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noise evaluation in ship design —**

**Part 2:  
Noise source localization**

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*Partie 2: Localisation de la source de bruits*



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## Introduction

Propeller cavitation is the major noise source in commercial ships. The propeller cavitation noise can be assessed by experimental and/or numerical methods in propeller design stage. The numerical methods, such as computational fluid dynamics (CFD) or empirical formulae, might be a good alternative to propeller cavitation noise evaluations. However, the model tests are still used widely for research on propeller cavitation noise.

The objective of the model test is to reduce the propeller noise in ship design by evaluating propeller cavitation noise characteristics at the design phase. Localizing the noise sources in the design stage, as well as predicting its noise levels, might be very helpful. ISO 20233-1 addresses the prediction of propeller noise levels. In order to specify the location of noise source, visual observation of cavitation is the most practical way in view of spatial resolution and efficiency, as the main source of hydrodynamic noise in merchant ship is cavitation. In addition to this observation, noise source localization technique using hydrophone array is under development for verifying the observed noise source location<sup>[1]</sup>. Thus this document devotes to the source localization method as a new part of a model test method for propeller cavitation noise evaluation in ship design.

The estimation methods of the propeller noise via model tests were widely studied for a long time and can be used in the shipbuilding industry nowadays. However, the noise source localization is easily accomplished by cavitation observation. This document also serves to provide an example of protocols for acoustic localization which is a relatively new research area.



# **Ships and marine technology — Model test method for propeller cavitation noise evaluation in ship design —**

## **Part 2: Noise source localization**

### **1 Scope**

This document specifies a model test method for propeller cavitation noise evaluation in ship design, focusing mainly on the noise source localization.

The procedure comprises the model test set-up, noise measurements, data processing and source localization. The target noise source being propeller cavitation, this document describes the test set-up and conditions to reproduce the cavitation patterns of the ship, which is the same as in ISO 20233-1. The noise measurements are performed using a hydrophone array for the source localizations. Therefore, the instrumentation of the hydrophone array is also addressed, as well as a suitable array signal processing of the measured data. Finally, a method to visualize and to interpret the results is presented.

### **2 Normative references**

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 20233-1:2018, *Ships and marine technology — Model test method for propeller cavitation noise evaluation in ship design — Part 1: Source level estimation*

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#### **3.1**

##### **acoustic centre**

position where all the noise sources are co-located as a single point source

Note 1 to entry: The acoustic centre is the centre of the expected cavitation extent.

#### **3.2**

##### **background noise**

noise from all sources other than the source under test