

# **Suggestions on Modeling LNG Releases from a Ship**

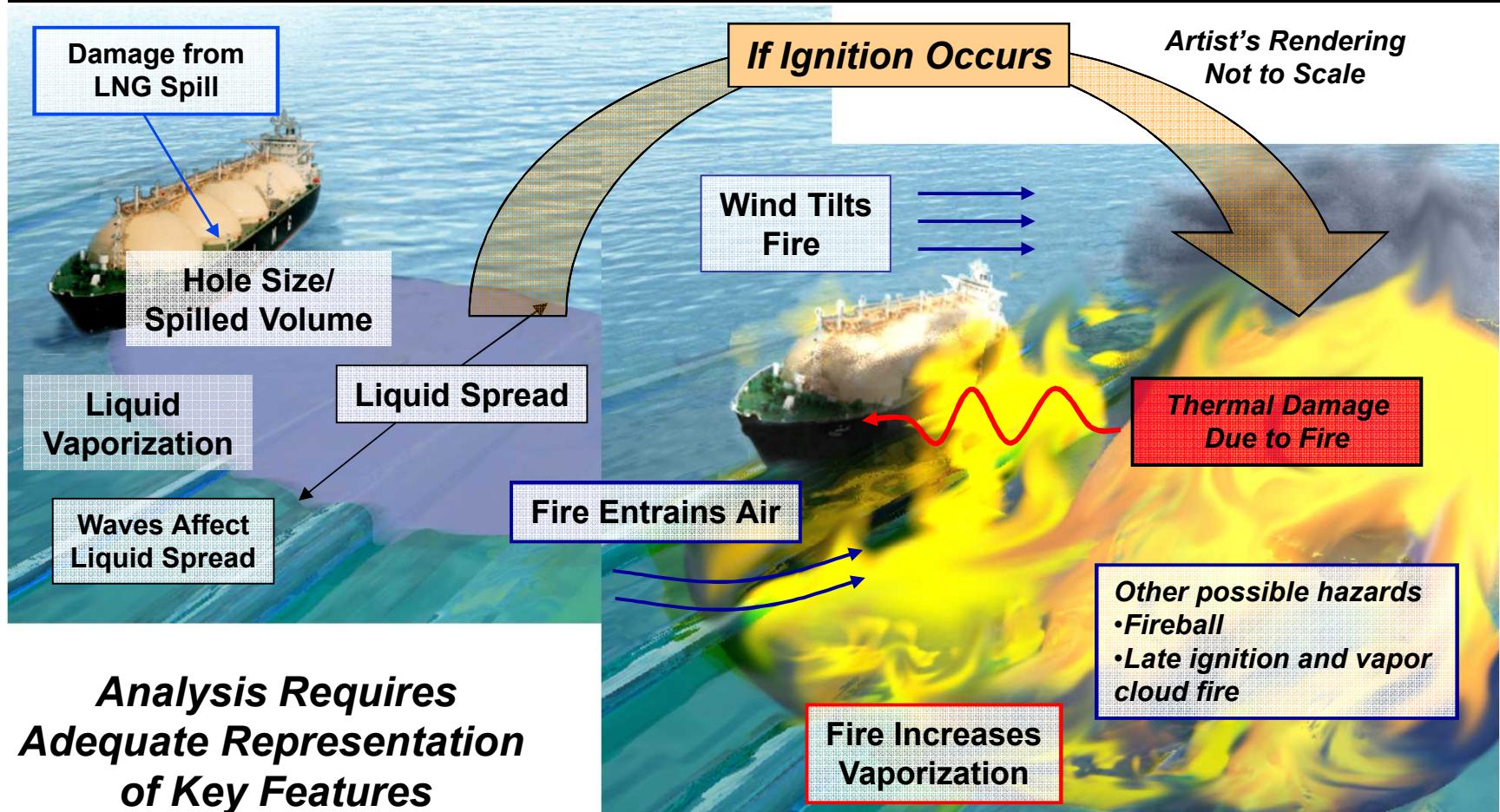
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# Key Features of an LNG Ship Spill and Associated Pool Fire





# LNG Spill Discussion Overview

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- Threat considerations, uncertainties, and impacts on LNG spill analysis
- LNG cargo tank breach analysis and impacts on spill considerations
- Cascading damage considerations for a spill analysis
- Suggested LNG spill analysis approach:
  - Incorporate site-specific conditions
  - Incorporate uncertainties in threats and breach sizes
  - Assess spill rate and spill volume “ranges” to capture the “appropriate scale” of potential spills



# Site-specific LNG Spill Considerations

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- **On-shore or near-shore**
  - Traffic control, safety zones, escorts
  - Smaller and fewer threats
  - Closer to infrastructure, people, critical facilities
  - Spills in congested areas can complicate hazards analyses
- **Off-shore**
  - Limited traffic control and enforcement capabilities
  - Larger and more threats
  - Further from public and infrastructure
  - Simple models are often appropriate to assess hazards from a spill





# Breach and Spill Analysis Issues and Challenges

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- Threat evaluations are inexact
  - Difficult to predict future events or capabilities
  - Focus on credible threats identified by intelligence agencies
- Breach analyses are difficult
  - Multiple accidental and intentional events to consider
  - Breach sizes depend on the threat, location, and ship and cargo tank response
  - Little validated data on double hull ship breaches
- Spill analyses are complicated
  - Mechanics of a spill depend on the location and size of the breach and response of the ship and cargo tank
  - Latent effects of fire or cryogenic damage on ship and additional cargo tanks are difficult to quantify and validate



# LNG Ship Breaching and Spill Events

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Collision of Baltic Carrier Oil Tanker



USS Cole Attack





# LNG Breach and Spill Categories

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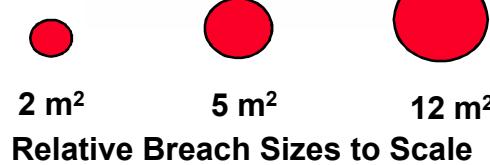
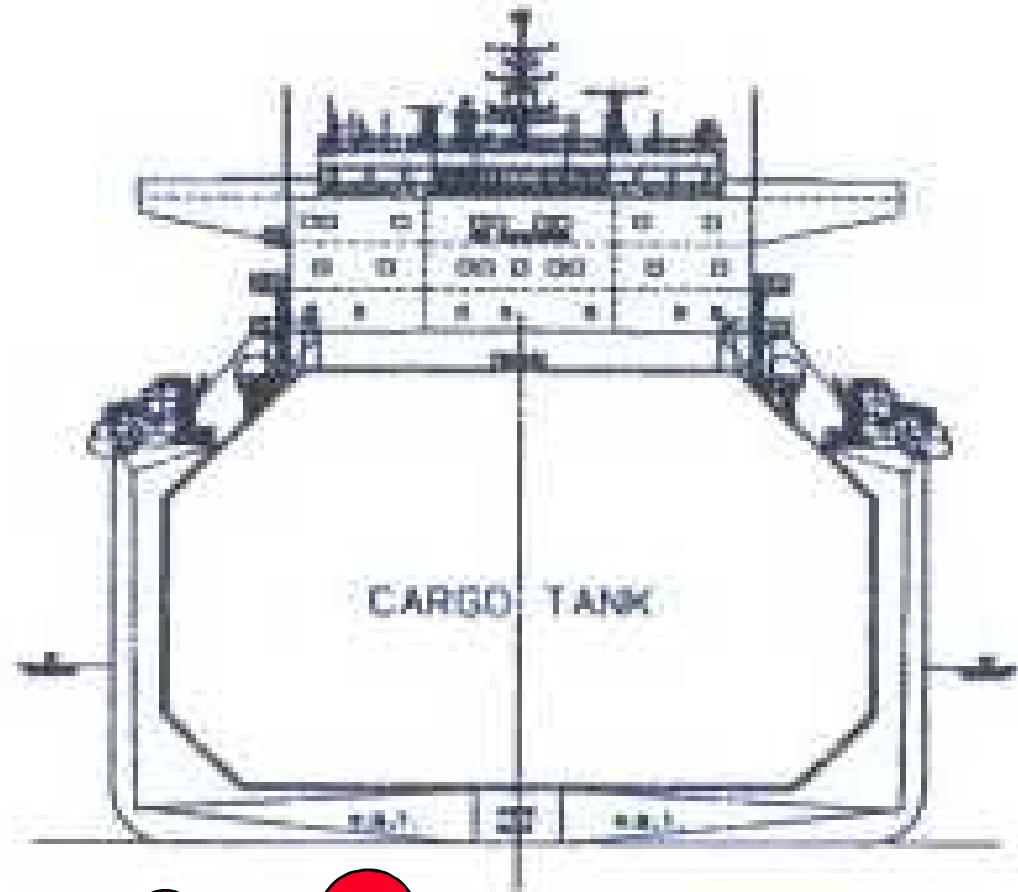
Category 1

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Category 2

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Category 3





# LNG Spill Analysis Approach

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- **Category 2 related spills often provide largest initial spill rates**
  - Can assess spill rates using Bernoulli's Equation (Torricelli's Theorem) for orifice flow or fluid dynamics models depending on structure complexity
  - For orifice models vary Cd from 0.6 to 0.3 to account for variations in hole roughness, ice formation, vacuum formation, etc.
  - Approach is compatible with current experimental data and uncertainties
- **Multiple breach events should be considered, including cascading damage, for spill analyses**
  - Assuming spills from up to three tanks at a time using nominal hole sizes is appropriate for current threat and cascading damage data and uncertainties

# Example LNG Spill Sensitivity Analysis

LNG spill rates for a single  $6\text{m}^2$  hole in a  $200,000\text{ m}^3$  Class LNG vessel Cargo Tank

