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# EFFECT OF SHIP PASSAGE THROUGH<br>AN UNCONSOLIDATED SINGLE-LAYER ICE COVER<br>ON ICE JAM INITIATION

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### -SUMMARY

Experiments were performed in the environmental fiume of the Hydraulics Laboratory at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters, using real ice, in order to determine the effect of ship passage on ice jam initiation in an unconsolidated single-layer ice cover. The critical flow Froude Number must be lower than 0.04 to permit ship passage in the direction of fiow without initiating an ice jam. Upstream ship passage does not initiate ice jams at Froude Numbers below 0.08, the normai criticai vaiue for ice jamming without ship passage,

The test results show that conditions were critical for ice jam initiation in the Beauharnois Canal on December 11, 1976. The ice jam that occurred following the downstream passage of the ice breaker Simon Fraser couid have been predicted;

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# RESUME

Des expériences ont été faites dans le canal d'amenée environnemental du laboratoire d'hydraulique du Centre canadien des eaux intérierures en utilisant de la glace véritable, afin de déterminer l'effect du passage de bateaux sur la formation d'embâcles dans une couverture de glace d'une seule couche non compacte. Le nombre de Froude relatif à l'écoulement critique doit ètre inférieur à 0.04 pour permettre aux bateaux de passer dans le sens de l'écoulement sans entraîner d'embâcle. Le passage de bateaux vers l'amont ne cause pas d'embâcle à des nombres de Froude inférieurs à 0.08, chiffre critique ordinaire pour les embâcles sans passage de bateau.

Les résultats des essais révèlent que les conditions étaient critique relativement à la formation d'embâcles dans le canal Beauharnois, le 11 décembre 1976. L'embâcle qui s'est produit par suite du passage vers l'aval du brise-glaces Simon Fraser aurait pu être prévu.

### FOREWORD: MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE

In a selected reach of a river or navigation channel, an ice cover formed from an accumulation of ice floes is considered stable if the flow velocity does not exceed a critical value. Since the critical value is also a function of channel depth, typical values of the critical velocity are:



The experimental tests show that when ships attempt to pass downstream through an ice pack, the critical velocity is reduced by one half. That is, a previously stable situation will become unstable and a jam will occur. There is no effect on the stability, according to the tests, if ships attempt to go upstream.

The propensity to jamming also increases as the ship speed relative to the bottom increases. Therefore, one way to avoid jamming is to traverse the ice pack slowly. However; the tests indicate that in real situations, the necessary ship speed reduction would take the ship below safe steerage way. Therefore, the management alternatives are reduced leaving as one option the reduction of channel discharge velocities. For power canals such as the Beauharnois, the costs of power reduction are formidable and justifiably could be a direct charge to navigation in ice.

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# ' AVANT-PROPOS: PERSPECTIVE — GESTION

Dans une section' rectijligne choisie d'un cours d'eau ou d'un chenal de navigation, une couverture de glace formée par l'accumulation de floes est. considérée comme stable si la vitesse de Pécoulement ne dépasse pas un chiffre critique. Puisque celui—ci est fonction de la profondeur du chenal, les valeurs caractéristiques de la vitesse critique sont ies suivantes:



Les expériences révèlent que lorsque les bateaux essaient de passer en aval en traversant un pack, la vitesse critique est réduite de moitié, c'est-à-dire qu'une situation auparavant stable devient instable et qu'il se produit un embâcle. Il n'ya aucun effect sur la stabilité, selon-les essais, si les bateaux essaient de se diriger vers l'amont.

La tendance à produire un embâcle augmente également à mesure que la vitesse du bateau par rapport au fond de l'eau est plus grande. Par conséquent, une façon d'éviter de créer un embâcle consiste à traverser le pack lentement. Cependant, les essais indiquent que dans des situations réelles, la réduction nécessaire de vitesse du bateau obligerait celui-cià avancer à une vitesse inférieure à celle qui est requise pour le gouverner de façon sûre. Les options de gestion sont donc réduites, la solution qui reste consiste à réduire la vitesse d'écoulement des eaux dans le chenal. En ce qui concerne les canaux utilisés pour l'énergie hydroélectrique comme le canal Beauharnois, les coûts de la réduction d'énergie sont considérables et pourraient à juste titre être imputés directement à la navigation dans ies giaces.

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### 1.0 INTRdDUCTION

This study explores the effect of.a ship on ice accumulated in a canal under normal flow conditions.

working rules have been established for the formation of a . stable ice cover subjected to hydraulic forces in a canal. Pressures to permit ships to pass through a canal with developed ice cover require the assessment of the effect of ship passage on the ice cover.

The results are relevant to the situation on the Beaurhanois' Canal where the production of electric power depends on the ice cover remaining in dynamic equilibrium. Navigation of the canal may cause ice jams resulting in loss of power production.

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### 2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In this section, a description\_ of the conditions at the Beauharnois Canal and an ice jam event is given, as a prelude to, discussions of the laboratory work.

### 2.1 Description of the Canal

The Beauharnois Canal joins Lake St. Francis and Lake St. Louis on the St. Lawrence Seaway system. The Melocheville Lock and Beauharnois Power Dam are located at the downstream end of the canal, <sup>40</sup> kilometers (25 miles) southwest of Montreal (see Figure 1). The canal is <sup>24</sup>kilometers (15 miles) long with a width of 1000 meters (3300 feet) and depths varying from 6 to 12 metres (20 to 40 feet) outside the navigation channel.

### 2.2 The Ice Jam Event

On December 11, 1976 at 1600 hours, the ice breaker Simon Fraser travelled downstream through the ice cover from Lake St. Francis toward Melocheville Lock. Approximately three kilometers (two miles) of ice cover, accumulated from ice cutting operations on Lake St. Francis, remained unsolidified from a point 15 kilometers (eight miles) upstream of the powerhouse. The cover was built up from rough three meter (ten foot) square ice floes, about 0.15 meters (six inches) thick. The exact time and progression of the jam is not known but after the ship passage the jammed ice measured 1830 meters (6000 feet) long, 490 meters (1600 feet)' wide and extended 3.7 meters (12 feet) below the water free surface. Figure 2 shows the location of the jam between chainages 320 and 390, surveyed by Quebec Hydro on December 15, 1976. A cross~section of the channel and ice cover was taken also. The location of the jam can also be seen in Figure 1.

### 2.3 ' Flow Conditions

Information on discharge, water levels and channel properties 'were provided by Quebec Hydro. The discharges at the power canal and water levels at Lake St. Francis and the forebay are shown in Table 1, Appendix A and plotted in Figure 3. To maintain the minimum forebay

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elevation required for navigation purposes, discharge was reduced following the ice jam because of the increase in channel slope caused by the head loss at the ice jam. Figure 3 shows the sharp increase in slope through the canal sections affected by jamming. The cross—sections. provided are for open water conditions and are listed in Table 2, Appendix A. For any discharge the water levels never vary from a range of 0.15 meters (six inches) so the areas are practically constant (within 2%). The station numbers represent chainage in hundreds of feet from the upstream end of the channel. The areas at different sections vary from the average by less than 5 percent and the area at section 370 after the ice jam was only 2 percent higher than the open water area in Table 2. The depth used for the model study was the depth in the channel under the ice jam, 11.6 metres (38 ft).

No information on the operation of the ice breaker could be obtained, although plans of the ship hull of the Simon Fraser were available Coast Guard.

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## 3.0 LABORATORY TEST PROGRAMME

A series of tests were devised to explore the effects of ship passage through ice cover on ice jam initiation. In order to ensure that the test results could be projected to field situations, including the Beauharnois Canal, a dimensional analysis was first performed to guide the planning of the experiments.

3.1 Dimensional Analysis

The analysis of the phenomenon of ice cover stability is further complicated by ship passage. Dimensional analysis was performed to yield the parameters that guided the experiments for ship passage through an unconsolidated ice cover. The characteristic parameters affecting ice jamming with ship passage through an unconsolidated ice, cover are:



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Water temperature should not affect the phenomenon beyond the influence on water viscosity. The initial porosity of the single-layer ice cover is a function of ice block geometry and hydraulic conditions.

Any property A of the phenomenon can be expressed in dimensional form as a function of the above parameters.

 $A = f_A(U, H, \rho, \mu, B, k_c, g, \ell_b, t_b, \ell_c, t_c, \rho^1, V_s, \ell_s, w_s, d_s, P, S, D, M)$  $\ldots(1)$ 

where  $f_A$  denotes a dimensional function for the property A.

This functional relationship can be expressed in non-dimensional form with  $\rho$ , g and H as repeating variables as:

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\pi_{A} = \psi_{A} \left( \frac{U}{\sqrt{gH}} \frac{\sqrt{gH H \rho}}{\mu}, \frac{B}{H}, k_{C}, \frac{\ell_{b}}{H}, \frac{t_{b}}{H}, \frac{\ell_{C}}{H}, \frac{t_{c}}{H}, \frac{\rho^{1}}{\rho}, \frac{\nu_{s}}{\rho}, \frac{\ell_{s}}{\rho H}, \frac{\ell_{s}}{H}, \frac{\nu_{s}}{H}, \frac{d_{s}}{H}, \frac{\rho}{H}, \frac{\rho}{H},
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where  $\pi_A$  is the dimensionless form of the property A and  $\Psi_A$  denotes a dimensionless function for the property A.

Combining the dimensionless parameters yields

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\pi_{A} = \psi_{A} \left( \frac{U}{\sqrt{gH}}, \frac{UH \rho}{\mu}, \frac{B}{H}, k_{c}, \frac{\ell_{b}}{H}, \frac{t_{b}}{H}, \frac{\ell_{c}}{H}, \frac{t_{c}}{H}, \frac{b}{\rho}, \frac{v_{s}}{\rho}, \frac{\ell_{s}}{U}, \frac{\ell_{s}}{\ell_{b}}, \frac{\nu_{s}}{\ell_{b}}, \frac{d_{s}}{\ell_{b}}, \frac{P}{\ell_{s}}, D, \frac{\ell_{b}}{\ell_{b}}, \frac{\ell_{b}}{\ell
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This is the most general form of the functional relationship defining a property of the phenomenon in terms of its characteristic parameters. Depending on the property of the phenomenon in question and test conditions, a number of parameters will not affect the phenomenon and can be eliminated. The property of the phenomenon under investigation for this study is the critical Dimensionless Ship Speed to initiate jamming for ship passage through an unconsolidated single-layer ice cover so  $V_{\rm g}/U$ cannot be regarded as an independent parameter. The first parameter is the Froude Number of the flow Fr. Based on previous studies of ice jams, the Froude Number is expected to be the most important independent parameter. The second term is the Reynolds Number Re. If the flow is

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sufficiently turbulent, the effect of viscous forces is constant and Re can be left out of Equation 3. The lowest Reynolds Number tested was 2.15x10<sup>3</sup>, in the turbulent flow range for open channels. The initial ice cover thickness t<sub>c</sub> was the ice block thickness t<sub>b</sub>. Arching of the ice floes in the flume occurred for sections of ice cover as short as 0.5 m. Because short sections of the cover acted independently, it was assumed that ice cover length would not influence ice jam initiation and was held constant. Also, ship penetration at jam initiation should not vary. The ship models were geometrically similar so only one linear ship parameter was required. Also, ship draft was not considered important if deeper than the cover thickness.

Jam initiation could be caused in two ways. The impact of the' ship could cause individual floes to underturn which could "snowball" into a large jam or the additional shear force of the ship on the cover could increase internal ice cover stress above that which the cover could sustain resulting in crushing throughout the cover. It was assumed that only the latter mechanism is important so that M/pH3 was left out.

Given the above considerations, the functional relationship of 'Equation 3 can be reduced to:

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\left(\frac{V_s}{U}\right)_{cr} = \psi_{V_s}\left(\text{Fr}, \frac{B}{H}, k_c, \frac{\ell_b}{H}, \frac{t_b}{H}, \frac{\rho^1}{\rho}, \frac{\ell_s}{\ell_b}, D, S\right) \tag{4}
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The flume width B, water depth H, ice block thickness  $t_h$ , ice density  $\rho^1$  and water density  $\rho$  were constant for all of the tests. Flume side wall roughness was assumed to be constant. Time limitations' did not allow a complete study of the effect of stopping the ship after <sup>a</sup> jam was initiated. Therefore; for these tests, the critical Dimensionless Ship Speed ratio  $(V_{S}/U)_{cr}$  was a function of four independent parameters, i.e.

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\begin{pmatrix} V_{S} \\ U \end{pmatrix} \text{cr} = \psi \quad V_{S} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\ell}{H} & \frac{\ell}{H} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
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Experiments were carried out in an attempt to obtain the dependence of  $(V_s/U)_{cr}$  on these parameters.

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### 3.2 Experimental Set—Un

A linear scale  $n_{\varrho}=1/90$  was selected for the model test to allow a clearance between the ship and the flume walls of 0.23 m or the length of six ice floes on either side.

Two models of the hull of the ice breaker Simon Fraser were formed from polyurethane foam coated with fibreglass resin and using sand as ballast. One hull was at 1/90 scale while the other was half that size. A contract of the state of the sta

Ice was formed in two—foot square trays with adjustable grids to form 0.038 m or 0.076 m squares of ice. Thickness was controlled by the volume of water in the trays. Individual variations in trays and uneven freezing levels resulted in significant relative; if not large absolute, thickness variations. (The model ice was from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 times thicker than the scaled prototype ice). Model and prototype relationships are listed in Table 3, Appendix A.

The flume working section is 11 m long with a 0.6 m wide by 0.5 m deep rectangular cross—section (see Figure 5). There are observation windows on one side of the.flume trough. The flow range is from 0 to 0.15  $m<sup>3</sup>/s$ . The air temperature of the test chamber was maintained at -10<sup>0</sup>C to prevent excessive melting of the model ice floes.

A variable speed reversible : ship towing system was mounted on the flume rails, Figure 6. A vertical barrier extending 0.02 m below the water free surface was installed to hold the unconsolidated ice cover in place. The barrier was equipped with a gate permitting the passage of the- ship through the ice cover completely from either upstream or downstream (see Figure 7).

3.3 Experimental Procedure

To establish some baseline conditions a series of tests were performed to determine the critical Froude Number for ice cover stability without ship passage. A single-layer ice cover was established and the flow rate was gradually increased until the cover jammed. with each increase in flow, five ice tloes were released about 0.5 m upstream from the leading edge. The number of floes to underturn and the effect on the leading edge of the cover were noted. while the flow was increased, the cover was kept unfrozen by gently "stirring".the ice.

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A second series of tests were performed in which passes of the ship through the cover at increasing ship speed were made, noting ice jam initiation, for a range of Froude Numbers with ice floe length and ship length held constant.

Ice floes were fed by hand at a low flow rate and allowed to drift into place against the ice barrier. Then the desired uniform flowcondition was established in the flume. The exact model depth may not have been achieved (see footnote to Table 3, Appendix A). The cover was "stirred" with a 'thin rod to produce a uniform, single-layer cover compacted characteristically to the particular flow conditions and, most importantly, to keep the ice floes from freezing. With depth and discharge determined by point gauge and manometer readings respectively, the model ship was towed through the ice cover. Ship speed was determined from the time to travel a measured distance. Ice cover length was kept approximately 3.0 m. As the majority of the ice jam initiations occurred when the ship penetration was less than 1.0 m, the ice cover length was not varied (see Figure 21).

While the ship was towed at a given speed, the interaction of the ship and the ice cover and the progression of any ice jamming were noted. Ship speed was increased and the test procedure was repeated.

The majority of tests were performed with the larger (0.694 m long) ship proceeding downstream through an ice cover of small (0.038 m long) ice floes. Additional tests were performed with the smaller model ship and larger ice floes. Tests were performed with the ships travelling upstream through the ice cover.

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### 4.0 . OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 268 tests were performed to determine the effect of ship passage on ice jam initiation. An additional 68 tests were performed to establish a base critical Froude Number for ice cover' stability without ship passage  $Fr_{\alpha\alpha}$ . The data are tabulated in Appendix C.

# 4.1 Critical Froude Number for Ice Cover Stability Without Ship Passage

The data gathered on ice cover stability without ship passage have been plotted in Figures 8 to 11. In addition to ice jamming caused by hydraulic conditions, the stability of the leading edge and the stability of incoming ice floes were investigated. Observations made during these tests led to the investigation of the effect of sudden disturbances on ice cover stability. 'All of the tests were performed with small ice floes.

Figure 8 is a plot of non—dimensionalized ice cover\_length  $\ell_c/\ell_b$  against Froude Number. The data points represent the ice cover conditions observed at different hydraulic 'conditions. Jams were characterized by widespread crushing and shifting of ice floes originating at some point downstream from the leading edge. Jams usually occurred for Froude Numbers greater than 0.12. Stable covers did exist for Froude Numbers as high as 0.15. Different results for the same test conditions were probably due to variations in ice cover/flume wall contact as discussed later (Section 4.3). 'The results do not reveal any dependence of ice jamming on ice cover length.

The leading edge was defined as unstable if incoming floes underturned or dislodged other ice floes or if the leading edge failed spontaneously. The instability of the upstream edge was limited to <sup>a</sup> short section of the cover at the upstream edge and could occur independently or simultaneously with ice jamming.' As expected, ice cover length had no effect on the stability of the leading edge (see Figure 9). Above <sup>a</sup>Froude Number of 0.12, the leading edge became unstable. In figure 10, the percent of incoming floes underturning is plotted against Froude

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Number.. The results are too scattered to precisely determine the, relationship between underturning and Froude Number. At'a Froude Number of 0.10, 40 percent underturning was recorded. At a Froude Number of 0.12, the percentage of underturning ice floes ranged from 40 to 80 and increased above that Froude Number.

The nature of the-edge contact between the ice cover and the flume walls was investigated by studying the effect of sudden disturbances on ice jam initiation.' Two types of disturbances were considered. When the flow rate was increased the water depth increased as well. To maintain the test depth, the tailgate was lowered and the Froude Number increased. If this adjustment was not made smoothly, a surge of a few millimeters in height travelled upstream suddenly breaking the edge contact between the ice cover and the flume walls and the cover failed on . several occasions. The delivery of a mild shock to the flume walls would also suddenly disrupt the ice cover contact at the flume walls. A number of the non-jam events were from tests of ship passage when a shock was delivered to the flume walls prior to ship passage. The results of these tests, shown in Figure 11, were the same as the results obtained without the disturbance, shown in Figure 8. At and above the same Froude Number 0.12, the cover failed when disturbed. Jams could be initiated at lower Froude Numbers but were relatively few in number.

From the different tests and observations, it can be concluded that, for these tests, the Froude Number 0;12 was critical for all aspects of ice cover stability. Above that value, ice cover failures occurred with or without a disturbance. The leading edge of the cover became unstable and the proportion of incoming floes that underturned increased markedly at that Froude Number.

Theoretical developments and field studies are limited in most cases to the conditions for stability of the leading edge or upstream progression of the cover. In the present tests, initiation of internal crushing failures was compared with and without ship passage.' The theories listed in Table 4, yielding critical Froude Numbers from 0.04 to 0.12, do not apply directly to the crushing type of failure. The most widely accepted critical Froude Number is that of Kivisild  $(1959)$  0.08 for

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upstream progression of an ice cover based on field observations, lower than the critical Froude Number 0.12 established in the present tests. Only the results of field tests reported by Cartier are in the range. established in the present tests.

### 4.2 Ship/Ice Interaction

Three reactions of the ice cover to ship passage were identified. They were "no jam", "mild shove" and "heavy jam".

For the "no jam" condition, the cover remained intact with no movement in excess of the displacement of the ice as the ship passed (See Figure 12).

The "mild shove" condition was characterized by a gentle shifting of the ice cover intact between the ship and the flume walls.' The passage of the ship disturbed the contact between the ice cover and the flume side walls removing support to the ice as it turned ice floes aside and compacted the cover. More ice joined the moving ice pack as the ship progressed through the ice cover. when the ship reached the downstream barrier, the momentum of the moving ice pack caused the cover to fold at that obstacle until the momentum was dissipated. Jamming was confined to a short section at the downstream end of the cover against the barrier. The cover upstream remained unthickened. ' The jamming mechanism might have been quite different if there had been edge support to the cover to balance the ship shear when the internal stress distribution in the cover supporting the cover from downstream was disturbed by the ship passage. The cover seemed to shift too easily along the flume walls when disturbed.

The "heavy jam" condition was a true jam (see Figure 13). The passage of the ship caused crushing throughout the entire cover radiating outward from the ship, not just at the downstream barrier. The jamming, once initiated, could advance ahead of the ship if the propogation of the jam was faster than the ship speed. The majority of floes in the cover were jammed thickly.

The interaction between the ship and the ice was visibly different at different ship speeds. At slow ship speeds (less than 0.03 m/s) the ship inched its way through the ice pack. With little momentum,

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the ship was forced to move around the ice floes causing only a localized disturbance (see Figure 15a). At faster ship speeds, the ship pushed the ice aside and underturned floes depositing them under the cover alongside of the hull. The ship forced the ice outward to the flume walls. In several cases the compressed ice cover reexpanded to partially fill in the channel after the ship had passed (see Figure 14). At very fast ship speeds (greater than 0.25 m/s) the ship/ice interaction seemed unnaturally violent (see Figure 15b). Ice floes were completely submerged by the impact of the ship and would then rise up alongside the ship under the ice cover or surface in the channel behind the ship after it had passed. A model ship speed of 0.25 m/s is only 2.37 m/s or 4.6 knots for prototype conditions. Probably, 3 m ice floes, 0.15 m thick, would be broken by- the ship impact rather than so violently and completely displaced. The strength of the model ice floes relative to their mass must have been too great so they were not broken.

Because of the great downward thrust on the ice floes, the effect of high speed ship passage was more localized, i.e. the ship hull did not seem to contact the rest of the ice cover and the ice cover was not compacted by the ship passage as it was at lower ship speeds. Ship passage at very high speed was possible without initiating ice jams while at lower speeds jams occurred for the same Froude Number. That seems to be a result of the violent displacement of the model ice floes by the ship which does not seem reasonable at the prototype scale. Therefore, high ship speed data indicating non-jamming ship passage is likely to be subject to a scale effect because of the ice strength/ice mass relationship in the model.

### 4.3 Ship Passage Data Interpretation

Figure 16 is a plot of  $V_{s}/U$  against Fr for tests of downstream passage of the large ship through a 3.05 m long cover of small ice floes ( $\kappa$ <sub>S</sub>/H=5.38,  $\kappa$ <sub>b</sub>/H=0.29). To the upper right of the curve representing  $(V_{\rm s}/U)_{\rm cr}$ , many failures of the cover occurred, many of them heavy jams, particularly above a Froude Number of 0.09. To the lower left of the critical Dimensionless Ship Speed  $(V<sub>S</sub>/U)<sub>cr</sub>$  curve, very few jams occurred, all of them being mild shoves. Furthermore, all of'those failure

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points were from the second and only day of testing when there was no ice on the flume side walls (except for three runs on the fourth day).- From the  $(V_s/U)_{cr}$  curve, it can be seen that, at lower Froude Numbers, a higher ship speed, hence a greater shear force, is required to cause a jam. Very few tests were performed above a Froude Number of 0.10 due to instability of the cover. In all but one case, the cover failed with ship passage. At dimensionless ship speeds below 0.2, no jams occurred.

Different results obtained for apparently identical experimental conditions can be explained by variable channel side roughness. There was a bead of border ice on the flume walls at the water surface. It is the variability of the contact between that bead of border ice and the ice cover that is questionable. If the effect had been consistent, then compensation could be made for it.

The importance of the border ice condition is heightened by the relative narrowness of the experimental flume. For the prototype conditions, a 12.8 m wide ship caused a 488 m wide ice jam illustrating the three-dimensional nature of the phenomenon. .The border ice condition was important under experimental conditions because the ice floes were forced outwards to the flume walls, an unnaturally straight, smooth failure plane, making cover failure too easy for some ship passage runs.

The difference in results is more pronounced on a day-to—day basis which led to the conclusion that border ice conditions accounted for the scatter in the results. with no head of ice, as was the case on the second day of testing, it was difficult to establish an ice cover at a Froude Number as low as 0.063. When the ship entered the ice cover and pushed the ice outward to the sides, internal support was removed in the cover. with no side support, the ice moved with the ship, sliding along the flume walls, a typical mild shove. It was felt that, under prototype conditions, there would be some support to the cover from the continuation of the ice pack and that would be better approximated with the bead of border ice intact. A better approximation of the continuation of the" ice pack would be a saw—tooth border to force the jamming portion of the ice cover to shear away from the simulated continuation of the cover as well as overcome the downstream support provided by the cover.

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Figure 17 is a plot of  $V<sub>s</sub>/U$  against Fr for downstream passage of the small ship through a 3.05 m long cover of small ice floes ( $\ell_{\rm g}/H=2.69$ ,  $\ell_{\rm b}/H=2.69$ ). The failures of the cover fell on the upper range of jamming in Figure 16. There were relatively few failures considering the high range of Froude\_Number tested suggesting a shift to the right of the  $(V_s/U)_{cr}$  curve. Visually, the small ship had little effect on the individual ice floes or on the cover as a whole. It could not underturn the floes or compact the cover. The resulting mild shoves. were much less severe and extensive than for the passage.of the large ship through a cover of small ice floes.

Figure 18 is a plot of  $V_c/U$  against Fr for downstream passage of the large ship through a cover of large ice floes  $(2\epsilon_5/H=5.38)$ ,  $R_{\rm b}/H=0.59$ ). Again, few failures occurred considering the range of Froude Number tested. The  $\ell_s/\ell_b$  ratio was the same as for the tests in Figure 17 and a similar shift to the right of the  $(V_s/U)_{cr}$  curve is suggested. The large ice was not readily displaced by.the ship and was not fully underturned. The resulting mild shoves were more of an overlapping of ice floes than a jam.

 $\top$ The visual differences in the ice floe/ship hull interaction and the differences in jam severity observed suggest that there is an effect of ship and ice size. There is not enough data to fully evaluate the effect of these parameters.

Figure 19 is a plot of  $V_s/U$  against Fr for upstream passage of the large ship through a cover of small ice floes  $(\ell_{5}/H=5.38,$  $R_{h}/$ H=O.29). There was only one failure for upstream passage, a mild shove at a Froude Number of 0.126. Even for violent, high-speed ship passage, only the upstream edge of the cover would fail at Froude Numbers greater than 0.12. That type of failure was restricted to a few floes at the upstream edge of the cover which turned under with no under-ice transport forming a small hanging dam at the upstream edge of the cover. It can be concluded that upstream passage will not cause wide spread jamming of the cover, that it is the additional stress from the ship shearing force added to the existing stress in the cover that causes failure, not just disruption of individual floes.

Figure 20 is a plot of  $V_{s}/U$  against Fr for downstream passage

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of the large ship through a cover of small ice floes with a shock delivered to the flume walls prior to ship passage. The conditions are similar to those of Figure 16 except for that action (  $\ell_{\rm c}/H=5.38$ ,  $R_b$ /H=O.29). The results obtained were the same as without a shock. Therefore, it can be concluded that, although a sudden shock can initiate jamming itself, it will not affect the ice cover/flume wall contact for. the ship passage immediately following. Because the delivery of a sudden shock breaks any freezing bond between the ice cover and the flume walls, the scatter in the results must depend on some other aspect of that contact. .

On the first day of testing, three tests that had resulted in jams were repeated; After the jamming had started, the ship was stopped in the cover upstream of the barrier. The jamming stopped as well. Apparently, continued ship motion is required to prolong jamming in an otherwise stable ice cover. Unfortunately, all of the tests were limited to mild shove cases. A heavy jam advancing ahead of the ship might not stop jamming. Time limitations prevented a complete evaluation of the effect of stopping the ship on jamming.

From Figures 21 and 22, it can be concluded that the relative length of ship penetration at jam initiation had no effect on jam initiation beyond the observation that jamming was not initiated before the penetration reached one ship length, when the full shearing force had developed. The relative penetration at jam initiation did not vary with relative ship speed or Froude Number. The severity of jamming did not vary with the relative penetration.

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### 4.4 Comparison\_with Prototype Conditions

In the Beauharnois Canal on December 11, 1976, the Froude Number was 0.052, a normally stable condition for an unconsolidated ice cover.

From the test results in Figure 15, the Dimensionless Ship Speed must exceed 4.0 for downstream ship passage to initiate jamming at that Froude Number. For a prototype flow velocity of 0.5 m/s, the corresponding absolute ship speed is 2.0 m/s (4.0 knots). The ship speed relative to the water is only 1.5 m/s (2.8 knots), which is well below ordinary navigational standards.

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Therefore, on December 11, 1976, ice jamming occurred as a<br>result of the passage of the ice breaker Simon Fraser downstream through the cover, not from hydraulic conditions a1one, according to the results of the present experiments.

### 5.0 CONCLUSIONS

following conclusions can be reached: ' Subject to the limitations of the parameters tested, the

- 5.1 Ships passing through an ice cover in the direction of flow may initiate consolidation of the cover or an ice jam even though the cover is "safe" by the accepted Froude Number criteria.
- 05.2 to avoid initiating jams, the flow Froude Number must be reduced or the ship speed very much reduced.
- 5.3 The tests indicate that, to avoid ice jams in covers through which ships will navigate in the downstream direction, the critical Froude Number should be 0.04.
- 5.4 Ships proceeding upstream do not lower the critical flow Froude Number below 0.08, which is the generally accepted value.
- 5.5 In a narrow channel, ice cover length does not affect ice jam initiation; Jamming will start when the ship has penetrated fully into the cover. Jamming can be stopped by stopping the ship.
- $5.6$ The dimensionless ship length and ice floe size also appear to have an effect on the critical Dimensionless Ship Speed.for initiation of jamming.
- 5.7 The results may not be conservative since the narrow experimental canal tends to assist cover stability. Wider channels may reduce the critical Froude Number further.

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# APPENDIX A

# TABLES



Discharge and Stage at Beauharnois Canal Provided by Quebec Hydro



Tab1e 2 Beauharnois Cana1 Cross—Section Areas



Average Area =  $99567$  ft<sup>2</sup>

# Table 3 Prototype and Model Parameter Values



 $*$  It was not possible to alter depth easily when the fragmented ice cover was in place, particularily at high flow rates, as a sudden surge associated with even a .001 to .002 m depth change could cause a jam. The channel flow depth was not always exactly modelled to scale.

Table 4 Summary of Criteria for Ice Cover Stability



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Table 4 (cont'd)

Summary of Criteria for Ice Cover Stability

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# APPENDIX B

# FIGURES



FIGURE 1 LOCATION OF THE BEAUHARNOIS CANAL



% OBSTRUCTION 9.4 %

FIGURE 2 ICE JAM BETWEEN CHAINAGE 320 TO 385 ON THE BEAUHARNOIS CANAL



FIGURE 3 BEAUHARNOIS CANAL DISCHARGES AND SLOPES TABLE 1. NOTE **FROM** THE INCREASED SLOPE AND REDUCTION IN FLOW TO MAINTAIN THE MINIMUM FORE BAY ELEVATION AT THE BEAU-HARNOIS POWER HOUSE FOR NAVIGATION



WATER LEVELS ALONG THE BEAUHARNOIS CANAL, 15 DECEMBER 1976 FIGURE 4


Figure 5 Recirculating Flume in CCIM Cold Room







Figure 6b Towing System Drive Motor and Pulley

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Figure 7

Ship Passing Through the Gate in the Downstream Barrier



FIGURE 8 ICE COVER STABILITY WITHOUT SHIP PASSAGE

o NO JAM<br>o JAM

# • NO UNDERTURNING<br>● UNDERTURNING



STABILITY OF THE LEADING EDGE OF THE FIGURE 9 ICE COVER



UNDER TURNING OF INCOMING ICE FLOES **FIGURE**  $\overline{10}$ 



**FIGURE 11** STABILITY WITHOUT SHIP PASSAGE **ICE** OVER WITH A DISTURBANCE

#### Figure 12



The ship is proceeding downstream forming a clear channel Figure 12a without jamming.



Figure 12b

Floes are underturned by the ship and deposited alongside the channel.



Figure 12c The ship is displacing floes, depositing them alongside the channel, breaking through the single layer ice cover without jamming. Note the border ice.



Figore 12d

After clearing a channel, the ship passes through the gate in the downstream barrier not disturbing \_ ; the cover other than depositing floes along the channel. '  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{P}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  ,  $\frac{1$ 

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The ship has passed leaving a clean channel. The ice cover<br>is the same length as before ship passage. Figure 12e



Figure 12f

The ship passing through a single layer cover without jamming.  $\sim 10^7$ 



Figure 13a  $\blacksquare$  The cover is crushing locally beside and at the bow of  $\blacksquare$ the ship as well as in the cover ahead.  $\mathbb{R}^2$ 



Figure 13b  $\blacksquare$  A very thick cover around the ship as it approaches the barrier.

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Figure 13c

As moving ice reaches the barrier, local crushing increases the ice thickness more.



Figure 13d The entire cover has shifted to half of the original<br>length and thickened.



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Figure 13e

The ship is completely obscured by the jammed ice. The entire cover is heavily jammed to half of the flume depth and a considerable amount of ice travelled under the barrier.



Figure 14a

Ice rebounds into the channel after the ship passed." Note. the compacted condition of the cover on the left hand side while the right hand side has expanded.\*  $\blacksquare$  .  $\blacksquare$ 



Figure 14b Ice in the channel drifts downstream to catch the ship. <sup>~</sup> ~



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At low ship speed the ship inches its way through the floes which move in behind the ship and are not underturned. Figure 15a



Figure 15b

At high ship speed, floes are driven down violently.<br>The cover was compressed around the bow but did not jam here.

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FIGURE 16 ICE JAM INITIATION FOR DOWNSTREAM SHIP PASSAGE (LARGE SHIP, SMALL ICE FLOES)



FIGURE 17 ICE JAM INITIATION FOR DOWNSTREAM SHIP PASSAGE (SMALL SHIP, SMALL ICE FLOES)



FIGURE 18 ICE JAM INITIATION FOR DOWNSTREAM SHIP PASSAGE (LARGE SHIP, LARGE ICE FLOES)



FIGURE 19 ICE JAM INITIATION FOR UPSTREAM SHIP PASSAGE (LARGE SHIP, SMALL ICE FLOES)



PASSAGE WITH A DISTURBANCE (LARGE SHIP, SMALL ICE FLOES)



**DIMENSIONLESS** FIGURE 21 EFFECT OF FROUDE NUMBER ON SHIP PENETRATION, AT JAM INITIATION, DOWNSTREAM PASSAGE



FIGURE 22 EFFECT OF DIMENSIONLESS SHIP SPEED ON DIMENSIONLESS SHIP PENETRATION, AT JAM INITIATION, DOWNSTREAM PASSAGE

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### APPENDIX C

## TABULATED DATA

The letters and symbols in the column "Test "Condition" represent the ship direction, ship model scale and ice floe sizes as outlined below: A

- d . downstream'passage
- $\overline{u}$ upstream passage  $\overline{a}$
- large scale ship  $\mathbf{1}$  $\ddot{\phantom{1}}$
- $\overline{c}$ small scale ship L
- $\overline{\mathsf{S}}$ small ice floes  $\overline{a}$
- large ice floes  $\mathbf{I}$

denotes a test when a shock was delivered to the flume  $\star$ side walls.

ni denotes a test when there was no border ice on the flume side walls.

Ship Passage Ice Jam Data

 $Day 1$ 



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Ship Passage Ice Jam Data

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 $Day^2$ 



Table C<sub>3</sub>

 $\mathcal{P}$  $\alpha$ 

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 $Day 3$ 



Ship Passage Ice Jam Data







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Ship Passage Ice Jam Data

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**Section** 





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Table C8 Ship Passage Ice Jam Data





Ship Passage Ice Jam Data

 $Day 9$ 



\* depotes that  $\frac{1}{4}$  shock was delivered to the side of the flume

### Ship Passage Ice Jam Data





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 $\frac{Day10}{2}$ 



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Ship Passage Ice Jam Data

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 $\frac{Day \ 11}{1}$ 


Table C12

Data for Critical Froude Number for Ice Cover Stability without Ship Passage



## Table 12 (cont'd) Data for Critical Froude Number for Ice Cover Stability without Ship Passage





 $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$