

**Presentation 18:
Inspection, Maintenance, and Monitoring
of Service and Emergency Spillways**



Inspection, Maintenance and Monitoring of Service and Emergency Spillways

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Current Condition

- Change in Mentality
- Attention paid to safety of dams
- Understanding of design events
- Owners' awareness



Levels of Experience

- Rarity of large flood events
- Denver snowstorm of 1913
- Big Thompson Flood of 1976
- South Platte Flood of 1965
- Events do occur and spillways are leading cause of failures



Personnel Issues

- Inspection Knowledge Needed
- Failure modes
- Service spillways see more use than emergency spillways
- Emergency spillway may have never been used



Inspection Issues

- Capability to meet design criteria
- Conditions and components for successful operation
 - Located on abutment
 - Located on dam
- Condition assessment
- Changes with time



Inspection Issues

- Observation of operation
- Annual flood
- 5, 10 and 25 year flood
- Normal flows give indication of ability for successful operations
- Normal flows may be most critical for maintenance



Maintenance

- Maintenance is typically not frequent
- Emergency spillway may be forgotten
- Repairs are necessary to maintain in as-designed condition
- Concrete
 - Movement, foundation erosion, toe and head erosion
- Earth
 - Slope protection, erosion of channel, abutments, toe, head
- Deleterious materials



Special Issue

- Over-the-dam spillways need additional attention
- Frequent use as they are cost effective using RCC
- Induces new failure mode
- Increases frequency of emergency spillway usage



Monitoring

- Monitoring is needed
 - to estimate performance
 - to set a maintenance/rehabilitation plan
- Measurements of
 - movement, cracking, deterioration, aging issues
- Documentation of
 - surveys, photos, checklists and notes



Data Usage

- Review of monitoring data
 - by personnel experienced and qualified
- When first gathered to understand current condition
 - as comparison to historic records for evaluating changes
- Reporting of results to owner and safety agencies



Conclusion

- Spillways constructed of engineered materials age
- Criteria may not be up to date
- Modern designs may have less robust components
- Inspection, maintenance and monitoring may be last hope



Presentation 19: Unlined Spillway Erosion Risk Assessment





Unlined Spillway Erosion Risk Assessment



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Problem Statements:

- Spillway erosion analysis encounters variable nature of geometry, geologic material and unpredictable flood events.
- Dam Safety Portfolio Analysis needs a tool to determine the probability of spillway damage.



Painted Rock, AZ



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RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

- Develop a tool to assess the probability of damage on unlined spillway erosion
- Develop a tool to prioritize unlined spillway/channel remediation projects



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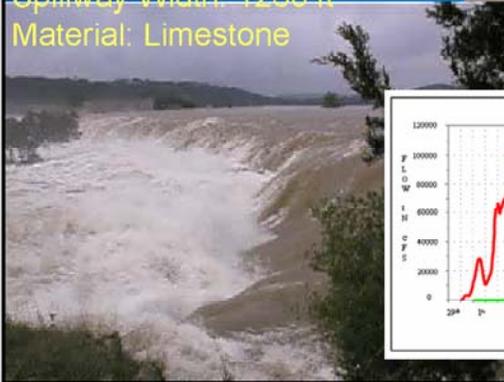
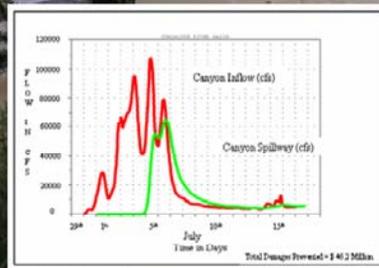


DMAD spillway shortly after failure (1982)



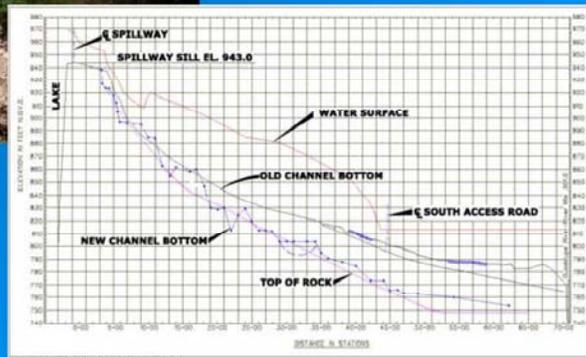
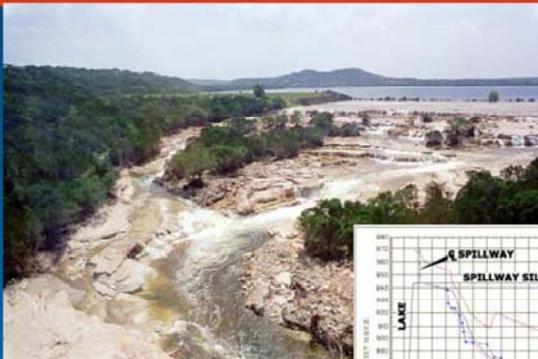
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Canyon Dam Spillway, Texas
Date: July 6 2002
Flow: 66,000 cfs, 250 yrs flood
Duration: 12 days
Spillway Width: 1260 ft
Material: Limestone



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Canyon Dam





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Risk Assessment

Process of Answering Three Questions:

- 1 What can go wrong?
- 2 What is the likelihood it will go wrong?
- 3 What are the consequences if it does go wrong?



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1 What Can Go Wrong?



Local Scouring



Headcut Erosion



Spillway Breach



Dam Breach



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2 What Is The Likelihood It Will Go Wrong?

- ◆ Uncertainty of Flood Event
- ◆ Uncertainty of Material Parameters
- ◆ Uncertainty of Performance of the Unlined Spillway



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3 What Are the Consequences If It Does Go Wrong?

- ◆ Spillway Partial Damage
 - Lightly Damaged
 - Moderately Damaged
 - Severely Damaged
- ◆ Spillway Breach
 - Population at Risk
 - Loss of Economic Value



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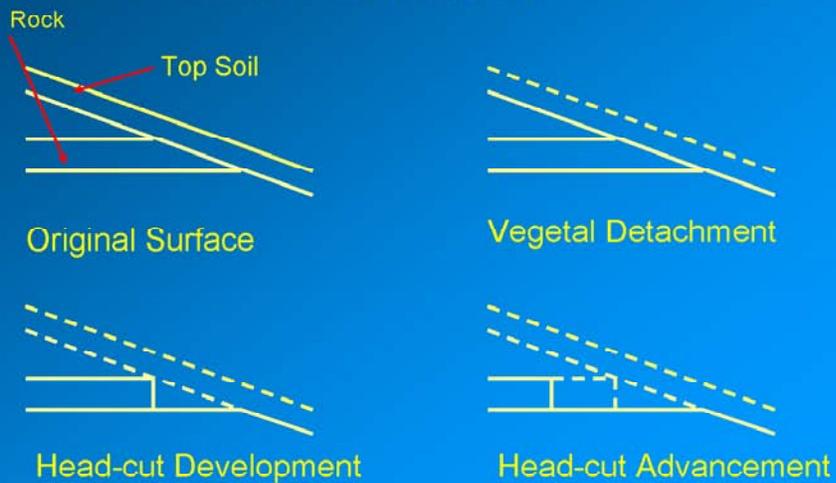
Spillway Erosion Models

- ◆ USDA (Temple et al., 1994)
- ◆ Modified USDA (KCD, 1995; ERDC, 2002)
- ◆ Annandale (1995)
- ◆ REMR (WES, 1998)



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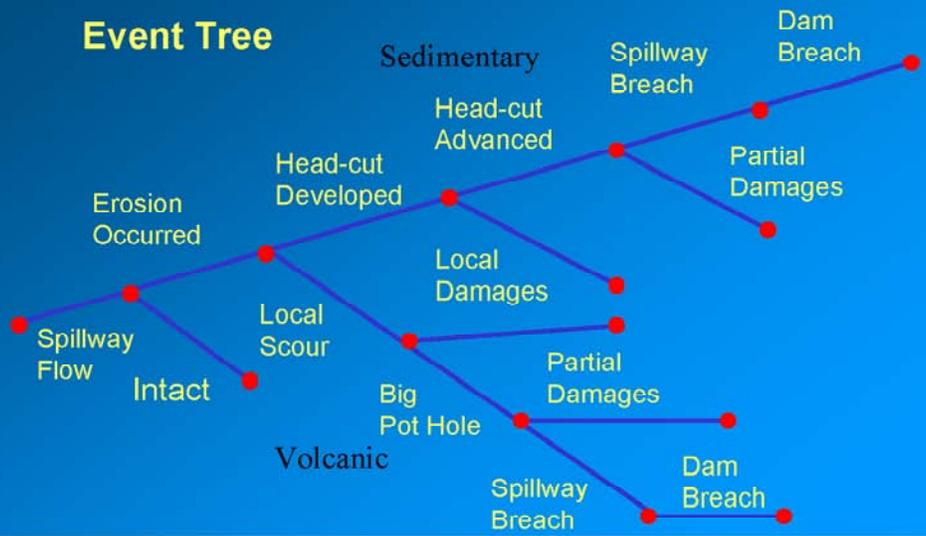
Phase of Erosions





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Event Tree



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Development of Head-cut

Load: Hydrograph



Governing Equations:

$$\tau_e = \gamma(d + \Delta d)S$$

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = k_d[\tau_e - \tau_c]$$



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Parameters

τ_e = effective stress

γ = unit weight of water

d = normal depth of flow

S = surface slope

$d\varepsilon/dt$ = erosion rate

k_d = detachment rate coefficient

τ_c = threshold stress



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Head-cut Advance

Load: Hydrograph



Governing Equations:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{cases} C(A - A_0) & (A - A_0) > 0 \\ 0 & (A - A_0) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

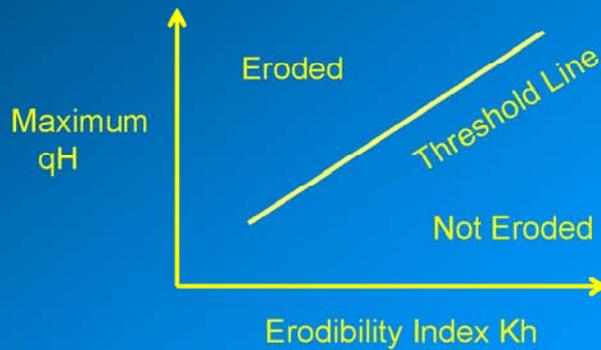
dx/dt = Rate of headcut advance
 C = Empirical parameter

A = Hydraulic attack
 A_0 = Threshold level



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Erosion Model - Threshold Line



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Erodibility Index (K_h)

$$K_h = M_s * K_b * K_d * J_s$$

M_s = Material Strength Number

K_b = Block Size Number

K_d = Joint Shear Strength Number

J_s = Joint Orientation Number



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Maximum Hydraulic Attack

$$E = \gamma * q * H$$

E = Maximum Hydraulic Attack

γ = Unit weight of water

q = Unit discharge

H = Energy line drop



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Logistic Regression

- ◆ Regression for Binary Outcomes
 - Occurrence (Erosion)
 - Non-Occurrence (No Erosion)
- ◆ User of Logistic Regression Method
 - Medical
 - Business
- ◆ Probabilistic Liquefaction Analysis



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Logistic Regression

◆ Odds ratio $\frac{p}{1-p}$

◆ Logit transformation

$$\ln\left[\frac{p}{1-p}\right] = b_0 + b_1x$$

p = probability of occurrence

b₀, b₁ = regression parameters

x = independent variable

$$p = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-(b_0 + b_1x)]}$$



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Multiple Logistic Regression

$$p = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-(b_0 + b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + \dots + b_nx_n)]}$$

p = probability of occurrence

b₀, b₁, b₂, ..., b_n = regression parameters

x₁, x₂, ..., x_n, = independent variables



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Multiple Logistic Regression for Spillway Erosion

$$p = \frac{1}{1 + \exp \left[- \left(b_0 + b_1 K_h + b_2 qH \right) \right]}$$

K_h = Erosion Index, Material Resistance
 qH = Maximum qH , Hydraulic Attack



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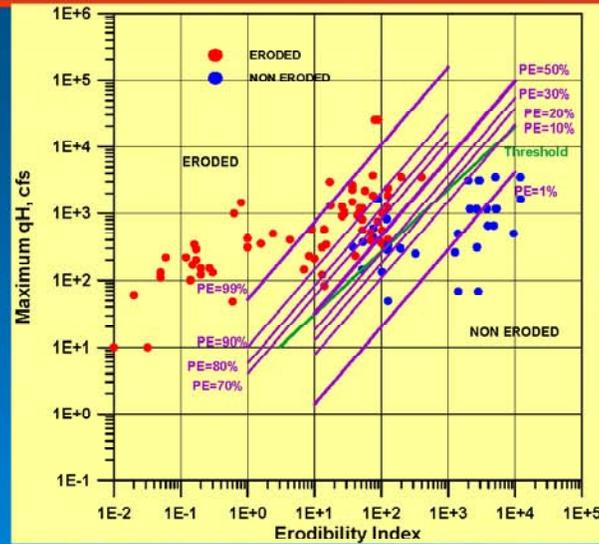
Result of Multiple Logistic Regression

$$p_e = \frac{1}{1 + \exp \left[- \left(1.171 - 3.9 K_h + 3.364 qH \right) \right]}$$

p_e = probability of erosion
 K_h = Erosion Index, Material Resistance
 qH = Maximum qH , Hydraulic Attack



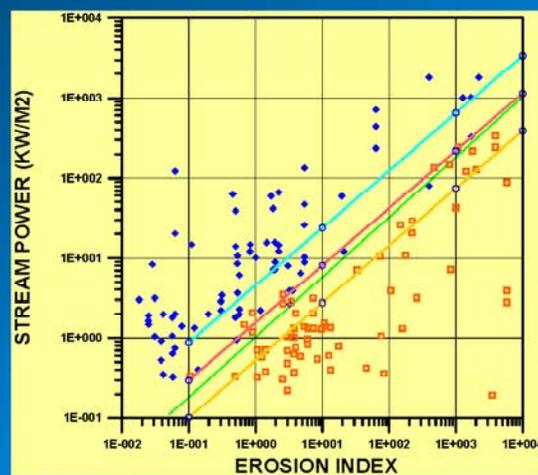
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Logistic Regression for ERDC Threshold



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Logistic Regression for Annandale Threshold



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Independent Variables

- **Hydrograph**
 - Peak unit discharges (cfs/ft)
 - Flood durations (hrs)
- **Spillway Geometry**
 - Lengths (ft)
 - Slopes (degrees)
- **Material Index**
 - Erosion Indexes



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Ordinal Logistic Regression

$S_j = F(\text{Material, Peak Discharge, Duration, Average_Slope, and Length})$

Data: Case Histories (USDA and COE)

Damage Levels:

No Damage	0 - 0.05%
Lightly Damage	0.06 – 15%
Moderately Damage	16 – 40%
Severely Damage	41 – 75%
Breach	76 – 100%



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Ordinal Logistic Regression

$$S_j = -1.515 \text{ Log_Kh} + 8.635 \text{ Log_q} - 1.581 \text{ Log_Dura} + 0.807 \text{ Slope_av} + 3.975 \text{ Log_Length}$$

Probability Formulation:

No Damage	= $1/(1 + \exp(S_j - k_1))$
Lightly Damage	= $1/(1 + \exp(S_j - k_2)) - 1/(1 + \exp(S_j - k_1))$
Moderately Damage	= $1/(1 + \exp(S_j - k_3)) - 1/(1 + \exp(S_j - k_2))$
Severely Damage	= $1/(1 + \exp(S_j - k_4)) - 1/(1 + \exp(S_j - k_3))$
Breach	= $1 - 1/(1 + \exp(S_j - k_4))$

k1, k2, k3, and k4 = boundary parameters from regression



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Input	Tuttle Cr., KS Ls-Sh G/J	Painted Rock, AZ		Saylorville, IA Ss-Sh, 91	Buck Doe, MO
Unit Disch. (cfs/ft)	112.1	41.8		104.4	163.5
Duration (hours)	120	576		216	3
Erosion Index, K_h	17	5340	28	103	0.01
Ave. Slope (deg)	1.4	1.32	14.04	1	7.2
Length (ft)	2200	520	230	1340	155
Probability Output					
No Damage	0.001	0.990	0.000	0.029	0.000
Lightly	0.019	0.009	0.002	0.275	0.000
Moderate	0.305	0.001	0.047	0.609	0.000
Severe	0.629	0.000	0.639	0.085	0.003
Breach	0.046	0.000	0.312	0.002	0.997



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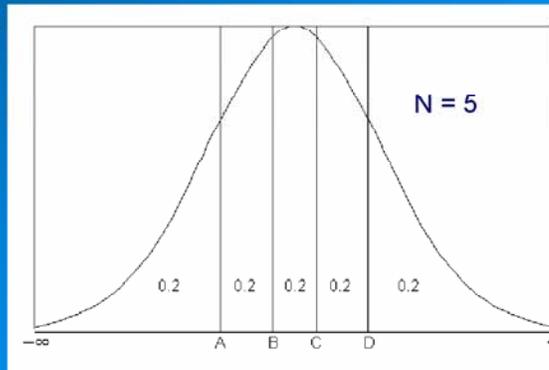
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	The Dalles, OR Q=2,290,000 cfs	Bluestone, WV Q=430,000 cfs
Erosion Index (Kh)	1960	2734
Stream Power (Kw/m ²)	125.4	22.3
Probability of Erosion	0.012	0.000



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Simulation Using USDA Model

- Monte Carlo
- Latin Hyper-Cube





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LHC Simulation

Variables:

Materials
Hydrographs

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Prioritizing Process

Ranking the outcome:

$$\text{Risk} = P_{\text{occurrence}} * P_{\text{failure}} * \text{Consequences}$$



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Future Research

- Erosion Index needs to be refined
- Geophysical Exploration will be useful for volcanic areas
- Effect of spillway channel geometry (curving, narrowing)
- Three dimensional erosion (side erosion)