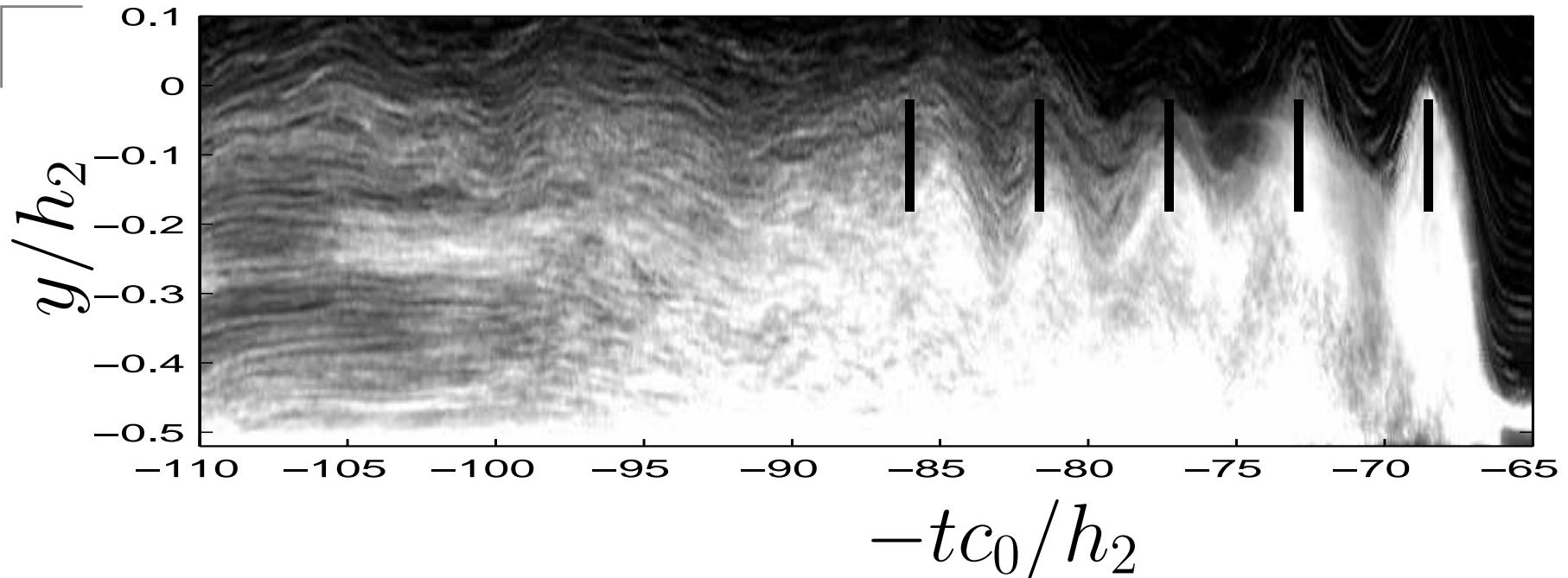
FOV2



FOV1



# Long initial depression, leading waves



# Onshore flow duration.

$\Delta tc_0/h_2 = 20$       for  $l/h_2 = 5$  (short ini. elevation)

$\Delta tc_0/h_2 = 40$       for  $l/h_2 = 21.9$  (long ini. elevation)

$\Delta tc_0/h_2 = 212$       field observation at ORMEN LANGE

# Divide by $\sqrt{l/h_2}$ ( $l$ length of initial elevat.)

$$\frac{\Delta tc_0/h_2}{\sqrt{l/h_2}} = 8.9 \quad \text{for } l/h_2 = 5 \text{ (short ini. elevation)}$$

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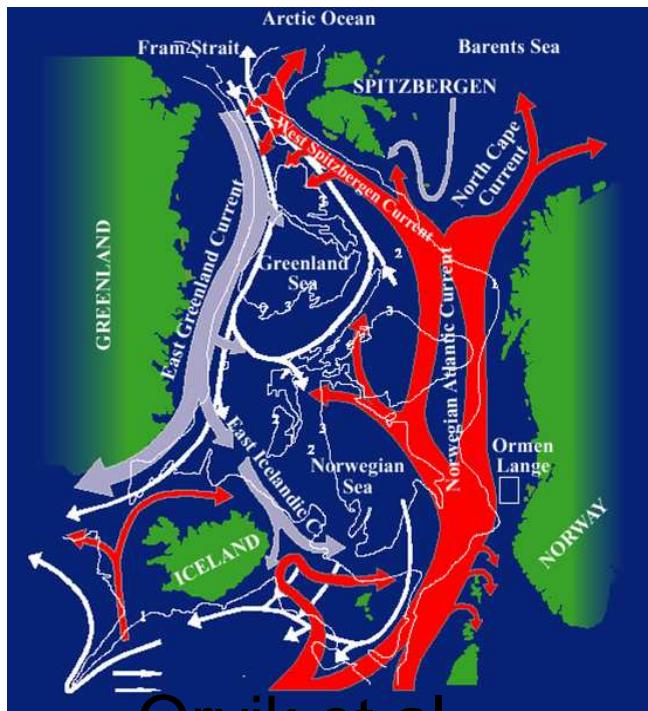
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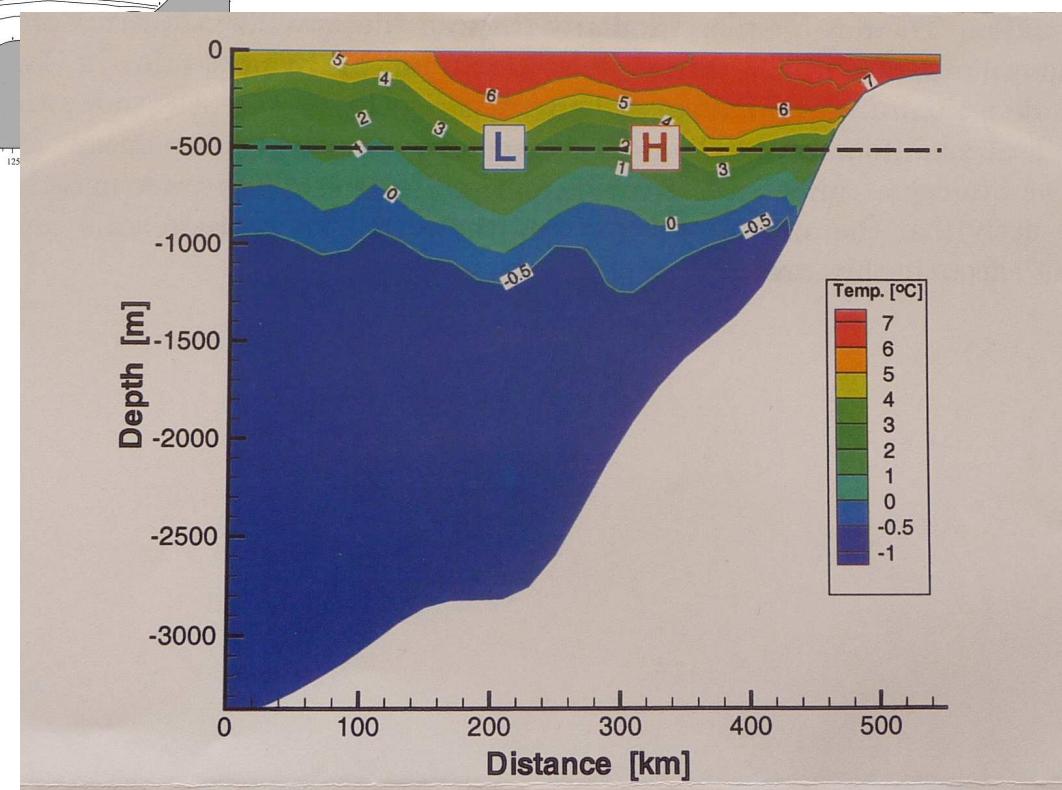
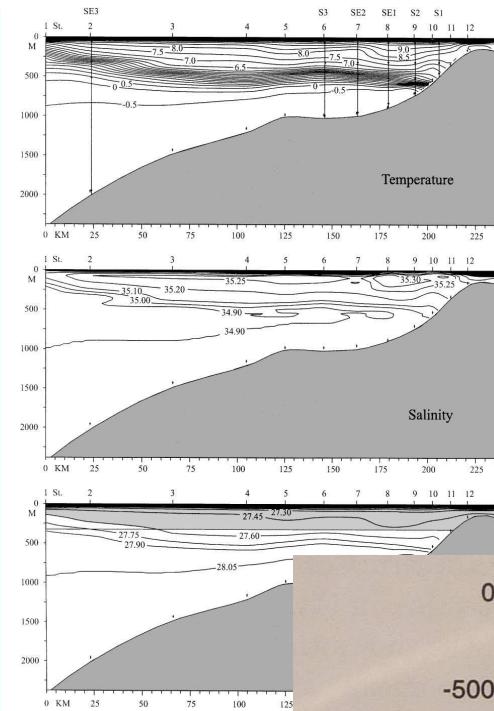
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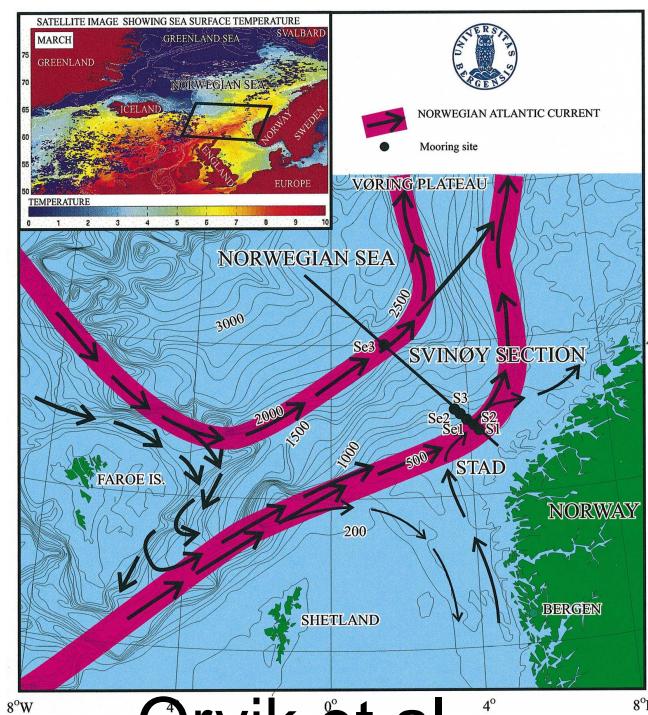
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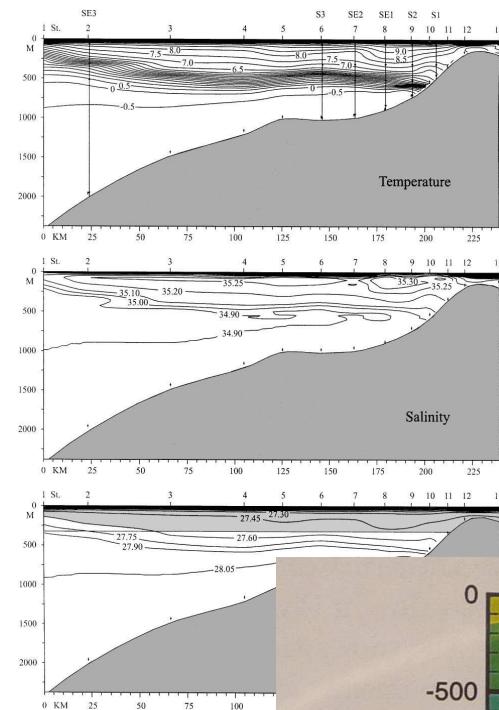
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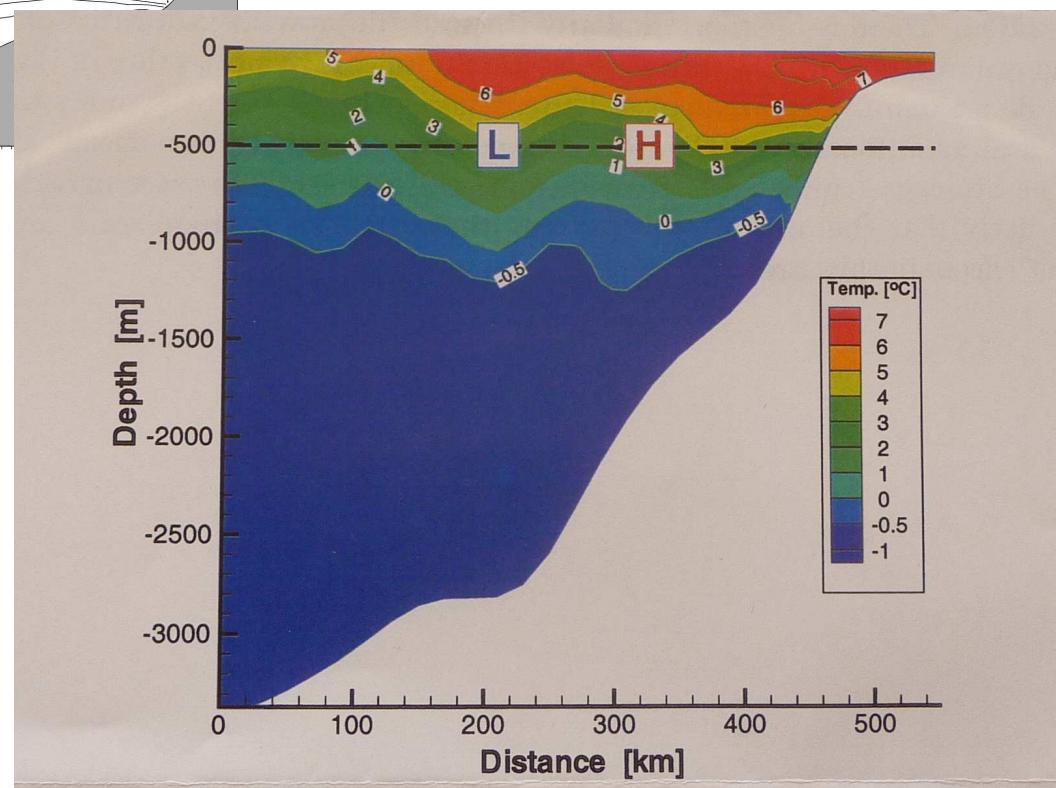
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width  $\sim$  300 km



# Conclusions I

Experiments show nondimensional velocity up to  $0.5c_0$

Current event in the field at Ormen Lange, velocity up to  $0.37c_0$

Duration of event in laboratory and field:  $\frac{\Delta tc_0/h_2}{\sqrt{l/h_2}} \simeq 9$

The onshore flow has a leading front velocity of  $0.43c_0$

Hosegood & van Haren found leading front velocity  $0.42c_0$

Onshore surge moves initially like a gravity current

$c_{front}/\sqrt{g'H} = 0.7$  (here), 0.707 (Benjamin, 1968),  
0.75 (Simpson & Britter, 1979) ( $H$  thickness of the tail)

Maximal run-up:  $s/h_2 = 15$  and 12 ( $y/h_2 = 0.68$  and 0.54) for  
long/short initial elevation

## Conclusion II

Initial depression results in a train of boluses moving up slope

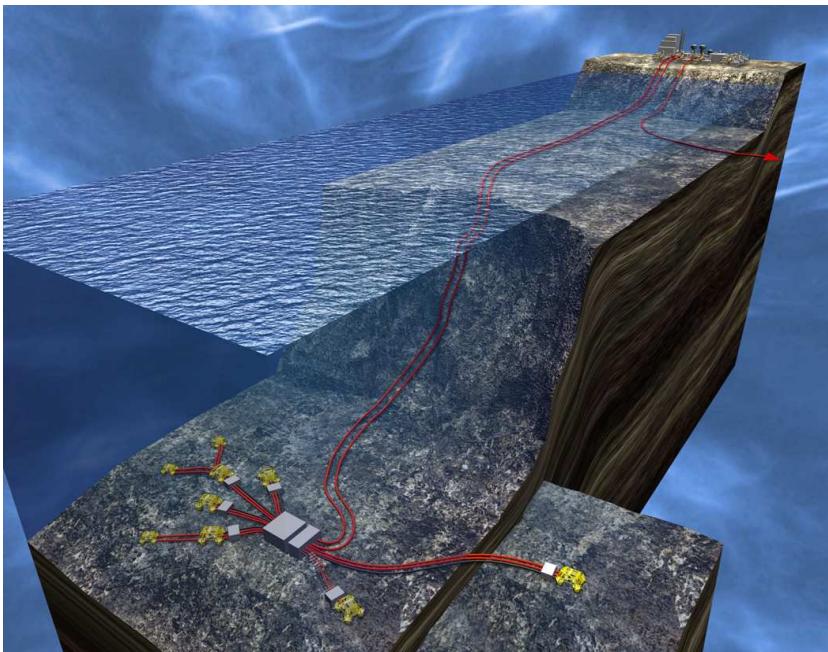
Number of boluses in agrees with present investigations

Period of bolus:  $\Delta t c_0 / h_2 \sim 4.5$ ; similar time as in Hosegood & van Haren's measurements in the Faeroe-Shetland Channel

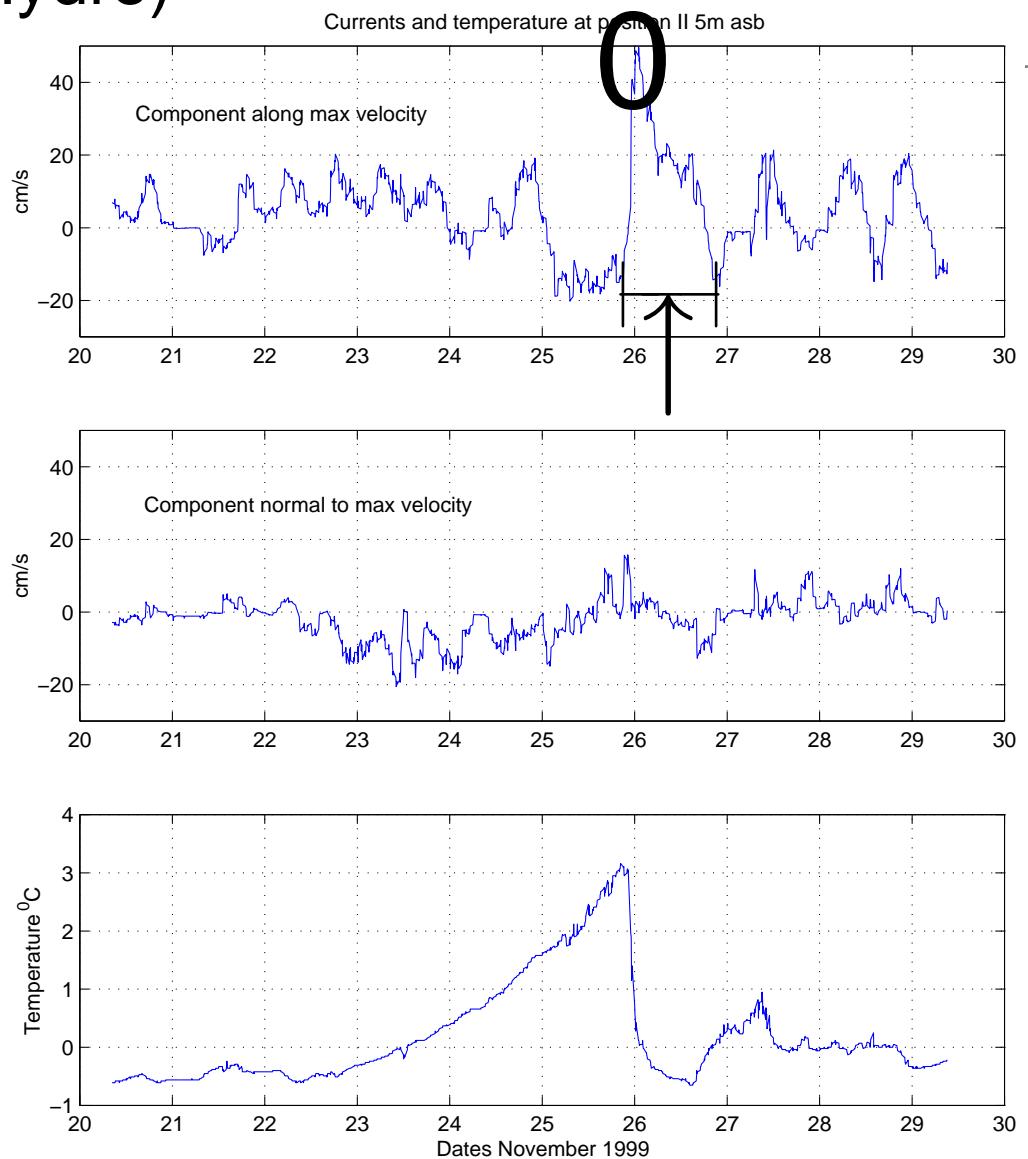
Bolus induced velocity, up to  $0.35c_0$ . Phase velocity of bolus observed by Hosegood & van Haren is  $0.19c_0$ ; by Klymak & Moum is  $0.25c_0$  (but this depends much on the phase of motion along the slope)

Initial depression gives small run-up ( $s/h_2 = 6.2$ ;  $y/h_2 = 0.28$ )

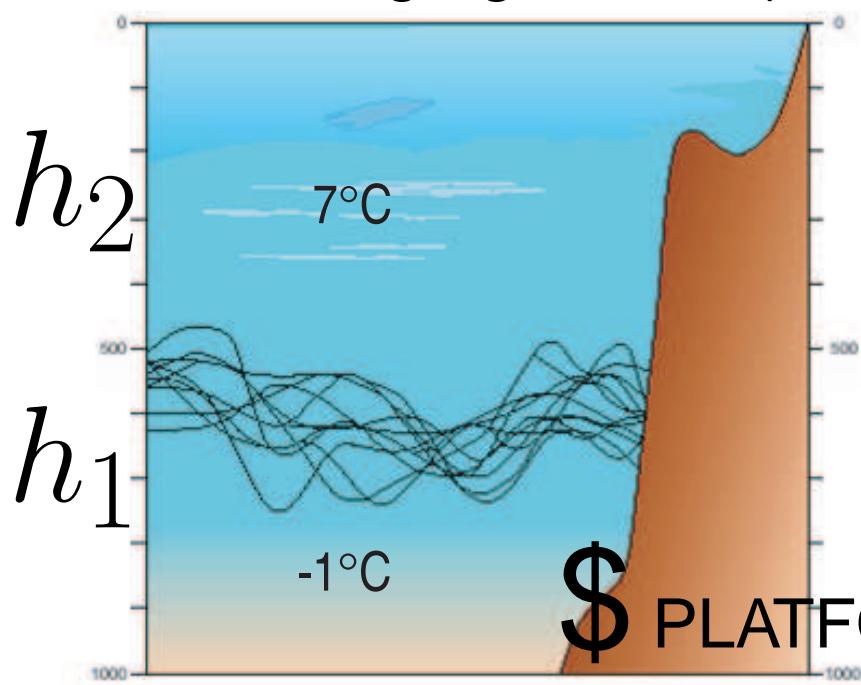
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