



The Silverstream® System – Air Lubrication
The smart, verifiable, high impact efficiency technology

Demonstrating the URN Co-Benefits of a Proven Energy Saving Solution

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Presentation Overview

- Silverstream Technologies and the Silverstream[®] System
- Paper by Prof J.S. Carlton: 'Ship Hull Air Lubrication: Aspects of Cavitation, URN and Propulsion'
- Developing a Pragmatic and Practical Approach to Demonstrate URN Co-Benefits of the Silverstream® System



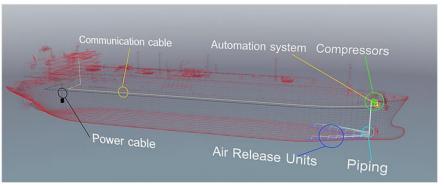
Silverstream Technologies and the Silverstream[®] System



Air Lubrication – The Silverstream® System

- 5-10% net fuel and emissions savings
- Deployment of uniform carpet of air bubbles
 - Reduce frictional resistance (of flat of bottom)
 - Fluid shearing (unique feature)
 - Reduced shaft power + increased ship speed
- Fuel agnostic solution (energy savings regardless of fuel type)
- Simple installation
 - Newbuild and retrofit in regular dry dock period
 - Robust and elegant (including patented ARUs)
 - Control and automation based on ship speed / draught

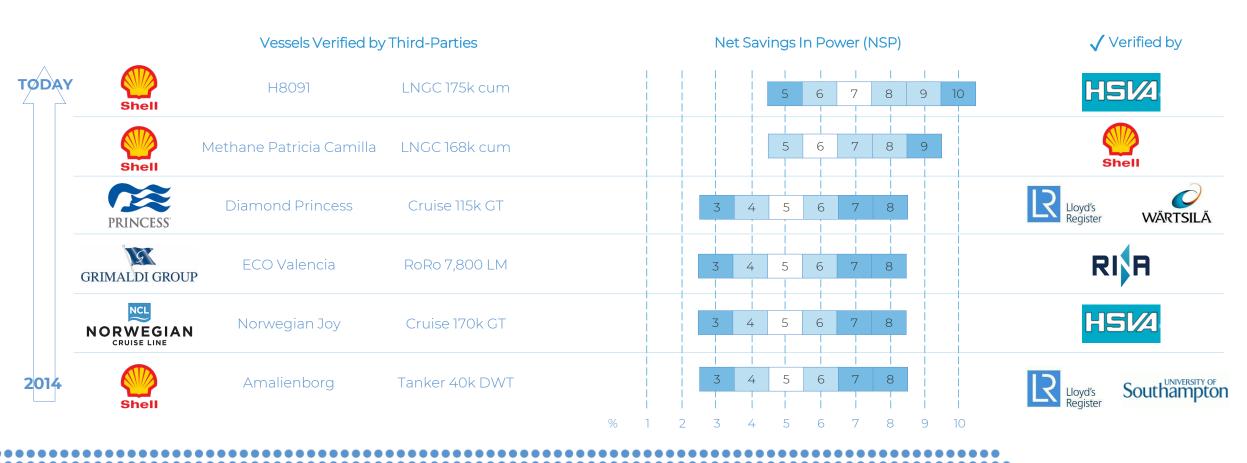






Demonstrated Savings – Verified Performance

'If you can not measure it, you can not improve it.' – Lord Kelvin





Paper by Prof J.S. Carlton 'Ship Hull Air Lubrication: Aspects of Cavitation, URN and Propulsion'





Introduction to the Paper

- Authored by Prof J.S. Carlton (funded through EU Horizon 2020, project CHEK)
- Based on literature, experimental studies, and available sea trial data
- Formulates conclusions on the effect of air injection on
 - URN
 - Propeller radiated pressures
 - Propeller erosion
 - Propulsion
- 'Translating' of paper conclusions to ALS



Ship Hull Air Lubrication:
Aspects of Cavitation, Underwater Radiated
Noise and Propulsion

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J.S. Carlton

Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Professor of Marine Engineering and Director of Maritime Studies at City, University of London



'Translating' Paper to Silverstream® System

- Silverstream® System
 - Effective and efficient air delivery through fluid shearing
 - Presence of bubble carpet and air introduced into propeller
- URN reduction capabilities identified
 - Masking of shipborne noise emitted through the flat of bottom
 - Reduce noise levels generated by the propeller through the cushioning effect of emitted pressure pulses
- Develop a pragmatic and practical approach to conclusively demonstrate co-benefits







Developing a Pragmatic and Practical Approach to Demonstrate the URN Co-Benefits of the Silverstream[®] System





Research Methodology Development

- Currently, anecdotal evidence only
- Research approaches considered
 - First principles (including literature)
 - Experimental (lab)
 - Numerical modelling
 - Full-scale trials → focus area
- Other considerations
 - Quantify performance of EET / ALS (trade-off vs co-benefit)
 - Relative vs absolute effects
 - Importance of regulations / class (notation) requirements
- Engage stakeholders (academic, industry, customers)



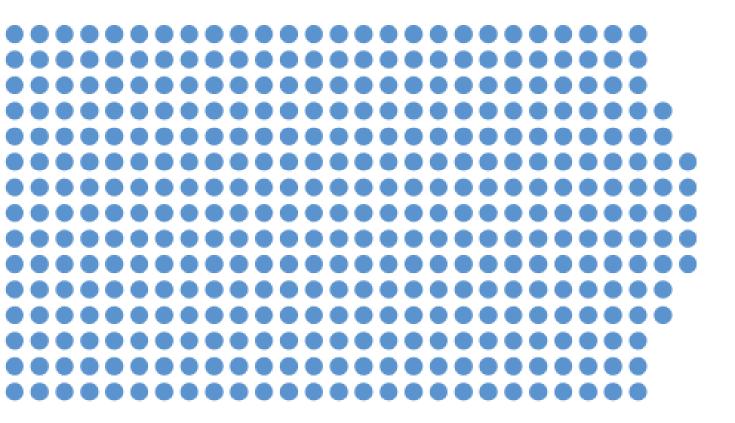


Initial Focus Area and Scope

- Need for pragmatic approach
 - Existing standards as basis (ISO17208-1/2 and ANSI/ASA S12.64)
 - Identified by stakeholder engagement
 - Can 'proxy' methodology be developed (on-board measurements)?
- Dedicated vs opportunistic measurements
- What's next?
 - Intention declaration
 - Engage stakeholders (collaboration agreements)
 - · Identify opportunities
 - Continued review and scope evaluation
 - System identification (ALS focused)
 - URN characterisation (noise sources, frequency ranges, acoustic characteristics, etc.)
 - · Measurement tools (options, uncertainty, etc.)
 - Define scope of work for first project early 2024









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