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# <span id="page-6-0"></span>**Preface**

This document is written in fulfilment of my master program in the field of hydraulic engineering at Delft University of technology. It reports on the research project I performed on the value and variability of the shape factor of quarry rock. With this research I hope to have enhanced the available theoretical knowledge for the practical application of this particular parameter.

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# <span id="page-8-2"></span>**Summary**

In the field of hydraulic engineering **quarry rock** is a frequently applied construction material. For example breakwaters, bed bank and shore protections and subsea pipeline covers often contain quarry rock. The main reason is its unique stability capacities in environments of high hydrodynamic activity. Furthermore, quarry rock is produced and handled relatively easily and is available at numerous locations across the globe.

The **shape factor** of quarry rock is derived from equation [\[1\]](#page-8-0).

<span id="page-8-1"></span><span id="page-8-0"></span>
$$
m = F_s \cdot \rho \cdot d^3 \tag{1}
$$

Here *m* denotes the rock mass [kg],  $F_s$  is the shape factor of quarry rock [-] in a primitive form, *ρ* the rock density [kg/m³] and *d* the rock diameter [m]. For *d*, the **sieve diameter** [m] is used. The sieve diameter of rock is defined as the mesh width of the smallest square sieve the rock is able to pass. By introduction of  $F_s^*$ , the cubic root of  $F_s$ , equation [\[1\]](#page-8-0) can be rewritten in equation [\[2\]](#page-8-1).

$$
F_s^* = \sqrt[3]{\frac{m}{\rho}}/d = \sqrt[3]{V}/d = \frac{d_n}{d}
$$
 [2]

The cubic root of the volume of the rock [m³], denoted by *V*, is referred to as the **nominal diameter** [m] of rock, denoted *dn*. It is concluded that the value of the shape factor in its commonly applied form  $F_s^*$ , is equivalent to the ratio of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter of rock. In hydraulic engineering practice both rock diameters are applied in various phases of the realisation process of granular hydraulic structures. The overlap of these phases requires the ability to convert the nominal diameter into the sieve diameter and vice versa. As a result, the value of the shape factor is indispensable for the realization of granular structures in hydraulic engineering.

Note that in equation [\[2\]](#page-8-1) the definition of the shape factor is based on one individual rock. Quarry rock however consists of a large number of individual rocks occurring in a practical infinite variety of rock sizes and shapes. As a result quarry rock is typically graded. The **grading** of rock is usually characterized by rock diameters associated with specific cumulative mass percentage exceedance limits. Among these diameters the **median** nominal diameter *dn50* [m] and median sieve diameter *d<sup>50</sup>* [m] are the most frequently applied ones, since they yield insight in a mean diameter value which one can expect in the grading. Provided that the individual rocks have been ranked in order of increasing mass, the median nominal diameter value represents the nominal diameter of the rock that accumulates fifty percent of the mass of the grading. The median sieve diameter is the sieve diameter that should be applied to separate fifty percent of the mass of a rock sample by sieving. For quarry rock gradings, the shape factor  $F_s^*$  is defined by the ratio of the median nominal diameter and median sieve diameter, denoted *dn50*/*d50*.

The earliest documentation found on the value of the shape factor of quarry rock is a report by Van Bendegom (1967). For the shape of rock Van Bendegom assumed a sphere, which is in equation [\[2\]](#page-8-1) represented by a volume of  $\pi/6 \cdot d^3$ . Here *d* denotes the diameter [m] of the sphere. This approach yields a shape factor value of approximately 0.81. In the 1980's the value of the shape factor was examined in more detail by Laan. In one of his reports (1981) by conducting experiments Laan determined the value of the shape factor to be **0.84**. Unfortunately, Laan passed away and the concerned report is missing from the libraries. Despite the resulting lack of theoretical background the value of 0.84 is still widely applied in hydraulic engineering practice, as is recommended by - amongst other literature - the Rock Manual (2007).

In this report the value as well as the variability of the shape factor is reassessed. Moreover, the dependency of the shape factor on both **elongation** and **blockiness** - two parameters to describe the shape of a rock - is examined. In order to do so, on multiple rock samples a series of experiments has been performed, viz.:

- Weighing of individual rock masses within the samples in order to determine nominal diameters and sieve fraction masses.
- Density tests in order to determine rock densities and eventually nominal diameters.
- Sieve tests in order to determine sieve diameters.
- Shape tests in order to determine elongation and blockiness.

The rock samples were extracted from five rock gradings with the following commercial names: 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch, 2-8 inch, consisting of Gneiss rock and 1-5 inch, 5+ inch, consisting of a Basalt-Gneiss/Granite rock mixture. In total 21 rock samples were taken, each consisting of 200-250 rocks. In accordance with the euro code regulations NEN-EN 13383-2 (2013) for sieve tests. Based on statistical analyses on the acquired dataset, the following conclusions have been drawn:

- Rock samples consisting of 200-250 rocks yield insufficiently reliable values for the shape factor of quarry rock. For rock samples consisting of approximately 1000 rocks sufficiently accurate values are found.
- Based on the results of the 21 samples, the shape factor for quarry rock gradings is approximated reasonably well by means of a Gaussian distribution. The average value and standard deviation are 0.86 and 0.024 respectively.
- The value of the shape factor is not constant within a grading. For an increase of rock size, the value of the shape factor decreases. The relation is approximated by *Fs \** =-0.00075\**CMP*+0.898. Where *CMP* is the cumulative mass percentage [%].
- Based on the tested gradings no relations can be distinguished between the value of the shape factor and either the average elongation in the grading or the percentage of high-elongated rock in the grading. For blockiness the same holds.
- On average, the value of the shape factor for individual rocks weakly increases for an increase of elongation. This relation is described by means of the formula: *Fs \** =0.012\**LT*+0.814. The value of the individual shape factor however fluctuates too extensively over elongation to be estimated by means of this relation.
- On average, the value of the shape factor for individual rocks weakly increases for an increase of blockiness. This relation is described by means of the formula: *Fs \** =0.0052\**BLC*+0.609. The value of the individual shape factor however fluctuates too extensively over blockiness to be estimated by means of this relation.
- Based on 969 rocks, the individual shape factor is approximated reasonably well by means of a Gaussian distribution. The average value and standard deviation are 0.84 and 0.083 respectively.
- For rather elongated and/or blocky rock, the individual shape factor may exceed the value of 1.0.
- Dependency of the shape factor on either coarseness or the width of a grading has not been clearly distinguished.

*It is concluded that the reassessed value of the shape factor 0.86 differs relatively little from the commonly applied value of 0.84. Nonetheless it is recommended to apply the newly derived value 0.86 in hydraulic engineering practice. The main reason is the theoretical justification provided in the present report.*

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*To a greater or lesser extent, the value of the shape factor has been related to parameters that describe quarry rock. In general however, the influences are considered relatively small. The resulting variability of the shape factor value is rather well accounted for by means of the representation of the shape factor value by a Gaussian distribution, based on an average value and standard deviation of 0.86 and 0.024 respectively.*

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According to the test results, no firm conclusions can be drawn for the shape factor of significantly finer or coarser gradings compared to the tested gradings. Subsequent research into this particular subject is recommended, especially for very coarse uncrushed gradings. In order to do so, despite nearly impracticable, the determination of nominal diameters is inevitable. Furthermore, for the tested gradings, the influence of elongation and blockiness on the value of the shape factor is not clearly distinguished. For gradings consisting of a significantly higher percentage of relatively elongated or blocky rock, a significant increase of the shape factor value can be expected. It is therefore recommended to examine the value of the shape factor for such gradings.

In case it is decided to perform subsequent research, it is recommended to consider the potential of remote sensing techniques to three-dimensionally observe rock shapes. Moreover, various other parameters that describe rock, such as the volume and the sieve diameter can be analysed integrally. It is assumed that by means of remote sensing techniques the accuracy and efficiency of the measurements can be significantly enhanced.

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# <span id="page-18-0"></span>**1 Introduction**

This introductory chapter is intended to provide general background information on the shape factor of quarry rock. Firstly, the motivation of the present research project is clarified by the discussion on the concept of the shape factor and its importance in hydraulic engineering. Subsequently, the goal and research questions of the project are provided, followed by the methodology that is applied to achieve this goal and to answer these research questions. The chapter concludes with an outline of the report structure. For readers already familiar with the general background of the shape factor it is recommended to skip the present chapter.

# <span id="page-18-1"></span>**1.1 Background**

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Information on the application of quarry rock in hydraulic engineering is given in paragraph [1.1.1.](#page-18-2) The general concept of the design of hydraulic structures composed of quarry rock is discussed in paragraph [1.1.2.](#page-18-3) Subsequently, in paragraph [1.1.3](#page-19-0) the shape factor of quarry rock is introduced and its definition is derived. Thereafter, an overview of the current state of the knowledge on the value of the shape factor is given in paragraph [1.1.4.](#page-20-0) The importance of the value of the shape factor in terms of its influence on the design and resulting performance of the structure is discussed in paragrap[h 1.1.5.](#page-20-1)

# <span id="page-18-2"></span>**1.1.1 Application of quarry rock in hydraulic engineering**

In the field of hydraulic engineering quarry rock is a frequently applied construction material. Examples of structures composed of quarried rock - or granular structures - in hydraulic engineering are, amongst others: breakwaters; bed, bank, and shoreline protections and pipeline covers. Quarry rock is highly available at a vast amount of locations across the globe and is relatively easy to produce and handle. Furthermore, the material is practically free of maintenance. Presumably the most important reason for the frequent application of quarry rock however, is its unique behaviour in terms of strength and stability in environments of high hydrodynamic activity.

# <span id="page-18-3"></span>**1.1.2 The design of granular hydraulic structures**

Stability plays a vital role in the design of granular hydraulic structures. In order to be able to fulfil its function, for the structure it is required to maintain its position and configuration. Stability of the structure is usually resolved through application of dedicated design formulae which are based on a balance of forces exerted on the quarry rock. In these formulae the gravity of rock is the most important stabilizing force<sup>1</sup>. According to Newton's second law of motion gravity is defined by the product of mass and gravitational acceleration. Since gravitational acceleration is practically constant across the earths (subsea) surface, only mass can be freely chosen to attain sufficient gravitation and thus stability. As a result, the aforementioned design formulae generally yield the rock mass required to assure a predefined level of stability. For practical reasons however, often rock mass is expressed by means of the product of density and volume. As a result these parameters are introduced as the most important design parameters for granular hydraulic structures.

 $^{1}$  Interlocking and slope angle are other important stabilizing features regarding granular structures.

#### <span id="page-19-0"></span>**1.1.3 Introduction of the shape factor**

The volume of a geometrically perfect shape is generally calculated by means of the product of a certain shape specific dimension to the third power and a certain shape specific factor. Consider for example a perfectly spherical shape. The volume  $[m<sup>3</sup>]$  is calculated through application of equation [\[3\]](#page-19-1).

<span id="page-19-1"></span>
$$
V_{sphere} = \frac{\pi}{6}d^3
$$
 [3]

Where *d* is the diameter [m] of the sphere, its shape specific dimension. The term  $\pi/6$  [-] is the shape-specific shape factor of the sphere. Quarry rock however does not consist of geometrically perfect shapes. Instead, rock volumes occur in a practically infinite variety of shapes. As a result no trivial shape specific dimension is available. This problem has been overcome by application of the sieve diameter as an approximation of the shape specific dimension in the calculation of rock volumes. The sieve diameter of rock is defined as the mesh width of the smallest square sieve that the rock is able to pass. The value of the shape factor of rock in this approach however remains unknown. Concerning the above, equation [\[4\]](#page-19-2) is obtained to calculate the volume of quarry rock.

<span id="page-19-2"></span>
$$
V_{rock} = F_s \cdot d_s^3 \tag{4}
$$

Where *d<sup>s</sup>* is the sieve diameter [m] of a rock, and *F<sup>s</sup>* the shape factor [-] of quarry rock (in a primitive form). In order to assess the value of the shape factor of quarry rock equation [\[4\]](#page-19-2) is rewritten in equation [\[5\]](#page-19-3).

<span id="page-19-3"></span>
$$
d_n^3 = F_s \cdot d_s^3 \tag{5}
$$

Where  $d_n$  is the nominal diameter [m] of rock, defined by the cubic root of the rock volume. Subsequently, by introduction of the shape factor  $F_s^*$ , equal to  $F_s^{1/3}$ , equation [\[5\]](#page-19-3) can be rewritten in equation [\[6\]](#page-19-4) which ultimately yields the definition of the shape factor of quarry rock.

<span id="page-19-4"></span>
$$
F_s^* = \frac{d_n}{d_s} \tag{6}
$$

It is concluded that the shape factor of quarry rock [-] in its commonly applied form, denoted  $F_s^*$  is defined as the ratio of the nominal diameter  $d_n$  [m] and sieve diameter  $d_s$  [m] respectively. This specific definition is applied to assess the value of the shape factor.

#### <span id="page-20-0"></span>**1.1.4 The value of the shape factor**

In literature hardly any information is available on the theoretical background of the shape factor. The oldest document found which discusses the parameter is by Van Bendegom (Algemene waterbouwkunde, deel IIa, de natuur, 1967). In this report an expression for rock mass as a function of the density and diameter in the form of equation [\[7\]](#page-20-2) is presented.

<span id="page-20-2"></span>
$$
m = F_s \cdot \rho \cdot d^3 \tag{7}
$$

Where *m* denotes the rock mass [kg], *F<sup>s</sup>* denotes the shape factor [-] in its primitive form and *d* denotes 'the rock diameter' [m]. Van Bendegom estimated the value of *F<sup>s</sup>* under assumption of perfectly spherical shaped rock. In paragraph [1.1.3](#page-19-0) it has been already shown that this results in a value of  $\pi/6$  - approximately 0.524 - for the shape factor in its primitive form. Van Bendegom corrected for the fact that quarry rock does not consist of geometrically perfect spherical shapes by decreasing the value of the primitive shape factor from 0.524 to 0.5. By the cubic root of 0.5, a first estimate for the value of the shape factor in its commonly applied form is found;  $F_s^*$  approximately is 0.79. The prefix 'commonly applied' in the parameter name of  $F_s^*$  is omitted in the rest of the report.

Later in time, a researcher named Laan performed further research into the value of the shape factor for quarry rock. In one of his reports, Laan (1981), the value of the shape factor was determined based on experiments on relatively fine gradings. For the primitive shape factor a value of 0.6 was found, which - by the cubic root - yields an approximate value of 0.84 for the value of the shape factor. Unfortunately however, Laan passed away and the concerned report is missing from the libraries. Despite the resulting lack of theoretical background for the value of 0.84, by numerous literature - for instance the Rock Manual (2007) - it is still recommended to apply this value in hydraulic engineering practice.

#### <span id="page-20-1"></span>**1.1.5 Importance of the value of the shape factor**

The shape factor is frequently applied throughout hydraulic engineering in numerous ways. For instance, the parameter occurs in many rock stability formulae and is applied to convert nominal diameters into sieve diameters and vice versa. The resulting influence on the design of granular hydraulic structures therefore is vital.

An example is the determination of rock gradings to be applied in granular hydraulic structures through physical model tests. Nowadays the value of 0.84 is assumed applicable to all rock gradings. However, it is believed that this value is not constant and fluctuates over rock size. If so, the determination of a rock grading to be applied in a structure based on model tests requires revision.

Another example is the uniform application of the shape factor over elongation and blockiness of rock. In appendix [E] however, from a theoretical point of view it is suggested that the value of the shape factor is dependent on the elongation and blockiness of quarry rock.

Furthermore, the value of the shape factor has its influence on the performance of a granular hydraulic structure, which is eventually reflected by the costs of a project. Consider for example the application of the Van der Meer formulae. An underestimation of the value of the shape factor may have as a result that the required rock size to be applied in the structure is overestimated. Since the price of rock in general increases for an increase of rock size, the structure is more expensive than strictly required.

At the other hand, an overestimation of the value of the shape factor may have as a result that the required rock size is underestimated. As a consequence the structure could turn out to be unstable and as a result damage may occur. Repair of (submerged) granular hydraulic structures usually is relatively expensive and therefore undesired. It is concluded that dependent on the specific application of the shape factor either an increase or decrease of the value of the shape factor may appear desirable.

# <span id="page-21-0"></span>**1.2 Research goal and methodology**

The main goal of this report is to enhance the theoretical background for the practical application of the shape factor. The core focus therefore is to reassess the value of the shape factor and obtain insight in its possible variability. Moreover, the dependency of the shape factor on a variety of parameters is examined, viz.: elongation, blockiness, coarseness and grading width. In order to be able to successfully meet the above defined goal, a research methodology has been developed. In chronological order the approach consists of: performing a literature study, acquiring a dataset, analysing the data and finally, interpreting the obtained results.

A literature study has been performed in order to create a theoretical starting point for the research on the shape factor. Moreover, this study has yielded an inventory of parameters that are expected to influence the value of the shape factor. Furthermore, the general background and current state of the knowledge on the shape factor, which have been already discussed in the previous section, have been studied. The assessment of the value and variability of the shape factor is based on research data, which is acquired in two measurement campaigns. In order to do so, a series of experiments has been performed on multiple rock samples of various gradings. Those consisted of; sieve tests, density tests, shape tests and weighing. On the acquired datasets statistical analyses have been performed that provide insight in the value and variability of the value of the shape factor as well as the parameters that describe rock. Thereafter, these results have been interpreted in order to discern, describe and quantify possible relations between the value of the shape factor and the rock describing parameters. The research methodology is visualized by means of a flow chart that can be found in appendix [H].

# <span id="page-21-1"></span>**1.3 Report Structure**

Generally, the report structure follows the research methodology described in sectio[n 1.2.](#page-21-0) In chapter [2](#page-22-0) an overview is given of the relevant theory and the most important definitions required to describe rock and to calculate the shape factor. As the chapter provides references to comprehend the further process, it can be considered as the theoretical starting point of the research project and. In Chapter [3](#page-28-0) information on the experiments is given. The tests performed are briefly introduced, the tested gradings are listed and the sampling techniques are discussed. Chapter [4](#page-34-0) contains the results of the experiments. These are based on calculations on the raw data acquired in these experiments. The data and the calculations can be found in appendices [C] and [D] respectively. In chapter [5](#page-52-2) these results are interpreted, resulting in an elaboration upon the dependencies of the value of the shape factor on a set of rock describing parameters. In chapter [6](#page-68-0) the application of the newly obtained insights in hydraulic engineering practice are reconsidered. Ultimately, the conclusions of the research project and recommendations for subsequent research are presented in chapte[r 7](#page-70-0) and [8](#page-72-0) respectively.

For readers already familiar with the general theory of the shape factor it is recommended to skip chapter [2.](#page-22-0)

# <span id="page-22-0"></span>**2 Theory and definitions**

The information provided in this chapter can be considered as the theoretical fundament for the present research project. Throughout the report this chapter can be used as a reference for theoretical background and parameter definitions. For readers already familiar with the theory and definitions concerning the shape factor it is recommended to skip this chapter.

# <span id="page-22-1"></span>**2.1 Median diameter values**

In chapter [1](#page-18-0) the definition of the shape factor has been derived as the ratio of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter of an individual rock. Since quarry rock is usually applied in bulk quantities it is illogical to address the shape factor to one individual rock. Furthermore, in paragraph [1.1.3](#page-19-0) it has been discussed already that rock does not consist of geometrically perfect volumes. In contrary, a practically infinite variety of rock shapes and sizes is found in quarry rock. As a result the material is typically graded. For rock gradings the definition of the shape factor is extended; the shape factor of quarry rock is defined as the ratio of the socalled **median nominal diameter** and **median sieve diameter**. By means of the application of those median diameters the representativeness of the shape factor for a grading is enhanced.

#### <span id="page-22-2"></span>**2.1.1 Median nominal diameter**

Recall that the nominal diameter is defined as the cubic root of the volume of an individual rock. Provided that the rocks are ranked in order of increasing mass, the median nominal diameter [m], parameterized by  $d_{n50}$ , is defined as the cubic root of the volume of the particular rock in the grading<sup>2</sup> which accumulates **50 percent of the mass**. It is concluded that the individual rock masses and (average) density of the rock are required in order to assess the value of the median nominal diameter. Plotting the values of the nominal diameters versus the associated cumulative mass percentages results in a so-called nominal diameter curve. Please consult appendix [D] for more detailed information on these nominal diameter curves.

#### <span id="page-22-3"></span>**2.1.2 Median sieve diameter**

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Recall that the sieve diameter of a rock is defined as the mesh width of the smallest square sieve that an individual rock is able to pass. The median sieve diameter [m], parameterized by *d50*, is defined as the mesh width of the square sieve which **50 percent of the mass** of a rock grading<sup>4</sup> is able to pass. The value of this parameter is determined by means of a sieve test. Plotting the mesh width dimensions of the applied sieves versus the associated passing cumulative mass percentages results in a so-called sieve curve. Please consult paragraph [3.1.3](#page-29-0) and appendix [D] for more detailed information on sieve tests.

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*The nominal diameter can be interpreted as an expression of rock mass in terms of dimension. The parameter has a purely theoretical character which is contributory to design formulae.*

*In both parameter names the use of the term median is confusing. It does not refer to the parameter applied in statistics that indicates the middle item in a sequence of items that are put in order of increasing value. Instead, it refers to 50 percent cumulative mass of a sample.*

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 $2$  Since analyzing all rock in a grading is practically unfeasible, usually a representative sample is extracted and analyzed. More details on sampling can be found in section [3.3.](#page-31-0)

#### <span id="page-23-0"></span>**2.2 Individual shape factor**

In the previous section it has been explained that the value of the shape factor for quarry rock is derived on basis of median values for the nominal diameter and sieve diameter. Nonetheless the application of the shape factor for individual rocks remains useful in examining the expected influences of for example elongation and blockiness on the value of the shape factor for gradings.

Recall that the definition of the shape factor of an individual rock - or individual shape factor - is given by the ratio of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter of a single rock. It has been explained that in order to determine the nominal diameter of each individual rock, only the individual rock masses and the average rock density are required. In order to determine the sieve diameter of the individual rocks however, a practically infinite amount of sieves is required. This approach is considered practically unfeasible. By application of the dimensions of the smallest enclosing box *X*, *Y* and *Z*, obtained in the shape tests this problem is resolved. Please consult paragraphs [2.4.2](#page-25-1) and [3.1.4](#page-29-1) for detailed information on those dimensions.

It has been assumed that for each individual rock the maximum dimension *X* does not determine whether or not a rock is able to pass a specific sieve. Only the remaining dimensions *Y* and *Z*, orientated perpendicular to the dimension *X*, determine whether or not a particular rock is able to pass a specific sieve. The dimensions X,Y and Z thus can be applied to determine the sieve diameter vice versa. This approach, referred to as virtual sieving is elaborated upon in appendix [E].

By means of 'virtual sieving', elaborated upon in appendix [E], these dimensions are applied vice versa to determine the sieve diameter of an individual rock. By Verhagen (2014), equation [\[8\]](#page-23-1) has been developed in order to recalculate the so-called virtual sieve diameters [m], denoted *dsv* based on of *X*, *Y* and *Z*.

<span id="page-23-1"></span>
$$
d_{sv} = \frac{Y}{1 + 0.45 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Z}{Y}\right)}\tag{8}
$$

For each individual rock that has been examined in the shape tests, the value of the individual shape factor is defined by the ratio of the nominal diameter and the virtual sieve diameter.

# <span id="page-24-0"></span>**2.3 Grading specifications**

Due to the natural resource and whimsical breaking in the production process, quarry rock is highly irregular in both size and shape. As a result quarry rock is typically graded. The grading of quarry rock is an important property since it enhances both stability and filtering capacities of a granular structure. In other words insight in the distribution of rock sizes within a grading is vital for the design and performance of granular hydraulic structures.

The in section [2.1](#page-22-1) introduced parameters, median nominal diameter and median sieve diameter, basically represent a mean rock size one can expected in a grading. Insight in the diameter values of the relatively small and relatively large rocks within a grading is yielded through introduction of comparable parameters. In order to do so, specific diameters associated with certain cumulative mass exceedance percentages are applied, similar to the indication of the median nominal and median sieve diameter. The 5 and 15 cumulative mass percentages are often applied to represent the diameter of the relatively small sized rocks within a grading. Respectively, the 85, 90 and 98 cumulative mass percentages are often applied to represent the diameter of the relatively large sized rocks within a grading.

# <span id="page-24-1"></span>**2.3.1 Coarseness**

According to the Rock Manual (2007) three main classes for the coarseness of a grading are distinguished, viz.:



This report focusses mainly on the shape factor of coarse gradings. In this report the median nominal diameter  $d_{n50}$  [m] is applied to indicate the coarseness of the tested gradings.

# <span id="page-24-2"></span>**2.3.2 Width**

According to the Rock Manual (2007) the width of a grading is defined by the ratio *d85*/*d<sup>15</sup>* [-]. This value yields insight in the relative proportion of large sized and small sized material.

**narrow:**  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  < 1.5 also called single sized or narrow gradings.  $∴$  wide:  $1.5 ≤ d_{85}/d_{15} < 2.5$ very wide:  $2.5 \leq d_{85}/d_{15}$  also called quarry run grading.

# <span id="page-24-3"></span>**2.4 Rock shape**

The shape of rock is presumed to influence the value of the shape factor for quarry rock. In order to illustrate this hypothesis, consider two rocks of equal sieve diameter. However, the shape of the two rocks significantly differs; rock A is significantly more elongated and blocky than rock B. As a result rock A has a larger volume than rock B. As a consequence the nominal diameter of rock A is larger than the nominal diameter of rock B. However, it was given that both rocks were of equal sieve diameter. As a consequence rock A has a larger shape factor value than rock B. In appendix  $[E]$  this approach is elaborated upon in more detail based on geometrically perfect extreme shapes. The parameters elongation and blockiness are briefly discussed in paragraphs [2.4.1](#page-25-0) and [2.4.2.](#page-25-1) The shape tests to determine elongation and blockiness are elaborated upon in paragraph [3.1.4.](#page-29-1)

 $\overline{a}$  $3$  Note that the heavy and light coarseness classes are defined by mass, as sieving is practically impossible for these rocks. In contrary, coarse grading classes are defined by dimension, as weighing is practically impossible for these rocks.

#### <span id="page-25-0"></span>**2.4.1 Elongation**

The shape of rock is often described by the ratio of its length and thickness, which is referred to as the length-to-thickness ratio, aspect ratio or elongation of rock, denoted *LT*. According to the Rock Manual (2007) elongation is defined as '*the maximum length, L [m], divided by the minimum distance, d [m], between parallel lines through which the particle would just pass.*' In this report, the symbol *d* is replaced by *T* to prevent confusion with the sieve diameter already parameterized *d* [m]. *T* logically refers to the expression 'thickness' of the rock. Please consult [Figure 2-1](#page-25-2) for clarification. The tool - a calliper - to measure the length and thickness is depicted in paragraph [3.1.4.](#page-29-1)



<span id="page-25-2"></span>**Figure 2-1 - definition of elongation, courtesy Rock Manual (2007)**

#### <span id="page-25-1"></span>**2.4.2 Blockiness**

Besides elongation also blockiness, denoted *BLC*, is used as a parameter to describe the shape of rock. According to the Rock Manual (2007) blockiness is defined as '*the volume of a rock divided by the volume of the enclosing XYZ orthogonal box with a minimum volume*'. In this report blockiness is expressed by a percentage value. Blockiness is also referred to as compactness or rectanguloidness. In equation [\[9\]](#page-25-3) the formula to calculate blockiness is given:

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$$
BLC = \left(\frac{m}{\rho} * \frac{1}{X * Y * Z}\right) * 100\tag{9}
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In this equation *BLC* denotes blockiness in [%], *m* is the mass of the rock in [kg] and *ρ* the density of the rock in [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]. *X*, *Y* and *Z* represent the orthogonal dimensions of the smallest enclosing box, as can be consulted in [Figure 2-2;](#page-25-4) rocks of decreasing blockiness are depicted from left to right; 80, 60 and 40%. The tool to measure the dimensions the smallest enclosing box - a blockiness-meter - is depicted in paragraph [3.1.4.](#page-29-1)



<span id="page-25-4"></span>**Figure 2-2 - definition of blockiness, f.l.t.r.: 80%, 60% and 40%, courtesy Rock Manual (2007)**

# <span id="page-26-0"></span>**2.4.3 Roundness**

A third parameter to describe the shape of rock is roundness. In the Rock Manual (2007) several methods to assess the roundness of rock are introduced. These methods do have in common that they are based on the visual comparison of the rock shape with a given set of figures representing roundness categories. It is stressed that as a consequence of the visual character of the comparison method, the assessment of roundness is rather arbitrary, inaccurate and therefore unreliable. As a result roundness is seldom applied to describe rock shape.

# <span id="page-26-1"></span>**2.5 Rock density**

Nominal diameters are calculated by means of the cubic root of rock volumes. Due to a practically infinite variety of rock shapes however, the rock volumes are not easily determined. By application of the definition of rock volume as the ratio of rock mass and density this difficulty is overcome. It is concluded that rock density is an indispensable parameter for a practical determination of nominal diameters.

Depending on the specific application, various definitions for rock density are given in literature. In this report, for rock density the ratio of the mass and volume<sup>4</sup> of a rock, referred to as apparent mass density, Rock Manual (2007) is applied. The volume of rock is measured by submersion of the rock into water and application of the Archimedes principle as is discussed in more detail in paragrap[h 3.1.3.](#page-29-0) The mass is determined simply by weighing the surface dried rock. Note that some water may be present in the pores. For the determination of rock density only rock passing the 125 mm sieve and retained on the 63 mm sieve have been considered. For those rocks the relative influence of the pore volume on the determination of the rock volumes therefore is considered negligible.

# <span id="page-26-2"></span>**2.6 General statistical parameters**

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One of the core focusses of the present research project is the examination of possible dependencies of the value of the shape factor on specific parameters that describe rock. This study is primarily based on statistical analyses. The most important statistical parameters applied in those analyses are the;

- Average or expected value, yielding insight in mean values of the datasets;
- Minimum and maximum values, yielding insight in the extremes of the datasets;
- Variance and standard deviation, yielding insight in the variability of the datasets;
- Skewness and kurtosis, yielding insight in the asymmetry and peakness of the distributions of the datasets.

Consult for example Dekking *et. al.* (2005) for definitions and calculation methods of these parameters.

 $<sup>4</sup>$  Note that still the volume of rock is required to be calculated. However, not for each individual rock!</sup>

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# <span id="page-28-0"></span>**3 Experiments**

In sections [1.1](#page-18-1) and [2.1](#page-22-1) the definition of the shape factor for quarry rock is defined by the ratio of the median nominal diameter and median sieve diameter of the grading. To determine the value of these parameters specific tests are performed, which are briefly discussed in section [3.1.](#page-28-1) Also, the shape of individual rocks in terms of elongation and blockiness is measured to enable the research into the influence of shape on the value of the shape factor. To assess the variability of the shape factor these tests have been performed on multiple samples extracted from various gradings. The selected gradings are listed in section [3.2.](#page-30-0) The structure and methods of sampling are discussed in section [3.3.](#page-31-0) The results of the tests are presented in chapte[r 4.](#page-34-0)

# <span id="page-28-1"></span>**3.1 Tests**

In order to assess the value and variability of the shape factor, various parameters are required to be examined by means of testing. An overview of the tests and the yielded parameters is given in [Table 3-1.](#page-28-4) In paragraph [3.1.1](#page-28-2) to [3.1.4](#page-29-1) these tests are briefly discussed. More elaborate information on these tests and the measurement campaigns is found in appendix [A].



# <span id="page-28-4"></span>**Table 3-1 - Tests and yielded parameters**

# <span id="page-28-2"></span>**3.1.1 Weighing**

The nominal diameter of an individual rock is calculated by means of the cubic root of its volume. In section [2.5](#page-26-1) it has been shown that rock volumes cannot be measured straightforwardly from a practical point of view. Fortunately, rock volumes can be calculated by means of the ratio of rock mass and density. These parameters are both measured relatively easily. It is concluded that for each individual rock its mass is required to be measured. Moreover these individual rock masses have been applied to calculate the sieve fraction masses in the sieve analysis. Paragraph [3.1.3](#page-29-0) can be consulted for more detailed information. The tests required to determine rock density are discussed in paragraph [3.1.2.](#page-28-3)

Rock masses are determined rather straightforwardly by weighing. A calibrated scale with a capacity of 25 kg and accuracy of 1 gr was applied. The weighing was performed indoors on a stable desk to avoid the influences of weather conditions and vibrations on the measurements.

# <span id="page-28-3"></span>**3.1.2 Density tests**

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In paragraph [3.1.1](#page-28-2) the importance of density tests - for the determination of individual rock volumes and eventually nominal diameters - has been pointed out already. Furthermore, the possible influence of density on the value of the shape factor has been examined in section [5.3.](#page-63-0) As explained in section [2.5,](#page-26-1) for the determination of rock density, the ratio of rock mass and volume has been applied. To determine the volume of an individual rock, a tank filled with water was put on a scale and weighed. Subsequently an individual rock was submerged<sup>5</sup> in the tank. As a result the water level in the tank rises and the mass indicated

 $<sup>5</sup>$  The rock should not touch either the side or the bottom of the tank. In that case (a fraction) of the</sup> mass of the rock is weighed. Only the increased volume in the tank is to be measured!

by the scale increases. According to the Archimedes principle<sup>6</sup>, the difference in mass indicated by the scale before and after submersion equals the mass of the displaced volume of water. Logically, the displaced volume of water equals the volume of the submerged rock (neglecting the pore volume). The density of the rock is simply calculated by means of the ratio of the rock mass and the just determined rock volume. During testing it was concluded that the procedure of the density test is relatively labour intensive and as a result time consuming. Therefore it is decided to perform the tests on one sample per tested grading only. By applying these test results on the remaining samples also, it has been implicitly assumed that these test results are sufficiently reliable and representative to be applied on the remaining samples. In sectio[n 5.3](#page-63-0) this assumption has been evaluated.

#### <span id="page-29-0"></span>**3.1.3 Sieve tests**

In section [2.2](#page-23-0) it has been discussed that the determination of sieve diameters of individual rocks is practically unfeasible. The determination of sieve diameters is therefore always based on a normalized set of square sieves with predefined mesh widths.

According to the NEN-EN 13383-2 regulations (2013) a set of sieves of standardized mesh width was applied, viz.: 31.5, 45, 63, 90, 125, 180 and 250 mm. A rock sample consisting of at least 200 rocks is sieved by application of these sieves, yielding so-called sieve fractions. The mass of each sieve fraction is calculated by the summation of the individual rock masses in the specific fractions. For each specific sieve the mass that is able to **pass** the sieve is accumulated and plotted versus the associated mesh width dimension. The resulting graph is referred to as a so-called sieve curve. Through interpolation, specific values of the sieve diameter can be obtained. For instance the sieve diameter associated with 50 percent cumulative mass passing, the median sieve diameter, denoted *d50*. Please consult appendix [D] for more information on sieve curves.

# <span id="page-29-1"></span>**3.1.4 Shape tests**

To describe the shape of rock, the parameters elongation and blockiness have been introduced in section [2.4.](#page-24-3) The dimensions required for the determination of elongation (*L* and *T*) are measured by application of a calliper, depicted in [Figure 3-1.](#page-29-2) The dimensions required for the determination of blockiness (*X*, *Y* and *Z*) are measured by application of the so-called blockiness-meter, depicted in [Figure 3-2.](#page-29-3) It is stressed that the placement of the rocks in the instruments by the researcher to some extent has an arbitrary character and is therefore not completely objective. As a result the measurement data may contain some biasedness. Furthermore, the measurement errors as a result of reading the calliper and blockiness-meter are approximated to be in the order of 1 mm and 1-5 mm respectively.



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**Figure 3-1 - impression of the applied calliper Figure 3-2 - impression of the applied blockiness-meter**

 $^6$  On a body submerged in a fluid an uplift force is exerted equal to the gravity force of the displaced volume of water.

# <span id="page-30-0"></span>**3.2 Tested gradings**

The selection of the gradings was mainly based on availability and manual practicability in terms of size and weight of the rock. Furthermore, it was desired for the set of selected gradings to represent a certain range of coarseness, width and density. The specifications of the tested gradings as given by the producers, have been summarized<sup>7</sup> below. The 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch gradings were tested at a transhipment quay in IJmuiden, the Netherlands. The 1-5 inch and 5+ inch gradings were tested at a production quarry in Sløvag, Norway. Reports on these measurement campaigns can be found in appendix [A].

#### *IJmuiden - 22-90 mm*

- Grain size distribution: 22-90 mm, which is comparable to 1-3 inch
- Rock type: Gneiss
- Expected approximate density: 2650 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Origin: Halsvik Aggregates, Sløvag, Norway

#### *IJmuiden - 2-5 inch*

- Grain size distribution: 2-5 inch, which is comparable to 50-125 mm
- Rock type: Gneiss
- Expected approximate density: 2650 kg/ $m<sup>3</sup>$
- Origin: Oster Pukk OG Sand AS, Eikefet, Norway

#### *IJmuiden - 2-8 inch*

- Grain size distribution: 2-8 inch, which is comparable to 50-200 mm
- Rock type: Gneiss
- Expected approximate density:  $2650 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Origin: Halsvik Aggregates, Sløvag, Norway

#### *Sløvag - 1-5 inch*

- Grain size distribution: 1-5 inch, which is comparable to 22-125 mm
- Rock type: Mainly Basalt, with a minor Gneiss/Granite fraction
- Expected approximate average density:  $2950 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Origin: Halsvik Aggregates, Sløvag, Norway

#### *Sløvag 5+ inch*

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The rock in this grading consists of the rock that was retained on a 5 inch sieve installed in the crusher. This grading is therefore also referred to as the oversize material of the above 1-5 inch grading.

- Grain size distribution: 5+ inch, which is comparable to 125+ mm
- Rock type: Mainly Basalt, with a minor Gneiss/Granite fraction
- Expected approximate average density:  $2950 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Origin: Halsvik Aggregates, Sløvag, Norway.

 $<sup>7</sup>$  The information is commercial. The units mm and inch are both used by the quarries. In the analyses</sup> of the gradings the dimensions are all expressed in millimetres.

#### *Sløvag 1-5+ inch (virtual)*

This virtual grading is obtained by the combination of the data of the 1-5 inch and 5+ inch gradings from the Sløvag quarry. Detailed information on this approach is found in paragraph [3.3.3.](#page-32-0)

# <span id="page-31-0"></span>**3.3 Sampling**

In paragraph [3.3.1](#page-31-1) the structure of the sampling program is discussed. The sampling techniques applied and their resulting effects on the representativeness of the samples for the tested grading are discussed in [3.3.2.](#page-31-2) The implications of the composition of the virtual 1-5+ inch are explained in detail in [3.3.3.](#page-32-0)

# <span id="page-31-1"></span>**3.3.1 Structure of sampling program**

In the measurement campaigns in IJmuiden, the Netherlands and Sløvag, Norway respectively three and two gradings have been tested. In IJmuiden per grading 5 samples have been extracted from the stockpiles (indicated: A, B, C, D and E). In Sløvag, per grading 3 samples have been extracted from the stockpiles (indicated: A, B, and C). As a result in total 21 separate samples were taken. The euro code NEN-EN 13383-2 (2013) prescribes a sample size of approximately 200-250 rocks for sieve tests. This quantity was assumed sufficient also for the assessment of the shape factor. In paragrap[h 4.1.1](#page-34-2) and this assumption is evaluated.

On all samples a sieve test has been performed. Also, for each individual rock in those samples the mass has been determined in order to calculate the nominal diameters and sieve fraction masses. Furthermore, on sample A of each of the gradings density tests and shape tests have been performed. Since these tests are highly labour intensive and only restricted time was available, it was decided not to perform these tests on every sample. The results of these tests are assumed sufficiently representative for the entire parent grading and are therefore applied to the remaining samples. In sectio[n 5.1,](#page-52-0) [5.2](#page-58-0) and [5.3](#page-63-0) this approach is evaluated for elongation, blockiness and density respectively.

Furthermore, for each grading a sample has been virtually created on basis of the combination of the data from the separate samples. These compound samples are indicated A-E for the IJmuiden gradings and A-C for the Sløvag gradings.

# <span id="page-31-2"></span>**3.3.2 Representativeness**

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In literature a vast amount of information can be found on sampling techniques for rock gradings. It is concluded that a high order of complexity is introduced by the requirement of representativeness. The rock sizes should be distributed equally in the sample and the parent grading. Unfortunately rock sizes segregate when rock is put in a stockpile; the relatively large rocks are more frequently found at the sides of a stockpile; due to their larger masses they roll down lowest. This phenomenon is most pronounced for wide gradings. To compensate for segregation, according to NEN-EN-932-1 (1996)<sup>8</sup> rock should be extracted in specific fractions taken from multiple locations in the stockpile in order to compose a representative sample. It is however stressed that despite following the predefined euro code norms, rock sampling remains an arbitrary process. As a consequence, the distribution of rock sizes and thus the grading unfortunately differs somewhat from sample to sample. Through the examination of multiple samples the arbitrariness and thus representativeness of sampling is assessed. Moreover, statistical information on the variability of the shape factor is yielded.

 $^8$  In appendix [A] the applied sampling techniques have been discussed in detail.

#### <span id="page-32-0"></span>**3.3.3 Virtual 1-5+ inch grading**

The 1-5 inch and 5+ inch gradings tested in Sløvag have been virtually combined into a virtual 1-5+ inch grading. Both gradings consist of rock produced in the same production process. These were obtained after the execution of two steps:

- 1. Sieving of the rock on a sieve with a mesh width of one inch and removal of the passing rock, and;
- 2. Sieving of the retained rock on a sieve with a mesh width of 5 inch.

The rock passing in step 2 yields the 1-5 inch grading. The ultimately retained rock yields the 5+ inch - or oversize - grading. Since the rock was produced in the same process, presumably only the coarseness of the gradings differs. Complications for the representativeness of rock shapes due to remixing of the 1-5+ inch grading are therefore not expected. This assumption is evaluated in paragraphs [4.2.1](#page-44-1) and [4.2.2.](#page-46-0)

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# <span id="page-34-0"></span>**4 Test results**

In this chapter the test results of the experiments are presented. The details of the value and variability of the shape factor are assessed in section [4.1.](#page-34-1) An overview of the rock shapes in terms of elongation, blockiness and roundness is given in section [4.2.](#page-44-0) The findings on the coarseness, width and density of the tested gradings are presented in sections [4.3,](#page-48-0) [4.4](#page-48-1) and [4.5](#page-49-0) respectively. The raw data can be found in appendix [C]. The calculation methods applied to process the raw data into the results presented in this chapter can be consulted in appendix [D].

# <span id="page-34-1"></span>**4.1 The shape factor**

The value and variability of the shape factor have been assessed in paragraph [4.1.1.](#page-34-2) Distributions of the found shape factor values are presented in paragraph [4.1.2.](#page-36-0) Furthermore, the uniformity of the value of the shape factor over a grading is assessed in paragraph [4.1.3.](#page-40-0)

# <span id="page-34-2"></span>**4.1.1 The value and variability**

In chapter [1](#page-18-0) it has been shown that the shape factor  $F_s^*$  is defined by the ratio of  $d_{n50}$  and  $d_{50}$ . In order to assess the value of the shape factor, thus information is required on the value of both parameters. This has been achieved by the derivation of nominal diameter curves and sieve curves for each of the samples. The plots of all nominal diameter curves and sieve curves can be found in appendix [D]. By interpolation of those plots the median nominal diameter and median sieve diameter values have been determined. These values, as well as the ratios - the shape factor per sample - are listed per grading in [Table 4-1](#page-34-3) to [Table 4-6.](#page-35-0)

<span id="page-34-3"></span>**Table 4-1 - shape factors for the samples extracted from the 22-90 mm grading**

						A-E
$d_{n50}$	65.7	60.8	64.6	62.0	57.7	62.9
$d_{50}$	73.9	72.9	76.4	75.6	63.3	73.3
	0.889	0.834	0.846	0.820	0.912	0.859









**Table 4-4 - shape factors for the samples extracted from the 1-5 inch grading**

				A-C
$d_{n50}$	78.1	57.1	45.6	60.7
$d_{50}$	87.5	65.0	53.3	68.7
$F_{c}^*$	0.892	0.878	0.856	0.884

**Table 4-5 - shape factors for the samples extracted from the 5+ inch grading**

				A-C
$d_{n50}$	113.0	111.3	105.3	110.3
$d_{50}$	133.2	128.1	125.3	129.5
$F_s^*$	0.848	0.869	0.840	0.852

<span id="page-35-0"></span>**Table 4-6 - shape factors for the samples extracted from the 1-5+ inch grading**



It is concluded that for each of the gradings, significant fluctuation over the samples is observed in the values of both the median nominal diameter and median sieve diameter. The resulting shape factor value ranges from 0.82 to 0.91. A plausible explanation is the arbitrary character of sampling, as discussed in [3.3.2.](#page-31-2) In the A-E and A-C samples the arbitrariness is corrected for. Since these samples consist of the combined data of the separate samples<sup>9</sup> extremes are cancelled out and thus mediate values for the shape factor are yielded; the range of  $F_s^*$  diminishes to 0.85-0.88. It is concluded that 200-250 rocks are inadequate to assess the value of the shape factor sufficiently accurate. Generally, the accuracy and thus reliability of the found shape factor value increases for an increase of the sample size. It is however stressed that the rocks should be still extracted from different parts of the stockpile in accordance with NEN-EN 13383-2 (2013). The results based on a sample consisting of approximately 1000 rocks are considered sufficiently accurate.

Considering the value of the shape factor for the 21 samples, the value of 0.84 is exceeded eighteen times. As a logical result the shape factor has a value less than 0.84 three times. Moreover, for the combined A-E and A-C samples the value of the shape factor exceeds the value of 0.84 for each of the gradings. The samples of the 1-5+ inch grading were neglected in this analysis to prevent this data to be represented twice.

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<sup>9</sup> Note that the results of the A-E and A-C samples are **not** the averages values of the separate samples.
### **4.1.2 The distribution of the shape factor**

The distribution of the shape factor in both its commonly applied form as well as its primitive form is analysed in subparagraphs [4.1.2.1](#page-36-0) and [4.1.2.2.](#page-37-0) Furthermore, in subparagraph [4.1.2.3](#page-38-0) the distribution of the individual shape factor is presented.

## <span id="page-36-0"></span>4.1.2.1 The shape factor *F<sup>s</sup> \** , defined by *dn50*/*d50*.

The distribution of the shape factor values presented in [4.1.1](#page-34-0) is examined in this paragraph. To prevent data from being represented twice, only the shape factor values of the 21 separate samples are considered. The combined sample A-E and A-C are thus omitted in this analysis. In [Figure 4-1](#page-36-1) the distribution of shape factor values is visualized by means of a histogram. Furthermore, the average and standard deviation of the shape factor have been calculated; 0.864 and 0.024 respectively. Based on these figures, a Gaussian distribution is also depicted in [Figure 4-1](#page-36-1) as an approximation of the distribution of the found shape factor values.



<span id="page-36-1"></span>**Figure 4-1 - distribution of the shape factor** *F<sup>s</sup> \** **, based on 21 samples**

It is concluded that based on the individual samples the distribution of the value of the shape factor is reasonably well represented by means of a Gaussian distribution. The representation is analysed in more detail by examining the skewness and kurtosis of the dataset. The skewness of the dataset is 0.32. For positive skewness the right tail of the distribution is longer than for the Gaussian distribution. To a limited extent this is observed in [Figure 4-1.](#page-36-1) The kurtosis is -0.35. Negative kurtosis means that the distribution is flatter than the normal distribution; the probability to find a shape factor value in one of the tails is larger compared to the Gaussian distribution. This findings is not clearly observed in [Figure 4-1.](#page-36-1)

#### <span id="page-37-0"></span>4.1.2.2 The shape factor in its primitive form *F<sup>s</sup>*

The same analysis has been performed for the primitive shape factor; *F<sup>s</sup>* . In [Figure 4-2](#page-37-1) the distribution of the primitive shape factor (based on 21 samples) has been depicted by a histogram. Also, the histogram has been approximated by means of a Gaussian distributions, based on an average value of 0.647 and a standard deviation of 0.055.



<span id="page-37-1"></span>**Figure 4-2 - distribution of the** *primitive* **shape factor** *F<sup>s</sup>* **, based on 21 samples**

It is concluded that based on the individual samples the distribution of the value of the primitive shape factor found is rather poorly represented by means of a Gaussian distribution. This findings is not surprising, since in subparagraph [4.1.2.1](#page-36-0) it was already found that the distribution of the shape factor in its commonly applied form, is reasonably well represented by means of a Gaussian distribution. (Recall *Fs*=*F<sup>s</sup> \**3 ). The representation is analysed in more detail by examining the skewness and kurtosis of the dataset. The skewness of the dataset is 0.45. For positive skewness the right tail of the distribution is longer than for the Gaussian distribution. To a limited extent this is observed in [Figure 4-2.](#page-37-1) The kurtosis is -0.25. This means the peakness of the distribution is comparable to that of the Gaussian distribution. This cannot be clearly observed in [Figure 4-2.](#page-37-1) In contrary, four sparks are observed, of which three are located relatively close to the average value of the primitive shape factor: 0.647. The remaining shape factor values are rather uniformly distributed.

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#### <span id="page-38-0"></span>4.1.2.3 Individual shape factors

In section [2.2](#page-23-0) the concept of individual has been discussed. For 969 rocks the required data to determine the value of the individual shape factor is available. In [Figure 4-3](#page-38-1) the distribution of the individual shape factor has been depicted by means of a histogram. Also a Gaussian distribution based on the average and standard deviation of the dataset, 0.844 and 0.083 respectively, has been included as an approximation.



<span id="page-38-1"></span>**Figure 4-3 - distribution of the** *individual* **shape factor** *Find***, based on 969 individual rocks**

It is concluded that based on the individual rocks the distribution of the value of the individual shape factor is reasonably well represented by means of a Gaussian distribution<sup>10</sup>. The representation is analysed in more detail by examining the skewness and kurtosis of the dataset. The skewness value of the distribution is 0.62, which means the distribution is asymmetrical with a longer right tail. This is clearly observed in [Figure 4-3.](#page-38-1) The kurtosis is 1.66, which means the distribution is rather peaked compared with the Gaussian distribution. This is also clearly observed i[n Figure 4-3.](#page-38-1)

 $10$  71 percent of the of the individual shape factors has a value within one standard deviation of the average or expected value. 95 percent of the of the individual shape factors has a value within two standard deviations of the average or expected value. For the Gaussian distributions these percentages are 68 and 95 respectively.

#### 4.1.2.4 Conclusion

According to the subparagraphs [4.1.2.1,](#page-36-0) [4.1.2.2](#page-37-0) and [4.1.2.3](#page-38-0) it has been found that the distribution of the shape factor  $F_s^*$  is represented reasonably well by means of a Gaussian distribution. The average, or expected value, variance, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis of the per grading are listed in [Table 4-7.](#page-39-0) It is however stressed that these figures are based on 5 samples only for the 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch gradings and on 3 samples only for the 1-5 inch, 5+ inch and 1-5+ inch gradings. The statistical meaning of the obtained values as a result is questionably low.



#### <span id="page-39-0"></span>**Table 4-7 - statistics of the shape factor per grading**

It is concluded that for all gradings the expected value of the shape factor exceeds the value of 0.84. To be more precise, the expected value of the shape factor ranges from 0.85 to 0.88. Considering all 21 samples from the various gradings altogether, the expected value of the shape factor is 0.864 and has a standard deviation of 0.024. Taking into account one standard deviation, a lower limit of approximately 0.84 and an upper limit of approximately 0.89 are yielded.

The standard deviation of the shape factor ranges from 0.012 to 0.035 over the tested gradings, which is considered relatively limited. The largest values for the standard deviation are observed for the 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch gradings; the smallest for the 1-5 inch, 5+ inch and 1-5+ inch gradings. This observation can be explained by the fact that the standard deviations of the 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch gradings are based on 5 samples, in contrast to the standard deviation of the 1-5 inch, 5+ inch and 1-5+ inch gradings; these are based on 3 samples. The latter standard deviations are thus derived on basis of less information, which has as a result that the probability to contain extreme values is lower.

The skewness values fluctuate from approximately -1.4 to 1.2. It is concluded that both significant negative and positive skew is observed. For kurtosis comparable fluctuation is observed in the results. Note that the kurtosis values of the 1-5 inch, 5+ inch and 1-5+ inch were unable to be calculated due to insufficient information (only 3 samples).

Also, the value of the individual shape factor is represented rather well by means of a Gaussian distribution. Based on the 969 individual rocks in the A samples the individual shape factor has an average value and standard deviation of 0.844 and 0.083 respectively. Furthermore it has been concluded that the primitive shape factor *F<sup>s</sup>* is poorly represented by means of a Gaussian distribution. This is a logical consequence of the fact that the shape factor *F<sup>s</sup> \** is represented reasonably well by means of a Gaussian distribution.

### **4.1.3 The uniformity within a grading**

In hydraulic engineering practice the value of the shape factor is applied as a constant for an entire grading. In other words, the ratio of  $d_{n50}$  /  $d_{50}$  is assumed equal to the ratios of  $d_{n15}$  / *d15*, *dn90* / *d<sup>90</sup>* or whichever other ratio of nominal diameter and sieve diameter at some specific cumulative mass exceedance percentage *dn%* / *d%*. The value of the shape factor is however determined on basis of the **median** value of the nominal and **median** sieve diameter only.

Not that in paragraph [4.1.1](#page-34-0) it has been concluded that the value of the shape factor is not a universal constant. As a consequence, the assumption of a constant shape factor value for rock gradings has become quite questionable. Therefore, in this paragraph the uniformity of the value of the shape factor within the tested gradings is examined. This has been done by calculation of the ratios of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter at several cumulative mass exceedance percentages, viz.: at 5, 15, 50, 90 and 98 percent for each of the samples. The results have been listed per grading i[n Table 4-8](#page-40-0) t[o Table 4-13.](#page-41-0) Indexes have been added to indicate the cumulative mass exceedance percentage that 'particular shape factor' is associated with.



<span id="page-40-0"></span>**Table 4-8 - shape factor fluctuation within the 22-90 mm grading**



#### **Table 4-9 - shape factor fluctuation within the 2-5 inch grading**



#### **Table 4-10 - shape factor fluctuation within the 2-8 inch grading**



		B		A-C
$F_{s5}^*$	0.917	$\frac{11}{1}$	$\sqrt{11}$	0.762
$F_{s15}^*$	0.893	0.851	0.819	0.856
$F_{s50}$	0.892	0.878	0.856	0.884
$F_{s90}^*$	0.785	0.818	0.928	0.802
$F_{s98}$	0.767	0.770	0.785	0.786

**Table 4-11 - shape factor fluctuation within the 1-5 inch grading**

**Table 4-12 - shape factor fluctuation within the 5+ inch grading**

		B		A-C
$F_{s5}^*$	0.918	0.945	0.949	0.906
$F_{s15}$	0.938	0.907	0.905	0.919
$F_{\rm s50}$	0.848	0.869	0.840	0.852
$F_{s90}$	0.819	0.820	0.789	0.823
$\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{s98}}$	0.822	0.800	0.747	0.796

<span id="page-41-0"></span>**Table 4-13 - shape factor fluctuation within the 1-5+ inch grading**

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It is concluded that the value of the shape factor is not constant within the grading of any of the samples. In contrast, significant fluctuations are observed. In general the value of the shape factor decreases for an increase of rock size. This finding is most pronounced for the 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch gradings. A more limited relation is found for the samples of the 1-5 inch, 5+ inch and 1-5+ inch gradings<sup>12</sup>. For the majority of the samples, the largest value of the shape factor is observed for either *F<sup>5</sup>* or *F15*. For all samples the smallest value of the shape factor is observed for either  $F_{90}$  or  $F_{98}$ . A plausible explanation is based on 'sieve density'.

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*Sieve density is defined as the number of rocks that is found in a specific sieve fraction. In a grading usually a relatively small amount of large rocks occurs in comparison with small rocks. As a result the sieve density for the sieves with the largest mesh widths is usually low. The difficulty of low sieve density is that the sieve diameter of the rock in the associated sieve fractions is determined relatively inaccurate. Consider the two largest sieves applied in a sieve test have mesh widths of 180 and 250 mm. The few rocks retained on the 180 mm sieve are now assigned as passing the 250 mm sieve. It is however possible these few rocks would* 

*also have passed a 200 mm sieve.*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> These values could not be calculated since for the fines ( $d<sub>s</sub>$  < 25 mm) no **individual** rock masses were determined.

 $12$  Concerning the sieve tests of those gradings, more sieves were applied, especially in the upper tail of the grading. As a result the sieve density increases and the sieve diameters are determined more accurately.

*As a result the mass associated with those rocks is plotted at an incorrect sieve diameter in the sieve curve. In such cases the upper right point in the sieve curve should actually be shifted to the left, closer to the nominal diameter curve. This will result in larger values of the shape factor. It is therefore recommended to determine the sieve diameters of the relatively large rock in more detail.*

Based on the results of the 21 separate samples, presented in [Table 4-8](#page-40-0) to [Table 4-13,](#page-41-0) the expected value, variance and standard deviation of the shape factor at the considered cumulative mass exceedance percentages have been calculated. The results have been listed i[n Table 4-14.](#page-42-0)

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		${[\mathit{F_s}]}^*$	
	$E.$ [ ]	Var. $[ ]$	St. Dev. []
$F_{s5}^*$	0.904	0.00190	0.044
$F_{s15}^*$	0.875	0.00045	0.021
$F_{s50}^*$	0.864	0.00051	0.023
$F_{\rm s90}^{\quad \  *}$	0.813	0.00226	0.048
$F_{s98}^*$	0.739	0.00281	0.053

<span id="page-42-0"></span>**Table 4-14 - statistics of the shape factor fluctuation within the gradings**

Considering [Table 4-14,](#page-42-0) it is once more concluded that the shape factor is not constant within the grading. The value decreases for an increase of the rock size. Furthermore, the standard deviation increases in both tails of the grading. In the upper tail this is explained by the low sieve density in this section of the grading. In the lower tail this is explained by measurement inaccuracies. The during submersion introduced small waves, cause a large relative error, especially in this part of a grading. More detailed information on the influence of density on the value of the shape factor can be found in section [5.3.](#page-63-0) In [Figure 4-4](#page-43-0) the expected value and variability of the shape factor within a grading have been plotted versus the cumulative mass exceedance percentages.



<span id="page-43-0"></span>**Figure 4-4 - expected value and variability for the shape factor within a grading**

Considering [Figure 4-4,](#page-43-0) it is concluded that in the middle part of the grading the relation is rather constant and limited. In the tails of the gradings the amplification of the relation is amplified as a consequence of the measurement inaccuracies discussed above. It is expected that in reality the relation in the tails of the grading will be comparable to the relation in the middle part of the grading. Therefore, the relation is approximated by means of the red line i[n Figure 4-5.](#page-43-1)



<span id="page-43-1"></span>**Figure 4-5 - approximation of** *F<sup>s</sup> \** **within a grading** 

The equation of the approximation is given by: *F<sup>s</sup> \** =-0.00075\**CMP*+0.898. Where *CMP* denotes the cumulative mass percentage [%].

#### <span id="page-44-3"></span>**4.2 Shape**

In paragraphs [4.2.1](#page-44-0) and [4.2.2](#page-46-0) statistical information is provided on elongation and blockiness respectively. Furthermore, the distributions of elongation and blockiness have been given by a histogram, and are approximated by means of theoretical distributions, viz.: a Gaussian and Lognormal distributions.

#### <span id="page-44-0"></span>**4.2.1 Elongation**

Per grading the minimum, maximum and average value as well as the standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis of the elongation dataset are listed in [Table 4-15.](#page-44-1) By the symbol *#*, the number of examined rocks is indicated. In appendix [D] detailed information can be found on the elongation per sieve fraction.

	<b>Elongation LT</b>						
Grading	# $[-]$	$min.$ [-]	$max.$ [-]	ave. $[-]$	st. dev. $[-]$	skew. [-]	kurt. [-]
22-90 mm	209	1.0	5.3	2.04	0.59	1.61	5.08
$2-5$ inch	304	1.0	5.5	2.36	0.67	1.30	2.53
2-8 inch	201	1.2	4.7	2.44	0.61	0.97	1.57
$1-5$ inch	148	1.4	7.1	2.76	1.02	1.45	2.81
$5+$ inch	107	1.4	7.0	2.55	0.80	2.01	8.45
$1-5+$ inch	255	1.4	7.1	2.68	0.94	1.67	4.30
Together <sup>13</sup>	969	1.0	7.1	2.40	0.74	1.73	5.40

<span id="page-44-1"></span>**Table 4-15 - statistical information of elongation per grading**

It is concluded that the found elongation values do agree with values usually observed for regular gradings in hydraulic engineering practice. Compared to the 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch Gneiss gradings, slightly larger elongation values are found for the 1-5 inch, 5+ inch and 1-5+ inch Basalt - Gneiss/Granite mixture gradings. No distinct trends are observed in elongation over the sieve fractions for any of the gradings. In other words: elongation is not related to rock size, which is observed clearly in [Figure 4-6.](#page-44-2)

Elongation has a minimum value of 1.0. This observation is explained by the definition of the parameter: L should always be larger than T. Furthermore, it is found that the majority of the rock has an elongation value of approximately 2.5. For some rocks however, relatively large elongation values are also found. The skewness and kurtosis values given in [Table 4-15](#page-44-1) are in line with these observations as they indicate an asymmetrical, peaked distribution. Based on these observations it is assumed that the distribution of elongation can be represented by means of lognormal distribution.



<span id="page-44-2"></span>**Figure 4-6 - rock size versus elongation** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> These value are based on the complete dataset, not the average values of the individual gradings.

In [Figure 4-7](#page-45-0) the distribution of elongation for 969 individual rocks has been given by a histogram. By means of a Lognormal distribution (in black) the histogram has been approximated. For comparison, a Gaussian distribution (in red) based on the average value and standard deviation of 2.40 and 0.74 respectively is included.



<span id="page-45-0"></span>**Figure 4-7 - distribution of elongation based on 969 individual rocks**

It is concluded that the distribution of elongation is rather well represented by means of a Lognormal distribution. In contrary to the Gaussian distribution, the Lognormal distribution reasonably well fits the skewness (asymmetry) and kurtosis (peakedness) of the elongation dataset.

#### <span id="page-46-0"></span>**4.2.2 Blockiness**

Per grading the minimum, maximum and average value as well as the standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis of the blockiness dataset are listed in [Table 4-16.](#page-46-1) By the symbol *#*, the number of examined rocks is indicated. In appendix [D] detailed information can be found on the blockiness per sieve fraction.

				<b>Blockiness BLC</b>			
Grading	# $[-]$	min. [%]	max. [%]	ave. [%]	st. dev. $[-]$	skew. [-]	kurt. [-]
22-90 mm	209	17	89	44.0	8.13	1.23	5.70
$2-5$ inch	304	26	65	45.8	7.10	0.07	$-0.10$
2-8 inch	201	30	97	47.3	8.92	2.11	9.03
$1-5$ inch	148	11	65	42.5	7.87	0.03	1.17
$5+$ inch	107	30	73	45.5	7.10	0.70	1.18
$1-5+$ inch	255	11	73	43.9	7.70	0.16	1.19
Together <sup>14</sup>	969	11	97	45.3	7.94	0.98	4.89

<span id="page-46-1"></span>**Table 4-16 - statistical information of blockiness per grading**

It is concluded that the found blockiness values do agree with values usually observed for regular gradings in hydraulic engineering practice. No distinct trends are observed in blockiness over the sieve fractions for any of the gradings. In other words: blockiness is not related to rock size, which is observed clearly in [Figure 4-8.](#page-46-2)

According to the skewness values the distribution of blockiness is relatively symmetric for most of the gradings. This means that the percentage of rock that has a smaller than average blockiness value is more or less equal than the percentage of rock that has a larger than average blockiness value. (Near 50% logically). For two gradings however, some significant positive skewness is present. Considering the kurtosis values, the peakedness of the distribution differs significantly over the gradings; in five of the gradings the elongation is distributed more peaked than in a normal distribution, of which two are very peaked. It is noted that for these two gradings also the highest skewness values are observed. Also, according to the negative kurtosis in one of the gradings, the blockiness is distributed flatter in comparison to a Gaussian distribution.



<span id="page-46-2"></span>**Figure 4-8 - rock size versus blockiness**

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 $14$  These value are based on the complete dataset, not the average values of the individual gradings.

In [Figure 4-9](#page-47-0) the distribution of blockiness for 969 individual rocks has been given by a histogram. The average value and standard deviation of the dataset are 45.3 and 7.94 respectively. Based on these figures, a Gaussian distribution is also depicted in [Figure 4-9](#page-47-0) as an approximation of the blockiness distribution.



<span id="page-47-0"></span>**Figure 4-9 - distribution of blockiness based on 969 individual rocks**

It is concluded that the distribution of blockiness is reasonably well represented by means of a Gaussian distribution. The representation is analysed in more detail by examining the skewness and kurtosis of the dataset. The skewness of the dataset is 0.98. For positive skewness the right tail of the distribution is longer than for the Gaussian distribution. This is clearly observed in [Figure 4-9.](#page-47-0) The kurtosis is 4.89. Positive kurtosis means that the distribution is more peaked than the normal distribution. This finding is also clearly observed i[n Figure 4-9.](#page-47-0)

#### **4.2.3 Roundness**

For all gradings the roundness is considered predominantly tabular according to Latham *et. al.* (1988). According to Powers (1953) the rock is angular and has a low sphericity.

### <span id="page-48-2"></span>**4.3 Coarseness**

In [Table 4-17](#page-48-0) the coarseness, in terms of the value of the median nominal diameter for each of the tested samples, has been listed per grading. Furthermore, for each grading the average value of the coarseness of the samples has been given.



#### <span id="page-48-0"></span>**Table 4-17 - coarseness of the tested gradings**

It is concluded that the calculated coarseness of the samples are not all in line with the expectations based on the gradings specifications or 'commercial names' given by the producers. Moreover, per grading the coarseness considerably varies over the samples.

#### <span id="page-48-3"></span>**4.4 Grading width**

In [Table 4-18](#page-48-1) the grading width, in terms of the ratio of the sieve diameters associated with 85 percent cumulative mass and 15 percent cumulative mass; *d85*/*d15*, for each of the tested samples, has been listed per grading. Furthermore, for each grading the average value of the width of the samples has been given.



#### <span id="page-48-1"></span>**Table 4-18 - width of the tested gradings**

It is concluded that the calculated grading widths of the samples are not all in line with the expectations based on the gradings specifications or 'commercial names' given by the producers. Moreover, per grading the width varies over the samples, particularly for the 2-5 inch and 1-5 inch gradings. According to paragraph [2.3.2](#page-24-0) the tested gradings are rather wide. This means the percentage of rather fine rock in the gradings is relatively high. An exception is the 5+ inch grading, which is, as explained in paragraph [3.3.3](#page-32-0) obtained after separation from the finer 1-5 material.

## **4.5 Density**

The expected and measured average density values for the tested grading are presented in paragraph [4.5.1.](#page-49-0) Furthermore, the sensitivity of the calculation of nominal diameters curves on relatively small variations in rock density is analysed in paragraph [4.5.2](#page-49-1)

### <span id="page-49-0"></span>**4.5.1 Verification of rock densities**

For each of the gradings the average rock densities as expected by the producer has been listed in section [3.2.](#page-30-0) By means of density tests these given values have been measured for verification. Both the expected and measured average densities are presented in [Table 4-19.](#page-49-2)

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			Density $\rho$ [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	
Grading		Rock type	Expected	Measured
22-90 mm		Gneiss	2650	2653
$2-5$ inch		Gneiss	2650	2616
$2-8$ inch		Gneiss	2650	2657
		Basalt(ic) <sup>15</sup>	± 3100	2948
$1-5$ inch		Gneiss/Granite	2650	2651
		Together	2950	2748
		Basalt(ic) <sup>15</sup>	± 3100	2940
$5+$ inch		Gneiss/Granite	2650	2659
		Together	2950	2736

<span id="page-49-2"></span>**Table 4-19 - expected and measured densities of the tested gradings**

It is concluded that the measured rock densities deviate from the grading specifications given by the producers. Particularly for the 1-5 inch and 5+ inch gradings large differences are observed. The reason is that the Gneiss/Granite fraction within these gradings was significantly larger than expected by the producer. Since the Gneiss/Granite material has a considerable lower average density than the Basalt material, (viz.: 2659 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and 2940  $kg/m<sup>3</sup>$  respectively), the total average density of the grading logically decreases for an increase of the Gneiss/Granite fraction.

### <span id="page-49-1"></span>**4.5.2 Sensitivity and nominal diameters**

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For each of the gradings on sample A density tests were performed. For each individual rock the density was determined based on the ratio of mass and volume, referred to as the rock specific density. Furthermore, the average density value of the rocks in the 63-90 mm and 90-125 mm sieve fractions has been calculated, referred to as the average sample density. For each of the tested samples the nominal diameter curves has been calculated for both the rock specific densities as well as the average sample density. An example of these curves has been given in [Figure 4-10.](#page-50-0) Detailed information on the calculation of the nominal diameter curve can be found in appendix [D].

 $15$  No petrological details on this rock type were available. For the density however a value of approximately 3100 kg/ $m<sup>3</sup>$  was expected by the producer.



<span id="page-50-0"></span>**Figure 4-10 - nominal diameter curves, upper panel: based on rock specific densities, lower panel: based on average sample density**

Comparing both nominal diameter curves it is concluded that the differences of either using the rock specific densities or the average sample density on the determination of nominal diameter curves and rather limited.

Since the average sample density is rather constant for samples extracted from a common parent grading, the application of the average density of sample A on the remaining samples in the grading does not significantly influence the calculation of the median nominal diameter.

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# **5 Interpretation**

In chapter [4](#page-34-1) it has been concluded that the shape factor is not a universal constant. The value varies over rock samples. The dependency of the shape factor value on a certain set of parameters that describe rock is examined in the present chapter. The expected influence of elongation and blockiness on the value of the shape factor, elaborated upon in appendix [E], is examined in section [5.1](#page-52-0) and [5.2](#page-58-0) respectively. The possible influence of density is examined in section [5.3.](#page-63-0) The chapter is concluded with the examination of the possible influences of coarseness and grading width on the value of the shape factor in sections [5.4](#page-64-0) and [0](#page-65-0) respectively.

## <span id="page-52-0"></span>**5.1 Shape factor versus elongation**

The hypothesis for a relation between the value of the shape factor and elongation has been theoretically founded in appendix [E]. For an increase of elongation an increase of the shape factor value is expected. The influence of elongation on the value of the shape factor however is examined in this section.

## <span id="page-52-2"></span>**5.1.1 Shape factor versus elongation for individual rocks**

In subparagraph [4.1.2.3](#page-38-0) the distribution of the individual shape factor has been presented for 969 individual rocks<sup>16</sup>. For each of those rocks also the value for elongation is available. In [Figure 5-1](#page-52-1) the individual shape factors have been plotted versus the associated elongation.



<span id="page-52-1"></span>**Figure 5-1 - individual shape factor versus elongation for 969 individual rocks**

Recall that the average value of the individual shape factors is 0.844. The standard deviation is 0.083, which is considered relatively large compared to the average value (10%). The elongation ranges from 1.0 to 7.1. The average value and standard deviation are 2.4 and 0.7 respectively. The distribution of elongation was rather well represented by means of a lognormal distribution.

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 $^{16}$  Those are the rocks found in sample A of each of the tested gradings.

The cloud of data observed in [Figure 5-1](#page-52-1) is rather scattered. Considering the bandwidths of the scatter for the upper limit of the band width, the value of the shape factor increases for an increase of elongation. At an approximate elongation value of 2.0 the increase flattens. For the lower limit of the bandwidth the value of the individual shape factor is considered relatively constant over elongation at an approximate value of 0.65. As a result the data cloud widens for an increase of elongation. At first glance however, a relation between the value of the shape factor and elongation for individual rocks is not distinguished.

In [Figure 5-1](#page-52-1) also a regression line has been included. It shows an increase of the individual shape factor over elongation. The correlation coefficient, denoted *R²* is 0.012, which implies that the parameters are practically uncorrelated. The equation of the regression line is given by *F<sup>s</sup> \** =0.012\**LT*+0.814. For sample A of each grading a similar analysis has been performed, which can be consulted in appendix [F]. Each of those analyses shows an increase of the individual shape factor value for an increase of elongation, albeit like in [Figure 5-1](#page-52-1) very limited.

It is concluded that on macro-scale - considering all data points - a relatively weak relation is discerned between the value of the individual shape factor and elongation; *The value of the individual shape factor increases for an increase of elongation at an approximate rate of 0.010-0.015 to 1.0.* This finding is in line with the hypothesis developed in appendix [E]. On micro-scale - two subsequent data points - this relation does not hold and should therefore not be applied to individual rocks. The value of the individual shape factor fluctuates too extensively over elongation to determine the shape factor value for an individual rock.

### **5.1.2 Shape factor versus sample elongation**

In paragraph [5.1.1](#page-52-2) the relation between the shape factor and elongation has been examined for individual rocks. It has been concluded that only on a macro-scale a relation can be distinguished. On average the value of the shape factor slightly increases for an increase of elongation. This paragraph focusses on the influence of elongation on the shape factor of a rock grading. In order to do so, the dependency of the shape factor value on both the average elongation in the A samples, as well as the percentage of 'high elongated' rock in the A samples has been examined in subparagraph[s 5.1.2.1](#page-54-0) and [5.1.2.2](#page-56-0) respectively.

#### <span id="page-54-0"></span>5.1.2.1 Average elongation

Based on the five available samples the relation between the shape factor and the average elongation values is examined in this subparagraph. I[n Figure 5-2](#page-54-1) the data has been plotted.



<span id="page-54-1"></span>**Figure 5-2 - average elongation versus the shape factor for the A samples**

It is concluded that the value of the shape factor fluctuates over the average elongation values. For an increase of the average elongation within a sample either an increase or decrease of the value of the shape factor cannot be expected. As a result no clear relation can be discerned between the value of the shape factor and the average elongation value of a sample.

In paragraph [4.1.1](#page-34-0) it has been found that, to assess a reliable value of the shape factor, a sample size of approximately 200-250 rocks is insufficient. Therefore the above analysis is repeated based on the shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples, which consist of significantly more rocks. These values are plot versus the average elongation values of the A samples in [Figure 5-3.](#page-55-0) As a result of this approach it has been implicitly assumed that the elongation distribution in sample A is representative for the remaining samples of the common parent grading<sup>17</sup>.



<span id="page-55-0"></span>**Figure 5-3 - average elongation of the A samples versus the shape factor of the A-E samples**

Compared to [Figure 5-2,](#page-54-1) in particular the value of the shape factor of the leftmost data point has changed in [Figure 5-3;](#page-55-0) it has increased approximately 0.03. The value of the shape factor of the remaining four data points just changed slightly by less than 0.01. It is concluded that also based on the shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples no relation can be distinguished between the value of the shape factor and the sample average elongation.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> This implied assumptions to some extent harms the analysis since the influence of elongation on the value of the shape factor is the subject of the analysis.

#### <span id="page-56-0"></span>5.1.2.2 Percentage of high elongated rock

It has been found that on average the individual shape factor value increases for an increase of elongation in paragraph [5.1.1.](#page-52-2) No such relation has been observed for the value of the shape factor of a grading versus the sample average elongation in subparagraph [5.1.2.1.](#page-54-0) The relation between the value of the shape factor for gradings and the percentage of 'high elongated' rock is examined in this subparagraph. High elongated rock is referred to as the rock that has an elongation value equal or larger than 3.0. In [Figure 5-4](#page-56-1) the shape factor values of the A samples have been plotted versus the percentage of high-elongated rock.



<span id="page-56-1"></span>**Figure 5-4 - percentage of high-elongated rock** *LT* **≥ 3 versus the shape factor for the A samples**

From [Figure 5-4](#page-56-1) no relation is discerned between the value of the shape factor and the percentage of high elongated rock. In contrary, fluctuation is observed for the value of the shape factor over the percentage of high elongated rock. As a result the value of the shape factor cannot be estimated based on the percentage of high elongated rock within a sample.

Like in subparagraph [5.1.2.1,](#page-54-0) the above analysis is repeated based on the shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples, which consist of significantly more rocks. These values are plot versus the percentage of high elongated rock in the A samples in [Figure 5-5.](#page-57-0)



**Percentage of rock** *LT* **≥ 3 [-] in the A samples**

<span id="page-57-0"></span>**Figure 5-5 - percentage of high-elongated rock** *LT* **≥ 3 in the A samples versus the shape factor of the A-E samples**

Compared to [Figure 5-4,](#page-56-1) in particular the value of the shape factor of the leftmost data point has changed in [Figure 5-3;](#page-55-0) it has decreased approximately 0.03. The value of the shape factor of the remaining four data points just changed slightly by less than 0.01. It is concluded that also based on the shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples no relation can be distinguished between the value of the shape factor and the percentage of high elongated rock in a sample.

### <span id="page-58-0"></span>**5.2 Shape factor versus blockiness**

The hypothesis for a relation between the value of the shape factor and blockiness has been theoretically founded in appendix [E]. For an increase of blockiness an increase of the shape factor value is expected. The influence of blockiness on the value of the shape factor however is examined in this section.

### <span id="page-58-2"></span>**5.2.1 Shape factor versus blockiness for individual rocks**

In subparagraph [4.1.2.3](#page-38-0) the distribution of the individual shape factor has been presented for 969 individual rocks<sup>18</sup>. For each of those rocks also the value for blockiness is available. In [Figure 5-6](#page-58-1) the individual shape factors have been plotted versus the associated blockiness.



<span id="page-58-1"></span>**Figure 5-6 - individual shape factor versus blockiness for 969 individual rocks**

Recall that the average value of the individual shape factors is 0.844. The standard deviation is 0.083, which is considered relatively large compared to the average value (10%). The blockiness ranges from 11.2% to 96.5%. The average value and standard deviation are 45.2%. and 7.9% respectively. The distribution of elongation was reasonably well represented by means of a Gaussian distribution.

The cloud of data observed in [Figure 5-6](#page-58-1) is rather scattered. Considering the bandwidths of the scatter, for the upper limit of the band width the value of the shape factor increases for an increase of blockiness. For the lower limit of the band width the value of the shape factor is considered relatively constant over blockiness at an approximate value of 0.65. As a result the data cloud widens for an increase of blockiness. At first glance however, a relation between the value of the shape factor and blockiness for individual rocks is not distinguished.

In [Figure 5-6](#page-58-1) also a regression line has been included. It shows an increase of the individual shape factor over blockiness. The correlation coefficient, denoted *R²* is 0.249, which implies that the parameters are slightly correlated. The equation of the regression line is given by *Fs \** =0.0052\**BLC*+0.249. For sample A of each grading a similar analysis has been performed, which can be consulted in appendix [G]. Each of those analyses shows an increase of the individual shape factor value for an increase of blockiness, like in [Figure 5-6.](#page-58-1)

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 $^{18}$  Those are the rocks found in sample A of each of the tested gradings.

It is concluded that on macro-scale - considering all data points - a relation is discerned between the value of the individual shape factor and blockiness: *The value of the individual shape factor increases for an increase of elongation at an approximate rate of 0.005 to 1.0.* This finding is in line with the hypothesis developed in appendix [E]. On micro-scale - two subsequent data points - this relation does not hold and should therefore not be applied to individual rocks. The value of the individual shape factor fluctuates too extensively over blockiness to determine the shape factor value for an individual rock.

### **5.2.2 Shape factor versus sample blockiness**

In paragraph [5.2.1](#page-58-2) the relation between the shape factor and blockiness has been examined for individual rocks. It has been concluded that only on a macro-scale a relation can be distinguished. On average the value of the shape factor slightly increases for an increase of blockiness. This paragraph focusses on the influence of blockiness on the shape factor of a rock grading. In order to do so, the dependency of the shape factor value on both the average blockiness in the A samples, as well as the percentage of 'high blocky' rock in the A samples has been examined in subparagraphs [5.2.2.1](#page-59-0) and [5.2.2.2](#page-61-0) respectively.

### <span id="page-59-0"></span>5.2.2.1 Average blockiness

Based on the five available samples the relation between the shape factor and the average blockiness values is examined in this subparagraph. I[n Figure 5-7](#page-59-1) the data has been plotted.



<span id="page-59-1"></span>**Figure 5-7 - average blockiness versus the shape factor for the A samples**

It is concluded that the value of the shape factor fluctuates over the average blockiness values. For an increase of the average blockiness within a sample either an increase or decrease of the value of the shape factor cannot be expected. As a result no clear relation can be discerned between the value of the shape factor and the average blockiness value of a sample.

In paragraph [4.1.1](#page-34-0) it has been found that, to assess a reliable value of the shape factor, a sample size of approximately 200-250 rocks is insufficient. Therefore the above analysis is repeated based on the shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples, which consist of significantly more rocks. These values are plot versus the average blockiness values of the A samples in [Figure 5-8.](#page-60-0) As a result of this approach it has been implicitly assumed that the blockiness distribution in sample A is representative for the remaining samples of the common parent grading<sup>19</sup>.



<span id="page-60-0"></span>**Figure 5-8 - average elongation of the A samples versus the shape factor of the A-E samples**

Compared with [Figure 5-7,](#page-59-1) in particular the value of the shape factor of the second left data point has changed in [Figure 5-8;](#page-60-0) it has increased approximately 0.03. The value of the shape factor of the remaining four data points just changed slightly by less than 0.01. It is concluded that also based on the shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples no relation can be distinguished between the value of the shape factor and the sample average blockiness value.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> This implied assumptions to some extent harms the analysis since the influence of elongation on the value of the shape factor is the subject of the analysis.

#### <span id="page-61-0"></span>5.2.2.2 Percentage of rock 50% and 60% blockiness

It has been found that on average the individual shape factor value increases for an increase of blockiness in paragraph [5.1.1.](#page-52-2) No such relation has been observed for the value of the shape factor of a grading versus the sample average blockiness in subparagraph [5.2.2.1.](#page-59-0) The relations between the value of the shape factor for gradings and the percentage of rock that has a specific minimum blockiness value is examined in this subparagraph. For a blockiness values of equal or larger than 50% and 60% the results are presented in [Figure 5-9](#page-61-1) and [Figure 5-10](#page-61-2) respectively.



<span id="page-61-1"></span>**Figure 5-9 - percentage of rock** *BLC* **≥ 50% versus the shape factor for the A samples**



<span id="page-61-2"></span>**Figure 5-10 - percentage of rock** *BLC* **≥ 60% versus the shape factor for the A samples**

From neither [Figure 5-9](#page-61-1) nor [Figure 5-10](#page-61-2) a relation is discerned between the value of the shape factor and the percentage of rock with a blockiness value equal or larger than 50% and 60% respectively. In contrary, fluctuation is observed for the value of the shape factor over the percentage of the specific blockiness values. As a result the value of the shape factor cannot be estimated based on the percentage of rock in a sample that has specific blockiness.

Like in subparagraph [5.2.2.1,](#page-59-0) the above analysis is repeated based on the shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples, which consist of significantly more rocks. These values are plot versus the percentage of high elongated rock in the A samples versus the percentage of rock that has a specific minimum blockiness value. For blockiness values equal or larger than 50% and 60% the results are presented i[n Figure 5-11](#page-62-0) an[d Figure 5-12](#page-62-1) respectively.



<span id="page-62-0"></span>**Figure 5-11 - percentage of rock** *BLC* **≥ 50% in the A samples versus the shape factor of the A-E samples**



<span id="page-62-1"></span>**Figure 5-12 - percentage of rock** *BLC* **≥ 60% in the A samples versus the shape factor of the A-E samples**

From neither [Figure 5-11](#page-62-0) nor [Figure 5-12](#page-62-1) a relation is discerned between the value of the shape factor and the percentage of rock with a blockiness value equal or larger than 50% and 60% respectively. In contrary, fluctuation is observed for the value of the shape factor over the percentage of the specific blockiness values. As a result the value of the shape factor cannot be estimated based on the percentage of rock in a sample that has specific blockiness.

#### <span id="page-63-0"></span>**5.3 Shape factor versus average rock density**

The influence of the average rock density on the value of shape factor is examined in the present section. In order to do so the average rock density of the tested gradings have been ranked in order of increasing value in [Table 5-1.](#page-63-1) The top three gradings consisted of Gneiss rock. The density of these gradings is in the approximate range of  $2600-2650$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The bottom three gradings consisted of a mixture of Basalt(ic) and Gneiss/Granite rock. The density of these gradings is in the approximate range of 2700-2750 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. This observation is explained by the fact that Basalt(ic) rock is usually denser than Gneiss and Granite rock.

	Grading	Density $\rho$ [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	$F_s^{\ast}$ [-] <sup>20</sup>
	$2-5$ inch	2616	0.875
Denser ↓	22-90 mm	2653	0.860
	2-8 inch	2657	0.859
	$5+$ inch	2724	0.852
	$1-5+$ inch	2736	0.867
	$1-5$ inch	2748	0.876

<span id="page-63-1"></span>**Table 5-1 - average grading density and expected shape factor**

It is concluded that the expected value of the shape factor fluctuates over rock density. Comparing the gradings in the range of 2600-2650 kg/m<sup>3</sup> to the gradings in the range of 2700-2750 kg/m<sup>3</sup> it is found that the minimum and maximum values for the shape factor are practically equal. This finding can be observed clearly also in [Figure 5-13.](#page-63-2) As a result, the value of the shape factor is considered independent from rock density. The examined density range rather limited. A relation between average rock density and the value of shape factor cannot be ruled out completely for wider density ranges.



<span id="page-63-2"></span>**Figure 5-13 - grading average rock density versus the expected value of the shape factor**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> The expected values have been presented as these are the most reliable shape factor values for the tested gradings.

#### <span id="page-64-0"></span>**5.4 Shape factor versus coarseness**

The influence of coarseness on the value of the shape factor is examined in the present section. This has been done for individual rocks and gradings in paragraphs [5.4.1](#page-64-1) and 5.4.2 respectively.

### <span id="page-64-1"></span>**5.4.1 Individual rocks**

For 969 rocks the nominal diameter is plotted versus the individual shape factor in [Figure 5-14.](#page-64-2) The data is also approximated by means of linear regression.



<span id="page-64-2"></span>**Figure 5-14 - nominal diameter versus individual shape factor**

It is concluded that on average the individual shape factor is rather constant over coarseness at an approximate value of 0.84. Furthermore, it is found that the individual shape factor is uncorrelated with the nominal diameter.

## **5.4.2 Gradings**

For 24 samples<sup>21</sup> the value of the shape factor is plotted versus the coarseness in [Figure 5-15.](#page-64-3) The data is also approximated by means of linear regression.



<span id="page-64-3"></span>**Figure 5-15 - coarseness versus the shape factor for all individual samples**

It is concluded that on average the value of the shape factor slightly decreases for an increase of coarseness. The data cloud however is rather scattered. Furthermore, it is observed that for the coarser gradings  $(d_n>90)$  the value of the shape factor is converging to an approximate value of 0.86.

 $\overline{a}$ <sup>21</sup> This includes the samples A, B, C, D, and E of the 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch gradings and the samples A, B and C of the 1-5 inch, 5+ inch and 1-5+ inch gradings.

In sections [4.1](#page-34-2) and [4.3](#page-48-2) it has been concluded that per sample, both the shape factor as well coarseness considerably vary over the tested samples. The above analysis is repeated therefore based on the A-E and A-C samples, which consist of considerably more rocks, yielding more accurate and thus more reliable shape factor and coarseness values for the tested gradings. In [Table 5-2](#page-65-1) those values are listed per gradings in order of increasing coarseness.

	Grading	Coarseness $d_{n50}$ [mm]	$F_s$ [-]
	$1-5$ inch	61	0.884
	22-90 mm	63	0.859
Coarser	$2-5$ inch	68	0.869
	2-8 inch	101	0.859
↓	$1-5+$ inch	103	0.861
	5+ inch	110	0.852

<span id="page-65-1"></span>**Table 5-2 - coarseness and shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples**

The smallest and largest shape factor value are found for the coarsest and finest gradings respectively. For the gradings of intermediate coarseness, the shape factor is relatively constant at an approximate value of 0.86. Note that the shape factor value of 0.859 is observed for both the 22-90 mm grading and the 2-8 inch grading. The coarseness of these gradings however significantly differs, viz.: 63 mm and 101 mm respectively. The shape factor values are plotted versus the coarseness i[n Figure 5-16.](#page-65-2) The data is also approximated by means of linear regression.



<span id="page-65-2"></span>**Figure 5-16 - coarseness versus shape factor for the combined gradings A-E and A-C**

The equation for the regression line in [Figure 5-16](#page-65-2) is given by: *F<sup>s</sup> \** =-0.0003\**dn50+*0.892, with  $d_{n50}$  in mm. However, fluctuations of the shape factor value over coarseness can be clearly observed. The formula therefore is not to be used to calculate the value of the shape factor for a specific given coarseness value.

<span id="page-65-0"></span>It has been concluded that on average the value of the shape factor decreases for an increase of coarseness. The relation between both parameters however is rather weak and could not be represented by a clear formula.

### **5.5 Shape factor versus grading width**

The influence of grading width on the value of the shape factor is examined in the present section. For 24 samples<sup>22</sup> the value of the shape factor is plotted versus the grading width in [Figure 5-17.](#page-66-0) The data is also approximated by means of linear regression.



<span id="page-66-0"></span>**Figure 5-17 - grading width versus the shape factor for all individual samples**

It is concluded that on average the value of the shape factor slightly increases for an increase of grading width. The data cloud however is rather scattered. In sections [4.1](#page-34-2) and [4.4](#page-48-3) it has been concluded that per sample, both the shape factor as well as grading width considerably vary over the tested samples. The above analysis is repeated therefore based on the A-E and A-C samples, which consist of considerably more rocks, yielding more accurate and thus more reliable shape factor and grading width values for the tested gradings. In [Table 5-3](#page-66-1) those values are listed per gradings in order of increasing grading width.

	Grading	Width $d_{85}/d_{15}$ [-]	F. $ - $
	$5+$ inch	1.6	0.852
Wider	$1-5+$ inch	2.0	0.863
	22-90 mm	2.5	0.859
	2-8 inch	2.9	0.859
↓	1-5 inch	3.00	0.884
	2-5 inch	3.04	0.869

<span id="page-66-1"></span>**Table 5-3 - grading width and the shape factor values of the A-E and A-C samples**

The smallest value for the shape factor is observed for the narrowest grading. The largest value for the shape factor is observed for the second widest grading. The grading widths of the second widest and widest grading however are practically equal. Furthermore, for the intermediate wide gradings, the value of the shape factor is relatively constant. Note that the shape factor value of 0.859 is observed for both the 22-90 mm grading and 2-8 inch grading. The width of these gradings however of these gradings however differs, viz.: 2.5 and 2.9 respectively. The shape factor values are plotted versus the grading widths in [Figure 5-18.](#page-67-0) The data is also approximated by means of linear regression.

 $\overline{a}$  $^{22}$  This includes the samples A, B, C, D, and E of the 22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch gradings and the samples A, B and C of the 1-5 inch, 5+ inch and 1-5+ inch gradings.



<span id="page-67-0"></span>**Figure 5-18 - grading width versus the shape factor for the combined gradings A-E and A-C**

The equation for the regression line in [Figure 5-18](#page-67-0) is given by:  $F_s^*$ =-0.012 $*(d_{85}/d_{15})$ +0.892. However, fluctuations of the shape factor value over grading width can be clearly observed. The formula therefore is not to be used to calculate the value of the shape factor for a specific given grading width value.

It has been concluded that on average the value of the shape factor increases for an increase of grading width. The relation between both parameters however is rather weak and could not be represented by a clear formula.

# **6 Discussion**

Throughout this research project many - sometimes contradicting - findings are observed. In the present chapter those findings are reconsidered and integrally explained.

### **6.1 The value of the shape factor**

The reassessed value 0.86 for the shape factor deviates relatively little from the commonly applied value 0.84. To be more precise, the standard deviation of the reassessed value is 0.024. It is concluded that the commonly applied value of 0.84 is within one standard deviation of the newly derived value 0.86.

The implications of the use of either 0.84 or 0.86 in hydraulic engineering practice as a result will remain limited. However, the insight in the variability of the shape factor value as well as its dependency on parameters that describe quarry rock is enhanced by means of the present report. This has resulted in a solid justification for the value 0.86, which is lacking for the value 0.84. It is therefore recommended to apply the newly derived value **0.86** for the value of the shape factor.

## **6.2 Shape factor versus elongation and blockiness**

The influence of rock shape on the value of the shape factor, in terms of both elongation and blockiness, has been analysed for both individual rocks and rock gradings. For individual rocks it has been found that on average, the shape factor value increases for an increase of both elongation as well as blockiness, which is in accordance with the hypothesis formulated in appendix [E]. However, the observed relation is rather weak and is moreover frustrated considerably as a consequence of extensive fluctuations of the individual shape factor, both over elongation and blockiness.

In contradiction to the findings for individual rocks, for rock gradings relations between the value of the shape factor and either elongation or blockiness have not been found. This observation can be explained by considering the determination method of the shape factor for rock gradings. Recall that the definition of the shape factor for rock gradings is given by the ratio of the median nominal diameter and the median sieve diameter. Both parameters are related to the fifty percent cumulative mass exceedance limit. This means that the median nominal diameter is calculated based on the particular rock that represents the median mass in the grading<sup>23</sup>. Note that the determination of the median nominal diameter as a result is not influenced by the shape of this particular rock.

Furthermore, the median sieve diameter is defined as the mesh width of the square sieve that should be applied to separate fifty percent of the mass of the grading. Since both elongation and blockiness are distributed uniformly over the sieve fractions (section [4.2\)](#page-44-3), the median sieve diameter represents a median rock size and shape. It is concluded that for rock gradings, the influence of the shape on the value of the shape factor is less substantial both in terms of the median nominal diameter and median sieve diameter compared to the shape factor of individual rocks. As a consequence, the value of the shape factor for rock gradings converges to a median value.

 $\overline{a}$ <sup>23</sup> Recall that this rock accumulates fifty percent of the grading, provided that the rocks in the grading have been ranked in order of increasing mass.

For the tested gradings, dependency of the shape factor value on either the average value of elongation or the percentage of high elongated rock in a grading, has not been observed. The same holds for blockiness. For rock gradings consisting of a significantly higher percentage of relatively elongated and/or blocky rock compared to the tested grading however, an increase of the shape factor cannot be ruled out. As a result of the increase of the average elongation or blockiness, or the percentage of rather elongated and/or blocky rock, in general the mass of the individual rocks and thus the value of the (median) nominal diameters. Since the sieve diameters remain the same (sections [2.4](#page-24-1) and [4.2\)](#page-44-3), the ratio of both parameters; the shape factor, will increase value.

# **7 Conclusions**

In the present chapter the most important conclusions of the research project are drawn. The findings on the value and variability of the shape factor are presented in sectio[n 7.1.](#page-70-0) The dependency of the shape factor value on elongation, blockiness, density, coarseness and grading width are discussed in sections [7.2](#page-70-1) t[o 7.5.](#page-71-0)

## <span id="page-70-0"></span>**7.1 The value of the shape factor**

The value of the shape factor has been analysed both for gradings and individual rocks. For gradings it has been concluded that the value of the shape factor is not constant. Based on 21 samples the value roughly fluctuates between 0.82 and 0.91. The value of the shape factor is approximated reasonably well by means of a Gaussian distribution. The average value and standard deviation are 0.86 and 0.024 respectively.

For individual rocks the shape factor is even more variable. Based on 969 individual rocks the value fluctuates between 0.65 and 1.10. Also the value of the individual shape factor is approximated reasonably well by means of a Gaussian distribution. The average value and standard deviation are 0.844 and 0.083 respectively. It is furthermore concluded that the individual shape may exceed the value of 1.0, which means the nominal diameter exceeds the sieve diameter.

The value and variability of the shape factor has been assessed based on rock samples that consisted of 200-250 rocks. This sample size is prescribed for sieve tests in the euro code regulations NEN-EN 13383-2 (2013) and had been assumed applicable also for the determination of the shape factor value. In paragraph [4.1.1](#page-34-0) however, it has been found that the value of the shape factor considerably varies over the rock samples.

In general, it holds that the accuracy and thus reliability of the determination of the shape factor value increases for an increase of sample size. Based on samples consisting of approximately 1000 rocks, sufficiently accurate and thus reliable shape factor values have been found. Note that still the rock should be extracted from various parts of the stockpile. The value of the shape factor has not been assessed based on rock samples of intermediate size. In possible subsequent research the sample size and sampling techniques could be further optimized.

## <span id="page-70-1"></span>**7.2 Elongation and blockiness**

From a theoretical point of view it has been expected that the value of the shape factor increases for both an increase of elongation as well as blockiness. For individual rocks this hypothesis is partially confirmed. On average a slight increase of the shape factor value is clearly observed for an increase of both elongation and blockiness. These relations are formulated by means of the equations  $F_s^*$ =0.012\**LT*+0.814 and  $F_s^*$ =0.0052\**BLC*+0.609 respectively. The value of the individual shape factor however considerably fluctuates over both elongation and blockiness. It is therefore recommended not to apply above formulae to calculate the value of the individual shape factor.

No influence of either elongation or blockiness is observed on the value of the shape factor for rock gradings. For rock gradings consisting of a relatively high percentage of rather elongated or blocky rock, an increase of the shape factor value cannot be ruled out.

## **7.3 Rock density**

It has been concluded that the determination of the shape factor value is rather insensitive to small deviations of rock density. Moreover, it has been found that the shape factor is practically constant over rock density in the range of 2600-2750 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, at an approximate value of 0.86. It has been concluded that it is unlikely that the value of the shape factor has a significantly different value for rock densities outside the range of the tested gradings.

### **7.4 Coarseness**

For individual rocks it has been concluded that the shape factor is independent from its coarseness, in terms of the nominal diameter. In the range of 20 to 150 mm the individual shape factor has an approximate value of 0.84. For rock gradings, the influence of coarseness, in terms of the median nominal diameter on the value of the shape factor has remained unclear. Findings have been observed that indicate either a decrease of the shape factor value for an increase of coarseness, or a rather constant shape factor value over coarseness. Nonetheless, it has been concluded that the fluctuations of the shape factor value remain rather limited over the tested coarseness range of 60 to 110 mm, viz.: 0.88 to 0.85.

It has been concluded that the shape factor is not constant within a grading. By means of examination of the ratio of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter for various cumulative mass percentages, it has been found that 'the' shape factor value decreases for an increase of coarseness. The observed relation can be approximated by means of the equation: *Fs \** =-0.00075\**CMP*+0.898, Where *CMP* is the cumulative mass percentage [%].

### <span id="page-71-0"></span>**7.5 Grading width**

The dependency of the shape factor value on the gradings width, in terms of the ratio  $d_{85}/d_{15}$ has remained unclear. Findings have been observed that indicate either an increase of the shape factor value for an increase of grading width, or a rather constant shape factor value over grading width. Nonetheless, it has been concluded that the fluctuations of the shape factor value remain rather limited over the tested grading width range of 1.5 to 3.0, viz.: 0.85 to 0.88.

*Considering above findings integrally, it has been concluded that the influences on the shape factor remain rather limited. The representation of the shape factor by means of a Gaussian distribution, with an average value and standard deviation of 0.86 and 0.024 respectively, these influences are effectively accounted for.*

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## **8 Recommendations**

Recommendations for subsequent research to further enhance the knowledge on the value and variability of the shape factor are given in the present chapter.

#### **8.1 Measurement errors**

The basis of the present research project has been measurement data. Unfortunately, measurements will always contain errors. Various origins that have caused these errors can be distinguished. Firstly, the manual character of most measurements, in particular concerning the shape tests. The manual placement of the rocks in the calliper and blockiness-meter to some extent is arbitrary. The same holds for the manually fitting of the rocks in the sieves. Second, is the visual character of measuring. Except weighing, all measurements have been performed by analogously reading the measurement tools. Both the mesh width dimension of the square sieves as well as the calliper and blockiness-meter have been read by means of a ruler. Lastly, the measurement tools have been subject to wear and tear, in particular the blockiness-meter. The structure of the tool, consisting of wooden strips and screwed joints have encountered inflection as well as loosening.

It has been concluded that the blockiness-meter is the most important source of measurement errors. In order to enhance the accuracy of this tool, it is recommended to improve its structure. The wood is advised to be replaced by metal and the joints should be manufactured from integral studs. The resulting structure is significantly more rigid.

In case it is decided to perform subsequent research however, it is recommended to consider the potential of remote sensing techniques to three-dimensionally observe rock shapes. In combination with computational software the dimensions of the smallest enclosing orthogonal box, as well as the length and thickness of the rocks can be digitally recalculated. Moreover, various other parameters that describe the rock, such as the rock volume and the sieve diameter can be analysed integrally by means of this technique. It is expected that besides measurement accuracies, also the efficiency of the testing will be enhanced in terms of time consumption.

#### **8.2 Untested gradings**

The conclusions on the value of the shape factor drawn in this report, are based on six gradings only. The represented range of rock types, in terms of shape, density and grading specifications, therefore is relatively limited. According to the test results, significant changes in the value of the shape factor for slightly different gradings are not expected. For significantly different gradings however, the conclusions on the value of the shape factor presented in this report are expected less applicable.

It is recommended therefore, to perform subsequent research on gradings that differ significantly from the gradings analysed in this research project. The main interest includes very coarse gradings, in the heavy class (300+ kg), as defined in the Rock Manual (2007). In order to do so, despite nearly impracticable, the determination of the sieve diameter for very large rocks is inevitable. Furthermore, for gradings consisting of a significantly higher percentage of relatively elongated and/or blocky rock, compared to the tested gradings, a significant increase of the shape factor value can be expected. It is therefore recommended to examine the value of the shape factor for such gradings.

The interests in the shape factor value for both very coarse gradings, as well as gradings consisting of a relatively high percentage of rather elongated and/or blocky rock can be included in testing uncrushed rock. In general the crusher settings have a large effect on the eventual shape of the quarry rock. Besides the crushing process, the eventual shape of quarry rock is to a large dependent on the type of the rock in terms of its petrology. It is therefore recommended to examine the shape factor for quarry rock for rock of different origins, compositions and structures.

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# **A. Measurement reports**



## <span id="page-84-0"></span>**A.1 IJmuiden**



# Rock measuring campaign 1

*IJmuiden, the Netherlands 29/7 – 14/8*

#### <span id="page-85-0"></span>**A.1.1 Introduction - scope**

The present document includes the report on tests performed at the rock transhipment quay 'De Branding' in IJmuiden, the Netherlands from 29<sup>th</sup> July until August 14<sup>th</sup>. The tests are of interest for the graduation project 'Influences on the shape factor'.

The IJmuiden testing campaign was first in a series of in total three measurement campaigns. The second campaign will be held in Slovag, Norway and the third in Zuilichem, the Netherlands. The testing for this project generally consists of sieve and shape tests.

#### <span id="page-86-0"></span>**A.1.2 Test report**

Tests have been performed on three rock gradings (22-90 mm, 2-5 inch and 2-8 inch) from three different stockpiles. The tests for these grading for the greatest part were performed conform the same procedure. Therefore this section treats the tests per test phase and not per tested grading.

#### A.1.2.1 Sampling

According to the European Standard, NEN EN 13383 rock is extracted from six different locations with a wheel loader from each stockpile. The rock was dumped on concrete paved spots at the quay terrain to actually create three new 'sample stockpiles'. With a spade the tip of the those small stockpiles was removed to be able to extract the rock required for the sample from the core. Also a small quantity of rocks is selected from the sides of the stockpile to add some larger rocks. In this way well-mixed samples are created that is representative for the grading of the base stockpiles.

In [Figure A.1-1](#page-86-1) an example is of sampling stockpile, the absence of the tip of the pile is clearly visible. In the background several stockpiles can be distinguished.



**Figure A.1-1 - stockpile (back) and sampling stockpile (front)**

<span id="page-86-1"></span>For each of the three examined gradings 5 samples were taken, each containing at least 200 rocks to obtain reliable sieve curves (in accordance with the NEN-code). 4 of the 5 samples can be regarded as control samples. These are intended to examine the variability on the results introduced by the sampling itself. As three different gradings have been tested, ultimately 15 samples were examined.

#### A.1.2.2 Sieving

Each of the 15 samples has been sieved by application of so-called steel-rod sieves, depicted i[n Figure A.1-4.](#page-88-0) After sieving the rocks of each sample were washed to remove attached dirt. The first sample of each of the three different gradings was numbered for identification as for these rocks also shape tests were performed. Numbers increase with decreasing sieve size fraction.

#### A.1.2.3 Weighing

Each rock of each of the 15 samples was individually weighed. Also, for all numbered rocks the submerged weight is to be determined. For this reason a bucket filled with water was put on a balance and weighed with and without submerged rock. Via the Archimedes principle one is able to recalculate the submerged weight of the rocks and ultimately the volume of the rock. As water is attached to the surface of each submerged rock, the quantity of water in the bucket decreases after removal of each rock from the bucket. Therefore the weight of the bucket filled with water without submerged rock is recorded before submersion of each rock. For submersion three wire 'containers' of different sizes were constructed. One has to correct for these containers, the submerged weight of these containers is therefore also determined. In [Figure A.1-2](#page-87-1) the submersion of a rock is depicted.



**Figure A.1-2 submersion of a rock**

#### <span id="page-87-1"></span>A.1.2.4 Shape measuring

On all numbered rocks shape tests have been performed. The length, thickness and smallest enclosing dimensions width X, depth Y and height Z were measured and recorded. In order to do so a calliper and so-called 'blockiness-meter' were applied, see [Figure A.1-6.](#page-89-0)

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**Figure A.1-3 measuring the smallest enclosing rectanguloid of a rock A.1.3 Equipment**

#### A.1.3.1 Sieves

In [Figure A.1-4](#page-88-0) the sieve sizes applied are depicted. From bottom to top the sieve sizes are: 31.5, 45, 63, 90, 125, 180 and 250 mm.



**Figure A.1-4 sieving setup**

#### <span id="page-88-0"></span>A.1.3.2 Submerging container

For submersion three containers of different sizes have been applied, the smallest and the biggest one are depicted i[n Figure A.1-5.](#page-88-1)

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**Figure A.1-5 submersion containers**

#### A.1.3.3 Shape measuring tools



**Figure A.1-6 left: caliper, right: blockiness-meter**



#### <span id="page-89-0"></span>A.1.3.4 Balance

The balance used in all experiments is depicted i[n Figure A.1-7.](#page-89-1) The apparatus measured the in grams accurate and has an capacity of 25 kg. The error of the balance was checked by comparison with reference weights and amounted maximally 1 gram.

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**Figure A.1-7 balance**

## <span id="page-90-0"></span>**A.2 Slovag**



# Rock measuring campaign 2

*Slovag, Norway 19/8 – 27/8*

#### <span id="page-91-0"></span>**A.2.1 Introduction - scope**

The present document includes the report on tests performed in the Yeoman Halsvik quarry in Slovag, Norway from August  $19<sup>th</sup>$  until August 27th. The tests are of interest for both the graduation project 'Influences on the shape factor' and the EPC offshore windmill project 'Gemini'. The tests were performed in collaboration with Rutger Lieverse, trainee at Van Oord Offshore.

In respect to the graduation study the Slovag testing campaign was second in a series of in total three measurement campaigns. The first campaign in this series was performed in IJmuiden, the Netherlands, and the third will be held in Zuilichem, the Netherlands. The testing for this project generally consists of sieve and shape tests. Those tests are also of interest for the Gemini project. Besides, specific density tests and the mixing process of gradings was of interest for this project specifically. Thanks to the large overlap of interests of both projects it was decided to combine the tests into one single measurement campaign. Although, in order to improve overview, in this document the specific Gemini tests are reported separately from the tests relevant for the graduation project.

#### <span id="page-92-0"></span>**A.2.2 Test report**

<span id="page-92-3"></span>A.2.2.1 Test 1

#### *Sampling*

According to a report by Harro Vaags, for the Gemini grading a minimum of 400 kg of rock is required to obtain reliable test results. The Gemini grading can be considered as a special since it is a mixture of a 1-5 inch material stockpile and a 5+ inch stockpile in a ratio of 1 to 4. Obviously this ratio is also applied also for the sample which yields 80 kg 1-5 and 320 kg 5+material is required per test. Nonetheless, the sample portions of both gradings were kept separate to be able to investigate the mixing process, see paragraph [0.](#page-94-0)

A wheel loader provided us with 1-5 rock which was put into buckets and weighed on a balance in the laboratory immediately. The total weight of the rock from the wheel loader amounted 229 kg. Since only 80 kg of this material was required for the test sample, the total weight was reduced in accordance to NEN EN 13383. In order to do so the rock was put on a canvas in a dike shape and 65 per cent was removed. Also the wheel loader provided us with 743 kg of 5+ material, which in the same was reduced to a quantity of 320 kg. The surplus of rock was directly returned to the stockpile by the wheel loader. In [Figure A.2-1](#page-92-1) the sample reduction method is depicted, please note these are photos of test 2-3.





**Figure A.2-1 sample reduction on 5+ material (test 2-3)**

#### <span id="page-92-1"></span>*Sieving and weighing*

The next step consisted of performing a sieve analysis on both the 1-5 and 5+ material. An example of the resulting fractions is depicted i[n Figure A.2-2](#page-92-2) After sieving the rocks were washed to remove possible attached dirt. Each individual rock was given a unique number for identification, to assure all measured data is dedicated to the right rocks. The rock numbers increase with decreasing sieve sizes. Each individual rock was then weighed in surface dry condition. Furthermore also the submerged weight of the rocks was determined. The data obtained will be used to calculate the apparent density and volume of each individual rock.

<span id="page-92-2"></span>

**Figure A.2-2 sieve fractions**

#### *Shape tests*

Finally the shape of each rock was investigated by measuring of its length L, thickness T, and smallest enclosing rectangular dimensions width X, depth Y and height Z. This has been done by application of a calliper and a blockiness-meter for which is referred to chapter [A.2.3.](#page-96-0)

#### <span id="page-93-0"></span>A.2.2.2 Test 2 and 3

In general tests 2 and 3 are performed in a similar procedure to test 1. The most important differences are discussed given in this section.

#### *Sampling*

The 1-5 material required for test 2 and 3 was taken from just 1 trip with the wheel loader. The same holds for the 5+ material for test 2 and 3. Note that the same stockpiles as in test 1 were used! Those trips provided 531 kg 1-5 and 723 kg 5+ material. After sample reduction 160 kg of 1-5 and 640 kg of 5+ material was reserved for test 2 and 3. The eventual samples were then created simply by halving those quantities.

During sieving it already appeared the samples for test 2 and 3 consisted of a significantly larger fraction of fines. As a result significantly more rocks were expected to occur in the samples of test 2 and 3. Therefore it was decided to apply a 25 mm. sieve in addition compared to the test 1. In this way the finest material was caught apart to save time. The 25 passing fraction has been treated as 'rest'.

#### *Shape tests*

In test 2 and 3 no shape tests were performed. In the IJmuiden measuring campaign and during Slovag test 1 it was learned these tests take a considerable amount of time; approximately 20 man hours for 200 rocks (LT and Blockiness). It is assumed the shape tests in test 1 are sufficient to well enough represent the variety of rock shapes occurring in the stockpile. Since no shape tests were performed, identification of the rocks was not necessary and therefore also not performed in these tests.

#### A.2.2.3 Additional Gemini tests

In brief the tests performed for the Gemini project specifically are discussed in this section. The Gemini project requires rock that have an average specific density of 2950 kg per cubic metre.

#### *Categories*

The highest interest of the testing was to investigate whether or not the Yeoman Halsvik quarry is able to provide rock with an average specific density of 2950 kg/ $m<sup>3</sup>$ . The quarry claims they can achieve this goal by a delivery of special rock type, referred to as 'Black Rock'. However the rock face containing the black rock material also contains different, less heavy types of rock. It is therefore important to get insight in the rate of occurrence of the different types of rock. This has been done by setting up a category system and visual classification of the rock. All individual rocks were dedicated to one of the categories in the list beneath. Or in case of inhomogeneous material in multiple categories.

- Black Rock
- Grey Pink 'Shaded'
- Pink Whitish 'Layered'
- Black Pinkish 'Layered'
- Black and White, 'Dotted'
- White with Black 'Stripes'
- Complete White 'Cristal'

The classification of the rock has been performed by visual comparison with the rocks depicted in [Figure A.2-3.](#page-94-1)



**Figure A.2-3 rock categories**

#### <span id="page-94-1"></span>*Specific densities*

By determination of the specific density of all the above categories on is able to calculate the average density of the entire sample. Moreover one is able to randomly pick 10 rocks (by computer) and recalculate the specific density of such a sample numerous times. In addition, for all rocks that passed the 90 mm sieve and were kept on the 45 mm sieve also the specific density was calculated. In this way the specific densities of the categories were determined by taking the average of the rocks available in those categories.

<span id="page-94-0"></span>For determination of the specific density of rocks the European Standard NEN EN 13383, clause 8 is applied. In addition to the experiments discussed in sectio[n A.2.2.1](#page-92-3) an[d A.2.2.2](#page-93-0) also the oven-dried mass of the rocks concerned was determined. The rocks were kept in the oven for a minimum duration of 2 hours at a constant temperature of 120 degrees Celsius.

#### *Mixing of gradings*

The black rock contemplated for the Gemini project is produced in standardly in a 1-5 and 5+ grading. The grading envelope for the Gemini project however requires mixing of rock from those different stockpiles. The quarry claims, via a computer tool, they can answer the required envelop properties by mixing of the rock from both stockpiles in a ratio of 1 to 4. To investigate this mixing process during this test campaign samples were taking in this ratio also. In this way one is now able to check 'by hand' whether the determination of the mixing ratio by computer tool indeed yields the required envelope.

#### *Shape tests*

For the FFPV (Flexible Fall Pipe Vessels) of Van Oord Offshore it is of high concern what rock sizes could occur in the grading. Too large rocks fed into the bucket system of the fall pipes they can cause blocking, clogging and ultimately damage. It is therefore important to get insight in the shape of the larger rocks in detail. In order to do so the largest available rocks were collected from the coarsest stockpile at the quarry by visual selection. The length, thickness and smallest enclosing boxes dimensions of these rocks was recorded in a separate data sheet.

#### <span id="page-96-0"></span>**A.2.3 Equipment**

#### A.2.3.1 Sieves

In all tests drum sieves of sizes 31.5, 45, 63, 90 and 125 mm were applied for sieving the 1-5 samples. In test 3 also the drum sieve of size 25 mm was used to take out the fines and be able to treat them as rest fraction. For the 5+ samples of all three tests steel plate sieves of sizes 63, 90, 125, 150, 180, 200, 250 and 300 mm were applied. In this range the 150 and 200 mm sieves are no standard ones. These are added for the Gemini project grading envelope requirements. I[n Figure A.2-4](#page-96-1) a drum sieve setup is depicted in the left panel and the steel plate sieves are depicted in the right panel.



**Figure A.2-4 left: drum sieve setup, right: steel plate sieves**

#### <span id="page-96-1"></span>A.2.3.2 Shape measuring tools

In order to determine the length and thickness of the rocks simply a calliper, depicted in [Figure A.2-5](#page-96-2) (left panel) is applied. For the determination of the width, depth and height of the rocks a so-called blockiness-meter was constructed. It consists of a framework of laths that can be slid across each other to be fit around the rock examined. The blockiness-meter is depicted i[n Figure A.2-5](#page-96-2) (right panel).

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**Figure A.2-5 left: calliper, right: blockiness-meter**

#### A.2.3.3 Balances

To weigh the rocks, two different balances were applied, se[e Figure A.2-6.](#page-97-0) The balance depicted in the left panel was applied for the determination of the individual rock masses, oven dried masses and submerged weights. This balance displayed the mass in grams accurate and had a capacity of 20 kg.

The balance depicted in the right panel was applied for weighing of the total volume of rock delivered by the wheel loader. Furthermore this balance was used for the rocks that were having a mass beyond the capacity of the smaller balance or required a larger (and thus heavier) bucket of water for the submersion experiment. This balance displayed the mass in 5-hundreds of kilos accurate and had a capacity of over 100 kg.

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**Figure A.2-6 left: low capacity balance, right: high capacity balance**

# **B. Photos**



## <span id="page-100-0"></span>B.1 **IJmuiden**

# <span id="page-100-1"></span>**B.1.1 Gradings**



**Figure B-1 - grading 22-90 mm**



**Figure B-2 - grading 2-5 inch**



**Figure B-3 - grading 2-8 inch**

# <span id="page-102-0"></span>**B.1.2 Example of sieve fractions**



**Figure B-4 - ≤ 31.5 mm, sample E, grading 2-8 inch**



**Figure B-5 - 31.5-45 mm, sample E, grading 2-8 inch**

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**Figure B-6 - 45-63 mm, sample E, grading 2-8 inch**



**Figure B-7 - 63-90 mm, sample E, grading 2-8 inch**

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**Figure B-8 - 90-125 mm, sample E, grading 2-8 inch**



**Figure B-9 - 125-180 mm, sample E, grading 2-8 inch**

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**Figure B-10 - 180-250 mm sample E, grading 2-8 inch**

# <span id="page-106-0"></span>**B.1.3 Applied equipment**



**Figure B-11 - steel rod sieves**

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**Figure B-12 - container to submerge rocks**


**Figure B-13 - calliper**



**Figure B-14 - blockiness-meter**



**Figure B-15 - blockiness-meter top view**



**Figure B-16 - blockiness-meter side view**

## B.2 **Slovag**

## **B.2.1 Gradings**



**Figure B-17 - 1-5 inch**



**Figure B-18 - 5+ inch**

## **B.2.2 Example of sieve fractions**



**Figure B-19 - 45-63 mm, sample C, grading 5+ inch**



**Figure B-20 - 63-90 mm, sample C, grading 5+ inch**



**Figure B-21 - 90-125 mm, sample C, grading 5+ inch**



**Figure B-22 - 125-150 mm, sample C, grading 5+ inch**



**Figure B-23 - 150-180 mm, sample C, grading 5+ inch**



**Figure B-24 - 180-200 mm, sample C, grading 5+ inch**

## **B.2.3 Applied equipment**



**Figure B-25 - blockiness-meter**



**Figure B-26 - blockiness-meter**



**Figure B-27 - drum sieve**



**Figure B-28 - steel plate sieves**

# **C. Data**



## <span id="page-123-0"></span>C.1 **Symbols**



## <span id="page-124-0"></span>C.2 **IJmuiden**

## <span id="page-124-1"></span>**C.2.1 22-90**

## C.2.1.1 Sample A



55 99 6084 6124 59 32 52 42 35





## C.2.1.2 Sample B







## C.2.1.3 Sample C







## C.2.1.4 Sample D



 59 306 60 158 61 134 62 131



## C.2.1.5 Sample E







## <span id="page-136-0"></span>**C.2.2 2-5**

## C.2.2.1 Sample A

31.5 4 31.5 4 31.5 5













## C.2.2.2 Sample B



 49 126 50 196 51 145 52 215


# C.2.2.3 Sample C



Mass<br>M1

 $\frac{571}{914}$ 



# C.2.2.4 Sample D



Mass<br>M1

2 1393



# C.2.2.5 Sample E



63

54

190



# **C.2.3 2-8**

#### C.2.3.1 Sample A







# C.2.3.2 Sample B







# C.2.3.3 Sample C







# C.2.3.4 Sample D







# C.2.3.5 Sample E







# C.3 **Slovag**

# **C.3.1 1-5**

# C.3.1.1 Sample A







# C.3.1.2 Sample B







43 790<br>44 301<br>45 244

 $\begin{array}{ccccc} 4 & & & 2202 \\ 5 & & & 1648 \\ 6 & & & 1864 \\ 7 & & & 1432 \\ 8 & & & 1894 \\ 9 & & & & 2237 \end{array}$ 

943<br>1217<br>789

9<br>91<br>617<br>1006



# C.3.1.3 Sample C









 119 154 120 143 121 250 122 261



# **C.3.2 5+**

#### C.3.2.1 Sample A





# C.3.2.2 Sample B



# C.3.2.3 Sample C




# **D. Calculations**



In this appendix the data from the measurement campaigns is processed. This has been done per tested grading. The obtained results provide the basis for the analysis of the behaviour of the shape factor. Further information on the measurements themselves is provided in appendix [A]. The database of the tests can be found in appendix [C].

In IJmuiden, at a transhipment quay three different rock gradings have been tested. These are 22-90 mm. (approx. 1-3 inch), 2-5 inch (approx. 45-125 mm) and a 2-8 inch (approx. 45- 180 mm) rock gradings. From each of the gradings five samples have been taken, indicated A-E. On each sample a sieve test has been performed. Furthermore the nominal diameters are examined. As a result for each sample the shape factor can be studied. On sample A also specific density tests and shape tests have been performed. In section [D.20,](#page-288-0) [D.1.2](#page-220-0) and [D.1.3](#page-255-0) the 22-90, 2-5 and 2-8 gradings have been analysed respectively.

In Slovag, at a quarry site two rock gradings have been tested. These are a 1-5 inch (approx. 22-125 mm.) and a 5+ inch (approx. 125+ mm.) rock grading. From each of the gradings three samples have been taken, indicated A-C. On each sample a sieve test has been performed. Furthermore the nominal diameters are examined. As a result for each sample the shape factor can be studied. On sample A also density tests and shape tests have been performed. In section [D.2](#page-288-0) and [D.2.2](#page-313-0) the 1-5 and 5+ gradings have been analysed respectively. Moreover the data from both gradings has been combined resulting in 1-5+ samples of a conceptual 1-5+ grading. These samples are analysed in sectio[n D.2.3.](#page-338-0)

For the analyses of the samples the method applied in general is identical. This standard method is elaborated upon in section [D.1.1.1;](#page-183-2) the analysis of sample 22-90 A. Deviations from this method are explained per sample. Section [D.1.1.1](#page-183-2) can therefore be used as a reference for the analysis method.

## <span id="page-183-0"></span>D.1 **IJmuiden**

#### <span id="page-183-1"></span>**D.1.1 IJmuiden 22-90**

Origin: Carrieres de Sprimont et de Chanxhe, Belgium Aggregate type: Gneiss/Granite Shape type: Fresh

<span id="page-183-2"></span>D.1.1.1 Sample A Amount of rocks: 209

#### *Sieve test*

In [Table D-1](#page-183-3) the results of the sieve test are presented. The mass of each sieve fraction  $(2^{nd}$ column) is determined by summation of the individual rock masses. These sieve fractions masses have been expressed as a percentage of the total sample mass  $(3<sup>rd</sup>$  column). In the last column the obtained mass percentages have been in accumulated.

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In [Figure D.1-1](#page-183-4) the accumulated percentages have been plotted versus the associated sieves sizes, resulting in a sieve curve. The percentage of the total mass that is able to pass a specific sieve is easily read from this graph. Moreover for each cumulative percentage the associated sieve size that would have been required can be approximated by linear interpolation. In this way the value for  $d_{50}$  is determined.



<span id="page-183-4"></span>**Figure D.1-1 - sieve curve 22-90 A**

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In [Table D-2](#page-184-0) nine sieve diameters interpolated from the sieve curve of [Figure D.1-1](#page-183-4) are listed. The values provide insight in the coarseness and width of the grading. The median sieve diameter  $d_{50}$ , abbreviated (MSD) is the most important parameter in the table since it is applied to determine the shape factor. The diameters  $d_5$ ,  $d_{10}$ ,  $d_{90}$  and  $d_{98}$  represent the extreme lower limit (EUL), nominal lower limit (NLL), nominal upper limit (NUL) and extreme upper limit (EUL) of the grading respectively. Furthermore  $d_{85}$  is presented as it is used to indicate the width of the grading.

interpolated sieve diameter		
d%	[mm]	
$d5$ (ELL)	35.5	
d10 (NLL)	41.2	
d15	46.5	
d25	55.0	
d50 (MSD)	73.9	
d60	80.8	
d85	109.8	
d90 (NUL)	118.3	
d98 (EUL)	161.7	

<span id="page-184-0"></span>**Table D-2 - Interpolated sieve diameters 22-90 A**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.36. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

The mass of a stockpile is normal distributed over the rock sizes that occur in general. A sample representative for the stockpile should therefore also comply to this property. For example this means 50 percent of the mass consists of rock that has a sieve diameter  $\leq d_{50}$ and as a result, logically 50 percent of the mass consists of rock that has a sieve diameter ≥  $d_{50}$ . In other words; the upper and lower x percent should contain the same fraction of the total sample mass.

The sampling process however is rather arbitrary and causes the sample to be practically never normal distributed. It is therefore required to check the samples 'rate of being normal distributed'. In order to do so the sieve curve of [Figure D.1-2](#page-185-0) has been plotted on a vertical Gaussian axis and horizontal logarithmic axis in [Figure D.1-1.](#page-183-4) A perfectly normal distributed sample would yield a perfectly straight line. The black line in [Figure D.1-2](#page-185-0) is a linear best fit of the data and is included to assess the samples deviation from a perfect normal distribution. Samples that are significantly non-normal distributed may result in unrealistic interpolated sieve diameters and thus unreliable values for  $d_{50}$ .

From [Figure D.1-2](#page-185-0) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-185-0"></span>**Figure D.1-2 - Gaussian sieve curve 22-90 A**

#### *dn-analysis*

For each individual rock the nominal diameter is calculated by the cubic root of the individual rock volume. The individual rock volumes have been determined by submersion into water and application of the Archimedes principle. In equation [\(1\)](#page-185-1) form  $d_n$  is calculated by:

<span id="page-185-1"></span>
$$
d_n = \sqrt[3]{V_{arch}} \tag{1}
$$

The calculated nominal diameters are ranked in order of increases value. The associated masses are expressed as percentages of the total mass and accumulated, alike the analysis if the sieve diameters. In [Figure D.1-3](#page-186-0) the nominal diameters are plotted versus the associated accumulated mass percentages. The resulting figure is referred to as the nominal sieve curve. For each cumulative mass percentage the associated nominal diameter can be interpolated. In this way the value for  $d_{n50}$  is determined.

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<span id="page-186-0"></span>**Figure D.1-3 - nominal sieve curve 22-90 A**

From the above it can be concluded that the interpolation of nominal diameter values is dependent on two parameters, viz.: 1) the individual rock masses; to calculate the associate cumulative mass percentages, and 2) the individual rock volumes; to calculate nominal diameters. The correlation of both parameters is known as the rock density. It is given the (practically uniform) material in the sample has an approximated average rock density of 2650 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. From equation [\(1\)](#page-185-1) it is observed nominal diameters are related to rock volume by a cubic relation. Rock volumes on their turn are linearly dependent on rock density. The dependency of the nominal sieve curve on rock density is therefore examined here.

In order to do so the individual rock densities have been calculated by the ratio of the individual rock masses and Archimedes volumes. The obtained individual rock densities are plotted versus the associated nominal diameters in [Figure D.1-4.](#page-187-0) In the graph quite some variation in the individual rock densities is observed. In addition, it is clear the bandwidth of the scatter tends to decrease for increasing nominal diameters. In the region of the relatively small rocks the densities even show outliers of approximately 2300 and 3200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. In contrast, in the region of the larger rocks the densities converge to the expected value of approximately 2650 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The observed pattern can be explained by the flaws experienced during submersion of the rock. The most important difficulty was the creation of waves. Those waves impact the outcome the balance displays. The errors induced are of the same order of magnitude for each submerged rock. As a result the relative error increases for decreasing rock size.



<span id="page-187-0"></span>**Figure D.1-4 - individual Archimedes rock densities 22-90 A**

The average of the densities is 2669 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, the median is 2675 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the modus is 2661  $kg/m<sup>3</sup>$ . Here the median value is the middle value of the densities ranked in order of increasing diameter. The modus represents the value that occurs most. These three different representations of 'a centre value' of the density are all slightly greater than but relatively close to the expected value of 2650 kg/ $m<sup>3</sup>$ .

The influence of the density scatter on the nominal sieve curve is examined by comparing with a nominal sieve curve derived on the basis of a uniform density. The value of the uniform density is determined by the taking the average density of the rocks in the 63-90 and 90-120 fraction, see [Figure D.1-5.](#page-187-1) The rock volumes found on the basis of submersion and application of the Archimedes principle are considered sufficiently accurate. The found value of 2653 kg/m<sup>3</sup> closely approximates the expected density of 2650 kg/m<sup>3</sup> which approves this assumptions.



<span id="page-187-1"></span>**Figure D.1-5 - individual Archimedes rock densities of rock fractions 63-90 and 90-125**

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By application of the uniform density of 2653 kg/m<sup>3</sup> modified volumes are obtained for all individual rocks. These volumes are applied to recalculated the nominal diameters of the rocks. The applied formula is given in equation [\(2\)](#page-188-0).

<span id="page-188-0"></span>
$$
d_{n\_mod} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{M}{\rho_{uni}}} \tag{2}
$$

A 'modified' nominal sieve curve including the modified nominal diameters is depicted in [Figure D.1-6.](#page-188-1) At first sight the trends in the graph seems very similar to the graph of [Figure D.1-3.](#page-186-0)



<span id="page-188-1"></span>**Figure D.1-6 - modified nominal sieve curve 22-90 A**

In order to assess the reliability of the nominal sieve curve of [Figure D.1-3](#page-186-0) specific  $d_n$ -values are compared to the  $d_n$ -value found in [Figure D.1-6,](#page-188-1) see [Figure D.1-7,](#page-189-0) [Figure D.1-8](#page-189-1) and [Table D-3.](#page-190-0)

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<span id="page-189-0"></span>**Figure D.1-7 -nominal diameter approximation**



<span id="page-189-1"></span>**Figure D.1-8 - modified nominal diameter approximation**

In [Table D-3](#page-190-0) the interpolated nominal diameters based on both the Archimedes and the modified volumes are listed.

nominal diameter	acc. to Archimedes volumes	acc. to modified volumes
	mm	[mm]
$d_{n5}$	31.4	31.4
$d_{n15}$	38.7	39.9
$d_{n50}$	65.2	65.7
$d_{n90}$	106.7	103.9
$d_{n98}$	119.4	117.9

<span id="page-190-0"></span>**Table D-3 - comparison of dn-values acc. to Archimedes and modified volumes 22-90 A**

It is clear the nominal diameters found on the basis of the Archimedes volumes do not significantly differ from the modified nominal diameters. It is therefore concluded the observed scatter in the densities found on the basis of the Archimedes does not cause the nominal sieve diameter to be unrealistic. Therefore the nominal diameters on the basis of the Archimedes volumes are applied in the further analysis of this sample.

#### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

By the quotient of the interpolated values of the sieve diameters and nominal diameters found in the above, shape factors are calculated and given in [Table D-4.](#page-190-1) Note that the values of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter represented in a shape factor may refer to different rocks.



#### <span id="page-190-1"></span>**Table D-4 - shape factors 22-90 A**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.88, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-9.](#page-191-0)

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<span id="page-191-0"></span>**Figure D.1-9 - curves 22-90 A**

In [Figure D.1-10](#page-192-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. In this way the quality of 0.84 for the shape factor can be visually examined. In the ideal case both lines would exactly overlap each other. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are well approximated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For large rocks the approximation is less accurate and starts to fluctuate.



<span id="page-192-0"></span>**Figure D.1-10 - verification shape factor 22-90 A**

## *Shape test*

In the shape tests the length, thickness and dimensions of the smallest enclosing rectanguloid box of all individual rocks have been measured. These parameters are applied in describing the shapes of the rock by its elongation and blockiness. Elongation is calculated rather straightforwardly by the quotient of length and thickness. Blockiness is calculated by the quotient of an individual rock volume and the volume of the enclosing rectanguloid box. The rock volumes determined by the application of the Archimedes principle are applied in the calculation of the blockiness. In [Table D-5](#page-193-0) and [Table D-6](#page-193-1) the minimum, maximum and average values of the elongation and blockiness are listed per sieve fraction.



#### <span id="page-193-0"></span>**Table D-5 - elongation 22-90 A**



#### <span id="page-193-1"></span>**Table D-6 -blockiness 22-90 A**

It is stressed that the calculated elongation and blockiness values in the 90-125 and 125-180 mm fraction are based on the an amount of 6 respectively 1 rock(s). This explains the minimum, maximum and average value of both elongation and blockiness is equal for the 125-180mm fraction. These values are rather questionable and are therefore not considered representative for the entire pile. Considering only the 0-31.5, 31.5-45, 45-63 and 63-90 fractions the minimum value for elongation is 1.00, meaning length equals thickness. The maximum value of elongation observed in these rocks is 5.29. No significant trends in elongation are observed over the fractions. Considering the average elongations also no significant trend is observed. The average value of the elongation of the considered fractions is 2.20.

Considering the same fractions the minimum value blockiness is on 16.77 percent, which is considered rather low. The maximum value for blockiness is 89.19 percent, which is considered rather high. No significant trends in blockiness are observed over the fractions. Considering the average blockiness' also no significant trend is observed. The average value of the blockiness of the considered fractions is 45.20. The found average values of elongation and blockiness do agree with values normally found in practice.

D.1.1.2 Sample B Amount of rocks: 232

#### *Sieve test*

On this sample a sieve test is performed similar to that on sample A. A sieve curve is obtained by application of the method explained for sample A. The results of the sieve test for sample B are presented in [Table D-7.](#page-194-0)



#### <span id="page-194-0"></span>**Table D-7 - sieve test results 22-90 B**

The associate sieve curve representing sample B is given in [Figure D.1-11.](#page-194-1)



<span id="page-194-1"></span>**Figure D.1-11 - sieve curve 22-90 B**

In [Table D-8](#page-195-0) nine sieve diameters interpolated from [Figure D.1-11](#page-194-1) are listed.



<span id="page-195-0"></span>

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15} = 2.48$ . Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-12](#page-195-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-195-1"></span>**Figure D.1-12 - Gaussian sieve curve 22-90 B**

## *dn- analysis*

On this sample a  $d_n$ -analysis is performed similar to that on sample A. However the individual rock volumes are unknown since they are not determined by the submersion technique. The volumes are therefore calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Since also the densities of the individual rocks were not measured the uniform density calculated in sample A (2653 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) is applied. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The formula applied is given in equation [\(2\)](#page-188-0). The resulting nominal sieve curve of sample B is given in [Figure D.1-13.](#page-196-0)



<span id="page-196-0"></span>**Figure D.1-13 - nominal sieve curve 22-90 B**

In [Table D-9](#page-196-1) nominal diameters interpolated from [Figure D.1-13](#page-196-0) have been listed.



<span id="page-196-1"></span>

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

By the quotient of the interpolated values of the sieve diameters and nominal diameters found in the above, shape factors are calculated and given in [Table D-10.](#page-197-0) Note that the values of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter represented in a shape factor may refer to different rocks.



#### <span id="page-197-0"></span>**Table D-10 - shape factors 22-90 B**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to increase for increasing rock size. The value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.84, which equals the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-14.](#page-197-1)



<span id="page-197-1"></span>**Figure D.1-14 - curves 22-90 B**

In [Figure D.1-15](#page-198-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. In this way the quality of 0.84 for the shape factor can be visually examined. In the ideal case both lines would exactly overlap each other. It is concluded that up to a cumulative mass percentage passing of 70 percent, the value of 0.84 yields a well approximation for the quotient of nominal diameters and sieve diameters. At 50 percent cumulative mass passing both lines are actually overlapping each other, which means 0.84 perfectly fits the relation described by shape factor here. For large rocks the approximation is less accurate; here the value of 0.84 underestimates the shape factor.



<span id="page-198-0"></span>**Figure D.1-15 - verification shape factor 22-90 B**

D.1.1.3 Sample C Amount of rocks: 218

## *Sieve test*

On this sample a sieve test similar to that on sample A is performed. A sieve curve is obtained by application of the method explained for sample A. The results of the sieve test for sample C are presented in [Table D-11.](#page-199-0)



## <span id="page-199-0"></span>**Table D-11 - sieve test results 22-90 C**

The associate sieve curve representing sample C is given in [Figure D.1-16.](#page-199-1)



<span id="page-199-1"></span>**Figure D.1-16 - sieve curve 22-90 C**

In [Table D-12](#page-200-0) nine sieve diameters interpolated from [Figure D.1-16](#page-199-1) are listed.



<span id="page-200-0"></span>

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.51. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007)

From [Figure D.1-17](#page-200-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-200-1"></span>**Figure D.1-17 - Gaussian sieve curve 22-90 C**

### *dn- analysis*

On this sample a  $d_n$ -analysis is performed similar to that on sample A. However the individual rock volumes are unknown since they are not determined by the submersion technique. The volumes are therefore calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Since also the densities of the individual rocks were not measured the uniform density calculated in sample A (2653 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) is applied. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The formula applied is given in equation [\(2\)](#page-188-0). The resulting nominal sieve curve of sample C is given in [Figure D.1-18.](#page-201-0)



<span id="page-201-0"></span>**Figure D.1-18 - nominal sieve curve 22-90 C**

In [Table D-13](#page-201-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-18](#page-201-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-201-1"></span>**Table D-13 - nominal diameters 22-90 C**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

By the quotient of the interpolated values of the sieve diameters and nominal diameters found in the above, shape factors are calculated and given in [Table D-16.](#page-205-0) Note that the values of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter represented in a shape factor may refer to different rocks.



#### **Table D-14 - shape factors 22-90 C**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor has a relatively constant value of approximately 0.85 for the 5, 15, 50 and 90- percentage values. The value for  $F_{98}$  has a significantly smaller value of 0.67. The value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.85, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-19.](#page-202-0)



<span id="page-202-0"></span>**Figure D.1-19 - curves 22-90 C**

In [Figure D.1-20](#page-203-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. In this way the quality of 0.84 for the shape factor can be visually examined. In the ideal case both lines would exactly overlap each other. It is concluded that the value of 0.84 well approximates the value of the shape factor. At 50 percent cumulative mass passing both lines are actually overlapping each other, which means 0.84 perfectly fits the relation described by shape factor here. Only still for the largest rocks in the sample the approximation weakens. However, this conclusion is not solid since it is based on the observation of the nominal diameters of only two rocks.



<span id="page-203-0"></span>**Figure D.1-20 - verification shape factor 22-90 C**

D.1.1.4 Sample D Amount of rocks: 265

#### *Sieve test*

On this sample a sieve test is performed similar to that on sample A. A sieve curve is obtained by application of the method explained for sample A. The results of the sieve test for sample D are presented in [Table D-15.](#page-204-0)



#### <span id="page-204-0"></span>**Table D-15 - sieve test results 22-90 D**

The associate sieve curve representing sample C is given in [Figure D.1-21.](#page-204-1)



<span id="page-204-1"></span>**Figure D.1-21 - sieve curve 22-90 D**

In [Table D-16](#page-205-0) nine sieve diameters interpolated from [Figure D.1-16](#page-199-1) are listed.



<span id="page-205-0"></span>

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15} = 2.43$ . Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-22](#page-205-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-205-1"></span>**Figure D.1-22 - Gaussian sieve curve 22-90 D**

## *dn- analysis*

On this sample a  $d_n$ -analysis is performed similar to that on sample A. However the individual rock volumes are unknown since they are not determined by the submersion technique. The volumes are therefore calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Since also the densities of the individual rocks were not measured the uniform density calculated in sample A (2653 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) is applied. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The formula applied is given in equation [\(2\)](#page-188-0). The resulting nominal sieve curve of sample D is given in [Figure D.1-23.](#page-206-0)



<span id="page-206-0"></span>**Figure D.1-23 - nominal sieve curve 22-90 D**

In [Table D-23](#page-214-0) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-26](#page-209-0) have been listed.



**Table D-17 - nominal diameters 22-90 D**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

By the quotient of the interpolated values of the sieve diameters and nominal diameters found in the above, shape factors are calculated and given in [Table D-18.](#page-207-0) Note that the values of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter represented in a shape factor may refer to different rocks.



#### <span id="page-207-0"></span>**Table D-18 - shape factors 22-90 D**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. Its value fluctuates between approximately 0.80 and 0.90. The value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.82, which is slightly smaller than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-24.](#page-207-1)



<span id="page-207-1"></span>**Figure D.1-24 - curves 22-90 D**

In [Figure D.1-25](#page-208-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. In this way the quality of 0.84 for the shape factor can be visually examined. In the ideal case both lines would exactly overlap each other. It is concluded that up to a cumulative mass percentage passing of 70 percent, the value of 0.84 yields a well approximation for the quotient of nominal diameters and sieve diameters. At 50 percent cumulative mass passing both lines are actually overlapping each other, which means 0.84 perfectly fits the relation described by shape factor here. For large rocks the approximation is less accurate; here the value of 0.84 underestimates the shape factor.



<span id="page-208-0"></span>**Figure D.1-25 - verification shape factor 22-90 D**

D.1.1.5 Sample E Amount of rocks: 304

#### *Sieve test*

On this sample a sieve test is performed similar to that on sample A. A sieve curve is obtained by application of the method explained for sample A. The results of the sieve test for sample E are presented i[nTable D-19.](#page-209-1)



#### <span id="page-209-1"></span>**Table D-19 - sieve test results 22-90 E**

The associate sieve curve representing sample C is given i[nFigure D.1-26.](#page-209-0)



<span id="page-209-0"></span>**Figure D.1-26 - sieve curve 22-90 E**

In [Table D-20](#page-210-0) nine sieve diameters interpolated from [Figure D.1-26](#page-209-0) are listed.



<span id="page-210-0"></span>

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.70. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-27](#page-210-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-210-1"></span>**Figure D.1-27 - Gaussian sieve curve 22-90 E**

## *dn- analysis*

On this sample a  $d_n$ -analysis is performed similar to that on sample A. However the individual rock volumes are unknown since they are not determined by the submersion technique. The volumes are therefore calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Since also the densities of the individual rocks were not measured the uniform density calculated in sample A (2653 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) is applied. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The formula applied is given in equation [\(2\)](#page-188-0). The resulting nominal sieve curve of sample E is given i[n Figure D.1-28.](#page-211-0)



<span id="page-211-0"></span>**Figure D.1-28 - nominal sieve curve 22-90 E**

In [Table D-21](#page-211-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-28](#page-211-0) have been listed.



<span id="page-211-1"></span>**Table D-21 - nominal diameters 22-90 E**

### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

By the quotient of the interpolated values of the sieve diameters and nominal diameters found in the above, shape factors are calculated and given in [Table D-22.](#page-212-0) Note that the values of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter represented in a shape factor may refer to different rocks.

<span id="page-212-0"></span>

#### **Table D-22 - shape factors 22-90 E**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. Its value fluctuates between approximately 0.82 and 0.91. The value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.91, which is significantly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-29.](#page-212-1)



<span id="page-212-1"></span>**Figure D.1-29 - curves 22-90 E**

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In [Figure D.1-30](#page-213-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. In this way the quality of 0.84 for the shape factor can be visually examined. In the ideal case both lines would exactly overlap each other. It is concluded that for small rocks  $(d_n \leq approx. 40 mm)$  the nominal diameters are well approximated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For larger rocks the approximation is less accurate and starts to show some fluctuation. In general 0.84 tends to underestimate the shape factor. Please note that for the largest rocks in the sample 0.84 is again a well approximation.



<span id="page-213-0"></span>**Figure D.1-30 - verification shape factor 22-90 E**

D.1.1.6 Sample A-E Combined Amount of rocks: 1209

The data represented in this sample is equivalent to the data of sample A-E together. It stressed that the results based on the combined sample is not equal to the average of the results of the separate samples.

#### *Sieve test*

On this combined sample a sieve test similar to that on sample A is performed. A sieve curve is obtained by application of the method explained for sample A. The results of the sieve test for the combined sample A-E are presented in [Table D-23.](#page-214-0)



#### <span id="page-214-0"></span>**Table D-23 - sieve test results 22-90 A-E**

The associate sieve curve representing the combined sample A-E is given in [Figure D.1-31.](#page-214-1)



<span id="page-214-1"></span>**Figure D.1-31 - sieve curve 22-90 A-E**

In [Table D-24](#page-215-0) nine sieve diameters interpolated from [Figure D.1-31](#page-214-1) are listed.



<span id="page-215-0"></span>

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.52. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-32](#page-215-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-215-1"></span>**Figure D.1-32 - Gaussian sieve curve 22-90 A-E**
# *dn- analysis*

On this combined sample a  $d_n$ -analysis is performed similar to that on sample A. For the  $d_n$ values of sample A the values based on the uniform rock density (2653 kg/m<sup>3</sup>), are applied in this analysis. In this way the input data for the nominal sieve curve of the combined sample is uniform. The resulting nominal sieve curve of the combined sample is given in [Figure D.1-33.](#page-216-0)



<span id="page-216-0"></span>**Figure D.1-33 - nominal sieve curve 22-90 A-E**

In [Table D-25](#page-216-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-33](#page-216-0) have been listed.

nominal diameter			
[mm]			
dn5	29.9		
dn15	37.3		
dn50	62.9		
dn90	105.5		
dn98	118.0		

<span id="page-216-1"></span>**Table D-25 - nominal diameters 22-90 A-E**

*Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

By the quotient of the interpolated values of the sieve diameters and nominal diameters found in the above, shape factors are calculated and given in [Table D-26.](#page-217-0) Note that the values of the nominal diameter and sieve diameter represented in a shape factor may refer to different rocks.

<span id="page-217-0"></span>



It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. In particular its value is fluctuating in case of the higher percentages; for  $F_{90}$  it first increases to a value of approximately 0.90 to decrease to a value of 0.77 for  $F_{98}$ . The value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.86, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-34.](#page-217-1)



<span id="page-217-1"></span>**Figure D.1-34 - curves 22-90 A-E**

In [Figure D.1-35](#page-218-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. In this way the quality of 0.84 for the shape factor can be visually examined. In the ideal case both lines would exactly overlap each other. It is concluded that in general 0.84 well approximates the value of the shape factor. For the larger however fluctuations are observed. For rocks (approx. 115 mm  $\geq d_n \geq 70$  mm) 0.84 underestimates the value of the shape factor. In case of the largest rocks ( $d_n \geq$  approx. 115 mm) 0.84 overestimates the value of the shape factor.



<span id="page-218-0"></span>**Figure D.1-35 - verification shape factor 22-90 A-E**

# D.1.1.7 Conclusions

The information gained on the shape factor of the 22-90 material is listed in [Table D-27.](#page-219-0) It is concluded the value of the shape factor  $F_{50}$  – the value commonly applied in practice – is fluctuating between a value of 0.82-0.91 for the individual samples. The combined sample yields the value of 0.86 for  $F_{50}$ . Furthermore for each sample it is concluded the shape factor is not constant for none of the samples. Moreover, in general the value decreases considerably for the 98 cumulative mass percentage.



#### <span id="page-219-0"></span>**Table D-27 - shape factor 22-90**

# **D.1.2 2-5 IJmuiden**

Origin: Oster pukk og Sand AS, Norway Aggregate type: Gneiss Shape type: Fresh

For this rock grading equal tests have been performed in comparison with the 22-90 material. In general the data is also processed in a similar way therefor. As a result this paragraph will only focus on the results of the processed data and only significant deviations in the processing method are mentioned. For explanations on the calculations and graphs please consult paragrap[h 0.](#page-182-0)

D.1.2.1 Sample A Amount of rocks: 359

In this sample a fraction of rather fine material was present ( $d_n \approx 10$  mm). This fraction is referred to as rest. The material is not examined into detail, only the total mass of this fraction is measured: 0.034 kg.

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-28.](#page-220-0)



#### <span id="page-220-0"></span>**Table D-28 - sieve test results 2-5 A**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-36](#page-221-0)



<span id="page-221-0"></span>**Figure D.1-36 - sieve curve 2-5 A**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-29.](#page-221-1)



<span id="page-221-1"></span>

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.01. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-32](#page-215-0) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



**Figure D.1-37 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-5 A**

# *dn-analysis*

The nominal sieve curve including the nominal diameters calculated by the volumes determined according to the Archimedes method is given in [Figure D.1-38.](#page-223-0)



<span id="page-223-0"></span>**Figure D.1-38 - nominal sieve curve 2-5 A**

Again the impact of scattering densities is examined. In the individual rock densities are presented.



**Figure D.1-39 - individual Archimedes rock densities 2-5 A**

The average of the densities is 2770 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, the median is 2709 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the modus is 2661  $kg/m<sup>3</sup>$ . It is concluded a lot of scatter is present, in particular for the smaller rock. By application of a uniform density the nominal diameters are recalculated. The uniform density is determined by the average density of the rocks in the 63-90 and 90-125 fractions and has a value of 2616 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

The nominal sieve curve including the nominal diameters calculated by the volumes according to the uniform density of 2616 kg/m<sup>3</sup> is given in [Figure D.1-40.](#page-224-0)



<span id="page-224-0"></span>**Figure D.1-40 - modified nominal sieve curve 2-5 A**

In [Table D-3](#page-190-0) the interpolated nominal diameters based on both the Archimedes and the modified volumes are listed.

nominal diameter	acc. to Archimedes volumes	acc. to modified volumes
	[mm]	[mm]
$d_{n5}$	28.9	29.3
$d_{n15}$	35.9	36.4
$d_{n50}$	63.2	62.8
$d_{n90}$	99.2	103.1
$d_{n98}$	115.1	115.4

<span id="page-225-0"></span>**Table D-30 - comparison of dn-values acc. to Archimedes and modified volumes 2-5 A**

From [Table D-30](#page-225-0) it is concluded the differences in the nominal diameters found on basis of the Archimedes volumes or on basis of the uniform density are relatively small. In case of the median nominal diameter both values are even equal. It is therefore concluded the observed scatter in the densities found on the basis of the Archimedes does not cause the nominal sieve diameter to be unrealistic. Therefore the nominal diameters on the basis of the Archimedes volumes are applied in this sample. However caution has to be taken when the  $d_n$ 90 is used.

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-31.](#page-226-0)

<span id="page-226-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.87, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.1-41.](#page-226-1)



<span id="page-226-1"></span>**Figure D.1-41 - curves 2-5 A**

In [Figure D.1-42](#page-227-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are well approximated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For the largest rocks 0.84 times the sieve diameter significantly overestimates the nominal diameters.



<span id="page-227-0"></span>**Figure D.1-42 - verification shape factor 2-5 A**

## *Shape test*

In [Table D-32](#page-228-0) and [Table D-33](#page-228-1) an overview is given of the minimum, maximum and average values of the elongation and blockiness respectively.

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#### <span id="page-228-1"></span>**Table D-33 -blockiness 2-5 A**



It is stressed that the calculated elongation and blockiness values in the 90-125 and 125-180 mm fraction are based on the an amount of 7 respectively 4 rocks. The statistical meaning of the values representing these fractions is therefore questionable.

Considering only the 0-31.5, 31.5-45, 45-63 and 63-90 fractions the minimum value for elongation is 1.00, meaning length equals thickness. The maximum value of elongation observed in these rocks is 5.50. If the 125-180 fraction is disregarded, the average elongation seems rather constant. Furthermore, the minima slightly fluctuate and the maxima tend to decrease. It is concluded variation in elongation decreases for increasing rock size. Considering blockiness no significant trends are observed. The average values found for elongation and blockiness considering all rocks are approximately 2.36 and 45 percent, which do agree with values normally found in practice.

D.1.2.2 Sample B Amount of rocks: 257

### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-34.](#page-229-0)

#### <span id="page-229-0"></span>**Table D-34 - sieve test results 2-5 B**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-43.](#page-229-1)



<span id="page-229-1"></span>**Figure D.1-43 - sieve curve 2-5 B**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-35.](#page-230-0)



# <span id="page-230-0"></span>**Table D-35 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-5 B**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.16. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-44](#page-230-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-230-1"></span>**Figure D.1-44 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-5 B**

# *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2626$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-45.](#page-231-0)



<span id="page-231-0"></span>**Figure D.1-45 - nominal sieve curve 2-5 B**

In [Table D-36](#page-231-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-45](#page-231-0) have been listed.



# <span id="page-231-1"></span>**Table D-36 - nominal diameters 2-5 B**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-37](#page-232-0)

<span id="page-232-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.88, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.1-46.](#page-232-1)



<span id="page-232-1"></span>**Figure D.1-46 - sieve curves 2-5 B**

In [Figure D.1-47](#page-233-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are well approximated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For the largest rocks 0.84 times the sieve diameter significantly overestimates the nominal diameters.



<span id="page-233-0"></span>**Figure D.1-47 - verification shape factor 2-5 B**

D.1.2.3 Sample C Amount of rocks: 243

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-38.](#page-234-0)

#### <span id="page-234-0"></span>**Table D-38 - sieve test results 2-5 C**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-48.](#page-234-1)



<span id="page-234-1"></span>**Figure D.1-48 - sieve curve 2-5 C**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-39.](#page-235-0)



# <span id="page-235-0"></span>**Table D-39 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-5 C**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.72. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-49](#page-235-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-235-1"></span>**Figure D.1-49 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-5 C**

# *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2626$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-50.](#page-236-0)



<span id="page-236-0"></span>**Figure D.1-50 - nominal sieve curve 2-5 C**

In [Table D-36](#page-231-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-50](#page-236-0) have been listed.



#### **Table D-40 - nominal diameters 2-5 C**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-41.](#page-237-0)



<span id="page-237-0"></span>**Table D-41 - shape factors 22-90 C**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.92, which is significantly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.1-51.](#page-237-1)



<span id="page-237-1"></span>**Figure D.1-51 - sieve curves 2-5 C**

In [Figure D.1-52](#page-238-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks (up to a nominal diameter of 50 mm) the nominal diameters are well approximated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For larger rocks the approximation is not very accurate and fluctuates. The largest rocks (nominal diameter > 100 mm) the nominal diameters are significantly overestimated by a shape factor of 0.84 times the sieve diameter.



<span id="page-238-0"></span>**Figure D.1-52 - verification shape factor 22-90 C**

D.1.2.4 Sample D Amount of rocks: 241

### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-42.](#page-239-0) Please note this sample contained a rock in the 180-250 mm-fraction.



# <span id="page-239-0"></span>**Table D-42 - sieve test results 2-5 D**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-53.](#page-239-1)



<span id="page-239-1"></span>**Figure D.1-53 - sieve curve 2-5 D**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-43.](#page-240-0)



# <span id="page-240-0"></span>**Table D-43 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-5 D**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15} = 4.02$ . Very wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-54](#page-240-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-240-1"></span>**Figure D.1-54 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-5 D**

# *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2626$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-55.](#page-241-0)



<span id="page-241-0"></span>**Figure D.1-55 - nominal sieve curve 2-5 D**

In [Table D-44](#page-241-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-55](#page-241-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-241-1"></span>**Table D-44 - nominal diameters 2-5 D**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-45.](#page-242-0)

<span id="page-242-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.85, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.1-56.](#page-242-1)



<span id="page-242-1"></span>**Figure D.1-56 - sieve curves 2-5 D**

In [Figure D.1-57](#page-243-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are well approximated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For the largest rocks 0.84 times the sieve diameter significantly overestimates the nominal diameters.



<span id="page-243-0"></span>**Figure D.1-57 - verification shape factor 2-5 D**

# Sample E Amount of rocks: 255

### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-46.](#page-244-0)

#### <span id="page-244-0"></span>**Table D-46 - sieve test results 2-5 E**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-58.](#page-244-1)



<span id="page-244-1"></span>**Figure D.1-58 - sieve curve 2-5 E**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-47.](#page-245-0)



# <span id="page-245-0"></span>**Table D-47 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-5 E**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.57. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-59](#page-245-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-245-1"></span>**Figure D.1-59 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-5 E**

# *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2626$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-60.](#page-246-0)



<span id="page-246-0"></span>**Figure D.1-60 - nominal sieve curve 2-5 E**

In [Table D-48](#page-246-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-60](#page-246-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-246-1"></span>**Table D-48 - nominal diameters 2-5 E**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-49.](#page-247-0)

<span id="page-247-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.87, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.1-61.](#page-247-1)



<span id="page-247-1"></span>**Figure D.1-61 - sieve curves 2-5 E**

In [Figure D.1-62](#page-248-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are well approximated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For the largest rocks 0.84 times the sieve diameter significantly overestimates the nominal diameters.



<span id="page-248-0"></span>**Figure D.1-62 - verification shape factor 2-5 E**

D.1.2.5 Sample A-E Combined Amount of rocks: 1356

The data represented in this sample is equivalent to the data of sample A-E together. It stressed that the results based on the combined sample is not equal to the average of the results of the separate samples.

# *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-50.](#page-249-0)



#### <span id="page-249-0"></span>**Table D-50 - sieve test results 2-5 A-E**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-63.](#page-249-1)



<span id="page-249-1"></span>**Figure D.1-63 - sieve curve 2-5 A-E**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-51.](#page-250-0)



# <span id="page-250-0"></span>**Table D-51 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-5 A-E**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.04. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-59](#page-245-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



**Figure D.1-64 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-5 A-E**

# *dn-analysis*

The volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Also for sample A the nominal diameters this method is applied to assure uniform information. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given in [Figure D.1-65.](#page-251-0)



<span id="page-251-0"></span>**Figure D.1-65 - nominal sieve curve 2-5 A-E**

In [Table D-52](#page-251-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-65](#page-251-0) have been listed.



<span id="page-251-1"></span>**Table D-52 - nominal diameters 2-5 A-E**
#### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-53.](#page-252-0)



<span id="page-252-0"></span>**Table D-53 - shape factors 2-5 A-E**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.87, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.1-66.](#page-252-1)



<span id="page-252-1"></span>**Figure D.1-66 - sieve curves 2-5 A-E**

In [Figure D.1-67](#page-253-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the curves show reasonable overlap, especially for the relatively small rocks (nominal diameter < approx.. 60 mm). For the larger rocks the approximation is less accurate and starts to fluctuate. The nominal diameters of the largest rocks (nominal diameter > 100 mm) are significantly overestimated by the approximation.



<span id="page-253-0"></span>**Figure D.1-67 - verification shape factor 2-5 A-E**

### D.1.2.6 Conclusions

The information gained on the shape factor of the 2-5 material is listed in [Table D-56.](#page-256-0) It is concluded the value of the shape factor  $F_{50}$  – the value commonly applied in practice – is fluctuating between a value of 0.85-0.91 for the individual samples. The combined sample yields the value of 0.87 for  $F_{50}$ . Furthermore for each sample it is concluded the shape factor is not constant for none of the samples. Moreover, in general the value decreases considerably for the 98 cumulative mass percentage. Except from sample E the same holds the 90 cumulative mass percentage.



#### **Table D-54 - shape factor 2-5**

## **D.1.3 2-8 IJmuiden**

Origin: Skipavika quarry, south-eastern tip of Sandøyna island, Norway Aggregate type: Gneiss Shape type: Fresh

For this rock grading equal tests have been performed in comparison with the 22-90 and 2-5 material. In general the data is also processed in a similar way therefor. As a result this paragraph will only focus on the results of the processed data and only significant deviations in the processing method are mentioned. For explanations on the calculations and graphs please consult paragrap[h 0.](#page-182-0)

D.1.3.1 Sample A Amount of rocks: 201

### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-55.](#page-255-0)



#### <span id="page-255-0"></span>**Table D-55 - sieve test results 2-8 A**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-68](#page-255-1)



<span id="page-255-1"></span>**Figure D.1-68 - sieve curve 2-8 A**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-56.](#page-256-0)

### <span id="page-256-0"></span>**Table D-56 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-8 A**



Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.77. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-69](#page-256-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-256-1"></span>**Figure D.1-69 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-8 A**

## *dn-analysis*

The nominal sieve curve including the nominal diameters calculated by the volumes determined according to the Archimedes method is given in [Figure D.1-70.](#page-257-0)



<span id="page-257-0"></span>**Figure D.1-70 - nominal sieve curve 2-8 A**

Again the impact of scattering densities is examined. In [Figure D.1-71](#page-257-1) the individual rock densities are presented.



<span id="page-257-1"></span>**Figure D.1-71 - individual Archimedes rock densities 2-8 A**

The average of the densities is 2688 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, the median is 2653 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the modus is 2595  $kg/m<sup>3</sup>$ . It is concluded a lot of scatter is present, in particular for the smaller rock. By application of a uniform density the nominal diameters are recalculated. The uniform density is determined by the average density of the rocks in the 63-90 and 90-125 fractions and has a value of  $2657 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . The nominal sieve curve including the nominal diameters calculated by the volumes according to the uniform density of 2657 kg/m<sup>3</sup> is given in [Figure D.1-72.](#page-258-0)



<span id="page-258-0"></span>**Figure D.1-72 - modified nominal sieve curve 2-8 A**

In [Table D-57](#page-258-1) the interpolated nominal diameters based on both the Archimedes and the modified volumes are listed.

nominal diameter	acc. to Archimedes volumes	acc. to modified volumes
	[mm]	[mm]
$d_{n5}$	43.6	43.7
$d_{n15}$	57.8	58.4
$d_{n50}$	101.1	101.4
$d_{n90}$	157.3	161.4
$d_{n98}$	175.0	175.0

<span id="page-258-1"></span>**Table D-57 - comparison of dn-values acc. to Archimedes and modified volumes 2-8 A**

It is concluded that the values of the nominal diameters found on the basis of both methods hardly differ. It is therefore concluded the observed scatter in the densities found on the basis of the Archimedes does not cause the nominal sieve diameter to be unrealistic. Therefore the nominal diameters on the basis of the Archimedes volumes are applied in this sample.

### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-58.](#page-259-0)

<span id="page-259-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.87, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.1-73.](#page-259-1)



<span id="page-259-1"></span>**Figure D.1-73 - curves 2-8 A**

In [Figure D.1-74](#page-260-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are slightly underestimated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 100 mm) the accuracy of the approximation further decreases. For the largest rock (nominal diameter > approx. 125 mm) the value of the shape factor overestimates the relation between nominal and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-260-0"></span>**Figure D.1-74 - verification shape factor 2-8 A**

#### *Shape test*

In [Table D-59](#page-261-0) and [Table D-60](#page-261-1) an overview is given of the minimum, maximum and average values of the elongation and blockiness respectively.



#### <span id="page-261-0"></span>**Table D-59 - elongation 2-8 A**

#### <span id="page-261-1"></span>**Table D-60 -blockiness 2-8 A**



It is stressed that the calculated elongation and blockiness values in the 0-31.5 and 180-250 mm fraction are based on the an amount of 6 respectively 2 rocks. The statistical meaning of the values representing these fractions is therefore questionable.

Considering only the 31.5-45, 45-63, 63-90, 90-125 and 125-180 fractions the minimum value for elongation is 1.24. The maximum value of elongation observed in these rocks is 4.68. Furthermore, the minima, maxima and average elongation is rather constant over the fractions. Considering blockiness for the same fractions the minimum and maximum blockiness found are 29 respectively 97 percent approximately. 97 percent blockiness represents an almost perfect block shape, which is not found in the sample and therefore most probably the result of a measurement error. The average blockiness values over the fractions are relatively constant. It is concluded no significant trends are observed in elongation nor blockiness for this sample.

D.1.3.2 Sample B Amount of rocks: 232

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-61.](#page-262-0)

#### <span id="page-262-0"></span>**Table D-61 - sieve test results 2-8 B**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-75.](#page-262-1)



<span id="page-262-1"></span>**Figure D.1-75 - sieve curve 2-8 B**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-62.](#page-263-0)



# <span id="page-263-0"></span>**Table D-62 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-8 B**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.10. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-76](#page-263-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-263-1"></span>**Figure D.1-76 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-8 B**

### *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2657$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-77.](#page-264-0)



<span id="page-264-0"></span>**Figure D.1-77 - nominal sieve curve 2-8 B**

In [Table D-63](#page-264-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-77](#page-264-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-264-1"></span>**Table D-63 - nominal diameters 2-8 B**

#### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-64.](#page-265-0)

<span id="page-265-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.89, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-78.](#page-265-1)



<span id="page-265-1"></span>**Figure D.1-78 - sieve curves 2-8 B**

In [Figure D.1-79](#page-266-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are slightly underestimated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 120 mm) the accuracy of the approximation further decreases. For the largest rock (nominal diameter > approx. 150 mm) the value of the shape factor overestimates the relation between nominal and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-266-0"></span>**Figure D.1-79 - verification shape factor 2-8 B**

D.1.3.3 Sample C Amount of rock: 335

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-65.](#page-267-0)

#### <span id="page-267-0"></span>**Table D-65 - sieve test results 2-8 C**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-80.](#page-267-1)



<span id="page-267-1"></span>**Figure D.1-80 - sieve curve 2-8 C**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-66.](#page-268-0)



## <span id="page-268-0"></span>**Table D-66 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-8 C**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.66. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-81](#page-268-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-268-1"></span>**Figure D.1-81 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-8 C**

### *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2657$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-82.](#page-269-0)



<span id="page-269-0"></span>**Figure D.1-82 - nominal sieve curve 2-8 C**

In [Table D-67](#page-269-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-77](#page-264-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-269-1"></span>**Table D-67 - nominal diameters 2-8 C**

#### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-68.](#page-270-0)

<span id="page-270-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.85, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-83.](#page-270-1)



<span id="page-270-1"></span>**Figure D.1-83 - sieve curves 2-8 C**

In [Figure D.1-84](#page-271-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are slightly underestimated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 120 mm) the accuracy of the approximation further decreases. For the largest rock (nominal diameter > approx. 150 mm) the value of the shape factor overestimates the relation between nominal and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-271-0"></span>**Figure D.1-84 - verification shape factor 2-8 C**

D.1.3.4 Sample D Amount of rock: 294

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-69.](#page-272-0)

### <span id="page-272-0"></span>**Table D-69 - sieve test results 2-8 D**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-85.](#page-272-1)



<span id="page-272-1"></span>**Figure D.1-85 - sieve curve 2-8 D**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-70.](#page-273-0)



# <span id="page-273-0"></span>**Table D-70 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-8 D**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.06. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-86](#page-273-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-273-1"></span>**Figure D.1-86 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-8 D**

### *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2657$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-87.](#page-274-0)



<span id="page-274-0"></span>**Figure D.1-87 - nominal sieve curve 2-8 D**

In [Table D-71](#page-274-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-87](#page-274-0) have been listed.



<span id="page-274-1"></span>

#### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-72.](#page-275-0)

<span id="page-275-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.89, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-88.](#page-275-1)



<span id="page-275-1"></span>**Figure D.1-88 - sieve curves 2-8 D**

In [Figure D.1-89](#page-276-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are slightly underestimated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 120 mm) the accuracy of the approximation further decreases. For the largest rock (nominal diameter > approx. 150 mm) the value of the shape factor overestimates the relation between nominal and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-276-0"></span>**Figure D.1-89 - verification shape factor 2-8 D**

D.1.3.5 Sample E Amount of rock: 228

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-73.](#page-277-0)

#### <span id="page-277-0"></span>**Table D-73 - sieve test results 2-8 E**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-90.](#page-277-1)



<span id="page-277-1"></span>**Figure D.1-90 - sieve curve 2-8 E**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-74.](#page-278-0)



# <span id="page-278-0"></span>**Table D-74 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-8 E**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.06. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-91](#page-278-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-278-1"></span>**Figure D.1-91 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-8 E**

### *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2657$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-92.](#page-279-0)



<span id="page-279-0"></span>**Figure D.1-92 - nominal sieve curve 2-8 E**

In [Table D-75](#page-279-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-77](#page-264-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-279-1"></span>**Table D-75 - nominal diameters 2-8 E**

#### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-76.](#page-280-0)

<span id="page-280-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.89, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.1-93.](#page-280-1)



<span id="page-280-1"></span>**Figure D.1-93 - sieve curves 2-8 E**

In [Figure D.1-94](#page-281-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are slightly underestimated by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 120 mm) the accuracy of the approximation further decreases. For the largest rock (nominal diameter > approx. 150 mm) the value of the shape factor overestimates the relation between nominal and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-281-0"></span>**Figure D.1-94 - verification shape factor 2-8 E**

D.1.3.6 Sample A-E Amount of rock: 1290

The data represented in this sample is equivalent to the data of sample A-E together. It stressed that the results based on the combined sample is not equal to the average of the results of the separate samples.

### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-77.](#page-282-0)



#### <span id="page-282-0"></span>**Table D-77 - sieve test results 2-8 A-E**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.1-95.](#page-282-1)



<span id="page-282-1"></span>**Figure D.1-95 - sieve curve 2-8 A-E**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-78.](#page-283-0)



# <span id="page-283-0"></span>**Table D-78 - Interpolated sieve diameters 2-8 A-E**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.94. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.1-96](#page-283-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-283-1"></span>**Figure D.1-96 - Gaussian sieve curve 2-8 A-E**

## *dn-analysis*

The volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Also for sample A the nominal diameters this method is applied to assure uniform information. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given in [Figure D.1-97.](#page-284-0)



<span id="page-284-0"></span>**Figure D.1-97 - nominal sieve curve 2-8 A-E**

In [Table D-79](#page-284-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.1-97](#page-284-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-284-1"></span>**Table D-79 - nominal diameters 2-8 A-E**

#### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-80.](#page-285-0)

<span id="page-285-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.87, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.1-98.](#page-285-1)



<span id="page-285-1"></span>**Figure D.1-98 - sieve curves 2-8 A-E**

In [Figure D.1-99](#page-286-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the curves show reasonable overlap, especially for the relatively small rocks (nominal diameter < approx.. 60 mm). For the larger rocks the approximation is less accurate and starts to fluctuate. The nominal diameters of the largest rocks (nominal diameter > 100 mm) are significantly overestimated by the approximation.



<span id="page-286-0"></span>**Figure D.1-99 - verification shape factor 2-8 A-E**

## D.1.3.7 Conclusions

The information gained on the shape factor of the 2-8 material is listed in [Table D-81.](#page-287-0) It is concluded the value of the shape factor  $F_{50}$  – the value commonly applied in practice – is fluctuating between a value of 0.83-0.88 for the individual samples. The combined sample yields the value of 0.86 for  $F_{50}$ . Furthermore for each sample it is concluded the shape factor is not constant for none of the samples. Moreover, in general the value decreases significantly for the 90 and 98 cumulative mass percentage.



## <span id="page-287-0"></span>**Table D-81 - shape factor 2-8**
## D.2 **Slovag**

## **D.2.1 1-5 Slovag**

Origin: Wergeland Halsvik AS, Norway Aggregate type: Basaltic rock Shape type: Fresh

D.2.1.1 Sample A Amount of rock: 148

*Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-82.](#page-288-0)



#### <span id="page-288-0"></span>**Table D-82 - sieve test results 1-5 A**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-1.](#page-288-1)



<span id="page-288-1"></span>**Figure D.2-1 - sieve curve 1-5 A**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed in [Table D-83.](#page-289-0)



# <span id="page-289-0"></span>**Table D-83 - Interpolated sieve diameters 1-5 A**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15} = 1.84$ . Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-2](#page-289-1) it is observed the samples mass distribution shows significant deviation over the sieve fractions from the expected normal distribution. Care should be taken during interpreting the interpolated sieve diameters.



<span id="page-289-1"></span>**Figure D.2-2 - Gaussian sieve curve 1-5 A**

## *dn-analysis*

The nominal sieve curve including the nominal diameters calculated by the volumes determined according to the Archimedes method is given in [Figure D.2-3.](#page-290-0)



<span id="page-290-0"></span>**Figure D.2-3 - nominal sieve curve 1-5 A**

Again the impact of scattering densities is examined. In [Figure D.2-4](#page-290-1) the individual rock densities are presented.



<span id="page-290-1"></span>**Figure D.2-4 - individual Archimedes rock densities 1-5 A**

The average of the densities is 2740 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, the median is 2684 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the modus is 2926  $kg/m<sup>3</sup>$ . It is concluded a lot of scatter is present, in particular for the smaller rock. By application of a uniform density the nominal diameters are recalculated. The uniform density is determined by the average density of the rocks in the 63-90 and 90-125 fractions

and has a value of 2748 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Moreover the densities of the larger rocks (nominal diameter > approx. 70 mm) tend to concentrate in two distinct bands at values of approximately 2650 and 2950 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The observed convergence can be explained by the occurrence of different rock types in the rock face. It is concluded the uniformity of the rock is considerably low. The influence of density scatter on the determination of the shape factor is however still based on the assumption of uniform density to yield results that can be compared with the results from the IJmuiden tests and analyses.

By application of a uniform density the nominal diameters are recalculated. The uniform density is determined by the average density of the rocks in the 63-90 and 90-125 fractions and has a value of 2748 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The nominal sieve curve based on the recalculated nominal diameters is given in [Figure D.2-55.](#page-341-0)



**Figure D.2-5 - modified nominal sieve curve 1-5 A**

The observation of two distinct density bands can however not be ignored. Therefore the above analysis is redone by application of two distinct densities. These densities are determined on the basis of a subdivision of the rock in 63-90 and 90-125 fractions into normal density rock (Archimedes density  $<$  2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and high density rock (Archimedes density > 2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>), see [Figure D.2-56](#page-342-0) an[d Figure D.2-57.](#page-342-1)



**Figure D.2-6 – densities < 2800 kg/m³**



**Figure D.2-7 - densities > 2800 kg/m³**

The found averages of the normal density and high density rock are  $2651 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $2948$ kg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively. To calculate the nominal diameters the value of 2651 kg/m<sup>3</sup> is applied for all rocks having an Archimedes density below 2800 kg/ $m<sup>3</sup>$ . Accordingly the value of 2948 is applied for all rocks having an Archimedes density above 2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.



## The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-58.](#page-343-0)

**Figure D.2-8 - nominal sieve curve acc. to normal density and high density**

In [Table D-84](#page-293-0) the interpolated nominal diameters based on both the Archimedes, modified and specific volumes are listed.



<span id="page-293-0"></span>

From [Table D-84](#page-293-0) it is concluded the differences in the nominal diameters found on basis of the three different methods are relatively small. In case of the median nominal diameter the largest difference is found between the value found by the Archimedes method and the modified method: 0.6 mm. This implies a relative error approximately of only 0.5 percent. It is therefore concluded the observed scatter in the densities do not cause the nominal diameters found by either method to be unrealistic. Therefore the nominal diameters on the basis of the Archimedes volumes are applied in this sample.

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-85.](#page-294-0)

<span id="page-294-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.89-0.90, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.2-9.](#page-294-1)



<span id="page-294-1"></span>**Figure D.2-9 - curves 1-5 A**

In [Figure D.2-10](#page-295-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the product of shape factor and sieve diameter slightly underestimated the nominal diameter for rocks having a nominal diameter of 40 to 80 mm. Larger rocks is overestimated by the approximation.



<span id="page-295-0"></span>**Figure D.2-10 - verification shape factor 1-5 A**

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## *Shape test*

In [Table D-86](#page-296-0) and [Table D-87](#page-296-1) an overview is given of the minimum, maximum and average values of the elongation and blockiness respectively.

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#### <span id="page-296-1"></span>**Table D-87 -blockiness 1-5 A**



It is stressed that the calculated elongation and blockiness values in the 125-180 mm fraction is based on the only 1 rock. This value as a result has no statistical value and is left out the analysis.

Considering the other fractions the minimum value for elongation is 1.38. The maximum value of elongation observed in these rocks is 7.07. Furthermore the minima is rather constant over the fractions, for the maxima significant fluctuations are observed. The average elongation tends to decrease over the sieve fractions. Considering blockiness the minimum and maximum blockiness found are 11 respectively 65 percent approximately. 11 percent blockiness represents a very hollow shape, which is not found in the sample and therefore most probably the result of a measurement error. The other average blockiness values over the fractions are relatively constant. It is concluded no significant trends are observed in elongation nor blockiness for this sample.

D.2.1.2 Sample B Amount of rock: 534

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-88.](#page-297-0)

#### <span id="page-297-0"></span>**Table D-88 - sieve test results 1-5 B**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-61.](#page-347-0)



**Figure D.2-11 - sieve curve 1-5 B**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-89.](#page-298-0)



# <span id="page-298-0"></span>**Table D-89 - Interpolated sieve diameters 1-5 B**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.54. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-12](#page-298-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-298-1"></span>**Figure D.2-12 - Gaussian sieve curve 1-5 B**

## *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2750 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-13.](#page-299-0)



<span id="page-299-0"></span>**Figure D.2-13 - nominal sieve curve 1-5 B**

In [Table D-90](#page-299-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.2-13](#page-299-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-299-1"></span>**Table D-90 - nominal diameters 1-5 B**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-91.](#page-300-0)

<span id="page-300-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.88, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.2-14.](#page-300-1)



<span id="page-300-1"></span>**Figure D.2-14 - sieve curves 1-5 B**

In [Figure D.2-15](#page-301-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the nominal diameters are in general approximated rather well by the product of shape factor and sieve diameter. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 120 mm) the accuracy however decreases slightly.



<span id="page-301-0"></span>**Figure D.2-15 - verification shape factor 1-5 B**

Sample C Amount of rock: 709

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-92.](#page-302-0)

#### <span id="page-302-0"></span>**Table D-92 - sieve test results 1-5 C**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-16.](#page-302-1)



<span id="page-302-1"></span>**Figure D.2-16 - sieve curve 1-5 C**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-93.](#page-303-0)



## <span id="page-303-0"></span>**Table D-93 - Interpolated sieve diameters 1-5 C**

Since more than 10 percent of the mass passed the smallest applied sieve, the sieve diameters associated with 5 and 10 cumulative mass percent could not be determined by interpolation. This problem can be overcome by application of an extrapolation technique. Since the uncertainties that would have introduced by extrapolation and its eventual effect on the determination of the shape factor this technique is not applied and the  $d_5$  and  $d_{10}$ values are left blank.

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.33. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-17](#page-303-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-303-1"></span>**Figure D.2-17 - Gaussian sieve curve 1-5 C**

#### *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For

the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2750 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-18.](#page-304-0)



<span id="page-304-0"></span>**Figure D.2-18 - nominal sieve curve 1-5 C**

In [Table D-132](#page-354-0) nominal diameters interpolated from [Figure D.2-18](#page-304-0) have been listed.



**Table D-94 - nominal diameters 1-5 C**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-95.](#page-305-0)

<span id="page-305-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.86, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.2-19.](#page-305-1)



<span id="page-305-1"></span>**Figure D.2-19 - sieve curves 1-5 C**

In [Figure D.2-20](#page-306-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the nominal diameters are in general approximated rather well by the product of shape factor and sieve diameter. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 120 mm) the accuracy however decreases slightly.



<span id="page-306-0"></span>**Figure D.2-20 - verification shape factor 1-5 C**

D.2.1.3 Sample A-C combined Amount of rock: 1391

The data represented in this sample is equivalent to the data of sample A-C together. It stressed that the results based on the combined sample is not equal to the average of the results of the separate samples.

## *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-96.](#page-307-0)



#### <span id="page-307-0"></span>**Table D-96 - sieve test results 1-5 A-C**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-21.](#page-307-1)



<span id="page-307-1"></span>**Figure D.2-21 - sieve curve 1-5 A-C**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-97.](#page-308-0)



## <span id="page-308-0"></span>**Table D-97 - Interpolated sieve diameters 1-5 A-C**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.00. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-22](#page-308-1) it is observed the samples mass distribution shows significant deviation over the sieve fractions from the expected normal distribution. Care should be taken during interpreting the interpolated sieve diameters.



<span id="page-308-1"></span>**Figure D.2-22 - Gaussian sieve curve A-C**

## *dn-analysis*

The volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Also for sample A the nominal diameters this method is applied to assure uniform information. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given in [Figure D.2-23.](#page-309-0)



<span id="page-309-0"></span>**Figure D.2-23 - nominal sieve curve 1-5 A-C**

In [Table D-98](#page-309-1) nominal diameters interpolated fro[m Figure D.2-23](#page-309-0) have been listed.



## <span id="page-309-1"></span>**Table D-98 - nominal diameters 1-5 A-C**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-99.](#page-310-0)



## <span id="page-310-0"></span>**Table D-99 - shape factors 1-5 A-C**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.88, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.2-24.](#page-310-1)



<span id="page-310-1"></span>**Figure D.2-24 - sieve curves 1-5 A-C**

In [Figure D.2-25](#page-311-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the curves show great overlap, especially for the relatively small rocks (nominal diameter < approx. 50 mm). For the larger rocks the accuracy of the approximation decreases slightly, especially for rock with a nominal diameter over 90 mm. These diameters are overestimated by the product of shape factor and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-311-0"></span>**Figure D.2-25 - verification shape factor 1-5 A-C**

## D.2.1.4 Conclusions

The information gained on the shape factor of the 1-5 material is listed in [Table D-100.](#page-312-0) It is concluded the value of the shape factor  $F_{50}$  – the value commonly applied in practice – is fluctuating between a value of 0.86-0.89 for the individual samples. The combined sample yields the value of 0.88 for  $F_{50}$ . Furthermore for each sample it is concluded the shape factor is not constant for none of the samples. The value for  $d_5$  in sample B and C is cannot be obtained by interpolation. Since extrapolation of the tail of the sieve curve is considered rather arbitrary, these values have been left blank. Moreover, in general the value decreases considerably for the 98 cumulative mass percentage. Except from sample C the same holds the 90 cumulative mass percentage.

	Sample	A		B	С	A-C
<b>ELL</b>	dn5		40.905	25.577	13.702	19.376
	d <sub>5</sub>		44.596			25.441
	F <sub>5</sub>		0.917			0.762
<b>NLL</b>	dn15		56.292	31.137	22.183	29.696
	d15		63.068	36.576	27.082	34.692
	F15		0.893	0.851	0.819	0.856
<b>MED</b>	dn50		78.088	57.075	45.618	60.687
	d50		87.503	65.026	53.266	68.670
	F50		0.892	0.878	0.856	0.884
<b>NUL</b>	dn90		94.630	84.631	94.501	89.585
	d90		120.508	103.486	101.842	111.741
	F90		0.785	0.818	0.928	0.802
<b>EUL</b>	dn98		106.838	92.943	94.501	97.395
	d98		139.218	120.697	120.368	123.932
	F98		0.767	0.770	0.785	0.786

<span id="page-312-0"></span>**Table D-100 - shape factor 1-5**

## **D.2.2 5+ Slovag**

Origin: Wergeland Halsvik AS, Norway Aggregate type: Basaltic rock Shape type: Fresh

D.2.2.1 Sample A Amount of rock: 107

*Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-101.](#page-313-0)

## <span id="page-313-0"></span>**Table D-101 - sieve test results 5+ A fraction mass percentage accum. percentage** [mm] [kg] [%] [%]  $45-63$  0.3 0.3 0.1 0.1 0.1  $63-90$  | 7.8 | 2.1 | 2.2 90-125 | 118.0 | 32.6 | 34.8 125-150 166.7 166.7 46.1 150-180 68.9 19.1 100.0 **total** 361.6 100.0

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-26.](#page-313-1)



<span id="page-313-1"></span>**Figure D.2-26 - sieve curve 5+ A**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed in [Table D-102.](#page-314-0)



## <span id="page-314-0"></span>**Table D-102 - Interpolated sieve diameters 5+ A**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15} = 1.84$ . Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-27](#page-314-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-314-1"></span>**Figure D.2-27 - Gaussian sieve curve 5+ A**

## *dn-analysis*

The nominal sieve curve including the nominal diameters calculated by the volumes determined according to the Archimedes method is given in [Figure D.2-28.](#page-315-0)



<span id="page-315-0"></span>**Figure D.2-28 - nominal sieve curve 5+ A**

Again the impact of scattering densities is examined. In [Figure D.2-29](#page-315-1) the individual rock densities are presented.



<span id="page-315-1"></span>**Figure D.2-29 - individual Archimedes rock densities 5+ A**

The average of the densities is 2742 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, the median is 2696 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the modus is 2690  $kg/m<sup>3</sup>$ . It is concluded a lot of scatter is present, in particular for the smaller rock. By application of a uniform density the nominal diameters are recalculated. The uniform

density is determined by the average density of the rocks in the 63-90 and 90-125 fractions and has a value of  $2724 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

Moreover the densities of the larger rocks (nominal diameter > approx. 70 mm) tend to concentrate in two distinct bands at values of approximately 2650 and 2950 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The observed convergence can be explained by the occurrence of different rock types in the rock face. It is concluded the uniformity of the rock is considerably low. The influence of density scatter on the determination of the shape factor is however still based on the assumption of uniform density to yield results that can be compared with the results from the IJmuiden tests and analyses.

By application of the uniform density the nominal diameters are recalculated. The uniform density is determined by the average density of the rocks in the 63-90 and 90-125 fractions and has a value of  $2742 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . The nominal sieve curve based on the recalculated nominal diameters is given in [Figure D.2-30.](#page-316-0)



<span id="page-316-0"></span>**Figure D.2-30 - modified nominal sieve curve 5+ A**

The observation of two distinct density bands can however not be ignored. Therefore the above analysis is redone by application of two distinct densities. These densities are determined on the basis of a subdivision of the rock in 63-90 and 90-125 fractions into normal density rock (Archimedes density < 2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and high density rock (Archimedes density > 2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>), see [Figure D.2-31](#page-317-0) an[d Figure D.2-32.](#page-317-1)



<span id="page-317-0"></span>



<span id="page-317-1"></span>**Figure D.2-32 - densities > 2800 kg/m³**

The found averages of the normal density and high density rock are kg/m<sup>3</sup> and 2935 kg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively. To calculate the nominal diameters the value of 2665 kg/m<sup>3</sup> is applied for all rocks having an Archimedes density below 2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Accordingly the value of 2935 is applied for all rocks having an Archimedes density above 2800 kg/ $m^3$ .



## The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-33.](#page-318-0)

<span id="page-318-0"></span>**Figure D.2-33 - nominal sieve curve acc. to normal density and high density**

In [Table D-103](#page-318-1) the interpolated nominal diameters based on both the Archimedes, modified and specific volumes are listed.



<span id="page-318-1"></span>

From [Table D-122](#page-343-1) it is concluded the differences in the nominal diameters found on basis of the three different methods are relatively small. In case of the median nominal diameter the largest difference is found between the value found by the Archimedes method and the modified method: 0.6 mm. This implies a relative error approximately of only 0.5 percent. It is therefore concluded the observed scatter in the densities do not cause the nominal diameters found by either method to be unrealistic. Therefore the nominal diameters on the basis of the Archimedes volumes are applied in this sample.

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-104.](#page-319-0)

<span id="page-319-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.89-0.90, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.2-34.](#page-319-1)



<span id="page-319-1"></span>**Figure D.2-34 - curves 1-5 A**

In [Figure D.2-35](#page-320-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the product of shape factor and sieve diameter slightly underestimated the nominal diameter for rocks having a nominal diameter of 40 to 80 mm. Larger rocks is overestimated by the approximation.



<span id="page-320-0"></span>**Figure D.2-35 - verification shape factor 5+ A**

## *Shape test*

In [Table D-105](#page-321-0) and [Table D-106](#page-321-1) an overview is given of the minimum, maximum and average values of the elongation and blockiness respectively.

#### <span id="page-321-0"></span>**Table D-105 – elongation 5+ A**



#### <span id="page-321-1"></span>**Table D-106 -blockiness 5+ A**



For elongation the minimum and maximum value found are 1.36 and 7.04 respectively. The minima is rather constant over the fractions. The maxima tends to fluctuate severely. No significant trends are observed in the elongation values over the sieve fractions. Considering blockiness the minimum and maximum blockiness found are 11 respectively 65 percent approximately. 11 percent blockiness represents a very hollow shape, which is not found in the sample and therefore most probably the result of a measurement error. The average blockiness values over the fractions are relatively constant. It is concluded no significant trends are observed in elongation nor blockiness for this sample.

D.2.2.2 Sample B Amount of rock: 103

#### *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-107.](#page-322-0)

#### <span id="page-322-0"></span>**Table D-107 - sieve test results 5+ B**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-36.](#page-322-1)



<span id="page-322-1"></span>**Figure D.2-36 - sieve curve 5+ B**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-108.](#page-323-0)



# <span id="page-323-0"></span>**Table D-108 - Interpolated sieve diameters 5+ B**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.54. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-37](#page-323-1) it is observed the samples mass distribution shows significant deviation over the sieve fractions from the expected normal distribution. Care should be taken during interpreting the interpolated sieve diameters.



<span id="page-323-1"></span>**Figure D.2-37 - Gaussian sieve curve 5+ B**
# *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2750 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-38.](#page-324-0)



<span id="page-324-0"></span>**Figure D.2-38 - nominal sieve curve 5+ B**

In [Table D-109](#page-324-1) nominal diameters interpolated from [Figure D.2-38](#page-324-0) have been listed.



### <span id="page-324-1"></span>**Table D-109 - nominal diameters 5+ B**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-110.](#page-325-0)

<span id="page-325-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.88, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.2-39.](#page-325-1)



<span id="page-325-1"></span>**Figure D.2-39 - sieve curves 5+ B**

In [Figure D.2-40](#page-326-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the nominal diameters are in general approximated rather well by the product of shape factor and sieve diameter. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 120 mm) the accuracy however decreases slightly.



<span id="page-326-0"></span>**Figure D.2-40 - verification shape factor 5+ B**

Sample C Amount of rock: 152

## *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-111.](#page-327-0)

## <span id="page-327-0"></span>**Table D-111 - sieve test results 5+ C**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-41.](#page-327-1)



<span id="page-327-1"></span>**Figure D.2-41 - sieve curve 5+ C**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-112.](#page-328-0)

interpolated sieve diameter		
d%	[mm]	
d5 (ELL)		
d10 (NLL)		
d15	27.1	
d25	33.6	
d50 (MSD)	53.3	
d60	63.0	
d85	90.3	
d90 (NUL)	101.8	
d98 (EUL)	120.4	

<span id="page-328-0"></span>**Table D-112 - Interpolated sieve diameters 5+ C**

Since more than 10 percent of the mass passed the smallest applied sieve, the sieve diameters associated with 5 and 10 cumulative mass percent could not be determined by interpolation. This problem can be overcome by application of an extrapolation technique. Since the uncertainties that would have introduced by extrapolation and its eventual effect on the determination of the shape factor this technique is not applied and the  $d_5$  and  $d_{10}$ values are left blank.

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.33. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-42](#page-328-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-328-1"></span>**Figure D.2-42 - Gaussian sieve curve 5+ C**

#### *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For

the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2750 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-43.](#page-329-0)



<span id="page-329-0"></span>**Figure D.2-43 - nominal sieve curve 5+ C**

In [Table D-113](#page-329-1) nominal diameters interpolated from [Figure D.2-43](#page-329-0) have been listed.



<span id="page-329-1"></span>**Table D-113 - nominal diameters 5+ C**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-114.](#page-330-0)

<span id="page-330-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.86, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.2-44.](#page-330-1)



<span id="page-330-1"></span>**Figure D.2-44 - sieve curves 5+ C**

In [Figure D.2-45](#page-331-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the nominal diameters are in general approximated rather well by the product of shape factor and sieve diameter. For larger rocks (nominal diameter > 120 mm) the accuracy however decreases slightly.



<span id="page-331-0"></span>**Figure D.2-45 - verification shape factor 5+ C**

D.2.2.3 Sample A-C combined Amount of rock: 362

The data represented in this sample is equivalent to the data of sample A-C together. It stressed that the results based on the combined sample is not equal to the average of the results of the separate samples.

# *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-115.](#page-332-0)



## <span id="page-332-0"></span>**Table D-115 - sieve test results 5+ A-C**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-46.](#page-332-1)



<span id="page-332-1"></span>**Figure D.2-46 - sieve curve 5+ A-C**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-116.](#page-333-0)



# <span id="page-333-0"></span>**Table D-116 - Interpolated sieve diameters 5+ A-C**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 3.00. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-47](#page-333-1) it is observed the samples mass is rather normal distributed over the sieve fractions, yielding interpolated sieve diameters representative for the tested grading.



<span id="page-333-1"></span>**Figure D.2-47 - Gaussian sieve curve 5+ A-C**

# *dn-analysis*

The volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Also for sample A the nominal diameters this method is applied to assure uniform information. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given in [Figure D.2-48.](#page-334-0)



<span id="page-334-0"></span>**Figure D.2-48 - nominal sieve curve 5+ A-C**

In [Table D-117](#page-334-1) nominal diameters interpolated from [Figure D.2-48](#page-334-0) have been listed.



<span id="page-334-1"></span>

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-118.](#page-335-0)



<span id="page-335-0"></span>**Table D-118 - shape factors 5+ A-C**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.88, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.2-49.](#page-335-1)



<span id="page-335-1"></span>**Figure D.2-49 - sieve curves 5+ A-C**

In [Figure D.2-50](#page-336-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the curves show great overlap, especially for the relatively small rocks (nominal diameter < approx. 50 mm). For the larger rocks the accuracy of the approximation decreases slightly, especially for rock with a nominal diameter over 90 mm. These diameters are overestimated by the product of shape factor and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-336-0"></span>**Figure D.2-50 - verification shape factor 5+ A-C**

# D.2.2.4 Conclusions

The information gained on the shape factor of the 5+ material is listed in [Table D-119.](#page-337-0) It is concluded the value of the shape factor  $F_{50}$  – the value commonly applied in practice – is fluctuating between a value of 0.84-0.87 for the individual samples. The combined sample yields the value of 0.85 for  $F_{50}$ . Furthermore for each sample it is concluded the shape factor is not constant for none of the samples. Moreover, in general the value of considerably decreases for increasing rock size. For  $F_5$  and  $F_{15}$  values between 0.91 and 95 are found. In contrary for  $F_{90}$  and  $F_{98}$  values between 0.84 and 0.75 are found.



#### <span id="page-337-0"></span>**Table D-119 - shape factor 5+**

# **D.2.3 1-5+ Slovag - (1-5 - 5+ combined)**

The conceptual 1-5+ grading results from the combination of the data from the 1-5 and 5+ gradings. The rock in sample 1-5+ A thus consists of the rock from sample 1-5 A and sample 5+ A.

Origin: Wergeland Halsvik AS, Norway Aggregate type: Basaltic rock Shape type: Fresh

D.2.3.1 Sample A Amount of rock: 255

*Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-120.](#page-338-0)



### <span id="page-338-0"></span>**Table D-120 - sieve test results 1-5+ A**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-51.](#page-338-1)



<span id="page-338-1"></span>**Figure D.2-51 - sieve curve 1-5+ A**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-121.](#page-339-0)

interpolated sieve diameter		
d%	[mm]	
d5 (ELL)	70.1	
d10 (NLL)	85.6	
d15	93.7	
d25	104.0	
d50 (MSD)	128.0	
d60	134.5	
d85	152.3	
d90 (NUL)	161.9	
d98 (EUL)	177.4	

<span id="page-339-0"></span>**Table D-121 - Interpolated sieve diameters 1-5+ A**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15} = 1.63$ . Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-52](#page-339-1) it is observed the samples mass distribution shows significant deviation over the sieve fractions from the expected normal distribution. Care should be taken during interpreting the interpolated sieve diameters.



<span id="page-339-1"></span>**Figure D.2-52 - Gaussian sieve curve 1-5+ A**

# *dn-analysis*

The nominal sieve curve including the nominal diameters calculated by the volumes determined according to the Archimedes method is given in [Figure D.2-53.](#page-340-0)



<span id="page-340-0"></span>**Figure D.2-53 - nominal sieve curve 1-5+ A**

Again the impact of scattering densities is examined. In [Figure D.2-54](#page-340-1) the individual rock densities are plotted.



<span id="page-340-1"></span>**Figure D.2-54 - individual Archimedes rock densities 1-5+ A**

The average of the densities is 2742 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, the median is 2696 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the modus is 2690  $kg/m<sup>3</sup>$ . It is concluded a lot of scatter is present, in particular for the smaller rock. Moreover the densities of the larger rocks (nominal diameter > approx. 70 mm) tend to concentrate in two distinct bands at values of approximately 2650 and 2950 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The observed convergence can be explained by the occurrence of different rock types in the rock face. It is concluded the uniformity of the rock is considerably low. The influence of density scatter on the determination of the shape factor is however still based on the assumption of uniform density to yield result that can be compared with the results from the IJmuiden tests and analyses.

By application of a uniform density the nominal diameters are recalculated. The uniform density is determined by the average density of the rocks in the 63-90 and 90-125 fractions and has a value of 2736 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The nominal sieve curve based on the recalculated nominal diameters is given in [Figure D.2-55.](#page-341-0)



<span id="page-341-0"></span>**Figure D.2-55 - modified nominal sieve curve 1-5+ A**

The observation of two distinct density bands can however not be ignored. Therefore the above analysis is redone by application of two distinct densities. These densities are determined on the basis of a subdivision of the rock in 63-90 and 90-125 fractions into normal density rock (Archimedes density  $<$  2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and high density rock (Archimedes density > 2800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>), see [Figure D.2-56](#page-342-0) an[d Figure D.2-57.](#page-342-1)



<span id="page-342-0"></span>**Figure D.2-56 – densities < 2800 kg/m³**



<span id="page-342-1"></span>**Figure D.2-57 - densities > 2800 kg/m³**

The found averages of the normal density and high density rock are  $2659 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $2940$ kg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively. To calculate the nominal diameters the value of 2659 kg/m<sup>3</sup> is applied for all rocks having an Archimedes density below 2800 kg/ $m<sup>3</sup>$ . Accordingly the value of 2940 is applied for all rocks having an Archimedes density above 2800 kg/ $m^3$ .



# The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-58.](#page-343-0)

<span id="page-343-0"></span>**Figure D.2-58 - nominal sieve curve acc. to normal density and high density**

In [Table D-122](#page-343-1) the interpolated nominal diameters based on both the Archimedes, modified and specific volumes are listed.

nominal diameter	acc. to Archimedes volumes	acc. Modified volumes	acc. to spec volumes			
	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]			
dn <sub>5</sub>	65.6	66.0	65.0			
dn15	84.2	84.4	84.4			
dn50	107.6	108.2	107.9			
dn90	131.3	129.9	131.2			
dn98	144.9	144.1	144.6			

<span id="page-343-1"></span>**Table D-122 - comparison of dn-values acc. to Archimedes and modified volumes 1-5+ A**

From [Table D-122](#page-343-1) it is concluded the differences in the nominal diameters found on basis of the three different methods are relatively small. In case of the median nominal diameter the largest difference is found between the value found by the Archimedes method and the modified method: 0.6 mm. This implies a relative error approximately of only 0.5 percent. It is therefore concluded the observed scatter in the densities do not cause the nominal diameters found by either method to be unrealistic. Therefore the nominal diameters on the basis of the Archimedes volumes are applied in this sample.

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-123.](#page-344-0)

<span id="page-344-0"></span>

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. For each method this trend is observed in a similar extent. For the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.84-0.85, which is practically equal to the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.2-59.](#page-344-1)



<span id="page-344-1"></span>**Figure D.2-59 - curves 1-5+ A**

In [Figure D.2-60](#page-345-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that for small rocks the nominal diameters are approximated relatively poor by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For the larger rocks (nominal diameter > approx. 100 mm) the nominal diameters are approximated rather well by the shape factor of 0.84 times the sieve diameters. Even for the largest rocks this observation holds.



<span id="page-345-0"></span>**Figure D.2-60 - verification shape factor 1-5+ A**

## *Shape test*

In [Table D-124](#page-346-0) and [Table D-125](#page-346-1) an overview is given of the minimum, maximum and average values of the elongation and blockiness respectively.



## <span id="page-346-0"></span>**Table D-124 - elongation 1-5+ A**

#### <span id="page-346-1"></span>**Table D-125 -blockiness 1-5+ A**



The minimum elongation is relatively constant over the fractions, the absolute minimum observed is 1.36. The maximum value of elongation observed in the sample is 7.07, which is considered rather high. It is concluded the minima are relatively constant over the sieve fractions, in the maxima significant fluctuating is observed. A plausible cause may be that the 63-90 and 90-125 fractions contain more rocks. As a result the probability to find more extreme value statistically increases. However no trends in elongation are observed over the fractions. The average values found for elongation and blockiness considering all rocks are approximately 2.68 and 44 percent, which do agree with values normally found in practice. Considering blockiness also no significant trends are observed over the fractions.

# Sample B Amount of rock: 637

## *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-126.](#page-347-0)

## <span id="page-347-0"></span>**Table D-126 - sieve test results 1-5+ B**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-61.](#page-347-1)



<span id="page-347-1"></span>**Figure D.2-61 - sieve curve 1-5+ B**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-127.](#page-348-0)



# <span id="page-348-0"></span>**Table D-127 - Interpolated sieve diameters 1-5+ B**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.28. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-62](#page-348-1) it is observed the samples mass distribution shows significant deviation over the sieve fractions from the expected normal distribution. Care should be taken during interpreting the interpolated sieve diameters.



<span id="page-348-1"></span>**Figure D.2-62 - Gaussian sieve curve 1-5+ B**

# *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2736 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-63.](#page-349-0)



<span id="page-349-0"></span>**Figure D.2-63 - nominal sieve curve 1-5+ B**

In [Table D-128](#page-349-1) nominal diameters interpolated from [Figure D.2-63](#page-349-0) have been listed.

nominal diameter			
$\lceil$ mm $\rceil$			
dn5	34.5		
dn15	59.4		
dn50	100.6		
dn90	136.6		
dn98	145.3		

<span id="page-349-1"></span>**Table D-128 - nominal diameters 1-5+ B**

<span id="page-350-0"></span>**Table D-129 - shape factors 1-5+ B**

*Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*



The shape factors are given i[n Table D-129.](#page-350-0)

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.88, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.2-64.](#page-350-1)



#### <span id="page-350-1"></span>**Figure D.2-64 - sieve curves 1-5+ B**

In [Figure D.2-65](#page-351-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the nominal diameters are approximated rather well by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. Only for rocks that have a nominal diameter between 70 and 100 mm some small deviation is observed. Furthermore it is observed that the nominal diameter of the largest rock is considerably overestimated by multiplication of shape factor and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-351-0"></span>**Figure D.2-65 - verification shape factor 1-5+ B**

D.2.3.2 Sample C Amount of rock: 861

## *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-130.](#page-352-0)

### <span id="page-352-0"></span>**Table D-130 - sieve test results 1-5+ C**



The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-66.](#page-352-1)



<span id="page-352-1"></span>**Figure D.2-66 - sieve curve 1-5+ B**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-131.](#page-353-0)



# <span id="page-353-0"></span>**Table D-131 - Interpolated sieve diameters 1-5+ C**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.38. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-67](#page-353-1) it is observed the samples mass distribution shows significant deviation over the sieve fractions from the expected normal distribution. Care should be taken during interpreting the interpolated sieve diameters.



<span id="page-353-1"></span>**Figure D.2-67 - Gaussian sieve curve 1-5+ C**

# *dn-analysis*

Since for this sample the submersion technique was not performed the volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. For the density the uniform density of sample A is applied:  $2736 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . As both samples are extracted from the same stockpile this is assumption is considered applicable. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-68.](#page-354-0)



<span id="page-354-0"></span>**Figure D.2-68 - nominal sieve curve 1-5+ C**

In [Table D-132](#page-354-1) nominal diameters interpolated from [Figure D.2-69](#page-355-0) have been listed.



#### <span id="page-354-1"></span>**Table D-132 - nominal diameters 1-5+ C**

## *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-133.](#page-355-1)



# <span id="page-355-1"></span>**Table D-133 - shape factors 1-5+ C**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.87, which is larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented in [Figure D.2-69.](#page-355-0)



<span id="page-355-0"></span>**Figure D.2-69 - sieve curves 1-5+ C**

In [Figure D.2-70](#page-356-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. It is concluded that the nominal diameters are approximated rather well by a value of 0.84 times the sieve curve. For rocks that have a nominal diameter between 60 and 100 mm only some small deviation is observed. Moreover it is observed that for the largest rocks (nominal diameter > 115 mm) the nominal diameter is continuously significantly overestimated by multiplication of shape factor and sieve diameter.



<span id="page-356-0"></span>**Figure D.2-70 - verification shape factor 1-5+ C**

Sample A-C combined Amount of rock: 1753

The data represented in this sample is equivalent to the data of sample A-C together. It stressed that the results based on the combined sample is not equal to the average of the results of the separate samples.

# *Sieve test*

Numerical information on the sieve test is given in [Table D-134.](#page-357-0)



### <span id="page-357-0"></span>**Table D-134 - sieve test results 1-5+ A-C**

The resulting sieve curve is given i[n Figure D.2-71.](#page-357-1)



<span id="page-357-1"></span>**Figure D.2-71 - sieve curve 1-5+ A-C**

Interpolated sieve diameters associated with certain cumulative mass passing percentages are listed i[n Table D-135.](#page-358-0)



# <span id="page-358-0"></span>**Table D-135 - Interpolated sieve diameters 1-5+ A-C**

Grading width:  $d_{85}/d_{15}$  = 2.00. Wide coarse grading according to the Rock Manual (2007).

From [Figure D.2-72](#page-358-1) it is observed the samples mass distribution shows significant deviation over the sieve fractions from the expected normal distribution. Care should be taken during interpreting the interpolated sieve diameters.



<span id="page-358-1"></span>**Figure D.2-72 - Gaussian sieve curve 1-5+ A-C**

# *dn-analysis*

The volumes required to determine the nominal diameters are calculated by the quotient of mass and density. Also for sample A the nominal diameters this method is applied to assure uniform information. The resulting nominal sieve curve is given in [Figure D.2-73.](#page-359-0)



<span id="page-359-0"></span>**Figure D.2-73 - nominal sieve curve 1-5+ A-C**

In [Table D-136](#page-359-1) nominal diameters interpolated from [Figure D.2-73](#page-359-0) have been listed.

<span id="page-359-1"></span>


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#### *Shape factors F<sup>x</sup>*

The shape factors are given i[n Table D-137.](#page-360-0)



#### <span id="page-360-0"></span>**Table D-137 - shape factors 1-5+ A-C**

It is concluded the shape factor is not constant for the sample. The shape factor tends to decrease for increasing rock size. Moreover the value of the shape factor associated with fifty percent mass passing - the shape factor in literature - has a value of 0.86, which is slightly larger than the commonly applied value of 0.84. The course of the nominal sieve curve and normal sieve curve relative to each other is presented i[n Figure D.2-74.](#page-360-1)



<span id="page-360-1"></span>**Figure D.2-74 - sieve curves 1-5+ A-C**

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In [Figure D.2-75](#page-361-0) the sieve diameters have been multiplied by a factor of 0.84 (in green). As a result the entire sieve curve is shifted to the left. For the rocks that have a nominal diameter between 60 and 100 mm are slightly underestimated by the approximation. Furthermore the largest few rocks are overestimated.



<span id="page-361-0"></span>**Figure D.2-75 - verification shape factor 1-5+ A-C**

#### D.2.3.3 Conclusions

The information gained on the shape factor of the 5+ material is listed in [Table D-138.](#page-362-0) It is concluded the value of the shape factor  $F_{50}$  – the value commonly applied in practice – is fluctuating between a value of 0.85-0.88 for the individual samples. The combined sample yields the value of 0.86 for  $F_{50}$ . Furthermore for each sample it is concluded the shape factor is not constant for none of the samples. Moreover, in general the value of considerably decreases for increasing rock size. For  $F_5$  and  $F_{15}$  values between 0.84 and 94 are found. In contrary for  $F_{90}$  and  $F_{98}$  values between 0.84 and 0.68 are found.



#### <span id="page-362-0"></span>**Table D-138 - shape factor 1-5+**

## E. **Virtual sieving**



#### <span id="page-365-0"></span>E.1 **Concept**

In appendix [A] the procedures of performing a sieve analysis are elaborated upon. It is explained a rock sample is sieved through a predefined set of sieves of standardized mesh widths. In contrast no such set is applied in virtual sieving. By application of the dimensions of the smallest enclosing box for each rock individually a virtual sieve diameter can be determined. This data has been acquired through shape tests, also elaborated upon in appendix [A].

The sieve diameter of an individual rock is defined as the dimension of the mesh width [m] of the smallest sieve the rock is able to pass. In general this dimension is found by more or less orientating the rock with its elongated axis perpendicular to the plane spanned by the sieve. In other words the cross section of the rock perpendicular to the elongated axis is to be fit to pass the sieve. Please note that during fitting it is allowed to rotate and even wriggle the rock to pass the sieve, on the condition the rock maintains its original shape. It is concluded that the maximum dimension of the smallest enclosing box [X] will not determine the sieve diameter. As a result the cross sectional plane spanned by the median and minimum dimensions, [Y] and [Z], orientated perpendicular to the maximum dimension [X] determine the sieve diameter. A database of the smallest enclosing boxes dimensions [X], [Y] and [Z] of over a thousand individual rocks has been acquired by the execution of a series of shape tests. Those dimensions can be used to determine the sieve diameter virtually. In fact the mesh width of the smallest sieve the rock is able to pass is fit around the plane spanned by the median and minimum dimensions [X] and [Y] of the smallest enclosing box.



<span id="page-365-1"></span>**Figure E-1 - definition of rock dimensions X, Y and Z.**

#### E.2 **Mesh width formula**

For relatively round as well as relatively cubic rock the dimensions Y and Z do have similar values. As a result, for such rock shapes, the smallest mesh width the rock is able to pass can be approximated by the value of Y and/or Z. It is concluded if  $Y \approx Z$  then:  $m = d_{vs} \approx Y \approx Z$ . An example of virtually fitting a sieve around a relatively round rock is given in [Figure E-2.](#page-366-0) The median and minimum dimensions [X] and [Z] of the rock as well as the virtual sieve diameter  $[d_{vs}]$  have been included.



<span id="page-366-0"></span>**Figure E-2 - virtually sieving round rock**

For rather flat rock the median dimension [Y] is a multitude of the minimum dimension [Z]. It therefore holds:  $X > Y >> Z$ . For such rock shapes the smallest sieve is generally found by orientating the Y dimension diagonally in the area of the virtual sieve. It is concluded that if X > Y >> Z, then: m =  $d_{vs} \approx Y/V2$ . An example of virtually fitting a sieve around a relatively flat rock is given in [Figure E-3.](#page-366-1) The median and minimum dimensions [X] and [Y] of the rock as well as the virtual sieve diameter  $[d_{vs}]$  have been included.



<span id="page-366-1"></span>**Figure E-3 - virtually sieving flat rock**

By Verhagen (2014) equation [\[1\]](#page-367-1) has been proposed to estimate the value of the virtual sieve diameter  $d_{vs}$  dependent on the median and minimum dimensions [Y] and [Z] of the smallest enclosing box.

<span id="page-367-1"></span>
$$
d_{\nu s} \approx \frac{Y}{1 + 0.45 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Z}{Y}\right)}\tag{1}
$$

<span id="page-367-0"></span>Considering the formula, the factor 0.45 accounts for the 'obliqueness' of the rock in the virtual sieve. The influence of this factor is dependent on the 'flatness' of the rock, defined as the ratio of the minimum and median dimensions: Z/Y. For flat rock; Z<<Y, the term in between the brackets converges to 1, and thus  $d_{vs}$  converges to Y/1.45  $\approx$  Y/V2. For relatively round, cubic or rectanguloid shaped rock;  $Y \approx Z$ , the term in between the brackets converges to 0. As a result the influence of the factor 0.45 vanishes from the equations and thus  $d_{vs} \approx Y$ .

#### E.3 **Individual shape factors**

For each of the tested gradings on the rock in sample A, a series of shape tests has been performed. This has resulted in data on smallest enclosing box dimensions [X], [Y] and [Z] for over a thousand rocks, see appendix [C]. By application of equation [\[1\]](#page-367-1) this data is used to calculated a set of virtual sieve diameters for each of the tested gradings. In appendix [D] for these rock the nominal diameters have also been calculated. The ratio of the virtual sieve diameter and nominal diameter of a rock yields the individual shape factor<sup>1</sup>. In paragraphs [E.3.1](#page-368-0) to [E.3.5](#page-370-1) for each tested grading those individual shape factors are presented and briefly discussed.



#### <span id="page-368-0"></span>E.3.1 **Sample A 22-90 mm**

<span id="page-368-1"></span>**Figure E-4 - Individual shape factor 22-90 sample A**

In [Figure E-4](#page-368-1) a lot of scatter is observed in the values of the individual shape factors. The minimum and maximum values found are 0.61 and 1.06 respectively. On average value the value of the individual shape factor is 0.839. Furthermore a standard deviation of 0.075 has been found. Moreover the bandwidth of the scatter slightly decreases for increasing nominal diameter. This observation is explained by the fact that in the grading the quantity of 'smallsized' rock is larger than the quantity of 'large-sized' rock. As a result the statistical probability of finding extreme individual shape factor values increases for decreasing rock size.

 $\overline{a}$  $1$  Please note that in the derivation of the individual shape factors the grading of rock is not accounted for in contrary to the derivation of the 'common' shape factor by the application of median values for the nominal diameter and sieve diameter.

#### <span id="page-369-0"></span>E.3.2 **Sample A 2-5 inch**



<span id="page-369-2"></span>**Figure E-5 - Individual shape factors 2-5 sample A**

The scatter pattern observed in [Figure E-5](#page-369-2) is comparable to that observed in [Figure E-4.](#page-368-1) The decrease of the bandwidth over the nominal diameter is even more pronounced. The minimum value found is 0.69; the maximum 1.10; the average is 0.847. The standard deviations is 0.078.

#### <span id="page-369-1"></span>E.3.3 **Sample A 2-8 inch**



<span id="page-369-3"></span>**Figure E-6 - Individual shape factors 2-8 sample A**

The scatter pattern observed in [Figure E-6](#page-369-3) is again comparable to those observed in [Figure E-4](#page-368-1) and [Figure E-5;](#page-369-2) the bandwidth is slightly decreasing for increasing nominal diameter. The minimum, maximum and average individual shape factor values found are 0.66, 1.34 and 0.853 respectively. The standard deviation is 0.083.

#### <span id="page-370-0"></span>E.3.4 **Sample A 1-5 inch**



<span id="page-370-3"></span>**Figure E-7 - Individual shape factors 1-5 sample A**

In the scatter pattern observed in [Figure E-7](#page-370-3) no explicit trends are discerned. The extreme individual shape factor values are found for 'median-sized' rock instead of 'small-sized' rock. This is explained by the fact that the quantity of rock is more equally distributed over the grading. As a result the statistical probability to find extreme values is more or less equal over the nominal diameter. The minimum value found is 0.55, the maximum 1.15 and the average 0.823. Furthermore the standard deviation is 0.098.



#### <span id="page-370-1"></span>E.3.5 **Sample A 5+ inch**

<span id="page-370-4"></span>**Figure E-8 - Individual shape factors 5+ sample A**

<span id="page-370-2"></span>The bandwidth of the scatter observed in [Figure E-8](#page-370-4) is practically constant over the nominal diameter. The pattern is more or less comparable to that observed in [Figure E-7](#page-370-3) and in contrast to those observed in [Figure E-4,](#page-368-1) [Figure E-5](#page-369-2) and [Figure E-6.](#page-369-3) The minimum, maximum and average values found are 0.68, 1.10 and 0.854 respectively. The standard deviation is 0.080.

#### E.3.6 **Samples A combined**



<span id="page-371-2"></span>**Figure E-9 - Individual shape factors samples A combined**

In [Figure E-9](#page-371-2) the data from samples A of each tested grading has been combined. As a result 969 data points are included. The bandwidth of the observed scatter shows a slightly decrease over the nominal diameter. However for each nominal diameter value the spreading is relatively large. The average individual shape factor is 0.844. The standard deviation is 0.083. The minimum and maximum individual shape factor values are 0.55 and 1.33 respectively.

#### <span id="page-371-0"></span>E.3.7 **Conclusions**

In [Table E-1](#page-371-3) the information on the individual shape factor found in paragraphs [E.3.1](#page-368-0) t[o 0](#page-370-2) is listed.

Sample	22-90 A	$2-5A$	$2-8A$	$1-5A$	$5+$ A	<b>Combined</b>
F <sub>ind ave</sub>	0.839	0.847	0.853	0.823	0.854	0.844
St. Dev. $\sigma$	0.075	0.078	0.083	0.098	0.080	0.083
$F_{ind\_ave} + \sigma$	0.91	0.92	0.94	0.92	0.93	0.93
$F_{ind\_ave}$ - $\sigma$	0.76	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.77	0.76
Find min	0.61	0.69	0.66	0.55	0.68	0.55
$F_{ind \, max}$	1.06	1.10	1.33	1.15	1.10	1.33

<span id="page-371-3"></span>**Table E-1 - overview individual shape factor values**

- The average value of the individual shape factor for each of the tested gradings approximates the value of 0.84. This value is practically in accordance with shape factor values found on the basis of the cumulative mass percentages of a grading.
- Within a sample the spreading of the shape factor is relatively large. The standard deviation is approximately 10 percent of the average individual shape factor.
- <span id="page-371-1"></span> The individual shape factor may exceed the value of 1.0. In section [0](#page-371-1) a theoretical explanation has been given.

#### E.4 **Geometrics and the individual shape factor**

In [0](#page-367-0) a great variety is observed in the values of the individual shape factors. Also values larger than 1.0 are found. This means the nominal diameter exceeds the virtual sieve diameter. In other words the redistributed cubic volume in order to calculate the nominal diameter is unable to pass the virtual sieve. This is only possible for elongated, blocky rock. Assuming a constant virtual sieve diameter, blockiness can only increase as a result of increasing rock volume within the boundaries of the enclosing box volume. As a consequence the nominal diameter of the rock is also increasing. Since the virtual sieve diameter was kept constant an increase of blockiness results in an increase of the individual shape factor. Besides blockiness also elongation is expected to be of influence on the value of the shape factor. In order to assess the influence of elongation different shapes having 100% blockiness are examined. These are three specific rectanguloids, which consist of a square (e∙e) base plane with perpendicular height h. For h < e the rectanguloid is referred to as *short*, for h > e the rectanguloid is referred to as *long*. A special rectanguloid is found by h = e. In this case a cube is yielded: all edges are of equal length. In this section the theoretical limits of the individual shape factor of those idealized geometrically perfect rectanguloids are assessed. Moreover, also the geometrically perfect sphere has been studied here.

#### <span id="page-372-0"></span>E.4.1 **Cube**

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The nominal diameter of any arbitrarily shaped rock is defined as the dimension of the edge of the perfectly cubic shaped body of equal volume. For a cubic rock the nominal diameter is thus to be measured directly by the dimension of the edge. The virtual sieve diameter of any arbitrarily shaped rock is defined as the dimension of the smallest mesh width of a square sieve<sup>2</sup> that the rock is able to pass. The virtual sieve diameter of a cubic rock thus equals the edge of the cube and is also to be measured directly by the dimension of the edge. It is concluded both the nominal diameter and virtual sieve diameter are determined by the dimension of the edge of the cube, and thus:  $e_c = m = d_n = d_{vs}$ , see also [Figure E-10.](#page-372-2) As a result the ratio of the nominal diameter and virtual sieve diameter - the individual shape factor - for a perfectly cubic shaped rock equals 1.0.



<span id="page-372-2"></span><span id="page-372-1"></span>**Figure E-10 - nominal diameter and virtual sieve diameter of a cube** 

 $2$  Rectangular sieves are assumed throughout the entire analysis.

#### E.4.2 **Infinitely short rectanguloid**

A perfectly rectanguloid shape having an infinitely short perpendicular dimension theoretically results in a square plane. Since this shape has no body it has no volume and thus the nominal diameter of an infinitely short rectanguloid shape equals zero. The infinitely short rectanguloid will pass the smallest virtual sieve when diagonally orientated in the sieve. As a result the virtual sieve diameter equals the dimension of the edge of the square base plane divided by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$ ; m =  $d_{vs}$  =  $e_{sbo}/\sqrt{2}$ , see also [Figure E-11.](#page-373-2) However, since the value of the nominal diameter equals zero the value of the individual shape factor equals zero, regardless the value of the virtual sieve diameter.



<span id="page-373-2"></span>**Figure E-11 - nominal diameter and virtual sieve diameter of an infinitely short rectanguloid**

#### <span id="page-373-0"></span>E.4.3 **Infinitely long rectanguloid**

A perfectly rectanguloid shape having an infinitely long perpendicular dimension theoretically results in a body of infinite volume. As a result the value of the nominal diameter of an infinitely long rectanguloid shape is infinite. The virtual sieve diameter of the infinitely short rectanguloid equals the edge of the square base plane;  $m = d_{vs} = e_{sbo}$ . However, since the value of the nominal diameter equals infinity the value of the individual shape factor is infinite, regardless the value of the virtual sieve diameter.



<span id="page-373-1"></span>**Figure E-12 - nominal diameter and virtual sieve diameter of an infinitely long rectanguloid**

#### E.4.4 **Sphere**

The body of a perfect sphere is characterized by a single diameter value d<sub>s</sub>. The nominal diameter of the sphere is calculated by the cubic root of the volume of the sphere. The volume of a sphere is given by (π /6)  $\cdot$  d<sub>s</sub><sup>3</sup>. The cubic root yields a nominal diameter of 0.8060 ∙ d<sup>s</sup> . Furthermore from [Figure E-13](#page-374-0) it is concluded the virtual sieve diameter of a sphere equals the diameter of the sphere. As a result the individual shape factor of a sphere is equal to 0.8060, regardless the value of the sphere diameter.



<span id="page-374-0"></span>**Figure E-13 - nominal diameter and virtual sieve diameter of a sphere**

#### <span id="page-375-0"></span>E.4.5 **Limits of the individual shape factor**

In paragraphs [E.4.1](#page-372-0) to [0](#page-373-1) the nominal diameter as well as the virtual sieve diameter of four typically theoretical rock shapes have been examined. The results yield insight in the limits for the value of the shape factor. In [Table E-2](#page-375-2) an overview of the information can be found.



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<span id="page-375-1"></span>From [Table E-2](#page-375-2) it is observed that the theoretical lower limit for the individual shape factor is zero; the upper limit is infinite. Those limit values however are associated with shapes that do not occur in reality. Highly elongated or flat rock shapes, such as the infinitely short and long rectanguloid respectively will break into 'less extreme' or 'more compact' rock shapes. The resulting bodies tend to have more cubical and/or spherical shapes, for which the individual shape factor value converges to 1.0. Still those latter are idealized perfectly geometrical bodies, in fact only providing an indication for the value of the shape factor. Nonetheless the assessed shapes have provided valuable insight in both the theoretical and practical limits of the shape factor and thus the influence of shape on the value of the shape factor in reality.

#### E.4.6 **Blockiness and Elongation**

Both the infinitely *short* and *long* rectanguloids do have 100% blockiness. Also, both rectanguloids do have an infinite LT ratio. However note that in case of the infinitely short rectanguloid this is caused by an infinitely small thickness. In contrary, in case of the infinitely long rectanguloid this is caused by the infinitely large length. For both the cube and sphere the LT ratio is 1. Furthermore the cube has 100% blockiness; in contrast the sphere has a blockiness of  $π/6 ≈ 50%$ . In [Table E-3](#page-376-1) the data on blockiness and elongation for each of the idealized geometrically perfect shapes is listed, again the value s of the individual shape factor have been included.

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#### E.5 **Synthesis**

According to [Table E-3](#page-376-1) it is concluded the individual shape factor may exceed the value of 1.0 if and only if the length of the shape exceeds e∙√3, i.e.: for *long* rectanguloids. Furthermore it can be concluded the value of the individual shape factor decreases for decreasing blockiness. In paragraph [E.5.1](#page-377-0) the individual shape factor of *short* rectanguloids is assessed in more detail. Furthermore, the individual shape factor of 'non 100% blocky' shapes is elaborated upon in more detail in paragrap[h E.5.2.](#page-377-1)

#### <span id="page-377-0"></span>E.5.1 **Finitely short rectanguloid**

Consider a short rectanguloid. The dimension p, perpendicular to the square base plane, has a finite value and is described as a fraction of the dimension of the square base plane edge e. As a result p can be denoted by e/x, with  $1 \le x \le e$ , as is depicted in [Figure E-14.](#page-377-2) The resulting length L of a short rectanguloid can be calculated by the equation: e $\sqrt{(2+(1/x^2))}$ . Since x ≥ 1, the term 2+(1/x)<sup>2</sup> per definition is equal to or smaller than 3. As a consequence the individual shape factor for a short rectanguloid having a finite perpendicular dimension will never exceed the value of 1.0.



<span id="page-377-2"></span>**Figure E-14 - short rectanguloid having a finite perpendicular dimension**

#### <span id="page-377-1"></span>E.5.2 **Capsules**

Consider the capsule shapes depicted in [Figure E-15.](#page-377-3) These shapes can be imagined as *long* rectanguloid shapes having rounded edges, i.e.: 'non 100% blocky'-shapes. For capsule shapes having a length significantly larger than e∙√3 the individual shape factor may exceed the value of 1.0, despite their rounded edges.



**Figure E-15 - capsule shapes**

<span id="page-377-3"></span>By decreasing the dimension of the longitudinal axis of the capsule shape a sphere can be obtained. By doing so, the blockiness and thus individual shape factor decreases. (Constant virtual sieve diameter). Decreasing the dimension of the longitudinal axis even further **or** decreasing the lateral axis of the capsule results in flattened shapes. (Virtual sieve diameter decreases). Flattened shapes can be considered as *short* rectanguloids. For such shapes it has already been concluded the shape factor cannot exceed the value of 1.0. According to [Table E-3](#page-376-1) the value of the individual shape factor for short rectanguloids is also decreasing for decreasing length and/or blockiness. Disregarding surface irregularities capsule shapes very well represent natural rock shapes.

#### <span id="page-378-0"></span>E.6 **Conclusions**

- For a constant virtual sieve diameter  $d_{vs}$ , the value of the individual shape factor increases for increasing blockiness.
- For a constant virtual sieve diameter  $d_{vs}$ , the value of the individual shape factor increases for increasing elongation.
- The value of the individual shape factor may exceed the value of 1.0 if and only if the length of the shape is larger than e∙√3.
- The value of the individual shape factor may exceed the value of 1.0 despite non 100% blockiness.
- The value of the individual shape factor does not take into account the variety of shapes and sizes within a grading in contrast to the shape factor derived on the basis of the cumulative mass percentages of a grading.

## <span id="page-379-0"></span>E.7 **Data: Individual shape factor values**

### <span id="page-379-1"></span>E.7.1 **Sample 22-90 A**





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#### E.7.3 **Sample 2-8 A** d\_n d\_vs d\_s d\_vs / d\_s F\_ind 28.11 31.37 31.5 1.00 0.90 26.06 28.37 31.5 0.90 0.92 27.79 29.39 31.5 0.93 0.95 21.39 25.31 31.5 0.80 0.85 19.60 18.14 31.5 0.58 1.08 19.60 21.85 31.5 0.69 0.90 34.17 38.28 45 0.85 0.89 29.33 35.00 45 0.78 0.84 38.19 39.28 45 0.87 0.97 40.84 45.31 45 1.01 0.90 38.53 42.15 45 0.94 0.91 35.21 38.69 45 0.86 0.91 38.28 48.55 45 1.08 0.79 35.71 44.85 45 1.00 0.80 34.49 43.69 45 0.97 0.79 33.51 36.83 45 0.82 0.91 32.48 24.32 45 0.54 1.34 42.29 45.33 45 1.01 0.93 29.03 31.62 45 0.70 0.92 31.62 40.54 45 0.90 0.78 30.98 41.44 45 0.92 0.75 32.48 35.96 45 0.80 0.90 38.53 44.05 45 0.98 0.87 34.06 42.89 45 0.95 0.79 38.53 43.27 45 0.96 0.89 38.45 38.14 45 0.85 1.01 31.99 38.20 45 0.85 0.84 30.85 37.16 45 0.83 0.83 36.58 43.89 45 0.98 0.83 32.36 39.07 45 0.87 0.83 25.87 29.03 45 0.65 0.89 34.91 39.45 45 0.88 0.88 30.31 31.65 45 0.70 0.96 31.37 34.48 45 0.77 0.91 33.51 43.77 45 0.97 0.77 41.58 45.00 45 1.00 0.92 31.11 40.46 45 0.90 0.77 35.31 34.29 45 0.76 1.03 29.33 32.96 45 0.73 0.89 28.58 35.25 45 0.78 0.81 30.18 38.46 45 0.85 0.78 37.58 44.14 45 0.98 0.85 34.80 38.69 45 0.86 0.90 37.76 45.35 45 1.01 0.83 41.14 47.48 45 1.06 0.87 34.80 41.90 45 0.93 0.83 46.78 62.58 63 0.99 0.75 48.44 48.77 63 0.77 0.99 49.13 59.44 63 0.94 0.83 43.59 53.82 63 0.85 0.81 53.33 60.71 63 0.96 0.88 39.36 45.87 63 0.73 0.86 49.89 65.47 63 1.04 0.76 43.45 52.02 63 0.83 0.84 55.61 60.95 63 0.97 0.91 52.89 62.04 63 0.98 0.85 43.12 50.63 63 0.80 0.85 39.28 50.56 63 0.80 0.78 44.99 49.87 63 0.79 0.90 43.19 51.68 63 0.82 0.84 43.72 45.27 63 0.72 0.97 51.88 64.60 63 1.03 0.80 44.87 58.27 63 0.92 0.77 44.43 54.11 63 0.86 0.82 51.55 63.23 63 1.00 0.82 46.02 54.20 63 0.86 0.85 50.44 53.80 63 0.85 0.94 42.22 44.50 63 0.71 0.95 36.58 51.07 63 0.81 0.72 50.93 64.34 63 1.02 0.79 54.33 59.03 63 0.94 0.92 48.87 62.95 63 1.00 0.78 47.68 56.75 63 0.90 0.84 59.30 54.92 63 0.87 1.08 46.49 51.19 63 0.81 0.91 44.68 56.87 63 0.90 0.79 48.33 59.00 63 0.94 0.82 49.59 57.42 63 0.91 0.86 52.11 64.60 63 1.03 0.81 46.95 54.76 63 0.87 0.86 68.50 61.68 63 0.98 1.11 42.71 53.50 63 0.85 0.80 48.39 49.12 63 0.78 0.99 59.26 62.59 63 0.99 0.95 46.95 50.84 63 0.81 0.92 53.33 62.38 63 0.99 0.85 42.64 53.13 63 0.84 0.80 51.97 55.83 63 0.89 0.93 50.54 54.20 63 0.86 0.93 48.23 53.22 63 0.84 0.91 45.12 46.38 63 0.74 0.97



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E.7.4 **Sample 1-5 A**

d\_n d\_vs d\_s d\_vs / d\_s F\_ind



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E.7.5 **Sample 5+ A**

#### d\_n d\_vs d\_s d\_vs / d\_s F\_ind 45.70 65.86 63 1.05 0.69 74.82 73.55 90 0.82 1.02 87.41 89.55 90 1.00 0.98 81.10 93.68 90 1.04 0.87 73.40 74.64 90 0.83 0.98 59.47 72.06 90 0.80 0.83 61.74 80.91 90 0.90 0.76 73.26 88.83 90 0.99 0.82 103.18 120.20 125 0.96 0.86 105.21 109.82 125 0.88 0.96 86.96 112.69 125 0.90 0.77 97.96 117.55 125 0.94 0.83 87.73 109.90 125 0.88 0.80 102.77 102.85 125 0.82 1.00 116.26 123.07 125 0.98 0.94 94.22 103.10 125 0.82 0.91 97.65 103.66 125 0.83 0.94 97.97 118.19 125 0.95 0.83 87.23 103.41 125 0.83 0.84 106.56 112.93 125 0.90 0.94 97.13 123.53 125 0.99 0.79 83.89 97.16 125 0.78 0.86 92.78 119.19 125 0.95 0.78 101.56 109.55 125 0.88 0.93 96.68 99.08 125 0.79 0.98 94.68 95.34 125 0.76 0.99 100.84 105.64 125 0.85 0.95 96.69 121.26 125 0.97 0.80 97.62 121.78 125 0.97 0.80 82.11 96.50 125 0.77 0.85 85.86 89.80 125 0.72 0.96 88.91 95.95 125 0.77 0.93 75.47 105.41 125 0.84 0.72 99.18 107.63 125 0.86 0.92 104.35 103.32 125 0.83 1.01 98.80 115.80 125 0.93 0.85 86.11 103.02 125 0.82 0.84 84.39 105.55 125 0.84 0.80 100.50 104.10 125 0.83 0.97 102.30 110.55 125 0.88 0.93 85.29 98.41 125 0.79 0.87 100.48 108.22 125 0.87 0.93 113.06 124.20 125 0.99 0.91 101.76 127.56 125 1.02 0.80 100.24 122.22 125 0.98 0.82 91.18 101.04 125 0.81 0.90 101.40 117.50 125 0.94 0.86 77.77 93.11 125 0.74 0.84 101.88 129.22 125 1.03 0.79 81.44 102.14 125 0.82 0.80 77.61 87.68 125 0.70 0.89 108.26 105.05 125 0.84 1.03 108.87 111.72 125 0.89 0.97 93.23 109.03 125 0.87 0.86 93.12 112.25 125 0.90 0.83 106.38 123.40 125 0.99 0.86<br>106.38 123.40 125 0.99 0.86<br>119.62 144.36 150 0.96 0.83 119.62 144.36 150 0.96 0.83 119.42 128.81 150 0.86 0.93 113.78 125.79 150 0.84 0.90 109.45 138.58 150 0.92 0.79 101.83 126.32 150 0.84 0.81 110.69 133.70 150 0.89 0.83 122.42 146.43 150 0.98 0.84 118.90 143.46 150 0.96 0.83 104.13 119.07 150 0.79 0.87 111.69 131.60 150 0.88 0.85 137.60 125.57 150 0.84 1.10 101.34 123.74 150 0.82 0.82 118.46 129.97 150 0.87 0.91 102.23 129.80 150 0.87 0.79 126.85 153.85 150 1.03 0.82 110.15 145.56 150 0.97 0.76 113.79 147.35 150 0.98 0.77 103.04 119.91 150 0.80 0.86 93.55 126.45 150 0.84 0.74 114.60 144.39 150 0.96 0.79 110.50 152.57 150 1.02 0.72 112.94 140.48 150 0.94 0.80 115.22 140.27 150 0.94 0.82 105.94 119.38 150 0.80 0.89 125.43 140.14 150 0.93 0.90 130.56 147.00 150 0.98 0.89 120.99 130.40 150 0.87 0.93 125.77 156.13 150 1.04 0.81 117.41 139.86 150 0.93 0.84 112.33 147.01 150 0.98 0.76 125.17 126.45 150 0.84 0.99 129.00 145.61 150 0.97 0.89 116.48 148.14 150 0.99 0.79 105.52 132.57 150 0.88 0.80 114.31 168.10 150 1.12 0.68

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# F. **Elongation versus shape factor**



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#### <span id="page-395-0"></span>F.1 **Shape factor versus elongation**

For each grading on sample A, shape tests have been performed. For each individual rock its length and thickness have been measured to calculate elongation. Per sample the average elongation has been calculated and is plot versus the factor in [Figure F.1-1.](#page-395-1)



<span id="page-395-1"></span>**Figure F.1-1 - shape factor versus elongation for the 5 tested gradings**

At first glance from [Figure F.1-1](#page-395-1) no clear relation can be discerned for the shape factor versus elongation. Considering the scatter, for increasing elongation either an increase or decrease in the value of the shape factor can be expected. In appendix [D] it is however concluded the shape factor calculated from a sample of approximately 200 rocks is not necessarily representative for the grading. From sample to sample deviations are observed in the value of the shape factor. To overcome this problem the data of the separate samples has been combined into A-E an sample and the shape factor has been recalculated on basis of approximately 1000 rocks. This approach has resulted in 'less extreme' or 'average<sup>1</sup>' values for the shape factor which is more reliable. In [Figure F.1-2](#page-395-2) the values of those 'average' shape factors have been plot again versus the average elongation.



<span id="page-395-2"></span>**Figure F.1-2 'average' shape factor versus elongation**

 $\overline{a}$  $1$  These shape factor values have been calculated on the basis of the combined data of the separate samples. Taking the average shape factor value of the separate samples will yielded a different value.
Comparing [Figure F.1-1](#page-395-0) and [Figure F.1-2](#page-395-1) in particular the value of the shape factor of the leftmost data point (grading of on average least elongated rock) has significantly changed from approximately 0.86 to 0.89. The other four data points just slightly altered value; by less than 0.01. As a result, in general the scatter remains and no relation is expected on the basis of the present analysis.

It is stressed that shape tests have been performed on sample A of each grading only. The average elongation calculated on basis of sample A has been applied integrally to the combined sample A-E. As a result it has been assumed the average elongation of sample A is constant over the different samples. No information is however available on the validity of this assumption and thus the results should be handled with care.

## F.2 **Individual shape factors versus elongation**

Besides length and thickness in the shape tests also the dimensions of the smallest enclosing box have been measured. By application of this data for each individual rock a virtual sieve diameter is determined. Furthermore for each individual rock the nominal diameter has been calculated. The ratio of the nominal diameter and virtual sieve diameter results in individual shape factors. For detailed information please consult appendix [E]. In this section for each of the gradings the calculated individual shape factors of sample A have been plot versus the elongation value of the associated individual rock. Moreover the linear regression line based on least squares has been added to the figures to visualize possible relations.

## **F.2.1 Sample 22-90 A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.839. The standard deviation of 0.075. The minimum and maximum value are 0.61 and 1.06 respectively. The average elongation value is 2.19. The standard deviation of 0.59. The minimum and maximum value are 1.00 and 5.29 respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure F.2-1.](#page-397-0) Considering the bandwidth of the scatter, both the upper and lower limit of the shape factor value tend to increase for increasing elongation. Nonetheless the spreading of the data widens for increasing elongation. The equation for linear regression, given by  $Fs^* =$ 0.0217  $*$  LT + 0.7918 confirms this finding. For average elongated rock (LT = 2.19) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.839. On the basis of sample 22-90 A, a weak but significant relation is expected for individual shape factor versus elongation.



<span id="page-397-0"></span>**Figure F.2-1 - shape factor versus elongation 22-90 sample A**

## <span id="page-398-1"></span>**F.2.2 Sample 2-5 A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.847. The standard deviation of 0.078. The minimum and maximum value are 0.69 and 1.10 respectively. The average elongation value is 2.36. The standard deviation of 0.67. The minimum and maximum value are 1.00 and 5.5 respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure F.2-2.](#page-398-0) In appendix [E] it has been found, the individual shape factor cannot exceed the value of 1.0 for rock that has an elongation value of 1.0. The upper left data point is thus considered unrealistic and neglected therefore. Considering the resulting bandwidth of the scatter, the upper limit tends to increase for increasing elongation. The lower limit is considered rather constant over elongation at an approximate value of 0.7. The spreading of the data thus widens for increasing elongation. The equation for linear regression is given by  $Fs* = 0.0043 * LT + 0.8364$ , which suggests a rather weak and insignificant relation between the individual shape factor and elongation. For average elongated rock (LT = 2.36) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.847. On the basis of sample 2-5 A, no relation of significant importance is expected for individual shape factor versus elongation.



<span id="page-398-0"></span>**Figure F.2-2 - shape factor versus elongation 2-5 sample A**

## **F.2.3 Sample 2-8 A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.853. The standard deviation of 0.083. The minimum and maximum value are 0.66 and 1.34 respectively. The average value of the elongation is 2.35. The standard deviation of 0.67. The minimum and maximum value are 1.24 and 4.68 respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure F.2-3.](#page-399-0) Considering the bandwidth of the scatter, the upper limit tends to increase for increasing elongation. The lower limit is considered rather constant over elongation at an approximate value of 0.7. The spreading of the data thus widens for increasing elongation. The equation for linear regression is given by  $Fs* = 0.0192 * LT + 0.8076$ , which suggests a weak but significant relation between the individual shape factor and elongation. For average elongated rock (LT = 2.35) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.853. On the basis of sample 2-8 A, a weak but significant relation is expected for individual shape factor versus elongation.



<span id="page-399-0"></span>**Figure F.2-3 - shape factor versus elongation 2-8 sample A**

## **F.2.4 Sample 1-5 A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.823. The standard deviation of 0.098. The minimum and maximum value are 0.55 and 1.15 respectively. The average value of the elongation is 2.76. The standard deviation of 1.02. The minimum and maximum value are 1.38 and 7.07 respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure F.2-4.](#page-400-0) Considering the bandwidth of the scatter, the upper limit tends to increase for increasing elongation. Disregarding the two minimum individual shape factor values, the lower limit is considered rather constant over elongation at an approximate value of 0.65. The spreading of the data thus widens for increasing elongation. The equation for linear regression is given by Fs\* =  $0.0169$  \* LT + 0.7766, which suggests a weak but significant relation between the individual shape factor and elongation. For average elongated rock (LT = 2.76) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.823. On the basis of sample 1-5 A, a weak but significant relation is expected for individual shape factor versus elongation.



<span id="page-400-0"></span>**Figure F.2-4 - shape factor versus elongation 1-5 sample A**

## **F.2.5 Sample 5+ A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.854. The standard deviation of 0.080. The minimum and maximum value are 0.68 and 1.10 respectively. The average value of the elongation is 2.55. The standard deviation of 0.80. The minimum and maximum value are 1.36 and 7.04 respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure F.2-5.](#page-401-0) Considering the bandwidth of the scatter, the upper limit tends to increase for increasing elongation. The lower limit is considered rather constant over elongation at an approximate value of 0.7. The spreading of the data thus widens for increasing elongation. The equation for linear regression is given by  $Fs* = 0.018 * LT + 0.8086$ , which suggests a weak but significant relation between the individual shape factor and elongation. For average elongated rock (LT = 2.55) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.855. On the basis of sample 5+ A, a weak but significant relation is expected for individual shape factor versus elongation.



<span id="page-401-0"></span>**Figure F.2-5 - shape factor versus elongation 5+ sample A**

#### **F.2.6 Combined sample**

The data of the above discussed samples has been combined in this paragraph. In [Figure F.2-6](#page-402-0) the individual shape factors have been plot versus the associated individual elongation value for 969 rocks. The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.844. The standard deviation is 0.083. The minimum and maximum value are 0.55 and 1.34 respectively. The average elongation value is 2.40. The standard deviation of 0.74. The minimum and maximum value are 1.00 and 7.07 respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered, which is also observed in [Figure F.2-6.](#page-402-0) These findings logically are in line with the above observations. In [F.2.2](#page-398-1) it has been explained the upper left data point should be neglected. Considering the resulting bandwidths of the scatter, the upper limit tends to increase for increasing elongation. Disregarding the three minimum individual shape factor values, the lower limit is considered rather constant over elongation at an approximate value of 0.65. The equation for linear regression is given by  $Fs^* = 0.0122 * LT + 0.8143$ , which suggests a weak but significant relation for the individual shape factor versus elongation. For average elongated rock (LT = 2.40) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.844.



<span id="page-402-0"></span>**Figure F.2-6 - shape factor versus elongation, combined sample**

## F.3 **Conclusion**

The plots of the individual shape factors versus the associated individual elongation values have shown extensive scatter for each sample. Nonetheless the average value of the individual shape factors approaches the commonly applied value; 0.84-0.85 for each of the samples. For sample 2-8 A, a slightly smaller value has been found: 0.82. The standard deviation varies from 0.075 to 0.098 over the samples. This is approximately 10 percent of the average individual shape factor value, which is considered quite a large number.

The average elongation value ranges from 2.19 to 2.76. The standard deviation varies from 0.59 to 1.02 over the samples. This is approximately 25-40 percent of the average elongation values, which is considered a very large number. For overview the statistical findings have been tabulated i[n Table F.3-1.](#page-403-0)

Sample	Average F [-]	st. dev. $^{2}$ F [-]	Average LT [-]	st. dev. LT [-]
22-90 A	0.839	0.075	2.19	0.59
$1-5A$	0.847	0.078	2.76	1.02
$2-5A$	0.853	0.083	2.36	0.67
$2-8A$	0.823	0.098	2.35	0.61
$5+A$	0.854	0.080	2.55	0.80
Combined	0.844	0.083	2.40	0.74

<span id="page-403-0"></span>**Table F.3-1 - average and standard deviation of individual shape factor per sample** 

Regarding the bandwidth of the scatter, the upper limit significantly increases for increasing elongation in each of the samples. The lower limit is rather constant over elongation at an approximate value of 0.65-0.70 in four of the samples. In one sample (22-90 A) the lower limit slightly increases for increasing elongation. As a result for each of the samples the bandwidth of the scatter and thus the standard deviation<sup>2</sup> increases for increasing elongation. Those observations suggest a weak but significant relation between the individual shape factor and elongation. Moreover the linear regression equation for each of the five samples have confirmed this finding. The slope in each of the equations is positive, yielding increasing individual shape factor values for increasing elongation values. In [Table F.3-3](#page-404-0) the equations have been listed for overview. For specific elongation values, the individual shape factor value has been calculated by application of the formulae. The delta Δ represents the difference in the value of the individual shape factor in the elongation range of 1.5-3.5. 89 percent of all rock has an elongation value within this range.



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From [Table F.3-2](#page-403-1) it is concluded the value of the individual shape factor increases for increasing elongation for each of the samples. The largest increase of the individual shape factor over elongation in the range 1.5-3.5 is found for the sample 22-90 A: 0.044. The smallest increase is found for the sample 2-5 A: 0.009. No relation is observed in the rate of

 $2$  The standard deviation in fact increases for increasing diameter. The given value represents the 'overall' standard deviation derived on the basis of all available data.

increase over specific grading properties of the samples. Furthermore it is concluded the individual shape factor values found for the sample 1-5 A are significantly smaller compared with the values found for the other samples. A specific explanation cannot be given for this observation.

Applying the regression equations strictly, the value of the individual shape factor would be increasing for each subsequent increase of elongation. From the scatter however it can be clearly concluded that this concept does not hold in practice. In contrary, the value of the shape may considerably decrease for increasing elongation. To gain insight in the unpredictability for the rate of change of the individual shape factor value, the minimum and maximum values of the individual shape factor within small elongation ranges have been assessed. This has been done for the ranges 1.4-1.6, 1.9-2.1, 2.4-2.6, 2.9-3.1, and 3.4-3.6. In [Table F.3-3](#page-404-0) the results have been listed.

Sample		$Fsind$ (LT: 1.4-1.6)		$F_{s \text{ind}}$ (LT: 1.9-2.1)		$F_{s \text{ind}}^*$ (LT: 2.4-2.6)		$F_{s \text{ind}}^*$ (LT: 2.9-3.1)	
	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	
22-90 A	0.68	0.91	0.61	0.97	0.75	1.06	0.75	1.04	
$1-5A$	0.75	0.84	0.69	0.96	0.67	1.01	0.71	0.87	
$2-5A$	0.71	0.90	0.71	0.98	0.76	0.99	0.77	1.02	
$2-8A$	0.71	0.85	0.69	1.08	0.70	1.03	0.73	0.93	
$5+A$	0.80	0.86	0.68	0.98	0.76	1.00	0.86	1.10	
Combined	0.68	0.91	0.61	1.08	0.67	1.06	0.71	1.10	

<span id="page-404-0"></span>**Table F.3-3 - minimum and maximum differences in elongation for specific elongation regions**

It is concluded on macro-scale<sup>3</sup> significant relation can be discerned between the value of the individual shape factor and the elongation value. *The value of the individual shape factor increases for increasing elongation.* The rate approximate is 0.015 on 1.0. On a micro-scale<sup>3</sup> this relation does not hold and should not be applied. The value of the individual shape factor fluctuates extensively over small elongation ranges due to the large standard deviation. As a result the above stated relation is weakened.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> macro-scale: all rock in a sample; micro-scale: two rock of subsequently increasing elongation.

For the combined sample, the data scatter, regression line and bandwidths of 1, 2 and 3 standard deviations have been plotted i[n Figure F.3-1.](#page-405-0)



<span id="page-405-0"></span>**Figure F.3-1 - elongation regression equation and variance bandwidths of combined sample**

# G. **Blockiness versus shape factor**



## <span id="page-408-0"></span>G.1 **Shape factor versus blockiness**

For each grading on sample A shape tests have been performed. For each individual rock the dimensions of the smallest enclosing box have been measured to calculate blockiness. Per sample the average blockiness has been calculated and is plot versus the factor in [Figure G.1-1.](#page-408-1)



<span id="page-408-1"></span>**Figure G.1-1 - shape factor versus blockiness for the 5 tested gradings**

At first glance from [Figure G.1-1](#page-408-1) no clear relation can be discerned for the shape factor versus blockiness. Considering the scatter, for increasing blockiness either an increase or decrease in the value of the shape factor can be expected. In appendix [D] it is however concluded the shape factor calculated from a sample of approximately 200 rocks is not necessarily representative for the grading. From sample to sample deviations are observed in the value of the shape factor. To overcome this problem the data of the separate samples has been combined into A-E an sample and the shape factor has been recalculated on basis of approximately 1000 rocks. This approach has resulted in 'less extreme' or 'average<sup>1</sup>' values for the shape factor which is more reliable. In [Figure G.1-2](#page-408-2) the values of those 'average' shape factors have been plot again versus the average blockiness.



<span id="page-408-2"></span>**Figure G.1-2 - 'average' shape factor versus blockiness**

Comparing [Figure G.1-1](#page-408-1) and [Figure G.1-2](#page-408-2) in particular the value of the shape factor of the second left data point (grading of on average second least blocky rock) has significantly changed from approximately 0.86 to 0.89. The other four data points just slightly altered value; by less than 0.01. As a result, in general the scatter remains and no relation is expected on the basis of the present analysis.

 $\overline{a}$  $1$  These shape factor values have been calculated on the basis of the combined data of the separate samples. Taking the average shape factor value of the separate samples will yielded a different value.

It is stressed that shape tests have been performed on sample A of each grading only. The average blockiness calculated on basis of sample A has been applied integrally to the combined sample A-E. As a result it has been assumed the average blockiness of sample A is constant over the different samples. No information is however available on the validity of this assumption and thus the results should be handled with care.

#### <span id="page-410-0"></span>G.2 **Individual shape factors versus blockiness**

By application of the dimensions of the smallest enclosing box for each individual rock a virtual sieve diameter is determined. Furthermore for each individual rock the nominal diameter has been calculated. The ratio of the nominal diameter and virtual sieve diameter results in individual shape factors. For detailed information please consult appendix [E]. In this section for each of the gradings the calculated individual shape factors of sample A have been plot versus the blockiness value of the associated individual rock. Moreover the linear regression line based on least squares has been added to the figures to visualize possible relations.

#### <span id="page-410-1"></span>**G.2.1 Sample 22-90 A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.839. The standard deviation of 0.075. The minimum and maximum value are 0.61 and 1.06 respectively. The average blockiness value is 45.2%. The standard deviation of 8.1%. The minimum and maximum value are 16.7% and 89.2% respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure G.2-1.](#page-410-2) Considering the bandwidth of the scatter, both the upper and lower limit of the shape factor value tend to increase for increasing blockiness. The equation for linear regression, given by  $Fs^* = 0.0044 * BLC + 0.6387$  confirms this finding. For average blocky rock (BLC = 45.2%) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.838. On the basis of sample 22-90 A, a weak but significant relation is expected for the individual shape factor versus blockiness.



<span id="page-410-2"></span>**Figure G.2-1 - shape factor versus blockiness 22-90 sample A**

## <span id="page-411-0"></span>**G.2.2 Sample 2-5 A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.847. The standard deviation of 0.078. The minimum and maximum value are 0.69 and 1.10 respectively. The average blockiness value is 45.8%. The standard deviation of 7.1%. The minimum and maximum value are 26.3% and 65.1% respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure G.2-2.](#page-411-1) Considering the resulting bandwidth of the scatter, the upper limit tends to increase for increasing blockiness. The lower limit is considered rather constant over blockiness at an approximate value of 0.7. The spreading of the data thus widens for increasing blockiness. The equation for linear regression is given by  $Fs^* = 0.0058 * BLC +$ 0.5796, which suggests a weak but significant relation for the individual shape factor versus blockiness. For average blocky rock (BLC =  $45.8\%$ ) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.845. On the basis of sample 2-5 A, a weak but significant relation is expected for the individual shape factor versus blockiness.



<span id="page-411-1"></span>**Figure G.2-2 - shape factor versus blockiness 2-5 sample A**

## <span id="page-412-0"></span>**G.2.3 Sample 2-8 A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.853. The standard deviation of 0.083. The minimum and maximum value are 0.66 and 1.34 respectively. The average blockiness value is 46.3%. The standard deviation of 8.9%. The minimum and maximum value are 29.6% and 96.5% respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure G.2-3.](#page-412-1) Considering the bandwidth of the scatter, both the upper and lower limit of the shape factor value tend to increase for increasing blockiness. The equation for linear regression, given by  $Fs^* = 0.0056 * BLC + 0.5932$  confirms this finding. For average blocky rock (BLC = 46.3%) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.852. On the basis of sample 2-8 A, a weak but significant relation is expected for the individual shape factor versus blockiness.



<span id="page-412-1"></span>**Figure G.2-3 - shape factor versus blockiness 2-8 sample A**

## <span id="page-413-0"></span>**G.2.4 Sample 1-5 A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.823. The standard deviation of 0.098. The minimum and maximum value are 0.55 and 1.15 respectively. The average blockiness value is 42.5%. The standard deviation of 7.9%. The minimum and maximum value are 11.2% and 64.8% respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure G.2-4.](#page-413-1) Considering the resulting bandwidth of the scatter, the upper limit tends to increase for increasing blockiness. Disregarding the two minimum individual shape factor values, the lower limit is considered rather constant over blockiness at an approximate value of 0.65. The spreading of the data thus widens for increasing blockiness. The equation for linear regression is given by  $Fs^* = 0.0037 * BLC + 0.6664$ , which suggests a weak but significant relation for the individual shape factor versus blockiness. For average blocky rock (BLC = 42.5%) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.824. On the basis of sample 1-5 A, a weak but significant relation is expected for the individual shape factor versus blockiness.



<span id="page-413-1"></span>**Figure G.2-4 - shape factor versus blockiness 1-5 sample A**

## <span id="page-414-0"></span>**G.2.5 Sample 5+ A**

The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.854. The standard deviation of 0.080. The minimum and maximum value are 0.68 and 1.10 respectively. The average blockiness value is 45.5%. The standard deviation of 7.1%. The minimum and maximum value are 29.6% and 72.9% respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered which is also observed in [Figure G.2-5.](#page-414-1) Considering the bandwidth of the scatter, both the upper and lower limit of the shape factor value tend to increase for increasing blockiness. The equation for linear regression, given by  $Fs^* = 0.0060 * BLC + 0.5805$  confirms this finding. For average blocky rock (BLC = 45.5%) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.854. On the basis of sample 5+ A, a weak but significant relation is expected for the individual shape factor versus blockiness.



<span id="page-414-1"></span>**Figure G.2-5 - shape factor versus blockiness 5+ sample A**

#### <span id="page-415-0"></span>**G.2.6 Combined sample**

The data of the above discussed samples has been combined in this paragraph. In [Figure G.2-6](#page-415-1) the individual shape factors have been plot versus the associated individual blockiness value for 969 rocks. The average value of the individual shape factor is 0.844. The standard deviation is 0.083. The minimum and maximum value are 0.55 and 1.34 respectively. The average blockiness value is 45.2%. The standard deviation of 7.9%. The minimum and maximum value are 11.2% and 96.5% respectively. It is concluded the data is rather scattered, which is also observed in [Figure G.2-6.](#page-415-1) These findings logically are in line with the above observations. Considering the bandwidths of the scatter, the upper limit tends to increase for increasing blockiness. Disregarding the three minimum individual shape factor values, the lower limit is considered rather constant over blockiness at an approximate value of 0.65. The equation for linear regression is given by  $Fs^* = 0.0052 * BLC$ + 0.6086, which suggests a weak but significant relation for the individual shape factor versus blockiness. For average blocky rock (BLC = 45.2%) the equation yields an individual shape factor value of 0.844.



<span id="page-415-1"></span>**Figure G.2-6 - shape factor versus blockiness, combined sample**

# <span id="page-416-0"></span>G.3 **Conclusion**

The plots of the individual shape factors versus the associated individual blockiness values have shown extensive scatter for each sample. Nonetheless the average value of the individual shape factors approaches the commonly applied value; 0.84-0.85 for each of the samples. For sample 2-8 A, a slightly smaller value has been found: 0.82. The standard deviation varies from 0.075 to 0.098 over the samples. This is approximately 10 percent of the average individual shape factor value, which is considered quite a large number.

The average blockiness value for most samples is approximately 45-46%. For the sample 1-5 A, a slightly smaller value has been found: 42.5%. The standard deviation varies from 7.1% to 8.9% over the samples. This is approximately 5-6 percent of the average blockiness values, which is considered a relatively moderate number. For overview these statistical findings have been tabulated in [Table G.3-1.](#page-416-1)

<b>Sample</b>	Average F [-]	st. dev. $^{2}$ F [-]	Average BLC [%]	st. dev. BLC [%]
22-90 A	0.839	0.075	45.2	8.1
$1-5A$	0.847	0.078	42.5	7.9
$2-5A$	0.853	0.083	45.8	7.1
$2-8A$	0.823	0.098	46.3	8.9
$5+A$	0.854	0.080	45.5	7.1
Combined	0.844	0.083	45.2	7.9

<span id="page-416-1"></span>**Table G.3-1 - average and standard deviation of individual shape factor per sample**

Regarding the bandwidth of the scatter, the upper limit significantly increases for increasing blockiness in each of the samples. The lower limit is rather constant over blockiness at an approximate value of 0.65-0.70 in four of the samples. In one sample (22-90 A) the lower limit slightly increases for increasing blockiness. As a result for each of the samples the bandwidth of the scatter and thus the standard deviation<sup>2</sup> increases for increasing blockiness. Those observations suggest a weak but significant relation between the individual shape factor and blockiness. Moreover the linear regression equation for each of the five samples have confirmed this finding. The slope in each of the equations is positive, yielding increasing individual shape factor values for increasing blockiness values. In [Table G.3-2](#page-416-2) the equations have been listed for overview. For specific blockiness values, the individual shape factor value has been calculated by application of the formulae. The delta  $\Delta$  represents the difference in the value of the individual shape factor in the blockiness range of 30%-60%. 95 percent of all rock has a blockiness value within this range.

Sample	Regression for $F_s^*(BLC)$	30%	40%	50%	60%	Δ	BLC <sub>ave</sub>
22-90 A	$Fs* = 0.0044* BLC + 0.6387$	0.771	0.815	0.859	0.903	0.132	0.838
$1-5A$	$Fs* = 0.0037 * BLC + 0.6664$	0.777	0.814	0.851	0.888	0.111	0.824
$2-5A$	$Fs* = 0.0058 * BLC + 0.5796$	0.754	0.812	0.870	0.928	0.174	0.845
$2-8A$	$Fs* = 0.0056* BLC + 0.5932$	0.761	0.817	0.873	0.929	0.168	0.852
$5+A$	$Fs* = 0.0060* BLC + 0.5805$	0.761	0.821	0.881	0.941	0.180	0.854
Combined	$Fs* = 0.0052 * BLC + 0.6086$	0.765	0.817	0.868	0.921	0.156	0.844

<span id="page-416-2"></span>**Table G.3-2 regression dependent on blockiness per sample**

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From [Table G.3-2](#page-416-2) it is concluded the value of the individual shape factor increases for increasing blockiness for each of the samples. The largest increase of the individual shape factor over blockiness in the range 30%-60% is found for the sample 5+ A: 0.180. The smallest increase is found for the sample 1-5 A: 0.111. No relation is observed in the rate of

 $2$  The standard deviation in fact increases for increasing diameter. The given value represents the 'overall' standard deviation derived on the basis of all available data.

increase over specific grading properties of the samples. Furthermore it is concluded the individual shape factor values found for the sample 1-5 A are significantly smaller compared with the values found for the other samples. A specific explanation cannot be given for this observation.

Applying the regression equations strictly, the value of the individual shape factor would be increasing for each subsequent increase of blockiness. From the scatter however it can be clearly concluded that this concept does not hold in practice. In contrary, the value of the shape may considerably decrease for increasing blockiness. To gain insight in the unpredictability for the rate of change of the individual shape factor value, the minimum and maximum values of the individual shape factor within small blockiness ranges have been assessed. This has been done for the ranges 28%-32%, 38%-42%, 48%-52% and 58%-32%. In [Table G.3-3](#page-417-0) the results have been listed.



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It is concluded on macro-scale<sup>3</sup> a significant relation can be discerned between the value of the individual shape factor and the blockiness value. *The value of the individual shape factor*  increases for increasing blockiness. The rate approximate is 0.05 on 10. On a micro-scale<sup>3</sup> this relation does not hold and should not be applied. The value of the individual shape factor fluctuates extensively over small blockiness ranges due to the large standard deviation. As a result the above stated relation is weakened.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> macro-scale: all rock in a sample; micro-scale: two rock of subsequently increasing blockiness.

For the combined sample, the data scatter, regression line and bandwidths of 1, 2 and 3 standard deviations have been plotted in [Figure G.3-1.](#page-418-0)



<span id="page-418-0"></span>**Figure G.3-1 - blockiness regression equation and variance bandwidths of combined sample**

# **H. Flow chart**

