

# Webinar:

# Ammonia as a shipping fuel

## Safety **concept** of the M/S NoGAPS vessel design

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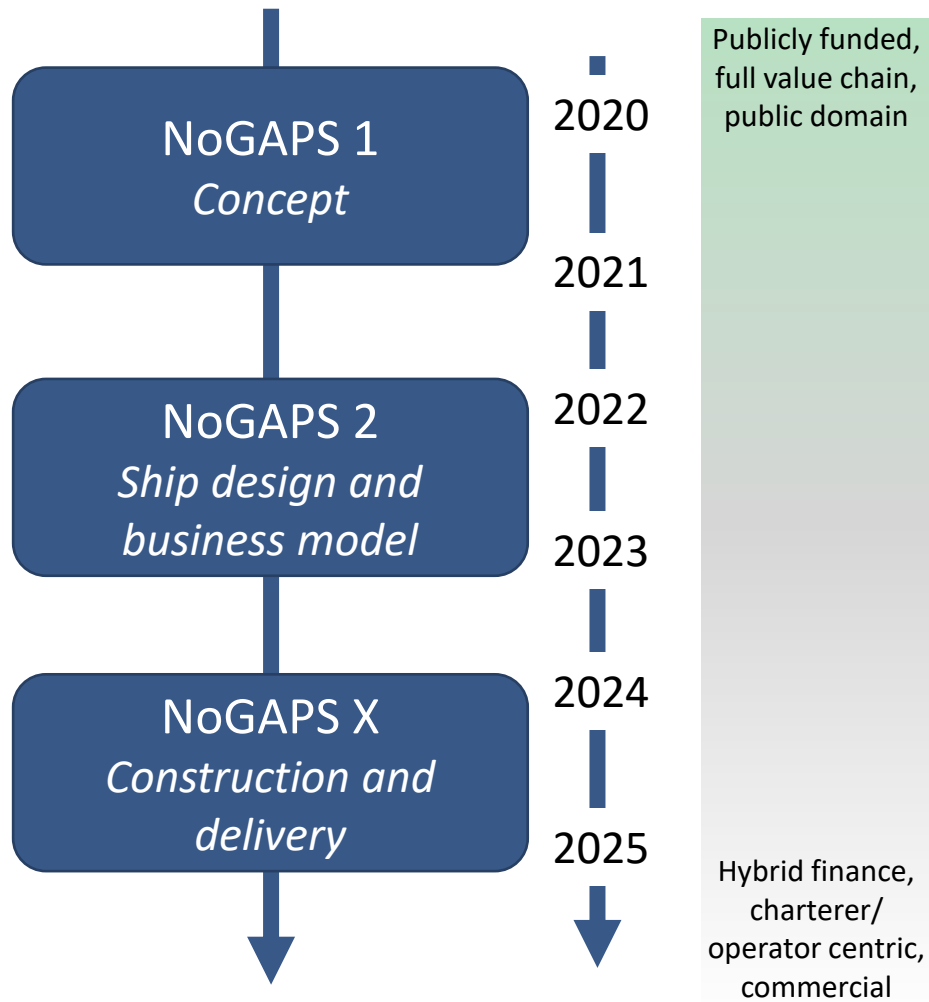
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# NoGAPS ammonia-fueled gas carrier – from concept to reality



- The NoGAPS journey has completed a first step, agreeing on a shared overall concept and identifying key issues to be addressed when developing specific solutions
- NoGAPS2 sees some narrowing of focus toward the vessel and its design, operation, and economics, but a broader interaction with the ecosystem is still important to build support for the model and exchange knowledge
- Following phases will involve some 'public' component (e.g., in financing) but will primarily be defined by commercial agreements



# Initial project conclusions inform our ship design objectives: confirmation of no major obstacles and demonstration of risk and cost reduction

In line with the pillars of zero-emission shipping, the consortium investigated the vessel, the fuel and the fueling options, as well as the business and financing considerations. The major conclusions were clear:

1. The potential of ammonia-powered shipping to contribute to the decarbonization of the maritime sector is significant, and ammonia carriers present a logical starting point for demonstrating this potential.
2. Neither the technical considerations nor the associated regulatory approval for an ammonia-powered vessel present major obstacles to putting the M/S NoGAPS on the water.
3. Ammonia synthesized from green hydrogen represents a credible long-term, zero-emission fuel.
4. The most important challenge to be overcome is to develop and demonstrate a business model that is credible in the eyes of investors and operators. Both the vessel design and the fuel sourcing strategy offer opportunities to reduce risks and costs in meaningful ways.
5. Government support and public finance can both accelerate the short-term timetable for investment in demonstration and improve the outlook for long-term deployment of ammonia as a shipping fuel.

## **Objective 1:**

























Confirm no major technical or regulatory obstacles are present to putting a vessel on the water

## **Objective 2:**

Demonstrate a credible business model through meaningful risk and cost reductions



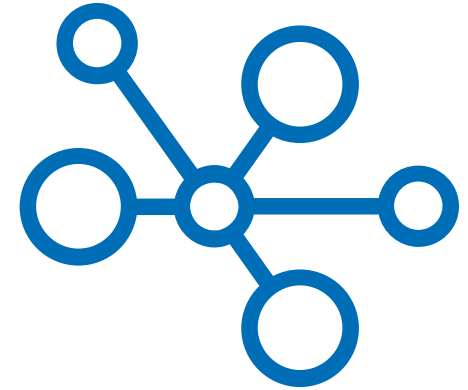
# Fuel pathway maturity map

	Feedstock availability	Fuel production	Fuel storage, logistics and bunkering	Onboard energy storage & fuel conversion	Onboard safety and fuel management	Vessel emissions	Regulation & certification
E-ammonia							
Blue ammonia							
E-methanol							
Bio-methanol							
E-methane							
Bio-methane							
Bio-oils							



# Agenda

- **Quantifying the risks, designing intelligent safeguards**  
Claus Rud Hansen, Secondee, Onboard Vessel Solutions, MMMCZCS
- **Introducing M/S NoGAPS and its safety concept**  
Jun Ito, Ship Design Secondee, MMMCZCS
- **M/S NoGAPS HAZID outcomes**  
Thomas McKenney, Ship Design Manager, MMMCZCS
- **Panel discussion with Q&A**
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  - Fredrik Lindfors, Project Manager Sustainable Fuels and Decarbonization, Wärtsilä
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# Ammonia as marine fuel

## Quantifying the risks

## Designing intelligent safeguards

Claus Rud Hansen, Secondee, Onboard Vessel Solutions

Ammonia as a shipping fuel – Safety concept of the NoGAPS vessel design

The work discussed is a collaboration between



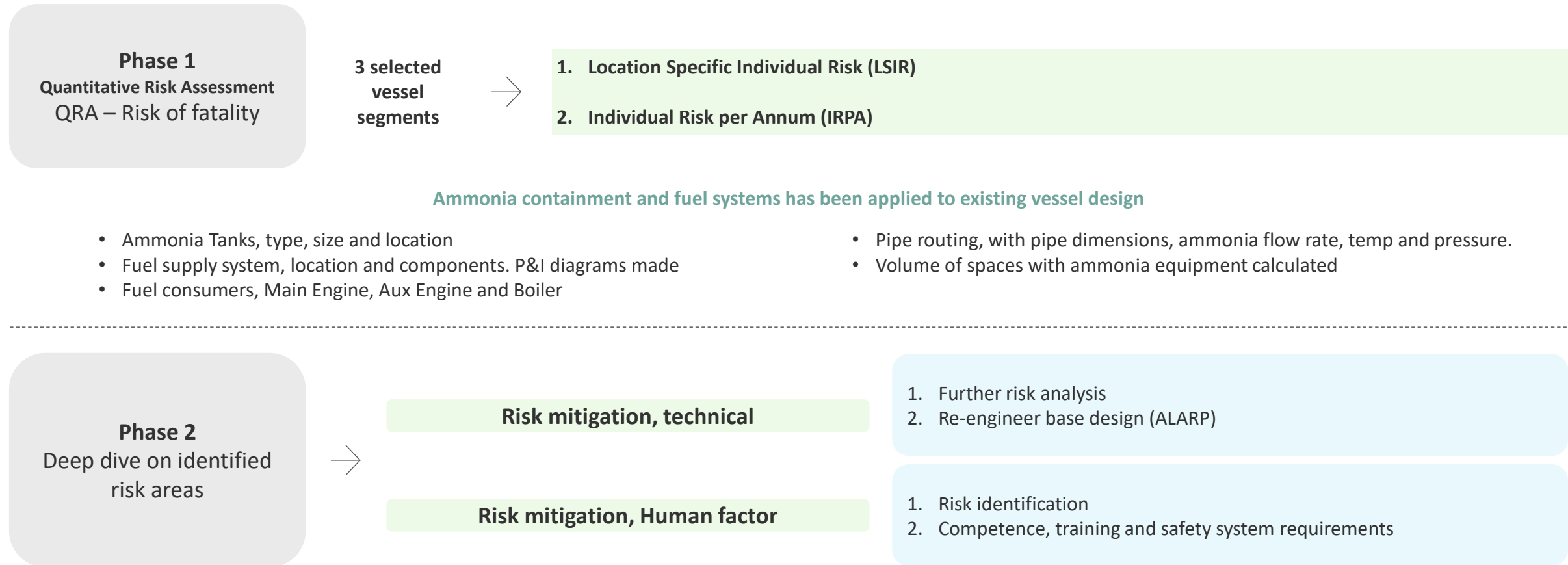
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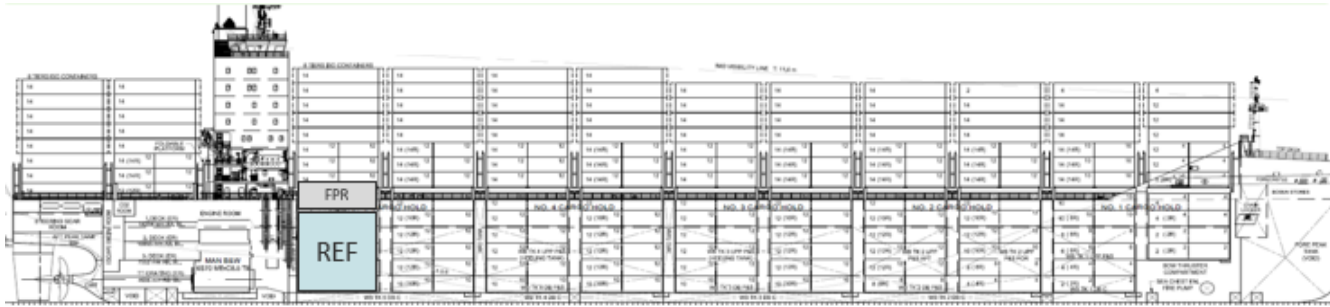
# The Ammonia pathway will remain constrained until safety concerns are addressed – proper risk management is thus a key transition enabler





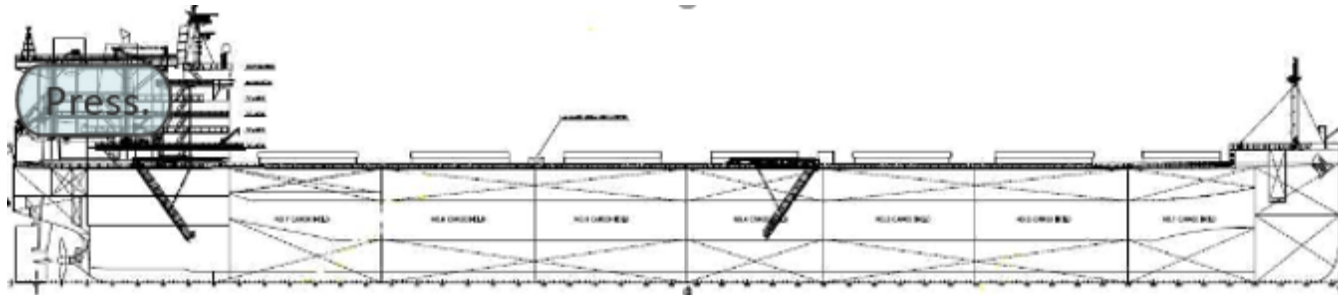
# Three different vessel design cases

Container  
3500 TEU



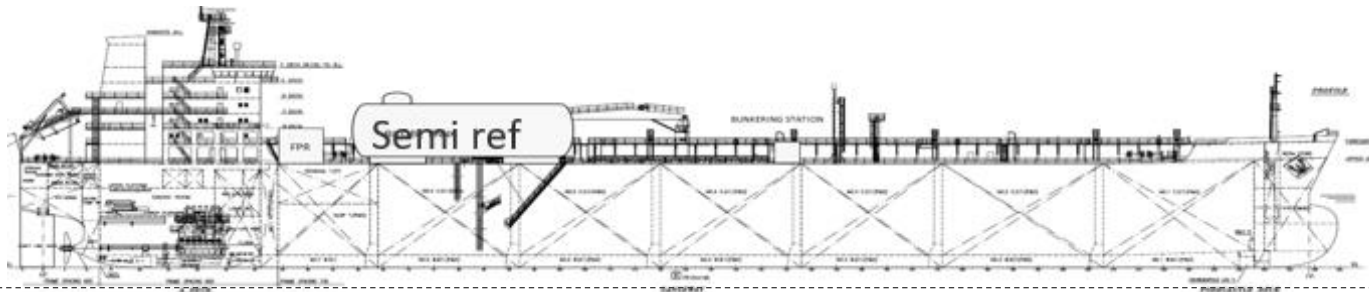
- Fully refrigerated tank system
- Liquid ammonia at atm. pressure. -33 C°

Bulker  
80-10.000 DWT



- Fully Pressurized tank system
- Liquid ammonia at ambient temperature. Designed for 18 Bar

MR Tanker  
50.000 DWT



- Semi refrigerated tank system
- Liquid ammonia at 4 bar



# Vessel and system design has variation in the risk level for the different locations onboard. (LSIR), necessitating dedicated further work

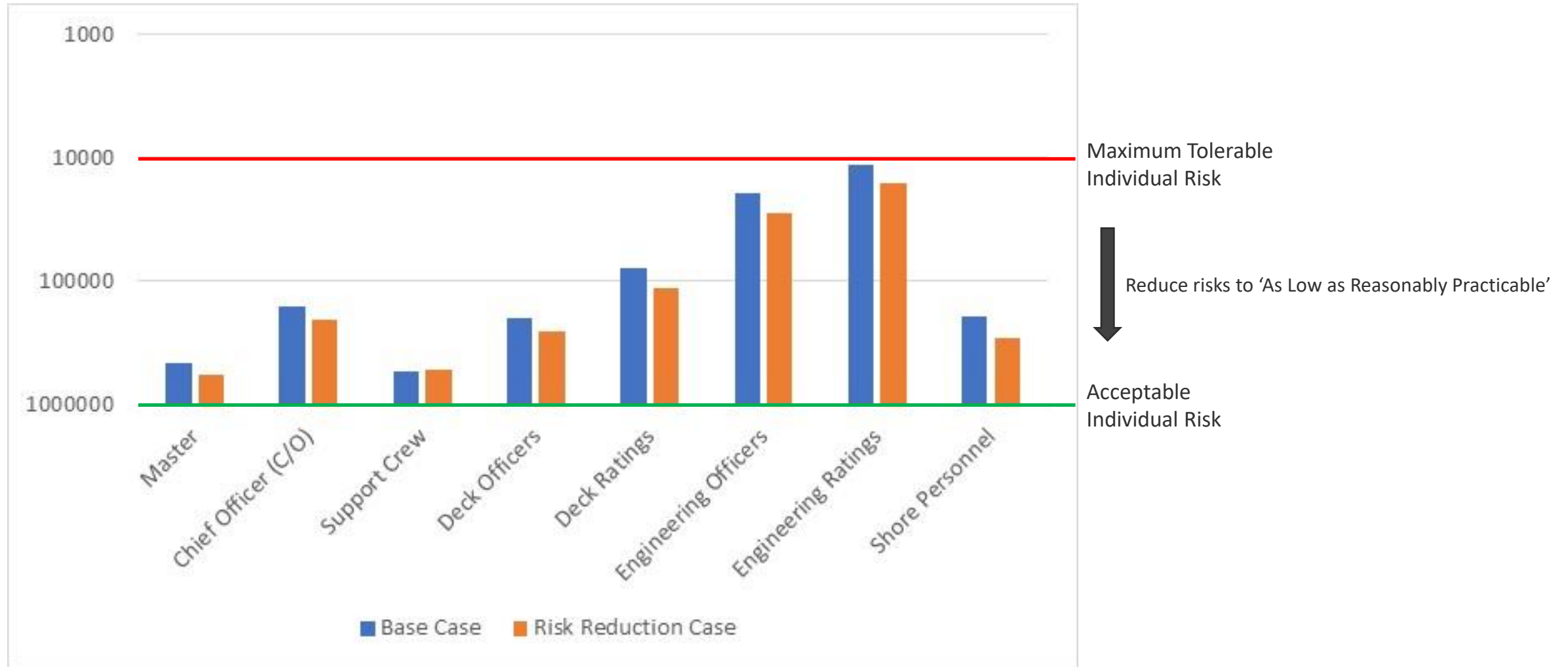
**The Location Specific Individual Risk (LSIR)** reflects the risk of fatality with permanent occupation in selected locations.

**The Highest risk areas across all segments:** (1) Fuel preparation room, (2) Tank connection space, all with ammonia containing equipment.

Vessel location / Vessel segment	Container	Tanker	Bulker
Fuel preparation room			
Tank connection space			
Engine room			
Tank area on deck, Tanker and bulker	N/A		
Deck Forward		due to tank location	
Cargo Hold		N/A	
Bunker Station			
Deck Aft			
Accommodation			due to tank location
Engineering Control Room			



# Individual risk to crew (IRPA)



NOTE: Results are preliminary



# The QRA findings for the 3500 TEU Container case pinpoint concrete key risk drivers and mitigation actions based on the LSIR and IRPAs.

## Key observations

- Risks of ammonia as marine fuel are manageable with proper safeguards in design and operations.
- The level of risk exposure is close to the Maximum Tolerable level, in some cases, indicating need for risk mitigation.
- Crew training and competence is equally important to engineered design solutions.

## Key identified risk drivers and mitigations

### Key risk drivers in QRA calculations

- Number of leak sources
- Flow, pressure and volume of ammonia in equipment
- Chance of escape

### Key risk mitigations

- Ventilation of room
- Restriction of access to location.
- Separation of bunker station from accommodation
- Water curtain at bunker station
- Recirculation of ventilation in accommodation
- Double walled piping in ER and other places outside FPR



# Presentation: Introducing M/S NoGAPS and its safety concept

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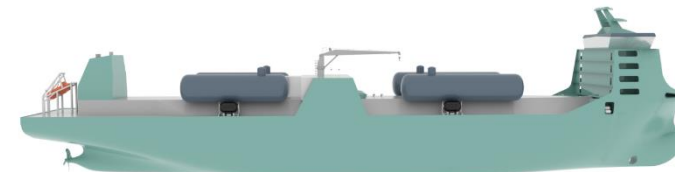
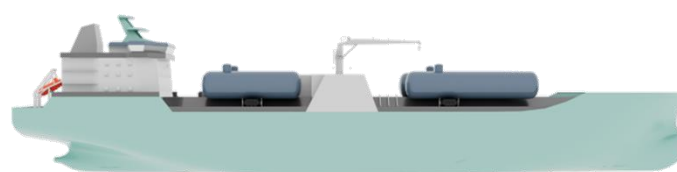


# Design requirements

- 22,000 m<sup>3</sup> gas carrier
  - Semi-refrigerated cargo tanks, 5.3 bar
  - Multi-gas, but main intended cargo commodity is ammonia →
  - Range on ammonia: 12,000 nm
  
  - Semi-refrigerated fuel tanks, 8 bar, -33.2C
  - Ammonia bunkering capability
    - Extra manifold
    - Manoeuvring requirements
    - Fenders
  
  - Intended route: Gulf of Mexico to Norway
  - Range on ammonia: 12,000 nm
  - Class notation: 1A Tanker for liquefied Gas, Shiptype 2G (-48C, 700kg/m<sup>3</sup>, 5.3bar) GF NH<sub>3</sub>, Clean design, Eo, NAUT(OC), BMON, BIS, TMON, BWM (T), Recyclable, DNV Ice Class 1A
- Anhydrous ammonia (normally contains maximum 0.5% moisture)
  - 1,3-Butadiene
  - Butane (ISO and normal)
  - Butane/propane mixtures
  - n-Butane/i-Butane mixture
  - C4 mixture
  - Butylene
  - Propane Commercial propane (maximum 2.5 mole % ethane in the liquid phase)
  - Propylene
  - Vinyl chloride monomer
  - Isoprene monomer



# Accommodation location

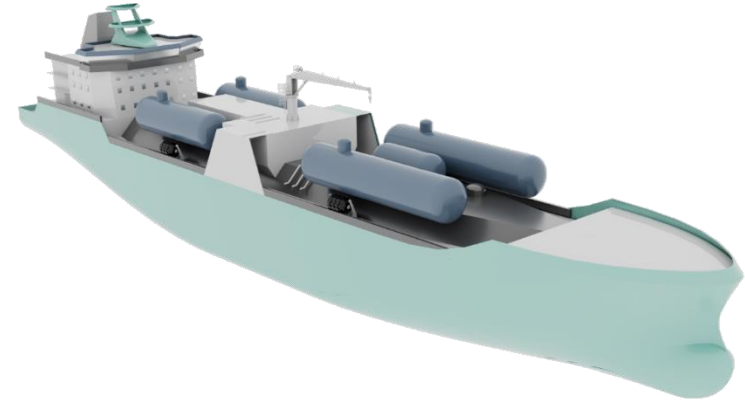
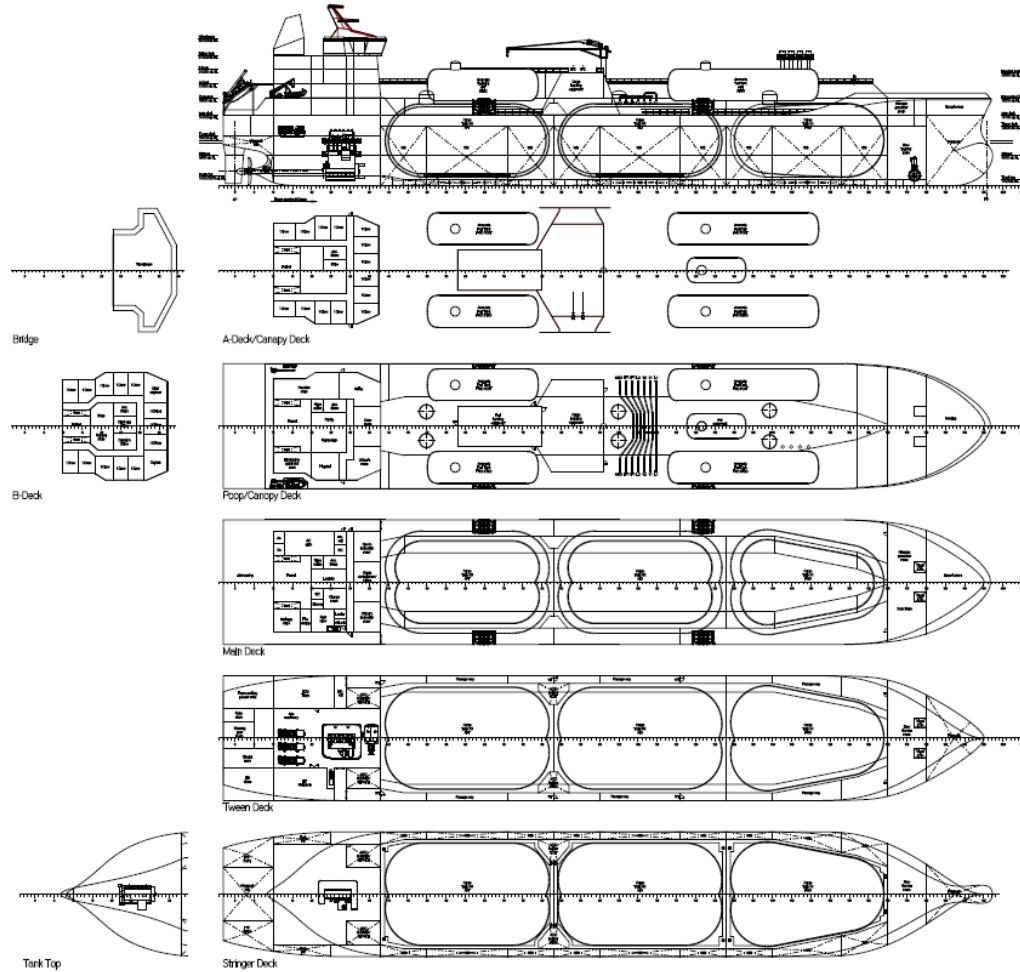


Consideration		AFT	FWD
Cost		-	More expensive
Performance		Average noise and vibrations	Higher motions require speed reduction in higher sea states
Safety & Operations	Lifesaving	-	Long distance to aft lifeboat in case of mustering/emergency
	Engine room	-	Longer time to mobilize for fires or alarms
	Ammonia exposure	Higher risk at sea	Higher risk in port during cargo operations
Commercial Availability		-	More limited experience, but not significant
Design Complexity		-	More complex

Selected



# NoGAPS arrangement and main characteristics



## MAIN DIMENSIONS

Length over all	160.00 m
Length PP	156.60 m
Breadth moulded	26.00 m
Depth moulded	14.70 m
Draught, design	9.00 m
Draught max	9.50 m
Deadweight, des. draught	17 960 t
Deadweight, max. draught	19 820 t

## SPEED & ENDURANCE

Service speed,	15.0 kn
Max. speed	16.0 kn
Endurance (service speed)	12 800 nm

## CAPACITIES (100%)

Cargo tanks	21 844 m <sup>3</sup>
MDO	1 035 m <sup>3</sup>
BW	9 617 m <sup>3</sup>
FW	260 m <sup>3</sup>

## CARGO EQUIPMENT

Segregations	2 (3 cargo tanks)
Cargo pumps (submerged)	6 x 400 m <sup>3</sup> /h
Cargo pumps type	Deep-well, electric
Discharge rate (6 simult.)	2 400 m <sup>3</sup> /h

## NH<sub>3</sub> FUEL TANKS

NH <sub>3</sub>	3 450 m <sup>3</sup>
Pressure	8.0 barg

## FUEL CONSUMPTION

(service speed, design draft, 15% SM)	
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Fuel consumption, NH <sub>3</sub>	51.5 t/d
Fuel consumption, MDO (pilot)	1.8 t/d

## ACCOMMODATION

- 27 + 6 Suez Crew all in single cabins

## PROPULSION / MACHINERY

- 2-stroke 6G50ME-C9.6-Ammonia HL main engine
- 1 x 7,200 kW at 93.0 r/min
- 4 stroke Wärtsilä Generating sets
- 3 x 1,255 kW 6L20
- Shaft generator (PTO) 1,000 kW
- 1 CP Propeller, dia. 5.8 m
- 1 x Emergency diesel generator
- 1 x Bow thruster 1000 kW

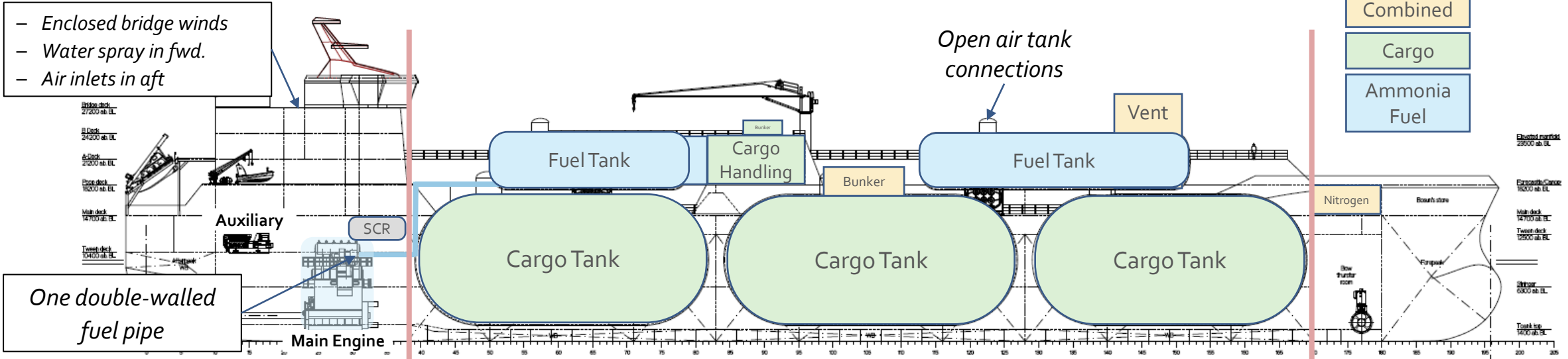
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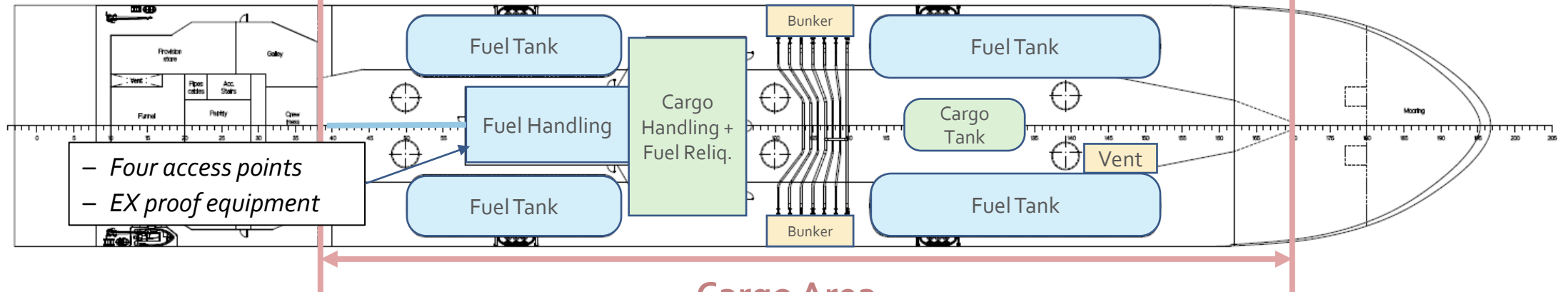


# Preliminary safety concept

- Enclosed bridge winds
- Water spray in fwd.
- Air inlets in aft



*All ammonia as a fuel storage and equipment within cargo area*



# Reducing risk and cost: auxiliary engines and boiler

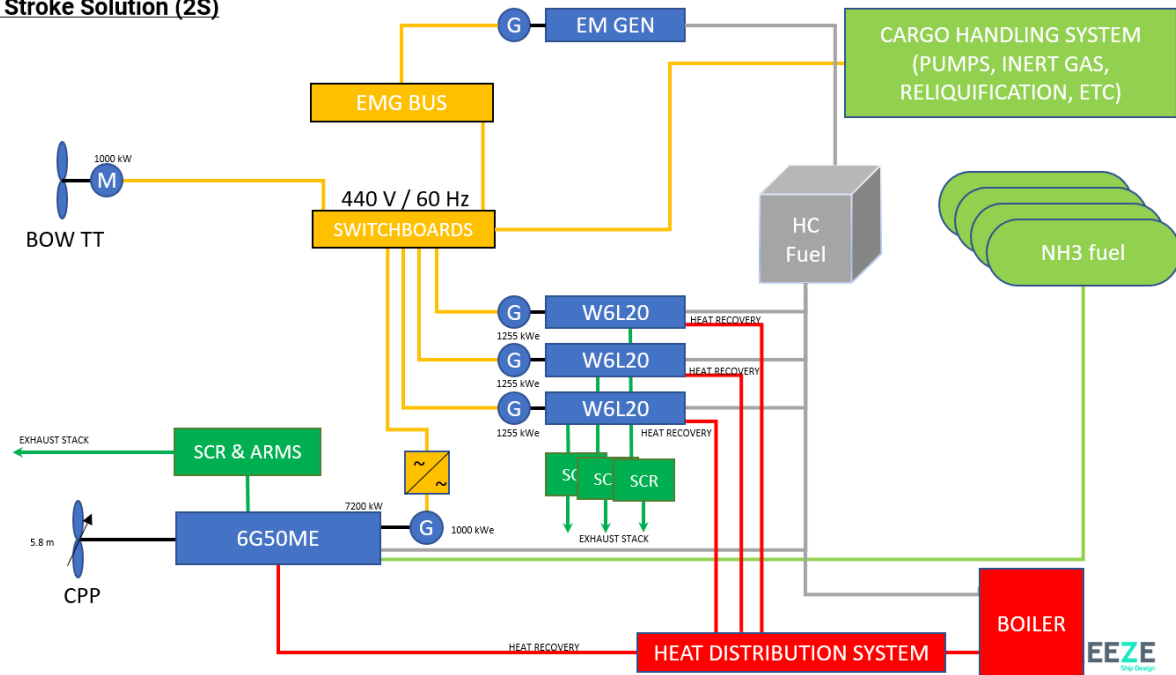


Auxiliary engines and boiler to use conventional and biofuels (not ammonia)<sup>1</sup>

- Two-stroke configuration has expected low pilot fuel amounts
- Use of a biofuel or shore power can reduce emissions to net-zero
- Additional safety risks to be mitigated with three more ammonia consumers on the two-stroke configuration
- Design cost and complexity increases with only novel engine technologies onboard
- Ammonia-fueled boiler still under evaluation

Selected machinery arrangement

## 2 Stroke Solution (2S)



<sup>1</sup> To reduce safety risks (fewer ammonia consumers) and costs for limited emission benefits

# Properly managing ammonia emissions onboard



Multiple emission reduction technologies planned onboard

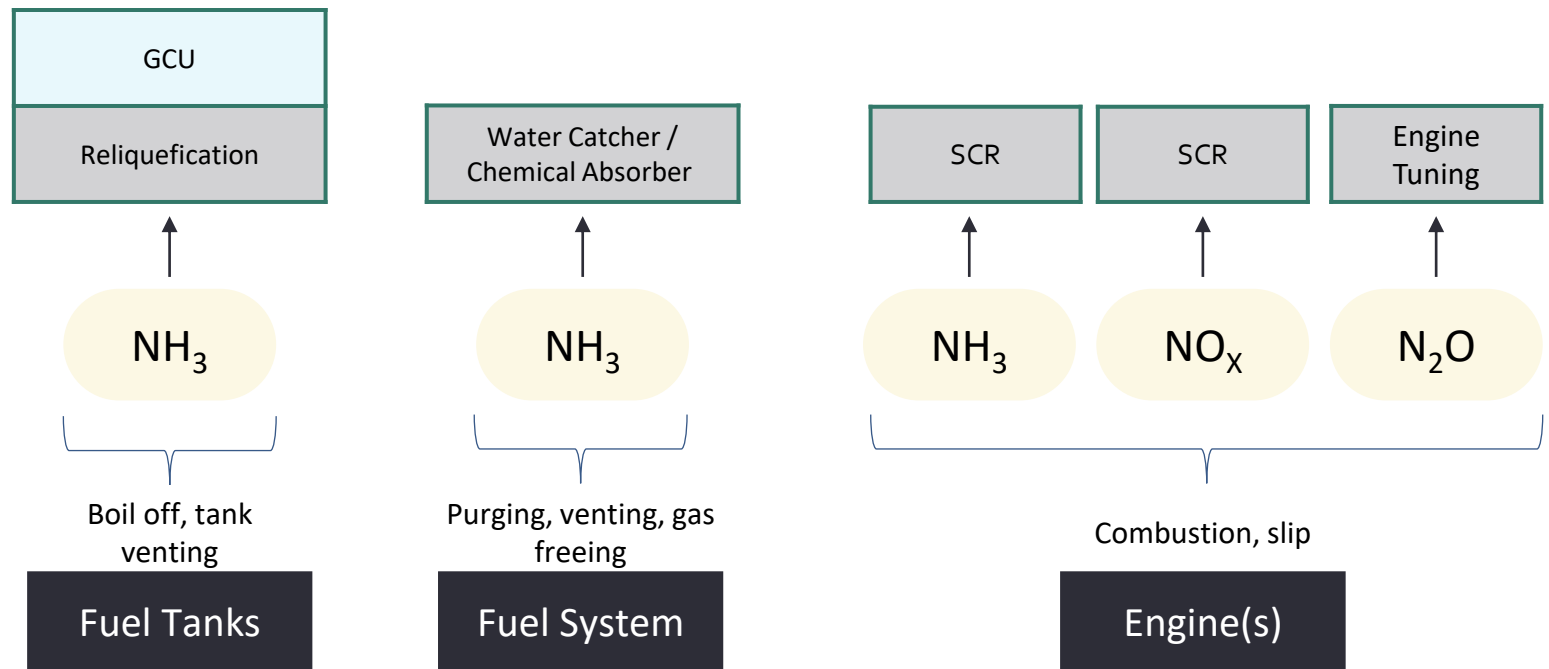
## Ammonia combustion

- High-pressure SCR installed to reduce  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions
- Assume minimum  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions managed by engine tuning
- Ammonia slip is utilized in SCR as reducing agent

## Fuel storage and supply

- Boil-off managed using fully redundant reliquification plants
- Water catcher/chemical absorber part of fuel supply system
- Management of tank venting using GCU under discussion

### Planned emission reduction technologies



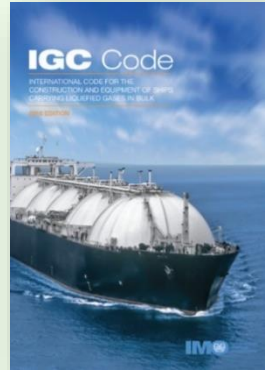
# Presentation: M/S NoGAPS HAZID outcomes

Thomas McKenney, Naval Architect, MMMCZCS



# Regulatory approach

## IGC Code and DNV Rules as a basis



- Ch.16 of the IGC Code covers cargo as fuel
- IGC Code is mainly written for methane (LNG) cargo as fuel, but §16.9 in the IGC Code allows for alternative fuel products
- Unlike IGF Code, IGC Code prohibits toxic products as fuel
- DNV Rules for Liquefied Gas Carriers can accept use of ammonia subject to agreement with flag administration

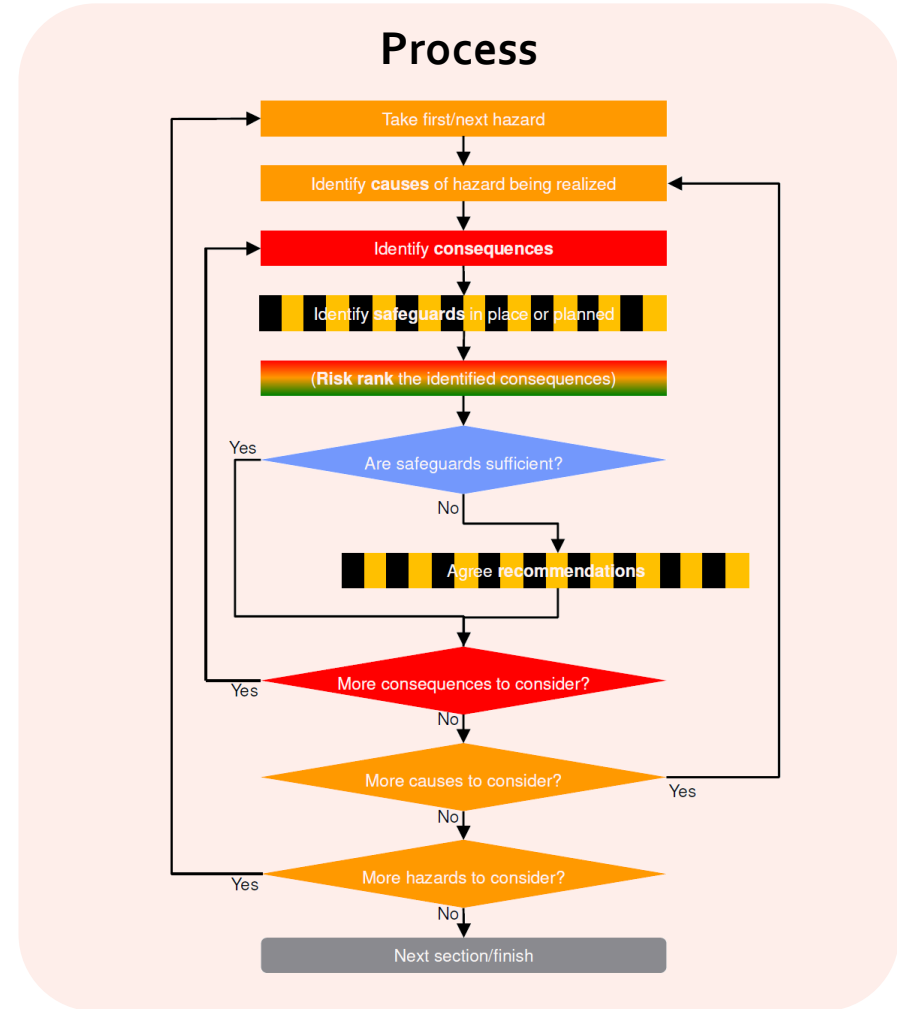
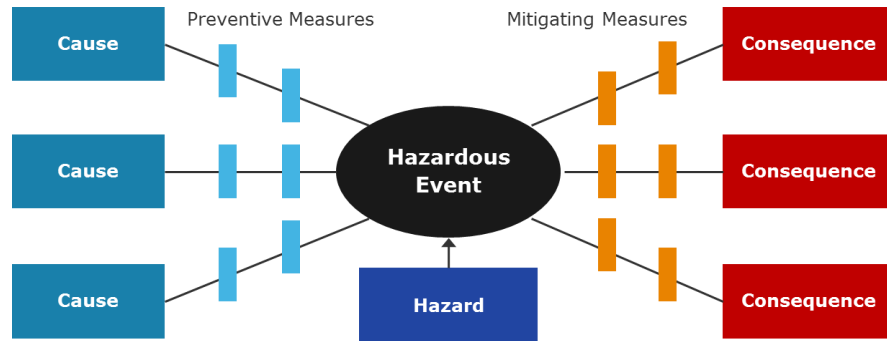
## Equivalent safety as methane (LNG) cargo as a fuel



- NoGAPS project and planned AIP is only a high-level review of relevant early design documentation
- A hazard-based on ALARP principle is found to be appropriate level to document similar safety for NH<sub>3</sub> as fuel compared to Methane (LNG)
- When potential vessel is made, then full compliance with rules must be done

# HAZID methodology

- **HAZID** is a structured team-based review technique to identify hazards associated with a particular concept, design, operation or activity
- **HAZID** is one of the most effective approaches to identify major accident hazards with the expertise and knowledge of a competent and experienced workshop team represented by people from design, construction and operation



# HAZID results and top risks

		Severity				
		1	2	3	4	5
		None	Minor	Significant	Severe	Catastrophic
Frequency						
5	Frequently					
4	Very likely					
3	Likely	1.3, 1.6, 3.8	1.2	1.4, 3.1, 3.3	6.1	
2	Unlikely		1.1, 1.5, 2.1, 2.3, 3.5, 3.6	2.2, 3.10, 6.2	3.2, 3.9	2.6, 4.1
1	Extremely remote					2.4, 2.5

## Top Risks

- Fuel tanks: Loss of primary containment due to fire (2.4), explosion (2.5), impact or dropped object (2.6), connection failure
- Fuel handling room: leakage in valves/flanges (3.1), pipe rupture (3.2), heater/cooler leakage (3.3), trapped liquid (3.9)
- Rupture of high-pressure fuel piping on deck (6.1)
- Pipe rupture in engine room (4.1)

# Ongoing investigations and further mitigation measures



## Fuel Handling Room

- Automated ventilation design
- Fire fighting equipment
- Division into smaller spaces
- Minimize crew time in fuel handling room



## Ammonia releases/emissions

- Automated accommodation ventilation design with gas detection
- Water catcher/chemical absorber in fuel supply system and resulting ammonia water solution
- Ammonia slip from engines



## Engine Room

- Length and routing of high-pressure fuel supply to engine
- Minimized amount of ammonia if pipe rupture occurs



## Emission Reduction

- NO<sub>x</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O
- Pilot fuel: minimize amount and prepare for biofuel



## Energy Efficiency

- Fuel cells, batteries, wind assisted propulsion, hullform optimization, ...



# Panel discussion: NoGAPS Partners

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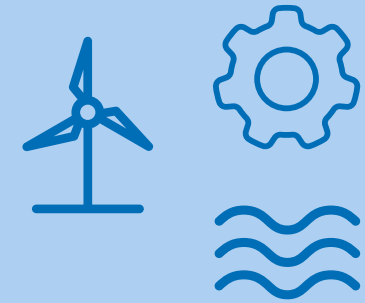
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# Next steps



# Thank you for listening!



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