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Nomenclature

п	The local position of the blade	[-]
μ a	Axial induction factor	[-]
a'	Tangential induction factor	[-]
A ₁	The upstream cross-sectional area	$[m^2]$
B	Number of blades	[-]
C C	Chord length	[m]
C _d	Drag coefficient	[-]
C_1	Lift coefficient	[-]
	Lift to drag ratio	[-]
C _n	Coefficient of power	[-]
D	Rotor diameter	[m]
F	Force on blade	[N]
ṁ	The mass flow rate of wind	[Kg/s]
Ν	Number of blade sections	[-]
N _{rpm}	Rated rotational speed	[RPM]
P_1	Upstream pressure	[Pa]
P_2	Pressure before actuator disc	[Pa]
P ₃	Pressure after actuator disc	[Pa]
P_4	Downstream pressure	[Pa]
R	Turbine radius	[-]
r	Radial position on the blade	[m]
α	Angle of attack	[°]
β	Pitch angle	[°]
η	The efficiency of the generator	[-]
θ	Twist angle	[°]
λ	Tip speed ratio	[-]
ρ	Density of air	[Kg/m]
φ	Inflow angle	[°]
Ω	Rotational rate	[Rad/s]



List of Abbreviations

2-D	Two Dimensional
3-D	Three Dimensional
CAD	Computer-Aided Design
OWC	Oscillating Water Column
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
CV	Control Volume
FVM	Finite Volume Method
PV	Photovoltaic
WEC	Wave Energy Converter
NWT	Numerical Water Tank
РТО	Power Take-Off
VOF	Volume Of Fluid
NITA	Non-Iterative Time Advancement



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Abstract

The oscillating water column (OWC) Device is a type of wave energy converters (WEC), as it intends to transform energy from wave energy at sea into electricity by using the wave heaving to move confined air and thus drive an air turbine to generate the power.

Furthermore, this thesis manages the hydrodynamic analysis of two types of the oscillating water column (OWC) devices that are gliding freely in limited profundity waters and presented in the activity of standard surface waves. The hydrodynamic analysis, the comparison was made by applying the technique of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) analysis. The significant agreement that CFD is an extremely encouraging device that an originator can utilize it to explore and survey gadget survivability under various conditions upon further approvals in different wave conditions, This method provided an efficient tool for complete hydrodynamic analysis of these devices, the hydrodynamic pressure Parameters; and by using the inputs of wave's characteristics in the Arabian Gulf Area which have an average historical wave height of 1m. The OWC chamber model used in previous experiments has detailed that it is for the breakwater and for the offshore OWC using the inner diameter, which achieves the same cross-sectional area with the breakwater chamber.

A numerical model and Numerical Wave Tank (NWT) established to evaluate the interaction of an OWC with the water in different cases of different depths of the sea. ANSYS is used here to find the effects of the water surface in and around the central column, breakwater-mounted OWC, and calculate the equations of



Navier-Stokes to get the vertical component of air entering and exiting the vent of the OWC.

After modeling and analysis of the output flow, we got to conclusions for the hydrodynamic performance of the breakwater chamber shows higher efficiency than the open ocean fixed OWC, in addition to that the variation of the energy with the wave steepness.

Keywords: Wave energy, oscillating water column OWC, CFD, Hydrodynamic performance, Offshore, Arabian Gulf





Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1.Introduction

The development of sea waves used as a wellspring of a sustainable power source. An oscillating water column (OWC) used to convert this wave energy into power. Such an oscillating water column (OWC) could be similar to that showed up in Figure 1.1. A structure used which allows water to heave into a vertical duct. As the waves heave to the maximum value of the crest, the air blow over out of this column through the vent then goes through an air turbine to create control.

Meanwhile, in positioning and building sustainable power plant sources, the energy cost of it is the main factor in choosing their suitability; OWCs may be arranged with each other, confined into a line along or as a breakwater. These will decrease the cost per unit of OWC by dividing out the costs of infrastructure and cabling. If a breakwater improvement used, this has a favorable position that the OWC can be used to guarantee the locale of the sea behind it [1].





b) Offshore Fixed OWC

Figure 1.1 Drawing illustrating the OWCs



An OWC structured as in Figure 1.1; the chamber is open to the sea at its base. The motion of the water in the chamber pushes the air above it, and the movement of the air drives a turbine to generate electricity, while the operation of the turbine such that power generated as the airflow s in the directions in and out of the chamber.

In Figure 1.1a, the wave propagation enters from the front of the figure and let the OWC structure situated on a cliff or a breakwater. The water stretches out under the front lip of the structure, with the goal that the wave movement makes the column of water waver. This water heaving forces the air in the chamber to blow out through the vent to the turbine. The turbine established so that it could change over the air movement to power both when the water column is gone up, and when it descends, it finished by utilizing a bi-directional turbine [1].

A bypass valve, we can use it in the case of the too-large difference between the pressure in the chamber and the atmosphere to let the air motion in and out of the chamber without moving through the turbine. The airflow through the turbine may likewise be limited. A shut-off valve demonstrated, which limits the progression of air through the turbine. This could allow the turbine to generate electricity in a continuously useful framework or may extend the extent of activity to the oceans, which would otherwise have weight contrasts and winding streams through the turbine, which are excessively huge [2].

1.2.Forces acting on an OWC

We may assume that the only case that the wave changes the movement of the water column, and this causes changes in pressure "the pressure difference," but also it affects the motion of the water column "The system is in coupled case."

The forces that cause the water forming the column divided into 1) wave excitation, 2) radiation damping, 3) restoration due to buoyancy, 4) turbulent damping, and 5) the chamber pressure force. The wave motivated force is that which comes from the occurrence wave. This force is reliant on the wave heaving and also the wave height. The



radiation damping defines the power as a result of the wave propagation by the oscillating column. When the water column heaves, it generates waves that radiate away from the OWC. Hence, the waves are depending on the rate of the oscillation, consequently, so the radiation damping force does [2].

The lightness, power is the reestablishing power caused when the water column moves from the still water level: the water will, in general, drive back to its harmony position under gravity. Tempestuous activity in the water damps the movement of the water column, as does the relative weight in the chamber [2].

1.3. Classification of OWCs by location and shape

OWCs ordered by their area, shape, and power take-off (PTO) component, such area and shape orders presented in this segment, with PTO arrangements. These arrangements are vital to examine those various elements which are significant for a particular OWC. Inside the expansive qualifications which separate the different kinds of OWCs (area, state of the water column, and PTO), the sub-classes of characters abridged in Table 1.1. The various potential regions appear in Figure 1.2, and the different possible shapes in Figure 1.3. These investigated straight away [2].

Location	Shape	РТО
Cliff/shore	Cylinder	Rectification by valves
Bottom-mounted	Cubed	Wells turbine
Fixed: open ocean	Other "prism."	Impulse turbine
Floating	Duct	Radial turbine

Table 1.1. Features of OWCs

1.3.1. Location of OWCs

Figure 1.2a shows, the Cliff mounted OWC, and the waves could exist to the ocean side of the OWC. Meanwhile, the bottom-mounted OWC looks at first eyesight to be very



common showed in Figure 1.2b. However, the wave propagation can pass around the OWC and, although the back of the OWC forms a wall that the water cannot pass through when waves radiate, they might spread out into that area again. Moreover, we can remark in the open-ocean fixed device, as in Figure 1.2c, that it does not have this constraint - the waves can pass under and around the OWC. Finally, the floating OWC, as in Figure 1.2d, has the same interface options as the fixed open ocean OWC. Now, the whole OWC can move, which confuses the scattering and radiation of waves [2].



(b) Bottom-mounted





Figure 1.2 sites for OWCs, the lifts are the cross-sections of the OWCs, meanwhile on the right, the radiation outlines of the wave.





Figure 1.3 plan-view shapes for OWCs, for open ocean configurations



1.4.Power take-off for OWC-WEC

The earlier sections chattered how a wave may interact with the OWC. The PTO system should involve comprehending how an OWC will act in real sea circumstances. A model should include PTO damping as it is close as possible to what may happen in the actual sea. So that means the PTO must model in the time domain [3].

Ideal damper used, which defined in the frequency range or by a damping force with proportion to the velocity during the time domain. It is useful as a frequency domain estimate for the hydrodynamic segment but is not like the PTO action by a real OWC. So this requires time-domain modeling for the PTO.

In the velocity potential techniques, intensely few simple changes to the pressure upper the inner water surface of the OWC may be involved. Such as, pressure during a specified time domain would need a considerable amount of extra energy and potentially a change of technique. Undoubtedly an appropriate pressure estimate necessity to make it so that the PTO's consequences are defined well. Furthermore, of course, one of the causes for making the hydrodynamic modeling is to find the best parameters for the PTO. So, the procedure of all system modeling should be an iterative one.

So OWCs forces the air in the chamber to drive turbines, in order to convert the water surface heaving motion. For a capable turbine in an OWC, it needs to deliver some motion in two cases first when the airflow s out of the chamber and secondly during the airflow s into the chamber. We can make it by using the manner of valves to correct the airflow directions such that it always moves in the same direction.

Meanwhile, some turbines can operate as airflows over the turbine in the two different directions and also the turbine turn in the same direction. Many such turbines can rotate in the same direction, and even the air changed its path with the Wells turbine was intended for OWC use [3].



The valves utilized in the arrangement or parallel with the turbine in order to shield the turbine from outrageous occasions as well as to control the measure of course through the turbine. These Performed as a bypass and a shutoff valve, as in Figure 1.4.



Figure 1.4 Airflow rectification by using valves

1.4.1. Rectifying airflow using valves

One approach to redress this rotating wind stream is to utilize valves with the end goal that air is just let into and out of the turbine lodging one way, as in Figure 1.4. The turbine spoke to a constant glass shape. Note that the wind streams through the turbine from left to directly in both the in-and out-stream cases [4].

1.4.2. The Wells turbine

Figure 1.5 demonstrates a cross-segment through one of the sharp edges of a Wells turbine. Every sharp edge resembles an airplane wing appended to a focal center point, and the wind currents a similar way as the hub of this center. If we applied radial velocity to the turbine, the sharp edges move toward the path demonstrated in the figure. At the point when there is a weight distinction over the sharp edge (for example, at the point when the pneumatic force is diverse over the tip is shown in the figure in contrast with the gaseous tension beneath, or the other way around), a lifting power created. Since the



cutting edges are as of now moving, the resultant heading of this power is advancing, and along these lines, the edges maneuvered into pivoting quicker. The turbine sharp edges are even, so regardless of the indication of the weight distinction, the power is in every case advances [4].



Figure 1.5 Wells turbine acting forces

Impulse turbines

In a drive turbine, manage vanes utilized to adjust the wind stream with the end goal that it powers the movement of the turbine. Such driving appears in Figure 1.6. The guide vanes masterminded, so the air movement powers the turbine to turn a similar way for inflow and outpouring. The turbine sharp edges and guide vanes might condition with the goal that the turbine is off.

To structure such a turbine, a full model that incorporates the particular wind stream around the turbine ought to utilize. It requires a powerful CFD approach and is past the extent of this proposition. We can use a model of a current turbine to calculate the changes in the volume of the chamber and fit this into generating energy by chamber mass flow and pressure [4].





Figure 1.6 axial impulse turbine function.





Chapter 2. Theory behind OWC

2.1.Theory

In this chapter, some fundamental concepts and definitions presented. First, the mathematical equations relating to the description of linear wave theory outlined, and then these extended to form Stokes 2nd Order theory. Secondly, the formulae used to define and calculate OWC performance and efficiency illustrated. Finally, a brief description of resonance explained concerning OWC type wave energy converters [5]. This chapter handles the equations that are required to define the conditions of the wave. Firstly, the simple linear theory is explained and then extended to describe higher-order approaches.

2.2.Wave Theoretical Considerations

Waves spread in a thick liquid over an unpredictable seabed of changing porousness. Gooey impacts generally packed in a dainty "limit" layer close to the surface, and the seabed and the principle group of smooth movements are about not rotational. Since water likewise viewed as successful incompressible, speed potential and a streaming capacity should exist in waves.

In order to illustrate some of the theoretical considerations, it is suitable to start a discussion of a basic small-amplitude water wave test with the following assumptions [5]:

- The fluid is incompressible and inviscid (i.e., = constant)
- Flow is irrotational (i.e., Lacks viscosity)
- Uniform density
- Waves are planar (i.e., 2-Dimensional)
- Monochromatic waves

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[5] The World Energy Council, Survey of Energy Resources (2010).



2.3.Wave Small Amplitude Theory

The small-amplitude wave theory established by the outline of a velocity potential, φ (x, z, t)). Horizontal and vertical particle velocities are well-defined in the waves as $u = \frac{d\varphi}{dx}$ and $w = \frac{d\varphi}{dz}$. Then by combining the velocity potential, Bernoulli's equation, Laplace's equation, and proper boundary conditions (e.g. $\frac{d\varphi}{dz} = 0$ at the seabed), the small amplitude formulas developed as per Dean and Dalrymple [6].

Wave Profile:

The free surface elevation is given by:



Figure 2.1 Main Parameters of a Sinusoidal Wave

We may rewrite the equation as:

$$\eta(x,t) = A\cos(kx - \omega t)$$
[2.2]

Where:

K = wave number



 ω = angular frequency (s⁻¹)

T = time(s)

Moreover, the wavenumber is given by:

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{L}$$
[2.3]

The dispersion relationship which relates wavelength to frequency can be given by

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh \tag{2.4}$$

Velocities

The following equations give the known form of the free surface and velocity potential, equations for horizontal, u(x, z, t) and vertical, w(x, z, t) velocities:

$$u(x,z,t) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{gAk}{\omega} \frac{\cosh k(z+h)}{\cosh kh} \cos(kx - \omega t)$$
[2.5a]

$$w(x,z,t) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \frac{gAk}{\omega} \frac{\sinh k(z+h)}{\cosh kh} \sin(kx - \omega t)$$
[2.5b]

2.4.Wave Velocity and Wave Classification

The waveform propagation speed named with the wave celerity, c. Subsequently, the distance traveled by a wave in one wave period is one wavelength, the wave celerity written as [6]

$$c = \frac{L}{T}$$
 [2.6]

Alternatively re-arranged and written as:

$$c = \frac{\omega}{k}$$
[2.7]

$$c = \frac{gT}{2\pi} \tanh(kh)$$
[2.8]



The velocity where a wave propagates is usually not equal to the speed at which individual waves travel. This speed is defined as the group velocity, c_g , and is typically less than the celerity, c, in deep or transitional water depths. Given these differences in wave properties, it is also useful to classify waves according to the water depth in which they travel. Standard classifications by the US Army Corps, Shore Protection Manuals have made according to the magnitude of the ratio h/L, and the no dimensional wave number Kh, are shown in Table 2.1 [6].

Classification	Deep	Transitional	Shallow
h/L	>1/2	$^{1}/_{25} < h/L < ^{1}/_{2}$	< 1/25
kh	$> \pi$	$^{1}/_{4} < kh < \pi$	< 1/4
Tanh kh	≈ 1	Tanh kh	$\approx kh$
С	$\frac{gT}{2\pi}$	$c = \frac{gT}{2\pi} \tanh(kh)$	\sqrt{gh}
Cg	$c_g = \frac{L}{2T} = \frac{c}{2}$	$c_g = \frac{L}{2T} \left[1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh(2kh)} \right]$	$c_g = c$

Table 2.1 Wave Classification at the three types of water depths

Group velocity, c_g , is essential as it is this velocity at which energy propagated. It illustrated by describing how a wave propagates in calm water, which is analogous to wave generation within a model test tank. It is relevant to the understanding of kinetic and potential energy and wave propagation within an NWT [6].

The total wave energy, E, is equal to the sum of the potential energy and the kinematic energy, which shown to be of equal magnitude for small-amplitude wave theory. If a wave generator starts generating waves, it can only impart kinetic energy into the domain. As such, it imparts energy equation to E/2 to the water during the first stroke. That is, after one first stroke, a wave will be present with a total energy equal to E/2. After a while, this wave has a progressive one wavelength, but it will leave half of its energy,



E/4, behind in the form of potential energy. The kinetic energy (E/4) now occupies a previously undisturbed area immediately ahead of the previous wave. In the meantime, a second wave was generated, occupying the position of the original wave. This wave now has an energy of E/2 + E/4 = 3E/4. Repeating this simple analogy gives the distribution of wave heights as a train progresses, as shown in Table 2.2 [6].

Series	Wave number, m					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	Energy
1	1/2 E	-	<u>-</u> 8	-	-	1/2 E
2	3/4	1/4 E	F 0 00	-	-	2/2 E
3	7/8	4/8	1/8 E	Mz.		3/2 E
4	15/16	11/16	5/16	1/16 E	-	4/2 E
5	31/32	26/32	16/32	6/32	1/32 E	5/2 E

Table 2.2 Wave Energy Propagation

For a large number of waves, the leading wave effectively becomes insignificant, and the energy increases closer to the center of the wave group. In deep water, the energy front located at the center of the wave group. For shallow water, this front would have been at the front of the group. For any depth, the ratio of group velocity to celerity defines this energy front and hence confirms the previous statement that wave energy transported with the group velocity rather than celerity [7].

2.5.Higher-Order Theories

2.5.1. General

The arrangement of the hydrodynamic conditions of gravity wave conditions can be improved by expanding the hypotheses and henceforward, expanding the understanding between the hypothetical and the watched conduct. Continuously, improving the



precision of assumptions comes at a computational cost, and thus building judgment is utilized to characterize the boundary conditions for different wave hypotheses. Figure 2.2 shows the inexact furthest reaches of legitimacy for a little wave hypothesis and has turned out to be perceived by its utilization in a few writings [7].



Figure 2.2 Wave Theory Application

A pattern line that approximates the tests considered in this work plotted onto the diagram. It very well may be seen that the naturalness of direct hypothesis is, to some degree, confined. Stirs 2nd Degree order gives a practically full inclusion of the picked conditions and has been picked given the relative effortlessness in application to the current issue. Induction of the second Request Feeds amendment given in the accompanying areas [7].



2.5.1.1. Extension to Stokes 2nd Order Waves

During the deduction of direct wave hypothesis, little amounts, for example, the higher request extension esteems inside the Taylor development of the free surface rise, were ignored to streamline the calculations. Stokes, 2nd Order Theory is a well-known variation to Linear Theory and includes an additional 'higher-order' component in the formulation [7].

Surface Profile:

$$\eta = \frac{H}{2}\cos(kx - \omega t) + \frac{H^2k}{16}\frac{\cosh(kh)}{\sinh^3(kh)}(2 + \cosh 2kh)\cos 2(kx - \omega t)$$
[2.9]

X-velocity:

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{H}{2} \frac{gk}{\omega} \frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh} \cos(kx - \omega t) + \frac{3H^2 \omega k}{16} \frac{\cosh 2k(h+z)}{\sinh^4(kh)} \cos 2(kx - \omega t)$$
[2.10]

<u>Z-velocity:</u>

$$w = \frac{H}{2} \frac{gk}{\omega} \frac{\sinh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh} \sin(kx - \omega t) + \frac{3H^2 \omega k}{16} \frac{\sinh 2k(h+z)}{\sinh^4(kh)} \sin 2(kx - \omega t)$$
[2.11]

Where:

Wave period
$$= T$$

Frequency = $\omega = 2 \pi/T$

Wavelength = L

Wavenumber: = $k = 2 \pi / L$

Celerity: = $c = L/T = \omega/k$

Wave Height = H



Water Depth = h

Time = t

2.5.1.2. Wave Kinematics above Mean Water Level

Direct wave hypothesis on a fundamental level applies to little waves, so it does not anticipate kinematics for focusing over the MWL as they are not in the perfect 'liquid.' A typical practice comprises of utilizing straight wave hypothesis related to exact wave extending procedures to give a progressively sensible portrayal of close surface water kinematics. The observational wave extending strategies well known in the offshore business incorporate vertical extending, direct extrapolation, Wheeler is extending and delta extending. Even though not the most precise procedure, vertical extending is computationally progressively productive and consequently was received for this investigation. Vertical Extending has the impact of setting the molecule speeds above MWL equivalent to those determined for the MWL. Even though when all said in done, extending strategies are applied uniquely to square waves, in this investigation, We applied it to Stokes 2nd Order waves [8].

2.5.2. OWC Efficiency

The primary role of the examination is to explore the proficiency with which an OWC can produce control when subject to the impact of gravity waves. Productivity can be dictated by looking at the yield control against the hypothetical info wave control for a specific condition. Hence, to decide proficiency, we have to create articulations for the hypothetical intensity of the episode wave train just as the power consumed by the OWC [8].



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2.5.2.1. Incident Wave Power

It tends to be appearing (McCormick, 1981) that the articulations for the total wave energy (E_i) and the normal occurrence, wave control (Pi) over a wave cycle utilizing Stokes 2nd Order Hypothesis are, separately, [9].

$$E_{i} = \frac{\rho g}{8} H^{2} \left[1 + \frac{9}{64} \frac{H^{2}}{k^{4} h^{6}} \right]$$
(J) [2.12]

$$P_{i} = \frac{\rho g}{8} H^{2} c_{g} b \left[1 + \frac{9}{64} \frac{H^{2}}{k^{4} h^{6}} \right]$$
(W) [2.13]

Where;

Wave period = T
Frequency =
$$\omega = 2 \pi/T$$

Wavelength = L
Device width: = b
Celerity: = c_g
Wave Height = H
Water Depth = h
Time = t

2.5.2.2. Hydrodynamic Power

Similarly, as with most wave energy applications, the level element of the inside chamber is thought to be little contrasted with the predominant wavelength along these lines the inner water surface we adequately planed in long waves considered as a body in hurl. In the case of waves with shorter wavelengths, the inner surface might be non-planar; the



water column may encounter both pitching and heaving movement. Even though this may have ramifications for the framework's specific period(s), the low power consumed by the OWC gadget is fundamentally reliant just on the hurl movement of the water column and the dynamic pneumatic forces inside the gadget [9].

Understanding when the wavelengths under thought are long when contrasted with the trademark level component of the internal OWC surface. Thus, expecting that the internal surface of the OWC carries on as a cylinder, the hydrodynamic power consumed by the OWC can be processed from the straightforward plan for power [9].

$$Power = Force. \frac{Displacement}{Time}$$
 Watts [2.14]

Rearranging this formulation and substituting $Force = Pressure \ x \ Area$ and assuming that the hydrodynamic power transferred to the air column, we can write this as:

$$P_{hyd} = Pressure.Area.\frac{dS}{dT}$$
 (W) [2.15]

That is, for the OWC wave energy converter:

Pressure = the pressure inside the chamber (Pa)

Area = surface area of the water surface in the chamber (m2/m width)

DT/DS = differentiated position of the water surface in the chamber

= velocity of the OWC "piston" (m/s)

Accordingly, given information about the weight created inside the chamber and the surface motions inside the chamber, we can decide the hydrodynamic power transmitted to the OWC [9].

Since this is a constrained vibration issue, the motions of the OWC will have a similar recurrence as that of the information wave. The weight created inside the gadget will



have a similar recurrence as well, yet there might be a stage contrast between the weight and stream rate. This duplication of weight and stream rate (2.15) will give the assimilated power for a time. The normal of this retained control over a whole number several of wave periods gives the normal of the OWC for the specific conditions considered [10].

2.5.2.3. Pneumatic Power

In common sense terms, the OWC productivity following the following phase of change in an OWC Power Plant controlled by researching the energy transition of the wind stream over the turbine. In the instance of this present examination, because of scalar troubles in displaying a turbine, a straightforward vent has been used to give the agent compared to the weight drop related to the wind current going through a turbine. It is viewed as sufficient given this examination center around hydrodynamic as opposed to pneumatic change efficiencies [10].

[2.16]

The Power at the vent, Pvent, can be determined from the following:

Power = Pressure. $\int velocity. dA$

Pressure = the pressure inside the chamber

[velocity. dA = integral of the air velocity profile across the vent

This assurance is, to some degree, academic for trial fill in as the capacity to precisely quantify the airspeed profile over the vent is incomprehensible. It is still besides of intrigue when performing a numerical investigation as it is conceivable to decide every single important variable, and an examination with the hydrodynamic power may give a sign with regards to the pneumatic misfortunes in the framework [10].



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2.5.2.4. Efficiency Calculation

The power ratio which absorbed by the device to the incident power provides a measure of the efficiency of the device. It is defined as ε and calculated as follows [10]:

$$Efficiency = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}}$$
[2.17]

$$\varepsilon_{hyd} = \frac{P_{hyd}}{P_{wave}}$$
[2.18]

2.5.2.5. Theoretical Efficiency

The theory developed by Evans and Porter (1995) considers the efficiency of an OWC and its relationship to front wall submergence. The theory assumes that the OWC device immersed in ideal water in the existence of linear and progressive waves. The main parameters of attention are the front wall depth (a) and also the chamber length (b) measured concerning water depth (h). This theory also considers that the turbine is modeled as a linear pressure drop with damping set to optimal conditions and takes no account of the front lip shape or thickness [10].

The theory previously presented in an analogous situation in the cases considered in this work. A plot of efficiency versus *Kh* presented in Figure 2.3 for a general case where b/h=1 and for a variety of front wall submergence values (a/h). *Kh* represents the infinite water depth parameter, and can be determined as follows:

$$Kh = kh \tanh (kh)$$
[2.21]





Figure 2.3Curves of hydrodynamic efficiency Vs. Kh [11]

The efficiency curves using the theory exhibit the following characteristics of significance in this study:

• Of interest in wave energy extraction is when the fluid between the back wall and the front walls is excited into a resonant, piston-like motion if one assumes b/a is small, the fluid in between the walls considered to act as a solid body. Simple modeling of this situation gives rise to the condition that $Ka\approx 1$ for resonance, which equates to Kh=2 for the case a/h=0.5, as shown in Figure 2.3. The curves do illustrate trends towards this behavior, particularly for smaller values of b/h [11].




Figure 2.4 Curves of hydrodynamic efficiency Vs. Kh [11]

- Larger values of *a/h* prompt the reverberation recurrence to diminish. It can be clarified physically because of the new separation; a liquid molecule must go during the time of movement because of the expanded front lip submergence. It legitimately causes a reduction in the estimation of Kh, at which reverberation happens. A comparative impact can likewise have by increasing the evaluation of a/h, as appeared in Figure 2.4 [11].
- Large motions can also occur within the OWC when the fluid in the OWC is excited into an asymmetric sloshing mode as though it were a closed tank. In a closed basin, it showed that this mode occurs for values of $kb = n\pi$. For the case shown with b/h = 1, this occurs at a value of $Kh \approx \pi$ and demonstrated by the spiky behavior near this value of *Kh*. For shallow lip submergence, the motion acts less like a closed tank, and this resonant mode moves away from $Kh \approx \pi$. Increasing submergence moves the resonance closer to this mode, and the peak becomes spiked more [11].

2.6.Research Background

The innovation, all the more prevalently known as OWC, is one rendition of wave vitality converters that structured, built, and worked over a time of around 30 Years.



They have made changes in degrees of progress in producing the necessary power of the waves. The OWC has the uniqueness of being actualized either coastal, breakwater coordinated structures, or seaward in skimming hardware. While the seaward device will have more power in its bay, it is subject to other essential factors. The seaward gadget requires having the option to withstand the destructive impacts of the seas and a wide range of conceivable catastrophe [12].

The OWC chips away at the rule of the stimulated air column are answerable for driving a unique class of turbines called the air turbines. The air turbines require having the new property of self-amendment. Consequently, it is indispensable that self-amending turbines produced for this reason. Subsequently, the examination and investigation of air turbines are fundamental in the improvement of the oscillating water column innovation. Different potential outcomes, we considered it to incorporate air chamber qualities, control systems for the air column, combined with nearby storage alternatives [12].





Chapter 3. CFD modeling and analysis for Fixed Chamber OWC and Floating OWC

3.1.Research contents

To talk about a breakwater OWC basically and conventionally, yet with enough detail to be of intrigue, a fixed breakwater was picked and situated on a level ocean bed that is in genuinely shallow water. It has the ocean encompassing it as opposed to framing a shoreline bluff [13].

The speed potential strategy, a separated gadget, is demonstrated first to test the outcomes against the recently distributed hypothesis, and after that, the further chamber is sent next to it to an aggregate of five. It empowers numerous potential methods of vibration of the water columns; however, it has sensible counts and physical intelligibility.

No PTO is expected (no top incorporated into the figuring). It is because the initial step is to drive a theoretical controller as opposed to show a particular PTO.

In **Chapter 3**, CFD investigation of the hydrodynamic model of the focal column in the time-area, and Discussing the Performance of the OWC in a real sea, this is joined with conditions for the turbine and thermodynamic to provide a wave-mechanical power modeling of the OWC.

The Near assessment of the OWC is talked about in **Chapter 4** for offshore fixed and Breakwater gadget OWC's activity in the wave atmosphere of a site in Kuwait.

The discourse of the aftereffects of the examination is done in **Chapter 5**, with the ends to be attracted.

3.2.Research Goals

This research aims to discuss the difference between two main types of OWC devices and compare between the outflow of them hydrodynamically in order to investigate the optimum option we can use in the Arabian Gulf.



3.3.Modeling and Analysis

A CFD is a computer-Aided mathematical modeling facility that joins the arrangement of the severe conditions of the fluids stream, the Navier-Stokes conditions, in blend with other partnered conditions. The Navier-Stokes conditions speak of the laws of protection of mass, force, and energy in the differential structure. These fractional differential conditions in the essential structure are then approximated as limited volume articulations and changed into mathematical situations to consider numerical calculation inside a predefined area. The Familiar programming utilized for this examination uses the limited volume technique to fathom the Navier-Stokes conditions and has a few highlights for multiphase streams pertinent to the current issue. Among these highlights is the capacity to execute the VOF strategy to follow the air-water interface inside the space. It is not just significant as a way to portray the interface, but on the other hand, It is fundamental for the right demonstrating of the hydro-pneumatic cooperation inside the OWC chamber [13].

Similarly, as with any numerical showing, disentanglements and approximations should be made to permit limited systematic terms or to clarify marvels not yet wholly comprehended (e.g., Choppiness), It is along these lines reasonable to perform explicit approval of any numerical neutralize either known hypothetical or exploratory arrangements preceding acknowledgment as a solid strategy. Trial approval is of specific significance as it might uncover real conditions that we did not visualize during the numerical improvement that may require joining into the picked demonstrating device [13].

This section is worried about the CFD displaying of OWC type wave energy gadgets with a specific spotlight on the energy retention capacity of a gadget. The advancement of a CFD model includes the formation of space, age of waves, and the hydrodynamic and pneumatic displaying of the collaboration of these waves with the OWC. The work in this section rights off the bat subtleties the improvement of a Numerical Wave Tank (NWT) to approve the wave age. Also, an OWC demonstrated inside the NWT, and



gadget productivity explored. Thirdly, it has likewise been referred to that parameter, for example, the front lip shape and submergence profundity influence. Studies performed to assess these impacts for specific geometric arrangements. These examinations we depicted in this section [13].

3.3.1. Numerical Wave Tank

The NWT is the primary tank in which many properties under consideration (e.g., An OWC) added. Thus, it is of essence that the NWT must provide results with a high degree of accuracy to confirm that results from the modeling are not distorted or diminished [14].

The analysis of any waves using CFD is an iterative procedure connecting those three necessary steps:

- 1. Numerical Domain Setup
- 2. Modeling and Computation
- 3. Results Evaluation

These steps applied to the improvement of the NWT described in the following sections [14].

3.3.1.1. Domain Setup

As a significant aspect during pre-processing, we must characterize a geometry to which the CFD will be applied. The geometry picked necessities to consider the size of the gadget, and that demonstrated to make a reasonable reaction without huge significant 'boundary effects' (e.g., Reflection). This model system also contains the mesh generation to define the individual volumes that structure the computational domain. Besides, the making of the mesh, boundary conditions, for example, should be carefully considered too, we can precisely recreate certifiable circumstances [15].



Boundary conditions

To characterize an issue that outcomes in a one of a kind arrangement, it is essential to determine the data on the stream factors at the area limits. It is imperative to characterize these accurately as they can significantly affect the numerical arrangement [16]. The base of the tank and right-hand divider defined as divider limits to bond space — unrelated and typical liquid speeds set to zero for the cells neighboring the divider limits. The NWT top is set as an air inlet with pressure in order to minimize "zeroing" boundary such that airflow s can happen, either out of or into the domain [17].

The interior of the domain set to a "Fluid Zone" for which all active equations solved. Fluid material input is required, and the following use:

Material	Phase Type	Density (kg/m ³)	Dynamic Viscosity (kg m ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	Temperature (°C)
Air	Primary	1.225	1.7894 x 10 ⁻⁵	20
Water	Secondary	1025	0.00188	20

Table 3.1	Properties	of the fluids	[18]
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A 'speed channel' utilized to portray the wave producer. The information sources required are the size for every one of the speed parts. Even though the 'speed delta' is in a perfect world proposed for incompressible streams, it is utilized here to enter the progression of water and does exclude air inside the recommended stream conditions. The plan for the speed segments depicted in the accompanying areas.

3.3.1.2. Wave Generation

To give exact NWT reproductions of OWCs, the age of reasonable waves is vital. Various systems are accessible to produce waves in FLUENT. Initially, waves can be



created by a moving fold that can move on a level plane mirroring the wave age systems usually utilized in trial wave tanks. By and large, this alternative is not beneficial in a numerical wave tank as the computational exertion required for work recovery at each time-step can be critical. The subsequent choice, endorsing the stream conditions and wave height, is a considerably more advantageous procedure and requires the speed and wave stature to be forced as controlled by the proper hypothesis [18].

During this investigation, a wave is created by powerfully connecting a User Defined Function (UDF) to the gulf speed limit inside the FLUENT examination module. The channel speed limit condition enables us to characterize u, and speed segments just as the stage type for every cell at the limit. The UDF is a different capacity written in C programming language that decides the Stokes 2nd Order wave speed segments for every phone on the limit at each time step during the reproduction. The procedure depicted according to the accompanying advances and as outlined in Figure 3.3:

- *I*. The UDF function accepts the time step, and the cell coordinates information from FLUENT[™].
- *II*. The UDF calculates the wave surface elevation according to the theory (equation 2.9) and defines this as *Z*.
- III. For fluid cells with cell mean z coordinate \leq water depth, u and w velocity coordinates calculated according to Stokes 2nd Order wave theory (equations [2.10] and [2.11]).
- *IV*. For fluid cells with Z, \geq cell means z coordinate \geq h; u and w velocities set to those for a value of z=h (i.e., linear stretching).

V. For fluid cells with mean *z* coordinate > Z, *u*, and *w* velocities set to zero. For each water depth value, wave height, wavelength, and wave period, a unique UDF created by modifying the problem parameters [18].



Remarking that at the inlet flow boundary with positive and negative velocities may happen so that air may flow in and out. As the Stokes 2nd Order velocity integrated over a wave period will be a non-zero number, there is a net flow into the domain. Given the duration of the simulations and the size of the numerical domain, this evaluated to be acceptable.





3.3.1.3. Numerical Model Set-Up

<u>Motives</u>

The numerical wave tank issue includes numerous stages – that is, air and water. The definition and checking of this interface are of essential significance to the examination of OWCs as an air/water interface inside the OWC makes the 'cylinder' that packs the air that drives the turbine to at least convert the wave energy into power [19].

The familiar has various strategies to cook for multi-stage streams. The Volume of Fluid (VOF) strategy picked for this examination has been demonstrated to be the most material and adequately exact to catch the primary stream includes around free surface wave streams [19].

The VOF strategy puts the free surface of cells that are in part loaded up with water, and a volume division is determined, which speaks to the bit of the cell that loaded up with a pre-decided liquid sort. When the volume division is known, the genuine stage interface settled.

The demonstrating of the staging interface utilizing VOF displayed in FLUENT utilizing strategies, for example, the Geo-remaking or the benefactor acceptor methods. The geometric recreation system is utilized for the examination as indicated by the FLUENT Use Manual, and it displays the interface more precisely than different techniques. The geometric recreation plan accepts the interface between two liquids includes a direct slant inside every cell and utilizations the straight shape to figure the shift in weather conditions of liquid through the cell faces. A case of how the air-water interface approximated found in Figure 3.4 [19].





Figure 3.2 Geo-Reconstruction and Donor-Acceptor Scheme Approximations [18]

Initial Solution

In other performing examinations, an underlying arrangement applied to the area. The air characterized as the essential stage (Table 3.1). Familiar naturally expect the essential stage species is available in each cell except if generally characterized. To make the 2nd stage (water) inside the space, it should be 'fixed' over the lower segment to give a steady fill level equivalent to the picked water profundity. As check ponders against trial displaying are performed later with a test tank that is at first still, speeds for all cells in the area set to zero as an underlying condition to give like-to like closeness [20].

Solver Controls

Familiar offers a wide assortment of solvers, discretization plans, and factors that can influence the arrangement quality and union. A synopsis of the vital arrangement parameters picked examined beneath; besides, considerably more detail found in the Fluent User Guide [20].

The isolated solver is the arrangement calculation utilized by FLUENT in this class of issue. The overseeing conditions are understood consecutively (for example, isolated from each other) in order to utilize this methodology. Since the administering conditions are non-straight (and coupled), a few emphases of the arrangement circle performed



before a met arrangement acquired. Non-Iterative Time Advancement (NITA) procedure is likewise accessible and has been appearing to accelerate the emphasis procedure altogether (FLUENT Users Guide).

The thought basic the NITA plan is that to protect generally speaking precision, it is not essential to decrease the blunder from each consecutive arrangement venture to zero; however, we need to make it a similar order as the time discretization mistake. The computational progression of the NITA conspires, as found in Figure 3.5, shows that solitary a solitary worldwide emphasis for every time-step is performed. Sub-cycles performed in each time-step; however, the external, speed, weight emphasis is performed just once (subsequently the expression "non-iterative") [20].

Inside a given time-step, which substantially accelerates transient recreations, this methodology has successfully driven the blunder in each sub-emphasis to the time discretization mistake, not zero, and has the net impact of permitting a calculation in the order of 3 to multiple times quicker than standard iterative strategies. We ought to notice that specific logical runs did not merge agreeably utilizing the NITA procedure. Instead of decreasing the time step or increment work goals, the examination performed utilizing the default iterative technique but with altogether progressively computational exertion.

Assembly model set utilizing the default factors, which will, all in all, give second-order exactness (FLUENT User Guide. These parameters appear in Table 3.2 [20].





Figure 3.3 Non-Iterative Time Advancement flow chart (Fluent User Guide) [18]



	Maximum Number of Initial Iterations	Correction Tolerance	Residual Tolerance	Relaxation Factor
Pressure	10	0.25	0.0001	1
Momentum	5	0.05	0.0001	1
Energy	5	0.05	0.0001	1

Table 3.2 Convergence Criteria [18]

In light of the nonlinearity of the condition set settled, it is important to control the difference in factors. It accomplished by a procedure called under-unwinding. This procedure viably decreases the difference in every factor, φ , during every emphasis. In a straightforward structure, the new estimation of the variable inside a cell relies on the old worth φ old in addition to the processed change in the variable duplicated by the under-unwinding factor, α , as follows [21]:

Ordinarily, the default under-unwinding qualities utilized during all examinations. Certain wave stature – wave period blends involved numerical insecurities, especially during the investigation, including the OWC chamber, which required the unwinding component to bring down to give intermingling. These runs additionally regularly required the quantity of middle of the road remedies to expand to permit combination (up to multiple times) [21].

3.3.1.4. Analysis

Time Step and Convergence

In the CFD examination, the numerical model not just discretized in space yet besides in time. In time we generally need to estimate the perfect arrangement since it is preposterous to expect to utilize boundlessly little league steps. That is, we attempt to



utilize the most significant time step conceivable to decrease the reproduction time comparable with accomplishing an acceptable degree of exactness [21].

For transient arrangements inside FLUENT, the solver repeats to combination at each time step with the end goal that the residuals characterized by the client accomplished, at that point, propels consequently. The time step Δt must be little enough to determine time ward highlights and to guarantee union inside the most significant number of emphases set by the client.

For almost all the investigation played out, the default union rules in FLUENT were adequate. This paradigm necessitates that the scaled residuals lessening to 10-4 for all conditions aside from the energy conditions, for which the model is 10-6. Certain cases did not combine, and henceforth experimentation adjustments were made to parameters, for example, the intermingling criteria, under-unwinding, or the number of sub-emphases per time step to finish calculations [21].

3.3.2. Validation of Wave Propagation

For the approval of wave spread, a few tests performed utilizing a PC with a 3.4 GHz processor and 2x8 GB RAM debugging FLUENT 12 programs. Right off the bat, a progression of the runs performed to assess the wave rise that researched. Uncommon consideration paid to the size of the lattice and the time steps essential for a precise reenactment of the waves. Besides, given the significance of the stream speeds in and out of the OWC, the exactness of the reproduced speed profiles has additionally been inspected [22].

3.3.2.1. Wave Profile Study

In this section, waves simulated in an NWT, and the surface profiles contrasted with wave hypothesis. The consideration paid to the number of cells utilized and the time steps required accomplishing dependable outcomes. As recently we talked about,



reproductions performed utilizing Stokes 2nd order wave hypothesis as the info wave profile [22].

The wave simulations used a wave typical of what may have a high occurrence of being experienced by OWC wave converters. The wave chosen for this study has a period of 7.1 seconds in a water depth of 11.5m, resulting in a wavelength of 63.4m. The wave height set at 1.5m [22].

In the simulations performed, the time step and the mesh size varied. These presented as a ratio of the wave period and the wavelength in Table 3.3. The Base case time step utilized is 0.01 seconds, which equates to T/710, and the Base case mesh dimension was 1m, which equates to L/64.

Case	Timestep (s)	Timestep Ratio	Typical Mesh Dimension (m)	Ratio to L
Basecase (a)	0.01	T/710	GOI	L/64
b	0.01	T/710	0.5	L/128
с	0.01	T/710	0.25	L/264
d	0.005	T/1420	1	L/64
e	0.05	T/142		L/64
f	0.002	T/3550	Y 1	L/64
g (model scale)	0.01	T/710	1	L/64

Table 3.3 NWT Analysis Cases [22]

3.3.2.2. Velocity Profile

The total energy in a wave comprises of two sorts: the potential energy coming about because of the dislodging of the free surface and the dynamic energy, because of the water molecule development inside the liquid. The past area managed the examination concerning the demonstrating of the potential energy (for example, free surface rise),



while this area will think about the exactness in the displaying of internal kinematics [23].

A depiction of the molecule speeds at $\frac{1}{4}$ focuses along with a solitary wave at time t=100 seconds in case (d) is appeared in the rough area of the proposed OWC in Figure 3.6. The area of this wave, which has a wavelength of 63.4m, begins at x=299m and stretches out to x=363.4m. Figure 3.4 likewise represents the reproduced velocity profiles; however, these currently contrasted with the ostensible Stokes 2nd order velocity profiles at $\frac{1}{4}$ focuses along with the wave under thought. Note that the numerical examination additionally demonstrates the velocity segments for the air particles, and in that capacity, the profile reaches out to the furthest reaches of the area through the hypothetical profile stretches out to the water surface [23].

The velocities show great concurrence with the hypothesis. It, therefore, inferred that the numerical examination, which, under these conditions, produces delegate wave profiles of adequate precision to empower further correlation work and model testing to continue [24].



(a) X-Velocity profiles for a Wave (i) 0 L (ii) $\frac{1}{4}$ L (iii) $\frac{1}{2}$ L (iv) $\frac{3}{4}$ L (v) L [24]





(b) Y-Velocity profiles for a Wave (i) 0 L (ii) $\frac{1}{4} L$ (iii) $\frac{1}{2} L$ (iv) $\frac{3}{4} L$ (v) L

Figure 3.4 Velocity Plots for *x*=299 to *x*=363 [24]







Figure 3.5 Comparison of Simulated and Stokes 2nd Order x & y velocity profiles for a wave located at x=300m from wavemaker for positions (i) 0 L (ii) $\frac{1}{4}$ L (iii) $\frac{1}{2}$ L (iv) $\frac{3}{4}$ L

3.3.3. OWC Numerical Analysis

3.3.3.1. Introduction

Ensuing to the NWT investigation, the numerical work stretched out to incorporate the hydrodynamic examination of an OWC type wave converter under an assortment of wave conditions. The point of the work was to decide the productivity of energy catch and to outline the proficiency of the OWC as a component of non-dimensional wave number, kh. The effectiveness profile along these lines decided enables specialists to decide the unrealized power yield of an OWC and is in this manner of the highest significance in the viable structure of a wave energy plant [25].



3.3.3.2. Methodology

The numerical modeling of the OWC framework accomplished utilizing a similar crucial arrangement as depicted for the NWT in the past area, including utilizing the upgraded work and time step refinements. Notwithstanding the fundamental NWT arrangement, some of the extra parameters are required for the demonstrating of the OWC framework, the primary highlights of which portrayed in the accompanying segments [25].

3.3.3.3. Boundary Conditions

OWC devices use a turbine to remove the energy from the inner air column stream that is brought about by waves following up on the chamber. Various turbine types have regularly been used for the power take-off, for example, the Wells turbine or the Denniss-Auld turbine. As the goal of the investigation is to perform trial approval, a technique for using a squared-off vent utilized for this examination.

The thought behind utilizing a vent is twofold; Firstly, it is generally easy to repeat in a trial crusade while a genuine turbine, for example, the regularly utilized Wells turbine, requires a confusing damping situation to be coordinated to the performance qualities of the gadget. Also, modeling the OWC is utilizing a vent to give the heap effectively utilized already. As these undertaking centers around the hydrodynamic productivity, dodging the turbine in the investigation viewed as an appropriate trade-off [26]. Notwithstanding the vent modeling, the OWC numerical model will use a similar weight gulf and velocity channel limit conditions as utilized in the NWT examination to demonstrate the upper area interface and the wave-production limit.



3.3.4. Summarized efficiency equations

The overall hydrodynamic efficiency (ζ) that best represents the hydrodynamic performance of an OWC defined as in Eq. [3.2] for an OWC device. The hydrodynamic efficiency is also referred to in the literature as capture width or dimensionless capture width [29].

$$\zeta = P_E / (P_I a) \tag{3.2}$$

Where P_I is the mean of the incident wave power (energy flux) for each unit width, which is well-defined as the multiplication of the group velocity (*Cg*) and the wave energy (*E*₁) (both potential and kinetic) for each unit ocean surface, area as given in the Equation [3.3] and Equation [3.4], while *PE* is the time-averaged extracted pneumatic power determined as in Eq. [3.5] and a is OWC width/ inner diameter [29].

$$P_{I} = \frac{1}{2} \rho g A_{2} C_{g}$$

$$\frac{\omega}{2k} (1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh(2kh)} \text{ For intermediate } - \text{ water conditions } (\frac{L}{20} < h < \frac{L}{2})$$

$$C_{g} = \{ \qquad [3.4] \}$$

- $\frac{1}{2} \frac{L}{T}$ for deepwater conditions (h > $\frac{L}{2}$)
- **A** is the incident wave amplitude (it equals to the half of the measured wave height, H)
- **T** is wave period, h is the water depth
- **k** is the wavenumber given by the dispersion relationship $\omega^2/g = k \tanh{(kh)}$, L is the wavelength
- ρ is water density
- $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is the angular frequency
- **g** is the gravitational acceleration

$$P_E = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \Delta p(t) q(t) dt \qquad [3.5]$$



Where q (t) is the airflow rate through the vent, which can be measured by two frequently known methods: (1) via a pre-calibrated vent together with the pressure measurement and (2) via calculating the free surface elevation inside the OWC chamber with incompressible flow assumption, the last method was utilized in the present experiments as follows. Furthermore, by using the averaged free surface oscillations (η_{OWC}) and the free surface vertical velocity (V), which calculated by differentiating the calculated time-series data (i.e., V (t) = $d\eta_{OWC}/dt$). Ought to the defined free surface vertical velocity and the presumed dense air for the model a scale which used in these tests, the airflow rate ((t)) calculated by the **equation [3.6].** Highlighting that air compressibility effects must be well-thought-out while scaling– up the results obtained to assess device act at full–scale.

(t) = (t) ba

[3.6]

3.4.Performance of the OWC in a real sea

The most critical element for an OWC is the quantity of energy that it can convert. The device tested in real sea conditions. It leads us to that we must test it in irregular waves and for a specific wave climate in order to know this for the breakwater OWC.

In Section 3.5, the methods for describing such sea states and wave conditions, also the testing techniques of an OWC, will discuss. Meanwhile, the testing of the column of the breakwater model in irregular waves at different sea states mentioned in Section 3.6. Lastly, in Section 3.7, the yearly performance of this OWC will be projected for a location in the Arabian Gulf. Moreover, in Section 3.8, this performance will be conversing in more significant depths.





3.4.1. Describing real seas

The spread of frequencies in the different types of the sea must be determined and an estimation of how regularly the sea states happen utilized to ascertain the average rate of energy conversion in order to portray in which to test the OWC.

3.4.1.1. The real sea

In the sea, the waves appear to be unique to those delivered in generally (numerical) wave tanks. The waves originate from many bearings and have an enormous spread of us for each other. The waves with different frequencies, which have different travel velocities like in the oceans, surface a convincing structure to be watched. The directions spread and frequencies might be approximated by some propagation, and the average might be assumed control over the frequencies and directions in order to portray this structure.

The methods by which such distributions created come from measurement of the water surface by buoys radar. Furthermore, by calculations, involving the measurement of wind speeds will be followed by subsequent statistical manipulation [30].

The speed of a wave is affected by the swell of the sea, and this depth affects the state of the sea movement and the measure of the energy contained inside the waves. In the deep ocean, there is more energy than at the shore where energy is scattered. There is additionally a distinction between the appropriation of the wave frequencies between waves that originate from the neighborhood and far off breezes. Waves originate from far off tempests and will, in general, have longer than wind-driven waves that are progressively nearby. It is conceivable (and common) to have two kinds of waves superimposed at a given site.

For example, the Kuwait city shores, a swell-sea, may see waves coming from Arabian Gulf's storms to the south-east, although the resident winds could be



motivating waves from the north-east. In addition to varying in space, these wavefields fluctuate with time: winds change in direction and strength, and storms build, move, and die. Therefore, there is very some variety in the waves that an OWC will encounter hourly, daily, seasonal, and also yearly. The distinctions happening over these time scales are enormous; in this way, to change over energy viably, an OWC must have the option to adjust to such changes. These spatial and fleeting effects imply that the waves anytime state that of an estimating float, can be altogether different to its close to neighbors in both mean measurements and conveyances. In this way, albeit an OWC might be structured in its geometry and expected PTO to go for a specific territory, each OWC (or an assortment of OWCs) must have the option to adjust its activity to the particular condition where it gets it [31].

3.4.1.2. Real Sea Frequency Domain Models

On the off chance that it accepted that the wave field comprised of a few superposed waves of various recurrence and greatness, at that point, the general extents of various wave frequencies recognizable in a given sea depicted by a range. There are various methods for approximating spectra numerically.





Figure 3.6 The Wave Spectra for waves properties of Hs = 1 m and T = 8.5 s

The spectral bandwidth might change such that there is a higher or lower range of wave frequencies showed within the sea state. As various atmospheric effects deliver the waves, diverse spectra result. Seas, created by local winds will, in general, produce shorter peaked seas with a smaller scope of frequencies in contrast with swell seas.

3.4.2. Irregular waves Performance

The most crucial factor for an OWC is the quantity of energy that it generates. To know this for the breakwater OWC, we should test the device under real sea



conditions. It leads to that it should be tested in cases of irregular waves and also for a particular wave condition.

The performance of the OWC in regular waves took under consideration in this chapter in the analysis section. However, this is not the performance seen in real sea cases.

3.4.2.1. OWC time-domain model testing of the breakwater system for spectral waves

A fixed time-venture of 0.005 s utilized for the entirety of the runs. Fifteen minutes of model time is running in unpredictable waves (the ordinary waves utilize just 300.0 s). Every unpredictable wave run takes around 5 s to finish.

In the spectral waves, there are 80 frequency parts, running from 0.3 rad s⁻¹ to 1.5 rad s⁻¹. Higher frequencies excluded inferable from the scope of frequencies for which the impedance model is legitimate. The supposition will be that the higher response of frequency may be small in the real sea circumstance.

3.4.2.2. Irregular waves internal water surface displacement

The relocation examined in order to utilize the time-arrangement of a spectral sea. The extent of the inward water surface movement is like that seen in the episode wave. There is a slight slack, and the enhancement is specific for long waves, while shorter waves have a lower intensity. It reflects what watched for the regular waves.

3.4.2.3. Irregular waves Thermodynamics

The pressure trails the same outline as the internal water surface displacement. The peak magnitude is around 2000-4000 (Pa) is slightly higher than the regular wave pressure, which is about 2500 (Pa) for a 1 m high wave. It noticed that the regular wave figure originates from the mean of the total variance, and the peak values of the variables are more significant than this. The pressure variety is slightly smoother



than the displacement. The airflow stream pursues a similar example, as the weight contrast. With the goal of the phase, the relationship is clear; the extents are like those gotten under regular waves about 20 kg s⁻¹. The mass stream is in against phase with the weight. It is because of the fixed turbine speed.

3.4.3. Annual performance

In order to calculate the annual performance, a particular site ought to be chosen and delegate the frequency of an event of spectra used to figure generally speaking energy conversion. For the fixed barrier, a seaside sea visualized, and so the Channel Coast Observatory information was utilized to choose an appropriate site. The coastal sea meant to be that of the Arabian Gulf OWC, and the occurrence frequencies showed in Figure 3.7. Kuwait is on the north coast of the Arabian Gulf, where the sea reaches towards the Kuwait city. The site is about 10 m water depth, and the coastline outsides east towards the whole of the Arabian Gulf, although it slightly protected from full South-East storms.

The scope of periods seen is fundamentally the same as that of more profound water locales as swell waves are a noticeable component, yet the wave statures are emphatically lower, being limited to spectral wave statures of 3 m or somewhere in the vicinity, as opposed to going to spectra with H_s of 8 m.

3.4.3.1. The selected wave climate

The average yearly sea is made out of mean information from the four years 2009-2012. The wave range estimated in every brief interim, and a Pierson-Moskowitz range fitted to this. The combining occasion is then the division of the year in which combined H_s and T_e pairs occur. The highest frequent joint incidence is that of H_s of 1 to 1.5m and T_e of 8 to 9s. This sea condition remarked to occur in 7% of the time.



3.4.3.2. Baseline performance parameters Selection

The scope of potential qualities for the measurement and speed of the turbine tried in the irregular waves. The energy yields determined for various blends of N and D and every mix of Hs and T. The energy yield thought to be zero where the water surface arrived at the chamber rooftop or where the turbine worked in slowed down conditions with the end goal that non-dimensional pressure, ψ , was more noteworthy than 1. The energy estimations were made based on 15 minutes of spectral waves for every sea state. These energy approximations for the known sea states were duplicated by the frequency of events throughout the year, to create an estimation of the total yearly energy.







Figure 3.7 joint occurrence H_s and T_e at Kuwait shores at Arabian Gulf in percentage [10]

The starting point performance for energy generation consequently comes from the size of the turbine and the speed arrangement realistic over the whole year. This performance exposed in Figure 3.8. Since the wave's incident frontal, with no PTO for the surrounding sections and with no startling personal time, if this were given consistently over the year, the power yield would be expanded. Note this is lower than that determined when a fixed speed of 1000 RPM utilized. It is because the lower speed is progressively compelling for, the littler sea state, with the 1000 RPM form changing over more energy in the big sea states.





Figure 3.8 Power estimation for numerous turbines with meters and speed combinations by the position at Kuwait shores wave conditions. [31]





Figure 3.9 Fixed turbine speed Selection [31]





Figure 3.10 Early RPM Average Energy output for a turbine with N =630 rpm, D = 2.5 m [10]

3.4.3.3. Performance estimation Limitations

The difference between years means that the prediction of annual energy is not undoubtedly correct. The turbine speed estimation may give optimum results in each sea state well described, though, although only for wave's incidents frontal. Though, such parameters are constrained by the preliminary time-domain model in that the position of the adjacent devices affects only as open spaces and not as OWCs with PTOs of their own [32].





Figure 3.11 Time Percentage that the interior water level is underneath the lip of the OWC in all sea conditions [10]

These sea states themselves additionally give an impediment, as spectra and, in this manner, characterize them, are just approximations to real seas. No record is taken of the seas, which are not single-mode, or of seas in which the waves do not make all movement from a single head-on bearing. Notwithstanding, the waves can emerge out of elective directions, and particular wave bunches inside a predominantly sea can emerge out of a more noteworthy spread of edges. The worldly fluctuation of the wave atmosphere recommends that the framework needs to have a controller that can change the plant's conduct to coordinate the sea. An



advancement that surveys parameters fixed over a year will not utilize a decent rule for evaluation. The several years are as varied as the various seasons inside them. It is accepted that any controller that utilized, in reality, will incorporate exchanging between various principles or models to manage the altogether different wave atmospheres that may introduce, for instance, utilizes exchanging as in for every Hs and T, an alternate transfer function utilized to speak to the TDM.

One significant restriction originates from the linearity supposition of the wavestructure association. Figure 3.11 shows the measure of time the inside water surface is beneath the lip of the OWC. It utilized as a sign of when the straight speed potential estimate will not hold. In those sea states where the water surface drops beneath the front lip, the WEC may continue to change over energy, yet the qualities evaluated here utilized as characteristic. Hence the valuation of energy in the sea state with T = 8.5 s, and Hs = 1 m is in all probability a decent one, yet the estimation for the yearly energy conversion is probably going to be very rough with the energy changed over in the more significant seas liable to be lower than evaluated, the sea states for which the inward water surface dips under the OWC lip not profoundly spoken to in Figure 3.10. For more significant seas, a nonlinear model of wave-structure cooperation utilized. It could include the CFD modeling alternatives described before.

3.4.3.4. Performance estimation Extensions

To expand the model and the performance estimation to incorporate waves of various episode edges, this requires a model that reacts to various points of rate. It is conceivable to utilize a speed potential strategy to deliver distinctive power removal mappings dependent on various points of frequency and drive them utilizing the wave parts [33].



A framework identification method dependent on winning direction may be more proper than distinguishing every segment. It would most likely be quicker to run and more straightforward to handle as fewer parameters are required. The exactness, in any case, would depend firmly on the preparation of that model. Another critical augmentation of the model is to see how changes in the turbine speed affect power take-off.

3.5. Review of the Modelling

There are many methods of modeling an OWC to estimate the power generated. These methods also used to make the dynamics simulation of the system. The accuracy of these estimations contrasts depending on the selected method of simulation. The models categorized into the following topics:

- (1) Impulse response functions models
- (2) Mechanical oscillator simulated models
- (3) CFD techniques models.

3.5.1. Impulse Functions and Mechanical Oscillators

Prior work on OWC in 2D and 3D researched. An expository issue illuminated numerically acquired an articulation for the productivity of wave-energy assimilation. Two models utilized to speak to the OWC: a buoy associated with a spring-dashpot framework at the highest point of a segment of liquid limited by two firmly divided vertical parallel plates (2D) and a thin cylinder submerged under the waves (3D). The perceptions indicated that plates of equivalent length might give the most extreme effectiveness of half (2D), and the catching energy of a peak is more prominent than the cylinder width (3D).



The mechanical oscillator model considers the goals of the condition of movement for a mass-damper-spring framework. In this model, the interior free surface of the water segment is planar as the pressure conveyance regarded as identical. The mass which treated as a rigid body is the mass of the water segment between the free surface and the base of the OWC.

Earlier studies, which used this model, were made for a fixed OWC model with the addition of the compressibility of the air. A model with a mechanical oscillator considered the heave motion of a floating OWC [34].

3.5.2. Methods of Boundary Element and Diffraction

The CFD analysis as panel methods, in these methods, is just the submerged surface (remembering for some instances the free surface of the water and structure surface) should be meshed. This disposition permits snappy re-meshing and is less tedious than techniques that understand the Navier-Stokes conditions, for example, CFD. These time-space demonstrating strategies utilized to anticipate the diffraction effects around and inside the OWC load. The technique depends on the detail of stream singularities, sources, and sinks of the stream, that consolidated portray a stream speed field and its related pressure field given many boundary conditions. The method owes its name to the subdivision of the outside of the body displayed into various little surfaces, the boards, over which the discrete singularities act. One of the constraints of the expectations dependent on boundary component strategies is that this methodology utilizes direct diffraction hypothesis and, therefore, cannot represent higher request thick effects. It is a significant inadequacy when the structure of the lip of the gulf of the pneumatic chamber considered.

The cooperation of ocean waves with massive structures depicted with the potential hypothesis implies a couple of presumptions made about the stream; it is excellent and nonsensical, the liquid is incompressible, and just little abundance movements considered. Along these lines, the stream characterized by a speed potential, from



which the speed vector and its parts inferred as the slope of this potential. In this situation, the trademark size of the structure is larger than the wave tallness and has a similar request than the wavelength [35].

Thus, the occurrence, wave stream changed by its connection with the structure; this is called diffraction. The marvels of diffraction considered when measurements of the coasting body surpass 20% of a wavelength of episode regular waves [36]. Also, if the structure responds to the wave sales by, in any event, one of the 6 DoF (roll, pitch, yaw, heave, surge, sway), a new wave produced; this is called wave radiation.

In the literature, various CFD codes have handled the issue of diffraction-radiation, a survey of them recorded. Two ways to deal with taking care of the issue of the wavering pressure following up on the inside surface of a CFD dependent on the board technique introduced, In the first, the speed possibilities assessed unequivocally while in the second, the issue of diffraction-radiation of an unbending body movement explained without understanding any new potential. We are dealing with the OWC code, a diffraction-radiation board code produced for the investigation of the cooperation of surface waves with offshore structures. ANSYS TM FLUENT ® used for floating bodies adapted to OWC systems [36].

A 3D numerical model of a fixed OWC, utilized both for regular and irregular waves, was considered. The outcomes uncovered appropriateness for 3D hydrodynamic structure streamlining. A methodology considering the goals of two sub-issues of the CFD chose a strategy for the inward, and the external practices of an OWC chamber illustrated. The issue of diffraction and radiation, which requires the more significant part of the CPU time, is settled outside the chamber, while the conduct of the free surface level inside the chamber is displayed thinking about hydrodynamic and aerodynamically models.


3.5.3. Investigations for Computational Fluid Dynamics

Computational liquid elements utilize numerical techniques to explain Reynolds Average Navier-Stokes Equations (RANSE) issues. These conditions disentangled into Euler conditions by evacuating terms of thickness. The displaying of the twophase stream is generally spoken to by the Volume of Fluid technique (VOF): a shift in the weather conditions plot, which portrays the shape and area of the free surface. A division function characterizes every cell of the matrix contains somewhere in the range of 0, and 1 As wave engendering is an intricate idea, to absolutely depict the conduct of the streams inside and outside the chamber, for example, the free surface movements, the wind current, or the movements of the water particles, broad cell refinements would be required in a CFD model. This trademark is related to costly computational prerequisites and tedious arrangements. Besides, the precision of CFD results would be reasonable for the treatment of cutting edge plans and would be a valuable apparatus for deciding the proficiency and power catch of an OWC [37].

Nowadays, many CFD simulations studying the air and water performances inside and out the OWC made, and a two-phase flow behavior considered in order to model this. In 2007, examinations started about the demonstrating of OWC [38]. The goal of his work was to evaluate the capacities of the CFD business code ANSYS[™] FLUENT® to demonstrate the conduct of an OWC plant. Various angles were thought about, for example, the wave age, the water column height, and the aerohydrodynamic issues.

Knowing the wave nature, the model can run as transient, utilizing the Linear Wave Theory (LWT) and a two-phase stream inside and outside the chamber. The geometry of OWC was improved as a semi 2D model to limit computational prerequisites.



The CFD model demonstrated great concurrence with LWT to produce waves. In the wake of going from a shout to an opened chamber (furnished with a hole) that featured the drop in outrageous estimations of pressure, he acquainted a realistic pressure misfortune with replicate the conduct of a Wells turbine.

The performances of the OWC acquired from the numerical model contrasted with an investigative model; the variance between the two methodologies hypothetically defended by the suspicions made of each model.

The work exhibited the capacities of a business CFD to display the conduct of an OWC. Without a doubt, the model created figured out how to catch the cooperation of a two-phase free surface stream with the OWC hull both inside and outside the chamber successfully.

In 2008, work stretched out OWC reenactments from 2D to 3D [39]. Initially, it improved the reenactment of the responding wind current over a motivation air turbine fitted downstream and upstream with a ringer mouth. Be that as it may, it additionally gave a superior water surface change inside the chamber. Consequently, computational necessity indicated an extensive increment.

Two unique admissions (counting the ringer mouth) explored to lessen misfortunes in water to support a higher water surface removal.

The pressure inside the chamber and the power applied by the occurrence waves were contrasted with diagnostic arrangements and trial results, indicating great understandings again.





In 2009, the work concentrated on the CFD examination of OWCs for seaward applications and caused them to notice two key plan parameters: reverberation and chamber shape [39].

As the past examinations, recreations to display the wave and their communication with the structure run by a semi 2D model and contrasted with LWT. Furthermore, the execution of an energy retaining volume at the outlet boundary will act as a permeable safeguard permit to disperse the wave and to reproduce an open sea area.

A streamlined description of the wave propagation model rebuild and contrasted and the wave preliminaries in order to approve the model. Numerical outcomes indicated great concurrence with the tests for wavelengths with a similar size than the gadget as it were. To be sure, the Mighty Whale is a drifting gadget; however, the recuperating movement of the gadget not considered in the CFD model.

Numerical reenactments made with three different shapes (base admission, forward, and in the back opening) uncovered that the frontward design got the highest performance with a peak of proficiency of 32%. Further works expected to check the ability of the CFD model to recognize reverberation for OWCs.

In 2010, it was improved the OWC CFD model by actualizing arbitrary and irregular sea waves, according to the JONSWAP spectral energy density appropriation, to move toward the material science of reel sea waves [39]. A fundamental plan investigation of the turbine distance across showed the capacities of the CFD model. By consolidating CFD results and the opening plate hypothesis, it got conceivable to decide the ideal turbine breadth for a given geometry and wave atmosphere. At last, by concentrating on OWC control systems and all the more explicitly the turbine rotational speed control, he caused them to notice a key parameter ready to improve the electrical power yield significantly.



In 2011, the work expanded the work on OWC seaward applications with CFD by presenting the dynamic response of a skimming semi 2D Backward Bent Duct Buoy model in waves (BBDB model) [40]. Performances of the drifting BBDB were determined numerically for a scope of regular and irregular sea waves and approved against wave tank information and other numerical models. The structural shape was enhanced to expand energy conversion effectiveness.

The numerical model exhibited high forecasts of the hurling movement (hurl rot in still water and hurl response adequacy in regular wave conditions). It permitted to examine hydrostatic marvels by assessing the situation of balance in quiet water. It additionally gave a superior understanding of the real working conditions, for example, the presence of a moist period depending on the geometry.

Steady gaseous tension misfortunes for the BBDB going 25-30% recorded in different sea states.

As a fixed structure establishes a boundary for wave spread, the pinnacle of catch proficiency got for a fixed BBDB under regular waves not higher than 29%. Be that as it may, hurl movement, created by a skimming BBDB, gave a greater pinnacle of catch effectiveness of 35%. Characteristics of the BBDB under irregular waves created by the JONSWAP spectral thickness dissemination are happening in a similar estimation of λ /L as under regular waves. Be that as it may, with a lower pinnacle of catch effectiveness of 23%, the dissemination of catch proficiency is marginally extraordinary.

At long last, the expansion of an all-inclusive channel of the BBDB model demonstrated a critical drop in the catch proficiency because of the lessening of pitch and hurl movement.



Somewhere else – Others have likewise been pulled in to investigate the wave spread inside CFD codes with is a crucial parameter of the reenactment, a case of examinations displayed here.

An external study with the CFD commercial code ANSYS[™] FLUENT® [41] visualizes a 3D numerical viscous tank in which the creating the waves by a wavemaker in the beginning and damped by the shore at the end of the fluid field to get rid of any wave reflection from the boundary. Depending on the water depth, the period of the oscillation amplitude of oscillations was studied. The accuracy of numerical results was verified against the WaveMaker Theory (WMT) and supported the use of a 1/3 ratio of the slope. More generally, the study concluded that CFD simulation could replace wave-makers from the creation of regular waves with different amplitudes and wavelengths.

Analysis of water wave modeling occurred inside the CFD FLUENT ® with a license by Alexandria University [41]. Both linear and non-linear hydrodynamics waves simulated in 2D Numerical Wave Tank (NWT). The wavefield generated compared with results from the linear WMT for regular waves.



3.6.Summary

Autodesk AutoCAD® used to sketch up and model the main hull of the two types of the OWCs used in this analysis then exporting the model to ANSYS [™] FLUENT ® which used to investigate the interior water surface response of a fixed offshore OWC, as well as for an OWC breakwater with different column configurations.

It remarked that the performance of the OWC as displayed utilizing these straightforward presumptions was altogether different when there is a confined gadget in contrast with when the segment sponsored by a jetty. The impact of the point of rate is minimal for a disconnected segment, and so it was disregarded in the two models. For the section, it is conceivable to energize various kinds of movement for the inner water surfaces: coupled modes. For example, the fixed offshore OWC may have amplified motion in comparison to the breakwater OWC, or vice versa. Another example waved with comparative anti-phase inside the OWC.

The breakwater OWC time-domain model created to comprise irregular waves. Besides, the time domain model has been used to estimation, energy generated in different sea states.



Chapter 4. The Comparative evaluation of analysis results

4.1.Hydrodynamics

In this thesis, we studied the wave structure interaction, and it described for a floating OWC and a breakwater OWC with the fixed chamber, as well as four stages in between. Of specific note is the distinction in response between the structures. The separated segment reacts quickly overall frequencies and for various occurrence edges of the wave. For the embankment structures, this is not the situation, with both episode wave edge and period, assuming significant jobs in the response of the OWC because of coupled modes between the segments.

4.1.1. Modeling

4.1.1.1. Geometry

Geometry was made and coincided with utilizing GAMBIT. A schematic of the numerical model of the OWC – NWT framework appears in Figure 4.1. In this model, the tank size is 470m between the wave producer and the front of the OWC. The tank size depends on the test wave tank depicted in later sections utilized for the exploratory work in this postulation.

The displaying used a 2-dimensional OWC that was an agent of a gadget housing to suit common Australian wave conditions. The full-scale model is to have a primary OWC chamber 10m wide by 8m long and was at first proposed for a water profundity of 6m yet later changed to 11.5 because of different siting contemplations of different potential areas. The adjustment in water profundity is reflected in the investigated water profundities just as varieties in the trial front lip submergence. Different improvements to the OWC geometry included essentially squaring off the OWC chamber at the top and using an essential rectangular front lip.





Figure 4.1 Numerical Domain for Replication Study



(a) Model Dimensions and Views for the OWC Chamber





(b) Model Dimensions and Views for the OWC Fixed Pipe Figure 4.2 Dimensions and views for OWC models

Geometry

A graphic of the NWT proposed shown in Figure 4.2. In this NWT, its dimensions are L=9600 mm and H=2000 mm. At the left-hand side of it, a wave generation boundary is created, at the same time as the bottom and walls characterize the right-hand side of it. Likewise, with exploratory testing, systems to enable an adequate number of waves to be preceding potential pollution from reflected waves are required. Procedures, for example, numerical or dynamic wave absorption oars, might be applied to limit the space size, yet both require significant exertion to adjust and guarantee palatable application. For this study, an approach utilized whereby the length of the tank based upon a length equal to two times the experimental wave tank dimensions used in later experimental validation. This length allowed for several waves to progress past the point of interest before any reflections contaminating the results. The simplicity of the proposed technique was thought sufficient for the commitments of this study.



Numerical Results

The figuring of wave profiles and OWC gadget productivity require various parameters to check; besides, these are just a portion of the numerous factors, informational collections, and graphical portrayals that can be extricated both during investigation and post preparation. For a full depiction of the accessible data allude to the Familiar Client Manual.

Free surface heights resolved at a specific moment utilizing inbuilt capacities inside the product that plots a shape for a specific amount., The research demands that information removed for the VOF fraction=0.5, which characterizes the interface between the air stage (VOF=1) and the water stage (VOF=0) at each air-water interface cell in order to acquire the free surface plots. Speed estimations in the area separated by the meaning of a "line" with the end goal that any properties of the stream along the line extricated for a specific time.

Both the water surface and the velocity profiles used during the validation Exercise.



Figure 4.3 Schematic diagram of NWT



Mesh Generation

A computational mesh will enclose the domain in order to discretize the Navier-Stokes equations. The numerical mesh and domain we primarily created by using GAMBIT geometry and mesh generation software that is a companion program to the FLUENT CFD software. GAMBIT can be used to create the domain by using the geometry tools, modeling-based, or import geometry drew in standard CAD programs. After the geometry creation, the model meshed by using a range of different tools, depending on the test we are going to make. Then, after the creation of the mesh and geometry, the boundaries are well-defined, and the model then can be exported to a *.mesh file for later import directly into FLUENT. For further detail on GAMBIT, refer to the FLUENT Users Guide.

The simple geometry of the NWT will permit efficient modeling of the domain using quadrilateral cells. A base grid dimension of 1 m x 1 m was chosen, which provides in the order of 50 cells per wavelength for typical test conditions.

Initial analytical tests identified that the mesh resolution at the air-water border region was inadequate to model with this the wave shape acceptably. The model mesh modified in these positions by splitting the mesh dimensions. It made the wave height to the cell dimension ratio to be in the order of four (4). To assist with the definition of the flow velocities in the region of the wavemaker (x = 0 to 5m) and the seabed interface (z = 0 to 1m) was adopted whereby the current density increased by reading new nodes between existing cell faces. This 'grid adaptation' effectively halves the nominal cell dimensions. Figure 4.3 shows the first 30m of the NWT domain, illustrating these refinements to the mesh.





Figure 4.4 NWT mesh in the wave-making boundary domain

Numerical Mesh

Usually, the equivalent hexahedral mesh, as utilized in the NWT study, was made. It depended on a standard 1m x 1m matrix with adapting to divide the mesh size about the mean water surface and the first 5m reaching out from the wave creator separated from mesh (introduced in Figure 4.4) [27].

The nearness of the OWC, and specifically the OWC vent, requires extraordinary thought to the mesh creation. Mesh measuring requires agreeable definition concerning the elements of critical geometric parameters such as the front lip and the OWC vent. A tetrahedral mesh has been utilized for the OWC area and for a segment expanding 10m towards the wave producer in order to permit computationally smooth advances between cells of varying sizes. An interface made in this area to such an extent that a hexahedral mesh could be utilized for the rest of the space as a tetrahedral mesh would have substantially expanded the number of cells with a relative increment in computational



exertion. The tetrahedral mesh does take into consideration significant progress where there are considerable changes in geometry and mesh size similar to the case with an OWC [27].

The stream under the OWC front lip is a fundamental part of OWC configuration, given it is the "passage" point for the energy into the OWC. Past examinations have additionally recognized this as a region where disturbance produced. As the average mesh size was 1m while the lip measurement was just 0.5m, refinement to sufficiently catch the stream performed with the end goal that various cells made over the base of the lip (note: the personal investigation of the stream examples demonstrated that in any event, five divisions gave acceptable stream changes). It brought about a matrix measurement of around 0.1m, as can be appeared in Figure 4.5 (b).

The OWC vent introduced comparable issues to give a suitable stream definition. As the vent measurement is 62.5mm in the full-size model, this little contrasted with the average mesh measurement of 1m. According to the front lip, to give decent progress between the mesh outside the chamber and the stream in the vent locale, a transitional mesh was made. A fine mesh could have been utilized all through the district; however, this would have expanded expository length unnecessarily [27].

The following steps performed:

- Before meshing the OWC in two dimensions, the grid requirement across the vent qualitatively assessed to provide a satisfactory flow transition. At a minimum of four cells were used across the opening before later refine that doubled the number of cells (i.e., Initial cell dimension was ~15mm).
- 2. The OWC wall grid adjacent to the vent (i.e., +/- 2m either side) was defined such that the grid dimension was no more significant than 75mm.



- 3. A two-dimensional tetrahedral grid generated in the OWC
- 4. Following the initial grid generation, the upper 1m of the OWC chamber adapted to halve the initial grid dimensions in this zone effectively.

The final mesh produced can be seen in figures 3.10 (c) and (d) [28].



(c)Mesh detail near OWC Vent

(d) Mesh detail at OWC Vent





4.1.1.2. Monitors

Several flow parameters were monitored through the analysis process and recorded to file in order to make suitable data available for post-processing. It quickly achieved within FLUENT by using 'surface monitors,' which are points, lines, or areas defined within the domain from which the user can extract and save information during each time step. As per equations (2.14) and (2.15), we require the motion of the OWC water surface and the associated pressure within the chamber to determine the efficiency of the OWC. The air pressure inside the OWC defined by a point monitoring that records the pressure. The OWC chamber motion cannot be determined directly but can be deduced by placing a pressure probe a suitable distance below the water surface and measuring the static head of water with a pressure monitor (note: the monitor must always be submerged). This pressure recording can then be converted during post-processing to a head of water after subtracting the internal air pressure. The velocity calculation can then perform using Euler differentiation average over between three to five time-steps to smooth the response calculated [28].

In addition to the monitors of the OWC piston motion and pressure, the pneumatic energy passing the vent can be determined directly by creating a monitor that automatically integrates the pressure multiplied by the velocity profile over the vent. It created using 'user-defined monitors' (FLUENT User Guide).

A summary of the monitors used is given in the following table [28]:

Item	Description	Monitor	Location
1	The pressure inside the chamber	Pressure monitor	X=470, y=17
2	The water level in the chamber	Pressure monitor	X= 470, y=10
3	Vent	Monitor of the Integral of Pressure x velocity across the vent	OWC vent

Table 4.1 Monitors of the CFD



4.1.2. Major findings

For the head-on waves with significant stretches, the response of the fixed chamber OWC looks extensively like that of a free-drifting OWC with a backboard. Furthermore, as the period diminishes, different modes can be energized, which take into consideration the OWCs to collaborate with the sea bed.

For a confined section, the point of occurrence does not affect the response. The time of the wave makes a distinction, with the intensification of the movement at 5 s for this specific geometry, and a phase slack regarding the episode wave which increments as the period gets shorter. For an OWC framework which structures, some portion of a free skimming OWC gadget, we discovered that the response of the inward water surface is touchy to period and to the bearing of the occurrence wave.

4.1.3. Importance

Realizing that there are probably going to be various modes energized while inactivity is significant for the structure of free skimming OWCs. It is valid for control, estimation, obviously, yet additionally for the count of exhaustion and extraordinary stacking [42].

4.1.4. Limitations

ANSYS TM Fluent \circledast is a potential speed solver and violent movement excluded. It implies where the water communicates with the structure or the sea bed, and the potential must be smooth. It is a limitation on the displaying of the lip of the OWCs and similarly at the base of the breakwater wall.

The disturbance issues are only one part of the restriction because of the wrong direct hypothesis. The water may never dip under the lip of the OWC, and just little movements around the harmony are mathematically precise. Results for any more significant movement ought to be taken as absolutely characteristic and tried



physically or with Navier-Stokes CFD solvers. The seabed is trouble for ANSYS TM Fluent \mathbb{R} in that it will just work where the ocean stretches out around and behind the structure. It makes utilizing it for direct examination between the sea wall type and the bluff kind OWCs outlandish. The product is not at all constrained for gliding structures, be that as it may, and would in certainty have no trouble in displaying the water communication around a secured, coasting form of a similar structure.

4.2.Time-domain modeling

In order to describe the centrality of the free-floating OWC device hydrodynamically, breakwater mounted OWC in the time-range, a force-displacement charting model used. It allows the PTO, forced to feedback in the way that the PTO and the hydrodynamics may interact.

4.2.1. Time-Domain Modeling Main Findings

For WECs, and OWCs in particular, the trouble in demonstrating happens with the blend of waves, which best portrayed utilizing the frequency area, and thermodynamic and turbine properties, which best depicted utilizing the time-space. In fight type floats or OWCs where the water moves as a separate unit, singular powers (lightness, power, radiation damping.) determined. For the framework portrayed here, this methodology is not dependable. The water does not sway as an active unit, and in this way, the entirety overpowers technique does not speak to what is occurring. Therefore, the time area model depicted in this proposal utilized a straightforward framework ID strategy to give greatness and phase movement of the inside water surface, coordinating what found in the hydrodynamic demonstrating (chapter 3). This estimation thought to be substantial over a scope of frequencies. Critically, the framework recognizable proof estimation takes into consideration fitting conduct in-phase (moving from movement in-phase for waves with extensive



stretches, through full movement to movement in, hostile to the phase of high-frequency waves), which is significant for control forecast and control.

The thermodynamic and turbine displaying depended on recently applied setups. These seem to function well in this unique circumstance, with the thermodynamic properties demonstrating phase and shapeshifts seen somewhere else. Even though the turbine productivity displayed with a look-into table, the power yields acted efficiently. It accepted a solitary year where were seen the mean wave conditions over the multi-year time frame 2010-2013 and that a fixed speed of 630 RPM utilized. Zero energy thought to be changed over for those sea states that accomplished an outrageous inner water surface where the removal was equal to arriving at the chamber rooftop (and hence flooding the turbine), yet this utmost as never gone after any of the Kuwait shore sea states. It supposes that it was because of the probability of the shutdown of the gadget during such seas. The inward water surface was permitted to dip under the 2.5 m depth front lip of the OWC. It implies the model is no longer in the system secured by the speed potential strategy; however, such movement is conceivable, and such relocation accomplished for the most significant sea states.

4.2.2. The time-domain modeling Importance

A wave to wire model was created, which utilized a straightforward power dislodging hydrodynamics model, alongside a thermodynamics and turbine model which incorporated the proficiency. The basic demonstrating strategy likely could be useful to those hoping to understand WECs in which the OWC is delicate to the wave period.

The philosophy for framing the time area model is visible. It could without much of a stretch applied where known powers and removals exist, for example, for physical models. The discoveries concerning the size of the pressure power and the dumping of the water surface movement could be helpful for those taking a gander at the



primary phases of cluster displaying. Be that as it may, for completely cooperating sections with PTOs, further work finished.

4.2.3. Limitations

There are a few constraints of the model, which are because of moving from the speed potential model to the time-space model (TDM). Others are because of the TDM itself, and some are because of the utilization of the TDM.

Constraints because of moving from the speed potential model to the time area model, the conduct of the multi-section OWC demonstrated a reliance on the episode point of the wave. The time-space model does exclude this directionality. While the Kuwait city shore site would have an overarching bearing for waves, there would be some spread. It is conceivable to incorporate the non-opposite episode edges in the excitation power by adding over spectra at various points. Furthermore, because the conduct is diverse at various edges, another power displacing charting model would be required. While such a charting founded on a progression of direct models for each point, a nonlinear framework recognizable proof methodology might be simpler to handle.

4.2.3.1. The time-domain model limitations

With the TDM itself, due to the need to expel degrees of opportunity, the water surface is viably thought to be flat when this is not valid in reality. For the reasons for romanticized thermodynamic properties, at the water surface is not a trouble. Then again, there is no consideration of disturbance in either the water or the air. Hence the chamber properties may vary and have more prominent damping than is displayed. The thermodynamics thought to be adiabatic, which is roughly valid.

Nonetheless, no plausibility at that point exists for loss of energy in the thermodynamic framework. The properties may likewise take into account a more remarkable spring impact in the chamber. In this way, both the spring and the



damping terms that are related to the chamber are probably going to be underanticipated, which implies that the real OWC-WEC conduct would be less direct than the time area model predicts.

A significant issue with the turbine of the time area model is that it not intended for this specific arrangement of waves and structure. Along these lines, the range indicated for good proficiency not streamlined for this application. The turbine is in this manner not as productive as it may be and so the power evaluated is probably going to be lower than in similar applications.

Another issue with the use of the TDM to a real sea circumstance is that spectral waves are not equivalent to those in the real sea — for instance, no tests made in multi-modular seas.

4.2.3.2. Limitations of applying the time domain thermodynamics to the hydrodynamic system

At long last, in moving back from the time area model to the speed potential model, there is certifiably not a decent model of what changes about the water association when the PTO power forced as the underlying speed potential model has open segments. If the water was to carry on distinctively because of PTO constraining, the surface relocation, chamber pressure, and power yield might change fundamentally. An iterative procedure could be viable, of which this displaying is the initial step: the damping found with the time, space model approximated and bolstered once again into the speed potential model, where new hydrodynamic power approximations are determined; another time area model then developed dependent on the new power removal mapping; the damping power along these lines discovered is encouraged to go into the speed potential model, and so on.



4.3. Computational fluid dynamics

Following every one of the numerical runs, the information handled to decide the productivity of the OWC under the specific wave conditions. The numerical investigations have done according to the accompanying stream outline in Figure 4.6 utilizing Excel spreadsheets. Figure 4.7 condensed the consequences of statistical testing by plotting proficiency against Kh. The least-squares third order polynomial fitted to the information in order to help in the representation [43].



Figure 4.6 OWC Efficiency as a function of kh





Figure 4.7 CFD Efficiency Analytical Sequence [30]



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Figure 4.8 NWT Meshing

Using Gambit® module in ANSYS TM, we were able to generate different meshing for the three main components of concern (NWT, OWC chamber, Floating OWC); and as mentioned before the meshing has different shapes and dimensions according to the position like at the vent or the OWC front lip, as we can see in figures 4.8 and 4.9.

Moreover, we can see in Figure 4.10. The shapes of the waves flow lines around the floating OWC, showing the water radiation and distortion that we discussed in chapter 1.





Figure 4.9 meshing of the floating OWC within the NWT

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Figure 4.10 waves flow lines around the floating OWC



4.4. Fluent Results

As stated in the previous section, we use the overall hydrodynamic efficiency (ζ) that best represents the hydrodynamic performance of an OWC as a comparing element to deduct the optimum method to take advantage of wave power as an OWC device.

From equations [4.1] to [4.5], calculating the overall hydrodynamic efficiency (ζ) using various ranges of wavelength kHz from 0.2 to 1.6 and summing into the equations with the airflow rate calculated using the CFD analysis, we can make the simulation and get the range of the overall hydrodynamic efficiency (ζ) at each wavelength kB and comparing the results of each type of OWC.

Furthermore, the output airflow velocity vector in the Y direction (u) shown in the following figures for both Chamber and Fixed offshore OWCs.



Figure 4.11. Airflow amplitude in Y-Direction for the chamber OWC





Figure 4.12. Airflow amplitude in Y-Direction for the fixed offshore OWC Furthermore, using MS Excel Spreadsheets gathering the output efficiencies values, we got the following graph.



Figure 4.13. Airflow in and out of the OWC chamber

Furthermore, from figures 4.11 to 4.13, we can notice that the air velocity amplitude with a maximum value at the vent then distortion of the airflow reduces its velocity in both directions out to the atmosphere or into the void in the chamber.





Figure 4.14 velocity vectors at the front lip and the vent

Furthermore, in Figure 4.14, we can observe the shape of the water response and radiation inside the OWC (low steepness) and also the velocity vectors at the vent, with a small note that the free surface effect also showed for information.

Additionally represented clearly in the flow representations are the airflow circulation forms in the OWC. The circulation forms have all the earmarks of being reflected in the vent surge, which demonstrated to be directional even though the first goal was to have the flow orthogonal to the OWC water column.





Figure 4.15 Efficiency vs. Wavelength values

On the other hand, Figure 4.15 plots the results of the CFD analysis with the results from the experimental analysis. The hydrodynamic efficiency, η_{hyd} , is plotted versus the infinite water depth parameter, Kh.





Figure 4.16 Efficiency vs. water depth values

Firstly, the results demonstrate good agreement between the location of the peak efficiency with both results showing maximum efficiencies at a value of Kh ≈ 1.4 (i.e., kh ≈ 1.58 and T ≈ 5.7 sec.). The numerical analysis had a peak efficiency of \approx 79%, whereas the experimental peak is $\approx 69\%$. Even though there is some change in the magnitude value of the peak efficiencies, the regression curves are well-matched in the shape and location of the peaks [44]0



Chapter 5. Discussion

5.1.Discussions

This thesis depicts a strategy by which an OWC is framing a breakwater that explored numerically. In this section, the exchange of the principle some portion of the examination investigated the hydrodynamic proficiency. In this proposal, an investigation of the wave structure collaboration portrayed for an open fixed offshore OWC and a breakwater OWC. Of specific note is the distinction accordingly between the structures. The fixed column reacts quickly overall frequencies and for various statures of the wave. For the breakwater structures, this is not the situation, with the same occurrence, wave point, and period, assuming significant jobs in the reaction of the OWC [44].

Two distinctive OWC systems utilized to decide the best yield control from the OWC. Figure 4.16 demonstrated the proficiency plotted as a component of non-dimensional wave number Kh. A third-order polynomial least-squares relapse bends added to every datum set in order to help with the elucidation of the outcomes. Right off the bat, we tend to see it that the bends demonstrate a practically indistinguishable relapse bend with pinnacle effectiveness being of around 70%. The areas of the pinnacles are practically indistinguishable with an estimation of Kh~1. 4. The match closeness between the two bends demonstrates that either approach legitimately displays the count of productivity.

Likewise of the intrigue is that if one accepts that the relapse bends model to mirror the perfect circumstance, it very well may be seen that individual information focuses for even nearby test conditions can change inside +/ - 10%. It induces real individual wave efficiencies might be delicate to little changes in the Kh, and that one should expect to test adequate cases to characterize the bend adequately to such an extent that it might all things considered spoken of the particular circumstance. It is of specific significance



close to the pinnacle effectiveness, which will commonly be a noteworthy focal point to specialists, as we can notice in figures 5.1 and 5.2.



Figure 5.1 wave crest through the OWC



Figure 5.2 wave trough through the OWC



Expectations for the wave vitality delivered on an annualized premise exhibit that albeit more power created at the Rottnest Island site, the OWC framework referred to has exceptionally tuned to the Kuwaiti shores destinations given the more powerful Factor. That is, it very well may be seen that albeit neither site in a perfect world matches the annualized power accessible as a component of the period to the pinnacle of the OWC productivity bend, there is a noteworthy jumble in the Rottnest top vitality to the OWC top.

Utilizing aftereffects of this structure, an architect would expect to tune the geometric plan of the OWC to match the accessible vitality closer – this might be accomplished in various ways, for example, changing the OWC chamber measurements, adjusting lip geometry and profundity or turbine coordinating systems. For instance, one would expect that a comparative gadget structured explicitly for the Rottnest atmosphere may hope to deliver in the request for 10% to 15% more vitality than is as of now indicating every other parameter staying equivalent.

Likewise of intrigue is the examination in yield power for the Base case contrasted with the Rounded Lip. The Kuwait city shores investigation represents that a huge increment ($\approx 10\%$) we can accomplish it with this minor necessary adjustment. The Rottnest examination shows a negligible impact because of the way that there at higher wave periods, away from the pinnacle efficiencies, there was little distinction between the two lip types.

Dialog on territories, for example, logical effectiveness as an element of wave stature, sea state directionality, chop in, and shut-down conditions and tidal varieties are, for the most part, conceivably noteworthy impacts that would require consideration for a



progressively nitty gritty power catch assessment. Approval of the supposition that is utilizing two-dimensional CFD examination contrasted with full three dimensional numerical demonstrating and the impact of unpredictable waves on the OWC proficiency is likewise deserving of further thought. What is more, turbine apparatus and electrical misfortunes are likewise of significance and would require consideration at any point by point examination.







Figure 5.3. Analysis Parameters values at time frame t=9.6 s from wave propagation



Figure 5.4. Analysis Parameters values at time frame t=26.6 s from wave propagation











Chapter 6. Conclusions

In this thesis, an economically accessible computational fluid dynamics code utilized to play out a fluid-structure examination, an oscillating water column is a type wave energy converter used here to decide the productivity of energy generation. The wave vitality gadget productivity contrasted with the consequences of an exploratory program and, in specific cases, stochastic approximations. The focal point of this work has been on the reproduction of the cooperation of the episode wave on the OWC and specifically the impacts from shifting the parameters related to the front lip of the gadget, for example, gap shape and profundity.

As opposed to utilizing bespoke displaying devices created in an exploration domain, the numerical reenactments performed utilizing FLUENT, which is an industrially accessible general CFD code. Before numerical demonstrating of the whole OWC framework, wave age inside a numerical wave tank inspected with specific consideration paid to the free surface displaying an inner wave kinematics. Following this examination, a precise numerical examination was then completed on an OWC framework to demonstrate the cooperation between the approaching waves and the unpredictable geometries influencing the fluid section into the OWC chamber, incorporating the association with the pneumatic power take-off gadget.

6.1. Numerical Wave Tank NWT

With ceaseless advances in processing power, the reproduction of fluid dynamics utilizing the numerical strategies that iteratively unravel the Navier Stokes equations, and utilizing Volume-of-Fluid systems, the free surface is presently observed as a viable choice to demonstrate testing. The wave spread through the numerical wave tank viable has been approved for the reenactment of Stokes's second Order waves. A client


characterized work characterizing the delta speed parts to mimic a wave-producer gave a palatable strategy to reproducing a wave-creator that created effectively.

The wave surface profile assessed referencing various vital parameters, including discretization of the time ventures as for wave period and the number of cells per wavelength/wave tallness. These proportions appeared to impact the nature of the yield and the length of the investigation. A reasonable blend of cell size and time step increase that furnished both reasonable diagnostic terms joined with an exact portrayal of the free surface rise resolved. Even though the produced wave statures required some recalibration, the free surface blunder demonstrated to be littler than the extent of the second request remedy to the first request wave hypothesis.

Consideration has likewise paid to the inside wave kinematics, and this assessed a few wave periods downstream of the wave producer. U and w streaming speed profiles along a wavelength were assessed and indicated an excellent connection with wave hypothesis.

6.2. Parametric Simulations of the OWC

An examination concerning the effectiveness suggestion for OWC plan parameters of front lip shape, thickness, and submergence profundity researched both numerically and tentatively. The examinations show that the effectiveness is, in fact, substantially influenced by these parameters.

The lip shapes tried represented that the stream under the front lip as the fluid enters and leaves the OWC chamber is especially delicate. By adjusting the lip shape either by expanding the thickness or giving adjusting, the proficiency expanded to give more prominent than 20% more power catch contrasted with the Base case lip. The CFD stream representation gave affirmation that the varieties tried considered smoother streams by decreasing the unexpected alter in-stream course between the outer and inside chamber fluid lessening violent reverse.



The underlying numerical and trial displaying was performed using just a predetermined number of wave periods. We pursued it with a point by point CFD examination that recognized that lacking goals of the wave conditions could prompt an insufficient comprehension of OWC hydrodynamics.

Also, front lip submergence tests during the exploratory investigations distinguished the reduction in by and significant effectiveness as lip submergence expanded and CFD demonstrating at both model and full-scale recognized little variety in determined efficiencies legitimizing the reasonableness of scale model testing.

6.3.Practical Modeling of the OWC

Consequent to the acknowledgment that OWC demonstrating requires huge goals of wave periods, numerical testing of various OWC designs completed. While the prior trial testing utilized just five periods, the ensuing testing used 20 separate periods. The correlation with proportionate test results indicated great understanding though that the numerical examination demonstrated a little differential increment in top effectiveness of some 10%. The numerical and test work additionally contrasted with an improved 2-dimensional hypothesis that expected a perfect fluid, direct power take-off, and first request dynamic waves. The general patterns in the hypothesis overestimated the size of vitality catch. The uncertain time of most extreme effectiveness was caught agreeably by the exploratory and numerical work. Contrasts with hypothesis though to be brought about by the straight presumptions, including the dismissal for front lip shape and the vent displaying procedure.



With no doubt, it can be supposed that the OWC analysis revealed the following few points:

- It was remarkable that the hydrodynamic performance of the breakwater chamber OWC higher than the fixed offshore so as higher in power generated.
- The OWC devices will show improved performance in case of low steepness waves more than the high steepness waves.
- The impact of air compressibility is insignificant; however, the proportion of the air chamber volume of the water-free surface zone affects the chamber hydrodynamics
- The analysis presented in this thesis is a necessary step forwards the goal of achieving a fixed OWC device with the same dimensions as the device we tested in this study under usual operating and extreme wave conditions through both experiments and CFD modeling to get a high result so it could be attached to offshore structures to produce clean energy.
- Overall, this study highlighted the option of connecting a large amount of ocean wave energy using OWC devices that deployed in deep water where the waves are energetic.

6.4.Limitations

ANSYS TM FLUENT ® is a potential speed solver and tempestuous movement excluded. It implies where the water communicates with the structure or the ocean floor, and the potential must be smooth. It is a restriction on the demonstrating of the lip of the OWCs and likewise at the foot of the barrier dividing. The disturbance issues are only one part of the impediment because of the surmised direct hypothesis. The water may never dip



under the lip of the OWC, and just little movements around the balance are mathematically precise. Results for any more significant movement ought to be taken as absolutely characteristic and tried physically or with Navier-Stokes CFD solvers. The ocean floor is trouble for ANSYS TM FLUENT ® in that it will just work where the ocean stretches out around and behind the structure. It makes utilizing it for direct examination between the jetty type and the bluff sort OWCs unimaginable. The product is not at all restricted to drifting structures, notwithstanding, and would, in actuality, have no trouble in demonstrating the water collaboration around a secured, skimming form of a comparable structure.





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