

OCE421

Marine Structure Designs

Lecture #18

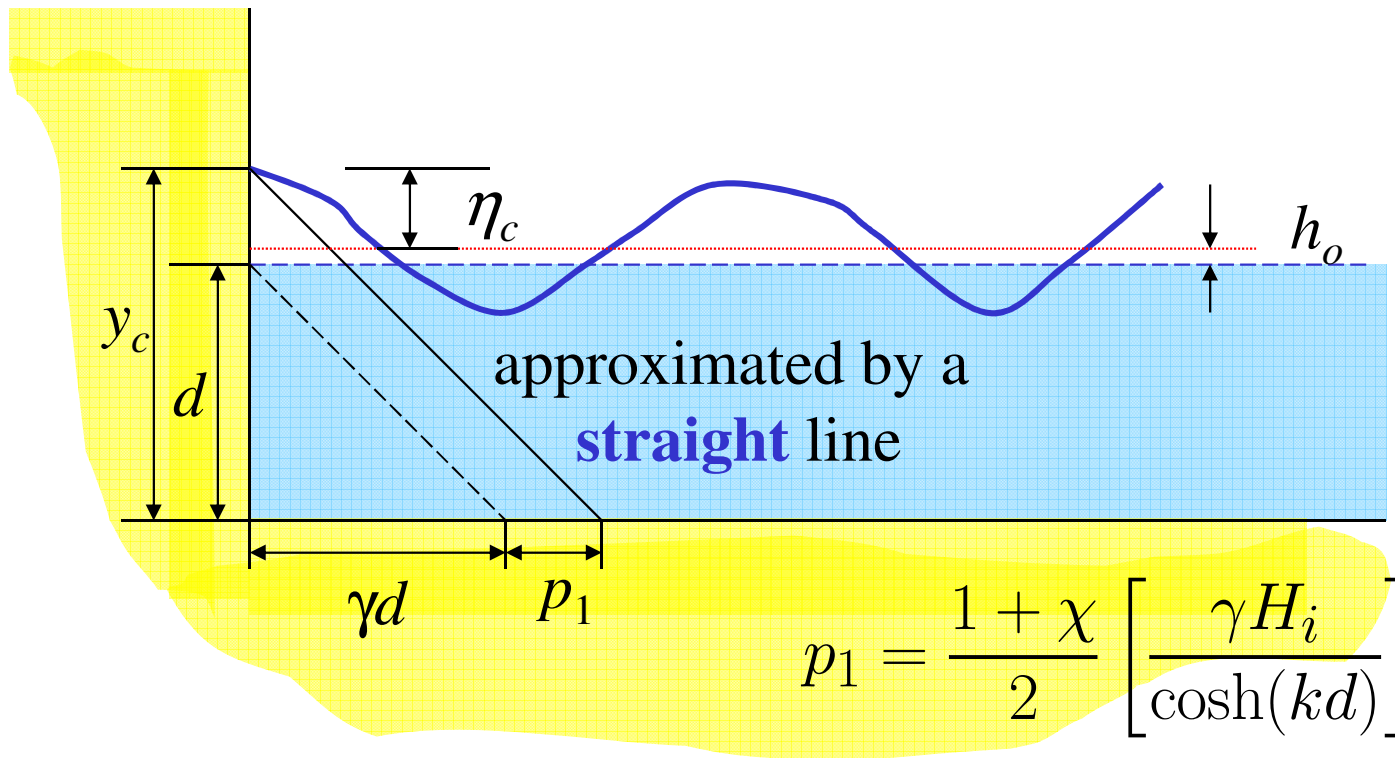
(Wave Forces on Vertical Breakwater –  
Goda's Method)

# Pressure Distribution at Wall

$$y_c = d + h_o + \frac{1 + \chi}{2} H_i$$

$$h_o = \frac{\pi H_i^2 L_o}{L^2}$$

$$y_t = d + h_o - \frac{1 + \chi}{2} H_i$$



# Minikin's equation

For **caisson** and other vertical structures

**maximum dynamic pressure:**

$$p_m = 101\gamma \frac{H_b d_s}{L_{d_1} d_1} (d_1 + d_s)$$

$p_m$  = maximum dynamic pressure

$H_b$  = breaker height

$d_s$  = water depth at structure toe

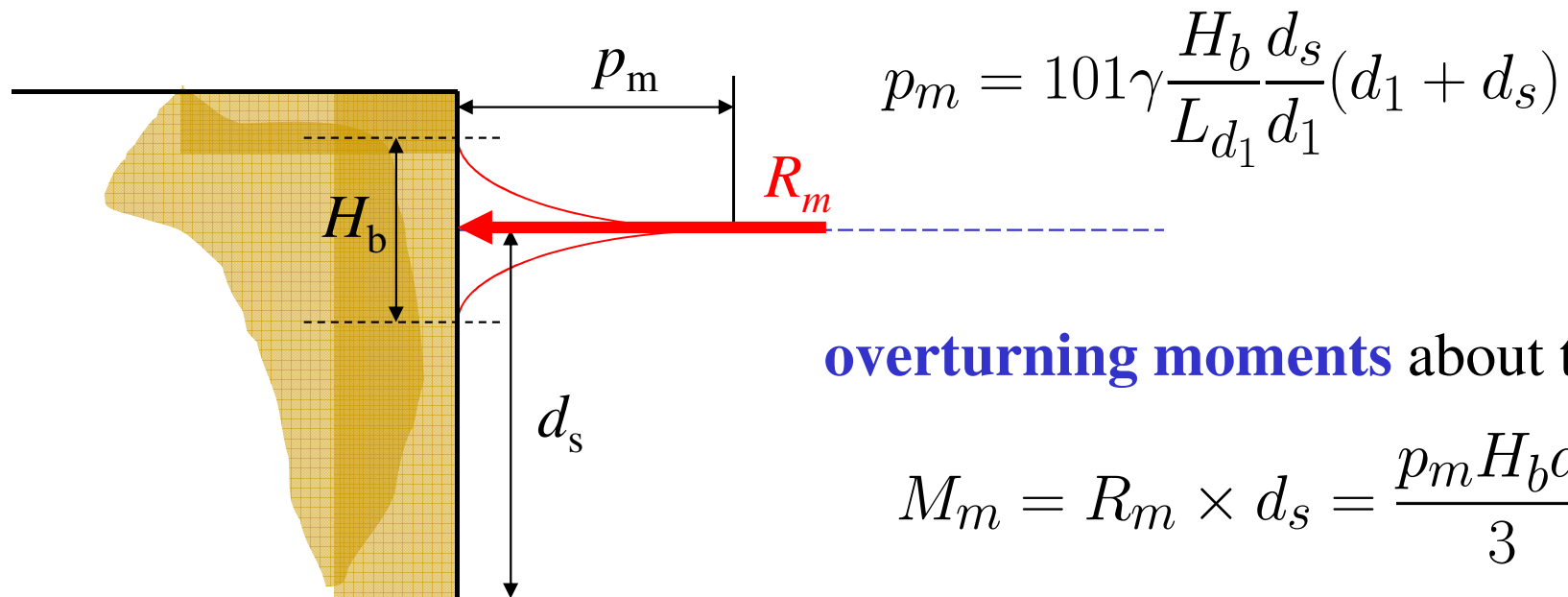
$d_1$  = water depth at **one wave length in front of the wall**

$L_{d_1}$  = wave length at  $d_1$

# Resultant Force / Overturning Moment

**resultant forces** (due to **dynamic pressure**)

$$R_m = \frac{p_m H_b}{3}$$



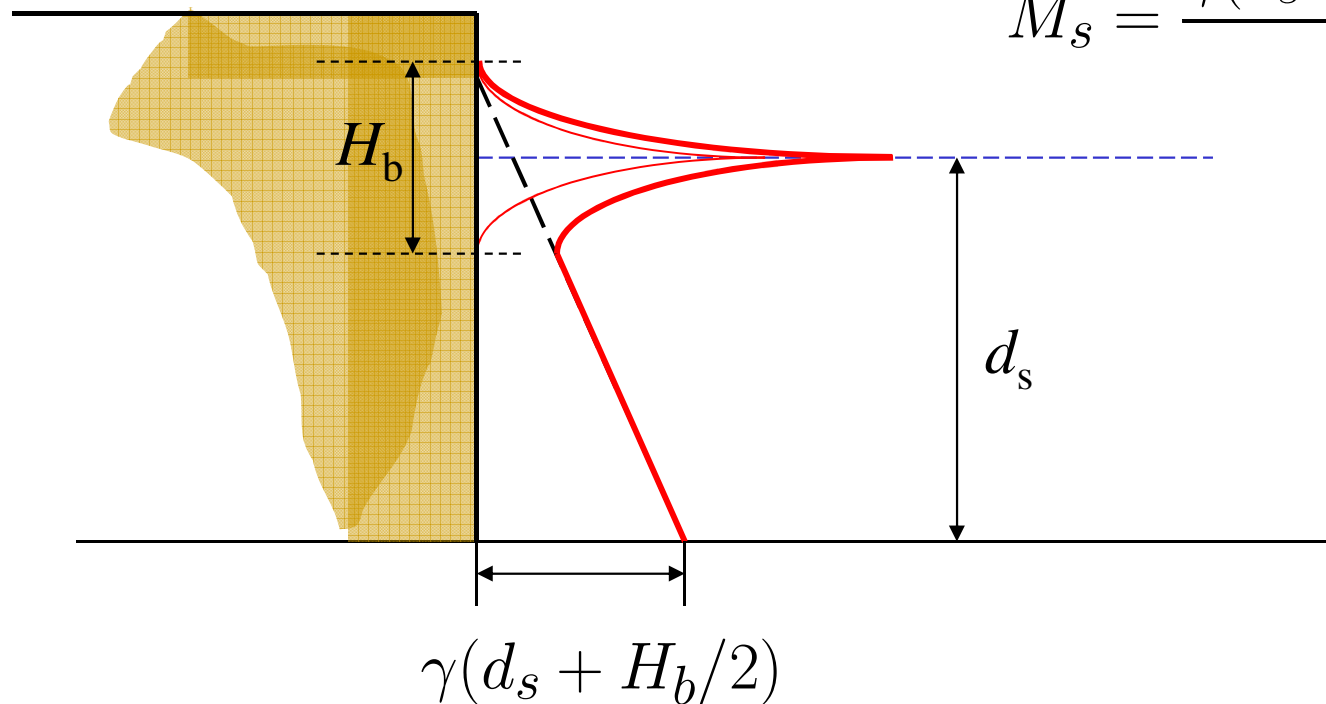
# Resultant Force/Overturning Moment (II)

**resultant forces** (due to **hydrostatic** pressure)

$$R_s = \frac{\gamma(d_s + H_b/2)^2}{2}$$

**overturning moments**  
(due to **hydrostatic** pressure)

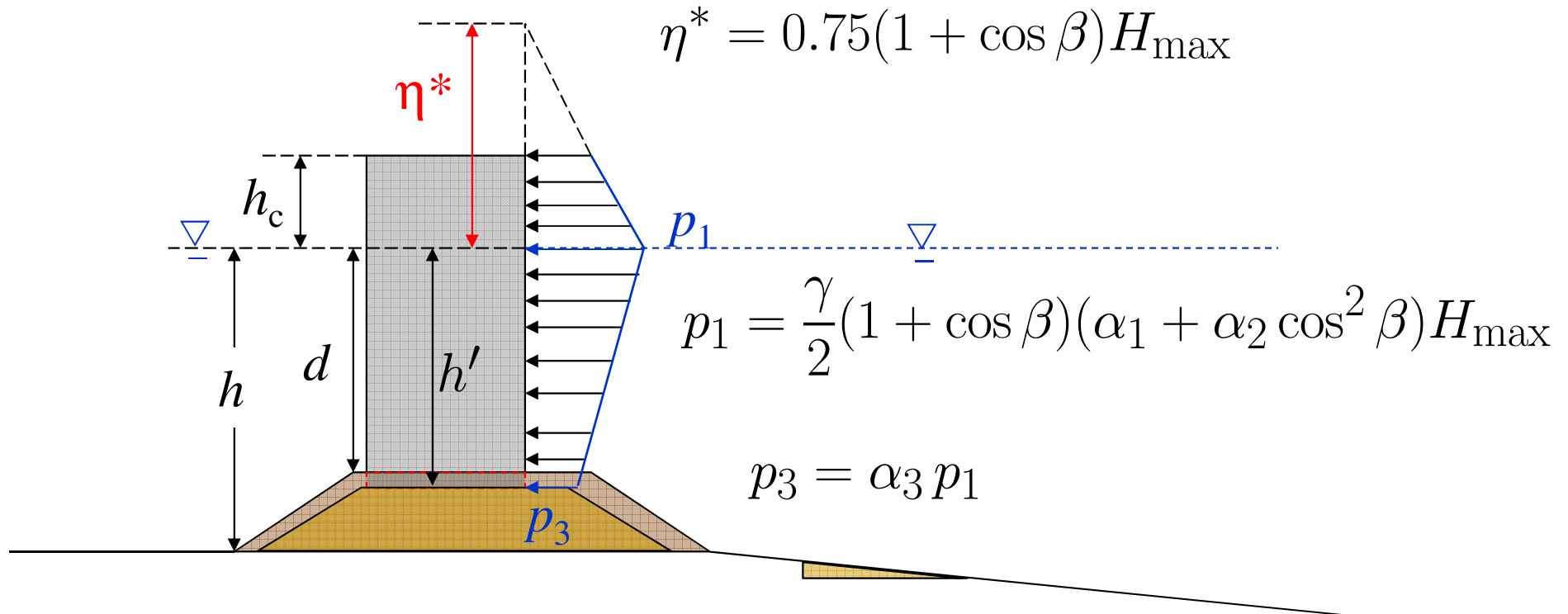
$$M_s = \frac{\gamma(d_s + H_b/2)^3}{6}$$



# Goda's Method

- The method is applicable to both **breaking** and **non-breaking** waves
- Combined **hydrostatic** and **dynamic** pressures are assumed, maximum at the SWL and linearly decrease above and below the SWL.

# Goda: Pressure Profile



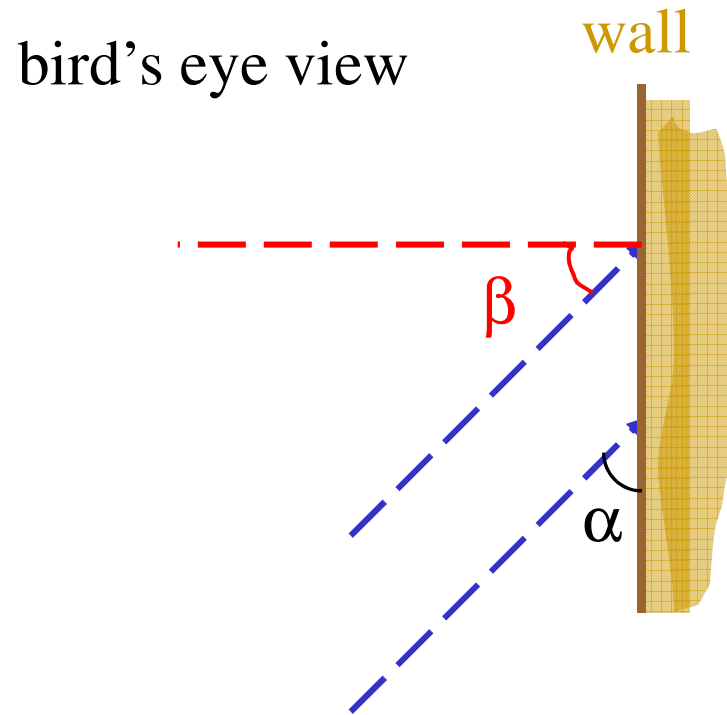
$\gamma =$  unit weight of water

$H_{\max} =$  Goda's design wave height

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 =$  coefficients to be determined

$\beta =$  angle between direction of wave approach and normal to breakwater

# Definition: angle $\beta$





# Goda's $H_s$ within the surf zone

Goda's formulas for **significant wave height** in the **surf zone**:

$$H_s = \begin{cases} K_s H'_o & : h/L_o \geq 0.2 \\ \min\{(\beta_o H'_o + \beta_1 h), \beta_{\max} H'_o, K_s H'_o\} & : h/L_o < 0.2 \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_o = 0.028(H'_o/L_o)^{-0.38} \exp[20 \tan^{1.5} \theta]$$

$$\beta_1 = 0.52 \exp[4.2 \tan \theta]$$

$$\beta_{\max} = \max\{0.92, 0.32(H'_o/L_o)^{-0.29} \exp[2.4 \tan \theta]\}$$

$L_o$  = deep water wave length

$K_s$  = shoaling coefficient

$\tan \theta$  = near-shore slope

# Goda's $H_{\max}$ within the surf zone

Goda's formulas for **maximum wave height** in the **surf zone**:

$$H_{\max} \equiv H_{1/250}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1.8K_s H'_o & : h/L_o \geq 0.2 \\ \min\{(\beta_o^* H'_o + \beta_1^* h), \beta_{\max}^* H'_o, 1.8K_s H'_o\} & : h/L_o < 0.2 \end{cases}$$

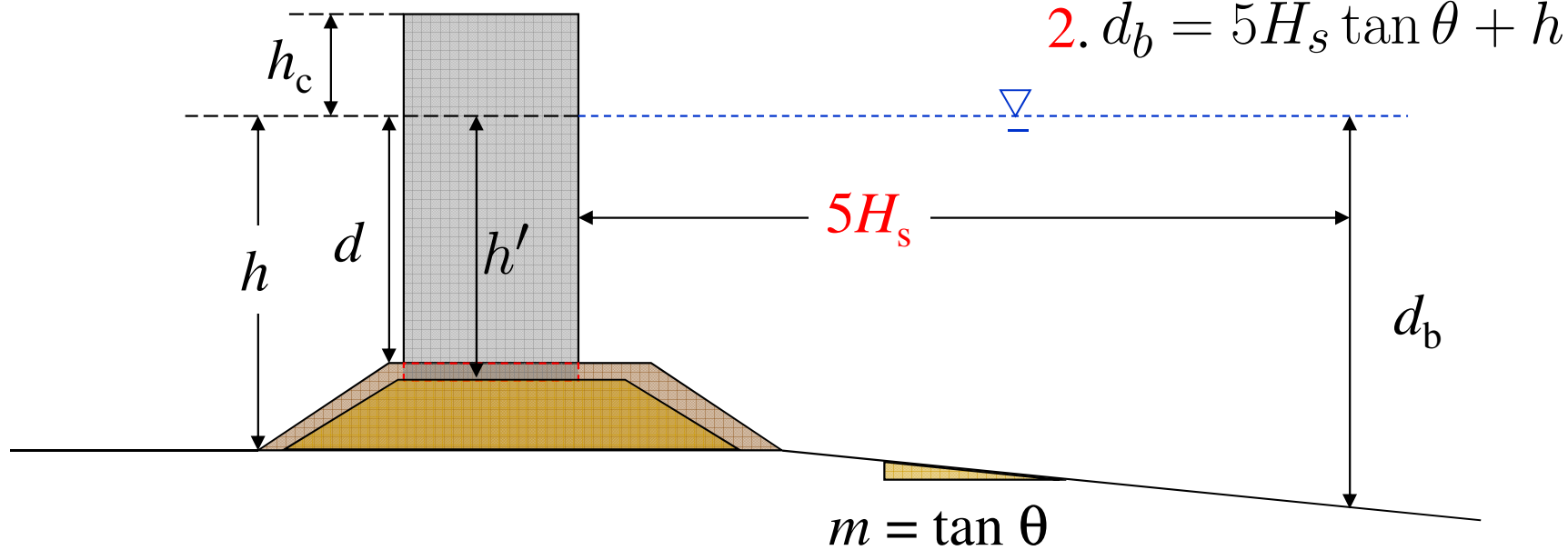
$$\beta_o^* = 0.052(H'_o/L_o)^{-0.38} \exp[20 \tan^{1.5} \theta]$$

$$\beta_1^* = 0.63 \exp[3.8 \tan \theta]$$

$$\beta_{\max}^* = \max\{1.65, 0.53(H'_o/L_o)^{-0.29} \exp[2.4 \tan \theta]\}$$

# Goda: Design Wave Height

1. estimate  $H_s$  at  $h$



2.  $d_b = 5H_s \tan \theta + h$

3. estimate  $H_{\max}$  at  $d_b$

**Goda's design wave height**

# Determine Design Wave Height

$$h/L_o \geq 0.2 ?$$

estimate  $H_s$  at  $h$  (location of the breakwater)

determine  $d_b$ :  $d_b = 5H_s \tan \theta + h$

$$d_b/L_o \geq 0.2 ?$$

estimate  $H_{\max}$  at  $d_b$  (breaking depth)

# Formulas to calculate $\alpha_i$

$$p_1 = \frac{\gamma}{2}(1 + \cos \beta)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cos^2 \beta)H_{\max} \qquad p_3 = \alpha_3 p_1$$

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$$\alpha_1 = 0.6 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{4\pi h/L}{\sinh(4\pi h/L)} \right]^2 \qquad (L : \text{wave length at } h)$$

$$\alpha_2 = \min \left\{ \frac{d_b - d}{3d_b} \left( \frac{H_{\max}}{d} \right)^2, \frac{2d}{H_{\max}} \right\}$$

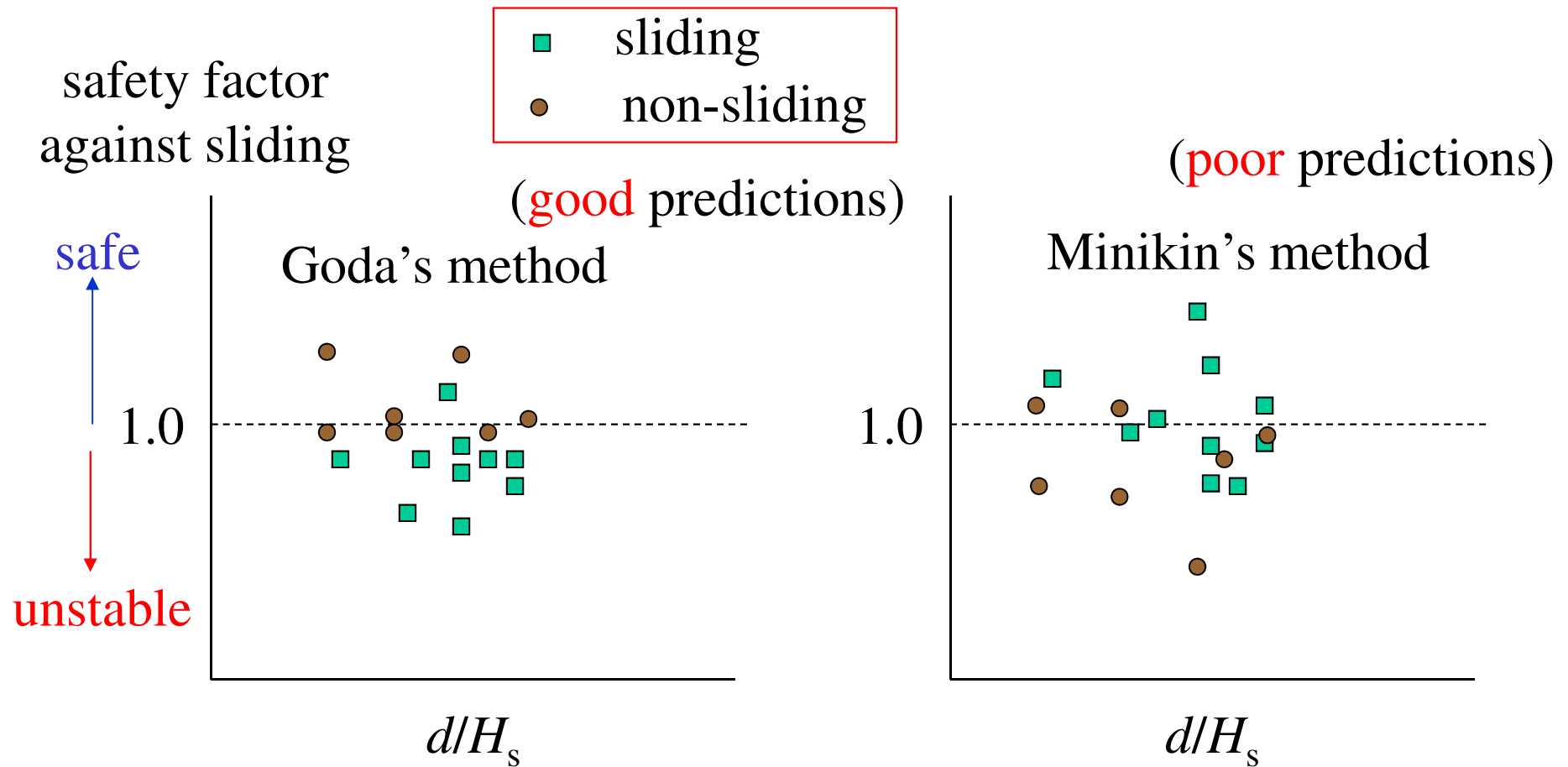
$$\alpha_3 = 1 - \frac{h'}{h} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\cosh(2\pi h/L)} \right]$$

$$d_b = 5H_s \tan \theta + h \qquad (H_s : \text{significant wave height at } h)$$

## Evaluation on Minikin / Goda Formulas

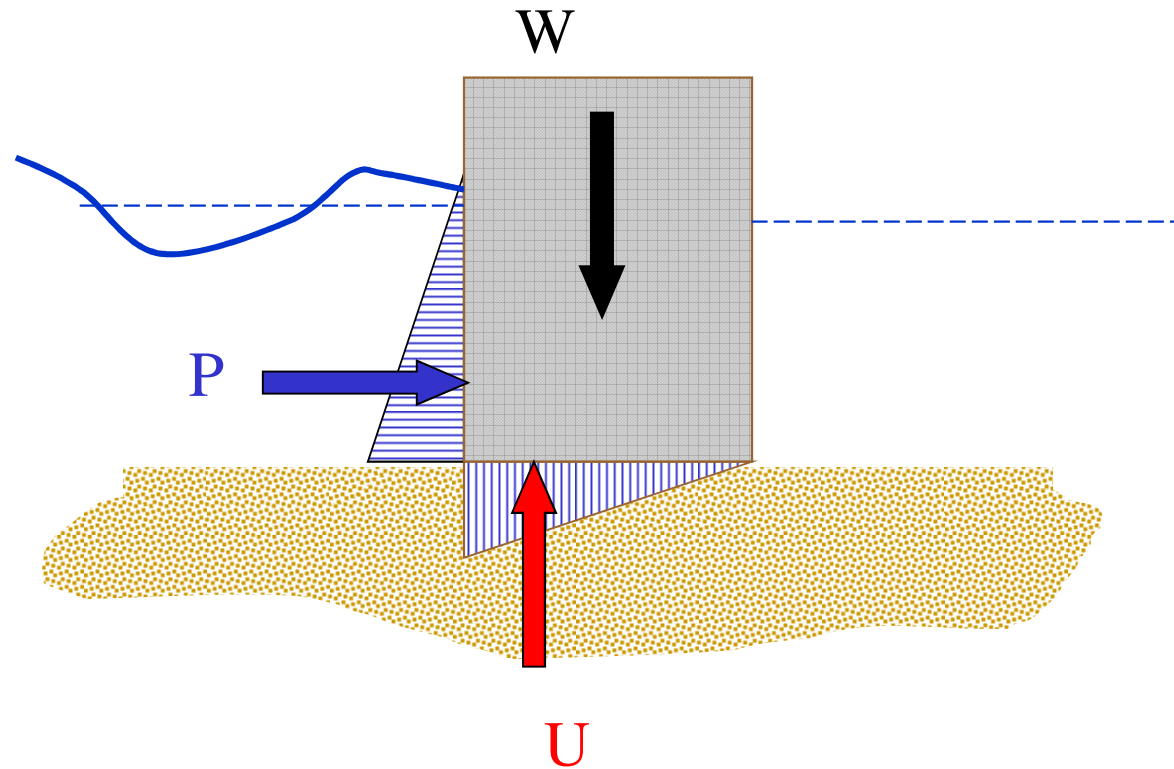
- The **reliability** of the **calculation method** for the wave pressure on a vertical breakwater is judged by the accuracy of the **prediction** of **breakwater stability**.

# Prototype Structures against Sliding



# Safety Factor against Sliding (figure)

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$W$  = weight in **still water** (i.e. weight **in air** - **buoyancy**)

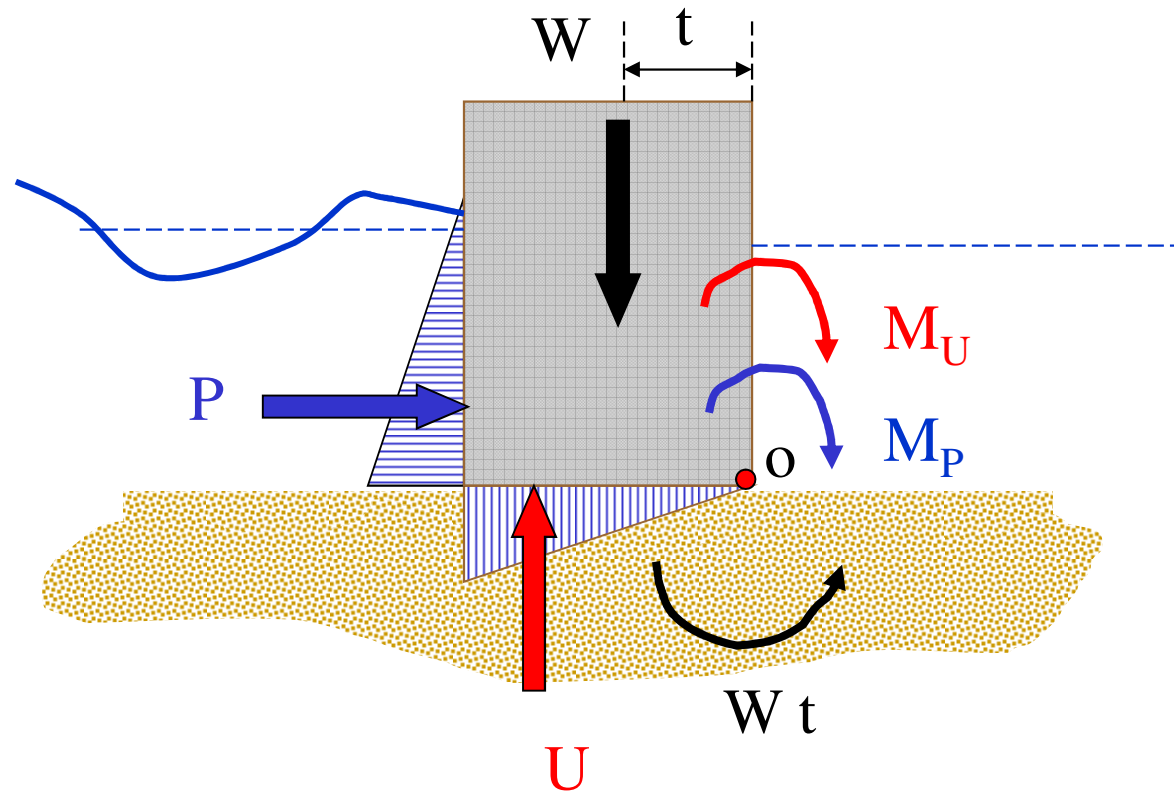
$U$  = **uplift force** due to the presence of the wave

$P$  = total **horizontal force**

$\mu$  = **coefficient of friction**  
(between the upright section and the foundation)

# Safety against Overturning (figure)

$$\text{S.F.} = \frac{W \cdot t - M_U}{M_P}$$



# Safety Factor against Overturning

$$\text{S.F.} = \frac{W \cdot t - M_U}{M_P}$$

$M_U$  = moment about the heel due to U (uplift force)

$M_P$  = moment about the heel due to P (horizontal force)

$t$  = horizontal distance between c.o.g. and the heel of the upright section