



THE INFLUENCE OF A CROWN WALL ON WAVE

OVERTOPPING OVER RUBBLE MOUND STRUCTURES

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BREAKWATER DESIGN

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- Low crested breakwaters
 - Open view to the sea
 - Lower building cost
 - Existing high crested: decrease due to SLR
- Low overtopping discharges



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 Non-breaking waves on rubble mound structures

 EurOtop 2007

$$\frac{q}{\sqrt{gH_{m0}^3}} = 0.2 \cdot \left[- \left(2.6 \cdot \frac{R_c}{H_{m0} \cdot \gamma_f \cdot \gamma_\beta} \right) \right]$$

for $R_c/H_{m0} > 0.5$

 EurOtop 2016

$$\frac{q}{\sqrt{gH_{m0}^3}} = 0.09 \cdot \exp \left[- \left(1.5 \cdot \frac{R_c}{H_{m0} \cdot \gamma_f \cdot \gamma_\beta} \right)^{1.3} \right]$$

for $R_c/H_{m0} \geq 0$

↪

$$\frac{q}{\sqrt{gH_{m0}^3}} = 0.09 \cdot \exp \left[- \left(1.5 \cdot \frac{R_c}{H_{m0} \cdot \gamma^*} \right)^{1.3} \right]$$

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- Crest Freeboard (R_c) vs Armour Freeboard (A_c)

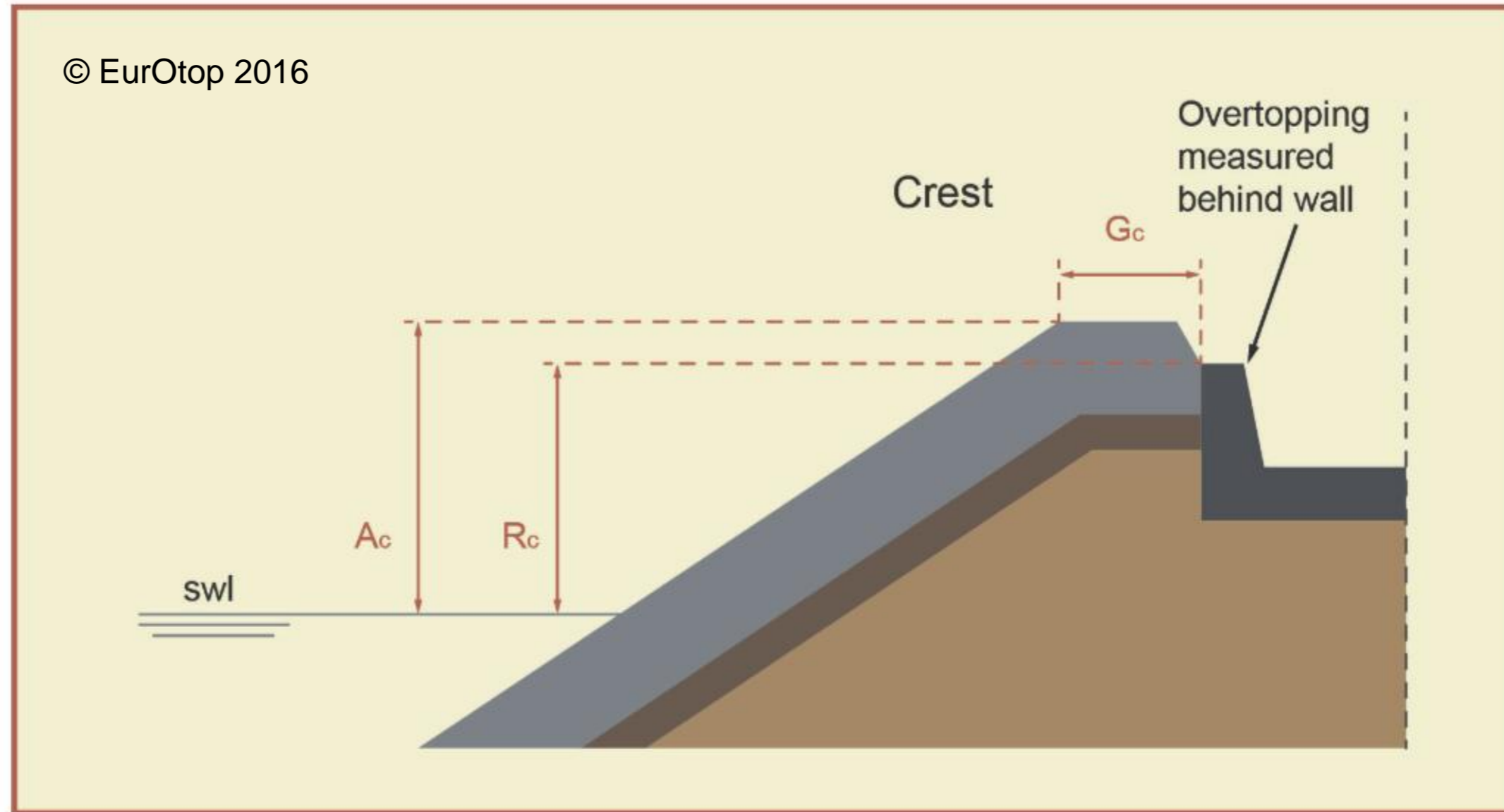


Figure 1.4: Crest freeboard different from armour freeboard. R_c can also be equal or larger than A_c .

- Formulae set up for $R_c = A_c$, $G_c = 3D_{n50}$

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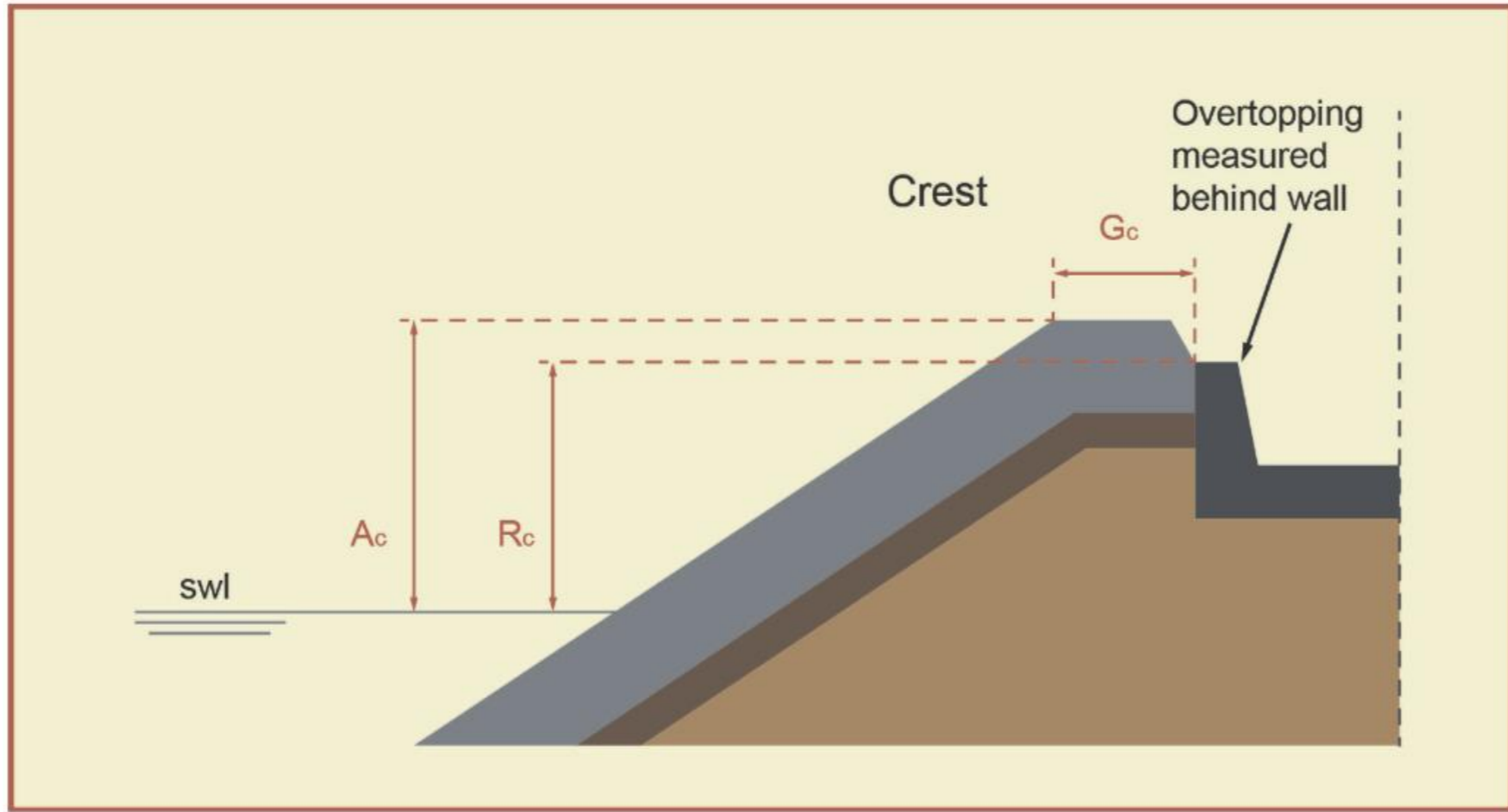
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- Unclear advice when $R_c \neq A_c$
- Use the highest value, except when $A_c > R_c$

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no wall
using $A_c \rightarrow$ underestimation
EurOtop 2007: use R_c
EurOtop 2016: use $(A_c + R_c)/2$

small wall
using $A_c \rightarrow$ (slight) underestimation
EurOtop 2007: use R_c
EurOtop 2016: use A_c

ADVICE EUROTOP

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■ Varying crown wall

$$\frac{q}{\sqrt{gH_{m0}^3}} = 0.09 \cdot \exp \left[- \left(1.5 \cdot \frac{R_c}{H_{m0} \cdot \gamma_f \cdot \gamma_\beta} \right)^{1.3} \right]$$



$$R_c > A_c \rightarrow R_c$$

VERIFY AND
IMPROVE ADVICE
EUROTOP THROUGH
EXPERIMENTAL
MODELLING

$$R_c < A_c \rightarrow A_c \text{ (wall)}$$
$$\rightarrow (A_c + R_c)/2 \text{ (no wall)}$$
$$\rightarrow R_c \text{ (EurOtop 2007)}$$

■ Varying crest width

↪ No clear guidelines available!

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TEST PROGRAMME &

MODEL SET-UP

TEST PROGRAMME

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Data series	h_{wall}	G_c	T_p
Ref. case	0	$3D_{n50}$	10 s
Wall variation	$\neq 0$	$3D_{n50}$	10 s
Crest and Period variation	0	$1/3/5D_{n50}$	7/10/12 s
Combination	$\neq 0$	$1/3/5D_{n50}$	7/10/12 s

→ Varying wall, other parameters fixed

→ Varying crest width & wave period, other parameters fixed

→ Combining the above

2016/2017: 191 tests on rubble mound, 21 on HARO

2017/2018: 33 on rubble mound, 128 on HARO, 74 on Xbloc^{plus}

447 tests

MODEL SET-UP

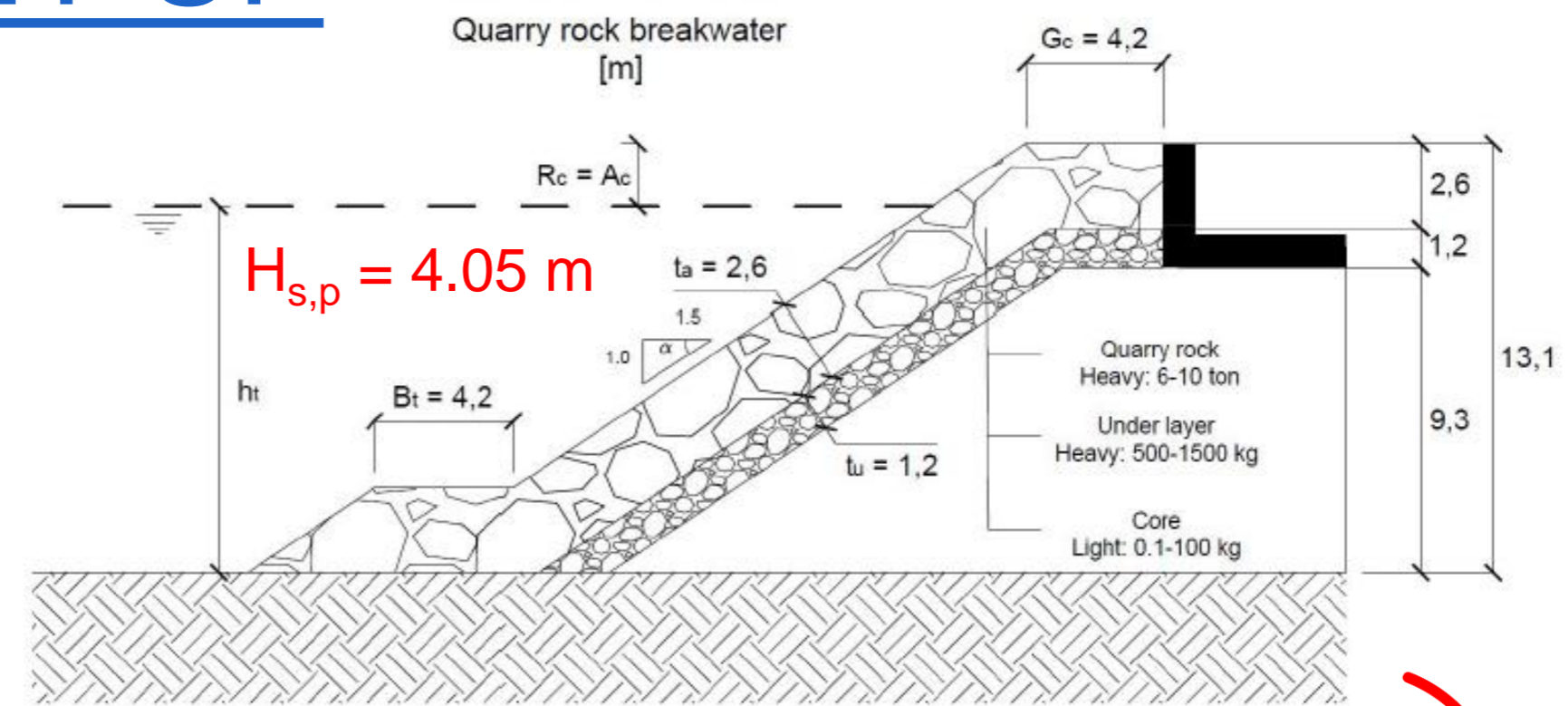
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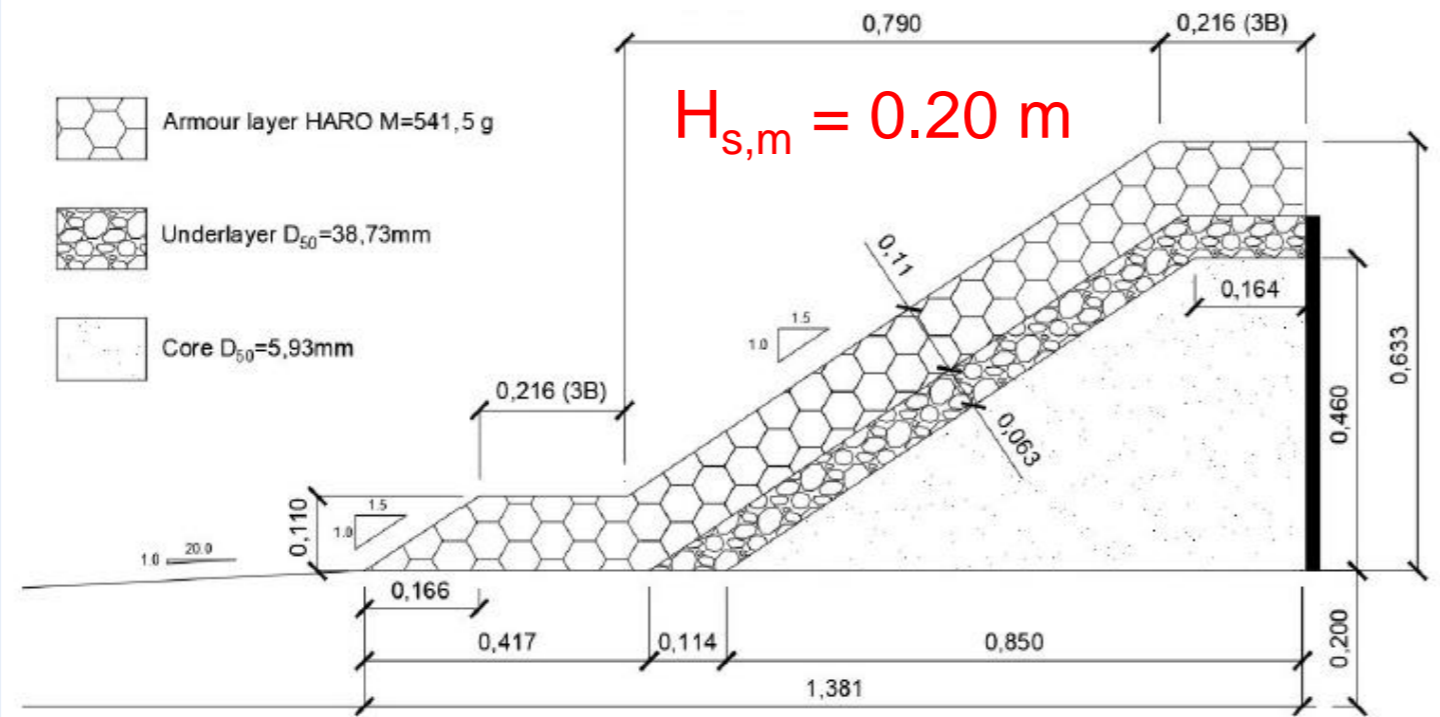
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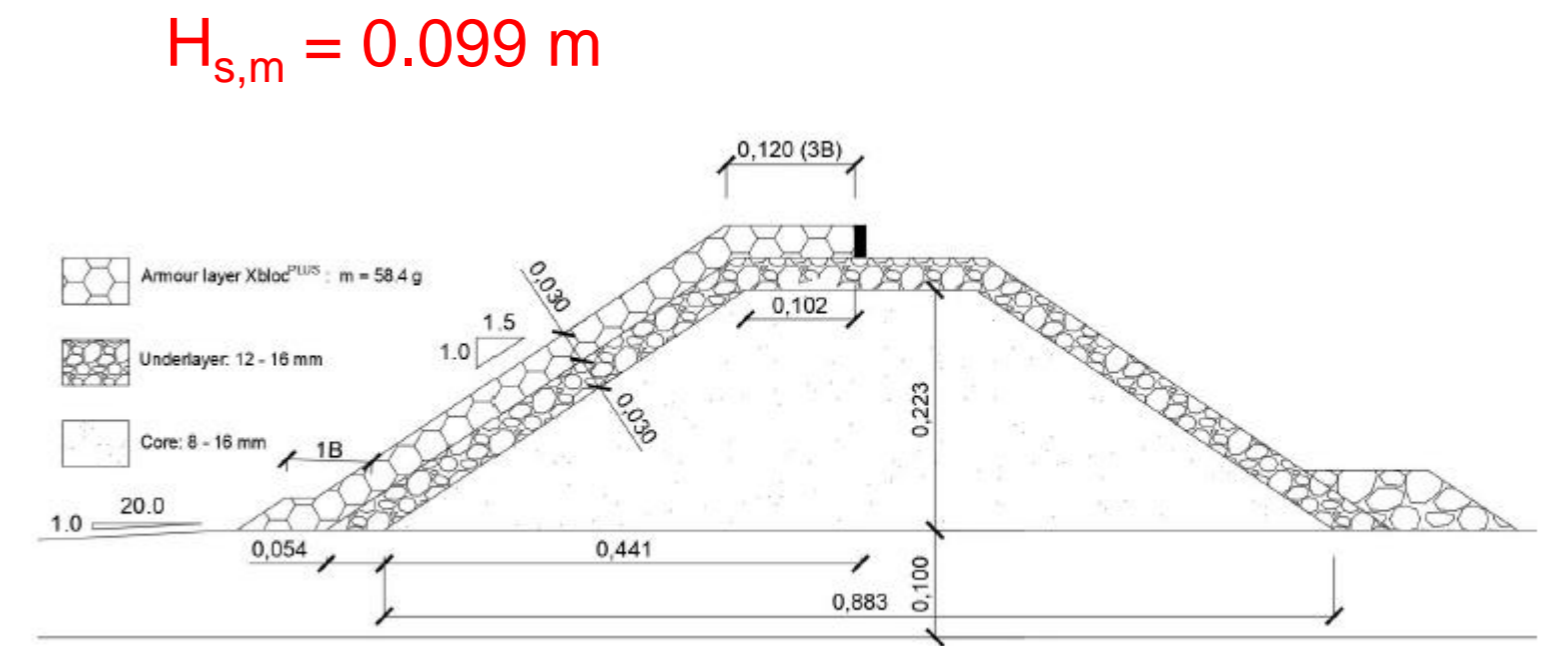
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LWF MODEL



DMC MODEL

TESTED CONFIGURATIONS

Reference case

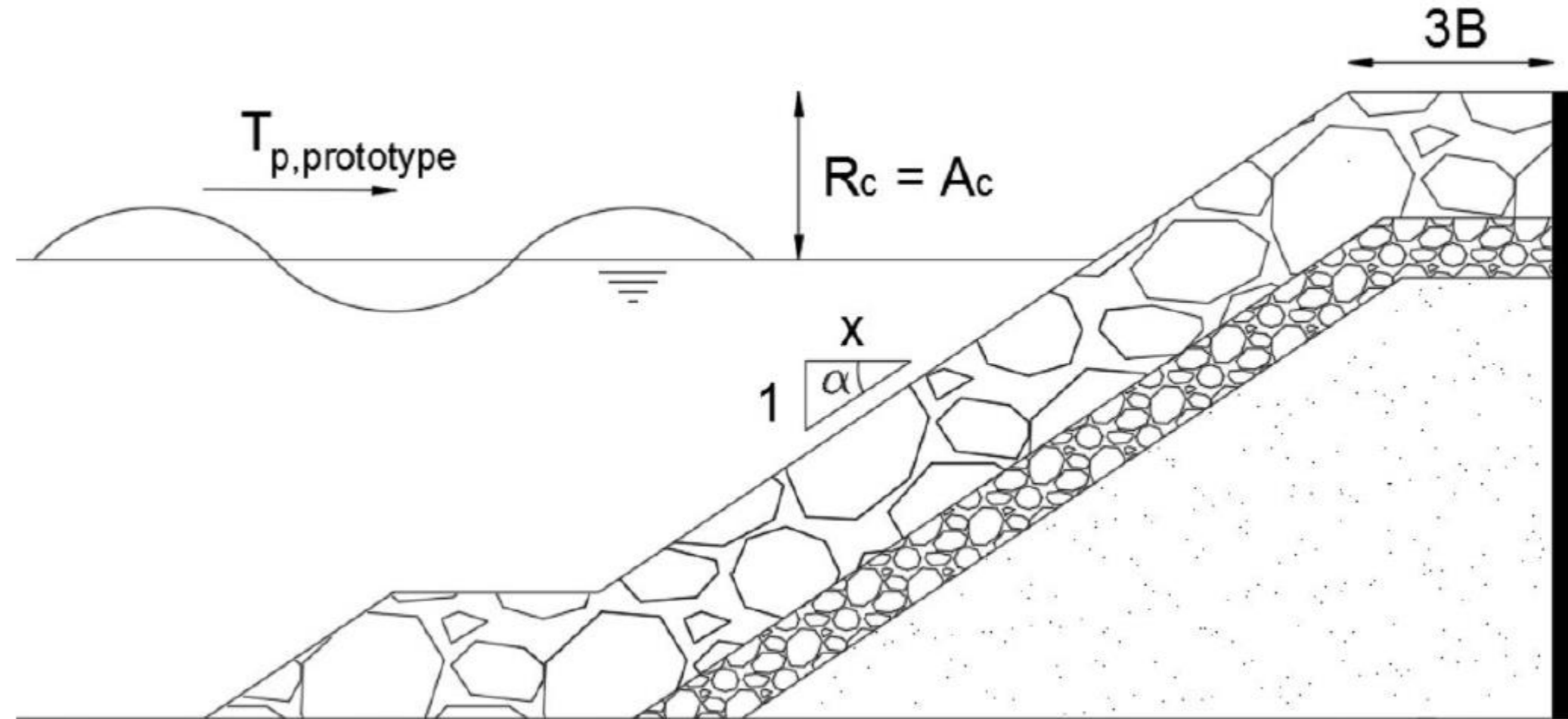


Table 3.7: Reference case conditions for a rubble mound breakwater

Reference case conditions	
Slope α	1 : 1.5
Crest width G_c	3B
R_c/A_c	1
$T_{p,prototype}$	10s

TESTED CONFIGURATIONS

■ Geometrical modifications

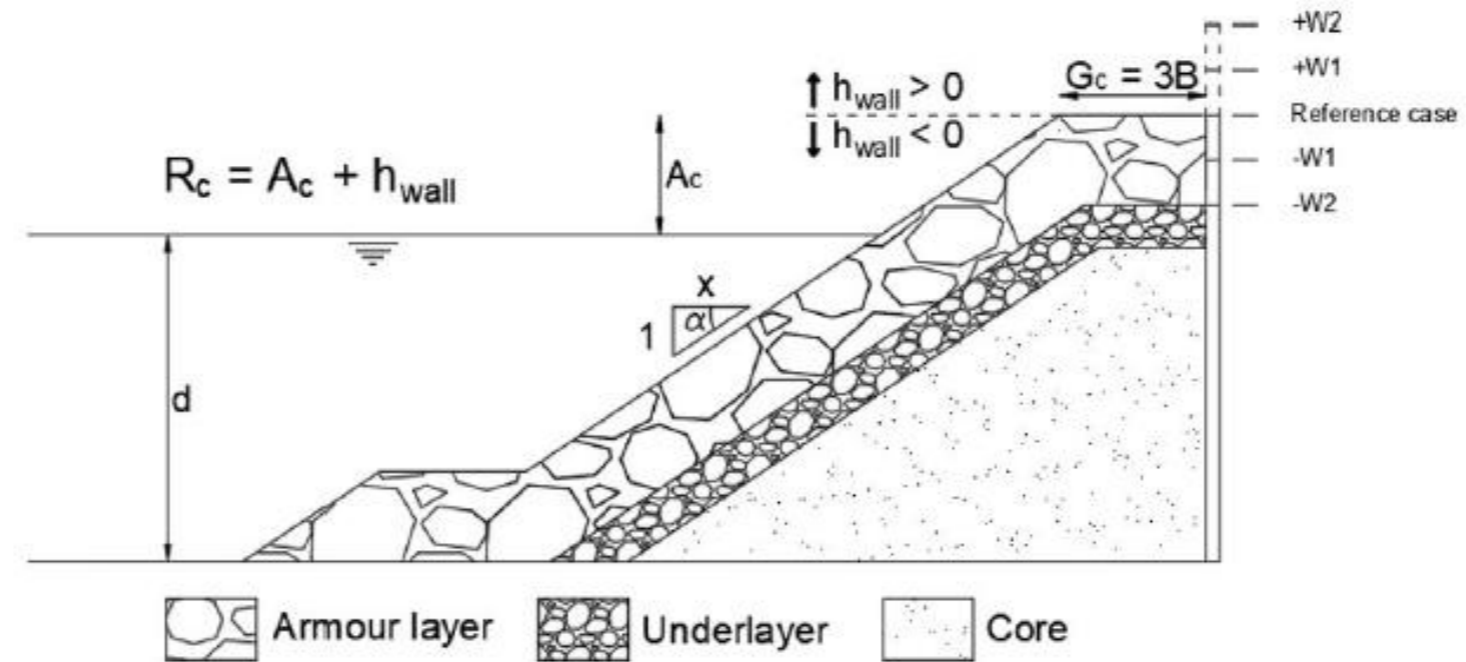
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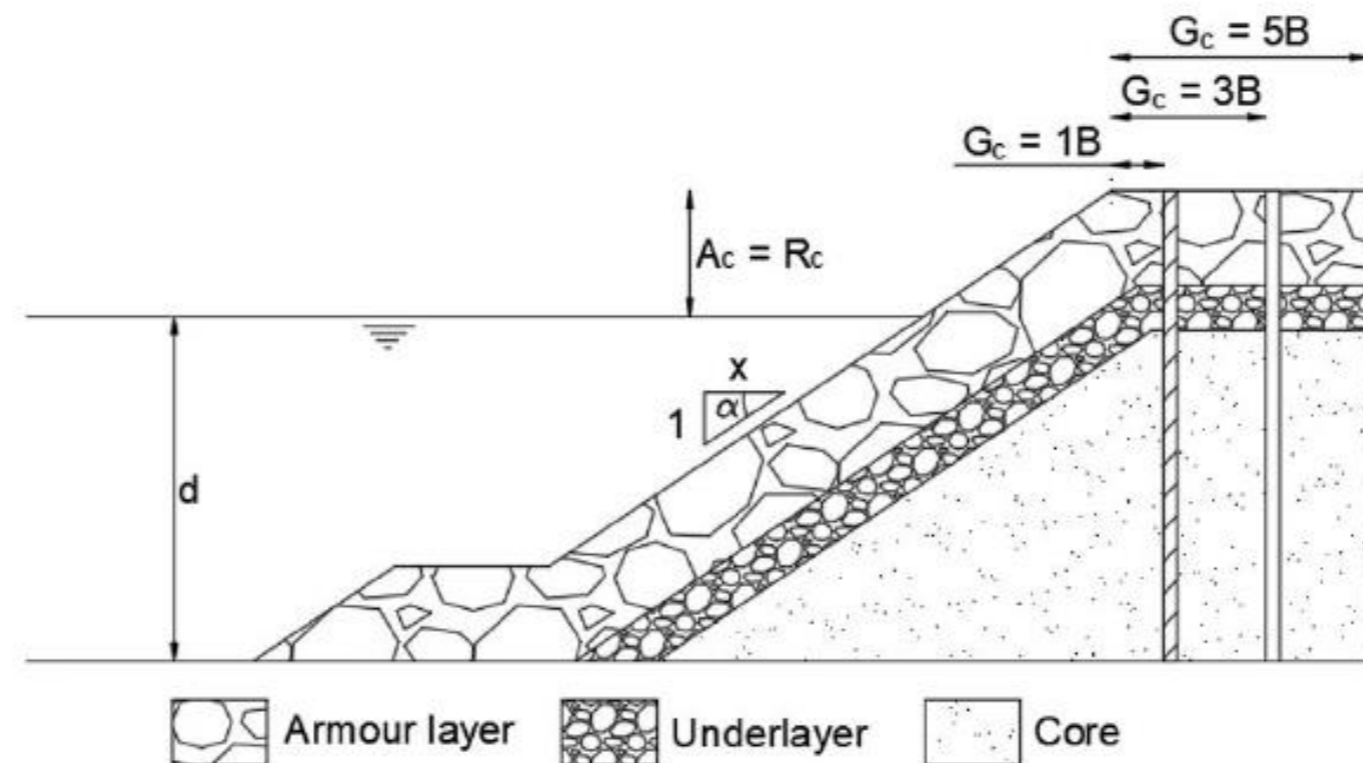
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(a) Representation of the crown wall variations



(b) Representation of the crest width variations

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RESULTS FOR RUBBLE

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$$\frac{q}{\sqrt{gH_{m0}^3}} = 0.09 \cdot \exp \left[- \left(1.5 \cdot \frac{R_c}{H_{m0} \cdot \gamma^*} \right)^{1.3} \right]$$

Data series	h_{wall}	G_c	T_p	γ^*	Derived factor
Ref. case	0	$3D_{n50}$	10 s	$\gamma^* = \gamma_f$	γ_f
Wall variation	$\neq 0$	$3D_{n50}$	10 s	$\gamma^* = \gamma_f \cdot \gamma_v$	γ_v
Crest and Period variation	0	$1/3/5D_{n50}$	7/10/12 s	$\gamma^* = \gamma_f \cdot \gamma_{crest}$	γ_{crest}
Combination	$\neq 0$	$1/3/5D_{n50}$	7/10/12 s	$\gamma^* = \gamma_f \cdot \gamma_{crest_v}$ $\gamma_{crest_v} = fcn(\gamma_v, \gamma_{crest})$	γ_{crest_v}

DETERMINATION ROUGHNESS FACTOR

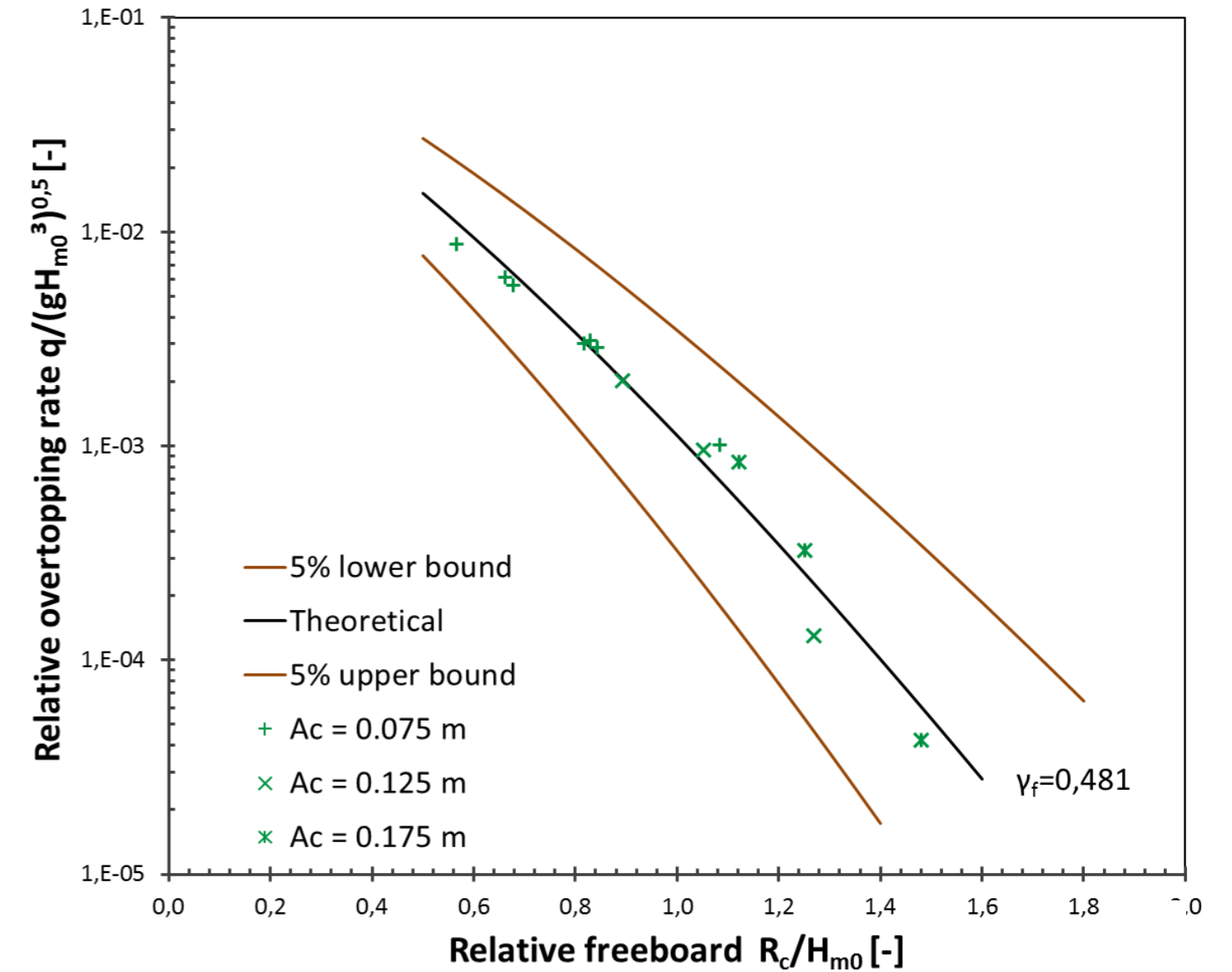
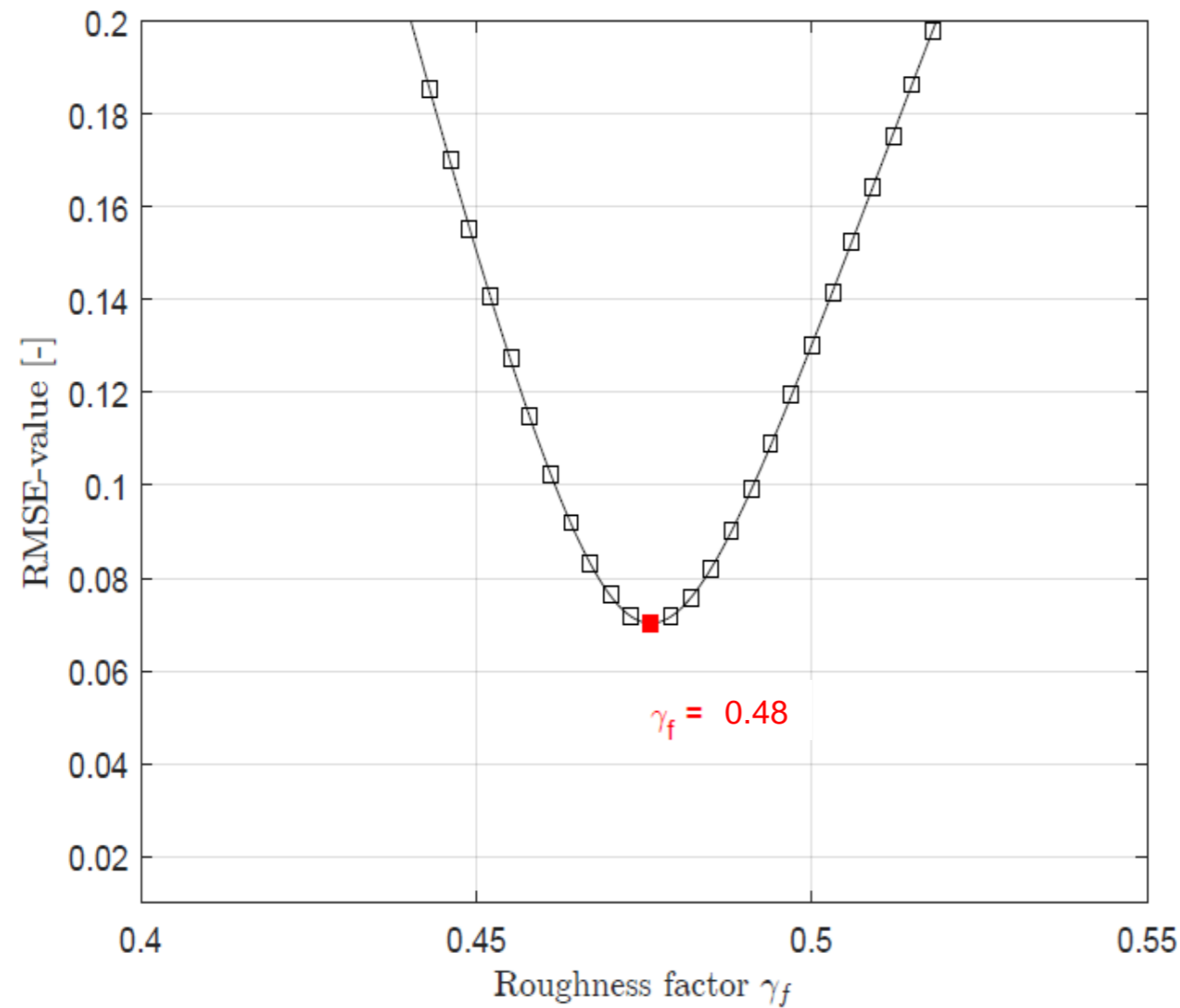
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$\gamma_v = 0.48$ within expected range (0.4-0.55)

INFLUENCE OF THE WALL HEIGHT

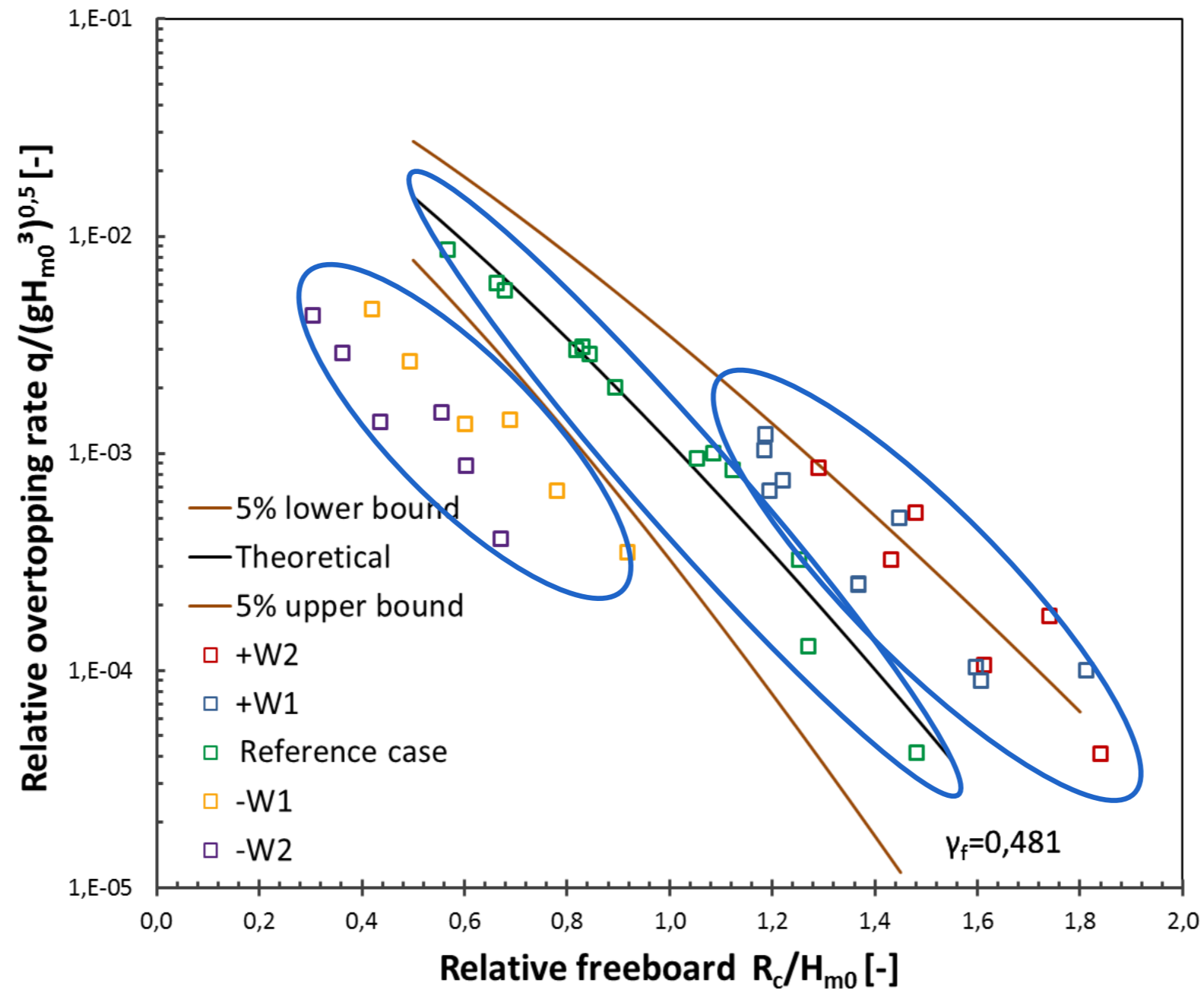
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- Clear wall height variation
- Surprising results?

INFLUENCE OF THE WALL HEIGHT: +W

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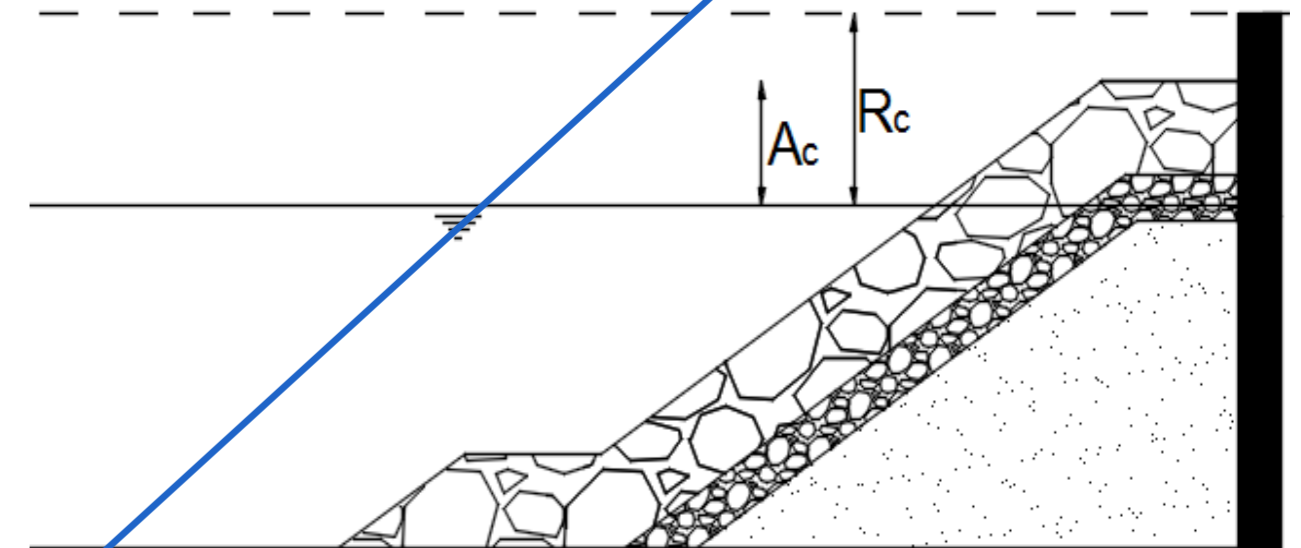
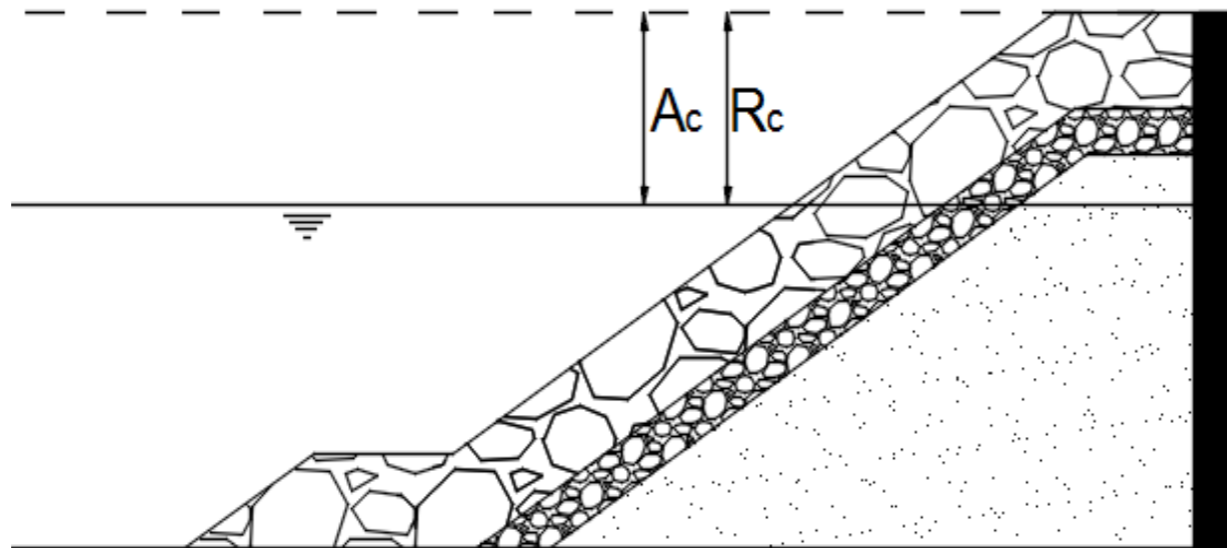
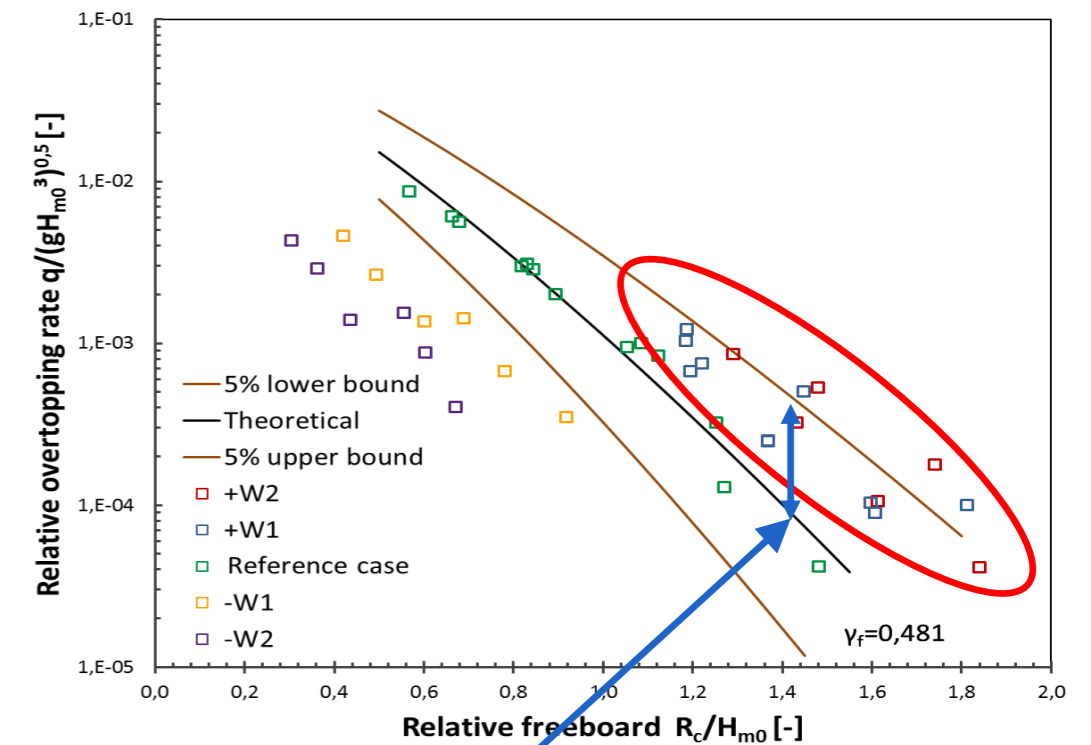
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- Not that surprising...



- EuOtop's advice (use R_c) leads to underestimation

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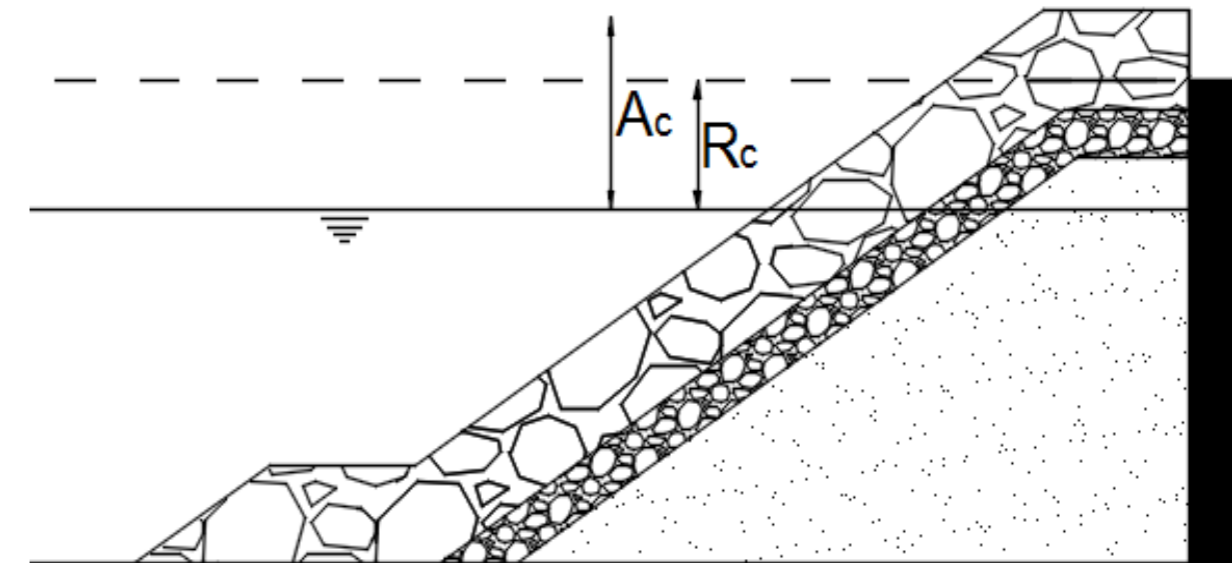
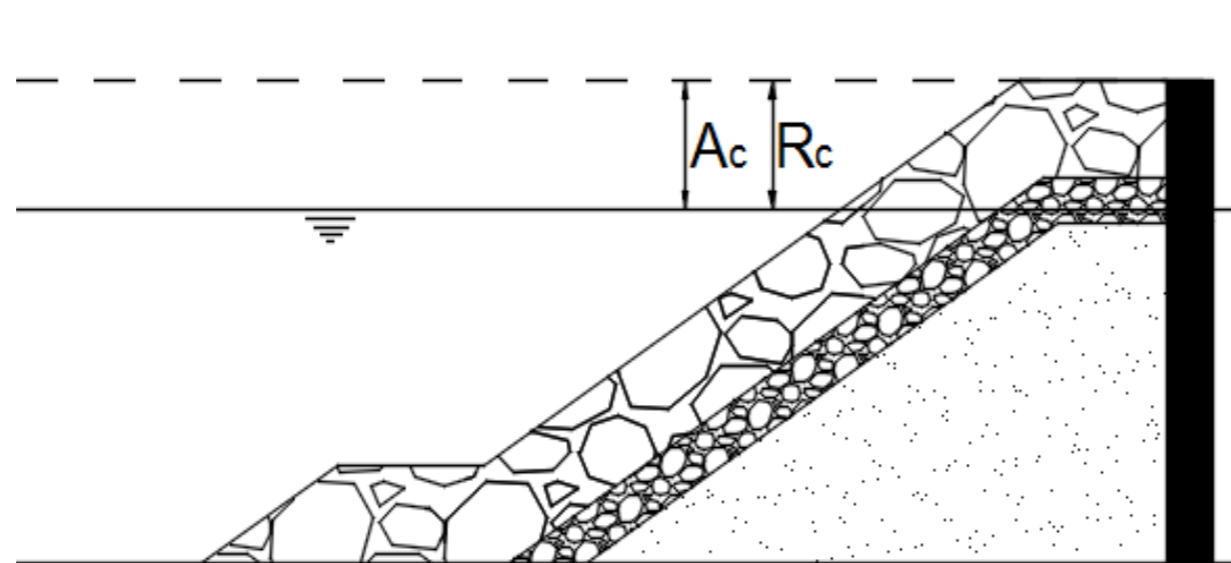
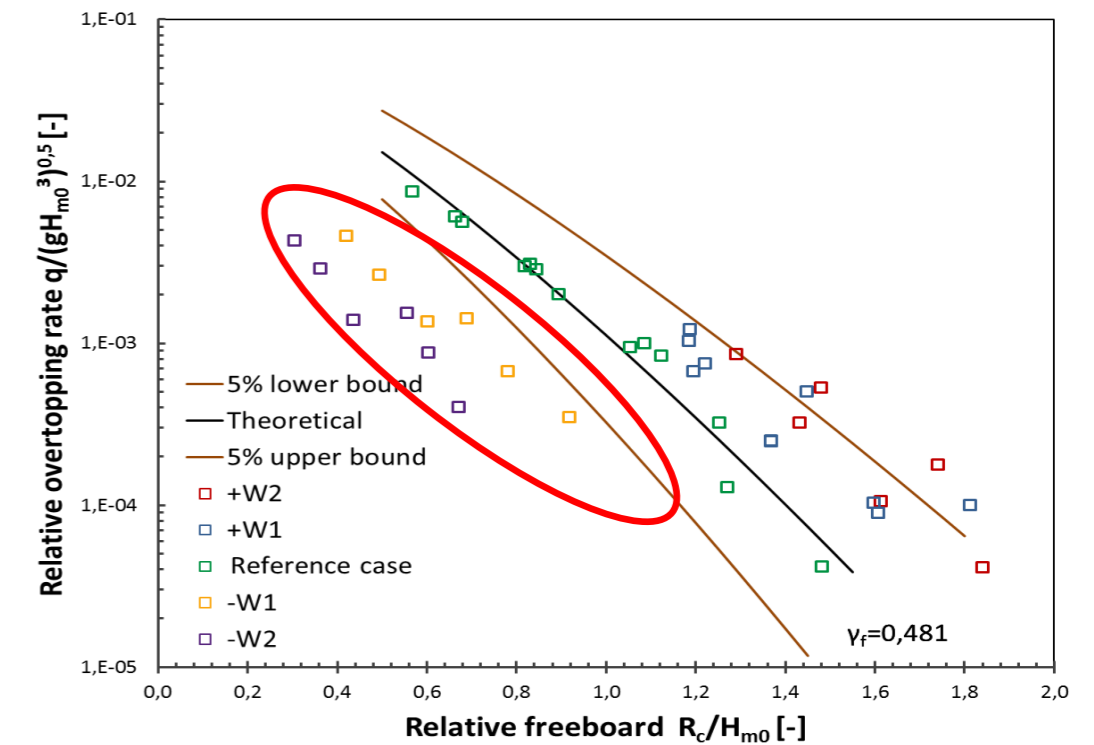
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- EurOtop's advice

→ A_c (wall)

Underestimating

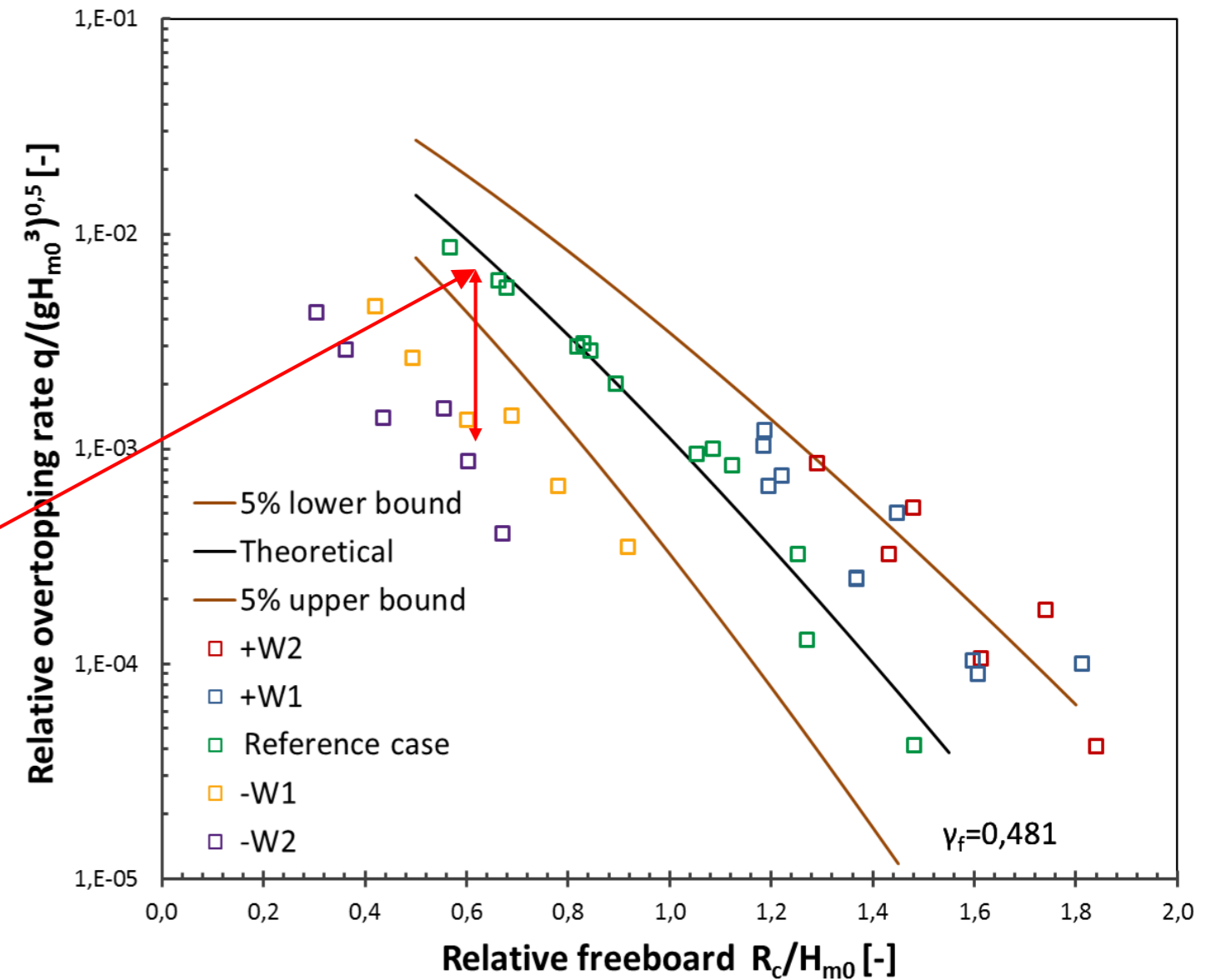
→ $(A_c + R_c)/2$ (no wall)

Rather good advice

coincidental

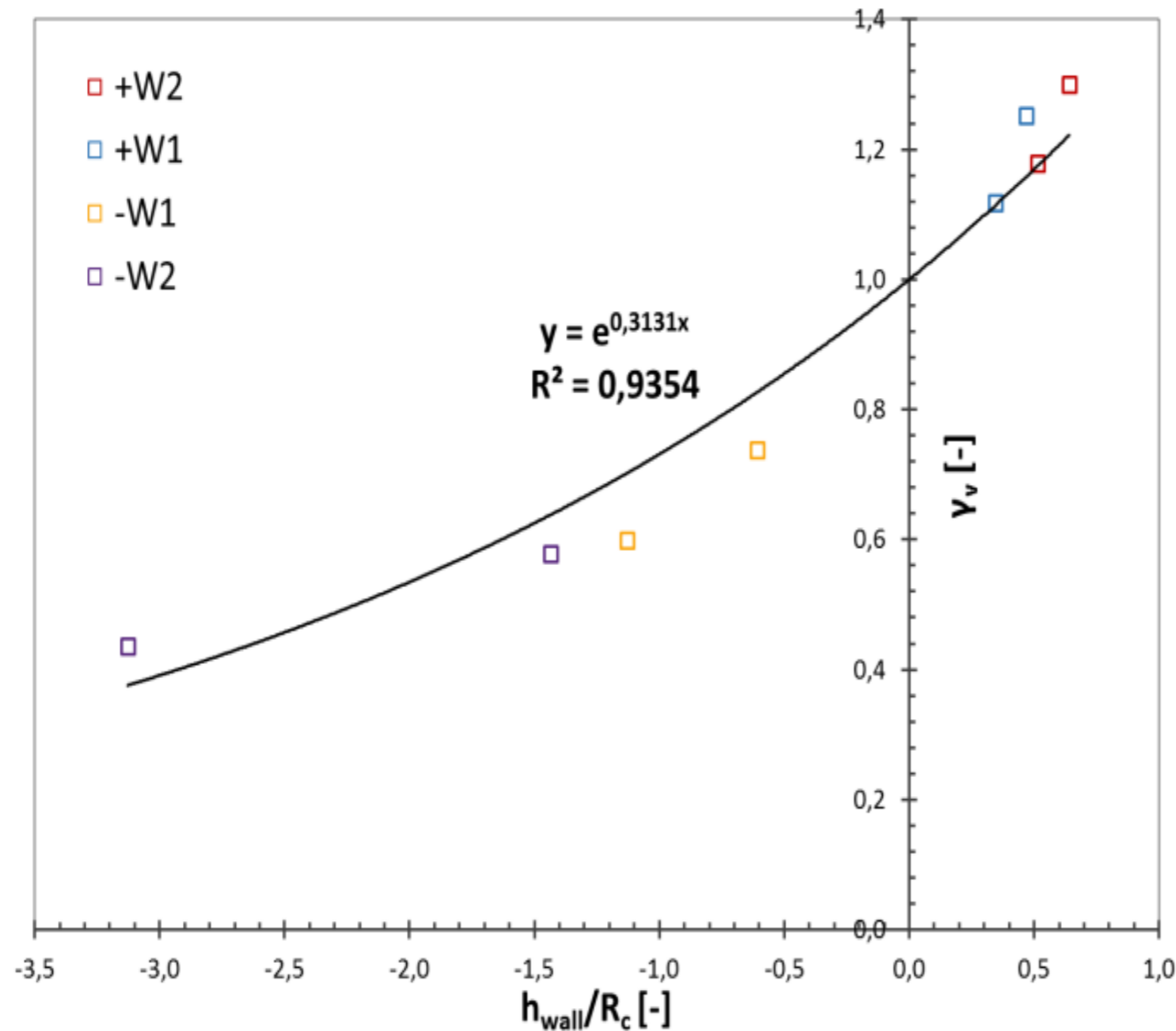
→ R_c (EurOtop 2007)

Large overestimation



UPDATED ADVICE FOR WALL HEIGHT

Similar to smooth dike slopes: $\gamma_v = \text{fcn}(h_{\text{wall}}/R_c)$



$$\gamma_v = \exp\left(0.313 \frac{h_{\text{wall}}}{R_c}\right)$$

$\gamma_v > 1$: less reductive
compared to reference
case

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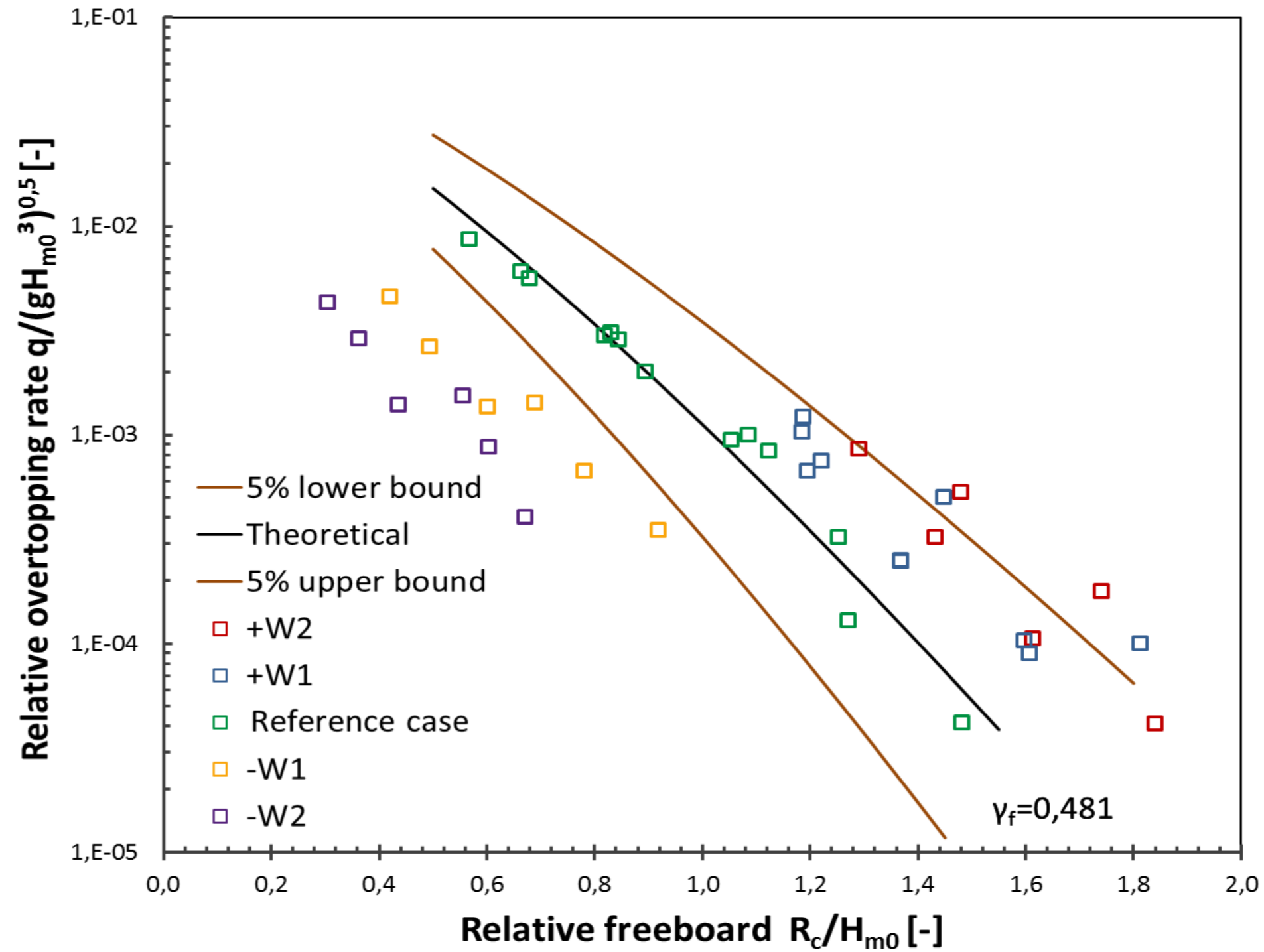
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INFLUENCE OF THE WAVE PERIOD

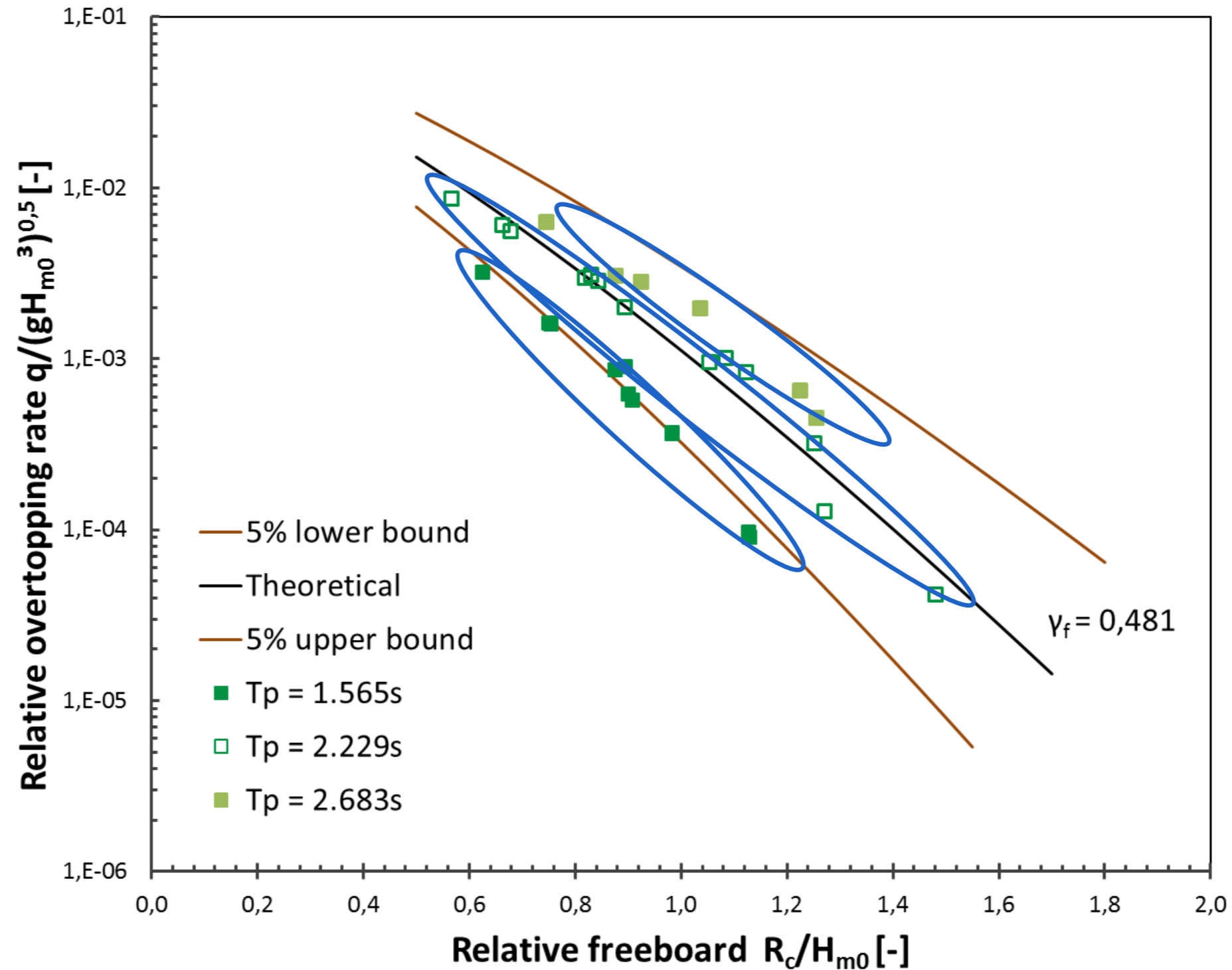
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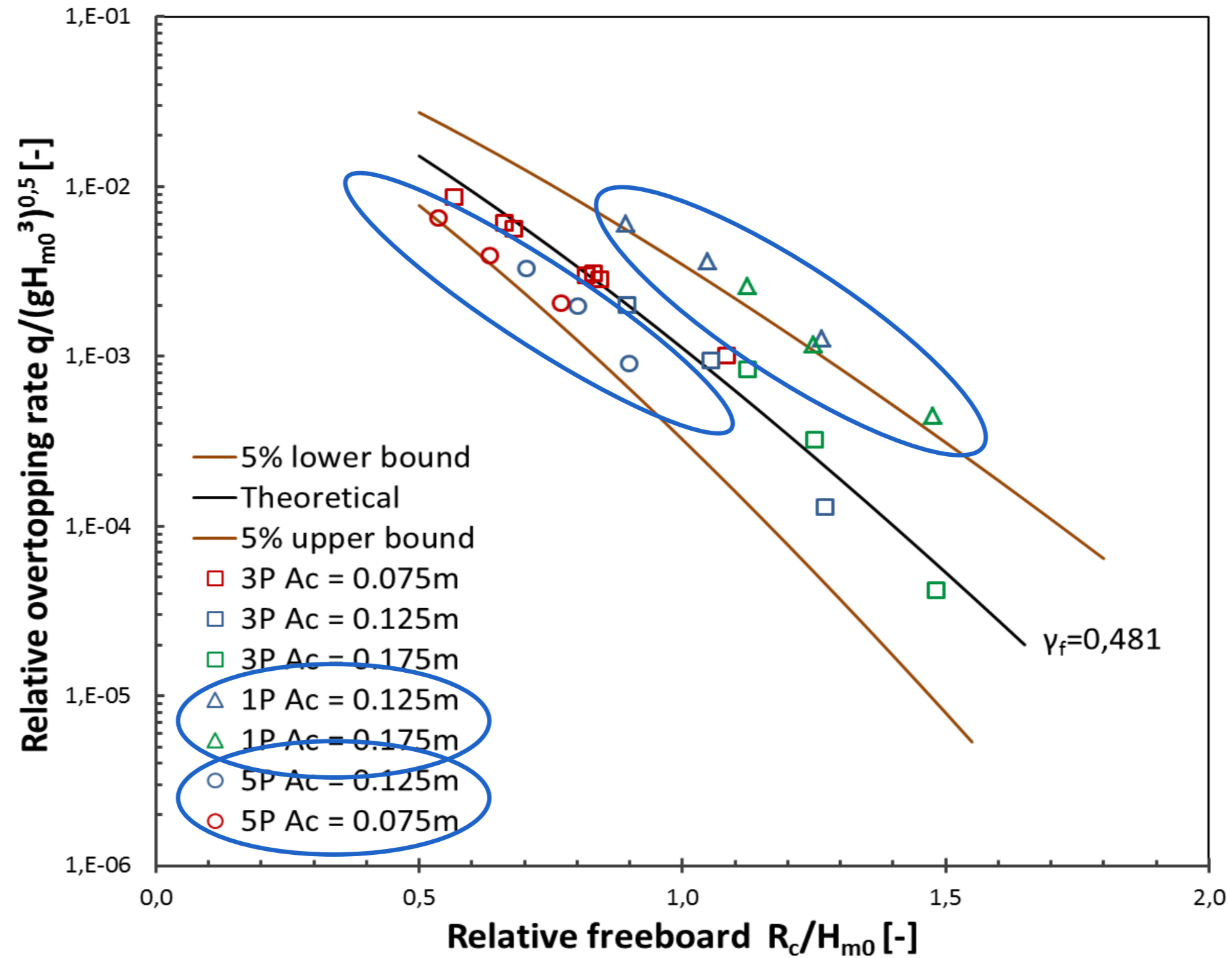
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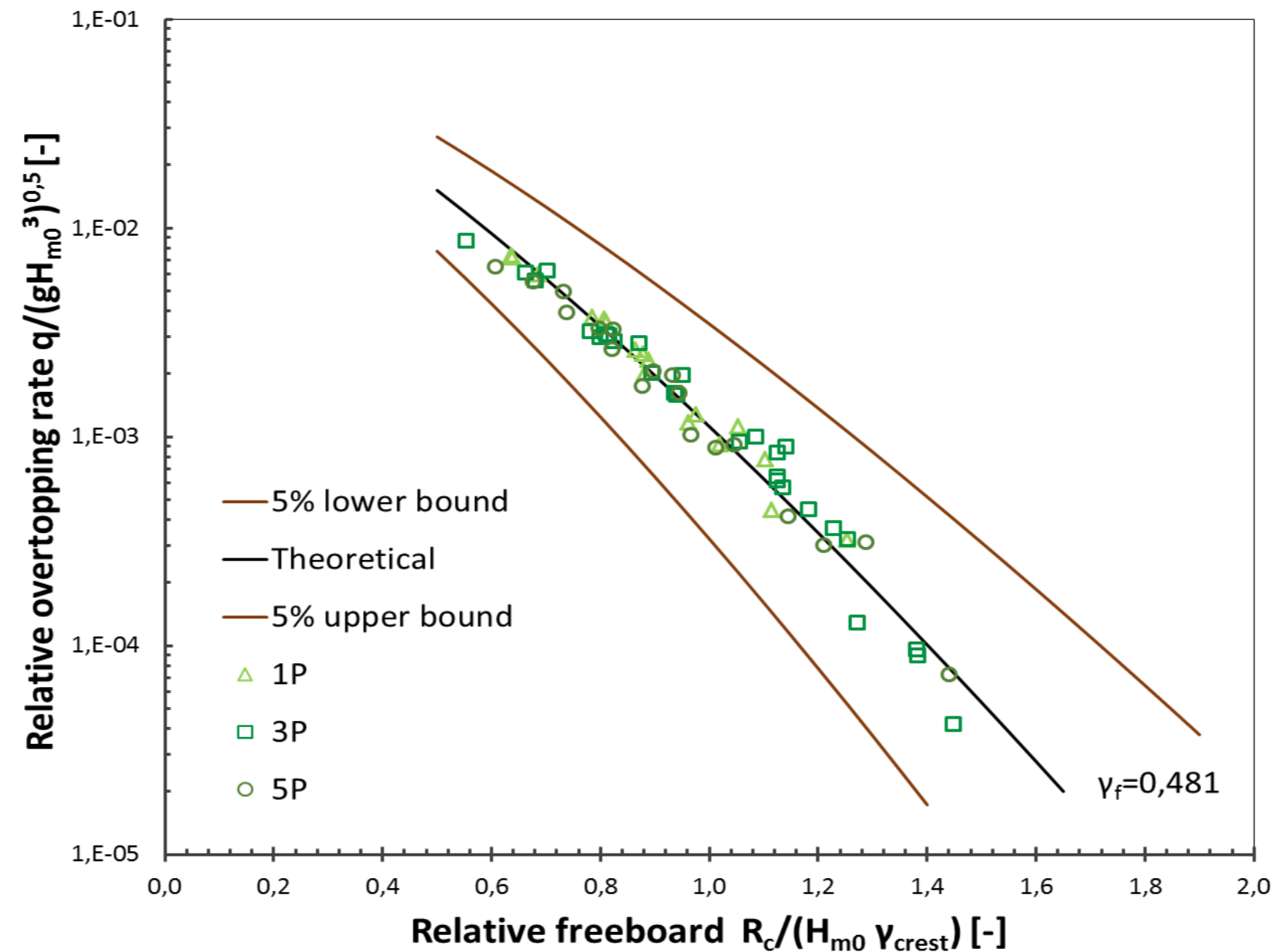


UPDATED ADVICE

Similar to smooth dike slopes: $\gamma_{crest} = \text{fcn} (G_c/L_{m-1,0})$

→ Influence of wave period is also taken into account via $L_{m-1,0}$

$$\gamma_{crest} = 0.0695 - 0.274 \ln \left(\frac{G_c}{L_{m-1,0}} \right)$$



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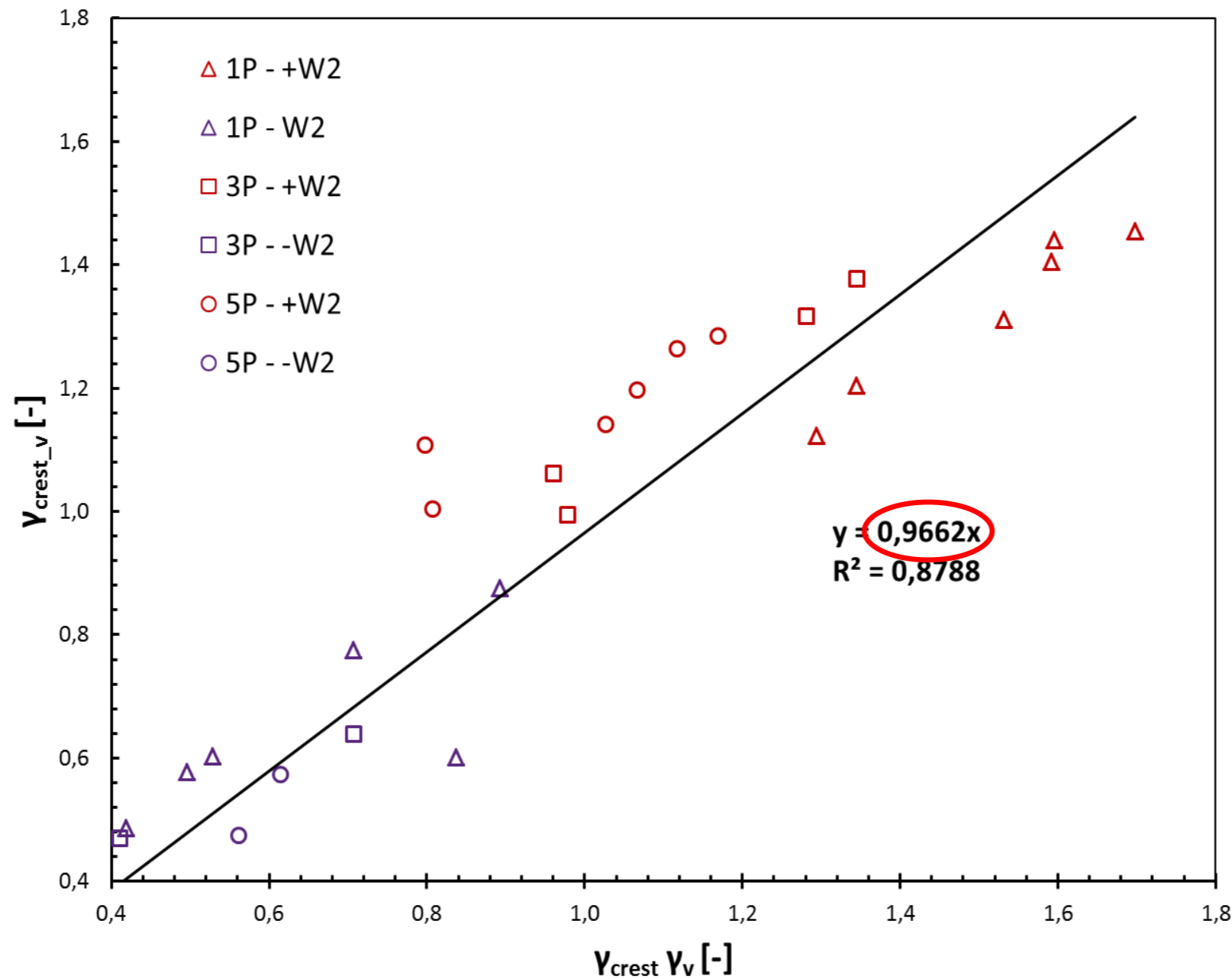
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$$\gamma_{crest_v} = \gamma_v \cdot \gamma_{crest}$$

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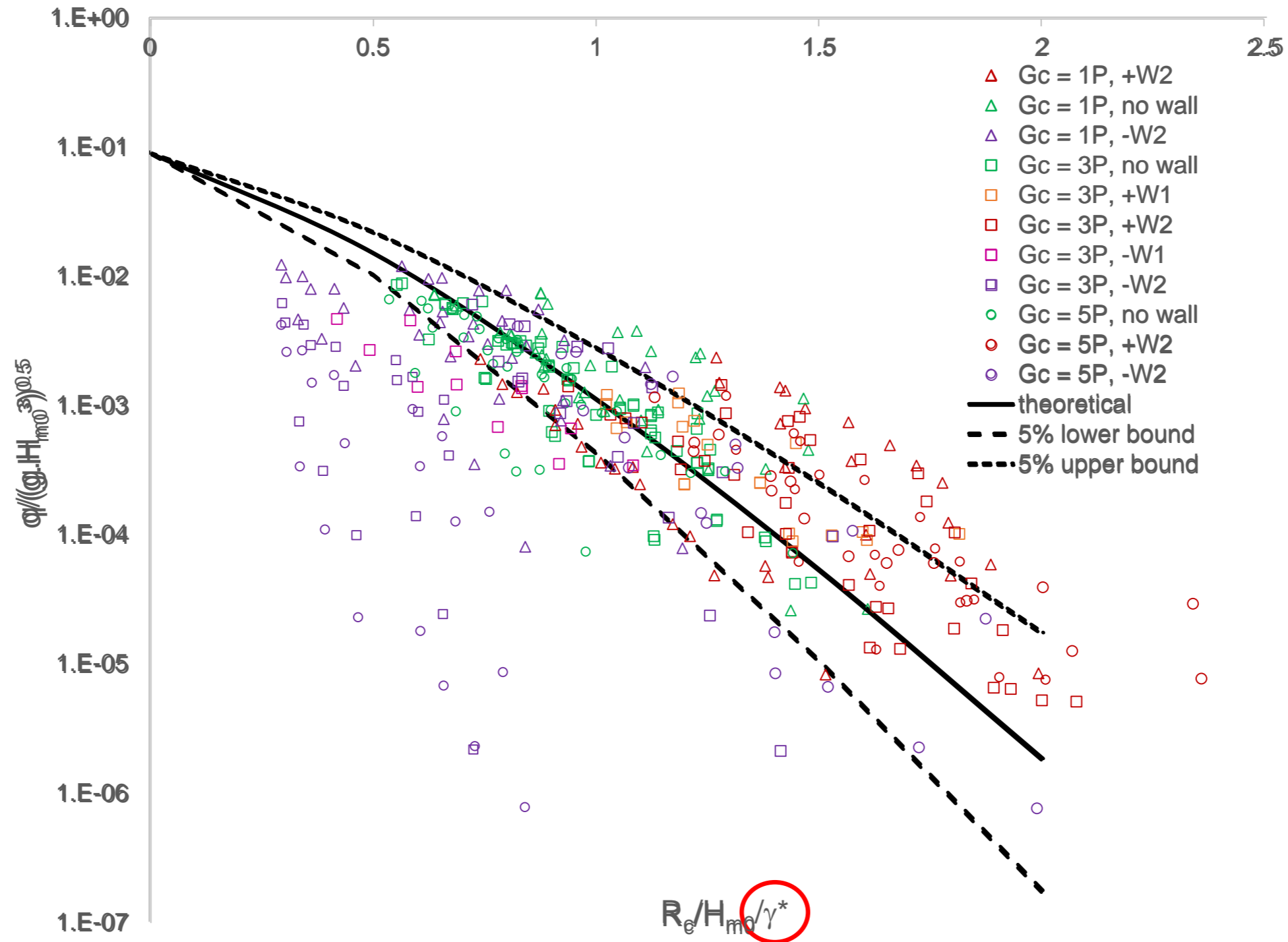
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OUTLOOK TO RESULTS FOR CONCRETE UNITS

HARO ARMOUR UNIT

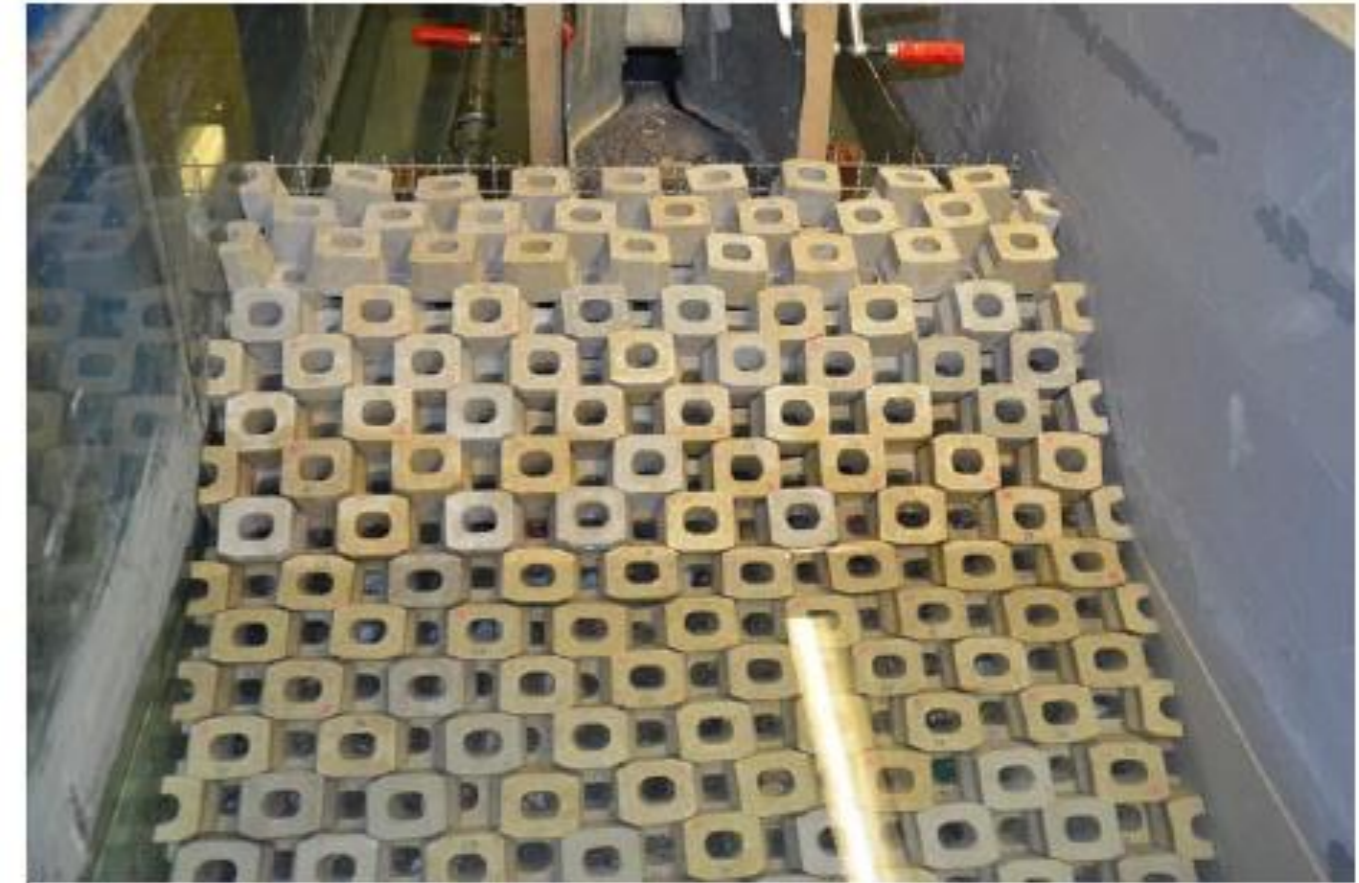
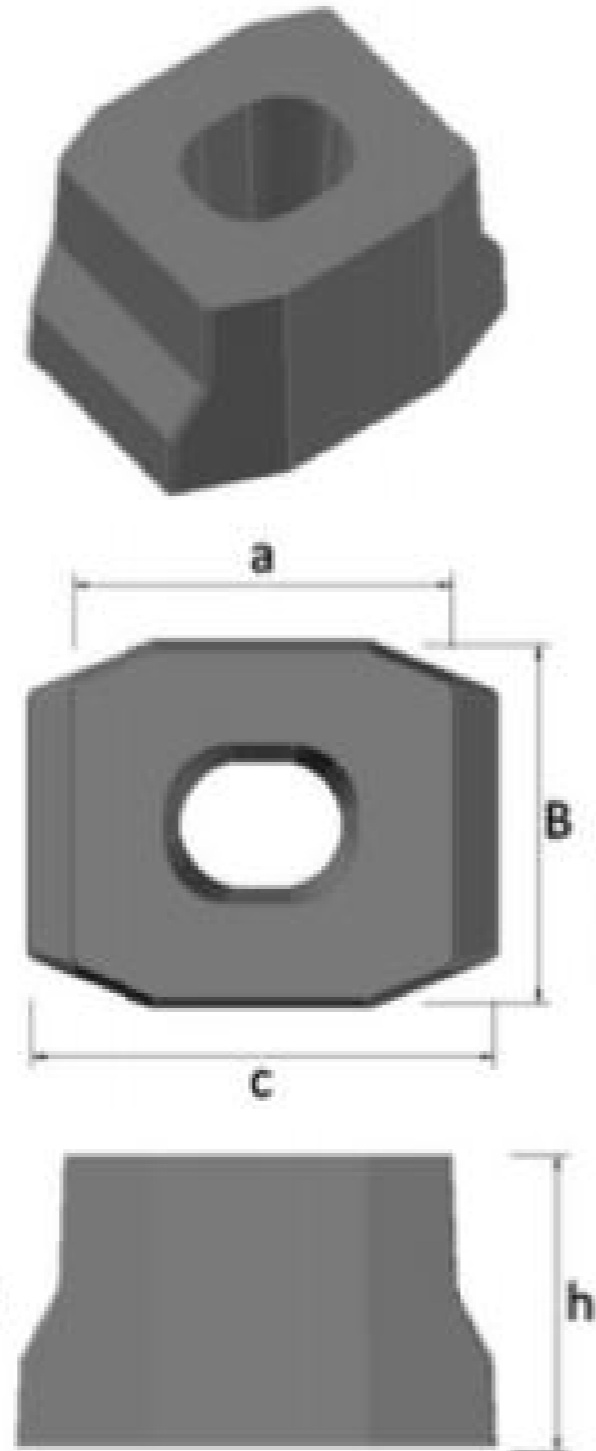
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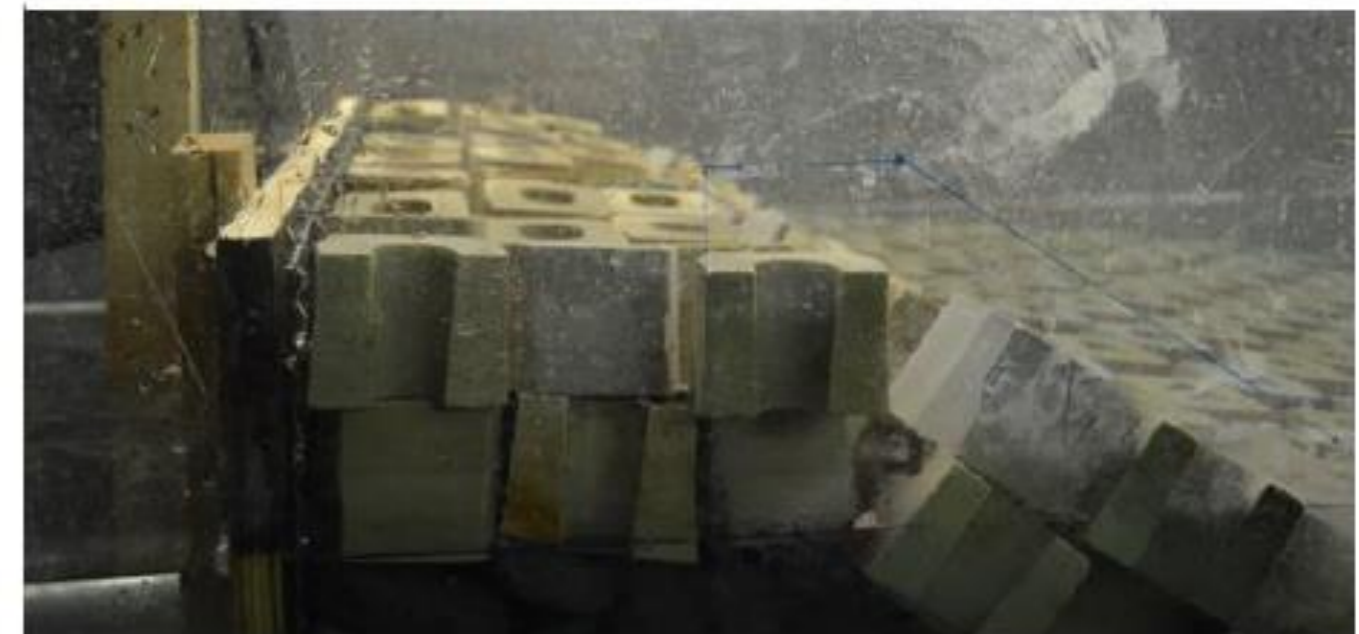
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(a) Overview placement HARO model units



XBLOC^{PLUS} ARMOUR UNIT

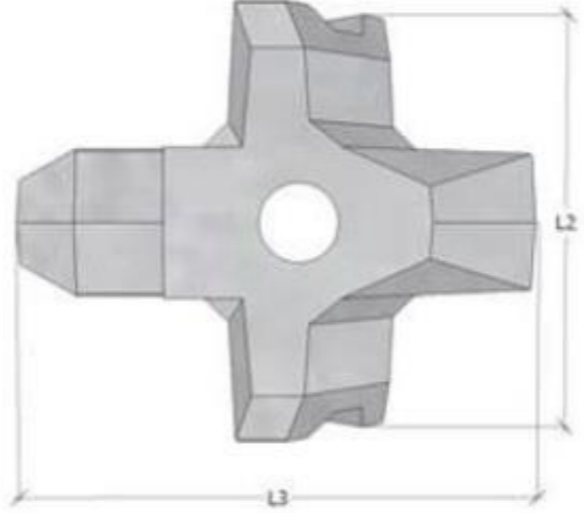
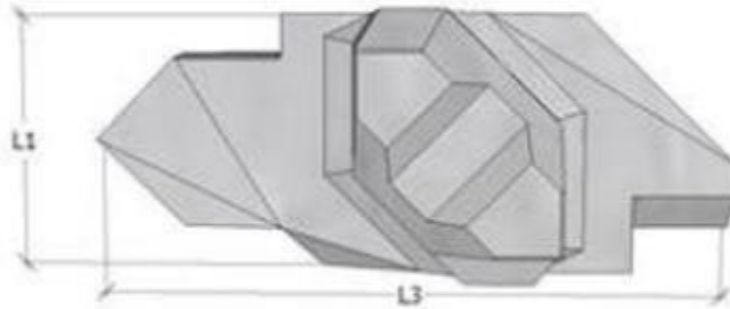
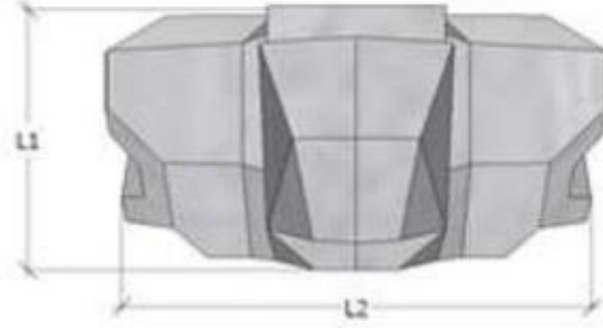
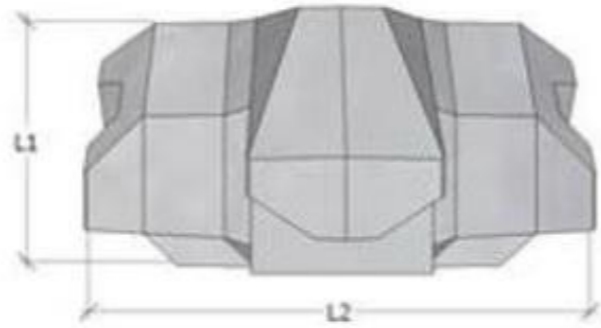
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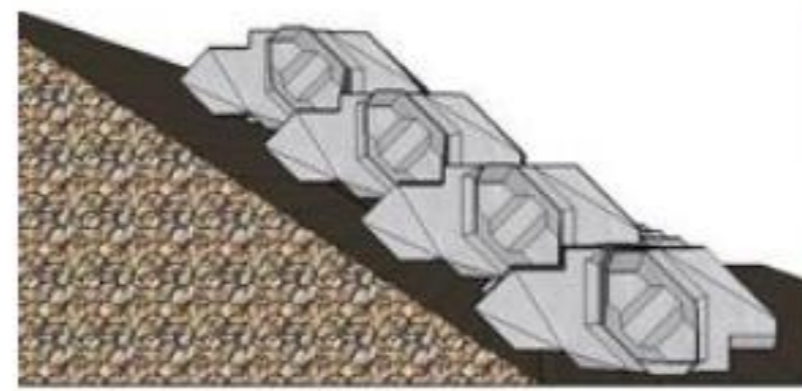
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(b) Xbloc^{PLUS} 3D view



(c) Xbloc^{PLUS} front view placement pattern



(d) Xbloc^{PLUS} side view placement pattern

INFLUENCE OF THE CREST WIDTH: A GENERAL APPROACH

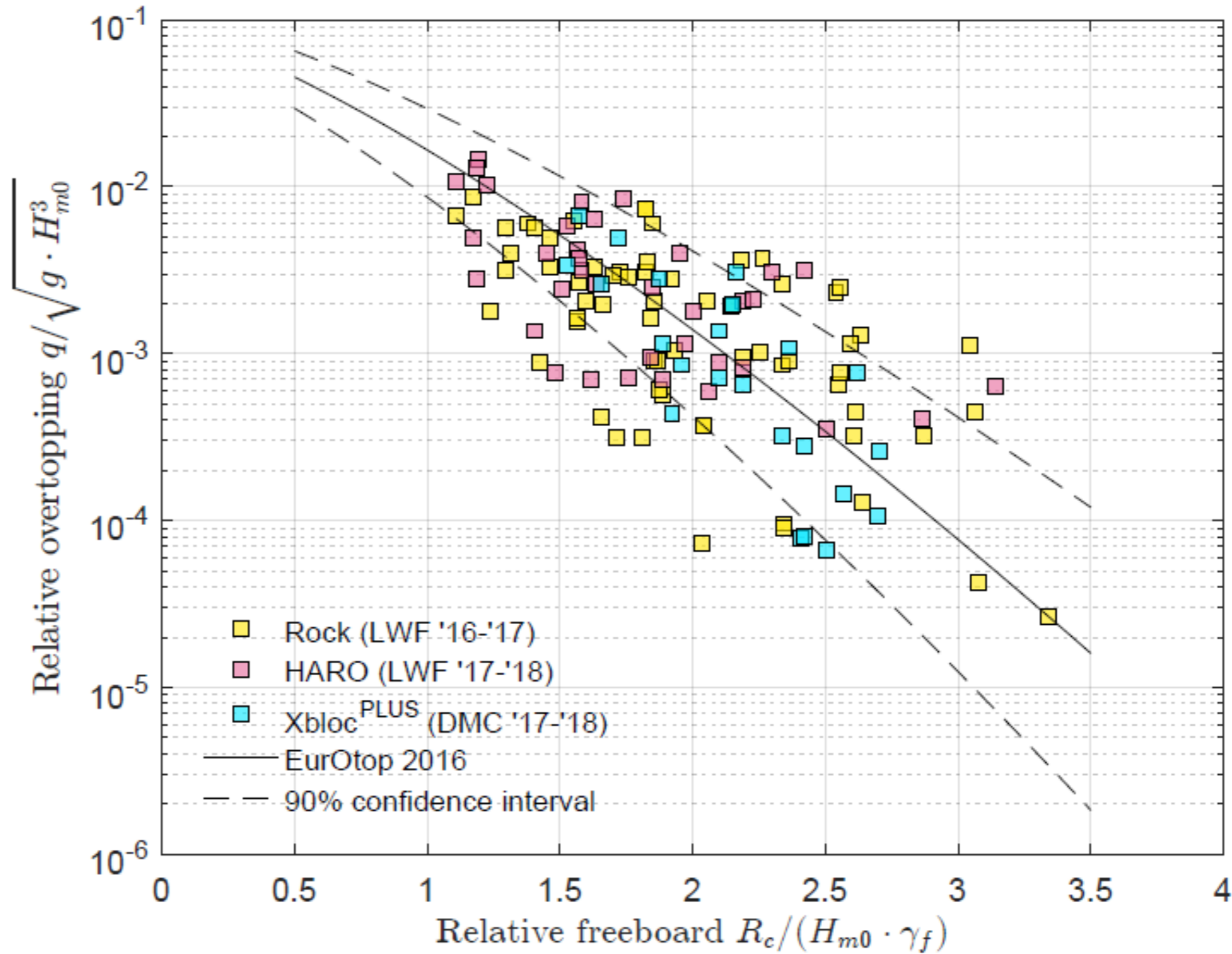
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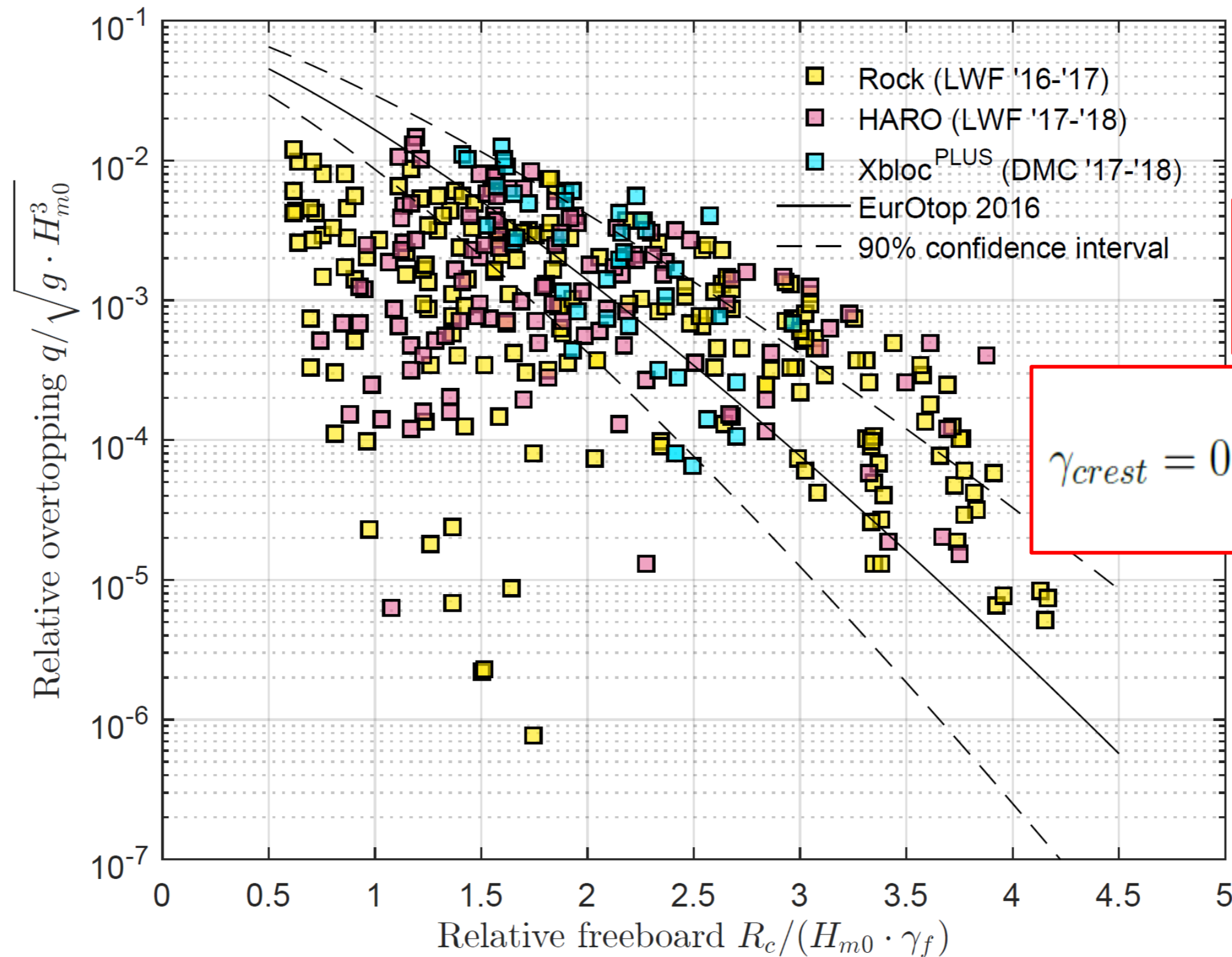
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$$\gamma_v = \exp\left(0.31 \frac{h_{wall}}{R_c}\right)$$

$$\gamma_{crest} = 0.2289 - 0.232 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{G_c}{L_{m-1,0}}\right)$$

$$\gamma_{crest_v} = \gamma_{crest} \cdot \gamma_v$$

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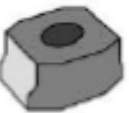

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- Approach with influence factors in EurOtop (2016)
- Influence of a crown wall
→ independent of armour type
- Influence of crest width
→ slight dependency of armour type
→ nevertheless: general formula for preliminary breakwater design (approximate calculation)

DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR RUBBLE MOUND BREAKWATERS INFLUENCE OF CROWN WALL AND CREST WIDTH ON WAVE OVERTOPPING		
$\frac{q}{\sqrt{gH_{m0}^3}} = 0.09 \cdot \exp \left[- \left(1.5 \cdot \frac{R_c}{H_{m0} \cdot \gamma_f \cdot \gamma_{crest-v}} \right)^{1.3} \right]$		
QUARRY ROCK 	HARO 	XBLOC ^{PLUS} 
ROUGHNESS		
$\gamma_f = 0.481$	$\gamma_f = 0.476$	$\gamma_f = 0.421$
CROWN WALL		
$\gamma_v = \exp \left(0.31 \cdot \frac{h_{wall}}{R_c} \right)$		
CREST WIDTH		
$\gamma_{crest} = p - q \cdot \ln \left(\frac{G_c}{L_{m-1,0}} \right)$		
$p = 0.0695$ $q = 0.274$	$p = 0.2066$ $q = 0.229$	$p = 0.2785$ $q = 0.24$
$p = 0.2289$ $q = 0.232$		
CROWN WALL AND CREST WIDTH		
$\gamma_{crest-v} = \gamma_{crest} \cdot \gamma_v$		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

