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**INNOVATIONS IN NAVIGATION LOCK DESIGN**  
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*Paper 1*  
**PRESENTATION OF THE  
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# INNOVATION IN NAVIGATION LOCK DESIGN

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# “Innovations in Navigation Lock Design”

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# LOCK INNOVATIONS



The PIANC report n°106 (2009):

- Complement to PIANC 1986 report.
- **Targets: innovations and changes occurring since 1986**

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## NEW LOCK INNOVATIVE TOPICS



- Hydraulics (filling and emptying),
- Operations and Maintenance,
- Environmental,
- Design (concrete, foundation, gate,...),
- Construction Modes,
- Equipments,
- .....
- Design concept : Cost-Effective, Reliable,.....

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## WG29 – Navigation Locks

- Locks are key structures for the development of commercial and leisure navigation in rivers and canals.
- Locks are also strategic infrastructure for port development.
- In low-lying countries, locks have an important function in flood defence.

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Innovation applies to the big and fast...



GERMANY

PANAMA

New,  
Cost-Effective  
Reliable



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... and the small and slow...



UK



Renovation  
Rehabilitation

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## WG29 - LOCK INNOVATIONS



Major changes in design since 1986 concern:

- **Maintenance and Operation aspects,**
- **New goals** at the conceptual design stages of a lock
  - ➔ **RELIABILITY , LIVE CYCLE COST, ...**
- **Renovation and rehabilitation** of existing locks are also key issues for the future.

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# DESIGN AND OPTIMIZATION GOALS

## Main design objectives governing the design of a lock are:

- **Reliability** - system, structures and operations,
  - Reduced duration of a lock cycle times,
  - Reduced water motions and mooring forces
  - Avoid water resource problems (minimise water use) → Water Saving Basins
  - Saltwater intrusion
- **Reduced life cycle cost**
  - Minimizing energy use
  - Avoid negative environmental impact
  - Minimize impacts to navigation and local community
- **Safety and Security**

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## Early design stage

### Key points at Early Design Stage are:

- Lock layout & Lock dimensions ,
- Life cycle of a lock ,
- Construction Modes or Methods,
- Layout of the hydraulic system,
- Lock structure concepts ,
- Salt water intrusion, Ice Control, Communication, Security and Safety, ...

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# DESIGN PRINCIPLES

1. “**Risk based design**” versus “Deterministic approach”
2. “**Life cycle cost optimisation**” versus “Least construction cost”
3. Use of “**Numerical Modelling**” as design tool (combined with physical model)

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# LAYOUT OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

*Hydraulic systems for filling and emptying locks can be divided into two types:*

- ➔ *Through the heads*
- ➔ *Through longitudinal culverts*

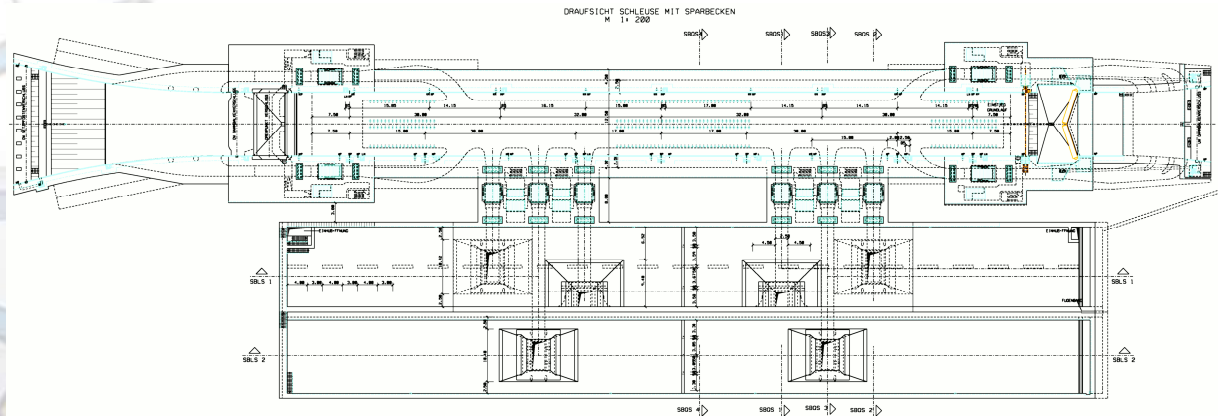
*Typical layouts of Longitudinal culvert system:*

- *Wall culvert side port system*
- *Wall culvert bottom lateral system*
- *In-Chamber longitudinal culvert system (ILCS)*
- *Longitudinal culverts under the lock floor*
- *Dynamically balanced lock filling system*
- *Pressure chamber*

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# LAYOUT OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

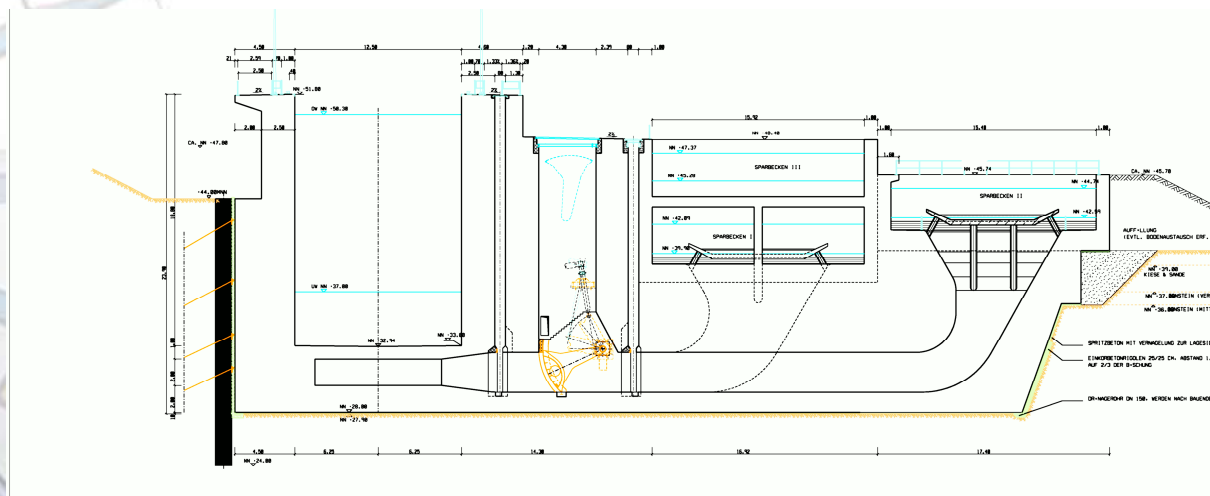


**Lock with Water saving basins located on the side of the lock  
- Standard concept**

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# NEW LAYOUTS OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEM



**Connection of pressure chamber to WSBs basins (upper) and to main chamber (lower) → Germany**

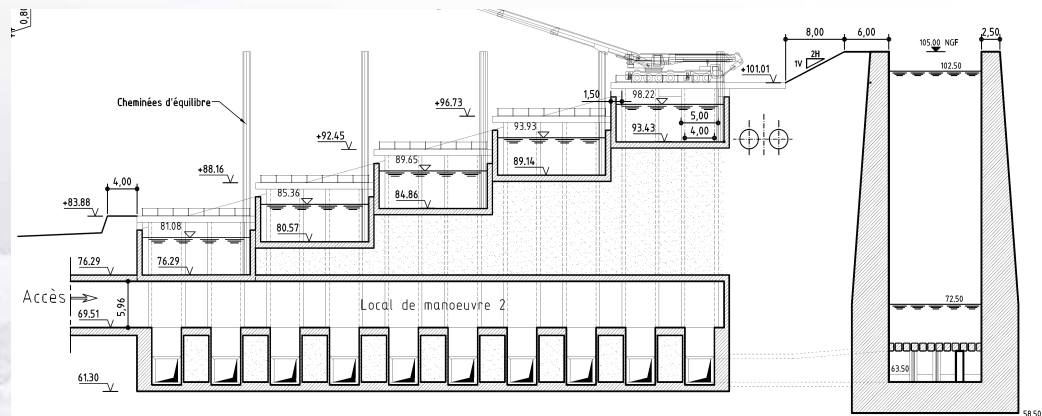
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# Water Saving Basins (WSBs)

## Various types of Water Saving Basins.



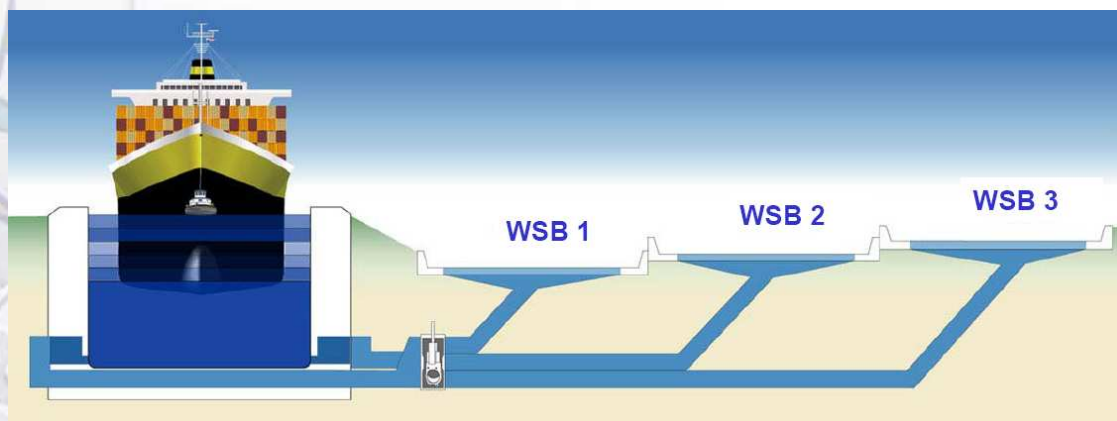
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# Water Saving Basin (WSB)



Locks with separated WSBs (located on one side or both sides of the lock, on a series of steps)



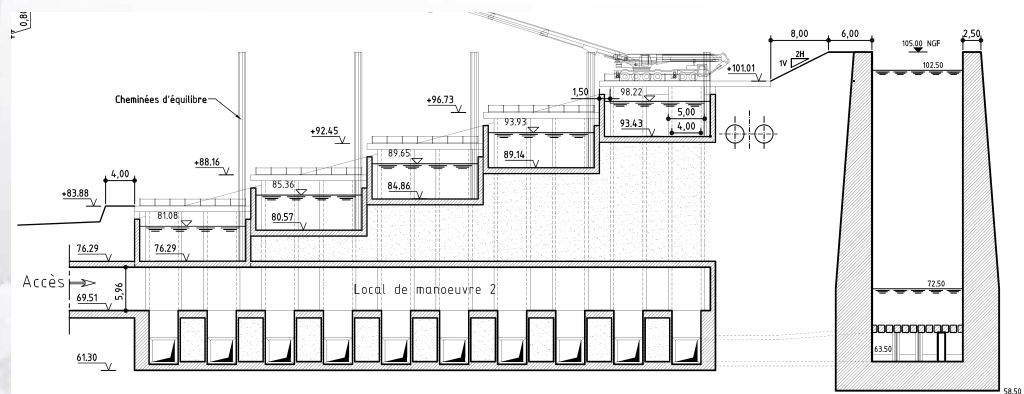
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# Water Saving Basins (WSBs)



**Cross-sections in a lock with 5 standard laterally located Water saving basins (filling through the pressure chamber in the lock floor)**



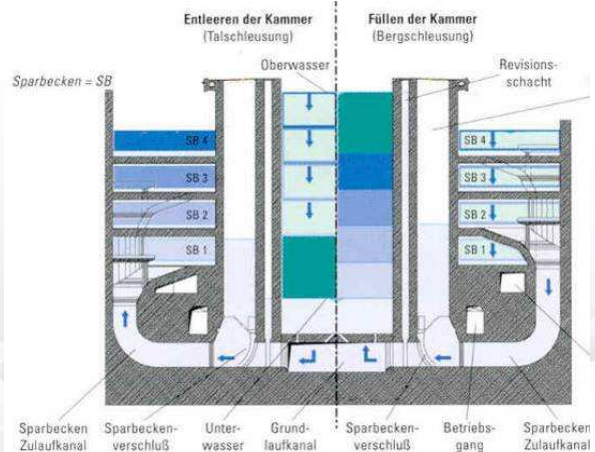
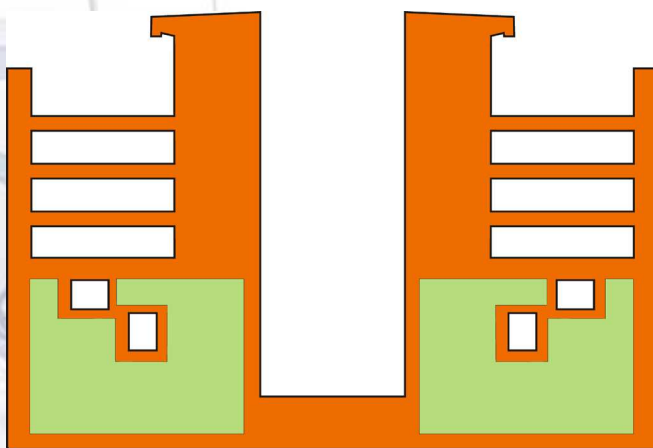
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# Integrated WSBs



The integrated system which integrates the WSBs in the two side walls, and makes the lock structure more stiff, compact and less land consuming.



# Lock sidewalls with integrated WSBs

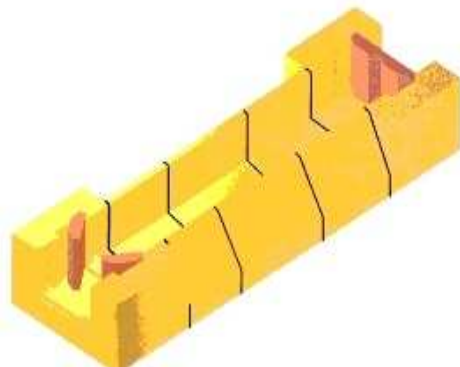
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# Monolith LOCK



**Standard Concept  
With dilatation joints**

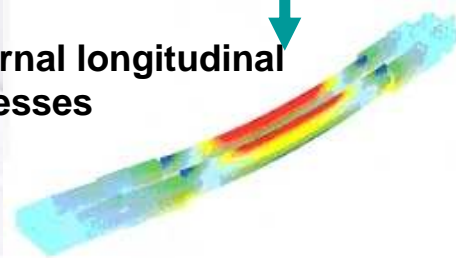


**No internal longitudinal stresses**

**Monolith Concept  
Without dilatation joints**



**Internal longitudinal stresses**



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## Complementarities between modeling

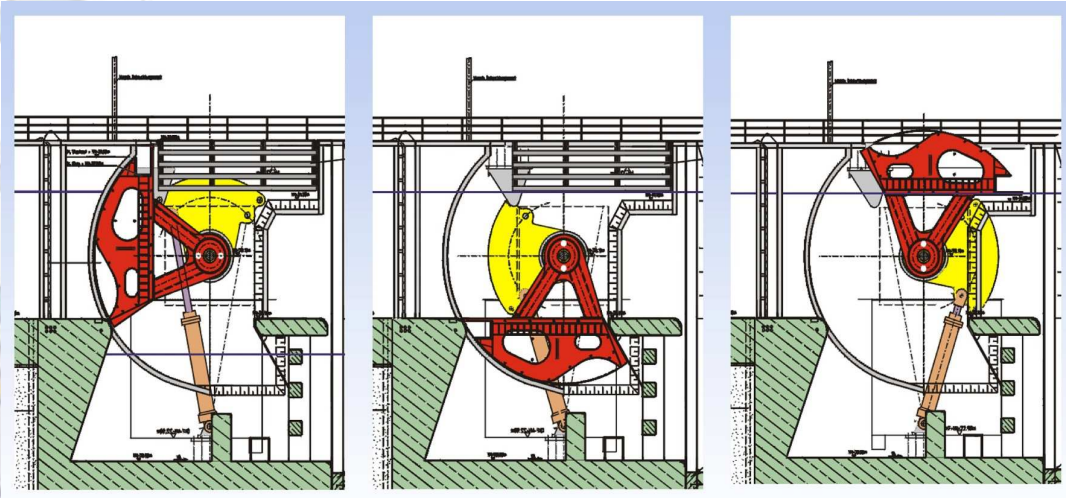
STEP	PHYSICAL MODEL	NUMERICAL MODEL
1	Definition of the problem	
	Identification of the essential acting forces	
2	Formulation of similarity requirements	Formulation of sets of equations
3	Formulation of boundary conditions	
4	Construction of a model	Development of a numerical solution scheme
5	Calibration of the model	
	Variation of roughness	Variation of coefficients
6	Measurements & solution	Calculation and solution
7	Optimization of the solution according to problem formulation	
	Model geometry variations	Variation of input data
8	Transfer of results from model to prototype	
	and examination by field measurements	



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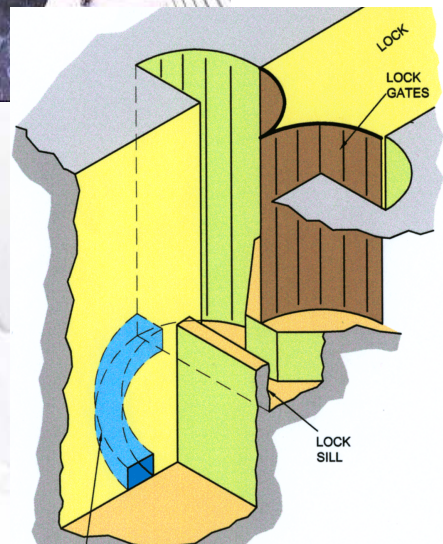
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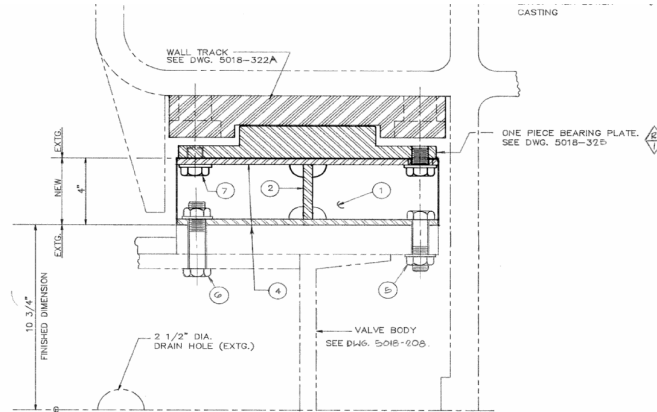
# Mechanical devices



## Actuator:



Sluice : Sliding vertical lift gate  
UHMWPE : Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene



WALL TRACK ARRANGEMENT  
SCALE: 3" = 1'-0"

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# Construction Modes



The lock chamber is constructed on the ground surface.

When complete the soil is removed beneath the lock chamber and it is lowered into its final position.

→ Prefabrication



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# InCom WG 29 CONCLUSIONS



## Current Trade off problems in Lock Design:

→ “HIGH RELIABILITY” is often associated with “PROVEN TECHNOLOGIES” (in Lock Design)

If true → Is it a the place for innovation in lock?

WG29 → Yes. Innovation is required to reach highly reliable infrastructures, to reduce cost (construction mode), fulfil new requirements (fast locking), non standard dimension,...

Do not be afraid by innovation. → Promote innovation.

→ “RELIABILITY” versus “COST” (in lock design)

Lock design is highly “Project Dependant”.

Ex: “Panama Canal” versus the “Renovation of a small pleasure lock in Finland”

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# INNOVATIONS IN LOCK DESIGN



→ FEW EXAMPLES

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# Magnetic Mooring System at KaiserLock Germany (Cavotec Ltd)



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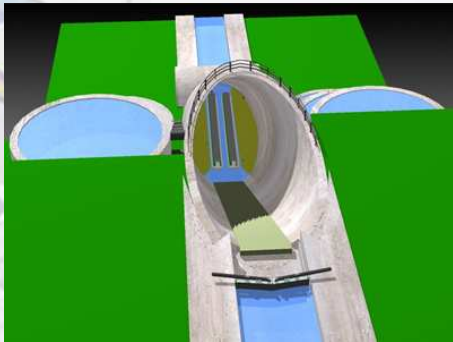
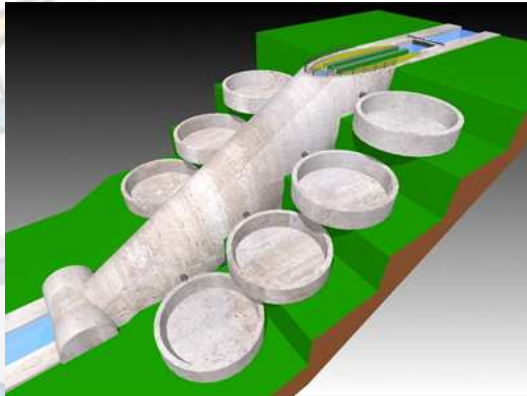
# Locks Floating Pontoon (Fin)



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# Dream to Reality ?



**Diagonal  
Lock  
UK**

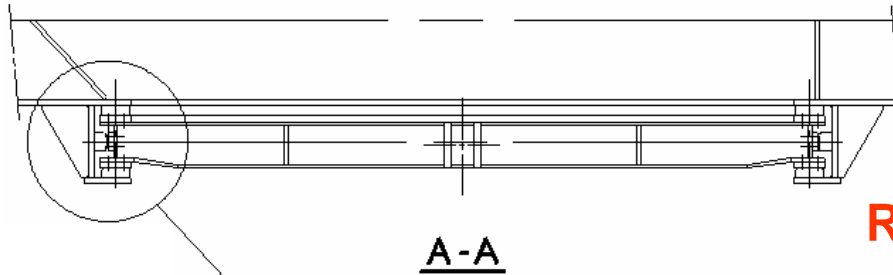
**Falkirk Wheel  
UK**

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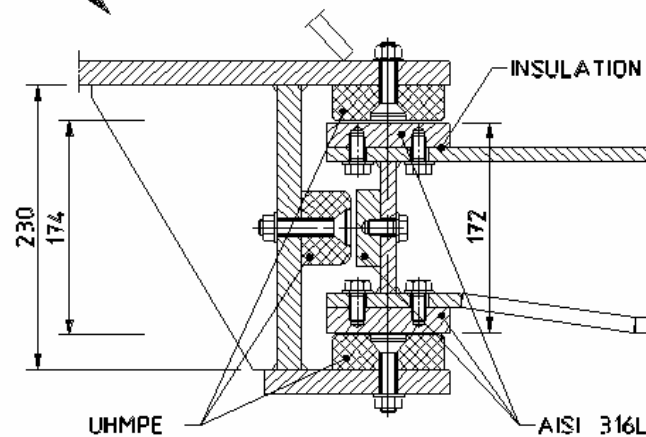
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## UHMPE sliding Gate/ Valves



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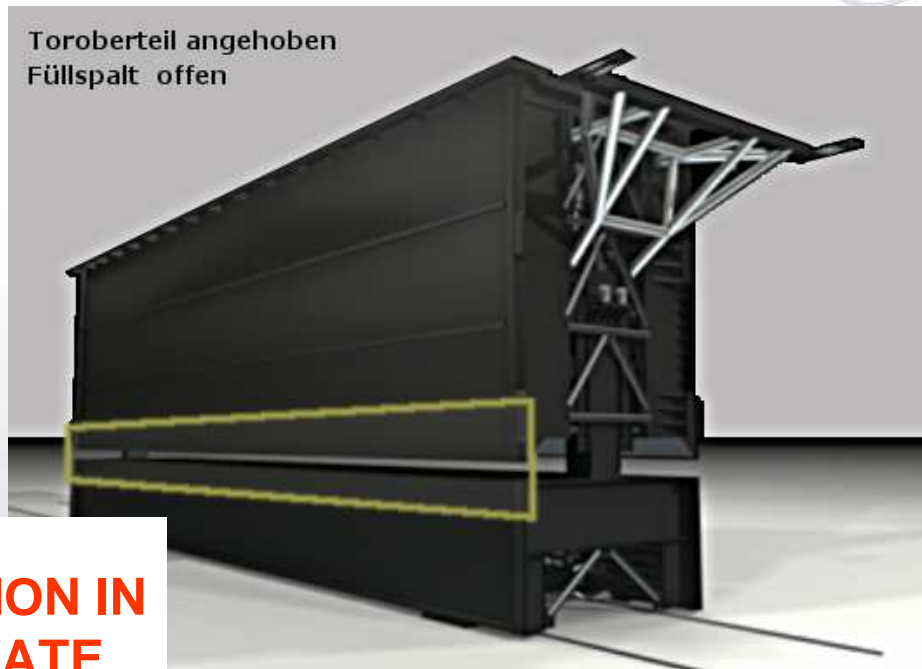
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# Kaiser lifting and sliding lock gate



Toroberteil angehoben  
Füllspalt offen



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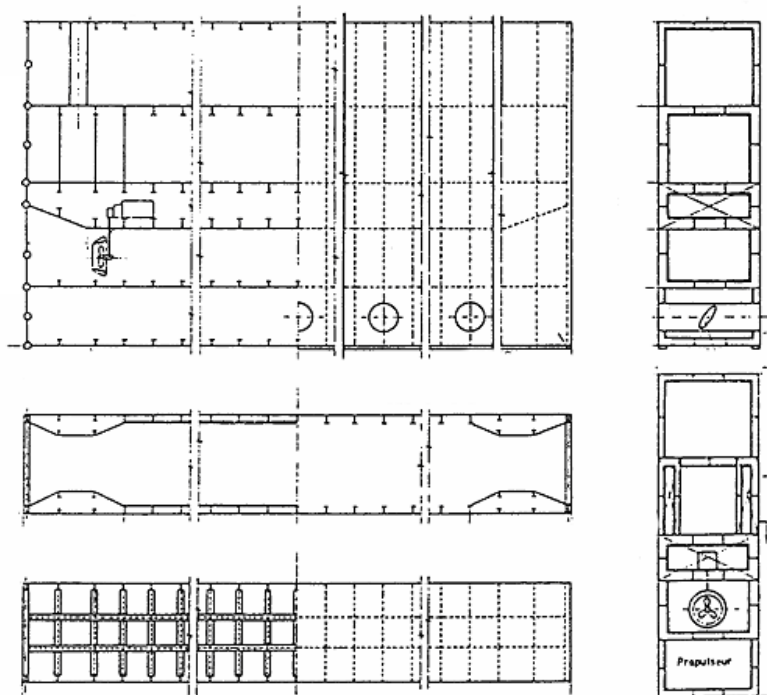
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# Self-Propelled Floating Lock Gate (up to 70 m long)



**INNOVATIVE  
LOCK DESIGN**



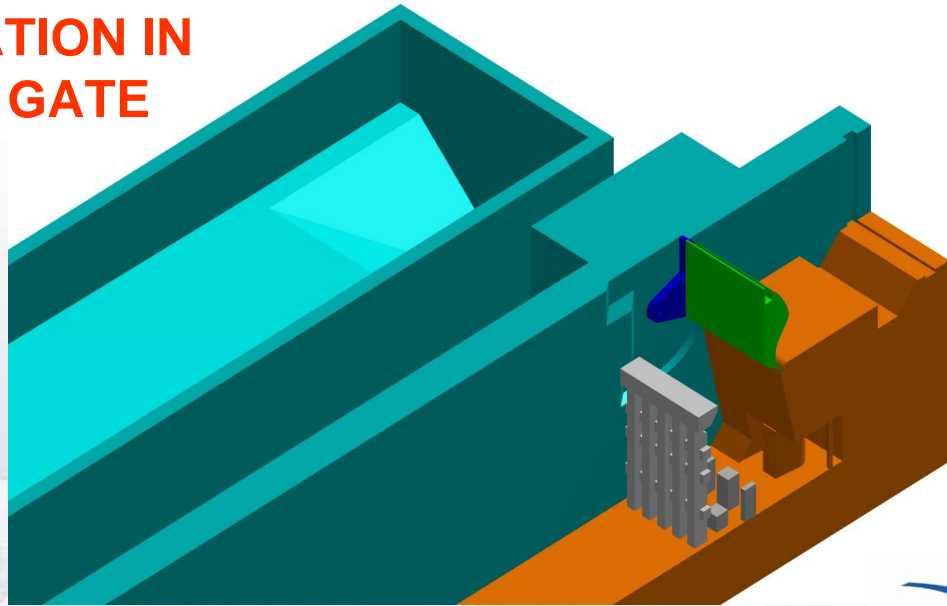
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# Promoting Innovation → Lock in Bolzum (D)



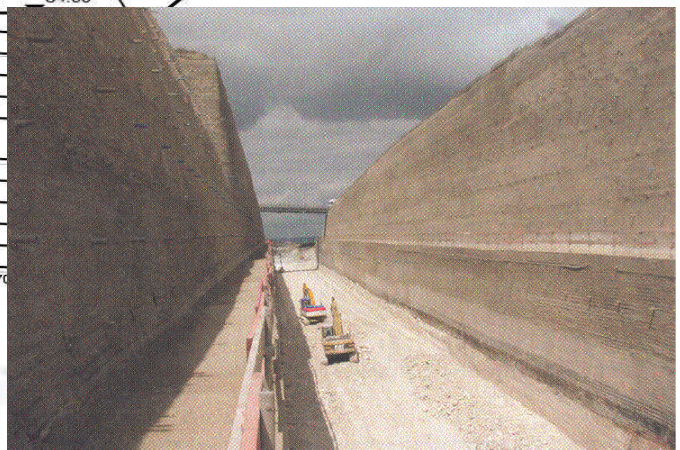
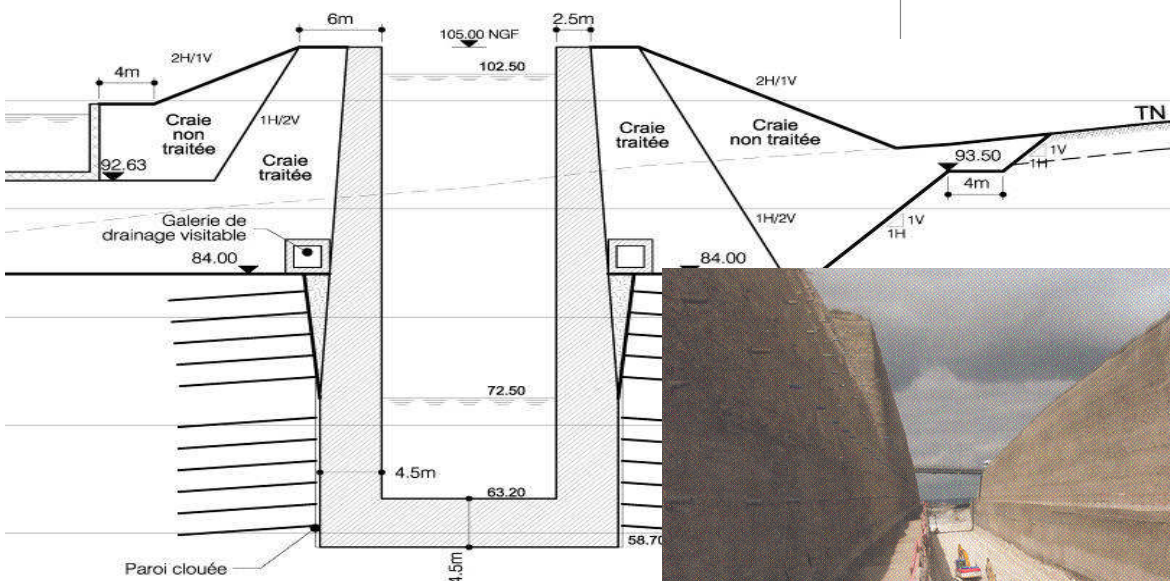
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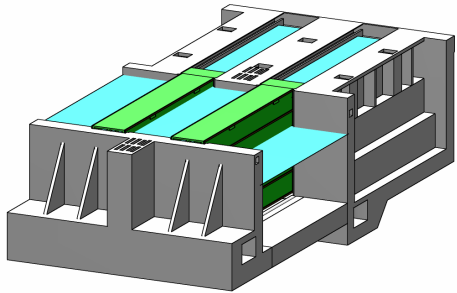


## INNOVATIVE LOCK STRUCTURE



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# Third lane of locks - Panama Canal



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*Paper 2*  
**PROJECT REVIEWS**



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# → PROJECT REVIEWS



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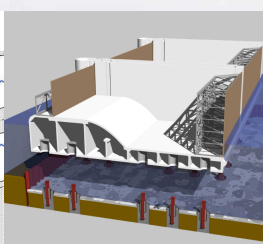
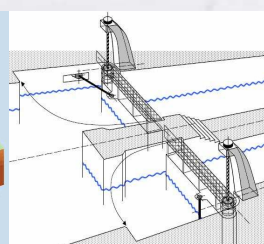
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### PROJECT REVIEWS

- A valuable asset of Report 106 is the detailed collection of case studies.
- A selection of 56 projects worldwide containing facts, photographs and technical drawings.
- A summary is mentioned in the report.
- The full reviews are available on the enclosed DVD. (65 MB, 750 pages !!)



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## PROJECT REVIEWS

- Innovative features or unusual aspects.
- good view of type of innovations and state of technology.
- Illustrate the subjects covered in the report.



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## PROJECT REVIEWS

- How to find these within report 106 ?
  - Chapter 2
  - Summary table (in the back of Chapter 2)
  - List of files at DVD
  - Contact the author or responsible organizations.



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## CATEGORIES

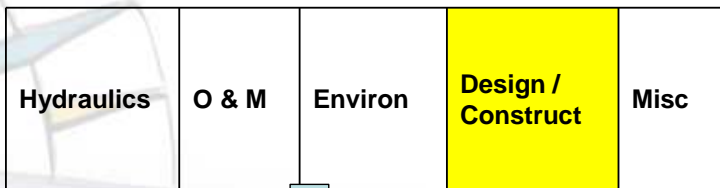


- PT: Proven technology
- UT: Unproven technology
- NC: New Concept
- AC: Advanced concept

PT	<sup>1</sup> Proven Technology (PT) – The feature has been built and validated by time and experience
UT	<sup>2</sup> Unproven Technology (UT) – The feature has been built but it has not yet been validated by time and experience.
NC	<sup>3</sup> New Concept (NC) – The feature is currently in the design process, but has not yet been built.
AC	<sup>4</sup> Advanced Concept (AC) – the feature is been evaluated and/or tested in the research stage.



## AREAS OF INNOVATION



### Aspects:

- Hydraulics: Filling and emptying, water saving.
- Ops & Maintenance: Energy, LCC, Vessel ops & impact.
- Environmental: General, salt water, ice control, fish migration
- Design & Construct: Structure, materials, gates, construction methods.
- Miscellaneous: Lock equipment, communic, 3D models, public safety



## SOME TYPICAL EXAMPLES

These examples give a short overview of the different types of locks and of the different types of innovation as can be found in the Chapter Project Reviews and on the available DVD.

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## UK - Falkirk Wheel (10-04)



No actual lock (a ship lift), but characteristic for its principle, its aesthetic design and its multiple purpose, which includes tourism.

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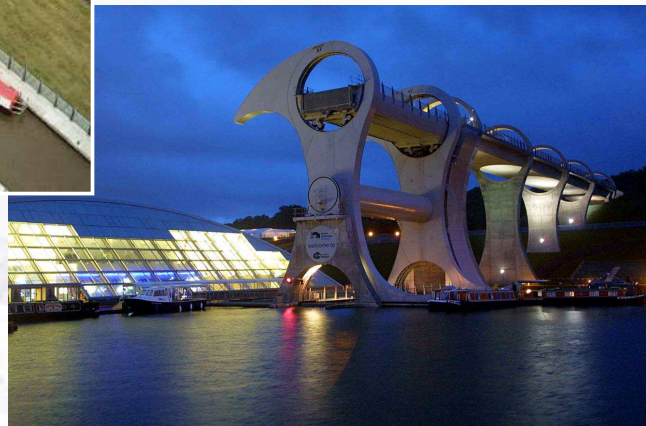
### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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### Lock Dimensions

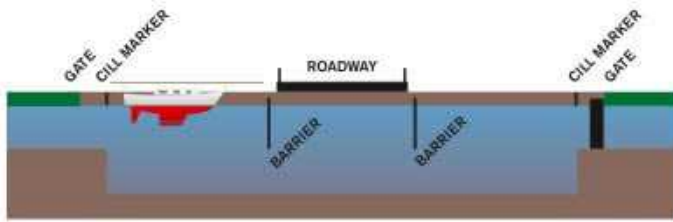
Length	22	Lift:	33.5m
Width:	6	Depth	1.5

D = 35 metres.





## UK - Dalmuir Drop Lock (10-03)



An innovative use of existing techniques can be seen at the Drop Lock. Vessels are temporarily lowered, just to cross the road underneath.

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### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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### Lock Dimensions

Length		Lift:	
Width:		Depth	



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## FIN - Juankoski Canal (4-01)



### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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### Lock Dimensions

Length	35 m	Lift:	6 - 6.5 m
Width:	8 m	Depth	2.4 m

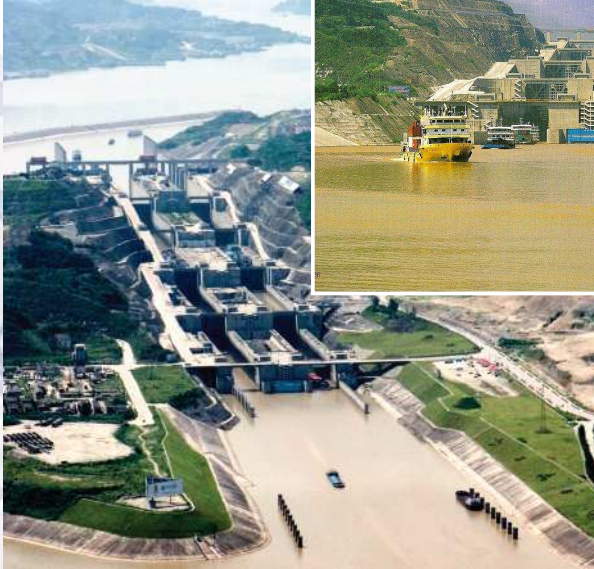
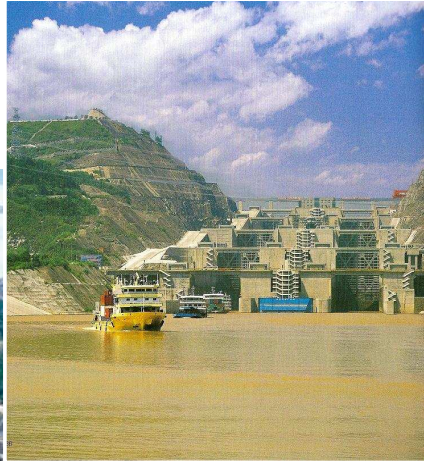
Where locks are built in rock, concrete walls do not always need to be used.

In those cases it is possible to use only a floating pontoon to moor the ships during lockage.

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# China – Three Gorges



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## Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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## Lock Dimensions

Length:	1,621.0 m	Lift:	113.0 m
Width:	34.0 m	Depth:	5.0 m

With a total lift of 113 m and a max. water head of 45.2 m, the Three Gorges locks are in height the largest locks in the world.

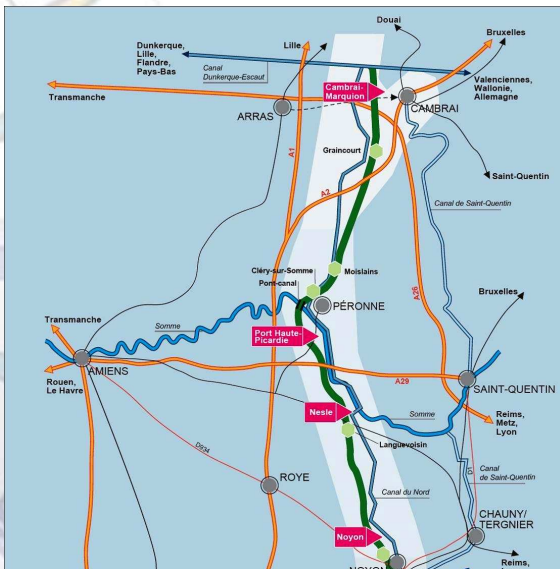
Apart from its dimensions, also the Filling and Emptying system and the prevention of Cavitation are major innovative aspects.

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## France - Seine-Nord Europe



## Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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## (Lock) Dimensions

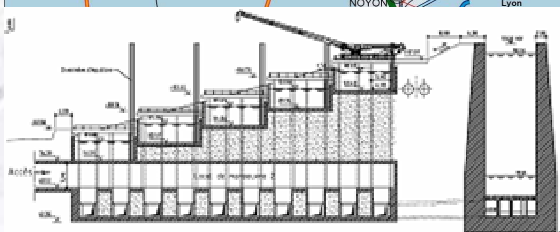
Length	106 km	Lift:	15 – 30 m
Width:	12.5 m	Depth	

A new canal of 106 km long with 7 standardized locks will become an important connection between France and Northern Europe.

The major challenge in this project is the Water Resources Management.

- Water saving basins
- Pumping plants
- Watertight canal

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# Panama - Canal Expansion



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### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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### Lock dimensions

Length	1281 m	Lift:	27m
Width:	55 m	Depth	18.3 m

### Third Lock Project in Panama

- Three-step locks,
- Each with 3 water saving basins
- Side F/E system
- fresh and salt water on lock limits
- 365 / 24 / 7 uninterrupted use

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# Belgium - Self Propelled Floating Gate

## Advanced Concept

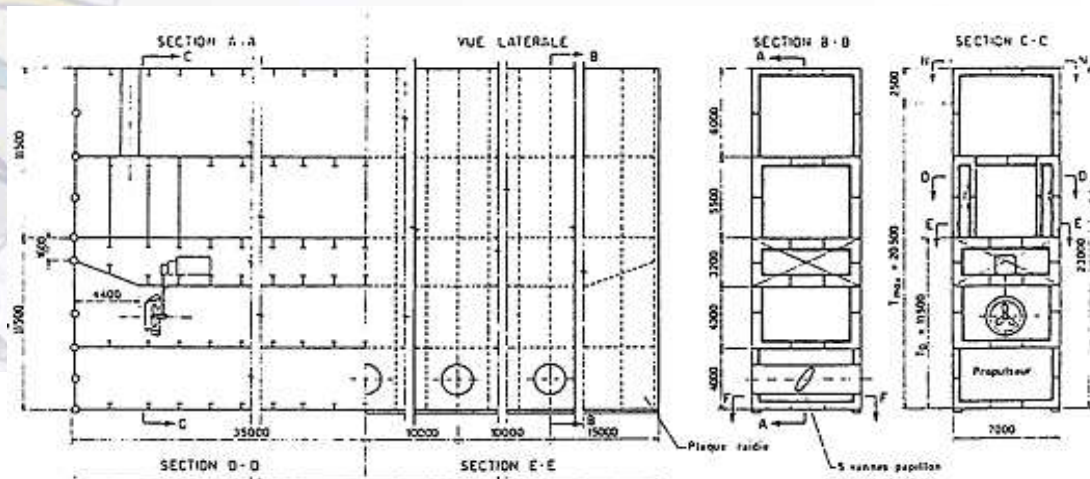
An example of an Advanced Concept is the floating gate which is self propelled and thus actually a ship.

### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design/Construct	Misc
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### Lock Dimensions

Length:	NA	Lift:	2-10 m
Width:	20 to 100 m	Depth:	10-20 m





**Germany**



**Areas of Innovation**

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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**Lock Dimensions**

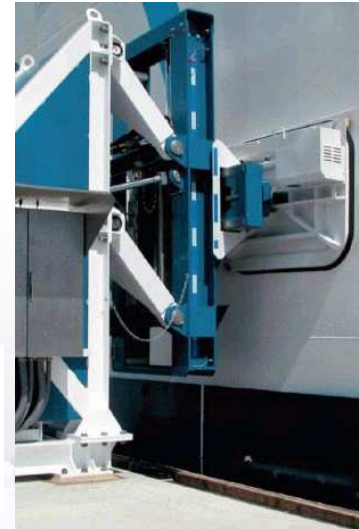
Length:	190.0 m	Lift:	18.5 m
Width:	12.5 m	Depth:	4.0 m

**Hohenwarthe**

An important example of structural innovations is the development of monolithic locks.

At the Hohenwarthe lock this solution is used for the 250 m long bottom plate.

**Kaiserlock**



Concept of magnetic mooring system

(also in use in N-Zealand)



**Netherlands - Naviduct**



**Areas of Innovation**

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**Lock Dimensions**

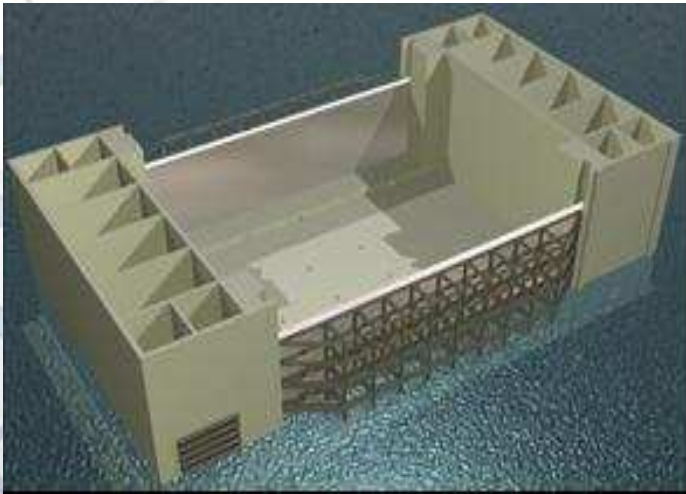
Length	160 m	Lift:	
Width:	42 m	Depth	

Enkhuizen, the Netherlands.

A unique combination of a double navigation lock and an underpass for road traffic.



# USA – Greenup Lock



### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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### Lock Dimensions

Length	366 m	Lift:	
Width:	33.5 m	Depth	

Construction Methods in the wet

In the USA many different In the Wet construction methods are in use. Among these are the Float-In and Lift-in techniques of precast elements.

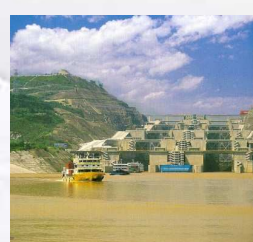
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# Conclusion

- With Report 106 and its DVD a complete digital library on lock projects is available!
- A large diversity of innovative aspects is considered in the report.
- Why not a permanent and online PIANC database (Wikipedia like) ?



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***Paper 3***  
**NAVIGATION LOCKS:  
DEVELOPMENTS IN  
DESIGN OBJECTIVES AND  
METHODS**



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## Part 3: Navigation Locks: Developments in Design Objectives and Methods

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### Locks: Design Objectives and Methods



- **Economic and Financial Objectives**
- **Environmental Objectives**
- **Design Objectives**
- **Life Cycle Management**
- **Design Methods**
- **Safety**

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## Locks: Project Objectives



### Economic and Financial Objectives:

- allow larger ships
- increase capacity (e.g. of canal)
- reduce overall transport costs



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## Other Economic and Financial Objectives:



- Reduce construction and maintenance costs
- Increase economic activity: tourism, leisure,



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# Design Priorities



Design approach can have four different priorities:

- Design for lowest initial (construction) cost
- Design for minimum maintenance.
- Lowest whole life cost
- Best performance (fastest operation, least down-time)

# Whose priorities?



- **Government** - National interest: secure transport routes
- **Owners** - Profitability & Turnover
- **Managers** - Ship numbers, safe operations
- **Employees** - Rewarding employment, security
- **Users** - Efficiency, speed, safety, cost
- **Community** - Employment opportunities, environment



# Main Design Objectives

**Main design objectives and optimization goals that govern the design of a lock are:**

- Reliability - system, structures and operations,
- Faster cycle times,
- Reduced mooring forces
- Minimum water use
- Minimum Saltwater intrusion
- Reduced life cycle cost
- Minimised energy use
- Low *negative* environmental impacts
- Safety and Security




# Life Cycle Management



**LCM is aimed at providing minimum Whole Life Costs.**


**dealt with in MarCom-WG42  
Life Cycle Management of Port  
Structures (August 2007)**



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Report WG42 – August 2007



Life Cycle Management of Port Structures  
Recommended Practice  
for Implementation



# Life Cycle Management



- Design for minimising operating & maintenance costs
- Design for minimising downtime
- Design for minimising whole life costs
- Maintenance Management

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## SAFETY: Locks are safety-critical structures



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# Safety



**Safety in design is increasingly important.**

**We are all more risk conscious,  
and are in a more litigious society.**

**The Report discusses protection of**

- **People (users, operators, bystanders)**
- **Locks**
- **Ships**

# Safety



# Water Edge Safety



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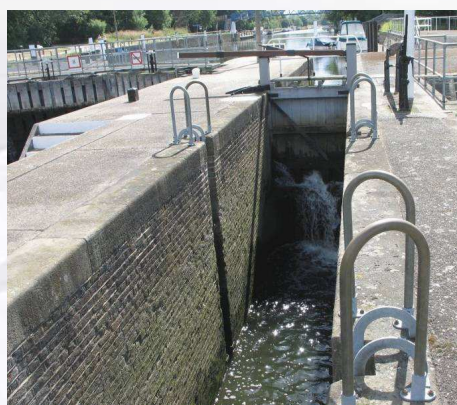
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# Safety: Public access – or not?



**The Report includes  
Classification of types  
of water edge structure**

**with guidelines for  
suitable safety treatment  
for each category**



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# Water Edge Safety Classification.



Description (SUMMARISED)
<b>Class 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water less than 0.5m depth</li><li>• Minimal height above water.</li><li>• No unaccompanied young children</li></ul>
<b>Class 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water depth between about 0.5m and 1.5m</li><li>• Well-defined edge not more than about 2m above the water</li><li>• Presence of people, walking or seated</li><li>• No unaccompanied young children</li></ul>
<b>Class 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water more than about 1.5m deep</li><li>• Well-defined edge not more than about 2m above the water</li><li>• Unlikely to be near dwellings, bridges, weirs or locks</li><li>• No unaccompanied young children</li></ul>
<b>Class 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water more than about 1.5m deep plus one or more additional hazards as below<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ More than 2m above water</li><li>○ Fast-flowing water</li><li>○ Presence of vulnerable groups such as children</li><li>○ Presence of dwellings, schools etc</li></ul></li></ul>

## Design Methods



- “Risk based design” versus “Deterministic approach”
- “Minimum Whole Life Cost” versus “Least construction cost”
- Use of numerical modelling as design tool
- Use “Early Design Tools” for preliminary design stages



# Design Methods

## Design Tools:

Hydraulic Systems

Structural Design

Mechanical Design

Power and Controls

Codes and Standards

## Codes and Standards:

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PIANC 1986

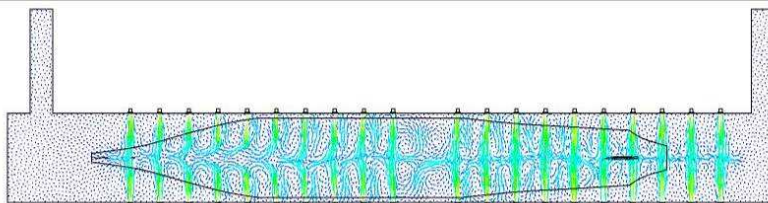
Long list of other codes, standards and guides



# Design Methods



**Inter-dependent  
Numerical and  
Physical  
modelling**



# Conclusion



Photos: Halcrow



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Liverpool, UK

**AGA** 10 May 2010

**Congress** 11–14 May 2010





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# ***LOCK STRUCTURE***



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## **Part 4: STRUCTURE**

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### **Technical aspects, principles and methodologies in design process**



- **What's new ?**
- **Focus on structural design**
- **General remarks on safety concept**
- **Actual needs**
- **Actual possibilities**
- **Construction types**





# Safety Concept

## Semi probabilistic approach

- partial safety factors (amplification / reduction)
- different load factors (permanent, traffic,...)
- different design situations (persistent, transient,...)
- different limit states (ULS, SLS)



# Ultimate limit state

- earthquake
- fatigue !



## Ultimate limit state

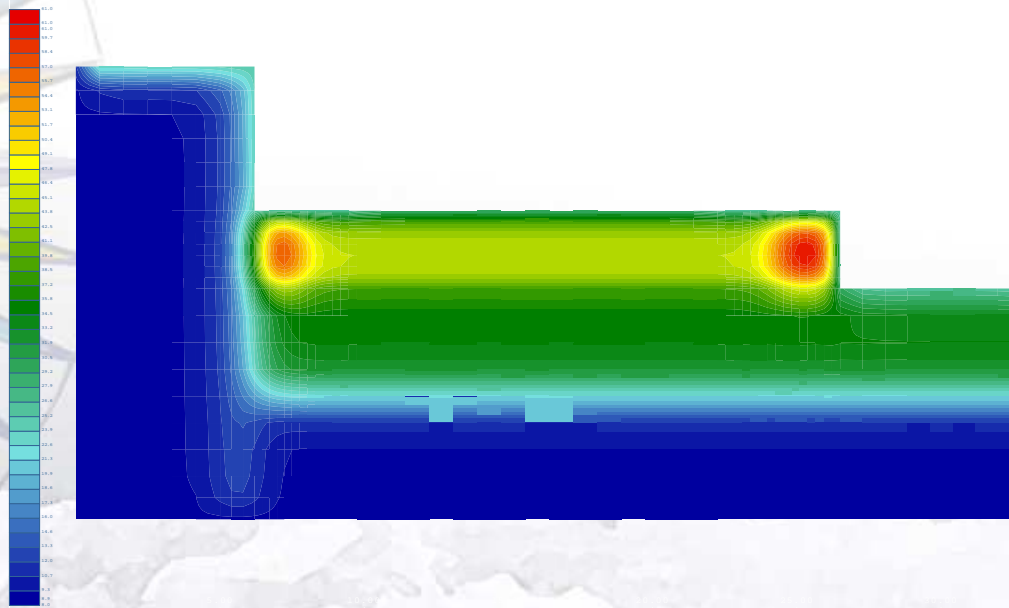


## Serviceability limit state

- more important than before
- for concrete structures: crack width
- more time and effort (e.g. nonlinear analysis for thermal induced cracking )



## Serviceability limit state

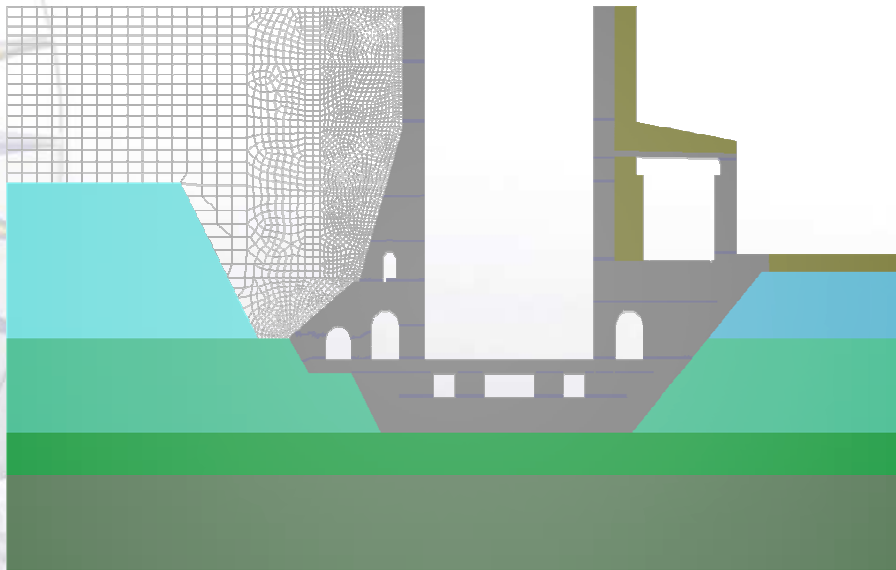


## Possibilities

- numerical modeling (FEM, 2D, 3D)
- soil-structure-interaction
- seepage and groundwater modeling
- behaviour of material (e.g. for durability purposes  
frost-thaw-resistance of concrete)
- treatment of soil



# Possibilities



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# Combination of excavation support walls and chamber walls

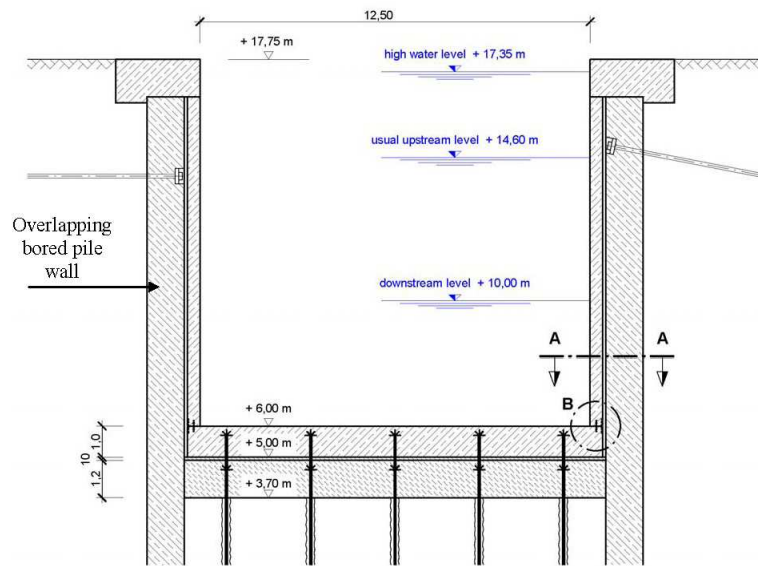


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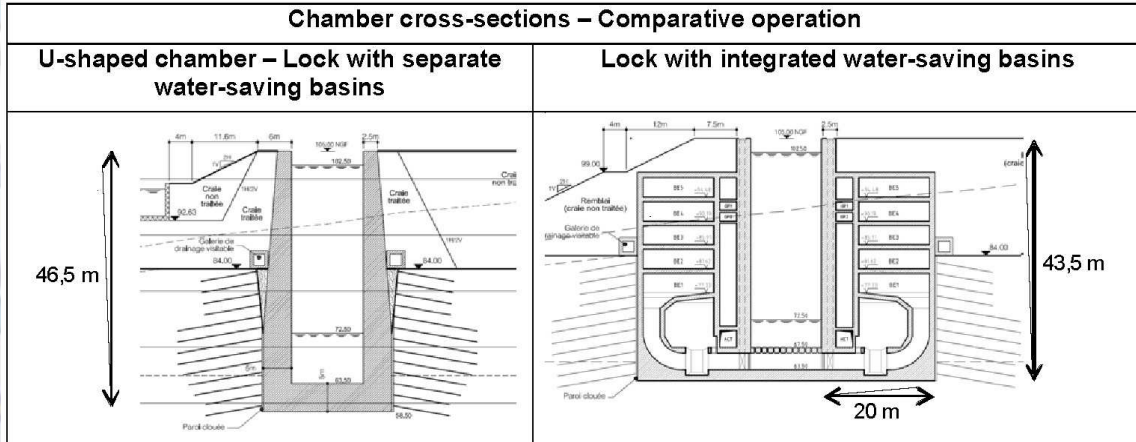
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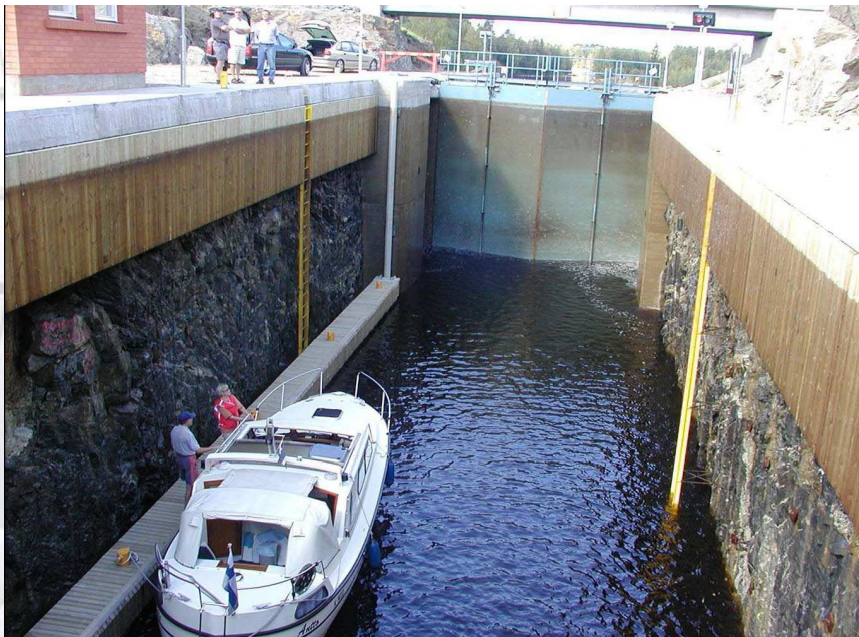
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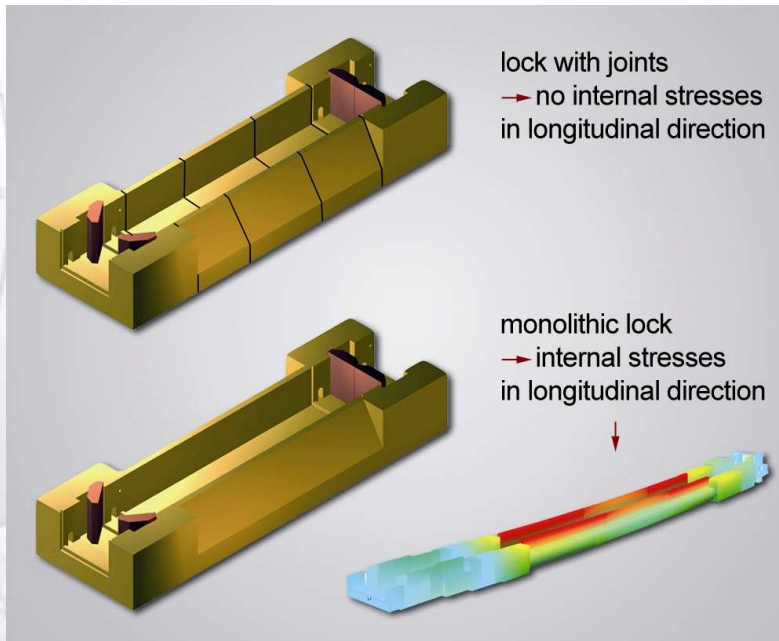
# Layout of water saving basins



# Locks in rock



# Monolithic locks



# Monolithic locks





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**Voies navigables de France**

***Paper 4***

***THE LOCKS OF THE SEINE  
NORD EUROPE CANAL***



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## Seine Nord Europe Canal – Comparison of two lock concepts with water-saving basins and optimisation of chamber structure

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## Presentation of the project





## Seine-Nord Europe

### Central link of the European Seine-Scheldt Waterway

- **Eliminate a major bottleneck** on the European high-capacity waterway network
- **Improve competitiveness of industry**
  - through the reliability and the reduced logistics costs of inland water transport
  - by offering **common access in Europe to 6 seaports** of the northern range (60% of Europe's exports/imports)
- **Contribute to regional development** in France and Europe, reinforcing the capacity of exchange in the corridor Le Havre-Paris-Amsterdam/Dunkirk



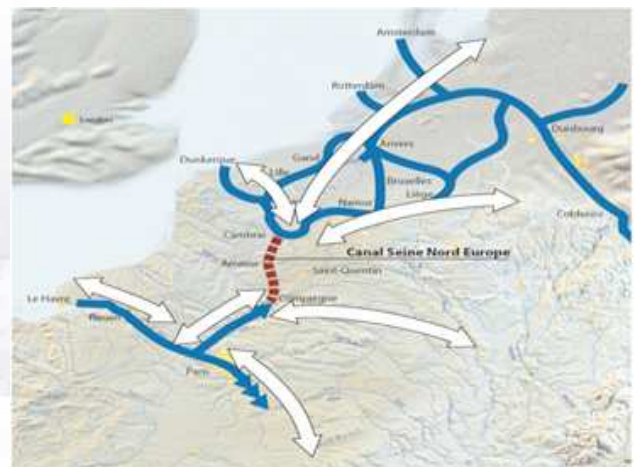
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## Seine-Nord Europe Canal

### meeting challenges at the regional, national and European levels

- develop **accessibility** of freight into the heart of large conurbations
- embody sustainable development issues in transport policies
  - by achieving a better **modal split** of freight movements
  - by contributing to a **reduction in greenhouse gases** and in the consumption of **non-renewable energy**
- tap the waterway's potential for **water transfer and tourism**



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### Main technical features of the project

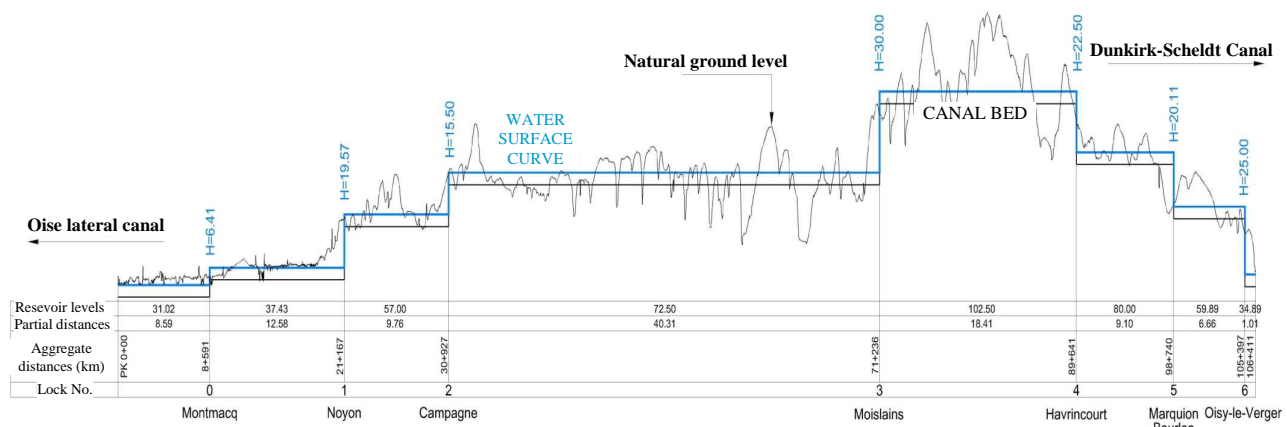
The project consists of a canal **106 km long** (class Vb) from Compiègne to Aubencheul-au-Bac comprising:

- 8 pounds connected by 7 locks (single chamber) with water-saving basins
- 2 water storage reservoirs
- 3 aqueducts
- 59 other structures
- 55 million cubic metres of earthworks
- 2450 ha of land occupied by the canal
- 4 multimodal platforms and 7 loading / unloading quays
- 5 boat harbours + moorings for passenger vessels

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### Longitudinal profile of the Seine-Nord Europe Canal



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## Optimised water management

### Carefully controlled water supply

- maximum watertightness of the canal and recycling of lockages
- constitution of reserves (storage reservoirs)

### Value added by water transfer

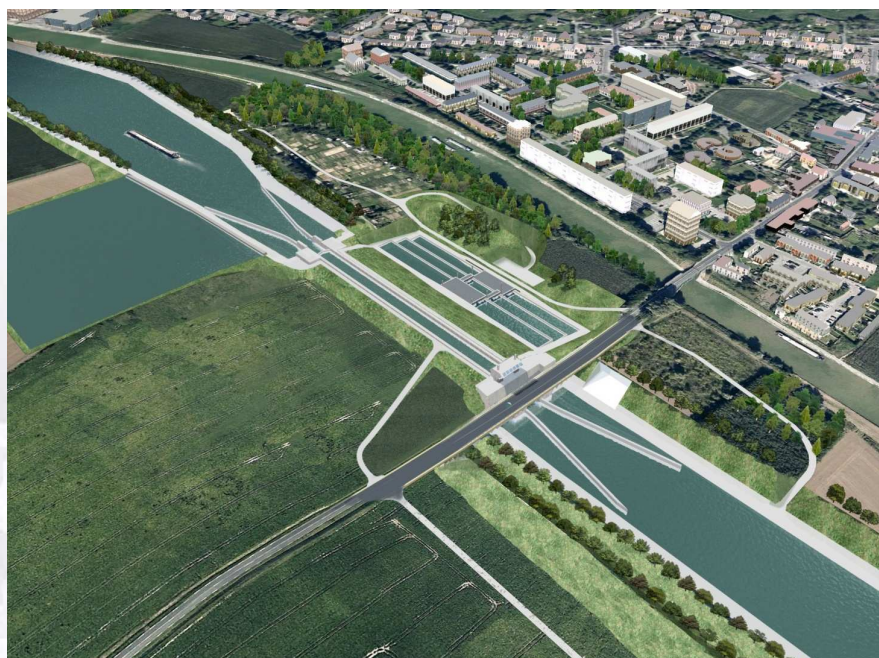
- transfer of 1 - 2 m<sup>3</sup>/s from the Oise to guarantee water supply to the Lille conurbation (outside low-flow periods on the Oise)

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## Image of a future lock



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# Description of the locks

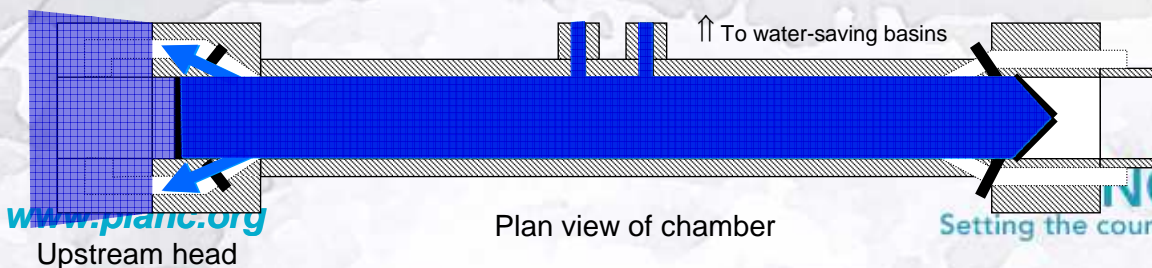
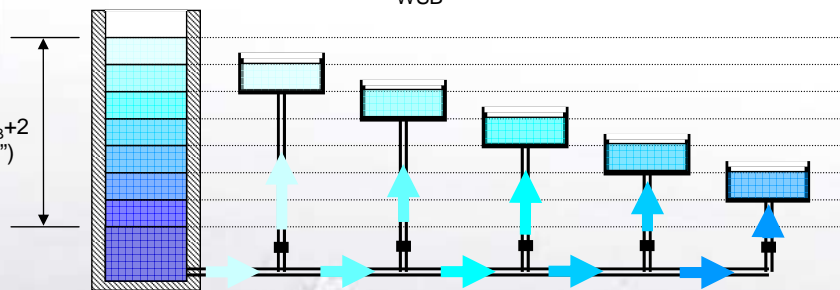


## Operating principle of water-saving basins

Cross-section through the middle of the chamber

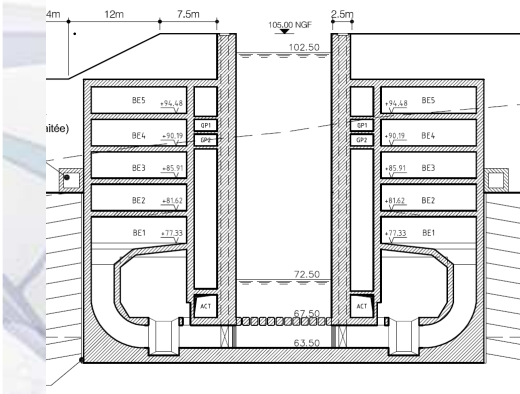
$n_{WSB} = 5$  basins

Drop height  
(subdivision into  $n_{WSB}+2$   
"virtual water layers")



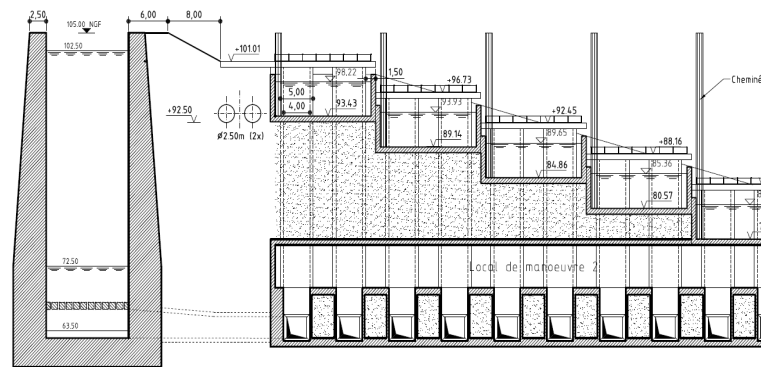


## Comparison of two lock concepts



Integrated water saving basins

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Separate water saving basins

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## Comparison of a few key functions



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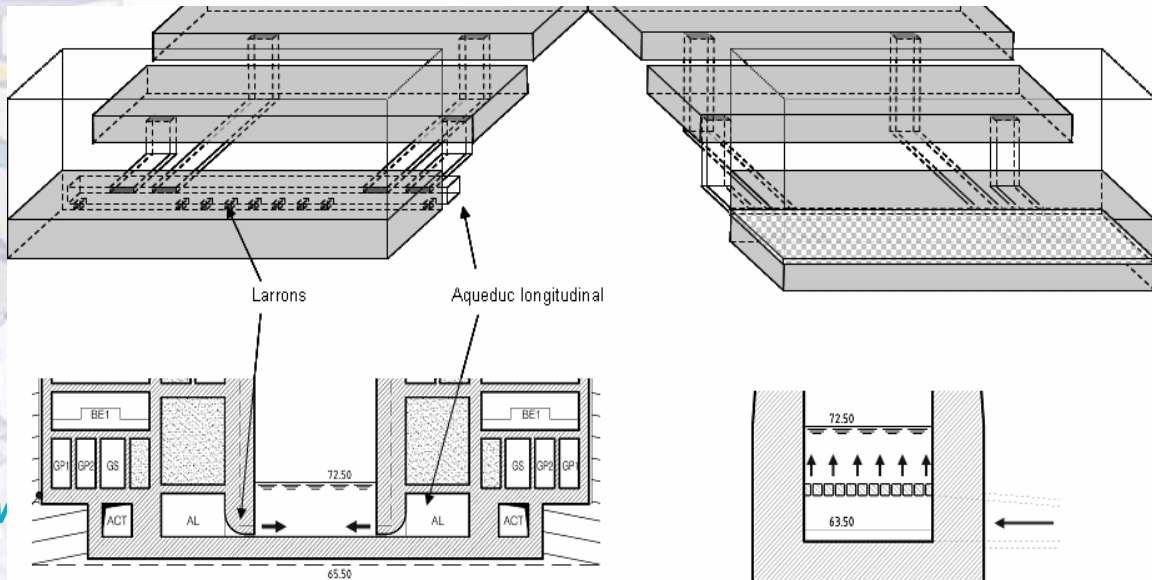
## Water inlet methods to fill the chamber

**Lateral inlet at the base of the side walls**

**System of longitudinal ducts + openings**

**Vertical inlet**

**System with perforated double apron**



## Methods for introducing water into the chamber

Lateral inlet at the base of the side walls System of longitudinal ducts + openings	Vertical inlet System with perforated double apron
<p><b>Description:</b>                      Longitudinal ducts: min. section 20 m<sup>2</sup> (4.00 m x 5.00 m)                      Openings (2.00 m x 0.25<sup>ht</sup> m) : 2 x 30 units                      at regular intervals (every 4.00 m)                      Perfectly symmetrical arrangement of openings                      (jets face to face to dissipate energy)                      The longitudinal ducts homogenise flow rates through the openings and contribute to energy dissipation</p>	<p>Lower chamber under the perforated apron:                      height 3 m, width 12.50 m                      Perforated apron: 1100 perforations, section 0.20 x 0.20 m                      Water arrives from the WSB into the lower chamber                      possible dissymetry                      A regulating zone in the chamber enables the incoming cross flows to be converted into longitudinal flows.</p>
<p><b>Advantages</b>                      Reduced civil works: reduced foundation depth (~ 4.0 m)                      Simpler structure</p>	<p>Flow tranquillisation in the chamber at least equal and even better                      Downgraded mode with possible faulty gate</p>
<p><b>Drawbacks</b>                      Widening of the base of the side walls in order to house the water ducts → less advantageous with an optimised U-shaped chamber                      Downgraded mode imposes complete non-use of a WSB level in the event of a faulty gate</p>	<p>Deepening of the structure                      Cost of the perforated double apron</p>



Key functional components — Water-saving basins

	Integrated water-saving basins (WSB)	Separate water-saving basins
Height	<p>Basins one on top of the other: impossible to match the volumes of water of the WSBs with those of the lock chamber</p> <p>Of the 4.30 m height of the layer of water to be saved, a height of 1.50 m is lost through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the slab thickness (0.80 m)</li> <li>• a layer of water remaining in the WSB (0.20 m)</li> <li>• a layer of air (0.50 m) above the full basin</li> </ul>	<p>Possibility of matching the WSB water volumes exactly with those of their corresponding water layer in the lock chamber</p> $H_{\text{water}} = H_{\text{drop}} / (n_{\text{WSB}} + 2) + 0.50 \text{ m} = 4.30 + 0.50$
Length	<p>~ length of chamber: 200 m</p> <p>Overflow pipes and and fall shafts at each end</p>	<p>Free length &lt; chamber length (ease of water circulation): 184 m</p> <p>Overflow by running off the canal slopes</p>
Width	<p>Must make allowance for the space occupied inside the WSBs (water intake and bell-mouth of the upper basin)</p> <p>Resulting width required:</p>	<p>15.20 m</p>

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Comparative study of locks with separate or integrated water-saving basins  
Operation of two types of reinforced concrete structure

U-shaped chamber (separate WSB)	Lock with integrated WSBs
Chamber cross-section	Chamber cross-section    ¼ chamber –3D view
<p>Operation in pure planar deformation</p> <p>Contrast in rigidity between chambers heads → vertical joint required</p>	<p>More complex operation:</p> <p>Rigidity of side walls + WSB in transverse plane competing with</p> <p>Rigidity of the WSBs in the horizontal plane → 3D modelling required with shell elements</p> <p>No contrast in rigidity between chamber heads → monolithic structure</p>

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# Lock with separate water saving basins – Optimisation of reference solution

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## Typical structure

- U – shaped or similar
- Structure with supported side walls, anchored by passive ties
- Structures with independent gravity side walls

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### Structural design of lock chamber — The various structures

Distribution of concrete volumes (preliminary design reference solution)

Lock chamber	Length about 200 m, width 12.50 m Total height between 30 m and 46 m	43%
Headworks	Parallelepipedic gravity structures Width ~ 37 m, length 20 m (u/s) and 40 m (d/s)	25%
Gate chamber	Housed under the water-saving basins, in the middle Width 36 m, length between 50 m and 85 m	15%
Water-saving basins	3 to 5 basins per lock: 200 m x 16 m x 6.00 <sup>ht</sup>	8%
Miscellaneous	Linking water ducts, waiting quays	9%

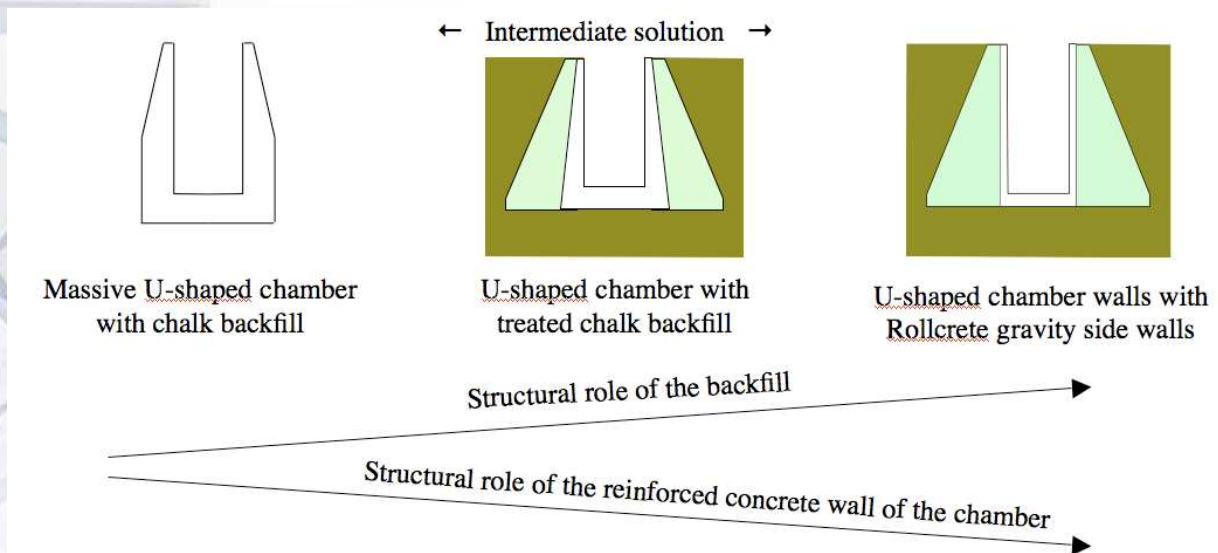
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→ Advantageous to optimise lock chamber



### Structural design of lock chamber — Reference solution considered

Reference solution studied and selected  
U-shaped structure with treated backfill (chalk - sand - silt)



## Structural design of the lock chamber Treated backfill: materials and method of use

- Hydraulic binder: cement or derivative (LSC binder)
- Binder content: maximum 5% – 6%
- Method of use: road-building technique, by layers:  
layer of levelled chalk, spreading of cement, mixing, compacting

Calculation parameters considered for predesign:

- Non-treated chalk fill:  $f = 36^\circ$ ,  $C = 0$ ,  $E_0 = 20 - 40$  MPa
- Treated chalk fill:  $f = 38^\circ$ ,  $C = 150$  kPa,  $E_0 = 200 - 400$  MPa
- Requires, however, a study of the non-treated chalk fill solution

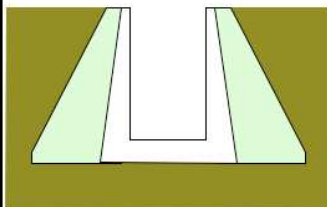
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## Structural design of lock chamber — Reference solution considered

U-shaped chamber structure with treated lateral backfill

U-shaped structure with treated lateral backfill



*Description:* Change from self-stable structure to massive U-shape with the aim being to achieve a substantial reduction in lateral backfill thrust.  
Backfill reinforced with geogrids, geotextiles, rebars, welded mesh, tyres, gabions, etc.  
Solution with cement-treated in-situ chalk backfill

*Advantages:*

- The reinforced concrete of the chamber remains structural but it has smaller cross-sections
- Concrete inside the chamber is compressed
- Excellent stiffness → little movement of head of side walls
- Low-cost solution if backfill is made from treated chalk.

*Drawbacks:*

- Few references of use in large massive structures (on the other hand, numerous references in road works)
- Little information on fatigue behaviour so additional studies will be required

*Conclusion:* **Highly advantageous concept with treated chalk**



## Structural design of the lock chamber Treated backfill: advantages / drawbacks

### Treated backfill (silt – sand – chalk)

#### Advantages :

- Productive use made of a material widely available on the project site
- High modulus of deformability:
  - provides a good thrust block for the side walls (*when chamber is full*)
  - limits settlement (*foundation of water-saving basins*)
- Cohesion of the material limiting pressure on the side walls
- Low additional cost compared to the gains on the reinforced concrete sections of the chamber
- References from road-building techniques

#### Drawbacks:

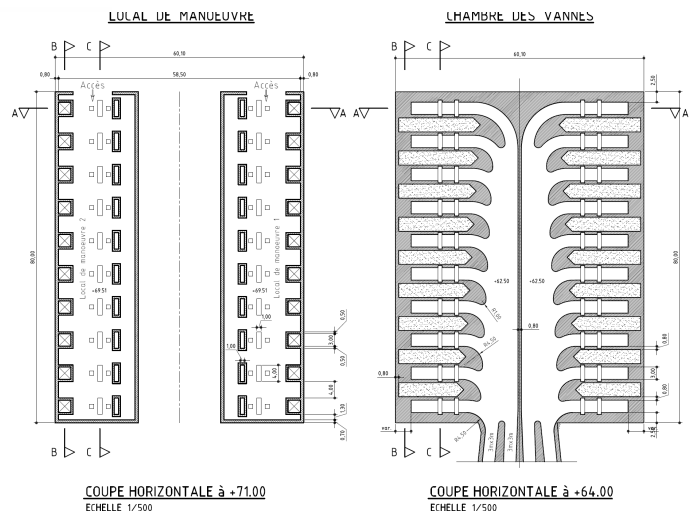
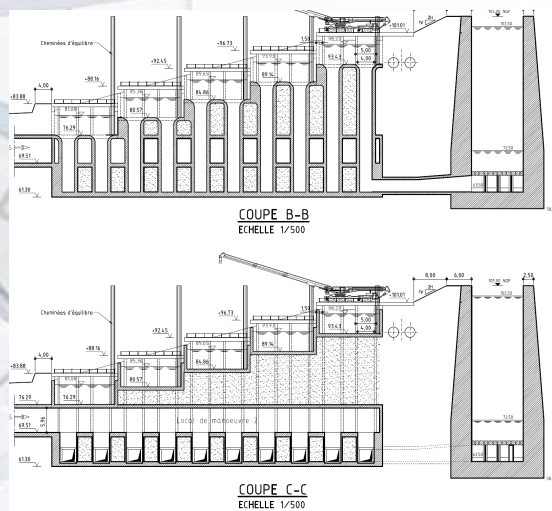
- Restrictions on placing methods (sensitive to frost and bad weather)
- Few references of applications to massive structures
- Interference thrust on side walls during compacting and before setting
- Little is known about behaviour under cyclic stress conditions, cracking.

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## Comparative study of locks with separate or integrated water-saving basins Operation of two types of reinforced concrete structure

### Lock chamber – separate gate chamber and water-saving basins Preliminary design reference solution for SNE canal locks



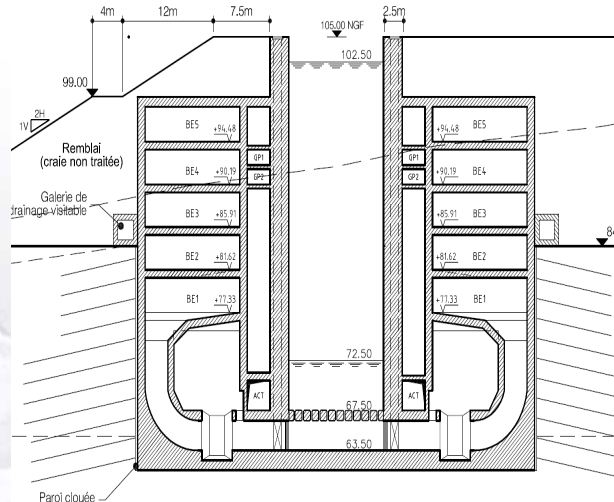
# Lock with integrated water saving basins – Optimisation of reference solution

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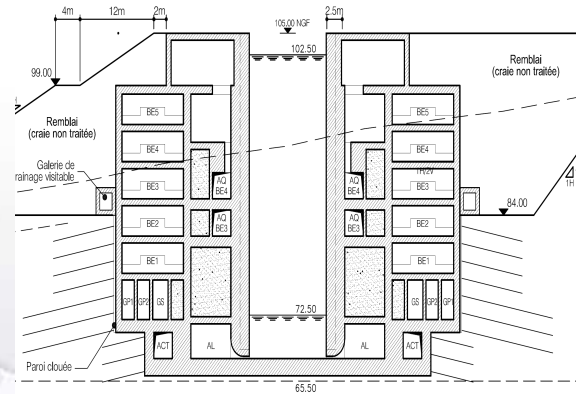
### Lock chamber with integrated WSB – Solution n°1

- § Water introduced through a double perforated floor
- § Gates at the level of the lower room
- § Single well for each water intake and each gate
- § Gate operating room below the lowest water saving basin
- § Butterfly type gates (operating room not high enough for vertical lift gates)
- § Wells for basin isolation stop logs housed in the side walls
- § Headworks by-pass ducts situated at the lower level against the lock chamber, entering the chamber in the middle (and not at the end)



## Lock chamber with integrated WSB – Solution n°2

- § Water introduced at the base of the two side walls
- § Gates situated at level n-1 in relation to water saving-basin n
- § Certain wells, shared, situated between the basins and lock chamber



## Optimised solution selection

Solution n°1 appears to be the most attractive :

- Simplest hydraulic system
- Lowest hydraulic inertia : potential gain in lockage time
- Best guarantee of lock chamber stillness
- Cost not a decisive factor



# Comparison of the two optimised solutions

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### Comparison of the two optimised solutions

U-shaped chamber (separate WSB)	Lock with integrated WSBs
<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Advantages</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numerous references for this system</li> <li>• Lower construction costs (7%)</li> <li>• Smaller volumes of concrete for average drop heights</li> <li>• More massive lock chamber structure, less elaborate and hence faster to build</li> <li>• Easier access to gates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lock chamber stillness : slight advantage thanks to the possibility of introducing water from adjacent reaches in the middle of the lock chamber</li> <li>• Simpler hydraulic circuit</li> <li>• Less environmental impact</li> </ul>



# Optimisation of construction methods for the solution using locks with separated water saving basins

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## Structural design of the lock chamber Adaptation to the hydrogeological context of the site

Seven locks in all

Lock 0 and lock 1, both in the Oise valley,  
specific in geotechnical terms, with the main differences being:

- apron foundations just at the top of the chalk formation
- presence of the water table at a high level  
⇒ special construction methods required

Locks 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 and 6, built on the chalky plateau

Very similar geotechnical configurations characterised by:

- Cut relatively deeply into the chalk formation
- Presence of a water table at a low level with respect to the structure

⇒ Similar construction methods  
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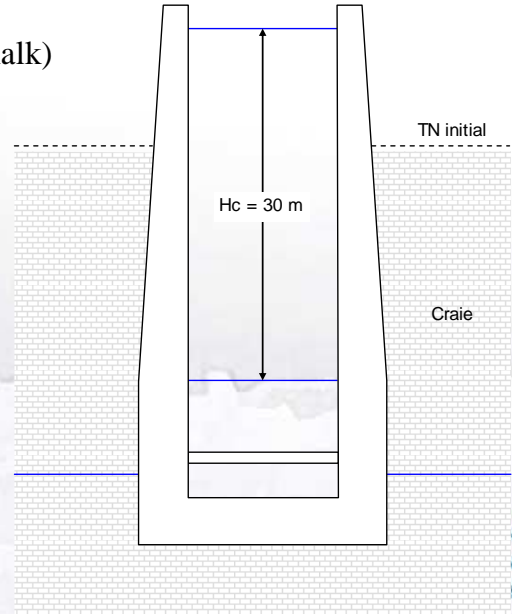
Construction method: Case of lock 3

Lock 3: main features

- Chalk of odd mechanical properties (apart from the first tree metres of weathered chalk)
- Low level water table

Solutions studied

- Solution 1: large foundation pit with sloping sides
  - 1a: with lateral backfill using untreated chalk
  - 1b: with lateral backfill using treated chalk
- Solution 2: one nailed wall level (13 m height)
  - 2a: with lateral backfill using untreated chalk
  - 2b: with lateral backfill using treated chalk
- Solution 3: two nailed wall levels (24 m height)
  - 3a: with lateral backfill using untreated chalk
  - 3b: with lateral backfill using treated chalk



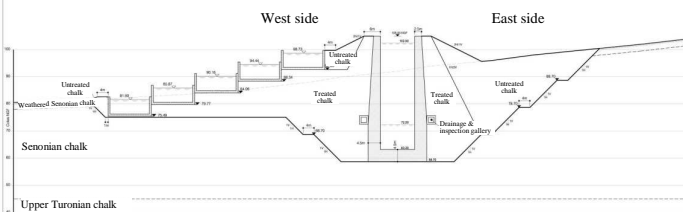
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Construction method: Case of lock 3

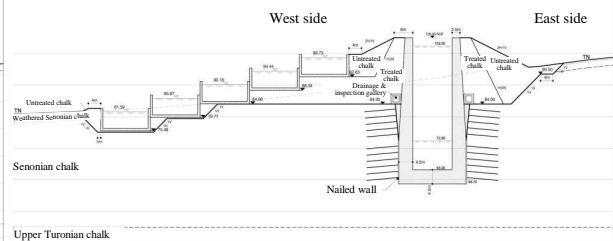
Solution 1b

- Large excavated foundation pit
- Treated chalk lateral backfill



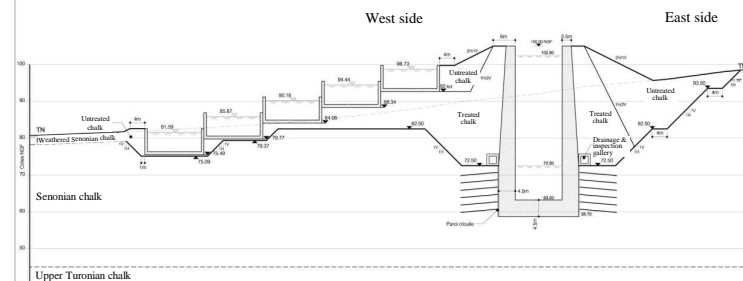
Solution 3b

- Nailed wall below el. 84.00 NGF
- Treated chalk lateral fill



Solution 2b

- Nailed wall below el. 72.50 NGF
- Treated chalk lateral fill



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### Construction method: Case of lock 3

Solution 1b: Large foundation pit with sloping sides and treated chalk lateral backfill

- High price
  - Large footprint
  - Very high treated backfill (more than 45 m)
- sensitivity of the structure to this technique is too high

Solution 2b: Foundation pit with sloping sides for first 20 metres  
Nailed wall (height 13 m)  
Treated chalk lateral backfill (limited height of 28 m)

#### Advantages

- Price
- Drainage gallery set at the optimum elevation
- Reasonable sensitivity with respect of the treated backfill
- Low height of nailed wall
- Smaller footprint

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### Construction method: Case of lock 3

Solution 3b: foundation pit with sloping sides for the first 8 metres  
nailed wall (height 25 m)  
lateral backfill using treated chalk (limited height 16 m)

#### Advantages:

- Price
- Limited volume of treated backfill
- Smaller footprint

#### Drawbacks :

- Large height of nailed wall
- Drainage gallery set at a relatively high elevation

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**Construction method: Case of lock 3**

**Construction costs per linear metre of lock chamber**

Solutions	Relative cost per item					Cost criterion ranking
	Earthworks	Transport & dumping of surplus fill	Backfill	Concrete	Total	
1a: sloping foundation pit with chalk backfill	100	23	48	1170	1341	6
1b: sloping foundation pit with treated chalk backfill	90	22	225	860	1197	4
2a: nailed wall (h=13m) with chalk backfill	80	12	24	1118	1234	5
2b: nailed wall (h=13m) with treated chalk backfill	80	12	120	858	1070	1
3a: nailed wall (h=25m) with chalk backfill	92	9	24	1035	1160	3
3b: nailed wall (h=25m) with treated chalk backfill	92	9	110	879	1090	2

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**Optimised solution with treated backfill and nailed wall:  
20% reduction in chamber cost**



**Summary of lock characteristics (single locks)**

	Lock 0	Lock 1	Lock 2	Lock 3	Lock 4	Lock 5	Lock 6
	PK 8 (southern end)	PK 21	PK 30	PK 71	PK 89	PK 98	PK 105 (northern end)
	Montmacq	Noyon	Campagne	Moislains	Havrincourt	Marquion / Bourlon	Oisy le Verger
Fall height (m)	6.41	19.57	15.50	30.00	22.50	20.11	25.00

Chamber length	195 m
Chamber width	12.5 m
Mooring	5 m
Total volume of concrete for all 7 locks	1 million m <sup>3</sup>
Total mass of steel reinforcement bars for all 7 locks	90 000 t
Total area of formwork for all 7 locks	830 000 m <sup>2</sup>
Steel structures	5000 t
- 7 upstream gates, approx. 7 m x 7 m	
- 6 downstream gates, approx. 14 m x 13.5 m	
- 1 downstream gate, approx. 7 m x 13.5 m	
- 126 water duct gates 3.5 m x 3.5 m	

7 pumping stations with a total of 21 pumps with unit capacity ranging from 400 to 1900 kW  
 Installed capacity from 1.8 to 6.9 MVA per lock with a total of 28 MVA  
 Overall annual electricity consumption of 50 GWh (2013) rising to 87 GWh (2025)

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# Hydraulic simulations

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Physical model of the 30 m lock - 1:25 scale



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### Results obtained in normal operation

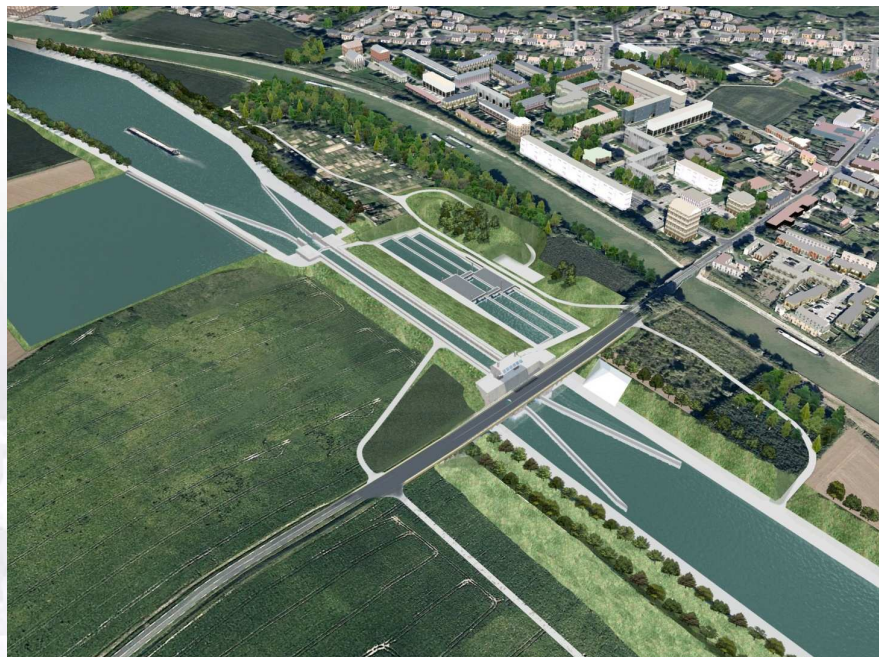
- Filling time : of the order of 13 min 30s
- Longitudinal slope in the locks chamber remains at 0.1%
- Wave with a maximum amplitude of 1.15 m is observed in the water saving basins
- Downstream lockage wave remains less than 0.27 m high

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### Image of a future lock ?



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# Doubling of the locks

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### Doubling of locks: subject for in-depth study

- Traffic forecasts: 14 Mt by 2020 rising to 26 Mt by 2050
- Saturation will be reached 10 to 20 years after bringing the canal on stream

**Allowance must be made for potential restrictions (geotechnical, land occupied) to lock doubling and/or subsequent lock doubling must be anticipated:**

- oversizing of side wall when the ground thrust cannot be brought to bear,
- temporary underpinning of the upstream pound during canal doubling construction works,
- risks linked to the hydraulic gradient and to ground water flow,
- electro-mechanical equipment deferred for the second lock chamber.

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- Layout of Hydraulic Systems
  - Types of Hydraulic Systems
  - New Concepts in Hydraulic Systems
  - Selection Guidelines
  - Water Saving Concepts
- Technical Aspects of Lock Design
  - Developments in Hydraulic Analysis
  - Hydraulic Aspects of Design

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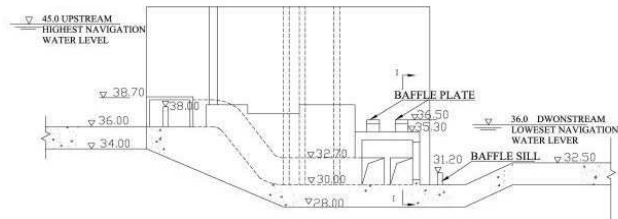
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# LAYOUT OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS

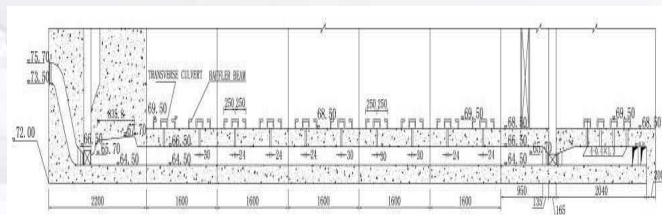


- Two Types of Hydraulic Systems

- “Through the Heads”



- “Through Longitudinal Culvert”



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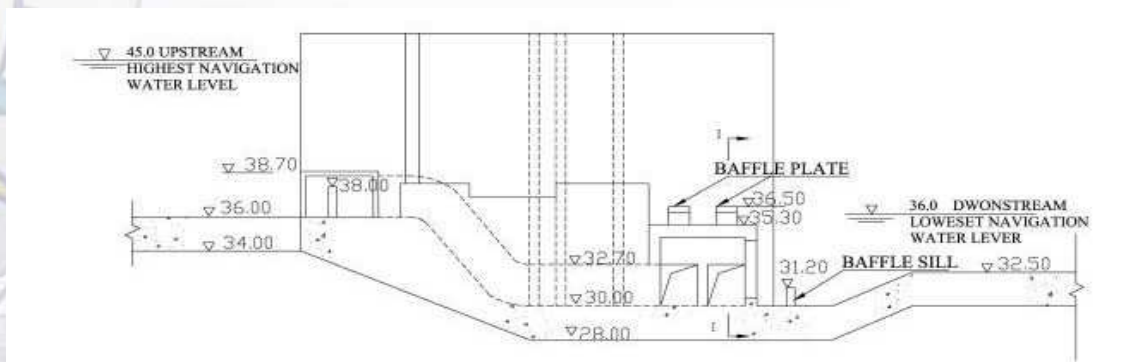
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# TYPES OF HYDRAULICS SYSTEMS



- “Through the Heads” System

- Short culvert in heads
  - Gates with integrated valves
  - Use lock gates as valves



Filling system through the head and with short culvert system with a complex energy dissipation chamber (Fig. 4.12)

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# TYPES OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS



- “Through the Heads” System
  - Use may induce dangerous currents and waves within the lock
  - Solutions:
    - Lock can be operated with a very slow valve schedule
    - Lock can be equipped with an energy dissipation system to reduce the current and waves
    - Lock can be monitored continuously to avoid safety hazards, so that a lock keeper can bypass the automated filling/emptying mode
- Filling/Emptying procedure should be carefully planned and validated before use

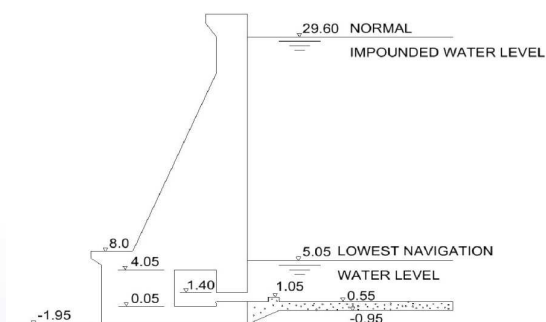
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# TYPES OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS



- “Through Longitudinal Culvert” System
  - Asymmetric distribution of flow along the length of the lock chamber
    - Wall culvert side port system
    - In Chamber Longitudinal Culvert System (ILCS)



Wall Culvert Side Port System (Fig. 4.13)



In Chamber Longitudinal Culvert System (ILCS) (Fig. 4.16)

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# TYPES OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS



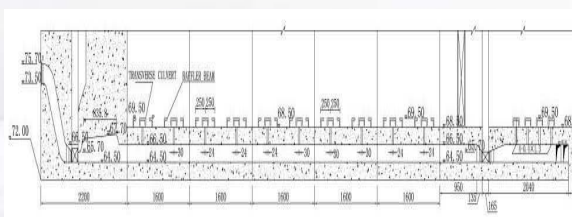
- “Through Longitudinal Culvert” System

- Asymmetric distribution of flow
  - Wall culvert bottom lateral system



Wall Culvert Bottom Lateral System (Fig. 4.14)

- Wall culvert bottom longitudinal system
- Longitudinal culverts under the lock floor



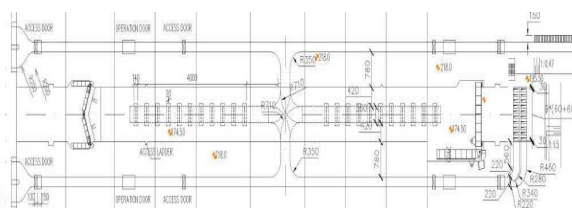
Longitudinal Culverts Under the Lock Floor (Fig. 4.18)

# TYPES OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS



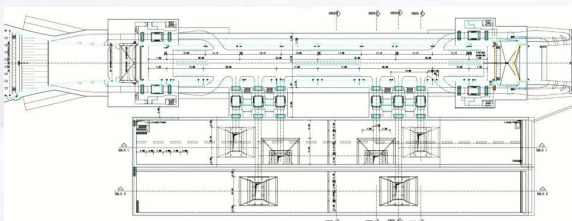
- “Through Longitudinal Culvert” System

- Symmetric distribution of flow along the length of lock chamber
  - Dynamically balanced lock filling system



Dynamically Balanced Lock Filling System (Fig. 4.19)

- Pressure chamber



Pressure Chamber Filling System under Lock Floor (Fig. 4.20)

# TYPES OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS



- Longitudinal culvert systems can be divided into three categories, as follows, based on complexity :

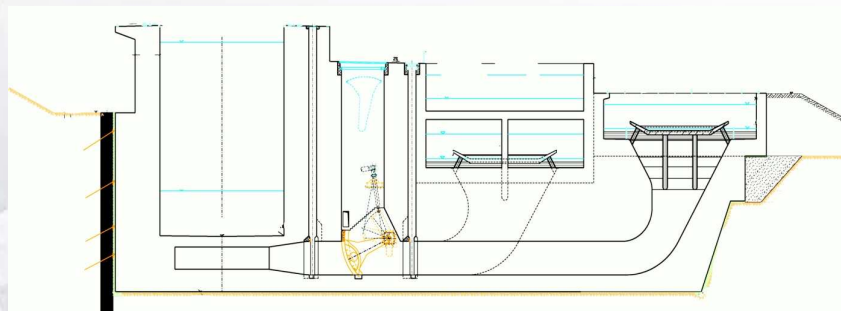
Complexity Categories of Longitudinal Culvert Systems (Table 4.9)

Complexity	Hydraulic Systems
1. Simple longitudinal culvert systems	- Wall culvert side port system
	- In Chamber longitudinal system (ILCS)
	- Wall culvert bottom later system
2. More complex longitudinal culvert systems	- Longitudinal culverts under the lock floor
	- Wall culvert bottom longitudinal system
	- Longitudinal culverts under the lock floor
3. Very complex longitudinal culvert systems	- Dynamically balanced lock filling system
	- Pressure chamber under the floor

# LAYOUT OF HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS



- New Hydraulic System Concepts (Developed after 1986)
  - Pressure chamber system
    - Connected to main chamber through arrays of nozzles
    - Results in a smooth filling of the chamber and a short filling time
    - Has proven very effective, particularly in combination with water saving basins



Connection of Pressure Chamber to Water Saving Basins (Fig. 4.21)



# NEW CONCEPTS

- Pressure chamber system (cont'd)
  - When designed, it is important to balance the number and diameter of the nozzles against the size of the chamber and the culverts.
  - If there are too few nozzles, flow into the chamber will be uneven, causing turbulence on the water surface.
  - System should be balanced so the hydraulic loss for the filling process is governed by the nozzles in the floor rather than the hydraulic losses in the inlet, culverts or pressure chamber.

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# NEW CONCEPTS

- Pressure chamber system (cont'd)
  - Nozzle size should be estimated using the following ratio of cross-sectional areas:

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum A_{\text{nozzle}}}{\sum A_{\text{culvert}}}$$

- When  $\alpha$  is small ( $<1$ ), the filling process is slower but smoother.
- When  $\alpha$  is larger ( $>1.5$ ), the filling process is faster but rougher.
- Rule of thumb:  $A_{\text{pressure chamber}} \geq A_{\text{feeding culverts}}$
- Studies have shown that smaller values of  $\alpha$  provide the best results (Minden, Germany).

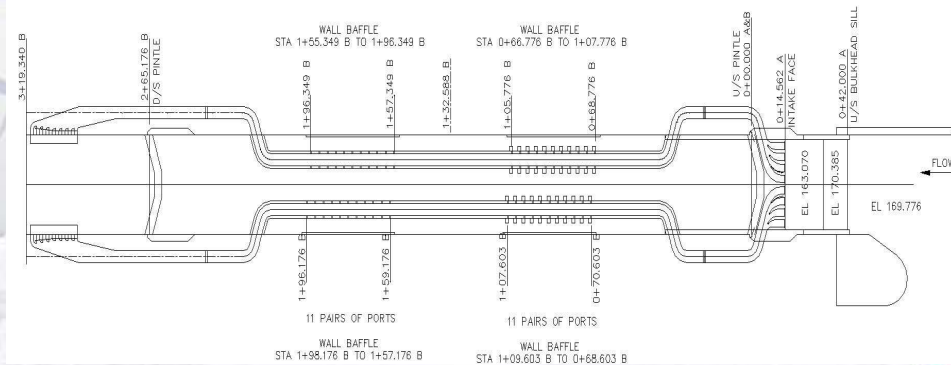
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# NEW CONCEPTS

- In-chamber Longitudinal Culvert System (ILCS)
  - Design Philosophy: Develop a system that performs almost as efficiently as the side-port filling and emptying system
  - Culverts in the chamber walls are replaced by culverts in the floor of the chamber.



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In-Chamber Longitudinal Culvert System (ILCS) – Marmet Lock (Fig. 4.15)

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# NEW CONCEPTS

- In-chamber Longitudinal Culvert System (cont'd)
  - Allows for alternative lock wall construction, such as RCC or in-the-wet construction
  - Optimized port extensions and wall baffles can provide a uniform distribution of flow into the chamber during filling. They can also assist in energy dissipation.



In-chamber Longitudinal Culvert System (ILCS) – Marmet Lock (Fig. 4.16)

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# NEW CONCEPTS



- In-chamber Longitudinal Culvert System (cont'd)
  - Can result in significant savings under specific conditions, such as a construction in rock
  - Investigations show that increasing water depth in the chamber allows for a slight improvement in operation speeds.

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# SELECTION GUIDELINES



- When selecting a filling and emptying system, five factors should be taken into consideration:
  - lift height
  - filling/emptying times
  - lock chamber sizes
  - permissible investments for the lock
  - maximal forces on the vessel
- Generally, the admissible forces on the vessel and the filling time govern.
- Additionally, it is necessary to determine a balance among *lift*, *safety*, *cost* and *efficiency*.
  - Lift and safety are determined by the specific project and hawser forces, and cannot be changed. Therefore, cost and efficiency must be balanced.

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# SELECTION GUIDELINES



- A good filling/emptying system should follow five principles:
  - Filling time should be as short as possible (based on the specified capacity and construction costs).
  - Water movement and turbulence in the chamber must be limited. The forces on the vessels and thus in the hawsers must not exceed established criteria.
  - Entrapment of large air bubbles in the filling system must be avoided.
  - Cavitation should be avoided if economically possible; otherwise adequate protective measures must be taken.
  - Currents in lock approaches should be reduced to a minimum so that there will be no adverse effect on vessels waiting to lock or maneuvering in the approaches.

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- Two, simple approaches for determining most efficient hydraulic system:
  - Lock lift height
  - M coefficient (Chinese Code, 2001)
    - To be covered in another presentation
- Lift height (H) Approach
  - Design is based on the lift height, following the table below:

• Low lift height	$H < 10\text{m}$
• Intermediate lift	$10\text{m} < H < 15\text{m}$
• High lift	$15\text{m} < H$
  - **Note:** This classification was derived for inland waterway navigation and is not valid for seagoing vessels and sea locks.

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- “Low lift locks”
  - A through the heads system or simple longitudinal culvert system may be used (Level 1, Table 4.9).
  - A short culvert system may require an advanced energy dissipation chamber if a short filling time is required.
  - The filling process is not balanced along the chamber length.
- “Intermediate lift locks”
  - A wall culvert side port system and simple longitudinal culvert system may be suitable (Level 1 or 2, Table 4.9).
    - Wall culvert side port system; longitudinal culverts under the floor with side outlets; longitudinal culverts under the floor with top outlets
  - The filling process is better balanced along the chamber length.

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# SELECTION GUIDELINES



- “High lift locks”
  - Require a more complex/advanced culvert system (level 2 or 3, Table 4.9)
    - “Two sections dynamically balanced” lock filling system; “four sections dynamically balanced” lock filling system; “pressure chamber” system for locks with WSBs
  - It is necessary that the filling process is as symmetric in relation to the chamber as possible.

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# SELECTION GUIDELINES



- Factors unaffected by lock lift height analysis:
  - Overall lock size (length x width)
    - Complex systems could be inappropriate due to cost
  - Lock dimensions
  - Flow variations
    - How fast flow velocity is changing during the locking
    - Tend to lead to waves in the chamber
    - Can induce longitudinal forces against vessel and miter gates, or transverse forces against hull of the vessel
  - Transverse forces, caused by the following processes, can be major problems:
    - Asymmetric filling system/operation
    - Asymmetric position of vessel
    - Jets which directly touch the hull

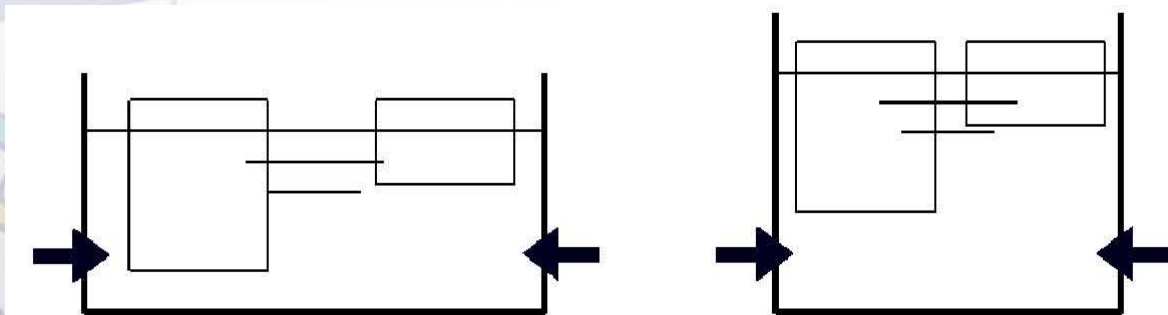
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# SELECTION GUIDELINES



- Transverse Force Example: The locks below have the same cross sectional area. However, the flow of water into the lock causes direct transverse forces on a vessel in one configuration, but not on the other.



Impact of the wall culvert side port system (bad configuration on the left, better one on the right) (Fig. 4.23)

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# SELECTION GUIDELINES



- Additional Selection Criteria
  - If leveling is not carried out uniformly over the entire length of the lock chamber, longitudinal loads will also act on the vessels.
    - With wall culverts and even longitudinal culverts, discharge is not uniformly distributed along the lock length.
    - Uniform distribution can be enhanced by using bigger culverts and, more significantly, by using symmetric systems.
  - Dimensioning of the culverts is also influenced by the need to limit cavitation and wear in the culverts.
    - Although flow speed is not a sufficient criterion, many countries place limitations on the average flow speed allowed in the culverts.
    - Cavitation is largely influenced by the pressure field and the shape of the hydraulic system.

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- Additional Selection Criteria (cont'd)
  - For locks with a deep and perforated bottom (longitudinal culverts under lock floor, pressure chamber below floor, etc), flow enters the lock vertically through small holes in the floor.
    - If the volume of water beneath the floor is great and there are a great number of holes distributed regularly throughout the surface of the floor, water is transferred uniformly by the bottom of the lock chamber into the lock chamber.
    - Only very small waves are generated even when the rate of flow varies during the locking. Moored ships are not heavily loaded in the longitudinal and transverse directions.

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# WATER SAVING CONCEPTS



- Determination of Saving Needs and Selection of the Water Saving System
  - Defined during the studies of water resources management taking into account the following:
    - Assumed traffic
    - Evaporation
    - Infiltration
    - Canal watertightness
    - Climate changes
  - The global water saving system of the lock is a combination or choice of different systems:
    - Pumping
    - Water Saving Basins (WSBs)
    - Intermediate gate inside the chamber
    - Twin synchronized locks (parallel locks)
    - Lock ladder

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# WATER SAVING CONCEPTS



- To select the best water saving system, the various systems have to be designed and optimized simultaneously by a technical and economic assessment in relation with the existing lift height and the energy cost.
- The main choice criteria for selecting a system or a combination of systems are:
  - Construction cost
  - Operation cost
  - Energy saving and environmental cost
  - Filling time and traffic
  - Available space
  - Influence on water level in the upper and lower reaches

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# WATER SAVING CONCEPTS



- Examples of Criteria Use:
  - Twin synchronized locks can be accepted only if they are economically justified by the traffic.
  - An intermediate gate may be a good solution only if a significant number of lockages are to be made with small boats.
  - A lock ladder has many advantages over a single lock, but it increases the number of gates and ship operations (mooring, etc.), therefore lowering the traffic capacity.
  - Although water saving basins lead to high initial investment, complex structure, numerous gates, and longer filling/emptying times, they are best when the need for water saving is permanent and larger than a minimum value (case-specific) because of reasons of life cycle cost, energy saving, and environmental cost.

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# WATER SAVING BASINS

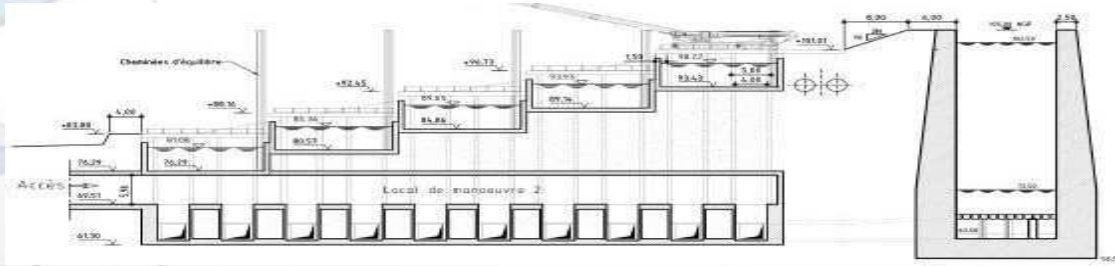


- Historic Use
  - Locks with integrated water saving basins were first built in 1928 in Germany. They are still in operation with no major problems reported.
- Recent Examples
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> lane of the Panama Canal (proposed)
  - Seine Nord Europe Canal (proposed)
  - Uelzen, Germany (2006)
  - Hohenwarthe, Germany (2003)
  - Rothensee, Germany (2001)
  - Rhine-Main-Danube (RMD): 20-30 years of successful use

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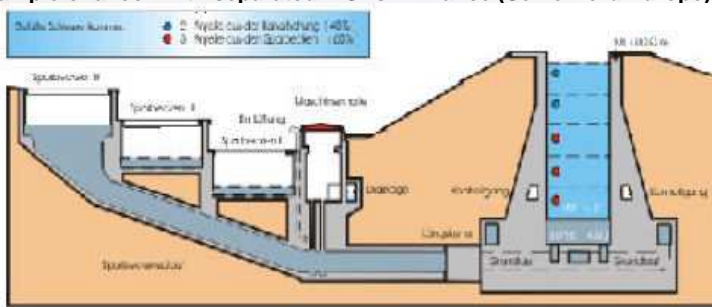
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# WATER SAVINGS BASINS



Example of a lock with separated WSBs in France (Seine Nord Europe);

Cross section through



number (Fig. 4.27)

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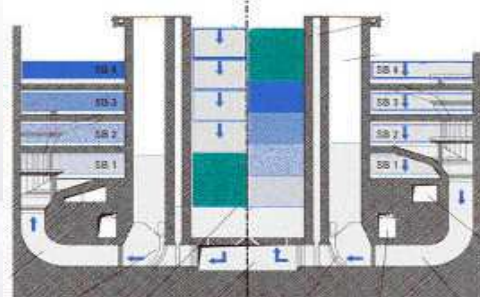
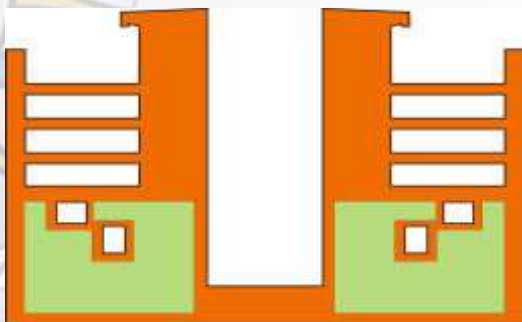
Rothensee Lock (2001 – Mittellandkanal) (Fig. 4.26)

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# WATER SAVING BASINS



Uelzen I Lock (1976 – Elbe-Seiten Canal) before construction of Uelzen II (Fig. 4.26)



Cross-sections of lock sidewalls with integrated saving basins, Uelzen II lock with 4 integrated water saving basins and different concrete compositions (Fig. 4.28)

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# WATER SAVING BASINS



- A lock with water saving basins (WSBs) better fits to filling/emptying systems with longitudinal culverts and inlets on the sidewalls or even distributed through the floor because the successive openings/closures of valves induce significant discharge and therefore higher risk of disturbance of the water level on the lock chamber (balancing waves along the lock chamber).

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# WATER SAVING BASINS



- Key Points for Optimization of Water Saving Basin Design
  - Optimization of the basin dimensions and parameters:
    - n: Number of saving basins
    - m: Area of saving basin  
Area of chamber
    - e: Pressure head difference when closing valvesThe values of these parameters determine the water saving rate.
  - Hydraulic optimization in order to decrease the filling time
    - The most significant improvements of such a system relate to the design of the global hydraulic system, especially through optimization by numerical and physical models
      - Example: Studying the synchronization of the valve openings and closures
    - Numerical models make it possible to test a large number of configurations
      - Number of WSBs, diameters and positions of culverts, etc.

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# WATER SAVING BASINS



- Key Points for Optimization of Water Saving Basin Design (cont'd)
  - Division into symmetrical half saving-basins to facilitate the maintenance and reduce the impact in case of a problem (closure of  $\frac{1}{2}$  basin versus 1 basin). That may be a useful solution if a short filling time is required.
    - In this case, half basins can be placed symmetrically on both sides of the lock.
  - It is better to have multiple culverts between a basin and the chamber for reliability reasons and to avoid a high degradation of performance during the maintenance of a valve or a culvert. With multiple culverts per basin the water distribution along the axis can be enhanced and thus faster filling can be achieved (for a higher building cost).

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# WATER SAVING BASINS



- The choice of hydraulic filling system (i.e. through the heads system, simple longitudinal culvert system, etc.) must be done considering the real water lift height between 2 basins. However, when the use of the WSBs is economically relevant, that also means that the lock lift height is rather important and that a reduced filling time is expected.
- Thus an advanced and performing hydraulic system is generally needed.

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# HIGH RISE NAVIGATION LOCK USING WSBs



- Traditionally, the maximum lift height of a lock is considered to be limited at 25, 30, or 45m due to the hydraulic aspects, mainly cavitation.
- If WSBs are used, there is no limit for the lock height. Locks of 100 or 150m can be considered if the filling and emptying of each WSB is studied to avoid cavitation.
  - Cavitation limits the height of the saving basins but not their number and therefore the total lift height of a lock.
    - Example: A lock of 100m lift height with 6 water saving basins is similar for cavitation and hydraulic aspects to a series of four locks of 25m lift height.

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*Paper 5, part B*  
**DISCUSSION ON FILLING  
AND EMPTYING SYSTEMS**



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# Discussion on Filling and Emptying Systems

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## Hydraulic system discussion

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★ A GOOD F/E SYSTEM

★ SOME EXAMPLES

-- PARTIAL DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM

-- DOUBLE DITCHES ENERGY

DISSIPATION SYSTEM

-- ENERGY DISSIPATION FOR SIDE

PORT SYSTEM



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## ★ A GOOD F/E SYSTEM

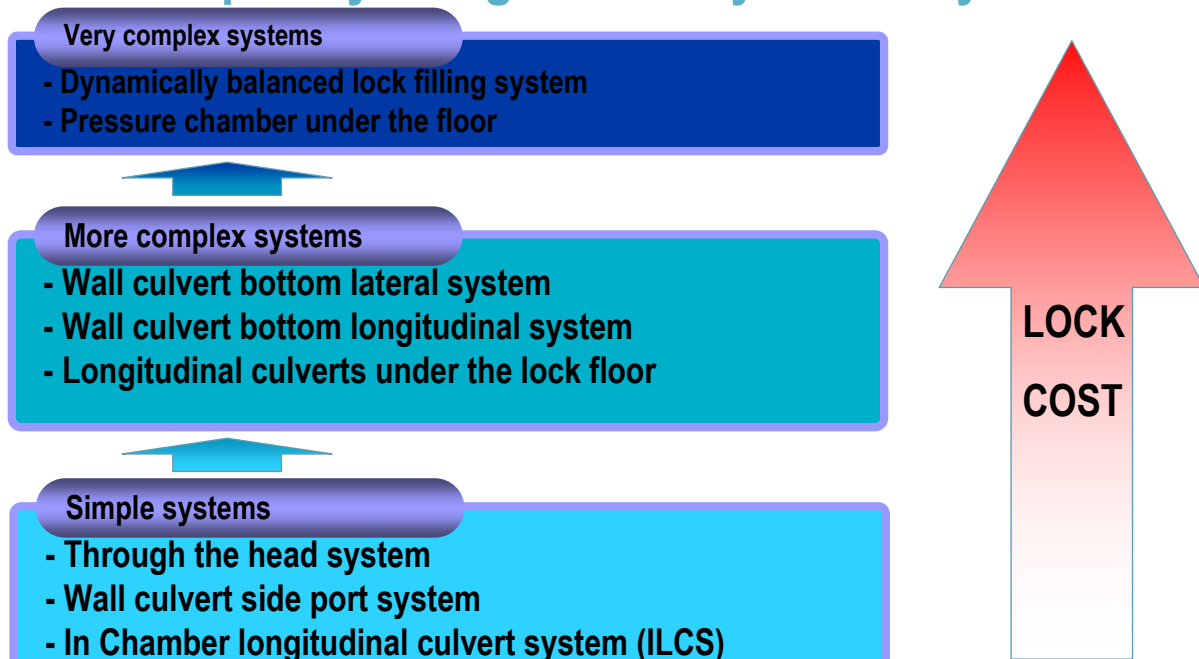
### A Good Filling and Emptying System

- could provide proper filling time (not as short as possible)
- Lock cost could be lower



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## Complexity categories of hydraulic systems



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### Factors which influence the hydraulic efficiency:

- Lift height
- Permissible hawser forces
- Lock dimensions (lock chamber length, width and submergence)



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### Chinese code

DWT of vessels	3000t	2000t	1000t	500t	300t	100t	50t
longitudinal horizontal components (kN)	46	40	32	25	18	8	5
Transverse horizontal components (kN)	23	20	16	13	9	4	3

### Dutch criteria

VESSEL Class	Hawser force criteria (o/oo of total ship displacement)	
	In filling	At emptying or filling with floating bollards
CEMT Class III	1.50	2.00
CEMT Class IV	1.10	1.50
CEMT Class Va	0.85	1.15

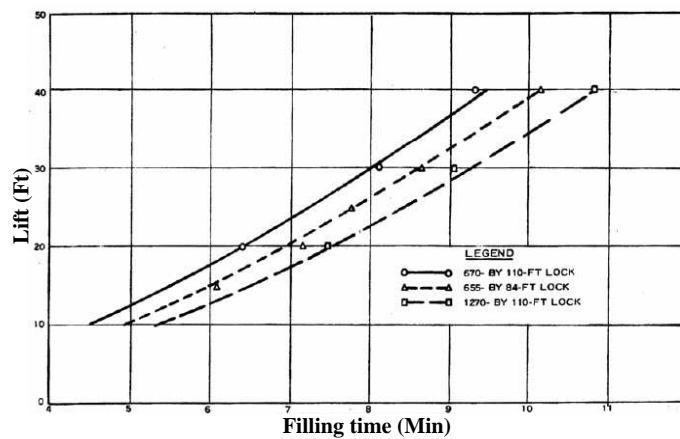
USA: Allowable hawser force is 5t



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## Hydraulic system discussion

USACE EM1110-2-1604 Figure D-5(side port system)



Coefficient  $M = T/H^{1/2}$  for side port system

Lift height (m)	Chamber length/chamber width		
	6.09	7.8	11.5
6.10m	2.59	3.28	3.77
9.14m	2.35	2.84	3.37
12.19m	2.15	2.58	3.09



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## Hydraulic system discussion

### ★ Example 1: Partial Distributed System

A hybrid system combined by through head system and through longitudinal culvert system.

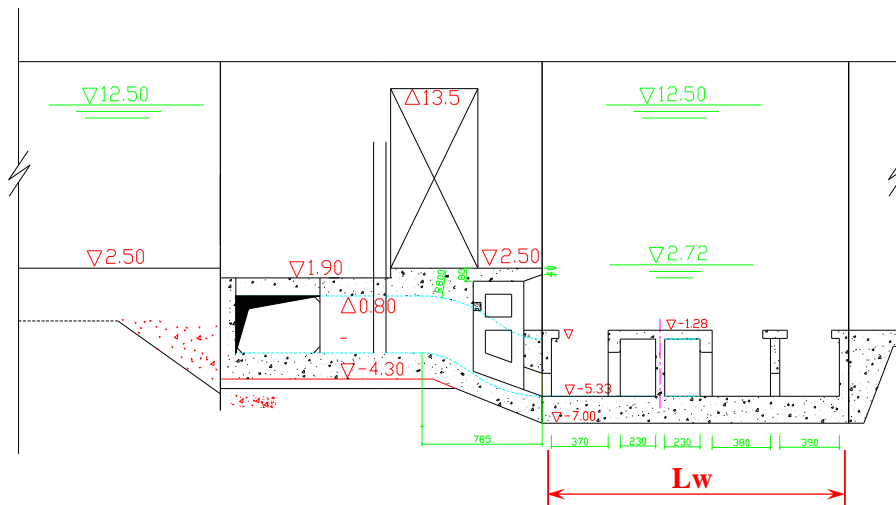
Through head system can be used for locks with very low lift height ( $\leq 7\text{m}$ ).

This system could be used to locks with low or intermediate lift height (about 10m).



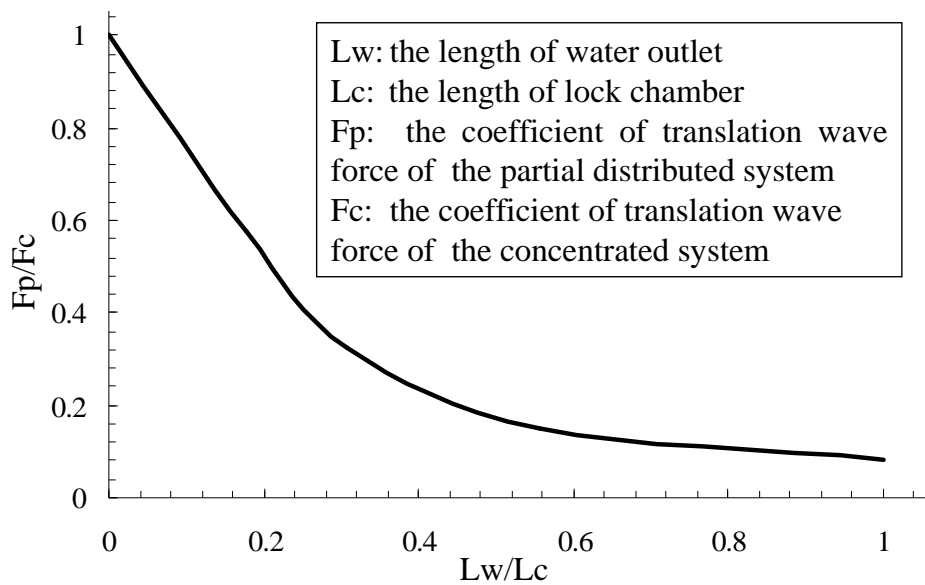
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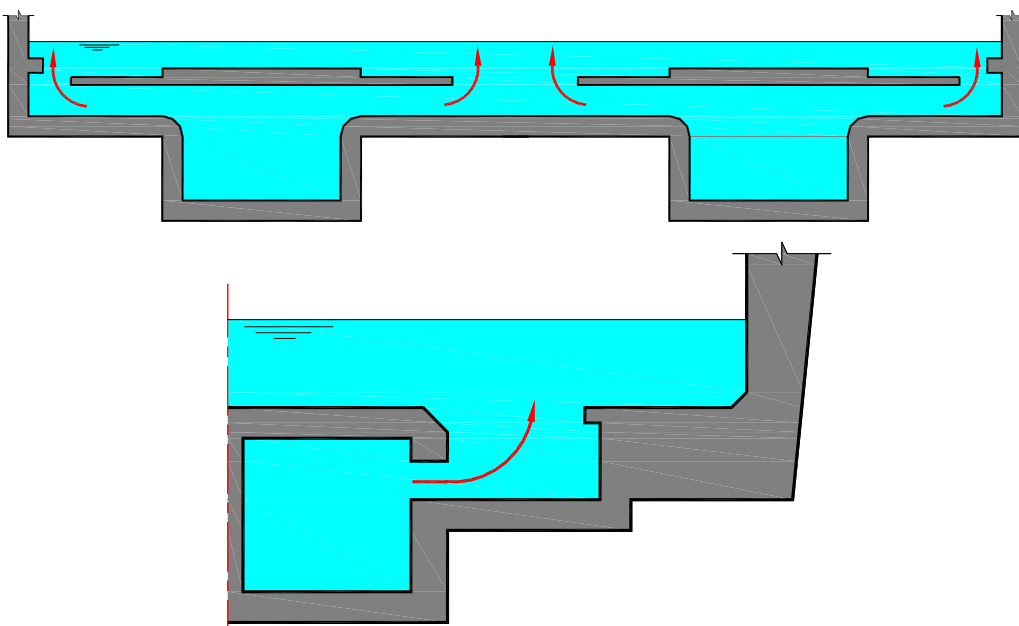


### ★ Example 2: Double Ditches Energy Dissipation System

To avoid dangerous currents at the outlets of filling and emptying system, measures should be taken for energy dissipation. Double ditches are effective system for energy dissipation.



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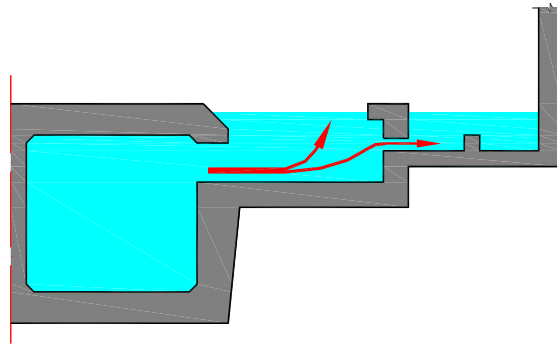


**In-chamber Longitudinal Culvert System**

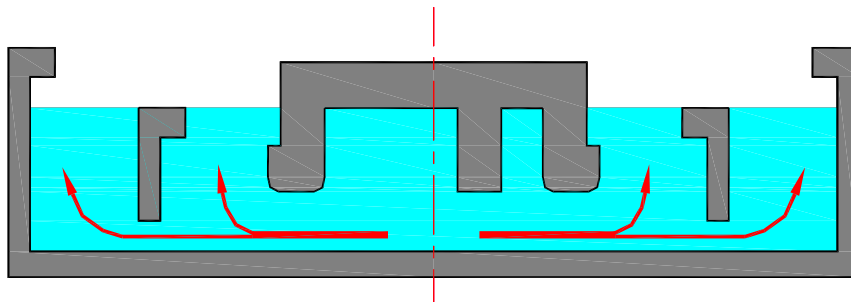


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Double ditches used in ILCS system



Double ditches used in bottom lateral system



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Compared with one ditch system the filling time was shortened. Using the same filling time, the maximum transverse hawser force of the double ditches system is small.

	Filling time	Max. transverse hawser force
Single ditch	9min	56 kN
Double ditches	9min	11.2 kN
Permissible transverse hawser force		20 kN



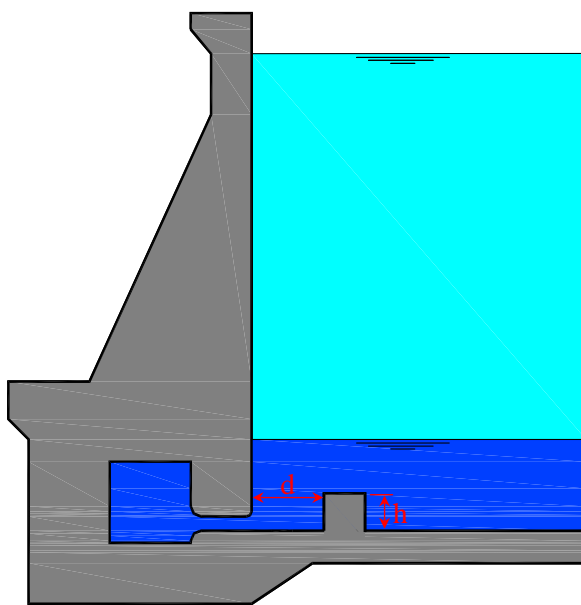
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### ★ Example 3: Energy Dissipation for Side Port System

For side port system enough submergence is required to prevent direct action of the port jets against the bottom of the vessel. But in many cases a little more submergence will lead to much cost.



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If port deflectors was arranged in chamber the jet into the chamber was spread evenly and the hydraulic condition was improved.

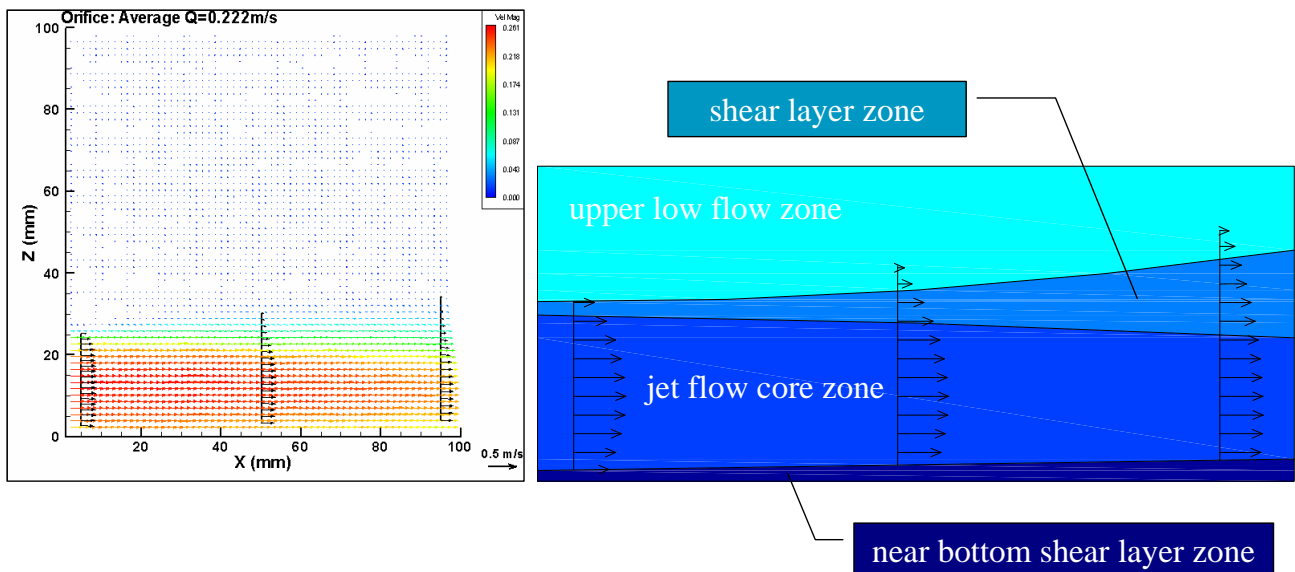
**Side port system with port diflectors**



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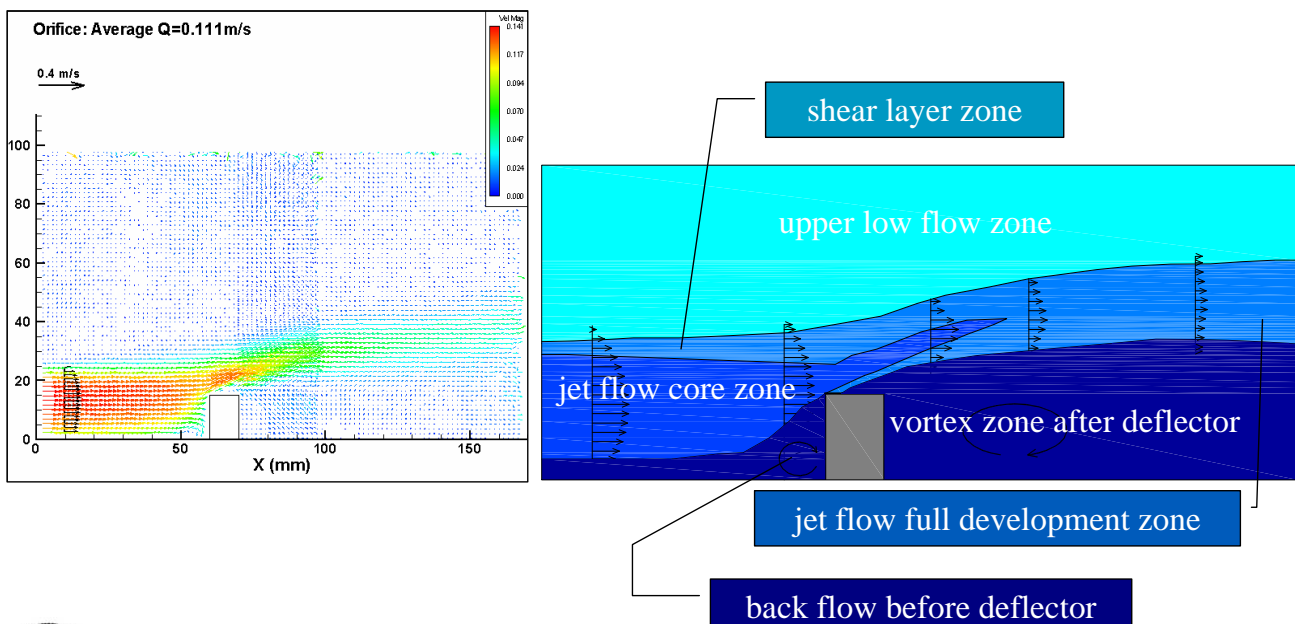
## Flow distribution without deflectors



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# Hydraulic system discussion

## Flow distribution with deflectors



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## Hydraulic system discussion

- In design stages, the selection of proper hydraulic system need enough knowlege and experience.
- There is no one-size-fits-all approach.
- As the development of hydraulic simulation, we can validate all possible measures to make asymmetric system more balanced and more efficient.



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## Hydraulic system discussion



Thanks!



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*Paper 6*

**THE PANAMA'S THIRD  
SET OF LOCKS PROJECT**



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# The New Locks of the Panama Canal



## PIANC Workshop Innovation in Navigation Lock

### Design

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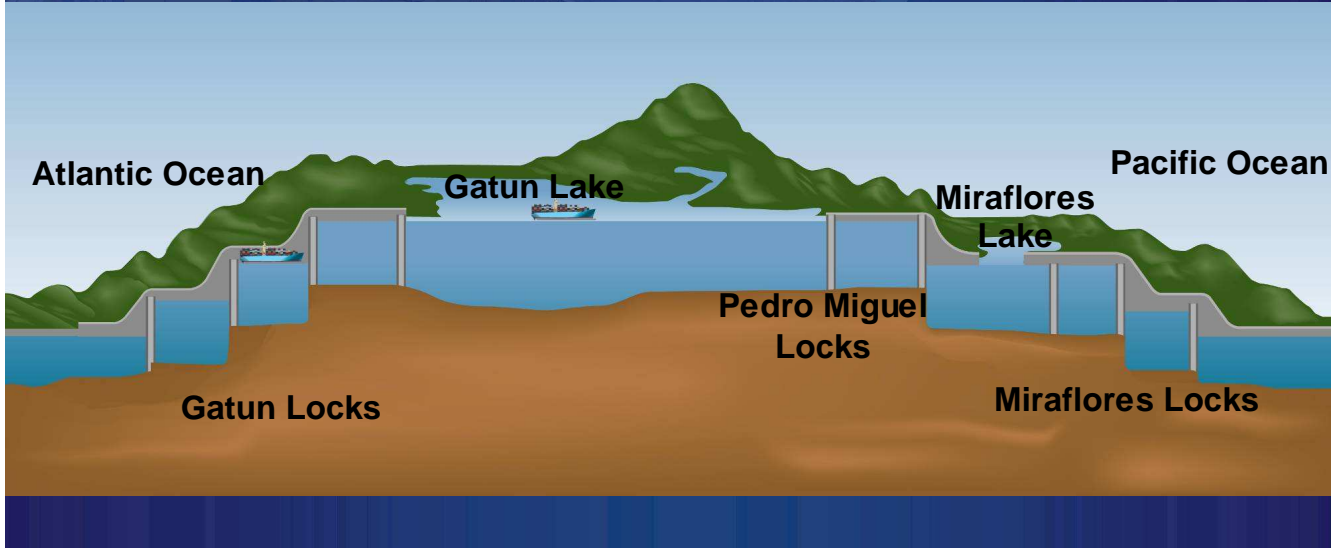
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# The Panama Canal Expansion Program

- ☆ The Panama Canal Market and Capacity
- ☆ Expansion Program
- ☆ Third Set of Locks Contracting
- ☆ New Locks Features
- ☆ Project Management

# The Panama Canal

- The Panama Canal opened in August 15, 1914
- This waterway is approx. 50 miles (80 km) long between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
- Gatun Lake is 85 feet (26 m) above sea level
- The water used to raise and lower vessels in each set of locks comes from Gatun Lake by gravity (approx. 52 million of gallons per transits)



## 37 Liners Services employing Container utilize the Panama Canal in 2008



UNCTAD: "Panama is the country of Latin America that offers more connectivity"

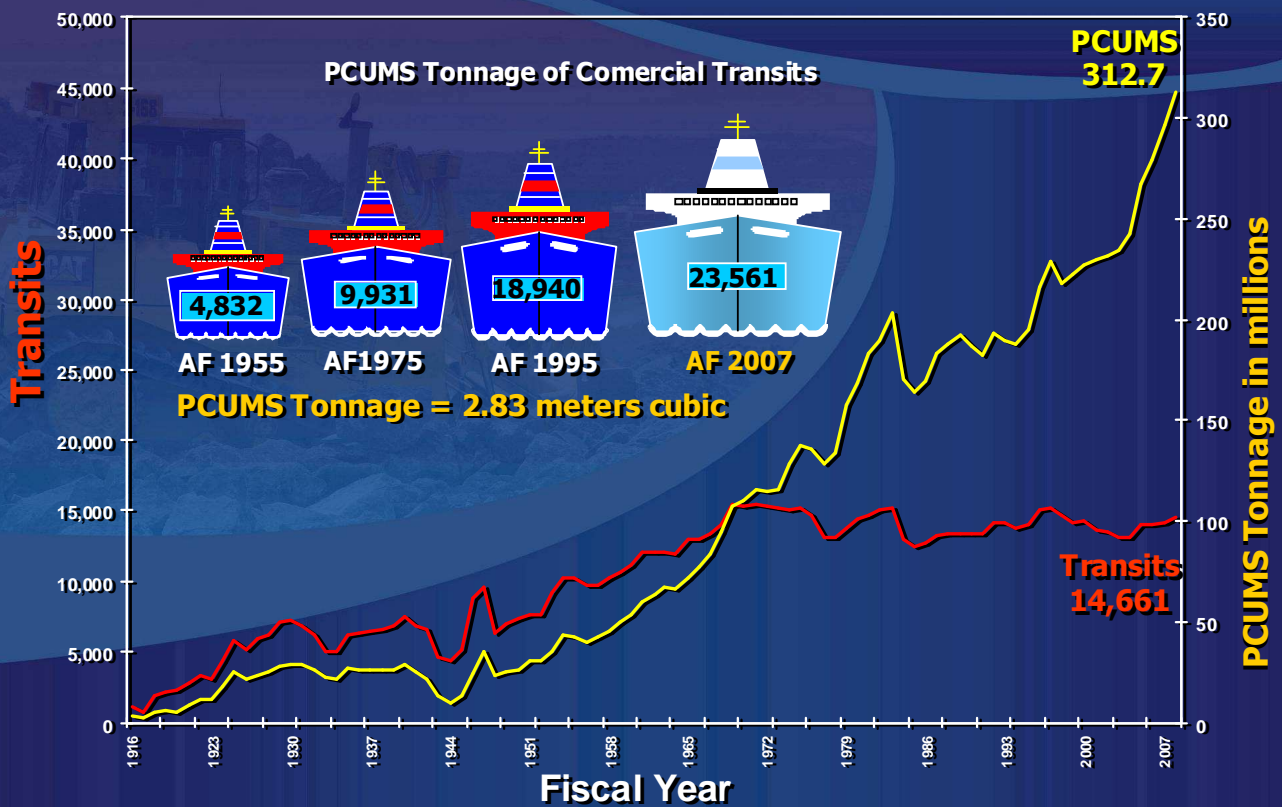
Melbourne

Source: Compair Data










# Transits vs Tonnage PCUMS

FY1915 - FY2006



## Market Segments

Segments	2006	2007
Containers 	\$503M 49%	\$682M 56%
Dry bulk 	170M 17%	163M 13%
Car Carriers 	100M 10%	106M 9%
Liquid bulk 	91M 9%	107M 9%
Others 	59M 6%	61M 5%
Refrigerated 	53M 5%	57M 5%
Passenger ships 	26M 3%	26M 2%
General Cargo 	25M 2%	25 2%

# Modernization and Enhancement Investment Program

## Dredging



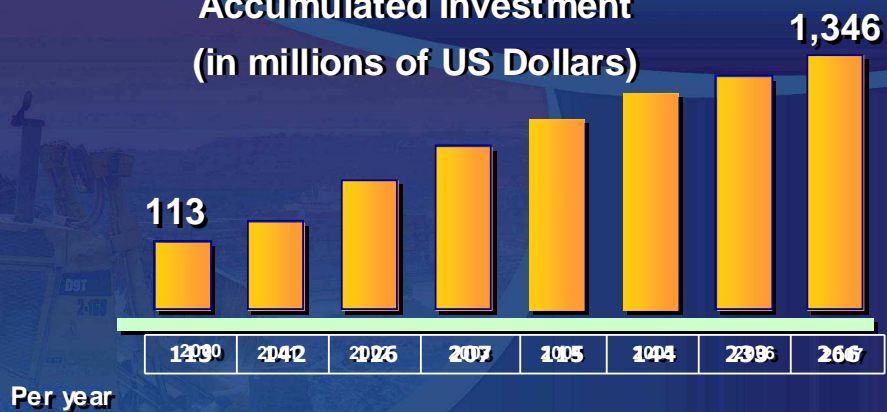
## Locomotives



## Hydraulic System



## Accumulated Investment (in millions of US Dollars)



Capital expenditures on enhancement program have been executed on time and within budget (2000-2006)

## Technology



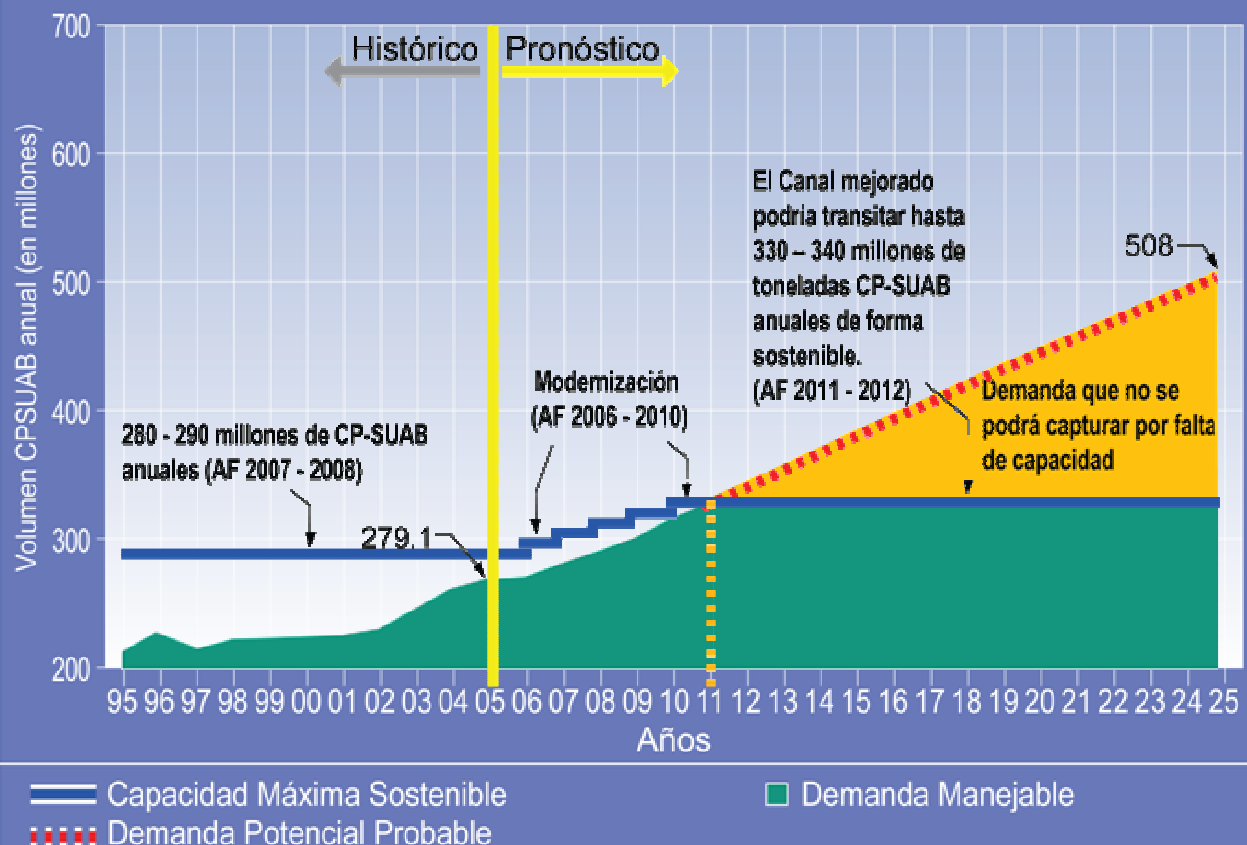
## Rail System



## Tug-Boats



## Capacidad Máxima Sostenible del Canal Actual



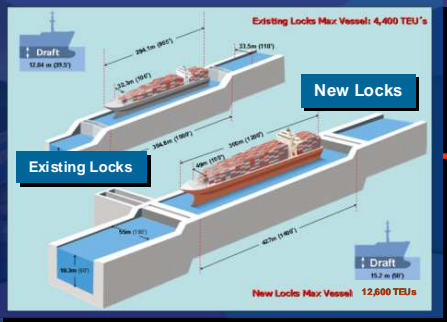


# The Panama Canal Expansion Program



## Capital Expenditures (\$ millions)

### New locks



2,730

### Water saving basins



620

### Access channel for new locks



820

### Improvements to the existing navigational channel



290

### Improvements to the water supply



260

Inflation during construction

530

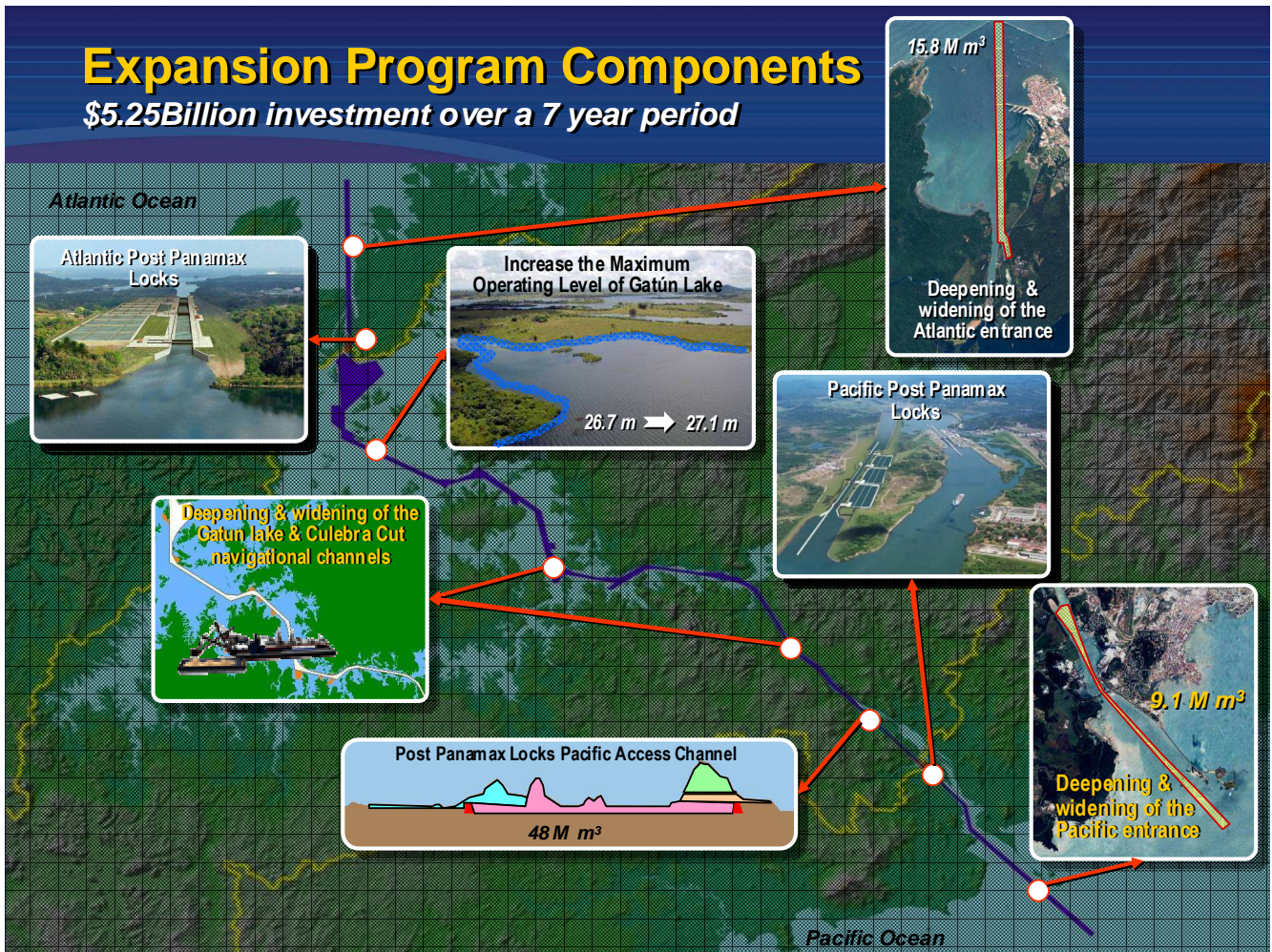
Total investment

5,250

The investment of each component includes contingency

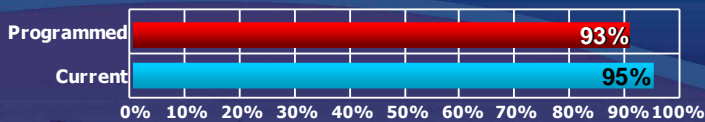
# Expansion Program Components

\$5.25 Billion investment over a 7 year period



## Projects Underway

### Pacific Access Channel - Phase 1



7.4 M m<sup>3</sup> excavated

Contract Scope: 7.4 Mm<sup>3</sup> of earth removal, cleanup of 146 hectares of UXO disposal area and relocation of 3.4 km of Borinquen Road

Awarded: July 17, 2007

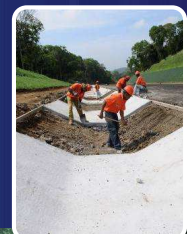
Amount: \$40,431,196.00

Pending: drainage system work, asphaltic cap, erosion control and guttering work.

July 15, 2009



**Borinquen Road**  
3.4 Km.

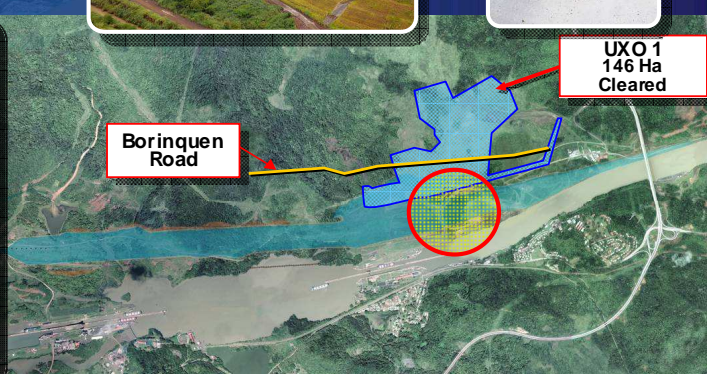


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**Borinquen Road**

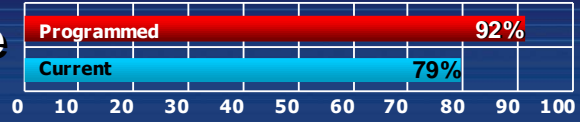
**UXO 1**  
146 Ha  
Cleared



**Projects Underway**

**Pacific Access Channel - Phase 2**

**6.7 M m<sup>3</sup> excavated**

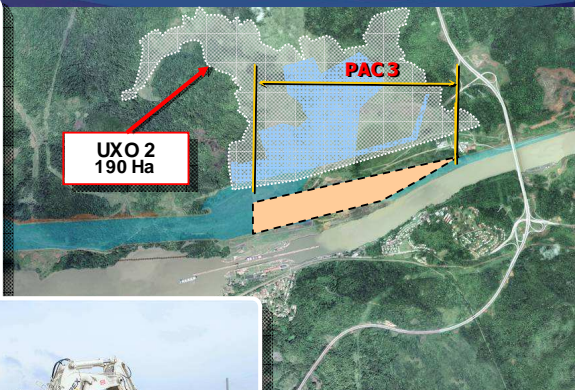


**Projects Underway**

**Pacific Access Channel - Phase 3**

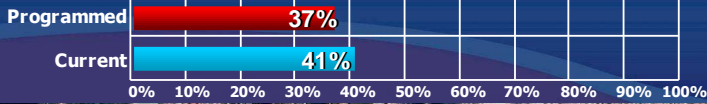


Awarded: December 16, 2008  
 Company: Constructora MECO, S.A.  
 Excavation: 8.0 M m<sup>3</sup>  
 Clearing 190 ha of UXO area  
**1.034 M m<sup>3</sup> excavated**  
**178 hectares cleared**



## Projects Underway

# Pacific Entrance Deepening and Widening (9.1 M m<sup>3</sup>)



4.04 M m<sup>3</sup> dredged

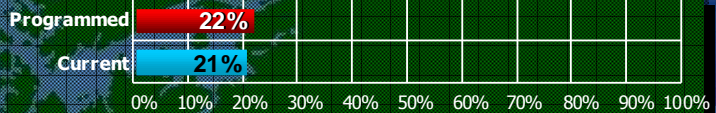
**Drilling & Blasting Barge  
Yuan Dong 007**

**Breydel Hopper Dredge**

Dredging Amount: 9.1 M m<sup>3</sup>

## Projects Underway

# Gatun Lake & Culebra Cut Dredging Areas



# Atlantic Entrance Deepening & Widening



**Volume:** 15.8 M m<sup>3</sup>  
**RFP Issued:** February 27, 2009  
**Contract award:** October 2, 2009  
**Contractor:** Jan de Nul  
**Contract amount:** \$89 M



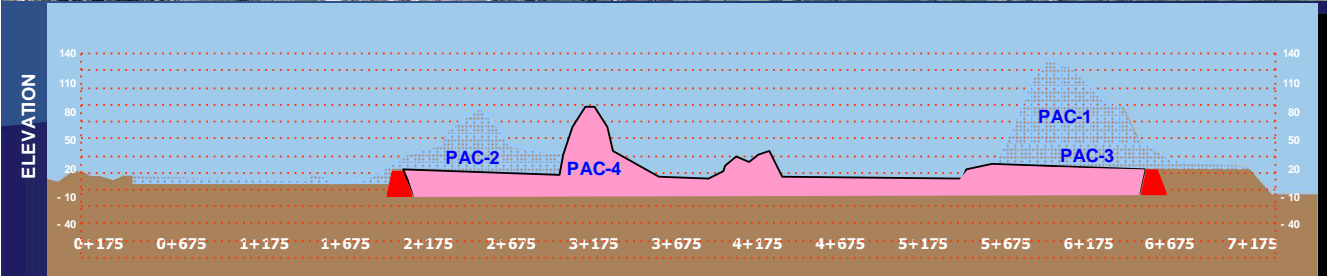
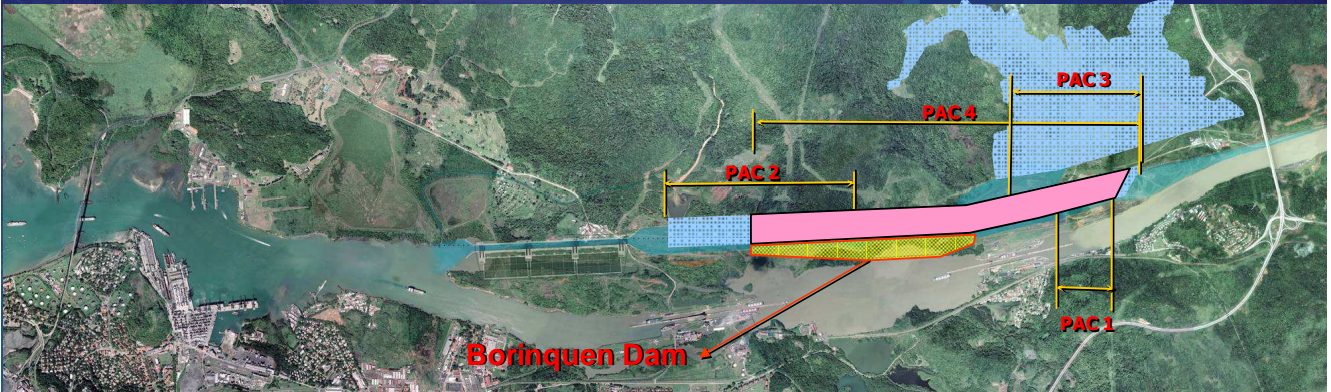
## Pacific Access Channel - Phase 4

27 M m<sup>3</sup> of Dry Excavation

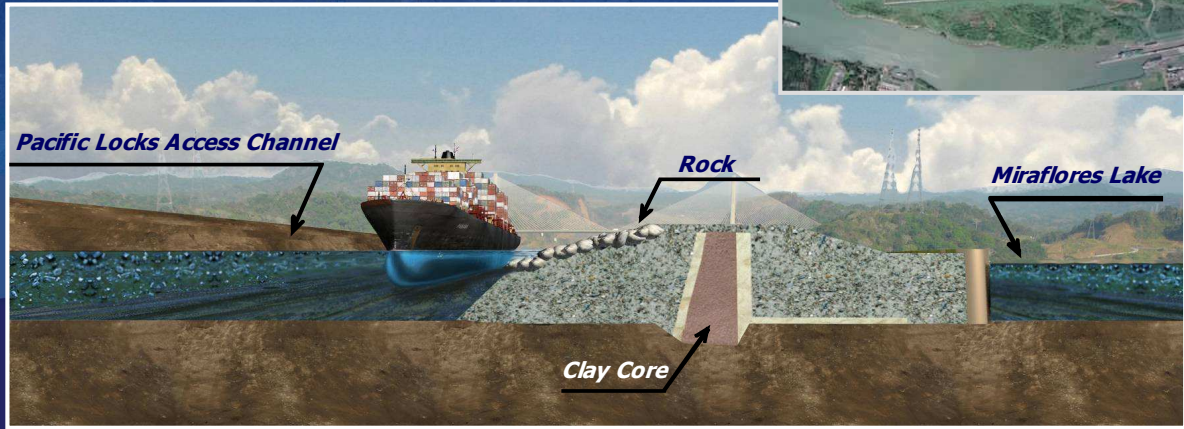
Tender Documents published on July 31, 2009



- Site Visit: August 25, 2009
- Pre tender Meeting: August 26, 2009
- Submit Technical Proposal: August 31, 2009
- Bid Opening (Price): October 30, 2009



# Borinquen Dam

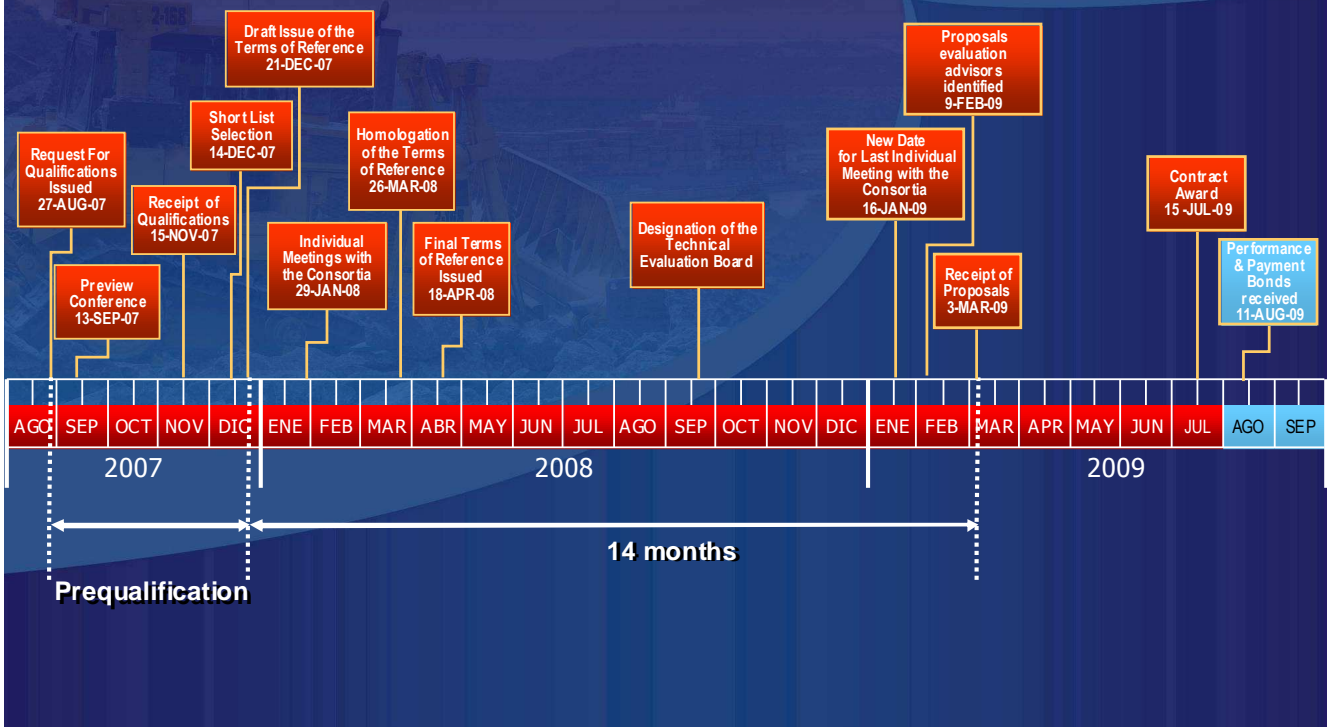


## Third Set of Locks contract award





# Locks Design and Construction Timeline of the Contracting Plan



## Prequalified Consortia

Consortium	Members	Designers	Gate fabricators
<b>C.A.N.A.L.</b>	ACS Servicios, Comunicaciones y Energía, S.L. – Leader	Sener Ingeniería y Sistemas	ACS Servicios, Comunicaciones y Energía, S.L.
	Acciona Infraestructuras, S.A.	Haskoning Nederland BV	
	Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A.	Mott MacDonald Limited	
	Hochtief Construction AG	Hochtief Consult	
	Constructoras ICA S.A. de C.V.		
<b>Bechtel, Taisei, Mitsubishi Corporation</b>	Bechtel Internacional, Inc. – Leader	Bechtel Internacional, Inc. – Leader	Wuchang Shipyard
	Taisei Corporation		
	Mitsubishi Corporation		
<b>Grupo Unidos por el Canal</b>	Sacyr Vallehermoso S.A. – Leader	Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH) – Leader	Heerema Fabrication Group
	Impregilo S.p.A.	IV-Groep	
	Jan de Nul n.v.	Tetra Tech	
	Constructora Urbana, S.A.		
<b>Atlántico-Pacífico de Panamá</b>	Bouygues Travaux Publics – Leader	AECOM – Leader	ALSTOM Hydro Energía Brasil
	Bilfinger Berger		
	VINCI Construction Grands Projets		
	Construcoes e Comercio Camargo Correa S.A.		
	Constructora Andrade Gutierrez S.A.		
	Constructora Queiroz Galvao S.A.		
	ALSTOM Hydro Energía Brasil		
BARDELLA Ind. Mecánicas			

# Consortia that submitted proposals on March 3, 2009

Consortium	Members	Designers	Gate fabricators
<b>C.A.N.A.L.</b>	ACS Servicios, Comunicaciones y Energía, S.L. – Leader	Sener Ingeniería y Sistemas	ACS Servicios, Comunicaciones y Energía, S.L.
	Acciona Infraestructuras, S.A.	Haskoning Nederland BV	
	Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A.	Mott MacDonald Limited	
	Hochtief Construction AG	Hochtief Consult	
	Constructoras ICA S.A. de C.V.		
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# Locks Design and Construction Bidding Process

Opening of Price Envelopes - July 8, 2009





**Autoridad del Canal de Panamá**  
**Contrato de Diseño y Construcción del Tercer Juego de Esclusas**  
**Design and Construction of the Third Set of**

Licitación RFP-76161

Fecha de apertura de sobres de precio:

08-Jul-09

9:00 A.M.

Proponentes precalificados	55%	40%	5%		Total Propuesta de Precios	45%	100%	Orden de Mejor Valor	
	Puntos Propuesta Técnica Máx 5,500	Propuesta de Precio Base	Puntos Precio Base Máx 4,000	Propuesta de Precio de Partida Provisional		Puntos Partida Provisional Máx 500	Total Puntos Propuesta de Precios Max 4,500		Total de Puntos Máx 10,000
Bechtel, Taisei, Mitsubishi Corporation	3,789.5	\$ 4,185,983,000.00	2,980.3	\$ 93,836,670.00	-	\$ 4,279,819,670.00	2,980.3	6,769.8	2
Consorcio C.A.N.A.L.	3,973.5	\$ 5,981,020,333.00	2,085.9	\$ -	500.0	\$ 5,981,020,333.00	2,585.9	6,559.4	3
Grupo Unidos por el Canal	4,088.5	\$ 3,118,880,001.00	4,000.0	\$ 102,751,383.00	-	\$ 3,221,631,384.00	4,000.0	8,088.5	1

Partida Asignada - ACP

\$ 3,481,000,000.00

Calcular resultado



## New Locks features



## Main functions and objectives Third Set of Locks

- Larger locks for post-panamax vessels
- Throughput minimize F-E times
- Safe smooth filling and emptying lock chambers
- Environmental preserve Gatun Lake as source of fresh water for human consumption
- High reliability third lane locks
- Water efficient
- Benefit/Cost analysis alternatives
- Life cycle cost optimization
- Durable infrastructure



## Project concept and execution of Third Set of Locks project

- Conceptual design
- Numerical and physical F-E models
- Performance based contract specifications
- Design and build contract
- Technical evaluation of proposals
- Selection based on best value
- Final design by Contractor
- Requires optimization of F-E system numerical model and validation physical model
- Commissioning F-E performance

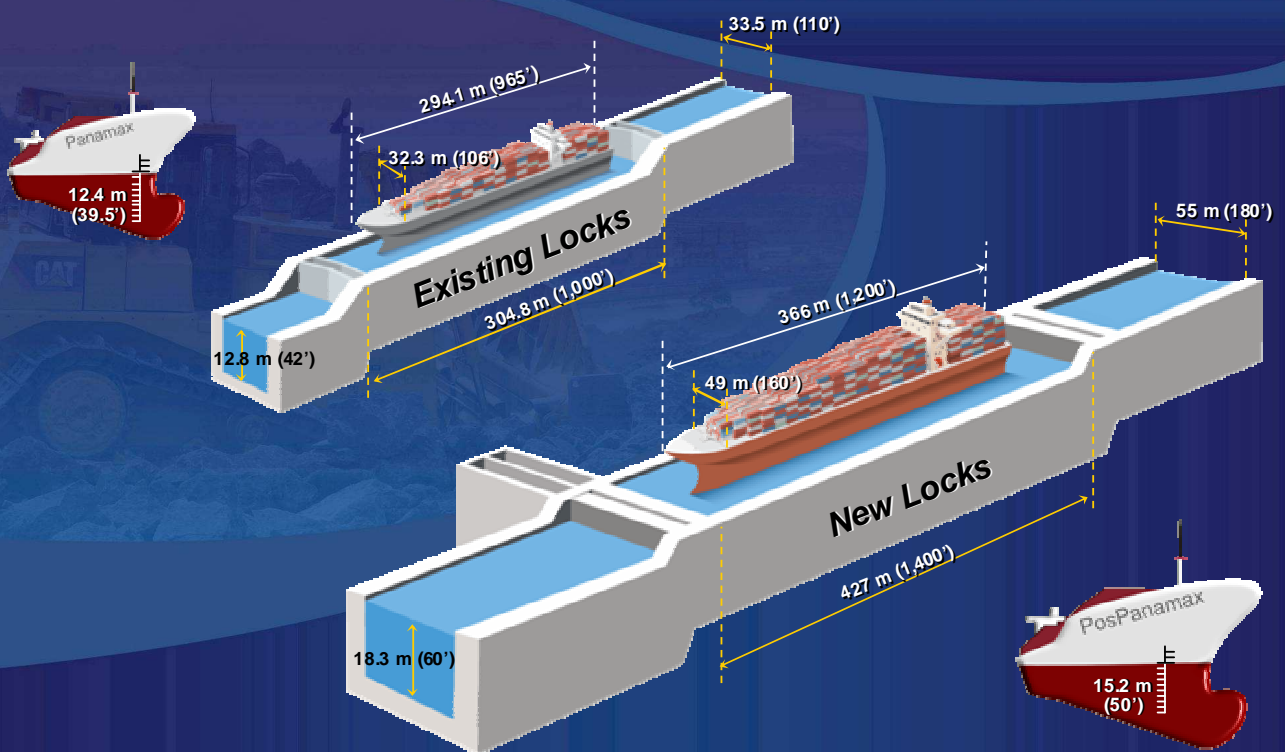
# Atlantic & Pacific Post Panamax Locks

(40 M m<sup>3</sup> of dry excavation)



## Dimensions of Locks and Vessels

Existing Locks Max Vessel size: 4,400 TEU's

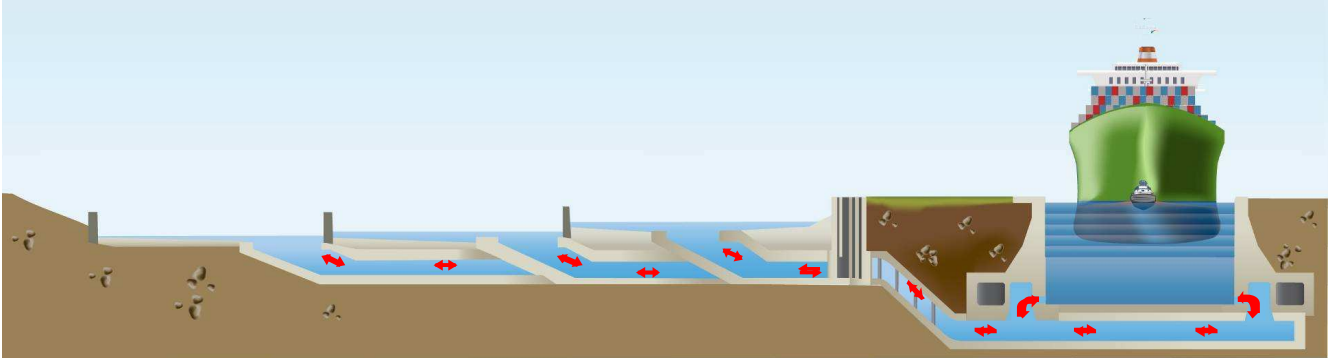


New Locks Max Vessel size: 12,600 TEU's

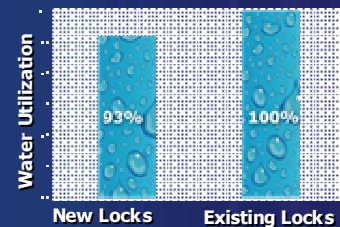
# GUPC Locks Design – Pacific Locks



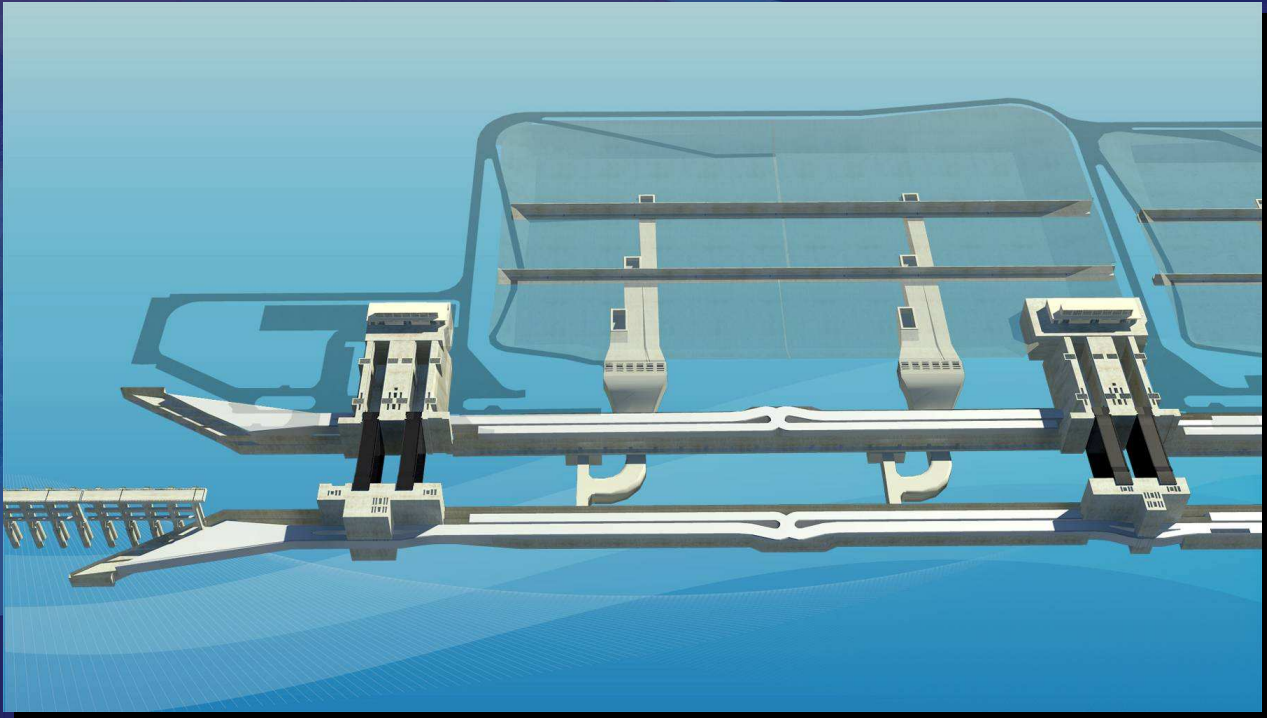
## Post-Panamax Locks Operation GUPC's Proposal



With the water saving basins  
the new locks will use **7% less** water  
than the existing locks

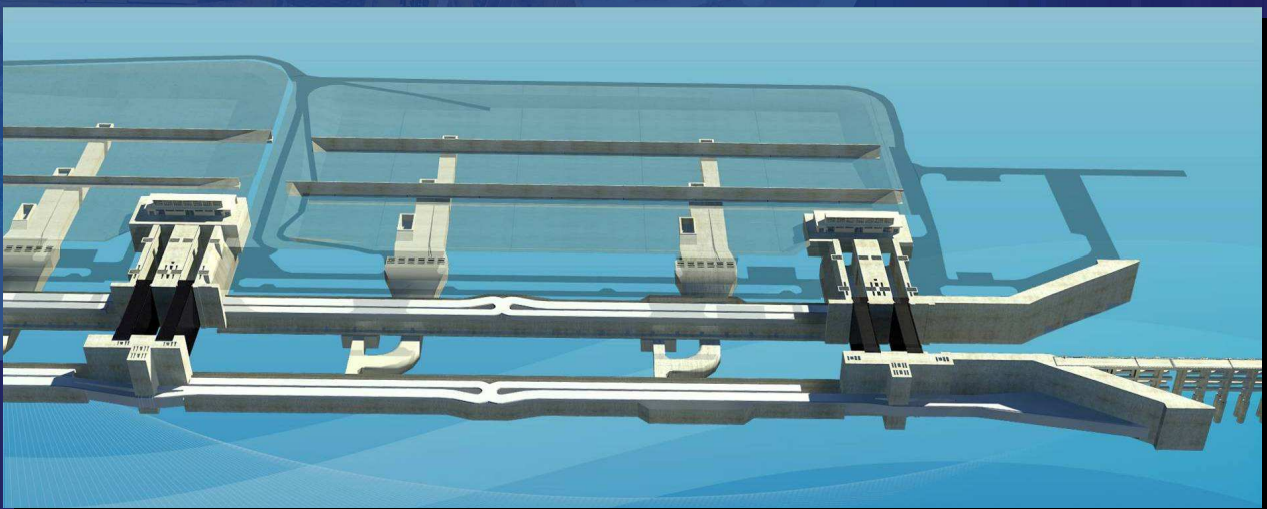


## Hydraulic Filling and Emptying System Upper Chamber and water Intakes



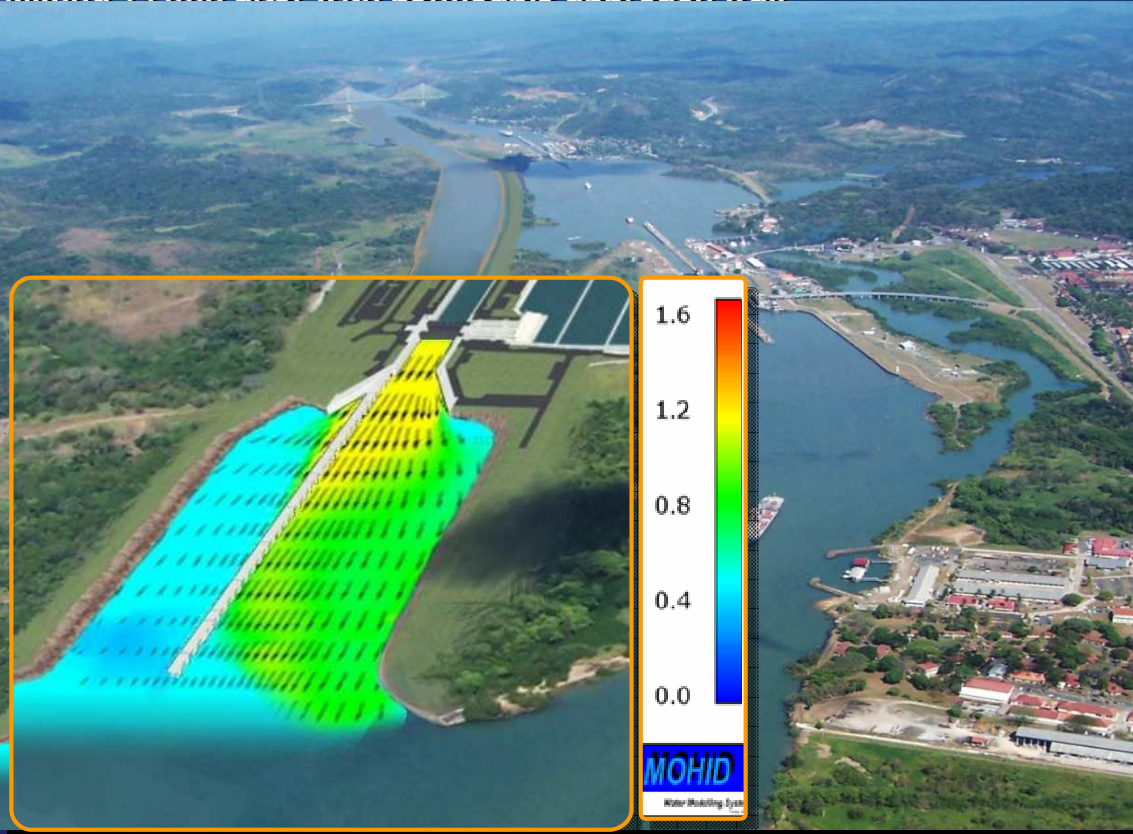
## GUPC Tender Design Meets or Exceeds ACP's Performance Requirements

- Filling and Emptying System times – improved throughput
- Chamber Hawser Forces
- Permeable Approach Structure
- Approach Channel Current Velocities
- Culvert water flow velocities
- Water Saving percentage



## Peak Surface Longitudinal Velocity

Mixing 14 min after with permeable approach wall



## F-E system final design next steps

- Contractor to optimize numerical model runs and finalize F-E system design
- Validate F-E system with contractor's physical model prior to construction of F-E system
- Final F-E system acceptance with commissioning and take over performance tests





# Program Management



## Administration

### Secured Financing for Expansion Program – December 9, 2008

The \$2.3 billion financing package will cover a portion of the \$5.25 billion total cost of the project and will be allocated as follows:

<b>FINANCING:</b> European Investment Bank (EIB)	\$ 500 M
Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)	\$ 800 M
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	\$ 400 M
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	\$ 300 M
Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF)	\$ 300 M

Subtotal: **\$2,300 M**

**ACP: \$ 2,950 M**

**Total: \$ 5,250 M**



The negotiated financing structure includes favorable provisions for the ACP including a 20-year amortizing period with a 10-year grace period.

# Administration

## Program Management Integrated System

The image displays several software interfaces used in the Administration Program Management Integrated System. On the left, there is a 'Management Dashboard' with a circular diagram showing 'LEVEL OF INVESTMENT' and 'PROGRESS'. In the center, a 'Panama Canal Expansion Program' dashboard shows 'Projects by Cost Perf. Index (CPI)' and 'Projects by Sched. Perf. Index (SPI)'. On the right, a 'PRIMAVERA P6' interface shows a Gantt chart and a table of activities with columns for Start, Finish, Duration, and WBS. Below these, a 'Project Accounting (Oracle PA)' interface shows a bar chart of 'Actual Costs' and 'Planned Values' over time.

### Main Modules

- ❖ Management Dashboard
- ❖ Primavera P6
- ❖ Project Accounting (Oracle PA)
- ❖ Primavera Contract Manager (Document Control)
- ❖ Risk Analysis (Primavera Pert Master and @Risk)
- ❖ Cost Estimates (Heavy Bid and Timberline Estimating)



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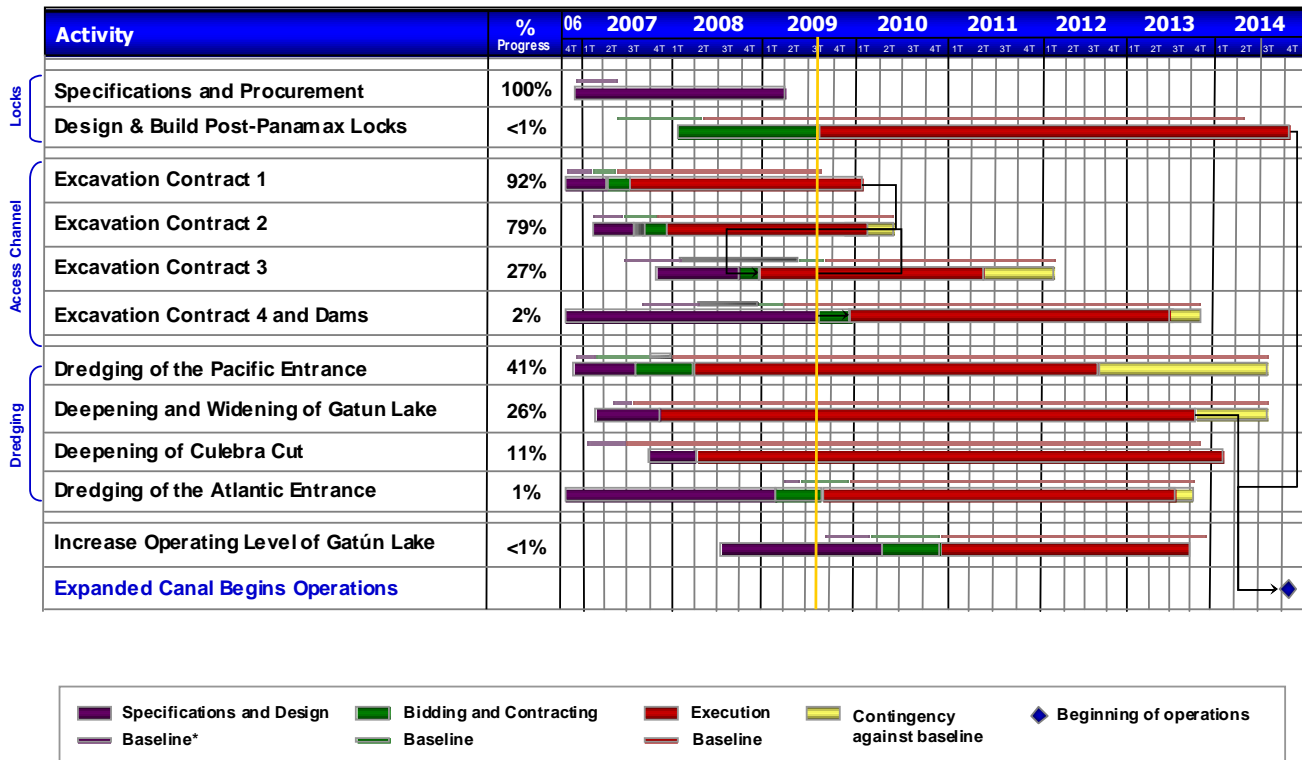
## Environmental and Social Monitoring and Control

- ❖ Environmental Impact Assessment
- ❖ Ecological Compensation paid to ANAM
- ❖ Wildlife Rescue Plan
- ❖ Archeological Rescue
- ❖ Paleontological Resources Studies
- ❖ Reforestation
- ❖ Air and Water Quality Monitoring
- ❖ Noise and vibrations monitoring
- ❖ Meetings with communities according to project advance
- ❖ Report and inspection by independent consultant
- ❖ Inspections by ANAM



# Summary Schedule of Main Projects with Baseline and Contingency

as of July 31, 2009\*



\* Baseline from December 31, 2006 including contingency.

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# The Panama Canal’s Third Set of Locks Project

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**ABSTRACT:** One of the world’s greatest engineering achievements, the Panama Canal plays a vital role in world shipping. But, eventhough at the time of their construction the dimensions of the existing locks set the standard that defined the ‘Panamax’ size container ships and bulk carriers, today’s locks are nearing their maximum throughput capacity in spite of all the infrastructure improvements of past decades. To accommodate growing traffic demand, particularly by containerships in the route between Northeast Asia and ports on the US East Coast, and also to accommodate post-Panamax ships, the Panama Canal has started executing its ambitious expansion plan, which is scheduled for completion by 2014.

The Panama Canal conducted more than 120 studies that were analyzed and integrated into the decision making process to select the most suitable, efficient, and effective alternatives that would enable the optimization of the Third Set of Locks Project. The studies for the Panama Canal Capacity Expansion Program are described in full in the Panama Canal Master Plan 2005-2025 and in the Proposal for the Canal Expansion approved on October 22, 2006 through national referendum. The Master Plan and summaries of the most relevant studies can be found at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/plan/index.html>.

The Panama Canal is the country’s main economic asset. The Panama Canal Authority (ACP), the agency in charge of administering the waterway, is carrying forward a program to expand the Canal’s throughput capacity in terms of vessel number, vessel size and to double cargo capacity. An expanded Canal would be the cornerstone on which the long term sustainability of the national economy would be built, guaranteeing the continuity of its commitment to serve world trade while promoting the development of an international logistics hub in Panama.

## 1 THE PANAMA CANAL EXPANSION

The Panama Canal Expansion Program involves six main projects, mainly: 1) the construction of two set of locks at the Atlantic and Pacific ends of the Canal; 2) the dry excavation of an access channel connecting the Gaillard (Culebra) Cut to the new Pacific locks; 3) dredging of the existing navigational channels of the Atlantic Ocean entrance; 4) dredging of the existing navigational channels Pacific Ocean entrance, 5) dredging the Gatun Lake and Gaillard Cut fresh water navigational channels; and 6) raising the level of Gatun lake through modifications to existing land based infrastructure. Overall the activities of the Expansion Program will span over the 80 kilometers of the Panama Canal.

The access channel to link the new Pacific Locks with Gaillard Cut, the narrowest channel

section in the Panama Canal, will be about 6.1 kilometers long. It will require the removal of 47 million cubic meters of earth and rock and the construction of earthen dams. This new channel will bypass the present Pedro Miguel Locks, Miraflores Lake and Miraflores Locks and will operate at Gatun Lake elevation, an average of 26 meters above sea level.

Work on the Panama Canal Expansion began on September 3, 2007 when ground was broken in Paraiso Hill highlighting the start of the first of the dry excavation work contract awarded to the lowest bidder of ten that tendered. The local construction firm bid \$40.4 million. This first contract of four of the Pacific access channel (PAC-1) involves the removal of 7.4 Mm<sup>3</sup> of earth, road rerouting and drainages and the clearing of 146 hectares of unexploded ordnance. Progress to date 90%.

The second dry excavation contract (PAC-2) was awarded in December 2007 to an international

firm for \$25.8 million. This contract requires 7.5 Mm<sup>3</sup> of earth and rock removal and a 3.5 km diversion of a small river and road rerouting and drainages as well. Progress 84% to date.

The third dry excavation contract (PAC-3) was awarded in December 2008 for \$36.7 million to remove 8.0 Mm<sup>3</sup> of material and the clearing of 190 hectares of unexploded ordnance (UXO's). Progress to date 31%.

The fourth dry excavation (PAC-4) tender documents for prequalification received in September 2009 and are being evaluated. Its design indicates a total dry excavation of approximately 27 Mm<sup>3</sup>, additional 2.8 Mm<sup>3</sup> to fill and construct a 2.3 Km long earthen dam.

The contract for the dredging of the Pacific Entrance which encompasses the widening and deepening of the navigation channel leading to the new locks was awarded in April 2008 for \$177 million. There are approximately 9.1 Mm<sup>3</sup> of material to be dredged along a 14.3 km of channel. The channel has been designed to be a minimum of 225 meters wide at the prism line and at a minimum depth of 15.5 meters at Mean Low Water Springs. This project advances in accordance to its schedule achieving 46% progress thus far and is expected to be completed by September 2012 or earlier.

The tender documents for the dredging of the Atlantic entrance navigation channel leading to the new locks was awarded in September 2009 for \$89.6 million. The contract will encompass 15Mm<sup>3</sup> of dredging over 13.9 kilometers of channel and approximately 0.8 Mm<sup>3</sup> of dry excavation.

In-house ACP personnel are performing dredging work required to adequate the Canal's freshwater inland navigational channels, to date 5.8 Mm<sup>3</sup> of material has been dredged progress 22%.

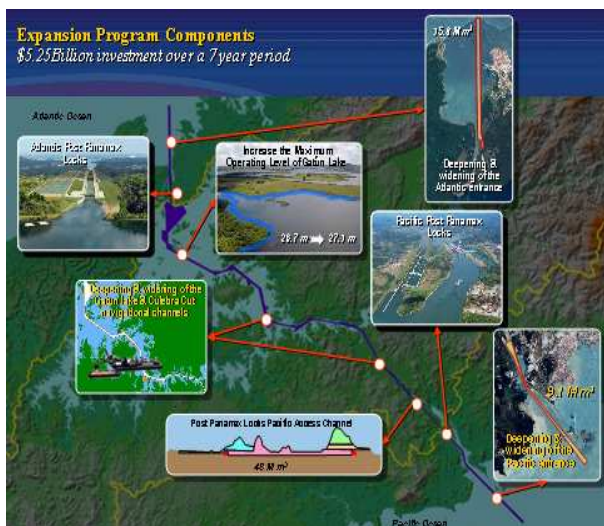


Figure 1 – Map of the Panama Canal expansion program

## 2 THE THIRD SET OF LOCKS

The Panama Canal Authority ACP evaluated many configurations and technical options to increase Canal capacity. After conducting a series of market studies the ACP decided to divide Canal trade into segments which established different tariffs for the commodities transported by the different types of vessels passing through the Panama Canal. Results of the studies indicated that containerized cargo trade between Northeast Asia and the U.S. East Coast showed the highest levels of demand growth. Additionally, studies highlighted that in the transoceanic routes the trend is to use post-Panamax containerships to take advantage of the economies of scale which allows them to carry more containers in larger vessels.

Among the alternatives considered were a sea level canal, shiplifts/synchrolifts and different channel alignments. Using expert workshops and multi-criteria analyses, it was concluded that constructing two new sets of locks would be the best option, considering initial investment, maintenance, environmental impact, and technological risk.

Lock configurations of one, two and three sets of consecutive chambers were analyzed. The three-level configuration proved to be the best option regarding initial investment, operational efficiency, ease of maintenance, environmental impact, and water utilization.

One set of locks will raise/lower vessels on the Atlantic end of the Canal, east of the existing Gatun Locks, and the other set of locks will raise/lower vessels on the Pacific end, southwest of the existing Miraflores Locks. Each facility will be comprised of three consecutive lock chambers, which will use gravity force to move water to lift the vessels from one ocean to an average height of 26 meters at lake level and lower them back to ocean level on the opposite end. Each chamber will be accompanied by three lateral water-saving basins for a total of nine water-saving basins per lock.

Each lock chamber will be 427 m to 458 m long, 55 m wide and 18.3 m deep as a minimum, to allow the transit of vessels up to 49 meters in beam, and overall length of up to 366 meters and a draft up to 15.2 meters in tropical fresh water, which corresponds to a 12,000 TEU nominal capacity containership loaded with 19 container rows across deck.

The new locks will also allow the transit of Capesize dry-bulk carriers and Suezmax tankers

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 vessels during lockages, as used in other post-Panamax locks in Europe. The Canal will expand its existing fleet by acquiring commercially available tugs.

The water-saving or reutilization basins have been used successfully in locks in Germany for almost a century. These water-saving basins or pools will provide an effective system for reducing water usage in the new locks. Different combinations of lock steps and number of basins –one to six- were analyzed as part of the studies conducted by the ACP. The combination of three steps and three water-saving basins per chamber yields the best relation of water consumption, construction cost, and system throughput, while maintaining Gatun Lake’s water quality as a fresh water ecosystem with water suitable for human consumption.

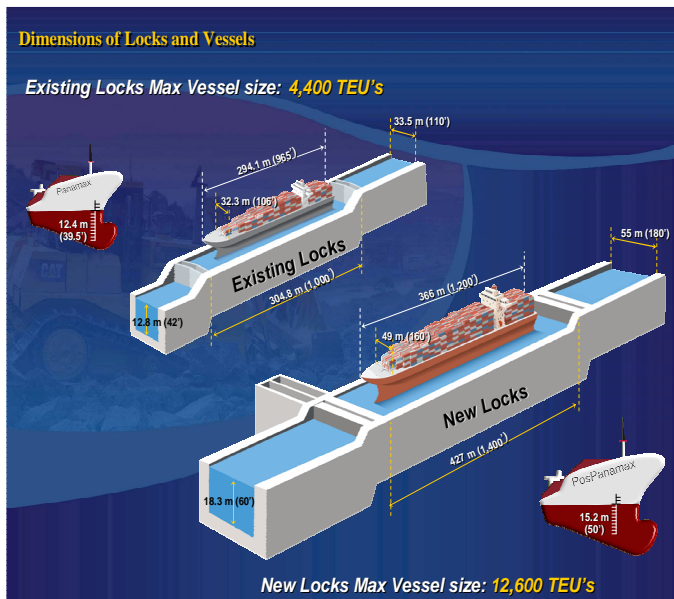


Figure 2 – Comparative Panamax and Post-Panamax vessels and locks

The new locks will incorporate proven technology used in the operation and maintenance of post-Panamax locks in Europe. These new locks will also incorporate technology upgrades used in the existing Canal such as chamber lighting and satellite vessel tracking system.

All potential lock gate types were studied and narrowed down to sector, miter and rolling gates. It was concluded that rolling or horizontal sliding gates would be the best option since these are the type of gates used in Europe for similar size locks, the gate recesses allows for dry dock gate maintenance and repair *in situ*, and require less chamber length. To increase system reliability, the rolling gates will be placed in pairs at each end of the lock chambers, for a total of eight gates per lock.

Many existing and potential vessel positioning systems were evaluated and compared. The towing locomotives presently used at the Panama Canal for Panamax size vessels, was not considered appropriate to handle post-Panamax vessels because of the number -up to 16 locomotives- and capacity – over 70 tons- required and the increased construction costs for lock walls to withstand the forces exerted by the locomotives proved unpractical.

After having successfully performed a series of lockage tests with tugboats in the existing Gatun and Miraflores locks, the ACP decided that the new Third Set of Locks will use tugboats to position

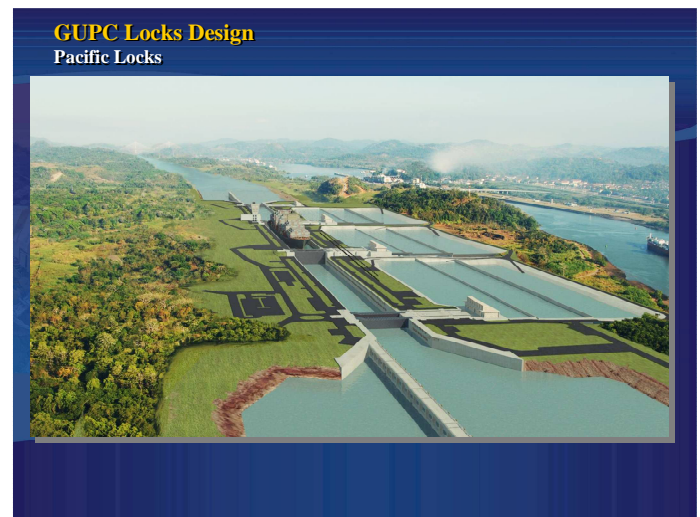


Figure 3 – Three-step locks with three water-saving basins and rolling gates

Water will be moved by gravity to fill and empty the lock chambers and water-saving basins. Two longitudinal culverts which flow via a central connector to a secondary culvert which acts as a manifold with 20 side ports open along the bottom of each lock chamber wall. The culverts will have split culverts with double valves for increased system reliability and ease of maintenance.

Model tests were conducted by the Consorcio Post-Panamax, a Belgium-French consortium, to ensure the proper and optimal behavior of the new locks filling and emptying system, water slopes in the lock chambers, hydraulic performance in the culverts, water-saving basins, intakes and discharges that make up the system. A tank model navigation test was also conducted to assess ship behavior using different approach, exit, lock-to-lock, density

currents, vessel assistance and maneuverability scenarios.

The selected contractor will perform the final design of the lock filling and emptying system and validate the design with its own physical model prior to construction. The finished lock will have to meet filling and emptying times and performance established for final acceptance tests.

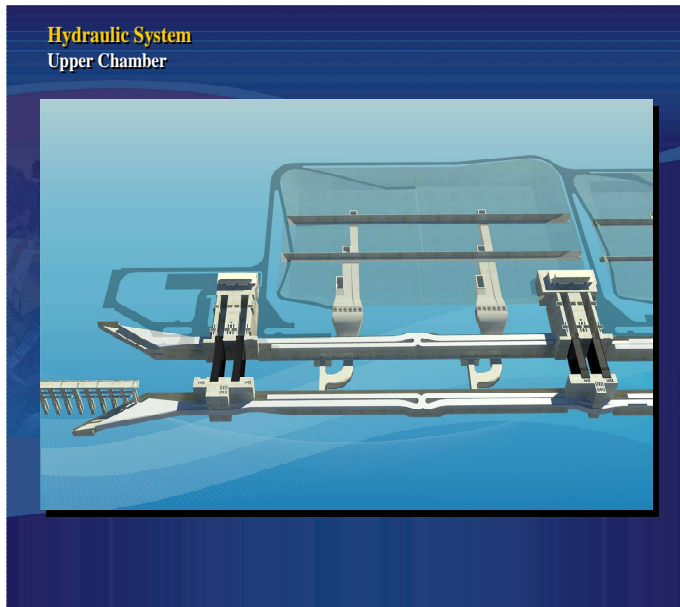


Figure 4 – Third set of locks filling and emptying system

### 3 LOCKS CONTRACTOR SELECTION

On March 3, 2009 three of the four pre-qualified worldwide Consortia for the design and construction of the Third Set of Locks, submitted bids for this element of the Expansion Program. These Consortia are formed by top ranked global construction firms. The evaluation process was completed and bids were opened in July 2009. The selection of the winning consortia was based on a best value concept with 55% of the weight being assigned to the technical proposal and the remaining 45% to the price offered.

The design and construction of the two locks complexes is expected to take 62 months. This project represents the critical path of the Expansion Program and all attention focuses on facilitating its completion so that operations of the new locks system can begin in 2014.

Consortio	Puntaje Técnico (Máximo 5,500)	Propuesta de precio en dólares	Puntaje de precio (Máximo 4,500)	Total de puntos (Máximo 10,000)
Bechtel, Taisei Mitsubishi Corporation	3789.5	\$4,185,983,000	2,980	6,770
C.A.N.A.L	3973.5	\$5,981,020,333	2,586	6,559
Grupo Unidos por el Canal	4088.5	\$3,118,880,001	4,000	8,089
Partida Asignada – ACP		\$3,481,000,000		

Figure 5 – Result of technical and price evaluation

### 4 ENVIRONMENT AND FINANCE

In total, the expansion program will require approximately the excavation of some 147 million cubic meters of earth and rocks, 1.1 million tons of cement, 350,000 metric tons of steel, placing 5.2 million cubic meters of concrete, 20 million kilograms of explosives, 320 million liters of diesel fuel, the need of up to 10 dredgers and hundreds of large heavy equipment such as loaders, trucks, drills and cranes, rock crushers, conveyor systems, and batching plants.

To carry forward the aggressive schedule, the ACP has carried out a corporate organizational restructuring that focuses on two main drivers: project management and operations. The ACP also, immediately upon referendum approval, undertook budget preparation and submittal to start work without delay, devoted its engineering resources to the design of all expansion program projects, except for the locks, performed final Environmental Impact Assessments, trained its key personnel, developed sophisticated project scheduling and document controls systems, enhanced its contract/claims management processes, hired and developed construction safety and industrial hygiene, environmental, risk management and legal staff to insure it possess the skills, knowledge and competence required to manage the expansion program. The ACP has also contracted renowned international firms to assist in critical program areas, such as program management, dam and locks engineering, physical modeling, financing, legal contract counsel, risk assessment and management, insurance brokerage, process auditors, communications and graphics documentation, and environmental audits, among others.

Required environmental impact assessments for all facets of the expansion program have been completed to comply with the requirements of the Panama’s National Environmental Authority (ANAM) and the Ecuador Principles. The environmental plans being executed include wildlife rescue and relocation, prospective archeological investigations and salvage of any findings, mitigation measures, reforestation and environmental compensation.

The plan studied and selected options to ensure adequate quantity and quality of water supply to satisfy future water demand, first for human, municipal and industrial consumption in the watershed area and Panama and Colon metropolitan

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areas, and secondly for projected water requirements to operate the expanded canal with the Third Set of Locks.

The total program cost to expand the capacity of the waterway is estimated at US\$5.25 billion. About 60% of the funds will be provided by the Canal’s ongoing operations. The ACP has secured financing for the remaining amount, up to a total of \$2.3 billion, with five multilateral financing agencies. The loans are for 20 years with an initial 10-year grace period to cover the construction period and startup operations.

The Panama Canal is the country’s most valuable asset and the expansion program will become the driving force that will further spread out the economic boom the country is experiencing, particularly in a wide range of maritime services and port development, to help Panama become the maritime hub of the Americas and support the growth of maritime trade in the region.

Due to the magnitude of the expansion project, both the ACP and contractors will need to increase their labor forces, which will also help to create more jobs in the service and related sectors. A comprehensive training program to ensure the availability of skilled, certified labor for the expansion and other ongoing mega-projects in Panama has been launched nationwide.

The expansion project will generate up to 8,000 direct employments, of which, by Panamanian law, at least 90% must be citizens of Panama. The ACP estimates that for each direct expansion job, a further five will be created in the service and related sectors, therefore more than 40,000 industry jobs may be created during the peak of the expansion program works. Training of labor is underway in a national program to prepare the workforce to ensure the quantity and quality of certified personnel is available for the expansion and other major projects taking place in Panama.

With the expansion of the Panama Canal, the country is taking advantage of its geographic position along one of the main maritime trade routes by establishing itself as a logistics center for Latin America. In this regard Panama is expanding its spectrum of services as a platform for transportation and distribution which includes expanding its port and railroad installations and supporting businesses. Infrastructure investments plans in Panama’s ports on both the Pacific and Atlantic ends of the Canal, are geared to handle, when completed, more than 8 million TEU’s, thus making this system of ports the leader in container transshipment in Latin America.

Numerous maritime services firms and others interested in the distribution of their products from this advantageous geographical position are establishing operations in Panama to benefit from the growth of this major hub of the Americas. The trans-isthmus railroad is fit to transport some 500,000 containers each year, and its continuous expansion program will allow it to reach 750,000 per year at up to 32 daily trains.



Figure 6 – Financial plan for expansion program

## 5 IMPACT ON MARITIME TRADE AND BENEFITS FOR PANAMA

The maritime industry is adjusting its fleet to take advantage of the new trade routes and increased capacity of ship sizes the Third Set of Locks project will allow through the Panama Canal. Once the Expansion Program is completed it is expected that 98% of the world’s fleet, by vessel dimensions, will be able to fit in the new locks. In particular, at least 96% of the world’s container vessel fleet will fit through the expanded Canal. Moreover, more than 1,100 of present day post-Panamax container ships with capacities between 5,000 and 12,600 TEU’s, totaling more than 8 million TEU fleet capacity and averaging 8,000 TEU’s per ship, will be able to transit through the expanded Panama Canal.

U.S. East Coast ports in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia are already implementing plans to expand its infrastructure to receive post-Panamax container vessels that may transit to and from Asia’s northeast ports through the expanded Panama Canal. Main improvements include dredging deeper navigation



Panamanian Copa Airlines, one of the largest in Latin America, will offer an air-maritime cargo transport option from its operations center at the Tocumen international airport, increasing Panama’s potential as a distribution platform for time sensitive products.

Progress of the Third Set of Locks Project may be followed in the Panama Canal’s web site: [www.pancanal.com](http://www.pancanal.com).

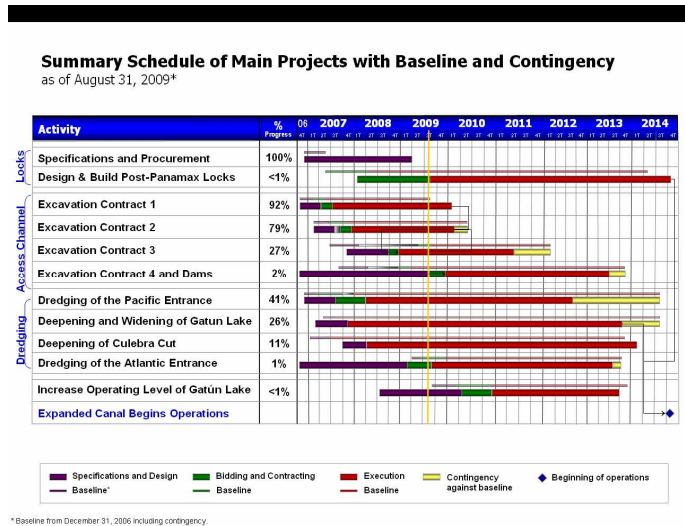


Figure 7 – Work schedule for Panama Canal expansion program

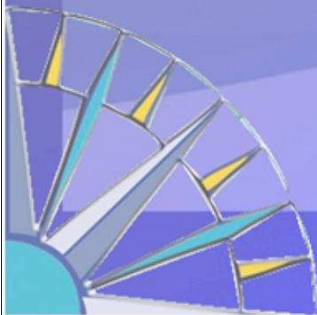
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## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects

- Salinity differences causes density currents
- Major phenomena :
  - Spilling (leveling of the chamber)
  - Exchange current (opening of the doors)
- They have impact on the navigation :
  - What you see is NOT what you get
  - Asymmetric flow distribution in the tail bay/ access channel of the lock
  - Increased hawser forces

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## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects



Spill in East Tail bay (Miraflores Locks – Panama)

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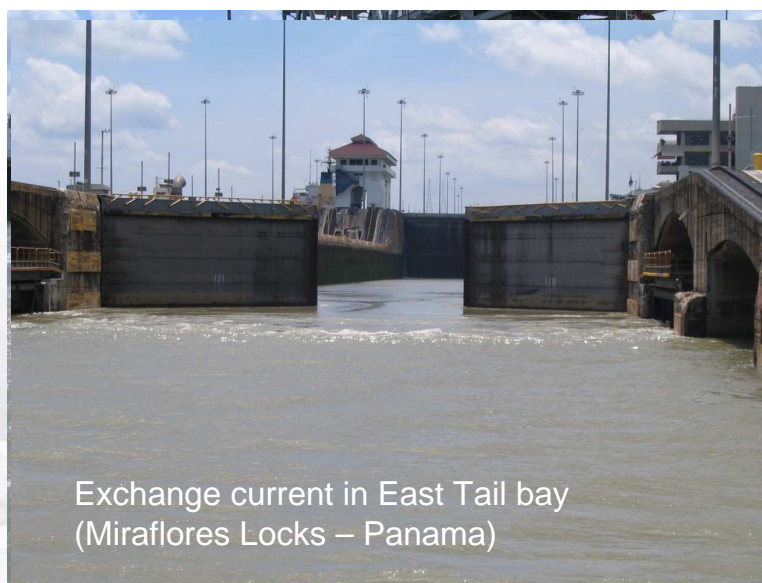
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Exchange current in East Tail bay (Miraflores Locks – Panama)

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## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects

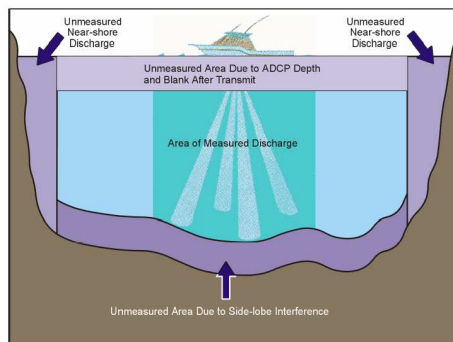
### Study approach

- Data collection
  - To better **understand flow and salt exchange** between chamber and the ocean during leveling (spilling) and after opening the gates (density current);
  - To determine the **velocities** caused by **density currents** that effect ship navigation;
- 3D Modeling of present situation
  - Set-up, validation and results
- 3D Modeling of future situation
  - Set-up, scenarios and results



## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects

### Current Measurements - ADCP





## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects

### Salinity Measurements – rapid drop SiltProfiler

High Frequency (100 Hz)

Wireless (acquisition & transmission)

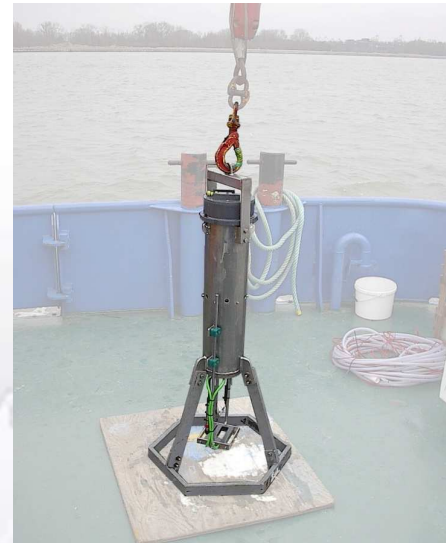
Freefall Profiling

3 Silt sensors:

1 Seapoint BS sensor (0-700 mg/l)

2 Transmittance Extinction Sensors (500-5000 mg/l & 5000 – 35000 mg/l)

CTD sensor + backup sensor



## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects

### Study approach

- 3D Modeling of present situation (Set-up, validation and results)
  - far field model (global hydrodynamics)
  - Near field (density currents)

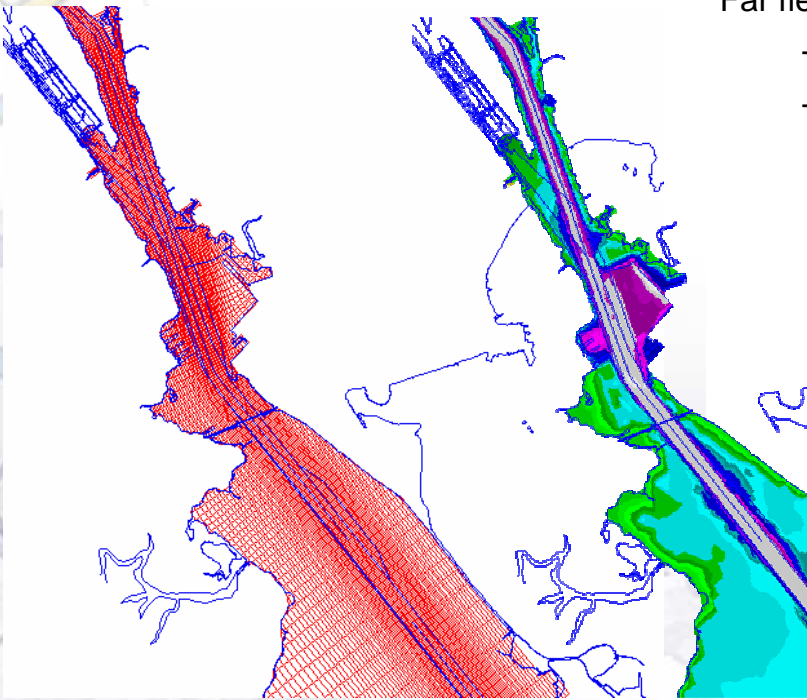
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Far field Grid cells:

- Width : 20m in channel
- Length : 40m – 80m



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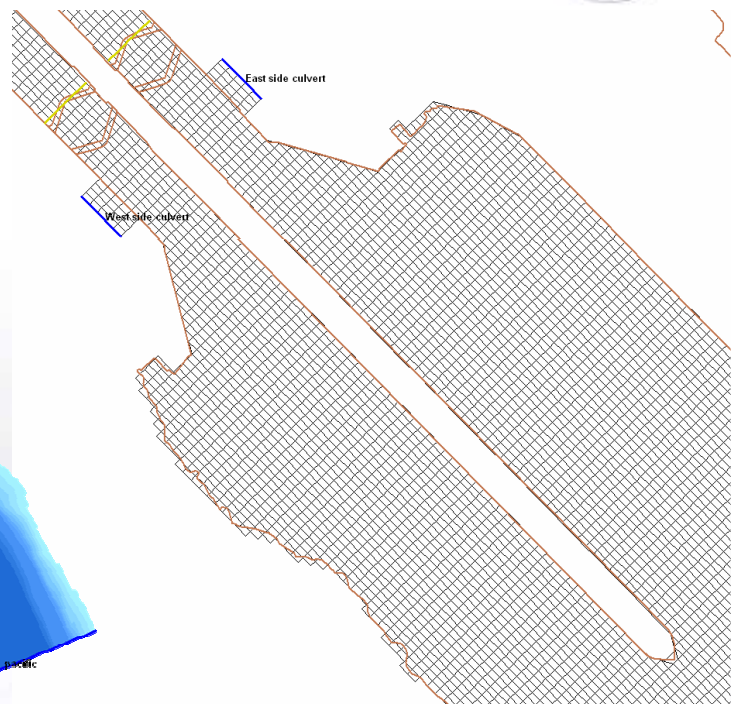
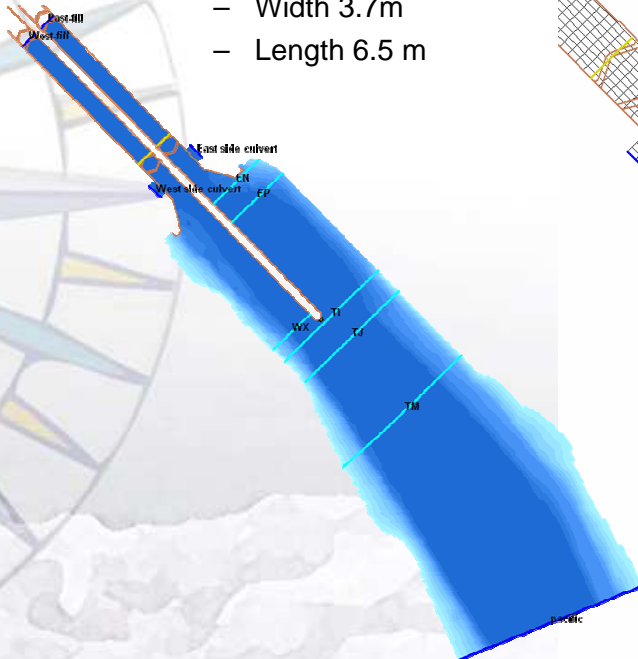
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- Near field :Grid cells:
  - Width 3.7m
  - Length 6.5 m



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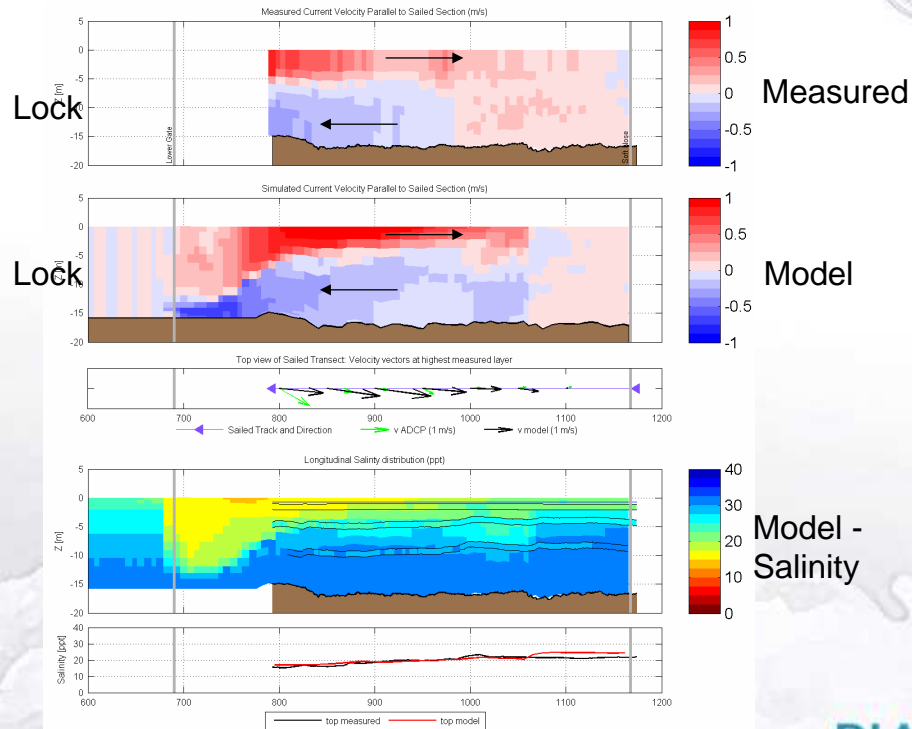
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## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects

### Study approach

- 3D Modeling of future situation (Set-up, scenarios and results)
- Focus on alternative designs of the tail bay and the centre wall

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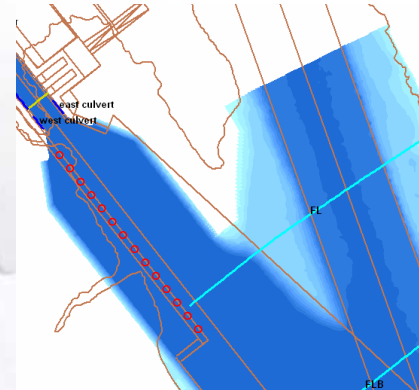
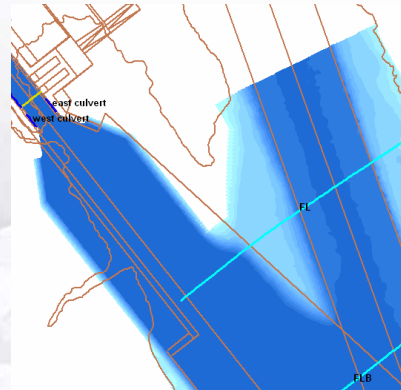
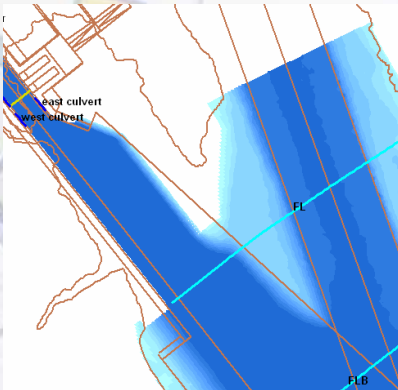
## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects

- Base line scenarios
- To study the effect of the permeability of the center wall
- Invisible wall without and with Water Saving Basins

closed center wall

no center wall

invisible center wall



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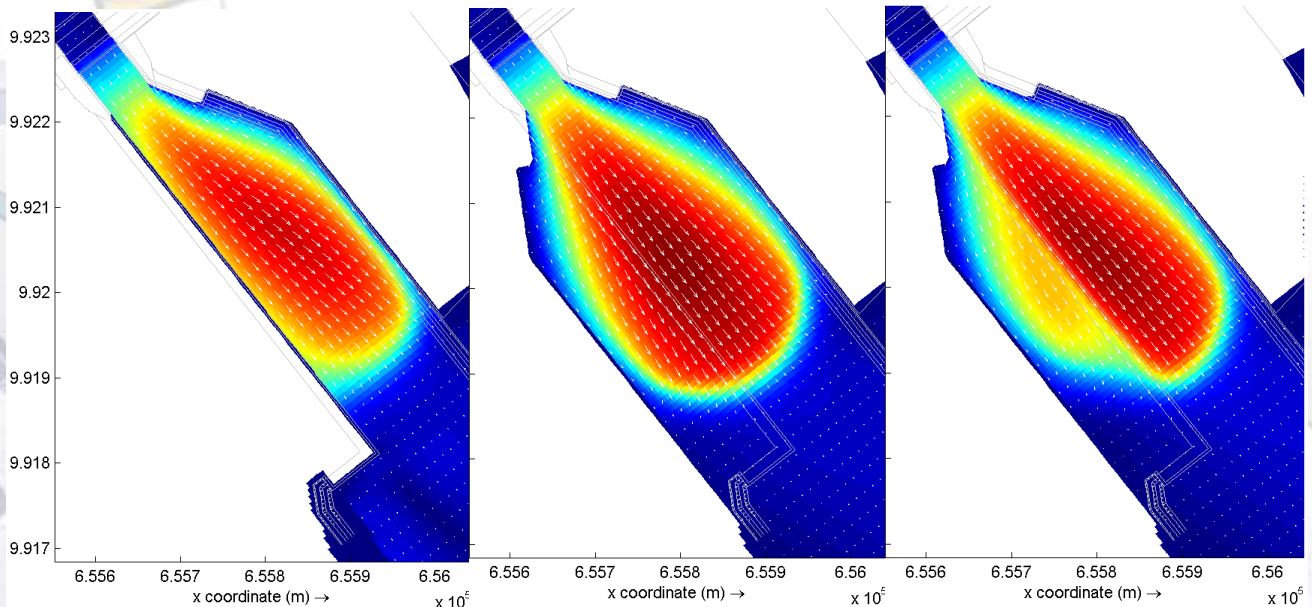


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closed center wall

no center wall

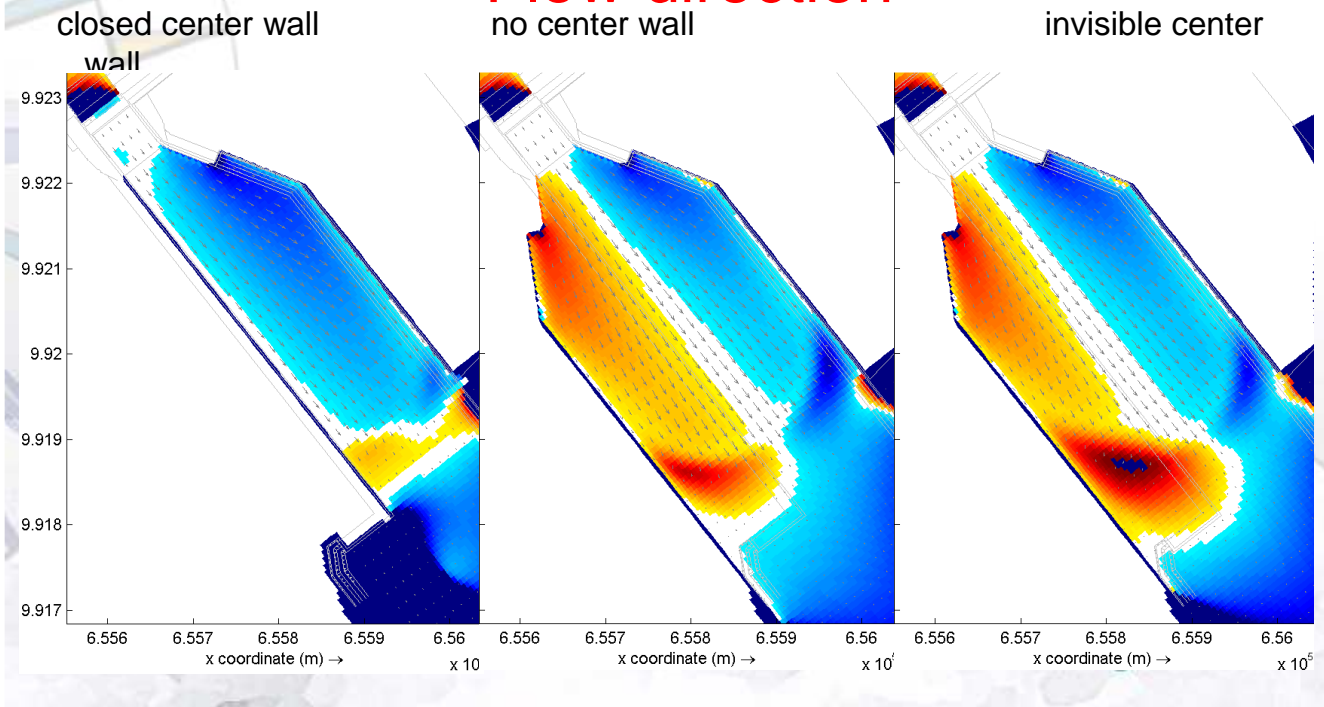
invisible center wall





## 1. Salinity and nautical aspects

Flow direction



1. Salinity and nautical aspects
2. Salinity and the environment
3. Salinity and sedimentation
4. Mitigating measures



## 2. Salinity and the environment

Salt water intrusion from sea locks into inland waterways induces problems :

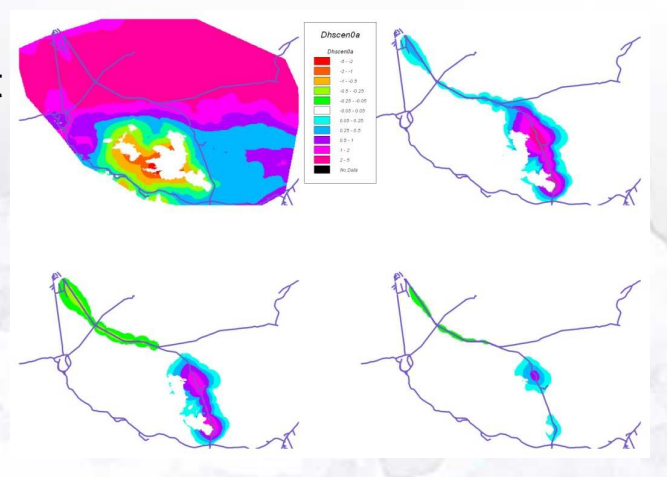
- **Surface** water (drinking, agriculture, industry, ecosystem)
- Examples :
  - Saline intrusion into Gatun lake (from the Pacific)(Panama)
  - Saline intrusion into canal Gent-Terneuzen (the Netherlands)



## 2. Salinity and the environment

Salt water intrusion from sea locks into inland waterways induces problems :

- **Groundwater** (drinking, agriculture, industry, ecosystem)
- Example :  
Seine-Scheldt West canal study





## 3. Salinity and sedimentation

- Density currents entrain fine sediments into the lock chamber

Examples :

- Deposition of mud on the doors (e.g. rolling gates Zandvliet/Berendrecht)
- Density currents entrain fine sediments in the access channels tot the locks, and are responsible (in general) for more than 50% of the sedimentation rate (see PIANC WG 43 on Minimisation of harbour Siltation)

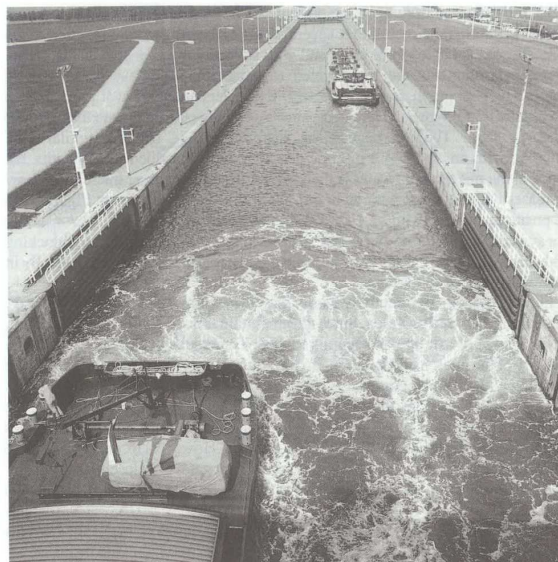
Examples :

- Kallø lock (river Scheldt – Belgium) :
  - o tidal filling : 20%
  - o Eddy : 10%
  - o Density currents : 70%



## 4. Mitigating measures

- Pumping back the saline lockage prism
- Use of air bubble curtain (Volkerak locks – the Netherlands, Kerstma et al.)





## 4. Mitigating measures

- Gravitational discharge of saline water via receptor basin (Terneuzen, PIANC 1986)

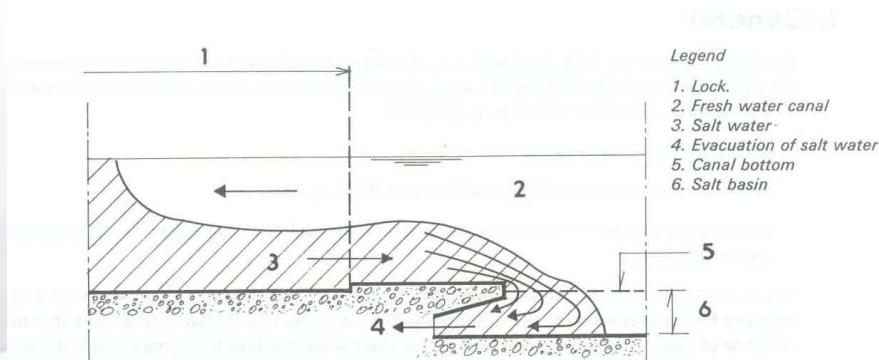
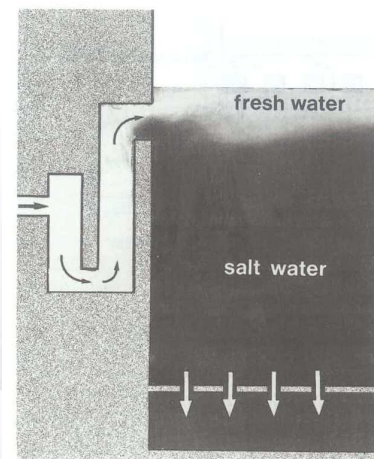
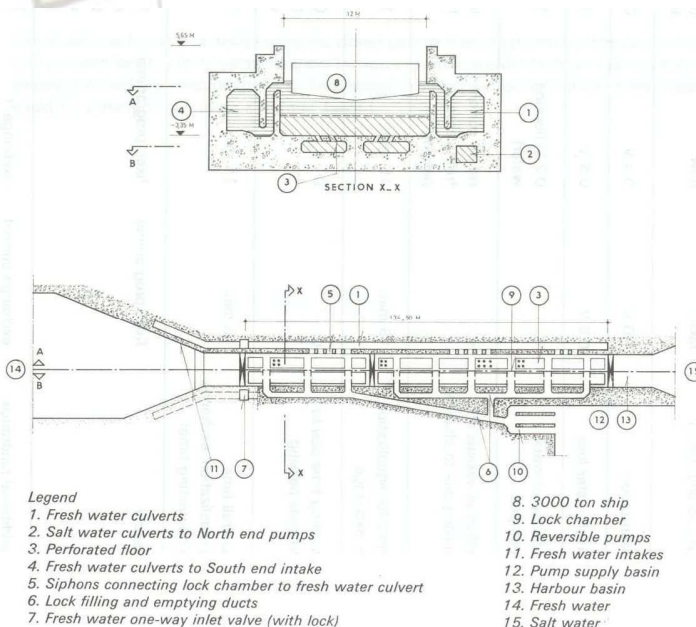


Fig. 2 - System of Terneuzen: Selective withdrawal of salt water intruded in the fresh water canal



## 4. Mitigating measures

- Complete lock chamber exchange (Dunkirk - France, Kreekrak and Krammer – the Netherlands) (PIANC 1986, Kerstma et al.)



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*Paper 7*

**MOORING FORCES AND  
SHIP BEHAVIOUR IN  
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# Mooring forces and ship behaviour in navigation locks

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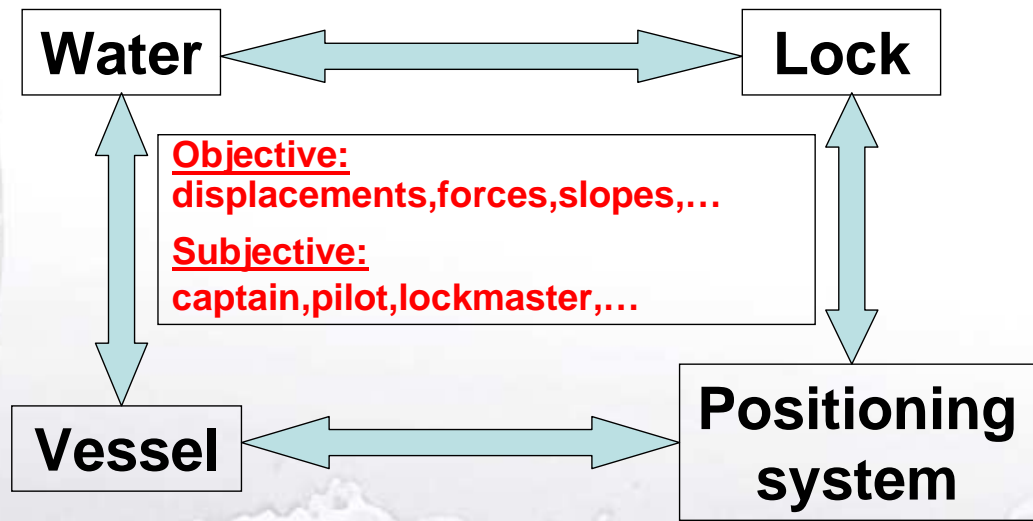
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## Hydraulic design of F/E system

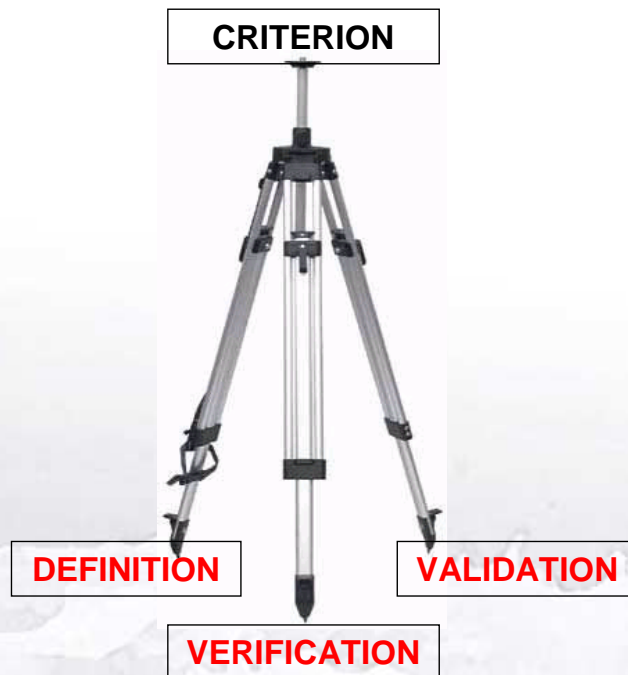
a.o.:

- **Limit F/E time**
- **Respect hawser force criterion**
  - ✓ limit 'turbulence'
  - ✓ prevent line damage/break
  - ✓ limit ship motion
  - ➔ safety and comfort
  - ➔ objective and subjective

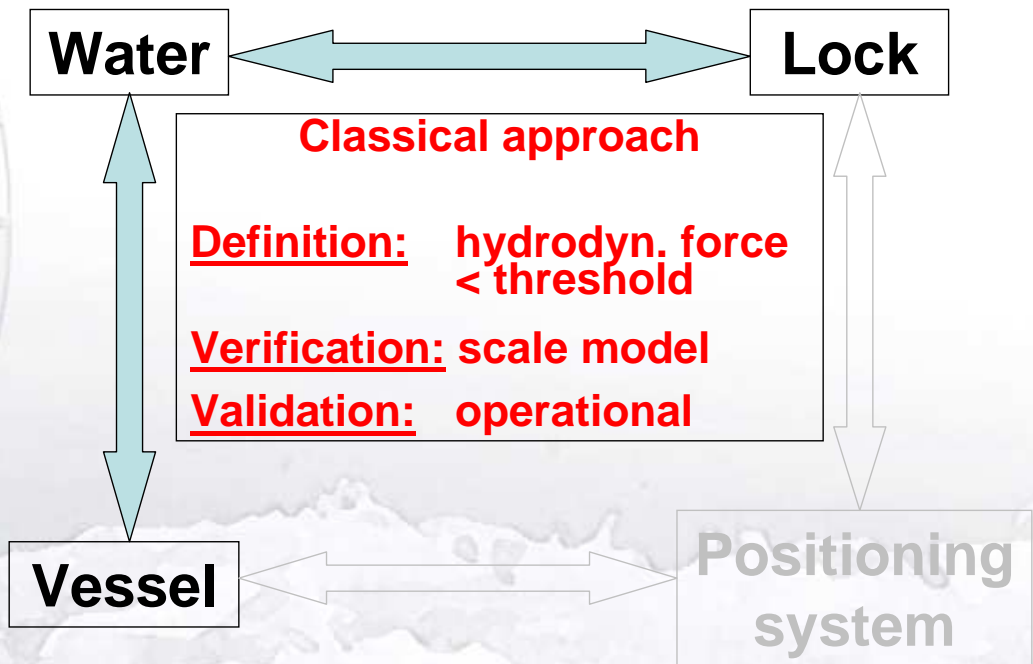
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**Innovative approaches ?**



Pandora opening the box (J.W. Waterhouse, 1896)



# Hawser force criterion

Innovative definitions of threshold ?

$f_{tion}$ (ship size)

$f_{tion}$ (mooring line characteristics)

$f_{tion}$ (bollard type)



# Hawser force criterion

Water

Lock

Innovative approach  
Threshold= $f_{tion}$ ( positioning system)

Vessel

Positioning system

# Hawser force criterion

## Threshold for hydrodynamic force

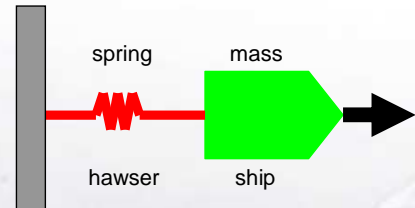
$$\text{threshold} = \sum_{\text{mooring lines}} \frac{T_u \cos(\theta_i) \cos(\phi_i)}{f_s \cdot f_m}$$

$T_u$  = minimum tensile strength

$f_s$  = safety factor w.r.t.  $T_u$

$f_m$  = dynamic magnification factor

$\theta_i, \phi_i$  = line orientation



cf. H.-W. Partenscky (1986) ; A. Vrijburcht (1994) ; T. De Mulder (2007)

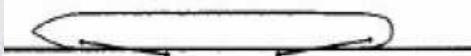
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## Threshold for longitudinal hydrodynamic force

A. Vrijburcht (1994) ; Rijkswaterstaat (2000)

VESSEL Class	Hawser force criteria (‰ of total ship displacement)	
	In filling	At emptying or filling with floating bollards
CEMT Class III	1.50	2.00
CEMT Class IV	1.10	1.50
CEMT Class Va	0.85	1.15

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## Thresholds for hydrodynamic forces/moments

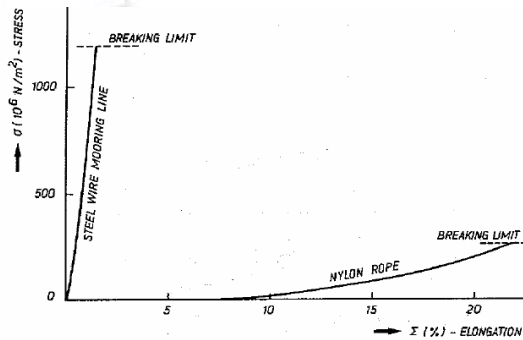
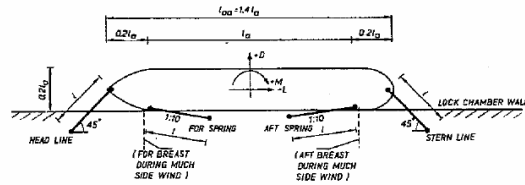


FIG. 1 STRESS-ELASTIC STRAIN RELATIONSHIP FOR STEEL WIRE AND NYLON MOORING ROPES



A. Vrijburcht (1977)

FIG. 2 STANDARDISED SITUATION AND DIMENSIONS MOORED SHIP

ocean-going vessels  
120,000 DWT

ship's size tons DW	ropes type	pre-tension $T_{pr}/T_u$	long. force x	transv. force y	moment		
					$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_3$
40,000	steel	0.15	0.24	0.14	0.075	0.050	0.025
40,000	steel	0.10	0.15	0.10	0.051	0.034	0.017
40,000	nylon	0.20	0.26	0.20	0.102	0.068	0.034
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80,000	steel	0.15	0.21	0.12	0.066	0.044	0.022
80,000	steel	0.10	0.13	0.085	0.044	0.029	0.015
80,000	nylon	0.20	0.22	0.16	0.087	0.058	0.029
80,000	nylon	0.10	0.15	0.08	0.043	0.029	0.015
120,000	steel	0.15	0.19	0.11	0.060	0.040	0.020
120,000	steel	0.10	0.12	0.08	0.041	0.027	0.014
120,000	nylon	0.20	0.205	0.16	0.081	0.054	0.027
120,000	nylon	0.10	0.105	0.08	0.040	0.027	0.013

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long. forces of 0.10 à 0.20%

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# Hawser force criterion

## Validation: Hydrostatic force ~ water surface slope

Measurements (FHR/APA, 2007) in Berendrecht lock (L x W=500m x 68m)



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# Hawser force criterion

Innovative verification tools ?

SCALE MODELS

IN SITU MEASUREMENTS

NUMERICAL MODELS

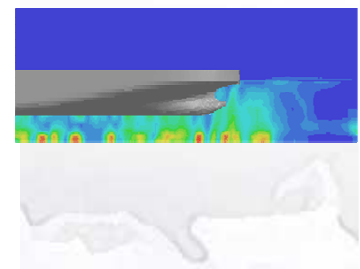
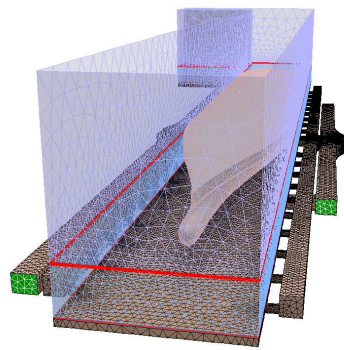
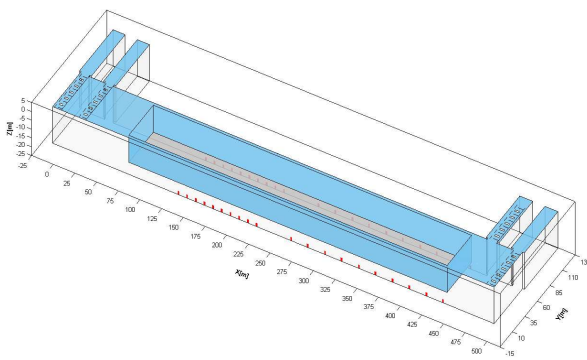


# Hawser force criterion

Numerical tools for verification of criterion

1D/2D Shallow Water Equations

3D Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (Computational Fluid Dynamics)  
+ Fluid Structure Interaction (optional)



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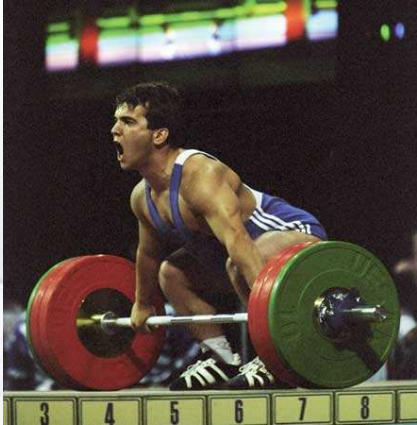
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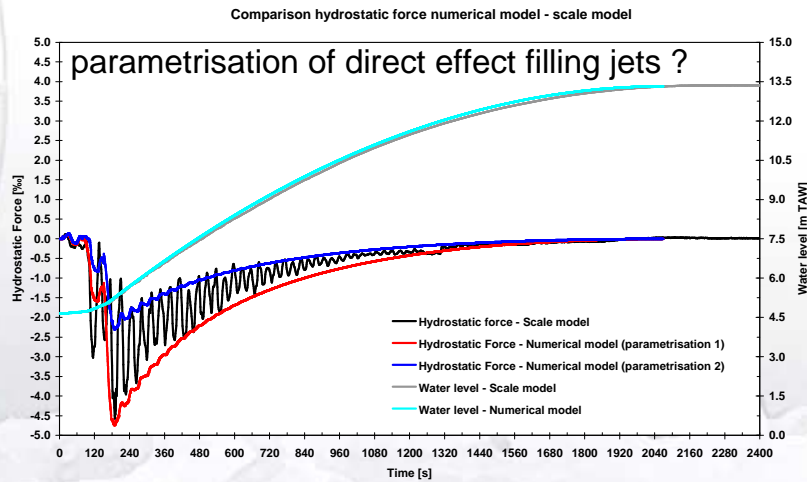


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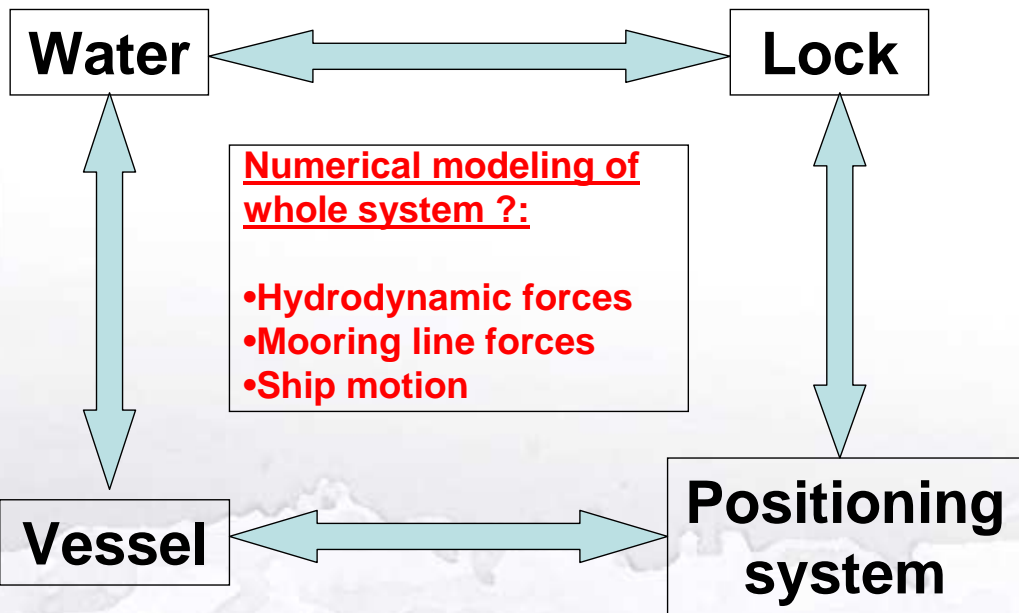
- Longitudinal forces / slopes =  $\pm$ OK



- Transversal forces / slopes ?!



# Mooring forces and ship behaviour



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**Numerical modeling of whole system ?**



Daidalos and Ikaros (C.P. Landon, 1799)

# Mooring forces and ship behaviour



## Numerical modeling of whole system ?

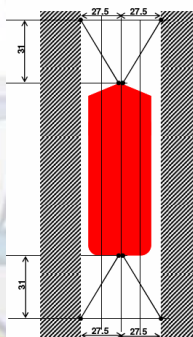
- Ship at (off-shore or port) terminal exposed to wind waves
- Application to ship moored in (shallow and confined) navigation lock !?

# Mooring forces and ship behaviour

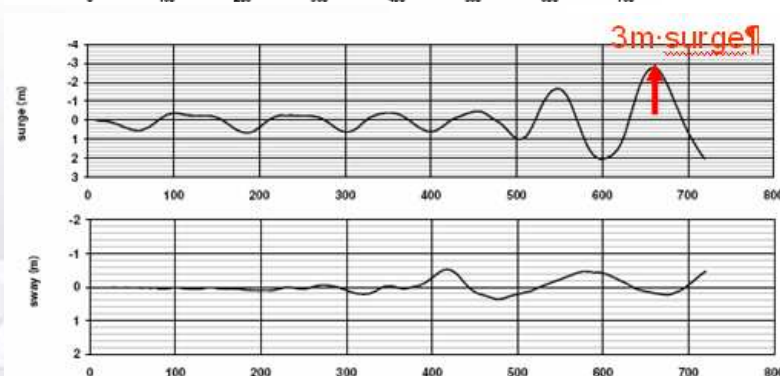
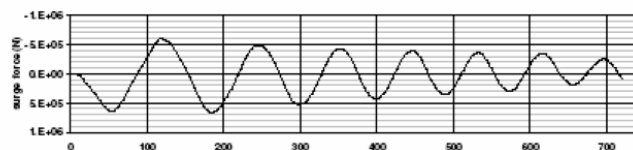


## Numerical modeling of whole system ?

HYDRODYNAMIC FORCES AND MOMENTS



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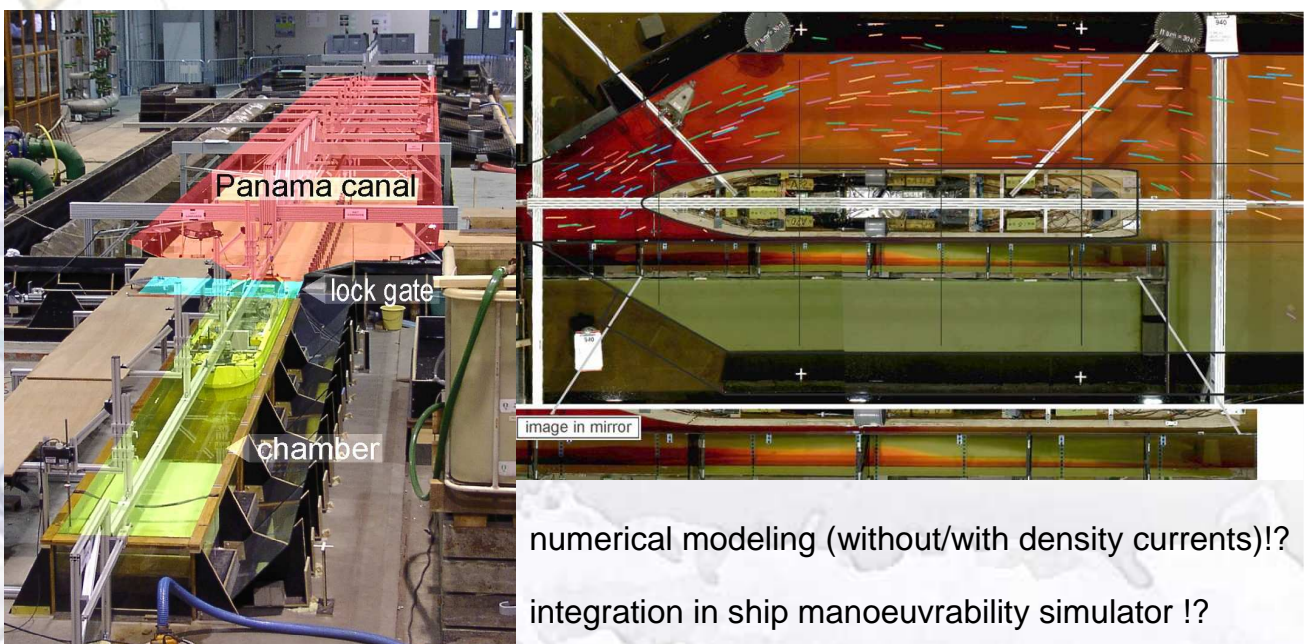
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## Numerical modeling of whole system

- Large number of (often uncertain) parameters !?
- Results sensitive to choice of (some) parameters !?
- Computational effort !?

# Ship behaviour sailing in/out lock



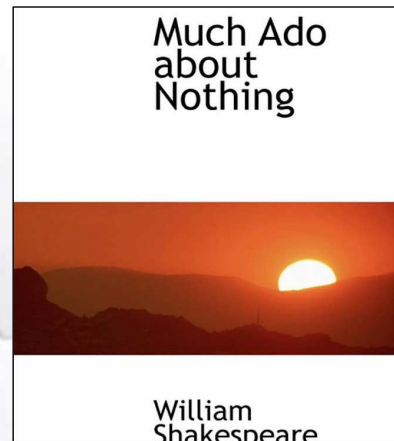
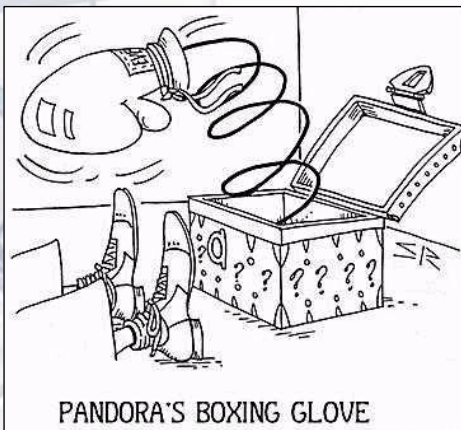
numerical modeling (without/with density currents)!  
integration in ship manoeuvrability simulator !?

# Mooring forces and ship behaviour



- Notwithstanding numerous innovations...
- ...still not fully understood
- More efforts needed for in situ observations/measurements:
  - validation data for (more or less sophisticated) models
  - above all for gaining insight !!!

# Mooring forces and ship behaviour





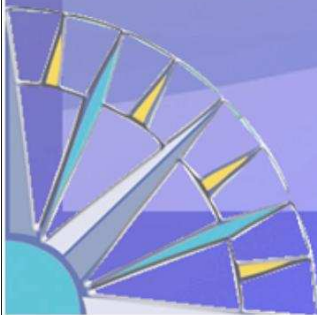
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***Paper 8***  
***IN-THE-WET***  
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# In-the-Wet Construction

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# In-the-Wet Construction

First used in the offshore oil industry  
and immersed tunnels



Immersed tube tunnels  
(Float-In)



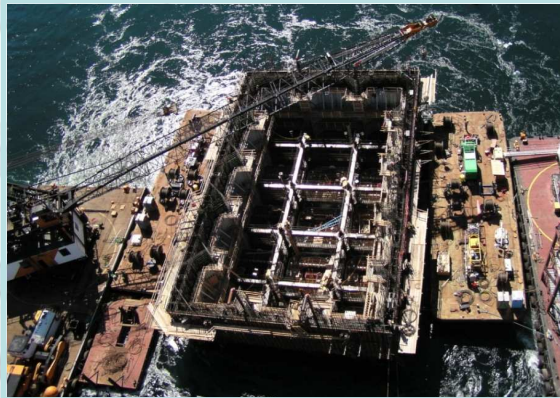
Offshore drilling platforms  
(Float-In)

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# In-the-Wet Construction

Also in bridge construction



**Float-in** Construction of Tacoma-Narrows Bridge Pier



**Lift-in** Construction of Confederation Bridge Deck

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## What is "In-the-Wet" Construction?

An innovative method of **prefabricating** precast concrete (or steel) **modules on land, transport** and placing them in rivers as the in-situ **form** into which underwater concrete and **mass concrete** are directly placed. Therefore, a lock or a dam may be constructed **without use of a cofferdam**.



### Float-In vs. Lift-In



Float-In



Lift-In

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# Why In-the-Wet Construction?



A Recent Development in Construction of Locks and Dams



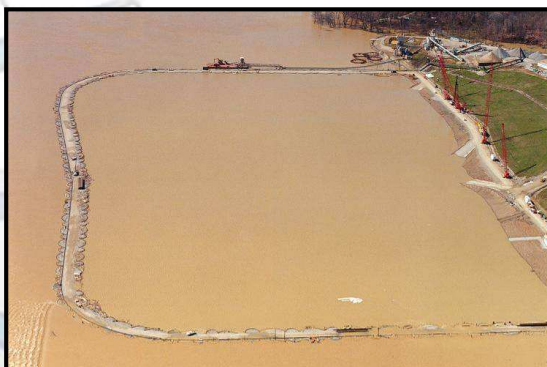
- **Minimizes impact to existing navigation traffic** as much of the work is prefabricated off site and no cofferdam is required.
- **Especially beneficial for expanding existing locks.**

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## In-the-Wet Construction

Advantages of In-the-Wet Construction



### Conventional Lock Construction with Cofferdam

- **Risk of floods overtopping the cofferdam**
- Risks of having severe scour and suspended sediments

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### Innovative Lock Construction without Cofferdam

- No Cofferdam leads to **shortened On-Site construction schedule**
- No Cofferdam results in cost and time savings

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# In-the-Wet Construction



## Advantages of In-the-Wet Construction



- Maximize Off-site Fabrication
- Improve Quality Control of Concrete Elements
- Minimize Marine Work
- Cost Reduction



Greater Flexibility in Construction Process

- Off-season work - Schedule reduction On-Site

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# In-the-Wet Construction



## Disadvantages of In-the-Wet Construction

- In-the-Wet technology is relatively **new** so it **lacks many “rules of thumb”** of past experience.
- Many of the new details have to be developed by the designers or contractors; may require a **steep learning curve** for the first time users.
- There may be **limited** pool of **available contractors**.
- In-the-Wet technology **may have less flexibility** during construction.
- Particular attention needs to be paid to the **connection and tolerances between each pre-constructed element**.
- Since a cofferdam is not used the substructures or **foundations are not visible**.

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# What is Float-in-Construction? 1/3



- **Constructed in a dry dock** or similar structure and **floated to the construction site**.
- The **modules** are usually **thin-shell floating structures** with internal ballasting compartments.
- Once the float-in modules are **transported** to and precisely positioned over the site, they are **lowered** down to a **prepared foundation by means of ballasting**.

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# Float-In Advantages 2/3

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Float-in method has several major advantages over lift-in method:

- It **avoids heavy lift equipment** which sometimes represents a substantial portion of the project cost.
- The float-in modules can be **made as large as practical** without any concern for equipment capacity. Thus, it **minimizes marine work and underwater joints**.
- Use of large modules generally leads to **shorter on-site construction time and lower cost**.

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# Float-In Limitations

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*In general, the float-in method is used effectively where the environmental constraints are not too severe, and the size and configurations of the prefabricated modules are favorable.*

- The float-in constructability is severely **limited by** river conditions, such as **draft and river flow velocity, 1-2 m/s.**
- A **launching system** for loading out the float-in modules from a **casting yard into river – A significant cost factor.**
- A **sophisticated** positioning system and complex **set-down** process (e.g., **ballasting/deballasting**).
- **Underwater tie-in** of the float-in modules to their **foundation may be complex.**

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# What is Lift-in Construction? 1/3



*In general, the lift-in method is usually efficient when a large number of prefabricated modules have to be installed on site or where environmental conditions impose restrictions on the float-in method*

- Preferred where **limited draft and higher river velocity.**
- The prefabricated modules do not float. They are **transported on barges** and installed at project sites with **heavy lift equipment.**
- Auxiliary guiding systems (e.g. **mooring and position guides**) are often used in order to position the modules within **acceptable tolerance.**

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# Lift-In Advantages

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- Since the lift-in modules are not required to float over water, their fabrication is **substantially simpler than the float-in modules.**
- Lift-in construction is largely independent of river level - **draft**, but is constrained by river flow velocity, with a normal upper limit of **2 to 3 meters per second.**

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# Lift-in Limitations

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- The size and configuration of lift-in modules **is limited by availability of heavy lift equipment** in the local region
- **Cost of heavy lift equipment** and equipment utilization rate
- Smaller modules - **Underwater joining** of multiple lift-in modules is **complex and costly**

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## Examples of Innovative In-the-Wet Projects

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### Greenup Float-In

The Greenup plan of improvement includes a 183 m (600 ft) extension of the existing 183 m (600 ft) auxiliary lock to provide an overall length of 366 m (1200 ft), extension of the lock approach walls, filling and emptying system improvements, installation of a miter gate quick change out system for faster repairs to the lock miter gates and environmental mitigation. Extension of the auxiliary lock will be accomplished by lengthening the lock chamber with float-in concrete sections. This technique will utilize a dry dock at R.C. Byrd Locks and Dam to construct a concrete shell base raft. After the base raft is complete, the raft will be floated to a fit-out area at Greenup Locks and Dam where the walls are constructed on the base raft. The structure is then transported, positioned, and ballasted so that it will sink to its final position.

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#### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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#### Lock Dimensions

Length	366 m	Lift:	9.1 m
Width:	33.5 m	Depth	4.6 m

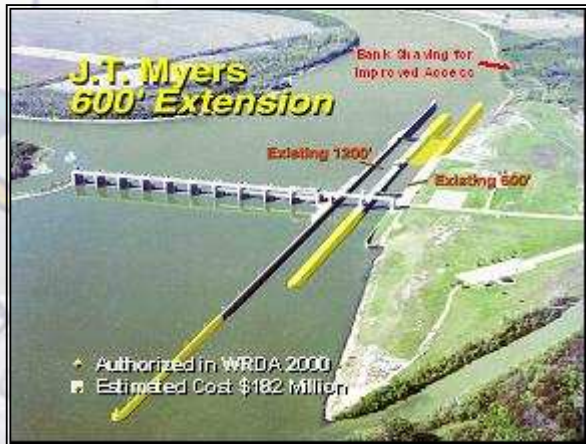


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# J.T. Meyers – Float-In

This project extends an existing lock from 34 m to 366 m using **float-in construction for the approach walls and supplemental thru sill filling system** for newly extended chamber.



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## Areas of Innovation

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## Lock Dimensions

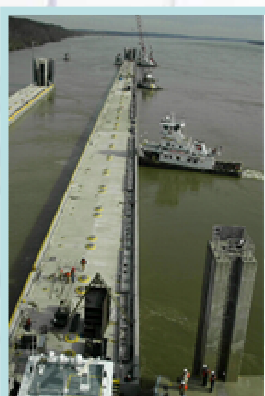
Length	366 m	Lift:	5.5 m
Width:	34 m	Depth	4.9 m

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# Olmsted Lock and Dam – Floating Walls



Expensive and deep foundations, high seismic design loads, **large water level fluctuations** and **heavy bed loads** provided an impetus to develop a floating solution for the Olmsted Approach walls. A floating structure that is only anchored at each end instead of continuously or intermediately along the length as is typical for fixed structures would meet this goal. A structure that floats would also **never be submerged**; thus eliminating the requirement to wash mud from the structure.



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## Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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## Lock Dimensions

Length	366 m	Lift:	7.9 m
Width:	33.5 m	Depth	12.5 m

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# Kentucky Lock – Float-In

This project adds a new 366 m chamber adjacent to an existing 183 m chamber.

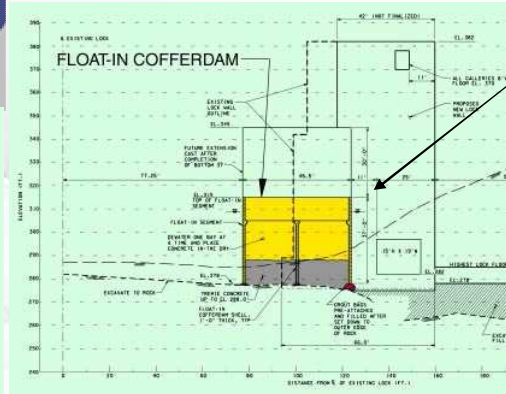
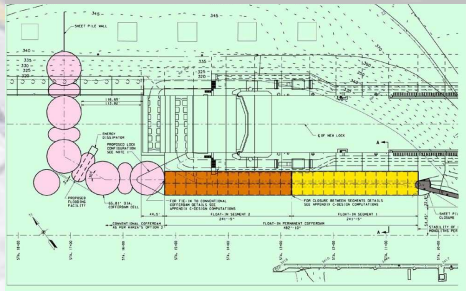
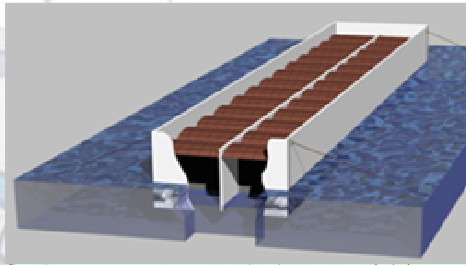
Construction utilizes an innovative float-in cofferdam.

## Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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## Lock Dimensions

Length	366 m	Lift:	17.4 m
Width:	34 m	Depth	5.2 m



An integrated cofferdam into monolithic construction

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# Charleroi - Lift-In

Replacement and expansion of existing 17 m x 220 m and 17 m x 110 m locks with two new lock chambers, each 26 m x 220m, done while maintaining traffic through the locks. Two innovative features highlighted:

## Jump-form Construction

### Local Cofferdboxes

Internally braced local cofferboxes will be used to construct many of the lock wall monoliths. The cofferboxes will be used to **dewater local areas** for **conventional construction** of these lock monoliths.

The cofferboxes will be composed of HZ kin piles, AZ sheet piling, internal bracing and a tremie concrete seal.

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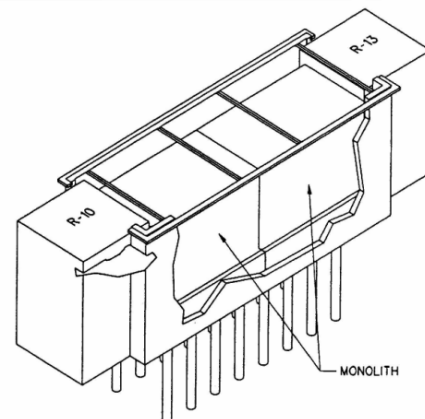


## Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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## Lock Dimensions

Length	220 m	Lift:	6 m
Width:	26 m	Depth	





## Caisson Method (7-01)

While *technically not In-the-Wet*, it is built *without a cofferdam*. The lock chamber is constructed **on the ground surface**. When complete, the **soil is removed beneath** the lock chamber and it is **lowered into its final position**.



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## Lith (7-02)

A new lock chamber built to replace a small existing lock. The lock chamber is **built on the ground surface** and the ground beneath is then removed to **lower the chamber to its final elevation**.



### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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### Lock Dimensions

Length	200 m	Lift:	4.7 m
Width:	18.5 m	Depth	



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# Two Examples of Float-In and Lift-In with More Detail



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Float-In

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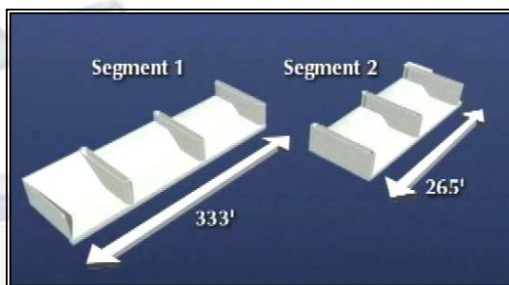


Chickamauga  
Lift-In

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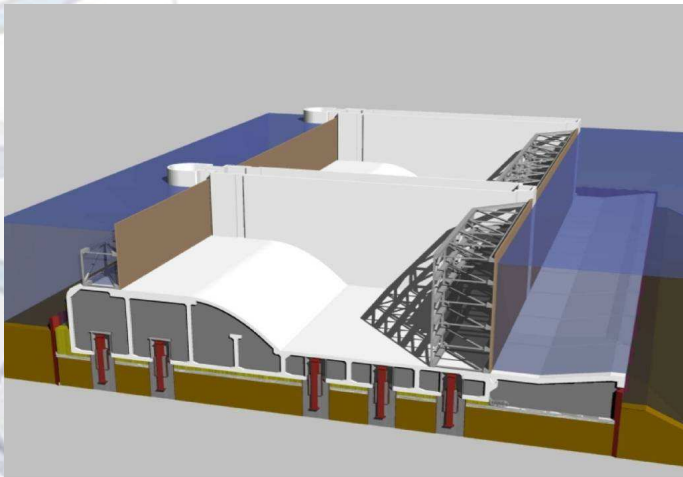
- Two 11,000 tons precast concrete float-in segments
- A unique two-stage cast & launch system for two segments
- Tow the segments 27 miles to the site through two locks
- A unique positioning system to install the float-in segments on site to a tolerance of 50 mm
- A high performance underwater grouting and tremie concrete

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## Construction Sequence



- Precast Dam Segment
- Tow the Dam segment to the site and Position it over Drilled Shafts
- Ballast down the segment and place underbase grout
- Place tremie concrete
- Dewater the dam segment and place concrete infill

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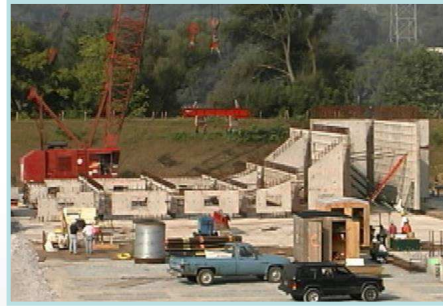
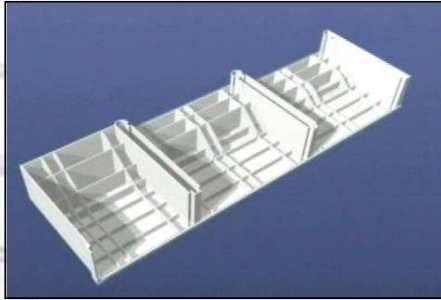


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## Prefabrication and Outfitting



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Towing the Segment  
42 km from the fabrication  
to the lock/dam site

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## Installation of Segment 1 on June 18, 2002



### Positioning the Segment

- Mooring Anchors and Winches
- Horn Guides
- Hydraulic Rams
- Flat Jacks on Top of Drilled Shafts Foundation

### Set-down Operations

- Sequential Ballasting and De-ballasting
- Grouting of the Shear Pin Connection on Top of Drilled Shafts



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## Underwater Grouting and Tremie Concrete Seal



Grouting the Foundation 2000 m3 Of Underbase Grout under Water

Placing 10,500 m3 Mass Tremie Concrete and 8,000 m3 Concrete Fill within the Float-in Segments

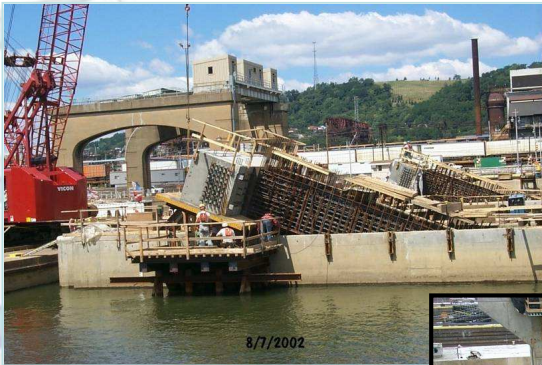


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## Pier Construction and Gate Installation

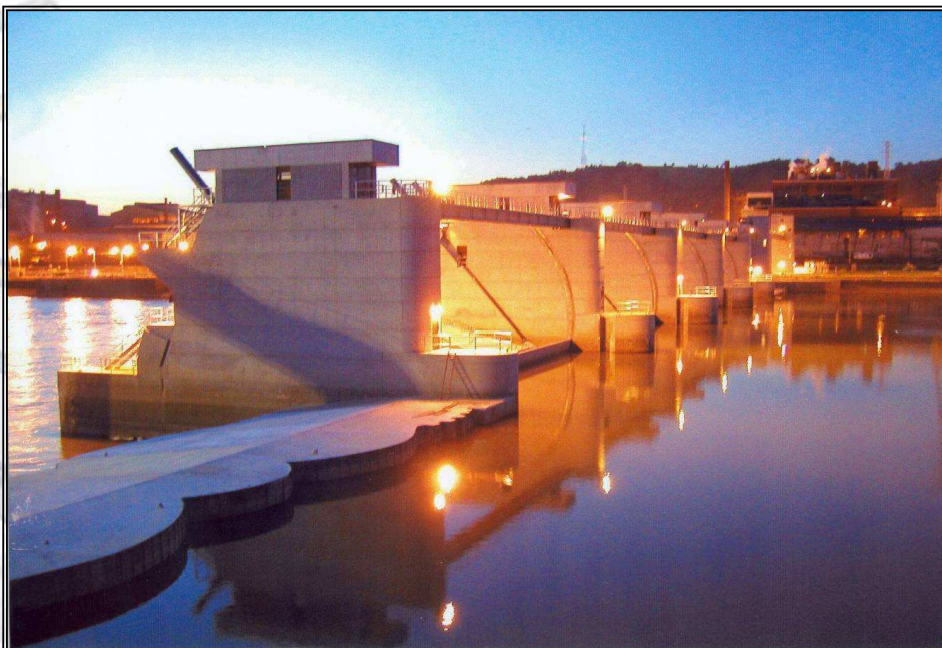


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# In-the-Wet Construction

## Project Completion - August 2004



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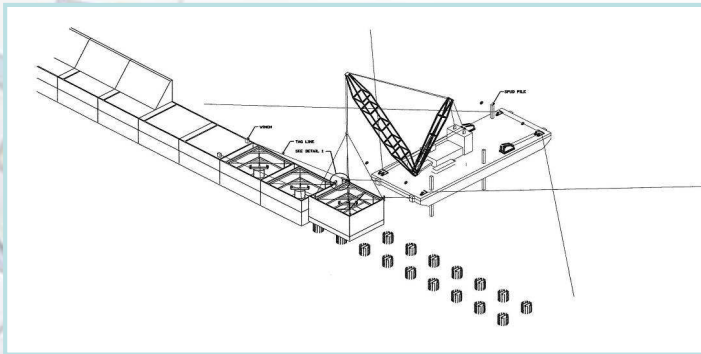
# Lift-In Construction

## Chickamauga (11-03)

Lock renovation and expansion using lift-in construction techniques to work with difficult geological conditions and to maintain operation during construction.

### Areas of Innovation

Hydraulic	O & M	Environ	Design / Construct	Misc
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### Lock Dimensions

Length	183 m	Lift	14.8 m
Width	34 m	Depth	5.2 m

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# In-the-Wet Construction

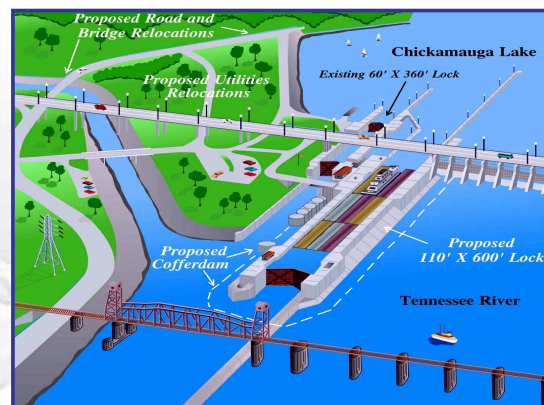
## The Old and New Chickamauga Locks



Old Lock  
(18m by 110m)

New Lock  
(34m by 183m)

- The Old Lock is plagued with AAR and scheduled for demolition by 2014.
- The New Lock is Located downstream of the Chickamauga Dam Spillway and Adjacent to the old lock.



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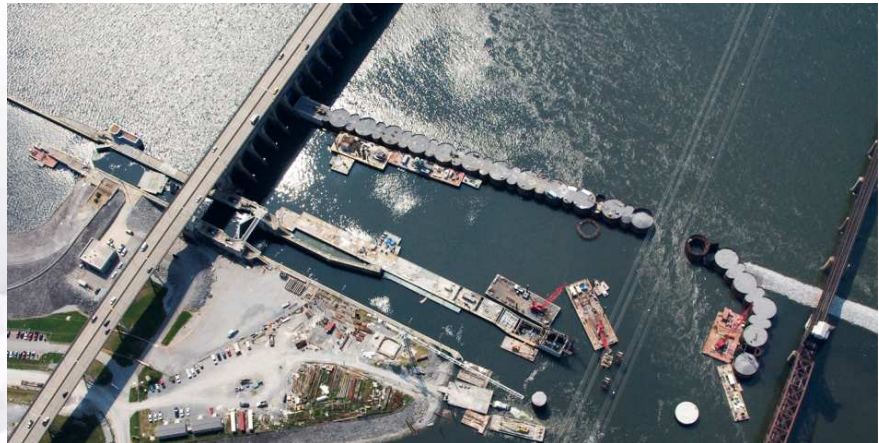
# In-the-Wet Construction



## Project Challenges with Landward Cofferdam

- Maintain Navigation During Lock Construction
- Limited Width for Cofferdam – Stability of Cells
- Difficult Geologic Conditions

Sloping Rock Formations  
Embedded Clay Seams  
Solution Cavities



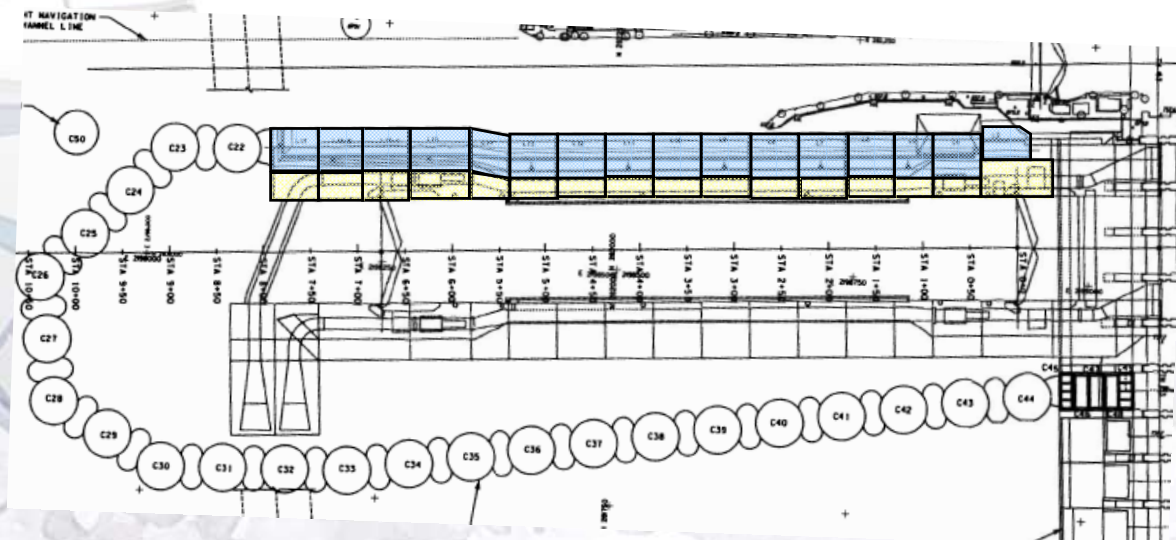
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## Innovative Lift-in Cofferdam Design



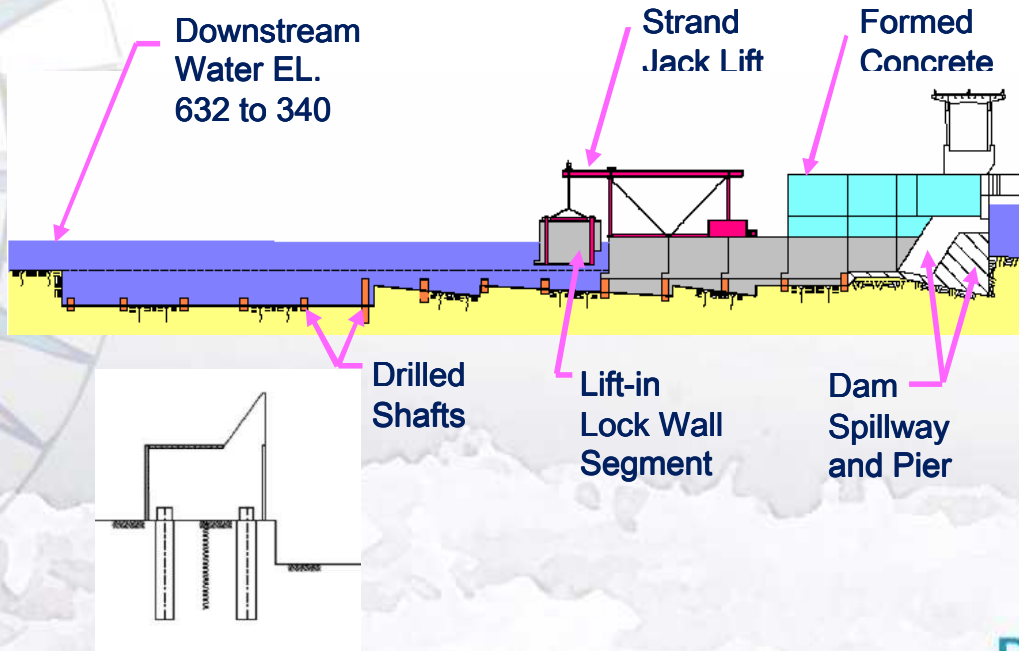
- In-the-Wet Construction of the Segmental Cofferdam
- In-the-Dry Construction of the Integral Lock Wall



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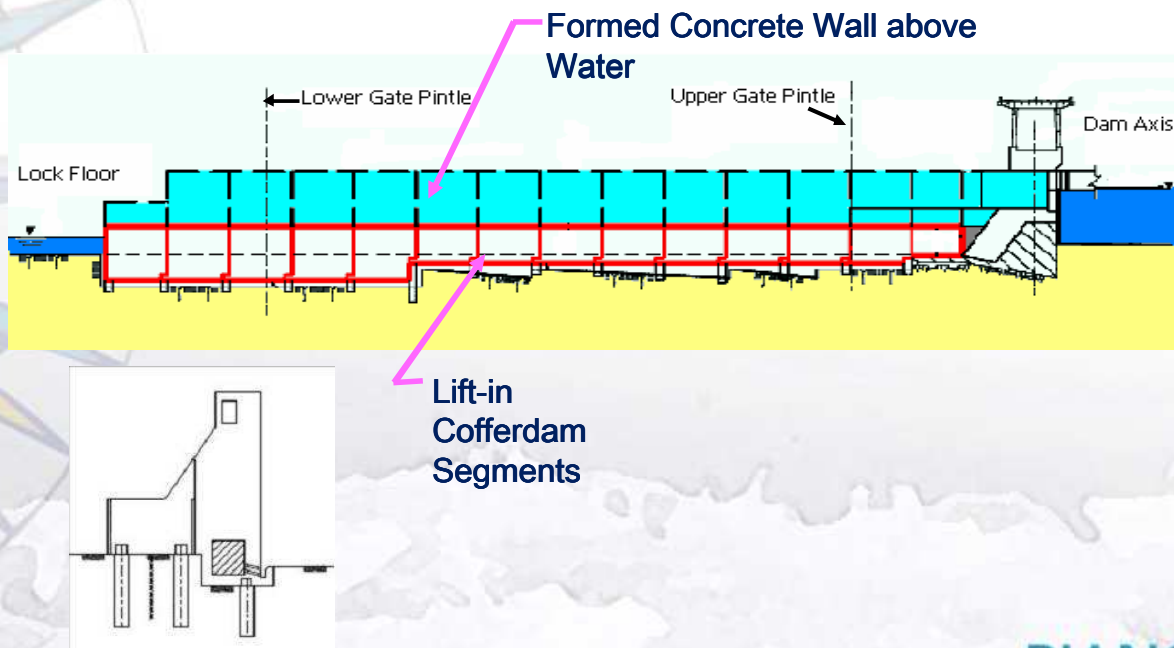
# In-the-Wet Construction Lift-in Construction Sequence



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# In-the-Wet Construction Lift-in Construction Sequence



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## In-the-Wet Construction

### Advantages of the Segmental Lift-in Construction of Chickamauga Lock Cofferddam and Lock Wall

- Cofferdam stability with limited width and under Complex and Uncertain Geologic Conditions
- Navigation traffic during construction of the new lock
- No Landward Cofferdam Demolition
- Less Rock Excavation
- Little adverse environmental impact
- Cost Savings



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## In-the-Wet Construction

### Drilled Shaft Installation and Testing Under Water



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# In-the-Wet Construction



## Precast Lock Segments on Barges

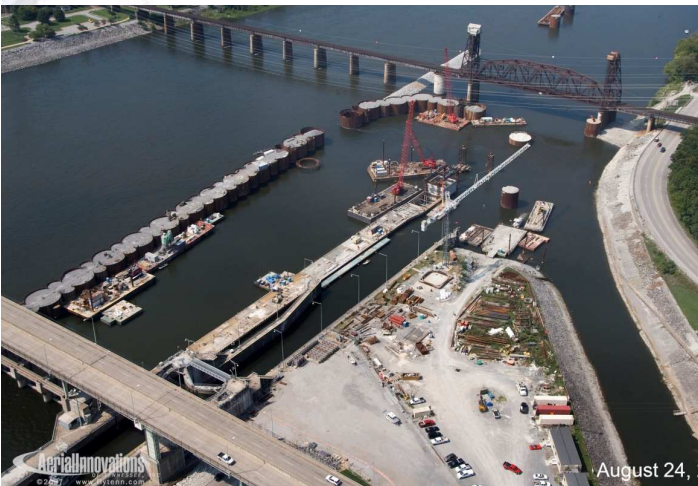
A typical Box Cofferdam  
Segment is 16-m by 14-m by 7-  
m in size

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## Towing a Lift-in Cofferdam Box Segment to the Site

Positioning and Jacking  
the Box Segment

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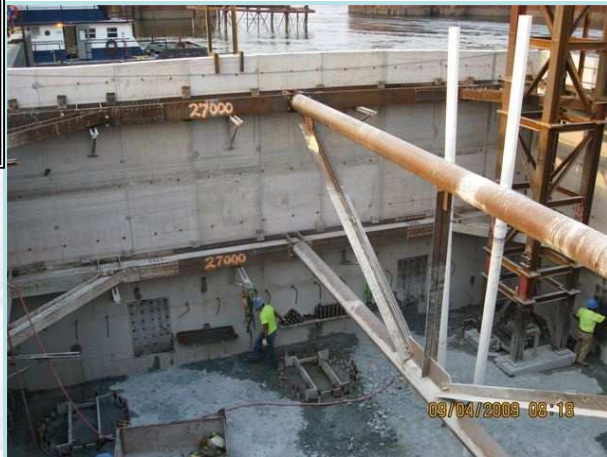


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Place Tremie  
Concrete Seal



Dewater The Box Cofferdam

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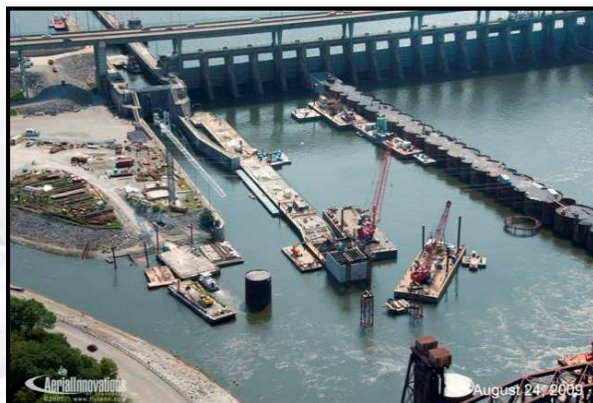
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# In-the-Wet Construction



Placing Tremie Concrete  
Infill and Grouting the  
Foundation

Completion of  
the Cofferdam  
by 3/2010



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# In-the-Wet Construction

## Comparison with Conventional Methods



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- Many engineering solutions for the innovative in-the-wet construction have to be identified, evaluated, and carefully developed from concepts to details.
- In some cases, it is advantageous to combine the conventional method and the innovative In-the-Wet method in the same project and take advantage of both methods to deal with the risks and complexity in various parts of the project.

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## In-the-Wet Construction

### Conclusions



- The in-the-wet construction method, in many cases, has demonstrated significant advantages over the conventional cofferdam method.
- The float-in construction is preferred when the environmental/river conditions are not restrictive
- The float-in is preferred when the casting/launching systems are available and economical, and structural size/configuration are favorable.

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## In-the-Wet Construction



### **Conclusions (Cont.)**

- The lift-in construction is preferred when lift equipment is available to install a large number of prefabricated modules
- The lift-in is preferred where environmental and river conditions impose severe restrictions on the float-in construction.
- The in-the-wet method may be combined with the conventional method to take advantage of both methods to deal with the risks and complexity in a project.

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**INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS**  
**- SHIP IMPACTS**



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# Lock Gate and Ship Impact

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# Lock Gate and Ship Impact



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# LOCK GATES – INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS



## 1. - LOAD AND STRENGTH ASSESSMENT

Load and strength are linked when structural engineers design lock gates and valves, first at the early design stage (to assess weight and cost) and later at the final design stage (construction drawings).

Nowadays most difficult issues concern :

→ **Seismic effect on lock gate**

- additional loads (external and internal)
- behavior during gate motion
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→ **Ship collision on lock gates**

The challenge for the next years is to identify relevant and cost/effective specifications and requirements.

# LOCK GATES – INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS



## 2. - MECHANICAL PARTS: SEALS, BEARINGS, HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS, OPERATING EQUIPMENT

The main points about the mechanical parts (see Table 1 in Report):

- The key points to consider during the design of mechanical parts is **the Gate Operation**.
- Operating machinery is critical locks equipment because this equipment is subjected to intensive operation.
- **Lock availability depend mainly on the machinery performance and reliability.**



# LOCK GATES – INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS



## 2. - MECHANICAL PARTS: SEALS, BEARINGS, HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS, OPERATING EQUIPMENT

Electromechanical actuators, using a capsulated threaded pin (Germany)

Mitre gate at Uelzen II

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## 3- NEW INNOVATIVE GATE CONCEPTS



a- Folded Plate for gates (Germany) – see previous page

b- Reversed Mitre Gate (NL, UK, ...)

Reverse Mitre Gate (IJmuiden-NL)

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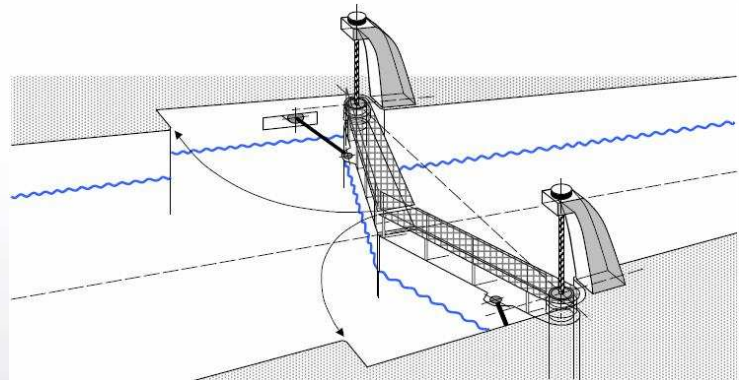


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# NEW INNOVATIVE GATE CONCEPTS



## c- Suspended Mitre Gates (NL)



Suspended Mitre Gate

Mitre gates supported only at their top hinges

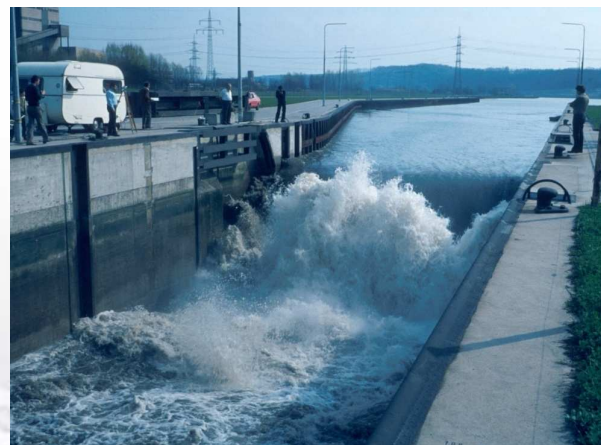
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## d- Rotary Segment Lock Gate (horizontal axis) - Germany



Lisdorf Lock – Flood discharge through the lock

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### e- Vertical-axis Sector Gates (Germany, Finland, Japan, ...)



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## NEW INNOVATIVE GATE CONCEPTS



### f) COMPOSITE LOCK GATES

**CETMEF (France) → vertical lift arch gate with composite materials.**

**RWS - the “Spieringsluis” → high strength synthetic composite material to reduce the higher maintenance costs of wooden or steel gates.**

#### Main advantages of composite arch gates are:

- **No corrosion;**
- **Good resistance to aging in damp environment;**
- **Finishing paint useless, → reducing maintenance costs;**
- **Lightness, easing transportation and fitting of the gate;**
- **Lightness reducing purchasing and maintenance of machinery;**

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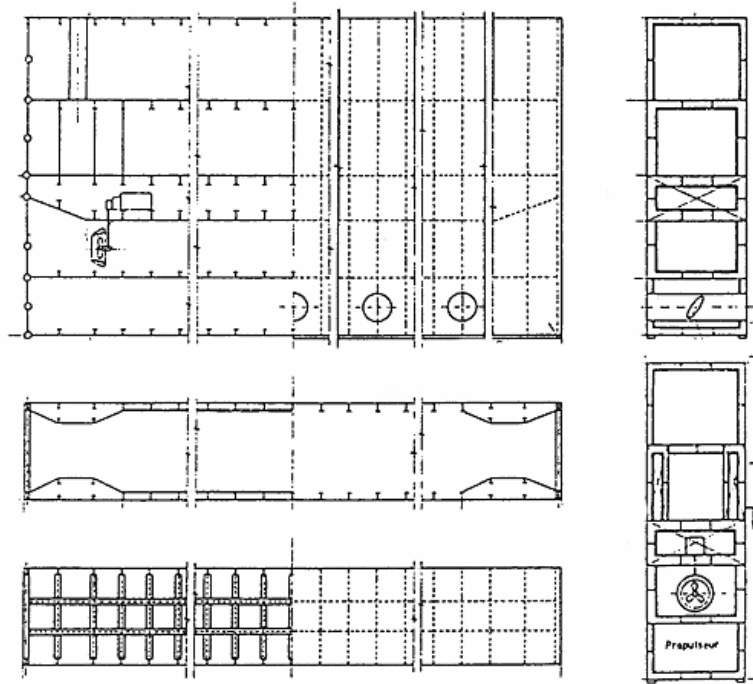
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## g) Self-propelled floating lock gates

Maritime locks  
→ Cost savings

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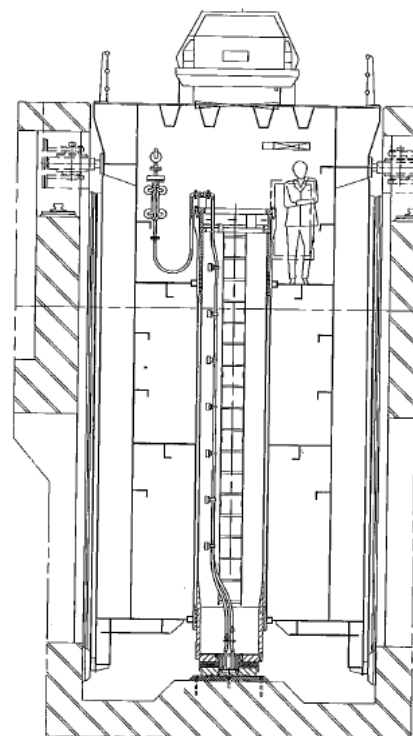
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## h- Sliding gate – Hydrojet (NL)

Hydrojet  
Oranje lock (NL)



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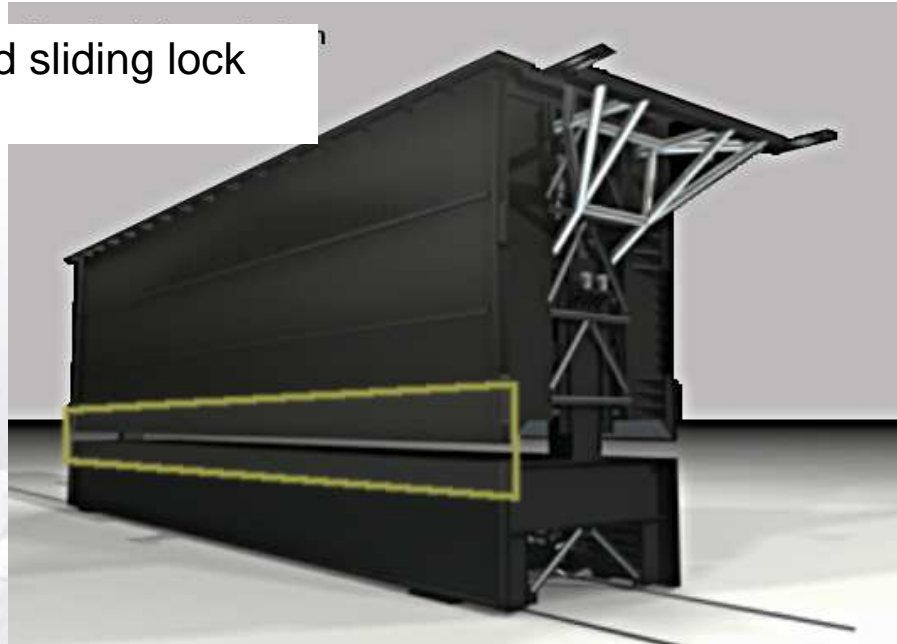
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## i) Rolling gates with integrated filling/emptying system

Kaiser lifting and sliding lock gate



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## 4. – GATE TIGHTNESS, LININGS and SEALS

→ *The “come back” of sliding gates/valves*

*In the Netherland, Germany, Panama, etc.*

**UHMPE** (ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene) is nowadays considered a reliable technology and a very durable material to be used for sliding gate and lock filling and emptying valves.

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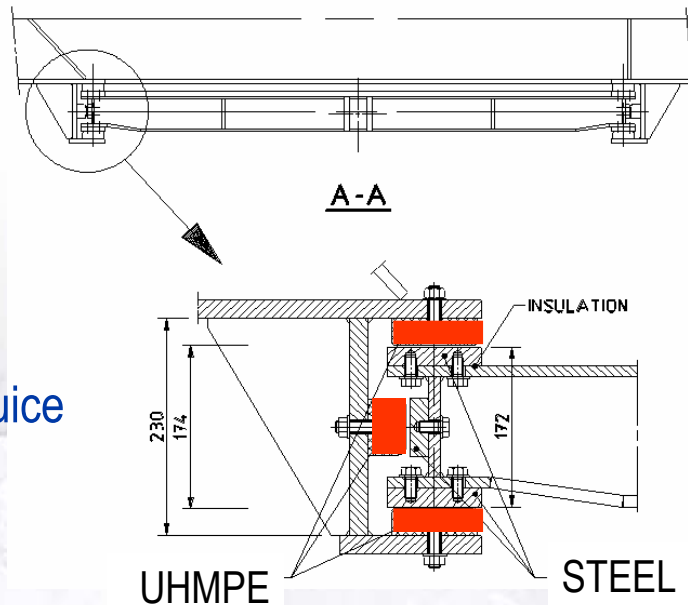
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## 5. – VALVES for FILLING/EMPTYING SYSTEM

**Use of UHMPE**

UHMPE sliding Gate sluice  
(Naviduct, NL)



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## 5. – VALVES for FILLING/EMPTYING SYSTEM

→ **USE of UHMPE (ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene)**

Sliding lift gate with UHMPE is based on a high mechanical performance sliding material with a low friction coefficient.

The material provides both guiding and sealing functions.

UHMWPE has the following characteristics:

- **low friction coefficient (< 0.2);**
- **low wear index (wear < 4 mm in 35 years – working life);**
- **maximum stress (6 N/mm<sup>2</sup>)**

UHMPE is nearly a standard solution for such contacts in the modern Dutch vertical lift gate sluices e.g. see as the valves of the Naviduct Enkhuizen (NL)

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# LOCK GATES – INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS



## 6. – CORROSION : PREVENTION and PROTECTION

- a) In the last decade, **costs associated with maintenance** of infrastructure have increased dramatically due to the development of more stringent environmental regulations.
- b) **Durability and economic maintainability** are both directly proportional to corrosion preventive measures taken.
- c) **Corrosion prevention** of metal, which should be considered at the design stage, must not be confused with **corrosion protection**, which is regarded as an other item to consider but at the building stage.

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## 7. – GATE EQUIPEMENT

### Magnetic automatic innovative mooring systems



**Magnetic Mooring System at KaiserLock (Cavotec Ltd)**

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## WG29 – LOCK GATE AND SHIP IMPACT



### **Plan**

#### 1. Introduction

#### 2. Ship impact analysis: state of art

- a) Empirical approach
- b) Analytical-Rational approach
- c) FEM, quasi-static analysis
- d) FEM, dynamic analysis

#### 3. One example: “Seine-Escaut Est”

#### 4. Conclusion

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# WG29 – LOCK GATE AND SHIP IMPACT



## Introduction

### New project: recommendations?

1. Define a “vessel impact” design criterion (ship weight and speed)

#### Panama canal:

- 160,000 t
- 0.5 m/s
- With no loss of water tightness and the global resistance  
=> consistent with the project

2. Protective measures VS gate designed to sustain ship impact

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# WG29 – LOCK GATE AND SHIP IMPACT



## Introduction

3. Gate = ship stopping device  
Structure must combine sufficient flexibility with sufficient load bearing capacity to successfully absorb the kinetic energy

### Analysis to perform to design the gate structure?

- a) Empirical approach
- b) Analytical-Rational approach
- c) FEM, quasi-static analysis
- d) FEM, dynamic analysis

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## WG29 – LOCK GATE AND SHIP IMPACT



### State of art: empirical approach

- Methods based on empirical data and practice experience
- Very simple way to evaluate an order of magnitude
- Use it as a rule of thumb

→ more detailed analysis must be performed

## WG29 – LOCK GATE AND SHIP IMPACT



### State of art: analytical approach

Analytical models (Le Sourne)

Hypothesis – Approximations:

- Analytical model → simplifications
- Totality of the energy dissipated by the gate
- No change in the contact
- No dynamic effect (vibrations, ...)

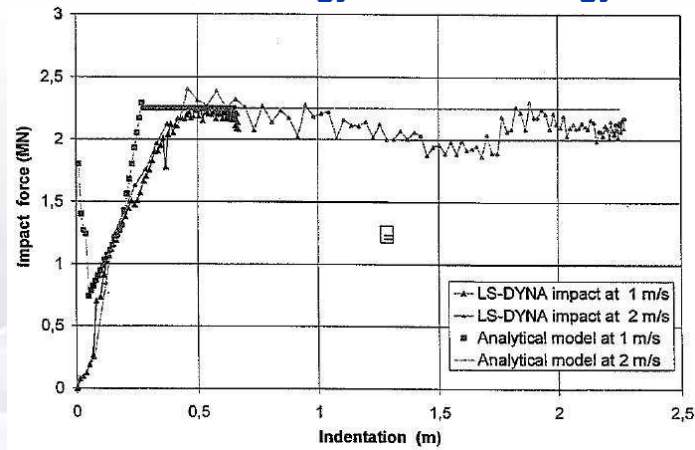
Numerical studies have validated these assumptions for simple cases

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### State of art: analytical approach

The impact force – indentation relationship can be obtained

Kinetic energy  $\leftrightarrow$  Strain energy



Impact forces comparison (Le Sourne) – Dynamic analysis VS analytical model

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## WG29 – LOCK GATE AND SHIP IMPACT

### FEM, quasi-static analysis

Finite Elements Methods

Neglect the dynamic effects  $\rightarrow$  quasi-static analysis

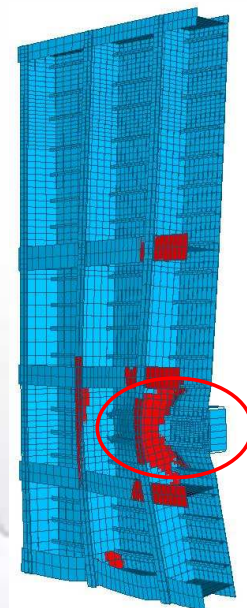
One possibility:

Simple model of the bow of the ship

$\rightarrow$  ex: perfectly stiff rectangular element

No evolution of the contact  
between the bow and the gate

Load  $F_{impact}$  on the bow increased  
until equalization of the energies



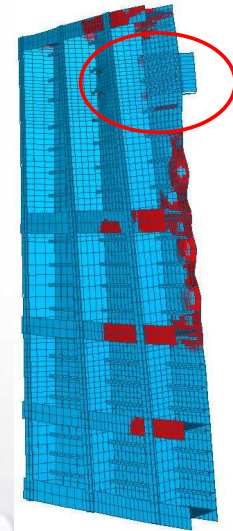
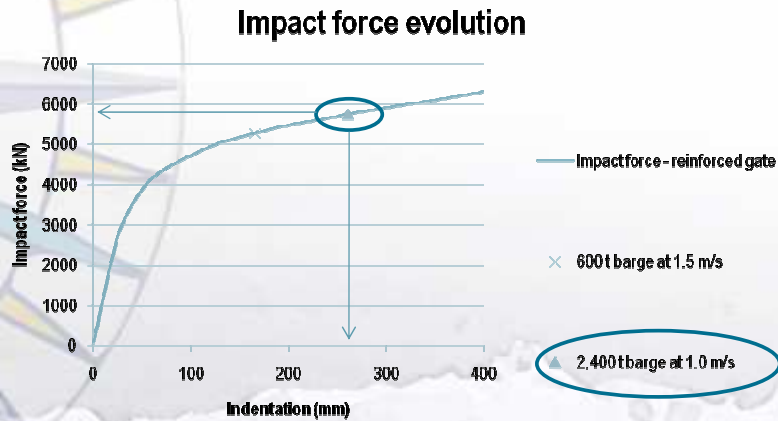
Lock gate simply supported on three sides

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## FEM, quasi-static analysis



⇒ Indentation 26 cm and impact force 5,75 MN (energy: 1,20 MJ)

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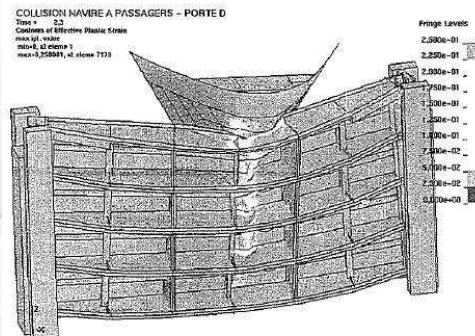
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## FEM, dynamic analysis

### LS-DYNA

- ✓ Possibility of modeling the deformable bow of the ship
- ⇒ Giving an initial position and speed, the contact can be considered
- ✓ Dynamic effects taken into account

... But highly time-consuming



Passenger ship impact: effective plastic strains at  $t=2,3$  sec.

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### Which analysis perform?

Empirical: gives an order of magnitude of the impact strength

Analytical: very effective and time-saver for gate structure with plane geometry but must be correctly applied (assumptions to validate)

FEM, quasi-static: gives good results when a dynamic analysis can't be performed

FEM, dynamic: accurate but time consuming. Using it for few cases can offer reference results to validate assumptions made in other methods

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### One example: “Seine-Escaut Est”

Lock gate designed for the “Seine-Escaut Est project” in Belgium



Downstream lock gates: length 13.7 m ; height 13.6 m

Gates suspended and manoeuvred by lateral movement

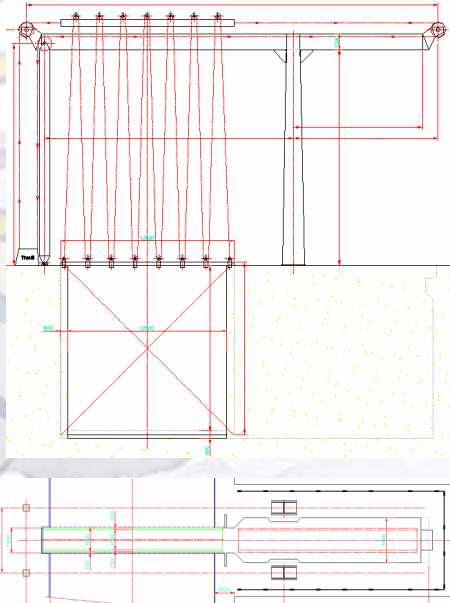
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### One example: “Seine-Escaut Est”



First, optimization of the structure considering hydrostatic load cases

→ Elastic design

Total weight: 51.4 t

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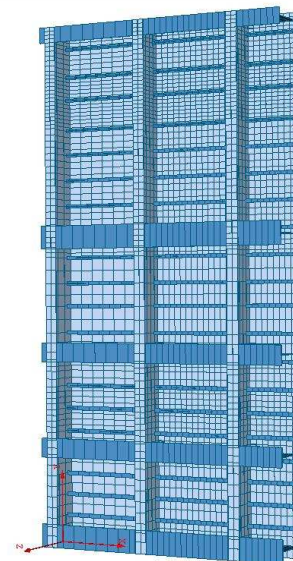
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### One example: “Seine-Escaut Est”

Then, analysis of the ship impact

It was decided to perform a FEM quasi-static analysis using the *FINELG* software



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## WG29 – LOCK GATE AND SHIP IMPACT

### FEM, quasi-static analysis – example

#### Analysis of 3 scenarios

1. Upstream water level (U.W.L.) without any hydrostatic load
2. Upstream water level with hydrostatic service load (7.50 m)
3. Downstream water level (D.W.L.) without any hydrostatic load



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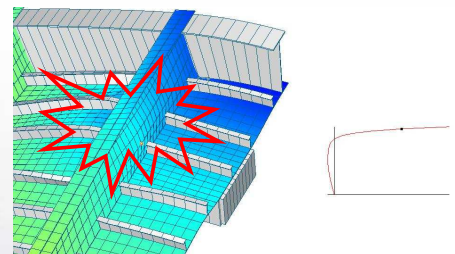
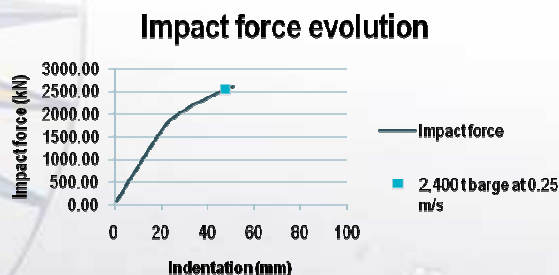
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### FEM, quasi-static analysis – example

#### U.W.L. with the initially optimized structure

Low thickness of the frames and girders (slenderness ratio: Hugues' criteria for T-elements)



- ⇒ Buckling of the central frame
- ⇒ Fragile behavior – sudden collapse – low capacity for energy dissipation
- ⇒ Choice of reinforcing the structure

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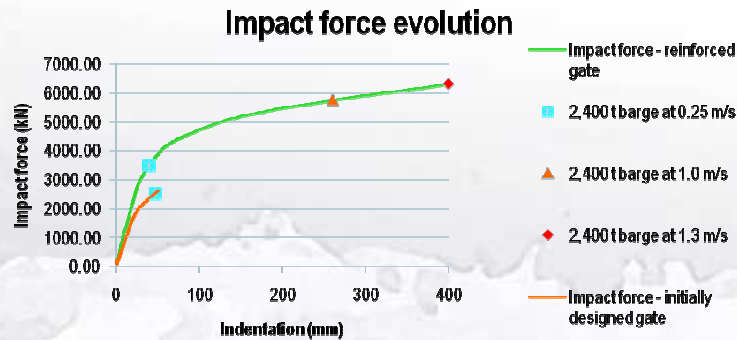
### FEM, quasi-static analysis – example

Reinforcing the structure

Aim: avoid instability phenomenon – increase ductility

Dimensions of frames and girders increased (slenderness ratio: EN class 1)

Total weight: 51.4 t → 68.7 t (+34%)



⇒ By using class-1 sections for frames and girders, we improve the gate behaviour in case of ship impact

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### FEM, quasi-static analysis – example

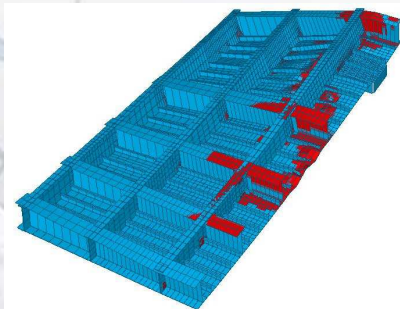
Reinforced gate

Ductile behaviour – very significant capacity for energy dissipation

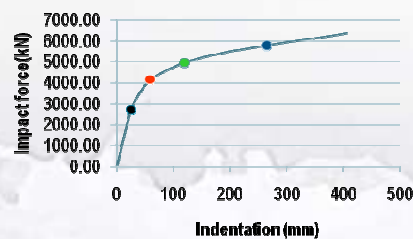
Initially optimized structure: 0,08 MJ

Reinforced structure: 2 MJ (i.e. a 2,400 t barge at 1.3 m/s)

Global plastic failure mechanism



Yielding at the collapse stage (amplified x6)



Apparition of successive plastic hinges in the girders

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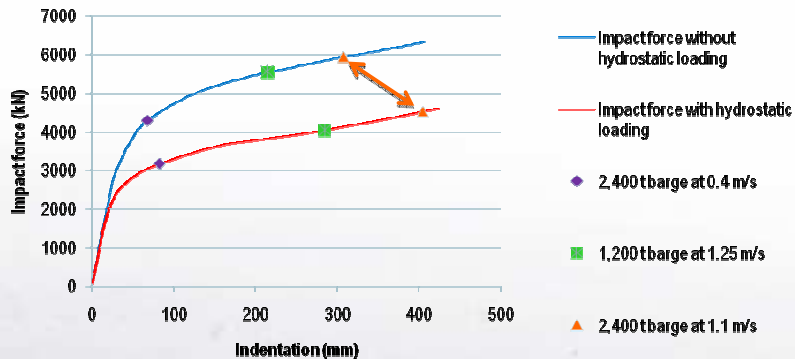
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### FEM, quasi-static analysis – example

U.W.L., taking into account the hydrostatic loads



The global behaviour of the gate is identical but the structure is more deformable because previously submitted to a stress field

⇒ Neglecting the hydrostatic load leads to underestimate the deformation and the yielding of the structure – but overestimate the impact force

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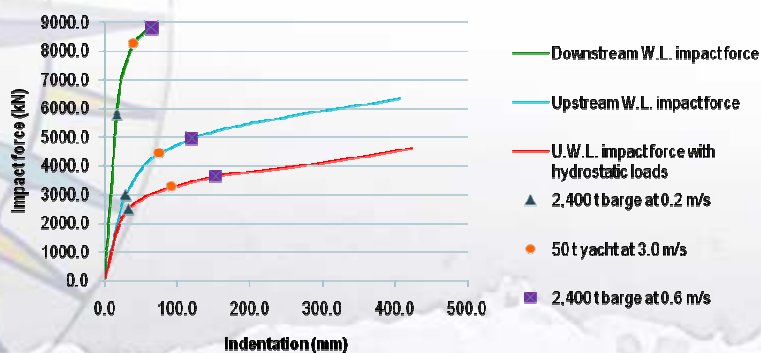
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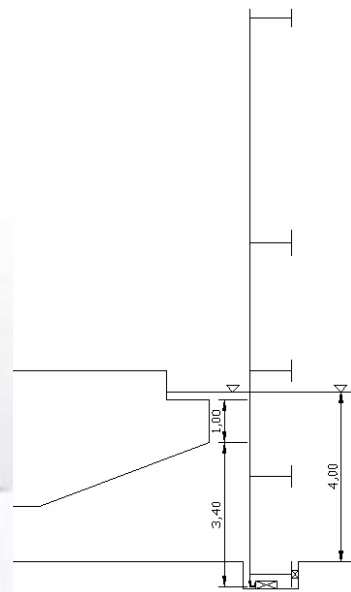
### FEM, quasi-static analysis – example

Impact at downstream water level

Highly stiffened impact zone



⇒ Very different behaviour of the gate (fragile) because of the impact zone



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## FEM, quasi-static analysis – example

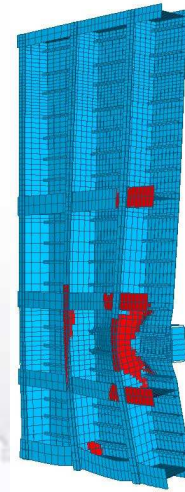
Strain concentration in the impact zone leads to a fragile, sudden collapse

Transverse stiffness  $\ll$  Longitudinal stiffness

⇒ No propagation of yielding

⇒ No global plastic failure mechanism

⇒ Collapse for a small indentation and low energy dissipation (0,5 MJ)

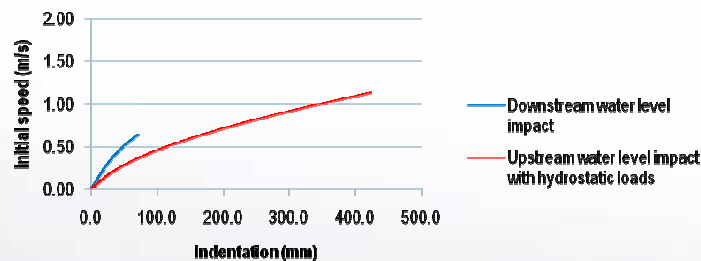


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## FEM, quasi-static analysis – example

### Results

Relationship Impact speed - Indentation (m=2,400 t)



Impact of a 1,200 t barge at 0.8 m/s (384 kJ)	U.W.L. without hydrostatic loads	U.W.L. with hydrostatic loads	D.W.L.
Impact force	4,845 kN	3,550 kN	8,706 kN
Indentation (only due to the impact)	11.1 cm	13.9 cm	5.9 cm
Number of plastic hinges in frames and girders	2 girders	3 girders	1 frame

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### **FEM, quasi-static analysis – example**

#### Conclusion:

1. Aim: to design a gate able to resist the ship impact by itself
2. To dissipate energy, it needs ductility (avoid instability)
3. Ductility of the elements can be achieved by using EN class-1 cross sections (increasing dimensions of frames and girders)
4. Ductility of the gate requires a good propagation of yielding, which can be achieved by a good design of the stiffness ratios in the potential impact zones

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### **FEM, quasi-static analysis – example**

- Lock gates: elastic design considering hydrostatic loading
- Impact analysis: increase the dimensions of the frames and girders
- Recommendation: new constraint in the optimization software to obtain optimized solutions considering impact strength
- Then, comparison (cost): reinforced solution VS elastic optimum solution coupled with protective measures against ship impact



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# Computational Fluid Dynamics - State of the art -

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# Coloured Fluid Dynamics - State that it is art ?-

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# Classification of numerical models



- ➔ **1D-models: networks of filling and emptying systems (full lock cycles, mass balance computations)**
- ➔ **2D-models, depth averaged: Inlet-outlet areas, maybe chamber sloshing (lock cycles)**
- ➔ **3D-models with single fluid phase: Special parts of the filling-emptying system**
- ➔ **3D-models with multiple fluid phases: Flow in chamber, water saving basins, inlet-outlet areas**



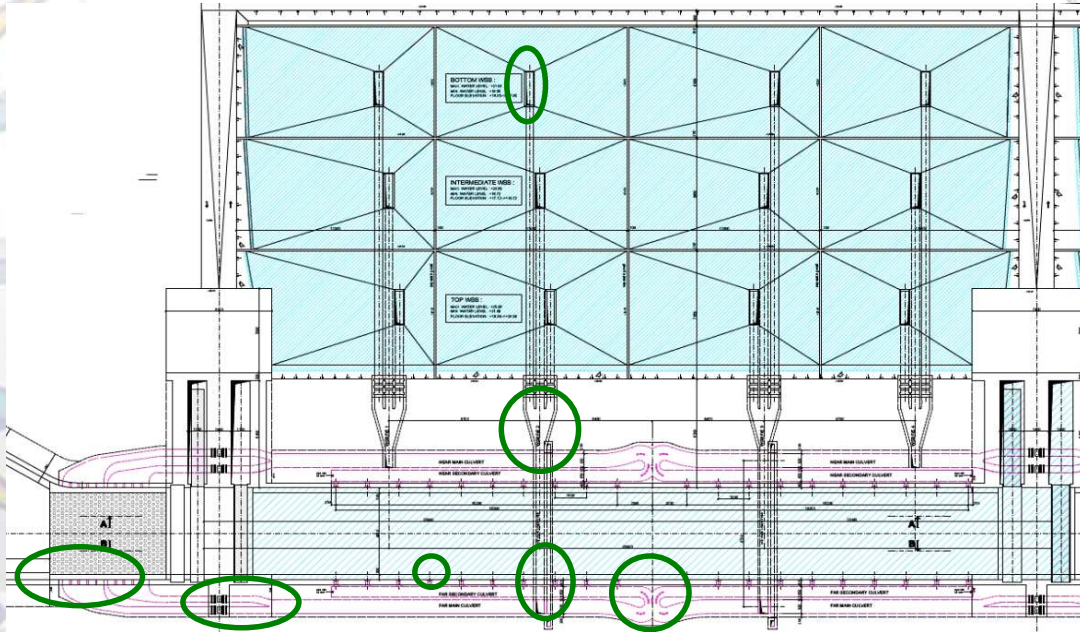
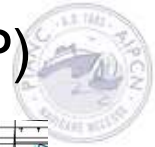
## One dimensional models



- Momentum equation solved for only a single direction at each regarded point
- Geometry is reduced to “linear” objects
- Averaging over cross sections
- Heavily based on the knowledge of characteristic parameters (loss coefficients)
- Applicability can be doubted if pipe length between objects is too small



# Example: Panama Canal Locks (by ACP)

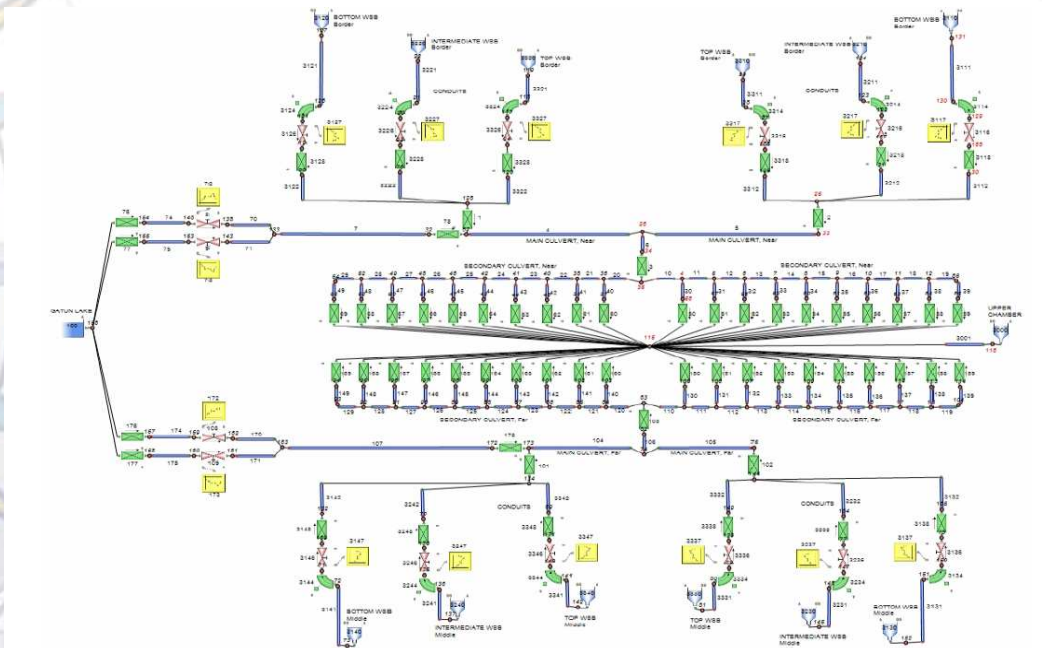


○ Hydraulic loss coefficient must be calculated/measured



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# Example: Panama Canal Locks



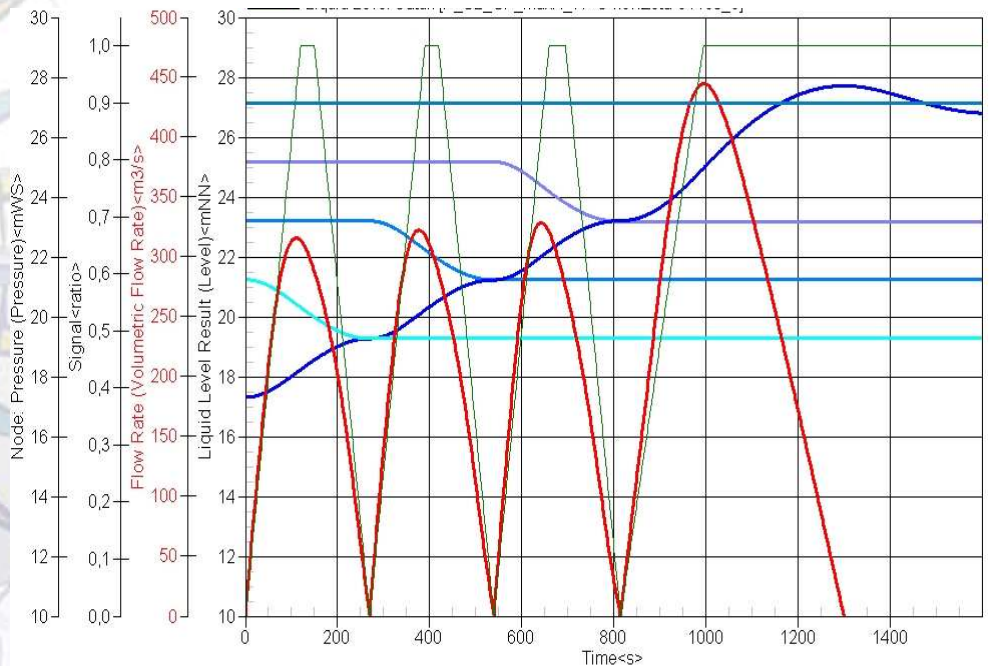
Network model of the lock



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# Example: Network model results



Resulting plot with valve schedules (green), flowrate (red), waterlevels (blue)



## One dimensional models



- Can reproduce the large scale dynamics of a filling/emptying system
- Easy to simulate large number of variants
- Parameters have to be evaluated very, very carefully!



## Two dimensional models

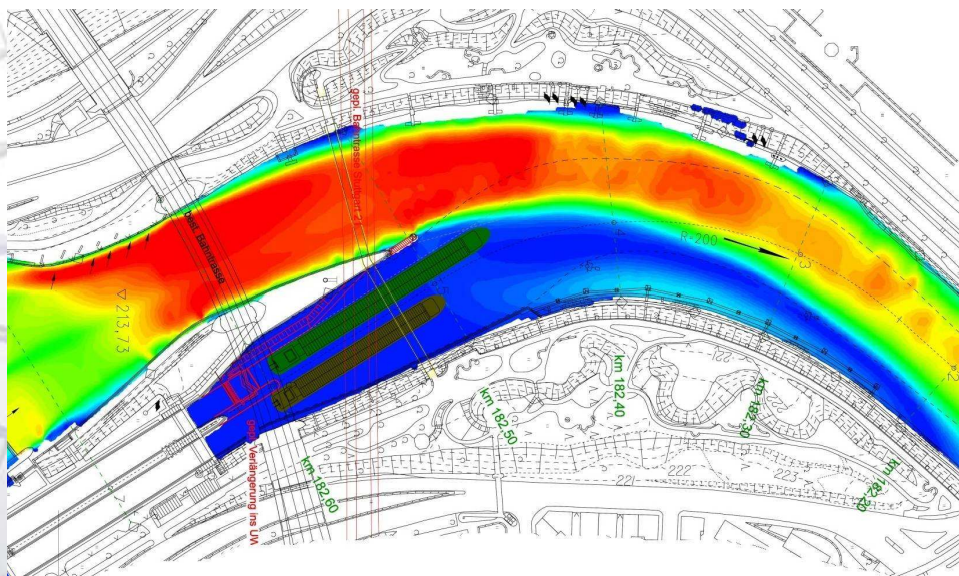


- Momentum equations solved for two directions
- Depth averaged (“Shallow water equations”)
- Detailed information in the horizontal plane
- Geometry is no longer completely “parameterized” but part of the model



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## Two dimensional models



Large scale flow modelling  
downstream of a weir



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## Two dimensional models



- Only applicable if vertical fluid acceleration is negligible
- Gives good results for approach areas, rivers and canals
- Sometimes applied for simulating sloshing in the lock chamber
- Much more “fluid physics” are computed by the numerics, less dependent on parameters



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## Three dimensional models



- Detailed reproduction of the geometry, which has to be discretized
- Impact of geometry on the flow is no longer parameterized, solution of 3D momentum equations
- Without free water surface: Culverts, bends, ...
- With free water surface: Chamber, water saving basins, inlets, outlets
- With moving objects: Valves, ship in chamber

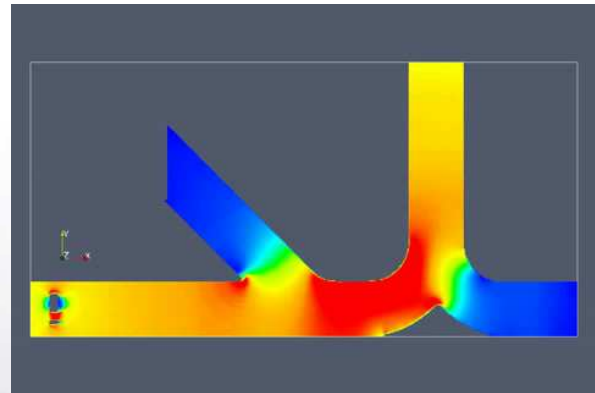


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## Possible lock modeling strategy

- 3D-CFD model (or hydraulic model) for local loss coefficients

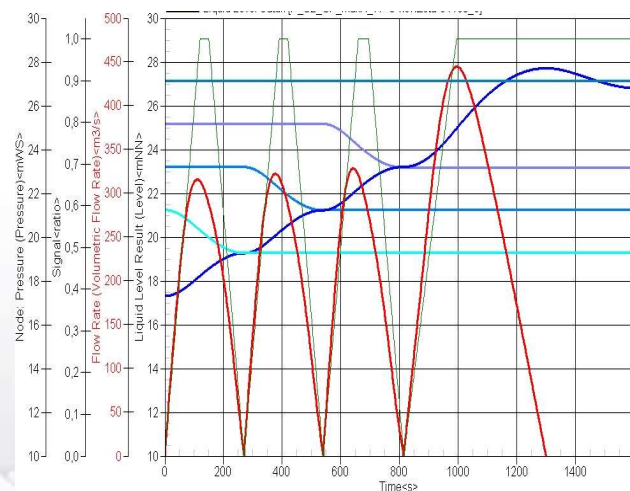


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- 3D-CFD model (or hydraulic model) for local loss coefficients
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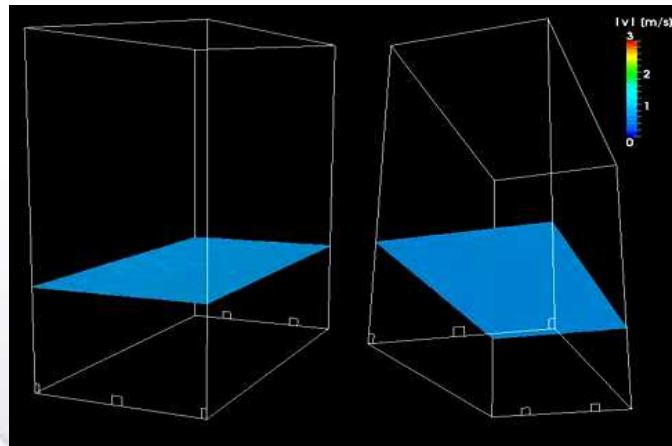


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# Possible lock modeling strategy



- 3D-CFD model (or hydraulic model) for local loss coefficients
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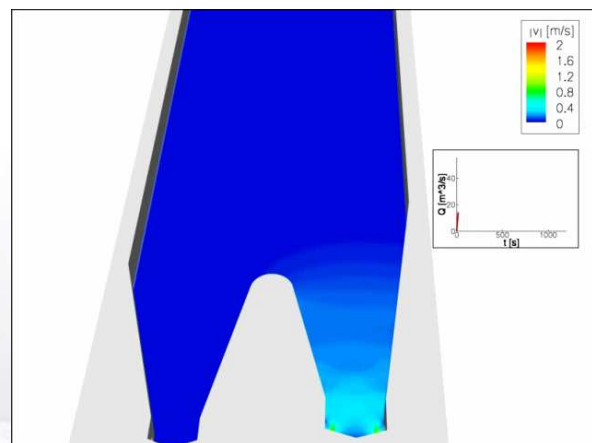


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# Possible lock modeling strategy



- 3D-CFD model (or hydraulic model) for local loss coefficients
- 1D-network model for the lock complex
- 3D-CFD model (or hydraulic model) for flow in inlet/outlet, chamber, ...
- 2D-CFD model (or 3D-CFD or hydraulic model) for flow in approach areas, adjacent rivers or canals



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# Strategies for code development



## ➔ In-house developments

Accumulation of knowledge  
Requires highly skilled experts  
Typical for universities

## ➔ Cooperational development with partners

Possibility to steer developments  
Larger base of developers / users  
Typical for research institutions

## ➔ Externally developed codes

„Take it or leave it“



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# Troubles with 3D models



- Choice of turbulence model is difficult
- Impact of grid resolution is not negligible
- Different scales can be problematic
- Moving parts are difficult to handle for complex geometries



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# Turbulence modeling

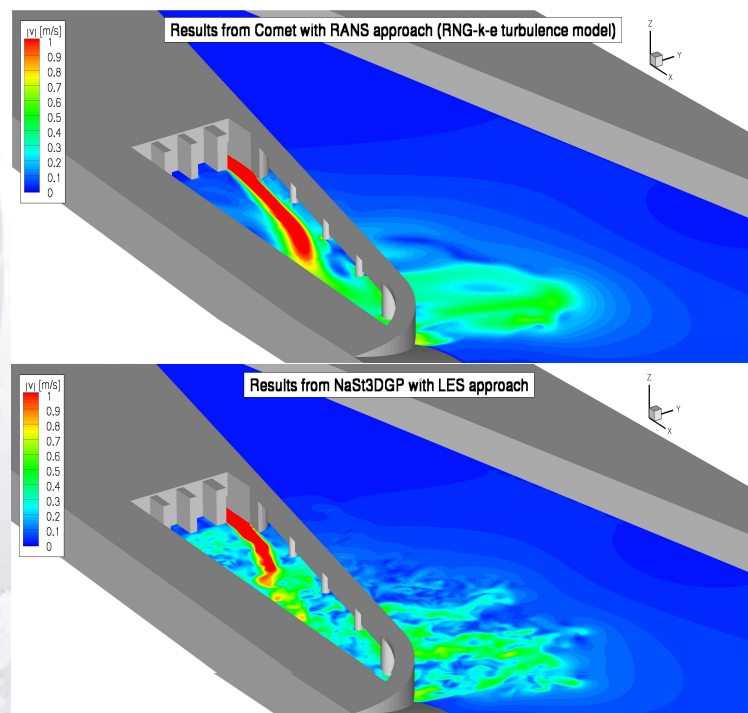


- Detailed reproduction of microscopic fluid movement is not possible
- Real energy dissipation process (large eddies  $\gg$  small eddies  $\gg$  heat) can not be modelled
- Replacement for the missing dissipation: Turbulence models add artificial viscosity
- Which turbulence model to choose?



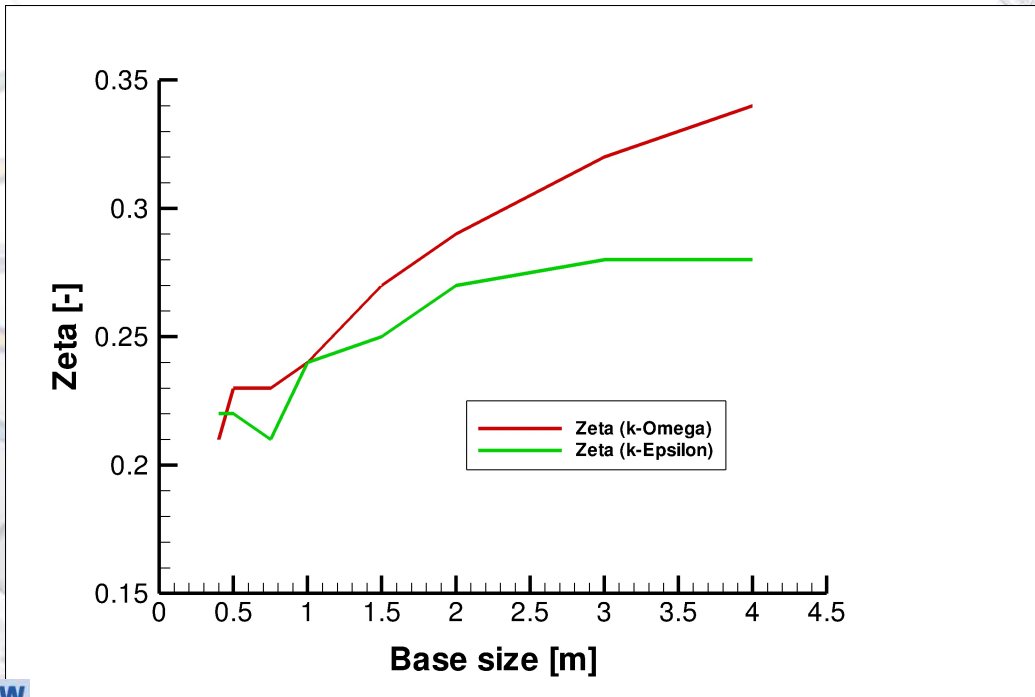
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# Turbulence model: RANS or LES?

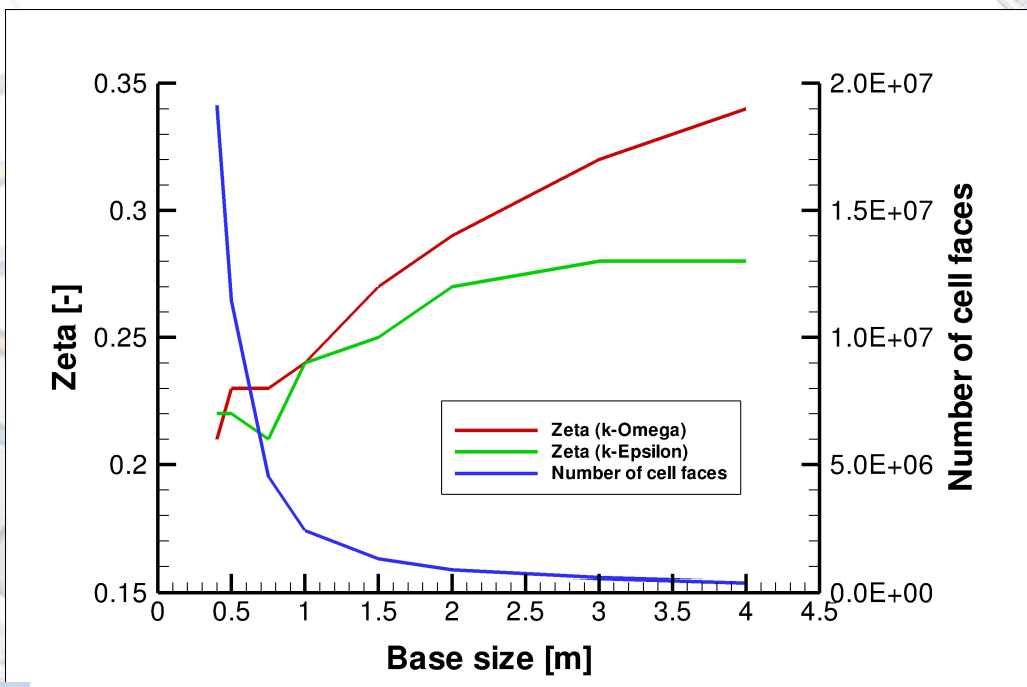


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# Necessary grid resolution

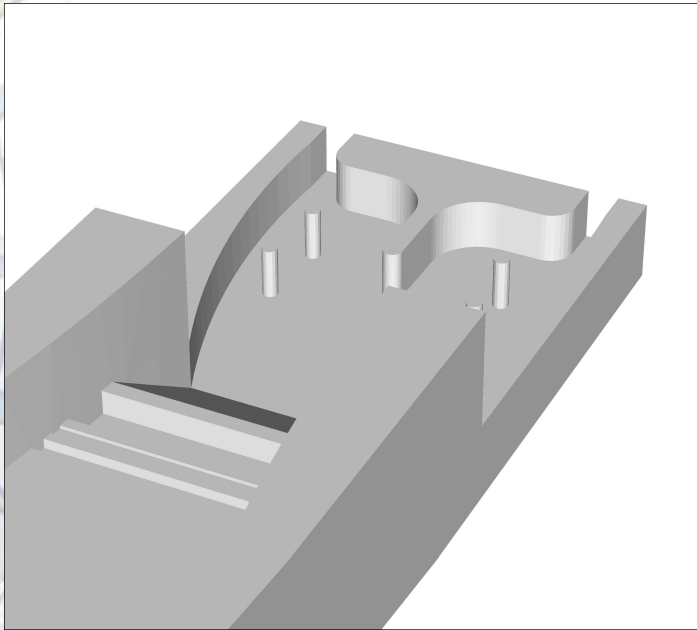


# Necessary grid resolution





# Example for scale problems ...



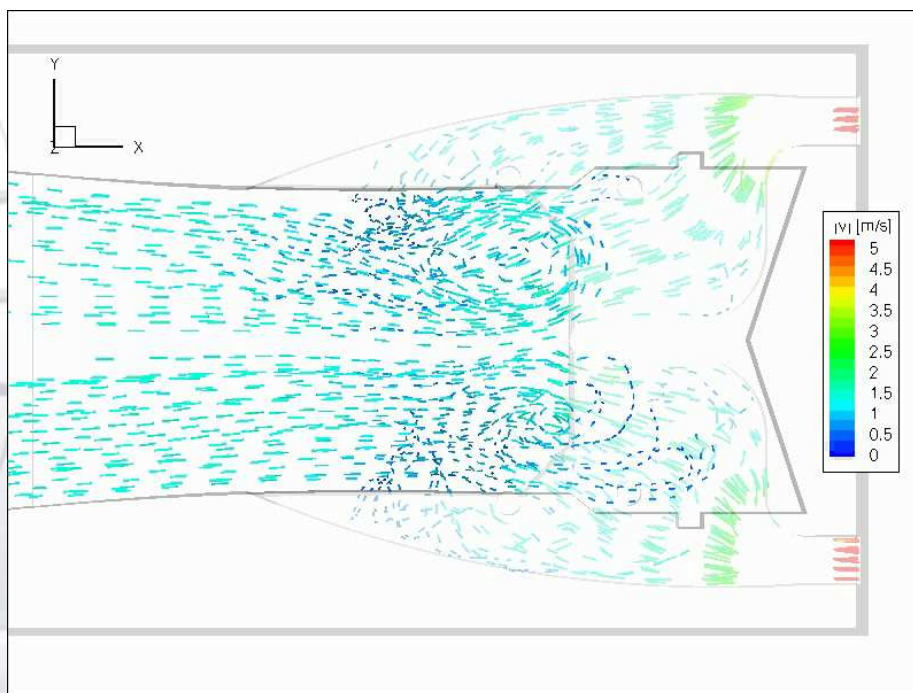
**Proposed inlet configuration for new lock**

- *Complex shape*
- *Based on laboratory studies for other locks*



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# Simulation results for the inlet

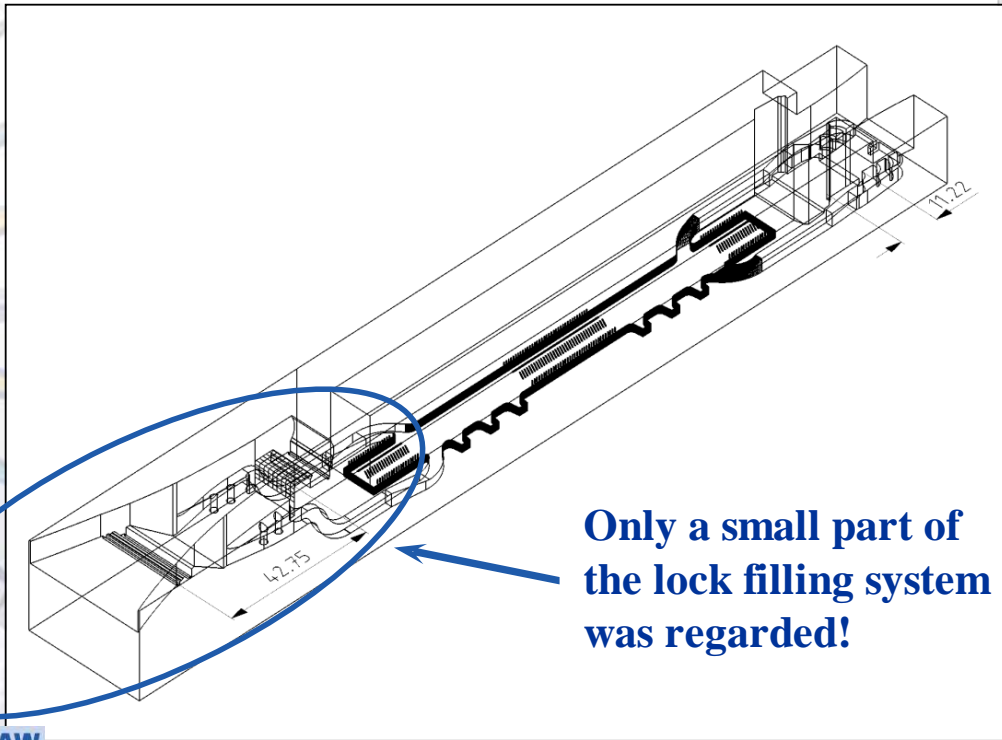


*Concrete is translucent in this case...*



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# Is this the whole story?



**Only a small part of the lock filling system was regarded!**



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## Filling and emptying system

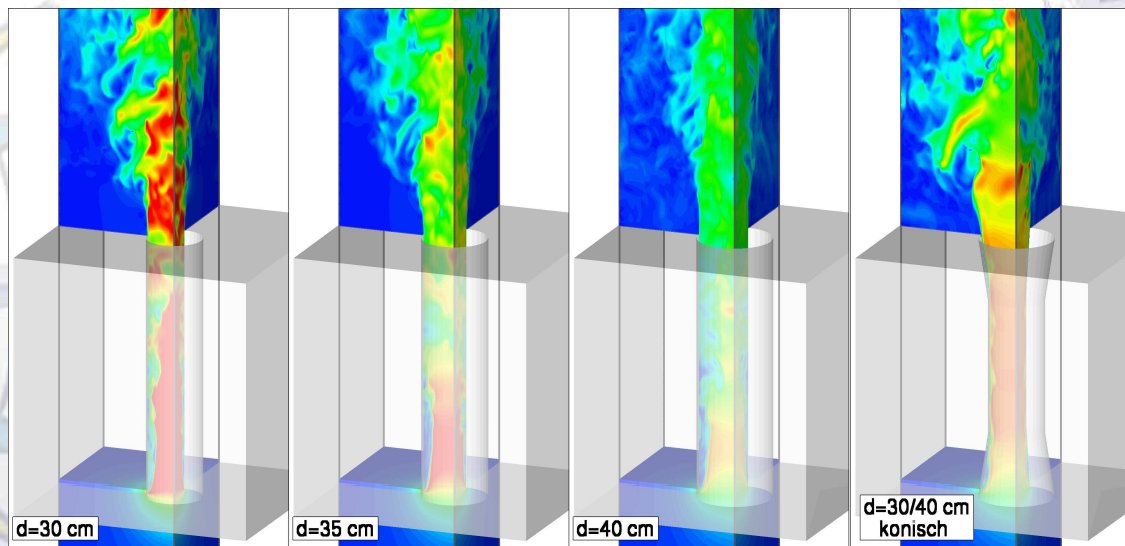
**Filling of the lock chamber from below, through a multitude of nozzles**

**(Picture: Lock Uelzen II).**



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# Simulation of different nozzles



- Grid-convergence for 5 mm resolution at the edge
- Total system size is ~200 m ...



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## Further considerations



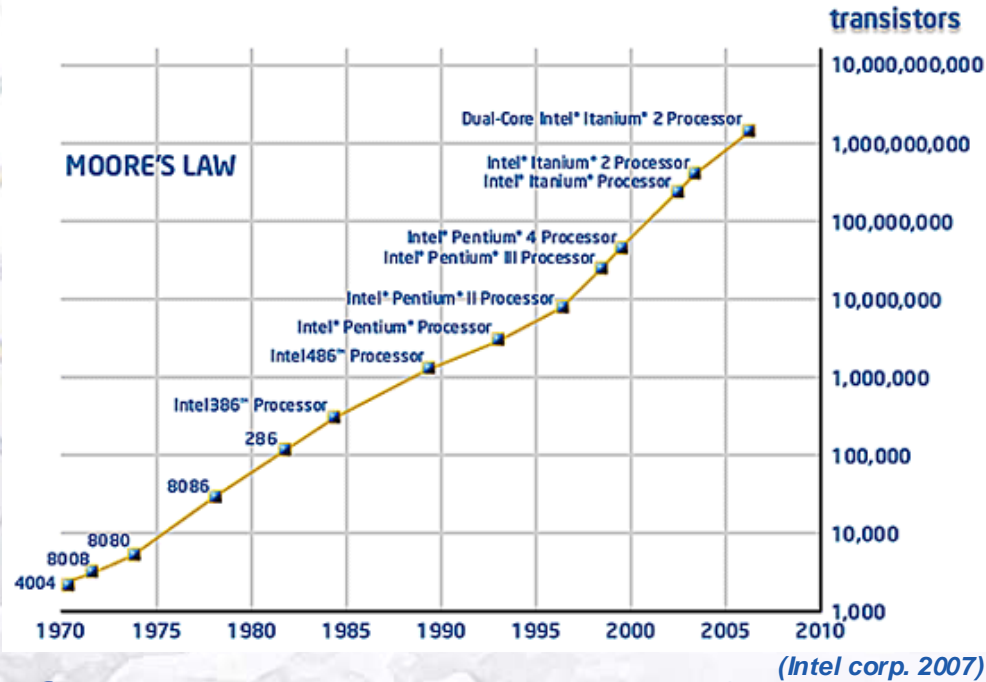
- Grid resolution inlet area: ~12 cm
- Simulated time: several minutes
- Grid resolution nozzles: ~0,5 cm
- Simulated time: 30 s
- ~ 400 nozzles in the chamber floor

⇒ Computing all of the lock in „nozzle resolution“ requires multiple magnitudes more CPU-power ...



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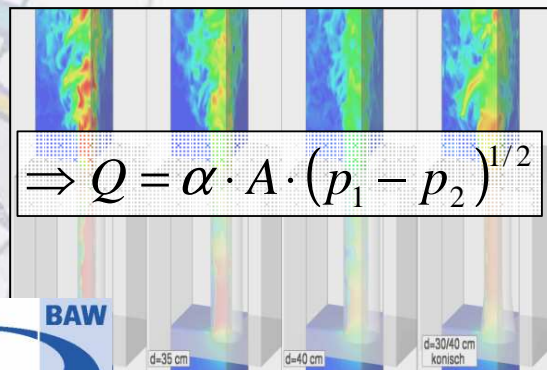
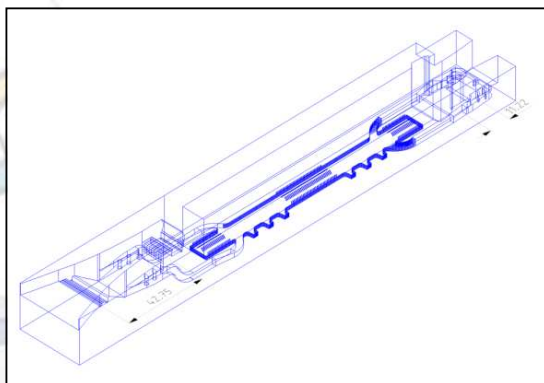
# Development of CPU resources



*Simply wait another decade?*

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## Possible solution



**Use more computing power**

+

**Equivalent replacement models for the nozzle flow**

**$\Rightarrow$  introduce „coefficient“ based physics into the 3D model**

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# Conclusions



- Many aspects of the flow in and around locks can be computed
- (Currently) it is necessary to couple different models to get the “whole thing”
- Uncertainties (grid resolution, turbulence models) must be considered and tested for
- Ask about the quality, maybe have multiple (good) modellers (and compare the results)
- **Don't simply trust pretty pictures**



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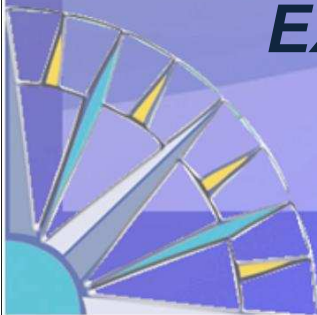
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***Paper 11***

**NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS AND  
EXPERIMENTAL MODELS:  
HOW TO CHOOSE?  
and Discussion**



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# Numerical simulation and experimental models: How to choose?

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## Hydraulics design for navigation locks



- In the chamber
  - ✓ Filling-emptying system
  - ✓ Flow in chamber and culverts
  - ✓ Water surface slope and forces acting on the ships (mooring design)
  - ✓ Turbidity current, salinity
- For the mechanical equipments
  - ✓ Valves design, head losses determination, air-entraining, vortices, cavitation
  - ✓ Gates solicitations, operations
  - ✓ Flow induced forces and vibrations
- Upstream and downstream the lock
  - ✓ Near field: currents, eddies in the inlet  
design of the navigation approach-harbours to the lock
  - ✓ Far field: downstream and upstream lockage waves  
bank protection  
interaction navigation-bank,
- Eco-hydraulic
  - ✓ Fish migration
  - ✓ Hydropower and green energy

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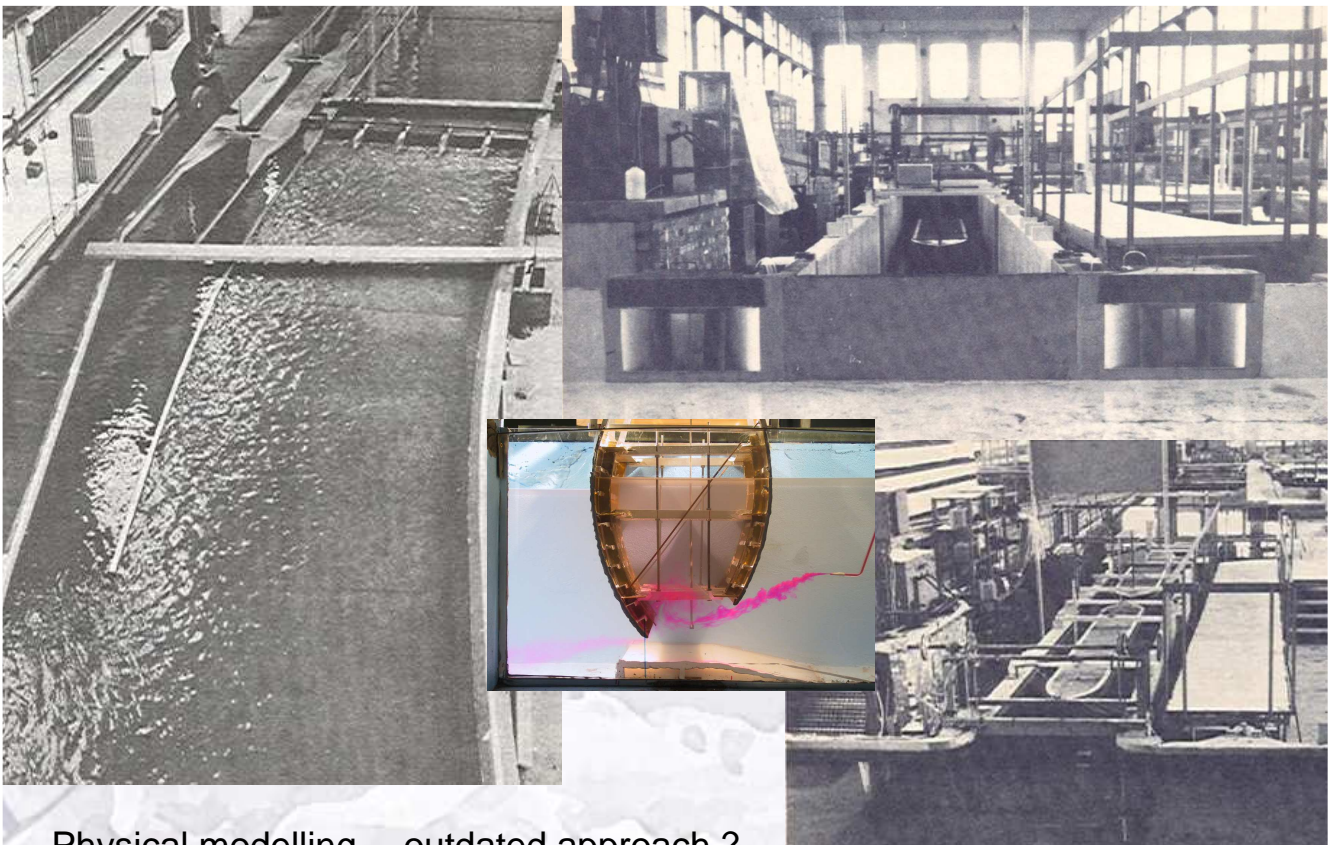
# Hydraulic tools

- Analytical model exact mathematical solution for simplified equations
- Numerical model approximative solution, domain and boundaries conditions
- Physical model reduced scale model, approximative solution
- Test model simple conceptual physical model (no scale)
- Field measurements

Introduced the concept of **Composite modelling**

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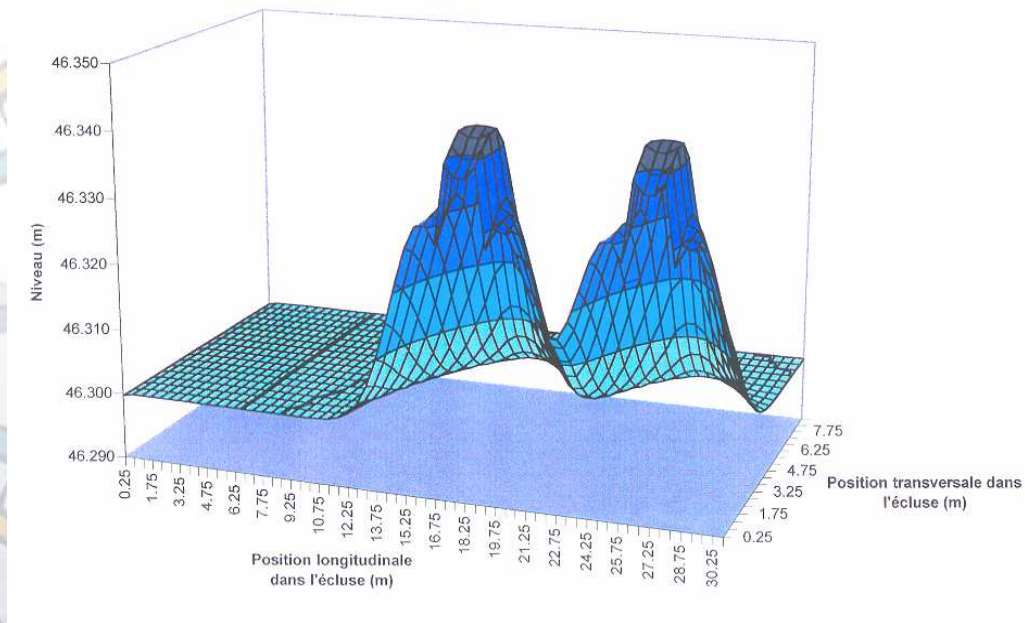
Physical modelling ...outdated approach ?

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Remplissage: surface de l'eau après 0.4 seconde  
Maillage: 0.5m x 0.5m



**Numerical modelling... absolutely confidence ?**

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**Thus...**



- Why to maintain costly facilities test hall !
- But, how to improve an efficient mean of communication to present the real-world situation?

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# Acknowledgements



- The market shares of the numerical models have increased in the last century against the physical models.
- Less experimental activities have been noticed.
- Nevertheless, physical models are *in fine* guarantying the precision of the design results.
- Physical models vs. numerical models: strengths and weaknesses.

## Conceptual comparison between hydraulic and numerical models to engineering problems



Step	Hydraulic model	Numerical model
1	Definition of	the problem
	Identification of the	essential acting forces
2	Formulation of similarity requirements	Formulation of a set of equations
3	Formulation of	boundary conditions
4	Construction of a model	Development of a numerical scheme
5	Calibration and	validation
6	Measurements converge to solution	Calculations converge to solution

# Limiting factors



- Concerning the physical modelling :

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 1st limiting factor | -compromise to choice the similarity  |
| 2d limiting factor  | -influence of the surface tension   |
| 3th limiting factor | -effect of the distortion   |
| 4th limiting factor | -effect of the sedimentology time and turbulence generated by bottom morphology |

- Concerning the numerical modelling :

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 1st limiting factor | -complexity of the equations                                  |
|                     | -sediment transport processes                                 |
|                     | -turbulence effect  |
| 2d limiting factor  | - numerical models are global and physical models are local   |
| 4th limiting factor | -interferences introduced by the simplifications of equations |
|                     | -interferences introduced by the algorithmic developments     |
| 4th limiting factor | -calibration and validation difficulties                      |

# Principal and practical limiting factors



HYDRAULIC MODEL	NUMERICAL MODEL
<b>Principal</b>	<b>limitations</b>
Model size (laboratory)	Storage capacity
Discharge (pumping capacity)	Computational speed
Energy head (pumping capacity)	Incomplete set of equations
Model laws	Turbulence hypothesis
<b>Practical</b>	<b>limitations</b>
Minimum model scale ( surface tension, viscosity, roughness,...)	In simplified set of equations: -accuracy of assumed relationships -availability of coefficients
Model size (upper limitation)	Space and time resolution
Measuring methods and data collection	Numerical stability and convergence
Availability of boundary and initial conditions	Availability of boundary and initial conditions

# Hydraulic or numerical model

## Decision criteria



- Principal limiting factors
- Required accuracy
- Simplicity
- Cost and time requirements
- Flexibility
- Intuitive power
- Credibility
- Feedback to nature (calibration possibilities)
- Prognostic capabilities

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Type of model	Hydraulic model	Numerical model
River and tidal models with fixed bed	Local problems, complex geometry	Large scale problems, simple geometry
River and tidals models with movable bed	Bedload transport, erosion and deposition problems	Suspended load transport (bed load transport for very simple geometry)
River and tidal models for transport processes	Near-field problems	Far-field problems
Lake and reservoir models	Detailed questions, fundamental experiments	Mainly used
Harbour and coastal models	Mainly used	Wave pattern for simple geometry
Models of hydraulic structures: -Discharge characteristics -Energy dissipation -Erosion -Flow forces -Vibrations -Cavitation	Complex geometry Complex geometry Necessary Complex geometry Necessary Necessary	Simple geometry Simple geometry Simple geometry
Pipe flow models	Local problems, complex geometry, sediment transport	Mainly used

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## **1. The contribution of analytical, numerical and experimental modelling**

A comparison of experimental and numerical models shows at first glance that both type of model have very much in common. Each must be preceded by a conceptual phase, in which the physical relationships are identified which are to be simulated by the model.

## **2. Comparison between each models, limitations**

The effort in constructing a hydraulic physical model is comparable to the effort of working out a solution scheme for the numerical model. Both methods must make use of certain simplifications and approximations and have to be adapted to the real situation in nature – in the one case by adapting the empirical coefficients, in the other case by changing the model roughness.

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## **3. Decision making process**

The most important role in the decision making process is played undoubtedly by the limiting factors of either of model and the negative effects in modelling.

Because these two types of model lead to approximate solutions, when using them one has to know how approximate the solution is, that is, it's precision. One way to know is to use all three types of models, and to combine them so as to avoid their main shortcomings.

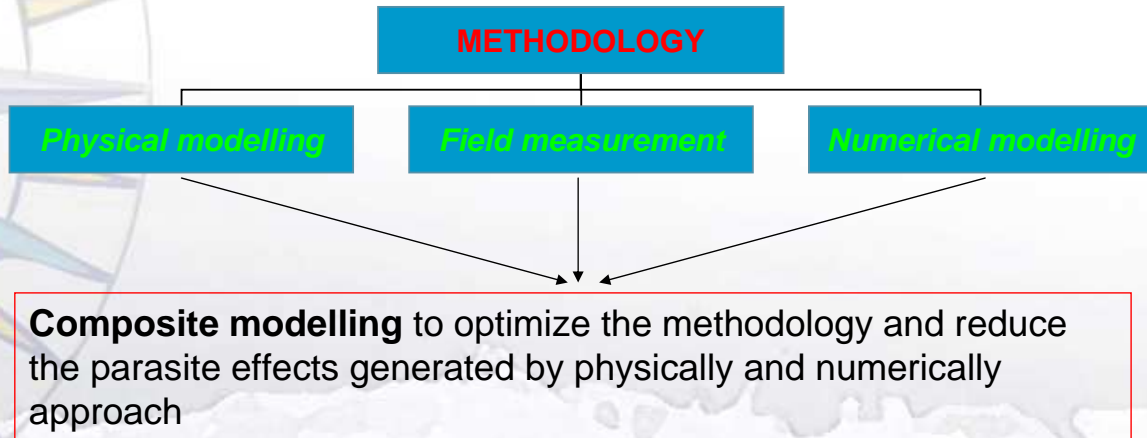
## **4. Contribution for pluridisciplinary expertise and public relation**

Physical model is an efficient mean of communication that allows to present the real-world simulation, helps learning about the processes involved and convince of the relevance of works wich improve multidisciplinary approach.

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## 1st Example Lanaye 4 Filling-emptying system for a lock



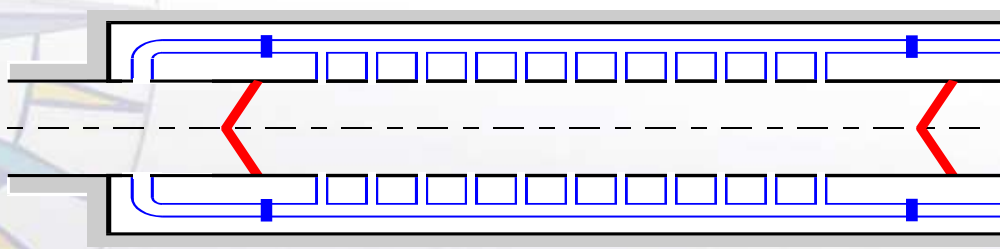
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## Filling and emptying systems



Longitudinal culverts with branch culverts



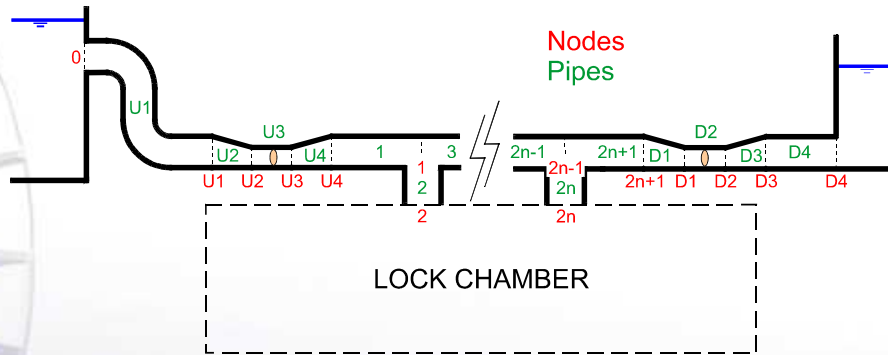
## Numerical model elements



- **Culverts, branches and valves**
  - Pressure pipes
- **Lock chamber**
  - Open-channel flow (SWE), 1D and 2D
- **Coupled modelling**
- **Boundary conditions**
  - Upstream and downstream water levels

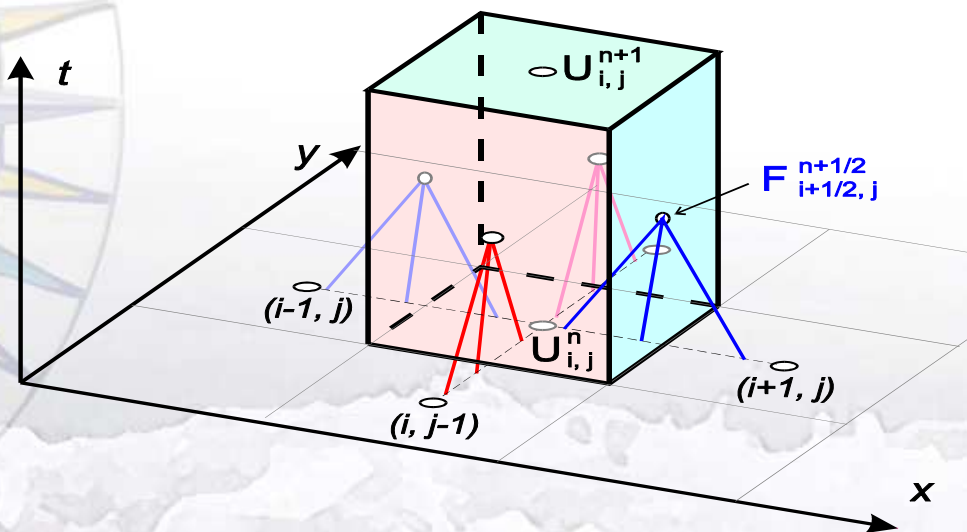


## Pipes modelling



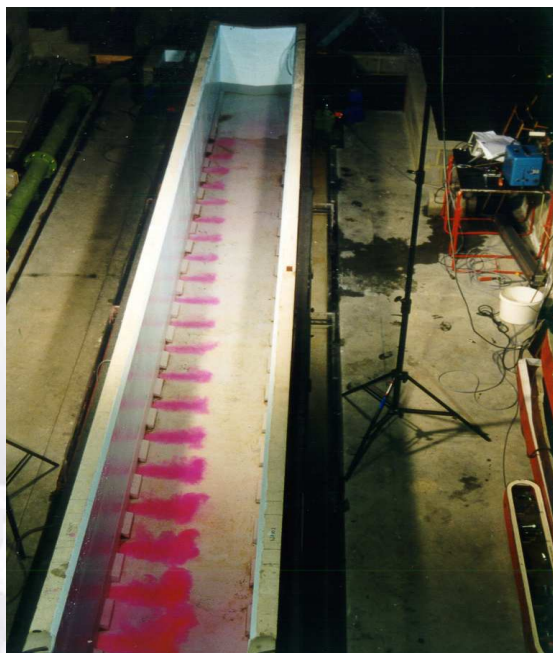
- Elements: pipes and nodes
  - Unknown: head  $H$ , velocity  $V$
  - Mass continuity at nodes
  - Energy equation on pipes
  - BC: Upstream, downstream and chamber water levels

## SWE integration Finite volume scheme





# Filling visualisation (Scale model)



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# Vessels in the lock during filling operation



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# Lanaye IV study



- Comparison with scale model  
Adapted valve diameter
- Comparison with Lanaye III Lock  
On-site measurements  
Adapted culvert layout  
Numerical model validation
- Lock 225 m x 25 m  
2D model of chamber : optimisation

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## 2d Example Ivoz-Ramet complex Upstream and downstream harbours



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# Methodology



- Stream evaluation
  - Physical model 1/50
  - Numerical model TELEMAC 2D
- Navigation simulation
  - Numerical simulator (ALKYON)
- Impacts on the river
  - Waterprofiles – 1D modelling
  - Waves generated by the lock operations – 1D unsteady numerical model

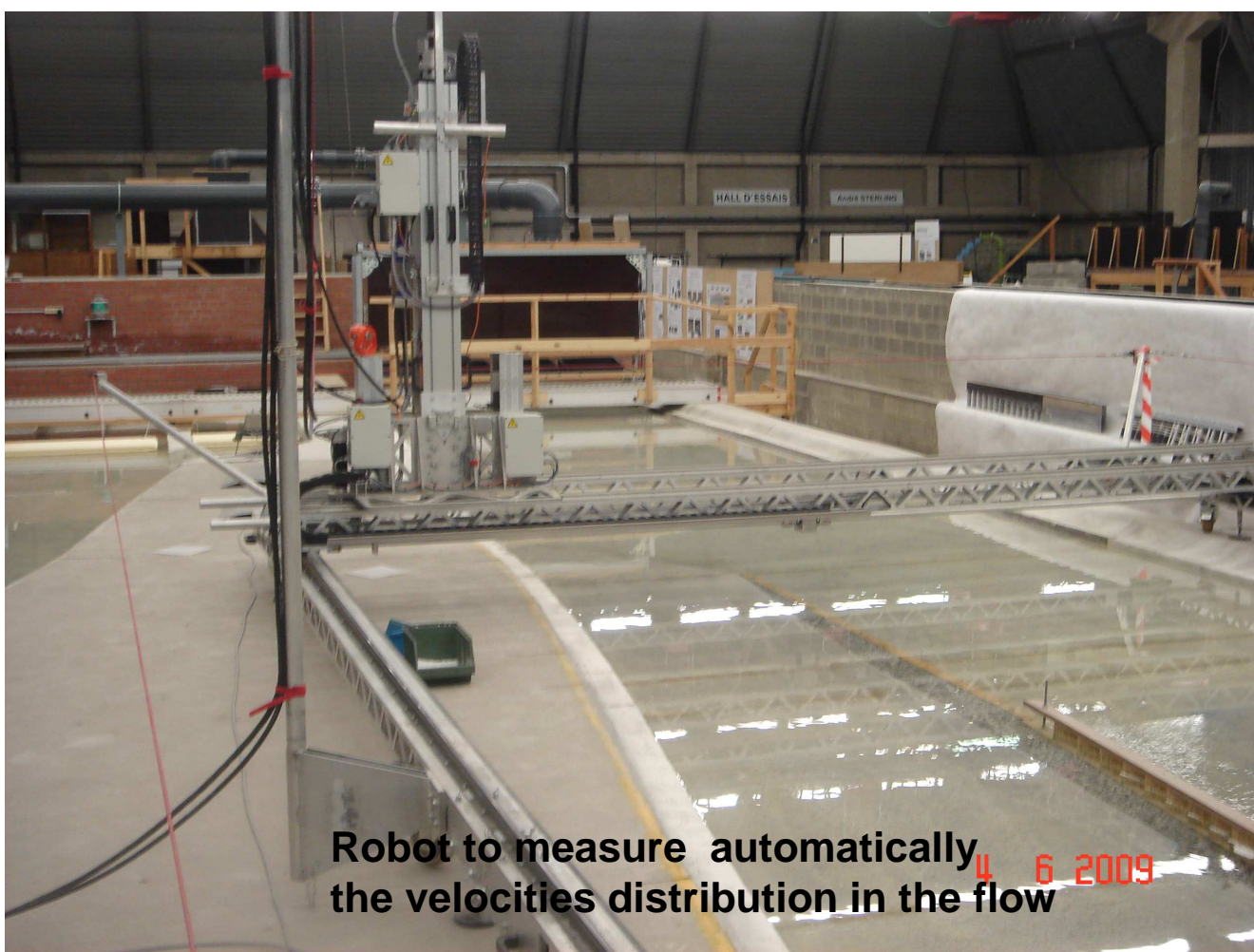
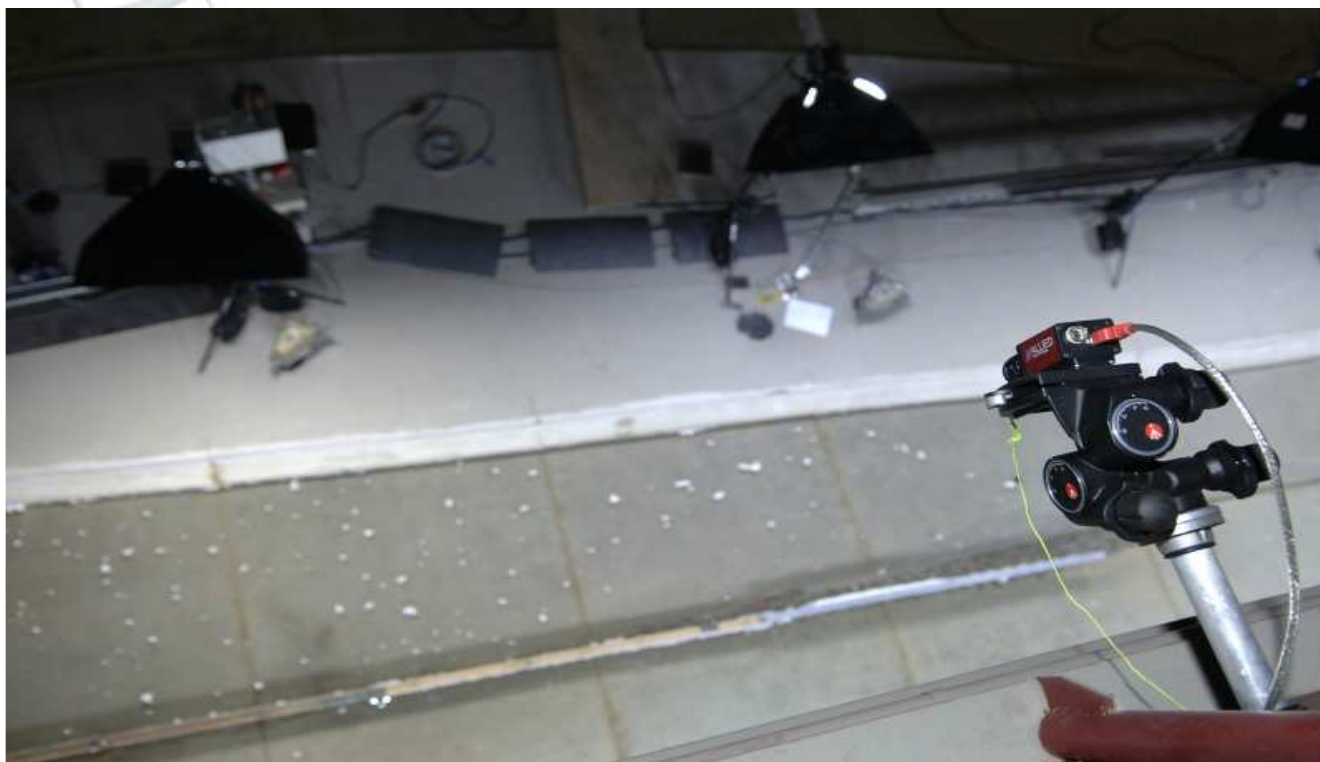
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# Physical model



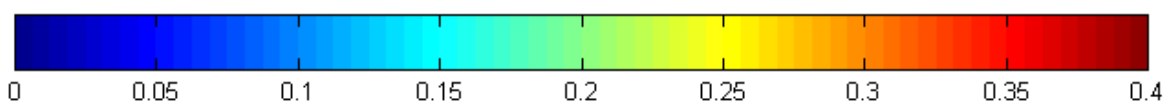
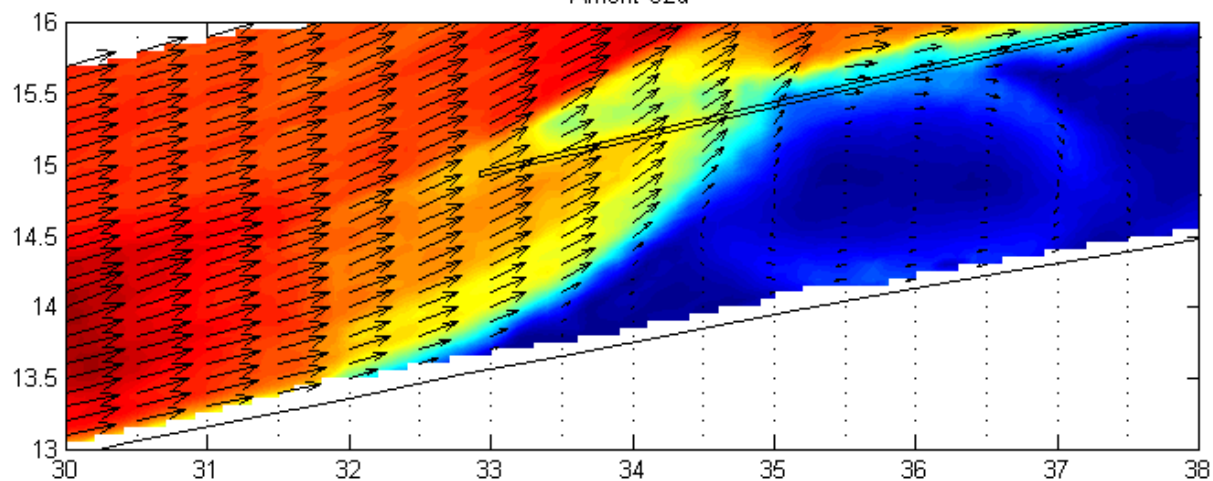
# Video streamlines measurements



Robot to measure automatically the velocities distribution in the flow



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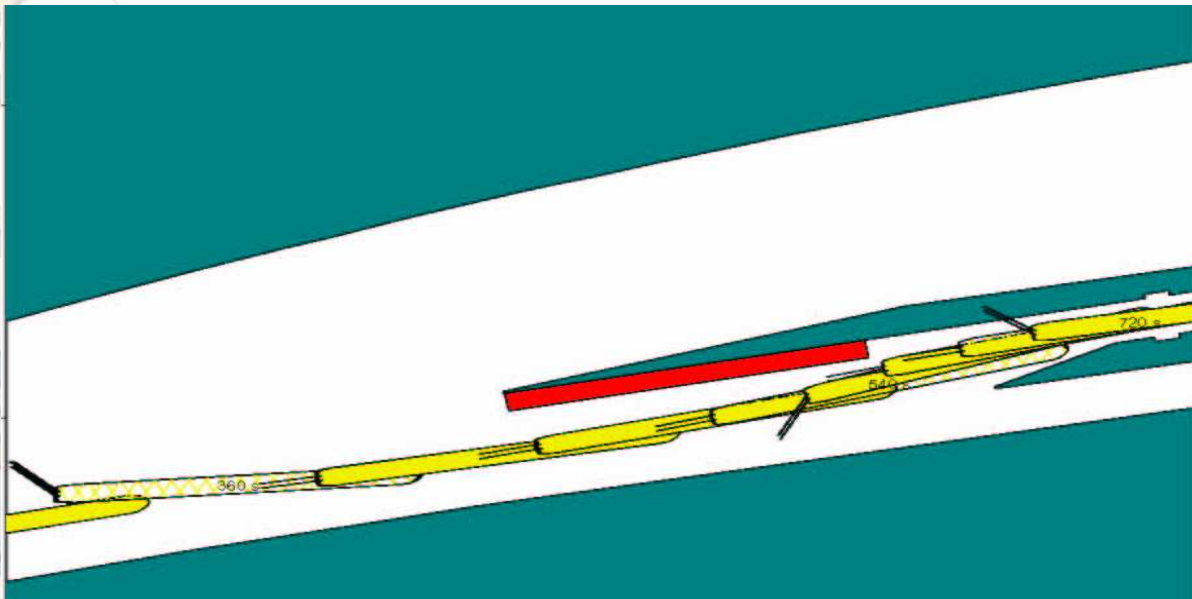
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## Upstream wall



## Simulation navigation (ALKYON)

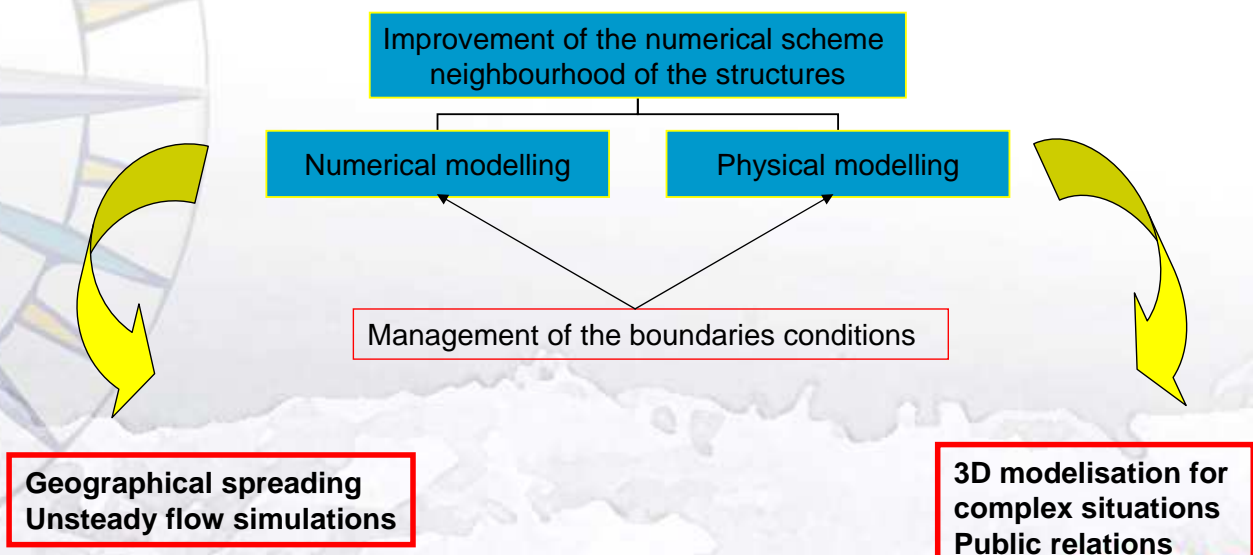


The multi-approach study of the ports layout for the new lock enabled the design of a adequate solution regarding both navigation fluidity and safety with only insignificant impact on flood levels

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## Hydraulic studies Recommendations



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# Composite modelling Conclusions



The most common theoretical combination during the design process is :

- Analytical models at early design stage, so as to know the feasibility of widely different solutions;
- Numerical models at detailed design stage to get a refined solution;
- Physical models for final design stage to confirm interactions.

The added values of the composite modelling are the limitation of the parasite effects, guaranty the precision and accurate way of the design, flexibility, cost efficiency, teaching and efficient mean of communication which improve multidisciplinary approach.

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## Canal Seine Nord Europe Moislains Lock





# Canal Seine Nord Europe Moislains Lock



## Moislains Lock Seine Nord Europe Canal (lift height 30 m)

L=195 m B=12.5 m 5 saving basins

Filling and emptying Time

	1D Math. model	Scale model (1/25)	Difference	%
Filling	13' 24"	12' 53"	- 31"	4%
Emptying	14'	13' 14"	- 46"	5.5%

# Canal Seine Nord Europe Moislains Lock

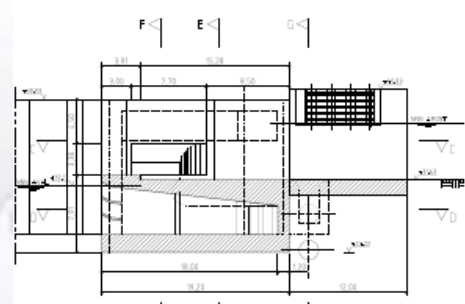
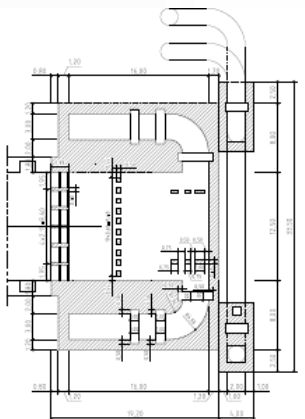
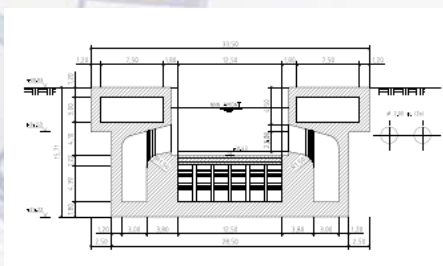


## Montmacq Lock Seine Nord Europe Canal (lift height 6.41 m)

L=220 m B=12.5 m no saving basin

Comparison of 1D mathematical models

	Software 1	Software 2	Difference	%
Filling	449 s	495 s	46'	10%

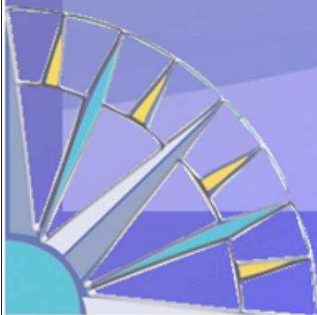




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- Hydraulics (filling and emptying),
- Operations and Maintenance,
- Environmental,
- Design (concrete, foundation, gate,...),
- Construction Modes,
- Equipments,
- .....
- Design concept : Cost-Effective, Reliable,.....

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# WG29 - LOCK INNOVATIONS



Major changes in design since 1986 concern:

- **Maintenance and Operation aspects,**
- **New goals** at the conceptual design stages of a lock
  - ➔ **RELIABILITY , LIVE CYCLE COST, ...**
- **Renovation and rehabilitation** of existing locks are also key issues for the future.

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## And tomorrow ?

### 1) LOCK PROJECT REVIEWS

- ➔ Continue to feed a database with new project reviews (on voluntary base) –
- ➔ Stored on PIANC web site or .... ?
- ➔ For free ?
  - ➔ No, need to cover web site management expenses
  - ➔ Company can afford to be mentioned in this international database



## And tomorrow ?

### 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> PIANC Int. Workshop on Locks

- ➔ When?        Maybe 2 years
- ➔ Where ?      Wait for proposal
- ➔ Need scientific/organisation board. Who is volunteer ? Maybe WG29 members ?
- ➔ Topics ? : Lock + Barrier & Navig weir

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