



# Decade of Wind Propulsion 2021-2030

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## Underwater Radiated Noise (URN) Workshop

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# Direct Application of Wind Power

## Wind Energy

- Zero - Emissions
- Zero - Cost
- Zero - Volatility
- Zero - Infrastructure
- Zero - Storage

## Wind Propulsion Technology

- Zero - Development Time
- Zero - Compatibility Issues
- Zero - Additional Crew
- Zero - CAPEX?

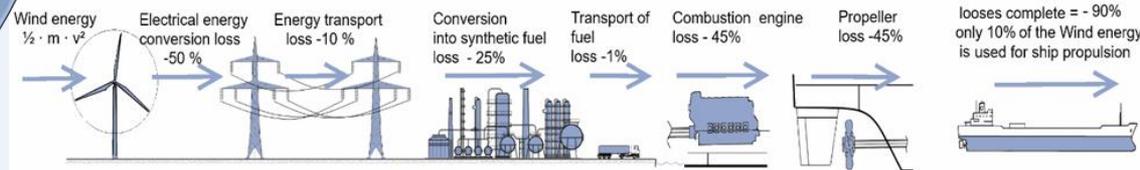
## RETROFIT

5-20% propulsive energy  
& optimised up to 30%

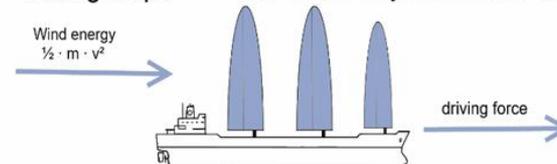
## OPTIMISED NEWBUILD

50-80%+ possible with  
operational changes

power 2 fuel concept: the long way from wind energy to driving force...



sailing ship : the short way from wind energy to driving force



advantages of a sailing ship:

- uses high wind potential on the open sea
- No losses due to energy conversion
- No losses due to energy transport
- No land-based infrastructure necessary
- One sailing ship replaces 10 land based wind power plants
- No fuel costs for the shipping company ( wind is for free)
- less dependency of shipowners on fuel producers

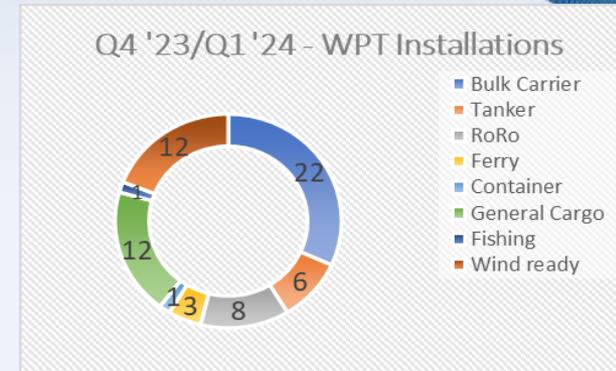
Herbert Blümel, 2019

## Win-Win-Wind Situation

# Market Development – 2023+



31 (39) Installations



49-53 (65) Installations



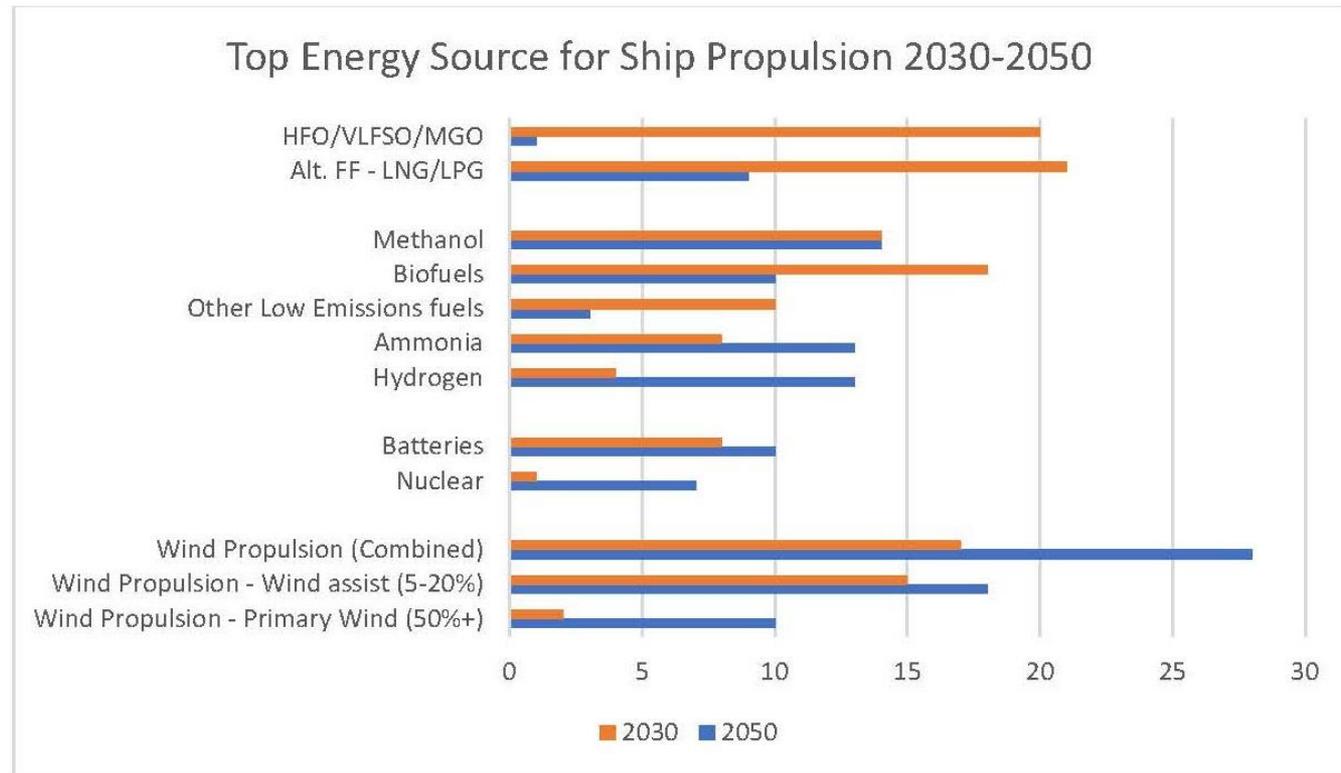
**2030 - EU Report 2016** ‘...market potential for bulk carriers, tankers & container vessels = **up to 10,700 installed systems** (varied by fuel price, speed, discount rate)



**2050 - UK Government Clean Maritime Plan** (July 2019), research: **37,000 – 40,000 vessels** with wind propulsion systems installed or roughly **40-45% of the global fleet**.

# Wind Propulsion & Energy Mix 2030 & 2050

What are the top five energy source you believe ships will use for propulsion in 2030 and 2050?



Source: IWSA Industry & Policy Makers Survey: June 2023

## Benefit of wind propulsion contribution

### Example of a conventionally propelled vessel fitted with WASP (not defined)

#### Wind data:

- TWS = 15 kts
- TWA = 60 deg

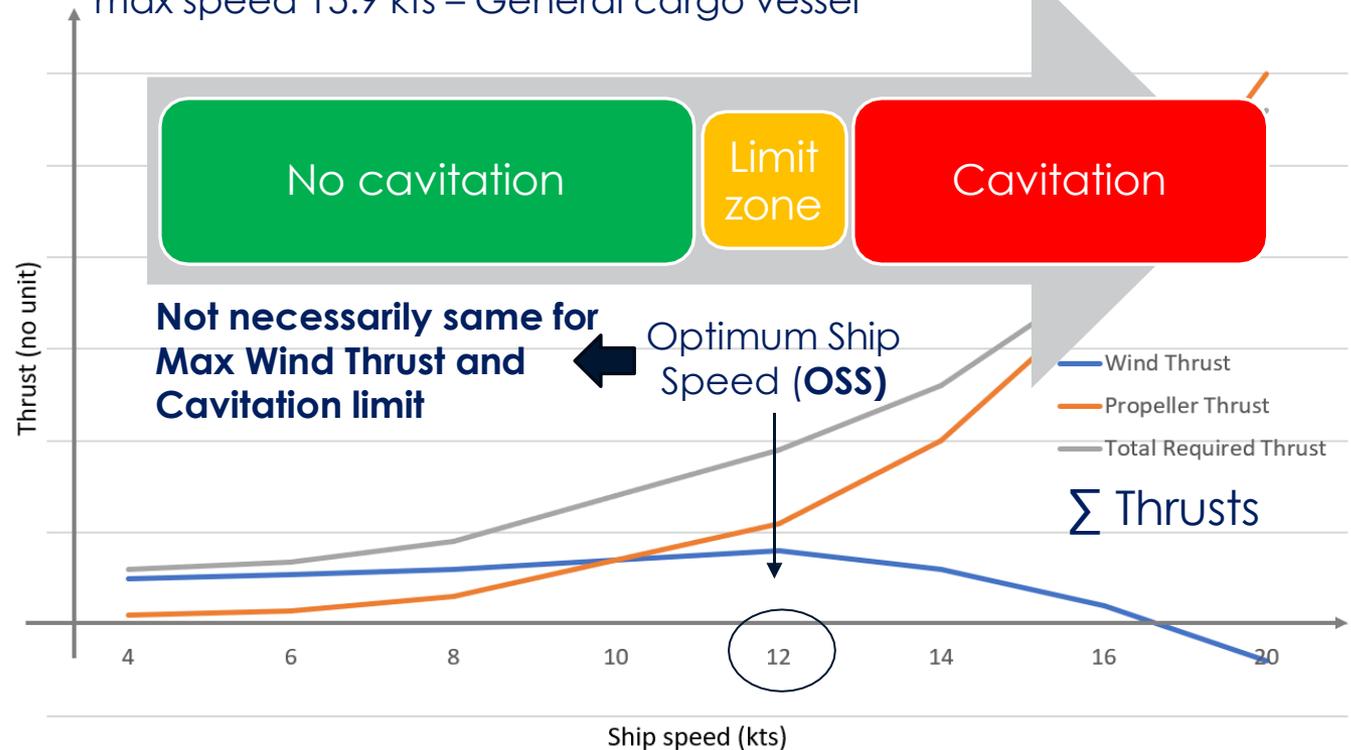
#### Wind contribution increases up to the OSS (12 kts):

- AWS = 23 kts
- AWA = 35 deg

#### Above the OSS :

- Wind thrust 
- Propeller rpm 
- URN 

M/V OVERSEAS HARIETTE, DWT 25, 515 tons, L 172.9 m, B 22.8 m, max speed 15.9 kts – General cargo vessel



From XP Sea 2023

### Comparison between 2 cases at the same speed of 12 kts (OSS):

- Case A : **100%** conventional propeller propulsion (no WASP)
- Case B : **60%** conventional / **40%** wind propulsion (WASP)

Parameter	CASE A 100% Conventional Propulsion	CASE B 60% Conventional 40% Wind	Difference
Ship speed (knots)	12.0	12.0	
Thrust form conventional propulsion	100%	60%	
Thrust form wind propulsion	0%	40%	
Propeller rotational speed (rpm)	105	68	-37
URN maximum levels	Values in dB from Figure 5 except (*)		(dB)
10 – 31.6 Hz	178	165 (*)	-13
31.6 Hz – 100 Hz	179	165 (*)	-14
100 Hz – 316 Hz	170	161	-9
316 Hz – 1000 Hz	164	161	-3
> 1000 Hz	159	156	-3

XP Sea analysis  
of Arveson  
Vendittis 1999  
data

(\*) Noise levels from machinery equipment which are usually isolated, URN therefore capped to 165 dB

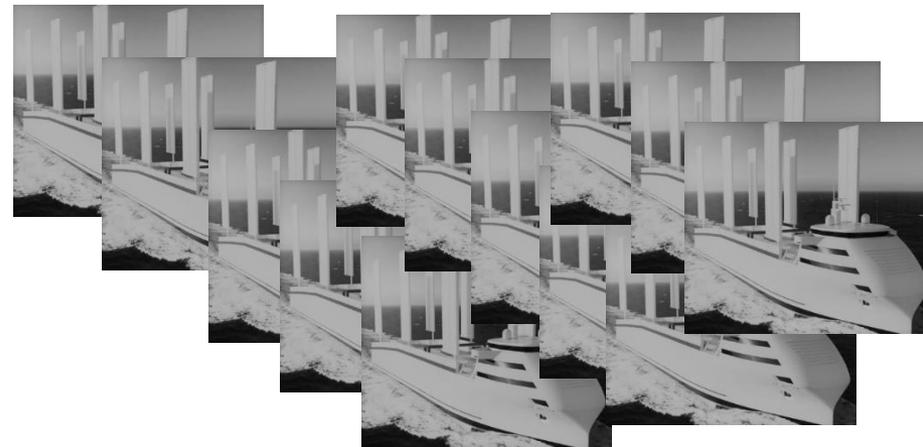
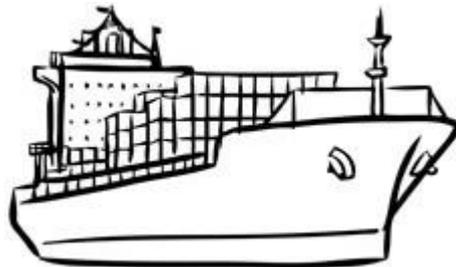
#### URN source

- Case A = Blade Cavitation
- Case B = Diesel Generator (no cavitation)

#### Selected frequency of 100 Hz (max URN)

- Case A = 169 dB
- Case B = 155 dB => **-14 dB**

**Equivalence in terms of URN generation in the same area for -14 dB offset at 100 Hz**



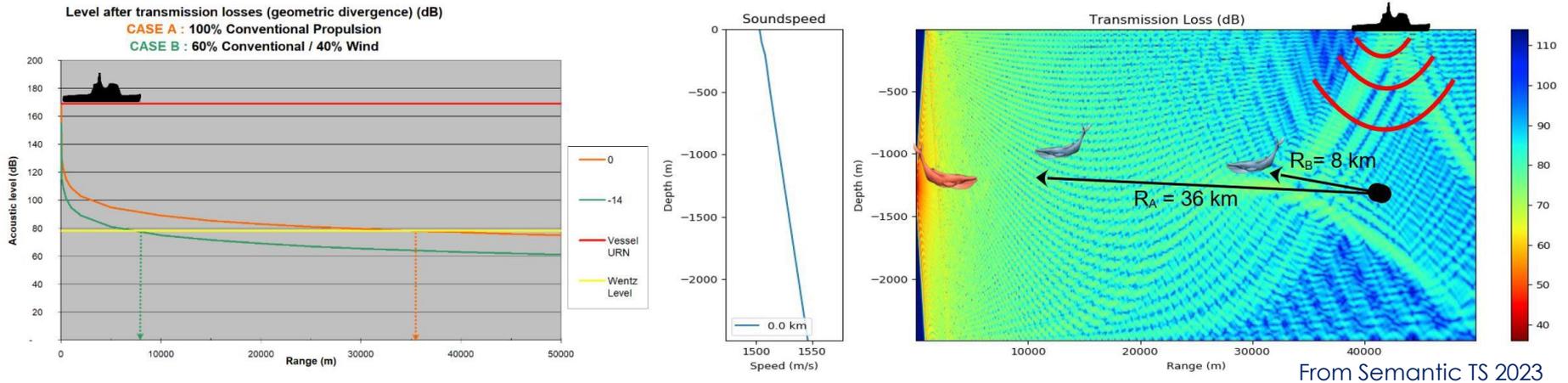
**1 CASE A Vessel 100% conventional propulsion**

**25 CASE B Vessels 40% Wind Propulsion**

$$10^{\frac{14}{10}} = 25$$

## Communication range reduction / Gathering distance increase

- Reference maximal communication distance is  $R = 40$  km in our example
- When a vessel comes close to one of two individuals (or groups)
  - The communication distance is then reduced by  $R_n$
  - They need to gather by a range  $R_n$  to communicate



## Minimum required gathering distances

- Case A :  $R_A = 36$  km
- Case B :  $R_B = 8$  km



**Wind Propulsion reduces the disturbance distance by 28 km**

## Macro estimating the impact of wind propulsion benefits based on a reference low Ambient Noise Level (ANL)

### ANL increase

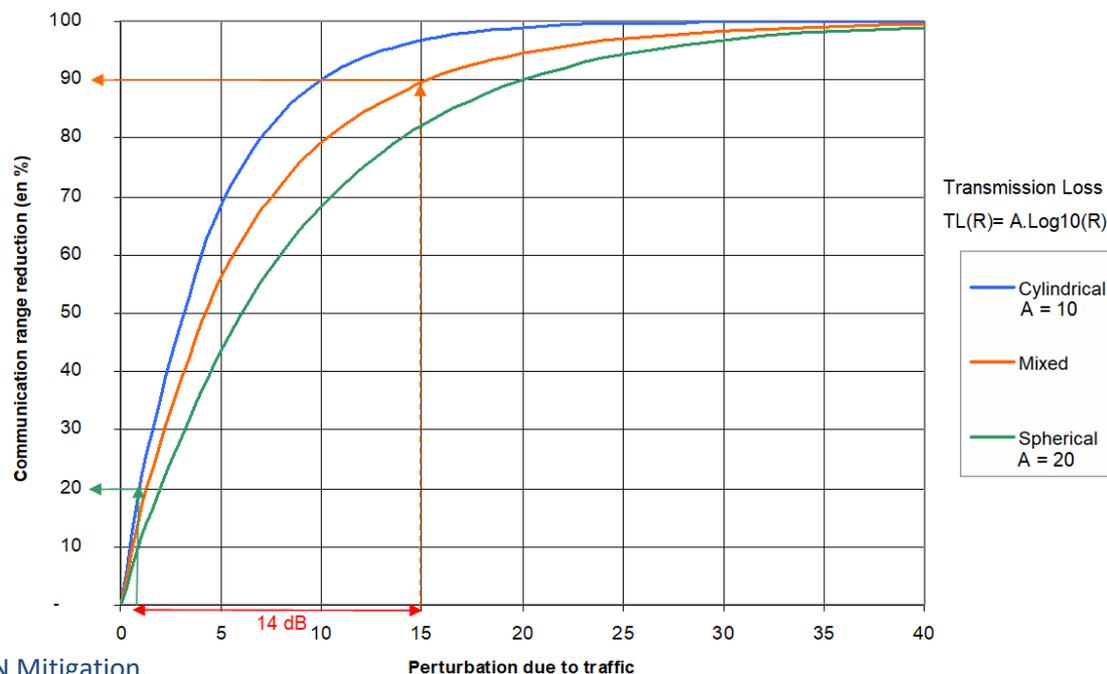
- Case A : by **15.3 dB**
- Case B : by **1.3 dB**

### Communication distance decrease

- Case A : by **90%**
- Case B : by **20%**

**Wind Propulsion has the potential to drastically reduce URN and disturbance of marine life for only 40% of wind contribution**

Relative impact of increased ambient noise on communication ranges



Source: MEPC80/INF.33 – Paper: Wind Propulsion & URN Mitigation, Cordier & Noël: RINA/IWSA Conference, Feb 2023

# Key Points in the Analysis of Wind

- In-Market: reduce 50% costs by 2026
- Weather routing/predictability/satellite
- Multiple installations – sizes, position, type

- ROI – only energy source (stable price)
- Level playing field: TCO, 20-yr GWP, LCA
- Leasing/Pay-as-you-use/Service

Potential

Financial

Risk

Trends



- Spills, leakage, safety
- Global availability/access
- No shifting of emissions

- Primary wind
- Modular/containerised
- Integration – tech & ops

# Additional Considerations

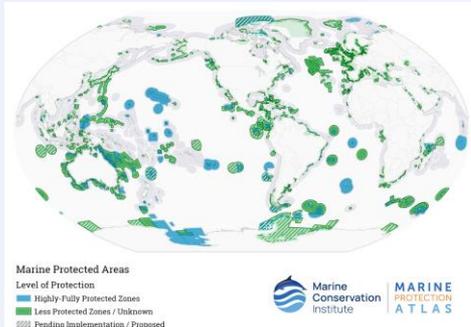


## Wind as Main Propulsor

- Primary Wind - 50%-80%+ - even more significant reductions.
- Wind-assist – during certain weather conditions – 100% wind power.
- Heavy weather – lessens propellor load substantially during these heavy load periods.

## MPA's & Sensitive Areas

- Option: fully wind or maintain speeds at substantially reduced rpm
- Range extension enables diversions without additional fuel
- Research/monitoring on primary wind vessels

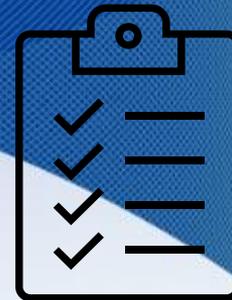


## Operations

- Range extension/Free Energy = reduce bottlenecks, adopt new or underused “uneconomical” routes.
- Wind Routing, Voyage Optimisation, LiDAR etc. integration – planning routes for wind
- Payback/ROI – net gain from tech – Just/Equitable Transition



# Further Action Required



- ✓ **Update Analysis of Wind:** most reports/analysis are using outdated or inaccurate assessment and financial data.
- ✓ **Level Playing Field:** Include all specific wind related operational parameters, LCA and other TCO considerations.
- ✓ **URN Simulations:** More refined and wide spectrum analysis on various types/sizes of vessel and operational profiles.
- ✓ **Funding Research Project:** For field analysis of primary wind and wind-assist URN mitigation performance.