

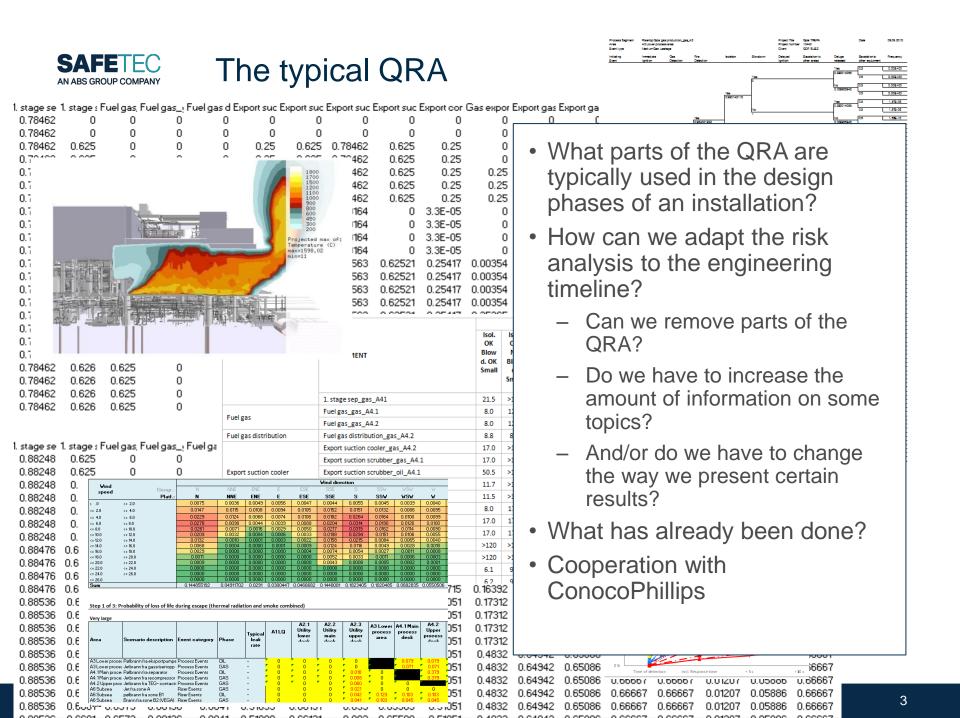
Improved risk assessments

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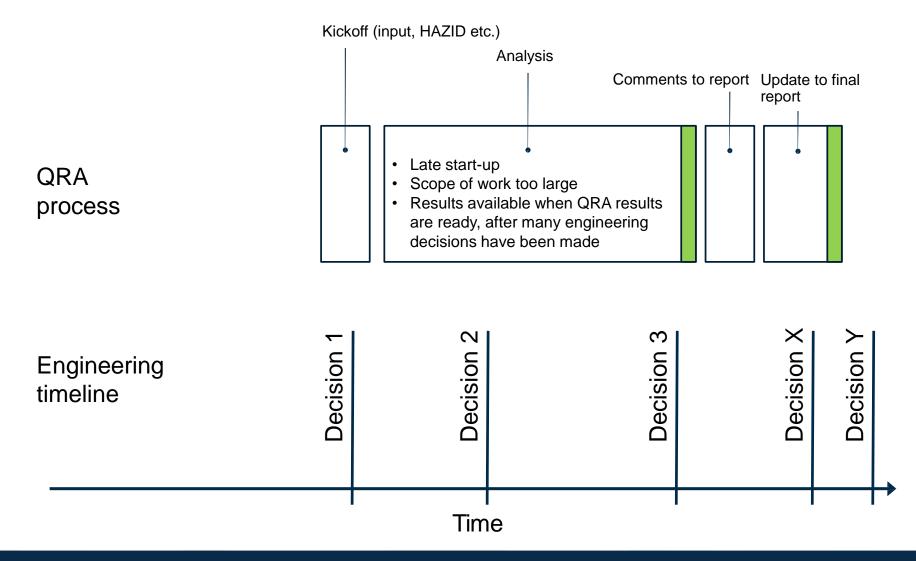




- The typical QRA?
 - Typical comments
 - How the QRA relates to the engineering timeline
- Expectations
- Alternative approach
 - Early review and screening
 - Simplified studies in early phase
 - (Continuous evaluation)
 - (Detailed studies)
- Experience
 - From engineering projects
 - From risk analysis in operation phase
- Summary









Typical comments

- Too costly and requires a lot of follow-up
- Results come too late
- Too complex
- Not enough information (not the right information)
- Results are not used



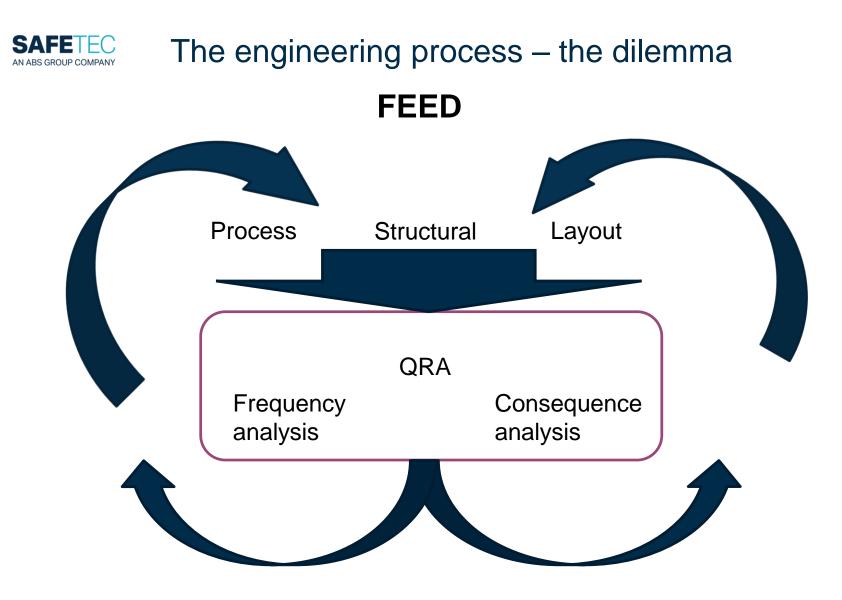




- Demand for early input to design accidental loads: relatively detailed, before a significant amount of specific analyses have been performed.
- Deliver better, more detailed results faster, and at the same time support the projects' cost focus, demanding cheaper, more flexible solutions

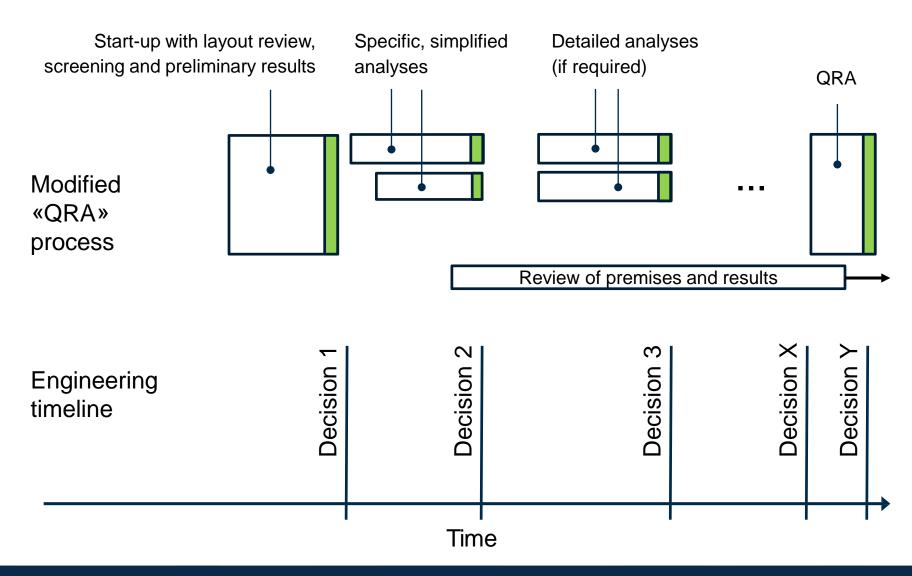


«The only thing I want to know is how strong I have to make it»



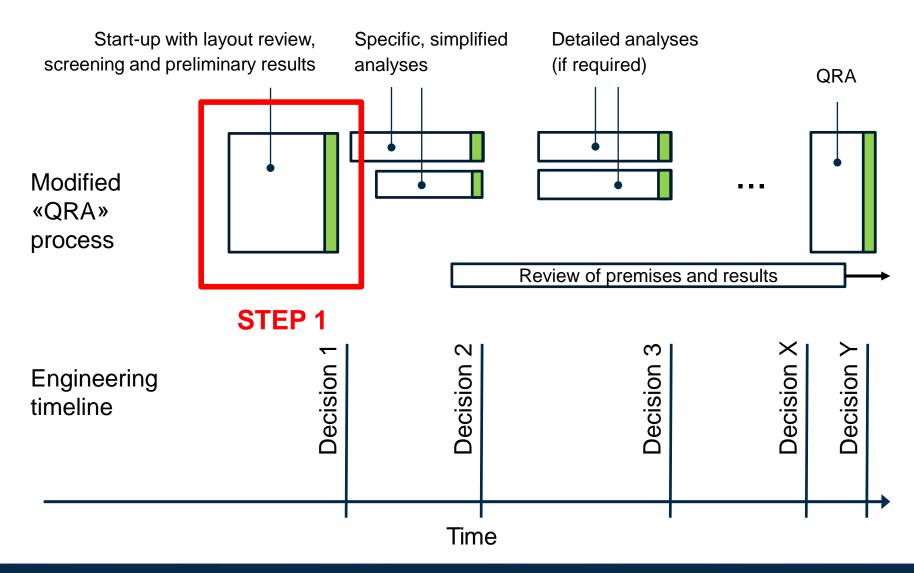
Preliminary input to DAL, based on limited site specific information is conservative in the specified loads, but not overly so, since a too conservative solution drives the cost up.







Engineering timeline and alternative RA approach





Step 1: Concept or early FEED input

- Screening
 - Hazard identification (major accident events) and barriers
 - What is installation specific?
 - Where can risk analyses contribute to design?
 - Which analyses are required?
- Review of preliminary design
 - Expected leak durations and fire loads
 - Expected explosion loads
 - Escape routes
 - ...
- How?
 - Early integration in projects enables early identification of risk drivers (while design can be changed)
 - Experience from similar installations
 - Guidelines/standards



Screening of critical areas - fire

- The selection of layout and process layout is governing with respect to inherent risk of the facility
- Screening workshop or layout review as part of layout optimization:



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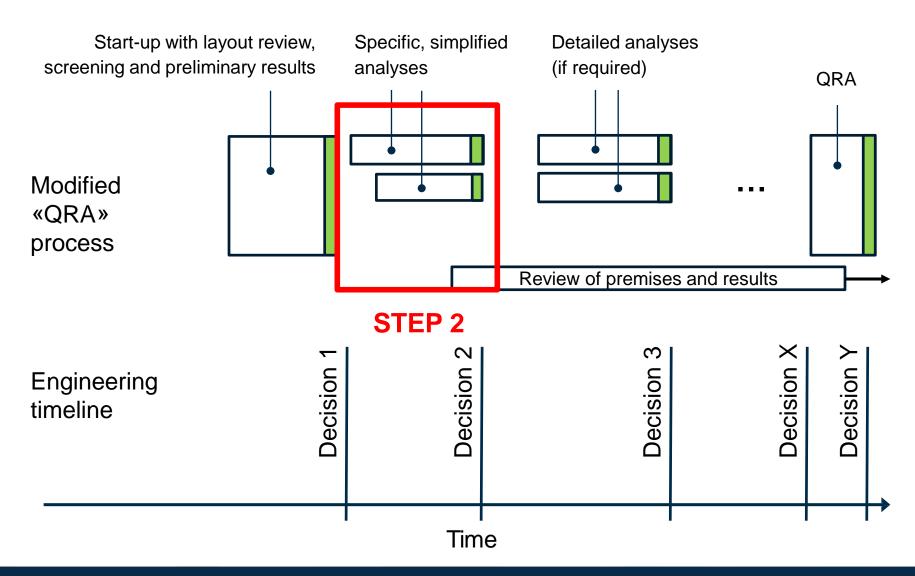
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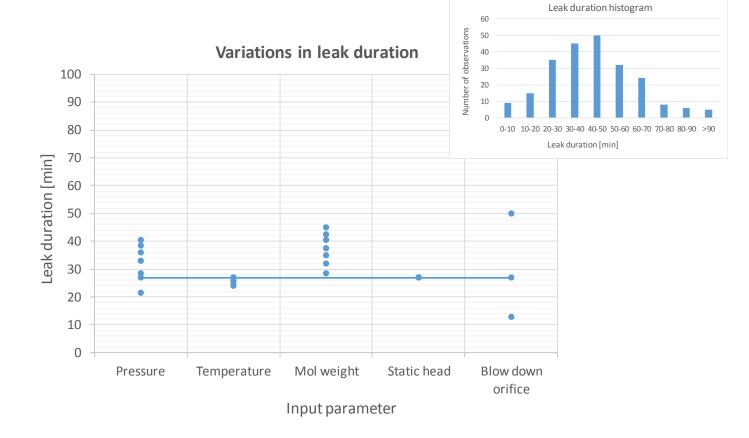
Step 2: Early FEED

- Simplified, specific analyses
 - Typically establish fire and explosion loads
 - Leak duration calculations for representative process equipment
 - CFD explosion simulations
 - Sensitivity and uncertainty must be discussed
 - Enable evaluation of relevant input parameters and results in subsequent design phases, operation and barrier management
- How?
 - Establish base case and perform sensitivities
 - Use experience from as-built models and installations
 - Willingness not to require risk numbers for all areas / accident events (in this phase)
 - Flexibility in budget to take on 'unforeseen' tasks / sensitivities
 - Standardization of input to analysis?



Establish potential fire durations

· Leak duration calculations

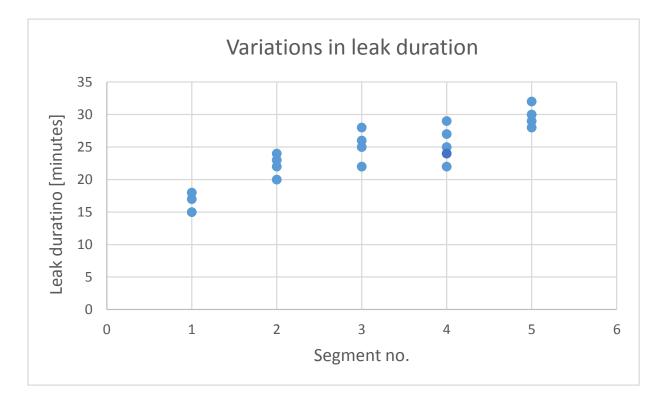


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Establish potential fire durations cont.



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Establish explosion loads

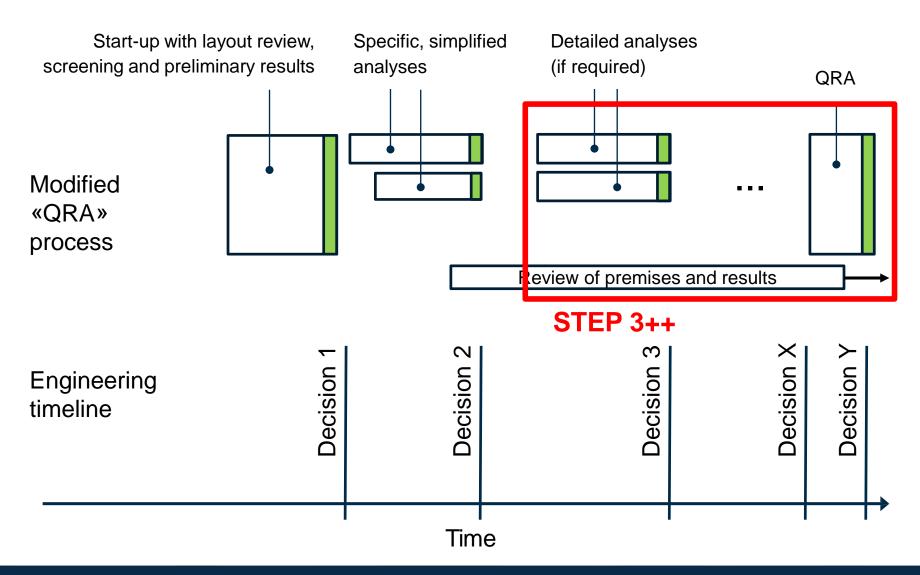
• CFD simulations on 'as built model':

Cloud	Ignition point									
size [%]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	0.1	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.15	0.05	0	0.1	0.1	0.05
5	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.15	0.3	0.15	0.15	0.3	0.35	0.15
10	0.3	0.45	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.55	0.5	0.3
15	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.65	0.5
20	0.65	0.9	1	0.8	0.9	0.75	0.65	0.9	0.85	0.7
30	0.85	1.1	1.3	1.2	1	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.25	1
50	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.6

Explosion simulations are quick to perform – but requires an 'as built model' to give representative loads

'Dimensioning loads' established based on experience (cloud size for specific area and expected as-built/future geometry) and expected capacity of walls and structure \rightarrow choice







- Basis established
 - Adapted to the iterative engineering process
 - Continous evaluation of input parameters and results for subsequent design phases, operation and barrier management
- Evaluate the need for more detailed analyses
 - In case of «problem areas»
 - Not required if design is well-known?
 - Assessments of worst credible event
 - Probabilistic analyses
 - Structural response analyses
 - Full QRA

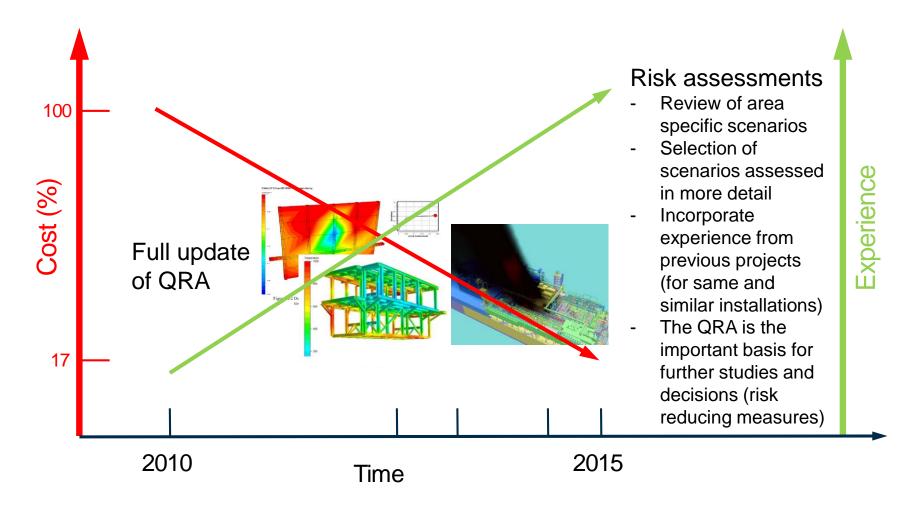


- Early integration in engineering projects
- Close dialogue and co-location of safety consultant and engineering disciplines
- Risk analysis represented in discipline meetings (Layout/process/ structure/technical safety)
- Budget to include sensitivities / 'un-foreseen' tasks
- Active use of CFD 'as-built' model established early (artificial congestion/ equipment included)
- Experience-based early definition of dimensioning loads
- 'All' activities to be run in parallel ('the dilemma')

Experience from risk analyses in operation

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(Q)RA-before and now (?)

Before

- Large analyses that cover 'everything'
- Non-specific studies 'generic' answers Specific studies
- Unclear scope analysis for all (i.e. no-one?)
- General answers on risk level



Now

• Shorter, time-limited analyses

- Clear scope and expectations
- Increased level of detail in some areas (but reduced in some areas)
- Recommendations to be given up-front – final results/report in later stage

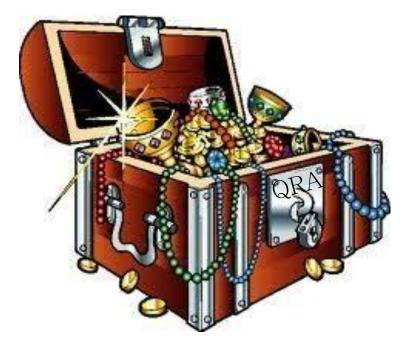


Summary of alternative approach

- Step 1
 - Early hazard identification and layout review
 - Screening of which analyses to perform
 - Preliminary results
- Step 2
 - Simplified analyses, typically fire and explosion
 - Review the need for more detailed analyses
- Step 3
 - More detailed, probabilistic analyses (if required)
 - Review of early phase premises and results
 - Review the need for more analyses
- Step 4
 - The complete QRA (if required)
 - Review of early phase premises and results
- Step 5
 - Review of premises and results for the operation phase and barrier management







- QRA (and the results hidden inside) is an important basis for decisions in design/engineering – but other ways of presenting results and additional analyses are often needed
- Usually a 'full QRA' is not needed to provide sufficient basis for design – limited analyses may provide 80% of the answers
- Re-use / standardization of QRA results



Thank you

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