

# Key Aspects for Design of Hydrogen Vessels



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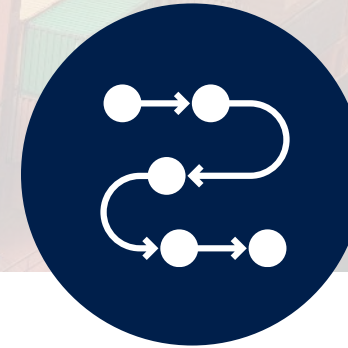
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# Our zero-emissions (ZE) marine services:



## **ZE Transportation**

We are building our own fleet of zero-emissions inland and short-sea vessels, which we offer for charter.



## **ZE Advisory**

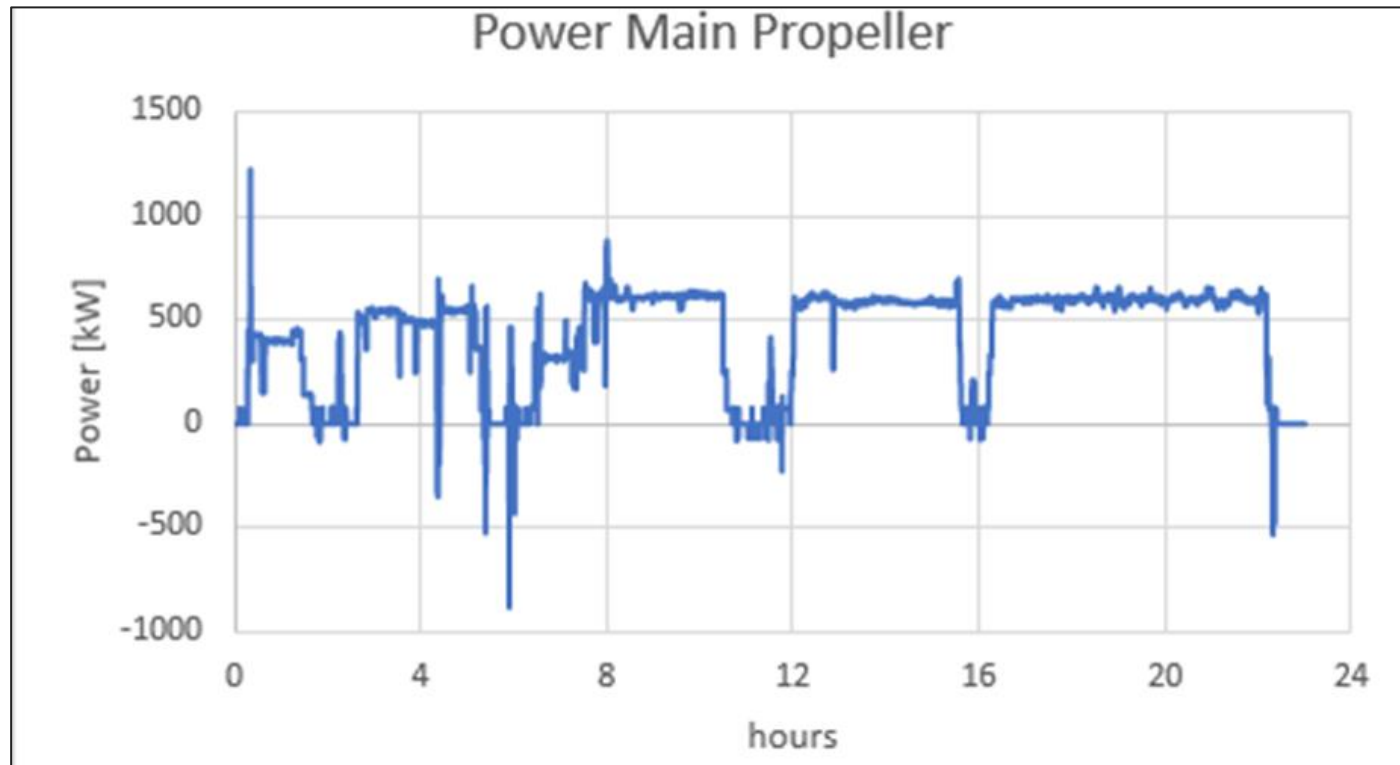
We enable others to make the transition to zero-emissions. We support on technical, financial and commercial aspects as well as project development and management.

# We will retrofit an existing inland vessel



- Typical 'Rhine' container/dry cargo vessel
- 110m \* 11.45m, Installed power is ~ 1.4 MW
- Operates between NL and BE, around 200 km one way
- Expect to reduce emissions by 2000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually
- 'Profiling' conducted to understand energy consumption in detail, select the zero emission technology and size it accordingly
- Profiling measurements included propulsion power (main and bow) and hotel load

# Measurements for profiling



- Worst case conditions on one way representative trip
- Occasional peaks caused by the operator
- Typical propulsion power around 650 kW
- Total energy around 10 MWh
- White paper with more details about the measurements on our website
- Based on power profile and availability of solutions, we opted for compressed hydrogen and PEM fuel cells

# Selected configuration

Completely remove diesel technology and replace with zero emission solution

825 kWe PEM fuel cell installation (3 x 275 kWe)

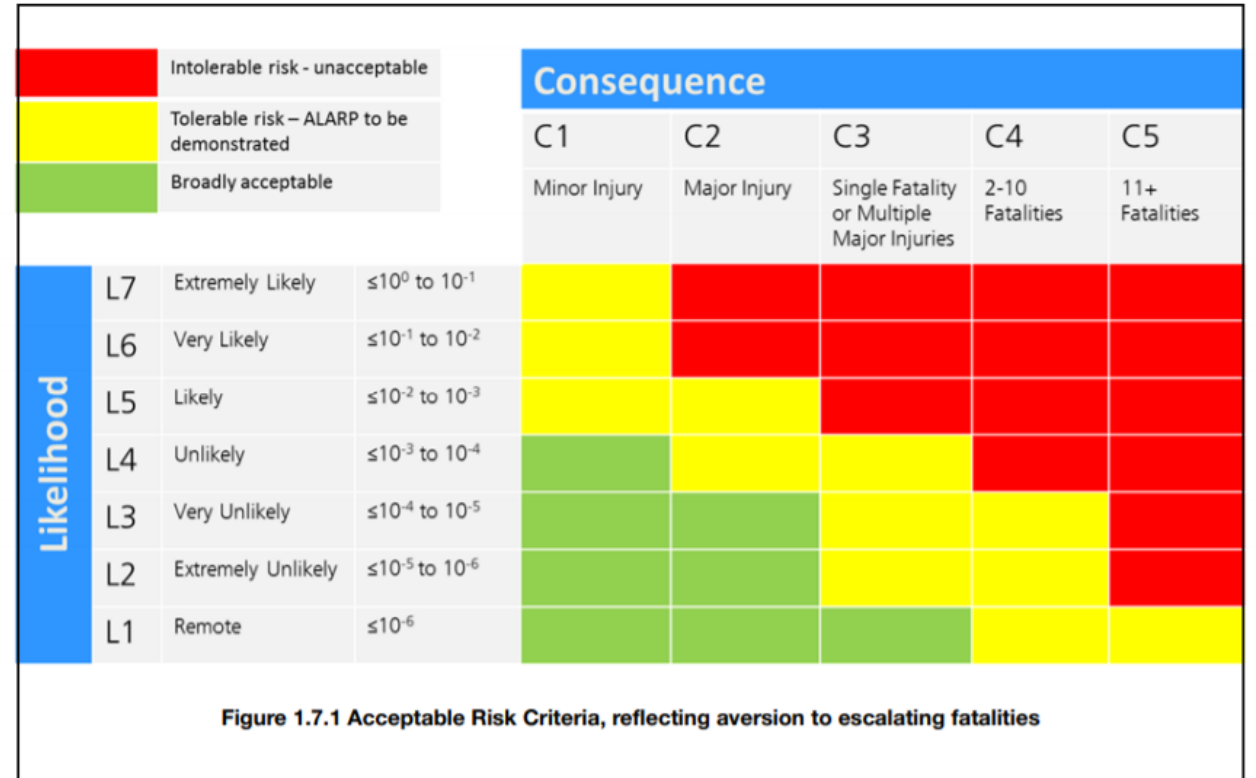
Around 1.100 kg of compressed H2 for sufficient reserve for operational and aging aspects

Four 40ft container spaces allocated for PEM+H2 in modified cargo hold

Battery installation for additional/start-up power (210 + 290 kWh)

# Where to begin with design?

Advantages H2	Disadvantages H2
No harmful exhaust emissions	Space requirements
Less vibrations	Low ignition energy
Hydrogen is non-toxic	Low and wide explosion level limits
Hydrogen is highly buoyant and dissipates quickly	Limited maritime experience and regulations



Source: LR Risk Based Design

Starting point are rules for LNG vessels (Estrin, Chapter 30 and Annex 8, and many other applicable rules).

# Our design and main safety aspects



- ⚡ Swappable hydrogen container tanks
- ⚡ Redundant battery and fuel cell system
- ⚡ Hydrogen installation mostly in open air
- ⚡ Ventilation crucial for enclosed spaces
- ⚡ Often triple safety barrier present
- ⚡ Inherently safe solutions applied where possible
- ⚡ Additional fire fighter monitors on the deck
- ⚡ Hydrogen vent line at the aft and *Hydrogen containment approach*

# Project update

## How far are we?

- Conceptual design and HAZID completed with all recommendations closed
- Recommendation to continue with approval process obtained from CCNR
- Contracts signed with fuel cell supplier, yard and subcontractors, electrical integrator and batteries, hydrogen supply secured for 7 + 7 years
- Working on documentation for final approval
- Expected sailing date: mid 2022

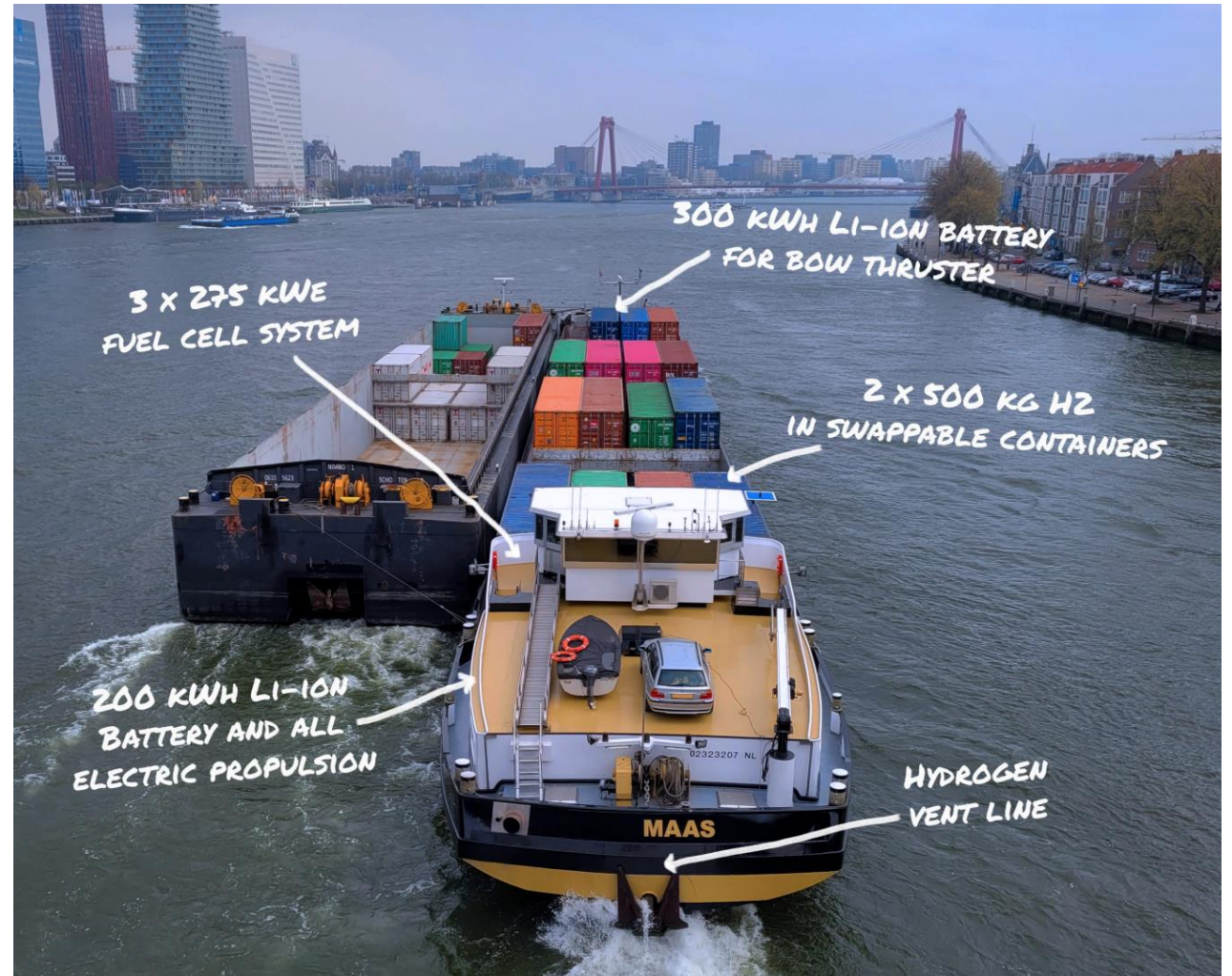




# Discussion and future work

## Is it applicable for others? Other considerations?

- Safe and efficient operation ensured
- Our design includes secondary and often tertiary safety barrier:
  - Ventilation and double walled piping
  - Sectioning of hydrogen zones
  - Enhanced firefighting capabilities
  - State of art sensors and leakage detection systems for system monitoring
- Future work
  - Other types hydrogen tubes require other approach, but same questions remain
  - Retrofit of two more ships is to start soon



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