

# ***Three Questions of Risk Analysis***

- What can go wrong?
- What are the consequences ?
- How likely are they?
- How can we anticipate and manage risk?

# Precursors and Leading Indicators: *Anticipating Safety Performance In Marine Transportation*

---

**Martha Grabowski**

Le Moyne College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

[grabowsk@lemoyne.edu](mailto:grabowsk@lemoyne.edu)

<http://web.lemoyne.edu/~grabowsk>

Twitter: grabowsk2

National Academies Marine Board

Fall Meeting

Washington, DC

29 October 2014



Passing in Houston Ship Channel

<http://pixdaus.com/pics/1285391280WU3sTdJ.jpg>,

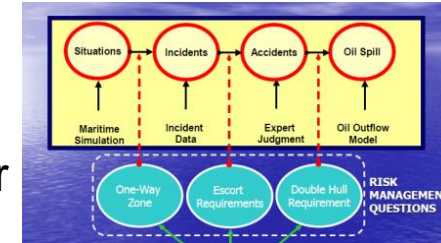
Retrieved 24 October 2011

# Maritime Risk



## Simulation, Human Error Models, Oil Outflow

- 10-year vessel traffic simulation, what-if analyses
  - AIS, VTS, wind, ice, visibility, data, pilot routes
- Accident-incident database drives simulation, human error MISL, State, Pilot, Local, Company data



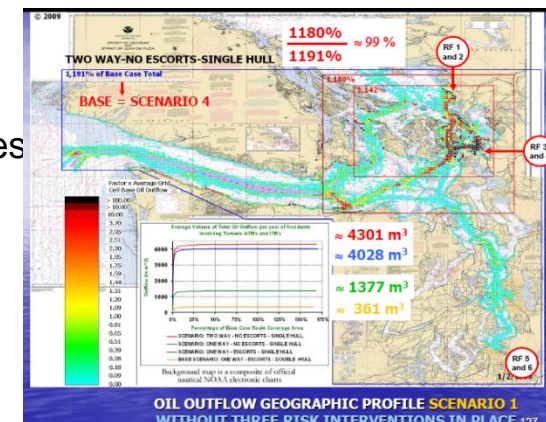
## Evaluate Risk Mitigation measures → Recommendations

- Sponsors:** CG HQ/MSEP, COTP, Harbor Safety Committees, States/Parishes, Industry, Stakeholders, RCAC, Public, NOAA, USACOE
- Peer reviewed by National Academies
- PAWSA Model

- Washington State Office of Marine Safety, Wash State Ferries
- Lower Mississippi River, Port of Houston,
- San Francisco Fast Ferry

Prince William Sound Risk Assessment

Tanker Traffic in Puget Sound/BP\*-- Tug Escorts



# *Anticipating Safety Performance*

*Simulation, Human Error Modeling, Oil Outflow Models, FMEA, Influence Diagrams and...*

**Examine the linkage between safety culture and safety performance in the maritime industry**

## **Partnership between**

- American Bureau of Shipping,
- U.S. Coast Guard,
- 3 shipping companies
  - 1 U.S. domestic tanker operator*
  - 1 International tanker operator*
  - 1 International container operator*

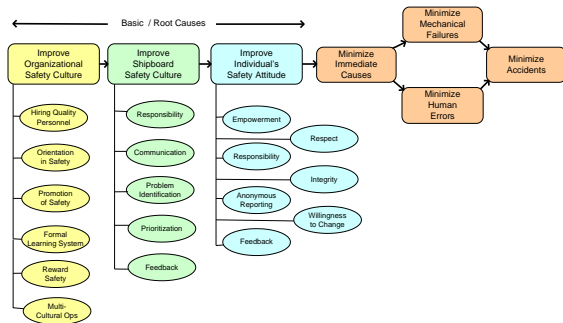




# Safety Culture, Performance

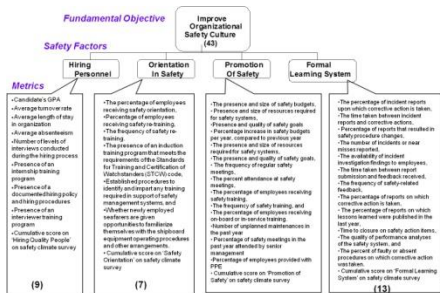
## ■ Safety factors

- *Characteristics, artifacts of culture*
- *Interviews, data gathering*



## Safety factor metrics

### Measuring characteristics of culture



## Safety performance data

- *Accidents, incidents, near misses, conditions of class, port state deficiencies, LTI  $\geq 3$  days*
- *Survey data – perceived safety*

### Validation data

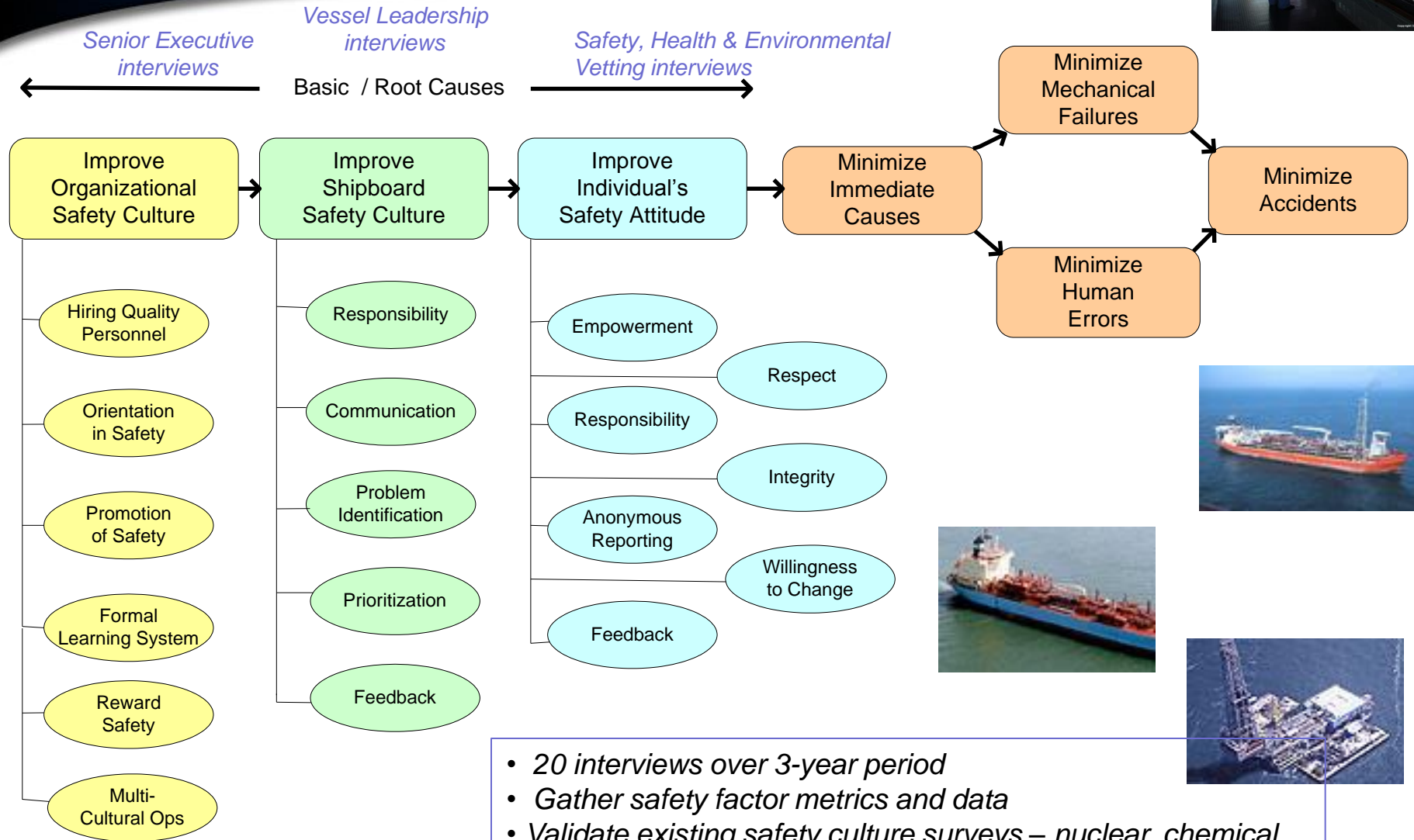
- *US Coast Guard Marine Safety Mgmt System (MSMS), MISLE, MSIS, MinMod, CASMAIN, etc.*
- *National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) reports*
- *UK MAIB database, Paris, Hong Kong MAIB*
- *Lloyd's List, Equasis, NOAA oil spill databases*
- *Coastal state, local, pilot, environmental, native data*
- *Open source, proprietary, company-sensitive data*

- *Integration*



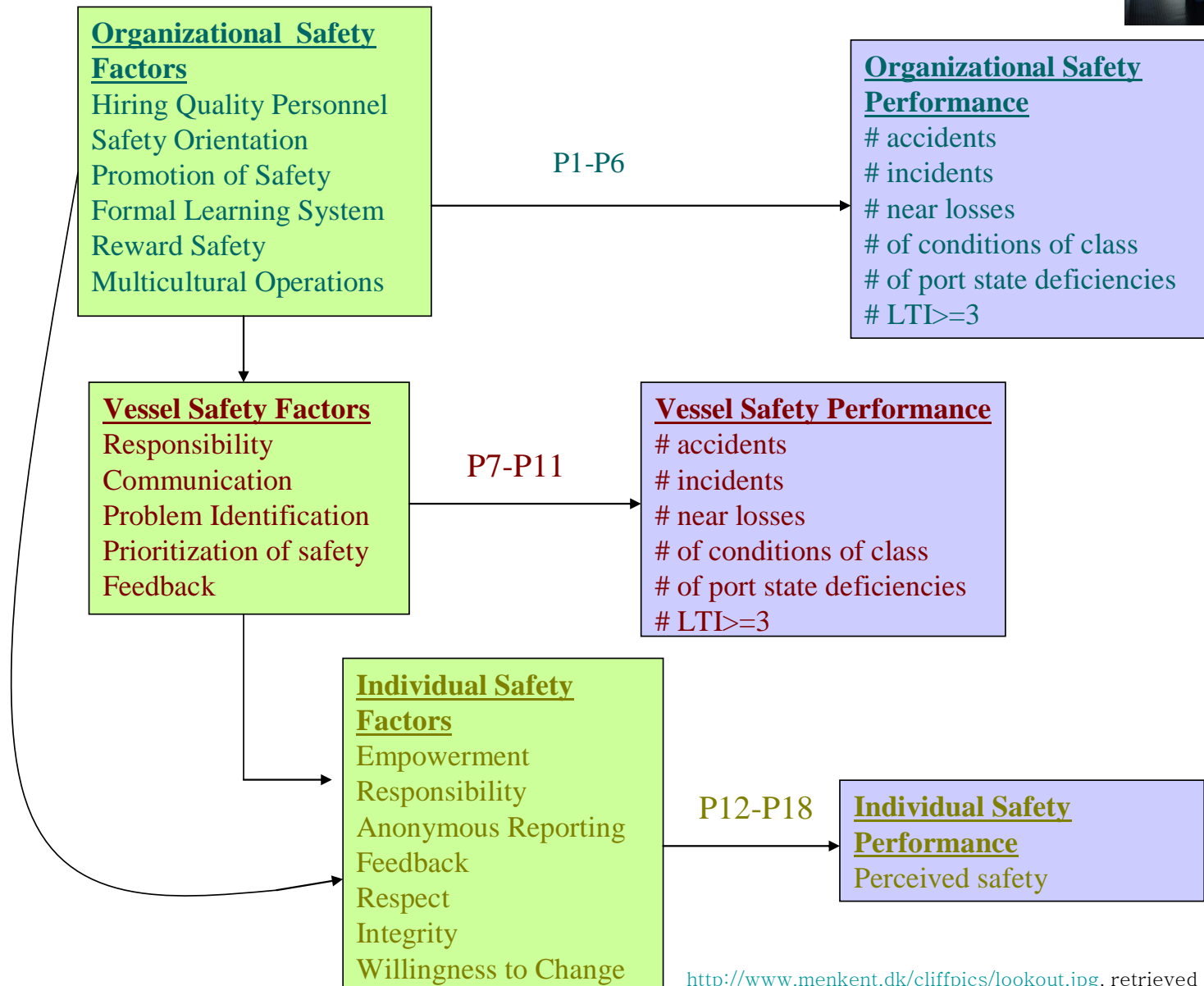
5

# Safety Factor Model



- 20 interviews over 3-year period
- Gather safety factor metrics and data
- Validate existing safety culture surveys – nuclear, chemical, aviation, offshore, medical
- Pilot test shipboard, shoreside safety culture surveys

# Initial Research Framework



# Safety Factor Metrics



*Fundamental Objective*

**Improve  
Organizational  
Safety Culture  
(43)**

*Senior Executive Interviews*

*Safety Factors*

**Hiring  
Personnel**

**Orientation  
In Safety**

**Promotion  
Of Safety**

**Formal  
Learning System**

*Metrics*

- Candidate's GPA
- Average turnover rate
- Average length of stay in organization
- Average absenteeism
- Number of levels of interviews conducted during the hiring process
- Presence of an internship training program
- Presence of a documented hiring policy and hiring procedures
- Presence of an interviewer training program
- Cumulative score on 'Hiring Quality People' on safety climate survey

**(9)**

- The percentage of employees receiving safety orientation,
- Percentage of employees receiving safety re-training,
- The frequency of safety re-training.
- The presence of an induction training program that meets the requirements of the Standards for Training and Certification of Watchstanders (STCW) code,
- Established procedures to identify and impart any training required in support of safety management systems, and
- Whether newly employed seafarers are given opportunities to familiarize themselves with the shipboard equipment operating procedures and other arrangements.
- Cumulative score on 'Safety Orientation' on safety climate survey

**(7)**

- The presence and size of safety budgets,
- Presence and size of resources required for safety systems,
- Presence and quality of safety goals
- Percentage increase in safety budgets per year, compared to previous year
- The presence and size of resources required for safety systems,
- The presence and quality of safety goals,
- The frequency of regular safety meetings,
- The percent attendance at safety meetings,
- The percentage of employees receiving safety training,
- The frequency of safety training, and
- The percentage of employees receiving on-board or in-service training.
- Number of unplanned maintenances in the past year
- Percentage of safety meetings in the past year attended by senior management
- Percentage of employees provided with PPE
- Cumulative score on 'Promotion of Safety' on safety climate survey

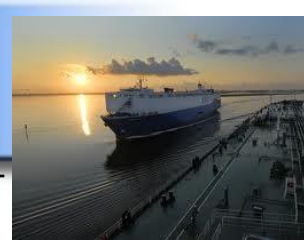
**(14)**

- The percentage of incident reports upon which corrective action is taken,
- The time taken between incident reports and corrective actions,
- Percentage of reports that resulted in safety procedure changes,
- The number of incidents or near misses reported,
- The availability of incident investigation findings to employees,
- The time taken between report submission and feedback received,
- The frequency of safety-related feedback,
- The percentage of reports on which corrective action is taken,
- The percentage of reports on which lessons learned were published in the last year,
- Time to closure on safety action items,
- The quality of performance analyses of the safety system, and
- The percent of faulty or absent procedures on which corrective action was taken.
- Cumulative score on 'Formal Learning System' on safety climate survey

**(13)**



# Safety Performance



Organization	Accidents	Incidents	Near Losses	Port State Deficiencies	Conditions Of Class	LTI >=3
Industry Partner 1	1*	N/A	60	6*	1*	7*
Industry Partner 2	31*	N/A	40	15*	16*	25*
Industry Partner 3	47	73	174	23*	39*	10*
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>

- Company proprietary data
- US Coast Guard Marine Safety Mgmt System (MSMS), MISLE, MSIS, MinMOD, CASMAIN, etc.
- Coastal states, pilot organization, environmental groups' data
- National Transportation Safety Board reports
- UK MAIB, Hong Kong Marine Dept, Paris, Equasis databases
- Lloyd's List, NOAA spill databases

\* = small sample size; t = 1 year; Table 5

*Open source, proprietary, company-sensitive data*

# Organizational Safety Results



## ■ Safety Factor Categories

- *Hiring Quality Personnel*
- Safety Orientation
- *Promotion of Safety*
- *Formal Learning System*
- Reward Safety
- Multicultural Operations

## ■ Safety Performance Measures

- Number of accidents
- Number of incidents
- *Number of near losses*
- Number of Conditions of Class
- *Number of Port State Deficiencies*
- Number of LTI ≥ 3 days

Highlighted Organizational Safety Factors  
were significant for highlighted Performance Measures

# Initial Study Limitations



## ■ Correlations, not causality

- Higher order statistical analyses followed (SEM, binomial regression)

## ■ Longitudinal assessments needed

- Within, and cross-organizational analyses
- Benchmark results vs. other safety factor studies

## ■ Small # of organizations (n = 3 companies)

- Trend analyses require further data collection

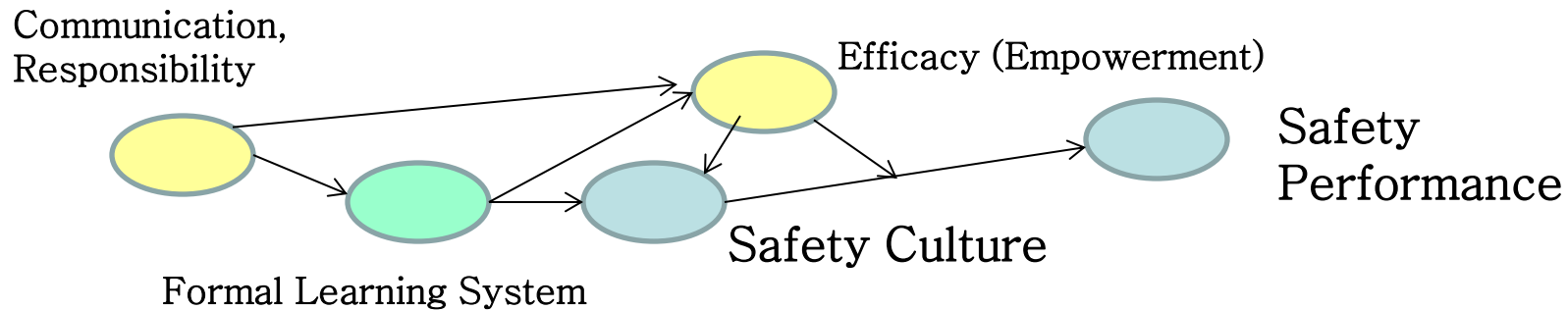
## ■ Safety factors and metrics provide starting point for measurement over time

# Secondary Analysis (2011-2014)



## ■ **Network of safety culture influences** *(SF's for vessel, org)*

■ *(DeJoy, et al., 2004; Neal, et al, 2000; Zohar, 1980; 2003).*



## ■ **Network Effects varied by vessel, company, trade**

- *Empowerment (Individual)*
- *Communication (Vessel, Individual)*
- *Formal Learning System (not Anonymous Reporting)*
- *Responsibility (Vessel, Individual)*

# Efficacy's Moderating Effect on Team (Vessel) Performance



**Safety Culture**

*H1, H2\*\*\*,  
H3Alt\*\*\**

**Safety Performance**

- # accidents
- # unplanned maintenance
- # safety suggestions

***N = 23 vessels***

*(vs. 102; 239 vessels; missing data)*

*H4A, H4B\*\*\*,  
H4CAlt\*\*\*\**

- Vessel level
- Negative binomial regression
- Accidents: Zero-inflated negative binomial regression

**Worker Efficacy**

***Efficacy (Behavioral proactivity) motivates safety improvements***

- fewer accidents
- fewer unplanned maintenance activities
- more (or fewer?) safety suggestions

***Efficacy: Perceived ability to exert control over outcomes***

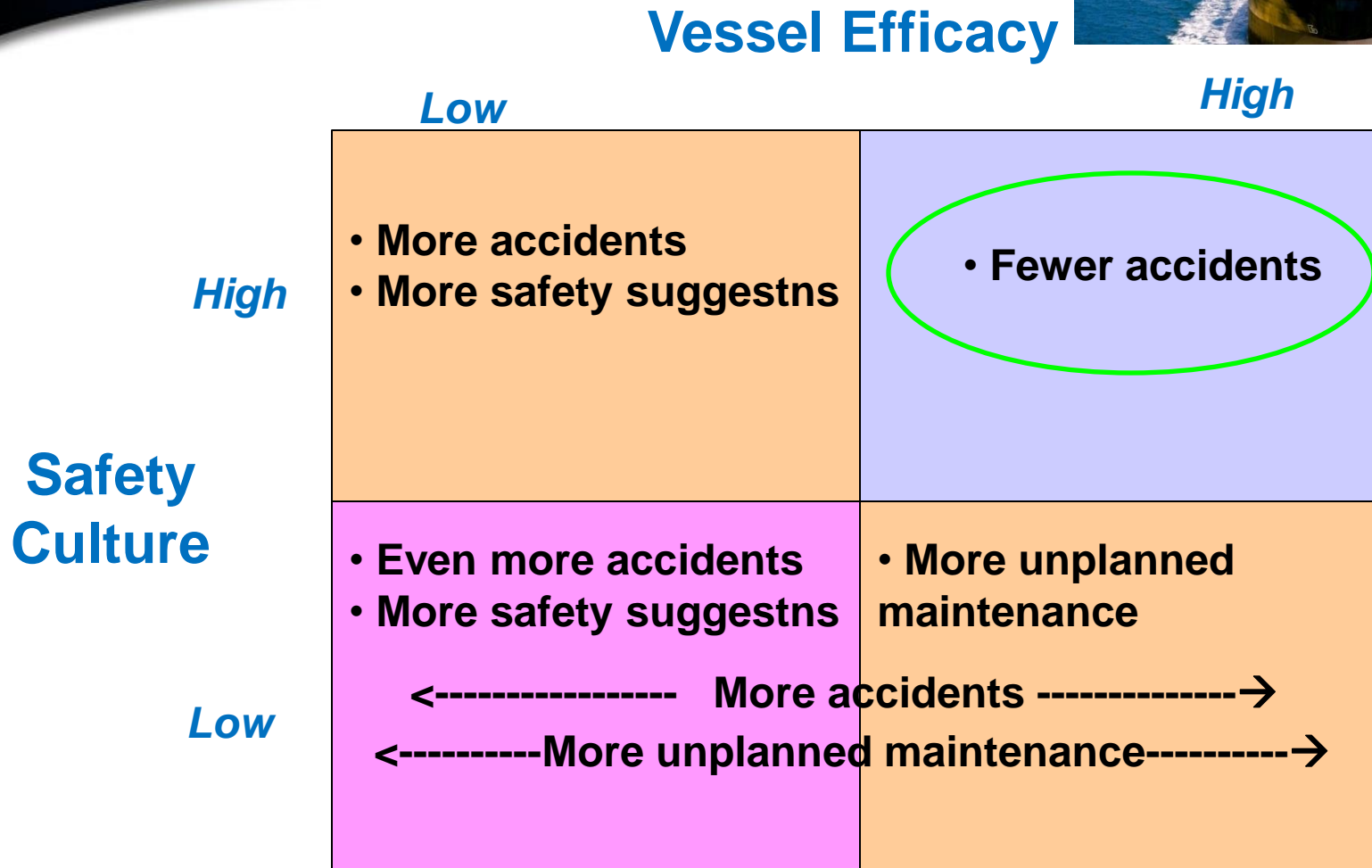
*(Bandura, 1977; 1997)*

***--measured at individual level, aggregated***



# Safety Culture and Vessel Performance

*...moderated by Vessel Efficacy*



- Negative binomial regression
- Accidents: Zero-inflated negative binomial regression

***N = 23 vessels***  
*(vs. 102; missing data)*

# Implications



- **Networks of safety culture influences**
- **Moderating influence of efficacy/empowerment**
- **Safety culture manifests at different org'l levels**
  - Safety culture metrics, rewards, incentives vary across organizational levels
- **Efficacy/empowerment can be maladaptive**
  - Especially with high safety culture
  - Not particularly helpful –maladaptive--in uncertain, high stress and reactive problem solving settings
- **Multi-level, network data analyses**
  - Secondary data analysis provides new insights



# References

- Choo, A. & Grabowski, M.R. 2014 “Linking Safety Climate to Safety Improvement Efforts and Operational Disruptions: The Moderating Role of Efficacious Workers” submitted to *Production & Operations Management*. May 17.
- Dhimi, H. & Grabowski, M.R. 2011. “Technology Impacts on Safety and Decision-Making over Time in Marine Transportation,” *Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part O: Journal of Risk and Reliability*. September, 225: 1-24. Special issue on Risk and Reliability in Marine Transportation.
- Grabowski, M.R., You, Z., Song, H., Wang, H. & Merrick, J.R. 2010, “Sailing on Friday: Developing the Link between Organizational Safety Culture and Performance in Safety-Critical Systems.” *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man & Cybernetics, Part A, Systems and Humans*, 40:2, March, 263-283. doi: 10.1109/TSMCA.2009.2035300.
- Grabowski, M.R., You, Z., Zhou, Z., Song, H., Steward, M. & Steward, B. 2009. “Human and Organizational Error Data Challenges in Complex, Large-Scale Systems.” *Safety Science*, 47:9, October, 1185-1194, doi:10.1016/j.ssci.2009.01.008.
- Grabowski, M.R., Ayyalasomayajula, P., Merrick, J.R., Harrauld, J.H. & Roberts, K.H. 2007. “Leading Indicators of Safety in Virtual Organizations.” *Safety Science*. 45:10, December, 1013-1043. DOI [doi:10.1016/j.ssci.2006.09.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssci.2006.09.007).
- Grabowski, M.R., Ayyalasomayajula, P. Merrick, J., & McCafferty, D. 2007. “Accident Precursors and Safety Nets: Leading Indicators of Tanker Operations Safety.” *Maritime Policy and Management*, 34:5, October, 405-425.
- National Research Council. 2009. *Risk of Vessel Accidents and Spills in the Aleutian Islands: Designing a Comprehensive Risk Assessment. Special Report 293*. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.  
[http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record\\_id=12443&page=73](http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12443&page=73), retrieved 21 October 2011.



# Appendix



# ***Understanding Risk (NRC, 1996)***

- **Get the right science**
- **Get the science right**
- **Get the right participation**
- **Get the participation right, and**
- **Develop an accurate, balanced and informative synthesis** *(p. 132).*





# Participants



	Domestic Tanker	International Tanker	Container	Total
Shipboard	77	846	684	1607
Shoreside	22	97	38	157
Total Individual	99	943	722	1764
Vessels	7	39	56	102

- **Domestic US tanker operator** *(Initial and Follow up Study)*
- **International tanker operator** *(Initial study)*
- **International container operator** *(Initial study completed)*

# Organizational Safety Results



## ■ Safety Factor Categories

- *Hiring Quality Personnel*
- Safety Orientation
- *Promotion of Safety*
- *Formal Learning System*
- Reward Safety
- Multicultural Operations

## ■ Safety Performance Measures

- Number of accidents
- Number of incidents
- *Number of near losses*
- Number of Conditions of Class
- *Number of Port State Deficiencies*
- Number of LTI  $\geq$  3 days

Highlighted Organizational Safety Factors  
were significant for highlighted Performance Measures

# Vessel Safety Results



## ■ Safety Factor Categories

- *Communication*
- *Responsibility*
- *Problem Identification*
- *Feedback*
- Prioritization of Safety

## ■ Performance Measures

- *Number of accidents*
- Number of incidents
- *Number of near losses*
- Number of Conditions of Class
- Number of Port State Deficiencies
- Number of LTI ≥ 3 days
- Perceived Safety based on Survey results

Highlighted Vessel Safety Factors  
were significant for highlighted Performance Measures

# Individual Safety Results



## ■ Safety Factor Categories

- *Empowerment*
- Responsibility
- *Anonymous Reporting*
- *Feedback*
- Respect
- Integrity
- Willingness to Change

## ■ Performance Measures

- *Number of accidents*
- Number of incidents
- *Number of near losses*
- Number of Conditions of Class
- Number of Port State Deficiencies
- Number of LTI ≥ 3 days
- *Perceived Safety based on Survey results*

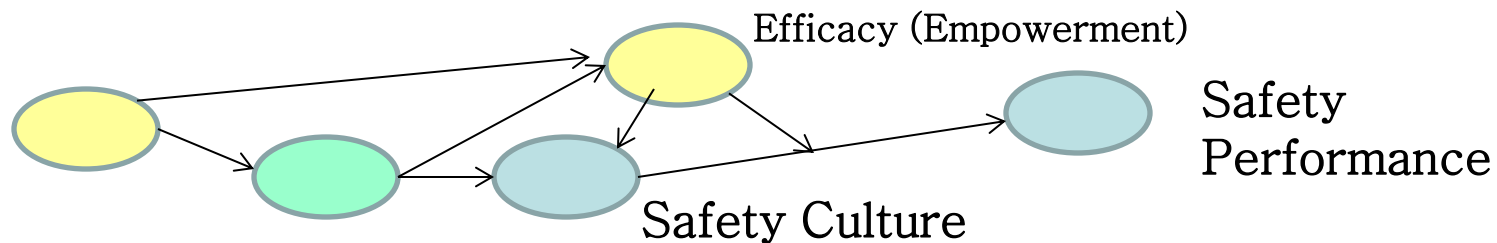
Highlighted Individual Safety Factors  
were significant for highlighted Performance Measures

# Secondary Analysis (2011-2014)



## ■ **Network of safety culture influences**

- (DeJoy, et al., 2004; Neal, et al, 2000; Zohar, 1980; 2003).



## ■ **Assumption: When safety culture (climate) high, workers perceive safety as critical**

- Workers & supervisors actively make causal inferences about safety (DeJoy, 1994; Hofmann & Stetzer, 1998)
- Workers are motivated to be proactive in identifying & correcting anomalies (O'Dea & Flin, 2001; Parker, et al., 2003; Simard & Marchand, 1995)