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1 Notatielijst

1 INLEIDING

1.1 Achtergrond en doel

Het huidige computerprogramma CRESS (Coastal and River Engineering Support System) zal worden uitgebreid met in totaal 30 nieuwe of aangepaste rekenregels. Deze rekenregels zijn afkomstig uit de nieuwste versie van de 'Rock Manual' (CUR 169, conceptversie). In onderstaande tabel zijn de 30 rekenregels weergegeven:

Nr.	Naam rekenregel
1a	Wave run up on sloping structures
1b	Wave run up on rough slopes – explicit formulae
2	Golf run down
3	Reshaping berm breakwaters
4	Overtopping per wave
5	Velocities and layer thickness in overtopping waves
6	Small waves and relatively large freeboards
7	Smooth low crested structures
8	Rubble mound low crested structures
9	Reflection
10	Seepage flow through rock
11	Damage to near bed structures
12a	Submerged structures statically stable
12b	Submerged structures dynamically stable
13	Low crested structures
14	Rock Armour
15	Cubes
16	Tetrapods
17	Dolosse
18	Accropode
19	Berm breakwater
20	Reshaping berm breakwater
21	Toe stability
22	Toe in front of a caisson breakwater
23	Rear side stability of a breakwater
24	Wave load on crown wall
25	Impact pressure on a crown wall
26	Forces on a crown wall acc. to Martin
27	Escarameia and May
28	Maynord
29	Stability ship induced currents
30	Stability of near bed structures

Dit rapport betreft de definitiestudie ten behoeve van de uitbreiding van het huidige computerprogramma CRESS. Op basis van de definitiestudie wordt de programmeur in staat geacht de rekenregels in het bestaande programma te implementeren.



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1.2 Uitgangspunten en randvoorwaarden

Als basis voor het opstellen van de definitiestudie is uitgegaan van de door de opdrachtgever aangeleverde conceptversie van de nieuwe Rock Manual:

 CUR 169, Manual on the use of Rock in Hydraulic Engineering, versie 1995 en 2004 (conceptversie).

De indicatieve waarden voor de geldigheidsgrenzen van de invoer parameters zijn waar mogelijk ontleend aan één van onderstaande bronnen:

- Bouwdienst Rijkswaterstaat, Dienst Weg en Waterbouwkunde, Definitierapport ten behoeve van de programmeerwerkzaamheden van de vernieuwde rekenregels, WB 975, REKEN-R-97030, oktober 1997;
- Het huidige computerprogramma CRESS (versie 2.3).

Voor de invoerparameters waarvoor geen indicatieve waarden kunnen worden herleid uit voorgenoemde bronnen zijn de indicatieve grenzen dusdanig vastgesteld dat met voldoende zekerheid kan worden gesteld dat de desbetreffende parameter binnen deze grenzen valt. De indicatieve grenzen liggen in dit geval dus ver uit elkaar.

De beschrijving van de rekenregels is uitgevoerd in het Engels opdat de teksten kunnen worden overgenomen als helptekst in het computerprogramma. In de beschrijving is, naast de informatie ten behoeve van het programmeren, in kaders achtergrondinformatie bij de rekenregels weergegeven ten behoeve van de eindgebruiker.



2 OPBOUW EN RUBRICERING VAN DE REKENREGELS

2.1 Structuur van de rekenregels

Voor ieder van de in het volgende hoofdstuk uitgewerkte 30 rekenregels is een gelijke opbouw gehanteerd. Deze opbouw ziet er als volgt uit:

- algemene beschrijving van de rekenregel;
- de te hanteren formules met bijbehorende parameters;
- overzicht van de in- en uitvoer parameters:
- geldigheidsgrenzen en mathematische grenzen voor de invoerparameters;
- overzicht van de achtergrondinformatie (bronnen) bij de desbetreffende rekenregel. De hierboven genoemde onderdelen zijn per rekenregel in afzonderlijke paragraven beschreven. De nummering van de rekenregels loopt van 1 tot 30.

De gegeven geldigheidsgrenzen worden opgelegd door het geldigheidsgebied van de parameters in de gebruikte formule, vaak afkomstig uit experimenten (aangegeven met (f) of zijn slechts indicatief (i). Overschrijding van de (f)-grenzen moet in het programma leiden tot een melding, met de mogelijkheid om te kiezen tussen "hiermee rekenen of waarde aanpassen". De gebruiker moet bij de invoer van elke parameter de mogelijkheid hebben om de geldigheidsgrenzen in te zien.

De mathematische grenzen worden opgelegd door de gebruikte formule t.b.v. de voortgang van de berekening (bijvoorbeeld delen door nul), waaraan ook altijd moet worden voldaan.

2.2 Relatie tussen de rekenregels en de bestaande menustructuur van CRESS

Onderscheid kan worden gemaakt tussen rekenregels die al bestaan binnen het computerprogramma CRESS en rekenregels die aan CRESS moeten worden toegevoegd. Voor de eerste categorie geldt dat slechts een aanpassing dan wel een aanvulling van de bestaande rekenregel benodigd is en dat de rekenregel dus al gerubriceerd is binnen het huidige computerprogramma CRESS. Voor de tweede categorie geldt dat sprake is van een nieuwe rekenregel. Voor de nieuwe rekenregels is een voorschot gedaan voor een mogelijke inpassing binnen de huidige menustructuur van het programma CRESS.

In Tabel 2-1 is een overzicht gegeven van de inpassing van de 30 rekenregels in de huidige menustructuur van het computerprogramma CRESS (versie 2.3). De eerste 10 rekenregels vallen onder de hoofd directory 'Water Movement' en de overige 20 rekenregels onder de hoofd directory 'Structures'.

Tabel 2-1: Inpassing van de rekenregels in de huidige menustructuur van het computerprogramma CRESS

Water movement		
	Wind waves and swell	
	Wave / structure interaction	
	Wave rundown and wave runup	
	Rekenregel 1a: Wave run-up on sloping structures	
	Rekenregel 1b: Wave run up on rough slopes – explicit formulae	
	Rekenregel 2: Wave run-down	
	<u>Overtopping</u>	
	Rekenregel 3: Reshaping berm breakwaters	
	Rekenregel 4: Overtopping per wave	
	Rekenregel 5: Velocities and layer thickness in overtopping waves	
	Wave transmission	
	Rekenregel 6: Small waves and relatively large freeboards	
	Rekenregel 7: Smooth low crested structures	
	Rekenregel 8: Rubble mound low crested structures	
	Reflection	
	Rekenregel 9: Reflection	
	Flow	
	Flow and structures	
	Rekenregel 10: Seepage flow through rock	
Structures		
	Protection against waves	
	Rock and stone structures	
	Rekenregel 11: Damage to near bed structures	
	Rekenregel 12a: Submerged structures statically stable	
	Rekenregel 12b: Submerged structures dynamically stable	
	Rekenregel 13: Low crested structures	
	Rekenregel 14: Rock armour layers	
	Rekenregel 15: Cubes	
	Rekenregel 16: Tetrapods	
	Rekenregel 17: Dolosse	
	Rekenregel 18:Accropode and xBlocs	
	Rekenregel 19: Berm breakwater	
	Rekenregel 20: Reshaping berm breakwaters	
	Rekenregel 21: Toe stability	
	Rekenregel 22: Toe in front of Caison breakwater	
	Rekenregel 23: Rear side stability of a breakwater	
	Rekenregel 24: Wave load on crown wall	
	Rekenregel 25: Impact pressure on a crown wall	
	Rekenregel 26: Forces on a crown wall according to martin	
	Protection against currents	
	Stone stability bank and dike revetments	
	Rekenregel 27: Escarameia and May	
	Rekenregel 28: Maynord	
	Rekenregel 29: Stability ship induced currents	
	Rekenregel 30: Stability of near bed structures	

3 REKENREGELS

1a. Wave run-up on sloping structures

In the Netherlands a prediction curve has been developed, reported in the Technical Report on Wave Run-up and Overtopping at Dikes by the TAW (2002), in which the breaker parameter, $\xi_{m-1,0}$, is calculated by using the spectral significant wave height ($H_s = H_{m0}$) and the mean energy wave period, $T_{m-1,0}$, instead of the significant wave height ($H_s = H_{1/3}$) from time-domain analysis and the peak wave period, T_p , as in the methods by Ahrens (1981) and Allsop *et al* (1985). The mean energy wave period $T_{m-1,0}$ accounts for the influence of the spectral shape and shallow foreshores (Van Gent, 2001).

1a.1 Equations

$$R_{u2\%}/H_{m0} = A\gamma_b \gamma_f \gamma_\beta \xi_{m-1,0}$$
 (1a.1)

with a maximum of:

$$R_{u2\%}/H_{m0} = \gamma_f \gamma_\beta \left(B - C / \sqrt{\xi_{m-1.0}} \right)$$
 (1a.2)

in which:

$$\xi_{m-1,0} = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_{m-1,0}}^2}}$$
(1a.1.1)

A description of the correction factor to calculate run-up of oblique (short-crested) waves is given by the following equation:

$$\gamma_{\beta} = 1 - 0.0022 |\beta| \quad \text{for } 0^{\circ} \le |\beta| \le 80^{\circ}$$

$$\gamma_{\beta} = 1 - 0.0022 |80^{\circ}| \quad \text{for } 80^{\circ} \le |\beta|$$
(1a.1.4)

A correction factor for the influence of berms, γ_b , is proposed in TAW (2002). This correction factor consists of two factors, one for the influence of the berm width, k_B , and one for the position of the middle of the berm in relation to SWL (still water level), k_b :

$$\gamma_b = 1 - k_B (1 - k_h)$$
 with $0.6 \le \gamma_b \le 1.0$ (1a.1.5)

This method is valid for berms not wider than 1/4 of the wavelength L_o (wavelength in deep water, here in this method based on $T_{m-1,0}$). As this method is also only valid for calculating the influence of angled berms up to 1:15, first angled berms must be drawn to equivalent horizontal berms as is shown in figure 1a.1. If berms are steeper than 1:15, it is suggested that wave run-up (and overtopping) is calculated by interpolation between the steepest berm (1:15) and a plane slope (1:8) or by interpolation between the longest possible berm ($L_o/4$) and a shallow foreshore.

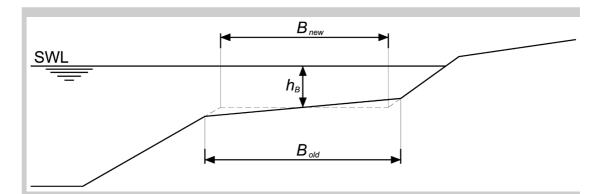


Figure 1a.1 Definition of berm width, B, and depth, h_B

The influence of the berm width factor, k_B , can be found by examining the change in the slope (see Figure 1.1), given by Equation 1a.1.6:

$$k_{B} = 1 - \frac{2H_{m0} / L_{berm}}{2H_{m0} / (L_{berm} - B_{B})} = \frac{B_{B}}{L_{berm}}$$
(1a.1.6)

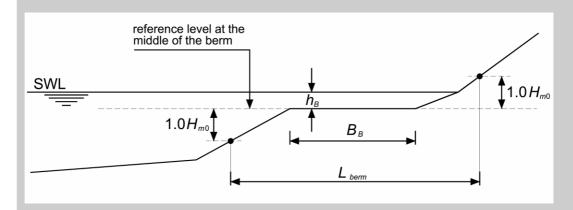


Figure 1a.2 Changes in slope for berms

With the approach from TAW (2002), a berm positioned on the still water line is most effective. The influence of the berm disappears when the berm lies higher than the run-up level, $R_{u2\%}$, on the lower slope or when it lies more than 2 H_{m0} below SWL. The influence of the berm position can be determined using a cosine function, in which the cosine is given in radians by Equation 1a.1.7:

$$k_h = 0.5 - 0.5\cos\left(\pi \frac{h_B}{x}\right)$$
 (1a.1.7)

where

 $x = R_{u2\%}$ if berm is above still water line, ie $-R_{u2\%} < h_B < 0$ $x = 2H_{m0}$ if berm is below still water line, ie $0 \le h_B < 2H_{m0}$ $k_h = 1$ if berm is outside influence area, ie $h_B \le -R_{u2\%}$ or $h_B \ge 2H_{m0}$)

NOTE: In the case of a berm above SWL, an iterative approach should be adopted to calculate the eventual value of the wave run-up, as this parameter is part of Equation 1a.1.6 (via Equation 1a.1.8) to determine the correction factor for the influence of berms, γ_b . Standard procedure is to start with a value of $R_{u2\%} = 1.5 H_{m0}$ or $2H_{m0}$, and then check the result of the calculation as to whether the deviation is acceptable or not. For more details on this method, see TAW (2002).

An overview of the used parameters is given below:

parameter	short description	unit
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave	[m]
H _s (=H _{m0})	Significant wave height calculated from the spectrum, $H_{\text{m0}}{=}4\sqrt{m_0}$	[m]
А	coefficient	[-]
Ϋ́b	berm-factor	[-]
Υf	roughness factor	[-]
Υβ	correction factor for oblique waves	[-]
ξ _{m-1,0}	breaker parameter based on spectral analysis	[-]
α	slope angle	[2]
В	coefficient	[-]
С	coefficient	[-]
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	[s]
Tp	peak wave period	[s]
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	[2]

1a.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
$H_{m0},A,\gamma_b,\gamma_f,\gamma_\beta,\alpha,B,C,T_p$	$\mathbf{R}_{u2\%}, \xi_{m-1,0}, T_{m-1,0}$

1a.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave		>0
Hs (=H _{m0})	Significant wave height calculated from the spectrum, $H_{m0} \!\!=\! \! 4 \sqrt{m_0}$	0,1 – 8 (i)	>0
Α	coefficient	see table 1.1	
Υþ	berm-factor	0.6 - 1.0 (f)	> 0
γ f	roughness factor	see table 1.2	

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
		$\gamma_b \; \xi_{m-1,0} < 1,8 \; (f)$	
Υβ	correction factor for oblique waves	0,82 - 1 (f)	> 0
ξ _{m-1,0}	breaker parameter based on spectral analysis	0,5 – 8 à 10 (i)	> 0
cot a	slope angle 1:	1,33 – 5 (f)	> 0
В	coefficient	see table 1.1	
С	coefficient	see table 1.1	
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	1 – 10 (i)	> 0
Tp	peak wave period	1 – 10 (i)	> 0
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	-90° - 90° (f)	-90º - 90º

For the coefficients *A*, *B* and *C* in Equations 1a.1 and 1a.2 values have been derived representing the average trend through the used data set for use in probabilistic calculations. Values that contain a safety margin of one standard deviation are suggested for deterministic use. Both values for these coefficients are presented in Table 1a.1, for more details on this method see TAW (2002).

Table 1a.1 Values for the coefficients A, B and C in Equations 1a.1 and 1a.2

Coefficients (in Eq. 1.1 and 1.2)	Values with safety margin - deterministic calculations	Values without safety margin - average trend / probabilistic calculations
Α	1.75	1.65
В	4.3	4.0
С	1.6	1.5

Table 1a.2 Values for roughness reduction factor, γ_f (TAW, 2002)

Structure type	V _f	
Concrete, asphalt and grass	1.0	
Stone blocks	0.80 - 0.95	
Armourstone - single layer on impermeable base	0.70	
Armourstone - two layers on impermeable base	0.55	
Armourstone - permeable base	See figure 5.5 Rock Manual and	
	supporting text	

Note:

For the TAW method using Equations 1a.1 and 1a.2, the roughness factor, γ_b is only applicable for $\gamma_b \xi_{m-1, 0} = 10$ and it remains 1 for larger values.

1a.4 References

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VAN GENT, M.R.A. (2001) Wave run-up on dikes with shallow foreshores, ASCE, J. of Waterway, Port, Coastal and Ocean Engineering, Vol.127, No.5, Sept/Oct 2001, pp.254-262, ASCE

TAW (2002) Technical Report Wave Run-up and Overtopping at Dikes, Technical Advisory Committee for Water Defences, The Netherlands

1b Wave run up on rough slopes - explicit formulae

As an alternative to the use of the roughness correction factors, explicit formulae have been derived from tests with rough rubble slopes.

For most wave conditions and structure slope angles, a rubble slope will dissipate significantly more wave energy than the equivalent smooth or non-porous slope. Run-up levels will therefore generally be reduced. This reduction is influenced by the permeability of the armour, filter and underlayers, and by the wave steepness, s = H/L (-). To obtain an alternative for simply using a roughness correction factor, run-up levels on rubble slopes armoured with rock armour or rip-rap have been measured in laboratory tests, using either regular or random waves. In many instances the rubble core has been reproduced as fairly permeable. Test results therefore often span a range within which the designer must interpolate.

1b.1 Equations

Analysis of test data from measurements by Van der Meer and Stam (1992) has given prediction formulae (Equations 1b.1 and 1b.2) for rock armoured slopes with an impermeable core, described by a notional permeability factor P = 0.1, and for porous mounds of relatively high permeability, given by P = 0.5 and 0.6.

$$R_{un\%}/H_s = a\xi_m \qquad \text{for } \xi_m < 1.5$$

$$R_{un\%}/H_s = b\xi_m^c \qquad \text{for } \xi_m > 1.5$$

in which:

$$\xi_m = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_m}}} \tag{1b.1.1}$$

The run-up for permeable structures (P > 0.4) is limited to a maximum:

$$R_{un\%}/H_s = d ag{1b.3}$$

An overview of the used parameters is given below:

parameter	short description	unit
R _{u n%}	Run-up level exceed by only n% of run-up tongues	[m]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
ξ _m	Surf similarity parameter for the mean period wave	[-]
а	Coefficient	[-]
b	Coefficient	[-]
С	Coefficient	[-]
d	Coefficient	[-]

parameter	short description	unit
α	Slope angle	[º]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
Р	structure permeability	[-]

1b.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
H_s , a, b, c, d, cot α , T_m , P	$\mathbf{R_{u}}_{n\%}, \xi_{m}$

1b.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
R _{u n%}	Run-up level exceed by only n% of run-up tongues	$<$ d * H $_{s}$ (formule 1b.3) for permeable structures $(P>0.4)$ (f)	>0
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0,1 - 8 (i)	> 0
ξ _m	Surf similarity parameter for the mean period wave	0,5 - 6 (i)	> 0
а	Coefficient	see Table 1b.1	
b	Coefficient	see Table 1b.1	
С	Coefficient	see Table 1b.1	
d	Coefficient	see Table 1b.1	
cot a	Slope angle 1:	1 – 10 (i)	> 0
T _m	Mean wave period	1 – 10 (i)	> 0
Р	structure permeability	0,1 - 0,6 (i)	> 0

Values for the coefficients *a*, *b*, *c* and *d* in the Equations 1b.1 to 1b.3 have been determined for various exceedance levels of the run-up, see Table 1b.1. The experimental scatter of *d* is within 0.07.

Table 1b.1 Coefficients in Equations 1b.1 to 1b.3

Run-up level n%	а	b	С	d	
0.1	1.12	1.34	0.55	2.58	
1	1.01	1.24	0.48	2.15	
2	0.96	1.17	0.46	1.97	
5	0.86	1.05	0.44	1.68	
10	0.77	0.94	0.42	1.45	
50 (median)	0.47	0.60	0.34	0.82	



1b.4 References

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2 Wave run-down

The lower extreme water level reached by a wave on a sloping structure is known as wave run-down, R_d . Run-down is defined relative to the still water level (SWL) and will be given as positive if below SWL, as shown in Figure 2.1.

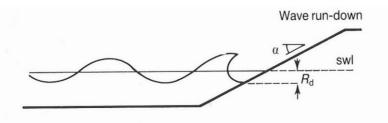


Figure 2.1: Wave run-down on a slope

2.1 Equations

Run-down on plane smooth slopes can be calculated with Equations 2.1 and 2.2:

$$R_{d2\%}/H_s = 0.33 \,\xi_p \quad \text{for } 0 < \xi_p < 4$$
 (2.1)

$$R_{d2\%}/H_s = 1.5$$
 for $\xi_p > 4$ (2.2)

Run-down levels on **porous rubble slopes** are influenced by the permeability of the structure and the surf similarity parameter. For wide-graded rock armour or rip-rap on an impermeable slope a simple expression (see Equation 2.3) for a maximum run-down level, taken to be around the 1% level, has been derived from test results by Thompson and Shuttler (1977):

$$R_{d1\%}/H_s = 0.34\xi_p - 0.17 \tag{2.3}$$

$$\xi_p = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_p^2}}} \tag{2.3.1}$$

Analysis of run-down by van der Meer (1988) has given a relationship – Equation 2.4 – that includes the effects of structure permeability, P, slope angle, α , and wave steepness, s_m :

$$R_{d2\%}/H_s = 2.1\sqrt{\tan\alpha} - 1.2P^{0.15} + 1.5\exp(-60s_m)$$
 (2.4)

$$s_m = \frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_m} \tag{2.4.1}$$

An overview of the used parameters is given below:

parameter	short description	unit
R _{d2%}	wave run down height for the 2% wave	[m]
R _{d1%}	wave run down height for the 1% wave	[m]
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
ξ _p	breaker parameter based on the peak wave characteristics	[-]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
α	slope angle	[2]
Tp	peak wave period	[s]
Р	structure permeability	[-]
Sm	wave steepness for mean wave period	[-]
T _m	mean wave period	[s]

2.2 Input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
Plane smooth slopes:	
H _s , cotα, T _p	$\mathbf{R_{d1\%}},\xi_{p}$
Porous rubble slopes:	
H _s , cotα, T _p	$\mathbf{R_{d2\%}},\ \xi_{p}$
Van de Meer (1988):	
H _s , cotα T _m , P	R _{d2%} , S _m

2.3 Boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
R _{d2%}	wave run down height for the 2% wave		> 0
R _{d1%}	wave run down height for the 1% wave		> 0
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0,1 - 8 (i)	> 0
ξ _p	breaker parameter based on the peak wave characteristics	0,5 – 6 (i)	> 0
cot a	slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
Tp	peak wave period	1 – 10 (i)	> 0
Р	structure permeability	0,1 -0,6 (i)	> 0
T _m	mean wave period	1 – 10 (i)	> 0

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3 Reshaping berm breakwaters

There are very few measurements of wave overtopping on berm breakwaters. Lissev (1993) measured time-averaged overtopping on a reshaped berm breakwater and derived Equation 3.1.

3.1 Equations

$$q/\sqrt{gH_s^3} = 1.5 \exp(-2.1 \frac{R_c}{H_s})$$
 (3.1)

in which

parameter	short description	unit
Hs	significant wave height	[m]
g	acceleration of gravity	[m/s ²]
R _c	freeboard (height of the crest above still water level)	[m]
q	average specific overtopping discharge	[m³/s/m]

3.2 Input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
H _s , R _c	q

3.3 Boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0,1 – 10 (i)	> 0
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	0,1 – 5 (i)	> 0
q	average specific overtopping discharge	0,001 – 5 (i)	> 0

3.4 References

LISSEV, N. (1993) Influence of the core configuration on the stability of berm breakwaters, Experimental model investigations. Report No R-6-93, Department of Structural Engineering, University of Trondheim, Norwegian Institute of Technology

4 Overtopping per wave

Overtopping volumes per wave differ substantially from the average wave overtopping discharge.

4.1 Equations

The distribution of the volumes of individual overtopping events can be described by the Weibull probability distribution function, as given in Equation 4.1:

$$P(V) = \Pr(\underline{V} < V) = 1 - \exp\left(-\left(\frac{V}{a}\right)^{b}\right)$$
(4.1)

The maximum expected individual overtopping volume, V_{max} (m³ per m), in a sequence of *N* incoming waves is given by Equation 4.2.

$$V_{max} = a(\ln(N_{ov}))^{1/b} {(4.2)}$$

In Besley (1999), values for sloping seawalls are suggested for the coefficients a and b in the Equations 4.1 and 4.2, using the average overtopping discharge calculated with Owen's method. Equations 4.3 and 4.4 give the relation between the coefficient , a, and the relevant parameters: wave period, specific discharge and the proportion of waves overtopping a seawall. Equations 4.3 and 4.4 are valid for values of the wave steepness (s_p) between 0.02 and 0.04.

$$a = \left\{0.85 + \frac{s_p - 0.02}{0.02}(0.96 - 0.85)\right\} T_m q N / N_{ov}$$
(4.3)

$$b = 0.76 + \frac{s_p - 0.02}{0.02}(0.92 - 0.76) \tag{4.4}$$

$$s_p = \frac{2\pi H_s}{g(1.15 \cdot T_m)} \tag{4.4.1}$$

$$N = \frac{3600t_r}{T_m} \tag{4.5}$$

In Besley (1999) the proportion of waves overtopping a seawall – or the probability of overtopping per wave – is given by Equation 4.6, valid in the range $0.05 < R^* < 0.3$:

$$N_{ov}/N = \exp\left(-C(R^*/\gamma_f)^2\right)$$
(4.6)

with:

$$R^* = R_c / \left(T_m (gH_s)^{0.5} \right) \tag{4.7}$$



In TAW (2002), the value b = 0.75 is suggested for the shape parameter together with Equation 4.8 as the expression for the scale parameter, using the average overtopping discharge as calculated with the TAW method:

$$a = 0.84T_m q N/N_{ov} (4.8)$$

where N_{ov}/N is the proportion of the overtopping waves, given by Equation 4.9:

$$N_{ov}/N = \exp\left(-\left(\sqrt{-\ln 0.02} \frac{R_c}{R_{u2\%}}\right)^2\right)$$
 (4.9)

Equation 4.9 is valid for situations in which the wave run-up distribution conforms to the Rayleigh distribution. For this method, the 2% wave run-up, $R_{u2\%}$, can be calculated using Equations 1a.1 and 1a.2.

An overview of the used parameters is given below:

parameter	short description	unit
P(V)	$Pr(\underline{V} < V)$ = probability of non-exceedance of a given volume, V	[-]
а	scale parameter	[m³/m]
b	shape parameter	[-]
V _{max}	maximum expected individual overtopping volume	[m³/m]
T _m	mean wave period	[s]
t _r	duration of the storm or wave record	[hrs]
N	number of incoming waves	[-]
Nov	number of overtopping waves out of a total of N incoming waves in an examined time period $T_r (= NT_m)$	[-]
q	specific discharge	[m³/s/m]
R [*]	dimensionless freeboard	[-]
γ _f	roughness coefficient	[-]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
С	parameter depending on the slope	[-]
Rc	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
R _{u 2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave	[m]
Sp	wave steepness for peak wave period	[-]

4.2 Input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
t_r , T_m , $R_{u2\%}$, R_c , H_s , γ_t , q , b	\mathbf{N}_{ov} , \mathbf{V}_{max} , N, a, R *

4.3 Boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
P(V)	$Pr(\underline{V} < V) = probability of non-exceedance$ of a given volume, V	0 – 1 (f)	0 - 1
b	shape parameter	Owen's method: $b = 0.76$ for $s_p = 0.02$ and $b = 0.92$ for $s_p = 0.04$ (f) TAW method: $b = 0.75$ (f)	
V _{max}	maximum expected individual overtopping volume		> 0
T _m	mean wave period	0 – 20 (i)	> 0
t _r	duration of the storm or examined time period	1 - 24 (i)	> 0
N	number of incoming waves	1 – 7500 (i)	> 0
Nov	number of overtopping waves out of a total of N incoming waves in an examined time period $t_r (= NT_m)$	1 - N	0 < N _{ov} < N
q	specific discharge	0,001 – 5 (i)	> 0
R [*]	dimensionless freeboard	0,05 - 0,3 (f)	> 0
γ	roughness coefficient	see table 4.1	
		TAW method:	
		$\gamma_b \xi_{m-1,0} < \approx 2.0 (f)$	
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	1 – 10 (i)	> 0
С	parameter depending on the slope	C = 38 for 1:2 and C = 110 for 1:4 (f)	> 0
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	0,1 – 5 (i)	> 0
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave		> 0

Table 4.1 Values for roughness reduction factor, γ_i , Besley (1999) and TAW (200)	Table 4.1 Values f	or roughness redu	iction factor, v_t	Besley (199	9) and TAW	(2002)
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Structure type	γ _f for Owen method	Structure type	γ _f for TAW method
Smooth concrete or asphalt	1.0	Concrete, asphalt and grass	1.0
Stone blocks	0.95	Stone blocks	0.80 - 0.95
Armourstone - single layer on	0.80	Armourstone - single layer on	0.70
impermeable base		impermeable base	
Armourstone - single layer on permeable	0.55 - 0.60	Armourstone - two layers on	0.55
base		impermeable base	
Armourstone - two layers	0.50 - 0.55		

Note:

For the TAW method, the roughness factor γ_t is only applicable for $\gamma_b \xi_{m-1,0} \ll 2.0$. For larger values this factor increases linearly up to 1 for $\gamma_b \xi_{m-1,0} = 10$ and it remains 1 for larger values.

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BESLEY, P. (1999) Overtopping of Seawalls, HR Wallingford, Report W 178, Environment Agency

TAW (2002) Technical Report Wave Run-up and Overtopping at Dikes, Technical Advisory Committee for Water Defences, The Netherlands

5 Velocities and layer thickness in overtopping waves

5.1 Equations

Van Gent (2002) and Schüttrumpf and Van Gent (2003) use the Equations 5.1 and 5.2 for wave run-up, taking into account a smooth transition from plunging to surging breakers.

$$R_{u2\%}/(\gamma H_s) = c_0 \xi_{s-1,0} \text{ for } \xi_s$$
 (5.1)

$$R_{u2\%}/(\gamma H_s) = c_1 - c_2/\xi_{s-1,0}$$
 for ξ_s $1,0 \ge p$ (5.2)

in which:

$$c_2 = 0.25c_1^2 / c_0 ag{5.2.1}$$

$$p = 0.5c_1/c_0 (5.2.1)$$

The surf-similarity parameter is defined as:

$$\zeta_{s-1,0} = \tan \alpha / \sqrt{(2\pi / g * H_s / T_{m-1,0}^2)}$$
 (5.3)

Outerslope

Equation 5.4 as derived by Schüttrumpf and Van Gent (2003) gives the relation between the wave run-up velocity and the wave run-up, the wave height and the roughness of the slope. Equation 5.5 gives the relation between the thickness of the water layer and the same wave parameters and roughness.

$$\frac{u_{2\%}}{\sqrt{gH_s}} = c'_{a,u} \left(\frac{R_{u2\%} - z}{\gamma_f H_s}\right)^{0.5}$$
 (5.4)

$$\frac{h_{2\%}}{H_s} = c'_{a,h} \left(\frac{R_{u2\%} - z}{\gamma_f H_s} \right) \tag{5.5}$$

in which

parameter	short description	unit
H _s	significant wave height of the incident waves at the toe of the structure	[m]
γ	reduction factor γ (= $\gamma \gamma_{\beta}$)	[-]
Yf	roughness factor	[-]
Υβ	correction factor for oblique waves	[-]
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave	[m]
C ₀	coefficient	[-]
C ₁	coefficient	[-]

parameter	short description	unit
C ₂	coefficient	[-]
р	coefficient	[-]
ξs-1,0	Surf similarity parameter for mean period wave	[-]
α	slope angle	[º]
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	[s]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
U _{2%}	wave run-up velocity on the slope	[m/s]
z	position (vertical height) on the seaward slope relative to SWL	[m]
h _{2%}	thickness of water layer on the slope	[m]
C' _{a,u}	coefficient	[-]
C'a,h	coefficient	[-]

Crest

The coefficients used in these Equations 5.4 and 5.5 were determined in different model tests; The differences between the results can be explained by different model set-ups and test programmes.

Schüttrumpf *et al* (2002), Van Gent (2002) and Schüttrumpf and Van Gent (2003) use the Equations 5.6 and 5.7 as the expressions to predict the velocities, $u_{2\%}$, and thickness of water layers, $h_{2\%}$, at the crest:

$$\frac{u_{2\%}}{\sqrt{gH_s}} = c'_{c,u} \left(\frac{R_{u2\%} - R_c}{\gamma_f H_s} \right)^{0.5} \cdot \exp(-c''_{c,u} x f_c / h_{2\%})$$
(5.6)

$$\frac{h_{2\%}}{H_s} = c'_{c,h} \left(\frac{R_{u2\%} - R_c}{\gamma_f H_s} \right) \cdot \exp(-c''_{c,h} x/B)$$
(5.7)

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
H _s	significant wave height of the incident waves at the toe of the structure	[m]
γ	reduction factor γ (= $\gamma_1 \gamma_2$)	[-]
γ f	roughness factor	[-]
Υβ	correction factor for oblique waves	[-]
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave	[m]
C ₀	coefficient	[-]
C ₁	coefficient	[-]

parameter	short description	unit
C ₂	coefficient	[-]
р	coefficient	[-]
ξ _{s-1,0}	Surf similarity parameter for mean period wave	[-]
α	slope angle	[º]
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	[s]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
U _{2%}	wave run-up velocity at the crest	[m/s]
h _{2%}	thickness of water layer at the crest	[m]
C' _{C,U}	coefficient	[-]
C' _{C,U}	coefficient	[-]
C' _{c,h}	coefficient	[-]
C'c,h	coefficient	[-]
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
х	position parameter (with <i>x</i> = 0 at seaward side of the crest)	[m]
В	Structure crest width	[m]

The same coefficients can be used to predict exceedance percentages of 1% or 10% by using the corresponding wave run-up levels in these formulae; the values can be calculated using Equations 5.1 and 5.2 with data provided in Table 5.1. The use of the coefficients proposed by Van Gent (2002) provides in most situations more conservative estimates for velocities at the rear side of the crest than the use of the factors proposed by Schüttrumpf *et al* (2002). The use of the coefficients proposed by Schüttrumpf *et al* (2002) gives in most situations the most conservative estimates for the thickness of water layers.

Innerslope

Van Gent (2002) and Schüttrumpf and Van Gent (2003) proposed the Equations 5.8 and 5.9 as the expressions to be used for the velocities and thickness of water layers at the rear-side:

$$h = h_0 u_0 / (\frac{\alpha'}{\beta} + \mu \exp(-3 \alpha \beta^2 s))$$
(5.8)

$$u = \frac{\alpha'}{\beta} + \mu \exp(-3\alpha'\beta^2 s)$$
 (5.9)

where:

$$\alpha' = \sqrt[3]{g \sin \alpha_{rear}} \tag{5.9.1}$$

$$\beta = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2} f_L / (h_0 u_0)} \tag{5.9.2}$$

$$\mu = u_0 - \alpha / \beta \tag{5.9.3}$$

In Equations 5.8 and 5.9, h_0 and u_0 are obtained from the expressions for $h_{2\%}$ and $u_{2\%}$ at the landward side of the crest as given in Equations 5.6 and 5.7.

With a position on the dike crest (x) that equals B and replacing $h_{2\%}$ and $u_{2\%}$ by h_0 and u_0 the following equations can be obtained:

$$\frac{u_0}{\sqrt{gH_s}} = c'_{c,u} \left(\frac{R_{u2\%} - R_c}{\gamma_f H_s} \right)^{0.5} \cdot \exp(-c''_{c,u} B f_c / h_{2\%})$$
(5.10)

$$\frac{h_0}{H_s} = c'_{c,h} \left(\frac{R_{u2\%} - R_c}{\gamma_f H_s} \right) \cdot \exp(-c''_{c,h})$$
 (5.11)

An overview of the used parameters is given below:

parameter	short description	unit
Hs	significant wave height of the incident waves at the toe of the structure	[m]
γ	reduction factor γ (= $\gamma_1 \gamma_2$)	[-]
Y f	roughness factor	[-]
γ β	correction factor for oblique waves	[-]
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave	[m]
C ₀	coefficient	[-]
C ₁	coefficient	[-]
C ₂	coefficient	[-]
р	coefficient	[-]
ξs-1,0	Surf similarity parameter for mean period wave	[-]
α	slope angle	[2]
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	[s]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s²]
U _{2%}	wave run-up velocity at the rear side	[m/s]
h _{2%}	thickness of water layer at the crest	[m]
C _{C,U} '	coefficient	[-]

parameter	short description	unit
C _{c,u} "	coefficient	[-]
C _{c,h} '	coefficient	[-]
C _{c,h} "	coefficient	[-]
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
х	position parameter (with $x = 0$ at seaward side of the crest)	[m]
В	Structure crest width	[m]
S	the coordinate along the landward slope (with $s = 0$ at the landward side of the crest)	[m]
C rear	slope angle at the rear side	[º]
f _L	friction factor at the landward slope	[-]
α΄	coefficient	[-]
β	coefficient	[-]
μ	coefficient	[-]
h ₀	thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope	[m]
u ₀	velocity at the transition of crest and innerslope	[m/s]

5.2 Input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
$H_{s, Y_{f, Y_{\beta, C_{0, C_{1, \alpha}}}, T_{m-1,0, g}, z, \ c'_{a,u},\ c'_{a,h}}$	R _{u2%} , h_{2%}, u_{2%}
$H_{s,}\gamma_{f,}\gamma_{\beta,}c_{0,}c_{1,}\alpha,T_{m-1,0,}g,c_{c,u}'',c_{c,h}'',c_{c,h}'',c_{c,h}'',R_{c,}x,B$	R _{u2%} , h _{2%} , u _{2%}
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	R _{u2%,} u ₀ , h ₀ , u , h

5.3 Boundary- and default values

Outerslope

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
H _s	significant wave height of the incident waves at the toe of the structure	0 – 10 (i)	> 0
γ	reduction factor γ (= $\gamma_1 \gamma_2$)		> 0
Υf	roughness factor	see table 1a.2	> 0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
Υ β	correction factor for oblique waves	0,82 - 1 (f)	> 0
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave		> 0
C ₀	coefficient	see table 5.1	
C ₁	coefficient	see table 5.1	
ξ _{s-1,0}	Surf similarity parameter for mean period wave	0,5 – 6 (i)	> 0
α	slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
Z	position (vertical height) on the seaward slope relative to SWL	0,1 – 5 (i)	> 0
C' _{a,u}	coefficient	see table 5.2	
C'a,h	coefficient	see table 5.2	

Crest

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
H _s	significant wave height of the incident waves at the toe of the structure	0 – 10 (i)	> 0
γ	reduction factor γ (= $\gamma_i \gamma_\beta$)		
Υf	roughness factor	see table 1a.2	> 0
γ β	correction factor for oblique waves	0,82 - 1 (f)	> 0
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave		> 0
C ₀	coefficient	see table 5.1	
C ₁	coefficient	see table 5.1	
ξ _s -1,0	Surf similarity parameter for mean period wave	0,5 - 6 (i)	> 0
α	slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
C' _{c,u}	coefficient	see table 5.2	
C' _{C,U}	coefficient	see table 5.2	
C' _{c,h}	coefficient	see table 5.2	
C' _{c,h}	coefficient	see table 5.2	
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still	0,1 - 5 (i)	> 0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
	water level		
х	position parameter (with $x = 0$ at seaward side of the crest)	0 – B (f)	> 0 ≤ B
В	Structure crest width	0 -20 (i)	> 0

Innerslope

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
H _s	significant wave height of the incident waves at the toe of the structure	0 – 10 (i)	> 0
γ	reduction factor γ (= $\gamma_1 \gamma_2$)		> 0
Υf	roughness factor	see table 1a.2	> 0
Υβ	correction factor for oblique waves	0,82 - 1 (f)	> 0
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave		> 0
C ₀	coefficient	see table 5.1	
C ₁	coefficient	see table 5.1	
\$5-1,0	Surf similarity parameter for mean period wave	0,5 – 6 (i)	> 0
α	slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	0 – 25 (i)	> 0
C _{c,u} '	coefficient	see table 5.2	
C _{C,U} "	coefficient	see table 5.2	
C _{C,h} '	coefficient	see table 5.2	
C _{c,h} "	coefficient	see table 5.2	
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	0,1 - 5 (i)	> 0
х	position parameter (with $x = 0$ at seaward side of the crest)	0 – B (f)	> 0 ≤ B
В	structure crest width	0 – 20 (i)	> 0
s	the coordinate along the landward slope (with $s = 0$ at the landward side of the crest)	0 – 75 (i)	> 0
a_{rear}	slope angle at the rear side 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
f _L	friction factor at the landward slope	For smooth slopes the value $f_L = 0.02$ can be used, for rough slopes the friction factor has a value between 0.1 and 0.6.	> 0

Table 5.1 provides the values of the coefficients c_0 and c_1 for various exceedance levels.

Table 5.1 Coefficients for wave run-up predictions, using H_s and $T_{m-1,0}$ (Equations 5.1 and 5.2)

Run-up level	c ₀	C ₁
R _{u1%}	1.45	5.1
R _{u2%}	1.35	4.7
R _{u10%}	1.10	4.0

Table 5.2 provides the values of the coefficients $c_{c,u'}$, $c_{c,u'}$, $c_{c,u'}$, $c_{c,u'}$, $c_{c,h'}$ and $c_{c,h''}$ based on both the data by Schüttrumpf *et al* (2002) and on the data by Van Gent (2002).

Table 5.2 Proposed coefficients to be used in the Equations 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7

Coefficient	Schüttrumpf	Van Gent
C _{C,U} '	1,37	1,30
C _{a,h} '	0,33	0,15
C _{C,U} '	1,37	1,3
C _{C,U} "	0,5	0,5
C _{c,h} '	0,33	0,15
C _{c,h} "	0,89	0,4

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6 Small waves and relatively large freeboards

Structures such as breakwaters constructed with low crest levels will transmit wave energy into the area behind the breakwater. The severity of wave transmission is described by the coefficient of transmission, C_t . The transmission performance of low-crested continuous breakwaters is dependent on the water depth, permeability, wave conditions and the structure geometry, principally the crest freeboard and the crest width. The crest freeboard is defined by the height of the crest above still water level.

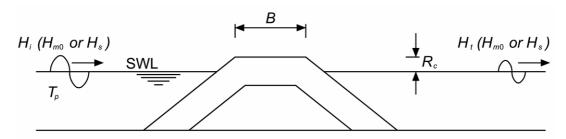


Figure 6.1: Cross-section of breakwater illustrating relevant parameters

6.1 Equations

These formulae yield for transmission of small waves (low values of H_s/D_{n50}) over reef breakwater with relatively large positive freeboards ($R_c/H_s > 1$)

$$C_{t} = \frac{1.0}{1.0 + X^{0.592}} \tag{6.1}$$

$$C_{t} = \frac{H_{t}}{H_{t}} \tag{6.1.1}$$

$$X = \frac{H_s}{L_p} \cdot \frac{A_t}{D_{n50}^2}$$
 (6.1.2)

$$L = \frac{gT_m^2}{2\pi} \tanh \frac{2\pi h}{L} \tag{6.1.3}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{6.1.4}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
A_t	Area of structure cross section	[m²]
C_t	coefficient of wave transmission	[-]
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
h	water depth	[m]
H _i	Incident wave height	[m]
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
H_t	Transmitted wave height	[m]
Lp	Wave length of peak period	[m]
R_c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρ _s	mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]

6.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
H_{i} , H_{s} , T_{m} , h , A_{t} , $ ho_{s_{i}}$ D_{n50} , M_{50}	H _t ,

6.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematic al boundary values
A_t	Area of structure cross section	10 – 1000 (i)	> 0
C_t	coefficient of wave transmission	0 – 1 (i)	$0 \le C_t \le 1$
		> 0.15 (f)	
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter	0.02 – 0.05 (i)	> 0
h	water depth	0.5 – 30 (i)	> 0
H _i	Incident wave height	0.1 – 10 (i)	≥0
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves	0.1 – 10 (i)	≥0
	height	$R_c/H_s>1$ (f)	
H_t	Transmitted wave height	0 – H _s (i)	0 – H _s
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
		R _c /H _s >1 (f)	
T _m	Mean wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
ρ _s	mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200	> 0



6.4 References

AHRENS, J. P. (1987) Characteristics of reef breakwaters, Technical Report CERC 87-17 U.S. Army Corps of Eng., Coastal Eng. Res. Center, Vicksburg

7 Smooth low crested structures

These formulae yield for the wave transmission over smooth low crested structures; this also includes the influence of oblique wave attack. The equations are based on a large database on wave transmission and are developed by Van der Meer et al. (2003). The formulae are based on the significant wave height at the toe of the structure and the peak wave period at deep water.

7.1 Equations

For $0.075 \le C_t \le 0.8$ with limitations $1 < \xi_p < 3$; $0^\circ \le \beta \le 70^\circ$; $1 < B/H_s < 4$, yields:

$$C_{t} = \left(\frac{-0.3R_{c}}{H_{s}} + 0.75 \cdot \left(1 - e^{-0.5\zeta_{p}}\right)\right) \cdot \cos^{2/3}\beta$$
(7.1)

$$C_t = \frac{H_t}{H_i} \tag{7.1.1}$$

$$\xi_p = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_p^2}}} \tag{7.1.2}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
В	structure crest width	[m]
C_t	coefficient of wave transmission	[-]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
H _i	Incident wave height	[m]
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
H _t	Transmitted wave height	[m]
R_c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
α	slope angle	[º]
Tp	Peak wave period	[s]
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	[2]
ξ_p	Surf similarity parameter for peak period wave	[-]

7.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
R_c , cot $lpha$, $T_{ m p}$, $oldsymbol{eta}$, $H_{ m s}$, $H_{ m i}$	\mathbf{H}_{t},ξ_{p}

7.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
В	structure crest width	1 – 100 (i)	> 0
C_t	coefficient of wave transmission	$0.075 \le C_{_t} \le 0.8$ (f)	$0 \le C_t \le 1$
Hi	Incident wave height	0 – 10 (i)	≥0
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest	0 – 10 (i)	≥0
	1/3 of all waves height	1>B/H _s >4 (f)	
H _t	Transmitted wave height	0 – H _s (i)	0 – H _s
R_c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
cot a	slope angle 1 :	1 – 10 (i)	> 0
Tp	Peak wave period	0.1 – 20 (i)	> 0
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	$0^{\circ} \le \beta \le 70^{\circ}$ (f)	$0^{\circ} \le \beta \le 90^{\circ}$
ξ_p	Surf similarity parameter for peak period wave	$1<\xi_p<3 \ (f)$	> 0

For oblique wave transmission on smooth low-crested structures, the research of Van der Meer et al. (2003) concluded that, for angles up to 45°, the transmitted and incident waves have similar directions. For angles larger than 45° the transmitted wave angle remains 45°, see 7.1.2 and 7.1.3

$$\beta_t = \beta_i \qquad \text{for } \beta_i \le 45^\circ \tag{7.1.2}$$

$$\beta_t = 45^{\circ} \qquad \text{for } \beta_i > 45^{\circ} \tag{7.1.3}$$

In which:

parameter	short description	unit
$oldsymbol{eta}_{t}$	Transmitted wave angle	[º]
$oldsymbol{eta}_i$	Incident wave angle	[º]
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	[º]

7.4 References

VAN DER MEER J. W., WANG B, WOLTERS A, ZANUTTIGH B and KRAMER M (2003) Wave Transmission behind Low-Crested structures, Proc. Coastal structures 2003, Portland, ASCE

8 Rubble mound low crested structures

Equations 8.1 to 8.3 yield for wave transmission over relatively narrow and over relatively wide submerged rubble mound structures. Briganti et al (2003) used the DELOS database¹ to calibrate a relationship developed by d'Angremond et al (1996). This has resulted in two different equations - 8.1 and 8.2. The equations are original developed for perpendicular wave attack, but can also be used for oblique wave attack up to 70°. The performance of these formulae has been evaluated against the database. Equation 8.1 shows a standard deviation of $\sigma = 0.05$, for equation 8.2 and 8.3 the standard deviation is $\sigma = 0.06$.

8.1 Equations

For **narrow** structures, $B/H_i < 10$ and $0.075 \le C_t \le 0.8$:

$$C_{t} = \frac{-0.4R_{c}}{H_{s}} + 0.64 \cdot \left(\frac{B}{H_{s}}\right)^{-0.31} \cdot \left(1 - e^{-0.5\xi_{p}}\right)$$
(8.1)

For **wide** structures, $B/H_i > 10$ and $0.05 \le C_t \le C_{t,\text{max}}$:

$$C_{t} = \frac{-0.35R_{c}}{H_{s}} + 0.51 \cdot \left(\frac{B}{H_{s}}\right)^{-0.65} \left(1 - e^{-0.41\xi_{p}}\right)$$
(8.2)

$$C_{t,max} = -0.006 B/H_s + 0.93 (8.3)$$

$$C_t = \frac{H_t}{H_i} \tag{8.1.1}$$

$$\xi_p = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_p^2}}} \tag{8.1.2}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
C_t	coefficient of wave transmission	[-]
$C_{t,max}$	Maximum value coefficient of wave transmission	[-]
В	structure crest width	[m]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
H _i	Incident wave height	[m]
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
Ht	Transmitted wave height	[m]

Acronym for the EU project: Design of low-crested coastal defence structures (2001 – 2004)

parameter	short description	unit
R_c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
α	slope angle	[º]
Tp	Spectral peak period, inverse of peak frequency	[s]
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	[º]
ξ_p	Surf similarity parameter for peak period wave	[-]

8.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
Narrow structures	
R_c , B, $\cot lpha$, T_p , $oldsymbol{eta}$, H_s , H_i	$\mathbf{H}_{t},,\xi_{p}$
Wide structures	
$oldsymbol{R}_c$, B, \cot a, $T_p, oldsymbol{eta}$, H_s , H_i	$C_{t, ext{max}}$, H_t , ξ_p

8.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
C_{t}	coefficient of wave transmission	Narrow structure:	$0 \le C_t \le 1$
		$0.075 \leq C_t \leq 0.8 \text{(f)}$ Wide structure: $0.05 \leq C_t \leq C_{t,\text{max}} \text{(f)}$	
В	Crest width of structure	1 – 100 (i)	> 0
		Narrow structure:	
		$B/H_i < 10$ (f)	
		Wide structure:	
		$B/H_i > 10$ (f)	
H _i	Incident wave height	0.1 – 10 (i)	≥0
		Narrow structure:	
		$B/H_i < 10$ (f)	
		Wide structure:	
		$B/H_i > 10$ (f)	
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	0.1 – 10 (i)	≥0
H_t	Transmitted wave height	0 – H _s (i)	0 – H _s
R_c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
	still water level		
Тр	Peak wave period	0.1 – 20 (i)	> 0
cot a	slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	$0^{\circ} \le \beta \le 90^{\circ}$ (i)	$0^{\circ} \le \beta \le 90^{\circ}$
ξ _p	Surf similarity parameter for peak period wave	0.5 – 6 (i)	> 0

The process of wave breaking over low crested structures will tend to reduce the mean wave period (each longer wave breaks to form typically 2-5 shorter waves). With a shorter mean period behind the structure (and possible local refraction effects), the DELOS project suggests (equation 8.3) that the mean obliquity behind the structure, β_t , will be around 0.8 of that in front of the structure, β_t .

$$\beta_t = 0.8\beta_i \tag{8.4}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
$oldsymbol{eta}_t$	Transmitted wave angle	[2]
$oldsymbol{eta}_i$	Incident wave angle	[2]

8.4 References

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9 Reflection

This equation yields for the wave reflection of regular waves from a smooth non-porous (impermeable) sloping structure. The equation was presented by Seeling and Ahrens (1981).

9.1 Equations

$$C_r = \frac{c \cdot \xi^2}{\left(d + \xi^2\right)} \tag{9.1}$$

$$C_r = \frac{H_{sr}}{H_i} \tag{9.2}$$

$$\xi = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_m^2}}} \tag{9.3}$$

according to Seeling and Ahrens (1981): c= 1.0 and d=5.5. According to Allsop (1990): c=0.96 and d=4.80. Allsop did use ξ_m for the breaker parameter.

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
C_r	Coefficient of wave reflection	[-]
ξ	Surf similarity parameter	[-]
С	coefficient	[-]
d	coefficient	[-]
H _i	Incident wave height	[m]
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
H _{sr}	Wave height after reflection	[m]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
α	slope angle	[2]

9.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
c, d, H_i , H_s , cot α , T_m	C_r , H_{sr} , ξ

9.3 Boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
С	coefficient	Seeling and Ahrens (1981): c=1.0 Allsop (1990): c=0.96	> 0
d	coefficient	Seeling and Ahrens (1981): d = 5.5 Allsop (1990): d=4.80	>0
H _{sr}	Wave height after reflection	0 - H _s (f)	0 - H _s
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
H _i	Incident wave height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
ξ	Surf similarity parameter	0.5 – 6 (i)	> 0
T _m	Mean wave period	0.1 – 20 (i)	> 0
cot a	slope angle 1:	1 – 10 (i)	> 0

9.4 References

SEELIG, W. N. and AHRENS, J. P. (1981) Estimation of wave reflection and energy coefficients for beaches, revetments and breakwaters, US Army Corps of Eng., Coastal Eng. Res. Center, Fort Belvoir, Technical Paper 81-1

ALLSOP, N.W.H. (1990) Reflection performance of rock armoured slopes in random waves, Proc 22nd ICCE 1990, Delft, ASCE

10 Seepage flow through rock

For estimating the seepage flows through rock structures the use of Darcy's Law (rule 26-1) is no longer appropriate because of the fully developed turbulent seepage that will occur through the rock. These formulae can be used for the determination of the velocity in the voids between the particles of stone. More important, with these formulae the flow rate that can be expected through a rock structure can be computed.

10.1 Equations

The velocity and flow through the rockfill can subsequently be calculated with:

$$U_{v} = K \cdot C_{U}^{-0.26} \cdot (2g \cdot eD_{50}i)$$
 (10.1)

$$C_{u} = D_{60}/D_{10} \tag{10.1.1}$$

$$e = n_v/(1-n_v)$$
 (10.1.2)

$$Q = U_{\nu} n_{\nu} A \tag{10.2}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
А	cross-sectional area	[m ²]
C _U	coefficient of uniformity	[-]
D ₁₀	Diameter of stone which exceeds the 10% value of sieve curve	[m]
D ₅₀	Diameter of stone which exceeds the 50% value of sieve curve	[m]
D ₆₀	Diameter of stone which exceeds the 60% value of sieve curve	[m]
е	voids ratio defined as the ratio of volume of the voids and total rockfill volume	[-]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
i	Gradient of (phreatic) water level	[-]
К	coefficient that depends on stone shape	[-]
n _v	Volumetric porosity of the medium	[-]
Q	Discharge through the rockfill	[m ³ /s]
U _v	velocity through the voids	[m/s]

10.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
K, D ₅₀ , D ₆₀ , D ₁₀ , i , n _v	U _v , e, C _U
K, A, D ₅₀ , D ₆₀ , D ₁₀ , i, n _v	U_{v} , e , C_{U} , Q

10.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
Α	cross-sectional area	10 - 1000 (i)	> 0
D ₁₀	Diameter of stone which exceeds the 10% value of sieve curve	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
D ₅₀	Diameter of stone which exceeds the 50% value of sieve curve	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
D ₆₀	Diameter of stone which exceeds the 60% value of sieve curve	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
е	voids ratio defined as the ratio of volume of the voids and total rockfill volume	0 – 6 (i)	> 0
i	Gradient of (phreatic) water level	1* 10 ⁻³ – 1 * 10 ⁻⁶	> 0
К	coefficient that depends on stone shape	K = 2.48 for crushed stone; (i)	> 0
		K = 3.32 for rounded stones (i)	
n _v	volumetric porosity	0 – 1 (i)	> 0
Q	Discharge through the rockfill	0.1 - 100	> 0

10.4 References

MARTINS, R and ESCARAMEIA, M (1987). Turbulent seepage flow (in Portuguese), $Proc. \ of \ 4^{Th} \ Luso-Brazilian \ Symposium \ on \ Hydraulics \ and \ Water \ Resources$, June 1989, Lisbon.

11 Damage to near bed structures

Near-bed structures are submerged structures with a relatively low crest compared with the water depth. The depth of submergence of these structures is enough to assume that wave breaking does not significantly affect the hydrodynamics around the structure.

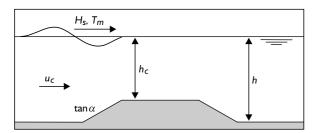


Figure 11.1: Definition sketch of a near-bed rubble mound structure

These formulae focus on the stability of near bed structures under waves, or waves in combination with a flowing current. The parameter predicted in these formulae is one that characterises the amount of material displaced from its original position.

11.1 Equations

To predict the amount of damage a mobility parameter (θ) is used. In these formulae there is no parameter that describes the influence of currents. Although there is an influence of currents on the amount of damage, available data show that this influence can be neglected within the following range: $u_c / \hat{u}_{\delta} < 2.2$ for $0.15 < \hat{u}_{\delta}^2 / (g\Delta D_{n50}) < 3.5$. Neglecting the effects of currents outside this range of currents cannot be justified.

$$\theta = g \left(\frac{1}{0.2} \frac{S}{N^{0.5}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \tag{11.1}$$

In equation 11.1 the following relations are applicable:

$$u = \hat{u}_{\delta} = \frac{\pi H_s}{T_m} \cdot \frac{1}{\sinh kh_c} \tag{11.1.2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{u^2}{g\Delta D_{n50}} \tag{11.1.3}$$

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{11.1.4}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{11.1.5}$$

$$k = 2\pi/L \tag{11.1.6}$$

$$L = \frac{gT_m^2}{2\pi} \tanh \frac{2\pi h}{L} \tag{11.1.7}$$

$$S = A_e / D_{n50}^2$$
 (11.1.8)

$$N = 3600 * t_r / T_m$$
 (11.1.9)

In which:

parameter	short description	unit
θ	Mobility parameter	[-]
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material of stone material	[-]
Ae	Erosion area on rock profile	[m ²]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ² }
h	Water depth	[m]
h _c	Armour crest level relative to sea bed	[m]
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
k	Wave number	[m ⁻¹]
L	Wave length	[m]
N	Number of waves	[-]
S	Stability parameter	[-]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	[hrs]
и	Local velocity	[m/s]
ûδ	Peak bottom velocity	[m/s]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m³]
$\rho_{\rm w}$	Mass density of water	[kg/m³]

11.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
$A_e,H_s,h,h_c\;,T_m,t_r,\rho_w\;,\rho_s$	<i>D_{n50}, M₅₀,</i> S, N

11.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
θ	Mobility parameter	0 – 10 (i)	> 0
A _e	Erosion area on rock profile	10 – 1000 (i)	> 0
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
h	Water depth	0.1 – 30 (i)	> 0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
h _c	Armour crest level relative to sea bed	H_s/h_c : 0.2 – 0.9 (f)	> 0
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
	of all waves height	H _s /h: 0.15 – 0.5 (f)	
N	Number of waves	1 -7500 (i)	> 0
S	Stability parameter	5 – 50 (i)	≥ 0
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	1 – 24 (i)	> 0
T _m	Mean wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
и	Local velocity	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
		$u_c / \hat{u}_{\delta} < 2.2$ (f)	
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
$\rho_{\rm w}$	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

11.4 References

Lomónaco, P. (1994), Design of rock cover for underwater pipelines, M.Sc.-thesis International Institute for Infrastructural, Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering, Delft, NL.

Wallast, I. and M.R.A. Van Gent (2002), Stability of near-bed structures under waves and currents, ASCE, Proceedings of 28th International Conference on Coastal Engineering, Cardiff, UK.

12a Submerged structures statically stable

Coastal structures exposed to direct wave attack can be classified by means of the stability number, N_s (=H/ ΔD_{n50}).

For submerged structures yields that the crest height lies below the still water level (R_c <0). For the design of submerged structures a distinction is made between statically stable and dynamically stable structures. In the case of submerged structures the waves do not only affect the stability of the front slope but also the stability of the crest and the rear slope. Therefore, the size of the armour units for these segments is more critical in the case of a submerged structure then for a non-overtopped structure.

The armour layer of a submerged can be divided in different segments. Figure 12a.1 shows an example: front slope (II), crest (II) and rear slope (III).

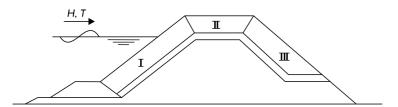


Figure 12a.1: division of top armour layer in several segments

Statically stable structures are structures where no or minor damage to the armour layer is allowed. The mass of individual units must be large enough to withstand the wave forces during design conditions.

12a.1 Equations

In equation 12a.1 the stability of the armour layer can be determined as a function of the incoming wave height and the wave length.

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = -\frac{1}{0.14} \left(\frac{H_s}{L_p} \right)^{1/3} \ln \left(\frac{d}{h} \frac{1}{(2.1 + 0.1 S_d)} \right)$$
(12a.1)

in which the damage level is approximated by

$$S = \frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}}$$
 (values in table 12a.1) (12a.1.1)

In equation 12a.2 the stability can be determined as a function of the relative crest height based on the ratio $R_{\text{c}}/D_{\text{n50}}$

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = A + B \frac{R_c}{D_{n50}} + C \left(\frac{R_c}{D_{n50}}\right)^2$$
 (12a.2)

in which A, B and C are constants which are shown in table 12a.2

In equation 12a.1 and 12a.2 the following relations are applicable:

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{12a.3}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{12a.4}$$

$$L_{p} = \frac{gT_{p}^{2}}{2\pi}$$
 (12a.5)

$$S_d = A_e / D_{n50}^2$$
 (12a.6)

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
A,B,C	coefficients	[-]
A _e	Erosion area on structure	[m ²]
d	Thickness of the armour layer	[m]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ² }
h	Water depth	[m]
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
L_p	Wave length of peak wave period	[m]
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
S	Stability parameter	[-]
S_d	Damage level	[-]
T_{ρ}	peak wave period	[s]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
$\rho_{\rm w}$	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

12a.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
Equation 12a.1	
H_s , ρ_w , ρ_s , d , h , $T_{\rho_s}A_e$	D _{n50} , M ₅₀ , S, S _d
Equation 12a.1	
H_s , ρ_w , ρ_s , R_c , A , B , C	D _{n50,} M ₅₀ , S

12a.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
A _e	Erosion area on rock profile	10 – 1000 (i)	> 0
d	Thickness of a armour layer	0.05 – 1.0 (i)	> 0
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
h	Water depth	0.1 – 30 (i)	> 0
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
S	Stability parameter	5 – 50 (i)	≥ 0
S _d	Damage level	0 – 20 (i)	> 0
T_{ρ}	peak wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
ρ _w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

Table 12a.1: approximate S-values for several segments of the breakwater during several damage levels.

Damage level	Front slope	Crest	Back slope	Total section
Initiation of damage	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.5
Iribarren's damage	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.5
Start of destruction	4.0	5.0	3.5	6.5
Destruction	9.0	10.0	-	12.0

The coefficients A, B and C depend on the segment of the breakwater and the damage level. Table 12a.2 shows the coefficients for initiation of damage according to Vidal (1999)

Table 12a.2: fitting coefficients of the stability curves for initiation of damage according to Vidal (1999)

Segment	A	В	С
Front slope	1.831	-0.2450	0.0119
Crest	1.652	0.0182	0.1590
Back slope	2.575	-0.5400	0.1150
Total section	1.544	-0.230	0.053

The coefficients of Vidal (1999) are considered valid for the experimental test conditions done by Vidal (1995) within the range shown in table 12a.3

Parameter	Symbol	Range
Front and rear slope angle	tan α	1:1.5
Relative buoyant density of material	Δ	1.65
Number of waves	N	2600 – 3000
Wave steepness	s_p	0.010 - 0.049
Non-dimensional freeboard	R_c / D_{n50}	-2.01 – 2.41
Non-dimensional crest width	B / D _{n50}	6.0
Non-dimensional structure height	d/D_{n50}	16 - 24
Stability parameter	$H_s/\Delta D_{n50}$	1.1 – 3.7

Kramer and Burcharth (2004) calibrated coefficients from Equation 12a.2 based on 3D physical model tests: A=1.36, B=-0.23 and C=0.06. The range of validity for these values are shown in table 12a.4

Table 12a.4: range of validity of equation 12a.2 with specified values for A, B and C according to Kramer and Burcharth (2004)

Parameter	Symbol	Range
Front and rear slope	tan α	1:1.5
Relative buoyant density of material	Δ	1.65
Number of waves	N	1000
Wave steepness	s_p	0.020 - 0.035
Non-dimensional freeboard	R _c / D _{n50}	-3.1 – 1.5
Non-dimensional crest width	B / D _{n50}	3.1 – 7.7
Non-dimensional structure height	d/D_{n50}	9.1
Angle of wave attack	θ	-20º - 20º
Stability parameter	$H_s/\Delta D_{n50}$	1.2 – 4.8

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12b Submerged structures dynamically stable

Coastal structures exposed to direct wave attack can be classified by means of the stability number, N_s (=H/ ΔD_{n50}).

For submerged structures yields that the crest height lies below the still water level (R_c <0). For the design of submerged structures a distinction is made between statically stable and dynamically stable structures. In the case of submerged structures the waves do not only affect the stability of the front slope but also the stability of the crest and the rear slope. Therefore, the size of the armour units for these segments is more critical in the case of a submerged structure then for a non-overtopped structure.

The armour layer of a submerged can be divided in different segments. Figure 12a.1 shows an example: front slope (II), crest (II) and rear slope (III).

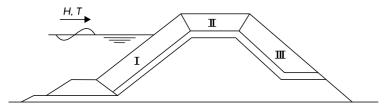


Figure 12a.1: division of top armour layer in several segments

Dynamically stable structures are reef-type structures consisting of homogeneous piles of stones without a filter layer or core. Some reshaping due to wave action is allowed for these structures. The analysis of stability concentrates on the change in crest height due to the wave attack.

12b.1 Equations

The crest height (d) after wave attack can be described by:

$$d = \sqrt{A_t \cdot e^{-aN_s^*}} \tag{12b.1}$$

if equation 12b.1 lead to d>d₀, then d₀ should be kept equal to d₀.

in which:

$$a = -0.028 + 0.045C_0 + 0.034 \frac{d_0}{h} - 6.10^{-9} B_n^2$$
(12b.2)

$$N_{s}^{*} = N_{s} \cdot \left(\frac{H_{s}}{L_{p}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{H_{s}}{\Delta D_{n50}} \cdot \left(\frac{H_{s}}{L_{p}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$
 (12b.3)

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{12b.4}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{12b.5}$$

$$L_{p} = \frac{gT_{p}^{2}}{2\pi}$$
 (12b.6)



$$C_0 = A_t / d_0^2$$
 (12b.7)

$$B_n = A_t / D_{n50}^{2} ag{12b.8}$$

$$N_s = H/\Delta D_{n50} \tag{12b.9}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
A_t	Area of structure cross-section	[m ²]
B _n	Bulk number (cross-section of stones)	[-]
Co	Response slope as built	[-]
d	Crest height after wave attack	[m]
<i>d</i> ₀	Original crest height before wave attack	[m]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
h	Water depth	[m]
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
Lp	Wave length of peak wave period	[m]
N [*] s	Spectral (or modified) stability number	[-]
Ns	Stability number	[-]
Tp	peak wave period	[s]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρs	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

12b.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
$A_t,H_s,T_p,d_o,h,\rho_s,\rho_w$	d, \mathbf{D}_{n50} , C_0 , B_n , M_{50} , N_s , N_s

12b.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
A_t	Area of structure cross-section	10 – 1000 (i)	>0
Bn	Bulk number (cross-section of stones)	200 – 3500	> 0
C ₀	Response slope as built	1.5 – 3.0	> 0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
d	Crest height after wave attack	$0 - d_0$ (i)	< d ₀
d ₀	Original crest height before wave attack	0.5 – 30 (i)	> 0
		$d_0/h = 0.8 - 1.4$ (f)	
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
h	Water depth	0.1 – 30 (i)	> 0
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
Ns	Stability number	3 – 6	> 0
Tp	peak wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
ρs	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

12b.4 References

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13 Low crested structures

For low-crested structures yields that the crest height lies above the still water level ($R_c>0$). Due to this a part of the wave energy can pass over the breakwater. Therefore, the size or mass of the material at the front slope of a low-crested structure might be smaller than on a non-overtopped structure. However, because of a larger influence of the waves on the stability of the crest and rear-side of a low-crested structure, the size of the armour units for these segments in the case of overtopped structures is more critical compared to non-overtopped structures.

The stability of a statically stable low-crested structure can be related to the stability of a non-overtopped structure. It is advised to take great care when reducing the armour weight of a low-crested breakwater.

13.1 Equations

General rules are not available yet for low-crested structures. The following rule of thumb can be used to obtain a first estimate of the nominal diameter of the stones in a conceptual design phase:

for
$$\frac{H_s}{h}$$
 < 0.6 and $\cot \alpha_s > 100$ and Δ = 1.61 yields

$$D_{n50} > 0.33h \tag{13.1}$$

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{13.1.1}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{13.1.2}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
α_{s}	Slope angle of the foreshore	[º]
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
h	Water depth at toe of structure	[m]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

13.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
h, H _s , ρ_w , ρ_s , cot α_s	D _{n50} , M ₅₀

13.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
$\cot \alpha_s$	Foreshore slope angle 1:	$\cot \alpha_s > 100$ (f)	> 0
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
h	Water depth at toe of structure	0.1 – 30 (i)	> 0
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
ρ _w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

Equation 13.1 is valid for the ranges mentioned in table 13.1.

Table 13.1: Ranges of test conditions used by Burger (1995)

Parameter	Symbol	Range
Front slope angle	tan α	1:1.5
Rear slope angle	tan α	1:2
Relative buoyant density of material	Δ	1.61
Number of waves	N	1000 – 3000
Wave steepness	S_p	0.010 - 0.036
Non-dimensional freeboard	R_c / D_{n50}	-2.9 – 3.0
Non-dimensional crest width	B / D _{n50}	8.0
Non-dimensional structure height	d/D_{n50}	9 - 15
Stability parameter	$H_s/\Delta D_{n50}$	1.4 - 4.0

13.4 References

Burger, G. (1995), Stability of low-crested breakwaters, Stability of front, crest and rear, Influence of rock shape and gradation, MSc-thesis, WL | Delft Hydraulics (report H1878/H2415) and Delft University of Technology

14 Rock armour layers

This section focuses on the stability of rock armour layers on the seaward side of structures under wave attack, such as revetments and breakwaters. These structures have such a crest elevation that the stability of the front slope is not affected by a large amount of wave transmission, wave overtopping, damage to the crest, or damage at the rear-side of the structure. In this section the stability formulae developed by Hudson (1953), van der Meer (1988) and van Gent et al. (2003) will be treated.

14.1 Equations

The original Hudson formula (1953,1959), a stability formula for rock armour structures, was based on model tests with regular waves on non-overtopped rock structures with a permeable core. The formula gives the relationship between the median weight of

Armourstone and the wave height at the toe of the structure and the various relevant structural parameters.

$$W_{50} = \frac{\rho_a g H^3}{K_D \Delta^3 \cot \alpha}$$

in which:

K_D = stability coefficient (-)

 ρ_a = armour rock density (kg/m3)

 α = angle of armour slope (-).

W₅₀=median weight of armour stone (N)

H = wave height at the toe of the structure (m)

 Δ = Relative buoyant density of material (-)

The values given for K_D for rough, angular, randomly placed rock in two layers on a breakwater trunk were K_D = 3.5 for "breaking waves on the foreshore", and K_D = 4.0 for "non-breaking waves on the foreshore".

The original Hudson formula (1953, 1959) did have some limitations:

- the use of regular waves only
- no account of the wave period and the storm duration
- no description of the damage level
- the use of non-overtopped and permeable structures only.

These limitations occurred to generate relatively large differences between predictions and the actual situation. Therefore the original Hudson formula is rewritten in terms of the stability number and using $H_{1/10} = 1.27 \ H_s$. The rewritten Hudson formula gives the relationship between this stability parameter and the structure slope and the stability coefficient, K_D . The armour stone size can be calculated by using equation 14.1:

Equation 14.1 yields for damage level, D=0-5%, and $K_D=2$ (breaking waves) or $K_D=4$ (non-breaking waves).

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = \frac{(K_D \cot \alpha)^{1/3}}{1.27} \tag{14.1}$$

in which:

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{14.1.1}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{14.1.2}$$

Equation 14.1 yields for a fixed damage level of 0 to 5%. The armour stone size that yields for higher damage percentages can be determined by making use of table 14.1. It is also possible to derive equation 14.1 such that it can be used for damage levels described by the parameter S_d (van der Meer, 1988).

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = 0.7 \cdot (K_D \cot \alpha)^{1/3} \cdot S_d^{0.15}$$
(14.2)

$$S_d = \frac{A_e}{D_{n50}^2} \tag{14.2.1}$$

The limits of S_d can be determined by table 14.2. The range of validity of equation 14.2 is given by table 14.3.

The parameters mentioned in equation 14.1 and 14.2 are:

parameter	short description	unit
α	Slope angle	[º]
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
A _e	Erosion area on structure	[m ²]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
K _D	Stability coefficient	[-]
M ₅₀	Mass of a armour unit that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
S_d	Damage level	[-]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m³]
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	[kg/m³]

Table 14.1 shows Hs/Hs;D = 0 as a function of the damage percentage D. H_s is the (significant) design wave height corresponding to damage D and H_s ,D = 0 is the design wave height corresponding to 0 to 5% damage, generally referred to as "no damage" condition.

Armour	Relative	Damage D	Damage D (per cent) 1) with corresponding damage level S _d					
type	wave	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50
	height	(S _d =2)	(S _d =6)	(S _d =10)	(S _d =14)	(S _d =20)	(S _d =28)	(S _d =36)
Quarry stone (smooth)	H _s /H _{s;D=0}	1.00	1.08	1.14	1.20	1.29	1.41	1.54
Quarry stone (rough)	H _s /H _{s;D=0}	1.00	1.08	1.19	1.27	1.37	1.47	1.56 ²⁾

Table 14.1: Hs/Hs;D=0 as a function of armour layer damage and armour type

- 1) All values for breakwater trunk, randomly placed armour in two layers and non-breaking waves on the foreshore
- 2) Extrapolated value.

The damage levels, Sd, can be characterised as follows:

start of damage; corresponding to "no damage" (D = 0-5%) in the formula by Hudson (1953, 1959)

- intermediate damage
- failure; corresponding to reshaping of the armour layer such that the filter layer under the armour stone in a double layer is visible.

The limits of S_d depend mainly on the slope angle of the structure. For armour stone in a double layer the values in table 14.2 can be used.

slope	Damage level S _d (-)				
Cot α	Start of damage	Intermediate damage	failure		
1.5	2	3 – 5	8		
2	2	4 – 6	8		
3	2	6- 9	12		
4	3	8 – 12	17		
6	3	8 – 12	17		

Table 14.2: Design values of Sd for armour stone in a double layer

The range of validity of the formula of Van der Meer (1988) is given in table 14.3. The formula yields for deep water conditions with standard single-peaked wave energy spectra at the toe of the structure. 'Deep water' is for the purpose of the validity of these formulae defined as: the water depth at the toe of the structure is larger than 3 times the significant wave height at the toe: htoe > 3Hs-toe (when the water depth at the toe of the structure becomes smaller than 3 times the significant wave height at the toe, the conditions are no longer regarded as deep water).

Parameter	Symbol	Range
Slope angle	tan α	1:6 - 1:1.5
Relative buoyant density of	Δ	1 – 2.1 1)
material.		
Number of waves	N	< 7500
Wave steepness	S _m	0.01 - 0.06
Surf-similarity parameter using Tm	ξm	0.7 - 7
Relative water depth at the toe	ht _{oe} /H _{s-toe}	> 3 2)
Permeability parameter	P	0.1-0.6
Grading of armour rock	D _{n85} /D _{n15}	< 2.5
Stability parameter	$H_s/\Delta D_{n50}$	1 - 4
Damage – storm duration ratio	S_d / \sqrt{N}	< 0.9
Damage level	S_d	1 < <i>Sd</i> < 20

Table 14.3: Range of validity of parameters in formulae Van der Meer (1988)

Notes:

- 1) For higher values of the buoyant density (up to . . 3.5) the validity of the stability formulae is restricted to structures with front slopes with cot \acute{a} = 2 (see Helgason & Burcharth (2005)
- 2) This ratio representing the area of research, the range of validity ('for deep water') can also be approximated by: Hs-toe > 0.9Hso (ie hardly any wave breaking)

For deep water conditions Van der Meer (1988) derived formulae to predict the stability of rock armour in uniform rock slopes with crests above the maximum run-up level. These formulae are already described in Cress.

But for shallow water conditions the wave load changes. In shallow water conditions the distribution of the wave heights changes, the shape of the spectrum changes and the wave itself becomes more peaked and skewed.



In order to take the effect of these changes into account, the stability of the armour layer for shallow water conditions would be better described by using the 2% wave height, $H_{2\%}$, than by the significant wave height, H_s . The formulae for deep water conditions of Van der Meer (1988) can be rewritten to formulae yielding for shallow water conditions by making use of the known ratio of $H_{2\%}/H_s = 1.4$.

For plunging conditions $(\xi_{s-1,0} < \xi_c)$:

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = c_{pl} \cdot P^{0.18} \left(\frac{S_d}{\sqrt{N}}\right)^{0.2} \left(\frac{H_s}{H_{2\%}}\right) \cdot \xi_{s-1,0}^{-0.5}$$
(14.3)

For surging conditions $(\xi_{s-1,0} \ge \xi_c)$:

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = c_s \cdot P^{-0.13} \left(\frac{S_d}{\sqrt{N}}\right)^{0.2} \left(\frac{H_s}{H_{2\%}}\right) \cdot \sqrt{\cot \alpha} \cdot \xi_{s-1,0}^{-0.5}$$
(14.4)

with:

$$\xi_{s-1,0} = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{g(T_{m-1,0})^2}}}$$
(14.4.1)

$$N = 3600 * t_r / T_m$$

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{14.4.3}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{14.4.4}$$

The transition from plunging to surging waves can be calculated with equation 14.5 using a critical value of the surf similarity parameter.

$$\xi_{c} = \left[\frac{c_{pl}}{c_{s}} P^{0.31} \sqrt{\tan \alpha} \right]^{\frac{1}{P+0.5}}$$
 (14.5)

The parameters mentioned in equation 14.3 to 14.5 are:

parameter	short description	Unit
α	Slope angle	[º]
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
A _e	Erosion area on structure	[m ²]
C _{pl}	Coefficient for plunging conditions	[-]
Cs	Coefficient for surging conditions	[-]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]

parameter	short description	Unit
H _{2%}	wave height exceeded by 2% of the incident waves at the toe	[m]
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
K _D	Stability coefficient	[-]
M ₅₀	Mass of a armour unit that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
N	Number of waves	[-]
Р	Permeability parameter	[-]
S_d	Damage level	[-]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	[s]
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	[hrs]
ξ _c	Critical value of the surf-similarity parameter	[-]
ξ _{s-1,0}	surf-similarity parameter using the spectral wave period Tm-1,0	[-]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m³]
$\rho_{\rm w}$	Mass density of water	[kg/m³]

If no accurate information on the wave period $T_{m-1,0}$ and the ratio $H_{2\%}/H_s$ is available, the formulae of Van Gent (2003) can be used in stead of the formulae of Van der Meer. The data-set described in Van Gent $et\ al\ (2003)$ mainly includes conditions with shallow and very foreshores (ie $1.25 < h_{toe}/H_{s-toe} = 3$) and gently-sloping foreshores (1:30 and more gentle). Equation 14.6 leads to almost the same accuracy as equations 14.3 and 14.4. The simple stability formula as derived by Van Gent $et\ al\ (2003)$:

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = 1.75 \cot \alpha^{0.5} \left(1 + D_{n50-core} / D_{n50} \right) \left(\frac{S}{\sqrt{N}} \right)^{1/5}$$
 (14.6)

 $N = 3600 * t_r / T_m$

(14.6.1)

$$S = A_e / D_{n50}^2$$
 (14.6.2)

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{14.6.3}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{14.6.4}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	Unit
α	Slope angle	[º]
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
A _e	Erosion area on structure	[m ²]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]

parameter	short description	Unit
D _{n50-core}	Nominal mean diameter of core material	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
M ₅₀	Mass of a armour unit that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
N	Number of waves	[-]
S	Stability parameter	[-]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	[hrs]
ρs	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
$\rho_{\rm w}$	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

Table 14.4 shows the range of validity of the various parameters used in the Van der Meer formulae for shallow water conditions (14.3 and 14.4). These ranges of validity yield also for the formula of Van gent (2003).

Parameter	Symbol	Range
Slope angle	tan α	1:4 – 1:2
Number of waves	N	< 3000
Wave steepness based on T_m	Sm	0.01 - 0.06
Surf-similarity parameter using T_m	ξ_m	1 - 5
Surf-similarity parameter using $T_{m-1,0}$	ξ _{s-1,0}	1.3 – 6.5
Wave height ratio	H _{2%} /H _s	1.2 – 1.4
Deep water height over depth	H ₅₀ /h _{toe}	0.25 – 1.5
Grading armour material	D_{n85}/D_{n15}	1.4 – 2.
Core material	D _{n50-core} /D _{n50}	0 – 0.3
Stability parameter	$H_s/\Delta D_{n50}$	0.5 – 4.5
Damage level	S _d	< 30

Table 14.4: Range of validity of Van der Meer formulae for shallow water conditions.

It is not possible to compute cpl and cs, because also the peakedness and skewness of the waves change. Therefore, these coefficients have to be determined using tests with shallow water conditions. On the basis of the tests of Van Gent et al. (2003) one may determine the coefficients cpl and cs by regression analysis. The coefficient for "best fit", 5% and 10% exceedance are given in table 14.5.

Coefficie	ent Average	Standard deviation,	Value to determine	Value to determine
	value, µ	σ, of the coefficient	5% limit, = μ -1.64σ	10% limit, = μ-1.28σ
C _{pl}	8.4	0.7	7.25	7.5
Cs	1.3	0.15	1.05	1.1

Table 14.5: Coefficients for "best fit, $\,$ 5% and 10% exceedance limit" for equation 14.3 and 14.4

Equations 14.1 to 14.6 are based on damage occurring during the peak of one, single storm. Especially for maintenance it is sometimes needed to determine the cumulative damage over a number of storms. A method to compute the cumulative damage is presented by Melby (2001).



This formula is based on laboratory tests with a limited range of validity. Important is that the tested range of surf similarity parameters is between 2 and 4 and that the ratio $D_{n50-armour}/D_{n50-filter} = 2.9$.

$$S(t_n) = S(t_0) + a \frac{N_{s0,n}^5}{T_{m,n}^b} \left((3600 \cdot t_n)^b - (3600 \cdot t_0)^b \right)$$
(14.7)

$$N_s = H_s / \Delta D_{n50}$$

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{14.7.2}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{14.7.3}$$

In which:

parameter	short description	Unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
а	coefficient determined in experiments	[-]
ь	coefficient determined in experiments	[-]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
M ₅₀	Mass of a armour unit that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
n	time counter	[-]
Ns	respective stability number based on the significant wave height	[-]
S(t0)	damage at time t0	[-]
S(tn)	damage at time tn	[-]
t_0	duration time of storm to reach a damage S(t0)	[hrs]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
t _n	duration time of additional storm	[hrs]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m³]
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

The influence of **ship-induced waves** on the stability of rock slopes has been investigated by Boeters *et al* (1993). Although wind- and ship-induced waves have much in common, the problem is to define appropriate values for N, H and $\hat{\imath}$. The number of waves (N) is equal to the number of passages of relevant types of ships during the total life time of the structure. The corresponding ship wave is set equivalent to $H_{2\%}$. It is also important to note that damage due to different waves can be superimposed.

$$\frac{H_{2\%}}{\Delta D_{n50}} 8.2 P^{0.18} \left(\frac{S_d}{\sqrt{N}}\right)^{0.2} \xi^{-0.5}$$
 (14.8)

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{14.8.1}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{14.8.2}$$

 $H_{2\%}$ is the maximum of the interference peaks Hi

$$H_i = 1.2\alpha_i h(y_s/h)^{-1/3} V_s^4/(gh)$$
 (14.8.1)

 ξ is based on H_i and L_i ,

$$\xi = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{H_i}{L_i}}} \tag{14.8.2}$$

$$L_i = \frac{4\pi V_s^2}{3g} \tag{14.8.3}$$

Equation 14.9 yields for the influence of **transversal stern waves** on the stability of rock slopes. Equation 14.9 gives the stability relationship between the height of the stern wave, z_{max} (m), and the structural parameters. For design purposes z_{max} / ΔD_{n50} should be 2 to 3.

$$\frac{z_{\text{max}}}{\Delta D_{50}} = 1.5 (\cot \alpha)^{1/3}$$
 (14.9)

$$D_{n50} = 0.84D_{50} \tag{14.9.1}$$

In which:

parameter	short description	Unit
α	Slope angle	[º]
α_{i}	coefficient depending on the type of ship	[-]
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
D ₅₀	mean diameter	[m]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
h	water depth	[m]
H _{2%}	wave height exceeded by 2% of the incident waves at the toe	[m]

parameter	short description	Unit
H _i	interference wave height	[m]
Li	interference wave length	[m]
M ₅₀	Mass of a armour unit that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
N	the number of passages of relevant types of ships during the total life time of the structure	[-]
Р	parameter to take the influence of the permeability of the structure into account	[-]
S_d	Damage level	[-]
Vs	velocity of the ship	[m/s]
y _s	distance to the bank normal to the sailing line	[m]
Z _{max}	height of the stern wave	[m]
ξ	surf-similarity parameter	[-]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

14.2 input and output parameters

Equation	Input:	Output:
14.1 & 14.2	$H_s, \rho_w, \rho_s, K_D, \cot \alpha, S_d$	D _{n50} , M ₅₀
14.3 & 14.4	$H_s, \rho_w, \rho_s, \cot \alpha, S_d, c_{pl}, c_s, P, t_r, T_m, H_{2\%}, T_{m-1,0}$	D _{n50} , M ₅₀
14.5	a, c _{pl} , c _s , P	ξ _c
14.6	$H_s, \rho_w, \rho_s, S, t_r, T_m, \alpha$	D _{n50} , M ₅₀
14.7	$S(t_0), H_s, D_{n50}, \rho_w, \rho_s, a, b, t_n, t_o T_m,$	S(t _n)
14.8	A_i , h , y_s , V_s , ρ_w , ρ_s , $\cot \alpha$, S_d , P , N , H_i , α_i	D _{n50} , M ₅₀
14.9	Z_{max} , ρ_w , ρ_s , $cot \alpha$	D _{n50} , M ₅₀

14.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
cot $lpha$	Armour slope angle 1 :	1- 10 (i) Table 14.3 or 14.4 (f)	> 0
α_{i}	coefficient depending on the type of ship	α_i =1.0 for tugs and recreational craft and loaded conventional ships (f)	$\alpha_i > 0$

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
		$\alpha_i = 0.35$ for	
		unloaded conventional ships (f)	
		α_i = 0.5 for unloaded	
		push units (f)	
а	coefficient determined in experiments	0.025 (f)	>0
A _e	Erosion area on structure	10 – 1000 (i)	>0
b	coefficient determined in experiments	0.25 (f)	>0
C _{pl}	Coefficient for plunging conditions	Table 14.5 (f)	>0
Cs	Coefficient for surging conditions	Table 14.5 (f)	>0
D ₅₀	mean diameter	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
D _{n50-core}	Nominal mean diameter of core material	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
		Table 14.4 (f)	
h	Water depth	0.1 – 30 (i)	> 0
H _{2%}	wave height exceeded by 2% of the incident	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
	waves at the toe	deep water:	
		H2% /Hs = 1.4 (f)	
		Table 14.4 (f)	
H _i	interference wave height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
K _D	Stability coefficient	Breaking waves	>0
		$K_D = 2 (f)$	
		Non-breaking waves	
		$k_D = 4 (f)$	
N	the number of passages of relevant types of ships during the total life time of the structure	N = 2000 (f)	> 0
N	Number of waves	1 – 7500	>0
		Table 14.3 or 14.4 (f)	
Р	Permeability parameter	0.1 – 0.6 (i)	>0
		Table 14.3	
S	Stability parameter	3-12 (i)	>0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
		Table 14.2	
<i>S(</i> t0)	damage at time t0	1 – 36 (i)	>0
\mathcal{S}_d	Damage level	1-36 (i)	>0
		Table 14.1, 14.3 or 14.4 (f)	
t_0	duration time of storm to reach a damage $S(t0)$	1 – 24 (i)	>0
T _m	Mean wave period	1-20 (i)	>0
T _{m-1,0}	a spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	1-20 (i)	
t _n	duration time of additional storm	1 – 24 (i)	>0
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	1 – 24 (i)	>0
Vs	velocity of the ship	0.1 – 7.5 (i)	>0
Уs	distance to the bank normal to the sailing line	5 – 500 (i)	>0
Z _{max}	height of the stern wave	0.1 – 3 (i)	>0
ξ	surf-similarity parameter	1-5 (i)	>0
		Table 14.3 or 14.4 (f)	
ξ _{s-1,0}	surf-similarity parameter using the spectral	1-5 (i)	>0
	wave period <i>Tm</i> -1,0	Table 14.3 or 14.4 (f)	
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

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15 Cubes

The design of concrete armour layers generally follows the approach for rock armouring. Various approaches have been developed for concrete armour layer to provide hydraulic stable armour layers. Concrete units obtain their stability in different ways; using their own weight, using interlocking between adjoining units or using friction between the individual units. Cubes obtain their hydraulic stability mainly from their own weight.

15.1 Equations

For wave attack the dimensions of cubes used in a double layer can be calculated from equation 15.1 (Van der Meer, 1988).

For cubes used in a double layer on a 1:1.5 slope with $3 < \xi_m < 6$:

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_n} = \left(6.7 \frac{N_{od}^{0.4}}{N^{0.3}} + 1.0\right) s_m^{-0.1} \tag{15.1}$$

For wave attack the hydraulic stability of cubes used in a single layer can be described by equation 15.2 and 15.3 (Van Gent et al., 1999, 2001 and 2003).

$$s_m = 2\pi H_s / g T_m^2 \tag{15.1.1}$$

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{15.1.2}$$

$$N = 3600^* t_r / T_m \tag{15.1.3}$$

$$M = \rho_s D_n^3 \tag{15.1.4}$$

Start of damage ($N_{od} = 0$):

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_n} = 2.0 - 3.0 \tag{15.2}$$

Failure ($N_{od} = 0.2$):

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_n} = 3.0 - 3.5 \tag{15.3}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
D _n	Nominal diameter of armour units	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
N	Number of waves	[-]

parameter	short description	
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	[-]
S _m	Wave steepness for mean wave period	[-]
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	[hrs]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
М	Mass of a stone	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ _w	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

15.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
H_s , ρ_w , ρ_s , N_{od} , t_r , T_m ,	D _n , M

15.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
D _n	Nominal diameter of armour units	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
N	Number of waves	1 -7500 (i)	> 0
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	0.1 – 3 (i) table 15.1 (f)	> 0
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	1 – 24 (i)	> 0
T _m	Mean wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
ρ _w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

Typical values of $N_{\text{od}}\,\text{and}\,\,N_{\text{d}}\,\text{for certain damage levels are listed in table 15.1}$

Table 15.1: characteristic damage levels for various types of concrete armour units

Armour typo	Damage	Damage level		
Armour type	number	Start of damage	Intermediate damage	Failure
Cube		0.5	_	2
Tetrapod	Nod	0.5	_	1.5
Accropode		> 0	_	> 0.5
Cube		_	4%	_
Dolos	N _d	0% – 2%	_	≥ 15%
Accropode		0%	1% – 5%	≥ 10%

15.4 References

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16 Tetrapods

The design of concrete armour layers generally follows the approach for rock armouring. Various approaches have been developed for concrete armour layer to provide hydraulic stable armour layers. Concrete units obtain their stability in different ways; using their own weight, using interlocking between adjoining units or using friction between the individual units. Tetrapods obtain their hydraulic stability mainly from their own weight and interlocking between adjoining units.

16.1 Equations

For wave attack the dimensions of tetrapods used in a double layer system can be calculated from equation 16.1 (Van der Meer, 1988). The stability decreases with increasing wave steepness.

For tetrapods used in a double layer system on a 1:1.5 slope with $3 < \xi_m < 6$ and non-depth limited wave conditions:

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_n} = \left(3.75 \cdot \left(\frac{N_{od}}{\sqrt{N}}\right)^{0.5} + 0.85\right) s_m^{-0.2}$$
 (surging waves) (16.1)

$$s_m = 2\pi H_s / g T_m^2 \tag{16.1.1}$$

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_{ss}) - 1 \tag{16.1.2}$$

$$N = 3600^* t_r / T_m \tag{16.1.3}$$

$$M = \rho_s D_n^{3} \tag{16.1.4}$$

For plunging waves yields (De Jong, 1996):

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_n} = \left(8.6 \cdot \left(\frac{N_{od}}{\sqrt{N}}\right)^{0.5} + 3.94\right) s_m^{0.2}$$
 (plunging waves)

Formulae 15.1, 16.1 and 16.2 regard to almost non-overtopped slopes. De Jong (1996) introduced a factor that increases the stability number with respect to structures with a lower crest height. De Jong (1996) also introduced a coefficient that takes the influence of the packing density on the stability of tetrapods armour layers into account.

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_n} = \left(8.6 \cdot \left(\frac{N_{od}}{\sqrt{N}}\right)^{0.5} + 2.64k_t + 1.25\right) s_m^{0.2} \left(1 + 1.07e^{-0.061\frac{R_c}{D_n}}\right) \quad \text{(plunging waves)}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
D _n	Nominal diameter of armour units	[m]

parameter	short description	unit
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
<i>k</i> _t	Layer thickness coefficient	[-]
N	Number of waves	[-]
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	[-]
Rc	Crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
S _m	Wave steepness for mean wave period	[-]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	[hrs]
М	Mass of a stone	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

16.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
Plunging waves (Van der Meer, 1988):	
$H_s, \rho_w, \rho_s, N_{od}, t_r, T_m,$	D _n , M
Plunging waves (de Jong, 1996):	
H_s , ρ_w , ρ_s , N_{od} , t_r , T_m , k_t , R_c	D _n , M
Surging waves (de Jong, 1996):	
H_s , Δ , N_{od} , N , H , T_m	D _n , M

16.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
Dn	Nominal diameter of armour units	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
K _t	Layer thickness coefficient	Tetrapods: k _i =1.02	
N	Number of waves	1 - 7500 (i)	> 0
Nod	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	0.1 – 3 (i) table 16.1 (f)	> 0
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	1 – 24 (i)	> 0
T _m	Mean wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
ρ _w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

Typical values of N_{od} and N_{d} for certain damage levels are listed in table 16.1. More information on the influence of the crest height and packing density for tetrapods is also made by Van der Meer (Pilarczyk ed, 1998).

Table 16.1: characteristic damage levels for various types of concrete armour units

A	Damage	Damage level		
Armour type	number	Start of damage	Intermediate damage	Failure
Cube		0.5	_	2
Tetrapod	Nod	0.5	_	1.5
Accropode		> 0	_	> 0.5
Cube		_	4%	_
Dolos	N _d	0% – 2%	_	≥ 15%
Accropode		0%	1% – 5%	≥ 10%

16.4 References

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17 Dolosse

The design of concrete armour layers generally follows the approach for rock armouring. Various approaches have been developed for concrete armour layer to provide hydraulic stable armour layers. Concrete units obtain their stability in different ways; using their own weight, using interlocking between adjoining units or using friction between the individual units. Dolosses obtain their hydraulic stability mainly from interlocking between adjoining units.

17.1 Equations

For wave attack the dimensions of Dolosse used on a non-overtopped slope with 0.32 < r < 0.42; $0.61 < \phi < 1$ yields (Burchart and Liu (1992):

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_n} = (17 - 26r)\phi^{2/3} N_{od}^{1/3} N^{-0.1}$$
(17.1)

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{17.1.2}$$

$$N = 3600*t_r/T_m$$
 (17.1.3)

$$M = \rho_s D_n^{3} \tag{17.1.4}$$

for Dolosse with packing densities in the range of 0.83 < ϕ < 1.15 (Holtzhausen, 1996):

$$N_{od} = 6.95 \cdot 10^{-5} \left(\frac{H_s}{\Delta^{0.74} D_n} \right)^7 \phi^{1.51}$$
 (17.2)

Equation 17.2 implies that if the packing ratio decreases, the damage will also decrease. This means that lower packing densities are more stable than higher densities. Holtzhausen (1996) present the following approximation of the damage number for Dolosse at failure (for $\phi < 1.15$):

$$N_{od_{-}f} = 10.87\phi - 6.2 \tag{17.3}$$

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
φ	packing density	[-]
Dn	Nominal diameter of armour units	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	[m]
N	Number of waves	[-]
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	[-]
N_{od_f}	damage number at failure.	[-]

parameter	short description	unit
r	Dolos waist ratio	[-]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	[hrs]
М	Mass of a stone	[kg]
ρ_s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ_w	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

17.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
$H_s, \rho_w, \rho_s, N_{od}, t_r, T_m, r, \phi$	D _n , M
φ	N_{od_f}

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
φ	packing density		
Dn	Nominal diameter of armour units	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
Hs	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
N	Number of waves	1 -7500 (i) If N >3000 then use N = 3000 (f)	> 0
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	0.1 – 3 (i) table 17.1 (f)	> 0
N_{od_f}	damage number at failure.	0.5 – 3 (i)	> N _{od}
r	Dolos waist ratio		
T _m	Mean wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	1 – 24 (i)	> 0
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> P _w
ρ_w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

Typical values of N_{od} and N_{d} for certain damage levels are listed in table 17.1

Table 17.1: characteristic damage levels for various types of concrete armour units

A 4	Damage	Damage level		
Armour type	number	Start of damage	Intermediate damage	Failure
Cube		0.5	_	2
Tetrapod	N _{od}	0.5	_	1.5
Accropode		> 0	_	> 0.5
Cube		_	4%	_
Dolos	N _d	0% – 2%	_	≥ 15%
Accropode		0%	1% – 5%	≥ 10%

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18 Accropode and xBlocs

The design of concrete armour layers generally follows the approach for rock armouring. Various approaches have been developed for concrete armour layer to provide hydraulic stable armour layers. Concrete units obtain their stability in different ways; using their own weight, using interlocking between adjoining units or using friction between the individual units. Accropodes and Xblocs obtain their hydraulic stability mainly from interlocking between adjoining units.

An Xbloc is a simple and robust breakwater armour unit. The units have great hydraulic stability in the armour layer. Results of tests show that the stability coefficients of the Xblocs are the same for non-breaking and breaking waves. For more information about the xbloc, see www.xbloc.com.

18.1 Equations

Accropode and Xbloc are designed for zero damage under design conditions. The Accropode and Xbloc armour should be placed on 1:1.5 or 1:1.33 slopes. If necessary the units can be also applied on 1:2 slopes. The hydraulic stability of accropods and Xblocs are not influenced by storm duration or wave period. The following stability numbers shall be used for concept design:

 $H_s/\Delta D_n = 2.7$ and 2.5 for trunk sections (non-breaking and breaking waves) $H_s/\Delta D_n = 2.5$ and 2.3 for roundhead (non-breaking and breaking waves)

 $H_s/\Delta D_n = 2.8$ for trunk sections (non-breaking and breaking waves) $H_s/\Delta D_n = 2.6$ for roundhead (non-breaking and breaking waves).

In which:

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{18.2.1}$$

$$M = \rho_s D_n^3 \tag{18.2.2}$$

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
Dn	Nominal diameter of armour units	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
М	Mass of a stone	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ_w	Mass density of water	[kg/m³]

Note that that the term "breaking waves" does not refer to wave breaking on the breakwater slope but to a depth limited situation at the breakwater toe (i.e. wave breaking on the foreshore and depth limited waves at the structure).

For steep foreshore a 10% reduction of the stability should be considered as a rough guidance. The stability of Xbloc and Accropode has been tested only for typical concrete densities (about 2300 – 2400 kg/m³). The hydraulic stability of high density single layer armour units is uncertain and most probably not correctly predicted by the stability number. As the stability depends mainly on interlocking (and not on armour unit weight) the effect of high density concrete might be overestimated

Table 18.1: design values for the stability numbers for accropodes and xblocs

Armour type	Stability number <i>H_s</i> /∆ <i>D_n</i>			References / remarks	
	Trunk		Head	Head	
	Non-breaking waves	Breaking waves	Non-breaking waves	Breaking waves	
Accropode	2.7 (15)	2.5 (12)	2.5 (11.5)	2.3 (9.5)	Sogreah (2000) 7,8)
Xbloc	2.8 (16.0)		2.6 (13.0)		DMC (2003) 7,8)
⁷⁾ in brackets: corresponding Hudson stability coefficient (K _D) for a 1:1.33 slope					
8) stability does not increase on slopes gentler than 1:2, a further 10% reduction of stability numbers is recommended for situations with depth-limited wave heights in combination with steep foreshore slopes					

18.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
Accropods and Xblocs:	
H_s , ρ_w , ρ_s	D _n , M

18.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
Dn	Nominal diameter of armour units	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
H _s	significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all waves height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
ρ_s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
$\rho_{\scriptscriptstyle W}$	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

18.4 References

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19 Berm breakwater

Berm breakwater can be characterized by an initial berm that is allowed to reshape, either during storm conditions or only during conditions exceeding the design conditions.

19.1 Equations

The original equation of Hall and Kao (1991) is converted. First the principal design parameter (B=rec) was related to wave climate, stone size, grading and shape. In the newly derived equation Hall and Kao expressed the parameter, Rec, in terms of de nominal diameter in stead of the sieve sizes D.

For slopes 1:1.5 to 1:2 and stability numbers in the range of $2 < H_s/\Delta D_{n50} < 5$ and N=3000:

$$\frac{\text{Rec}}{D_{n50}} = 12.4 + 0.39 \left(\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}}\right)^{2.5} + 8.95 \left(\frac{D_{n85}}{D_{n15}}\right) - 1.27 \left(\frac{D_{n85}}{D_{n15}}\right)^2 - 7.3R_p$$
(19.1)

$$D_n / D = 0.84 ag{19.1.1}$$

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{19.1.2}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{19.1.3}$$

The time correction factor for the duration of a storm (number of waves) is defined as a function of the relative number of waves (N/3000):

$$\frac{\text{Rec}_{N}}{\text{Rec}_{3000}} = 1 + 0.111 \ln \left(\frac{N}{3000} \right)$$
 (19.1.4)

$$N = 3600*t_r/T_m$$
 (19.1.5)

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
D	Diameter of armour units	[m]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
D _{n15}	Nominal mean diameter which exceeds the 15% value of the sieve curve	[m]
D _{n85}	Nominal mean diameter which exceeds the 85% value of the sieve curve	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
N	Number of waves	[-]
Rec	Width of berm eroded (B=Rec)	[m]
Rec ₃₀₀₀	Width of berm eroded by 3000 waves	[m]

parameter	short description	unit
Rec _n	Width of berm eroded by N waves	[m]
R_p	Fraction of rounded stones in armour	[-]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	[hrs]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m³]
ρ_w	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

19.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
Rec, t_r , T_m , R_p , ρ_w , ρ_s , H_s , D_{n15} , D_{n85} , D_{n50} ,	Rec, M ₅₀ , Rec _N

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
D	Diameter of armour units	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
D _{n15}	Nominal mean diameter which exceeds the 15% value of the sieve curve	0.1 – 2 (i)	> 0
D _{n85}	Nominal mean diameter which exceeds the 85% value of the sieve curve	1 – 5 (i)	> 0
Hs	Significant wave height	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
N	Number of waves	1000 -7500 (i)	> 0
Rec	Width of berm eroded (B=Rec)	1 – 1000 (i)	> 0
Rec ₃₀₀₀	Width of berm eroded by 3000 waves	1 – 1000 (i)	> 0
Rec _n	Width of berm eroded by N waves	1 – 1000 (i)	> 0
R_p	Fraction of rounded stones in armour	0 - 1	> 0
T _m	Mean wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	1 – 24 (i)	> 0
$ ho_s$	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> \(\rho_w \)
$ ho_w$	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0



19.4 References

Hall, K and Kao, S (1991): A study of the stability of dynamically stable breakwaters. Canadian Journal of Civil Engineering, Vol. 18, pp 916 – 925.

20 Reshaping berm breakwaters

Tørum noticed that for a given berm breakwater all the reshaped profiles intersected with the original berm at almost a fixed point A, at a distance h_i below SWL (figure 20.1)

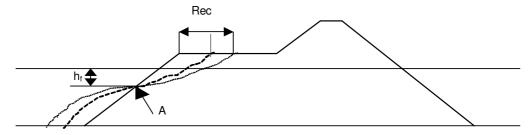


Figure 20.1: Recession on a reshaping berm breakwater

20.1 Equations

For the range: $12.5 < d/D_{n50} < 25$, the distance h_f can be obtained from:

$$\frac{h_f}{D_{n50}} = 0.2 \frac{d}{D_{n50}} + 0.5 \tag{20.1}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{20.1.1}$$

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
d	Depth in front of the berm breakwater	[m]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
h _f	Distance between point A and SWL	[m]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]

Equation 20.2 gives the relationship between the dimensionless recession Rec/D_{n50} and the period stability number HoTo.

$$\frac{\text{Re }c}{D_{n50}} = 2.7 \cdot 10^{-6} (H_0 T_0)^3 + 9 \cdot 10^{-6} (H_0 T_0)^2 + 0.11 (H_0 T_0) - f(f_g) - f(\frac{d}{D_{n50}})$$
(20.2)

$$H_0 = \frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}}$$
 (20.2.1)

$$T_0 = T_z \sqrt{\frac{g}{D_{n50}}}$$
 (20.2.2)

for
$$1.3 < f_g < 1.8$$
:

$$f(f_g) = 9.9 f_g^2 + 23.9 f_g - 10.5$$
 (20.2.3)

$$f_g = D_{n85}/D_{n15}$$

for
$$12.5 < d/D_{n50} < 25$$

$$f(d/D_{n50}) = 0.16 (d/D_{n50}) + 4.0$$
 (20.2.4)

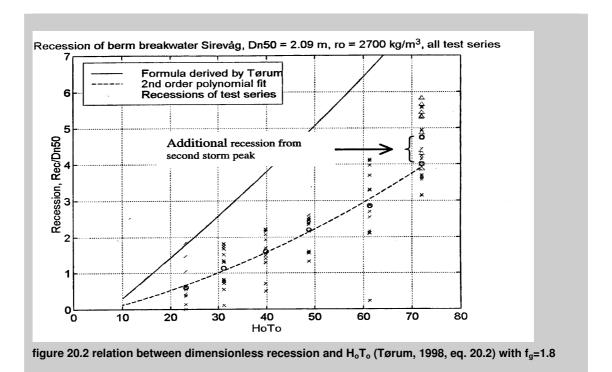
in which:

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
Tz	zero-cossing period	[s]
H ₀	Dimensionless wave height	[-]
T_0	Dimensionless wave period	[-]
H_0T_0	Period stability number	[-]
d	Depth in front of the breakwater	[m]
d/D _{n50}	Depth factor function	[-]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	[m]
D _{n15}	Nominal mean diameter which exceeds the 15% value of the sieve curve	[m]
D _{n85}	Nominal mean diameter which exceeds the 85% value of the sieve curve	[m]
$f(f_g)$	gradation factor function	[-]
f_g	gradation factor	[-]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
Rec	Width of berm eroded	[m]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρς	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]

20.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
$d, g, \rho_s, h_f,$	D_{n50}, M_{50}
d, D _{n50} , ρ _s	h _t , M ₅₀
H ₀ , T ₀ , D _{n50} , D _{n15} , D _{n85} , d	Rec

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
$ ho_s$	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> p _w
d	Depth in front of the breakwater	0.5 – 30 (i)	> 0
<i>d/D_{n50}</i>	Depth factor function	12.5 < d/D _{n50} < 25 (f)	
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter	0.1 - 5 (i)	> 0
D _{n15}	Nominal mean diameter which exceeds the 15% value of the sieve curve	0.1 – 2 (i)	> 0
D _{n85}	Nominal mean diameter which exceeds the 85% value of the sieve curve	1 – 5 (i)	> 0
f_g	gradation factor	1.3 < f _g < 1.8 (f)	
h _f	Distance between point A and SWL	0 – d (i)	< d
Н _о Т _о	Period stability number	10 – 80 (i)	> 0
		Figure 20.2 (f)	
Rec	Width of berm eroded (B=Rec)	1 – 1000 (i)	> 0



20.4 References

Tørum, A. (1998): On the stability of berm breakwaters in shallow and deep waters. Proc. 26th International Conference on Coastal Engineering, Copenhagen, Denmark. ASCE, 1998.

Tørum, A., Kuhnen, F. and Menze, A. (2003): On berm breakwaters. Stability, scour, overtopping. Coastal Engineering, 49, (2003), pp 209 – 238.

21 Toe stability

21.1 Equations

The stability of the toe of a structure can be derived in two ways; with the dimensionless toe depth expressed as h_t/h in the range $0.4 < h_t/h < 0.9$

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = \left(2 + 6.2 \left(\frac{h_t}{h}\right)^{2.7}\right) N_{od}^{0.15}$$
(21.1)

or with the dimensionless toe depth expressed as h_t/D_{n50} in the range $3 < h_t/D_{n50} < 25$

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = \left(1.6 + 0.24 \left(\frac{h_t}{D_{n50}}\right)\right) N_{od}^{0.15}$$
(21.2)

in which:

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{21.2.1}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{21.2.2}$$

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter of armour units	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
h	Water depth (in front of toe)	[m]
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
h _t	Water depth (at structure toe)	[m]
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width $\ensuremath{D_{n}}$	[-]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
$ ho_w$	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

21.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
0.4 < h _t /h < 0.9 :	
ρ_s , ρ_w , N_{od} , h_t , H_s	D _{n50} , M ₅₀
$3 < h_t/D_{n50} < 25$:	
ρ_s , ρ_w , N_{od} , h_t , H_s , h	D _{n50} , M ₅₀

21.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter of armour units	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
h	Water depth (in front of toe)	0.5 – 30 (i)	> 0
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
h _t	Water depth at structure toe	0.5 – 30 (i)	> 0
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	N_{od} =0.5 \rightarrow start of damage N_{od} =2 \rightarrow some flattening out N_{od} =4 \rightarrow complete flattening out of toe	> 0
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> \(\rho_w \)
ρ_w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

21.4 References

Van der Meer, J.W., D'Angremond, K., Gerding, E. (1995): Toe structure stability of rubble mound breakwaters; in: Clifford, J.E. [Ed.]: Advances in coastal structures and breakwaters, ISBN 0-7277-2509-2, Thomas Telford, London, UK.

22 Toe in front of Caison breakwater

22.1 Equations

The design of a toe protection in front of vertical structures requires lower toe stability numbers then needed for toe protection in front of sloping structures. The relation between the stability number and the structural parameters is given by equation 22.1.

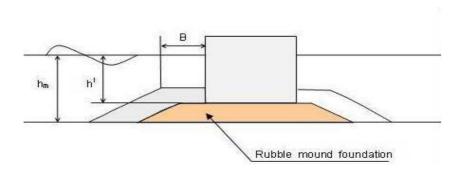


Figure 22.1: definition sketch of toe protection of a caisson breakwater

For $0.5 < h'/h_m < 0.8$ or $7.5 < h'/D_{n50} < 17.5$:

$$\frac{H_s}{\Delta D_{n50}} = \left(5.8 \frac{h'}{h_m} - 0.6\right) \cdot N_{od}^{0.19}$$
 (22.1)

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{22.1.1}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{22.1.2}$$

The berm width, *B*, should comply with the rule:

$$0.30 < B/h_m < 0.55 \tag{22.1.3}$$

The depth of the toe berm, h_B , is defined as:

$$h_B = h' - 2 D_{n50}$$
 (22.1.4)

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter of the armour stone covering the rubble mound foundation material	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
h'/h _m	relative depth of the rubble mound foundation	[-]
h	Water depth at the crest of the rubble mound foundation	[m]
h _B	Water depth of the toe berm	[m]
h _m	Water depth in front of the structure	[m]

parameter	short description	unit
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	[-]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
$ ho_s$	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ_w	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

22.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
ρ_s , ρ_w , N_{od} , h_m , h' , H_s	D _{n50} , M ₅₀

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter, size of the armour stone covering the rubble mound foundation material	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
h´/h _m	relative water depth of the rubble mound foundation	$0.5 > h^{'}/h_m < 0.8$	> 0
h ['] /D _{n50}	Non-dimensional water depth at the crest of the rubble mound foundation	7.5 >h' / h _m <17.5	> 0
h	Water depth at the crest of the rubble mound foundation	0.5 - h _s (i)	0 < h' < h _s
hв	Water depth of the toe berm	0.5 – 30 (i)	> 0
h _m	Water depth in front of the structure	0.5 – 30 (i)	> 0
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	N _{od} =0.5 →almost no damage N _{od} =2 → acceptable damage	> 0
		N _{od} =5 → failure	
ρs	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> \(\rho_w \)
$ ho_w$	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

22.4 References

Madrigal, B. G., and Valdés, J. M. 1995. "Study of Rubble Mound Foundation Stability," Proceedings of the Final Workshop, MAST II, MCS-Project.

23 Rear side stability of a breakwater

23.1 equation

As long as breakwater are high enough to prevent overtopping, the armour on the crest and rear side can be smaller then on the front site. But when overtopping occurs the crest and rear side have top be protected against wave attack as well. The required size of material at the rear side of coastal and marine structures for a given amount of acceptable damage, can be estimated with equation 23.1 (Van Gent and Pozueta, 2004):

$$D_{n50} = \left(\frac{S_d}{\sqrt{N}}\right)^{-1/6} \left(\frac{u_{1\%}T_{m-1,0}}{\sqrt{\Delta}}\right) \left(\cot \alpha_{rear}\right)^{-2.5/6} \left(1 + 10\exp\left(-R_{c,rear}/H_s\right)\right)^{-1/6}$$
(23.1)

$$u_{1\%} = 1.7 \left(g \gamma_{f-c} \right)^{0.5} \left(\left(R_{u1\%} - R_c \right) / \gamma_f \right)^{0.5} / \left(1 + 0.1 B / H_s \right)$$
 (23.1.1)

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{23.1.2}$$

$$S_d = A_e / D_{n50}^2 (23.1.3)$$

$$\xi_{s,-1} = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_{m-1,0}^2}}}$$
 (23.1.4)

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{23.1.5}$$

$$N = 3600*t_r/T_m (23.1.6)$$

The maximum velocity $(u_{1\%})$ is related to the rear-side of the crest for situations with $R_{u1\%} \ge R_c$, in which the (fictitious) run-up level $R_{u1\%}$ is obtained using the following expression (Van Gent, 2002):

for
$$\xi_{s,-1} \le p$$

 $R_{u_1\%}/(\gamma H_s) = c_0 \xi_{s,-1}$ (23.2)

for
$$\xi_{s,-1} \ge p$$

 $R_{u_1\%}/(\gamma H_s) = c_1 - c_2/\xi_{s,-1}$ (23.3)

$$c_0 = 1.45, c_1 = 5.1, c_2 = 0.25 c_1^2 / c_0 \text{ and } p = 0.5 c_1 / c_0$$
 (23.3.1)

$$\gamma = \gamma_f \gamma_B \tag{23.1.2}$$

$$\gamma_{\beta} = 1 - 0.0022 \cdot \beta$$
 where $\beta \le 80^{\circ}$ (23.1.3)

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	[º]
γ	reduction factor	[-]

parameter	short description	unit
γβ	Reduction factor for angular wave attack	[-]
γ _f	Reduction factor for roughness of the seaward slope	[-]
Yf-c	Reduction factor for roughness at the crest	[-]
α_{rear}	angle of the rear side slope	[°]
ξs,-1,0	Surf similarity parameter using the spectral wave period T _{m-1,0}	[-]
A _e	Erosion area on structure	[m ²]
В	Structure crest width	[m]
C ₀ , C ₁ , C ₂	coefficients	[-]
D _{n50}	Nominal mean diameter (material on the rear side slope)	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
N	Number of waves	[-]
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D_n	[-]
р	coefficient	[-]
Rc	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
R _{c,rear}	crest freeboard relative to the water level at rear side of the crest	[m]
R _{u1%}	fictitious run-up level	[m]
S_d	Damage level	[-]
T _m	Mean wave period	[s]
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	[s]
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	[hrs]
<i>U</i> 1%	maximum velocity (depth-averaged) at the rear side of the crest (m/s) during a wave overtopping event, exceeded by 1% of the incident waves	[m/s]
M ₅₀	Mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
α	slope angle	[º]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ_w	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

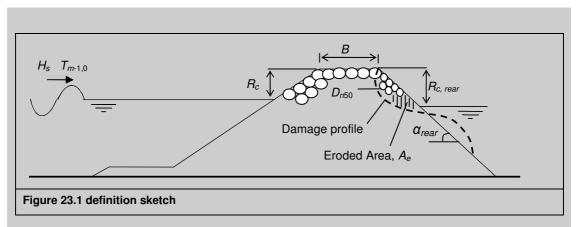


Table 23.1: Range of validity of equation 23.1

Parameter	Range
Wave steepness at toe: $s_{m-1,0} (s_{m-1,0} = 2\pi/g \cdot H_s/T_{m-1,0}^2)$	0.019 - 0.036
Number of waves, N	< 4000
Relative freeboard at the seaward side, R_c/H_s	0.3 – 2.0
Relative freeboard at the rear side, $R_{c,rear}/H_s$	0.3 – 6.0
Relative crest width, B/H _s	1.3 – 1.6
Relative crest level w.r.t. run-up level, $(R_{u1\%}-R_c)/(\gamma H_s)$	0 - 1.4
Stability number, $H_s/(\Delta D_{n50})$	5.5 – 8.5
Rear side slope (V:H)	1:4 – 1:2
Damage level or parameter, S_d	2 - 30

23.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
γ_{1} , β , H _s , c ₀ , c ₁ , c ₂ , p, T _{m-1.0} , cot α , cot α_{rear}	R _{u1‰} ξ _{s,·1}
B, R _{u1%} , y _{t-c} , y _t , H _s , R _c	u _{1%}
S_d , N, H _s , $T_{m-1.0}$, α_{rear} , $R_{c,rear}$, $u_{1\%}$, ρ_{w} , ρ_{s}	D_{n50}, M_{50}

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
β	Angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	-90º 90º (f)	-90º— 90º
γβ	Reduction factor for angular wave attack	0,82 - 1 (f)	> 0
Y	Reduction factor for roughness of the seaward slope	0.55 - 1 (i)	> 0
Yt-c	Reduction factor for roughness at the	0.55 - 1 (i)	> 0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
	crest		
cot α _{rear}	rear side slope angle 1:	2 - 4 (f)	> 0
ξs,-1	Surf similarity parameter for mean period wave	0.5 – 6 (i)	> 0
A _e	Erosion area on structure	10 - 1000 (i)	> 0
В	Structure crest width	1 – 100 (i)	> 0
C ₀ , C ₁	coefficients	$c_0 = 1.45, \ c_1 = 5.1$	> 0
D _{n50}	Nominal diameter of the material on the rear side slope	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
N	Number of waves	< 4000 (f)	> 0
N _{od}	Number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width D _n	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
R _c	crest level relative to still water at the seaward side of the crest	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
R _{c,rear}	crest freeboard relative to the water level at rear side of the crest	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
S _d	Damage level	2 – 30 (f)	> 0
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
T _m	Mean wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
t _r	Duration of storm or wave record	1 – 24 (i)	> 0
cot a	slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
$ ho_s$	Mass density of stone material	1500 - 3200 (i)	> \(\rho_w \)
ρ_w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

23.4 References

Van Gent, M.R.A. and Pozueta, B. (2004), 'Rear-side stability of rubble mound structures', ASCE, Proc. ICCE 2004.

24 Wave load on crown wall

The overtopping performance of a rubble mound breakwater or seawall is often significantly improved by the use of a concrete crown wall.

24.1 Equation

The formulation of Jensen (1984) and Bradbury et al (1988) can be used to predict the wave forces on a crown wall. The formulation gives the maximum forces and tilting moments during a sea state defined by the significant wave height. The formulation of Jensen (1984) and Bradbury et al (1988) was based on test results for the structure configurations shown in Figure 24.1

The maximum horizontal force,
$$F_H$$
, is given by:

$$F_H = \left(\rho_w g \, d_c L_{op}\right) \cdot \left(a \, H_s / R_{ca} - b\right) \tag{24.1}$$

$$L_{op} = gT_p^2 / 2\pi ag{24.1.1}$$

The uplift force, F_U , will then be given by:

$$F_{U} = (\rho_{w} g B_{c} L_{op} / 2) \cdot (a H_{s} / R_{ca} - b)$$
(24.2)

in which:

parameter	short description	unit
$\rho_{\scriptscriptstyle w}$	Mass density of water	[kg/m³]
a, b	coefficients	[-]
B_c	Width of the base of the crown wall	[m]
d _c	height of the crown-wall face	[m]
F _H	maximum horizontal force	[N/m]
Fu	uplift force	[N/m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
L _{op}	deepwater wavelength corresponding to the peak wave period	[m]
R _{ca}	armour crest level	[m]
T_{ρ}	Peak wave period	[s]

24.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
a, b, $R_{ca,}$ $d_{c,}$ $T_{p,}$ $H_{s,}$ ρ_{w}	F _H
a, b, $R_{ca,}$ $B_{c,}$ $T_{\rho,}$ $H_{s,}$ ρ_{w}	F _u

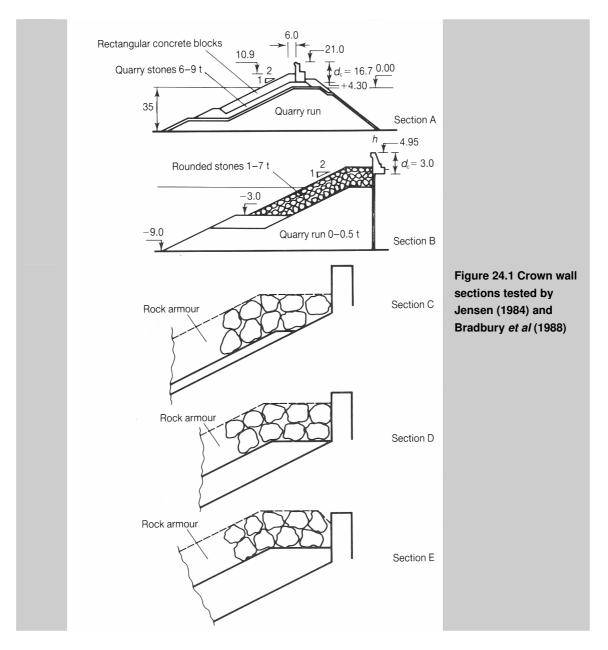
24.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
$ ho_{_{\scriptscriptstyle w}}$	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0
Bc	Width of the base of the crown wall	1 – 100 (i)	> 0
d_c	height of the crown-wall face	0.5 -5 (i)	> 0
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
R _{ca}	armour crest level	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
T_p	Peak wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0

For the cross-sections shown in Figure 24.1, the values of the coefficients a and b have been summarised by Bucharth (1993) in Table 24.1. These values correspond with the force exceeded by 0.1% of the waves, $F_{H0.1\%}$.

Table 24.1 Empirical coefficients a and b for calculating wave forces on crown walls for cross-sections shown in Figure 24.1

Cross-section	Parameter ranges in tests		0.1% exceeds coefficients i 24.1 and 24.2	•	
	R _{ca}	$s_{op} = H_s/L_{op}$	H _s /R _{ca}	а	b
Α	5.6 - 10.6	0.016 - 0.036	0.76 – 2.5	0.051	0.026
В	1.5 – 3.0	0.005 - 0.011	0.82 - 2.4	0.025	0.016
С	0.10	0.023 - 0.07	0.9 – 2.1	0.043	0.038
D	0.14	0.04 - 0.05	1.43	0.028	0.025
E	0.18	0.04 - 0.05	1.11	0.011	0.0095



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25 Impact pressure on a crown wall

25.1 Equation

Pedersen (1996) presumed a pressure distribution on a crown wall as shown in figure 25.1

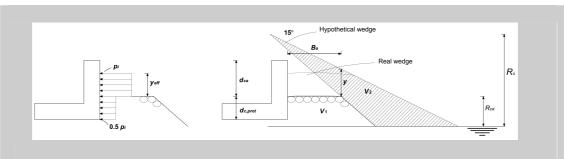


Figure 25.1: Pressure distribution according to Pedersen (1996)

The horizontal wave pressure component can be defined by:

$$p_i = g\rho_w (R_{u,0.1\%} - R_{ca}) \tag{25.1}$$

in which according to Van der Meer and Stam (1992):

$$R_{un\%}/H_s = a\xi_m$$
 for $\xi_m < 1.5$ (25.1.1)

$$R_{un\%}/H_s = b\xi_m^c$$
 for $\xi_m > 1.5$ (25.1.2)

in which:

$$a = 1.12$$
 and $b = 1.34$ for $n = 0.1\%$

$$\xi_m = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{gT_m}}} \tag{25.1.1.1}$$

In which:

parameter	short description	unit
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
p _i	Horizontal wave pressure component	[N/m ²]
R _{ca}	Vertical distance between SWL and the crest of the armour berm	[m]
R _{u,0.1%}	Wave run-up level	[m]
T _m	mean wave period	[s]
α	Slope angle	[2]
ξ_m	Surf similarity parameter for mean period wave	[-]
ρ_w	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]



The total horizontal force with a 0.1% probability of exceedance can be computed with:

$$F_{H0.1\%} = 0.21 \sqrt{\frac{L_{om}}{B_a}} \left(1.6 \, p_i \, y_{eff} + V \, \frac{p_i}{2} \, d_{c,prot} \right) \tag{25.2}$$

in which:

$$V = \min\{V_2/V_1, 1\}$$
 (25.2.1)

$$L_{om} = \frac{gT_m}{2\pi} \tag{25.2.2}$$

$$y = \frac{R_{u,0.1\%} - R_{ca}}{\sin \alpha} \frac{\sin 15^{\circ}}{\cos(\alpha - 15^{\circ})}$$
(25.2.3)

$$y_{eff} = \min\{y/2, d_{ca}\}$$
 (25.2.4)

$$d_{ca} = R_c - R_{ca}$$
 (25.2.5)

The wave generated turning moment, $M_{H\,0.1\%}$ with a 0.1% probability of exceedance:

$$M_{H0.1\%} = a F_{H0.1\%} = 0.55 \left(d_{c,prot} + y_{eff} \right) F_{H0.1\%}$$
 (25.3)

The wave uplift pressure, $p_{U0.1\%}$, with a 0.1% probability of exceedance:

$$p_{U0.1\%} = 1.0 \ V \ p_i \tag{25.4}$$

parameter	short description	unit
$F_{H0.1\%}$	Horizontal force with 0.1% probability of exceedance	[N]
$M_{H0.1\%}$	Wave generated moment	[Nm]
$p_{U0.1\%}$	Wave uplift pressure with 0.1% probability of exceedance	[N/m ²]
B _a	Berm width of armour layer in front of wall	[m]
d _{c.prot}	Difference between armour crest and bottom level of crown wall	[m]
d _{ca}	Difference of level between crown wall and armour crest	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
L _{om}	Deepwater wavelength corresponding to mean wave period	[m]
p _i	Horizontal wave pressure component	[N/m ²]
R _c	Crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
R _{ca}	Vertical distance between SWL and the crest of the armour berm	[m]
R _{u,0.1%}	Wave run-up level	[m]
T _{om}	Mean offshore wave period	[s]
V_1 , V_2	Areas shown in figure 25.1	[m ²]
У	Wedge thickness	[m]
y _{eff}	Effective impact zone height	[m]
α	Slope angle	[º]

25.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
T_m , p_w , H_s , $\cot \alpha_i a_i b$	P_i
T_m , B_a , p_w , H_s , $\cot \alpha$, R_c , R_{ca} , $d_{c,prot}$, V_1 , V_2	$F_{H0.1\%}$
T_m , B_a , p_w , H_s , $\cot \alpha_l R_c$, R_{ca} , $d_{c,prot}$, V_1 , V_2	$M_{H0.1\%}$,
T_m , B_a , p_w , H_s , $\cot \alpha_i R_c$, R_{ca} , $d_{c,prot}$, V_1 , V_2 , P_i	$p_{U0.1\%}$

25.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae	Mathematical
		(f) boundary values	boundary values
Ba	Berm width of armour layer in front of wall	1 – 100 (i)	> 0
$d_{c,prot}$	Difference between armour crest and bottom level of crown wall	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
H _s	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0.1 – 10 (i)	> 0
R_c	Crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
R _{ca}	Vertical distance between SWL and the crest of the armour berm	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
V_1	Areas shown in figure 25.1	figure 25.1	> 0
V_2	Areas shown in figure 25.1	figure 25.1	> 0
T _m	mean wave period	1 -20 (i)	> 0
cot a	Slope angle 1:	1.5 – 3.5 (i)	> 0
$ ho_{\scriptscriptstyle W}$	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

The validity of the equations proposed by Pedersen is limited to the parametric ranges given in table 25.1

Table 25.1 Parameter ranges for method by Pedersen (1996)

Parameter	Symbol	Range
Breaker parameter using T_m	ξm	1.1 – 4.2
Relative wave height	H _s /R _{ca}	0.5 – 1.5
Relative run-up level	R_c/R_{ca}	1 – 2.6
Relative berm width	R_{ca}/B_a	0.3 – 1.1
Slope angle	cot a	1.5 – 3.5

25.4 References

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26 Forces on a crown wall according to martin

26.1 Equation

Martin (1999) derived a method to calculate wave forces for the case that waves hit the crown wall as broken waves. In this case the wave pressure was found to have to peaks. The first is generated during the direct change of direction of the bore front due to the crown wall. The second is occurs is related to the water mass rushing down the wall after the maximum run-up level is reached. The formulae by Martin are only valid for waves that reach the structure as surging or collapsing waves on the breakwater slope (ξ >3).

For preliminary design with this method it is recommended to use $H=H_{99.8\%}$ for the wave height. If no information on the wave height is available, then $H_{99.8\%}=1.8H_s$ can be used.

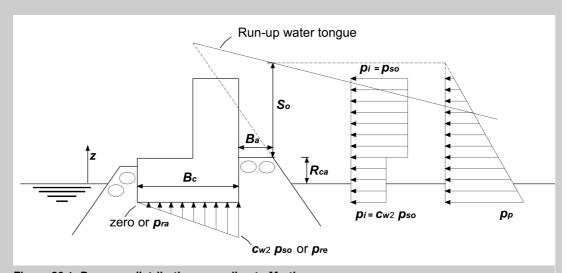


Figure 26.1: Pressure distribution according to Martin

The impact pressure over the unprotected region of the crown wall face (above R_{ca}) can be computed with:

$$p_i(z) = p_{s0} = c_{wl} \rho_w g S_0 \tag{26.1}$$

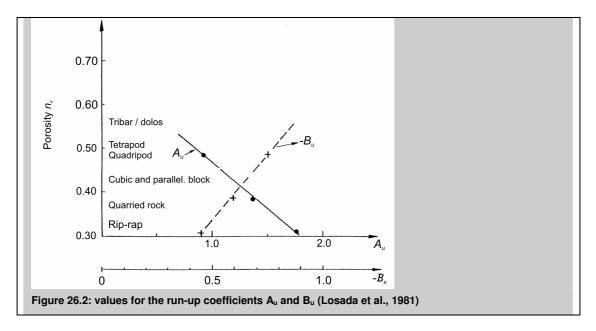
$$S_0 = H(1 - R_{ca}/R_u) (26.1.1)$$

$$c_{w1} = 2.9((R_u/H)\cos\alpha)^2$$
 (26.1.2)

$$R_u/H = A_u \left(1 - \exp(B_u \xi)\right)$$
 (26.1.3)

$$\xi = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi H_s}{g(\frac{1}{1.15} \cdot T_p)}}}$$
(26.1.4)





The impact pressure <u>over the region of the crown wall that is protected by the armour berm</u> can be computed with:

$$p_{i}(z) = c_{w2} p_{so} = c_{w2} c_{w1} \rho_{w} g S_{o}$$
 (26.2)

For $0.03 < H/L_p < 0.075$:

$$c_{w2} = 0.8 \exp(-10.9 B_a/L_p)$$
 (26.2.1)

The pulsating pressure, p_p , distribution over the region of the crown wall that is protected by the armour berm is described by the following equations:

$$p_{p}(z) = c_{w3} \rho_{w} g(S_{o} + R_{ca} - z)$$
(26.3)

in which:

$$c_{w3} = a \exp(c_a) \tag{26.3.1}$$

$$c_o = c(H/L_p - b)^2$$
 (26.3.2)

$$L_{p} = \frac{gT_{p}^{2}}{2\pi}$$
 (26.3.3)

In which:

parameter	short description	unit
a, b, c	coefficients	[-]
A_u , B_u	Run-up coefficients	[-]

parameter	short description	unit
B _a	Width of armour berm at crest	[m]
$C_0, C_{w1}, C_{w2}, C_{w3}$	coefficients	[-]
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter of the armour units forming the berm	[m]
g	Gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
Hs	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	[m]
Lp	Wave length of peak wave period	[m]
n _v	Porosity of material on which the crown wall is founded	
Pi	Impact pressure	[N/m ²]
P _{s0}		[N/m ²]
P_p	Pulsating pressure	[N/m ²]
R _{ca}	Vertical distance between SWL and the crest of the armour berm	[m]
Ru	Wave run-up	[m]
S_0		
T_{p}	peak wave period	[s]
Z		[m]
α	Slope angle	[º]
ξ	Surf similarity parameter	[-]
$ ho_w$	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

26.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
ρ_w , H, R_{ca} , A_u , B_u , $\cot \alpha$, B_a , T_p , z , a , b , c , n_v	P_i , P_p

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
a, b, c	coefficients	See table 26.1	
$A_{u,}B_{u}$	Run-up coefficients	See figure 26.2	
Ba	Width of armour berm at crest	1 -100 (i)	> 0
Н₅	Significant wave height, average of highest 1/3 of all wave heights	0.1 -10 (i)	> 0
n_{v}	Porosity of material on which the crown wall is founded	0 – 1 (i)	> 0
R _{ca}	Vertical distance between SWL and the crest of the armour berm	0.1 – 5 (i)	> 0
T_{ρ}	peak wave period	1 – 20 (i)	> 0
Z			
cot a	Slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
ρ_w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

Values for the empirical coefficients a, b and c can be found in Table 26.1

Table 26.1: Empirical coefficients a, B and c for calculating pulsating pressures

B _a /D _{n50}	а	В	С
1	0.446	0.068	259.0
2	0.362	0.069	357.1
3	0.296	0.073	383.1

At the seaward edge, both the impact and the pulsating pressure beneath the structure are equal to the pressure at the front.

 $p_i = c_{w2}p_{so}$

 $p_p = p_{re}$

At the heel of the crown wall, the dynamic uplift pressure can be assumed negligible. The pulsating pressure at the heel can be predicted with Figure 26.2 using the porosity, n_v , of the material on which the crown wall is founded and the pressure at the seaward edge, p_{re} .

 $\begin{aligned} p_i &= 0 \\ p_p &= p_{ra} \end{aligned} \qquad \text{(see Figure 26.2)}$

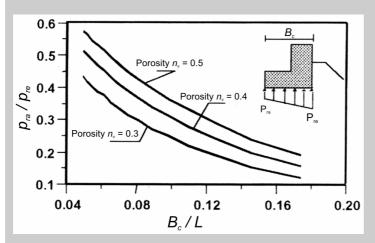


Figure 26.2: Pulsating pressure at the heel (L = peak wave length)

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27 Escarameia and May

Escarameia and May (1992) suggested an equation that is a form of the Isbash equation in which the effects of the turbulence of the flow are fully quantified. This can be particularly useful in situations where the levels of turbulence are higher than normal: near river training structures, around bridge piers, cofferdams and caissons, downstream of hydraulic structures (gates, weirs, spillways, culverts), at variations in bed level, at abrupt changes in flow direction.

27.1 equation

This equation provides an envelope to the experimental data that was used to derive it and is valid for flat beds and slopes not steeper than 1V:2H. The laboratory data were further checked against field measurements of turbulence in the river Thames with water depths between 1 and 4m.

$$D_{n50} = c_T \frac{u_b^2}{2g\Delta} {(27.1)}$$

$$\Delta = (\rho_s / \rho_w) - 1 \tag{27.1.1}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{27.1.2}$$

In which:

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
СТ	turbulence coefficient	[-]
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
M ₅₀	mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
U _b	near bed velocity, defined at 10% of the water depth above the bed	[m/s]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
ρ _w	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]

27.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
c_T , u_b , ρ_s , ρ_w	D _{n50} , M ₅₀

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter	0,1 – 5 (i)	> 0
СТ	turbulence coefficient	see table 27.1 and 27.2	> 0

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
		rip rap: ≥ 0,42 (f)	
		gabion mattress: ≥ 0,2 (f)	
Ub	near bed velocity, defined at 10% of	see table 27.1	> 0
	the water depth above the bed	0,1 - 10 (i)	
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 – 3200 (i)	> 0
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	950 - 1050 (i)	> 0

Guidance on how to use Equation 27.1 is given in Table 27.1 In table 27.2 some specific values for the turbulence intensity are presented, that can be considered in the absence of site specific information. For further information on the development and use of this equation see Escarameia and May (1995) and Escarameia (1998).

Table 27.1 Design guidance for parameters in Equation 27.1

			D /44 / \1/3	
Mean diameter, D_{n50}	rip-rap:		$D_{n50} = (M_{50} / \rho_r)^{1/3}$	
	gabion mattresses:		D_{n50} = stone size within gabion	
	Note: Equation 27.1 was developed from tests on gabion mattresses 300 mm			
	in thickness			
Turbulence coefficient, c_T	rip-rap	(valid for $r \ge 0.05$):	$c_T = 12.3 \ r - 0.20$	
	gabion mattresses	(valid for $r \ge 0.15$):	$c_T = 12.3 \ r - 1.65$	
	where $r =$ turbulence intensity defined at 10% of the water depth above the			
	bed $(r = u'_{rms} / u)$, see also Table 27.2			
Near bed velocity, u_b	If data is not available an estimation can be made in relation to the depth			
	average velocity, U_b as: u_b = 0.74 to 0.90 U			
Relative buoyant density of	$\Delta = \rho_r / \rho - 1$			
material, Δ	where ρ_r = mass density of rock and ρ = mass density of water			

Table 27.2 Typical turbulence levels

Situation	Turbulence level	
	Qualitative	Turbulence intensity, r
Straight river or channel reaches	Normal (low)	0.12
Edges of revetments in straight reaches	normal (high)	0.20
Bridge piers, caissons and spur dikes; transitions	medium to high	0.35 - 0.50
Downstream of hydraulic structures	very high	0.60

27.4 References

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28 Maynord

Maynord (1993) developed the US Army Corps of Engineers' Design Procedure and suggested a stability equation for rip-rap, which is not based on the threshold of movement criterion (unlike the Pilarczyk and Escarameia & May equations). It is instead based on not allowing that the underlying material be exposed and therefore takes the thickness of the rip-rap layer into account. The form of the equation presented here is in SI units:

28.1 Equation

$$D_{30} = S_f C_{st} C_v C_T h \left(\left(\frac{1}{\Delta} \right)^{0.5} \frac{U}{\sqrt{k_{sl} gh}} \right)^{2.5}$$
 (28.1)

$$k_{sl} = -0.672 + 1.492 \cot \alpha - 0.449 \cot^2 \alpha + 0.045 \cot^3 \alpha$$
 (28.1.1)

$$D_{n30} = 0.84D_{30} (28.1.2)$$

$$M_{30} = \rho_s D_{n30}^{3} \tag{28.1.3}$$

In which:

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
C_{st}	stability coefficient	[-]
C_T	blanket thickness coefficient	[-]
C_{ν}	velocity distribution coefficient	[-]
D ₃₀	diameter of stone which exceeds the 30% value of sieve curve	[m]
D _{n30}	nominal diameter of stone which exceeds the 30% value of sieve curve	[m]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
h	water depth	[m]
k _{sl}	Side slope factor	[-]
M ₃₀	mass of a stone that is exceeded by 70% of the stones	[kg]
\mathcal{S}_{f}	safety factor	[-]
U	depth-averaged flow velocity	[m/s]
α	slope angle	[º]
ρ_s	Mass density of the stone material	[kg/m³]
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	[kg/m ³]
Ф	angle of repose of the submerged granular material	[º]
Ψ	angle of the flow to the upslope direction	[º]

28.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
C_T , C_{st} , C_v , h , U , k_{sl} , $\cot \alpha$, ψ , Φ , ρ_s , ρ_w	D ₃₀ , M ₃₀

28.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
cot a	slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
C_{st}	stability coefficient	see table 28.1	
C_T	blanket thickness coefficient	see table 28.1	
C_{ν}	velocity distribution coefficient	see table 28.1	
D ₃₀	characteristic size of rip-rap	0,1 - 5 (i)	> 0
h	water depth	0 – 20 (i)	> 0
S_f	safety factor	see table 28.1	
U	depth-averaged flow velocity	0,1 - 20 (i)	> 0
ρ_s	Mass density of the material	1500 – 3200 (i)	> 0
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0
Φ	angle of repose of the submerged granular material	$0^{\varrho}-90^{\varrho}$ (i)	0º - 90º
Ψ	angle of the flow to the upslope direction	-90º – 90º (i)	-90º - 90º

New parameters specific to Maynord's equation are outlined below and guidance on the use of the different parameters is given in table 28.1. For more information on this equation reference is made to Maynord (1993).

Table 28.1 Design guidance for parameters in Equation 28.1

Characteristic size D	D = 0.70 D or more precisely:	$D_{30} = D_{50} \left(D_{15} / D_{85} \right)^{0.32}$	
Characteristic size, D ₃₀	$D_{30} \approx 0.70 \ D_{50}$, or more precisely:	$D_{30} = D_{50} (D_{15}/D_{85})$	
Safety factor, S_f	minimum value:	$S_f = 1.1$	
Stability coefficient, C _{st}	angular rock:	$C_{st} = 0.3$	
	rounded rock:	$C_{st} = 0.375$	
Velocity distribution coefficient,	straight channels, inside of bends:	$C_{v} = 1.0$	
C_{ν}	outside of bends:	$C_{\rm v} = 1.283 - 0.2 \log (r/B)$	
	where $r =$ centre radius of bend (m) a	and $B =$ water surface width at upstream	
	end of bend (m)		
	downstream of concrete structures		
	or at the end of dykes:	$C_{\nu} = 1.25$	
Blanket thickness coefficient,	standard design:	<i>C</i> _T = 1.0	
C_T	see Maynord (1993) otherwise		
Relative buoyant density of	$\Delta = \rho_r / \rho - 1$		
material, Δ	where ρ_r = density of rock and ρ = density of water		
Side slope factor, k_{sl}	$k_{sl} = -0.672 + 1.492 \cot \alpha - 0.449 \cot^2 \alpha + 0.045 \cot^3 \alpha$		
	where α = angle of the bank to the ho	orizontal	

28.4 References

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29 Stability ship induced currents

A common type of loading for riverbanks and navigation channels is attributed to ship-induced water movements. Velocities and wave heights resulting from return current, water level depression, transversal stern wave, interference peaks (or secondary ship waves) and jet flow due to propeller thrust, determine the required size of protective elements.

29.1 Equations

$$\frac{U^{2}/2g}{\Delta D_{50}} = 2\frac{k_{sl}}{k_{t}^{2}}$$
 (29.1)

$$k_{sl} = \frac{\cos \psi \sin \beta + \sqrt{\cos^2 \beta \tan^2 \phi - \sin^2 \psi \sin^2 \beta}}{\tan \phi}$$
(29.1.1)

$$k_t = \frac{1+3r}{1.3} \tag{29.1.2}$$

$$D_{n50} = 0.84D_{50} (29.1.3)$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{29.1.4}$$

In which:

parameter	short description	unit
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
D ₅₀	diameter of stone which exceeds the 50% value of sieve curve	[m]
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter	[m]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
k _t	turbulence factor	[-]
M ₅₀	mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
r	depth-averaged relative fluctuation intensity due to turbulence	[-]
U'	Velocity (U' can be substituted by $U_{\mbox{\tiny r}}$ for return currents and by $U_{\mbox{\tiny p}}$ for propeller jets)	[m/s]
β	slope angle	[º]
ρ_s	Mass density of the material	[kg/m ³]
ρ _w	Mass density of water	[kg/m³]
Ф	angle of repose of the submerged granular material	[º]
Ψ	angle of the flow to the upslope direction	[2]

29.2 input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
$\beta, \psi, \Phi, \rho_s, \rho_w$	D ₅₀ , D _{n50} , M ₅₀

29.3 boundary- and default values

parameter	short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
cot β	slope angle 1:	1 - 10 (i)	> 0
D ₅₀	diameter of stone which exceeds the 50% value of sieve curve	0,1 – 5 (i)	>0
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter	0,1 – 5 (i)	> 0
r	depth-averaged relative fluctuation intensity due to turbulence	0 – 1 (i)	> 0
U'	Velocity (U' can be substituted by U_r for return currents and by U_p for propeller jets)	0,1 – 10 (i)	>0
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	2500 – 3200 (i)	>0
ρ _w	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	>0
Ф	angle of repose of the submerged granular material	$0^{\circ} - 90^{\circ}$ (i)	0º - 90º
Ψ	angle of the flow to the upslope direction	-90º - 90º (i)	-90º - 90º

29.4 References

30 Stability of near bed structures

Near-bed rubble mound structures are submerged structures of which the crest is relatively low, such that wave breaking does not have a significant influence. Near-bed structures are for example applied as river spur dykes, pipeline covers, and intake and outfall structures near power and desalination plants. Figure 30.1 shows a sketch of a near-bed structure.

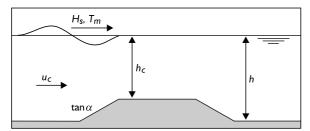


Figure 30.1 Definition sketch of a near-bed rubble mound structure

The load on near-bed structures consists of waves, currents, or a combination of waves and currents. Information on the stability of near-bed structures for conditions where waves or a current approach the structure at an angle (other than perpendicular) is scarce. This section focuses on the stability of near-bed structures under currents only.

30.1 Equation

The flow velocity above a near-bed structure, can be calculated with:

$$U = q/h_c = \mu (h_b - d)\sqrt{2g(H - h_b)}$$
(30.1)

$$H = h + \frac{U_{up}^{2}}{2g} \tag{30.1.1}$$

$$U_{up} = \frac{q}{h} \tag{30.1.2}$$

The value of μ varies between 0.9 and 1.1. Equation 30.1 is valid under sub-critical flow conditions. This is generally the case if d/h < 0.33.

For the stability of the rock on a near-bed structure under currents only, the start of movement of rocks is an important design aspect. Because of the fact that the load of currents on the structure is present at a more or less constant level, especially compared to wave loads, a certain critical velocity should not be exceeded. The formulae by Hoffmans and Akkerman (1998) are based on the Shields parameter using such a velocity:

$$D_{n50} = 0.7 \frac{(r_o U)^2}{\sigma \Delta w} \tag{30.2}$$

$$D_{n50} = 0.7 \frac{(r_o U)^2}{g \Delta \psi}$$

$$r_o = \sqrt{c_s + 1.45 \frac{g}{C^2}}$$
(30.2)

$$c_s = c_k \left(1 - \frac{d}{h_b} \right)^{-2} \tag{30.4}$$

$$M_{50} = \rho_s D_{n50}^{3} \tag{30.5}$$



The formulae by Hoffmans and Akkerman take the turbulence into account. These empirical formulae fit very well on uniform, as well as on non-uniform flow conditions, although the factor 0.7 in Equation 30.2 can only be derived theoretically for uniform flow conditions.

In uniform flow the parameter 1.45 g / C^2 is about 0.01, resulting in r_0 = 0.1 which is a well-known value. In the vicinity of structures non-uniform flow conditions are present and the turbulence is higher. Therefore the parameter c_s has been introduced, which depends on the relative structure height and c_k . The value of c_k depends on the structure type. Based on tests a value of c_k = 0.025 is recommended. For d / h_b = 0.33 (maximum structure height) the value of c_s becomes about 0.056 and consequently, the value of r_0 becomes about 0.26. For design purposes it is recommended not to exceed a value of 0.035 for the Shields parameter.

An overview of the used parameters is given below:

parameter	short description	unit
μ	discharge coefficient	[-]
Δ	Relative buoyant density of material	[-]
σ	standard deviation of the flow velocity	[m/s]
Ψ	Shields parameter	[-]
С	Chézy coefficient	[m ^{1/2} /s]
C _k	turbulence factor related to the structure	[-]
Cs	parameter which depends on the relative structure height and c_{k}	[-]
d	structure height	[m]
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter,	[m]
g	gravitational acceleration	[m/s ²]
Н	upstream energy level	[m]
h	upstream water depth	[m]
h _b	downstream water depth	[m]
h _c	depth above the crest	[m]
M ₅₀	mass of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
q	specific discharge	[m²/s]
r _o	turbulence intensity (= σ / u)	[-]
U	flow velocity above a near-bed structure	[m/s]
u	flow velocity	[m/s]
U _{up}	upstream flow velocity (= q / h)	[m/s]
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	[kg/m ³]
$\rho_{\rm w}$	Mass density of water	[kg/m³]

30.2 Input and output parameters

Input:	Output:
$h_b,d,q,\mu,\rho_s,\rho_w,h,C,c_k,\psi$	U, H, D _{n50} , r ₀ , c _s , M ₅₀

30.3 Boundary- and default values

Parameter	Short description	Indicative (i) or formulae (f) boundary values	Mathematical boundary values
μ	discharge coefficient	0,9 – 1,1 (i)	> 0
σ	standard deviation of the flow velocity		> 0
Ψ	Shields parameter	< 0,035 (i)	> 0
С	Chézy coefficient	10 – 90 (i)	> 0
C _k	turbulence factor related to the structure	0,025 (i)	> 0
d	structure height	d / h _b < 0.33 (f)	> 0
D _{n50}	nominal mean diameter,	0,1 - 5 (i)	> 0
h	upstream water depth	0,1 – 30 (i)	> 0
h _b	downstream water depth	d / h _b < 0.33 (f)	> 0
h _c	depth above the crest	0,1 – 20 (i)	> 0
q	specific discharge		> 0
r _o	turbulence intensity (= σ / u)	0,1 - 0,6 (i)	> 0
U	flow velocity above a near-bed structure	0,1 – 10 (i)	> 0
u	flow velocity	0,1 – 10 (i)	> 0
U _{up}	upstream flow velocity	0,1 – 10 (i)	> 0
ρ _s	Mass density of stone material	1500 – 3200 (i)	> 0
ρ_{w}	Mass density of water	950 – 1050 (i)	> 0

30.4 References

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Bijlage 1 Notatielijst



parameter	Short description	unit
Α	cross-sectional area	[m ²]
Α	coefficient	[-]
A _e	erosion area on structure	[m²]
At	area of structure cross section	[m²]
A _u	run-up coefficient	[-]
a	coefficient	[-]
а	scale parameter	[m ³ /m]
В	structure crest width	[m]
Ba	berm width of armour layer in front of wall	[m]
B _a	width of armour berm at crest	[m]
B _c	width of the base of the crown wall	[m]
B _n	bulk number (cross-section of stones)	[-]
B _u	run-up coefficient	[-]
В	coefficient	[-]
b	coefficient	[-]
b	shape parameter	[-]
С	parameter depending on the slope	[-]
С	chézy coefficient	[m ^{1/2} /s]
С	coefficient	[-]
C ₀	response slope as built	[-]
C ₀ , C _{w1} , C _{w2} , C _{w3}	coefficients for calculating pulsating pressures	[-]
C _{pl}	coefficient for plunging conditions	[-]
C _r	coefficient of wave reflection	[-]
Cs	coefficient for surging conditions	[-]
C _{st}	stability coefficient	[-]
C _t	coefficient of wave transmission	[-]
$C_{t,max}$	maximum value coefficient of wave transmission	[-]
Ст	banket thickness coefficient	[-]
Ст	turbulence coefficient	[-]
Cu	cefficient of uniformity	[-]
C _v	velocity distribution coefficient	[-]
С	cefficient	[-]
C'a,h	coefficient	[-]
C' _{c,h}	coefficient	[-]
C' _{c,u}	coefficient	[-]
C ₀	coefficient	[-]
C ₁	coefficient	[-]
C ₂	coefficient	[-]
C' _{a,u}	coefficient	[-]
C _{c,h} '	coefficient	[-]
C _{c,h} "	coefficient	[-]
C _{c,u} '	coefficient	[-]
C _{c,u} "	coefficient	[-]
Ck	turbulence factor related to the structure	[-]
Cs	parameter which depends on the relative structure height and $c_{\boldsymbol{k}}$	[-]
C _T	turbulence coefficient	[-]
D	diameter of armour units	[m]
D ₁₀	diameter of stone which exceeds the 10% value of sieve curve	[m]
D ₃₀	diameter of stone which exceeds the 30% value of sieve curve	[m]



Short description	unit
diameter of stone which exceeds the 50% value of sieve curve	[m]
diameter of stone which exceeds the 60% value of sieve curve	[m]
cefficient	[-]
thickness of armour layer	[m]
crest height after wave attack	[m]
depth in front of the breakwater	[m]
structure height	[m]
depth factor function	[-]
original crest height before wave attack	[m]
height of the crown-wall face	[m]
difference between armour crest and bottom level of crown wall	[m]
difference of level between crown wall and armour crest	[m]
nominal diameter of armour units	[m]
nominal diameter of stone which exceeds the 30% value of sieve curve	[m]
nominal diameter of stone which exceeds the 15% value of sieve curve	[m]
nominal diameter of stone which exceeds the 85% value of sieve curve	[m]
nominal mean diameter	[m]
nominal mean diameter of core material	[m]
voids ratio defined as the ratio of volume of the voids and total rockfill volume	[-]
maximum horizontal force	[N/m]
horizontal force with 0.1% probability of exceedance	[N]
•	[N/m]
·	[-]
× ×	[-]
	[-]
	[m/s ²]
× ×	[m]
	[m]
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water depth in front of the structure	[m]
water depth in hont of the structure	1 11111
water depth at structure toe	[m]
	diameter of stone which exceeds the 50% value of sieve curve diameter of stone which exceeds the 60% value of sieve curve cefficient thickness of armour layer crest height after wave attack depth in front of the breakwater structure height depth factor function original crest height before wave attack height of the crown-wall face difference between armour crest and bottom level of crown wall difference of level between crown wall and armour crest nominal diameter of armour units nominal diameter of stone which exceeds the 30% value of sieve curve nominal diameter of stone which exceeds the 15% value of sieve curve nominal diameter of stone which exceeds the 85% value of sieve curve nominal mean diameter of core material voids ratio defined as the ratio of volume of the voids and total rockfill volume maximum horizontal force horizontal force with 0.1% probability of exceedance uplift force gradation factor function gradation factor function gradation factor at the landward slope gravitational acceleration upstream energy level wave height exceeded by 2% of the incident waves at the toe incident wave height period stability number significant wave height calculated from the spectrum, H _{mo} =4√m ₀ wave height after reflection transmitted wave height the crest of the rubble mound foundation thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of crest and innerslope thickness of water layer at transition of



parameter	Short description	unit
K	coefficient that depends on stone shape	[-]
K_D	stability coefficient	[-]
k	wave number	[m ⁻¹]
k_{sl}	side slope factor	[-]
k_t	layer thickness coefficient	[-]
k_t	turbulence factor	[-]
L	wave length	[m]
Li	interference wave length	[m]
L _{om}	deepwater wavelength corresponding to mean wave period	[m]
L _{op}	deepwater wavelength corresponding to the peak wave period	[m]
L _p	wave length of peak wave period	[m]
M _{H0,1%}	wave generated moment	[Nm]
M ₃₀	mass of a stone that is exceeded by 70% of the stones	[kg]
M ₅₀	mass of a armour unit that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[kg]
N	number of waves	[-]
N	number of passages of relevant types of ships during the total life time of the	[-]
	structure	
N [*] _s	spectral (or modified) stability number	[-]
N _{od}	number of displaced armour units within a strip of breakwater slope of width	[-]
00	D _n	
N _{od f}	damage number at failure.	[-]
N _{ov}	number of overtopping waves out of a total of N incoming waves in an	[-]
1400	examined time period T_r (= NT_m)	[]
Ns	stability number	[-]
n	time counter	[-]
	volumetric porosity of the medium	[-]
n _v P	structure permeability	[-]
P(V)	$Pr(\underline{V} < V)$ = probability of non-exceedance of a given volume, V	-
P _i	impact pressure	[N/m ²]
Pp	pulsating pressure	[N/m ²]
•	coefficient	[-]
p n		[N/m ²]
p _i	horizontal wave pressure component	[N/m ²]
P _{u0,1%}	wave uplift pressure with 0.1% probability of exceedance	[m³/s]
	discharge through the rockfill	[m ³ /s/m]
q R [*]	specific discharge dimensionless freeboard	
		[-]
R _c	crest freeboard, level of crest relative to still water level	[m]
R _{c,rear}	crest freeboard relative to the water level at rear side of the crest	[m]
R _{ca}	armour crest level	[m]
R _{d1%}	wave run down height for the 1% wave	[m]
R _{d2%}	wave run down height for the 2% wave	[m]
Rec	width of berm eroded (B=Rec)	[m]
Rec ₃₀₀₀	width of berm eroded by 3000 waves	[m]
Rec _n	width of berm eroded by N waves	[m]
Rp	fraction of rounded stones in armour	[-]
Ru	wave run-up	[m]
R _{u n%}	run-up level exceed by only n% of run-up tongues	[m]
R _{u,0.1%}	wave run-up level	[m]



parameter	Short description	unit
R _{u1%}	fictitious run-up level	[m]
R _{u2%}	wave run up height for the 2% wave	[m]
r	dolos waist ratio	[-]
r	depth-averaged relative fluctuation intensity due to turbulence	[-]
r _o	turbulence intensity (= σ / u)	[-]
S	stability parameter	[-]
S(t0)	damage at time t0	[-]
S(tn)	damage at time tn	[-]
S_d	damage level	[-]
S_{f}	safety factor	[-]
s	the co-ordinate along the landward slope (with s = 0 at the landward side of	[m]
	the crest)	
Sp	wave steepness for peak wave period	[-]
Sm	wave steepness for mean wave period	[-]
t_0	duration time of storm to reach a damage S(t0)	[s]
tan α	tangent of the slope angle	[-]
T _m	mean wave period	[s]
T _{m-1,0}	spectral wave period, also called the energy wave period	[s]
T _{om}	mean offshore wave period	[s]
Tp	peak wave period	[s]
t _n	duration time of additional storm	[s]
t _r	duration of storm or wave record	[s]
U	depth-averaged flow velocity	[m/s]
U _{up}	upstream flow velocity (= q / h)	[m/s]
U _v	velocity through the voids	[m/s]
u	flow velocity	[m/s]
u ₀	velocity at the transition of crest and innerslope	[m/s]
U _{1%}	maximum velocity (depth-averaged) at the rear side of the crest (m/s) during	[m/s]
	a wave overtopping event, exceeded by 1% of the incident waves	
U _{2%}	wave run-up velocity	[m/s]
U _b	near bed velocity, defined at 10% of the water depth above the bed	[m/s]
û _δ	peak bottom velocity	[m/s]
V _{max}	maximum expected individual overtopping volume	[m³/m]
Vs	velocity of the ship	[m/s]
W	weight of a stone	[N]
W ₅₀	weight of a stone that is exceeded by 50% of the stones	[N]
X	position parameter (with x = 0 at seaward side of the crest)	[m]
у	wedge thickness	[m]
y _{eff}	effective impact zone height	[m]
Уs	the distance to the bank normal to the sailing line	[m]
Z	position (vertical height) on the seaward slope relative to SWL	[m]
Z _{max}	height of the stern wave	[m]



parameter	Short description	unit
α	slope angle	[2]
$\alpha_{\rm i}$	coefficient depending on the type of ship	[-]
α_{rear}	slope angle at the rear side	[º]
β	slope angle	[º]
β	angle of wave attack with respect to the structure	[º]
γ	reduction factor	[-]
Ϋ́b	berm-factor	[-]
У β	correction factor for oblique waves	[-]
γв	angular wave attack	[-]
γ _f	roughness coefficient	[-]
γ _{f-c}	roughness at the crest	[-]
Δ	relative buoyant density of material	[-]
θ	mobility parameter	[-]
μ	coefficient	[-]
μ	discharge coefficient	[-]
ξ	surf-similarity parameter	[-]
ξ _c	critical value of the surf-similarity parameter	[-]
ξm	surf similarity parameter for the mean period wave	[-]
ξ _{m-1,0}	breaker parameter based on spectral analysis	[-]
ξ _p	surf similarity parameter for peak period wave	[-]
ξ _{s-1,0}	surf-similarity parameter using the spectral wave period <i>Tm</i> -1,0	[-]
ρ_s	mass density of stone material	[kg/m³]
ρ_{w}	mass density of water	[kg/m³]
σ	standard deviation of the flow velocity	[m/s]
Φ	angle of repose of the submerged granular material	[º]
ф	packing density	[-]
Ψ	angle of the flow to the upslope direction	[º]
Ψ	shields parameter	[-]