

# BIOGAS POWER ON

Process Safety in Energy Transition  
LNG/LBG storage facilities

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# 1. Who We Are

<https://www.gexcon.com/products-services/process-hazard-analysis/>

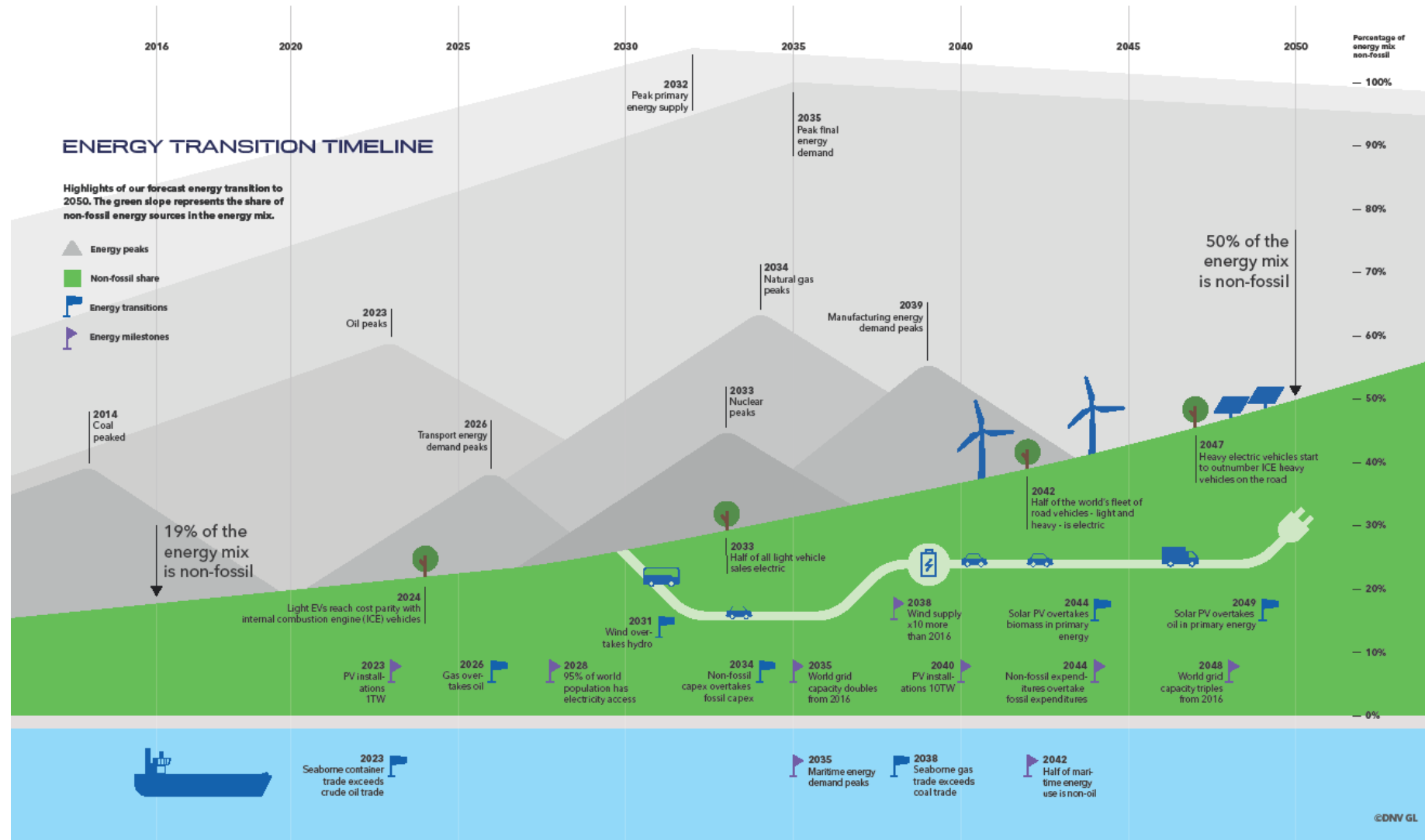
Gexcon is a global company fully owned by Longship with 170+ employees in Europe, America and Asia.

## Our Services



# 2. Energy Transition Timeline

DNV GL, 10 September 2018, <https://eto.dnvgl.com>

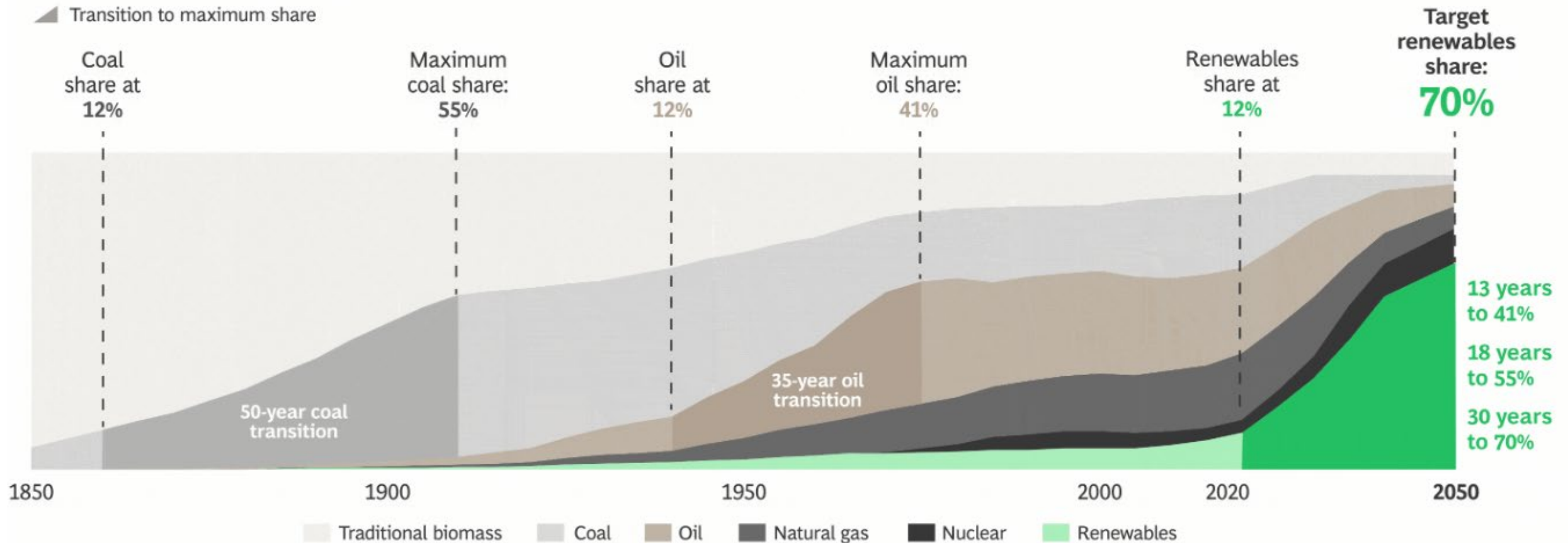


## 2.1 Now Acceleration is needed

BCG <https://www.bcg.com/industries/energy/energy-transition/blueprint>

### The Transition to Net Zero Needs to Happen Roughly 3x Faster than Previous Transitions

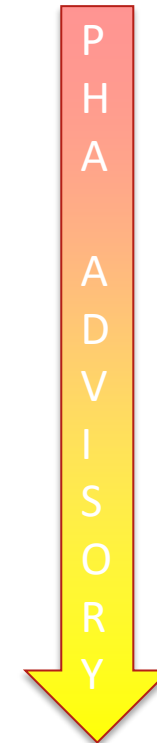
Primary energy supply by energy source, 2050 estimates based on IEA net-zero scenario



### 3. Use the same PHA methods already developed

#### Consultancy Services

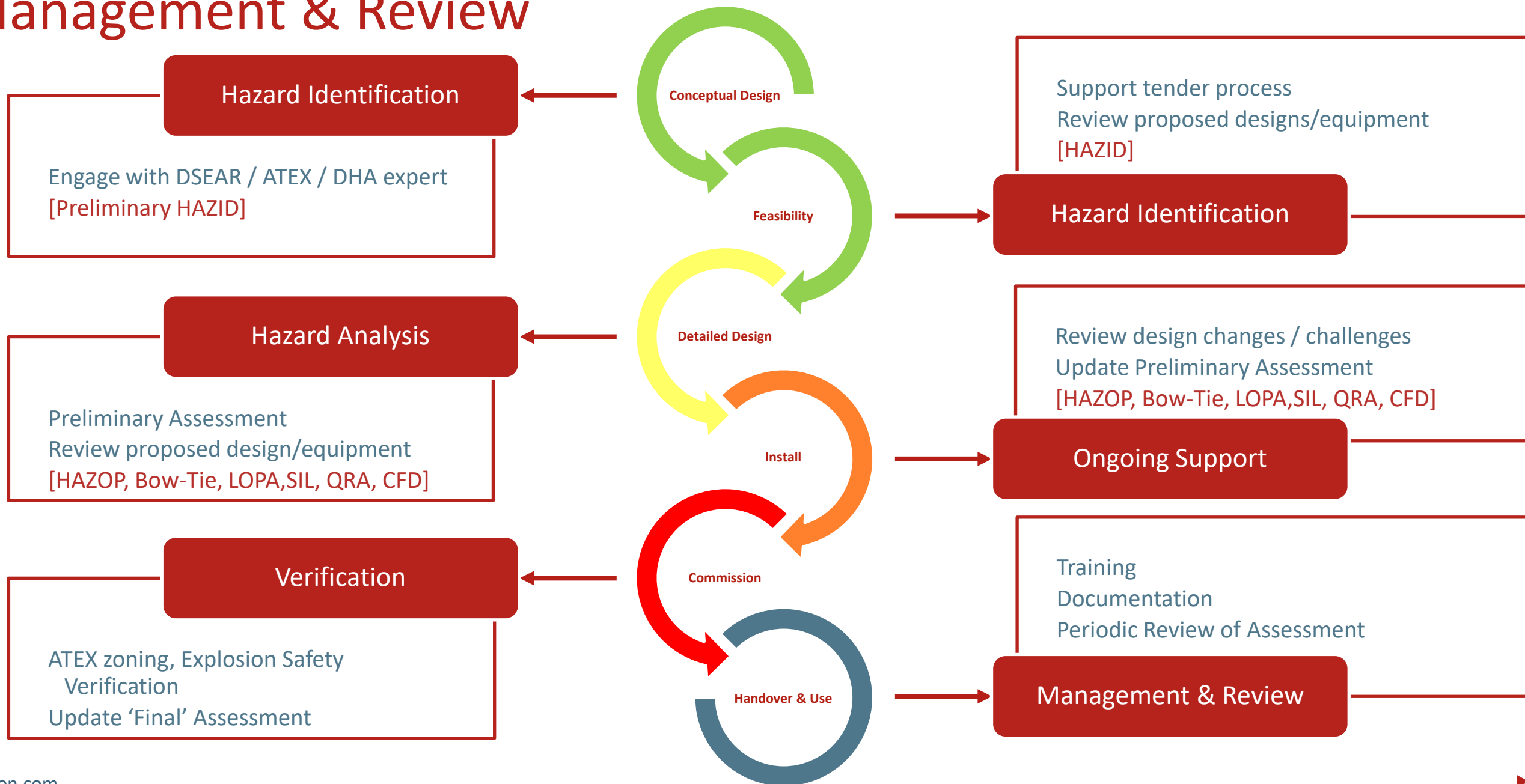
- Pre-HAZID
- HAZID
- HAZOP
- LOPA
- Bow-Tie
- QRA Quantified Risk Assessment
- FLACS CFD Simulation
- ATEX zone classification
- Advise on all aspect of process safety during the whole process in green field projects or retrofit of brown field LNG to green LBG storage facility.
- To complete the predictive and technical aspect of the pre-operational safety report for the site as an upper tier establishment under Seveso or COMAH regulation



0 Major Accident  
Better Project Cost and  
timeline control

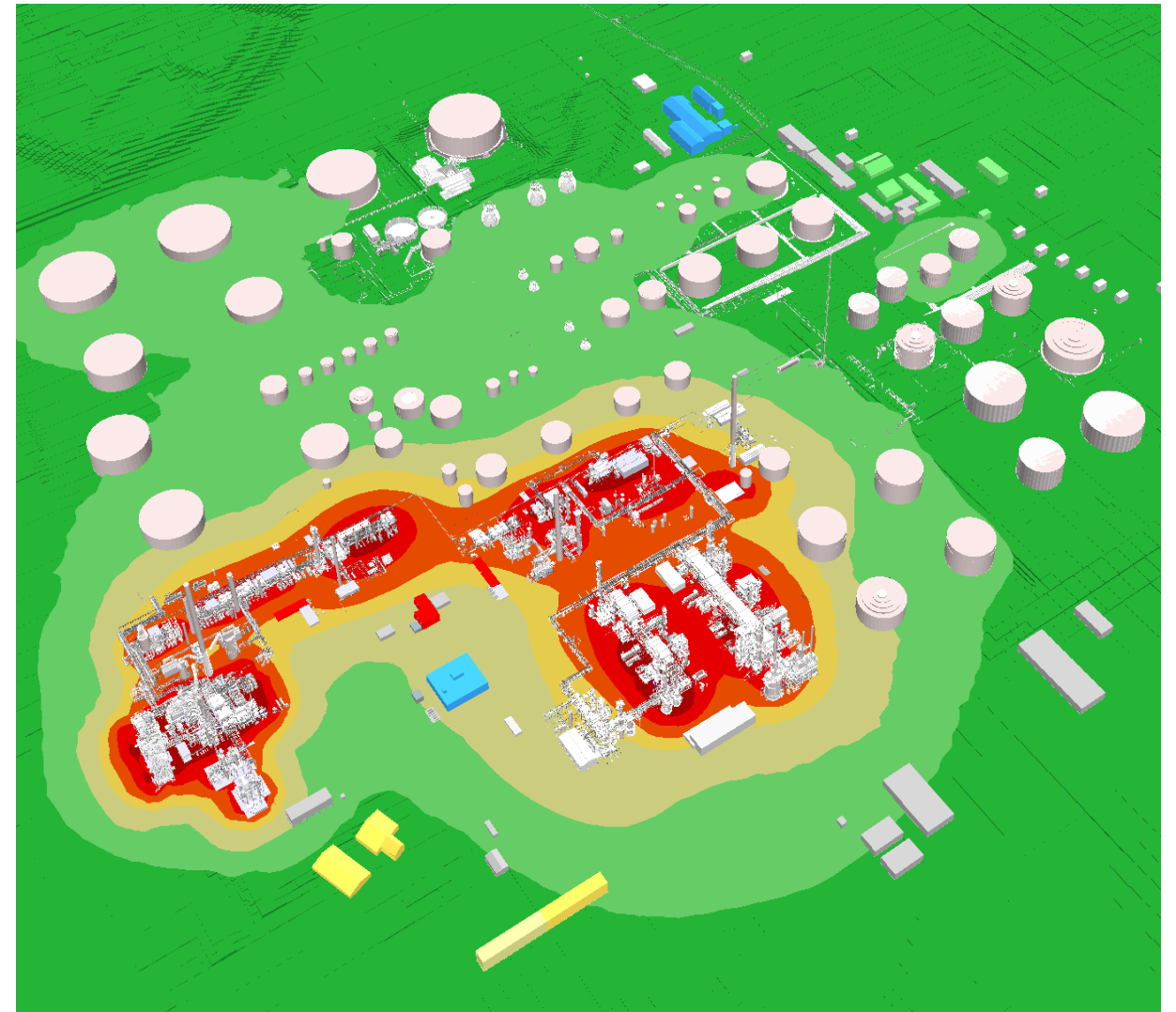


# 3.1 Process Safety in New or Transition Project Lifecycle Management & Review



## 4. FLACS- 3D QRA features

- Integrates all parts of a QRA study
  - System description
  - Release frequency calculation
  - Dispersion consequence modelling
  - Ignition probability calculation
  - Fire consequence modelling
  - Explosion consequence modelling
  - Risk modelling



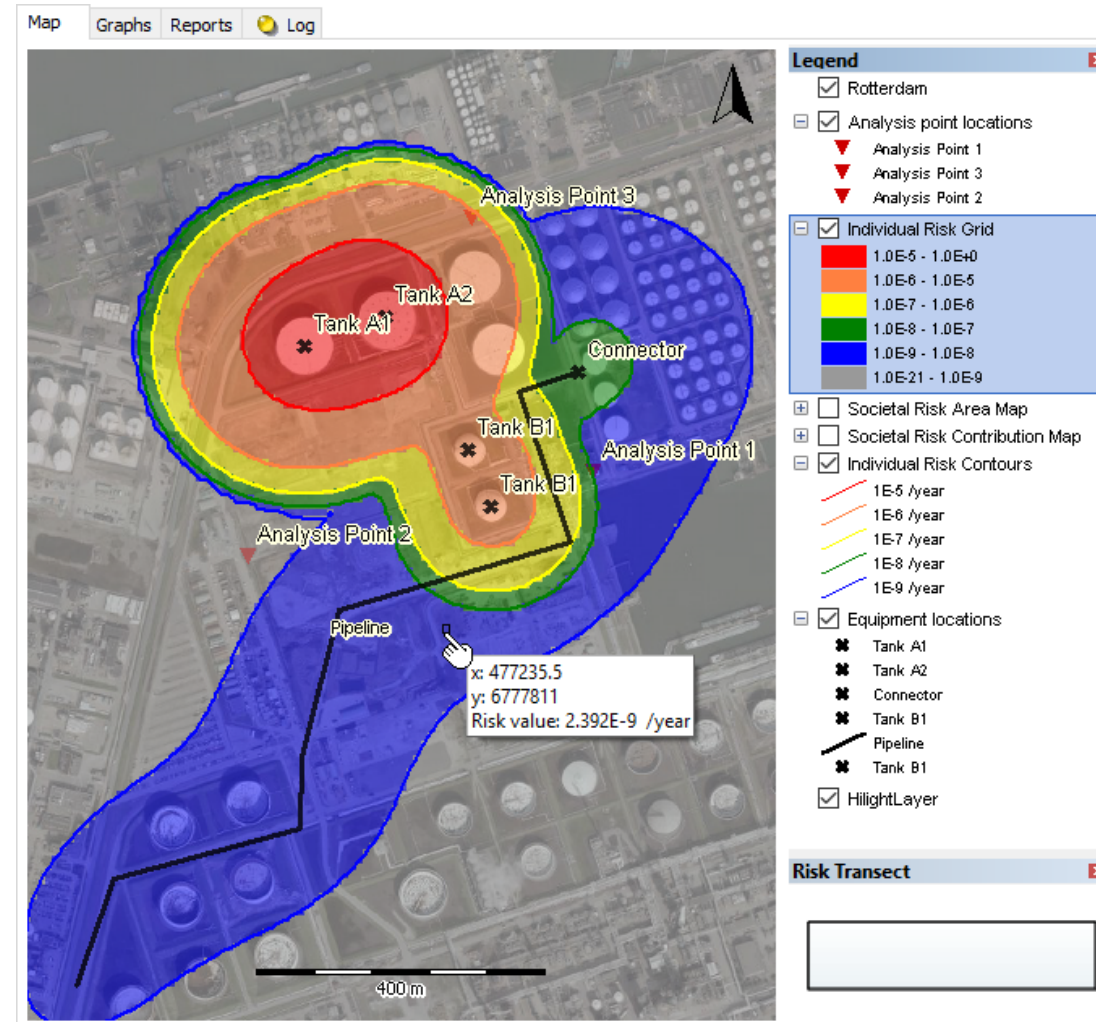
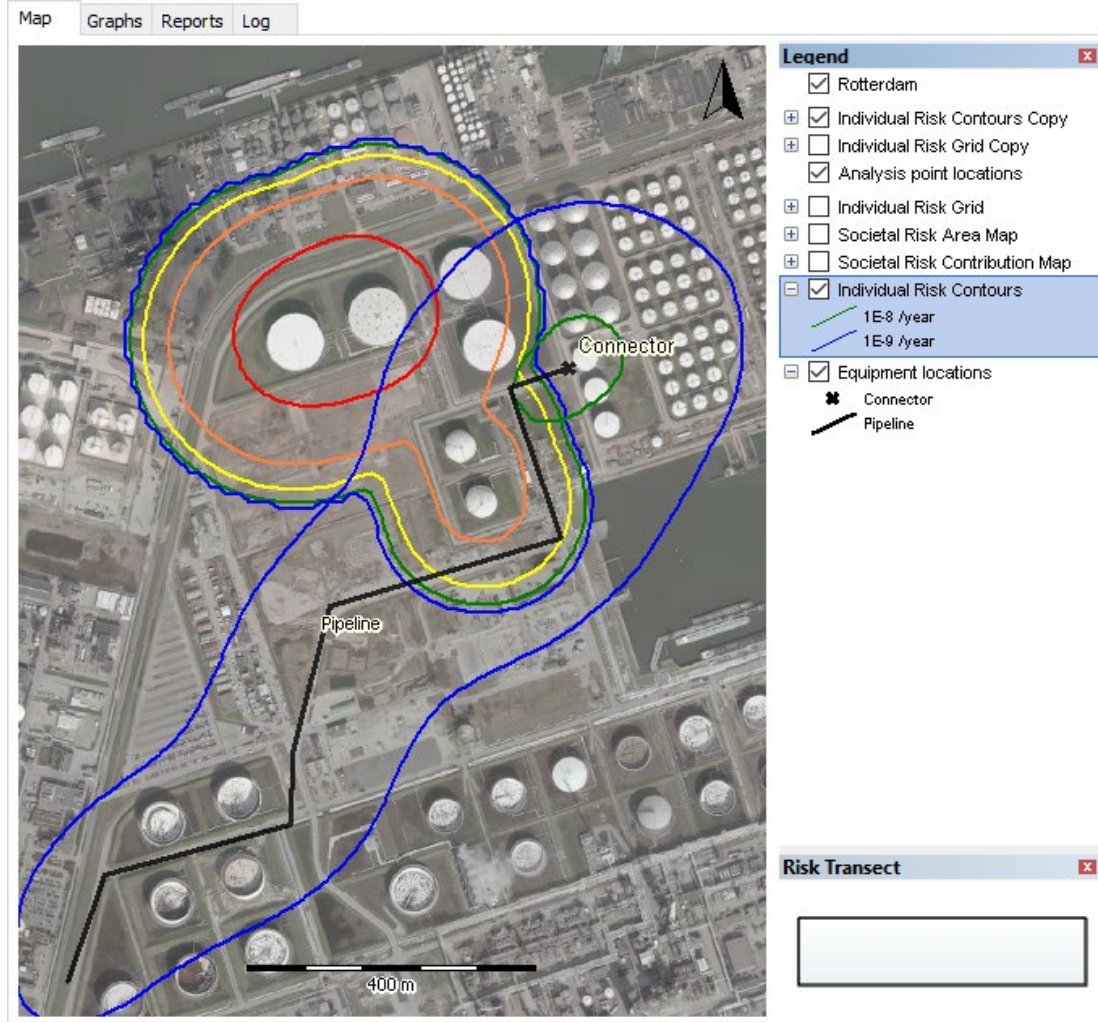


# 4.1 FLACS- 3D QRA features

The screenshot displays the FLACS-QRA software interface for a case titled "MOWI Scotland - Case 1". The main window shows a 3D perspective view of an offshore oil and gas platform. A heatmap is overlaid on the platform, indicating the release frequency of various components. The color scale on the right ranges from 0 per year (dark purple) to 0.01 per year (yellow). The interface includes a left-hand menu with sections for Settings, EXPLORE (3D explorer), FACILITY (Geometry, Layout, Weather, Process systems, Safety systems), and ANALYSIS (Process analysis, Release frequency, Release duration, Unpin menu). The right-hand panel shows the Results section, currently displaying Release frequencies, with options for Hole size and Mass flow, and checkboxes for All releases, Gas releases, and Liquid releases.

# 4.2 2D QRA FLACS Riskcurve

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## 4.3 Accumulating risk results

Geographic oriented (locational) risks can be summed up

- ***QRA results are often locational: shown as Iso Risk Contours***
  - › Commonly used: surrounding contour
  - › Surrounding contour neglects the fact that  $0.5 \cdot 10^{-6} + \text{other risk } 0.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$  would create  $1 \cdot 10^{-6}$
  - › Correct method: sum up risk grid (spatially distributed risk values in x, y raster)
  - › Requires identical geographic coordinate projection system
  
  - › RISKCURVES allows to save all risk grids shown (with projection system)
  - › Already allows combining / showing specific selected scenario sets
  - › **Request: combine imported grids with calculated grids**

## 5. Definition of a Hazardous Area

- Hazardous area: an area where an explosive atmosphere can exist in such an extent that it requires specific measures in order to protect personnel against the dangers of explosions and thus results in the need for area classification.
- Flammable material does **NOT** automatically yield a hazardous zone (Ex Zone)
- However, a hazardous explosive atmosphere does result in hazardous zones (Ex Zones) and the need for hazardous area classification

## 5.1 What does Hazardous Area Classification Influence?

- The frequency of occurrence of explosive atmospheres is a component of the risk assessment
- The design of an installation
  - Number of possible points of release, location of equipment, physical barriers, doors and openings
  - Ventilation requirements
- Safe operation of an installation
  - Shut down philosophy, maintenance activities
- Procurement decisions
  - Equipment that will be used in hazardous areas



## 5.2 Hazardous Area Classification Standards

- **Gases and Vapours:**
  - **EN 60079-10-1:** Classification of areas – Explosive gas atmospheres
- **Dust and Fibres:**
  - **EN 60079-10-2:** Classification of areas - Combustible dust atmospheres



## 5.3 Zones – Definitions (Gas / Vapour)

- **Zone 0**

.... a place in which an explosive atmosphere consisting of a mixture with air of dangerous substances in the form of gas, vapour or mist is present continuously or for long periods or frequently.

- **Zone 1**

..... is likely to occur in normal operation occasionally.

- **Zone 2**

..... is not likely to occur in normal operation but, if it does occur, will persist for a short period only.

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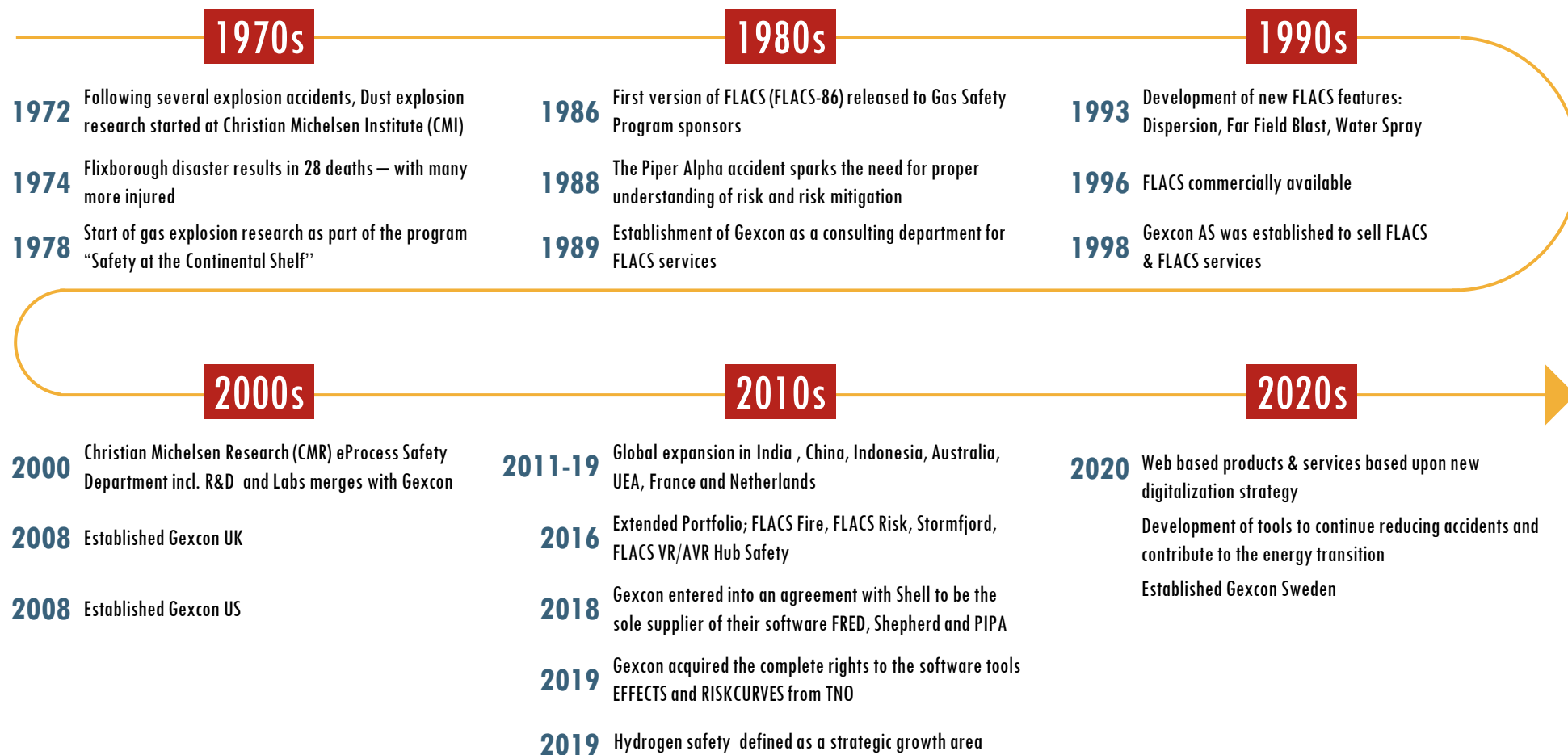
- **Zone 2 NE**

- An additional zone, a Zone of Negligible Extent (NE) can be classified in line with EN 60079-10-1
- This is a zone created by a flammable cloud so small that, if ignited, the pressure effects would be of negligible consequence
- Typically classified due to either a small release, good ventilation, or a combination of both

## 5.5 EN 60079-10-1, Table D.1 - Practical Guide

Grade of release	Effectiveness of Ventilation						
	High Dilution			Medium Dilution			Low Dilution
	Availability of ventilation						
	Good	Fair	Poor	Good	Fair	Poor	Good, fair or poor
<b>Continuous</b>	Non-hazardous (Zone 0 NE) <sup>a</sup>	Zone 2 (Zone 0 NE) <sup>a</sup>	Zone 1 (Zone 0 NE) <sup>a</sup>	Zone 0	Zone 0 + Zone 2	Zone 0 + Zone 1	Zone 0
<b>Primary</b>	Non-hazardous (Zone 1 NE) <sup>a</sup>	Zone 2 (Zone 1 NE) <sup>a</sup>	Zone 2 (Zone 1 NE) <sup>a</sup>	Zone 1	Zone 1 + Zone 2	Zone 1 + Zone 2	Zone 1 or zone 0 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Secondary<sup>b</sup></b>	Non-hazardous (Zone 2 NE) <sup>a</sup>	Non-hazardous (Zone 2 NE) <sup>a</sup>	Zone 2	Zone 2	Zone 2	Zone 2	Zone 1 and even Zone 0 <sup>c</sup>
<p><sup>a</sup> Zone 0 NE, 1 NE or 2 NE indicates a theoretical zone which would be of negligible extent under normal conditions.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> The zone 2 area created by a secondary grade of release may exceed that attributable to a primary or continuous grade of release; in this case, the greater distance should be taken.</p> <p><sup>c</sup> Will be zone 0 if the ventilation is so weak and the release is such that in practice an explosive gas atmosphere exists virtually continuously (i.e. approaching a 'no ventilation' condition).</p> <p>'+' signifies 'surrounded by'.</p> <p>Availability of ventilation in naturally ventilated enclosed spaces shall never be considered as good.</p>							

# 6. FLACS CFD 50 years of advanced R&D has led to the best modelling software globally



# 6.1 FLACS-CFD 22 Latest Version

[FLACS-CFD Consequence Modelling Software for safety professionals \(gexcon.com\)](https://www.gexcon.com)

## Customise your explosion, fire and dispersion modelling software

FLACS-CFD is available on a flexible pricing menu so you only pay for what you need according to hazard type, number of users, projects and studies.

### Pre & Post Processing

Scenario Setup  
CASD

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FLOWVIS

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Fire

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# 6.2 The FLACS-CFD Modules



## Dispersion (incl. LNG & LBG)

- FLACS-Dispersion allows the simulation of natural and forced ventilation as well as loss of containment (leaks) and dispersion of dangerous substances

### Example:

- Modelling release of toxic ammonia gas from refrigeration units in the food industry
- Simulation of pool evaporation and gas dispersion for an LNG release as well as for LBG
- Modelling gas releases in oil & gas, including effect of ventilation on cloud buildup

## Gas explosions

- FLACS-GasEx allows the simulation of vapour cloud explosions. It is used extensively across industries to understand the consequences, both for risk assessment, design input and design specifications

### Example:

- Verify structural integrity (valid for all industries)
- Identifying various scenarios contributing to an explosion in an accident investigation
- Modelling consequences of gas explosions at chemical production plants

## Dust explosions

- FLACS-DustEx allows the simulation of industrial dust explosions. This is a valuable tool for engineering when optimising venting devices, suppression systems or explosion barriers

### Example:

- Modelling dust explosion consequences in the food, biomass, metallurgy, chemical or pharmaceutical industry as input to cost effective mitigation measures
- Used frequently in accident investigations

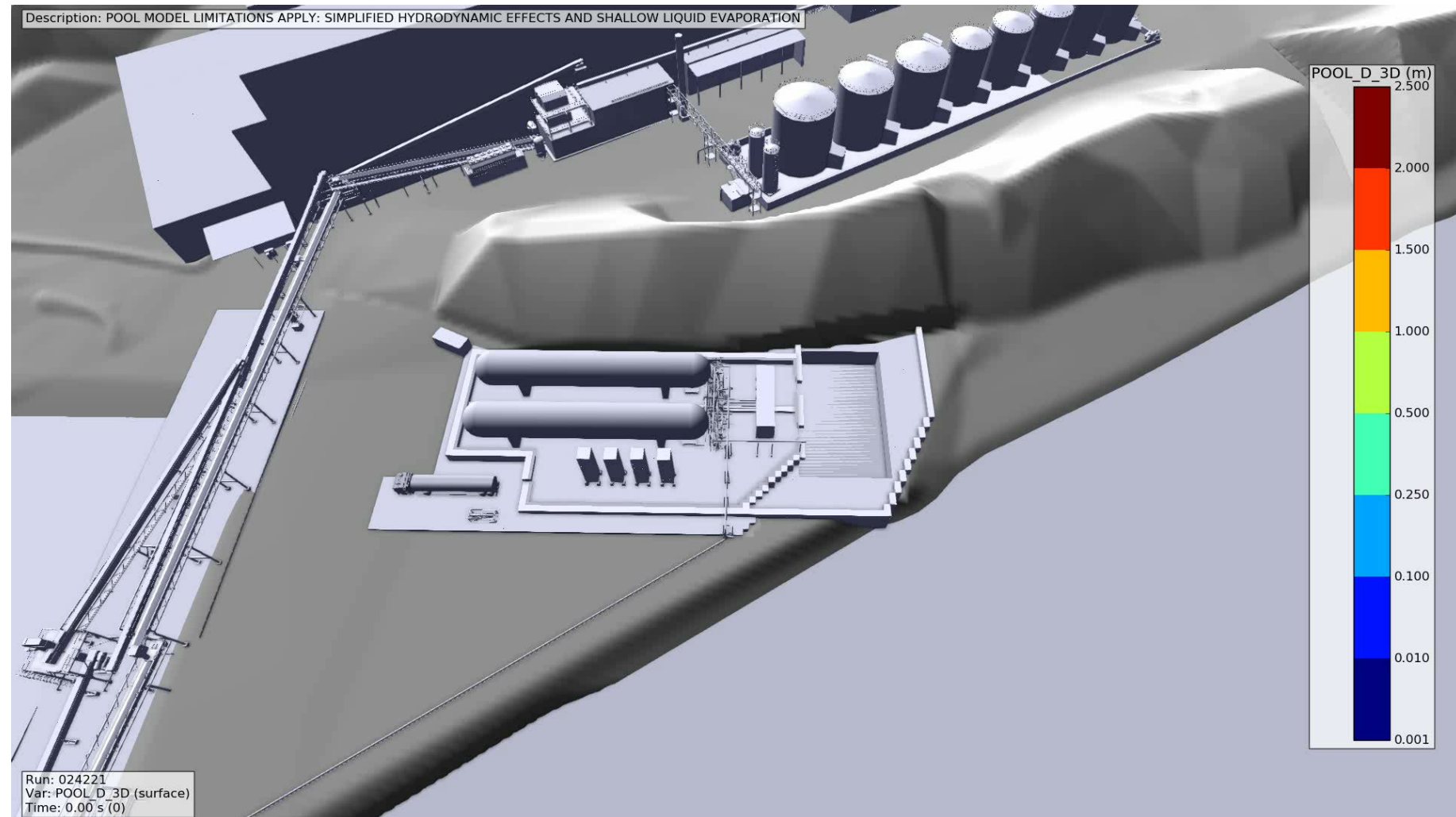




## 7. Case Study, Pre-Operations Safety Report (Isle of Skye)

Catastrophic failure of one tank (10s)

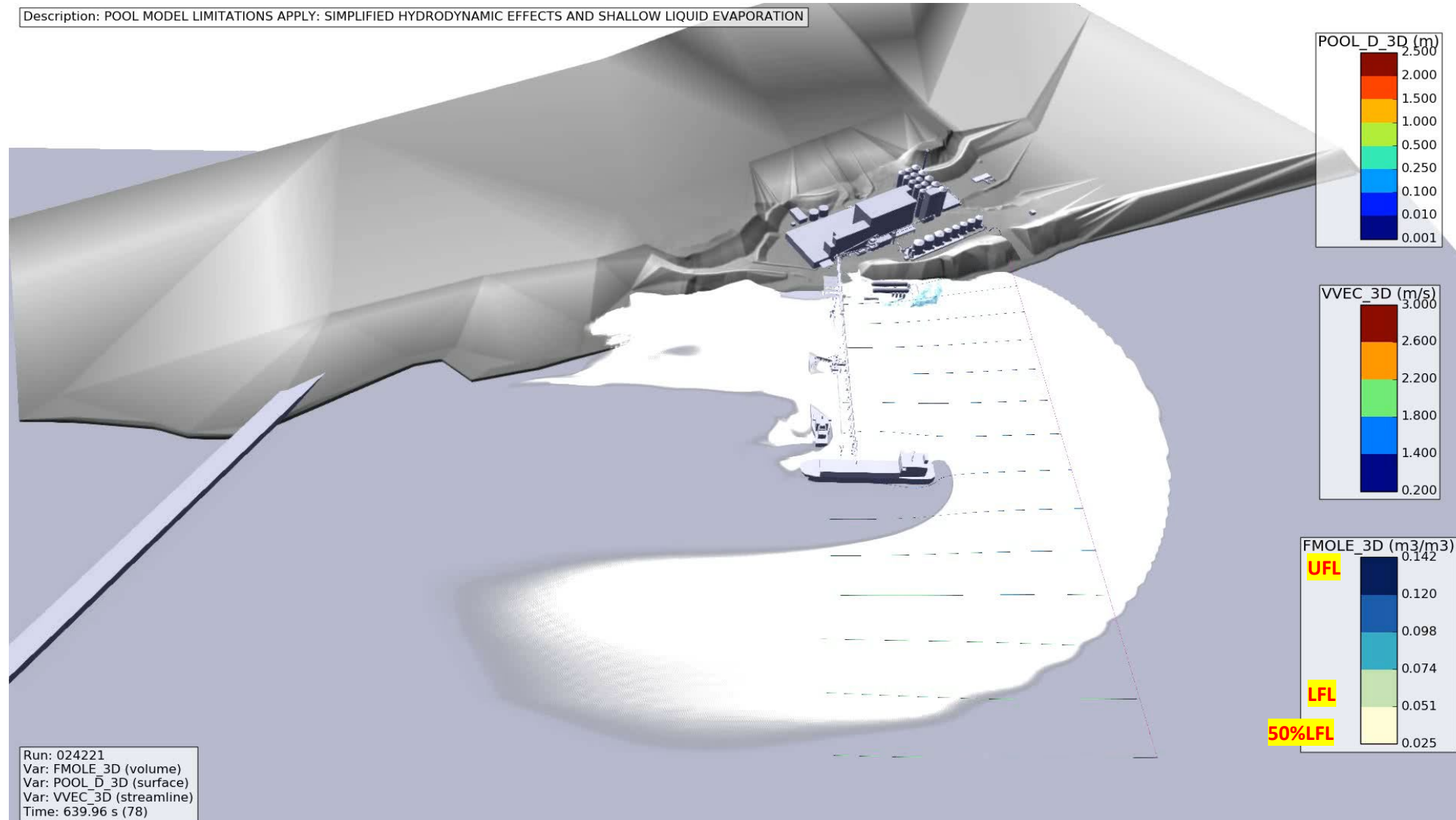
- Liquid spread after catastrophic failure (mimicked by releasing 400 ton of LNG in 10 seconds over a defined circular area in the bund.
- It should be noted that hydrodynamics effects are simplified in the model, where for example, sloshing and liquid breaking are not accounted for.
- While the model provides a reasonable prediction of the liquid spread in such event, it is sensitive to the input such the finite duration of contents release for example.
- Note that the bunding area is not inclined and hence draining is slower.



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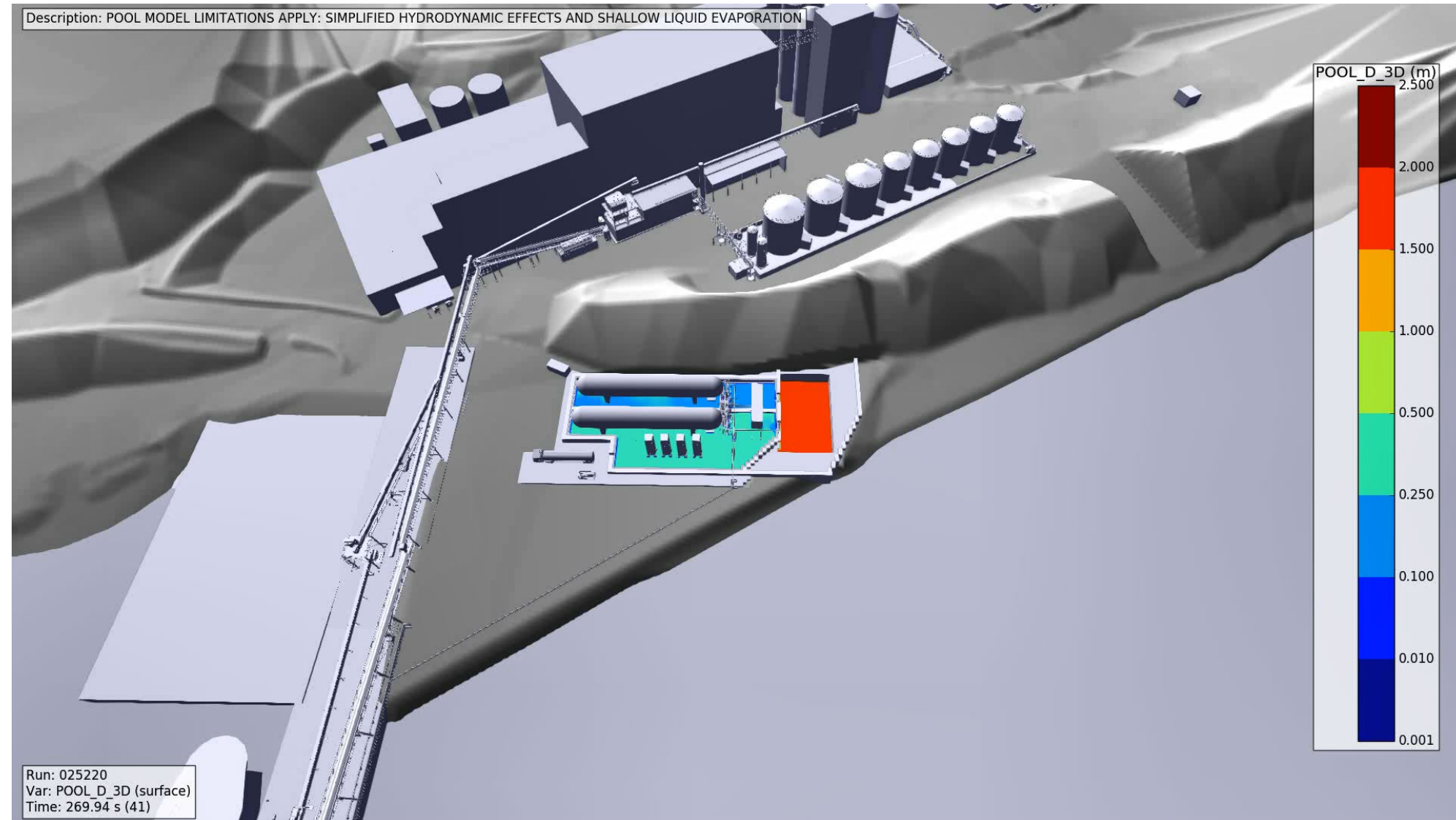
- Wind speed is 2 m/s blowing from West to East.
- The LNG spill outside the bunding area, over the shore and on the sea, created a large base area for evaporation generating a large flammable cloud spreading over a large area. The vapour(50% LFL) reached the boundary domain on the north side (sea). Simulations were run for 20 minutes, however the cloud can go further than the shown areas.
- Note that evaporation equations are for shallow liquid. Therefore evaporation from the deep pit can be overpredicted.



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- Liquid spread after catastrophic failure (mimicked by releasing 400 ton of LNG in 20 seconds over a defined circular area in the bund).
- In this case the spill outside the bunding area compared to the 10s release is very limited.
- The spill is almost contained and slowly drained into the collecting pit. Note that the bunding area is not inclined and hence draining is slower.

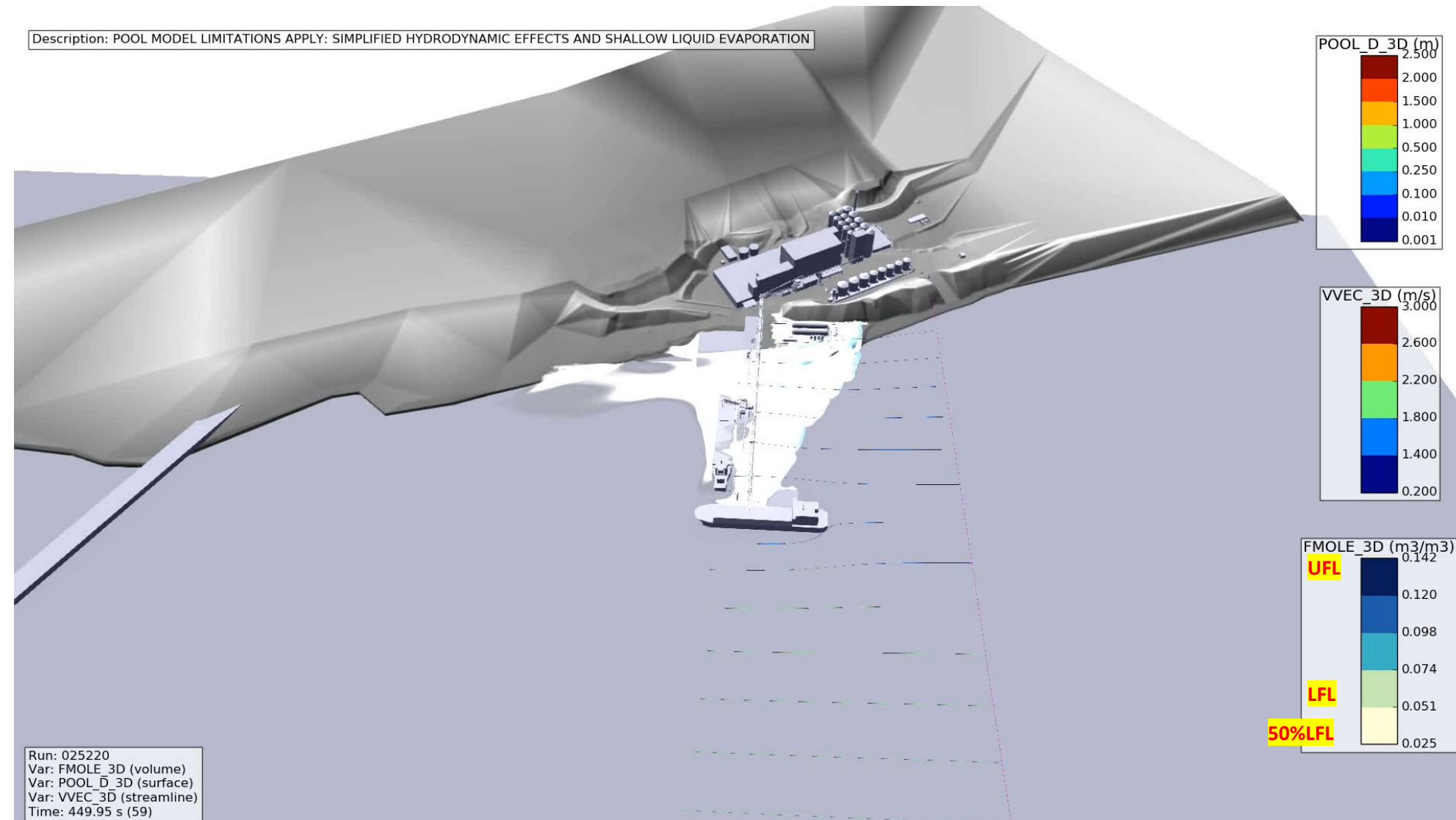




# 7.3 Case Study, Pre-Operations Safety Report (Isle of Skye)

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- Wind speed is 2 m/s blowing from West to East.
- As in this sensitivity scenario (20s release), the liquid remains almost contained in the bunding area and therefore the evaporation area remains also contained.
- The flammable cloud (50%LFL) reaches the jetty and conveyor but is much smaller compared to 10s release.



## 8. Question ?

- **Our Vision and Mission**
- Our vision is to make the world a safer place.
- We work hard to be the preferred partner in dispersion, fire, and explosion safety as well as risk management to make this vision come true.

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