



# **METHANOL AS A VESSEL FUEL & ENERGY CARRIER**

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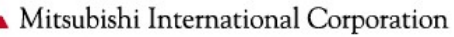
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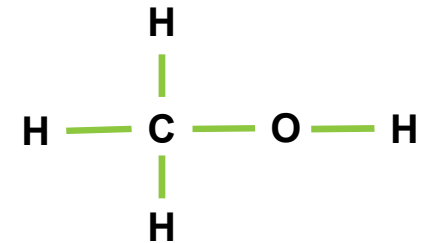
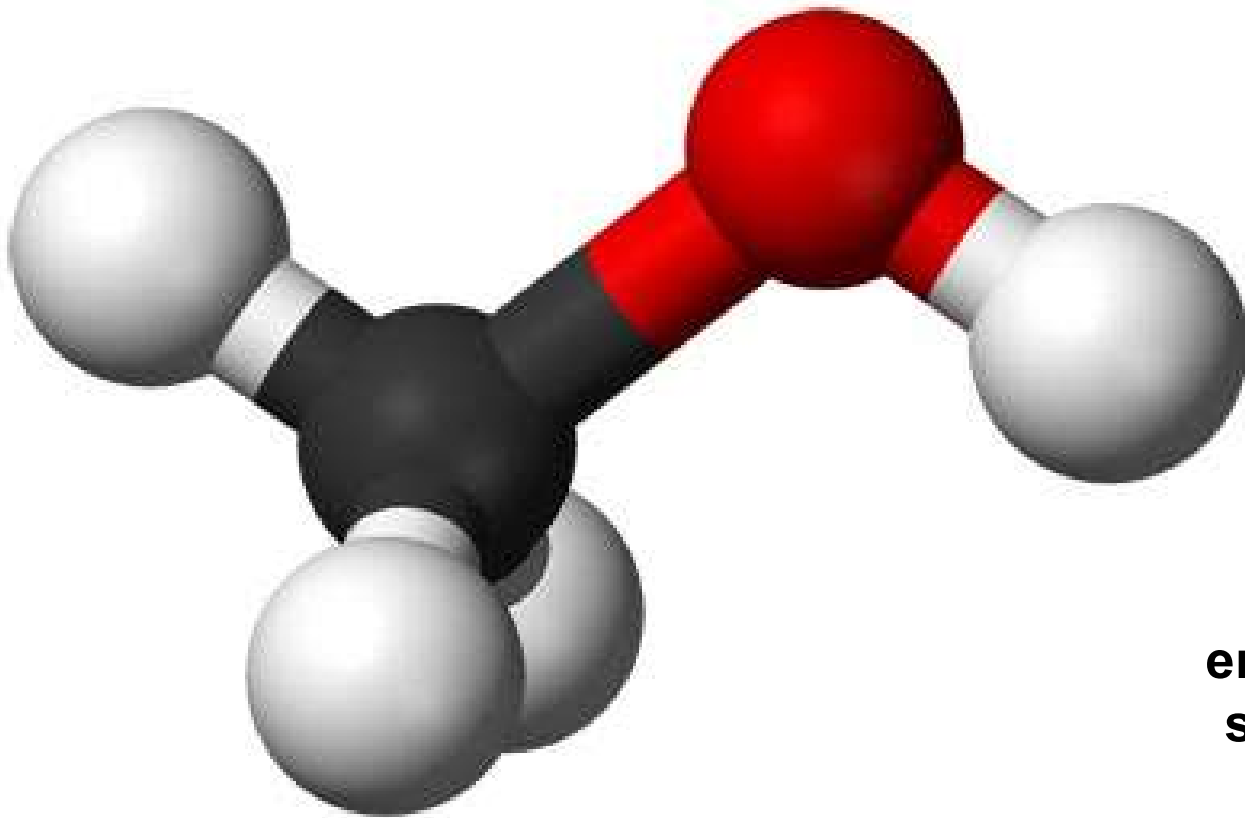


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## WHAT IS METHANOL?

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## ***SIMPLEST MOLECULE OF ALCOHOLS GROUP***



**An efficient, universal,  
future-proof, and safe,  
energy carrier that can be  
sustainably produced in  
large quantities**

# METHANOL

## *An essential ingredient of modern life*

Energy/Fuel Substitution markets - represent the fastest growing demand segment for methanol (~45% demand)

Chemical markets - essential ingredient used in countless industrial and consumer products (~55% demand)



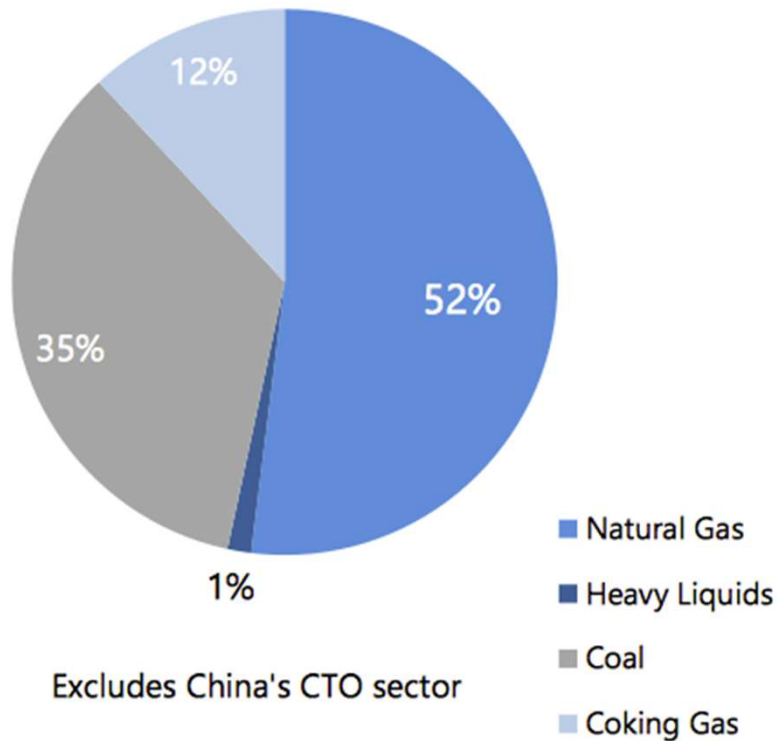
Methanol can be found in products that we use every day:

- Roof panels
- Adhesives
- Lumber
- Paint
- Insulation
- Carpeting
- Synthetic fibres
- Plastics
- Particle boards
- Refrigerants
- Sportswear
- Fleece fabrics
- Safety glass laminate
- Windshield washer fluid
- Solvents
- Upholstery

# METHANOL PRODUCTION

## World Total

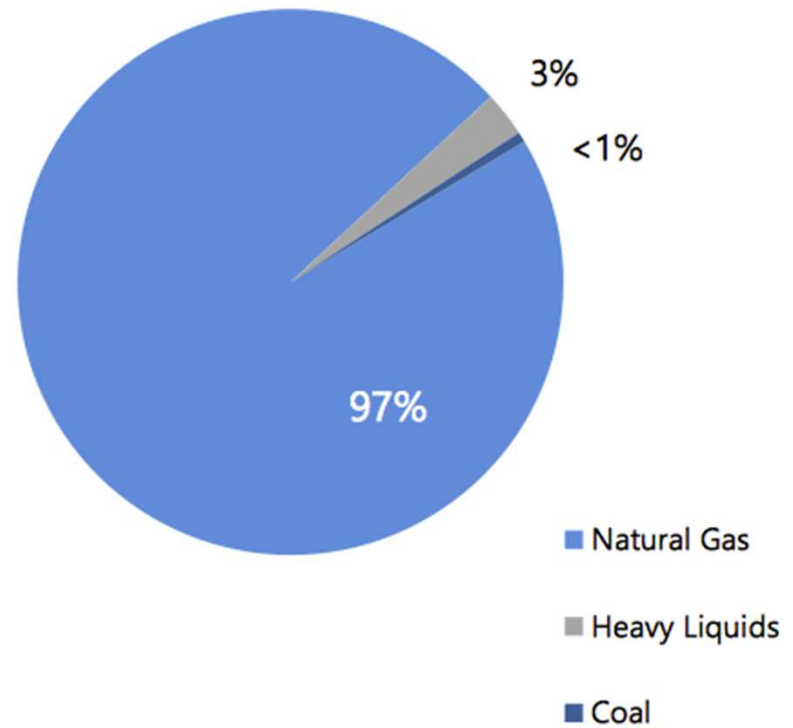
2018 ~ 122mn t nameplate capacity



Excludes China's CTO sector

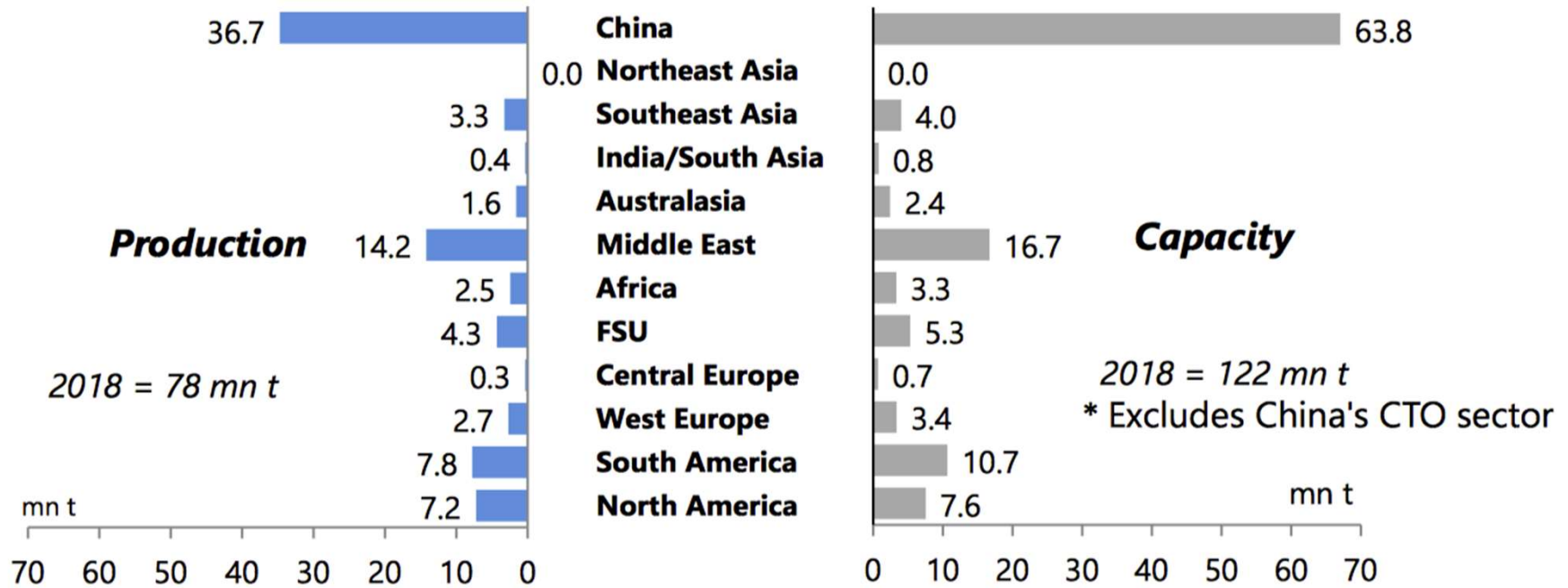
## Rest of World – ex China

2018 ~ 55mn t nameplate capacity



Source: Argus

## GLOBAL METHANOL PRODUCTION VS CAPACITY



- Rest of world methanol production (excluding China) operates to best of abilities. Excess production from the rest of the world is exported to China
- China “generally” represents the high-cost methanol production bloc in the world and operates to meet China demand, less imports received from the rest of the world
- Industrial scale since 1923 (BASF)

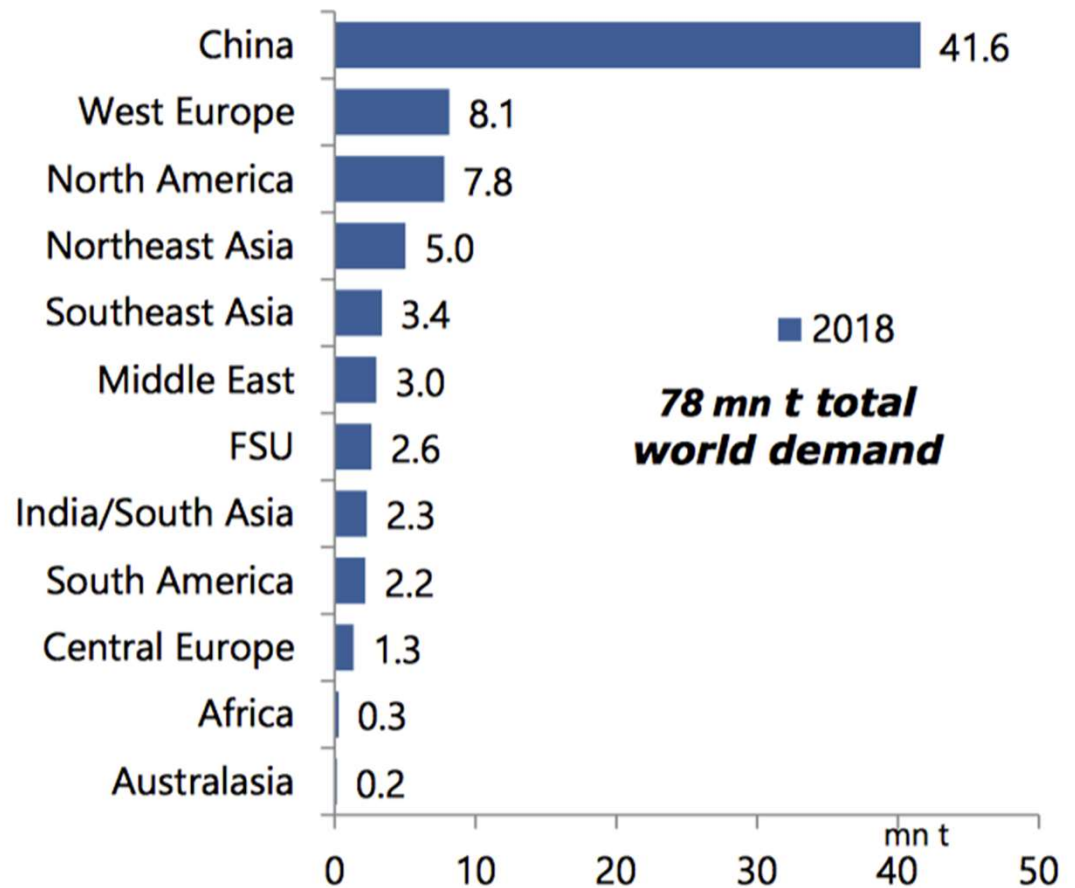
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## GLOBAL METHANOL DEMAND BY COUNTRY/REGION

- China dominates global methanol industry demand – 54% in 2018
- W Europe and N America compete for the 2nd and 3rd spots – top three accounting for 75% of total
- Concentrated consumer base, ~30% of demand from top 25 consumers
  - Main consumers are large, global chemical companies and China MTO producers: BASF, Momentive, Celanese, BP, Dow/Dow Corning, Lucite, Evonik, LyondellBasell, SABIC, Sinopec, Ningbo Fund, Jiangsu Sailboat, etc
- Industry growth expected at 4.5% per year. The equivalent of 2 world scale methanol units

Source: Argus

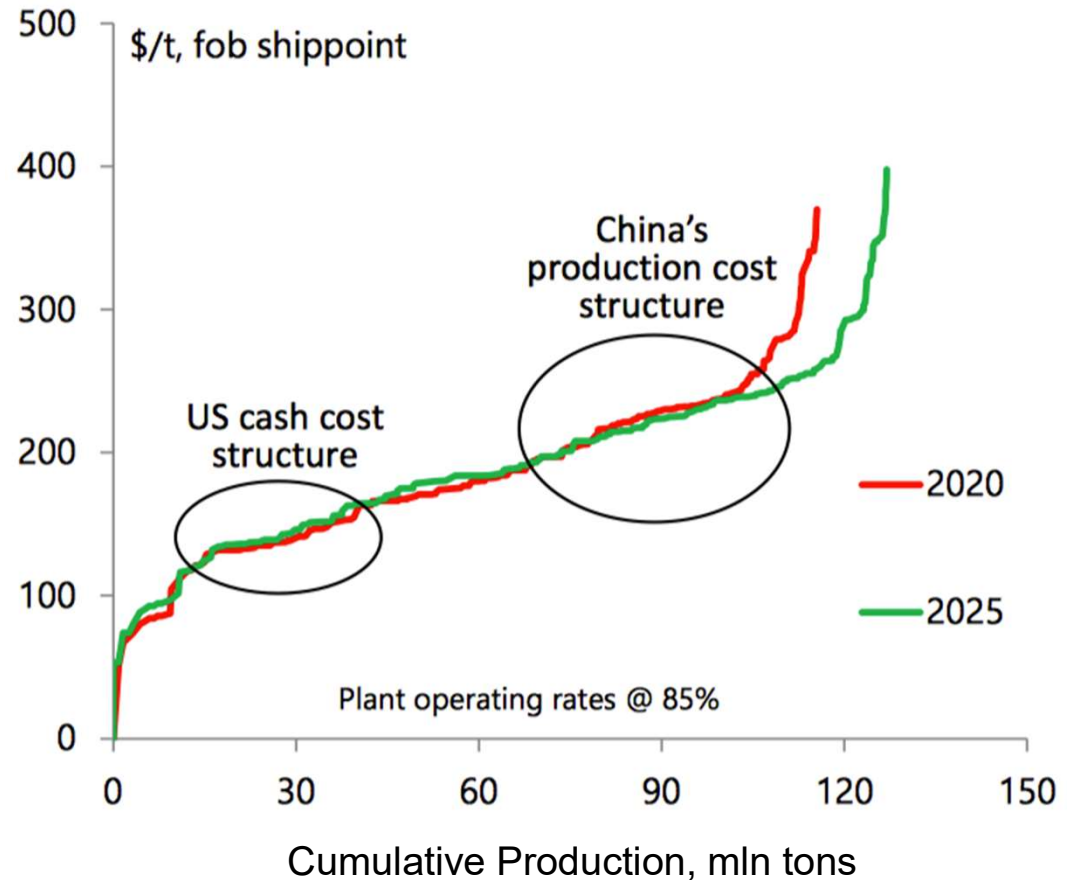


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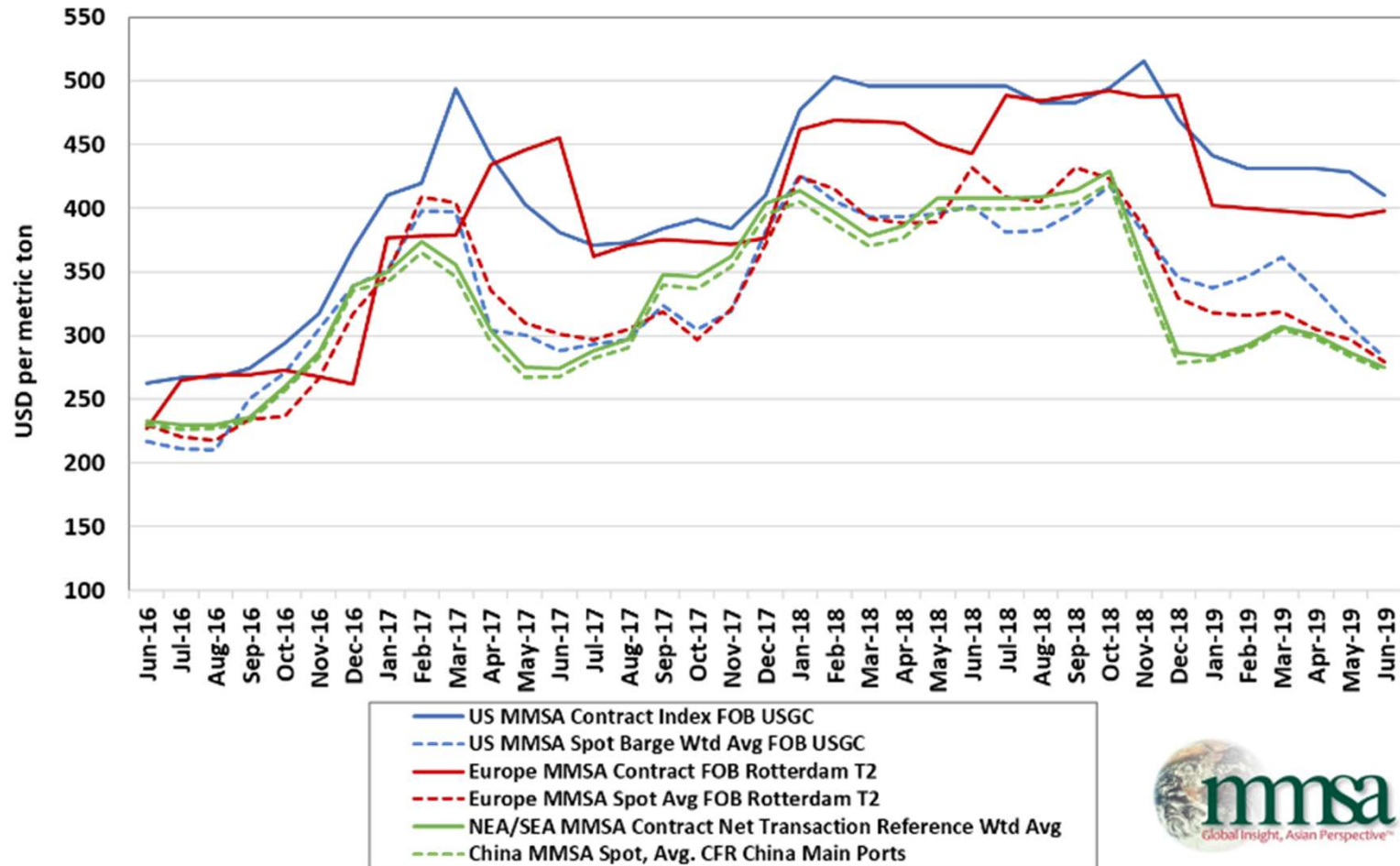
## METHANOL INDUSTRY PRODUCTION CASH COST CURVES

- **Methanol industry cash cost curves well compressed**
  - Cash cost only, no depreciation, capital recovery or return
  - fob plant gate basis
  - Shipping to destinations can add \$20-\$60/t, depending on origin and destination
- **A slowly rising crude oil forecast drives little change in feedstock costs**
  - Industry incremental cash cost of production remains in a narrow band
  - Little opportunity to “driveup” the floor price of the high cost producer increment
- **The methanol industry continues to see robust growth**
  - ~4-5% into the next decade
  - China continues to dominate industry demand and production
  - Nominal 2-3 “world scale” methanol units needed per year to keep pace with demand growth

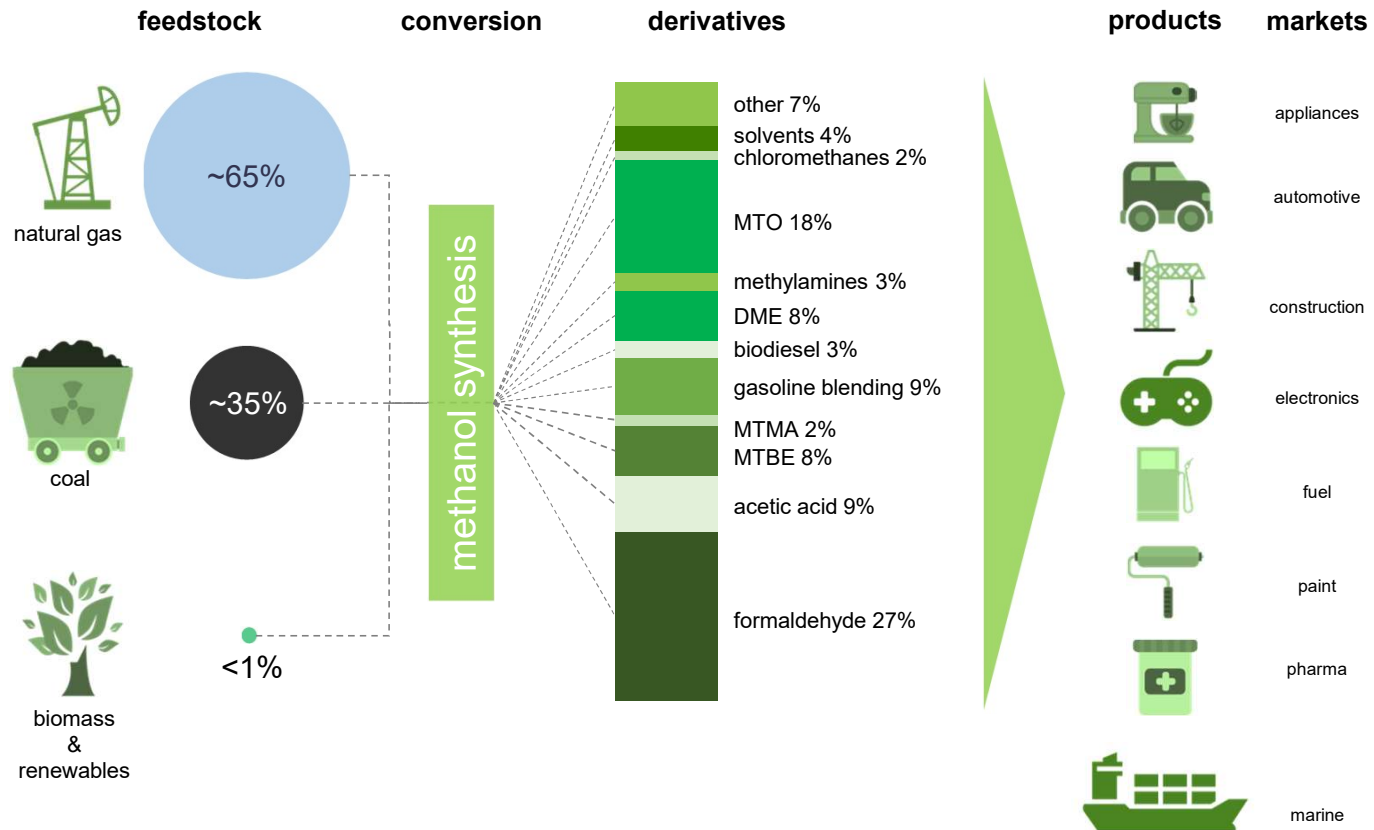
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# METHANOL PRICING

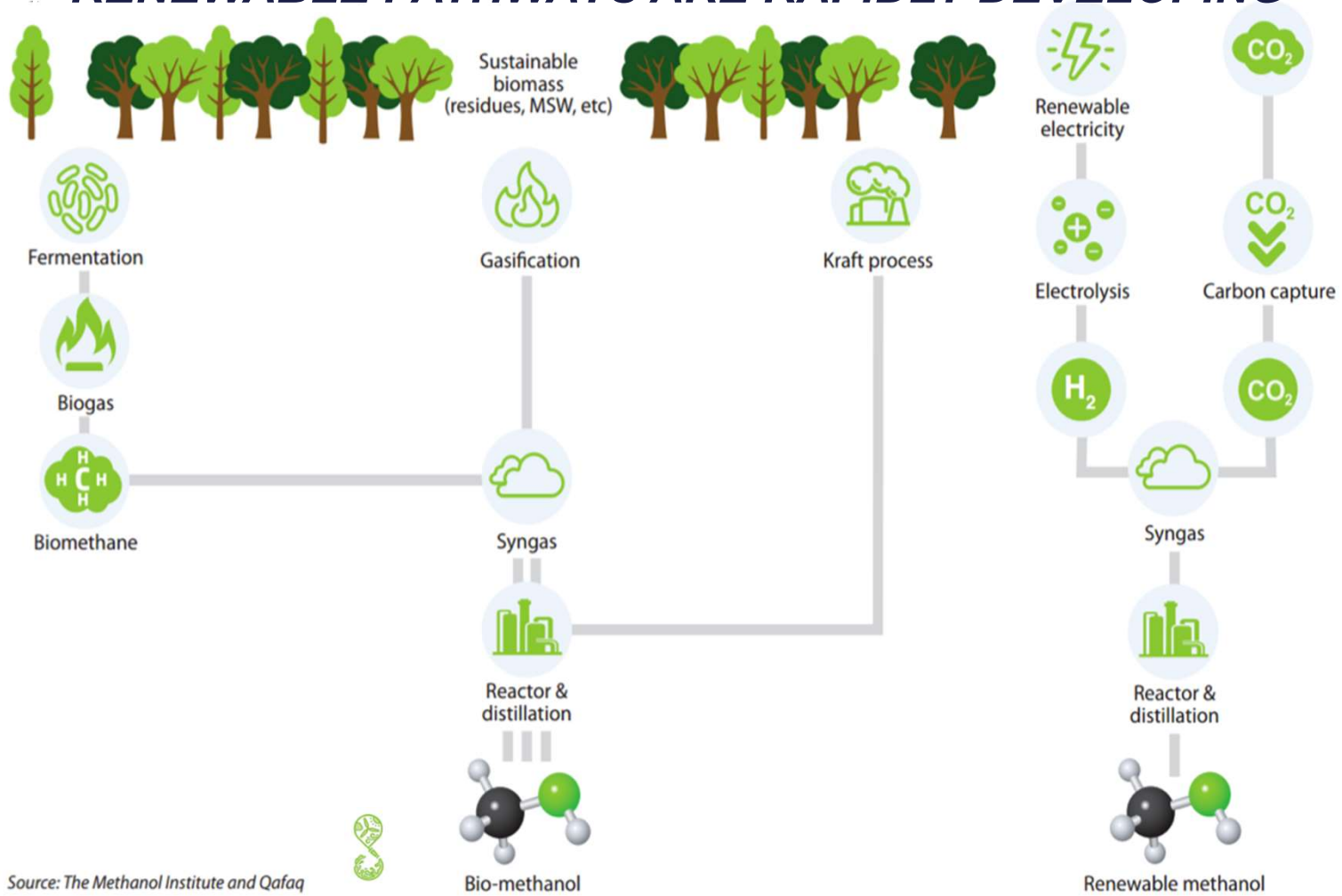


# BROAD FEEDSTOCK RANGE, MANY APPLICATIONS



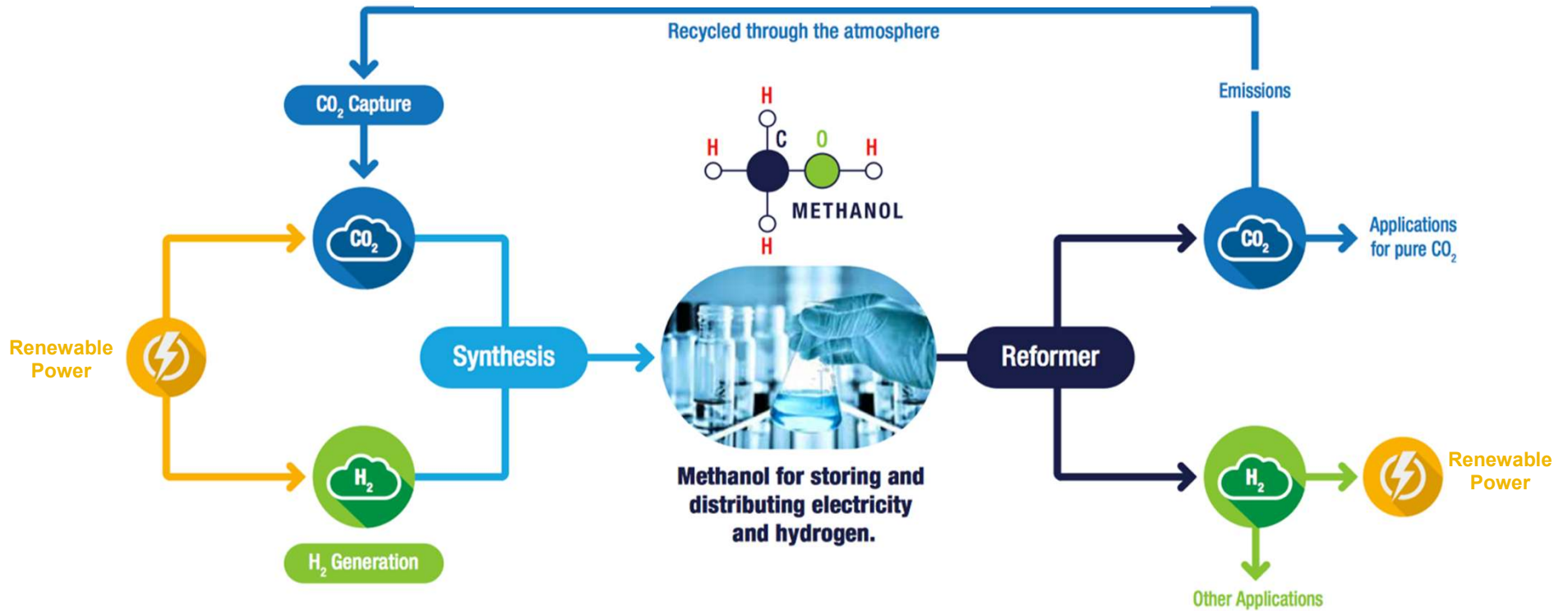
Source: IHS

# RENEWABLE PATHWAYS ARE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING



Source: The Methanol Institute and Qafaq

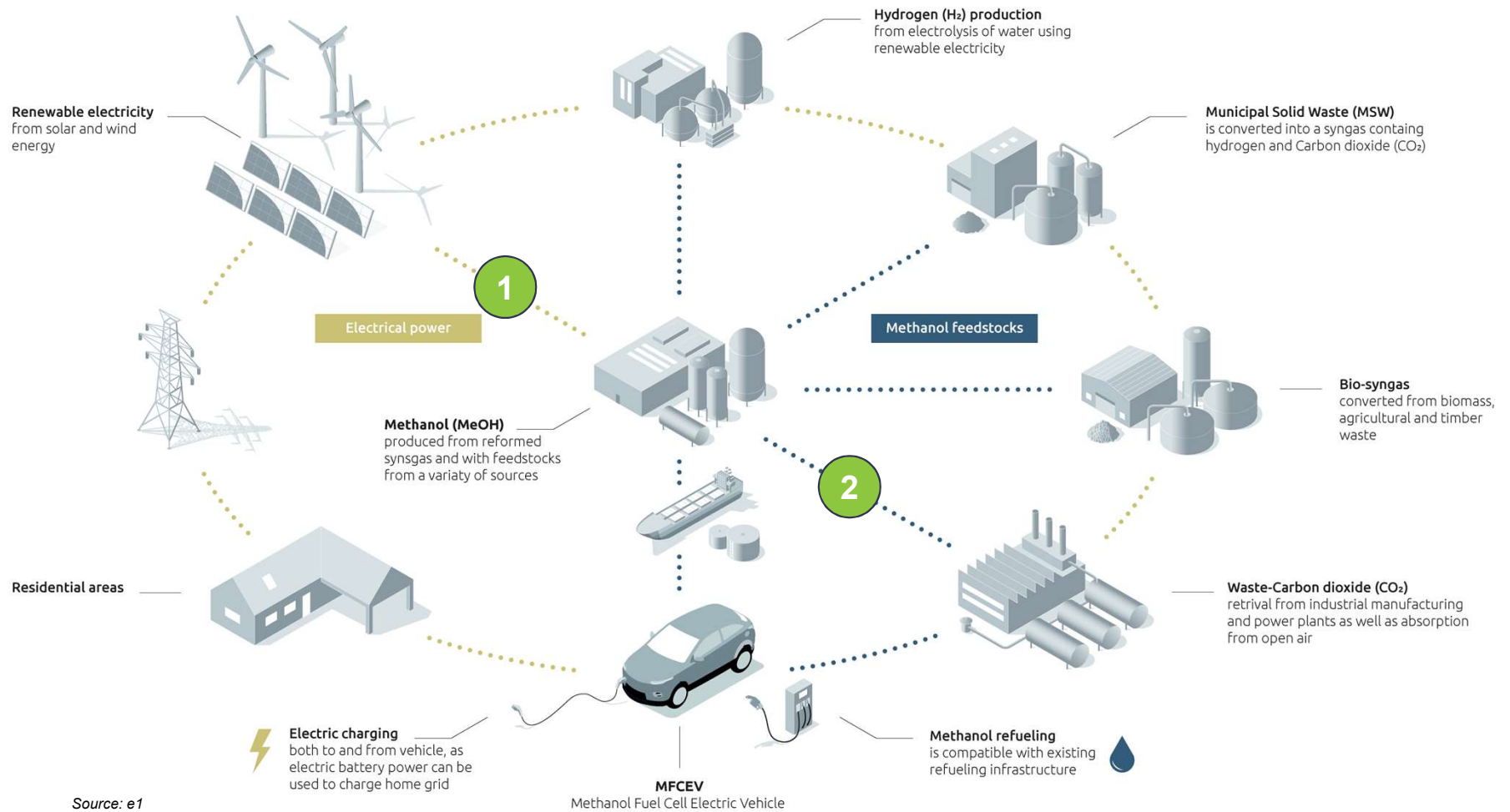
# E-METHANOL: AN EFFICIENT ENERGY CARRIER



Methanol CH<sub>3</sub>OH has, on a volume basis, 40% more H<sub>2</sub> than liquid hydrogen at -253°C, and 140% more H<sub>2</sub> than compressed hydrogen at 700 bars.

Source: Prof. SHIH Choon Fong, NTU, MI

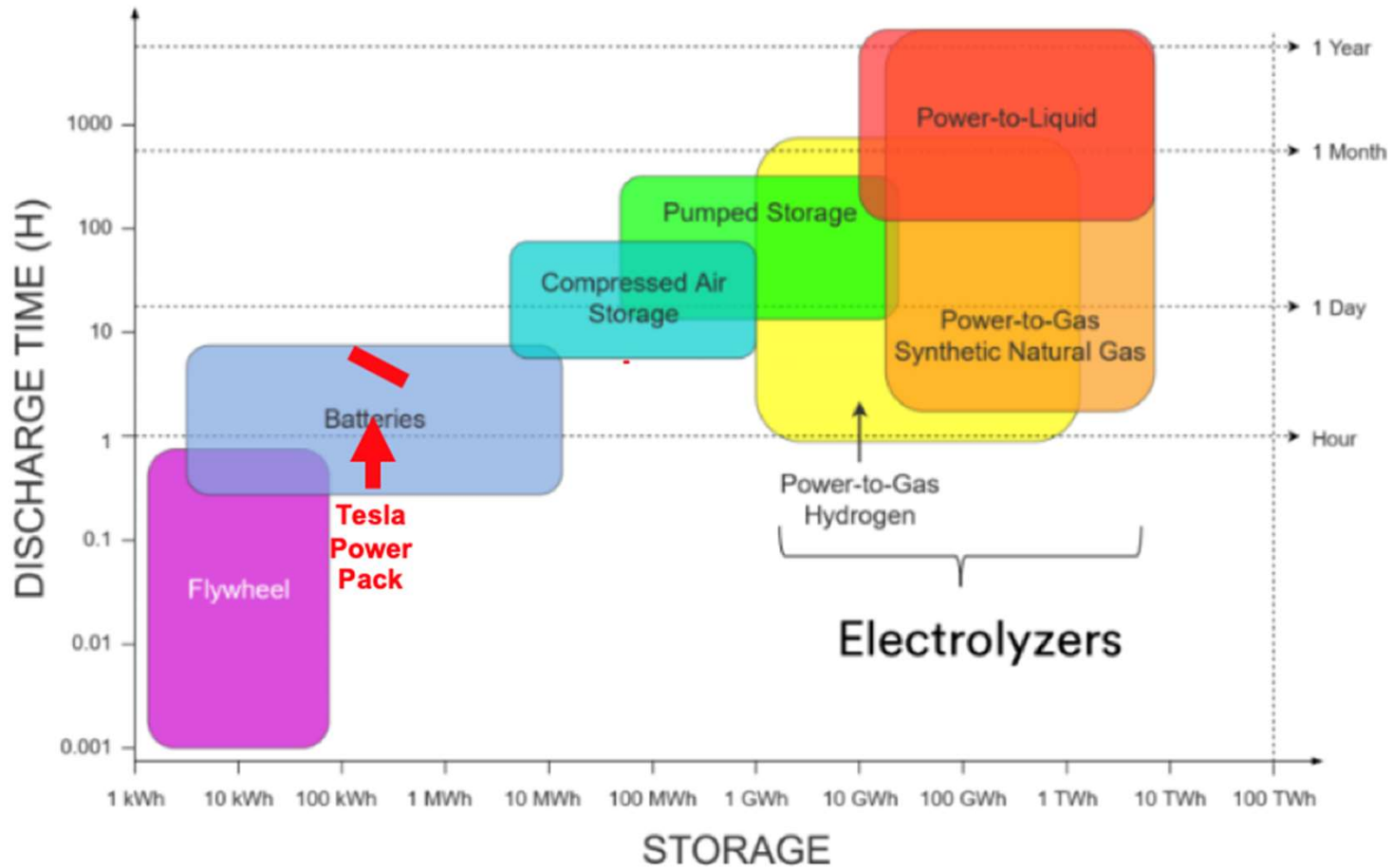
# E-METHANOL: IN PRACTICE



Source: e1



# LIQUID RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE



Sources: Laura Nereng, 3M, 2017; Tesla July 2017 announcement extrapolation



## ***BROADLY, METHANOL IS...***

- A cost effective and “future proof” fuel which can be produced from a variety of feedstocks – to include renewables
- One of the top 5 seaborne chemical commodities – safely handled for over 50 years
- A lower cost alternative for converting vessels, boilers and other power sources to methanol – minimal and economically viable without subsidies
- Widely available and alleviates many infrastructure and safety limitations both on land and at sea, trading within a narrower price range than competing fuels
- Not as well understood as a fuel, even though it has similar handling characteristics as distillate fuel



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**METHANOL: SAFE &  
AVAILABLE**

# HAZARD COMPARISON

	METHANOL	DIESEL	GASOLINE
Hazard pictograms (CPL)			
Signal word: (CPL)	Danger	Danger	Danger
Hazard statements (CPL)	H220: Highly flammable liquid and vapor. H301: Toxic if swallowed. H311: Toxic in contact with skin. H331: Toxic if inhaled. H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.	H220: Flammable liquid and vapor. H304: May be fatal if swallowed and enters deepways. H315: Causes skin irritation. H332: Harmful if inhaled. H351: Suspected of causing cancer. H373: May cause disease or damage through prolonged or repeated exposure. H411: Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.	H220: Extremely flammable liquid and vapor. H304: May be fatal if swallowed and enters deepways. H315: Causes skin irritation. H332: Harmful if inhaled. H360D: May cause genetic defects. H373: May cause cancer. H381: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. H403: May cause damage to aquatic life. H411: Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statements (CLP)	P201: Take care when using. P202: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, face protection. P231/P232: Keep container tightly closed to keep moisture out. P233: Keep container upright. P240: Avoid contact with skin. P241: Avoid breathing vapors. P243: Avoid contact with surfaces. P273: Do not release into the environment. P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.	P201: Take special precautions before use. P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces – No smoking. P231/P232: Keep container tightly closed to keep moisture out. P233: Keep container upright. P240: Avoid contact with skin. P241: Avoid breathing vapors. P243: Avoid contact with surfaces. P273: Do not release into the environment. P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.	P201: Take special precautions before use. P202: Do not handle or use if safety precautions have been read and understood. P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces – No smoking. P231/P232: Keep container tightly closed. P233: Keep container upright. P240: Avoid contact with skin. P241: Avoid breathing vapors. P243: Avoid contact with surfaces. P273: Do not release into the environment. P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Methanol classified as “not more dangerous” than other fuels such as gasoline or diesel – fuels largely familiar to most people

## METHANOL POISONING CASE STUDY

*Occupational Medicine*, Volume 42, Issue 1, 1 January 1992, Pages 47–49, <https://doi.org/10.1093/occmed/42.1.47> A. Downie ✉, T. M. Khattab, M. I. A. Malik, I. N. Samara

**Published:** 01 January 1992

### Abstract

Methanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) is a chemical feedstock of increasing importance as well as a commonly used solvent. In the early 1980s methanol production was introduced at a new petrochemical complex in the Saudi port of Jubail. A case is presented of a consultant supervising tank cleaning prior to methanol loading. He wore positive pressure breathing apparatus but no protective clothing. After 2–3 hours working in the confined space of the tank, he worked on deck and continued to wear his methanol-soaked clothing which eventually dried out. Visual symptoms of acute methanol toxicity presented some 8 hours after exposure. The appropriate treatment (with ethanol provided by the ship bond) was carried out in hospital and the individual recovered completely. Most reported cases of methanol toxicity are social in origin, arising from ingestion. This particular case, though unusual, does present some interesting lessons.

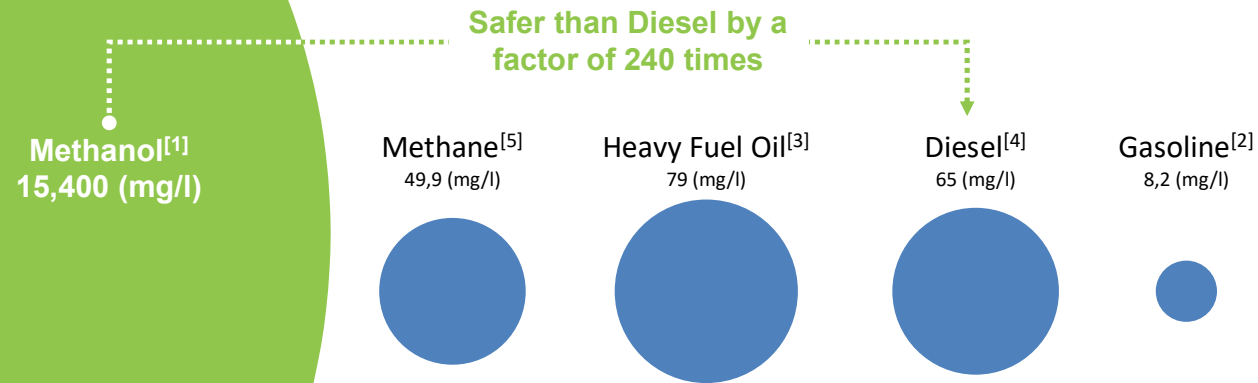
Easy and  
reliable  
treatment to  
full recovery  
with either  
ethanol (orally)  
or fomepizole  
(injected)

Source: Malcom Pirnie Inc

## SAFER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

### LC50, LC = LETHAL CONCENTRATION FISH

Concentration in water, at which half the marine population died within the specified test duration



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

<sup>[2]</sup> Petrobras/Statoil ASA, Safety Data Sheet, ECHA registration dossier Gasoline

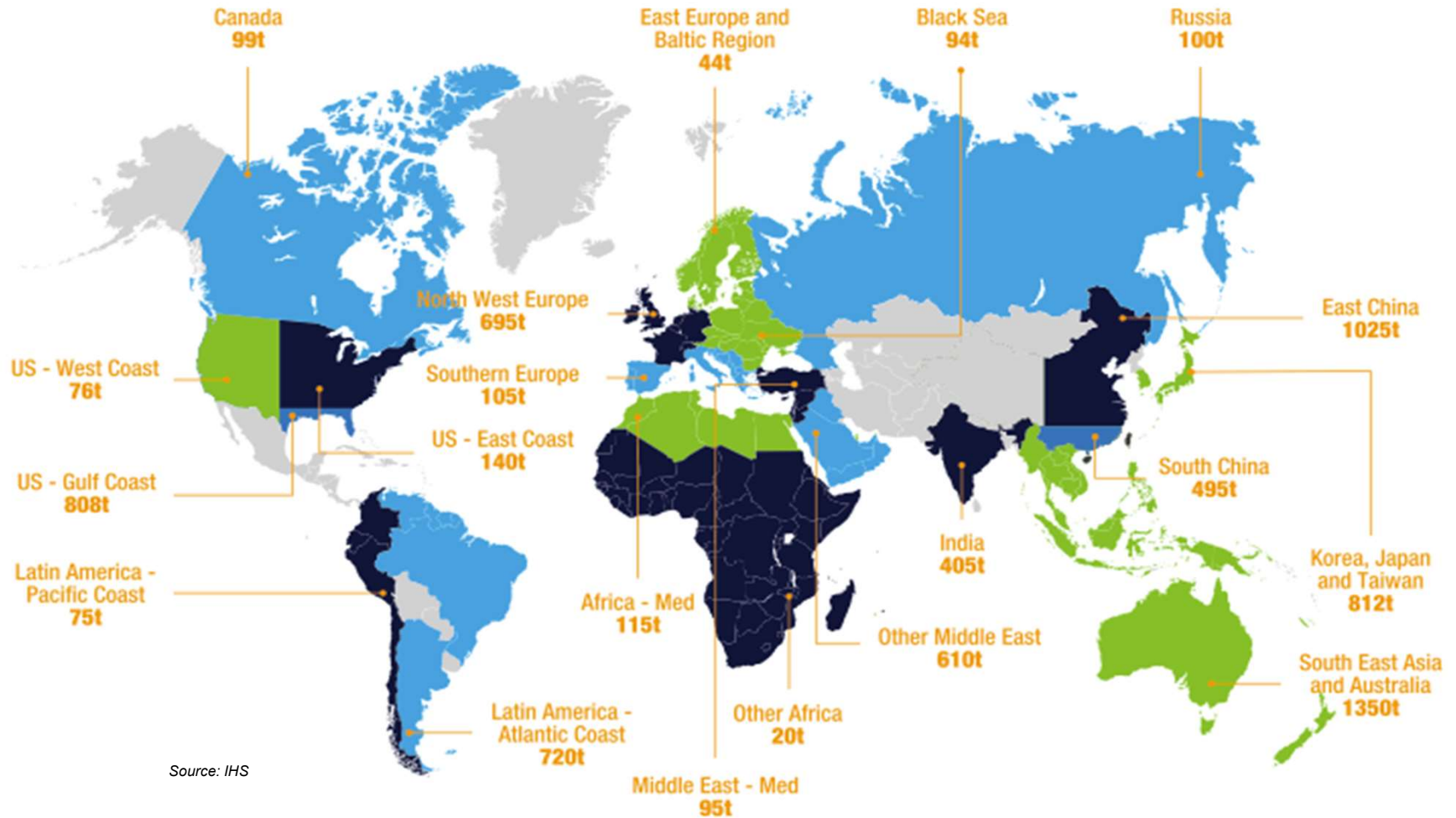
<sup>[3]</sup> GKG/ A/S Dansk Shell, Safety Data Sheet

<sup>[4]</sup> ECHA, European Chemicals Agency, registration dossier Diesel

<sup>[5]</sup> ECHA, European Chemicals Agency, registration dossier Methane

Additional Source: Meyer-Werft

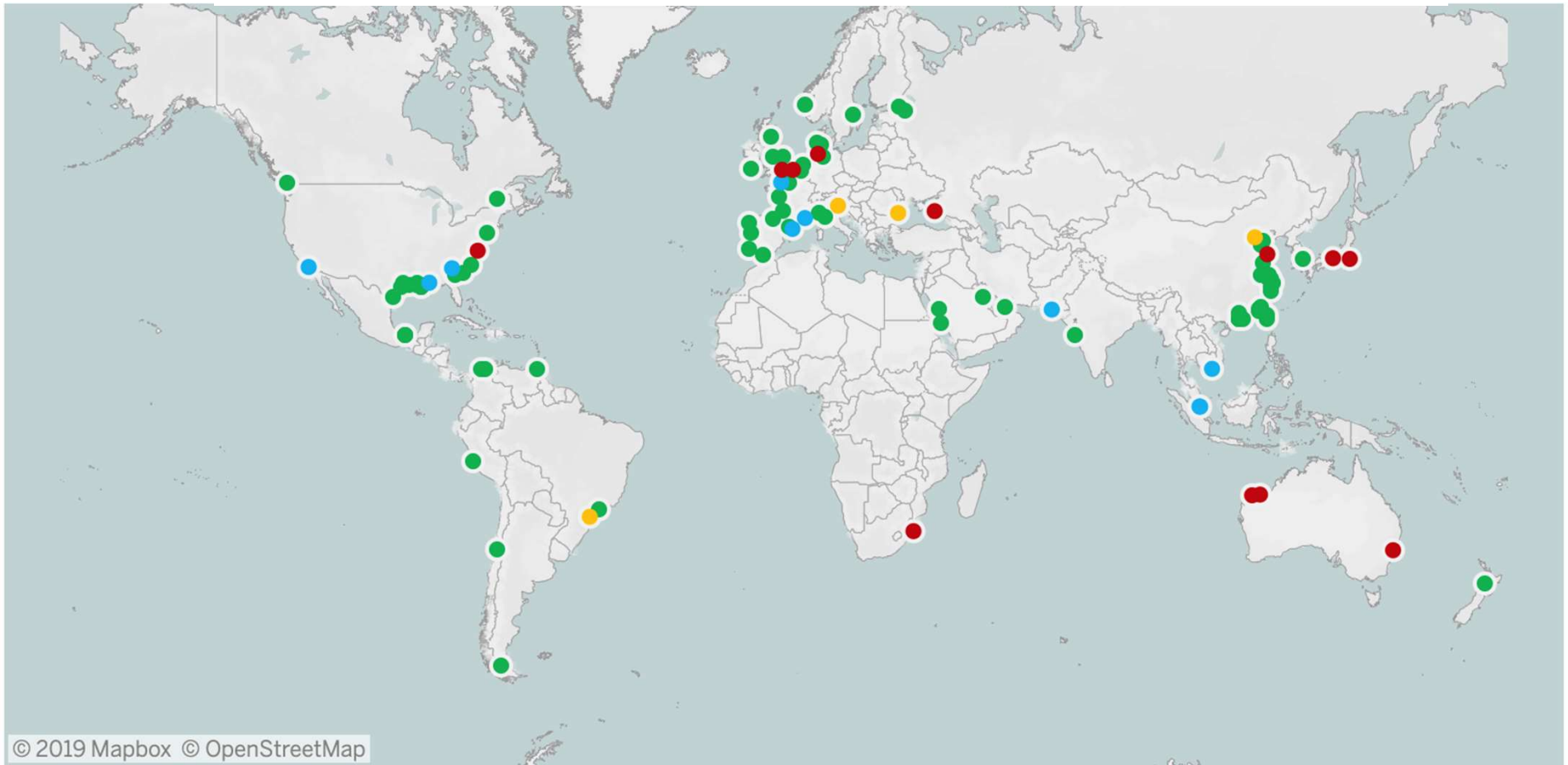
## METHANOL IS WIDELY AVAILABLE



Source: IHS



## **METHANOL AVAILABLE IN OVER 100 PORTS TODAY**



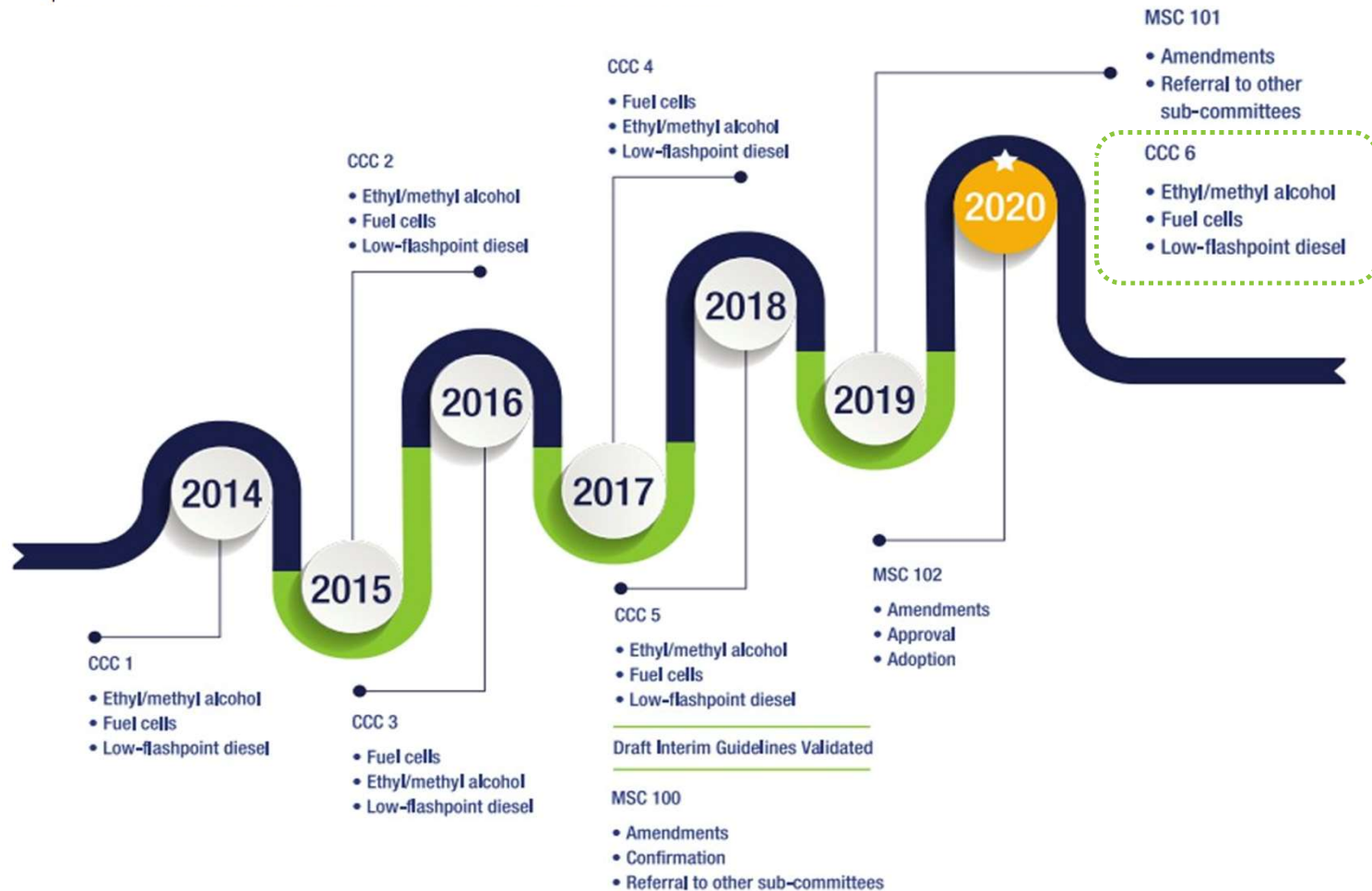
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# METHANOL BUNKERING



# PROGRESSION OF GUIDELINES FOR METHANOL



# METHANOL FUELLED VESSELS AND PILOTS

	DUAL FUEL		FUEL CELL		PROJECT   R&D	
						
Quantity	8 + 3	1	1	2	1	+4
Vessel Type	Chemical tankers	ROPAX ferry	Pilot boat	Tourist boat	Ferry	Cruise ships, fishing boats, barges, dredges, others
Owner	MOL, WL, Marininvest, Mitsui, NYK	Stena Line	MI/SMA ScandiNaos	Innogy HTWG Konstanz	Viking Line	SUMMETH/MARTEC, Lean Ships, Methaship, Billion Miles <sup>1</sup> , FiTech <sup>2</sup> , IWAI <sup>3</sup> , PCG Product Vessel <sup>4</sup> , NTU <sup>2</sup> , GMM, Fastwater, Port of Rotterdam Barge, Jupiter, Paxell, Methanex Fishing <sup>5</sup>
Engine Type	2 stroke MAN	4 stroke Wärtsila	high speed Scania, Weichai	Serenergy fuel cell stacks		SI hybrid, dual fuel, etc.
Design	new build	retrofit	retrofit	retrofit	retrofit	new build & retrofit

All projects are based in the EU unless noted otherwise<sup>1</sup>China/SG, <sup>2</sup>EU/China/SG, <sup>3</sup>India, <sup>4</sup>Malaysia, <sup>5</sup>China

## ***BUNKERING TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS***

- **Refueling station**
  - Refueling station should be located on open deck for natural ventilation
  - There should be a device for safe disposal of leaked fuel, and skirting and collection tray below the joint for safe collection
  - Monitor and control the refueling from a safe location (equipped with overfill alarm and automatic cutoff to monitor bunker level and overfill)
  - **Personnel protection (shower and eyewash station for emergency use must be available)**

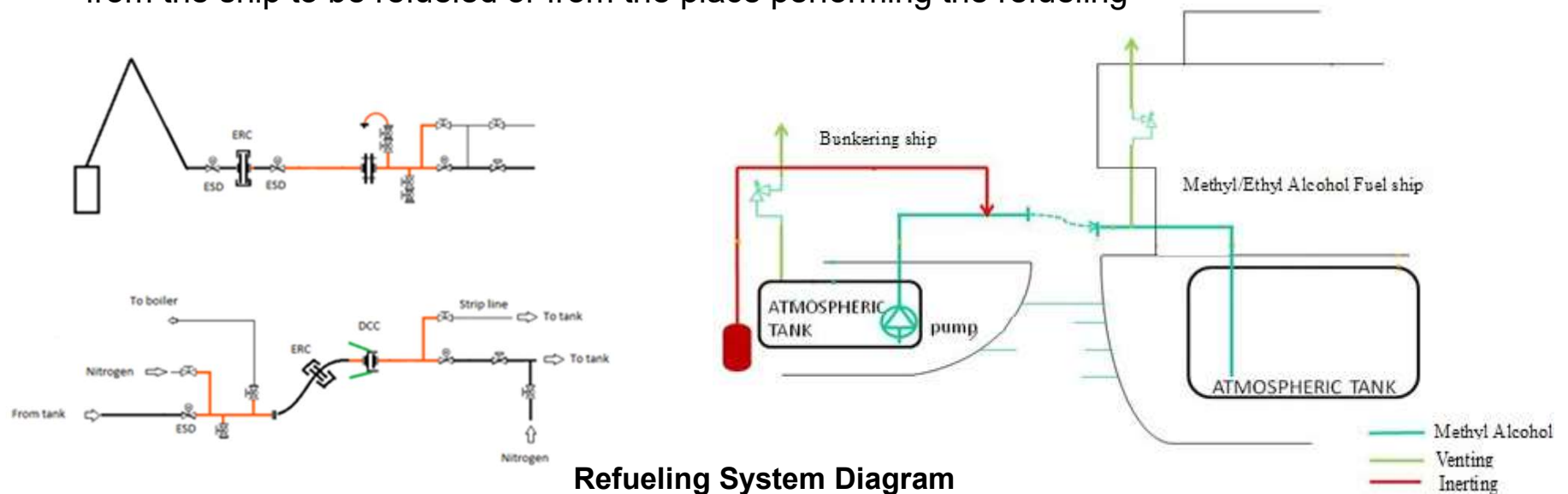


**Stena Germanica Methanol Refueling**

## BUNKERING TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

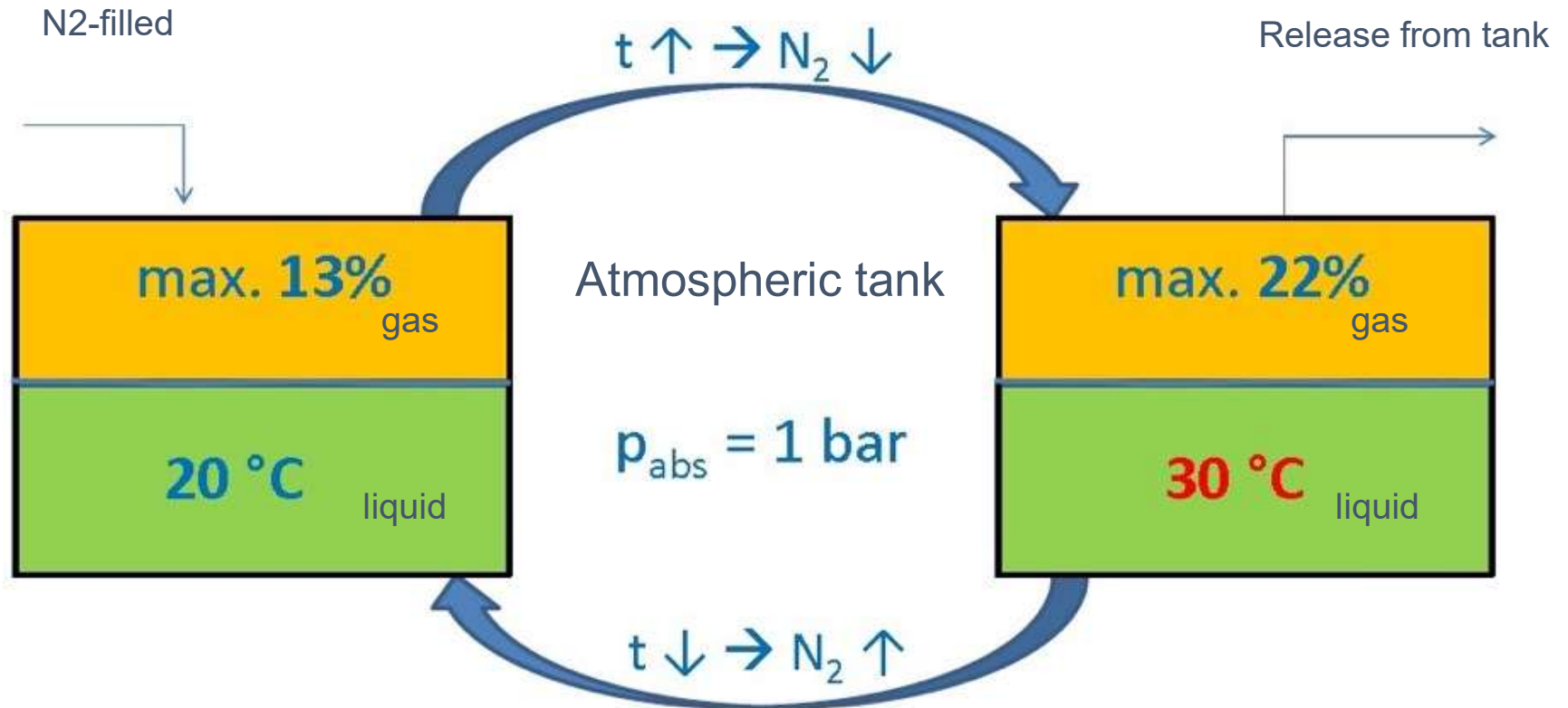
### • Refueling system

- Every refueling line near the shore connector should be fitted with a manual shutoff valve and a remote shutoff valve connected in series
- Should be able to perform gas inerting and degassing of the refueling line
- Should be equipped to purge the fuel from the refueling line after refueling
- The ship should be equipped with refueling ESD cut-off system, which can be operated from the ship to be refueled or from the place performing the refueling



## FUEL STORAGE

Proportion of gaseous methanol depends on the rate of evaporation



**Evaporation is not boiling; it is a very slow process!**

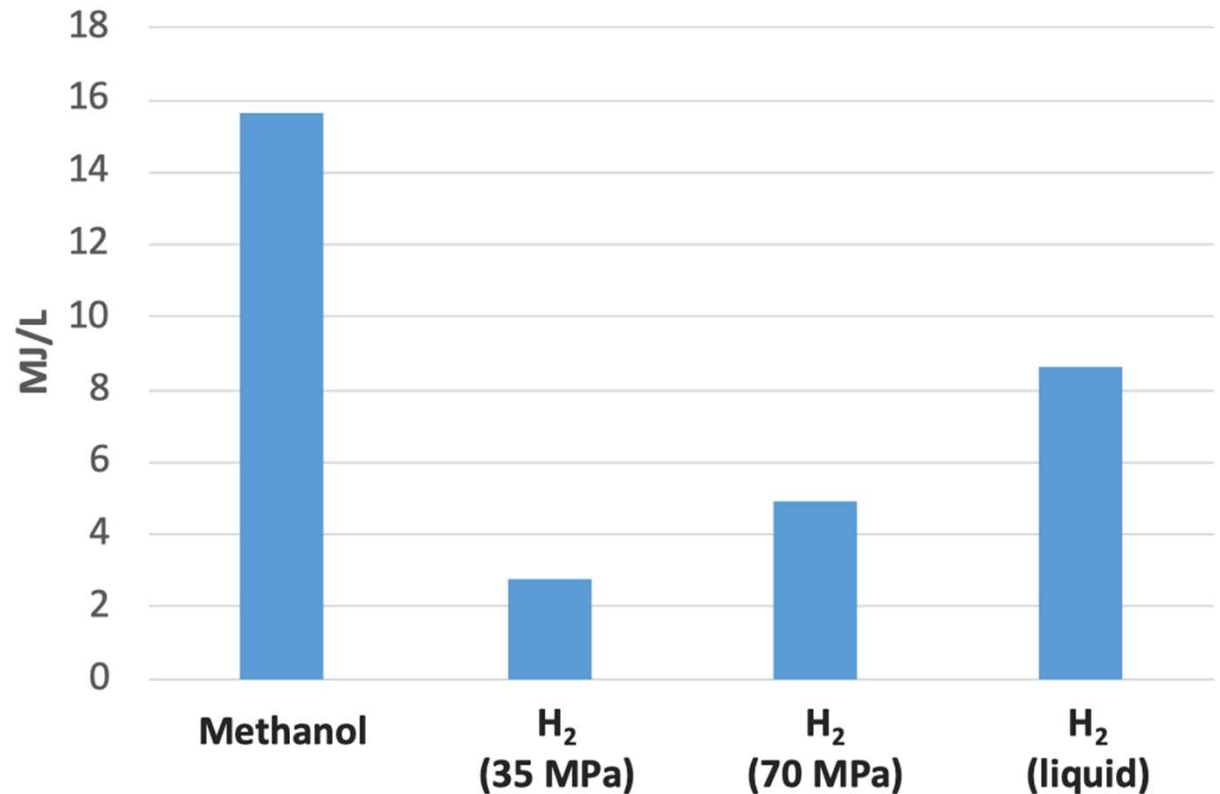
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**FUEL CELLS AND  
METHANOL AS A  
HYDROGEN CARRIER**

## METHANOL ENERGY DENSITY

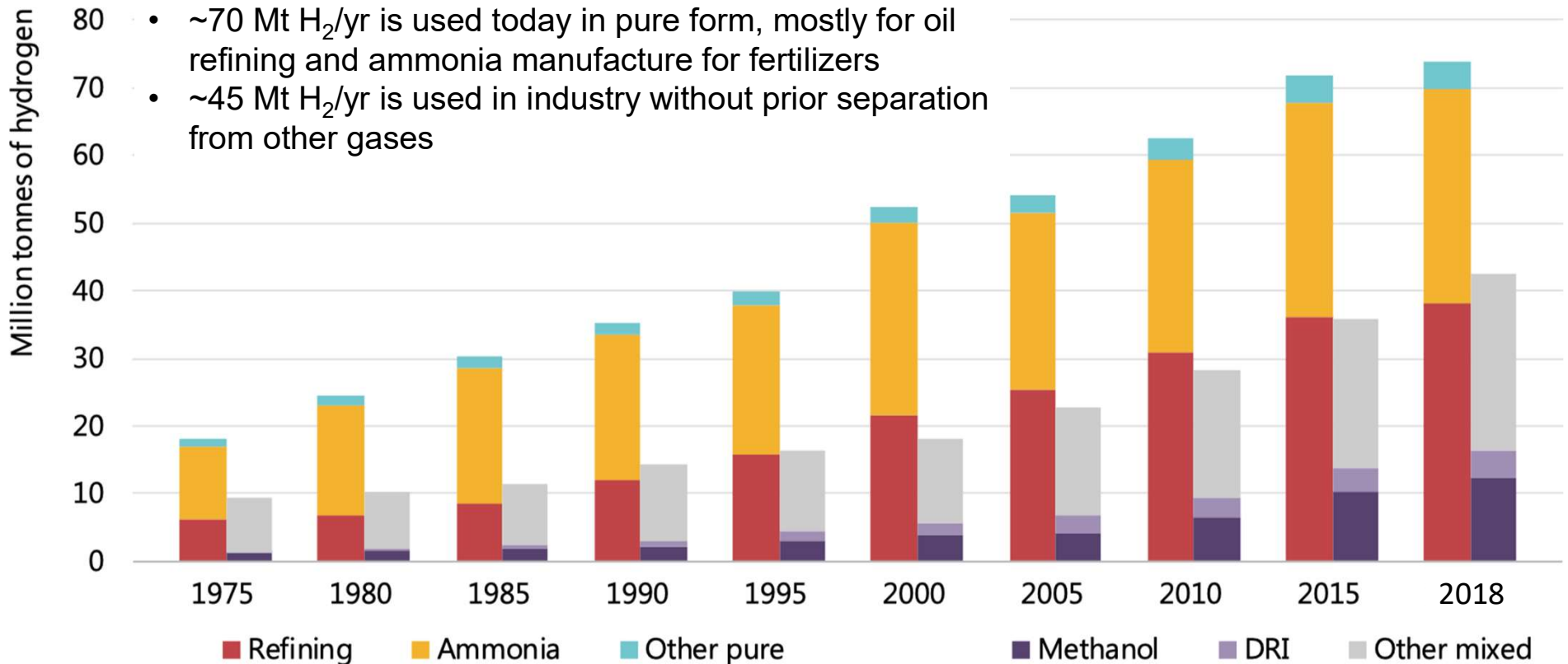
- High density H<sub>2</sub> storage remains a significant challenge for transportation solutions
- Storage options typically require large-volume systems that store H<sub>2</sub> in gaseous form
- On a volume basis, methanol has almost 6X the energy density of compressed H<sub>2</sub> (350 bar or 35 Mpa)

Volumetric Energy Density



Source: MI, e1

## H<sub>2</sub> PRODUCTION

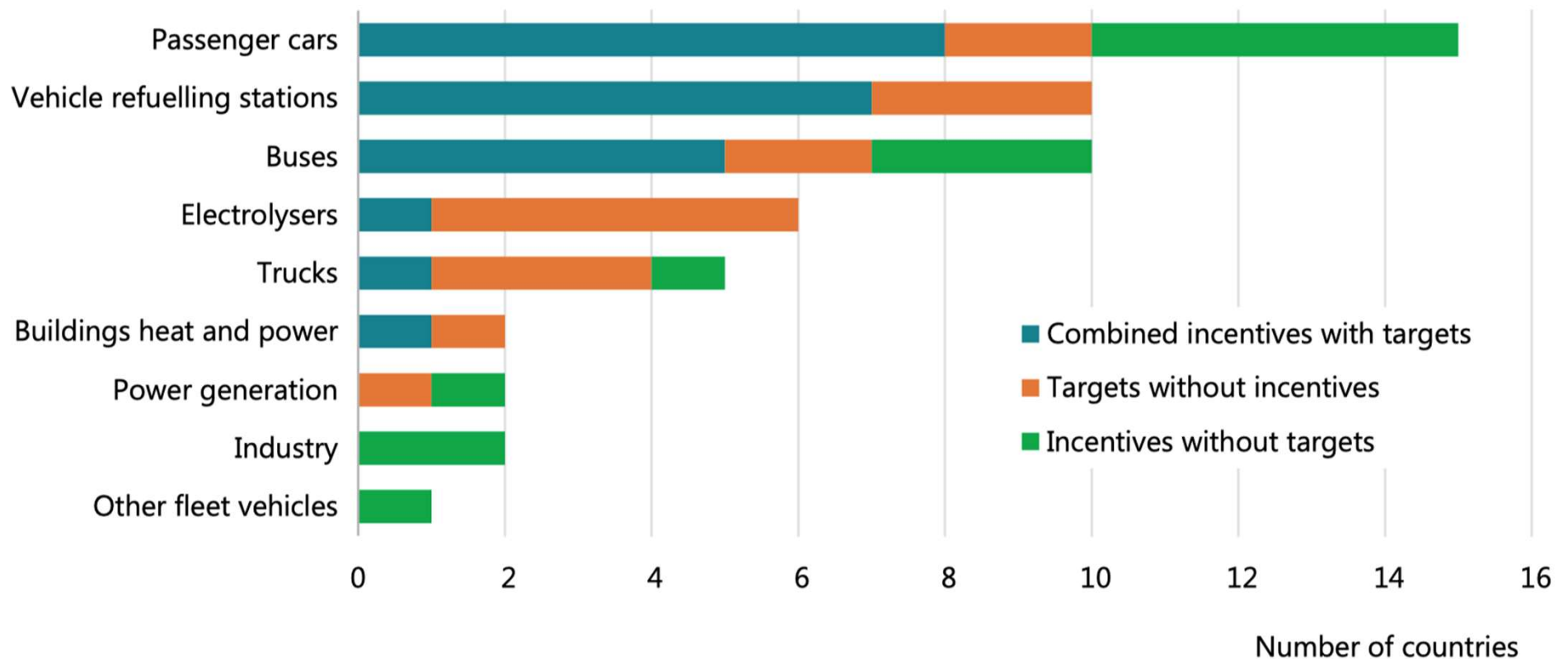


Notes: DRI = direct reduced iron steel production. Refining, ammonia and "other pure" represent demand for specific applications that require hydrogen with only small levels of additives or contaminants tolerated. Methanol, DRI and "other mixed" represent demand for applications that use hydrogen as part of a mixture of gases, such as synthesis gas, for fuel or feedstock.

Source: IEA 2019. All rights reserved.



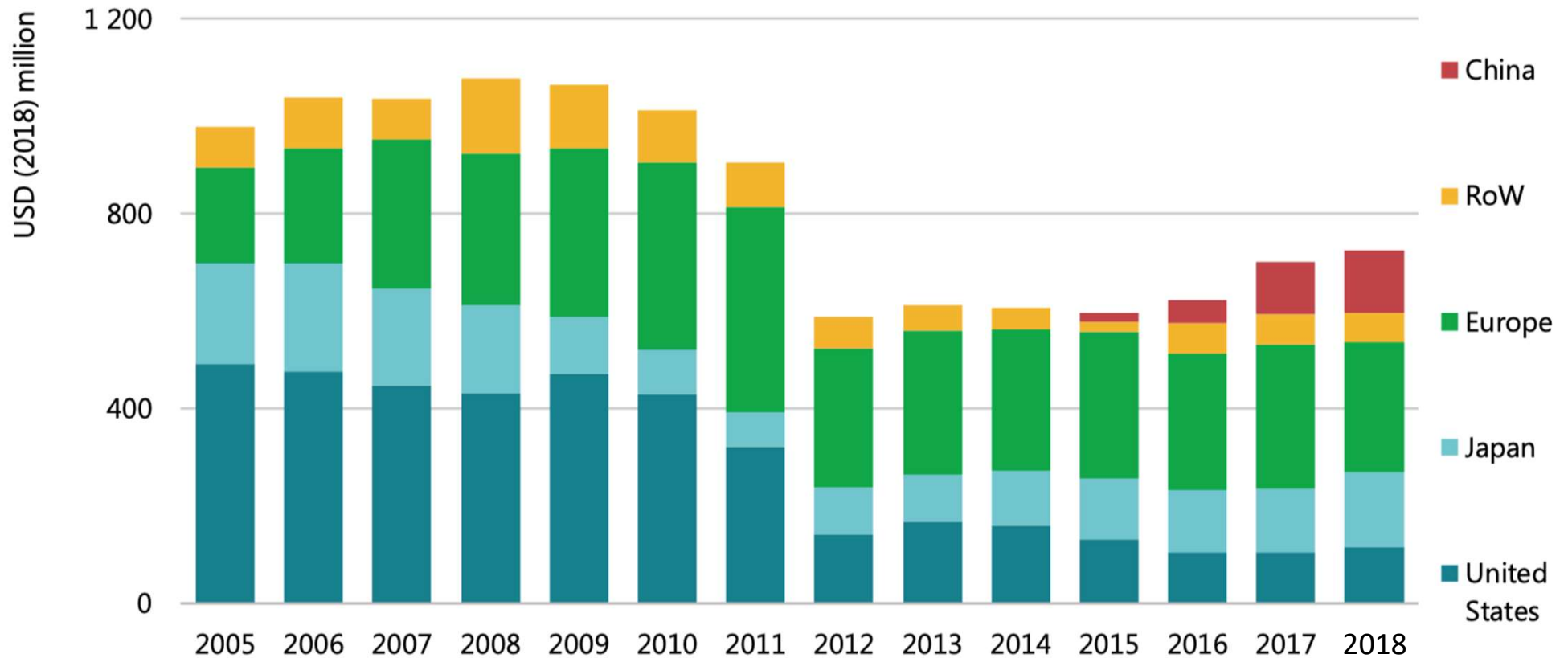
## POLICIES SUPPORTING H<sub>2</sub> DEPLOYMENT BY APPLICATION



Note: Based on available data up to May 2019.

Source: IEA analysis and government surveys in collaboration with IEA Hydrogen Technology Collaboration Programme; IPHE (2019), *Country Updates*.

## GOVERNMENT R&D BUDGETS FOR H<sub>2</sub> AND FUEL CELLS



Notes: Government spending includes European Commission funding, but does not include sub-national funding, which can be significant in some countries. 2018e = estimated; RoW = rest of world.

Source: IEA (2018a), *RD&D Statistics*.

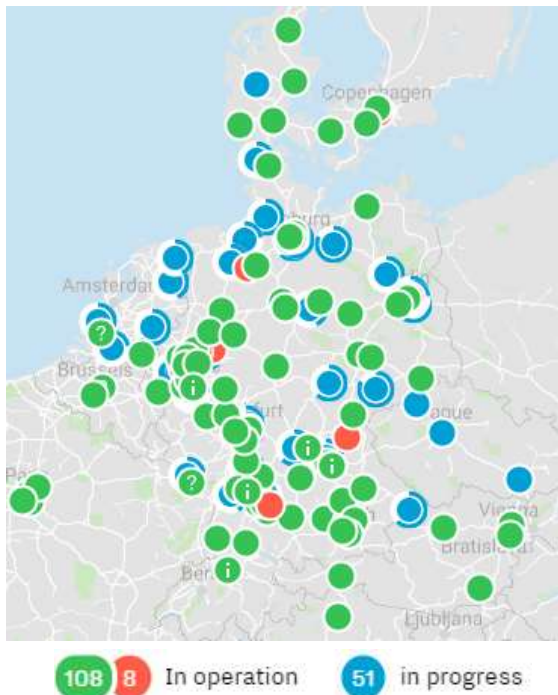
## *EARLY DEVELOPMENTS FOR METHANOL FUEL CELLS*

- **April 2002:** California Fuel Cell Partnership opens methanol fueling station in Sacramento
  - 2,000-gallon above-ground tank and dispenser for a mere \$45,000
  - Features included a “non-drip” methanol fueling nozzle
- **June 2002:** Daimler’s NECAR 5 drives San Francisco to Washington, DC – 16 days and 3262 miles



## H<sub>2</sub> REQUIRES NEW DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE

- H<sub>2</sub> fueling grid will be extended
- Few stations in operation



Source: C<sub>3</sub> mobility



- H<sub>2</sub> will be a central component of “CO<sub>2</sub> neutral mobility” over the long term
  - H<sub>2</sub> is the cheapest chemical energy carrier
  - H<sub>2</sub> is widely used already (mainly from NG)
  - Fuel storage & distribution is challenging
  - Available applications are very rare but will increase (fuel cell or combustion engine)
  - **Long term: Renewable H<sub>2</sub> will be available in large amounts for energy transport**

	Fuel costs	Availability	Technology Readiness Level	Fuel distribution	Compatibility with existing vehicles
Hydrogen	+	o	+/o	-	-

## LOGISTICS: METHANOL VS H<sub>2</sub>

- **Gaseous H<sub>2</sub>:**
  - **40 ton transport tanker truck**
  - **500 kg H<sub>2</sub> delivered @ 200 bar**
  
- **H<sub>2</sub> as Methanol:**
  - **40 ton transport tanker truck**
  - **3,600 kg of H<sub>2</sub> delivered at STP**



Source: Paul Wubben



# GOVERNMENT R&D BUDGETS FOR H<sub>2</sub> AND FUEL CELLS

COMPARATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPEX			
	Liquid Fuels	Electricity	Hydrogen
Daily Miles Enabled by Typical Current Station*	500,000	4,800	9,000
Stations Needed to Achieve Energy Equivalent Throughput Capacity	1	104	56
Cost Per Current Station	\$200,000	\$80,000	\$2,500,000
Cost Per <u>Equivalent</u> Station	\$200,000	\$8.3 million	\$139 million
Cost for 10,000 Station National Network	\$2 billion	\$83 billion	<b>\$1.4 trillion</b>

* Gasoline Benchmark: 600,000 gallons / month, average 25 mpg
* Level 3 EV Recharging Benchmark: 200 miles / EV; 1.5 hours for full charge; 2 plugs per station; 24 cars per day
* Hydrogen "Nano-Station" Benchmark: 150 kg/day; 60 miles / kg.

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* <b>Hydrogen Gasoline-Equivalent Station:</b> 1,000 kg/hour capacity; either 35' high above ground storage or 50+ MW on-site electrolysis. The permitting of either of these options in congested urban areas is highly doubtful if not impossible.

Source: Paul Wubben



## COST OF H<sub>2</sub> COMING DOWN BUT INFRA COSTS STILL HIGH



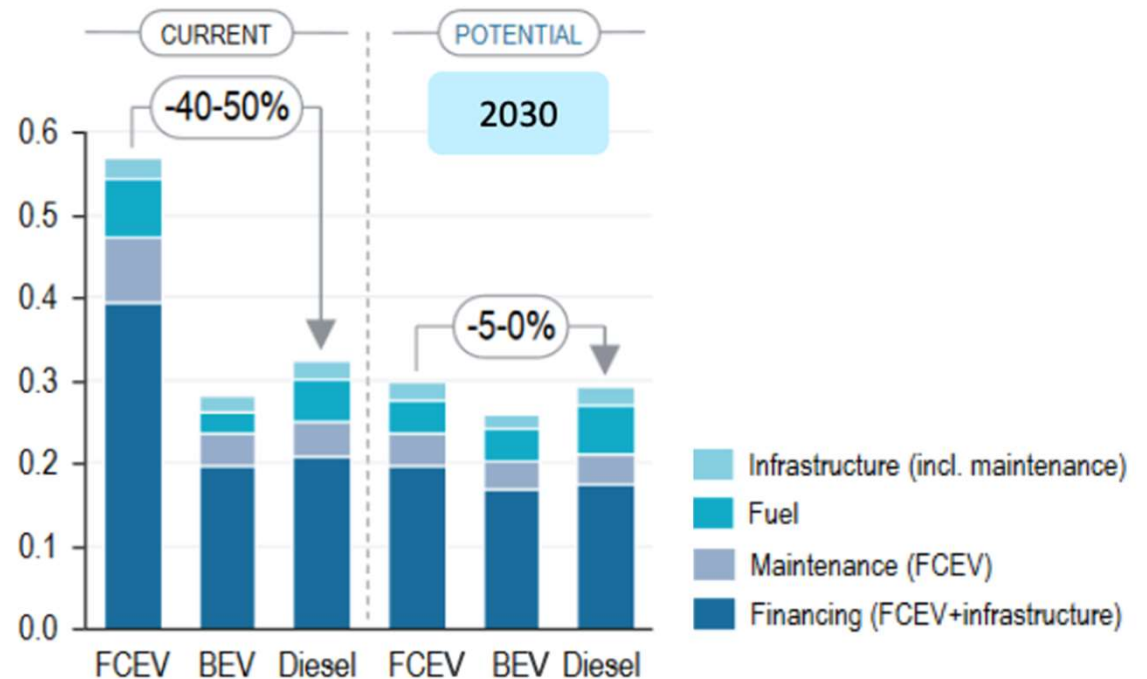
FC cars are projected to achieve cost parity with diesel at commercial production volumes at a H<sub>2</sub> cost of €5/kg



Clean H<sub>2</sub> as a feedstock can reach parity with fossil-based inputs once the cost of carbon is included

Source: e1

Estimated annualised Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) [ct/km], 2017 prices



Adapted from "Development of business cases for Fuel Cell and Hydrogen applications for Regions and Cities", 2017, Roland Berger for the FCH-JU

# METHANOL: A HYDROGEN CARRIER FOR FUEL CELLS

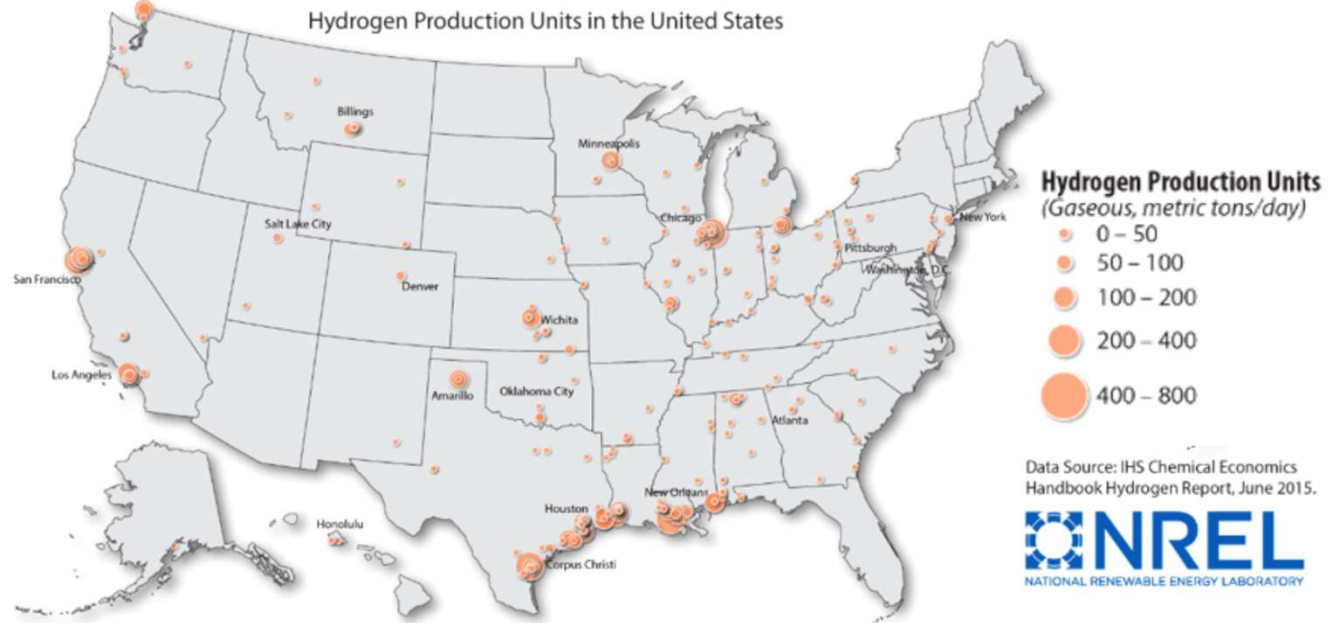
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- Horizon Energy Systems (Singapore)
- Oneberry (Singapore)
- Alteryg (USA)
- Serenegy (Denmark)
- SFC Energy (Germany)
- Toshiba (Japan)
- Ultracell (USA)
- e1 (USA)





## WHAT IS HYDROGEN?

- Hydrogen is the **simplest element in the universe**
- Hydrogen is a chemical element with the symbol H and atomic number 1. With just one proton and one electron, it is the **most common element** in the universe
- **Highest calorific value** of 150 KJ/g among all the “fuels”
- Cheaper than gasoline or diesel
- **1 kg of hydrogen contains 33.33 kWh of usable energy**, whereas petrol and diesel only hold about 12kWh/kg (see [www.h2data.de](http://www.h2data.de)). In terms of volumetric energy density however, hydrogen is outperformed by liquid fuels



**U.S. annual hydrogen production**

**10 million metric tons**

**Largest Users in the U.S.**

**Petroleum Processing**

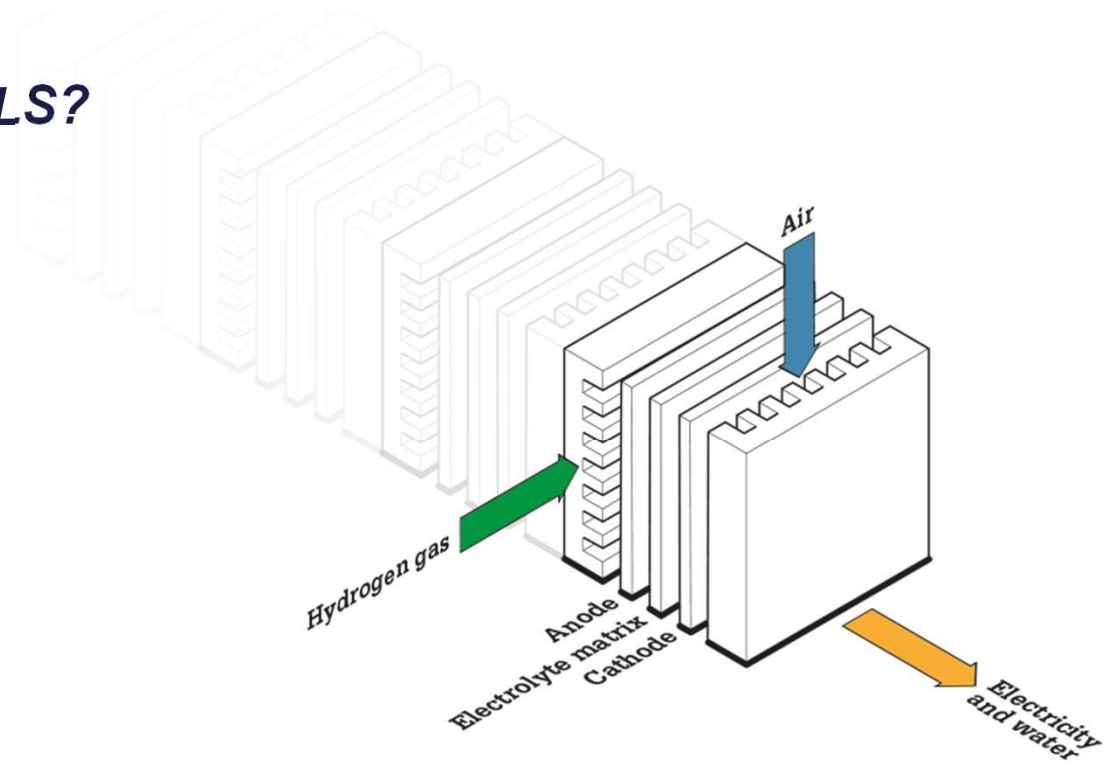
**68%**

**Fertilizer Production**

**21%**

## WHAT ARE FUEL CELLS?

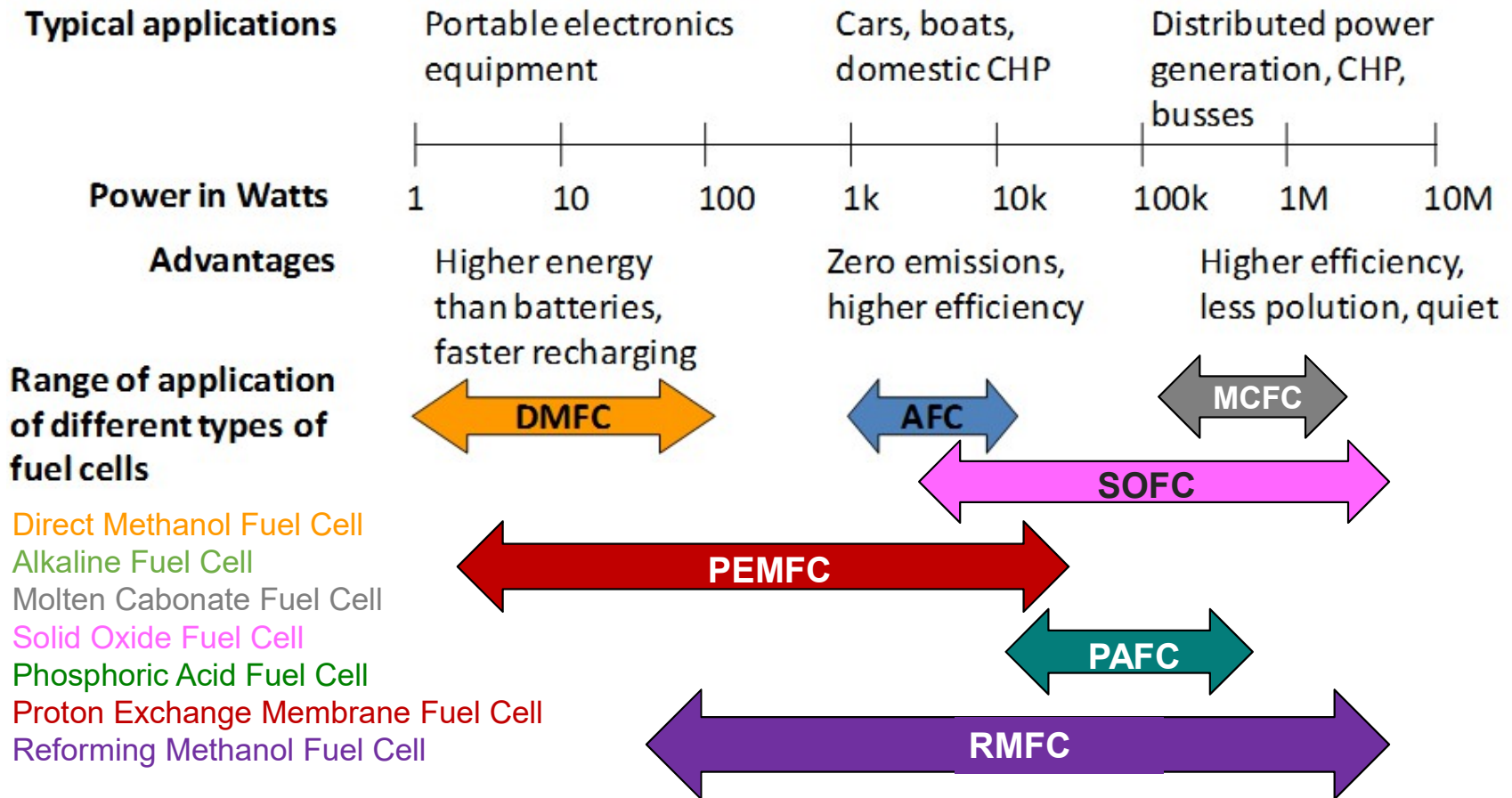
- High efficiency power generation with water as the only emission
- Converts chemical energy directly into electrical energy via an electrochemical reaction, similar to a battery
- Batteries consume their electrodes when they produce electricity and must therefore be discarded or recharged
- Fuel cells, on the other hand, produce electrical energy as long as fuel is added in the form of hydrogen and oxygen
- Fuel cells have a broader field of application than any other available source of energy and can be manufactured for small units that produce only a few watts, up to major power stations generating megawatts



Compared to a combustion engine, which is also powered by a reaction between fuel and oxygen, higher power efficiency is achieved. While the combustion engine's thermomechanical process means that a large part of the energy is always consumed as heat, the fuel cell's reaction takes place at a significantly lower temperature. In contrast to the combustion engine, water and heat are the only emissions generated by a fuel cell

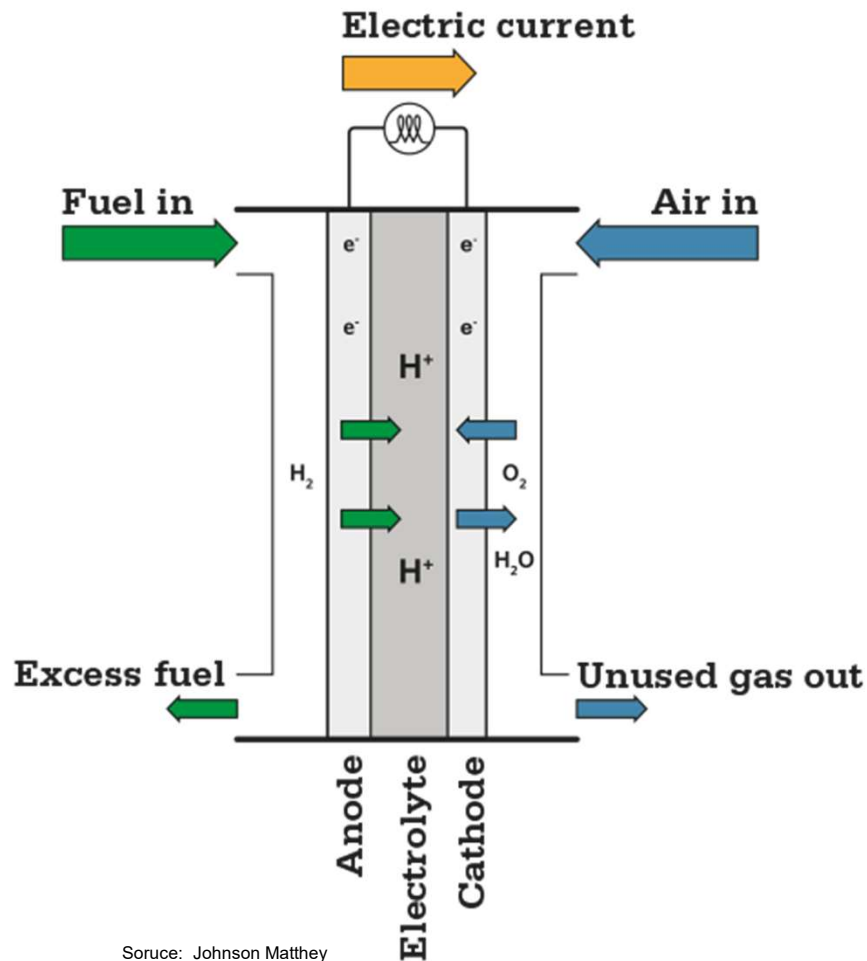
Source: PowerCell

## TYPES OF FUEL CELLS



Source: J. Larminie, A. Dicks, Fuel Cell Systems Explained, Wiley, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2003

## KEY COMPONENTS OF A FUEL CELL



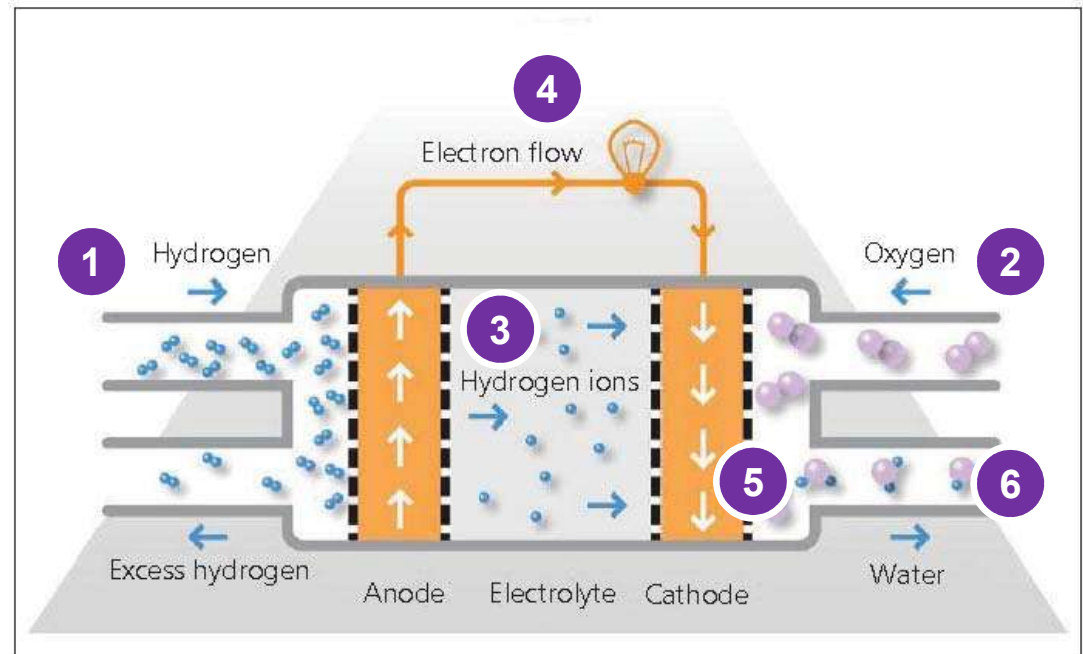
Source: Johnson Matthey

The fuel cell's key components are:

- An anode, cathode and electrolyte
- The electrolyte largely determines the properties of the fuel cell
- Proton Exchange Membranes (PEM), with ion-conducting polymer membrane as the electrolyte, are common
- PEM fuel cells operate at a relatively low temperature ( $<100^\circ\text{C}$ ) and therefore have valuable rapid start-up and response times
- PEM fuel cells have the highest power density of all fuel cell types and are thereby significantly smaller and lighter than other versions

## CHEMICAL REACTION

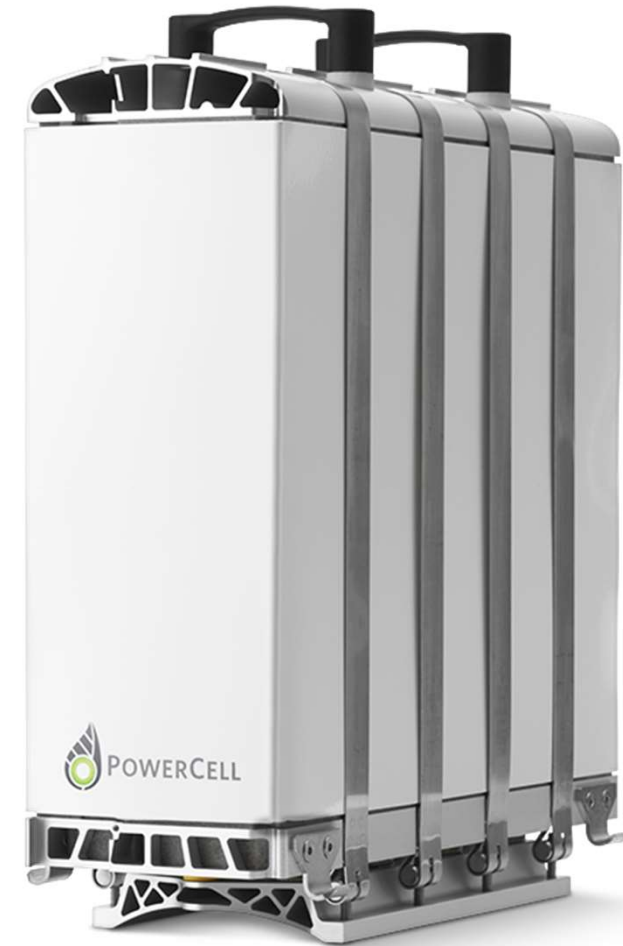
1. When in operation, the anode is fed with fuel in the form of hydrogen ( $H_2$ )
2. Simultaneously, the cathode is continuously fed with air ( $O_2$ )
3. The hydrogen molecules are oxidised at the anode, forming hydrogen ions and electrons
4. The electrons transfer through the external electrical circuit, which connects the anode and cathode, to generate electricity
5. Meanwhile, the hydrogen ions are transported via the electrolyte to the cathode, where they combine with the oxygen molecules to form water and heat
6. The result is electricity, water and the heat generated by the reaction. Since the fuel cells are liquid cooled, the heat can e.g. be used to heat buildings



Source: Johnson Matthey

## REFORMER

- If the fuel is not hydrogen, but a hydrocarbon such as methanol, ethanol, diesel, biogas or natural gas, the fuel cell system, in addition to air supply components, cooling system and power conditioning, also requires a reformer system
- The reformer system consists of the reformer, which converts the original fuel to a hydrogen containing gas, and a clean-up system, which removes CO and sulphur from the gas to make it appropriate for the fuel cell



Source: PowerCell



## CHINA FUEL CELL PIVOT

- March 2018: MIIT releases plans for hydrogen fuel cell promotion as “new energy vehicles”
- China now has just 1,500 FCVs and 23 hydrogen fuelling stations
- Targets: 2020 – 5,000 FCVs; 2025 – 50,000 FCVs; 2030 – 1mln FCVs
  - USA 1,000 hydrogen fuelling stations and 1mln FCVs by 2030
  - Japan 80 hydrogen fuelling stations by 2021
- Pivot away from EV subsidies and moving support to hydrogen fuel cells
- Emphasis on commercial vehicles: buses & trucks, long-haul





## HYBRID INNOVATION: AIWAYS/GUMPERT RG 'NATALIE'



- AIWAYS: Gumpert RG Nathalie
- Reformed Methanol Fuel Cell electric supercar
- 1,200 km range > 2X Toyota or Hyundai H<sub>2</sub> models (550km range)
- top speed 300 kph > 2X Toyota or Hyundai models (157kmh)

## ON-BOARD H<sub>2</sub> GENERATION FOR MARINE VESSELS

- Storing compressed H<sub>2</sub> onboard a vessel requires **15X more space** than liquid methanol paired with a hydrogen generator

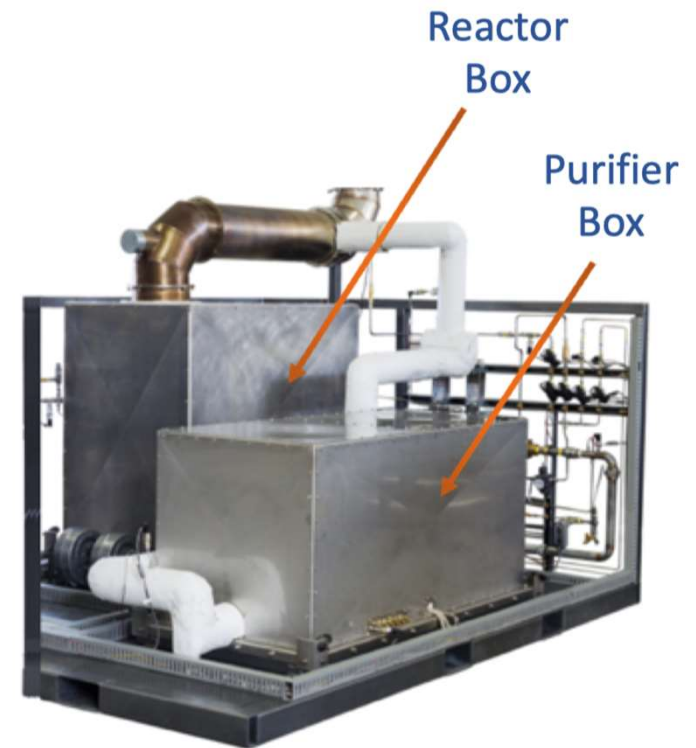
1 MW for 1 day	
Compressed Hydrogen	309 m <sup>3</sup>
Liquid Methanol + M-Series	20 m <sup>3</sup>

1 MW for 10 days	
Compressed Hydrogen	3,090 m <sup>3</sup>
Liquid Methanol + M-Series	200 m <sup>3</sup>

**25% Fuel Cost Reduction vs Diesel**

Source: e1, EIA

- **Mature technology:** 20 years, multiple lines to 300kW
- **Scaleable:** <0.2ppm CO & CO<sub>2</sub>
- **>99.97% purity:** Methanol + DI water
- **Feed:**



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## ***SUMMARY***

- **Physical characteristics of methanol are highly competitive or surpass other alternative fuels, across a range of applications**
- **Application design, whether retrofit or new build are simple, advantageous, practical and understandable – whether for ships, boilers, kilns, fuel cells or cars**
- **Compelling emissions reduction properties in all cases**
- **Superior Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) advantage when combined with CCI technology or when renewably produced**
- **Infrastructure is a key enabler for methanol's uptake as a fuel due to storage and handling being no more complicated than other liquid fuels**
- **More visibility over long-term pricing than competitive fuels**

*THANK YOU*





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