

# Evaluating the E-ferry systems and safety measures

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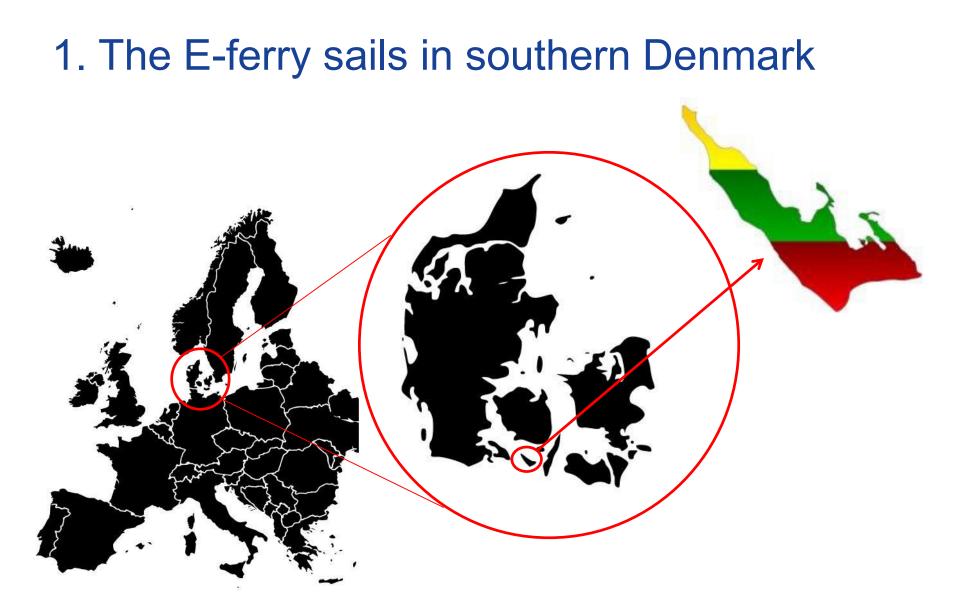
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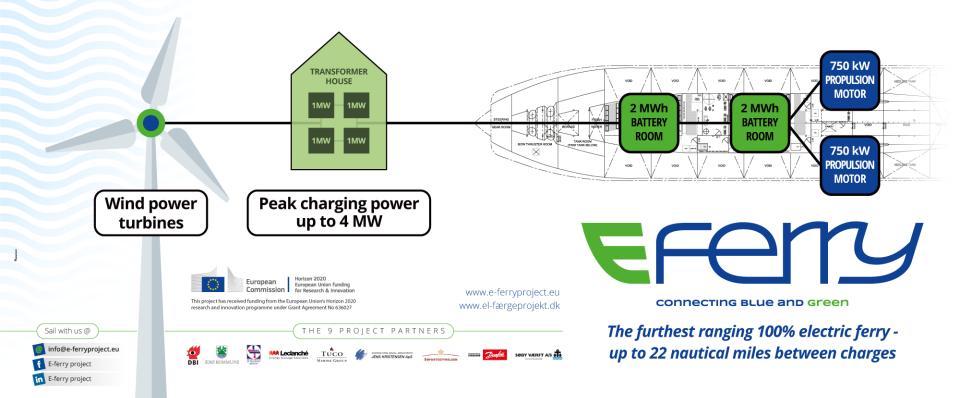


### 1. The E-ferry sails 22nm during a roundtrip





## 1. The E-ferry systems, simplified





## 1. Charging the E-ferry



- 4 x 1.2 MW transformers
- 4.4 MW peak charging
- Up to 6,000 amps
- Ramp-based charging arm



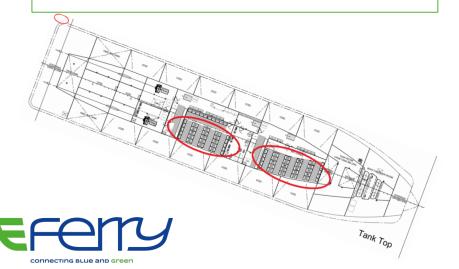




## 1. The batteries

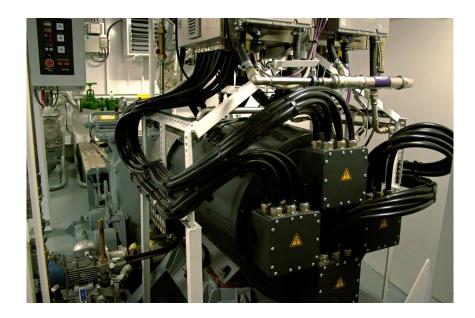
- Lithium-ion Graphite/NMC
- 4.3 MWh
- 56 tons
- 20 separate strings in two rooms
- Type approved for maritime use
- Leclanché
- Redundancy (seperate systems)

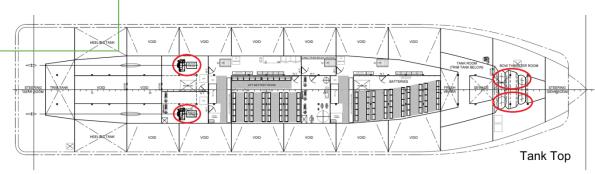




## 1. The engines

- 2 x propulsion engines
  - ✓ 750 kW/motor (1000 HP)
  - ✓ 950 kg/motor
- 2 x thruster engines
  - ✓ 250 kW/motor
  - ✓ 465 kg/motor
- Fixed magnet
- Danfoss Editron







## 1. Safety: Redundancy

- Redundancy: Backup if main system fails
- Redundancy on the Ellen:
- 2 seperate battery rooms
- 2 seperate electrical systems
- 1 battery room = 1 propulsion sys.
- 1 battery room enough to sail
- Ample reserve power





## 1. Safety: Fire prevention/fighting

- Fire prevention
  - ✓ Electronic probes (heat/gas)
  - ✓ Physical probe (wire)
  - ✓ Water cooling
- Fire fighting equipment
  - ✓ Full automation
  - ✓ Special foam for battery fire
  - ✓ Sprinklers for regular fire
- Gas ventilation
  - ✓ Vents from batteries to deck
- Training

connecting Blue and Green

✓ All crew are trained



## 1. Safety: Passenger safety

MOB system: Hoist and sling Life rafts: Double capacity, complete capacity on either side (200 pax) Life vests: Stored in seats









## 1. Efficiency: Weight and resistance

Hull: Hydrodynamic hull design

Deck: Open car deck

Salon: Almost at water level

Spoiler: Composite not implemented







## 2. Benefits from electric operation

#### Reduced pollution and GHG emissions

 2000 tons CO2, 41 tons NOx, 1.3 tons SO2, 2.5 tons particulates annually (conservative estimate based on Danish grid mix)

#### High energy efficiency

- 85 % energy efficiency (more than double of a diesel)
- Hydrodynamic hull design
- Weight reduction



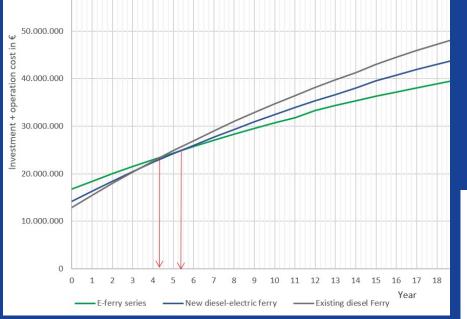
## 2. Benefits from electric operation

#### Reduced costs

- Larger up-front investment
- Lower operating costs due to
  - Lower fuel prices
  - Less maintenance
  - Smaller crew
- Life-cycle economy
  - Fully electric is cheaper than diesel or diesel-electric
  - Operator saves 24 % 36 % over 30 year life
- Reduced noise and vibration
  - Improved comfort for crew, passengers and neighbors



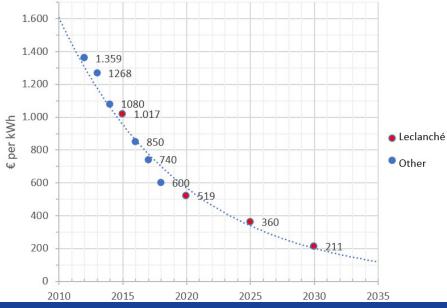
## 2. Fully electric systems are cheaper

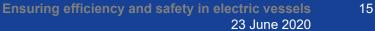


Battery prices have dropped drastically in recent years ->

<- Life-cycle costs of an Ellen II versus diesel and diesel-electric ferries

Battery system price development and forecast







3. Potential for electric operation

#### What do we know?

- Green Ferry Vision (2015): 65-80% of Nordic ferry routes are suitable
- Siemens Danmark (2016): 7 in 10 Danish ferry routes would be more profitable
- E-ferry Business Study (2018): Fully electric operation is feasible on 900 ferry routes in Europe



## 4. Next steps for a transition

## 1) Standardization

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- Charging systems
- Communication between systems and providers
- Type approvals
  Sharing experiences
  European/global standards?





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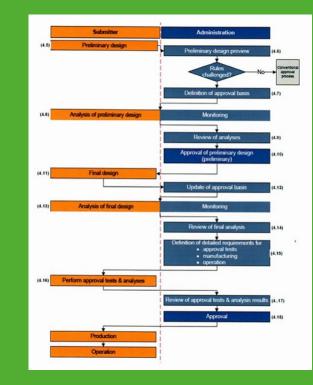
#### 2) Battery life cycle

- Optimizing weight and energy density
- Reducing pollution from battery production
- Recycling procedures
- Second life

#### 3) Regulatory framework

- Battery specific regulations
- Authorities familiar w. process
- Flag state/regional strategy
- Parameters in tenders
- Education (STCW)







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