

## Attachment 1

TANKSHIP ACCIDENTS AND RESULTING  
OIL OUTFLOWS, 1969-1973

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## ABSTRACT

Information has been collected on 3,715 worldwide tankship accident involvements during the period 1969-1973 from Lloyd's List (Xsrmity Report) and other sources. Scope of the effort, assumptions and definitions used in data collection, and uncertainties about data are described. For 3,183 incidents of tankships over 3,101 dwt/vaght tons, frequencies of occurrence of brookdowns, collisions, explosions, fires, groundings, tumblings, and structural failures are presented. Failure consequences including deaths, injuries, vessel damage, and accidental oil outflows are tabulated. Relationships of vessel size, age, and location of involvement are examined. Information collected, once analyzed, should be useful in evaluating measures for reducing accidents and resulting oil outflows and evaluating risks associated with oil transport and production.

## INTRODUCTION

Information is an essential prerequisite for understanding and mitigating the damage made in accidents on tankships. It is essential to identify hazards and evaluate risks associated with marine transportation of oil and to make intelligent decisions concerning laws and regulations affecting vessel design, construction, operation, and traffic-control systems. Because of the complexity, a systematic approach is essential if we are to make the right choice. The need for a systematic approach to marine transportation safety was recognized in the Ports and Waterways Safety Act of 1972, which gives the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and the U.S. Coast Guard broad regulatory authority over tank vessel design and operation as well as authority to establish vessel traffic management systems. The act provides that a number of factors must be considered in developing regulations, among them are the scope and degree of hazard, vessel traffic characteristics, port and waterway configuration, environmental factors, economic impact, extent to which proposed rules will contribute to safety or protection of the marine environment, and the cost and technical feasibility. Information about tankship accidents is essential to understanding the influence of each of these factors on safety and environmental protection.

There have been a number of studies of tanker accidents over the last few years. The effort reported here originated in 1971 when Portculliff, Keith, and Storch recognized that although tanker casualty information was available from various sources, there was no comprehensive collection of information on international tanker casualties which included pollution data. [2] Portculliff et al reported and analyzed 1,416 tanker casualties with the associated 269 polluting

incidents occurring in 1969-1970. Portculliff and Keith later added information on oil-outflow amounts for the 269 polluting incidents [3]. Reference 4, compiled for the Coast Guard by the naval architectural firm of J.J. Henry Company, Inc., extended the data base to include 1971 and 1972. The information presented here includes both these efforts and adds 1973 for a total of two years.

Reference 5, submitted to the International Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) by France and discussed in 131. presented information on incidents involving tankers over 7,000 deadweight tons. [6] reported on 13,379 tanker accidents worldwide during the period 1959-1968 as part of an effort to predict probable future frequency of accidents likely to result in pollution of the United Kingdom coastline. [7] presents information on actual and constructive total losses collected by the Liverpool Underwriters Association and discusses the growth in recent years of constructive total losses and the worst tanker loss ratios, both actual and constructive. Recently, the Tanker Advisory Center, a reporting service for the tanker industry located in New York, has released reports of tanker losses [8]. Most of these efforts have not included estimates of oil outflows resulting from accidents.

## Data collection

The basic source for the tanker accident information reported here is Lloyd's Weekly Casualty Reports, published by the Corporation of Lloyd's of London, England. Information from Lloyd's has been supplemented and cross-checked with Coast Guard accident and pollution reports, published news accounts, Lloyd's Register of Shipping Casualty Returns, published by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and information from oil companies in some instances.

Some terms need to be defined for the dissemination to follow. An accident is an unexpected and undesired event it may involve one or more vessels. An involvement is the participation of a vessel in an accident. One vessel in one accident results in one involvement. A collision between two tankers is one accident but two involvements. Involvement type refers to categories or groups of involvements, such as breakdowns, collisions, groundings, fires, explosions, etc. The term total loss is used here to refer to the sinking or breakup of a vessel, it is an event rather than a condition. The term accidental oil outflow, refers to oil cargo or bunkers lost to the sea as a result of a tankship involvement.

The marine transportation system used for moving oil includes the following elements: tankers, tank barges and tugs, terminals (onshore and offshore) with their piers, pipelines, buoys, tanks, and other components, the transportation pipeline, and the environment (weather, wind, currents, etc.). We are concerned with the tankship portion of the system, the vessel itself. The factors

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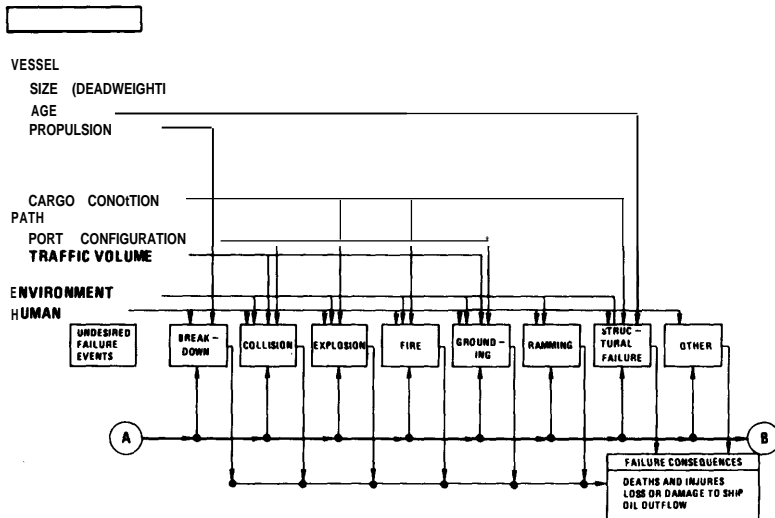
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considered ramblings unless it was apparent from the report that the object struck was some part of the bottom. Groundings include strandings where the ship remained aground for some time, as well as "touching bottom" and striking a submerged object where it appeared from the report that the ship contacted the bottom. Structural failures include tankships breaking up and reports of "heavy weather damage" ranging from shell plating failure down to damaged piping, catwalks, bulwarks, and the like on deck due to boarding seas. Failure of structural components due to deterioration with age, inadequate design, or unusual loadings are all included. The category *other* includes those movements not fitting into one of the previous categories. Capsizing of a tankship or sinking at the pier due to flooding of machinery space are two examples of involvement in this category.

The severity of damage to a tankship was recorded as one of the following

- 1 *Sunk*, including cases where a vessel broke in two and part of it sank, or where the vessel was raised later,
- 2 *Heavily damaged*, where hull structure was weakened so ship was in danger of breaking up, a major fire occurred involving most of ship, or other damage was sustained with estimated repair costs exceeding \$250,000. Note that this category would include a number of ships regarded as total losses or constructive total losses for insurance purposes, even though the vessel did not actually sink,
- 3 *Light damage* include% cases where ship was not in danger of sinking and estimated repair costs were less than \$250,000;
- 4 *No damage* include% all cases where no damage or only superficial damage occurred

Location of tankship at the time the accident occurred is given in terms of a two-digit code for the area of the world's ocean and a code for pier, harbor including rivers and canal(s), entranceway in harbor, coastal area (within 50 miles of land), or at sea (over 50 miles from land).

Probably the most difficult part of the data collection, the one subject to the most uncertainty, and yet one essential to the whole effort is the problem of determining oil-outflow occurrence and amount. In some cases, outflow amounts appear in the incident reports, generally without any indication of how they are determined. These have generally been accepted at face value as the best information available. Where outflow amounts were not reported, but information on vessel damage was available, an attempt was made to estimate outflow amounts. Where a loaded vessel sank, the involvement was credited with outflow equal to the vessel's deadweight. Where a tankship on a ballast voyage sank, an outflow amount equal to the ship's bunker capacity was used. In other cases, amounts were based on damage location and extent, loading condition, tanks reported open to sea, and other information available. One serious problem is that of estimating what portion of a tankship's cargo burns if a fire follows a collision or grounding. This appears to be a highly variable factor and each case was estimated on basis of best information available. Where the report indicated there was visible sign of oil outflow but there was no great volume of outflow, a minimum quantity of one ton was attributed to the involvement. In the remaining involvements where it could be inferred from the information available that oil outflow did occur, but neither outflow data nor damage details were available, the following procedure was used: It was assumed that none of these involvements resulted in an outflow greater than 500 long tons. An oil outflow amount equal to the mean value of the outflows less than 500 long tons for similar involvement type (e.g., groundings, collisions, etc.) was attributed to each of these involvements. This is the same procedure used and discussed at some length in [3 and 4].

Before moving on to the data analysis, let us look at some of the uncertainties involved in the data collection process. It is possible that the list of tankship involvements is not complete, either due to incidents not reported in the data sources used or because they were missed during the collection process. Experience during collection and cross-checking of data supports the belief that the list is relatively complete, particularly for the more serious accidents. It is also possible that some of the information recorded is not accurate due to misreading reports or miscoding data. This could include incidents being included which do not meet our definition of tanker involvement, or wrong data, year built, loading condition, etc.,

being recorded. Again, cross-checking and rereading reports, particularly for more serious accidents, gives confidence that relatively few errors of this type remain.

There is also uncertainty regarding outflow amounts, considering the quality and amount of information upon which these figures are based. In fact, even the reported values are probably no more than estimates. The problem of estimating what portion of a tankship's cargo burns after collision or grounding is particularly troublesome considering the influence that a few large outflows have on overall amounts. All of the outflow amounts must be considered estimates and used with caution. The figures on deaths and injuries reported in the information sources have been accepted at face value, and no specific effort has been made to verify or cross-check them since the overall lost of life and injury occurrence are not large.

#### Data analysis

During the course of tankship operations, some undesired failure events or tankship involvements which interrupt the trip from A to B may occur. Some (we hope all) of these involvements are reported and are now accurately represented in our data file. Figure 2, representing our data records, shows how reported tankship involvements can be subdivided into those with oil outflow and those without oil outflow. And some portion of those involvements where damage is serious enough to result in outflow also result in sinking of the tankship. (Because of the outflow assumptions we have made, any sinking is considered to result in outflow, although it is not uncommon for oil to remain in intact tanks rather than escape immediately to the sea when a vessel sinks.)

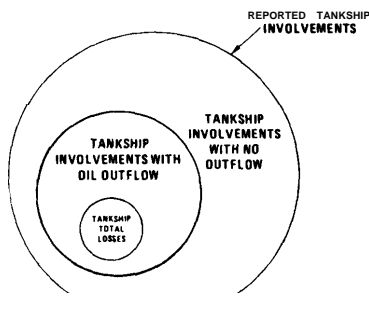


Figure 2 Relationship of #evolvments outflow and total losses to reported tankship involvements

The complete data record contains information on 3,715 tankship involvements during the period 1969-1973. These involvements range in seriousness from bumps and scrapes to major casualties. The analysts reported here includes vessels larger than 3,000 deadweight tons, which is roughly equivalent to a size of 2,000 gross tons. Tankships smaller than this are generally used for specialized service, such as product distribution among terminals within a harbor or on short coastwise routes. They are not used on long-haul voyages and the differences between them and larger ships warrant separate consideration. The choice of a dividing line between these two classes of vessels is of some concern. An analysis by Exxon [10] of the previously published 1969-1970 data used 6,000 deadweight tons as a dividing line. Further study and discussion of fleet composition and vessel utilization would help to clarify this point. For tankships over 3,000 deadweight tons, over the five-year period

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there were 3,183 involvements. Of these, there were 452 involvements where accidental oil outflows totaling an estimated 950,000 long tons occurred. During the period 1971-1973 there were 381 reported deaths and 178 injuries.

Referring back to figure 1, we will look first at the frequency of occurrence of the various undesired failure events and the resulting failure consequences. Then we will look for relationships between some of the system factors and the failure events.

The frequency of occurrence during the five-year period of the various undesired failure events or involvement types is shown in table 1, and the percentage figures are shown graphically in figure 3. Table 2 shows the distributions of deaths and injuries among incident types for the period 1971-1973. Collisions and explosions account for the bulk of deaths and injuries; and, in fact, most of the deaths and injuries caused by collisions are the result of fire or explosion following the collision. The total of 381 deaths over three years is not a very large number—approximately 1,500 persons are killed in the U.S. every year in recreational boating accidents, therefore, the loss of life associated with tankship accidents is not great. Table 3 presents information on loss or damage to tankships resulting from involvements. These must be thought of in terms of repair or replacement costs, lost revenue, sailing delays, and increased insurance premiums. The true cost of these depends a great deal on tanker, shipyard, and insurance market conditions.

Table 1. Tankship involvements, 1969-1973, tankships over 3000 deadweight tons

| TYPE OF INVOLVEMENT | NUMBER |
|---------------------|--------|
| Breakdown           | 355    |
| Collision           | 744    |
| Explosion           | 104    |
| Fire                | 197    |
| Grounding           | 790    |
| Ramming             | 473    |
| Structural Failure  | 515    |
| Other               | 5      |
| TOTALS              | 3,183  |

information on 011 outflows appears in table 4 and is shown graphically in figure 4.

Size distribution of oil outflows for various involvement types is shown in figures 5 and 6. Most outflows resulting from breakdowns and ramming and fires are relatively small (80% less than 850 long tons). Outflows resulting from collisions, grounding, explosions, and structural failures tend to be larger as indicated in Figure 6.

Table 5 shows that most of the total oil outflow (81%) is a result of tankship sinkings, even though less than 2% of all tankship involvements result in the vessel sinking. The 15 vessels lost due to structural failure accounted for 34% of the total 011 outflow from tankship accidents. Because of their contribution to oil outflows, a more detailed study was made of tankship total losses. There were 47 tankships of over 10,000 deadweight tons that were total losses during the 1969-1973 period. They were responsible for 81% of the total oil outflows of 951,000 long tons. Table 6 shows that most of these involved a sequence of failure events, Table 7 gives additional detail on the events leading to loss of structural integrity and sinking of the tankship.

|                    |   |    |   |   |
|--------------------|---|----|---|---|
| BREAKDOWN          | 1 | 1  | % |   |
| COLLISION          | 2 | 4  | % |   |
| EXPLOSION          | m | 3% |   |   |
| FIRE               | m | 6  | % |   |
| GROUNDING          | ~ | 2  | 5 | % |
| RAMMING            | ~ | 1  | 5 | % |
| STRUCTURAL FAILURE | 1 | 6  | % |   |

Figure 3. Distribution of tankship involvements, 1969-1973, tankships over 3000 deadweight tons

Table 2. Deaths and injuries resulting from tankship accidents, 1971-1973, vessels over 3000 deadweight tons

| Accident Type      | No. | Deaths | Injuries |
|--------------------|-----|--------|----------|
| Breakdown          | 4   | 5      | 53       |
| Collision          | 26  | 259    | 130      |
| Explosion          | 33  | 46     | 47       |
| Fire               | 14  | 34     | 10       |
| Grounding          | 0   | 0      | 0        |
| Ramming            | 0   | 0      | 0        |
| Structural Failure | 6   | 37     | 32       |
| Other              | 0   | 0      | 0        |
| TOTALS             | 83  | 381    | 178      |

NOTE: Deaths and injuries include those occurring on other vessel or ashore as a result of the accident.

This kind of reformation on the occurrence of various failure events and then consequences should help us answer questions such as, Given a failure of a given type, what is the probability of various losses or failure consequences occurring? Referring again to figure 1, we will now look for relationships between some of the system factors and the failure events in an attempt to better understand accident experience. Since our interest here is in preventing accidental oil outflows, we will look at the 452 cases (14.2% of all involvements) where outflow occurred.

Vessel size is an important and impressive variable whenever tankships are talked about. Figure 7 gives the distribution of tankship size and also the distribution of deadweight tonnage or cargo-carrying capacity as of July 1971 (the midpoint of the five-year period) for reference purposes. Figure 8 gives the distribution of involvements where outflow occurred and the outflow amounts.

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Table 3. Damage or loss of tankships, 1969-1973, tankships over 3000 deadweight tons

| TYPE OF Involvement | TOTAL LOSS | HEAVY DAMAGE | LIGHT DAMAGE | NO DAMAGE | DAMAGE UNKNOWN |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| Breakdown           | 2          | 16           | 197          | 131       | 9              |
| collision           | 7          | 64           | 570          | 78        | 25             |
| Explosion           | 11         | 30           | 52           | 10        | 1              |
| Fire                | 1          | 26           | 149          | 14        | 7              |
| Grounding           | 12         | 63           | 487          | 206       | 22             |
| Ramming             | 0          | 23           | 412          | 35        | 3              |
| structural Failure  | 15         | 39           | 445          | 2         | 14             |
| Other               | 3          | 1            | 1            | 0         | 0              |
| TOTAL               | 51         | 262          | 2313         | 476       | 81             |

Table 4. Tankship involvements resulting in all outflow, 1969-1973, tankships over 30000 deadweight tons

| Involvement TYPE   | NUMBER RESULTING IN OUTFLOW | Amount of OIL OUTFLOW (Long Tons) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Breakdown          | 11                          | 29,940                            |
| Collision          | 126                         | 185,08.9                          |
| Explosion          | 31                          | 94,803                            |
| Fire               | 1                           | 2,935                             |
| Grounding          | 123                         | 230,306                           |
| Ramming            | 46                          | 13,645                            |
| structural Failure | 94                          | 339,101                           |
| Other              | 4                           | 54,911                            |
| TOTALS             | 452                         | 951,317                           |

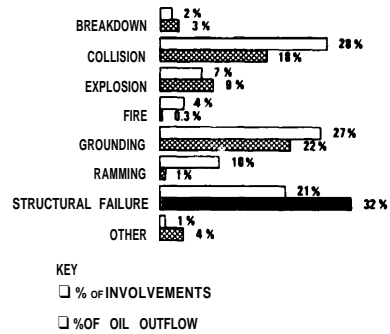


Figure 4 Distribution of involvements resulting in oil outflows and amount of oil outflow, 1969-1973, tankships over 3000 deadweight tons

Table 5. Tankship total losses and their influence on oil outflow, 1969-1973, tankships over 3000 deadweight tons

| Involvement Type No. | oil outflow (Long Tons) | OF Total Outflow From All Involvements |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Breakdown            | 29,940                  | 3                                      |
| Collision            | 185,089                 | 15                                     |
| Explosion            | 94,803                  | 9                                      |
| Fire                 | 2,935                   | 0.3                                    |
| Grounding            | 230,306                 | 14                                     |
| Ramming              | 13,645                  | 0                                      |
| Structural failure   | 339,101                 | 34                                     |
| Other                | 54,911                  | 3                                      |
| TOTALS               | 771,917                 | 81                                     |

NOTE: TOTAL OIL OUTFLOW FROM ALL INVOLVEMENTS EQUALS 951,317 LONG TONS (FROM TABLE 4)

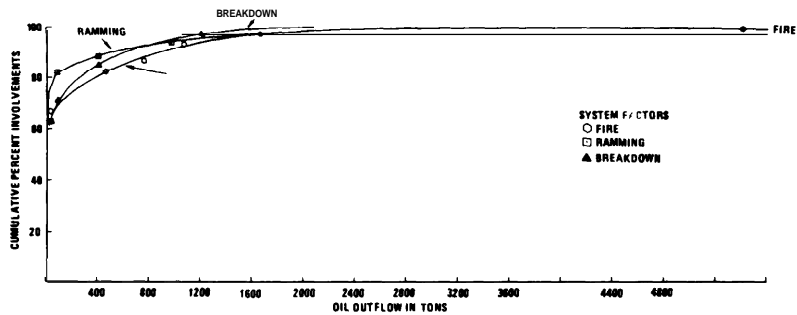


Figure 5. Size distribution of oil outflows for breakdowns, fires, and ramming.

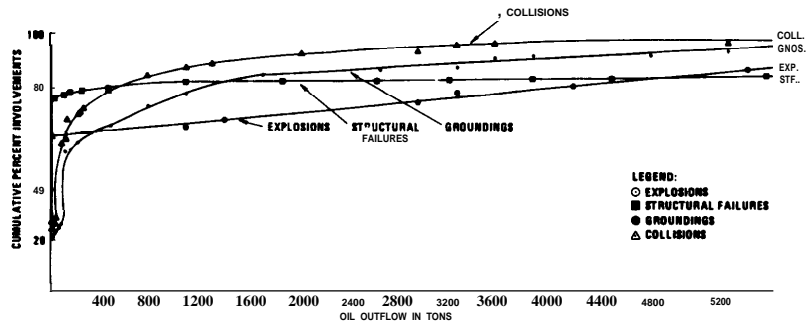


Figure 6. Size distribution of oil outflows for collisions, explosions, groundings, and structural failures.

Table 6. Accident for 47 tankship losses, 1969-1973, tankships over 10,000 deadweight tons

| Accident Sequence                 | Number    | Oil Outflow (Long Tons) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Breakdown-Structural Failure-Sink | 1         | 17,330                  |
| Breakdown-Grounding-Sink          | 1         | 13,000                  |
| Collision-Sink                    | 2         | 4,138                   |
| Collision-Explosion/Fire-Sink     | 4         | 136,163                 |
| Explosion/Fire-Sink               | 12        | 90,030                  |
| Grounding-Explosion/Fire-Sink     | 1         | 2,500                   |
| Grounding-Sink                    | 9         | 134,726                 |
| Flooding-Sink                     | 2         | 54,669                  |
| Structural Failure-Sink           | 1         | 40,000                  |
| Structural Failure-Sink           | 14        | 282,519                 |
| <b>Totals</b>                     | <b>47</b> | <b>774, %</b>           |

Table 7. Description of loss of structural integrity for 47 tankship losses 1969-1973, tankships Over 10,000 deadweight tons

| Description   | Number | Oil Outflow (Long Tons) |
|---|--------|-------------------------|
| A. Loss of structural integrity of hull caused by explosion or fire or where local conditions deteriorated. No explosion or fire was associated with the incident. These may be broken down into: |        |                         |
| 1. Structural failure of main hull girder from excess bending or shear loading  | 12     | 243,619                 |
| 2. Local structural failure of hull members   |        |                         |
| a. Failure of hull penetration  | 2      | 36,750                  |
| b. Local hull plating failure   | 2      | 39,169                  |
| c. Unknown local structure failure  | 1      | 34,000                  |
| 3. Hull damage caused by collision or grounding   |        |                         |
| a. Collision  | 2      | 4,138                   |
| b. Grounding  | 11     | 187,726                 |
|   | 30     | 343,402                 |
| B. Loss of structural integrity of hull caused primarily by explosion or fire or where explosion or fire contributed to loss of structural integrity. These may be broken down into:              |        |                         |
| 1. Explosion or fire initiated on ship cargo tanks  | 12     | 90,030                  |
| 2. Explosion or fire set off by vessel collision or grounding   |        |                         |
| a. Collision  | 4      | 136,163                 |
| b. Grounding  | 1      | 2,500                   |
|   | 17     | 228,693                 |

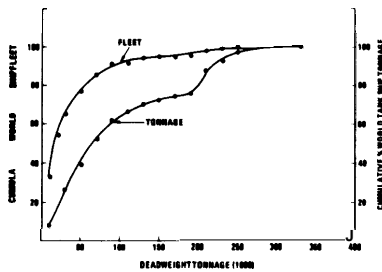


Figure 7. Size distribution of world tankship vessels and tonnage, vessels over 2000 gross ton, 1971

Figures 9 through 15 show the distribution of involvements and resulting outflows for different involvement types.

Vessel age is another factor which might be expected to bear some relationship to the occurrence of future events, and structural failures in particular. During the five-year period, 515 structural failures occurred. Of those, 94 resulted in an estimated 339,181 long tons of oil outflow. Fifteen total losses due to structural failure accounted for 322,519 long tons of outflow (95% of total outflow due to structural failures and 34% of all outflows). Figure 16 shows the distribution of these structural failures with vessel age, and Figure 17 shows their distribution by size. Structural failures can result from

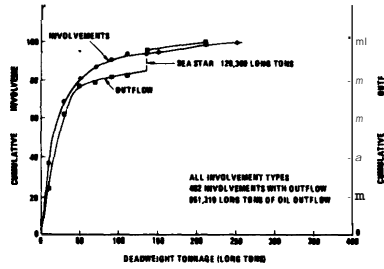


Figure 8. Distribution of 452 involvements with outflow and outflow amounts.

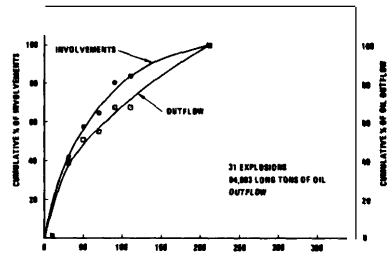


Figure 11. Distribution of 31 explosions with outflow and outflow amounts.

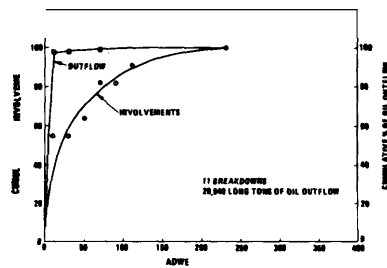


Figure 9. Distribution of 11 breakdowns with outflow and outflow amounts.

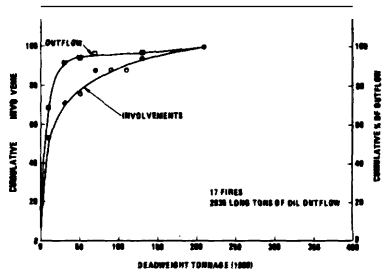


Figure 12. Distribution of 17 fires with outflow and outflow amounts.

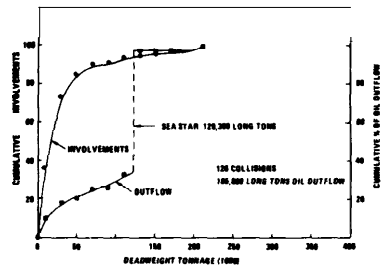


Figure 10. Distribution of 126 collisions with outflow and outflow amounts.

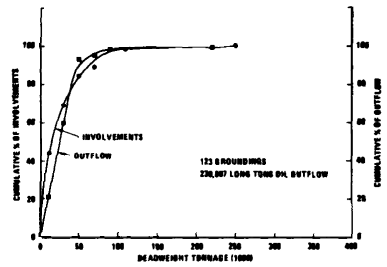


Figure 13. Distribution of 123 groundings with outflow and outflow amounts.

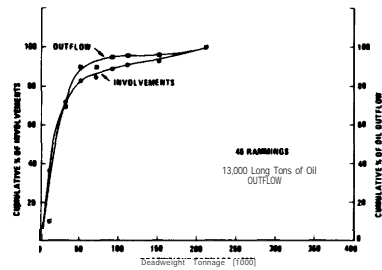


Figure 14 Distribution of 46 ramming incidents with outflow and resulting outflows.

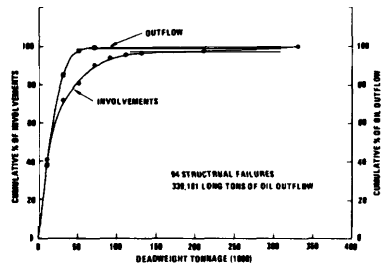


Figure 15 Distribution of 94 structural failures with outflow and resulting outflows.

poor structural design, loads exceeding the design loads due to unusual environmental conditions or improper loading, or deterioration due to corrosion or erosion. Corrosion and erosion depend on time as well as inspection and maintenance, protective coatings, cargo, and environmental conditions. Time may also be required for design defects to make themselves apparent. The sharp increase in structural failures between 15 and 20 years indicates ships in this age group are more subject to loss from this cause. Quailie [7] reports an increase of tanker loss ratio (ratio of tonnage lost to tonnage in the group) for tankers in the 15-19 year and 20-24 year age groups but does not indicate how the vessel losses occurred. At the very best though, age can only be a gross indicator of probability of failure. We must look further into these structural failures to identify factors more directly linked with them.

Table 8 gives a breakdown by location of the 443 tankship involvements with oil outflow where location could be determined. The bulk of collisions with outflow occurred in the coastal, entranceway, and harbor areas, as one would expect. Half of the explosions occur at sea. Over half of the fires with outflow occur at the pier. The majority of grounding occur in coastal or entrance areas, with a smaller contribution coming from harbors. Ramming in the harbor or at a pier are the bulk of ramming involvements. And a majority of structural failures occur at sea. This confirms that pathway plays an important role in collisions and groundings, along with the ship and human factors.

There are a number of other ways the data records could be examined to test for relationships between system factors and

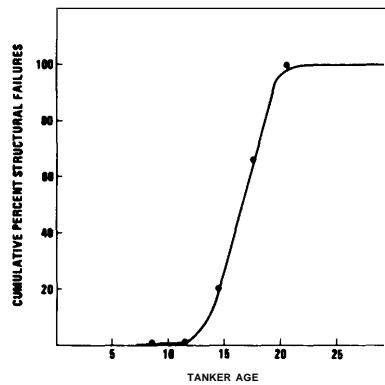


Figure 16 Distribution of 15 tankship total losses due to structural failure by vessel age

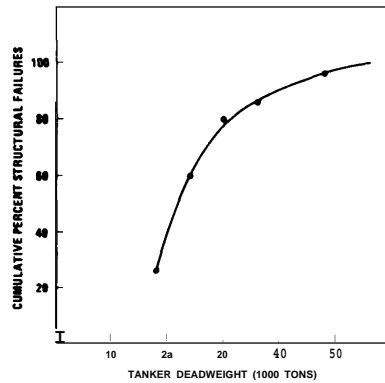


Figure 17 Distribution of 15 tankship total losses due to structural failure by vessel size.

occurrence of failure events. Additional work on several of these is underway.

#### Application of results

Analysts of the information collected has really just begun. Properly digested, the accident information should be useful in evaluating various alternative measures for reducing accidents and resulting oil outflows, as well as other losses. They may also be of use in evaluating risks associated with future oil transport and production activity decisions.



Table 8. Location of 452 tankship involvements with outflow, tankships over 3000 deadweight tons

| INVOLVEMENT<br>TYPE   | Pier | Harbor | Entrance | C o a s t a l |    |
|-----------------------|------|--------|----------|---------------|----|
| Breakdown             | 0    | 1      | 1        | 5             | 3  |
| collision             | 5    | 41     | 25       | 45            | 9  |
| Explosion             | 5    | 4      | 0        | 6             | 15 |
| Fire                  | 10   | 2      | 0        | 1             | 4  |
| Grounding             | 1    | 27     | 40       | 53            | 0  |
| Ramming               | 18   | 15     | 5        | 4             | 2  |
| structural<br>Failure | 6    | 9      | 4        | 7             | 64 |
| Other                 | 1    | 0      | 0        | 2             | 1  |
| TOTALS                | 48   | 99     | 75       | 123           | 98 |

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