

Methanol as a Marine Fuel



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- The use of methanol as a marine fuel is viewed as an historic opportunity
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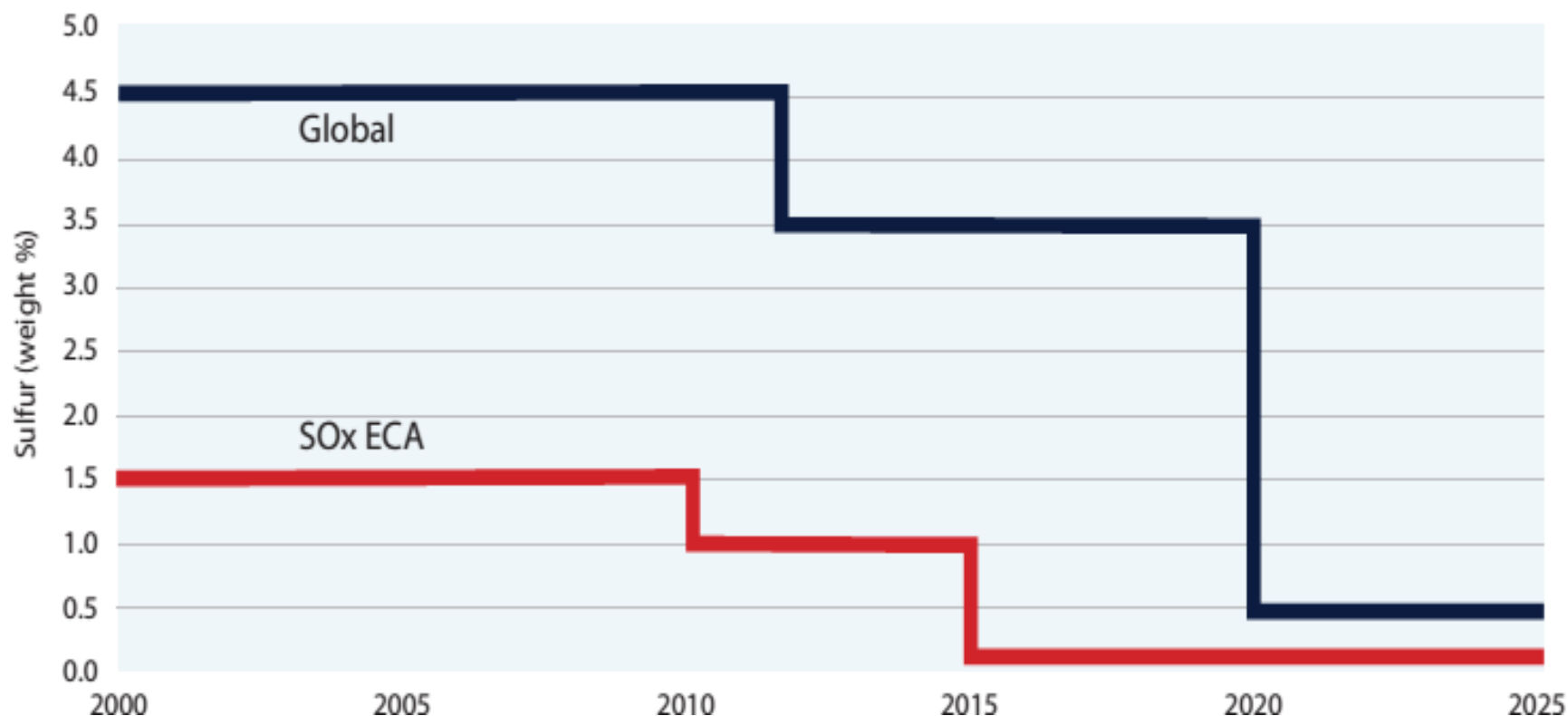
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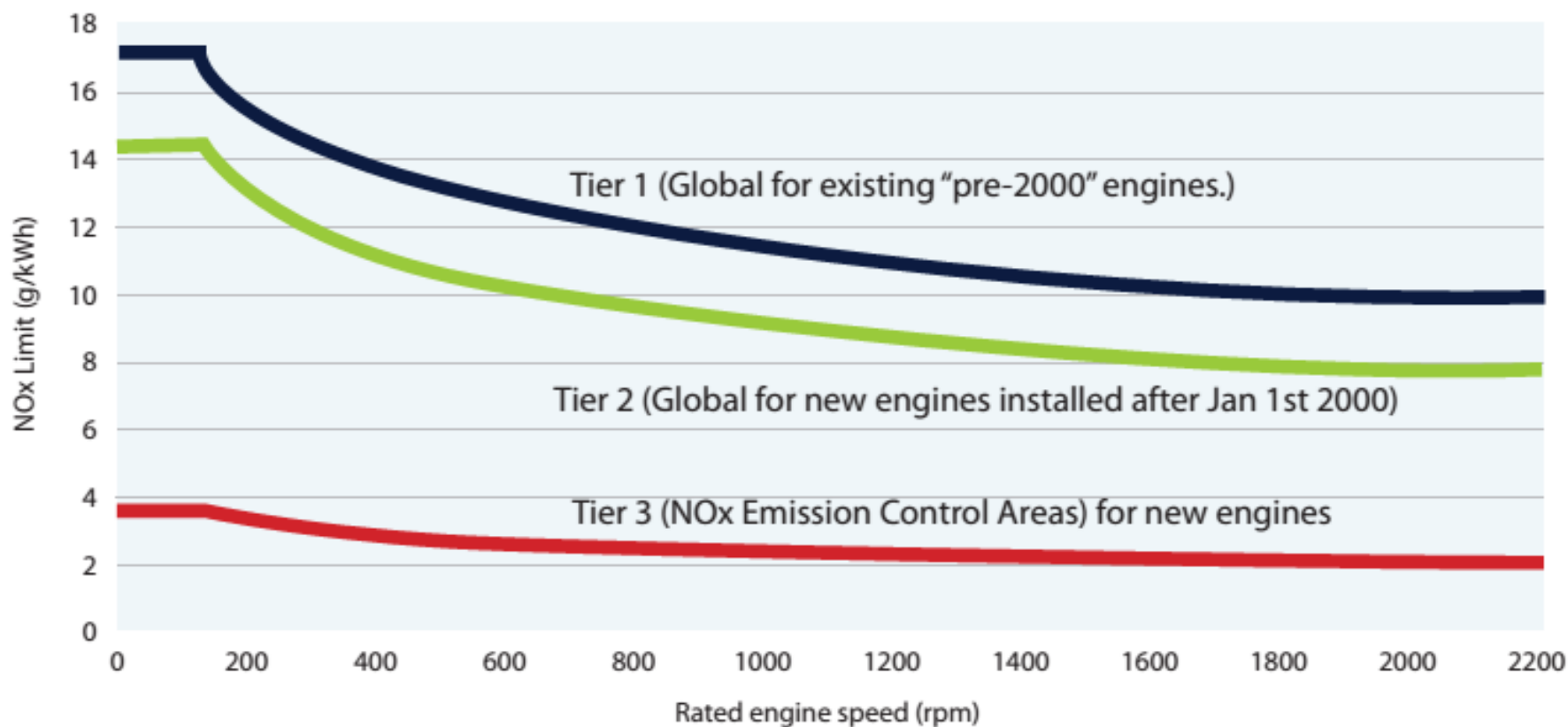
Emission control areas (ECAs)

Limits on SO_x content in fuel

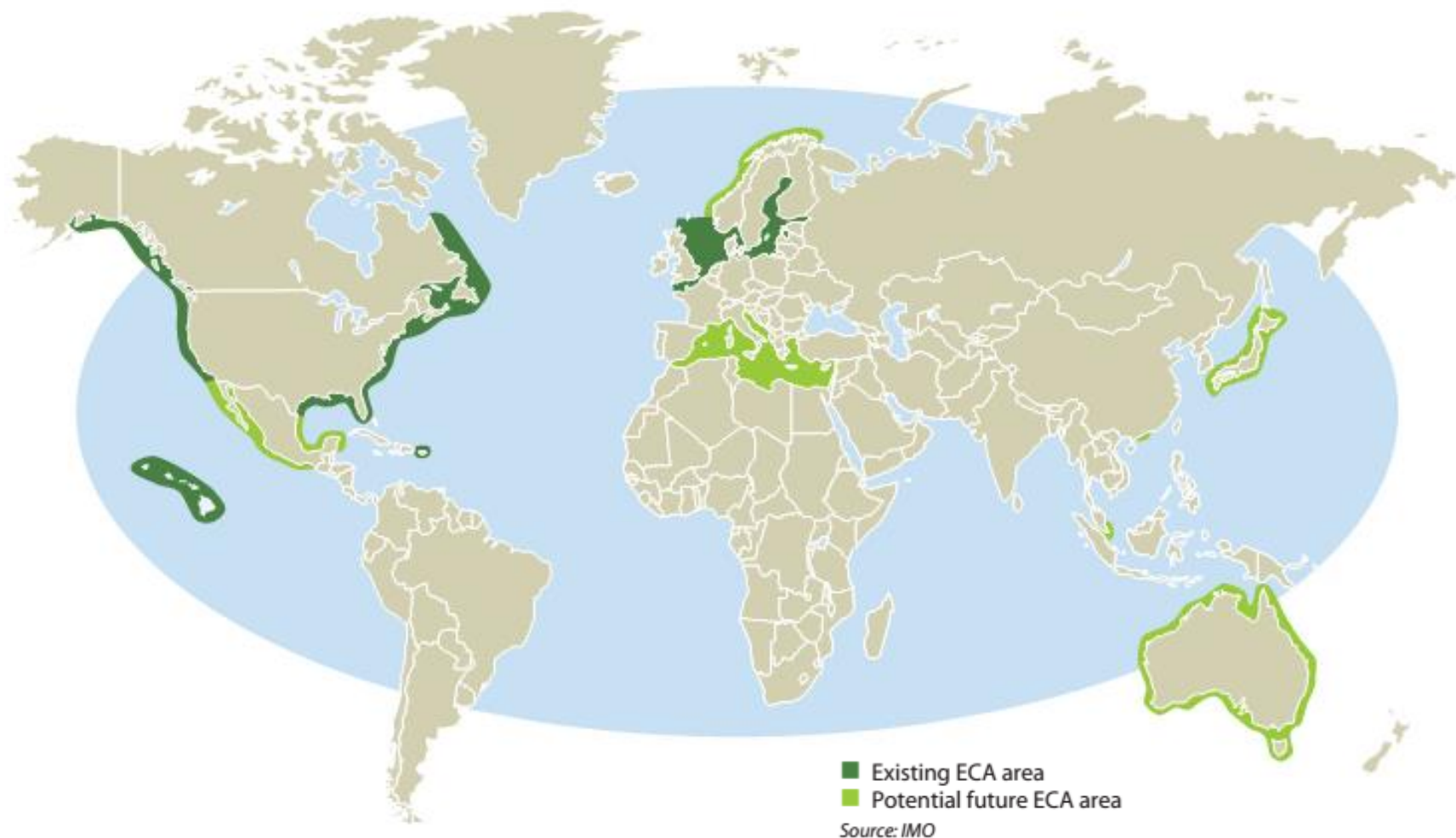


Emission control areas (ECAs)

Limits on NO_x emissions for new-build ships



Emission control areas (ECAs)



California: Ocean-going vessels regulation

“Fuel Sulfur and Other Operation Requirements for Ocean-going Vessels within California Waters and 24 Nautical Miles off the California Baseline”. (CalEPA)

- Adopted on July the 24th 2008
- Covers SO_x, NO_x and particulates
- Using scrubbers to mitigate emissions instead of low-sulfur fuel is not allowed
- Fuel must be distillate grade

EU Monitoring, Reporting and Verification Rules (MRV)

Under the EU Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) rules, passed by the European Parliament in April 2015, ship-owners will have to monitor CO₂ emissions for each ship on a per voyage and an annual basis. (EC)

Regulatory trends

- Regulation has progressively become more stringent (e.g. IMO proposed a global sulfur cap of 0.5% by 2020)
- Upcoming regulations are likely to target CO₂ fuel emissions as well as SO_x, NO_x and particulates
- Life-cycle emissions and environmental impact of likely to be an important factor in regulation marine fuels

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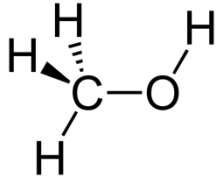
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Part II. Technology

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Methanol Facts

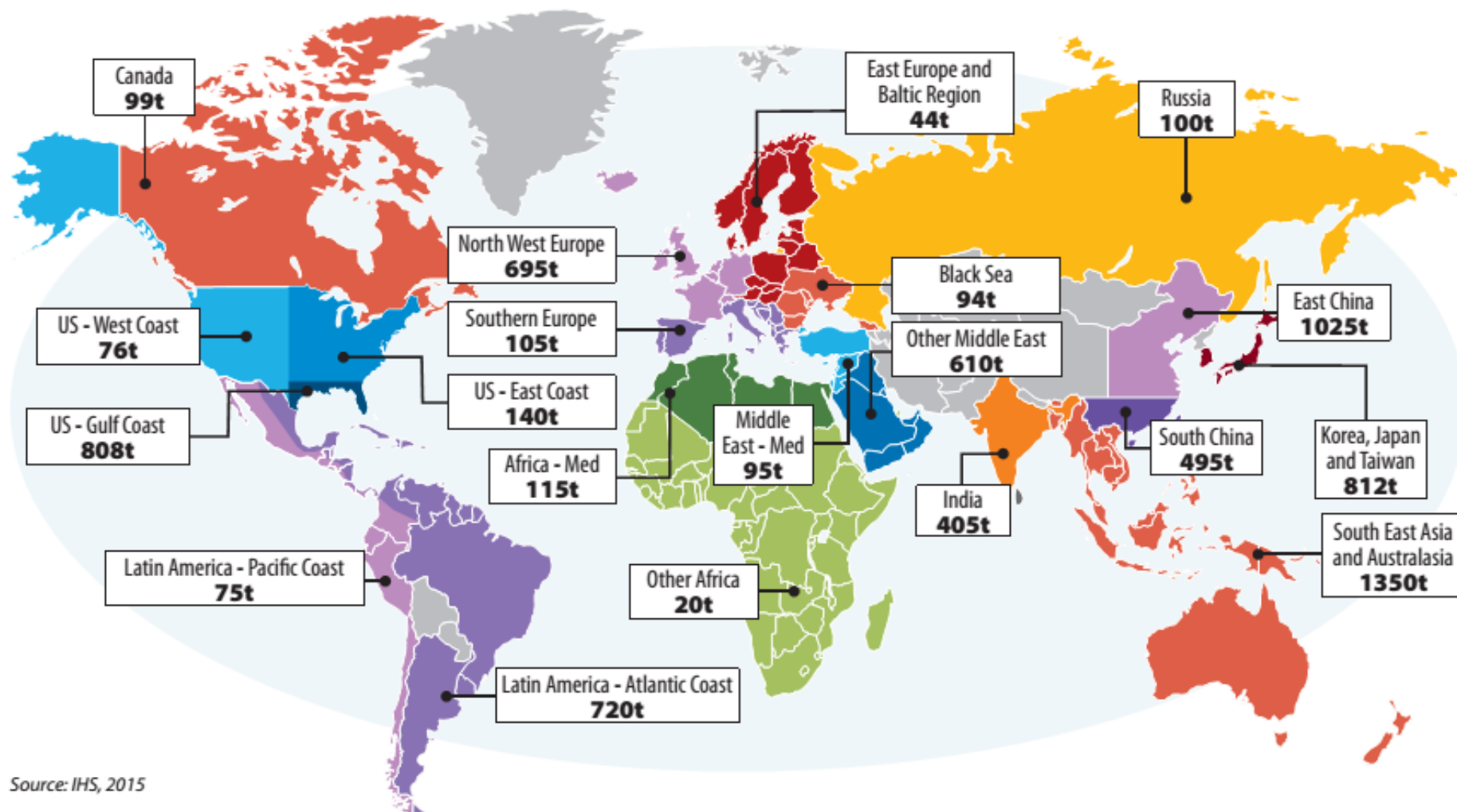
- Most methanol is today produced from natural gas but it could be produced from many feedstocks (incl. renewable sources, waste etc.)
- Around 70 million metric tons of methanol are produced every year
- Methanol contains no sulfur or other impurities

Methanol Facts

- Methanol is a liquid, making its bunkering and transportation easier than gaseous fuels
- Methanol is a low flashpoint fuel (like LNG)
- Methanol is available globally

Methanol Facts

Methanol storage capacity estimates (thousand tons)



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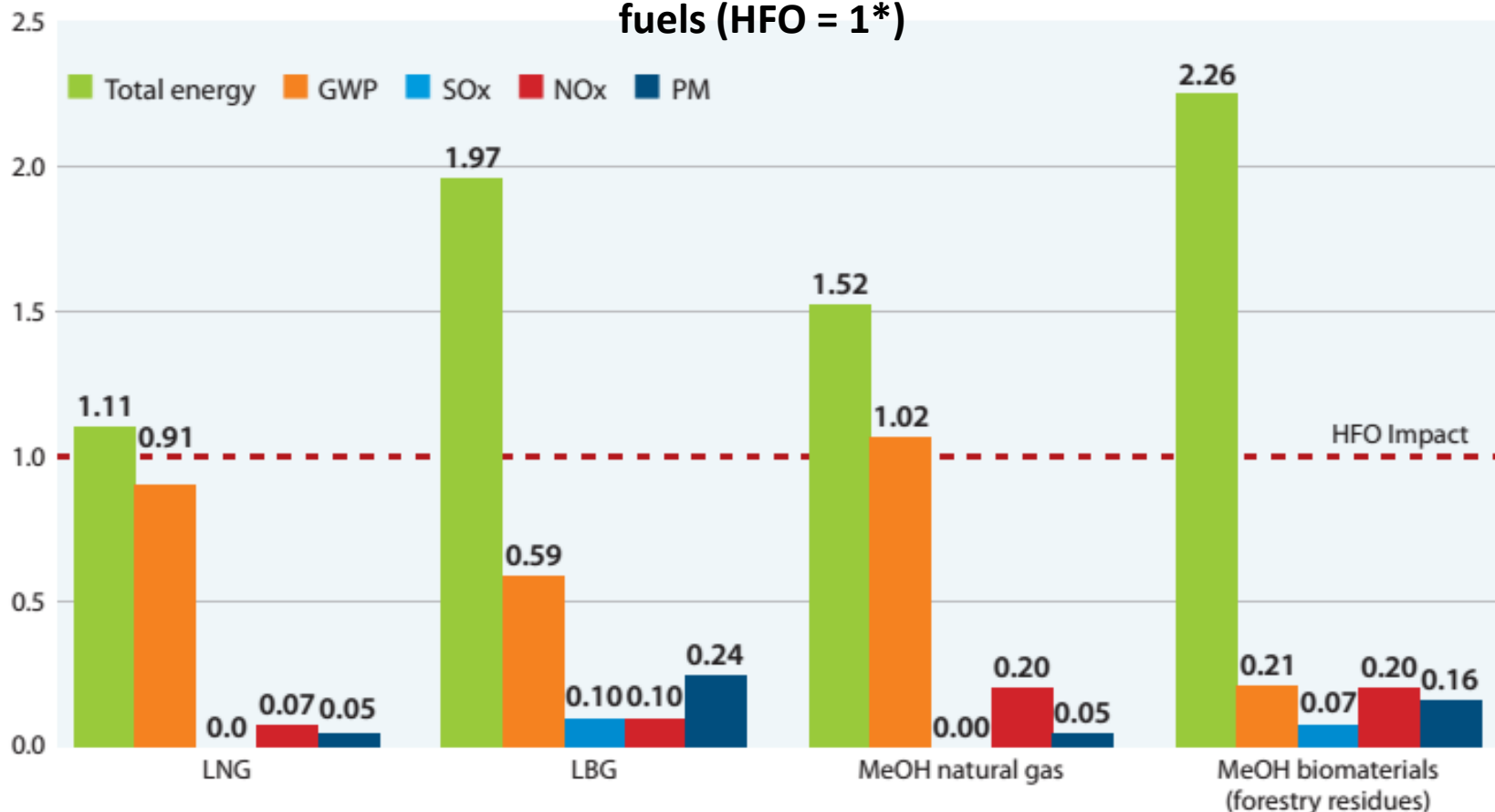
Environmental performance

- Methanol is completely soluble in water
- Most microorganisms can oxidize methanol, making it biodegradable
- As a result, the impact from a large spill would be much lower than from an equivalent oil spill

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Environmental performance

Lifecycle emissions and energy use of methanol compared to HFO and methane fuels (HFO = 1*)



*Energy input and impacts are considered from a well to propeller perspective and apply to the fuel used for transporting one ton for one km with a RoRo ship. LNG figures assume 4% methane slip, as reported by the manufacturer.

Source: Brynolf et al, 2014

Marine methanol projects

- **Stena Germanica:** Launched in March 2015, *Stena Germanica* features Wärtsilä methanol-fueled marine engine in EU-sponsored effort.
- **Methanex's Waterfront Shipping** 2016 delivery of seven new vessels with MAN dual-fuel methanol/diesel engines.
- **MethaShip project** led by Lloyd's Register designing cruise ship and ropax ferry over next three years.
- **2016 Pilot Boat** conversion by ScandiNAOS with support from MI, and Swedish Maritime Administration.

Conversion and Infrastructure costs

Costs provided below are those of the retrofit of the Stena Germanica, a 24 MW RoPax ferry operating in the Baltic sea

- Total Project Cost (incl. storage tank and bunker barge adaptation): €22 million
- Conversion Specific Costs: €13 million
- Time at yard to modify engine: 2 weeks
- This is a first of its kind. Future conversions costs are estimated to be 30 - 40% lower

ESTIMATED CONVERSION COST:

€350/kW

Conversion and Infrastructure costs

Costs of a new build methanol ship with two 10 MW MAN engines

- Engine costs: €825,000
- Work on engine: €300,000
- Fuel supply system: €600,000
- Fuel tanks: €500,000
- Piping, etc: €500,000

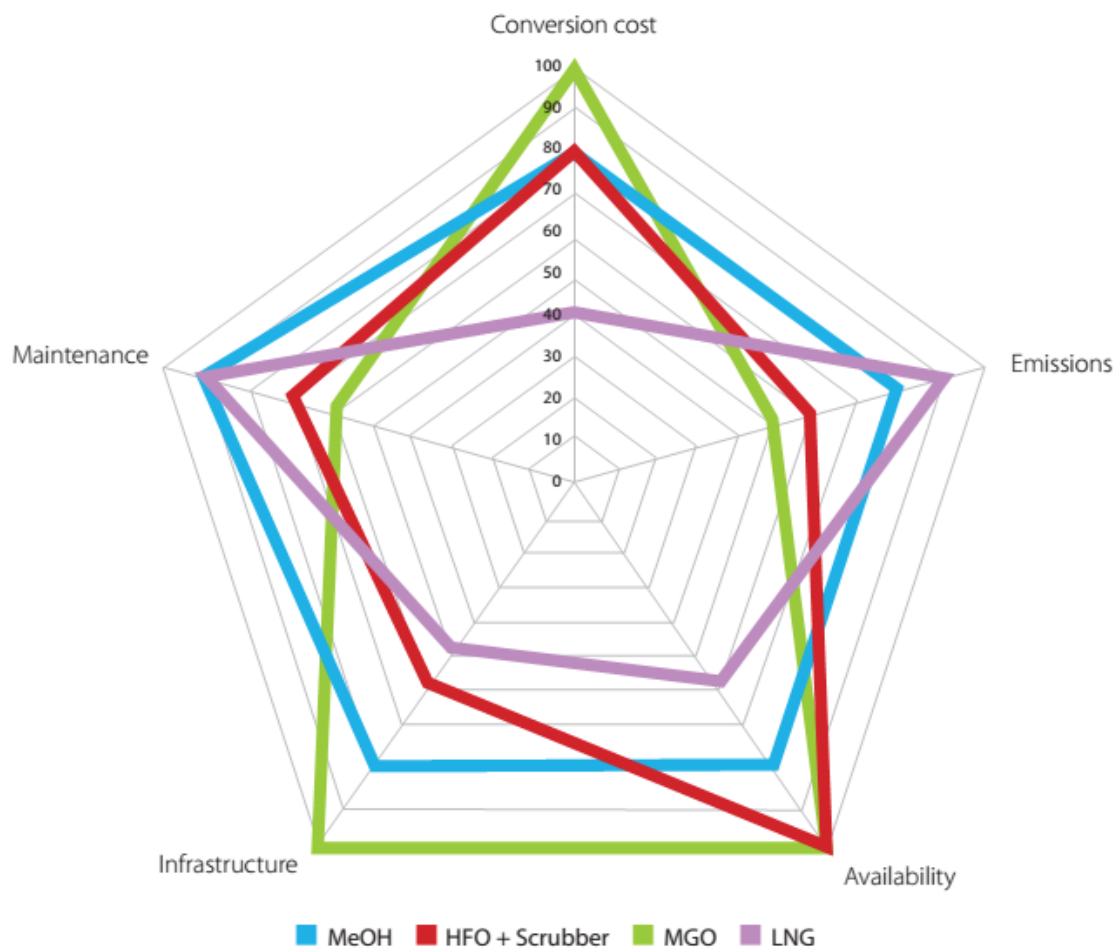
TOTAL COST: €270/kW

Conversion and Infrastructure costs

- Conversion or new-build of marine diesel engines to methanol fuel is
 - Technically feasible
 - Leads to lower emissions and ECA compliance
 - Is a pathway to renewable fuel

Conversion and Infrastructure costs

Methanol (MeOH) versus other marine fuels



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Main findings

- Methanol is plentiful, available globally and could be 100% renewable.
- Methanol is compliant with increasingly stringent emission reduction regulations.
- Current bunkering infrastructure needs only minor modifications to handle methanol.
- Infrastructure costs are relatively modest compared to potential alternative solutions.



Main findings

- Methanol prices show regional variation.
- Conversion costs to drop dramatically as experience mounts.
- Current engines have performed well and upcoming technologies will improve on this performance.
- Shipping and chemical industries have a long history and ample experience in handling methanol safely.
- Methanol is biodegradable.

