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MOUND BREAKWATERS: HYDRAULIC STABILITY OF ARMORS

Design formulas derived from **physical tests in non-breaking wave conditions**

Rayleigh distribution: $H_{2\%} \approx 1.4 H_s$

Most **structures are built** in depth-limited **breaking wave conditions**

Nonlinear and **highest waves break before reaching the structure: $H_{2\%} < 1.4 H_s$**

$$N_s = \frac{H}{\Delta D_{n50}} = (K_D \cot \alpha)^{1/3} \quad \text{breaking wave conditions: } H=H_b$$

$K_D=3.5$ (USACE, 1975) and **$K_D=2.0$** (USACE, 1984) **IMPLICIT SAFETY FACTORS?**



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1. Design wave height (intermediate-depth)

breaker index method

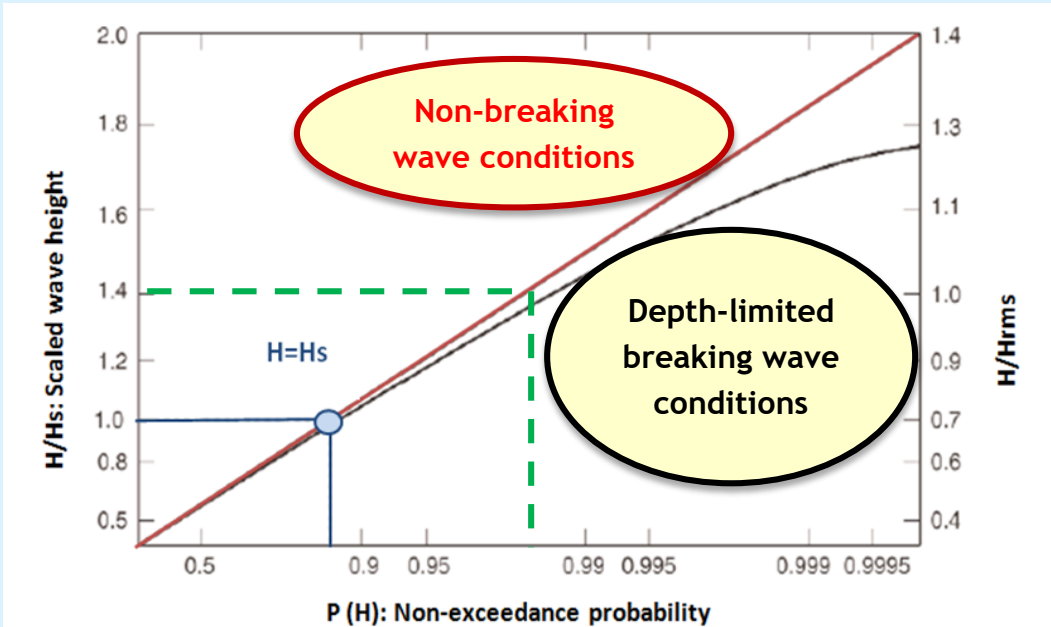
Goda (1974, 2000 and 2012)

$$H_{1/3} = \begin{cases} (K_S H_0') & \text{for } h/L_0 \geq 0.2 \\ \min[(\beta_0 H_0' + \beta_1 h), (\beta_{\max} H_0'), (K_S H_0')] & \text{for } h/L_0 < 0.2 \end{cases}$$

$$H_{\max} = H_{1/250} = \begin{cases} (1.8 K_S H_0') & \text{for } h/L_0 \geq 0.2 \\ \min[(\beta_0 * H_0' + \beta_1 * h), (\beta_{\max} * H_0'), (1.8 K_S H_0')] & \text{for } h/L_0 < 0.2 \end{cases}$$

2. Shallow foreshore: Wave height distribution

Battjes and Groenendijk (2000)

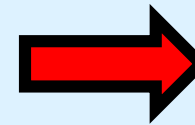


Composite Weibull Distribution (CWD)

$$F(H) = \begin{cases} 1 - \exp[-(H/H_1)^{k_1}] & : H \leq H_{tr} \\ 1 - \exp[-(H/H_2)^{k_2}] & : H \geq H_{tr} \end{cases}$$

Numerical simulations (SwanOne)

Incident $\{H_{m0}, T_p\}$
wave generation zone
(deep water)



$H_{m0}, H_{1/10}, H_{2\%}$ (CWD)
wave breaking zone
(shallow water)



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USACE (1975, 1984): $N_s = \frac{H}{\Delta D_{n50}} = (K_D \cot \alpha)^{1/3} \{S^{0.2}\}$ **H_b** non-breaking + regular

Van der Meer (1988): $N_s = \frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = S^{0.2} \cdot (\max[f_1(Ir, P, N); f_2(Ir, P, N, \cot \alpha)])$

H_s → **H_{2%}/1.4** <5% tests in breaking wave conditions (m=1/30 and cot α =2.0)

tests in breaking wave conditions

Melby and Kobayashi (1998): **H_s**

$$S(t) = S(t_n) + 0.025 \left(\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} \right)_n^5 \frac{(t^{0.25} - t_n^{0.25})}{(T_m)_n^{0.25}}$$

$$S = k N_s^5$$

(m=1/20 and cot α =2.0)

Van Gent et al. (2003): **H_{2%}**

$$\frac{H_{2\%}}{\Delta D_{n50}} = c_{pl} S^{0.2} P^{0.18} N_z^{-0.1} \xi_{s-1}^{-0.5} \quad (\text{Plunging})$$

$$\frac{H_{2\%}}{\Delta D_{n50}} = c_s S^{0.2} P^{-0.13} N_z^{-0.1} (\cot \alpha)^{0.5} \xi_{s-1}^P \quad (\text{Surging})$$

measurement?
H_s, H_{2%}?

(m=1/30 and 1/100)

(cot α =2.0 and 4.0)



SINGLE- AND DOUBLE-LAYER ARMORS

$$N_s = \frac{H}{\Delta D_{n50}} = (K_D \cot \alpha)^{1/3} \quad (\text{Hudson formula for preliminary design})$$

USACE (1975 and 1984): $K_D(\text{breaking}) < K_D(\text{non-breaking})$

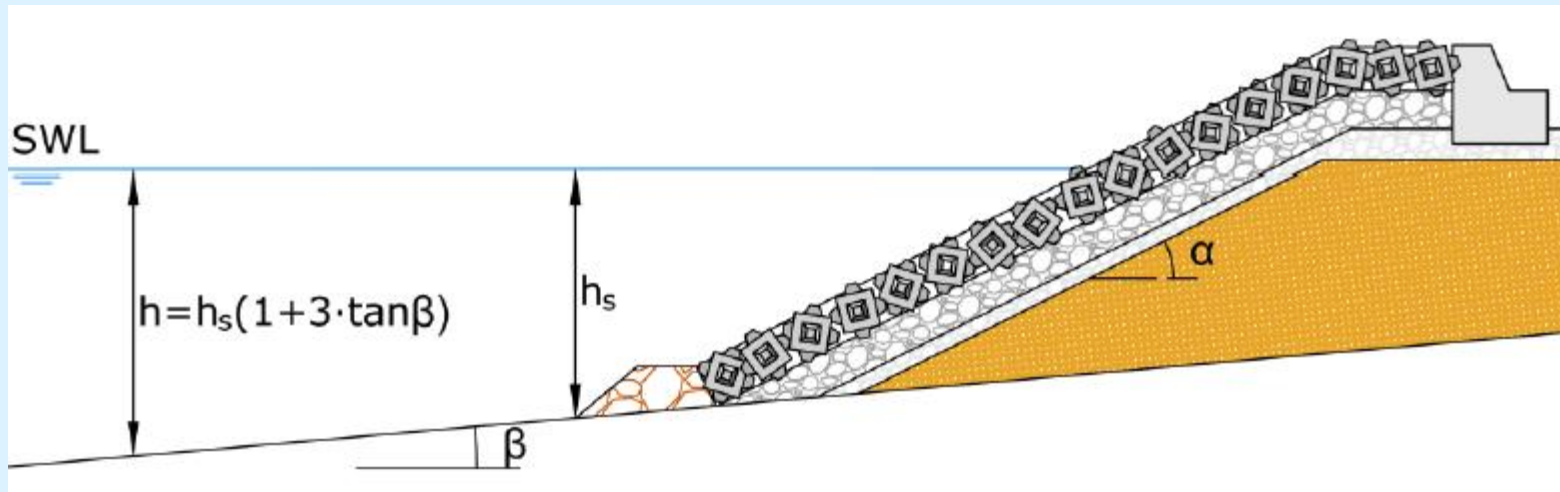
Xbloc® (2014): $K_D(\text{non-breaking}) < K_D(\text{breaking})$

CLI (2018): $K_D(\text{breaking}) < K_D(\text{non-breaking})$

higher safety factor?

depth-limited H_{\max} ?

higher safety factor?

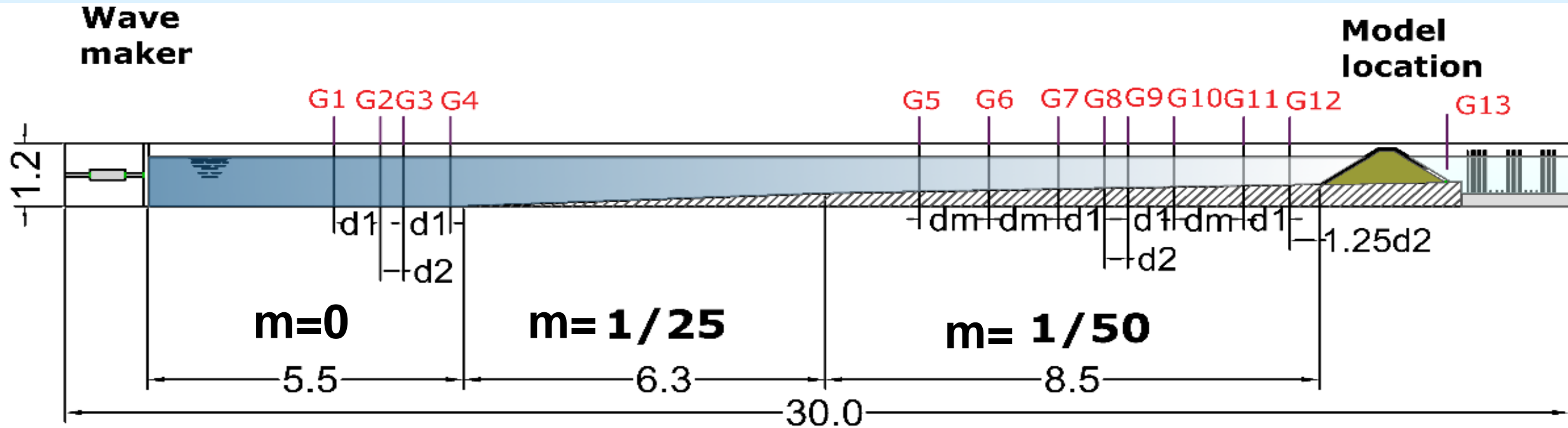


bottom slope

hydraulic stability



LPC-UPV wave flume (30x1.2x1.2 meters), bottom slope **m=1/50**



$d1=80\text{ cm}$, $d2=40\text{ cm}$, $dm=120\text{ cm}$

Piston wave-maker
(active wave absorption)

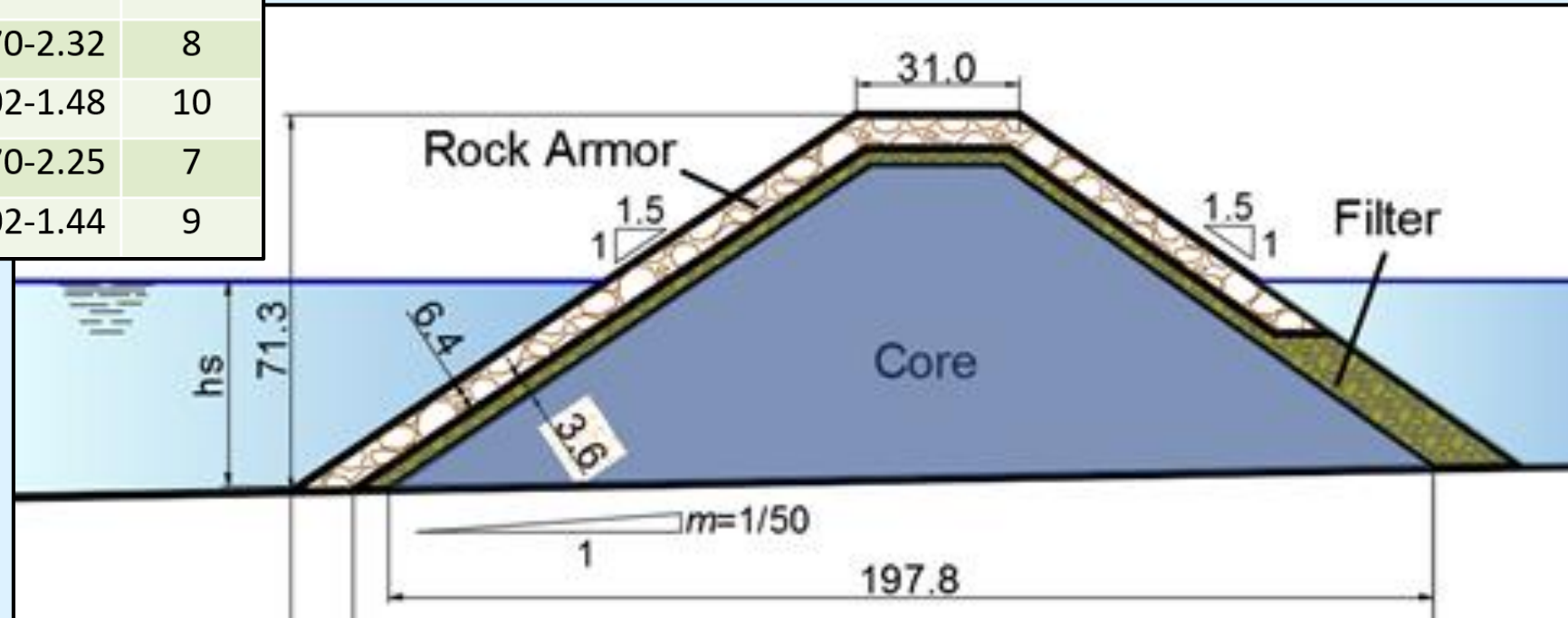
13 wave gauges (G1 to G13)

passive wave absorption



Tests **with** and **without** breakwater model (2L rock armor)
($D_{n50}(\text{cm})=3.18$, $\rho_r(\text{g/cm}^3)=2.677$, $W_{50}(\text{g})=86.1$)

Series	$h_s(\text{cm})$	ξ_p	s_p	$H_{m0}(\text{cm})$	$T_p(\text{s})$	#tests
1	20	3.0	0.049	8.0-18.0	1.02-1.53	11
2	20	5.0	0.018	8.0-15.0	1.70-2.32	8
3	30	3.0	0.049	8.0-17.0	1.02-1.48	10
4	30	5.0	0.018	8.0-14.0	1.70-2.25	7
5	40	3.0	0.049	8.0-16.0	1.02-1.44	9



TESTS **WITH** BREAKWATER MODEL

Separation Incident + Reflected Waves

LASA-V method (Figures and Medina, 2004)

Incident waves at the wave generation zone (G1 to G4)

Armor damage measurement

Virtual Net (Gómez-Martín and Medina, 2014)

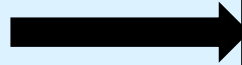
Visual Counting (Vidal et al., 2006)

Numerical model: SwanOne software

SWAN- CWD method

Incident waves (H_{m0}, T_p) at wave generation zone

Estimations $H_{2\%}, H_{1/10}$ and H_{m0} at G5 to G12



WAVE ANALYSIS

Tests **without** breakwater model:

measured waves = incident waves

Tests **with** breakwater model:

incident + reflected waves at wave-maker

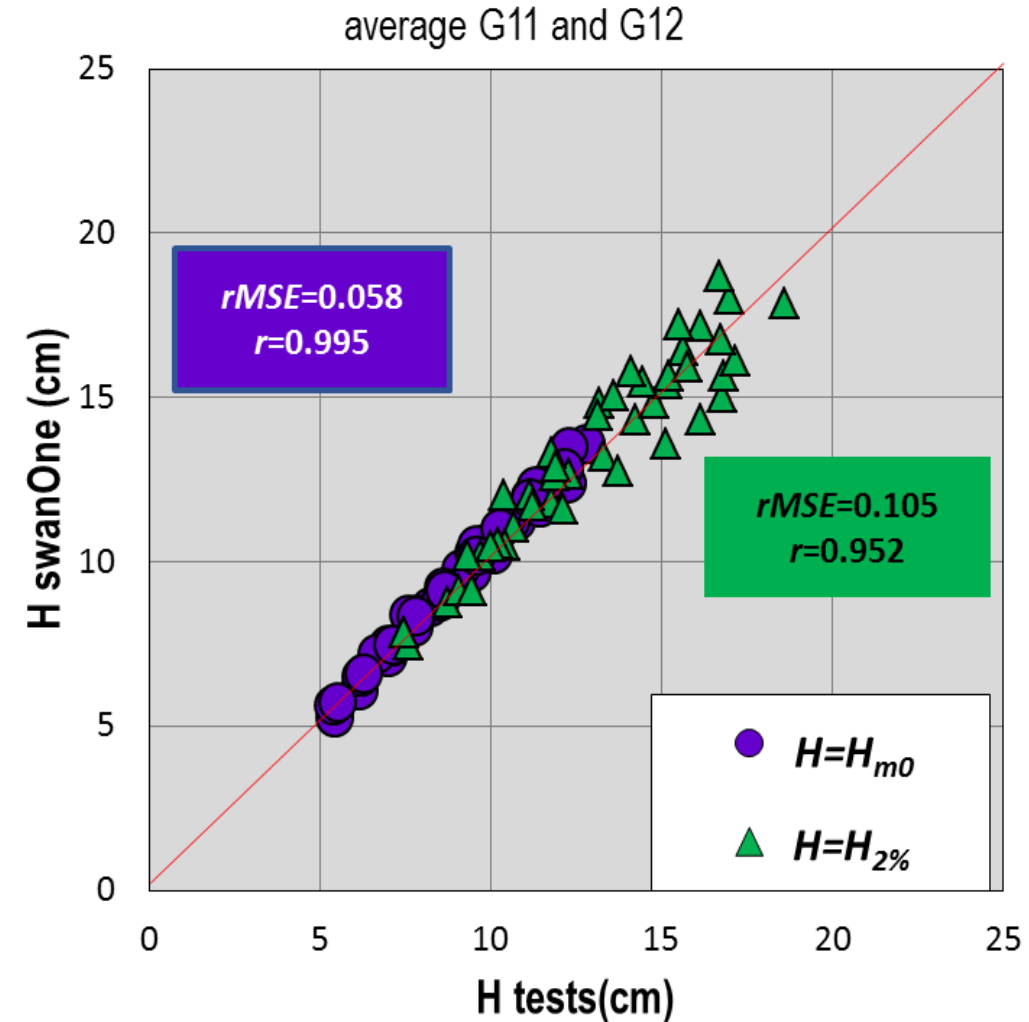
Numerical simulations with **SwanOne**:

estimated waves = incident waves

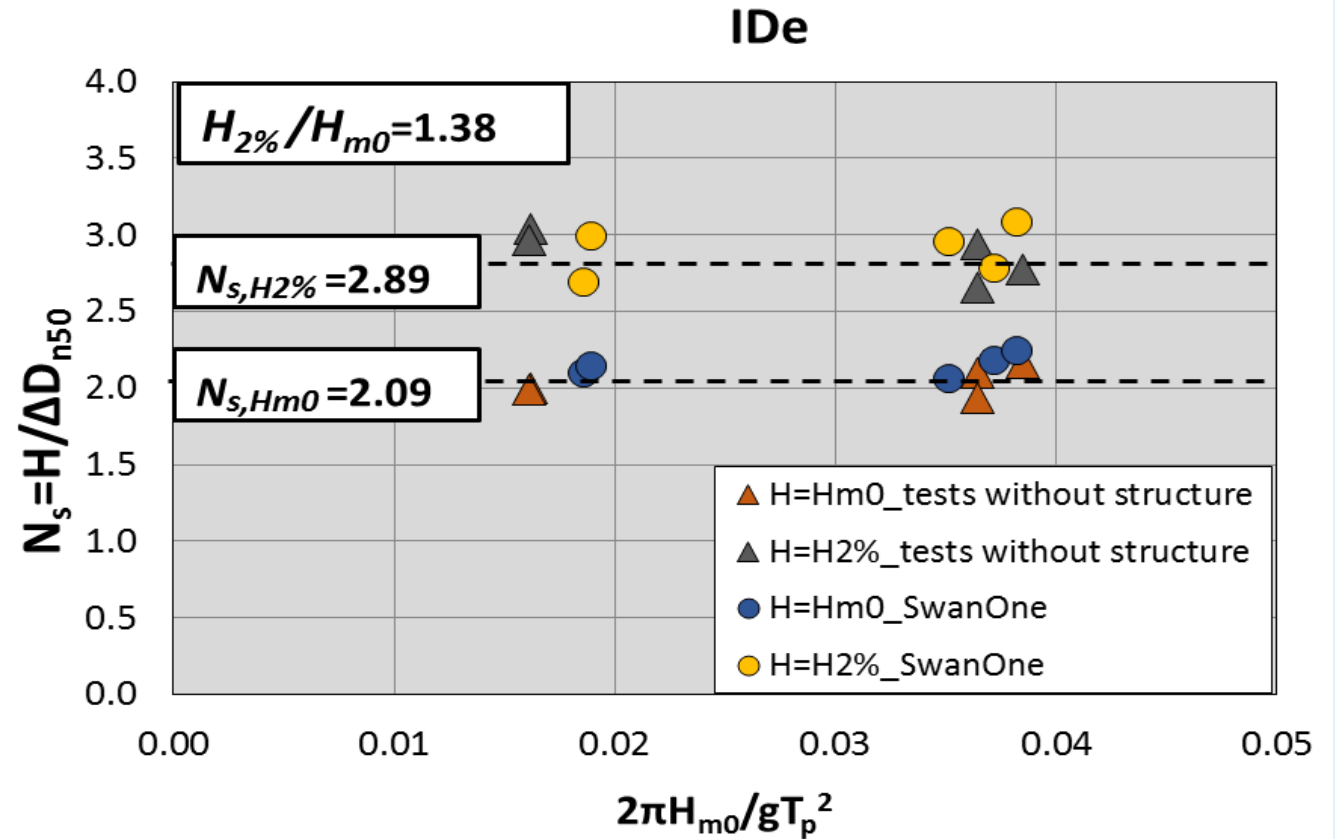
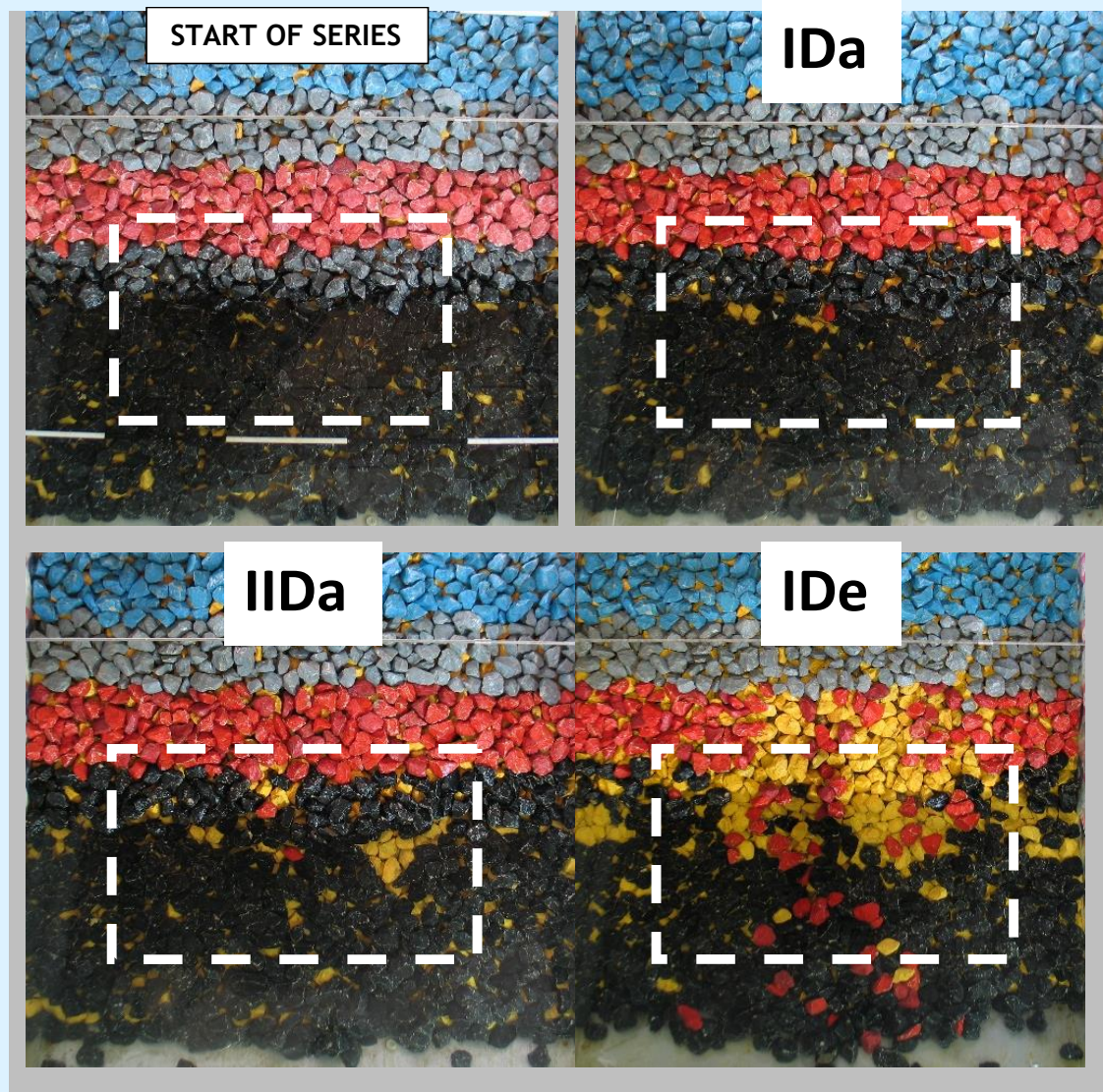
$$rMSE = \frac{MSE}{Var} = \frac{\frac{1}{N_o} \sum_{n=1}^{N_o} (e_n - o_n)^2}{\frac{1}{N_o} \sum_{n=1}^{N_o} (o_n - \bar{o})^2}$$

Best agreement: H_{m0} (rMSE=5.8%)

SwanOne explained 94.2% of the variance of measured H_{m0} without structure

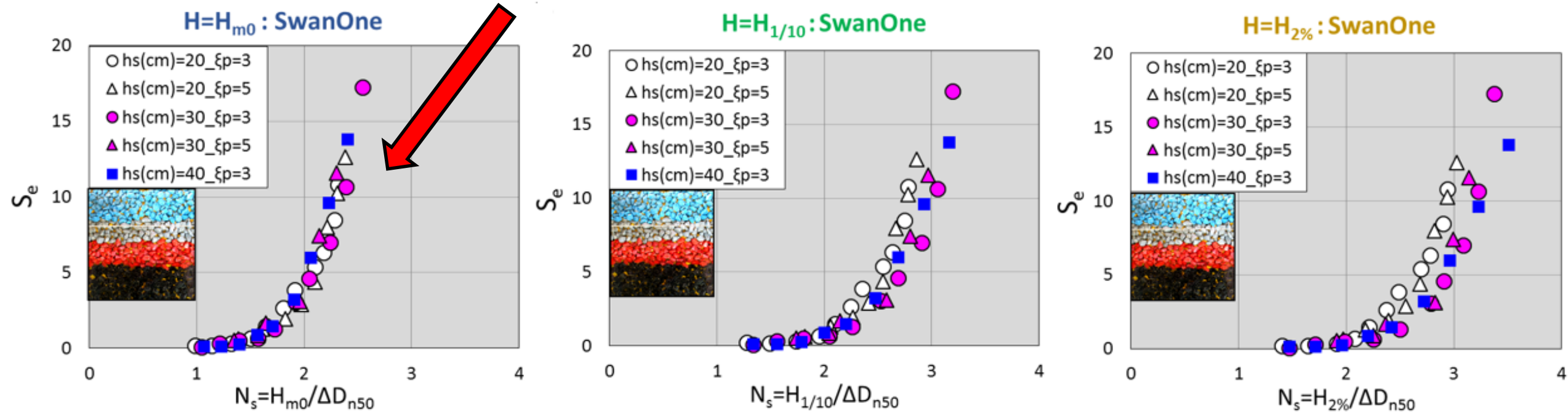


ARMOR DAMAGE MEASUREMENTS



$S_e = S_v = S$

H_{m0} is the best descriptor of armor damage

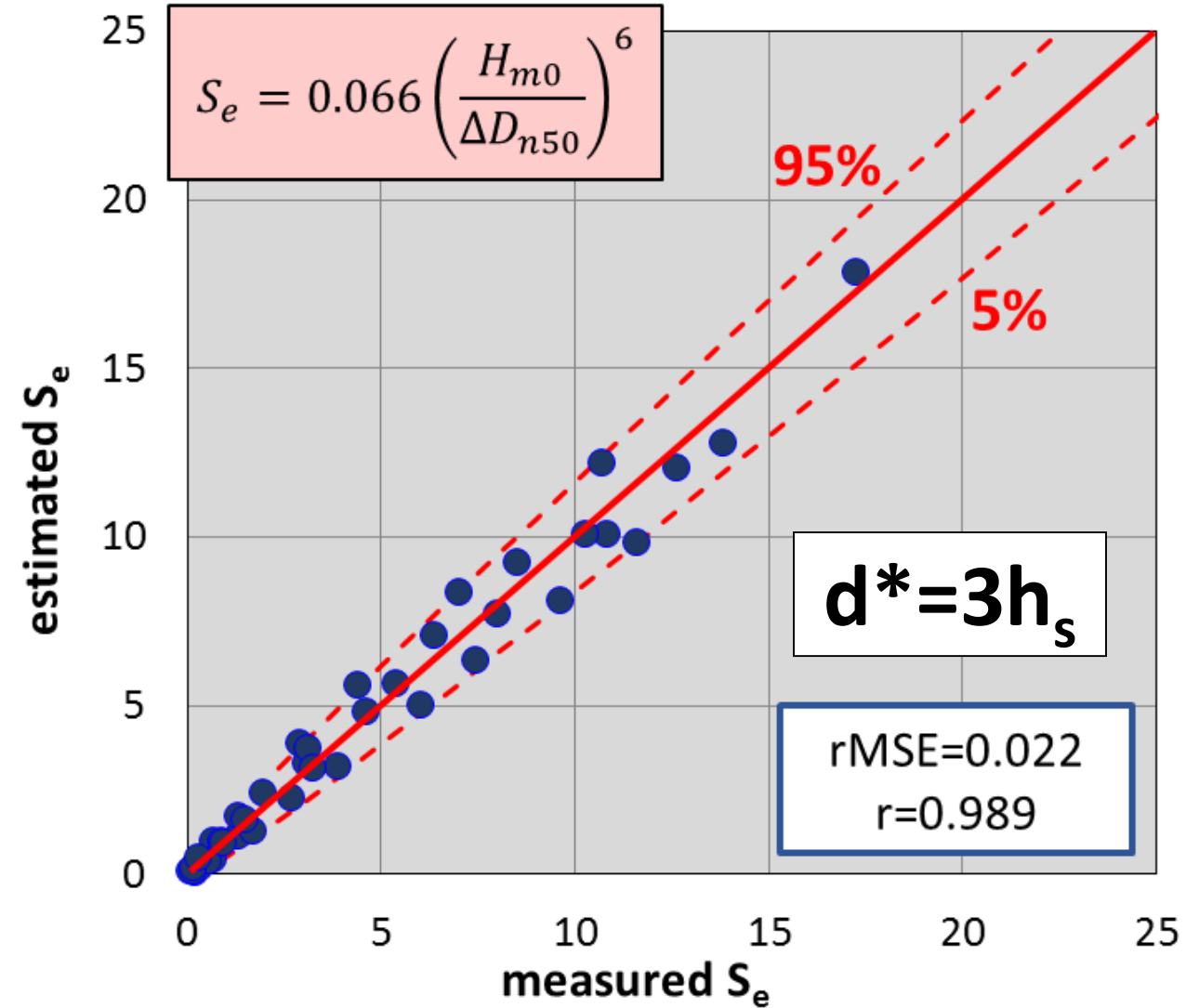
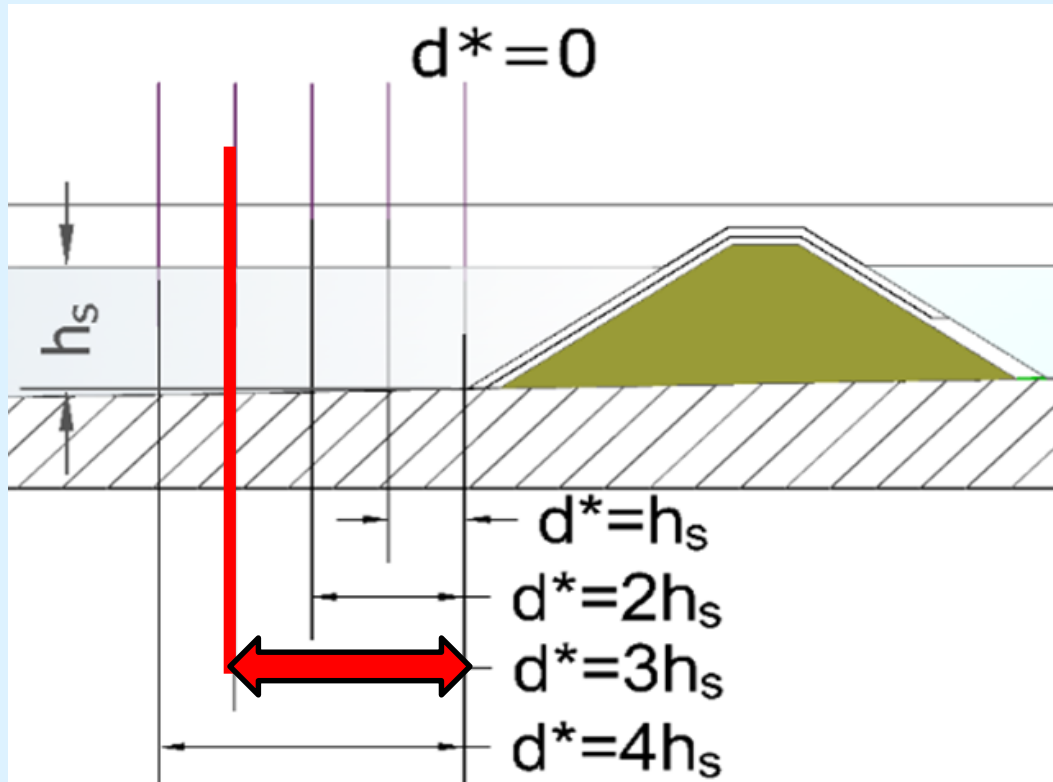


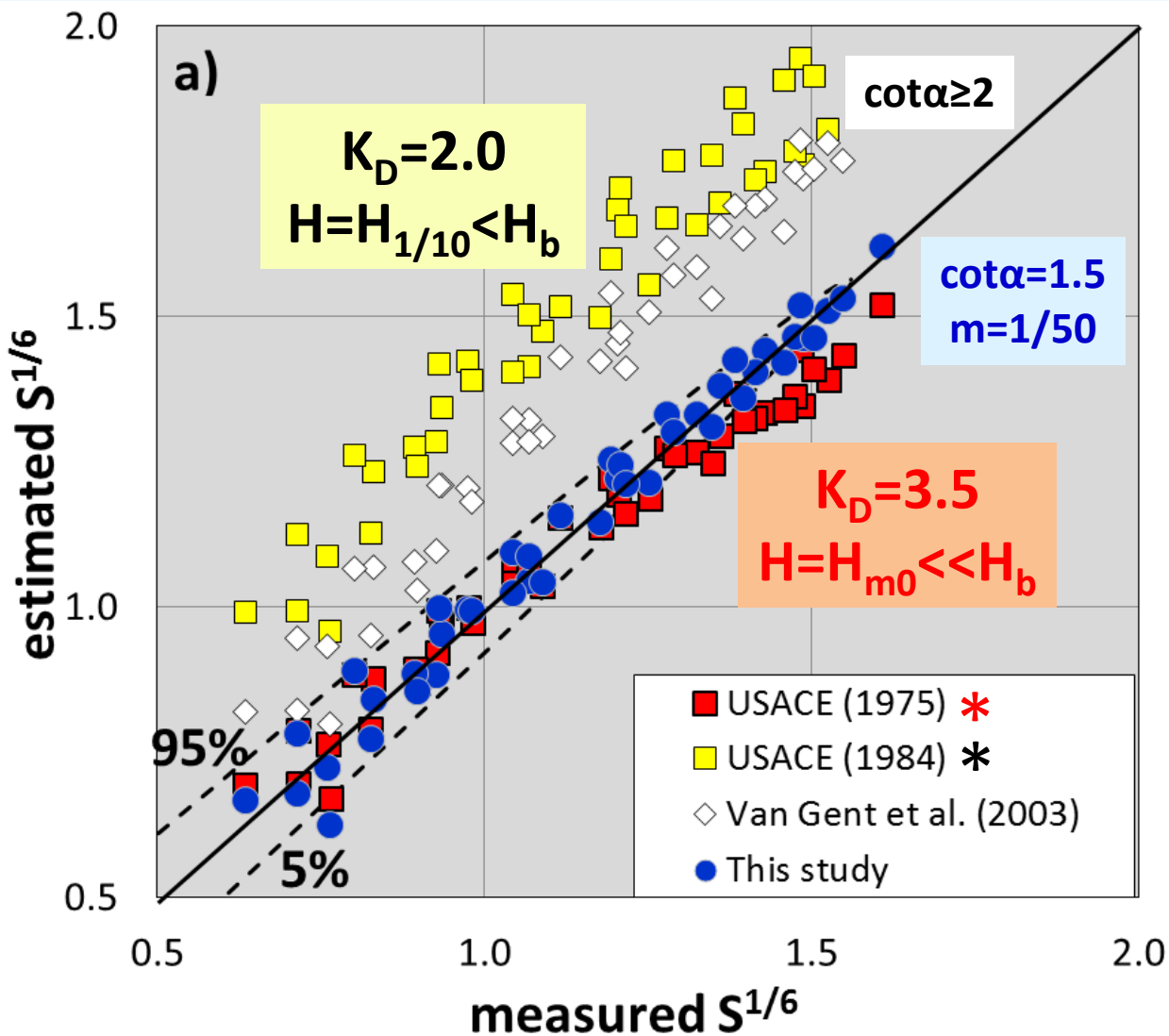
$$S = k_1 \left(\frac{H}{\Delta D_{n50}} \right)^{k_2} \cancel{(s_m)^{k_3}} \cancel{(h_s)^{k_4}} \xrightarrow{H=H_{m0}} S = k_1 \left(\frac{H}{\Delta D_{n50}} \right)^{k_2}$$

$s_m = H_{m0} / L_m$ and h_s discarded (5% significance level)



H_{m0} ($d^*=3h_s$) is the best explanatory variable





$m=1/50$ and $cota=H/V=1.5$
 $H_{m0} (d^*=3h_s)$

$$S = 0.066 \left(\frac{H_{m0}}{\Delta D_{n50}} \right)^6$$

$$N_s(50\%) = \frac{H_{m0}}{\Delta D_{n50}} = 1.57 \cdot S^{1/6}$$

$$N_s = \frac{H}{\Delta D_{n50}} = 1.62 \cdot S^{1/5}$$

USACE* (1975)

$H=H_b \gg H_{m0}$

SF \approx 1.4



HYDRAULIC STABILITY OR ARMOR LAYERS

Most **physical tests** in non-breaking wave conditions
Design formulas based on non-breaking wave conditions
Methods to separate **incident and reflected (I+R) waves**



Most **structures** built in depth-limited breaking wave conditions

Nonlinear effects and **no method to separate I+R waves** (h_s , $1/m$, s_m)

$$S = k N_s^5 ?$$

Breaker Index method (Goda, 1974 to 2012)

CWD Method (Battjes and Groenendijk, 2000)  **SWAN – SwanOne**

I+R waves (wave generation)

SWAN

H_{m0} , $H_{2\%}$ (foreshore)



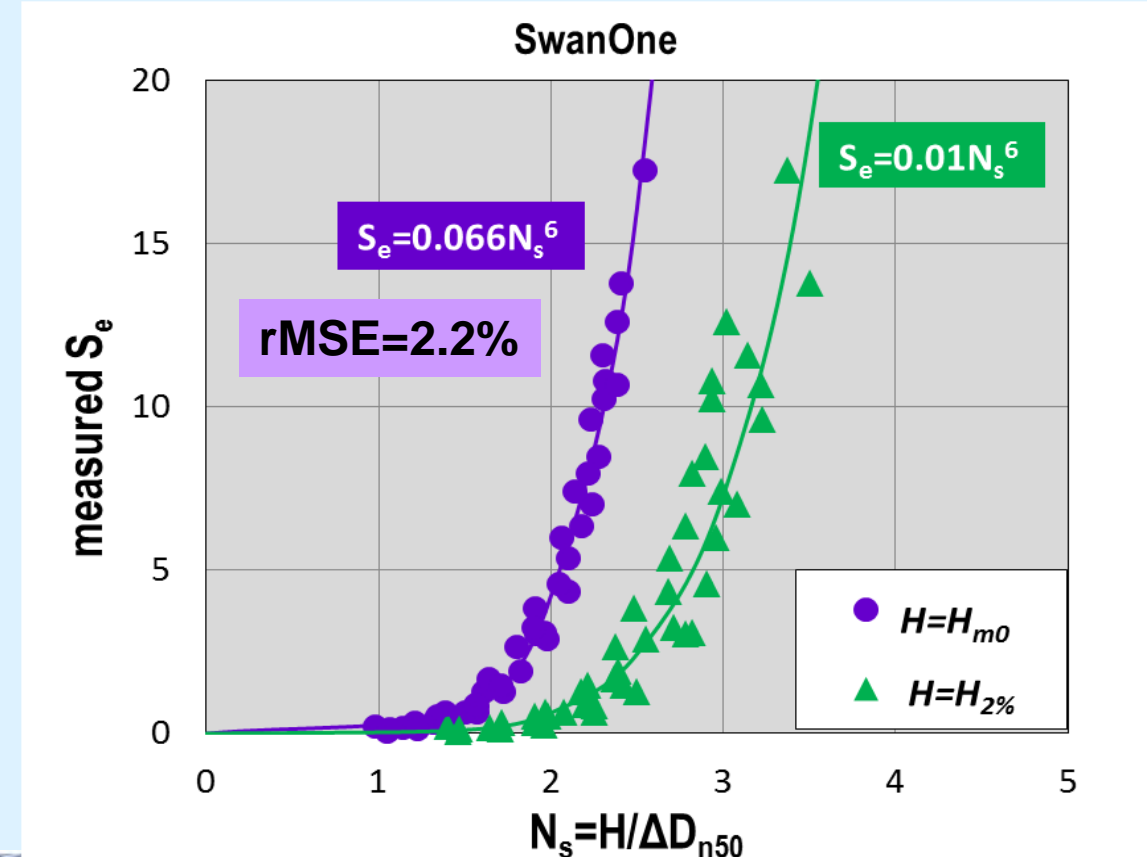
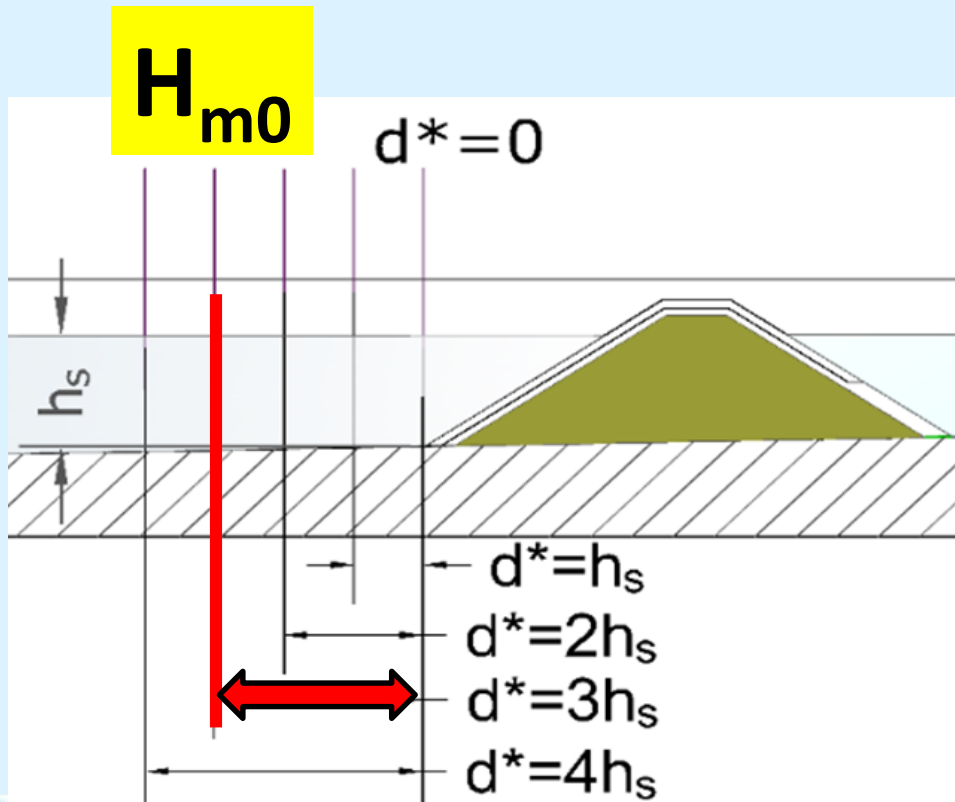
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$$S = k_1 \left(\frac{H}{\Delta D_{n50}} \right)^{k_2} (\cancel{s_m})^{k_3} (\cancel{h_s})^{k_4}$$

$m=1/50$
CWD (SWAN)

$$S = 0.066 \left(\frac{H_{m0}}{\Delta D_{n50}} \right)^6$$





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