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1. INTRODUCTION

This document presents the specification for the model tests campaign to be performed within the CITEPH-64-2012 project, untitled “Wave propagation in ice-covered seas”, in BGO FIRST basin. This project aims at improving physical, mathematical and numerical models of wave propagation in areas partly and fully covered with sea ice.

The objective of the present campaign is to perform 3D model tests at medium scale to provide the WIFAR (Waves-in-Ice Forecasting for Arctic Operators) partners with experimental data in order to validate and improve their numerical models.

A Marginal Ice Zone (MIZ) will be formed in the basin by installing a large number of rigid synthetic floes of a given shape. This MIZ will be then submitted to wave and wave+wind.

The tests will have two main objectives:

1. Investigate the evolution of ocean waves in the MIZ by measuring incoming, reflected and transmitted waves

2. Investigate the MIZ rheology by measuring the displacement of floes with respect to each other and the frequency of floes collisions under combined wind and wave action

2. DOCUMENTS OF REFERENCE

Ref. **1** CITEPH-64-2012 – Convention rev.0 – 27.02.2012

Ref. 2 CITEPH-64-2011 – Minutes of kick-off meeting (24.02.2012)

3. DESCRIPTION OF TESTS FACILITY

OCEANIDE wave tank named BGO FIRST is an oceanic basin which allows the simultaneous generation of waves, current and wind.

Its main characteristics are as follows:

- length : 40 m (adjustable floor 24 m),
- width : 16 m,
- depth : adjustable from 0 to 4.8 m,
- pit : 5 m diameter and 10 m depth,
- wave period : from 0.6s to 4s model scale,
- wave height : up to 0,8 m model scale,
- regular and irregular wave,
- current velocity : up to 0,4 m/s for 3 m depth and up to 1.2 m/s for 1.0 m depth, velocity can also be increased by the use of a convergent
- carriage platform longitudinal speed : up to 1.2 m/s,
- carriage platform transversal speed : up to 0.8 m/s,
- constant, squalls or wind spectrum generation: up to 5 m/s.

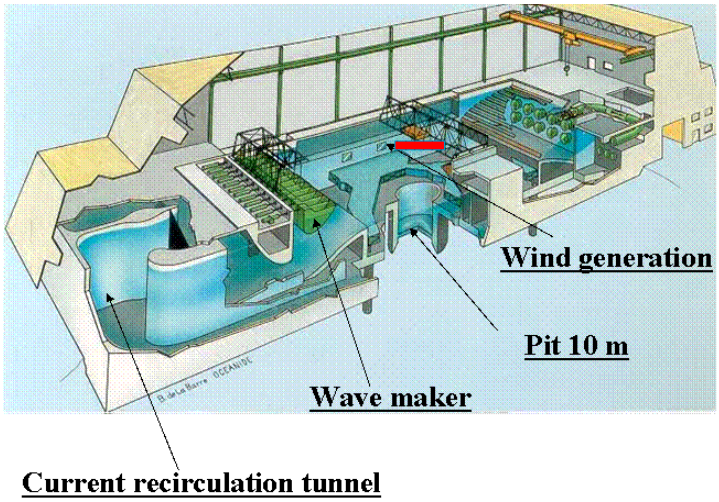

Figure 3-1 – BGO FIRST

4. EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP

Basin tests set-up is illustrated in Appendix 1 for two different floes concentration: 79% and 39%.

4.1. Scale

The selected model scale is 1/100 and will be applied based on the Froude similarity law. All data in this report are expressed in full scale, unless otherwise when indicated.

4.2. Test tank configuration

Tank depth will be set at 300m which allows simulating deepwater conditions.

The MIZ will be implemented at basin centre on the full basin width: i.e. 1600m. The MIZ length is limited by the cameras field of view (50deg field angle) and is equal to 500 m.

In order to avoid floes drifting away, two types of devices will be implemented:

- Vertical net on each side of the MIZ, for 79% floes-concentration and rheology tests only
- Mooring system, composed of a vertical cable and springs, implemented on each floe (see section 4.4 for details) for all other tests

4.3. Model

The Marginal Ice Zone will be composed of a maximum of 80 floes, modelled by circular plates of 1m diameter model scale and made of 33mm model scale thickness wood.

Wood has been selected to increase the floes freeboard with respect to full scale ice floes and in order to avoid greenwater, as greenwater would make the comparison with numerical models difficult.

Particular attention will be brought on model coating to avoid density variation during the tests. All tops of floes will be painted in white to ease video post-treatment. As an option it is proposed to add a number, painted on top, to identify each flow.

All floes will have a draft of 1.8m and the same diameter of 100m. Different floes concentration will be tested during this campaign. Each concentration will be obtained by adding or removing some floes. The required number of floes is presented in Table 4-1 for five different floe-concentrations: 79%, 70%, 50% and 39%.

No floes (-)	Covered Area (m^2)	Concentration
80	62.8	79%
71	55.8	70%
51	40.1	50%
40	31.4	39%

Table 4-1: Floes number and concentration

4.4. Mooring system

Two types of tests will be performed during this campaign:

- Attenuation tests in order to measure the waves transmitted and reflected by the MIZ
- Rheology tests in order to measure floes motion and collisions induced by waves and wind

During attenuation tests, two concentrations will be tested: 79% and 39%.

For the last concentration (39%) it is proposed to moor each floe using a vertical cable + springs system, in order to keep the same MIZ initial configuration from one test to another.

This mooring system will be soft enough to ensure that it has a negligible impact on the floes wave frequency behaviour. The mooring system has been designed and is presented in Appendix 2.

For the 79%-concentration vertical nets will be used to avoid floes drifting away.

4.5. Environmental conditions

4.5.1. Wave

Regular and irregular waves will be generated during this campaign along the basin main direction. For irregular waves, a JONSWAP spectrum with a shape factor (γ) of 3.3 will be used.

Main waves characteristics will be the followings:

- Height (or significant Height for irregular waves): from 2 to 10m
- Period (or peak period for irregular waves): from 6.5 to 20s
- Steepness lower than 5%

Waves will be calibrated prior to the model set-up in the basin.

4.5.2. Wind

Wind will be generated along the longitudinal basin axis by a system made of 8 in-line propellers on 6m width model scale.

Picture 4-1: Wind generation system

Four of the propellers, on a side of the wind generation system, will be inverted in order to generate a shear wind regime, as illustrated in Figure 4-1. Wind velocity will be set at 30m/s at profile extremities.

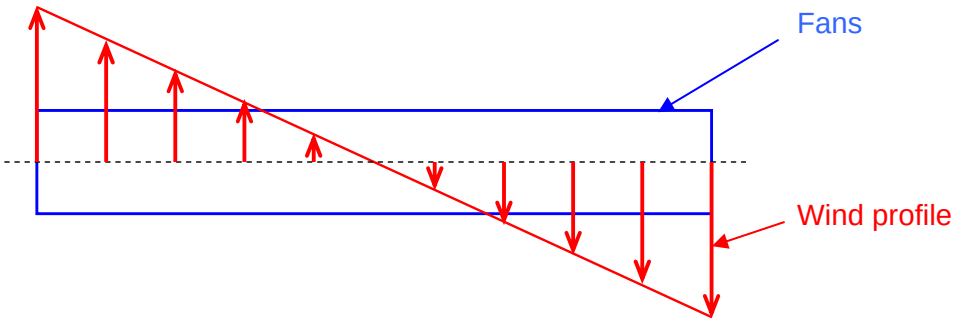

Figure 4-1: Shear wind profile (top view)

Spatial distribution of the shear wind will be measured prior to the tests.

In addition, two constant wind velocities will be calibrated for ''free-floating drifting tests'' (see section 7.3): 15m/s and 30m/s

4.5.3. Current

During rheology tests, a current opposite to waves might be generated to limit floes drift and accumulation along nets.

5. INSTRUMENTATION

During this campaign the following instrumentation will be used:

- A set of 18 wave probes (9 on beach side and 9 on wave maker side): to measure incoming, transmitted and reflected waves

- Video cameras: four standard 25 Hz model scale cameras for collision and ISMER high resolution cameras (typ. 1Hz model scale)

- A set of 10 1D vertical cargo accelerometers to quantify as far as possible, the number of collisions and the heave motions of 10 floes

6. TESTS PROCEDURE

6.1. Calibration of environmental conditions

Calibration of environmental conditions will be performed without the MIZ in the basin.

6.2. Wave and wave+wind tests

Test procedure will be as follows:

- T0=0s, measurements start
- T1=200s, start of environmental conditions (wave or wave+wind)
- T2, end of test. The test end-time will be selected as follows:
  - For regular waves: to allow a minimum of 8 established waves to travel along the basin length
  - For irregular waves: to generate a 1-hour sea-state

7. TESTS LIST

7.1. Calibration of environmental conditions

The list of wave to be calibrated is presented in Table 7-1 and Table 7-2.

Test nb	T	H1	H2
[-]	s	m	m
1	6.5	2.0	-
2	8.0	2.0	4.0
3	9.5	3.0	-
4	11.0	4.0	-
5	12.5	4.0	-
6	14.0	4.0	8.0
7	15.5	4.0	-
8	17.0	4.0	-
9	18.5	4.0	-
10	20.0	4.0	10.0

Table 7-1: Regular wave to be calibrated

Test nb	Tp	Hs1	Hs2
[-]	s	m	m
1	8.0	2.0	-
2	14.0	4.0	8.0
3	20.0	4.0	-

Table 7-2: Irregular wave to be calibrated

The list of wind to be calibrated is presented in Table 7-3.

Test nb	Wind pattern	Velocity
[-]	[-]	m/s
1	Shear	+/- 30
2	Constant	30
3	Constant	15

Table 7-3: Wind to be calibrated

7.2. Wave attenuation tests

Objective of these tests is to measure the waves transmitted and reflected by the MIZ.

A total of 26 wave attenuation tests will be performed, for 2 different concentrations (79% and 39%) and including regular and irregular waves.

Note that for each concentration, one test is repeated three times to check tests repeatability.

Test nb [-]	Model concentration [%]	Wave type [-]	Wave characteristics T or Tp [s]	Wave characteristics H or Hs [m]
1	39	Regular	6.5	2.0
2		Regular	9.5	3.0
3, 3a, 3b		Regular	12.5	4.0
4		Regular	15.5	4.0
5		Regular	18.5	4.0
6	79	Regular	6.5	2.0
7		Regular	8.0	2.0
8		Regular	8.0	4.0
9		Regular	9.5	3.0
10		Regular	11.0	4.0
11, 11a, 11b		Regular	12.5	4.0
12		Regular	14.0	4.0
13		Regular	14.0	8.0
14		Regular	15.5	4.0
15		Regular	17.0	4.0
16		Regular	18.5	4.0
17		Regular	20.0	4.0
18		Regular	20.0	10.0
19	79	Irregular	8.0	2.0
20		Irregular	14.0	4.0
21		Irregular	14.0	8.0
22		Irregular	20.0	4.0

Table 7-4: wave attenuation tests

7.3. Rheology tests

A total of 12 experiments are foreseen, with different floes concentration and external forcings. Each experiment must be started from rest and reach a steady state of motion.

Waves will be either turned on or off in order to make the floes collide with each other, or to increase the number of collisions. The wind will be turned on in order to induce a collective circulation of the floes within the test area.

One day of basin will be dedicated to preliminary tests with the lower concentration (39%) to select two waves and one optimal wind patterns that will be kept the same for all experiments.

Table 7-5 describes the rheology tests to be performed.

Test nb	External forcing		*Floe Concentration*
	Wave	Wind	
1	1	1	39%
2	2	1	39%
3	-	1	39%
4	1	1	50%
5	2	1	50%
6	-	1	50%
7	1	1	70%
8	2	1	70%
9	-	1	70%
10	1	1	79%
11	2	1	79%
12	-	1	79%

Table 7-5: Rheology tests

In addition free floating drifting tests will be performed with single floes of different diameters.

The floe average drift velocity induced by wave or wind will be measured thanks to the video cameras.

Results will be used in order to calibrate numerical model.

Table 7-6 describes the rheology tests to be performed.

Test nb	Floe diameter [m]	Wave	Wind velocity
1	1.0	1	
2	1.0	2	
3	1.0		1
4	1.0		2
5	0.5	1	
6	0.5	2	
7	0.5		1
8	0.5		2
9	1.5	1	
10	1.5	2	
11	1.5		1
12	1.5		2

Table 7-6: Drag tests

8. TESTS REPORT

The test report will include:

- The test setup description
- The test setup calibration results
- Measurement raw data
- Test results
- Video records of the tests