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## WAVE OVERTOPPING WITH A CHANGING STEEP SANDY FORESHORE, CONVENTIONAL AND NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

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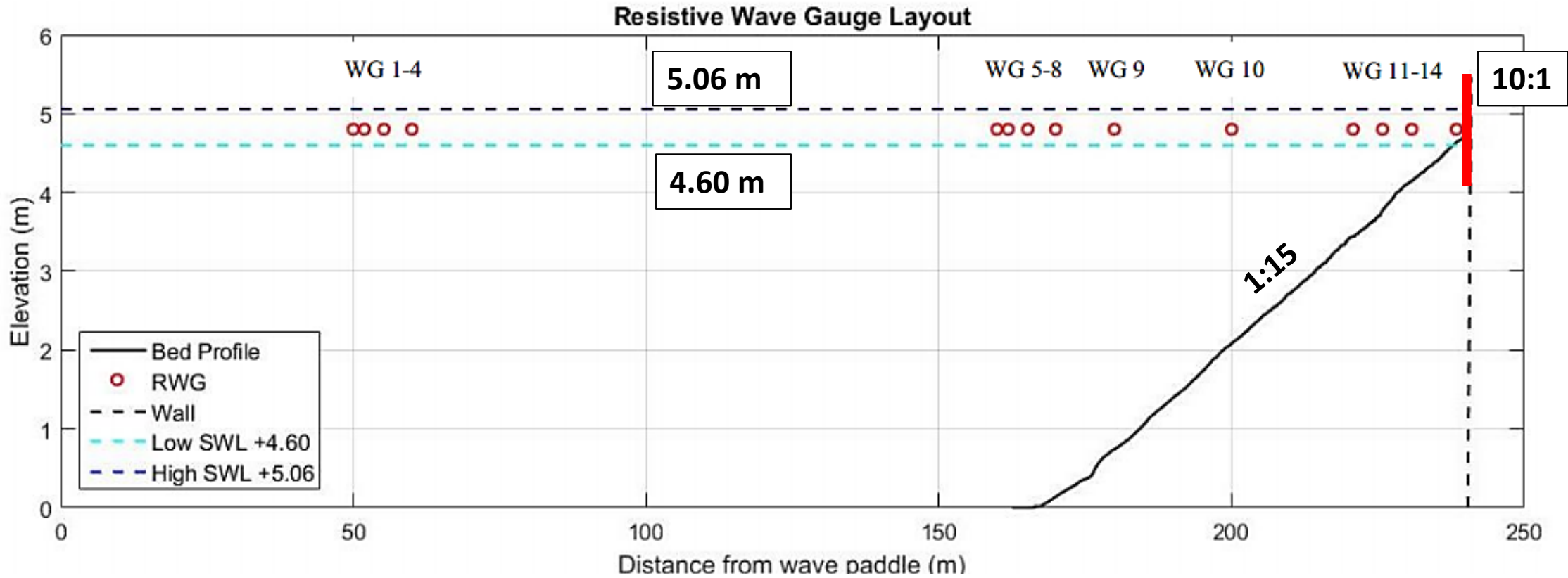
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# Longitudinal section of the Großer Wellenkanal in Hannover, DE





# A short impression



# Storms (S1 and S2) and storm clusters (C1-C3)

Wave Characteristics				
Hm0 [m]	Tp [s]	Water Level [m]	Duration [min]	No. of Waves
0.51	3.40	4.60	32	565
0.58	3.60	4.60	32	533
0.64	3.70	5.06	32	519
0.60	3.60	5.06	32	533
0.55	3.50	4.60	32	549
0.51	3.40	4.60	32	565

**Storm S1**



Wave Characteristics				
Hm0 [m]	Tp [s]	Water Level [m]	Duration [min]	No. of Waves
0.64	3.90	4.60	32	492
0.72	4.20	4.60	32	457
0.80	4.50	5.06	32	427
0.75	4.30	5.06	32	447
0.69	4.10	4.60	32	468
0.64	3.90	4.60	32	492

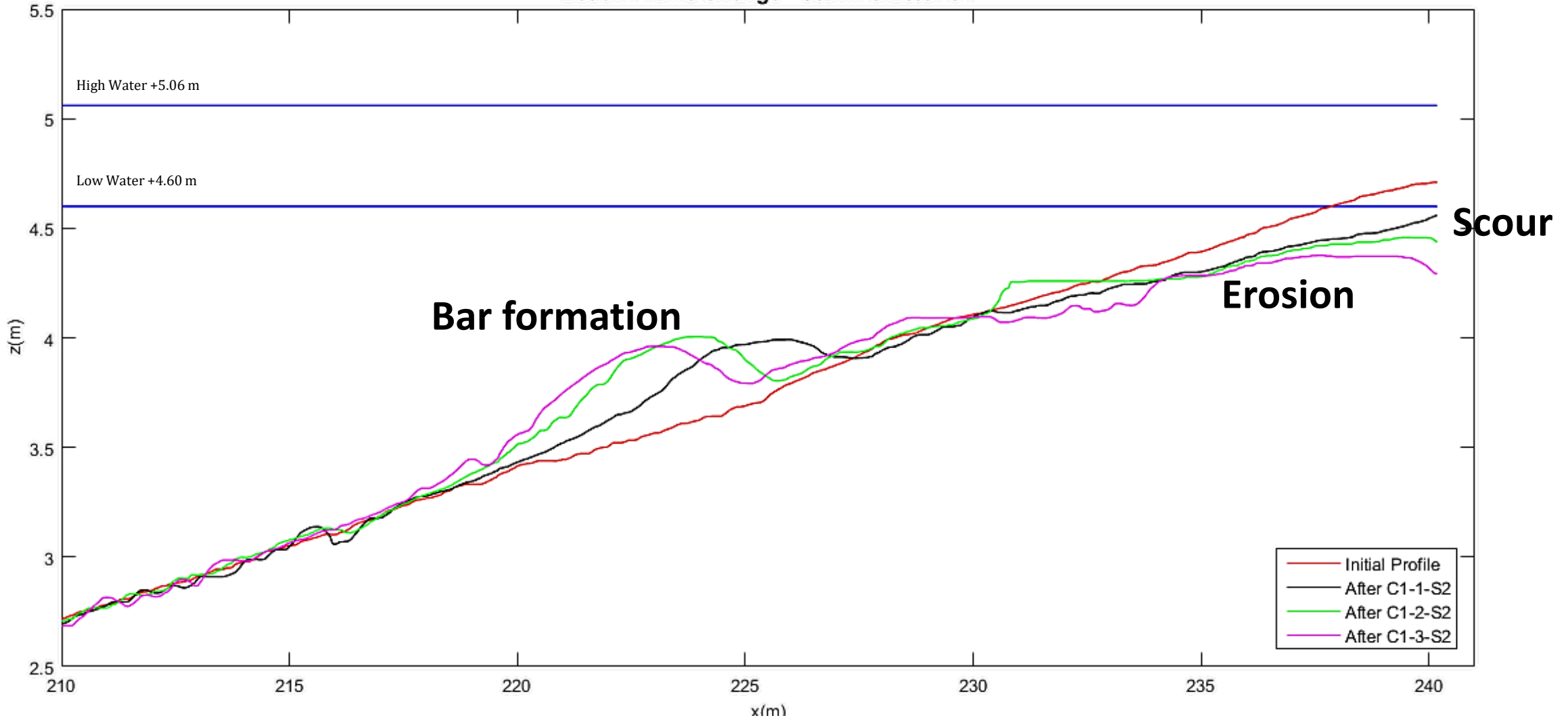
**Storm S2**

Cluster Name	Storm Name	Foreshore Profile
C1	S2	Planar Slope 1:15
	S2	Changing foreshore due to previous S2
	S2	Changing foreshore due to previous S2
C2	S2	Planar Slope 1:15
	S1	Changing foreshore due to previous S2
	S2	Changing foreshore due to previous S1
C3	S1	Planar Slope 1:15
	S2	Changing foreshore due to previous S1
	S1	Changing foreshore due to previous S2

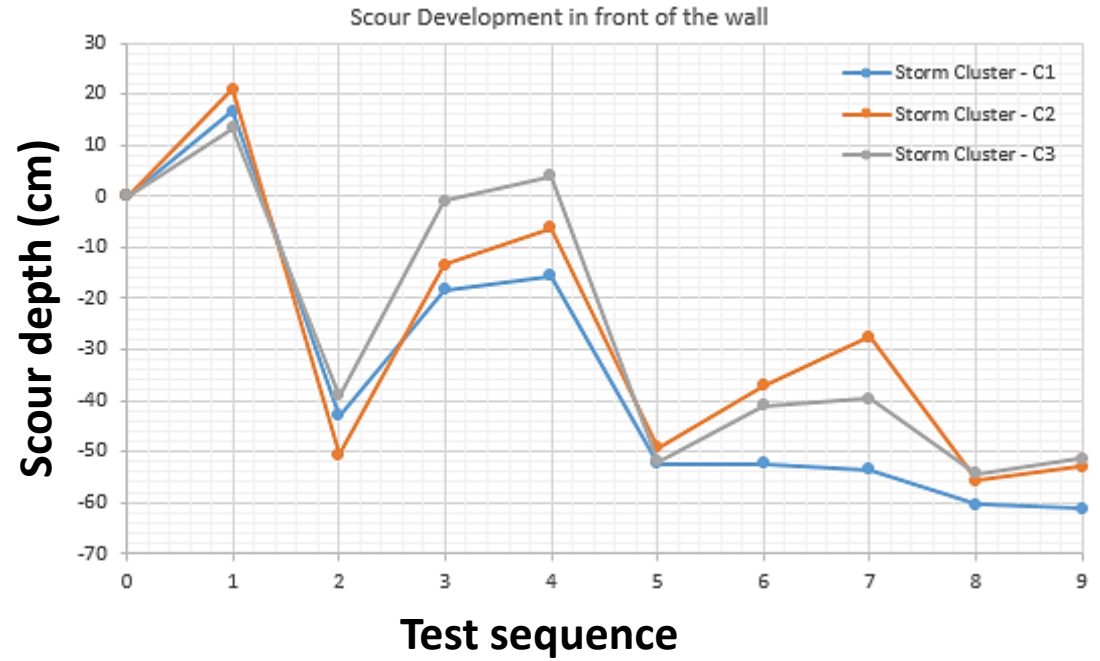
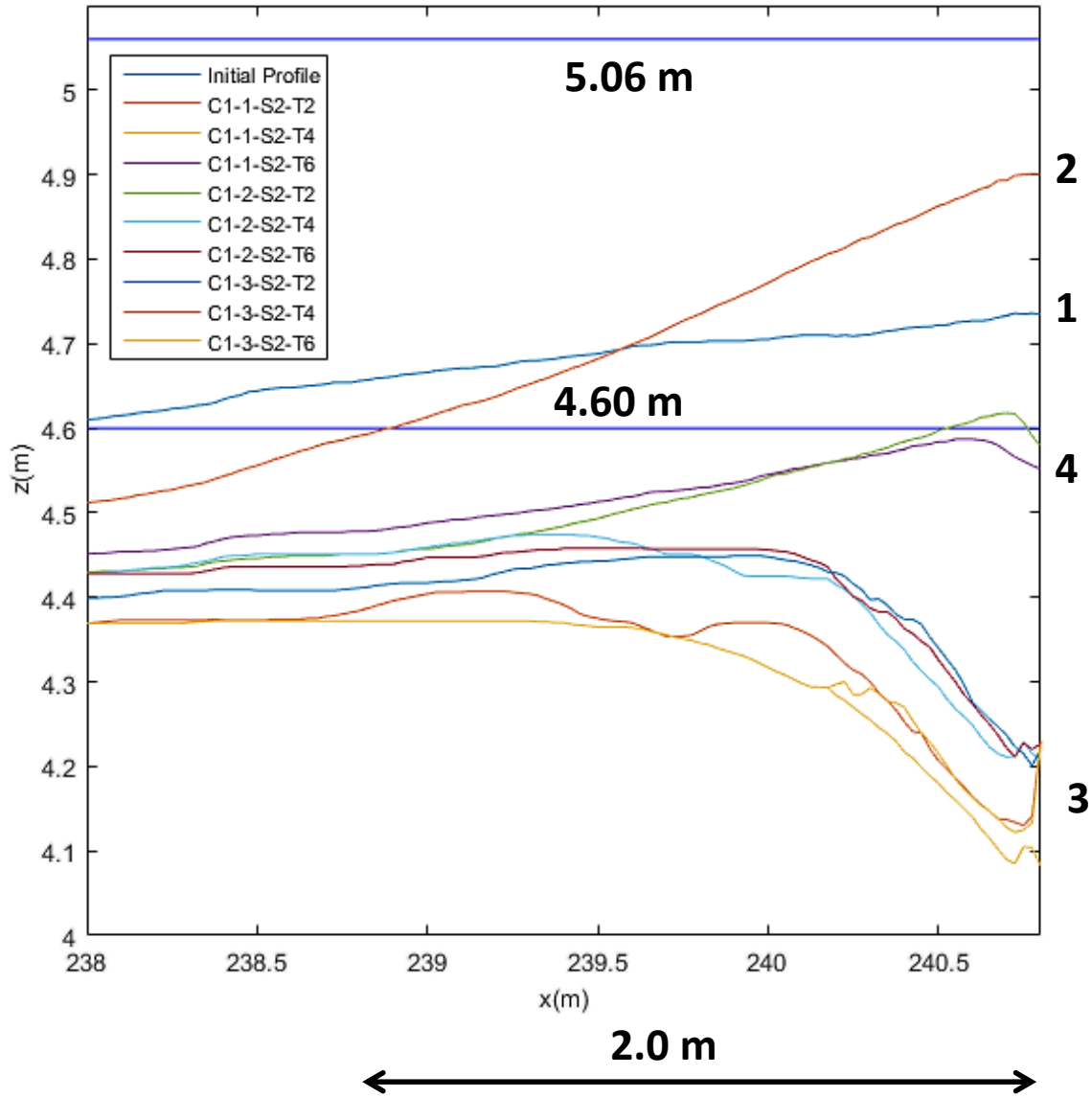


# Reshaping foreshore

Beach Profile Change - Storm Cluster C1



# Scour



# Research objectives

The ideal world:

- We can calculate and predict the foreshore changes for each sea state
- For each foreshore we can calculate and predict wave overtopping

First analysis:

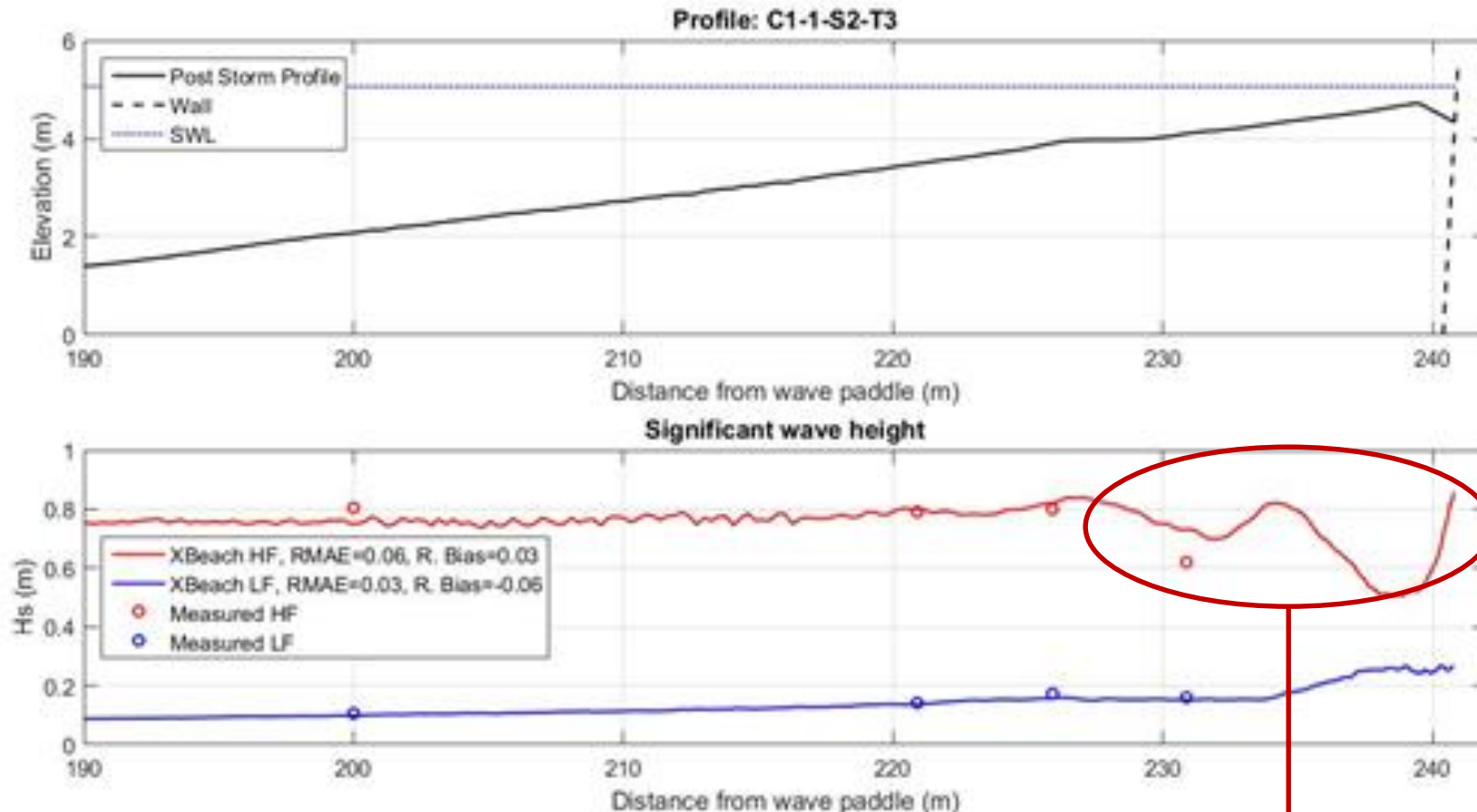
- A first try with XBeach on foreshore changes
- EurOtop (2016) for wave overtopping:
  - We need the wave height at the toe of the structure
  - With a given foreshore we can estimate  $H_{m0}$
  - and calculate wave overtopping (EurOtop – Sections 7.3.2 and 7.3.3)





# Hydrodynamics by XBeach (non-hydrostatic)

Significant wave height comparison of a high SWL case (C1-1-S2-T3)



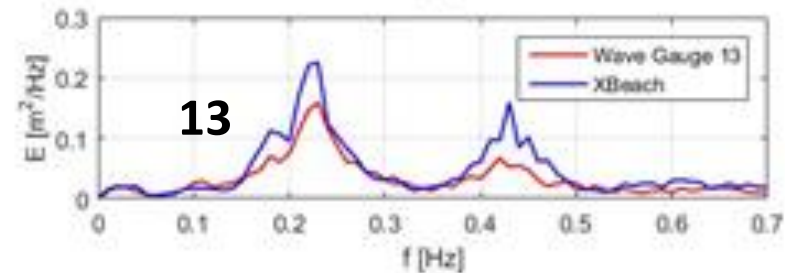
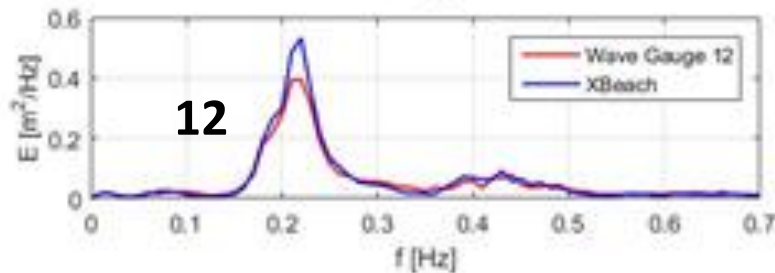
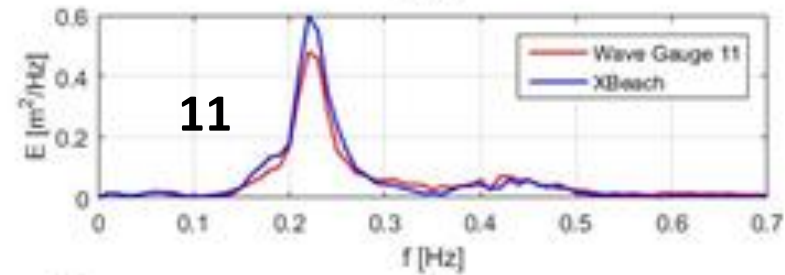
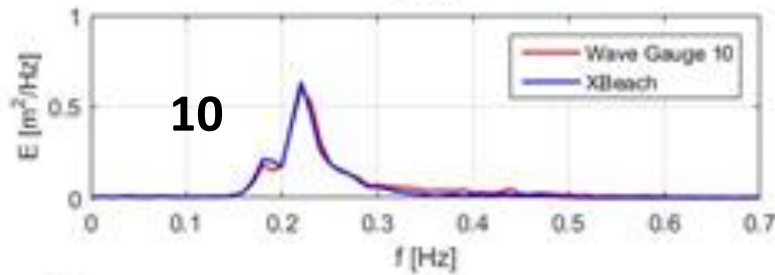
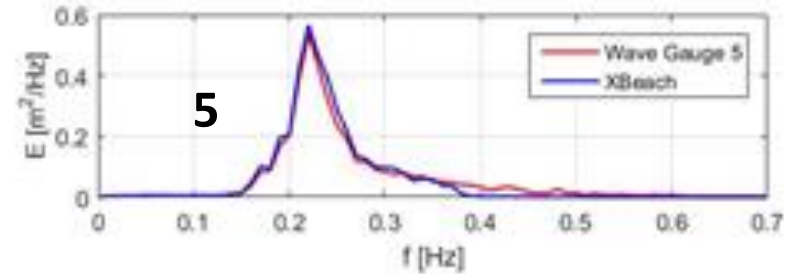
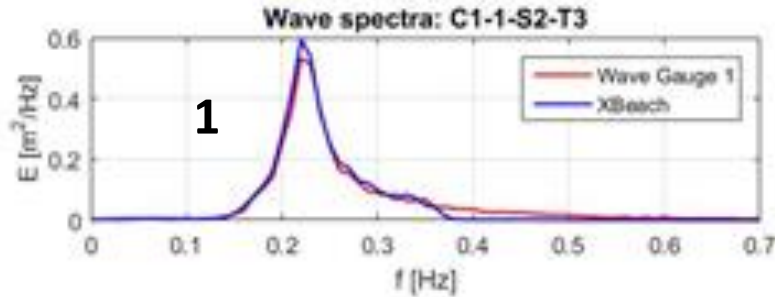
**Total wave heights, including reflection!**





# Hydrodynamics by XBeach (non-hydrostatic)

Wave spectra comparison of a high SWL case (C1-1-S2-T3)



**Conclusions:**

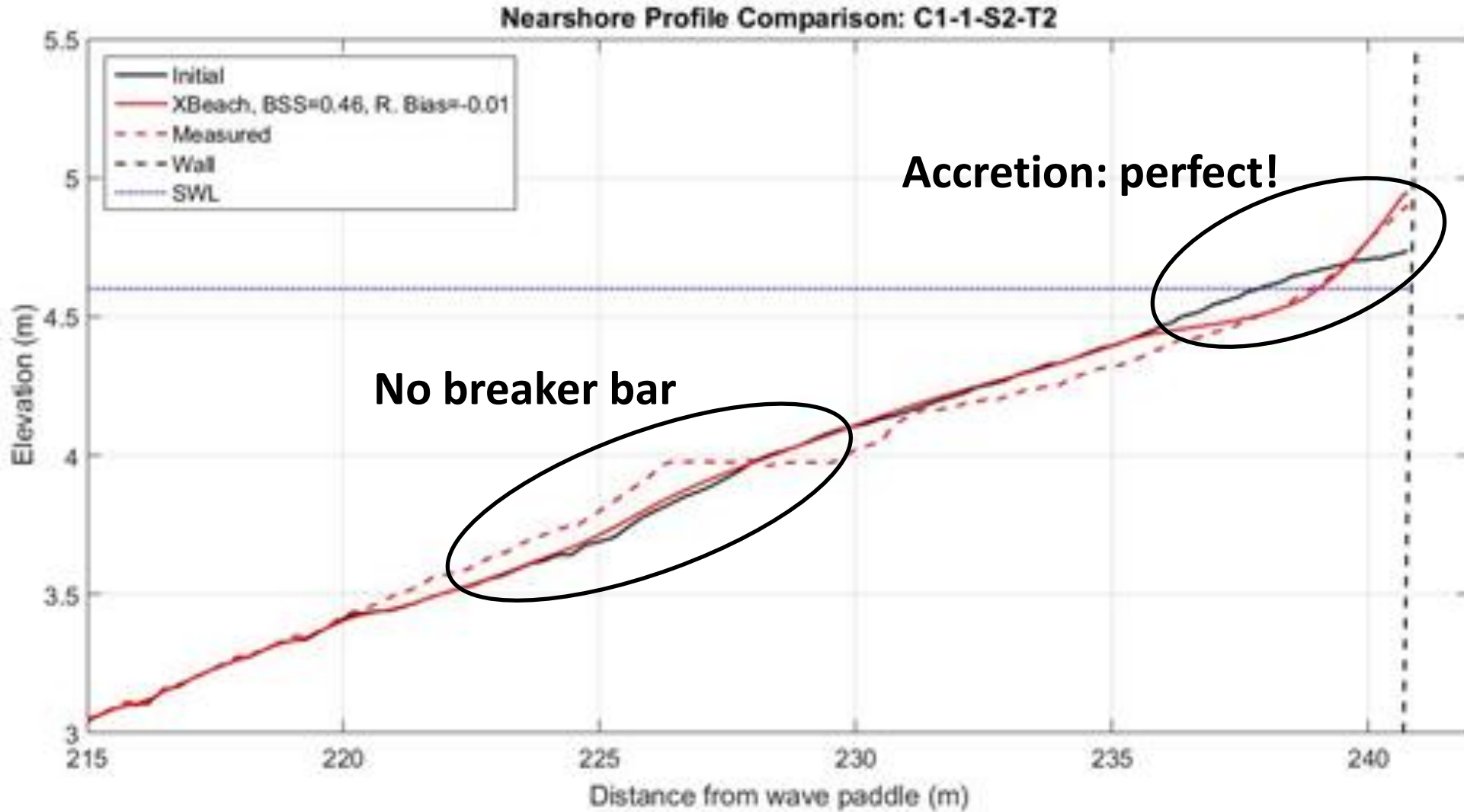
**Total short wave heights: reasonable to good**

**Total long wave heights: excellent**



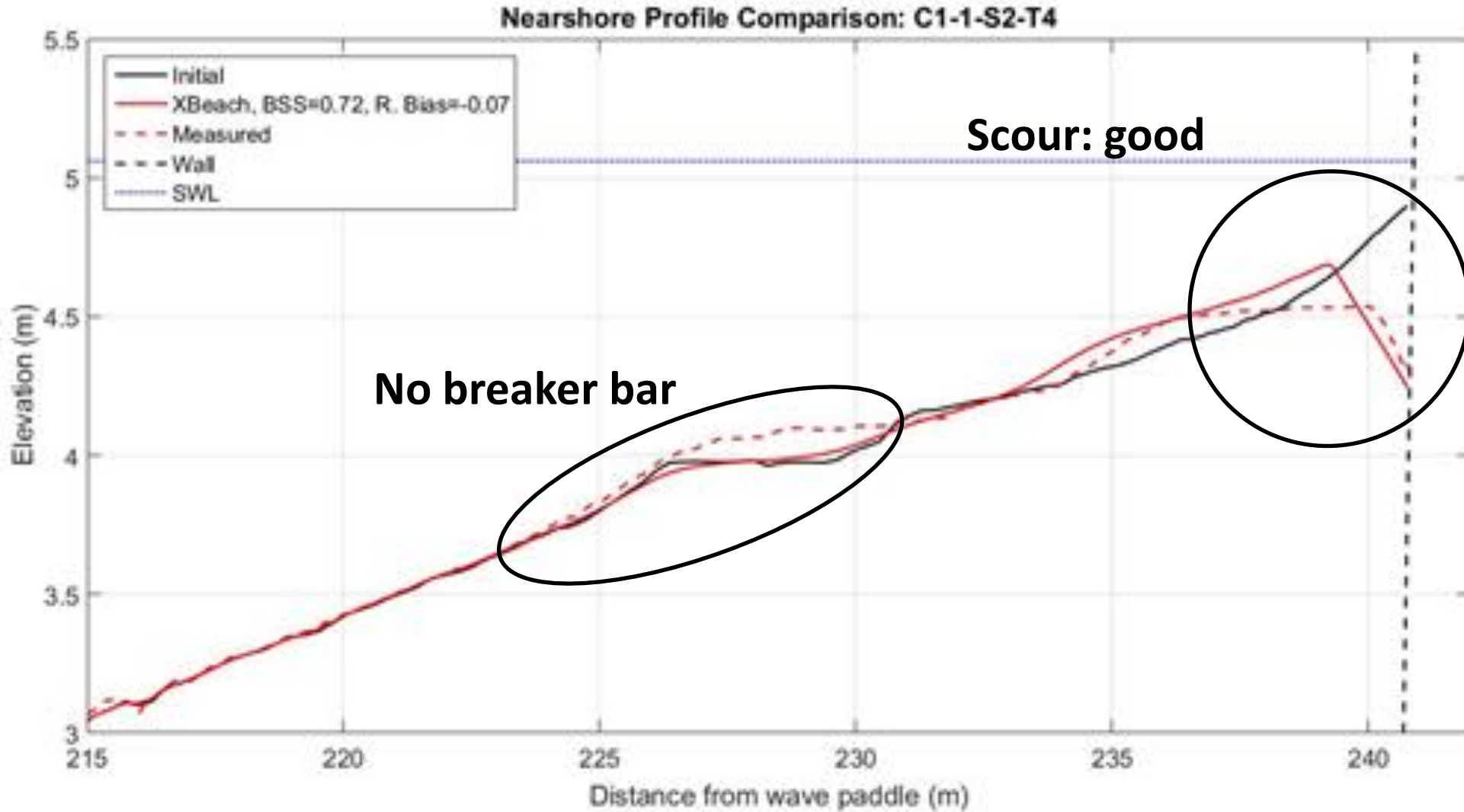
# Morphodynamics by XBeach (morphological non-hydrostatic)

First storm after 2 sea states



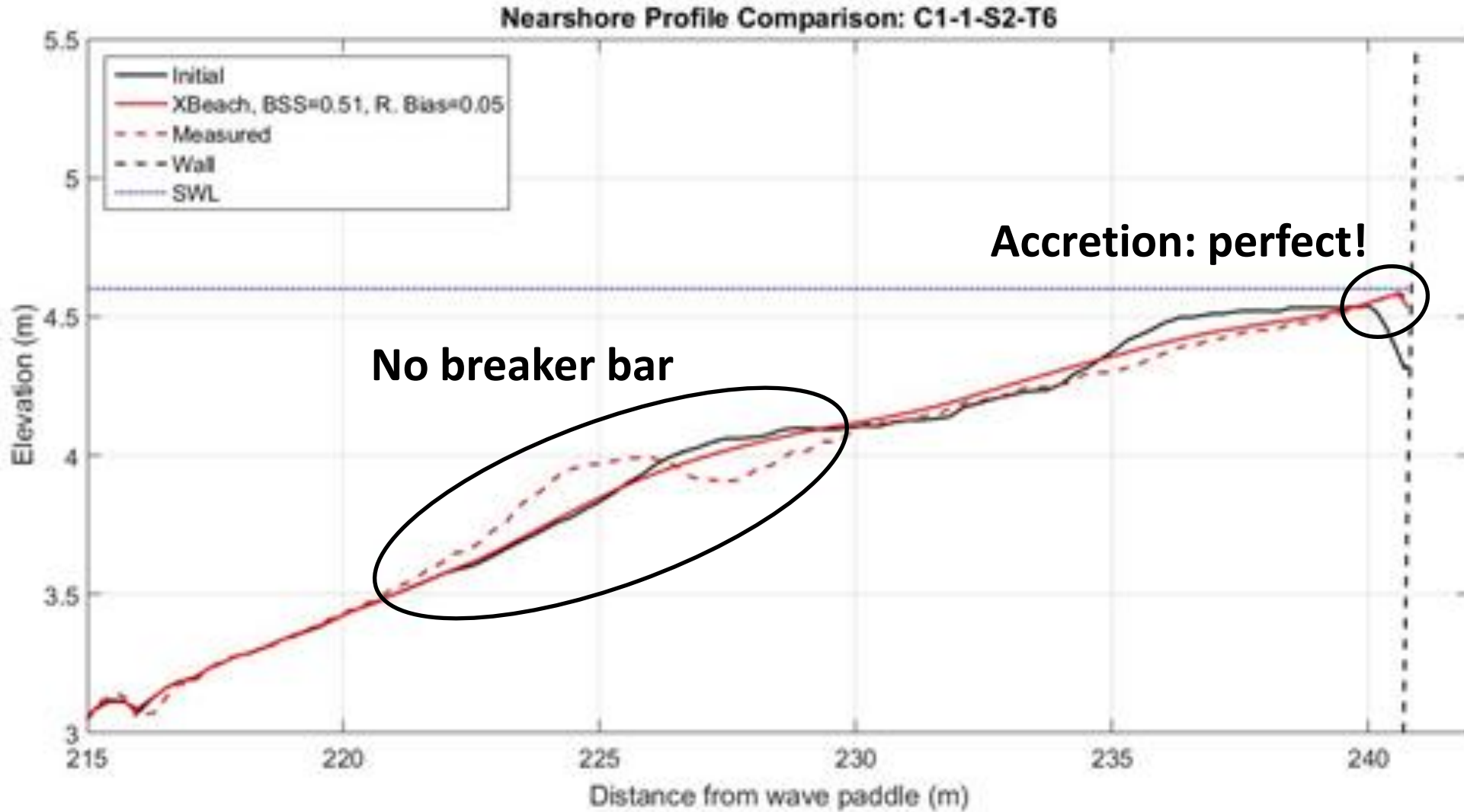
# Morphodynamics by XBeach (morphological non-hydrostatic)

First storm after 4 sea states



# Morphodynamics by XBeach (morphological non-hydrostatic)

First storm after 6 sea states





# Predicting morphological behaviour

Applying XBeach from start to end of 3 storms, 18 sea states:

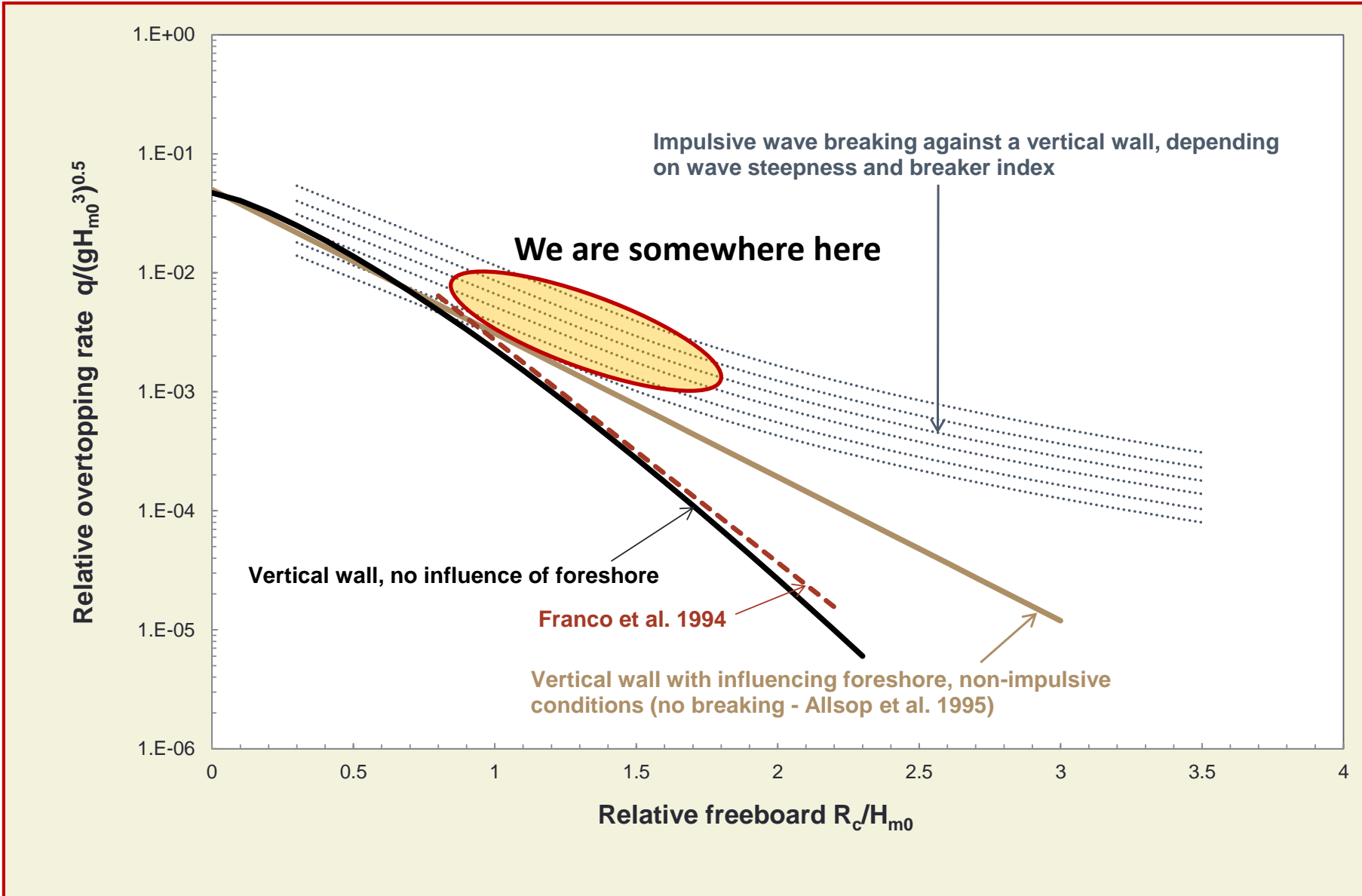
- no comparison at all!
- here are the challenges for the future!

Applying XBeach with given reshaped foreshore with 2 sea states:

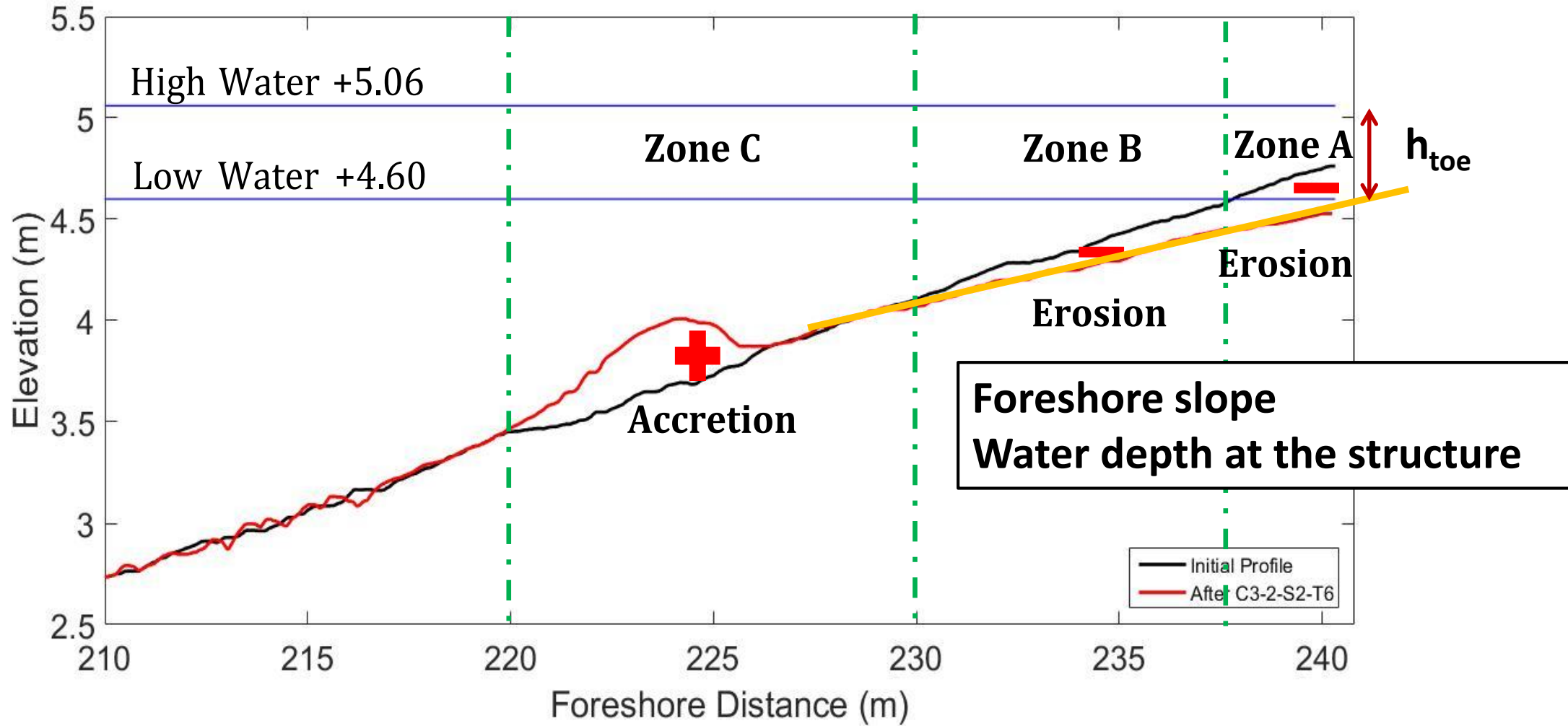
- perfect scour/accretion behaviour (first 2-5 m from the structure)
- no formation of the breaker bar:
  - wave induced return flow (reflection)?
  - wave breaking induced turbulence?
  - XBeach uses depth-averaged approach
  - here is the first challenge for the future



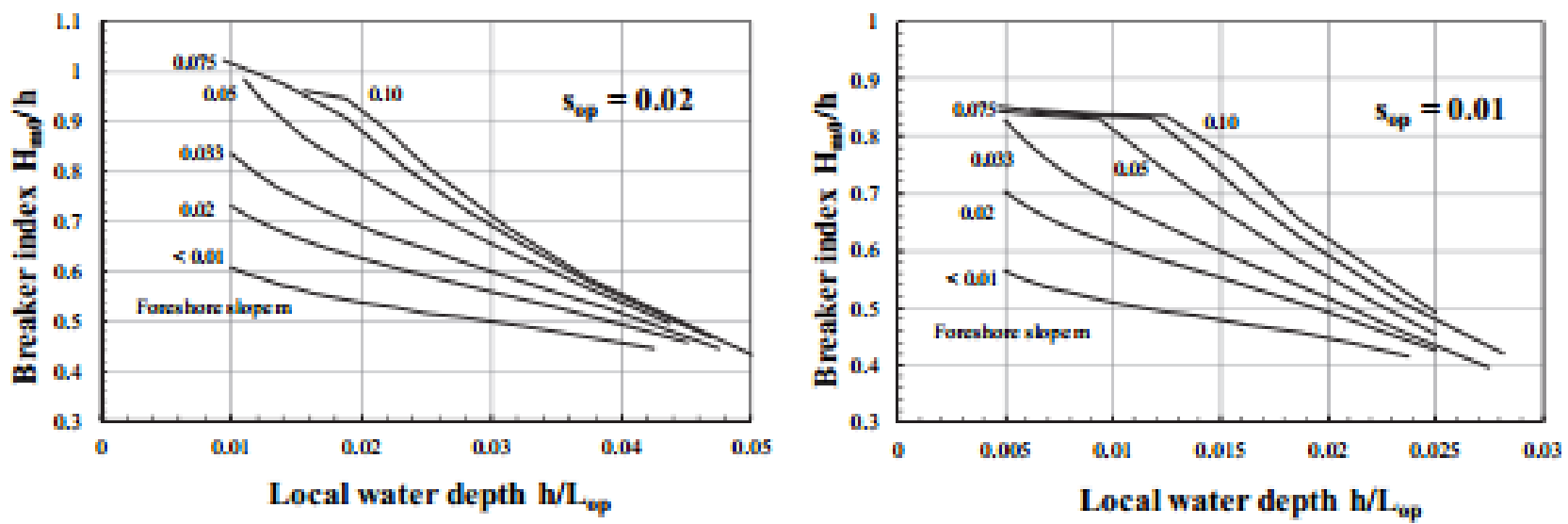
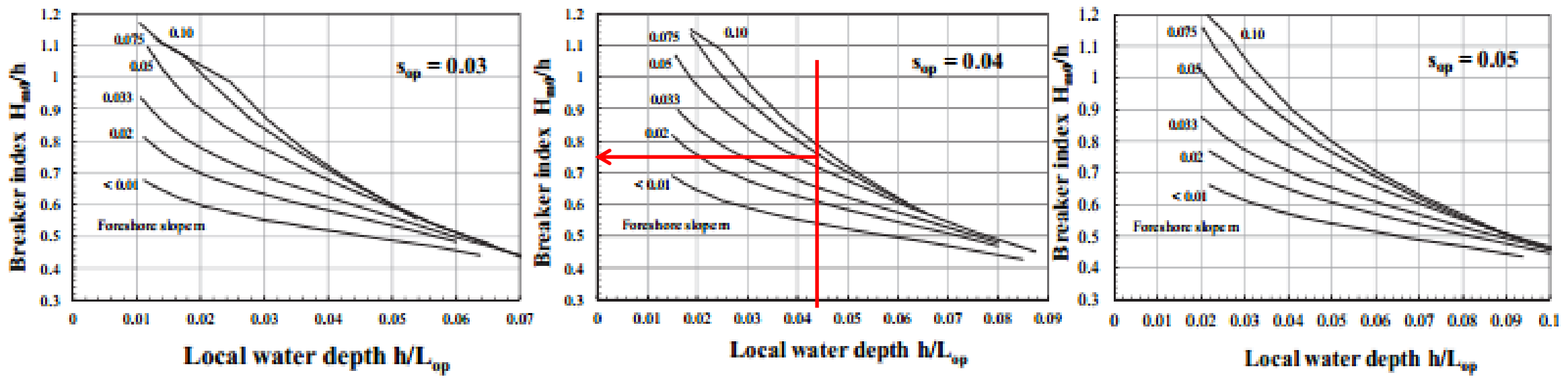
# Wave overtopping: EurOtop (2016) for vertical walls



# $H_{m0}$ at the toe of the structure: schematise the foreshore

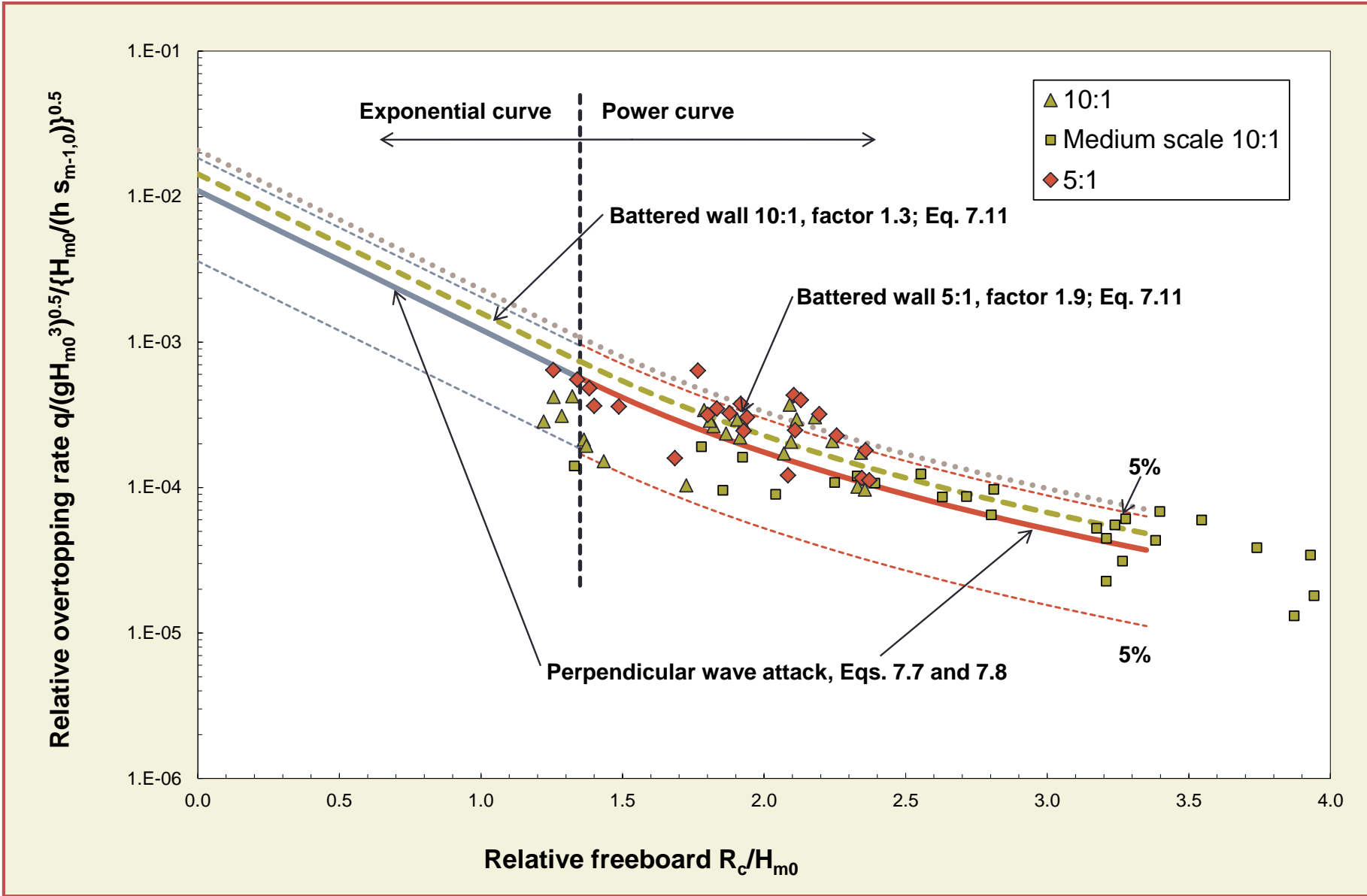


# $H_{m0}$ at the toe of the structure: EurOtop (2016) Section 2.3.2

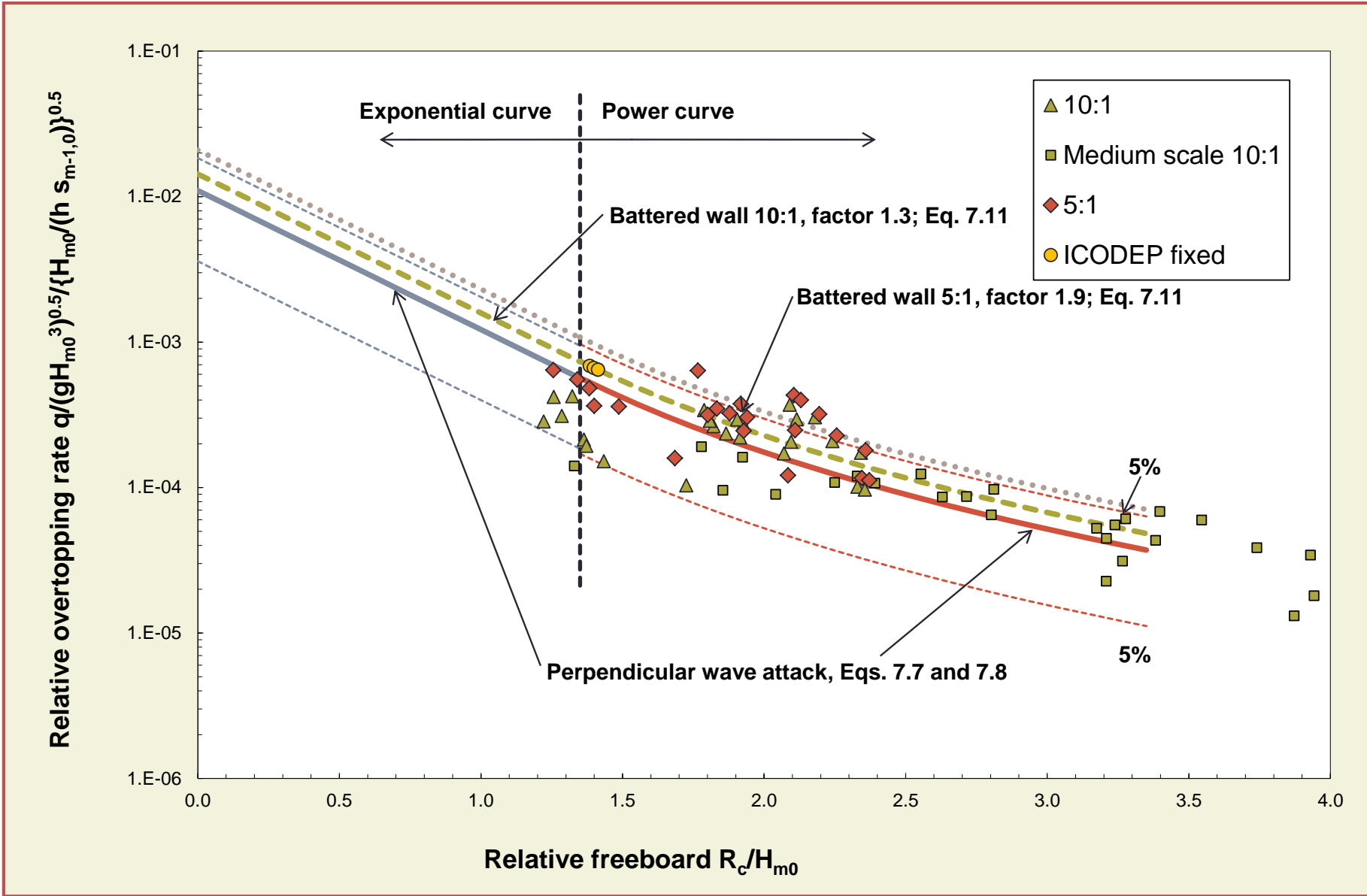




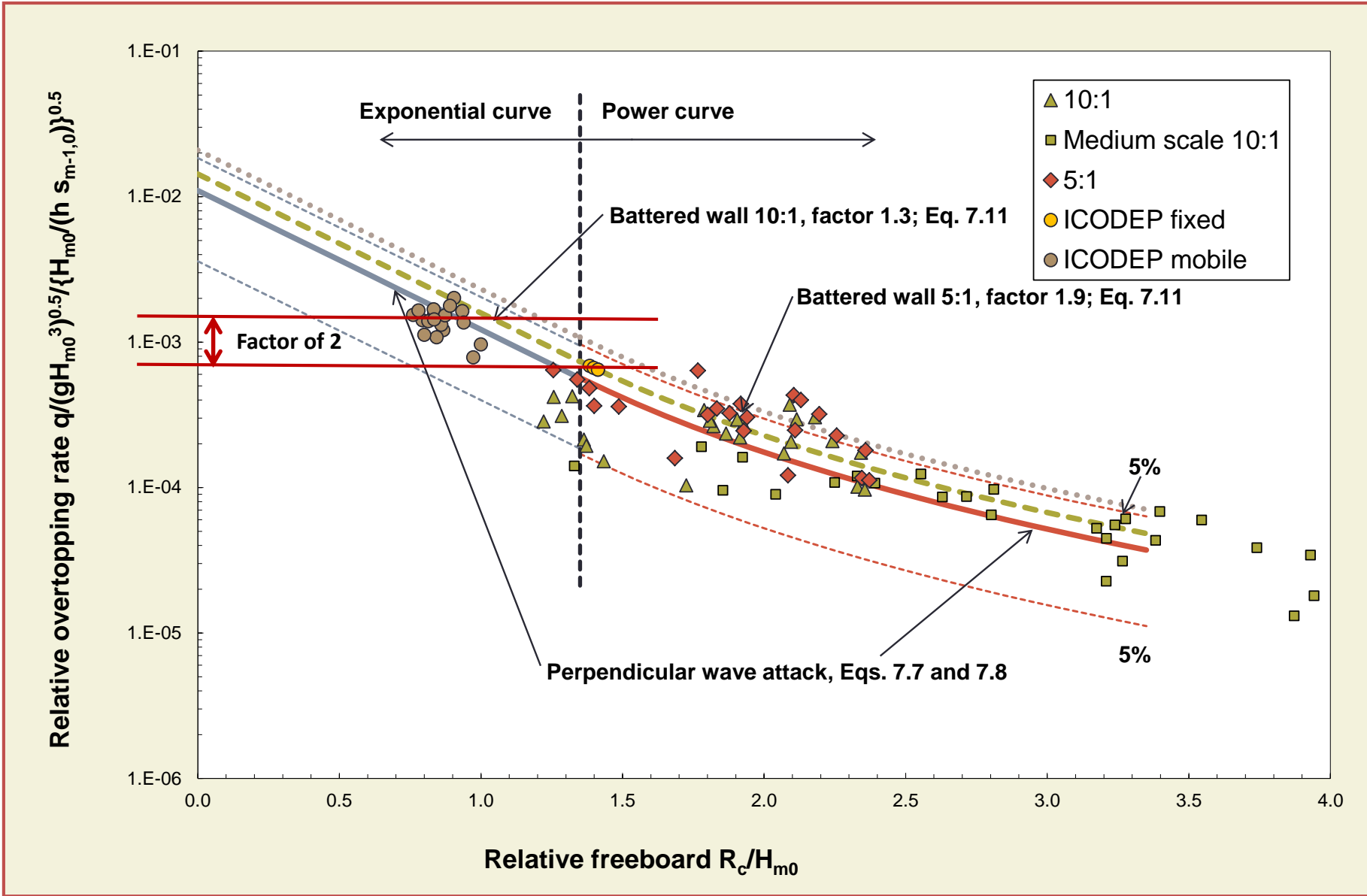
# Wave overtopping: EurOtop (2016) Section 7.3.3



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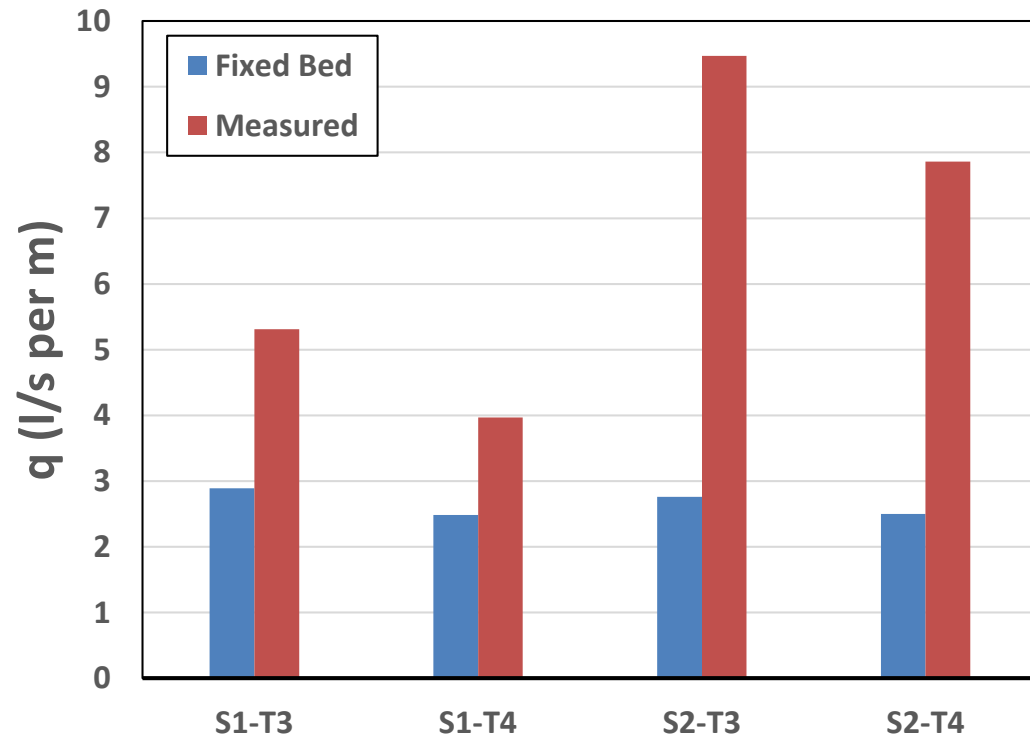


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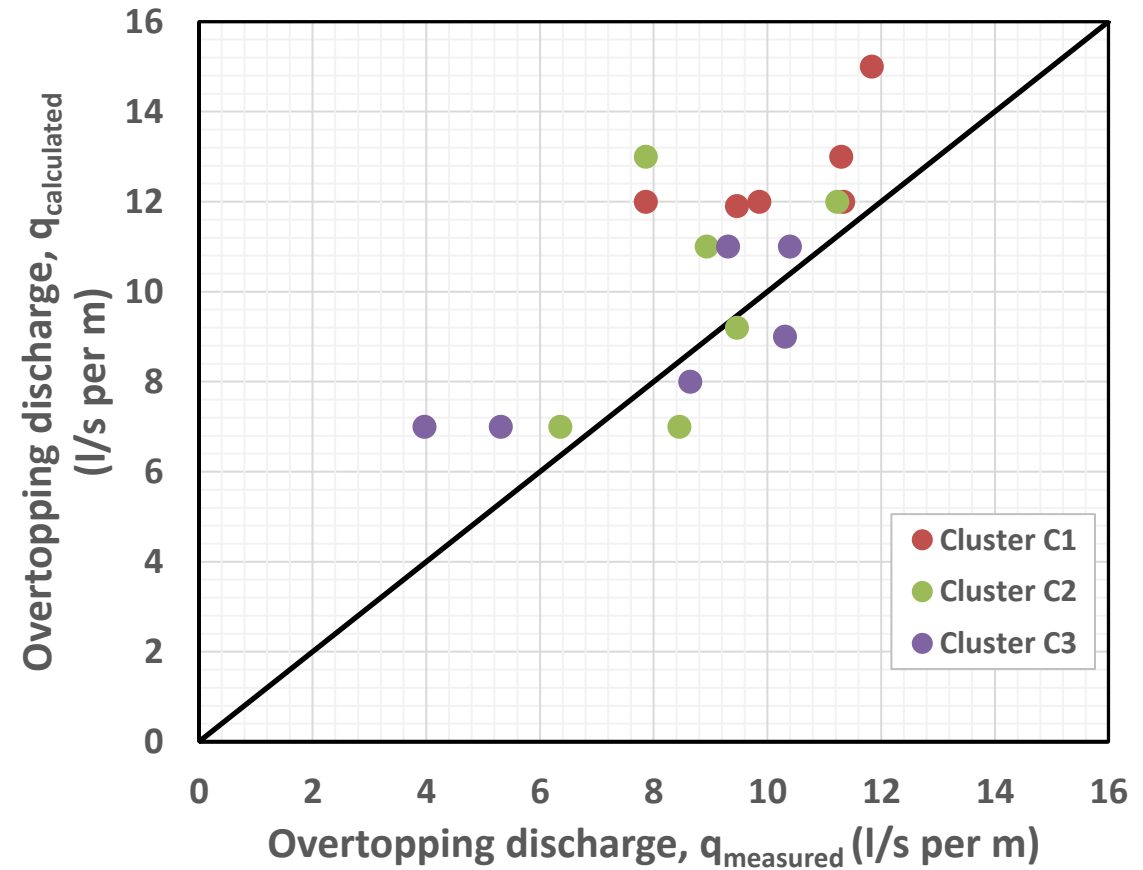


# Comparison of wave overtopping predictions

## Initial slope 1:15



## Mobile slope, schematised





# Conclusions

## XBeach *hydrodynamics*:

- total short wave heights: reasonable to good;  
but a lot to understand the influence of reflection
- total long wave heights: excellent

## XBeach *morphodynamics*:

- not able to model behaviour of a full cluster
- with given reshaped foreshore with 2 sea states:
  - perfect scour/accretion behaviour (first 2-5 m from the structure)
  - no formation of the breaker bar:
- here are challenges for the future

## EurOtop (2016) *wave overtopping*:

- with initial 1:15 foreshore at least a factor of 2 underprediction
- with given reshaped foreshore reasonably good (slight overprediction)



Thank you

