

SHIPS' LIFE CYCLE: CLOSED LOOP MANAGEMENT

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- Life phases: Stakeholders:
 - Design Designer/builder
 - Construction Designer/builder
 - Operation Owner & operator
 - Disposal Opportunist
- Past/present:
 - Cheap resources / energy → defines the current coupling between the life phases
 - Search for minimum freight rates
 - Recently air & water pollution in focus, primarily in operation
- Future:
 - Energy/materials not perceived cheap anymore (+ CO₂ tax)
 - More profound awareness of the impacts on the environment
 - Cost, environment & society intertwined



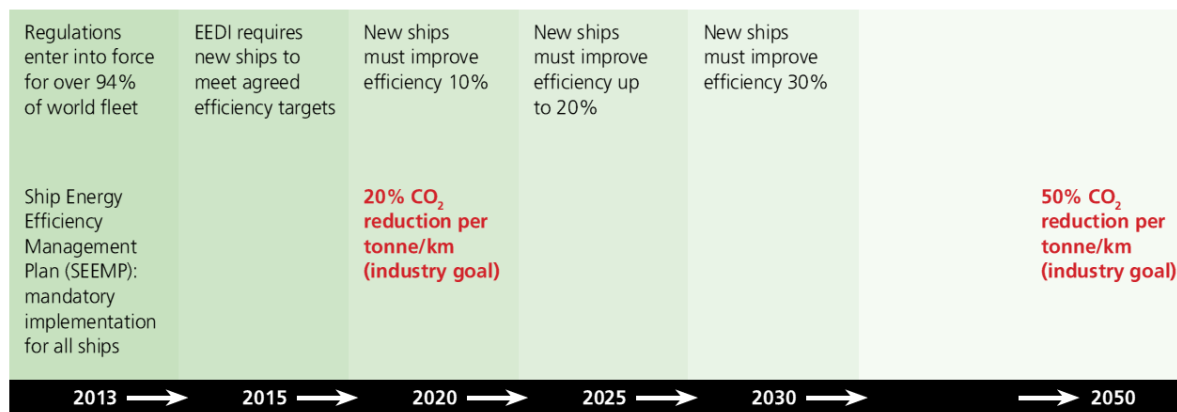
TOTAL SYSTEM THINKING

- Each phase has its own environmental impact
- Currently, the most interest is on the operations phase (IMO, ICCT, independent studies)
- Actions in one phase affect the impact in other phases
- Design phase defines the “range of flexibility” during the life
- Current flexibility (defined in design) is insufficient to react to the changes 20-30 years ahead
- New technologies available or emerging, beyond the ones typically considered



REQUIREMENTS AND AVAILABLE SOLUTIONS FOR EMISSIONS REDUCTION

MARPOL Annex VI, Chapter 4 adopted July 2011, which entered into force in January 2013



~60% technical solutions available or under development to reach that 50% CO₂ reduction by 2050:

Propeller polishing
Autopilot upgrade
Water flow optimization
Weather routing
Propeller upgrade
Hull cleaning
Air lubrication

Wind power
Hull coating
Waste heat reduction
Speed reduction
Main engine retrofits
High-efficiency lighting
Solar panels

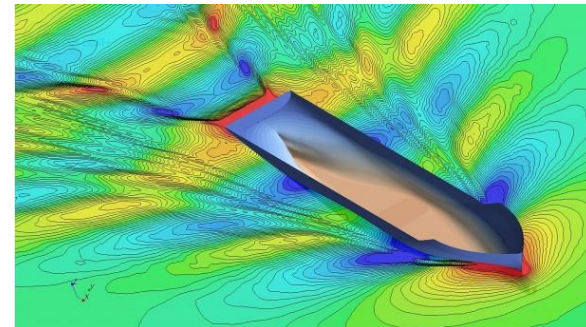
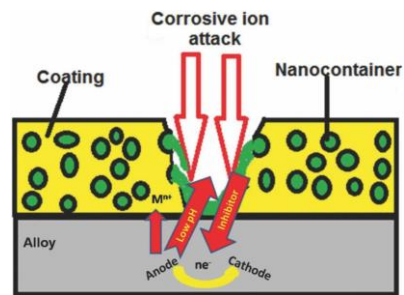
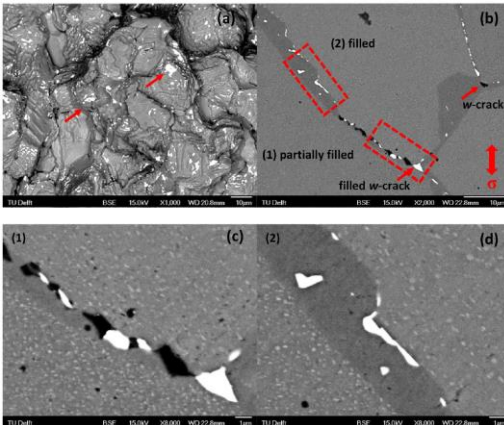
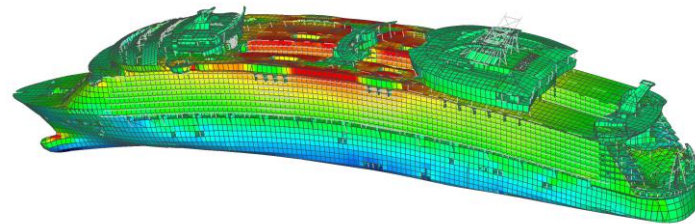
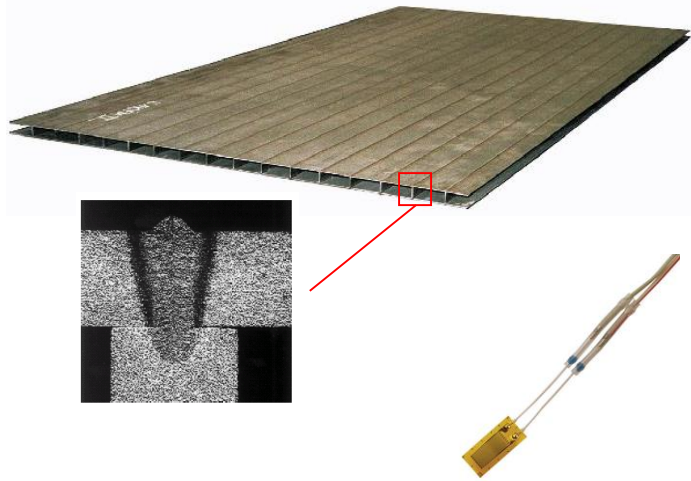


STRUCTURAL DESIGN

- Ferries, cruise ships, naval ships, container ships:
 - 40-50% of the displacement comes from steel
 - Progress in materials selection, welding techniques, construction methods, structural health monitoring
 - High-quality steel products (or some other)
 - Allowing prolonged life
 - Re-use of structural components (instead of scrapping)
 - Composite materials:
 - Lightweight
 - Not recyclable yet (to be burned in the end, or use toxic chemicals to dissolve)
 - What is the sustainable way to reduce the structural weight?



ADVANCES IN STRUCTURAL DESIGN



DESIGN FOR FLEXIBLE OPERATION

- Life span of a ship – what is the optimum?
 - Currently 25-40 years
 - Longer lifespan, high quality / shorter lifespan, low quality
 - Given the new opportunities, where is cost optimum, environmental impact optimum? Where will it be in the future?
- If the life span is to increase, how to provide larger flexibility to ship owner / smaller volatility to market conditions:
 - Modular design
 - Re-use of ship systems and materials
 - Anticipation of change (cargo, route, fuel sources, etc.)
 - Adoptable hull shape (resistance, fuel savings)
 - Adoptable machinery system / fuel source
 - Can the additional costs be justified?
 - What is the “CO₂ tax” which would justify the use of new technologies leading to reduction of emissions in the whole life cycle?



- Given current practices, how to minimize the pollution in other life phases?
- What is the optimal life span, given the emerging technologies, to minimize impact on the environment?

