

CHAPTER 27

On Wave Deformation After Breaking

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ABSTRACT

Waves will dissipate their energy rapidly after breaking. In this paper, the three factors, (i) formation of a horizontal roller, (ii) bottom friction, and (iii) turbulence with air entrainment, which will contribute to the energy dissipation, are dealt with experimentally and theoretically.

The horizontal roller formed by a plunging breaker is approximated as a Rankine-type vortex by experiments, and it is calculated that 15%-30% of wave energy is dissipated due to the formation of horizontal roller alone from a breaking point to a point of the roller disappearance.

A bottom shear stress due to a breaker is measured by the shear meter devised by the authors and it is clarified that the energy dissipation due to bottom friction is a little.

Main part of the energy dissipation is taken to be caused by the turbulence with air entrainment. It is indicated that an incident monochromatic wave is transformed into a higher frequency wave due to the turbulence. Furthermore, a new basic equation for breaking waves with a turbulence term expressed by a Reynolds stress is presented. The theoretical curves computed numerically have a consistent agreement with the experimental results.

1 INTRODUCTION

Phenomenon of wave breaking and wave deformation after breaking has been a matter of great interest to coastal engineers as well as investigations in the hydrodynamic field. Therefore, so far, in the experimental and theoretical approaches, numerous investigations have been done to clarify the mechanism of wave deformation in a surf zone.

In the theoretical treatments, many investigations have assumed model waves such as solitary wave and bore with some appropriate assumptions that waves have their critical heights as progressive waves, etc. However, these theoretical works could not explain sufficiently the mechanism of wave deformation after breaking. In the experimental investigations various studies have been carried out mainly on a sloping beach model. There necessarily exist, in the sloping beach model, return flow, wave set-up and set-down, wave shoaling and wave reflection. Since these factors interact very complicatedly, the important characteristics of turbulence caused by wave breaking, can not be clarified in details. Mason (1951) already pointed out the necessity of experimental investigations on a horizontal bottom. Galvin (1969) carried out some experiments on a composite slope consisted of an approach ramp with a 1/15 slope leading up to a horizontal surface and showed facts about the characteristics at the breaking point. But the mechanism of wave deformation after breaking was not discussed.

As above mentioned, these foregoing investigations seem to be unable to clarify the mechanism of wave deformation or wave energy dissipation in a surf zone. Thus, the application of a more special experimental method to reveal the characteristics of turbulence itself or a more reasonable theoretical treatment will be required.

The present paper is to clarify the mechanism of wave deformation and energy dissipation in experimental and theoretical treatments.

2 BEHAVIOR OF WAVES AFTER BREAKING

2-1 Equipment and Procedure

Experiments were conducted to clarify such hydrodynamic behaviors of waves at a breaking point and after breaking as breaker types, scale of splash and horizontal roller, wave height attenuation, etc., by using an indoor wave tank in 0.7m width, 0.95m height and 30m length. At one end of the tank was installed a flap-type wave generator which was controlled by an electric dynamic shaker and could generate waves.

in different periods and amplitudes. At the other end of the tank, a horizontal bottom was installed and connected to the channel bottom with a slope of 1/18 as shown in Fig -1. In this horizontal bottom, there are no return flow and shoaling effect as observed in a sloping beach. Therefore, turbulence itself caused by breaking can be deduced. Wave heights were measured by resistance-type wave gauges. A wave height in deep water, H_0 , is calculated by the small-amplitude wave theory (Wiegel, 1964) from a measured wave height in front of the wave generator. For each experimental run, by using a high speed cine-camera (100-200 frames/sec), the breaking region was filmed through a grid on glass walls of the channel with the camera axis kept at the still water level. From these films, the scale of the horizontal roller, the domain of the roller existence, the scale of splash and the region of air entrainment in the breaker were decided. To obtain the movement of water particles in the breaker, particles of a mixture of xylene and carbontetrachloride with zinc oxide for coloring, with a specific gravity corresponding to that of the water, were introduced in the surf zone. Point to point movement of the particles was then recorded on films, from which each particle velocity was obtained by superposition of projected film frames to give a distance and a time interval of movement. Wave heights in the breaking zone was estimated as ten-wave averages from wave gauge recorders comparing with film analyses. The incident waves were forced to break themselves on a horizontal bottom or just at the corner between the elevated horizontal bed and the sloping bed. The test program is shown in Table-1.

2-2 Experimental Results

Breaker type and breaker height
 A breaker is classified into a plunging breaker and a spilling breaker as shown in Fig -2. But a surging breaker (or a collapsing breaker) occurring in a sloping beach is not observed in this case. Therefore, the surging breaker is a particular breaking pattern in a sloping beach. The transient region between the two breaker types is given as follows:

$$H_0 / h_b = 0.72 \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Fig -3 shows the relation between wave steepness, H_0/L_0 , and the ratio, H_b/h_b , of breaker height H_b and water depth h_b . It is recognized that H_b/h_b becomes larger as H_0/L_0 is larger and that H_b/h_b for a plunging breaker is larger than that for a spilling breaker.

Characteristics of turbulence after breaking

The pattern of wave deformation after breaking is clearly different between a plunging breaker and a spilling breaker. In case of the plunging breaker, as shown in Fig -4(a), there exist a horizontal roller and a splash. The horizontal roller draws air bubble deep into the water body and the air bubble rises rapidly upwards as the roller disappears. On the other hand, in case of the spilling breaker, as shown in Fig -4(b), keeping the symmetry of wave forms at the crest, a white cap is observed at the cusped-crest and the air entrainment is limited on the wave front face. In Fig -4, the origin of X is just a breaking point and X_0, X_V, X_C and X_A indicate a point where a wave crest touches down the water, a roller disappears, a splash touches down the water and air bubble disappears from the water body, respectively. Fig -5 shows the relation of $X_0/L, X_V/L, X_C/L, X_A/L$ and H_0/L_0 , where L is the wave length at the depth of h calculated by the small-amplitude wave theory (Wiegel, 1964). It is recognized that the relation of $X_0/L \leq X_V/L \leq X_C/L \leq X_A/L$ is established and that X_A/L is largely affected by h/L_0 and H_0/L_0 . Judging from Fig -3, X_A/L for a

h	H_0	T_0	H_0/L_0
7 cm	3.5 ~ 11.5 cm	0.8, 1.0, 1.2 sec	0.016 ~ 0.115
11 cm	6.0 ~ 12.0 cm	0.8, 1.0, 1.2 sec	0.031 ~ 0.105
14 cm	7.5 ~ 13.5 cm	0.8, 1.0, 1.2 sec	0.033 ~ 0.105

Table - 1. Test program

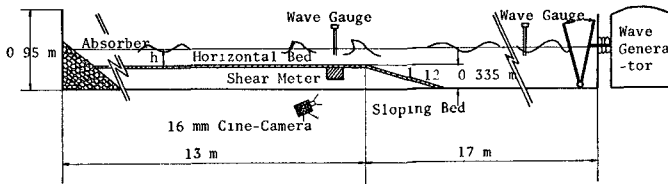


Fig. - 1 Laboratory installation

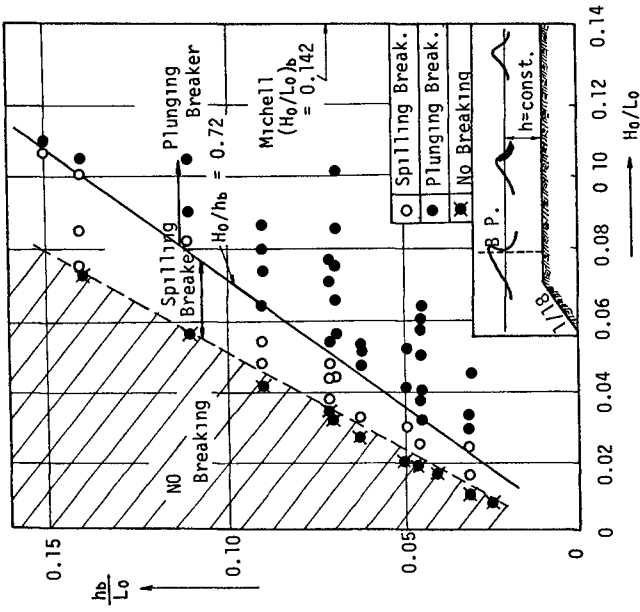


Fig.-2. Breaking pattern and breaking criteria.

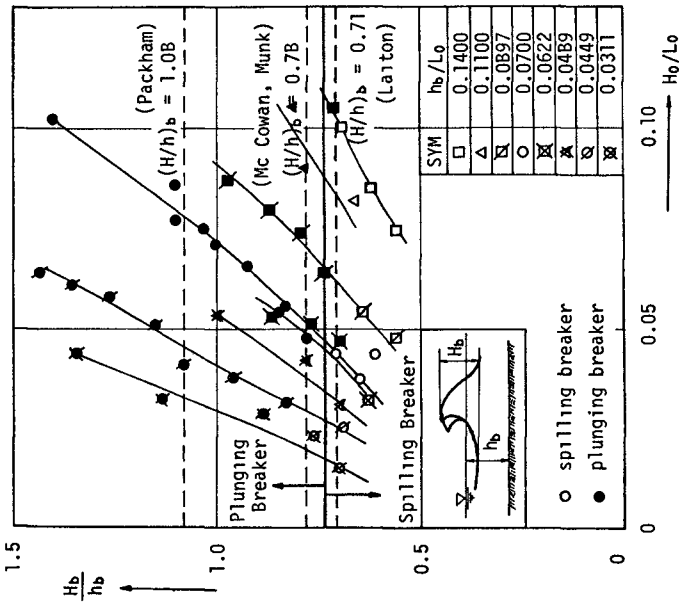


Fig.- 3. Breaker height .

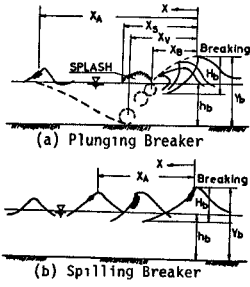


Fig.-4 Sketch of characteristics of wave breaking pattern.

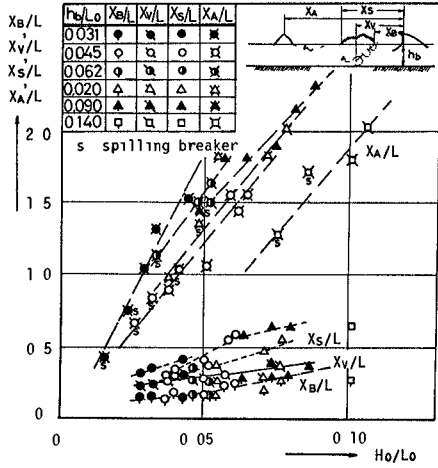


Fig - 5 Relation among $X_B/L, X_V/L, X_S/L, X_A/L$ and H_0/L_0

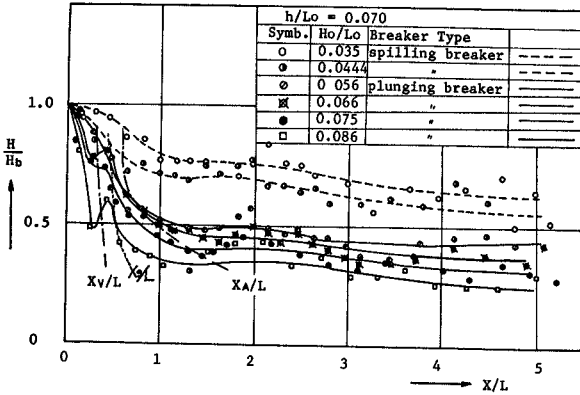


Fig.-6. Wave height attenuations after breaking ($h/L_0=0.070$)

plunging breaker is recognized to be larger than that for a spilling breaker Fig -6 shows a wave height attenuation after breaking. It is made clear that the degree of wave height attenuation becomes larger as H_0/L_0 is larger and that it is closely connected to the turbulence of breaking waves That is, the wave height attenuation for $X/L \leq X_v/L$ is larger than that for $X/L \geq X_v/L$. In case of a plunging breaker, the wave height attenuation is the largest for $X/L \leq X_v/L$, which indicates that some of the energy is transmitted into the kinematic energy of the horizontal roller

3 EFFECT OF HORIZONTAL ROLLER ON WAVE ENERGY DISSIPATION

The hydrodynamic characteristics of the roller were made clear by the above-mentioned experiments in Section 2 As shown in Fig -7, the distribution of the angular velocity of the roller is approximated as a Rankine type vortex so that the angular velocity can take a maximum value at $r = r_0$. In the experiments, r_0 is nearly equal to $0.44H_0$ as shown in Fig -8

Now, consider the effect of the horizontal roller on wave energy dissipation The kinematic energy, E_r , of this roller is defined as follows (Hino,1971)

$$E_r = \frac{1}{4} \rho \pi (q_0 r_0)^2 (1 + 4 \ln(a/r_0)) \quad (2)$$

where q_0 = angular velocity at $r=r_0$, ρ = water density

If the breaking wave energy E_0 is assumed to be expressed as the same expression as before breaking, the energy dissipation from the breaking point to the point of the roller disappearance, E_L , is given as follows

$$E_L = \frac{1}{8} \rho g (H_b^2 - H_v^2) L \quad (3)$$

where H_v = wave height at a point of the roller disappearance Therefore, the rate of energy transmitted to this roller, \mathcal{E}_r , is given in Eq (4)

$$\mathcal{E}_r = \frac{E_r}{E_L} = \frac{2\pi (q_0 r_0)^2 (1 + 4 \ln(a/r_0))}{g L (H_b^2 - H_v^2)} \quad (4)$$

Now, putting the relation of $r_0 = 0.44H_0$ into Eq (4), the following expression is obtained

$$\mathcal{E}_r = \frac{1.216 q_0^2 (1 + 4 \ln(a/r_0))}{g L (1 - (H_v/H_b)^2)} \quad (5)$$

Fig -9 shows the theoretical values of Eq (5) and the experimental results The theoretical values show that \mathcal{E}_r takes a larger value as q_0^2/gL becomes larger and a/r_0 becomes larger The experimental results indicate that 15% - 30% of the energy dissipation of wave is transmitted to the kinematic energy of the roller. Therefore, it is concluded that the most of the energy will be dissipated by the other factors such as bottom friction, splash and turbulence with air entrainment, etc

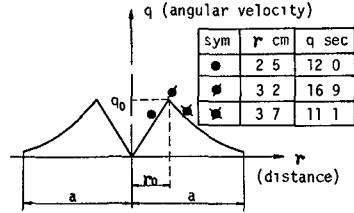


Fig -7 Distribution of an angular velocity of horizontal roller

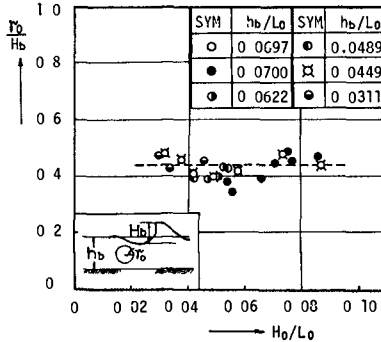


Fig -8 Relation between r_0/H_b and H_0/L_0 .

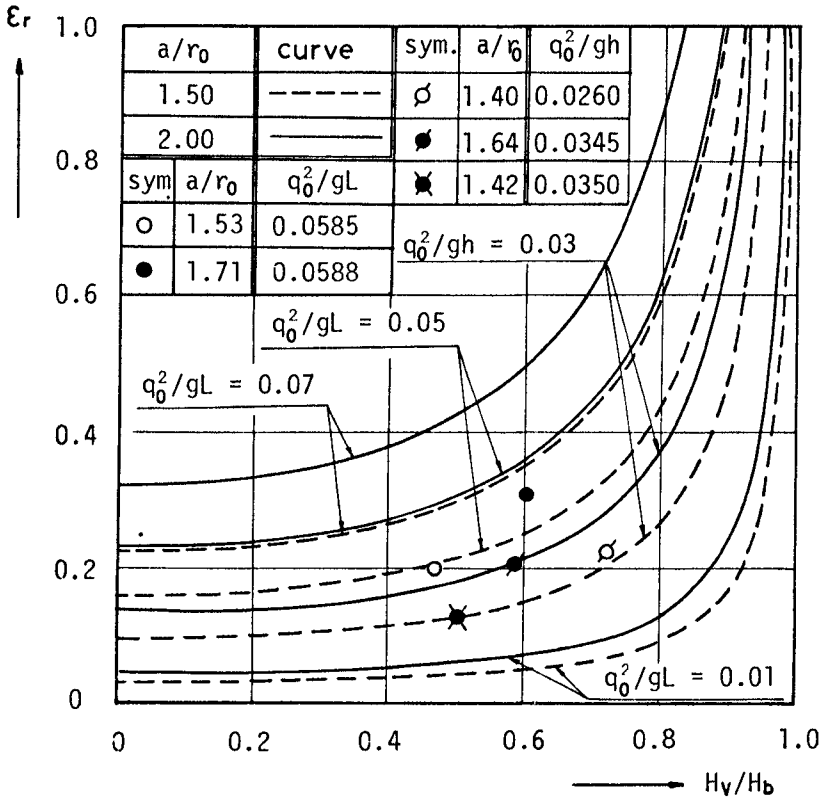


Fig.-9. Relation between ϵ_r and H_V/H_b .

4 EFFECT OF BOTTOM FRICTION ON WAVE ENERGY DISSIPATION

4-1 Equipment and Procedure

A bottom shear stress due to wave motion was measured by the shear meter devised by the authors. A schematic view of the shear meter is shown in Fig -10. A small raised channel was set transversely from wall to wall of the frame below the shear plate. To prevent flow through gaps under the plate, the channel was filled with mercury until its meniscus touched the underside of the shear plate as Eagleson (1962) already devised. If the flow under the shear plate is not stopped, the pressure gradient is different between above and below the shear plate, which causes a force acting in the opposite direction to the original wave force.

A shear force acting on the shear plate is measured by converting the force into a moment of the supporting shaft. The shear plate is subjected to a force due to wave pressure gradient in addition to the shear force. Therefore, the force due to the pressure gradient is calculated from the pressure difference measured by pressure measuring tubes. Before measuring bottom friction force due to breaking waves, the shear meter was checked under various laminar conditions, and it is recognized that the results coincide well with the theoretical values as shown in Table-2, in which theoretical values are calculated by using the theory of Iwagaki-Tuchiya-Chin (1965).

4-2 Experimental Results

Fig -11 shows time profiles of a bottom shear stress and a wave, and it indicates that the time profiles of the shear stress due to a plunging breaker is very asymmetric as compared with those in the case of a spilling breaker. Fig-12 shows change of non-dimensional maximum bottom shear stresses which act in the wave propagation direction and its opposite direction for the two type of breakers. In Fig -12, X is a distance from a breaking point and the dotted lines express the shear stress estimated by the smooth laminar boundary layer theory(Iwagaki- Tuchiya-Chin,1965)given as follows

$$\frac{\bar{\tau}_b \max}{\rho g H} = \frac{\sqrt{2\nu}}{g \sinh(kh)} \left(\frac{\pi}{T} \right)^{3/2}, \quad \text{----- (5)}$$

where, ν = kinematic fluid viscosity, $\bar{\tau}_b \max$ = maximum bottom shear stress, $k=2\pi/L$, ρ = fluid density and H =wave height at the depth of h .

From this figure, it will be pointed out that the maximum bottom shear stresses in the region for $X \leq X_A$ are considerably larger than those in the region for $X > X_A$. Therefore, it is made clear that the bottom shear stresses become larger due to the turbulence with air entrainment. As shown in Fig -11, the time profiles of the bottom shear stresses are very asymmetric, and then the coefficient of the bottom friction used earlier can not be applied. Then, the newly defined bottom friction coefficient, \hat{C}_f , is used in this study, which is defined as follows

$$\hat{C}_f = \frac{1}{2\pi} (\theta_c \hat{C}_{fc} + \theta_t \hat{C}_{ft}) \quad , \quad \text{----- (6)}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{C}_{fc} &= 2 \left| \bar{\tau}_{bc} \right| / \left| \bar{u}_{bc} \right|^2 \quad , \quad \hat{C}_{ft} = 2 \left| \bar{\tau}_{bt} \right| / \left| \bar{u}_{bt} \right|^2 \\ \theta_c + \theta_t &= 2\pi \end{aligned} \right\} \text{----- (7)}$$

where θ = phase, \bar{u}_{bc} = horizontal bottom particle velocity moving toward wave propagation direction, \bar{u}_{bt} = horizontal bottom particle velocity moving toward anti-wave propagation direction, $\bar{\tau}_{bc}$ = bottom shear stress acting toward wave propagation direction, $\bar{\tau}_{bt}$ = bottom shear stress acting anti-wave propagation direction, and the sign, — indicates mean value about the time.

Fig -13 indicates the change of \hat{C}_f as waves propagate, from which \hat{C}_f is recognized to have no clear characteristics as waves propagate. Fig -14 shows the relation among \hat{C}_f , \hat{C}_{fc} , \hat{C}_{ft} and Reynolds number Re ($= \bar{u}_b \cdot T / \nu$). It is shown that \hat{C}_f , \hat{C}_{fc} , \hat{C}_{ft} become larger as Re is smaller. But, the experimental values are generally larger than the theoretical value, $\hat{C}_f = 4.5 R_0^{-2}$ based on the smooth laminar boundary layer theory(Iwagaki-Tuchiya-Chin,1965).

The coefficient of bottom friction, f , already used in the fields observations is defined as follows(Putnam-Johnson,1949).

$$f = \tau_{b \max} / \rho U_{b \max}^2 \quad (8)$$

where $\tau_{b \max}$ = maximum bottom shear stress, $U_{b \max}$ = maximum horizontal particle velocity at the bottom
 Fig-15 shows the relation between f and Reynolds number $R_{\tau} (= U_{b \max} \tau_{b \max} / \rho \nu)$, in which the straight line indicates the theoretical values based on the smooth laminar boundary layer theory. The experimental values after breaking indicate 2 - 4 times larger than the theoretical value, $f = 2.08 R_{\tau}^{-0.2}$ (Iwagaki-kakinuma-miyai, 1965)

Now, the energy dissipation due to bottom friction is discussed. The mean energy loss, E_{fb} , due to the bottom friction per unit area is calculated by the following equation

$$E_{fb} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \bar{U}_b \bar{\tau}_b dt \quad (9)$$

where \bar{U}_b and $\bar{\tau}_b$ are a mean value of horizontal particle velocity and a shear stress at the bottom in the region of the same sign under wave motion, respectively. On the other hand, the following relation is derived by the energy balance for a wave

$$\frac{d}{dx} (C_g E) = E_{fb} + E_{ft} \quad (10)$$

where C_g = group velocity of wave, E = wave energy, and E_{ft} = mean energy loss due to some other causes than the bottom friction

If E and C_g satisfy Eq (11), the ratio, \mathcal{E} , of energy loss due to the bottom friction to the total energy loss for dx is represented by Eq. (12) as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{8} \rho g H^2 \\ C_g &= C \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{E_{fb}}{\frac{d}{dx} (C_g E)} = \frac{4 \int_0^T \bar{\tau}_b \bar{U}_b dt}{g H \cdot T \cdot C \cdot (dH/dx)} \quad (12)$$

Using the experimental values for wave height attenuation and shear stresses, \mathcal{E} is calculated by Eq (12) as shown in Table-3. From this calculation, it is clear that the energy loss due to the bottom friction is quite small, that is, while a wave propagate to the distance about the twice wave length, the rate of the energy loss due to the bottom friction takes 9% of the total energy at most.

After all, it is concluded that the energy dissipation due to a horizontal roller and bottom friction is a little. Therefore, the authors have to admit that the turbulence with air entrainment is the most important factor for a wave decay after breaking.

h (cm)	28 (water temperature = 8°C)							
T (sec)	0.8		1.0			1.2		
h/L ₀	0.28		0.179			0.124		
H (cm)	0.4	1.25	1.0	1.16	1.56	0.66	1.19	1.57
(F _b max)ex (gr)	0.260	0.920	0.690	0.868	1.130	0.521	1.137	1.389
(τ _b max)ex (gr/cm ²)	0.164	0.572	0.454	0.570	0.743	0.354	0.723	0.944
(τ _b max)theo. (gr/cm ²)	0.176	0.500	0.500	0.520	0.780	0.376	0.678	0.895
(τ _b max)ex / (τ _b max)theo.	0.942	1.140	0.910	0.982	0.953	0.942	1.070	1.050

Table -2. Comparison of measured shear stresses with theoretical values under laminar boundary condition (ex =experiment, and theo =theory)

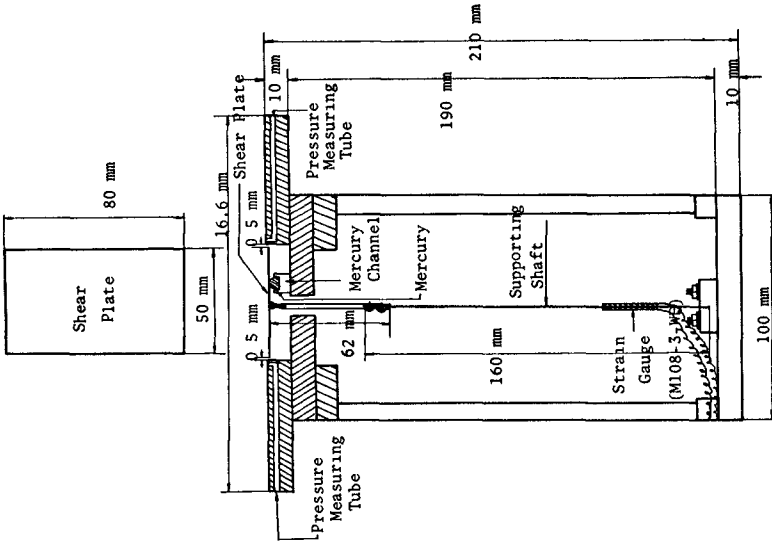


Fig.-10. Schematic view of the shear meter.

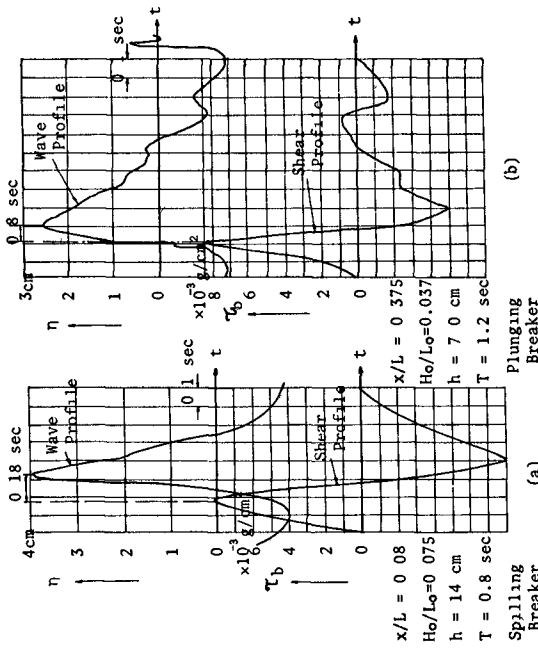


Fig.-11. Time-histories of shear stresses and waves.

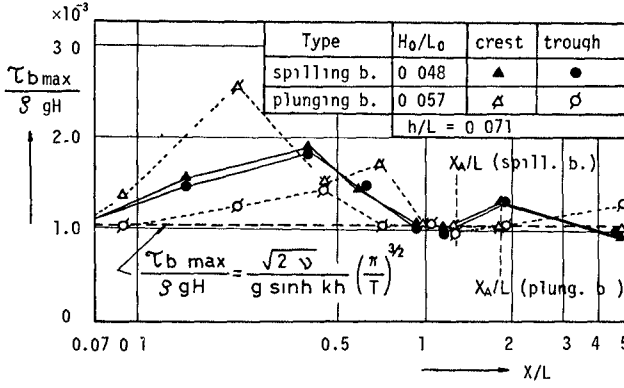


Fig.-12. An example of relations between $\tau_{b \max}/\rho g H$ and X/L

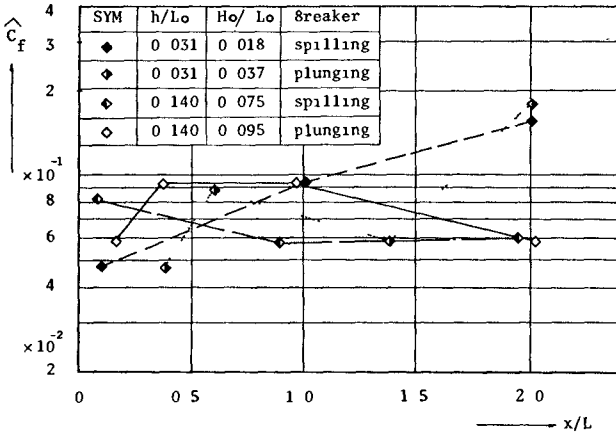


Fig.-13. Change of the coefficient, \hat{C}_f as wave propagates

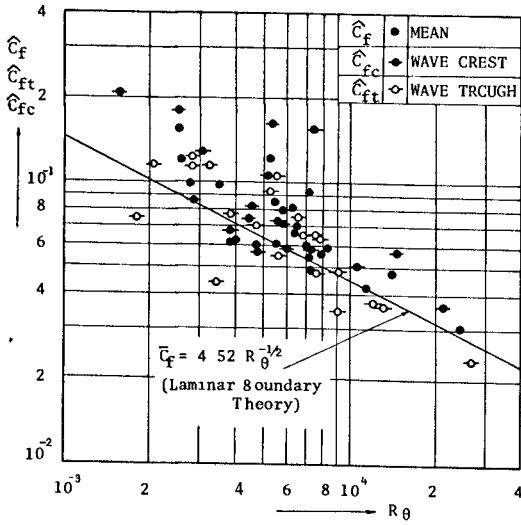


Fig -14. Relation among $\hat{c}_f, \hat{c}_{ft}, \hat{c}_{fc}$ and R_θ .

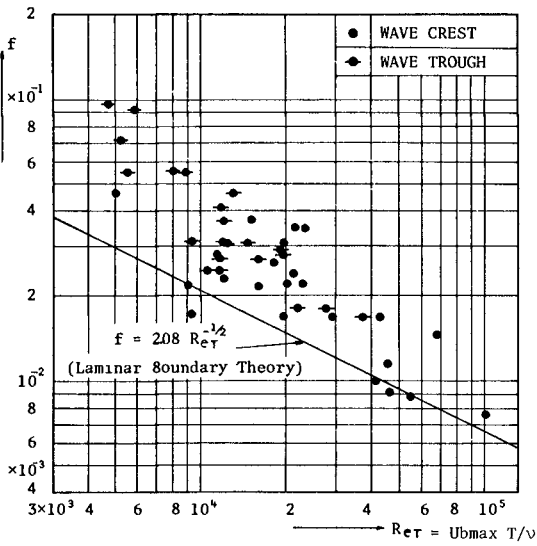


Fig.-15. Relation between f and Re_T .

RUN	h cm	T sec	H _b cm	H cm	x/L	C _d /√gh	εx10 ²	Breaker
5	7	1.2	5.0	4.4	0.25	1.07	0.8	spilling
"	"	"	"	2.7	1.40	0.97	4.0	"
"	"	"	"	2.6	2.10	0.94	8.9	"
6	7	1.2	8.0	5.0	0.30	1.07	0.6	plunging
"	"	"	"	3.2	1.50	1.14	4.2	"
"	"	"	"	2.7	2.20	1.03	5.5	"
13	14	0.8	6.3	5.4	0.85	0.87	1.7	spilling
"	"	"	"	4.9	1.30	0.99	2.2	"
"	"	"	"	4.6	2.00	0.94	7.7	"
14	14	0.8	9.5	5.4	0.95	0.94	1.0	plunging
"	"	"	"	5.0	1.30	0.99	1.9	"
"	"	"	"	4.7	2.05	0.94	2.6	"

Table -3 Calculated results of ε

5. EFFECT OF TURBULENCE ON WAVE ENERGY DISSIPATION

5-1 Fourier Analysis of Wave Profile

It is necessary to measure an accurate time-history of water particle velocity in order to clarify the characteristics of turbulence. It will be impossible on account of a lack of precise measuring instruments. Since a wave profile is thought to be as an expression of turbulence after breaking, it will be expected that some features of turbulence can be deduced by analysing wave profiles. The authors adopt Fourier analysis as one method, which can deduce characteristics of frequencies of a wave.

Wave profiles were recorded by a magnetic-tape with sample time was 16 sec, and data were cut discretely at each 1/30 sec interval. The Fourier analysis was carried out by FFT method (Cooley-Tukey, 1965).

Figs.-16 - 18 show changes of wave height spectra as waves propagate. At the breaking point, the wave is composed of harmonic frequencies against the monochromatic frequency of incident waves and immediately after breaking wave heights of the harmonic frequency waves become larger than those of the monochromatic incident waves. As shown in Fig -19, however, the higher frequency waves disappear in a short time as the wave propagate after breaking. In the case of h/L=0.0311, as shown in Fig -17 and-18, the incident waves are transformed into higher frequency waves, such as twice or three times frequency waves of the incident waves, regardless of breaker types in the distance of three times the wave length from the breaking point. But, in the case of h/L=0.140 (see Fig -16), the above-mentioned fact can not be observed. This means that the relative water depth, h/L, plays an important role to transform a wave into a higher frequency wave rather than the breaking pattern, although this mechanism is not yet clear.

5-2. Basic Equation for Breaking Wave

The mechanism of transformation of the monochromatic incident waves into higher frequency waves is very complicated. Therefore, the authors avoid a direct discussion of this mechanism and only discuss a wave height attenuation by using the following turbulence model,

Two-dimensional Navier-Stokes equation with turbulence terms is given as follows (Ishihara-Homma, 1957)

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} &= - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \mu \nabla^2 U + \left(\frac{\partial^2 P_{xx}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P_{zx}}{\partial z^2} \right) \\
 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} &= -g - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \mu \nabla^2 V + \left(\frac{\partial^2 P_{zx}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P_{zz}}{\partial z^2} \right)
 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{-----} (13)$$

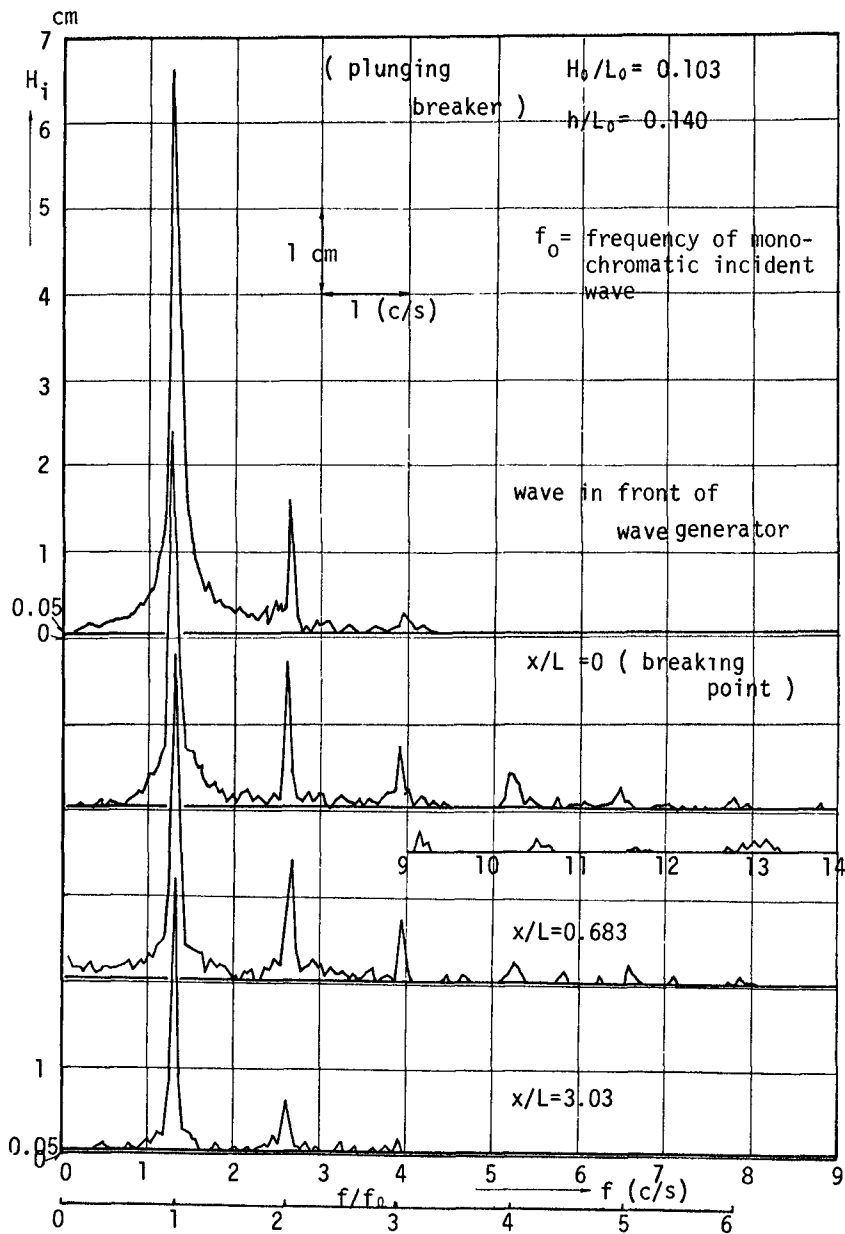


Fig.-16. Change of wave height spectrum. ($h/L_0=0.140$)

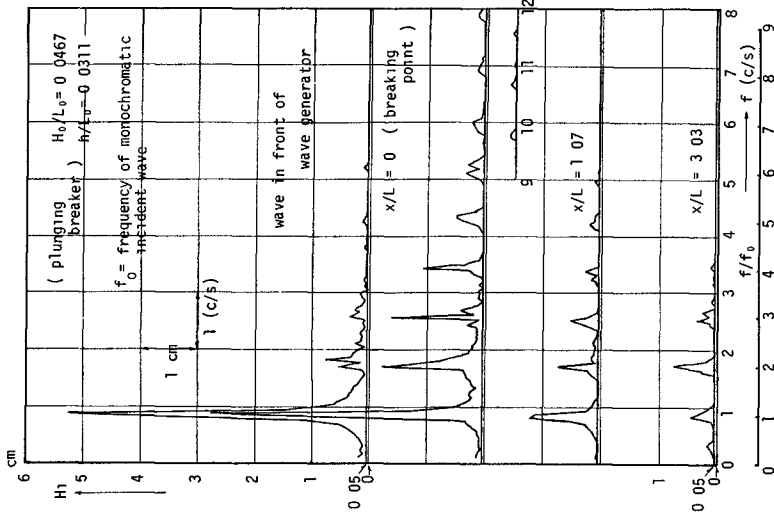


Fig -17 Change of wave height spectrum ($h/L_0=0.0311$)

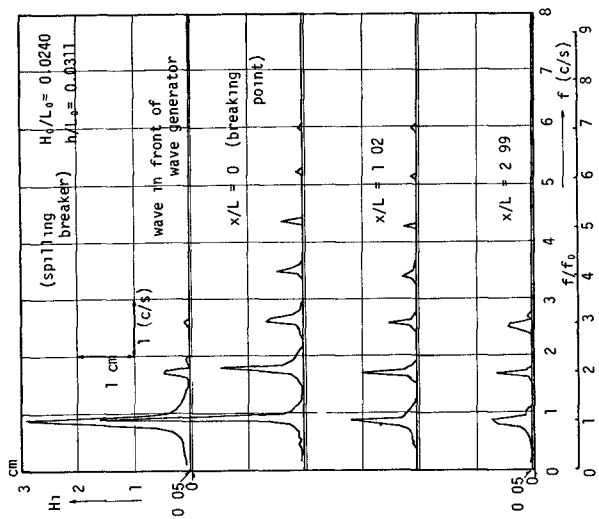


Fig -18 Change of wave height spectrum ($h/L_0=0.0311$)

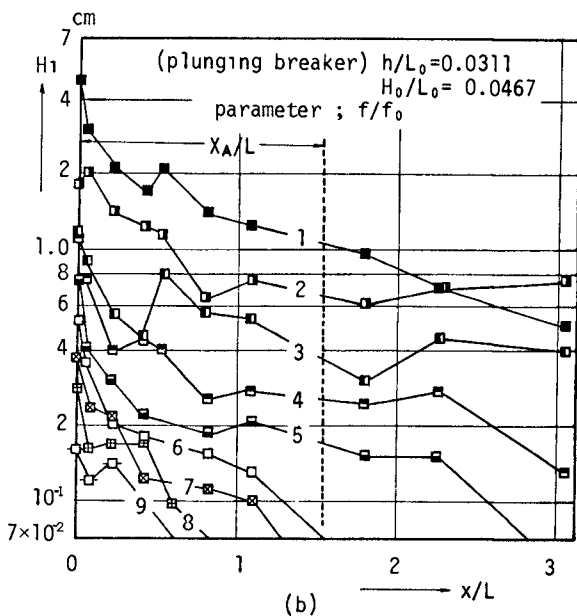
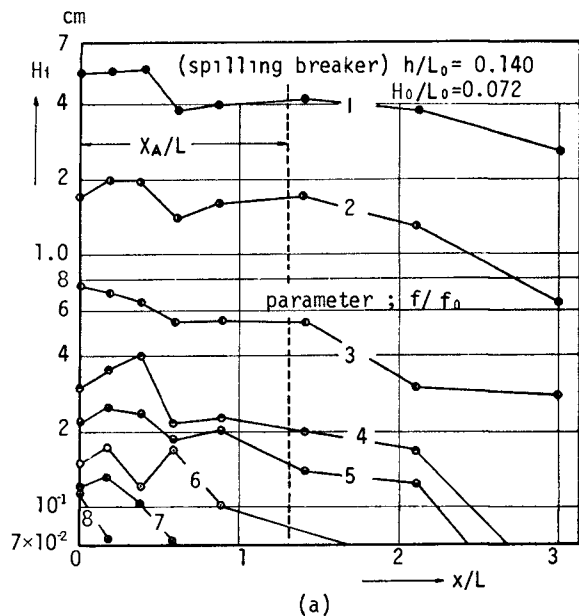


Fig.-19. Attenuation of wave heights of harmonic frequency waves as waves propagate.

where, P_{xx}, P_{zx} and P_{zz} = Reynolds stresses, $\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$, μ = coefficient of fluid viscosity, g = gravity acceleration, t = time coordinate, p = pressure, V_z^2 = vertical velocity of a water particle, U = horizontal velocity of a water particle, x = horizontal coordinate and z = vertical coordinate with the origin at the bottom

On the assumptions that (i) $DV/Dt=0$, (ii) terms due to molecular viscosity are considerably small as compared with terms due to Reynolds stress, (iii) $(0(\partial P_{xx}/\partial x) \text{ and } 0(\partial P_{zx}/\partial x)) \gg (0(\partial P_{zz}/\partial z) \text{ and } 0(\partial P_{zx}/\partial z))$, Eq (13) is transformed into the following equation

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (P_{xx} + P_{zx}) = 0 \quad \text{----- (14)}$$

where η = wave profile

Assuming that P_{xx} and P_{zx} are able to be represented by the equation(15), the equation(14) is transformed into Eq.(16) as follows

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P_{xx}' &= L_x^2 \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) \left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right| \propto - L_x^2 \left(\frac{U}{h} \right)^2 \\ P_{zx} &= L_z^2 \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \right) \left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \right| \propto - L_z^2 \left(\frac{U}{h} \right)^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{----- (15)}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (K(\eta + h)^2 \left(\frac{U}{h} \right)^2) = 0 \quad \text{----- (16)}$$

in which L_x and L_z = mixing length and $L_x^2 + L_z^2 = K (h + \eta)^2$ is assumed, where K is defined as the coefficient of turbulence intensity.

Therefore, the basic equations for a breaking wave are given as follows

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (K (h + \eta)^2 \left(\frac{U}{h} \right)^2) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (U (h + \eta)) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{----- (17)}$$

and from the law of mass conservation

Now, change the variables as follows

$$X^* = x/h, \quad T^* = (t/h)\sqrt{gh}, \quad U^* = U/\sqrt{gh} \quad \text{and} \quad H^* = (h + \eta)/h \quad \text{----- (18)}$$

then, Eq.(19) is obtained from Eq (17) by means of the finite difference method(Keller-Levine-Whitham, 1960) as follows

$$\begin{aligned} H^*(P) &= \frac{1}{2} (H^*(R_1) + H^*(Q_1)) - \frac{\Delta T^*}{2\Delta X^*} (U^*(R_1)H^*(R_1) - U^*(Q_1)H^*(Q_1)) \\ U^*(P) &= \frac{1}{2} (U^*(R_1) + U^*(Q_1)) - \frac{\Delta T^*}{2\Delta X^*} \left(\frac{1}{2} (U^{*2}(R_1) - U^{*2}(Q_1)) + (H^*(R_1) - H^*(Q_1)) \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{K\Delta X^*}{2\Delta X^*} (H^{*2}(R_1)U^{*2}(R_1) - H^{*2}(Q_1)U^{*2}(Q_1)) \end{aligned} \quad \text{----- (19)}$$

The numerical procedure is, in outline, to compute a wave height and velocity on a set of net points (X_i^*, T_i^*) . In the calculation, the spatial net and time net are chosen to be uniform, $X_i^* = i\Delta X^*$ and $T_i^* = k\Delta T^*$, where, ΔT^* and ΔX^* are chosen to satisfy a stability condition, the so-called Courant condition, stated as follows

$$\Delta T^* \leq \min \left(\frac{\Delta X^*}{U^*(P_i)} + \sqrt{H^*(P_i)} \right) \quad \text{----- (20)}$$

The calculation is carried out by using the mesh width of $\Delta X=0.02$ and $\Delta T=0.004$, for which it was confirmed that the solutions were convergent and stable. Unknown values, $H(P)$ and $U(P)$ at a point P, are calculated from the known values at point Q_1 and R_1 as shown in Fig.-20 by using Eq (19)

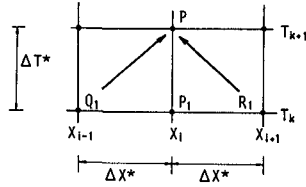


Fig -20 Mesh points

Fig.-21 shows the calculated values for wave height attenuation, in which the theoretical value of Horikawa-Kuo(1966) based on the energy method is also shown. In this calculation, a solitary wave (Boussinesq,1872) is used as an initial wave condition. From this figure, it is recognized that the degree of wave height attenuation becomes larger as K becomes larger and that the theoretical value for $K=0.5$ fairly agrees with the value of Horikawa-Kuo for $\beta=5$. Furthermore, Fig -22 shows that the theoretical values calculated by using experimental data as initial wave conditions considerably coincides with experimental results and that K for a plunging breaker is very large as compared with that for a spilling breaker.

This fact indicates that the stronger the intensity of the turbulence, the greater the wave height attenuation, and therefore, it will be pointed out that the intensity of turbulence of the plunging breaker is larger than that for a spilling breaker.

6 CONCLUSION

In this paper, wave deformation after breaking is discussed. The energy dissipation after breaking is dominated by turbulence with air entrainment in the case of a spilling breaker. In the case of a plunging breaker, some of the wave energy are dissipated by the formation of horizontal roller in addition to the turbulence with air entrainment. Due to this turbulence, a monochromatic incident wave is transformed into a higher frequency wave in some condition. This mechanism is unknown and it is required to clarify the characteristics of turbulence after breaking by a future investigation.

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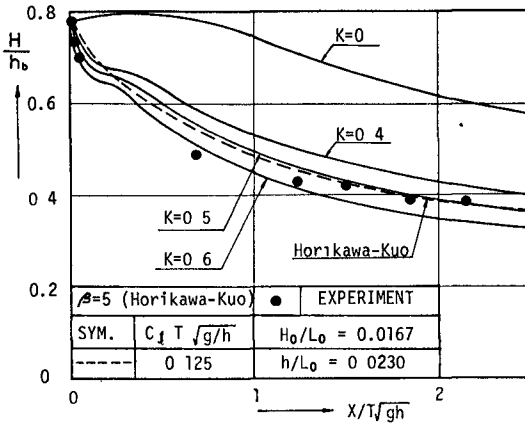


Fig -21. Theoretical values of wave height attenuations. (By using solitary wave as an initial wave condition)

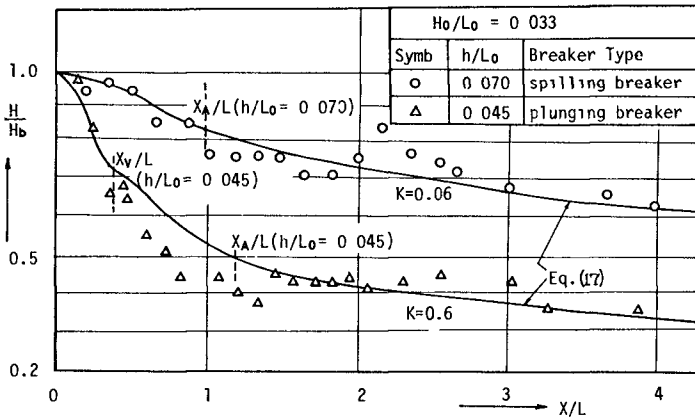


Fig.-22. Comparison of calculated theoretical values with experimental results. (By using experimental data as an initial wave condition)