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EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON TSUNAMI FORCES ACTING ON VERTICAL SEAWALLS UNDER OVERFLOW

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OBJECTS

Tsunami disaster mitigation

Protection => 2011 => Reduction

The viewpoint of failsafe

Great East Japan Earthquake

Tsunami overflows the sea walls

How to estimate the overflow tsunami forces

Non-overflow tsunami force => Overestimation?(Optimal design)

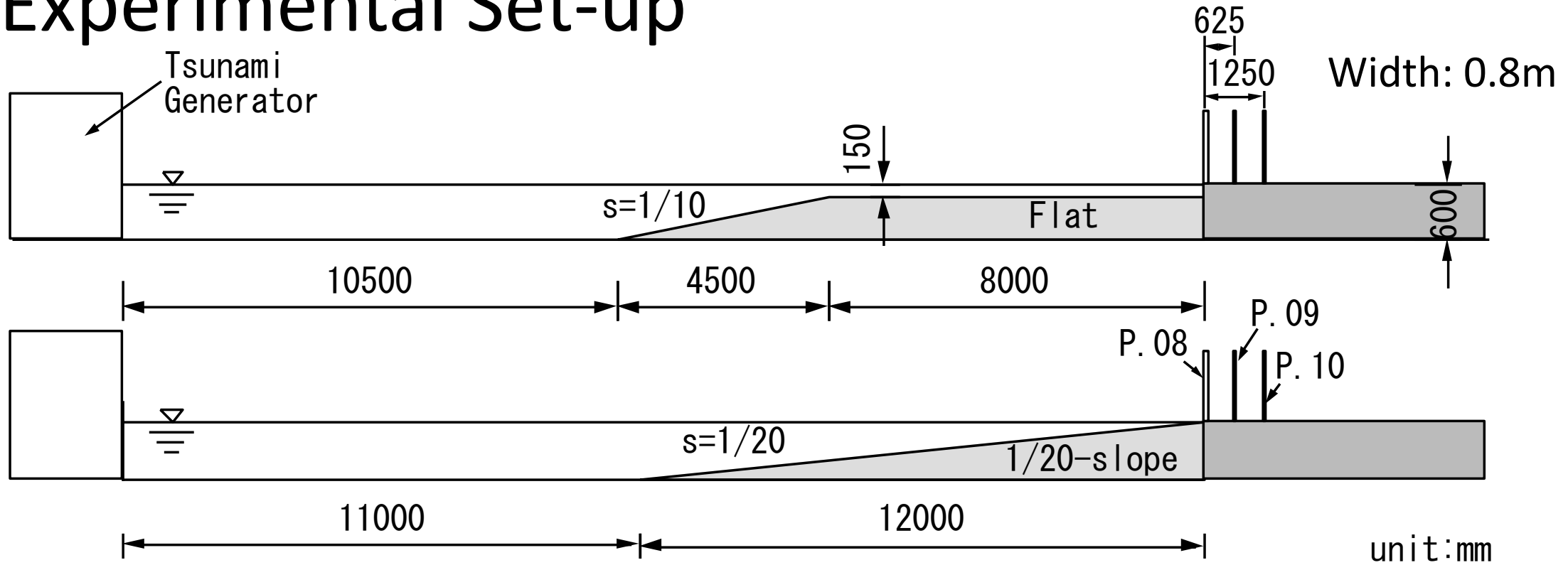
Estimation method of the overflowing tsunami force

comparing with the no-overflow condition

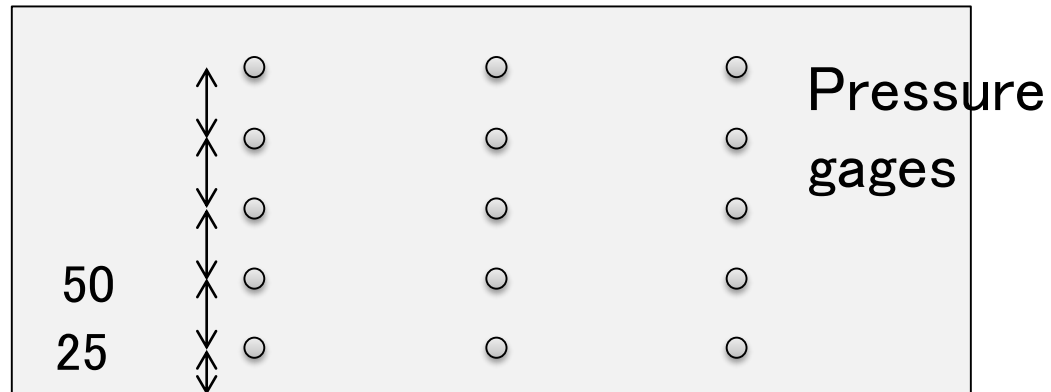


HYDRAULIC EXPERIMENTS

Experimental Set-up



$h_d = 0.26 \text{ m}$
 $- 0.33 \text{ m}$

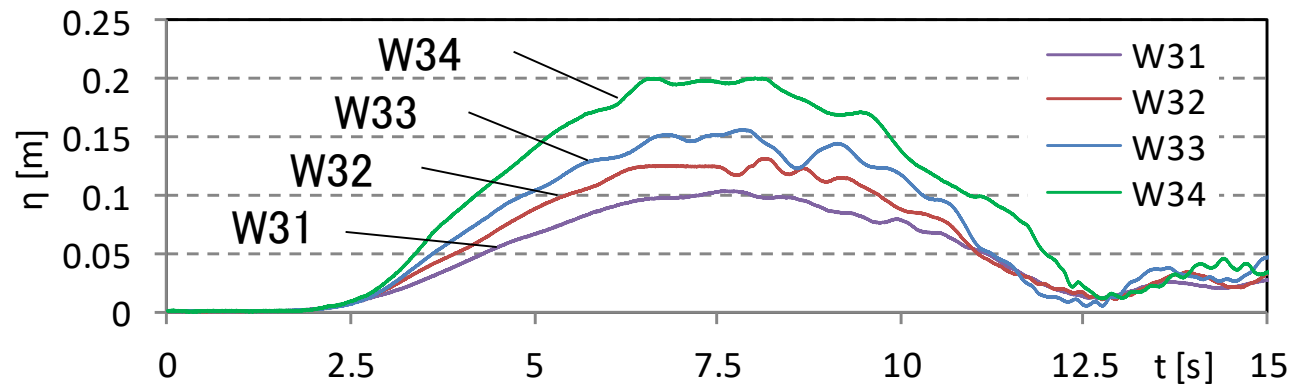
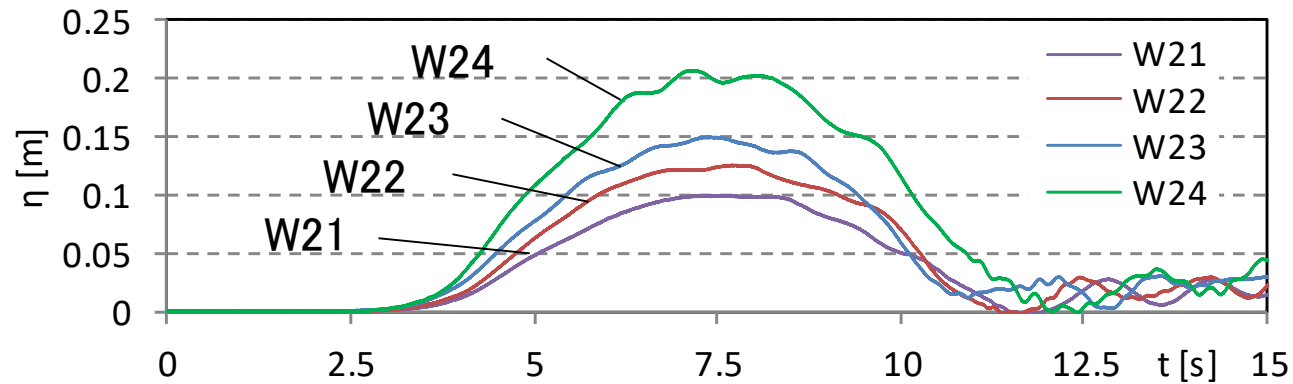
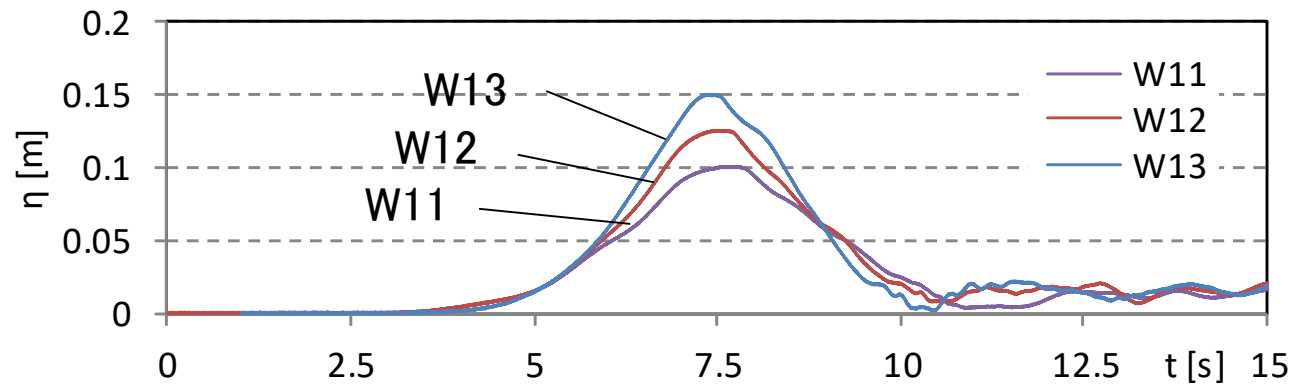


HYDRAULIC EXPERIMENTS

Incident Tsunami Waves

Tsunami profiles
at 15 m distance
from the coast line

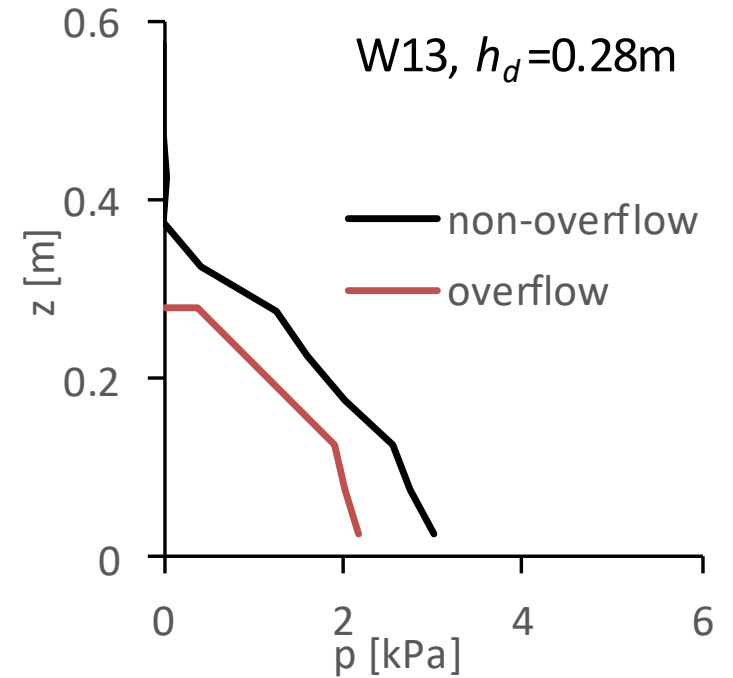
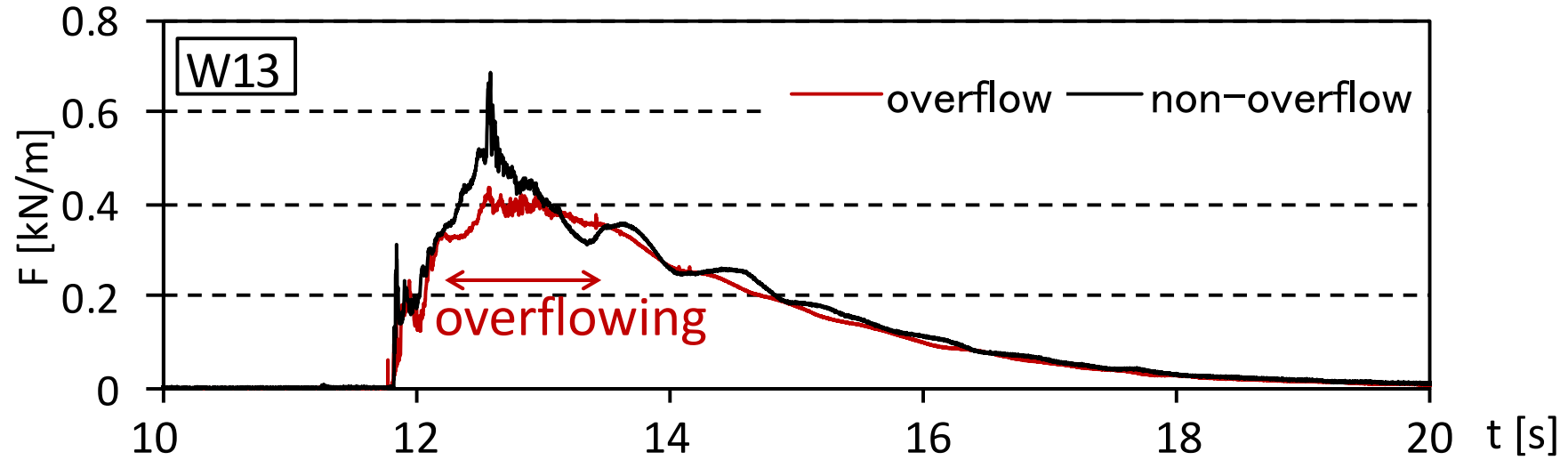
3 kinds of tsunami
periods
4 kinds of tsunami
height



HYDRAULIC EXPERIMENTS

Experimental results

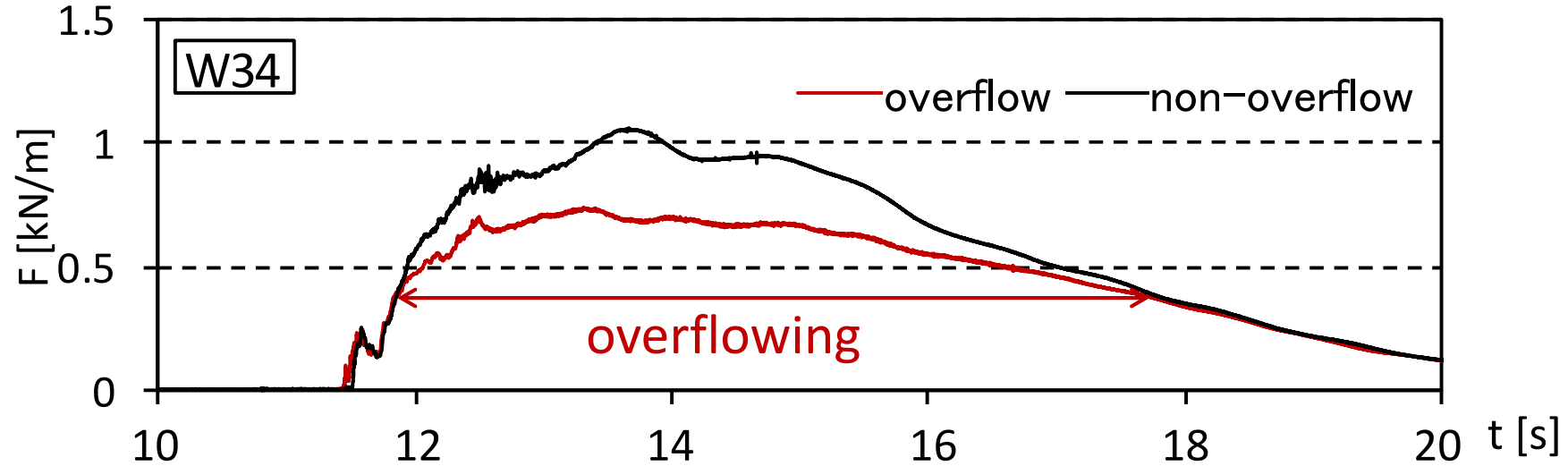
Slope, P.10, W13, $h_d=0.28$ m



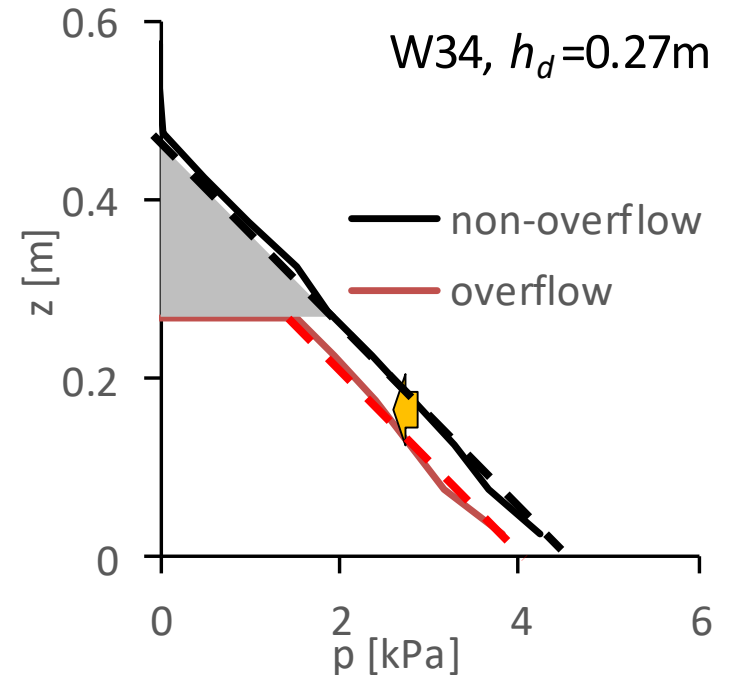
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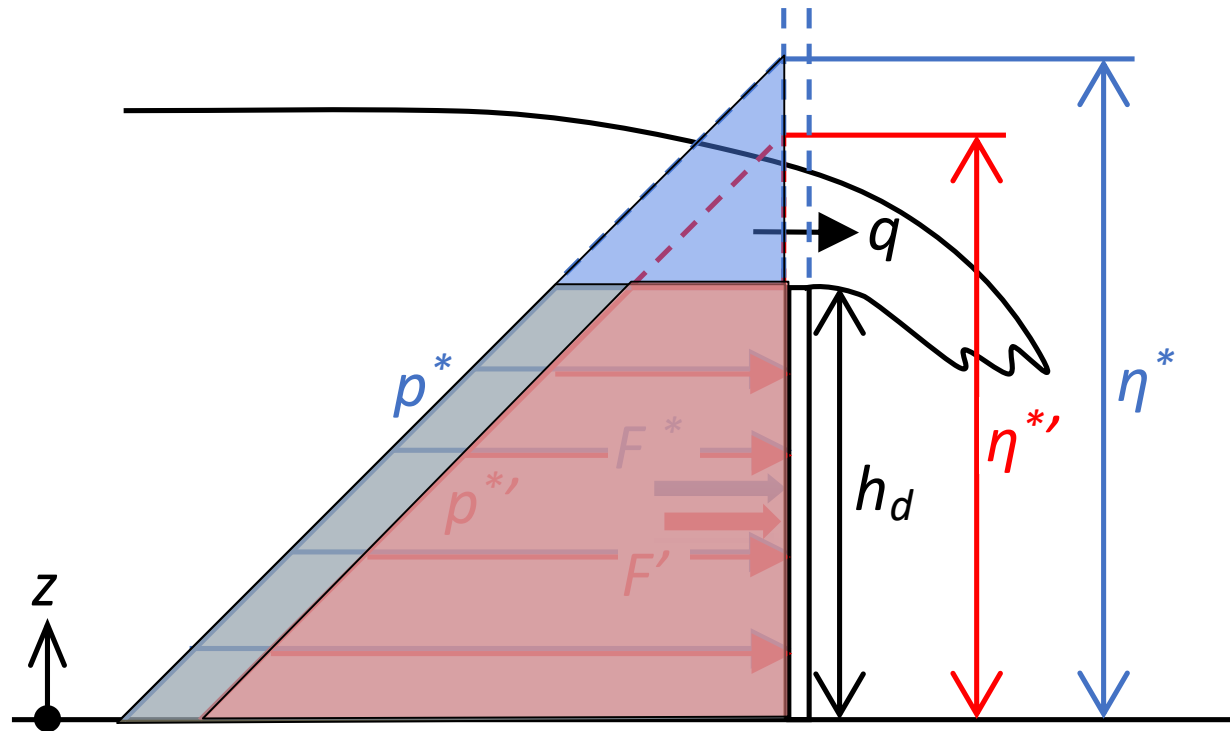
Slope, P.10, W34, $h_d=0.27$ m



- Hydrostatic pressure profile
- The top pressure vanishes
- The overall pressure decreases



Analytical Model of overflowing tsunami pressure



$$F = \int_0^{\eta^*} p^* dz$$

Non-overflow
tsunami force

$$F^* = \int_0^{h_d} p^* dz$$

Partial
tsunami force

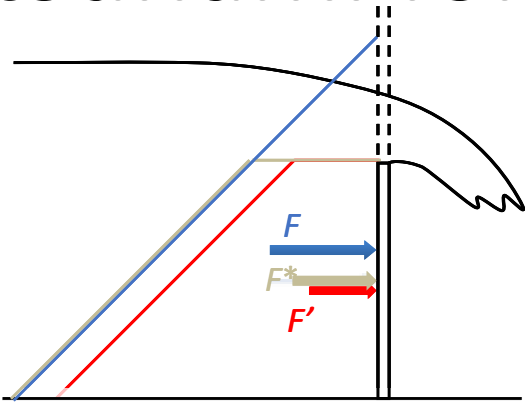
$$F' = \int_0^{h_d} p^{*'} dz$$

Overflow
tsunami force

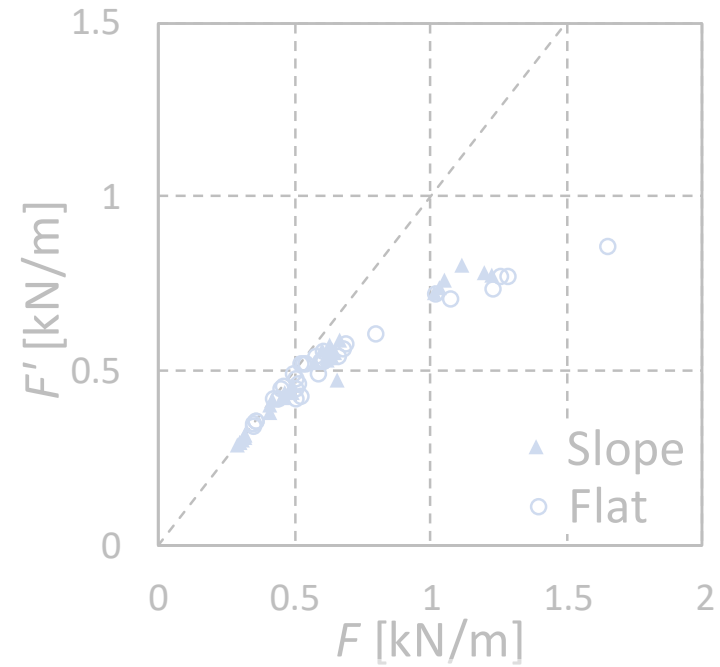


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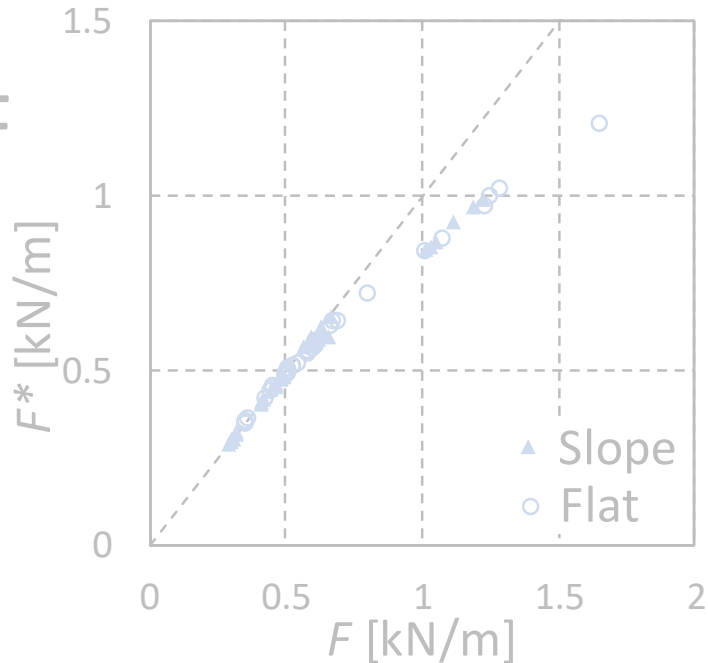
Comparisons of tsunami forces



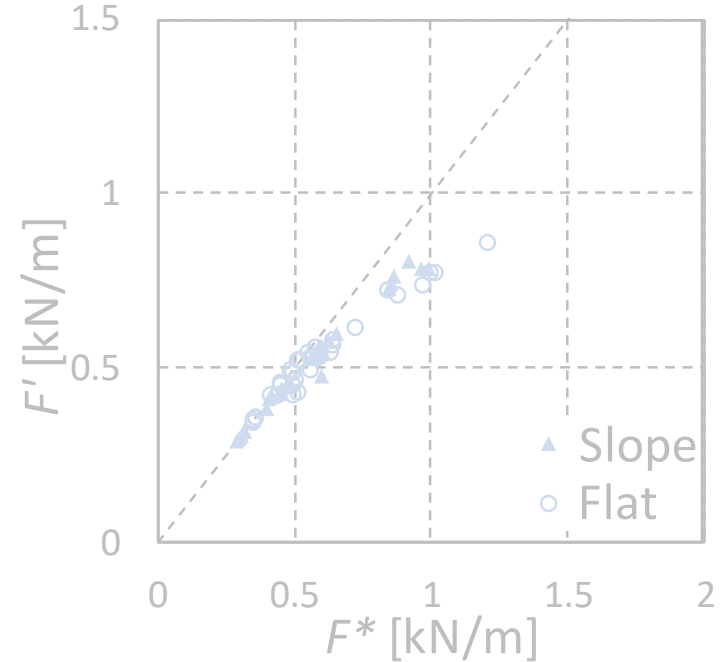
Non-overflow F
vs.
Overflow F'



Non-overflow F
vs.
Partial F^*



Partial F^*
vs.
Overflow F'

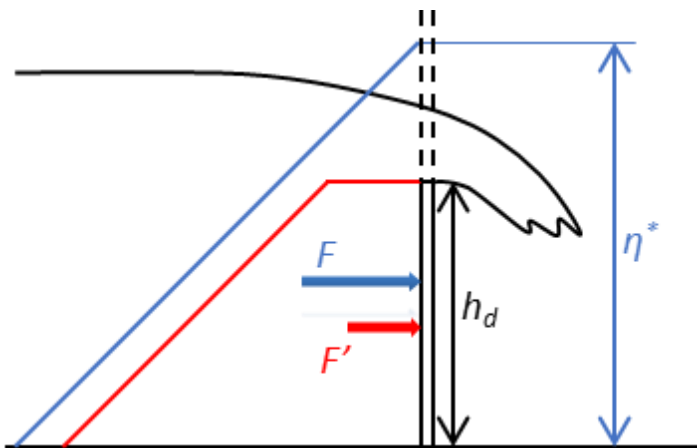


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Tsunami forces reduction

Tsunami force reduction rates

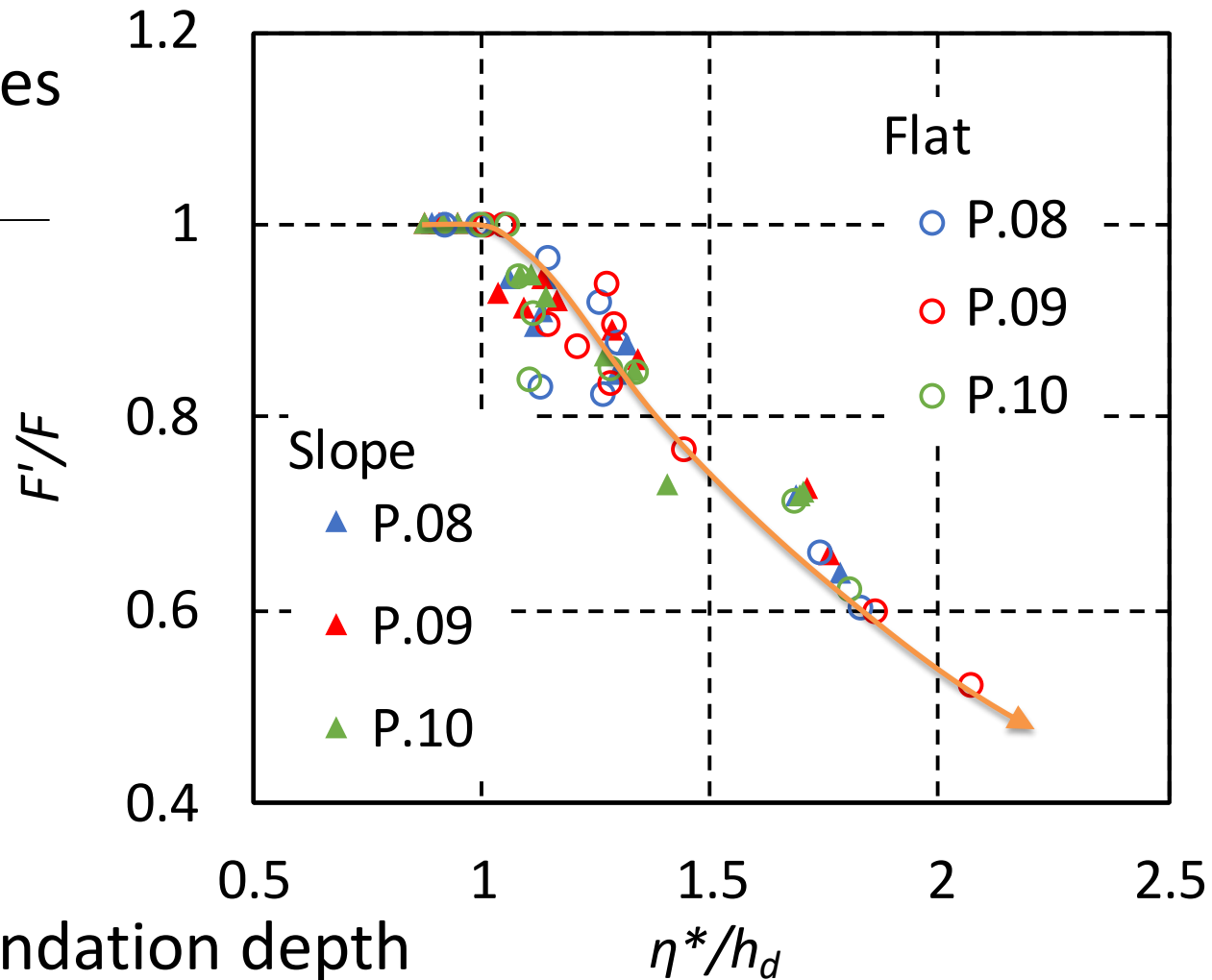
$$\frac{\text{Overflow } F'}{\text{Non-overflow } F}$$



Relative inundation depth

$\frac{\eta^*}{h_d}$

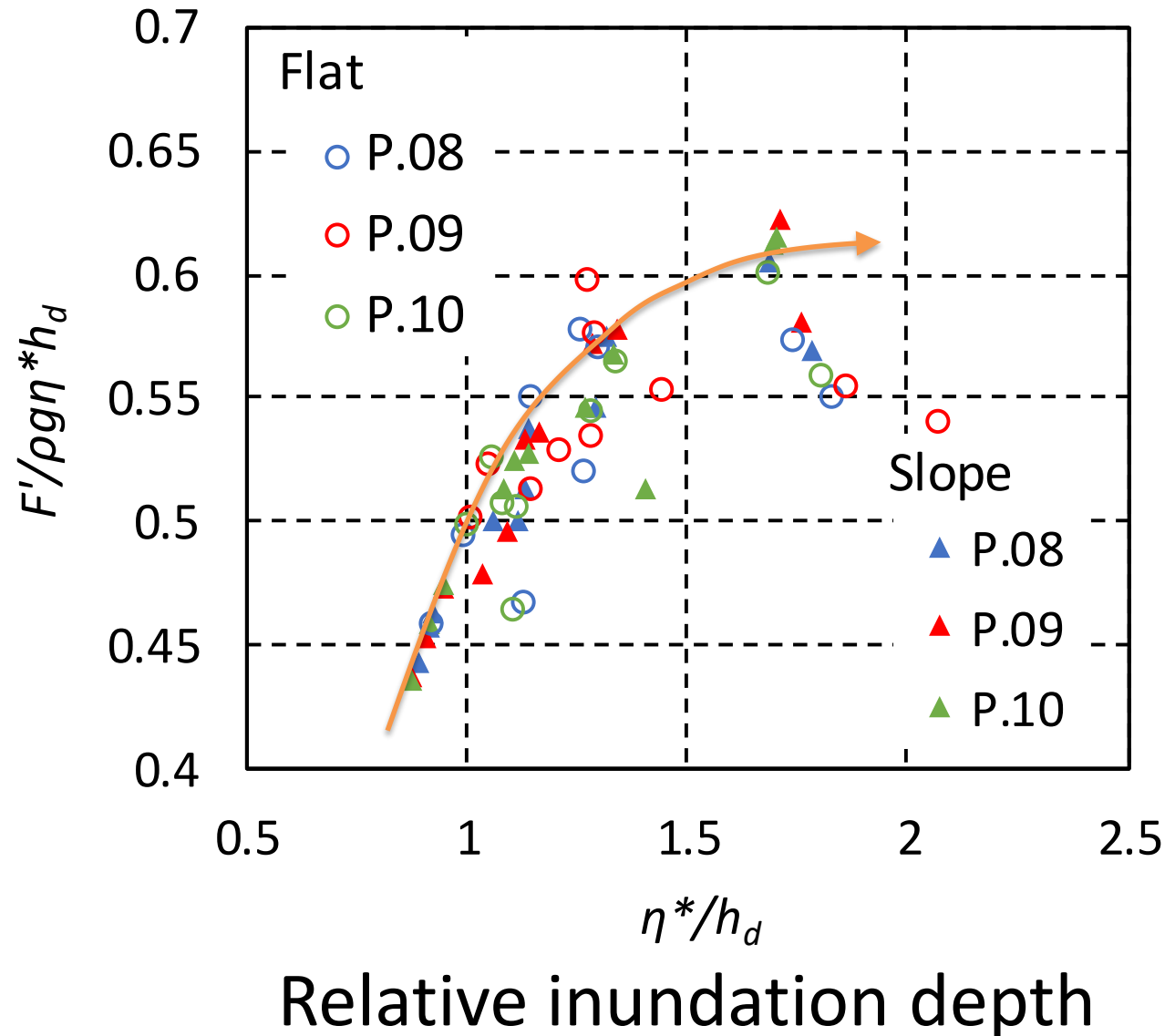
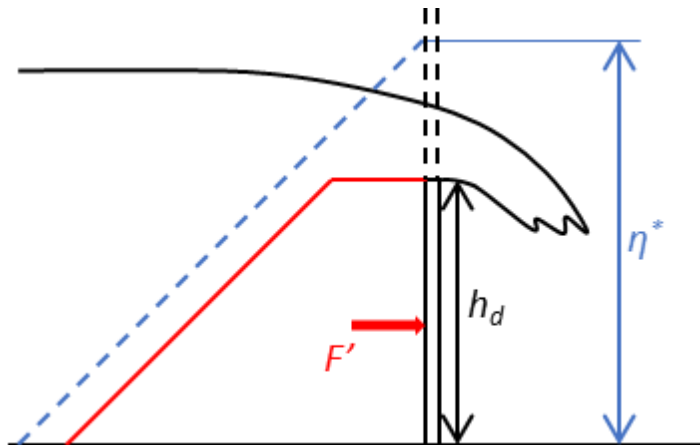
non-overflowing inundation depth η^*
wall height h_d



Dimensionless tsunami forces

Dimensionless tsunami forces

$$\frac{\text{Overflow } F'}{\rho g \eta^* h_d}$$



ESTIMATION MODEL

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \rho g \eta^{*2} \quad F^* = \frac{1}{2} \rho g h_d (2\eta^* - h_d) \quad F' = \frac{1}{2} \rho g h_d (2\eta^{*'} - h_d)$$

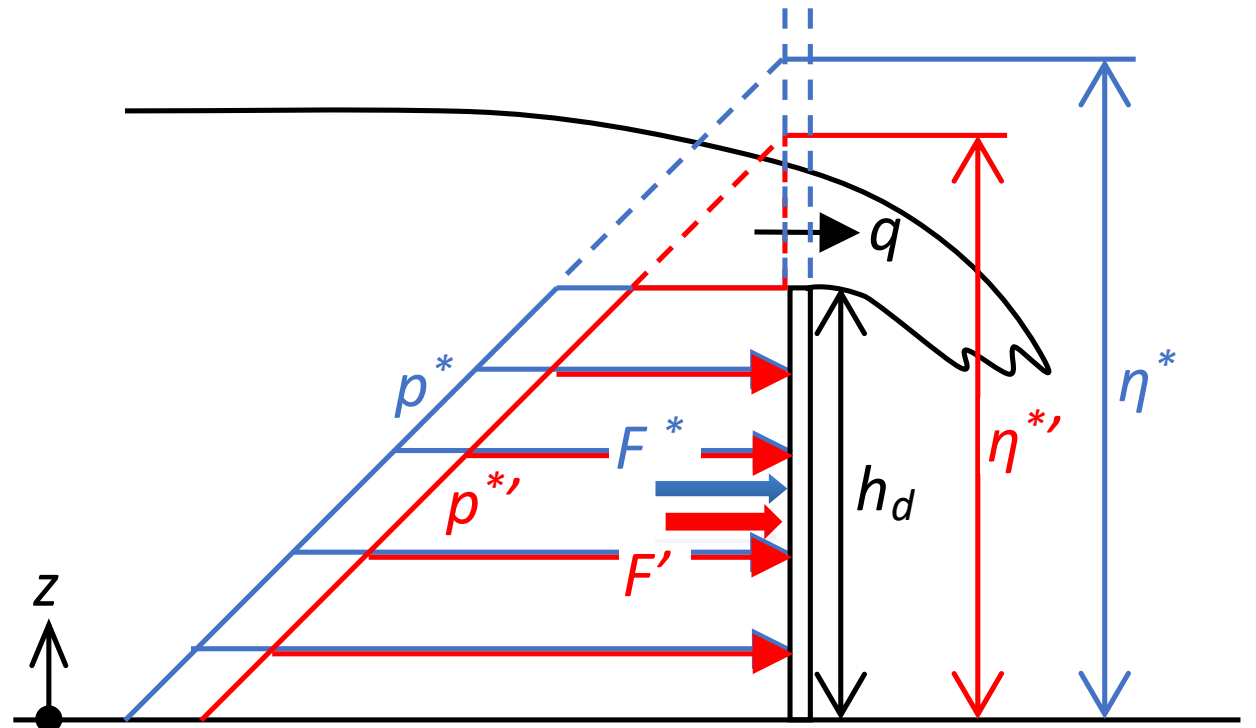
Momentum conservation

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho g \eta^{*2} = \frac{1}{2} \rho g \eta^{*'}^2 + \rho \frac{q^2}{\eta^{*'} - h_d}$$

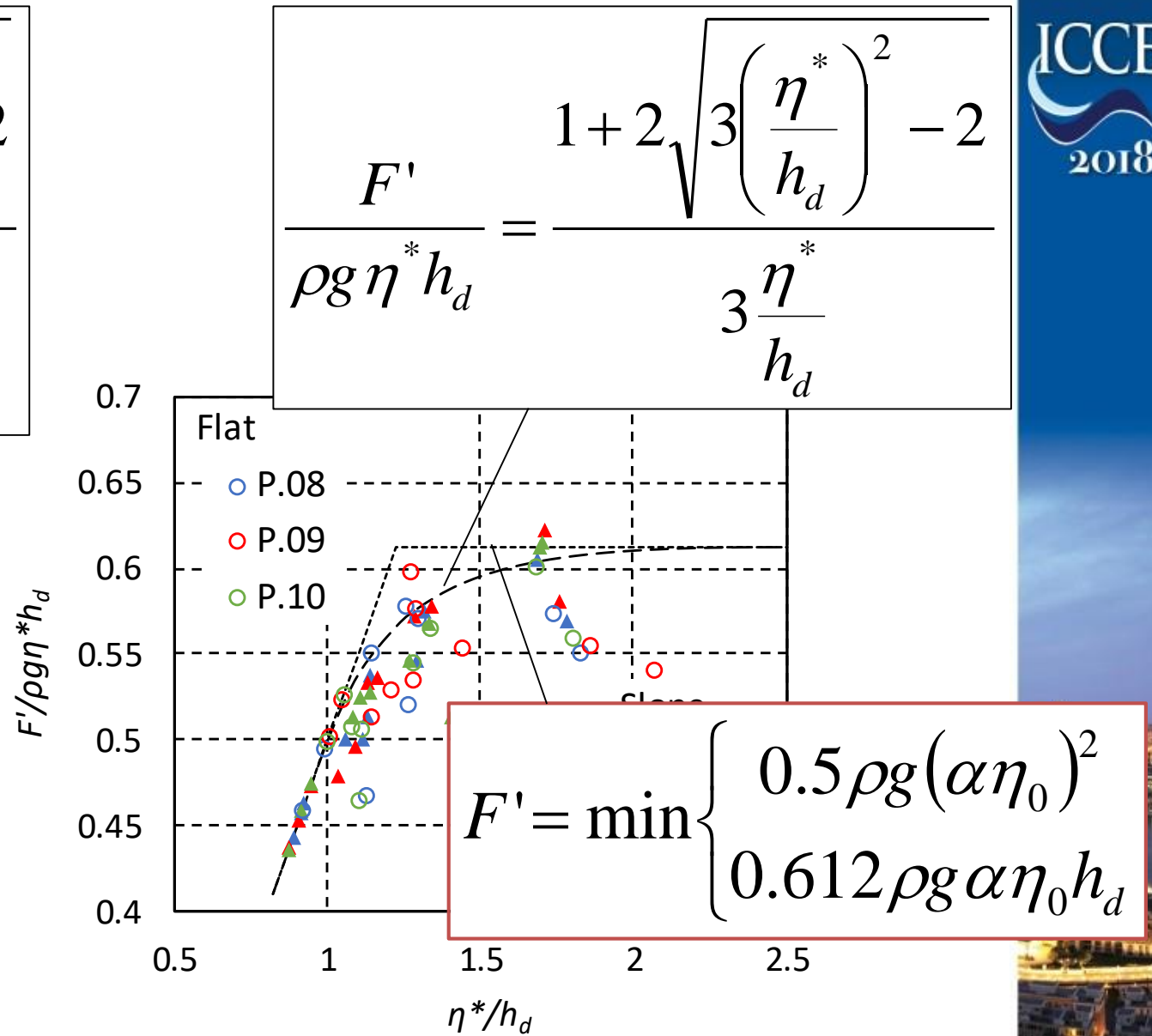
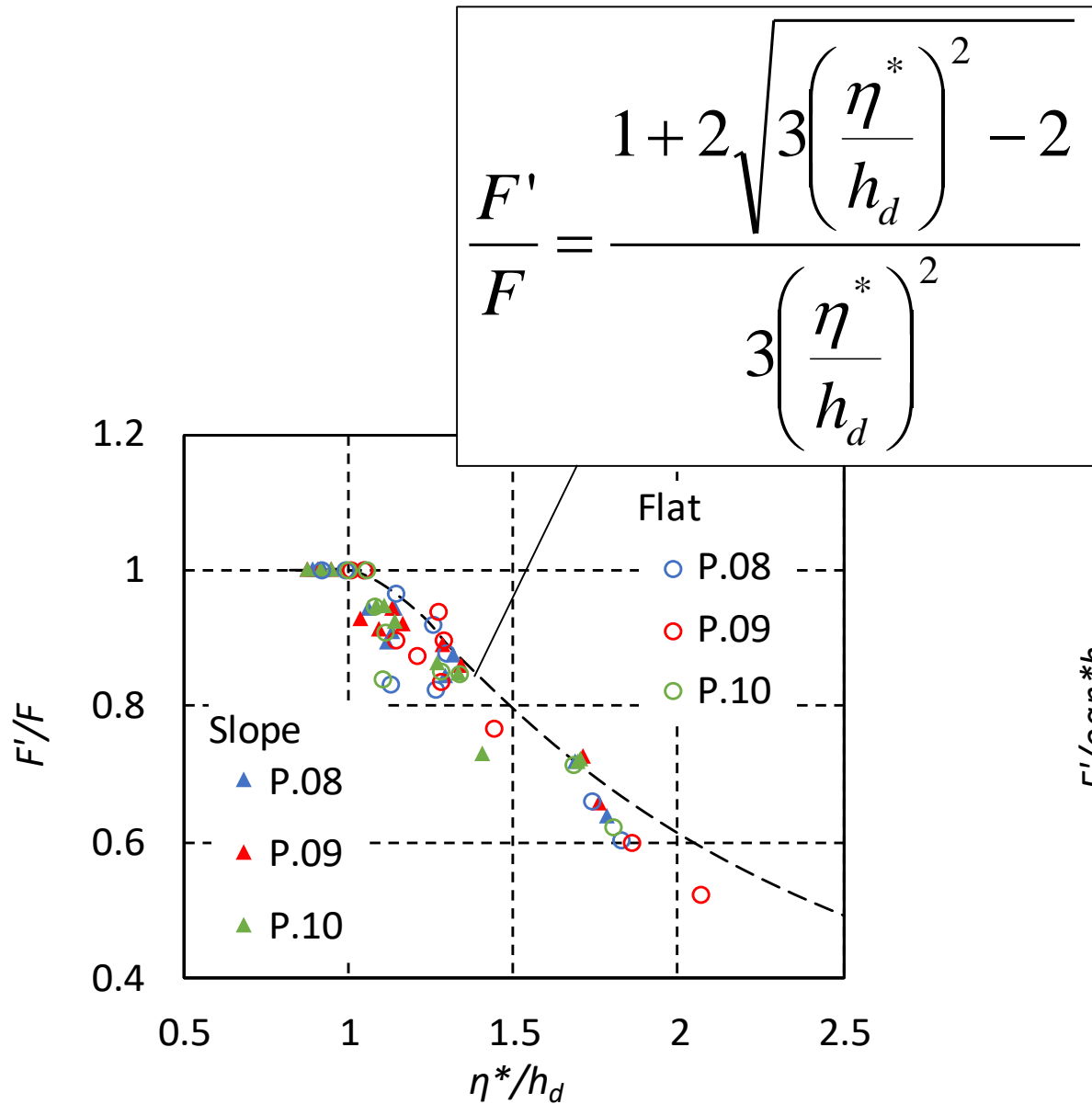
Overflow discharge

$$q = C(\eta^{*'} - h_d)^{3/2}$$

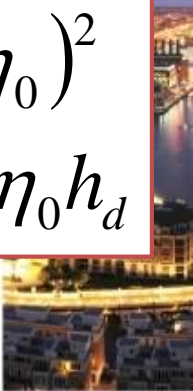
C: discharge coefficient = \sqrt{g}



ESTIMATION MODEL



$$F' = \min \begin{cases} 0.5 \rho g (\alpha \eta_0)^2 \\ 0.612 \rho g \alpha \eta_0 h_d \end{cases}$$



CONCLUSIONS

The physical model tests were conducted and a theoretical model was proposed for the tsunami-induced force acting on seawalls under overflow condition.

- ✓ The tsunami force reduction due to the overflow is caused by the decreases of effective area and hydraulic pressure.
- ✓ The tsunami force reduction rate can be safely estimated by the proposed model.



ESTIMATION MODEL

Momentum conservation

Non-overflow $M_{in}^{(1)} + M_{out}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \rho g \eta^{*2}$

Overflow $M_{in}^{(2)} + M_{out}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \rho g \eta^{*2} + \rho \frac{q^2}{\eta^{*} - h_d}$

$$M_{in}^{(1)} = M_{in}^{(2)} \quad M_{out}^{(1)} > M_{out}^{(2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho g \eta^{*2} > \frac{1}{2} \rho g \eta^{*2} + \rho \frac{q^2}{\eta^{*} - h_d}$$

