

cone at the far end were standing on a completely elastic and finite material; in such a case the wave is completely reflected, and on returning to the top of the tube it causes the weight to move upwards. There is thus a very significant rebound, which can be calculated using the impulse law.

This is obviously not the case in practice. The rebound is very small even when the cone is resting on an ice layer, and is zero when the cone is in soft snow. The amount of energy lost is variable and unpredictable.

This fact has no important consequences if we use the Rammsonde qualitatively, but is most important if we use the Rammsonde resistance for quantitative studies, as does Bull². The only correct method of using a Rammsonde would seem to be:

- (1) to use W_2 instead of W_1 for the ram resistance,
- (2) to put a ring of soft material (rubber or lead?) at the point of impact to ensure that the blow is always inelastic.

The omission of the factor $R/(R+Q)$ in the first term of the ram resistance formula leads Bull to very high values of the frictional resistance. In fact, as Haefeli says: "by choosing the cone diameter slightly larger than the outside shaft diameter, the friction between shaft and snow can be practically disregarded".

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