

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company

Principles of Production Engineering Models

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Problem Definition

- Production Engineers must quickly evaluate many scenarios to provide estimated productions and operational guidance
- Scientific theories are often unwieldy and require & H² inputs of little interest to the Engineers.
- Production Engineers need models that bridge the gap:
 - Tractable
 - Discernable
 - Informative





Tractable



- the model must be quick to setup and run
- Tools can quickly load standard inputs
- Tools allow for easily changing project-specific inputs and automatically run multiple scenarios that vary in one dimension.

Discernible





- uses inputs likely to be known to the engineer
- Parameters describing the soil should be those typically provided for a dredging project
- Tools will provide reasonable default values for parameters not typically tested or provided (e.g. particle shape)
- The tool should also put limits on inputs based on the reasonable expected values and the underlying physics of the system being model



Informative

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- provide outputs of direct interest to the Engineer that are valid across a range of typical cases
- capture as inputs those parameters that are significant in the process so that it is most sensitive to those parameters.
- neglect or abstract out parameters that are relatively constant or of minor significance in the process.





Empirical vs Analytical Models

• The models are usually analytical, empirical, or a combination of each.





Tools





Example: The Wilson demi-macdonald



"The computer output, although manageable for detailed studies, soon becomes <u>unwieldy for the designer concerned with many alternative proposals</u>. Moreover, the conservative designer may be <u>content to know only the maximum velocity at the limit of deposition, Vsm</u>, since maintaining the velocity above this value ensures that deposition will not occur.

(Wilson et al, 2008, page 109)



Scientific Models: Helmons, 2019





Scientific Models: Rock Cutting (Miedema 2017)

UCS (MPa)	Measure (Unconfined or triaxial tests)
BTS (MPa)	Measure (Brazilian Tensile Test)
Permeability (m ²)	Measure
Hydrostatic pressure (MPa)	Known from water depth
Bulk modulus pore fluid (GPa)	Standard value
Type of rock	e.g. limestone, sandstone
Poisson ratio (-)	Measure / rule of thumb
Young's modulus (Pa)	Measure / rule of thumb
Shape of the tool	e.g. height, angle, width of blade, sharpness,
	wear flats, etc.
Cutting depth (m)	These vary with cutting process and operating
Cutting velocity (m/s)	parameters of the tools being investigated.
Rake angle (°)	
Clearance angle (°)	V. Fb
Friction coefficient tool-rock (-)	Measured
$Q_{cut} = \frac{P_{avail} * h_i * w}{F_h}$	Crushed Rock
$F_{h} = \frac{\lambda_{s} * c * h_{i} * w * \cos(\varphi)}{\sin(\beta) * \sin(\alpha + \beta)}$	$\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{\delta}{\delta} + \frac{\phi}{\phi}$
$c = \frac{UCS}{2} * \left(\frac{1 - \sin(\varphi)}{\cos(\varphi)}\right)$	Crushed Zone The Chip Type



Design Engineering: Mine Pumping System





Production Engineering: Pumping Capacity





Simulations



- Require faster (more abstract) models, to allow running many time steps per second
- Time-consuming to setup and run
- Useful for:
 - Training
 - Modelling dynamic behavior
 - Modelling random interactions



Production Engineers need to provide good estimates of dredge production and operational guidance. The models they use must meet the three requirements that the models be tractable, discernable and informative.

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