Laboratory investigation of significant gas transfer enhancement via capillary-gravity bow waves

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Using standard definition of k and δ

$$F = \mathbf{k}\Delta C = \mathbf{k}\left(\frac{C_a}{H} - C_b\right) = \mathbf{k}(C_s - C_b)$$

F = mass flux/unit surface area (M L⁻² T⁻¹) k = transfer velocity (L T⁻¹) $\Delta C = \text{concentration gradient over CBL (M L⁻⁴)}$ $C_a = \text{the bulk air concentration (M L⁻³)}$ $C_b = \text{the bulk water concentration (M L⁻³)}$ H = Henry's Law constant



k is enhanced at onset of wind waves



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Capillary waves thin δ , increase concentration gradient



Szeri model estimates **3-fold** enhancements

The surface elevation and streamlines of the exact solution for a capillary wave amplitude A = 0.45 (Szeri, 1997).

Small-scale model \rightarrow almost 100x increase in k



S = the slope of the water surface 2.26 $mm \le \lambda \le 3.62 mm$

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We expand to a larger scale by generating capillary-gravity bow waves

Capillary-gravity bow waves (mm-cm-scale)

Greatest k enhancement at shortest wavelength





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Analytical model to target relative velocities



Target velocities around 36-45 cm/s and higher



(Right figure modified from Saylor & Handler, 1999)

Dowel array to populate entire surface



Recirculating flume with suspended dowel array



Remove dissolved oxygen and measure reaeration

Steps:

- Use CoCl₂ and Na₂SO₃ to remove oxygen
- Measure voltage, temperature, pressure over time
- Use temperaturesensitive calibration to convert voltage to concentration
- Solve for theoretical saturation concentration



k is calculated from DO measurements



Results with static dowels: up to 66% enhancement



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Conveyor belt isolates waves from background turbulence and BL dynamics



Moving dowels: Almost 6-fold increase in slow mean flow case



Summary

- Measured up to 67% enhancement in k due to static dowels at 60-cm/s flow speed.
- Measured a greater than 5-fold increase in k due to dowels conveyed at 60 cm/s against 5-cm/s flow speed.

Future Work

- Measure mean surface slope
- Use our dataset to develop a model that predicts these enhancements more broadly





Appendix

Capillary-gravity waves increase vorticity:



Moving dirac delta pressure field (Raphael & De Gennes, 1996)

$$R^* = \pi \gamma (p^2 \kappa)^{-1} R$$
$$R = \frac{2}{3} \frac{p^2 \rho V^2}{\pi \gamma^2}, \quad V \gg c^{\min}$$
$$\kappa = (\rho g / \gamma)^{1/2}$$



Cannot analytically relate to amplitude yet



Dr. Guillaume Roullet's wave2D model for gravity bow waves



(Chevy and Raphael, 2001)

Amplitude

$$A(\mathbf{K}_{x}, \mathbf{K}_{y}) = \frac{-ik_{x}V \, \widehat{P}(\mathbf{K}_{x}, \mathbf{K}_{y})}{\Upsilon k(\mathbf{K}^{2} + \mathbf{K}_{min}^{2}) - \rho V^{2}\mathbf{K}_{x}^{2}}$$
¹⁰
FT of Pressure field

$$\widehat{P}(\mathbf{K}_{x}, \mathbf{K}_{y}) = F_{0}\widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{K}_{x}, \mathbf{K}_{y})$$

(in Rayleigh's linearized framework) $\hat{\xi}(K_x, K_y) = \frac{\frac{-F_0 K}{\rho} \hat{\phi}(K_x, K_y)}{\omega^2 - 4\nu^2 K^3 q + (2\nu K^2 - iV \cdot K)^2}$ FT of free surface

displacement

Relating steepness and flow velocity







Acoustic Doppler Velocimeter (ADV)





Schematic on right from SonTek.com

Background: Surface Renewal Models

au is the average time between renewal events

 $k \approx \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{\tau}}$

For cases when the renewal time is much less than the molecular diffusion time scale: $\tau << T_D$



Background: Surface Renewal Models (Danckwerts, 1951)





Resampling 1,000 times yields:

$$\bar{k} = 21.2772 \frac{cm}{h}, \ \sigma_k = 0.0044 \frac{cm}{h}, \ k(975) = 21.2857 \frac{cm}{h}, \ k(25) = 21.2684 \frac{cm}{h}$$

 $k = 21.277 \pm 0.009 \frac{cm}{h}$