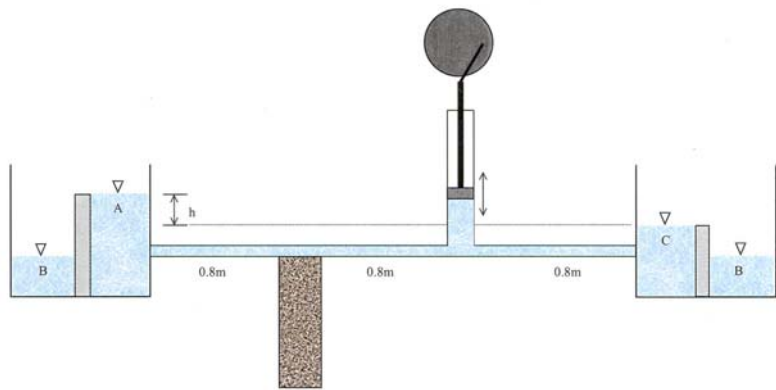




Development of Flume with Oscillatory Flow Superimposed over a Unidirectional Flow

Description

Sandia National Laboratories has developed a high-shear stress flume for Coastal Hydraulics Laboratory. This flume creates a unidirectional flow regime, which has limitations in applicability to wave-dominated environments. A modification to the flume will be made which will facilitate oscillatory currents superimposed over a unidirectional current.



Schematic of Oscillatory Flume

Purpose

The new development will enhance the capabilities of the flume to perform high-shear stress erosion experiments in coastal waters where wave forcing can be quite important. Water will be pumped from tank B to tank A in order to maintain the desired Δh . Also, the Δh between tank A and tank C will be adjustable. The oscillating piston will be controlled by a stepper motor such that the velocity and period can be adjusted.

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