# Maritime Bunkering Options for Decarbonisation

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## Current state of global emissions in the shipping industry

The shipping industry faces significant pressure to pursue a collective climate change response.





Various fuels are being considered to reduce emissions Each fuel variant has pros and cons for refuelling and storage, engine development and on-board safety.

Maturity / Performance													
Major challenges		Fuel properties (1)					Refuelling and storage						
Mature		LHV (MJ/kg)	LHV Energy density (GJ/M3) Storage (bar) Storage temp (°C) Emissions (Well-to-Wake) kgCO2- e/GJ		Refuelling in tandem with cargo operations		Fuel storage (compared to HFO) (2)	Engine development (2)			On-board safety considerations		
FO	Bio/ e-diesel	28.9	19.2 (35-45 for standard HFO)	5	20	٠	•	<ul> <li>Protocols exist which allow bunkering whilst simultaneously carrying out cargo operations</li> </ul>	1x volume	•	No change to existing vessel configuration	•	Existing procedures
ING	LNG	50	23.4	1	-162	•		<ul> <li>Protocols exist which allow bunkering whilst simultaneously carrying out cargo operations</li> </ul>	2.5x volume		No change to existing vessel	•	Safety and all relevant operating procedures are already in place to deal with existing risks (e.g., explosions). Initial training in crew competency is required, but otherwise there are limited safety considerations required
	Bio-LNG (methane)					•					configuration The conversion of existing vessels requires minor retrofits Dual-fuel two-stroke and four- stroke LNG engines are commercially available		
	E-LNG (methane)												
Methanol	Bio-methanol	19.9	15.8	1	20	•		<ul> <li>Protocols (in development) are expected to allow bunkering whilst simultaneously (un)loading cargo (e.g. Port of Gothenburg has released methanol bunkering regulations)</li> </ul>	2.5x volume	•	Dual-fuel two-stroke and four- stroke methanol engines are commercially available Methanol engines are being developed and commercialised for wider size ranges and are not expected to be size restricted	•	Safety assessments are required due to low flashpoint of methanol, meaning that it can vaporize and mix with air to form a flammable mixture at a relatively low temperature As methanol operates similar to other fuels, there are limited safety considerations required aside from initial training in crew competency.
	E-methanol					•	•						
Ammonia	Green / blue ammonia (pressurised)	18.6	12.7	8	20	•		<ul> <li>Due to HSE considerations, it is not yet clear whether bunkering will be possible whilst (un)loading cargo</li> <li>This may require vessels to make additional calls or increase time spent at a port</li> </ul>	3.6x volume	۲	Dual-fuel ammonia engines are being developed but are not finally proven or commercially available yet – delivery to yard in 2024 Development of increased storage capacity, engine and fuel technologies is ongoing	•	While ammonia is not flammable, it is highly toxic. Rigorous risk assessments and design specifications are required to ensure onboard safety (inc. health and safety on board)
	Green / blue ammonia (refrigerated)		11.3	1	-34	•	•						

Sources: (1) IRENA 2019; (2) Zero carbon shipping







### Future bunker requirements from lines?

- Maersk have stated its position on avoiding fossil fuels in its transition to NetZero<sup>(1)</sup> As such, Maersk have not considered LNG an option due to its relatively high lifecycle emissions and instead begun developing methanol fuel ships
- LNG is the preferred alternative fuel choice amongst other major shipping lines – particularly for MSC who expressed major interest in using bio-LNG (biomethane)
- Methanol is an emergent fuel with announced fleet developments from Maersk initially, then CMA.
- June 2023 COSCO signed an order for a methanol fuel supply system for four 16,000-TEU containerships with COSCO Shipping Heavy Industry (Yangzhou).
- The majority of the shipping lines have 2050 NetZero targets versus 2040 for Maersk.



- The first of Maersk's orderbook of methanol dual fuel vessels during fit-out in April 2023.
- 2,100-TEU feeder ship to be deployed in Baltic Sea.
- Summer 2023, maiden voyage from South Korea to North Europe via Suez canal, including pilot bunkering with green methanol at Singapore & Rotterdam
- OCI Global will provide green methanol (from North America)





#### Container vessel orders by total twenty-foot equivalent (TEU)

- Other methanol vessel types on order:
  - oil/chemical tanker 3 (& 23 in operation)
  - Tug 1
  - Bulk carriers (3 in operation)
  - Cruise 1
  - RoPax (1 in operation)
  - Other offshore vessels 4



### Alternative Fuels - Summary LNG and Methanol as Near-term Bunkering Options

### LNG

- Continued demand for new LNG vessels, albeit growth may be slowing
- Well established supply/infrastructure value chains
- Lower emissions than fuel oil
- Bio/ e-LNG can be dropped in to **further** reduce emissions
- Flammable and requires vapor handling systems
- Requires specialist tanks low temperature and pressure (expensive to build, maintain and operate)

#### **Methanol**

- **Emerging** fuel alternative
- Consistent growth in orderbooks from most major shipping lines
- Established supply and infrastructure
- Bio/e methanol is **ultra low** carbon
- Toxic but water soluble and biodegradable
- Many ports have existing methanol storage and it is possible to store in modified fuel oil tanks at ambient temperature
- Bunker barges and procedures for simultaneous bunkering and cargo operations being trialed

### Ammonia

- 3-5 years away from ammonia ready engines / vessels
- viability of use in the shipping industry currently uncertain.

#### Hydrogen

 Technical challenges - need to handle & store at high pressures, low temperatures

#### **Bio/e-diesel**

- "Drop in" fuel that burns in existing engines, can provide 50-90% decarbonization compared with M/HFO, etc. (depending on feedstock & production);
- faces bio-feedstock constraints: & limited cost-reduction potential (mature production processes).
- e-diesel has potential to significantly reduce emissions with existing engine designs, but early in its tech. cycle

#### Nuclear

 Closest to current zero-carbon shipping (navies and icebreaking vessels), but still needs to overcome environmental, regulatory, economic, and societal acceptance issues



A significant number of planned or committed projects for alternative fuels across the globe are emerging, with planned production dates ranging between 2024 up to 2030





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### Alternative fuel options – Supply

Fuel production will vary depending on locations, availability of feedstocks and technology cost curves.





### Top 10 bunkering ports globally - Singapore is by some margin the largest Strategically located for ocean trade, but does not have close / direct access to green fuels

#### 2021 Annual bunker sales of selected ports

(M tonnes)





### Summary & Key Takeaways

- 1. Variety of fuel types under consideration to deliver maritime decarbonisation
- 2. Landscape is evolving rapidly some uncertainty about the ultimate and optimal 'solution'
- 3. However, over short to medium term key lines have opted for LNG (as a transitional fuel) and methanol, and are making investments accordingly
- 4. Other fuels, notably Ammonia, hydrogen and possibly nuclear are at an earlier stage of development (and / or acceptance), but may emerge as key solutions over the medium to longer-term
- 5. Supply side maturity is not adequate must be a substantial ramp up in capacity to meet demand. In addition, other potential fuels (e.g. ammonia) have yet to develop the appropriate regulatory framework (HSE, etc.).
- 6. Will the new vessels lead to a **re-configuration of networks & hubs**, due to shorter vessel ranges (plus break-up of alliances, specifically the 2M)?
- 7. The green fuels will **raise costs for supply chains**, although as supply matures, prices may fall which supply chain parties will bear the costs?
- 8. Or do established hubs, e.g. Rotterdam & Singapore retain their position?
- 9. For example, Singapore's economies of scale, established cluster of expertise and excellence, and ability to leverage a 'whole of government' approach for decarbonisation (beyond just maritime) are key advantages
- 10. But it does not have **ready access to green fuels other locations do and those located on/close to key trade lanes may target the bunkering market**



PTP and Port of Melbourne join a P4I panel discussion on 'Green Fuel Bunkering and Maritime Decarbonisation: Insights from Malaysian Ports' during the Green Shipping Conference on 22 June, part of Malaysia Maritime Week

Australia and Malaysia have shared the findings of a study into the potential for Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) regional green shipping hub at Malaysia Maritime Week in Kuala Lumpur.

The Australian Government through Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I) supported a session on 'Green Fuel Bu Maritime Decarbonisation: Insights from Australian and Malaysian Ports' during the Green Shipping Conference

Opened by Deputy Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia Ms Clare Gatehouse, the session discussed how supporting the decarbonisation of the maritime industry in partnership with Malaysia and the region.

# Thank you



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