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This study was conducted to compare water surface profiles with standard ogeecrested spillways. Different methods were used, such as (experimental models, numerical models, and design nomographs for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, USACE). In accordance with the USACE specifications, three different models were constructed from rigid foam and then installed in a testing flume. The water surface profile has been recorded for these models with different design heads. For modeling the experimental model configurations, a numerical model based on the smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH) technique was used and is developed to simulate the water surface profile of the flow over the ogee-crested spillway. A 2D SPHysics open-source software has been used in this study, using the SPH formulation to model fluid flow, developing the SPH boundary procedure to handle open-boundary simulations, and modifying the open-source SPHysics code for this purpose. The maximum absolute difference between the measured and computed results of the water surface profile for all head ratios of  $(H/H_d)$ , does not exceed 4.63% at the crest region, the numerical results for the water surface profile showed good agreement with the physical model results. The results obtained experimentally and numerically by SPH are compared with the CFD results in order to be more reassuring from the results. Additional comparisons were made using interpolated data from USACE, Waterways Experiment Station (WES), and design nomographs. The SPH technique is considered very promising and effective for free surface flow applications.

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### جسيمات الهيدرودايناميكية الـمصقولـة ذات الـمحاكاة مفتوحة الحدود لتدفق السطح الحر فوق المسيل مائي ذو قمة أوجى

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أجريت هذه الدراسة بهدف مقارنة ملامح سطح الماء لمسيل مائي ذو قمة أوجي. واستعملت طرق مختلفة، ك(النماذج التجريبية، النماذج العددية و مخططات تصميمية لفيلق المهندسين بالجيش الأمريكي، USACE). وقد صنعت ثلاثة نماذج مختلفة من الرغوة الصلبة، وفقًا لمواصفات (USACE)، ثم ركِبَتْ في مجرى اختبار. وسجَلَ شكل سطح الماء لهذه النماذج بأعماق تصميمية مختلفة. و لنمذجة تكوينات النموذج التجريبي وأشكاله، استُعمِل نموذج رقمي معتمد على تقنية الهيدروديناميك المائية للجسيمات المصقولة (SPH) وذلك بعد تطويره لمحاكاة المظهر الجانبي لسطح الماء للتدفق فوق المسيل مائي ذو قمة أوجي. أما ما يخص الهيدروديناميك المائية للجسيمات المصقولة (SPH) وذلك بعد تطويره لمحاكاة المظهر الجانبي لسطح الماء للتدفق فوق المسيل مائي ذو قمة أوجي. أما ما يخص البرنامج المتبنى في هذه الدراسة، فقد استعمل برنامج مفتوح المصدر ثنائي الأبعاد (SPHysics)، باستخدام صيغة (SPH) لنمذجة تدفق السوائل، وتطوير أسلوب حدود (SPH) للتعامل مع عمليات محاكاة الحدود المفتوحة وتعديل كود (SPHysics)، باستخدام صيغة (SPH) لنمذجة تدفق السوائل، وتطوير أسلوب حدود (SPH) للتعامل مع عمليات محاكاة الحدود المفتوحة وتعديل كود (SPHysics)، منتخدام صيغة الغرض. وقد خلصت الدراسة إلى أن الحد الأقصى الفرق المطلق بين النتائج المقاسة والمحسوبة لملامح سطح الماء لجميع النسب (H/H) ، لا يتجاوز ( 6.6.4) في مغرى في مطلحات العددية لملامح سطح الماء توافقًا جيدًا مع نتائج المقاسة والمحسوبة لملامح سطح الماء لجميع النسب (H/H) ، لا يتجاوز ( 6.6.4) في مغرق القمة، وأظهرت النتائج العددية لملامح سلح الماء توافقًا جيدًا مع نتائج النموذج المادي. وقد قورنت النتائج التي حصلت عليها الدراسة تجريبيًا ورقميًا بواسطة (SPH) مع نتائج العددية لملامح تكون النتائج المقاسة والمحسوبة لملامح سطح الماء لجميع النسب (H/H) ، لا يتجاوز ( 6.6.4) في مواقمة، وأظهرت (SPH) مع سطح الماء توافقاً جيدًا مع نتائج النمودي المادي. وقد قورنت النتائج التي حصلت عليها الدراسة تجريبيًا ورقميًا بواسطة (SPH) مع نتائج (SPH) وذلك كي تكون النتائج أكثر طمانةً. من جانب آخر أجريت مقارنات إضافية باستعمال البيانات المقحمة من (USACE)، ومحطة تجرية المائية (WES)، والمخططات التصميمية. فضلا عن أن نتقنية SPH تغذية واعدة جدًا وفعالةً لتطبيقات المحوي السلحي الحرل.

الكلمات الدالة: 2D-SPHysics، هيدروديناميك، المسيل المائي ذو قمة أوجي، ظروف الحدود المفتوحة، نمذجة SPH، المظهر الجانبي للماء.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

A spillway is a hydraulic structure usually used in storage and detention dams to release surplus or flood water that cannot be safely stored in the reservoir to prevent damage. Ogee crested spillway is one of the most essential and used hydraulic structures due to its excellent hydraulic performance. During the flood season, it can prevent overtopping of the dams and flowing floods efficiently and safely when it is accurately constructed with reasonably good fluid measuring facilities. On the other side, this structure's improper design can cause dam breakage, especially for rockfill and earthen dams. Therefore, the spillway must be carefully designed to verify the flow characteristics.

Studying the water flow over a spillway is an important engineering tool to ensure proper design. The USACE-WES had studied spillway flow performance and developed a series of recently updated design charts [1]. Experimental modeling has been the only available analytical tool used as the basis for validating other techniques for over 100 years [2]. To date, new design methods are emerging with recent advances in computational and numerical techniques to determine rapidly varying flow conditions. This development has led to widespread use as a standard design tool of numerical modeling in various engineering disciplines [3].

The numerical approach of hydraulics engineering can be classified into two parts. grid-base methods and mesh-free methods [4]. The smooth particle hydrodynamics (SPH) system is a mesh-free computational modeling approach primarily utilizing free-moving particles. It is therefore prepared with unique advantages of tracking different free surfaces with large deformation and it provides a very promising technique for researching the hydraulic spillway.

This approach was initially introduced by Gingold and Monaghan [5] and Lucy [6] in the field of astrophysics but is now used in the field of hydraulic engineering [7, 8], application in free-surface flows [9]. SPH has been widely used in the coastal hydraulics [10, 11], structure dynamics [12], fluid-structure interactions [13, 14], multi-phase flows [15, 16] and dam-break flows [17, 18]. Many researchers have attempted to introduce some numerical and experimental methods to solve the field of flow, such as free surface profile [19]. Physical models for several real-life cases were investigated: Shahid Madani Dam's spillway [20], Mandali Dam's ogee spillway [21], and Laleli dam's spillway [22] as examples. It is worth mentioning that the recorded results are valid for those particular cases and can only be used as a rough estimate in other similar cases.

The approach is still under development yet a broad range of problems can be modeled. It is used in many applications and incorporated in the well-known open-source program SPHysics [23].

#### 2. Material and Methods

#### 2.1. Experimental Model:

Varied shapes and designs have been suggested for the ogee spillways. Most of the variations are at the upstream curves of the crest axis. Crest forms were extensively studied in USBR laboratories using experimental data of upstream water depth variations. The upper nappe was measured carefully for different discharges and velocities [24].

(Maynard 1985)[25] revealed the upstream side of the spillways in four different shapes: one vertical and three inclines. The upstream curve profile is a combination of radii proportional to the total pressure head whereas the downstream curve is the arc portion between the crest axis and the tangent point. The upstream vertical face type was standardized via the following equation:

$$X^{1.85} = 2.0H_d^{0.85} * Y \tag{1}$$

Here,  $H_d$  is the design head above the crest, X and Y are coordinates of the crest profile with their origin that are located at the highest point of the spillway crest, [1]. The The purpose of the present study is to establish a computational model using Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics by applying codes (SPHysics-2D-2.2.001) as a new technique for simulating the free surface flow over spillways and to produce numerical results to compare them with the performance results of experimental models.

Cartesian coordinate system (x, y, and z) described the stream-wise, vertical direction, and span-wise, respectively; (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0) at the origin. The y-axis is directed in the downward direction.

One of the important goals of this study is to apply the particle approach SPH to model the free surface profile for flow over Ogee crested spillways for different head ratios  $(H/H_d)$  in a controlled environment. To this purpose, three experimental models were constructed as shown in Figure (1) with a vertical upstream face and a height appropriate to ensure negligible approach velocity.

The upstream curve of the spillways is composed of three different curves with different radii. The smaller radius curve ( $R_3=0.04*H_d$ ) is related to the upstream vertical face with the curved portion of the crest; this vertical face was added to eliminate discontinuity of the surface, improved the pressure conditions, and discharge coefficients at heads beyond the design head.



Fig. 1. Dimensions of standard Ogee-crested spillway, [1]

All models were constructed and designed as shown in Table (1). The equation used for the downstream crest profile design is of Maynard:

$$y = \frac{x^{1.85}}{2H_d^{0.85}} \tag{2}$$

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Model No.	esign Head, H <sub>d</sub> (cm)	Spillway ight, P (cm)	illway crest ngth, L (cm)	befficient of scharge, C <sub>d</sub>	Lengtl	h of quadra (cm)	ant radii	The en the dov curv	Design Discharge (l/sec)		
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1	7.5	20	27.83	0.493	3.75	1.50	0.30	10.68	12.78	13.5	
2	6.0	20	26.42	0.493	3.00	1.20	0.24	8.56	14.21	9.75	
3	3.0	20	23.62	0.493	1.50	0.60	0.12	4.27	17.11	3.40	

 Table 1

 WES Standard Upstream Spillway Ouadrant for Vertical Upstream Face

The experimental models are made of rigid foam and built to conform to the distinctive shape of an Ogee spillway using the computer numerical control machine (CNC). Rigid foam is selected because it can be fabricated with smooth

#### 2.2. Measuring Techniques

Each of these models was positioned 4.0 m away from the upstream end of a test flume. In each process, the flow dynamics were measured and analyzed for three head ratios  $H/H_d$  (0.50, 1.00, and 1.33). The flowrate that passed over curves. Each model was installed in the flume at the middle of a glass panel to visualize the process of testing and profile measurements, as shown in Figure (2).

the spillway models was measured using the provided electromagnetic flowmeter. Two-point gauges measure the depth of water that passed over the models.



Fig. 2. Side view of the experimental model

#### 3. Numerical analysis

## 3.1. Governing equations and computational scheme

The governing flow equations are given by (Jafari-Nodoushan) including mass conservation and motion in the Lagrangian frame for a weakly compressible flow, [26]:

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho \nabla . u$$
(5)
$$\frac{Du}{Dt} = \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + F$$
(6)

$$\frac{Dx}{Dt} = u \tag{7}$$

$$p = k_o \left( \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_o} \right)^{\gamma} - 1 \right)$$

$$k_o = \frac{c_o^2 \rho_o}{\gamma}$$
(9)

Equations (5) and (6) refer respectively to the continuity and momentum equations for a 2-D flow occurring in the vertical plane. *t* is time,  $\rho$  is the fluid density,  $(u = u_i + w_k)$  is the velocity vector with u and w being the respective components along x and z directions, *p* is pressure and *F* is the external force (per unit mass) acting on the fluid which typically includes a contribution from gravitational acceleration. Equation (7) will be submitted to time integration for tracking the position vector of individual fluid

parcels,  $x = x_i + z_k$ , that describes the flow. Equation (8) is referred to as the equation of state (EOS) since it associates a unique value of pressure to the density of each fluid parcel. The exponent  $\gamma$  is set to 7 for free surface flows [12].  $\rho_0$  is the reference density of the fluid corresponding to p = 0. It is taken  $\rho_0 = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  for water in what follows. The speed of sound at the reference density,  $c_0$ , is prescribed such that permitted density variations stay to within 1% $\rho_0$  [9]. This requirement is consistent with the nature of assumed weakcompressibility, a feature that enhances the efficiency of the numerical scheme as well.

#### 3.2. Pre-processing input options of SPH

Based on many trials, the best initial conditions and geometry construction was considered as follows:

The geometry of spillway models is created by drawing spillway models using AutoCAD in 3D form and exported into Stereo Lithography (STL) format then directly imported into SPHysics code as a complex geometry. The domain length and height are fixed to 2.00 m and 0.45 m respectively for all models, also the width and height of the models are fixed to 30 cm and 20 cm respectively, as shown in Figure (3). The vertical upstream face of the spillway models is located at 50 cm from the origin (an inlet of the domain) for all the models. It's worth mentioning that the downstream condition and tailwater depth were not considered in this study.





The domain is filled with water from the upstream inlet heigh to the vertical upstream face of the spillway model, the best for al height of filled water is found to be between the water height at the inlet and the height of the spillway crest since the water

the height in the inlet is considered as the upstream water level for all models.

#### 3.3. Final Algorithm Results

Model No. 1 has been tested for the final algorithm. Figure (4) indicates the simulation process until it reaches a steady-state. The experimental water surface was also drawn for the same run to reassure the results as shown in the last screenshot (green colored line).

#### 4. Results

#### 4.1. Tests of Stability

The stability of the program must be validated first before the program's outcomes are compared with the experimental data. It is characterized as the ability to simulate the experiments without errors and to maintain the flow condition in a steady state.

At the beginning of the simulation, the condition is unstable after some time the balance between the inflow and the outflow begins, and the steady-state is preserved as shown in Figure (5).



Fig. 4. The simulation process of the final algorithm results, (a) Initial Geometry, (b) at t = 0.1sec, (c) at t = 0.2sec, (d) at t = 0.3sec, (e) at t = 0.4sec, (f) at t = 0.6sec, (g) at t = 1 sec, (h) at t = 2 sec, (i) at t = 4 sec, (j) at t = 8 sec, (k) at t = 12 sec, (l) at t = 15 sec for model No. 1, Run No. 3

At the beginning of the simulation, the condition is unstable after some time the balance between the inflow and the outflow begins, and the steady-state is preserved as shown in Figure (5). Once the steady-state is achieved without errors this means that the program is stable and as a final result, the outcomes after this condition can be dependent The MATLAB routine was written to evaluate performance data to verify program stability. One of the most important tests for ensuring greater stability is the calculation of the discharge in various sections. The test demonstrates the discharge measurement of four sections inside the domain; the first section is positioned in the center of the buffering layer of the particles ( $x_1 = 0.02$  m) and the last section is positioned at the origin point of the model crest ( $x_4 = 0.525$  m, while the other two sections are located between the first and the last sections at an equal distance ( $x_2 = 0.1883$  m,  $x_3 = 0.3566$  m) as shown in Figure (5-a).





(f) Discharge Values at different sections for q = 30.0 l/sec



#### 4.2. Comparison between Experimental and Numerical Results

In order to clarify the effects on the free surface profile of Ogee crest geometry, rear slope, and toe it is important to look initially at how the numerical SPHysics code applied in this analysis predicts the flow conditions. The numerical 2D SPHysics serial version code is used for the application of the computational smoothed particle hydrodynamics technique. All of the input options were taken into account and the input options for the open boundary, such as water height at the inlet and mean velocity, were also developed. The properties of the particles could be obtained by running the improved 2D SPHysics codes, the properties consist of coordinates (x and y) in meter, velocity components (u and v) in m/sec, mass density in gm/cm<sup>3</sup>, pressure in Pascal, and mass in gm. These properties are organized according to the particle size in the form of matrices of different dimensions, named (PART), based on the particle size. Such PARTs are generated as a consequence of the simulation process of 2D-SPHysics codes, approximately 50 PARTs are produced at each second of simulated time, and each PART consists of a matrix of 7 rows and a very large number of columns as shown in Figure (6).

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4	0.00E+00	2.00E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28602	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
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6	0.00E+00	4.00E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28605	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
/	0.00E+00	5.00E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02	-	28606	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
8	0.00E+00	5.00E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28607	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
9	0.000000	7.00E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28608	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
10	0.00E+00	8.00E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.000+03	0.0000	5.00E-02		28609	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
11	0.00E+00	9.00E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28610	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
12	0.00E+00	1.00E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28611	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
13	0.00E+00	1.10E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28612	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
14	0.00E+00	1.20E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28613	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
15	0.00E+00	1.30E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28614	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
16	0.00E+00	1.40E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28615	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
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18	0.000000	1.00E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.000+03	0.000000	5.00E-02		28617	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
19	0.00E+00	1.70E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.000000	5.00E-02		28618	1.00E+03	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
20	0.00E+00	1.80E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02	-	28620	1.00E+03	2.90E-01 2.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02
21	0.00E+00	1.90E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		28621	1.000103	2.502-01	0.000100	0.000100	1.000103	0.000100	5.000-02
22	0.000000	2.00E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.000000	5.00E-02		28622							
23	0.00E+00	2.10E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.000000	5.00E-02		28623							C
24	0.00E+00	2.20E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02			cha	*1					•
25	0.00E+00	2.30E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	5.00E-02		( )	one	er (†)			: 4		ł

Fig. 6. The properties of the particles produced as a consequence of the SPHysics simulation process

#### 4.2.1. Water Surface Profile:

The simulation test is to validate the free surface profile with the experimental results. For this purpose, a Matlab subroutine is written to simulate the outcomes of SPHysics to find the water surface profile. The domain was divided into equally spaced, vertical sections, of dx width, then within each of these sections, the highest particles were to be found. It is worth noting that the splashed particles of the fluid should not be considered, because they are not represented as a free surface profile, except the particle that is (3\*dx) far away from the particles below it. The coordinates of particles located on the water surface profile are provided a directory from the matrices obtained from the MATLAB code outcomes, as shown in Figure (7). This method was used to compute the water surface profile for all cases in this work because it's the most accurate method. The reference of this accuracy is a participation of more than 10 PARTs in each

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simulation and all of these PARTs were reaches to the steady state flow condition.



Fig. 7. Matlab subroutine for simulation water surface profile

The water surface profiles under four different upstream pressure heads were investigated along the spillway models surface. Such heads of pressure are applied based on the design head ratios  $(0.50H_d, 1.00H_d, 1.17H_d, and 1.33H_d)$ . Model No. 1 findings are demonstrated in Figure (8).





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(b) Model No. (3),  $H/H_d = 1.00$  (d) Model No. (3),  $H/H_d = 1.33$ Fig. 10. Comparison between measured and computed water surface profiles for model (1) (P = 20 cm and  $H_d = 3.0$  cm)

Figures (8-10) show the comparison of the SPH results with the measured water surface profile. For all the runs, the free water surface profile obtained is acceptable and has the expected shape. The results show that the surface of the water closely follows the curvature of the crest, the straight portion of the face (rear), and the curvature of the toe. Additionally, the water depth over the entire spillway profile decreases as the approaching heads decrease and the overall smooth surface of the water develops especially, at the transition points in the spillway surface curvature. The experimental results of the USACE-WES are also shown for the sake of additional comparison. The results of the different pressure heads indicated that the water surface profiles obtained from SPH modeling are similar to those of the USACE published data.

For model No. 1, the maximum absolute difference between the measured and computed results of the water surface profile does not exceed 4.63% for all head ratios of  $(H/H_d)$  except for the toe region which reaches 10.30%. For all models, the maximum absolute difference between the measured and computed results of the water surface profile does not exceed 3.68% for all head ratios of (H/H<sub>d</sub>) in the crest region and does not exceed 6.41% for all head ratios of (H/H<sub>d</sub>) in the rear region. While the maximum discrepancy between the measured and computed water surface profile results reached 10.59% for the most extreme cases in the toe region. The very close profiles show that there is quite good agreement between the measured and computed water surface profiles, especially in the crest region. Small discrepancies prevail in the downstream region of the spillway, which may be attributed to high velocity and turbulent flow.

# 4.3. Comparison between Numerical Methods:

#### 4.3.1. CFD modeling

The CFD, which is a form of numerical modeling is developed to solve fluid flow problems. This type includes applications involving fluid-solid interaction, for example, the flow of water in a river or hydraulic structures [27]. This approach was gradually accepted by the Hydraulic/Dam Engineering Community not only as a research tool within research institutions [28] but also as a practical design tool [29]. With this complimentary use of CFD techniques and hydraulic modeling on a physical scale, experimental models have become essential for validating CFD modeling, [30]. Flow-3D program was used to develop numerical models for the experimental models in order to study the water surface profile along the centerline of the spillway surface. Based on the literature review and the recommendations of researchers, the results obtained experimentally and numerically by SPH are compared with the CFD results in order to be more reassuring from the results.

#### 4.3.2. Water Surface Profile:

Water surface profile was investigated from upstream to downstream of spillways along the centerline of the spillway surface. The results of experimental and numerical modeling (SPH and CFD) were plotted and compared for finding the convergences and divergences of the results. It's worth mentioning, that the experimental results were used as a comparison baseline. The following pressure heads are applied, based on the ratios of design head (0.50, 1.00, 1.17, and 1.33).

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Fig. 11. Comparison of experimental with numerical methods (SPH and CFD) for water surface

The profiles of free water surfaces shown in Figure (11) include the measurements of water flow elevations that are experimentally recorded and numerically computed. From Figure (11), it can be seen that the water surfaces simulated by numerical models, SPH and CFD, are in good agreement with those experimentally measured, especially at the crest and rear region, but some discrepancies take notice at the toe region of the spillway surface. It should be noted that the SPH technique can simulate the free water surface for ogee-crested spillways consistently.

For most accurate details, the spillway surface was divided into three regions of the crest, rear and toe regions. Comparison results reveal that the absolute maximum difference between experimental and SPH results does not exceed 2.04% in the crest region and 7.03% in the rear region, while in the toe region reached 10.59%. Whereas, the maximum absolute difference between experimental and CFD results does not exceed 2.22% in the crest region and 4.73% in the rear region, while in the toe region is reaches 10.61%. Discrepancies in the water surface occur in the high velocity and heavy turbulence area near the toe region. Thus, it should be noted that the SPH technique can consistently simulate the free water surface for the ogee spillway, also such precise results indicate that the SPH techniques can be used as an alternative to experiments and CFD approaches for simulating the water surface profile.

#### 5. Conclusions

An open boundary condition in the SPH code was developed and in SPHysics code in special has been successfully accomplished with good performance.

The maximum absolute difference between the measured and computed results of the water surface profile, for all head ratios of  $(H/H_d)$ , does not exceed 2.04% in the crest region and 7.03% in the rear region, while the maximum discrepancy between the measured and computed water surface profile results reaches 10.59% for the most extreme cases in the toe region.

The maximum absolute difference between experimental and CFD results does not exceed 2.22% in the crest region, 4.73% in the rear region, while in the toe region it reaches 10.61%. Discrepancies in the water surface occur in the high velocity and heavy turbulence area near the toe region

SPH technique has been able to successfully model a water surface profile for a variety of upstream water heads as compared to experimental model testing.

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