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# Hydraulic Performance and Stability of Coastal Defence Structures

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# Rubble Mound Structures and Breakwaters

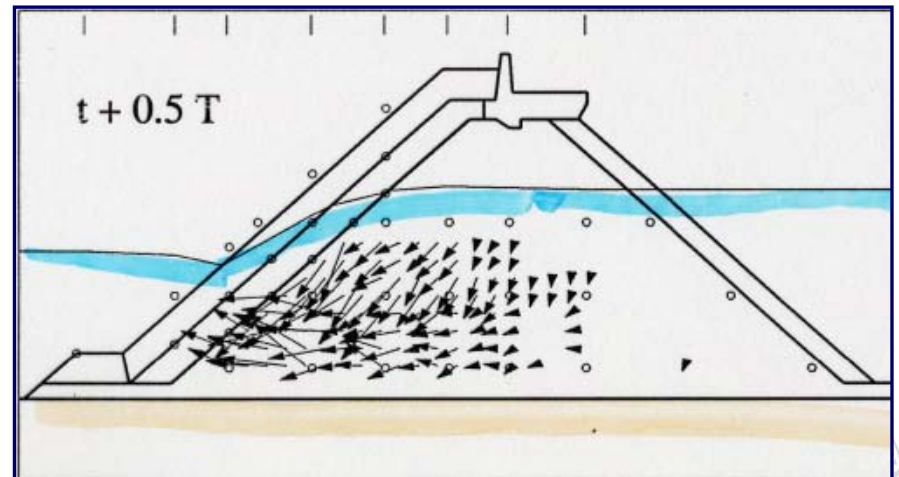
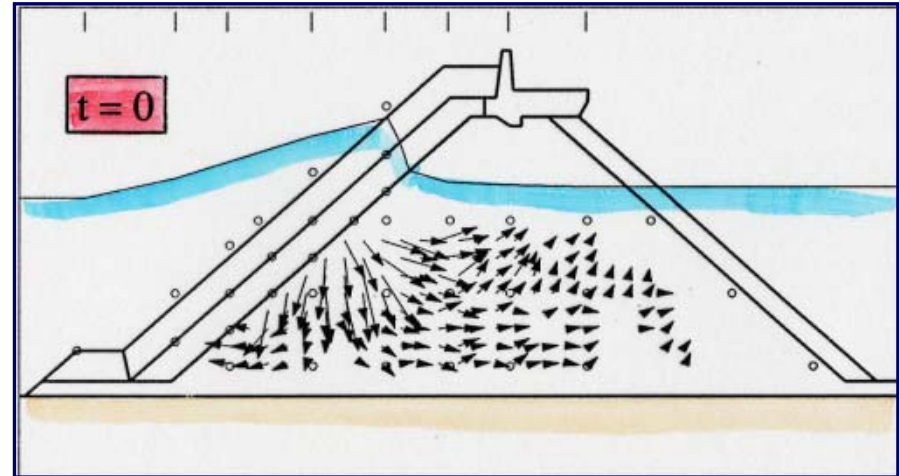
# Wave-Induced Internal Flow and Hydraulic Performance

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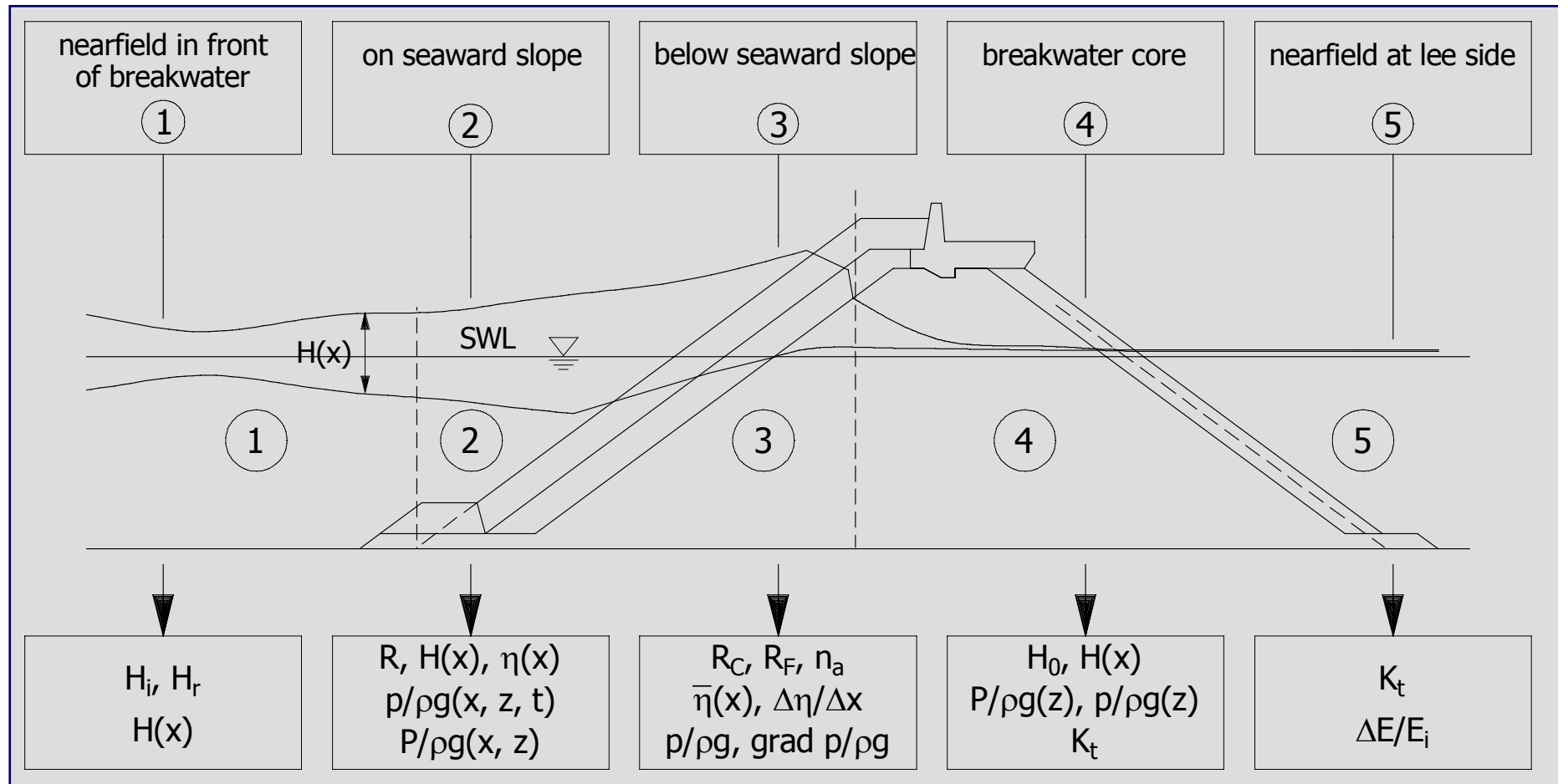


# Rubble Mound Breakwater: Model Construction in GWK

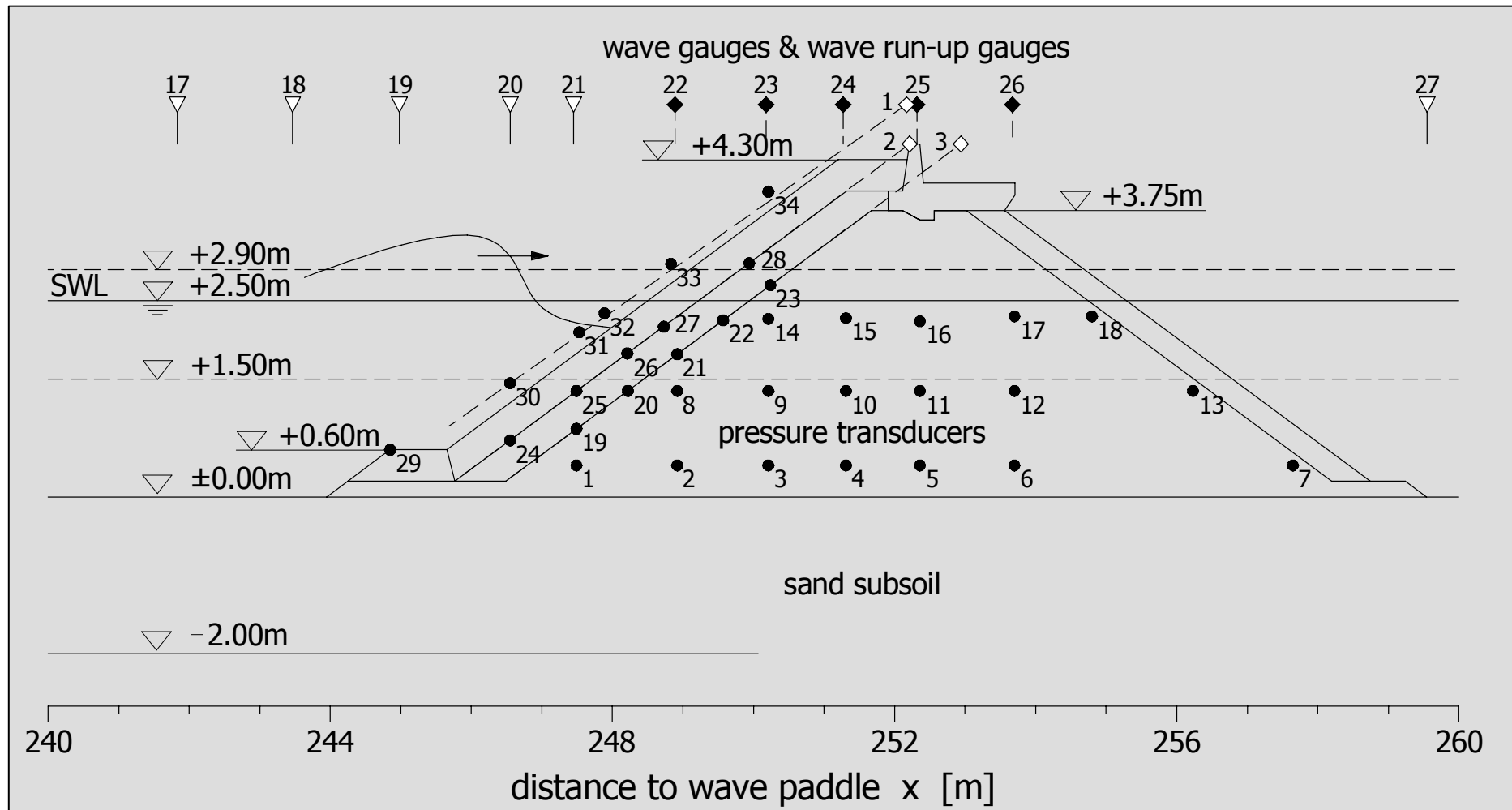


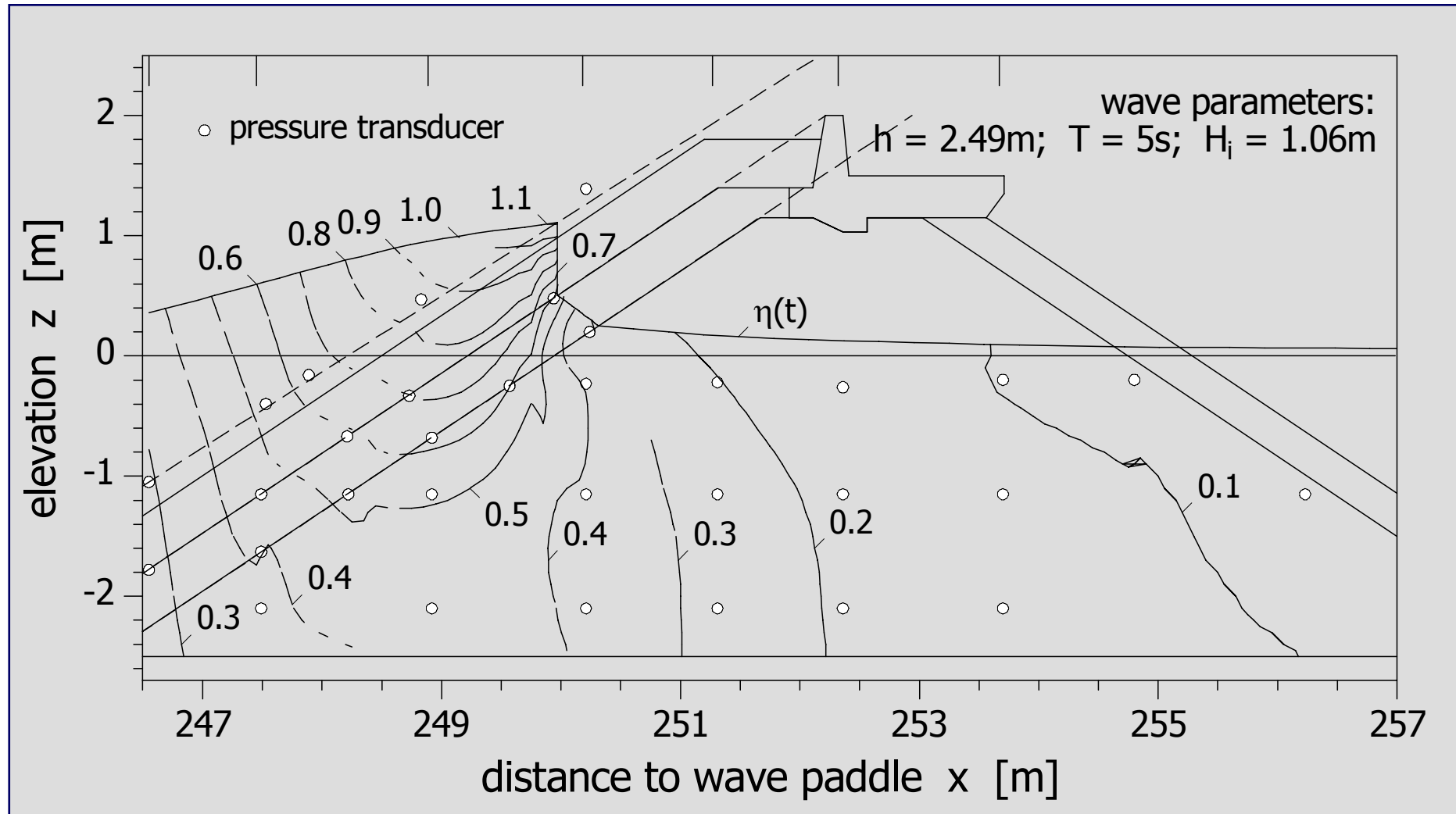
$h = 4,50 \text{ m}$   
 $H = 1,00 \text{ m}$   
 $T = 6,00 \text{ s}$





# Experimental Set-Up for Rubble Mound Breakwater Model







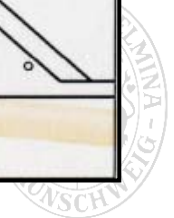
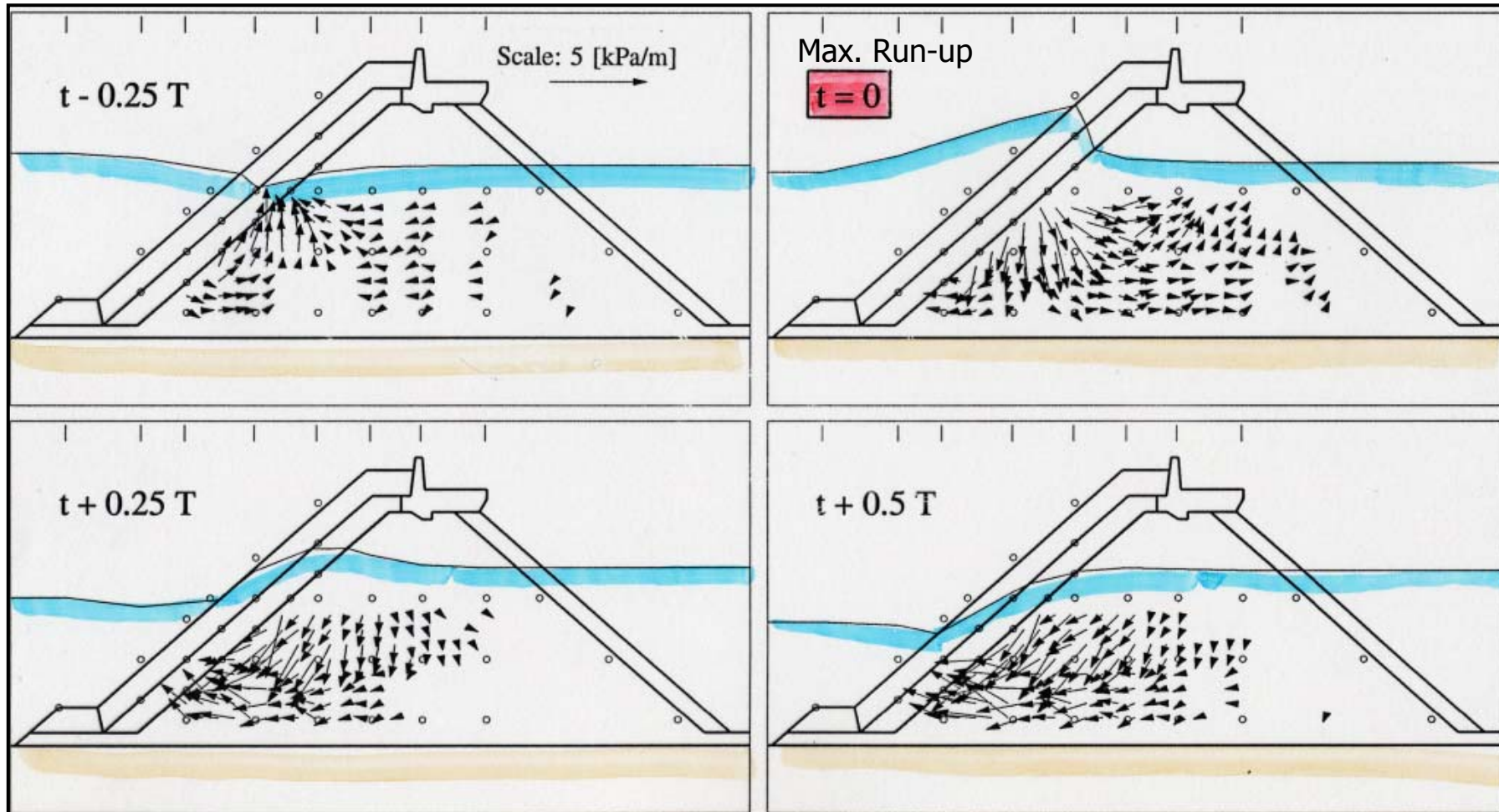
# Internal Wave-Induced Pressure Gradient

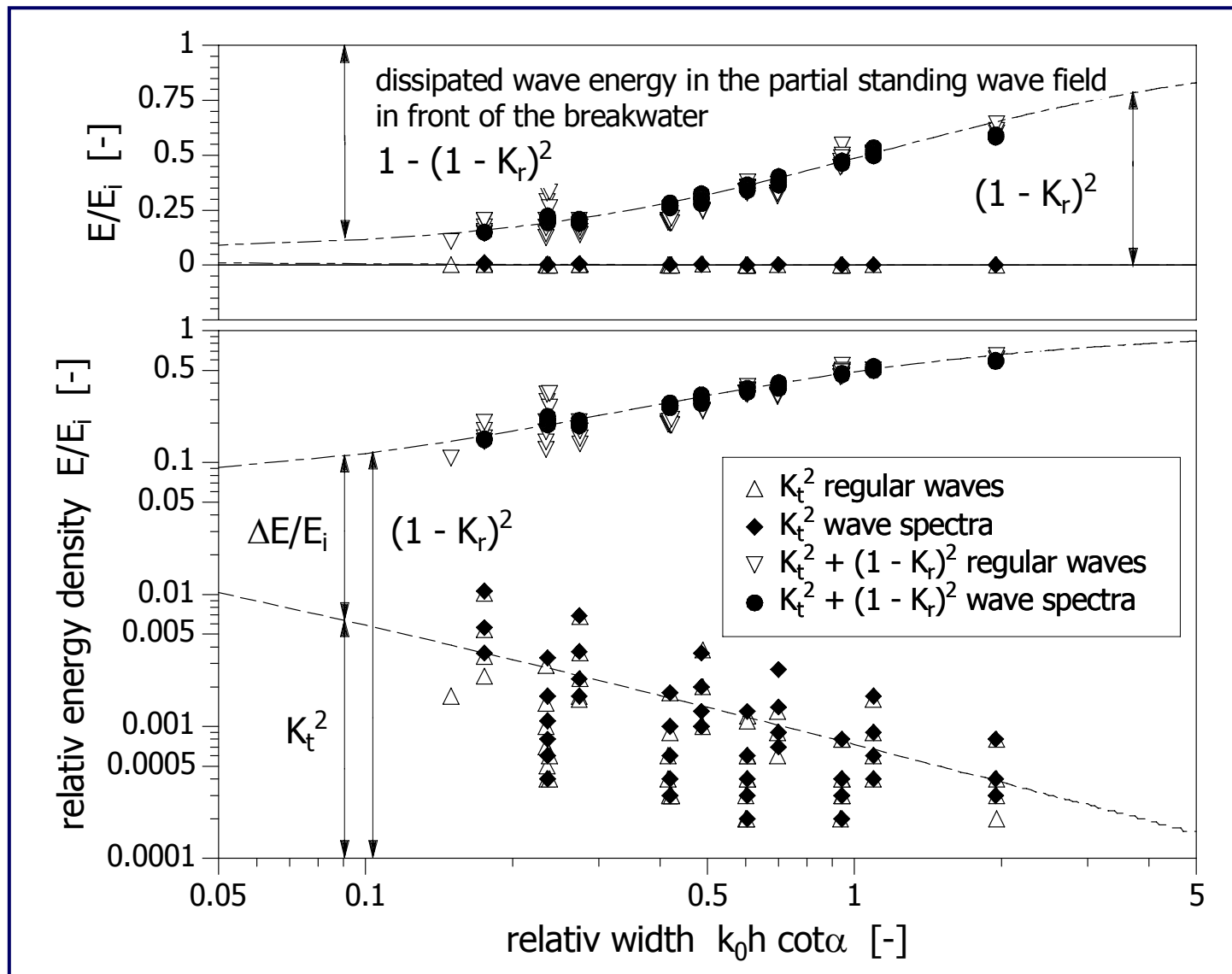


## Regular Waves

max. Wave Run-up:  $t = 0$  [s]

Water Depth :  $d = 4,50$  [m]  
Wave Height :  $H = 1,00$  [m]  
Wave Period :  $T = 6,00$  [s]

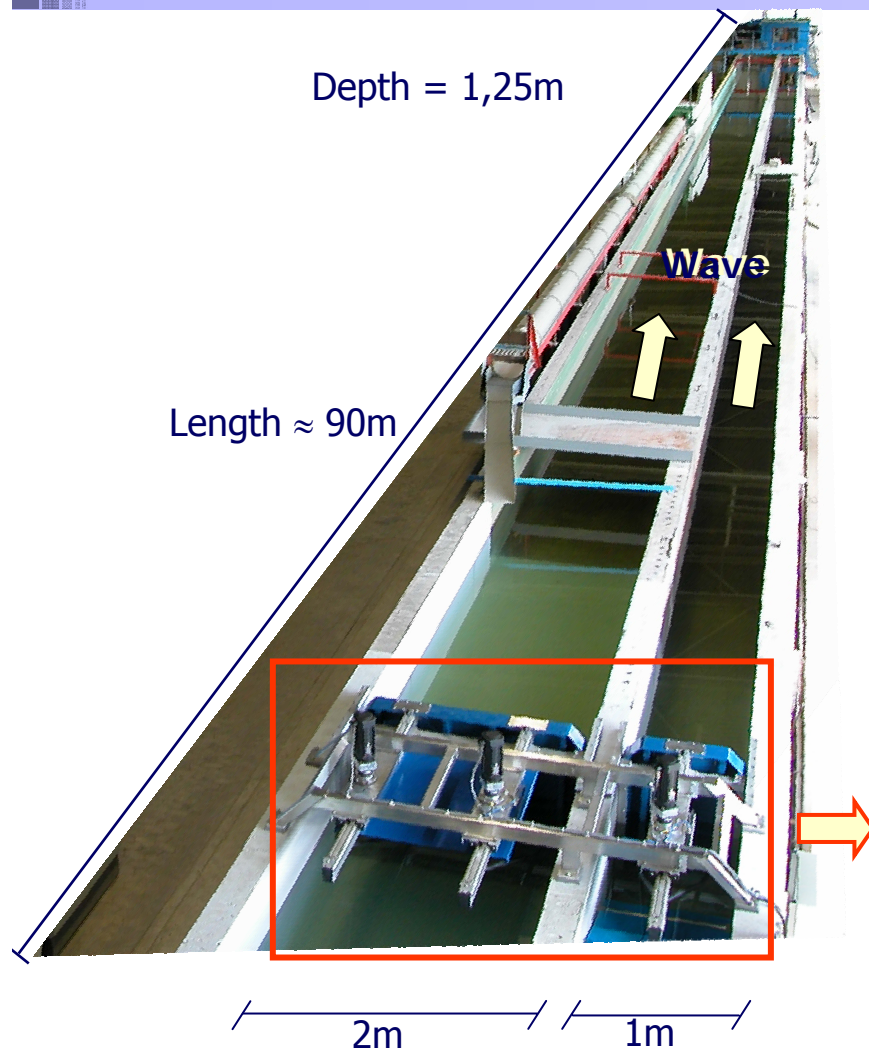




# Effect of Core Permeability on Hydraulic Stability and Performance of Rubble Mound Breakwater

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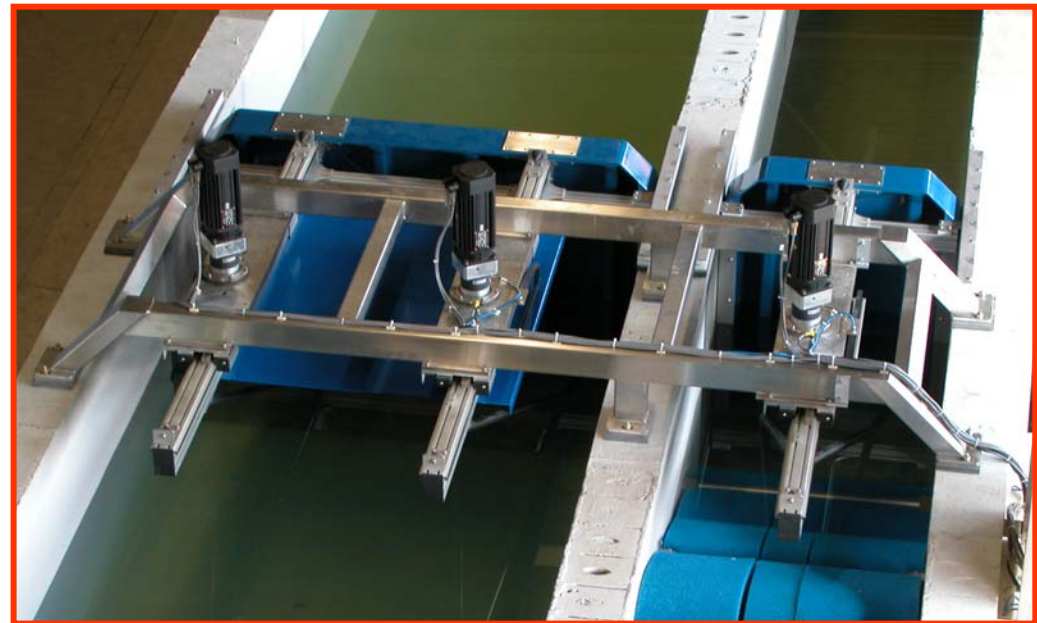
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(a) General bird view of twin-flume

- Regular waves: up to  $H = 30\text{cm}$
- Random wave: up to  $H_s = 20\text{cm}$
- Solitary waves: up to  $H = 30\text{cm}$

b) Twin-Wave Paddle (Synchron or independent)



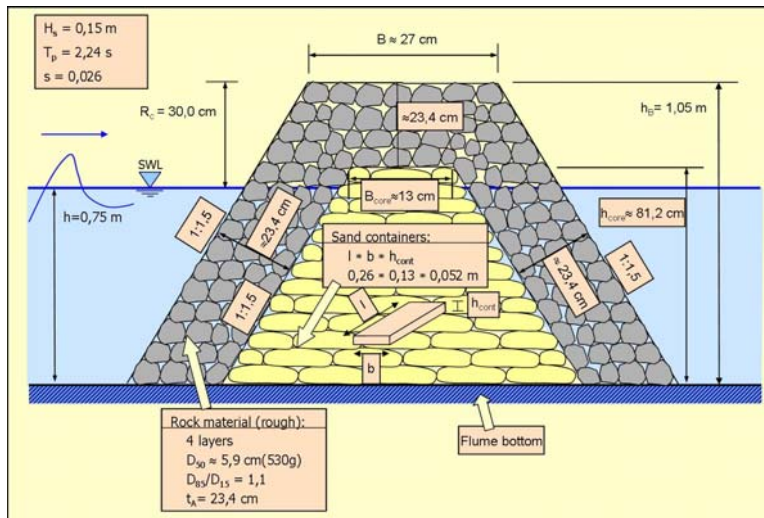
# Geo-Core and Conventional Rubble Mound Breakwater Models in Twin-flume



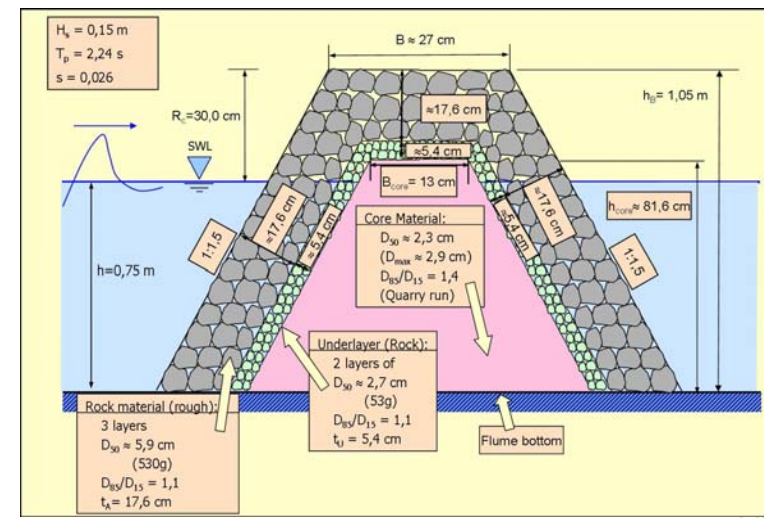
(a) Model Breakwaters in the Twin-flume





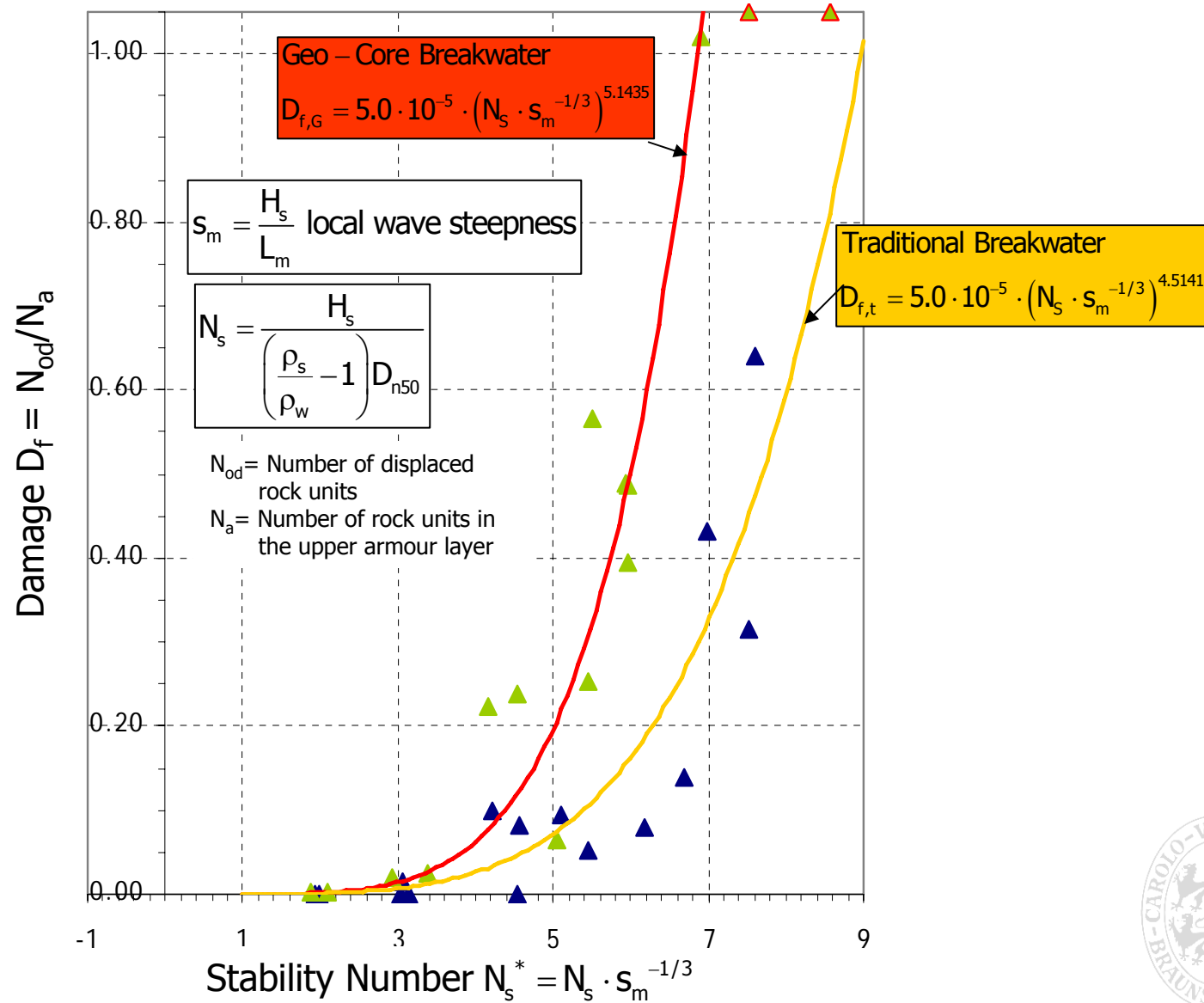
(b) Geo-Core Breakwater model in the first flume



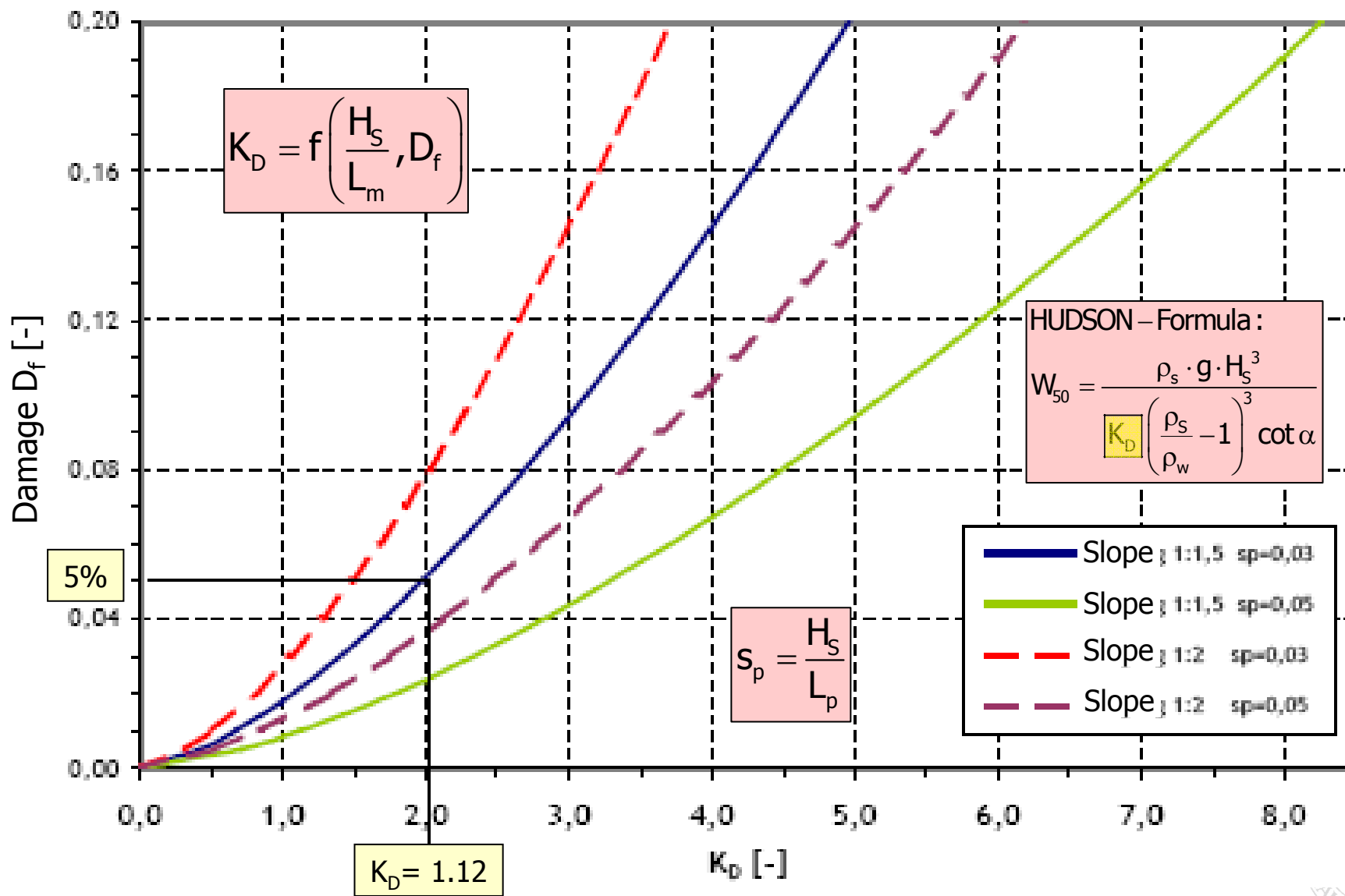
(c) Conventional Breakwater model in the 2nd. flume



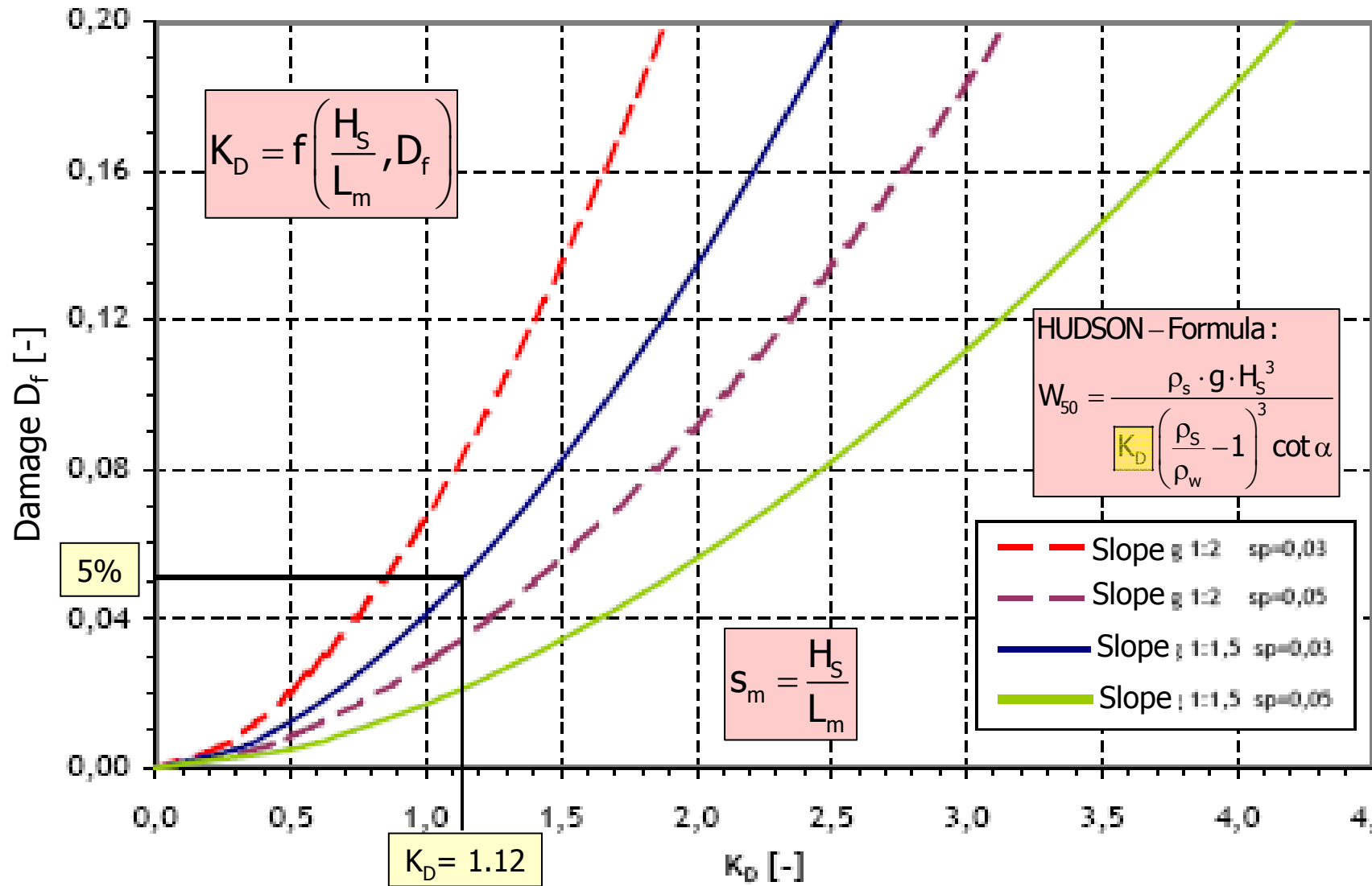
Mode of Placement	Description	Darcy 's permeability coefficient k value [m/s]
	<p>GSC-structure made of geotextile sand containers placed <b>randomly</b></p>	<p><b><math>2.412 \times 10^{-2}</math></b></p>
	<p>Structure made of gravel</p>	<p><b><math>3.881 \times 10^{-1}</math></b></p>

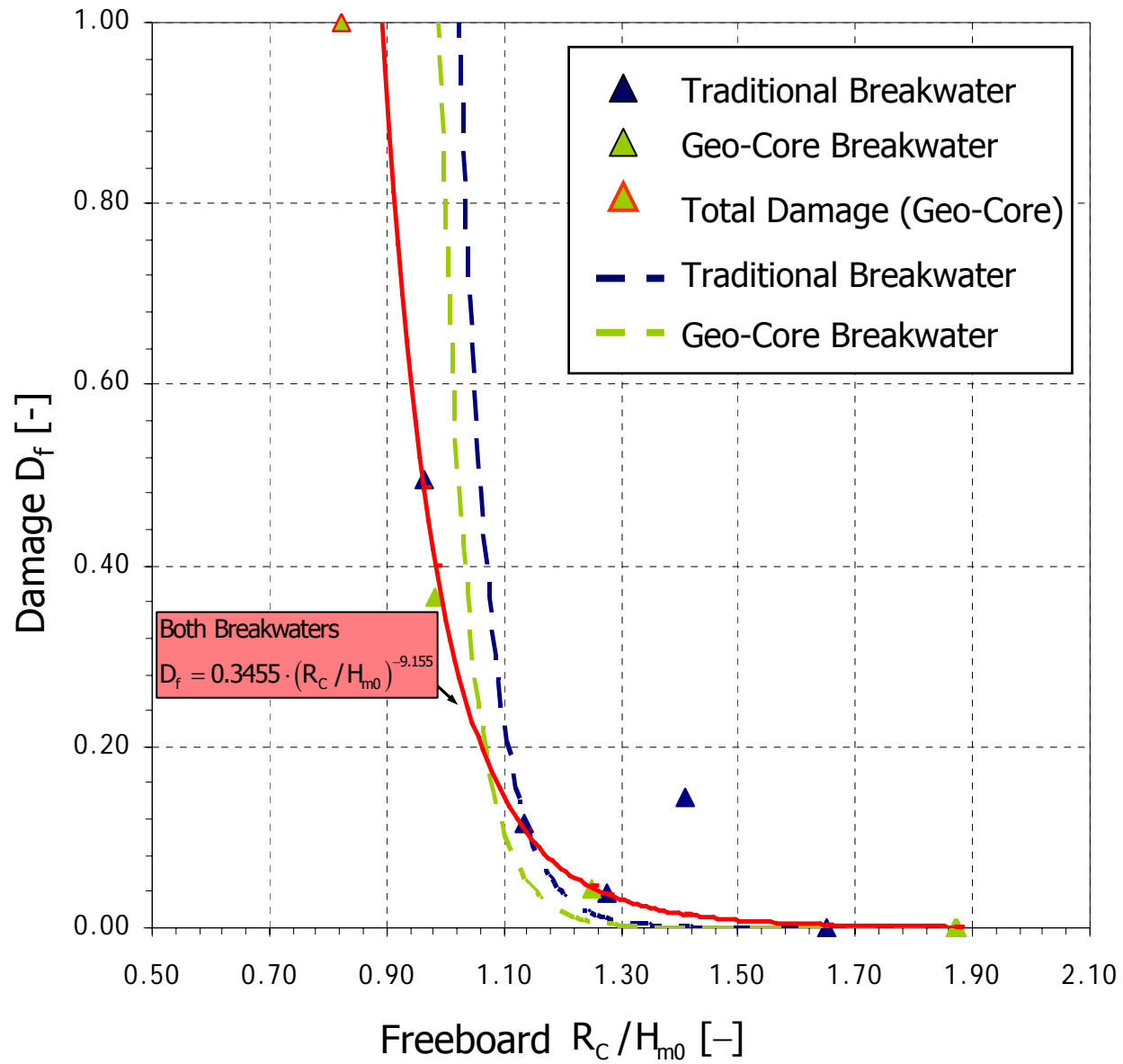


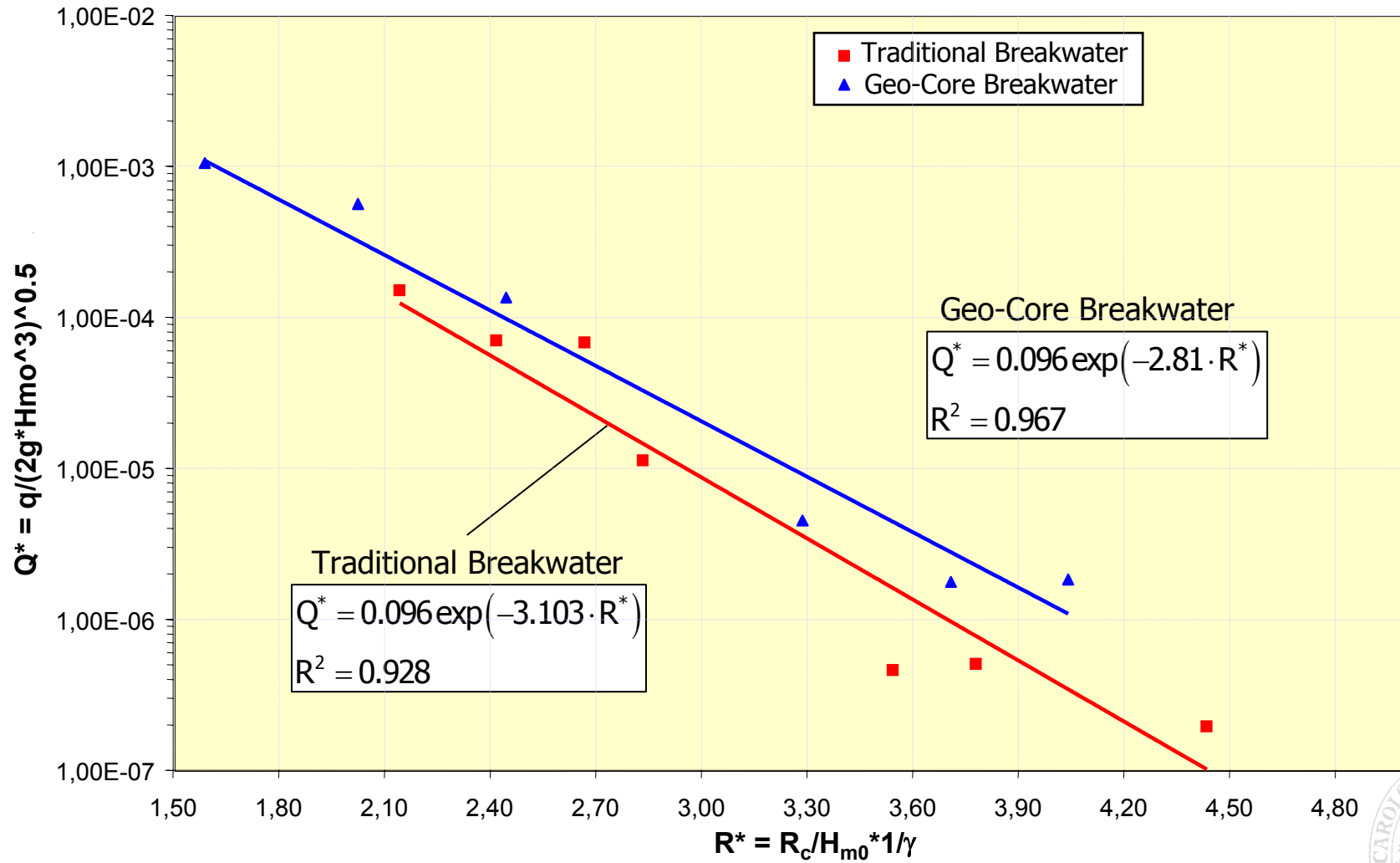
# $K_D$ – Value in HUDSON-Formula for Traditional Breakwater

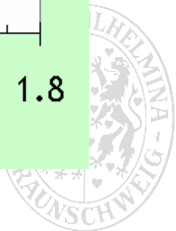
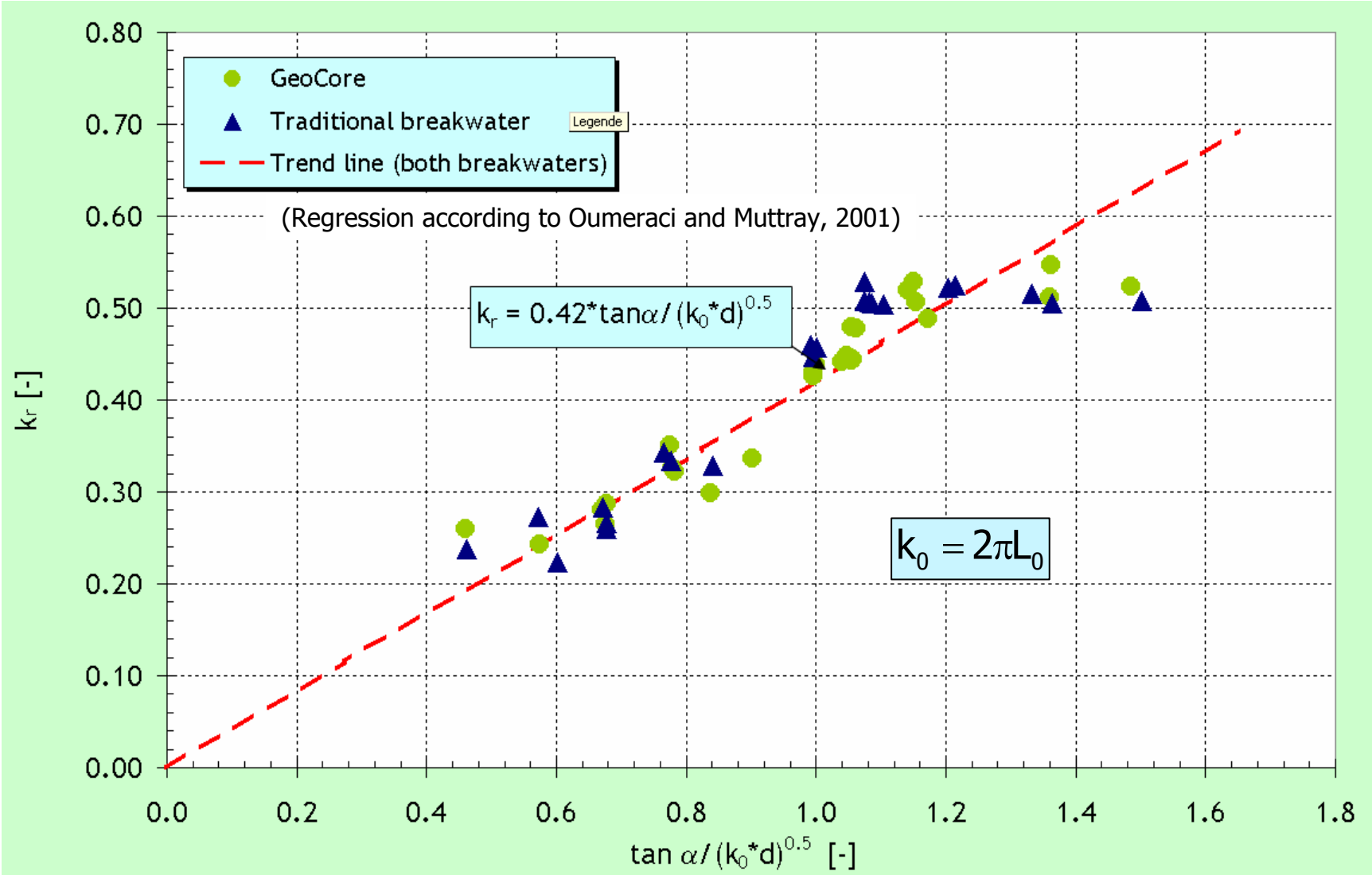


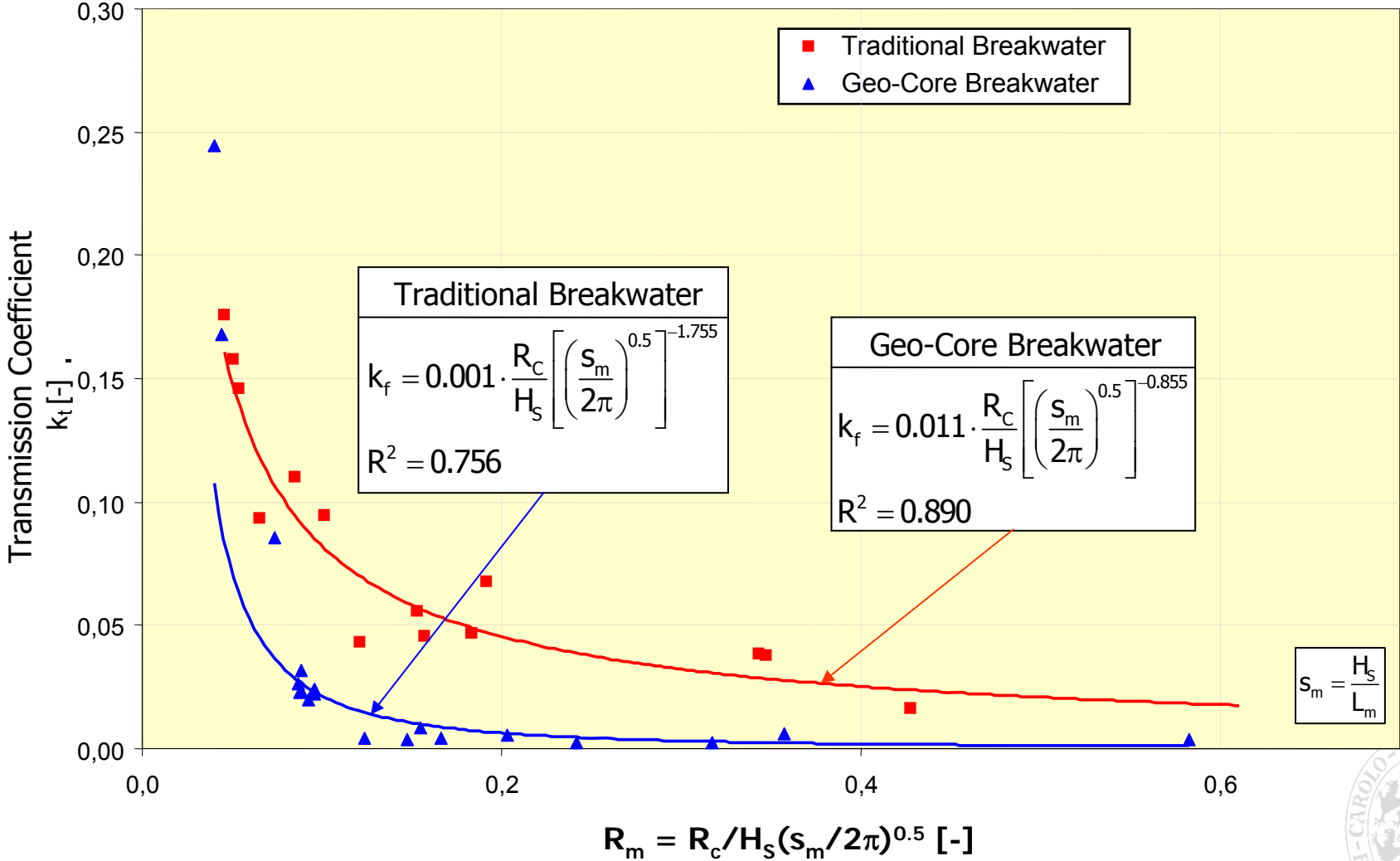










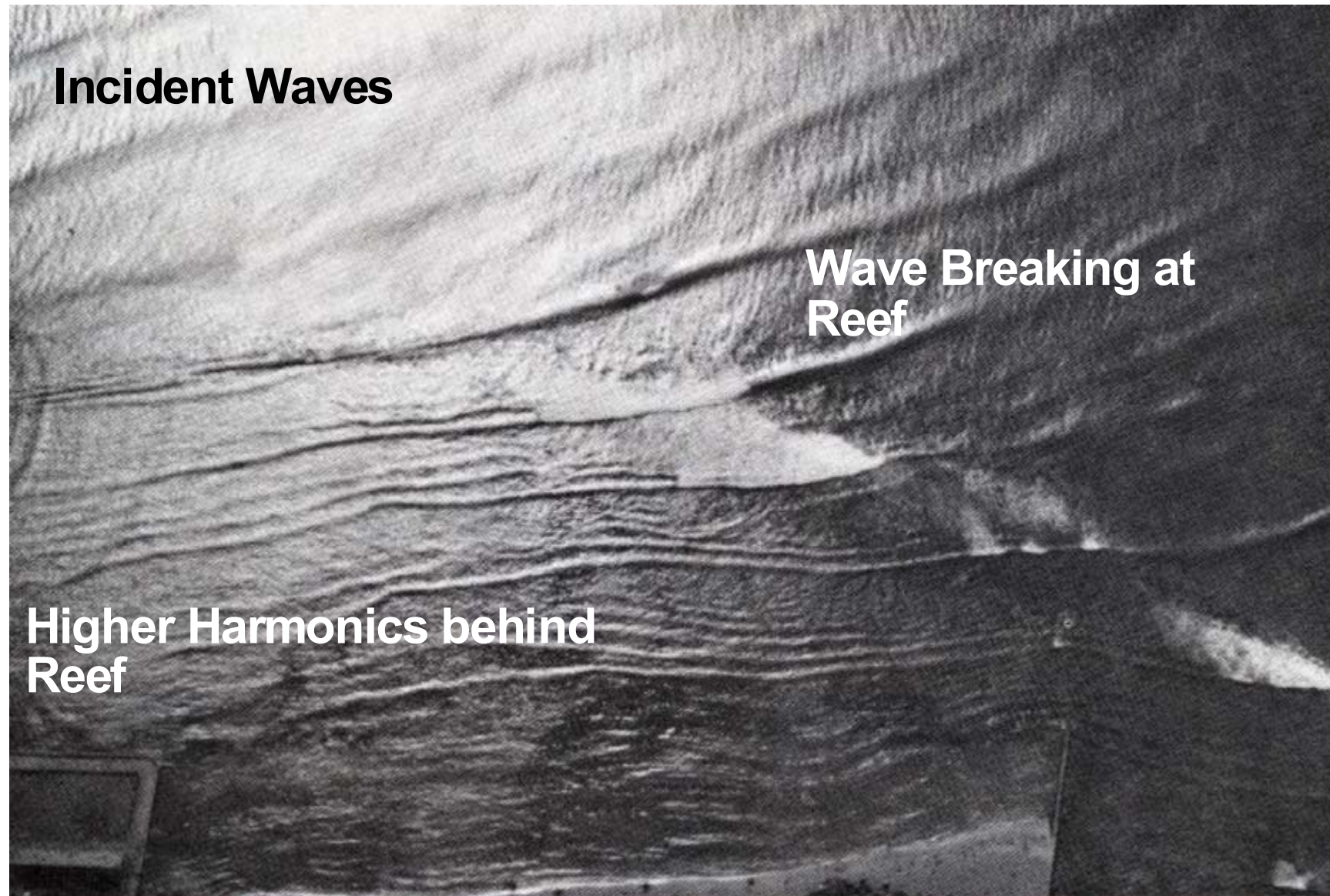


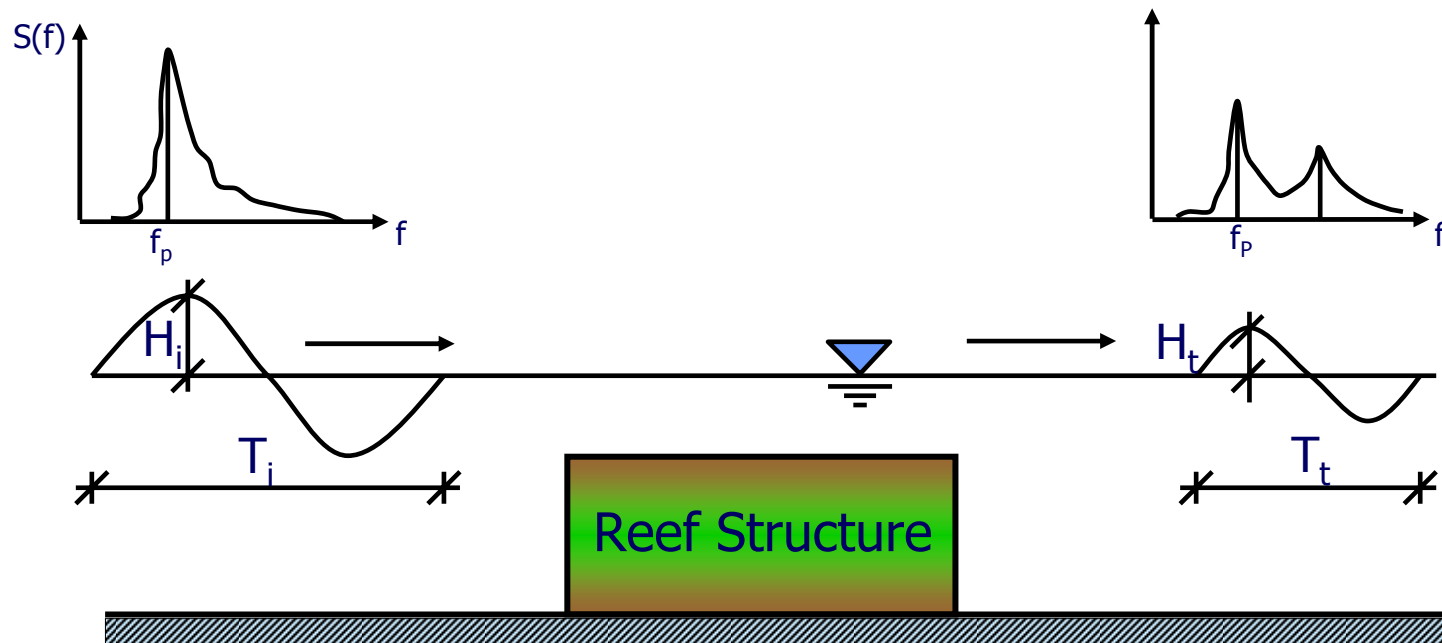
# Hydraulic Performance of an Artificial Reef with Rectangular Shape

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- Present design:  $C_t = H_t / H_i$  (1) and  $C_t^2 + C_r^2 + C_d^2 = 1$  (2)

However:

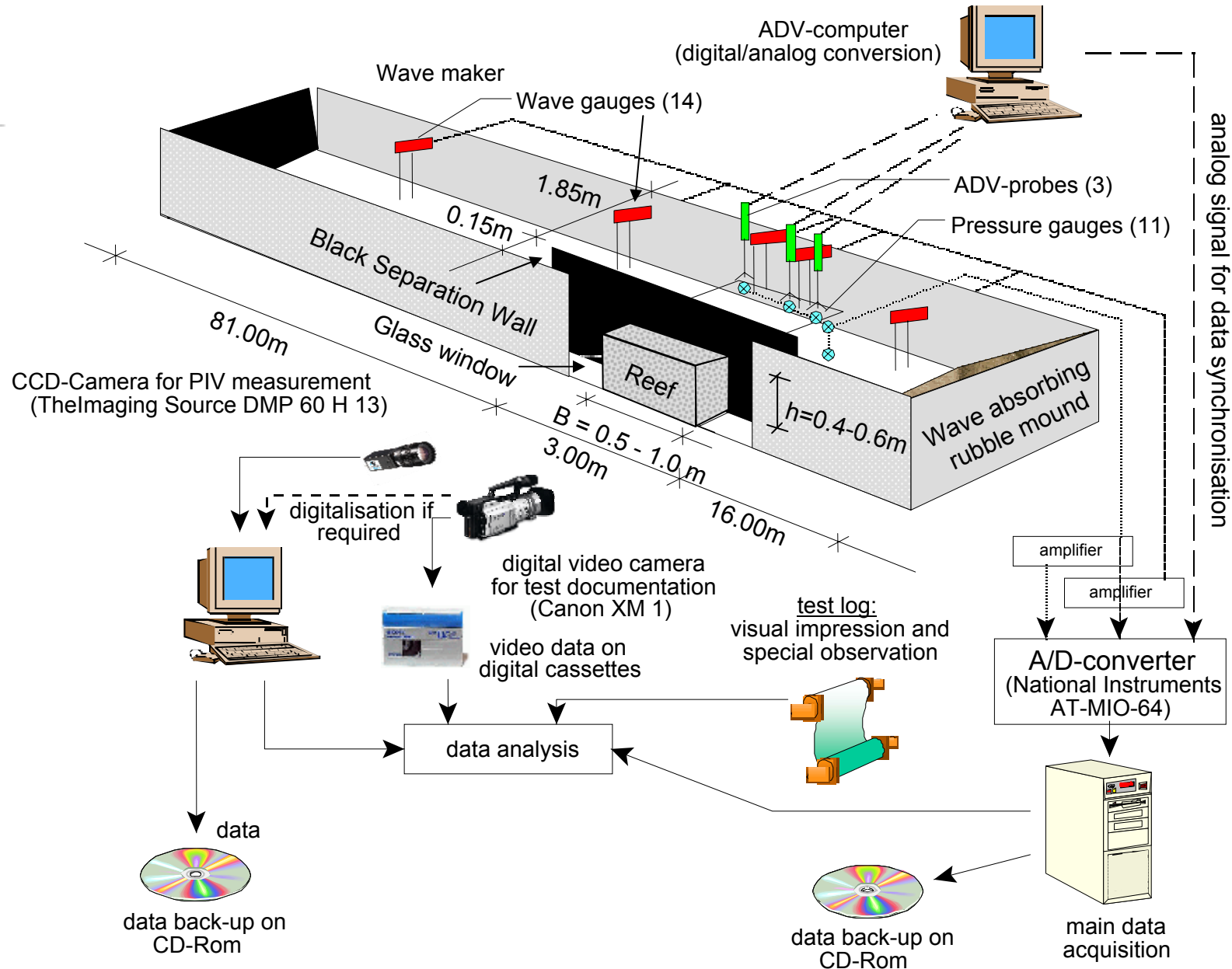
- Shift of wave energy towards higher frequencies behind reef



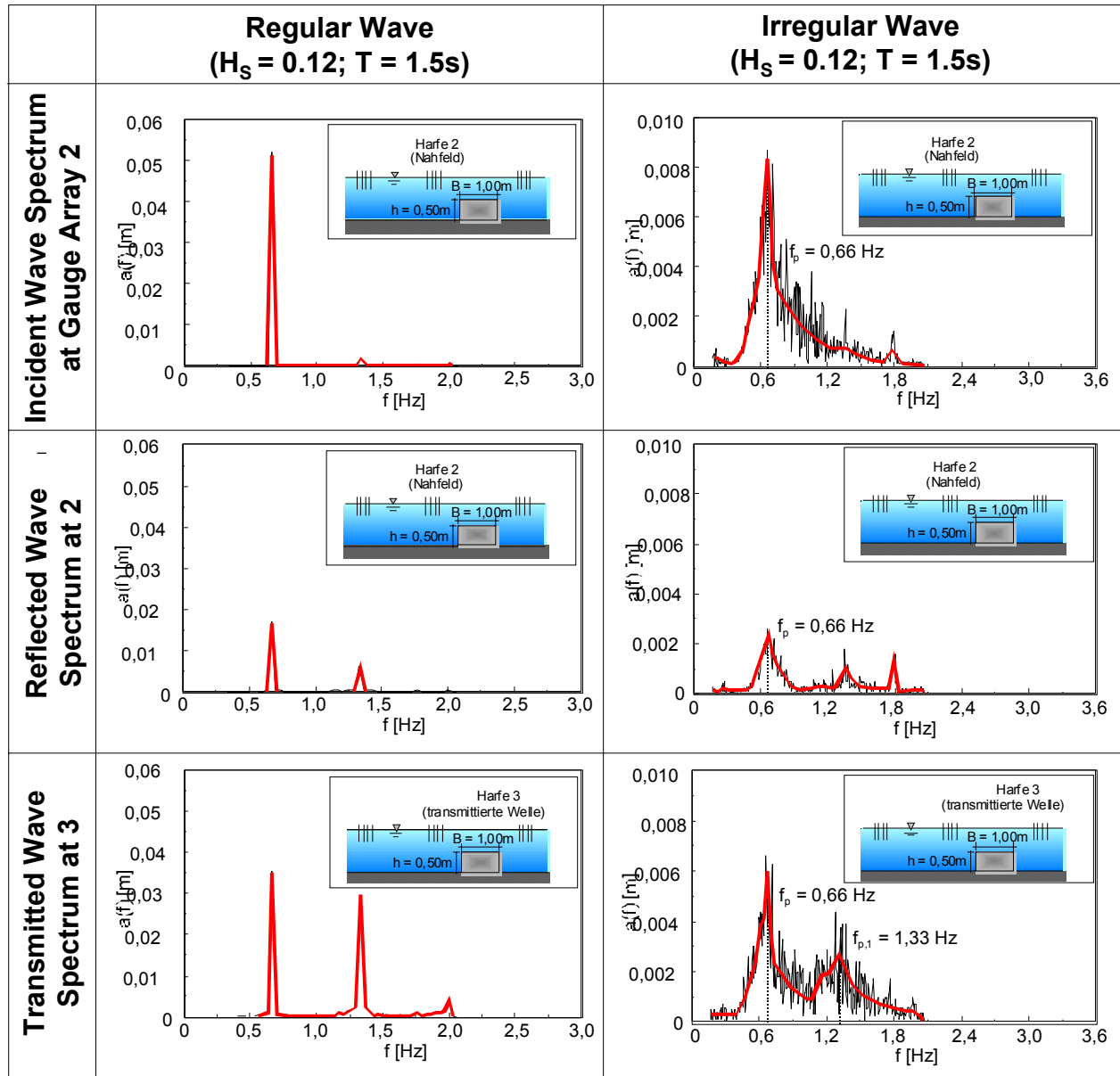
Equations (1) and (2) not sufficient to describe hydraulic performance



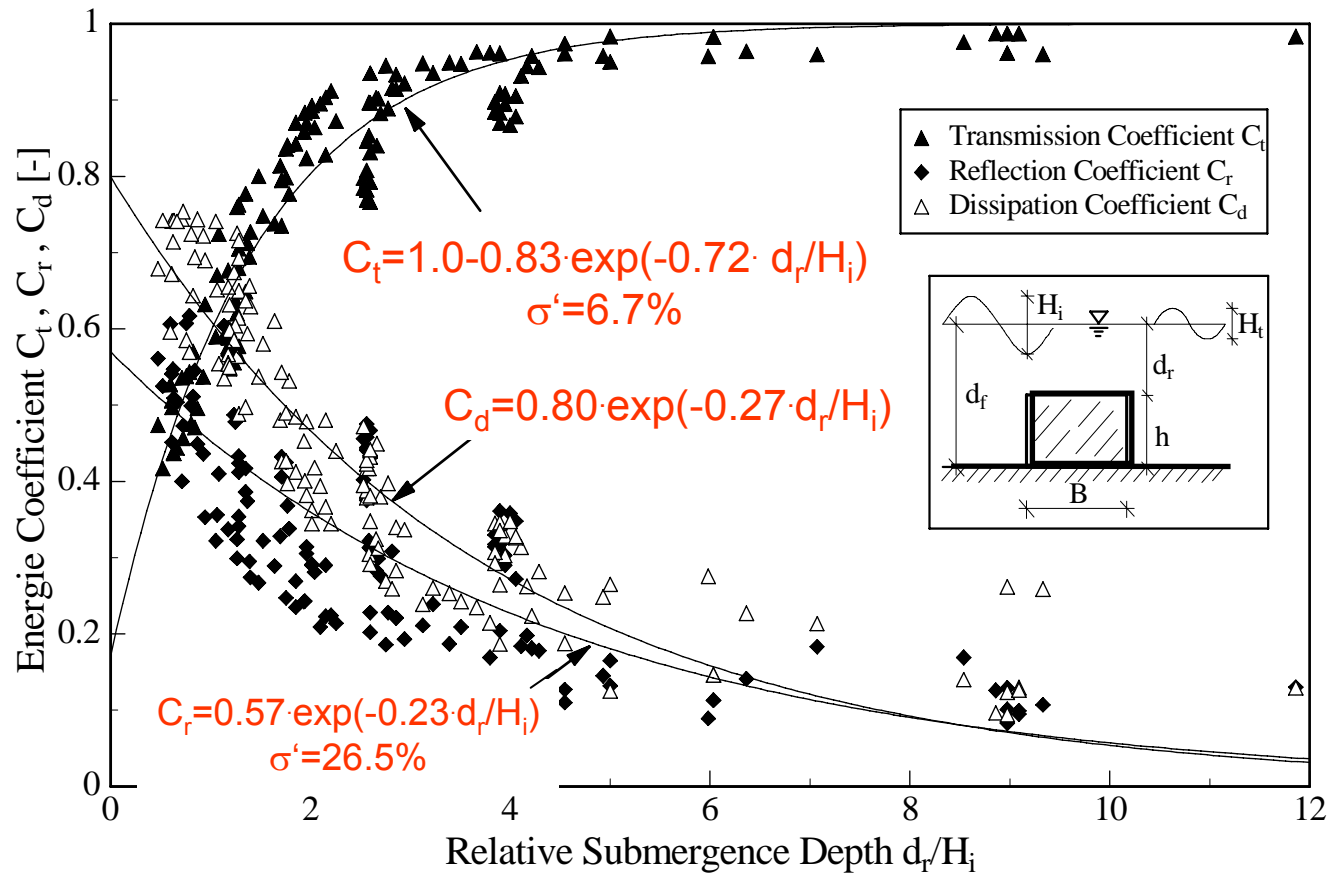
# Experimental Set-Up in the Wave Flume of LWI



# Wave Transformation at a Reef



$$C_r^2 + C_d^2 + C_t^2 = 1$$



	Multiple Regression Analysis ( $d_r/H_i$ ; $H_i/L_i$ ; $B/L_i$ )	Simplified ( $d_r/H_i$ )
Transmission	$C_t = 0,5 + 0,5 \cdot \cos \left( 0,48 \left( \frac{B}{L_i} \right)^{0,15} \left( \frac{H_i}{L_i} \right)^{-0,35} \left( \frac{d_r}{H_i} \right)^{-0,7} \right)$ $\sigma'(C_t) = 4,6\%$	$C_t = 1,0 - 0,83 \cdot \exp[-0,72 \cdot (d_r/H_i)]$ $\sigma'_{C_t} = 6,7\%$
Reflection	$C_r = 0,5 + 0,5 \cdot \cos \left( 2,66 \left( \frac{B}{L_i} \right)^{0,01} \left( \frac{H_i}{L_i} \right)^{0,125} \left( \frac{d_r}{H_i} \right)^{0,2} \right)$ $\sigma'(C_r) = 12,3\%$	$C_r = 0,57 \cdot \exp[-0,23 \cdot (d_r/H_i)]$ $\sigma'_{C_r} = 26,5\%$
Dissipation	$C_d = 0,5 + 0,5 \cdot \cos \left( 1,77 \left( \frac{B}{L_i} \right)^{-0,1} \left( \frac{H_i}{L_i} \right)^{0,14} \left( \frac{d_r}{H_i} \right)^{0,45} \right)$ $\sigma'(C_d) = 10,5\%$	$C_d = 0,80 \cdot \exp[-0,27 \cdot (d_r/H_i)]$ $\sigma'_{C_d} = 16,4\%$

# Effect of Relative Submergence Depth $d_r/H_i$ on Periods of Transmitted Waves

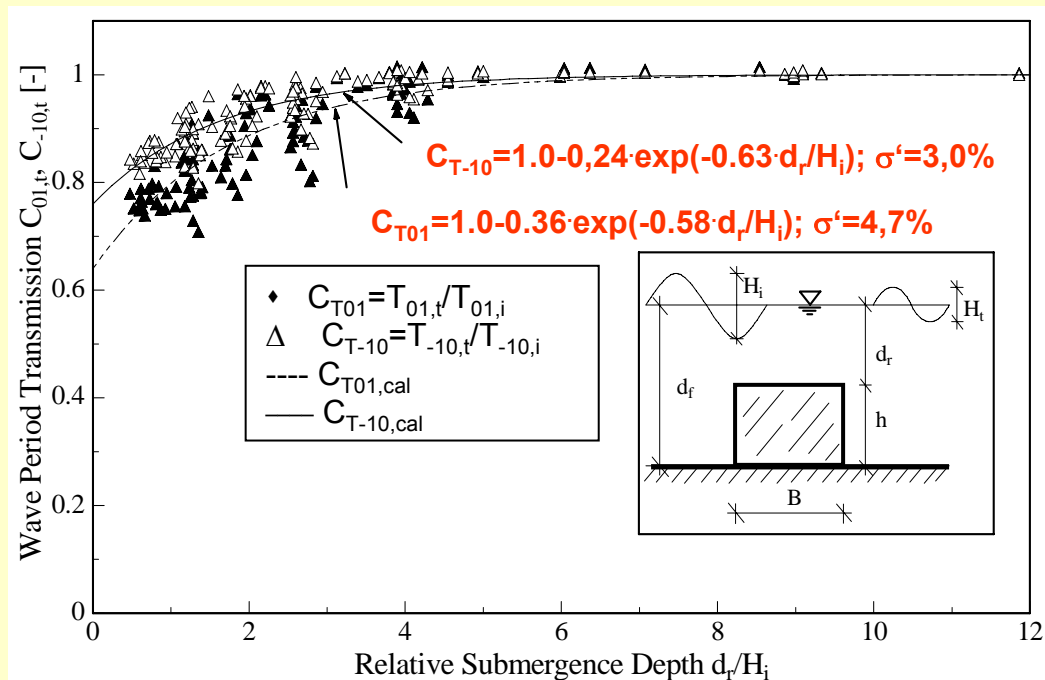


$$T_{01} = \frac{m_0}{m_1} = \frac{\int S(f)df}{\int S(f)fd f}$$

$$T_{-10} = \frac{m_{-1}}{m_0} = \frac{\int S(f)f^{-1}df}{\int S(f)df}$$

$$C_{T_{01}} = \frac{(T_{01})_t}{(T_{01})_i}$$

$$C_{T_{-10}} = \frac{(T_{-10})_t}{(T_{-10})_i}$$

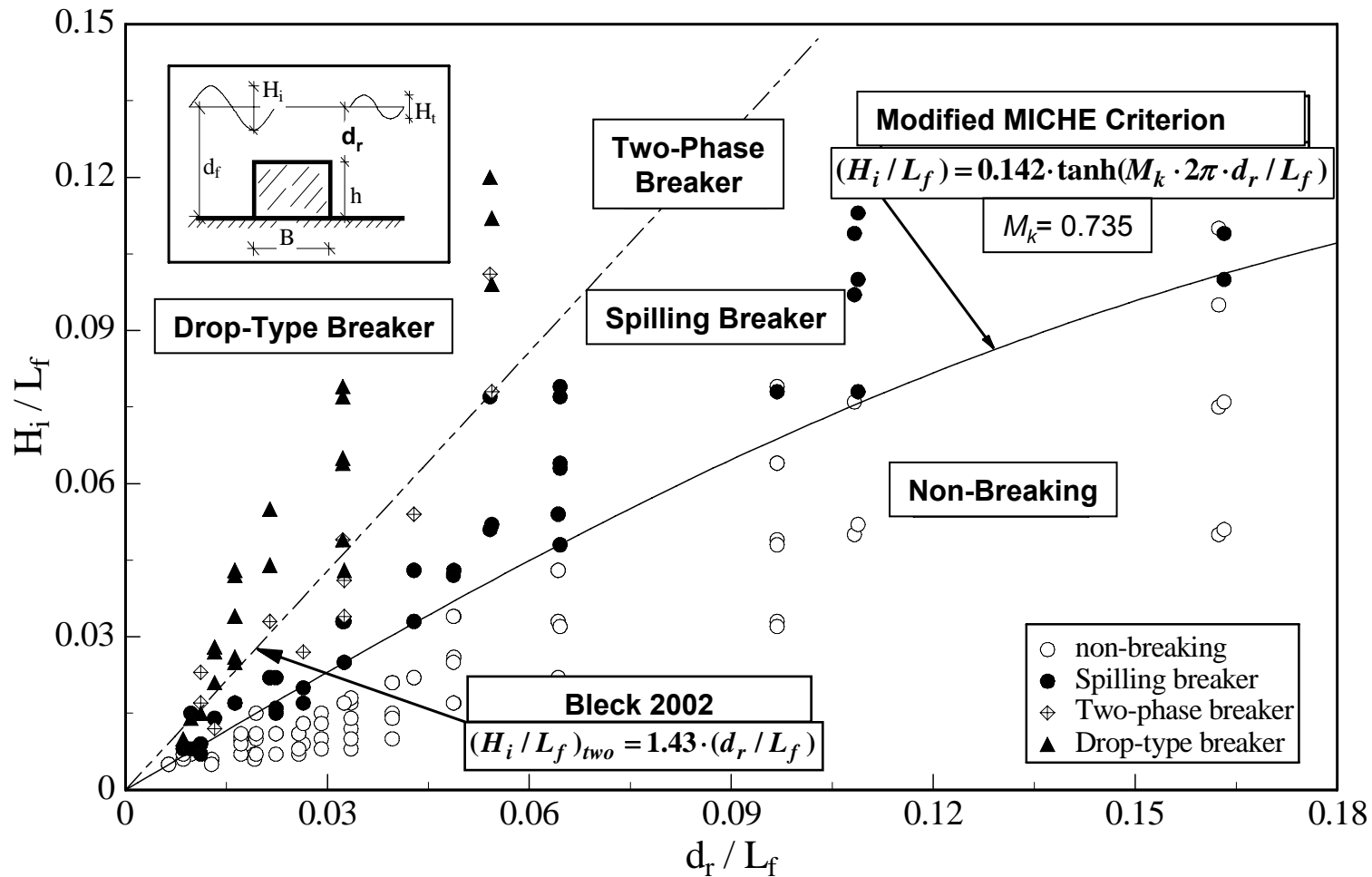


$$C_{m_0} = \frac{(m_0)_t}{(m_0)_i} \quad \left( = C_t^2 = \frac{(H_{m_0})_t^2}{(H_{m_0})_i^2} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad C_t = 1.0 - 0.83 \cdot \exp(-0.72 \cdot d_r / H_i)$$

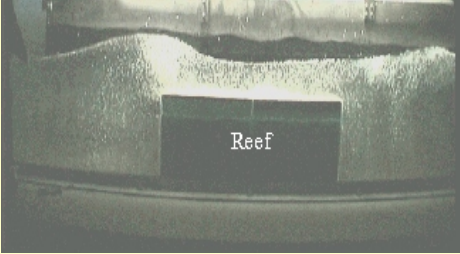
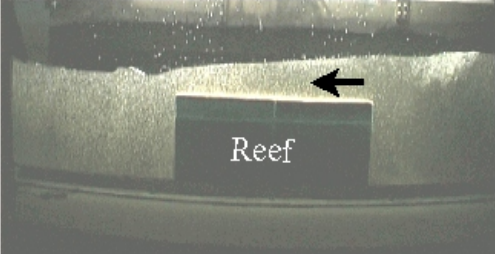
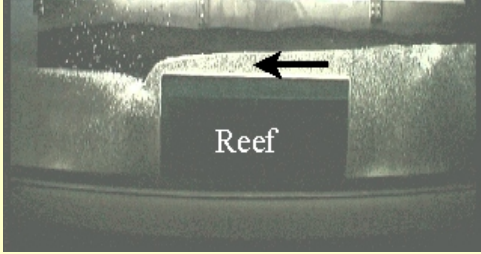



$$C_{m_1} = \frac{(m_1)_t}{(m_1)_i} \quad (= C_{m_0} / C_{T_{01}}) \quad \text{with} \quad C_{T_{01}} = \frac{(T_{01})_t}{(T_{01})_i} = 1 - 0.36 \cdot \exp(-0.58 \cdot d_r / H_i)$$

$$C_{m_{-1}} = \frac{(m_{-1})_t}{(m_{-1})_i} \quad (= C_{m_0} \cdot C_{T_{-10}}) \quad \text{with} \quad C_{T_{-10}} = \frac{(T_{-10})_t}{(T_{-10})_i} = 1 - 0.24 \cdot \exp(-0.63 \cdot d_r / H_i)$$

where  $m_n = \int S(f) f^n df$ ;  $T_{01} = \frac{m_0}{m_1}$  and  $T_{-10} = \frac{m_{-1}}{m_0}$



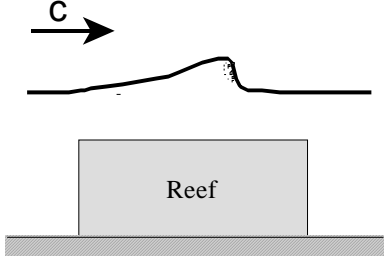
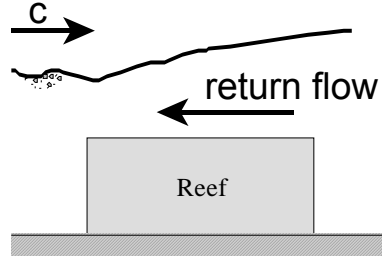
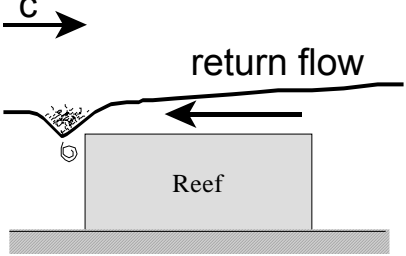
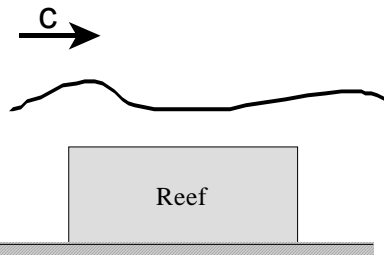
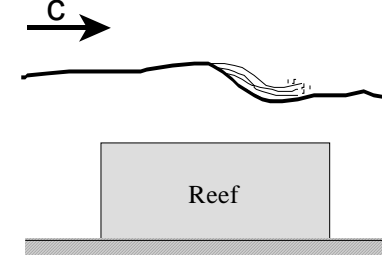
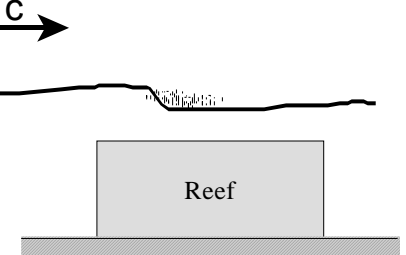
$$C_d = \sqrt{E_D / E_i} \quad \text{with } E_D, E_i = \text{dissipated and incident wave energy.}$$

Spilling breaker	Two- Step breaker	Drop- type breaker
		
		
$C_d = 0.4 \div 0.60$ $(\bar{C}_d \approx 0.55)^*$	$C_d = 0.35 \div 0.85$ $(\bar{C}_d \approx 0.54)$	$C_d = 0.4 \div 0.90$ $(\bar{C}_d \approx 0.68)$

\* Non-Breaking waves:  $\bar{C}_d = 0.33$

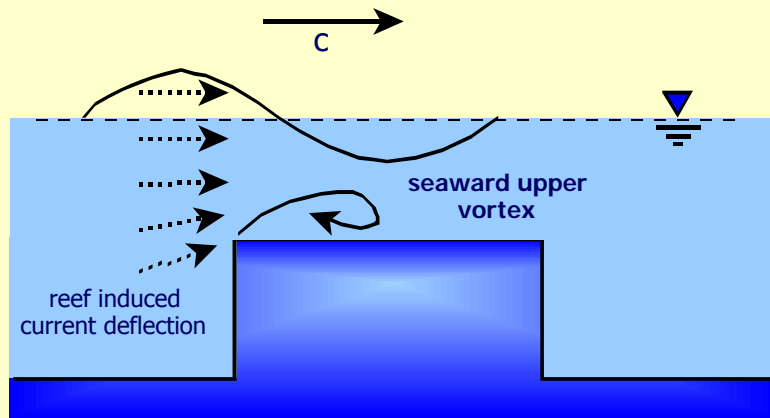


# Breaker Types on Reefs: Energy Dissipation

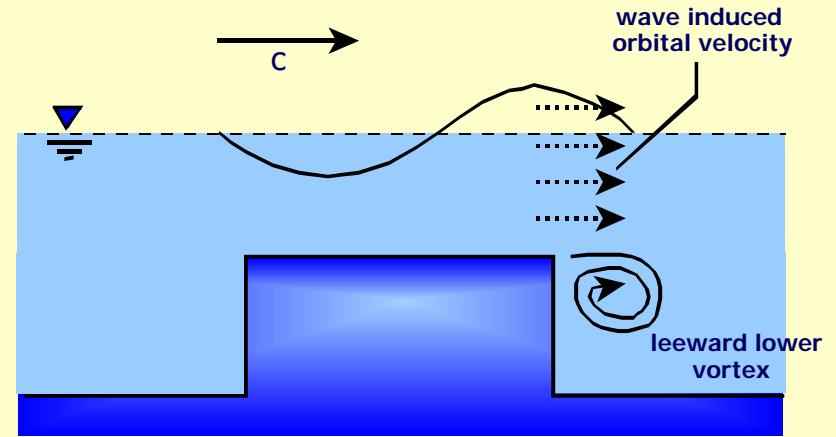
Spilling breaker	Two-Step breaker	Drop-type breaker
		
		
$C_d = 0.4 \div 0.6$ $(\bar{C}_d \approx 0.55)^*$	$C_d = 0.35 \div 0.85$ $(\bar{C}_d \approx 0.54)$	$C_d = 0.4 \div 0.90$ $(\bar{C}_d \approx 0.68)$

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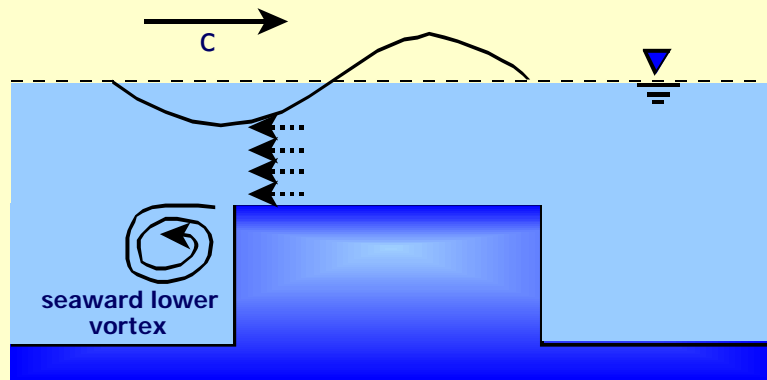
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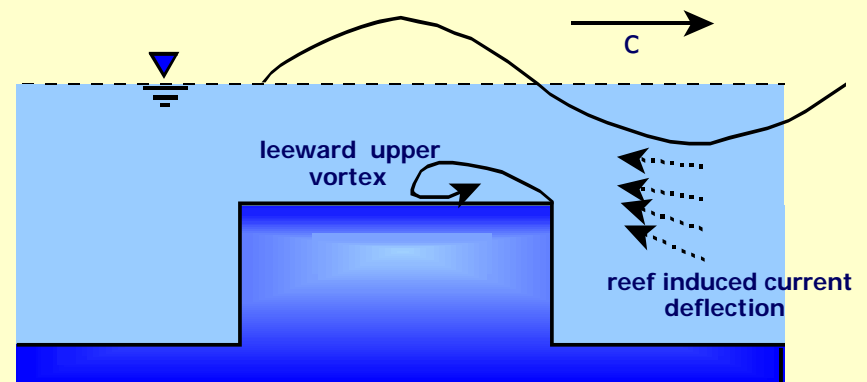
### b) Leeward Lower Vortex



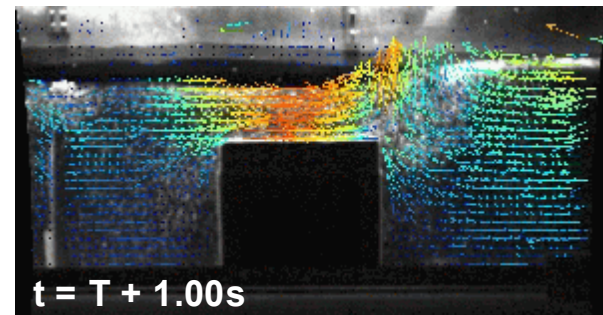
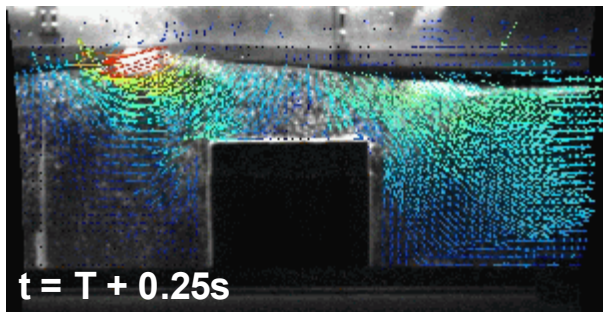
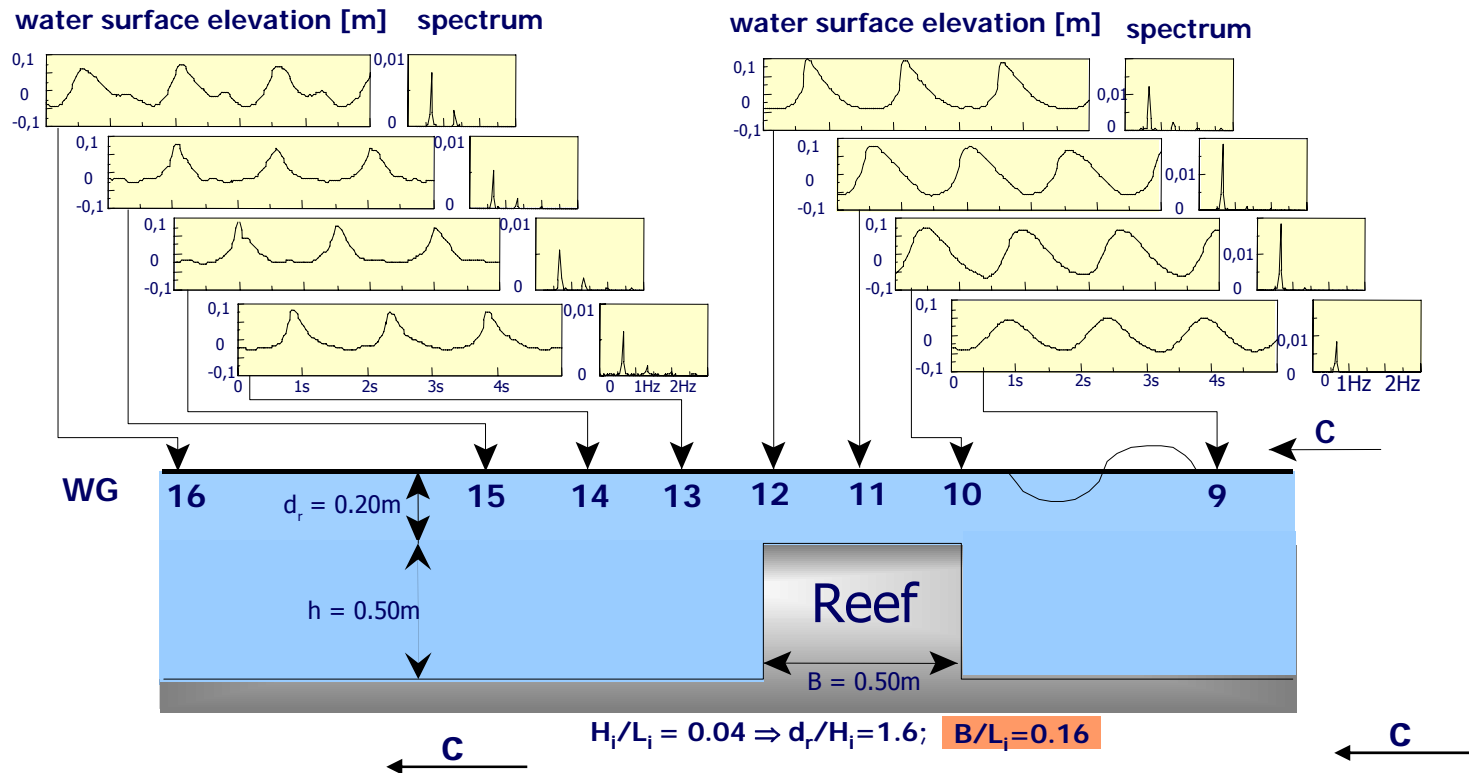
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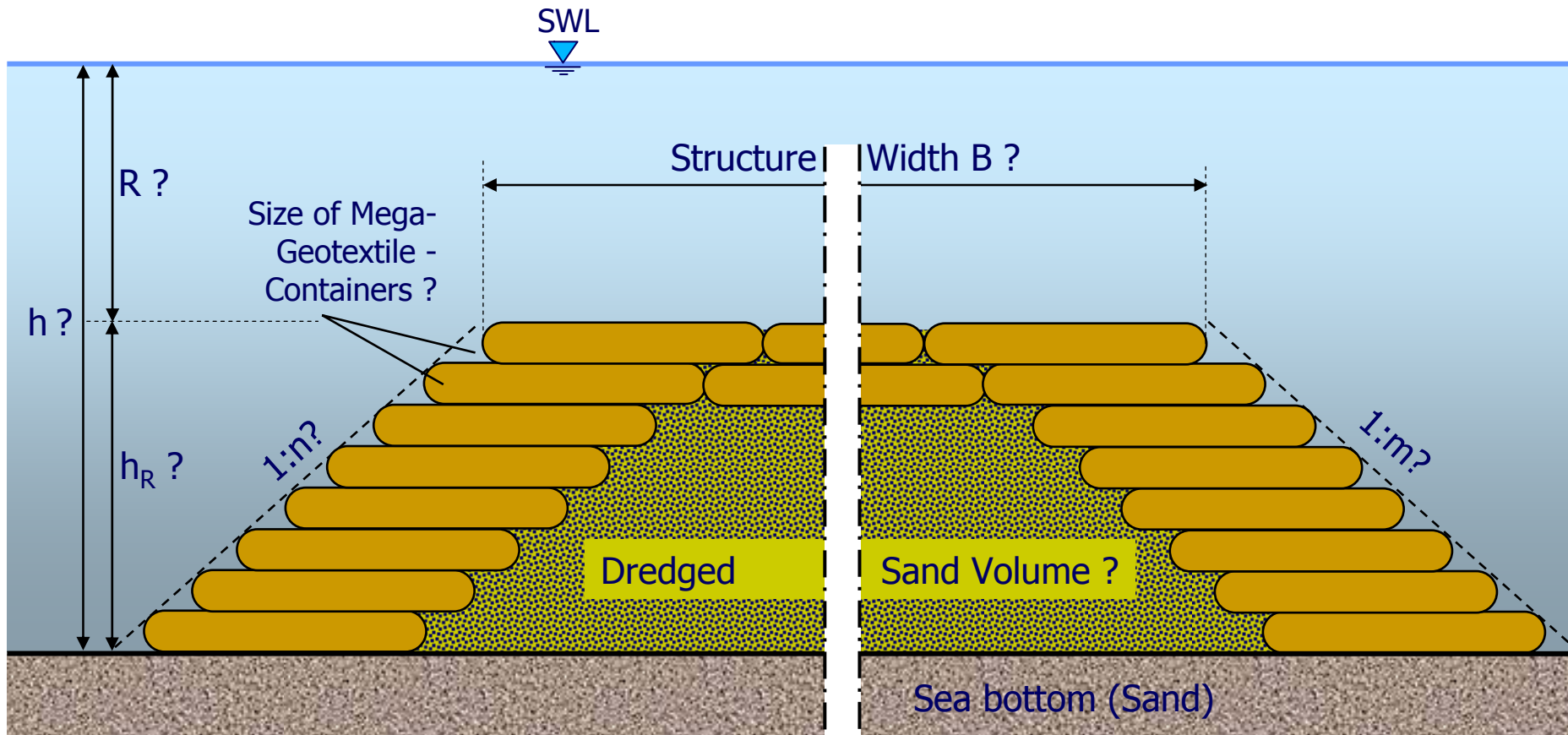
### d) Leeward Upper Vortex



# Non-Linear Effects with Wind Waves for $B/L = 0.16$

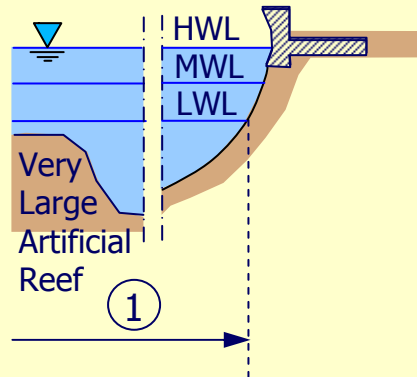






- Reef Parameters
- Location depth  $h$
  - Structure width  $B$  and slope steepness  $1:n$  and  $1:m$
  - Reef height  $h_R$  and submergence depth  $R$
  - Size (volume, weight) of geotextile containers

must be determined as a function of target incident Tsunami wave parameters and target level of tsunami attenuation (transmitted wave parameters). The latter will depend on the nature of the next defence line(s) and the vulnerability of the flood prone area.



(1b) Mega-Geo-containers

Feasibility for the full range of wave periods (5 - 60 minutes) of tsunamis has first to be first checked.

# Hydraulic Performance of Wave Absorbers

# **Submerged Wave Absorbers as Artificial Reefs for Coastal Protection**



# Experimental and Theoretical Investigations for Storm Waves

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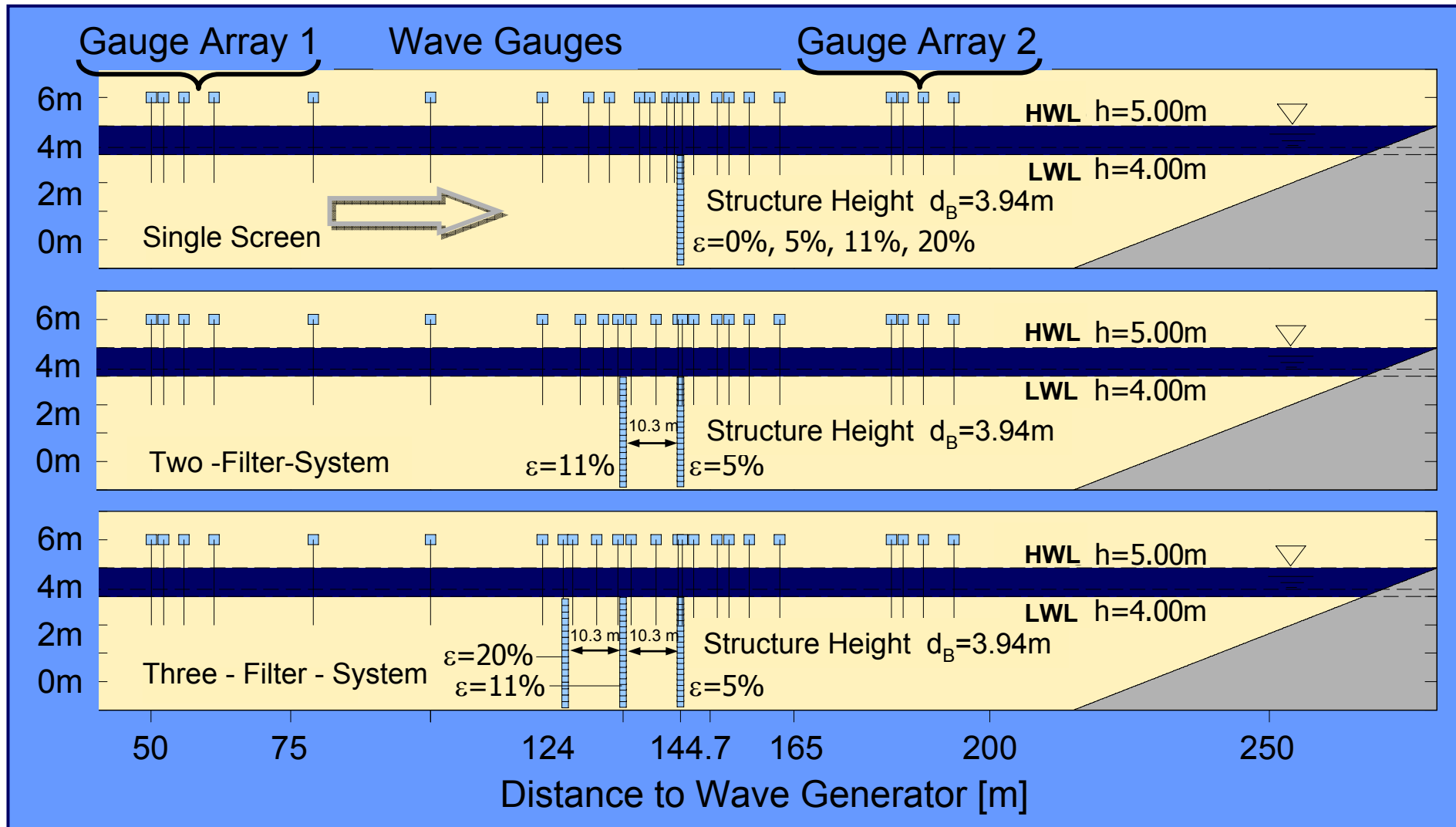
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# Submerged Wave Absorbers for Beach Protection



# Experimental Set-Up in Large Wave Flume Hannover (GWK)

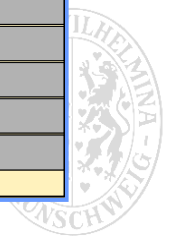
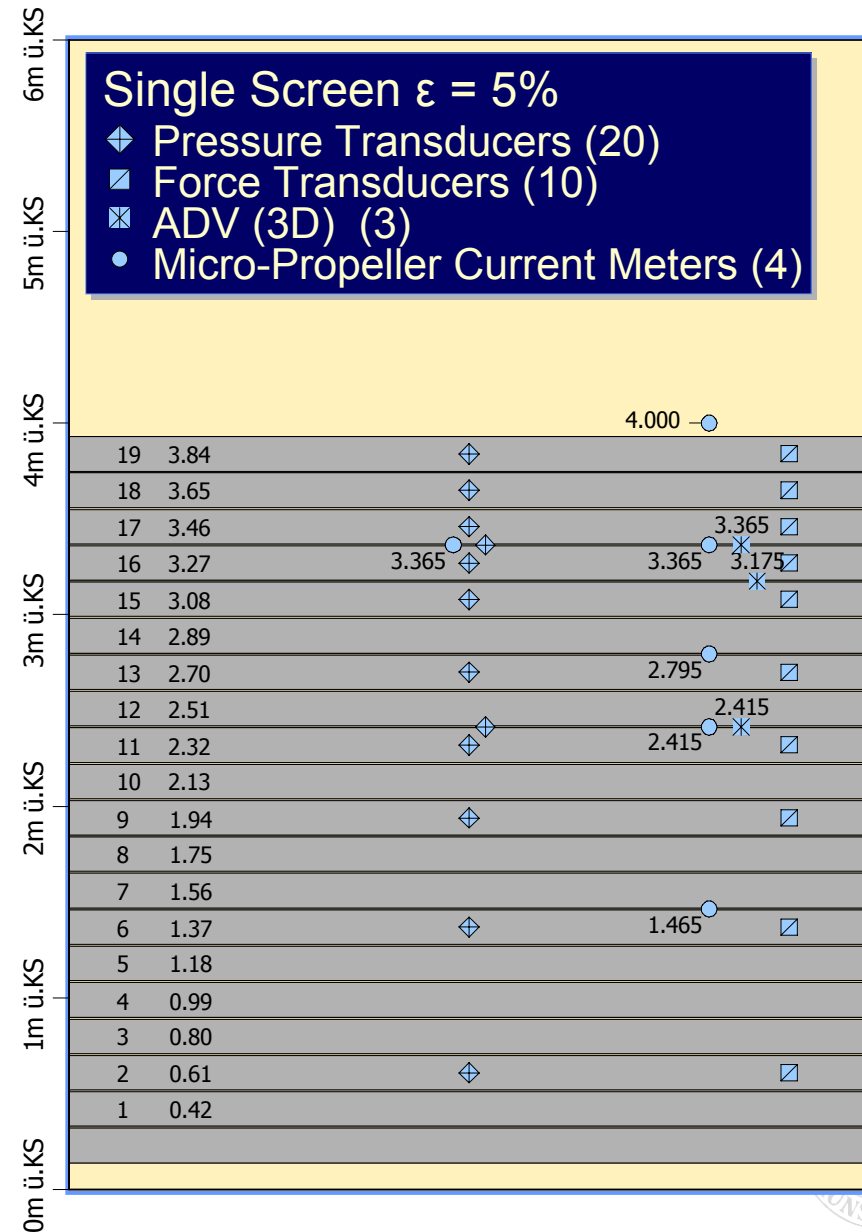
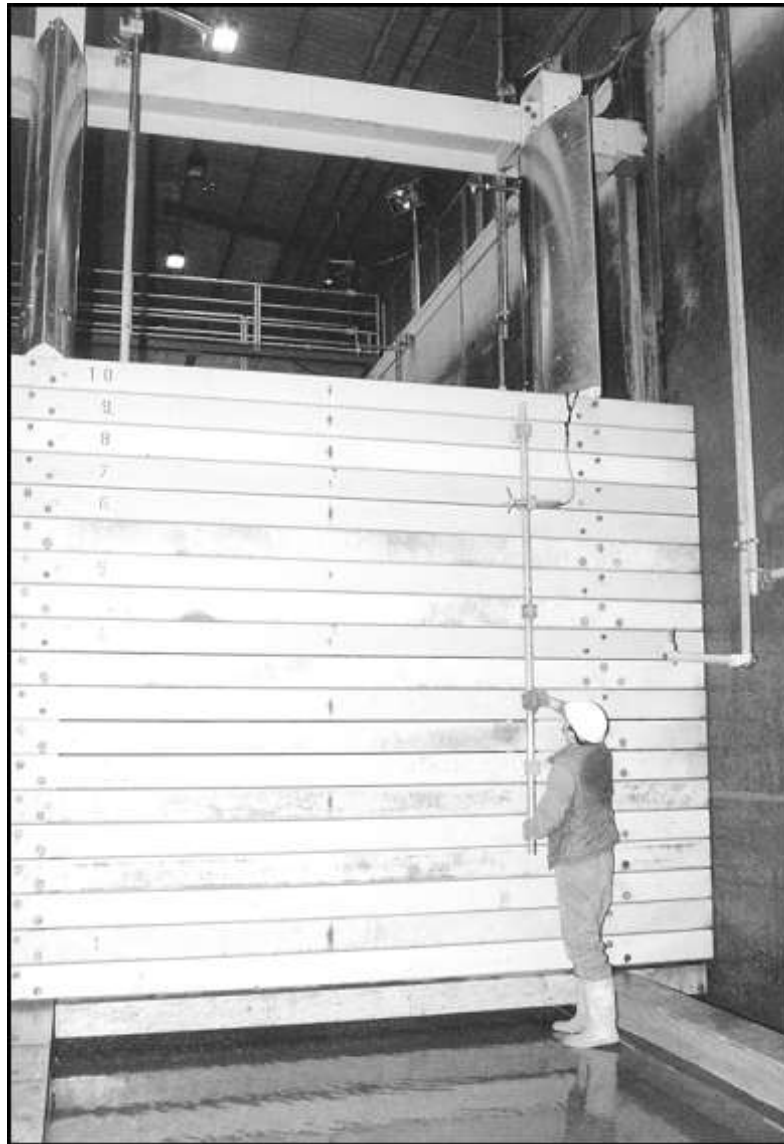


⇒ Wave Heights:  $H_s = 0.5\text{m} - 1.5\text{m}$

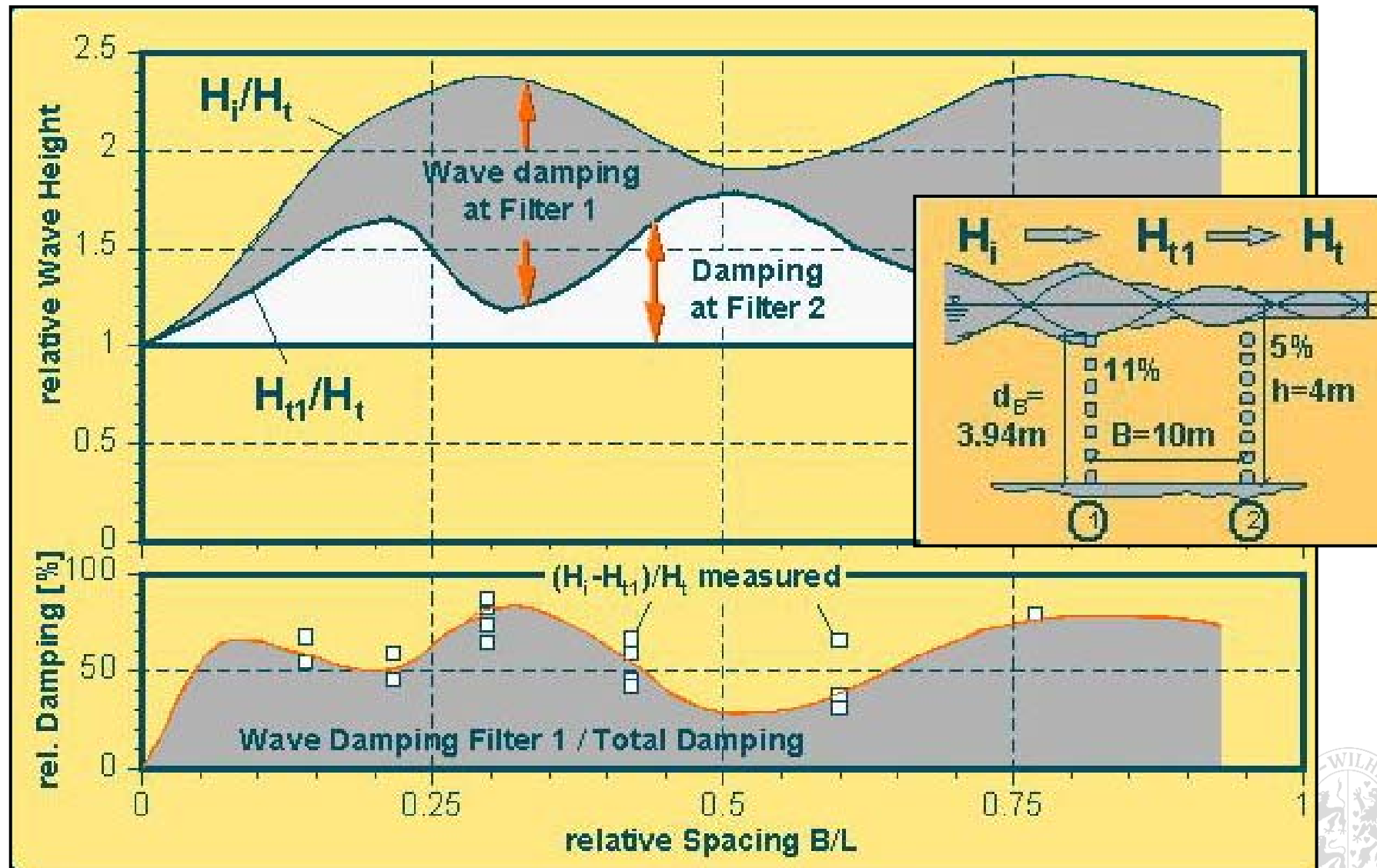
⇒ Wave Periods:  $T_p = 3\text{s} - 12\text{s}$

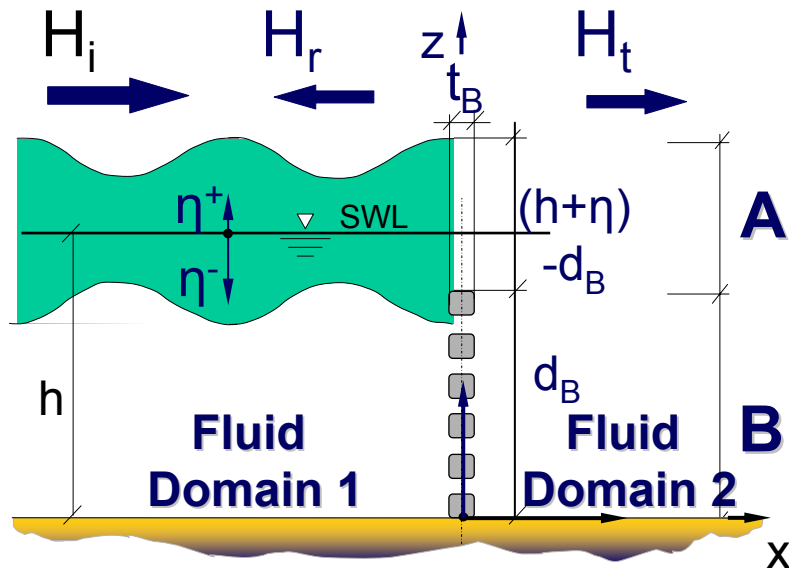


# Measuring Devices at the Wall



# Contribution of Each Filter to Total Wave Damping





$S$  = Structure Parameter including drag, inertia and vortex losses

⇒ Velocity Potential

$$\phi_1 = \phi_i - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \cos(\mu_m z) \exp(\mu_m x)$$

$$\phi_2 = \phi_i + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \cos(\mu_m z) \exp(-\mu_m x)$$

⇒ Matching Conditions at Wall

\* Upper Zone A (Velocity and Pressure)

$$\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_1 = \phi_2$$

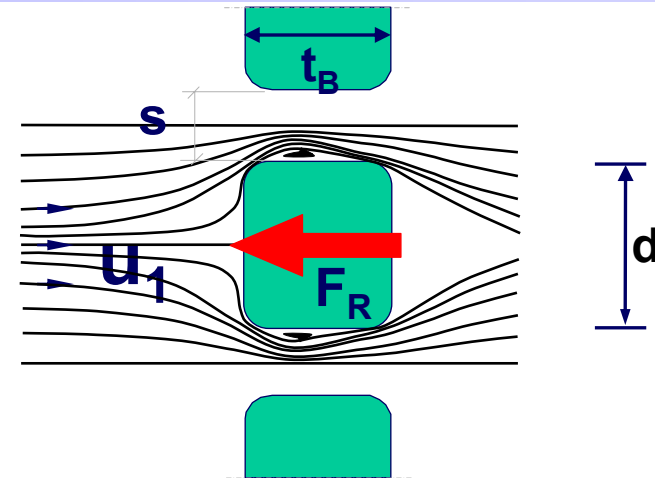
\* Lower Zone B (Velocity  $\propto$  Pressure diff.)

$$\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} = -i S (\phi_2 - \phi_1)$$

# New Structure Parameter S for Submerged Filter

**Modified MORISON-Equation**

$$F_R = C_D^* \cdot \frac{\rho_w}{2} \cdot d \cdot |u_1| u_1 + C_I^* \cdot \rho_w \cdot t_B \cdot d \cdot \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t}$$



**Drag Component**  
Force Measurement at  $\partial u_1 / \partial t = 0, u_1 \neq 0,$

**Modified Drag Coeff.**  
 $C_D^*$

**Linearisation**

$$f_D = f_D(C_D^*)$$

**Inertia Component**  
Force Measurement at  $u_1 = 0, \partial u_1 / \partial t \neq 0$

**Modified Inertia Coeff.**  
 $C_I^*$

$$f_I = C_I^*$$

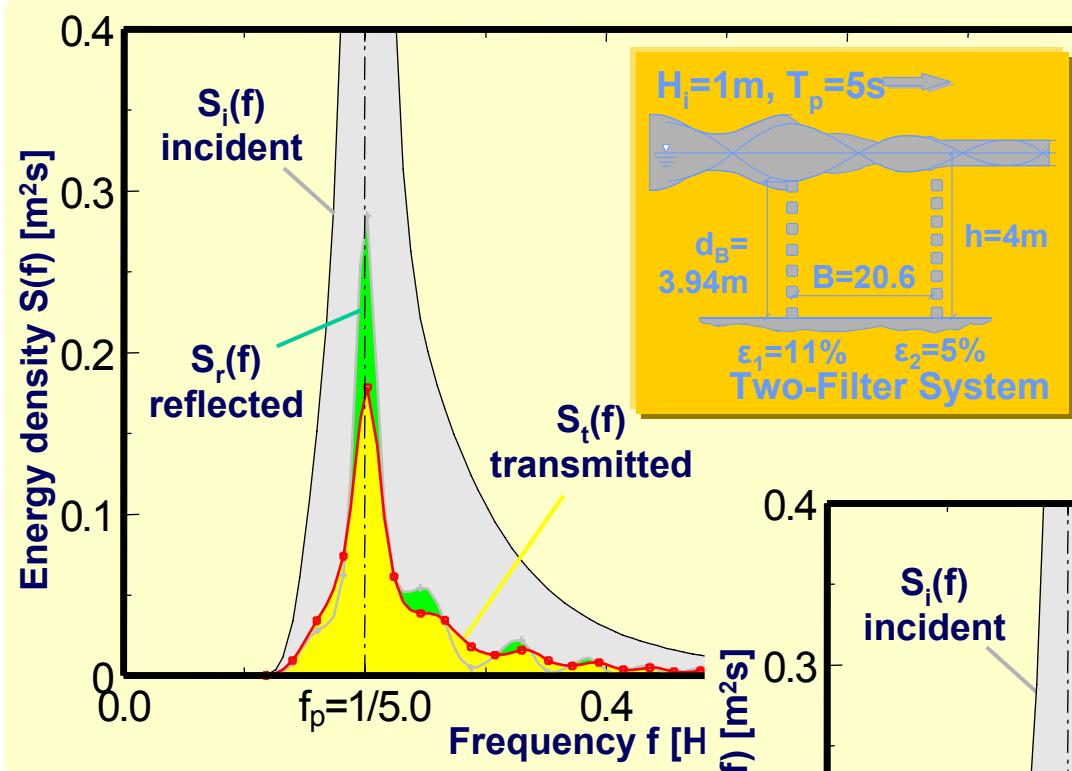
**Vortex Loss**  
 $C_V$  by Stiassnie et al. (1984)

**Modified Loss Coeff.**  
 $C_V^* = C_V(1 - \epsilon^{1/2})$   
and Linearisation

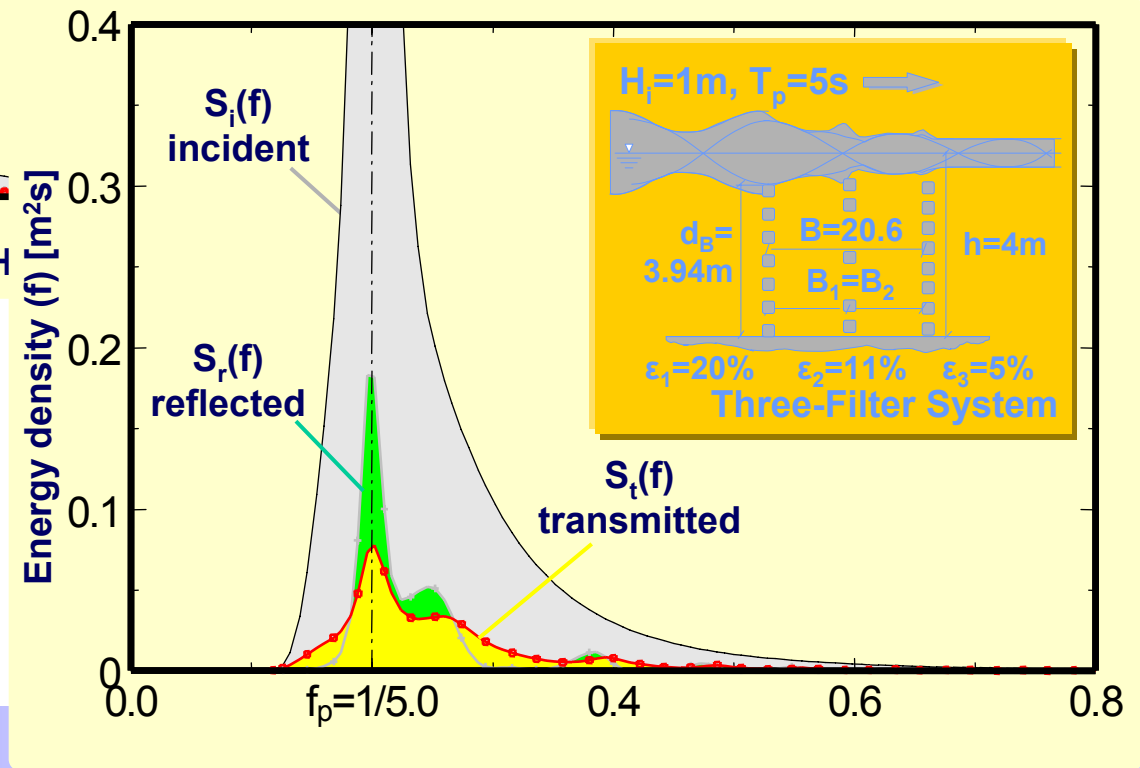
$$f_V = f_V(C_V^*)$$

$$S = \frac{1}{(f_D + f_V) - if_I}$$

(a) Two filter System

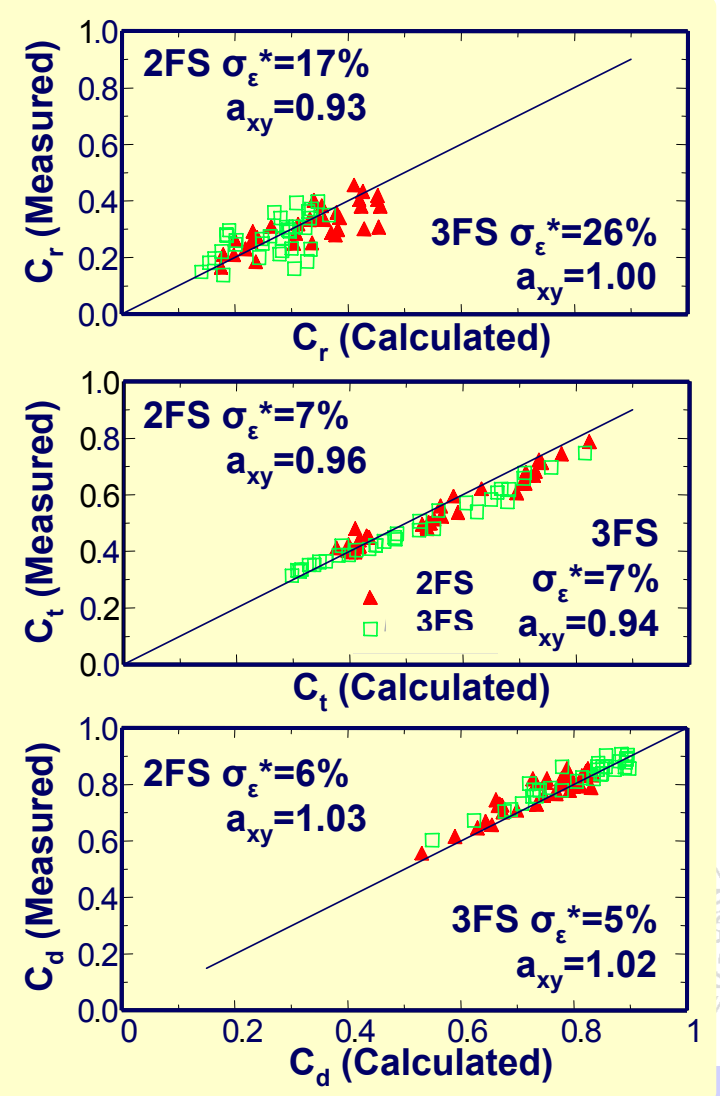
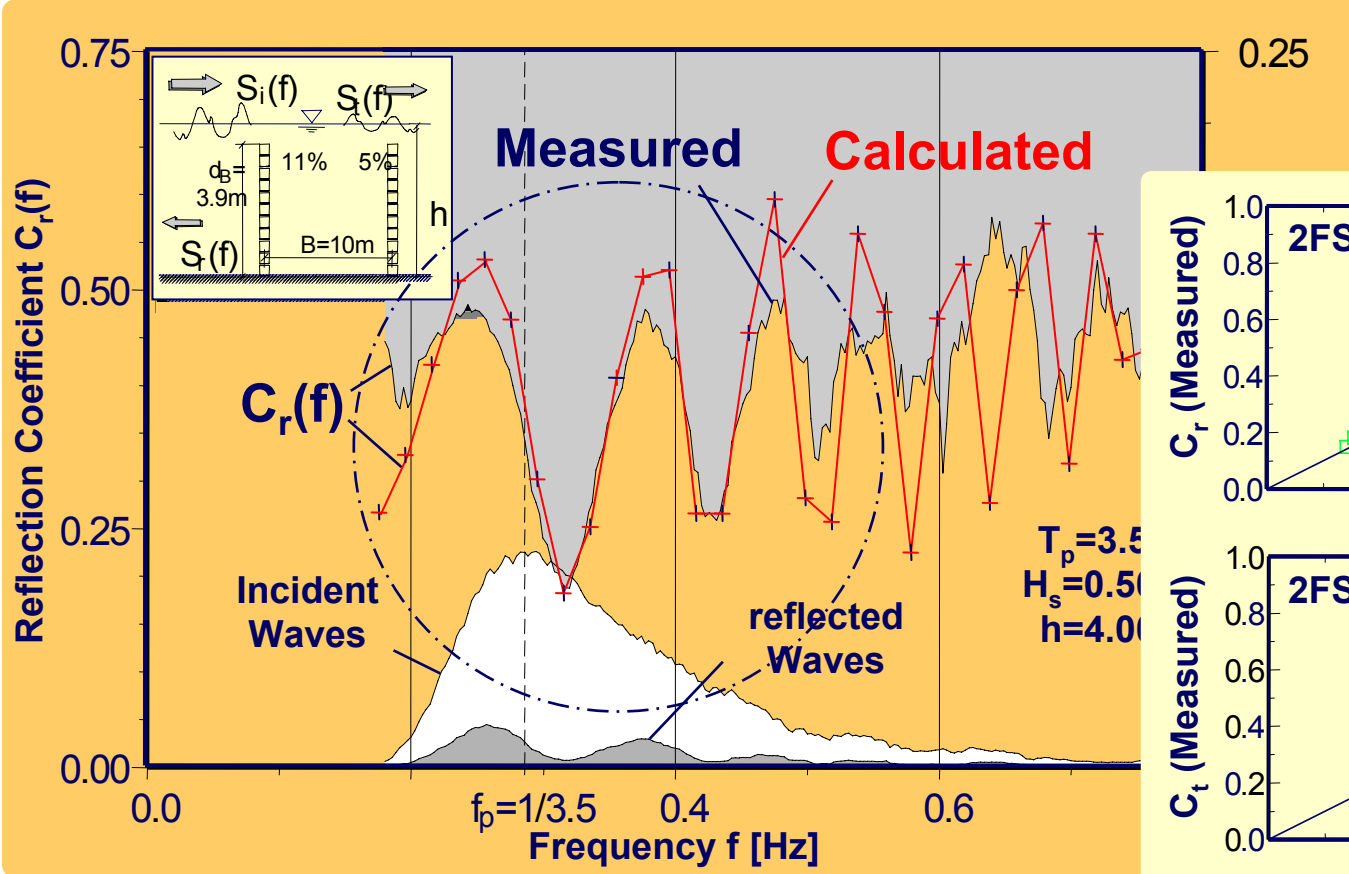


(b) Three filter System





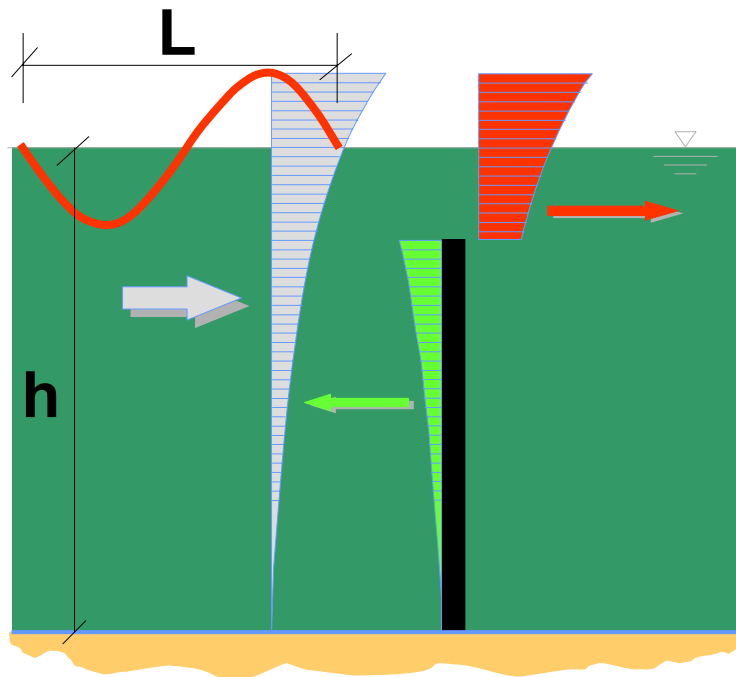
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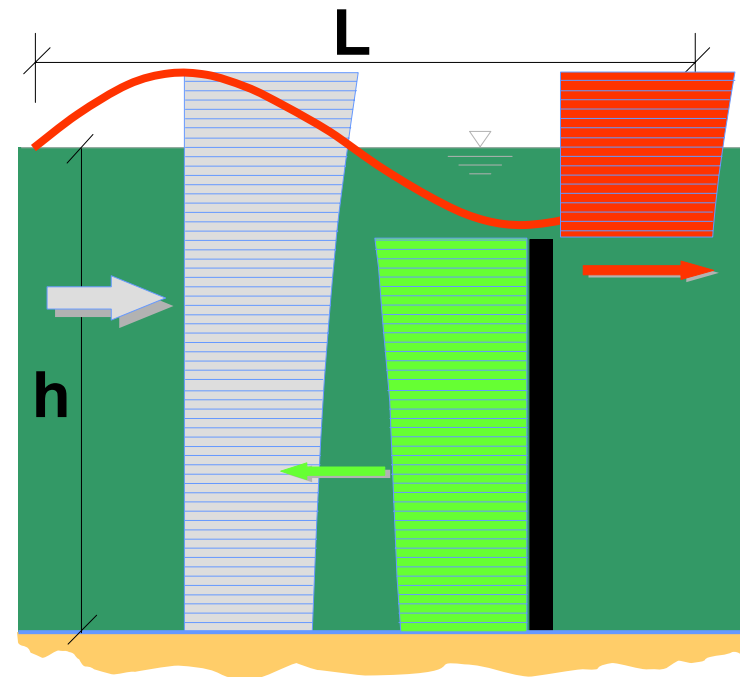
# Differences between Short and Longer Waves

## Wave Energy Distribution over the Entire Water column

**Shorter Period Waves (larger  $h/L$ )**  
(representative for storm waves)



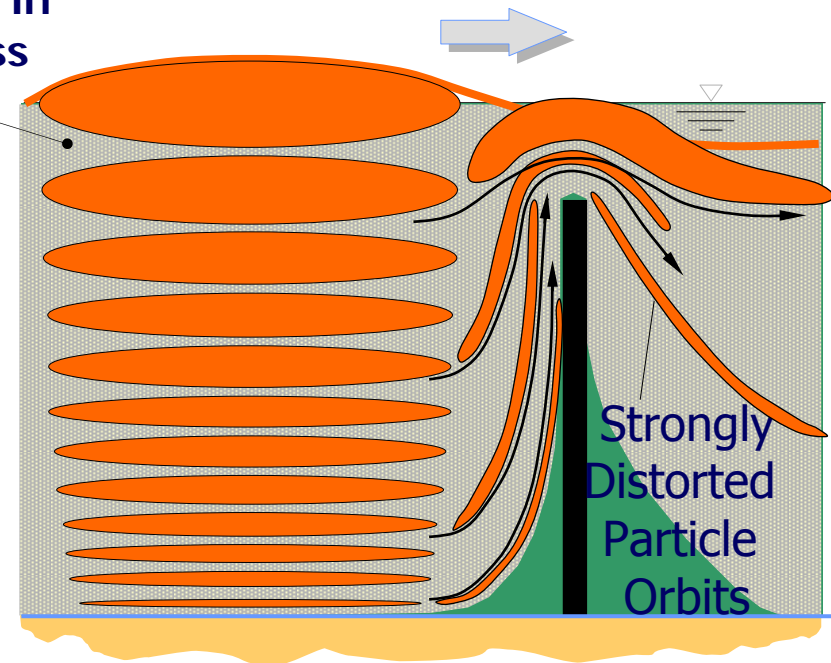
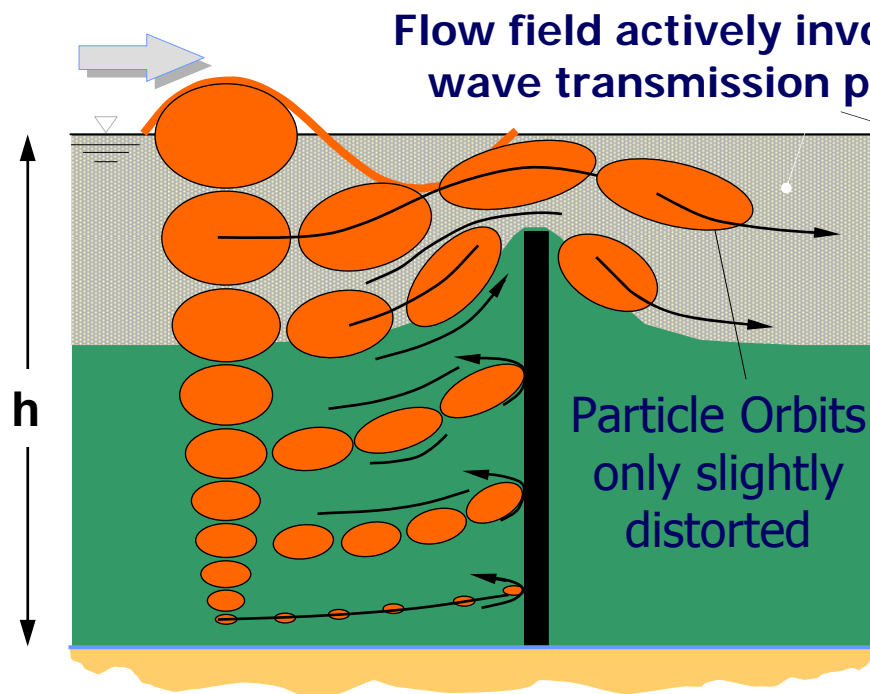
**Longer Period Waves (smaller  $h/L$ )**  
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Orbital Flow characteristics

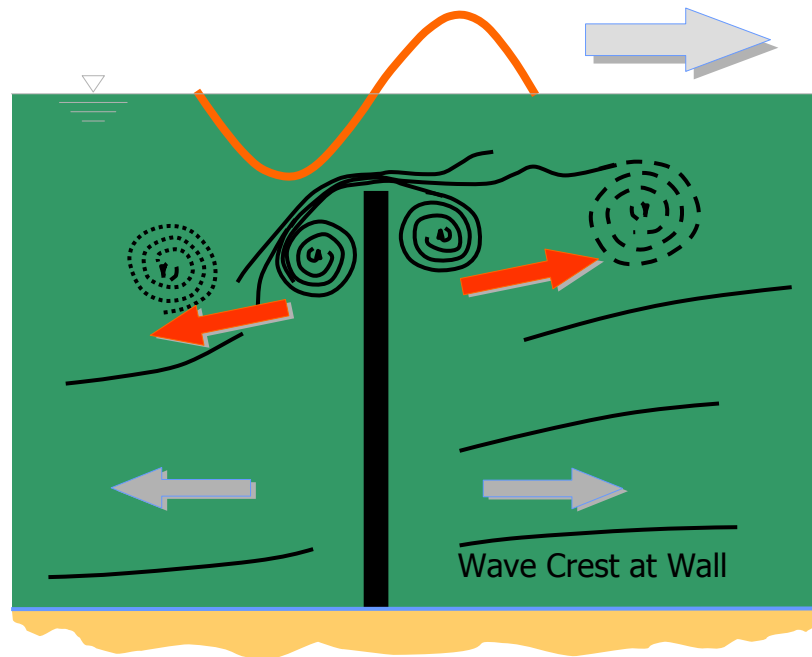
Shorter Period Waves (larger  $h/L$ )

Longer Period Waves (smaller  $h/L$ )

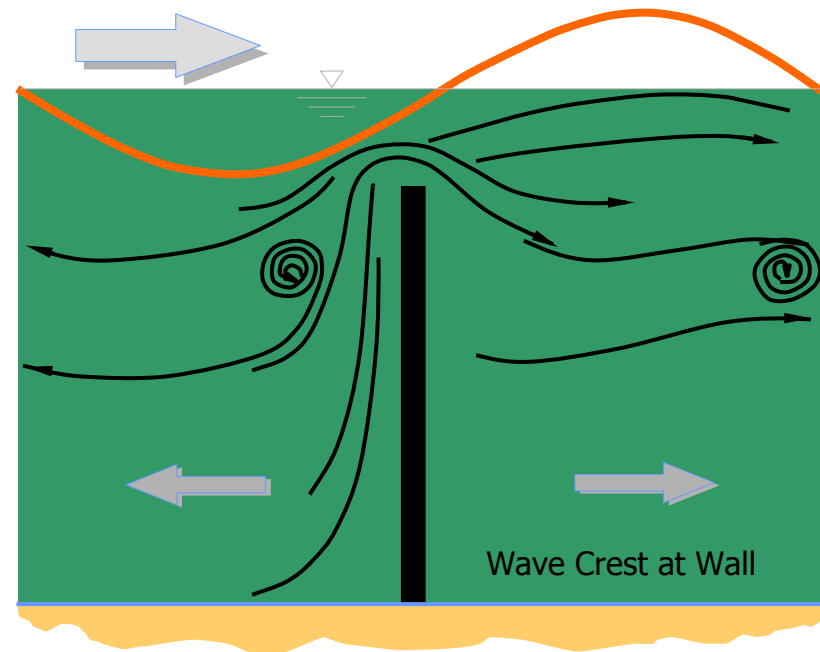


Energy Loss due to Flow Separation and Vortices at Wall Crest

Shorter Period Waves (larger  $h/L$ )



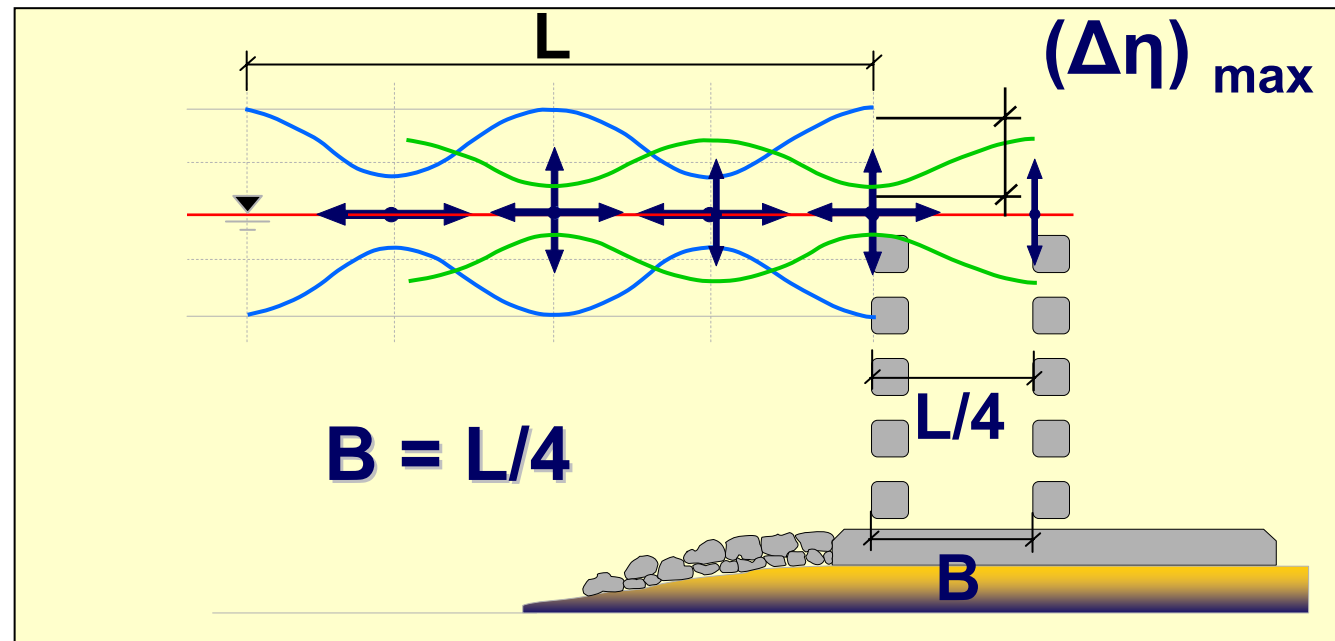
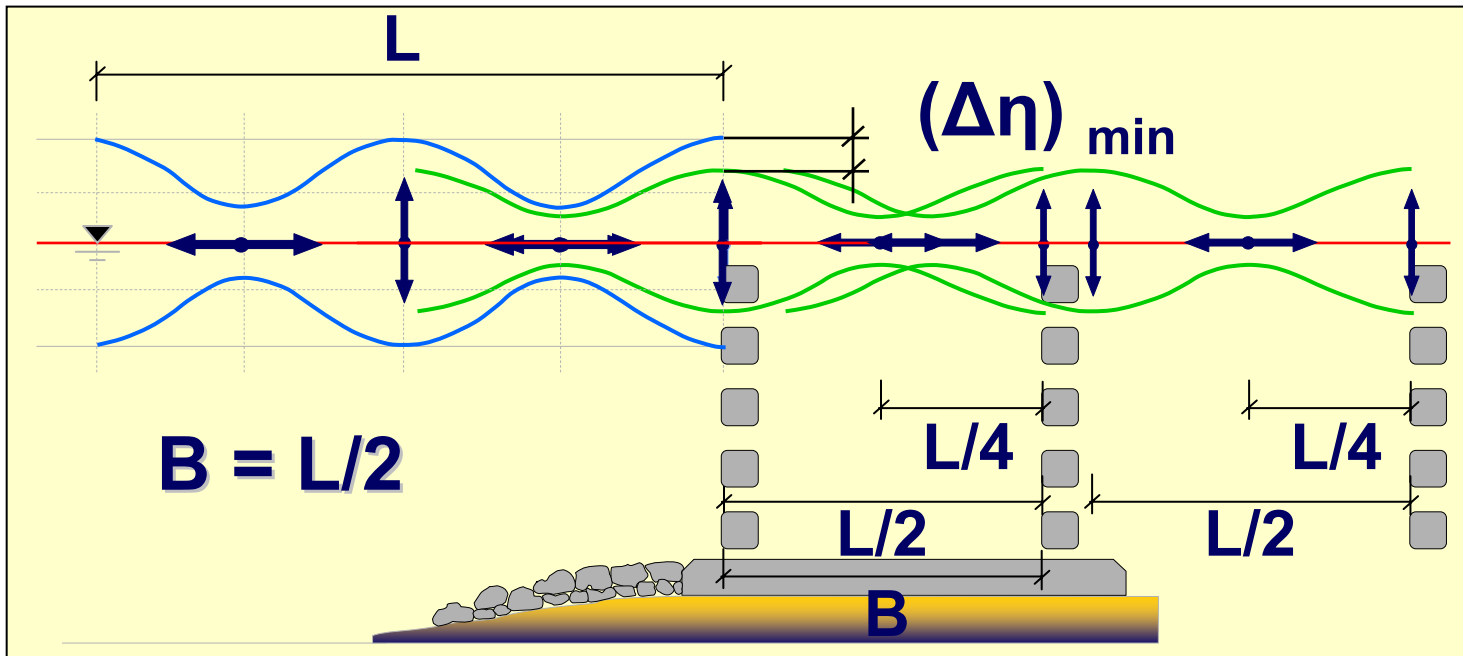
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# Differences Related to the Involved Processes (4)

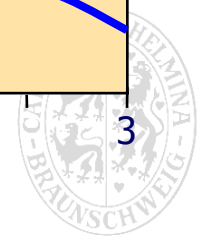
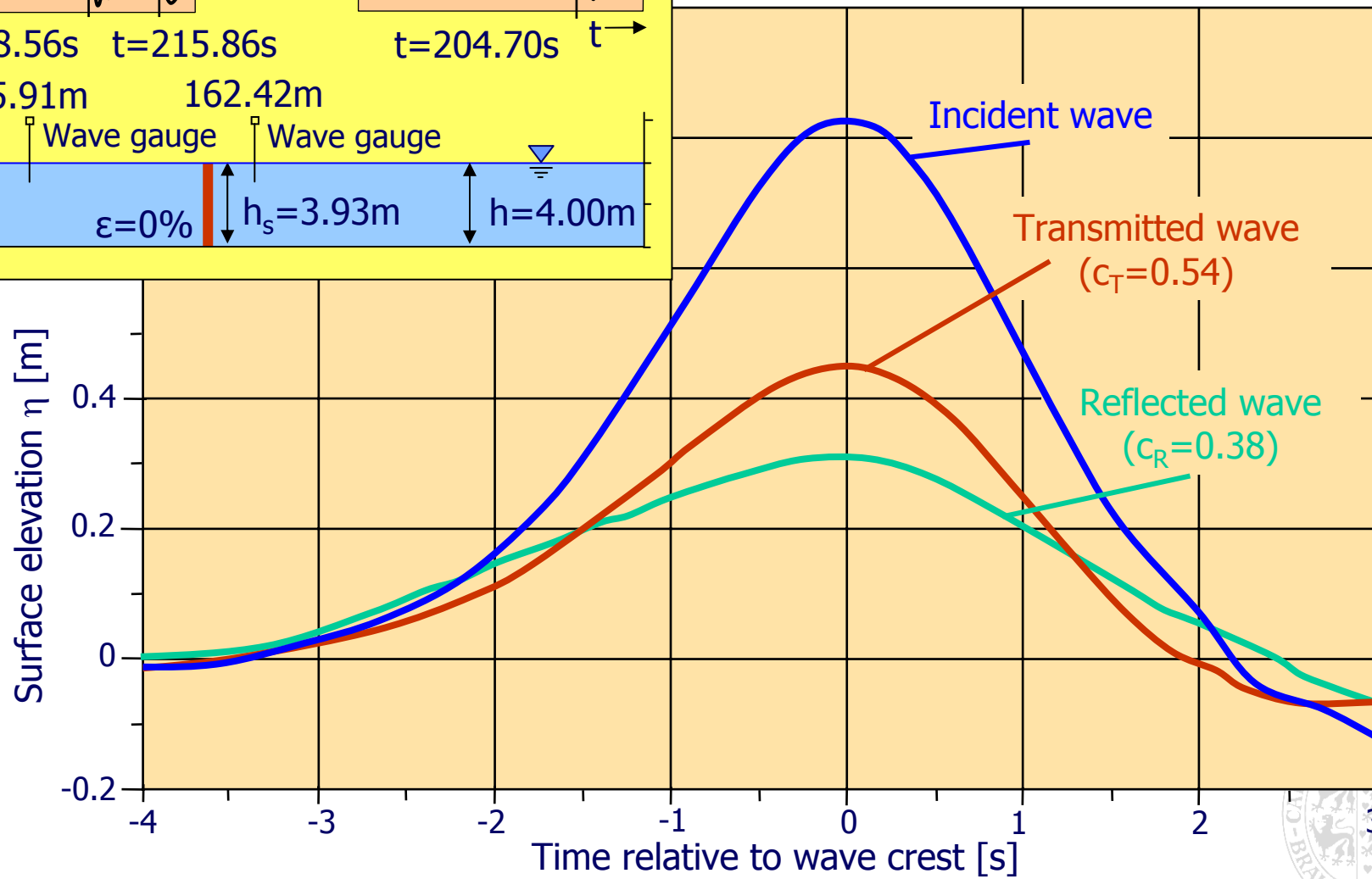
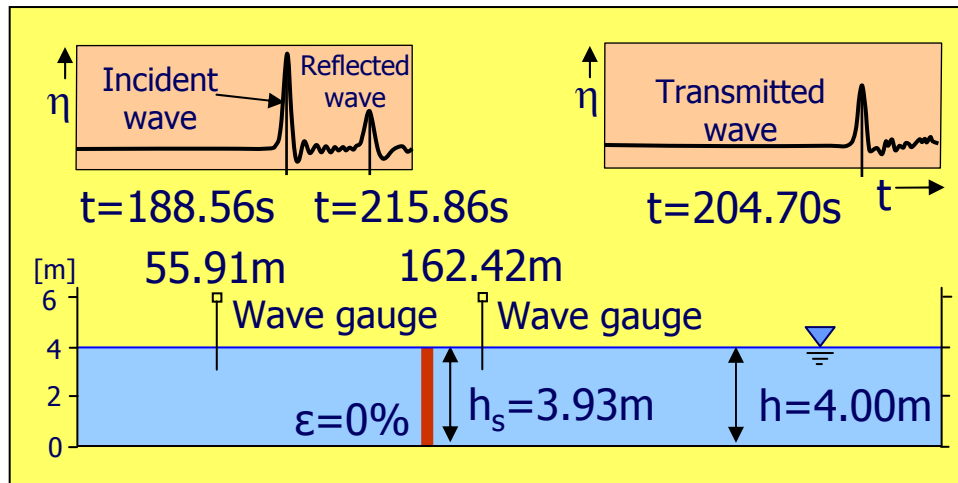


Effect of Phase Shift on the performance of Submerged Progressive Filter Systems



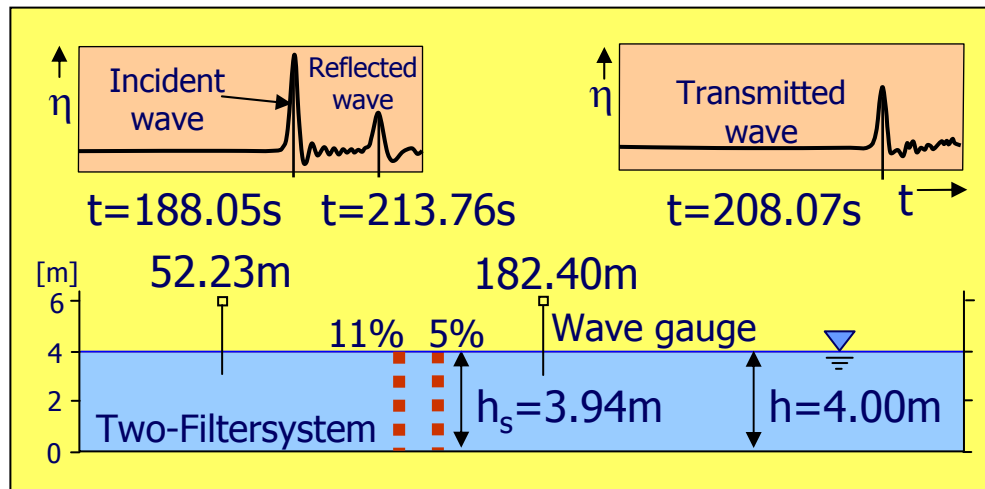
# Hydraulic Performance for Solitary Waves

# Performance of Submerged impermeable single Wall subject to solitary waves

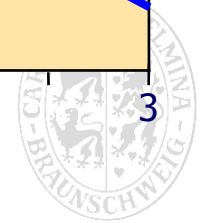
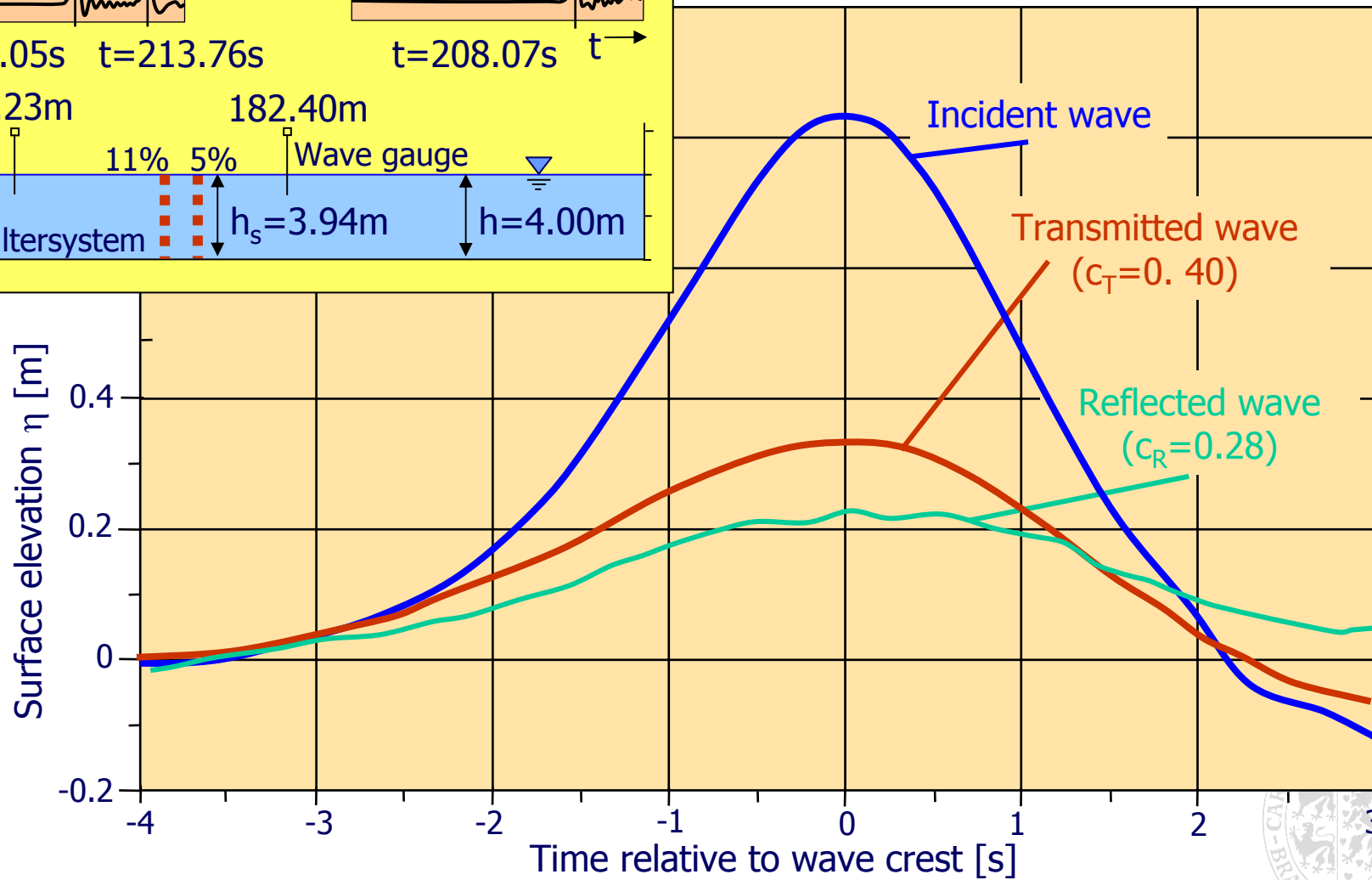




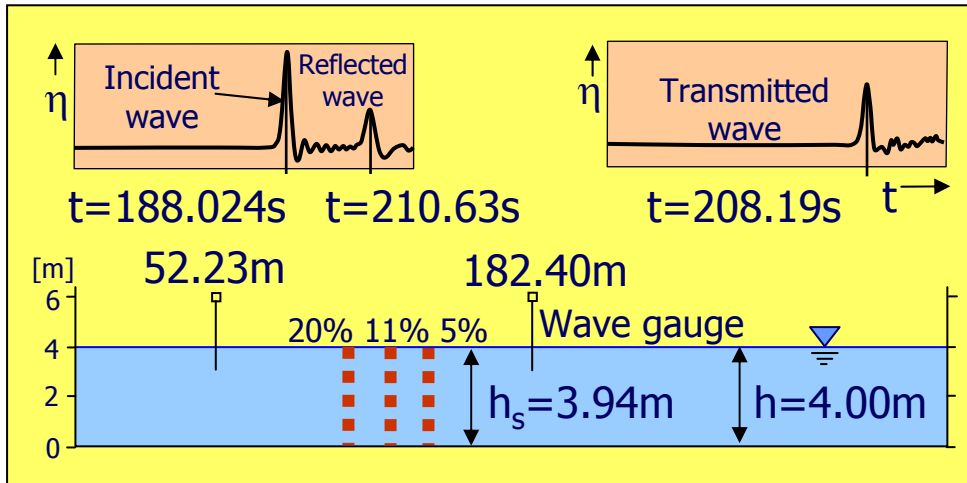
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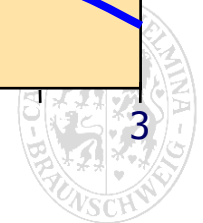
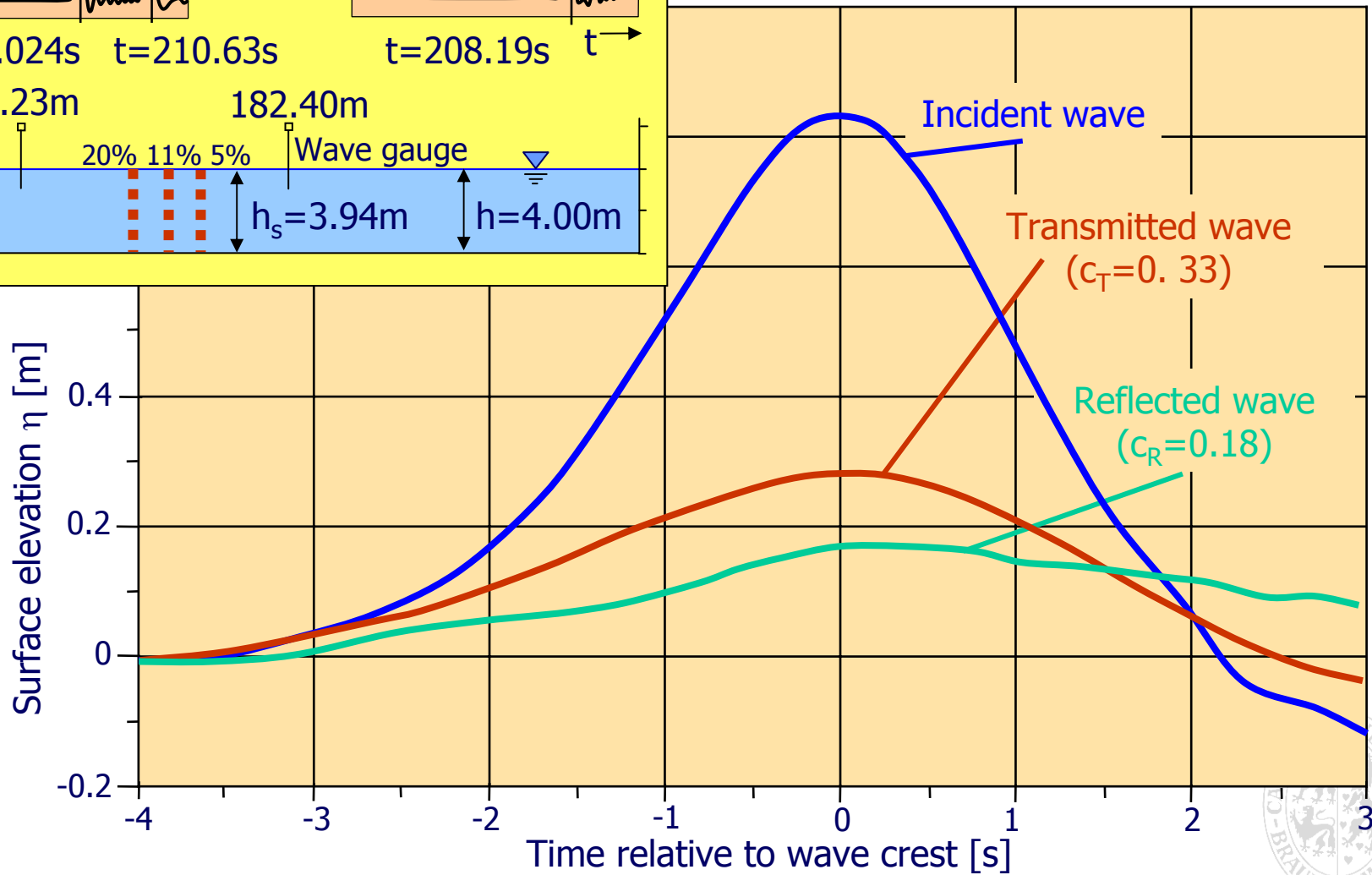
Submerged two-Filter System subject to a solitary wave



# Performance of Three-Filter-Reef System for Solitary Waves

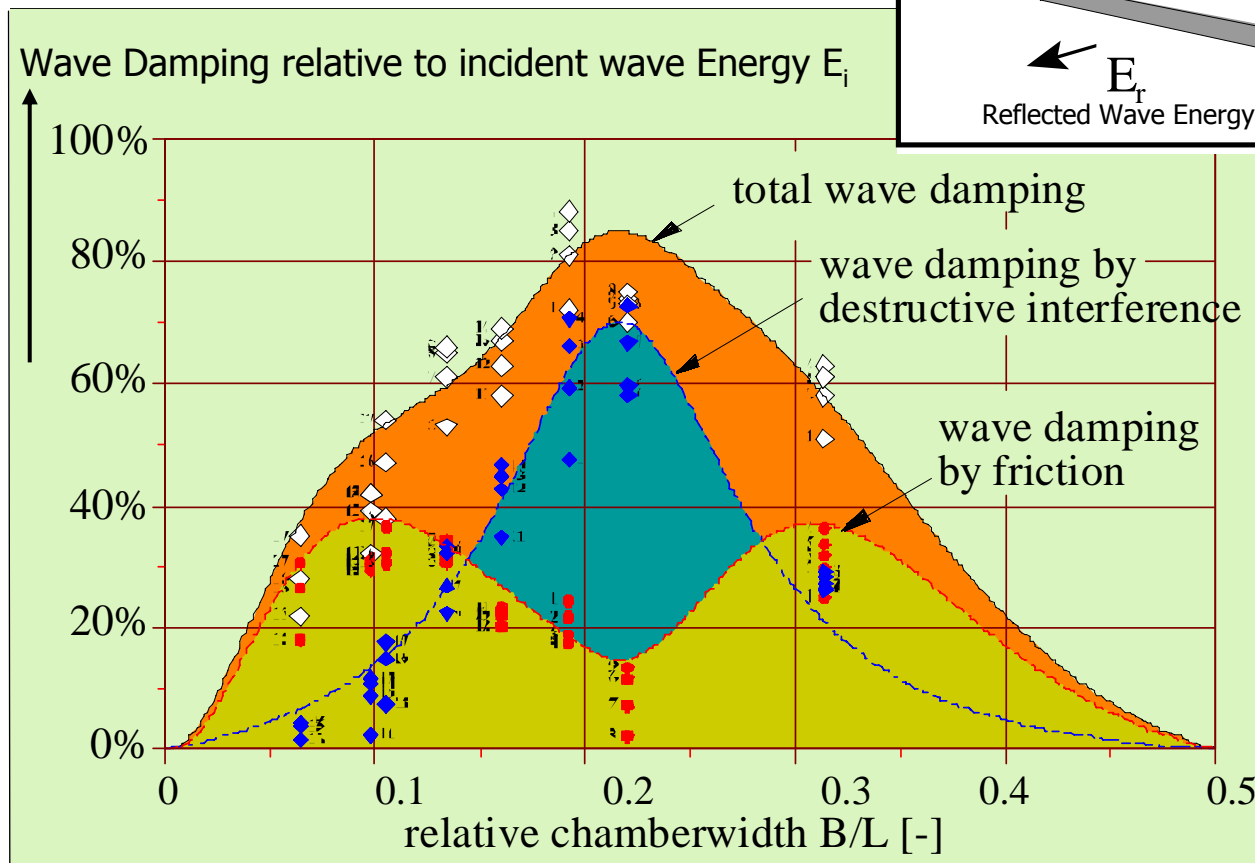
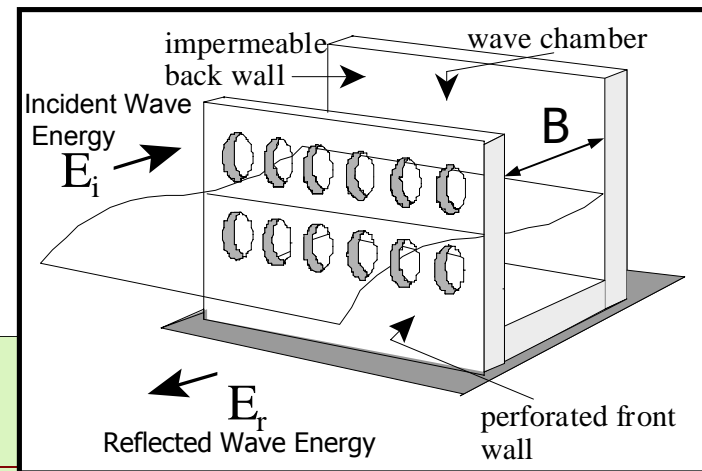


Submerged three-Filter System subject to a solitary wave

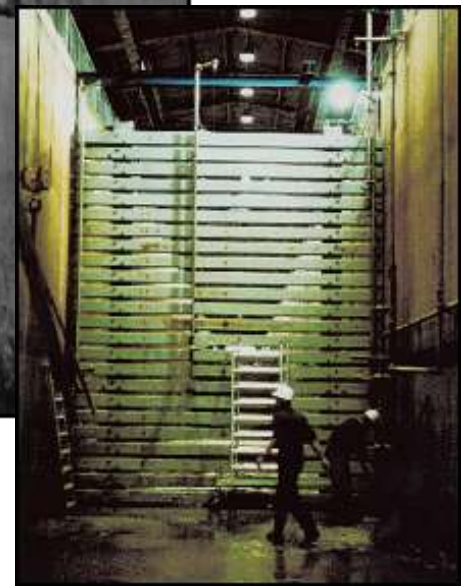


# Surface Piercing Wave Absorbers as Seawalls and Breakwaters

# Wave Damping at One Chamber System (OCS)



# Front Wall of Wave Absorber in GWK

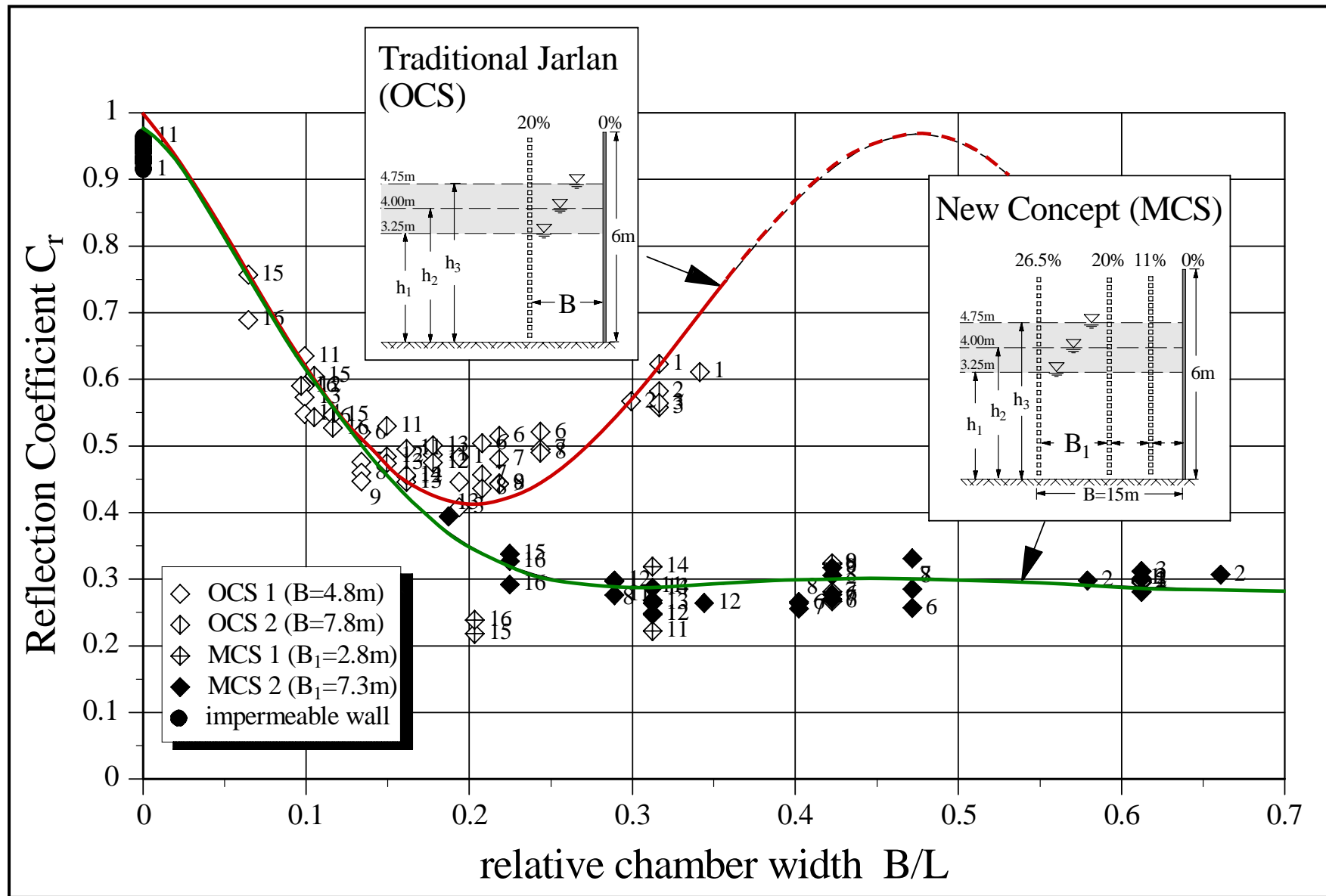


# Breaking Wave on Wave Absorber in GWK



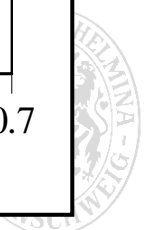
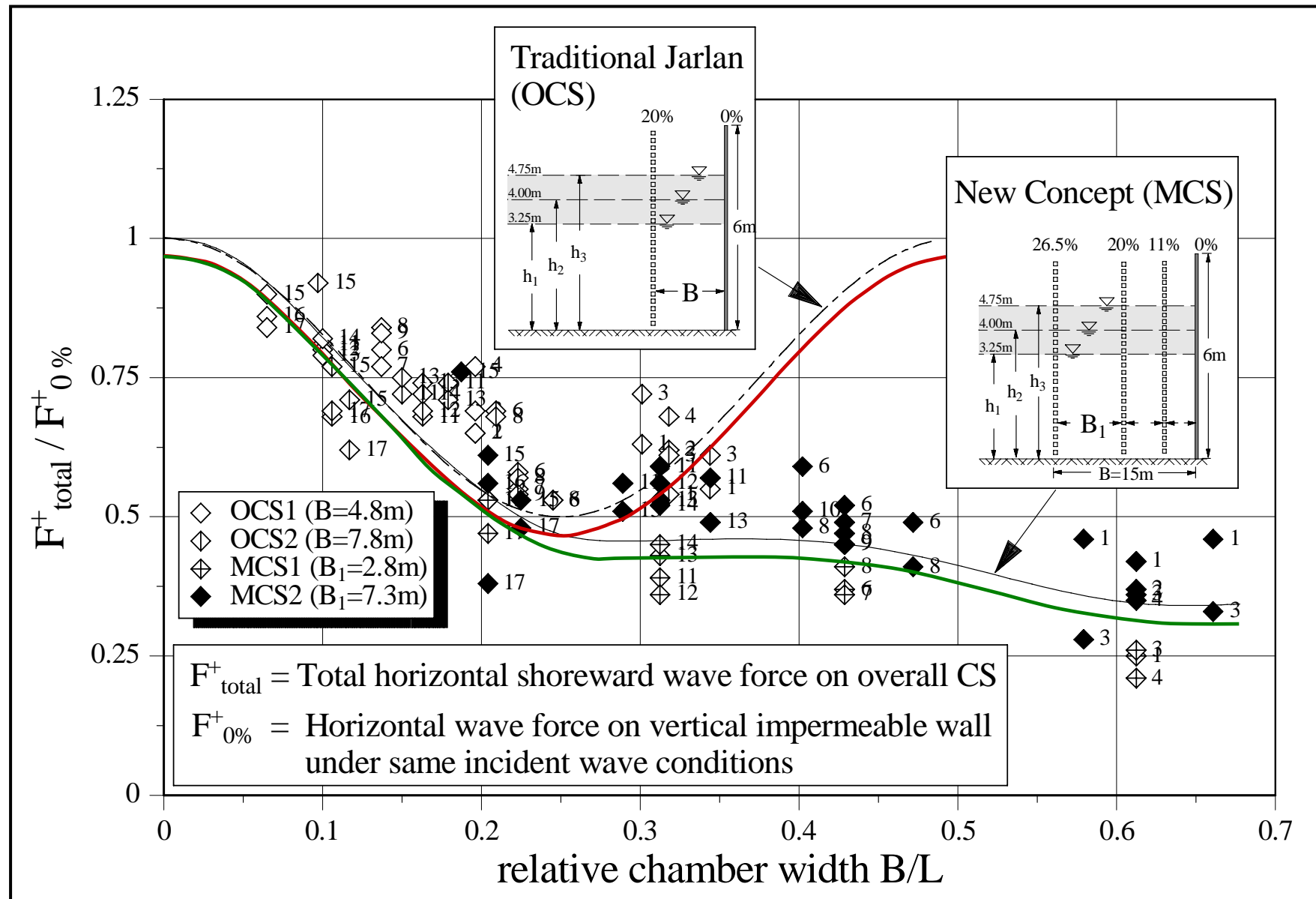
# Waves Absorbers Under Freak Wave Loading (Video)



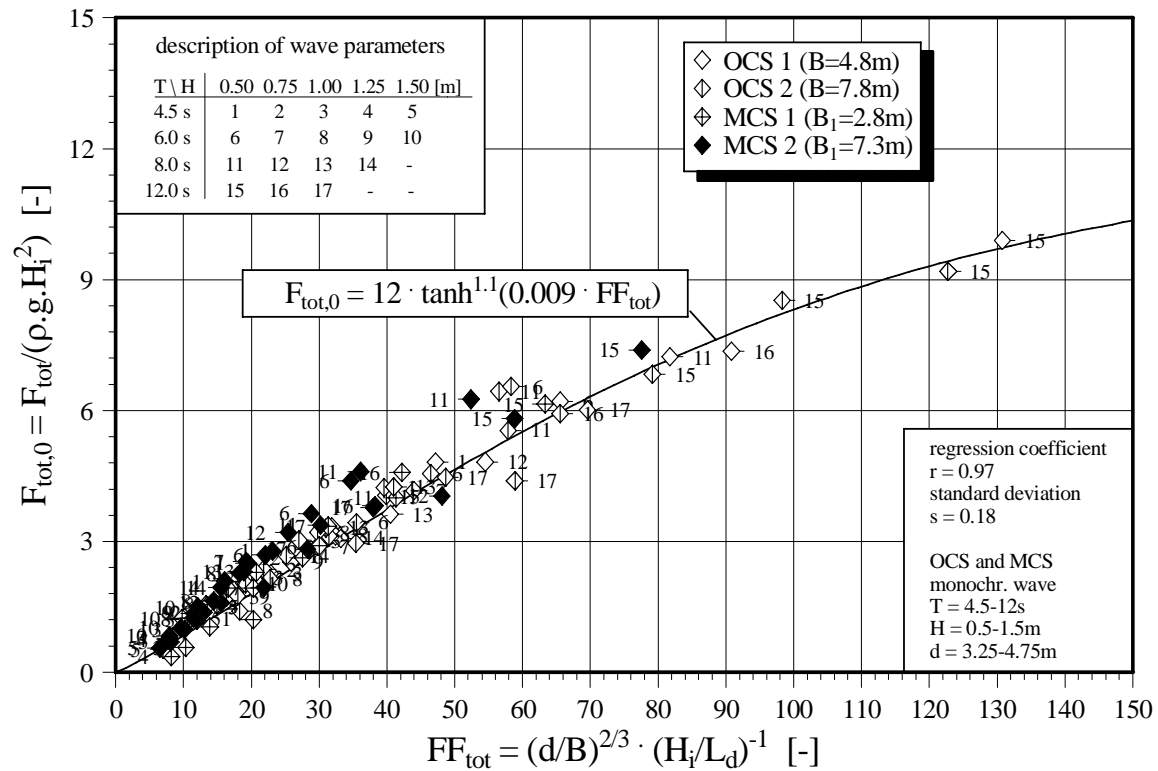
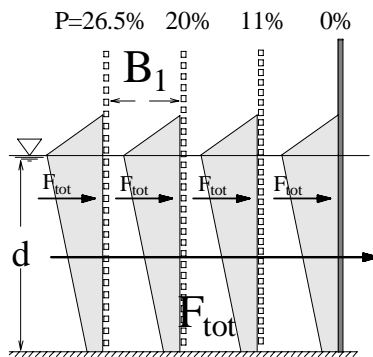
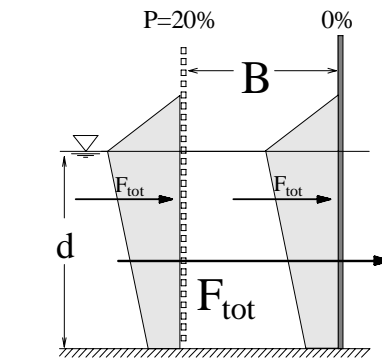




# Resultant Horizontal Wave Forces on OCS and MCS



## Overall Load on One and Multi Chamber Systems

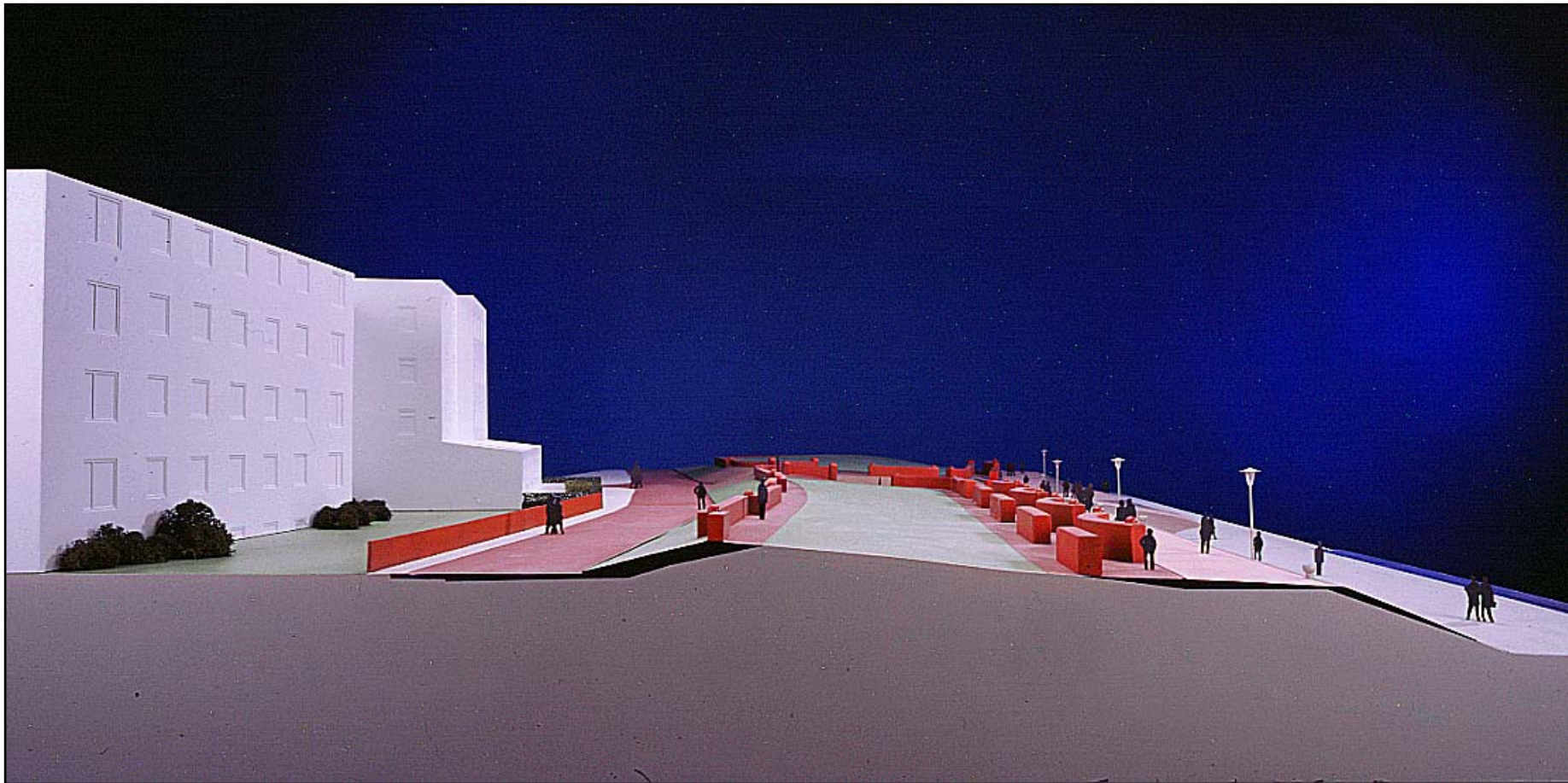


# Soft Wave Barriers for Coastal Protection

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## Design (Computer Model)



# Wave Damping Measures Norderney Island (North Sea)

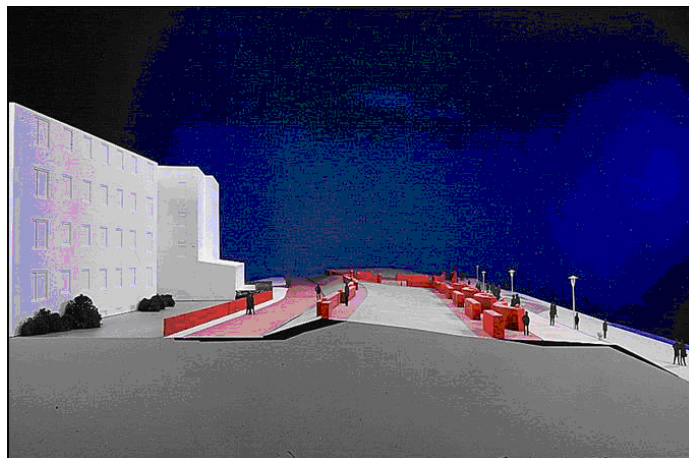




**Objective:** ⇒ To progressively weaken tsunami power without completely blocking inundation, but with additional benefit of broadly blocking floating debris.

**Application:** ⇒ As multi-purpose structures everywhere where planting of coastal forests is not feasible

⇒ Especially appropriate for touristic and urbanized coastal areas where man-made protective structures should be fitted aesthetically into the local marine landscape.



a) Design (Computer Animation)



b) Built in Norderney (North Sea)



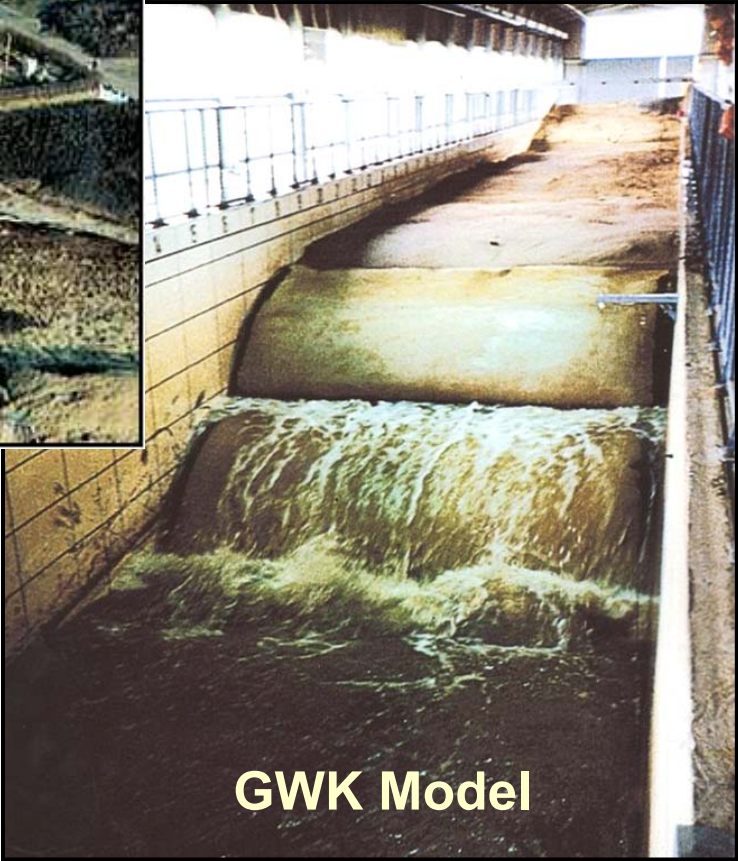
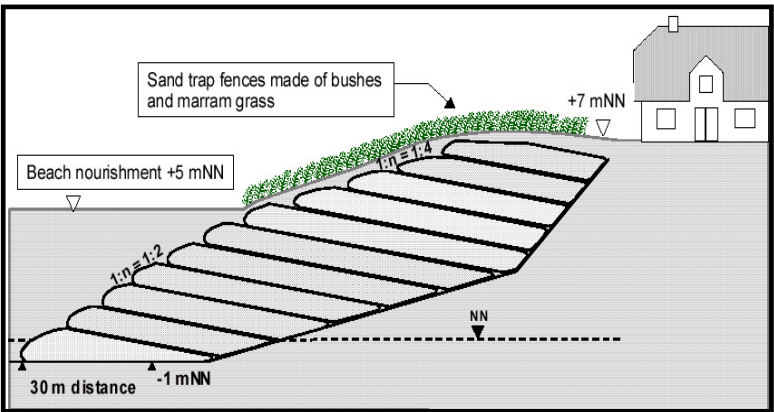
# Geotextile Structures for Coastal Protection



# Dune Reinforcement and Coastal Protection with Innovative Geotextile



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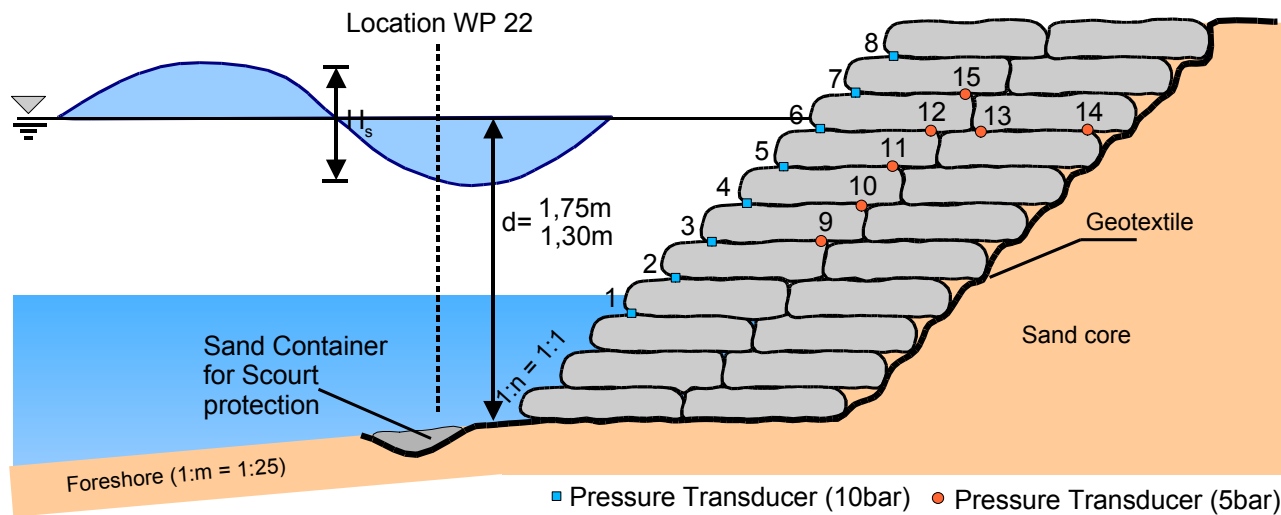
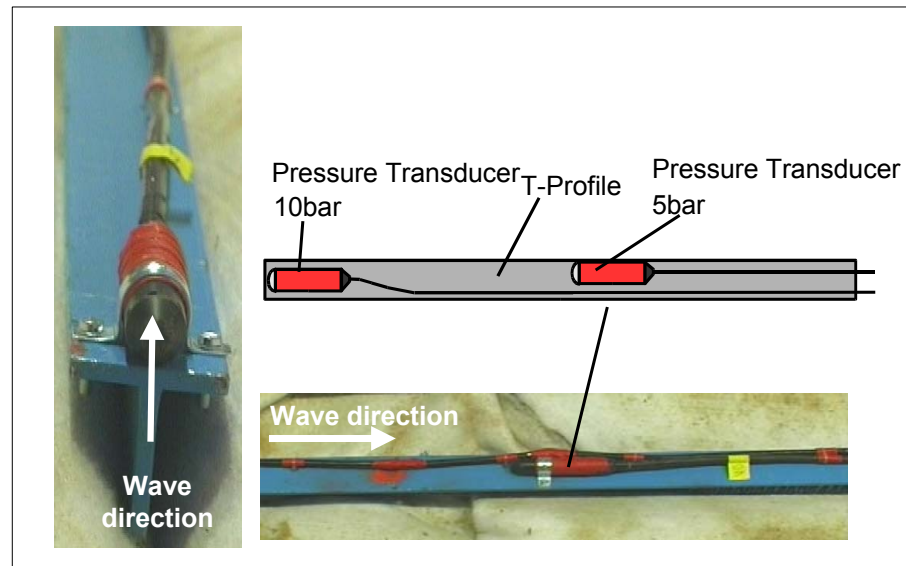
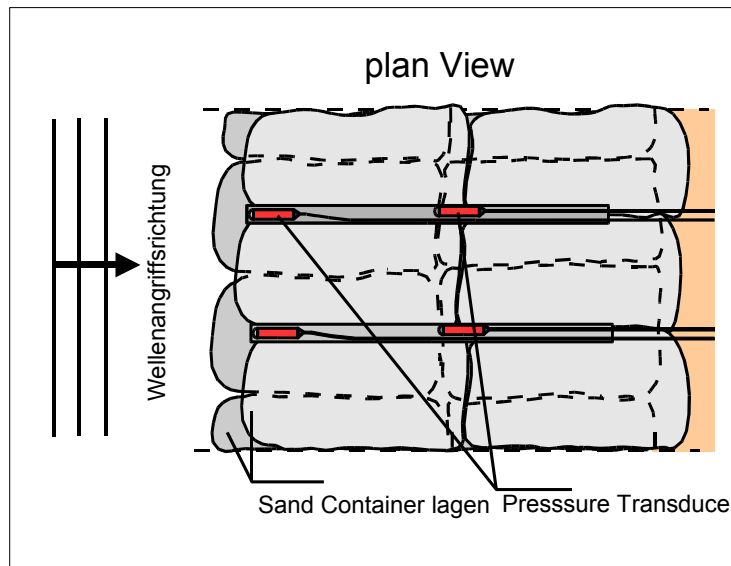


GWK Model

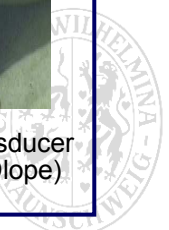
# Geotextile Sand Container for Beach Reinforcement



# Geotextile Sand Containers for Coastal Protection and Dune Reinforcement: Experimental Set-Up in GWK

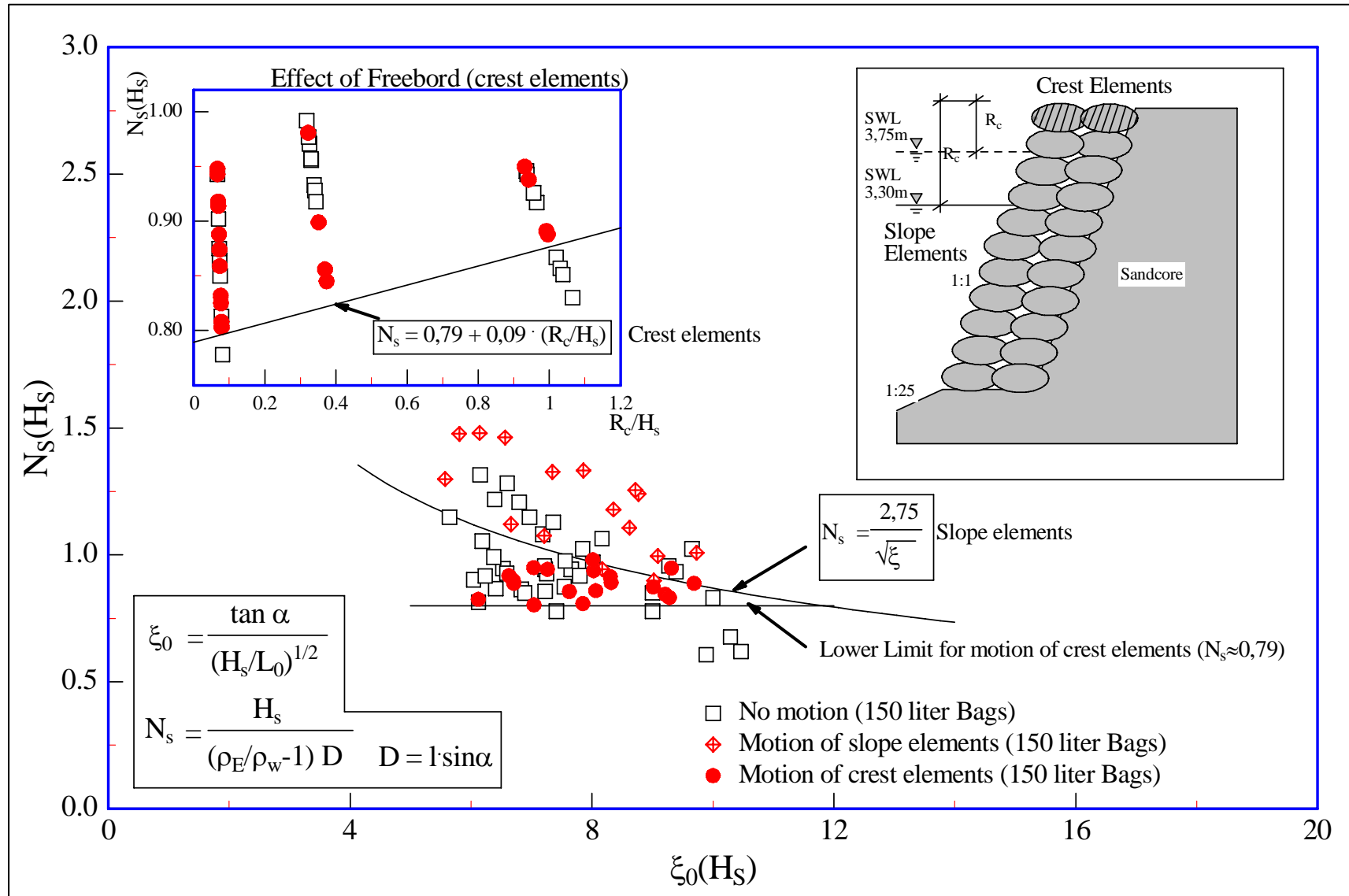


Installed Pressure Transducer (Front view and seaside Dlope)

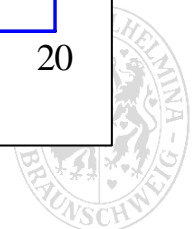




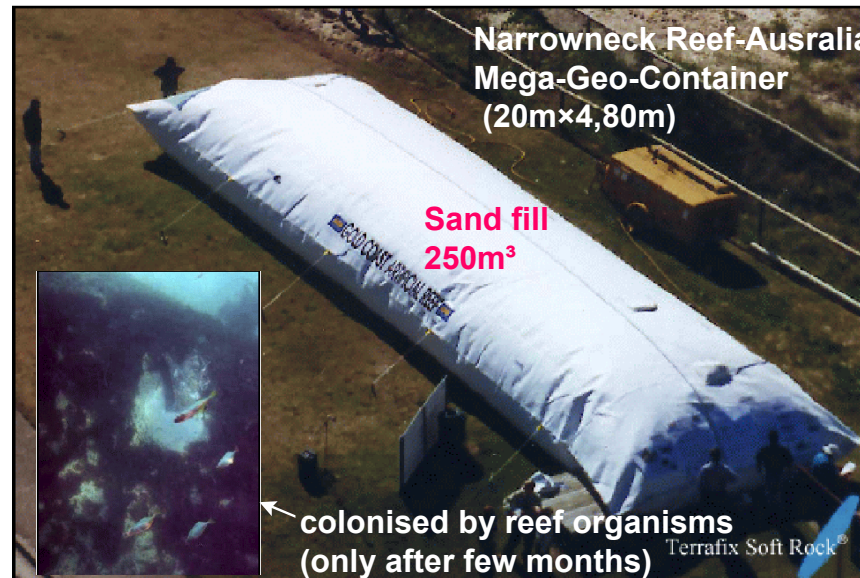
# Hydraulic Stability Formulae for Geotextile Sand Containers



Improved Stability formulae by accounting for Deformation of GSC see PhD-Thesis of J. Recio (2007)



# Geotextile Sand Containers: Example Applications



A photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and blue. In the foreground, there are tall, thin grasses or reeds, some of which are silhouetted against the bright light. The text "Thank you for your attention!" is overlaid in the center in a bright yellow font.

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