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MF Hydra – world's first LH₂ driven ship and the challenges ahead towards zero-emission shipping

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A major ferry operator in Norway

#2 Ferry company



57 ro-ro ferries

29 routes

#1 Express boat company



28 fast ferries

18 routes



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“Fuel transition” for ferries in Norway

2015: The first el-ferry
“Ampere” is launched



2022: About 80 el-
ferries in Norway



2022: World-first LH2-driven ship
“Hydra” in operation with others to come





MF Hydra

(Picture: Skipsrevyen 2021)

82m long, 80 cars and 299 pax

4 ton capacity LH2 tank, PEM FC 400 kW, Battery 1,5 MWh



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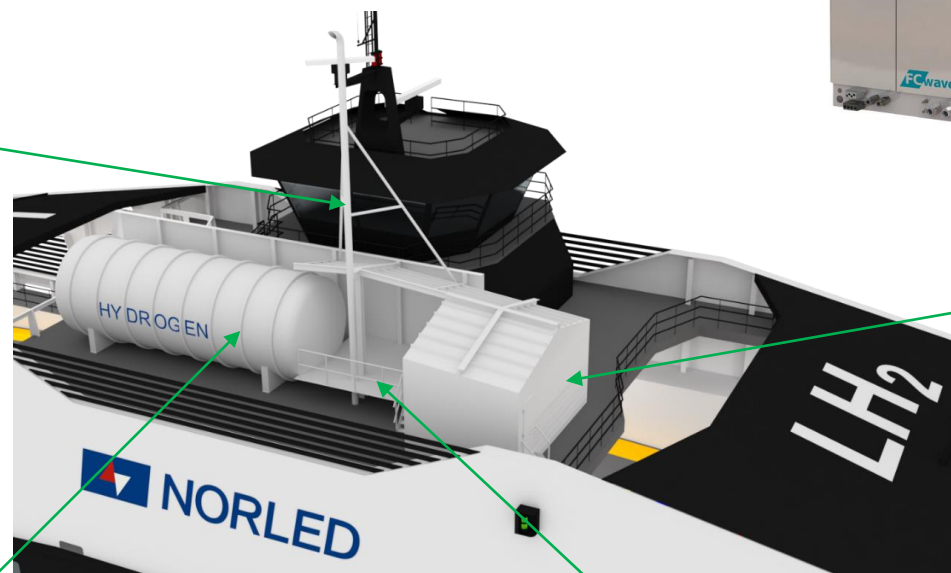
The LH₂ arrangement

Vent mast:

- Evacuate emergency releases to safe location
- Inherent safe
- No releases during normal operation

LH₂ storage:

- Linde LH2 tank
- 4 ton capacity
- 10m length, 3,5m diameter
- DNV certification
- 2-3 bar operational pressure
- Vacuum insulated



Fuel cell modules:

- Ballard FC Wave
- 2 pcs. 200 kW
- 30-80% load
- DNV certification

FC room:

- Accommodate safe FC operation
- Potential FC explosion loads to be catered for

Processing area:

- Vaporizer
- LH₂ to GH₂ (3-5 bar, 10-30° C)

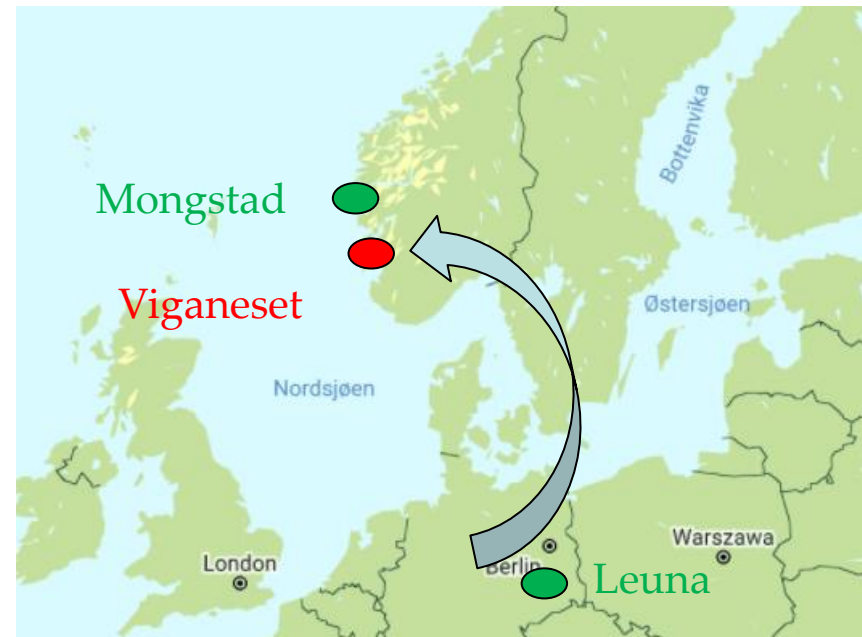


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LH₂ supply from Germany



(Picture: Linde Gas)



- Truck transport from Leuna, Germany to Viganeset, Norway from 2022-2025
- 3,2 tons capacity with delivery every 3rd week
- Shift to LH₂ supply from Norway when available (2025?)

LH₂ bunkering for Hydra



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- Risk-based approach towards authorities, incl. QRA
- Safety zones on site (ATEX and access zones)
- Short bunkering time
- No over-filling, venting or LH2 spillage
- Trailer de-pressurization through tower post-bunkering
- Patent pending for bunkering operations



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Barriers to adoption

1. Missing the maritime hydrogen supply chain and bunkering hubs

LH2/GH2 sites:

- Nominated sites in Norwegian (Enova) support scheme

LH2 sites planned in Norway:

- Vestfjorden
- Mongstad



Example on future bunkering hub with integrated LH2/GH2 production on-site. Source Norled/HYDS

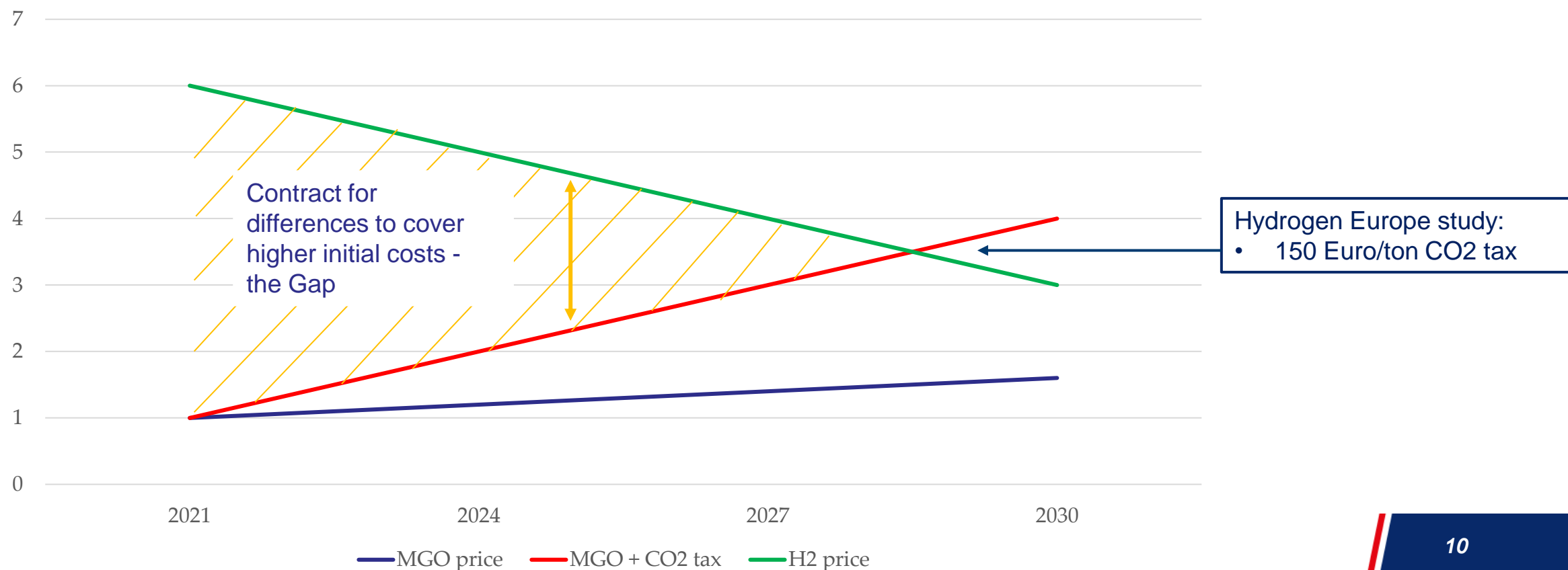


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2. High initial cost for hydrogen as fuel, CfD mechanism

Relative MGO, CO2 and H2 pricing





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3. Ship technology becoming available

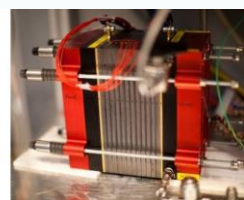
PEM



ICE



SOFC



LH₂ tank



GH₂ tank





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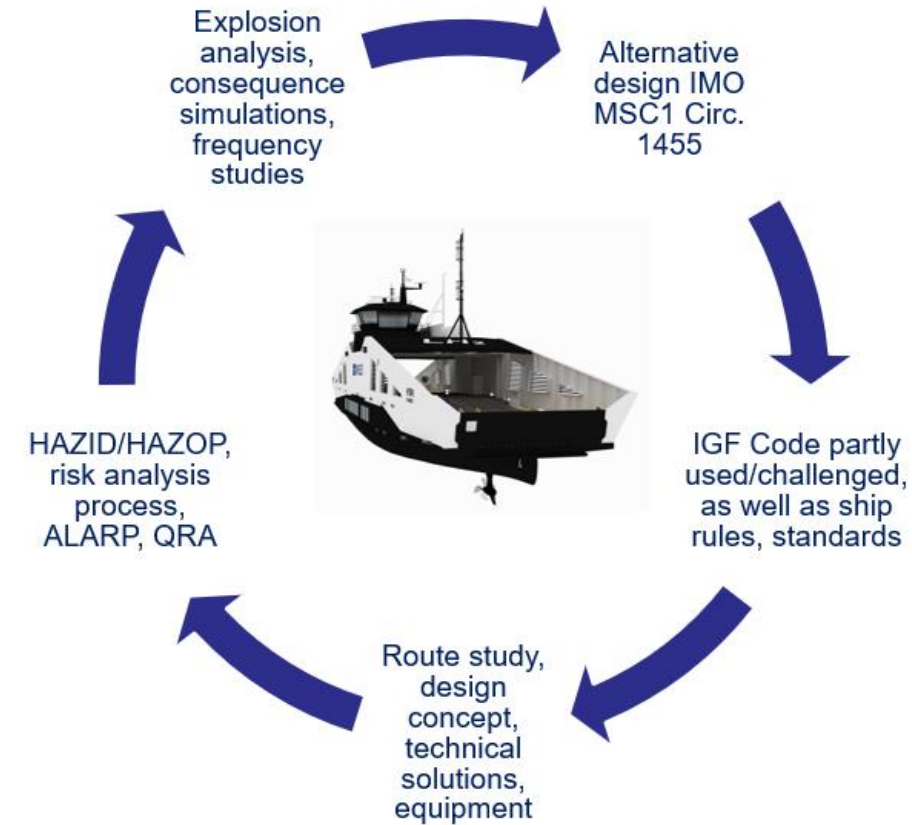
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4. Bridging regulatory gaps

The alternative design process for MF Hydra is bridging the gap:

- Risk-based design following IMO Circ. 1455, utilised to:
 - Identifying and quantifying the **dimensioning risk scenarios**
 - Establish the design input
 - Assessing and challenging IGF Code and FC rules
 - **Deviation report** for LH2 system vs. “old rules”
- First **QRA** conducted
 - No other references
 - Risk contribution for hydrogen system vs. rest of ship?

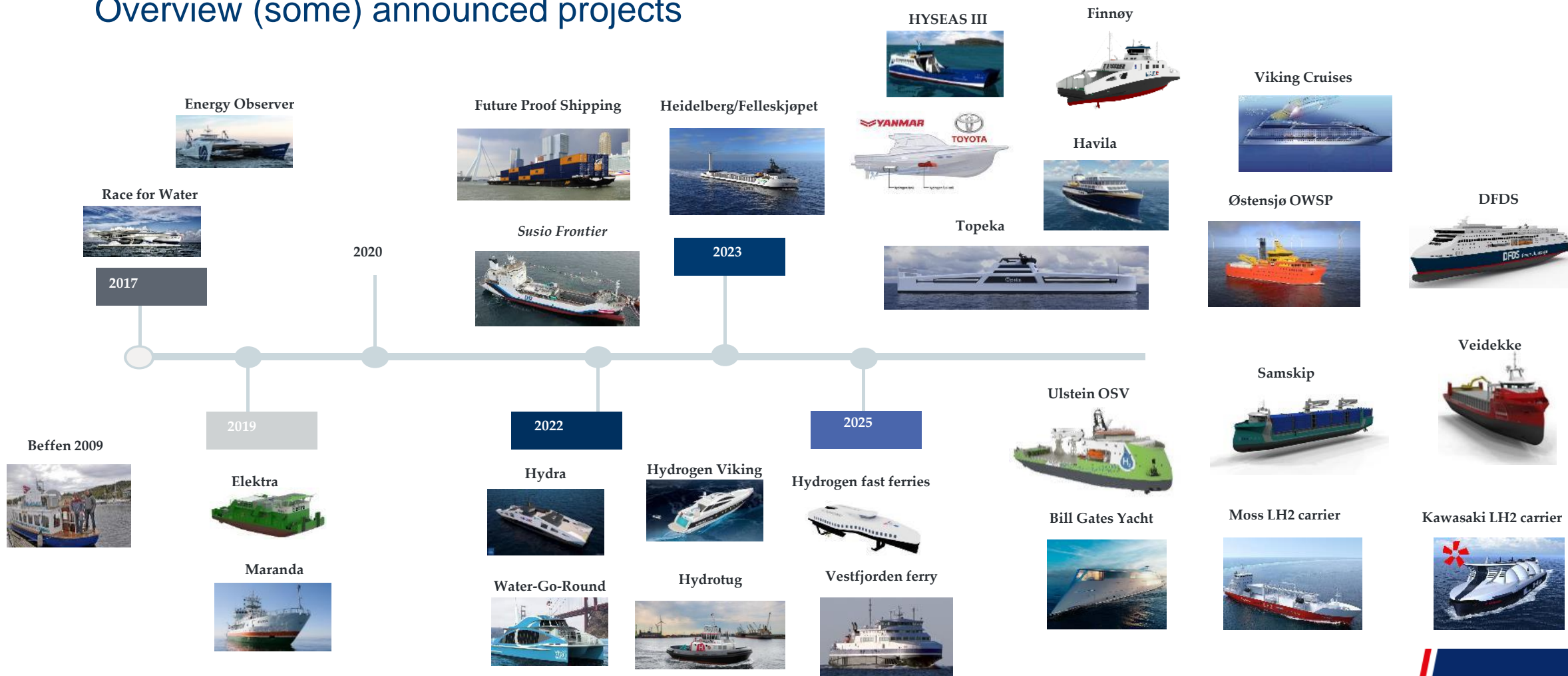




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Hydrogen-fuelled ship projects

Overview (some) announced projects



Thanks for listening

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