

# METHANOL: A FUEL WITH A FUTURE

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(Renewable) Methanol's Production

Methanol's History as a

Fuel

Methanol as a Marine Fuel







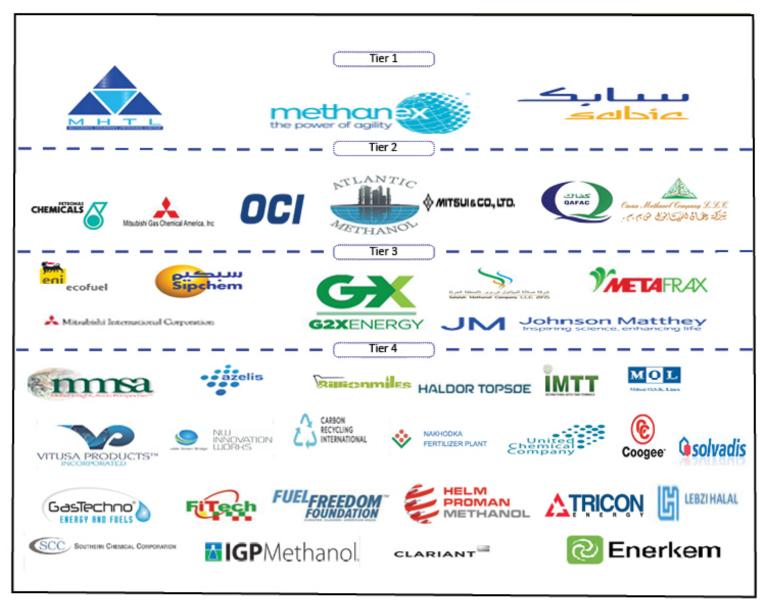
### History

- The Methanol Institute (MI) was established in 1989
- 29 years later, MI recognized as the trade association for the global methanol industry
- Facilitating methanol's expansion from our Singapore headquarters and regional offices in Washington DC, Brussels, and Beijing





### **Members**





### **MI STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

- China Nitrogen Fertilizer Industry Association
- Asian Clean Fuels Association
- Chinese Association of Alcohol & Clean Ether Fuels & Automobiles (CAAEFA)
- Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association (GPCA)
- International DME Association (IDA)
- International Methanol Producers & Consumers Association (IMPCA)
- Peking University Center for New Global Energy Strategy Studies
- Lloyd's Register

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- International Bunker Industry Association
- Dangerous Goods Advisory Council
- China Classification Society





IMPCA









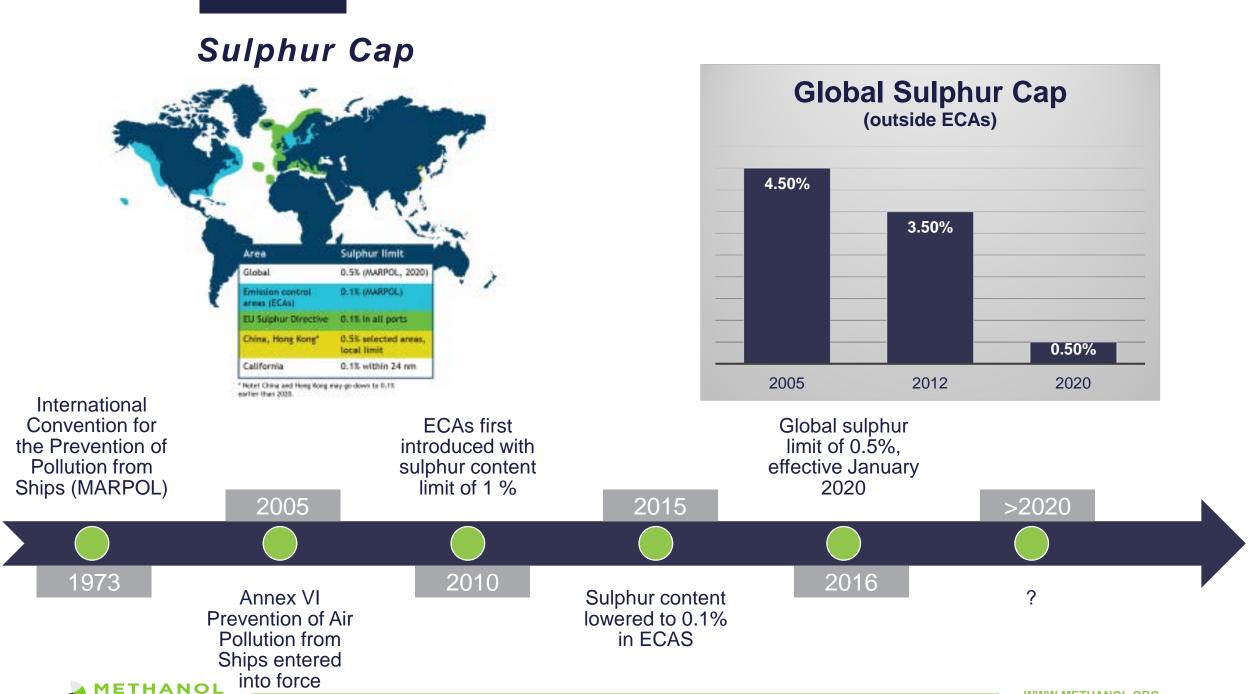
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### **Road to 2050**

# IMO Initial Strategy on the Reduction of GHG Emissions adopted at MEPC 72 (April 2018)

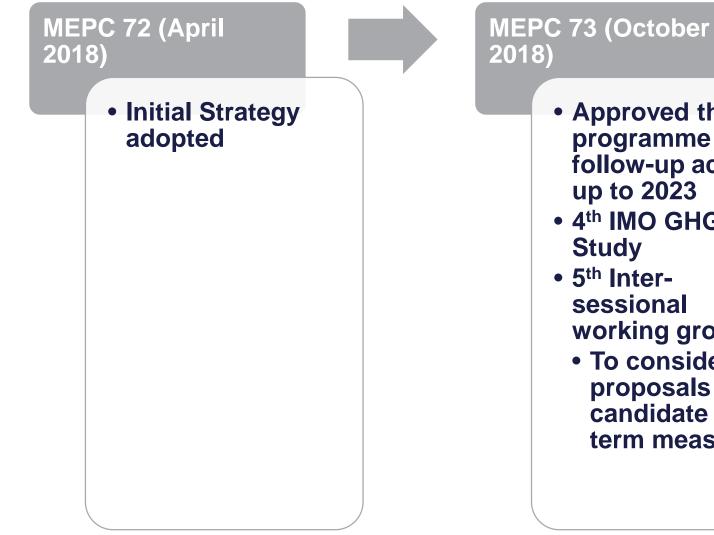
### Level of ambition of Initial Strategy.

Carbon intensity of ships to decline through implementation of further phases of energy efficiency design index (EEDI) for new ships. Reduce  $CO_2$  emissions per transport work, as an average across international shipping by at least 40% by 2030, and 70% by 2050, compared to 2008.

Peak GHG emissions from international shipping ASAP, and reduce total annual GHG emissions by at least 50% by 2050 compared to 2008



### Road to 2050



• Approved the programme of follow-up actions up to 2023 • 4<sup>th</sup> IMO GHG Study • 5<sup>th</sup> Intersessional working group • To consider proposals on

candidate short-

term measures

MEPC 74 (May 2019)

 Consider candidate shortterm measures; possible adoption and implementation?

- Procedure for assessing the impacts of candidate measures on **States**
- Candidate mid/long-term measures

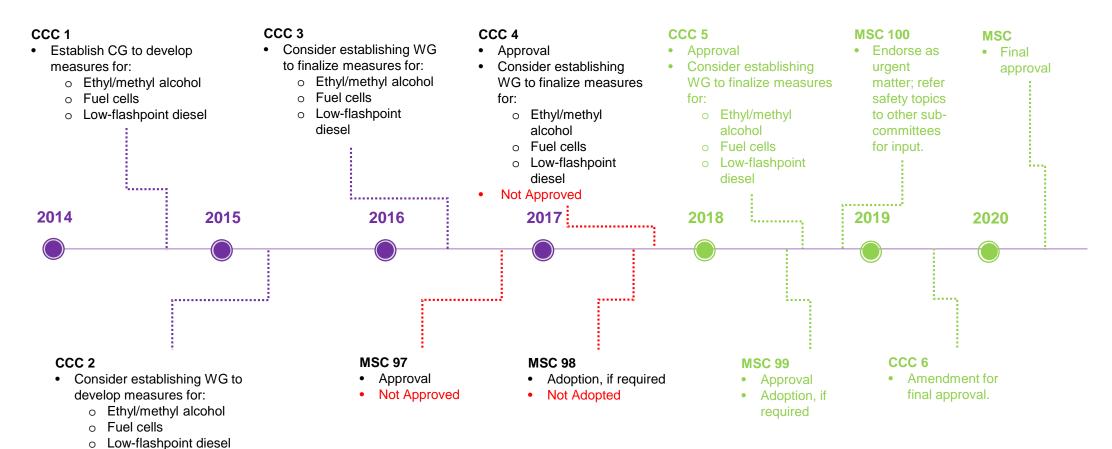




# International Developments



### **IMO CONFIRMATION OF ETHYL/METHYL ALCOHOLS**



After Approval, IGF Codes may be implemented at flag state level with \* the understanding that additional amendments may be added, requiring compliance, before IGF Codes come into Force



 Consider re-establishing CG Consider the need for other sub-

sub-committee(s)

committees to examine drafts or

parts of them and, if so, make the

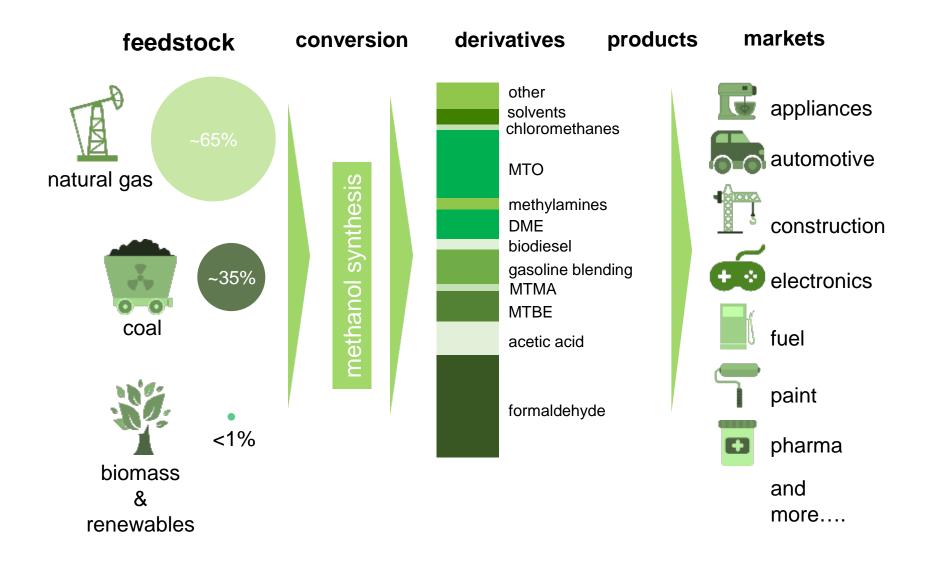
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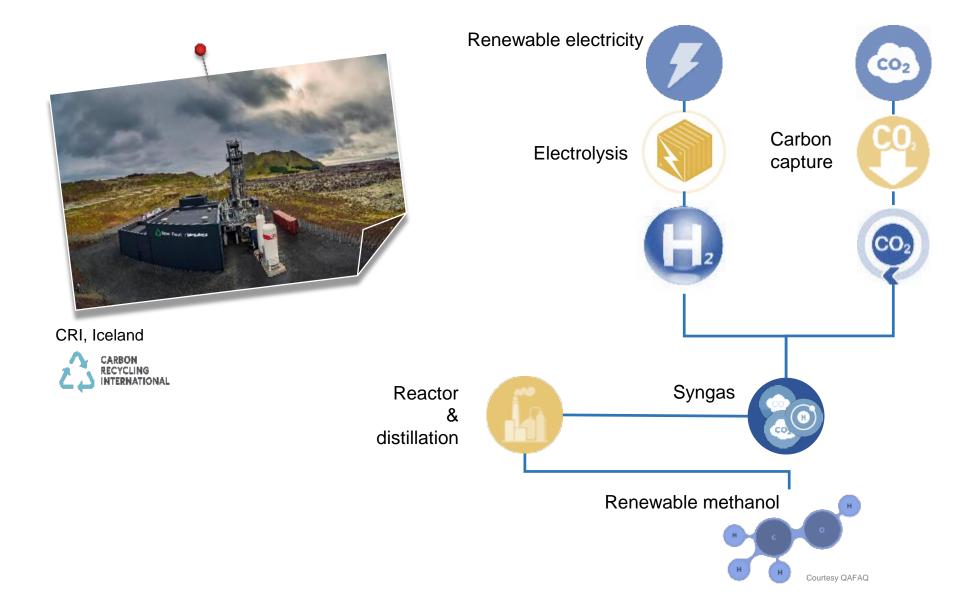


### Broad Feedstock Range, Many Applications



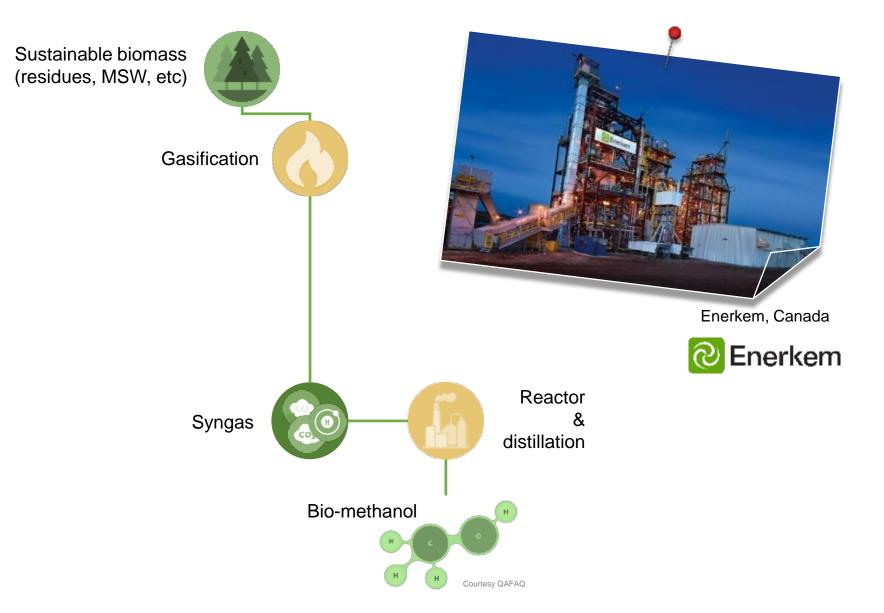


# **Renewable Methanol**



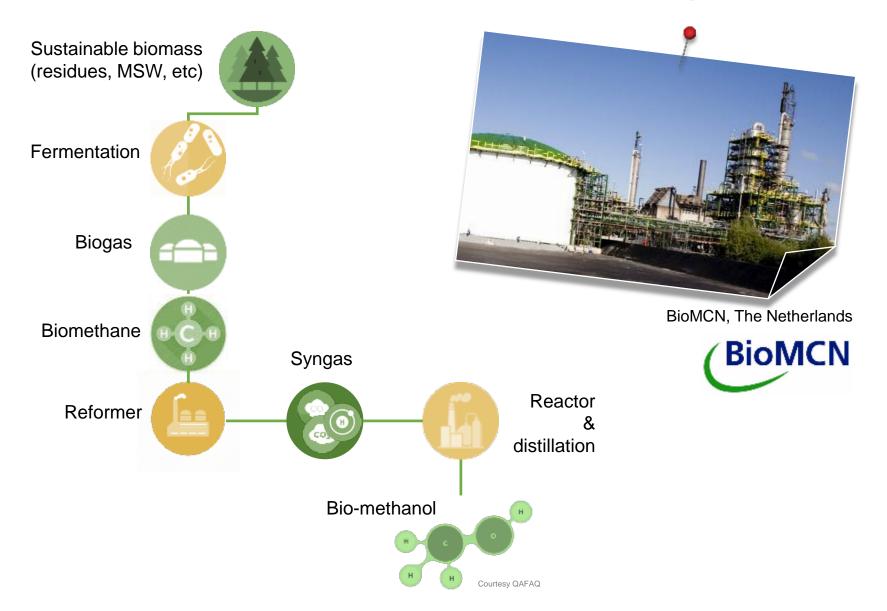


### **Renewable Methanol from Gasification**





### **Renewable Methanol from Biorefining**









### Methanol is a Versatile Fuel Source

- Out of the ~75 million metric tons of methanol sold globally in 2017, energy and fuel uses represent 40% of total demand
- From 2009-2016, direct methanol fuel blending increased at an annual rate of nearly 23%

#### **FUELS**

- Neat fuel
- Low blends
- High blends
- GEM
- MTBE
- Biodiesel
- DME & OME
- MTG

#### **TECHNOLOGIES**

- SI & CI engines
- Turbines
- Fuel cells

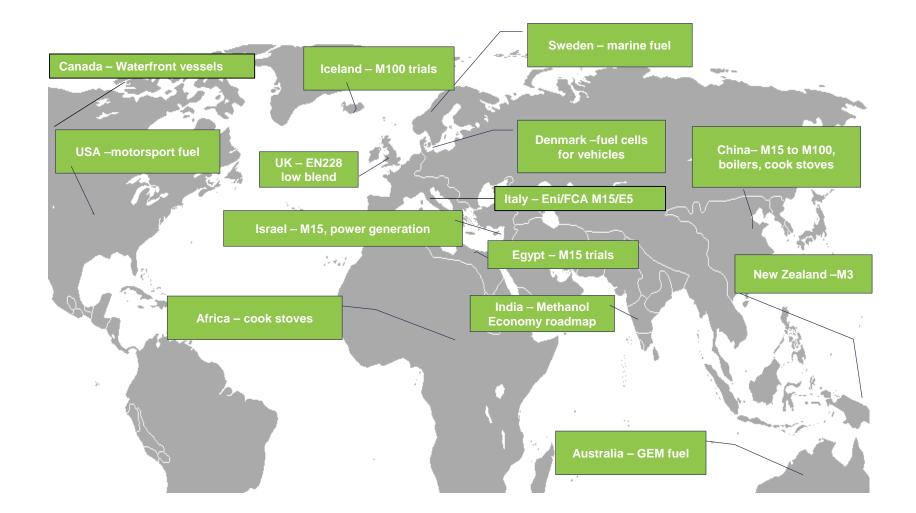
#### SEGMENTS

- Road & non-road transportation
- Power & heat generation
- Marine





### **Global Methanol Fuel Examples**





#### **Global Transport Fuel Progress**

#### Israel

- Cooperation with Italy Fiat to promote M15 Fiat 500 Car (Euro 6)
- Testing M70-85 in Flex fuel vehicles
- o 2016 First M15 National Standard Released

#### Italy

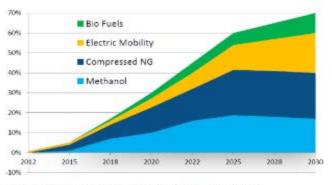
- ENI and FCA cooperation to promote A20 fuel (M15+E5)
- Fiat 500 cars for car sharing service in 2018
- Compliance with Euro 6 standard and 3% tailpipe emission reduction

#### Denmark

- Methanol Fuel Cell for EV range extension
- Europe's first methanol filling station in Aalborg, Denmark (Aug. 2015)



Israeli Government Decision: Reduce the use of oil by 60% by 2025



Expected Penetration Rate for Alternative Fuels in Israel





### India: Roadmap to Methanol Economy

- September 2015, NITI Aayog formed the Methanol Economy Expert Group
- Methanol production from coal and biomass, and utilize methanol and DME as transportation fuels
- September 2016, MI jointly organized a Methanol Economy International Seminar held in Delhi
- Launching Projects:
  - M15 fuel blending
  - methanol/DME buses and trucks
  - o railway engines
  - o inland waterways
  - o cook stoves
  - o industrial boilers



Union & Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari



### **Methanol Boilers**

- Widely used for heating and industrial steam, new-builds and replacing coal and HFO-fired units
- Capacity range from 1 20 t/h
- Standards with developed together with MI and Methanex support
- Blends starting as low as 60% (M60)
- Estimated more than 1,000 units currently, consuming over 2M mtpa of methanol



Underground Storage

**Boiler Unit** 

Source: Methanol New Energy Applications in China: Boilers and Cook Stoves



### Methanol Cook Stoves







- Different types of methanol cook stoves:
  - Single burner heating
  - o Stir frying
  - o Steaming
- Widely used in restaurants, central kitchens: mainly cost driven
- Simple storage and transportation, filling the deficit of NG pipeline capacity
- Fuel:
  - o 100% methanol (M100)
  - 80% and higher blends (emulsified with water)
- Consuming over 3M mtpa of methanol







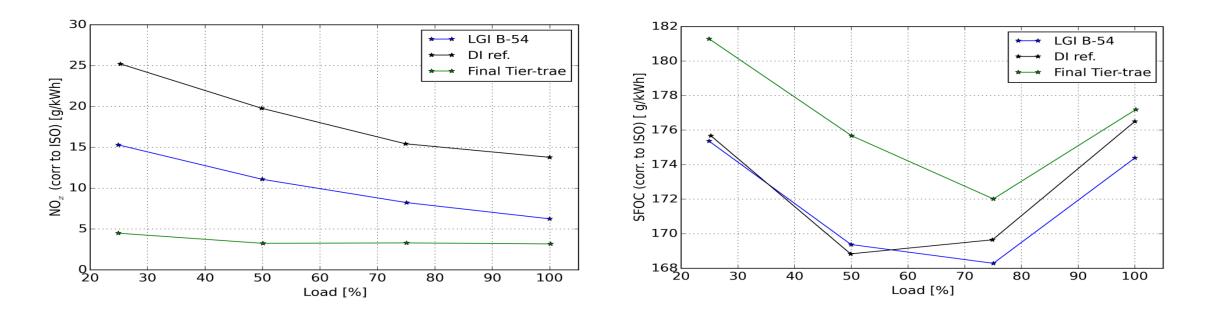
### **Emissions Scorecard**



Methanol achieves low emissions & acts as the bridge fuel of the future with the possibility of being produced renewably (offering an attractive life cycle analysis).



### METHANOL / WATER BLENDING (EMULSIFICATION)



Approx. 25-40% water added to the methanol and then we have a new tier III solution with very low penalty in fuel consumption.

Similar is being planned for fuel oil, so the tier III solution will be available for dual fuel.

R&D test completed - service test is under preparation.

Source: MAN



### Methaship

- Nationally-funded German research project
- Partners from shipbuilding, ship-safety, OEM manufacturers, methanol trading & production
- Study the use of methanol as a fuel for cruise ships and RoPax ferries
- Study concluded with the following findings:
  - Properties of methanol surpass other alternative fuels in shipping;
  - A major benefit includes storage at ambient temperature and pressure without loss;
  - Methanol offers compelling environmental properties and has the most promising lifecycle analysis when produced from renewable sources; and
  - Widespread availability.

### **Partners**









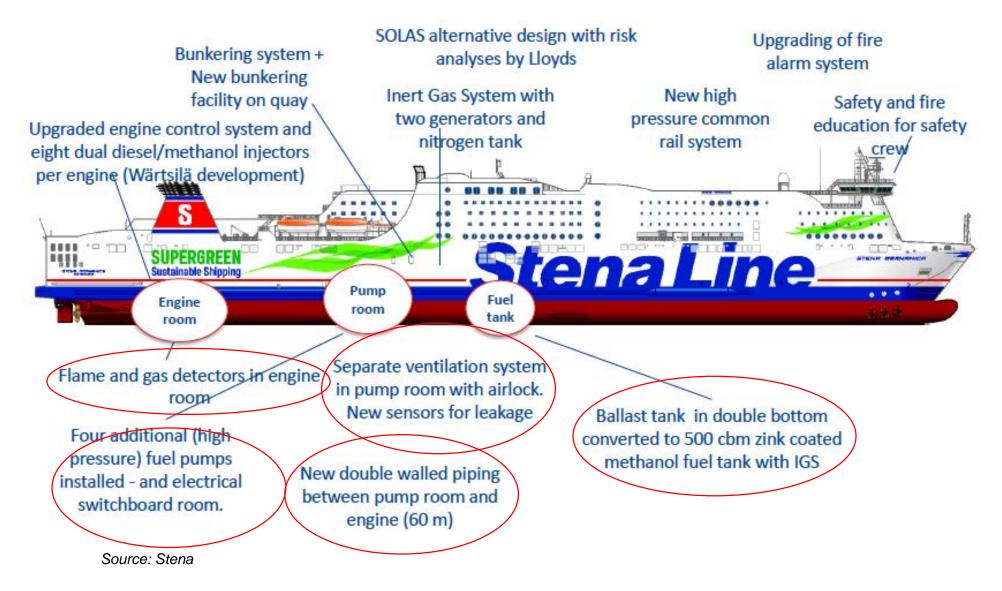
### Marine Experience

- March 2015: Stena Germanica Wärtsilä methanol-fueled marine engine
- Apr 2016: Methanex's Waterfront Shipping dual-fuel MAN methanol/diesel engines
- Lloyd's Register MethaShip project
- LeanShips dual-fuel demo
- Oct 2015: Billion Miles Singapore develops small-marine applications
- Jun 2016: ScandiNAOS Green Pilot Boat conversion





### THE GERMANICA MODIFICATIONS





## GERMANICA – BEFORE & AFTER (COMMON RAIL)



Source: Stena



### **BUNKERING THE GERMANICA**





- Self-contained eye/body
  wash station
- Gas leak detection
- Flame detection
- Foam fire extinguishing system
- Coffer dam
- Secure, no-drip connections



### **BUNKERING THE GERMANICA – COFFER DAMS**



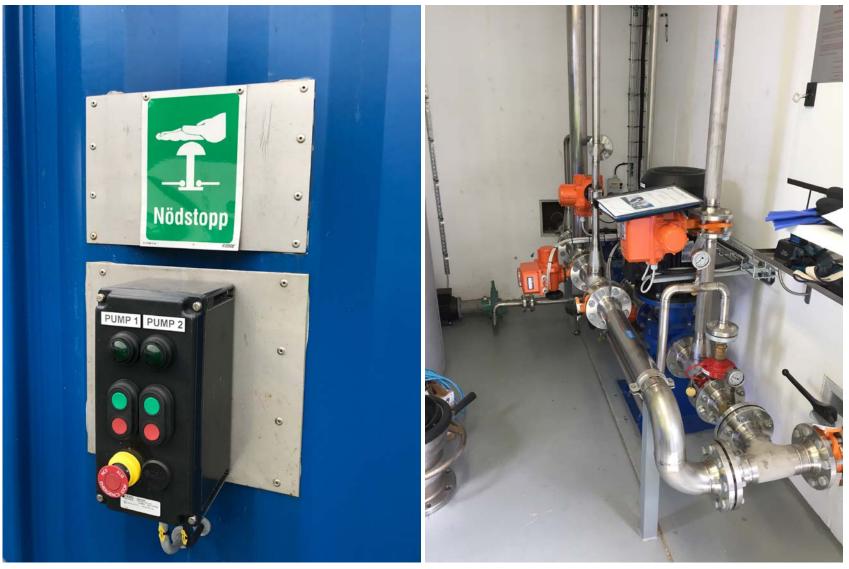


### **BUNKERING THE GERMANICA – FIRE FIGHTING**



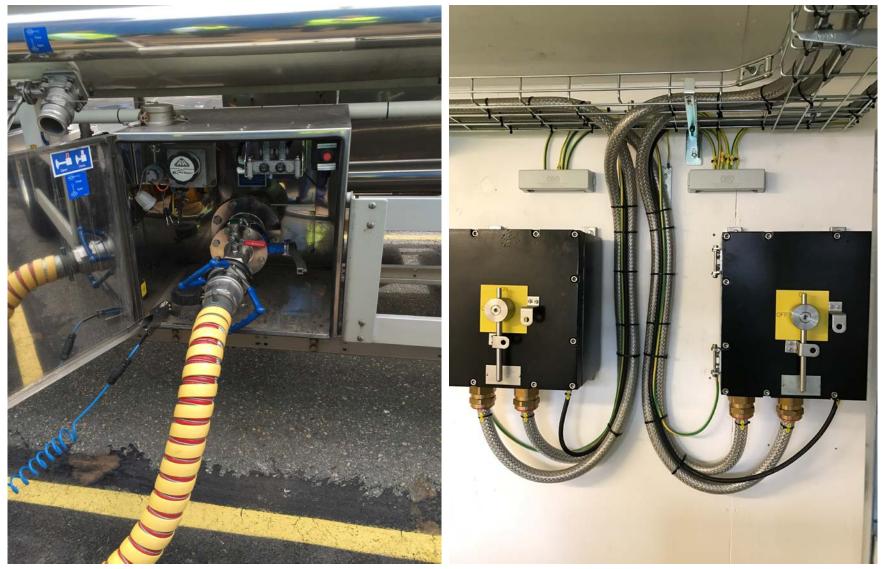


### **BUNKERING THE GERMANICA – FIRE FIGHTING**





### **BUNKERING THE GERMANICA – NO SPILL / BREAKERS**





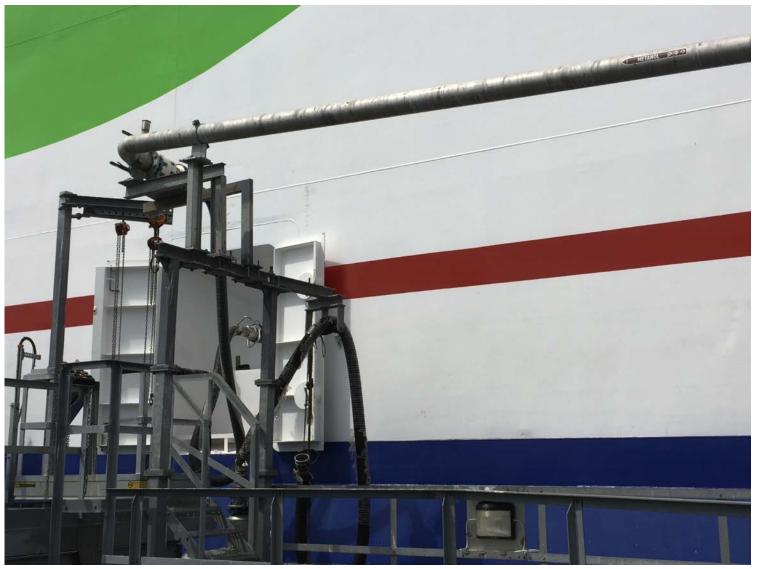
### **BUNKERING THE GERMANICA – PUMP ROOM**



Sources: Haan Paa, Stena



### **BUNKERING THE GERMANICA – SHIP SIDE**



Sources: Haan Paa, Stena



### MAN's Experience with Dual-Fuel Engines

#### Service status:

- 4 vessels from HHI in service
- 3 vessel from MES in service
- Currently more than 38.000 service hours are obtained
- First start up of MeOH operation was carried out by the crew alone

#### **Challenges:**

- Broken springs in fuel diesel fuel valves
- Broekn cut-off shafts in Fuel Booster Injector Valves
- Micro cracks observed in FBIV atomizers
- Damage of sealing rings in FBIV suction valves
- Unstable hydrocarbon sensors
- Several software bugs

#### **MAN Energy Solutions**

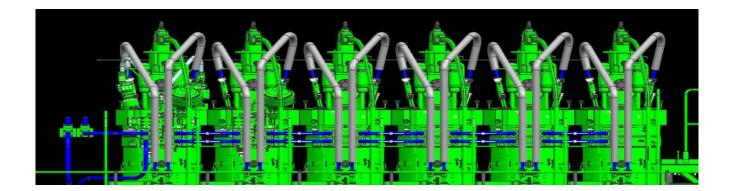




#### MAN's Experience with Dual-Fuel Engines

#### **Benefits:**

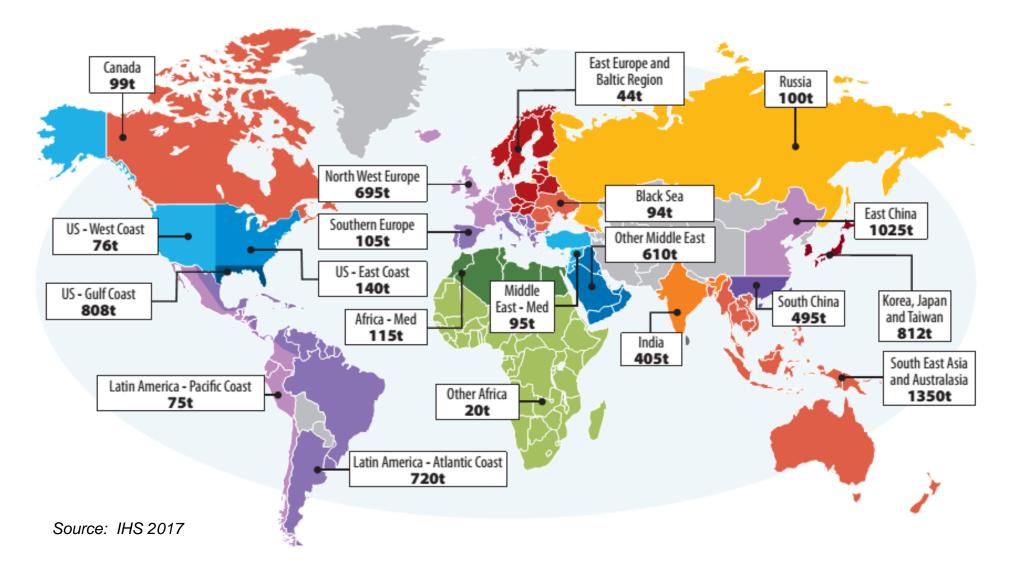
- Diesel cycle high fuel efficiency 50%; much higher for other engine types
- High fuel flexibility
- No derating because of knocking danger
- Negligible fuel slip; no formaldehyde in the exhaust gas
- Robust Gas combustion unchanged load responses; unaffected by ambient conditions



#### **MAN Energy Solutions**



### **Global Port Terminal Availability**





# Flammability and Toxicity

TABLE 6-1 HAZARD SUMMARY <sup>a</sup>				
	M100	Gasoline		
Flammability				
Ease of Occurrence				
Open & Restricted	4	9		
Areas				
Enclosed Spaces	8 (2-4) <sup>b</sup>	2		
Relative Hazard if Fire				
Fire Severity	3	10		
Ease of Extinguishing	7	10		
Flame Visibility	8	1		
Toxicity				
Inhalation-Low Conc.				
Toxicity	3	10		
Ease of Occurrence	10	10		
Inhalation - High Conc.				
Toxicity	10	10		
Ease of Occurrence	3	4		
Skin Contact.				
Toxicity	9	8		
Ease of Occurrence	3	3		
Ingestion				
Toxicity	10	10		
Ease of Occurrence	8(2) <sup>c</sup>	3		

Table adapted from Machiele, 1998; <sup>a</sup> 1-No concern. 2 to 3 = LowLevel concern. 4 to 6 = moderate concern. 7 to 8 = high-level concern. 9 to 10 = extreme hazard. <sup>b</sup> Numbers in parenthesis reflect hazard reductions resulting from design changes. <sup>C</sup> Number in parenthesis incorporates the lowered likelihood of ingestion due to the presence of additives.

#### **Economic Impact - HFO vs Methanol:**

	Maritime accident	Maritime accident	Simulation
Ship	Erika	Tanio	-
Fuel	Heavy Fuel Oil	Heavy Fuel Oil	Methanol
Released amount	19 000 t	13 500 t	10 000 t
Affected coastline	400 km	200 km	0 km
Total damage:	\$914M	-	-
Cleaning	\$100M	\$50M	\$0
Fishing industry	\$98,3M	-	-
Tourist industry	\$400-500M	-	-
Claim for damages	\$120M	\$17M	-
Killed birds	≈ 60,000	≈ 40, 000	-> 0

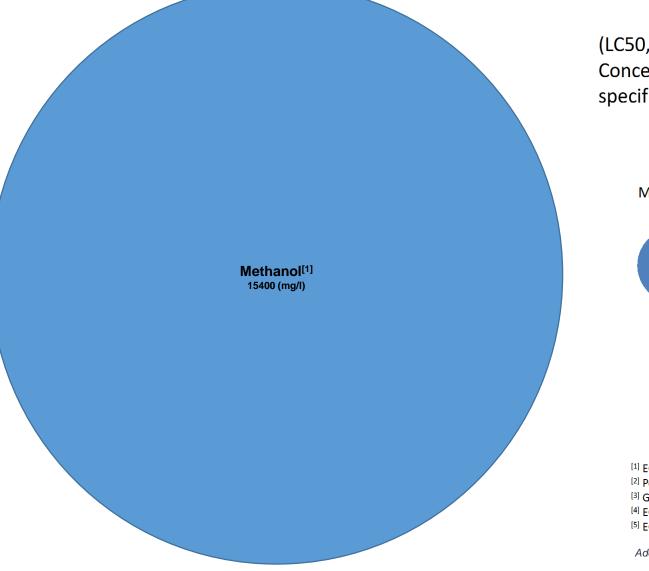
#### Takeaways:

- Not more toxic than gasoline or diesel
- Methanol poisoning is treated simply and is not carcinogenic
- No GHG potential (methane)
- Miscible in water a large concentration spill will rapidly decrease with only short term effects
- Far less hazardous to the environment

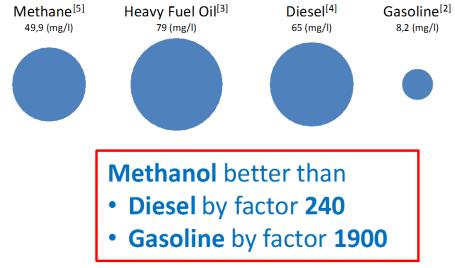
Sources: Economic, Social & Environmental Effects of the "Prestige" Oil Spill, Meyer-Werft



## Safer for the Environment



(LC50, LC=Lethal Concentration): Concentration in water, at which half the population died within a specified test duration.



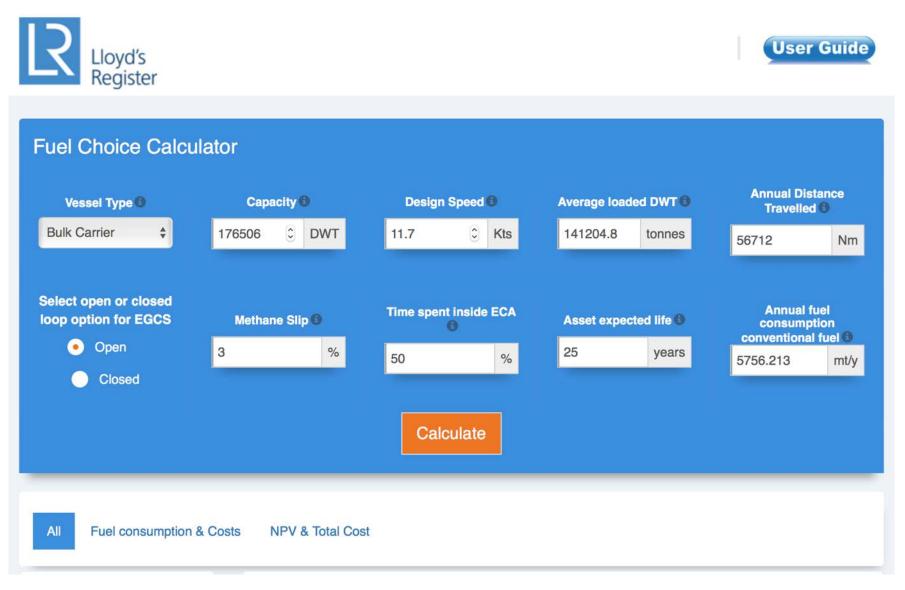
<sup>[1]</sup> ECHA, European Chemicals Agency, registration dossier Methanol

- $\ensuremath{^{[2]}}$  Petrobras/Statoil ASA, Safety Data Sheet, ECHA registration dossier Gasoline
- <sup>[3]</sup> GKG/ A/S Dansk Shell, Safety Data Sheet
- <sup>[4]</sup> ECHA, European Chemicals Agency, registration dossier Diesel
- <sup>[5]</sup> ECHA, European Chemicals Agency, registration dossier Methane

Additional Source: Meyer-Werft



# Fuel Comparison Model & Online Evaluator





### SUMMARY

- Cost effective and "future proof" fuel which can be produced from a variety of feedstocks – to include renewables
- Methanol is one of the top 5 seaborne chemical commodities and has been safely handled for over 50 years
- Capital costs for ship conversions are less than LNG and after treatment technologies
- New Build dual fuel tankers are only marginally more expensive than conventionally-fueled vessels
- Widely available and alleviates many infrastructure limitations on land and at sea











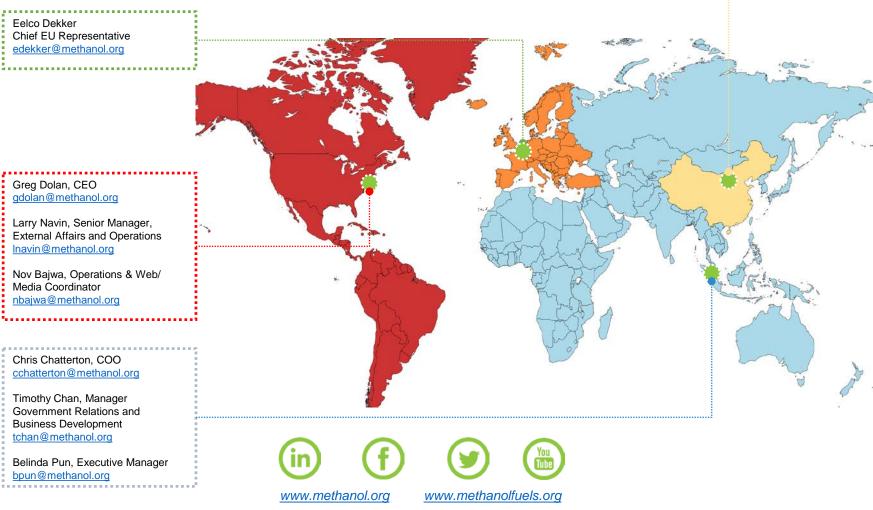




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