





Time-frequency analysis of 3D ship-wave fields in maritime waterways

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Introduction – Damages as protective structures

Temporal evolution of water level changes and overflow in groin fields due to passing ships

→ Need for reliable design standards for loads due to shipinduced waves in narrow maritime waterways



Source: BAW (2012)

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Evolution of damage at groins due to quasi-static overflow of longperiod ship waves



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Introduction – spatial evolution of ship waves

Crest pattern of a point error moving over deep water





Source: Sörensen (1973)

Characteristics of ship waves:

- long-period primary waves, bound wave, travelling along the ship with its velocity and directions
- short-period secondary waves, free waves, propagating under specific angle with their own speed

→ Need for 3D analysis method separating primary and secondary wave



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Aim of the research project PaNSiWa



Free-surface ship-wave data for data analysis

Wave gauge data from experimental tests available, but not 3D surface data

→ Numerical simulations (OpenFOAM)



Ship: 360m long, 55m wide, draught 16m

Channel: surface width 536m, bottom width 428m, slope 1:3, length 3860m





Figure 3.3: Free surface data at t = 41 min [9]





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2D ship-wave analysis using HHT



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Long-period components in 2D HHT



Aim of decomposition in MEEMD

Multidimensional Ensemble Empirical Mode Decomposition (MEEMD) (Wu et al., 2009)







Procedure of MEEMD (3D HHT)



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Result of 3D HHT (MEEMD)

Application of 3D HHT to free-surface ship-wave field

Decomposition of 3D free surface into 3D IMF

Separation of primary and secondary wave fields

Hilbert spectra of primary wave as function of position x

Hilbert spectra of primary wave as function of position y

Hilbert spectra of secondary wave as function of position x

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Hilbert spectra of secondary wave as function of position y

Temporal evolution of free surface

Analysis of primary wave at different time steps

Hilbert spectrum of primary wave at x=309.4 m

Analysis of secondary wave at different time steps

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Conclusion

- Design approaches for bank structures in maritime waterways require input parameters for ship-induced waves at interface close to structures
- Input parameters can be derived from numerical simulations of evolving ship waves in 3D
- Analysis method required for decomposition of ship-wave field into long-period primary wave and short-period secondary waves
- MEEMD is successfully applied to show its capability to reliably decompose the different wave fields by frequency
- After separation, primary and secondary 3D wave fields can be analysed independently
- Further development and analysis required in order to increase performance and validate this method

Furthermore:

- MEEMD is not limited to 3D ship-wave fields...

Thank you for your attention!

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