

# Design of a low-level outlet

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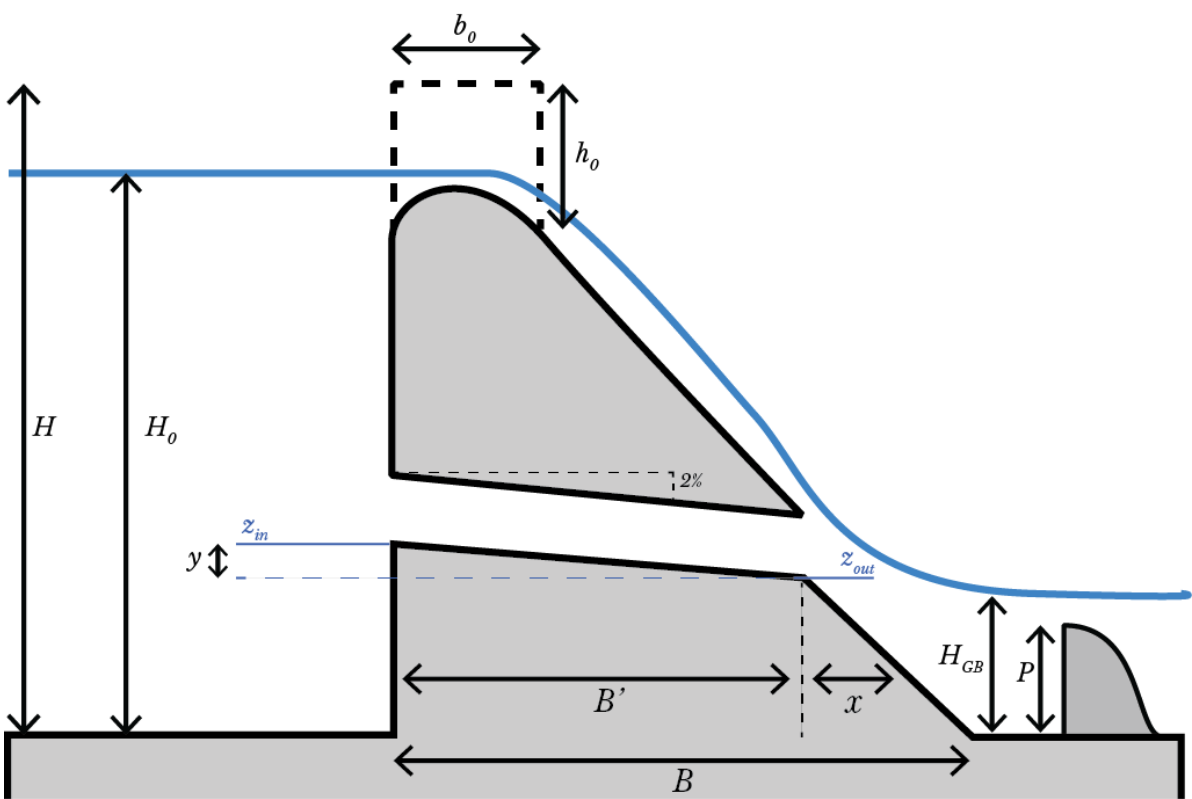
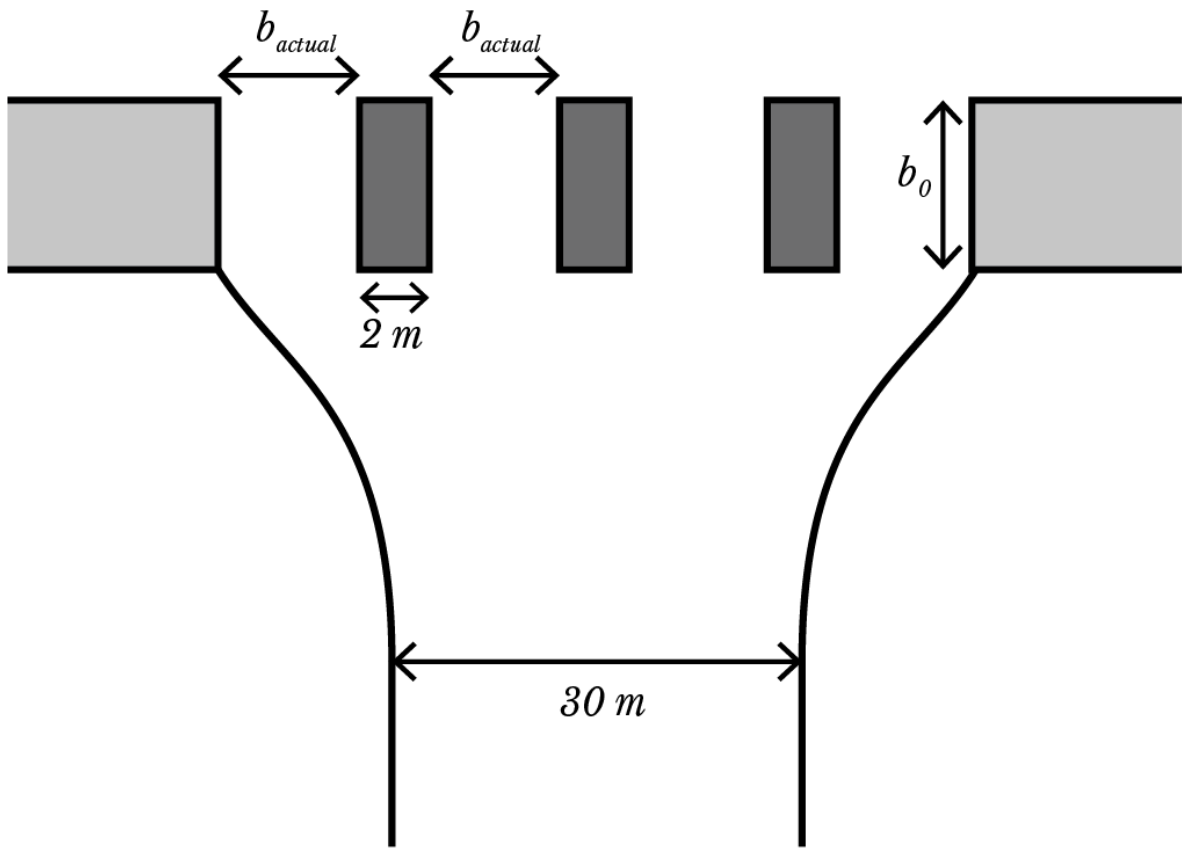
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## Dimension

The intake is a quadratic cross section with a side  $D$ , such as  $F = D^2$ .

With the Thales theorem:  $\frac{B-b_0}{H-h_0} = \frac{x}{P}$

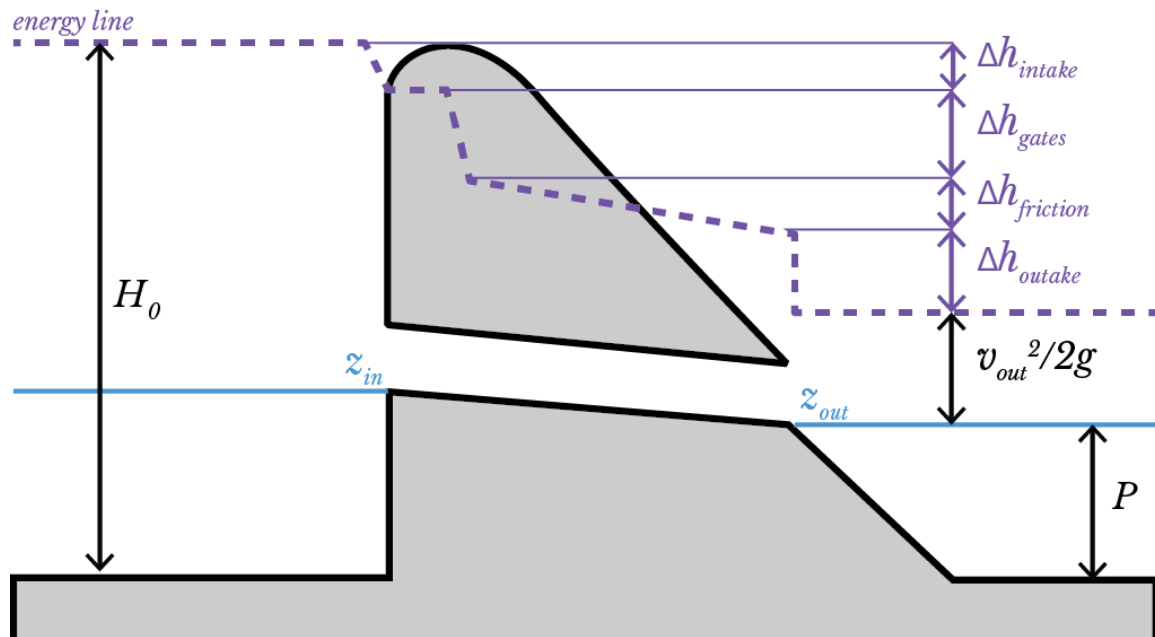
$$x = \frac{P \cdot (B - B_0)}{H - h_0} = \frac{9(56 - 8)}{70 - 10} = 7,2 \text{ m}$$

And:  $B' = B - x = 56,8 - 7,2 = 49,6 \text{ m}$

For the intake height:

- $y = 0,02 * B' = 0,02 * 49,6 = 1 \text{ m}$
- $z_{in} = z_{out} + y = 8 + 1 = 9 \text{ m}$
- $L_p = \sqrt{B'^2 + y^2} = 49,61 \text{ m}$

## Hydraulic losses



## Local losses

**Hydraulic losses at the intake :**

$$\xi_{in} = 0,5$$

$$\Delta h_{intake} = \xi_{in} \frac{Q^2}{F^2 \cdot 2g}$$

**Hydraulic losses due to the trash racks at the intake :**

$$\xi_{trash} = \chi \cdot \beta \left( \frac{s}{l} \right)^{4/3} \cdot \sin(\alpha) = 1 * 2,42 \left( \frac{10}{50} \right)^{4/3} * \sin(70) = 0,26$$

$$\Delta h_{trash} = \xi_{trash} \frac{Q^2}{F^2 \cdot 2g}$$

**Hydraulic losses at the hydraulic gates :**

$$\xi_{in} = 0,1$$

$$\Delta h_{gates} = \xi_{gates} \frac{Q^2}{F^2 \cdot 2g}$$

**Hydraulic losses at the outtake :**

$$\xi_{out} = 2$$

$$\Delta h_{out} = \xi_{out} \frac{Q^2}{F^2 \cdot 2g}$$

## Friction losses

$\lambda = 0,02$ , the friction coefficient

$L_p = 49,61$  m

$$\Delta h_{friction} = \frac{Q^2}{2g} \cdot \frac{\lambda \cdot L_p}{D} \cdot \frac{1}{F^2}$$

## Equilibrium equation

$$H_0 - P = \sum \Delta h_{local} + \Delta h_{friction} + \frac{v_{out}^2}{2g}$$
$$H_0 - P = \frac{Q^2}{2g \cdot F^2} (\xi_{in} + \xi_{trash} + \xi_{gates} + \xi_{out} + \frac{\lambda L_p}{D} + 1)$$
$$F = \sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{2g \cdot (H_0 - P) (\xi_{in} + \xi_{trash} + \xi_{gates} + \xi_{out} + \frac{\lambda L_p}{D} + 1)}}$$

## Final calculus

In order to find the right  $D$ , we used a calculus by iteration. We start our loop with  $D = 4$  m

```
from math import *
##Initialisation
Q=70
g=9.81
H0=65
P=9.2
C=(Q**2)/(2*g*(H0-P))
Ein=0.5
Etrash=0.26
Egates=0.1
Eout=2
Lambda=0.02
Lp=49.61
D=4
print(D)
##Loop to iterate
for k in range(10):
    F=sqrt(C*(Ein+Etrash+Egates+Eout+1+((Lambda*Lp)/(D))))
    D=sqrt(F)
    print(D)
```

For a 10 loop iteration we have the following results :

```
2.0707355989956264
2.0992635758413654
2.0984755778874224
2.0984970679599178
2.098496481683014
2.0984964976772513
2.0984964972409115
2.0984964972528153
2.0984964972524907
2.0984964972524995
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We can therefore conclude that :  $D = 2,1$  m

