

# Use of hydrogen for production of E-fuels and biofuels in the maritime sector

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# Agenda

- Maersk's decarbonization strategy
- New marine fuels → Value propositions and challenges
- Fuel costs and techno-economic modeling
- Learnings from feasibility study on fuel cell powered feeder vessel concept

# Maersk's decarbonization strategy

## The starting point

- The maritime sector consumes **300 million tonnes of fuel oil per year**, and emits **3%** of global GHG emissions.
- Maersk consumes **11 million tonnes of fuel oil per year** and emits **0.1%** of global GHG emissions

Equal to CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions of Japan  
(~1 bn ton)

[Global Shipping Emissions: Why Shipping is a Dirty Industry Burning a Dirty Fuel](#)



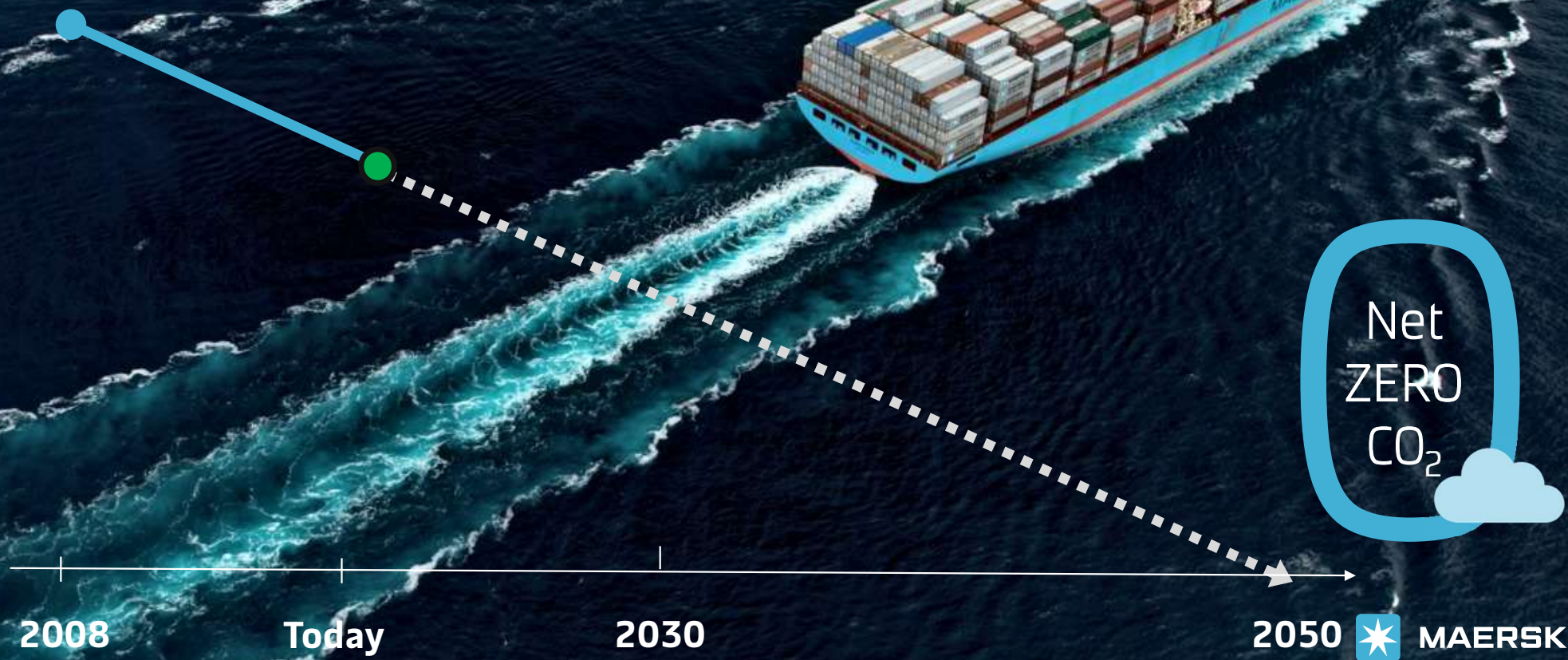
Equal to CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions of Ireland  
(~33 mill ton)

[Ireland CO2 Emissions - Worldometer \(worldometers.info\)](#)



# Maersk's decarbonization strategy

## Targets



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## Targets

**Ships:** Future Maersk-owned new-buildings will be prepared to sail on carbon neutral fuels.

**Terminals:** ~70% absolute reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Air:** Min. 30% of cargo transported using Sustainable Aviation Fuels.

**Warehouses:** Min. 90% green operations.

**SBTi:** Our targets will be aligned with the **1.5°C pathway** as defined by SBTi for the maritime transport sector.

50%  
Red. pr container  
transported  
(2020 baseline)



35 - 50%  
Absolute reductions  
(depending on  
growth) – ocean only

Net  
ZERO  
CO<sub>2</sub>

★ MAERSK

2008

Today

2030

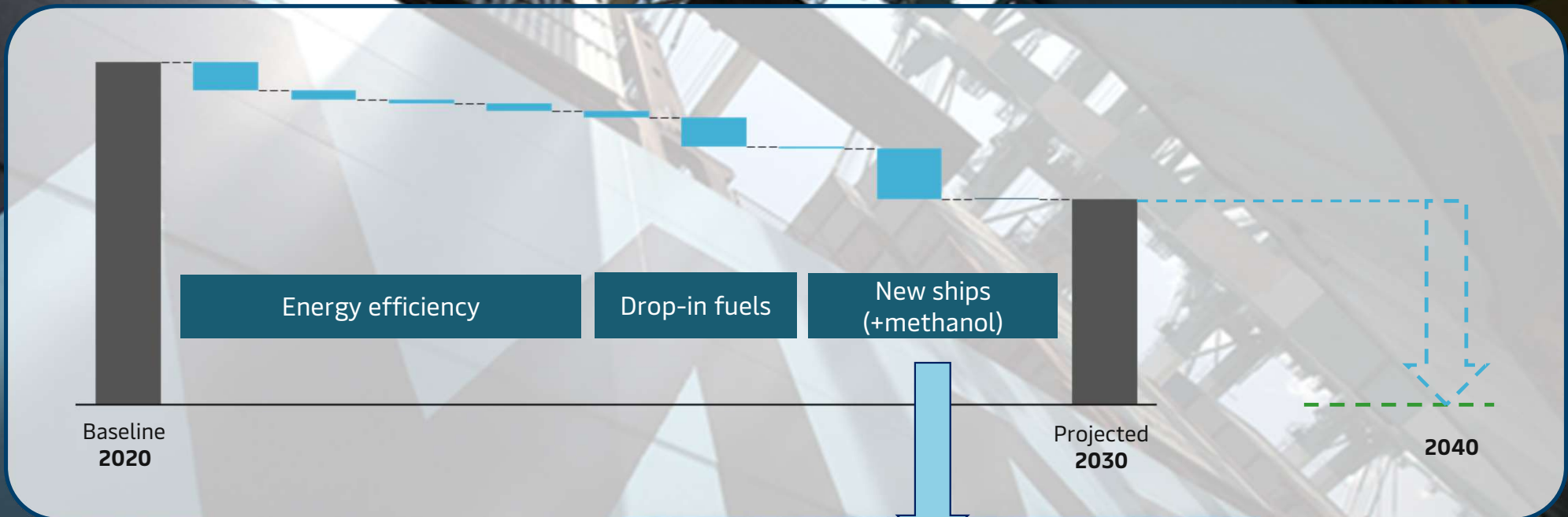
2040

2050

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## Decarbonization levers



19 dual fuel ships ordered to date

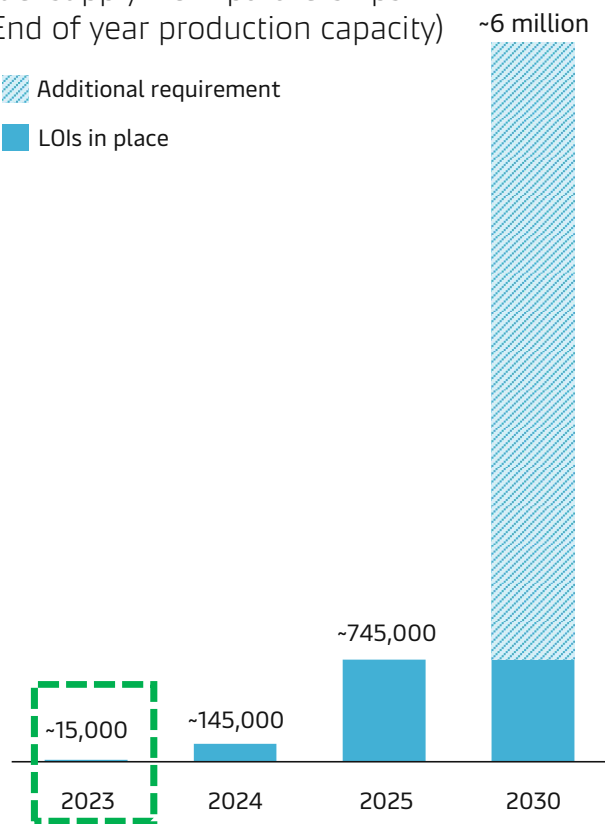


# Maersk's decarbonization strategy

## New fuel demand

Fuel supply from partnerships  
(End of year production capacity)

Additional requirement  
LOIs in place



### Milestone: Maersk launches methanol-powered feeder in bold move toward carbon neutrality

VESSELS

April 14, 2023, by Jasmina Ovcina Mandra

Container shipping heavyweight Maersk has achieved a major milestone in its efforts to reduce carbon emissions with the successful launching of its first methanol-powered feeder vessel at the Hyundai Mipo Dockyard.



Plus 5-10% biodiesel for 'pilot fuel'!



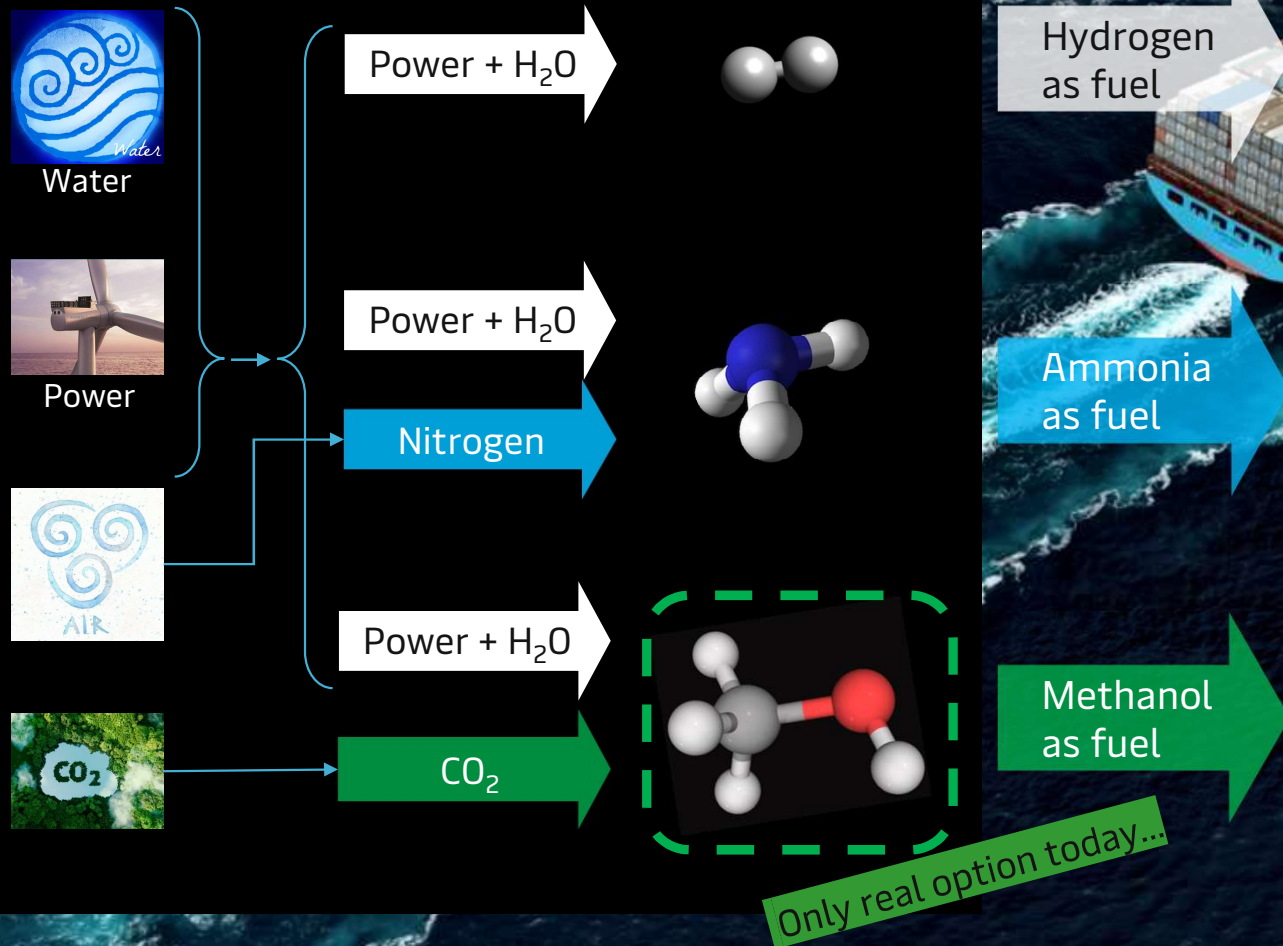
A.P. Moller - Maersk continues green transformation with six additional large container vessels | Maersk

Milestone: Maersk launches methanol-powered feeder in bold move toward carbon neutrality - Offshore Energy (offshore-energy.biz)



# New marine fuels

## Value propositions and challenges



**Fuel quality:** Perfect for fuel cells  
**Scalability:** No carbon dependency  
**Physical prop.:** Light gas at room temperature  
**Storage/handling:** Extreme T or P  
**Safety:** Risk of fire and explosions  
**Logistics:** Expensive/Infrastructure needed  
**Emissions:** Water  
**Regulation:** Expected feasible

**Fuel quality:** Poor  
**Scalability:** No carbon dependency  
**Physical prop.:** Gas at room temp.  
**Storage/handling:** Moderate T or P  
**Safety:** Highly toxic  
**Logistics:** Expensive/Infrastructure needed  
**Emissions:**  $\text{NO}_x$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ?  
**Regulation:** Uncertain

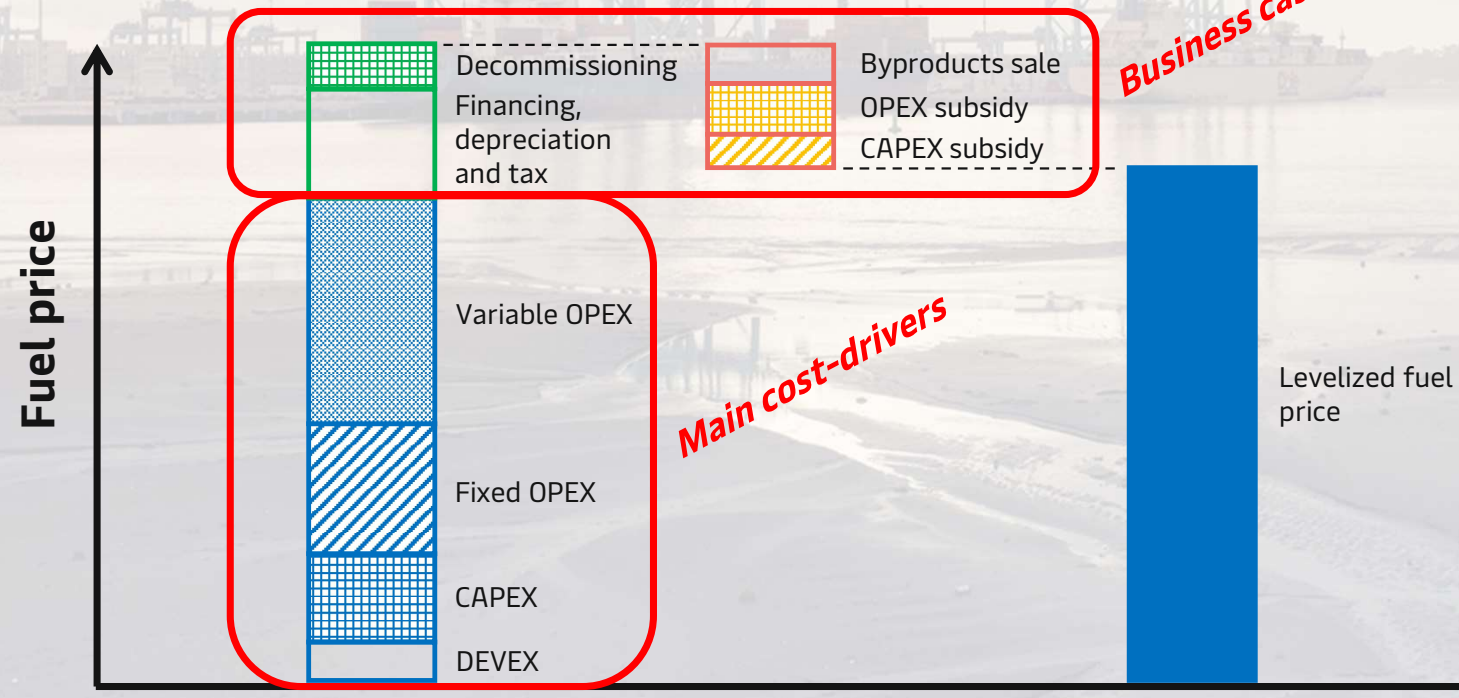
**Fuel quality:** OK with pilot fuel  
**Scalability:** Carbon dependency  
**Physical prop.:** Liquid at room temperature  
**Storage/handling:** Relatively easy  
**Safety:** Flammable / Non-toxic vapors  
**Logistics:** Feasible/In development  
**Emissions:** Low  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{SO}_x$  and PM  
**Regulation:** Feasible



# Fuel costs

## Techno-economic modeling

- Levelized cost of E-fuels by techno-economic modeling

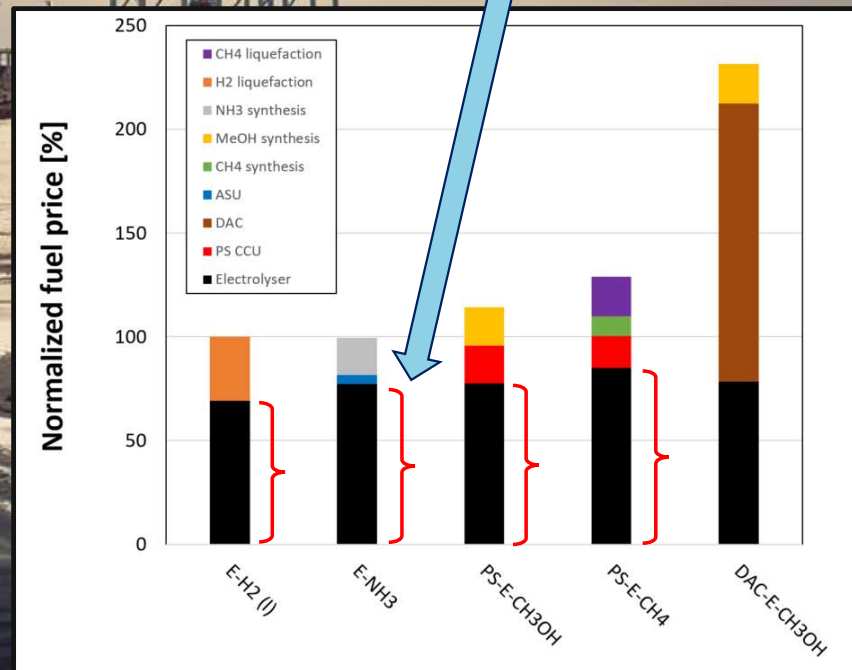
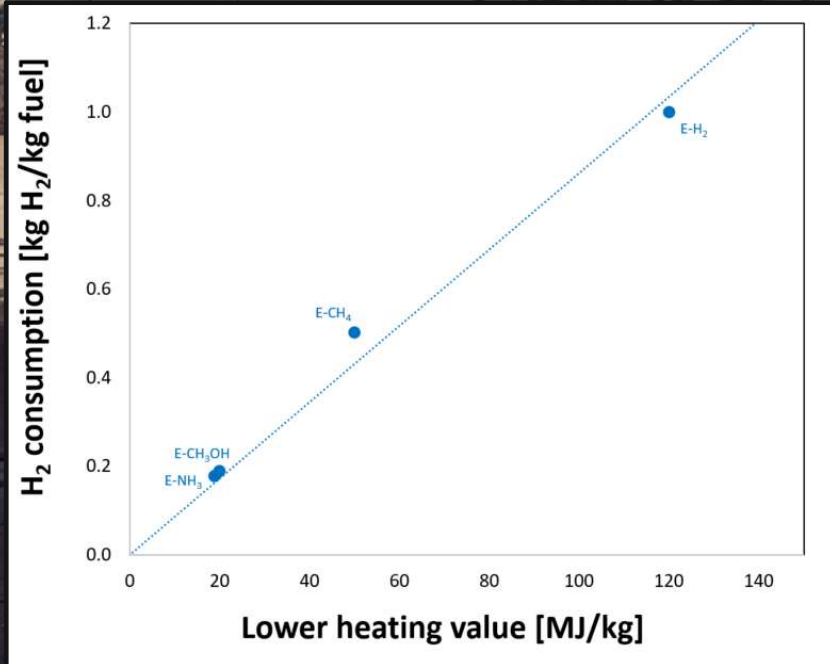


# Fuel costs

## Techno-economic modeling

- The relative hydrogen consumption of E-fuels is comparable.
- Fuel cost per LHV is expected to be similar, but in the order:

$$E-H_2 < E-NH_3 \approx E-CH_3OH < E-CH_4$$

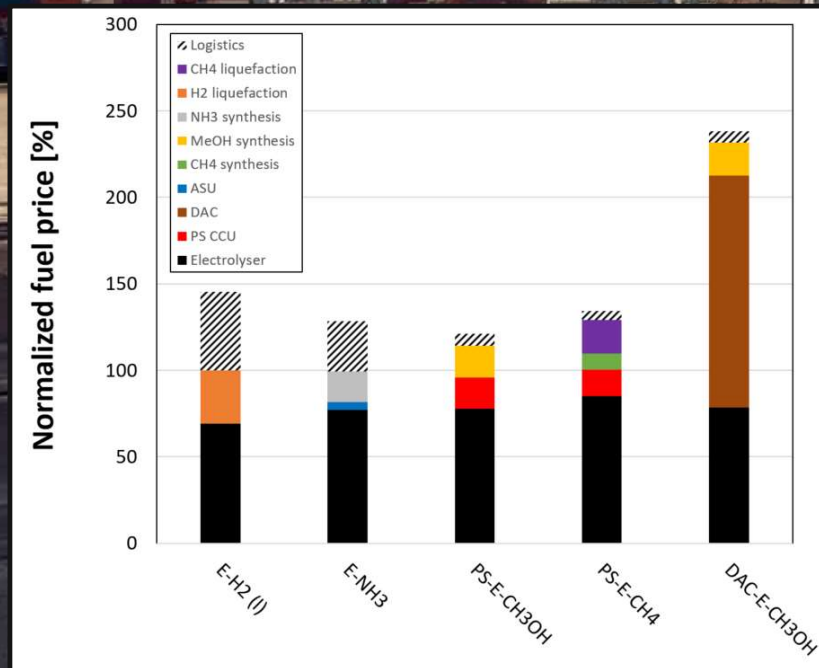




# Fuel costs

## Techno-economic modeling

- Fuel cost ranking may change if logistics costs are included! → Subject to high uncertainty...
- Hydrogen and ammonia can be expensive fuels to transport, store and bunker.
- Methanol is competitive in this regard.



### Assumed transport/storage/bunkering costs

H <sub>2</sub>	2000 €/ton	(17 €/GJ)
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	50 €/ton	(2.5 €/GJ)
CH <sub>4</sub>	100 €/ton	(2.0 €/GJ)
NH <sub>3</sub>	200 €/ton	(10.6 €/GJ)

# Feasibility study

## Hydrogen fuel cell powered feeder vessel concept

### Purpose

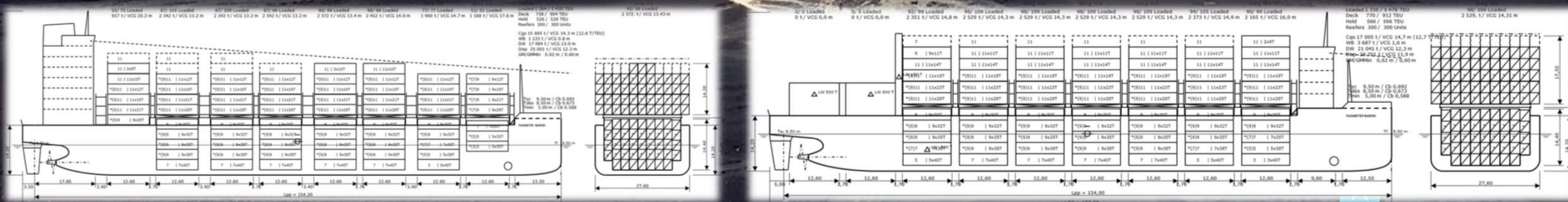
- Technical, economical and safety feasibility study of a hydrogen fuel cell powered feeder vessel using an E-methanol feeder vessel with ICE as reference.

### Key assumptions

- Capacity: 1000-1200 TEU with ~1/3 reefers
- Range: 2400 nm
- Ship design: Generally conventional
- Technology: Commercially available today
- Fuels: Liquid/gaseous E-H<sub>2</sub> and E-CH<sub>3</sub>OH

### Project team

- Maersk: Fleet Technology, Energy Transition, Network Strategy,...
- External: Lloyd's Register, Air Liquide, MAN Cryo, ABB, Ballard, TECO 2030...





# Feasibility study

## Hydrogen fuel cell powered feeder vessel concept

### Technical feasibility:

- Pros:
  - H<sub>2</sub>FC feeder vessel concepts are feasible "soon" using pure hydrogen as fuel when accepting a relatively limited range
  - Modular fuel cell and battery systems are available in kW to MW range
  - Indicative minor or no loss or intake/cargo (feeder size ship)
- Cons:
  - Current commercially available fuel cell systems only have efficiency comparable with ICE.
  - Fuel and storage systems for pure H<sub>2</sub> are complicated and expensive.
  - H<sub>2</sub> bunkering systems are still in development (not fully mature technology)
  - Infrastructure and H<sub>2</sub> bunkering systems are generally not available in ports yet.

### Safety:

- High-level risk assessment of LH<sub>2</sub> indicates that identified risks can likely be made ALARP.
- Examples:
  - Collision events impacting storage tanks
  - Rupture of a bunker hose

# Feasibility study

## Hydrogen fuel cell powered feeder vessel concept

### TCO ranking:

- MeOH with ICE < LH<sub>2</sub> with LT-PEM (+14%) < GH<sub>2</sub> with LT-PEM (+22%).
- Main cost driver for the difference is significantly higher CAPEX.
- However, fuel cell technology is at the beginning of development journey whereas ICE is fully matured.

### Conclusion:

- Pros:
  - A hydrogen fuelled feeder vessel seems feasible from a technical perspective.
  - Hydrogen production is scalable and has no carbon dependency.
- Cons:
  - Infrastructure for pure hydrogen is generally not in place
  - Handling of hydrogen as fuel is more complicated and expensive than methanol
  - Hydrogen has a significant risk profile making fuel and storage systems complicated and expensive.
  - Hydrogen fueled feeders are currently more expensive in TCO evaluations
  - Why should we sail on pure hydrogen if methanol is available?

### Next steps

- Monitor FC technology and its development
- Exploration of alternative FC energy carriers, such as methanol and LOHC
- Explore hybrid solutions where auxiliary and reefer loads are based on FC solution (replacement of 4 stroke ICE)



# Conclusions

- Ambitious energy transition goals for Maersk's business
- New fuels offering significantly reduced GHG emissions are required
- Green hydrogen plays a key role in most fuel pathways
- Green methanol offers acceptable fuel properties and value propositions as marine fuel
- Hydrogen and ammonia are scalable (non carbon dependent) but safety, handling, logistics and regulatory challenges are to be solved.
- Levelized cost of E-fuels is comparable and even in favor of methanol if logistics are included
- Hydrogen fuelled feeder vessel concepts seem feasible from technical perspective.
- However, they are currently more expensive in TCO evaluation and come with increased safety, infrastructure and handling requirements.
- Why choose difficult alternatives to green methanol?



Thank you!

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