

Design Principles that are involved in the Design of Flow over an Ogee Crest Spillway

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Abstract: *The ogee-crested spillway's ability to pass flows efficiently and safely, when properly designed and constructed, with relatively good flow measuring capabilities, has enabled engineers to use it in a wide variety of situations as a water discharge structure (USACE, 1988; USBR, 1973). The ogee-crested spillway's performance attributes are due to its shape being derived from the lower surface of an aerated nappe flowing over a sharp-crested weir. The ogee shape results in near-atmospheric pressure over the crest section for a design head. At heads lower than the design head, the discharge is less because of crest resistance. At higher heads, the discharge is greater than an aerated sharp-crested weir because the negative crest pressure suctions more flow. The spillway is among the most important structures of a dam project. It provides the project with the ability to release excess or flood water in a controlled or uncontrolled manner to ensure the safety of the project. It is of paramount importance for the spillway facilities to be designed with sufficient capacity to avoid overtopping of the dam, especially when an earth fill or rockfill type of dam is selected for the project. In cases where safety of the inhabitants downstream is a key consideration during development of the project, the spillway should be designed to accommodate the probable maximum flood. Many types of spillways can be considered with respect to cost, topographic conditions, dam height, foundation geology, and hydrology. In this study, the ogee-crested spillway's or overflow spillways discussed in this paper. A section on design of spillways that considers cavitation and aeration.*

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1. Introduction

Spillway is a passage in a dam through which the design flood could be disposed off safely to the downstream. The ogee-crested spillway, because of its superb hydraulic characteristics, has been one of the most studied hydraulic structures. Its ability to passflows efficiently and safely, when properly designed, with relatively good flow measuring capabilities, has enabled engineers to use it in a wide variety of situations. Although much is understood about the general ogee shape and its flow characteristics, it is also understood that a deviation from the standard design parameters such as a change inupstream flow conditions, slightly modified crest shape, or construction variances canchange the flow properties. These small changes often require engineers to evaluate the crest and determine whether or not the change or deviation will be detrimental to the spillway's performance. Such is the case when an updated probable maximum flood calculation requires a spillway to pass a larger flow than it was designed to handle. In general, spillways comprise five distinct components namely: (i) an entrance channel,(ii) a control structure, (iii) a discharge carrier, (iv) an energy dissipator, and (v) an outlet channel. The entrance channel transfers water from the reservoir to the control structure, which regulates the discharge from the reservoir. Water is then conveyed from reservoir to the low-level energy dissipator on the riverbed by the discharge conveyor. An energy dissipator is required to reduce the high velocity of the flow to an on scouring magnitude. Most common types of spillway-control system used are roller, tainter, vertical-lift, and drum gates. In view of the varying conditions, the choice of suitable gate is bound by the cost, the head on the crest, the height of dam, and the hydraulic behaviour of the gate. Piers are located on the spillway crest for the purpose of supporting the control gates, the gate-operating mechanisms or a roadway. Their size and shape will vary accordingly with their function. The piers should be streamlined both in the upstream and the downstream

sides to reduce contraction of the overflowing jet and to provide a smooth water surface. The element which introduces the energy-reducing action is generally known as "stilling basin." One of the most common methods out of several methods are dissipating the flow at the toe of a spillway, is the hydraulic jump. Other types used in conjunction with spillways are roller and trajectory buckets. Spillway outlets means the combination of structures and equipment required for the safe operation and control of the water released for different purposes for which the dam is planned. These structures may be river outlets, penstocks, canal outlets. The size and number of river outlets satisfy the discharge requirements at various stages of the reservoir. If the outlets are located in the overflow portion, the conduits should be aligned downwards to minimise disturbance to the flow over spillway. The discharge from an outlet, (gates, valves, or free-flow conduits) has a relatively high velocity. Flow must expend the energy in order to prevent scour of the bed and banks of the river channel. This may be accomplished by constructing a stilling basin immediately downstream from the outlet. The crest of the spillway is usually provided at F.R.L (Full Reservoir Level). However, in order to control floods, the gates could be provided at the top and the water level could be increased up to maximum water level. The height between F.R.L and M.W.L is called the "Flood lift". Reservoir level should not cross MWL. Following are different types of spillways usually adopted in practice.

- 1) Overflow spillway.
- 2) Side channel spillway.
- 3) Shaft spillway.
- 4) Siphon spillway.
- 5) Chute.
- 6) Breaching section (emerging spillway).

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1.1 Necessity of Spillways

The height of the dam is always fixed according to the maximum reservoir capacity. The normal pool level indicates the maximum capacity of the reservoir. The water is never stored in the reservoir above this level. The dam may fail by overturning so, for the safety of the dam the spillways are essential. The top of the dam is generally utilized by making road. The surplus water is not be allowed to over top the dam, so to stop the over topping by the surplus water, the spillways become extremely essential. To protect the downstream base and floor of the dam from the effect of scouring and erosion, the spillways are provided so that the excess water flows smoothly.

1.2 Location of a Spillway

A spillway can be located either within the body of the dam, or at one end of it or entirely away from it, independently in a saddle. If a deep narrow gorge with steep banks, separated from a flank by a hillock with its level above the top of the dam (such as shown in Fig. 1), is available, the spillway can be best built independently of the dam. Under such circumstances, a concrete or an earthen dam can be constructed across the main valley and a spillway 'can be constructed independently into the saddle. Sometimes, a concrete or a masonry dam along with its spillway can be constructed in the main valley (such as shown in Fig. 2), while the flank or flanks are closed by earthen dikes or embankments.



Fig 1. Photo view of location of spillway of Polavaram dam under construction across river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh in India

The top level of such an embankment is kept at maximum reservoir level. The materials and designs of these embankments are such that they fail as soon as water overtops them. Hence, if by chance, either due to excessive flood above the design flood or due to failure of gates of main spillway, etc., the water rises above the maximum reservoir level, it shall overtop such embankment, which at once fails; providing sufficient outlet for the disposal of excessive water. This type of a secondary safety arrangement is generally provided on large dams especially on earth and rockfill dams, and is known as Subsidiary Spillway or Emergency Spillway or Breaching Section. The main spillway is constructed to dispose of the designed flood above the normal pool level and upto the maximum reservoir level. It is situated either within the dam, or at one

end of it, or independently in a saddle away from the main dam. A separate independent spillway is generally preferred for earth dams, although due to non-availability of sites, a concrete spillway is sometimes constructed within or at one of the ends of an earth dam. If the main spillway is situated in a flank, a secondary emergency spillway may be situated in another flank.

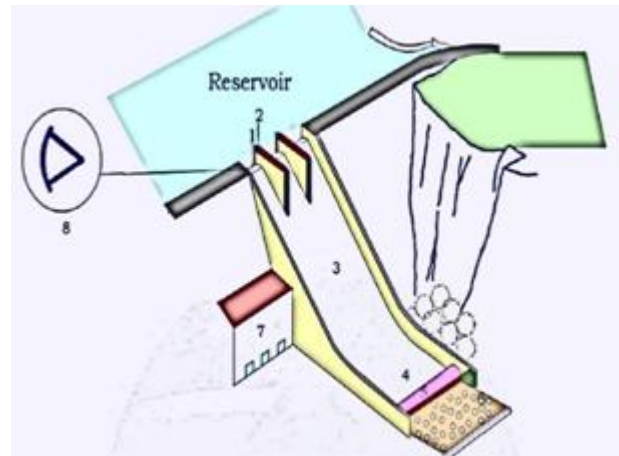


Fig 2. Spillway layout

Schematic representation of typical spillway

1. Spillway crest / bay
2. Pier
3. Spillway face
4. Energy dissipator - stilling basin
5. End sill
6. Armoured scour preventing bed
7. Power house
8. Sector gate

Major dam will be usually provided with an overflow spillway with crest gates. However, the type and location of spillway depends on the site conditions of topography. Ordinarily, the excess flow is drawn from the top of the pool created by the dam and conveyed through an artificial waterway i.e. spillway, back into the same river or to some other drainage channel. Fig. 3 shows ogee type spillways in Amaravati Dam. The Amaravati river is one of the longest rivers (282 km) in Tamil Nadu, which join with the river Cauvery, near Karur.

The Amaravati River is the longest tributary of Kaveri River in fertile the districts of Karur and Tirupur, Tamil Nadu state, South India. The 282km (175 miles) long Amaravati River begins at the Kerala/Tamil Nadu border at the bottom of Manjampatti Valley between the Annamalai Hills and the Palni Hills in Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park in Tirupur district. It descends in a northerly direction through Amaravati Reservoir and Amaravati Dam at Amaravathi nagar. It is joined by the Kallapuram River at the mouth of the Ajanda valley in Udumalaipettai. Through Dharapuram and Aravakurichi it joins with the Kaveri at Thirumukkudal, about 10 kilometres (6 miles) from Karur. Nanganji, Kudavanar, Shanmuganadhi, Uppar, Kudumiar, Thenar and so many tributaries are joint with the Amravati river. It has the Tributary of the Pambar and Chinnar rivers from Kerala also. This river irrigates over 60,000 acres (240 Sq.km) of agricultural lands in Tiruppur and Karur districts. The Amaravati Dam has 4 megawatts of

electricity generating capacity installed. The Amaravati River and its basin, especially in the vicinity of Karur, are heavily used for industrial processing water and waste disposal and as a result are severely polluted due to large amount of textile dyeing and bleaching units. But nowadays in karur, the changes are vicinity by seeing Amaravati river on its clean surface because of pollution controlled by government.



Fig 3. Photo view of an ogee spillway of Amaravati dam constructed across the River Amaravati in Tirupur district in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu

1.3 Design Considerations for the Main Spillway

The main spillway, often called the spillway, is properly designed so as to dispose of the excess water without causing any damage to the dam, or to any of its appurtenant structures. The spillway structure should be structurally and hydraulically adequate and must not give way under worst and variable loading conditions. The required discharging capacity, of the spillway should be as closely estimated as possible. The underestimation will lead to overtopping of the main dam and its consequent damages; while the over estimation will lead to unnecessarily costly constructions which shall never, be utilised during the life of the dam, and hence, will remain a waste investment. However, on large dams, a conservative view is always preferred because the failure of a single dam due to inadequate capacity may result in the loss of numerous human lives to which no cost allocation can be made. Moreover, an emergency spillway or a breaching section is generally provided, the failure of which under necessary circumstances, may though cause serious erosion on the downstream, but shall protect the main dam from failure. The water passing over the spillway and falling on the downstream side must not be allowed to erode the downstream soil, and hence, arrangements must be made for effectively dissipating the energy of the falling water.

1.4 Classification of Spillways

1) According to the most prominent feature

- a) Ogee spillway
- b) Chute spillway
- c) Side channel spillway
- d) Shaft spillway
- e) Siphon spillway
- f) Straight drop or overfall spillway
- g) Tunnel spillway/Culvert spillway

2) According to Function

- a) Service spillway
- b) Auxiliary spillway
- c) Fuse plug or emergency spillway

3) According to Control Structure

- a) Gated spillway
- b) Ungated spillway
- c) Orifice of sluice spillway

1.5 Spillway Design

(Ogee or Overflow Spillways)

The following aspects are involved in the design of spillways:

1) Hydrology

- A. Estimation of inflow design flood
- B. Selection of spillway design flood
- C. Determination of spillway outflow discharge
- D. Determination of frequency of spillway use

2) Topography and geology

- A. Type and location of spillway

3) Utility and operational aspects

- A. Serviceability

4) Constructional and structural aspects

- A. Cost-effectiveness

1.6 Spillway Design Flood

1) Probable Maximum Flood (PMF)

This is the flood that may be expected from the most severe combination of critical meteorological and hydrological conditions that are reasonably possible in the region. This is computed by using the Probable Maximum Storm.

2) Standard Project Flood (SPF)

This is the flood that may be expected from the most severe combination of hydrological and meteorological factors that are considered reasonably characteristic of the region and is computed by using the Standard Project Storm (SPS). In US, generally, large dams are designed for PMF, intermediate for SPF/PMF, and small dams for floods of return period of 100 years to SPF. The estimation of spillway design flood or the inflow design flood is an exercise involving diverse disciplines of hydrology, meteorology, statistics and probability. There is a great variety of methods used around the world to determine exceptional floods and their characteristics. ICOLD (1992) groups all these methods under the two main categories:

- a) Methods based mainly on flow data.
- b) Methods based mainly on rainfall data.

The ogee or overflow spillway is the most common type of spillway. It has a control weir that is Ogee or S-shaped. It is a gravity structure requiring sound foundation and is preferably located in the main river channel.

1.7 Spillway Components

Spillways generally are made up of four components: a control structure, discharge channel, terminal structure, and entrance/outlet channels. Control structures regulate the flows from the reservoir into the spillway, ensuring that flow will not enter the spillway until the water in the reservoir reaches the designed level, and moderating flow into the spillway once the design level has been reached. Control structures can be sills, weirs, orifices, or pipes.

Discharge channels, also known as waterways, convey flow that passes through the control structure down to the streambed below the dam. Note that conveyance structures are not always present in a spillway design; at times discharge may fall freely after passing through the control structure.

Terminal structures ensure that the flow, which oftentimes acquires a high velocity while traveling down a spillway, will not cause excessive erosion to the toe of the dam, or any other nearby structures. Plunge basins, flip buckets, and deflectors are all examples of terminal structures.

Entrance channels convey water from a reservoir to the control structure. Outlet channels convey flow that has reached the terminal structure to the river channel that resides below the dam. Entrance and outlet channels are not necessarily a component of all spillways; it is possible for the spillway to transport flow directly from the reservoir to the river channel.

1.8 Ogee Spillway Crest Profile

This type of spillway is the most common type adopted in the field. It divides naturally into three zones. Crest, spillway face and the toe. The concept evolves from replacing the lower nappe of the flow over thin plate weir by solid boundary.

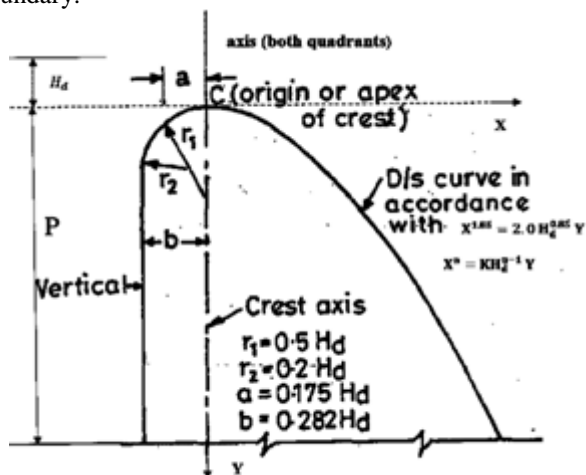


Fig 4. WES profile for Ogee Spillway for vertical u/s slope

The ogee spillways were being designed in the earlier periods, in accordance with the theoretical profile obtained for the lower nappe of a free-falling jet. The profile was known, as Bazin's profile. Theoretically, the adoption of such a profile, "should cause no negative pressures on the crest under designed head." But in practice, there exists a lot of friction due to roughness on the surface of the

spillway. Hence, negative pressure on such a profile seems inevitable. The presence of negative pressure causes the danger of cavitation and sometimes fluctuations and pulsations of the nappe. Hence, while adopting a profile for the spillway crest, the avoidance of negative pressures must be an objective along with consideration of other factors such as practicability, hydraulic efficiency, stability and economy. Depending upon research work based on these objectives, various modified profiles have been proposed these days.

Crest shapes have been studied extensively in the USBR hydraulic laboratories with various approach depths. The upper and lower nappe surfaces were carefully measured for various discharges and velocities of approach. On the basis of experimental data including Bazin's, the Bureau has developed coordinates of nappe surfaces for vertical and upstream sloped weirs. The results are well documented in the USBR publication 'Design of Small Dams' (1960). The profiles are defined as they relate to the coordinate axes at the apex of the crest. The portion upstream of the origin is defined as a compound circular arc. The portion downstream is defined by the equation

$$\left(\frac{Y}{H_d}\right) = -K \left(\frac{X}{H_d}\right)^n \quad (1)$$

On the basis of the USBR data, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experimental Station in Vicksburg, (WES) 1952 has developed several standard shapes, designated as WES standard spillway shapes, represented on the downstream of the crest axis by the equation

$$X^n = K H_d^{n-1} Y \quad (2)$$

Where

X and Y are coordinates of crest profile with origin at the highest point C of the crest, called the apex.

H_d design head including velocity head of the approach flow. K and n are parameters depending on the slope of the upstream face. The values of K and n are tabulated in Table 1.0.

Thus, for a spillway having a vertical u/s face, the D/S crest is given by the equation

$$X^{1.85} = 2.0 H_d^{0.85} Y \quad (3)$$

According to the latest studies of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at their Waterways Experimental Station (WES), the U/s curve of the ogee spillway having a vertical U/s face, should have the following equation:

$$Y = \frac{0.724 (X + 0.27 H_d)^{1.85}}{H_d^{0.85}} + 0.126 H_d - 0.4315 H_d^{0.375} (X + 0.27 H_d)^{0.625} \quad (4)$$

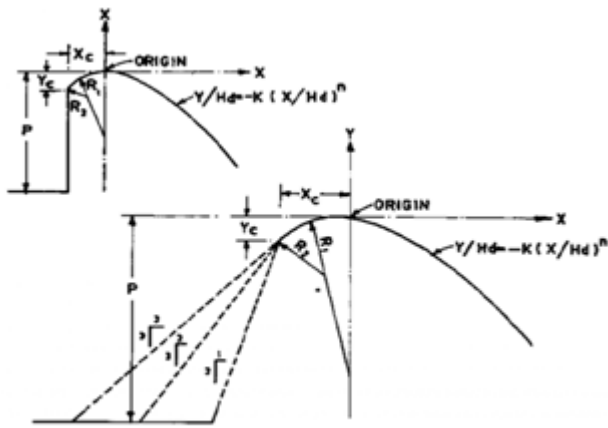


Fig 5. Typical USBR crest profile

The u/s profile extends up to

$$X = -0.27H_d$$

Co-ordinates for the upper nappe for various WES shapes of ogee spillway are also available and can be utilised in the design of training walls and spillway bridge etc.

Table 1.0 Typical values		
Slope of the u/s face of the spillway	K	n
Vertical	2.0	1.85
1:3 (1H:3V)	1.936	1.836
1:1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1H:1 $\frac{1}{2}$ V)	1.939	1.810

1.9 Spillway Discharge Characteristics

Similar to the crest profile, the discharge characteristics of the standard spillway can also be derived from the characteristics of the sharp crested weir. The general equation for discharge is given by

$$Q = \frac{2}{3} C \sqrt{2g} L_e H_e^{3/2} \quad (5)$$

(As per clause 4.2.1 of IS 6934: 1998).

Where

Q = total discharge (m³/sec);

L = Effective length of the spillway crest (m);

H_e = total head upstream from the crest;

g = gravitational constant (m/sec²); and

C = constant.

The non-dimensional coefficient of discharge has a theoretical minimum value of $\frac{\pi}{(\pi+2)} = 0.611$ and a practical upper limit of about 0.75. The parameter $\frac{2}{3} C \sqrt{2g}$ is often called C_d, which, however, is a dimensional quantity. The value of C_d, generally varies from 1.80 to 2.21 (SI units). As per clause 4.2.2 of IS 6934: 1998.

2. Ogee spillway discharge equation

Ogee spillways are spillways that generally have an S-shaped profile. This profile is advantageous because it can approximate the shape of the jet that travels along its surface, consequently making it easier to obtain ideal discharges. The discharge passing over the ogee spillway is given by the equation:

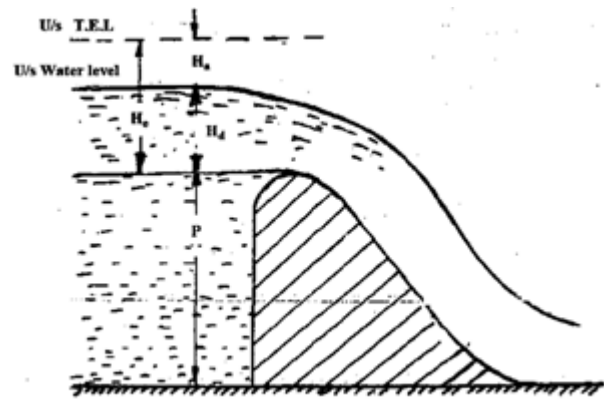


Fig 6. Profile of ogee spillway

$$Q = C_d L_e H_e^{3/2} \quad (6)$$

The value of the coefficient of discharge C_d depends on the following:

- shape of the crest,
- depth of overflow in relation to design head,
- depth of approach,
- extent of submergence due to tail water, and
- inclination of the upstream face.

(As per clause 4.2.3 of IS 6934: 1998)

H_e = Total head over the crest including the velocity head.

If the discharge Q is used as the design discharge in Equation (5), then the term H_e will be the corresponding design head

(H_d) plus, the velocity head (H_a). In such a case, H_e = H_d + H_a. For high ogee spillways, the velocity head is very small, and H_e ≈ H_d

It may be noted that H_e, the total head, includes the velocity head. Generally, this requires an iterative solution technique as the velocity head is unknown, as it depends on flow rate which is to be calculated. However, as the velocity head is generally small, the equation converges quickly.

The coefficient of discharge depends upon the height of the ogee weir (h) to the design head over the weir (H_d). If the height of the weir is more than 1.33 times the design head, the velocity of approach has been found to have a negligible effect upon discharge, and as such H_d becomes equal to H_e or $\frac{H_e}{H_d} = 1.0$. In such a case, the coefficient of discharge, say C = C_d, has been found to be 2.2 in M.K.S. or S.I. Units.

2.1 Ogee or Overflow Spillways

Murphy (1973), of WES, observed that there was no simple universal procedure for design of overflow spillway crests and that the designers followed one set of rules if the approach depth was deep and another if the approach depth was shallow. Also, there were different sets of rules depending on the inclination of the upstream face of the spillway. Murphy felt the need of eliminating the discontinuity at the intersection of the spillway crest and the upstream face of the dam. In the revised procedure developed by Murphy, using the same basic data of USBR, the upstream quadrant was shaped as an ellipse with the equation

$$\frac{X^2}{A^2} + \frac{Y^2}{B^2} = 1 \quad (7)$$

where

A = Semi-major axis (functions of the ratio of approach depth to design head)

B = Semi-minor axis (functions of the ratio of approach depth to design head) and the downstream profile conformed to the equation.

$$X^{1.85} = K H_d^{0.85} Y \quad \text{For vertical U/s face (8)}$$

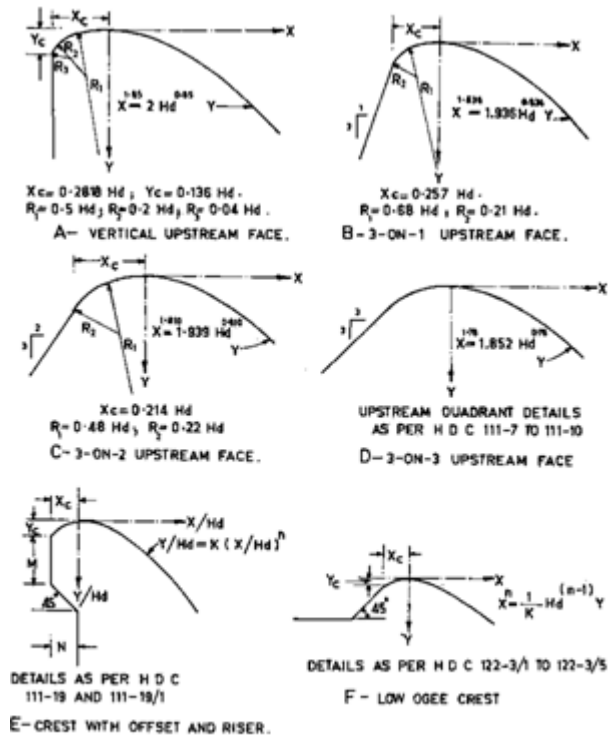


Fig 7. Typical WES crest profiles

Where

K is a parameter depending on the ratio approach depth and design head.

The design curves suggested by Murphy are reproduced in Figure 7. It would be seen that these curves cover both the governing parameters namely design head and approach velocity head while also facilitating any desired upstream face slope (including vertical) without introducing discontinuity at the intersection of the crest with upstream slope. For $\frac{P}{H_d} \geq 2$,

A and B become constant with values of $0.28 H_d$ and $0.164 H_d$ respectively. ($\frac{P}{H_d} = 0.5$) and a high overflow spillway ($\frac{P}{H_d} = 4$) for the same depth of overflow of 10 m and with appropriate heads due to the velocity of approach.

Although all three procedures for defining crest shapes described earlier are based on the same set of data (viz. USBR), there is some dissimilarity. While the profiles as per the USBR and WES (original) procedures show insignificant differences, the WES (Murphy) profile appears to exhibit a somewhat larger upstream quadrant than that given by the other two profiles, especially for sloping upstream faces. This is mainly because of the elaborate transition from an elliptical profile to a sloping upstream face.

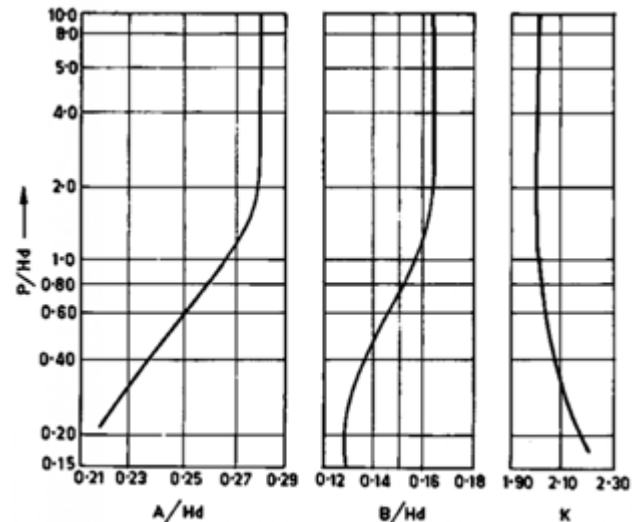


Fig 8. Coordinate coefficients for spillway crest (USACE, 1986)

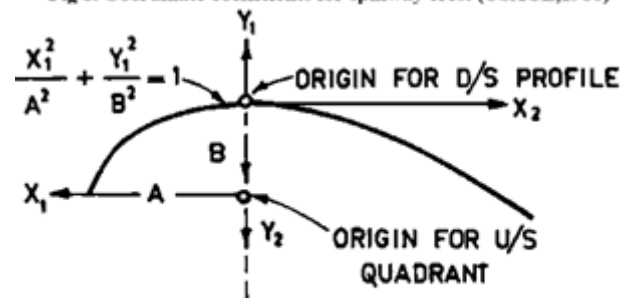


Fig 9. Typical USBR crest profiles

2.2 The effective length (L_e) of Ogee spillway crest

Crest piers and abutments cause contraction of the flow, reduction in the effective length of the crest, and cause reduction in the discharge as compared to that of an otherwise uncontrolled crest. The following relationship applies:

$$L_e = L - 2(NK_p + K_a) H_e \quad (9)$$

where

L_e = Effective length of crest for calculating discharge

L = Net clear length of the spillway crest

N = Number of piers

K_p = Pier contraction coefficient

K_a = Abutment contraction coefficient

H_e = Total design head on the crest including velocity head

The values of K_p and K_a depend mainly upon the shape of the piers and that of the abutments. As per clause 4.3.1 of IS 6934: 1998.

The pier contraction coefficient, K_p is affected by the shape and location of the pier nose & thickness of the pier, the head in relation to the design head and the approach velocity. Average pier contraction coefficients may be taken as follows: (As per clause 4.3.2 of IS 6934: 1998).

Table 1.1 Pier contraction coefficients		
Sl No	Type	K_p
1	For square-nosed piers with rounded corners on a radius of about 0.1 times the pier thickness	0.02
2	For round-nosed piers	0.01
3	For pointed-nosed piers	0

The abutment contraction coefficient is affected by the shape of the abutment, the angle between the upstream approach wall and the axis of flow, the head in relation to design head and the approach velocity. Average abutment contraction coefficient may be taken as follows: (As per clause 4.3.3 of IS 6934: 1998).

Table 1.2 Abutment contraction coefficients

Sl No	Type	K_a
1	For square abutments with head wall at 90° to direction of flow	0.20
2	For rounded abutments with head wall at 90° to direction of flow, when $0.5 H_d > R > 0.15 H_d$	0.10
3	For rounded abutments where $R > 0.5 H_d$ and head wall is placed not more than 45° to the direction of flow	0

2.3 Determination of Design Head

Designing the crest profile for a particular head H_d , results in a profile conforming to the lower nappe of a fully ventilated sharp crested weir and hence the pressures on the profile for the head H_d , are atmospheric. Operating the spillway for heads lower than H_d , would give pressures higher than atmospheric and for heads higher than H_d , the pressure would be sub-atmospheric. At the same time the coefficient of discharge would be reduced or increased (relative to that for the design head) for the heads lower or higher than the design head. Generally, designing the profile for a head lower than the highest anticipated head results in a steeper profile provided the sub-atmospheric pressures could be kept within acceptable limits so as not to induce cavitation. The ratio of actual head to design head ($\frac{H}{H_d}$) for ensuring cavitation free performance of the spillway crest is a function of design head H_d . The extent of sub-atmospheric pressure for an under designed spillway profile shall be ascertained from hydraulic model studies for the specific case. Generally, design head is kept as 80 to 90 percent of the maximum head. As per clause 4.4 of IS 6934: 1998.

When the actual operating head passing over the spillway is less than the designed head, the prevailing coefficient of discharge (C_d) tends to reduce, and is given by the equation

$$C_d = \left(\frac{H}{H_e} \right)^{0.12} \quad (10)$$

where H_e is the designed head including velocity head. Since an overflow spillway is sufficient in height (i.e. $h > 1.33 H_d$); the coefficient of discharge C at designed head can be taken as 2.2. The prevailing coefficient of discharge at 90% head will then be

$$C_d = 2.2 \left(\frac{0.9 H_e}{H_e} \right)^{0.12} = 2.2 \times 0.987 = 2.17 \approx 2.2$$

Similarly, for still lower heads, the coefficient of discharge goes on reducing and tends to become constant at about 1.7. (Because at very low heads, the velocity head becomes the governing factor, which tries to make H a constant).

2.4 Methodology and Design of Ogee crest Spillway

The Technical details of the Spillway

- (1) Discharge capacity = 21530 m³/sec
- (2) Total length = 183.46 m

- (3) Total number of bays = 10 Nos
- (4) Width of pier = 2.44 m
- (5) Width of bay = 16.15 m
- (f) H.F.L = + 206.80 m
- (g) Crest level = + 197.53 m
- (h) River bed level = + 94.49 m
- (i) D/s slope of the spillway = 0.75H: 1 V
- (j) Elevation of basin floor level = 90.22 m
- (k) Type of energy dissipator stilling basin
- (l) Design Length of stilling basin

Since the given spillway looks like a high weir, the coefficient of discharge may be assumed to be 2.2.

Now

$$Q = C_d L_e H_e^{3/2} \quad (6)$$

$$L_e = L - 2(NK_p + K_a) H_e \quad (9)$$

Where

Let us first work out the approximate value of H_e for a value of effective length

$$L_e \approx L = \text{clear waterway} = 10 \times 16.15 = 161.50 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore 21530 = 2.2 \times 161.50 H_e^{3/2}$$

$$\text{or } H_e^{3/2} \left(\frac{21530}{2.2 \times 161.50} \right) = 60.60$$

$$\text{or } H_e = (60.6)^{2/3} = 15.43 \text{ m}$$

The height of the spillway above the river bed

$$P = 197.53 - 94.49 = 103.04 \text{ m}$$

Since

$$\frac{P}{H_e}, \text{ i.e. } \frac{103.04}{15.43} = 6.68 > 1.33 \text{ ok}$$

It is a high spillway, the effect of velocity head can, therefore, be neglected.

$$\frac{H_e + P}{H_e} = \frac{(15.43 + 103.04)}{15.43} = 7.68 > 1.7 \text{ ok}$$

the discharge coefficient is not affected by fail water conditions, and the spillway remains a high spillway.

U/s Slope

The upstream face of the dam and spillway is proposed to be kept vertical. However, a batter of 1: 10 will be provided from stability considerations in the lower part. This batter is small and will not have any effect on the coefficient of discharge.

Effective length of spillway (L_e) can now be worked out as

$$L_e = L - 2(NK_p + K_a) H_e$$

Assuming that 90° cut water nose piers and rounded abutments shall be provided,

we have

$$K_p = 0.01 \text{ (Table 1.1) and } K_a = 0.10 \text{ (Table 1.2)}$$

No. of piers = $N = 9$

Also, assuming that the actual value of H_e is slightly more than the approximate value worked out (i.e. 15.43m), say, let it be 15.75 m, we have

$$\therefore L_e = 161.50 - 2[9 \times 0.01 + 0.10]15.75 = 155.52 \text{ m}$$

Table 1.3. D/s profile values of X, Y

X (in metres)	Y = $\frac{X^{1.85}}{20.91}$ (in metres)
1	0.048
2	0.172
3	0.365
4	0.622
5	0.939
6	1.316
7	1.750
8	2.241
9	2.786
10	3.386
11	4.039
12	4.744
13	5.501
14	6.309
15	7.168
16	8.077
17	9.036
18	10.044
19	11.100
20	12.205
21	13.358
22	14.559
23	15.807
24	17.102
24.32	17.53

Hence

$$Q = 2.2 \times 155.44 H_e^{3/2}$$

$$H_e^{3/2} = \left(\frac{21530}{2.2 \times 155.52} \right) = 62.93$$

or

$$H_e = (62.93)^{2/3} = 15.82 \text{ m} \cong 15.75 \text{ m (assumed)}$$

Hence, the assumed H_e for calculating L_e is all right. The crest profile will be designed for $H_d = 15.82 \text{ m}$ (neglecting velocity head).

Note: The velocity head H_a can also be calculated as follows:

Velocity of approach

$$V_a = \left(\frac{21530}{(155.52 + 9 \times 2.44)(103.04 + 15.82)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{21530}{177.48 \times 118.86}$$

$$= 1.02 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$H_a = \text{Velocity Head} = \frac{V_a^2}{2g}$$

$$= \frac{(1.02)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.053 \text{ m}$$

This is very small and was, therefore, neglected.

Downstream profile: The W.E.S. D/s profile for a vertical U/s face is given by equation (3) as:

$$X^{1.85} = 2.0 H_d^{0.85} Y$$

$$Y = \frac{X^{1.85}}{2.0 H_d^{0.85}} = \frac{X^{1.85}}{2.0 \times (15.82)^{0.85}}$$

$$Y = \frac{X^{1.85}}{20.91} \quad (11)$$

Before we determine the various coordinates of the D/s profile, we shall first determine the tangent point.

The D/s slope of the dam is given to be 0.75H: 1 V.

Hence

$$\frac{d_y}{d_x} = \frac{1}{7.5}$$

Differentiating the equation (10) of the D/s profile w.r. to x, we get

$$\frac{d_y}{d_x} = \frac{1.85 X^{(1.85-1)}}{20.91} = \frac{1}{7.5}$$

$$X^{0.85} = \frac{20.91}{(1.85 \times 0.75)} \quad (12)$$

$$X = 24.32 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore Y = \frac{X^{1.85}}{20.91} = \frac{24.32^{1.85}}{20.91} = 17.53 \text{ m}$$

The coordinates from $x = 0$ to $x = 24.32 \text{ m}$ are worked out in Table 1.3.

The U/s profile: The U/s profile may be designed as per equation (4), as:

$$Y = \frac{0.724(X + 0.27H_d)^{1.85}}{H_d^{0.85}} + 0.126H_d - 0.4315H_d^{0.375}(X + 0.27H_d)^{0.625} \quad (4)$$

Using $H_d = 15.82 \text{ m}$

$$Y = \frac{0.724(X + 0.27 \times 15.82)^{1.85}}{(15.82)^{0.85}} + 0.126 \times 15.82$$

$$- 0.4315 \times 15.82^{0.375}(X + 0.27 \times 15.82)^{0.625}$$

$$Y = 0.069(X + 4.27)^{1.85} + 1.99 - 1.215(X + 4.27)^{0.625} \quad (11)$$

This curve should go upto $X = -0.27 H_d$

or

$$X = -0.27 \times 15.82 = -4.27 \text{ m.}$$

Various values of x such as, $X = 0.5$ to $X = -4.27$ are substituted in equation (11) and corresponding values of Y are worked out, as given below in Table 1.4.

Table 1.4. U/s profile values of X, Y

X (in metres)	Y = $0.069(X + 4.27)^{1.85} + 1.99 - 1.215(X + 4.27)^{0.625}$ (in metres)
-0.5	0.009
-1.0	0.060
-1.5	0.123
-2.0	0.276
-2.5	0.452
-3.0	0.687
-3.5	1.001
-4.0	1.460
-4.27	1.990

The profile of the spillway has been determined and plotted in Fig 10. A reversecurve at the toe with a radius equal to $\frac{P}{4} = \frac{103.04}{4} = 25.76 \approx 26\text{m}$ can be drawn at angle 60° , as shown in Fig 10.

2.5 Length of stilling basin

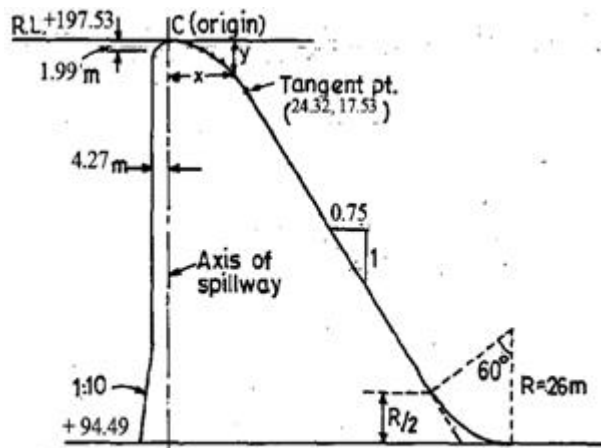


Fig 10. Ogee spillway profile

Discharge intensity per metre width

$$q = \frac{Q}{B} \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}/\text{m} \quad (13)$$

$$q = \frac{21530}{161.50} = 133.31 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}/\text{m}$$

Velocity of flow below jump

$$V_1 = \frac{q}{y_1} \quad (14)$$

Assume $y_1 = 2.8 \text{ m}$

$$V_1 = \frac{133.31}{2.8} = 47.61 \text{ m/sec} \quad (15)$$

$$F_1 = \frac{V_1}{\sqrt{gy_1}}$$

$$\frac{47.61}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 2.8}} = 9.08 \approx 9.0 \text{ (range 4.5 to 9.0)}$$

$$y_2 = \frac{y_1}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + 8xF_1^2} - 1 \right] \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{2.8}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + 8 \times 9^2} - 1 \right]$$

$$y_2 = 34.27 \text{ m}$$

Stilling basin length

$$= 4.2xy_2 = 4.2 \times 34.27 = 143.93 \text{ m} \approx 144.00 \text{ m}$$

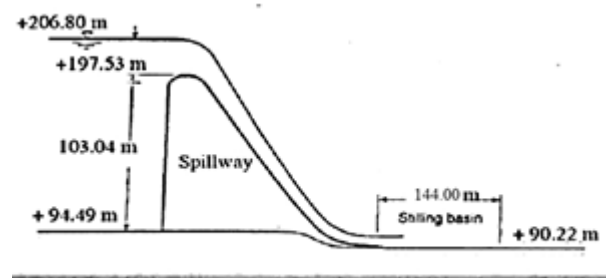


Fig 11. Stilling basin

I.S.I. Standardised Basins. Indian Standard Institution has also standardised certain stilling basins for uses under different conditions. A full description of such basins is available in IS: 4997- 1968. Stilling basin, I and II (for $F_1 < 4.5$ and $F_1 > 4.5$ respectively) with horizontal aprons and stilling basins III and IV with sloping aprons, have been standardised and described in the above reference.

3. Conclusion

Hydroelectric developments include flood control structures designed to let excess water escape safely from the reservoir. This "safety valve" prevents water from spilling over the dam crest. It takes the form of a spillway, a weir or sometimes a combination of both. An ogee crest is a common control structure shape for service spillways, including morning glory inlets, side channel inlets, and controlled and uncontrolled overfall chutes. Consequently, the ogee crest has received much attention by researchers and its hydraulic characteristics are well understood. Aeration pipes (say 25 mm pipes at 3 m c/c) can be installed along the spillway face below the gate lip, so as to prevent the development of negative pressures. The energy dissipation arrangements have not been shown. They should be designed depending upon the position of the jump height curve and tail water curve. A sky jump bucket or an apron may be provided as per the prevailing conditions. The discharge over an uncontrolled ogee crest is influenced by a number of factors: Actual crest shape with respect to ideal nappe shape. Ratio of actual head to design head. Height of crest apex above the entrance channel invert. Approaching flow velocity. Downstream apron interference or tailwater submergence. Upstream face slope. Thorough discussions of ogee crest design can be found in design manuals prepared by Reclamation (1987) and COE (Corps of Engineers) (1952). The spillway crest can be set at a higher elevation and still provide discharge capacity to maintain the original maximum pool elevation for a given inflow hydrograph. An engineer can choose which minimum pressure is acceptable and design the ogee crest accordingly. An engineer can determine the discharge capacity of an existing ogee crest for heads up to 5 times the design head. An engineer can estimate the cavitation potential of an existing ogee crest for heads up to 5 times the design head. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (1988) recommendation has been that H_e/H_D should not exceed 1.33. On the basis of the USBR data, the US Army Corps of Engineers, WES (1952) has developed several standard shapes, designated as WES standard spillway shapes.

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