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Ballast water management systems
(BWMS) — Computational physical
modelling and calculations on scaling
of UV reactors**

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ballast (BWMS) — Modélisation physique computationnelle et calculs
concernant les réacteurs UV*



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Introduction

Ballast water management systems (BWMS) are intended to treat ships' ballast water discharges to comply with applicable standards (Reference [14]). Disinfection using ultraviolet (UV) light is common to many BWMS. A key specification for a given model of a BWMS is its treatment rated capacity (TRC), which indicates the unit's rated volumetric flow rate during treatment of ballast water. A base system (with a low range TRC) is empirically validated through land-based testing, while a unit with a larger TRC (ideally at the highest rating) is validated through shipboard testing. The remaining models that are not empirically tested can be validated through scaling, using a verified numerical approach to predict performance at untested TRCs.

Effective 13 October 2019, the type approval of BWMS (both UV and other technologies) requires testing in accordance with the BWMS Code (MEPC 72/17/Add.1 Annex 5)[11], adopted as an amendment to the IMO International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004[14]. The BWMS Code specifies that a manufacturer of BWMS must provide technical specifications for any scaling of TRC. Guidance on scaling is provided by the IMO through its 'Guidance on Scaling of Ballast Water Management Systems' (BWM.2/Circ. 33/Rev. 1)[12]. One of the requirements is for validation of the modelling and calculations through comparison of predicted performance to land-based, shipboard, or laboratory test data as appropriate. In scaled models, parameters affecting performance must demonstrate equivalence to the base model, identify system design limitations (SDL) for each scaled model, and conduct shipboard testing of the most vulnerable model as determined through scaling.

This document is focused on the modelling of UV reactors for scaling purposes, i.e. justifying the applicability of a UV reactor design across a range of TRCs, through the use of validated numerical models and calculations. Numerical models are used to solve equations governing physical characteristics of a computational domain that represents a model of the physical object (i.e. the UV reactor). This requires numerical representation of the geometry of this system, a discretization of the representation into volumetric sub-elements (meshing), and solving for parameters for various scales. Results are submitted to an Administration to justify the type approval of UV reactors having TRC ratings that have not been validated through type approval testing.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the methodology to conduct computational modelling of ultraviolet (UV) reactor designs for ballast water management systems (BWMS) that incorporate ultraviolet disinfection technology (UVBWMS). The computational modelling is used to calculate the UV reduction equivalent dose (RED) and to compare calculated REDs of the scaled reactor to its base reactor. REDs are determined using organisms with a given dose response.

NOTE The IMO requires validation of the computational model.

The simulation of a physical UV reactor using a computational model requires that the model be validated (i.e. it performs as intended and reflects the correct physical constraints) and verified (i.e. produces outputs consistent with empirical data). A model developed according to this document is intended to validate the performance of simulated but untested, scaled UV reactors, where the simulation has been verified with test data from base model UV reactors within the product line. As a complete UV BWMS typically incorporates other treatment methodologies such as filters, the impact of changes to external subsystem performance on the overall BWMS is not considered in this document.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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3.1

American Type Culture Collection

ATCC

repository of cell lines and cultured organisms used for research

3.2

base model

ultraviolet ballast water management system (UVBWMS) (3.30) model that has successfully completed land-based testing as defined in the BWMS Code

Note 1 to entry: Typically, a base model is with low range *TRC* (3.28).

3.3

base reactor

UV reactor (3.41) of the *base model* (3.2)