

# Electric motor use in marine propulsion in maneuvering time With AI automation speed control

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## ABSTRACT

Traditional diesel-electric propulsion systems are so flexible because of one of their major advantages. The power generation units (gensets) are only electrically powered connected to the electric propulsion system. This makes it easier to replace the units with new energy sources such as future fuel-powered engines, batteries or fuel cells.

Diesel-electric propulsion systems continue to be a solid choice for ships that have a significant hotel load, such as cruise ship need to move with varying speeds, such as offshore and special vessels The current decarbonisation requirements mean that many more types of vessels are considering to adopt electric propulsion.

Real-Time Adjustments Electric motors can respond quickly to control inputs, making them ideal for AI systems that need to make rapid, precise adjustments during maneuvering. This responsiveness helps in complex operations such as docking, collision avoidance, and navigating tight spaces.

Precision and Control Electric motors provide smooth and precise control, which is crucial for accurate maneuvering. A systems can leverage this precision to optimize movement and handling.

Efficiency Electric propulsion systems are more efficient than traditional diesel engines. This efficiency translates to better performance in maneuvering situations where quick responses are needed

Integration with AI automation can fully abstract the complexities of marine maneuvering. By integrating with electric motors, AI systems can manage real-time adjustments to optimize navigation, collision avoidance, and docking procedures.

Reduced Emissions Electric motors produce zero emissions at the point of use, which aligns with increasing environmental regulations and goals for cleaner marine operations.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Electric marine propulsion is your flexible, Future-proof choice. Flexibility is a must for your Propulsion system because so many things in Shipping are uncertain.

Flexibility protects you from uncertainty, for example, about the availability and cost of sustainable fuels.

If you are not sure about the additional power sources that will support your combustion engine, you will need flexibility. And you will also need it when you do not know exactly which operational profile will be dispatched.

## 2. WORKING PRINCIPLE

In marine propulsion, electric motors are increasingly used for their efficiency, reliability, and reduced environmental impact. The use of electric motors in maneuvering ships involves several key principles and technologies

**2.1 Electric Motor Basics:** Electric motors convert electrical energy into mechanical energy. In marine propulsion, these motors can drive propellers or other propulsion mechanisms directly, or through a reduction gearbox.

**2.2 Speed Control:** Electric motors can be precisely controlled using various methods. Common techniques include:

**2.3 Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs):** These adjust the frequency and voltage supplied to the motor, enabling smooth control of motor speed and torque.

**2.4 Direct Current (DC) Motor Control:** For DC motors, speed control is achieved by varying the voltage applied to the motor.

**2.5 Maneuvering and Automation:** In modern marine vessels, automation systems assist in maneuvering by integrating

**2.6 Automated Control Systems:** These systems use sensors and algorithms to manage speed, direction, and positioning.

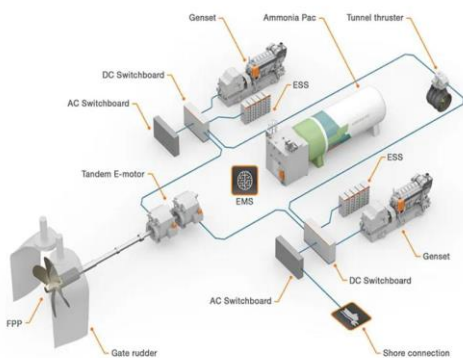
**2.7 Dynamic Positioning Systems (DPS):** These systems use GPS and other sensors to maintain a vessel's position and heading automatically.

**2.8 Integrated Bridge Systems (IBS):** These provide centralized control of navigation and propulsion systems, enhancing maneuverability and ease of operation.

**2.9 Speed and Position Control:** The combination of electric motors and automation allows for precise speed and position control. For instance:

**2.10 Feedback Mechanisms:** Sensors monitor the vessel's speed and position, sending data to the control system to make real-time adjustments.

**2.11 Pre-Programmed Maneuvers:** Automation can execute predefined maneuvering patterns for docking, avoiding obstacles, or other complex navigation tasks.



**Fig 1 Application**

### 3. COMPONENTS NEEDED

**3.1 Variable Frequency Drive (VFD):** Control the speed torque of an electric motor

**3.2 Electric Motor:** Drives a mechanical system.

**3.3 Ultrasonic Transducer:** Emits and receives ultrasonic waves.

**3.4 Microcontroller or Signal Processor:** Processes the signals from the ultrasonic transducer.

**3.5 Power Supply and Wiring:** To power the components and connect them.



**Fig 2 Tantem Electric Motor**

**Dual-Motor Configuration:** A tantem motor might refer to a system with two electric motors working in tandem, possibly for increased power or torque.

**Sequential or Phased Operation:** It could imply a motor that operates in stages or phases, perhaps using different winding configurations or control strategies. Speed is above 10000rpm

### 4. ULTRASONIC SENSOR

A Cornerstone of Modern Ship Navigation Ultrasonic sensors, employing high-frequency sound waves to measure distance, have revolutionized various industries, including marine navigation. In maritime applications, these sensors offer a reliable, efficient, and cost-effective solution for determining a ship's direction, controlling its speed, and enhancing overall safety.



**Fig 3 Ultrasonic sensor Waves**

### The Mechanics of Ultrasonic Sensors

Ultrasonic sensors operate on the principle of time-of-flight. They emit a series of high-frequency sound pulses and measure the time it takes for these pulses to travel to a target and return. By calculating the time difference and knowing the speed of sound in water, the sensor can determine the distance to the target with remarkable accuracy.

#### Applications in Ship Navigation

**Direction Sensing:** Ultrasonic sensors can be mounted on the hull of a ship, facing the

water. By measuring the distance to the water surface on both sides of the ship, the sensor can detect any deviation from a straight course. If the distance to the water on one side is shorter than the other, it indicates that the ship is veering towards that side. This information can be used to adjust the ship's heading to maintain a desired course.

**Speed Measurement:** Ultrasonic sensors can also be used to measure a ship's speed through the water. By measuring the time it takes for a sound pulse to travel a known distance through the water, the sensor can calculate the ship's speed. This data can be used for navigation, fuel efficiency optimization, and compliance with speed regulations.

**Obstacle Detection:** Ultrasonic sensors can be used to detect obstacles in the water, such as submerged rocks, reefs, or other ships. This is particularly important in shallow waters or areas with high traffic. By detecting obstacles in advance, the ship's captain can take evasive action to avoid collisions

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**Fig 4 Variable Frequency Driver**

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### 6.DIFFERENCE

Marine internal combustion engine	Electric motor marine propulsion
1.prodictive control	1.real time cotrol
2.variable precision	2.high precision
3.slower response	Immediate response
4.variable efficiency	5.high efficiency
5.maintance in high	5.maintance in less
6.high wear and tear	6.less wear and tear
7.emmsion is high	7.zero emmsion

### 7.ADVANTAGES

#### 7.1Advantages of Electric Motors in Marine Propulsion

**Efficiency:** Electric motors are highly efficient, converting electrical energy into mechanical energy with minimal losses. This translates to fuel savings and reduced emissions.

**Controllability:** Electric motors provide precise and instantaneous control over speed and direction. This is crucial for maneuvering in confined spaces or challenging conditions.

**Environmental Benefits:** Electric motors can be powered by renewable energy sources, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and minimizing environmental impact

#### 7.2 Maneuvering with Electric Motors

**Precise Control:** Electric motors allow for fine-tuned control of thrust, enabling ships to maneuver with greater accuracy and agility.

**Quick Response:** Electric motors can respond quickly to changes in direction or speed, making them ideal for avoiding obstacles or maneuvering in emergency situations.

**Reduced Noise and Vibration:** Electric motors operate more quietly and produce less vibration than traditional diesel engines, improving comfort for passengers and crew.

### 7.3 AI Automation and Speed Control

**Intelligent Decision Making:** AI algorithms can analyze various factors, such as ship position, speed, and environmental conditions, to make optimal decisions regarding propulsion.

**Adaptive Control:** AI-powered systems can automatically adjust motor speed and direction to maintain desired course and speed, even in challenging conditions.

**Energy Optimization:** AI can optimize energy consumption by selecting the most efficient propulsion mode based on the current operating conditions.

### 7.4 Fully Explained Example

Imagine a large container ship equipped with electric motors. As the ship approaches a port, the AI system analyzes the surrounding environment, including other vessels, buoys, and the depth of the water. Based on this information, the AI determines the optimal speed and direction for maneuvering.

The electric motors are then commanded to adjust their speed and direction accordingly. The AI system continuously monitors the ship's progress and makes real-time adjustments as needed. This ensures that the ship can safely navigate through the port, avoiding collisions and minimizing delays. Electric motors offer significant advantages in marine propulsion, particularly for maneuvering. When combined with AI automation and speed control, electric motors can provide precise control, improved efficiency, and reduced environmental impact. This technology is poised to play a crucial role in the future of marine transportation.

## CONCLUSION

Ultrasonic sensors have become an indispensable tool for modern ship navigation. Their ability to accurately measure distance and detect obstacles has significantly enhanced safety and efficiency in maritime operations. As technology continues to advance, we can expect to see even more innovative applications of ultrasonic.

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