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# De-carbonization Pathways with Leading Tug Designs

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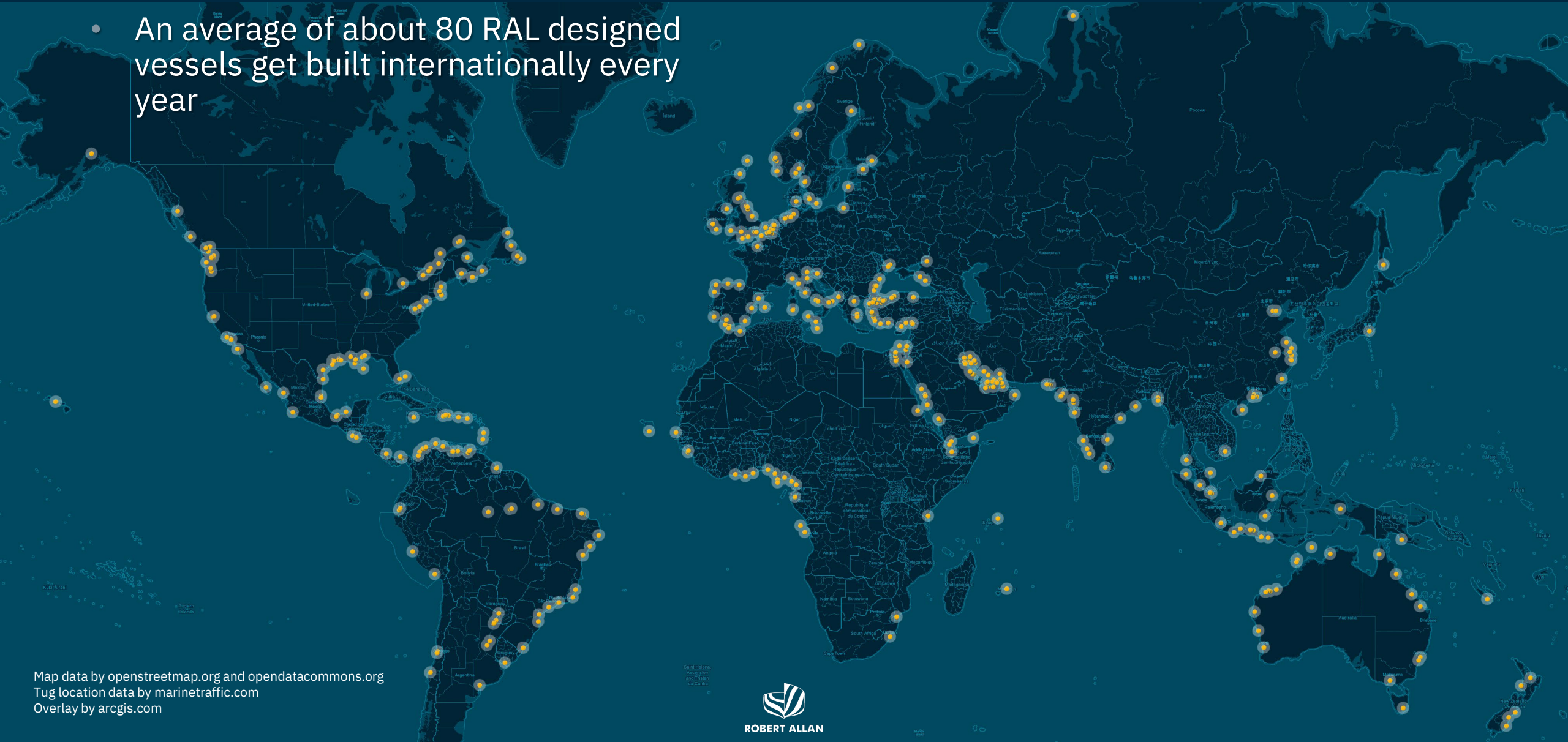
- Founded 1930 in Vancouver; Canada's oldest consulting naval architectural firm
- Recognized internationally as the leading independent designer of high-performance escort, ship-handling tugs, shallow draft towboats and fireboats
- ~95 employees including ~40 professional engineers





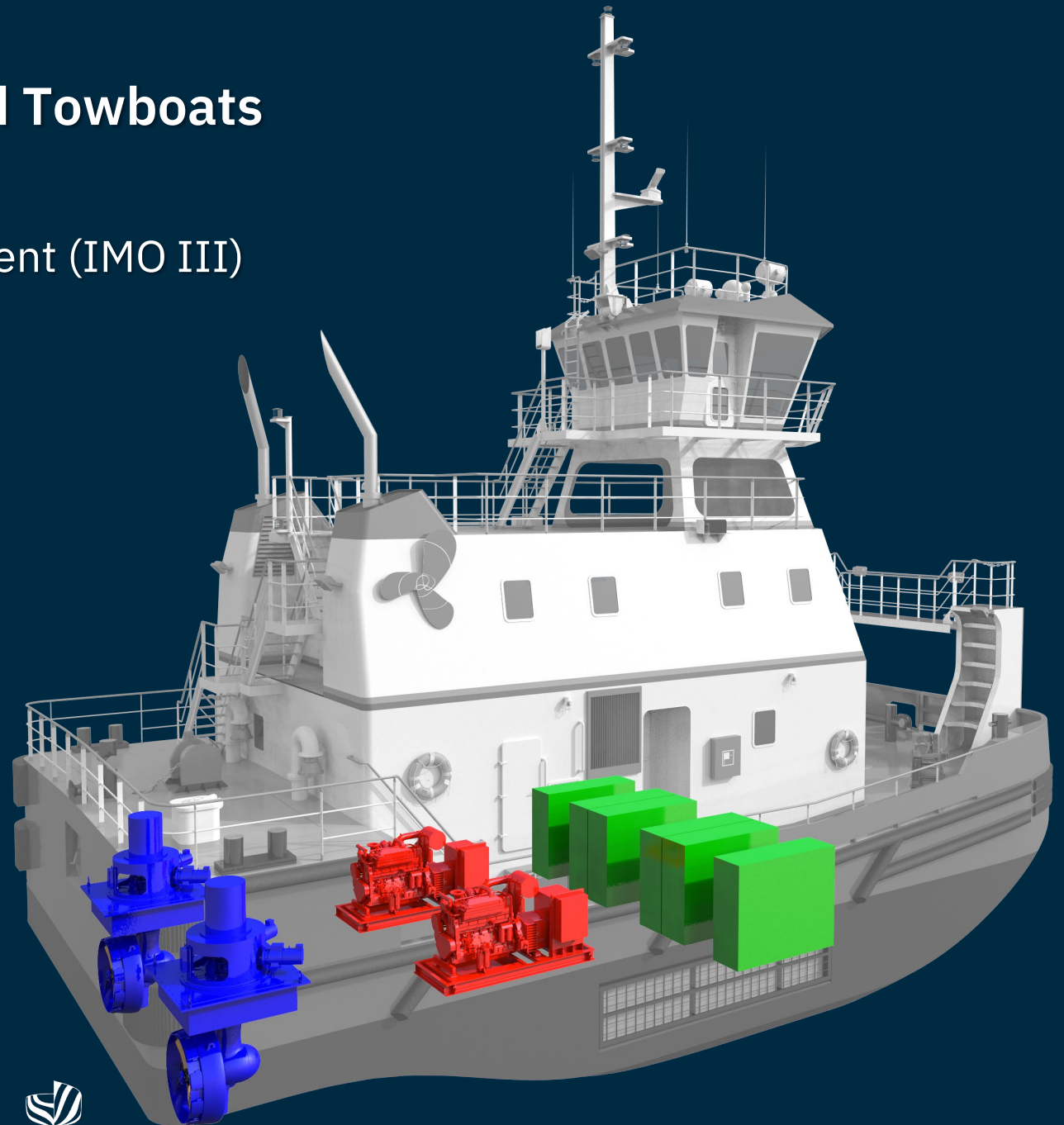
# Global Fleet – Latest Thousand Deliveries

- An average of about 80 RAL designed vessels get built internationally every year



# Propulsion Alternatives for Tugs and Towboats

- Diesel Hybrids and Diesel Electric
- Diesel (ULSFO) with exhaust after-treatment (IMO III)
- LNG (dual fuel or pure gas) and CNG
- Hydrogen / Ammonia / Methanol
- Battery Electric





# Diesel Hybrids and Diesel Electric

- Limitless flavours
- Just as capable as conventional diesel tugs
- Increased complexity
- Modest CAPEX increase
- Can be *some* OPEX and GHG reductions
  - Diesel electric rarely makes financial sense for tugs or towboats
  - Better case for hybrids with reduced running hours, but fuel savings benefits often overstated
  - Batteries need to utilize shore power to be effective





# Diesel + Exhaust Aftertreatment

- IMO III now required in Canada and significantly reduces NOx pollution
- EPA 4 in USA also reduces Particulate Matter pollution
- **Neither reduces Carbon or GHG**
- Moving towards Bio / Renewable Diesel offers limited long term pathway for decarbonization due to limited feed stocks
- May still make sense when supporting infrequent high power operations such as Fi-Fi or salvage





# LNG & CNG

- High CAPEX for LNG. CNG offers limited range/endurance
- Reduced OPEX, but reasonable payback period is only with heavy load profile (ie. Long distance escort tugs)
- Increased complexity vs. diesel
- Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>, but need to control CH<sub>4</sub> emissions (methane slip)
- Range and endurance limitations, bunkering challenges





## Experience with LNG Designs & Tugs In-Service

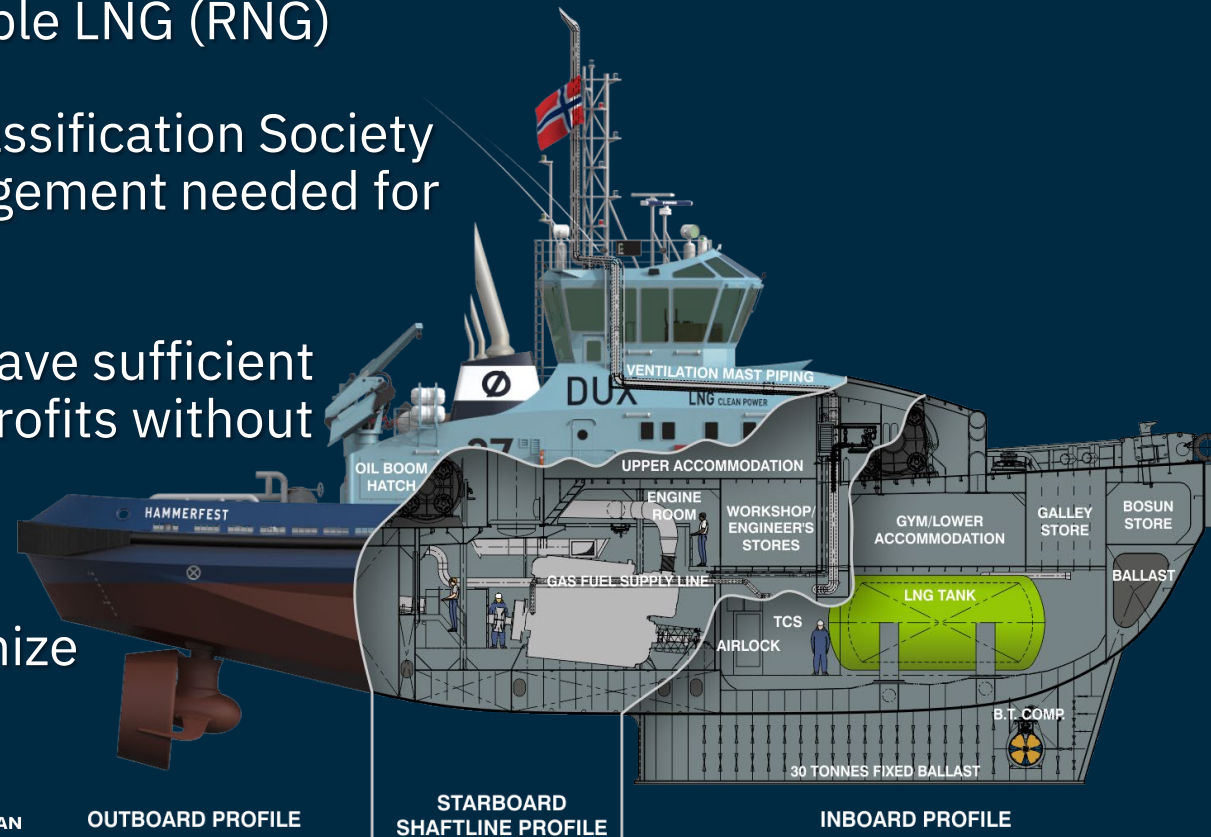
- 5 RAL designed LNG Dual Fuel tugs now in service, 28m (92') to 40m (131') in length
- 4 more RAL LNG Dual Fuel tugs currently under construction, 40m and 42m
- Class Approval in Principle (AiP) received for Pure Gas Fleeting Towboat developed with MTU
- Design of LNG Dual Fuel Towboat and Barge to transport bulk LNG completed
- Long term adoption of LNG for tugs is expected to be very limited to unique applications





# Lessons from LNG Designs & Tugs In-Service

- Latest gas engines are improving, but still critical to optimize propulsion system to operating role of vessel to achieve true emissions reductions
- Gas Safe machinery approach has been adopted instead of Emergency Shutdown. Expectation is similar strong trend will apply to future fuels as also under IGF Code
- Operators now starting to implement Renewable LNG (RNG)
- As with all future fuels each Flag State and Classification Society approaches slightly differently and early engagement needed for successful projects
- Existing workboats (tugs & towboats) do not have sufficient space, deadweight/trim capacity to enable retrofits without significant reductions in endurance
- New designs must be designed around future fuel system to maximize endurance and minimize large CAPEX increases





# Hydrogen

- **Basis for decarbonized molecule based energy systems**
- **Tank to propeller emissions = only water!**
- Potential for large emissions from upstream production (grey vs. green hydrogen)
- Nontoxic, but very explosive and flammable
- Significant storage issues as Liquid (-253°C) or Compressed (Up to 700 bar)

	MGO	LNG	H <sub>2</sub> (liquid)	Ammonia	Methanol
Density (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.835	0.428	0.071	0.61	0.792
LHV (GJ/t)	42.7	48.6	120	18.6	19.9
GJ/m <sup>3</sup>	35.7	20.8	8.5	11.4	15.8
Volume (m <sup>3</sup> /GJ) normalized	1	1.7	4.2	3.1	2.3

- Initial technology demonstrator projects are now reaching market



# Hydrogen Production

## Grey Hydrogen

- Produced by reforming natural gas
- 96% of worldwide hydrogen production
- Fuel price up to 4 x diesel
- GHG emissions greater than diesel

## Green Hydrogen

- Produced by electrolysis
- Fuel price up to 10 x diesel
- Fuel price expected to drop with large scale electrolysis plants; down to 2x diesel
- **Zero emissions**

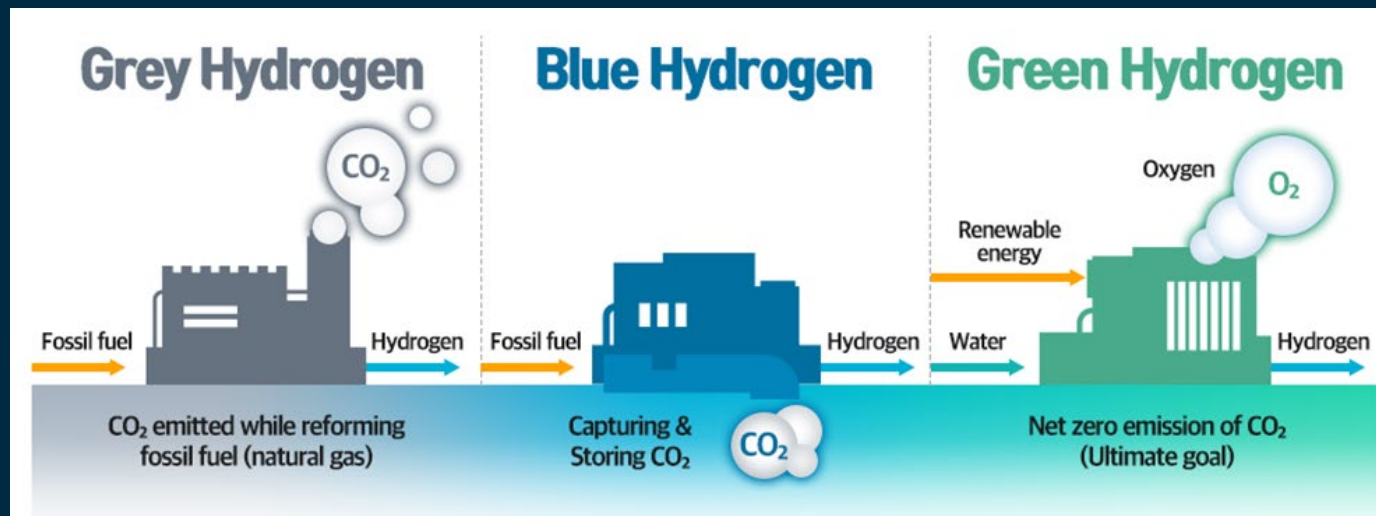


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# Hydrogen – Combustion and Fuel Cells

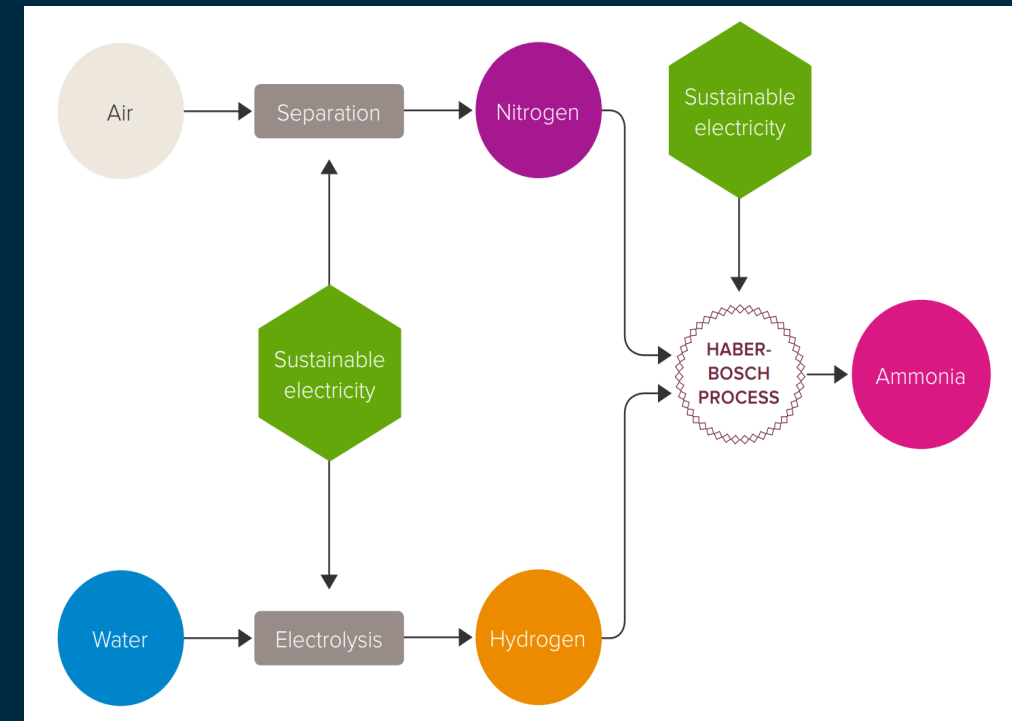
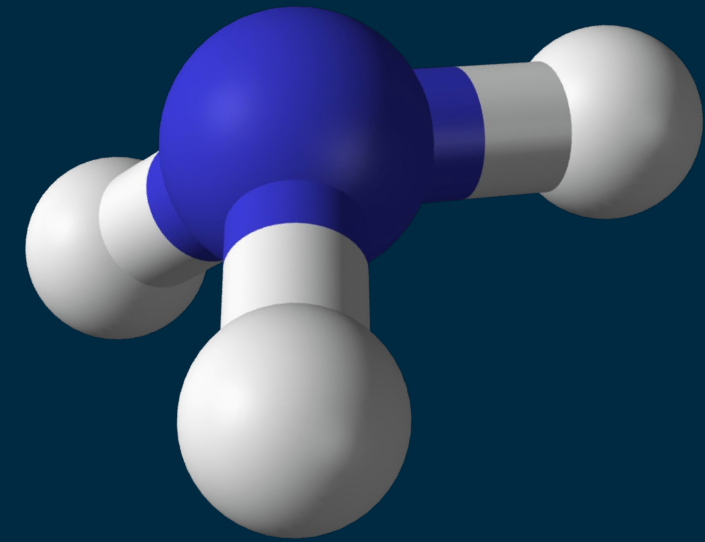
- Hydrogen combustion – **still expensive and unproven**
  - Cryogenic storage required for long endurance
  - Difficult hazardous zone considerations
  - Pricing and availability of green vs. grey hydrogen
  - Limited engine options slowly coming to market
- Fuel cells – Decent range and endurance **but very high CAPEX**
  - Still need batteries or additional power sources to handle propulsion load response, larger vessel to accommodate all equipment
  - Compressed hydrogen possible for short range/endurance operations
  - Cryogenic storage required for long endurance
  - Potential reforming options from Ammonia and Hydrogen Storage
  - Prices need to come down to be economically viable for workboats





# Ammonia

- **No Carbon!**
- **Flammable Gas, Very Toxic, Highly Corrosive**
- **Very toxic to marine life**
- Boiling Point  $-33.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ , can be stored as a liquid at room temperature at 8.6 bar
- Some lessons from LNG can be applied, but considerable challenges remain:
  - Regulations and Risk Assessments need to be developed by Class to suit smaller vessels
  - Engine development would be needed for engines to fit within tugs. High speed engines unlikely in near future
  - Potential Nitrous Oxide concerns similar to Methanol Slip
  - Requirements as written make compliance on <40m tugs near impossible. Detailed risk assessments would need to be performed in order to proceed.





# Methanol

- Not cryogenic, not toxic like Ammonia, but still low-flash under IGF Code so requires segregation from machinery spaces and sources of ignition
- Lower CAPEX hit to vessel once engines developed
- Not many engine options yet, but additional options coming to market
- Burning of methanol can be carbon-neutral,  
but must consider upstream production
- **Strong potential for future fuel for tugs**

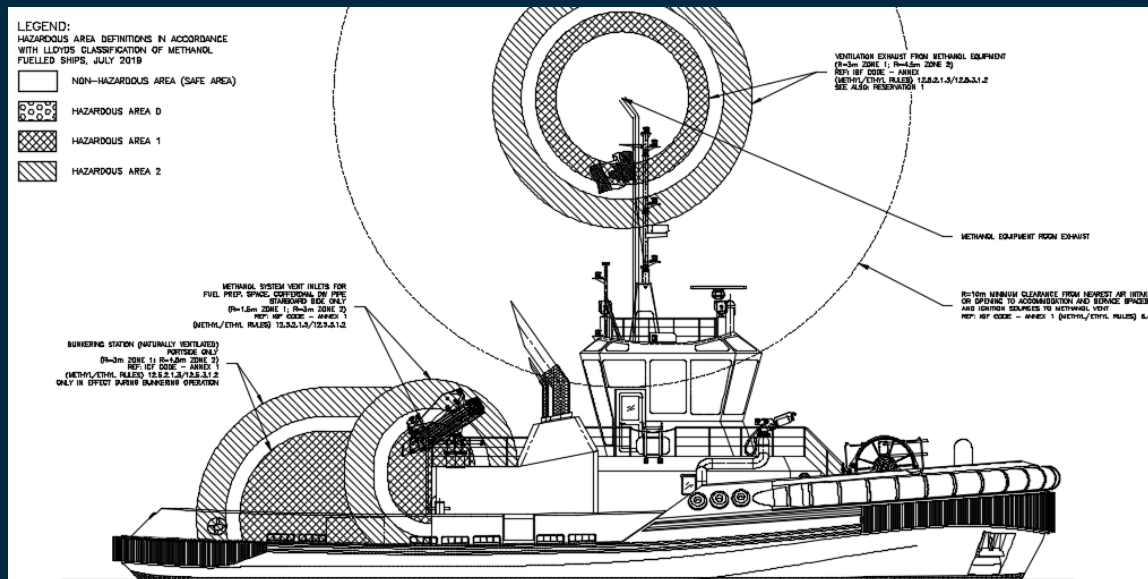
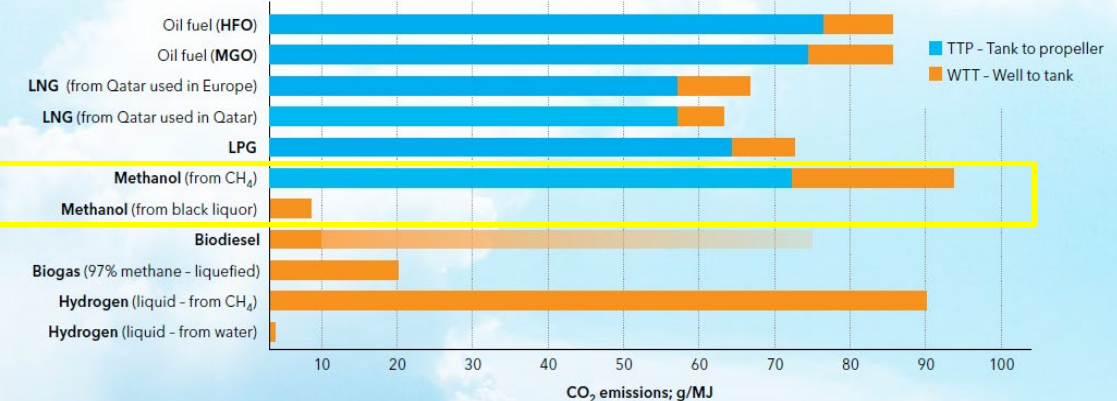


FIGURE 3: CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS OF FUEL ALTERNATIVES IN SHIPPING



Source: DNV GL calculations; Bio diesel: emissions depend on the production method. Graphic uses data from the European Renewable Energy Directive (Council of the European Union, Interinstitutional File: 2016/0382 (COD), Brussels, 21 June 2018)



# Green Methanol Production



(Image Source: Methanex)



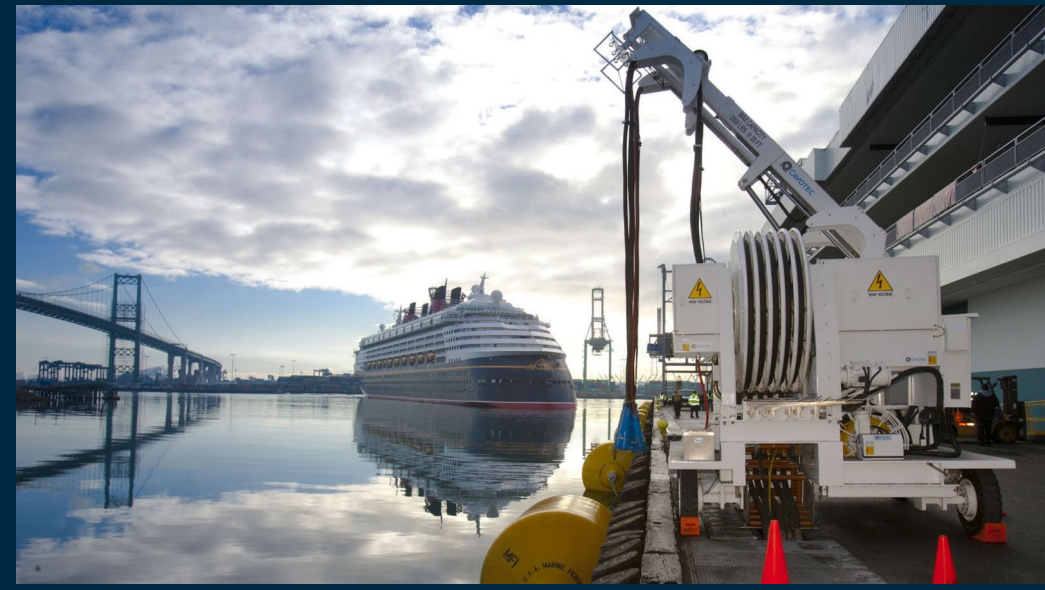
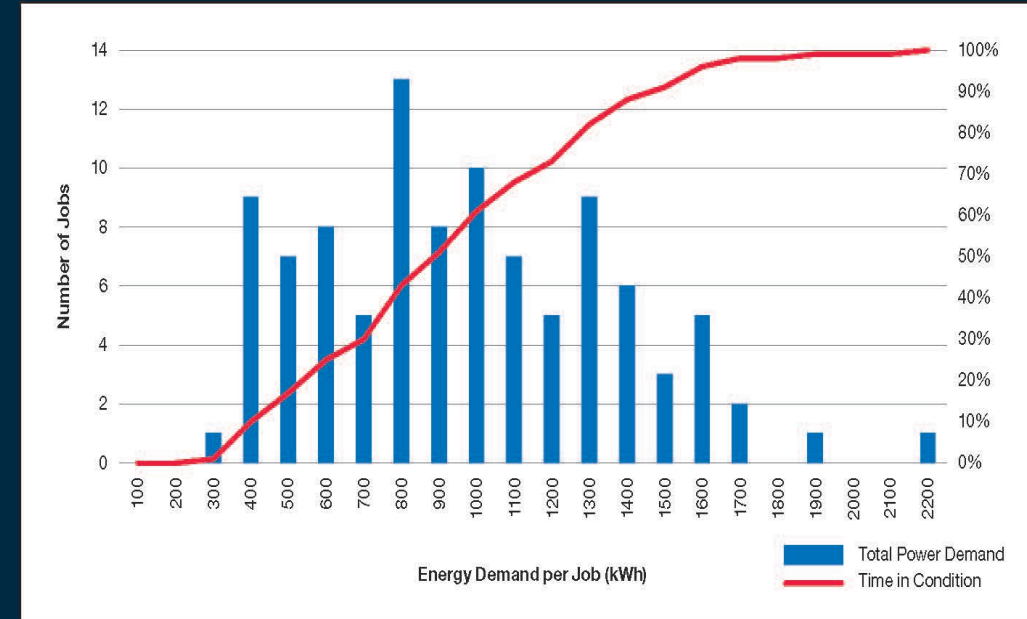
# Methanol Designs

- Agreement with Uzmar in Turkey for four Methanol fuelled tug designs
- First based on proven **RAstar 3200-W** design with ~120m<sup>3</sup> of Methanol capacity expected based on current regulations (Current design ~200m<sup>3</sup> of diesel)
- New fully customized designs also underway to maximize endurance
- Methanol fuelled tug design being developed for Svitzer
- Jointly working with Class to update current Methanol guidance to reflect tug configurations and lessons learned from LNG tugs, to increase flexibility and endurance
- Methanol fuelled Crew Transfer Vessel has been developed for wind farm market
- *With supply of low carbon Methanol from Alberta production facility BC has potential decarbonization pathway for applications where batteries not possible*



# Battery Electric

- **Removes inefficiencies of creating green hydrogen/ammonia/methanol by utilizing electricity directly**
- **Zero emission** operation *when charged from clean shore power*
- Early adoption in other regions will receive benefits of greening power grid
- CAPEX increase highly dependent on installed batteries capacity
- Reduced OPEX; payback period dependent on differential between prices of diesel and electricity
- Range and endurance limitations, but can be acceptable in harbour/fleeting operations
- Strongest cases for adoption where applied in fleets with large number of short duration jobs
- Integration with shore power infrastructure key for successful project
- **First adoptions already a reality and BC leading this path to decarbonization**





## ElectRA Series

- Utilize proven, high performance hullforms with stylishly designed low-profile superstructures for working under high-flare ships
- Industry-leading battery capacity in compact vessel dimensions, best-in-class range and endurance
- Battery capacity and backup generator power customizable to operator specific requirements
- Multi-layered battery safety systems
- Optimized for industry leading Corvus Orca batteries but customizable for alternative suppliers
- Optional Fi-Fi and escort notations on most designs
- Flexible to wide range of bollard pulls



# ElectRA Series

- +10 Battery Electric Tugs under construction or design for Sanmar in Turkey that will be delivered in 2023 & 2024. Market is driving rapid adoption of this decarbonization pathway



## ***ElectRA 1900 & 2300***

Flush deck, day boat configurations  
2.0 to 3.6 MWh battery capacity  
1 or 2 Gensets, Limited or Full Fi-Fi Capability  
40t to 70t BP



## ***ElectRA 2500 & 2800***

Stepped deck, full accommodations  
3.4 to 6.1 MWh battery capacity  
2 x Large Gensets, Full Fi-Fi 1 Capability  
+70t BP, 40t BP Continuous



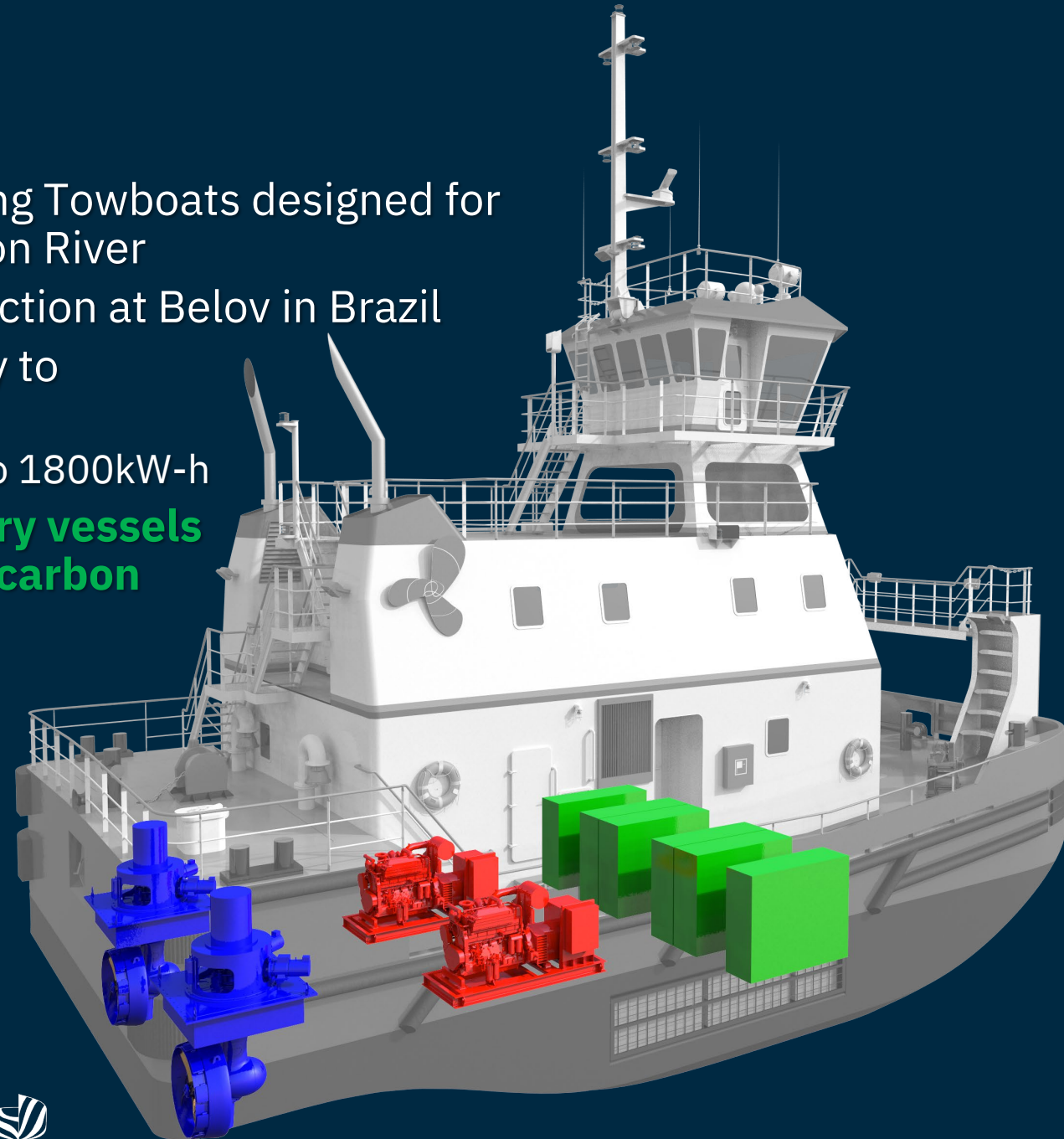
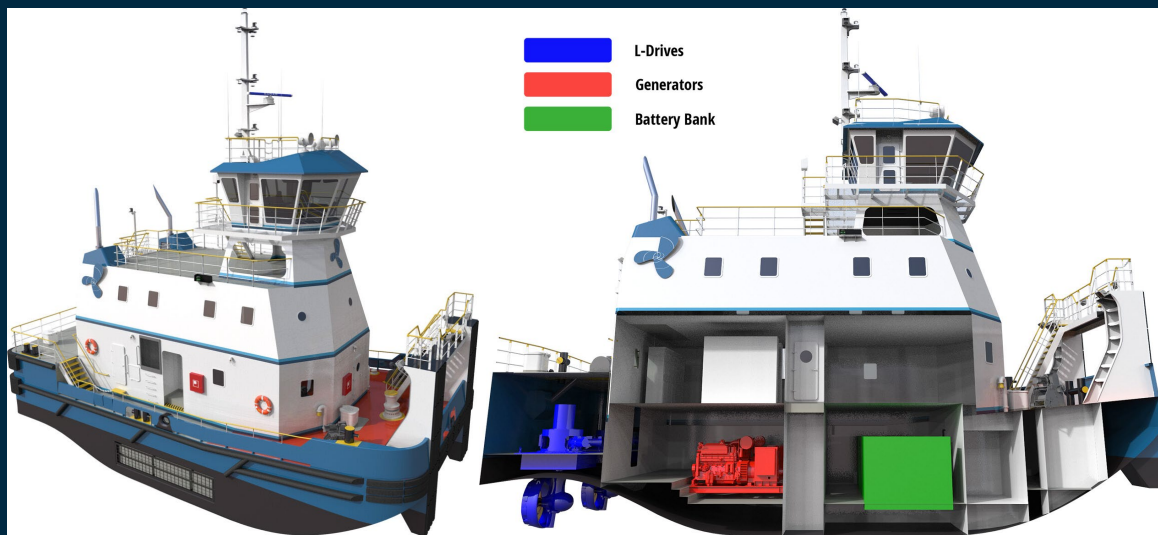
## Battery Electric Harbour Tug Examples

- 28m **ElectRA 2800** Battery Electric Harbour Tug designed for HaiSea Marine (JV of Haisla First Nation and Seaspan) for operations in Kitimat, BC to serve LNG Canada export terminal
- 3 **ElectRA 2800s** currently under construction at Sanmar in Turkey
- 5,300kW-h initial battery capacity with potential expansion to 6,100kW-h
- Initial capacity allows for all regular port assistance of gas carriers purely on battery power
- Clean hydro power allows maximum potential carbon reduction
  - Approx. 2,000 tonnes carbon saved per year, per tug
- **ElectRA 2800s** paired with **RAstar 4000-DF** Dual Fuel Escort Tugs to handle 160nm high speed escort of gas carriers. Important example of selecting technology for each role.



# Battery Electric Fleeting Towboat

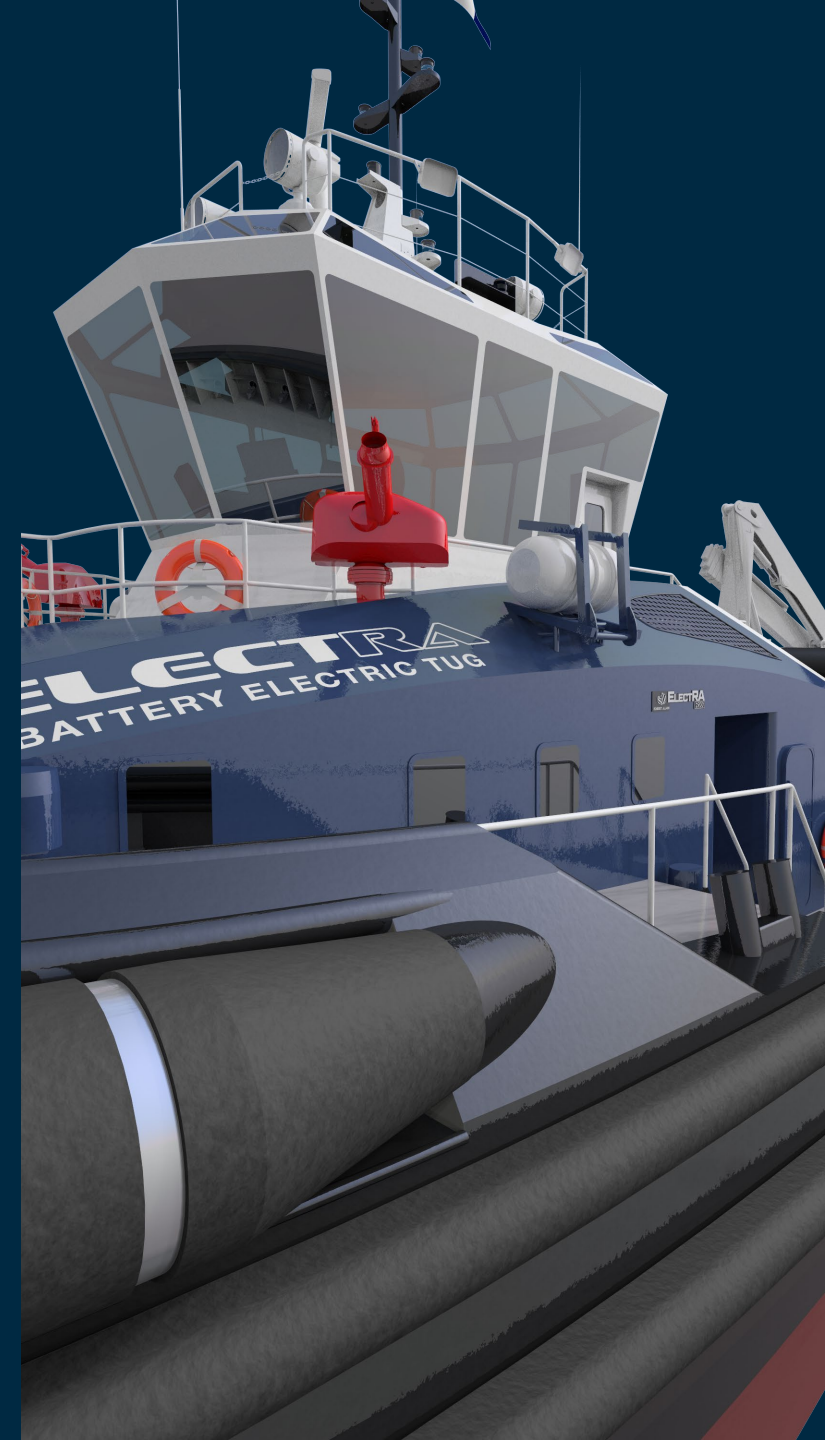
- 20m **RApide 2000-E** Battery Electric Fleeting Towboats designed for Hidrovias do Brasil for operations on Amazon River
- 2 x **RApide 2000-E** towboats under construction at Belov in Brazil
- Being built with expandible battery capacity to increase range and endurance in future
  - 600kW-h initially with potential expansion to 1800kW-h
- **As the power grid becomes greener battery vessels directly gain the benefits of that reduced carbon**





## In Summary

- Selection of energy technology will be dependent on unique requirements of each project
- Conventional diesel with after-treatment (EPA 4 / IMO III) will have a place for years to come with some hybrids justified however is not a direct path to decarbonization
- Fuel cells are potential long term zero emissions option
- Availability of **green** methanol, ammonia, hydrogen combustion could present financially attractive low-emission opportunities
- Adoption of battery electric workboats is rapidly accelerating
  - A good fit when clean shore power exists or grid will green over time to enable operations with zero emissions
  - Wide range of **ElectRA** series tugs are now available and is continually being expanded
  - Shore infrastructure to support battery electric tugs important consideration





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