Aalborg Universitet

AALBORG UNIVERSITY
DENMARK

Spatial Damage Distribution over Cube Armoured Roundheads

Alonso, Enrique Maciñeira; Burcharth, Hans F.

Published in:
ICCE 2008

Publication date:
2008

Document Version
Publisher's PDF, also known as Version of record

[Link to publication from Aalborg University](#)

Citation for published version (APA):
Alonso, E. M., & Burcharth, H. F. (2008). Spatial Damage Distribution over Cube Armoured Roundheads. In *ICCE 2008: Book of Abstracts* International Conference on Coastal Engineering.

General rights

Copyright and moral rights for the publications made accessible in the public portal are retained by the authors and/or other copyright owners and it is a condition of accessing publications that users recognise and abide by the legal requirements associated with these rights.

- Users may download and print one copy of any publication from the public portal for the purpose of private study or research.
- You may not further distribute the material or use it for any profit-making activity or commercial gain
- You may freely distribute the URL identifying the publication in the public portal -

Take down policy

If you believe that this document breaches copyright please contact us at vbn@aub.aau.dk providing details, and we will remove access to the work immediately and investigate your claim.

SPATIAL DAMAGE DISTRIBUTION OVER CUBE ARMoured ROUNDHEADS

Enrique Maciñeira, La Coruña University, emacine@puertocoruna.com
Hans F. Burcharth, Aalborg University, burcharth@burcharthmail.com

INTRODUCTION

Different authors have studied and defined the most critical sector to armour stability in order to calculate the mass needed in the units of the armour. This sector has been located between 90° and 135° relative to the orthogonal of the waves. Moreover, from these studies it is seen that damage "moves" around the head keeping the position relative to the wave direction.

For the design of the head it is of interest to know, not only the damage development in the defined critical sector, but also the damage in the other parts of the roundhead. This presentation presents data on damage distribution over the head obtained in 3D physical model test. Furthermore, the factors influencing the distributions are explained.

MODEL TESTS

Port of La Coruña commissioned in the period 2002 to 2004 the Hydraulics and Coastal Engineering Laboratory of Department of Civil Engineering, Aalborg University, Denmark, to perform physical model tests of the stability of the cube armoured roundhead for the new port at Punta Langosteira, Spain. The tests, which were performed in a basin with multidirectional wave generators, included a parametric study of the influence of slope, radius and the mass density of the cubes as well as wave characteristics including angle of incidence.

DAMAGE DISTRIBUTION

Armour damage in the head is produced by the combined effects of the concentration of wave's impact and the horizontal "swash" impact over the head. Moreover the relative lack of support from neighbour units displacement, produces easy damage compared to trunk sections.

The relative size of the head and the wave period influence the behaviour of the head. The spatial distribution on heads with relative large radius compared with armour unit's size, is more concentrated in the critical sector than the case of smaller radius heads where damage is more spread over the head, even on the lee side.

Fig 1.- damage distribution over the head, case $\cot \alpha = 1,5$; $sop = 0,05$

The influence of wave period is that short waves produce more spread of the damage over the head

due to larger stability associated and slower damage progression.

Fig 2.- damage distribution over the head, case $\cot \alpha = 1,5$; $sop = 0,05$

Fig 3.- sector used in the research

Fig 4.- head damage

The paper provides further recommendations for head design.

REFERENCES

- Burcharth (2003): Report on model testing of rubble mound roundhead solutions (new port of La Coruña at Punta Langosteira), Hydraulic and coastal Engineering Laboratory, Aalborg University, Denmark.
- Burcharth (2004): Parametric study of the round head for the new port of La Coruña at Punta Langosteira, Hydraulic and coastal Engineering Laboratory, Aalborg University, Denmark.
- Burcharth, Haagensen, Maciñeira (2003): Stability of roundheads armoured with cubes, Coastal Structures'03.
- Maciñeira, Burcharth (2007): New formula for stability of cube armoured roundheads, Coastal Structures'07.