



# GreenPilot

## Environmental performance of Smaller Ships Using Methanol

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# OUTLINE

- Environmental performance: categories and drivers
- Environmental assessment for the GreenPilot project
- Green methanol: feasibility of supply for the small vessel market in Sweden
- Summary





# ASSESSING ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Emissions to air: SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>,  
Particulates (including BC),  
Greenhouse Gases

- Emissions in port
- Emissions at sea

Energy efficiency:

- More efficient engines and operations

Emissions to water: Reduce harmful  
emissions to water (including accidental  
fuel spills)



Noise: impacts on humans;  
marine environment

# DRIVERS FOR EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS IN SHIPPING

- SOx emissions regulations:
  - 0.1% in sulphur emission control areas (2015 for the Baltic Sea)
  - 0.5% globally by 2020 (IMO MEPC, October 2016)
- NOx Tier III regulations (2016) for emission control areas – new vessels. The North Sea and Baltic Sea NECA applies to vessels built after 2021
- Particulate Matter
  - Linked to health impacts, premature deaths for long term exposure
  - Black Carbon (a component of particulate matter that strongly absorbs visible light) is a contributor to climate change





# GHG EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS

**International:** IMO adopted a climate change strategy in April 2018 calling for at least a **50% reduction of GHGs** by 2050 (compared to 2008 levels).

**European:** EU's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from maritime transport should be cut by **at least 40%** from 2005 levels by 2050 (EC's 2011 White Paper on transport)

## National Examples:

- Sweden: In February, 2018, the Swedish Government directed the Swedish Transport Administration to carry out an analysis of how operation of state-owned vessels, including road ferries and pilot boats, could be fossil-free.
- Norway: Norwegian National Transport Plan 2018-2029: new ferries connected to the national public road system use zero or low emission technology

## Corporate Examples:

- Carnival Corporation goal to “reduce the carbon intensity of its operations by 25% by 2020”
- Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 35% by 2020

**New fuels from renewable feedstocks, such as bio-methanol or methanol from CO<sub>2</sub>, are required to meet these goals**

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Last Friday's historic agreement at MEPC 72 to reduce Shipping emissions will spell the end of today's traditional oil-based bunker industry from the 2030's, according to Dr Tristan Smith from the UCL Energy Institute

The deal envisions a reduction in the total annual GHG emissions from Shipping of at least 50% by 2050 compared to 2008, while at the same time pursuing efforts towards phasing them out entirely.

"From the 2030s, it is highly unlikely that new ocean-going vessels will be dependent on fossil fuels. Rather we will be looking at zero carbon renewable fuels to power the world's fleet," says Smith.

"If you are building a ship or planning to build a ship in the 2020s, it will likely need to be able to switch to non-fossil fuels later in its life, a factor insurers and shipping financiers will need to consider in their business plans through the next decade."

The prospect of such a future has other near-term implications too, such as for those considering - or touting - fossil fuel-dependant solutions for the upcoming "IMO2020" global 0.50% sulfur cap on marine fuel.

Time could be running out for the traditional bunker industry. File Image / Pixabay

we could see a diverse shipping fleet powered by hydrogen, ammonia

# CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPILLS TO THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

- Hydrocarbon fuels (HFO, MGO) do not dissipate readily and are persistent in the marine environment
- Methanol:
  - is fully miscible with water and dissolves readily
  - Biodegradable and does not bioaccumulate
  - Methanol is not rated as toxic to aquatic organisms using the GESAMP rating system (Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection)





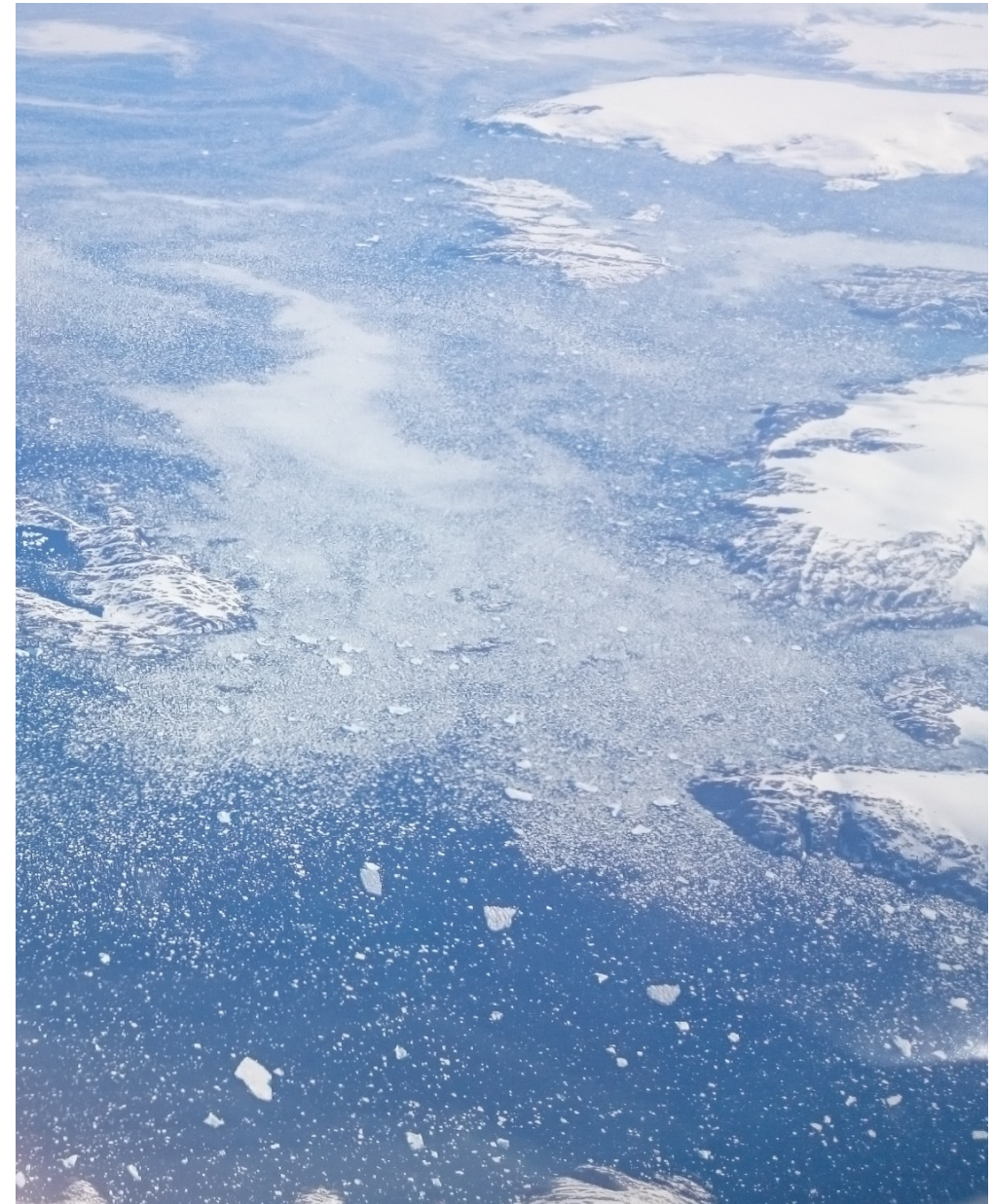
# IMPACT CATEGORIES - AIR

Assessment categories for fuel life cycle comparison of methanol with conventional MGO:

- Greenhouse gases (GHGs) ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ )
- $\text{SO}_x$
- $\text{NO}_x$
- Particulate Matter (PM)

Corresponding to impacts:

- Climate change
- Eutrophication
- Acidification
- Health effects



# FUEL LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT MAIN STEPS

Extraction,  
cultivation,  
capture, etc. of  
primary energy  
source



Fuel Production:  
e.g. refining for  
oils, gasification  
for biomass



Transport, Storage,  
and Distribution of  
fuel



**Fuel Use**  
Emissions from  
combustion on board



Well to Tank Chain



Tank to propeller or  
"tank to wake"





## COMPARISON OF EMISSIONS PER MJ FUEL PRODUCED (WTT)

Fuels	CO <sub>2</sub> g/MJ	CH <sub>4</sub> g/MJ	N <sub>2</sub> O g/MJ	GHGs g CO <sub>2</sub> e/MJ	NOx g/MJ	SOx g/MJ	PM10 g/MJ
MGO, 0.1% S <sup>1</sup>	7,1	0,078	0,00017	9,3	0,023	0,041	0,00110
Methanol from natural gas <sup>1</sup>	20,5	0,011	0,00031	20,9	0,051	0,003	0,00063
Methanol black liquor <sup>2</sup>	3,1	0,011	0,00835	5,7	-	-	-

*Methanol, from biogenic*

*CO<sub>2</sub>, wind energy\**

7,4

0,012

0,01420

11,5

0,029

0,017

0,00239

Pilot Boat 729 used both methanol from LTU Green Fuels (black liquor and pyrolysis oil gasification) and methanol produced from natural gas

<sup>1</sup> Data for production from Brynolf (2014) Environmental assessment of present and future marine fuels. Doctoral Dissertation. Chalmers University of Technology, transport emissions estimated for this study for supply to smaller vessels; <sup>2</sup> Production data from Edwards, R., Larivé, J.-F., Rickeard, D., and W. Weindorf. 2014. Well-to-wheels analysis of future automotive fuels and powertrains in the European Context, Well-To-Tank (WTT) report, Version 4a, transport emissions estimated for supply to smaller vessels; \* Estimate based on production of methanol from renewable hydrogen and carbon dioxide from method as described in Matzen and Demeril (2016), with estimated emissions for fuel transport to supply smaller vessels.



# COMPARISON OF EMISSIONS PER MJ FUEL COMBUSTED

Fuel and Engine	CO <sub>2</sub> g/MJ	NOx g/MJ	SOx g/MJ	PM g/MJ
<b>GreenPilot Engines</b>				
MGO, 0.05% S, High Speed Marine Diesel Engine (Cummins) <sup>1</sup>	74,7	0,518	0,023	0,01240
Methanol, Spark ignited, port fuel injection engine (Weichai) <sup>2</sup>	68,5	0,178	0,000	2,8E-06
<b>Swedish Road Ferry Göta</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> g/MJ	NOx g/MJ	SOx g/MJ	PM10 g/MJ
MK 1 (0.001% S Diesel), no particle filter, HS marine diesel engine (Scania) <sup>3</sup>	72,3	0,820	0,00005	0,00947
MK 1 (0.001% S Diesel), with particle filter, HS marine diesel engine (Scania) <sup>3</sup>	71,5	0,781	0,00005	4,8E-04

<sup>1</sup>from Cummins Inc., 2010 (ISO 8178 E3 Cycle); <sup>2</sup> Molander, 2017 (ISO 8178 Cycle E3); <sup>3</sup> Winnes and Peterson, 2012.

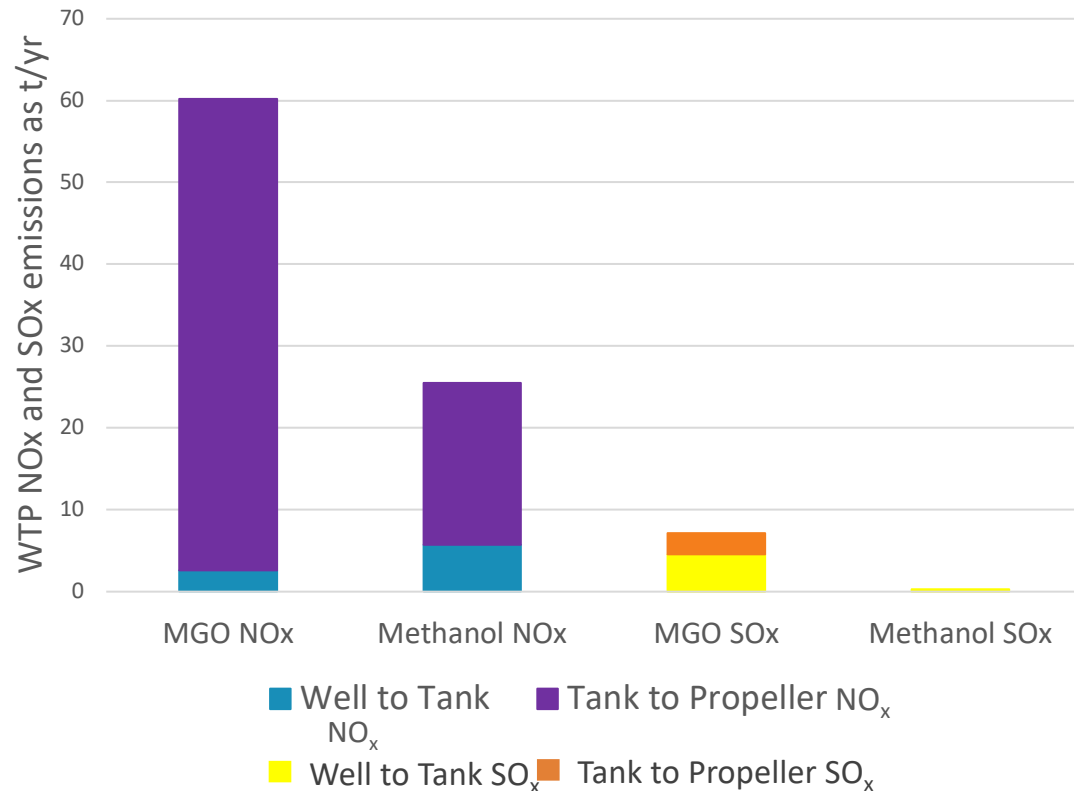




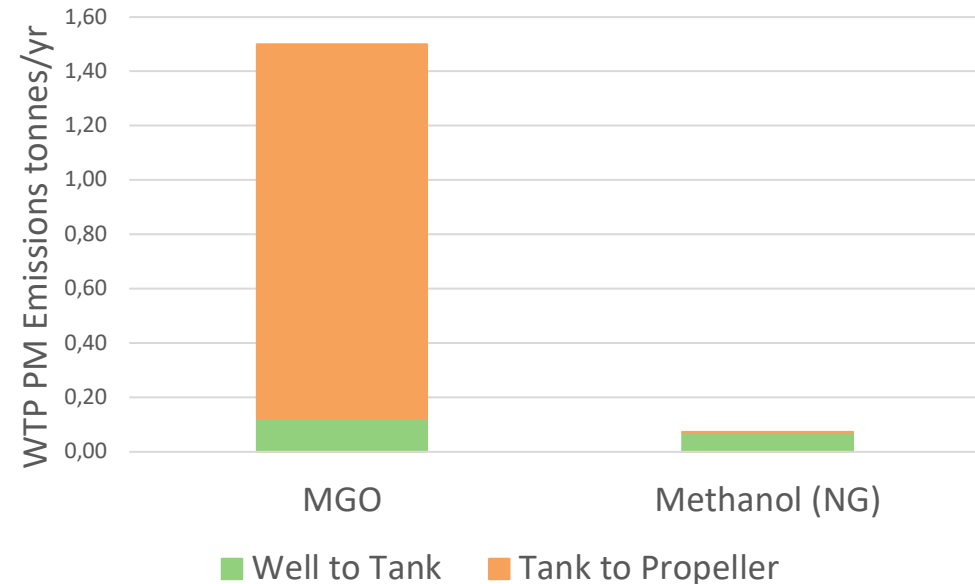
# NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub> AND PARTICULATE MATTER EMISSIONS - PILOT BOAT FLEET

- NO<sub>x</sub> – majority of emissions occur during the “tank to propeller” phase; methanol combustion results in significantly lower NO<sub>x</sub> emissions
- SO<sub>x</sub> – no sulphur in methanol so no emissions during operations (“tank to propeller”)
- Particulate Matter - significant reductions with methanol
- Pilot boat fleet in 2017: 72 vessels, annual fuel consumption of 3100 m<sup>3</sup>

NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> Tonnes per Year

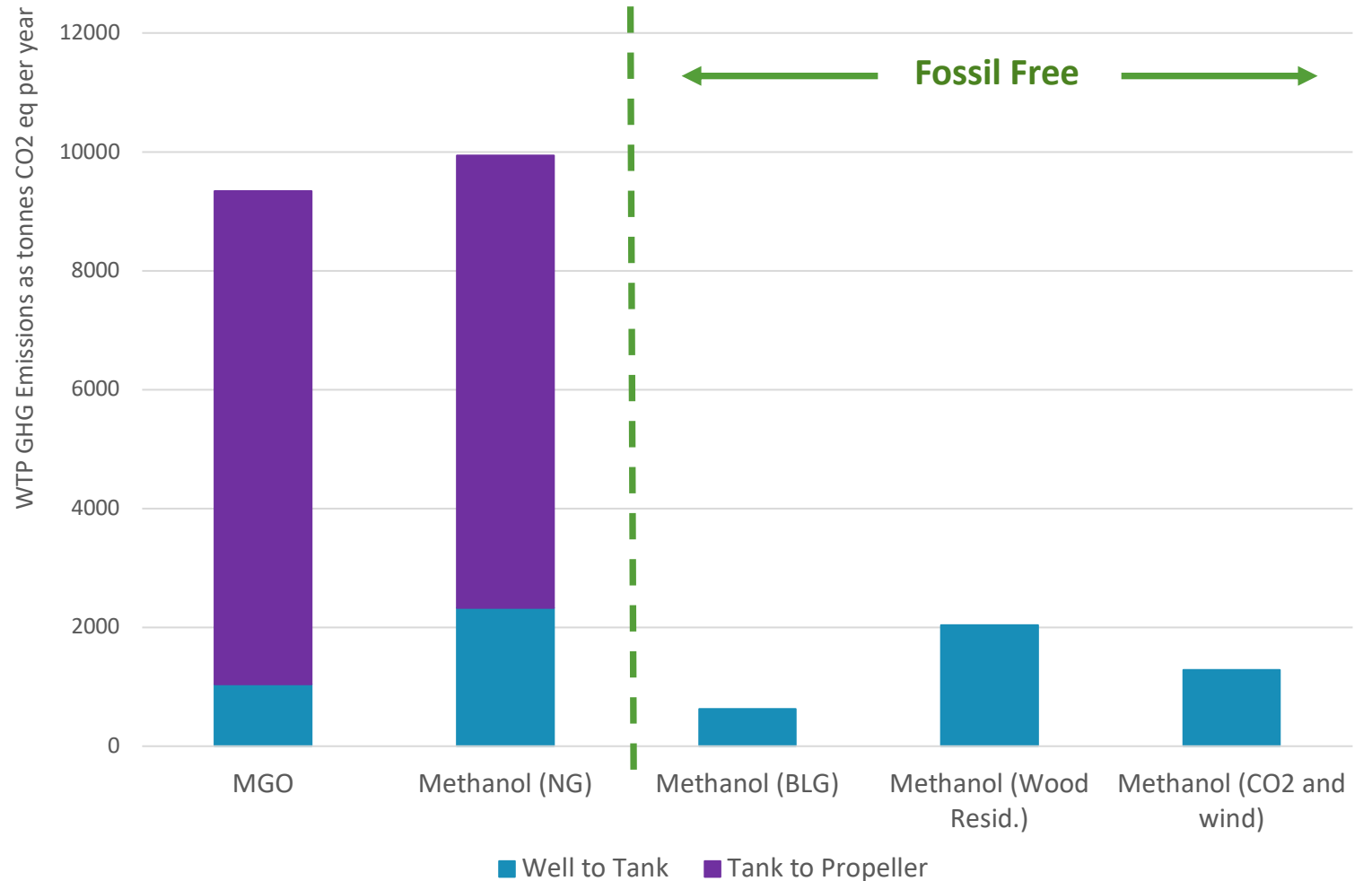


Particulate Matter – tonnes per Year



# COMPARISON OF GHG EMISSIONS WELL TO PROPELLER, GREENPILOT

Well to Propeller GHG Emission Estimates for Swedish Pilot Boat Fleet, based on the total annual fuel consumption of 3100 m<sup>3</sup> (2588 tonnes) (2017 usage)



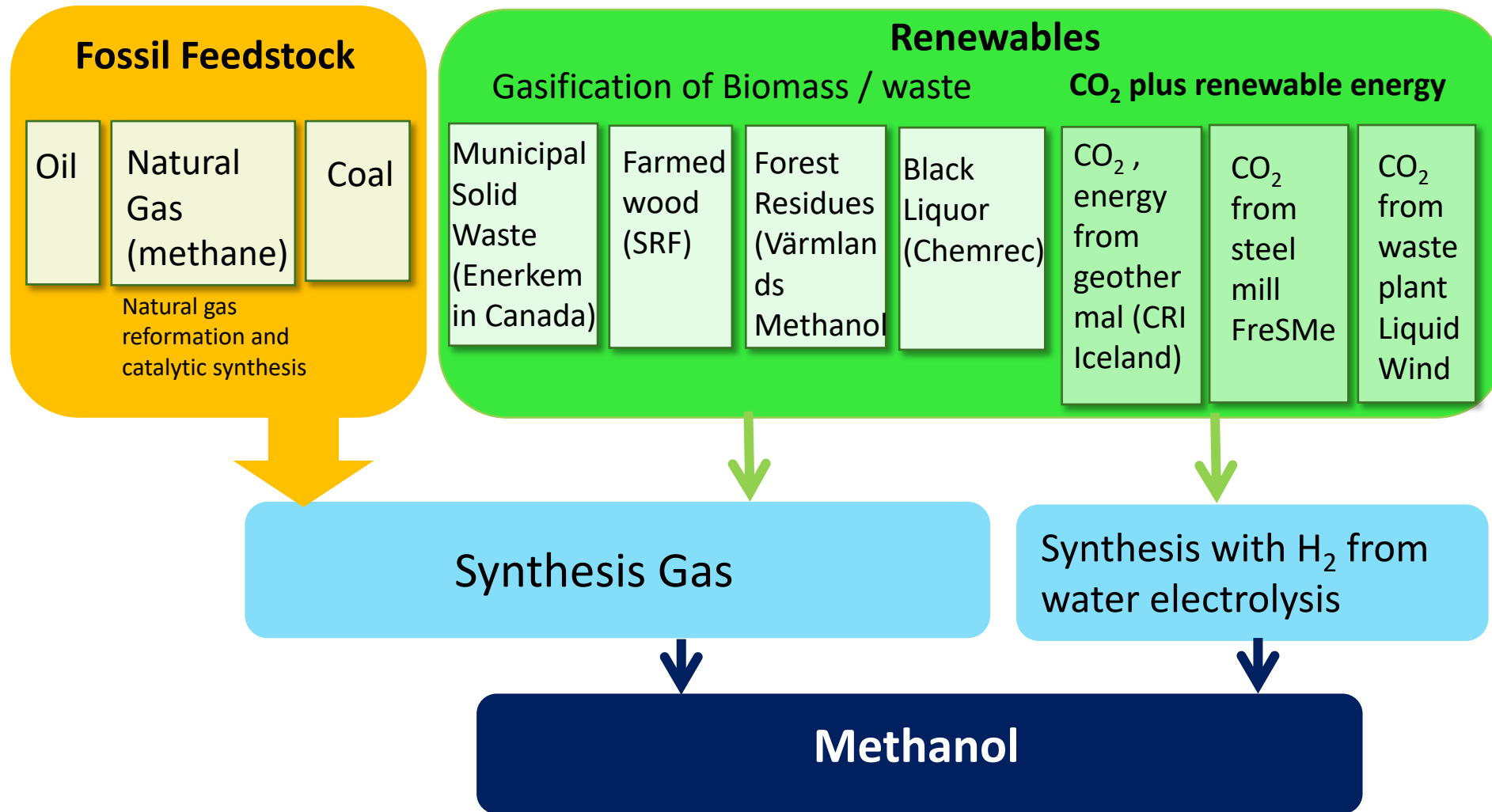


## GHG REDUCTIONS OF OTHER METHANOL PRODUCTION PATHWAYS (EXAMPLES OF PLANTS IN CURRENT PRODUCTION)

- **CO<sub>2</sub> and Geothermal Energy:** Carbon Recycling International, Iceland: certified by the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification system (ISCC) as an ultra-low carbon advanced renewable transport fuel. Stated that the methanol has **75% lower GHG emissions** than standard fuel.
- **Municipal Waste:** Enerkem facility in Alberta, Canada, converts waste to methanol and then further to ethanol. Received the **lowest carbon intensity value ever issued by the British Columbia government under the renewable and low carbon fuel regulation.** (Estimated using the GHGenius model, received a value of -54.8 g CO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ).



# METHANOL FUEL FEEDSTOCK – OVERVIEW AND EXAMPLES OF RENEWABLES





# METHANOL SUPPLY IN SWEDEN – POTENTIAL PLANTS, PILOT TESTING, OTHER DEVELOPMENT

Methanol (from fossil feedstock) imported by ship to depots in Malmö and Södertälje

Renewable methanol:

Methanol from electricity and CO<sub>2</sub>:

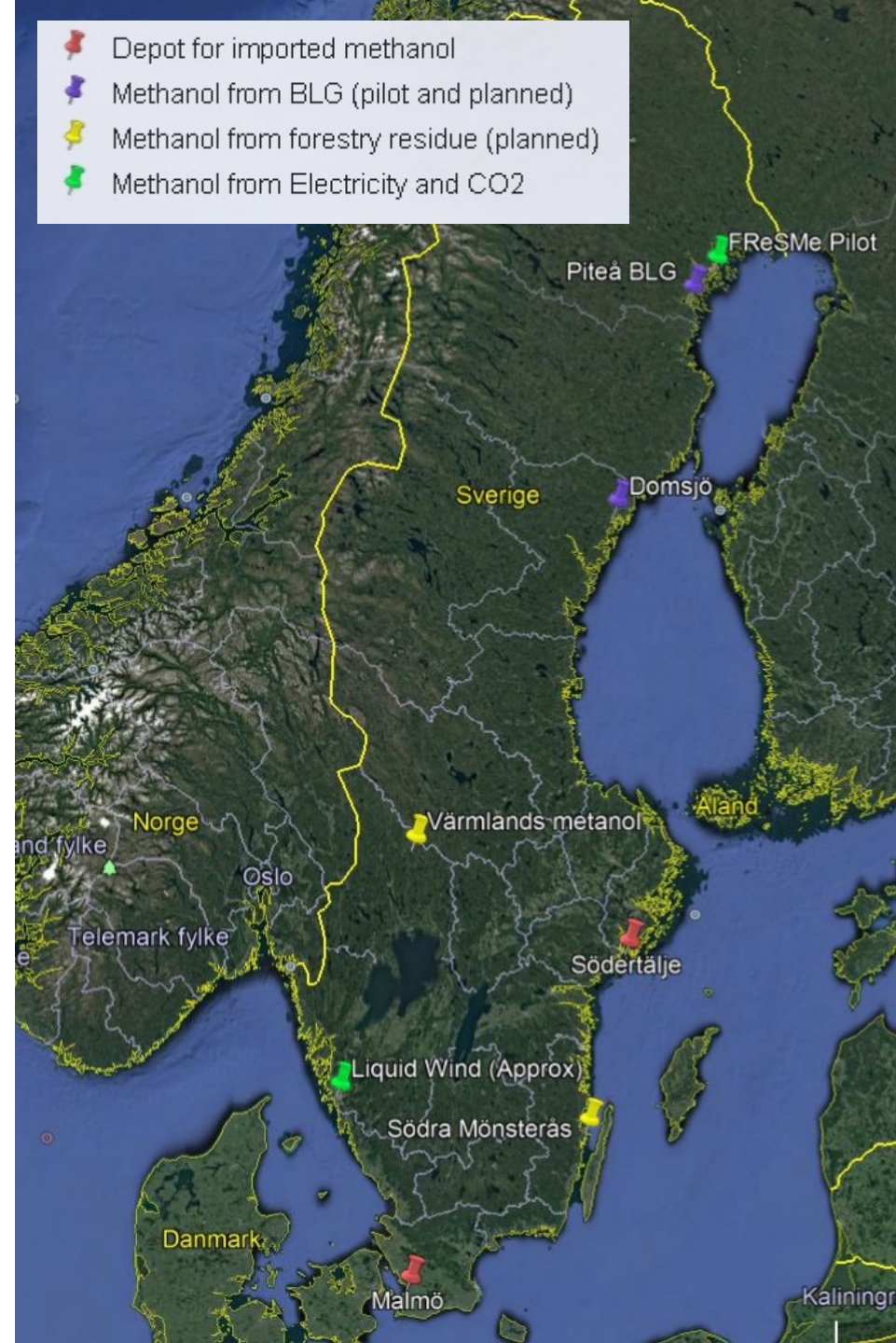
- FReSMe – pilot plant, H2020 Project underway
- Liquid Wind: Feasibility study completed May 2017, work is continuing

Methanol from Forestry Residue:

- Värmlands Methanol: pre-study 2010; additional studies in 2014; on hold
- Södra Mönsterås: started 2017, est. completion 2019, production 5000 tonnes annually

Methanol from black liquor gasification:

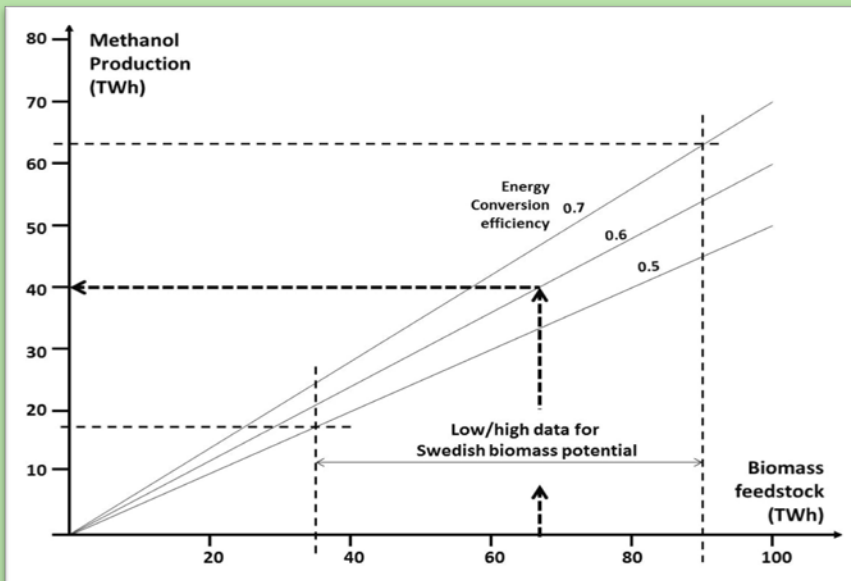
- Piteå (Chemrec) – pilot plant operated more than 25,000 hours
- Domsjö (Chemrec): industrial scale, extensive planning, not built



# POTENTIAL PRODUCTION OF RENEWABLE METHANOL IN SWEDEN

## Methanol Production Potential

- Domsjö (Chemrec) design capacity: 140 000 t/yr
- Black Liquor Gasification: Approx. 12 TWh of methanol = 2.2 million tonnes methanol from 10 kraft pulp mills in Sweden\*
- Biomass: 40 TWh of methanol: 7.2 million t/yr



### Methanol production as a function of biomass potential for different conversion

**efficiencies:** from Landälv, I. 2017. Methanol as a renewable fuel – a knowledge synthesis. Report No. f3 2015:08. The Swedish Knowledge Centre for Renewable Transportation Fuels (f3)

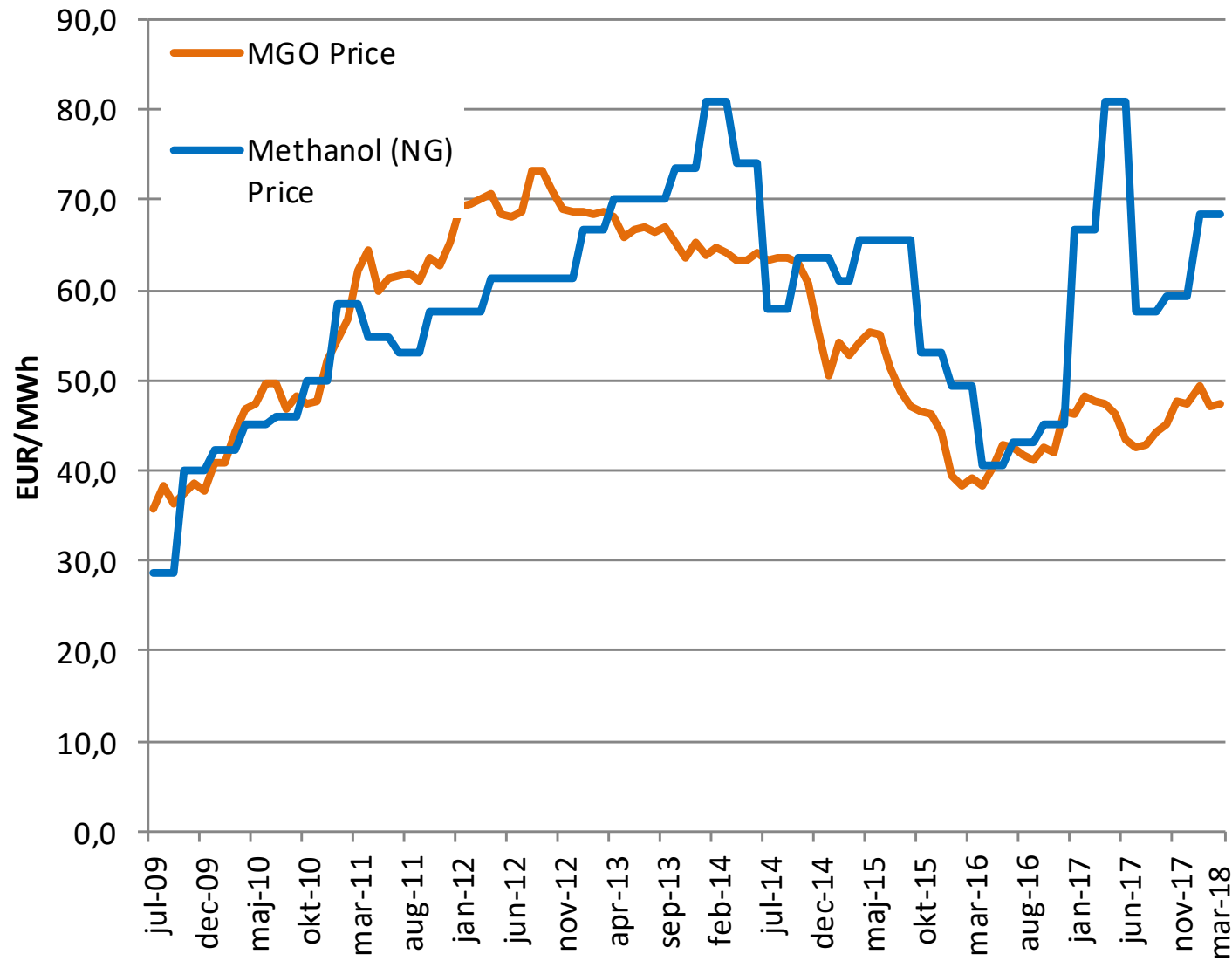
\*Source: Andersson, J. et al. 2016. Co-gasification of black liquor and pyrolysis oil: Evaluation of blend ratios and methanol production capacities. Energy Conversion and Management 110:240-248.

## Marine Fuel Use Examples (as methanol equivalent on an energy basis)

Pilot Boat Fleet (2017):	5565 t/yr
Swedish Maritime Administration	
Total Marine Fuel Use (2017):	
(Icebreakers, pilot boats, work boats)	21 000 t/yr
Jupiter Road Ferry:	1505 t /yr
Swedish Road Ferries (all):	22 000 t/yr



# Historical MGO and Methanol Prices



Estimated production costs of renewable methanol

e- methanol: 80 - 140

Methanol from wood: 56 -91

HVO: 50 – 90

Methanol from BLG: 69

Methanol from municipal waste: 20

Data sources: Bunker Index for MGO, Methanex for Methanol NG (European contract price); Landälv (2017) methanol BLG; Landälv and Waldheim (2017) HVO and methanol from wood; Ianquaniello et al. (2017) for methanol from municipal waste; Taljegård et al. 2015 for e-methanol





# BUNKERING POSSIBILITIES

For conventional fuels:

- Ship to ship
  - only available on the West coast of Sweden and for larger vessels
- Truck to ship
  - Almost all bunkering on Sweden's east coast is truck to ship
  - Swedish road ferries, commuter ferries bunker this way
- Land to ship
  - the Swedish Icebreaker fleet bunkers from tank storage in Piteå (Preem)
  - Storage tanks similar to "gas stations" for smaller recreational vessels, fishing vessels

Methanol:

- GreenPilot: Portable container on a trailer
- Truck bunkering carried out for Stena Scanrail testing and for Stena Germanica
- Methanol delivered by truck routinely for other (non-marine) customers





## SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE POTENTIAL – METHANOL FOR SMALLER VESSELS

- Reductions of emissions of  $\text{SO}_x$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ , and Particulate Matter with methanol fuel (irrespective of feedstock)
- Significant reduction of GHGs with methanol produced from renewable feedstock
- Many local feedstocks and production opportunities – but development needed
- Distribution system essentially in place, no challenges technically
- Reduced impact of accidental spills
- Lower noise emissions for engine type tested in the GreenPilot project







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