

Model Testing in Ice: View Forward

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- Context
- Physical modeling challenges
- Opportunities

Context: Reduced ice cover

- Easier ship access to Arctic
- More dynamic ice conditions
- Higher risk



Context: Fragile Environment

- Ecosystem depends on the ice
- Arctic influence on global ocean systems
- Restrictions by national & aboriginal states
- Corporate responsibility
- Low risk tolerance

Context: Energy Market



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- High price of oil promotes investment & exploration
- High cost of fuel promotes efficient operations



Physical Modeling in Ice

Continuous & discrete processes

Multiple modeling constraints

NOT A TOW TANK WITH ICE



Mature Technologies

- Ship resistance in level ice
- Ship propulsion in level ice
 - Power prediction different methods
 - Loads on propellers different definitions
- Mean global load on structure
- Model ice production
 - No common standard

Modeling Challenges - 1

- Failure modes
 - Ride up or pile up?
 - Floe splitting or rubbling?
 - Piece size
- Ice pressure distribution
 - Structure integrity local ice pressures
 - Turning moments pressure along ice line

Modeling Challenges - 2

• Load dynamics

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- IIV ice equivalent of VIV
- Slender structures (jack-ups)
- Wide structures (Molipak)
- Moored structures
- Podded propulsion in ice



Modeling Challenges - 3

Continuous/discontinuous ice

- Pack ice => concentration 6/10 to 10/10
- Rubble (brash) => concentration 10/10 to 30/10



Other craft

- Fishing vessels
- Life boats
- Submarines
- Helicopters



Opportunities

- Predictive capability @ low risk
- First test for math models
 - FEM
 - DEM
- Unique capacity to deal with multi-phase
- Attractive to client => dynamic & visual



Summary

- Opportunities for ice tanks
- Role for ITTC
 - Collaboration on technology development
 - Common standards

