

FSA

BASIC CONCEPTS

DATA AND DATABASE ISSUES

***NTUA WORKSHOP
ENVIRONMENTAL RISK EVALUATION CRITERIA
FEBRUARY 27TH, 2009***

- ***PURPOSE***
- ***BENEFITS***
- ***WEAKNESSES***
- ***LIMITATIONS***

**PRESENTATION TO
IMO MSC 85 , DEC. 2008**



STEPS OF FSA

1. **IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARDS and ranking**
(What might go wrong?)
2. **ASSESSMENT OF RISKS (RISK ANALYSIS)**
(How bad and how likely?)
3. **RISK CONTROL OPTIONS (RCO)**
(Can matters be improved?)
4. **COST BENEFIT ASSESSMENT**
(What would it cost and how much better would it be?)
5. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION-MAKING**
(What actions should be taken?)

STEP 1: HAZID

Experts identify all possible hazards...and judge how frequent and how severe they are

Ranking of hazards

Likelihood (L)	Level	RISK INDEX (RI=L+C)			
Frequent	7	8	9	10	11
Probable	6	7	8	9	10
Reasonably probable	5	6	7	8	9
Seldom	4	5	6	7	8
Remote	3	4	5	6	7
Very remote	2	3	4	5	6
Extremely remote	1	2	3	4	5
Severity of Consequences (C)		1	2	3	4
		Minor	Significant	Severe	Catastrophic

STEP 2: RISK ANALYSIS

ASSESSMENT OF RISKS

The aim is to QUANTIFY the Risks of the hazards identified in step 1

$$\text{RISK} = \text{Estimated frequency (probability) of the Event} \times \text{Event's estimated Consequence}$$

STEP 2: RISK ANALYSIS

For example:

How many times in the past, the examined casualty occurred

x

The number of deaths involved

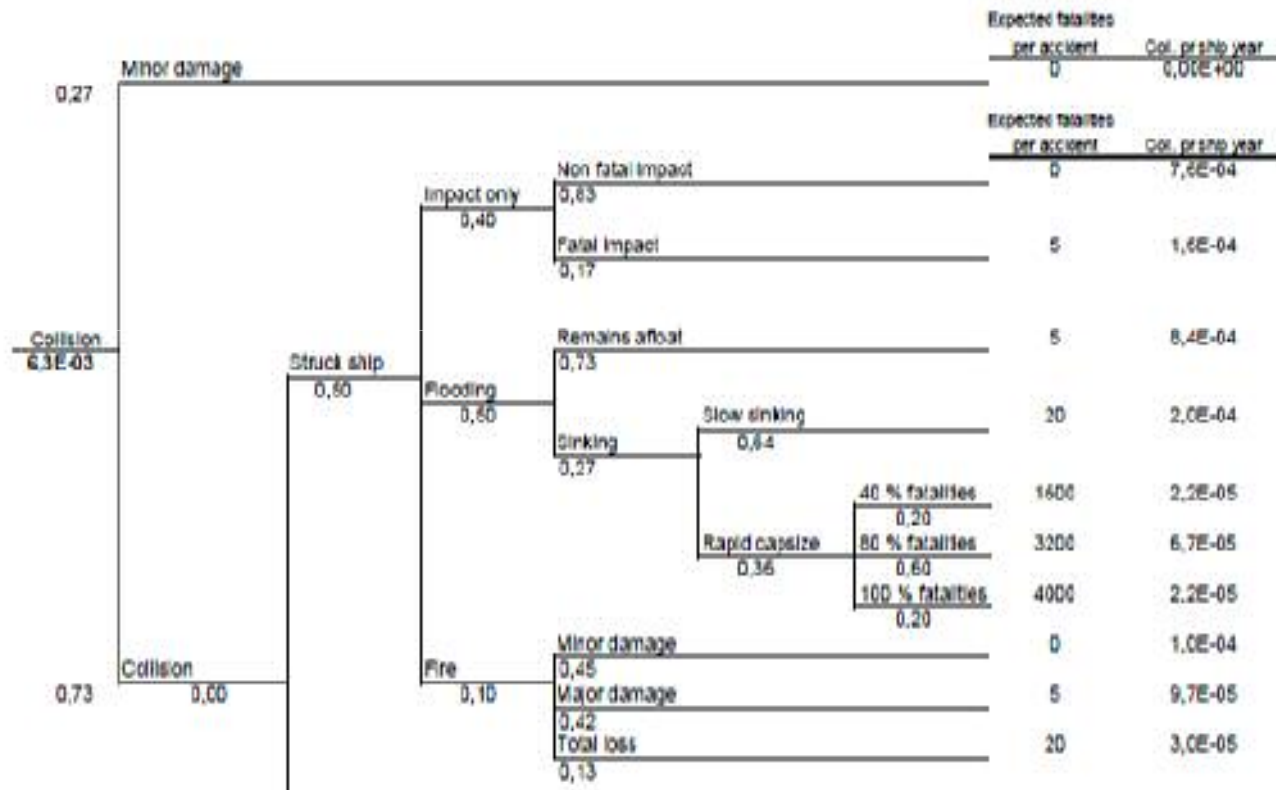
This also establishes the Current Risk Level (Before RCO)

Usual Measures are Annual Frequency , $F = \frac{\text{No of Casualties}}{\text{Shipyards}}$

Annual Fatality Rate, $PLL = \frac{\text{No of Fatalities}}{\text{Shipyards}}$

STEP 2: RISK ANALYSIS

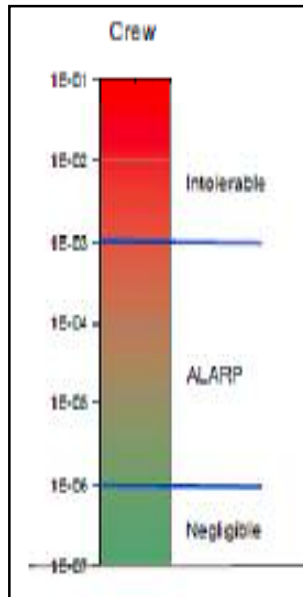
Fault trees , Event trees, can be used to model the Hazard Scenarios



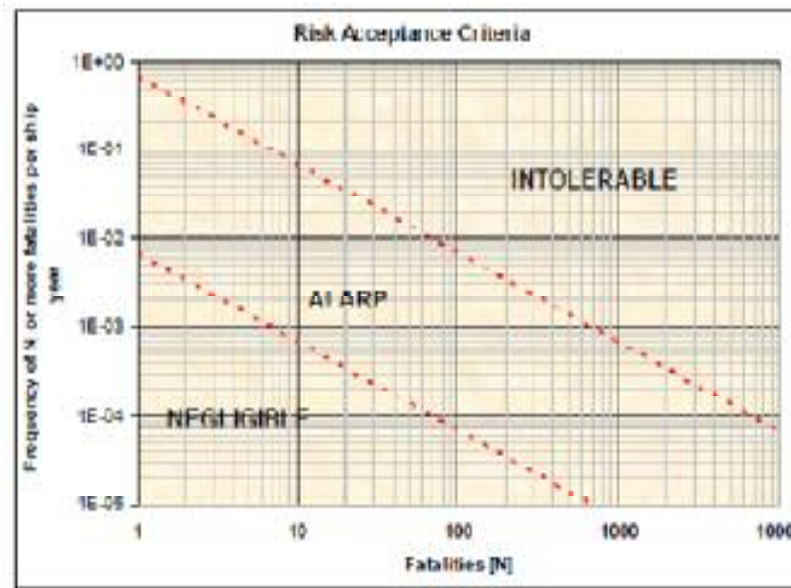
STEP 2: RISK ANALYSIS

Once the **Current Risk Level** (of the hazard scenario under examination) is established, It is compared with “**Acceptable**” Risk levels

Individual

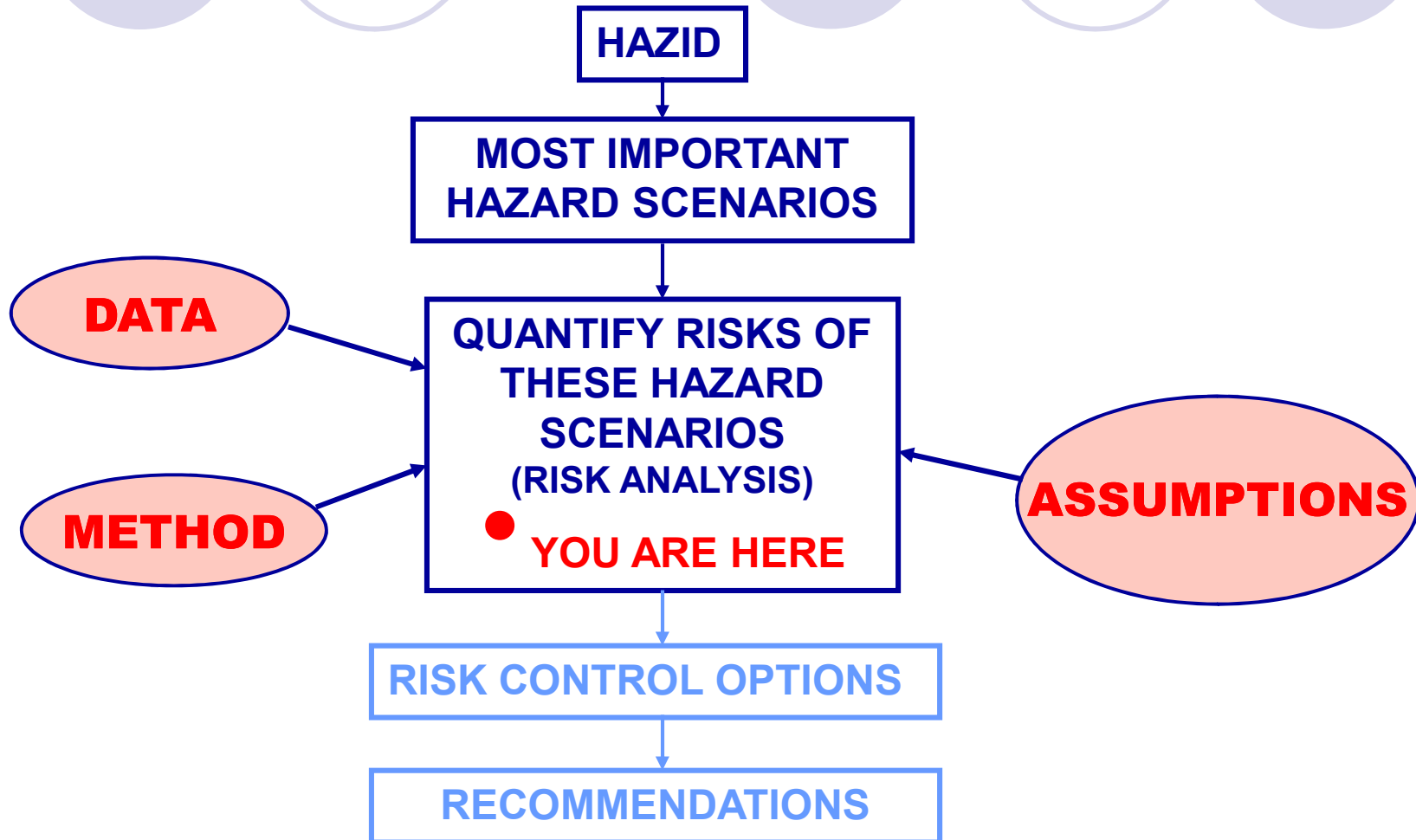


Societal

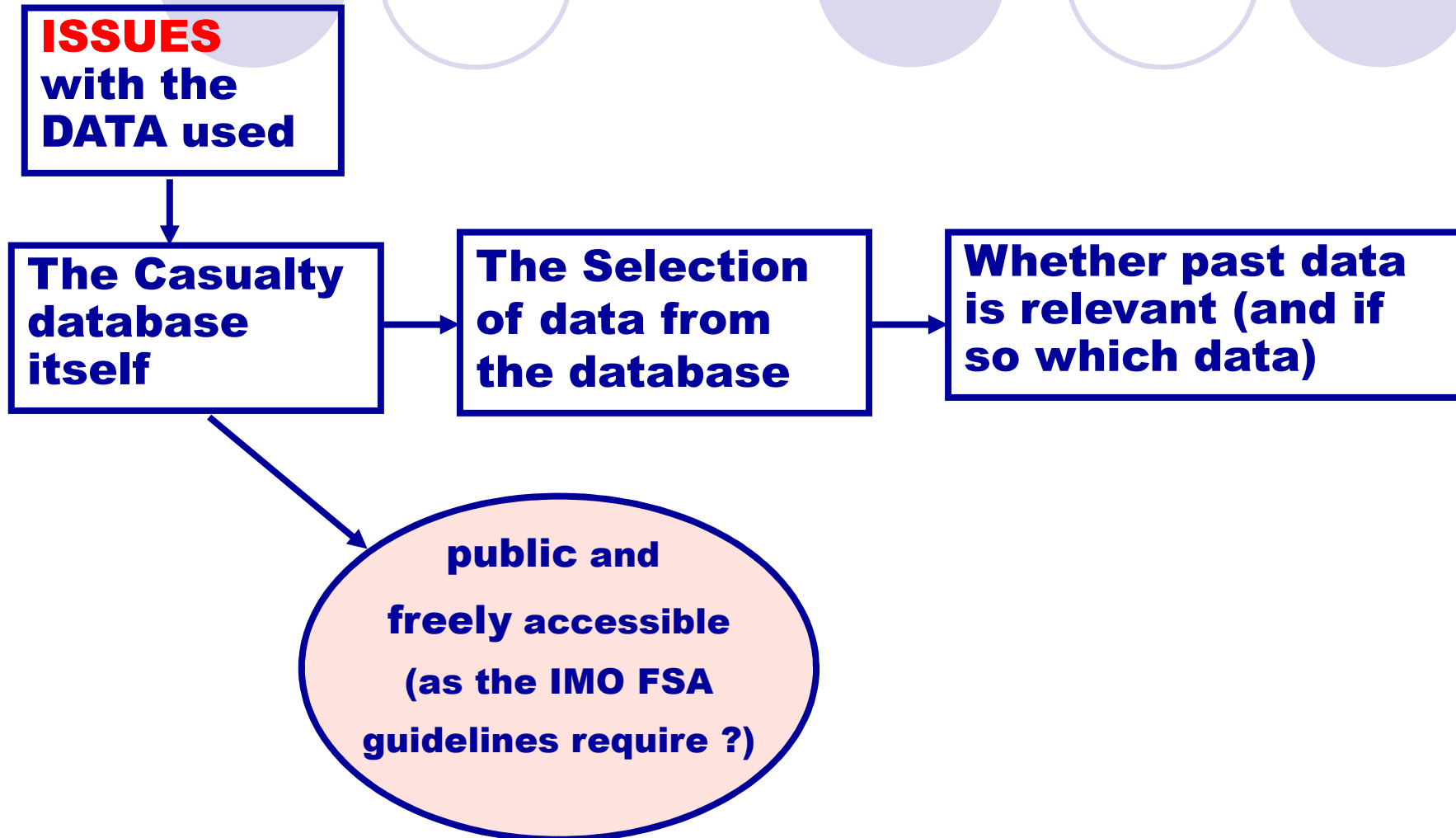


If Current Risk is **IN** or over The **ALARP** region, **Risk Control Options** are examined in order to reduce the Risk

ISSUES WITH **STEP 2: RISK ANALYSIS**



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ISSUES WITH THE DATABASE itself

- **The Database used is not structured for FSA use, and the casualty categorization is not best.**
- **They provide CONSEQUENCES, not CAUSES.**
(e.g. Collision, Grounding, Fire, Explosion, etc.)
- **These consequences are wrongly treated as “Initiating Events”**

ISSUES WITH THE DATABASE itself

Results:

- ***The FSA focuses on mitigation of consequences instead of prevention of causes.***
- ***(more important) So does regulatory focus!***

E.g. make ships collision-proof !

ISSUES WITH THE DATABASE itself

“Neat” Categorizations of Casualties

Example 1:

**The Nassia casualty, Bosphorus, 42 killed,
1994 (Reported as a Collision)**

Actual Sequence was Collision-fire-grounding.

Is the Nassia a collision, a fire, or a grounding?

ISSUES WITH THE DATABASE itself

Is the Nassia a collision, a fire, or a grounding?

- **The correct answer is “all of the above”.**
- **And the correct answer for CAUSE is**
“none of the above”.

ISSUES WITH THE DATABASE itself

Nassia real cause

- The **cause** was a black out on another ship, the BC Shipbroker which, without electrical power, had no steering, and turned into the Nassia.
- **Cause = Machinery failure of BC Shipbroker**

ISSUES WITH THE DATABASE itself

US CGMIX database (which includes pilot reports) includes 100 times more machinery failures than LMIU



ISSUES WITH THE DATABASE itself

“Neat” Categorizations of Casualties

Example 2:

**Nagasaki Spirit - Ocean Blessing collision (51 killed)
1992**

The CAUSE for the casualty was “PIRACY”

(The cause was Piracy on the Ocean Blessing which, not being under control, collided with the Nagasaki Spirit)

ISSUES WITH THE DATABASE itself

- **Few major events dominate
(there are few collisions, few major spills etc.)**
- **Their “Statistical Significance” is minor (the sample is very small)**

e.g.

One future rather small oil spill may reverse the results of any prior analysis.

RISK ANALYSIS OF LARGE TANKERS, SAFEDOR WORKSHOP, GLASGOW, MAY 2008

Eliopoulou, Papanikolaou, Hamman

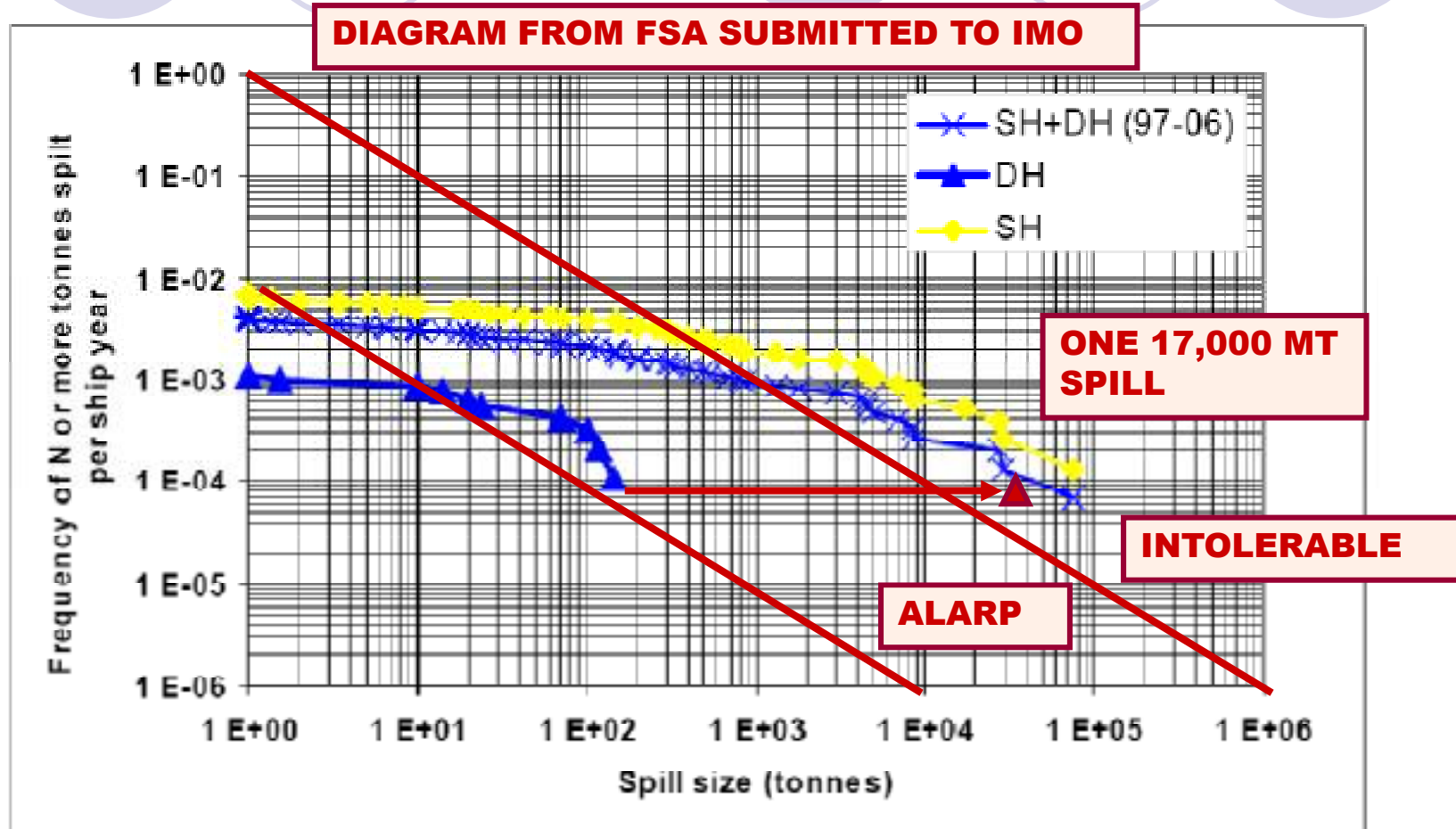


Figure 26: Estimated Potential Loss of Cargo, per tanker size [36]



A 17,000 MT spill is

➤ **2 tanks of a SUEZMAX Tanker**

OR

➤ **1 Tank of a VLCC**

➤ ***AND WHAT IF THE 75,000 MT SPILL OF
M/V AEGEAN SEA (OBO)
WAS INCLUDED IN THE DH DATA ?***

ISSUES WITH THE DATA within the database

FURTHER ISSUES WITH DATA IN CURRENT DATABASES

- **CENSORED** (Owners, Class, Flag)
- **UNAUDITABLE** (pay fee, don't disclose, no background of each accident)
- **SUBJECTIVE** (need to assign casualty to a neat categorization)



- **LMIU/SAFEDOR** : Structural failure not an important cause
- **CTX**: By far the most important cause

ISSUES WITH THE SELECTION OF DATA

Not always the proper data for the examined hazard is selected

**e.g. DOUBLE HULL BULK CARRIERS:
(hazard examined being side shell structural failure)
Some FSAs included fatalities from**

- **Very small bulk carriers < 9,000 t or 90m**
- **Collisions**
- **Casualties due to hatch cover water influx**

**While not accounting for recent regulatory improvements
(ESP, Solas XII) which were measurable from the data**



LIMITATIONS IN LOOKING AT HISTORICAL DATA (RELEVANCY)

IACS submission MSC 78/19/1

- **Historical data cannot be used for new designs**
- **Historical data may not match the data needed in the FSA risk model (and this usually goes unnoticed)**
- **The effects of newly implemented RCO's (e.n. new regulations) cannot be observed by historical data**
- **Looking at historical data is not proactive and is not creative. Analytical modeling has to be used to evaluate rare events**

LIMITATIONS continued

- **5 FSAs submitted recently to IMO (LNG, TEU, Tanker, Cruise, ROPAX).**
- **Not surprisingly their biggest risks were found to be**
1. Collision 2. Contact 3. Grounding 4. Fire
- **Does the ship type matter ?**
Or is the database categorization the driving factor ?
- **For spills the data is more chaotic. If the sample is wrong, one cannot hope for proper CATS.**

STEP 5: (our) RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Stick closely to IMO FSA guidelines (esp. HAZID follow-up)***
- 2. Develop RCOs to address HAZID (not to address the historical data)***
- 3. Develop a better database going to causes of accidents***
- 4. The database must be accessible to all reviewing the FSA.***
- 5. Any assumptions made which seriously influence outcome, should be clearly highlighted by authors (with sensitivity)***
- 6. Use Analytical modeling / first principles / experiments to avoid assumptions and expert judgement in the deduction of probabilities or risk reduction (esp. for rare events or novel issues/designs)***
- 7. Use Gross CAF***



FSA *SOME REFERENCES*

A PUBLIC / FREE DATABASE: www.c4tx.org/ctx/job/cdb/prod/search.html

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