

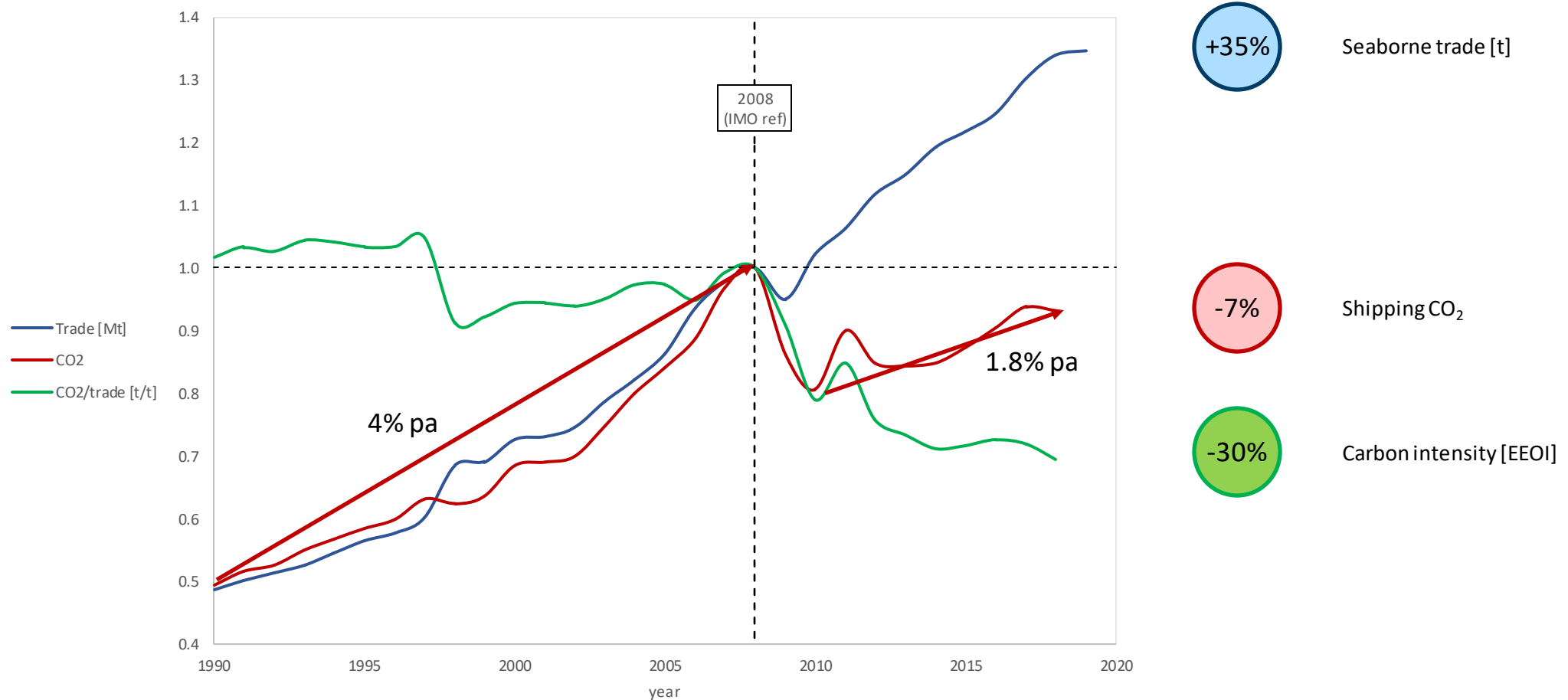


LNG FOR SKIP: FOR LITE ELLER NØKKELEN TIL NULL (UTSLIPP)?

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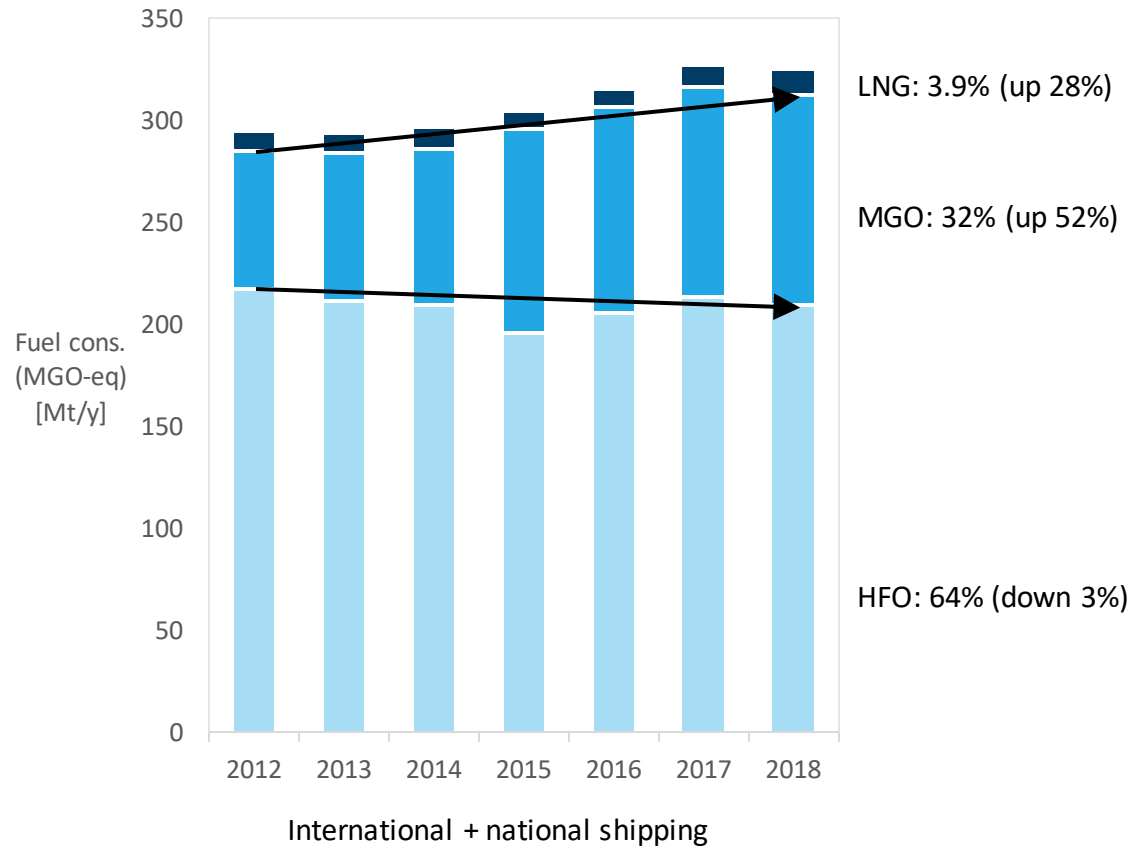
Shipping emissions since 1990: Still climbing (at half the pace)



Sources

IMO GHG-studies (3rd and 4th), UNCTAD review of Maritime transport

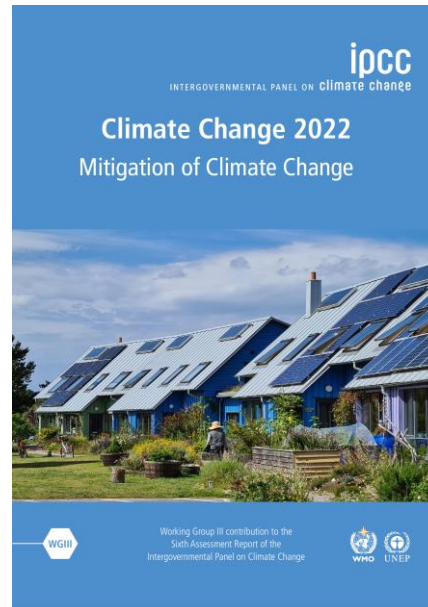
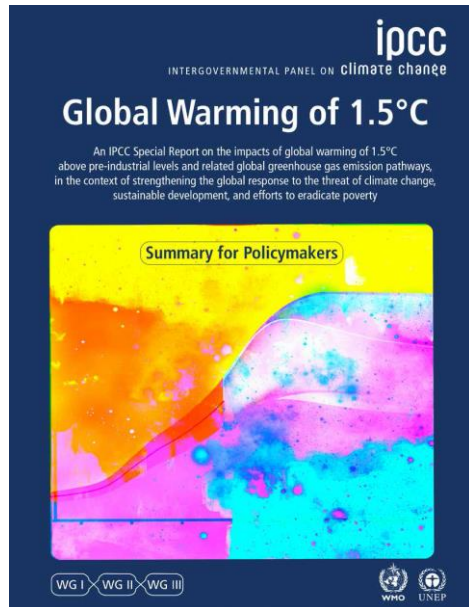
Maritime fuels: Shift towards MGO but no change in carbon intensity



Note: Volumes consumed by ships in international and domestic trades plus fishing vessels

Source: IMO 4th GHG-study, page 97-98

Global warming: Urgent vs deep emission cuts?



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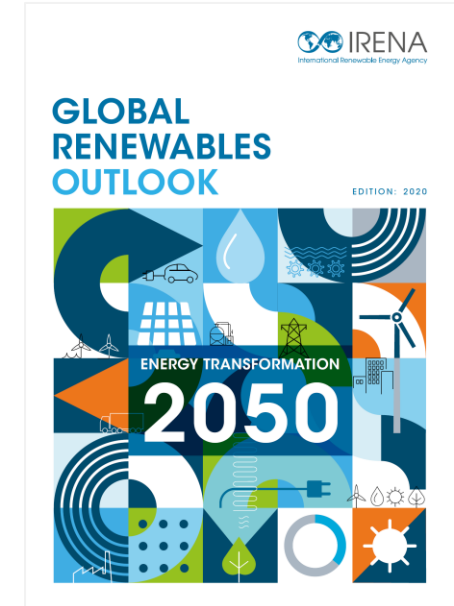
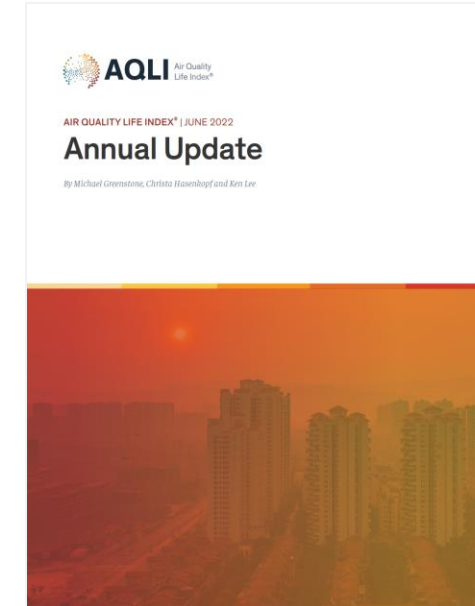
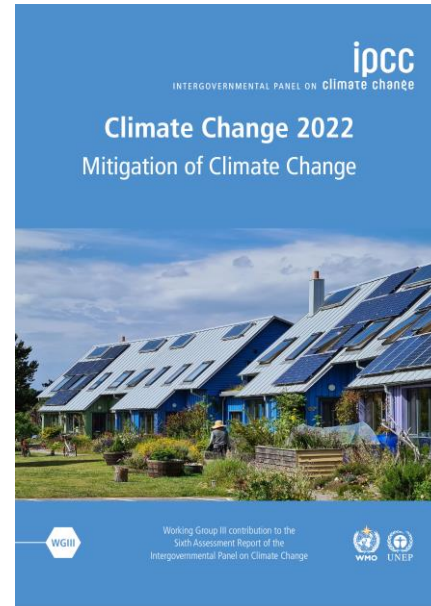
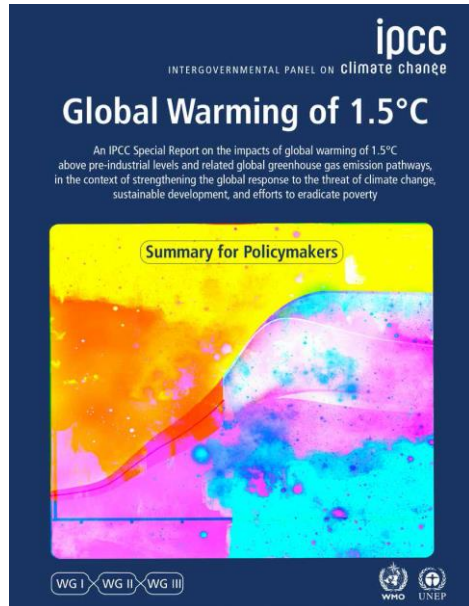
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More than global warming on the table



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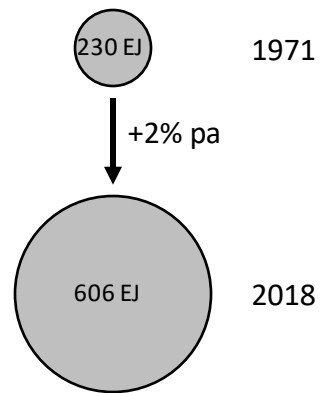
ENERGY:
Improvements in energy efficiency must triple. So far, growth in renewables is cancelled by growth in energy demand.



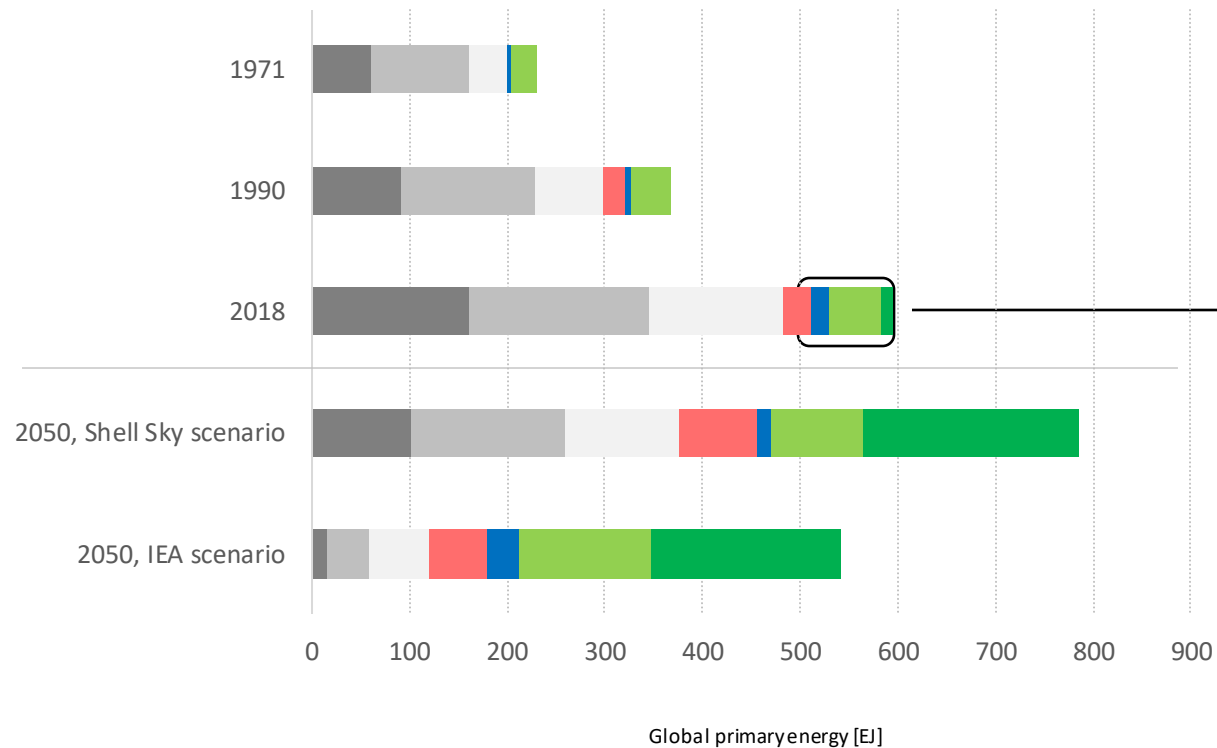
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Global energy demand and primary energy mix 1971-2019

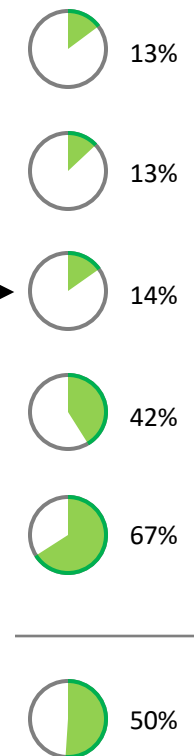
Global, annual energy use



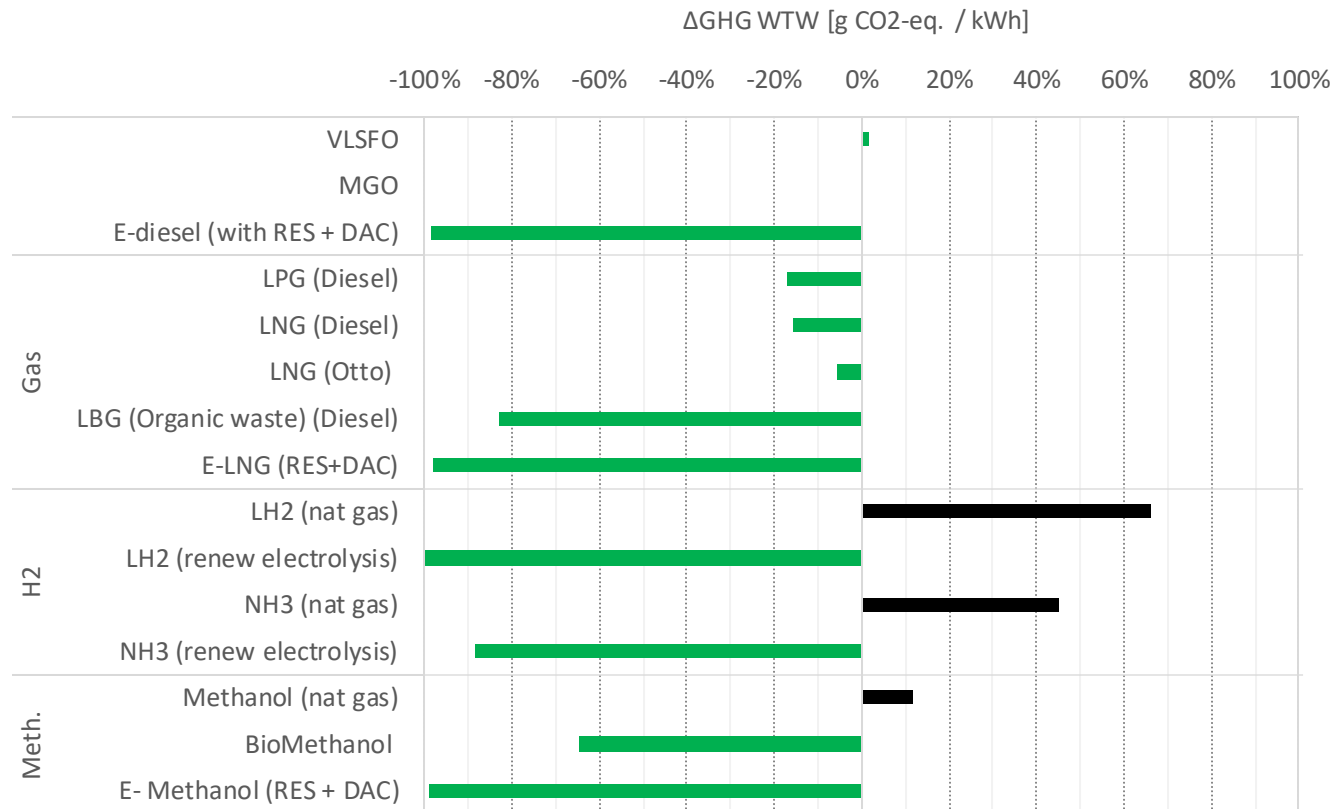
Breakdown of primary energy



Renewables



Alt. fuels: GHG (WTW) vs MGO



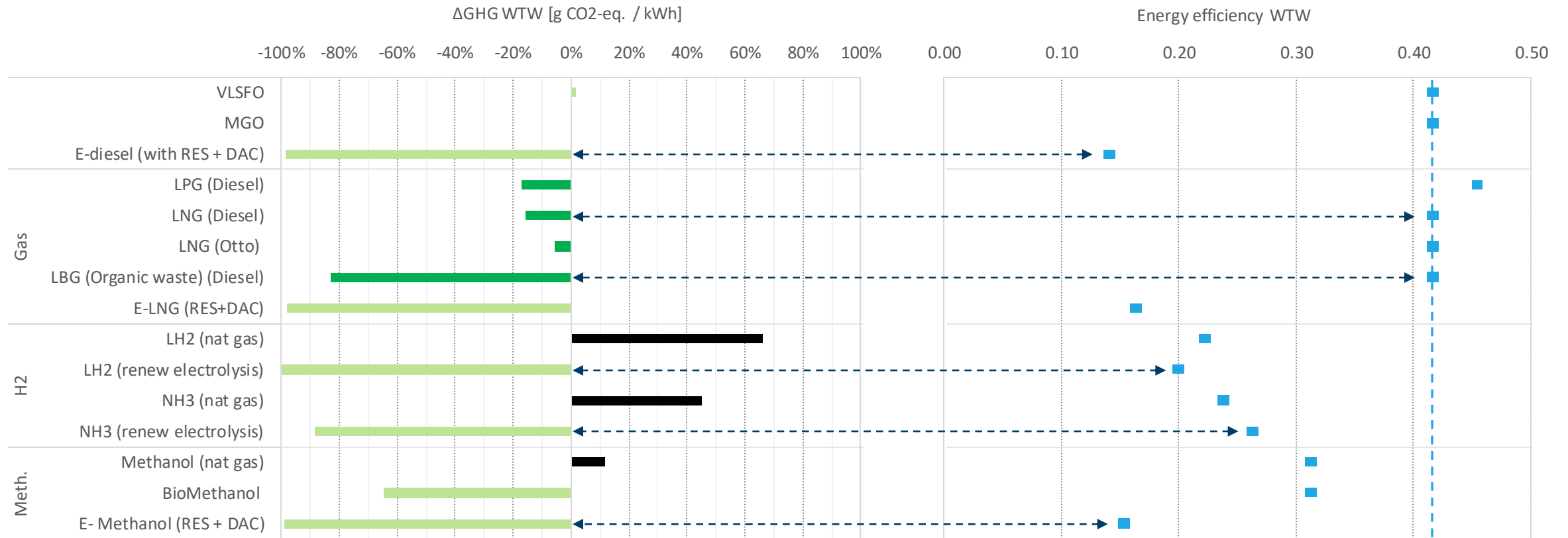
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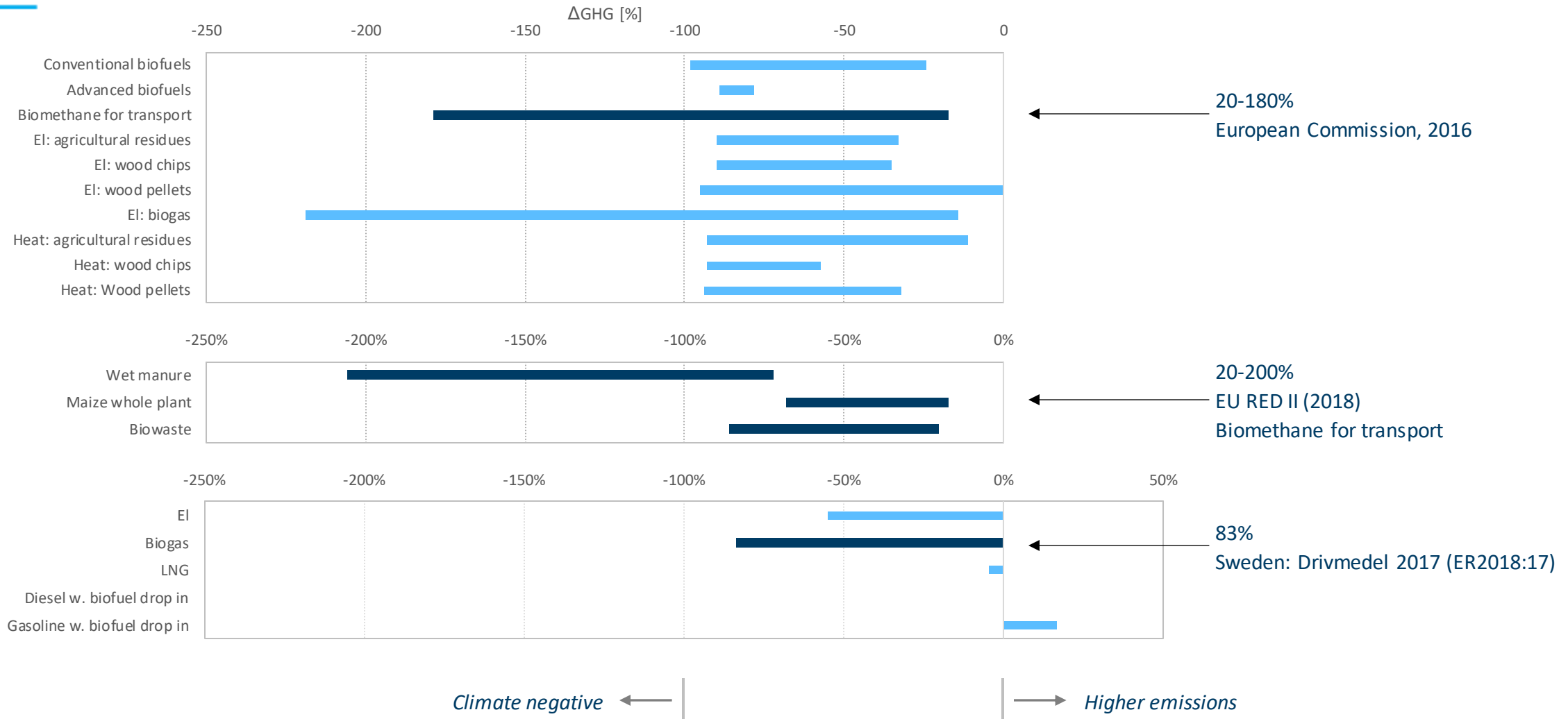
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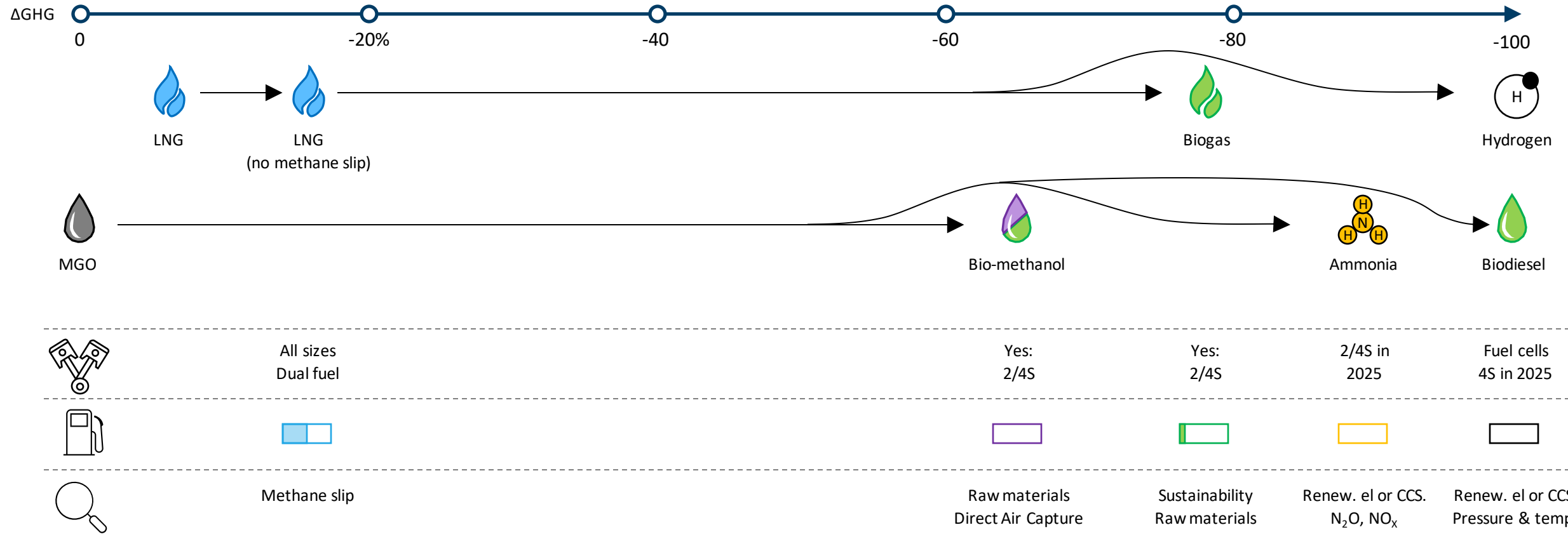
Biogas: The GHG-saving varies and depends!



Sources.

EU RED II, 2018 (s. 97), IEA, Technology roadmap Delivering sustainable bioenergy, 2017 (tabell 7, s. 51), Svensk energimyndighet: Drivmedel 2017, (tabell 11, s. 33)

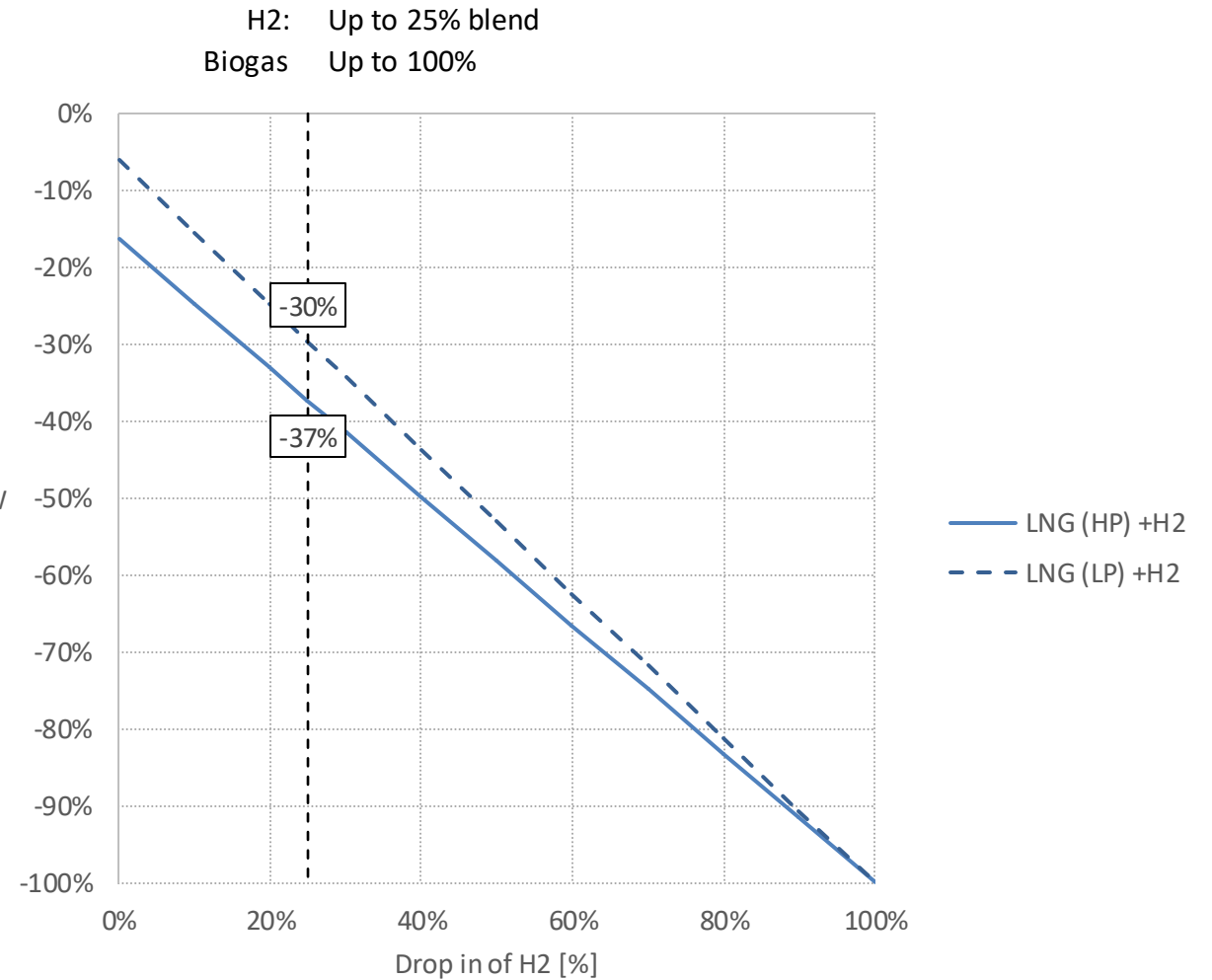
Two distinct pathways: Gaseous fuels (top) and liquid fuels (bottom)



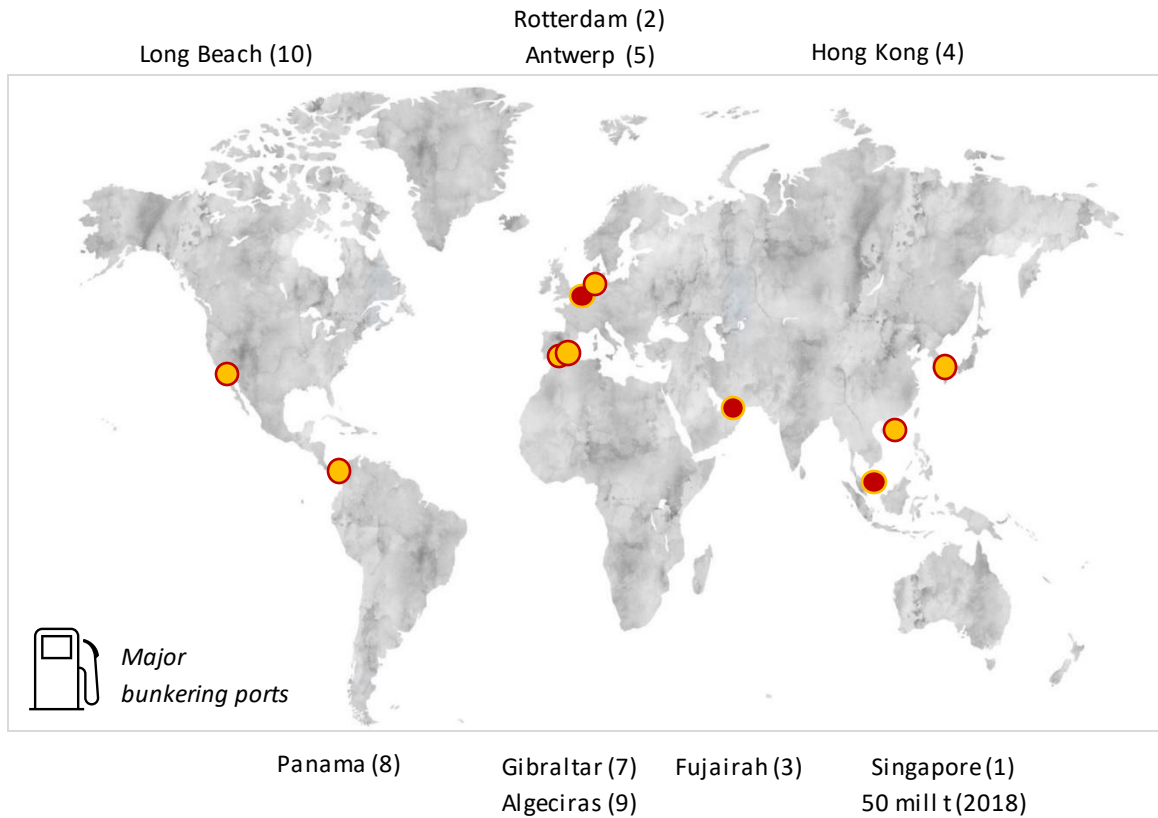
GHG-effect of blending in H2 or biogas



Δ GHG WTW



Supply side: The map for LNG supply looks a bit like the oil bunkering map

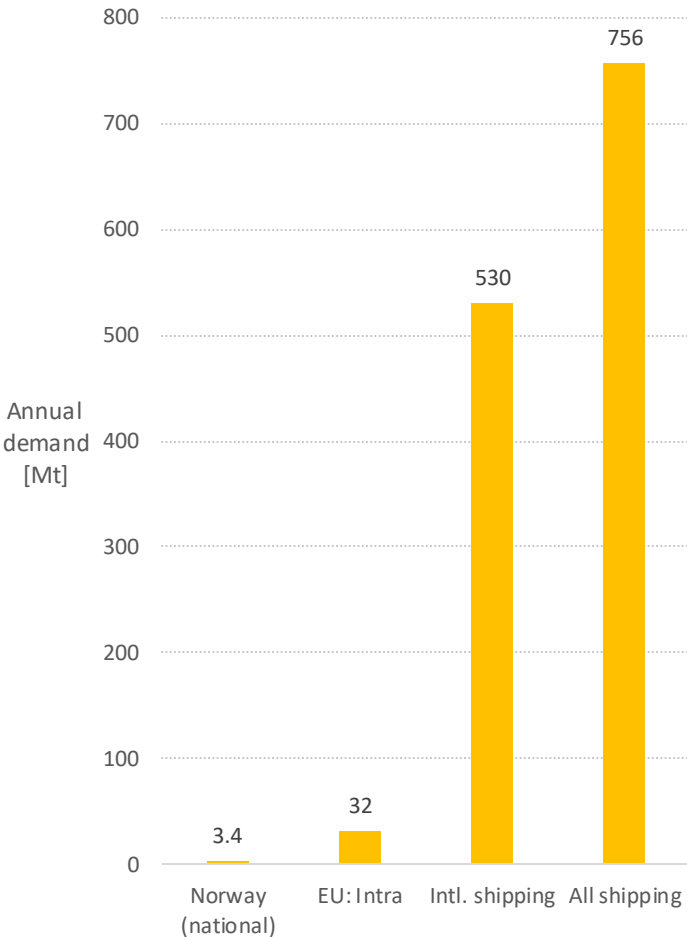


Supply network for LNG (incl. bunker barges)



SOURCES:
IMO 4th GHG-study, page 97-98. Maritime Fairtrade ([link](#)), DNV AFI

Shipping's need for ammonia vs plans



Based on current energy consumption. Conversion based on heating value (LCV) and assuming same engine thermal efficiency for all fuels.
Source: DN 8 Dec 2020, DN 18 Dec 2021.







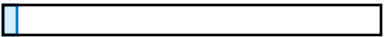
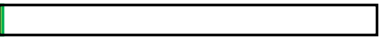
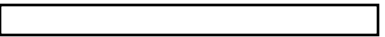
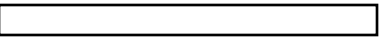


Yara, 2026: 0.5 mill. t/y
20,000 t for shipping
Green ammonia (electrolysis)



Horisont Energi, 1 mill. t/y (planned
Blue ammonia (Natural gas + CCS)

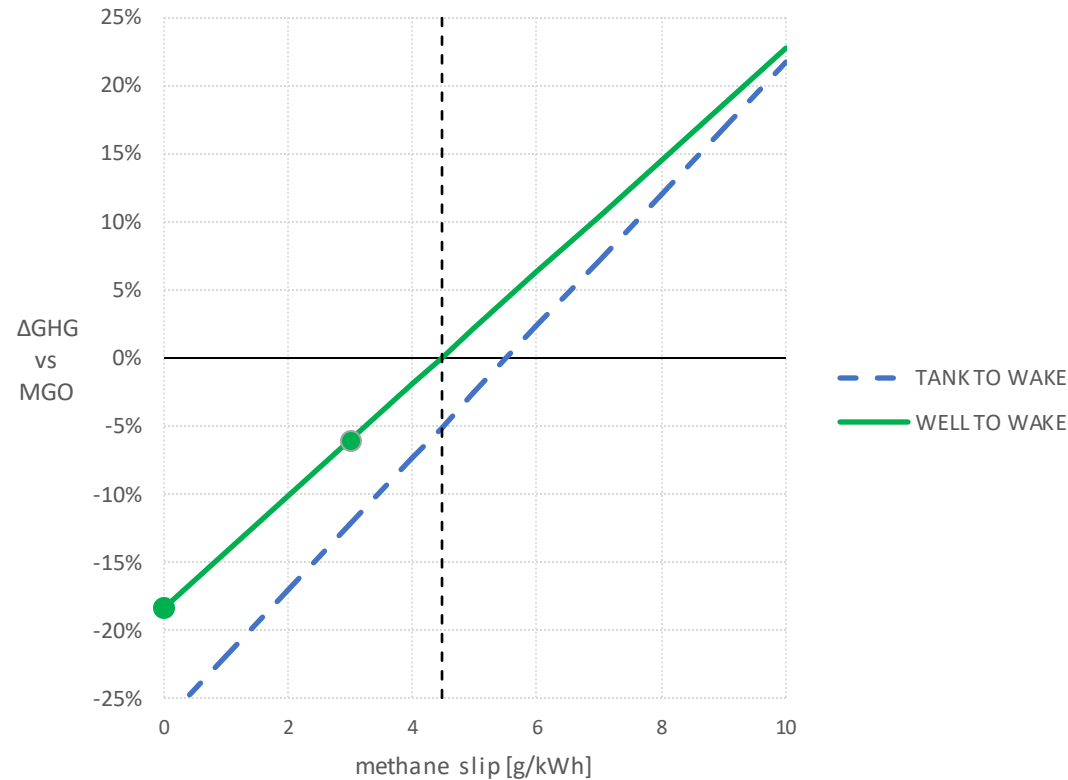
Alternative fuels overview

	 Fossil fuels	 Natural gas	 Biofuels	 Hydrogen fuels	 Synthetic fuels
Examples	HFO Residual fuel blends MGO Methanol	LNG LPG Ethane	Liquid biofuels (many variants) Biogas (many variants) Bio-methanol	Hydrogen (LH2, PH2, LOHC) Ammonia	E-diesel E-LNG E-Methanol Dimethylether (DME)
GHG	High	6-17% below MGO	20-200% below MGO	45-65% above MGO to zero	Depending on the production
Prerequisites for climate neutrality	Carbon capture onboard	No methane slip Carbon capture onboard	Sustainable biomass No methane slip	Climate neutral electricity CCS (Carbon capture & storage)	Climate neutral electricity Direct air capture (DAC)
Pitfalls	High capture rate?	High capture rate?	Sustainability? Indirect land use change? Alternative use as crops? Disruption of food chain?	N ₂ O from ammonia?	Climate neutral electricity Direct air capture (DAC)
Major advantage	No/little disruption Synergies with other CCS-projects	No/little disruption Synergies with other CCS-projects	Climate negative at best Wastes as raw material Small scale local production	Ammonia: Energy dense Hydrogen: Emission free	No/little change onboard
Use/supply	HFO: 64% / MGO 32% 	LNG 4% / LPG: Minor 	Piloting 	Grey variants only 	N/A 



Source:
Smart Maritime sea map to green shipping (SINTEF/NTNU, Gamlem 2022)

Methane slip; the Achilles heel of natural gas



Engine manufacturers take on the methane slip challenge

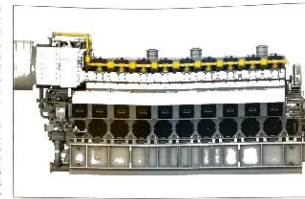
Combating methane slip proves to be an important turning point in reducing GHG emissions in the mass changeover to LNG combustion

For over a decade LNG has been promoted as the future fuel for shipping. Virtually SO_x free, NO_x emissions around 80% lower than HFO, delivering 15–25% reductions in CO₂ emissions depending upon engine type and low particulate emissions as well, LNG looked to promise an answer to all the environmental issues associated with MARPOL Annex VI.

That was reinforced in 2016 with the publication of the CE Delft report commissioned by IMO to determine an appropriate date for the global sulphur cap reduction to 0.5%. LNG was then accepted as one of the three possibilities – burn low sulphur oil fuels, fit a scrubber or convert/build to LNG. Most dual fuel newbuilds ordered since July 2016 have been in response to this.

Take up of dual-fuel engine ships was not materially affected by the IMO's 2016 decarbonisation ambitions. While it was generally recognised that LNG is a fossil fuel and as such does contain carbon and therefore produce CO₂ in the exhaust stream, proponents were able to highlight its potential in meeting early reduction targets for shipping if not the final goal of total decarbonisation. Furthermore, an engine built to run on LNG from fossil sources could run equally well on bio or synthetic methane, which are considered as carbon neutral. This effectively makes even the present range of dual-fuel engines future proof, although customers will always be looking for efficiency improvements purely for economic reasons.

If there was one particular problem with dual-fuel or pure gas engine vessels, it was the question of methane slip. This was something recognised from the early days of LNG-fuelled engine development as the phenomenon of unburnt methane escaping to the exhaust to the atmosphere had first been associated with gas burning engines used for shore power generation.



MAN's 51/60DF engine, the largest in its dual-fuel range

The scientific community accepts that, although it does breakdown quicker than CO₂, methane is around 25 times more potent as a greenhouse gas (GHG) than CO₂ measured over a 100-year time scale.

Engine makers have not ignored the issue of methane slip and have been successful in reducing its severity over time. The issue has also provoked some rivalry between engine designers anxious to score green points over competitors. There is evidence to show that the high pressure Diesel cycle is less prone to methane slip than the low pressure Otto cycle, and in Otto cycle engines methane slip occurs less in two-strokes than in four-stroke models. It is thought that operating in LNG-fuelled region at lower loads is when most methane slip occurs.

The issue of methane slip was brought sharply into focus in August 2020 when IMO's Fourth Greenhouse Gas Study was made public. Environmental NGOs picked up on the issue of methane slip, which was covered in the study, and issued a statement expressing concern over a reported more than 150% increase in methane emissions from 2012 to 2018.

Disputing the findings

The statement said the growth in methane emissions was largely due to a surge in the number of ships fuelled by LNG, many of which have engines that allow unburnt methane to escape into the atmosphere. 'Methane is not yet regulated by the IMO, but it should be because it has a much stronger global warming potential than CO₂', said senior marine researcher Dr Bryan Cooney, who led the recent revision of the study's bottom-up methodology. 'We urge IMO to include all greenhouse gases, including methane, in the next phase of the EEDI to limit emissions from new LNG-fuelled ships'.

This head-on grilling figure of 150% is perhaps being taken out of context as the report itself said that total LNG use in international shipping increased by 38.5% in 2012–2018, but over the same period emissions of methane are estimated to have increased by 151–155%, where the large increase both vessel based and engine based allocations.

The difference in growth rates for fuel consumption and methane emissions is associated with a shift in the mix of

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REVIEW ARTICLE



Methane slip from gas fuelled ships: a comprehensive summary based on measurement data

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Abstract

Strict NO_x emission regulations set for marine vessels by Tier III standard make ship owners/operators finding new efficient methods fulfilling these requirements. Utilization of LNG as main fuel at the moment is one of the most promising solutions with lean burn spark ignited (LBSI) engines and low pressure dual fuel (LPDF) ones being of primary choice. Technology provides not only low NO_x levels, but also allows to reduce operational costs due to LNG currently being a cheaper fuel. The main drawback of low-pressure gas engines is rather high levels of methane slip, especially at low loads, as a result of poor fuel utilization due to low operational fuel–air ratios. Nevertheless, there are no standards that directly regulate methane slip for marine gas engines, but the topic starts to receive more and more attention due to the concerns associated with environmental effect of methane as well as due to ship operators analyzing ship data more thoroughly revealing substantial increase in gas fuel consumption at low loads. Presented study summarizes all gas engine technologies that are available for the maritime sector considering their current status and maturity and present a comprehensive measurement data summary for the main groups, namely LBSI and LPDF engines. The measurement data pool consists of both on-board and test-bed emission data revealing an interesting moments such as possible “overtuning” of engines for low NO_x resulting in excessive levels of methane slip, importance of on-board measurements due to their more realistic nature, utilization of non-perfections, such as fixed emission weight factors for loads, and in Tier III regulations. The article also quantitatively indicates the progress in gas technology development and provides updated specific emission factors for the considered gas engine types.

Keywords Methane slip · Gas engine · LBSI · LPDF · Ship emissions · Tier III · Measurements

1 Introduction

The importance of sea trade cannot be underestimated as more than 80% of the world trade by volume and more than 70% of its value is carried on board of seagoing vessels and handled by seaports worldwide [1]. In fact only around 2.2% of anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are produced by the sea transport, making shipping one of the most energy- and emission-effective ways of commercial transport. At the same time, it might be challenging to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement [2] in lowering global emitted GHG levels as the number of marine vessels is expected to

increase in future to provide the necessary supplies to constantly growing world population. Moreover, the local emissions of NO_x, particulate matter (PM) and SO_x from ships [3–5] that has a strong negative impact both on local climate and on human health [6, 7] should be also considered.

Current emission regulation for international maritime transport is set by International Maritime Organization (IMO) [8] and consists of direct NO_x emission regulations [9] and limits for maximum sulfur content in fuel used that has proportional effect on produced SO_x emissions (and corresponding sulfate fraction of PM) [10]. To meet future stricter NO_x regulations a number of technological methods can be used as for example selective catalytic reduction (SCR), exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) together with various water-injection methods and/or Miller cycle [11] or alternative fuels, such as liquefied natural gas (LNG), can be applied. Desired SO_x levels can be achieved by complete switch from HFO to distillate fuels such as marine gas oil (MGO) or other alternative fuels such as biofuels, methanol

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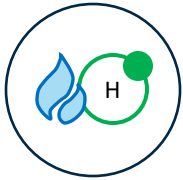
Key conclusions



LNG offers small GHG-reductions now (6-16% WTW, up to 25% TTW)



LNG can be combined with biogas tomorrow (and reduce GHG up 100% and beyond)



LNG can be combined with hydrogen soon (to give 30-40% and above)



LNG and biogas are more energy efficient WTW (than hydrogen, ammonia, bio-methanol and synthetic fuels)



LNG (and biogas and hydrogen) gives clean air; no SO_x, no particles and (with the right machinery) no NO_x



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