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# Flow Visualisation around a horizontal cylinder near a plane wall and subject to waves 

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#### Abstract

This study is motivated by the description and the understanding of the vortices formation and development near a cylinder subject to waves and under the influence of the bed. The results presents a classification of flow types for different gap-to-diameter ratio and for two cylinder diameters $\left(D_{1}=10 \mathrm{~cm}\right.$ and $\mathrm{D}_{2}=4 \mathrm{~cm}, 0.8 \mathrm{~m}$ long) according to a systematic wave conditions range. The flow visualisations reveal different mechanisms of separation, development and growth of vortices depending on the Keulegan Carpenter number $(0.5<\mathrm{KC}<26)$ and the influence of the bed proximity.

A flow asymmetry was observed between the crest and the trough of the wave and a stronger vortex activity downstream the cylinder especially for the highest gap-diameter ratios. Furthermore the vortices are rotating preferentially in the same sense than the orbital motion. The flow tends to become more similar to a planar oscillating flow when the cylinder is closer to the bed.

The emergence of instabilities in the wake of the cylinder for the highest wave amplitude leads us to measure the velocities in the cylinder axis in order to quantify three-dimensional effects.


$\underline{\text { Keywords: Cylindrical structures; Flow induced by waves; Wake instabilities, Visualisations. }}$

## Nomenclature

$\mathrm{Cr} \quad$ crest of the wave
D cylinder diameter
DQD Down Quarter Downstream

DQU Down Quarter Upstream
e gap between the cylinder and the bottom
H wave height
KC Keulegan Carpenter number
Re Reynolds number
Si flow regime scheme i
$T$ wave period
Tr trough of the wave
U maximum velocity
UQD Up Quarter Downstream
UQU Up Quarter Upstream
Zi zone of the flow regime i
$\beta \quad$ ratio between Re and $K C$
$v \quad$ kinematic viscosity

## 1. Introduction

Forces exerted on pipelines under the action of a wave generated flow, and the related response of the cylinders, have been extensively studied mainly for reliability purposes (Sarpkaya and Isaacson, [24]). Numerous studies (continuous or oscillating flow, simulation of the orbital motion, theoretical and numerical methods) were carried out especially on the strength and vortex separation analysis around a tube in order to improve the design of pipelines (Sumer and Fredsøe, [29]). Few studies take part directly in the case of a wave flow.

By studying the flow around an oscillating cylinder in a fluid at rest, Keulegan and Carpenter [15] established a dimensionless number KC which represents the amplitude of the motion relatively to the scale of the tube:

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\mathrm{KC}=\frac{\mathrm{UT}}{\mathrm{D}},
$$

in which U is the maximum velocity, T is the wave period, D is the diameter of the cylinder.

The use of "U tube" for generating a 2D sinusoidal flow permits to reveal the important factors which control the vortex shedding. With these experimental facilities, Sarpkaya [23] defined the frequency parameter $\beta$ :

$$
\beta=\frac{\mathrm{Re}}{K C}
$$

Bearman et al. [1, 2, 3] described the motion of vortices for a large range of KC numbers. Theirs conclusions show that the history of the wake is an important parameter which influences the next flow patterns by the return of the "earlier phase" vortices toward the body. Williamson [32] and Sarpkaya [25] give a classification of different flow regimes around the cylinder according to KC intervals. Other authors, Sawamoto et al. [26], Obasaju et al. [20] and Jensen [13], used seeding particles to visualize the flow and to propose a classification of the different regimes. Hayashi et al. [9], Medeiros at al. [17, 18] realized a velocity field mapping around a cylinder with a Laser Doppler Velocimeter. They show different modes of development of the vortices in the upper part and the lower part of the cylinder. The Particle Image Velocimetry allows the quantifying and the dynamic study of the whole velocity field and vorticity around the structure. With this technique, Bruce and Easson [5], Sibetheros et al. [27], show irregular features of the vortex shedding for KC between 10 and 25 .

Sarpkaya [25], Tatsuno and Bearman [31] noticed the presence of three-dimensional instabilities, for small KC , in the forms of mushrooms filaments developing in the cylinder axis. This feature of the flow has been revealed by Honji [10] with an electrochemical precipitation technique. Sunahara and Kinoshita [30] indicate the transition from a two-dimensional flow to an unstable flow for a KC between 0.5 and 1 . When KC reaches 2.5 , the boundary layer becomes turbulent $\left(\operatorname{Re}>5.10^{3}, \beta>2.5 .10^{3}\right)$

The first studies dealing with the influence of the bed on the flow around a cylinder are qualitative (Bearman and Zdravkovich [4], Grass et al. [7]) and confirm the limit of the bed effect for e/D lower than 0.3. Large recirculation areas appears on both side of the cylinder for the lowest gap to diameter ratios, and furthermore the frequency of the vortex shedding (characterised by the Strouhal number St ) is lowered. These results are confirmed by a recent study using flow visualisations, hot films and PIV to investigate the flow around a cylinder (in current) close to a wall (Price et al. [21]). These authors show the suppression of the gap flow and no regular vortex shedding for e/D $<0.125$. Sumer et al. [28] realized an extensive study of the wall influences on a cylinder placed in a oscillating flow. Their conclusions
pointed out that the vortex shedding is suppressed for a gap lower than 0.1 D and for a low $\mathrm{KC}(\mathrm{KC}<20)$. Under the influence of the bed, vortices at the top and the foot of the cylinder are getting closer and interact at high frequency.

## 2. Experimental Set-up

Visualisation methods adapted to flume can be used for a qualitative study of the flow around a cylindrical structure subject to wave action. This method gives access to a global representation of the phenomenon both in a spatial plane (separation point, vortex size, recirculation and high velocity zones) and in a temporal plane (event periodicity, instabilities).

With the help of Laser Doppler velocity measurements, the Keulegan Carpenter regimes were determined as a function of the wave height, and also as a function the Reynolds number $\left(\operatorname{Re}=\frac{\mathrm{UD}}{v}\right.$, with $v$ the kinematic viscosity.) for the two cylinders.

The experimental investigations take place in a wave flume ( 22 meters long, 0.8 m width and 0.5 m waterdepth) where regular waves are performed (Fig. 1). The qualitative measurements are achieved using a laser sheet technique ( 1 mm thickness, $40^{\circ}$ light sheet angle) and particles seeding (Polyamide, $\emptyset=112 \mu \mathrm{~m}, \rho=1060 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ ). The cylinders are transparent (Plexiglas) and filled with water in order to minimise the hidden part of the flow in the shadow of the cylinder.

A grid is superimposed to the photographs ( 35 mm and medium format) and video recordings (CCD) in order to analyse the images and to obtain a detailed pattern of the flow. The space is radially divided into $20^{\circ}$ segments converging toward the centre of the cylinder. Concentric circles are drawn each $1 / 3^{\text {rd }}$ of $D_{1}$ or each $1 / 6^{\text {th }}$ of $\mathrm{D}_{2}$ for bias correction induced by the different refractive indices (air, glass, water) between the position of the laser sheet and the record apparatus.

The studied area is divided into four parts as shown in figure 2:
-the Up Quarter Upstream (UQU), -the Down Quarter Upstream (DQU), -the Up Quarter Downstream (UQD),

## -the Down Quarter Downstream (DQD).

The positive sense of the vortices rotation is clockwise on the figures, like the sense of the orbital motion.

## 3. Flow regimes for $D=4 \mathrm{~cm}$

For the configuration e/D $=3$ (with e the gap between the flume bottom and the cylinder), the flow around the cylinder is not under the influence of the flume bottom. Consequently more flow patterns are present for e $/ \mathrm{D}=3$ than the cases of smaller gap-diameter ratios. For $\mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.5,0.1$ and 0 , the influence of the bed is pronounced and the flow regimes are more similar to each other for different wave periods.

## $3.1 \mathbf{e} / \mathbf{D}=3.0$

Five zones can be distinguished on the graphs $\mathrm{KC}=\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{Re})$ (Fig. 3). A transitional flow appears two times (zones $\mathrm{T}_{3 / 4}$ and between $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{T}_{5}$ ) between two fixed flow regimes.
zone 1: no separation (Fig.4)
The cylinder influences the orbital motion in an area close to its surface till $1 / 6^{\text {th }}$ of the diameter. In this area the particles are submitted to an elliptical movement with an amplitude extending from $20^{\circ}$ to $80^{\circ}$ in the UQD during one wave period. An undisturbed orbital motion is observed outside this area.
zone 2: appearance of circulation (Fig. 5 to 7)
In this part, the separation phenomenon appears downstream to the cylinder during the crest phase of the wave. A complete circulation is apparent for a wave period of one second and a wave height $\mathrm{H}=0.08 \mathrm{~m}$. For a same range of KC and for similar experimental conditions, Lambert [16] observes and concludes that the circulation around the obstacle is significant.

The influence area of the cylinder stretches to 0.5 D in the crest phase, and decreases to $1 / 6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{D}$ during the trough. The particles spread out in "feather form" in the UQD.

For the highest KC numbers, we notice the appearance and the growth of an anti-clockwise vortex in the UQD. This eddy is accompanied by another one of the opposite sense ( DQD ) which disappears for the highest wave heights.
zone 3: formation and development of the vortex in the UQD (Fig. 8 to 11)
As the KC number increases, an anti-clockwise vortex is created in the DQD until 0.5 D during the crest
phase, and then is moving toward the bed. A second vortex (in the UQD) is distinctly predominant and develops until $5 / 3^{\text {rd }}$ of D . Then it displaces toward the bed during the trough phase.

During the trough, an anti-clockwise vortex is forming until 0.5 D and then moves downstream toward the free surface.

In the lower limits of the zone 3, the flow around the cylinder is completely symmetric and is composed of two contra-rotating vortex which extend to $1 / 3^{\text {rd }}$ of $D$ either for the crest and trough of the waves zones $T_{3 / 4}, T_{4 / 5}$ : transition (Fig. 12 to 17)

Between the zones 3 and 4, like between 4 and 5, a transition between the flow schemes can be observed. These narrow areas present some variable and unsteady flow types.

During the crest phase, two contra-rotating vortices are formed downstream to the cylinder and extend till 0.5 D . The vortex in the UQD is ejected downstream, when its contrary is brought back below the cylinder sweeping its surface during the interval crest/trough. At the trough, an anti-clockwise vortex can be formed until $1 / 4 \mathrm{D}$ and then be diffused $(\mathrm{T}=1.50 \mathrm{~s})$ or be displaced downstream toward the free surface $(T=2.00 \mathrm{~s})$. For the highest studied period $\left(T=2.66 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.08 \mathrm{~m}\right.$, scheme $\left.\mathrm{S} 2{ }^{\prime}\right)$, the characteristic flows of this transitory zone are succeeding during 10 waves and then are alternated with another scheme ( $\mathrm{T}=2.66 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.08 \mathrm{~m}$, scheme $\mathrm{S}^{\prime}$ ) during 20 waves.
zone 4: asymmetric vortices (Fig. 18 and 19)
From a similar scheme (zone $\mathrm{T}_{3 / 4}$ ), we can notice the growth of the vortices and the constant stretching of the one in the UQD until $4 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$ during the crest phase. For all the studied periods, the DQD vortex sweeps the surface under the cylinder, when its opposite (UQD) is either diffused for the lowest periods ( $\mathrm{T}=1.33 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{~T}=1.50 \mathrm{~s}$ ), or carried downstream up to the cylinder for the highest periods $(\mathrm{T}=2.00 \mathrm{~s})$. For these cases, the trough phase is composed of two contra-rotating vortices upstream to the cylinder. The vortex, which is developing in the DQU, is passing round the cylinder surface and is pulled out toward the free surface.

For the highest period $(T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.10 \mathrm{~m})$, the flow around the cylinder is composed of a succession of schemes (mainly three) during a certain number of waves.
zone 5: instability of the flow (Fig. 20 to 26)
For these conditions, the structure of the flow does not present continuous features with time but is composed of sequence of different diagrams which are followed themselves during a certain number of
waves. These instabilities come from the flow itself at high KC numbers and especially from the three dimensional effects (see part 5).

The first diagram (noticed S1) is similar to the one explained in the zone 4.
The second pattern (noticed S2) is similar to the one developed for the transition areas (zone $T_{3 / 4}$ and $T_{4 / 5}$ ) for the crest phase. For the trough, one vortex is forming upward (scheme S2) or two contra-rotating (scheme S2'). The third diagram (noticed S3) is composed of one clockwise vortex which is passing around from the upper upstream quarter during the crest phase.

The diagrams (crest/trough) are symmetric along a vertical axis passing the centre of the cylinder. An extension of the diagrams S3 shows a development by a pairing of vortices (noticed S3').

Table 1 presents an evaluation of the number of waves which are succeeding for a certain scheme. For example, for a wave period of 2.66 seconds and a wave height of 0.10 meter, the scheme S 1 is going on during 3 to 4 waves, then the case $\mathrm{S} 2^{\prime}$ is following during 2 to 3 waves and then the diagram S3' is taking place during 10 to 12 waves.

## $3.2 \mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.5$

Closer to the bed channel, the vertical component of the velocities is less important. The flow regimes are more similar to an oscillating flow. As the gap decreases, the numbers of different schemes decreases and the patterns become more and more simple. The flows are more symmetric between the crest and the trough and the different zones are easier to define. We can distinguish five distinct zones (Fig. 27), the fifth presenting unsteady features:
zone 1: oscillating flow without separation (Fig.28)
The particles near the upper surface of the cylinder are subjected to an elliptical movement covering $40^{\circ}$ (to $60^{\circ}$ ) of deflection during one period.
zone 2: beginning of the separation (Fig. 29 and 30)
During the crest phase, we can notice the appearance of detachment until $1 / 6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{D}$ direct downstream. The same symmetric scheme appears for the trough.
zone 3: formation of asymmetric vortices (Fig. 31 and 32)
Two contra-rotating vortices are formed either for the crest or for the trough of the waves. Downstream, the vortex located in the UQD grows continuously from $1 / 6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{D}$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{D}$ without detachment. Its
counterpart does not extend and is dissipated.
During the trough phase, the predominant eddy is developed in the DQU and extends to $2 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$. We can observe that the particles under the cylinder are submitted to high acceleration. At the upper limit of this zone, the vortices (in DQU and in DQD) tend to be formed more and more away from the cylinder.
zone 4: vortex shedding (Fig. 33)
During the crest phase, the most interesting and visible phenomenon is the detachment of the anticlockwise vortex in the DQD (near the bed). It moves from $4 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$ to four diameters, and then is coming back to the cylinder during the trough phase. Its life duration (constant size, strong vorticity) is quite long, almost one period. The vortex in the UQD grows continuously from $1 / 6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{D}$ to one diameter but remains attached on the cylinder. We can notice the formation of a third vortex (anticlockwise) in the DQD which size remains constant $\left(1 / 6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{D}\right)$.

The trough phase presents a symmetric scheme to the crest with respect to a vertical axis (on the centre of the cylinder). The detached vortex is spread to 2.5 D .
zone 5: unsteady area (Fig. 34 and 35)
We have noticed the alternation of two patterns in the crest phase. The first one is a typical scheme composed of two contra-rotating vortices (symmetric) which are extending to one diameter. Their life duration is very short.

The second scheme shows a predominant clockwise eddy in the UQD. It stretches up to one diameter but does not detach. It seems, due to its size, to prevent any formation of other structure in the lower downstream quarter. The trough phase is stable and similar to the zone 4 .

## $3.3 \mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.1$

This condition looks like to the case $\mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.5$. We can distinguish four zones (Fig.36) with very similar schemes. Nevertheless we can notice that no vortex shedding appears anymore: zone 1: flow without separation (Fig.37)

The flow is similar to the one in the zone 1 for $\mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.5$. Some particles travel through the upper part of the cylinder from $60^{\circ}$ to $80^{\circ}$ of deflection. The particles are submitted to a strong acceleration between the bed and the cylinder.

In this area, the diagrams during the crest and the trough are similar and the flow is like the case $e / D=0.5$ (zone 2). The layer in which the separation occurs spreads until $1 / 6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{D}$. The main difference with $e / D=0.5$ is the presence of attached vortices near the bed. Their scale is small $\left(1 / 6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{D}\right)$.
zone 3: extension of a predominant vortex(Fig. 40 and 41)
The vortex in the UQD grows until $4 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$ and its contrary remains close to the tube $\left(1 / 6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{D}\right)$. A "jet like" flow is formed between the bed and the cylinder:
zone 4: unsteady phase
The patterns are similar to the case $\mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.5$ (zone 5) but without the vortex shedding.

## 3.4 e/D ~ 0

The first zones will not be detailed as long as they are similar to the case $\mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.1$. However, a fifth zone (Fig. 42) is added to these conditions. There is no vortex shedding anymore and the scale of the vortex is relatively important (8/3D). Separation can still occur from the cylinder near the bed as the cylinder is not completely laying on the bottom (e/D $\sim 0$ ).
zone 5: stable condition (Fig. 43 and 44)
It corresponds to the case $T=2.66 \mathrm{~s}$ for the wave height higher than 0.06 m . In the crest phase, a big scale vortex (clockwise) is forming downstream up to two diameters. During the trough, a pair of vortex is created. The bigger one is symmetric to the one for the crest and the other one (clockwise) is sweep out in the UQU up to 3 diameters. The life duration of these vortices is long, almost one period.

## 4. Flow regimes for $D=10 \mathrm{~cm}$

For the present case, the wake around the cylinder has been studied for three configurations (e/D $=0.5-$ $0.1-0)$.

## $4.1 \mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.5$

We can notice that the number of wake schemes (Fig. 46) is less important and presents few complexities. The sequence of the flow diagrams is quite similar than for the smaller diameter at the same gap to diameter ratio. There is neither vortex shedding nor zone of instability.
zone 1: oscillation

The particles near the cylinder oscillate from $10^{\circ}$ to $60^{\circ}$ of amplitude at the upper and lower part of the cylinder.
zone 2: beginning of separation (Fig. 47 and 48)
The oscillating particles remain on a 1/6D layer thickness. Small vortices appear and are quickly diffused. The crest and trough phases are symmetric.
zone 3: transitory zone (Fig. 49 and 50)
The schemes are symmetric for both horizontal and vertical axis and for all the phases of the waves. The influence area of the cylinder extends to $1 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$ which corresponds to the scale of the vortices. The particles are then led away downstream or upstream to a horizontal axis.
zone 4: non-symmetric flow (Fig. 51 and 52)
During the crest phase, the formation of the vortices is symmetric along a horizontal axis. Their size is varying from $1 / 3^{\text {rdd }} D(T=2.66 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.11 \mathrm{~m})$ to $2 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}(\mathrm{T}=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.18 \mathrm{~m})$. During the trough, the first that develops, sizes $2 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$ in the UQU. A second one is then formed in the DQU $\left(4 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}\right.$ height $)$. Between this two situations, we observe the presence of two symmetric eddies ( $\mathrm{T}=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.17 \mathrm{~m}$ ).

## $4.2 \mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.1$

Three zones are distinguished (Fig. 53). The schemes are simple, and the flow patterns are symmetric between the different phases of the wave. Small vortices appear which were not present for the smaller cylinder. We can notice that the spatial resolution is improved due to a bigger scale of the cylinder which allows an easier flow detection.
zone 1: no separation
The particles are oscillating only at the upper part of the cylinder ( $10^{\circ}$ to $60^{\circ}$ of amplitude). The particles located in the DQD and the DQD are static.
zone 2: separation (Fig. 54 and 55)
The influence area of the cylinder extends to the whole circumference. The particles till $1 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$ are submitted to an oscillatory movement. The crest and trough phases are symmetric. Small vortices (up to $2 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$ ) are formed in the gap.
zone 3: vortex shed from the gap (Fig. 56 and 57)
During the crest phase, the vortex from the UQD grows till $2 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$. The eddy growing from the bed side is shed up to two diameters and keeps its strength during a half period before being diffused. Its size reaches
almost 1D.

## 4.3 e/D ~ 0

Three zones are identifiable (Fig. 58). The two first are similar to the previous cases. The third presents new flow features of the flow:
zone 3: formation of vortices in the upper area of the cylinder (Fig. 59 and 60)
The vortex from the UQD grows until $4 / 3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{D}$ to the detriment of the eddy developed near the bed where a jet takes place. The crest and trough phases are symmetric.

## 5. Analysis of the three dimensional effects

The aim of this study is to clarify the instability of the flow regimes in time observed by the visualisations (see part 3.1, zone 5). One explanation could be the influence of a velocity component in the transverse direction of the wave channel. We have also observed a non-linear distribution of the seeding particles under the cylinder in form of cells.

For a Keulegan Carpenter number equal to 1.5 , the seeding remains under the cylinder $(\mathrm{D}=10 \mathrm{~cm})$ on its vertical axis but the distribution of the sediment is not uniform. When the KC number increases, the seeding remains at two diameters upstream to the cylinder $(\mathrm{KC}=3.1)$ and are launched in suspension for higher KC number. The transverse velocities are acquired by using a LDV probe placed under the bed of the wave channel. The measuring volume is located at the same elevation as the centre of the cylinder, at 0.5D downstream from the nearest cylinder surface, and at one third of the cylinder length from the side wall of the flume. The results (Fig. 45) can be divided into three areas:
-the first area $(0<\mathrm{KC}<3)$ shows a slight increase of the transverse velocity and then an insignificant three dimensional effect,
-for $3<\mathrm{KC}<5$, a transitory regime occurs where a raising of the transverse velocity level takes place,
-for the highest KC numbers, the transverse velocity remains constant as the horizontal velocities increase.

The two dimensional flow near the surface of a cylinder develops three dimensionality in forms of mushrooms streaks when the KC is higher than unity $(\mathrm{Re}=1000)$. In our case, the three-dimensional
effects appear for a higher range $(\mathrm{KC}>3)$ than observed by Honji [10] or Sarpkaya [25]. The main explanation of that difference is the effect of the wall $(\mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.5)$ in addition to a wavy flow. Unfortunately no visualisations could confirm the development of Honji instabilities for this study.

## 6. Conclusion

These results can be compared almost only with those obtained for oscillatory flow. Sumer \& Fredsøe [29] have presented extensive analysis and demonstrated, as we do it for the case of a wavegenerated flow, the influence of the Reynolds number on the flow regime around a cylinder.

The visualisations performed in the wave flume show that the influence of the orbital motion cannot lead to a creeping flow such as is generated in a U-tube. Chaplin [6] draws similar conclusions with a simulated orbital motion of a cylinder in a still water tank. If we omit the bottom influence (case e/D = 3), the phenomenon of separation takes place for the same KC band as that observed by Jensen and Roll [14] and Sumer \& Fredsøe [29]. However, the formation of symmetric vortices only appears in transitional zones and for a high amplitude wave ( $5<\mathrm{KC}<14$ ), whereas Bearman [1] and Williamson [32] observed these phenomenon for a KC close to 4 .

The apparition of symmetric vortices for higher KC values is consistent with the results obtained by Obasaju et al. [20] and Jensen [13] which notice an unstable character in the stream schemes. Grass et al. [8] $\left(\mathrm{KC}=10, \operatorname{Re}=2.61 .10^{4}\right)$ also pointed out the unsteady property of the flow according to the oscillatory motion phases. Studies dealing with instability sources allow the conclusion that these phenomenons are generated by the flow itself. We have been able to show the apparition of longitudinal velocities from a critical zone $(3<K C<4)$. Such results are consistent with those of Tatsuno and Bearman [31] demonstrating a flow deformation towards three-dimensional characteristics for $\mathrm{KC}>3$.

As the gap-to-diameter ratio decreases, we observe an increasing importance of a "wall vortex", some zones of high velocities in the gap, and a simplification of the vortex schemes. The extensive studies performed by Jacobsen et al. [11] and Sumer et al. [28] lead to the same conclusions but they also evidence that the vortex do not come off from the wall cylinder for low gap-to-diameter values. In the case of a wave-generated flow, the orbital motion takes back to the cylinder the vortices that come off, or maintains them at a constant distance. For $\mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.1$, the vortex developed in the upper part of the
cylinder cross through the path of the vortex which develops close to the wall and ejects it from the structure. Thus, these two processes cannot be considered as real vortex shedding.

In spite of little studies in flume, our observations are consistent with the works of Jarno [12] $(2<\mathrm{KC}<3)$ and Sakout [22] $(\mathrm{KC}=5, \mathrm{e} / \mathrm{D}=0.5$ and 0.09$)$ which pointed out a non-symmetry between the crest and trough phenomenon as well as a more developed vortex activity up-stream to the structure. In the same wave flume, Lambert [16] $(\mathrm{KC}=5.7)$ reported results similar to our observations : an increasing vortex activity with a decreasing distance between the cylinder and the free surface, and a preferential formation of vortex the rotation direction of which is the same as that of the orbital motion. Though the flow pattern follows the same trend for the two cylinder diameters with KC and Re , some differences still remain. Further works are underway to represent this kind of flow in waves with the adequate non-dimensional numbers. Despite the fact that no simultaneous record of the forces acting on the pipeline near the sea-bed was undertaken for this study, the flow patterns represented in this work provide good indications to relate the time series (especially the peaks) of the lift force with the occurrence of vortices. The position and the strength of the vortices below the cylinder placed near the bed point out the outset location of erosion (and in a way the erosion rate) initiated on an initially flat soft bed.

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Fig. 1 Experimental set-up: wave flume ( 22 m long, 0.8 m width), cylinder ( $D_{1}=10 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $D_{2}=4 \mathrm{~cm}$, 0.8 m long) and laser sheet (1mm thickness, $40^{\circ}$ light sheet angle)


Fig. 2 Definition of the divided space around the cylinder
On the following graphs, "Cr" means the crest phase of the wave, " $\operatorname{Tr}$ " means the trough phase of the wave, " Z " means the zone delimited on the global flow graphs $\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{KC})$.


Fig. 3 Flow regimes in the case $D=4 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $e / D=3.0$


Fig. $4 T=1.33 s, H=0.03 m, C r, Z 1$


Fig. $5 T=1.00 s, H=0.08 m, C r, Z 2$


Photo. $1 T=1.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.04 \mathrm{~m}$


Fig. $6 T=1.33 s, H=0.06 m, C r, Z 2$


Fig. $7 T=1.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.12 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z2}$


Fig. $9 T=1.50 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.11 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z3}$


Fig. $11 T=2.00 s, H=0.03 m, T r, Z 3$


Fig. $12 T=2.00 s, H=0.09 m, C r, Z 3 / 4$


Fig. $14 S 2^{\prime}, T=2.66 s, H=0.08 m, C r, Z 3 / 4$


Fig. $8 T=1.50 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.11 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z3}$


Fig. $10 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.03 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z3}$


Fig. $13 T=2.00 s, H=0.09 m, T r, Z 3 / 4$


Fig. $15 S 2^{\prime}, T=2.66 s, H=0.08 m, T r, Z 3 / 4$


Fig. $16 S 3^{\prime}, T=2.66 s, H=0.08 m, C r, Z 3 / 4$


Fig. 17 S3', $T=2.66 s, H=0.08 m, T r, Z 3 / 4$


Fig. $19 \mathrm{Sl}, \mathrm{T}=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.10 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z4}$


Photo. $2 T=2.50 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.08 \mathrm{~m}$


Fig. $18 \mathrm{Sl}, \mathrm{T}=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.10 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z4}$


Fig. $20 \mathrm{Sl}, \mathrm{T}=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.12 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z5}$


Fig. $21 \mathrm{Sl}, \mathrm{T}=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.12 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z5}$
Fig. $22 S 2, T=2.00 s, H=0.10 m, C r, Z 5$


Fig. $23 S 2, T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.10 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z5}$


Fig. 24 S3, $T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.10 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z5}$


Fig. $25 \mathrm{~S} 3, T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.10 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z5}$


Fig. 26 S3', $T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.10 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z5}$


Photo. $3 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.10 \mathrm{~m}$


Photo. $4 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.10 \mathrm{~m}$


Photo. $5 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.10 \mathrm{~m}$


Photo. $6 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.10 \mathrm{~m}$

| T(s) | H (cm) | S1 | S2 | S2' | S3 | S3' |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2,00 | 10 | 2 to 3 | 2 to 3 |  | 2 to 3 |  |
|  | 11 | 13 to 14 |  |  | 3 to 4 |  |
|  | 12 | 3 to 4 |  | 2 to 3 |  | 10 to 12 |
|  | 14 | 2 to 4 |  | 2 to 4 |  | 2 to 4 |
|  | 15 | 4 to 5 |  | 1 to 2 |  | 4 to 5 |
| 2,66 | 8 |  | 10 |  |  | 20 |
|  | 9 |  | 2 to 3 |  |  | 25 |
|  | 10 | 3 to 4 |  | 2 to 3 |  | 10 to 12 |
|  | 11 | 3 to 4 |  |  |  | 3 to 4 |

Table 1: Number of waves for each succeeding scheme


Fig. 27 Flow regimes in the case $D=4 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $e / D=0.5$


Fig. $28 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.01 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z1}$


Fig. $29 T=1.50 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.05 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z2}$


Fig. $30 T=1.50 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.05 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z2}$


Fig. $32 T=1.50 s, H=0.09 m, T r, Z 3$


Fig. 34 1, $T=2.66 s, H=0.10 m, C r, Z 5$

Photo. $7 T=2.50 s, H=0.10 \mathrm{~m}$



Fig. $31 T=1.50 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.09 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z3}$


Fig. $33 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.13 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z4}$


Fig. $35 T=2.66 s, H=0.10 m, C r, Z 5$


Fig. 36 Flow regimes in the case $D=4 \mathrm{~cm}$ and e $/ D=0.1$


Fig. $37 T=1.50$ s, $H=0.03 m, C r, Z 1$


Fig. $39 T=1.50 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.05 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z2}$


Fig. $40 T=2.00$ s, $H=0.12 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z3}$


Fig. $38 T=1.50 s, H=0.05 m, C r, Z 2$



Fig. 42 Flow regimes in the case $D=4 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $\mathrm{e} / D \sim 0$


Fig. $43 T=2.66 s, H=0.11 m, C r, Z 5$


Fig. $44 T=2.66 s, H=0.11 m, T r, Z 5$


Fig. 45 Ratio between transversal velocities $W$ and longitudinal velocities $U$ as a function of $K C$


Fig. 46 Flow regimes in the case $D=10 \mathrm{~cm}$ and e $/ D=0.5$


Fig. $47 T=1.50 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.06 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z2}$


Fig. $49 T=2.00 s, H=0.10 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z3}$


Fig. $48 T=1.50 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.06 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z2}$


Photo. $8 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H}=0.10 \mathrm{~m}$


Fig. $50 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.10 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, Z 3$


Fig. $51 T=2.66 s, H=0.11 m, C r, Z 4$
Fig. $52 T=2.66 s, H=0.11 m, T r, Z 4$


Fig. 53 Flow regimes in the case $D=10 \mathrm{~cm}$ and e $/ D=0.1$



Fig. $56 T=2.00 s, H=0.13 m, C r, Z 3$
Fig. $57 T=2.00 s, H=0.13 m, T r, Z 3$


Fig. 58 Flow regimes in the case $D=10 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $e / D \sim 0$


Fig. $59 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.16 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Z3}$


Fig. $60 T=2.00 \mathrm{~s}, H=0.16 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Tr}, \mathrm{Z3}$

