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It does not fit! Of course it fits!!!

On the <u>technical feasibility</u> of applying alternative fuels / power sources on board of ships.

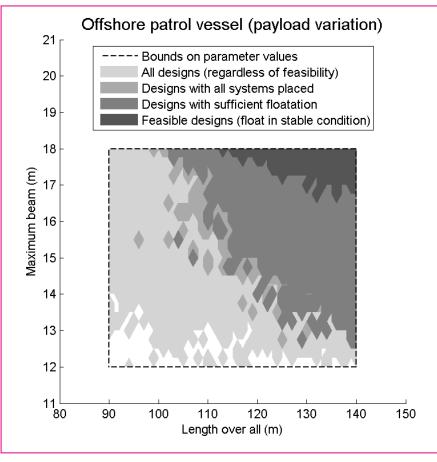


Technical Feasibility...?

- For a container vessel that is designed and built to transport maximally 10'000 TEU...
- It is <u>technically infeasible</u> to be loaded with 20'000 TEU and transport them during one voyage from China to Europe.



Ship / Power plant design...



van Oers, 2014.



The problem is choice...!

• From network theory the number of possible system topologies can then be calculated:

$$n_{networks} = 2^{\frac{nn \cdot (nn-2)}{2}}$$

 For my benchmark system consisting of 36 nodes, the number of networks is:

 $n_{networks} = 2^{630}$

The estimated number of hydrogen atoms in the observable universe according to Wikipedia is approximately 10⁸⁰ (≈ 2²⁶⁵)

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de Vos, 2018.

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Ship / Power plant design...

- What does it mean if any existing and future ships are "just" one design solution in an infinitely large design space?
- Can we then rightfully make general statements like "it is impossible, i.e. technically infeasible, to apply the batteryelectric vehicle concept to large cargo vessels" or "AmmoniaDrive is the best solution!"
- Is a battery-electric container vessel for container transport between China and Europe truly technically infeasible?



<u>should not state easily that</u> <u>some conceptual technical</u> <u>idea is technically</u> infeasible!

It is your job as an ingenieur to make ingenieuze solutions possible!



Many aspects to feasibility...

- Engines on alternative fuels:
 - Combustion stability, Safe fuel injection / admission, MPRR, emissions, etc.
- Fuel Cells on alternative fuels:
 - Lifetime, Reliability, Maintenance, Training of crew, etc.
- Batteries:
 - Do they fit? What is an acceptable operational profile?
- What about economic feasibility? Legal feasibility?



<u>Ship Designers (in training)</u> <u>should not state easily that</u> <u>some conceptual technical</u> <u>idea does not fit!</u>

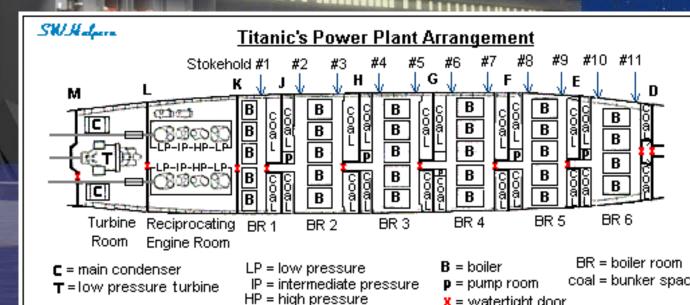
It is your job as a ship designer to make it fit!



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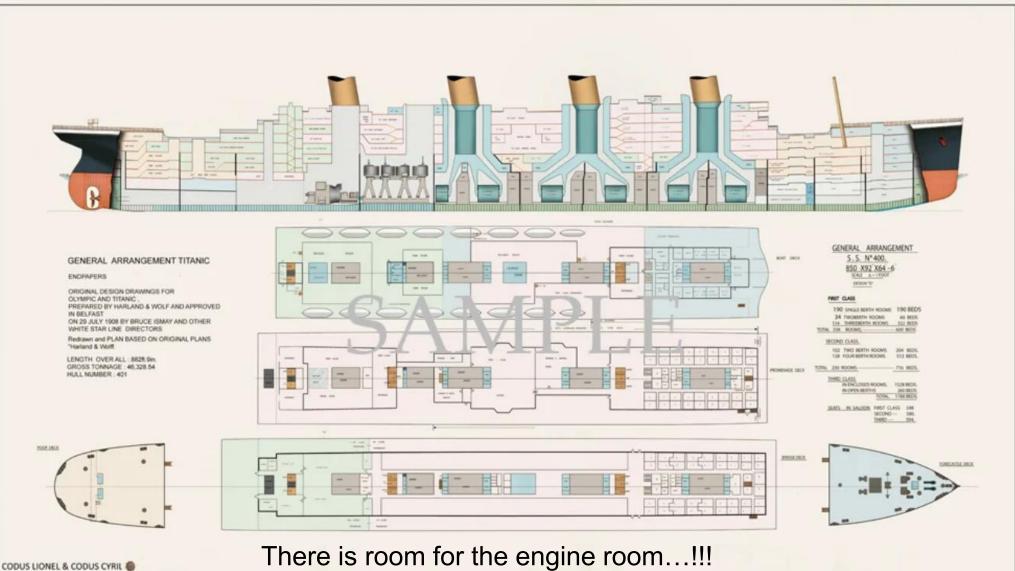
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