

# **9. Seismic Design of RETAINING STRUCTURES**

## **Part A: GRAVITY WALLS**

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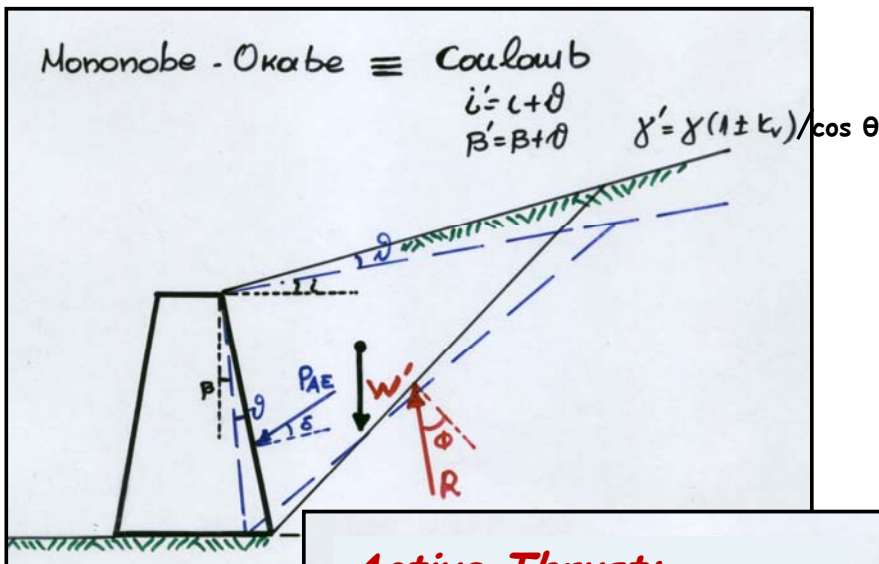
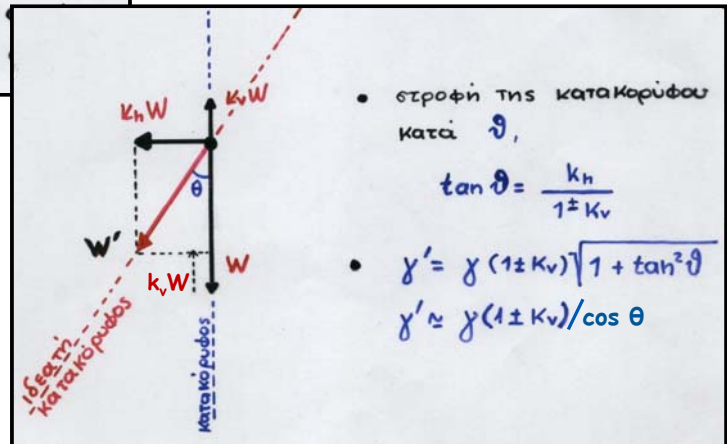
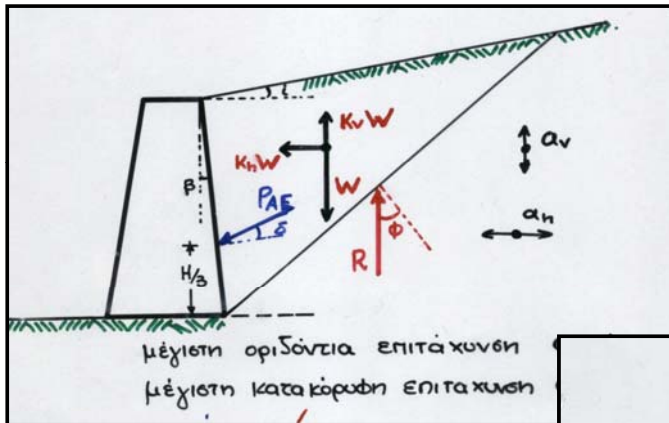
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# 9.1 DYNAMIC EARTH PRESSURES for DRY SOIL

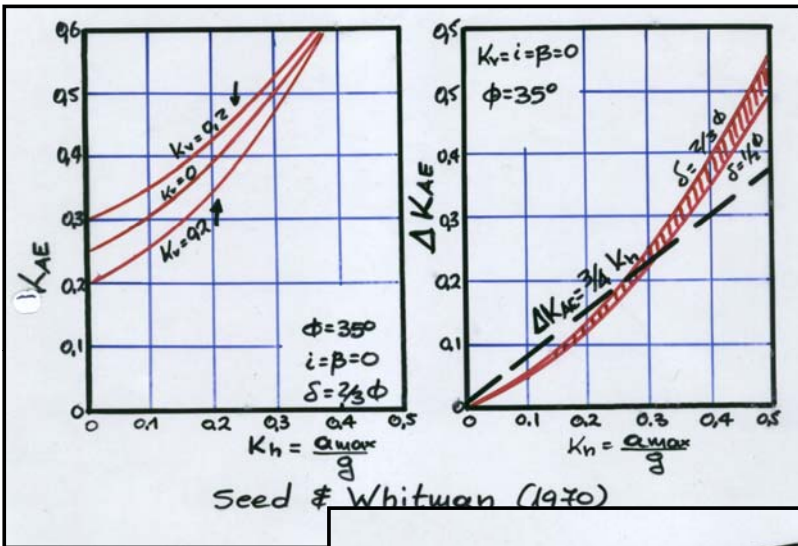
## The method of MONONOBE - OKABE



### Active Thrust:

$$P_{AE} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma H^2 (1 \pm k_v) K_{AE}$$

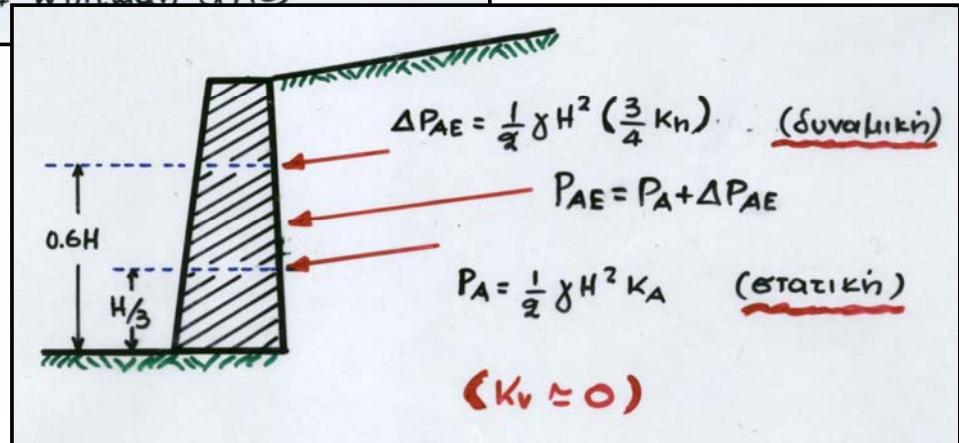
$$K_{AE} = \frac{\cos^2(\phi - \beta - \theta)}{\cos \theta \cdot \cos^2 \beta \cdot \cos(\delta + \beta + \theta) \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\phi + \delta) \sin(\phi - \beta - i')}{\cos(\delta + \beta + \theta) \cos(i - \beta)}} \right]^2}$$



why not .....

$$\Delta K_{AE} = 1.50 k_h^{1.50}$$

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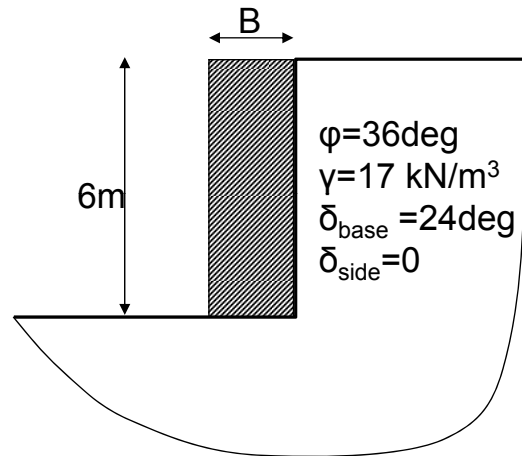
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For the retaining wall shown in the figure,

(a) Compute  $B$  so that the factors of safety against sliding ( $FS_{o\lambda}$ ) and against overturning ( $FS_{av}$ ) under static loading are equal to (or higher than) 1.50.

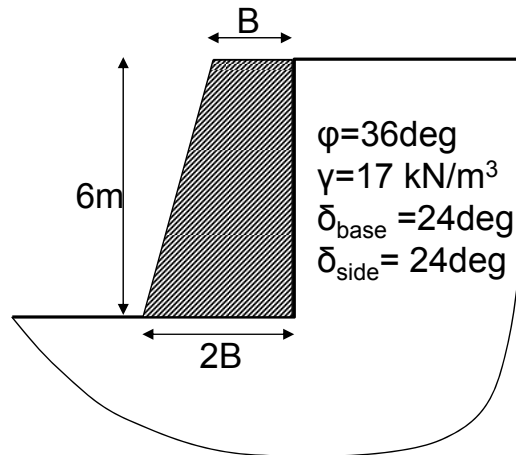
(b) In the sequel, compute  $FS_{o\lambda}$  and  $FS_{av}$  for seismic loading with  $k_h=0.15$  and  $k_v=0$ .

(c) Plot the  $(FS_{o\lambda} \div B)$  and  $(FS_{av} \div B)$  variation for static, as well as, for seismic loading. Comment and explain the effectiveness of  $B$  increase in the two loading cases.



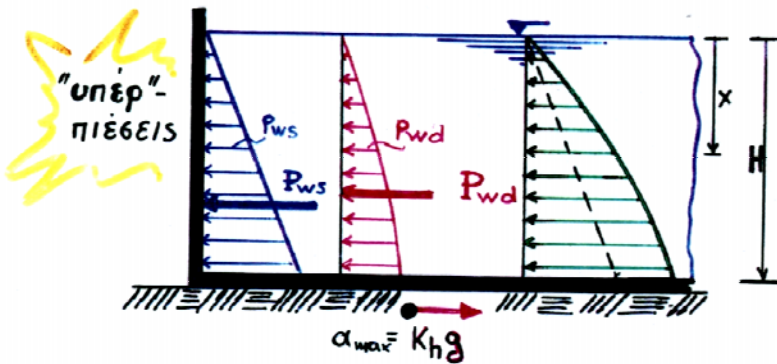
### Homework 9.2

Repeat Homework 9.1 for the retaining wall shown in the figure.



# 9.2 HYDRO-DYNAMIC PRESSURES

## WESTERGAARD (1933)



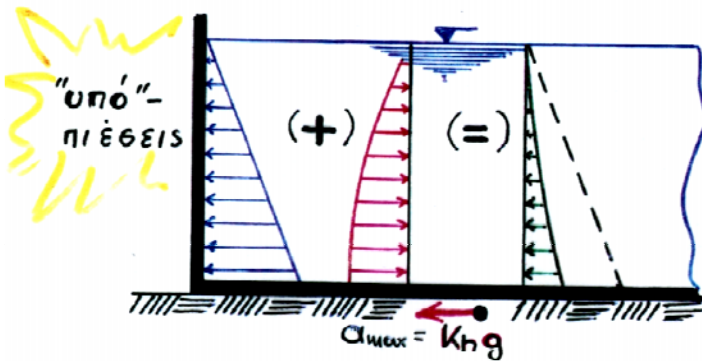
### Hydro-STATIC pressures

$$p_{ws}(x) = \gamma_w \cdot x$$

$$P_{ws} = \int_0^H p_{ws}(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_w H^2$$

application point:

*H/3 from base*



### Hydro-DYNAMIC pressures

$$\pm p_{wd}(x) = \frac{7}{8} k_h \gamma_w H \sqrt{x/H}$$

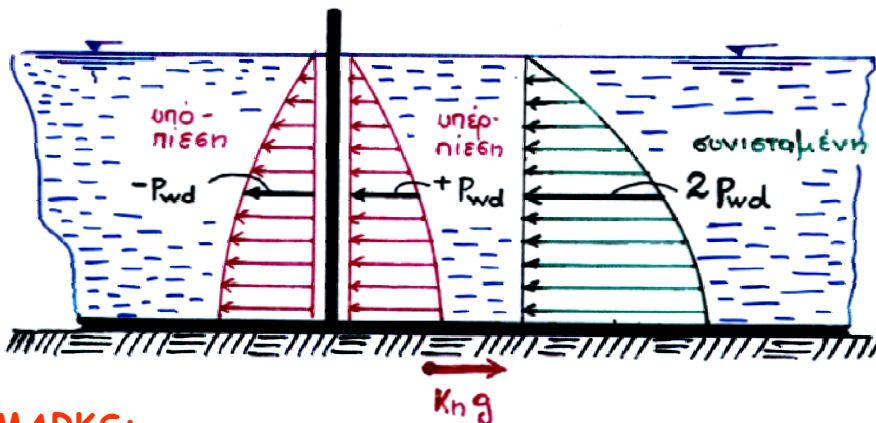
$$\pm P_{wd} = \frac{7}{12} k_h \gamma_w H^2 \quad (= 1.17 k_h P_{ws})$$

application point:

*0.40H from base*

### ATTENTION !

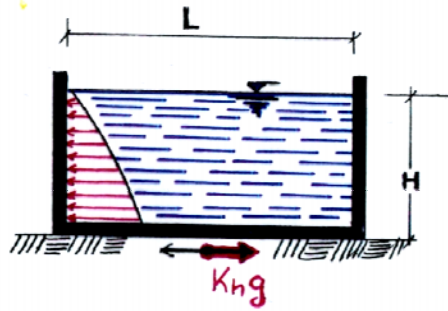
The excess pore pressures are positive in front of the wall and negative behind it. Thus the total hydro-dynamic pressure acting on a submerged wall is twice that given by the Westergaard solution!



### REMARKS:

Westergaard theory applies under the following assumptions:

- ✚ free water (no backfill)
- ✚ vertical wall face
- ✚ very large (theoretically infinite) extent of water basin



### Effect of tank width

$$\pm p_{wd}(x) = \frac{7}{8} C_n k_h \gamma_w H \sqrt{x/H}$$

$$\pm P_{wd} = \frac{7}{12} C_n k_h \gamma_w H^2$$

$$= 1.17 C_n k_h P_{ws}$$

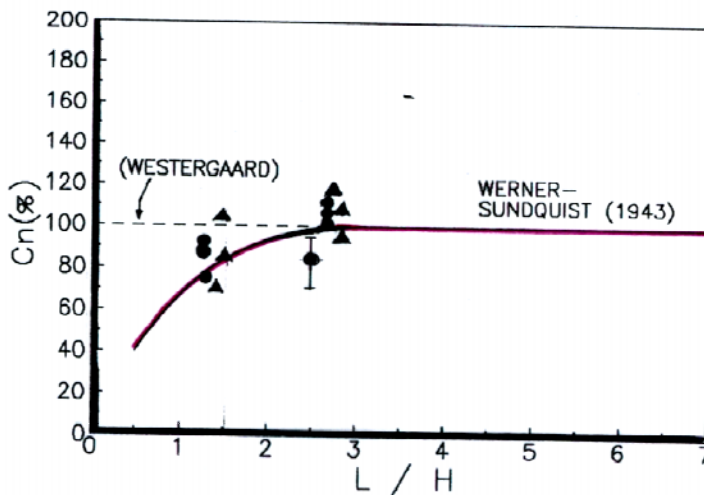
όπου

$$C_n = \frac{4}{3} \frac{L/H}{1 + L/H} < 1.0$$

( $C_n = 1.00$  για  $L/H > 2.70$ )

*application point:*

*0.40H from the base*



### Effect of wall inclination

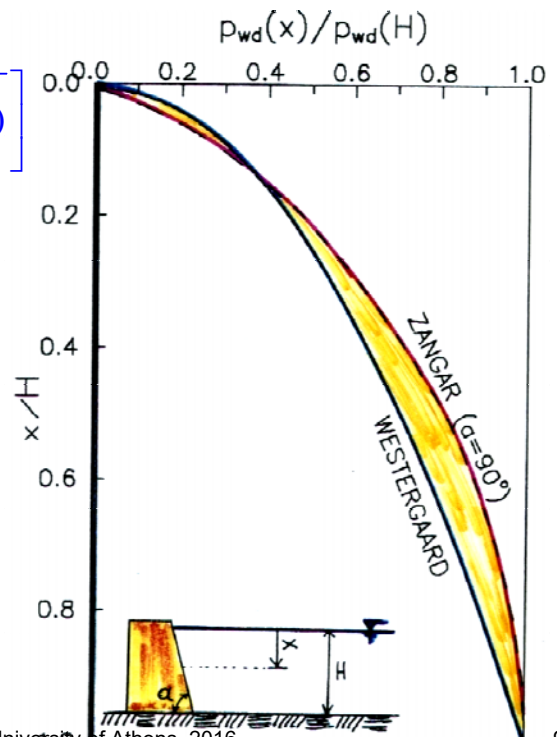
Zangar (1953) & Chwang (1978)

$$\pm p_{wd}(x, \alpha) = C_m(\alpha) k_h \gamma_w H \left[ \frac{x}{H} \left( 2 - \frac{x}{H} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{x}{H} \left( 2 - \frac{x}{H} \right)} \right]$$

or, approximately

$$\pm p_{wd}(x, \alpha) = C_m(\alpha) \underbrace{\left[ \frac{7}{8} k_h \gamma_w H \sqrt{\frac{x}{H}} \right]}_{\text{Westergaard}}$$

Westergaard



## Effect of wall inclination

$$\pm p_{wd}(x, \alpha) = \frac{7}{8} C_m k_h \gamma_w H \sqrt{\frac{x}{H}}$$

and

$$\pm P_{wd} = \frac{7}{12} C_m k_h \gamma_w H^2$$

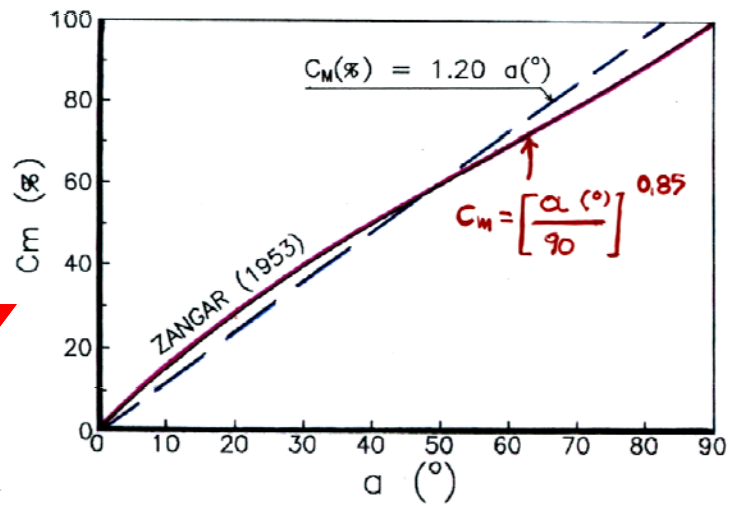
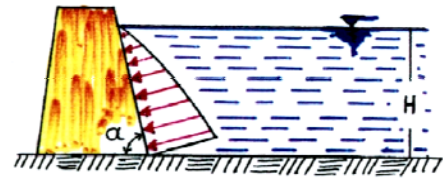
$$(\approx 1.17 C_m k_h P_{ws})$$

where

$$C_m \approx 0.012 \alpha(^{\circ}) \approx 2.0 \frac{\alpha(\text{rad})}{\pi}$$

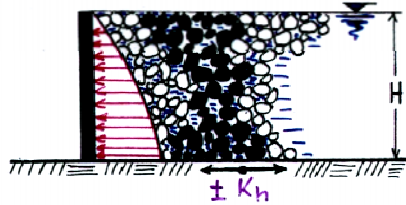
**application point:**

*0.40H από την βάση*





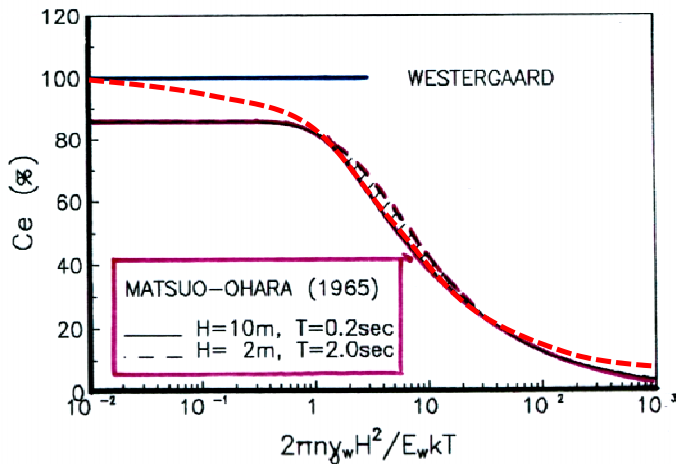
## 9.3 DYNAMIC PRESSURES for SATURATED FILL



$$\pm p_{wd}(x, e, \dots) = \frac{7}{8} C_e k_h \gamma_w H \sqrt{x/H}$$

$$\pm P_{wd}(e, \dots) = \frac{7}{12} C_e k_h \gamma_w H^2$$

$$(\approx 1.17 C_e k_h P_{ws})$$



**Matsuzawa (1985)**

$$C_e \approx 0.5 - 0.5 \tanh \left[ \log \frac{2\pi n \gamma_w H^2}{7 E_w k T} \right]$$

$\mu\epsilon$

$n$  = poróδες

$\gamma_w$  = ειδικό βάρος νερού

$H$  = βάθος νερού

$E_w$  = Μέτρο συμπ. νερού ( $\approx 2 \cdot 10^6$  kPa)

$k$  = συντελεστής διαπερατότητας

$T$  = δεσπόζουσα περίοδος δόνησης

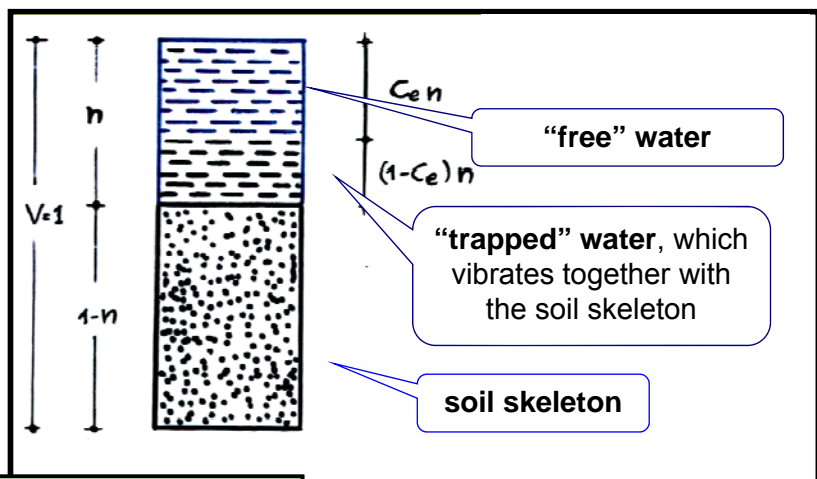
### WATER + BACKFILL

Physical analog (**Matsuzawa et al. 1985**)

in other words....

Correction factor  $C_e$  expresses the portion of pore water which vibrates **FREELY**,

i.e. independently from the soil skeleton.



Hence, dynamic earth pressures are exerted by the **soil skeleton AND the "trapped water"** and consequently (you may prove it easily) the Mononobe-Okabe relationships apply for :

$$\gamma^* = \gamma_{DRY} C_e + \gamma_{SAT} (1 - C_e)$$



### EXAMPLE:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n=40\%, \gamma_w=10 \text{ kN/m}^3 \\ E_w=2 \times 10^6 \text{ kPa}, T=0.30 \text{ sec} \end{array} \right\} C_e = 0.5 - 0.5 \tanh \left[ \log \left( 6 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{H^2}{k} \right) \right]$$

Fill Material	k (m/s)	C <sub>e</sub>		
		H=5m	H=10m	H=20m
well graded gravel	10 <sup>1</sup>	1.0	1.0	1.0
gravel	10 <sup>0</sup>	1.0	1.0	1.0
coarse sand	10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.0	0.95	0.80
fine sand	10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.42	0.16	0.04
silt	10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0
Clayey sand & gravel	10 <sup>-8</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0

C<sub>e</sub> > 0.80 →  
p<sub>wd</sub> ≈ Westergaard

C<sub>e</sub> = 0.20 ÷ 0.90 →  
p<sub>wd</sub> ≈ C<sub>e</sub> · Westergaard

C<sub>e</sub> < 0.20 →  
p<sub>wd</sub> ≈ 0

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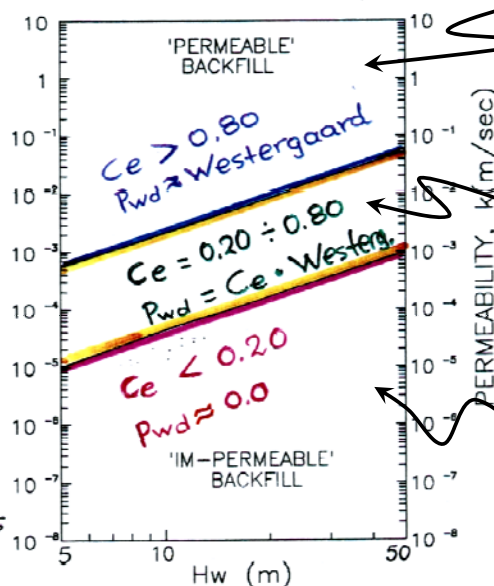
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άργιλος



"Permeable" fill:  
Cobbles, gravel,  
Coarse sand (H < 20m)

"Semi-permeable" fill:  
coarse sand (H > 20m),  
fine sand (H < 20m)

"Impermeable" fill:  
silt, clay, clayey or silty sand  
and gravel

## SUMMARY of Hydrodynamic Pressures

Hydrodynamic pressures on the sea-side of the wall

$$p_{wd}(x) = \frac{7}{8} C_m C_n k_h \gamma_w H \sqrt{x/H}$$

$$P_{wd} = \frac{7}{12} C_m C_n k_h \gamma_w H^2$$

( = 1.17 C\_m C\_n k\_h P\_{ws} )

$C_m$  = effect of inclined wall

$C_n$  = effect of water basin length



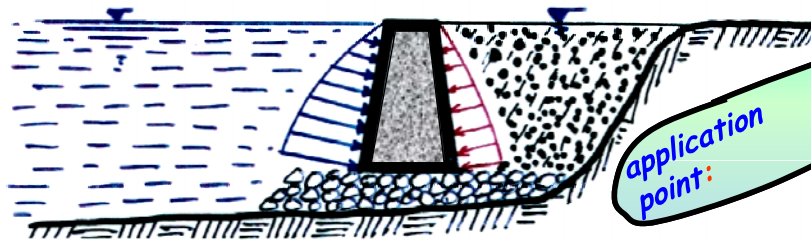
Hydrodynamic pressures on the fill-side of the wall

$$p_{wd}(x) = \frac{7}{8} C_m C_n C_e k_h \gamma_w H \sqrt{x/H}$$

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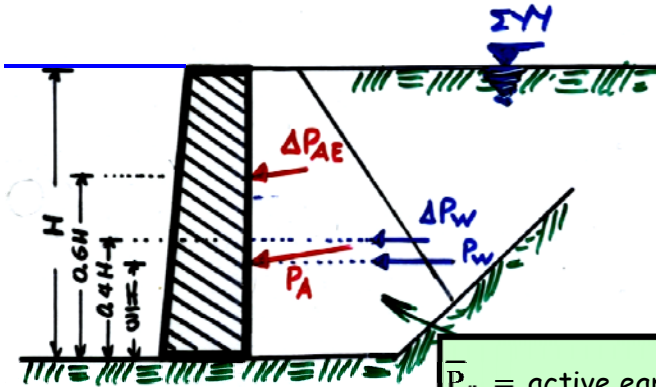
( = 1.17 C\_m C\_n C\_e k\_h P\_{ws} )

$C_e$  = effect of fill



# 9.4 PSEUDO - STATIC DESIGN

General Case . . .



$$\bar{P}_a = \text{active earth pressure} \quad \left[ = \frac{1}{2} k_a (\gamma_{SAT} - \gamma_w) H^2 \right]$$

$$P_w = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_w H^2$$

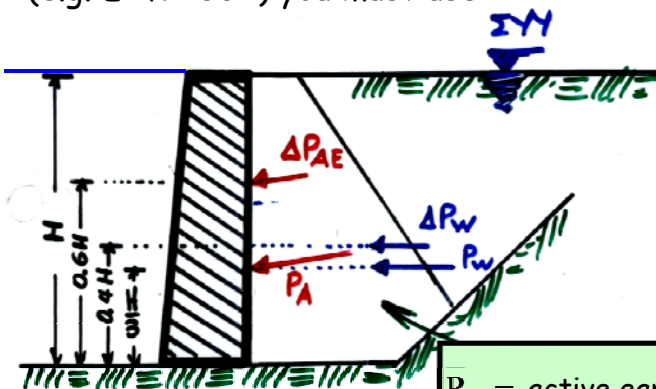
$$\Delta P_w = P_{wd} = \text{hydrodynamic pressures}$$

$$\Delta P_{AE} = \text{dynamic earth pressures} \quad \left[ = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{4} k_h \right) \gamma^* H^2 \right]$$

with  $\gamma^* = C_e \gamma_{DRY} + (1 - C_e) \gamma_{SAT}$

## ATTENTION !

$P_a$  computation requires  $(\gamma_{kop} - \gamma_w)$  while  $\Delta P_{AE}$  computation requires  $\gamma^*$ . Thus, when it is necessary to compute both  $P_a$  and  $\Delta P_{AE}$  with a common unit weight (e.g. EAK 2002) you must use:



- the buoyant unit weight  $(\gamma_{SAT} - \gamma_w)$
- a modified seismic coefficient

$$k_h^* = k_h \frac{\gamma^*}{\gamma_{SAT} - \gamma_w}$$

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 «IMPERMEABLE» fill  
 ( $C_e = 0$ )

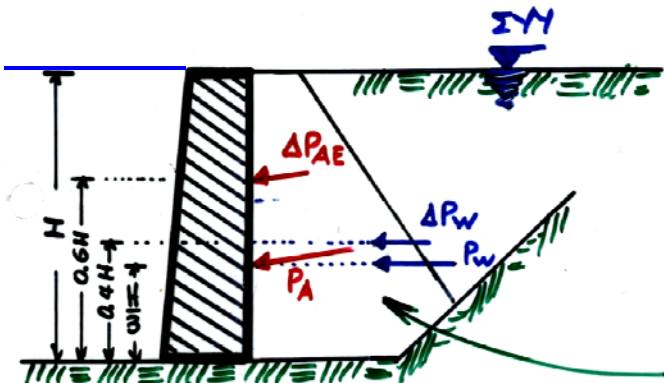
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with  $\gamma^* = \gamma_{SAT} \quad (C_e = 0)$



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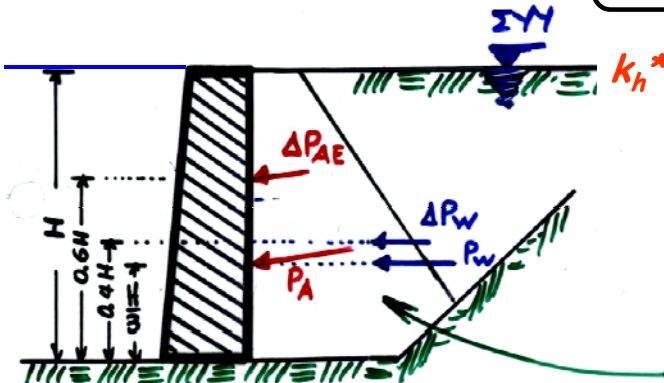
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$$= \left[ \frac{3}{8} \left( k_h \frac{\gamma_{SAT}}{\gamma_{SAT} - \gamma_w} \right) (\gamma_{SAT} - \gamma_w) H^2 \right]$$



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Special case:  
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 $C_e = 1$

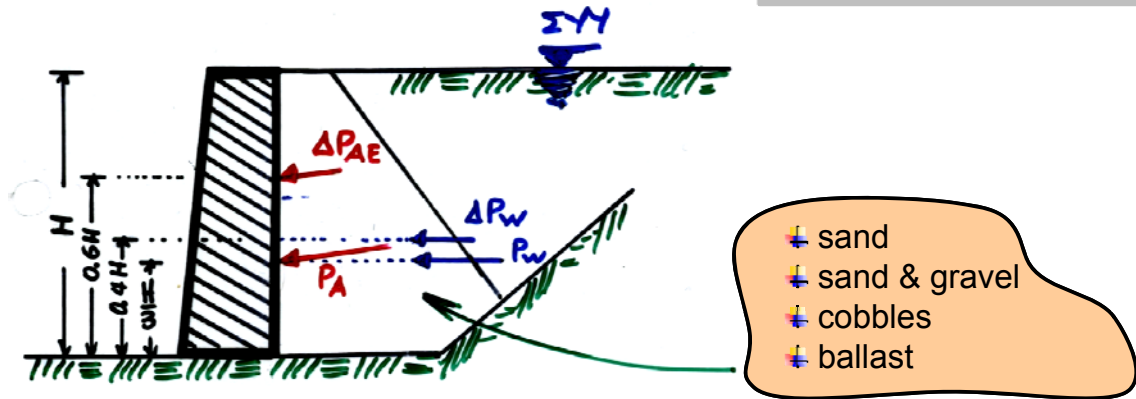
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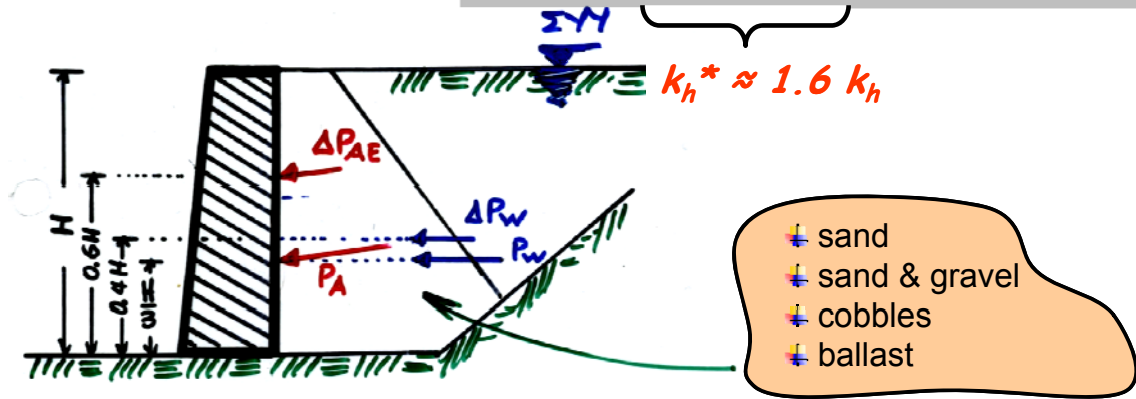
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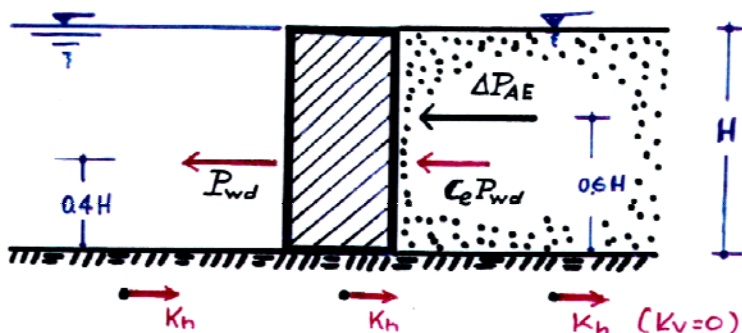
$$- \left[ \frac{3}{8} k_h \frac{\gamma_{DRY}}{(\gamma_{SAT} - \gamma_w)} (\gamma_{SAT} - \gamma_w) H^2 \right]$$



**EXAMPLE:** What do I do when I am not sure about the permeability of the fill material?

Vertical & smooth wall  
Basin of infinite length

$$C_m = C_n = 0$$



Fill:

$$\gamma_{\text{DRY}} = 16 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

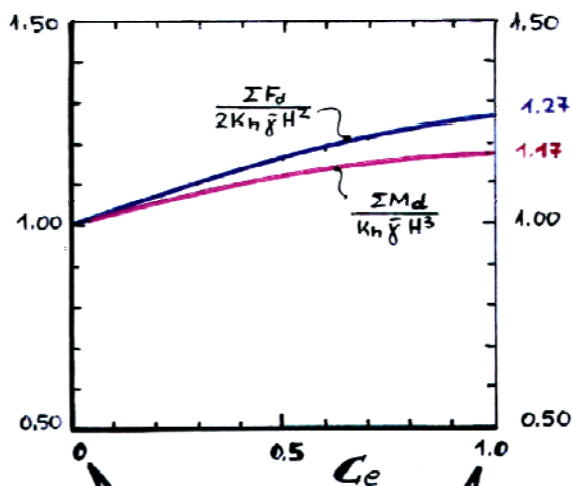
$$\gamma_{\text{SAT}} = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$C_e = 0 \div 1.0$$

$$\Delta P_w = P_{wd} = \frac{7}{12} k_h \gamma_w H^2$$

$$\Delta P_{AE} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{4} k_h^* \right) (\gamma_{\text{SAT}} - \gamma_w) H^2$$

$$\mu \varepsilon \quad k_h^* = \frac{C_e \gamma_{\text{DRY}} + (1 - C_e) \gamma_{\text{SAT}}}{\gamma_{\text{SAT}} - \gamma_w} k_h$$



impermeable  
fill

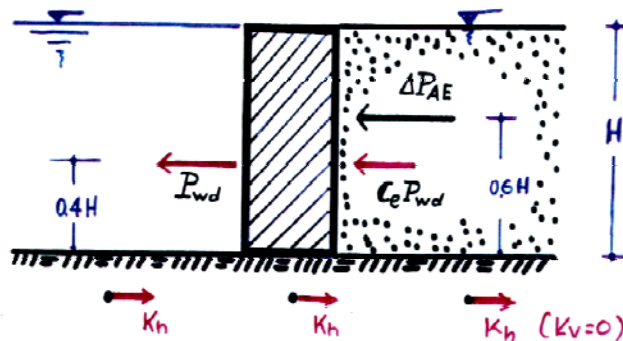
$$k_h^* = \frac{\delta_{\text{top}}}{\delta} \frac{k_h}{1 \pm k_v}$$

$$C_e P_{wd} = 0$$

permeable  
fill

$$k_h^* = \frac{\delta_{\text{top}}}{\delta} \frac{k_h}{1 \pm k_v}$$

$$C_e P_{wd} = P_{wd}$$



Total horizontal thrust:

$$\Sigma F_d = \Delta P_{AE} + P_{wd} + C_e P_{wd}$$

Total overturning moment:

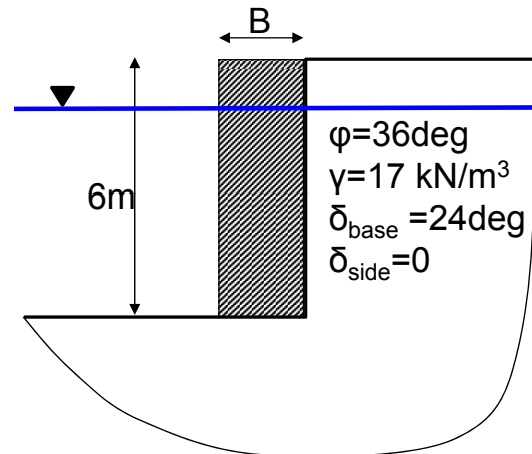
$$\Sigma M_d = 0.60H \Delta P_{AE} + 0.40H (1 + C_e) P_{wd}$$

### Homework 9.3

For the quay wall shown in the figure,

(a) Compute  $B$  so that the factors of safety against sliding ( $FS_{o\lambda}$ ) and against overturning ( $FS_{av}$ ) under static loading are equal to (or higher than) 1.50.

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#### Notes:

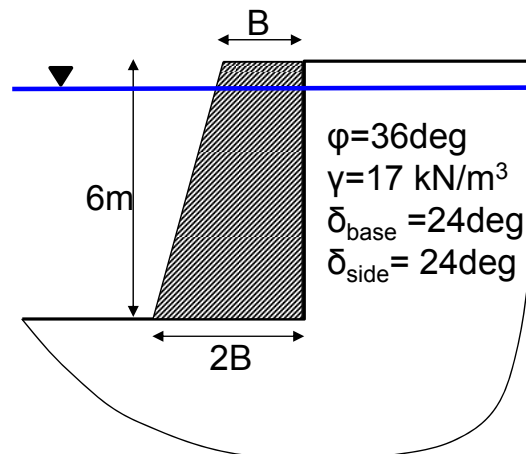
✚ Solve for two backfill options: medium-coarse sand ( $k=10^{-3}\text{m/s}$ ) or silty sand ( $k=10^{-5}\text{m/s}$ ).

✚ For simplicity, assume that the sea level coincides with the ground surface.

✚ Compare with Hwk 9.1

### Homework 9.4

Repeat Homework 9.3 for the quay wall shown in the figure.





**9. Seismic Design of**  
**RETAINING STRUCTURES**  
**Part B:**  
**WALLS**  
**WITH LIMITED DISPLACEMENT**

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## Problem outline ....

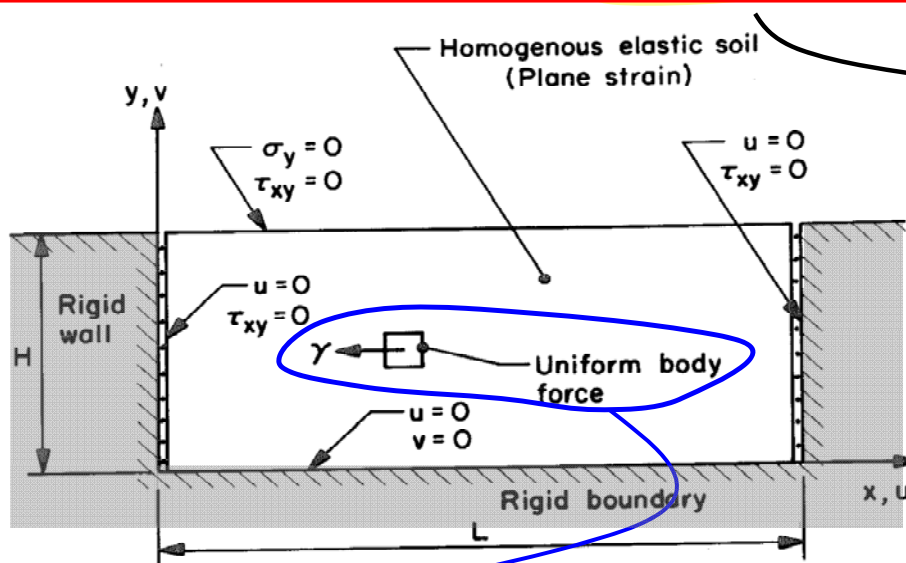
The Mononobe-Okabe method requires that the retaining wall can move freely (slide or rotate) so that active earth pressures develop behind the wall.

Nevertheless, there are cases where the free movement of the wall is totally or partially restrained (e.g. basement walls, braced walls, massive walls embeded in rock like formations).

Solutions for  
"perfectly rigid" or  
"semi-rigid" walls

## 9.5 PERFECTLY RIGID WALLS (Wood 1973)

Elastic soil between two rigid walls

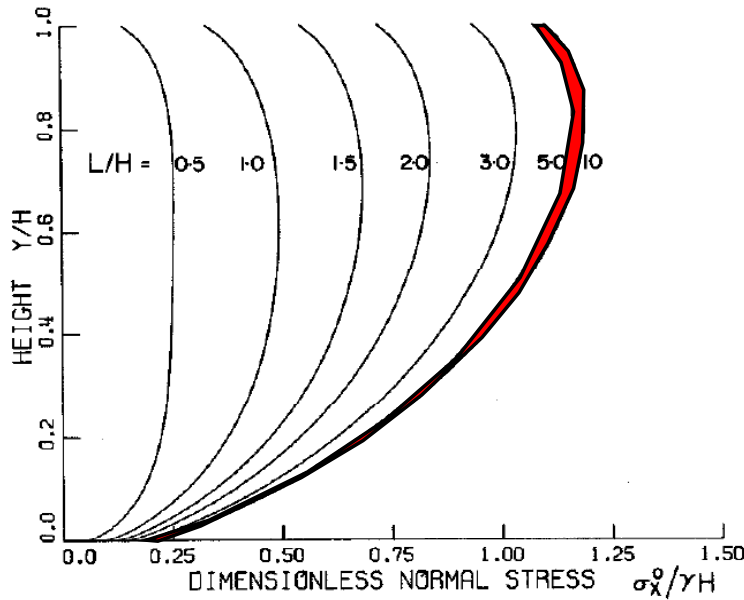


- Assumptions
1. Pseudo static conditions ( $T_{01ey\epsilon p} \gg 4H/V_s$ ) – quite usual case (why?)
  2. plane strain
  3. Elastic soil
  4. Smooth & rigid walls

# Analytical Solutions for .....

## dynamic earth pressures

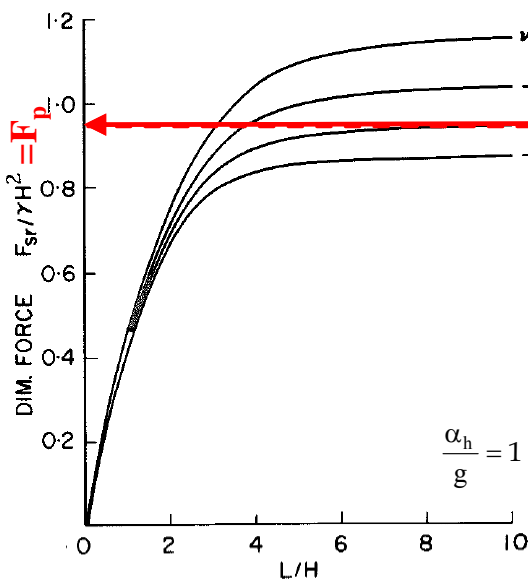
POISSON'S RATIO = 0.3



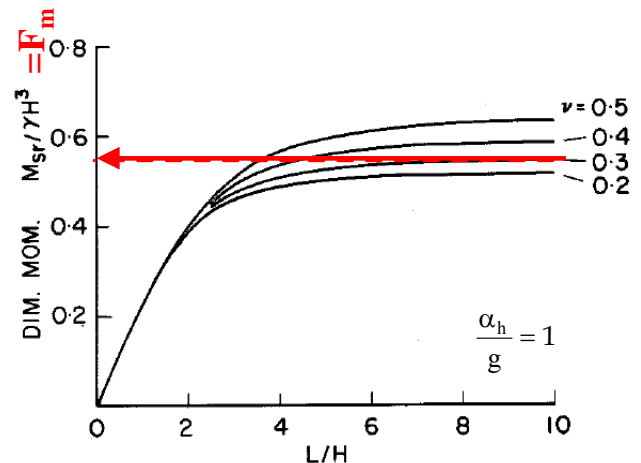
$$\gamma \alpha \frac{\alpha_h}{g} = 1$$

# Analytical Solutions for .....

## Overturning moment and base shear



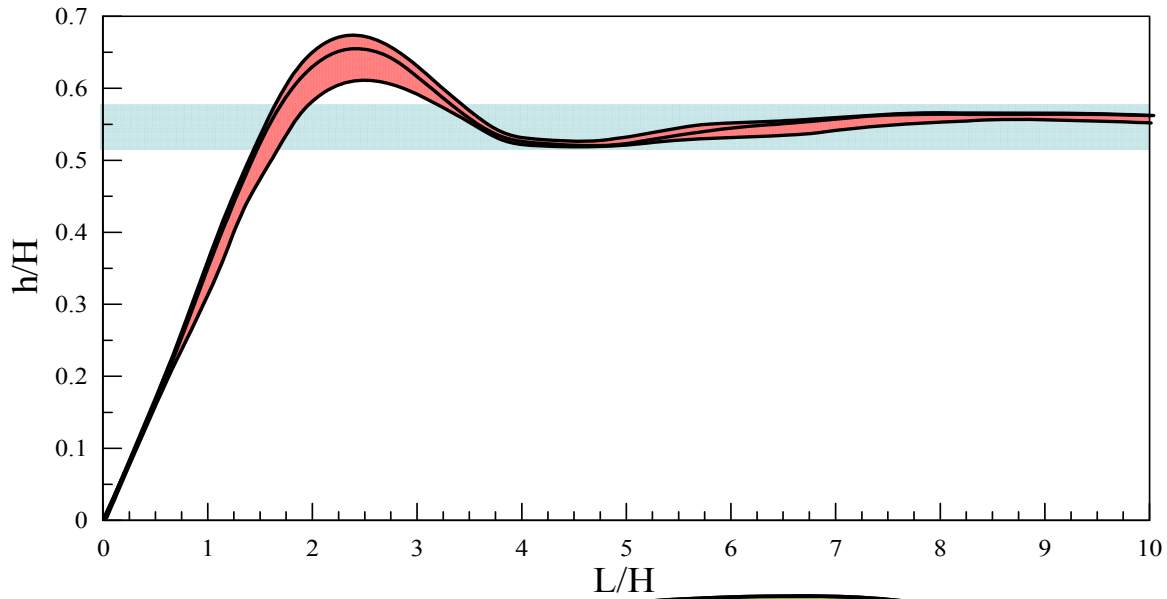
$$\Delta F_{eq} = F_p \gamma H^2 \frac{\alpha_h}{g}$$



$$\Delta M_{eq} = F_m \gamma H^3 \frac{\alpha_h}{g}$$

# Analytical Solutions for .....

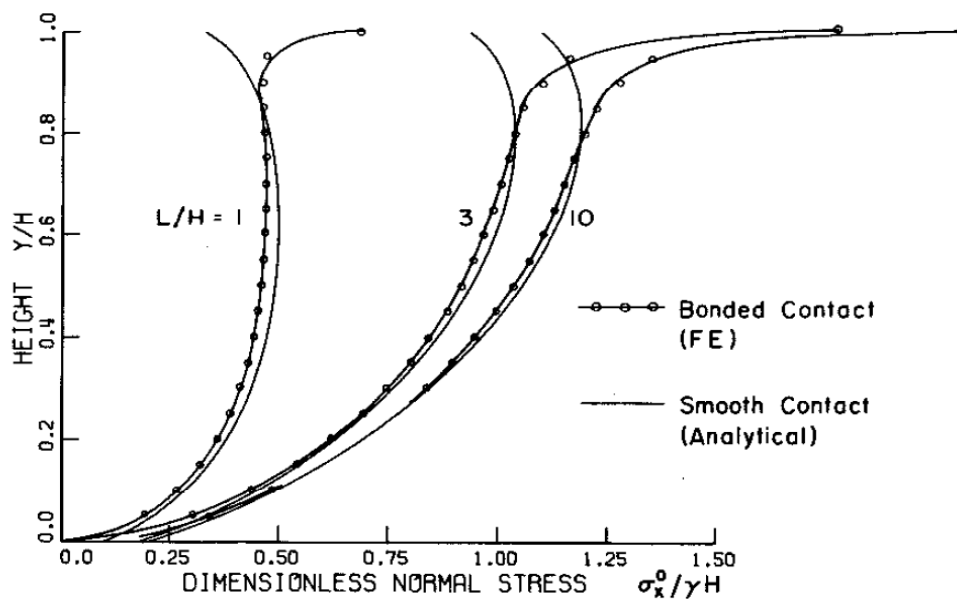
Application point of the resultant seismic thrust  $h = \frac{\Delta M_{eq}}{\Delta F_{eq}}$



$$\frac{h}{H} \approx 0.55 \quad \left( \gamma \alpha \frac{L}{H} > 4 \right)$$

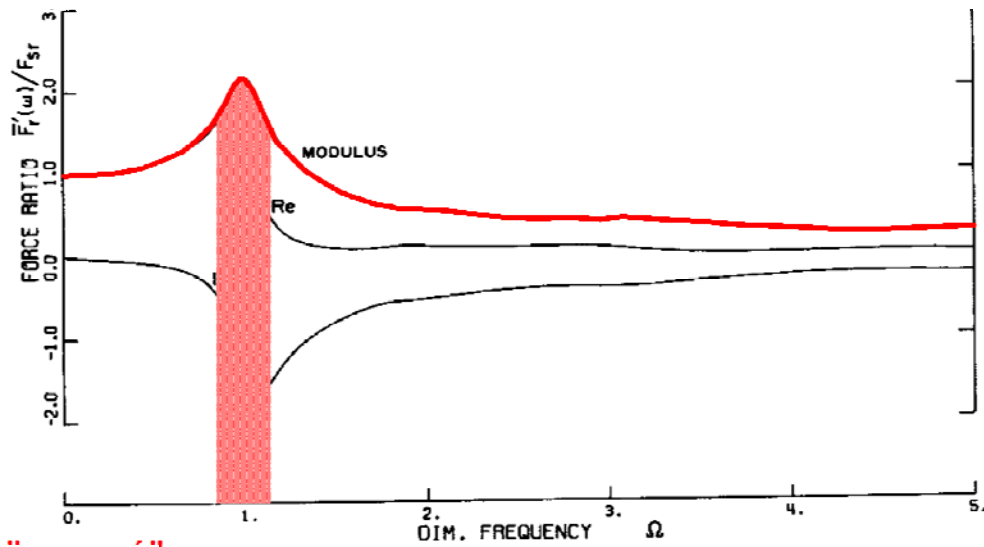
# Analytical Solutions for .....

Smooth vs. bonded (rough) wall side



# Analytical Solutions for .....

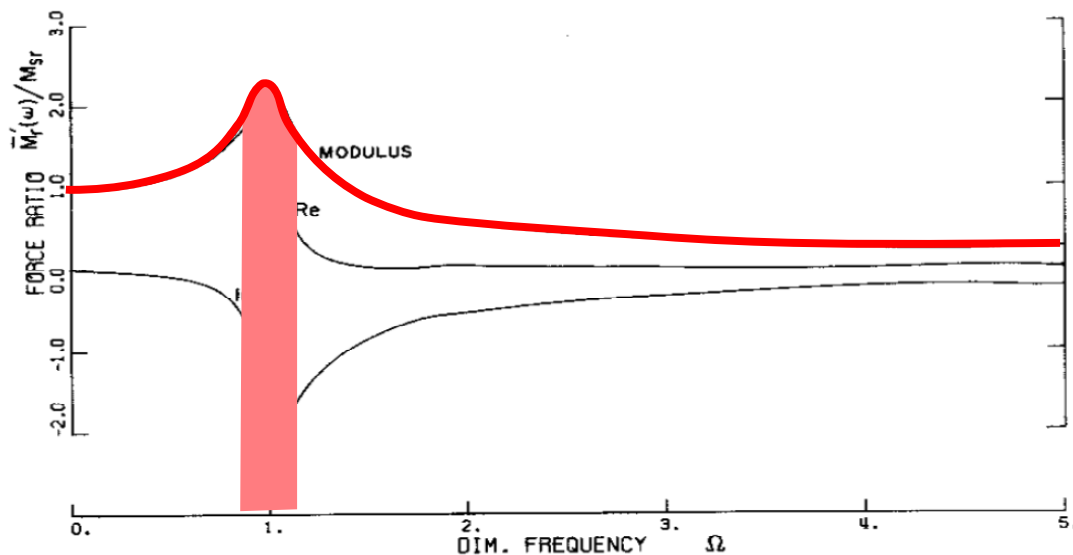
## Extension to harmonic base excitation – Base shear



$$\Omega = \frac{\omega_{excit}}{\omega_{soil}} = \frac{T_{soil}}{T_{excit}}$$

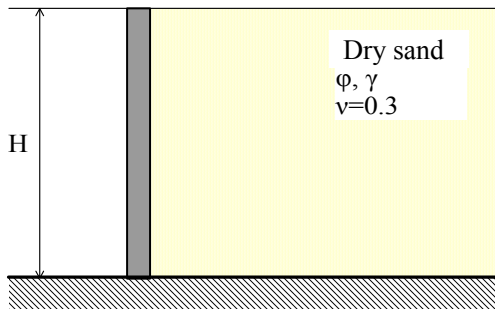
# Analytical Solutions for .....

## Extension to harmonic base excitation – Overtuning Moment

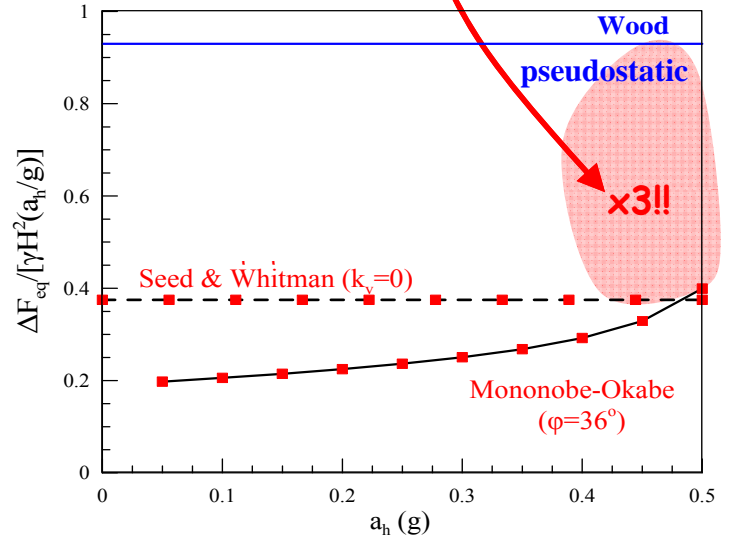
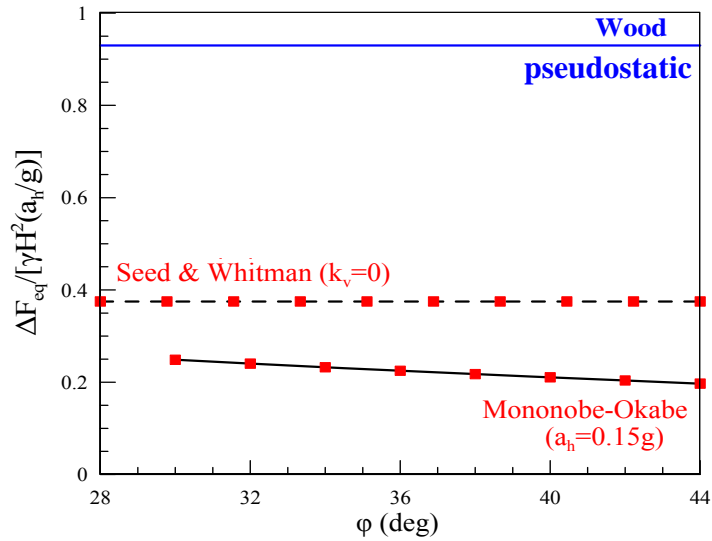


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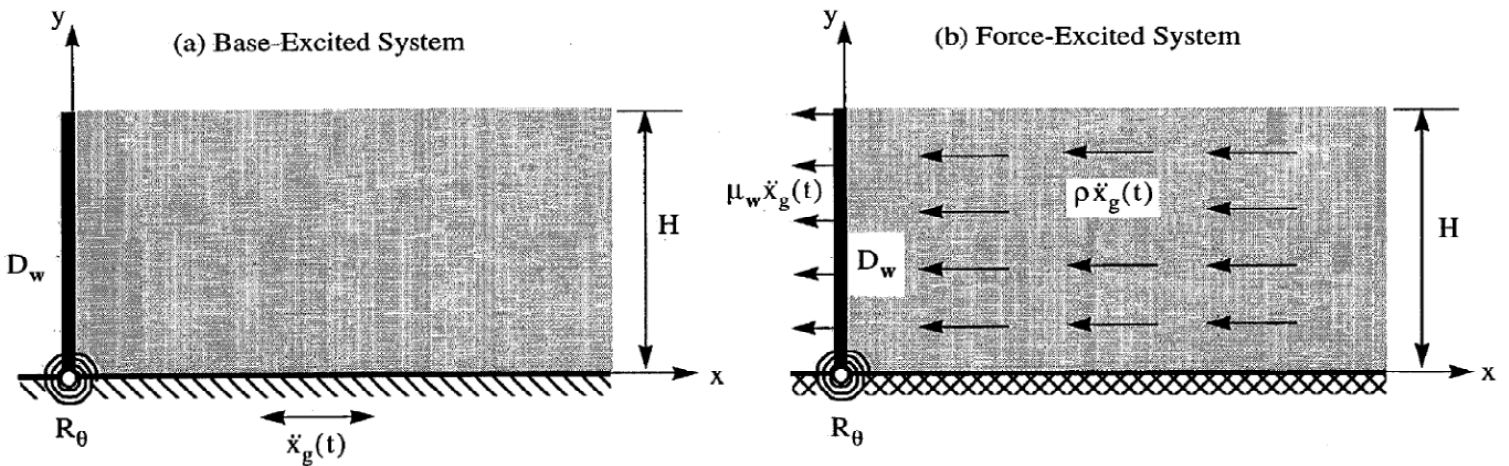
# Comparison with Mononobe - Okabe



This is the main reason why the elastic solutions of Wood (1973) were put aside for more than 30 years... (in connection with the fact that very limited wall failures were observed during strong earthquakes)



# 9.6 WALLS WITH LIMITED DISPLACEMENT (displacement & rotation, Veletsos & Yunan, 1996)



$$d_w = \frac{GH^3}{D_w} \quad \text{Relative translational rigidity of the wall-fill system}$$

$$d_\theta = \frac{GH^2}{R_\theta} \quad \text{Relative rotational rigidity of the wall-fill system}$$

$$\left( D_w = \frac{E_w t_w^3}{12(1-\nu_w^2)} \right)$$

Assumptions

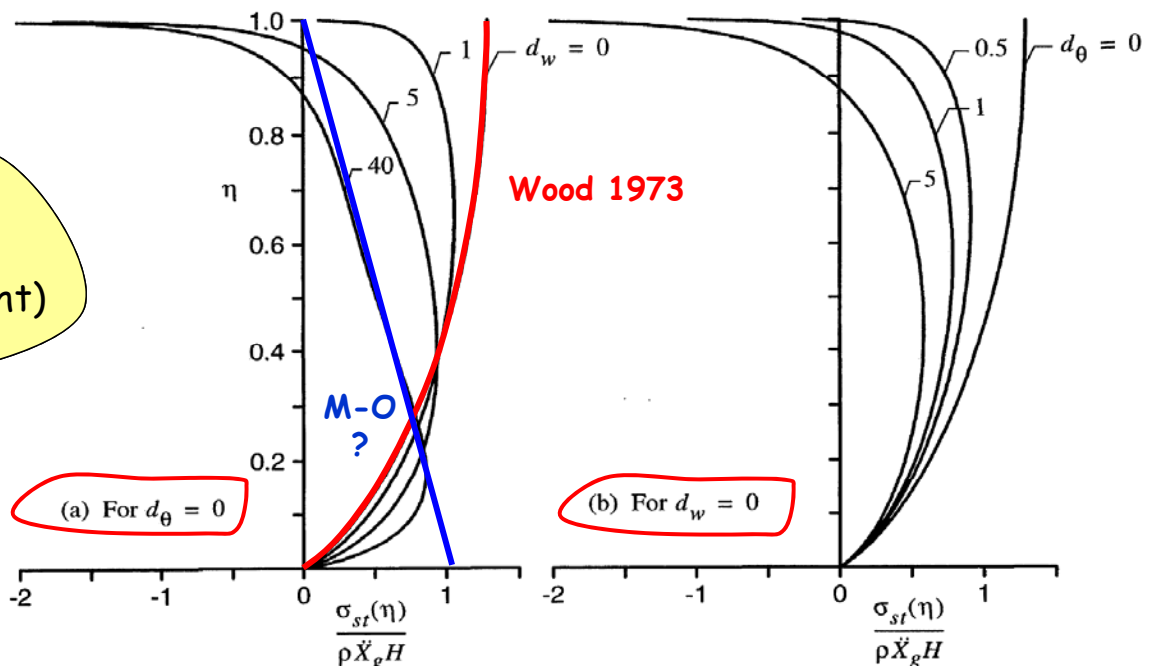
- bonded wall-soil
- mass-less wall
- 5% soil damping
- 2% wall damping

## Analytical solutions for .....

### Pseudo-static earth pressures

$$\eta = \frac{h}{H}$$

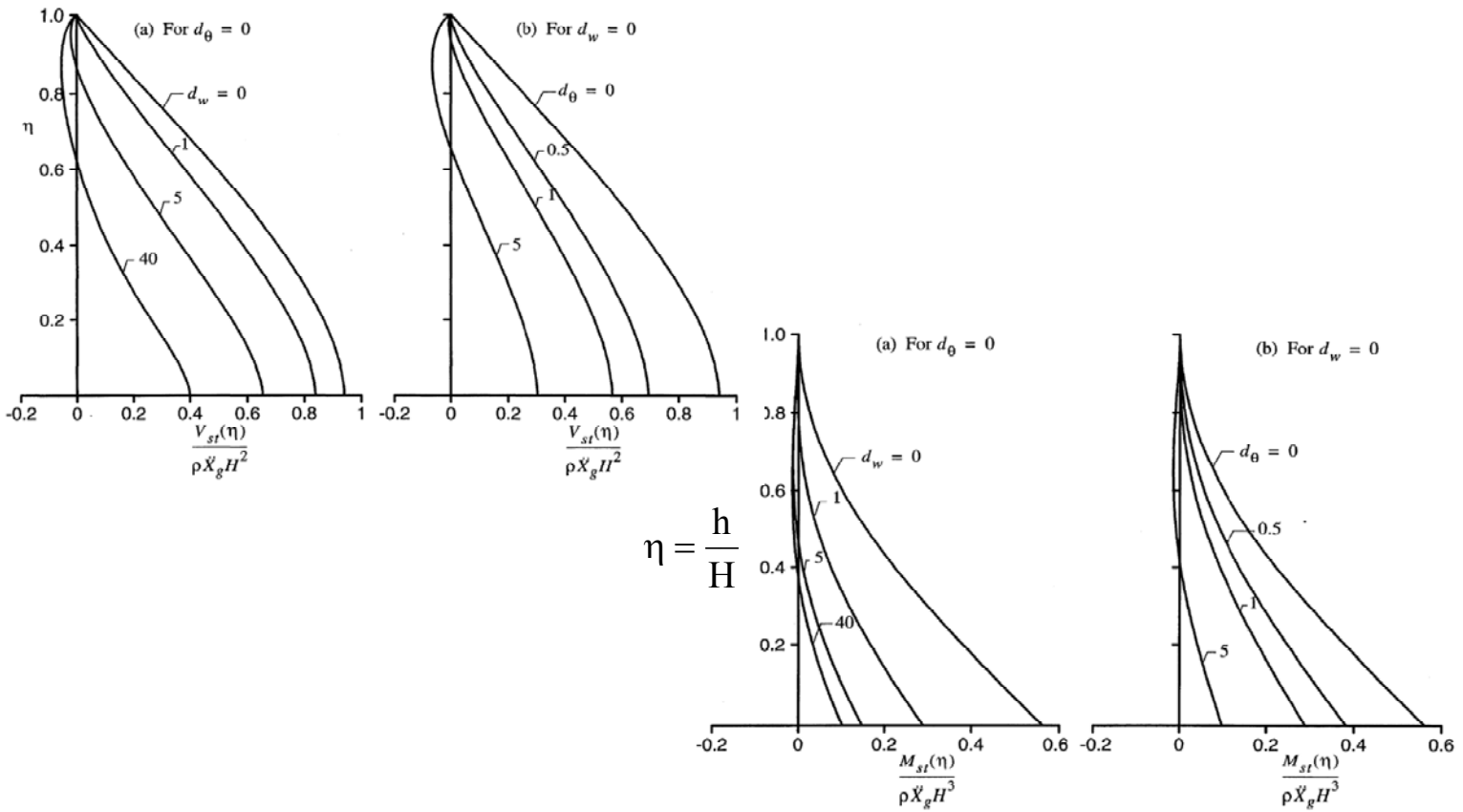
(normal. height)





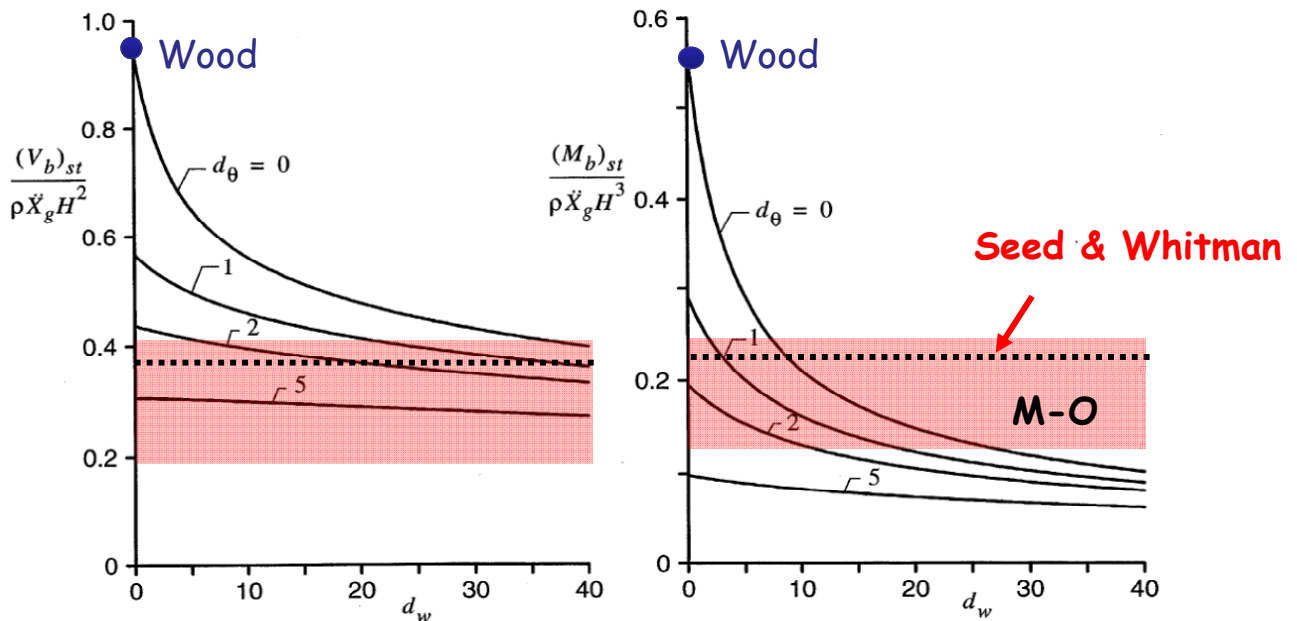
# Analytical solutions for .....

## Pseudo-static shear forces & bending moments



# Analytical solutions for .....

## Pseudo static base shear & overturning moment

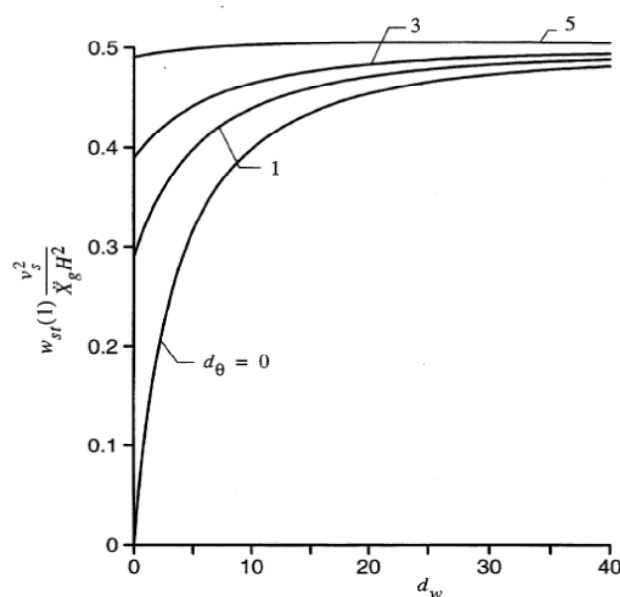


## HWK 9.5:

- Based on the diagrams of the previous slide, draw the diagrams  $h/H - d_w$ , where  $h$  is the distance from the base of the resultant dynamic pressure.
- Compare with the solutions of Wood, M-O kai Seed & Whitman

### Analytical solutions for .....

Pseudo static displacements...

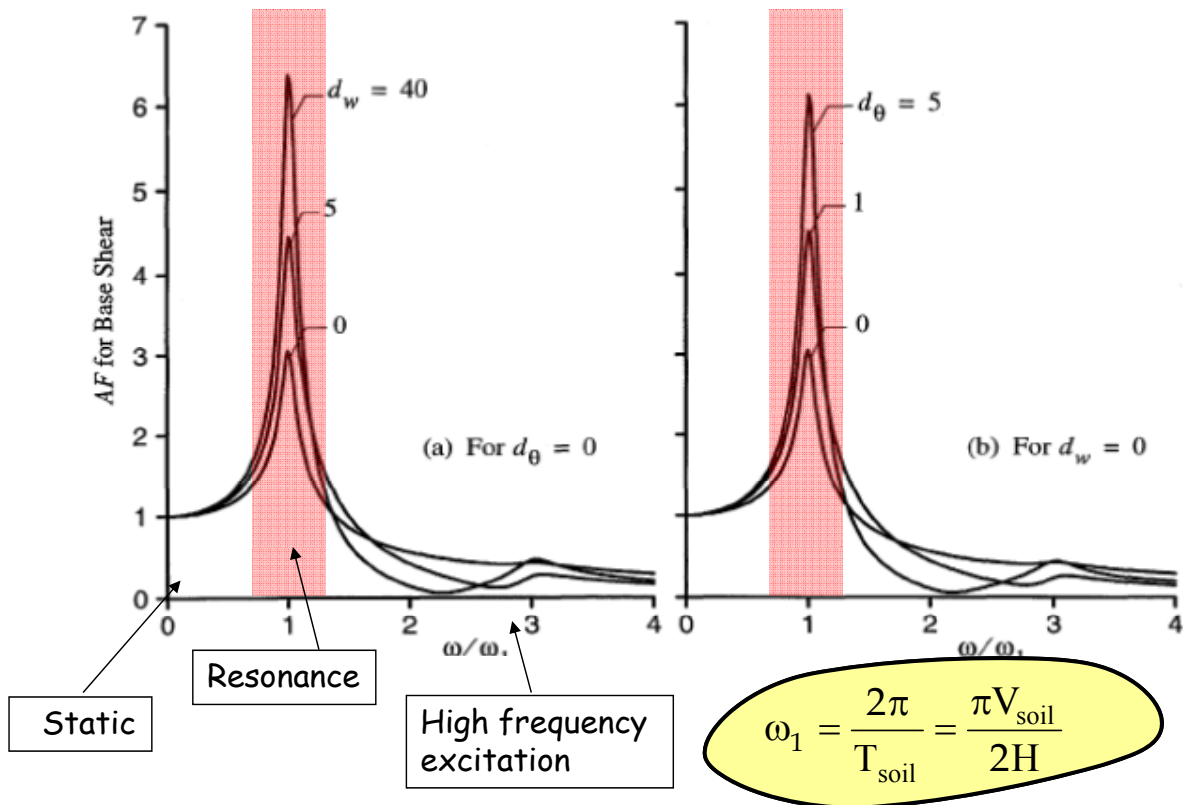


For a flexible (compared to the fill) concrete wall ( $d_w=20$ ) and a seismic excitation with  $a_{max}=0.3g$ , the resulting displacement is  $U/H=0.13\%$ ...

[  $U=0.1\%-0.4\% \cdot H$  for active failure (M-O) ]

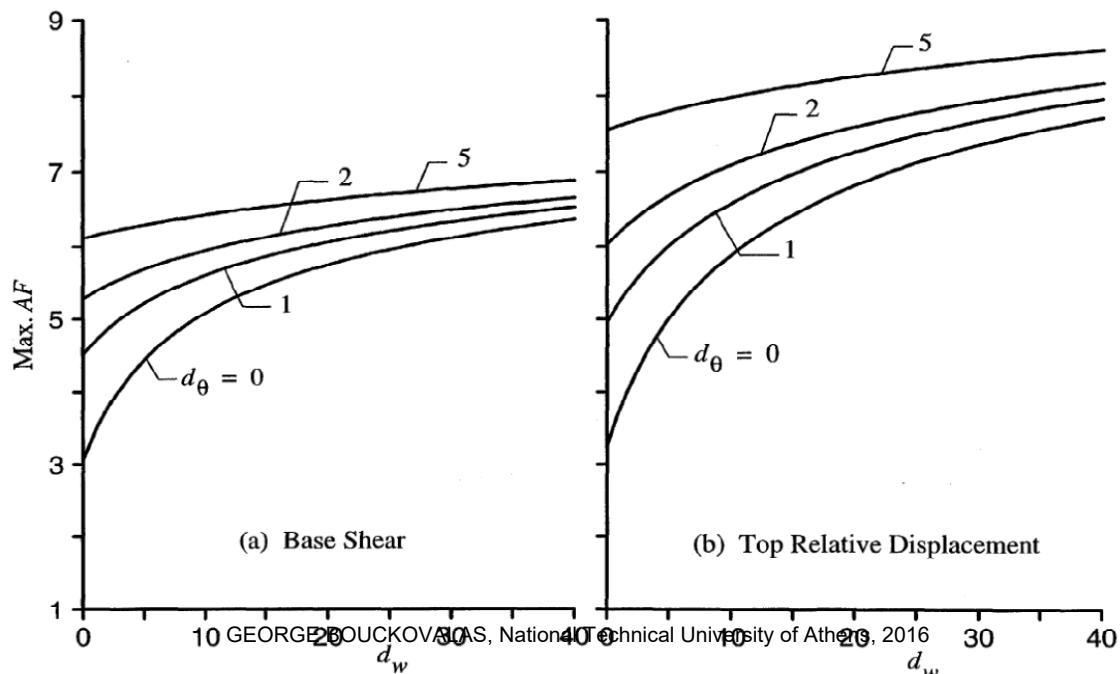
# Analytical solutions for .....

the effect of harmonic excitation frequency on **base shear**  
(AF coefficient)



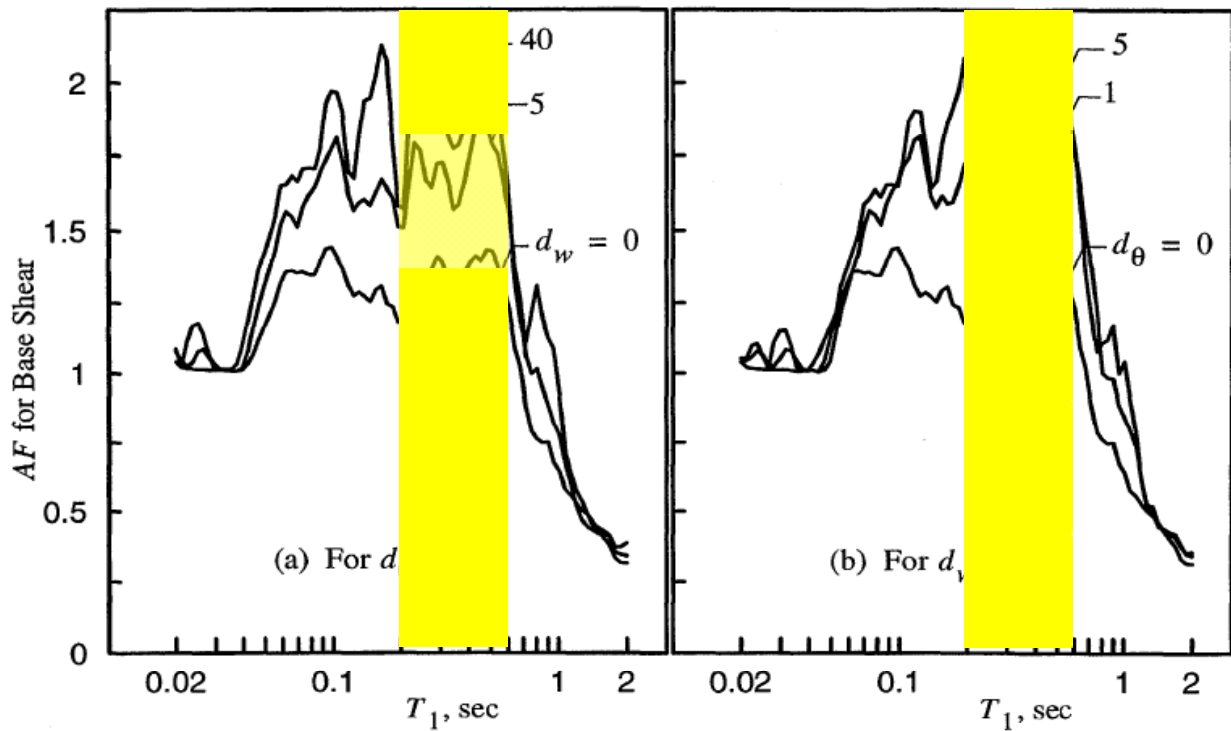
# Analytical solutions for .....

resonance... (Max AF)



# Numerical solution - El Centro (1940) earthquake

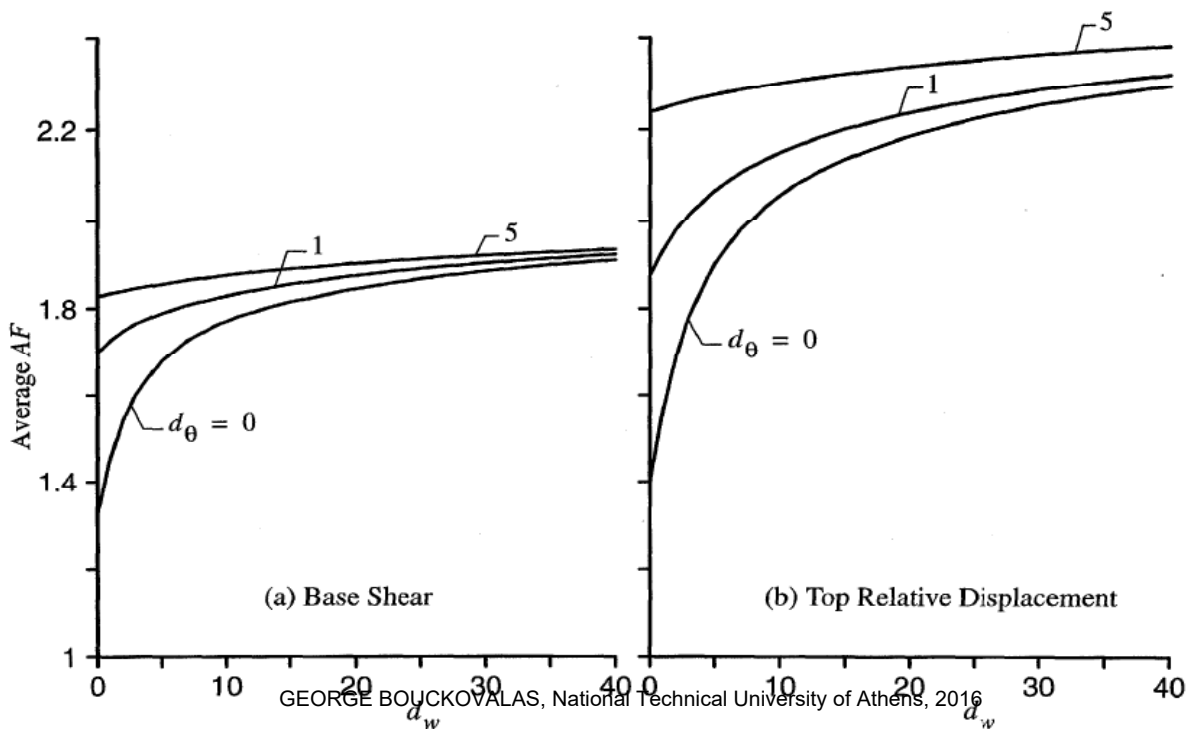
Variation of amplification factor  $AF$  for base shear versus the fundamental soil period



*(does this remind something to you?)*

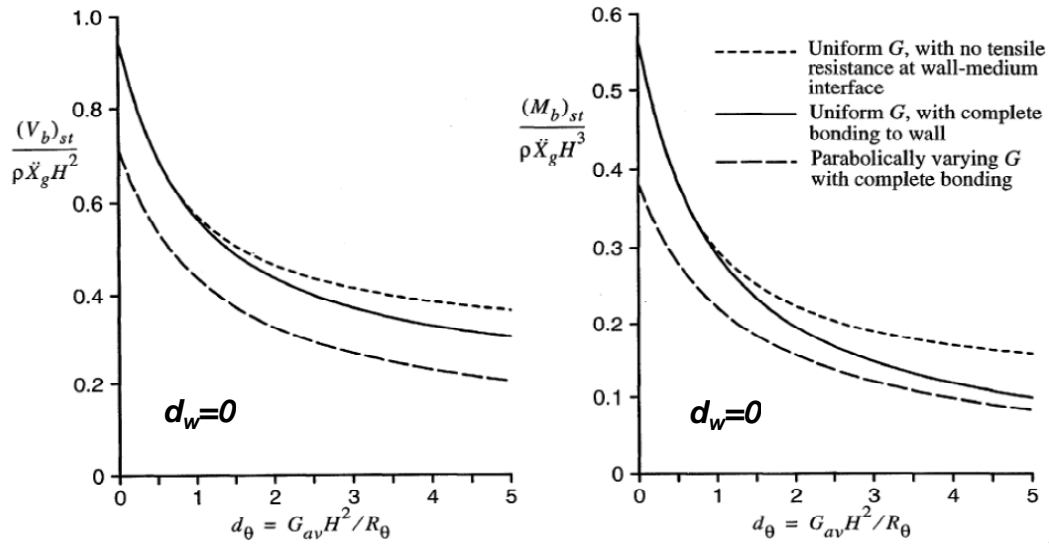
# Numerical solution - El Centro (1940) earthquake

Average values of the amplification factor  $AF$  for base shear and relative displacement



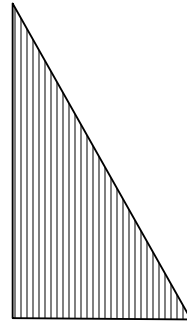
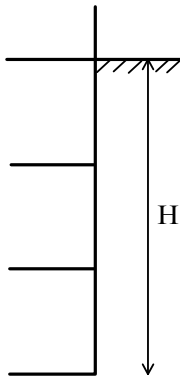
# Limitations . . . .

1. Tensile cracks, at the top of the wall, are not taken into account  
(→ shear forces and bending moments are under-estimated)
2. Uniform soil is assumed  
(→ shear forces and bending moments are over-estimated)

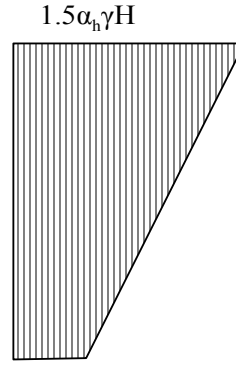


# 9.7 SEISMIC CODES

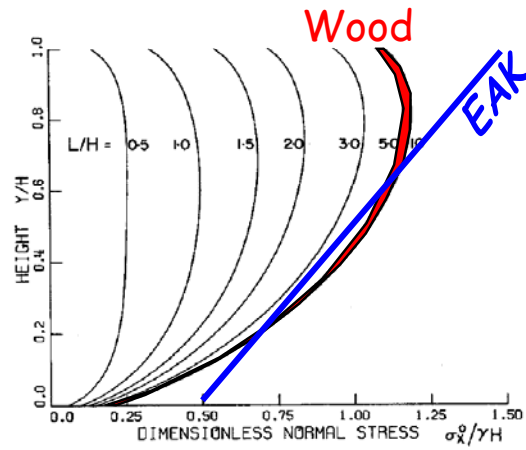
## EAK 2002 – Rigid walls



$K_0 \gamma H$   
Earth press.  
at rest



$1.5 \alpha_h \gamma H$   
 $0.5 \alpha_h \gamma H$   
Dynamic  
earth press.



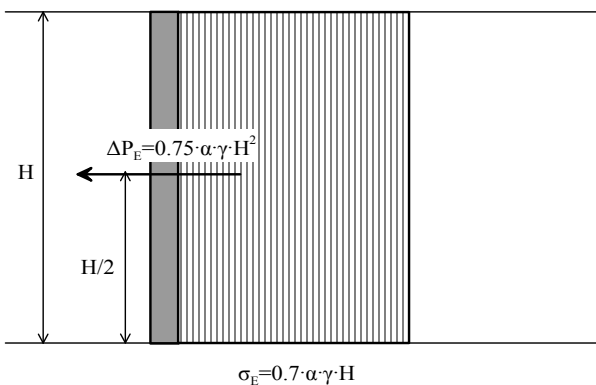
$$\Delta P_{eq} = \gamma H^3 \frac{\alpha_h}{g}$$

$$\Delta M_{eq} = 0.58 \gamma H^3 \frac{\alpha_h}{g}$$

} Wood

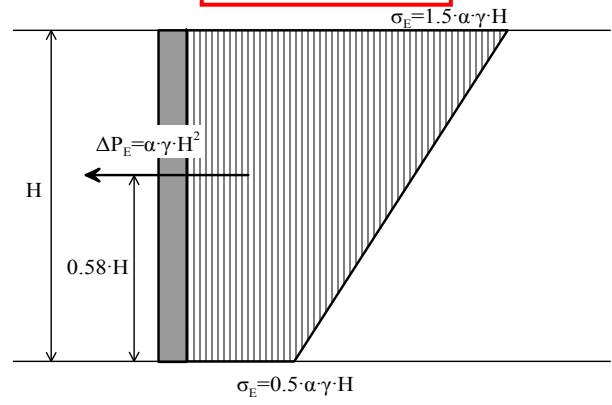
## ΥΠΕΧΩΔΕ-εγκ.39/99 «Guidelines for the design of bridges»

Walls with limited displacement  
 $0.1\% > U/H \geq 0.05\%$



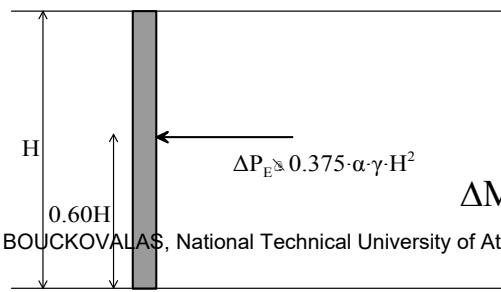
$$\Delta M_{eq} = 0.375 \gamma H^3 \frac{\alpha_h}{g}$$

Rigid walls  
 $0.05\% > U/H$



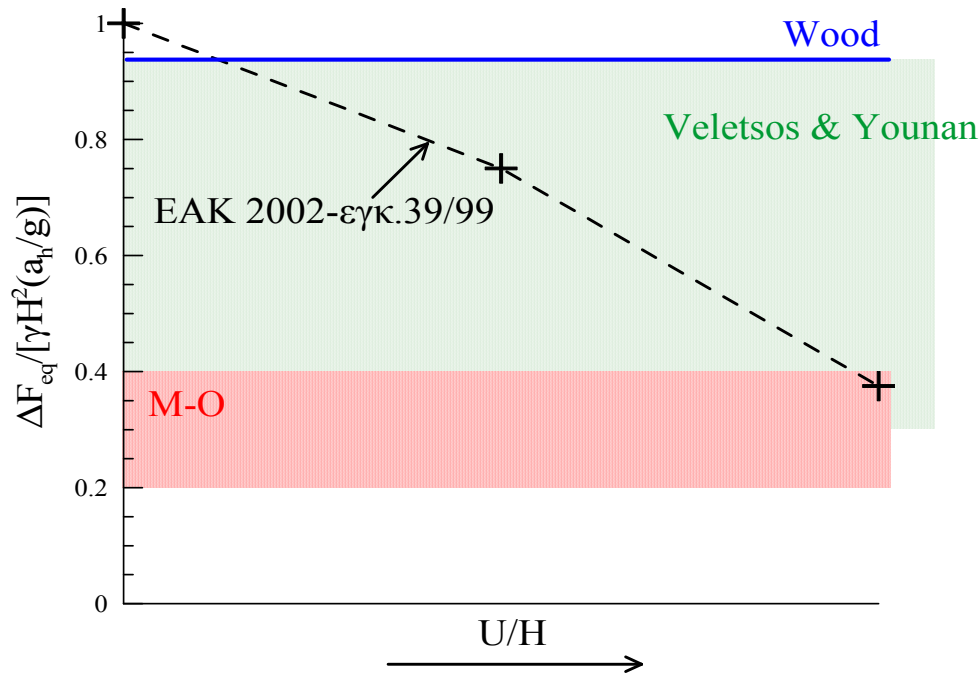
$$\Delta M_{eq} = 0.58 \gamma H^3 \frac{\alpha_h}{g}$$

reminder:  
M-O  
( $U/H > 0.1\%$ )



$$\Delta M_{eq} = 0.225 \gamma H^3 \frac{\alpha_h}{g}$$

# COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT METHODS .....



**DIFFERENCES CAN BECOME SIGNIFICANT !**

## HWK 9.6:

Compute the total base shear force and overturning moment which develops at the base of a 5m high retaining wall during seismic excitation with  $a_{\max}=0.15g$ . The wall is vertical and smooth, while the fill consists of sandy gravel with  $c=0$ ,  $\varphi=36^\circ$ ,  $\gamma_{\text{soil}}=17\text{kN/m}^3$  and  $V_S=100\text{m/s}$ . The computations will be performed:

- (a) for rigid wall,
- (b) for a wall with limited deformation ( $d_w=10$ ,  $d_\theta=1$ ), using the V&Y methodology,
- (γ) for a wall with limited deformation ( $d_w=10$ ,  $d_\theta=1$ ), using the seismic code provisions,

*Note: assume pseudo static conditions and neglect the wall mass.*

## HWK 9.7

Repeat HWK 9.6 for the extreme case of resonance between soil and excitation.



# 9. Seismic Design of RETAINING STRUCTURES

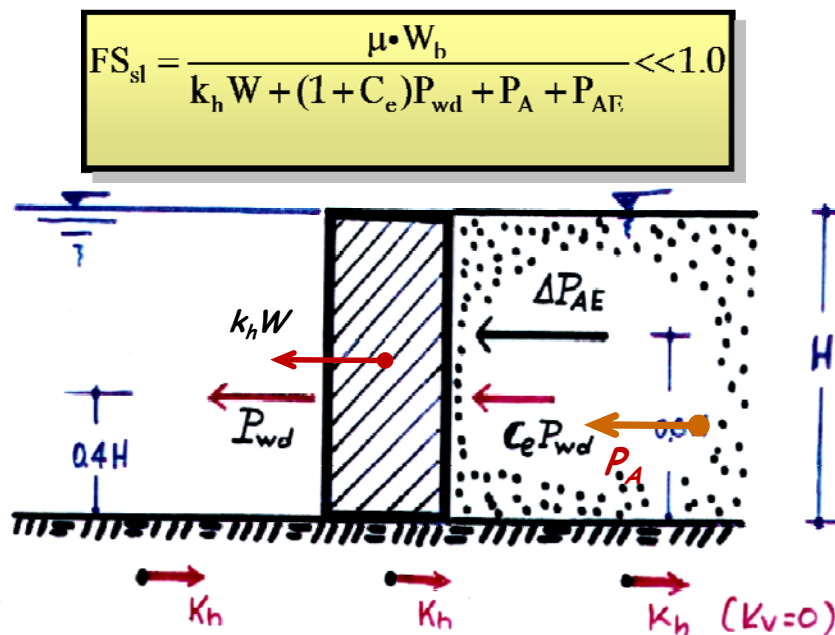
## Part C: DISPLACEMENT COMPUTATION (& PERFORMANCE BASED DESIGN)

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### Problem Outline ....

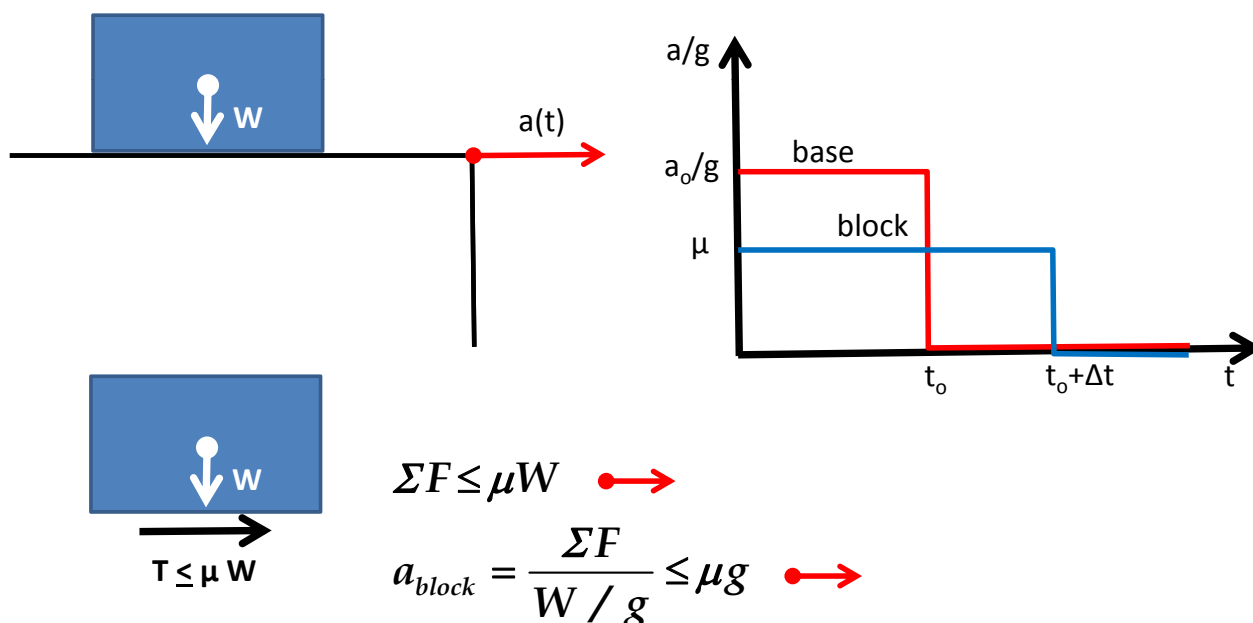
During a pseudo-static analysis, it is very common to obtain  $FS > 1.0$ .



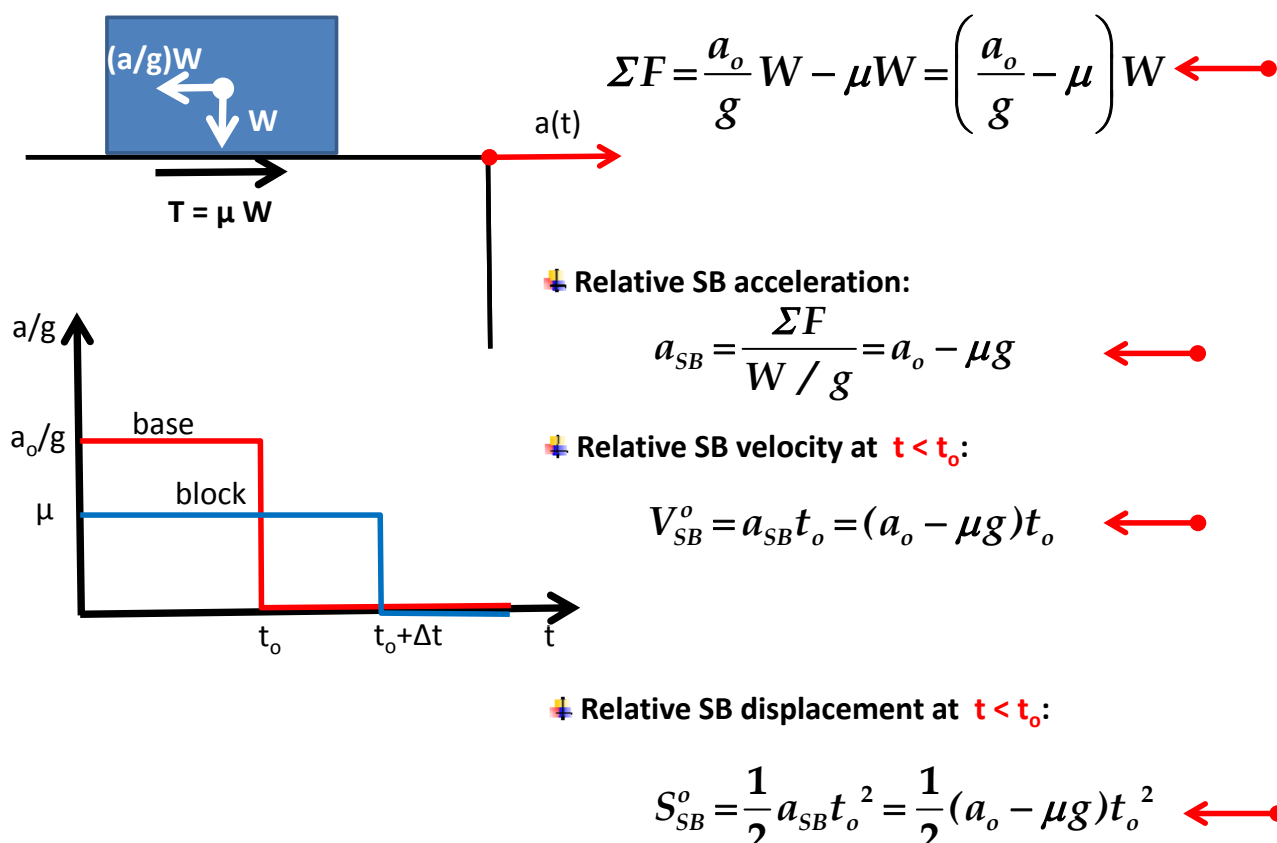
However, this does not necessarily mean "failure" of the wall, but permanent outward displacements (and rotations). In such cases, the performance of the wall is evaluated using the famous "Newmark Sliding Block" analysis (follows)

# NEWMARK (1965): Rankine Lecture on Seismic Slope Displacements

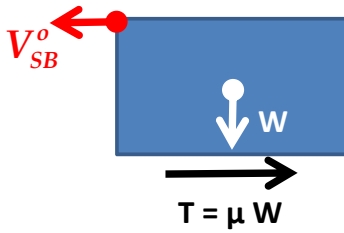
## SLIDING BLOCK subjected to pulse acceleration



### A. RELATIVE DISPLACEMENT OF BLOCK for $t \leq t_0$



**B. RELATIVE DISPLACEMENT OF BLOCK for  $t \geq t_0$**



Steadily de-celerating motion with initial velocity:

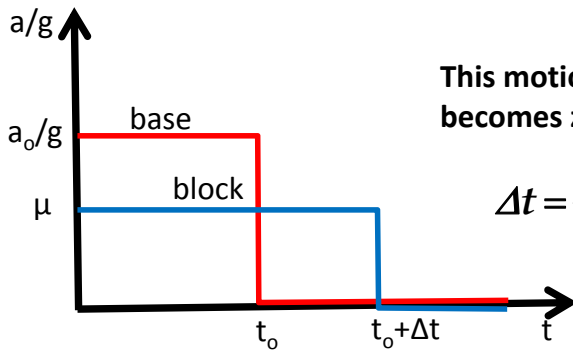
$$V_{SB}^o = a_{SB} t_0 = (a_o - \mu g) t_0 \quad \leftarrow$$

and de-celeration:

$$a'_{SB} = \frac{\Sigma F}{W/g} = \mu g \quad \rightarrow$$

This motion will last until the SB relative velocity becomes zero, i.e. ....

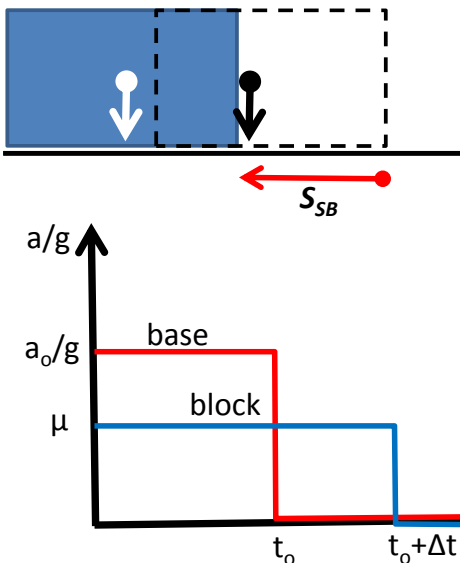
$$\Delta t = \frac{V_{SB}^o}{a'_{SB}} = \frac{(a_o - \mu g) t_0}{\mu g} = \left( \frac{a_o}{\mu g} - 1 \right) t_0$$



During  $\Delta t$  we will have additional relative displacement:

$$\Delta S_{SB} = V_{SB}^o \Delta t - \frac{1}{2} a'_{SB} \Delta t^2 = \dots = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(a_o - \mu g)^2}{\mu g} t_0^2 \quad \leftarrow$$

**C. At the end of RELATIVE block-base sliding, i.e. at  $t \geq t_0 + \Delta t$**

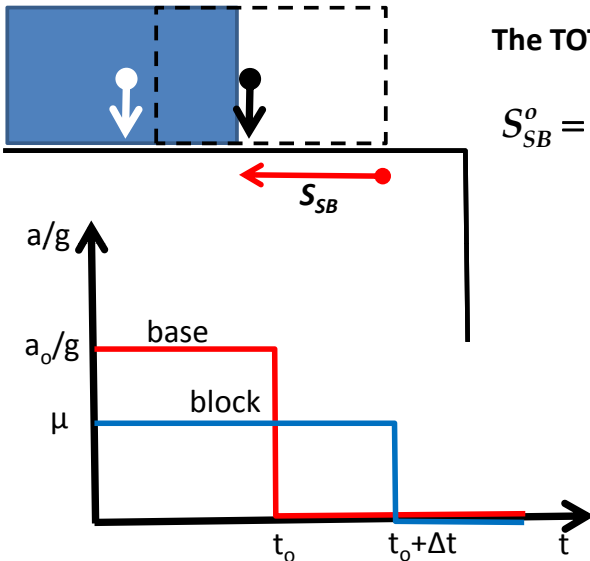


The TOTAL relative displacement will be:

$$S_{SB}^o = \frac{1}{2} (a_o - \mu g) t_0^2 + \Delta S_{SB} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(a_o - \mu g)^2}{\mu g} t_0^2 = \dots$$

$$S_{SB} = \frac{1}{2} (a_o - \mu g) \frac{a_o}{\mu g} t_0^2 \quad \leftarrow$$

C. At the end of RELATIVE block-base sliding, i.e. at  $t \geq t_o + \Delta t$



The TOTAL relative displacement will be:

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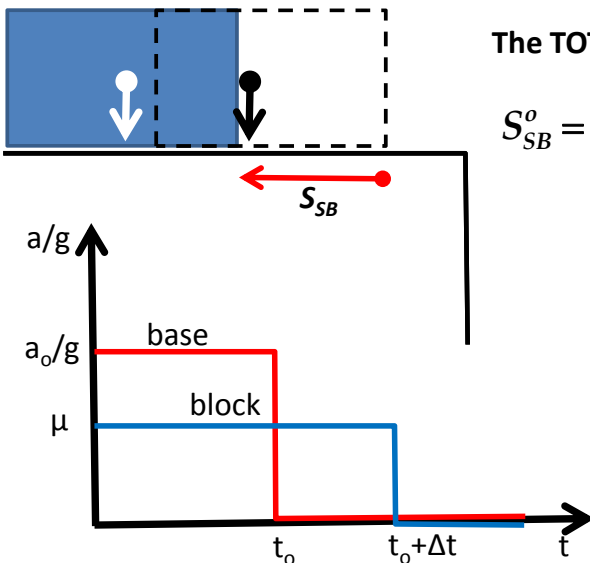
$$S_{SB} = \frac{1}{2}(a_o - \mu g) \frac{a_o}{\mu g} t_o^2$$

Assuming further that:

- $a_o = a_{max}$  (peak seismic acceleration)
- $\mu g = a_{CR}$  (critical seismic acceleration required to trigger sliding, i.e.  $FS_{slide}=1.0$ )
- $V_{max}$  (peak seismic velocity), and
- $t_o = V_{max}/a_{max}$

$$S_{SB} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \left(1 - \frac{a_{CR}}{a_{max}}\right) \left(\frac{a_{CR}}{a_{max}}\right)^{-1}$$

C. At the end of RELATIVE block-base sliding, i.e. at  $t \geq t_o + \Delta t$



The TOTAL relative displacement will be:

$$S_{SB}^o = \frac{1}{2}(a_o - \mu g)t_o^2 + \Delta S_{SB} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(a_o - \mu g)^2}{\mu g} t_o^2 = \dots$$

$$S_{SB} = \frac{1}{2}(a_o - \mu g) \frac{a_o}{\mu g} t_o^2$$

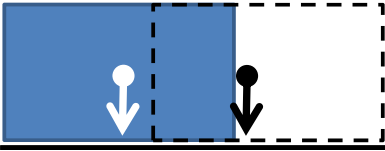
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- $V_{max}$  (peak seismic velocity), and
- $t_o = V_{max}/a_{max}$

$$S_{SB} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} (1 - a_{CR}^*) (a_{CR}^*)^{-1}$$

$$\text{with } a_{CR}^* = a_{CR} / a_{max}$$

**D. For N similar pulses of base motion .....**

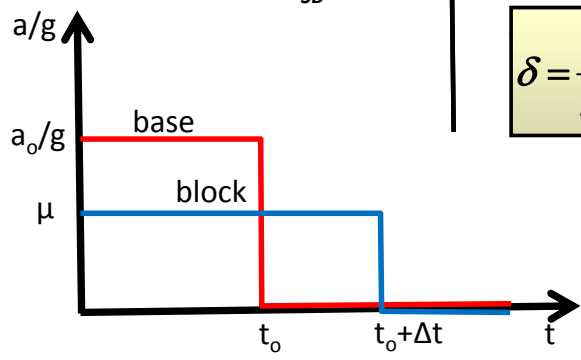


The TOTAL relative displacement will be:

$$\delta = S_{SB} * N \quad \text{with} \quad N \approx \frac{a_{max}}{a_{CR}} = (a_{CR}^*)^{-1}$$

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} (1 - a_{CR}^*) (a_{CR}^*)^{-2}$$

NEWMARK I



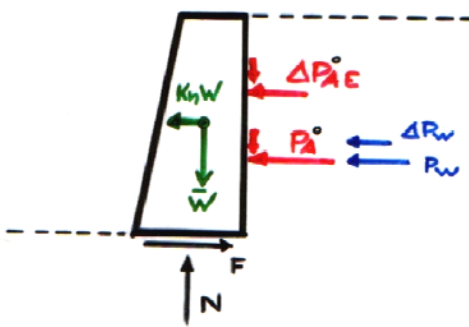
or, for very small  $a_{CR}^*$  (<0.30) .....

$$\delta \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} (a_{CR}^*)^{-2}$$

NEWMARK II

$$\text{with} \quad a_{CR}^* = a_{CR} / a_{max}$$

**RICHARDS & ELMS (1979): Gravity walls under real seismic excitation**



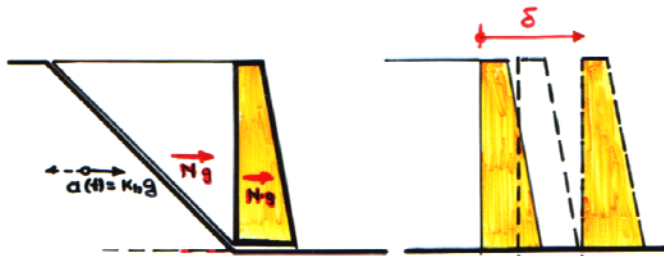
$\delta$ : friction angle between wall side and fill  
 $\phi_o$ : friction angle between wall base and ground

$$N = \bar{W} + (\Delta P_{AE}^o + P_A^o) \tan \delta$$

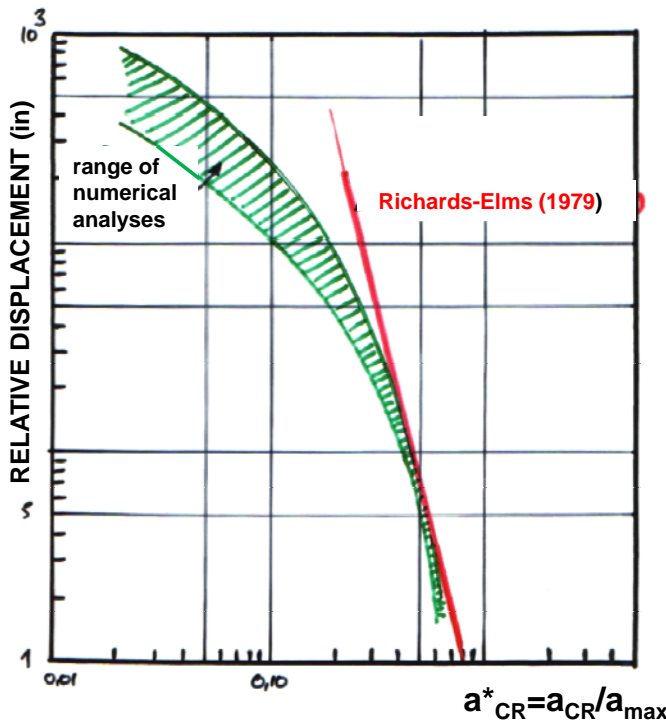
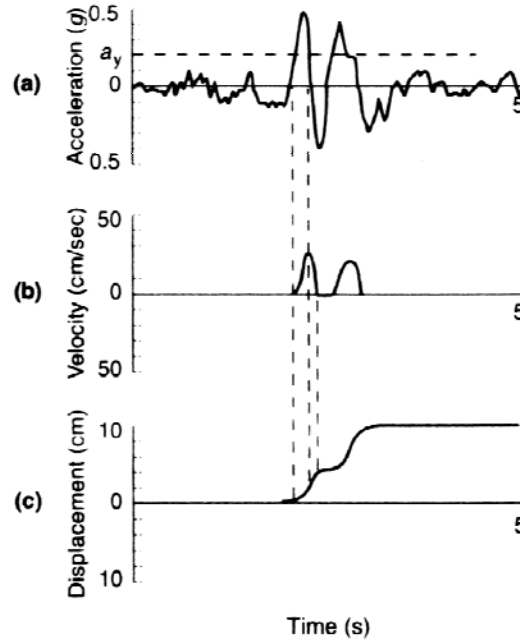
$$F = N \tan \phi_o$$

$$F.S.^{o\lambda} = \frac{N \tan \phi_o}{P_{\Lambda}^o + \Delta P_{\Lambda E}^o + P_w + \Delta P_w + k_h W}$$

Even though  $F.S.^{o\lambda} < 1.0$  (sliding failure)  
**there is no collapse** of the wall (!!),  
 but development of limited displacements, which may be tolerable .....



$a_{cr} = Ng$  :  
critical seismic acceleration  
leading to  $F.S.^{\circ\lambda} = 1.00$



**Richards & Elms (1997)**

$$\delta \approx 0.087 \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \left( a_{CR}^* \right)^{-4}$$

# Computation of Relative Sliding ....

## NEWMARK (1965)

$$\delta = 0.50 \cdot \left( \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \right) \cdot \frac{(1 - a_{CR}^*)}{a_{CR}^{*2}}$$

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$$\delta \approx 0.50 \cdot \left( \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{a_{CR}^{*2}}$$

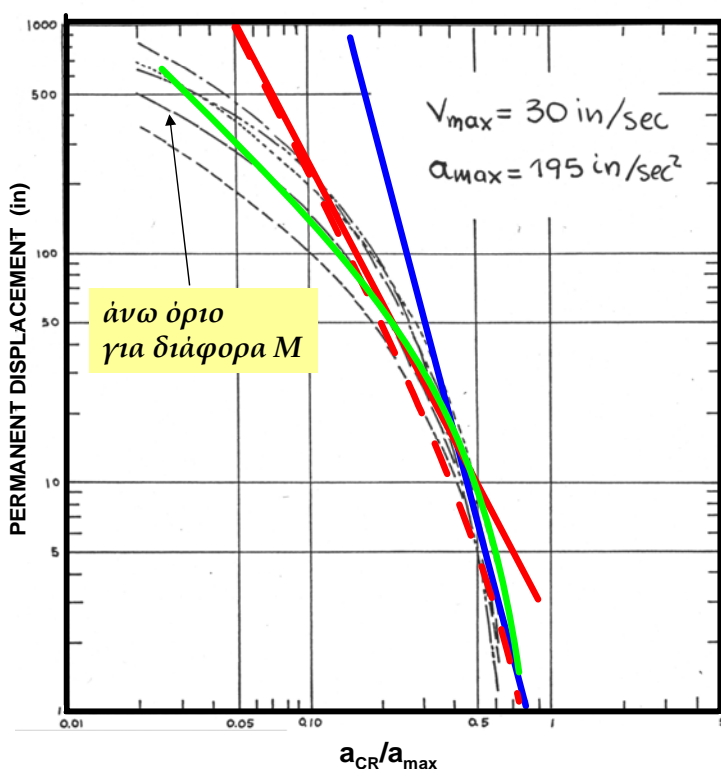
## RICHARDS & ELMS (1979)

$$\delta \approx 0.087 \cdot \left( \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{a_{CR}^{*4}}$$

## NTUA (1990)

$$\delta \approx 0.080 \cdot t^{1.15} \cdot \left( \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \right) \cdot [1 - a_{CR}^{*(1-a_{CR}^*)}] \cdot \frac{1}{a_{CR}^*}$$

## Comparison with numerical predictions for actual earthquakes by Franklin & Chang (1977) . . . . .



- Newmark - I (1965)
- Newmark - II (1965)
- Richards & Elms (1979)
- NTUA (1990)

**Relative Sliding**

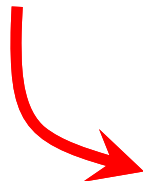
$$\delta_d = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.087 \cdot \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \cdot (a_{CR}^*)^{-4} \\ 0.50 \cdot \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \cdot (a_{CR}^*)^{-2} \end{array} \right\}$$

..... or NTUA (1990)




## for EXAMPLE . . . . .

- ⚡ PEAK SEISMIC ACCELERATION  $a_{max} = 0.50g$
- ⚡ PEAK SEISMIC VELOCITY  $V_{max} = 1.00 \text{ m/s}$  ( $T_e \approx 0.80 \text{ sec}$ )
- ⚡ "CRITICAL" or "YIELD" ACCELERATION  $a_{CR} = 0.33g$  ( $=2/3 a_{max}$ )



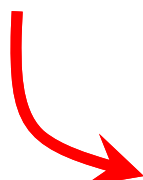
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 **9 cm !**


## for EXAMPLE . . . . .

- ⚡ PEAK SEISMIC ACCELERATION  $a_{max} = 0.50g$
- ⚡ PEAK SEISMIC VELOCITY  $V_{max} = 0.50 \text{ m/s}$  ( $T_e \approx 0.40 \text{ sec}$ )
- ⚡ "CRITICAL" or "YIELD" ACCELERATION  $a_{CR} = 0.33g$  ( $=2/3 a_{max}$ )



**Relative Sliding**

$$\delta_d = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.087 \cdot \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \cdot (a_{CR}^*)^{-4} \\ 0.50 \cdot \frac{V_{max}^2}{a_{max}} \cdot (a_{CR}^*)^{-2} \end{array} \right\}$$

 **2 cm !**

**THUS**, if we can tolerate some small outwards displacements, the pseudo static analysis is NOT performed for the peak seismic acceleration  $a_{max}$ , but for the critical acceleration  $a_{CR}$  (&  $FS_{slide}=1.0$ )

**In other words. . . . Displacement Based Design (PBD)**

## DISPLACEMENT BASED DESIGN

New design philosophy:

$$\delta = 0.087 \frac{V_{\max}^2}{a_{\max}} \left( \frac{a_{CR}}{a_{\max}} \right)^{-4}$$

$$k_h^* = \frac{a_{CR}}{g} = a_{\max} \left[ 0.087 \frac{V_{\max}^2}{a_{\max} \delta} \right]^{1/4}$$

Instead of designing the wall for  $k_h = a_{\max}/g$ , I choose a lower  $k_h^*$  ( $< k_h$ ) which is a function of the allowable wall displacement  $\delta$ . In that case, the required factor of safety is F.S.=1.00

alternatively:

$$k_h^* = \frac{k_h}{q_w} \quad \text{with: } q_w = \frac{1}{\left[ 0.087 \frac{V_{\max}^2}{a_{\max} \delta} \right]^{1/4}}$$

## DISPLACEMENT BASED DESIGN

In more detail ...

$$\delta = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.087 \cdot \frac{V_{\max}^2}{a_{\max}} \cdot (a_{CR}^*)^{-4} \\ 0.50 \cdot \frac{V_{\max}^2}{a_{\max}} \cdot (a_{CR}^*)^{-2} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$k_h^* = \frac{k_h}{q_w} \quad \text{with:}$$

$$q_w = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left[ 0.087 \cdot \frac{V_{\max}^2}{a_{\max}} \cdot \frac{1}{\delta} \right]^{-1/4} \\ \left[ 0.50 \cdot \frac{V_{\max}^2}{a_{\max}} \cdot \frac{1}{\delta} \right]^{-1/2} \end{array} \right\}$$

In accordance with this design philosophy, **EAK** requests that:

$$k_h = \frac{\alpha \cdot \gamma_n}{q_w}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_{\max}}{g}$$

$\gamma_n$ =importance coefficient

$q_w =$	{	<b>2.00</b>	$\delta(\text{mm})=300a$
		<b>1.50</b>	$\delta(\text{mm})=200a$
		<b>1.25</b>	$\delta(\text{mm})=100a$ (τοίχοι από Ο.Σ.)
		<b>1.00</b>	anchored flexible walls
		<b>0.75</b>	basement walls, etc

### HWK 9.5:

For the gravity retaining wall of HWKs 9.1 and/or 9.2:

(a) Compute the critical horizontal acceleration  $a_{CR}$ , required to trigger sliding

(b) Compute  $FS_{\text{slide}}$  and the corresponding outward displacement of the wall for  $a_{\max} = 1.50$  to  $4.0 a_{CR}$  and predominant excitation period  $T_{\text{exc}}=0.40\text{s}$ .