



Ammonia as marine fuel: Risk awareness vs risk adversity

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Mission statement



Our mission is to help the maritime industry eliminate GHG emissions by **shaping** standards, **deploying** solutions, **financing** projects, and **fostering** collaboration across sectors

Founding + strategic partners



and >80 project partners

* Formerly Sembcorp Marine

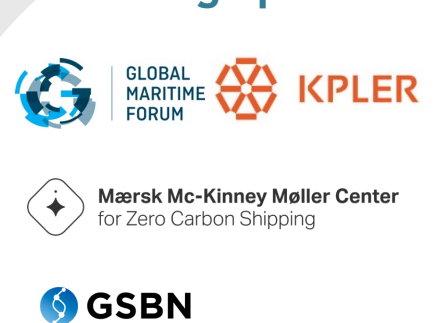
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Coalition partners



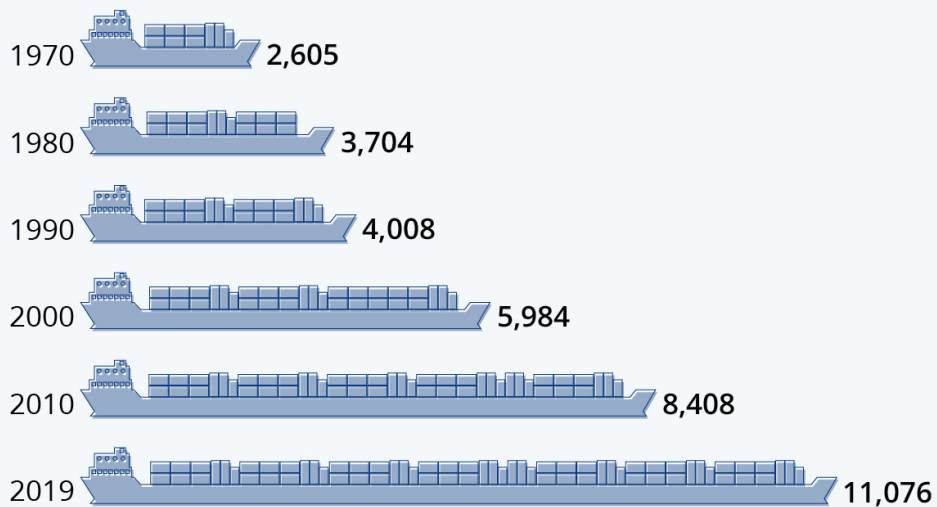
Knowledge partners



Shipping is a **global** industry

The Steep Rise in Global Seaborne Trade

Total volume of international maritime trade (in million tons loaded)*



* incl. all cargo, i.e. tanker trade, main bulk and other dry cargo

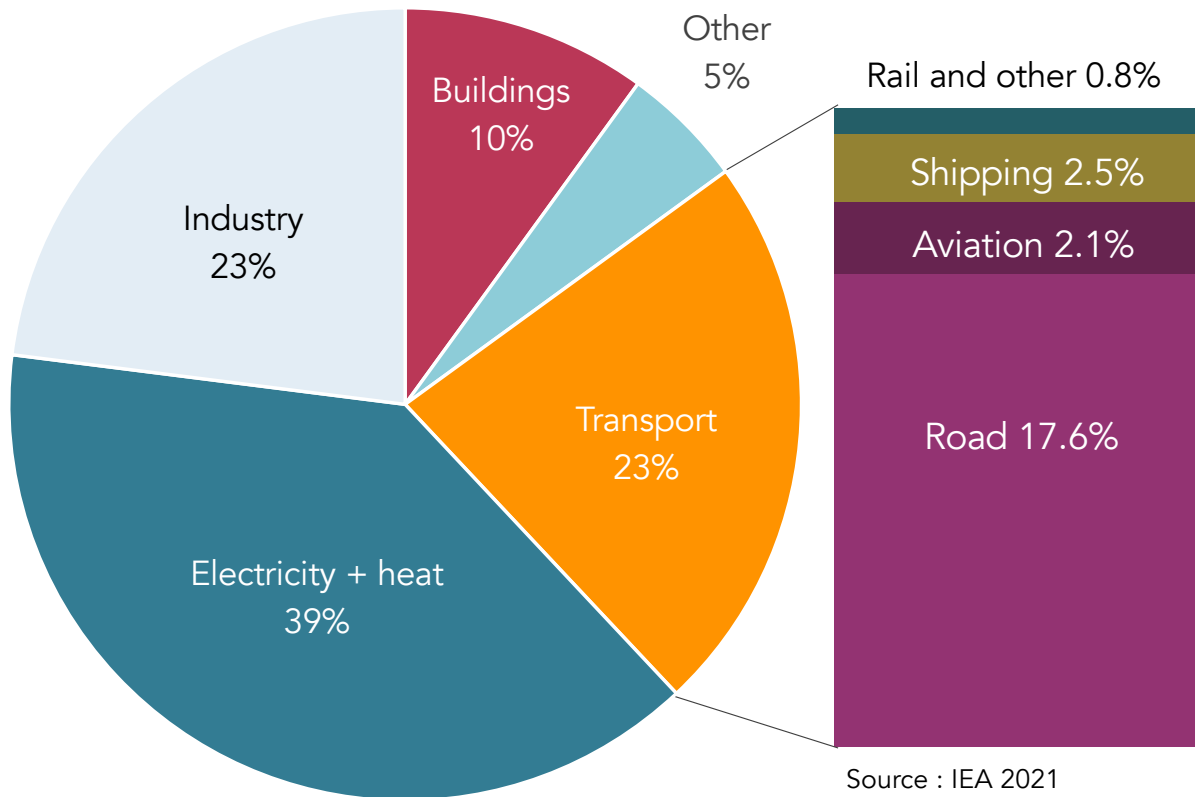
Source: UNCTAD



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- + Responsible for transporting **11B tons** of goods annually, or **90%** of global trade
- + Regulated by International Maritime Organization (IMO)

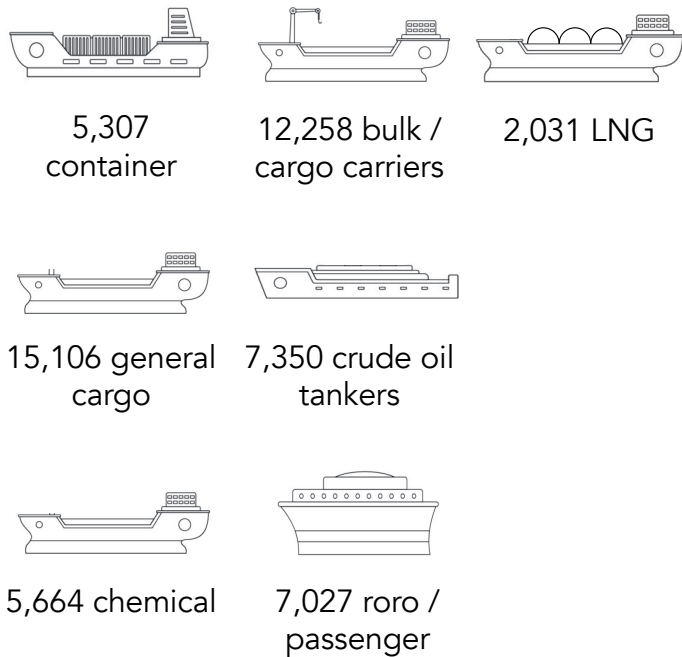
Shipping contributes **2.5%** of global GHG emissions



- + Transport accounts for about **one quarter** of total GHG emissions
- + Shipping contributes **2.5%**, greater than the emissions of the **sixth** largest emitter (Germany)
- + IMO targets: **40%** reduction in carbon intensity by 2030 and **50%** total GHG emissions by 2050; targets to be revisited in summer 2023

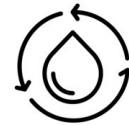
Shipping's emissions are difficult to abate

Shipping is **heterogeneous**, requiring a heterogeneous set of solutions



Statista.com, Merchant ships by type, 2021

Ecosystem for maritime decarbonisation **not mature**

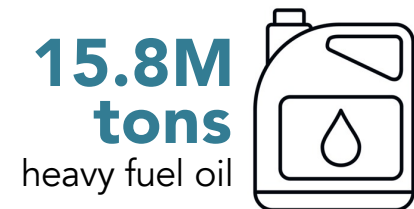


Existing solutions cannot get shipping to net-zero

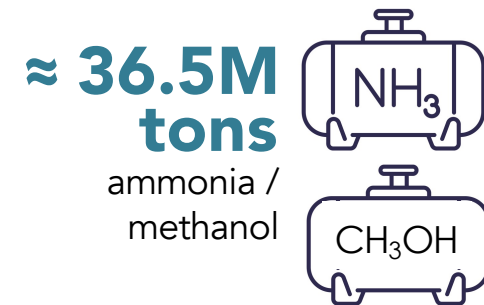


Alternative fuels not available at cost or scale

5% of shipping's **fuel** must have zero emissions by 2030



must be replaced with



https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/content/2021/03/Getting-to-Zero-Coalition_Five-percent-zero-emission-fuels-by-2030.pdf

Survey respondents plan to adopt ammonia as early as **2029**



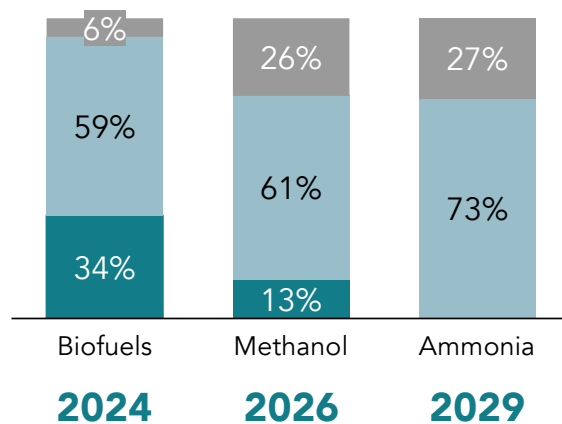
 Current and planned adoption of future fuels

 **Frontrunners**

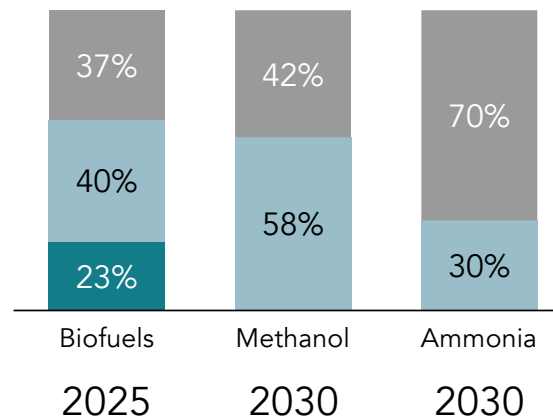
 **Followers**

 **Conservatives**

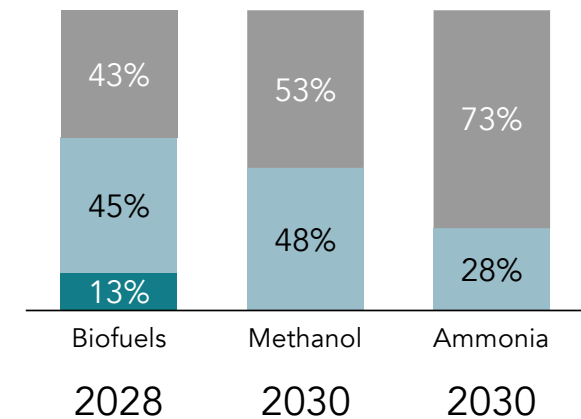
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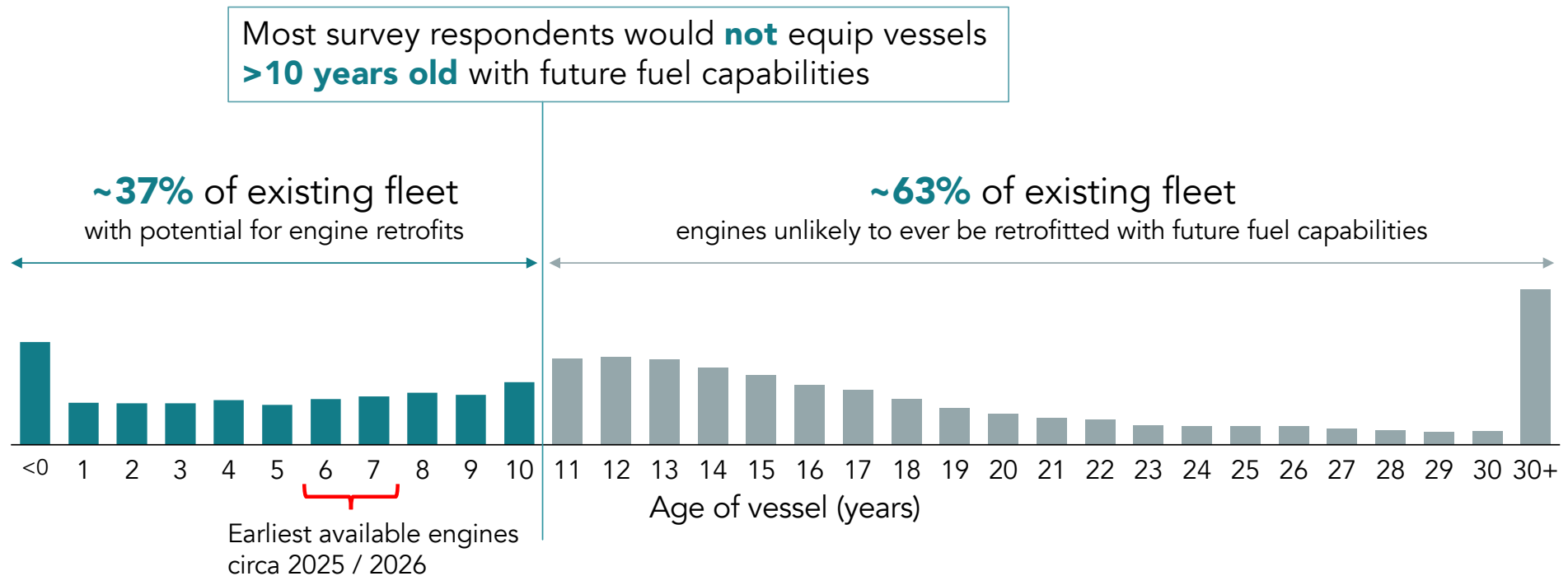
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■ Already adopted
 ■ Plans to adopt
 ■ Not sure/no plans
 xxx Median year of adoption

Source: GCMD-BCG Industry Survey on Maritime Decarbonisation (N = 128), BCG analysis

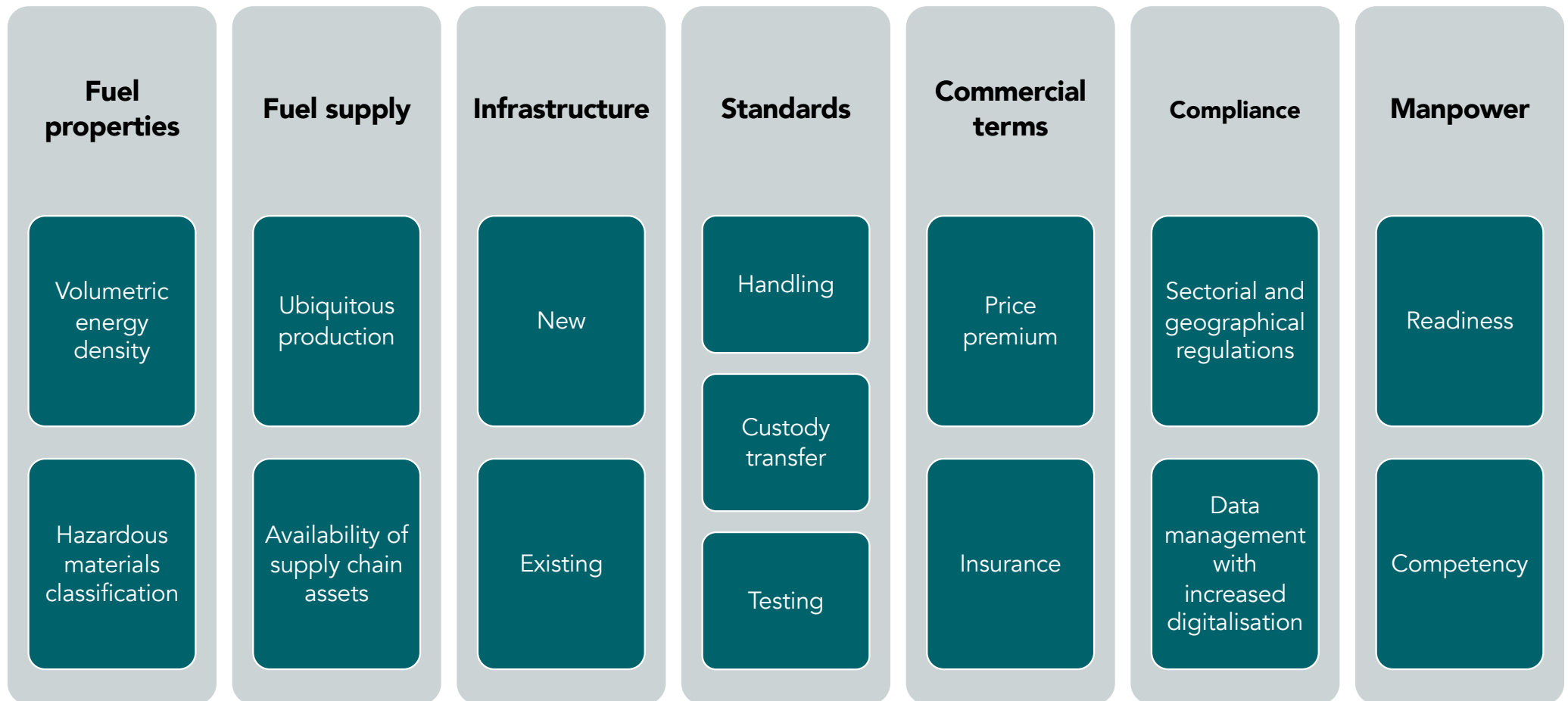
Fuel transition will take time; new builds will most likely drive demand



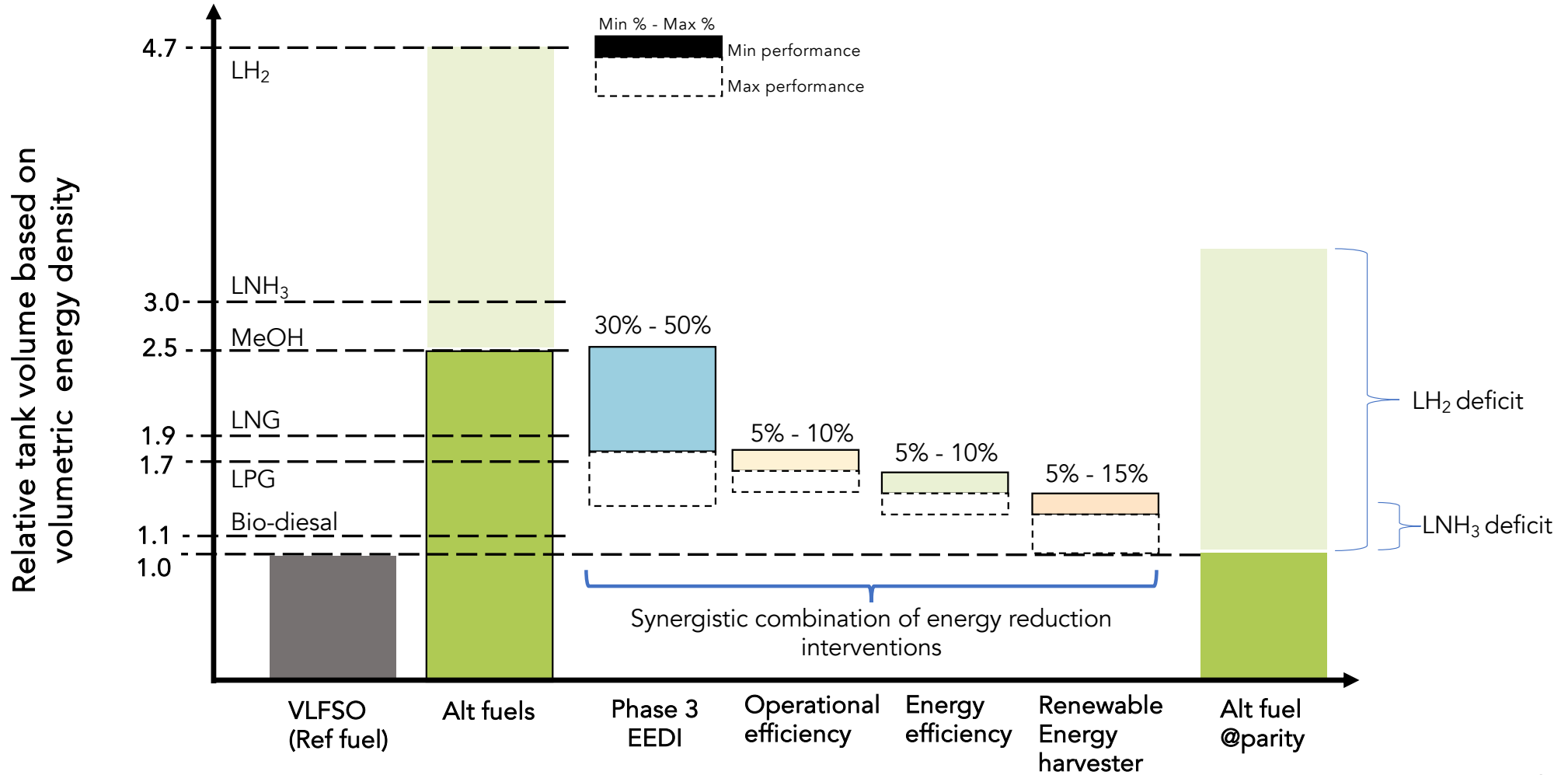
Actual volumes to be retrofitted are likely lower given constraints on shipyard capacity, willingness to spend, fuel supply availability, engine availability, port readiness, etc.

Source: *Clarksons Shipping Review and Outlook as of 2022 for # of vessels (38k including bulkers, tankers and container liners)*
GCMD-BCG Industry Survey on Maritime Decarbonisation (N = 128), BCG analysis

Use of alternative fuels has many considerations



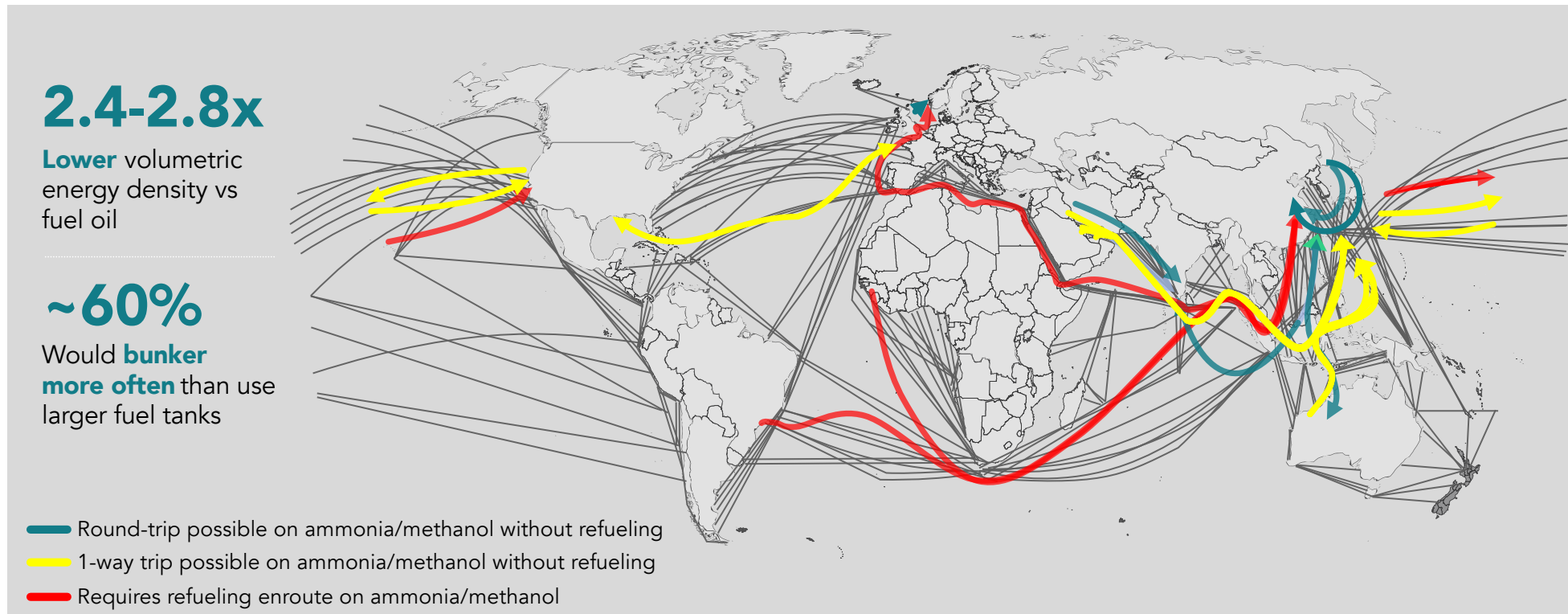
A holistic approach to energy management strategy required to handle higher prices, low availability and deficits in energy density



Switch to new fuels likely to impact bunkering patterns



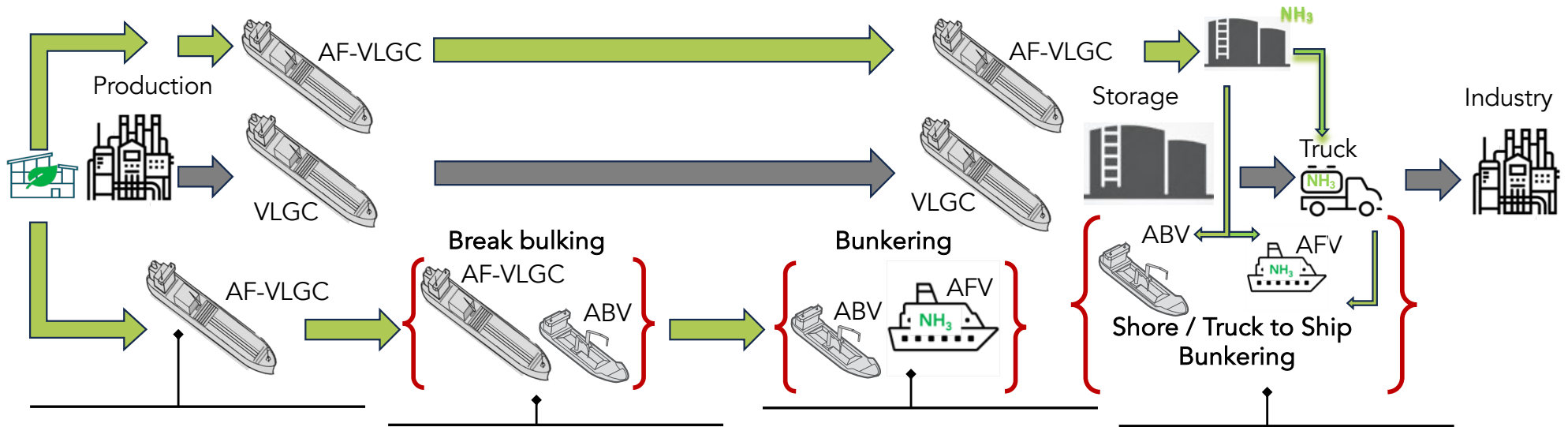
Wider network of infrastructure will be needed to support more frequent bunkering



Selected major trade routes

Source: GCMD-BCG Industry Survey on Maritime Decarbonisation (N = 128), BCG analysis

Delivery of ammonia as marine fuel will be more complex



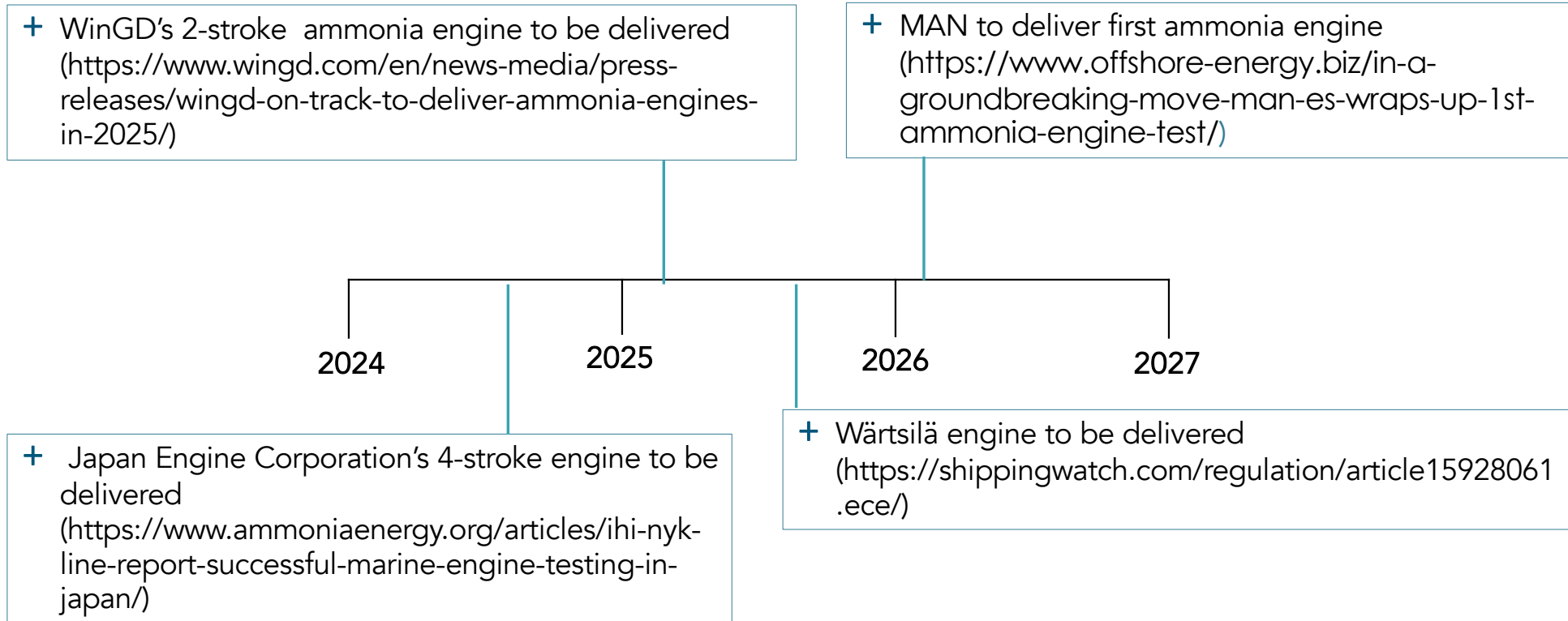
- + Existing cargo loading procedures can be used
- + New AF-VLGC with NH₃ engines
- + Engine room
 - + New designs e.g., isolation/segmentation of fuel preparation rooms
 - + Additional safety designs & procedures, remote engine monitoring
 - + Studies e.g., Castor initiative, Shell-DNV, LR

- + No existing NH₃ transfer procedures
- + New ABV designs with or without NH₃ engines with additional safety guidelines
- + STS procedures between AF-VLGC and ABV to be established
- + Emergency response plans to be developed and refined using STS cargo transfer as a proxy – interim step to build confidence in safety procedures

- + No existing NH₃ related bunkering procedures
- + New AFV with NH₃ engines
- + New AFV engine room with additional safety designs & procedures, remote engine monitoring
- + Bunkering procedures and emergency response plans to be refined when vessels are available

- + No existing NH₃ related bunkering procedures
- + Existing storage to truck can be used
- + Bunkering procedures and emergency response plans to be refined when vessels are available

Mapping of ammonia engine readiness



Paving the way for an eventual bunkering pilot in SG



At the outset, we did not know **whether, where, or how** ammonia bunkering can be carried out safely. There was:

- + **No** projections for ammonia bunker demand or storage capacity requirements
- + **No** technical reference for ammonia bunkering
- + **No** competency framework to support training
- + **No** site(s) identified for a pilot
- + **No** appreciation of CAPEX needed to ready bunkering sites
- + **No** risk identification or assessment for different bunkering concepts
- + **No** guidelines for custody transfer to assure quality and quantity
- + **No** regulatory guidelines or sandbox for conducting a pilot

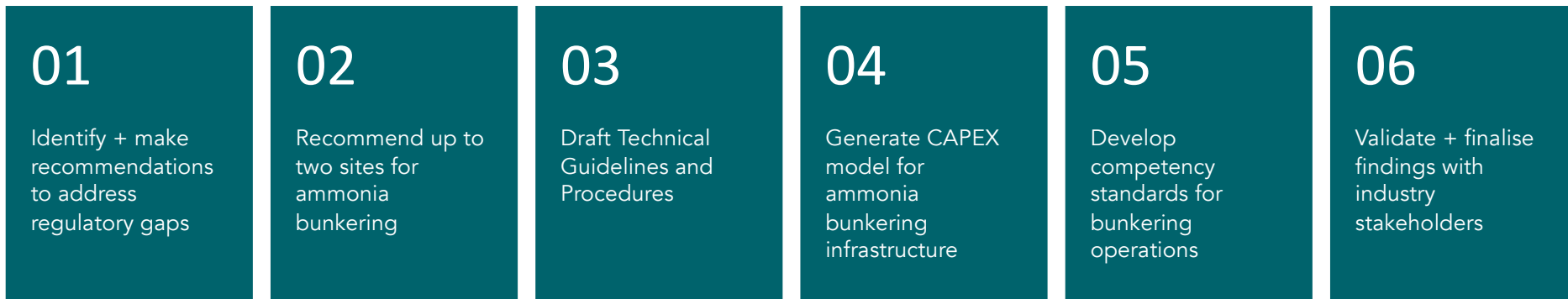
Ammonia bunkering safety study



To define the safety + operations envelopes to enable ammonia bunkering

Study consultants: DNV Singapore Pte Ltd, Surbana Jurong, Singapore Maritime Academy

Expected outcomes will support the establishment of a regulatory sandbox for pilots



Operational readiness of future ammonia bunkering ecosystem



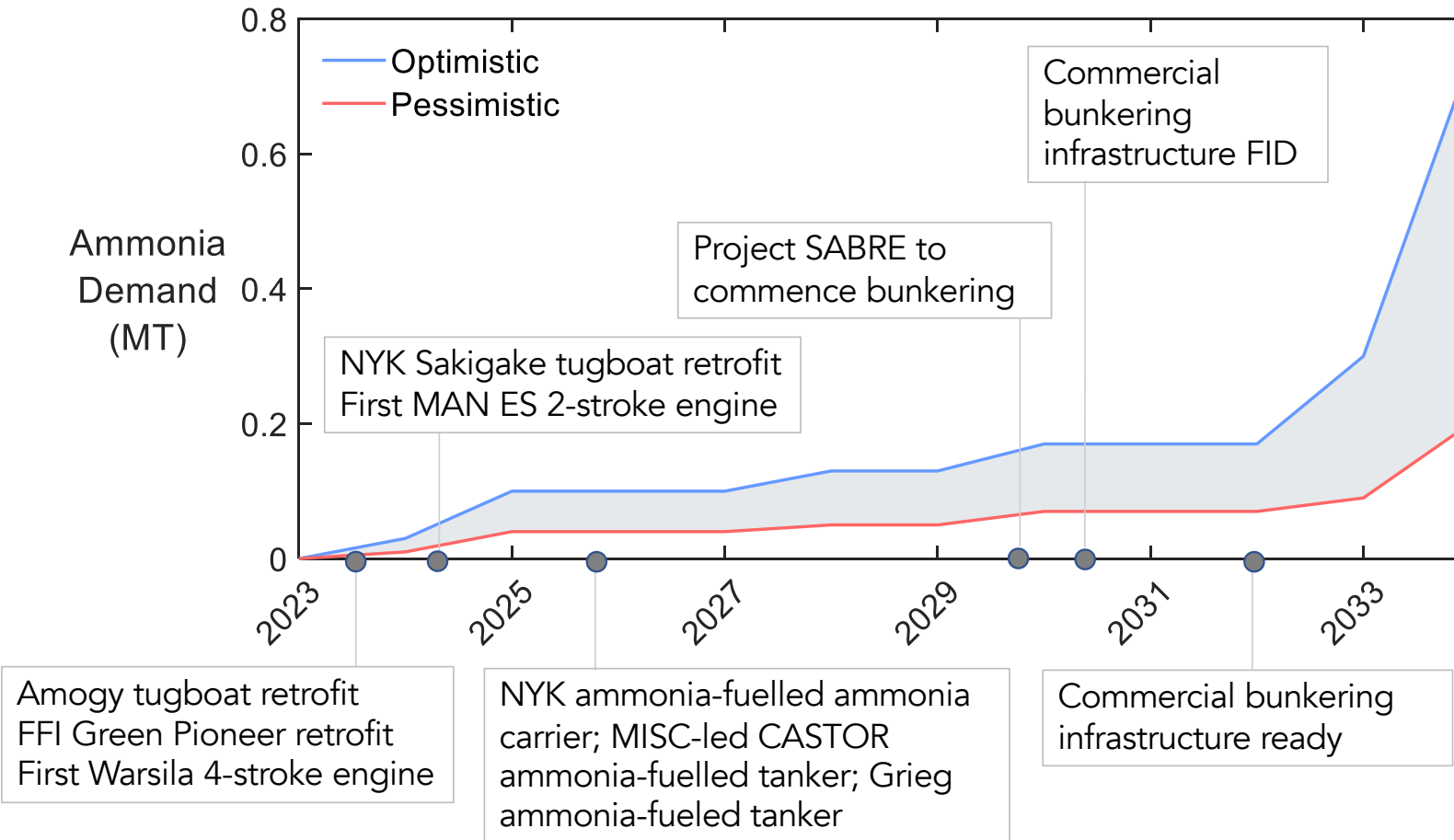
- + Study conducted by DNV, Surbana Jurong and Singapore Maritime Academy
- + GCMD assembled **22** study partners with expertise and experience in handling ammonia as participants
- + **8** regulatory agencies were consulted
- + **>130** industry consultation and alignment panel members provided feedback



* Keppel Offshore & Marine and Sembcorp Marine merged in April 2023; the new entity is known as Seatrium

Need to build up capability and infrastructure now

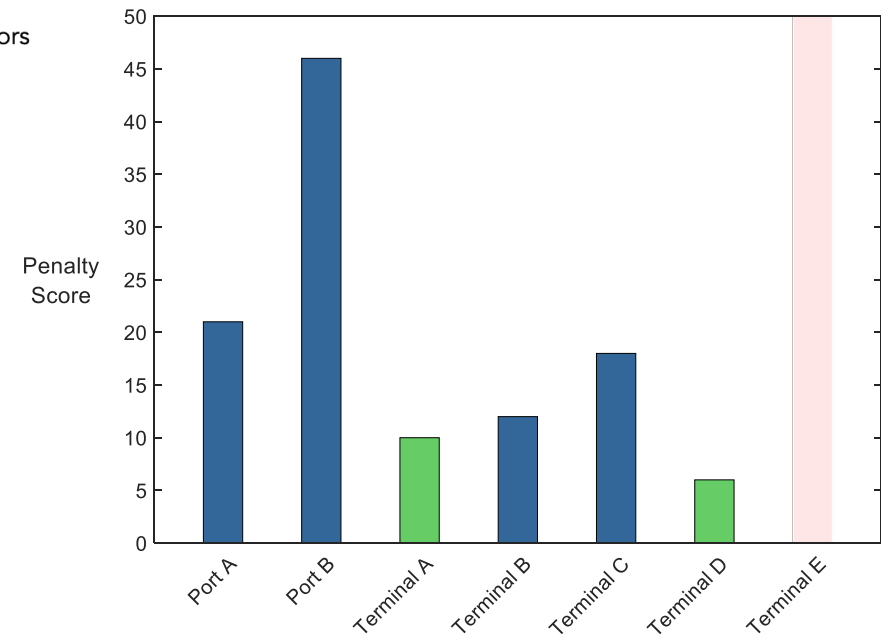
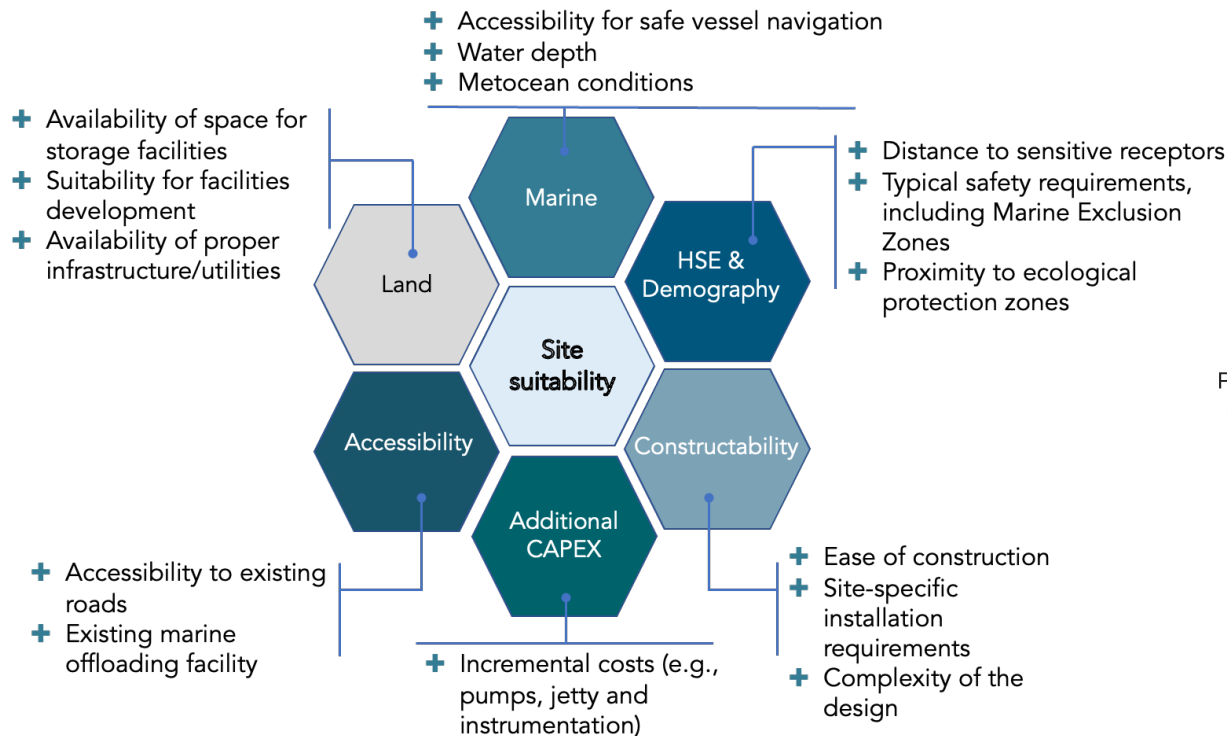
Bunkering ecosystem needs to be operationally ready by 2026



Singapore's ammonia bunker demand expected to take off in **mid-2030's**; projected to be **2 MTPA** in **2035**, supportable by **one** 15,000 cbm bunker vessel

Compilation not exhaustive

43 criteria across 5 categories for site selection



- + **2 land-based sites** with minimal upfront investment and **Raffles Reserve Anchorage** selected for further study
- + Other sites may be suitable with additional investments; these were not part of study

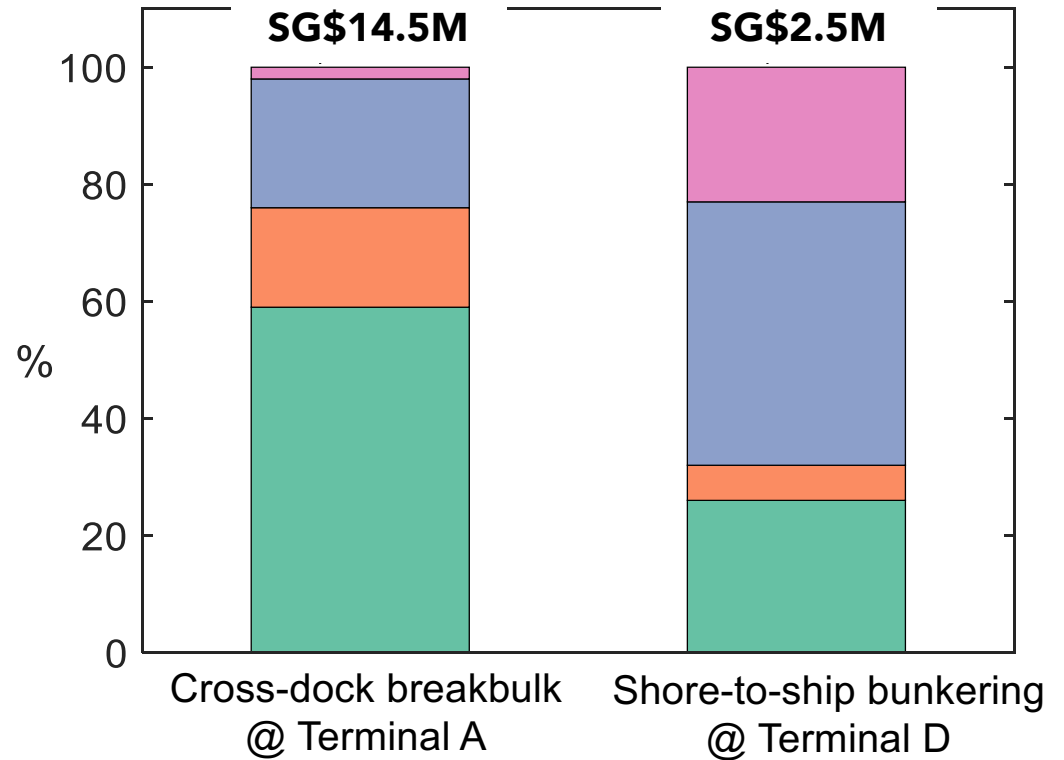
Variance in CAPEX to ready for ammonia bunkering



Basis of Estimates (BoE) based on:

- + Concept and site-specific information
- + HSE considerations
- + Project risks
- + Direct cost (materials and installation)
- + Indirect costs (services)

Cost data from quotes and in-house database

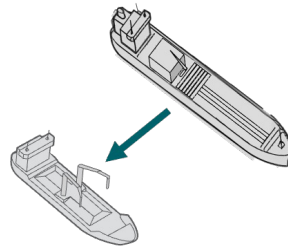
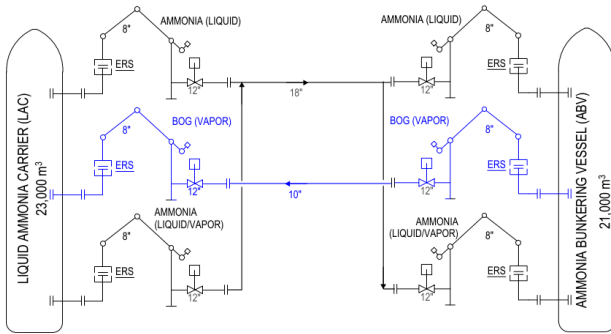


PROJECT COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY										USER GUIDELINE	
EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, SUBCONTRACTS & HOSCM SERVICES											
Client:	Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD)	Currency:	SGD	Rev:	0	Project Currency:		Date:	14/06/24		
Location:		Project Start:		Page:		Originator:	Sumit Shiber	Duration (Month):			
Client Proj. No.:		Package:	FE	PA/PI:	2024/001						
Type of Scope:	EPCm	Type of Contract:	Lumpsum	Estimate Type:	Phase I - Feasibility	-40%	40%				
Description	Nominal/Typical Range	Project Inputs	Installed Quantities	Total Material (x1) SGD	Total Labor (x2) SGD	Total Cost (x3) SGD	% of Equip Cost	% of TBC			
A DIRECT COSTS											
Ammonia Storage Tanks	M3		2	6,000,000		6,000,000	65.5%	4.3%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Jetty & Infrastructure	LT		1				0.0%	0.0%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Compressors	M3		2	2,000,000		2,000,000	22.2%	1.5%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Blowers & Fans	M3/Hr		2	200,000		200,000	2.2%	0.1%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Heat Exchangers	Kcal/Hr		2	75,000		75,000	0.8%	0.0%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Pumps	M3/Hr		4	60,000		60,000	0.7%	0.0%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Pipework	M3/Hr		4	15,000		15,000	0.2%	0.0%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Marine Lifting Arms (MLA)	M3/Hr		2	200,000		200,000	2.2%	0.1%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Pressure Vessels & Drums	M3		2	110,000		110,000	1.3%	0.1%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Package Units (Dosing, Chemicals, Other Utility units - if any)	LT		3	200,000		200,000	2.2%	0.1%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
Miscellaneous (PPE, PPE)	LT		1	100,000		100,000	1.1%	0.1%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
SGD Rows for consumable	LT		1				0.0%	0.0%	Equip. Total Cost (Budgetary Query)		
A1 Subtotal EQUIPMENT	5.15 %	Value		9,020,000		9,020,000	100.0%	7.2%			
Prong (M)	23.0%	of TBC				28,647,680		23.0%	Equip. % of Total Material Cost		
Instrumentation (Instruments, Control System & cables) (I3)	7.00%	of TBC				8,718,800		7.00%	Equip. % of Total Material Cost		
Electrical Equipment & Cables (E1)	4.00%	of TBC				4,500,200		4.00%	Equip. % of Total Material Cost		
A2 Subtotal COMMODITY MATERIALS	27.37%	Project Inputs				42,348,744		0.0%	34.0%		
Mechanical Equipment Installation (E1)	1.70%	of TBC				2,117,427		1.70%	Equip. % of Total Material Cost		
Demolition Works (E1)	1.0%	of TBC				1,245,551		1.00%	Equip. % of Total Material Cost		

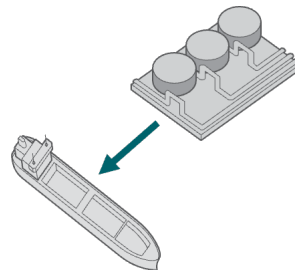
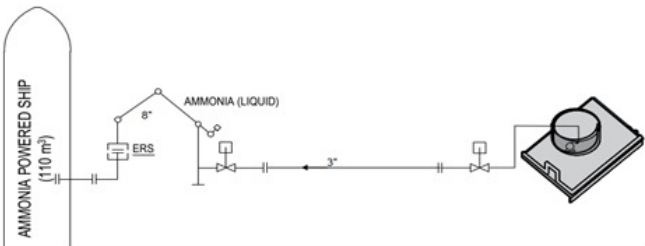
Model available for download on report site

- Equipment and machinery
- Engineering and commissioning
- Project management and preliminaries
- Other indirect costs

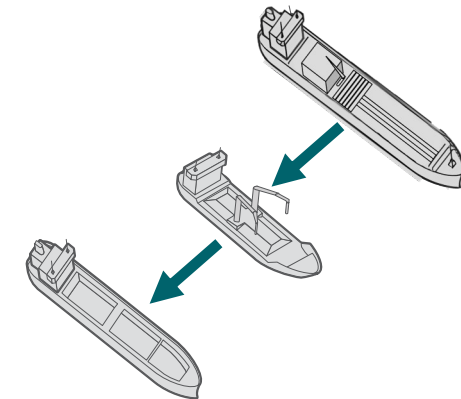
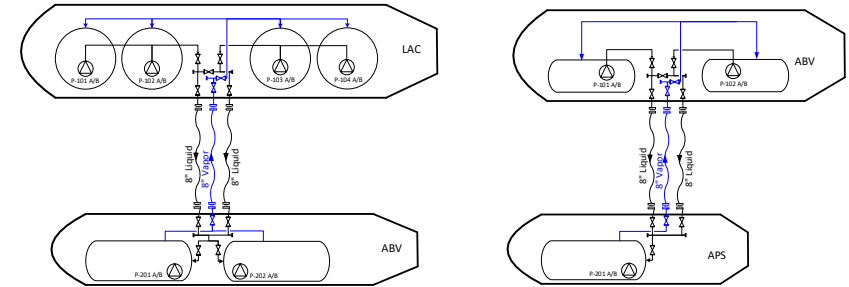
Four concepts at three sites for HAZID and c-QRA



Cross-dock breakbulk
@ **Terminal A***
750 m³/hr x 2



Shore-to-ship bunkering
@ **Terminal D***
9 m³/hr



Breakbulk and bunkering
@ **Raffles Reserve Anchorage**
350 m³/hr x 2; 350 m³/hr; 175 m³/hr x 2

* Site identification and site-specific information not disclosed until further notice

400 risks identified; all low or medium, i.e., mitigable

Risk type	Configuration and location	High risk (frequency)	Medium risk (frequency)	Low risk (frequency)	Not relevant for site
Locational	Breakbulk at anchorage	0	37	3	13
	Bunkering at anchorage	0	36	3	13
	Breakbulk @ Terminal A	0	25	7	16
	Bunkering @ Terminal D	0	23	9	15

Risk type	Configuration and location	High risk (frequency)	Medium risk (frequency)	Low risk (frequency)	Not relevant for site
Operational	Breakbulk at anchorage	0	33	3	4
	Bunkering at anchorage	0	38	1	3
	Breakbulk @ Terminal A	0	34	4	4
	Bunkering @ Terminal D	0	41	5	4

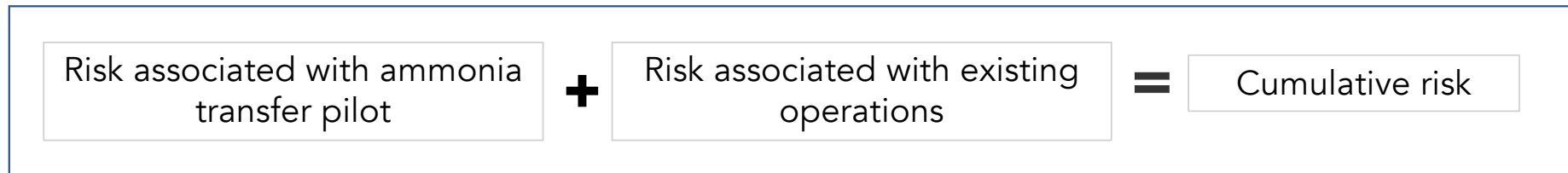
Low risk: risk considered broadly acceptable; no addition preventative measures required

Medium risk: mitigation measures must be implemented so risks are As Low as Reasonably Practicable (ALARP)

High risk: risk intolerable; measures must be implemented to reduce risk to a tolerable level

Safety zone determination

- + Safety zones for Terminals A and D determined **probabilistically**, and added to risk from existing operations; cumulative risk for pilots lower than criteria in MHD guidelines



- + No guidelines for risk assessment of piloting ammonia transfer at anchorage; assumed TR 56 guidelines developed for LNG bunkering for determining safety zone at anchorage
- + Safety zones for breakbulk and bunkering pilots at anchorage determined **deterministically** and **probabilistically**
- + Sensitivity analyses carried out with varying **flow rates** and **transfer frequencies**

* Based on a "most credible" loss scenario of a small leak (10 mm diameter) in pipe/hose

MHD guidelines: National Environment Agency (NEA) Singapore (2016). "QRA Criteria Guidance," Revision No. 3, 9th November 2016

Safety Assessments are Defined by Operating and Risks Assumptions to Comply with Local Regulations

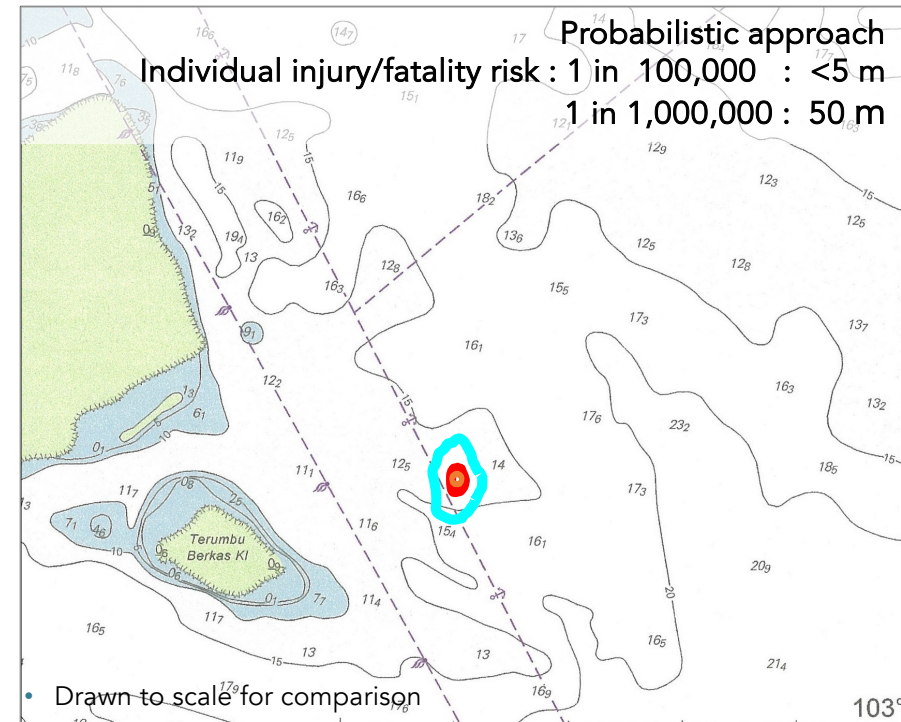
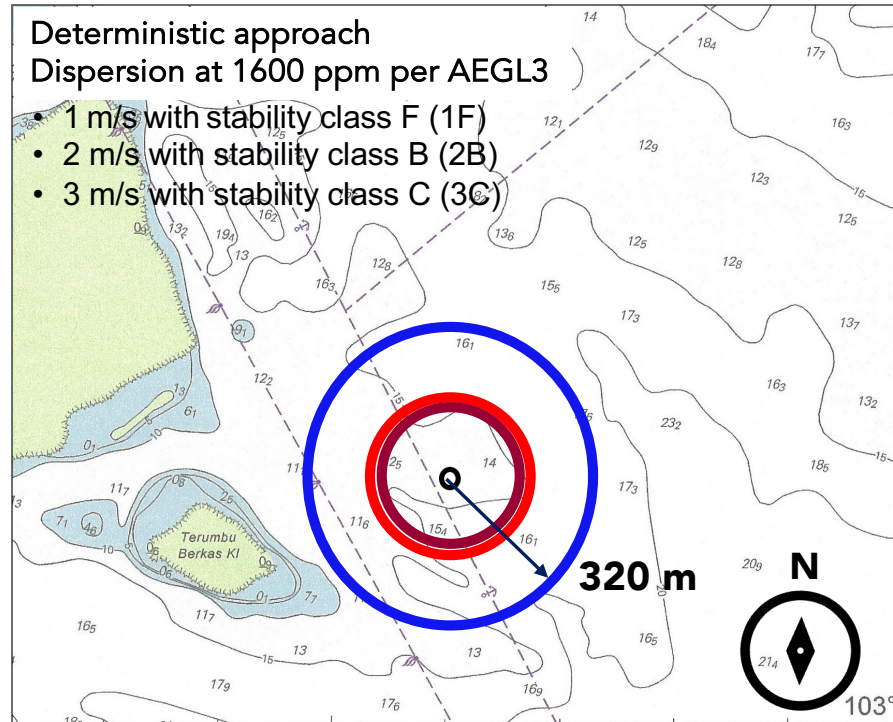


- + Examples of operating assumptions
 - + Transfer frequency and duration
 - + Flowrates, pressure and temperature

- + Examples of environmental assumptions
 - + Meteorological conditions
 - + Location of transfer

- + Example of risks assumptions
 - + Potential failure cases
 - + Leak frequencies for equipment
 - + Leak size
 - + Credible events

Representative safety zones at Raffles Reserve Anchorage



- + Risk assessment and safety zone estimation consider lay persons not involved pilot
- + Injury and fatality risks low given **limited number** of pilots and **small inventory volume**
- + Safety zones are **≈300 m**, subject to ALARP; this distance is comparable with that initially estimated for LNG bunkering (500 m)

Safety Radius is Not Directly Proportional to Inventory Release

Case No. and Description	Hole Size (mm)	Pressure (barg)	Temp. (Deg.C)	Flow rate (m3/hr)	Inventory Released (kg)	Maximum Radius (m)*
Case 1: This case modelled a release at the manifold location	10	4	-32.9	350	259	205
Case 2: This case modelled a release at the piping from the tank to the header on the ABV	10	4	-32.9	350	476	320

*Concentration Tracked (AEGL-3, 1600 ppm), 1F wind condition

- 1 m/s with stability class F (1F)
 - 2 m/s with stability class B (2B)
 - 3 m/s with stability class C (3C)
- **Maximum safety radius still subjected to ALARP considerations**

Local regulatory guidelines were considered

IR (fatality) (Cumulative risk of fatality/year)	Criteria
5E-05	Confined within boundary
5E-06	Confined to industrial developments only

IR (injury) (Cumulative risk of injury/year)	Criteria
3E-07	Confined to industrial and commercial developments only and shall not reach sensitive receptors

IR (Fatality) for On-site Occupied Buildings (Cumulative risk of fatality/year)	Criteria
1E-03	Shall not exceed

- + According to the QRA guidelines for any land site, the cumulative risk shall be estimated and compared with the acceptance criteria
- + DNV estimated the cumulative risk after qualitatively combining risk results from existing operations (i.e., excluding ammonia transfer operations) with the proposed ammonia transfer operations



Learnings generalised as guidebook



Guidebook on handling ammonia as a **fuel**

Part 1: Introduction

Part 2: Requirements for **custody transfer**

Part 3: Bunkering and **safety** procedures

Part 4: **Competency** requirements for shipboard and shore personnel

*Enable **training** of seafarers and operators:*

- + Incorporated into SMA's *Advanced Training for Ships Subject to the IGF code* curriculum
- + First course offered in March 2023; 14 industry participants
- + June 2023 course open for registration

*Help shape **bunkering standards** domestically and internationally:*

- + Submit guidebook to Standards Development Organisation of Singapore Standards Council's Chemical Standards Committee, May 2023
- + Participate in ammonia bunkering working group to refine and finalise technical reference
- + Engage international standards organisations, like OCIMF, SGMF, SIGTTO

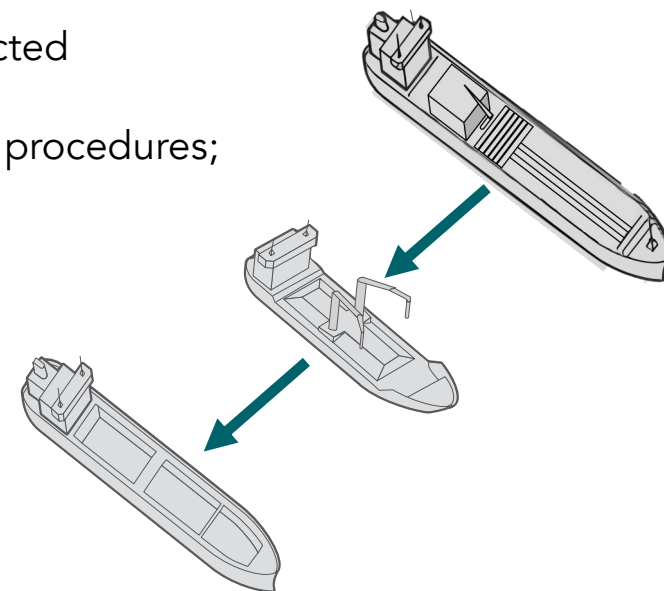
Learnings from study in preparation for STS pilot

- + Use **deterministic** safety zones to scope pilots
- + Mitigate risks further by **reducing inventory** transferred and/or transfer **duration**
- + Operate at **flow rates** close to design specification; operating at flow rates substantially lower than specification can result in two-phase flow that has larger dispersion zones during a leak
- + Leverage **experienced personnel**, e.g., those who have sailed on ammonia-carrier vessels, for pilot
- + Install **automatic** emergency shutdown devices and emergency release couplings to minimise reaction time, and **at strategic locations** to minimise inventory loss during a leak
- + Deploy other **precautionary measures**, like double-walled pipes and secondary containment
- + Integrate **water curtains** for small leaks (water curtains are less effective for large leaks)
- + All personnel involved with pilot should use **appropriate PPE**

STS ammonia transfer to build confidence + competence

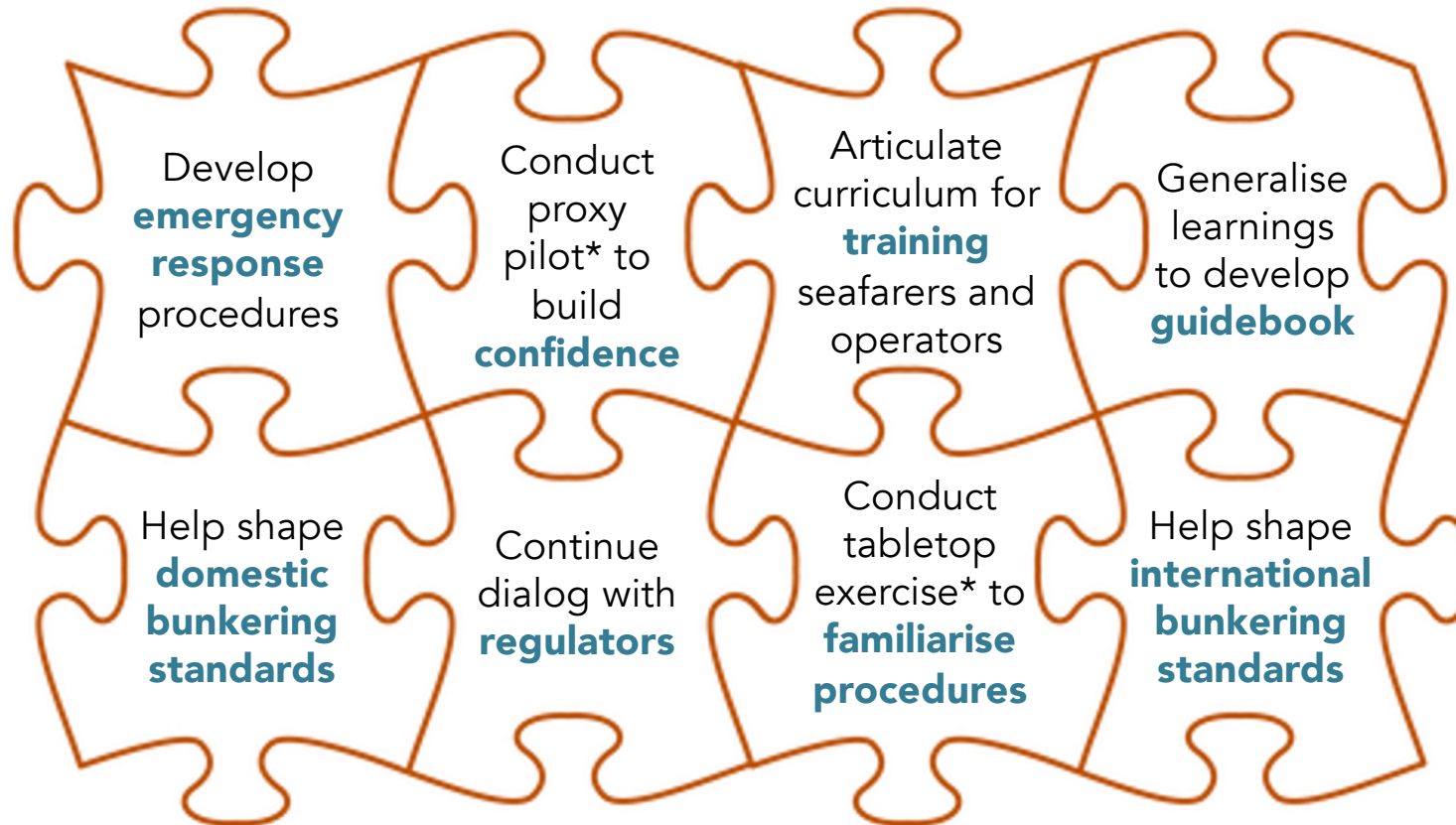


- + Scoping ammonia transfer pilot to take place in port waters of Singapore
- + Identified two ammonia carriers of different sizes; transfers will mimic breakbulk and bunkering
- + Detailed safety assessment, including HAZID, HAZOP, QRA to be conducted
- + Currently speaking with OSRL/BlueTack to develop emergency response procedures; identifying STS service provider to help execute pilot
- + Ongoing conversations with regulatory agencies
- + Discussions ongoing to develop process for cargo integrity assurance
- + “Learning by doing” to build confidence, competence and capability



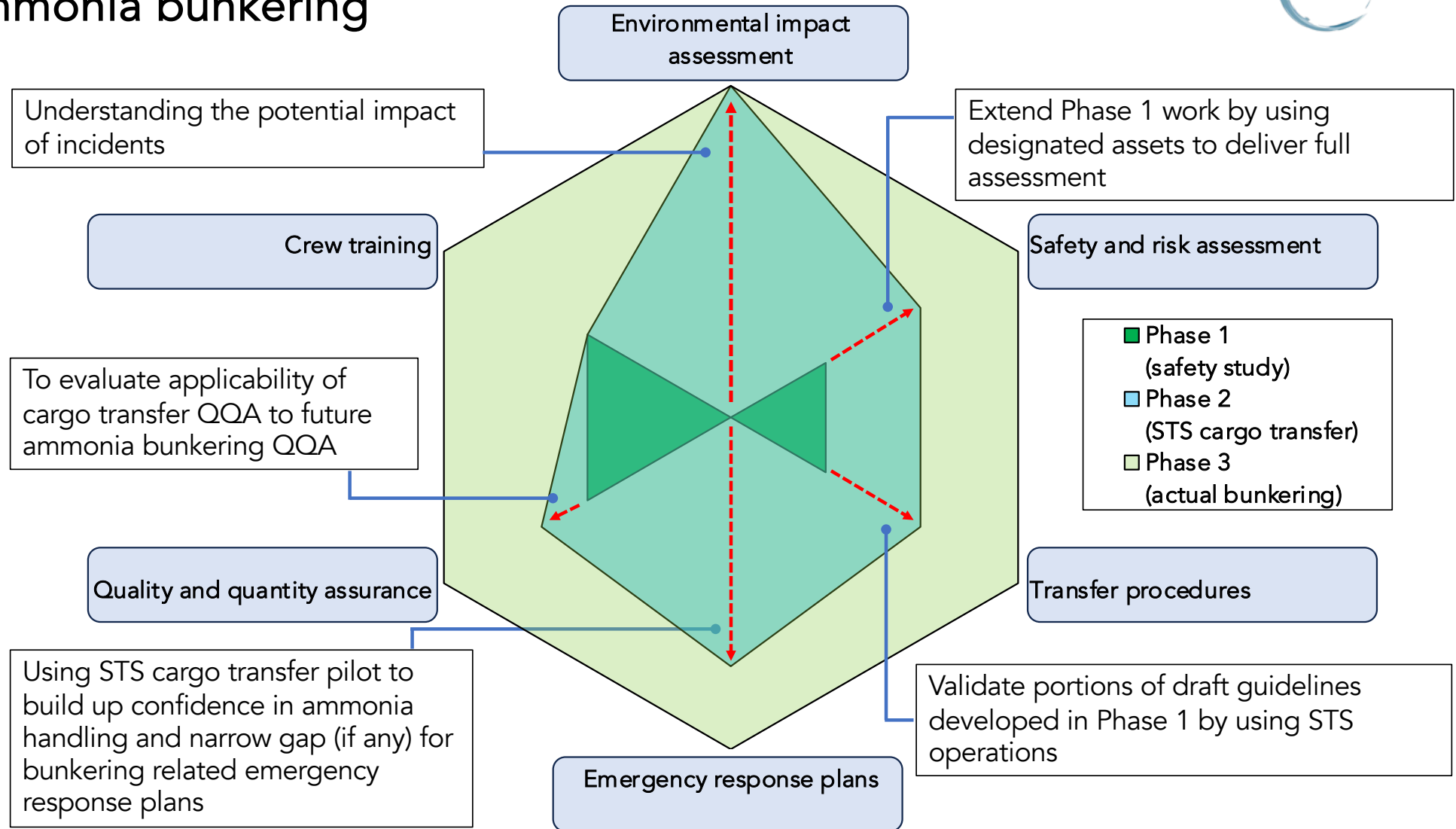
Exercise will pave the way for an eventual bunkering pilot when ammonia-fueled vessels become available

Leveraging study to mobilise the pieces

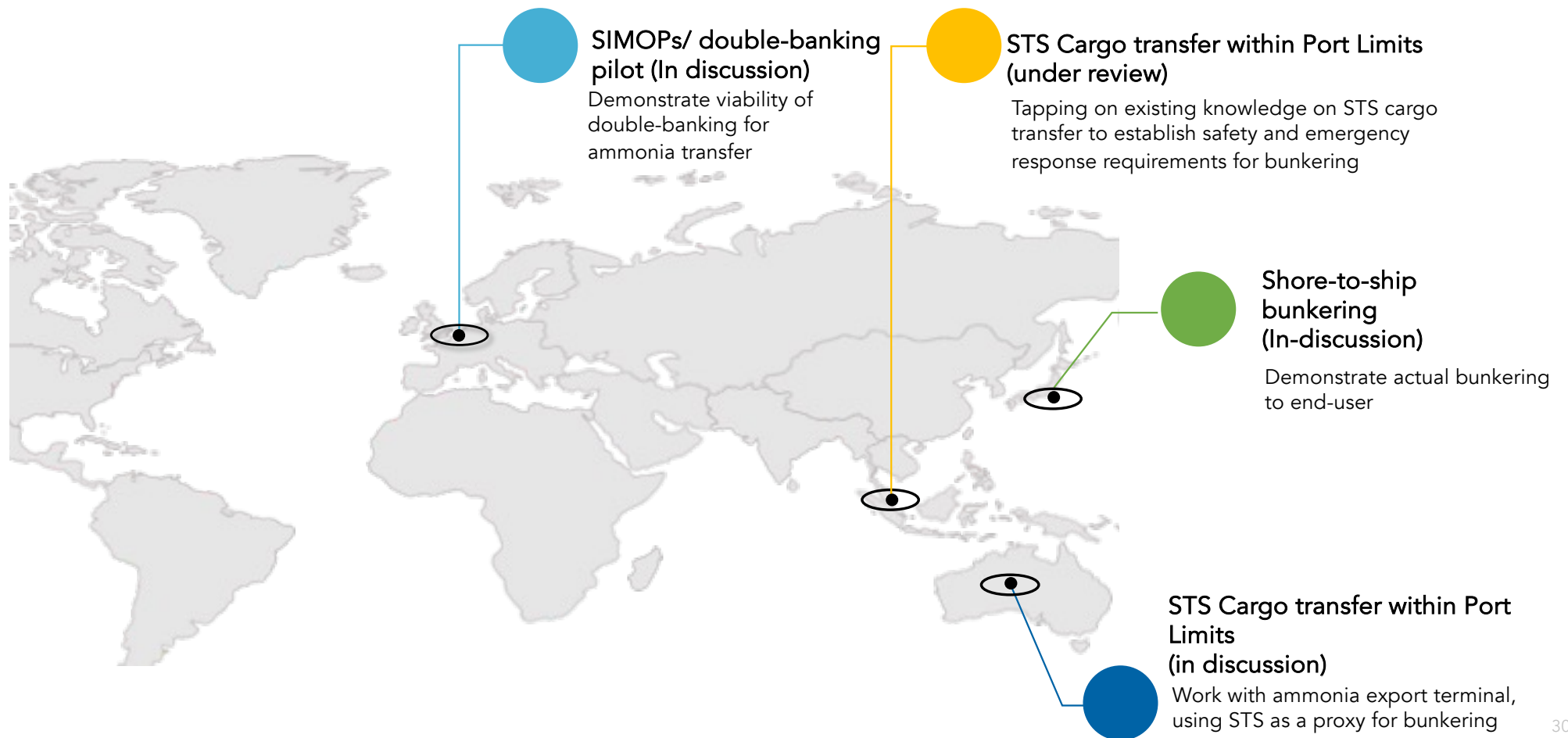


* Alongside regulators and with regulatory approvals

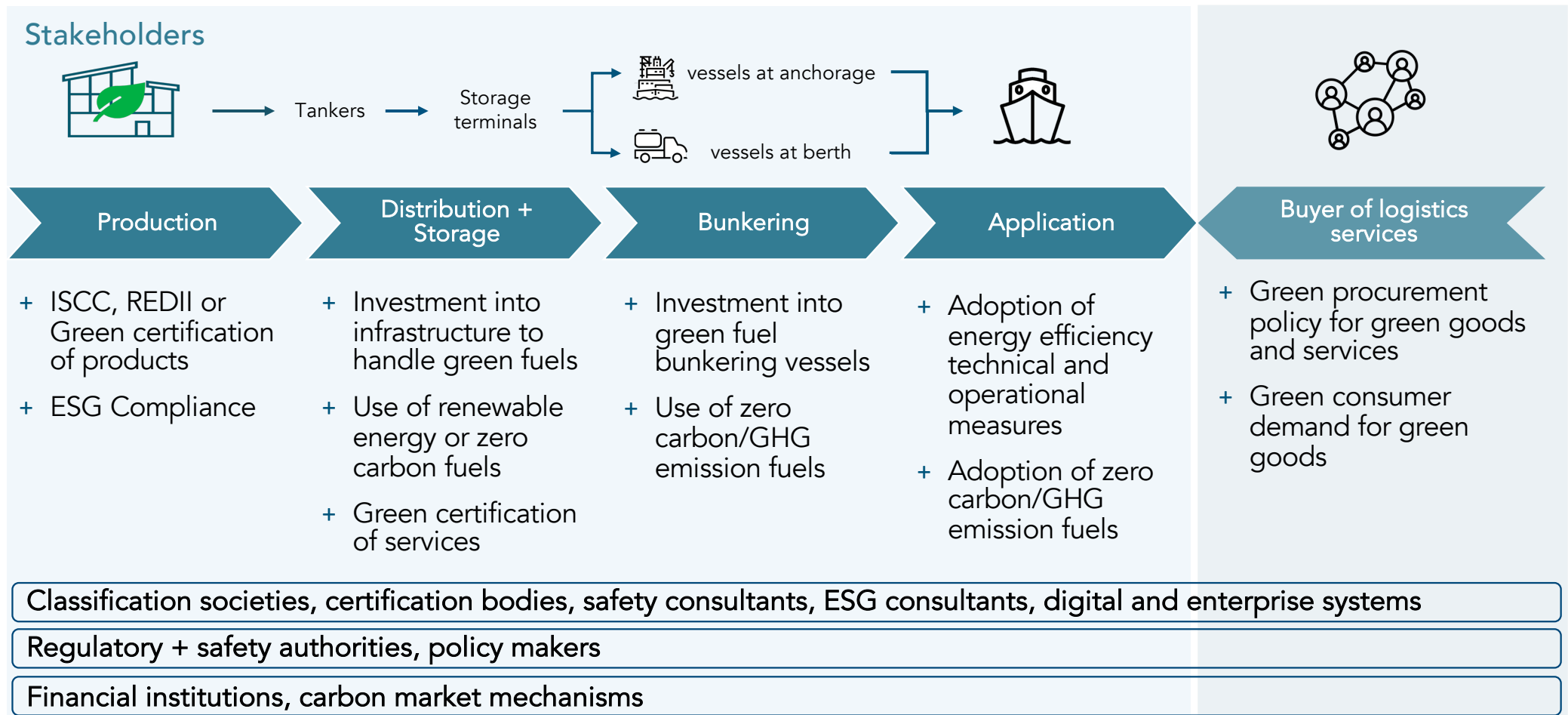
Phased approach to close gaps of key drivers to ensure safe ammonia bunkering



Building up capabilities through complementary trials



Complete greening of the maritime supply chain requires all stakeholders across the value chain to play their role



Collaborating with the right partners to ensure success



To establish the use of ammonia as a marine fuel, we overcome the paralysis of the risk adverse by collaborating with partners that are highly risk aware.




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