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## Propulsion Test

### 1 PURPOSE OF PROCEDURE

The purpose of the procedure is to ensure consistency of methodology and the acquisition of correct results for the Propulsion Test.

The procedure addresses model scale only and does not consider extrapolation and full scale prediction.

The procedure is generally applicable for self propulsion tests performed with models propelled by screws, ducted propellers, tip-plate propellers, propellers with vane wheels, contra-rotating propellers, Z-drives, podded drives, cycloidal propellers and paddle wheels.

The procedure is not applicable for self propulsion tests with models powered by water jets.

The procedure will normally be applied in conjunction with the standard procedure for Resistance Tests, ITTC Recommended Procedure 7.5-02-02-01.

Advance Coefficient

$$J = \frac{V}{nD}$$

Froude Number

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gL}}$$

Reynolds Number

$$Re = \frac{VL}{\nu}$$

Frictional Resistance Coefficient –  
 ITTC 1957 Model-Ship Correlation Line

$$C_F = \frac{0.075}{(\log_{10} Re - 2)^2}$$

Skin Friction Correction Force:

$$F_D = 1/2 \rho_M V_M^2 S_M [C_{FM} - (C_{FS} + \Delta C_F)]$$

Additionally, the equation including form factor (1+k) and/or scale effect factor (1-β) can be written as:

$$F_D = 1/2 \rho_M V_M^2 S_M [(1+k)(C_{FM} - C_{FS}) - \Delta C_F] + (1-\beta)(R_{TMA} - R_{TM})$$


### 2.2 Definition of Variables


### 2 PARAMETERS

#### 2.1 Data Reduction Equations

Thrust Coefficient  $K_T = \frac{T}{\rho n^2 D^4}$

Torque Coefficient  $K_Q = \frac{Q}{\rho n^2 D^5}$

External tow force	(N)	<i>F</i>
Propeller thrust	(N)	<i>T</i>
Propeller torque	(Nm)	<i>Q</i>
Rate of revolution	(rps)	<i>n</i>
Speed	(m/s)	<i>V</i>
Thrust deduction factor	(-)	<i>t</i>
Wake fraction	(-)	<i>w<sub>T</sub></i>
Form factor	(-)	(1+k)
Roughness allowance	(-)	
Length on waterline	(m)	<i>L<sub>WL</sub></i>
Length overall submerged	(m)	<i>L<sub>OS</sub></i>

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Representative length [normally $L_{WL}$ for $Fr$ and $L_{OS}$ for $Re$ ]	(m)	$L$
Longitudinal centre of buoyancy	(m)	$L_{CB}$
Wetted surface area	(m <sup>2</sup> )	$S$
Propeller diameter	(m)	$D$
Resistance of the appended model	(N)	$R_{TMA}$
Resistance of the unappended model	(N)	$R_{TM}$
Angle of the inclination of the propeller shaft	(°)	$\alpha$
Appendage drag scale effect correction factor	(-)	$\beta$
Gravity constant	(m <sup>2</sup> /s)	$g$
Mass density of water	(kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$\rho$
Kinematic viscosity	(m <sup>2</sup> /s)	$\nu$

Subscript  $M$  signifies model scale value  
Subscript  $S$  signifies full scale ship value

### 3 DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE

#### 3.1 Model and Installation

##### 3.1.1 Models

###### 3.1.1.1 Hull Model

The model hull should be manufactured according to the Standard Procedure 4.9-02-01-01, Ship Models. The condition of the hull model prepared for self propulsion tests should be the same as its condition for the resistance test. The weight and trim of the ballasted model should be the same as the condition of the model for the resistance test.

The model is equipped with an electric motor mounted inside the hull and respective devices fitted inboard to enable the measurement of thrust, torque and rate of revolutions of the model propeller(s).

Appendages, such as rudders, single brackets or A-brackets, propeller shafts, shaft protection tubes, short bossings or bossings, extracted stabilisers and openings in the hull such as for bow thrusters, should be in the same condition as for the resistance experiment.

###### 3.1.1.2 Propeller/Propulsion Unit Model

The model propeller/propulsor should be manufactured according to the Standard Procedure 7.5-01-01-01, Ship Models.

The size of the propeller/propulsion unit model for propulsion tests is determined automatically by the size of the ship model and its scale ratio; this in turn means that the size of the model propeller, or say a stock propeller, is also to be taken into consideration when the scale for a ship model is selected. However an adequate Reynolds Number should be used to minimise laminar flow effects during the self propulsion test.


Z-drives, either conventional or podded drives, should be treated as propulsion units.

Propeller open water tests should be carried out with the pods and the thrust, torque and rate of revolutions of the propeller and the total thrust of the pod should be measured.

In the propulsion test, the thrust of the pod should be measured in addition to what is standard for a propulsion test. This total unit thrust should be used for further analysis.

The nozzles of ducted propellers should be treated as part of the propulsion unit.

Propeller open water tests should be carried out with the propeller working in the nozzle,

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where the thrust of the nozzle should be measured simultaneously with the measurements of thrust, torque and rate of revolutions of the propeller.

In the self propulsion test the thrust of the nozzle should be measured in addition to what is standard for a self propulsion test.

### 3.1.2 Installation

#### 3.1.2.1 Hull Model

During the Self Propulsion Test the hull model should be connected to the carriage generally in the same way as for resistance experiments.

Depending on the experiment procedure adopted, the model is either towed by the resistance dynamometer to measure the unknown external force during the single runs, or a pre-selected external tow force is directly applied as a dead load. The external tow force in propulsion experiments should be applied along the same line of action as the tow force in the resistance experiments.

#### 3.1.2.2 Propeller/Propulsion Unit Model

The propeller should be in its correct position relative to the hull. If required by the thrust dynamometer, a displacement of not more than 1.5 mm from the mean position may be permitted.

### 3.2 Measurement Systems

The Fig 1 shows a typical measuring system.

The following quantities are measured:

- Model speed

- Resistance/External tow force
- Propeller thrust
- Propeller torque
- Propeller rate of revolution
- Duct/Pod thrust (if fitted)
- Water temperature (for calculation of viscosity)
- Sinkage fore and aft (or running trim and sinkage)

### 3.3 Instrumentation


The quoted bias accuracies are for indicative purposes only. Uncertainty analysis should be used to derive the actual requirements.

#### 3.3.1. Thrust

The thrust should be measured in the line of the propeller shaft. If the propeller is working in a nozzle, the additional thrust or the resistance of the nozzle has to be measured. If the propeller is fitted on a pod or on a Z-drive, the resistance of the pod or Z-drive behind or in front of the working propeller has to be considered as well.

The indicated propeller thrust is measured by means of a dynamometer usually fitted in the model between the motor and the propeller. When a pod or a Z-drive is fitted on the model the propeller thrust is measured in the line of the propeller shaft in the pod cage. The total thrust of the propulsive device is measured in the model.

The thrust dynamometer should measure the thrust to within 0.2% of the maximum ca-

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capacity of the dynamometer. This does not necessarily imply that the thrust itself is measured to within the same tolerance of its true value.

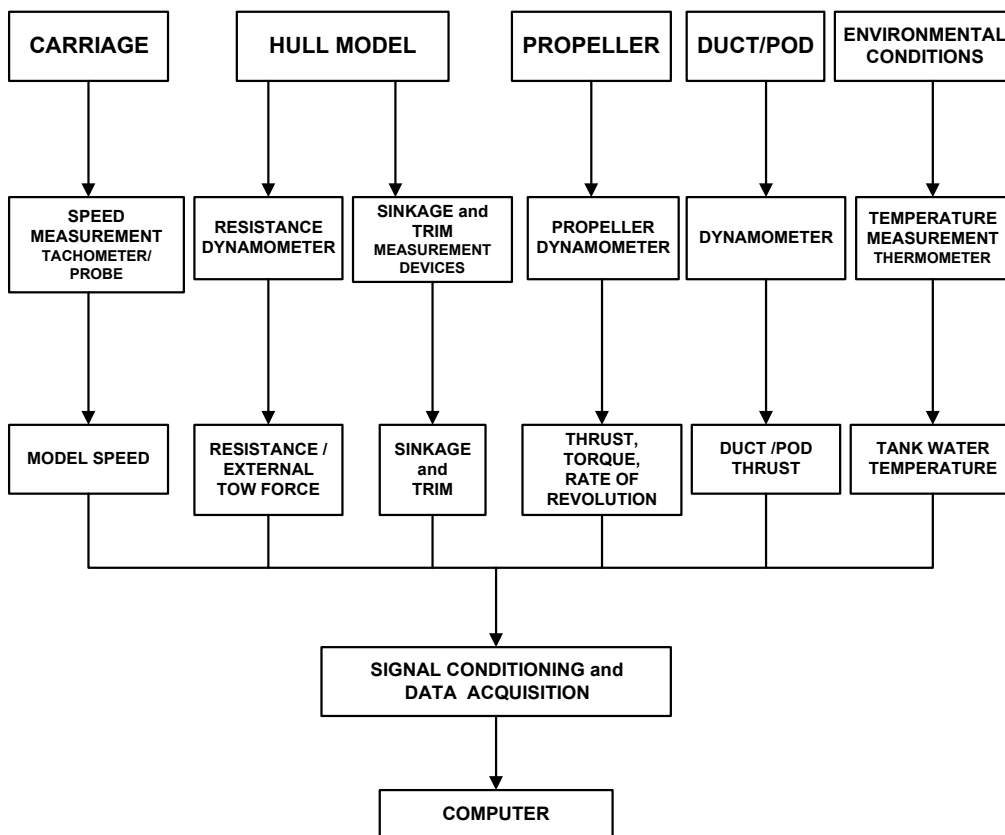



Figure 1 Typical Measurement System

### 3.3.2. External Tow Force

The external tow force (F) in propulsion experiments should be applied along the same line of action as the tow force in the resistance experiments and the horizontal component of the force measured. The tow force should, where possible, be in the line of the propeller

shaft and at the  $L_{CB}$  in order to avoid artificial trim effects.

The tow force dynamometer should measure the tow force to within 0.2% of the maximum capacity of the dynamometer or 0.05 N, whichever is the larger. This does not necessar-

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ily imply that the tow force itself is measured to within the same tolerance of its true value.

### 3.3.3 Torque

The indicated propeller torque of the model propeller is measured by means of a propeller dynamometer. For the torque measurement it is essential to keep the shaft friction losses as low as possible.

The torque dynamometer should measure the torque to within 0.2% of the maximum capacity of the dynamometer. This does not necessarily imply that the torque itself is measured to within the same tolerance of its true value.

### 3.3.4 Rate of Revolution

The rate of revolution of the propeller should be constant throughout that part of the test run during which the measurement is made and also for a suitable time before this. Steadiness of the rate of revolution is essential in achieving steady model speed.

In multiscrew models, rates of revolution of pairs of nominally identical screws should be equal but the torque and the thrust of each screw should be measured separately.

The measurement instrumentation should measure the rate of revolution to within 0.2% of the maximum rate of revolution. This does not necessarily imply that the rate of revolution itself is measured to within the same tolerance of its true value.

### 3.3.5 Speed

Ideally the speed of the model through the water should be measured directly throughout the measuring run. Since this is in general impractical, one of the following two methods may be employed:

- (i) the speed of the towing carriage relative to the ground should be measured.
- (ii) the speed of the towing carriage relative to the water should be measured by a current meter far in front of the model. In this case the current meter wake and waves should be minimised.

The speed of the model should be measured to within 0.1% of the maximum carriage speed or to within 3 mm/sec, whichever is the larger.


### 3.3.6 Sinkage and Trim

Sinkage fore and aft may be measured with mechanical guides, potentiometers, encoders, LDVTs or with remote (laser or ultrasonic) distance meters. The running trim is calculated from the measured running sinkage fore and aft.

The sinkage fore and aft should be measured to within 1.0 mm.

### 3.3.7 Temperature

The water temperature should be measured at a depth near half of the model draught using a thermometer.

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### 3.4. Calibration

#### 3.4.1. General Remarks

All devices used for data acquisition should be calibrated regularly. For calibration, the measured quantities should be either substituted by calibrated weights and pulses or checked by other measuring devices which have already been calibrated. Calibration diagrams, where the measured quantities (output values) are plotted against the calibration units (input units), may be usefully employed to check the calibration itself as well as the linearity of strain gauge or inductive instruments. Calibration should generally be in accordance with ITTC Quality Manual Standard Procedure 7.6-01-01.

Calibrations should preferably include as much of the measurement chain as possible (amplifier, filter, A/D converter). If the check indicates that the required accuracies cannot be met, the calibration should be renewed or the instrument replaced and the check repeated. Daily checking of a pulse counter for speed measurements is usually not required. Instead, the check on this device is covered by calibrations carried out at regular intervals.

#### 3.4.2. Propeller dynamometer:

##### 3.4.2.1. Propeller Thrust

The calibration of the propeller dynamometer in respect of the propeller thrust should be carried out statically and, if possible, dynamically with calibrated weights.

The dynamic calibration should be carried out at various rates of revolution.

##### 3.4.2.2. Propeller Torque

The calibration of the propeller dynamometer in respect of the propeller torque should be carried out statically and, if possible, dynamically. For the static calibration, calibrated weights are applied to a lever of known length to simulate a moment on the dynamometer shaft. The dynamic calibration should be carried out, for example, by the use of an eddy current brake.

#### 3.4.3. External Tow Force

The external tow force is measured either by means of the resistance dynamometer or a similar measuring device. The calibration of such devices should be carried out using calibrated weights as an input to the instrument.

#### 3.4.4. Rate of revolution


The calibration of the respective devices should be carried out by use of precise motor speed transmitters.

#### 3.4.5. Sinkage and trim

The calibration of linear measuring devices should be performed with a calibrated ruler.

#### 3.4.6 Speed

The calibration of the carriage speed will depend mainly on how the speed is measured.

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The carriage speed should be checked regularly and respective records should be stored.

### 3.4.7. Thermometer

Thermometers should be calibrated according to common standards and/or following the advice of the manufacturer.

## 3.5. Test Procedure and Data Acquisition

### 3.5.1. Methods

#### 3.5.1.1 Load Varying (or Constant Speed) Method

Before beginning each test run the model speed and the desired propeller loading should be selected and the corresponding propeller thrust estimated. The towing carriage should be accelerated from rest and simultaneously the propeller rate of revolution increased also from rest so that the estimated thrust is reached as soon as possible after steady carriage speed is attained. The model should then be released so that it is towed by the resistance dynamometer and running conditions allowed to settle. A short period will then normally be allowed before measurements are begun. Repeat runs at the same speed should be made at different loadings and the whole series of runs then repeated at each of the speeds within the test range.

The loading range should extend from the lowest to the highest load factors at which ship performance estimates are required, providing always that this range includes a load factor of unity. It is further recommended that, in all cases, the loading should cover the condition of model-self-propulsion (zero tow force). Experiments should be made at not less than four

speeds within the required speed range and at different levels of overload.


#### 3.5.1.2. Constant Loading Method

Before beginning each test run the model speed should be selected and the corresponding external tow force at the set loading computed. The computed skin friction correction force ( $F_D$ ) is then applied to the model hull as an external assisting tow force. The towing carriage is then accelerated from rest to the selected speed and the propeller rate of rotation simultaneously increased until the model is freely propelled at the same speed as the towing carriage or the desired  $F_D$  is achieved. Measurements are then made after a period of steady running. Repeat runs should be made at each of several speeds.

The speed range should extend from the lowest to the highest speeds at which propulsion data are required. An extension of the speed range of at least 5% below and above the lowest and the highest speeds is recommended. If there are tests in a short speed range (e.g. to check the influence of a modification of the model on its performance) at least three runs at different speeds should be carried out.

#### 3.5.1.3 Mixed Loading Method

Combinations of the load varying (constant speed) and constant loading methods may be used. For example, a speed variation at constant (or close to constant) loading may be used, together with a supplementary load-variation test at one speed.

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### 3.5.2. General Remarks

The measured quantities during the single test runs are the thrust, torque and rate of revolution of the propulsor(s) together with the model speed and external tow force.

There should be sufficient waiting time between consecutive runs in order to achieve similar conditions and to obtain consistent results. This waiting time will depend on the size and type of model, model speed and test facility. The waiting times should be recorded.

### 3.5.3. Skin friction correction force

The skin friction correction force ( $F_D$ ), applied as an external tow force, is to achieve the theoretically correct propeller loads during the self propulsion test. It takes into account the difference in skin friction coefficients between the model and the full scale ship. The skin friction correction force ( $F_D$ ) may be calculated using the ITTC-1957 formula, incorporating a form factor ( $1+k$ ) and an appendage scale effect factor ( $1-\beta$ ). The wetted surface of the model in the condition as used for the resistance test is used for the calculation of the respective friction correction values. The wetted surfaces of propulsors and propulsion units should not be taken into account when the wetted surface is estimated.

If a form factor or an appendage scale effect correction factor is used for the calculation of the friction correction, it should be the same as that used in the resistance test.

For the estimation of the correct friction correction, the influence of the hull appendages

on the propulsive power is of great importance, especially for multi-screw ships.


Several approaches can be used for the determination of the full scale resistance of hull appendages such as single brackets, A-brackets, short bossings, shaft bossings, propeller shafts, shaft protection tubes, rudders, stabilising fins when extracted, but not for hull openings, depending on where they are on the model. However, none of these methods is completely satisfactory. Basically, three different methods of treating appendage drag in model experiments are used:

(i) Extrapolation of model appendage drag to full scale either by means of a constant appendage scale-effect factor  $\beta$  or by extrapolation on the basis of the Reynolds number of the appendage.

$$Re_{App} = \frac{V \cdot (S_{App} / 2)^{1/2}}{\nu}$$

It has long been recognised that significant scale effects are generally present on the appendage resistance and this has led to the use of the empirical scale-effect correction factor  $\beta$ . Values of  $\beta$  in the range of 0.6 to 1.0 should be generally used, depending on the empirical data of the individual towing tanks. A typical value of 0.75 is suggested for conventional driven twin screw ships. This approach has proved to work well in many cases despite the following drawbacks:

- model tests on appended ship models might easily involve uncontrolled and unpredictable laminar flow and separation on the appendages due to the relatively low Reynolds numbers at model scale

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- the scale effect correction factor should in principle depend on the model and ship Reynolds numbers
- the drag and the scale effect on the drag of a particular appendage is influenced by a complexity of factors which are unlikely to be described accurately by the simple coefficient  $\beta$ . These cause, for example, differences in the flow field (hull boundary layer) where the appendage is placed, and then influence the resistance of the hull (interference drag)
- the method requires that both bare-hull and appended resistance tests be carried out.

(ii) Addition of theoretically computed full-scale appendage drag to full scale bare-hull drag extrapolated from model test results.

(iii) Application of the form factor concept to fully appended ship models.

#### 3.5.4. Measured Quantities

During each run the measured values of model speed, external tow force, thrust, torque, rate of revolution of the screw(s) and sinkage fore and aft should be recorded continuously.

When self propulsion tests are carried out with paddle wheels, measurements are made of the required torque, the rate of revolution and the horizontal component of the achieved thrust at a set speed against an external tow force, the sinkage of the model, the speed and the external tow force.


When self propulsion tests are performed using cycloidal propellers then, because of the geometry of the propellers, it is only possible to measure torque, rate of revolutions, sinkage, speed and external tow force during the single runs of the test.

Water temperature should be measured at a depth near half of the model draught. If there is a non-homogeneous temperature in the tank it should be recorded. Temperature measurements should be recorded at the beginning and end of each test sequence.

#### 3.5.5. Shaft Tare Test

The friction of the model propeller shaft(s) in the(ir) bearing(s) should be adjusted to zero when the model is set in the water and the model propeller(s) is(are) removed. The calibration should be valid over the entire range of rates of revolutions expected for the self propulsion test. If a constant calibration cannot be achieved for the expected range of rates of revolution, the friction of the model propeller shaft(s) should be measured as a function of its turning rate and respective corrections have to be applied on the measured torque quantities gained during the self propulsion test. The friction of the model propeller shafts in the bearings should be effected neither by the torque nor by the thrust applied to the model propeller.

Further, because of the weight-effect of a possible inclination of the propeller shaft(s) on the recorded thrust value(s), they should be measured without model propeller(s) and calibrated or adjusted to zero at the beginning of a self propulsion test.

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A careful check of torque and thrust readings of the propeller shaft(s) without the model propeller(s) after the self propulsion test is highly recommended.

A preferable alternative approach to thrust and torque measurements, especially for pods and azimuthing thrusters, is to make the thrust and torque measurements inside the propeller hub in such a manner that mechanical friction from seals and bearings is eliminated.

The calibration of the internal friction of model cycloidal propellers and paddle wheels has to be carried out in air, out of the water. The calibration of the internal friction should be carried out at the beginning and at the end of every test.

### 3.5.6. Correction to Measured Forces

The forces and other quantities measured during the test run require correction for shaft losses, speed errors, etc.

In addition to frictional losses, the measured dynamometer thrust may differ from the required propulsive thrust because of effects due to the shaft rake. Before and after the propulsion experiments, the propeller(s) should be removed and replaced by a cylinder of equal weight. Known forces should then be applied at the propeller position at each of several different rates of revolution of the shaft covering the estimated test range. The relationship between the dynamometer measured thrust and the required propulsive thrust is thus obtained. If the procedure is carried out only for zero applied load at the propeller, it is necessary to assume

that the thrust losses are independent of the load.

Similarly, the measured dynamometer torque may differ from the torque delivered to the propeller. With the propeller replaced by a short cylinder of equal weight, known torques should be applied to the shaft at different rates of revolution, and the relationship between delivered and measured torques determined. If the procedure is carried out only for zero applied torque, it is necessary to assume that the torques losses are independent of the applied torque.


### 3.6. Data Reduction and Analysis

The model data derived from the experiment, namely external tow force, thrust, torque and rate of revolution, should be plotted against the model speed. The respective curves should be faired and the model values corresponding to the required ship speeds should be taken from the diagram.

The speed should, if necessary, be corrected for blockage according to the methods described in the Resistance Tests Procedure, ITTC Recommended Procedure 7.5-02-02-01.

Values of water density and viscosity should be determined according to ITTC Recommended Procedure 7.5-02-01-03.

The analysis of the data requires the resistance and propeller open water data, as indicated in Fig. 2.

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The required values of  $t$ ,  $w_T$ ,  $\eta_R$  and  $\eta_H$  are calculated according to the data reduction equations given in Section 2.1 and as follows:

$$t = \frac{(\sum T + F_D - R_{TM})}{\sum T}$$

For the calculation of the thrust deduction factor the respective resistance values are required:

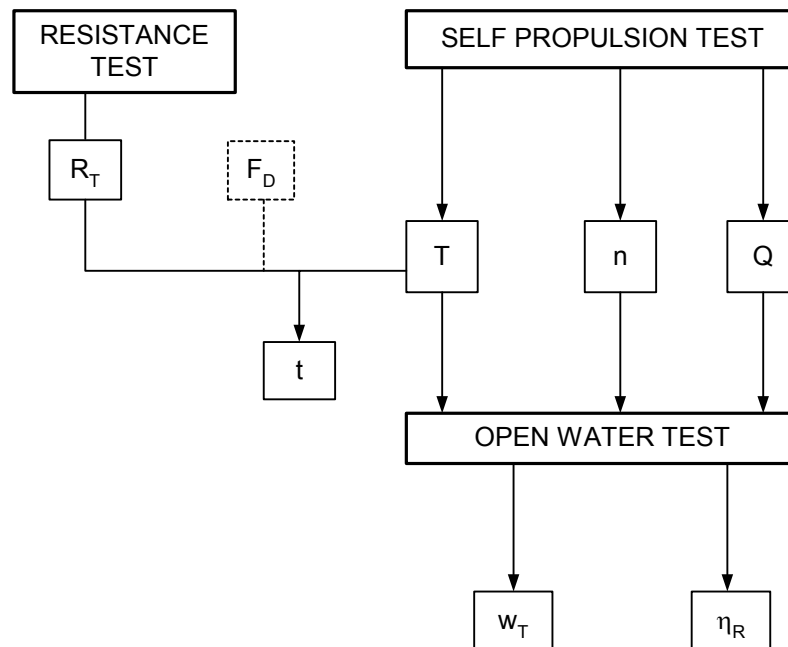


Figure 2 Analysis of Data


This formula is valid for single screw and symmetric twin screw ships.

The effective wake fraction is calculated using the advance coefficient ( $J_T$ ) derived from the propeller open water test results:

$$w_T = 1 - \frac{J_T n D}{V}$$

The relative rotative efficiency is calculated by division of the torque derived from the propeller open water diagram ( $K_{QT}$ ), using a thrust identity, by the torque gained from the self propulsion experiment ( $K_Q$ ).

$$\eta_R = \frac{K_{QT}}{K_Q}$$

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The hull efficiency is calculated using the effective wake fraction and the thrust deduction factor:

$$\eta_H = \frac{(1-t)}{(1-w_T)}$$

The above procedure is valid for single screw ships and for symmetric twin screw ships. In the case of twin screw ships the sums of the thrust and torque are used and the mean of the rpm if the port and starboard values differ.

### 3.7. Documentation


The results from the test should be collated in a report which should contain at least the following information:

- Model Hull Specification:
  - Identification (model number or similar)
  - Loading condition
  - Turbulence stimulation method
  - Model scale
  - Main dimensions and hydrostatics (see ITTC Recommended Procedure 7.5-01-01-01 Ship Models)
- Model Propeller Specification
  - Identification (model number or similar)
  - Model Scale
  - Main dimensions and particulars (see ITTC Recommended Procedure 7.5-01-01-01 Ship Models)
- Particulars of the towing tank, including length, breadth and water depth
- Test date

- Parametric data for the test:
  - Water temperature
  - Water density
  - Kinematic viscosity of the water
  - Form factor (even if  $(1+k) = 1.0$  is applicable, this should be stated)
  - Appendage drag scale effect correction factor (even if a factor for scale effect correction is not applied, this should be stated).
- For each speed the following data should be given as a minimum:
  - External tow force
  - Sinkage fore and aft, or sinkage and trim
  - Propeller thrust, torque and rate of revolution


## 4. VALIDATION

### 4.1 Uncertainty Analysis

Uncertainty analysis should be performed in accordance with ‘Uncertainty Analysis in EFD, Uncertainty Assessment Methodology’ as described in QM 7.5-02-01-01 and ‘Uncertainty Analysis in EFD, Guidelines for Uncertainty Assessment’ as described in QM 7.5-02-01-02. In addition to the above, an example ‘Uncertainty Analysis, Example for Propulsion Test’ is provided in QM 7.5-02-03-2.2. 

### 4.2 Benchmark Tests

Benchmark data are collected and described in ‘Benchmark Database for CFD, Validation

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