

## Hydrodynamic Optimization of Ships

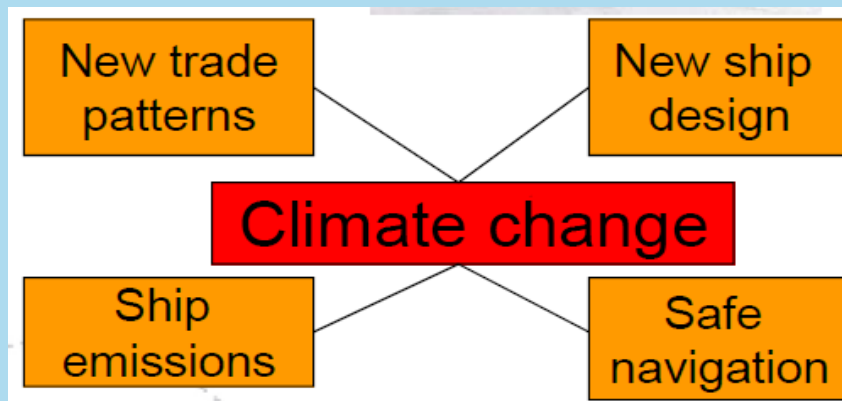
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## Hydrodynamic Optimization– What can be gained?

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## Hydrodynamic Optimization– What can be gained?

IMO emission legislation – the big challenge for international shipping

SO<sub>x</sub>: Regulation adopted

NO<sub>x</sub>: Regulation adopted\*\*

PM: Regulation under discussion

ECAs: Being expanded

CO<sub>2</sub>: Items discussed

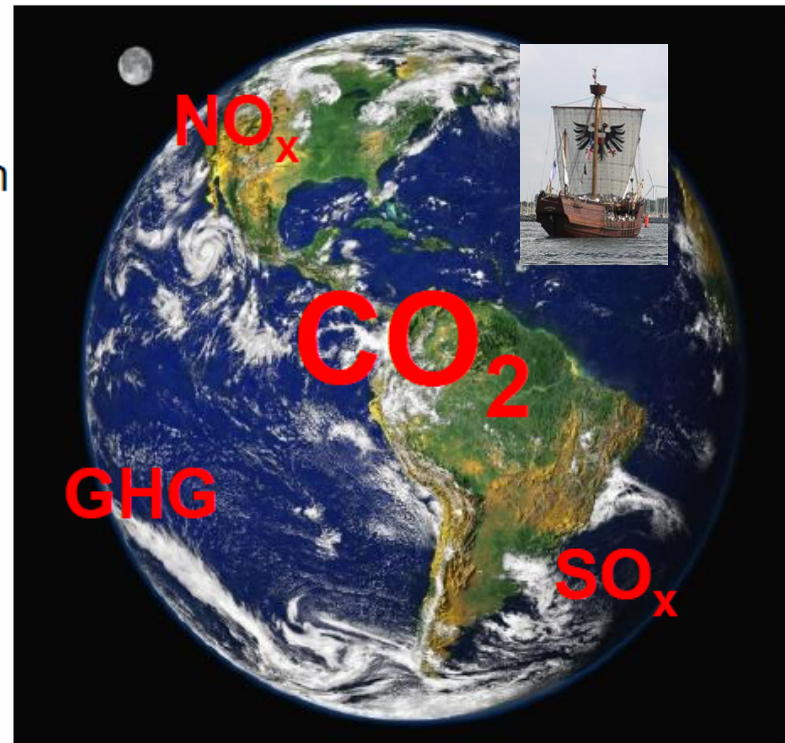
CO<sub>2</sub>: **Design index EEDI**

CO<sub>2</sub>: **Operational Index EEOI**

**Market-based instruments:**

Global bunker **levy** (tax)

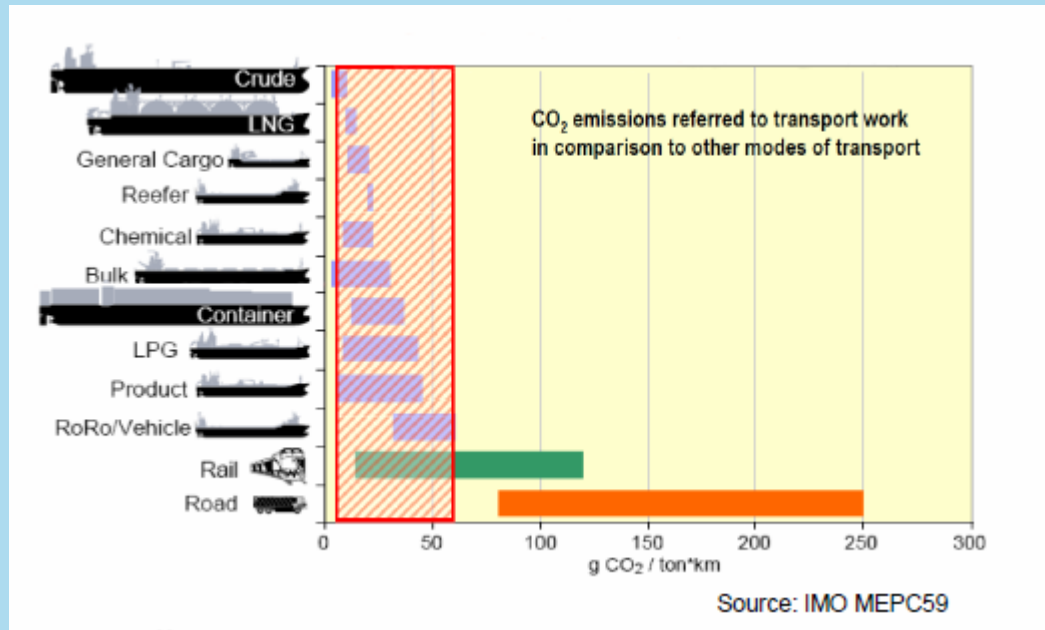
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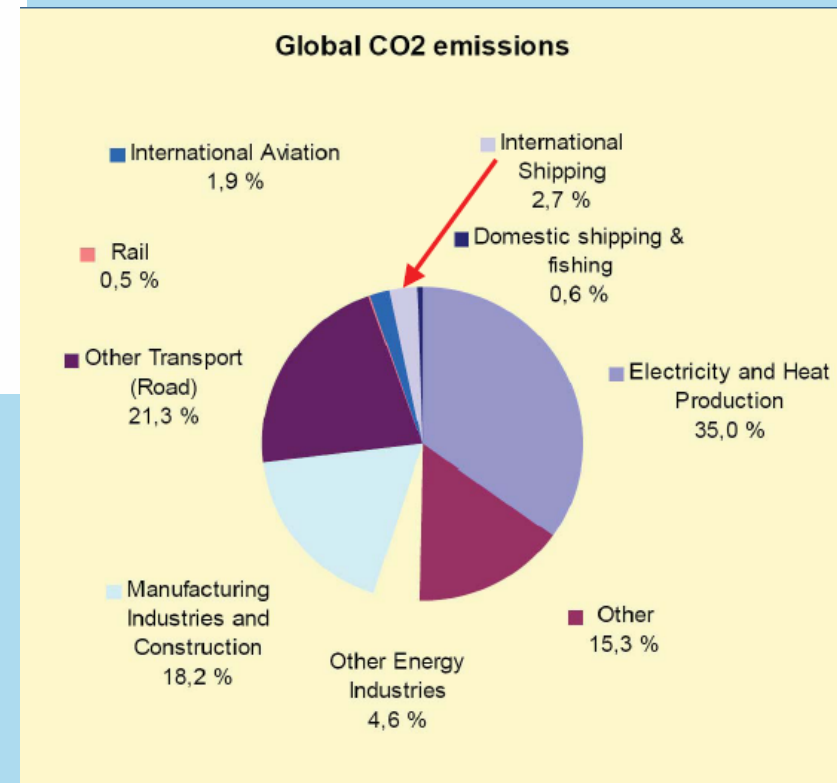
# Hydrodynamic Optimization– What can be gained?

- **Over 95% of World Trade is carried in ships**
- **The vast majority of these ships are propelled by slow speed diesel engines – e.g. container ships and oil tankers**
- **The efficiency of these shipping operations means that CO2 emissions per tonne/km are very low**
- **NOx and SOx emissions are legislated by MARPOL Annex VI and Flag States (e.g. EU)**

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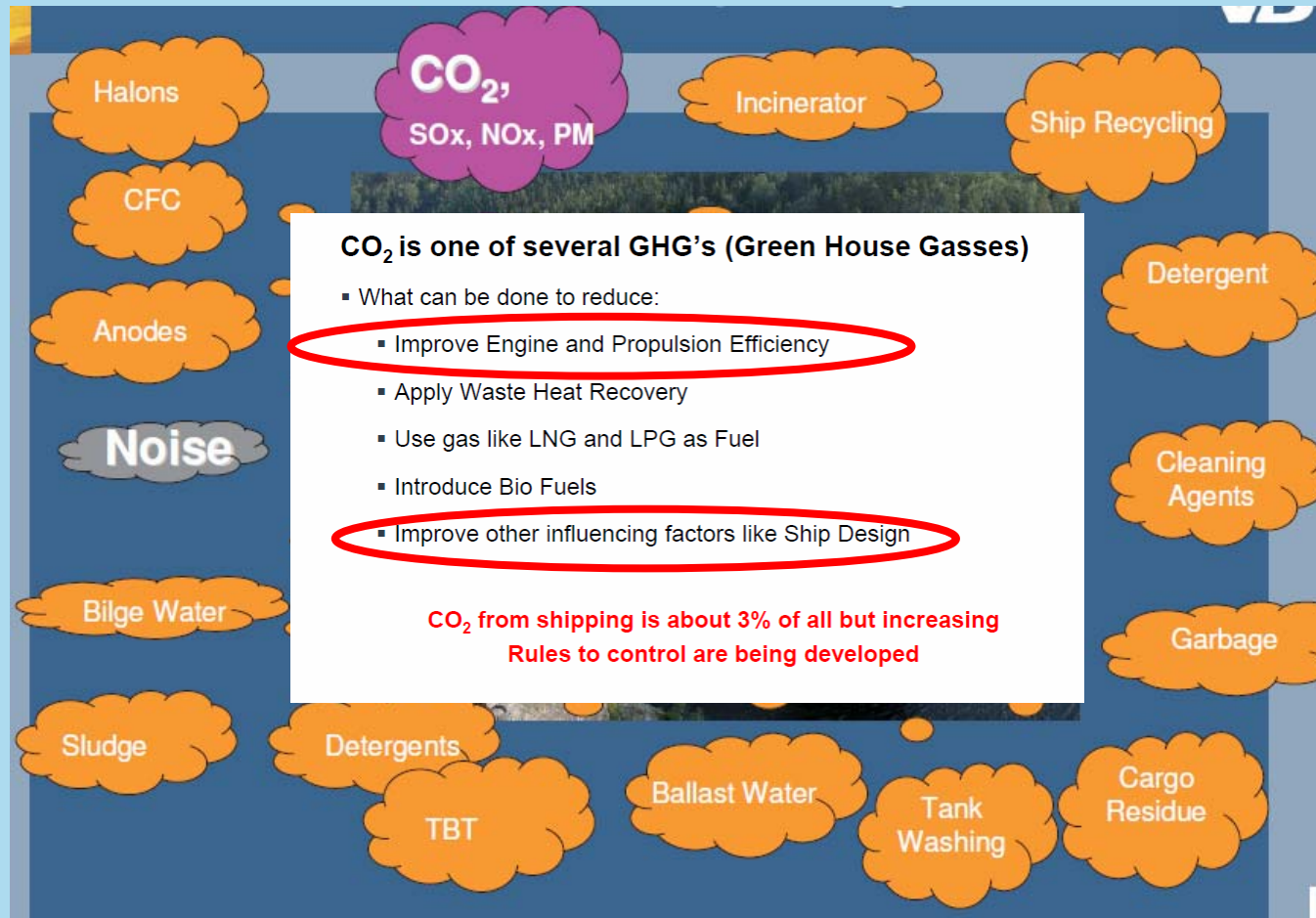


- How much CO<sub>2</sub> comes from shipping?
- Two recent studies:
  - 2007: 1100 mill. t
  - 2020: 1400 mill. t
- Shipping accounts for 3-4% of the total anthropogenic\* CO<sub>2</sub> (\*produced by human activities)



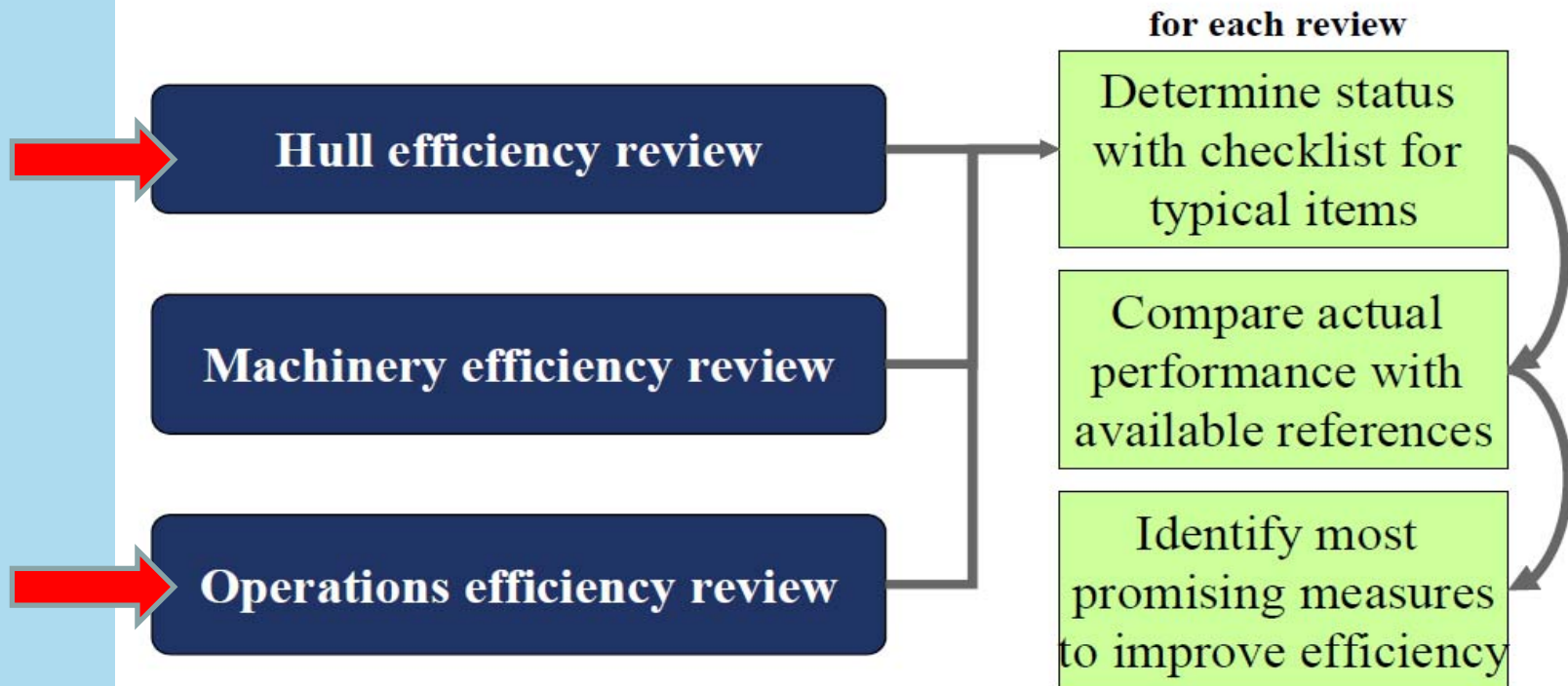


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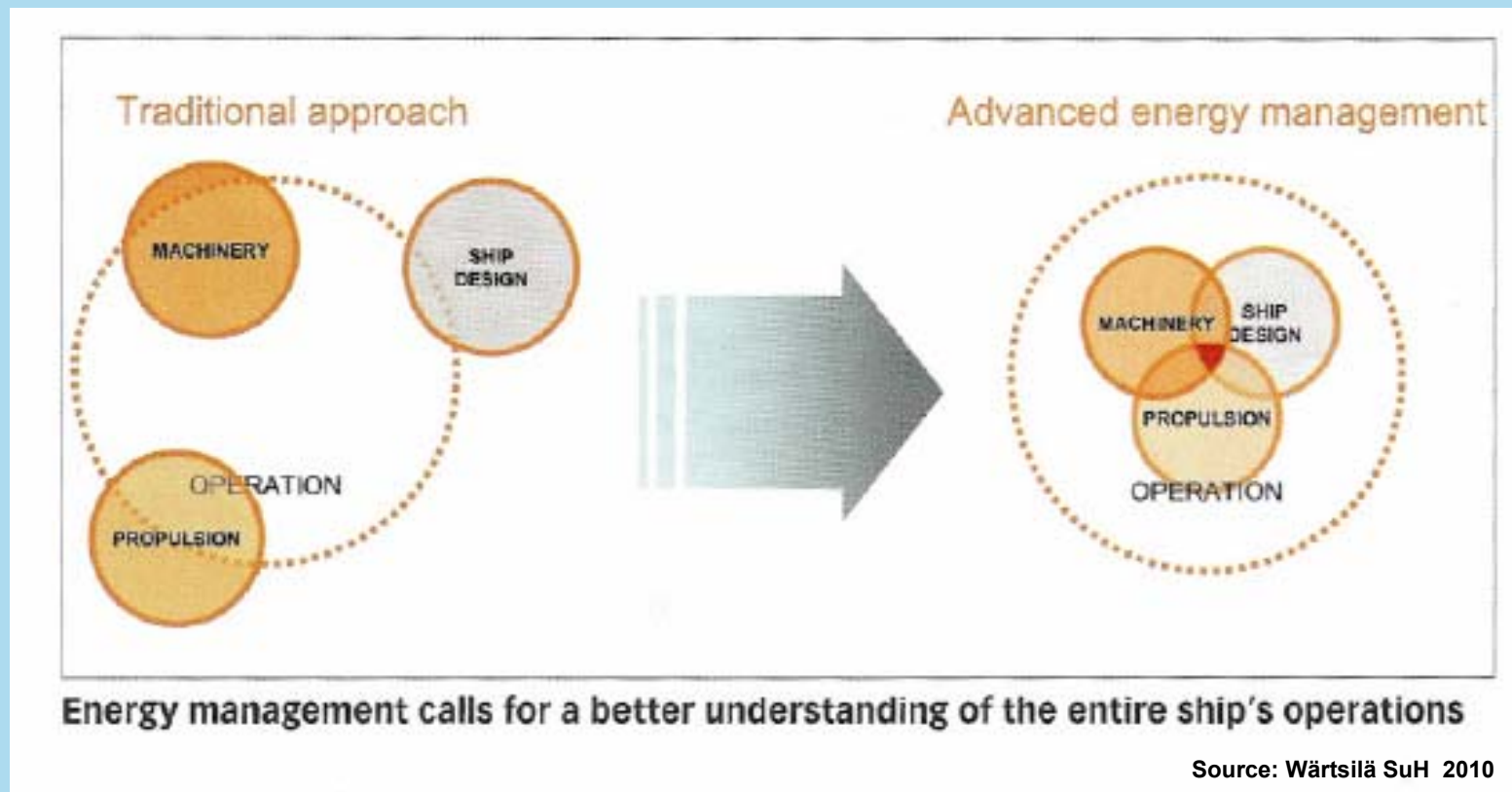


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### Energy efficiency review



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### Ship Design Hull / Propulsor

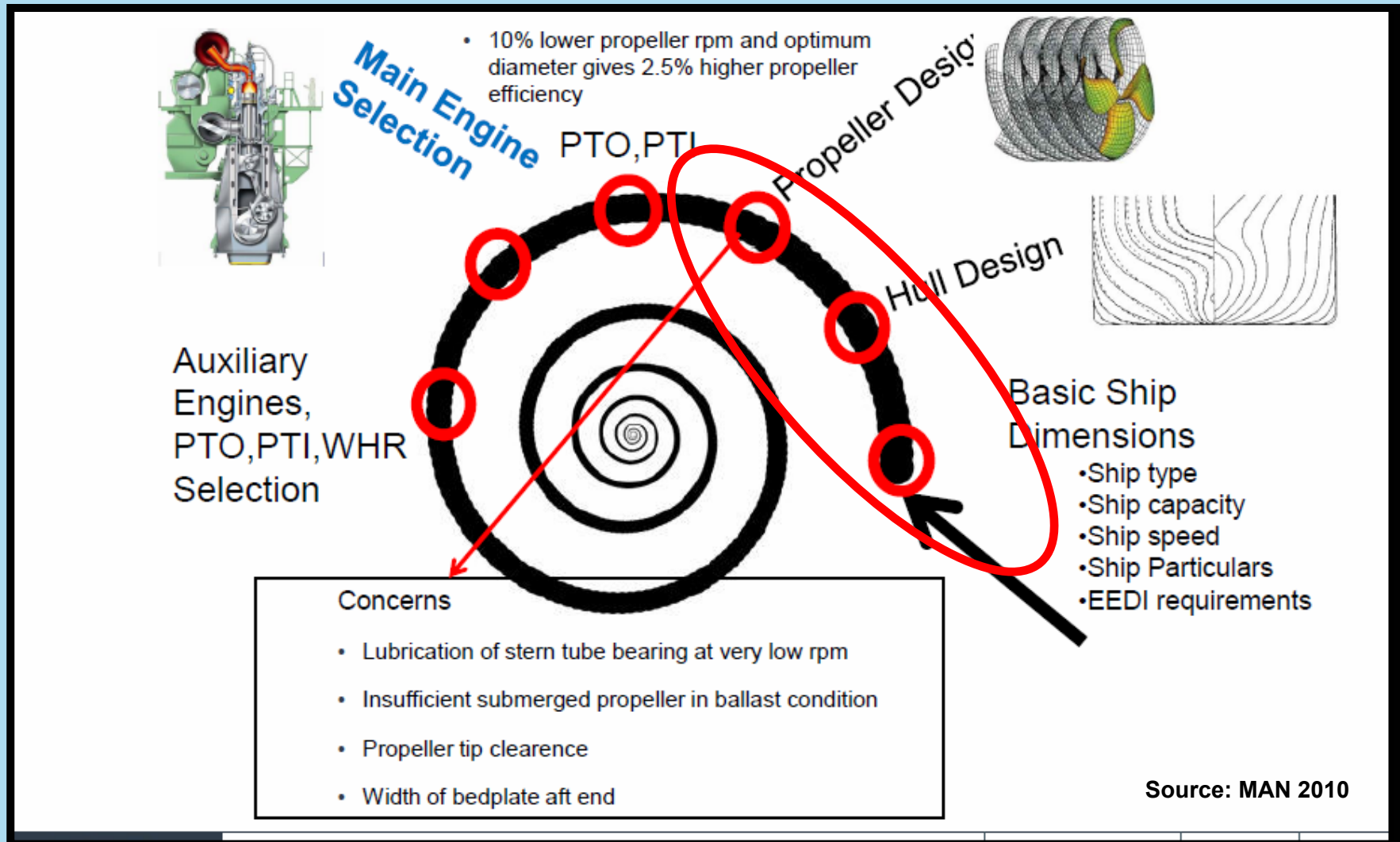
- Main dimensions
- Ship lines
- detailed geometries
- Propulsor design point
- Appendages
- Optimize hull surface
- Energy saving devices
- Renewable energies
- Air cushion system



### Ship Operation

- Optimum trim
- Off Design conditions
- Added resistance
- Fleet speed optimisation
- Operating profile

## Hydrodynamic Optimization– What can be gained?



## Optimal Main Dimensions and Hull Form





# Optimal Main Dimensions and Hull Form

## Influence on Power Demand

### New building, delivered 1994

Length between pp	135,70 m
Breadth moulded	19,60 m
Depth to main deck	10,65 m
Draught scantling	8,40 m
Deadweight all told	13000 dwt
Cargo tank volume	13600 m <sup>3</sup>
Speed at same Pd	14,0 kn
Power at SS4, BF5	3000 kW
Service speed	14,5 kn
Power at SS4, BF5	<b>3000 kW</b>

### Project (restricted Dimensions)

Length between pp	118,50 m
Breadth moulded	21,50 m
Depth to main deck	11,00 m
Draught scantling	8,50 m
Deadweight all told	13000 dwt
Cargo tank volume	13600 m <sup>3</sup>
Speed at same Pd	<b>14,1 kn</b>
Power at SS4, BF5	3300 kW
Service speed	14,5 kn
Power at SS4, BF5	<b>3750 kW</b>

**+25 % at 14.5 kn !**



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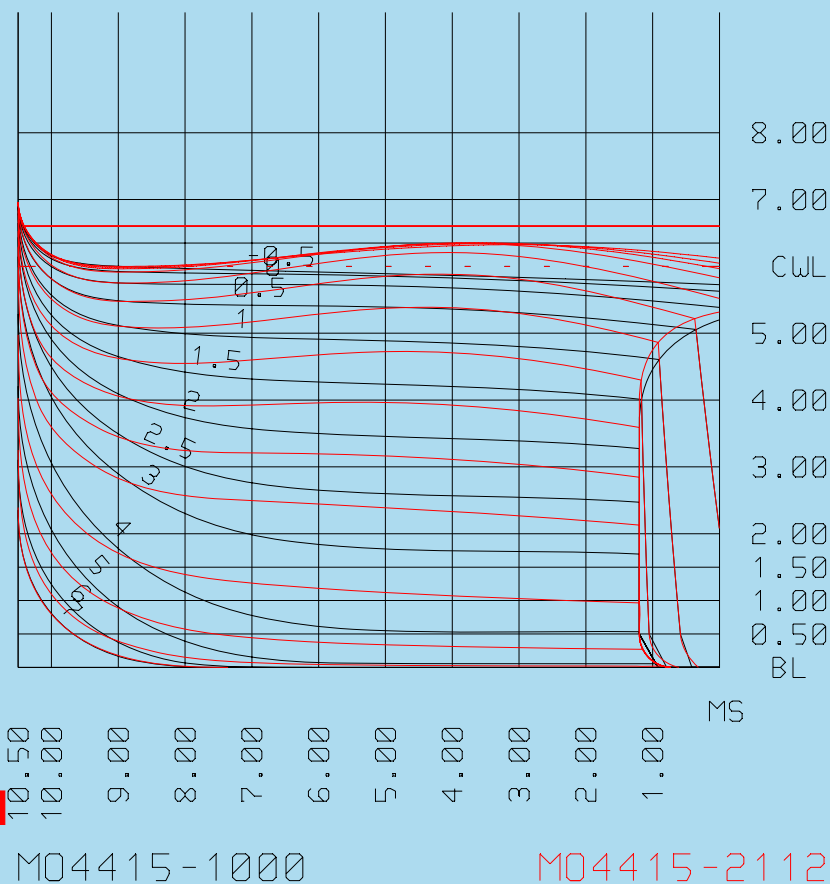
### Example: RoRo-Vessel

The Designer defined too strict hard points concerning arrangement of gear box and main engine

The resulting hullform (black lines) showed an unexpected high power demand in propulsion test

Smoothen the aft shoulder was possible by lifting up gear box, main engine and main deck!

**Gain by smoothen the aft shoulder (red lines) : 17% at design speed**

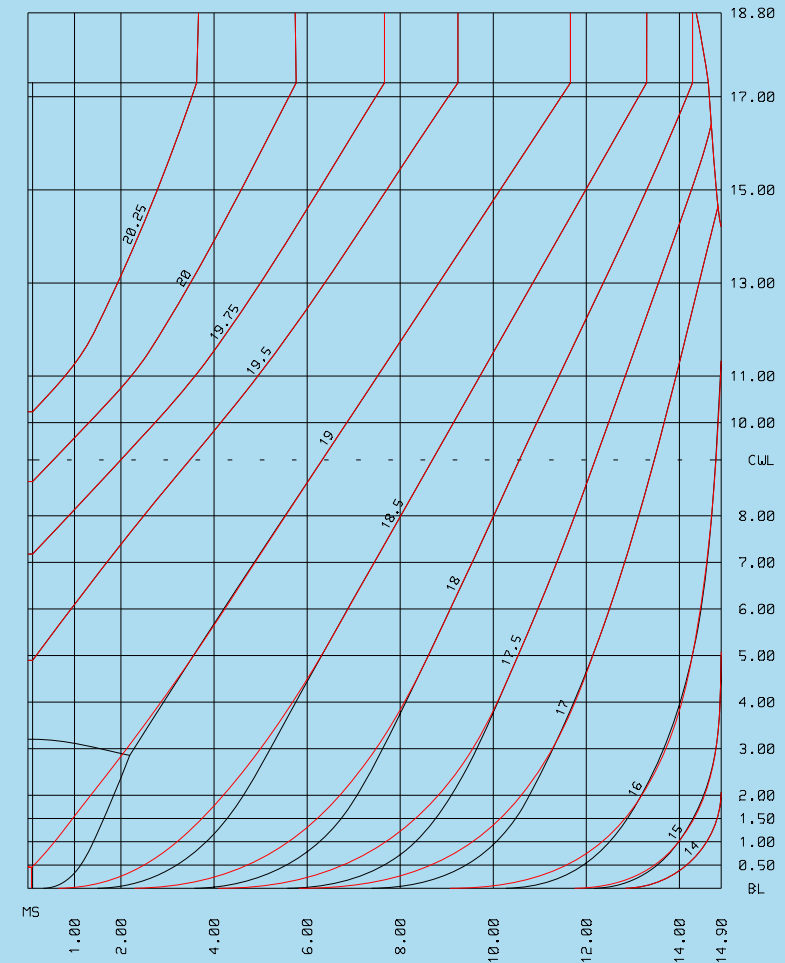


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### Example: Ice Class Tanker

The designer tried to reduce fabrication costs by applying a too small bilge radius (black lines)  
CFD calculations (potential flow) can not predict separations  
In the paint flow tests separations in the bilge area became visible

**Gain by rounding the bilge area in the fore body (red lines) : 8-10%**



## Ship / Fleet Operation

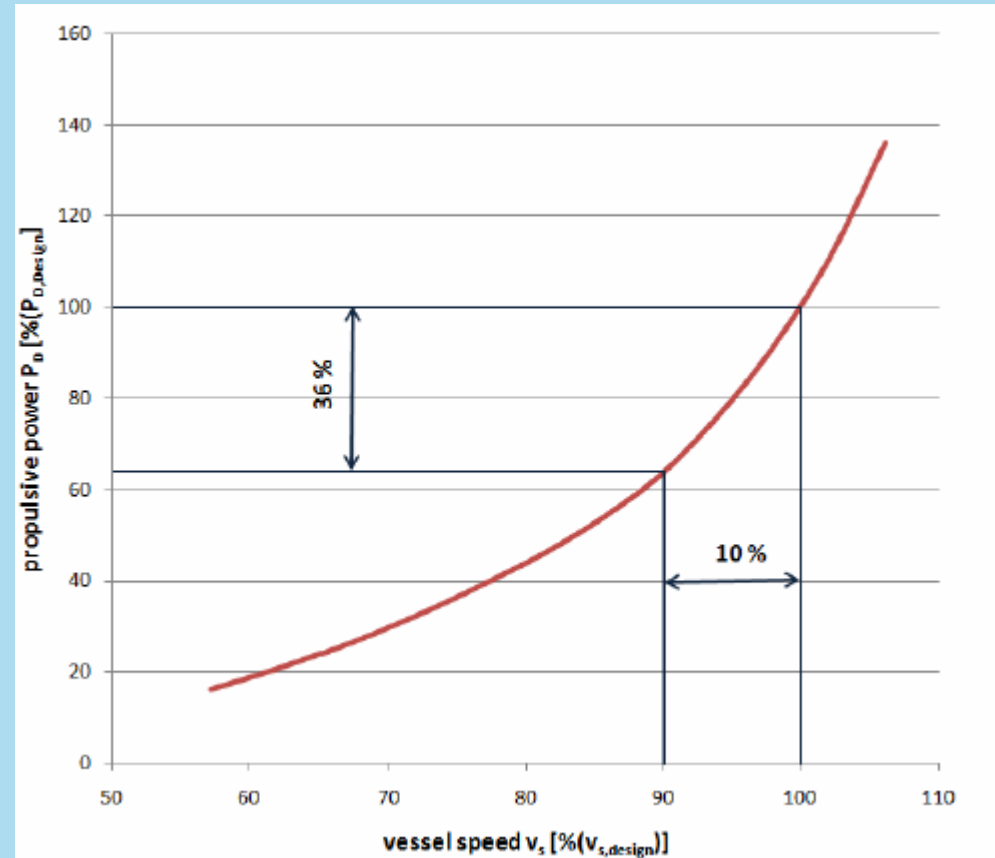


## Slow Steaming

### Why Slow Steaming?

- Speed-power curve runs steep
- A small reduction in speed leads to significant power savings
- Increase of fuel oil costs
- Decrease of charter rates

There is a significant difference between vessel speed at optimal costs (15.3kts) and vessel speed at optimal profit (20.7kts).





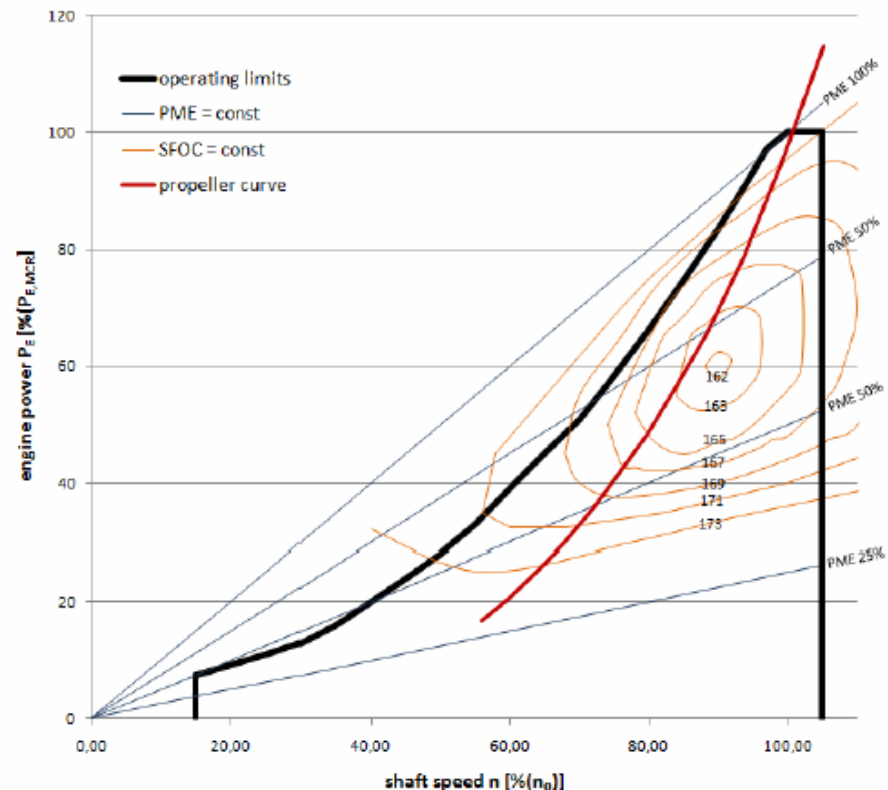
## Slow Steaming

### Constraints of Slow Steaming

- Time-critical freight
- Possible increase of wave resistant
- Lack of heat for auxiliary systems
- Increase of soot production

### Operating limits of main engine

- Limits of permanent power reduction:
  - abt. 40% MCR without engine kit
  - abt. 90% MCR with engine kit
- Engine upgrade kit:
  - Additional savings abt. 5%

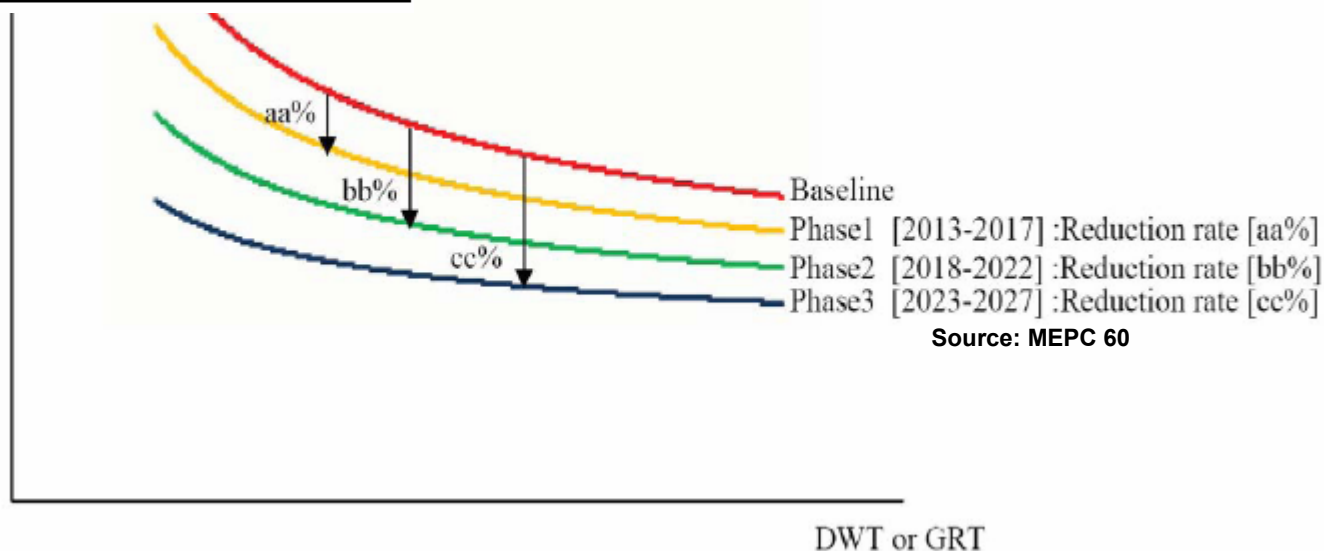


## EEDI

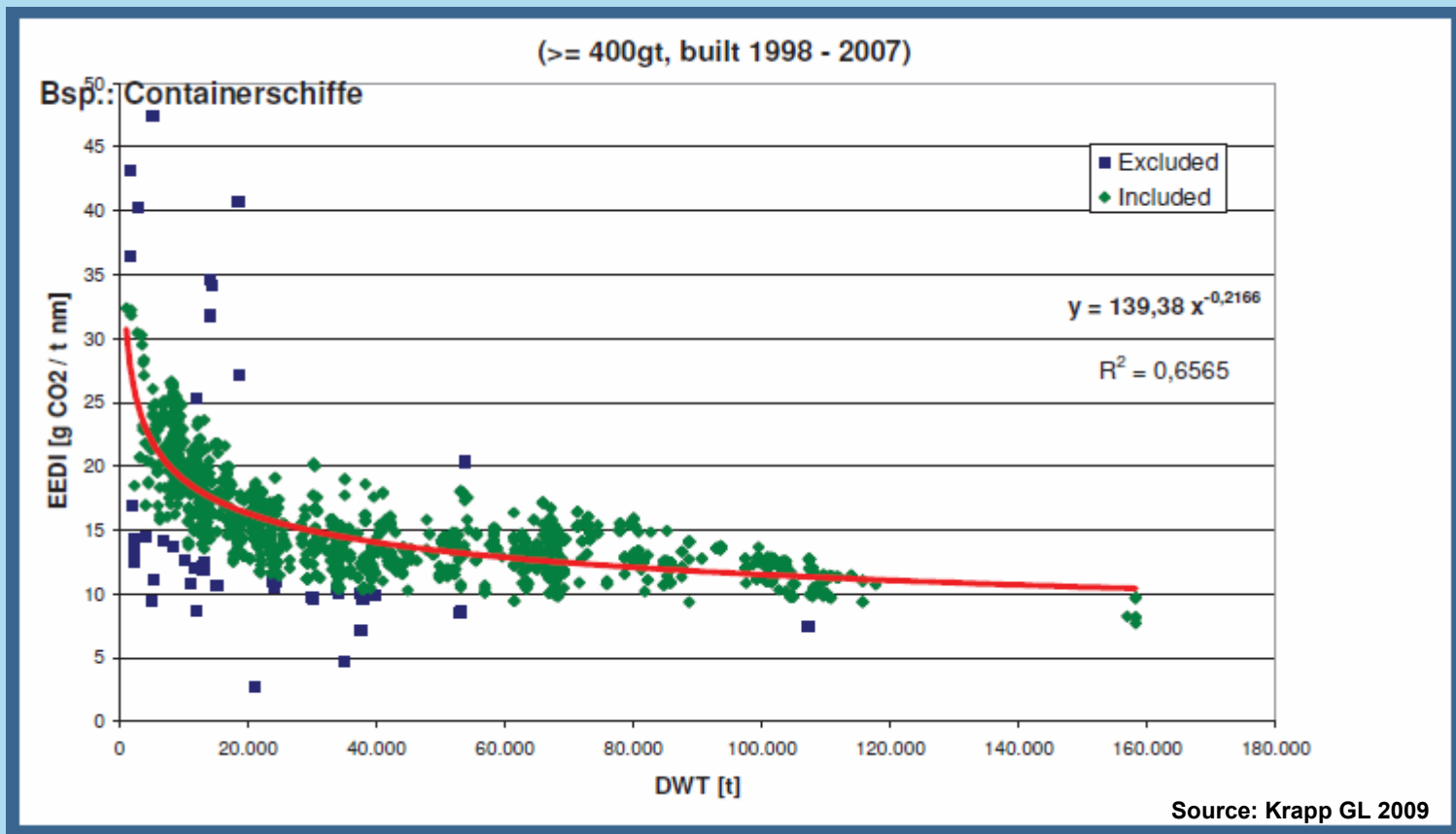
### EEDI: Energy Efficient Design Index

$$\text{EEDI} = \frac{\text{CO}_2 \text{ emission}}{\text{Benefit of ship}}$$

- CO<sub>2</sub> emission      CO<sub>2</sub> emission from propulsion and accommodation
- Benefit              Transported cargo x speed
- Unit                  Gram CO<sub>2</sub> / Ton / Nautical Mile

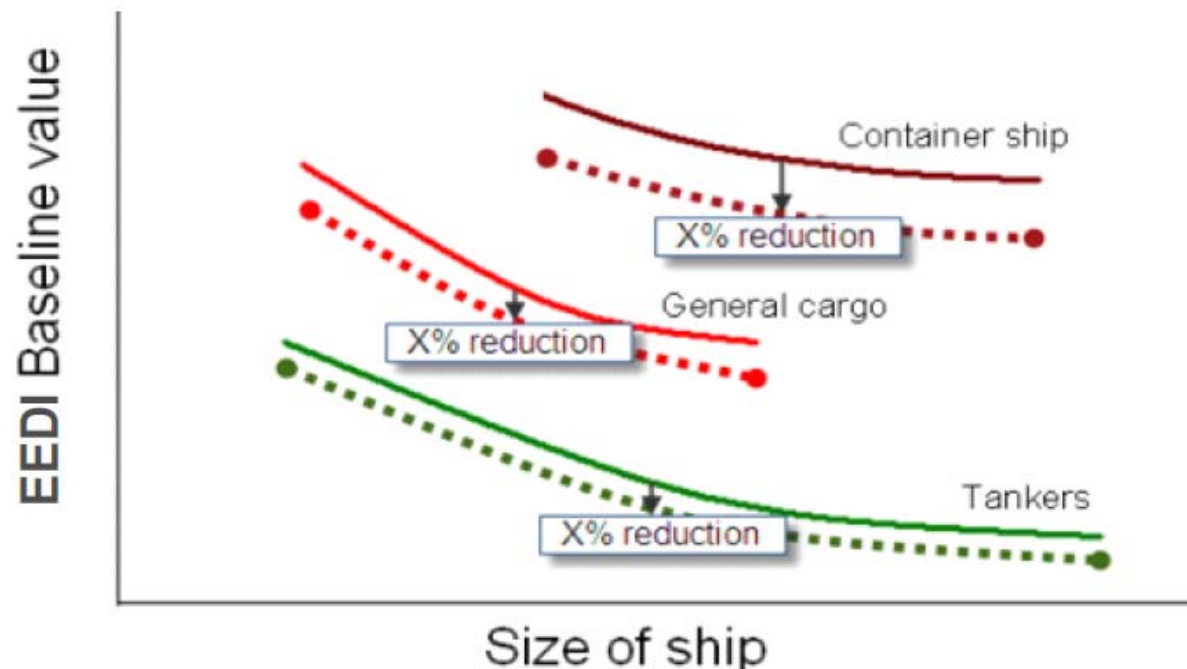


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- Application to **new ships**
- **Required EEDI** is obtained as X% reduction from the **baseline**, equally applied for all ship types
- Baseline is based on a regression analysis of historical data

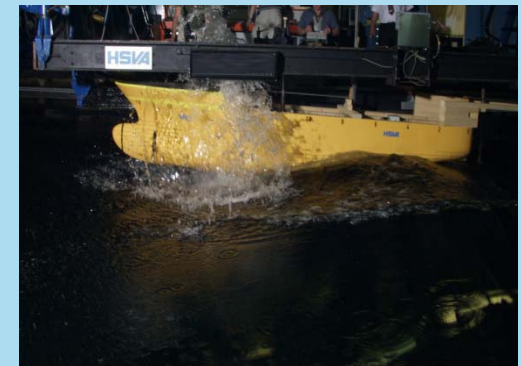
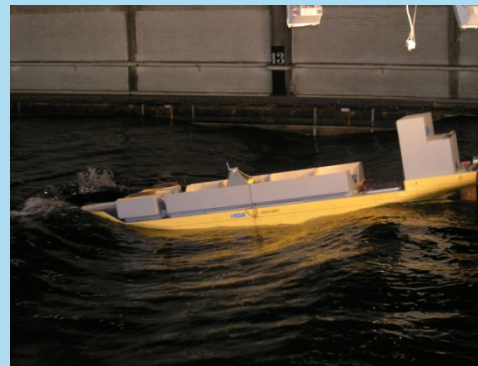




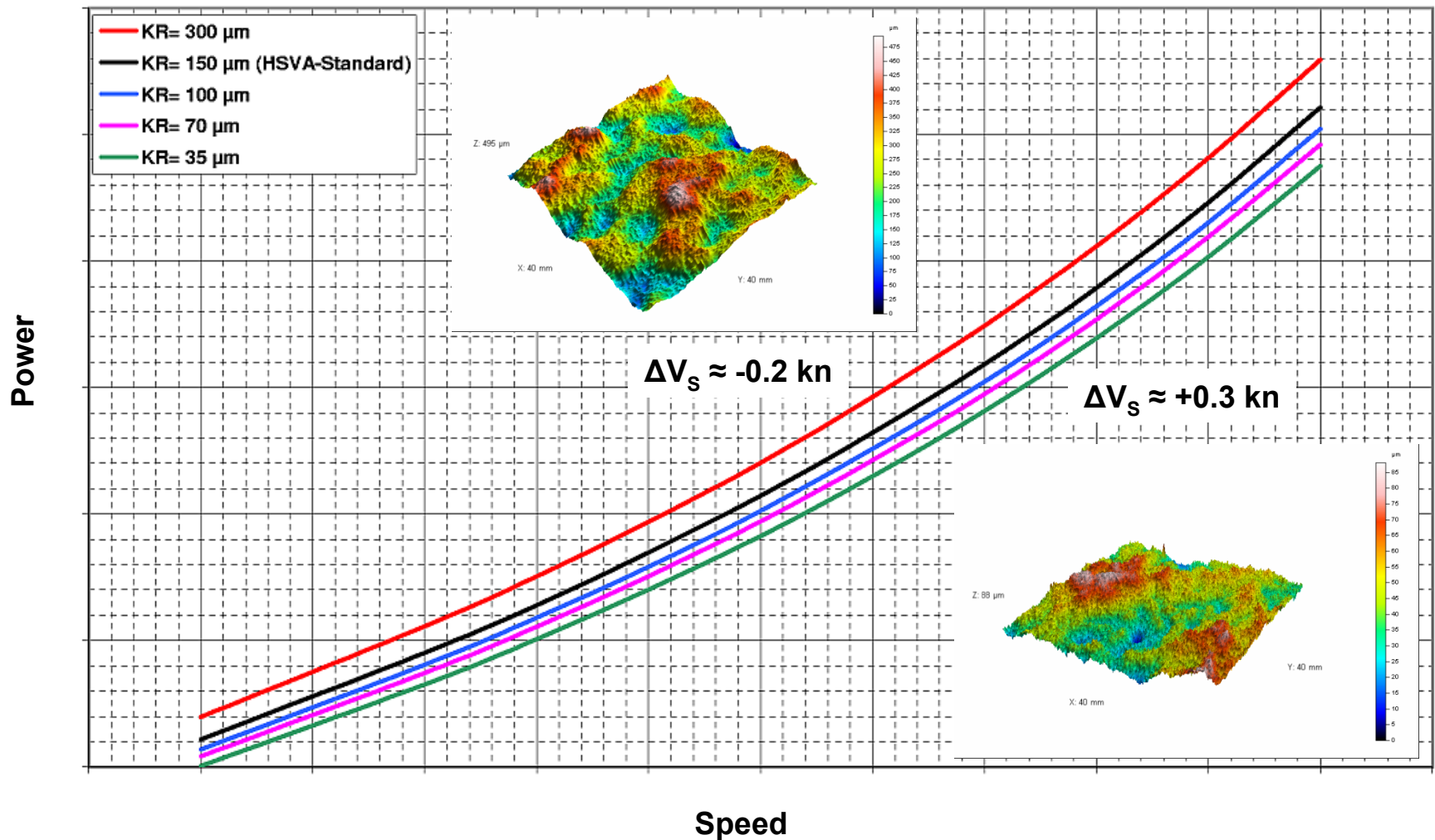
## Minimizing Hull Resistance

Frictional drag is the largest drag component of a ship.

		Tanker	Container ship
Total drag	Fluid drag		
	Viscous drag		
	Frictional drag	75%	50%
	Viscous pressure drag	10%	10%
	Wave drag	10%	30%
	Wind drag	5%	10%

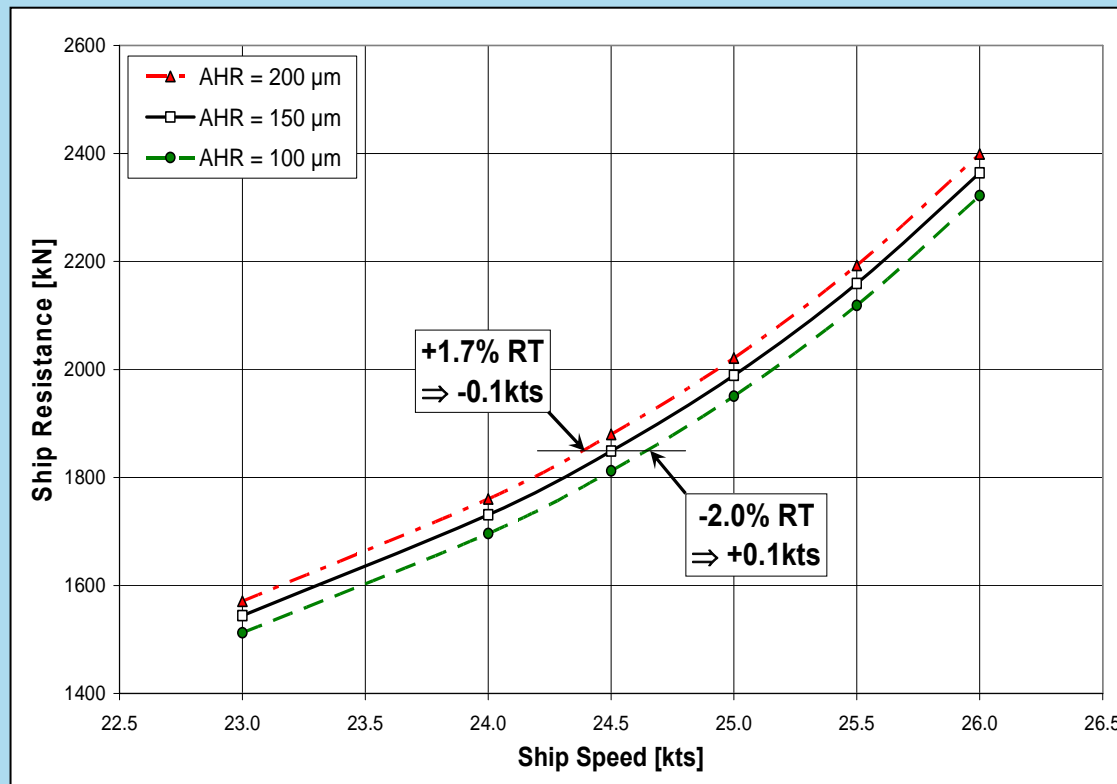


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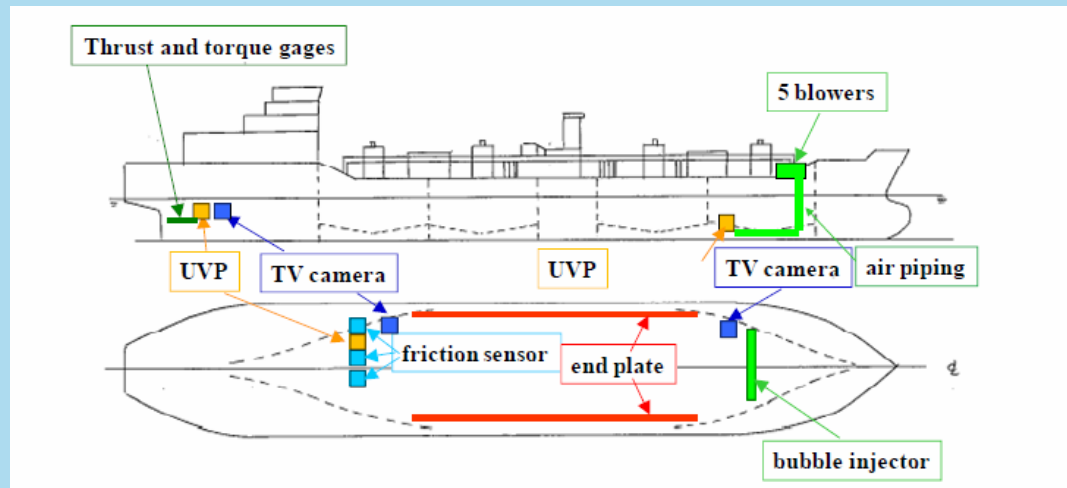


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The quality of the type of paint (anti-fouling) may influence the fuel oil consumption significantly, application of air cushions is also a possibility



## Minimizing Hull Resistance



The propeller thrust reduces by 12% maximum with air injection.



The ship's drag reduces by 12% or slightly more.

Friction drag at hull bottom=30% of total drag



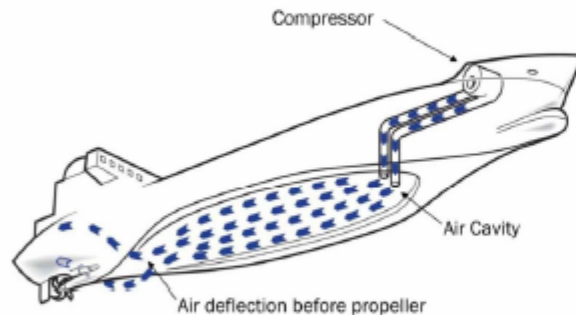
Friction drag at the hull bottom reduces by 40%.



## Minimizing Hull Resistance

### ACS (Air Cavity System) (running)

Air cavities to keep injected air.  
Full scale test in September 2008.

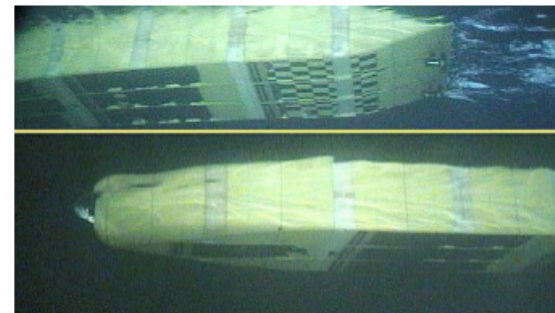


**ACS concept**



**PELS (Project Energy-saving air-Lubricated Ships) (2001-2004, the Netherlands)**

6m and 11.51m geo-sim model ship tests (resistance, self-propulsion, maneuverability, seakeeping) were conducted aiming at application to 120m ship.  
Pod propulsors were assumed, in order to avoid propeller operation in bubbly flow.



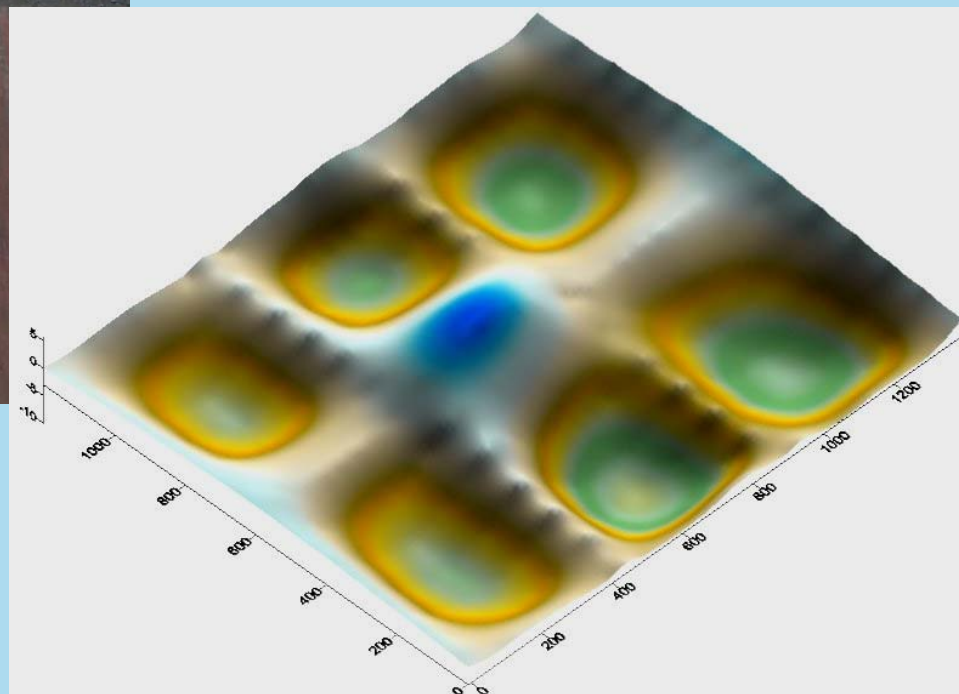
**Free running**

Thill, C. et al., 2nd Int. Symp. on Seawater Drag Reduction (2005)

## Minimizing Hull Resistance



**Imperfect Surfaces**



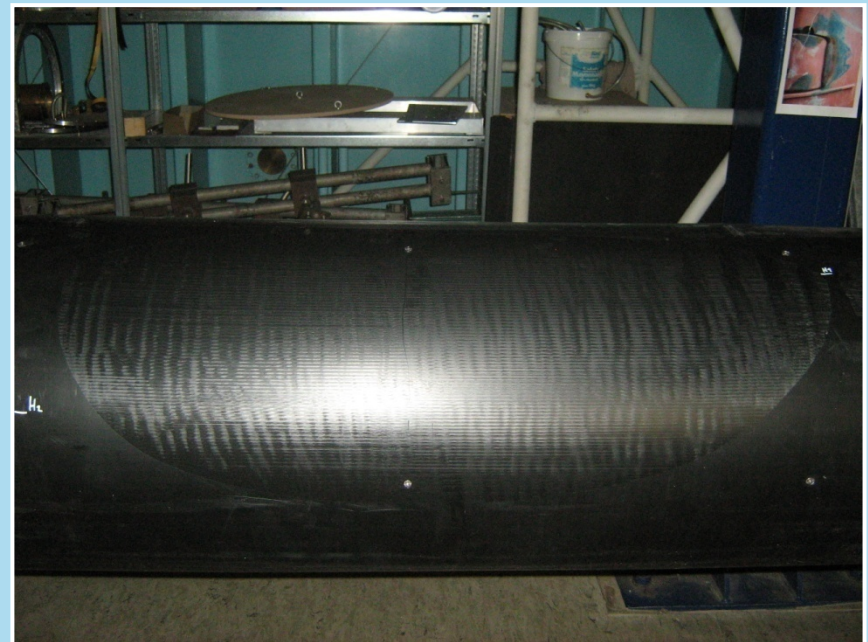
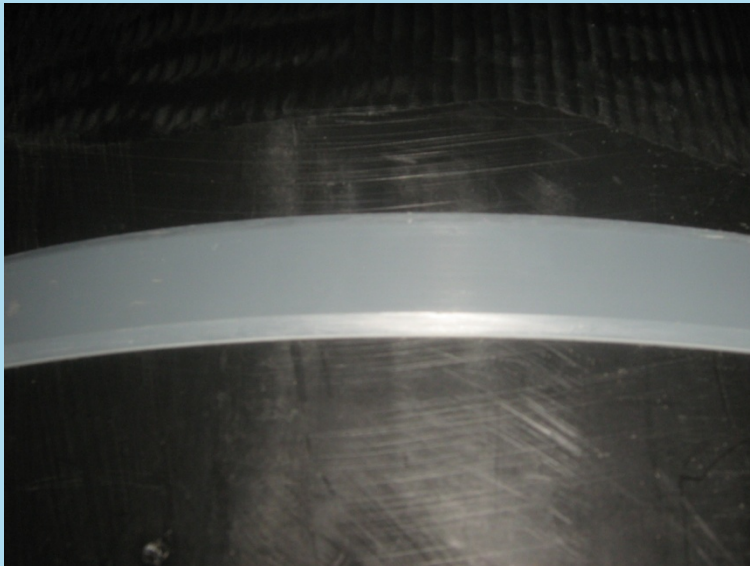
**by bumps and welding seams**

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### Tests with different bodies:

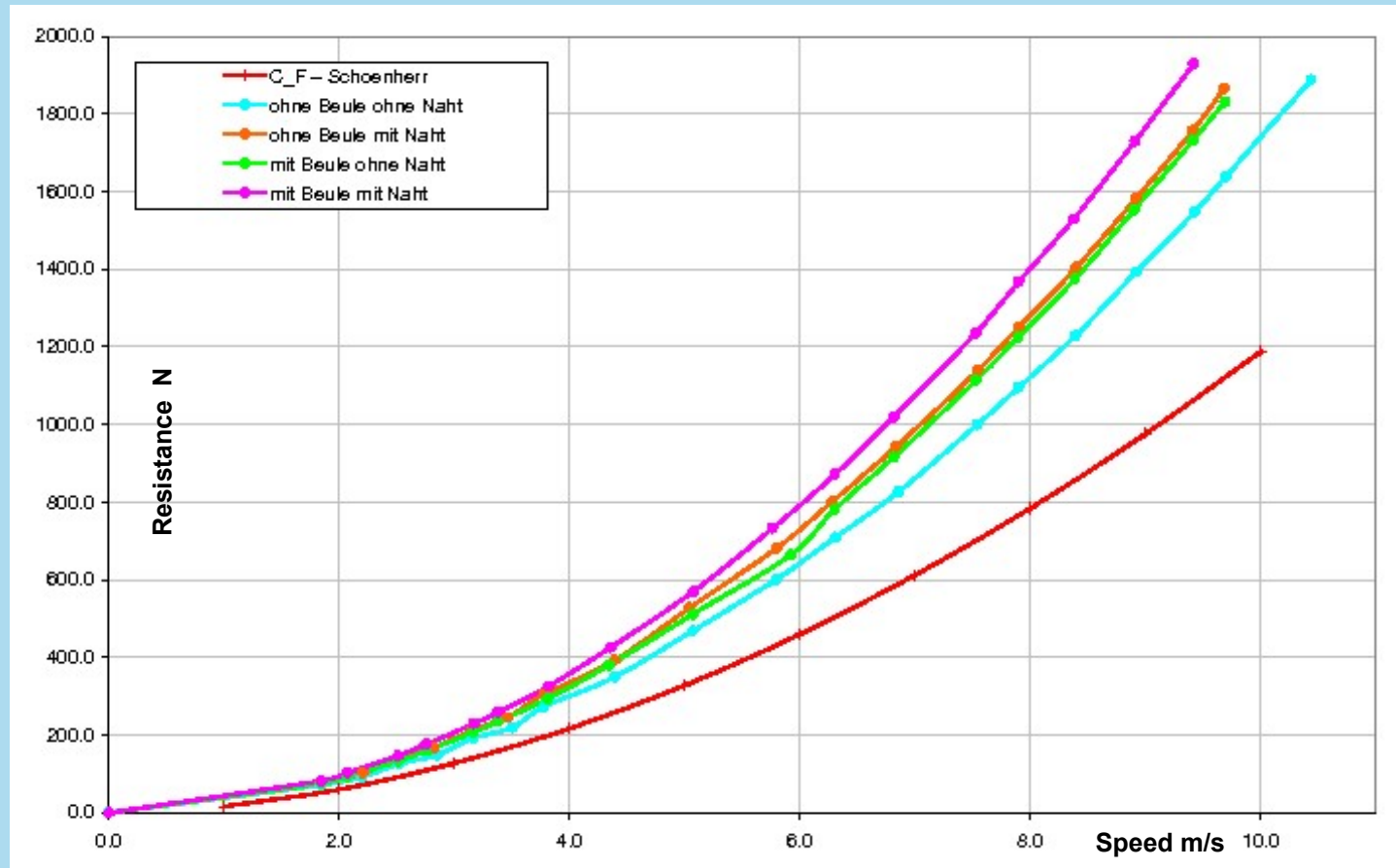
Full optimised shape,

with bumps, with welding seams, with bumps and welding seams





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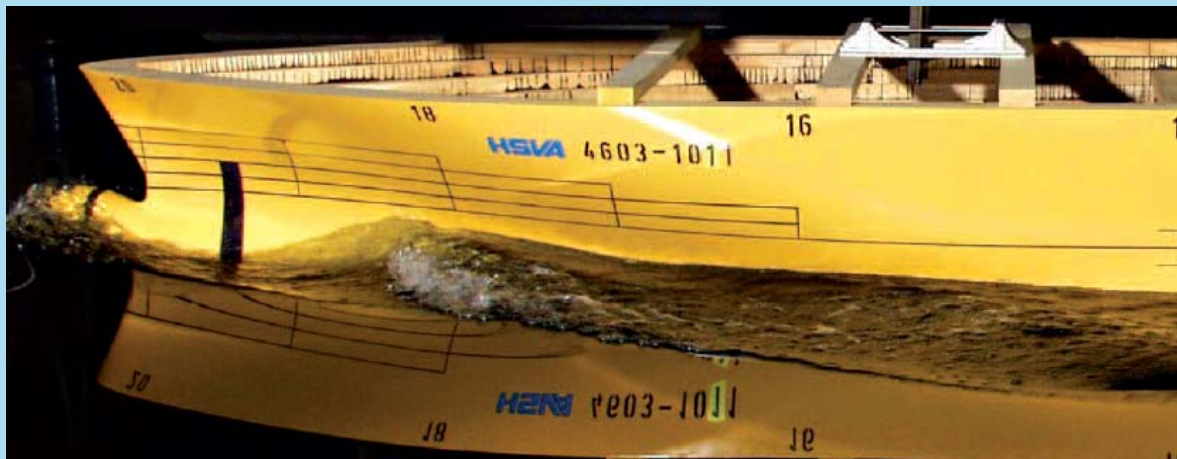


# Minimizing Hull Resistance

1. Air lubrication is a powerful technique to reduce skin friction, the largest drag component of a ship.
  2. Air lubrication has been validated by a full scale experiment using a ship exceeding 100m in length as a useful drag reduction technique.
  3. Practical application of air lubrication methods should be promoted, in order to contribute to the prevention of global warming.
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4. Improve the hull surface by using improved, less rough paints
  5. Polish welding seams
  6. Avoid bumps and large deformations of the shell plates



## How to operate a ship hydrodynamical efficient !



The reduction in  
required power  
between  
these two forms is  
about 16% !

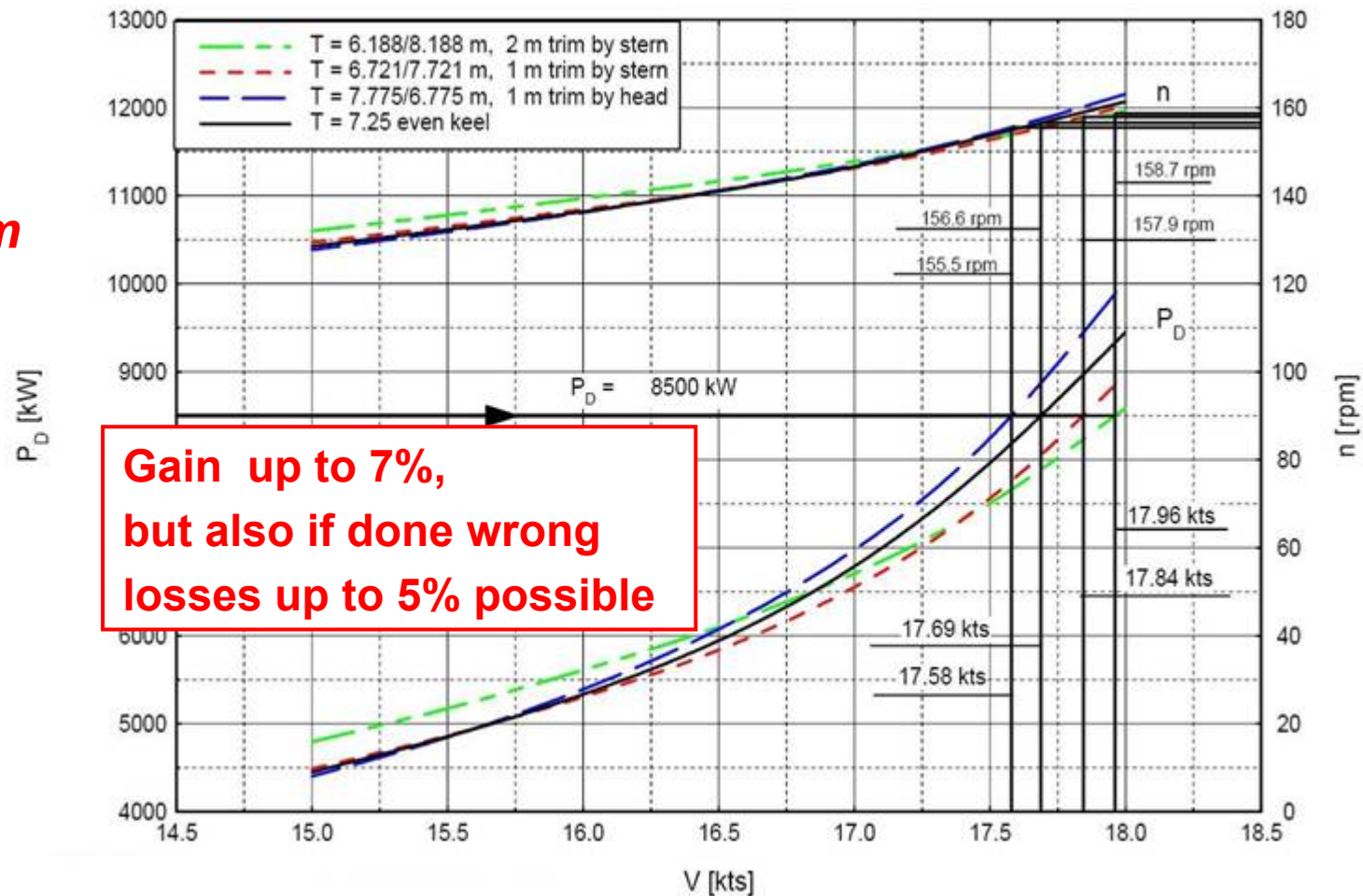
Look for  
*Off-design*  
conditions

*Wave pattern at  
reduced draught  
and reduced speed*



## How to operate a ship hydrodynamical efficient !

**Look for  
Optimum Trim  
conditions**



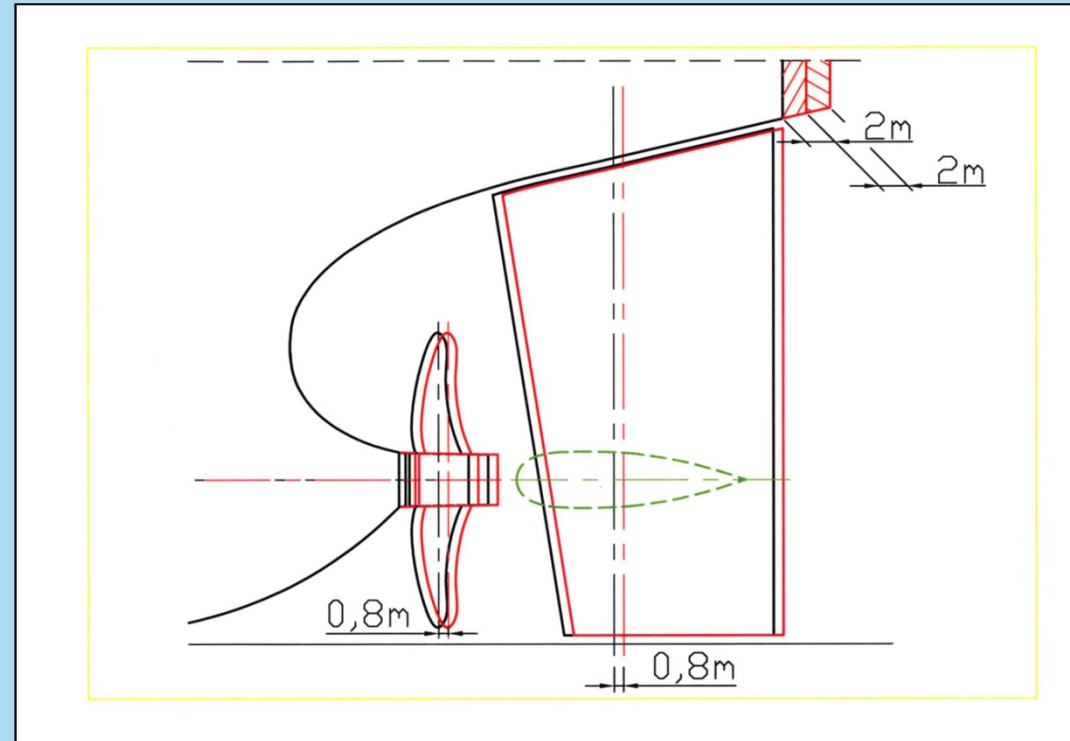
## Optimise the Arrangement of Hull, Rudder, Propeller

Hull designer, rudder designer and propeller designer have to work in close co-operation

Applying a ducktail (with trim wedge) may gain up to 2-3%

Optimum rudder and propeller position may gain up to 1-2%

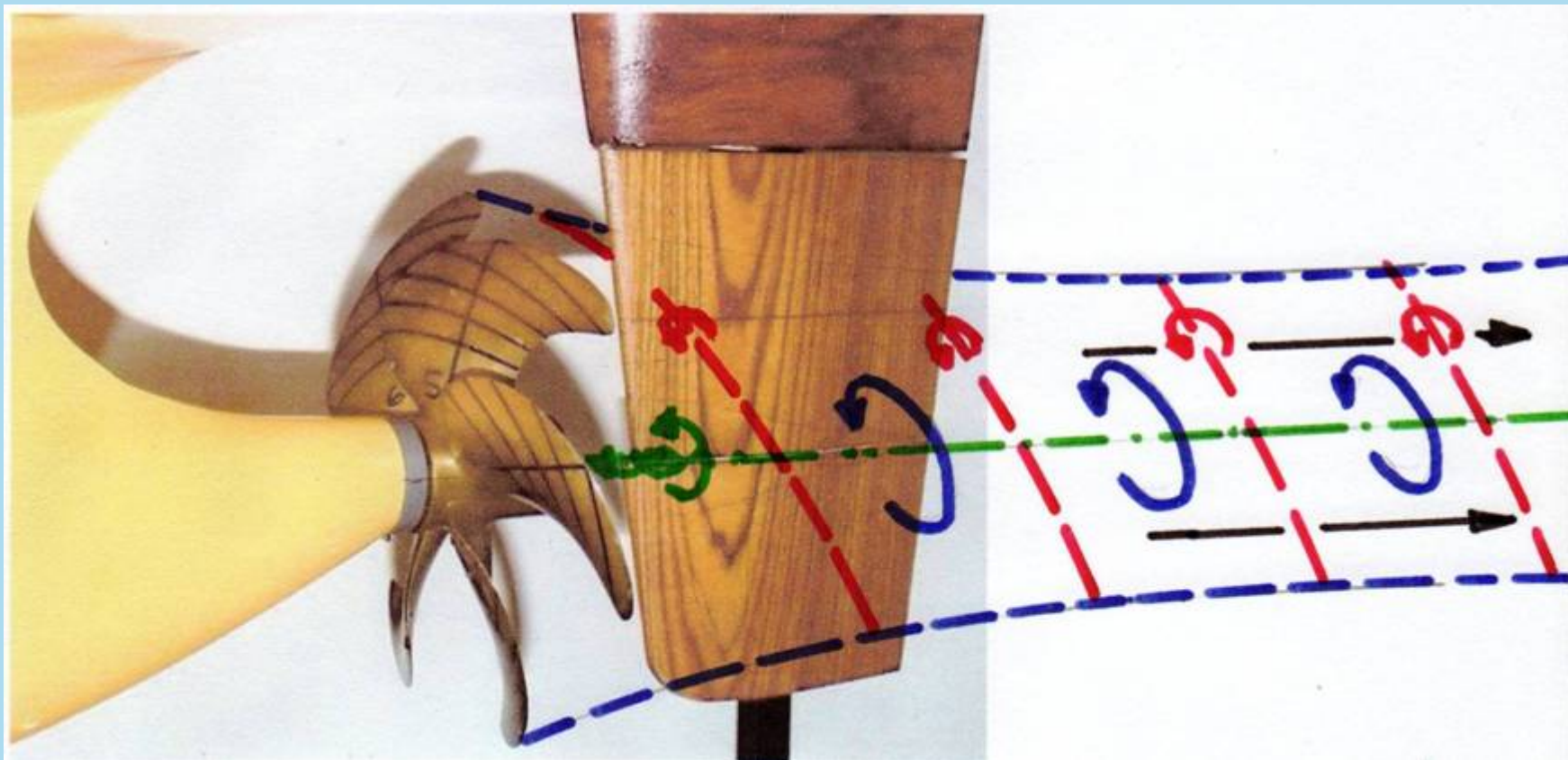
Applying a rudder bulb may gain additionally 1-2%



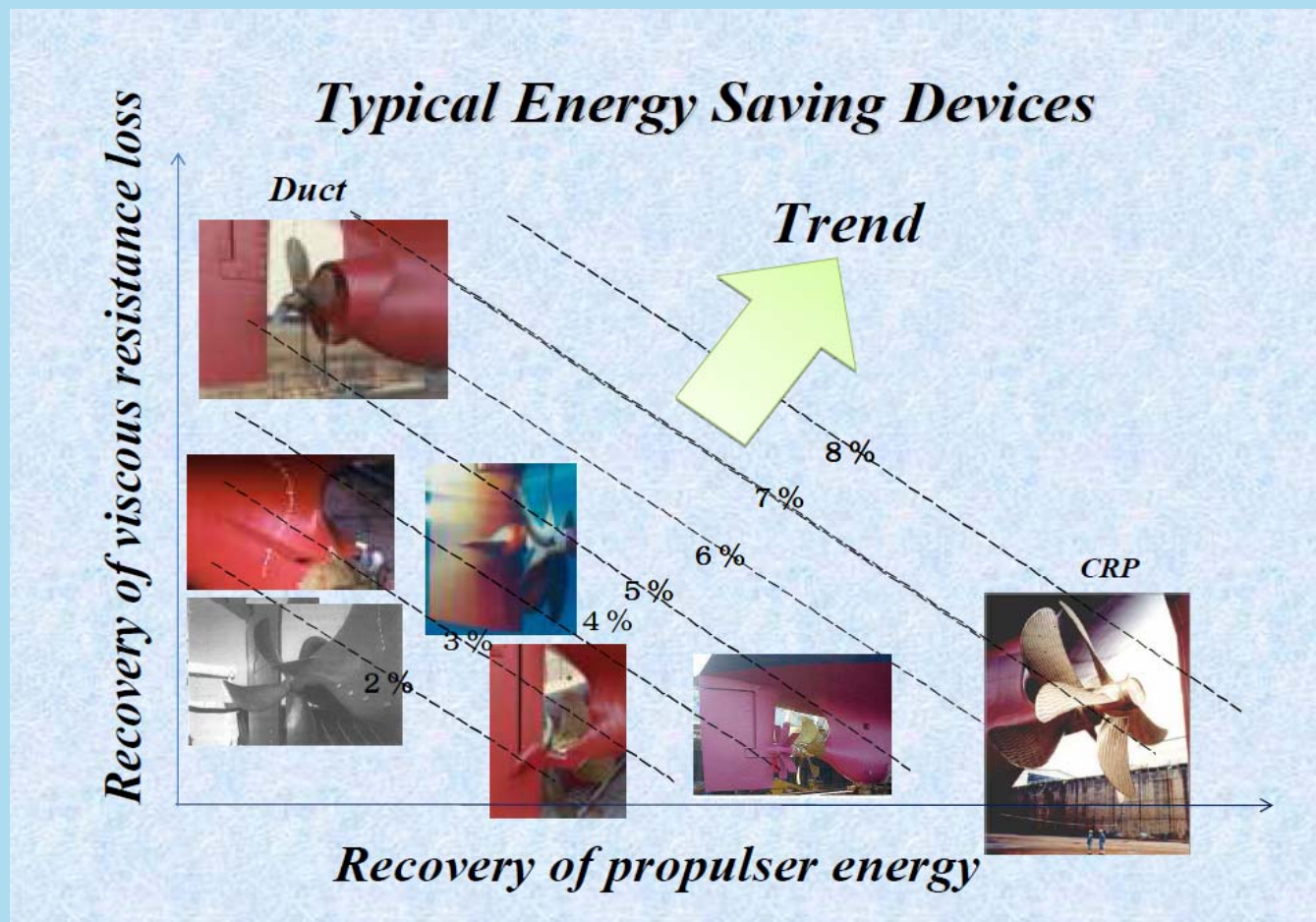
**5% in Power are equal to a gain in speed of 0.26 knots for this Project**



## Devices improving Propulsive Efficiency



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Pre Swirl Fin Systems

Rudder Fin Systems

Twisted Rudder with Costa Bulb

Mewis Duct

Designer DSME

Designer HHI

Designer BMS/HSVA

gain up to **4%**

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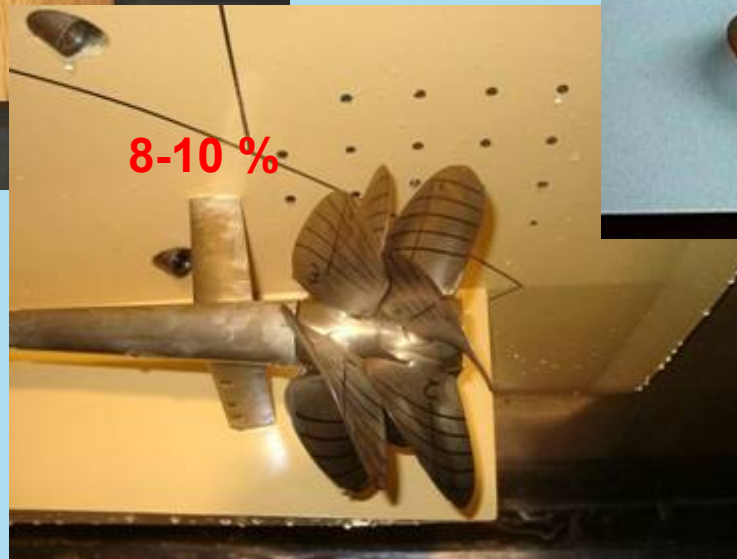
up to **8%**



## High Efficiency Propellers



3-bladed Propeller for VLCC



Contra-rotating Propellers



Kappel-Propeller

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### Improving Efficiency by Polishing / Coating?

#### Propeller Roughness:

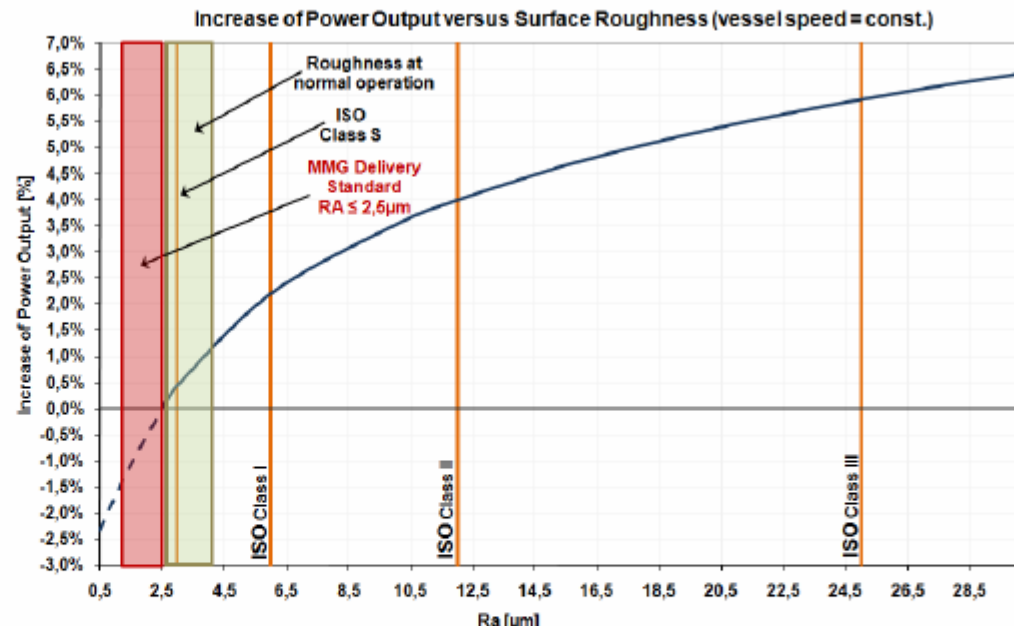
- ISO Class S (3  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- MMG Standard ( $\leq 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ )

#### Propeller coating:

- Surface roughness abt.  $0.8 \mu\text{m}$
- Costs abt. 20,000 US\$
- rigid or flexible surfaces

#### Propeller polishing (due to fouling):

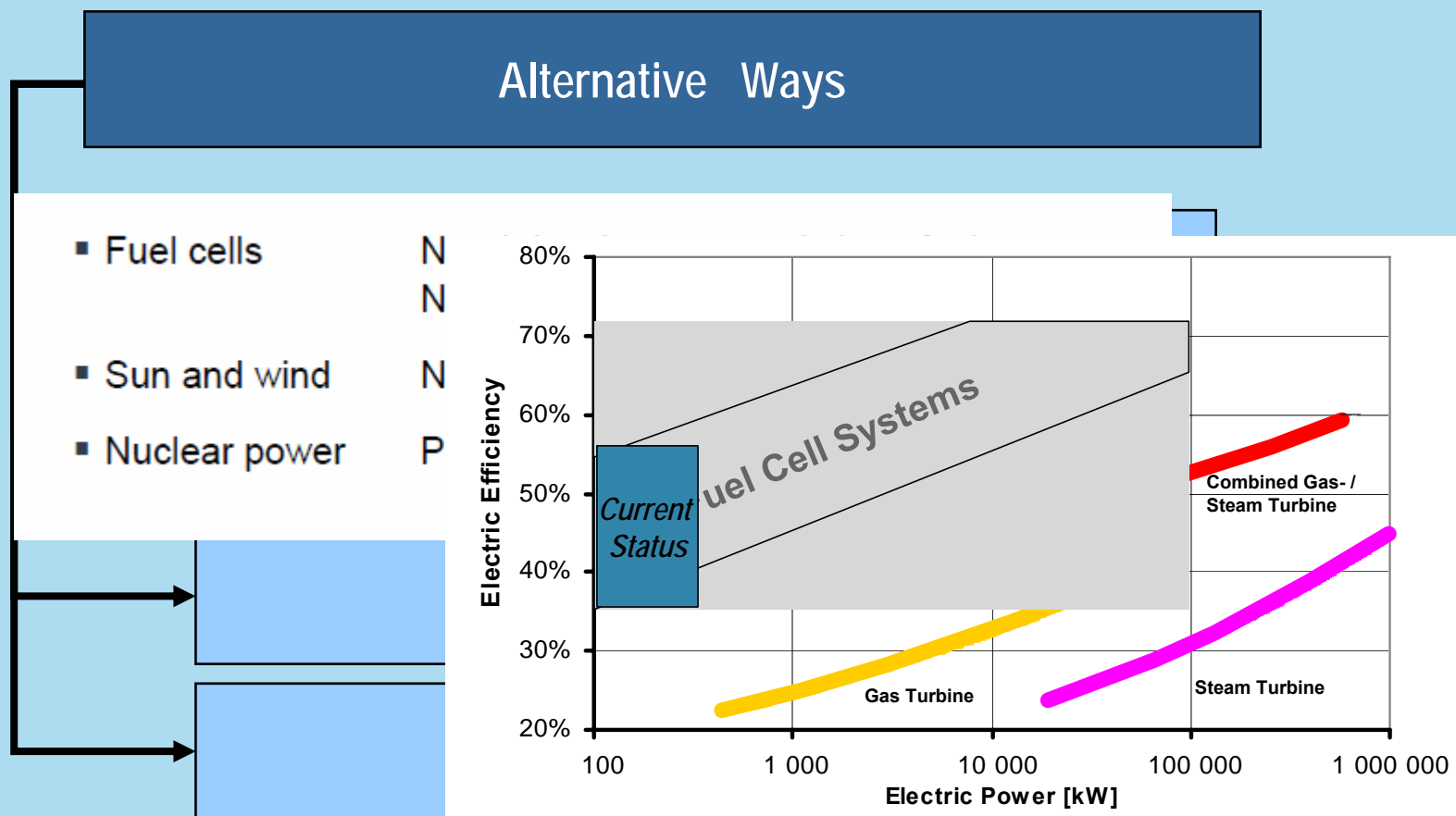
- Savings of abt. 30%
- Minimum service intervals depending on vessel and route



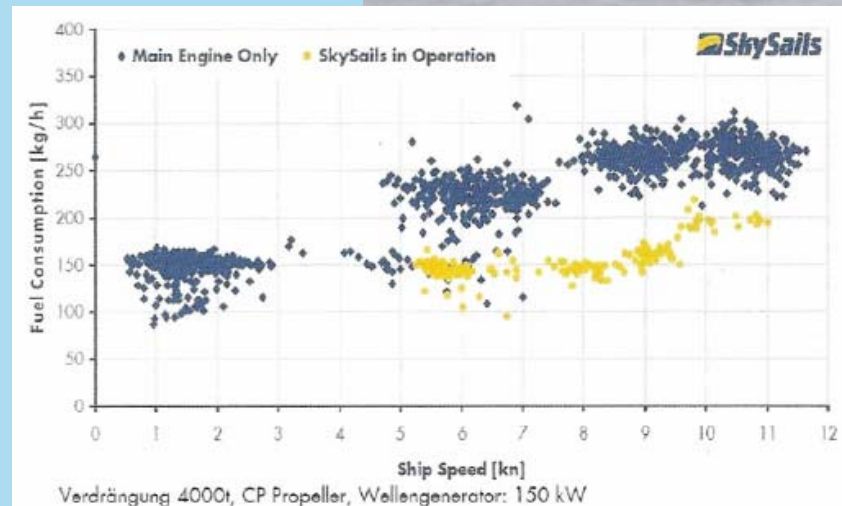
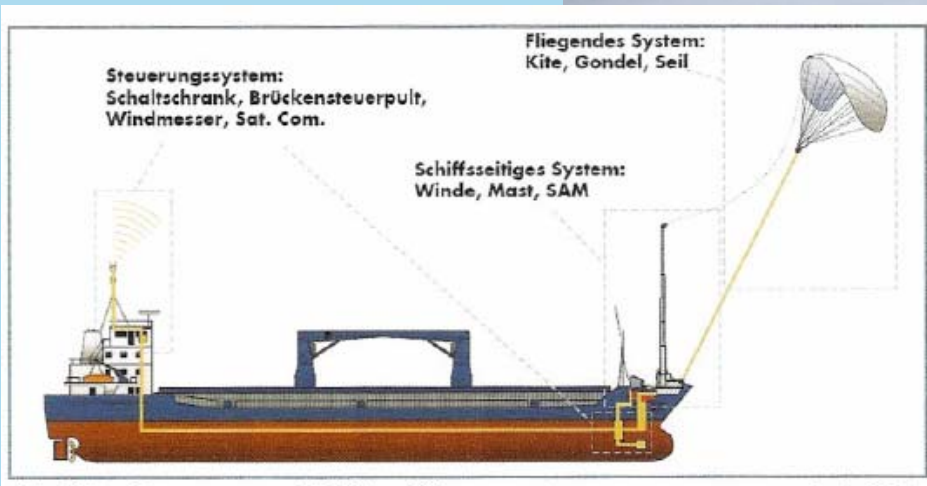
Source: MMG 2010



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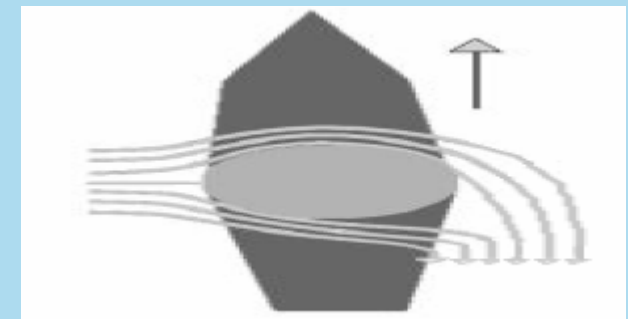
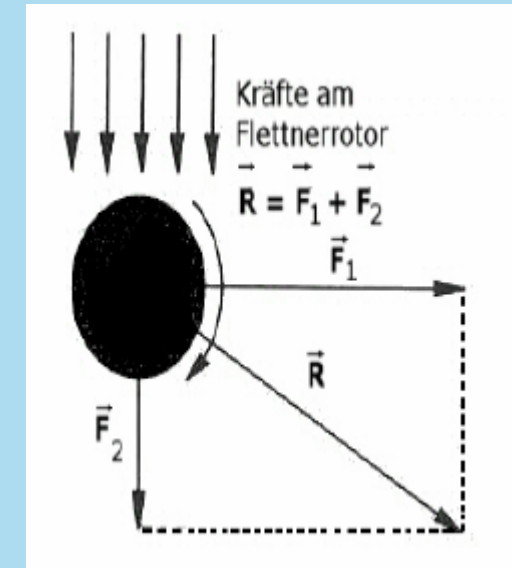
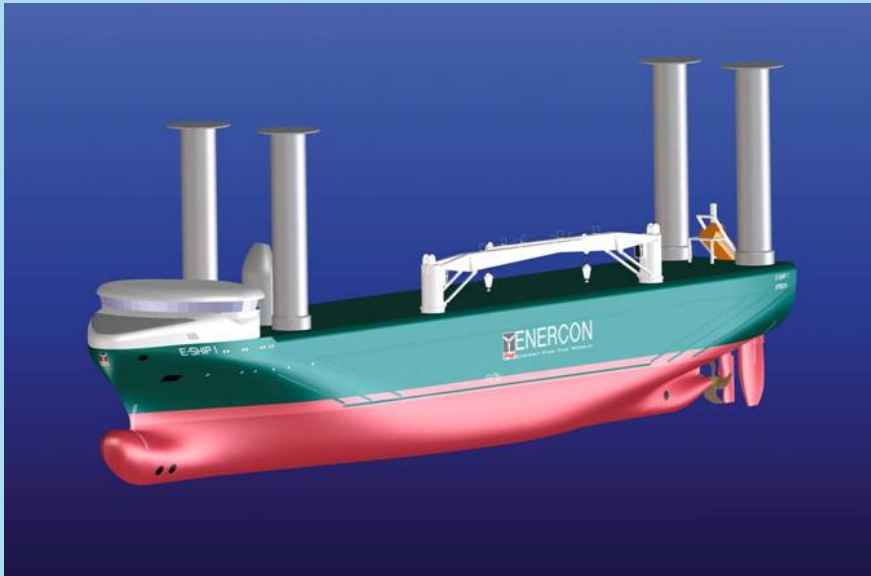


## Wind Power





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## Conclusions

Optimising <b>main dimensions</b> may gain	up to 25%
Avoiding too strict <b>hard points</b> may gain	up to 17%
Using an <b>experienced designer</b> may gain	up to 10%
Optimising the <b>hullform</b> may gain	up to 7%
Devices <b>improving propulsion efficiency</b> may gain	up to 8%
Optimising <b>arrangement of rudder and propeller</b> may gain	up to 3%
Optimising <b>hull surface</b> may gain	up to 10%

Further improvements can be achieved by optimising the whole ship for  
**real off-design conditions!**

**The gains are valid for the examples shown here. The benefits given above are not fully cumulative!**



**The best possible way to avoid pollution from shipping ???**

## Thank you for your Attention