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4.4.1 Mechanistic Hydro-abrasion Models

$$\underline{A_{r}} = \begin{cases}
\frac{Y_{M}}{k_{v}f_{st}^{2}} \frac{g(s-1)}{112} (T^{*})^{-0.07} q_{s} \exp\left(-\frac{q_{s}}{q_{s}^{*}}\right) \left(\frac{MH}{MH_{B}}\right)^{1.3} \left[1-1.05(T^{*})^{-0.90}\right], \text{ for } q_{s} < q_{s}^{*} \text{ and } 1 \le \frac{MH}{MH_{B}} \le 2.3\\
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0, \text{ for } q_{s} \ge q_{s}^{*}
\end{cases}$$

Material resistance
Energy flux term
Cover effect term
Particle hardness effect
Saltation probability

Source: Demiral Yüzügüllü (2021)

 A_r [m/s] = spatially averaged vertical hydro-abrasion rate per unit time k_v [-] = hydro-abrasion resistance coefficient Y_M [Pa] = Young's modulus of the bed lining material f_{st} [Pa] = splitting tensile strength of the bed lining material $s = \rho_s / \rho_w$ = relative paricle density $T^* = \theta / \theta_c - 1$ [-] = excess transport stage q_s [kg/(ms)] = unit gravimetric bedload transport rate q^*_s [kg/(ms)] = unit gravimetric bedload transport capacity MH [-]= Bulk Mohs hardness of the sediment particles MH_B [-] = Mohs hardness of the bed lining material



4.4.1 Mechanistic Hydro-abrasion Models

 Calibration of the hydro-abrasion coefficient for concrete and natural stone liners



Constant k_v value for both laboratory and field data (independent of material strength)

$$k_{v,mean} = 4.8e+04$$

 $k_{v,low} = k_{v,mean} - k_{v,std} = 2.6e+04$
 \rightarrow use for high A_r estimate



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4.4.1 Mechanistic Hydro-abrasion Models

• Maximum abrasion depth



$$\int A_{r} dt = h_{a} = \int_{0}^{4} \int_{0}^{40} \int_{0}^{30} \int_{0}^{40} \int_{0}^{30} \int_{0}^{40} \int_{0}^{30} \int_{0}^{40} \int_{0}^{30} \int_{0}^{40} \int_{0}^{30} \int_{0}^{40} \int_{0}^{40}$$

maximum abrasion depths (95th percentile): $h_{a,max} = h_a + 2\sigma = h_a + 2 \cdot (0.51 + 0.31)h_a = 2.64h_a$ $h_{a,min} = 0$

 h_a [mm] = spatially averaged abrasion depth σ [mm] = standard deviation of abrasion distribution in area of interest



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4.5 Abrasion Resistant Invert Materials

Typically made of:

Country	Dam	Material	Compressive strength [MPa]	median sediment Ø [mm]	Mean abrasion [mm/a]
СН	Pfaffensprung	Granite	250	250	8
СН	Egschi	Granite	184	60	5
СН	Ual da Mulin	Cast basalt	450	40	< 2
СН	Runcahez	High-strength concrete	77	230	8
СН	Palagnedra	High-strength concrete	80	74	1.5
СН	Solis	High-strength concrete	105	60	29
JPN	Asahi	High-strength concrete	70	50	23

• (Surface) irregularities trigger and intensify abrasion



4.5.1 Lining Material

Medium- and high-strength concrete (HPC)

- wavy pattern of abrasion
- preferable for very large saltating sediment particles (> 30 cm)
- Natural stone (cast basalt, granite)
 - damages typically occur along plate joints
 - jointless tight plate installation preferable
 - or place in staggered way
- Sometimes steel armoring in reaches with high wear
 → e.g. acceleration section at SBT inlet





4.5.2 Tunnel Lining Design

• For particles mainly transported in **rolling or sliding mode** (with minor saltation), abrasion processes are mainly grinding, only weakly impinging

→ both **natural stone pavers and HPC liners** are viable options

- For pronounced **particle saltation** (particularly by large grain sizes) there is mainly impinging wear
 - → very brittle material should be avoided, i.e. use of HPC preferable over (thin) natural stone pavers





4.5.2 Tunnel Lining Design

 recommended: use a wearing surface top layer (natural stone or HPC) with conventional concrete underneath

		Concrete aggregate		Cement		Water	
	Layer thickness [m]	Grain size distribution	Mass [kg/m ³]	type	Mass [kg/m ³]	w/c ratio [-]	Mass [kg/m ³]
Normal invert (High strength concrete with steel fiber)	0.3	0/4: 40% 4/8: 24% 8/16: 36%	1900	CEM II/A-D 52.5R	536	0.33	177
Concrete with steel fibers	0.3	0/4: 41% 4/8: 22% 8/16: 37%	1740	CEM II/A-D 52.5R	450	0.41	185
Concrete with shrinkage reduction	0.3	0/4: 40% 4/8: 24% 8/16: 36%	1900	CEM II/A-D 52.5R	390	0.44	172
High alumina cement	0.15	0/4: 50% 4/10: 50%	2060	High alumina cement concrete	515	0.40	206
Ultrahigh performance concrete	0.08	Quartz sand	870	CEM II/B-M	1100	0.17	187





4.6 Invert Maintenance and Refurbishment

- Erosion of the invert of bypass tunnels not only due to movement of solids but also possibly due to cavitation
- SBTs have to be inspected to assess damage to the invert and walls at the end of the flood season every year.
- If damaged: repairs should be undertaken during the next low flow season
- Time-consuming, difficult, costly refurbishment works

 → consider total LC cost (incl. maintenance and repair)

$$NPV = \sum_{t=0}^{T} \frac{C_t}{(1+r)^t} = \sum_{t=0}^{T} \frac{E_t - I_t}{(1+r)^t}$$

- *T* = accounting period
- C_t = net cash flow at time t
- E_t = earnings at time t
 - = expenses at time t
 - = interest rate

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4.6 Invert Maintenance and Refurbishment

- Minor damage: epoxy-resin mortar
- Heavy damage (h_a in cm to dm range): replace damaged invert with HPC showing high abrasion resistance
- Ensuring bond between the old and the new concrete
- high degree of quality control necessary while placing micro-resin concrete or HPC







4.7 Design recommendations

Overarching philosophy:

- 1) Minimize loads by optimized flow conditions \rightarrow SBT layout
- 2) Choose appropriate resistance of invert lining (relative to sediment hardness)
- 3) Select suitable invert material



Ad 1)

- Use constant bed slope as mild as possible but assuring supercritical flow
- Avoid bends if possible \rightarrow high local shear stresses due to secondary currents
- Choose cross section with **level invert** geometry





4.7 Design recommendations

Hydraulic considerations

- Aspect ratio in most SBTs B/h < 4 to 5
 - \rightarrow 3D-flow (secondary currents \rightarrow higher abrasion)
 - B/h < 2.3: max. abrasion in the **center** of the tunnel
 - $2.3 \le B/h < 6$: max. abrasion near the tunnel **side walls**







4.7 Design recommendations

Overarching philosophy:

Minimize loads by optimized flow conditions
 → SBT layout

- 2) Choose appropriate relative resistance of invert lining
- 3) Select suitable invert material

Ad 3)

- Consider **transport mechanism** (sliding, saltation) and material characteristics (brittle vs. elastic)
- Do **predictive modelling** using mechanistic models for different materials

Ad 1)

- Use constant bed slope as mild as possible but assuring supercritical flow
- Avoid bends that cause high local shear stresses
- Choose cross section with level invert geometry

Ad 2)

- Carry out a mineralogical analysis of the sediment
- Minimize joint widths and gaps

 \rightarrow see above

 Ensure proper bonding/connection of the different layers





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