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# PRACTICAL DECARBONISATION ACTIONS IN SHIPPING

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# TALLINN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY 2024

An aerial photograph of the Tallinn University of Technology campus, showing several large, modern academic buildings with flat roofs and extensive glass facades. The campus is surrounded by green spaces and trees, with a road and parking areas visible in the foreground. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

**9,100**  
students

**797** International students  
from **82** different countries  
**80** study programmes  
**5** joint programmes  
**22** international programmes

**2,242**  
employees

**64** nationalities  
**44.31** average age  
**173** professors

**1,249**  
publications

**73** PhD degrees awarded  
**49%** international PhD students

**82,507**  
alumni

**3.7%** international alumni



# TALTECH ESTONIAN MARITIME ACADEMY

Only higher education institution in Estonia offering maritime higher education, training and carrying out research

## Research areas:

Maritime Transport

Maritime Cybersecurity

Blue Economy and Aquatic Resources

Green Maritime Technology

Waterway Safety Management

Nautical Sciences, Safety, Security and Navigation

International Maritime Law and Regulations

## In numbers:

- 105 years experience
- 7000 alumni (since 2000)
- 480 students incl 25 PhD students
- 90 employees
- 8 professors + 22 researchers
- Budget 6,5 milj euros

## Study programs:

Doctoral studies: Main Speciality „Maritime“ in Engineering

Master studies: Maritime, Maritime Digitalization

Bachelor studies: Navigation, Ship Engineering, Port and Shipping Management, Waterway Safety Management





# ULLA TAPANINEN



She has experience in three different fields of expertise related to maritime field: **academic, business and public administration.**

PhD from **Helsinki University of Technology** (later Aalto University) 1997

Professor of maritime logistics in **University of Turku** 2005 -2012, Centre for Maritime studies. Adjunct Professor/Docent of maritime economics and logistics of University of Turku since 2010.

Key positions in two Finnish shipping companies: a development and environmental manager in **Finnlines** (1996-2005) and member of board in **ESL Shipping** (2012 - 24) and member of the board of **Port of Helsinki** 2025 -

**City of Helsinki**, various positions related to transport, City logistics, port operations, head of unit in city economic development department (2012-2021).

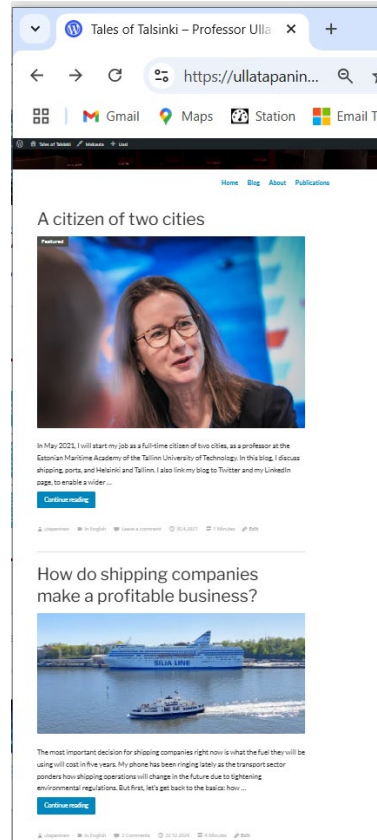
Tallinn University of Technology, **Estonian Maritime Academy**, tenured associate professor, maritime transport (2021-).

She has carried out dozens of research projects in academic, business and public administration, published dozens of academic journal articles, written several text books, is keen writer of blogs and invited speaker in seminars.

She is also particularly well connected to Finnish and European maritime field, European Union, academies and business sector. Member of Finnish Intelligent Transport Society (ITS-Finland), Finnish Association of Purchasing and Logistics LOGY and The Finnish Maritime Society – Meriliitto.

**Vuoden logistikko 2022** (Logistics professional in Finland).

Full tenured professor *Ulla Pirita Tapaninen*  
Book: *Maritime Transports 2020*, Kogan Page  
Blog: ***ullatapaninen.net***



# MARITIME TRANSPORT RESEARCH GROUP ESTONIAN MARITIME ACADEMY

- **Smart and Energy Efficient Environments (business studies)**

*How tightening environmental regulations affect shipping companies, ports and maritime markets?*

The studies analyse the present shipping business, and study how the new fuels, vessel design and operative changes will affect the shipping business models and operations.

- **Maritime and Port Governance (social sciences)**

The functioning and competitiveness of maritime cluster: shipping companies, port and maritime sectors in various shipping market situations: cargo and passenger volumes, economics, policies, law and public opinion.

**9 Ph.D students, 3 post-docs, 2 adj. prof., 3 assistants  
5 large international projects (Horizon + CB)**

Full tenured professor **Ulla Pirta Tapaninen**  
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# WE HAVE A MISSION!

*“In the next 20 years the maritime industry must rebuild its cargo fleet. If this is done with the radical technologies now available, it will lead to the biggest change in ship design since steam replaced sail in the 19th century.”*



Coronavirus, Climate Change & Smart Shipping

THREE MARITIME SCENARIOS

2020 – 2050



Levels of ambition directing the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy are as follows:

**.1 carbon intensity of the ship to decline through further improvement of the energy efficiency for new ships**

to review with the aim of strengthening the energy efficiency design requirements for ships

**.2 carbon intensity of international shipping to decline**

to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per transport work, as an average across international shipping, by at least 40% by 2030, compared to 2008;

**.3 uptake of zero or near-zero GHG emission technologies, fuels and/or energy sources to increase**

uptake of zero or near-zero GHG emission technologies, fuels and/or energy sources to represent at least 5% striving for 10% of the energy used by international shipping by 2030; and

**.4 GHG emissions from international shipping to reach net zero**

to peak GHG emissions from international shipping as soon as possible and to reach net-zero GHG emissions by or around, i.e. close to, 2050, taking into account different national circumstances, whilst pursuing efforts towards phasing them out as called for in the Vision consistent with the long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement.

# IMO REGULATIONS



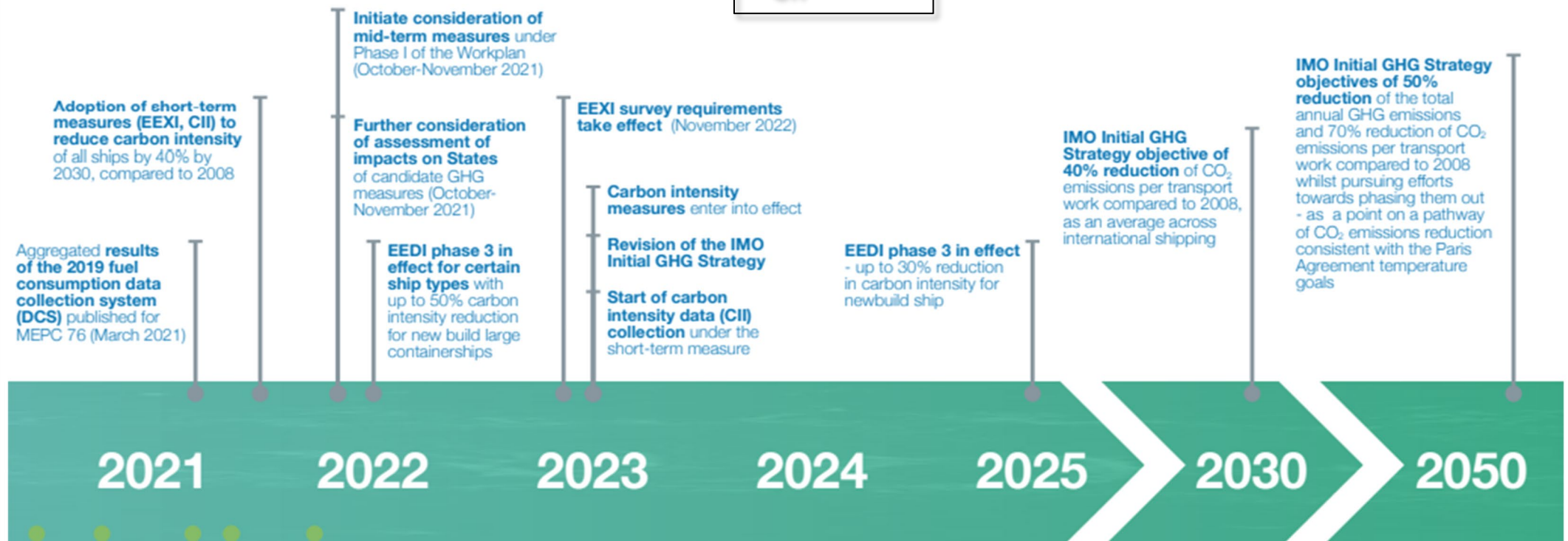
**IMO** INTERNATIONAL  
MARITIME  
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## Structure and guidance:

- EEDI
- EEXI
- SEEMP

Alternative  
fuels

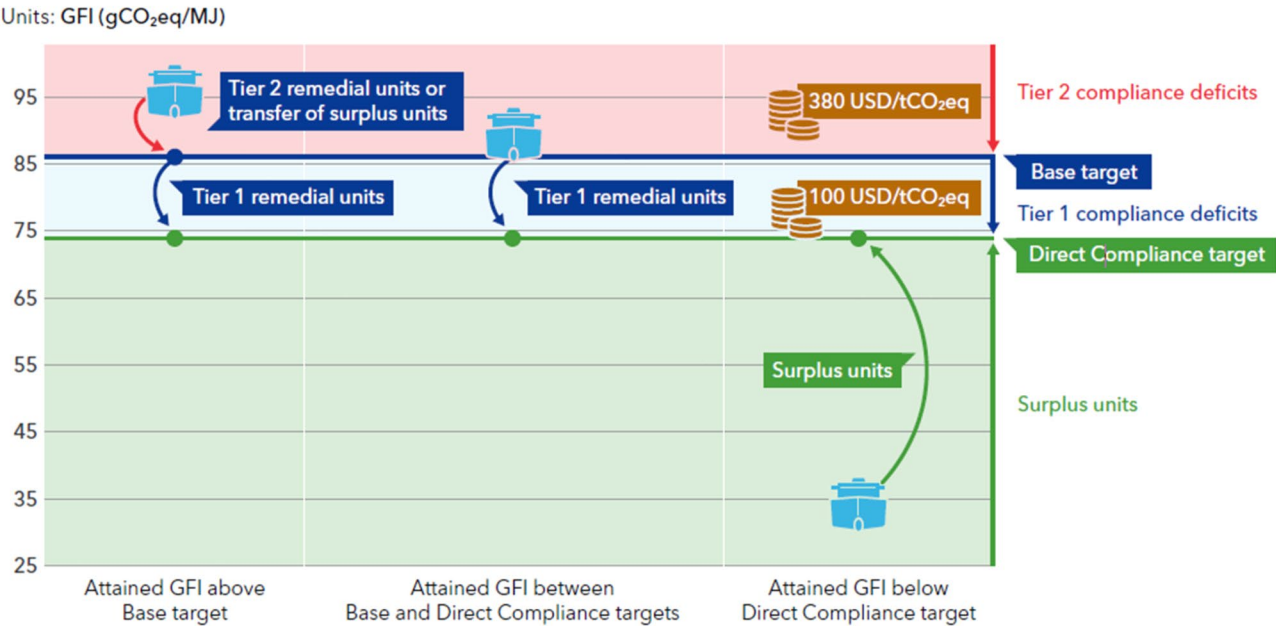
Operations:  
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# IMO TARGET BASED MEASURES

FIGURE 3-3  
Illustration of compliance approaches in the NZF exemplified for the 2030 targets



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## IMO fails to agree Net-Zero Framework, pushes talks to 2026



Adis Ajdin · October 18, 2025

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Negotiations at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) have broken down without agreement on the Net-Zero Framework, leaving the shipping industry facing another year of uncertainty over how its decarbonisation will be regulated.

# European Green Deal: Commission proposes transformation of EU economy and society to meet climate ambitions

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Today, the European Commission adopted a package of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation **policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030**, compared to 1990 levels. Achieving these emission reductions in the next decade is crucial to Europe becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 and making the [European Green Deal](#) a reality. With today's proposals, the Commission is presenting the legislative tools to **deliver on the targets agreed in the European Climate Law** and fundamentally transform our economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future.



# EU: FIT FOR 55

1. FuelEU Maritime, carbon intensity of fuels
2. EU ETS, Emission trading system
3. ETCD - Energy Taxation Directive
4. (AFIR)- Shore-side electricity



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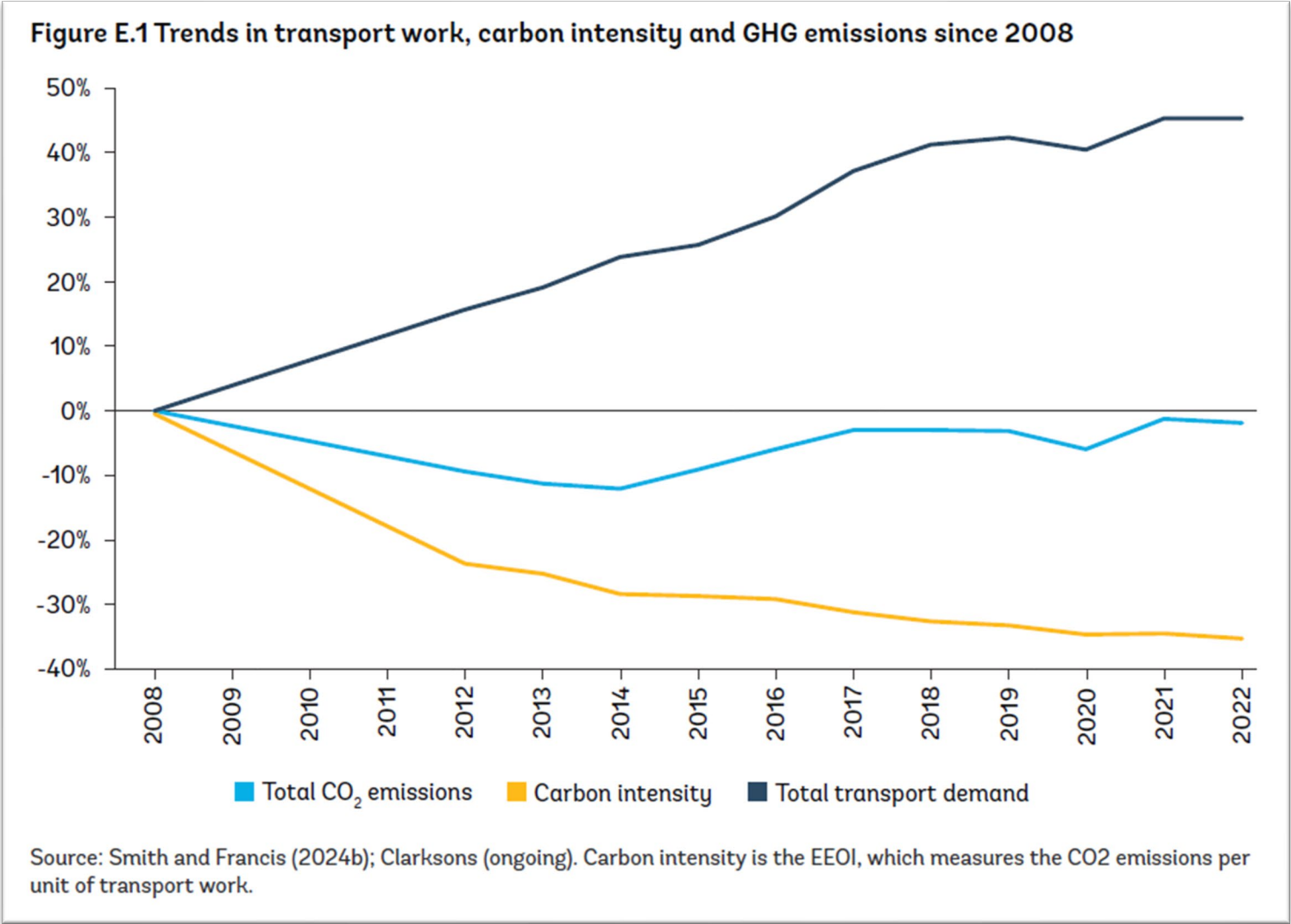
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# TRENDS IN TRANSPORT WORK AND GHG EMISSIONS 2008





# SHIPPING EMISSIONS

Inventory of GHG Emissions from International Shipping 2012-2018

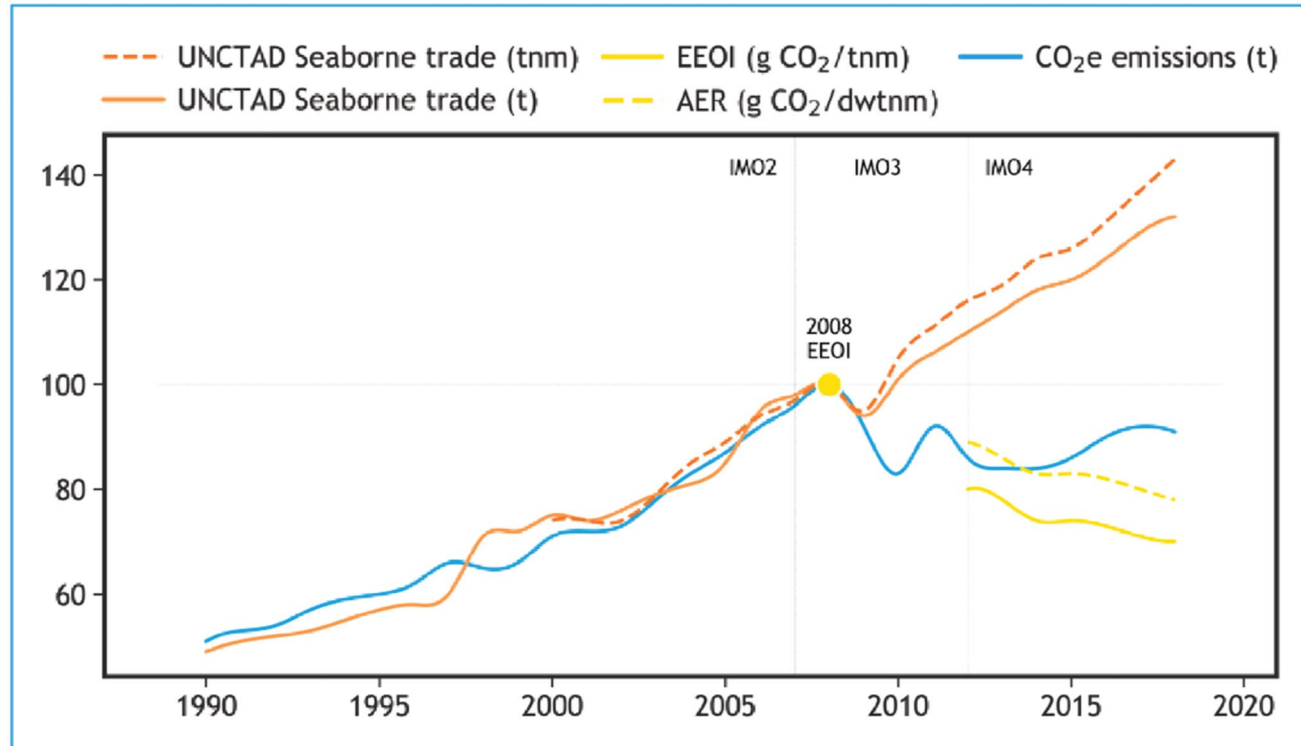
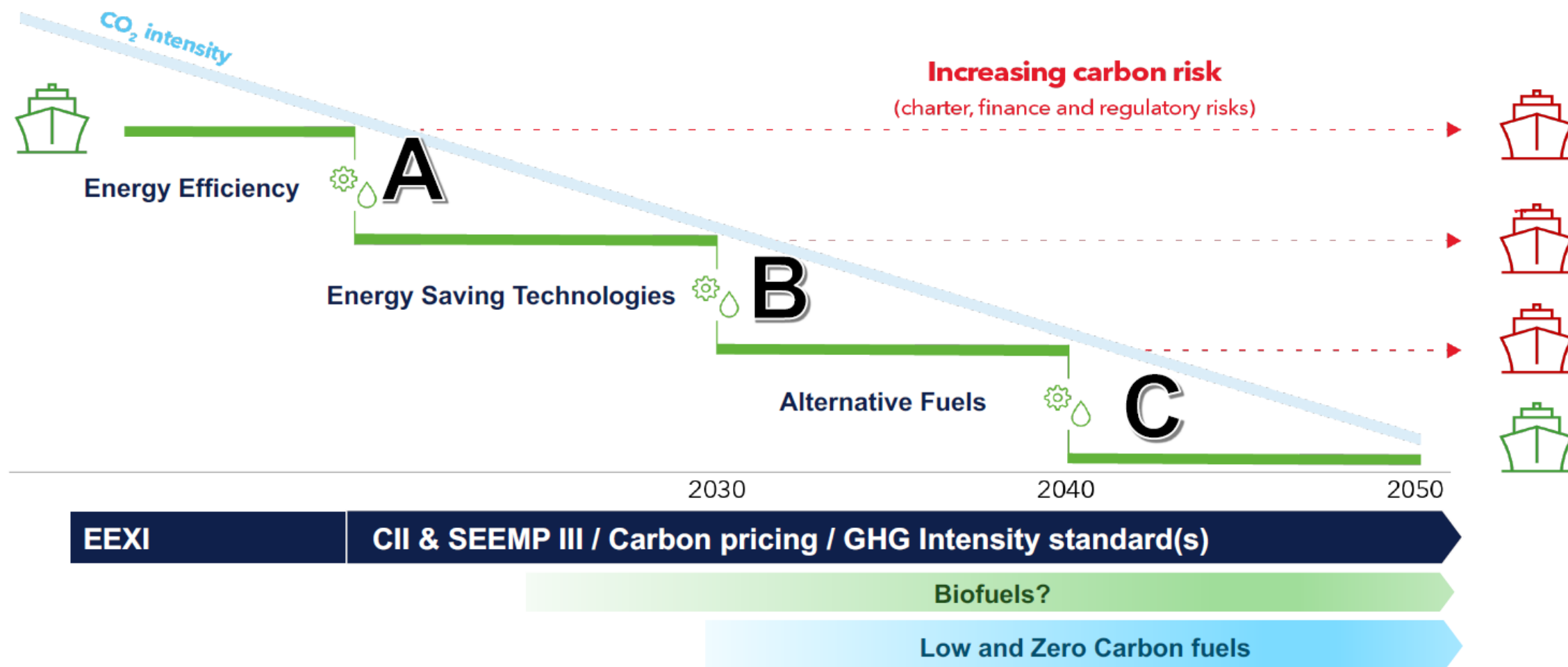


Figure 2 – International shipping emissions and trade metrics, indexed in 2008, for the period 1990-2018, according to the voyage-based allocation<sup>1</sup> of international emissions<sup>2</sup>

Source: Fourth IMO GHG Study 2020

# Develop your future readiness – *as a muscle*



# SHIP ENERGY EFFICIENCY

**Table 3**  
Energy efficiency trends on different types of cargo ships.

Type of cargo ship	Efficiency improvements of new ships relative to the baseline EEDI value of 2013.	Share of ships built in 2013–2017 already complying with the post-2025 EEDI target.
Containerships	58% more efficient	71% of built containerships
General cargo ships	57% more efficient	69% of built general cargo ships
Gas carriers	42% more efficient	13% of built gas carriers
Oil Tankers	35% more efficient	26% of built oil tankers
Bulk Carriers	27% more efficient	1% of built Bulk Carriers

**Table 4**  
Design measures that assessed their impact using the EEDI.

Type of modification employed	Description of the method	Type of ship examined	Impact	Source
Modification of hull parameters	Restoring historical adimensional design parameters like block coefficient.	Tankers and bulk carriers of all sizes.	The EEDI values are reduced between 10 and 15% in the fleets examined.	(Kristensen and Lützen, 2012)
	Reduction of main ship dimensions like length and beam	Panamax tankers with influence of bulk carriers.	The EEDI values diminish between 2.5% and 0.7% per meter subtracted.	(Lützen and Kristensen, 2012)
Propulsion system optimization	Innovative propulsion methods like the Organic Rankine Cycle	LNG carriers.	The EEDI diminishes up to 0.3 below the reference case in the best systems.	(El Geneidy, 2018)
	Electric propulsion systems.	Passenger vessels.	Both structures examined comply with phase 3, but the COGES system has greater margin of error.	(Ammar and Seddiek, 2021)
Hybrid propulsion systems	Specific LNG carrier propulsion	LNG carriers exclusively.	Of the systems examined, only the diesel electric complies with phase 3, but with a heavy methane ship.	(Attah and Bucknall, 2015)
	Hybrid systems on general cargo carriers	Small and fast general cargo carriers.	Two of the investigated cases comply even with the strictest phase of the EEDI.	
Alternative fuel sources	Fleets of hybrid systems	Ro-Ro and Passenger ships.	Both types of systems examined have EEDI values below the reference of the ship.	
	Varied array of alternative technologies like shaft generators.	Very large crude carrier.	The combined effects of innovative technologies produces a drop in the EEDI of up to 0.34, around 16%.	
	Propulsion for Liquid hydrogen tankers.	Liquid hydrogen tankers exclusively.	The optimal system analysed was a steam turbine with a hydrogen boiler and complies even with phase 3 of the EEDI.	

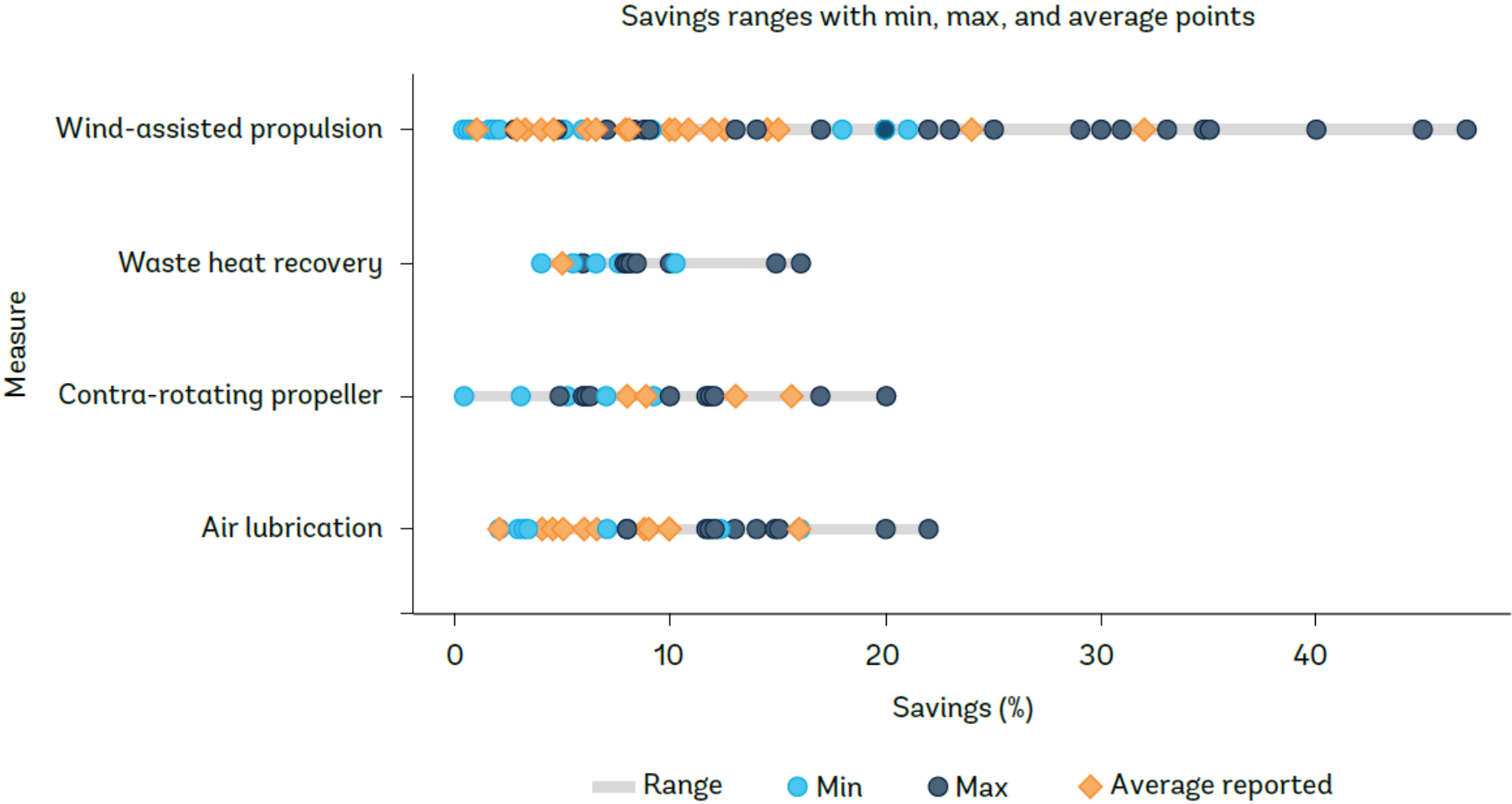
**Table 9**  
Operational measures.

Type of modification employed	Description of the method	Type of ship examined	Impact	Source
Slow steaming	Reduction of travel speed.	Bulk carriers, tankers, and containerships	For a speed reduction of 5%, bulk-carriers and tankers have fuel savings of 13% and containerships of 16–19%	(Hochkirch and Bertram, 2010)
	Auxiliary system compliance to slow steaming.	Containership	The coordination of the auxiliary systems reduces the CO <sub>2</sub> emissions by 948 t/year and fuel consumption by 296.2 tons per year.	(Dere and Deniz, 2019)
Route optimization	Optimal speed under varying sea conditions.	Inland Cruise ship but is specifically noted to work on different ships.	Both fuel consumption and emissions can be reduced by about 28% in ideal cases, saving around 2961 kg/trip.	(Wang, 2018)
Trim optimization	Optimal trim configuration.	Bulk carriers	The highest reduction in resistance was almost 14%, depending on the draft and the speed.	(Moustafa et al., 2015)

Source: Julio Barreiro, Sonia Zaragoza, Vicente Diaz-Casas, 2022, Review of ship energy efficiency, Ocean Engineering, 257, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.oceaneng.2022.111594>.

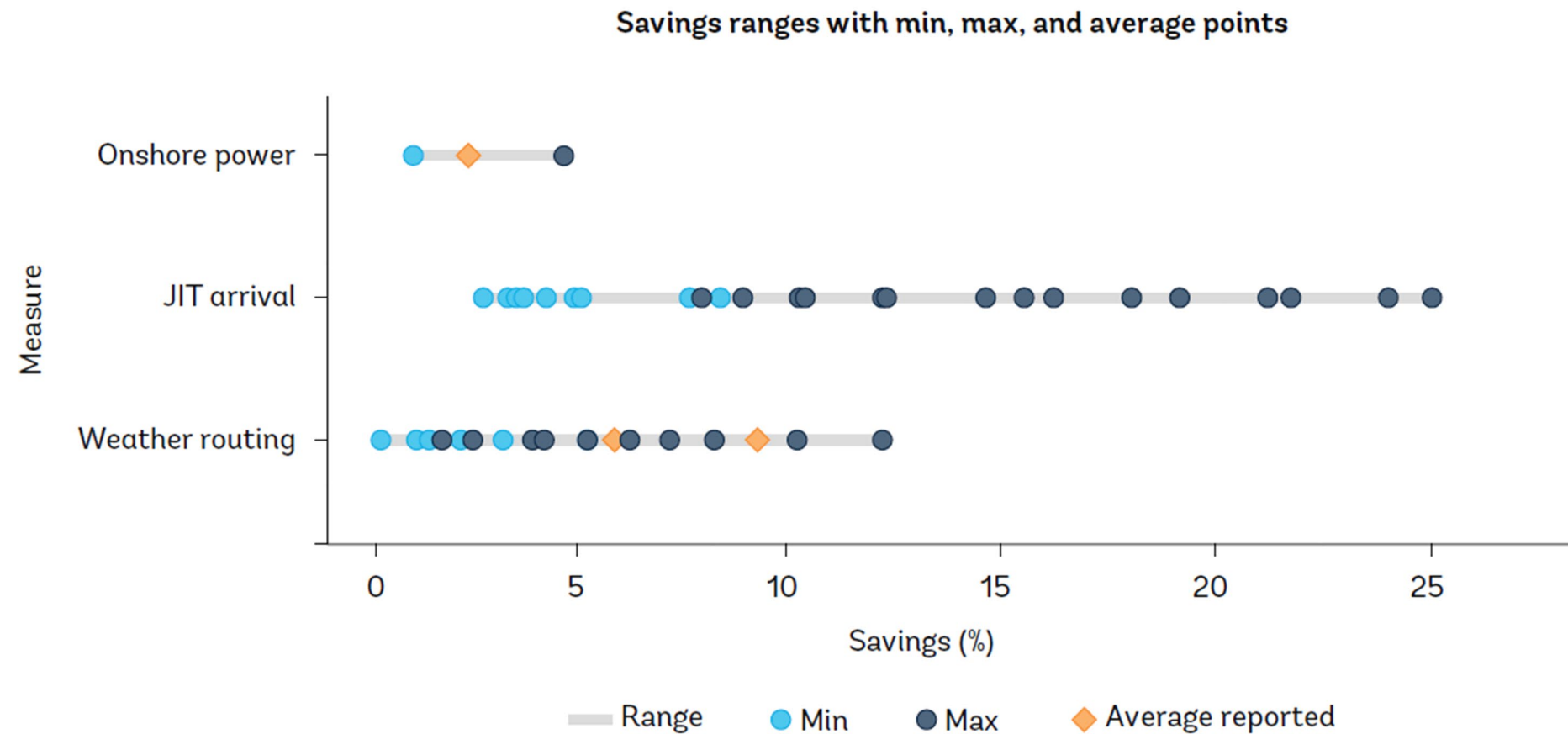


Figure 2.2 Range of savings from different technical measures



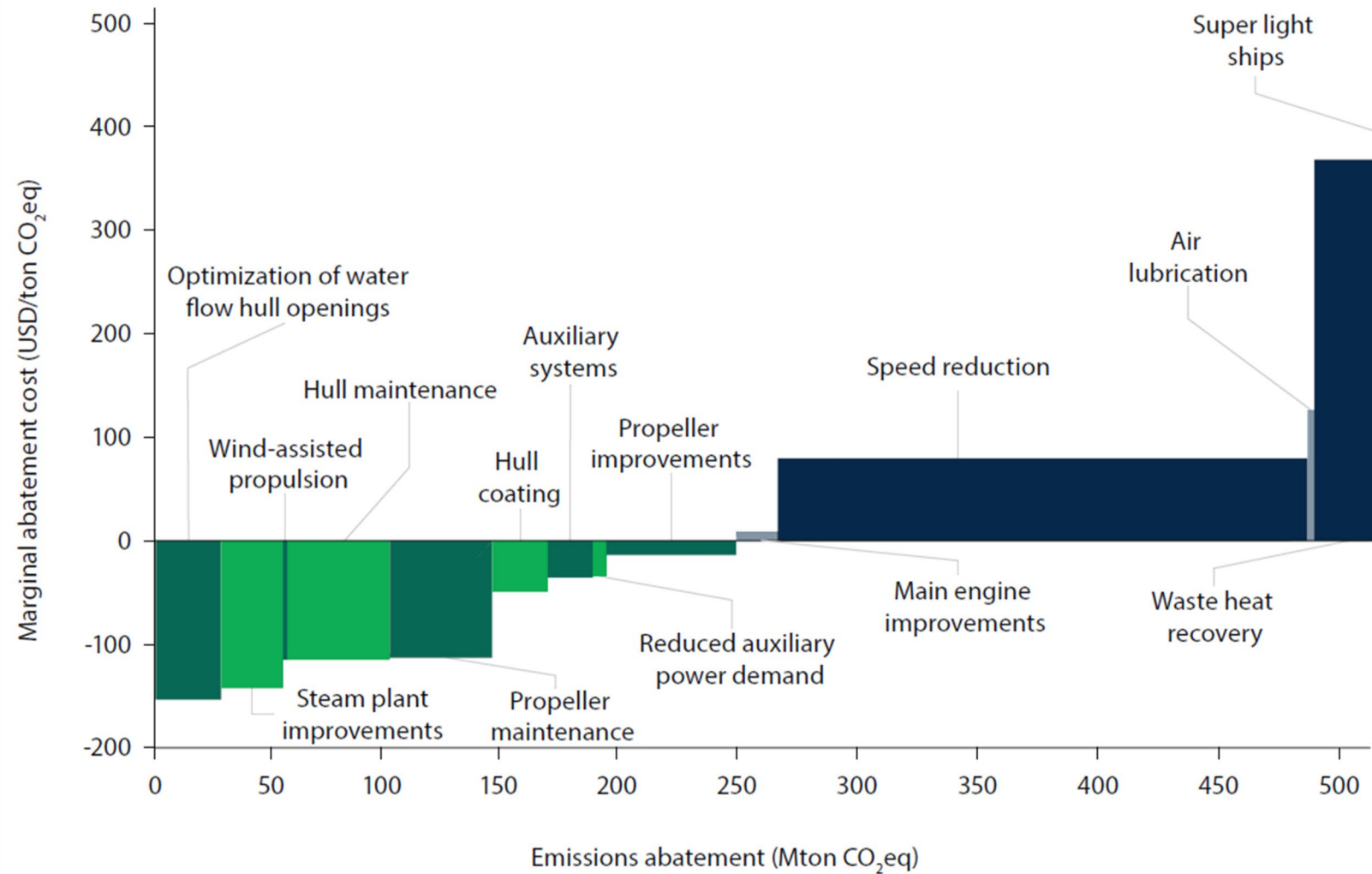
Source: World Bank.

Figure 2.3 Range of savings from different operational measures



Source: World Bank.

**Figure 2.5 Cost-effectiveness and abatement potential of individual measures for the total fleet in 2030 under fossil fuel prices**

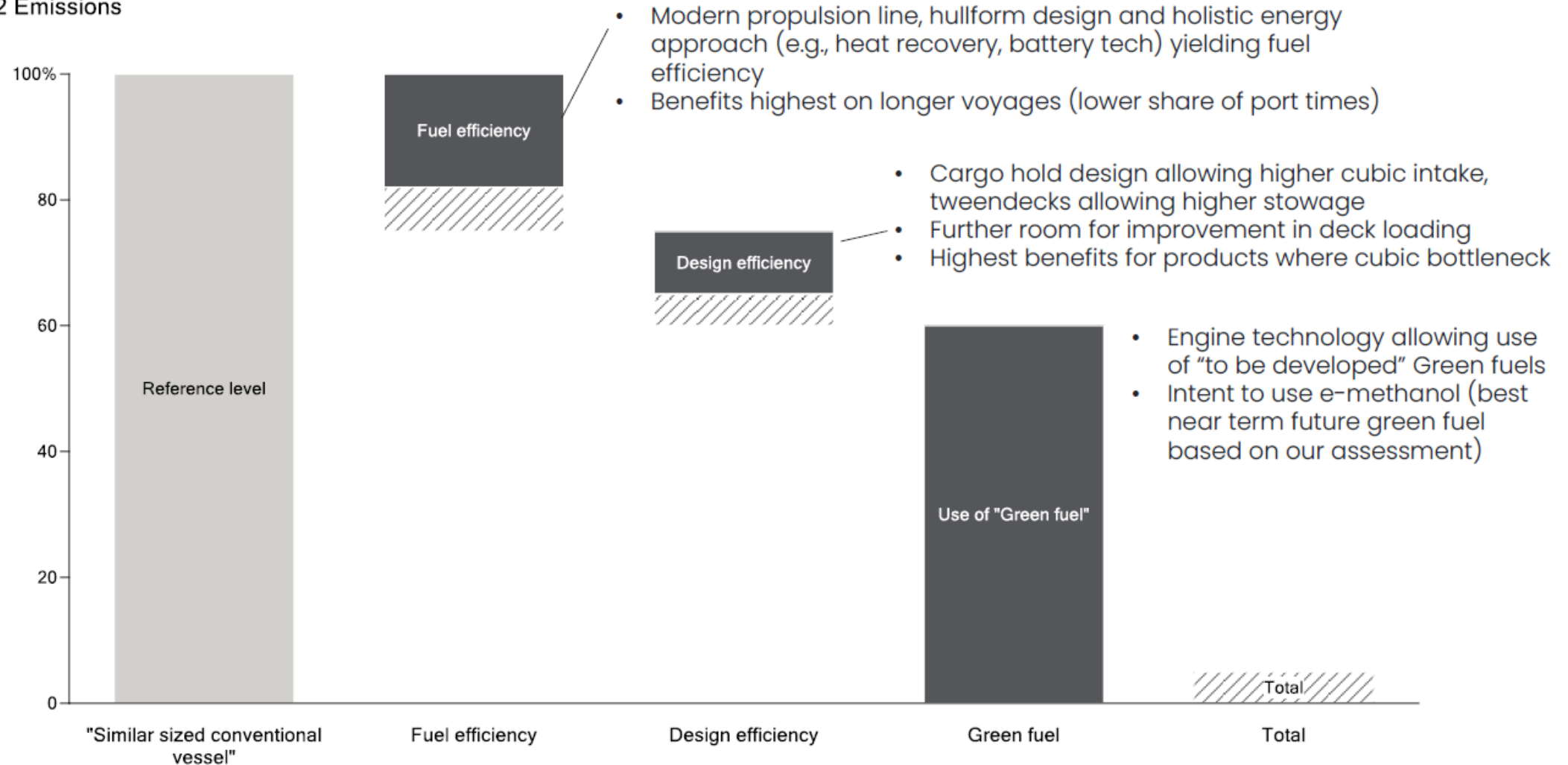


Source: World Bank. Results are presented for the Maximum Efficiency-High Demand scenario. Solar panels were included in the modelling but were omitted from the visual for presentation purposes due to their small contribution to emissions abatement.



# ESL Green Shipping concept brings GHG efficiency in variety of ways – illustrative example

CO2 Emissions



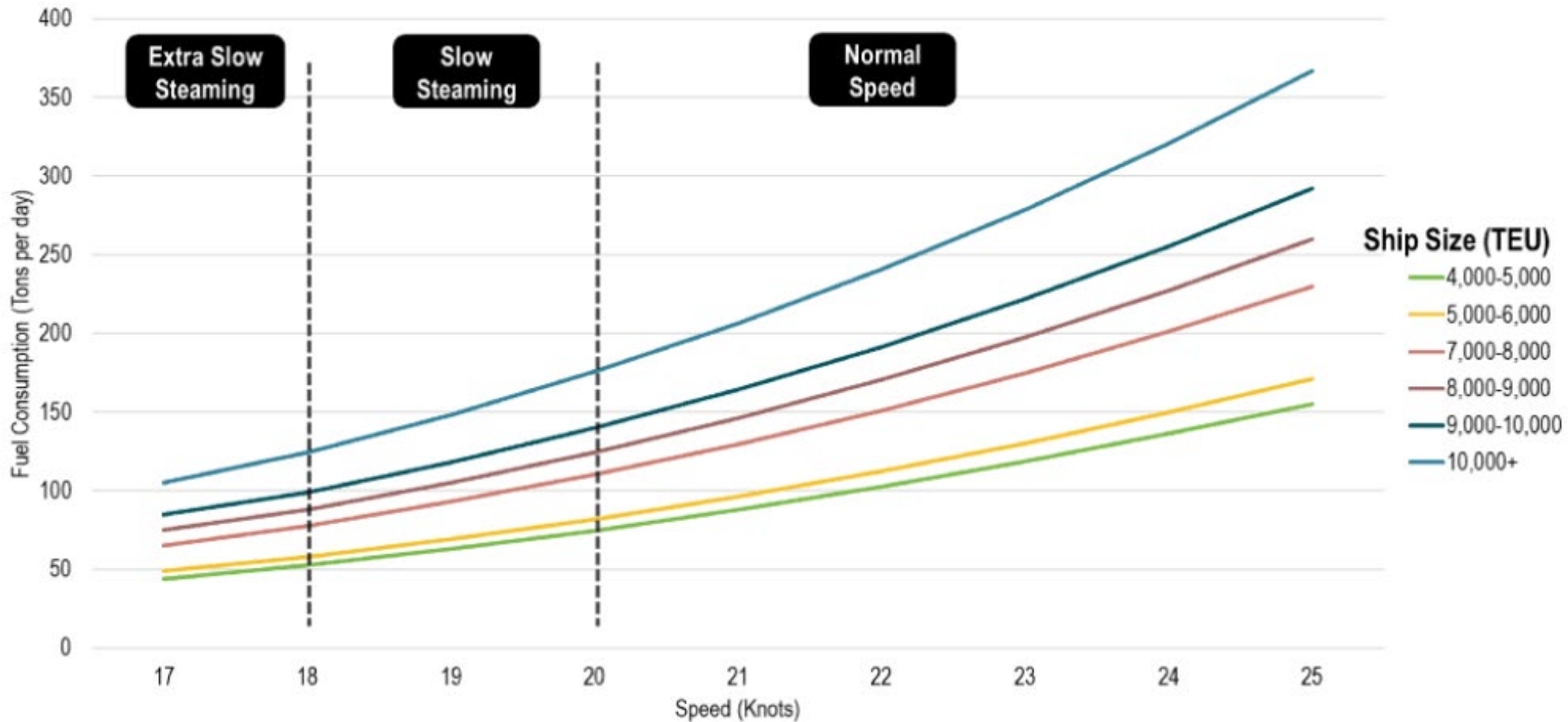
ESL Shipping



AtoB@C Shipping

The **ASPO** Company

# Fuel Consumption by Containership Size and Speed



# AUTOMOORING SYSTEM IN HELSINKI AND TALLINN

## Tallinn's Old City Harbour to introduce automated mooring system

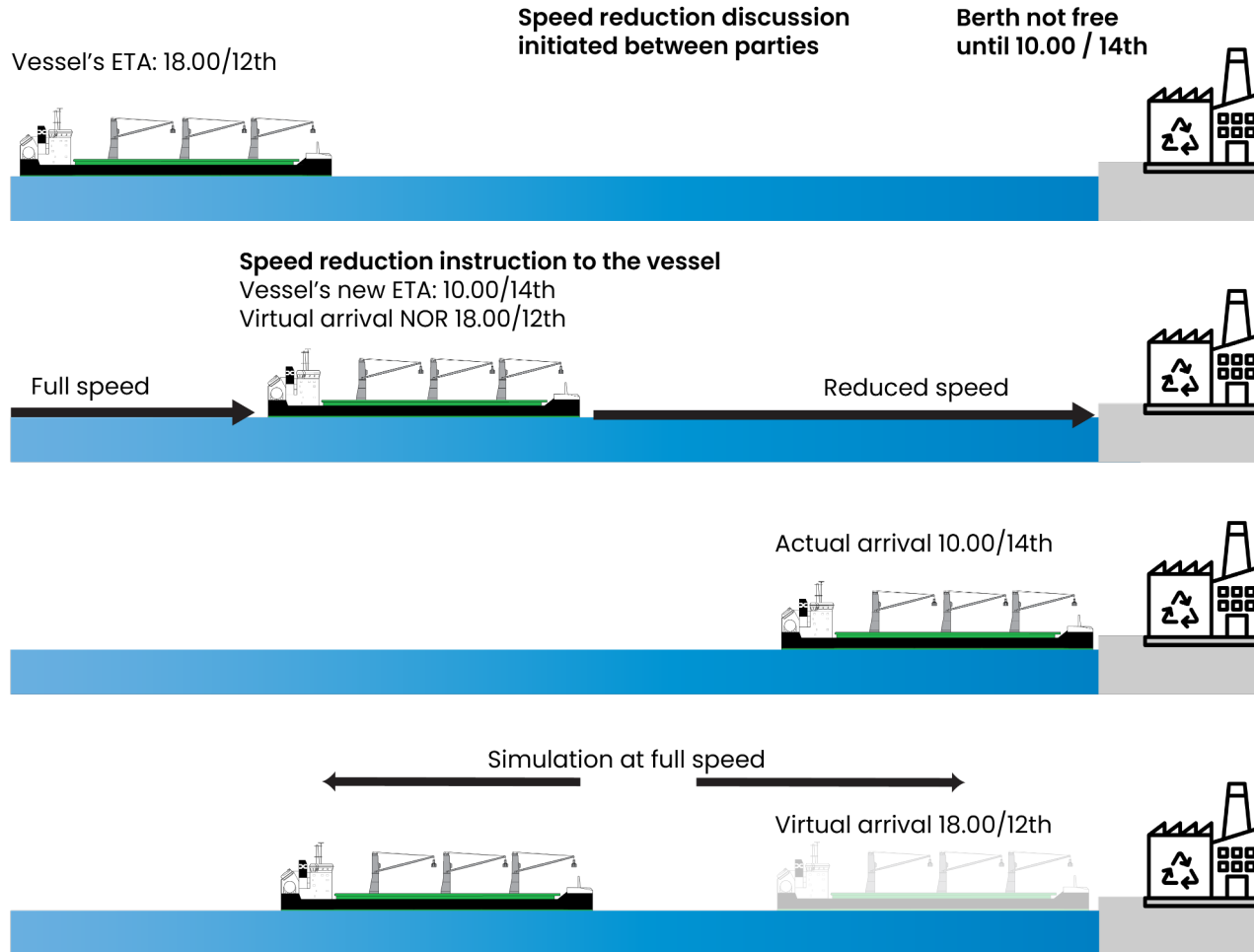
Port of Tallinn has signed contracts with maritime engineering companies Trelleborg and Cavotec for the instalment of automated mooring systems at quays 5, 12 and 13 of the Old City Harbour, which is used by passenger vessels serving the Tallinn-Helsinki route.

According to Peeter Nõgu, head of the infrastructure development division of Port of Tallinn, technological development has greatly contributed to the maritime sector, including the mooring processes of ships. "The new automated mooring equipment installed in the Old City Harbour will fasten our mooring operations while also requiring less man-hours and contributing to environmental sustainability. The new systems are primarily used by the ships sailing on our busiest route between Tallinn and Helsinki, where every extra minute saved either at sea or in port is highly valued."

The shipping industry uses either automated vacuum mooring or automated magnetic mooring systems. According to Peeter Nõgu, Port of Tallinn opted for a vacuum-pad based system, while the magnetic mooring systems are still at an early stage of development and usage. For this reason, the full impact of the electromagnetic waves on either a ship's electronics or the surrounding environment isn't yet fully known.



# VIRTUAL ARRIVAL



## Benefits of Virtual arrival

- reduced energy consumption
- reduced emissions
- less congestion in the port and anchorage area
- more reliable scheduling and line-up of vessels in port
- more efficient resource planning for port operators
- savings are shared between owners and charterer

-24%

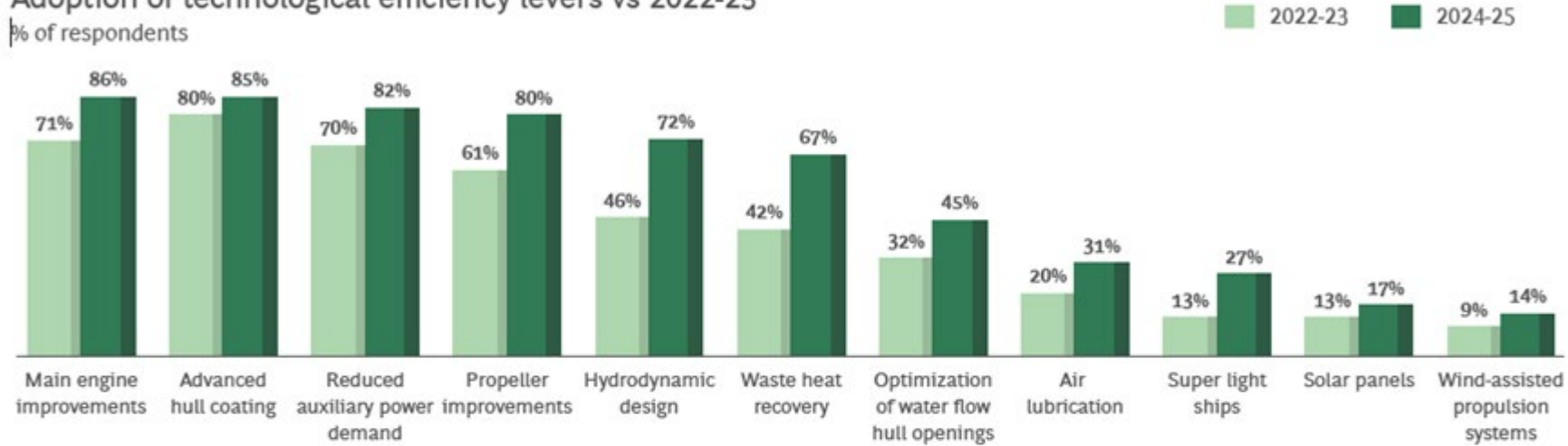
Average reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions



## Exhibit E1 - Adoption of efficiency levers has increased compared to 2022-23

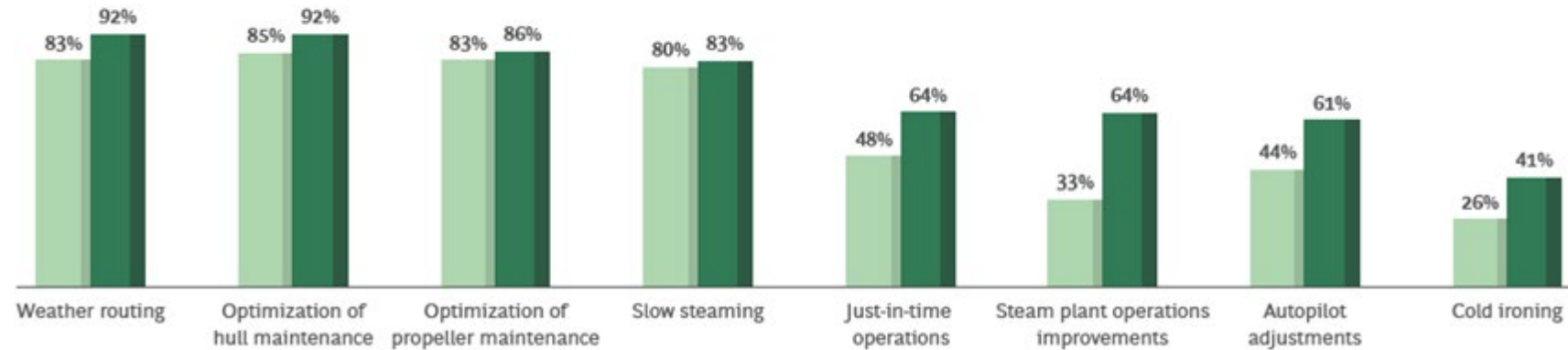
### Adoption of technological efficiency levers vs 2022-23

% of respondents



### Adoption of operational efficiency levers vs 2022-23

% of respondents

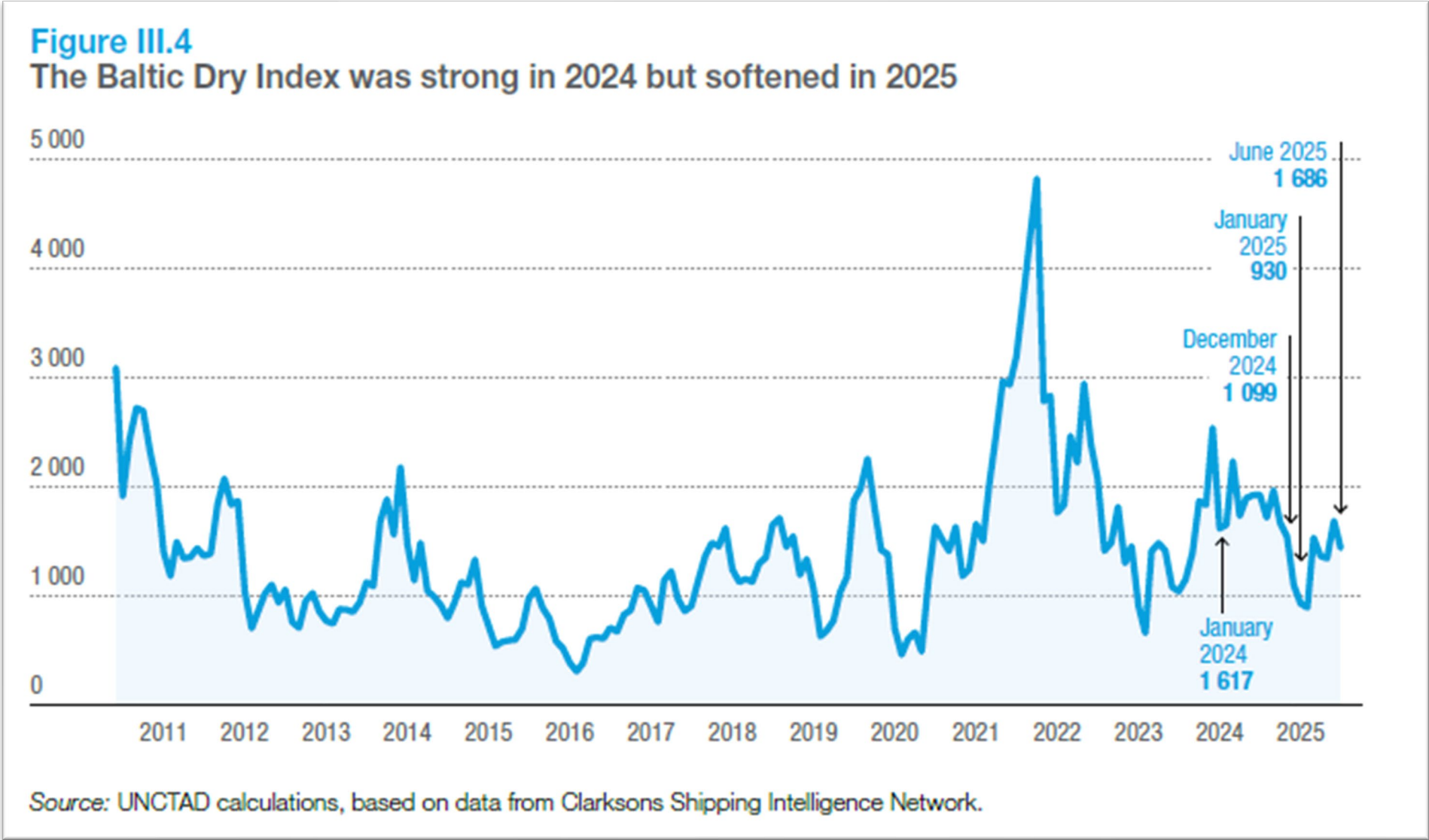


Note: N = 113 for 2024-25 survey; N = 128 for 2022-23 survey

# SIX STEPS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY OF GOODS AND PEOPLE

1. Improve the energy efficiency in newbuildings.
2. Pilot various technical solutions to increase energy efficiency, e.g. rotor sails; smart IT- solutions to manage data for maintenance, bunker optimization and safety; air lubrication systems; use of batteries in ports and fairways; information for port arrivals, etc.
3. Reduce speed and improve port operations.
4. Be prepared for the new low or zero carbon fuels.
5. Shippers: evaluate alternative transport modes and operations.
6. Regulators: introduce rules and support mechanisms and carbon taxes to help shipping industry to move towards carbon-neutrality

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**Table 1: Emissions reported in MRV for different shipping segments**

Ship type	Emissions	Emission per distance	Emissions per transport work
	Mtonnes CO <sub>2</sub>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> /NM	g CO <sub>2</sub> / tonne-NM
<b>Bulk</b>	18.1	290	8.48
<b>Container</b>	44.4	570	20.13
<b>General cargo</b>	6.13	185	28.02
<b>Oil Tanker</b>	18.1	435	8.82
<b>Ro-ro</b>	6.06	338	91.03

Source: Mellin *et al.* 2020

Publication of information in accordance with Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 2015/757 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from maritime transport. Information is accessible through the search tool or can be exported in a spreadsheet for further analysis. Since 30 June 2020, all the verified information submitted by companies to the European Commission for the reporting year 2019 is accessible.

It should be noted that 2021 is the first year for which THETIS-MRV data reflect the impact of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU (see [notice to stakeholders](#))

IMO Number

Ship Name

aurora botnia

Reporting Period

Ship type

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	IMO <span>↑</span>	Name	Ship Type	Technical efficiency		Reporting Period	Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions [m tonnes]	CO <sub>2</sub> emiss. per distance [kg CO <sub>2</sub> / n mile]	CO <sub>2</sub> emiss. per transp. work
				Type	(gCO <sub>2</sub> /t·nm)				
<div>Actions</div>	9878319	AURORA BOTNIA	Ro-pax ship	Not Applic...		2023	12829.04	207.17	215.48 g CO <sub>2</sub> / pax · n miles 233.94 g CO <sub>2</sub> / m tonnes · n miles
<div>Actions</div>	9878319	AURORA BOTNIA	Ro-pax ship	Not Applic...		2022	16003.65	266.21	281.77 g CO <sub>2</sub> / pax · n miles 267.68 g CO <sub>2</sub> / m tonnes · n miles

	IMO <span>↑</span>	Name	Ship Type	Technical efficiency		Reporting Period	Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions [m tonnes]	CO <sub>2</sub> emiss. per distance [kg CO <sub>2</sub> / n mile]	CO <sub>2</sub> emiss. per transp. work
				Type	(gCO <sub>2</sub> /t·nm)				
<div>Actions</div>	9827877	VIKING GLORY	Ro-pax ship	EIV	3.5	2023	41315.32	347.19	61.46 g CO <sub>2</sub> / pax · n miles 210.75 g CO <sub>2</sub> / m tonnes · n miles
<div>Actions</div>	9827877	VIKING GLORY	Ro-pax ship	EIV	3.5	2022	48797.78	460.36	71.48 g CO <sub>2</sub> / pax · n miles 293.64 g CO <sub>2</sub> / m tonnes · n miles

	IMO <span>↑</span>	Name	Ship Type	Technical efficiency		Reporting Period	Total CO <sub>2</sub> emissions [m tonnes]	CO <sub>2</sub> emiss. per distance [kg CO <sub>2</sub> / n mile]	CO <sub>2</sub> emiss. per transp. work
				Type	(gCO <sub>2</sub> /t·nm)				
<div>Actions</div>	9892690	MYSTAR	Ro-pax ship	EIV	2.3	2023	53668.59	568.50	470.37 g CO <sub>2</sub> / pax · n miles 110.16 g CO <sub>2</sub> / m tonnes · n miles
<div>Actions</div>	9892690	MYSTAR	Ro-pax ship	EIV	2.3	2022	3633.88	797.74	583.81 g CO <sub>2</sub> / pax · n miles 137.82 g CO <sub>2</sub> / m tonnes · n miles

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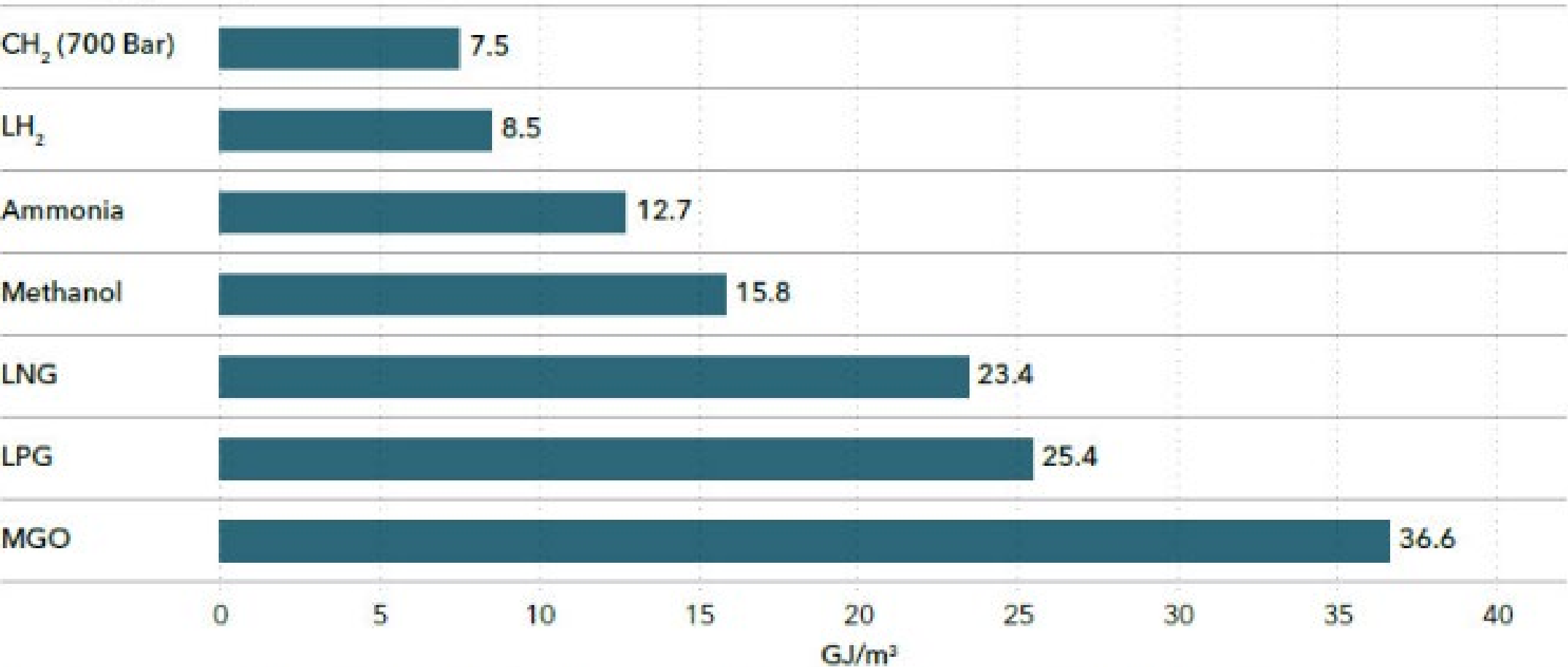
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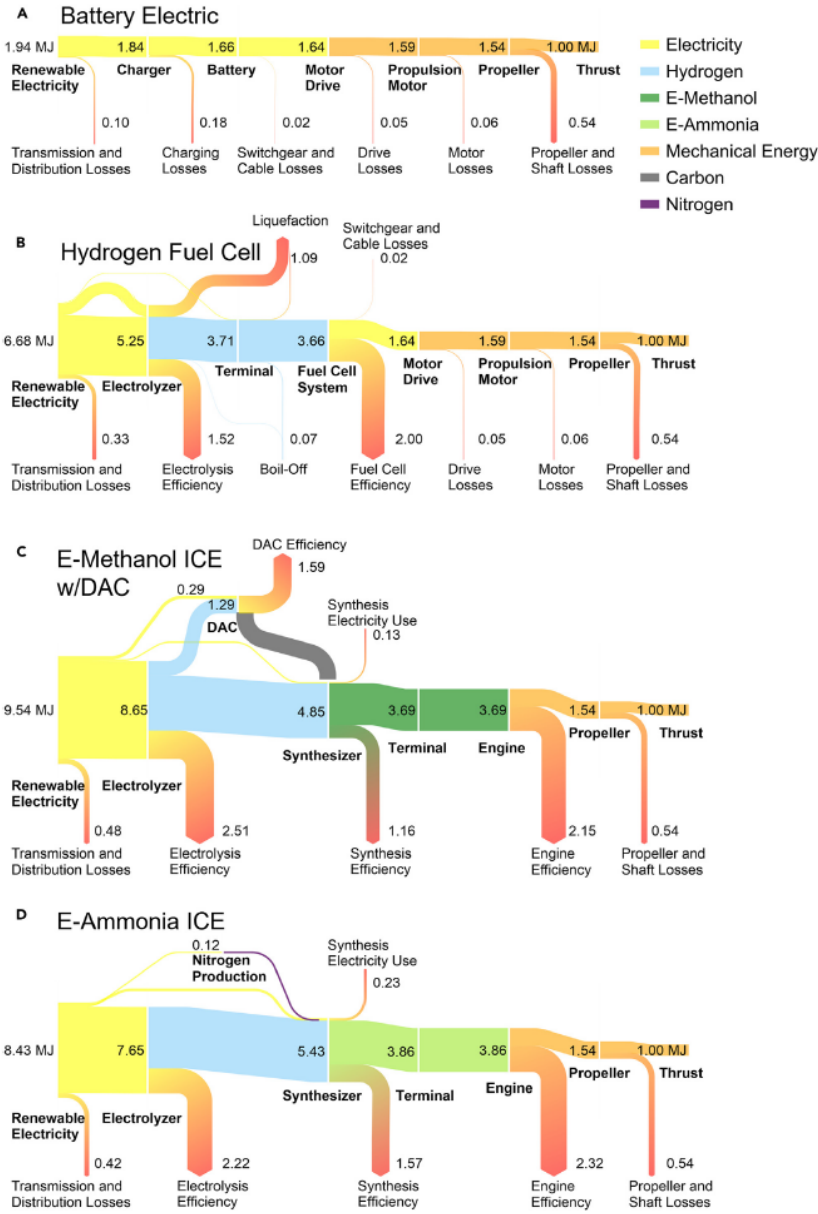
# Volumetric energy density of alternative fuels

Units: Gigajoules per cubic metre (GJ/m<sup>3</sup>)



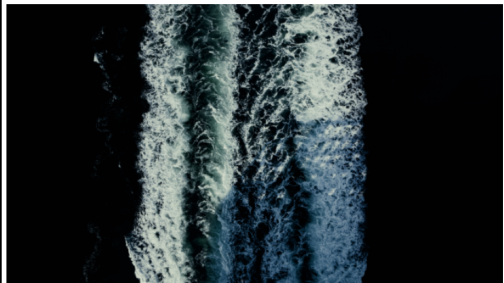
Key: Compressed hydrogen (CH<sub>2</sub>); liquefied hydrogen (LH<sub>2</sub>); liquefied natural gas (LNG); liquefied petroleum gas (LPG); marine gas oil (MGO)





**Figure 6. Marine Sankey diagrams**  
Sankey diagrams illustrating the renewable electricity input needed to provide 1 MJ of thrust for the following powertrain options: (A) battery electric, (B) liquid hydrogen fuel cell, (C) internal combustion engine running on e-methanol including direct air capture (DAC) of CO<sub>2</sub>, and (D) internal combustion engine running on e-ammonia.

# Industry Leaders Collaborate to Develop Ammonia Shipping Fuel Guidance



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This week, Lloyd's Register's Decarbonization Hub, A.P. Moller-Maersk, MAN Energy Solutions, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, NYK Line, Total and the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping are joining forces in a new project with the purpose of guiding safe use of ammonia as a fuel for shipping.

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### New concept design for ammonia-fuel ready LNG-fuelled ship

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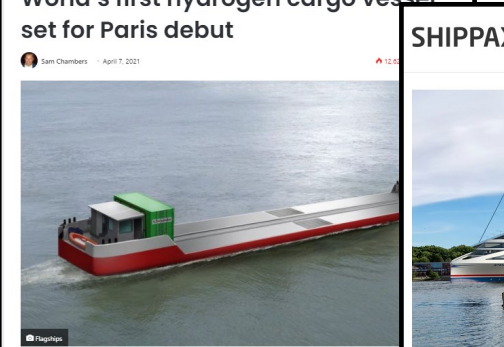
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### World's first hydrogen cargo vessel set for Paris debut

Sam Chambers | April 7, 2021



The European innovation project Flagships will deploy the world's first commercial cargo transport operating on hydrogen later this year, plying the river Seine in Paris, gliding passed the Eiffel Tower.

## World's First Liquid Hydrogen-Powered Ship Delivered

By M1 News Network | In: Shipping News | Last Updated on July 30, 2021

Engineering and design services provider LMG Marin has confirmed that HYDRA, the world's first liquefied hydrogen-powered ship, has been delivered to Norway's ferry operator Norled.

Image Credit: LMG Marin

### Check out the Swaplands' first electric – and it's got swappable batteries

Morsha Laid - Sep. 01 2021 9:16 am PT

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### Stena's pathway to decarbonise its shipping operations

The scale of shipping's challenge to transition from fossil-based fuels to renewables must not be underestimated. We are a global industry, and ships must be able to serve all ports. There is still no easy answer on which technology to use and vessels built today could operate for up

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### Wind-assisted, LNG-electric containership Trade Wings 2,500 wins BV's AIP

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May 17, 2021, by Fatima Bahtid

The 2,500 TEU vessel, which has been designed jointly by VPLP Design, Alwena Shipping, SDARI and AYRO, received an Approval in Principle (AIP) from the classification society Bureau Veritas.

With an overall length of 197 meters and a breadth of 32 meters, Trade Wings 2,500 features six Oceanwings wingsails installed on a vertical sliding mechanism so that they can be retracted partially while the vessel is in port, thus minimising the impact on cargo operations.

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### Norwegian duo set out to build ammonia bunkering terminals

Adis Ajdin | July 16, 2021

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THE GLOBAL GUIDE TO PASSENGER SHIPPING

INTRODUCING THE NEXT CLEANSEWAGE MEMBRANE

### Ulstein develops new concept for zero-emission vessel

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Ulstein Thor and Sif will be able to generate clean electricity using a Thorium Molten Salt Reactor

By Alice Chambers | 28 April 2022

Ulstein has created a new zero-emission concept vessel, called Ulstein Thor, which will feature a Thorium Molten Salt Reactor (MSR) to generate clean electricity that can be used to power cruise ships.

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Sam Chambers | August 24, 2021

Copenhagen, 26 November 2020

### Partnership aims to develop hydrogen ferry for Oslo-Copenhagen

DFDS and its partners have applied for EU support for development of a ferry powered by electricity from a hydrogen fuel cell which only emits water.

### World's First Zero-Emission Wind and Hydrogen Power Cargo Ship

Concept design for the zero-emission builer (Egil Ulvan Reden)

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A Norwegian partnership is moving forward with the development of what they are calling the world's first zero-emission cargo ship. After a six-month competition, with more than 31 ship owners bidding on the project, the contract for the construction has been awarded. The team expected to complete the design this year so that the vessel can enter service by 2024.



## ANALYSIS OF 2 FERRIES WITH DIFFERENT ENERGY SYSTEM



Figure 1. Ferry line route map



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## Article

# Decarbonizing City Water Traffic: Case of Comparing Electric and Diesel Powered Ferries

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**Abstract:** The maritime sector is aiming to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Shipping companies are therefore investigating efficient and optimal ways to minimize their greenhouse gas emissions. One of the measures is using vessels that operate on alternative non-carbon fuels. This study compares greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of a diesel fuelled catamaran and its fully electric sister vessel that operate on the same line. The study shows that the GHG emissions of the electric vessel are only 25% of its diesel-powered sister vessel. However, this figure is highly dependent on the source of electricity in the operating country. In this case, energy costs of the fully electric vessel were 31 % cheaper than costs of diesel energy. The payback time without possible subsidy for replacing diesel ferry with electric one for the case would be 17 years and 6 months. We also show that even in winter, when there is very low solar energy production, the additional energy from solar panels is sufficient to cover several options of applications or consumers. This study brings more insight to academic literature on decreasing maritime CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of city water traffic. As managerial implications, it can be used when shipping companies evaluate options to reduce their emissions. The results of the study show that using fully electric vessels have major benefits concerning the carbon emissions but also financial advantages.

**Keywords:** carbon neutrality, GHG emission reduction, full electric ferry, diesel ferry

# World's Largest Battery-Electric Ship Launched by Incat



China Zorrilla will use the largest battery power system when it enters service in South America (Incat)

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Incat is heralding a milestone in the shipping industry as it floated out the world's largest battery-electric ship which it says is also the largest electric vehicle of its kind ever built. The ferry *China Zorrilla* (approximately 14,000 gross tons) being built for Argentina-based Buquebus was floated from the building dock today at the Incat shipyard in Hobart, Tasmania in Australia.

Officially known as Hull 096 currently, the vessel is 130 meters (426 feet) in length and when completed will carry up to 2,100 passengers and 225 vehicles. It was originally ordered in 2019 and then billed simply as the largest aluminum ship and designed for service on the River Plate running between Argentina and Uruguay.

Discussions began between Incat and the shipowner and in 2023 they reported they were investigating the possibility of replacing the planned LNG powerplant with a battery-electric solution. The original concept called for four dual-fuel engines using LNG and providing a maximum speed of over 40 knots.

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## DFDS to Invest EUR 1 billion in battery electric ships for the Channel

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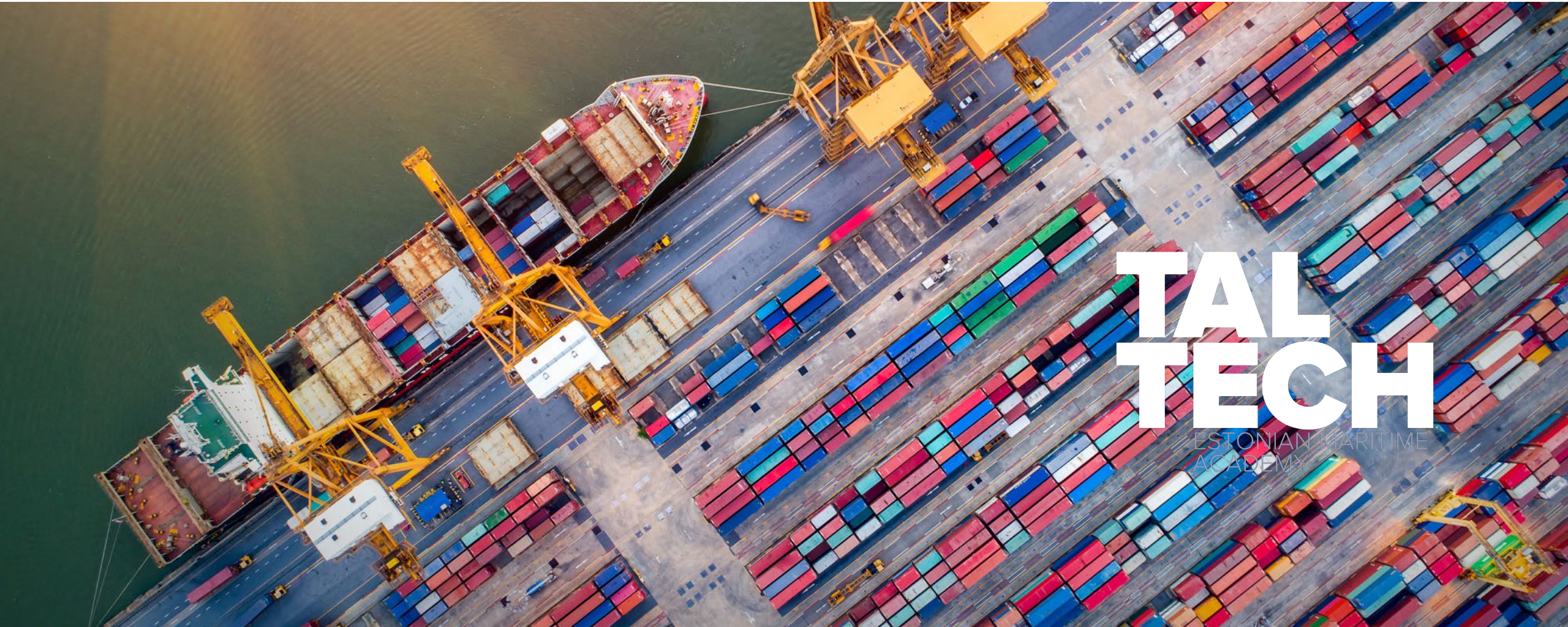


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