



Zero-emission technology for RVs of the future and perspectives:

A Look into the Crystal Ball.



The real and complex reality of DECARBONISATION



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RV: The best platforms for alternative fuels testing

The investment of Public Marine institutes has a direct return effect on technological development



56 m RESEARCH VESSEL
(DC GRID+ BATTERIES)



70 m OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL
(e-HYBRID | 200 kWh)



84 m OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL
(LNG DUAL FUEL)



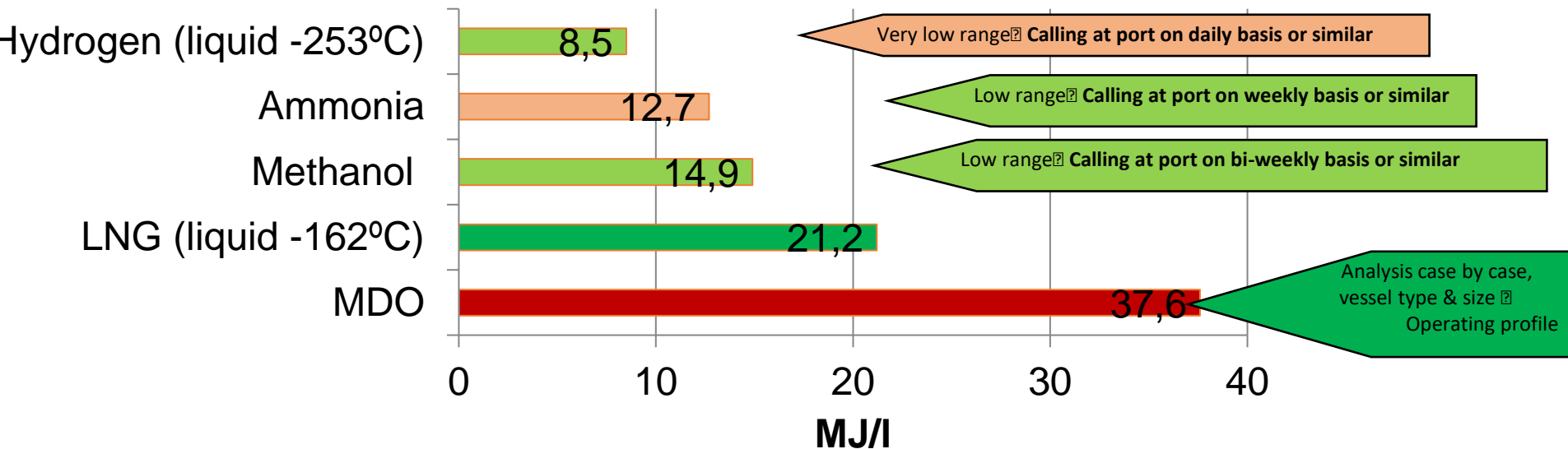
70 m OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL
(DC GRID e-SYSTEM)

RV is not a
cargo vessel.
There is some
available
EXTRA space



79 m RESEARCH VESSEL
(GAS-OIL METHANOL DUAL FUEL+ batteries)

Fuel energy efficiency: Energy per liter content volume



Environmental factors: GAS EMISSIONS BURNING FOSSIL FUELS

- ✓ Local emissions of Sox and Nox and Particulate Matter impacting human health
- ✓ GHG emissions with associated global warming impact

Respiratory

Carcinogen

Ozone

SOX
NOX
PARTICULATE MATTER

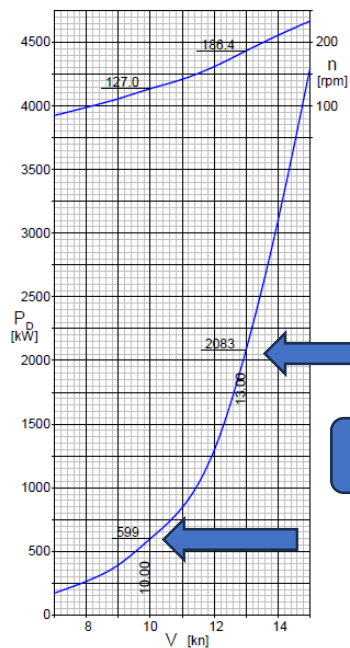
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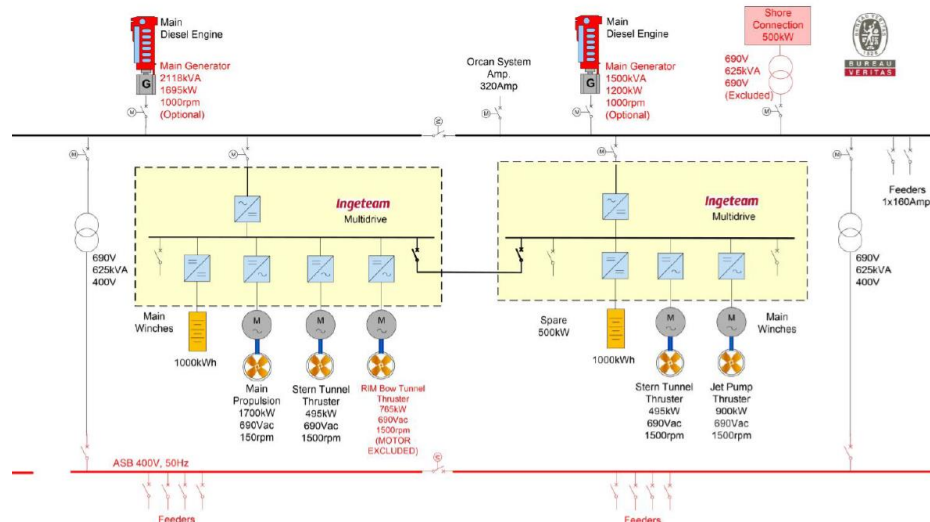
OPERATIONAL PROFILE

RESISTANCE CURVE



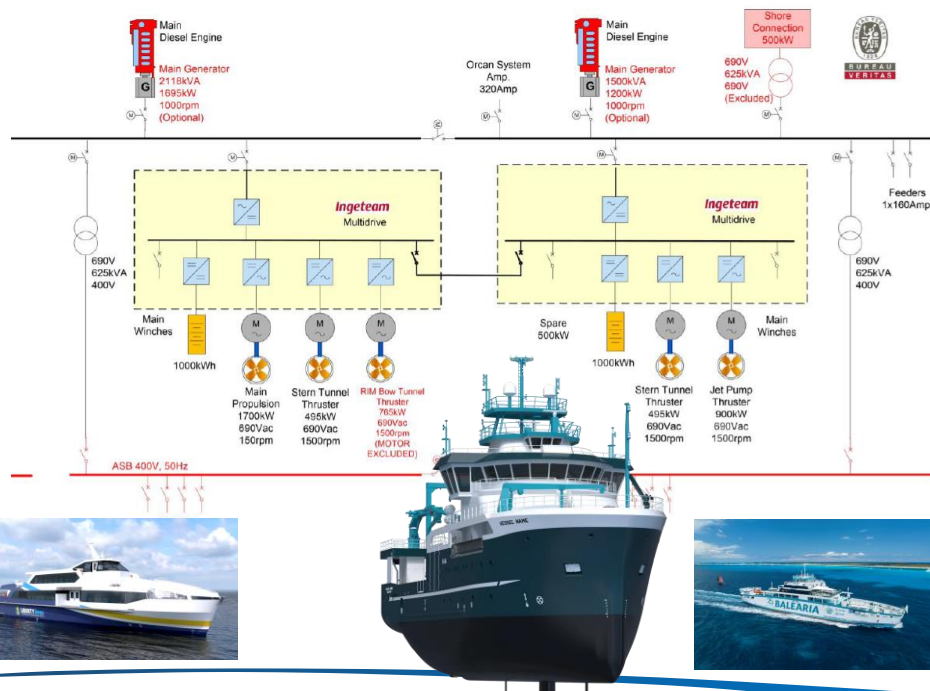
3 TIMES

Fig. 48. Propulsion prediction – hull version with the long drop keel



THE KEY:
AS FEW GENERATORS AS POSSIBLE STARTED
AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LOAD

THE NEW TREND: DC GRID CONNECTED TO BATTERY SYSTEMS



**BATTERIES IN WORLD-CLASS RVS?:
YES, HOWEVER...
ONLY FOR....**

Spinning Reserve operation mode:

In the event of a sudden load demand the required Energy is instantly supplied by the batteries. There is no need to start an additional Genset .

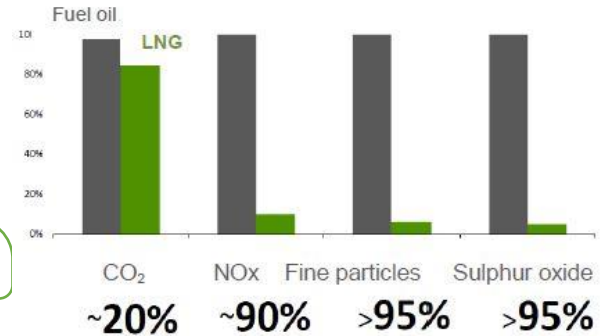
Dynamic Performance operation mode :

EMS ensures that the load ramps are performed softly, always keeping the Engines within their most efficient operating margins



LNG: THE TRANSITION FUEL FOR DECARBONIZING

New Spanish research vessel: a diesel-LNG hybrid approach



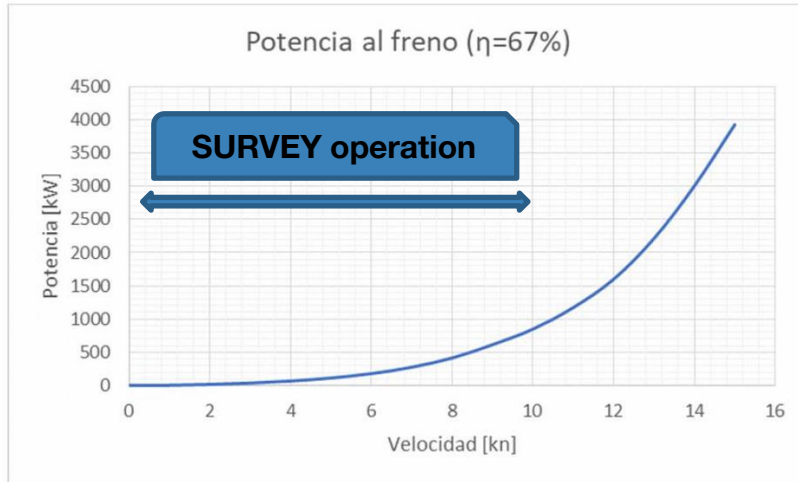
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LNG: WELL PROVEN AND
EXTENDED TECHNOLOGY

LNG: OPERATIONAL PROFILE

OPERATING PROFILE WITH LNG

STATE OF THE ART Global Research Vessel with a range over 45 days



Decision making, the use of Dual fuel gen-sets:

- 1.- MDO for transit, higher speeds and areas far away from the coast
- 2.- Lower emissions fuel for:

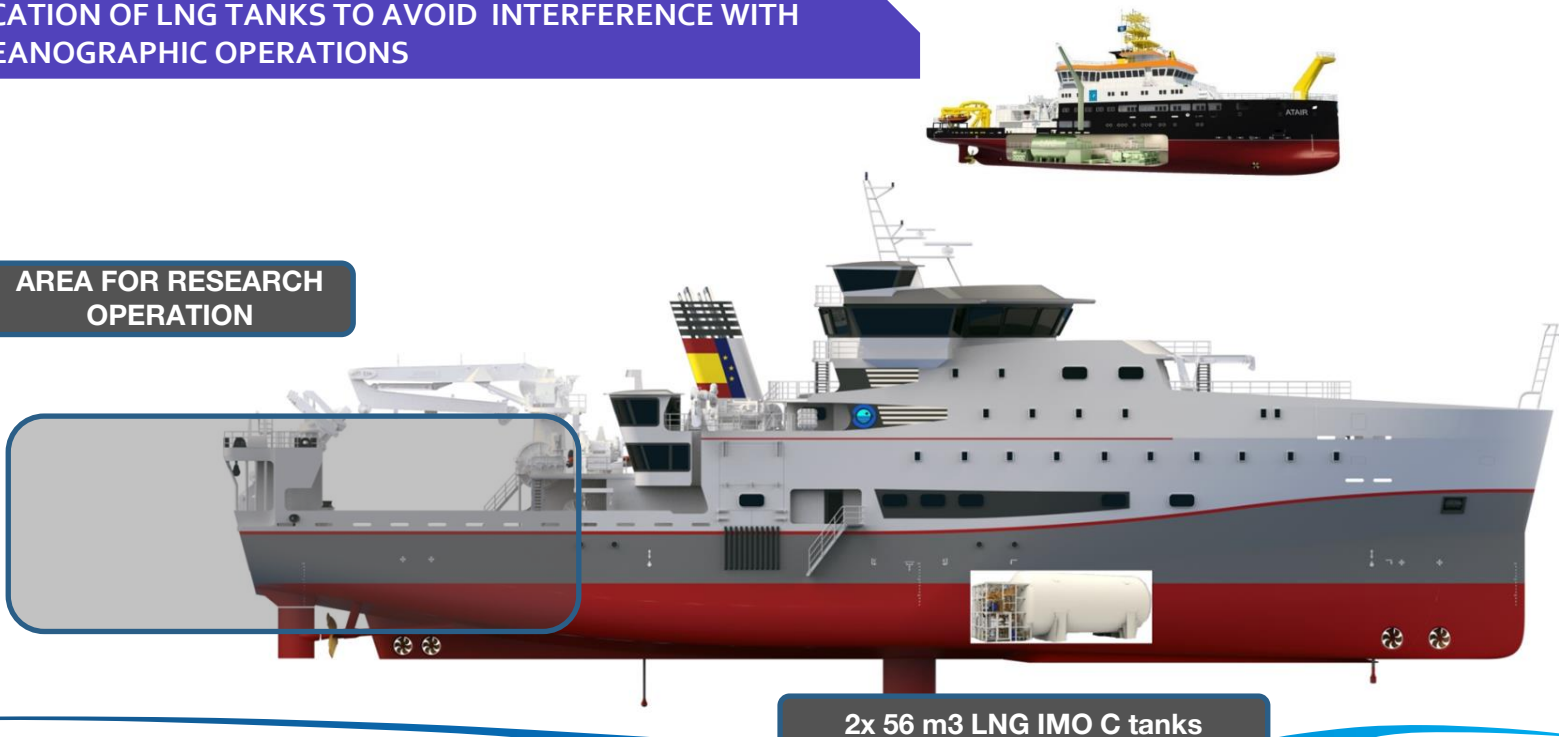
a.- Approach to port
b.- At least 10 days of operation with speeds below 10 kn. Environmentally sensible areas like Antartida or Mediterranean sea

**LNG: 10 DAYS
AT MAX. 10KN**

LNG: SPACE AVAILABILITY

LOCATION OF LNG TANKS TO AVOID INTERFERENCE WITH OCEANOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS

AREA FOR RESEARCH OPERATION



LNG PROS AND CONS

¿WHY the use of LNG as dual-fuel in RVs?

Summarazing:

- ✓ Clear **advantages** for the **ENVIRONMENT**
- ✓ Fuel gas **BETTER PRICE** (expected)
- ✓ And the **NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY IS AVAILABLE** and has been well proven for many years in methane tankers (which transport LNG and also use it as fuel) with a very **favorable safety records**.

OUR EXPERIENCE WITH LNG



CHALLENGES

- ✓ Higher CAPEX □ higher initial investment
- ✓ Loss of cargo space: LNG capacity
- ✓ Bunkering infrastructure is still in the early stages
- ✓ Competence / Training
- ✓ Slight methane slip from engine when running on low load

Zero-emission technology for RVs of the future and perspectives:

BIOFUELS: TRANSITION FUEL FOR DECARBONIZING



BIO-FUELS: HVO



FEWER EMISSIONS/ GOOD PERFORMANCE/ USER-FRIENDLY FOR HUMANS

- ✓ LIMITED RAW MATERIALS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEFORESTATION OF THE PLANET.
- ✓ MANUFACTURING BIO-FUELS REQUIRE HIGH ENERGY CONSUMPTION.
- ✓ ALTHOUGH CO₂ AND SOOT EMISSIONS ARE GREATLY REDUCED, NITROGEN AND PARTICULATE EMISSIONS REMAIN ALMOST THE SAME.



HVO IS A BIOFUEL MADE FROM HYDROGEN-TREATED OILS AND FATS FROM VEGETABLE AND ANIMAL SOURCES

DERIVA DE LA BIOMASA, MATERIA ORGÁNICA EN PROCESO BIOLÓGICO

BIO-FUELS: HVO

LAND USE CONFLICT:
FOOD OR ENERGY??

Palm oil and soy oil for biofuels linked to high rates of deforestation

IS $\text{CH}_3\text{-OH}$ IS PART OF THE SOLUTION



OVERVIEW OF METHANOL AS FUEL

- Methanol is a promising alternative fuel for the shipping industry
- It is safe, cost-competitive, and can meet more restrictive emissions regulations

BENEFITS DECARBONISATION

- Methanol is sulfur-free, making it an attractive alternative to traditional fuels
- Interest in methanol as a fuel has grown in the shipping industry

New Dutch RV: a diesel-methanol- battery hybrid approach

State of the art RV:

- LOA _____ 79,97 m
- B_{moulded} _____ 17,00m
- Speed _____ 12,00 knots
- POB _____ 47 persons
- Diesel-Methanol Electric Propulsion
(2x ABC ? 1,200 ekW + 1.695 ekW)
- Other particulars:
 - ✓ The ship is prepared to use methanol as a carbon-neutral fuel ? **METHANOL**



READY: 225 m³

Real alternative fuels applications for decarbonization

✓ 2x Battery packs of 1.000 kWh each)

✓ **CHALLENGES**

- **Higher CAPEX** □ higher initial investment
- **Loss of cargo space: COFFERDAMS SURROUNDING**
- Bunkering infrastructure is still in the early stages
- Fuel costs, still some uncertain
- Competence / Training
- Very low flash-point: 11°C. High flammability.
- Invisible flames when burns
- Toxic and poisonous



The price of synthetic methanol must compete at competitive levels as studies show methanol prices will be higher in comparison with other synthetic fuels.

Green methanol production and Bunkering

Green methanol is one of the most promising carbon neutral fuels for the long-term in a decarbonization scenario

Meets Tier III Standards

80%↓

Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)²

Improves Air Quality and Human Health

99%↓

Sulphur Oxides (SOx)

95%↓

Particulate Matter (PM)

Lower Carbon Dioxide

15%↓

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)

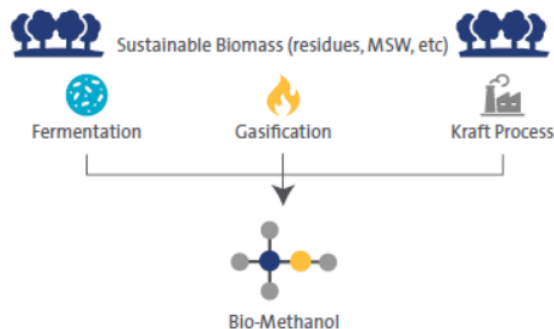
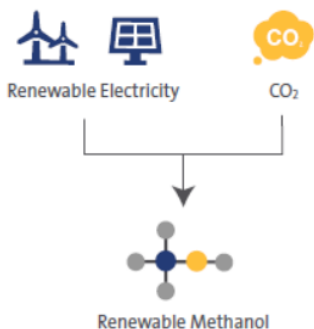
Source: Stena Lines, MAN

Combustion emission reductions when compared to heavy fuel oil

Negligible and expensive production

LOGISTIC PROBLEM:
Where shall we bunker in an Indian Ocean Research Campaign????

Green Methanol Pathways



BETTING ON THE MEDIUM TERM:
MIXED USE OF GAS-OIL- METHANOL TANKS FOR A FUTURE COMPLETE INTEGRATION OF METHANOL

World's first hydrogen-powered tugboat:

Tractor - Type TUG (< 500 GT):

- LOA _____ 30,20 m
- B_{moulded} _____ 12,50m
- Bollard Pull _____ > 65 TBP
- Speed _____ 12,50 knots
- **H₂ Capacity** _____ 405 kg at 350 bar
- **Dual fuel engines:**
 - 2x ABC-BEHYDRO 12V DZD
 - 2000 KW/engine at 1000 rpm

Expected range (running on H₂):

- **8-9 hours**

Real alternative fuel applications for decarbonization (at transit speed of 7-8 knots, > 100 km)



**ARMON's Tug in-house design
(& CMB for H₂ equipment)**

ARMON EXPERIENCE: “hydrogen in compressed form is only applicable to small ships operating in very short ranges that can refuel frequently”

✓ CHALLENGES

- **HYDROGEN IS DANGEROUS.**
- **HYDROGEN 25% of energy per liter compared to gas-oil.**
- **HYDROGEN: very low range.**
- **High trained crews.**
- **Bunkering logistics virtually non-existent**



DANGEROUS

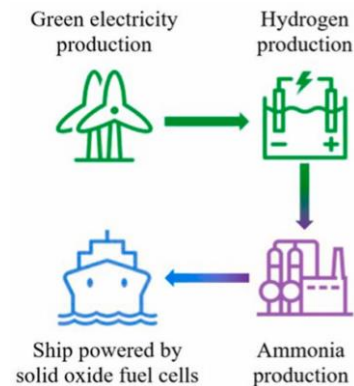
LOW
ENERGY PER
LITER

VERY LOW
RANGE

COMPLEX
USE



- **Ammonia (NH₃)** as a future potential fuel for shipping .
- Ammonia, sometimes called “the other hydrogen”, **is carbon-free.**
- **E-METANO (CO₂+4H₂ → CH₄+2H₂O)**
- Still **some challenges:**
 - The GHG emissions from production of ammonia depends on the production method. Most of the ammonia produced today derives from natural gas, generating larger CO₂ emissions per energy unit.
 - 25% less energy vol. density than methanol



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Numerous studies have shown that the increased formation of nitrous oxide (N₂O) may offset ammonia's carbon-free advantages, leading to a higher greenhouse gas potential than fossil fuels

Combustion of ammonia in engines can also cause higher nitrous oxide (NO_x) emissions

The toxicity of ammonia is a major concern

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Ammonia is nowadays dismissed due to the lack of proven technological maturity



Don't waste your efforts by painting chimneys green.

Real alternative fuels applications for decarbonization

Sustainable changes must be accompanied by appropriate decisions on a case-by-case, project-by-project basis.



ANALYSE YOUR OPERATIONAL PROFILE YOUR LOGISTICS AND LIFECYCLE : well-to-tank fuel emissions, close the circle



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