

# NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS OF WAVE PROPAGATION COMPARED TO PHYSICAL MODELING

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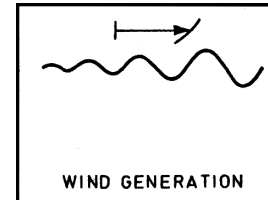
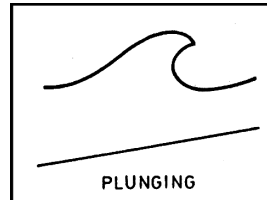
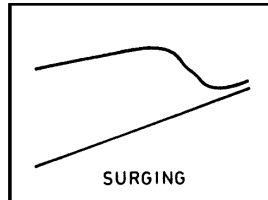
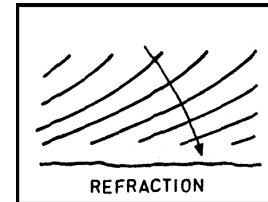
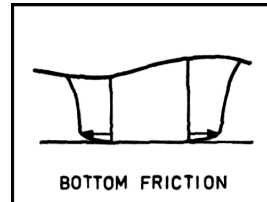
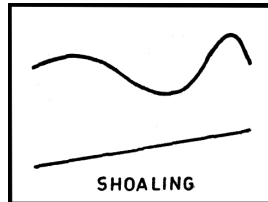
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## 1. Introduction

Wave propagation within coastal zones is strongly influenced by coastal morphology

Predominant processes in the coastal zone are:



Investigations:

- Measurements of the wave propagation along a foreland with and without a submerged dike (summer dike) in the large wave tank of the FZK
- Numerical simulation of some of the above processes with standard wave models
- Test of the models by comparing the simulation results with the physical model - Adjustment of the parameters bottom friction and wave breaking
- Calculation of the transmission coefficients

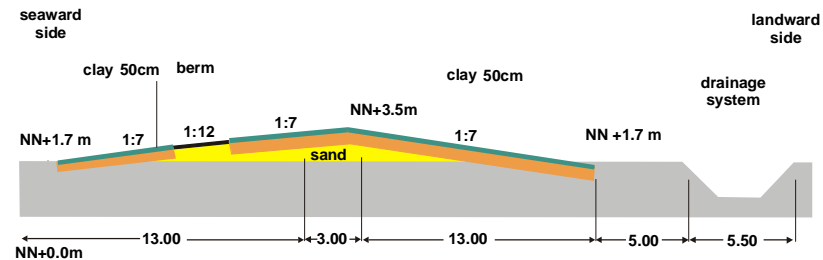


## 2. Physical Modeling

### Location and topographical map of a summer dike:



### Cross-section of a summer dike:



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*Summer dike in nature and as model*



**Summer dike in nature**

Due to the grass sods and the flat slope the dike is difficult to be seen.



**Summer dike in model**

Concrete coverage replaces clay and grass sods

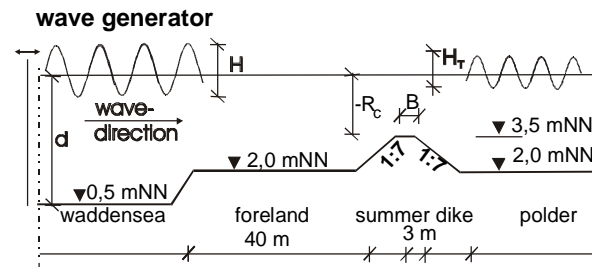


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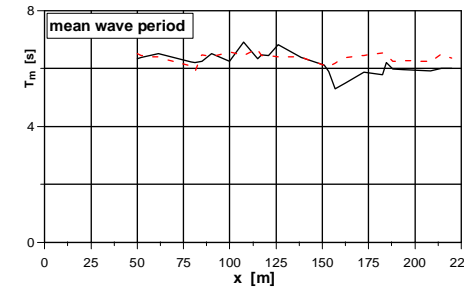
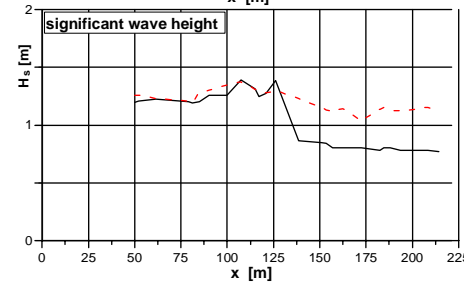
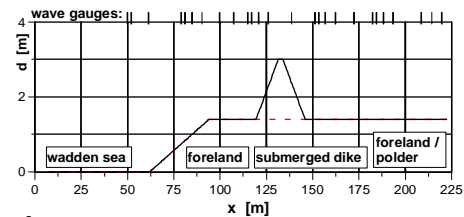
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Experiment set-up and measurements in the large wave tank



mNN= meter above German datum

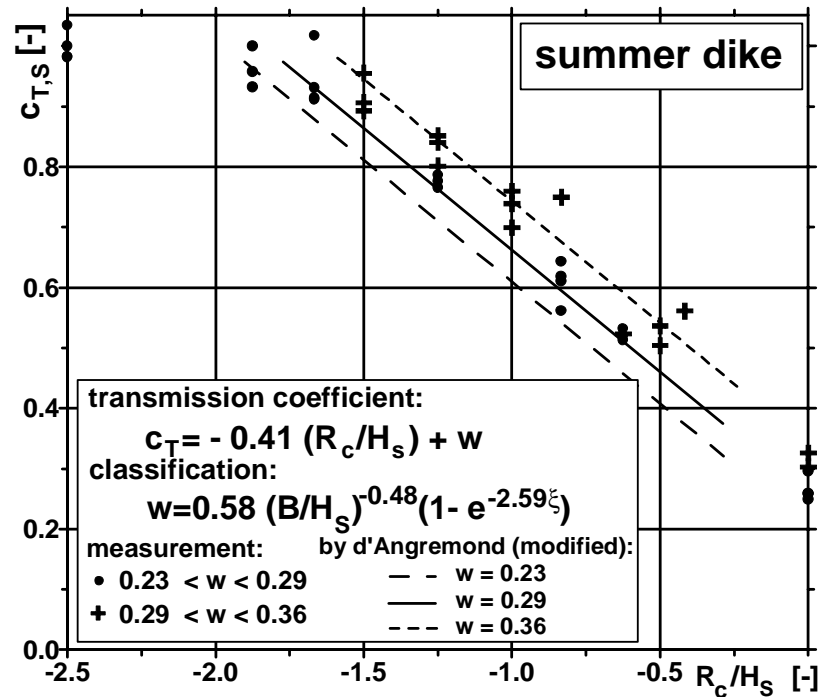


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Calculation of the transmission coefficient



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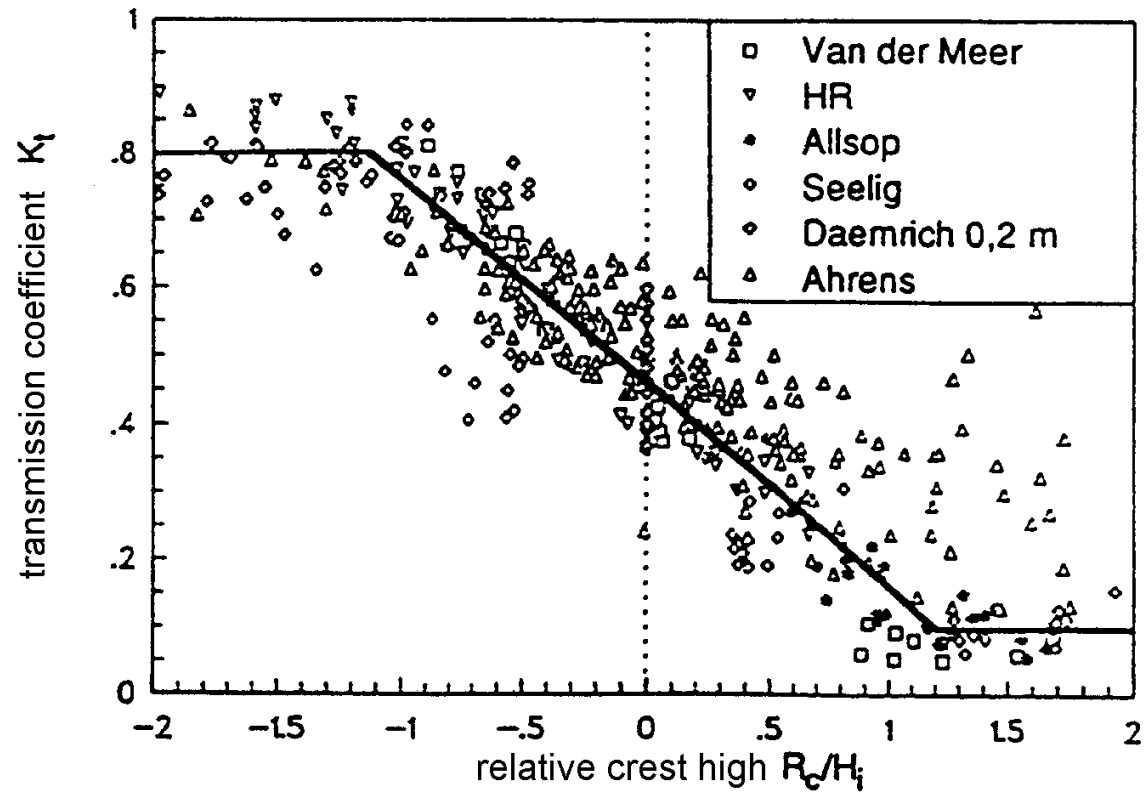
- $c_T = \frac{H_T}{H}$      $c_T$ : transmission coefficient  
 $H_T$ : transmitted wave height  
 $H$ : incoming wave height
- **d'Angremond (1996)**:  $0,075 < c_T < 0,80$  - slopes:  $\tan\alpha > (1:4)$   

$$c_T = -\beta_1 \cdot \frac{R_c}{H_s} + \beta_2 \left( \frac{B}{H_s} \right)^{-\beta_3} (1 - e^{-\beta_4 \cdot \xi})$$
 $R_c$ : freebord  
 $H_s$ : significant wave height  
 $B$ : crest width  
 $H/L$ : steepness
- $\xi$ : Iribarren-Number,  $\xi = \frac{\tan(\alpha)}{\left(\frac{H}{L}\right)^{0,5}}$
- $\beta_1 = 0,41$      $\beta_2 = 0,58$      $\beta_3 = 0,48$      $\beta_4 = 2,59$



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*Transmission coefficient (measured by different authors)*



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### 3. Numerical Modeling

#### Standard Wave Models (used):

- **HISWA**  
HIndcast Shallow Water WAves, TU Delft
- **SWAN**  
Simulation WAves Nearshore, TU Delft
- **MIKE 21 EMS**  
Mike 21 Elliptic Mild Slope, Danish Hydraulic Institute

#### Basic Model Equations:

- **HISWA and SWAN**  
Action Balance Equation
  - ⇒ Wave Breaking by Battjes and Jansen (1978)
  - ⇒ Bottom Friction by Collins (1972) and Madsen (1988)
- **MIKE 21 EMS**
  - ⇒ Wave Breaking by Battjes and Jansen (1978)
  - ⇒ Bottom Friction by Dingemans (1983)





**Numerical formulation of wave breaking - Formula by Battjes and Jansen:**

$$D_{br} = \frac{\alpha}{4} Q_{br} \bar{f} \rho g H_{max}^2, \quad \frac{1 - Q_{br}}{\ln Q_{br}} = - \left( \frac{H_{rms}}{H_{max}} \right)^2, \quad H_{max} = \frac{\gamma_1}{k} \tanh \left( \frac{\gamma_2}{\gamma_1} k \cdot d \right)$$

$D_{br}$  : mean dissipation rate per area

$Q_{br}$  : fraction of breaking waves

$\rho$  : water density

$H_{rms}$  : root mean square

$H_{max}$  : maximum wave height

$\alpha, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$  : adjustable coefficients

**Dissipation of wave energy  $S_{ds, br}$  due to wave breaking:**

- HISWA:  $S_{ds, br(x,y,\theta)} = -D_{br} \cdot \frac{E_{(x,y,\theta)}}{E_{tot(x,y)}}$ , where  $E_{tot(x,y)} = \int E_{(x,y,\theta)} d\theta$
- SWAN:  $S_{ds, br(x,y,\sigma,\theta)} = -D_{br} \cdot \frac{E_{(x,y,\sigma,\theta)}}{E_{tot(x,y)}}$ , where  $E_{tot(x,y)} = \iint E_{(x,y,\sigma,\theta)} d\sigma d\theta$
- MIKE 21 EMS :  $e_{br} \propto \frac{D_{br}}{E}$ .



*Dissipation of wave energy due to bottom friction*

**Dissipation of wave energy  $S_{ds, b}$  due to bottom friction:**

- HISWA:  $S_{ds, b(x, y, \theta)} = -C_{bot} \frac{\sigma_0^2}{g^2 \cdot \sinh^2(k_0 \cdot d)} E_{(x, y, \theta)}$

- SWAN:  $S_{ds, b(x, y, \sigma, \theta)} = -C_{bot} \frac{\sigma^2}{g^2 \cdot \sinh^2(k \cdot d)} E_{(x, y, \sigma, \theta)}$

$k_0, \sigma_0$  : mean wave number and mean wave frequency

$C_{bot}$  : friction coefficient.

- MIKE 21 EMS - Formula by Dingemans

$$D_b = \frac{f_e}{16 \cdot \pi \cdot g} \left( \frac{\omega \cdot H_{rms}}{\sinh(k \cdot d)} \right)^3, f_e = \begin{cases} 0.24 & , a_b / K_N < 2 \\ \exp\left(-5.977 + 5.213 \cdot \left(\frac{a_b}{K_N}\right)^{-0.194}\right) & , a_b / K_N \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

and  $e_f \propto D_b / E$

$E = \rho \cdot g \cdot H_{rms}^2 / 8$  : energy density of the wave field

$f_e$  : energy loss factor.

**Bottom friction coefficient  $C_{bot}$ :**

- Collins:  $C_{bot} = C_{fw} \cdot g \cdot u_{rms}$  and  $u_{rms} = \iint \frac{\sigma^2}{\sinh^2(k \cdot d)} E_{(x, y, \sigma, \theta)} d\sigma d\theta$

- Madsen:  $C_{bot} = f_{wr} \cdot \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot u_{rms}, \frac{1}{4\sqrt{f_{wr}}} + \lg\left(\frac{1}{4\sqrt{f_{wr}}}\right) = m_f + \lg\left(\frac{a_b}{K_N}\right)$

$$a_b^2 = \iint \frac{1}{\sinh^2(k \cdot d)} E_{(x, y, \sigma, \theta)} d\sigma d\theta$$

$u_{rms}$  : orbital velocity at the bottom

$K_N$  : equivalent Nikuradse bottom roughness

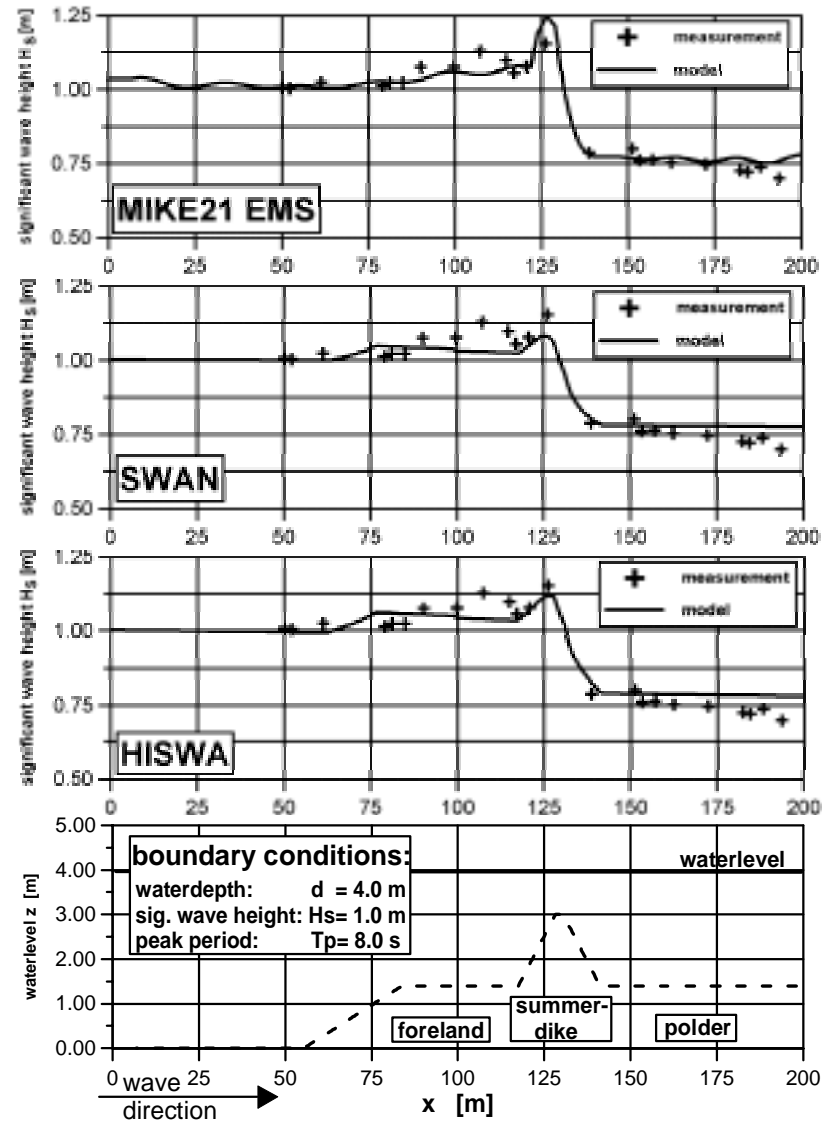
$a_b$  : representative near-bottom excursion amplitude

$C_{fw}, f_{wr}, m_f$  : model parameter



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Simulation of the significant wave height by different wave models



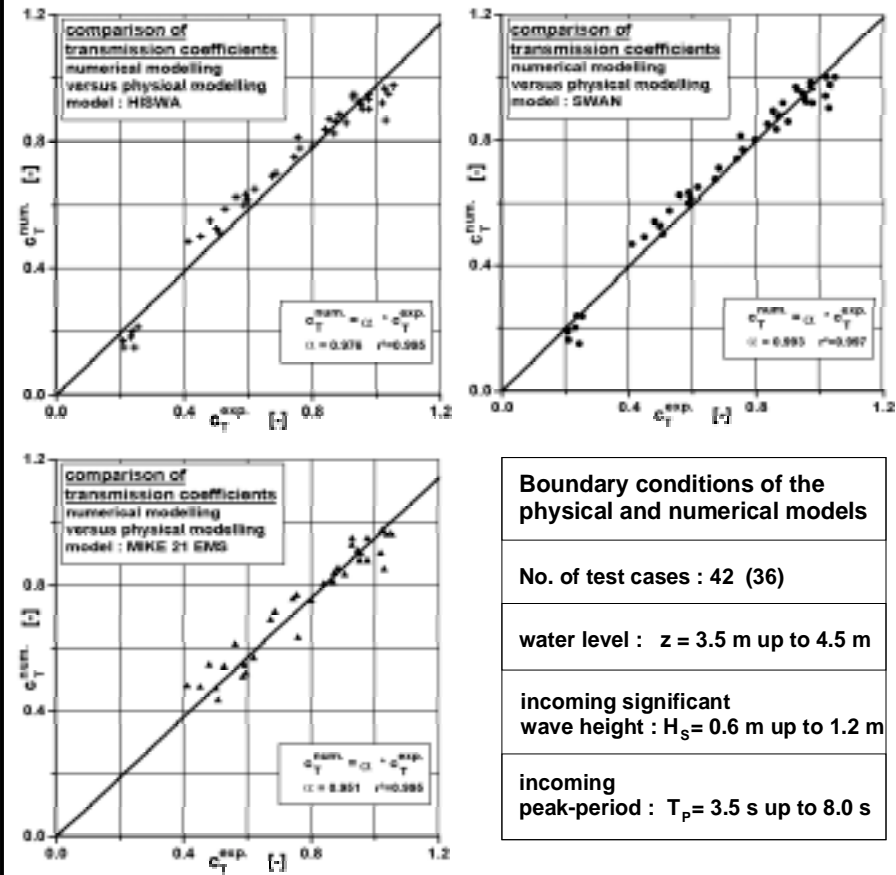
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Comparison of the results (transmission coefficients)

4. Comparison of the Results

Comparison of the transmission coefficients :



## 5. Conclusion and Discussion

### Adjustment of the parameters bottom friction and wave breaking:

DISSIPATION PROCESS	NUMERICAL MODEL		
	HISWA	SWAN	MIKE 21 EMS
<b>Wave breaking</b>	$\alpha = 0.95$ $\gamma_1 = 0.85$ $\gamma_2 = 0.95$	$\alpha = 1.45$ $\gamma = 0.75$	$\alpha = 1.0$ (not adjustable) $\gamma_1 = 1.05$ $\gamma_2 = 0.85$
<b>Bottom friction</b>	$C_{fw} = 0.01$	$K_N = 0.02$	$K_N = 0.03$

### Summary:

- All Standard numerical wave models worked well.
- Still it is necessary to calibrate the models.
- This can be done with physical models or field data.
- Advantage of physical models are the well defined boundary conditions.
- Difficulties of field measurements are costs, extreme and unreliable boundary conditions.

