



# Experimental study of tsunami wave load acting on storage tank in coastal area

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# 1.Introduction





Energy resource like petroleum or highly pressurized gas are stored in cylindrical tanks or spherical tanks



Industrial parks near coastal area

◆ The characteristics of the damage in Tohoku earthquake

- ✓ mainly storage tanks were damaged
- ✓ the damage to their parks was spread all over the parks by the tsunami





◆ For the Nankai trough earthquake

Damage to industrial parks will lead to damage to the hinterland

So, we need to

estimate the tsunami wave load acting on storage tanks accurately  
take countermeasures against tsunami striking

But research on industrial parks at coastal area hasn't been done enough

So we have to investigate these matters

not only fundamentally but also practically



## ◆ Point at issue of estimating forces

it is difficult to

estimate tsunami wave load acting on a storage tank  
from a tsunami height in front of harbors

## ◆ Purpose

we investigate

- **The fluid motion** in a harbor using a wave basin in which cross-shore and longshore fluid motion is generated
- **The applicability of conventional formula** to estimating tsunami wave load acting on a storage tank

## 2. Experimental set-up

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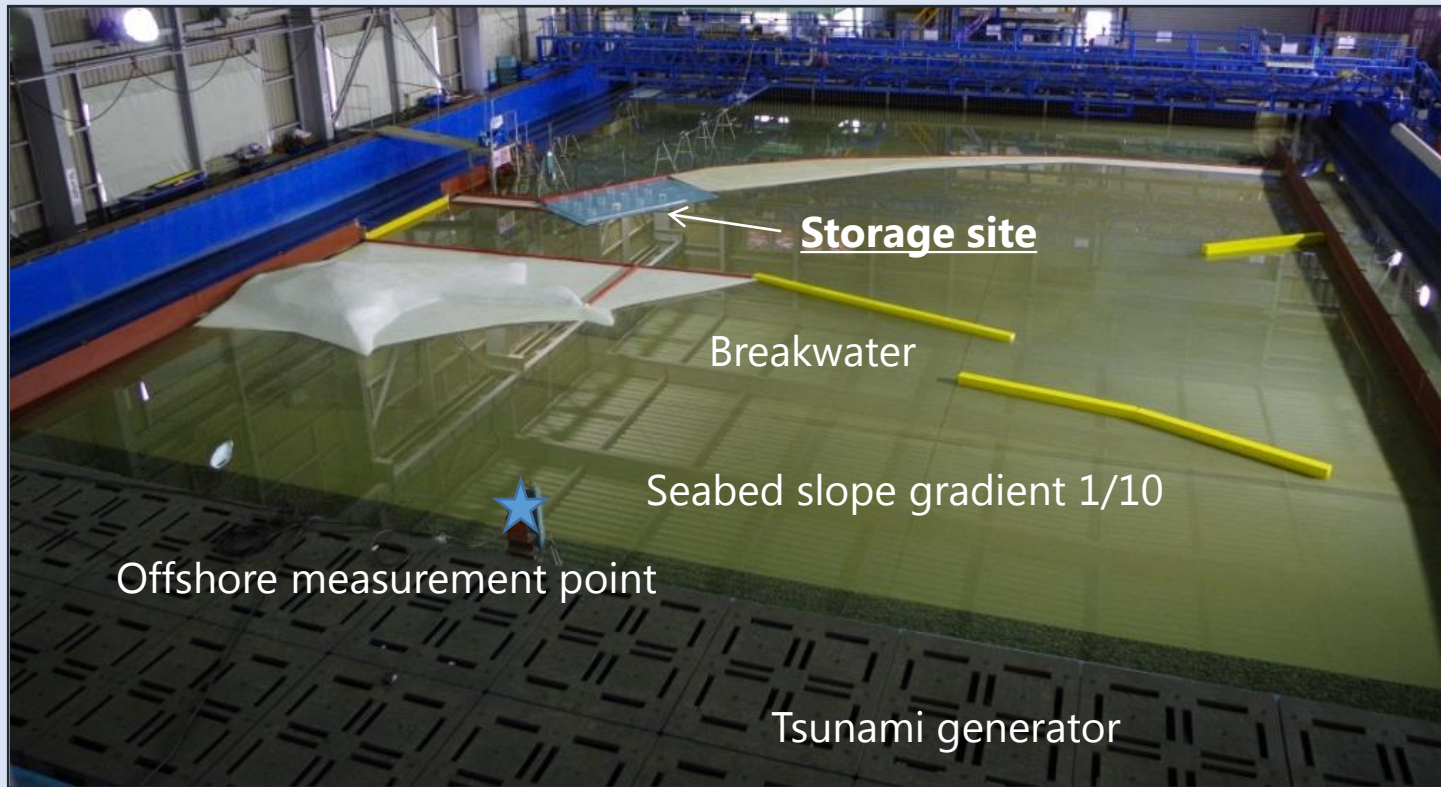


# Experimental set-up



## □ Wave basin

Model scale is 1/100



Toyo Construction Co.,LTD. Naruo Technical Research Institute  
Wave basin with the tsunami generator (30m×19m)



# Experimental set-up



## □ The storage site

○ : Measurement point of tsunami wave load

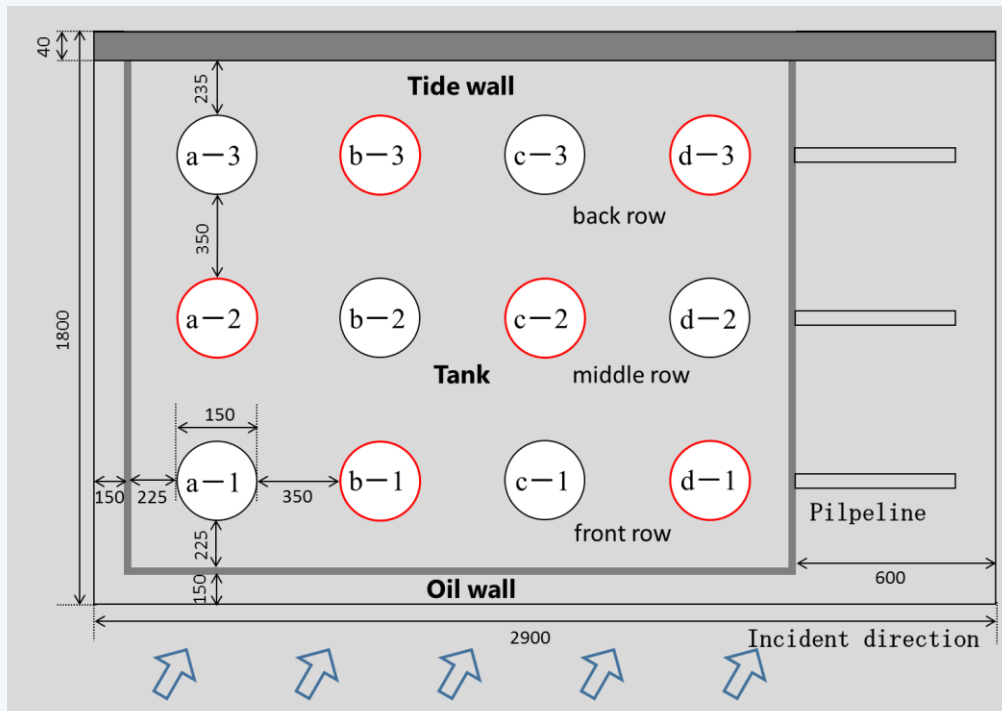
The circular cylinder  
diameter 15cm/height 10cm



Without the surrounding tanks



With the surrounding tanks



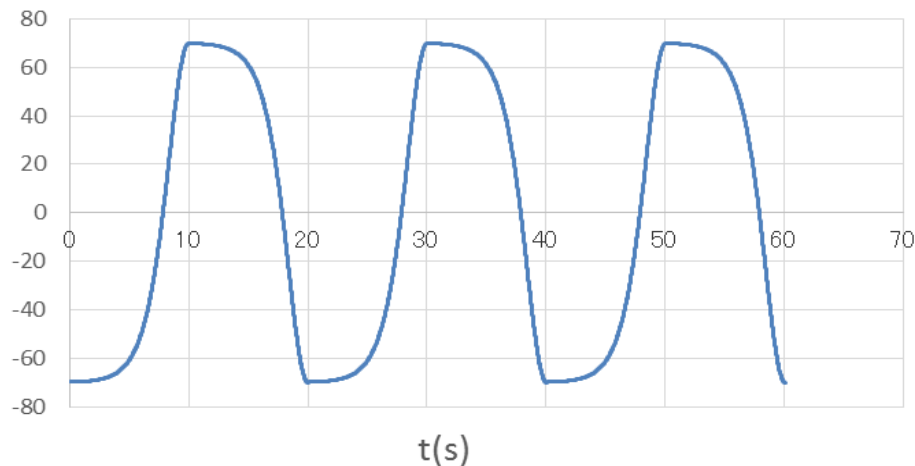
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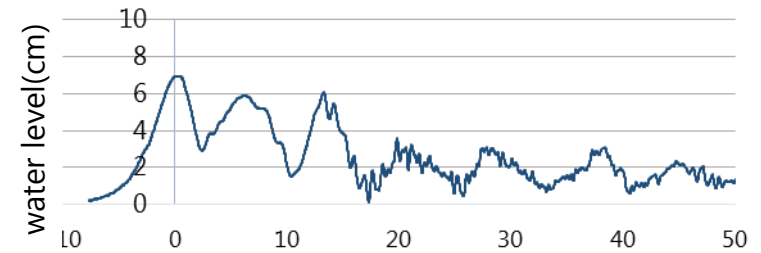
## □ The tsunami wave generation

|        | Maximum water surface elevation at the offshore point | Wave generator stroke |
|--------|---|-----------------------|
| Case-1 | 6.9cm   | 140cm/15s             |
| Case-2 | 9.7cm   | 140cm/10s             |
| Case-3 | repeating Case-2 three times                          |                       |

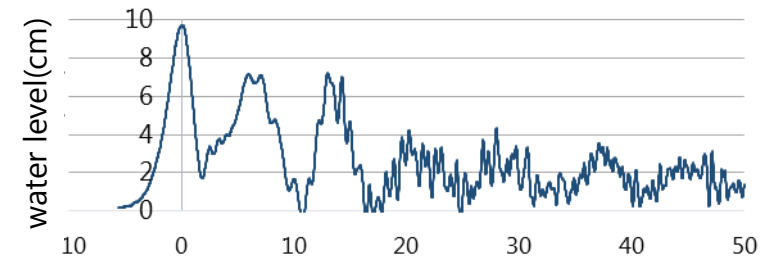
The piston motion of the wave generator (cm)



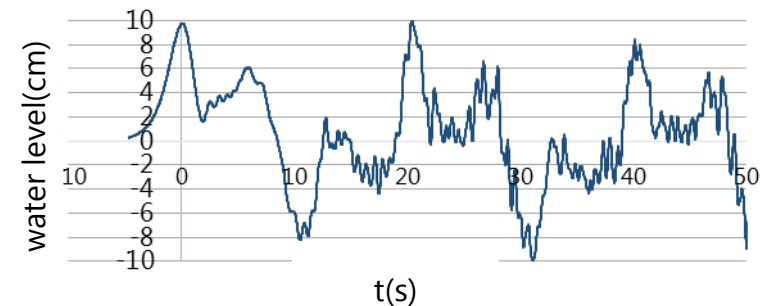
the offshore water surface elevation



Case-1



Case-2



Case-3

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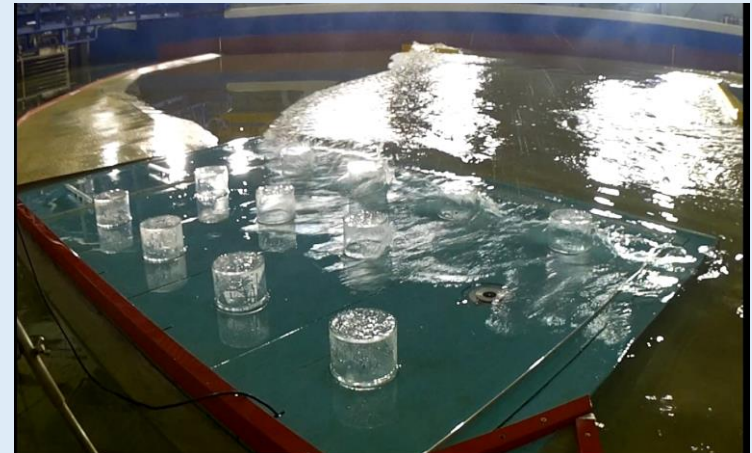
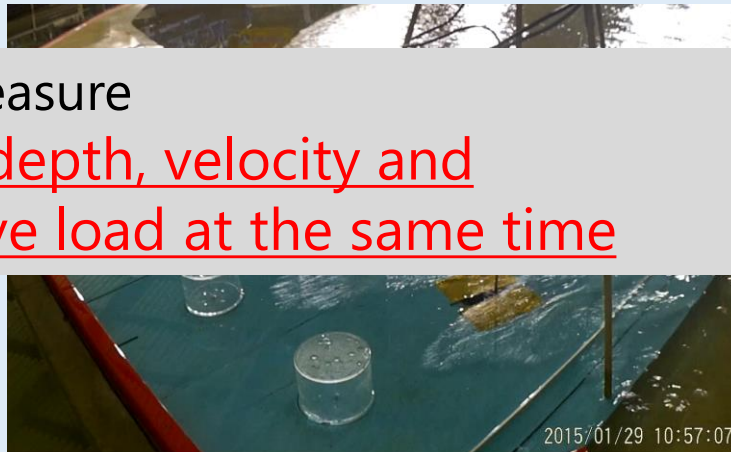


## ◆ Experimental procedure

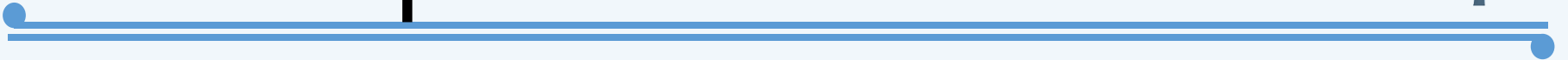
We measured

- ① inundation depth and velocity at all points  
without any tank or oil wall which surrounds the storage site
- ② inundation depth, velocity and tsunami wave load acting on a tank at each of 8 red points without surrounding tanks
- ③ inundation depth, velocity and tsunami wave load at each of the 8 red points with surrounding tanks

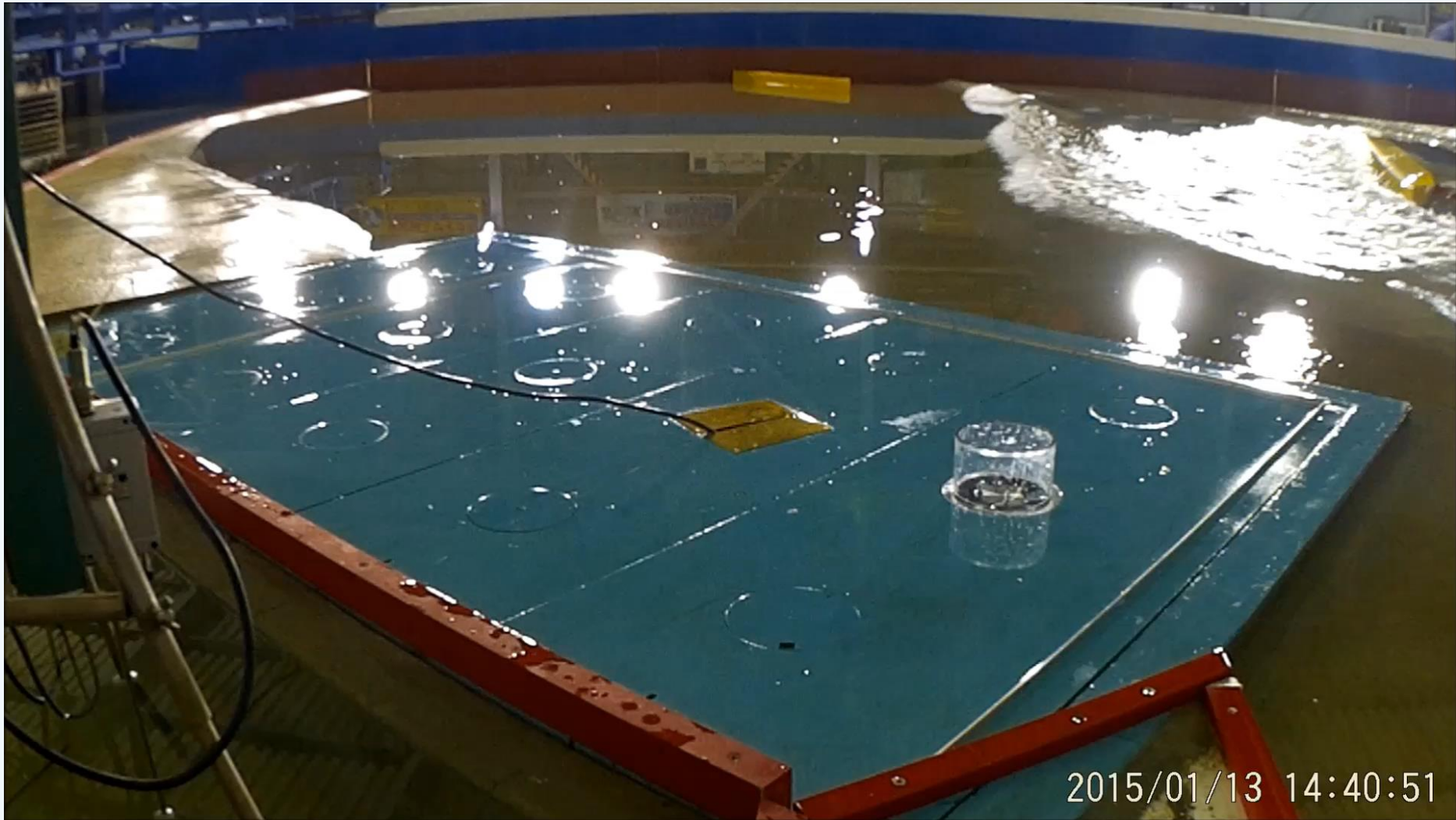
we didn't measure  
inundation depth, velocity and  
tsunami wave load at the same time



# 3. Experimental results



# The movie of this experiment



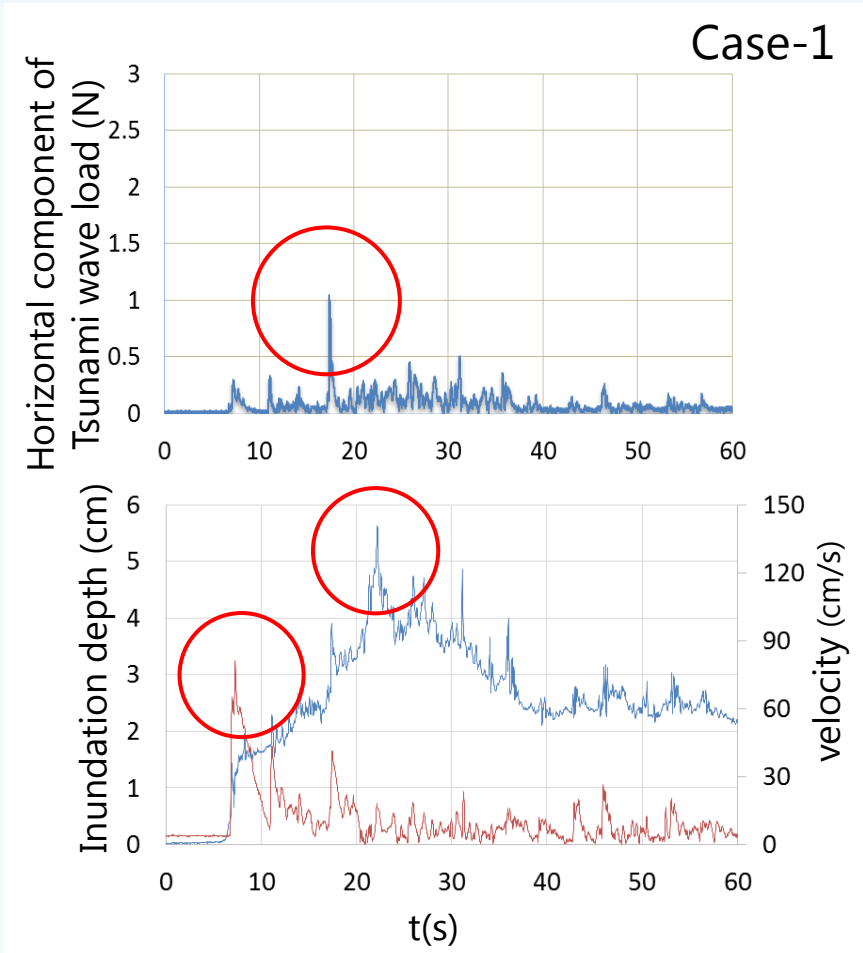
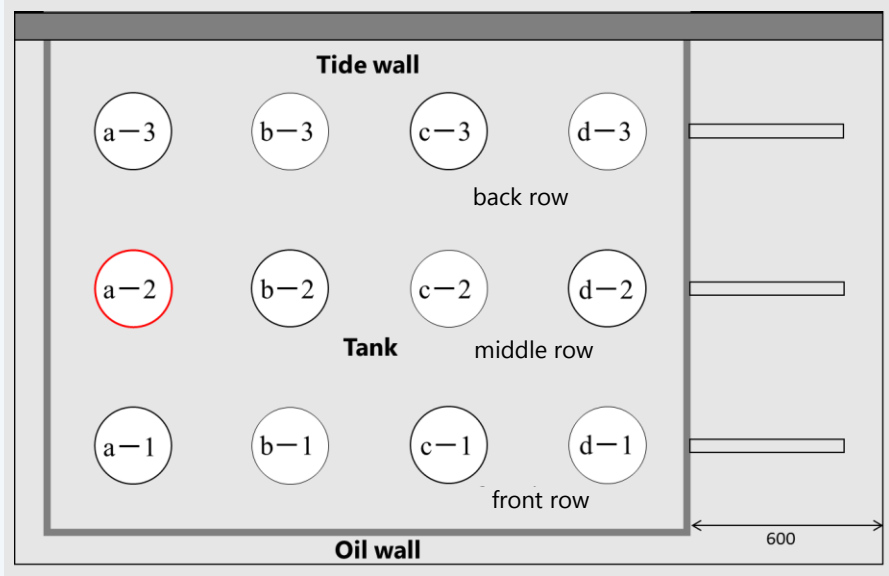
# The movie of this experiment



# the horizontal component of the tsunami wave load



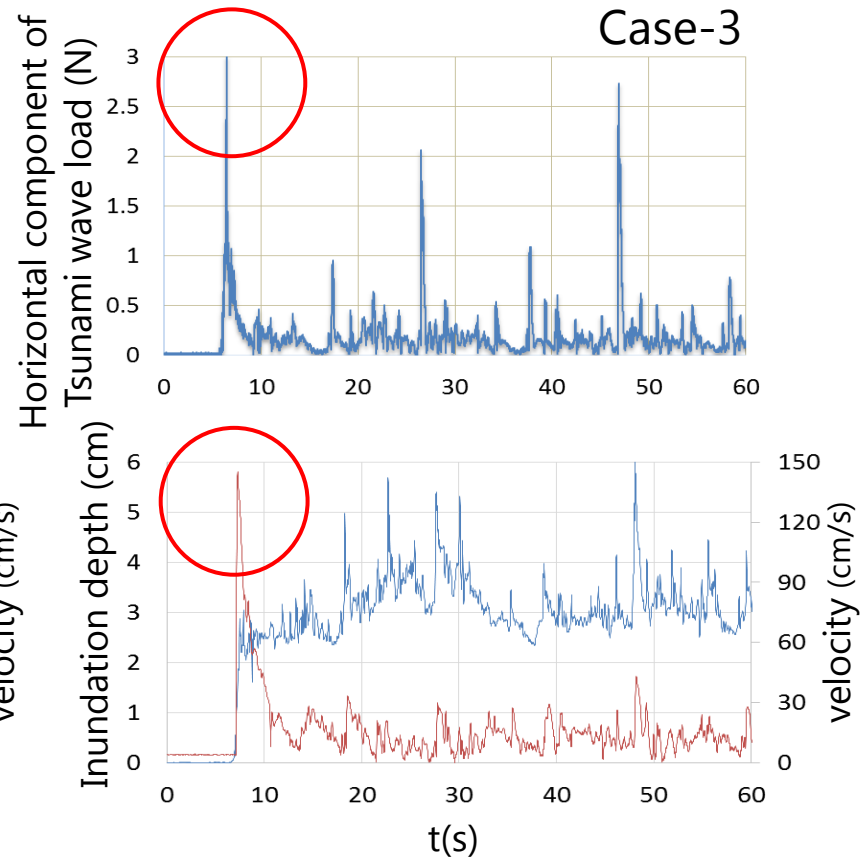
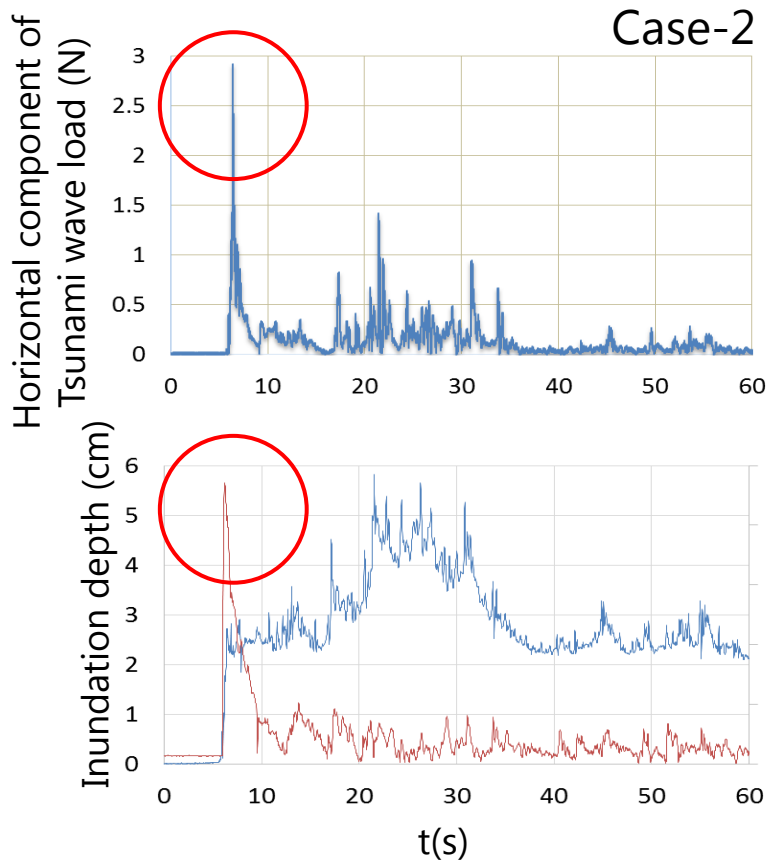
- ◆ the difference among the three cases  
Case-1 at point a-2



When reflected waves from surrounding terrain and oil walls acted on the tank the tsunami wave load reached the maximum



- ◆ the difference among the three cases  
Case-2/3 at point a-2

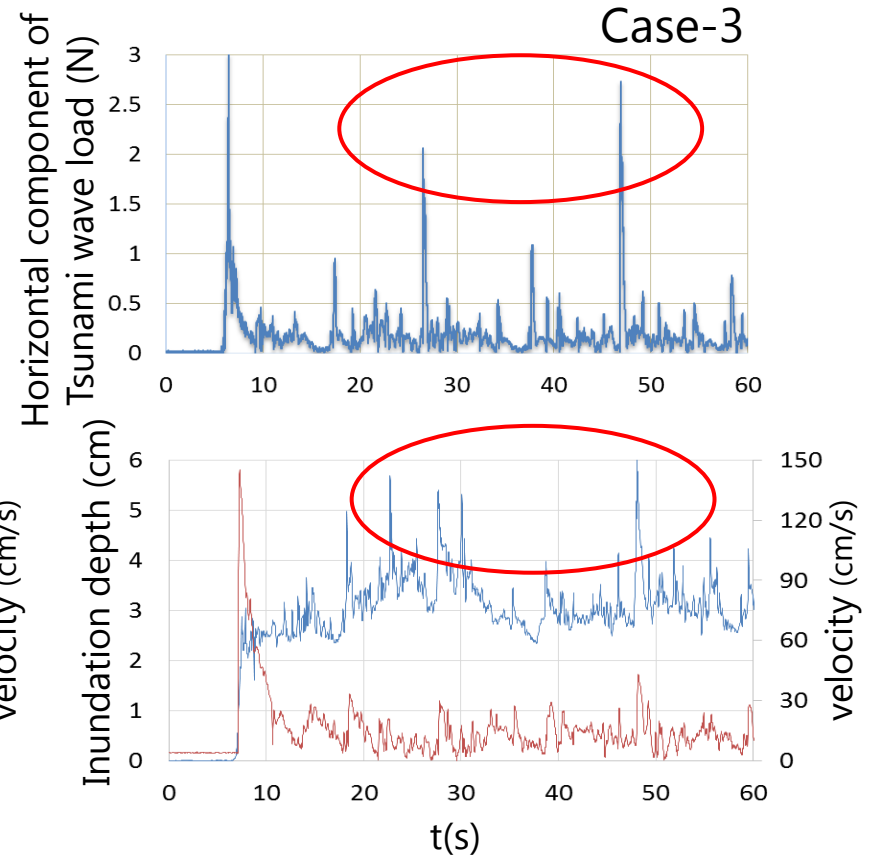
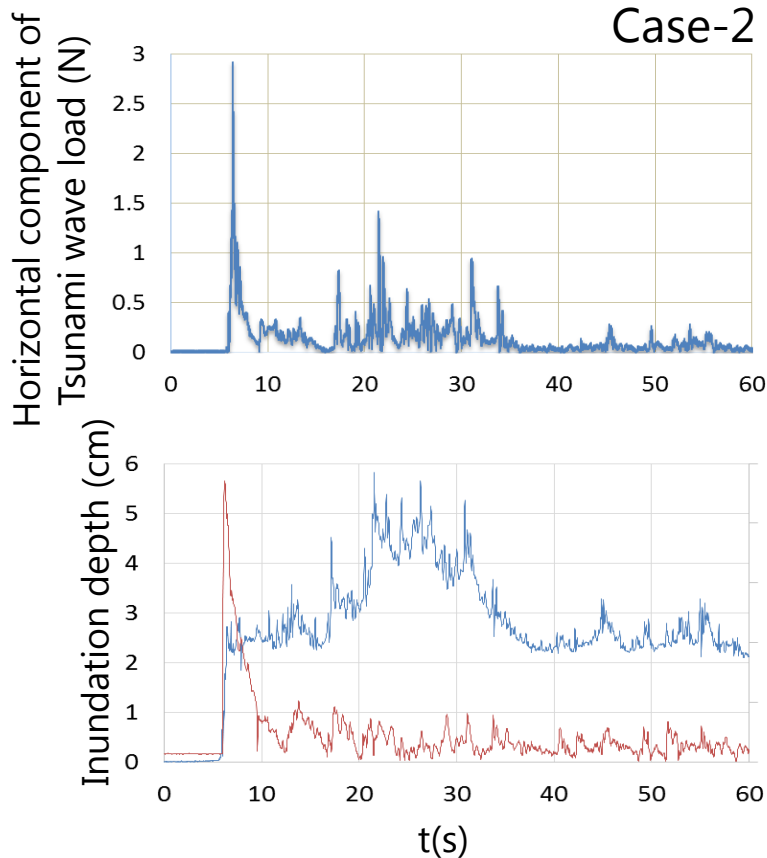


In both cases, when tsunami acted a tank, the tsunami wave load reached the maximum





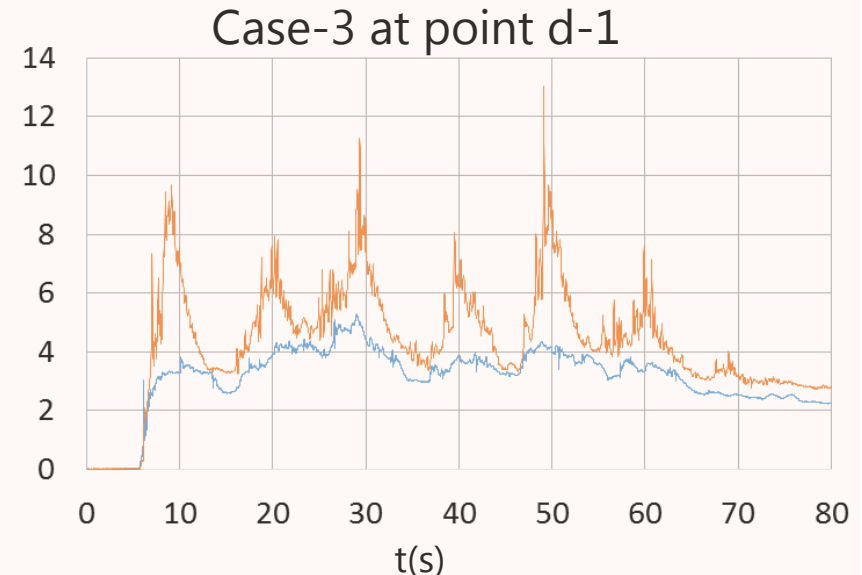
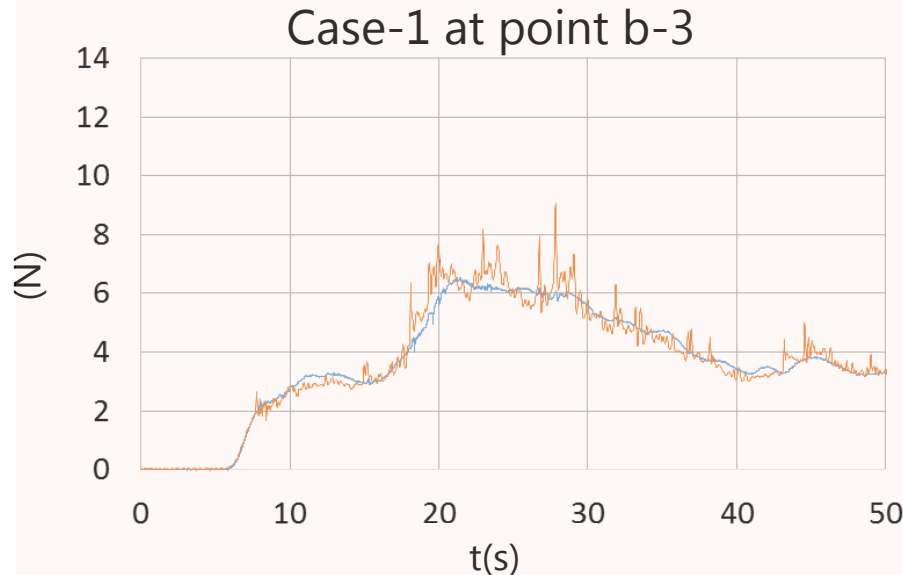
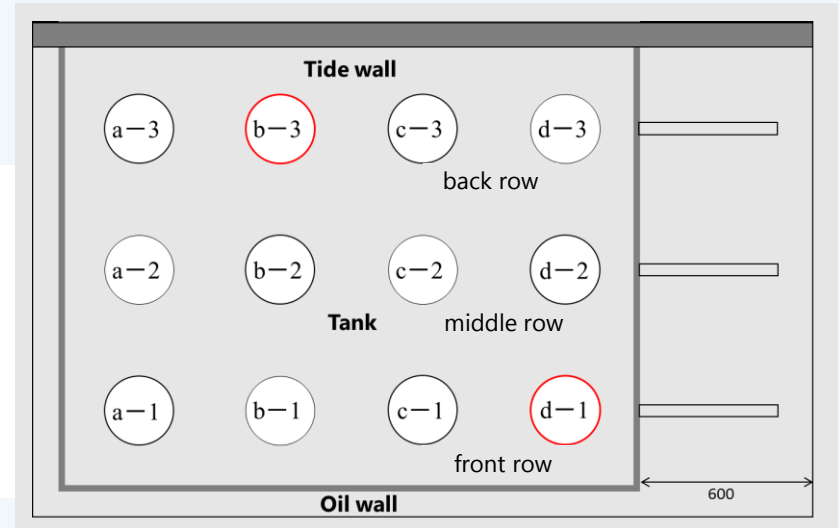
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Case-2/3 at point a-2



In case3, after a tank started to be inundated, the tsunami wave load reached relatively large peaks and they correspond to the increase in the inundation depth



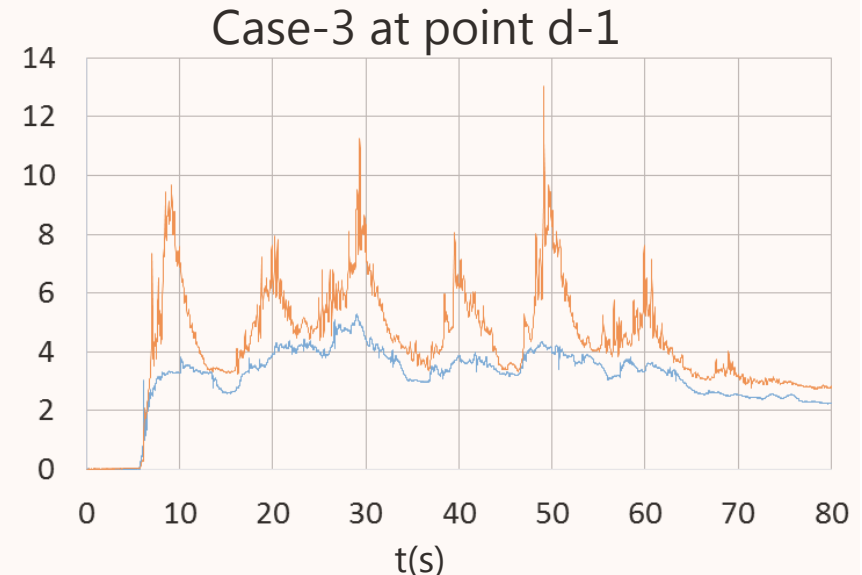
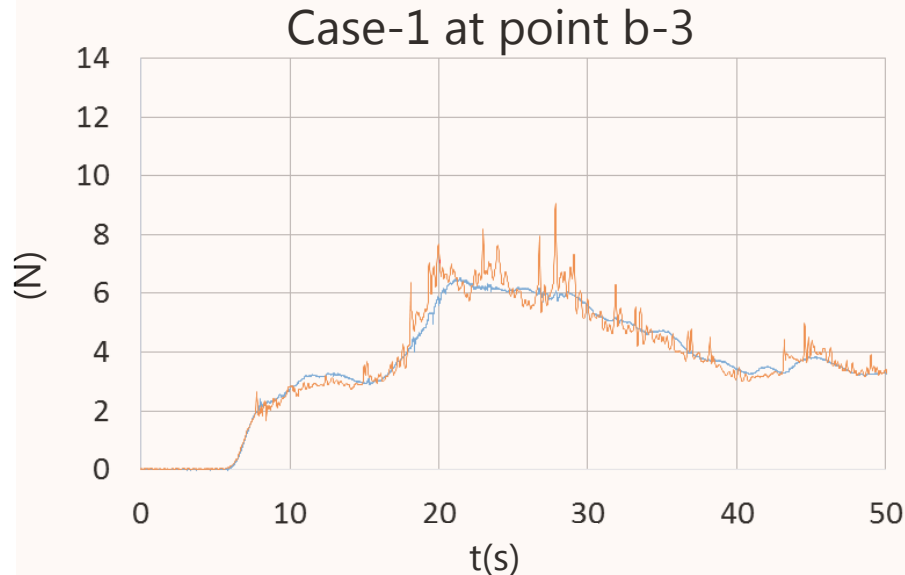
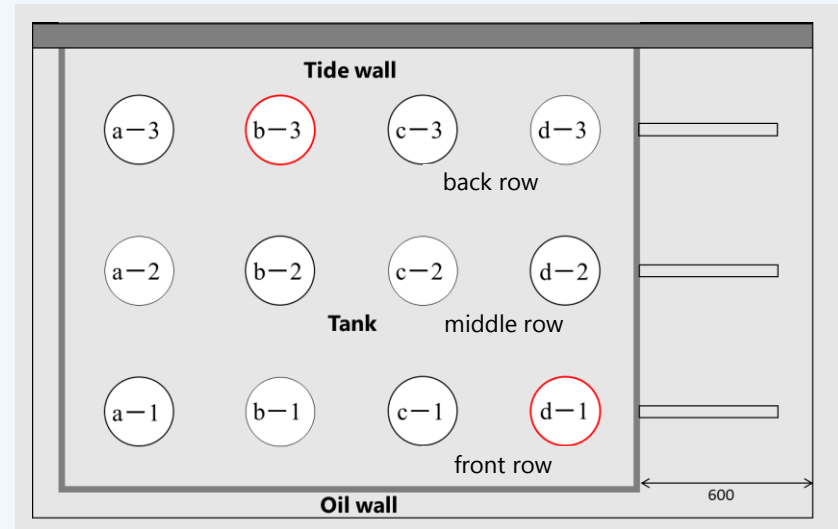
◆ Comparison between  
the measured tsunami wave load  
and  
the buoyancy calculated by  
assuming the hydrostatics condition





## ◆ Comparison between at point b-3

The calculated buoyancy  
is in good agreement with  
the measured tsunami wave load

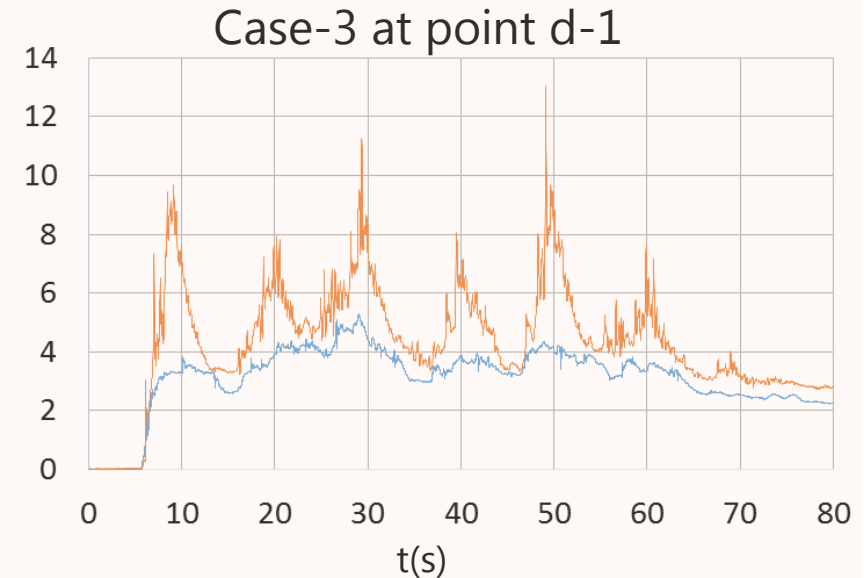
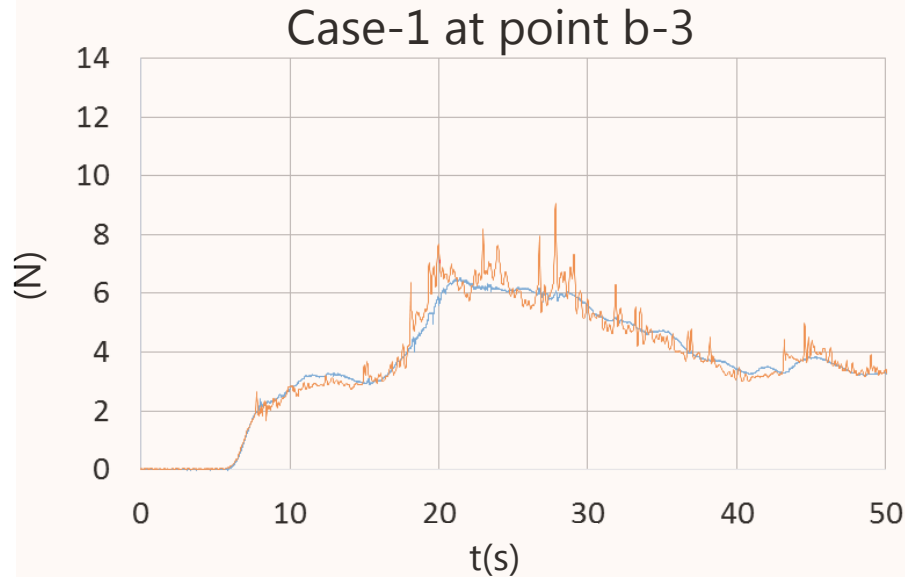
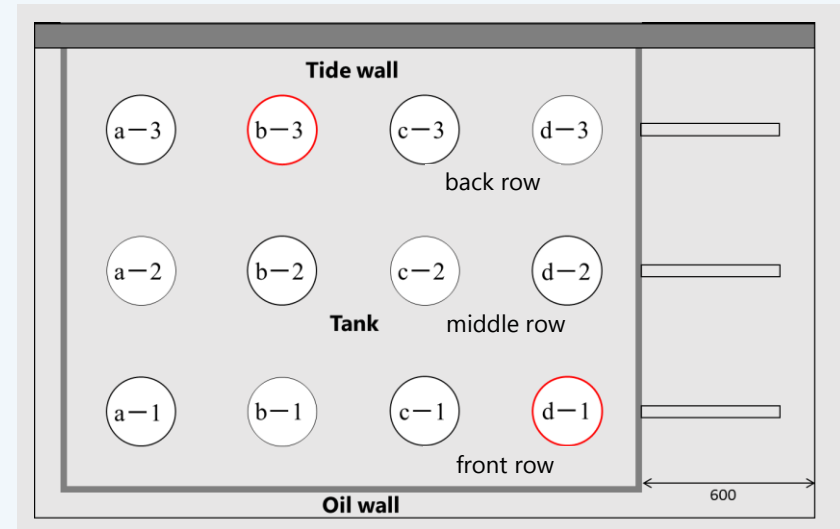




## ◆ Comparison between at point d-1

The calculated buoyancy  
overestimated

the measured tsunami wave load





# Comparison without and with the surrounding tanks

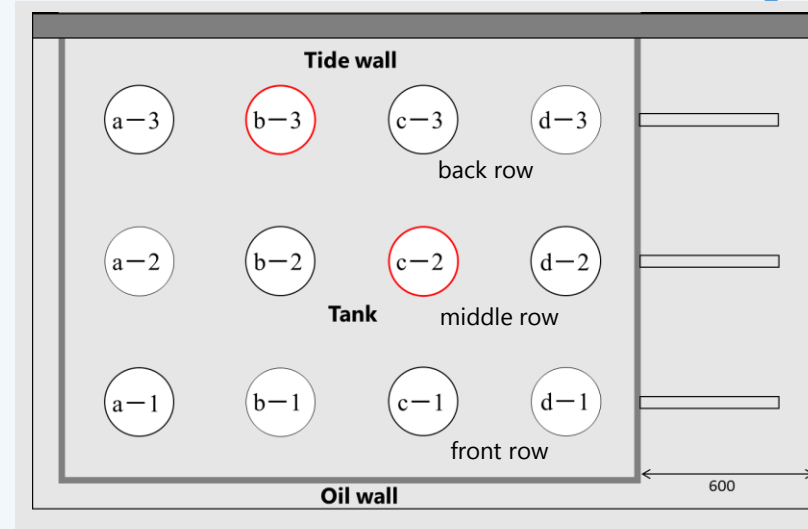


## ◆ the horizontal component

at point b-3

the tsunami wave load acting on a tank with the surrounding tanks

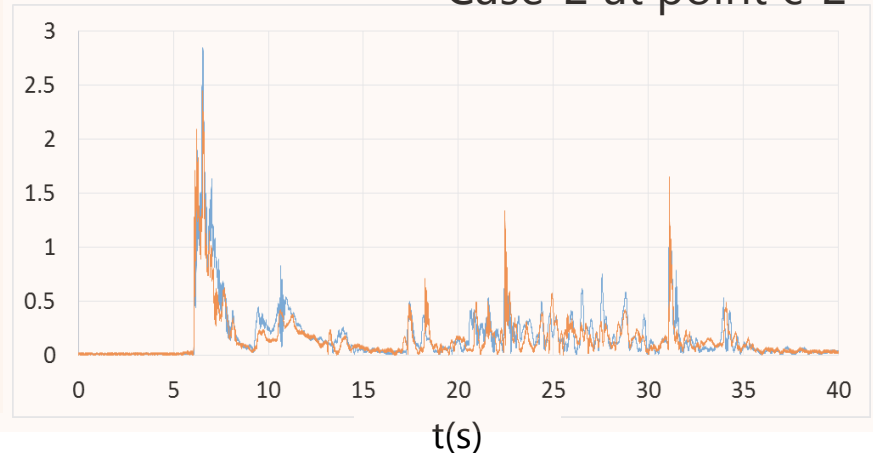
by the incident wave is less than that without the surrounding tanks



the sheltering effect of tanks in the front and the middle row

### Case-2 at point b-3

### Case-2 at point c-2



— With the surrounding tanks

— Without the surrounding tanks

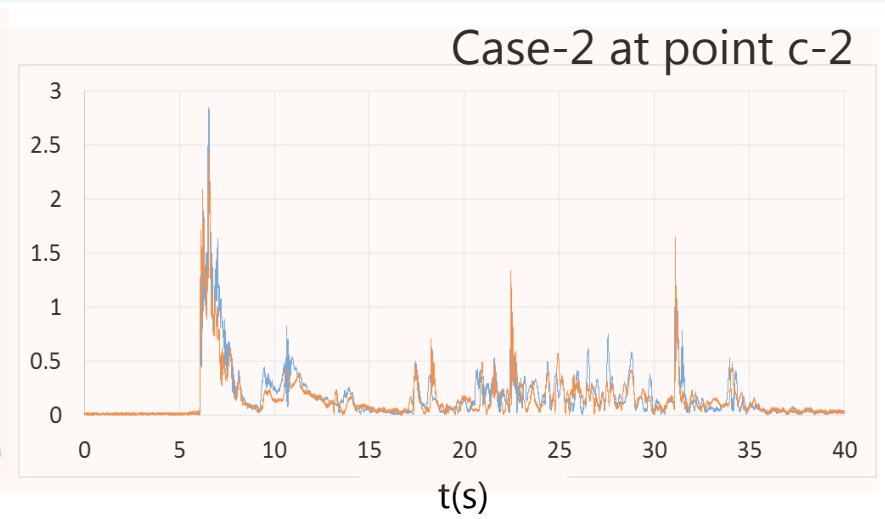
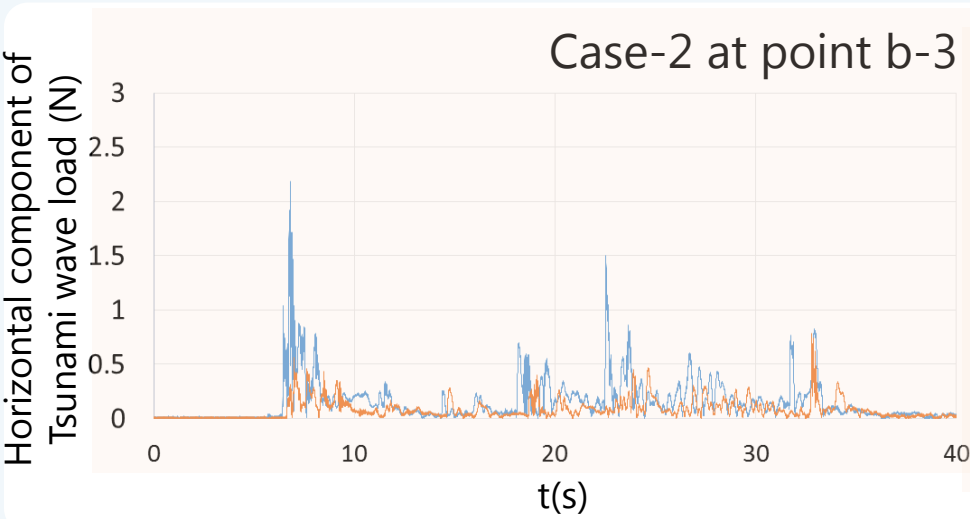
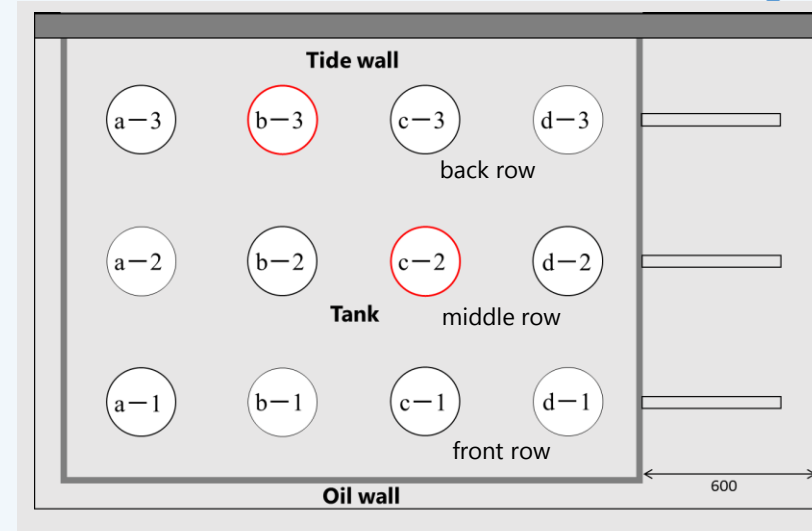


# Comparison without and with the surrounding tanks



## ◆ the horizontal component

In the back row  
the change with the surrounding tanks  
 is different from  
the change without the surrounding tanks



— With the surrounding tanks      — Without the surrounding tanks



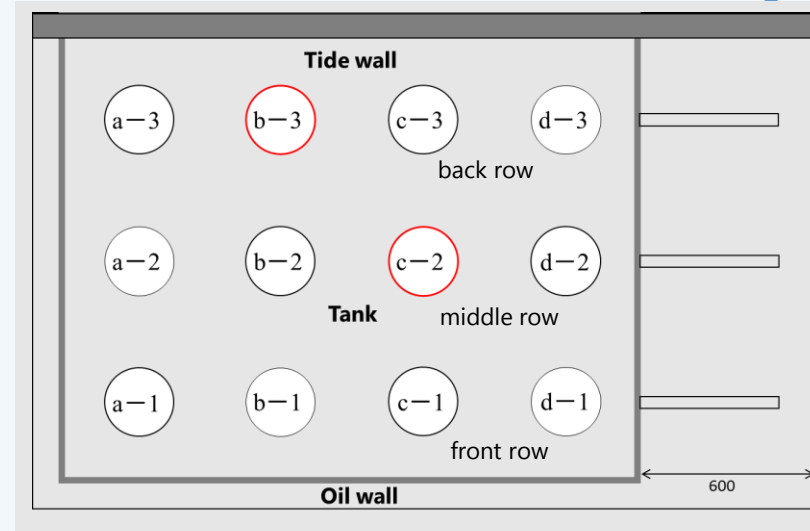
# Comparison without and with the surrounding tanks



## ◆ the horizontal component

at point c-2

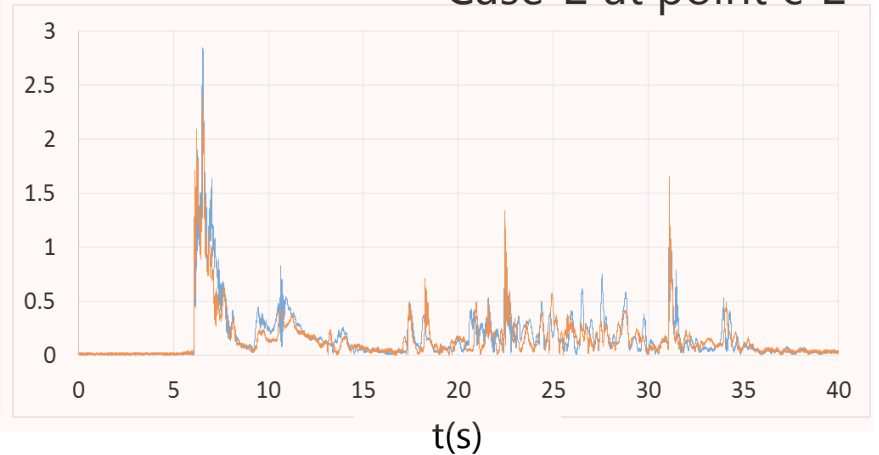
Possibility of **increasing the tsunami wave load** because of the presence of the surrounding tanks



Case-2 at point b-3



Case-2 at point c-2



— With the surrounding tanks

— Without the surrounding tanks



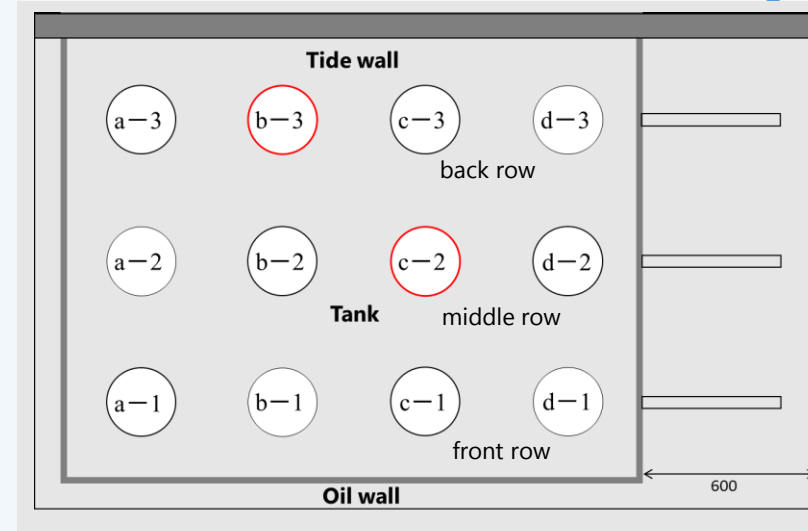
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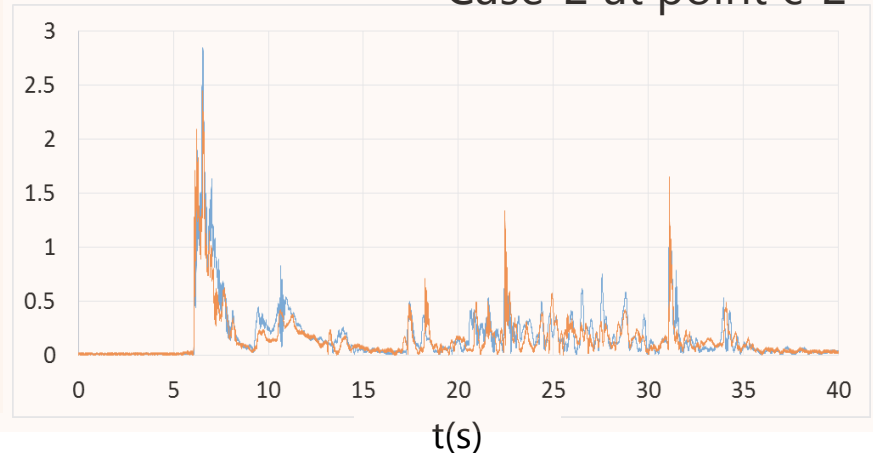
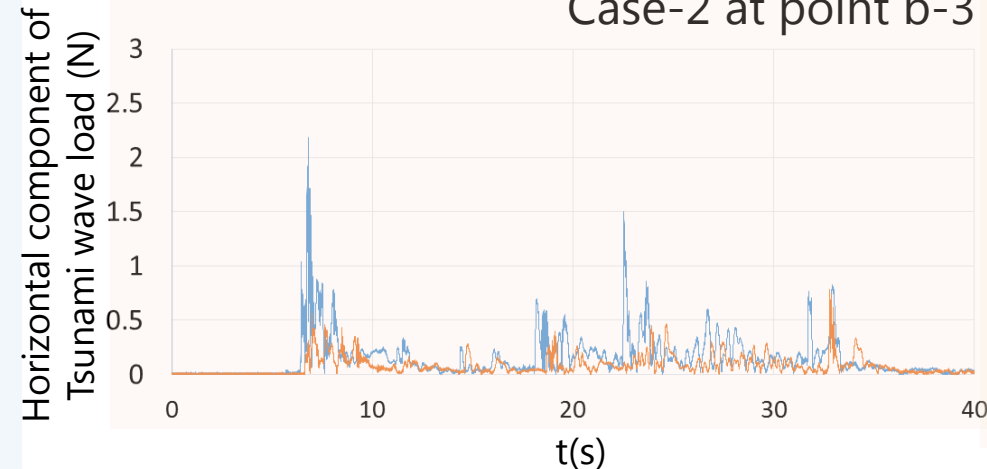
in the middle row

the change with the surrounding tanks  
is similar to  
the change without surrounding tanks



### Case-2 at point b-3

### Case-2 at point c-2



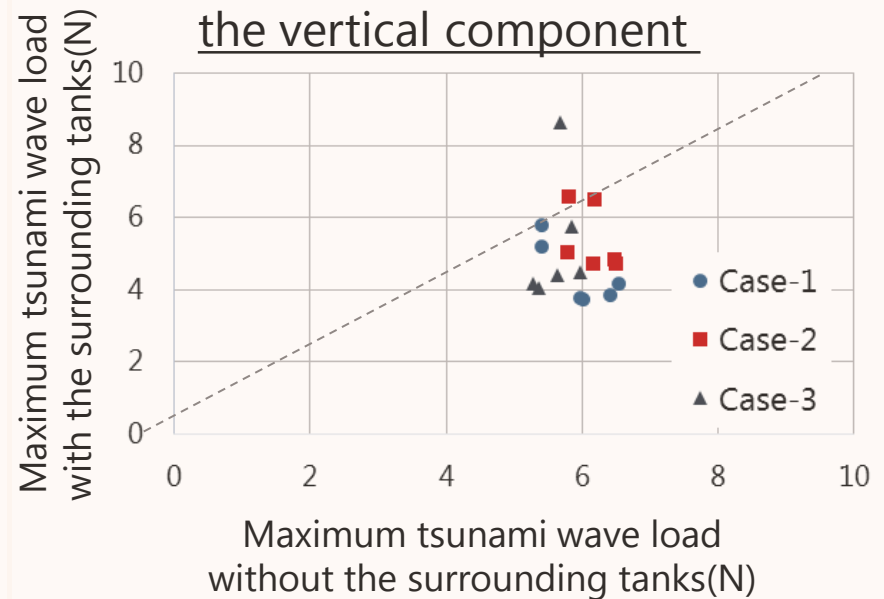
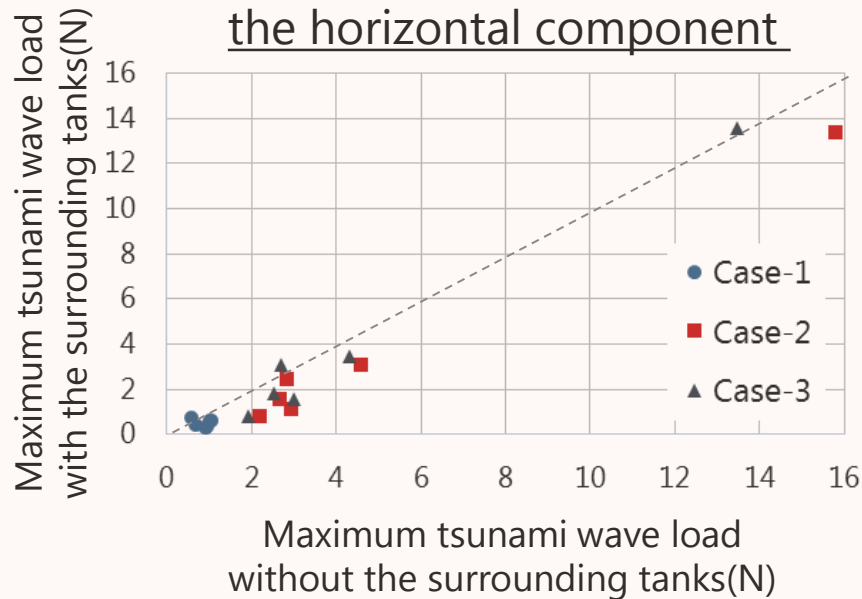
— With the surrounding tanks

— Without the surrounding tanks





## ◆ the maximum the tsunami wave load on a tank



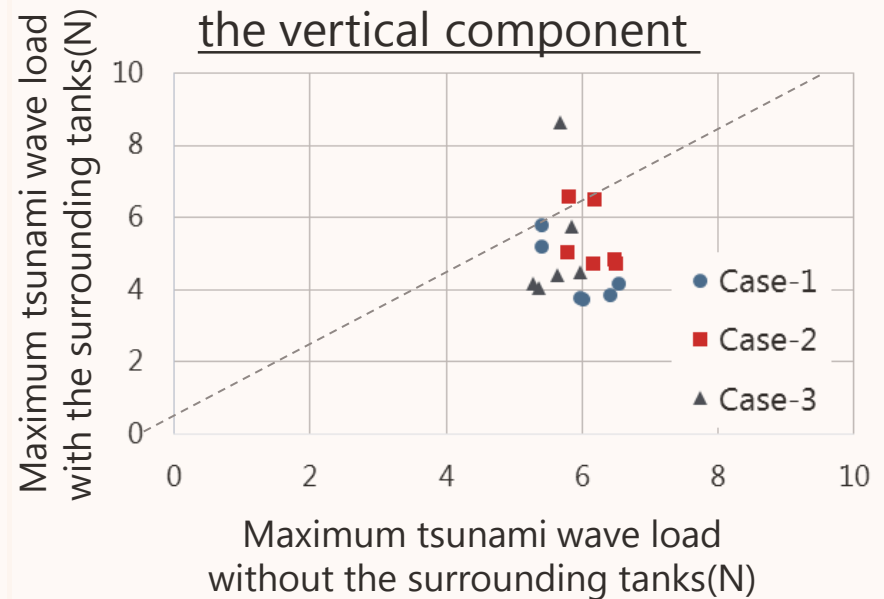
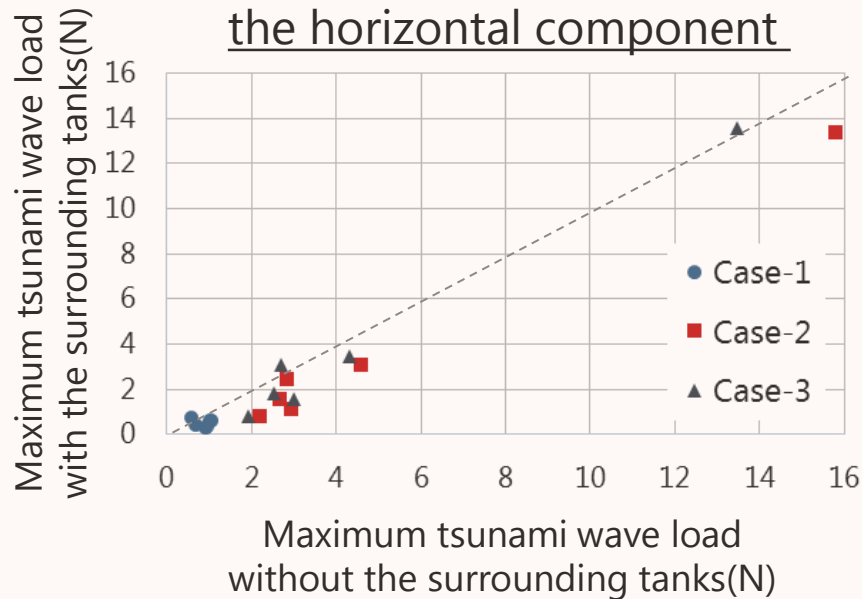
### Regarding the maximum horizontal component

the tsunami wave load on a tank without the surrounding tanks was mostly larger than that with the surrounding tanks

tsunami wave load cases



## ◆ the maximum the tsunami wave load on a tank



### Regarding the vertical component

we didn't see any clear difference between the maximum vertical tsunami wave load on a tank with and without the surrounding tanks among three cases

# Characteristic of impulsive force



## ◆ the applicability of conventional formulae

Asakura fomula

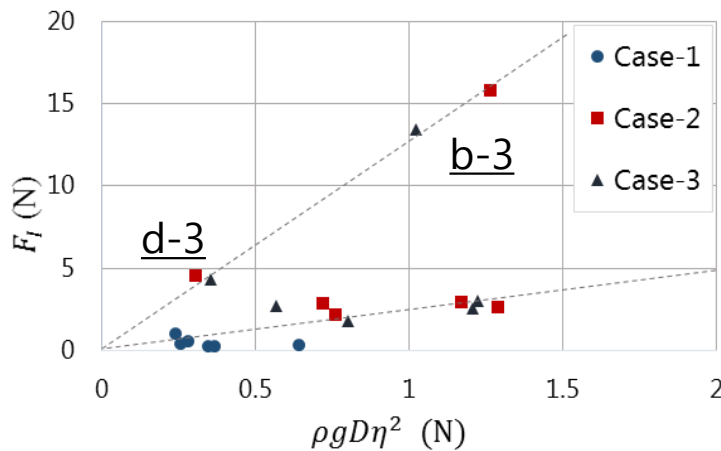
$$F_I \propto \rho g D \eta^2$$

Equation based on slamming into water

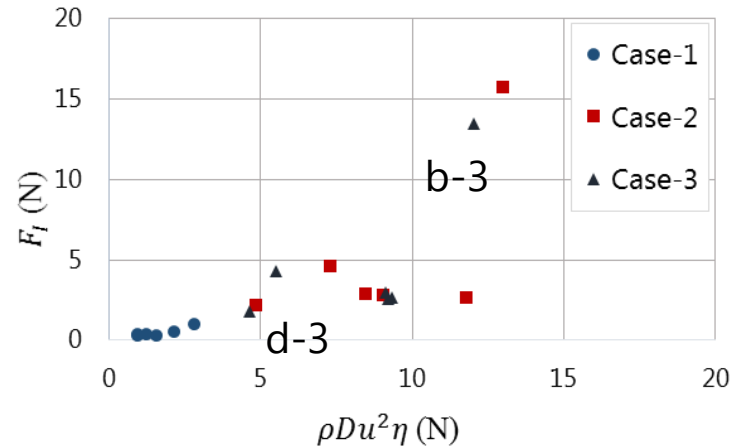
$$F_I \propto \rho D c^2 \eta \approx \rho D u^2 \eta$$

we can see  
the difference between the proportion relativity  
in the front low and in the middle and the back low

$\rho$ : water density  
 $g$ : gravitaional acceleration  
 $D$ : diameter  
 $u$ : velocity  
 $\eta$ : inundation depth



Asakura fomula



Equation based on slamming into water

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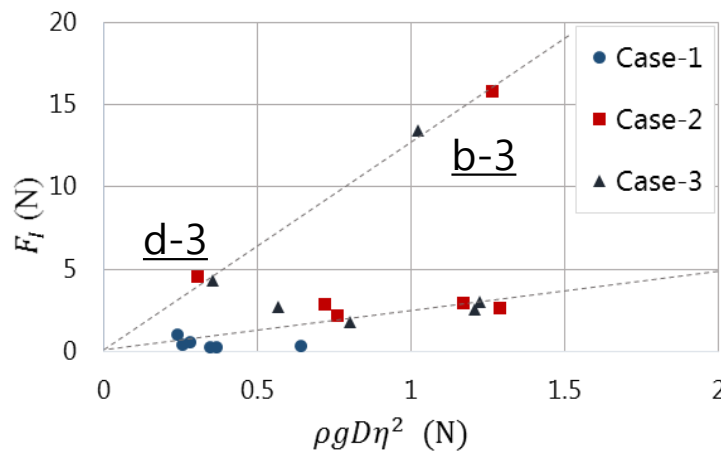
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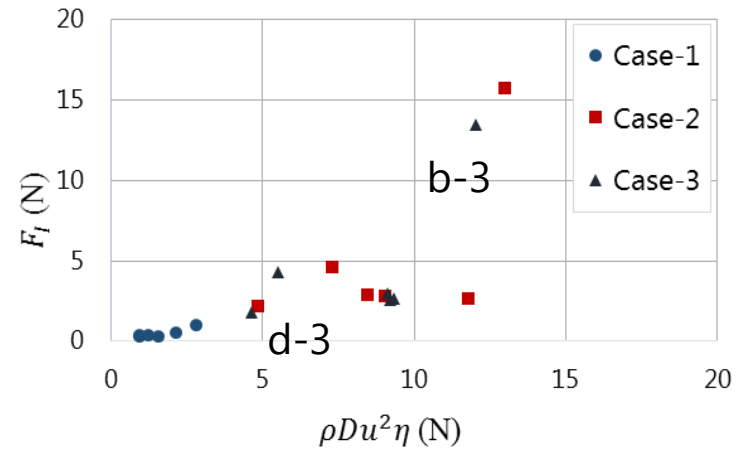
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We have not obtained a clear relation so far  
So, we need the further discussion

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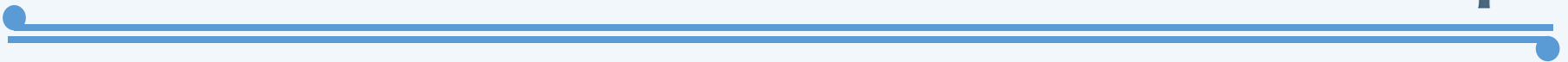


Asakura fomula



Equation based on slamming into water

# 4. Conclusion





- The vertical component of the tsunami load on a tank was well estimated by the buoyancy calculated from the water surface elevation when the wave surface elevation was small.
- From the comparison between the tsunami wave load with and without the surrounding tanks, the maximum horizontal component of tsunami wave load with the surrounding tanks was smaller than that without the surrounding tanks. In addition, the possibility of increasing of the tsunami wave load was found because of the presence of the surrounding tanks.
- For impulsive force we can use Asakura formula, but we should change the wave force coefficient according to the distance from the seawall.