



# INERT GAS BASED BWTS SYSTEM

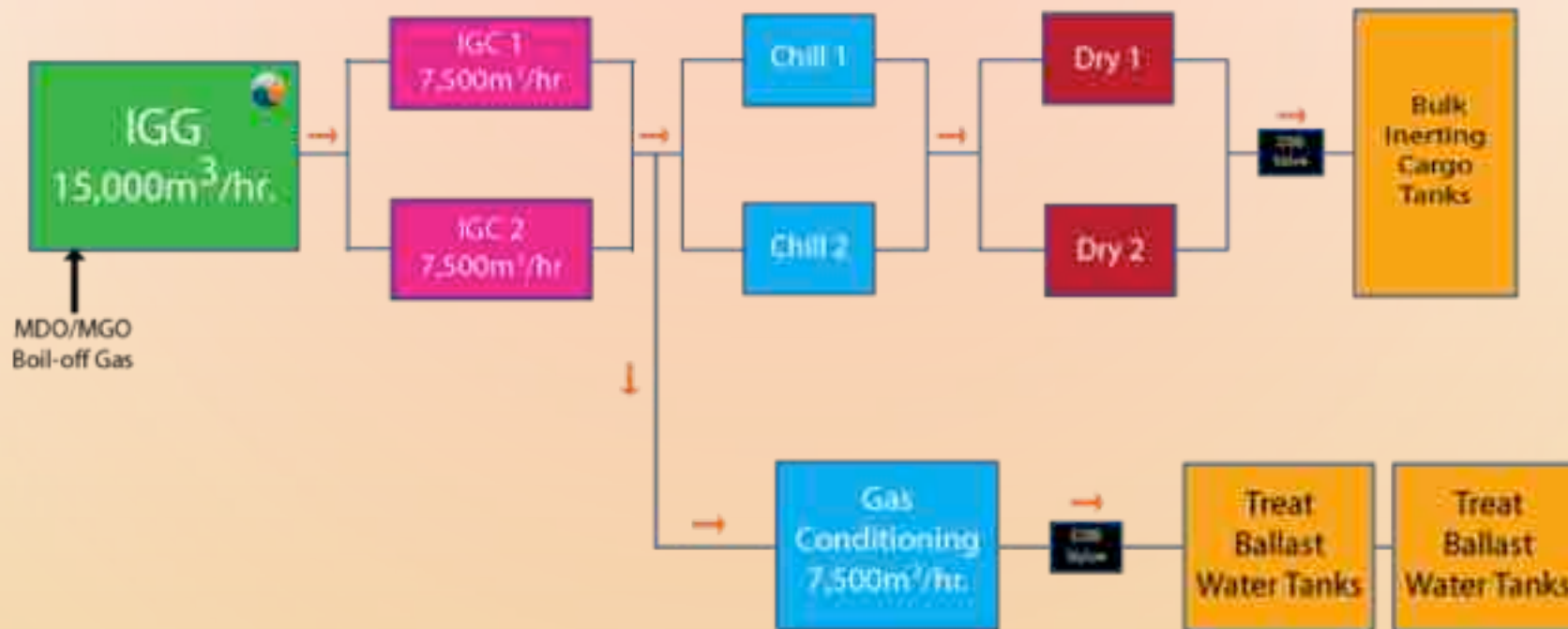
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## IGGS for LNG Bulk Inerting

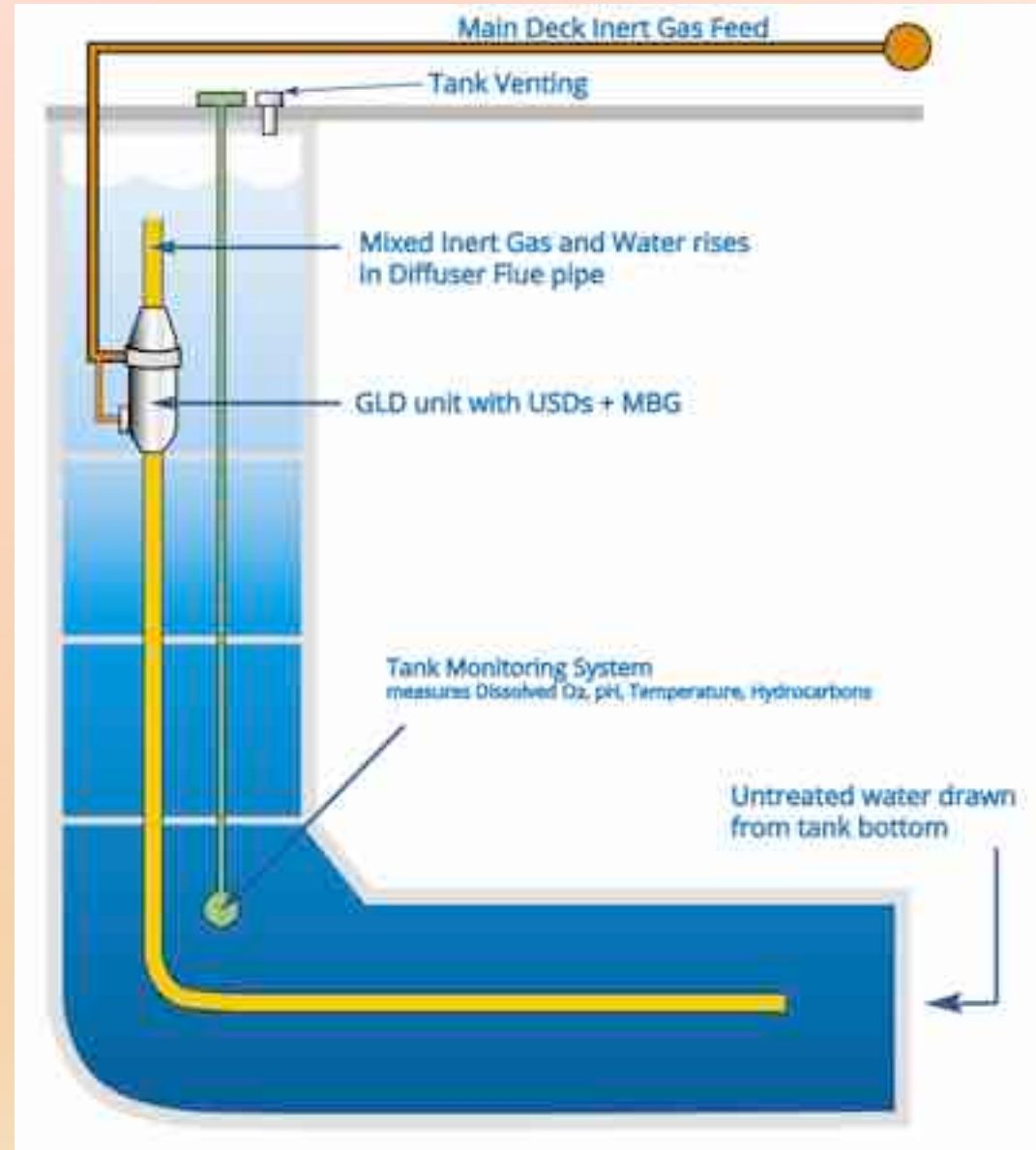


Combined System for Bulk Inerting  
and Ballast Water Treatment

# GLD™ BWTS

In-tank, in-voyage,  
Inert gas based

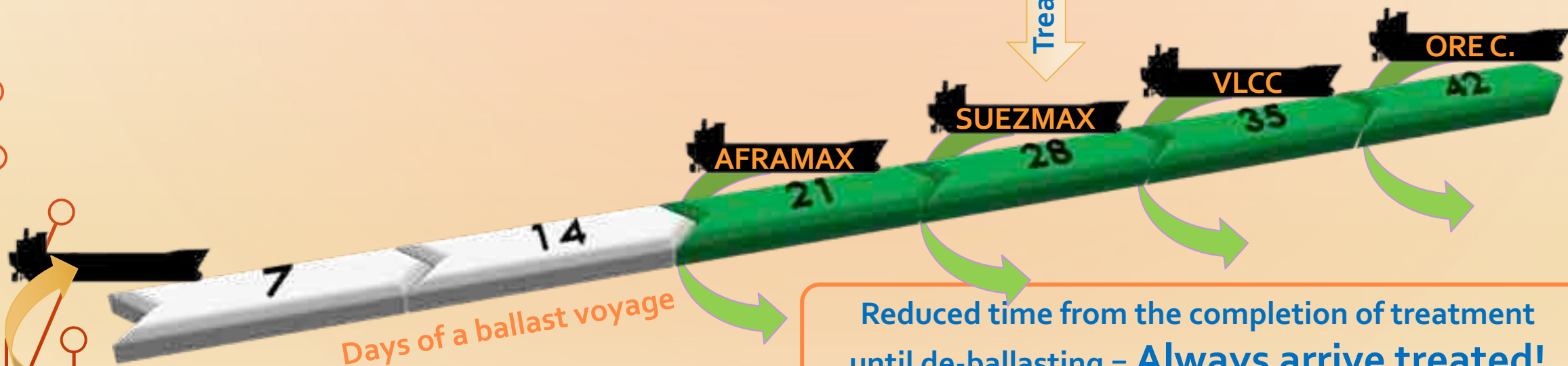
Natural fluid dynamics  
diffuses the inert gas  
through all of the ballast  
water inside the tank  
without the need for  
pumps.





# = fit for purpose

## REGROWTH & FILTRATION elimination







# Indicative setup on a VLCC/VLOC

**1. We produce  
Inert Gas on our IGG**

**We do not touch  
the ballast  
system**

**4. We send it on to a  
new IG main on deck**

**During voyage,  
say 5 days before  
de-ballasting**



**3. We cool it down**

**2. We compress it  
to 4bar**

**24h IG diffusion**  
No. 1, 2 & 3 in  
op/n

**60h Dwell time**  
(all main equipment is off)

**20h Re-aeration**  
No. 2 & 3 in op/n

# Sea Guardian™ Inert Gas Generator

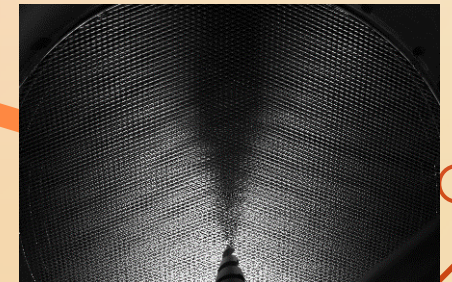
## Design Innovations



Venturi Burner Lance  
no burner cone required



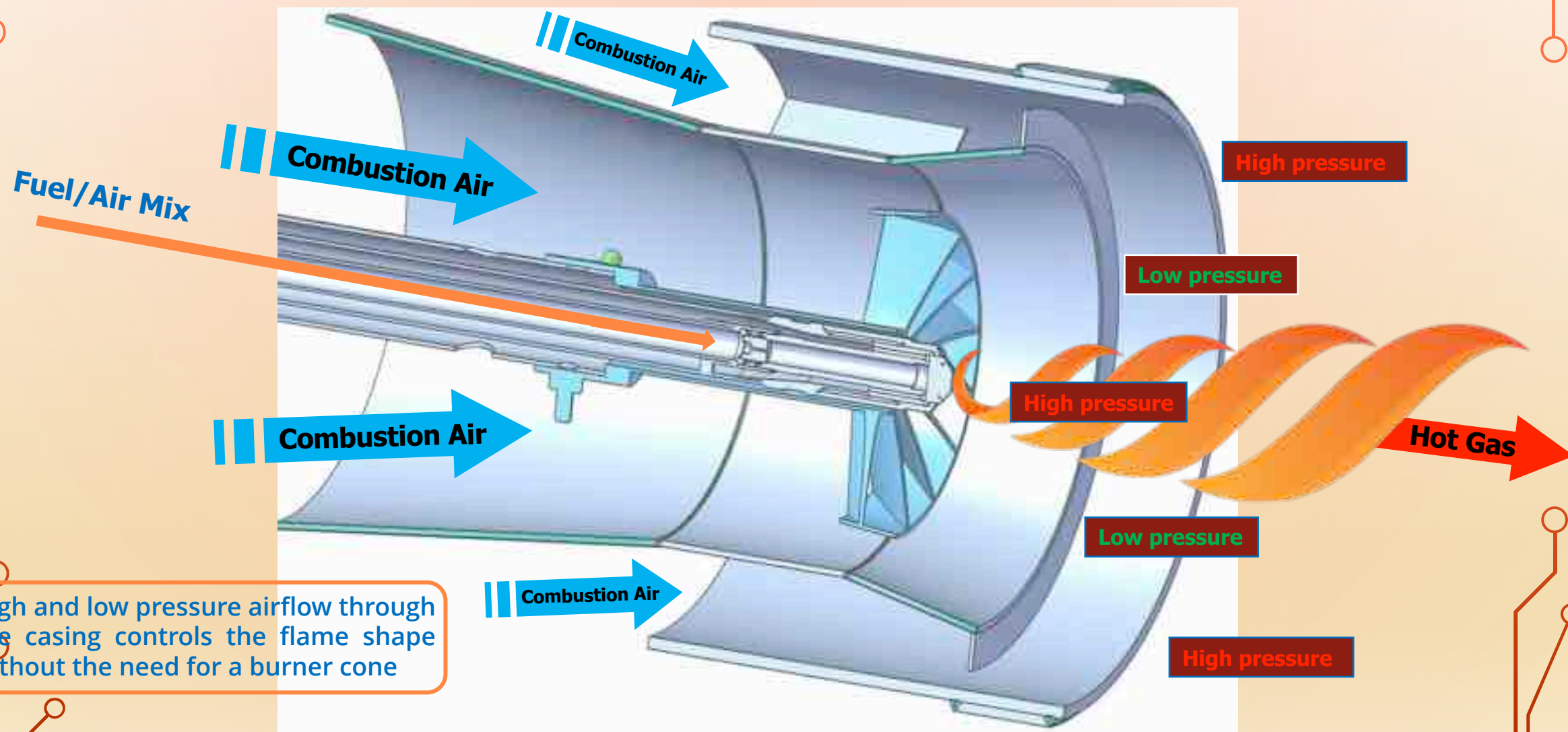
Swirl Vane Separator  
no demister pads needed



Quench Scrubber Matrix  
no bulky scrubber tower



# Venturi Burner Lance Flame Control



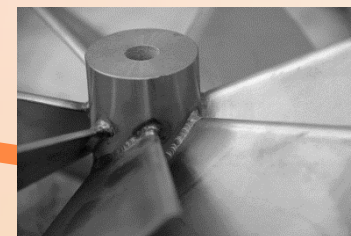
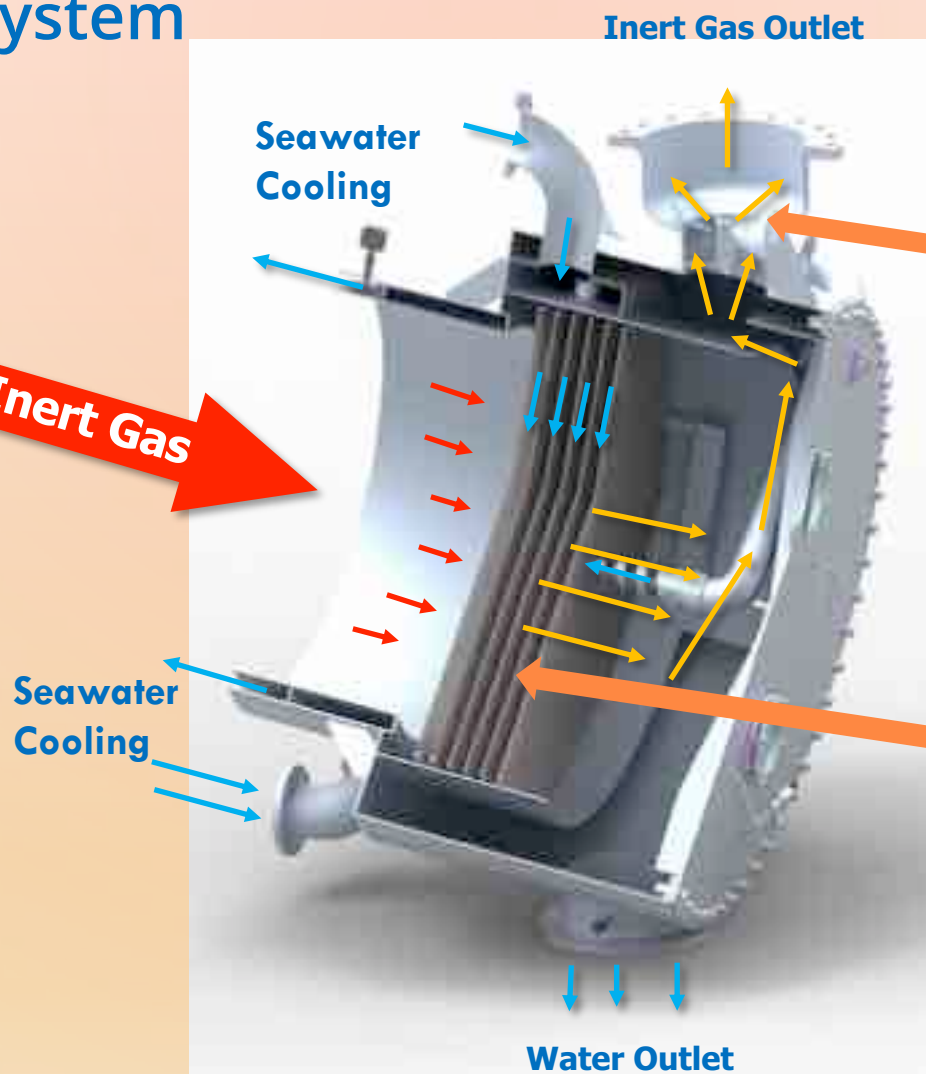


# Sea Guardian™ Quench Scrubbing System

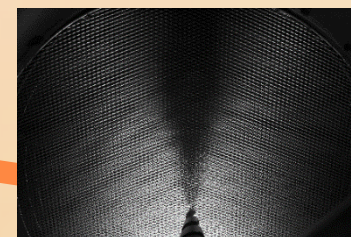


**Hot Inert Gas**

Hot gas from the burner passes through the quench scrubber mesh matrix for cooling, shedding water droplets as it passes through the swirl vane separator



Swirl Vane Separator



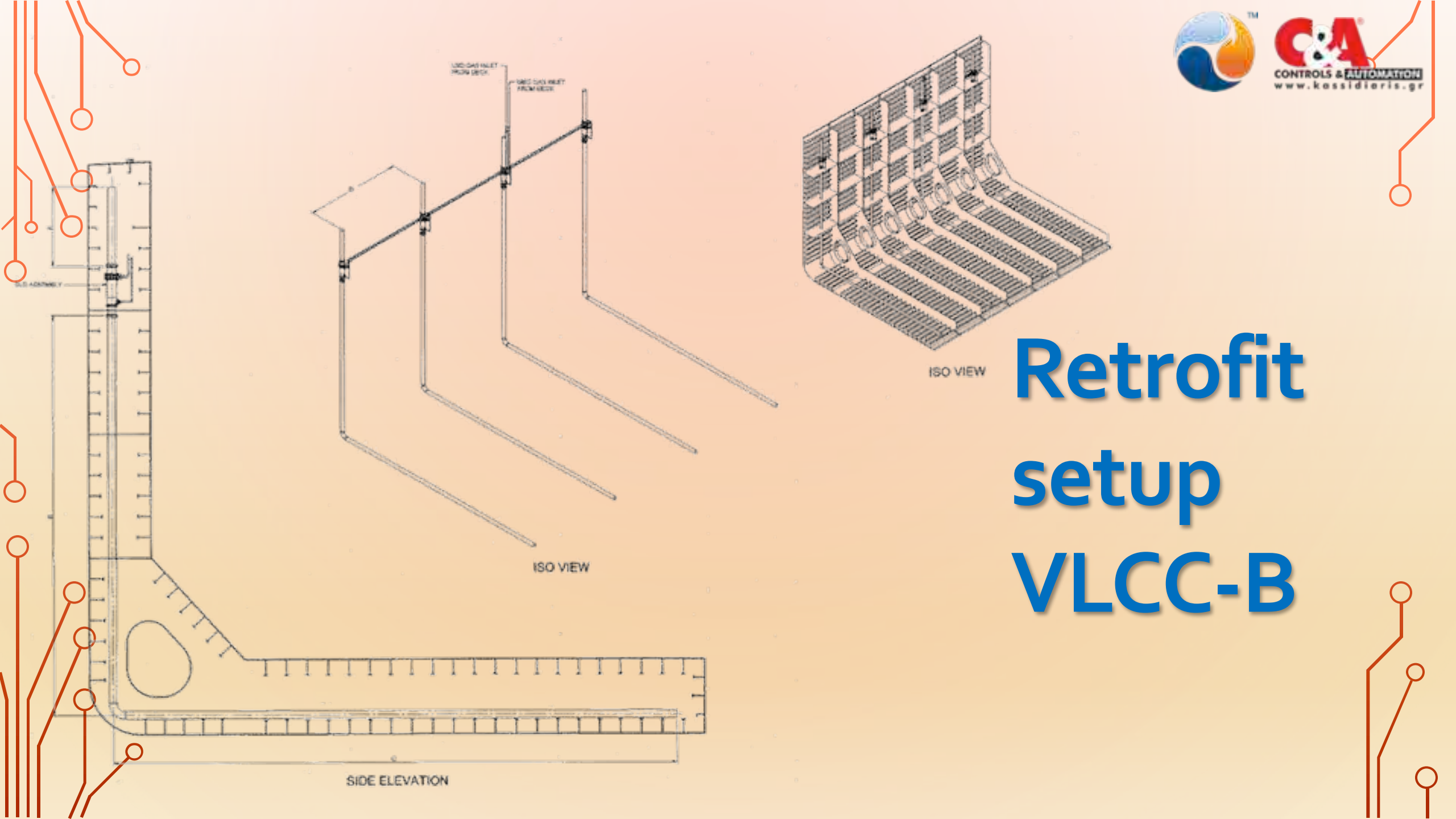
Quench Scrubber Matrix

# Sea Guardian™ Advantages

- ▶ No burner cone = very low maintenance
- ▶ No vertical scrubbing section = smaller foot print, especially for larger system installs
- ▶ No demister pads or filters = 100% uptime & zero unscheduled downtime
- ▶ Stable operation at 0.2% residual oxygen
- ▶ Zero soot
- ▶ Low NOx and SOx emissions
- ▶ Small footprint, engineered for 100% reliability
- ▶ Multi-fuel capability = LSMDO/MGO or LNG (incl. Boil-off Gas)

# Sea Guardian™ Applications

- ▶ Cargo blanketing duty
- ▶ BWTS duty + cargo blanketing top-up combined (1 IGGS required)
- ▶ BWTS duty only
- ▶ Bulk Inerting for LNG carriers
- ▶ Combined BWTS & Bulk Inerting for LNG carriers



# Retrofit setup VLCC-B



## Retrofit Experience

- First BWT system to be retrofitted to a VLCC
- Completed in 10 days during dry-docking



Gas Lift Diffusor (GLD)  
unit in ballast tank



No significant engineering issues encountered  
during the retrofit installation



## How the treatment works

### – Hypoxia, Hypercapnia, Ultrasonic Shockwaves and Micro-Bubbles

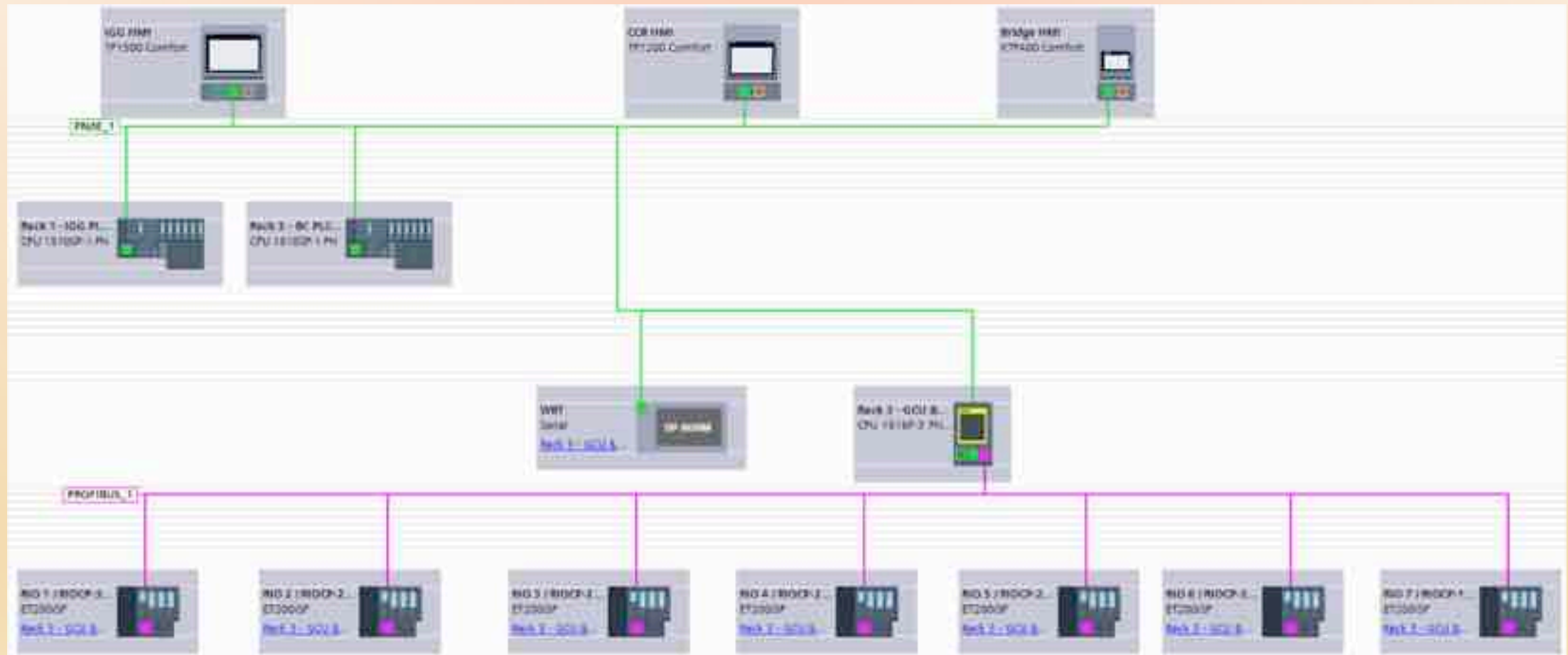
- ▶ The inert gas reduces the O<sub>2</sub> content of the ballast water to 0.2% over a 12-hour period, killing the oxygen breathers (via **Hypoxia**)
- ▶ The elevated level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the inert gas also slightly lowers temporarily the pH of the ballast water, to about 5.9pH, i.e. **not a threat to tank coatings**, killing most of the anaerobic organisms (via **Hypercapnia**).
- ▶ The remaining anaerobic organisms such as enteric bacteria (e.g. E.coli) and Barnacle larvae are killed inside the GLD units by a patented method of **gas-induced ultrasonic shockwaves**, causing **cellular rupture**: inert gas micro-bubbles are created within the GLDs to enhance the effect and these are imploded by the ultrasonic shockwaves.



## Operational Benefits

- ▶ Not any effect to vessels' operation while at port – the BWTS is always idle then
- ▶ Ballast operations unaffected, as in the past – including gravity ballasting / de-ballasting
- ▶ No modifications or additions to ships power generating capacity
- ▶ No filters, back-flushing, pressure drops, chemical additives or neutralization
- ▶ Familiar IGG technology for the crew
- ▶ Operation is unaffected by salinity, water temperature or high TSS
- ▶ Treat towards the end of the ballast voyage = ALWAYS arrive treated!

# Electronics & Networks View



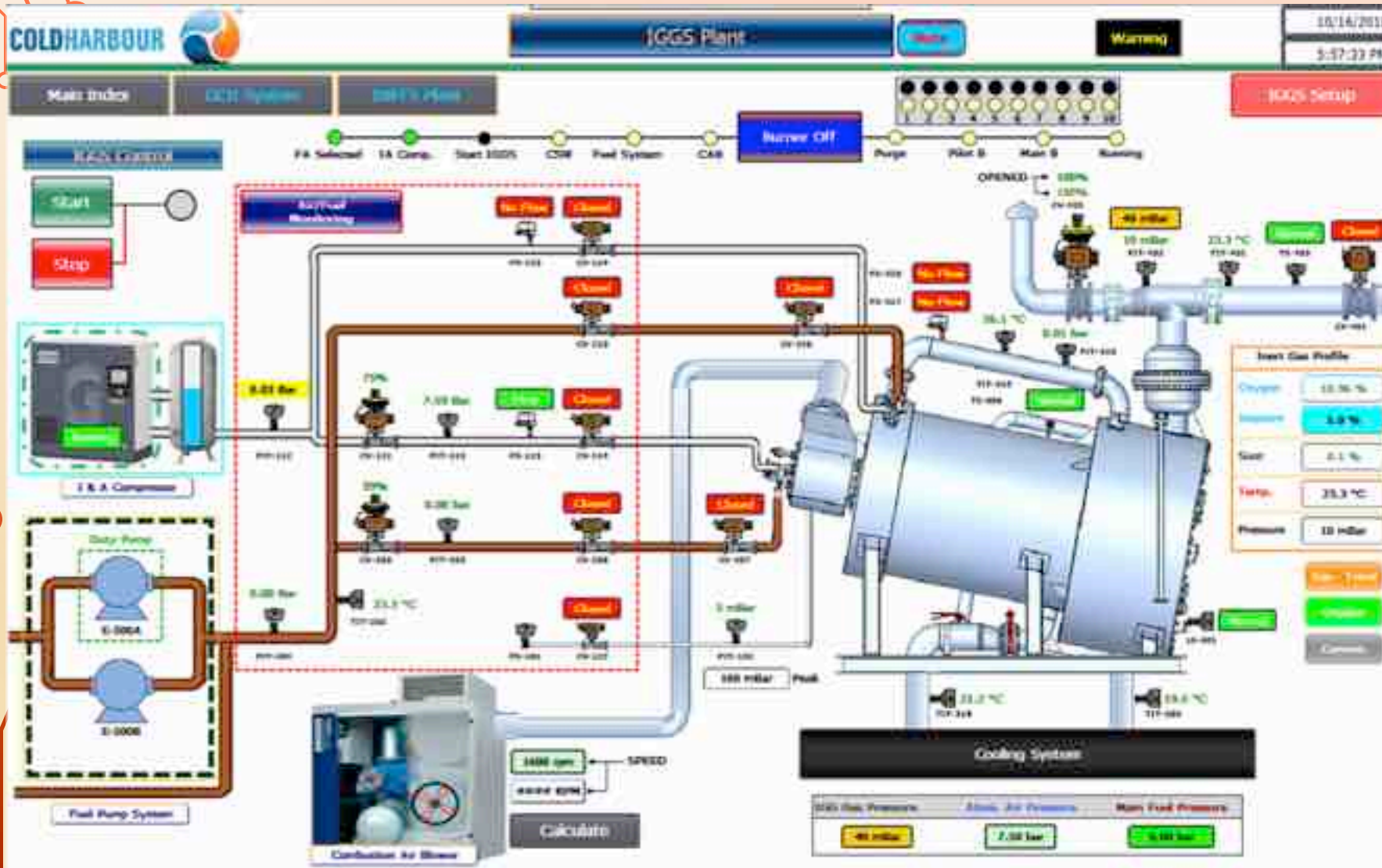


## Brief description of structure

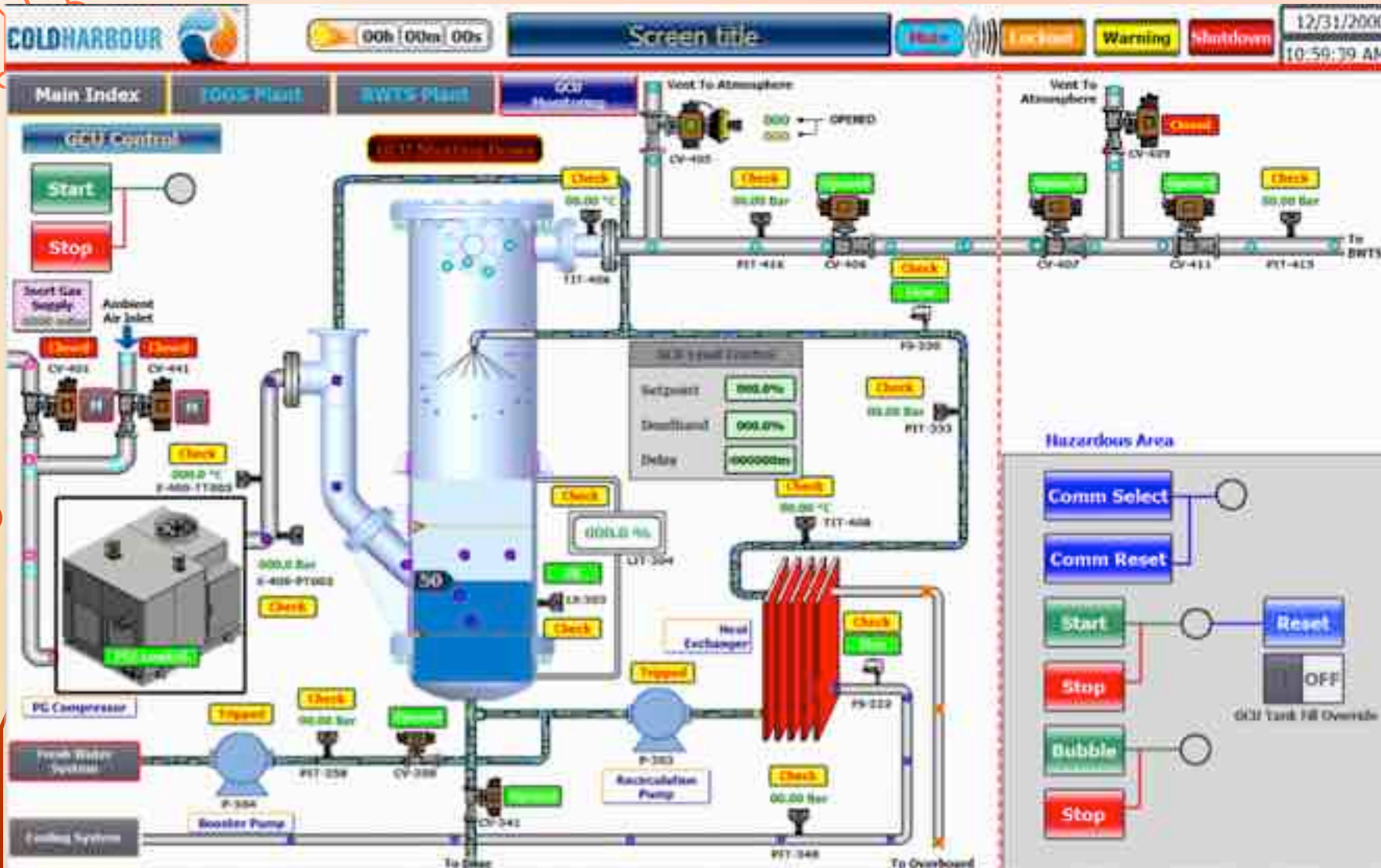
- ▶ The system consists of three PLC CPU's for IGG Burner Control, PGC & GCU Automation
- ▶ Ex-Proof Remote IO Panels on deck (for 1,2 or 3 Tanks)
- ▶ Three HMI's for control & monitoring (Locally, CCR and Bridge)
- ▶ Optional interface with vessel's BWT Monitoring
- ▶ Optional interface with vessel's PMS
- ▶ Optional LogFile extraction & data send on shore

## Main control screens

# Inert Gas Generator Plant



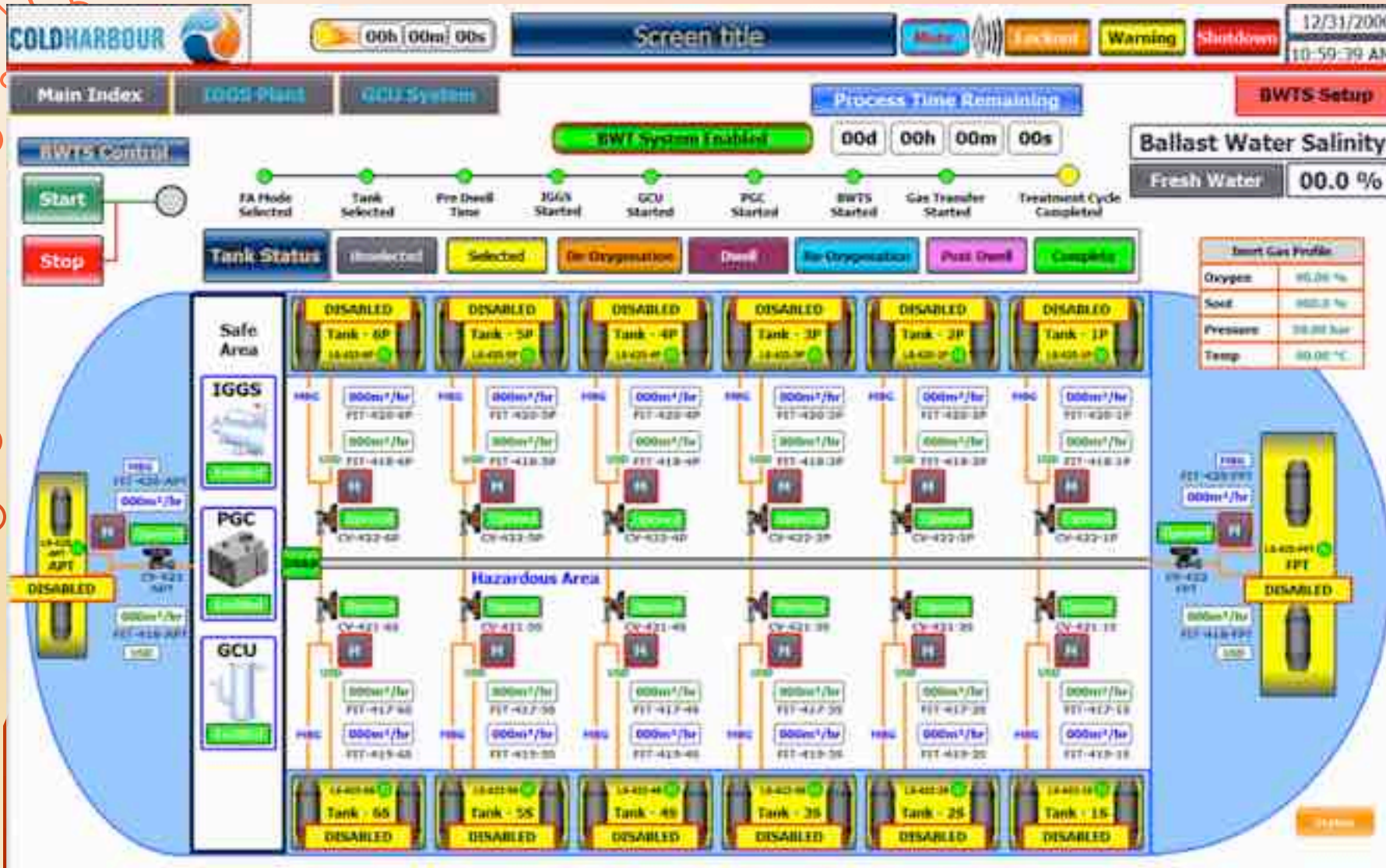
## Main control screens



## Process Gas Compressor & Gas Conditioning Unit



## Main control screens



# BWT tanks Monitoring & Process Control







The screenshot displays the 'I/O Settings' window in the ColdHarbour software. The window is organized into three main sections: 'Digital Inputs', 'Digital Outputs', and 'Analog Outputs'. Each section contains a table for configuring the respective I/O points. The 'Digital Inputs' table has columns for 'Input Name', 'Input Type', and 'Input Address'. The 'Digital Outputs' table has columns for 'Output Name', 'Output Type', and 'Output Address'. The 'Analog Outputs' table has columns for 'Output Name', 'Output Type', and 'Output Address'. The interface also includes a top navigation bar with 'Home', 'Settings', and 'Help' buttons, and a bottom status bar showing 'ColdHarbour' and 'v1.0.0.0'.



## GLD™ System Certification

- IMO Type Approved (G8) Feb 2015.

Awarded by UK MCA, supervised by Lloyd's Register.

- Accepted as an Management System (AMS) by USCG June 2015
- USCG TA process commenced – tests will be finalised by Q2/Q3 2019



## Awards

- Innovation Award – Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery April 2015
- Technical Innovation Award – Tanker Shipping & Trade – November 2015





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