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HYDROGEN AS FUEL ON ROPAX VESSELS WITH HIGH POWER DEMAND -TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS -1-

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HOPE

The project HOPE (Hydrogen fuel cells solutions in shipping in relation to other low carbon options – a Nordic perspective) includes developing and evaluating a concept design for a vessel for short sea shipping that uses hydrogen as fuel and fuel cells for propulsion.
Technical aspects are included, as well as barriers and drivers for the realization of such vessels in the Nordic region and the impact on greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

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Topics

- Low carbon fuels
- Fuel handling and storage options
- Power trains
- Rules and regulations



Marine fuels - energy density

- Reference fuel, MGO
- Low carbon fuel. LNG, LPG, Methanol
- Zero carbon fuel: H2, Ammonia,
- E-fuels

• Biofuels





Emissions well to wake (WTW = WTT+TTW)





Source: Elizabeth Lindstad et al.

While we know that the type of engine (Diesel or Otto) affect the GHG from LNG, we do not know exactly how the type of engine or fuel cell will impact the emissions with H2 and NH3 Blue colour indicate fuels which depend on renewable electricity to deliver the GHG reductions indicated. Green colour indicate biofuels. Grey indicate fossil fuels.



Emissions from H2 and NH3: determined by the user and producer







Design case - Ropax ship





- H2 consumption/trip: 3,5 tons
- Hydrogen storage capacity: 330 MWh= 10 tons
- Endurance on hydrogen: App.: 150 Nmile
- Propulson power:
 - 10 MW@ 18 knots
 - 15 MW@20,5 knots



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Hydrogen storage volume (m3) for alternative CH2 storage pressure and for LH2

H2 Storage

LH2 storage: $2x \ 110 \ m^3$ watervolum Filling degree: 69%Gross tank volume: $\sim 2x \ 300 \ m^3$ incl cold box Tare weight: $\sim 100 \ tons$



CH2@350 bar: 440 m3 water volume Gross volume: 1000 m3 (10x ISO 45' containers) Tare weight: ~ 160 tons



https://hexagongroup.com/companies/he xagon-purus



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Power trains



• Diesel-electric layout, but with hydrogen powered ICE

- Main challenge:
 - Hydrogen powered ICE is not available in high power range
 - Only one supplier has launched this as a product for maritime application

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• Development work from several suppliers are under way, marked interest decide

12 Example. Ref.: http://wetech.fi/solutions/solution-five/

Power trains

• PEMFC running on hydrogen



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Power train

• PEMFC running on hydrogen

Concept design of 3,2 MW Fuel cell block, 16 single FC units arranged in pairs of two units, ref Powercell-

Total 80 single FC units required for 16 MW







Power train with fuel cells





Rules and regulations

Ref.:The Handbook for hydrogen fuelled vessels, MarHySafe JDP Phase 1 1st Edition (2021-06)

- The IMO IGF Code International Code of Safety for Ship Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels
 - Fully developed for LNG, not for other alternative fuels
 - For these alternatives the "Alternative Design process" should be followed
 - Class societies has developed additional class notations for ships with fuel cells and other specific equipment.
 - Several standards apply for single components and systems which is required in hyfrogen fuelled ships. (ISO, ASME, CGA, EN, NFPA,, EU-directive,
- Classification societies has type approved FC systems and components
 - Fuel cells type approved, project under way
 - LH2 tank systems approval in principle, approved in specific project
 - CH2 pressure vessel: Pressure vessels: Type approved. System: approval in principle and for specific project



MarHySafe project.

https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/Five-lessons-to-learn-on-hydrogen-as-ship-fuel.html

- Knowledge gaps: More testing needed on the safety aspects of handling, storage and bunkering hydrogen
- Safety: Hydrogen's unique properties make it very different from natural gas
- Fuel system: Use hydrogen in its pure form when possible
- Framework: The Alternative Design process is currently the best approach
- Implementation: Scaling up hydrogen operations will be a challenge





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