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Hydrology of Coastal Areas

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HYDROLOGY OF COASTAL AREAS

- Introduction
- Astronomical tides and storm surges
- Propagation of astronomical tides and storm surges into estuaries
- Salt water intrusion
- Water control in coastal areas



Introduction

	SEA	ESTUARY	RIVER
Shape			
Flow direction			
Salinity			
Wave			
Bottom slope			
Nutrients			

Introduction

	SEA	ESTUARY	RIVER
Shape	Basin	Funnel	Parallel Banks
Flow direction	No dominant direction	Dual direction	Single direction
Salinity	Salt	Brackish	Fresh
Wave	Standing	Mixed	Progressive
Bottom slope	Not relevant	No slope	Downward slope
Nutrients	Nutrient poor	High biodiversity. High biomass prod.	Nutrient rich

Tides – questions

- 1. What drives astronomical tides?
- 2. Why two cycles per day?
- 3. Why spring tide and neap tide?
- 4. Why in some places diurnal tides?





Why Spring Tide and Neap Tide?

Tides - moon phases





Tides - cycles



Why sometimes Diurnal and sometimes Semi-diurnal Tide?



Storm Surges







If z is not << d:





After the wind stops, A standing wave remains which is gradually damped

"Seiche"

Storm surges

How storm surges are generated:

Depressions in the atmosphere:

- Extra-tropical depressions of the temperate zones
- Tropical depressions:
 - cyclones
 - typhoons
 - hurricanes

Other phenomena that can generate abnormally high water levels (Remote effects):

- Differences in barometric pressure
- Tsunamis (Krakatau, 1883; Atjeh, 2004)

Tsunamis



Wave (Nami)

Port (Tsu)

because you feel the Tsunami only in the Harbour (Port)





Tsunami December 2004



Ontstaan van Tsunami



Impact of Tsunami















Three types of waves may be distinguished:

- standing wave (basin, harbour, lagoon)
- progressive wave (river, canal)
- wave of mixed type (natural / alluvial estuary)





Progressive wave








Two methods exist for the determination of V_{fl} :

• From integration of the discharge over the time between LWS and HWS

$$\int_{LWS}^{HWS} Q \, dt = E \, A$$

• From integration of the water levels between HWS and LWS over the area

$$\int_{x}^{\infty} H' B dx = \frac{HBb\cos\varepsilon}{1 - b/\delta}$$



a)

b)

$$V_{fl} = \int_{LWS}^{HWS} Q \, dt = E A = \int_{x}^{\infty} H' B \, dx = \frac{H B b \cos \varepsilon}{1 - b/\delta}$$

$$E h = \frac{H b \cos \varepsilon}{1 - b/\delta}$$

$$\frac{H}{E} = \frac{h_0}{b} \frac{(1 - b/\delta)}{\cos\varepsilon}$$



Equation Name	Newly derived equation	"Classical" equation
Phase Lag equation	$\tan \varepsilon = \frac{\omega b}{c(1-\delta b)} = \frac{b}{\lambda} \frac{2\pi}{(1-\delta b)}$	
Geometry-Tide relation	$\frac{H}{E} = \frac{\eta\omega}{\upsilon} = \frac{\overline{h}}{r_s b} \frac{(1 - \delta b)}{\cos(\varepsilon)}$	$\frac{\eta\omega}{\upsilon} = \frac{\overline{h}}{r_s b}$
Scaling equation	$r_{\rm s} \frac{\eta}{\overline{h}} = \frac{\upsilon}{c} \frac{1}{\sin(\varepsilon)}$	$r_{S} \frac{\eta}{\overline{h}} = \frac{\upsilon}{c}$
Damping equation Green's eq.	$\frac{\mathrm{d}H}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(1 + \frac{g\eta}{c\upsilon\sin\varepsilon}\right) = H\left(\frac{1}{b} - f'\frac{\upsilon\sin\varepsilon}{\overline{h}c}\right)$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}H}{\mathrm{d}x} = H\frac{1}{2b}$
Celerity equation	$c^{2} = \frac{1}{r_{s}} gh / \left[1 - \frac{\sin 2\varepsilon}{2(1+\alpha)} \left(\frac{c}{\omega b} - \frac{R'}{\omega} \right) \right]$	$c^2 = \frac{1}{r_s}gh$
Mazure's equation (1837)	$c = \frac{\omega g h \eta}{f \upsilon^2} \cos \varepsilon$	$c = \frac{\omega g h \eta}{f \upsilon^2}$



Equation Name	Assumption made for "Classical" equation	"Classical" equation
Phase Lag equation	either $\varepsilon = 0$ or $\varepsilon = \pi/2$	
Geometry-Tide relation	$\delta=0$ and $\epsilon=0$	$\frac{\eta\omega}{\upsilon} = \frac{\overline{h}}{r_s b}$
Scaling equation	$\epsilon = \pi/2$	$r_s \frac{\eta}{\overline{h}} = \frac{\upsilon}{c}$
Damping equation	$\epsilon = \pi/2 \text{ or } \pi/4 \text{ and } f' = 0$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}H}{\mathrm{d}x} = H\frac{1}{2b}$
Celerity equation	$\delta=0 \text{ or } \epsilon=0$	$c^2 = \frac{1}{r_s}gh$
Mazure's equation	0=3	$c = \frac{\omega g h \eta}{f \upsilon^2}$



b: diked or long duration

Salt water intrusion

The saline water originates from various sources:

- 1. Intrusion of sea water into open estuaries.
- 2. Seepage of brackish or saline ground water; the saline water may originate from old marine deposits.
- 3. Sea water entering through locks and sluices by leakage and navigation
- 4. The salt load of a river (natural salinity and brackish effluents from agricultural drainage and industrial wastes).
- 5. The salt contained in rain water and the saline spray in coastal regions (usually a minor amount).
- Salinisation due to saline groundwater reaching the surface through irrigation (Iraq) or land clearing (Australia)









Degree of mixing depends on the flood number:

Canter-Cremers number = N =

N >= 1,0:0 < N < 0,1:

estuary is stratified 0,1 < N < 1,0: estuary is partly mixed estuary is well mixed







Salt intrusion equation

$$r_{\rm S}A\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \left(Q_{\rm t} + Q_{\rm f}\right)\frac{\partial s}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(AD\frac{\partial s}{\partial x}\right) = -sR_{\rm s}$$
(5.7)









a)

b)



Distance from the Estuary Mouth [km]

a)

b)

Mixed estuary



Mixed estuary

Best salt intrusion measurement by moving boat at HWS, because:

- 1. The moment that HWS occurs is easily determined.
- 2. If the salinity at the downstream boundary is not known, it can easiest be estimated at HWS.
- 3. At HWS the salt intrusion is at its maximum.
- 4. A single observer in a small outboard driven boat can travel with the tidal wave and measure the entire salt intrusion curve at HWS or LWS.
- 5. In a moving boat (at slack) it is easy to measure a full vertical in the center of the stream, which is the best location to measure the salinity.
- 6. If the intrusion length is not too long, the observe can return to the estuary mouth and repeat the measurement for LWS.

For steady state, there should be an equilibrium in any cross-section between:

- The *advective transport* of salt by the river flow in downstream direction Q (S-S_f)
- The *dispersive transport* of salt in upstream direction under the effect of mixing which is proportional to the concentration gradient dS/dx.

$$(S - S_f)Q_f = -AD\frac{dS}{dx}$$



But it is not that simple, because:

- The cross-sectional area A is not constant with x;
- 2. The value of D cannot be easily predicted; it differs from one estuary to another; moreover it varies with x;
- 3. Actual records show that the lines deviate from straight lines;
- The concentration for x=0 is not constant but depends on Q;



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Longitudinal dispersion coefficient:

• Prandle (1981)



$$D \propto \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right)^k$$
 with $k = 0, 1, 2$

• Van der Burgh (1972)

$$\frac{\partial \mathsf{D}}{\partial \mathsf{x}} = \mathsf{K} \frac{\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{f}}}{\mathsf{A}}$$

• *Savenije (1992)*

$$\frac{\mathsf{D}}{\mathsf{D}_0} = \left(\frac{\mathsf{S}}{\mathsf{S}_0}\right)^{\mathsf{K}}$$

$$\begin{split} & A \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + Q \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(AD \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \\ & Q_f \left(S - S_f \right) = DA \frac{dS}{dx} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dD}{dx} = K \frac{Q_f}{A} \rightarrow \frac{dD}{K} = \frac{Q_f}{A} dx \end{split}$$

$$\frac{dD}{dx} = K \frac{Q_f}{A} \quad \text{and} \quad A(x) = A_0 \exp\left(-\frac{x}{a}\right)$$

$$\frac{dD}{dx} = K \frac{Q_f}{A} = K \frac{Q_f}{A_0 \exp\left(-\frac{x}{a}\right)} = \frac{KQ_f}{A_0} \exp\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$$
Integrated:
$$\frac{D}{D_0} = 1 + \frac{KaQ_f}{D_0A_0} \left(\exp\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) - 1\right) = 0$$
At the end of the salt intrusion (x=L): $S = S_f \rightarrow D = 0$

$$L = a \ln\left(-\frac{D_0A_0}{KaQ_f} + 1\right) \qquad \alpha_0 = \frac{D_0}{Q_f}$$

Predicting Do and K using dimless numbers

- 1. Densimetric Froude number: $F_d = \frac{\rho}{\Delta \rho} \frac{v^2}{gh} \approx 40 \frac{v^2}{gh}$
- 2. Canter-Cremers number:
 - $N = \frac{QT}{V_{fl}} = \frac{QT}{EA_0}$
- 3. Estuarine Richardson number
 - $N_R = \frac{N}{F_d}$
- 4. A simpler form of the Canter Cremers $N = \frac{V_f}{\upsilon}$
- 5. h/a
- 6. E/a
- 7. Coefficient of Van den Burgh K

Sea water intrusion into open estuaries Empirical formulae for K and a_0

$$K = 0.2 * 10^{-3} \left(\frac{E}{H}\right)^{0.65} \left(\frac{E}{C^2}\right)^{0.39} \left(1 - \delta b\right)^{-2.0} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{0.58} \left(\frac{Ea}{A_0}\right)^{0.14}$$

$$\alpha_{0} = 1400 \frac{h_{0}}{a} \sqrt{\frac{\text{ETgh}_{0}}{-Q_{f}A_{0}}} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho}}$$

$$\frac{D_0}{\upsilon_0 E_0} = 1400 \, \frac{h_0}{a} \sqrt{N_R}$$

Sea water intrusion Length

This results in:

$$L_{HWS} = a \ln \left(1 + \frac{1400}{K} \frac{h}{a} \frac{E}{a} \frac{\upsilon}{v_f} \sqrt{N_R} \right)$$

With:

a = convergence length of the cross-sectional area

- E = tidal excursion
- v = tidal velocity amplitude
- v_f = fresh water velocity
- N_R = Estuarine Richardson number


Figure 5.8 Comparison of various predictive models for the salt intrusion length at HWS.







a)





salinity (kg/m3)



salinity (kg/m3)



salinity (kg/m3)

time

Sea water intrusion into open estuaries

Preventive measures:

- Increasing the upland discharge
- Decreasing the depth of the estuary
- In case of small tides and a stratified estuary a low submerged sill effectively halts the saline wedge without offering a significant obstacle to flood flows.
- Damming off estuaries by building an enclosing dam equipped with sluices and gates to remove excess water to the sea



Sea water intrusion into open estuaries

If preventive measures are not feasible:

- 1. Shifting of intakes of fresh water to points upstream of the saline reach
- 2. Rinsing or flushing of canals exposed to saline intrusion with fresh water
- 3. Over-irrigation in combination with adequate drainage to leach the soil

Seepage of brackish ground water

Soil salinization:

 primary soil salinization: *Use of irrigation water*
 secondary soil salinization: *Capillary forces*



Sea water entering at navigation locks



Sea water entering navigation locks

Exchange at time t:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t = \frac{\rho_t - \rho_0}{\rho_s - \rho_0} & \text{if } \rho_t = \rho_s & u_t = 1 \\ \rho_t = \rho_0 & u_t = 0 \end{aligned}$$

In the Netherlands (semi-empirical):

$$u_{t} = tanh\left(\frac{t}{4L}\left(\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_{0}}gH\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \text{ where } \Delta\rho = \rho_{s}-\rho_{0}$$

Preventive measures:

- 1. Pump back the saline water in the lock chamber to the sea and replace this by fresh water from the canal.
- 2. Injection of air bubbles during the time that the gates are open.
- 3. The saline water entered at a lock can be collected in a sump at the canal side of the lock and removed from there by pumping of gravity.
- 4. Subdivide the lock chamber so that smaller boats can be locked through without using the entire chamber.

Coastal reservoirs – general design



Purposes for reservoirs:

- by shortening the coast line the salt water intrusion is reduced
- fresh water from the river can be stored
- a better defense of the adjacent low-lying areas against storm surges is obtained
- the drainage of these areas can be improved

Coastal reservoirs - general design

Technical feasibility of reservoirs depend on:

- The length of the period of desalinization
- The ultimate salinity of the water in the reservoir after the desalinization
- The water balance of the reservoir in connection with the regulation of the normal operational level

Coastal reservoirs – water balance

IN	OUT
River discharge	Abstraction of water
Drainage on the reservoir	Drainage to the sea
Rain on the reservoir	Evaporation from the reservoir
Decrease in storage	Increase in storage

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}S}{\mathrm{d}t} = I - O$





Coastal reservoirs – salt balance

IN	OUT		
Salt load or the river	Salt drained to the sea		
Drainage of brackish water on the reservoir	Abstraction of water from the reservoir		
Underground inflow of saline water	Increase in amount of salt stored		
Diffusion of salt from the bottom			
Locking of ships			
Leakage of sluices gates			
d cS = c I = c O			
d t d_{i}			

Coastal reservoirs – salt balance

HW

LW

The initial desalinization of the reservoir after the closing of the dam can be achieved in two ways:

fresh

1. Removal of the saline water by pumping to the sea

2. Gradual desalinization by draining off to the sea the mixture of the saline water with the fresh water supplied by the river



Hong Kong

Coastal reservoirs – salinity with time

Mixing equation of theoretical physics:

Container:



Coastal reservoir:



Column of soil:



Coastal reservoirs – salinity with time

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- Water balance:
 - q = e + d
- Salt balance:

 $qc'dt = dc dt + V_0 dc$

$$c = K \exp\left(-\frac{d}{V_0}t\right) + N$$
 with

$$V_0 \frac{dc}{dt} = -dc + qc'$$

$$K = C_0 - N$$
$$N = \frac{qc'}{d} = C_{\infty}$$

amount of salt reaching the reservoir amount of water drained off



Coastal reservoirs – salinity with time

c/c_0	
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After:		1 vear	2 vears	5 vears	10 years	20 vears	
	$T=V_0/d$	i year		S years	io years		
	1	0.37	0.135	0.006	0.000	0.000	
	2	0.61	0.37	0.08	0.006	0.000	
	10	0.90	0.82	0.61	0.37	0.135	



Coastal reservoirs – NOP



Case histories – IJssel lake

IN (in 10 ⁹ m ³ per year)		OUT (in 10 ⁹ m ³ per year)		
River discharge (IJssel)	10.14	Evaporation	0.80	
Drainage high ground	3.30	Abstraction irrigation water	2.00	
Drainage polder areas	2.60	Abstraction flushing water	2.00	
Rainfall on the lake	0.90	Drainage to the sea	12.14	
Locking, leakage	p.m.			
16.94			16.94	

IN (in 10 ⁶ kg Cl ⁻ per year)		OUT (in 10 ⁶ kg Cl ⁻ per year)	
Salt load river	1097	Total evacuation	2448
Drainage high grounds	130		
Drainage polder areas	900		
Rainfall on the lake	9		
Locking, leakage	212		
Diffusion	100		
2448			2448

Case histories – IJssel lake $\frac{2448 \times 10^6 \text{ kg Cl}^{-}}{(12.14 + 2.00 + 2.00) \times 10^9 \text{m}^3}$ C_∞ = 152 mg Cl/lT= V/d=13E9/11.4E9=1.1 year



Case histories – Braakman

IN (in 10 ⁶ m ³ per year)		OUT (in 10 ⁶ m ³ per year)	
Inflow I from the south	3.00	Loss by seepage (2)	1.64
Rain on reservoir	1.05	Drainage to the sea	2.77
Ground water inflow (1)	1.09	Evaporation	0.90
Seepage under dam (3)	0.18		
5.32			5.32

IN (in 10 ⁶ kg Cl ⁻ per year)		OUT (in 10 ⁶ kg Cl ⁻ per year)		
Inflow I from the south	0.3	Loss by seepage (2)	6.68	
Rain on reservoir	0.02	Drainage to the sea	11.54	
Ground water inflow (1)	15.34			
Seepage under dam (3)	2.56			
18.22			18.22	

 $c_{\infty} = \frac{18.22 \times 10^6 \text{ kg Cl}^{-1}}{(1.64 + 2.77) \times 10^6 \text{m}^3} = 4100 \text{ mg Cl}^{-1}/\text{l}$



Effect of embanking on the hydrological conditions

Embanking has repercussions in:

- A. Hydrological effects
 - 1. The longitudinal overland flow
 - 2. The over-bank storage
 - 3. The flooding of the strip between the channel and the dike

B. Morphologic effects

- 4. The necessity of river training
- 5. The natural process of delta building up
- 6. The position of the river bed

C. Environmental effects

- 7. The hygienic conditions of the land areas
- 8. The water management in the land areas
- 9. The cropping pattern and farm management



Hydrological effects



Drainage of level areas



