

# Methanol plotting a course to low carbon pathways

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# Methanol is simplest of alcohols

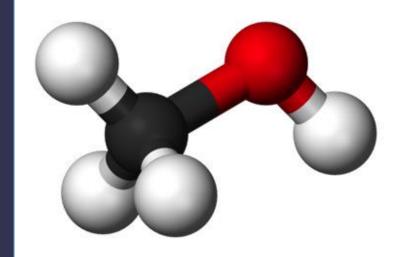
- Simple molecule rich in hydrogen, with only a single carbon bond
- Clear and colourless liquid at room temperature and ambient pressure
- Also known as "wood alcohol," methanol can be produced from a wide range of feedstocks

Formula: CH<sub>3</sub>OH

Density: 0,792 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>

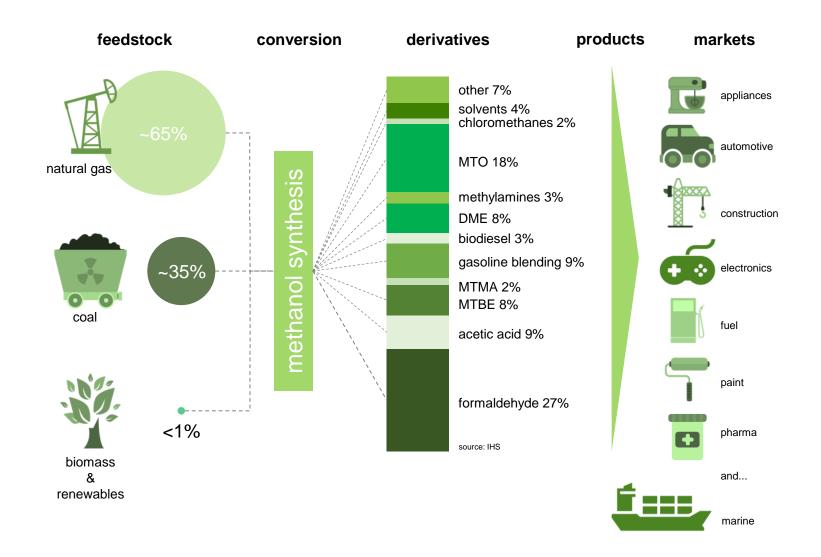
Molar mass: 32,04 g mol<sup>-1</sup>

Appearance: colourless liquid





# Broad feedstock range, many applications





## Increasing use as a marine fuel

#### **COMBUSTION ENGINE**



7x	+4x
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chemical tankers

MOL, WL, Stena Line

2 stroke MAN

Marinvest

new build

1x

**ROPAX** 

ferry

Swedish Maritime Admin.

1x

**Pilot** 

boat

4 stroke high speed Wärtsila Scania, Volvo, a.o.

retrofit 'retrofit' **FUEL CELL** 



2x

**Tourist** boat

Innogy, Konstanz Uni

Serenergy fuel cell stacks

retrofit

retrofit

1x

**Ferry** 

Viking Line

PROJECT and R&D



Cruise ships, fishing boat, barge, dredge, a.o.

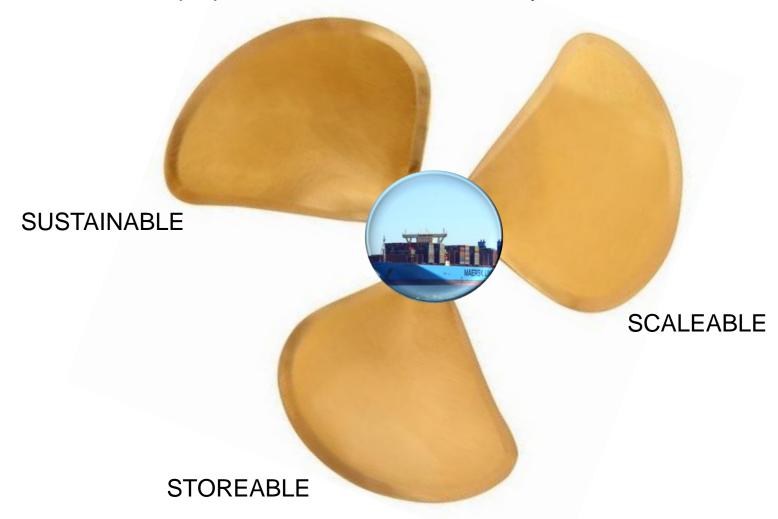
Billion Miles, Summeth/Martec, HyMeth Ship, Lean Ships, Methaship, GMM, a.o.

SI hybrid, dual fuel, etc.

new build & retrofit

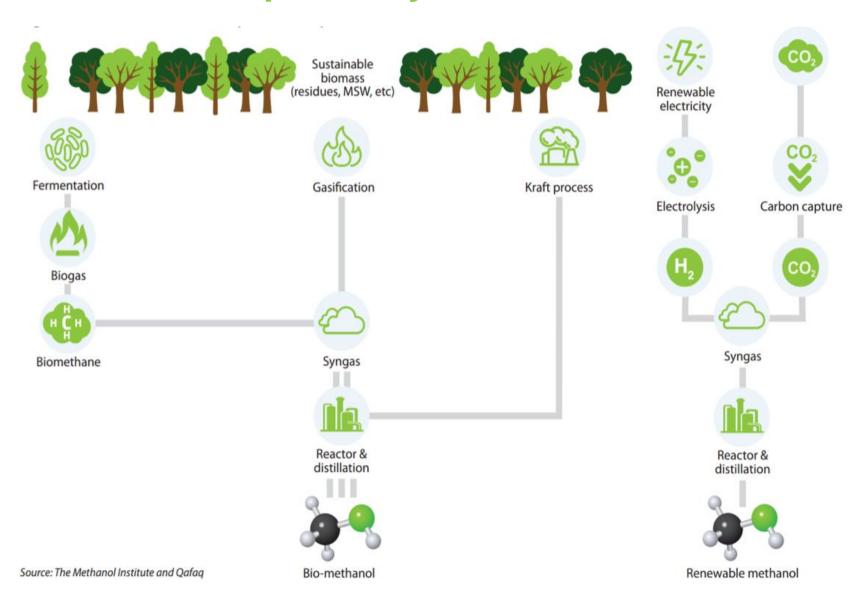
# Toward a low carbon shipping industry

Potential future propulsions solution should ideally be:



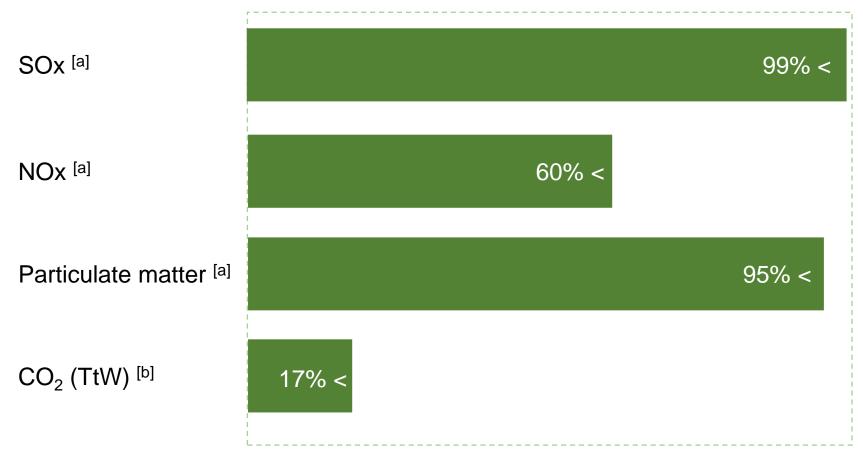


# Low carbon pathways exist





#### Reduces exhaust emissions



[a] Source: Stena Line

[b] Source: Ford, CO<sub>2</sub> benchmark compared to gasoline Assumptions: same mileage, impact due to stoichiometry and heating value



# Putting things in perspective

LC50 - Lethal dose for fish



Gasoline [1] 8,2 mg/l Methane [2] 49,9 mg/l

Diesel [3] 65 mg/l Heavy Fuel Oil [4] 79 mg/l Methanol [5] 15.400 mg/l

#### Sources:

[1] Petrobras/Statoil ASA, Safety Data Sheet, ECHA registration dossier Gasoline

[2] ECHA, European Chemicals Agency, registration dossier Methane

[3] ECHA, European Chemical Agency, registration dossier Diesel

[4] GKG/ A/S Dansk Shell, Safety Data Sheet

[5] ECHA, European Chemical Agency, registration dossier Methanol



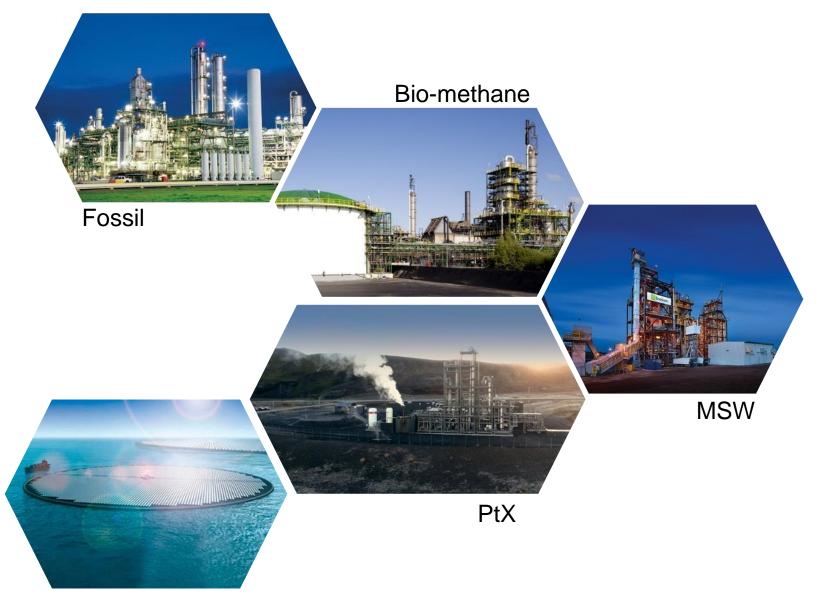
#### Safer for the environment

	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

Source: MethaShip



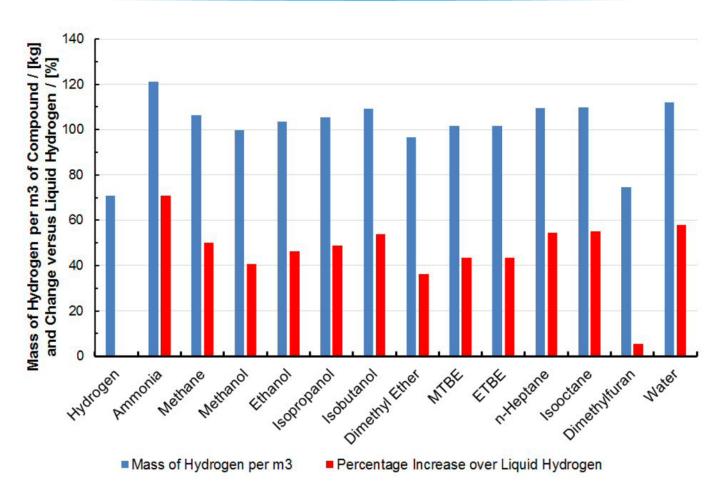
# Options to scale and reduce carbon



# Methanol is a great energy carrier

H<sub>2</sub>: very bad at storing H<sub>2</sub>







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#### Available around the world



Methanol storage capacity estimates (thousand tons)



#### Methanol...

- is plentiful, available globally
- can be made 100% renewable
- runs well in existing engine technology and has potential for further optimization
- complies with increasingly stringent emission reduction regulations
- requires only minor modifications to current bunkering infrastructure
- is biodegradable!
- safe handling can rely on long history and experience in shipping and industry
- cost are relatively modest and drop as experience mounts
- shows slight regional price variation







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- MI represents the world's leading methanol producers, distributors and technology companies from offices around the world



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- Ensuring safe handling of methanol and its derivatives
- Promoting methanol growth by furthering methanol as an essential chemical commodity and an emerging source of clean and renewable energy
- Influencing global regulatory and public policy initiatives that impact the methanol industry



#### 2019 members



