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Effect of Coastal Inundation on Buildings

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Overview

- A few slides from the Coastal Construction Handbook, Chapters on Design and Construction of the Foundation
- A research study on Flood Damage to Buildings, from PhD dissertation of Norberto Nadal under the direction of Raúl Zapata, Ismael Pagán and Ricardo López and the support of Jairo Agudelo.

Unit VII

Design and Construction of the Foundation

(Flood Loads and Conditions, Load Combinations)



Coastal Construction Manual (FEMA P-55, 2011)

Chapters 8, 9, 10, 13, 14

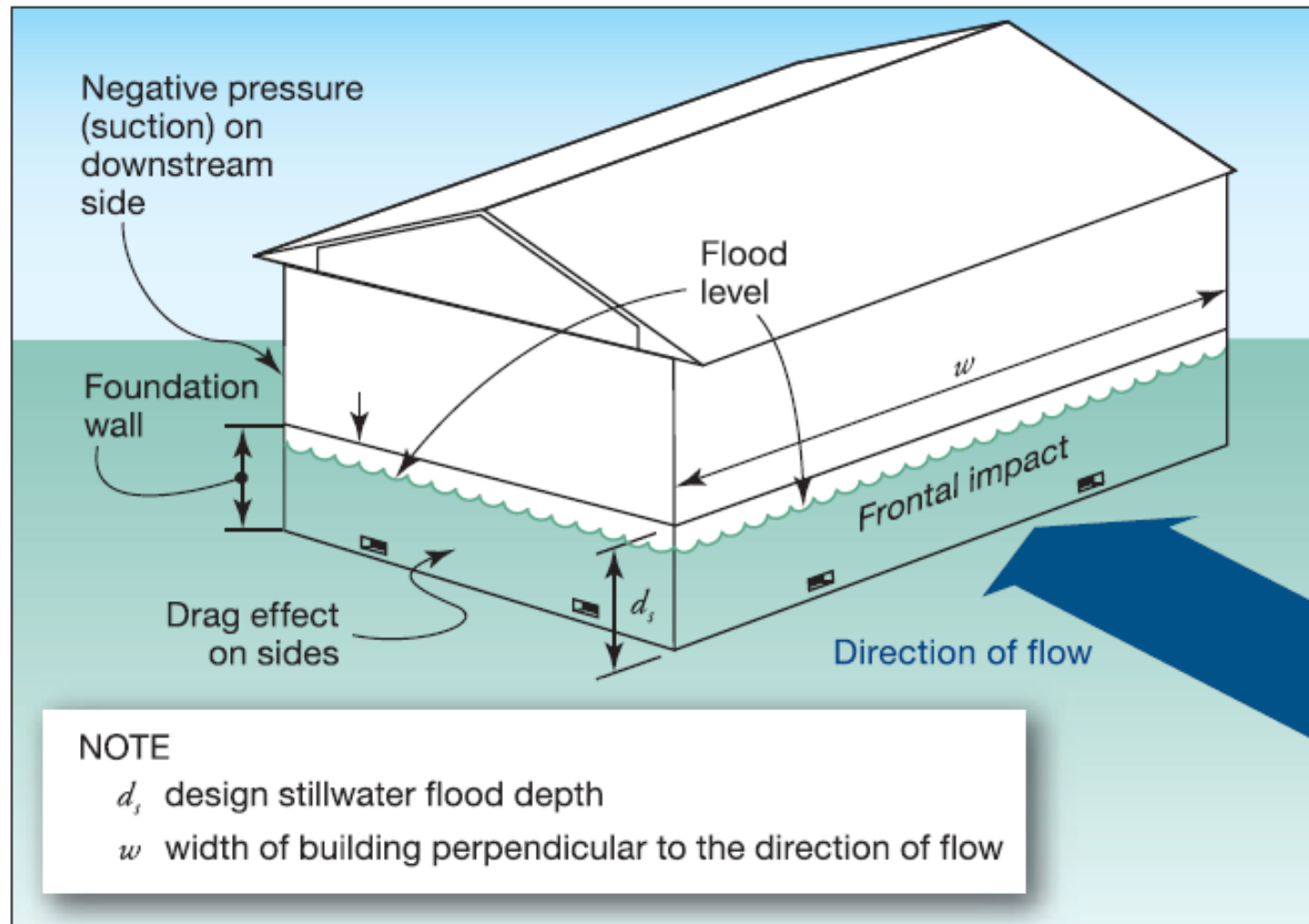
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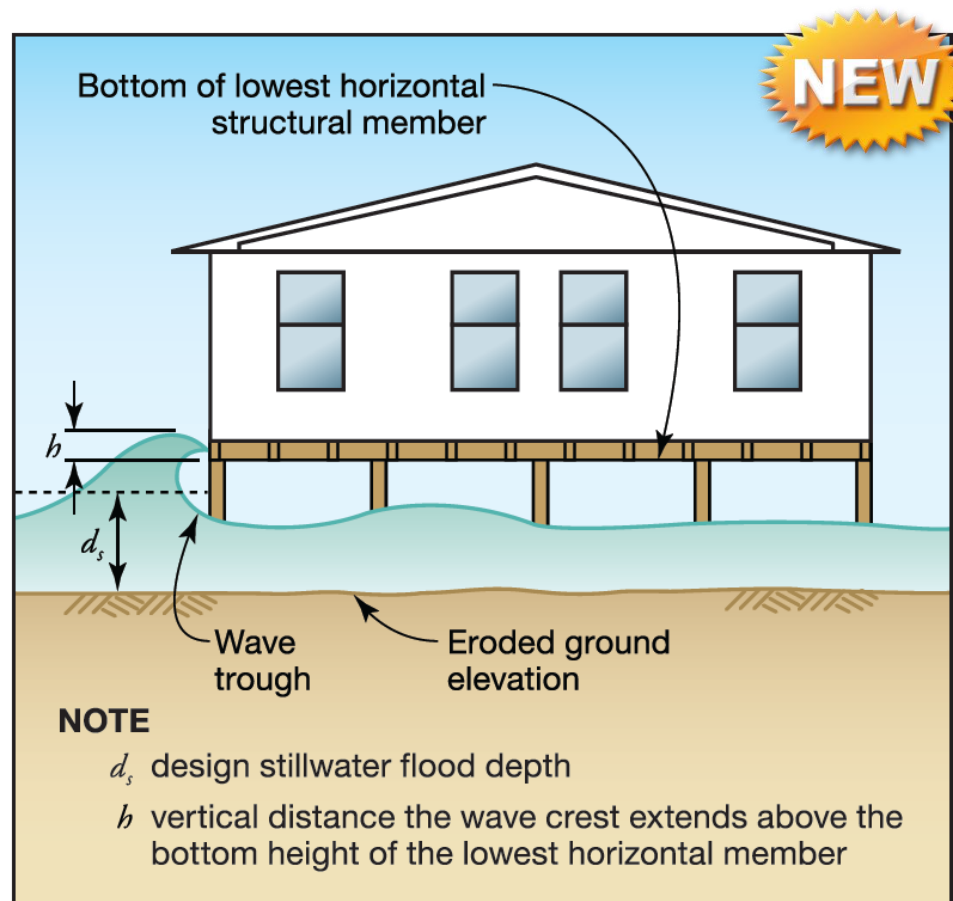
Hydrodynamic Loads on Walls



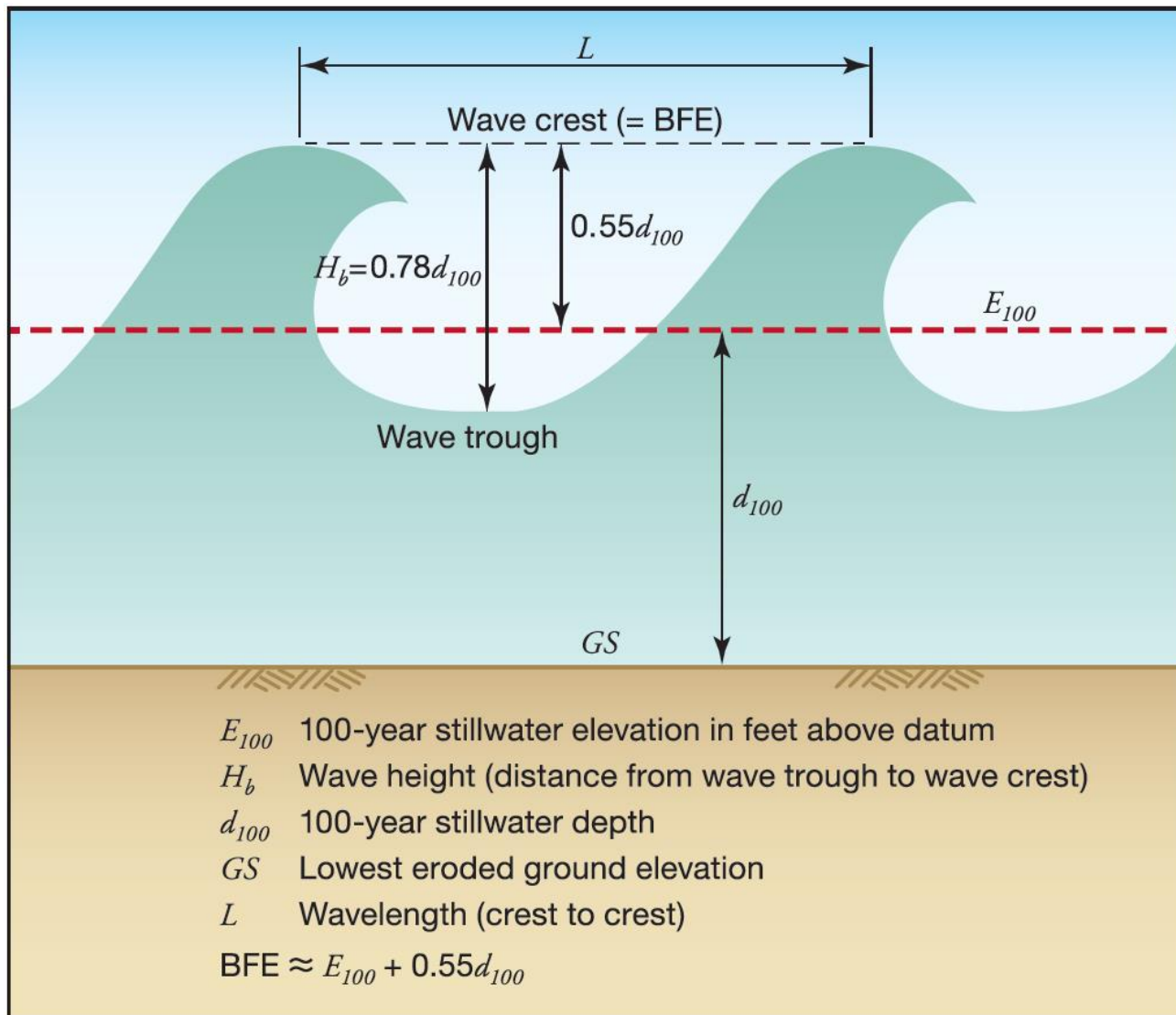
Wave Slam

- Action of wave crests striking elevated portion of a structure
- Introduces lateral and vertical loads on lower portions of elevated structure
- Force can be large; typically results in damaged floor systems

Another reason for using freeboard



Breaking Wave Height (H_b)



Determining Design Flood Velocity

Lower and upper bound values: Determine using Equation 8.2



EQUATION 8.2. DESIGN FLOOD VELOCITY

Lower bound $V = \frac{d_s}{t}$ (Eq. 8.2a)

Upper bound $V = (gd_s)^{0.5}$ (Eq. 8.2b)

where:

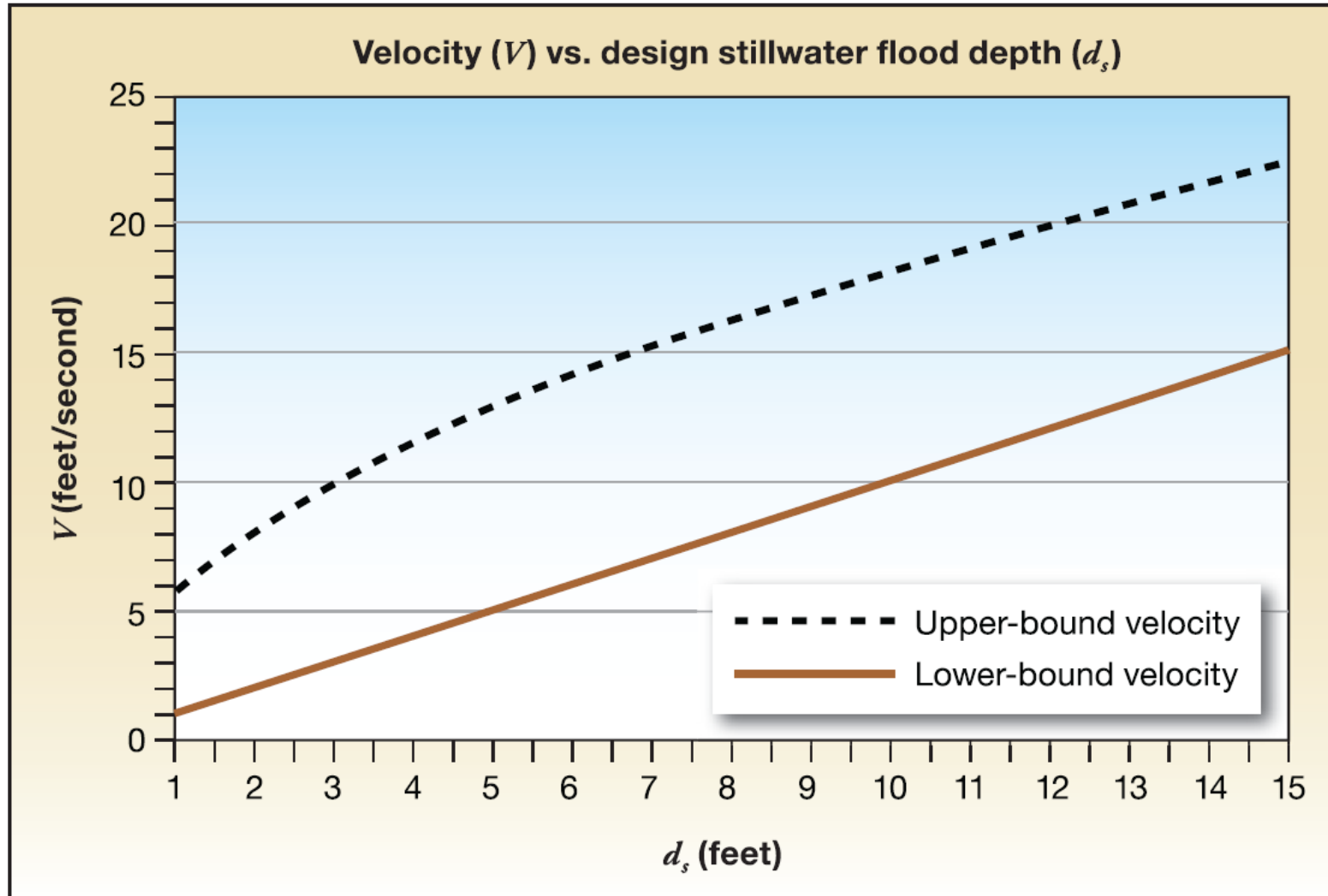
V = design flood velocity (ft/sec)

d_s = design stillwater flood depth (ft)

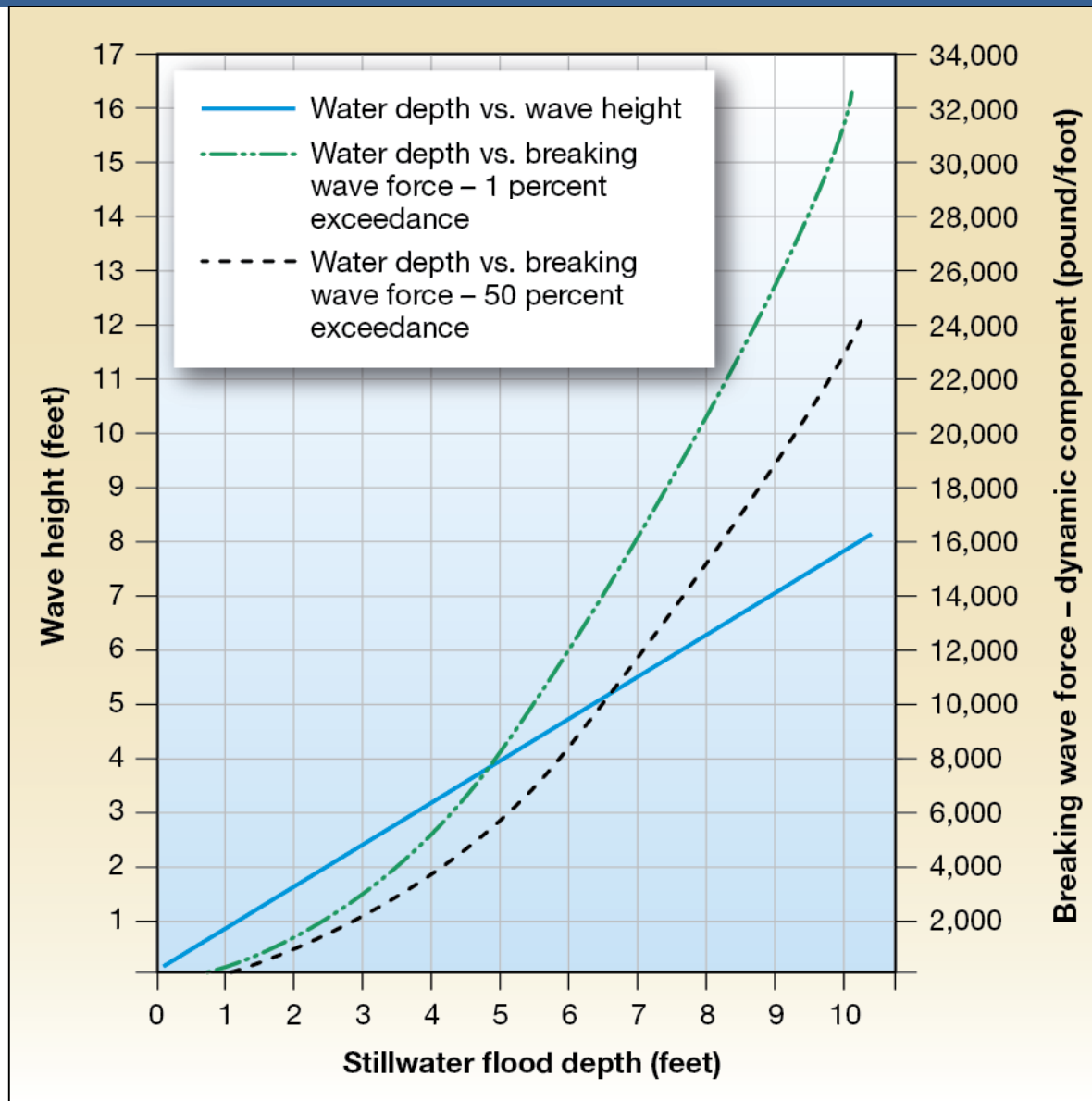
t = 1 sec

g = gravitational constant (32.2 ft/sec²)

Velocity vs. Design Stillwater Flood Depth

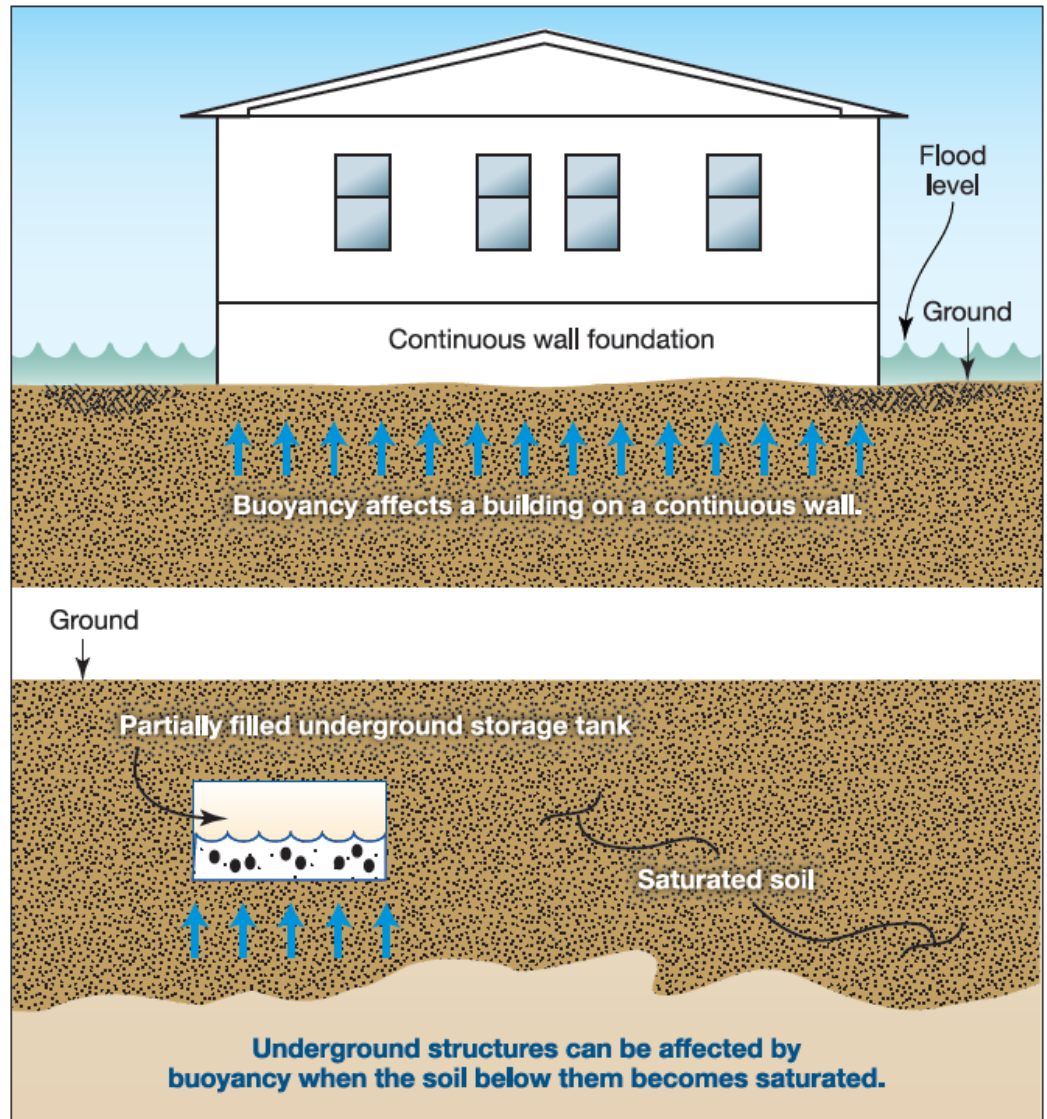


Breaking Wave Heights and Loads on Walls



Vertical (Buoyant) Hydrostatic Force

Always present when there is water

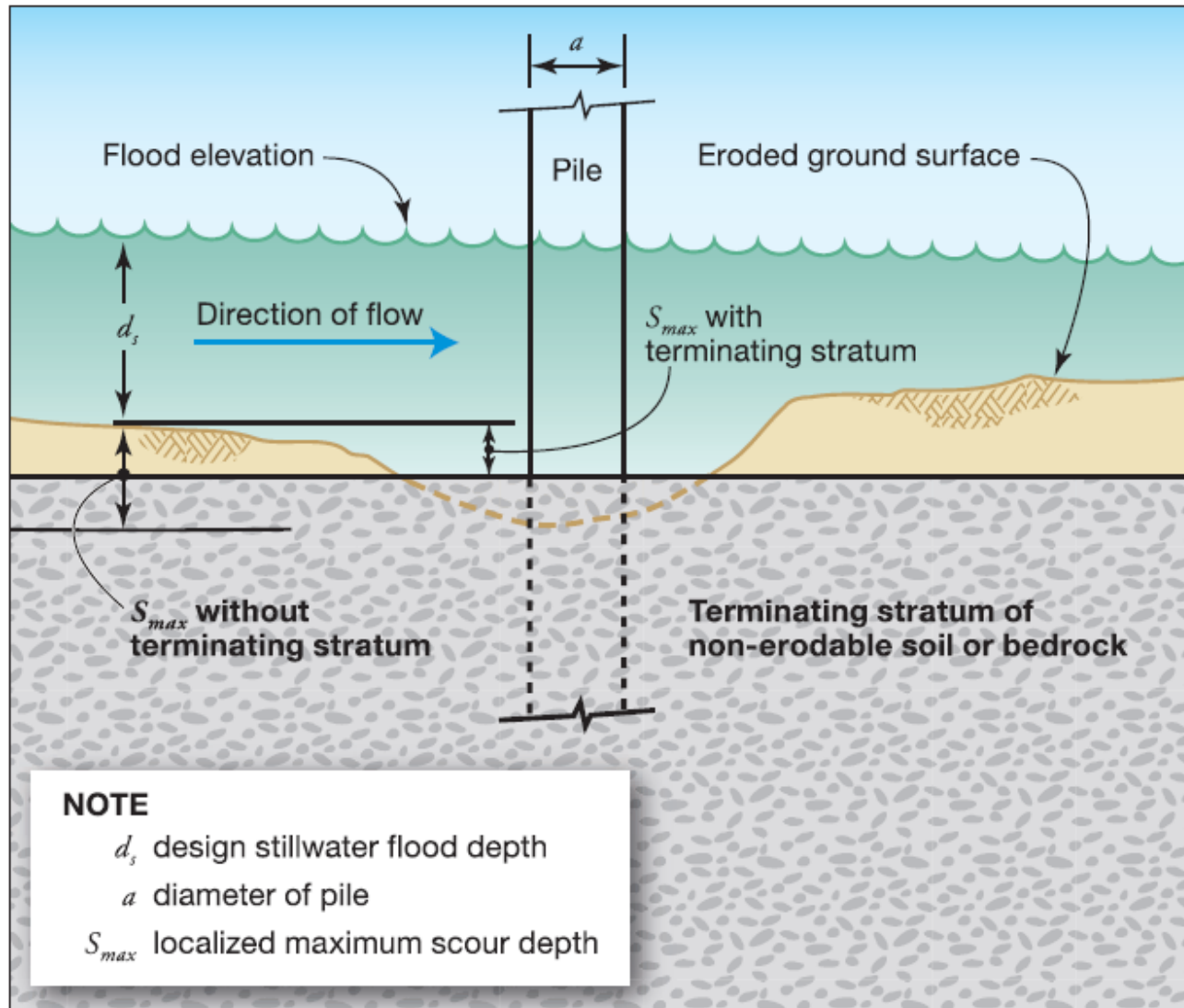


Localized Scour



Hurricane Ike, 2008, Bolivar Peninsula,
TX

Localized Scour



Localized Scour at Single Vertical Pile

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EQUATION 8.10. LOCALIZED SCOUR AROUND A SINGLE VERTICAL PILE

$$S_{\max} = 2.0a \quad (\text{Eq. 8.10})$$

where:

S_{\max} = maximum localized scour depth (ft)

a = diameter of a round foundation element or the maximum diagonal cross-section dimension for a rectangular element



**Hurricane
Ivan, 2004**



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Flood Damage to Buildings: Riverine and Coastal Zones

A Project Sponsored by the Insurance Commissioner Office of Puerto Rico

Participants in the Project

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Norberto Nadal, Jairo Agudelo, Víctor González: Grad. Students**



Introduction

- Flooding events can be categorized into several types:
 - **riverine floods**
 - **coastal floods** - storm surges, tsunamis
 - urban floods – improper drainage
 - dam/levee failures

- Flood actions can cause **direct damage to buildings** and even structural failure.





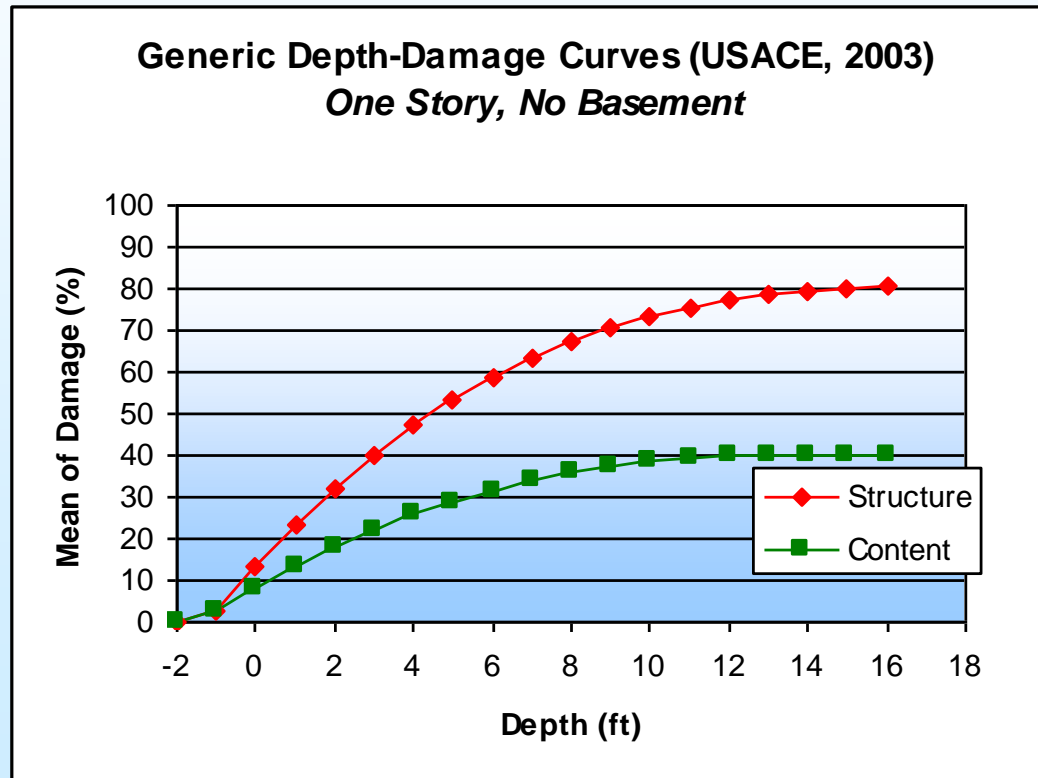
Problem Definition

- Traditional methodologies do not consider the direct effects of flooding hydrodynamics and source of hazard.



Flood Damage Estimation: Current Approach

- Example of traditional depth-damage curves

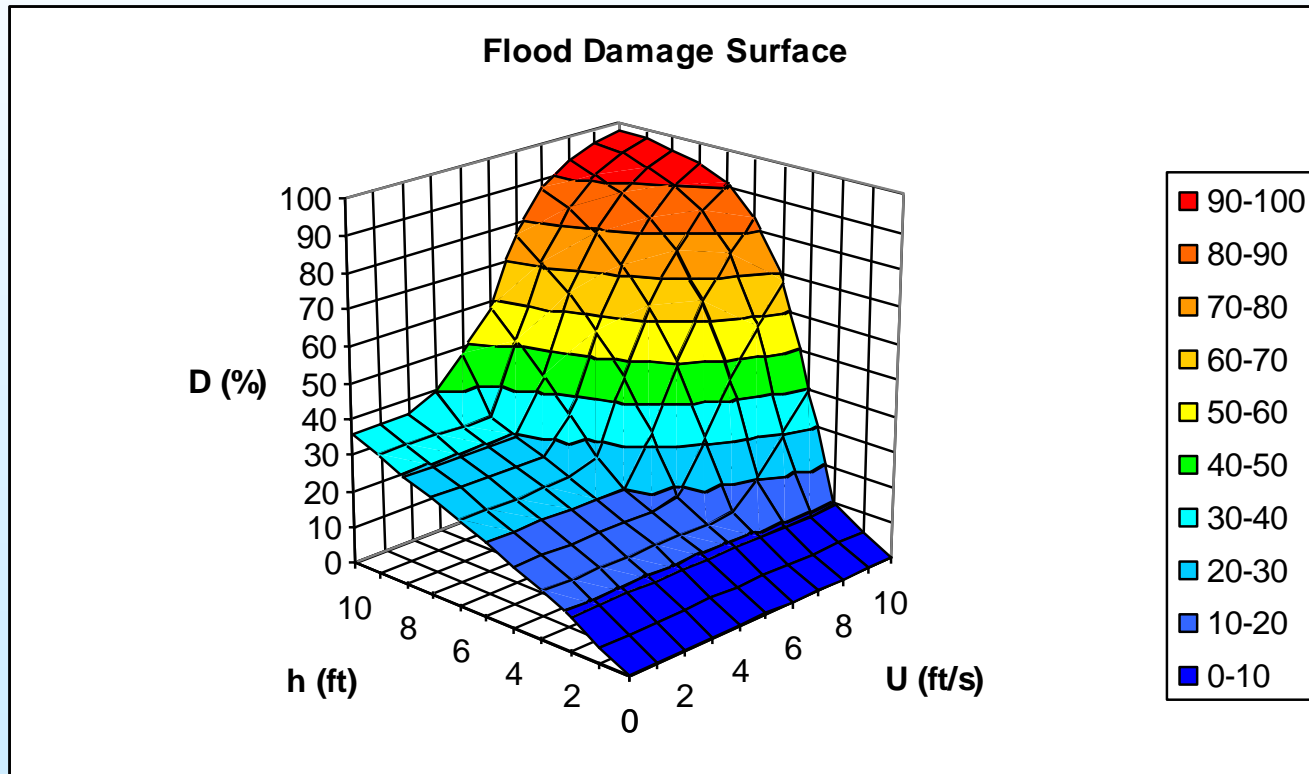


$$\text{Building Damage} = f(\text{Floodwater Depth})$$



Flood Damage Estimation: Studied Approach

- 3-Dimensional Surface: Depth-Velocity-Damage



$$\text{Building Damage} = f(\text{Floodwater Depth}, \text{Floodwater Velocity})$$



Objectives

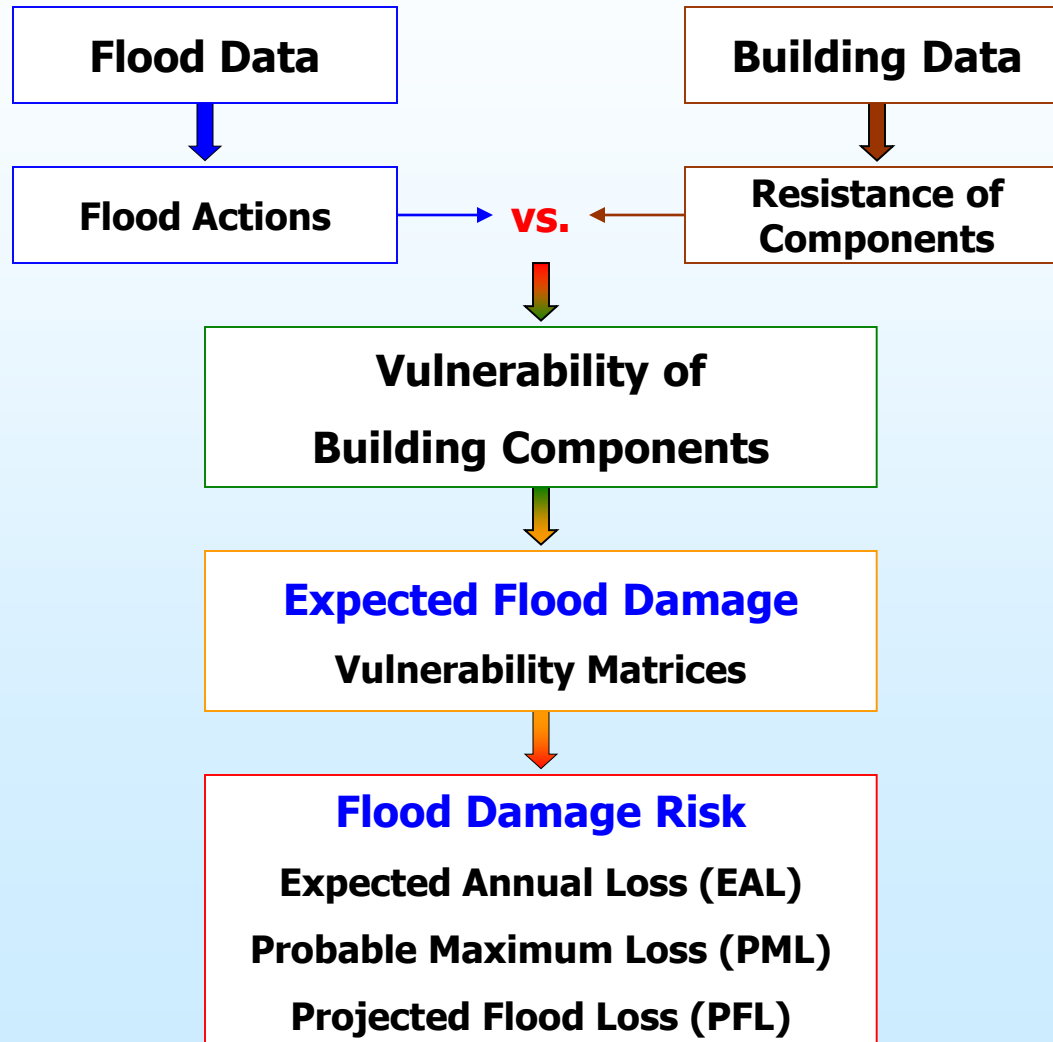
- **Evaluate the direct impact of floodwater actions** on buildings: **hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces, waves, debris impacts, and local soil scour.**

- Determine the **resistance of individual building components**, including: **reinforced-concrete frame, concrete-block walls, doors, and windows.**

- Assess **the vulnerability and flood damage risk** of buildings.
 - **EAL** – Expected Annual Loss
 - **PML** – Probable Maximum Loss
 - **PFL** – Projected Flood Loss

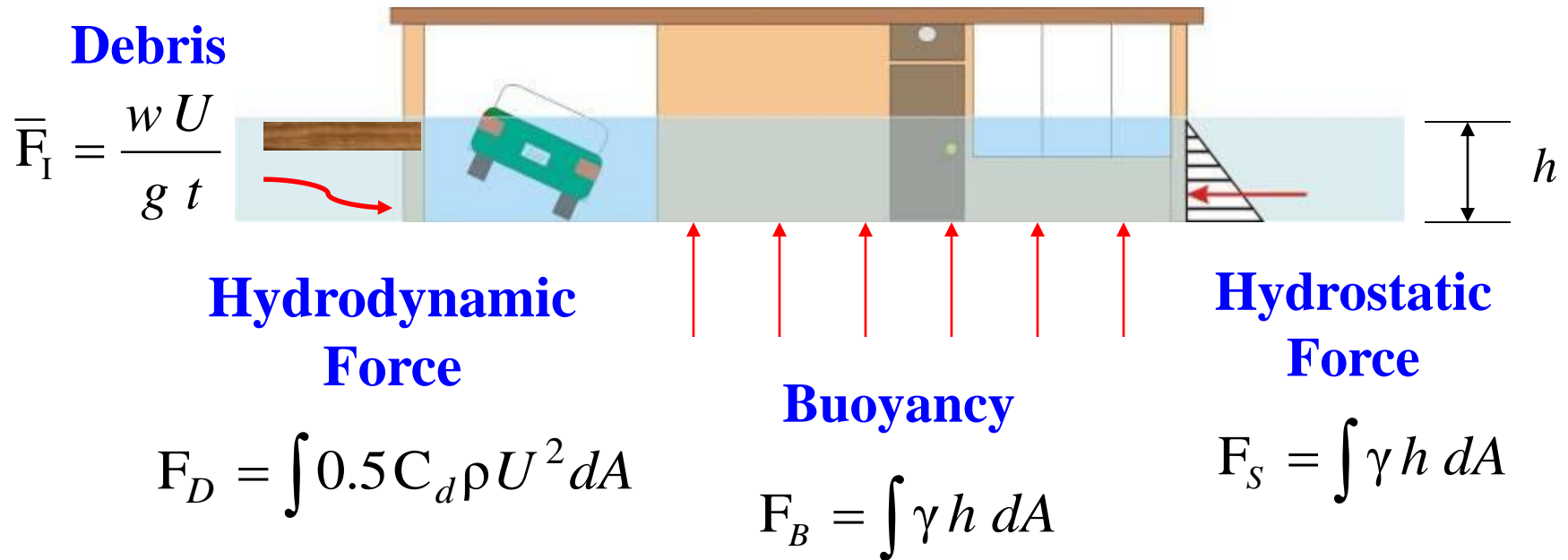


Conceptual Model





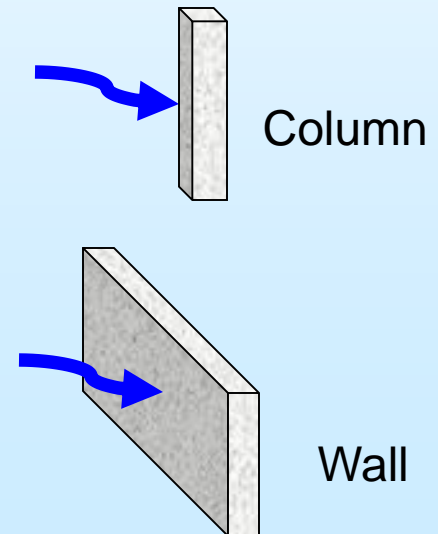
Riverine Floods – Flood Forces





Storm Surges

- Case 1: **Surging Flood:** *Hydrodynamic* (equal water level on both sides of the external walls)
- Case 2: **Breaking Waves:** *Hydrodynamic + Breaking Waves* (equal water level on both sides of the elements)





Storm Surges – Flood Forces

- **Surging Flood** (high-velocity currents)

$$F_s = \frac{1}{2} C_d \rho_s U^2 h b$$

- The velocity of the surge varies from (FEMA, 2000):

$$\frac{h}{t} \leq U \leq \sqrt{gh} \quad \text{where } t = 1 \text{ s}$$

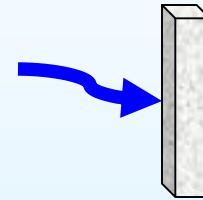


Storm Surges – Flood Forces (*cont.*)

- **Breaking Waves** on columns (FEMA, 2000)

$$F_W = 0.5 C_d \rho_S g D_c H_W^2$$

$$H_W \approx 0.78 h$$

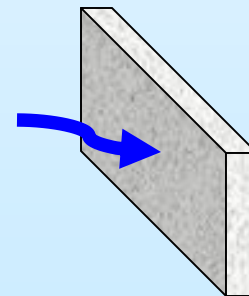


- **Breaking Waves** on walls (FEMA, 2000)

$$F_{W+s} = (1.1 C_p + 2.41) \rho_S g h^2 b$$

$$F_W = (1.1 C_p + 1.91) \rho_S g h^2 b$$

$$H_W \approx 1.2 h$$





Tsunamis

- Case 1: **Turbulent Bore:** *Hydrostatic + Hydrodynamic* (dry space inside the building)
- Case 2: **Tsunami Waves:** *Hydrostatic + Hydrodynamic + Breaking Waves* (dry space inside the building)





Tsunamis – Flood Forces

- **Turbulent Bores** (Broken Waves)

The forces induced by turbulent bores are modeled as those from **extreme-velocity currents** (Arnason, 2005).

$$F_T = \frac{1}{2} C_d \rho_s h U^2 b$$

$$\sqrt{gh} \leq U \leq 2\sqrt{gh}$$

- **Breaking Waves** – modeled as in the storm surge case



Special Cases

- **Debris Impact Forces:** considered in areas of potential debris flow hazard and where high velocity flows are likely
- **Buoyancy:** only a concern for lightweight buildings (i.e., wood, metal sheets) or improperly anchored buildings
- **Local Soil Scour:** considered whenever high velocity flows are likely

**Visit to New Orleans, Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina
(NSF-CMS Grant No. 0553986)**





Building Divisions for Damage Estimation

- Division 1: ***Reinforced-Concrete Frame***
- Division 2: ***Concrete-Block Walls***
- Division 3: ***Doors*** (single, double)
- Division 4: ***Windows***
- Division 5: ***Utilities & Finishes***



Estimated Flood Damage (EFD)

$$EFD = \int (D) d(BV)$$

$$EFD = \sum_{i=1}^5 (\text{Damage to Building Division}_i \times \text{Percentage of Building Value})$$

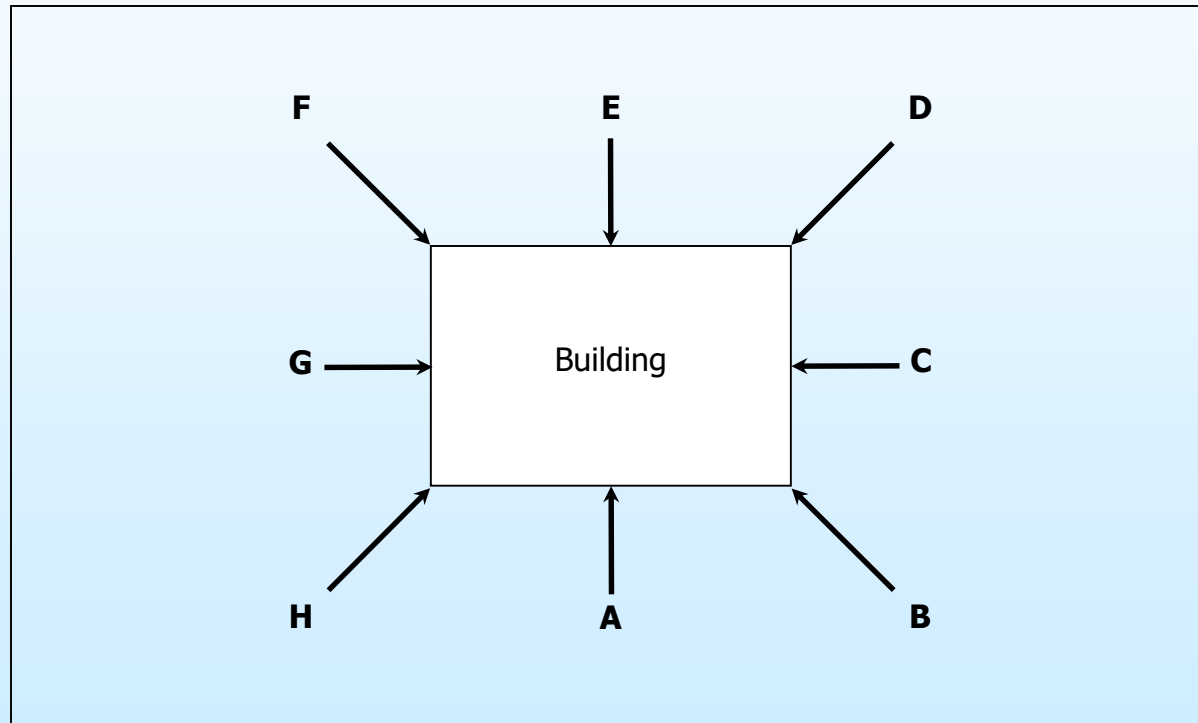
Building Division	Percentage of Building Value* <i>residential (commercial)</i>
Concrete Frame	35% (35%)
Block Walls	10% (5%)
Doors	5% (5%)
Windows	5% (5%)
Utilities & Finishes	45% (50%)

* Values for average buildings in Puerto Rico,
based on: Botero and Lluch, 2005; Botero, 2004.



Estimated Flood Damage (*cont.*)

■ Floodwater Flow Direction

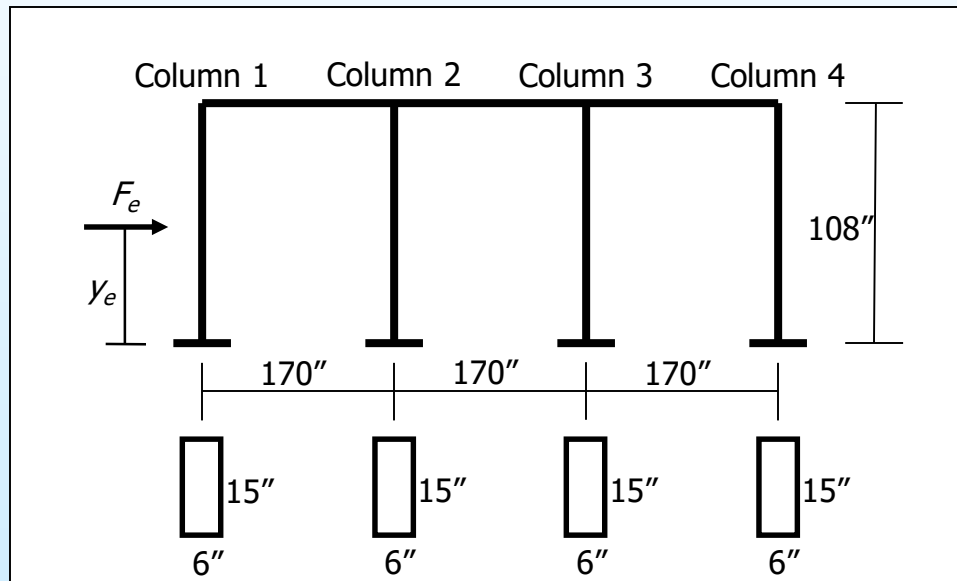


Damage to Building Division = f(Approach Angle)



Estimated Flood Damage (*cont.*)

■ Division 1: **Reinforced-Concrete Frame**

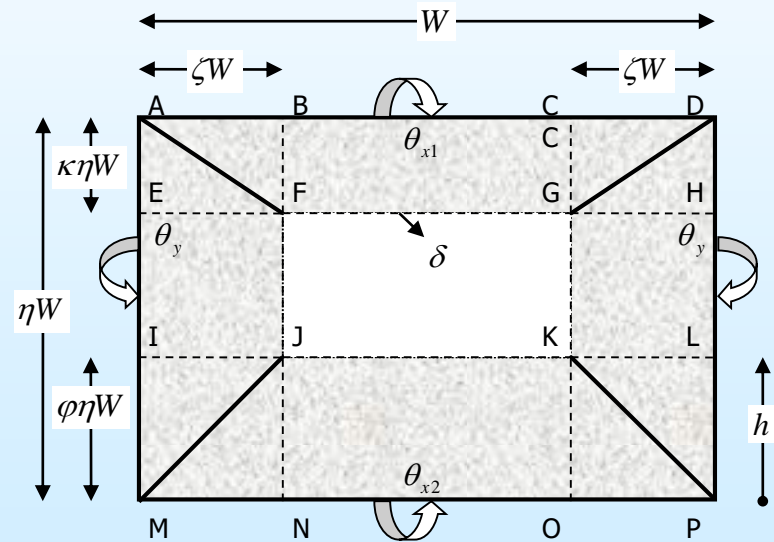
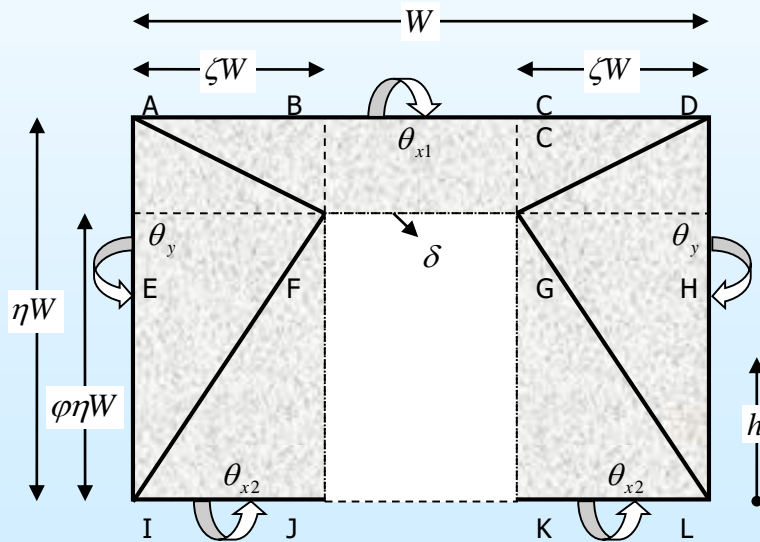


* shear force
* bending moment

$$\% \text{ Damage } Div_1 = \frac{\text{Number of Failed Columns}}{\text{Total Number of Columns}}$$

Yield Line Analysis (*cont.*)

- Yield line patterns: **with openings** (*doors & windows*)

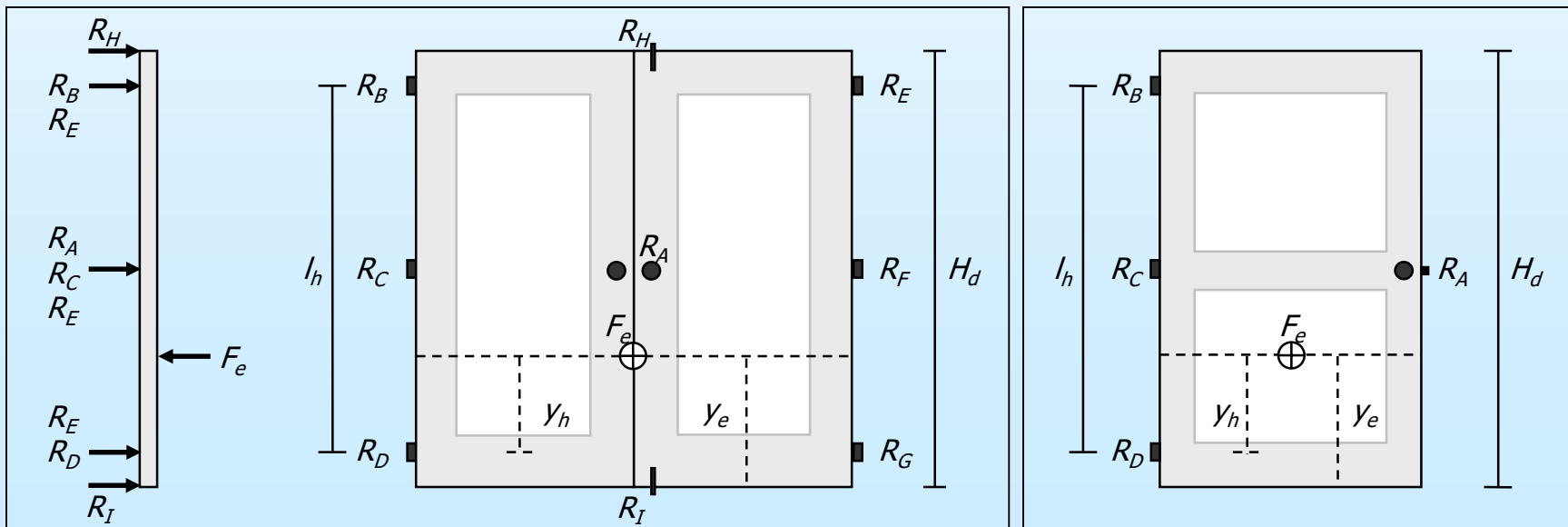




Estimated Flood Damage (*cont.*)

- Division 3: **Doors** (single, double)

$$\% \text{ Damage Div}_3 = \frac{\text{Number of Failed Doors}}{\text{Total Number of Doors}}$$

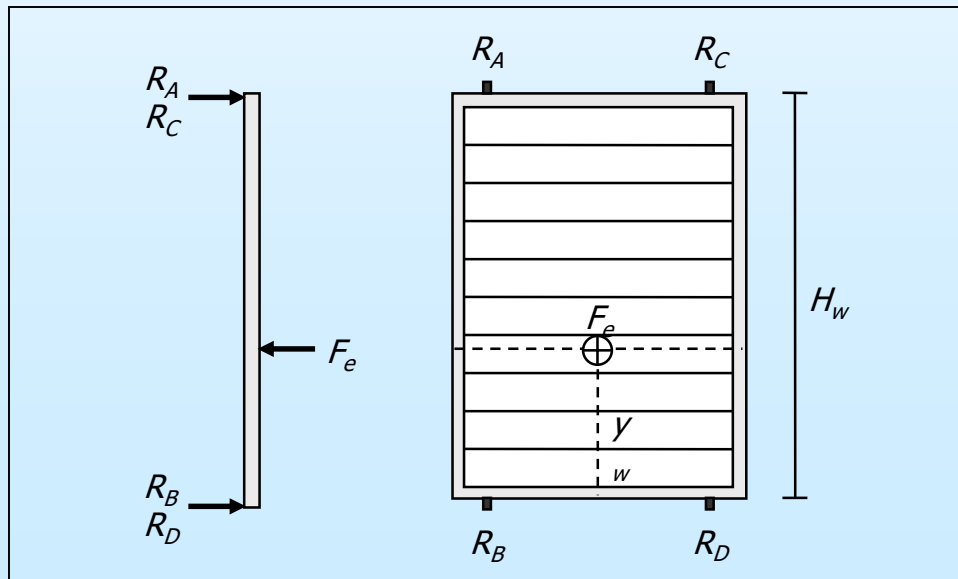




Estimated Flood Damage (*cont.*)

- Division 4: **Windows**

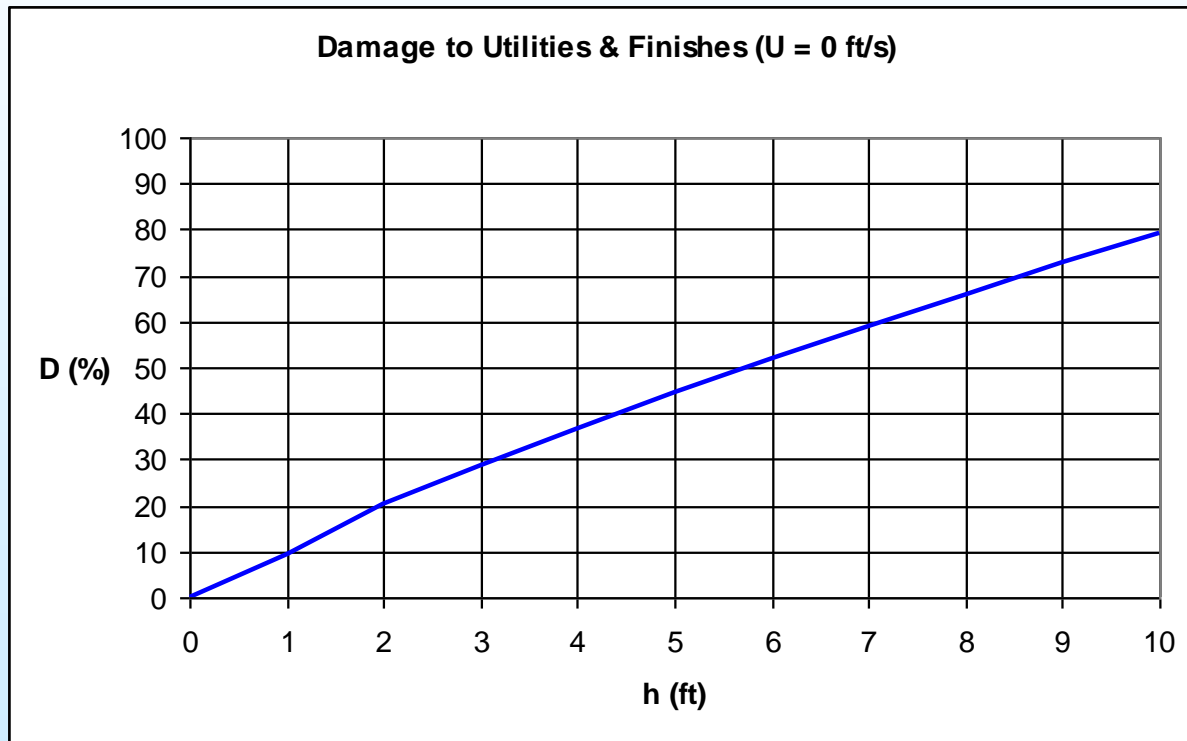
$$\% \text{ Damage } Div_4 = \frac{\text{Number of Failed Windows}}{\text{Total Number of Windows}}$$





Estimated Flood Damage (*cont.*)

- Division 5: ***Utilities & Finishes***



$$\% \text{ Damage } Div_5 = f(\text{floodwater depth})$$



Monte Carlo Simulation

- Generation of Synthetic Data** – 10,000 buildings

Based on the structural and geometric data obtained from 28 typical residential buildings in Puerto Rico.

Variable	PDF	Description
width of unsupported wall panels, W (ft)	uniform	$\epsilon = [5, 20] \Rightarrow e_\delta = 5 + \chi(20-5)$
height of unsupported wall panels, H (ft)	discreet	$P(H = 8) = 0.20, P(H = 9) = 0.65,$ $P(H = 10) = 0.05, P(H = 11) = 0.05,$ $P(H = 12) = 0.05$
thickness of concrete-block walls, t_w (ft)	discreet	$P(t_w = 0.5) = 1.0$
compressive strength of concrete, f'_c (psi)	discreet	$P(f'_c = 3000) = 1.0$

Example of building data (concrete-block walls) and the corresponding PDFs



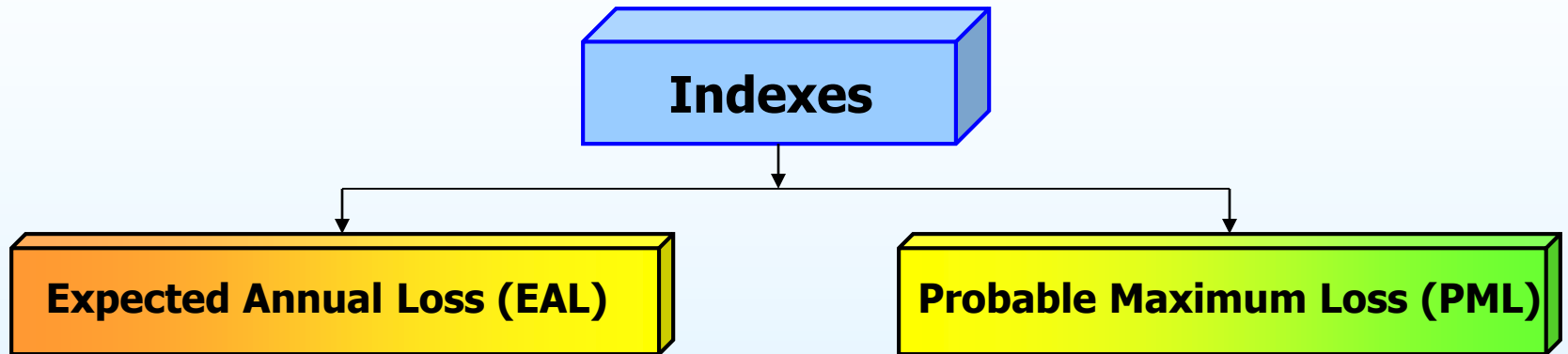
Flood Damage Risk

$$Risk = f (Hazard, Exposure, Vulnerability)$$

- **Hazard** = flood event including its exceedance probability
 - riverine flood, storm surge, tsunami*
 - $T_R = 10, 50, 100, 500, (1000)$ years
 - $P (X \geq x)$ 10%, 2%, 1%, 0.2%, 0.1% annually
- **Exposure** = buildings that are located at the affected area
 - location: in/out of flood-prone zone
 - floodwater depth and velocity
- **Vulnerability** = lack of resistance of the buildings to flood actions
 - building materials
 - structural integrity



Flood Damage Risk (*cont.*)



Average value of annual flood damages over the lifespan of a building (FEMA, 1986).

Expected value of the annual damage considering all possible floods (Maidment, 1999).

Risk Management:

Defined based on an annual exceedance probability.

(i.e., $T_R = 200\text{-yr}, 500\text{-yr}$)

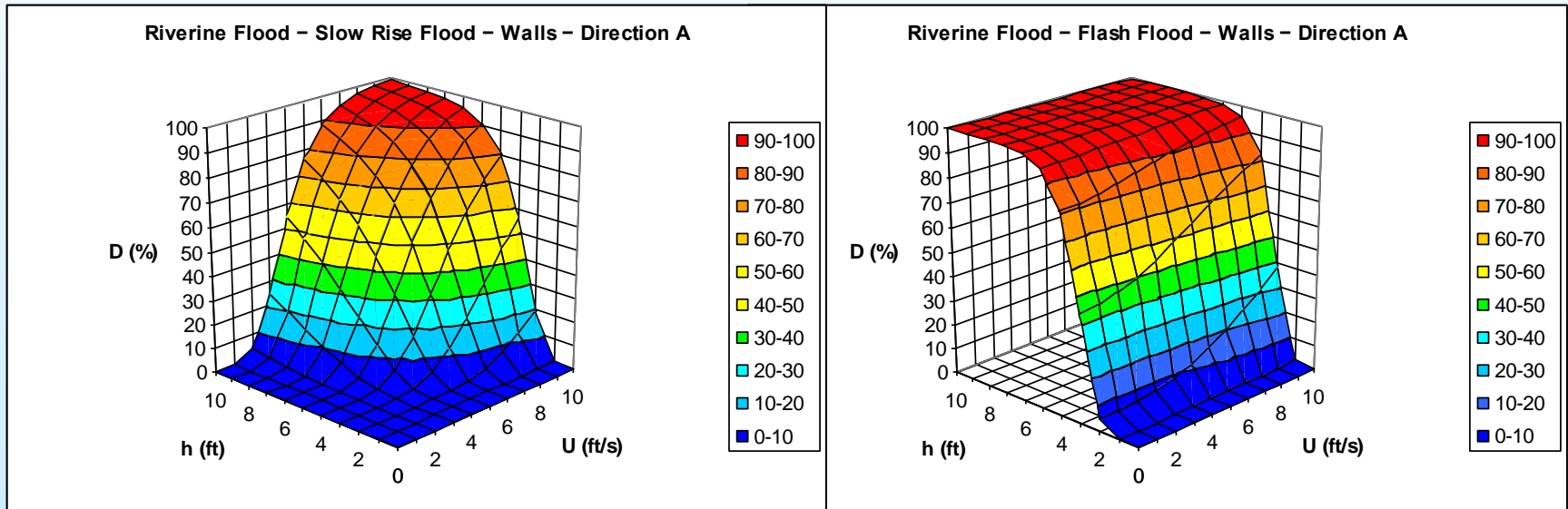
Insurance Industry:

Amount that no claim is likely to exceed. Protect against high losses and assure survival.



Results of the Current Study (*cont.*)

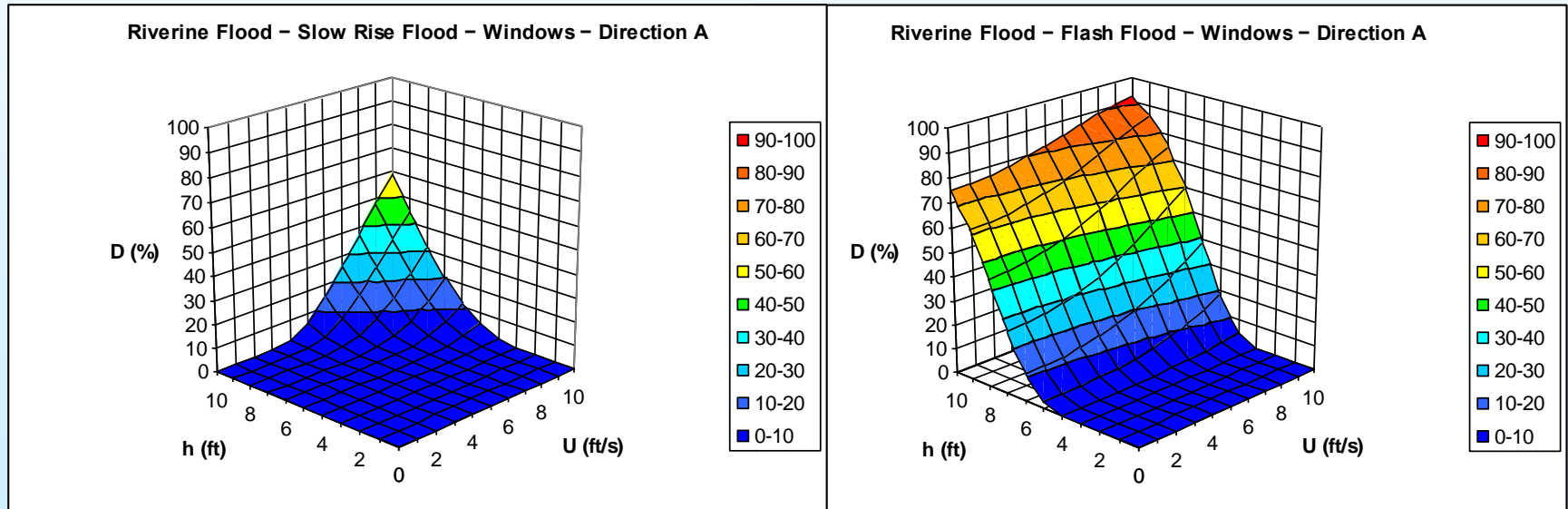
■ Concrete-Block Walls: Slow Rise Flood vs. Flash Flood





Results of the Current Study (*cont.*)

■ Windows: **Slow Rise Flood** vs. **Flash Flood**



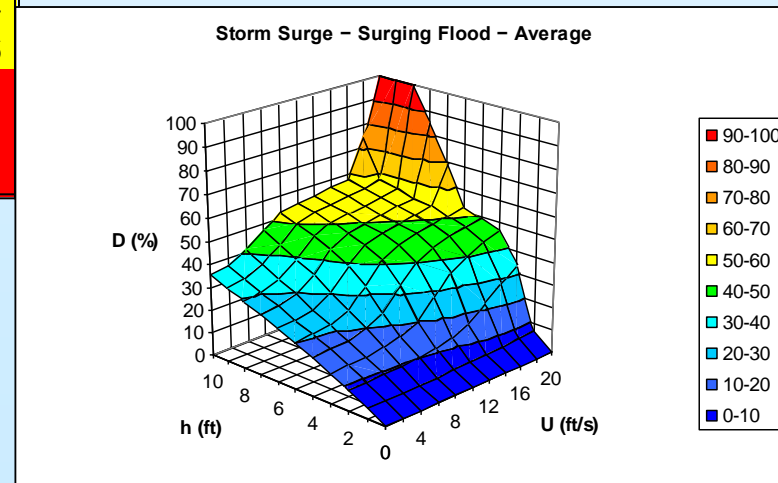


Results of the Current Study (*cont.*)

■ EFD - Storm Surges: *Surging Flood*

h (ft)	U (ft/s)										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.7	5.1	5.5	5.9	6.5
2	9.1	9.1	9.4	9.5	10.1	11.1	12.5	15.9	22.0	28.1	33.3
3	13.0	13.5	13.6	14.6	16.5	19.8	28.1	35.3	40.3	43.8	46.3
4	16.6	17.2	17.5	19.9	23.5	33.3	40.0	44.1	46.6	48.3	49.7
5	20.0	20.6	21.3	25.3	32.7	41.4	45.6	47.7	49.1	50.4	51.6
6	23.3	23.9	25.5	30.4	39.2	45.7	48.3	49.7	50.9	52.1	69.4
7	26.5	27.2	29.6	35.1	43.8	48.2	49.9	51.0	52.3	53.6	85.6
8	29.6	30.3	33.4	39.3	47.3	50.5	51.8	52.9	54.1	55.5	100
9	32.7	33.4	37.2	43.3	50.1	52.5	53.6	54.7	55.9	57.3	100
10	35.7	36.4	41.0	47.1	52.4	54.4	55.3	56.3	57.5	74.9	100

EFD=estimated flood damage



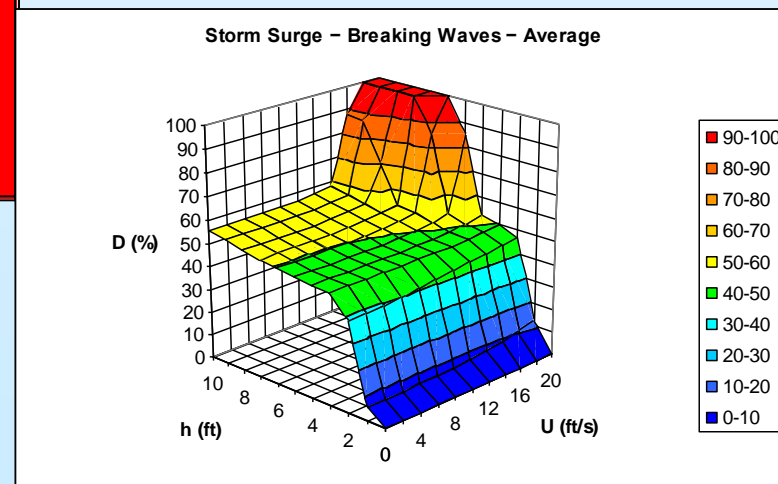


Results of the Current Study (*cont.*)

■ EFD - Storm Surges: *Breaking Waves*

h (ft)	U (ft/s)										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.9	7.5	8.8	10.7	12.9
2	38.4	38.6	39.1	39.8	40.7	41.7	42.7	43.7	44.6	45.5	46.3
3	47.6	47.7	47.7	47.7	47.8	47.9	48.0	48.2	48.5	49.0	49.7
4	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.2	48.4	48.8	49.4	50.2	51.1
5	48.7	48.7	48.7	48.7	48.8	49.0	49.4	50.1	51.0	52.0	85.5
6	49.9	49.9	49.9	49.9	50.0	50.3	50.9	51.7	52.8	85.6	100
7	50.8	50.8	50.8	50.8	50.9	51.3	52.0	53.0	54.2	100	100
8	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.5	52.9	53.7	54.7	70.2	100	100
9	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.1	54.5	55.3	56.3	87.1	100	100
10	55.7	55.7	55.7	55.7	55.8	56.2	56.9	57.9	87.8	100	100

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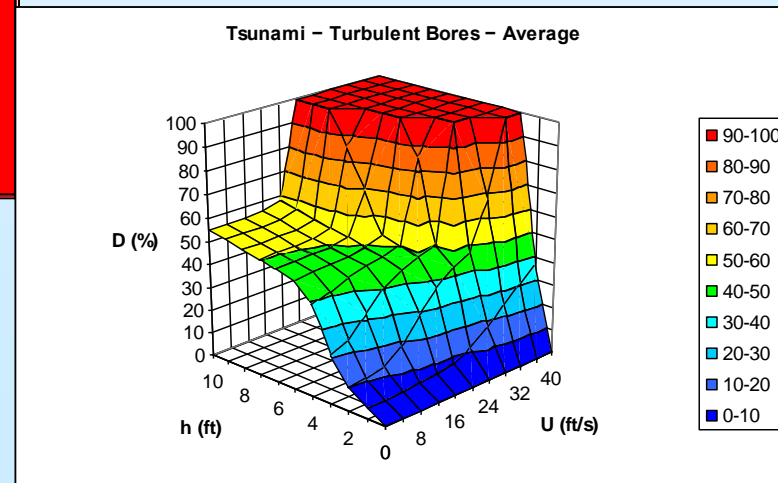


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■ EFD - Tsunamis: **Turbulent Bores**

h (ft)	U (ft/s)										
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	4.3	4.3	4.6	5.3	6.1	7.2	11.3	17.6	24.3	30.8	36.5
2	10.1	10.6	12.4	18.4	29.0	37.5	43.4	47.4	67.4	100	100
3	20.9	24.0	32.4	40.5	45.1	48.0	50.3	100	100	100	100
4	39.2	41.3	44.7	46.9	48.3	50.1	85.4	100	100	100	100
5	46.7	47.2	48.0	48.5	49.7	51.7	100	100	100	100	100
6	49.0	49.1	49.3	49.7	51.2	69.4	100	100	100	100	100
7	50.1	50.2	50.3	50.8	52.5	85.7	100	100	100	100	100
8	51.7	51.8	51.9	52.5	54.3	100	100	100	100	100	100
9	53.4	53.4	53.6	54.2	56.0	100	100	100	100	100	100
10	55.1	55.1	55.2	55.7	57.6	100	100	100	100	100	100

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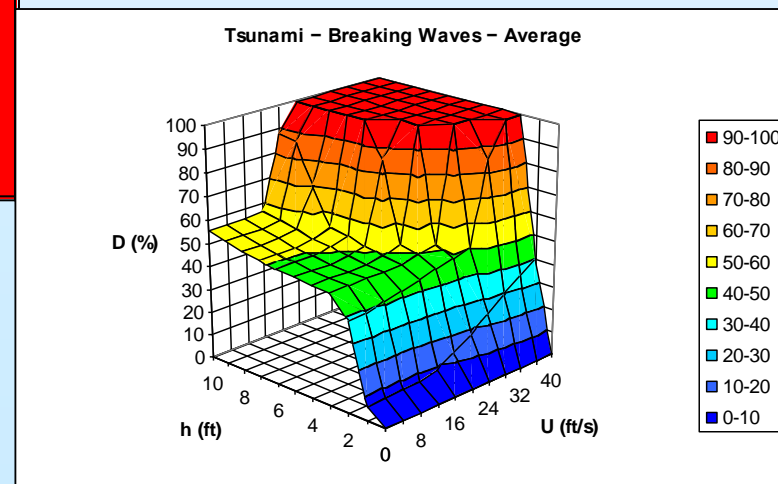


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■ EFD - Tsunamis: *Tsunami Waves*

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7	50.4	50.4	50.5	51.6	53.7	100	100	100	100	100	100
8	51.9	51.9	52.1	53.3	70.1	100	100	100	100	100	100
9	53.6	53.6	53.8	55.0	86.9	100	100	100	100	100	100
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EFD=estimated flood damage



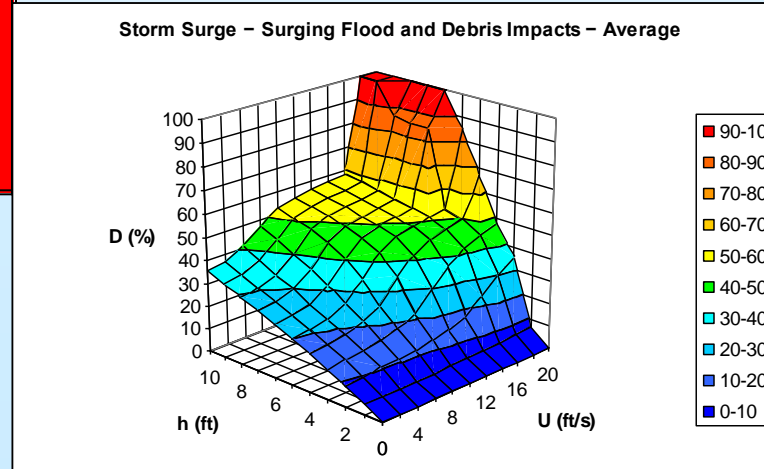
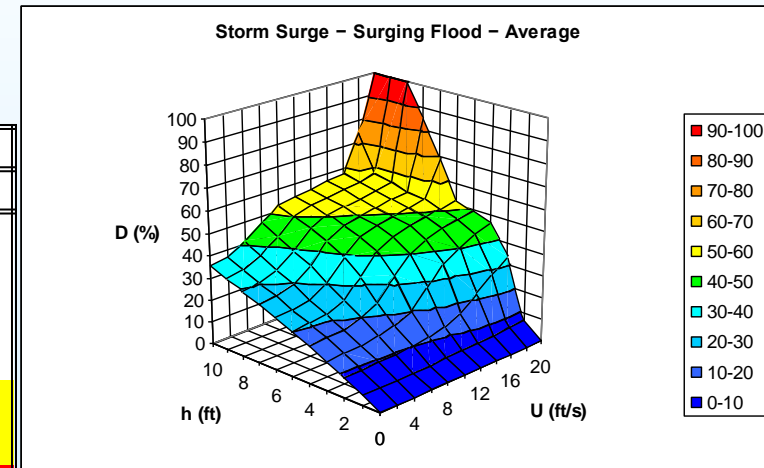


Results of the Current Study (cont.)

EFD - Special Cases: *Surging Flood* + *Debris Impacts*

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.7	5.1	5.5	5.9	6.5
2	9.1	9.5	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.7	14.2	17.6	23.7	29.8	35.0
3	13.0	13.9	14.7	16.0	18.0	21.4	29.8	37.0	42.0	45.4	47.8
4	16.6	17.4	18.4	21.3	25.0	34.9	41.7	45.8	48.2	49.8	67.5
5	20.0	20.8	22.1	26.6	34.1	43.0	47.2	49.3	50.6	51.7	85.3
6	23.3	24.0	26.1	31.4	40.4	47.1	49.8	51.1	52.2	85.3	100
7	26.5	27.2	30.0	35.9	44.9	49.4	51.2	52.3	53.5	85.5	100
8	29.6	30.3	33.7	39.9	48.2	51.5	52.9	54.1	55.3	86.3	100
9	32.7	33.4	37.4	43.7	50.7	53.3	54.6	55.7	57.0	100	100
10	35.7	36.4	41.1	47.3	52.9	55.0	56.2	57.3	58.5	100	100

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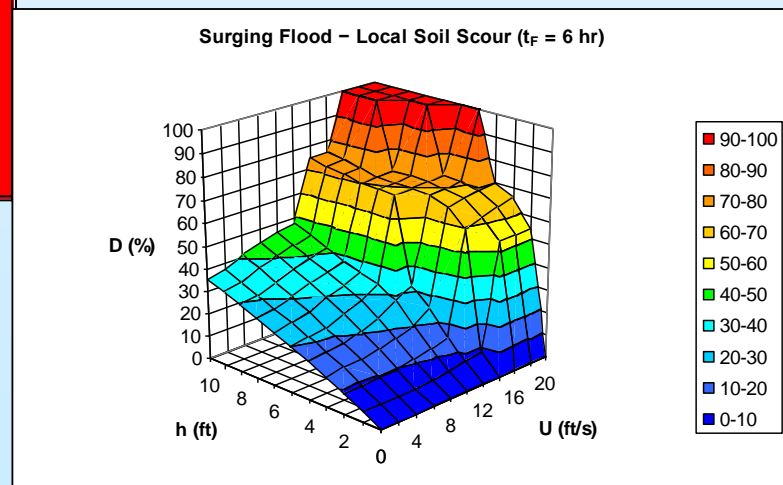
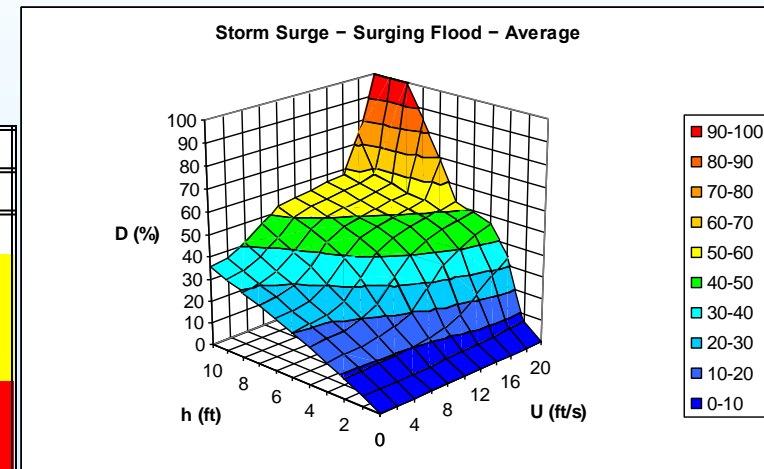


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■ EFD - Special Cases: *Surging Flood* + *Local Soil Scour*

h (ft)	U (ft/s)										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.7	5.7	6.9	8.0	54.0	54.2	54.5
2	9.1	9.1	9.6	9.8	10.8	12.6	14.8	59.2	62.0	64.2	66.0
3	13.0	14.1	14.1	15.3	17.3	20.3	25.3	66.7	68.2	69.2	69.8
4	16.6	17.8	18.1	20.6	23.4	28.2	31.7	69.2	69.9	70.4	100
5	20.0	21.3	21.9	25.4	28.4	32.7	69.3	70.0	70.4	70.7	100
6	23.3	24.6	26.2	29.7	32.4	35.6	69.8	70.2	70.6	100	100
7	26.5	27.8	30.4	33.6	36.0	37.8	70.0	70.4	70.9	100	100
8	29.6	30.9	34.0	37.2	39.4	41.2	71.4	71.9	100	100	100
9	32.7	34.0	37.5	40.7	42.6	44.4	73.1	73.7	100	100	100
10	35.7	37.1	41.0	44.0	45.8	47.6	74.8	75.3	100	100	100

EFD=estimated flood damage





Application Example (*cont.*)

■ Storm Surge – ***Flood Damage Risk***

	<i>Surging Floods</i>	<i>Breaking Waves</i>
■ EAL	2.16%	4.87%
■ PML ₅₀₀	33.2%	51.6%
■ PFL ₁₀	14.5%	31.8%
■ PFL ₃₀	24.2%	47.0%
■ PFL ₅₀	25.9%	49.1%

■ Tsunamis

■ PML _{MOM}	100%	100%
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