

# Efficiency optimisation to make port operations greener

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# Global Centre for Maritime Innovation

## LOOM research institute

*40 academics  
90 researchers*

- £10M on-going grants
- Top 2% scientists, top 1% most cited
- 40 international projects (lead 4 EU projects)

*Three core  
areas*

- Large maritime engineering systems
- Safety, security, sustainability assessment
- Efficiency optimisation (AI, twins, automation)

*UK's only in  
maritime*

- European Research Council grant €2M
- Doctoral training centre £4.9M (w. UoL)
- Place-based Impact Acceleration £2.5M (w. UoL)
- Core research prog. digital twin £4.3M (w. Mdx)

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### *Leading roles*

- IAMU, WEGEMT, ESRA.
- UK-Malaysia University Consortium.
- MarRI-UK (autonomous ship)
- Maritime UK

### *Maritime & Marine Engineering Education*

- 1 of 4 UK univ. MSc Maritime Op./Port
- 1 of 10 UK univ. Marine Engineering
- IMechE and CILT accredited
- 3 International Dual PhD programmes

### *First in maritime*

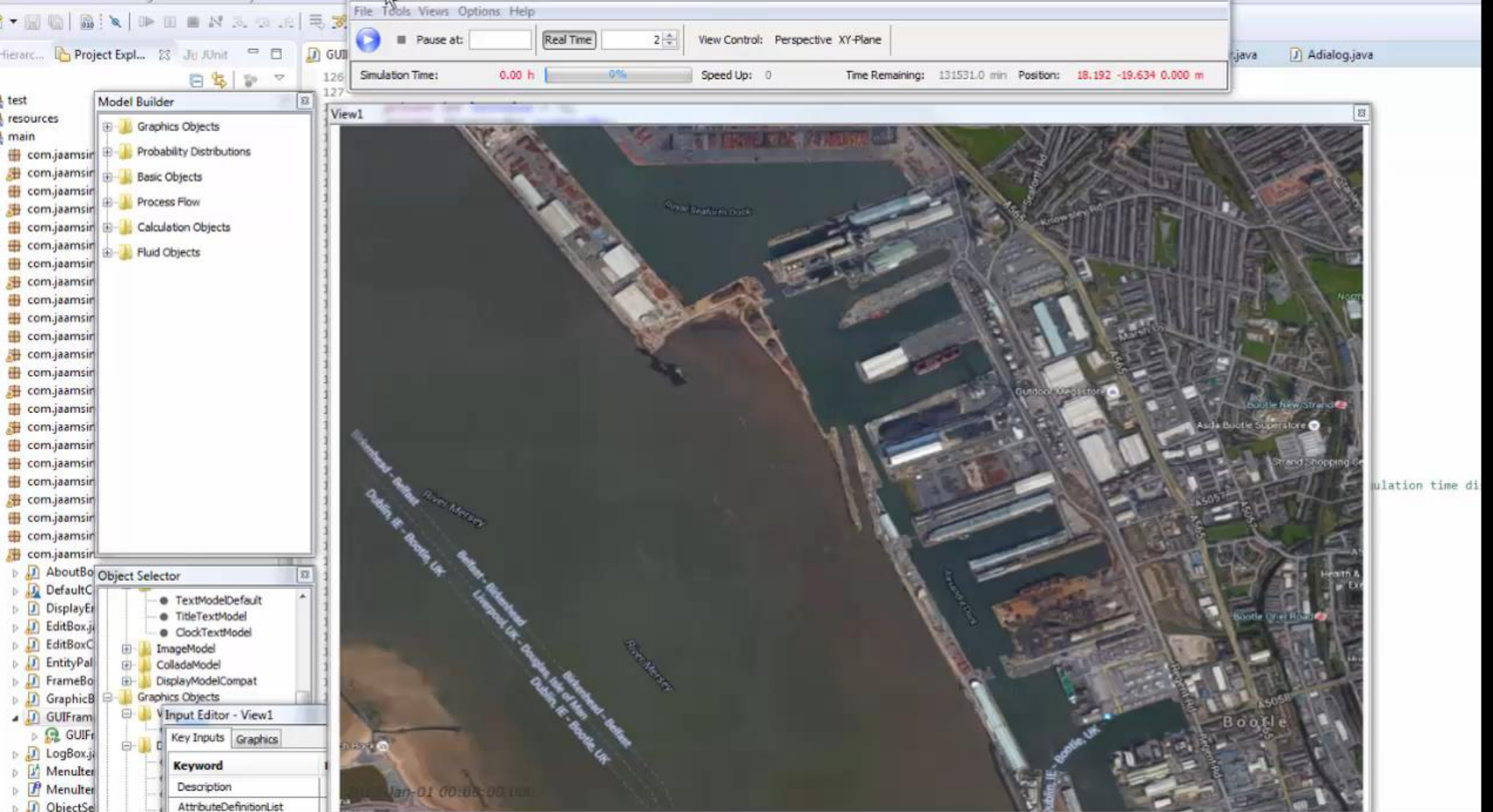
- Equal first UK research impact (%4\*/3\*, REF 21)
- England first maritime university (200 years)
- UK first 360° bridge + engine simulators
- World-first: Remote port gate, Zero emission SOV (w. Bibby), Digitalised education prog. (with DMU)

# Efficiency optimisation to make port operations greener

## An example: the berth allocation problem

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**1****Cost**

**~40,000 USD per day per vessel** at berth  
(for an average container ship - Chew *et. al.* (2011) )

**2****Time**

**~94% delays** of vessels are due to port/terminal  
operations (Notteboom, 2006)

**3****Environment**

**3 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> per day (40K DWT)** – Budiyanto (2022)  
**73-271 kg NO<sub>x</sub> per day** – Ricardo (2018)

# How to allocate berths to vessels?

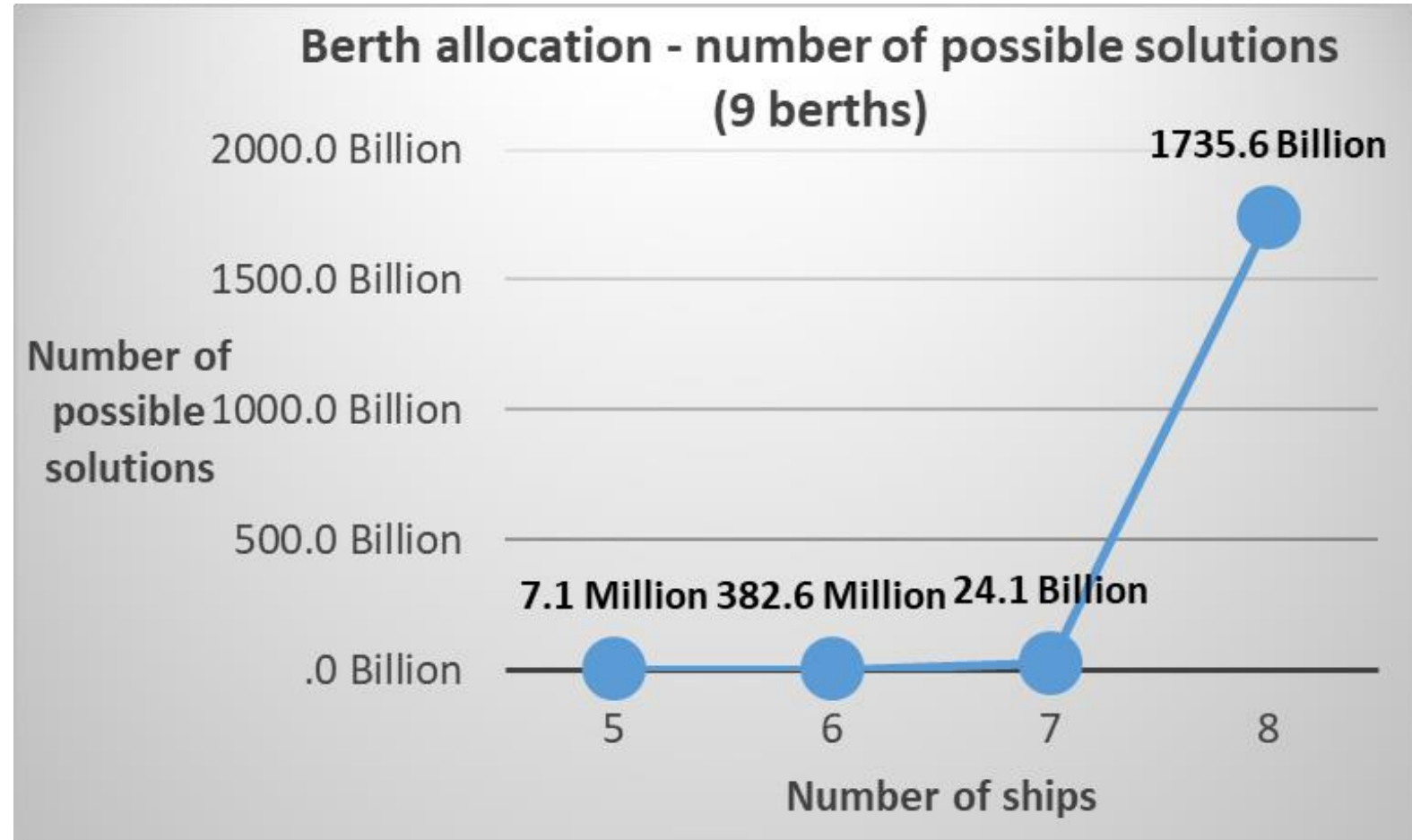
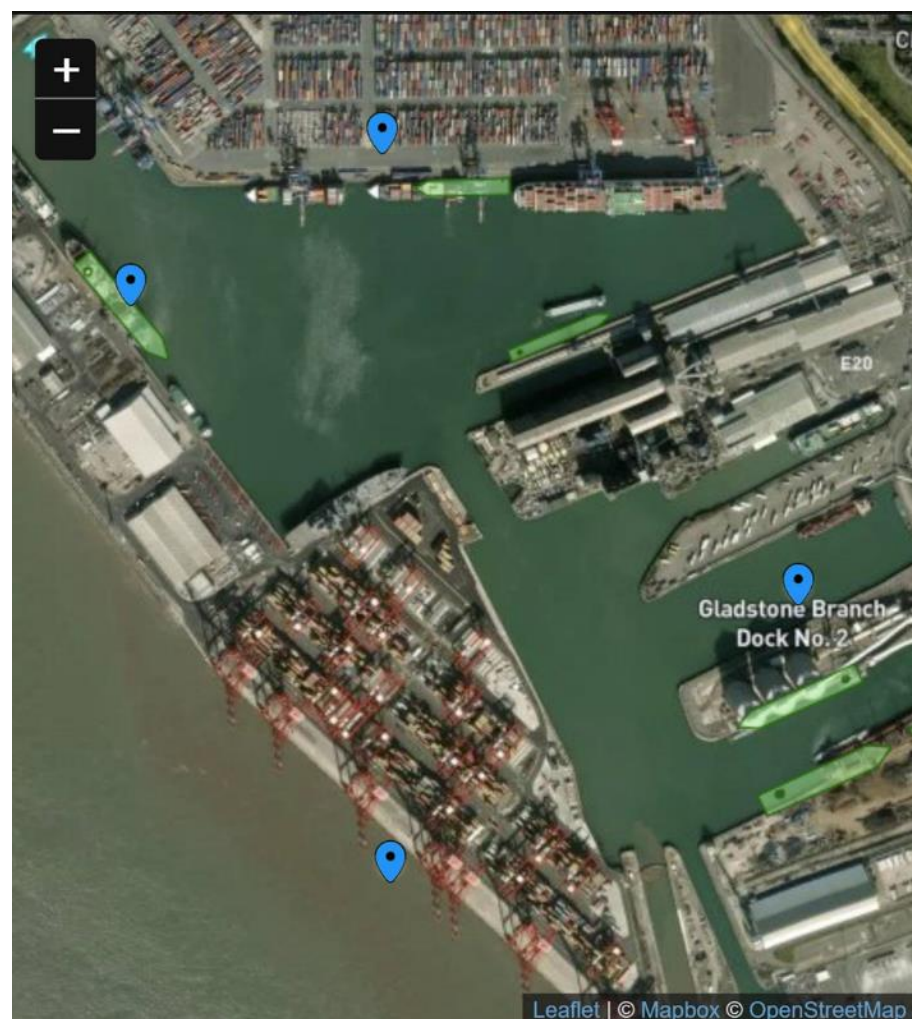
|        | Berth A | Berth B |
|--------|---------|---------|
| Ship 1 | ✓       | ✗       |
| Ship 2 | ✗       | ✓       |
| Ship 3 | ✓       | ✗       |

Which berth?

Which order?



# Berth allocation for Liverpool, number of possible solutions



# Berth allocation for Liverpool, number of possible solutions



**12  
ships**

$1.35 \times 10^{20}$  solutions.

**18** times **grains of sand on Earth.**



**13  
ships**

$1.58 \times 10^{22}$  solutions.

**1.6** times **stars in the universe.**



**21  
ships**

$5.59 \times 10^{39}$  solutions.

**13** million trillion trillion times **the  
age of the universe** (1 second to find a solution)



# Efficiency optimisation to make port operations greener

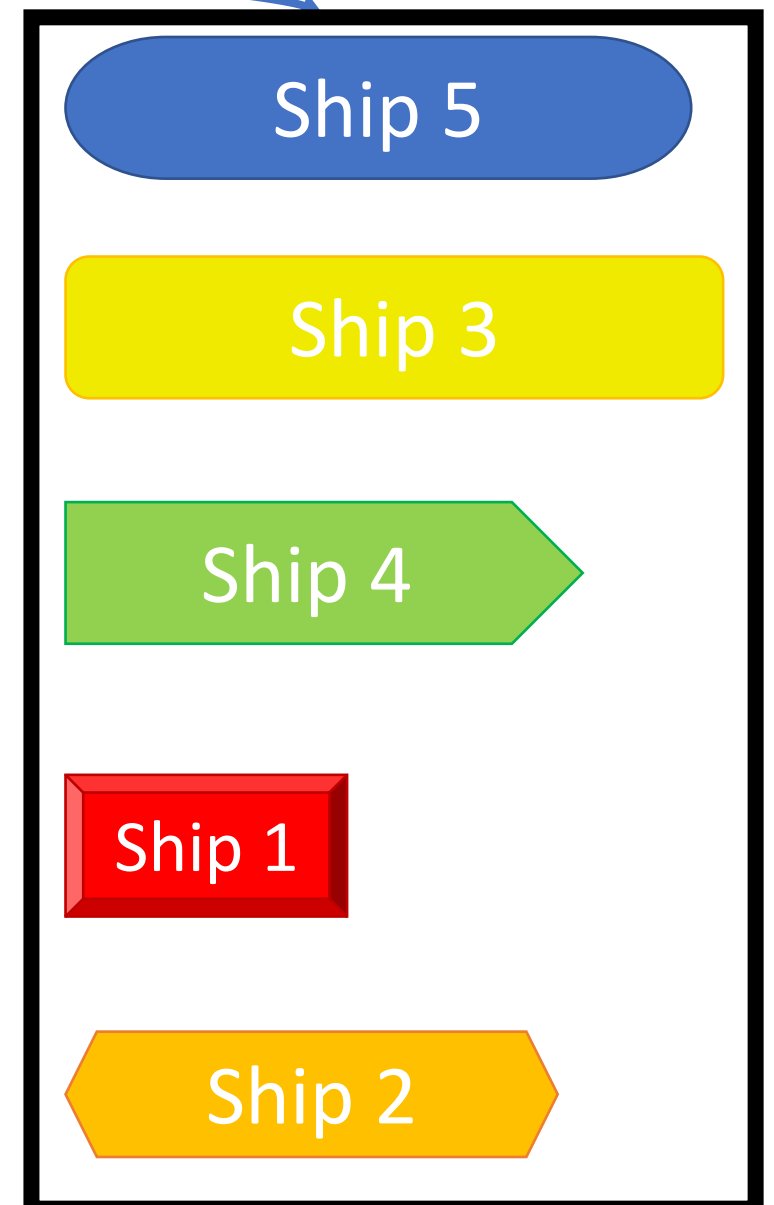
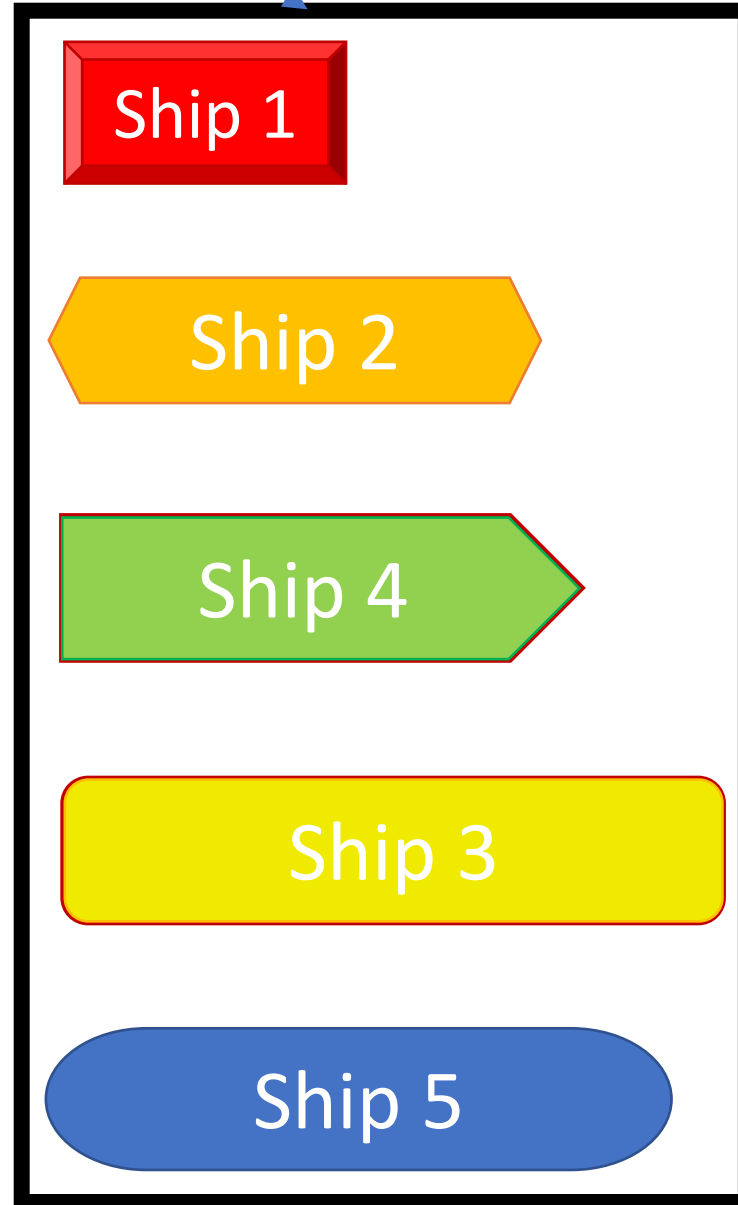
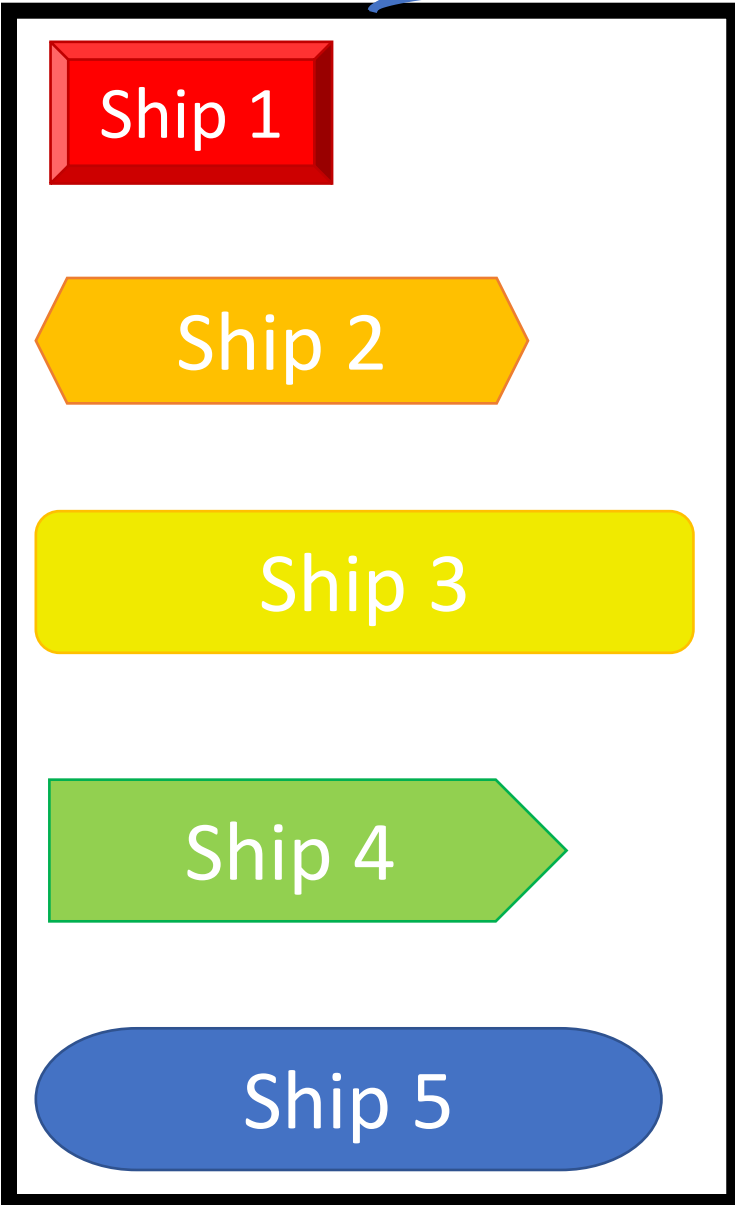
## Berth allocation – LJMU solution

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## Original

## Small Jump

## Large Jump

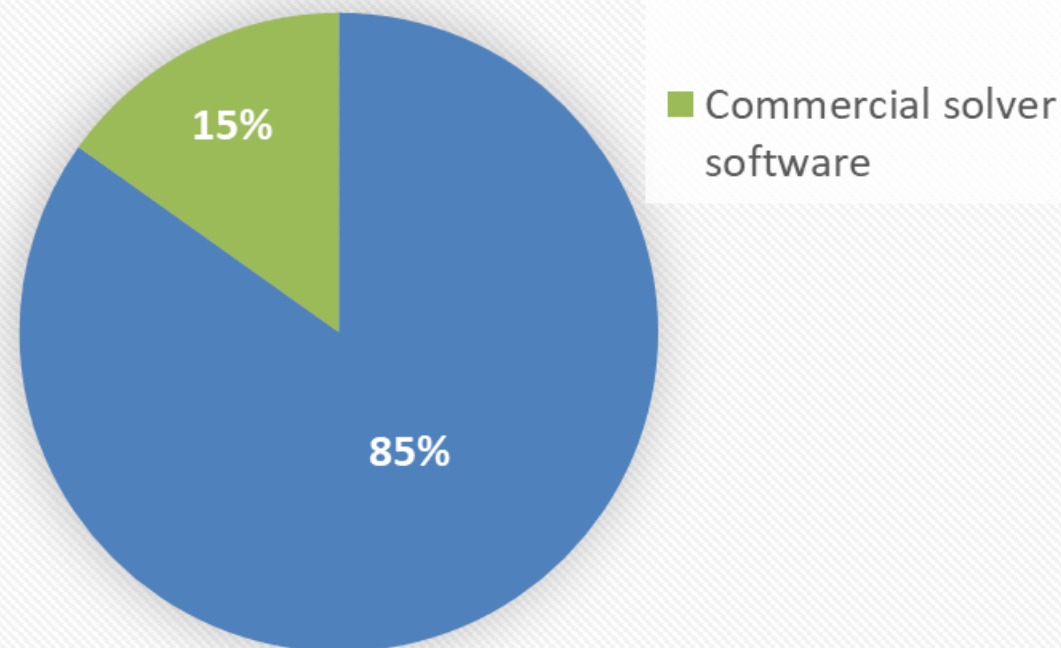




Reduction in vessel waiting time compared to initial solutions\*: Up to 29%

\* Initial solutions are normally randomly generated.

Better performance (%)\* in  
310 test cases based on real-data from port  
of Gioia Tauro, Italy\*\*



\*Better performance means that LJM solution provides a schedule with the same or smaller cost than the commercial solver (within 5% error) but with a shorter running time.

\*\* Reference: Jean-François Cordeau, Gilbert Laporte, Pasquale Legato, and Luigi Moccia. Models and tabu search heuristics for the berth-allocation problem. *Transportation science*, 39(4):526–538, 2005.

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## Other areas for optimisation – an example of impact

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# LJMU's optimization solutions on a real port



## 8 ICT Products

- Container stacking
- Berth planning
- Vessel stowage planning
- Port simulation
- Fleet sizing
- Container stuffing
- Congestion at port entrance
- Vehicle routing

## Experiments Based on Port Data



▼ **23 %**

reduction of cost of  
container handling



▼ **4.6 %**

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



▼ **5.5 %**

reduction of  
NOx emissions



▼ **98 %**

reduction of  
ship imbalance



▼ **21 %**

reduction of  
trucks



# Thank you!

## Q&A?

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# ENABLING NET ZERO PORTS

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Ports As Energy  
Hubs

ZEVI - Shore  
Power

Coastal Shipping

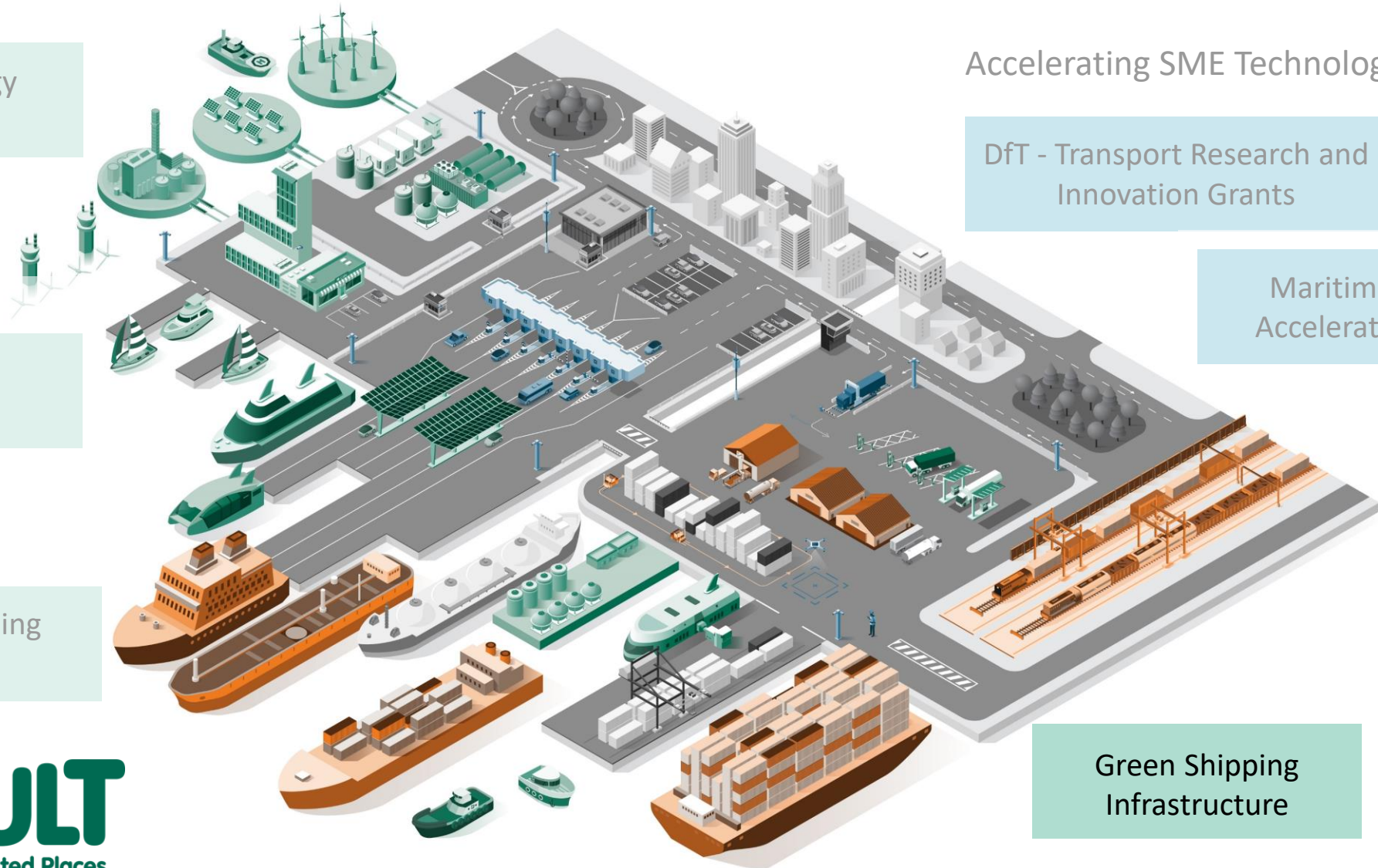
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Accelerating SME Technologies

DfT - Transport Research and  
Innovation Grants

Maritime  
Accelerator

Green Shipping  
Infrastructure



# UK GREEN SHIPPING CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENTS



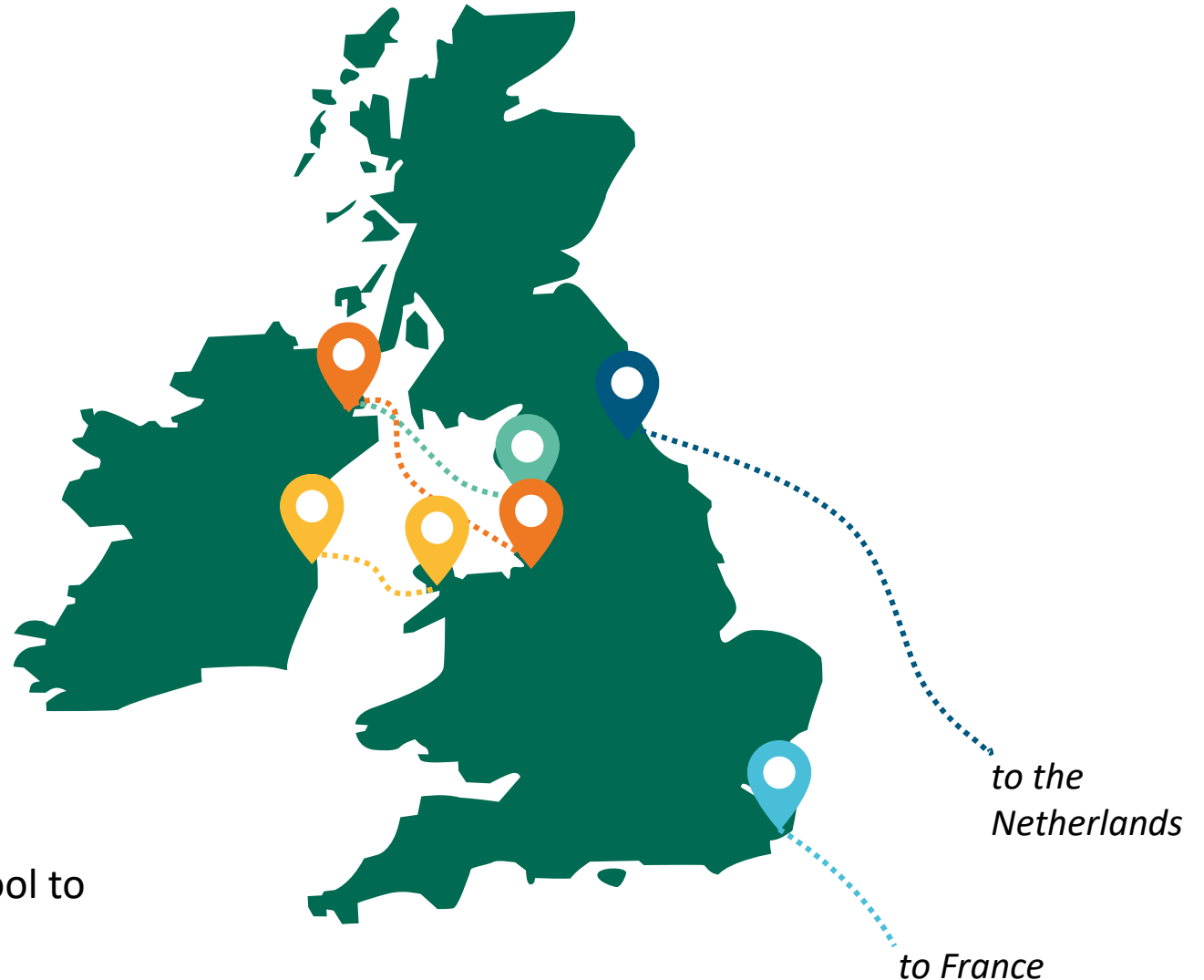
Aligning with the COP26 Clydebank Declaration

Declaration of intent

Feasibility studies

Business cases

Delivery planning

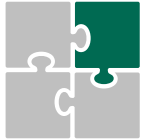


Spotlight on our work to enable a Liverpool to Belfast Green Shipping Corridor

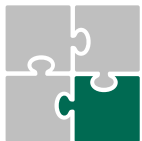
# PORT INFRASTRUCTURE CONSIDERATIONS



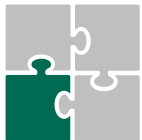
Electricity provision and associated cost



Equipment charging and refuelling infrastructure



Safe use and storage of new fuels



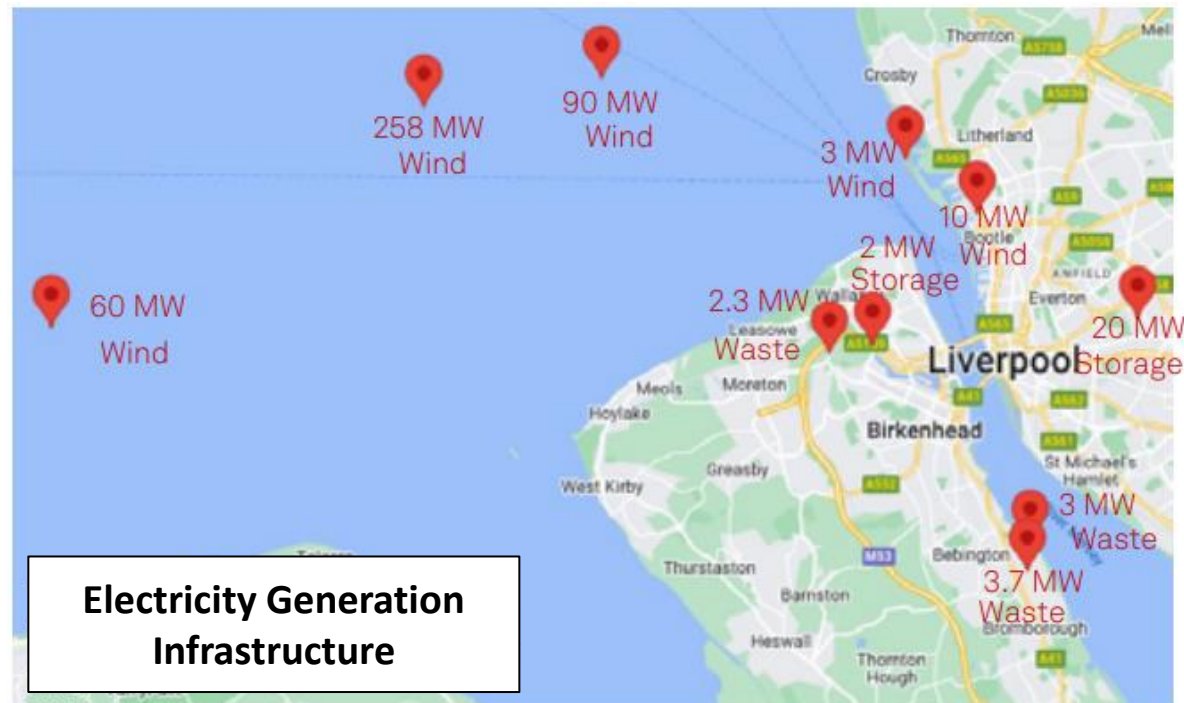
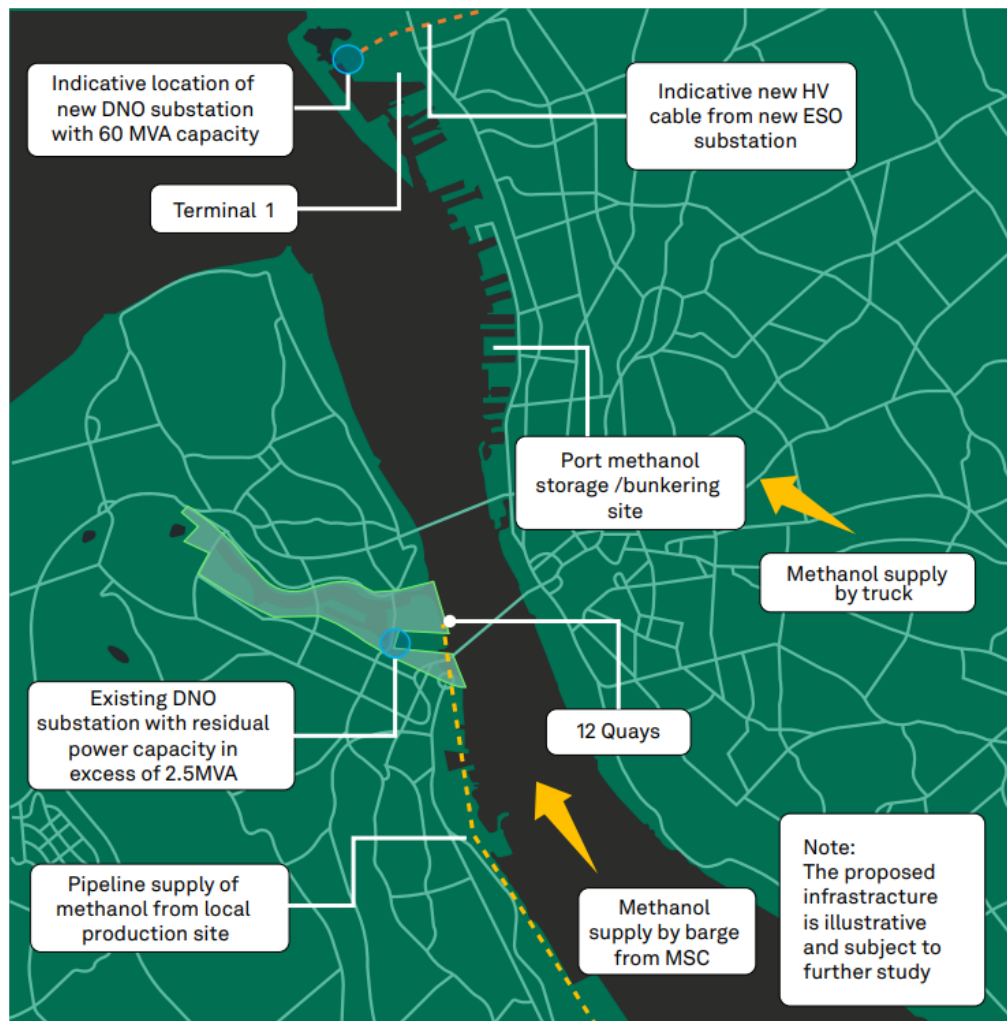
Changing vessel calling and trade patterns







# SPOTLIGHT: LIVERPOOL

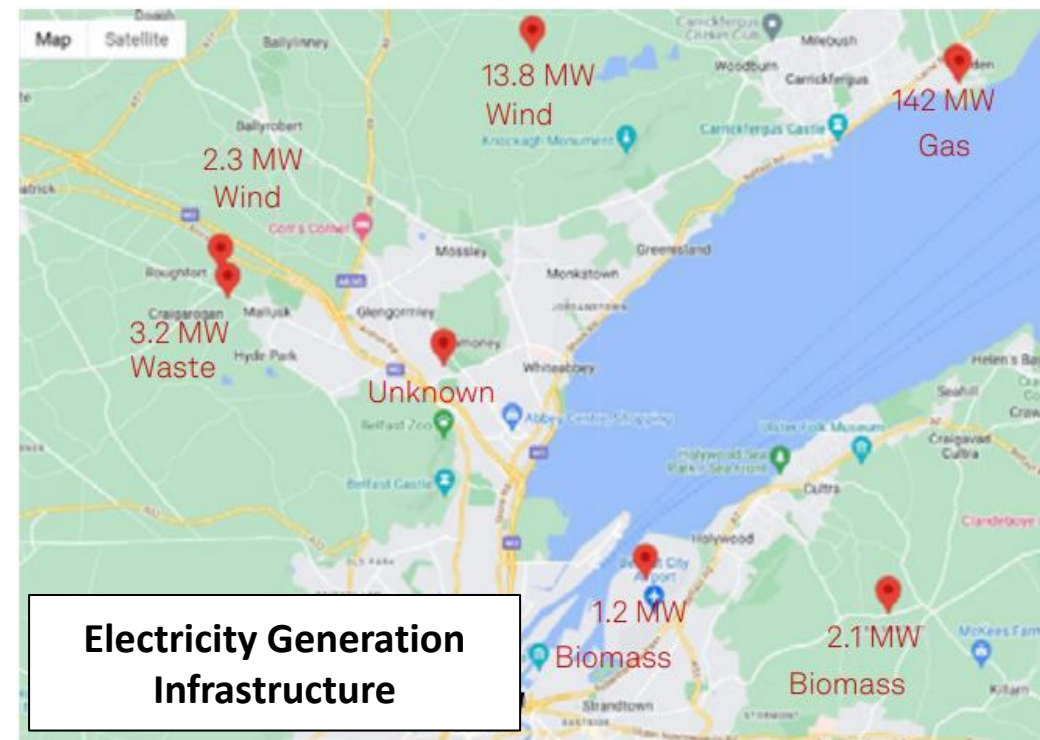
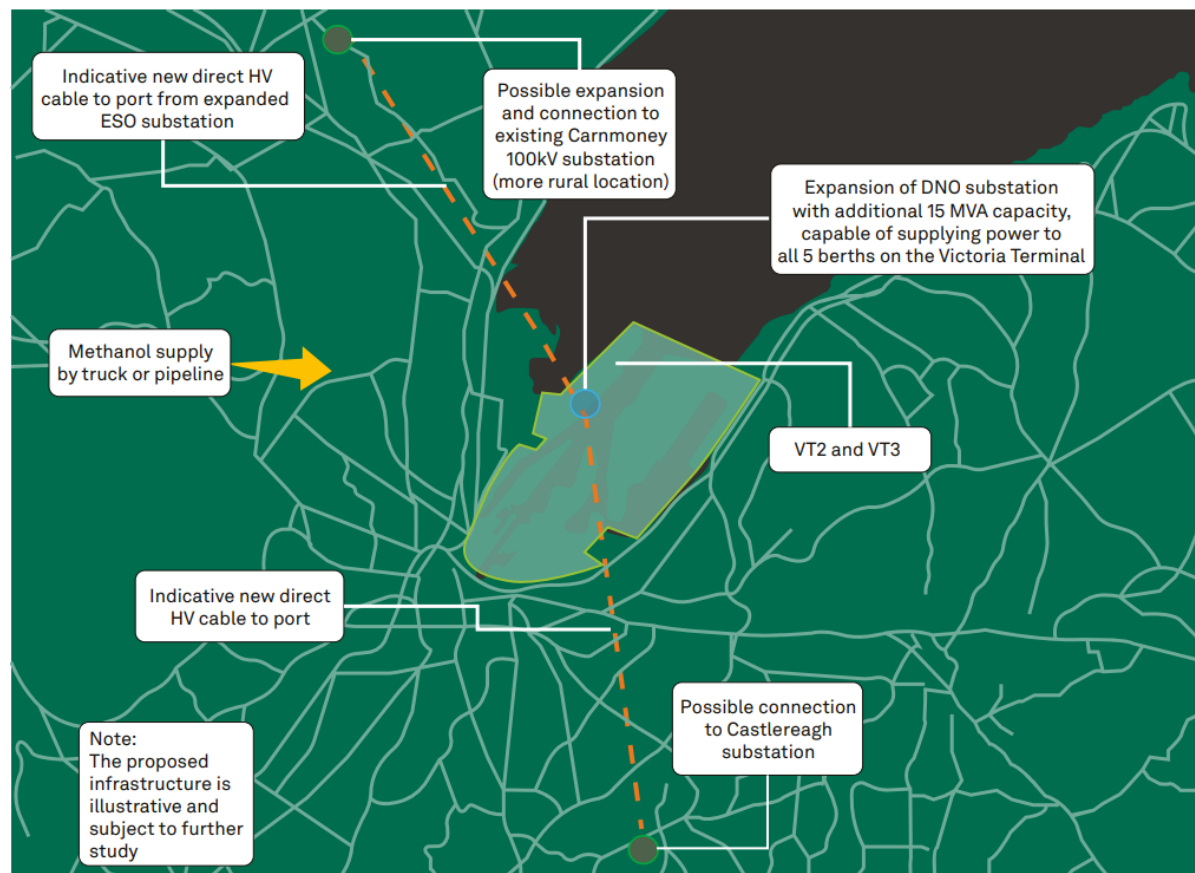


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# SPOTLIGHT: BELFAST



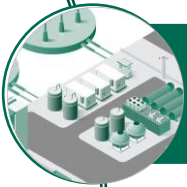
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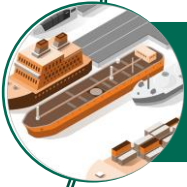
# SECTOR PRIORITIES



Demonstration projects to accelerate net zero infrastructure



Net zero fuel regulation development



Improve commercial viability of shore power adoption



Increase availability of clean electricity for ports

Find out more about demonstration projects being explored here:



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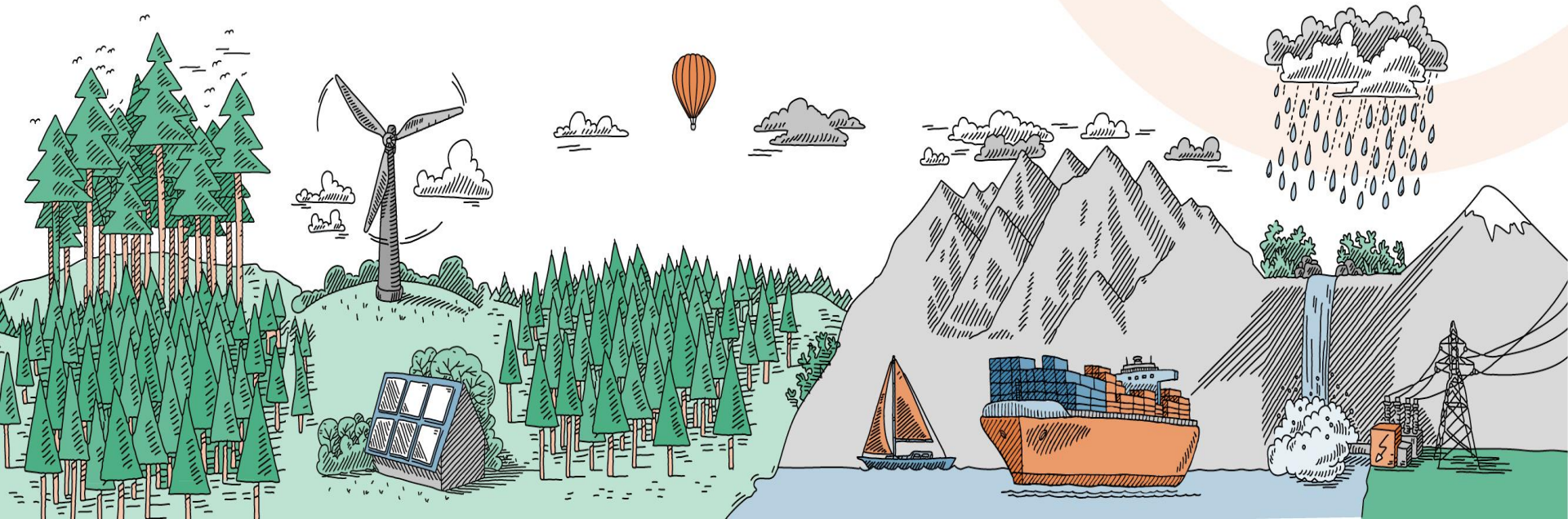
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# Decarbonising shipping: the case for focusing on the existing system

Prof Alice Larkin, Dr Simon Bullock, Dr James Mason, Paolo Della Moglie,  
Tyndall Centre, School of Engineering, University of Manchester

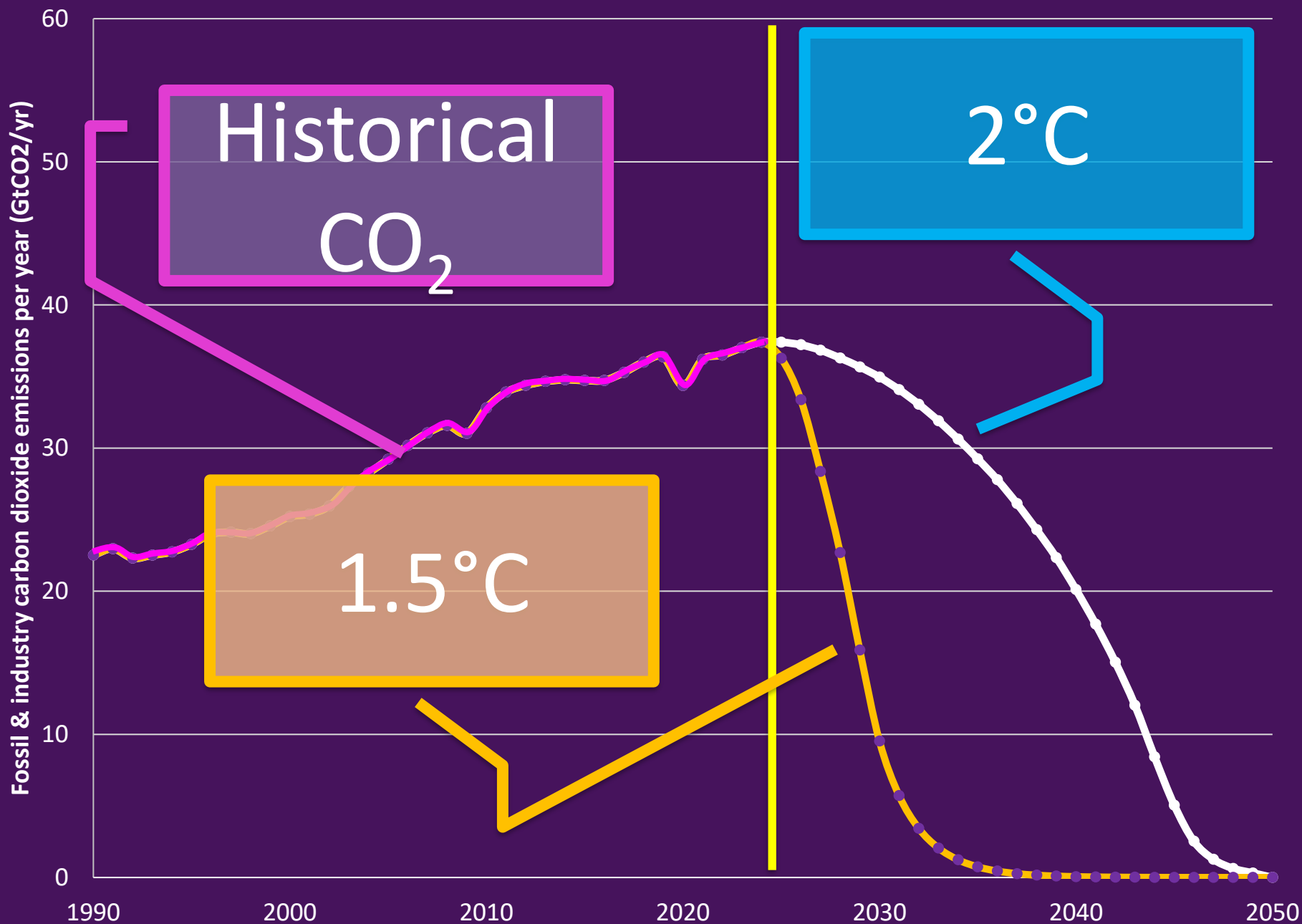


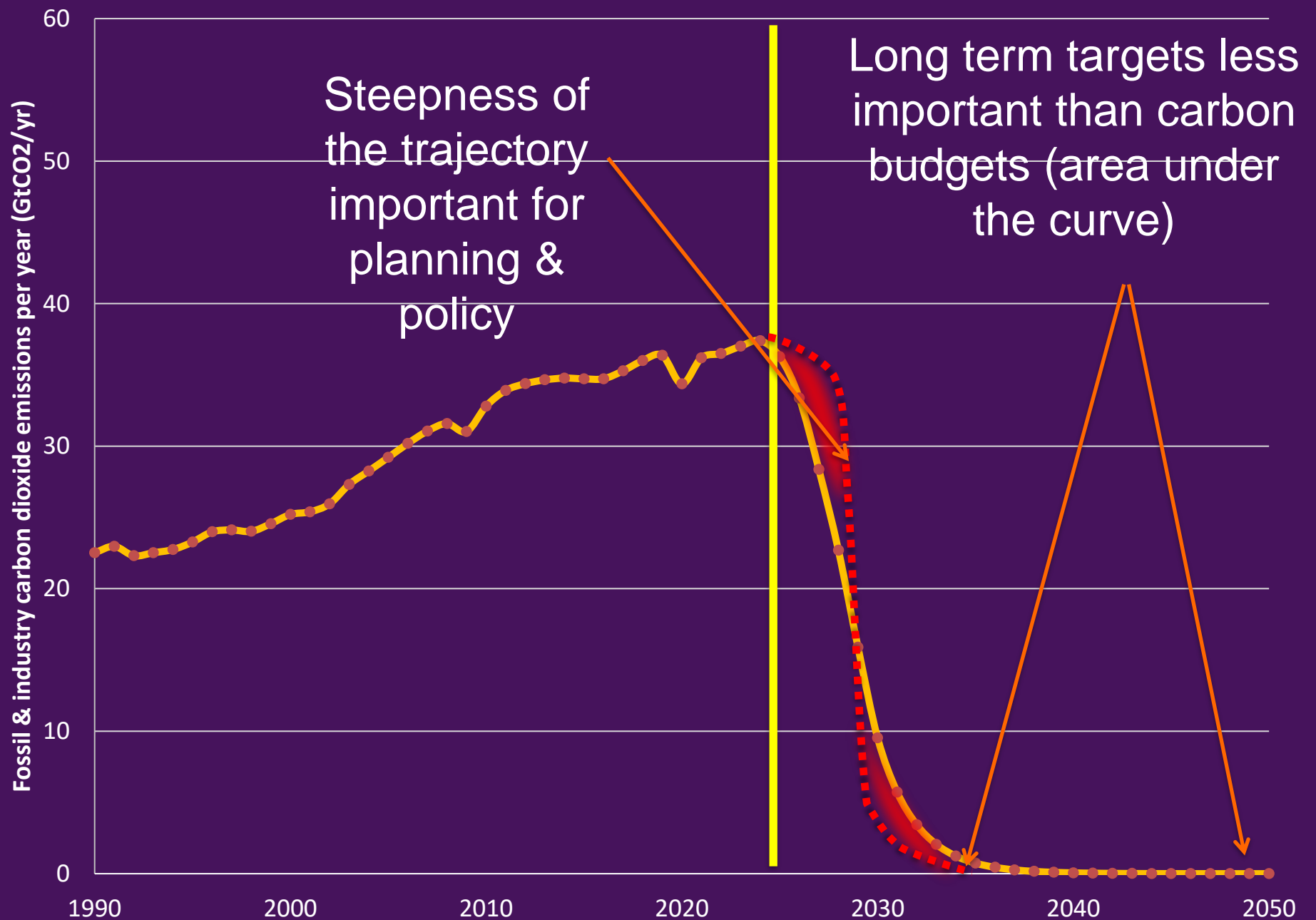


# Spoiler take-aways...

1. Retrofit quickly
2. Energy efficiency is no-regrets

# Importance of 'cumulative emissions'





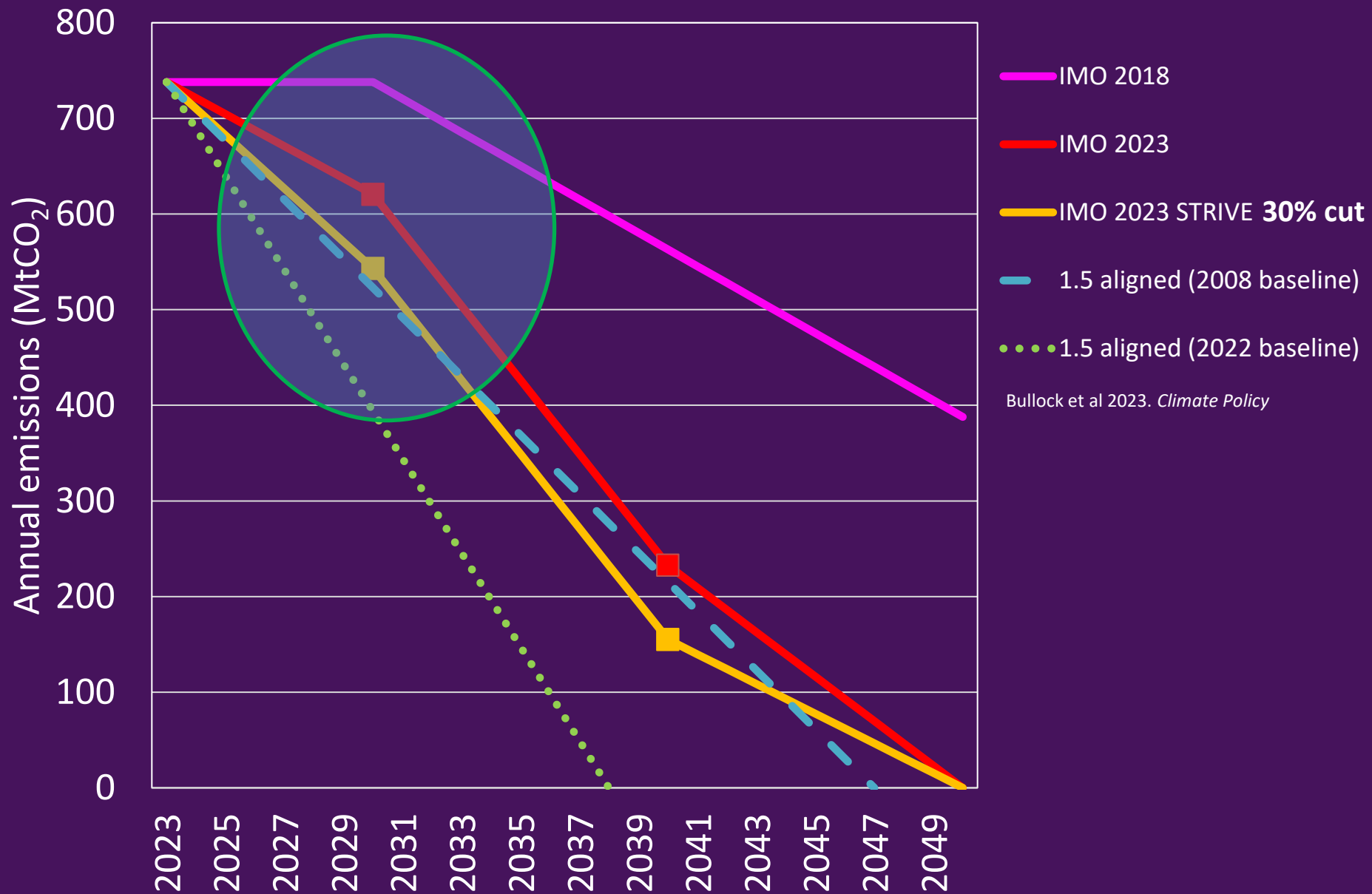


# Implications of climate science

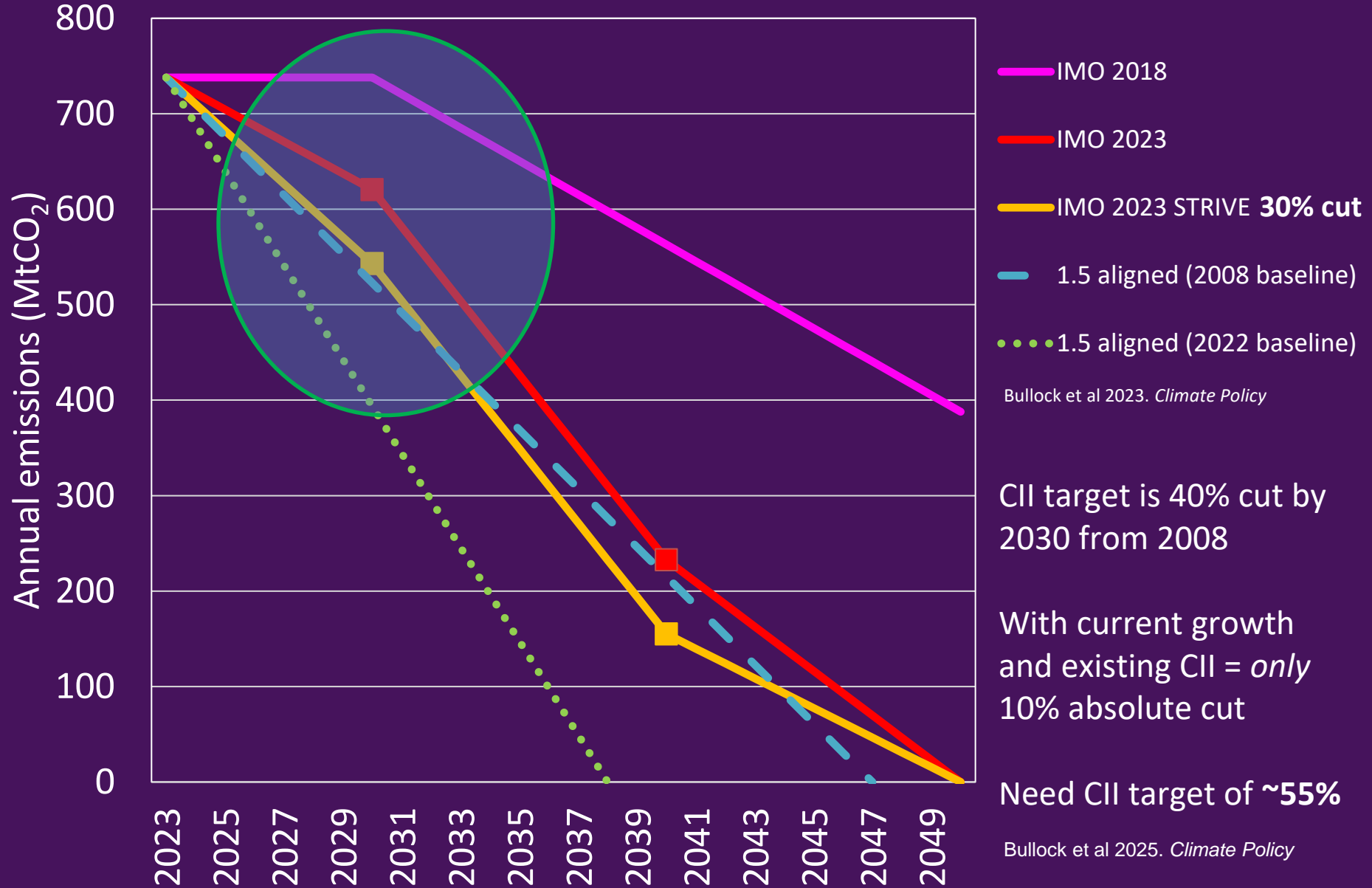
Rolling out large scale infrastructure such as new ports, building a whole fleet of ships, or developing carbon capture and carbon dioxide removal at scale will take decades

But we have **years** not **decades**

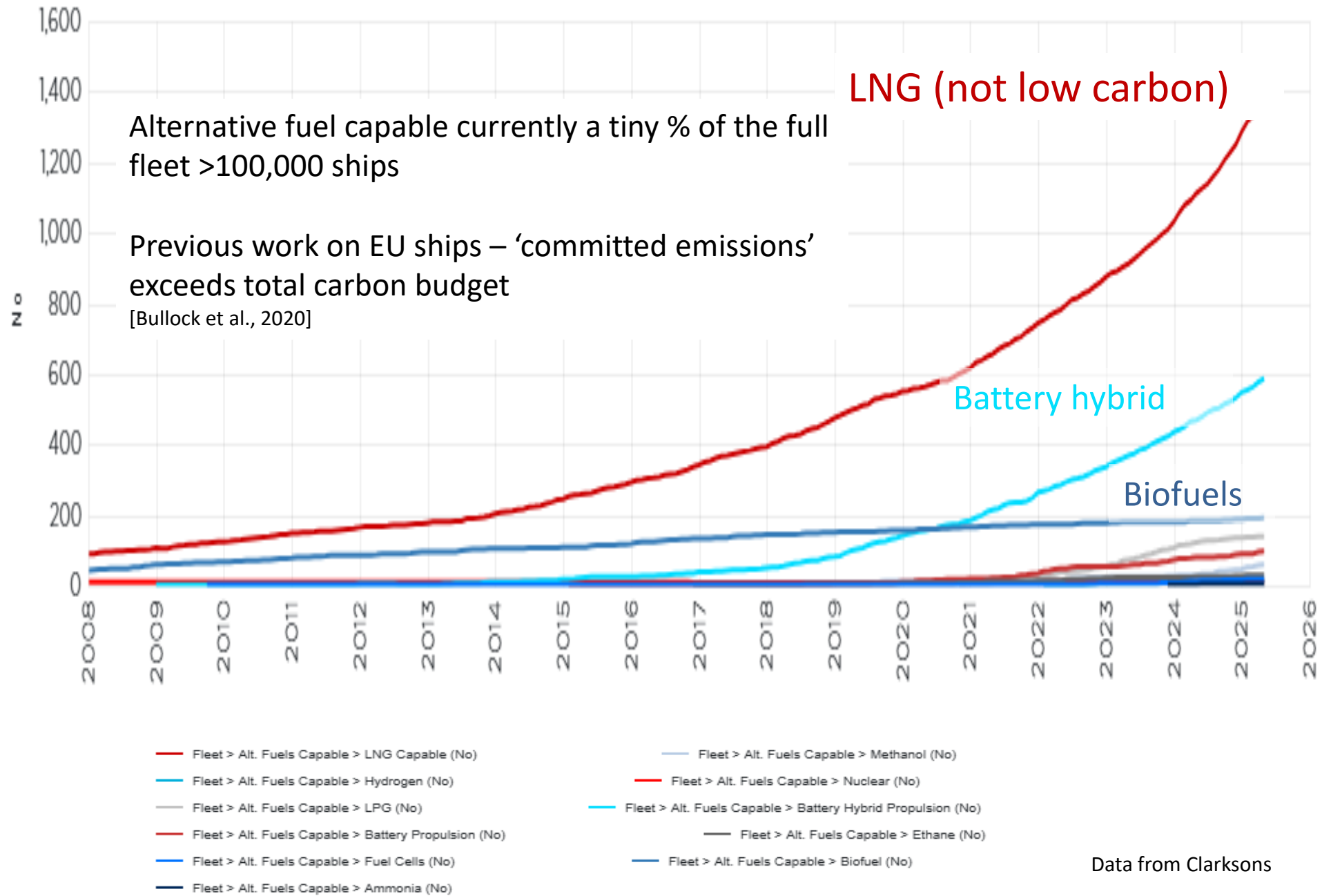
# Shipping CO<sub>2</sub> goals



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# Number of alternative fuel capable ships

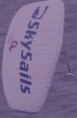




What are some of the  
options to decarbonise  
shipping quickly?

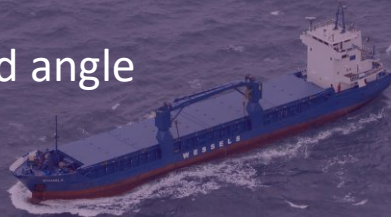
# Wind assist - retrofit

## KITES



Can reach higher altitude wind currents

Narrow operational wind angle



## FLETTNER ROTORS



Generate lift at wider apparent wind angles

Expensive manufacturing and maintenance

## RIGID SAILS



Very low power consumption

Generate less thrust compared to Flettner Rotors

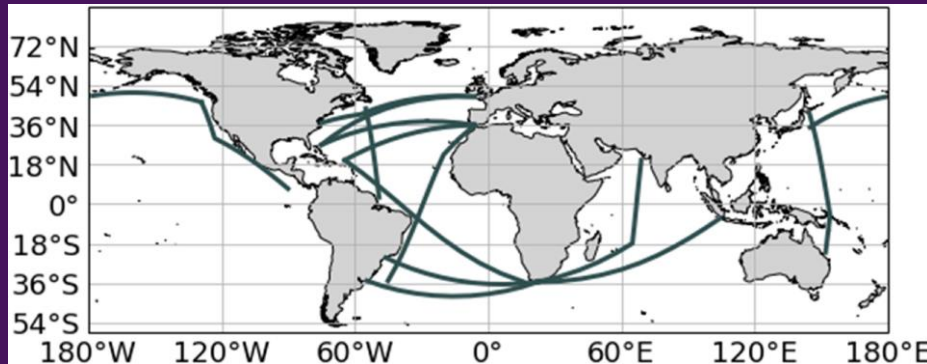
## SUCTION WINGS



Generate more lift compared to standard rigid sails

Higher power requirement

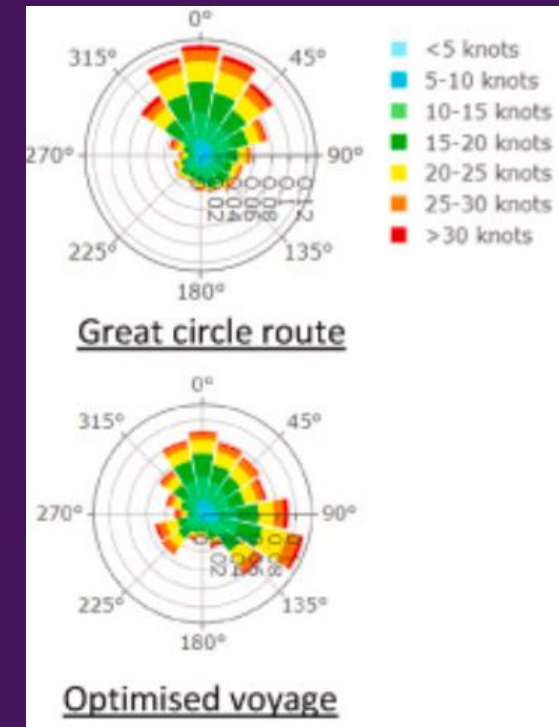
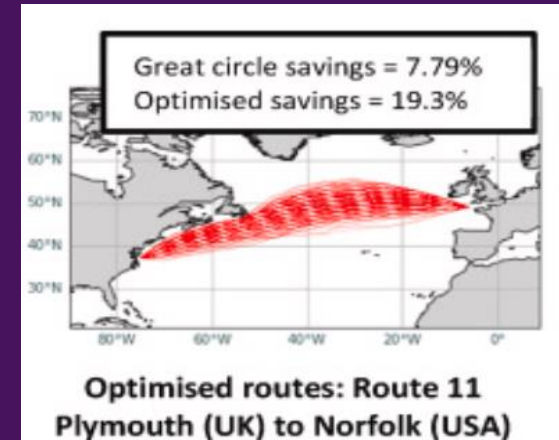
# Wind assist with voyage optimisation



Great circle routes, weather data & performance of Flettner rotors, Mason et al., Marine Policy, 2024, <https://tinyurl.com/Shipwindfull>

...”voyage optimisation amplifies carbon saving to over 30% on ideal routes as ships exploit a critical dependency on wind speed and angle.” Mason et al., Ocean Engineering, 2024.

**Next steps:** building in operational aspects – e.g. Blue Visby Solution (P. Della Moglie, Tyndall PGR)





# Policy relevance – EU

- FuelEU units are CO<sub>2</sub>/MJ so wind-assist is not directly captured
- A wind reward factor has been introduced reducing a ship's GHG intensity by up to 5%
- FuelEU penalty calculated per tonne of fuel burned; energy efficiency devices reduce penalty
- EU ETS also adds costs



# Example cases

\$2 million per year penalty from EU ETS from 2030  
\$1 million per year from FuelEU from 2030; rises to \$2 million  
per year for consecutive year compliance failure

[DNV, 80,000 DWT bulker]

Bound4blue estimate wind-assist fuel cost savings of \$283k,  
increased to \$532k by 2027 with FuelEU+EU ETS ('88%  
saving')

[17,000 DWT LPG tanker; Antwerp to Houston @15 knots]

More test cases needed to build confidence

# Conclusions

Too late to avoid 1.5°C?

Need for damage limitation – aim to avoid 1.6°C or 1.7°C

Current CII will *not* meet IMO absolute targets

**CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation needs to focus on existing ships, infrastructure & operations as assets are long-lived**

**Energy efficiency - ‘no-regrets’**

Building new is just a small part of the picture

# Useful links

**Committed ship emissions:** Bullock et al., *BMC Energy*, 2020

<https://tinyurl.com/CommittedShips>

**Shipping targets 1:** Bullock et al 2022. *Climate Policy*, <https://tinyurl.com/IMOClimate>

**Shore power:** Bullock et al., 2023, *Marine Policy*, <https://tinyurl.com/SPAberdeen>,  
[www.britishports.org.uk/shore-power-tyndall/](http://www.britishports.org.uk/shore-power-tyndall/)

**Wind-assist:** The Conversation, 2023, <https://tinyurl.com/shipwindblog>

**Shipping targets 2:** Bullock et al., 2024. *Climate Policy*, <http://tinyurl.com/IMOTargets>

**LCA of fuels:** Tomos et al., *Marine Policy*, 2024, <https://tinyurl.com/LCABTfull>

**Wind assist:** Mason et al., *Marine Policy*, 2024, <https://tinyurl.com/Shipwindfull>

**Green ammonia barriers:** Fullonton et al., *Marine Policy*, 2025 <https://tinyurl.com/4mbe397d>

**Beyond fuel:** Bullock et al., 2025, *Climate Policy*, <https://tinyurl.com/BeyondFuel>

# Thank you

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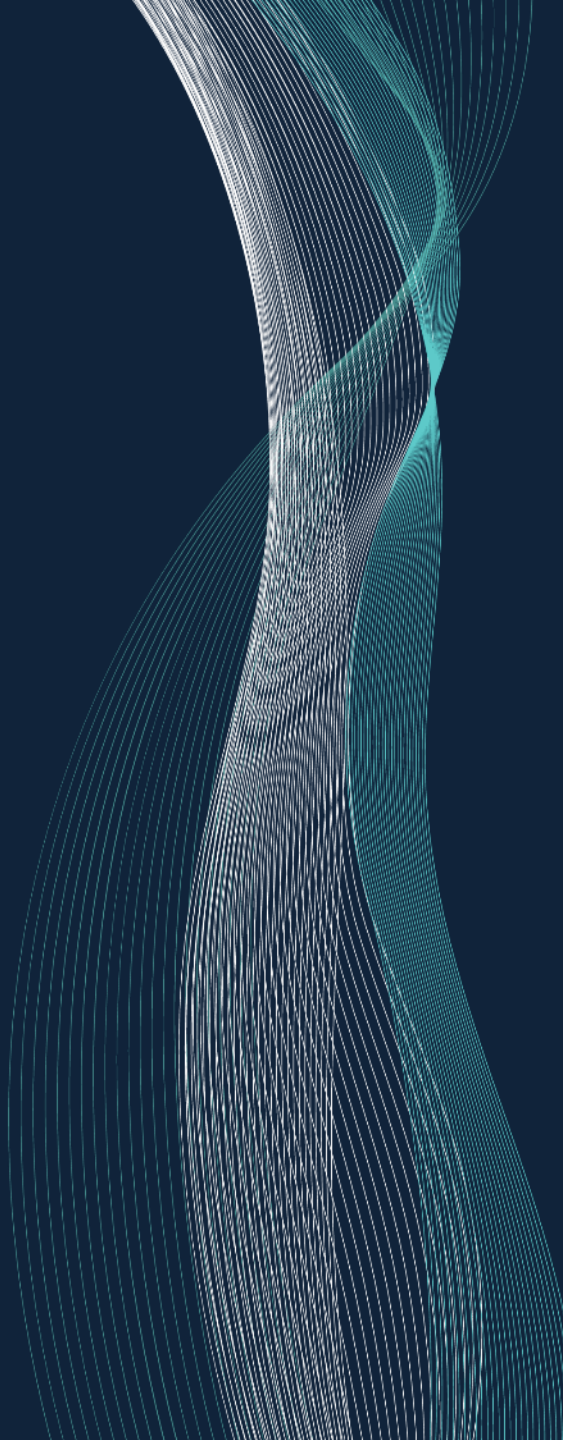
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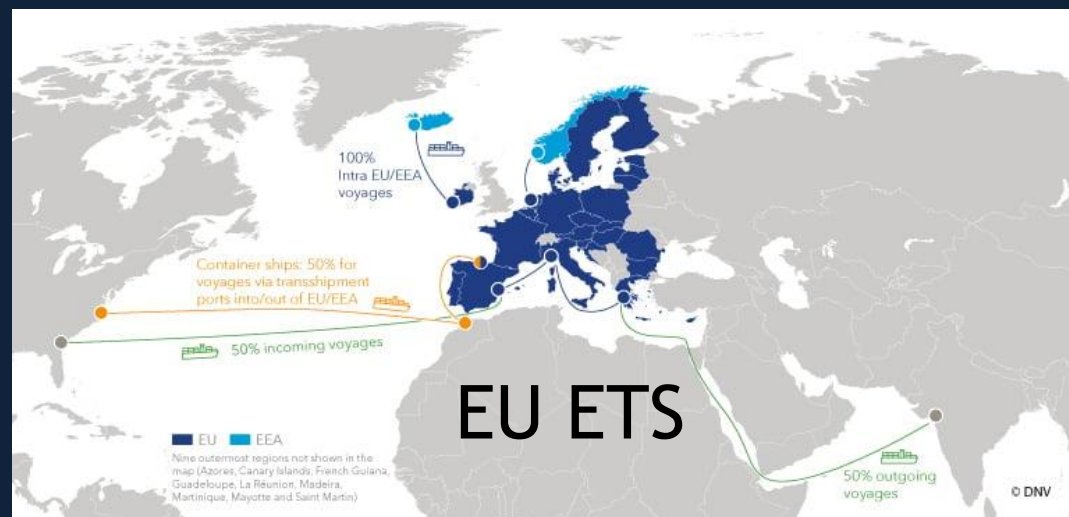
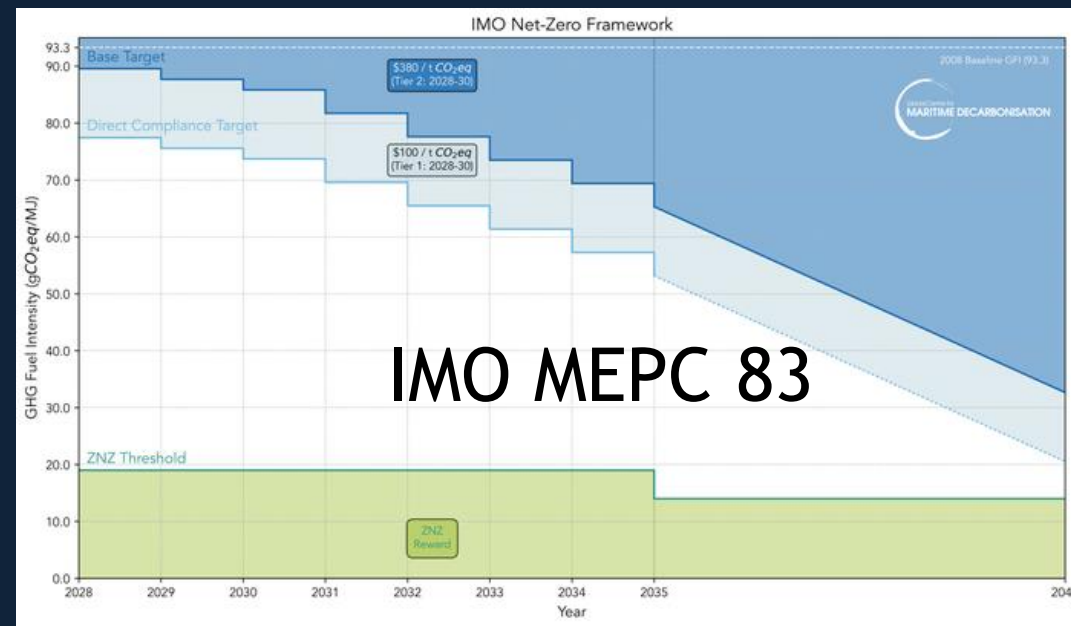
# Smart Operations, a Net Zero enabler

Reduced Power in Manoeuvring

Tuur Killaars - Senior Sustainability Specialist



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# Smart operations example

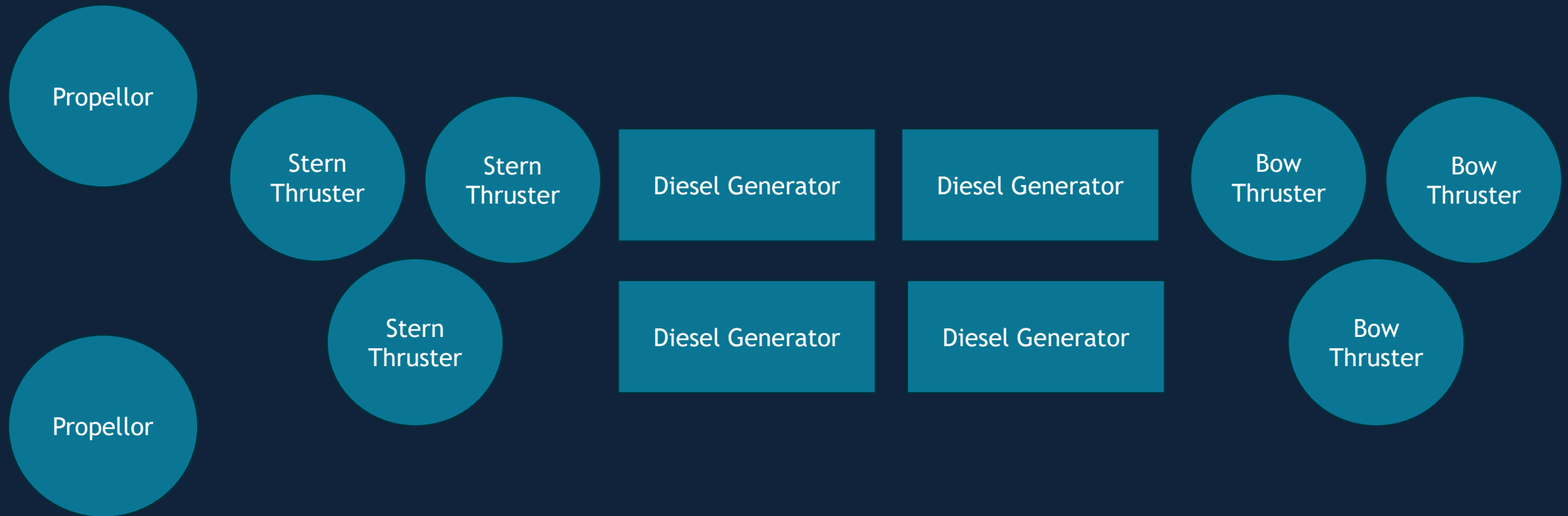
- Reduced power in manoeuvring
- Analyse detailed operational data to reduce fuel consumption





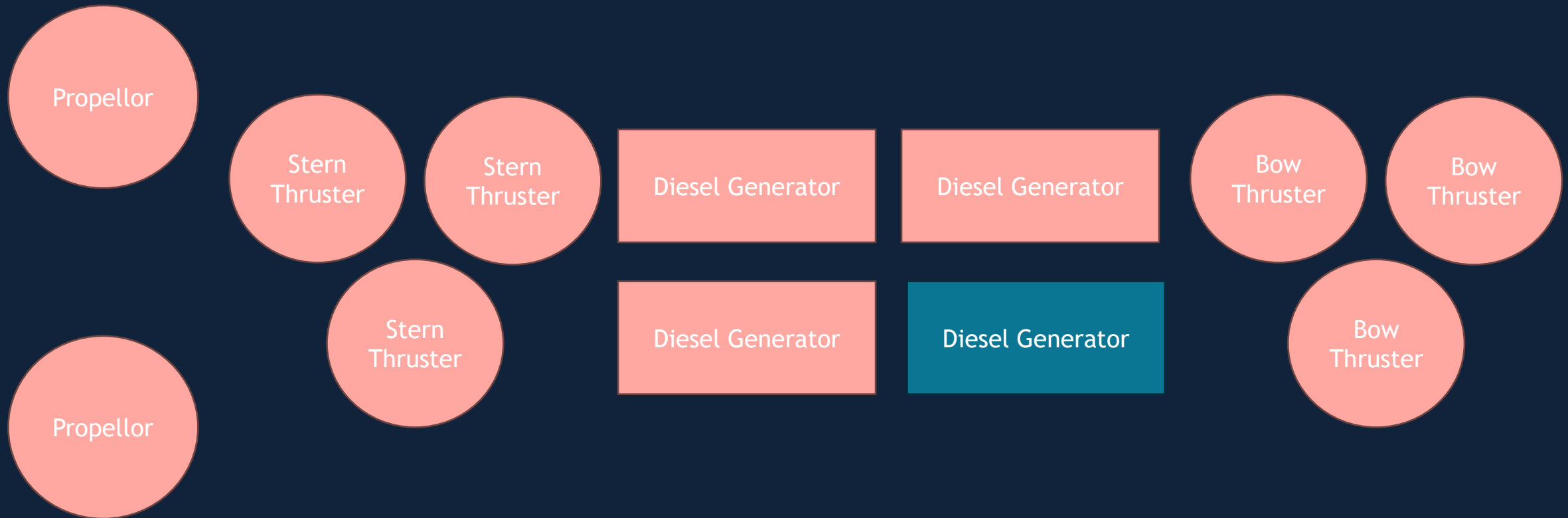
# Reduced power during manoeuvring

- Cruise ship propulsion system



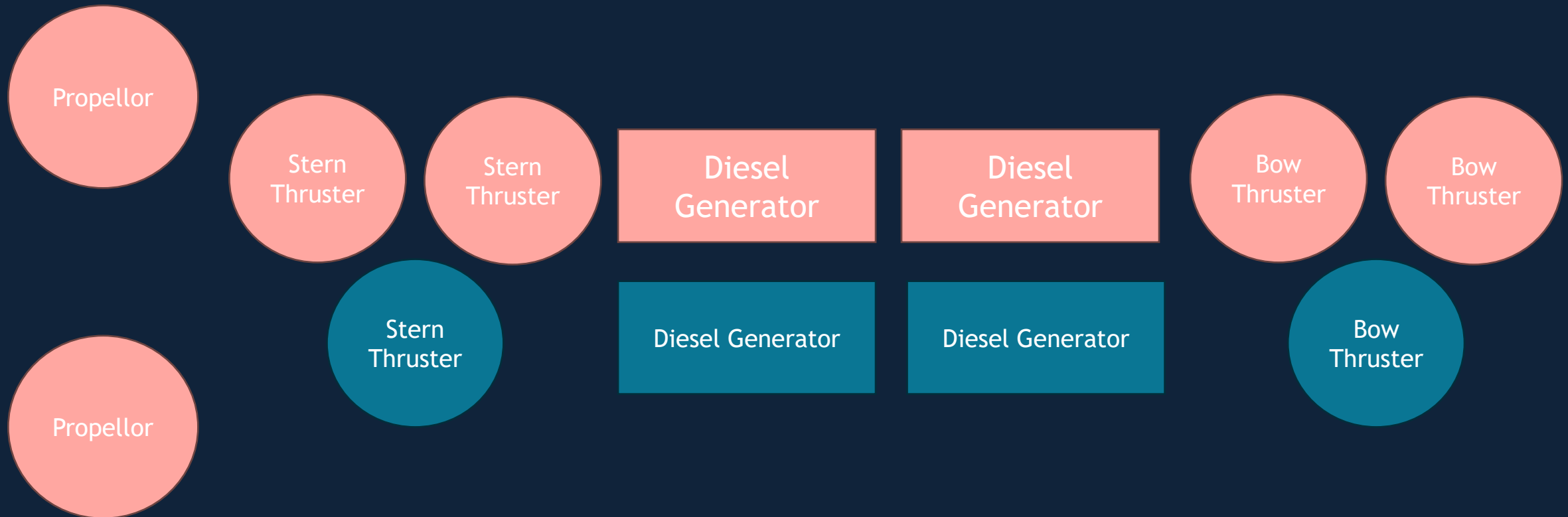
# Reduced power during manoeuvring

- 3x Diesel generators operate at an average 31.6% engine load => high fuel consumption at low loads



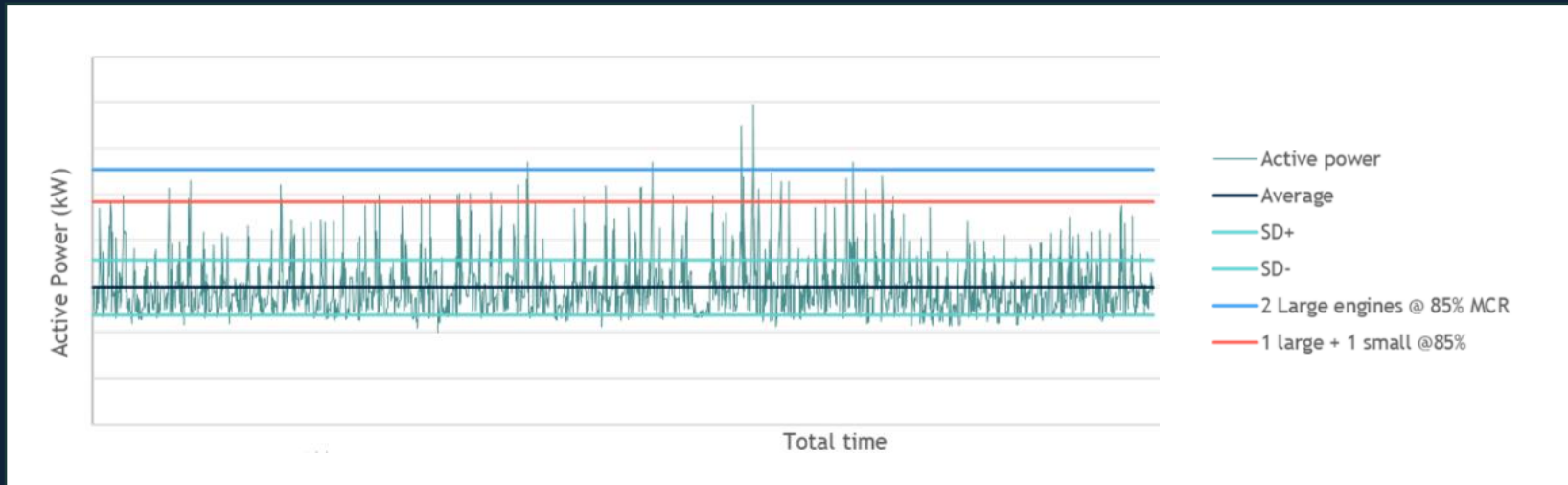
# Reduced power during manoeuvring

- 2x Diesel Generators
- Increase average engine load => reduce fuel consumption
- Is this possible?



# Operational data analysis

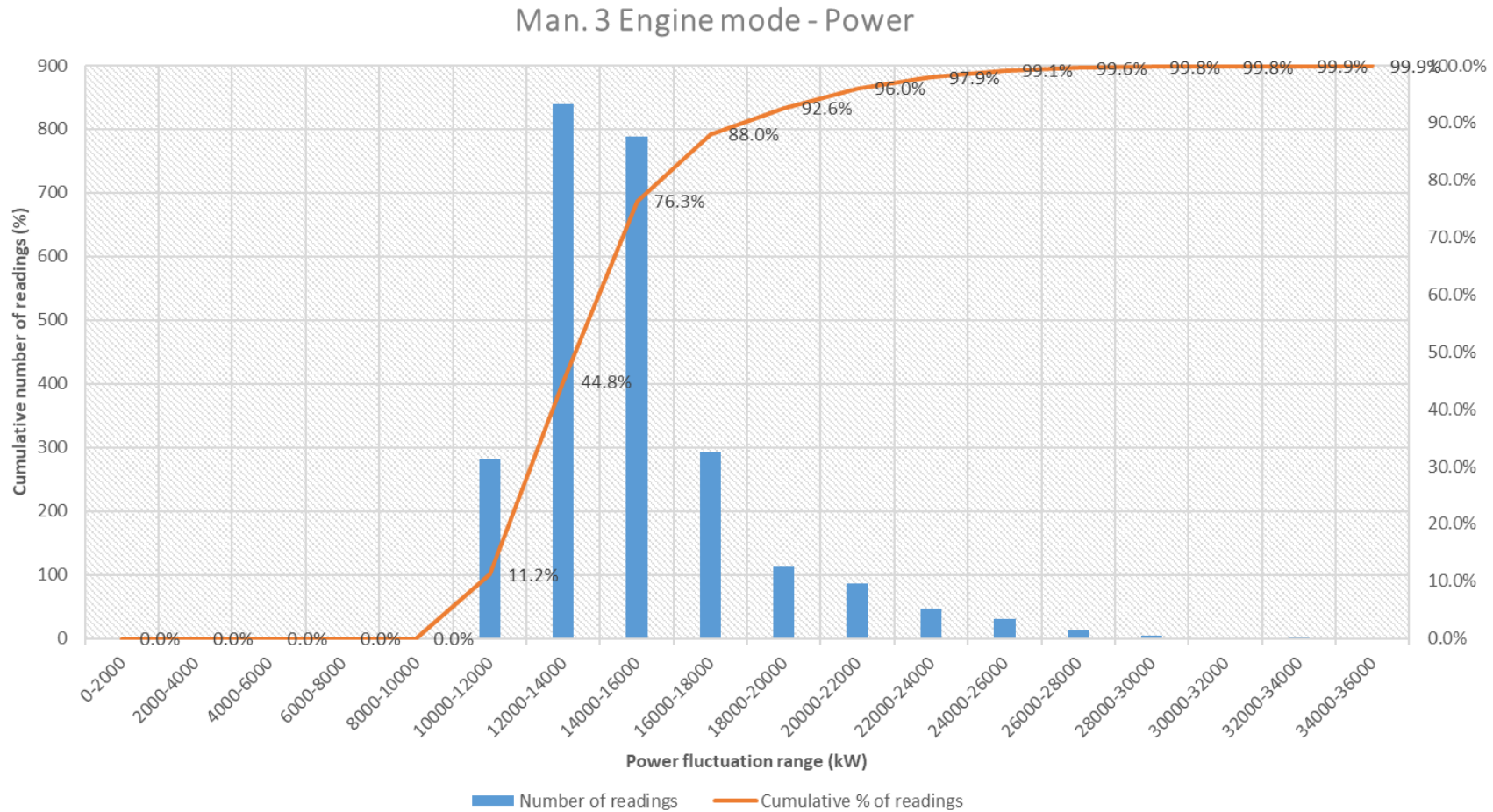
- Approx 1% of time where 2 Diesel Generators are insufficient





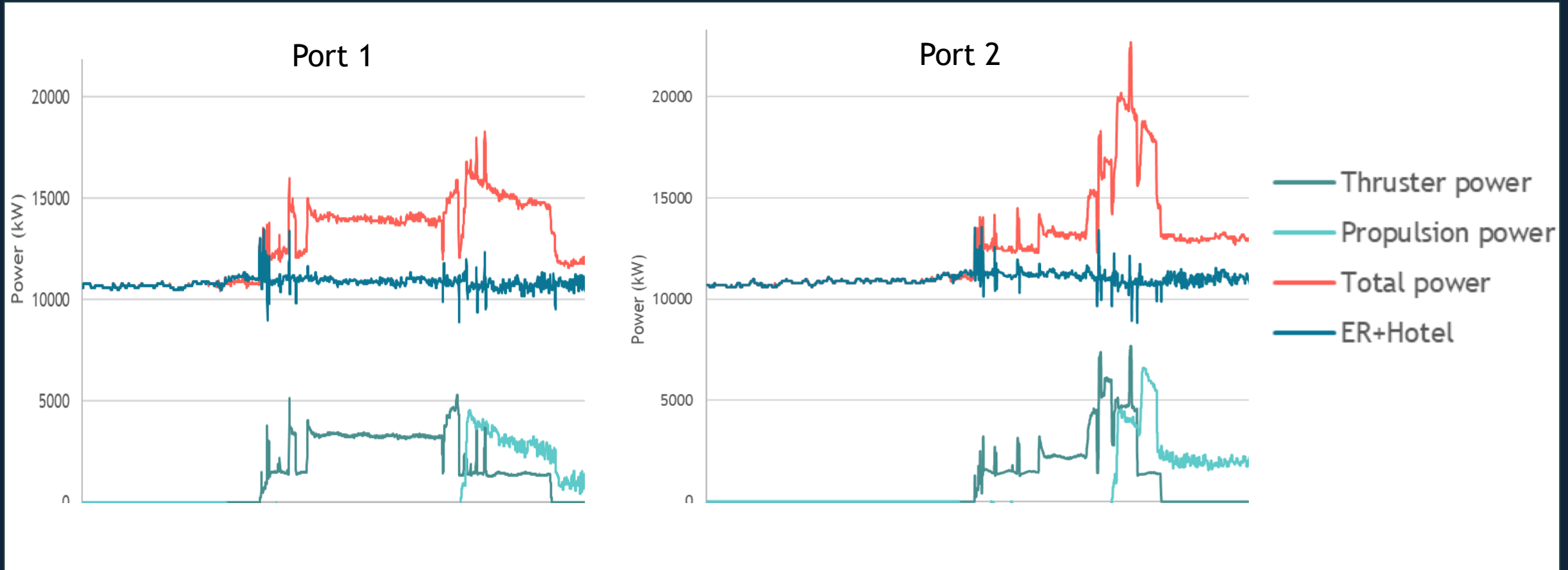
# Operational data analysis

- 88% of the time, the power demand is up to 18 MW, with specific ports potentially showing even lower peak demands.



# Operational data analysis

- Specific ports



# Findings from data



Approx. 10% reduced  
fuel consumption  
during manoeuvring



Reserve power to be  
increased i.e. Battery  
Energy Storage Systems



Crew behaviour and  
decision play a  
significant role on  
vessel operations



Large discrepancy  
between design point  
and actual operations

# Operational data enables



Reduced fuel  
consumption



Analysis of new  
technologies



Support crew decision  
making



Improved ship design



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Path to Net Zero



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# HOW DOES DATA & DIGITIZATION DRIVE DECARBONIZATION?

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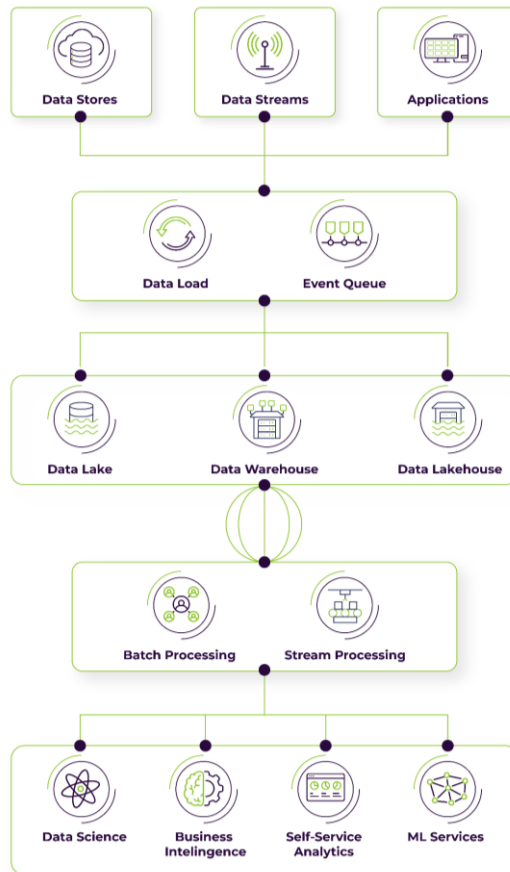
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All organisations are collecting more & more data

## COLLECT



When we combine data, we get more insights

## COMBINE

## CONTEXT

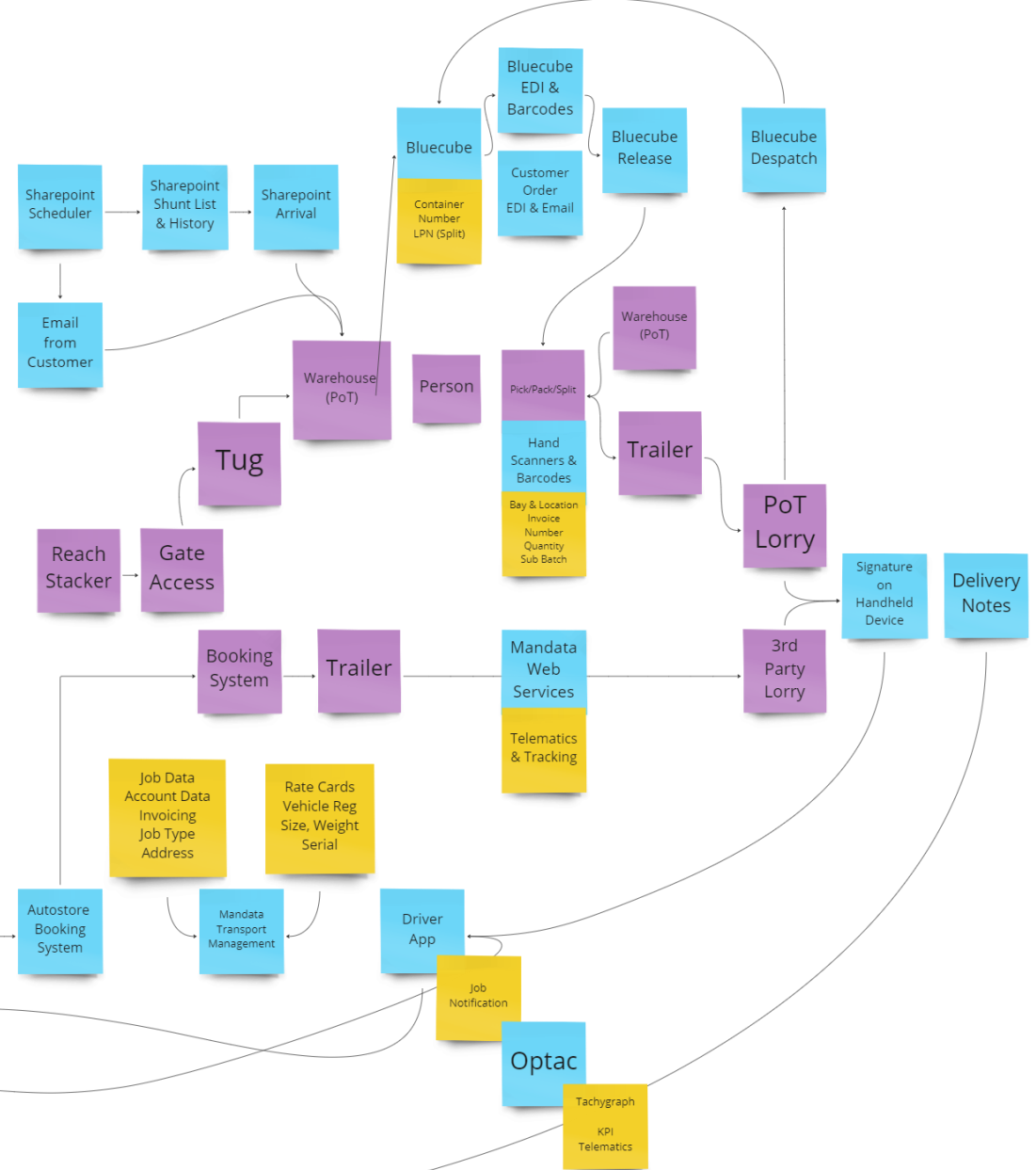
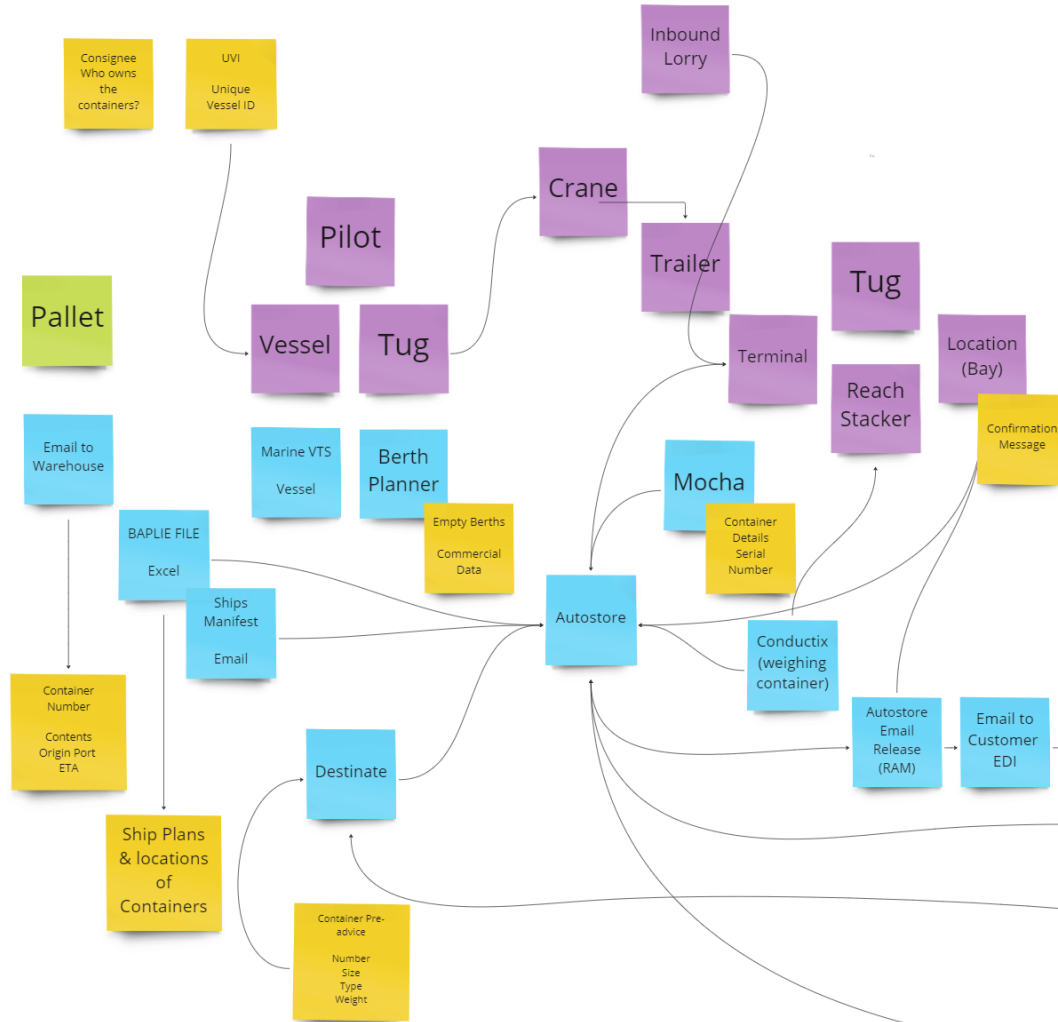
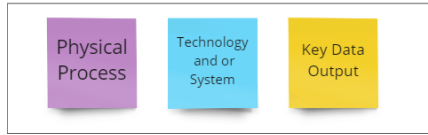
With data context we can provide better outcomes

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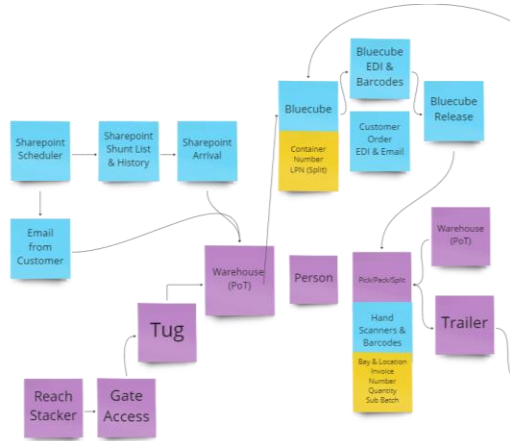
Which can drive real change; including collecting more data!



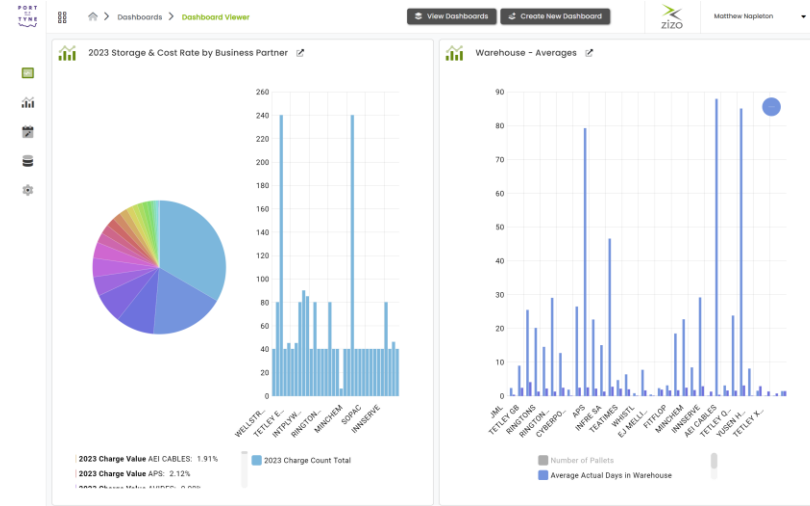
**MARITIME IS A COMPLICATED INDUSTRY FOR DATA**



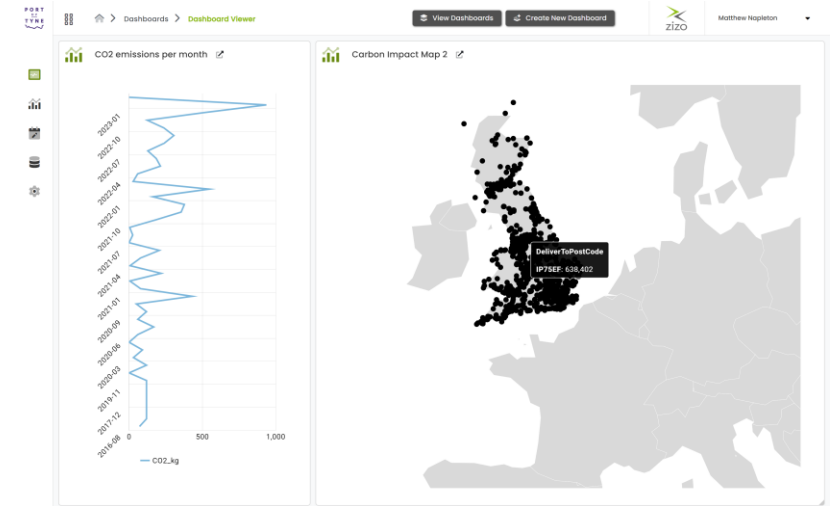
# UK Port Case Study



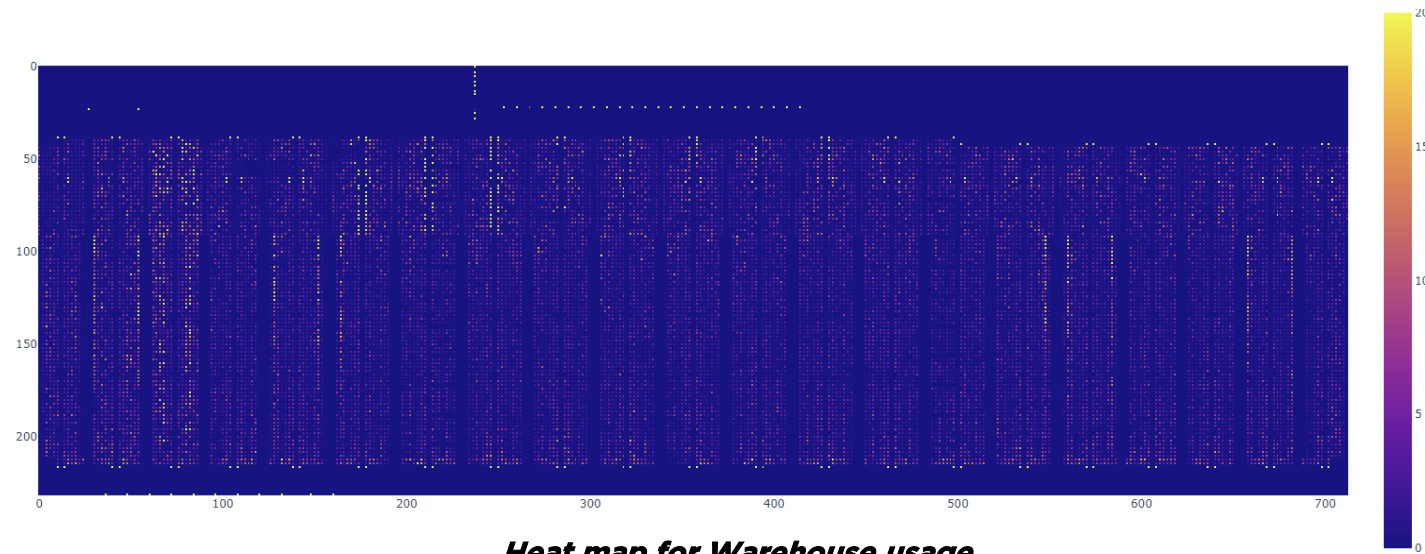
***Data analysed from Warehouse & logistics***



## Customer Data Analysis



### ***Carbon Footprint Analysis***



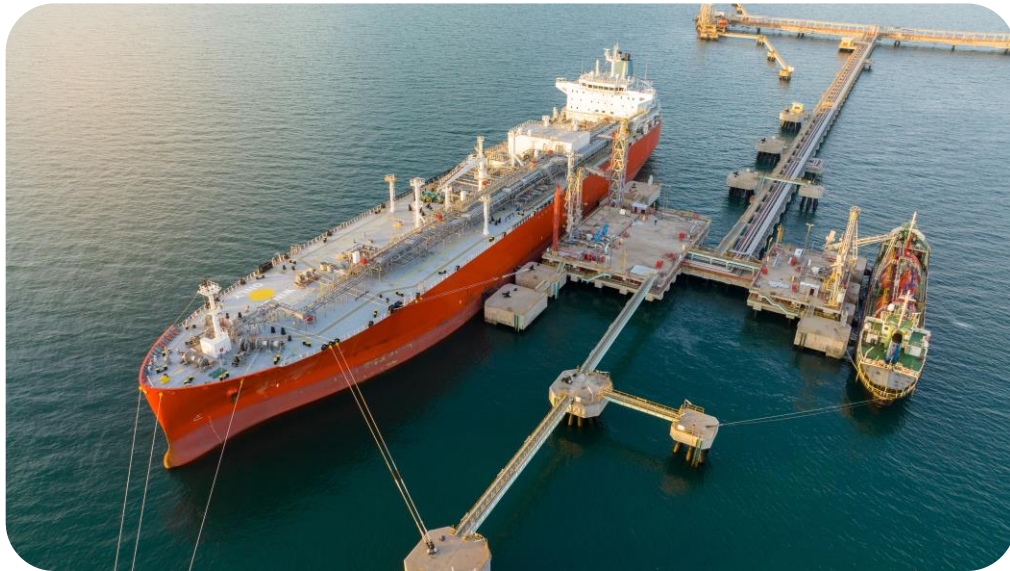
### Heat map for Warehouse usage



## Fuel efficiency by voyage planning

Efficient voyage planning can be revolutionized by advanced fleet management systems leveraging real-time data on weather, sea conditions, port congestion, berthing availability, and scheduling to minimize idle time and maximize operational efficiency.

These systems, incorporating IoT, satellite communication, and analytics, empower shipping companies to chart the most fuel-efficient routes, resulting in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, thereby minimizing environmental impact and operational costs.



## Carbon tracking and reporting

In the era of regulatory changes mandating carbon intensity indicators, real-time data streaming technologies have emerged as essential tools.

They enable continuous monitoring of vessel operations and to set and track emission reduction targets transparently, fostering accountability and informed decision-making to meet sustainability objectives. A study by the [World Maritime University](#) (WMU) suggests that real-time data monitoring can help shipping companies reduce emissions more than traditional reporting methods.



## Remote smart maintenance

Integrating IoT sensors and machine learning transforms maintenance practices, allowing remote monitoring of ship systems.

Predictive analytics, facilitated by AI algorithms, enable proactive monitoring of equipment health and performance, minimizing downtime, and optimizing fuel consumption. This approach enhances operational efficiency while curbing unnecessary emissions associated with maintenance activities.



## Promoting autonomous ships development

AI-driven [situational awareness systems](#) and predictive analytics accelerate the development of autonomous vessels, powered by renewable energy sources.

These technologies optimize routes, enhance safety, and reduce fuel consumption, contributing to a more sustainable maritime industry with significantly reduced carbon emissions.

# **2 things are vital to success....**

## **1. Connectivity**

- **In order to analyse the data – we need to be able to get it!**
- **Whether that be on the vessel or across a port, investment in this area is crucial**

## **2. Easy access to the correct data**

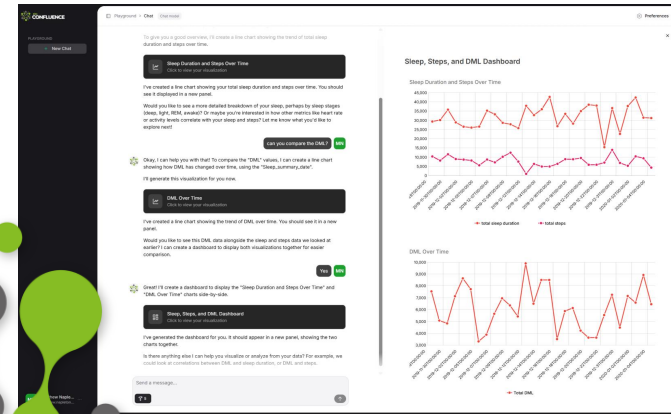
- **Putting the right information in the right hands at the right time to make the right decision**
- **Not as simple as ‘employing more data scientists’**
- **AI platforms can help us, but only if they are providing trusted data!**

# What is **CONFLUENCE** ?

***‘Confluence brings together the latest advances in analytics and AI to deliver rapid & trusted data exploration through a simple UI, delivered through a scalable, secure environment.’***

***‘Building on the success of the Zizo Data Platform, Confluence is what happens next to analytics.’***

***Safe. Secure. Scalable. Trusted.***

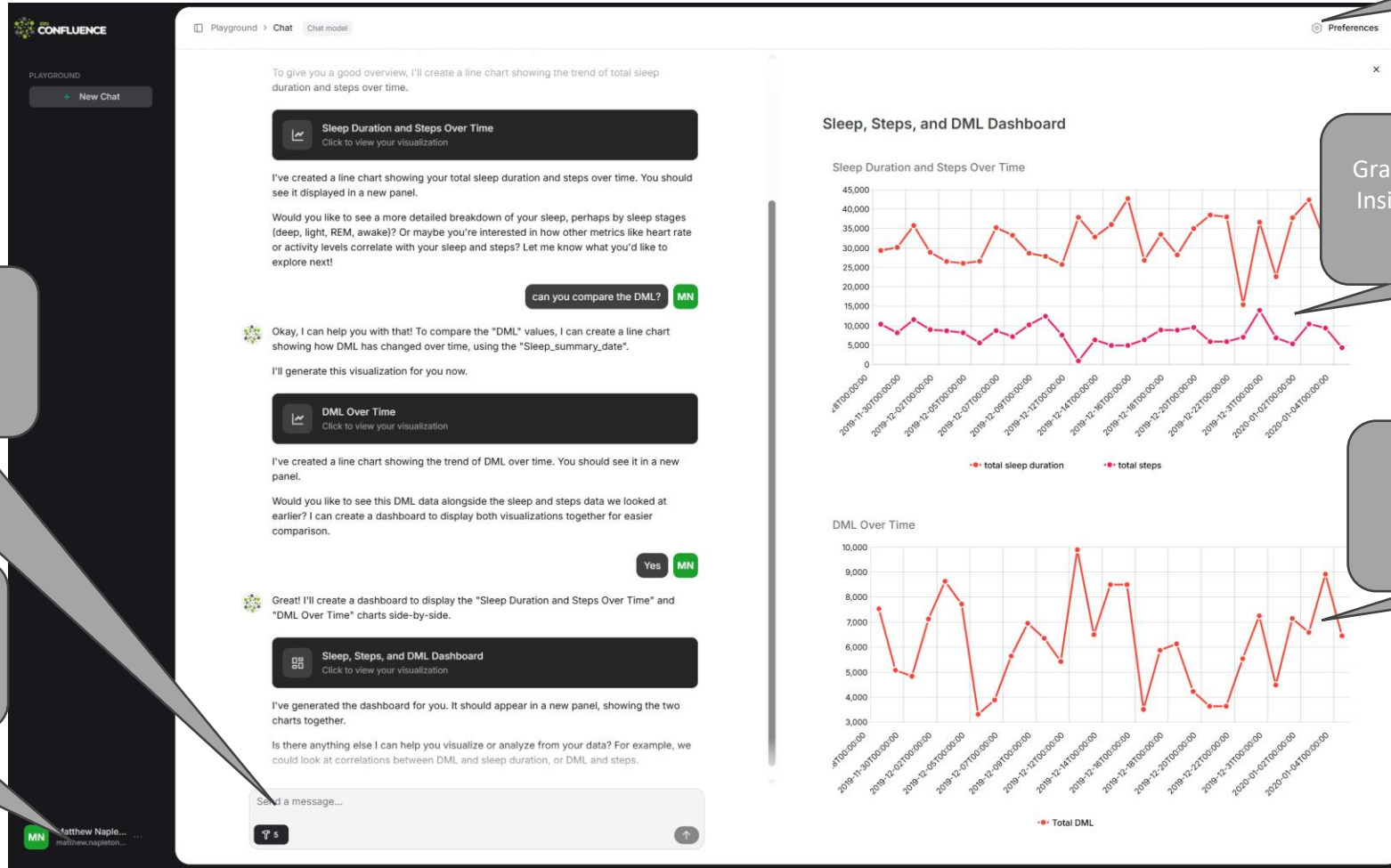


# Easy access to Data using AI

Ability to select from industry leading models, such as Claude Sonnet, Gemini, ChatGPT & others

Simple to use chat interface

Individual user access for data & prompts



Graphs & grids pulled from Zizo Insight, ensuring data accuracy & repeatability

Create dashboards from multiple visual objects

# Thank You!

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# Legal Aspects of Decarbonising Shipping

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# Outline of Session:

## A) Regulatory Developments

1. International
2. Regional
3. UK

## B) Voluntary Initiatives

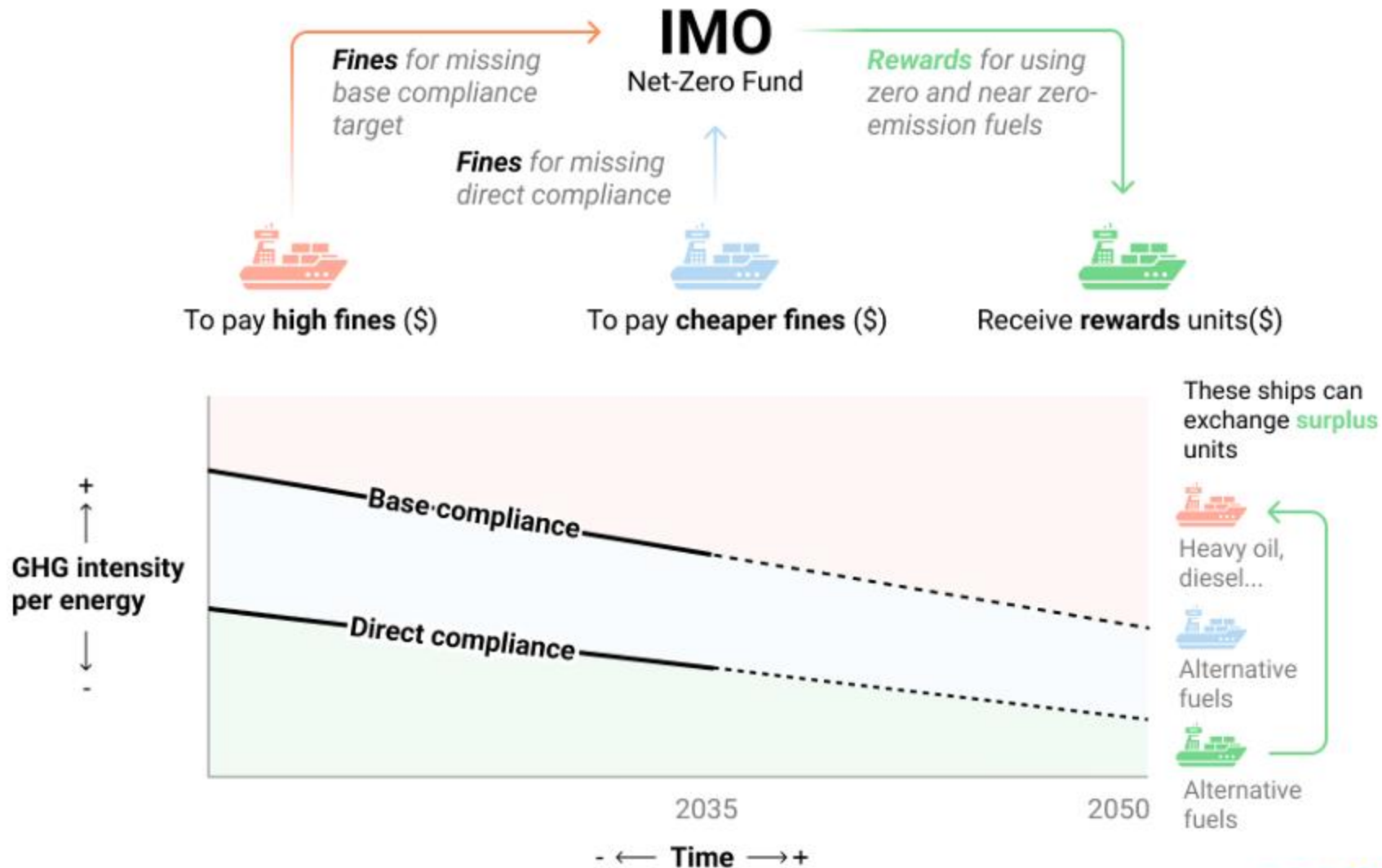
1. Sustainable Finance Frameworks
2. GHG Reporting initiatives
3. Voluntary Carbon Markets
4. Blue Visby Solution



# International Regulatory Developments:

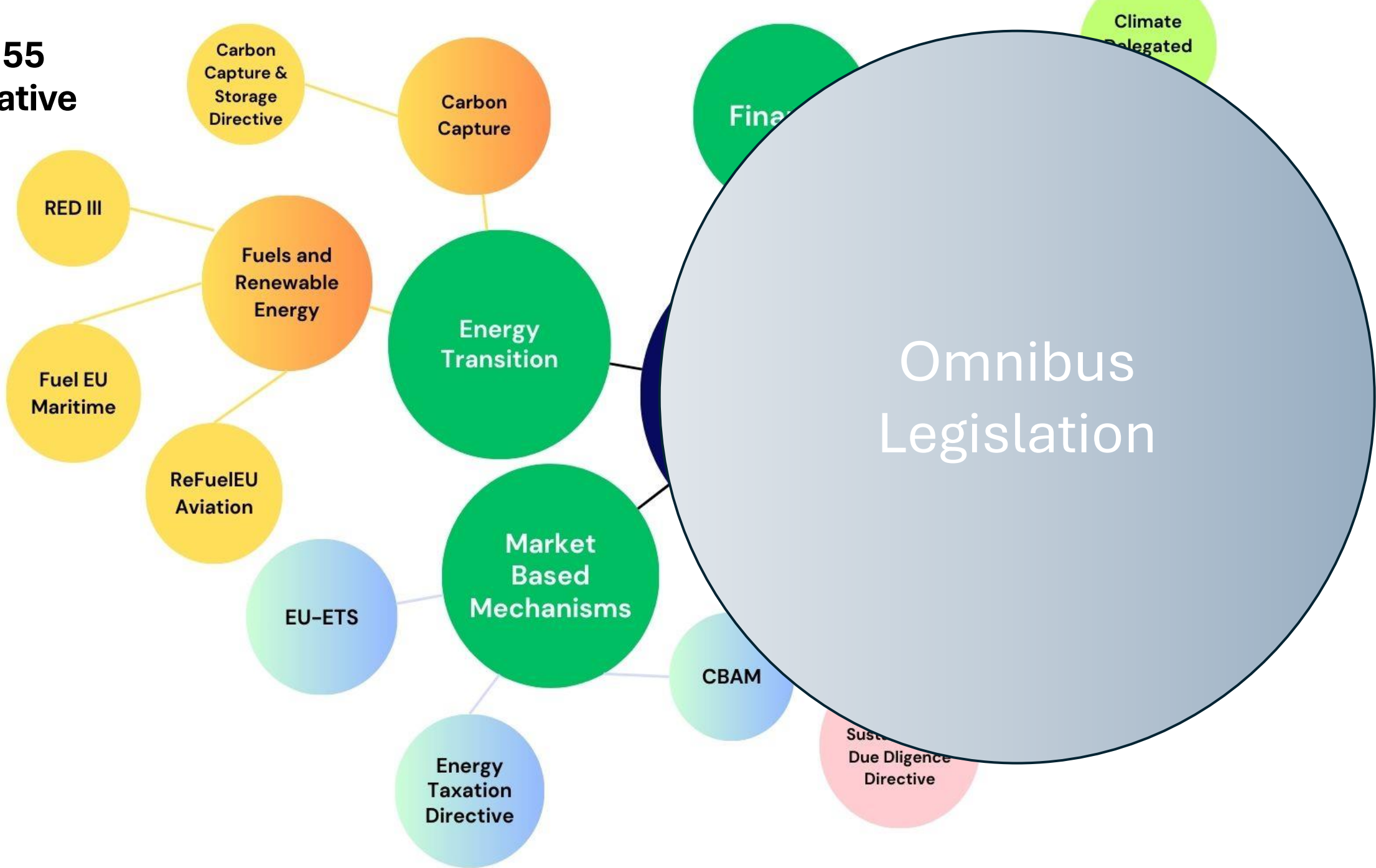
- **Current Measures:** EEXI, CII, SEEMP
- MEPC83: ‘net-zero framework’
  - Global Fuel Intensity (GFIO)
  - Trading of compliance (MBM)
- 2024 LCA Guidelines for marine fuels – well-to-wake

# Functioning of the IMO Net-Zero Framework



Source: T&E

Fit for 55  
Legislative  
Suite







# UK ETS

## UK: ETS

- A UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) replaced the UK's participation in the EU ETS on 1 January 2021.
- From 2026: UK ETS will be expanded to domestic shipping
- The European Commission and the United Kingdom share the view that a functioning link between carbon markets would address many of the issues raised in respect of trade and a level playing field and would give effect to Article 392(6) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

Loan  
Market  
Association



# 1. Voluntary Green Finance Frameworks:

- IDFC Common Principles for Climate Change Adaptation Finance Tracking (mainly for development banks)
- International Capital Market Association (ICMA): Sustainability-Linked and Green Bond Principles
- Loan Market Association's Green Loan Principles and the Sustainability Linked Loan Principles
- Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI) certification standard:
- Equator Principles
- Individual Banking initiatives



## 2. Voluntary Reporting and Due Diligence



### 1. GHG Protocol (guidelines for corporate accounting)

- Corporate Standard Accounting and Reporting Standard
- Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard International Standards Organisation

**2. CDP** (formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project); Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) – uses GHG Protocol; ISO 14064:2018 Greenhouse gases – also certification standard; The International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB): GHG reporting standard (IFRS S2) 2023

**3. Shipping/Transport specific:** Transparency initiatives (Poseidon Principles, Sea Cargo Charter, PP Marine Insurance); Smart Freight Centre – GLEC v.3.1; ISO 14083

# 3. Voluntary Carbon Markets:

**Environmental Attributes:** offsets, allowances, avoided emissions, renewable energy credits, emissions reductions

These are certified by certification schemes like:

- SBTi; The Verified Carbon Standard (VCS); VERRA's Verified Carbon Standard and the Gold Standard

**Enabled by Accounting Models systems:**

- Mass balance reporting
- Physical Segregation of EAs from actual fuel – chain of custody models.
- E.g. Book and Claim (Insetting) – E.g. The Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping
- Smart Freight Centre, Voluntary MBM Framework for Logistics Emissions Accounting and Reporting (GLEC v3.1)
- Wild wild west! Companies creating and trading all sorts of “tokens” and EAs



## 4. Blue Visby Solution

- Eradicating SFTW will allow ships to reduce speed, thereby **reducing the carbon footprint** of the maritime industry by about **15% or overall 45 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>** across the tanker fleet and bulker fleets, based on figures for 2019.
- Reduces hull fouling.
- Reduces underwater noise pollution and whale strike risk.





# Conclusions:



Contractual preparation is key.



Inevitable disputes where carbon clauses are vague, ineffective, or altogether absent.



Contracts are sites for allocating the risks associated with both regulatory uncertainty and greenwashing.



Green shoots in contract law.

# Thank You!

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# Maritime Decarbonisation - the insurer's perspective

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# P&I Clubs

## What is a P&I Club?



An Association of Shipowners providing third party liability insurance cover



Is a mutual insurer (sharing of risks)



Owned and controlled by their shipowner members



Non-profit making



Exist solely for the benefit of their members



A service provider as well as providing insurance



# P&I marine liabilities

We cover marine liabilities arising from vessel operations including:



**Collisions  
with vessels**



**Damage to fixed  
and floating objects**



**Loss of, or damage  
to cargo**



**Pollution from the  
vessel, or its cargo.**



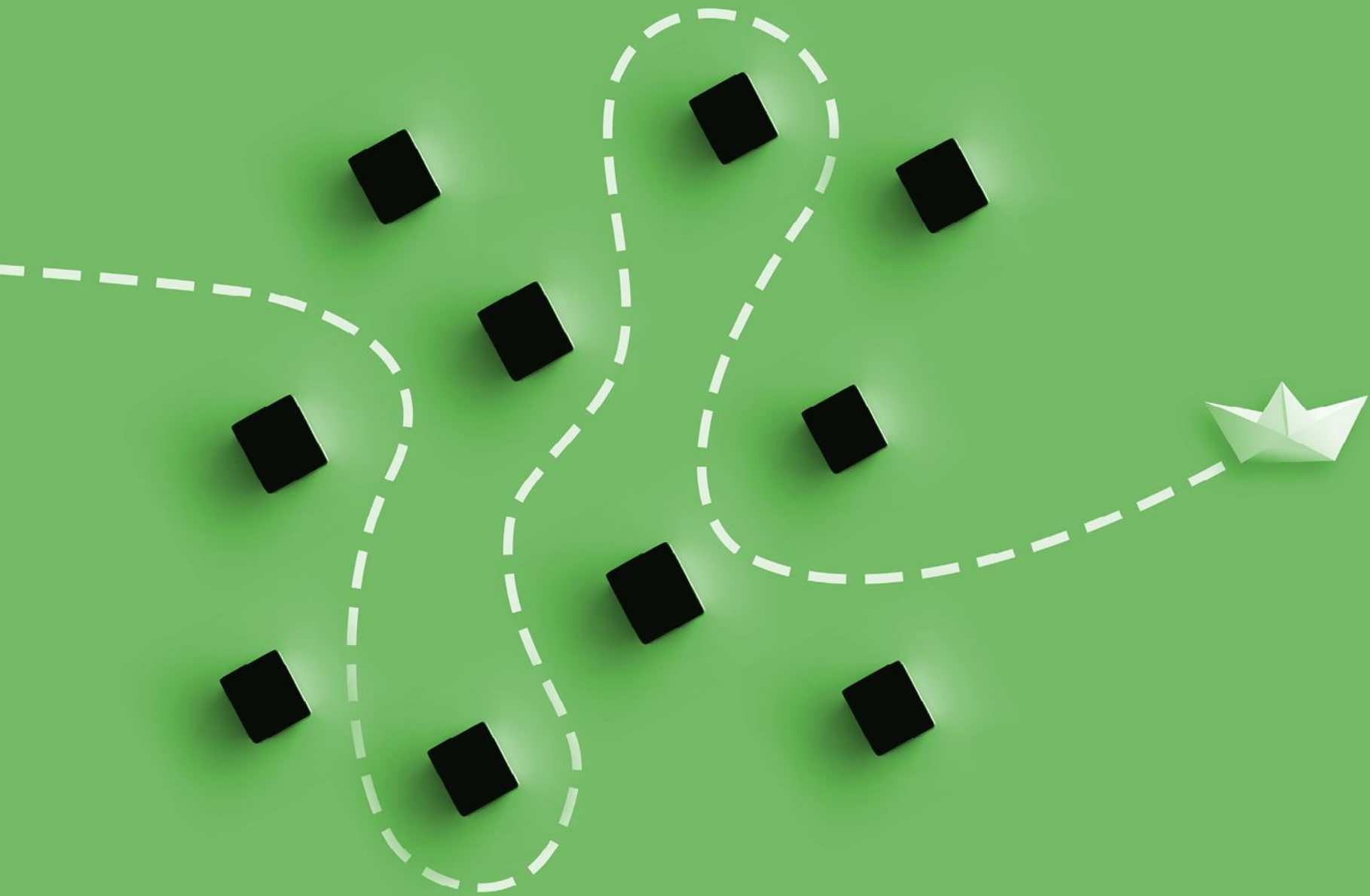
**Loss of life and injury  
to crew, passengers  
and third parties.**



**Wreck removal**







# PIVOTAL

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achieving commercial  
insurability is pivotal

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Domenic Carlucci, ABS





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Without commercial  
liability insurance...  
we will be stuck where  
we are today

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Mikal Boe, COREPOWER





INSURANCE

**// None of this can happen without insurance... The insurance industry is a key enabler in the transition. //**

Sean McGovern, Chief Executive Officer, UK & Lloyd's, AXA XL

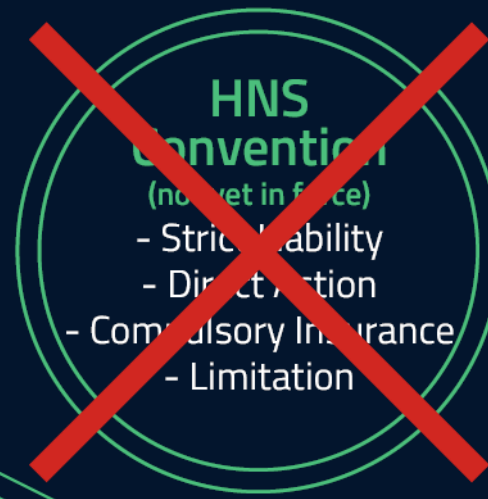




**There is no global liability  
and compensation regime  
in the event of an incident  
arising out of future fuels**



# Global liability convention for low carbon fuels



**Why is that  
a problem?**



# Different fuels



Biofuel



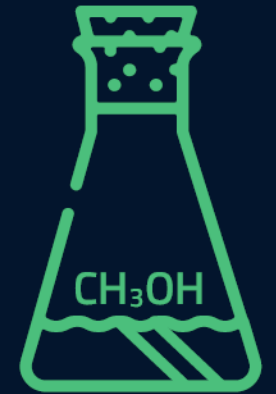
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Hydrogen



Ammonia



Methanol









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- Commercialisation
  - Public Money/Private Muscle
- Risk/Return/Responsibility
- Cost Barriers
- Derisking 1<sup>st</sup> Movers/Early Adopters
- Transition Funding



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