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Hydraulic Jump Control Using Stilling Basin with Abruptly Expanding and Negative Step

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Abstract

The present research describes a laboratory study of a hydraulic jump in an abruptly expanding channel and a negative step. The Froude numbers were chosen between 4.5 and 9. This steady hydraulic jump is insensitive to downstream conditions (i.e., tailwater depth). It has an energy dissipation of 45–70%, and therefore it is a good economical design. Four physical models with the expansion ratios of $B=1, 1.33, 1.6,$ and 2, and two different heights of negative steps ($s=3$ and 6 cm) were considered. The results showed that the S-jumps were asymmetric, and the abrupt expansion caused an increase of the jump length and energy loss, while the sequent depth was decreased. By using the negative step, the hydraulic jump was changed to a symmetric shape; also, the hydraulic jump length was signifcantly reduced when compared to the sudden expansion channel without it; the sequent depth was increased, while the energy loss was decreased. In order to estimate the hydraulic jump characteristics, empirical relations associated with the expansion ratio of basin walls, the relative height of negative steps, and infow Froude number were proposed based on the experimental data.

Keywords Hydraulic jump · Expansion ratio · Negative step · Froude number

1 Introduction

Hydraulic jumps are extensively used in hydraulic engineering applications as the energy dissipator below chutes, weirs, gates, and spillways to protect the tailwater from severe scour and possible destruction. The optimum state for designing the dimensions of the stilling basin from an economy and safety viewpoint and increasing the efficiency of the hydraulic jump is considered by hydraulic engineers (Palermo and Pagliara [2017](#page-9-0)).

A hydraulic jump in a horizontal, rectangular, smooth, and prismatic channel is referred to as classical. The

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classical hydraulic jump has been extensively studied by Rajaratnam ([1965\)](#page-9-1), Leutheusser and Kartha ([1972\)](#page-9-2), Herbrand ([1973](#page-9-3)), Peterka [\(1978\)](#page-9-4), McCorquodale and Khalifa ([1983\)](#page-9-5), Hager and Bremen [\(1989](#page-9-6)), Wu and Rajaratnam ([1995](#page-9-7)), Hager ([2013\)](#page-9-8), Carollo et al. ([2009\)](#page-9-9) and Mnassri and Triki ([2020\)](#page-9-10) (Hager [2013](#page-9-8); Hager and Bremen [1989](#page-9-6); Herbrand [1973](#page-9-3); Leutheusser and Kartha [1972](#page-9-2); Peterka [1978](#page-9-4); Rajaratnam [1965;](#page-9-1) Wu and Rajaratnam [1995;](#page-9-7) Mnassri and Triki [2022;](#page-9-11) McCorquodale and Khalifa [1983;](#page-9-5) Carollo et al. [2009](#page-9-9)).

The combination of the stilling basin with the transition to the tailwater channel has been a long-standing challenge. A hydraulic jump in abrupt expansions can be found where the width of the approaching supercritical flow is smaller in comparison to that of the downstream channel (Zare and Doering [2011](#page-9-12)). In an abruptly expanding, rectangular and horizontal channel, depending on the tailwater depth, three jumps can be formed. In the lower tailwater, the toe of the jump is lower than the point at which the cross-wave hits the channel's wall (point A in Fig. [1\)](#page-1-0) and an R-jump will be formed. By increasing the tailwater depth, the jump occurs between the expansion section and point (A), as shown in Fig. [1;](#page-1-0) the result is an S-jump. This jump is more like an asymmetrical and oscillating jet,

Fig. 1 Classifcation of hydraulic jumps in a prismatic channel with sudden expansion

forming without surface rollers. By increasing the tailwater, the toe of the jump is higher than the junction section, leading to the formation of a T-jump. This jump can be symmetric or asymmetric, depending on how far the toe of the jump can be formed from the junction (Rajaratnam and Subramanya [1968](#page-9-13)).

Hager ([1985\)](#page-9-14) studied the characteristics of the hydraulic jump in a gradually and abruptly expanding channel width in non-prismatic rectangular channels. The results showed that the hydraulic jump in an expanding channel needs a lower tailwater depth under identical infow conditions. Also, the relative energy loss of the non-prismatic version was the weakest for the usual hydraulic jump and the best for an abrupt enlargement; length characteristics were nearly independent of the width ratio and had the same order of magnitude as in prismatic channels (Hager [1985\)](#page-9-14).

Alhamid ([2004](#page-8-0)) also studied the S-jump on sloping basins. He found that S-jumps had a smaller sequent depth ratio and a similar jump length at high expansion ratios, relative to the classical jump. He also showed that the S-jump was more efficient than the classical in prismatic channels and that efficiency increases with decreasing approach channel width (Alhamid [2004\)](#page-8-0).

Further, Bremen and Hager [\(1993\)](#page-9-15) studied jumps in the expanding channel, finding that the efficiency of the T-jump was always larger and needed less tailwater in comparison to classical jumps (Bremen and Hager [1993](#page-9-15)). Pagliara et al. [2009](#page-9-16) also indicated that the energy loss was larger for the hydraulic jump in expanding channels than in the classical jump (Pagliara et al. [2009](#page-9-16)). In addition, Hassanpour et al. [\(2017\)](#page-9-17) studied the characteristics of the hydraulic jump in a gradually expanding rectangular stilling basin. They showed that the sequent depth ratio and the relative length of the jump were decreased by reducing the divergence ratio (Hassanpour et al. [2017\)](#page-9-17).

Torkamanzad et al. [\(2019](#page-9-18)) showed that the sudden asymmetric expanding basin with discrete roughness elements over the bed not only increased the efficiency in dissipating additional energy and reduced the sequent depth,

as well as the basin length, but also had a signifcant efect on the formation of the fow symmetry downstream of the basin (Torkamanzad et al. [2019](#page-9-18)).

Daneshfaraz et al. ([2020](#page-9-10)) investigated the characteristics of hydraulic jump in an abrupt expanding stilling basin with rough bed. The results demonstrated that sequent depth and the length of the S-jump on the rough bed were reduced to 20 and 16%, respectively. Also, S-jump with rough beds reduces the secondary depth by about 58.5% compared to classical hydraulic jump (Daneshfaraz et al. [2020\)](#page-9-10).

The stability of the hydraulic jump has to be controlled under all possible fow conditions. Sometimes, an abrupt drop (negative step) is applied to the stilling basin to stabilize the hydraulic jump location and prevent the potential downstream erosion. The occurrence of the hydraulic jump at an abrupt drop can alter the design of stilling basins (Moore and Morgan [1957;](#page-9-19) Kawagoshi and Hager [1990](#page-9-20); Ohtsu and Yasuda [1991](#page-9-21); Chanson and Toombes [1998](#page-9-22)). Hager and Bretz [\(1986\)](#page-9-23) also classifed the hydraulic jumps in the vicinity of a negative step into six fow patterns, depending upon the infow and tailwater fow conditions (Fig. [2\)](#page-2-0). When the tailwater depth is lowered from the A-jump condition (Fig. [2a](#page-2-0)), at a certain stage, the A-jump is changed into a stationary standing wave; this is called the maximum wave (Fig. [2b](#page-2-0)), characterized by the formation of a large standing eddy downstream of the jet; the more the tailwater depth is lowered from the condition of the maximum wave, the more it passes from the upward curved jet through the downward curved jet (Fig. [2c](#page-2-0)) to change into a B-jump (Fig. [2](#page-2-0)d). Formations of upward and downward curved jets are not desirable because of the violent undulations propagating far downstream (Hager and Bretz [1986\)](#page-9-23).

The present work was motivated by the lack of information about the efects of the abrupt expansion and a negative step, on hydraulic jump characteristics properties at a range of Froude number, and the absence of comparative analysis of the sequent depths in the same experiments. Few attempts have been made to study the effects of abrupt expanding channel in the presence of a negative step on the hydraulic jump characteristics. In this study, therefore, based on a large experimental program, the efects of the channel expansion ratio and the negative step, separately and simultaneously, and the infow Froude number on various aspects of the hydraulic jump have been discussed. In the following, we focus on the S-jump as well as on the B-jump; therefore, the toe of jump is between the point at which the cross-wave hits the channel's wall (point A in Fig. [1](#page-1-0)) and the expansion section close to it. The S-jumps and B-jumps are of practical importance because of their stability and efficiency with a comparatively small tailwater depth (Rajaratnam and Subramanya [1968\)](#page-9-13).

Fig. 2 Flow conditions (from Ohtsu and Yasuda, 1991): **a** A-jump, **b** wave jump, **c** wave train, **d** B-jump (maximum plunging condition), and **e** minimum B-jump (limited jump)

2 Materials and Methods

2.1 Experimental Setup

The experiments were conducted in a fume with Plexiglas bed and walls, which was 8.0 m in length, 0.40 m in width, and 0.60 m in depth. It was connected to a hydraulic circuit allowing for the circulation of discharge. The supply pipe was provided with a valve to regulate the water supplied into the fume. The supercritical depth of the fow was controlled by the upstream sluice gate while the tail water depth was controlled by the downstream sluice gate. The discharge in the fume was obtained from an overhead tank. It was measured by a calibrated magnetic fow meter located in the supply line with $\pm 5\%$ accuracy. Depths of flow, d_1 and d_2 were measured with a point gauge of ± 1 mm accuracy. The jump length (L_j) was measured by a graduated rule as the distance between the toe of the jump and the location where the gradually varied fow started (Hager [2013](#page-9-8)). The jump roller was measured by a gradual rule as the distance between the toe of the jump and the end section of the roller (stagnation point). The total run number was 108 using Q, which ranged from 30 to 50 L/s ; the upstream Froude number (Fr_1) was from 4.9 to 9.5. Four Plexiglas physical models were built with the expanding ratio $(B = b_2/b_1)$ of 1, 1.33, 1.6, and 2 (where b_1 and b_2 are the widths of the stilling basin upstream and downstream of the hydraulic jump, respectively). The experiment's sudden drop heights (*s* = 0.03*and*0.06*m*) extended to the location of the width change. In all of these experiments, an attempt was made to place the jump toe at the location of the channel width change (S-jump), as well as the channel drop (B-jump). The fow channel section of the experiments is illustrated in Fig. [3.](#page-3-0)

2.2 Dimensional Analysis

The sequent depth (d_2) in a horizontal and abruptly expanding channel with a suddenly negative step depends on the following variables:

$$
f_1(g, s, d_1, d_2, b_1, b_2, V_1, \rho, \mu) = 0
$$
\n(1)

Here f_1 is the functional symbol, ρ is water density, g is the gravity acceleration, d_1 and d_2 are the approach flow and sequent depths of the hydraulic jump, respectively, V_1 is the upstream mean incident velocity, and μ is water viscosity. According to the π -theorem of dimensional analysis (Barenblatt [1987](#page-8-1)), a dimensionless functional relation is obtained using only six dimensionless groups:

$$
f_1(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4, \pi_5, \pi_6) = 0
$$
 (2)

Choosing V_1 , d_1 , ρ as the repeating variables and rearranging the dimensionless groups results in:

$$
f_1\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}, \frac{V_1^2}{d_1 g}, \frac{V_1 d_1}{\theta}, \frac{b_2}{d_1}, \frac{b_1}{d_1}, \frac{s}{d_1}\right) = 0
$$
 (3)

 $V_1 d_1 / \vartheta$ is the Reynolds number (Re_1) based on y_1 . The values of the Reynolds number were in the range of 75,000–250,000 and viscous efects could be neglected (Hager and Bremen [1989](#page-9-6); Rajaratnam and Subramanya [1968](#page-9-13)). Therefore, d_2/d_1 , L_j/d_1 and $\Delta E/E_1$ depend on the Froude number $(Fr_1=V_1/\sqrt{d_1g})$, expansion ratio $(B = b_2/b_1)$ and step height $(S = s/d_1)$, So the sequent depth ratio is as follows:

Fig. 3 Defnition sketch for S-jump on the negative step

$$
\frac{d_2}{d_1} = f \left(\frac{V_1^2}{d_1 g}, \frac{b_2}{b_1}, \frac{s}{d_1} \right)
$$
(4)

Similarly, for the jump length and energy loss, the results are as follows:

$$
\frac{L_{\rm j}}{d_{\rm 2}} = f \left(\frac{V_{\rm 1}^2}{d_{\rm 1} g}, \frac{b_2}{b_1}, \frac{s}{d_{\rm 1}} \right) \tag{5}
$$

$$
\frac{\Delta E}{E_1} = f_3 \left(\frac{V_1^2}{d_1 g}, \frac{b_2}{b_1}, \frac{s}{d_1} \right)
$$
(6)

2.3 Theoretical Considerations

2.3.1 Sequent Depth Ratio

Applying the momentum equation for Sects. [1](#page-0-0) and [2](#page-2-1) (Fig. [3](#page-3-0)), after neglecting the bed shear stress, gives (Bremen and Hager [1993](#page-9-15); Ohtsu et al. [1999](#page-9-24)):

$$
F_1 - F_2 + F_s + F_e = \frac{\gamma}{g} Q(\beta_2 V_2 - \beta_1 V_1)
$$
\n(7)

where $F_1 = \frac{1}{2} \gamma b_1 d_1^2$ and $F_2 = \frac{1}{2} \gamma b_2 d_2^2$ are the hydrostatic pressure forces, Q is discharge, β_1 and β_2 denote the momentum correction factors in Sects. [1](#page-0-0) and [2](#page-2-1), and V_1 and V_2 indicate the average flow velocities in Sects. [1](#page-0-0) and [2,](#page-2-1)

respectively $(V_1 = q_1/d_1$ and $V_2 = q_2/d_2$). On the other hand, *q* is the discharge per unit width $(m^3/s/m)$, *γ* is the specific weight of water $(N/m³)$, and F_s is the pressure force enacted from the face of the negative step. In view of streamlines of the flow passing above the negative step, F_s can be written as follows (USBR [1955](#page-9-25)):

$$
F_s = k\gamma s b_1 \left(d_1 + s/2\right) \tag{8}
$$

Here, s is the height of negative step, k is the ratio of the actual pressure force on the face of the negative step to the hydrostatic pressure force, and F_e is the pressure force from the expansion side walls (Bremen and Hager [1993](#page-9-15)). For the present spatial B-jump, it was observed during the experiments that the fow depth in front of the expansion side walls was of the order $d_1 + s$. Therefore, F_e could be defined as:

$$
F_e = \frac{1}{2}\gamma (b_2 - b_1)(d_1 + s)^2
$$
\n(9)

Substituting F_1 , F_2 , F_3 and F_e into Eq. ([7](#page-3-1)), introducing the parameters $D = d_2/d_1$ and $B = b_2/b_1$, and because of the turbulent flow in the hydraulic jump, the values of $β_1$ and $β_2$ are considered to be 1. So Eq. [\(7](#page-3-1)) yields:

$$
\frac{1}{2}\gamma b_1 d_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}\gamma b_2 d_2^2 + k\gamma s b_1 \left(d_1 + \frac{s}{2}\right) \n+ \frac{1}{2}\gamma \left(b_2 - b_1\right) \left(d_1 + s\right)^2 = \frac{\gamma}{g} Q \left(\beta_2 V_2 - \beta_1 V_1\right)
$$
\n(10)

After performing mathematical manipulations and introducing parameters $D = d_2/d_1$ and $B = b_2/b_1$, Eq. [\(11\)](#page-4-0) yields:

$$
1 - BD2 + \frac{ks}{d_1} \left(2 + \frac{s}{d_1} \right) + (B - 1) \left(1 + \frac{s}{d_1} + \frac{s^2}{d_1^2} \right) = 2Fr_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{BD} - 1 \right)
$$
\n(11)

2.3.2 The Energy Dissipation

An analytical equation for estimating the energy loss was developed based on Rajaratnam's [\(1967\)](#page-9-26) studies, according to the conditions of the present study, for the relative energy dissipation in the free hydraulic jump (Rajaratnam [1967](#page-9-26)):

$$
\frac{\Delta E}{E_1} = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{E_1} \tag{12}
$$

Here, E_1 is the upstream and E_2 is the downstream energy head of the hydraulic jump. E_1 and E_2 can be calculated using the equations (Pourabdollah et al. [2022](#page-9-27); Rajaratnam and Hurtig [2000](#page-9-28)):

$$
E_1 = d_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + Z_1 = d_1 + \frac{Fr_1^2 d_1}{2} + s \tag{13}
$$

$$
E_2 = d_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + Z_2 = d_2 + \frac{Fr_2^2 d_2}{2}
$$
 (14)

By substituting E_1 and E_2 in Eq. [\(12](#page-4-1)) and performing mathematical simplifcation, the relative energy loss becomes:

$$
\frac{\Delta E}{E_1} = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{E_1} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{Fr_1^2}{2} + \frac{s}{d_1}\right) - \left(D + \frac{Fr_1^2}{2B^2D^2}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{Fr_1^2}{2} + \frac{s}{d_1}\right)}
$$
(15)

3 Results and Discussion

In this study, in order to investigate the S-jump on the abruptly expanding basin with the negative step, such characteristics as the length of the hydraulic jump, sequent depth, and energy loss were evaluated. The results are discussed in the following sections.

3.1 Sequent depth ratio

The sequent depth ratios (d_2/d_1) , considering the Eq. [\(4](#page-3-2)), is dependent on the inflow Froude number (Fr_1) , the relative height of the negative step (s/d_1) and the divergence ratio of walls $(B = b_2/b_1)$. To evaluate the effect of dissipative elements on the sequent depth ratio of the hydraulic jump, the values of $\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}\right)$ were plotted versus the Froude number, as shown in Fig. [4,](#page-4-2) for diferent expansion ratios and heights of negative steps.

Fig. 4 Comparison between d_2/d_1 and Fr₁ and those obtained in previous research

Figure [4](#page-4-2) shows the variation of the sequent depth ratio with the approach flow Froude number and different expansion ratios together, along with the results obtained by Herbrand ([1973\)](#page-9-3), Alhamid ([2004](#page-8-0)), and Hassanpour et al. ([2017](#page-9-17)). According to Fig. [4,](#page-4-2) for all expansion ratios, the sequent depth values decrease by increasing the expansion ratio. Also, the sequent depth ratio increases as the height of the step is raised. The results show that the sequent depth ratio for the hydraulic jump on the expanding channel was smaller than that of the corresponding classic hydraulic jump on a rectangular one.

The results also demonstrated that *k* is a function of *B*, Fr_1 , *D*and $\frac{s}{d_1}$ in the expanding channel. By using Eq. ([11\)](#page-4-0) and the experimental data, the values of *k* were calculated as follows:

$$
k = -9.8 - 5.6Fr_1 + 9.7B + 4.2D + 0.3\frac{s}{d_1}, R^2 = 0.72
$$
 (16)

Figure [5a](#page-5-0) compares the measured d_2/d_1 and those calculated by Eqs. (11) (11) and (16) (16) . According to this figure, the maximum error is $\pm 15\%$. There is an excellent agreement between the computed and experimental results.

The relation between the sequent depth ratio (d_2/d_1) , the Froude number, and diferent heights of the negative step and expansion ratios of the channel walls described by the following regression-based equation with a coefficient of determination (R^2) equal 0.94.

$$
\frac{d_2}{d_1} = 4.78 + 0.92Fr_1 - 2.83B + 0.7\frac{s}{d_1}, R^2 = 0.94
$$
 (17)

Note from Eq. (17) (17) that the sequent depth ratio is increased with raising the infow Froude number and the step height. Also, the sequent depth ratio is decreased with increasing expansion ratio.

To evaluate the reduction in the tailwater depth, d_2 , a jump was required to be formed on the expanding channel and bed roughness in comparison with *d*[∗] ², which refers to the classical jump obtained by the Belanger equation (Belanger [1828](#page-8-2)) with the same upstream conditions. Rajaratnam

Table 1 Average dimensionless parameter of the depth and length of jump, and the percentage increase in energy loss

Experimental		$D\%$	$L\%$	G%
$B = b_2/b_1$	s (cm)			
$\mathbf{1}$	0			
1.33	0	21.73	9.03	-14.17
1.6	0	34.46	8.30	-14.70
2	Ω	45.03	14.75	-28.84
1	3	0.71	-1.26	0.06
1.33	3	13.12	17.46	-8.97
1.6	3	20.90	34.60	-6.55
2	3	29.30	44.79	-15.72
1	6	-3.34	-6.17	2.68
1.33	6	8.82	23.29	-4.62
1.6	6	15.90	34.55	-2.67
2	6	26.42	41.48	-13.64

([1967\)](#page-9-26) defned a dimensionless depth defcit parameter, Y. It could be observed that this parameter was similar to the submergence factor of the submerged hydraulic jumps and is obtained as follows (Rajaratnam [1967](#page-9-26)):

$$
Y = \frac{d_2^* - d_2}{d_2^*} \times 100\tag{18}
$$

The average dimensionless parameter of the depth and length of jump, and the percentage increase in energy loss for each experiment can be seen in Table [1.](#page-5-3) As shown, by increasing the height of the step, D values care decreased, which means that the negative steps increased the sequent depth of the hydraulic jump, as compared to the classic jump, while abrupt expanding decreased the sequent depth of the hydraulic jump.

Hydraulic jumps of the type S in the expanding channels are asymmetric, either oscillatory or stably asymmetric, much analogous to pressurized difusor fow (Bremen and Hager [1993](#page-9-15)). The laboratory observations in this study showed that the asymmetric flow in a sudden divergent

Fig. 5 Comparison between the measured and calculated values, **a** (Eq. [11](#page-4-0)) and values of *d*2/*d*1 and **b** (Eq. [15](#page-4-3)) values of $\Delta E/E1$

Fig. 6 Hydraulic jump in a sudden expanding channel: **a** without a sudden negative step and **b** with a sudden negative step

channel became the symmetrical fow despite a negative step. Therefore, the hydraulic jump length in the sudden expansion channel with the negative step was signifcantly reduced when compared to the sudden expansion channel without it; also, the sequent depth was increased (Fig. [6](#page-6-0)).

3.2 Relative Length of the Hydraulic Jump

Previous studies of hydraulic jumps on the abrupt expanding channel (basin length for S-jump) have defned and measured the jump length (L_j) in different ways. Rajaratnam and Subramanya ([1968](#page-9-13)), for example, defned the end of the basin at the section where the velocity distribution was uniform (Rajaratnam and Subramanya [1968\)](#page-9-13).

Alternatively, Ohtsu et al. ([1999\)](#page-9-24) defned the basin length at the end of the top roller (Ohtsu et al. [1999\)](#page-9-24). On the other hand, Bremen and Hager ([1993](#page-9-15)) estimated the length of the hydraulic jump at the end of the section, where only small air bubbles reached the surface of the water. In this study, the suggested defnition of Bremen and Hager ([1993\)](#page-9-15) was used to measure this length, as it was fast and more conservative (Bremen and Hager [1993](#page-9-15)).

The main goal in applying a negative step in an abruptly expanding stilling basin is to decrease the jump length, stabilize the jump position, and avoid jump runoffs toward the downstream region. Additionally, observations of this study showed that these negative steps prevented the fow asymmetry. The relation between L_j/d_1 and Fr_1 values for

Fig. 7 Variations of L_j/d_1 versus Fr₁ in this study as compared to the previous research

diferent expansion ratios on negative steps is plotted in Fig. [7.](#page-6-1) As can be seen from this fgure, the length of the hydraulic jump was increased by raising the infow Froude number. According to the experimental observation, by increasing the expansion ratio, because of the asymmetry of the fow in an abruptly expanding channel, the jump length was increased; the installing step elements stabilized the jump on the stilling basin and the jump length was decreased. In the same way, L is the dimensionless deficit, which can be obtained as follows:

$$
L = \frac{L_j^* - L_j}{L_j^*} \times 100
$$
 (19)

where L_j^* is the length of a classical hydraulic jump using the USBR ([1955](#page-9-25)) data with the same upstream conditions, d_1 , and Fr_1 . The values obtained for the parameter L are shown in the Table [1](#page-5-3) (USBR [1955](#page-9-25)).

The regression-based relation between the relative length of the hydraulic jump (L_j/d_1) , the inflow Froude number (Fr_1) , the expanding ratio (*B*) and the relative height of negative step (s/d_1) can be described by the following equation, with a coefficient of determination, R^2 , equal to 0.82, as:

$$
\frac{L_{\rm j}}{d_{\rm 1}} = 33.35 + 6.66Fr_{\rm 1} - 21B - 3.38 \frac{s}{d_{\rm 1}}, R^2 = 0.82\tag{20}
$$

Equation (20) (20) shows that as the Froude number is increased, the relative length of the jump is also raised.

Additionally, by increasing the relative height of the negative step and the expansion ratio, the relative energy loss is decreased. Figure [7](#page-6-1) represents the results of the present study and those of Hassanpour et al. ([2017](#page-9-17)), together with the data of USBR [\(1955\)](#page-9-25) (Hassanpour et al. [2017;](#page-9-17) USBR [1955](#page-9-25)).

3.3 Energy Dissipation

The loss of energy in the jump (ΔE) is equal to the difference between the specifc energy before and after the jump $(E_1 - E_2)$ (Abbaspour et al. [2009\)](#page-8-3); as shown in Fig. [8,](#page-7-1) the relative energy $\cos(\Delta E/E_1)$ was plotted versus Froude numbers for diferent expansion ratios and heights of steps. This fgure shows that for similar Froude numbers, the energy loss of a jump in the abruptly expanding channel was raised by increasing the expansion ratio, while the negative steps increased the energy loss of a jump. Figure [8](#page-7-1) compares the results of the present study with those of Hassanpour et al. [\(2017](#page-9-17)) and Torkamanzad et al. ([2019](#page-9-18)) (Pagliara et al. [2009](#page-9-16); Hassanpour et al. [2017\)](#page-9-17).

Figure [5b](#page-5-0) shows the comparison between the measured $\Delta E/E_1$ and those calculated by Eq. ([15\)](#page-4-3). According to this figure, the maximum error was \pm 7%. The agreement between the computed and experimental results was excellent.

The percent gain energy loss parameter, G, was defned by the following equation (Tokyay [2005\)](#page-9-29):

Fig. 8 Variations of $\Delta E/E_1$ versus Fr₁ in this study in comparison to the previous research

Table 2 Sensitivity analysis for parameters in the diferent experiments

$$
G = \frac{\Delta E^* - \Delta E}{\Delta E^*} \times 100\tag{21}
$$

where ΔE^* is the energy loss in a classical hydraulic jump for the same upstream conditions d_1 , and Fr_1 . The values obtained for the parameter G are shown in Table [1](#page-5-3). According to this table, the negative values for the G parameter indicate an increase in the energy dissipator in the abrupt expanding channel compared to the classical state, while adding a negative step in hydraulic jump reduces energy loss. The following empirical equation, as obtained by regression with the value of $(R^2 = 0.91)$, could be used to predict the relation between the relative energy loss $(\Delta E/E_1)$, the upstream Froude number, Fr_1 , the expansion ratio (B), and the relative height of the negative step (s/d_1)

$$
\frac{\Delta E}{E_1} = 0.17 + 0.052Fr_1 + 0.11B - 0.03\frac{s}{d_1}, \quad R^2 = 0.91
$$
\n(22)

Equation [\(22\)](#page-8-4) shows that with increasing the Froude number and the expansion ratio, the relative energy loss is increased as well. Additionally, with increasing the relative height of the negative step, the relative energy loss is decreased.

4 Sensitivity Analysis

To distinguish the signifcance of each input variable on sequent depth ratio, relative energy loss, and jump length ratio, sensitivity analysis was performed on the experimental data in this study. In the analysis, one parameter of Eqs. (17) , (20) (20) (20) , and (22) (22) was eliminated each time to assess its afection the output. In this way, the RMSE values are characterized as common statistical errors. Results of sensitivity analysis are presented in Table [2](#page-8-5).

5 Conclusions

To reduce the construction costs of a stilling basin, a change in the plan and profle sections of the basins appears useful. To design a stilling basin economically, a change in its dimensions can be applied. In this research, the main characteristics of a hydraulic jump under both the efect of the height of negative steps and abruptly expansion channel conditions were investigated. Experimental observations showed that the hydraulic jump at the abrupt expanding channel was asymmetric, which decreased in the sequent depth and the length jump 45.03 and 14.75%, respectively, while the energy loss 28.84% increased. It should be noted that with negative steps, the hydraulic jump was changed to a symmetrical one. Also, the length of the hydraulic jump in the abrupt expansion channel with a negative step was signifcantly reduced and reached 41.48% compared to the abrupt expansion channel without negative step. In contrast, the negative step had the opposite efect on the amount of secondary depth reduction and the increase of energy loss. Eventually, the secondary depth reduction in the hydraulic jump in the sudden expansion channel with a negative step reached 26.42% and the increase in energy loss also reached 13.64%.

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