

1 **Laboratory experiments on shared-energy collisions between**
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16 Ship collision with floating ice in which the ship sustains damage will be in the
17 shared-energy regime, i.e., both the ice and the ship dissipate significant amounts
18 of energy through inelastic deformations. The physics of such ice interactions has
19 so far been subjected to little research. Hardly any experience exists on how to
20 conduct shared-energy collision tests successfully. The aim of this paper is to
21 present the concept of ice-structure collision experiments in which the impacted
22 structure undergoes irreversible deformations together with ice failure. The paper
23 describes laboratory-scale impact tests of freshwater ice blocks against stiffened
24 steel panels, presents analysis of the main test results and lessons-learned.
25 Furthermore, analytical calculations and numerical simulations were performed
26 to support results and conclusions from the laboratory tests.

27 **Keywords:** freshwater ice; shared-energy collision; damage; laboratory
28 experiments

29 **1. Introduction**

30 The attention towards ships operating in polar waters is increasing. Impacts with ice are
31 the greatest cause of vessel damage in the hostile polar waters (Snider 2012). A likely
32 outcome of a collision between a ship and an iceberg is a hull breach caused by the
33 impact (Hill 2005). During such a collision, the deformation of the ship will change the
34 local confinement of the ice and thereby its local stress state. This may in turn increase
35 the crushing strength of the ice. A contribution to further knowledge on such ship-ice
36 collisions is important for vessel design, as collision forces may rise to loads outside of
37 the current requirements to design scenarios.

38 The conventional approach for the analysis of ice-structure collisions is based on
39 the principle of energy conservation. For example, in the case of a glancing- or a head-
40 on collision with an ice floe, the standard assumption is that the ice floe fails within the
41 contact area in compressive crushing and the energy consumed for crushing the ice

42 corresponds to a reduction of the combined kinetic energy of the ship and ice before and
43 after the collision (e.g., IACS' Unified Requirements 2011 and Popov et al. 1967). In
44 offshore engineering, this approach is usually referred to as the *strength approach*
45 (NORSOK N-004 2013). Under these assumptions, the total force depends on the ice
46 deformation. The local concentrations of the contact pressures are determined from the
47 distribution of the total collision force. Several field projects were conducted in the past
48 to measure ice pressures, loads and motions of bodies in full-scale ice impact
49 interactions such as: the icebreaker Kigoriak test program (Varsta and Riska 1982,
50 Ghoneim and Keinonen 1983), the icebreaker Arctic testing (German and Milne/VTT
51 1985 via Daley et al. 1986), the Antarctic iceberg impact experiment (Duthinh et al.
52 1990), the iceberg impact in Newman's Cove (Bruneau et al. 1994) and CCGS Terry
53 Fox bergy bit trials (Ritch et al. 2008). The obtained experimental data are useful to
54 verify parameters in the strength approach.

55 The so-called *ductile approach* and the *shared-energy approach* (NORSOK N-
56 004 2013) may be used as alternative methods to assess ice-structure collisions. The
57 ductile approach assumes that the ice feature is infinitely rigid and the dissipated
58 energy, which is consumed by the plastically deforming ship structure, corresponds to a
59 change of the total kinetic energy of the ship and the ice before and after the collision.
60 The shared-energy approach assumes that both the ice and the ship structure undergo
61 finite permanent deformations, with the instantaneously weaker structure deforming.
62 For a ship-ice collision with significant permanent damage to the ship, the shared-
63 energy regime is most likely. The ship will initially crush sharp local ice protrusions. As
64 the contact area grows, the force intensity from the ice will cause inelastic deformations
65 in the ship structure. Shared-energy analysis is challenging, because the knowledge of

66 constitutive behaviour of both the ice and the steel is needed. The response of the ice
67 and the structure are mutually dependent on each other.

68 A broad literature review (Kim and Amdahl 2013) indicates that the shared-
69 energy approach for collisions between a floating ice-mass and a ship (or offshore
70 structure) is not well studied compared to other two possible scenarios. Until today,
71 only a few experimental studies of ice-structure interaction involving inelastic
72 deformation of a structure have been performed in the field and in the laboratory. One
73 of the first shared-energy experiments was conducted during the field test program at
74 Hobson's Choice Ice Island in 1990 where flat indenters were pushed against an ice
75 wedge at constant speeds. Details of the experimental setup can be found in Masterson
76 et al. (1993). Another experiment that has been performed and published is a quasi-
77 static laboratory test in which an ice cone was slowly pushed against a steel structure;
78 see Manuel et al. (2013). Additionally, some experiments (e.g., those described Tuhkuri
79 1993) caused unexpected damage of tested structures. Many shared-energy collisions
80 between ice masses and ships have been registered in the past (Varsta and Riska 1982
81 and Hill 2005). However, the available information on the extent of hull damage and the
82 related ice characteristics that caused the damage is rather scant, and important details
83 such as ice geometry and its strength are missing to investigate the problem in greater
84 depth. Experimental studies on these commonly observed full-scale scenarios are thus
85 required.

86 The fact that only a few experiments on shared-energy ice-structure interaction
87 have been performed and published suggests not only a lack of attention to the shared-
88 energy approach, but also the degree of difficulty in designing the test setups and
89 measurement systems in order to get meaningful data. The data presented in Masterson
90 et al. (1993) and Tuhkuri (1993) could potentially be used for validation of shared-

91 energy ice-structure collision models, while the data in Manuel et al. (2013) lack a
92 quantitative description of the initial parameters and the main results (geometry of the
93 tested structure, resulting structural deformation, load-displacement curve, etc.).

94 The study presented in this paper is motivated by the lack of published
95 information about testing shared-energy ice-structure collisions; considering that
96 shared-energy is the relevant regime for a full-scale collision with damage to the ship.
97 All the shared-energy experiments so far were performed in dry conditions at constant
98 loading rates. This paper focuses on experimental aspects of ice-structure interactions in
99 water, in the shared-energy regime. Experimental aspects of strength approach and
100 ductile approach can be found elsewhere (e.g., Lindholm et al. 1990, Duthinh et al.
101 1990, Gagnon 2004, Gagnon 2008 and Alsos and Amdahl 2009).

102 This paper highlights main findings and lessons-learned from a laboratory test
103 campaign on shared-energy collisions. It is demonstrated that under laboratory
104 conditions, even in water, it is possible to achieve shared-energy collisions between an
105 ice block and a floating structure.

106 The layout of the paper is as follows: Section 2 describes experimental setup;
107 Sections 3 and 4 present the main test results and their analysis in which the results of
108 numerical simulations are put in context with the experiments. Finally, a discussion and
109 conclusions that synthesize the results of the laboratory tests and the numerical
110 simulations are presented.

111 **2. Experiment**

112 The laboratory test campaign on shared-energy collisions was carried out to provide
113 experience in modelling of shared-energy collisions in the laboratory conditions and to
114 support the development of the testing procedure for a full-scale ice-structure collision
115 scenario. The experimental focus is on the shared-energy interaction between iceberg

116 ice (freshwater granular ice) and a stationary structure. Experimental methodology,
117 setup and instrumentation are described in the following subsections.

118 **2.1 *Experimental approach***

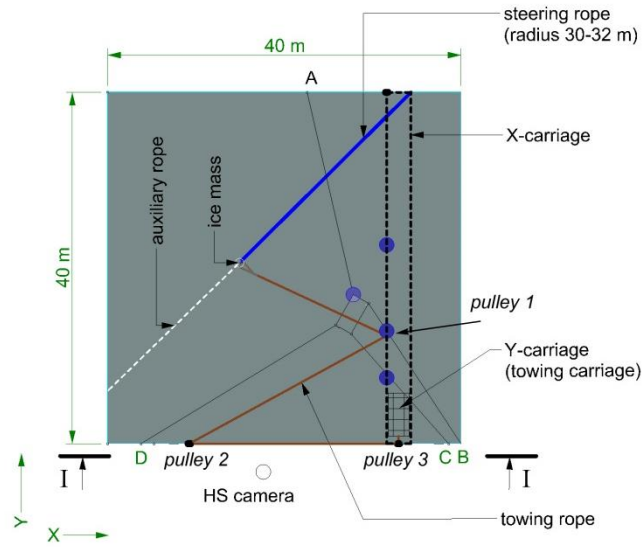
119 The tests were not scaled by any similitude law. Steel-structures were used and the
120 laboratory ice was not classic model-scale ice, but freshwater granular ice – ice of
121 significantly higher strength. The modelling of hydrodynamic interaction was outside
122 the scope of this study. Instead, the emphasis was placed on selecting an appropriate
123 shared-energy collision scenario in which:

- 124 • The ice behaviour at impact should approximate behaviour of freshwater
125 granular ice.
- 126 • The steel panel should have dimensions as to undergo permanent deformations.
- 127 • Both the ice and the structure should deform during a collision event. The ice
128 block should be strong and have sufficient inertia to cause permanent
129 deformations in the steel structure.

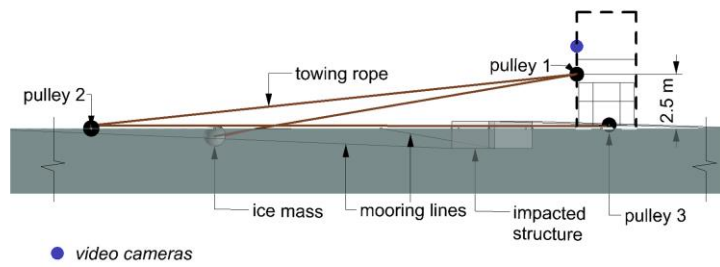
130 **2.2 *Test setup***

131 The tests were conducted in the 40 m × 40 m Aalto Ice Tank facility, which has a depth
132 of 2.8 m. Figures 1 and 2 present a schematic and a photograph of the experimental
133 setup.

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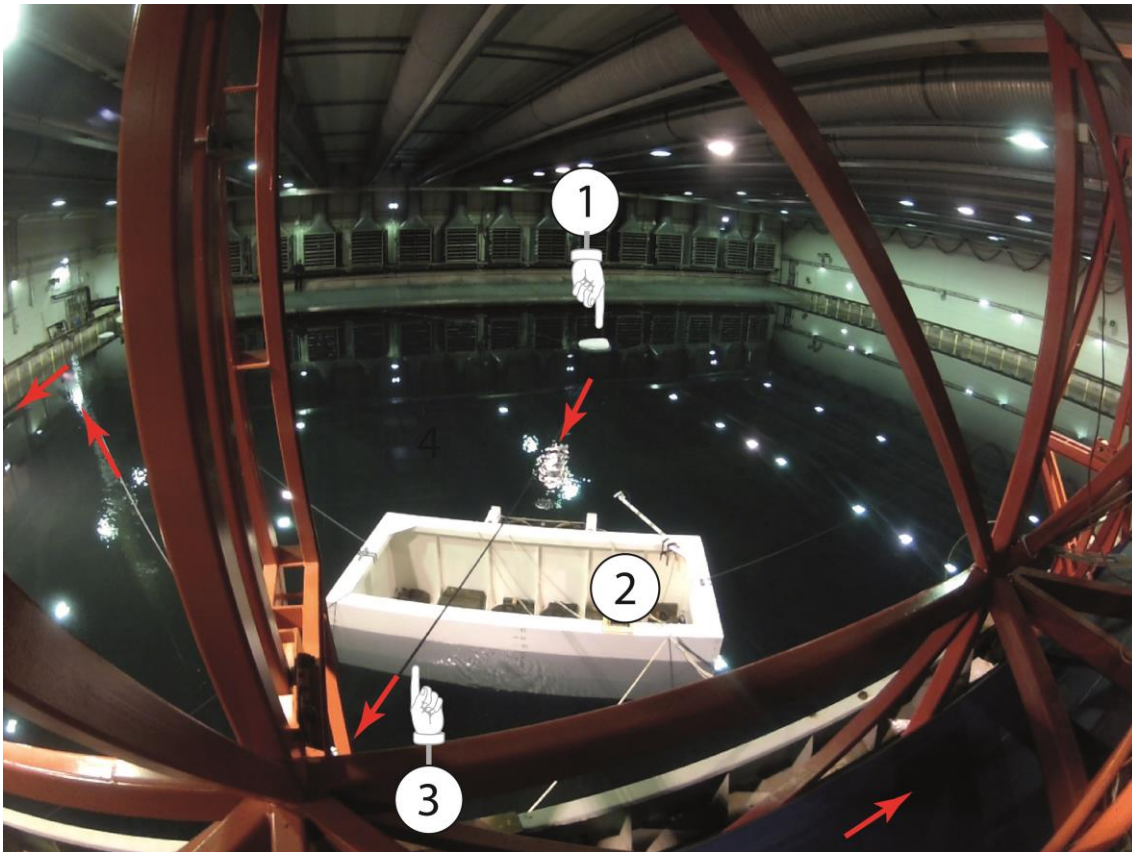


(a)



(b)

135 Figure 1. Detailed schematic of the experimental configuration: (a) plan view; the labels
 136 A–D indicate mooring lines; (b) side view I–I; the slack in the mooring lines is not
 137 shown in the drawings.



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139 Figure 2. Photograph of the test setup: 1 – ice block, 2 – impacted target and 3 – towing
140 rope; arrows indicate the direction of the towing arrangement; the temperature of the
141 water in the ice tank was $\sim 0^{\circ}\text{C}$.

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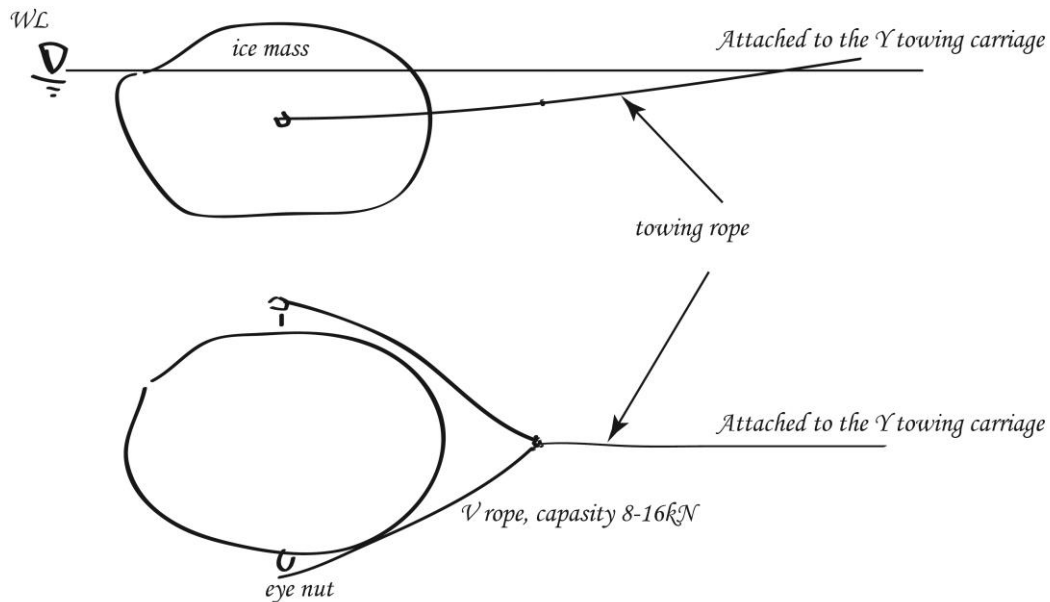
143 A system of ropes (see Figure 1) was used to tow an approximately 900-kg ice block
144 into a purpose-built target (approximately 7.5 tons) at speeds of 1.0 and 2.0 m/s.

145 Transverse motions of the ice block were controlled by the steering rope to obtain a
146 direct impact on the target. An auxiliary rope (see the white rope in the plan view in

147 Figure 1a) was used to position the ice block before each test. The ice was towed
148 against the moored structure shown in Figure 2.

149 The towing test was conducted using the following procedure: the ice block was
150 manually positioned at the desired location using the auxiliary rope. This location was
151 selected to enable the Y-carriage (Figure 1a) to reach the desired steady-state velocity
152 and to enable the ice block to reach the designated impact position. The ice block was

153 controlled by a steering rope to ensure that the impact occurred near the centre of the
154 target structure and reduce possible fishtailing motions. A V-towing scheme (Figure 3)
155 was used to prevent the ice hook from hitting the impacted structure.



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157 Figure 3. Side and plan view schematics of the towing arrangement.

158 2.2.1 The impacted structure

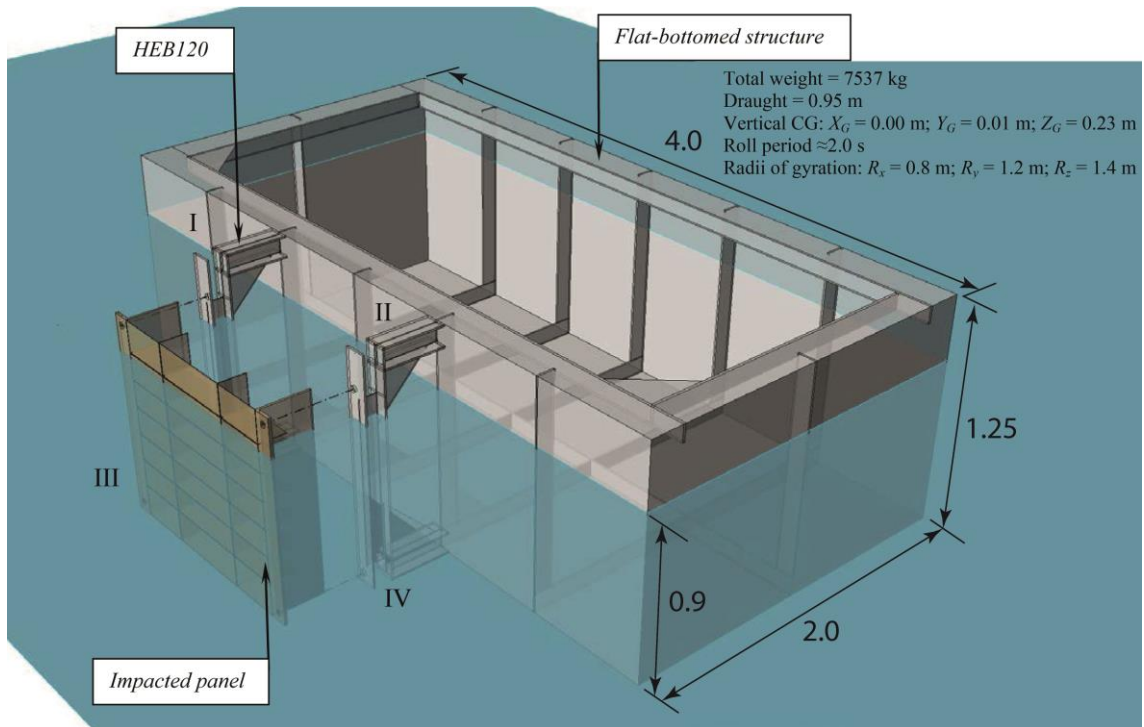
159 Figure 4 shows the geometry of the impacted structure. The impacted structure, shown
160 in Figure 4a, consisted of a stiffened panel (Figure 4b) bolted to HEB beams which
161 were welded to a moored floater. The ballasted loading conditions for the floater with
162 the attached 12-mm panel are listed at the top right corner in Figure 4a. The floater was
163 moored with four 10–16 mm \emptyset polyester mooring lines, as shown in Figure 1a. The
164 mooring lines were attached to the bottom corners of the floater at one end and to the
165 basin wall (a rail of the X-carriage) at the other end. All of the lines were equipped with
166 20-kg weights at mid-span to provide a soft mooring response with low forces until
167 there was significant sway and surge displacement of the floater. Thus, the soft mooring

168 arrangement did not affect the measured impact loads or velocities, but motions of the
169 floater after impact.

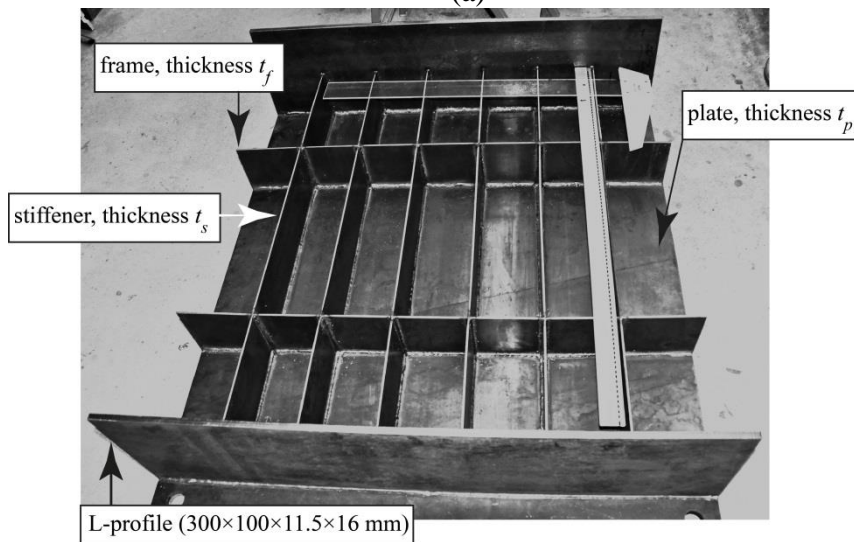
170 Four steel panels of different configuration were used to simulate the desired
171 interaction between the ice block and the structure. The test panels were not scale
172 models of any particular ship structure, but a representative panel that could behave
173 similar to a ship structure at the given experimental scale (more below). Figure 4c
174 presents a plan view of the impacted panel, highlighting the different structural elements
175 of the panel. The dimensions of the structural elements (i.e., plate thickness, stiffener
176 spacing and frame spacing) are based on the following considerations:

- 177 • The ice pressure is uniformly distributed over the $s \times s$ loading patch (s denotes
178 the stiffener spacing).
- 179 • The experimental data obtained for freshwater ice indentation at medium- and
180 small scale is used for estimation of the ice pressure within the $s \times s$ contact
181 area.
- 182 • The plate-strip analogy is used to predict onset of irreversible deformations.
- 183 • Three different numerical methods are used to predict structural deformations
184 during the collision event. These include a simplified nonlinear static analysis,
185 quasi-static (displacement control) analysis and dynamic (velocity controlled
186 analysis). For details refer to Kim et al. (2012b).

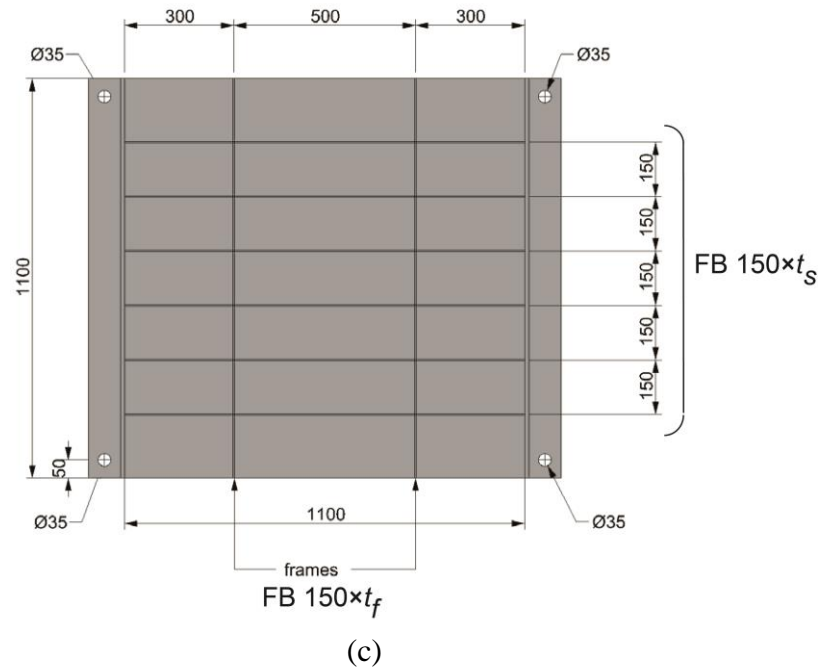
187 The overall dimensions of the panel were 1.1×1.3 m. The panel was supported by six
188 transverse flat-bar stiffeners and by two longitudinal flat-bar frames as shown in Figures
189 4b and 4c. Table 1 lists the panel parameters.



(a)



(b)



190 Figure 4. Geometry of the impacted structure: (a) attachment scheme of a stiffened
 191 panel with the floater, dimensions are in meters; (the floater ballast conditions include
 192 panel D); (b) photograph of a stiffened panel showing the main structural components;
 193 and (c) detailed drawing of the impacted panel (all dimensions are in millimetres).

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195 Table 1. Test panel dimensions and material strength.

Panel	Material	Thickness, $t_p-t_s-t_f$ (mm)	Mass (kg)	Measured engineering yield stress of the plate (MPa)
A ^a	Mild steel S235	4–2–4	155	300 ^c
B ^{a,b}	Mild steel S235	2–2–2	131	190
C ^b	Mild steel S235	4–4–4	171	300 ^c
D ^a	Mild steel S235	12–12–12	330	Not measured

196 ^aUsed in impact tests in water; ^bUsed in drop tests; ^cExperiments reveal a yield peak of 360 MPa (stress
 197 – strain curves can be found in Kim et al. 2013).

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199 2.2.2 *The ice*

200 Iceberg ice has a predominant granular structure and low or no salinity. To mimic these,
201 the ice blocks were manufactured in plastic containers with in-plane dimensions of
202 1.0×1.2 m and a height of 0.9 m. The containers were filled up with crushed ice and
203 water. To facilitate specimen handling, a threaded metal rod was frozen into the ice. The
204 threaded rod, with eye nuts attached to both ends, provided connection points for the
205 system of ropes that was used during lifting and towing of ice. A total of 10 containers
206 were filled and packed with commercially available crushed ice. The crushed ice was
207 ordered from a third-party company and had a piece size of approximately 10–40 mm
208 (Figure 5a). Subsequently, water was added from the bottom to avoid air entrapment.
209 The containers, filled with the mixture of water and crushed ice (Figure 5b), were stored
210 at -20°C to freeze completely. The freezing process was monitored by two temperature
211 sensors in the ice at depths of approximately 0.4 m and 0.1 m. Furthermore, the freezing
212 process was accelerated, and the internal stresses in the ice (due to multiaxial freezing)
213 were decreased by drilling holes, approximately 0.3 m deep, into the ice near the
214 threaded bar. These holes enabled unfrozen water to flow to the surface of the block,
215 releasing some of the internal pressure.

216 The ice blocks were considered to be frozen once the temperature at both
217 sensors attained the ambient temperature of -20°C . It took approximately 5 days to
218 completely freeze the samples. In case visible cracks formed during the freezing
219 process, those were sealed with fresh water earlier than 24h prior to testing.



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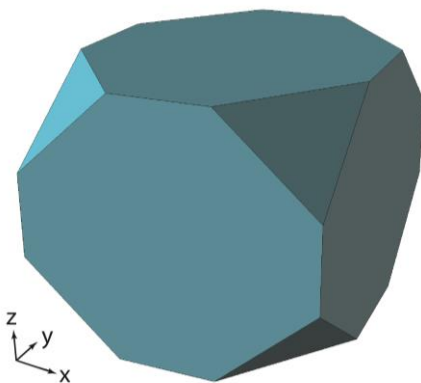


(b)

220 Figure 5. (a) –A photograph of crushed ice pieces used to fill the containers. On the
221 ruler, longer lines with numbers are in centimetres and shorter lines are in millimetres;
222 (b) – a photograph of a container filled with mixture of crushed ice and water.

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224 Prior to testing, the ice block was examined for signs of open cracks and
225 unfrozen water pockets. In case of detecting long cracks which might endanger integrity
226 of the ice block, the block was not used. Solid ice blocks were cut into the final test
227 shape (a truncated prism). Figure 6 presents idealized geometry and a photograph of a
228 typical ice block used in the impact tests.



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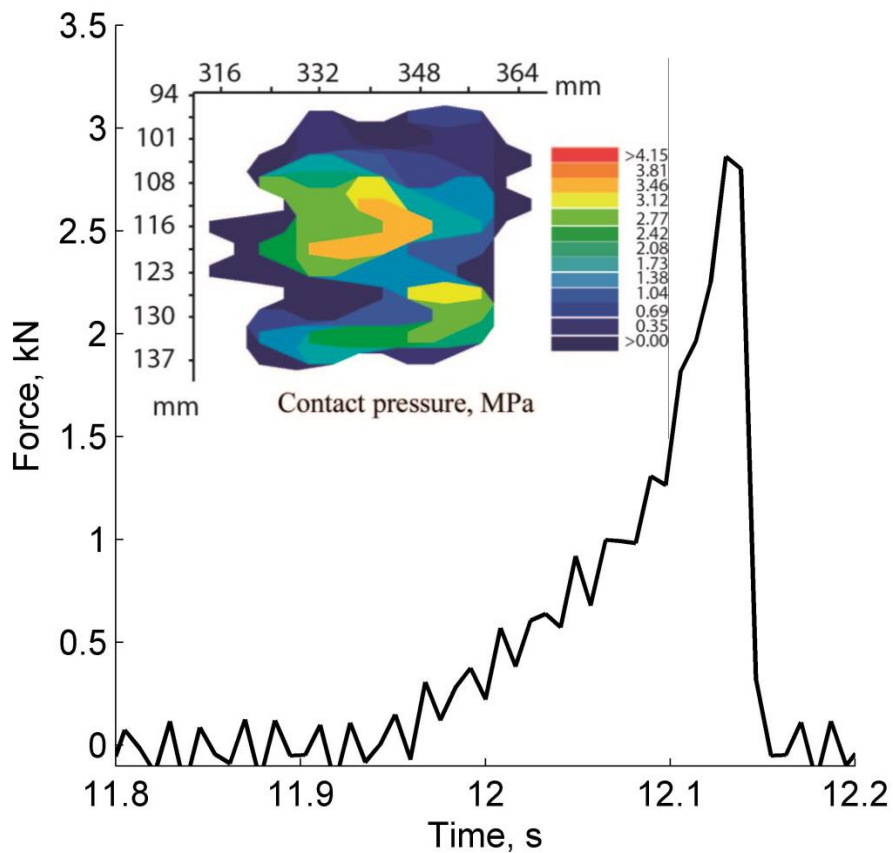
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229 Figure 6. Final shape of the ice block: (a) – idealized geometry; (b) – a photograph of a
230 typical ice block (the grid lines are 0.15 m apart). The final shape of the ice was formed

231 by cutting out eight approximately equal-sized tetrahedrons from the corners of the
232 prismatic ice block ($\sim 1.0 \times 1.1 \times 0.9$ m).

233 *Compressive strength under uniaxial loading*

234 To demonstrate the behaviour of the laboratory-grown freshwater ice compared to other
235 published data, uniaxial compressive tests were performed with specimens extracted
236 from the manufactured ice blocks. Each specimen was cut to a prismatic shape of the
237 desired size (approximately $5 \times 5 \times 15$ cm). Each ice sample was weighed and measured
238 before testing to assess the ice density. The testing was performed at an ambient
239 temperature of 0°C and at a loading speed of approximately 17 mm/s. Figure 7 shows a
240 typical force-time history and a contact pressure distribution at the time of the
241 maximum force.



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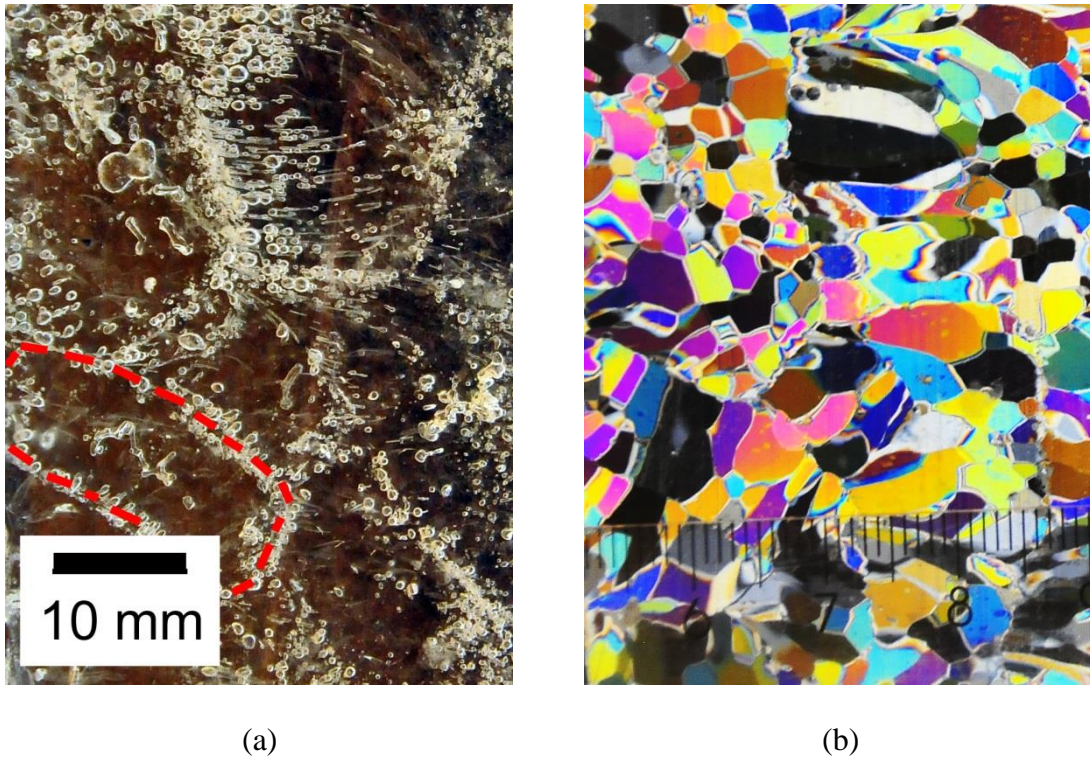
243 Figure 7. A force-time signal that was recorded during a uniaxial compressive test on
244 ice (Block F); the contact pressure distribution was measured by a tactile pressure
245 sensor at the time of the maximum force.

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247 The ice samples exhibited a density of 901 ± 11 kg/m³ (indicating an average
248 porosity of approximately 2%) and a compressive strength of 0.80 ± 0.10 MPa in brittle-
249 like failure mode under uniaxial loading conditions. The brittle-like failure mode was
250 characterized by a sharp decrease of the load after ice failure.

251 *Microstructure of ice*

252 To examine undamaged ice microstructure, thin sections were produced from the
253 manufactured ice blocks. The pieces were collected from both virgin ice and ice that
254 was tempered in the ice basin (block C). These pieces were stored at -10 °C before their
255 microstructure was examined. Thin sections of all of the ice samples were obtained
256 using the technique described in Kim et al. (2012a). Figures 8a and 8b show close-up
257 photographs of the manufactured ice.



258 Figure 8. Photographs of the laboratory-grown ice: (a) an example of air entrapped in
259 the manufactured ice; the dashed line indicates ice-piece boundaries with entrapped air;
260 (b) heterogeneity in the grain size of manufactured ice (a thin section of ice
261 photographed under cross-polarized light); the scale at the bottom is in millimetres.

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263 The internal structure of the ice specimens did not exhibit large variations in
264 texture, except for the top most layer of the ice block (not shown in Figure 8). The
265 manufactured ice was relatively homogeneous in all of the thin sections, with grain
266 sizes varying between 2 mm and 10 mm. Air bubbles with diameters of 1 mm or less
267 were mainly found (see Figure 8a) along the boundaries of the ice pieces which were
268 used to manufacture ice blocks.

269 2.3 Instrumentation

270 Each impact event was recorded from five different angles using a high-speed
271 FASTCAM-APX video camera and four GoPro HD Hero 2 video cameras, which were

272 mounted as shown in Figure 1. Additionally, a video camera was mounted on the upper
273 right side of the floating structure to record an oblique angle view of the impact zone
274 and to provide additional information about the eccentricity of the impact and the
275 orientation of the ice block prior to impact. The high-speed video camera was mounted
276 on the side of the ice basin and recorded images at 500 frames per second.

277 The impact force transferred through each of the four HEB beams (denoted I–IV
278 in Figure 4a) was measured by three uniaxial strain gages, which were attached along
279 the beam flange, across the beam flange and at an angle of 45° to the beam web neutral
280 axis.

281 A dynamic motion unit recorded accelerations and the angular rates of the
282 floater and the attached stiffened panel. The strains, accelerations and angular rates
283 were recorded using a data acquisition system at a sampling frequency of 523 Hz, which
284 was the highest sampling frequency possible with this equipment. This system ensured
285 that the strain and acceleration measurements were synchronized.

286 In addition to the towing tests described, two drop tests in dry conditions were
287 conducted. A detailed description of the drop tests can be found in Kim et al. (2013).
288 These tests characterize the ice-stiffened panel interaction in the absence of
289 hydrodynamic effects. In Drop Test no. 1, a 706-kg ice block is dropped onto B panel
290 from a height of 0.5 m, and in Drop Test no. 2, a 601-kg ice block, is dropped onto C
291 panel from a height of 3.0 m. In Drop Test no. 1, the kinetic energy and the global shape
292 of the ice block before impact are similar to those for the impact tests in water at 2.0
293 m/s. The kinetic energy was approximately 3.5 kJ in Drop Test no. 1 and approximately
294 2.7 kJ and 2.6 kJ for impact Test nos. 8 and 9. An added mass coefficient of 0.5 was
295 used in calculations of the kinetic energy before impact in water and is in agreement
296 with the values reported in Bass and Sen (1986).

297 The plate deflection profiles were manually recorded before and after each test.
298 Readings of the surface profiles were done on a flat, vibration-free surface by using a
299 plunger-type dial gage. Final deformations of A–C panels were computed as the
300 difference between the measured plate deflections before and after the impact.

301 **3. Laboratory tests results**

302 A total of 18 impact tests were conducted in water. Of these, 16 impacts were conducted
303 using the 12-mm-thick panel (D panel) to determine whether reproducible results could
304 be obtained with the experimental configuration. There was a significant scatter in
305 impact location. Repetitions of a single test revealed difficulties in ensuring the exact
306 impact conditions for each test, e.g., with respect to the horizontal impact location on
307 the panel. From 18 tests, only the four most interesting runs will be presented in this
308 paper. These are the tests within the shared-energy regime in which both the ice and the
309 structure underwent crushing or permanent deformations (Test nos. 8 and 9) and the
310 most central impacts in which the structure remained intact (Test nos. 4 and 11). Table 2
311 presents the parameters for the representative tests and the corresponding ice properties.
312 It lists type of the impacted panel, initial ice velocity, mass of the striking ice,
313 compressive strength of the ice under uniaxial loading and the density. The table also
314 indicates whether the weak links were broken during the impact. The tabulated values
315 of the initial ice velocity correspond to the speed of the Y- towing carriage immediately
316 before the impact. Significant data measured/estimated in the impact tests are listed in
317 Table 3 and are followed by the information on how these data were obtained. Table 4
318 lists a summary of the drop tests.

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322 Table 2. List of parameters and ice properties during impact tests in water.

Date 2012	Test no.	Panel	Velocity (m s ⁻¹)	Ice mass (kg)	σ_c (MPa)	Ice density (kg m ⁻³)	Weak link
30/03	4	D	1	C = 920 ^b	0.77 ± 0.16 ⁱ	914 ± 15 ⁱ	No
02/04	8	B	2	E = 897	0.71 ± 0.18 ^j	894 ± 7 ^j	Yes, 16 kN
03/04	9	A	2	F = 850	0.91 ± 0.29 ^{k,a}	896 ± 9 ^{k,a}	Yes, 5 kN
04/04	11	D	2	F ^l	0.91 ± 0.29 ^k	896 ± 9 ^k	Yes, 5 kN

^{i,j,k} number of tested ice samples (i=5, j=6, k=7)

^a measured one day after the test

^l sample was in water over night

^b measured one day before the test

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324 Table 3. Summary of partial test results.

Test no.	Maximum panel deflection (mm)	Peak load ^{b*} (kN)	Loads via HEB beams ^a , %				Impact duration ^{a(b)} (ms)	Velocity before impact ^{c(d)} (m s ⁻¹)	Common velocity after impact ^{f(e)} (m s ⁻¹)	Maximum sway acceleration (floaters) (m s ⁻²)
			I	II	III	IV				
4	–	146	37	45	8	10	29 (33)	0.9 (0.0)	0.22 (0.13)	13.8
8 ^{cr}	≈5	190	18	17	33	31	36 (31)	1.5 (0.0)	0.40 (0.31)	18.5
9 ^s	≈3	226	31	28	19	22	35 (36)	1.5 (0.1)	0.29 (0.44)	21.9
11	–	222	15	28	23	33	27 (21)	1.8 (0.1)	0.20 (0.24)	21.0

^a Unfiltered data from strain gages at 45°, expressed in terms of % distribution of the force in each beam.

^{b*} Unfiltered data from DMU, $F = (M_s + 0.4M_s)a_s$, a_s is the maximum sway acceleration of the floater.

^b Estimated from the measured acceleration data integrated over time.

^c Averaged ice-block velocity from high speed video records.

^d Averaged velocity of the floater estimated from high speed video recording.

^e Velocity after impact, as estimated from the acceleration data.

^f Velocity of the floater after impact, as estimated from high speed video records.

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^{cr,s} crushing- and splitting-dominated ice failure, respectively

326 Table 4. List of parameters during drop tests in dry conditions.

Date 2012	Test no.	Panel	Drop height (m)	Ice mass (kg)	Kinetic energy (kJ)	Max. length of dent (mm)	Max. depth of dent (mm)
30/03	1 ^{cr}	B	0.5	706	3.5	600	13
30/03	2 ^s	C	3	601	17.7	750	8

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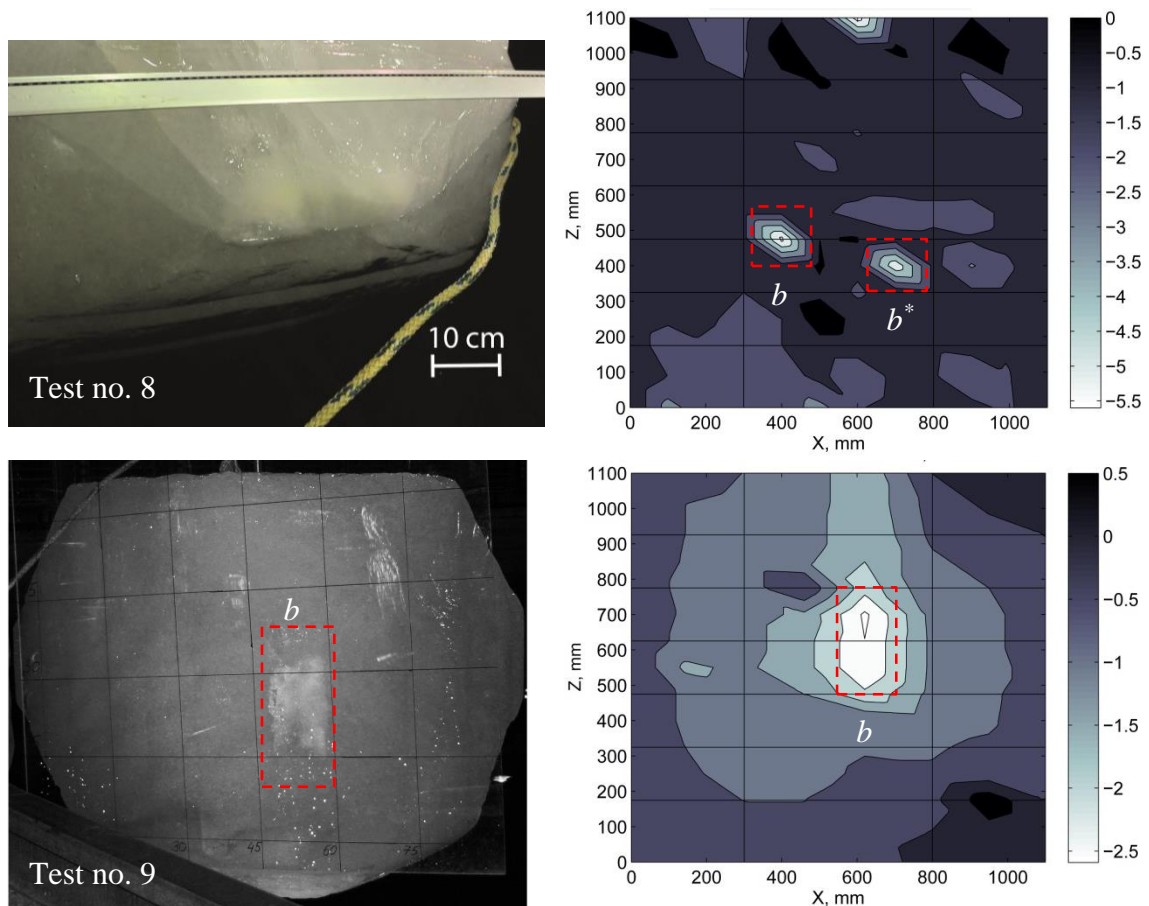
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328 3.1 Permanent plate deformations

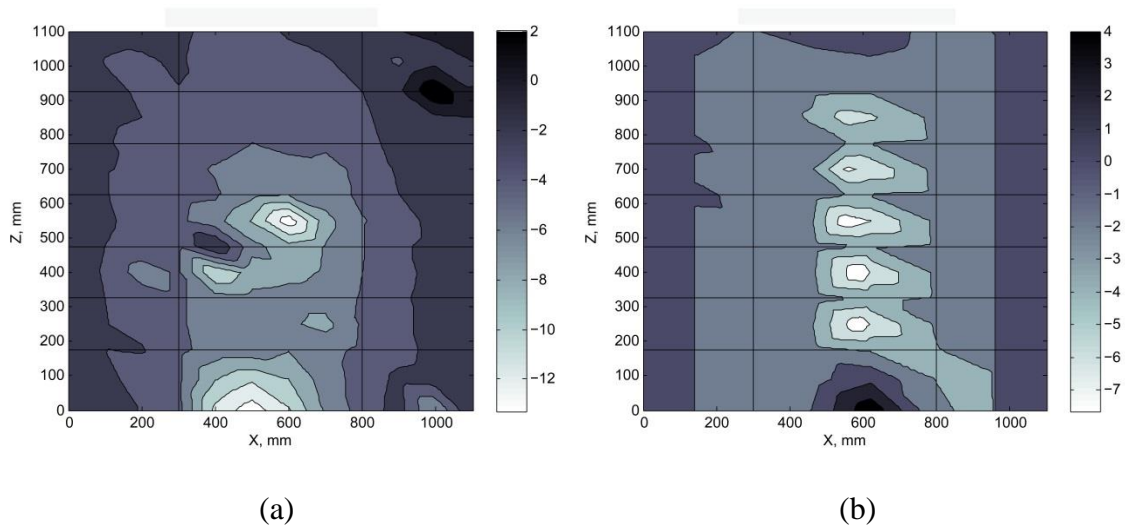
329 In all of the cases using the 12-mm panel (D panel), the structure was sufficiently strong

330 to crush the ice with no permanent deformation on the impacted plate. The weaker

331 panels sustained damage. Figure 9 shows the measured plate deflections after impact
 332 Test nos. 8 and 9. For the purpose of comparison, the measured plate deflections after
 333 the drop tests are provided in Figure 10a and Figure 10b. The black horizontal and
 334 vertical lines indicate the locations of the stiffeners and the frames.



335 Figure 9: Photographs showing the ice damage zone after Test nos. 8 and 9 (for a grid
 336 size of 0.15 m) and the resulting deflections of the 2-mm plate in Test no. 8 and the 4-
 337 mm plate in Test no. 9; the deflections are given in mm; the assumed load patch is
 338 shown by the dashed lines, b is the width of the assumed load patch ($b=b^*=0.15$ m).
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340 Figure 10: Plate deflections after the drop tests, deflections are given in millimetres
 341 (mm): (a) – Drop Test no.1 (B panel) and (b) – Drop Test no. 2 (C panel).

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343 Figure 11 is a photograph of the plate damage resulting from the drop test from a height
 344 of 3.0 m (Drop Test no. 2).



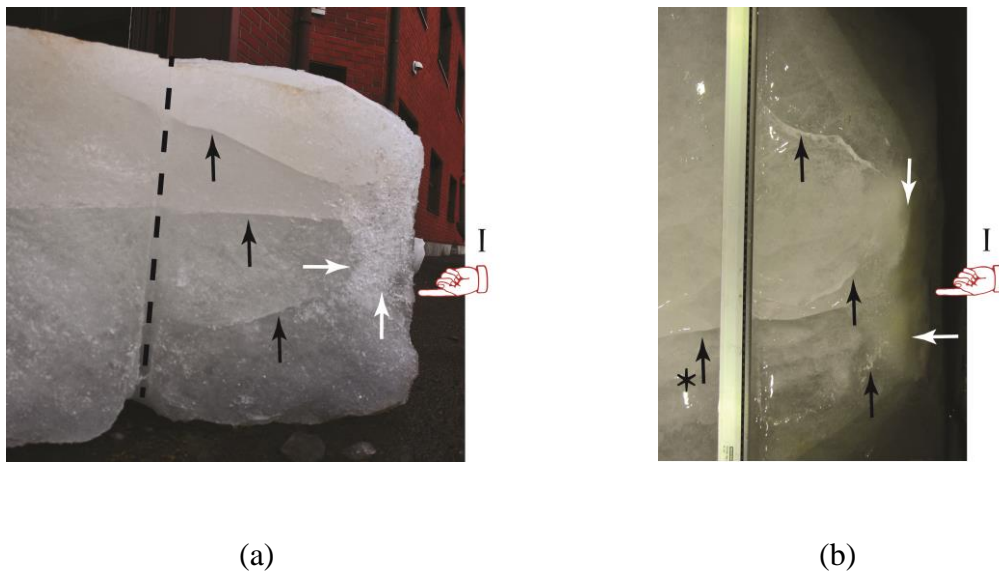
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346 Figure 11. A photograph of the plate damage after Drop Test no. 2 (Kim et al. 2013).

347 **3.2 Ice damage**

348 The ice behaviour was governed either by localized crushing or by splitting. This
 349 classification was made through visual observations of ice blocks upon impact. During
 350 crushing, the ice block remained intact except for the crushed region; the ice crushing
 351 was localized specifically at the contact zone. The splitting-dominated failure resulted

352 in complete shattering of the ice block upon impact. The ice crushing failure dominated
353 in the impact tests in water (Test nos. 8 and 9) and in Drop Test no. 1. The splitting
354 failure dominated in Drop Test no. 2, i.e., the test with the largest kinetic energy of ice
355 before impact. The observed ice failure is indicated in Tables 3 and 4. Figure 12a and
356 Figure 12b are close-up photographs of ice damage after Drop Test no. 2 and Test no.8,
357 respectively.



358 Figure 12: Photographs of ice damage: (a) – a portion of the ice block after Drop Test
359 no. 2; (b) – a close-up view after Test no. 8. Black arrows indicate freshly-formed
360 splitting cracks, and white arrows indicate crushed ice. The arrow with a star indicates
361 an ‘old’ crack (i.e., the crack that was healed using freshwater before the freezing
362 process of the ice block was completed). The dashed line indicates the position of the
363 metal rod, which was frozen into the ice to facilitate specimen handling. A hand symbol
364 with label ‘I’ indicates the direction of impact.

365 3.3 Impact force

366 The impact force was derived from the measured accelerations of the floater (DMU)
367 and from strain gages (SG). The total force (F_{sg}) from beams I–IV (Figure 4) was

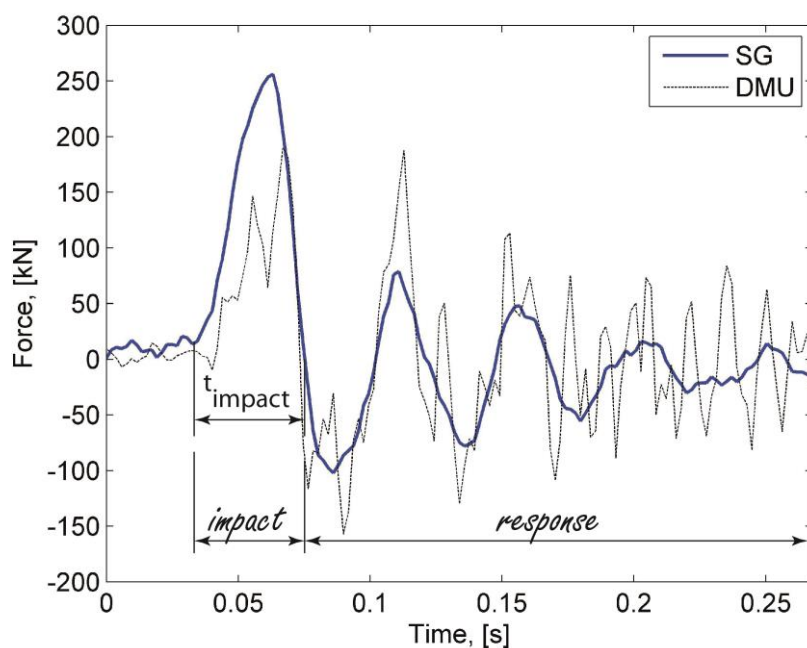
368 calculated using unfiltered measurements from the 45° oriented strain gages and
 369 represented the panel response to the impact (Equation 1).

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$$F_{sg}(t) = \sum_1^4 F(t)_i = E_{steel} A_{HEB} \cos(45) \sum_1^4 e_i(t) \quad (1)$$

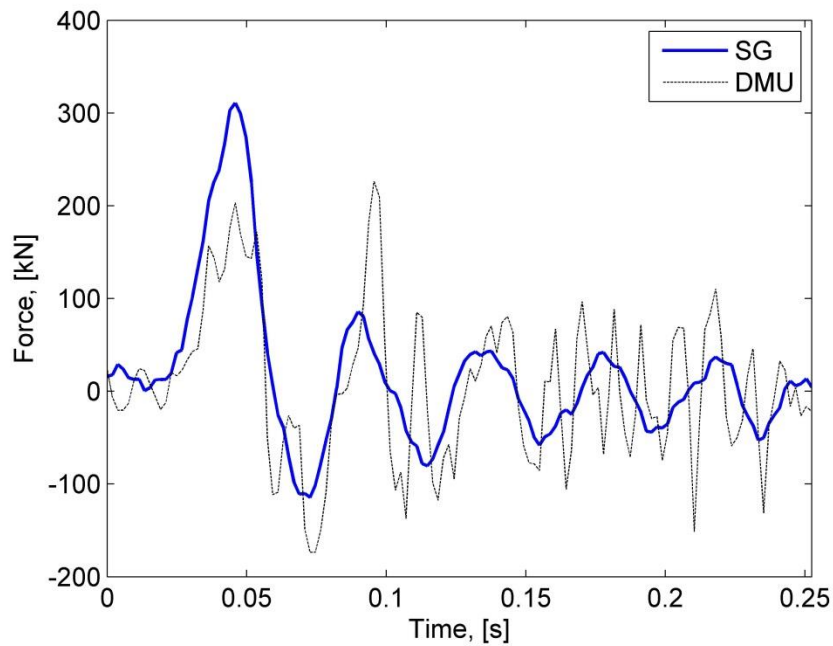
371 $F_i(t)$ is the load history for each HEB beam; E_{steel} is the elastic modulus of steel; A_{HEB} is
 372 the cross-section area of each HEB beam (34 cm²); e_i is the recorded strain-time history
 373 at location i . The distribution of the maximum total load via the beams I–IV (expressed
 374 as a percentage) is reported in Table 3 (in the column “Loads via HEB beams”).

375 The peak impact load for each run (F_p , see the column “Peak load” in Table 3)
 376 was estimated from the measured sway acceleration of the floater as $F_p = (M_s + A_s)a_s$,
 377 where M_s is the total mass of the impacted structure, a_s is the maximum acceleration of
 378 the floater in Table 3 and A_s is the hydrodynamic added mass of the structure in the
 379 sway direction. $A_s = 0.4M_s$ was assumed (Petersen and Pedersen 1981). Figure 13
 380 presents the impact force histories for Test no. 8 and 9.

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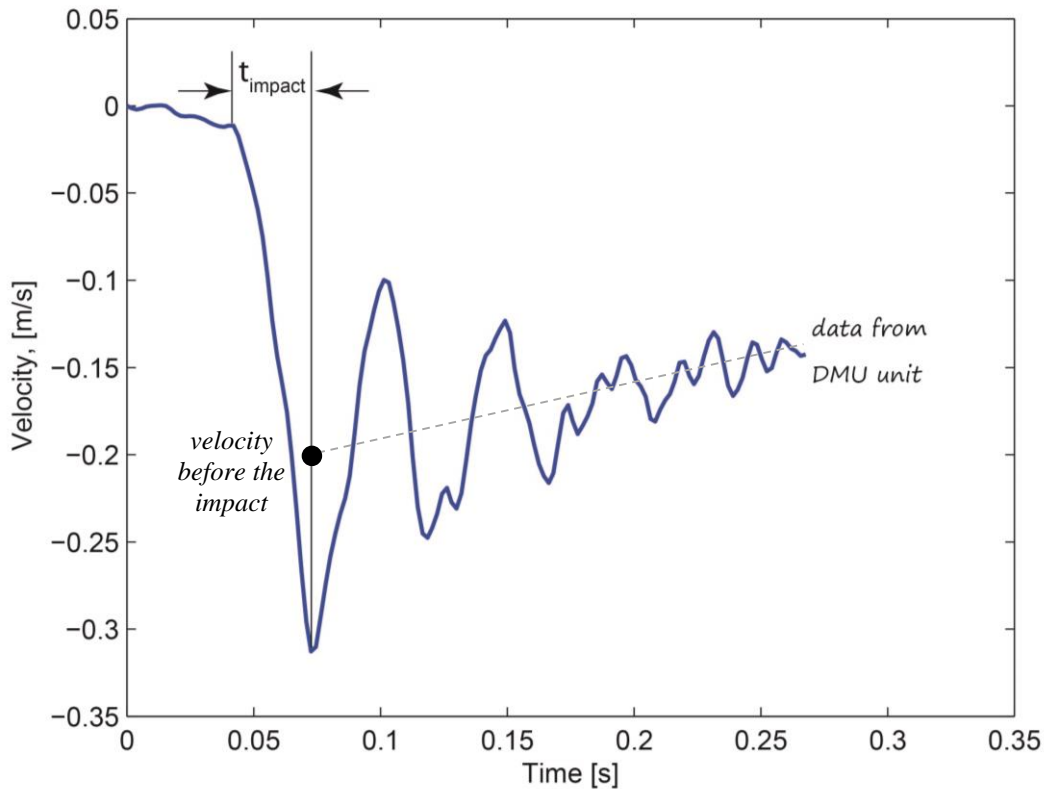


(b)

382 Figure 13: Impact force versus time: (a) – for the collision interaction between the 897-
383 kg ice block and B panel (Test no. 8); (b) – for the collision interaction between the
384 850-kg ice block and A panel (Test no. 9); the strain-gage-measurement based impact
385 force (SG) was estimated from the 45° oriented strain gages; the dynamic-motion-unit
386 measurement based impact force (DMU) was estimated from accelerations of the floater
387 in the sway direction; note that the reported SG and DMU forces are normal to the
388 floater side surface.

389 3.4 Impact duration and impact velocity

390 In order to determine the impact duration, the data from strain gages and the dynamic
391 motion unit (DMU) were used. The duration of the impacts is listed in Table 3. Figure
392 13a and Figure 14 illustrate how the impact duration (t_{impact}) was determined from the
393 strain gage data and the DMU data, respectively.



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395 Figure 14: Velocity versus time for Test no. 8; note that the velocity is estimated from
 396 the measured acceleration of the floater.

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398 The velocity of the ice block before the collision and the common velocity of the
 399 ice block and the floater after the collision were estimated using images extracted from
 400 the high-speed video recordings. The procedure for estimation of velocities was the
 401 following.

402 (1) Six frames were obtained from a video sequence (three frames before the
 403 impact and three frames after the impact).

404 (2) Two best visible points were selected: one point – at the top face of the ice
 405 block to track the velocity of the ice before impact; another point – at the corner of the
 406 floater to track the velocity of the floater before and after impact.

407 (3) The velocity of the ice block (floater) was found by dividing the distance the
 408 corresponding point travelled between two time frames by the time elapsed between

409 those frames. These results are presented in Table 3. An average of two values is
410 reported in the columns “Velocity before impact” and “Common velocity after impact”.

411 **4. Analysis of the main results**

412 The tests were successful and two shared-energy collisions (Test nos. 8 and 9) were
413 achieved in water. During these tests, the ice block failed within the contact area in
414 compressive crushing (Figure 12b) and the structure underwent inelastic deformations
415 (Figure 9). In this section, the main focus will be on the kinetic energy loss in the
416 collision, the severity of structural damage and the maximum impact force.

417 **4.1 Collision mechanics**

418 According to the collision mechanics, the overall loss in kinetic energy at the collision
419 must be absorbed by ice crushing and by deformations of the floater. The principle of
420 conservation of momentum was adopted to determine the common velocity of the
421 ice/floater after a fully-plastic impact (Equation 2) and the demand for strain energy
422 dissipation (Equation 3). The hydrodynamic effects from the surrounding water were
423 treated as added masses.

$$424 \quad v_c = \frac{(M_i + A_i)v_i + (M_s + A_s)v_s}{M_i + A_i + M_s + A_s} \quad (2)$$

$$425 \quad E_s = \frac{(M_i + A_i)v_i^2}{2} + \frac{(M_s + A_s)v_s^2}{2} - \frac{(M_i + A_i + M_s + A_s)v_c^2}{2} \quad (3)$$

426 v_c is the common velocity of the ice/floater after the collision, E_s is the demand for
427 strain energy dissipation, M_i is the ice mass, M_s is the mass of the floater (including the
428 panel), A_i and A_s are the hydrodynamic added masses of the ice and of the floater,

429 respectively and v_i and v_s are the velocities of the ice block and the floater before the
 430 impact.

431 In Equations (2) and (3), for simplicity, the added mass of the ice feature and
 432 floater was taken as a constant: $A_i=0.5m_i$ (Bass and Sen 1986) and $A_s=0.4M_s$ (Petersen
 433 and Pedersen 1981). In Equation (3), the common velocity was taken from DMU data.
 434 Table 5 presents a comparison between common velocities (v_c) predicted by Equation
 435 (2) and common velocities estimated from the high speed video (HSV) and DMU data.
 436 Also, the table lists the calculated demand for energy dissipation.

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438 Table 5. Common velocity and demand for energy dissipation.

Test no.	Measured v_c , m/s HSV (DMU)	Calculated v_c , m/s	Calculated demand for energy dissipation, kJ (%) ^a
4	0.22 (0.09)	0.12	0.64 (93)
8	0.40 (0.20)	0.23	2.5 (91)
9	0.29 (0.32)	0.31	2.01(77)
11	0.20 (0.19)	0.30 ^b	2.4 ^b (92 ^b)

439 ^a The fraction of dissipated energy versus available kinetic energy; ^b Reduction in the ice-block mass due
 440 to melting was neglected.
 441

442 There is a good agreement between velocities predicted by collision mechanics
 443 and the velocity registered by DMU. Differences between velocities from HSV and
 444 those calculated indicate that the velocity data from the HSV records are less accurate
 445 than those obtained from DMU and are used here for comparison purposes.

446 The demand for strain energy dissipation was calculated using the velocity data
 447 from DMU and is in the range of 0.64–2.4 kJ. The average fraction of dissipated energy
 448 versus available kinetic energy is 88%.

449 ***4.2 Ice-panel interaction in shared-energy regime***

450 Tests with higher impact energies resulted in larger damage to both the ice and the
 451 stiffened panel. A correlation between the ice damage zone and the plastic deformation

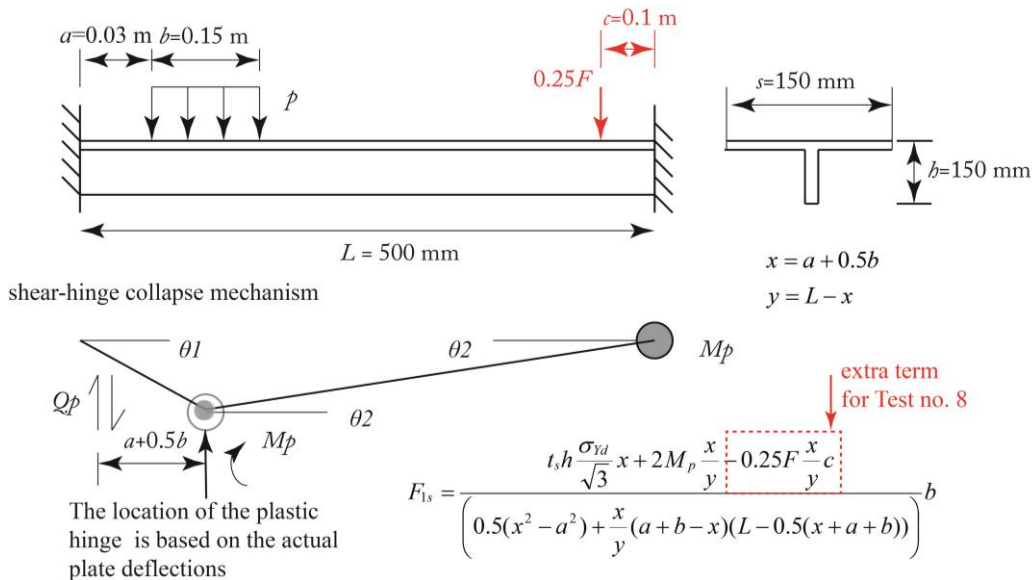
452 of the steel panel can be seen in Figure 9. During Test nos. 8 and 9, the local ice
453 behaviour was similar to that in Drop Test no. 1, i.e., the ice block did not split. At the
454 same time, the severity of structural damage in laboratory tests (in water) was less than
455 that in drop tests.

456 The plate dents in laboratory experiments can be characterized as small dents (in
457 the order of the plate thickness) while the dents in the drop tests are moderate dents. For
458 example, the damage in Figure 11 can be characterized as “hungry horse” and
459 resembles actual ice damages occurring to ships. In Drop Test no. 1, the ratio between
460 the maximum dent-depth (13 mm) and the stiffener spacing (150 mm) is 0.087. This
461 value is close to that calculated using full-scale damage values and scantlings reported
462 in Hänninen (2005), i.e., permanent dents on the plating of a chemical tanker caused by
463 a collision with multi-year ice. Both ratios (0.087 – from the experiment and 0.086 –
464 from full-scale) are larger than existing criteria for in-service allowance of hull plating,
465 i.e., a ratio of 0.05 (Jennings et al. 1991), and larger than two times the plate thickness.

466 *4.2.1 Plastic limit analysis*

467 It is of interest to perform analytical comparisons to the experimental results. A
468 simplified theoretical model was applied to the experimental data (Test no.8 and 9) to
469 back calculate the maximum impact load from the known permanent deformations. The
470 analytical model is based on plastic mechanisms analysis, measured plate deflections
471 and the ice damage zone. Any effects of membrane stresses were neglected. The yield
472 stress of the panel elements was taken from Table 1. To account for strain-rate effects
473 the dynamic yield stress (σ_{Yd}) was estimated in accordance with the Cowper-Symonds
474 equation (Cowper and Symonds 1957) where coefficients $c=40$, $q=5$ and the strain rate
475 is 1.0 s^{-1} .

476 In Test no. 8, the plate deformations are very local. The impact load was
 477 estimated as a sum of the critical load from a yield-line model (square plate, clamped
 478 boundaries) and the load from an end-loaded stiffener model (Figure 15). The end-
 479 loaded stiffener model was similar to the Daley's (2002) expression. Our model differed
 480 from the Daley's model in that the plastic work done by the plastic bending moments in
 481 the left part of the beam was neglected. The location of the plastic hinge in the
 482 presented model (Figure 15) was based on the actual plate deflections, whereas Daley
 483 (2002) determined the location of the hinge by minimizing the internal work.
 484 Furthermore, the end-loaded stiffener model included also a concentrated load at a
 485 distance of approximately 0.1 m from the right end. The latter was done because we
 486 observed (from Figure 9) that 25% of the critical load (calculated with the yield-line
 487 model) could be carried by the stiffener; see deformation pattern for Test no. 8, load
 488 patch b^* .



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 490 Figure 15. Fully clamped stiffener model with the assumed plastic mechanism (L –
 491 frame spacing; M_p – plastic bending moment of T cross-section; p – pressure; θ_1 and θ_1

492 – rotation angles of the beam; Q_p – shear force; h – stiffener height; t_s – stiffener
493 thickness; s – stiffener spacing; and F_{1s} – collapse load for one stiffener).

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495 For Test no. 9, the impact load was calculated using the “*end loaded fixed-fixed*
496 *frame model*” formulated by Daley (2002). The results of the calculations are presented
497 in Table 6.

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499 Table 6. Summary of analytical calculations.

Test no.	Calculated force, kN	Measured force (DMU estimates), kN
8	117	190
9	162 ^a	203

500 ^a the value corresponds to the collapse of two stiffeners;

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502 Data in Table 6 indicate that forces predicted by the analytical calculations are lower
503 than the measured impact forces (DMU empirical estimates). Additional analysis of roll
504 rate data revealed that accounting for the roll rate in the calculations of the impact
505 forces can influence the DMU estimates by approximately 5–10%. Consequently the
506 gap between the calculated and measured forces could be smaller than that in Table 6,
507 and it can be argued that the analytical calculations support the measurements.

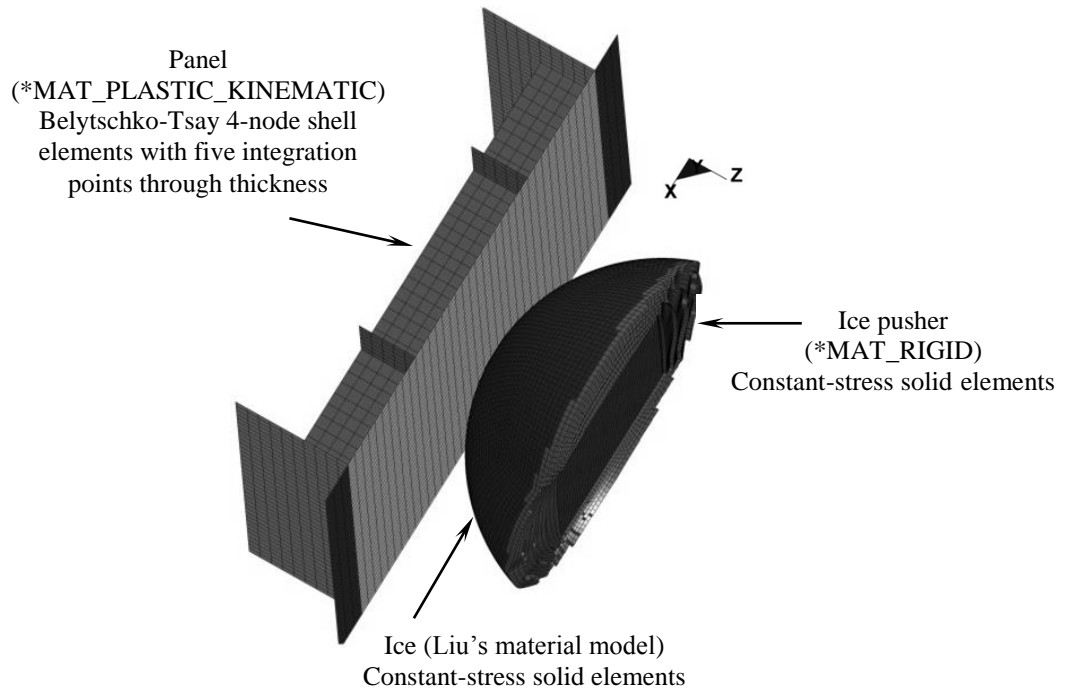
508 Moreover, the Daley’s end-loaded fixed-fixed frame model for the collapse of two
509 stiffeners provides a good estimate of the maximum impact force for Test no. 9.

510 To summarize, the simplified theoretical model were applied to the experimental
511 data to back calculate the maximum impact load from the known permanent
512 deformations. The analytical calculations support the measurements, and the good
513 estimate of the force is given by Daley’s end-loaded fixed-fixed frame model for the
514 collapse of two stiffeners.

515 4.2.2 *Numerical simulations*

516 A finite element analysis was carried out to investigate the shared-energy regime and
517 the energy dissipation in the structure and ice. Test no. 9 was selected as it showed the
518 largest extent of damage to the stiffened panel. Further, the indentation measured in
519 Test no. 9 suggests a large contact area of fairly symmetric proportions (see Figure 9).
520 As the exact ice geometry was not recorded at impact, a spherical ice contact was
521 assumed for the simulation (Figure 16). The numerical procedure will be explained first,
522 followed by the results of the simulations.

523 The explicit non-linear finite element software LS-DYNA R6.1.0 was used. The
524 steel behaviour was modelled as an elasto-plastic material with a constant tangent
525 hardening modulus, which is a good approximation based on the uniaxial tensile test of
526 the struck plate as reported in Kim et al. (2013). Strain-rate effects were accounted for
527 by assuming a visco-plastic Cowper-Symonds hardening with strain-rate parameters
528 $C=40$ and $q=5$ as recommended by Cowper and Symonds (1957) for mild steels.
529 The ice behaviour was modelled using the elliptic yield criterion and the strain-based
530 pressure dependent failure criterion for granular freshwater ice as proposed by Liu et al.
531 (2011). The parameters for the ice model was determined using an empirical pressure-
532 area relation ($p=0.35A^{-0.5}$), which is determined using a lower bound estimate of
533 indentation tests on freshwater granular ice within the brittle regime (Kim et al. 2012b).
534 The pressure-area relation takes into account effects of ice temperature and
535 microstructural characteristics. The parameters that were used for the analysis are listed
536 in Table 7.



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539 Figure 16. Finite element model of the stiffened panel and the simplified

540 geometry of the ice block for Test no. 9.

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542 The ice was meshed with an average element size of 15 mm, and the stiffened panel

543 with mesh size of 30 mm. The stiffened panel is assumed to be stationary during the

544 impact, whereas the ice is given an initial velocity and kinetic energy corresponding to

545 the experiment. Validation of the numerical model was done by comparing

546 experimental results of Test no. 9 with the results of numerical simulation.

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554 Table 7. Material parameters used in numerical simulations.

Ice parameters for Liu's model	Value	Steel parameters	Value
Ice block radius, (m)	0.45	Young's modulus, (GPa)	210
Ice density, (kg/m ³)	900 ^a	Initial yield stress (MPa), 2mm plate	190
Young's modulus, (GPa)	9.5 ^a	Initial yield stress (MPa), 4mm plate	360
Poisson ratio, (-)	0.3 ^a	Hardening modulus (MPa)	1422
Inelastic a_0 , (MPa ²)	2.588 ^a	Cowper-Symonds, C	40
Inelastic a_1 , (MPa)	8.630 ^a	Cowper-Symonds, q	5
Inelastic a_2 , (-)	0.163 ^a		
Initial failure strain, (-)	0.01 ^a		
Ice-steel friction (-)	0.15		

555 ^a Ice parameters correspond to the empirical pressure-area relationship obtained from indentation of
 556 freshwater ice.
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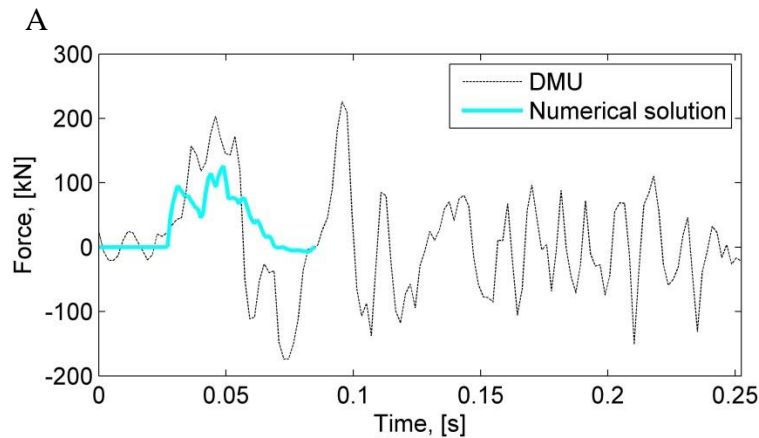
558 Figure 17a shows the calculated impact force and the DMU force in Test no. 9.

559 Figure 17b shows the permanent plastic deformation of the panel after impact. This

560 resulting deformation of the stiffened panel can be compared to the experimentally

561 observed damage in Figure 9. Figure 17c shows a comparison between the calculated

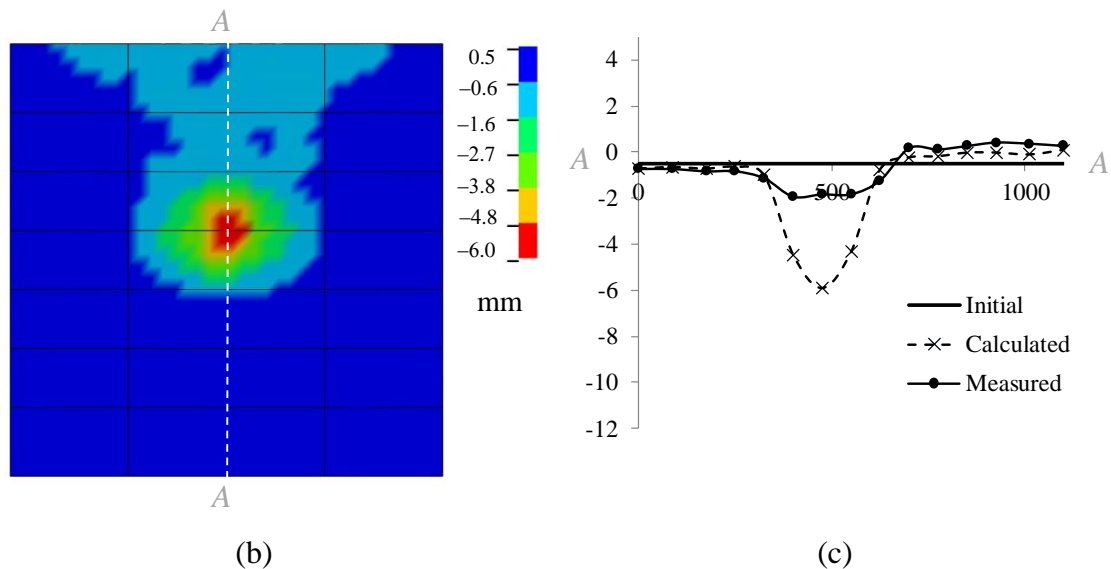
562 plate deflection profile and the measured values.



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(a)



565 Figure 17. Results of the numerical simulation: (a) impact force; (b)
 566 displacement contour (units: mm) of the plate after impact; the black horizontal and
 567 vertical lines indicate the locations of the stiffeners and the frames; (c) plate deflection
 568 profile (A-A), (units: mm).

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570 The peak force in the simulation was 126 kN (Figure 17a), compared to the 203 kN in
 571 the experiment and to the 162 kN in analytical calculations (plastic limit analysis in
 572 Section 4.2.1). From the simulations, the plastic energy dissipation that is required to
 573 cause the structural damage is 0.68 kJ, (28 %) of the total available kinetic energy. The
 574 external mechanics calculation estimated 2.01 kJ to be dissipated in total, thus leaving
 575 1.33 kJ for ice crushing. From the simulation, the dissipated energy in the ice is 1.70 kJ;
 576 that is 28% more than in the experiment. This difference is acceptable because 1) the
 577 boundary conditions for the finite element model were an idealised version of the
 578 physical conditions (i.e., water supporting the plate and the bolted connections were not
 579 modelled) and 2) there are uncertainties in the actual ice-structure contact interface. In
 580 future, the numerical simulations will be carried out considering the surrounding water.

581 Overall, a satisfactory agreement between the simulations and measurements verifies
582 the competence of the analysis as well as the ice model.

583 The present model is able to capture the shared-energy interaction between the
584 ice-block and the stiffened panel. The calculations show that panel dissipated 28 % of
585 the available kinetic energy. This energy dissipation in the panel is likely overestimated,
586 because as indicated in Figure 17c, the actual inelastic deformations of the stiffened
587 panel were less pronounced than those in the simulation. Thus, the amount of the
588 dissipated energy in the plate would be less than the calculated 0.68 kJ.

589 The results turned to be very sensitive to the ice input data. The numerical
590 simulations with small differences in the ice failure parameters highlighted that the
591 transition between a near rigid ice response and progressive crushing failure is very
592 narrow. Small changes in the ice input data may significantly change the outcome in
593 terms of structural deformations and energy dissipation. This finding of high sensitivity
594 to relative strength is similar to that for ship-ship collisions as in Storheim and Amdahl
595 (2014).

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597 In summary, the results demonstrate that under laboratory conditions, it is possible to
598 achieve collisions within the shared-energy deformation regime with small to moderate
599 damage on the stiffened panels (see Test nos. 8, 9 and Drop Tests). During collision,
600 both the ice and the structure have dissipated energy through inelastic deformation. A
601 good agreement between the numerical simulations, the experimental results and
602 analytical calculations was achieved. The ice material model proposed by Liu et al.
603 (2011) and the numerical procedure as a whole were able to predict the history of first
604 impact and plate deformations with reasonable accuracy. The exact level of damage to

605 the panel and the maximum impact force were difficult to predict with the model, but
606 the calculated deflections and the maximum force are of the same order of magnitude.
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608 **6. Discussion**

609 In attempting to model the shared-energy ice-structure collision, the ice block was
610 towed to impact the structure. The results of collision tests and numerical simulations
611 have been presented, where both the ice and the structure underwent inelastic
612 deformations during the collision, but due to safety considerations, the degree of energy
613 dissipation was less than the initial aim of the tests. The structural deformations were
614 limited to small (or moderate) dents on the impacted panels. Before these laboratory
615 tests were carried out, hardly any experience existed on how to conduct shared-energy
616 collision tests successfully. The data presented in this paper demonstrate that under
617 laboratory conditions it is possible to achieve a shared-energy interaction between
618 freshwater ice blocks and the steel floating structure. These results and their
619 applicability will be discussed in the following paragraphs. Furthermore, lessons
620 learned from the laboratory test campaign will be presented.

621 The setup could to some extent represent a wave/current-induced impact of an
622 ice block onto a stationary object. This was the first experiment of its kind; the
623 experimental apparatus has balanced the accuracy of the results with the total costs. One
624 may argue that the chosen collision scenario is unrealistic in the sense that the ice block
625 is being dragged through the water to impact a stationary structure. The choice of the
626 collision scenario (and the experimental apparatus) was limited due to safety restrictions
627 of the ice basin, namely the maximum speed allowed by the towing carriage and the
628 strength of the concrete floor and the walls of the ice basin. Towing a 7.5-tonne
629 structure was nearly impossible under laboratory conditions.

630 The use of weak model ice in scenarios where ice fails in compression is
631 debated (Jordaan et al. 2012). In the reported experiments, no scaling by similitude laws
632 was applied. The ice was produced based on laboratory experiences to replicate the
633 behaviour of freshwater granular ice at impact. The resulting ice was predominantly
634 granular. This was a desirable outcome because the mechanical behaviour of granular
635 ice is known to be similar to that of glacier ice (Montgnat et al. 2009). Observations of
636 the ice microstructure (Section 2.2.2) indicate that the laboratory-grown ice exhibits few
637 similar characteristics as iceberg ice (i.e., presence of air bubbles of different sizes,
638 healed cracks), but at the same time, the shape of the grains, the character of air bubble
639 accumulation and the amount of grain interlocking are different from those in iceberg
640 ice; see, e.g., data in Gagnon and Gammon (1995) and Barrette and Jordaan (2001). The
641 laboratory-grown ice had rounded grains, while iceberg grains are generally irregular in
642 shape. It is not certain how these differences affect mechanisms of the ice-structure
643 interaction. In fact, visual observations of ice damage in the laboratory (Figure 12) are
644 very similar to those reported in the field (Jordaan 2001). Moreover, the measured
645 values of ice strength under uniaxial loading are similar to the values reported in Michel
646 (1978) for polycrystalline ice at 0°C within the brittle regime. Similar to the behaviour
647 of growlers (see Gagnon 2004), the laboratory-grown ice blocks appear to be resistant
648 to impacts. An ice block could withstand many impacts without significant damage to
649 bulk ice under prescribed impact conditions (i.e., only local damage to the impacted ice
650 corner). In summary, the compressive behaviour of the laboratory-grown ice resembles
651 that of freshwater granular ice and to a certain extent, iceberg ice.

652 From Figure 9 it can be seen that the ice damage zone was highly localized in Test nos.
653 8, 9 and Drop Test no. 1; and it may be argued that the presence of healed cracks in ice
654 samples (e.g., see Figure 12b) did not significantly affect the response of the ice. In

655 Drop Test no. 2, any presence of healed cracks attributed to shattering of the ice block.
656 Tables 3 and 4 show that the ice crushing failure mode has dominated in tests with
657 lower impact energies, whereas it was opposite for higher impact energies – the splitting
658 failure mode has dominated. A possible reason for the ice blocks to fail in either mode
659 is the ratio between the kinetic energy immediately before the impact and the size of the
660 ice block. Data in Table 4 indicate that with the ratio of $< 3.5 \text{ kJ}/0.9 \text{ m}$, the localized ice
661 crushing dominated, whereas the ratio of $\sim 17.7 \text{ kJ}/0.9 \text{ m}$ led to the splitting-dominated
662 failure mode and to the completely shattered ice block.

663 The character of force-histories (Figure 13) is similar to those in Bruneau et al.
664 (1994) for iceberg impacts and includes the impact and the damped dynamic response
665 of the panel. The primary hit and the maximum loads have been emphasized in this
666 paper. The laboratory test results and their analysis in Section 4.2.1 showed that the
667 peak force estimated from DMU measurements can be back-calculated using the
668 measured plate deflections and observations of the ice damage zone. In addition, the
669 peak force from numerical simulations (Section 4.2.2) is in the same range with back-
670 calculated peak force and also with that from DMU. There is a good agreement between
671 theory, numerical simulations and the experimental results, which increase the
672 confidence in the derived experimental impact force. A direct force measurement would
673 have been preferable.

674 The results of numerical simulations indicate that the ice block dissipated the
675 major part of the available kinetic energy. This finding is similar to that in Kim et al.
676 (2013) for drop ice tests on stiffened panels.

677 The numerical simulation of only one shared-energy test (Test no. 9) was
678 performed by simplifying geometry of the ice-block into a sphere instead of the
679 truncated prism. In Test no. 8, the character of plate deflections suggests that the local

680 ice shape at contact was rather a wedge. At this juncture, in order to simulate Test no. 8,
681 an additional assumption about the local ice shape needs to be made. Therefore, it is
682 premature to go further than we have. Our sense, however, is that given the actual local
683 ice shape for the Test no. 8, the numerical simulations will predict the maximum impact
684 force and panel deformations with a reasonable degree of accuracy.

685 **7. Conclusions**

686 Laboratory tests of impact between freshwater ice blocks and deformable steel panels
687 were successfully performed. This was a new attempt to model shared-energy ice-
688 structure collisions in water and the results of this study are important for designing
689 experiments on structural deformation (damage) from ice actions.

690 Two shared-energy collisions were achieved in water (i.e., the ice block fails
691 within the contact area in compressive crushing and the structure undergoes inelastic
692 deformations). Analytical back calculations of the impact forces and numerical
693 simulations were performed to support the findings of these tests. The major findings
694 are the following:

- 695 • The behaviour of laboratory-grown ice resembled that of freshwater
696 granular ice.
- 697 • The structural deformations were limited to small (or moderate) dents on
698 the impacted panels.
- 699 • The impacts of ice blocks at speeds of 1–2 m/s with panels of different
700 stiffness produced various results, ranging from (3–5)-mm dents in 2 mm-
701 and 4 mm-thick plates to no visible marks (on a 12 mm-thick plate).
- 702 • Drop tests on the same panels with higher impact energies resulted in
703 larger damage to both the ice and the stiffened panel. The ratio between

704 the maximum dent-depth and the stiffener spacing was 0.087, which is
705 larger than the maximum allowable in-service plate-deformation ratio of
706 0.05 for vessels.

- 707 • A good agreement between theory, numerical simulations and the
708 experimental results was achieved. The Daley's end-loaded fixed-fixed
709 frame model for the collapse of two stiffeners provided the good estimates
710 of maximum impact forces in shared-energy tests.
- 711 • The results of numerical simulations were found to be very sensitive to the
712 ice input data. The transition between near rigid ice response and
713 progressive failure was found to be very narrow.
- 714 • The ice material model proposed by Liu et al. (2011) and the numerical
715 procedure were able to predict the character of the force-time history and
716 structural deformation with reasonably good accuracy but underestimated
717 the maximum force.

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719 Lessons-learned from the execution of the impact tests in water are summarized below.

- 720 • *Ice specimen preparation:* For future experiments, a unidirectional
721 freezing process is recommended. This can be done by isolating the sides
722 and top of the ice moulds.
- 723 • *Geometry of ice specimen:* Alternative ways to control the ice-shaping
724 process and to collect data on its shape should be considered, e.g., a band
725 saw with a tilting worktop and a 3D-scanning device. Furthermore, the
726 size of the ice block is also an important parameter. To avoid splitting-
727 dominated ice failure, the usage of larger (or confined) ice blocks and
728 lower impact velocities is preferred.

- 729 • *Controlling direction of impact and kinetic energy*: Feasibility of quasi-
730 static and dynamic tests in dry conditions versus dynamic tests in water
731 should be checked.
- 732 • *Instrumentation*: A direct measurement of loads (i.e., load cells) is
733 preferred over indirect methods (e.g., by recording accelerations and
734 strains). A pressure sensing device should be chosen such that it is able to
735 respond to a rapid variation in pressures and the calibration of the device is
736 manageable for a wide range of pressures (0–100 MPa). In dry conditions,
737 one can directly record (and observe) amount of crushed ice by simply
738 collecting it, while in water, weighing of the ice block before and after the
739 impact may be performed, assuming the amount of crushed ice is
740 sufficiently large to be recorded accurately.

741 The results of the present study provide an example of modelling of shared-energy
742 collisions in the laboratory, and may be used to support the development of the testing
743 procedure for a full-scale ice-structure shared-energy collision scenario. A successful
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