

International Working Group on Overflow and Overtopping Erosion



Kick-off meeting
Ottawa 14 June 2016



Outline

1. Presentation and discussion of the draft ToR (Jean-Robert, all)
2. Presentation of context, issues and objectives of each sub-group
 - Sub-group 1 (Mark)
 - Sub-group 2 (Mike and Frédéric)
 - Sub-group 3 (Jean-Robert on behalf of Tim and Myron)
 - Sub-group 4 (Jean-Robert on behalf of Miguel Ángel and Rafael)
3. Large scale experimental project in the NL and Belgium (André)
4. Discussion on meetings: frequency, dates, locations... (All)

Presentation of the draft ToR

1. Context
2. General objective declined in items
3. Structure
4. Organization

Context (1/2)

- Overflow erosion of embankment dams and levees, overflow erosion downstream of concrete dams, overtopping erosion of embankment dams and levees (in particular coastal levees) are of major concern for dam owners and asset managers.
- The state of the art still need to improve in order to built and maintain safe and sustainable hydraulic structures and to face the risks caused by overflow and overtopping erosion.
- In December 2017, EDF organized in Aussois, France, a workshop dedicated to presenting and discussing the owners' issues, current practices of engineers, the progress of research and the gaps which need to be filled.

Context (2/2)

- The feed-back from the Aussois workshop pointed out the need to improve international collaboration in this field.
- A book including most of the communications presented during the Aussois workshop is under preparation => going to be edited by the end of 2019.
- In the continuation of the Aussois workshop, it was decided to launch a new working group on overflow and overtopping erosion => IWGOOE.
- This WG is under the umbrella of the EURCOLD

General objective

The general objective of this WG is to help reduce the risk of failure of water retaining structures by overflow and overtopping erosion and the associated consequences **all over the world.**

General objective declined according to the following items

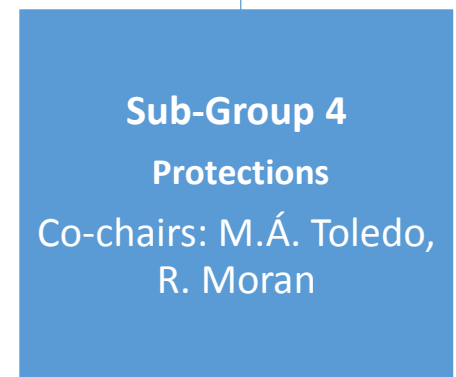
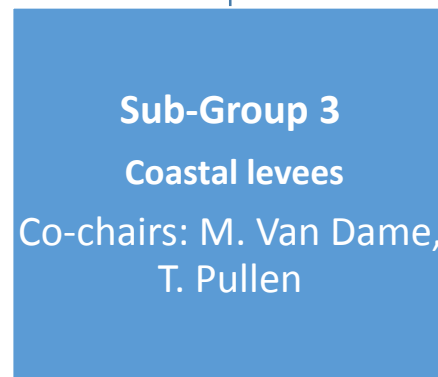
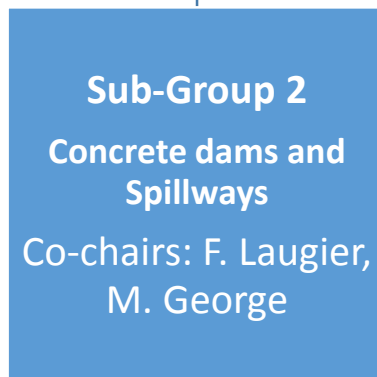
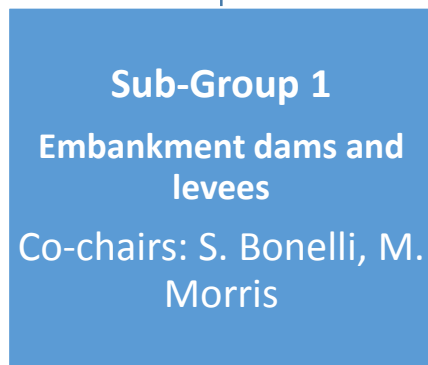
- Sharing issues and problems to solve exposed by dam and levee owners, in all locations and load situations
- Sharing current state of practice and gaps in the toolbox available to practicing engineers
- Sharing progress and advances from academic research and helping to pilot this research from the practitioner's perspectives and needs
- Sharing the state of the art of the protection technology in order to increase the safety of dams and levees in overtopping scenarios
- Facilitating international collaboration to speed-up research progress and help dissemination of results.

Although this working group is hosted by the European Club of ICOLD, it is open to owners, flood risk managers, consulting engineers and academic researchers **from all over the world.**

Dissemination of knowledge and the most recent results of research to practitioners **from developing countries** is also an important objective of this working group.

Structure

Hosted by the European Club of ICOLD



Organization

- Attendance to the IWGOOE is free
- Attendance is open to all professionals interested in contributing to these topics
- Protections conference series become the periodic meeting of IWGOOE (organized every 2 years)
- Conference fees and associated travel/accomodation costs payed individually by each attendee.

Protections 2020

4th International Seminar
on Dam Protection
against Overtopping

Madrid, Spain

11-13 November, 2020

Contact: damprotections.camino@upm.es
Website: www.protections2020.com/



Overflow Erosion
Erosion Protection



Physical Modeling
Numerical Modeling



Innovative Solutions
Case Histories



Embankments
Levees



Spillways
Sea Dikes

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9-14 June, Ottawa



CIGB 2019
87^{ème} Réunion Annuelle
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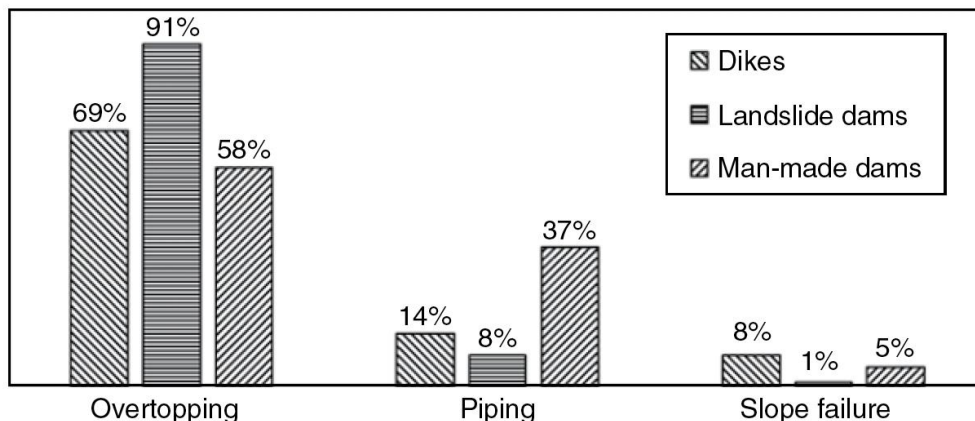
**INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP
ON OVERFLOWING AND OVERTOPPING EROSION
IWGOOE**

Sub-group 1
Overflow Erosion of Embankment Dams and Fluvial Levees

Co-chair

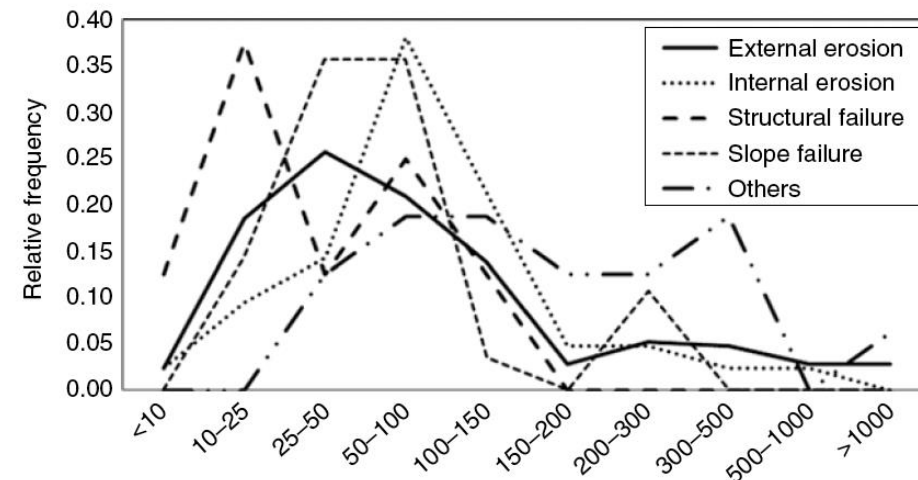
Stéphane BONELLI, Irstea and Aix-Marseille University (France)
Mark MORRIS, HR Wallingford (UK) and SAMUI (France)

- **1443 cases of dam failure from the literature** (USCOLD 1975, 1988; Vogel 1980; Stanford University 1994; Singh 1996; Xu and Zhang 2009)
- **The failures cases are from 50 countries, y/c USA, India, the UK and China**
- **Embankment dams:**
most reservoirs $< 10^8 \text{ m}^3$
50% $H < 15 \text{ m}$, 26% $H = 15 \text{ to } 30 \text{ m}$
most likely to fail within their 5 years of service



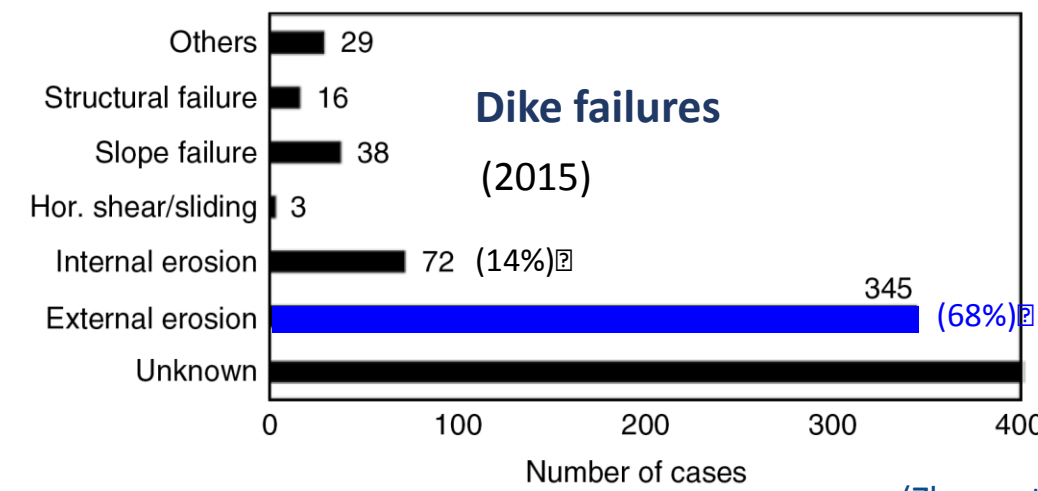
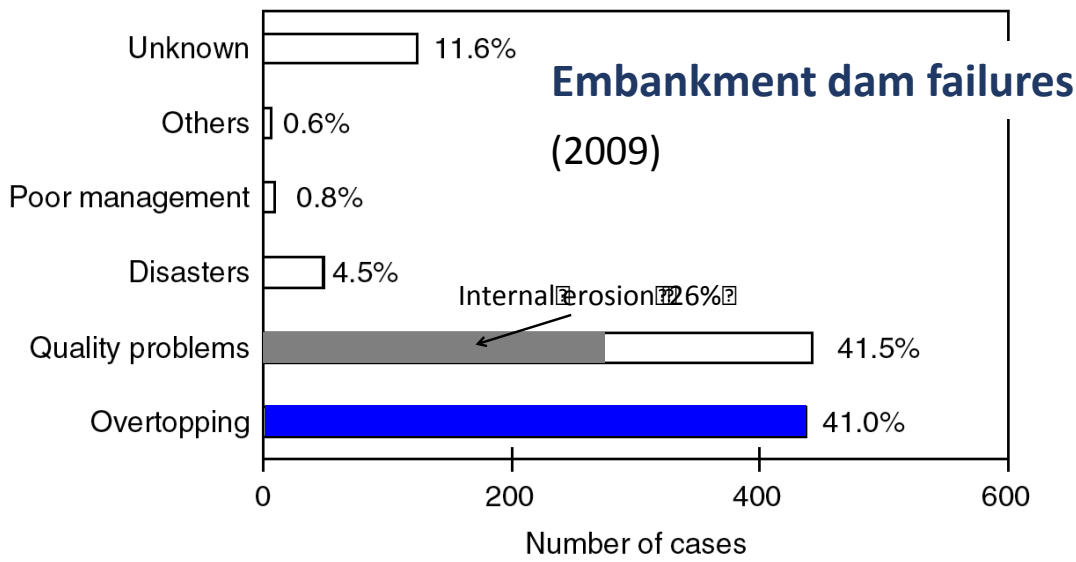
Frequency of failure (2015) (Zhang et al., 2016)

- **1004 cases of dike failure from the literature** (Li et al. 2003, Nagy and Toth 2005, NSF 2006, USACE 2007, URS 2008, van Barrs and van Kempen 2009, Bayoumi and Meguid 2011, Danka and Zhang 2015)
- **The majority of cases (mainly river or canal dike) were reported from Hungary, Germany, China, USA and the Netherlands**
- **Most dikes $H = 2$ to 4 m**



(Zhang et al., 2016)

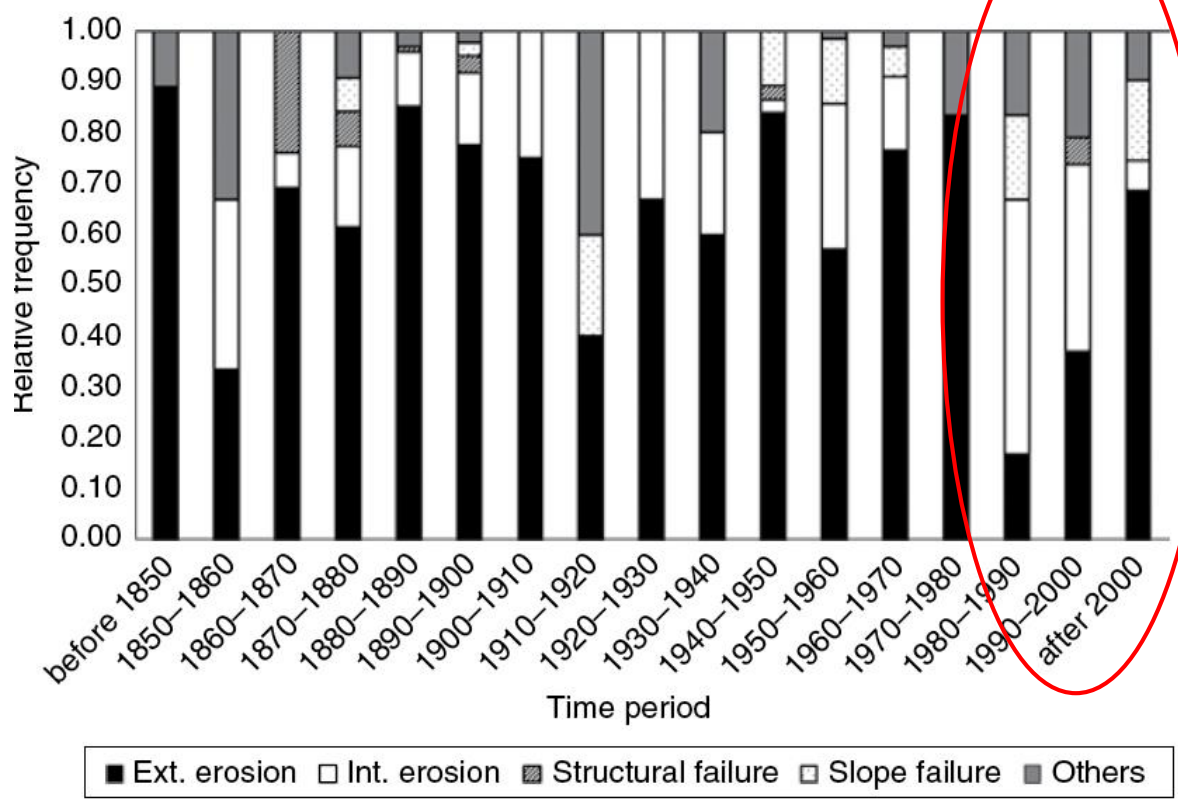
Dike breach width as a function of breaching mech. (2015)



(Zhang et al., 2016)

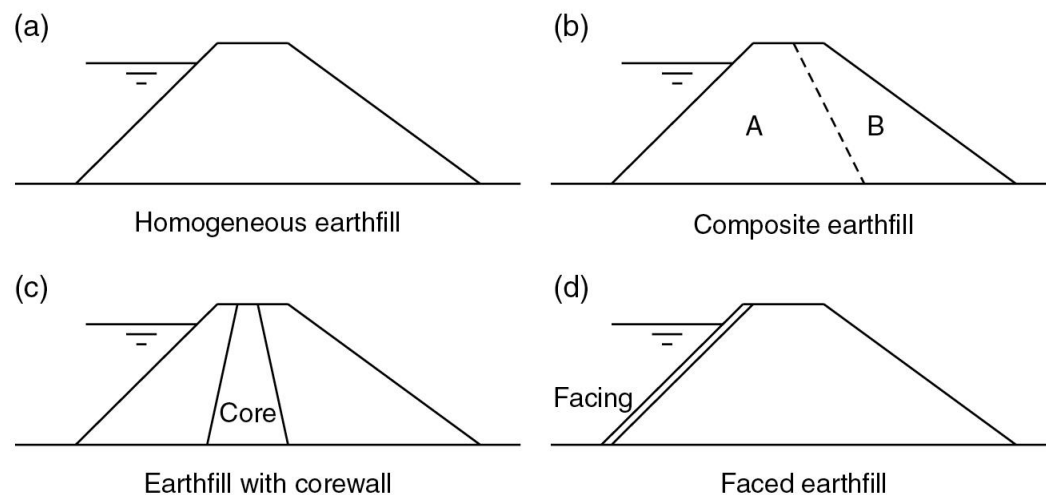
Extreme flood events with record-breaking flood levels observed all around the world

Frequency of breaching mech. on time scale (2015)



Types of embankment dams and dikes

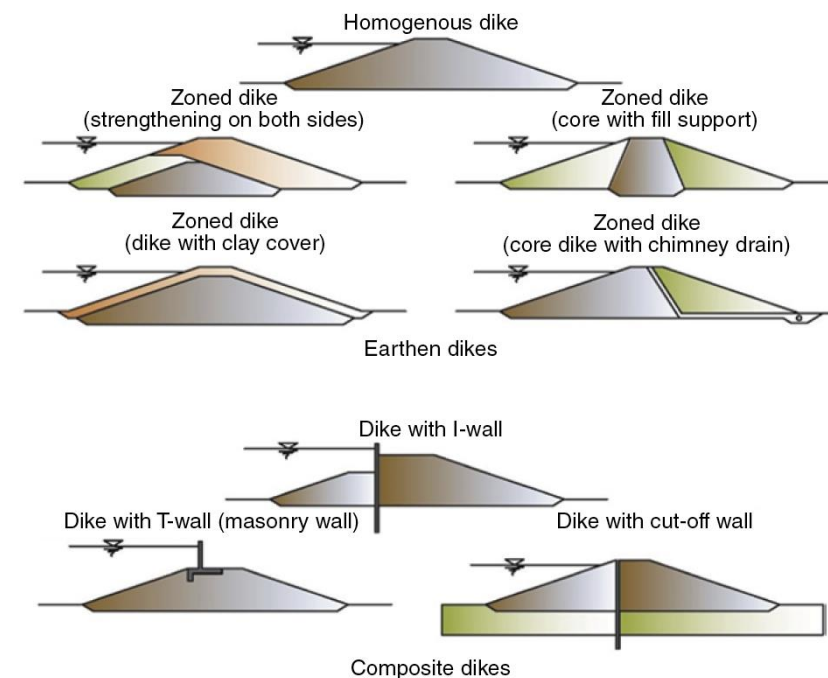
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Dam type	Overtopping	Piping	Other quality problems	Poor management	Disasters	Sum
Homogeneous earthfill dams	23	26	5	1	3	58
Composite earthfill dams	18	17	6	—	1	42
Earthfill dams with corewall	13	6	1	—	1	21
Concrete faced rockfill dams	—	2	—	—	—	2

Failure causes for four types of embankment dams

(Zhang et al., 2016)



Types of dikes

(any statistics of failure causes for each type ?)

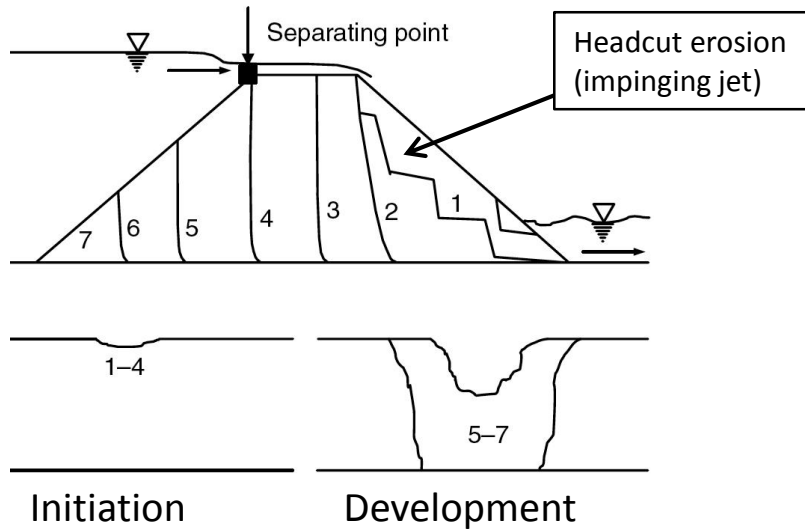
Differences between dams and dikes

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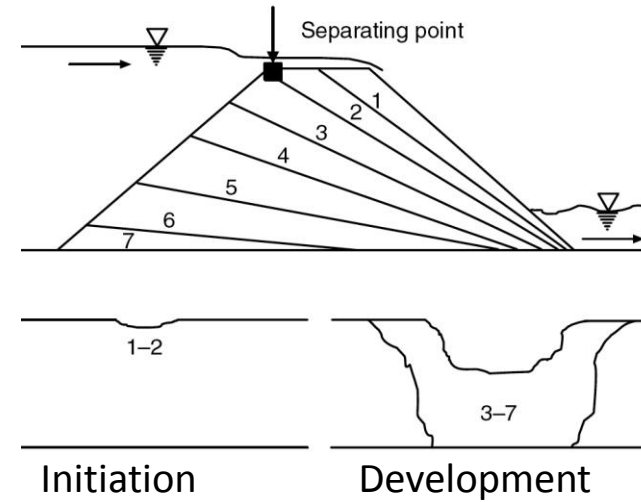
	Dams	Dikes
Breach water supply	Limited by the amount of storage water	Governed by meteorological and hydrological conditions
Floodwater control	Better control (spillways)	No spillway for most dikes
Foundation Scour	Good quality, foundation scour is less likely	Weak soils, foundation scour can be bigger than dike height (factor up to 2)
Breach height	50% $H < 15$ m , 26% $H = 15$ to 30 m H up to 100 m -> scale effect Breach height \approx Dam height	Dike height < 5 m Breach height up to 3 dike height
Breach width	A few dozen of meters Many empirical eq.	Up to several hundred meters Critical parameter, few empirical eq.
Upstream velocity	Reservoir No longitudinal water velocity	River or canal Velocity with possible angle of incidence (curves) Lateral erosion on the river/canal side
Breach development	Mostly symmetric (depending on rock abutment, spillway, etc)	Always unsymmetric due to river/canal velocity

Four types of breaching process

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1. Cohesive soil embankment by overtopping



2. Fine-grained embankment by overtopping

3. Coarse-grained : unknown yet

4. Rockfill dams




coupling between free surface flow and seepage flow

1. Loading	What are the loading conditions?
2. Protection	What is the protection efficiency in preventing erosion?
3. Initiation of erosion	What are the possible elementary mechanisms of initiating erosion?
4. Location of erosion	What are the possible locations of initiating erosion?
5. Breach formation	What are the possible elementary mechanisms of breach formation ?
6. Breach development	What are the possible elementary mechanisms of breach development?




	Physics
1. Loading	Free surface flows, aerated flows, turbulent flows, large roughness: skimming flows Knowledge from the experimental work in the field of stepped spillways of mild to steep slope Impinging jet, two-phase flows <i>How to compute the hydraulic stress ?</i>
2. Protection	Depending of the protection solution (if any), onset of degradation as a function of flow and time -> sub.group 4 ?
3. Initiation of erosion	Soil critical stress -> onset on erosion Critical velocity
4. Location of erosion	Depending of i) type of dam or dike, ii) embankment soil and foundation
5. Breach formation	Elementary mechanisms as a function of soil: i) cohesive soil, ii) fine grained soil, iii) coarse grained soil, iv) rockfill
6. Breach development	Coefficient of erosion -> erosion rate Coupling erosion and slope instability Symmetric flow (dams) vs. unsymmetric flow (dikes), secondary flows Large scour in foundation (dikes)

Laboratory tests

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	Laboratory tests	
1. Loading		
2. Protection	Laboratory hydraulic canals Ciria curves, -> sub.group 4 ?	
3. Initiation of erosion	 	 <p>Laboratory Flume Test</p>
4. Location of erosion		
5. Breach formation		
6. Breach development		
	Laboratory Jet Erosion Test (JET)	Erosion Function Apparatus (EFA)

Other physical quantity ?
(soil shear strength, tensile strength, ...)

	Laboratory tests	
1. Loading		
2. Protection		
3. Initiation of erosion		
4. Location of erosion		
5. Breach formation		
6. Breach development		

Field Jet Erosion Test (JET)

Field Overflowing Test (FOT)


Large scale test (Impact Project, 2002)

	Laboratory tests
1. Loading	<p>Fluid Mechanics</p> <p>Soil mechanics</p> <p>Structural mechanics</p> <p>Erosion mechanics</p> <p>Breach evolution</p> <p>Blocks stability</p> <p>Slope stability</p>
2. Protection	
3. Initiation of erosion	
4. Location of erosion	
5. Breach formation	
6. Breach development	

Evaluation of Numerical Models for Simulating Embankment Dam Erosion and Breach Processes

DSO-2017-02

Dam Safety Technology Development Program





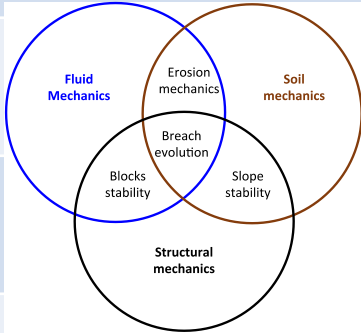





U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
Technical Service Center
Denver, Colorado

August 2017

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- **Overflowing is the main cause of failure of embankment dams and dikes**
 - **Physics process: hydraulics / geotechnics / structural response, overall, little known**
 - **Laboratory test: tools exist, but no general method**
 - **Field test: tools exist, but no general method**
 - **Numerical modeling: tools exist, developments are still needed**
a need for input data, a need for validation data
 - **Safety assessment: no general method (no recent Icold Bulletin)**
 - **Due to lack of knowledge and lack of tools, models for dams are often applied to dikes**
 - ...

Building the Road Map together

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	Data	Physics	Lab tests	Field tests	Models	Safety assessment
1. Loading	X	X				<div>several levels of analysis, from a synthetic view to a detailed analysis</div>
2. Protection	X	X				
3. Initiation of erosion	X	X			<div> Evaluation of Numerical Models for Simulating Embankment Dam Erosion and Breach Processes DSO-2017-02 Dam Safety Technology Development Program  U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center Denver, Colorado August 2017 </div>	<div>several methods of analysis (functional, behavioral, numerical, ...)</div>
4. Location of erosion	X	X				
5. Breach formation	X	X				
6. Breach development	X	X				

Last Icold Bulletin : Dam-Break Flood Analysis,
Review and Recommendations, Bulletin 111, 1998

- Maintaining an up to date list of research programmes/project underway worldwide
- Consolidate our documented case study databases
- Gather the state of knowledge of physical phenomena
List open questions
- List available laboratory equipment (both academic and industry)
List development needs
- List existing field equipment (both academic and industry)
List development needs
- List available numerical codes (both academic and industry)
List development needs
- ...

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Sub-Group 2: Concrete Dams & Spillways

Chairs:

Frédéric Laugier, EDF

Mike George, BGC Engineering

Focus

“Overflowing erosion of bedrock downstream of concrete dams and overflowing erosion of spillways”



A 2017 workshop in Aussois, France highlights the state-of-the-art...

Dam owners perspective:

Verbund – Floarlan Landstorfer

Alpiq – Raphael Leroy

EDP – Irene Fernandes

SHEM – G. Desperoux

EDF – Frederic Laugier

Uniper/Sweden – Carl-Oscar Nilsson

Norway – Leif Lia

British Dam Society – Alan Brown

Vietnam – Michel Ho Ta Khanh

Hydro Quebec – Marco Quirion

USBR – Tony Wahl

Oroville IFT - John France

State-of-the-art/current research:

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Luis Castillo - University of Cartagena

Yvan Bercovitz & Gregory Guyot - EDF

Tony Wahl – USBR

Ali Saedi & Lamine Boumaiza UQAC

Johannes Wibowo – USACE

Pedro Manso – EPFL

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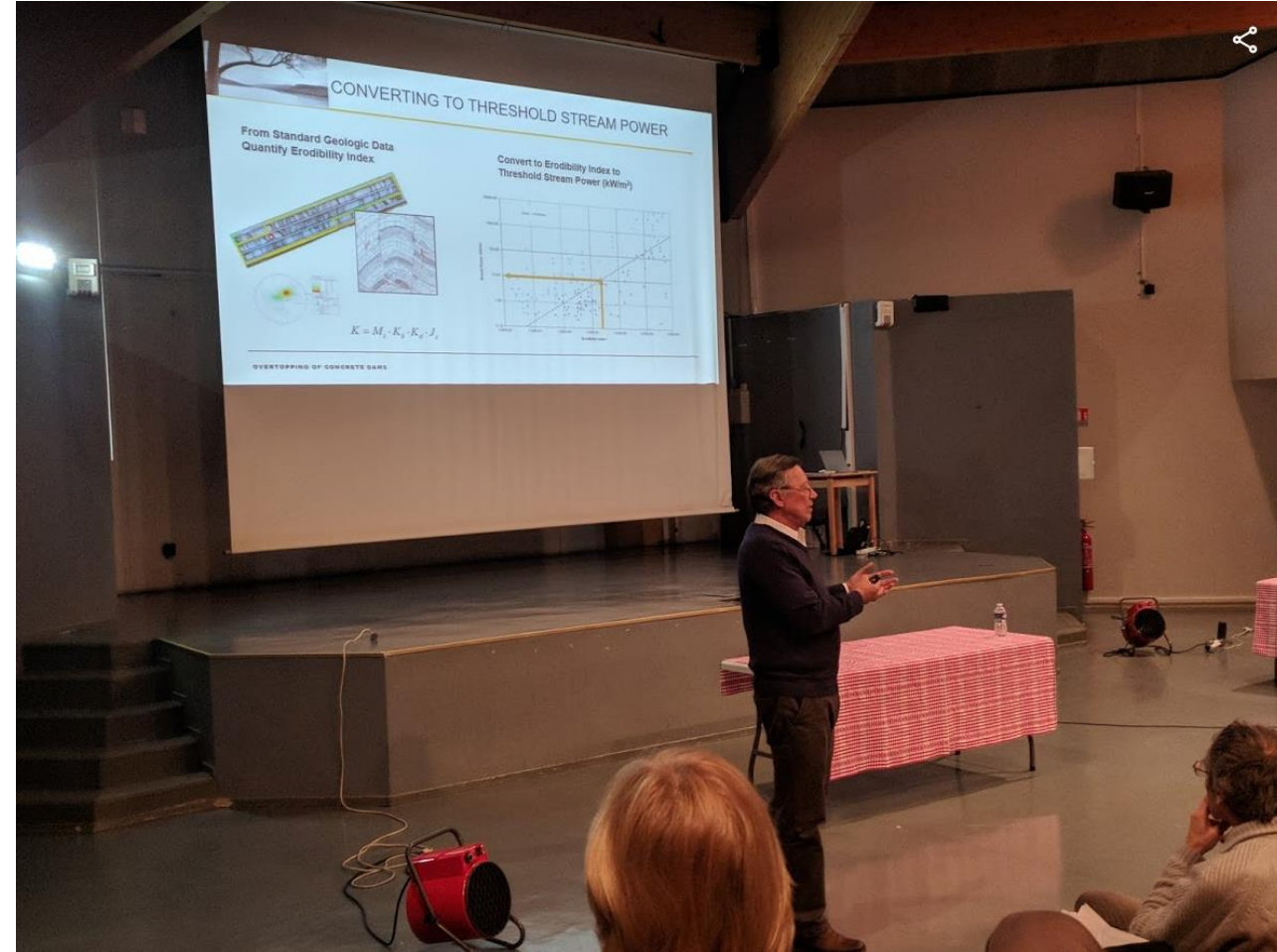
Mike George – BGC Engineering

Anton Schleiss – EPFL



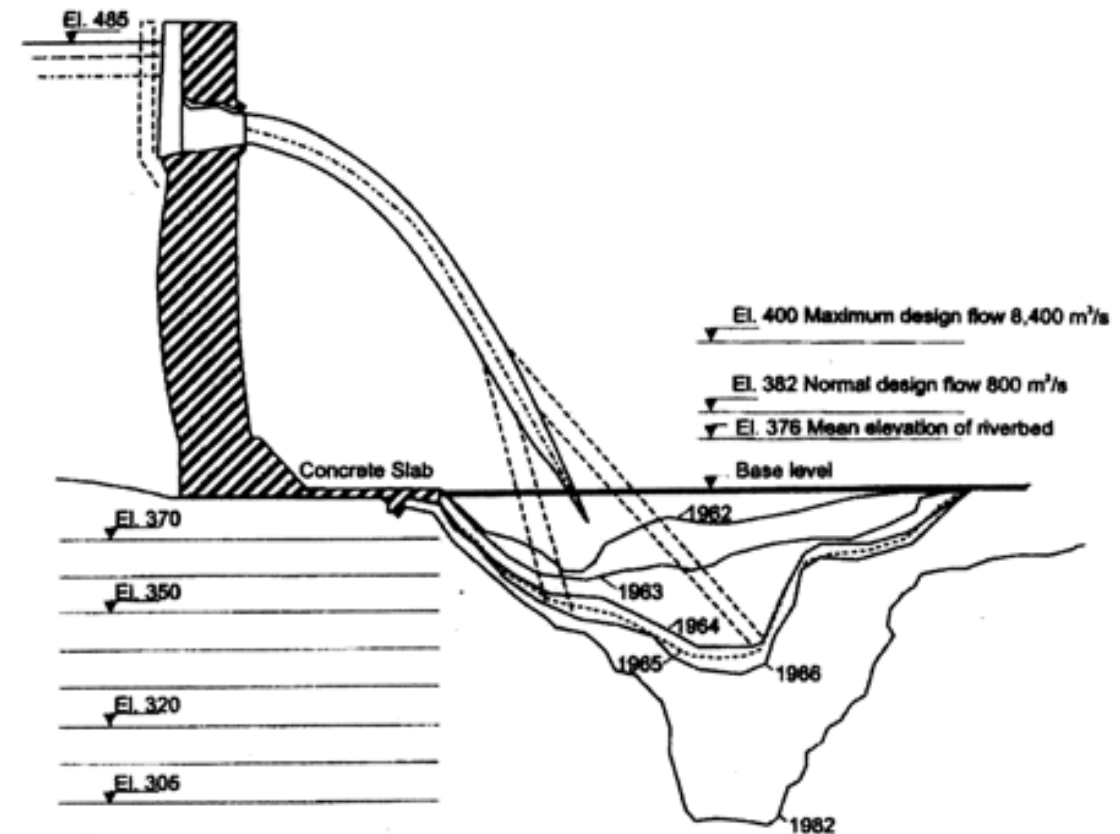
...but also identifies data gaps...

- Erosive capacity of water
- Time rate of rock scour
- Geologic controls
- Case studies / monitoring / database
- Numerical modeling
- Mitigation



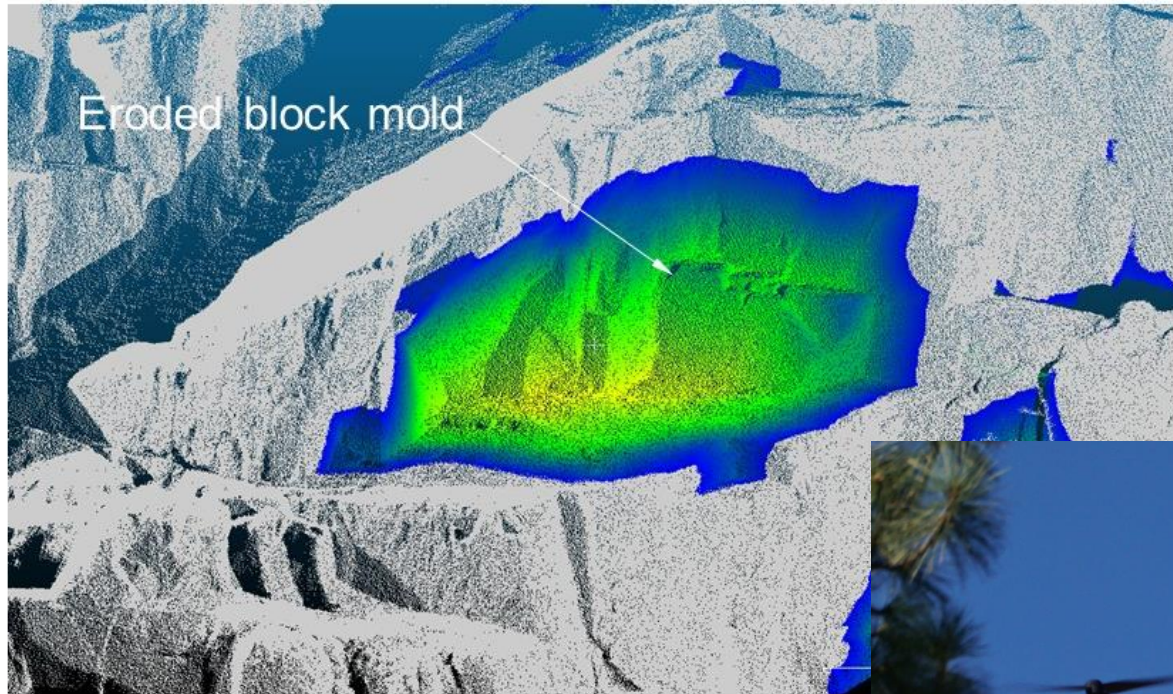
Initial areas of focus - DATABASE

- NEED - Construction of large database on scour / non-scour events
 - Spill events are large erosion tests – *if documented adequately*
 - Make available to dam community to calibrate existing / new scour models
 - Anonymous information – confidentiality
 - Management
- Data
 - Before/after geometry
 - Flood hydrographs
 - Hydraulic structure data (e.g., rating curves)
 - Geologic / rock mass data
 - Video of spills



Initial areas of focus - DATABASE

- High-resolution monitoring



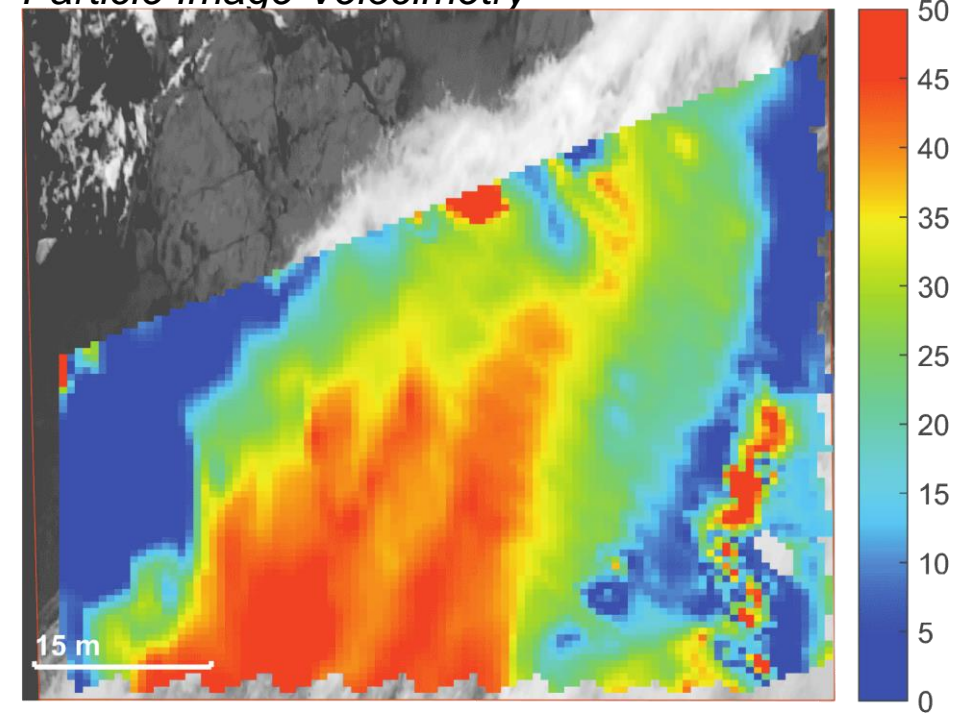
Oct 2017 – Showing subtracted difference (ft)



Video



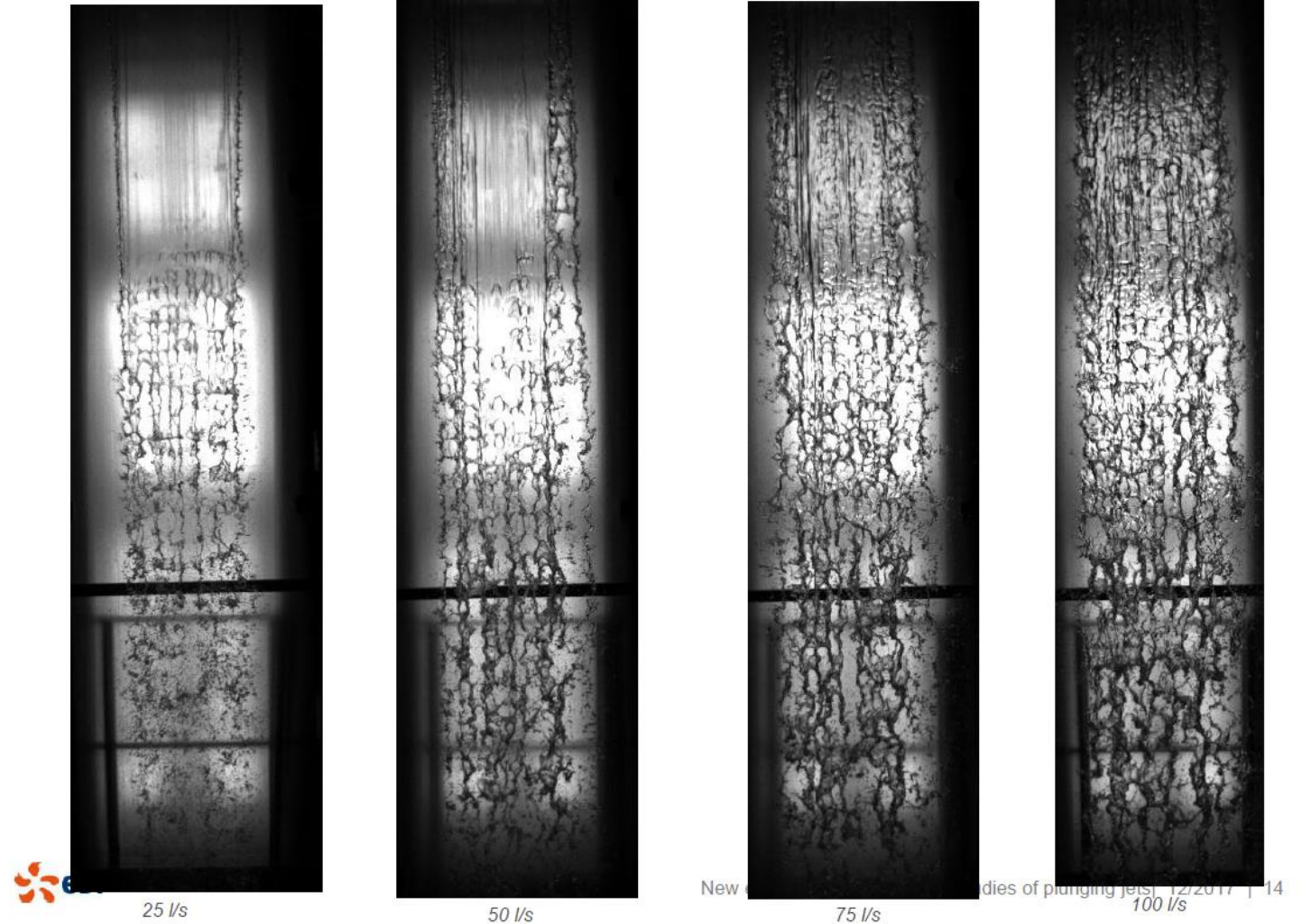
Particle Image Velocimetry



Initial areas of focus – Experimental Goals

JET BREAK UP

- Engage partners (dam owners, researchers)
- Testing and calibrating sensors and devices for “higher” and more powerful experiments : pressures sensors, air/water sensors, high frequency videos



Initial areas of focus – Experimental Goals

- EDF Facility

Typology	Characteristics
Weir	Thin crest (can be changed)
Overflowing length	1000 mm
Tray length	2.9 m
Calming means	Head lost + Honeycombs
Tray positions (Tray bottom / slab)	4 postions (8.4 m ; 6.4m ; 3.9m ; 1.5 m) go to plane for mor details
Maximum height of fall	9.5m / slab 15 m / bottom of the pool (4 m of water heighth)
Flow	0 - 400 l/s
Measurment technics	ADV LS-PIV Photogrammetry 4 High speed cameras (2000 fps for 1080 x 1080) 33 pressure sensors (100 Hz) – can move along the rails 11 pressure sensors (20000 Hz) LDV

“Angel Jump”

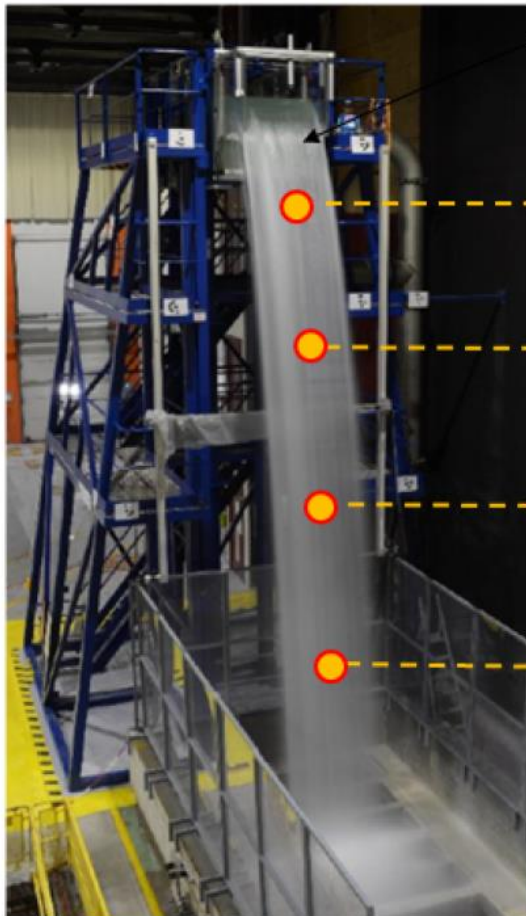


Overflow for 220 l/s

Initial areas of focus – Experimental Goals

- Dam overtopping – abutment scour

Proposed Physical Hydraulic Model Set-Up



Test Location 1
($L/L_b = 0.5$)

Test Location 2
($L/L_b = 1.0$)

Test Location 3
($L/L_b = 1.5$)

Test Location 4
($L/L_b = 2.0$)

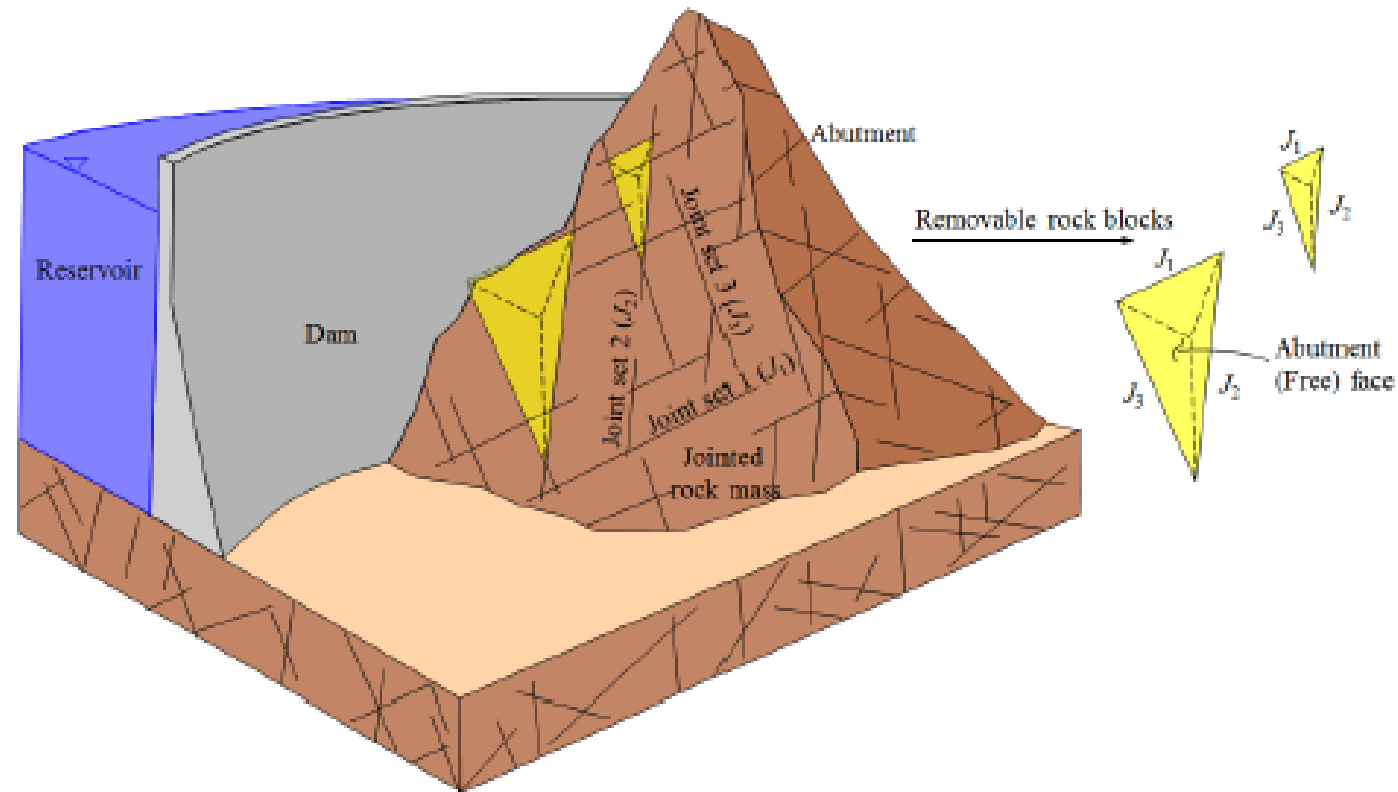
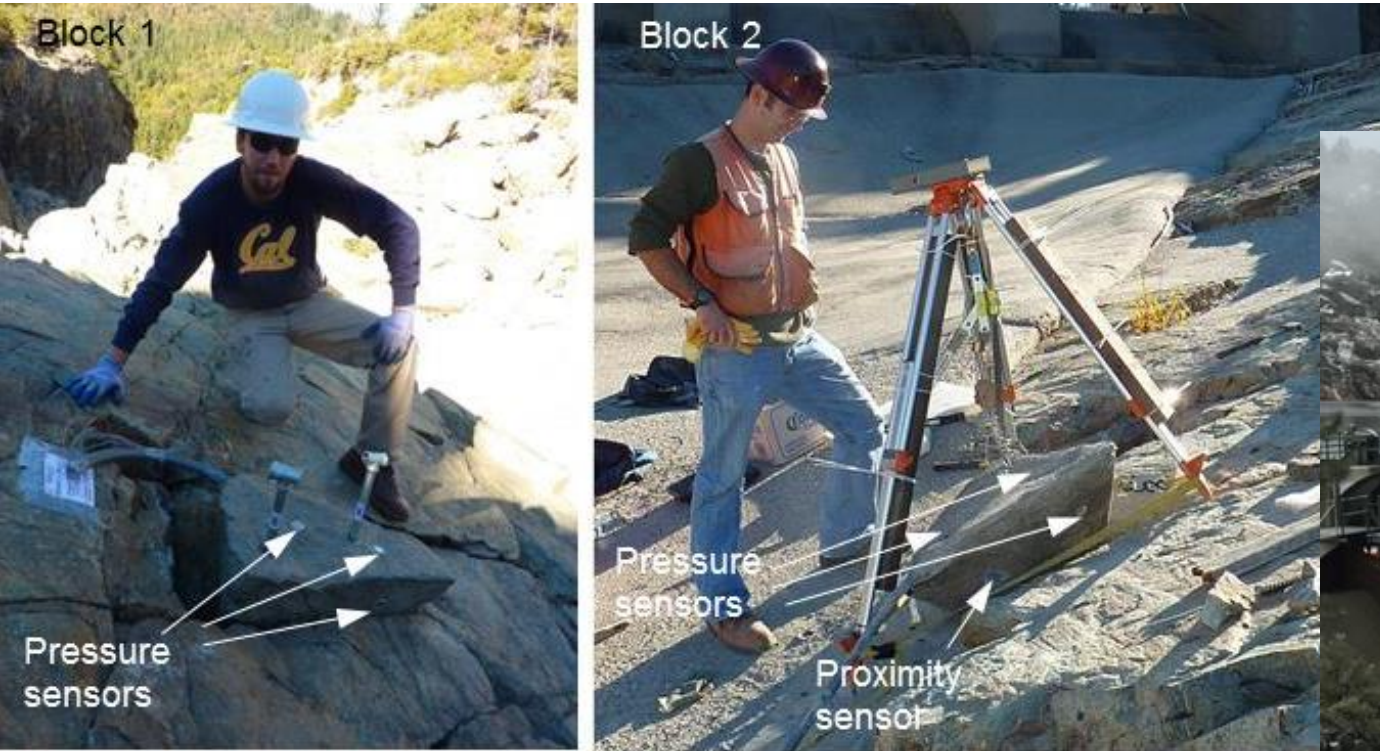


Figure 11A-13 - Schematic for removable dam abutment rock blocks.

Initial areas of focus – EXPERIMENTAL GOALS

- Prototype Scale Testing



Unlined spillway / instrumented rock blocks / rock mass
(M.F George 2015)



Initial areas of focus – EXPERIMENTAL GOALS

- Prototype Scale Testing – EDF Arch Dam Overtopping



Initial areas of focus – EXPERIMENTAL GOALS

- Hydro Quebec – UQAC Research
- Two small-scale spillways will be constructed and used for a series of tests to analyze the different parameters
 - The first model will be at the laboratory scale and it will be built in the hydraulic laboratory of UQAC.
 - The second, on a semi-real scale (Pilot Plant), will be set up on Lake Simoncouche territory managed by UQAC and located on the high plateau of Laurentides about 20 kilometers south of the UQAC campus

Simoncouche
site



UQAC cottage

Pilot Plant spillways



How to get involved...

- Partners to share:
 - Data on scour events
 - Input on needs/research
 - Financial support
 - Participation
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We Need You!

Wave overtopping, discharges, hazards and downstream erosion

Jean-Robert Caurivaud

Dr. Tim Pullen

Dr. Myron van Damme



Introduction



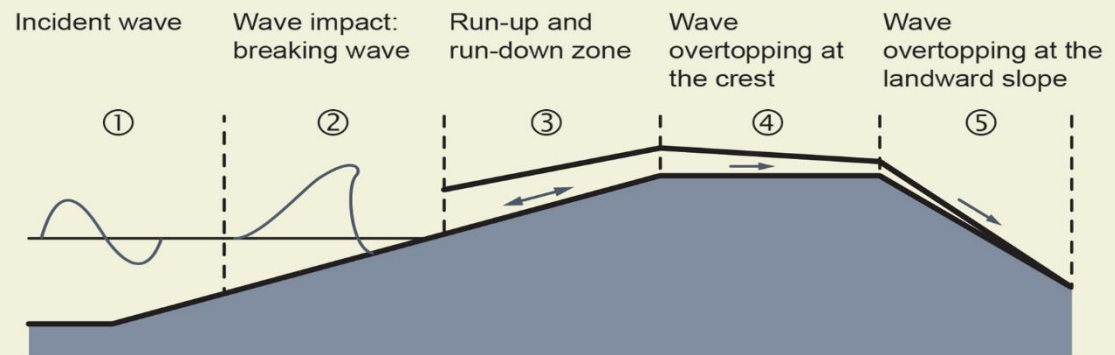
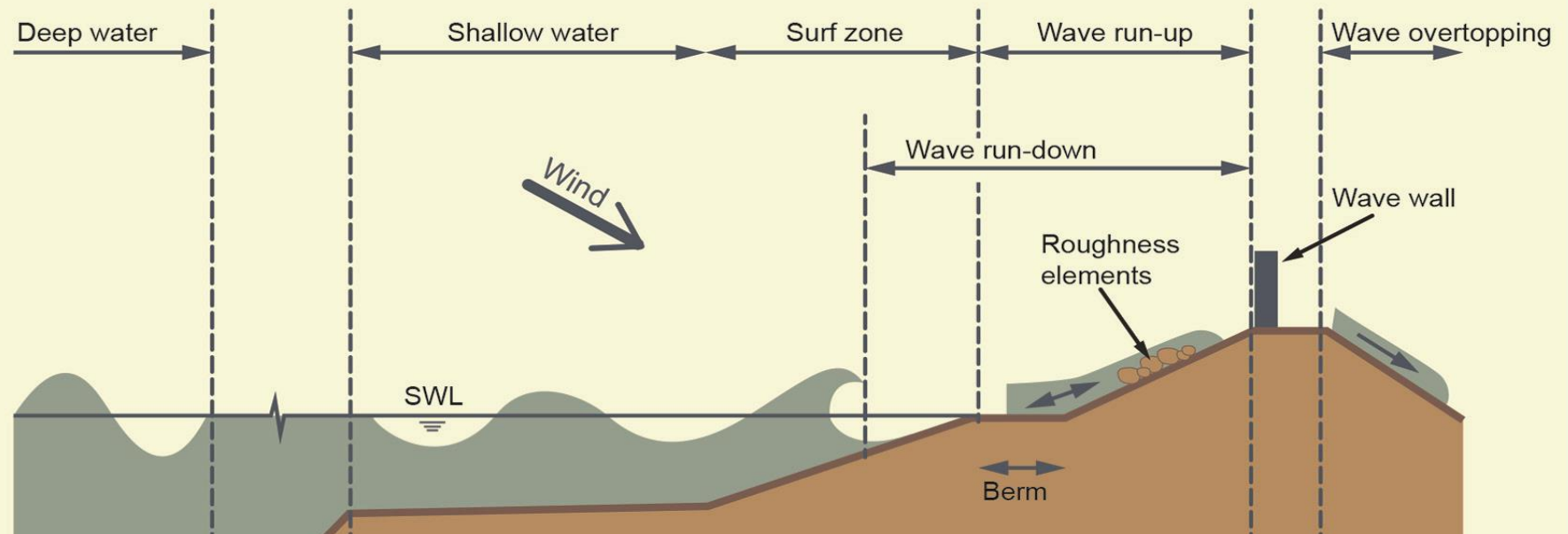
Typical reservoir embankment



Typical coastal embankment

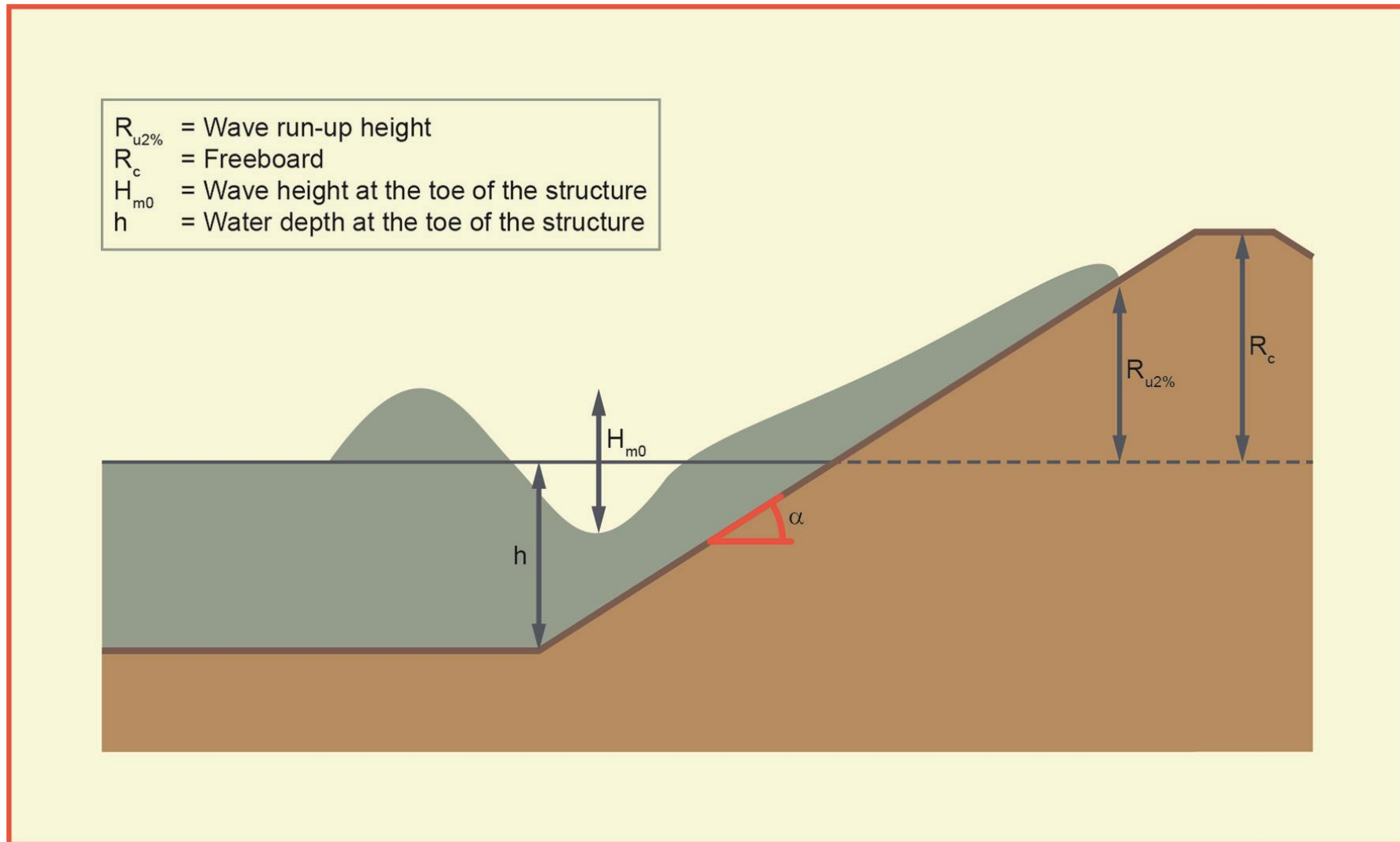


Overtopping overview

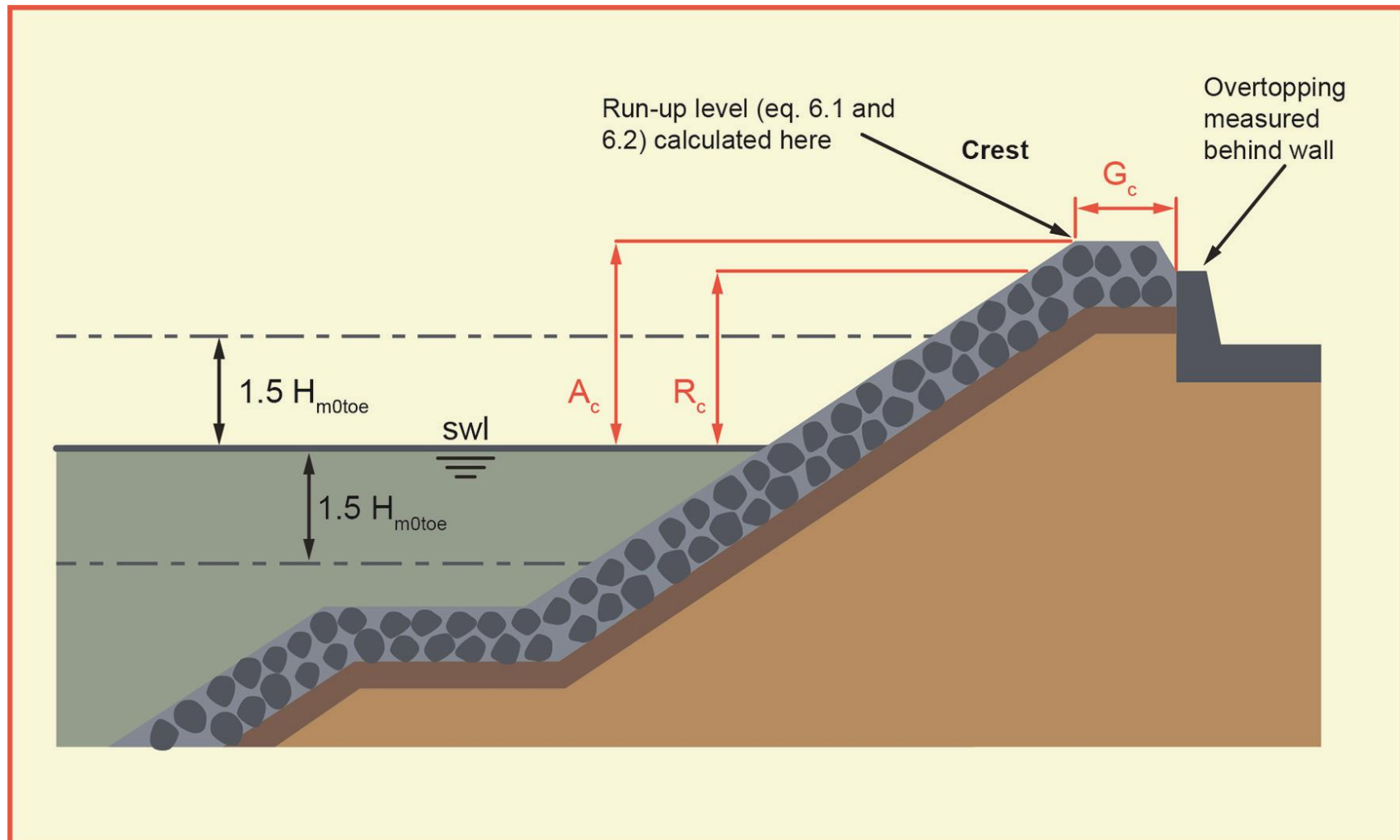


Wave overtopping on sloping structures

- Key parameters, wave run-up, and then overtopping



Wave overtopping on armoured / roughened structures



Generic empirical overtopping formula

- Mean overtopping discharge q

- Mean overtopping discharge: q (m^3/s per m or l/s per $\text{m}(\times 1000)$)

- Dimensionless overtopping discharge:

$$q / \sqrt{g H_{m0}^3}$$

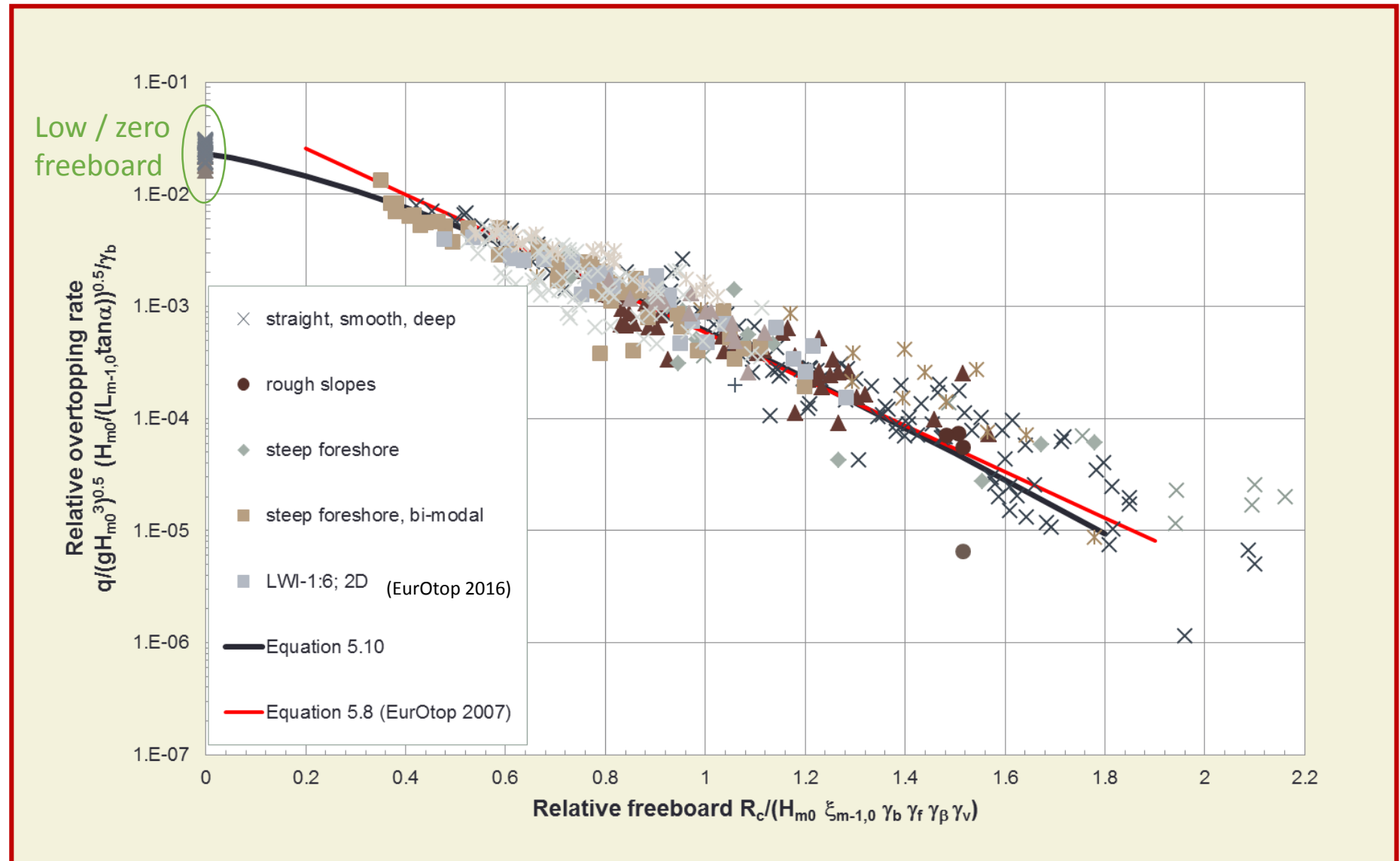
- Dimensionless relative freeboard:

$$R_c / H_{m0}$$

- Basic formula:

$$\frac{q}{\sqrt{g H_{m0}^3}} = a \exp(-b R_c / H_{m0})$$

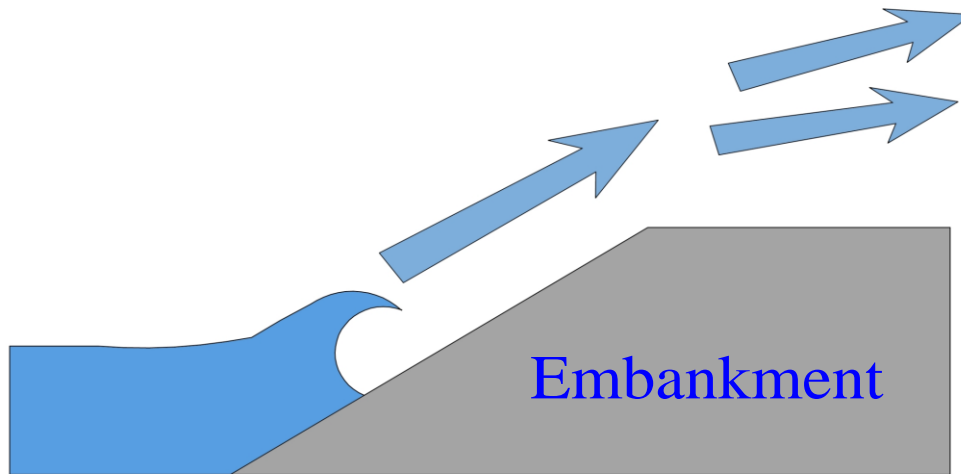
Prediction on mean overtopping discharges (q (l/s/m))





Overtopping hazards

Overtopping hazards



Embankments and slopes:
overtopping velocities
generally up to:

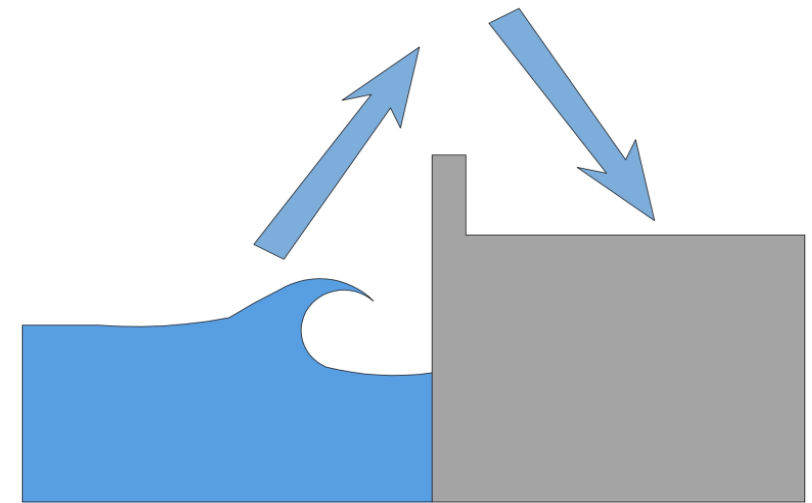
$$u_z \approx 1 - 3 c_i$$

(where c_i is wave speed)

Vertical, battered and composite
walls: overtopping velocities often
up to:

$$u_z \approx 2 - 10 c_i$$

(where c_i is wave speed)



Overtopping discharges for structural design

Limits for wave overtopping for structural design of breakwaters, seawalls, dikes and dams

Hazard type and reason	Mean discharge q (l/s per m)	Max volume V_{\max} (l per m)
Rubble mound breakwaters; $H_{m0} > 5$ m; no damage	1	2,000-3,000
Rubble mound breakwaters; $H_{m0} > 5$ m; rear side designed for wave overtopping	5-10	10,000-20,000
Grass covered crest and landward slope; maintained and closed grass cover; $H_{m0} = 1 - 3$ m	5	2,000-3,000
Grass covered crest and landward slope; not maintained grass cover, open spots, moss, bare patches; $H_{m0} = 0.5 - 3$ m	0.1	500
Grass covered crest and landward slope; $H_{m0} < 1$ m	5-10	500
Grass covered crest and landward slope; $H_{m0} < 0.3$ m	No limit	No limit

Overtopping discharges for property

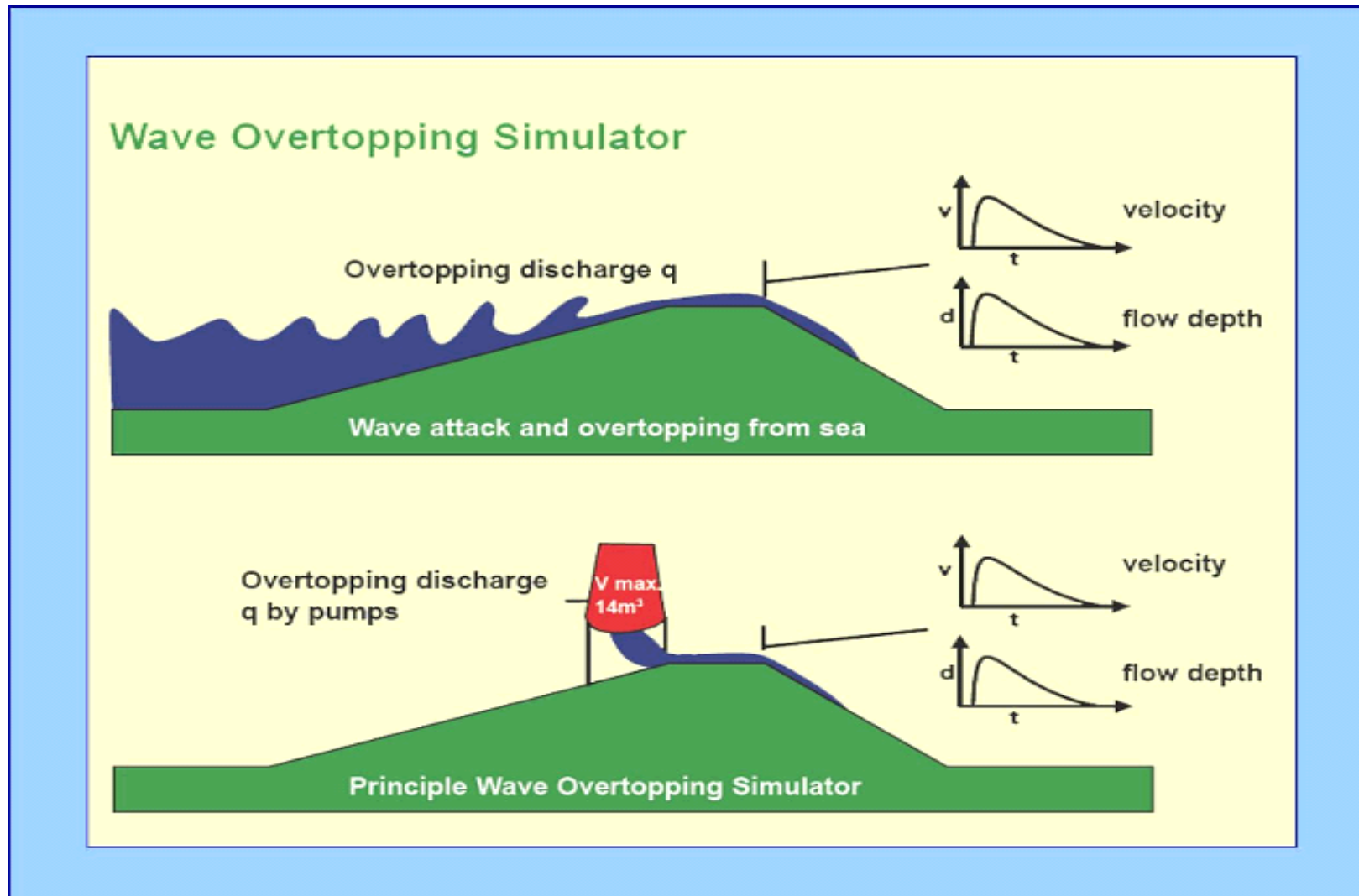
General limits for overtopping for property behind the defence

Hazard type and reason	Mean discharge q (l/s per m)	Max volume V_{\max} (l per m)
Significant damage or sinking of larger yachts; $H_{m0} > 5$ m	>10	$>5,000 - 30,000$
Significant damage or sinking of larger yachts; $H_{m0} = 3-5$ m	>20	$>5,000 - 30,000$
Sinking small boats set 5-10 m from wall; $H_{m0} = 3-5$ m Damage to larger yachts	>5	$>3,000-5,000$
Safe for larger yachts; $H_{m0} > 5$ m	<5	$<5,000$
Safe for smaller boats set 5-10 m from wall; $H_{m0} = 3-5$ m	<1	$<2,000$
Building structure elements; $H_{m0} = 1-3$ m	≤ 1	$<1,000$
Damage to equipment set back 5-10m	≤ 1	$<1,000$

Overtopping discharges for people & vehicles

Hazard type and reason	Mean discharge q (l/s per m)	Max volume V_{\max} (l per m)
People at structures with possible violent overtopping, mostly vertical structures	No access for any predicted overtopping	No access for any predicted overtopping
People at seawall / dike crest. Clear view of the sea. $H_{m0} = 3$ m $H_{m0} = 2$ m $H_{m0} = 1$ m $H_{m0} < 0.5$ m	0.3 1 10-20 No limit	600 600 600 No limit
Cars on seawall / dike crest, or railway close behind crest $H_{m0} = 3$ m $H_{m0} = 2$ m $H_{m0} = 1$ m	<5 10-20 <75	2000 2000 2000
Highways and roads, fast traffic	Close before debris in spray becomes dangerous	Close before debris in spray becomes dangerous

Assessment of overtopping discharges for dike erosion



- Basis of Overtopping Simulator

Overtopping simulator for dike stability



Overtopping simulator for dike stability



Variation in overtopping volumes (V)
(Vmax can be 1000xq(the mean discharge))

Downstream erosion due to overtopping



Boonweg dike; after 75 l/s per m

Damage at transition slope -
horizontal (hidden brick path)



Downstream erosion due to overtopping



Downstream erosion due to overtopping



Kattendijke: extensive damage at maintenance road



Damage of grass due to overtopping initiates at overtopping discharges of O (1-10 l/m/s)

Grass can withstand overflow discharges of the order of 100 l/m/s.



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Some observations

- Damage due to overtopping often initiates at a transition
- Different empirical methods for predicting the onset of failure exist
- The processes of failure (of grass) are poorly understood.
- The processes between overtopping erosion and overflow erosion differ
- It is unknown how design and maintenance strategies contribute to the overtopping resistance of grass.

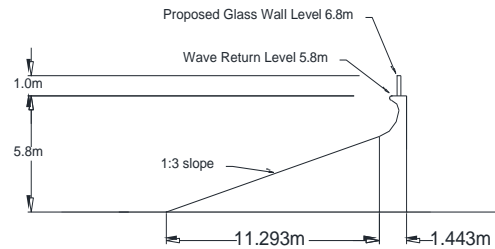
Methods to reduce overtopping



Methods to reduce overtopping

- Recurve Wall

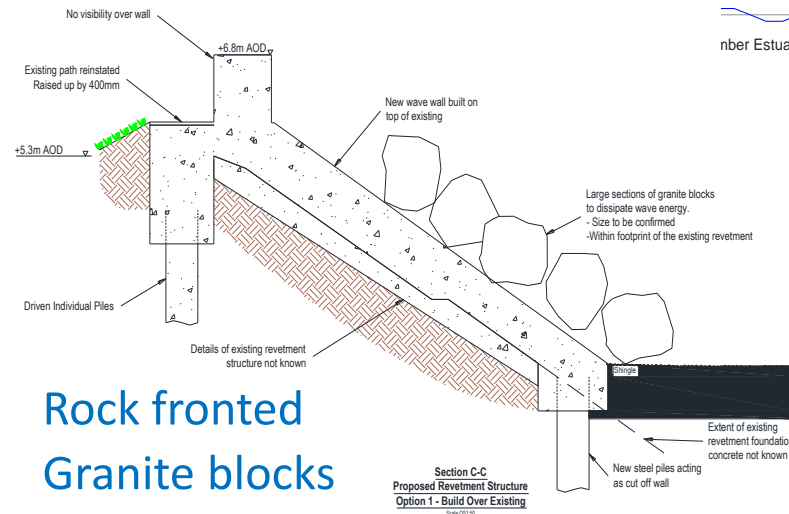
- Glass wall pressures
- Overtopping



TYPICAL CROSS SECTION
Section E-E

- Rock on concrete

- Overtopping
- 2 different revetments

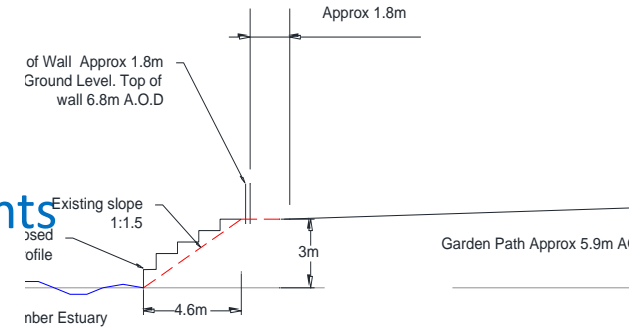


Rock fronted
Granite blocks

1 to 3 ton

$D_{n50} \sim 0.90 \text{ m}$

$M_{50} \sim 2100 \text{ kg}$



TYPICAL CROSS SECTION
Section F-F
Stepped



Reduction of overtopping by a recurve parapet wall

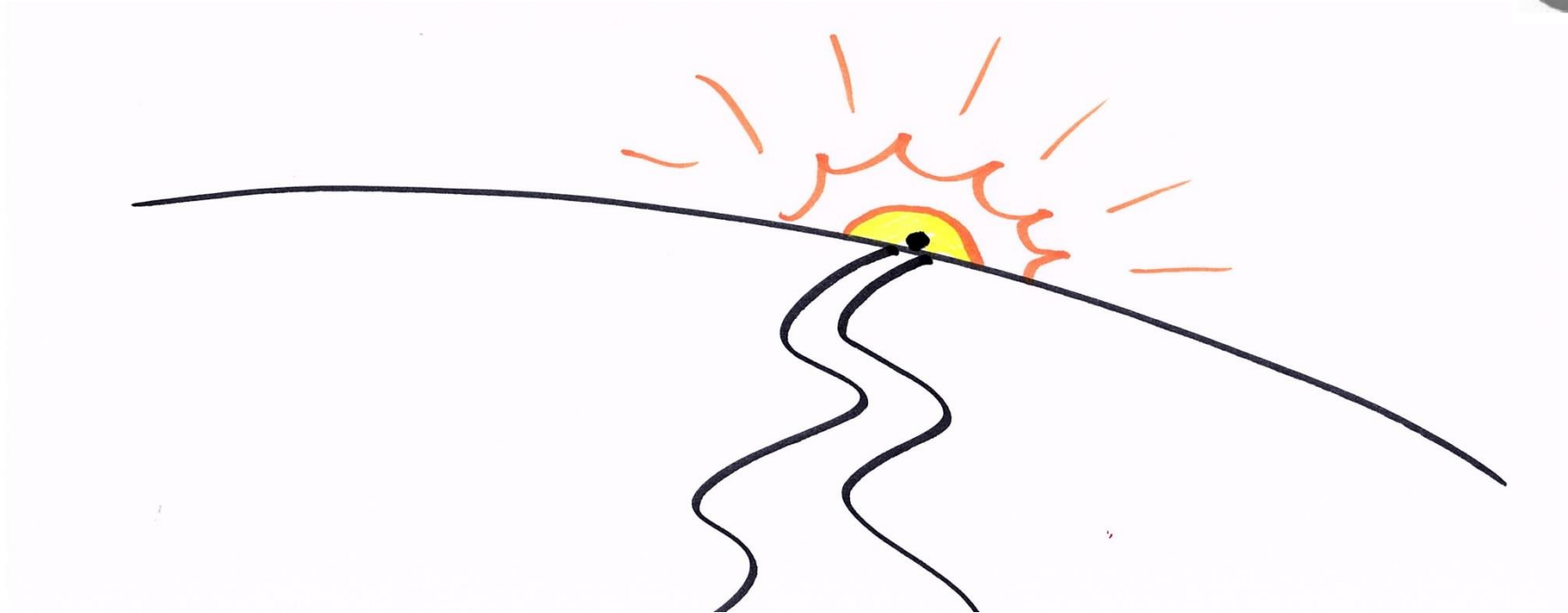


Reduction of overtopping by a stepped revetment



Reduction of overtopping by rock armour





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The ***objectives*** of the sub-group of overtopping of sea dykes are

- *To identify and share issues, related to overtopping erosion*
- *To share best practices for defining the overtopping erosion resistance and erosion rates, and identify research gaps*
- *To facilitate sharing data, knowledge, and experiences to facilitate dissemination, and bridge the gap between practitioners needs and academic research*

Link to running projects

- Environment Agency (UK) plans to update the CIRIA 116 guidelines on grass
- The FutureDikes research proposal (NL) plans to investigate which grass species are most overtopping resistant
- Living Lab Hedwige Prosperpolder (EU Interreg 2 seas research project proposal) which facilitates large scale experiments to the failure of grass.
- ...

Actions

Please

- Inform us of your contact details if you want to become involved in this sub-group
- Inform us on any research projects which may be of interest to this sub-group.

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We hope to see you in Madrid

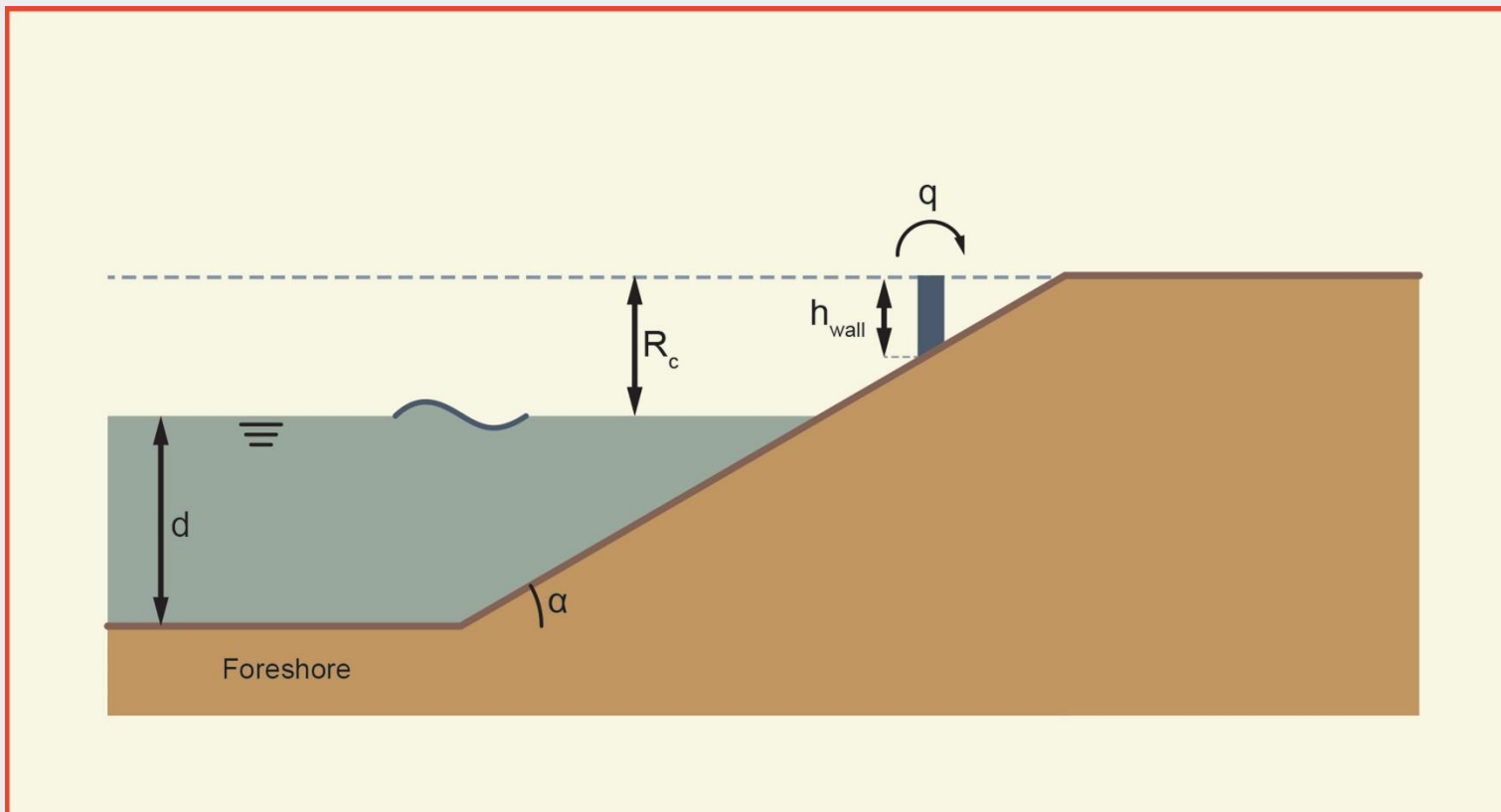


- Jean-Robert Courivaud, Dr Tim Pullen, and Dr Myron Van Damme

Wave walls and promenades

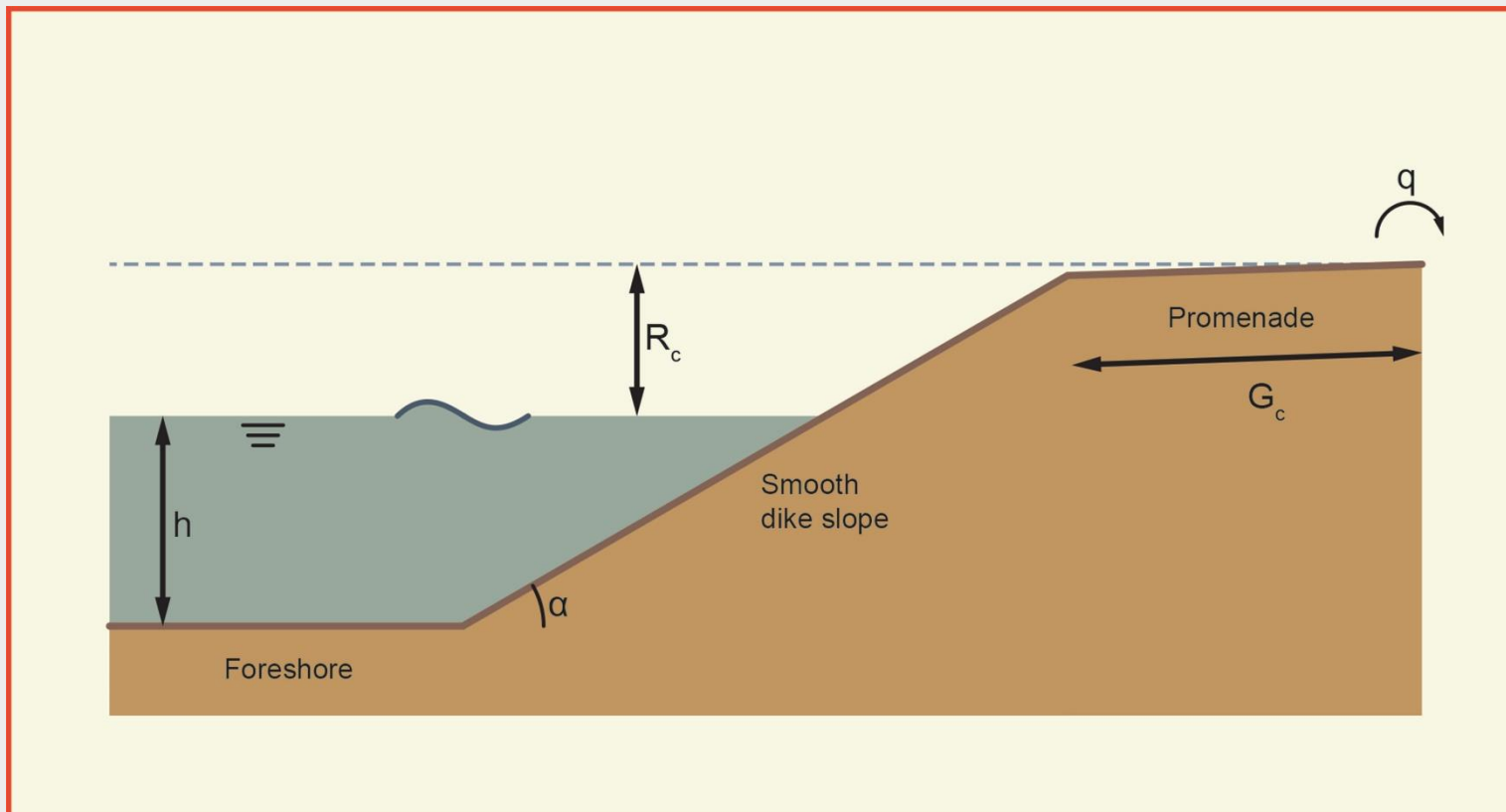
Modify discharges with gamma coefficients ($\gamma^* = \gamma_{\text{modifier}}$)

Typically $\gamma_v = \exp\left(-0.56 \frac{h_{\text{wall}}}{R_c}\right)$



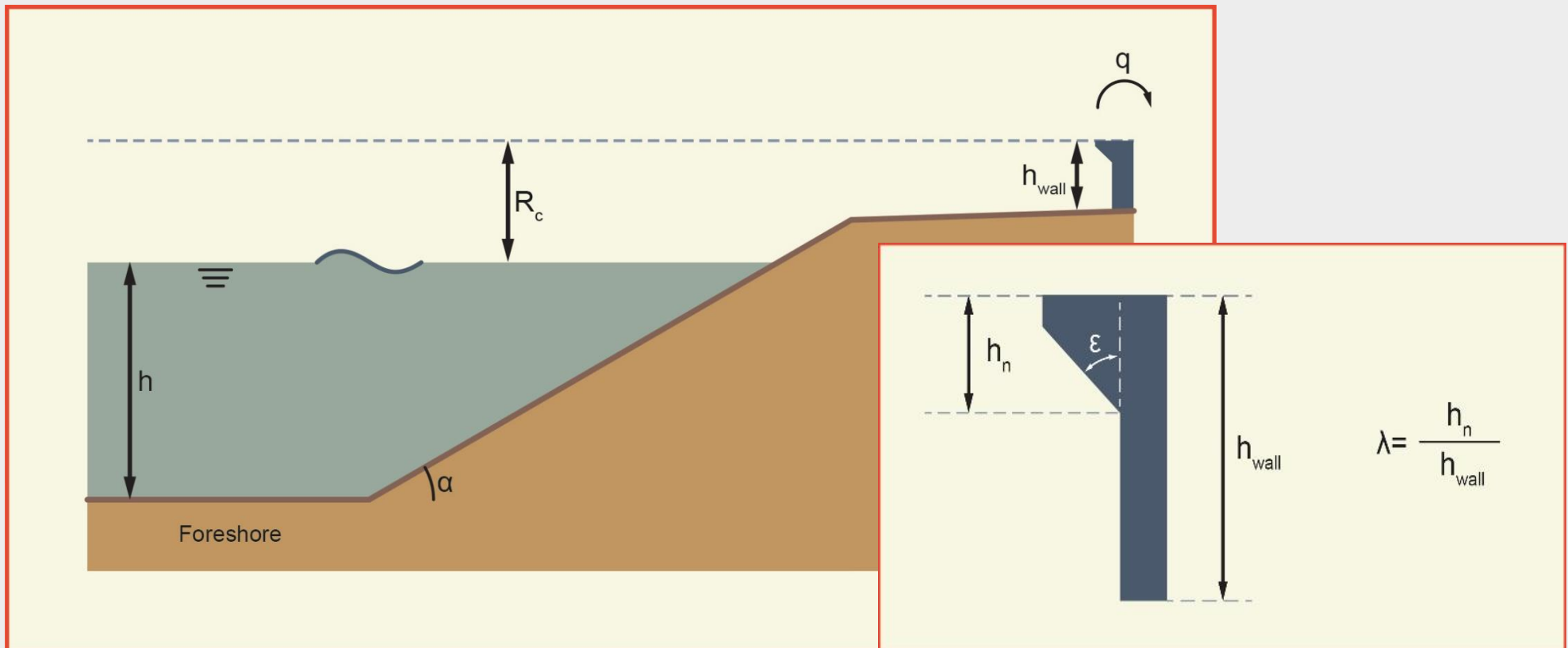
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$$\gamma_{prom} = 1 - 0.47 \frac{G_c}{L_{m-1,0}}$$



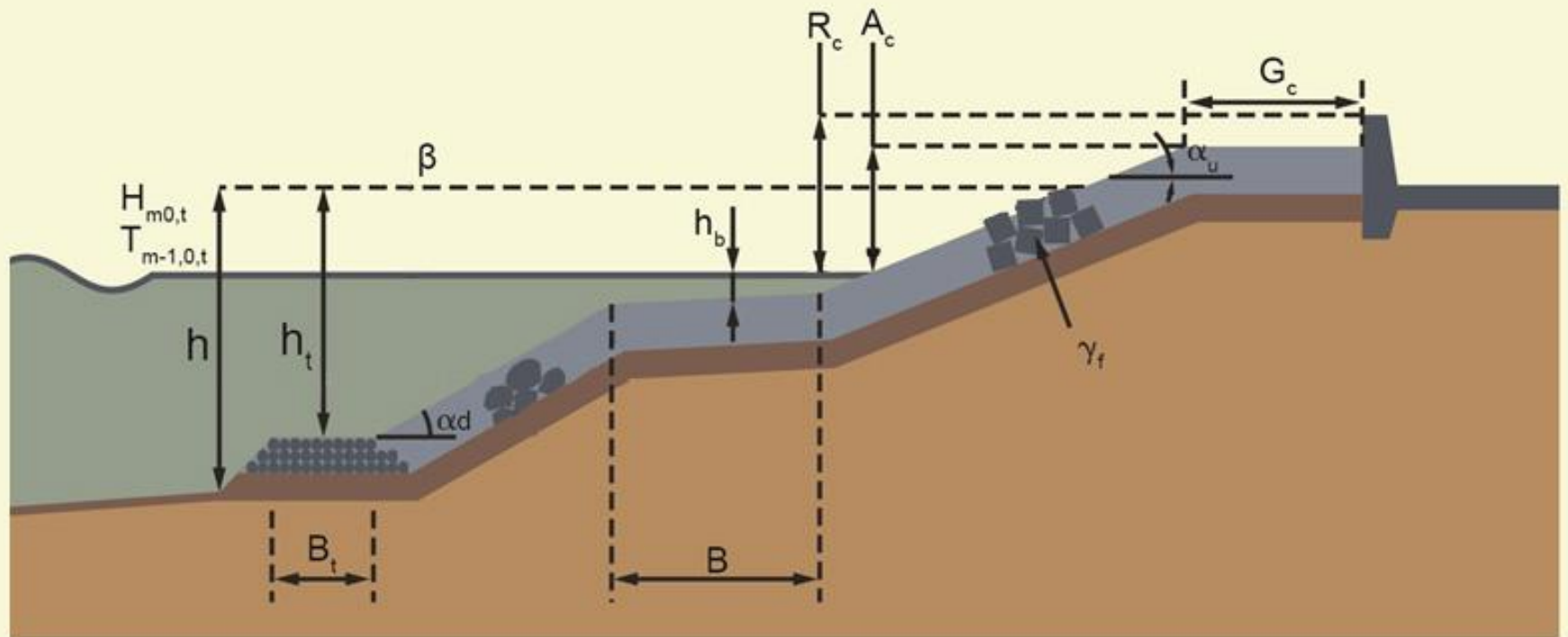
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$$\gamma_{prom_v_bn} = 1.19 \gamma_{prom_v} \gamma_{bn}$$

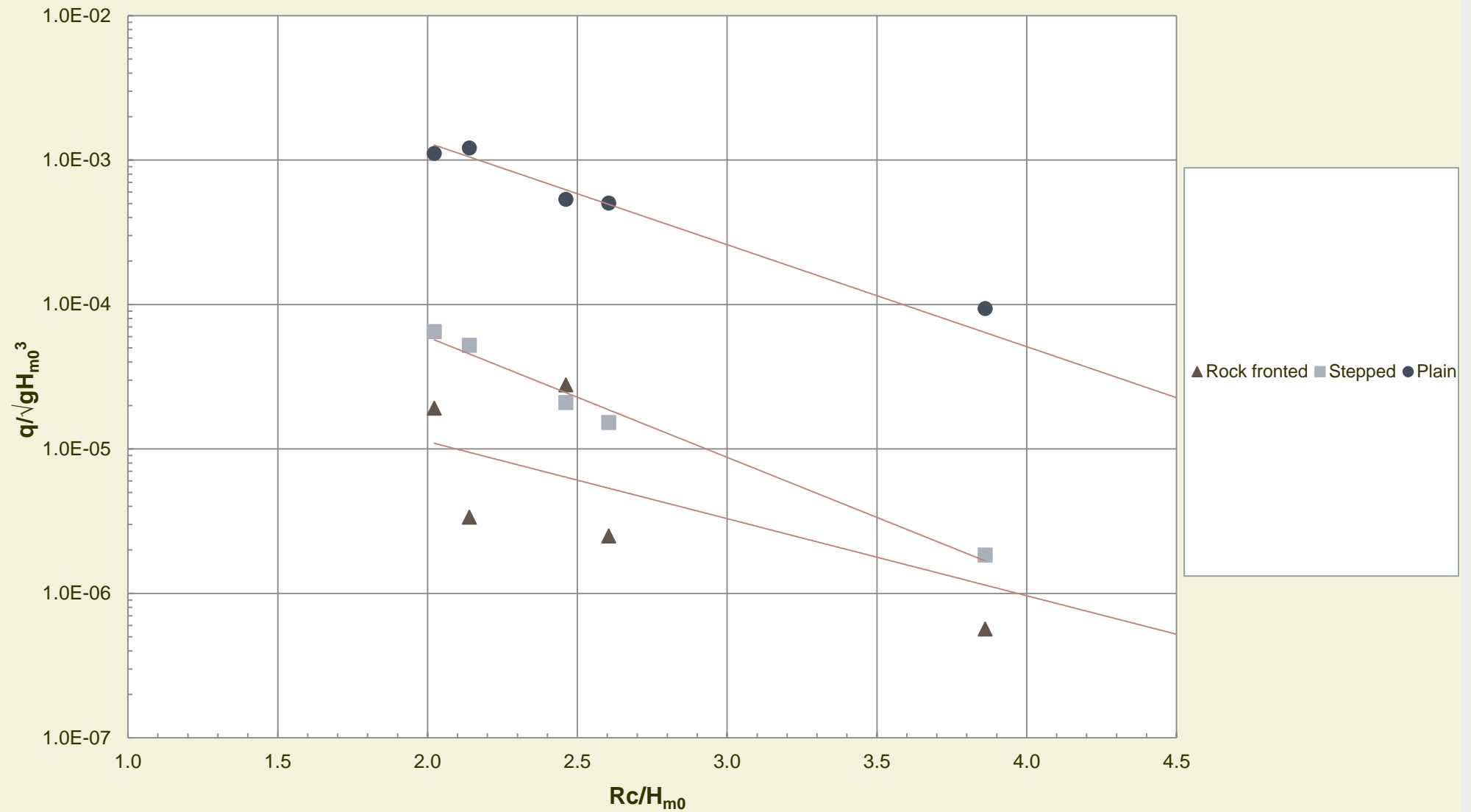


Generic overtopping parameters

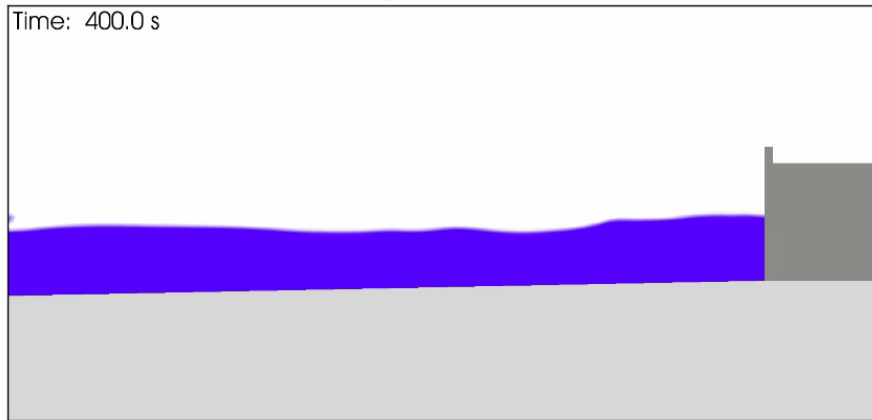
Hydraulic and structural parameters



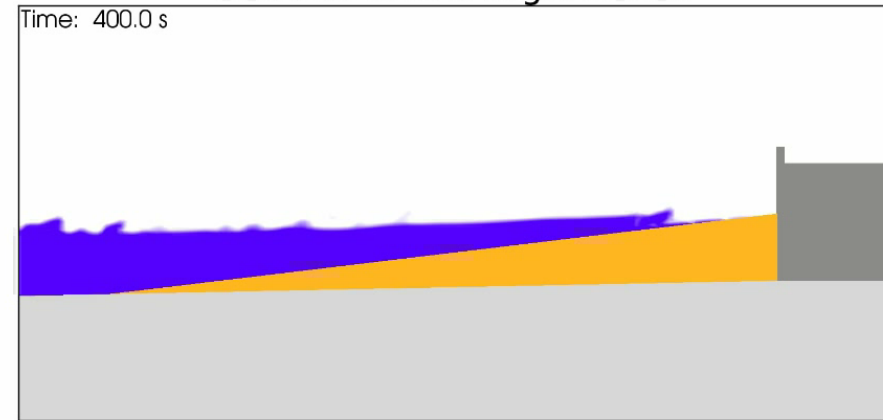
Revetment comparison



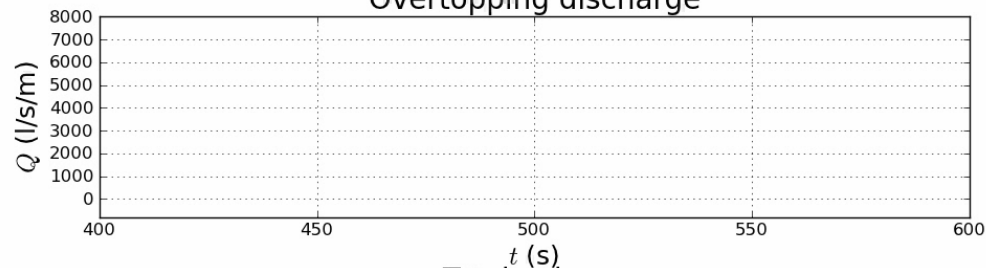
Seawall



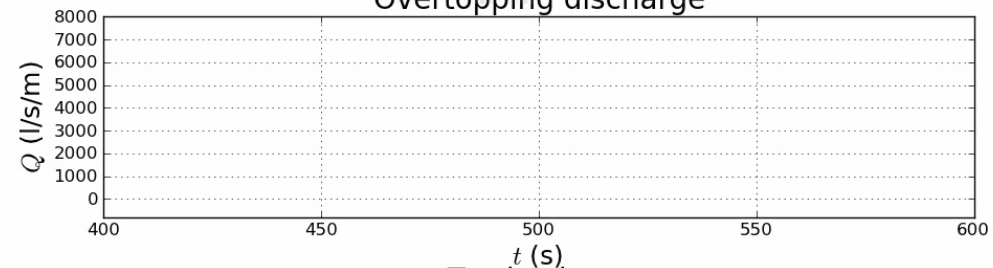
Seawall with shingle beach



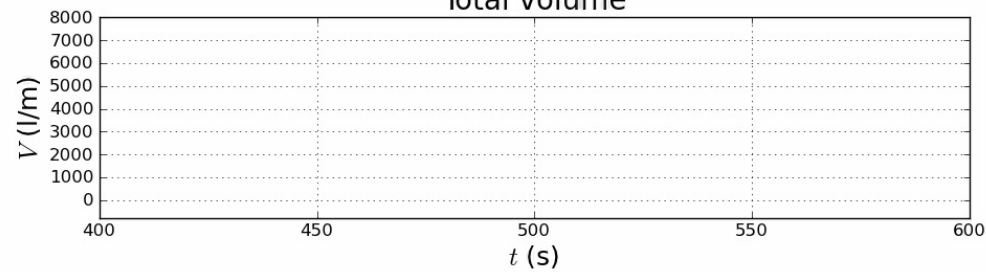
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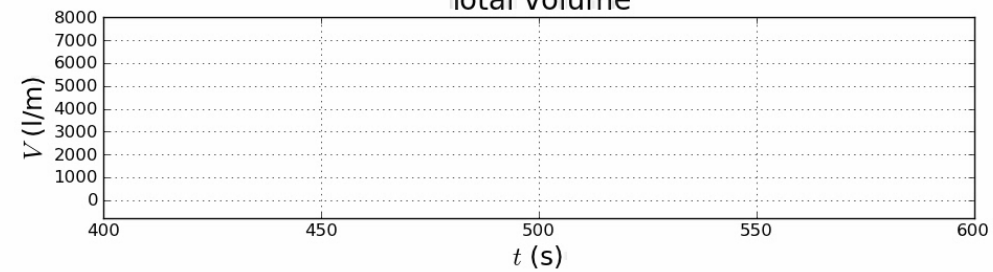
Overtopping discharge



Total volume



Total volume



OpenFOAM model (*in development, Cuomo, Richardson & others*).



International Working Group on Overflowing and Overtopping Erosion

Subgroup 4. Protections against overflowing erosion of dams and levees

Challenges

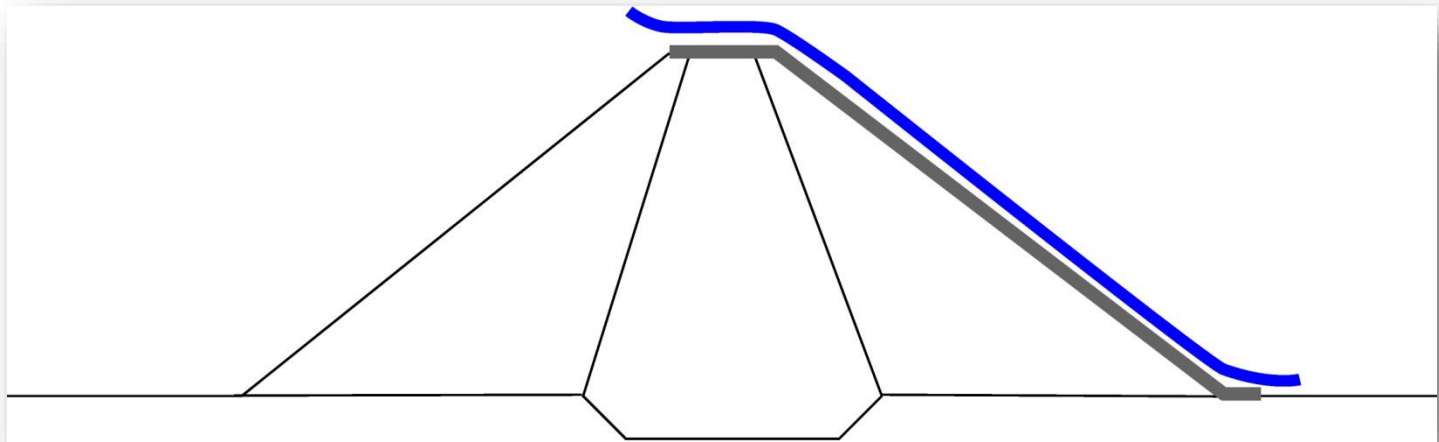
How overflowed dams fail?

How should we protect them?



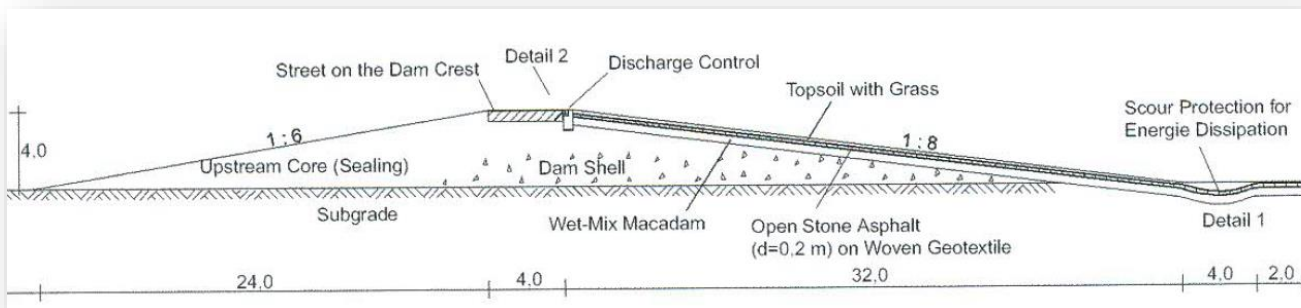
Consequences of protecting dams and
optimal decision-making strategies

Hard Protections

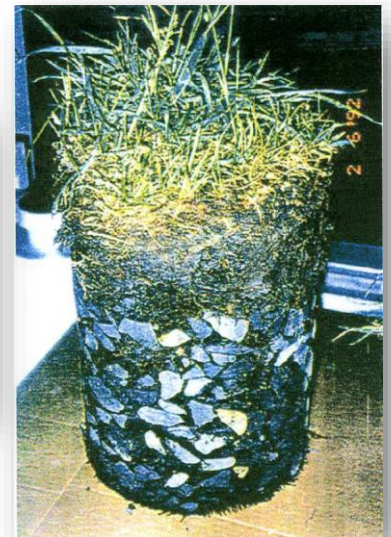


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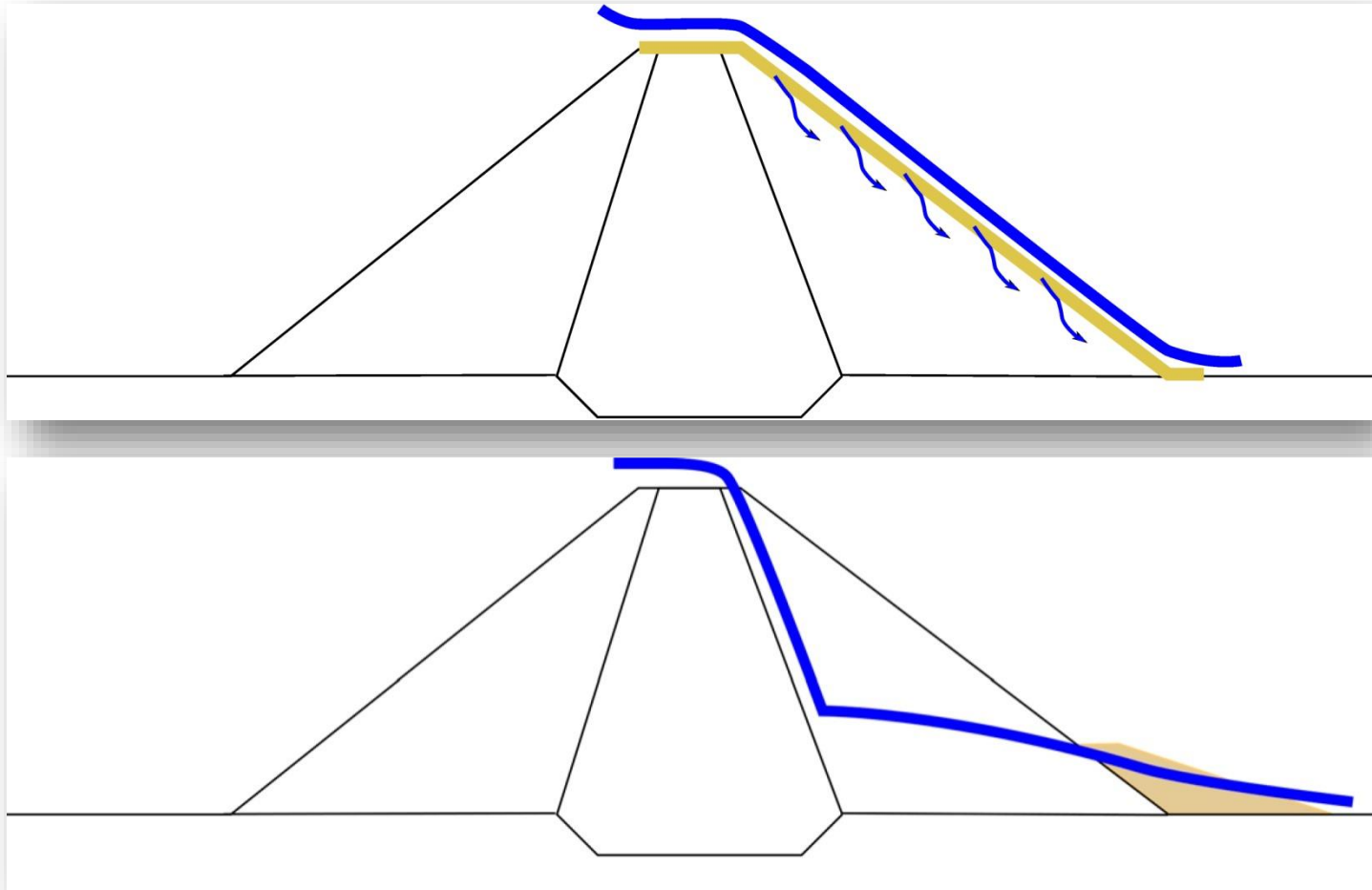
- I. Rolled Compacted Concrete
- II. Continuously-reinforced concrete slabs
- III. Wedge – shaped blocks
- IV. Open stone asphalt



(Bieberstein, Quieber et al. 2004)



Soft Protections



Soft Protections

- I. Articulated concrete blocks
- II. Gabions
- III. Vegetative cover and turf revetments
- IV. Rip-rap
- V. Geosynthetics
- VI. Reinforced rockfill



(Nilsson 2009)

1st International Seminar on Dam Protections against Overtopping and Accidental Leakage



Madrid. Spain, 24-26 November 2014

2nd International Seminar on Dam Protections



Fort Collins, Colorado, USA

Protections 2016

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General conclusions



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Understanding on the overtopping failure processes is advancing

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Effective protection technologies are available nowadays

3

Decisions must be based on REAL risks

International Charles Gray on Overflood or Chertopras Erosion

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