Geometry description of local scouring process in various laboratory water structure models

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Erosive process in the lower stand of the structure causes channel morphology changes and could be also dangerous for structure's stability, because of foundation scouring risk.

That's why GEOMETRICAL PARAMETERS description of local scour is precious tool for engineers.



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2. Aim of the research

Attempts of other scientists, on the grounds of lowland river conditions research









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$$\theta = \frac{\tau_b}{(\rho_s - \rho_w) \cdot g \cdot d_{50}}$$
$$\tau_b = \rho_w \cdot g \cdot R_b \cdot S$$



FormulaCorrelation coefficient r $\left(\frac{z_{max}}{H_s}\right) = c \times \frac{a_1}{s \cdot d_{50}} + d$ r = 0.74 - 0.83 $\left(\frac{l_s}{H_s}\right) = f \times \frac{a_1}{s \cdot d_{50}} + g$ r = 0.58 - 0.63 $Q_s \times D_* \times \left(\frac{W}{H}\right)^{-1} \times \left(\frac{z_m}{l_s}\right) = a \cdot Q_w \times (S - S_0) + b$ r = 0.71 - 0.82 $\left(\frac{z_m}{l_s}\right) = k \times e^{m \cdot \theta}$ r = 0.67 - 0.82



- The experiment included fifty two test runs in total, on three test stands to investigate the local scours properties, aiming at relating scour geometry with hydrodynamic parameters of water and sediment discharge.
- Test stands included totally and partially sandy bed with and without the water structure (stone weir).
- Measurements were taken when the scour hole obtains its stable shape in clear-water and live-bed conditions.

5. Summary and Conclusions

- ✓ Four empirical formulas were confirmed to predict the medium scour depth, maximal scour depth and the length of the scour hole as far as correlation coefficient r> 0.60 signalizes satisfying match and r> 0.80 good match of data
- Lane's relation could be transformed into equation and used in local scour dimensions forecasting.
- ✓ Obtained functional relationships could be used in engineering practice, however up to now there is only one real object verified.

What's next?

- ✓ higher energy grade slopes
- ✓ different stone weir configurations
- ✓ water structure with diminished slots area to intensify scour forming process in proposed test run conditions

Thank you for Your attention!