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Experimental investigation of ice resistance was started in the 1940's and was related primarily to icebreakers. Methods of model representation for ship motions in broken and solid ice were developed by Professor Nograd, References [1], [2], and [3]. Ship motions in broken ice are considered to be an ideal environment with main parameters (thickness of the ice, percentage of broken ice to open water in the broken channel, width of the channel, and the form of the ice blocks) constant. The second assumption is that the ship does not break the ice blocks. Considering the parts of ship resistance as independent, we can give the general resistance as the sum of water resistance (R_B) and resistance due only to ice ($R_{A,y}$). This second part of resistance might be determined from model testing using the formula:

$$R_{A,y} = R_T - R_B$$

where R_T is the total resistance.

To obtain the resistance of the actual ship from model testing results, we use the Froude criterion with equal relative speeds and geometrical similarity of ice conditions, References [1], [2], and [4].

Here we can use the following expressions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} R_{A,y_1} &= R_{A,y_2} \cdot \ell^3 \\ R_{A,y_1} &= K_{A,y} \cdot D_1 \\ v_1 &= v_2 \sqrt{\ell} \\ \tau_1 &= \tau_2 \cdot \ell \\ t_1 &= t_2 \ell \\ B_{K_1} &= B_{K_2} \ell \\ B &= B_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

where the index (1) is related to the ship and the index (2) is related to the model. ℓ is a scale factor, $R_{A,y}$, V , L , B and D are correspondingly ice resistance, ship speed, length, beam, and displacement. σ , Z , t , and B_K are correspondingly ice cover, relative ice block length, ice thickness,

and channel width. Relative ice block length can be determined as

$$z = \sqrt{f} \quad (2)$$

where f is the area of the ice block (m^2).

$K_{\Lambda, \Psi}$ - coefficient of ice resistance; $K_{\Lambda, \Psi} = R_{\Lambda, \Psi} / D$

$$\frac{R_{\Lambda, \Psi_1}}{D_1} = \frac{R_{\Lambda, \Psi_2}}{D_2}, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad K_{\Lambda, \Psi_1} = K_{\Lambda, \Psi_2} = K_{\Lambda, \Psi} \quad (3)$$

A series of model tests were performed at LSI model basin from 1950-1955 including models of icebreakers "Sibiz," "Ezmack," and models of cargo ships (see Table 1).

Tabl. 1

Ship	Scale ℓ	D kg.	L m.	B m.	T m			∞	γ^x
						$\frac{L}{B}$	$\frac{B}{T}$		
"Lena"	1:50	87,4	2,43	0,37	0,15	6,58	2,47	0,647	0,770
"Ermack"	1:50	65,2	1,86	0,435	0,152	4,30	2,83	0,532	0,715
"Sibir"	1:40	140,8	2,46	0,558	0,208	4,40	2,68	0,50	0,660
"Sibir"	1:60	41,7	1,64	0,372	0,138	4,46	2,68	0,50	0,660

Model tests were conducted in open water and in broken ice. The results of the broken ice test are given in Table 2.

Tabl. 2

model		"Lena" 1:50	"Ermak" 1:50	"Sibiz" 1:40	"Sibir" 1:60
1	B_k/B	14,8 ; 8 ; 4.	12,7 ; 7,5 4,3 ; 2,3	10,0 ; 7,0 4,0 ; 2,0	10,8 ; 6 ; 3
2	Sea	8	8	6	6
3	t m.	0,016	0,016	0,019	0,019
4	$z = \sqrt{f}$	0,12	0,08	0,12	0,12

All models were made from wax with scale factors for icebreaker "Sibiz" of 1:40 and 1:60, and for icebreaker "Ezmack" and the cargo ship of 1:50. The artificial ice was made of paraffin with specific density 0.85 gm/cm³ and ice blocks were hexagonal in plain view.

The main purpose of the evaluation of the experimental results was to establish the relationships between ice resistance, width of channel, and parameters of the ice.

The model data were collected as a function of:

$$R_{\lambda, \mu} = f\left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{gL}}\right)$$

for the different B_k/B ratios shown in Figures 1 and 2. Figures 3 and 4 show the relation of the broken ice resistance coefficient $K_{\lambda, \mu} = \frac{R_{\lambda, \mu}}{D}$ as a function of $\frac{v}{\sqrt{gL}}$

for different values of B_k/B for the model cargo ship and the icebreaker "Sibiz."

According to References [1], [2], and [4], these figures can be used to determine the ice resistance of icebreakers and cargo ships using formula (3). If ice parameters t/D 1/3, $2/D$ 1/3 and percent ice cover in the channel differ from parameters given in figures, the data can be corrected using graphs in Figure 5. Figure 6 gives a comparison of ice resistance for the icebreakers "Sibiz" and "Captain Bllousov" calculated by this method to the data obtained by full scale (5) for 7-9 numeral of ice coverage and B_k/B ratios equal to 12.

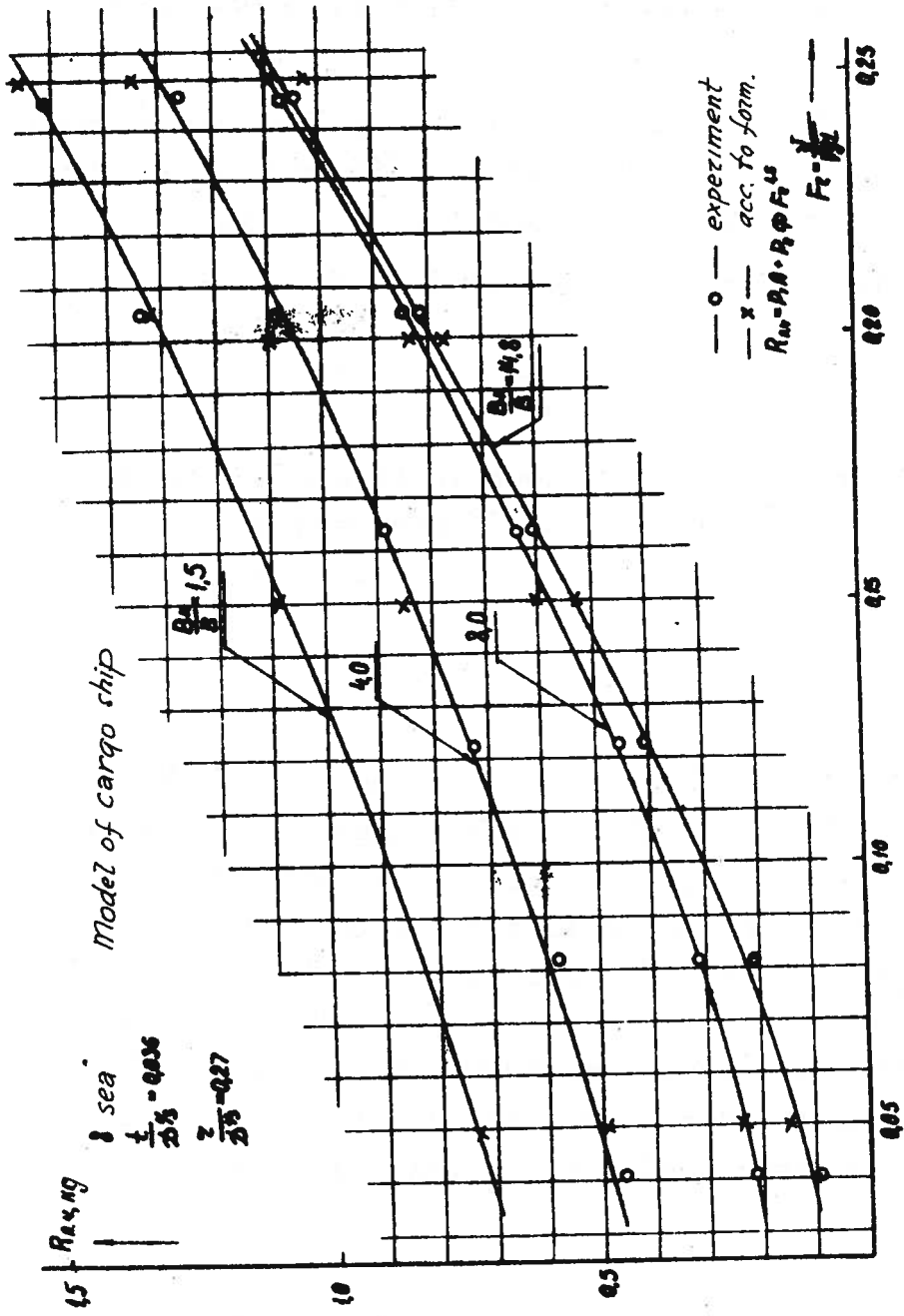


Figure 1

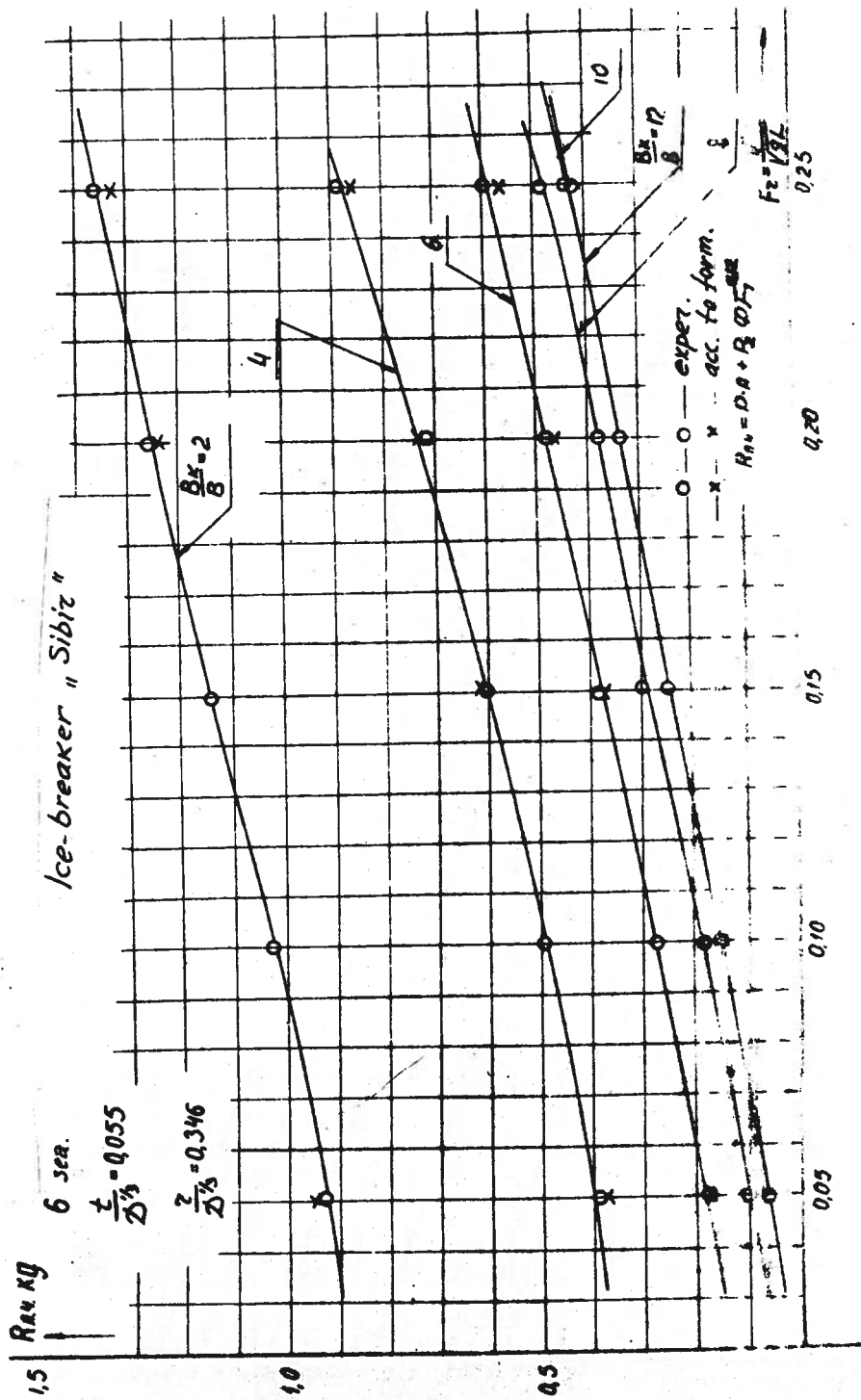


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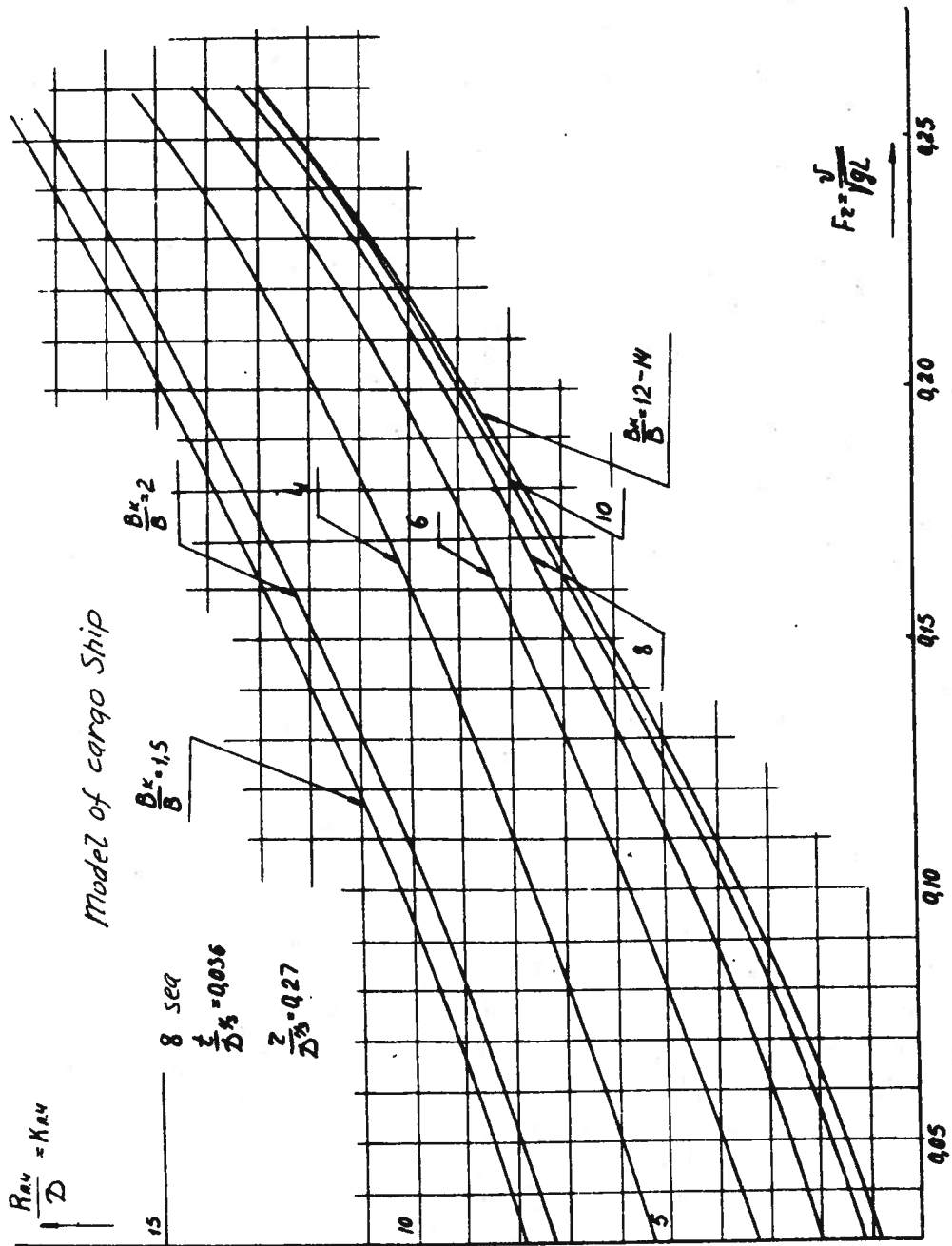


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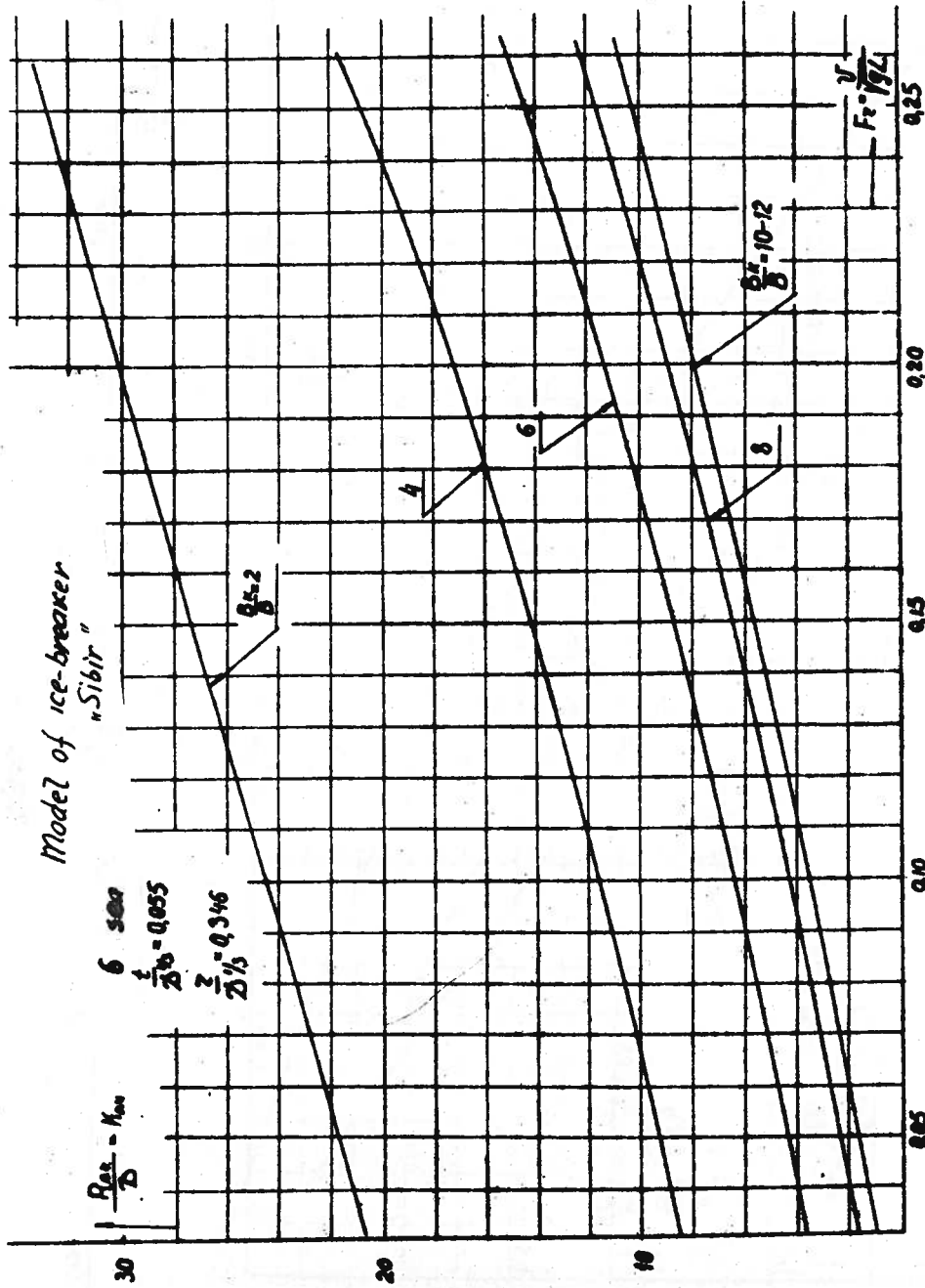


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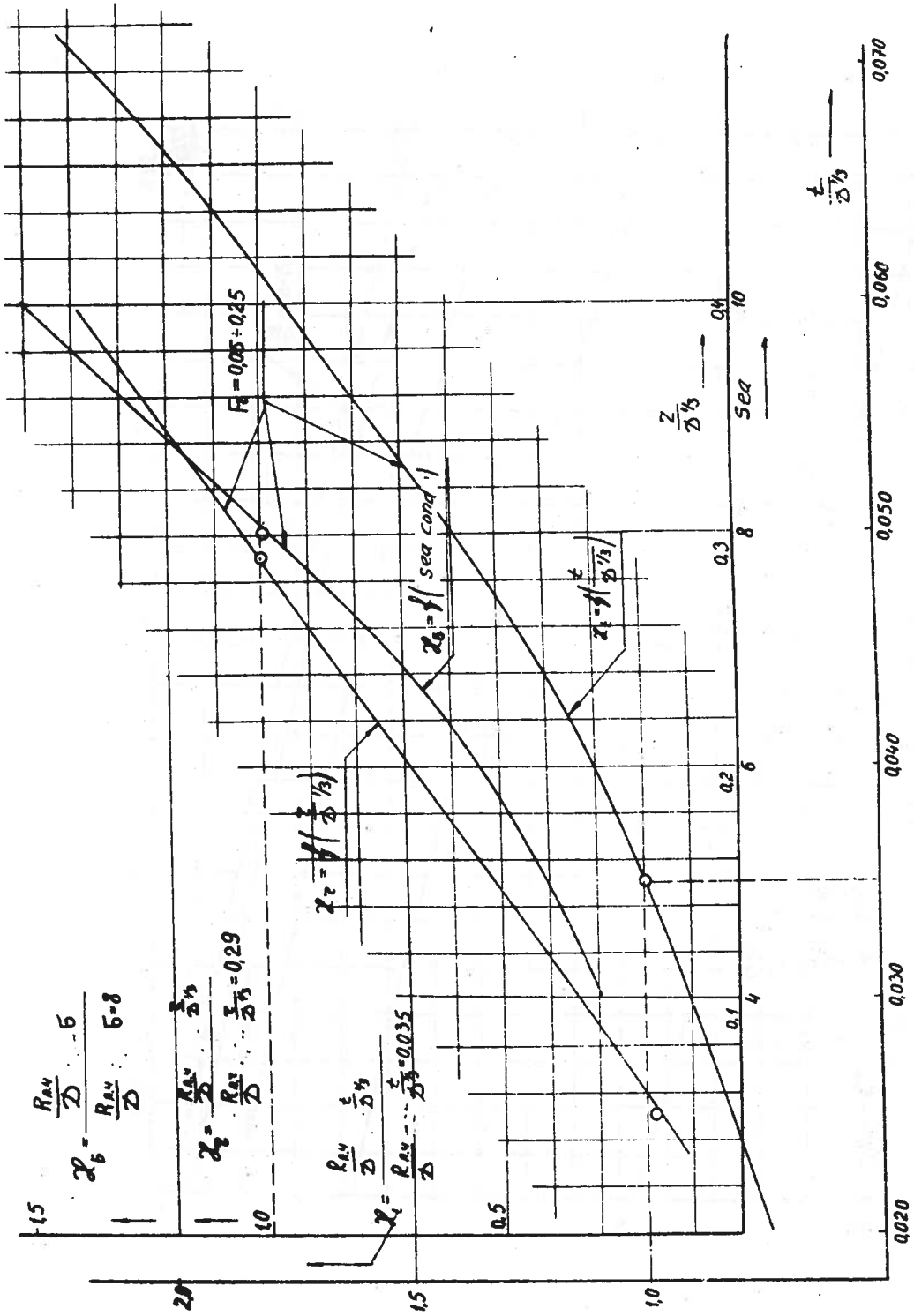


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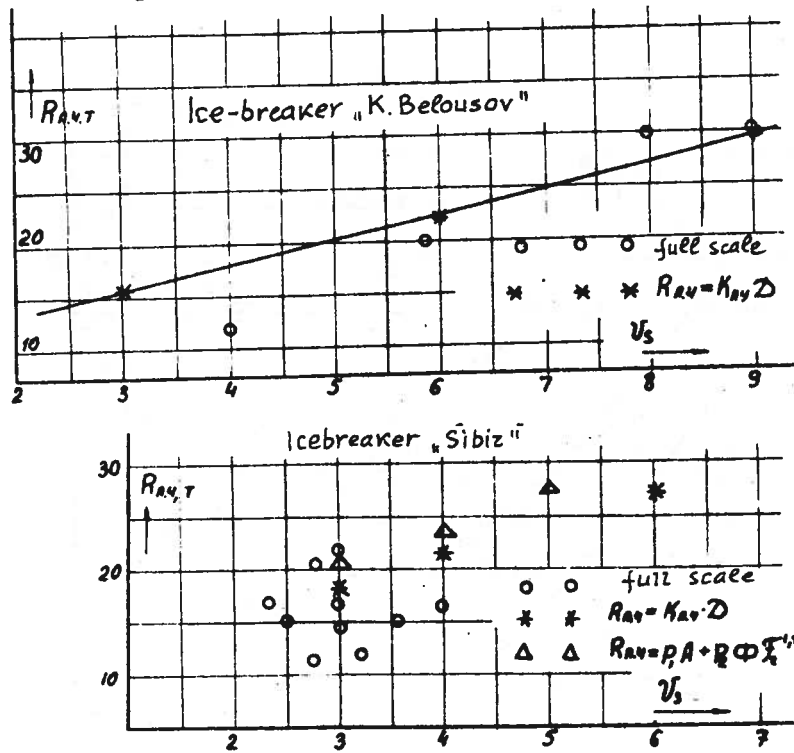


Figure 6

For ice resistance we can recommend an empirical formula which was developed according to (3, 5, 6) and described by these tests.

$$R_{AV} = \rho_1 \cdot A + \rho_2 \cdot \Phi \cdot f_T^n \quad (4)$$

where parameters A and Φ are given by:

$$A = \frac{1}{4} B^2 \sqrt{\tau t} \gamma_{\lambda} \left(1 + 2 \frac{\alpha}{B} f_T \alpha_H \right) \quad (5)$$

$$\Phi = \tau t \gamma_{\lambda} B \left[f_T + \text{tg} \alpha_0 \left(\alpha_H + \frac{\alpha}{B} \text{tg} \alpha_0 \right) \right]$$

where again:

- γ_{λ} = density of ice (kg/cm³)
- f_T = ice to steel friction coefficient
- α_H = prismatic fore-body coefficient

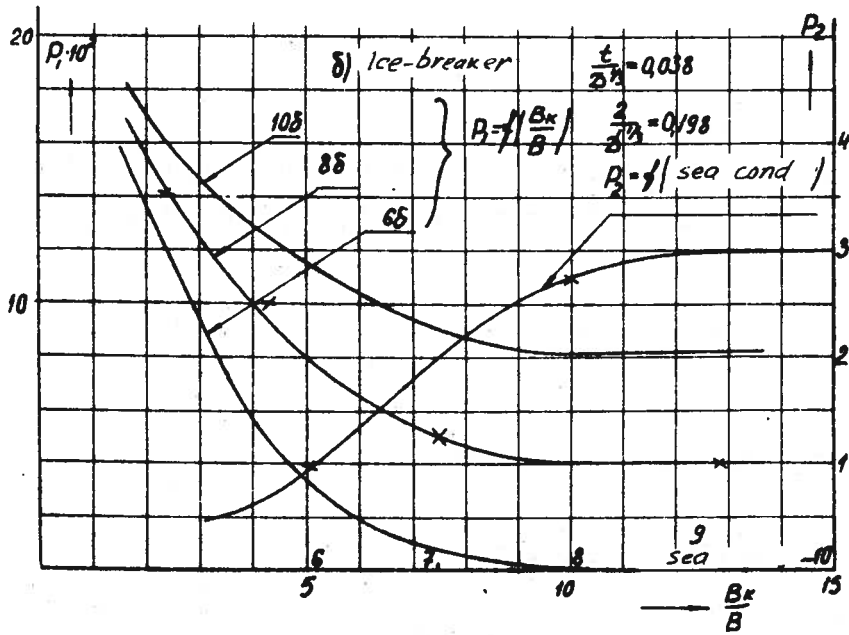
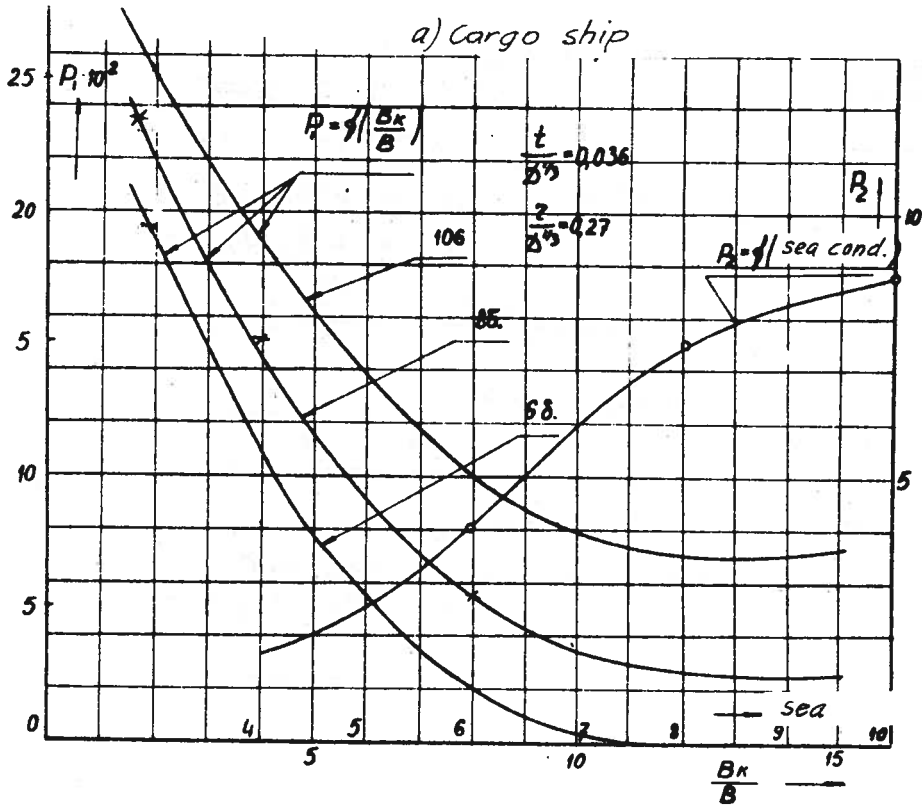


Figure 7

α_o = waterline entrance angle
 P_1 & P_2 = numerical coefficient

f_2 = - Froude number

n = powering coefficient

($n = 1.12$ for icebreakers)

($n = 1.5$ for ice strengthened cargo ships)

Coefficients P_1 & P_2 are given by Figure 7 and Figures 1, 2 and 6 give results of calculation for these ships.

CONCLUSIONS

This method of predicting resistance of ships in broken ice provides adequate information for most calculations. The method of calculation and model test results have been verified in full scale test to produce results within acceptable error.

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