



(Fuel) Efficiency versus Safety in Ship Design

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Definition of Ship Efficiency/Performance



Efficiency/Performance can be defined based on:

- Cargo capacity
- (Hydrodynamic) Performance on the anticipated route
- Harbour performance
- Investment & Maintenance costs
- Comfort ?!
- Ship & Cargo safety ?!

Boundary conditions which can NOT be influenced include

- Characteristics of the anticipated route (e.g. water depth)
- Restrictions in main dimensions (e.g. harbour restrictions)

Thus there is no universal “Ship Efficiency Index”

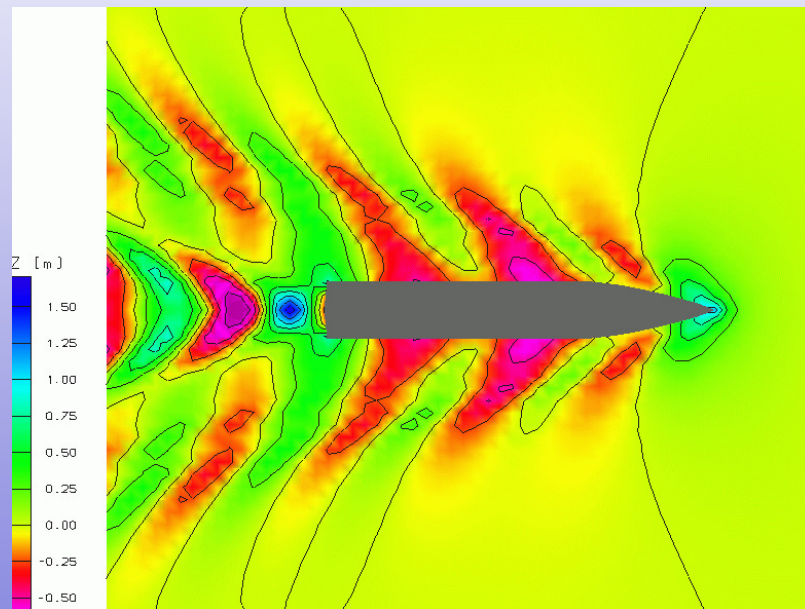
Ship performance needs to be compared based on the task!

Sometimes a comparison is easy



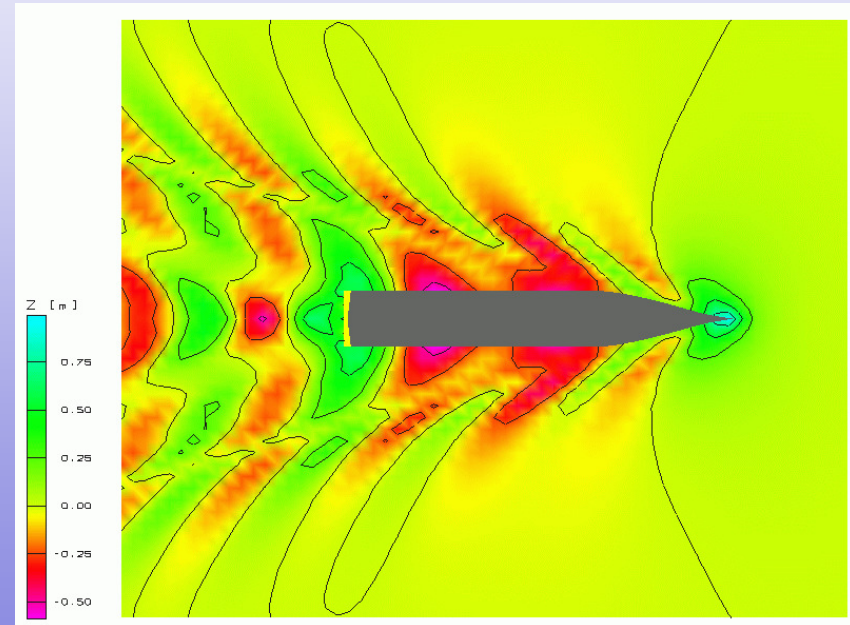
The FSG design has the same main dimensions & slightly more cargo capacity

Competitor at 19 knots



11000 kW

ConRo200 at 19 knots



8400 kW

Design challenge



Target:

RoRo for the Irish sea
2150 lane meters
21 knots
2x 8MW MCR



Problem

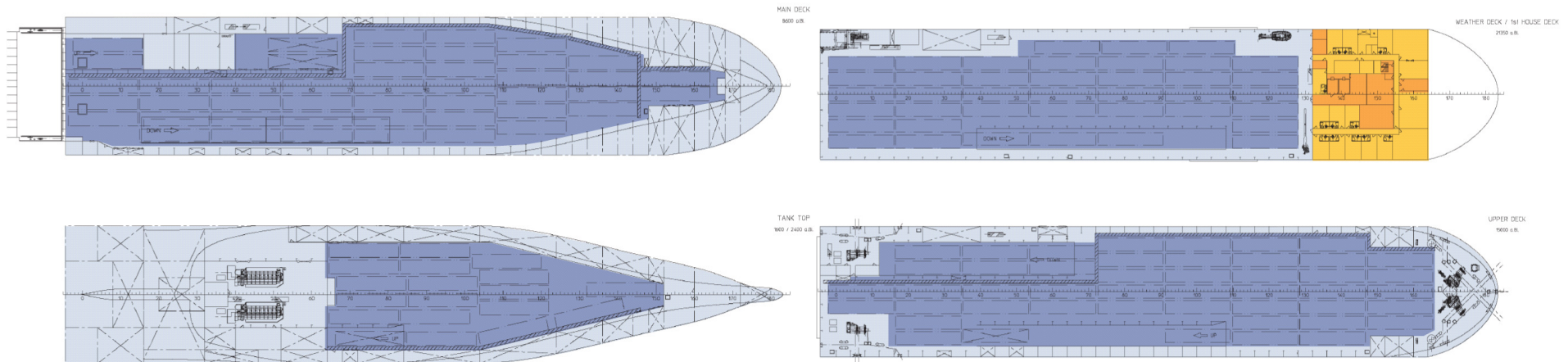
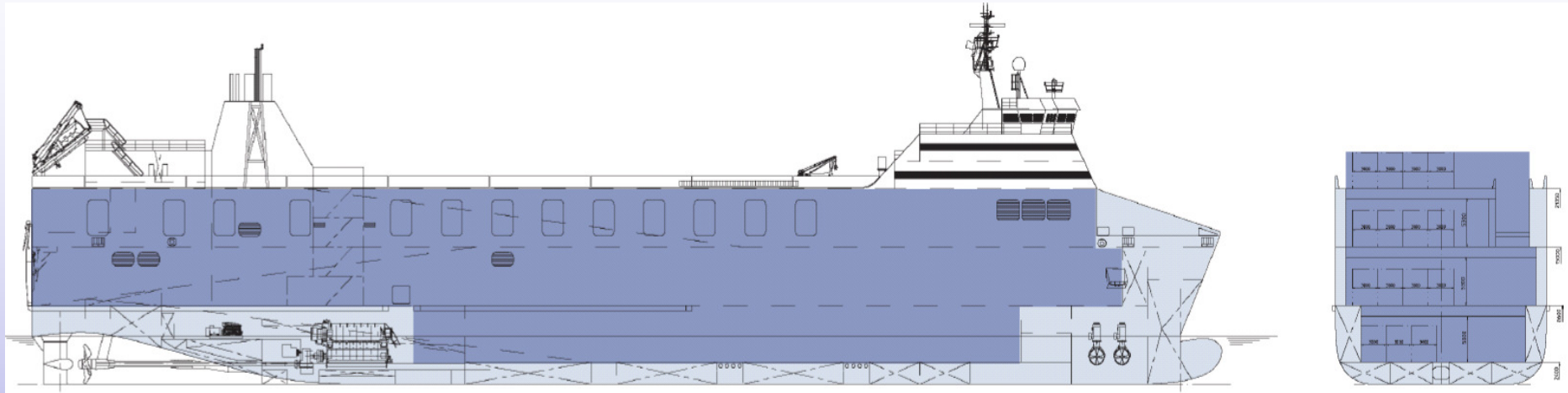
Main dimension restrictions:
 $L < 142\text{m}$ ($F_n = 0.29$)
 $B < 25\text{ m}$
 $T < 5.2\text{ m}$
High block coefficient

**4 weeks for design work
before contract!**

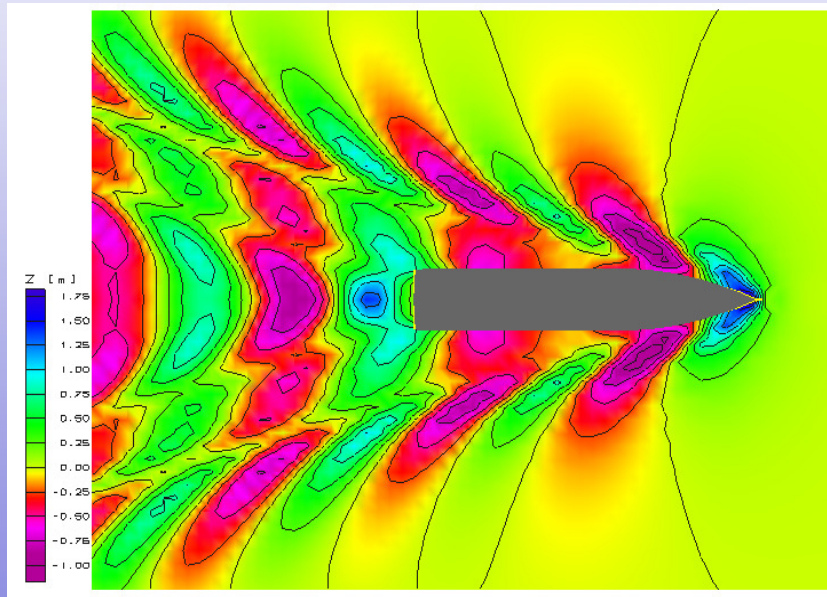
Solution

Four decks
Extensive wave resistance-
and wake field optimization

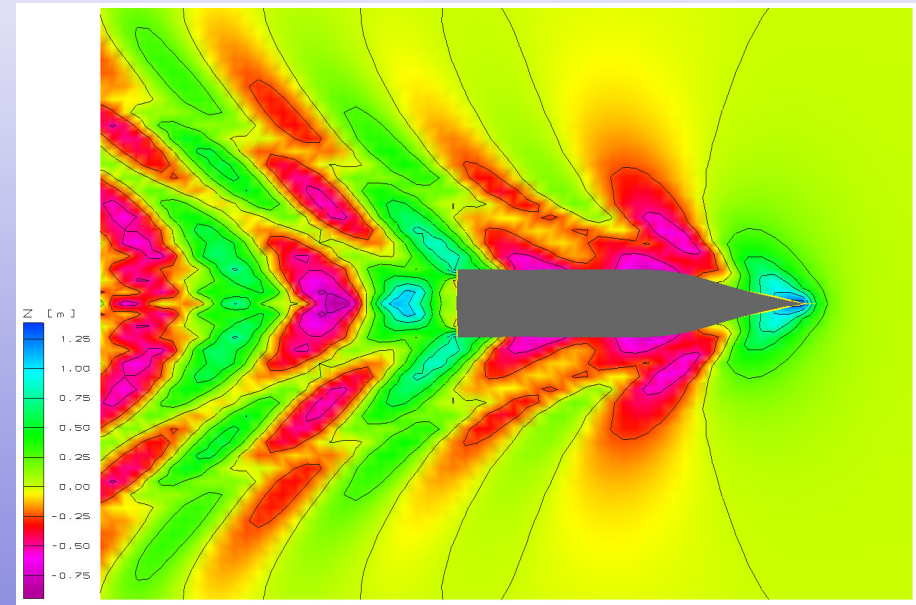
General Arrangement

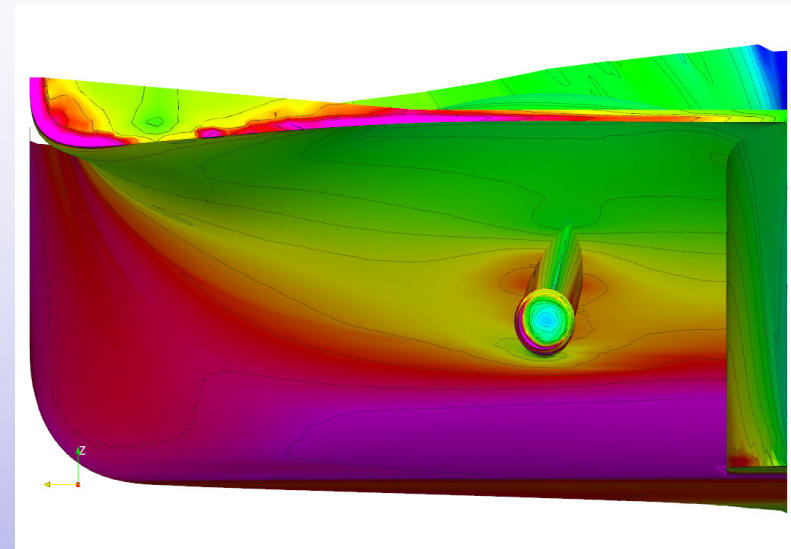
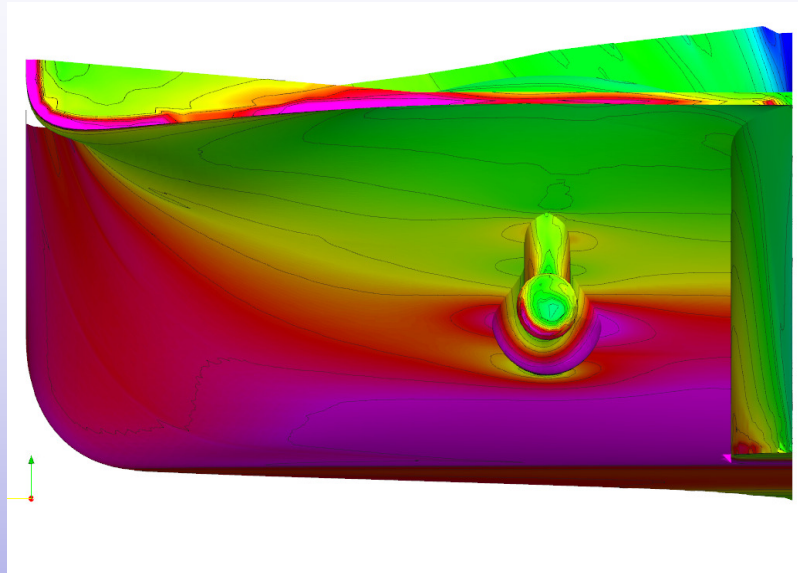


Competitor Design
3-Decks at 21 knots



FSG Design
4-Decks at 21 knots





A better wakefield enables more degrees of freedom in propeller design for

- reduced pressure pulse
- cavitation control
- better efficiency

More details were presented in TUHH/FSG paper by Haack & Vorhölter at IMDC 2009

Reasons for an „extra“ Design-Loop



At this stage the design (over) fulfills all requirements and standards from:

- The specification and contract
- Classification
- IMO (e.g. Intact and Damage stability requirements)

BUT:

The vessel does not pass FSG's dynamic stability standard and

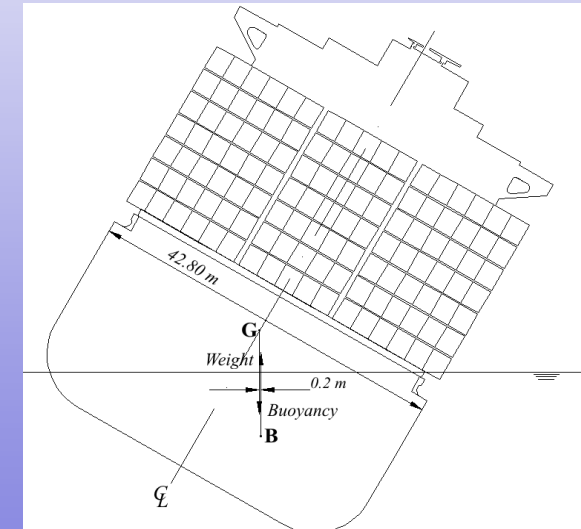
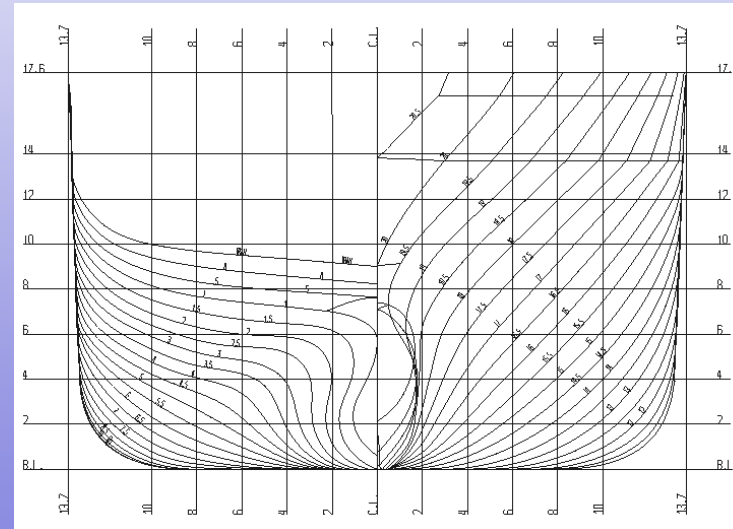
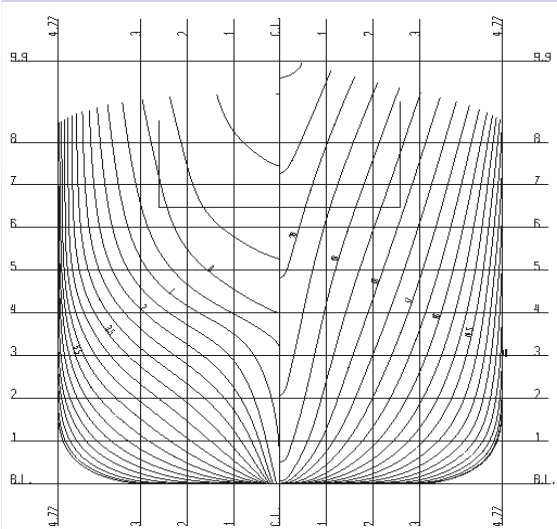
- Generally „likes to roll“
- The wakefield is still challenging

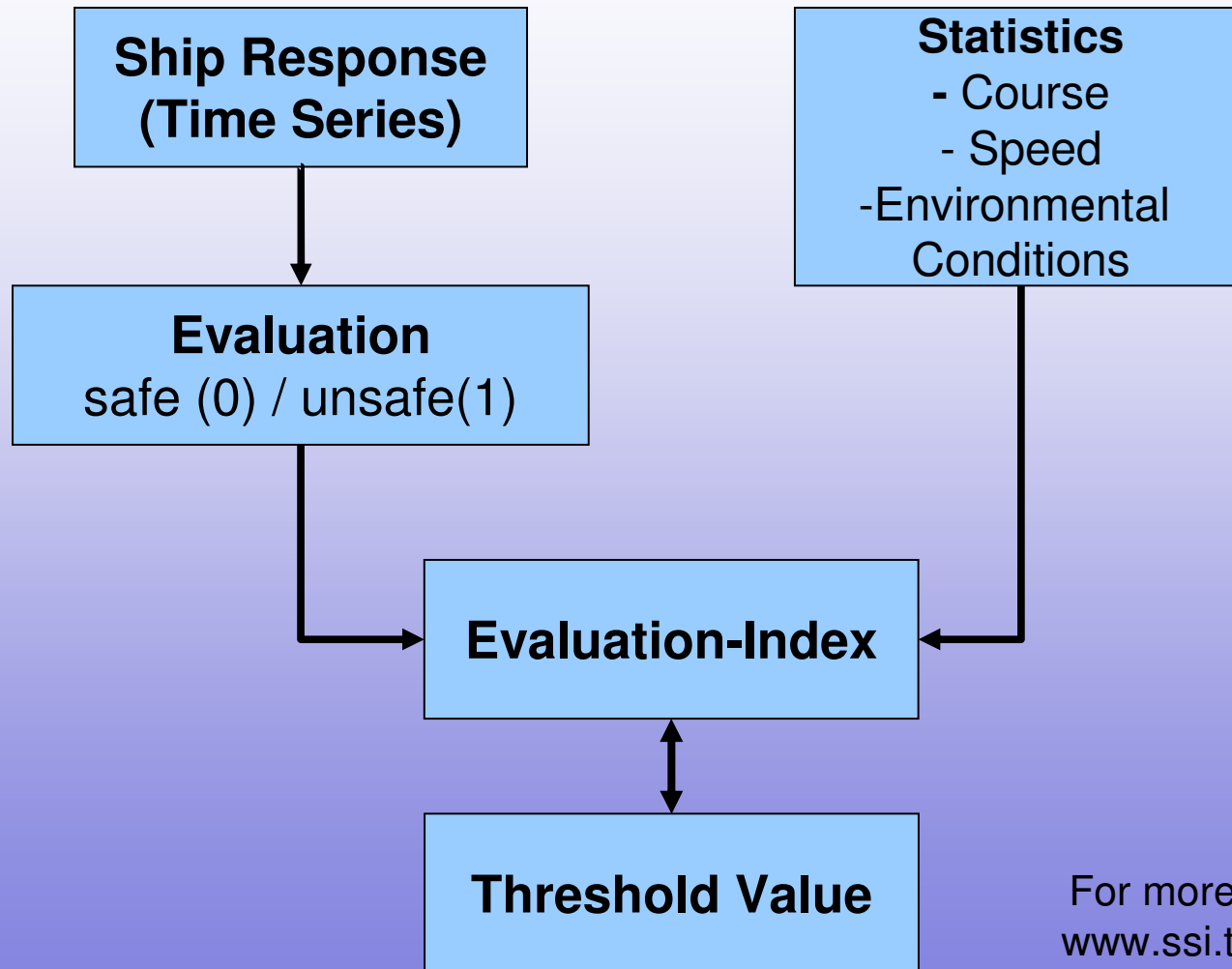
FSG's dynamic stability standard Motivation



The current intact stability rules are not sufficient:

- Dynamic Effects are not taken into account
- IMO A.749 based on statistics including vessels mostly <100m; dates back to early 20th century
- Limiting values un-scaled





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Assessing the Seakeeping Behaviour by Numerical Simulations



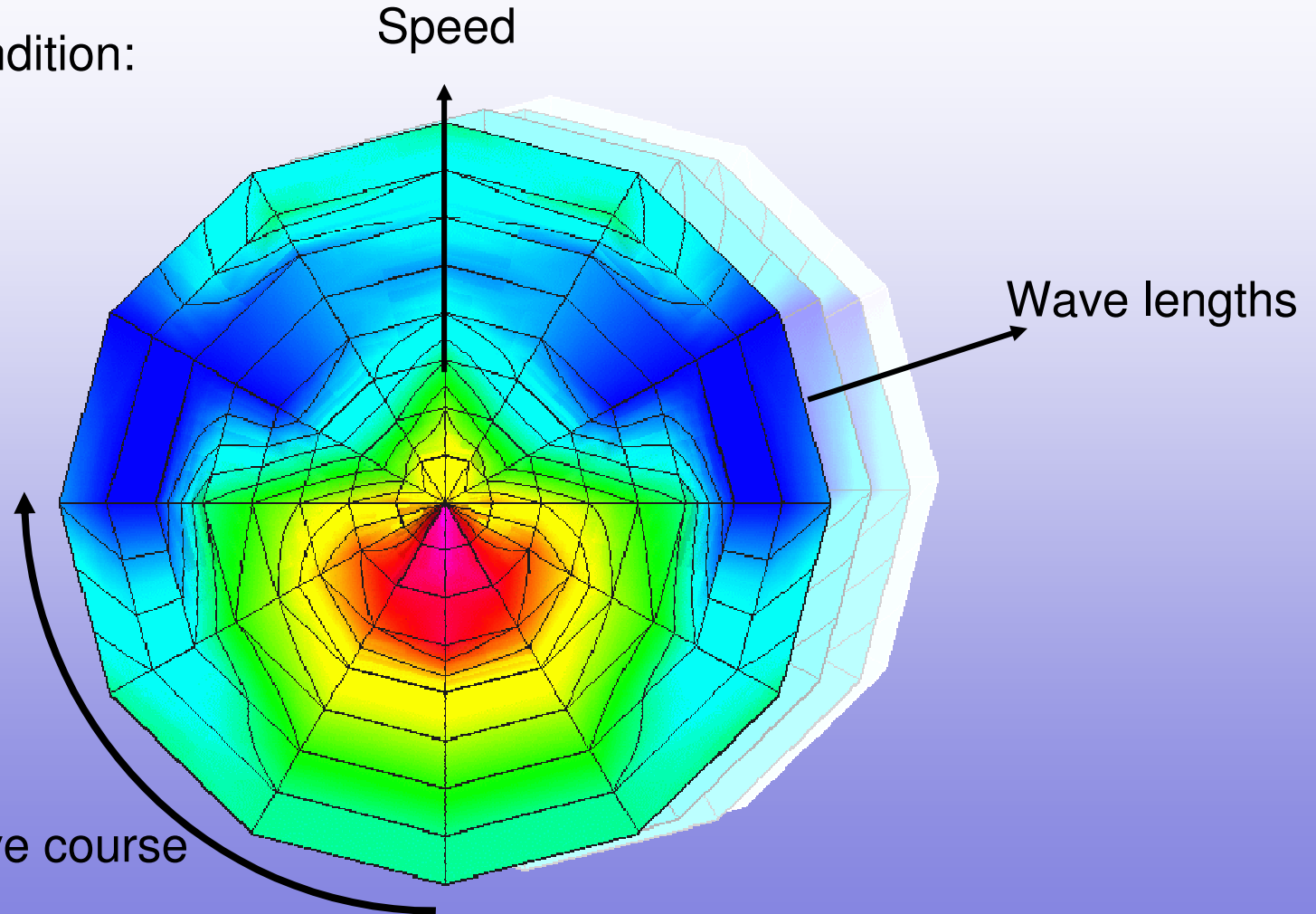
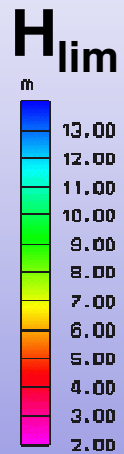
- **E4-Rolls: Non-linear sea-keeping simulation**
- **Delivers the ship response in waves 6 Degrees of Freedom**
- **Natural Seaway (irregular, short crested waves) modelled by wave spectra (e.g. JONSWAP)**
- **Flume tanks, stabilizer fins, cargo shift can be considered**
- **Validated by model tests in various research projects**

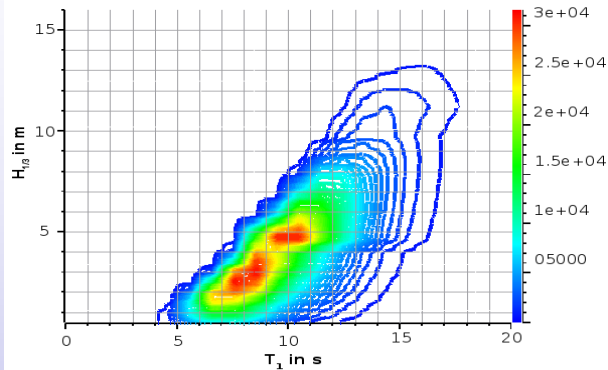


Consideration of operating conditions

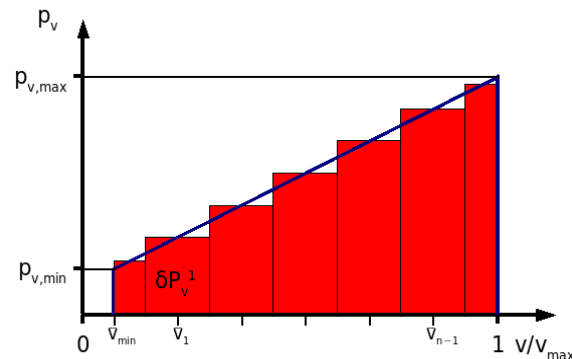


Operating Condition: Speed

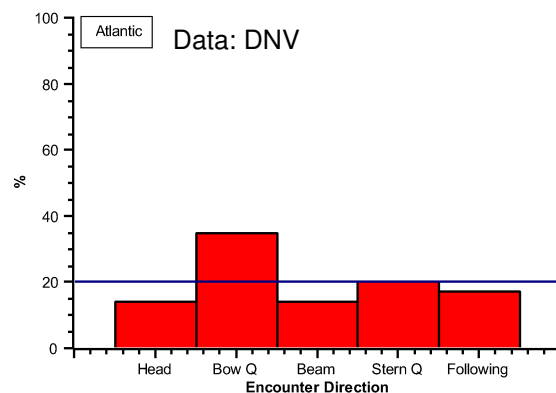


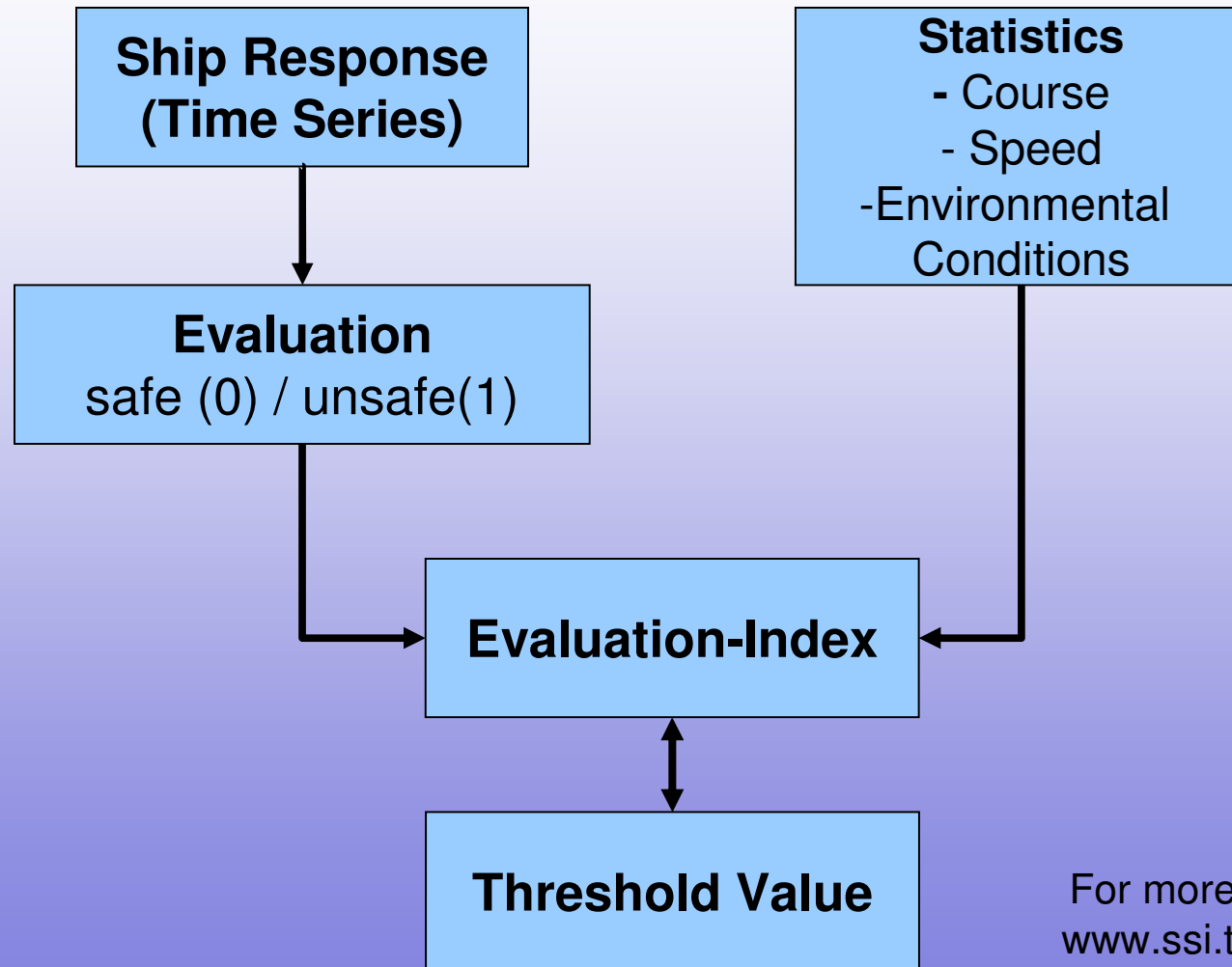


- Area of reference: North-Atlantic
- Assumption course probability: Equal distributed
- Assumption for speed: Linear distribution
- V_{max} takes into account added resistance



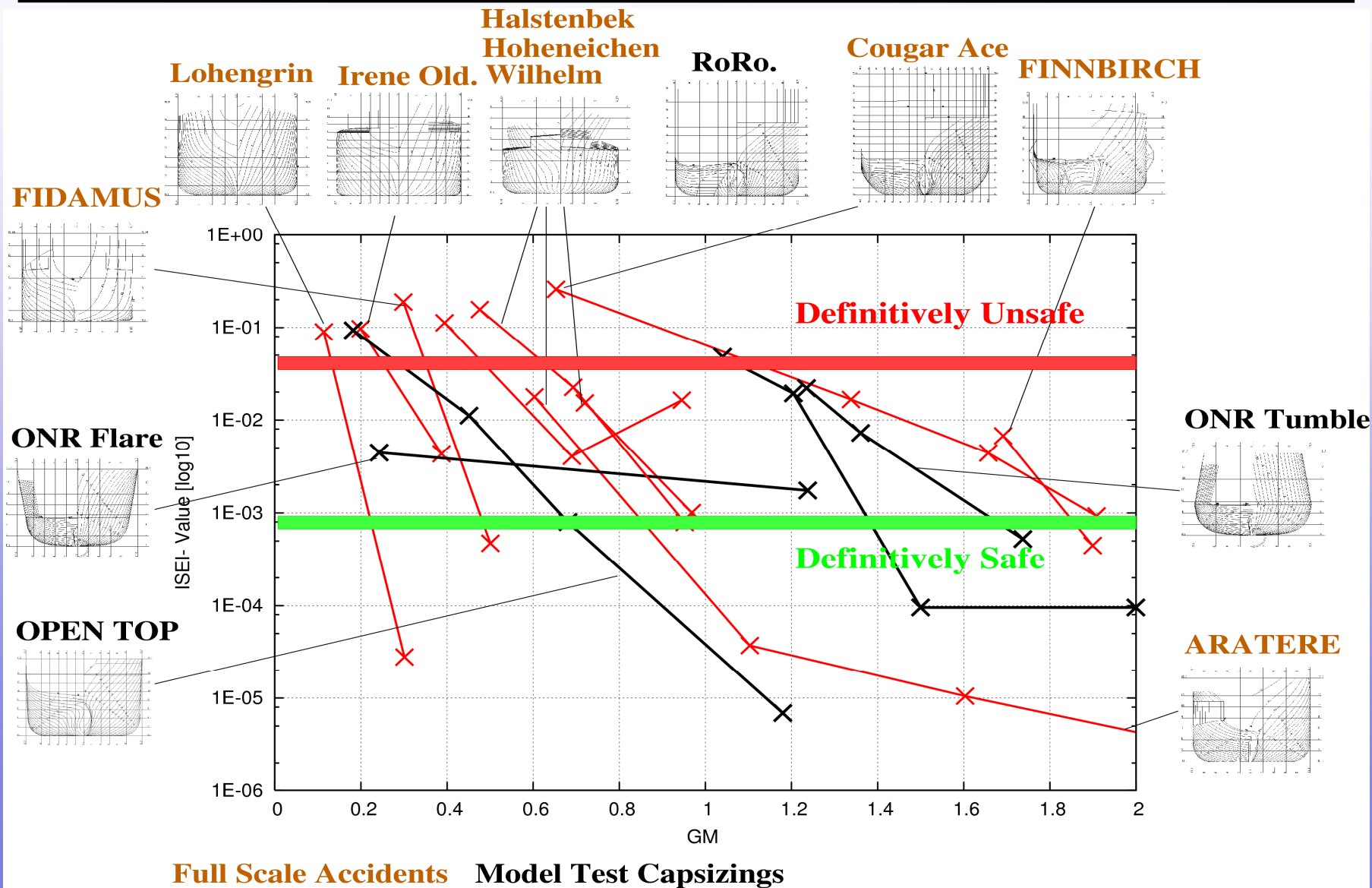
$$ISEI = \sum_{\text{All unsafe operating conditions}} P_{seaway} * P_{speed} * P_{course}$$



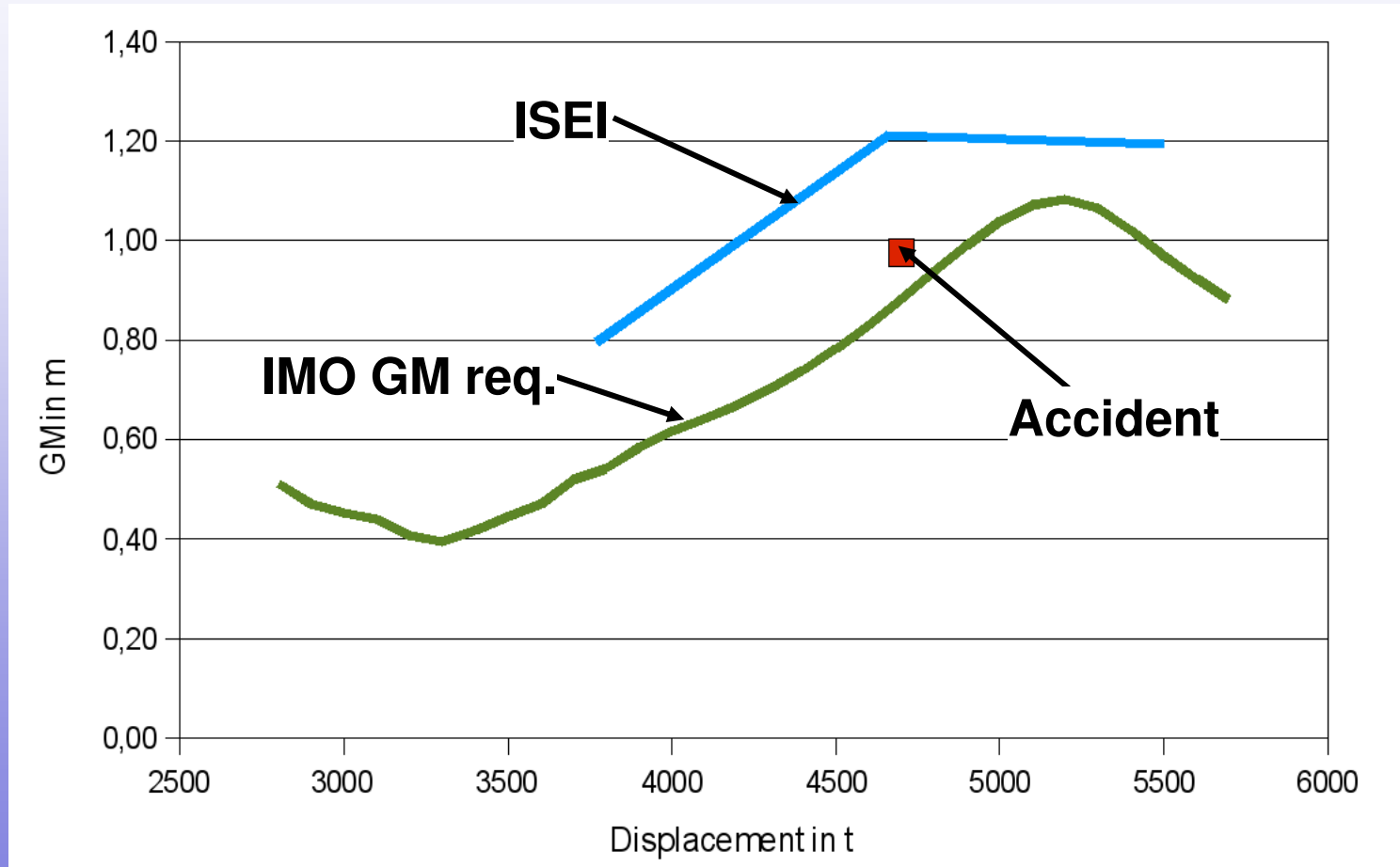


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Threshold Value

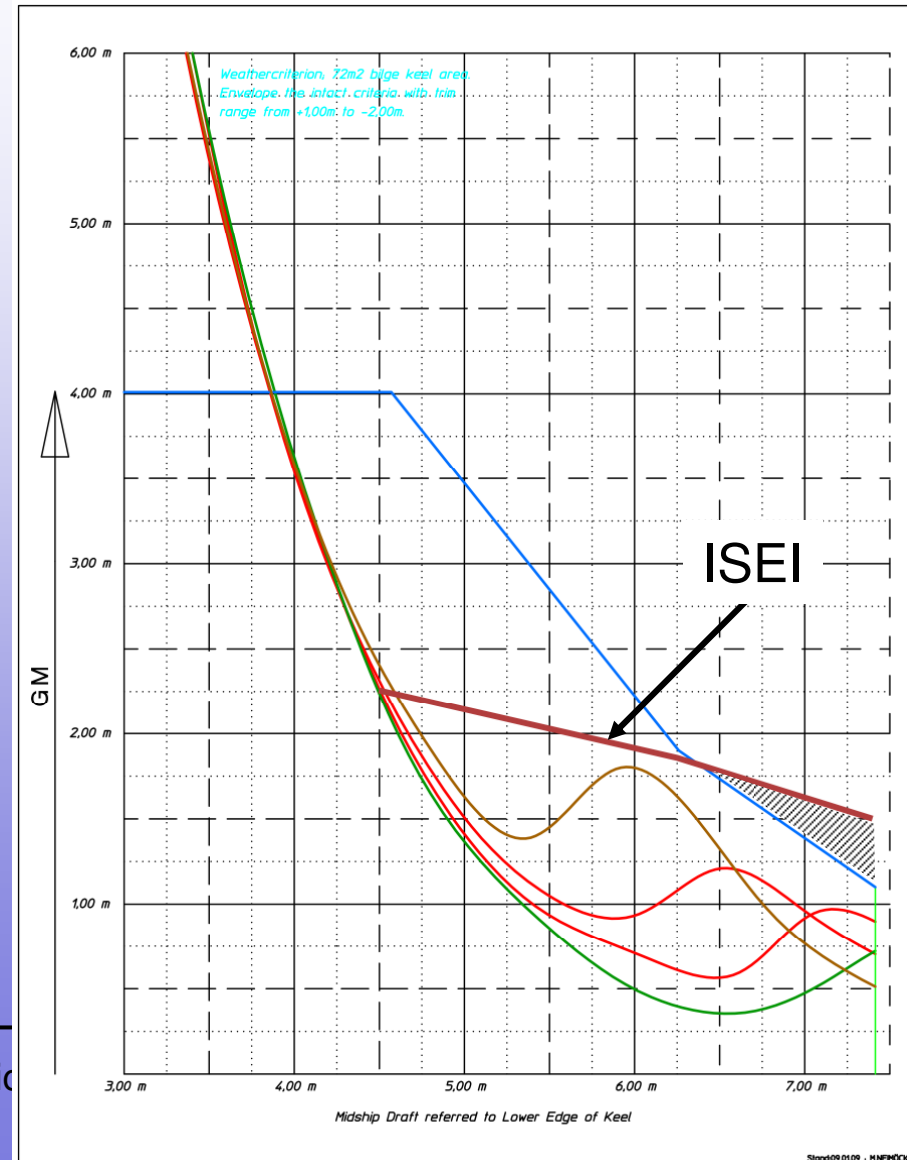


Accident investigation

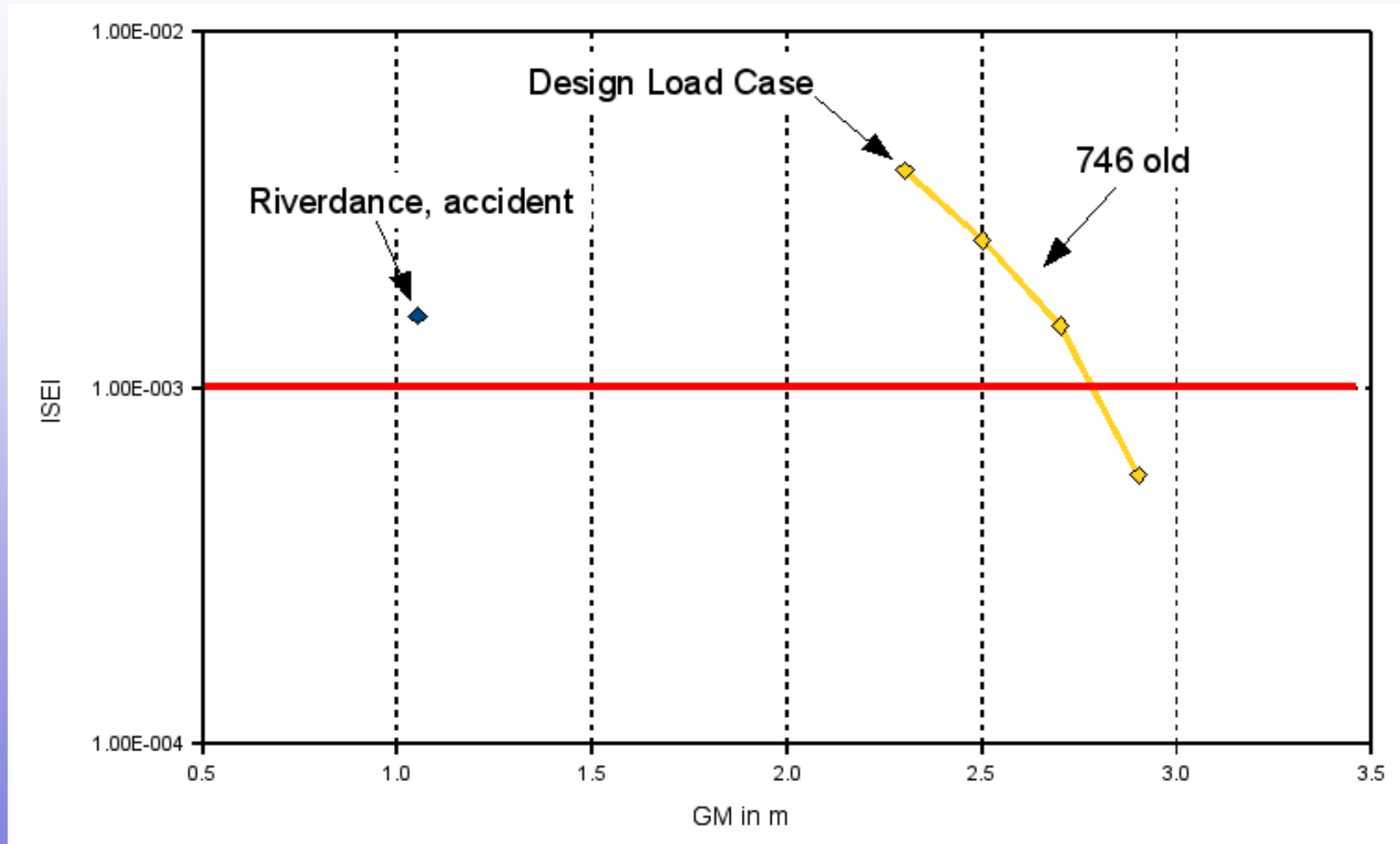




- ISEI curve represents dynamic stability limit
- More conservative than intact stability rules
- In some situations even stricter than damage stability limit
- Allows for a better representation of roll damping devices
- Included in all FSG stability booklets



ISEI-Index for the Initial Design



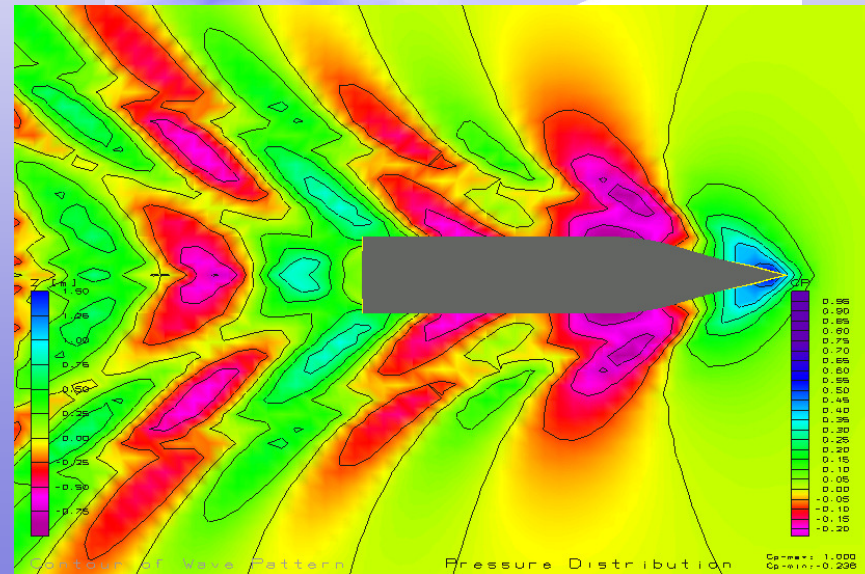
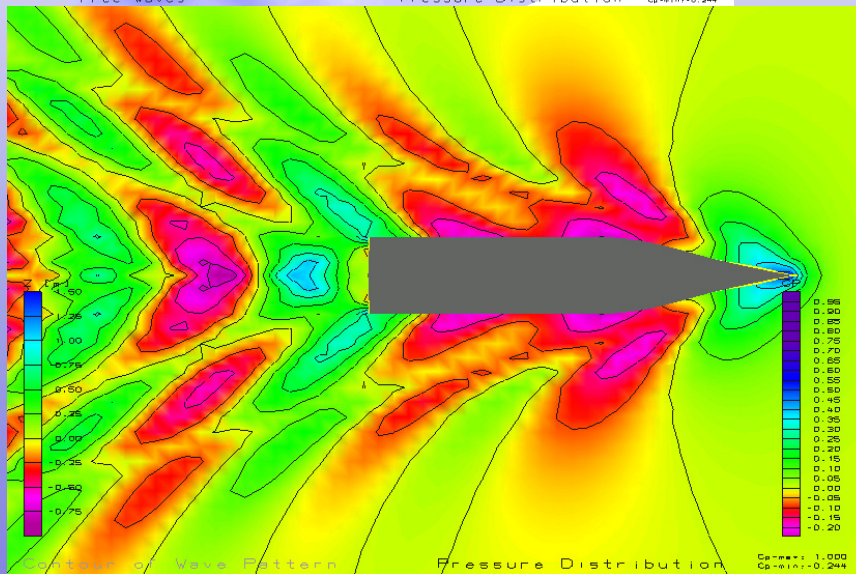
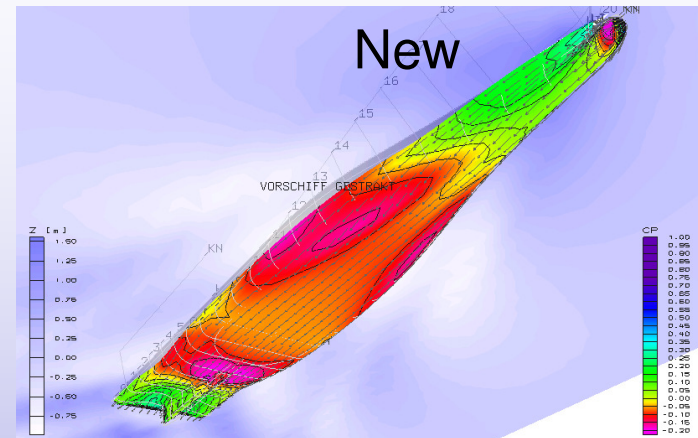
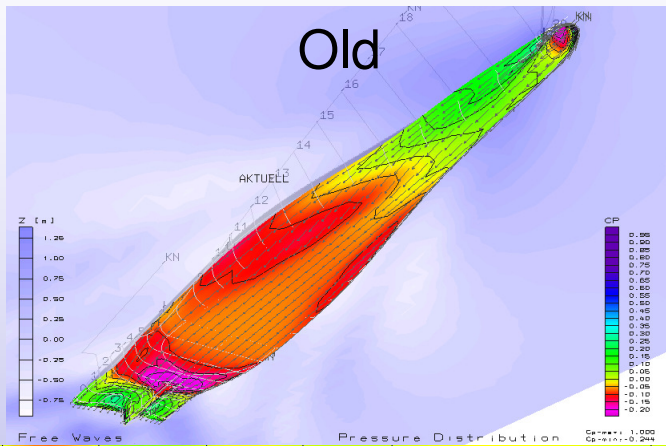


Goals:

- Keep Cargo Capacity
- Improve Seakeeping / Dynamic stability
- Improve Wakefield
- Minimize influence on Speed-Power performance

Options:

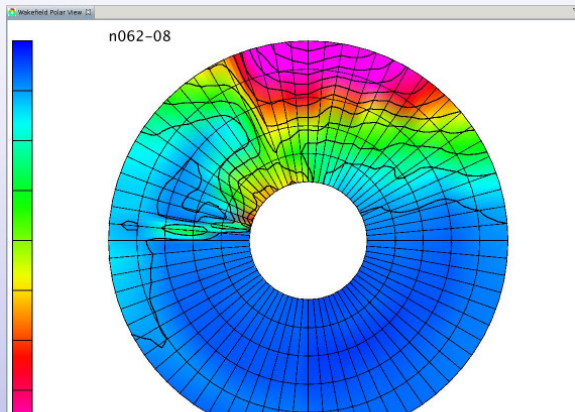
- Keep hullform and increase roll damping via larger bilge keels and/or fins
- Design new hullform (and GAP!) with better seakeeping and wake characteristics and include a FLUME tank



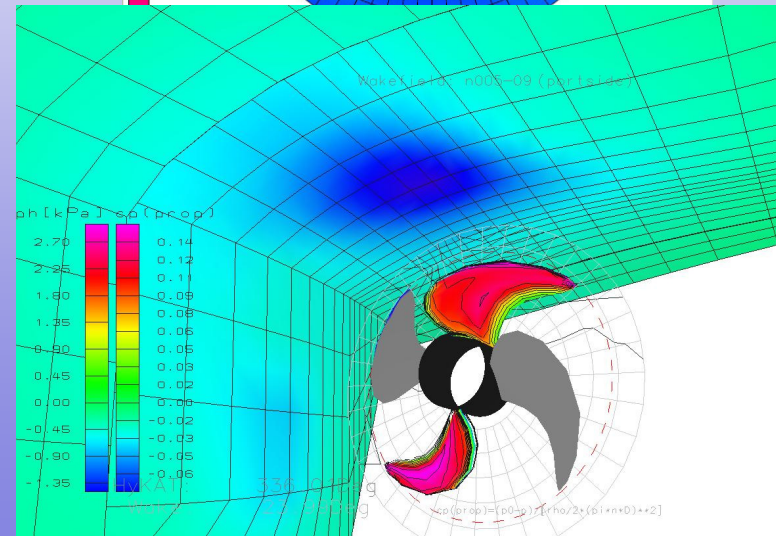
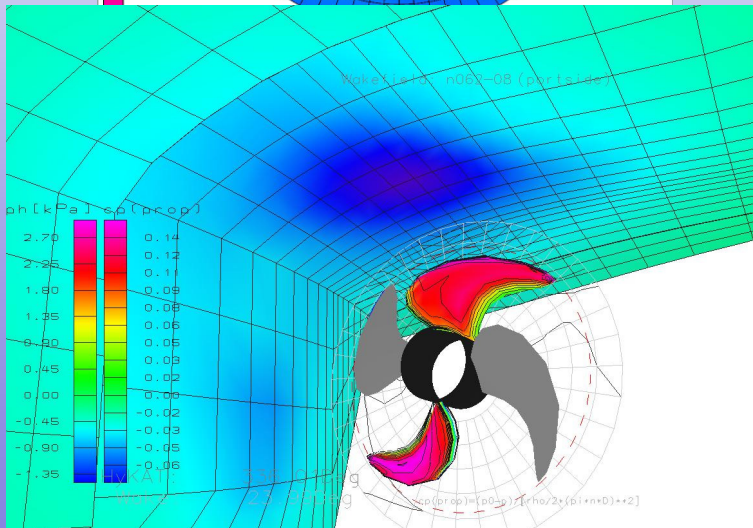
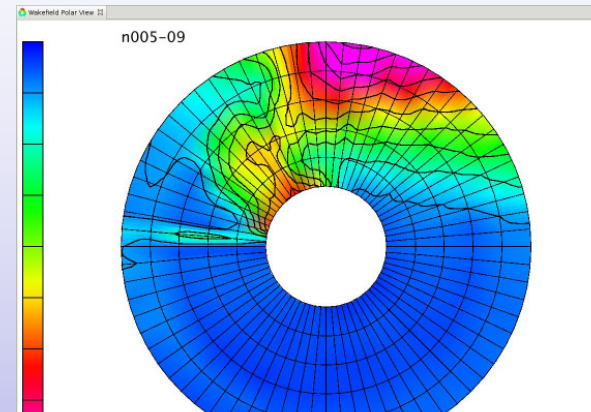
Wake Field Comparison



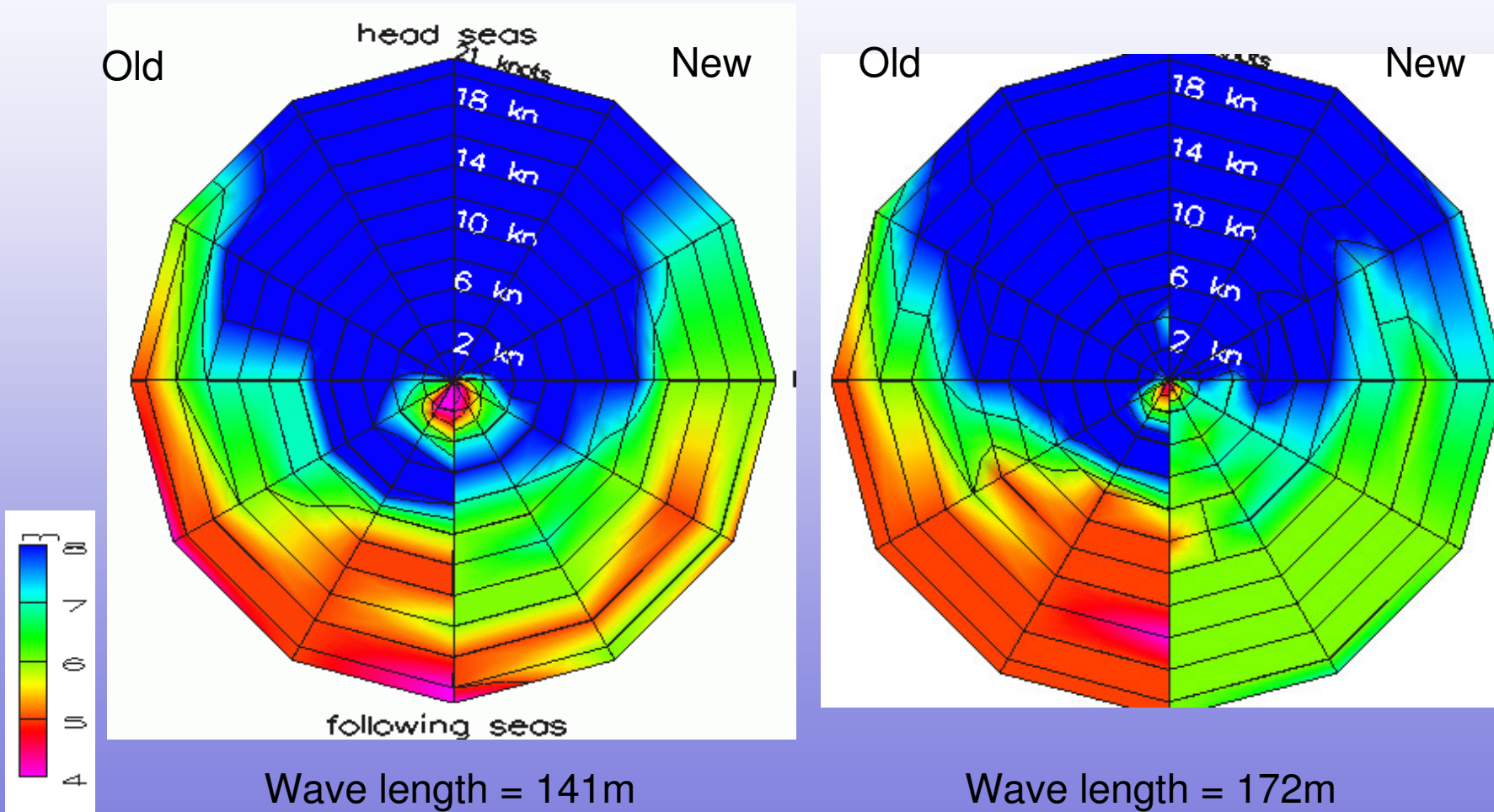
Old



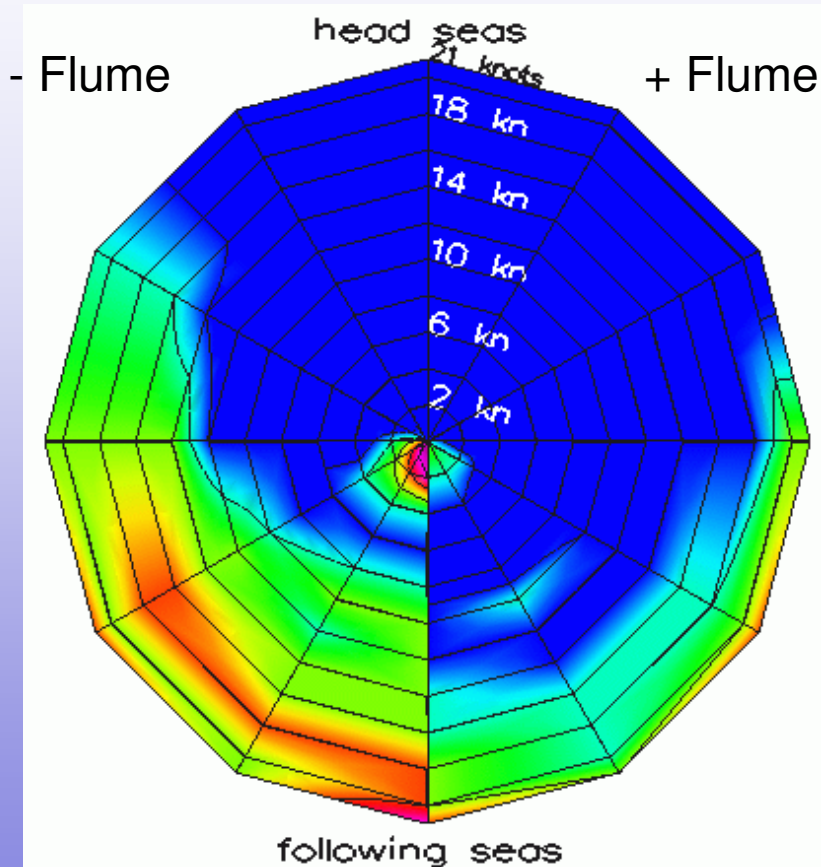
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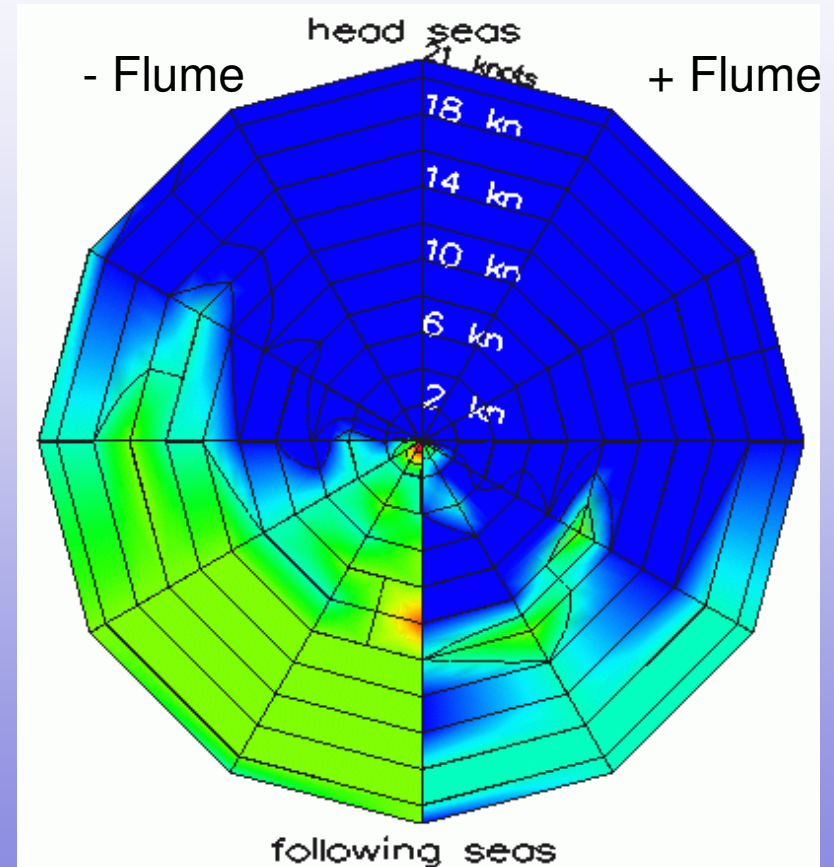
Maximum Roll Angle of 30° For the Initial and the New Design



Maximum Roll Angle of 30° With and Without Flume Tank

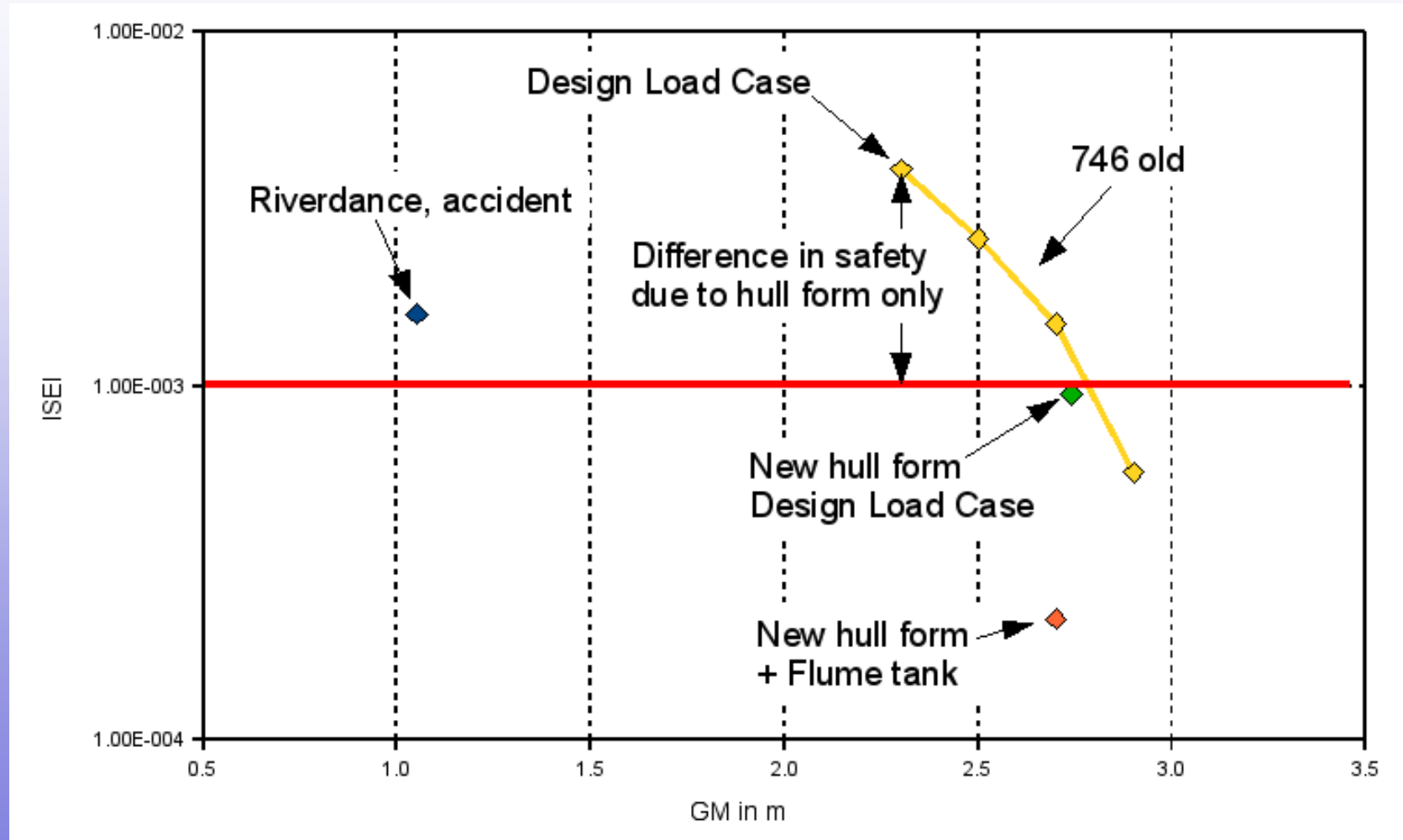


Wave length = 141m



Wave length = 172m

ISEI-Index Comparison





Goals achieved:

- Keep Cargo Capacity
- Improve Seakeeping / Dynamic stability
 - Hullform has better seakeeping characteristics
 - FLUME tank for enhanced cargo safety
- Improve Wakefield
 - Better propeller efficiency
 - Less pressure pulses
- Minimize influence on Speed-Power performance (additional 150 kW are necessary)

New Hullform delivers an improved overall hydrodynamic performance!