

# Alternative Fuel Gas Turbines

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# ETF Alternative Fuels Gas Turbine – Key Objectives

Clean, remote power generation - Accelerating development of gas turbines (or reciprocating engines) capable of running on clean fuels.

Develop a zero-carbon fuel **retrofit** solution for aero-derivative gas turbines.

Stimulate growth in the local alternative fuel production market by creating new local **demand**.

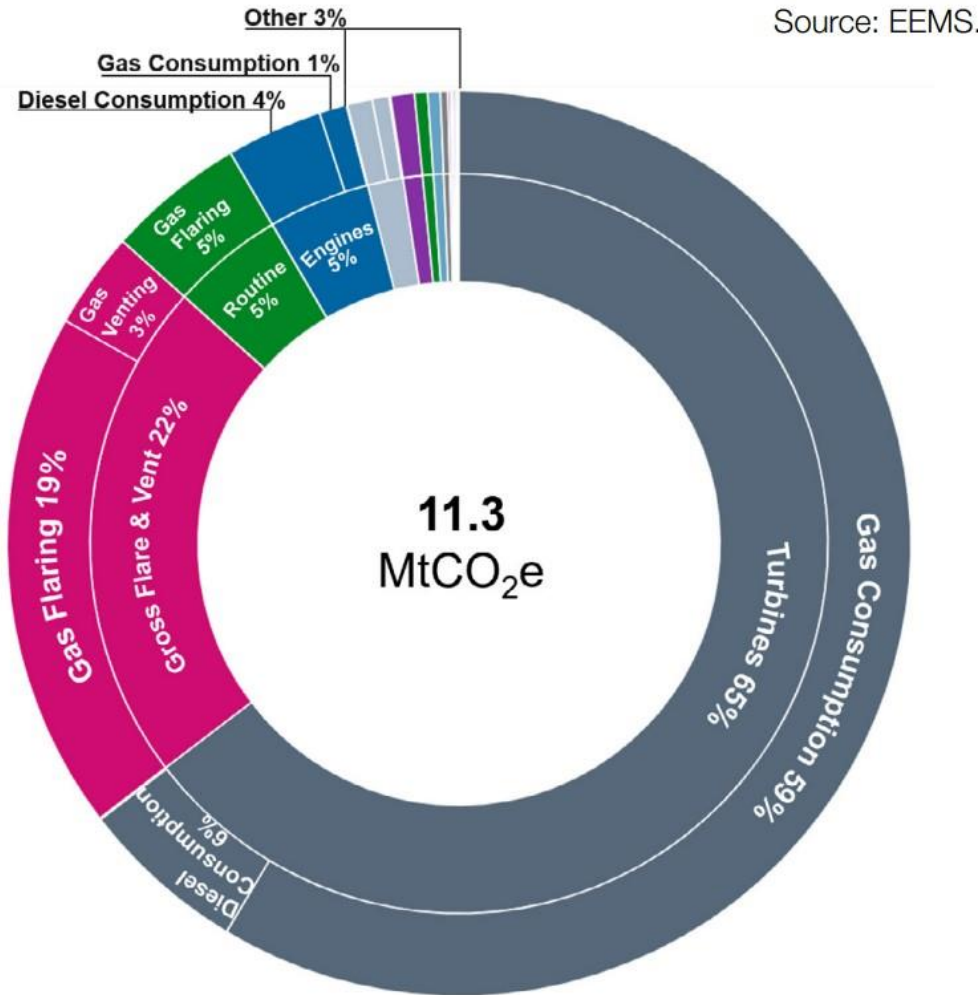
Extend field life and delay decommissioning of UKCS assets by improving operating efficiency.

Anchor Scotland's existing gas turbine supply chain in this new market – by performing the R&D and developing the technology and skills locally.

Create and sustain Scottish jobs in the gas turbine repair and maintenance sector, through exporting the technology and skills to other sectors and countries.

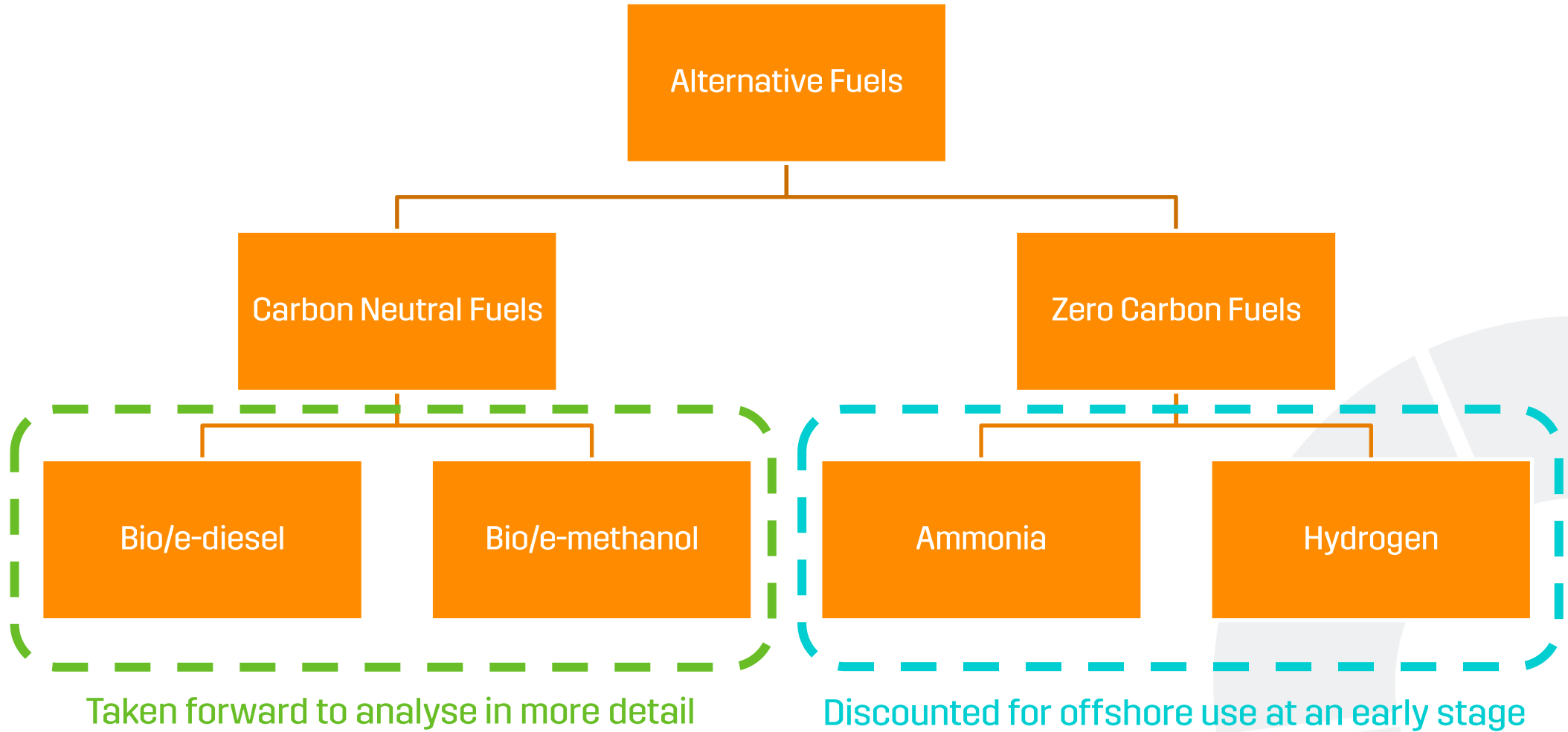


# Why Alternative Fuels?



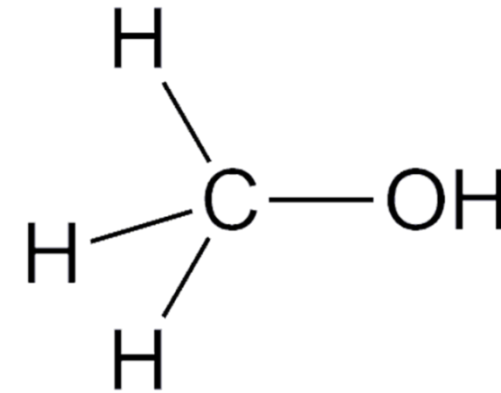
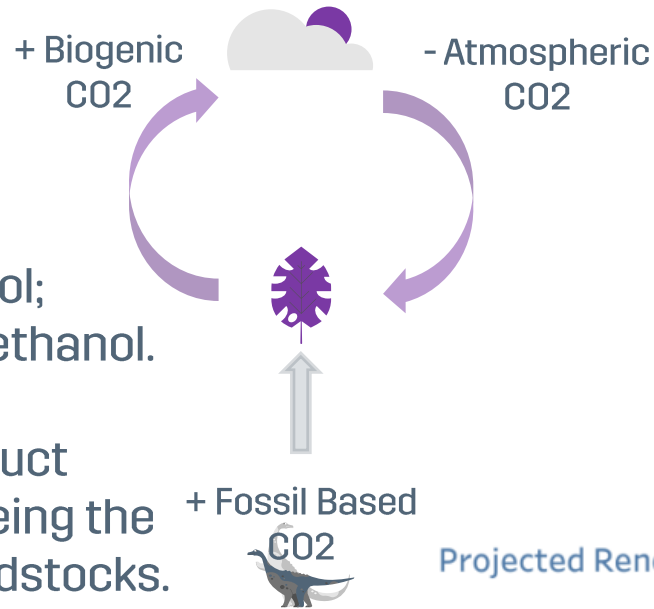
GHG Emission Reduction from 2018 Baseline	Year
10%	2025
25%	2027
50%	2030
100% (Net Zero)	2050

# Alternative Fuels

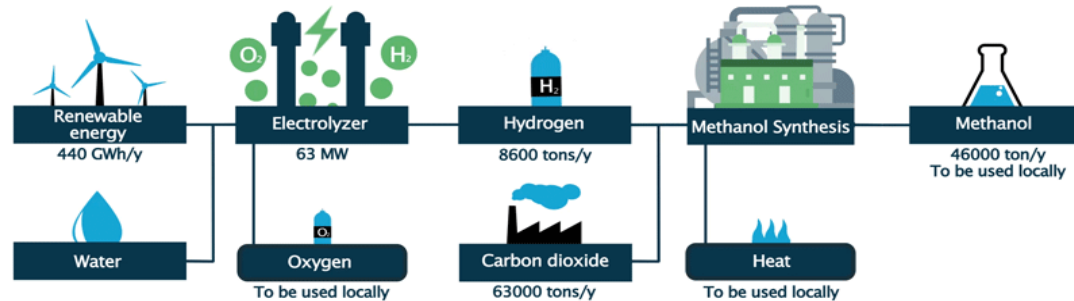
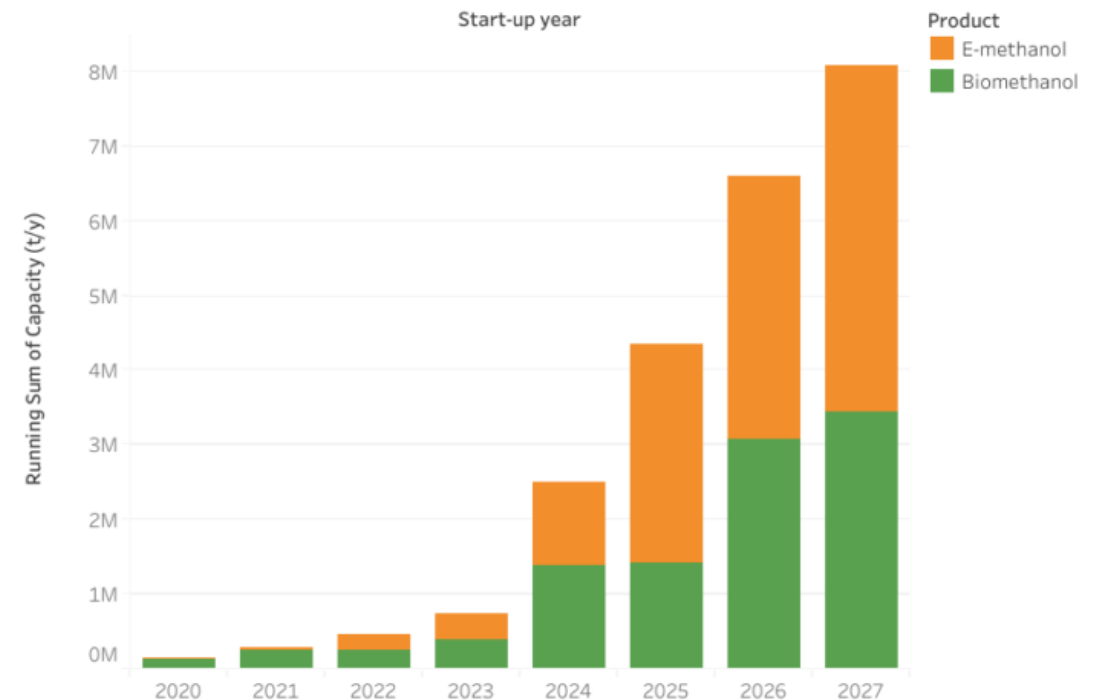


# Green Methanol

- Simplest of the alcohols
- There are different types of methanol; including conventional, bio and e-methanol.
- All three have identical end product properties, with the differentiator being the production processes and input feedstocks.
- To be considered green, all feedstocks and energy used to produce the medium must be of renewable sources, as defined by RED II.



Projected Renewable Methanol Production Capacity



# Ecotoxicological Values



LC50 96hour

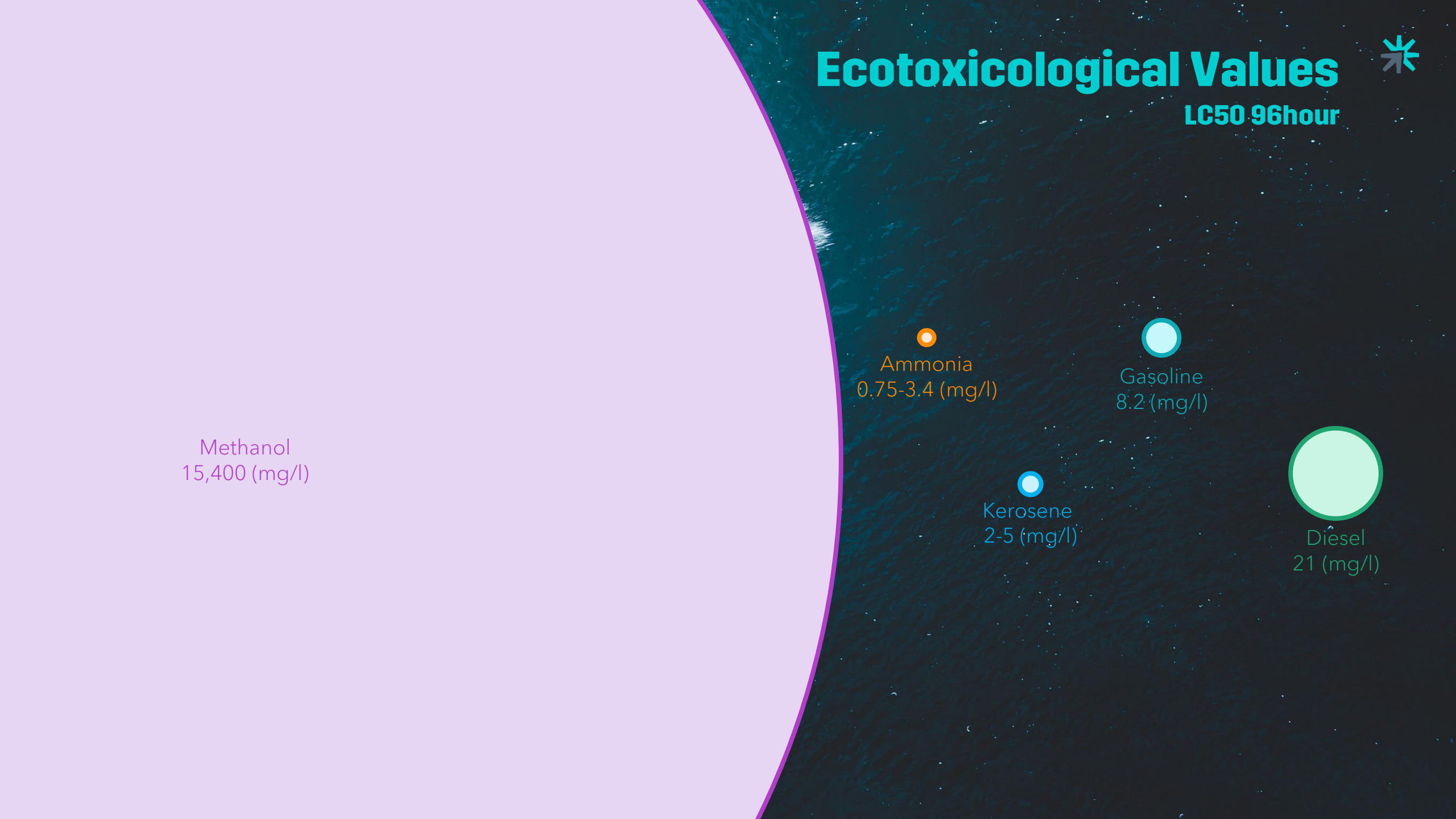
Methanol  
15,400 (mg/l)

Ammonia  
0.75-3.4 (mg/l)

Gasoline  
8.2 (mg/l)

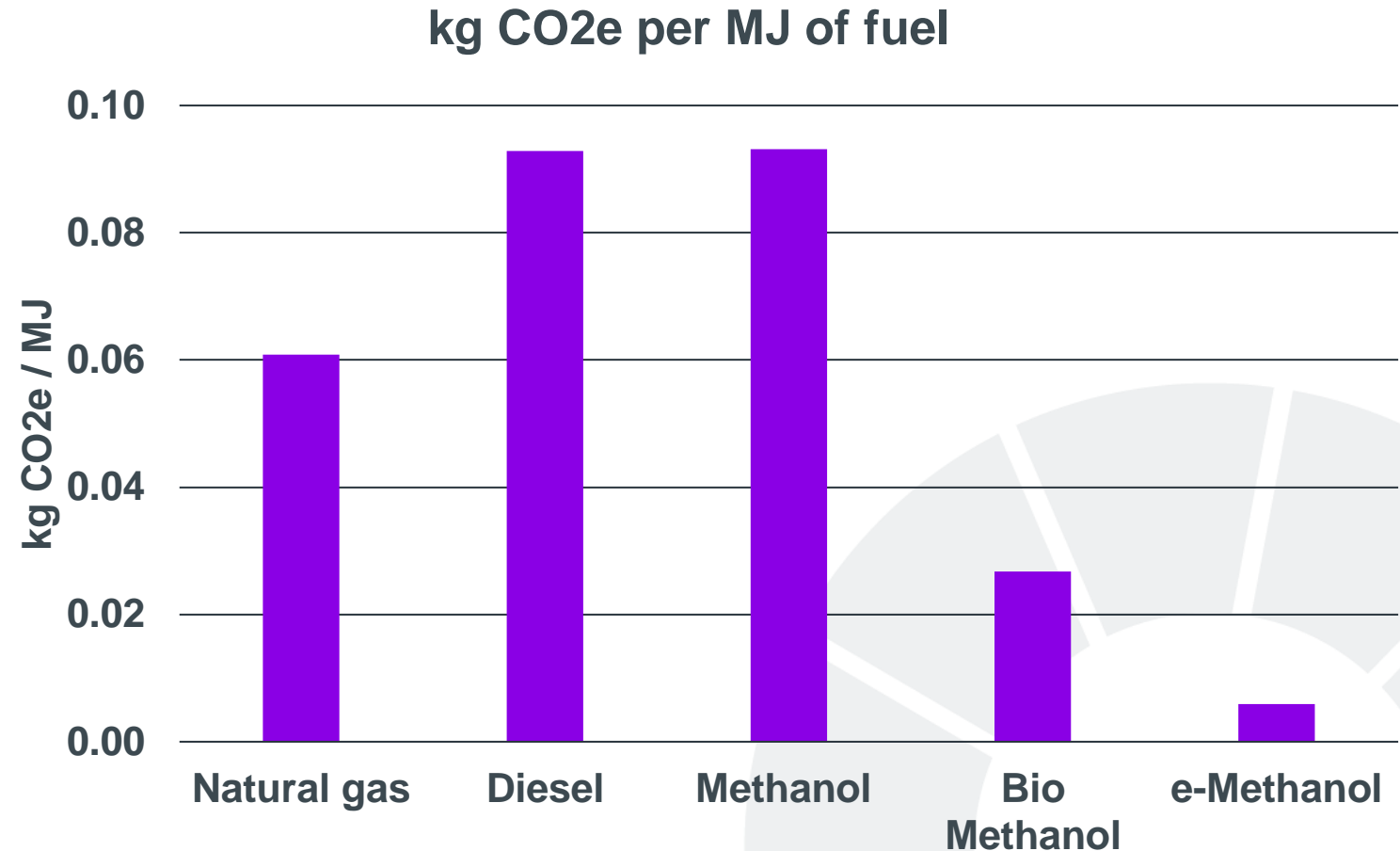
Kerosene  
2-5 (mg/l)

Diesel  
21 (mg/l)

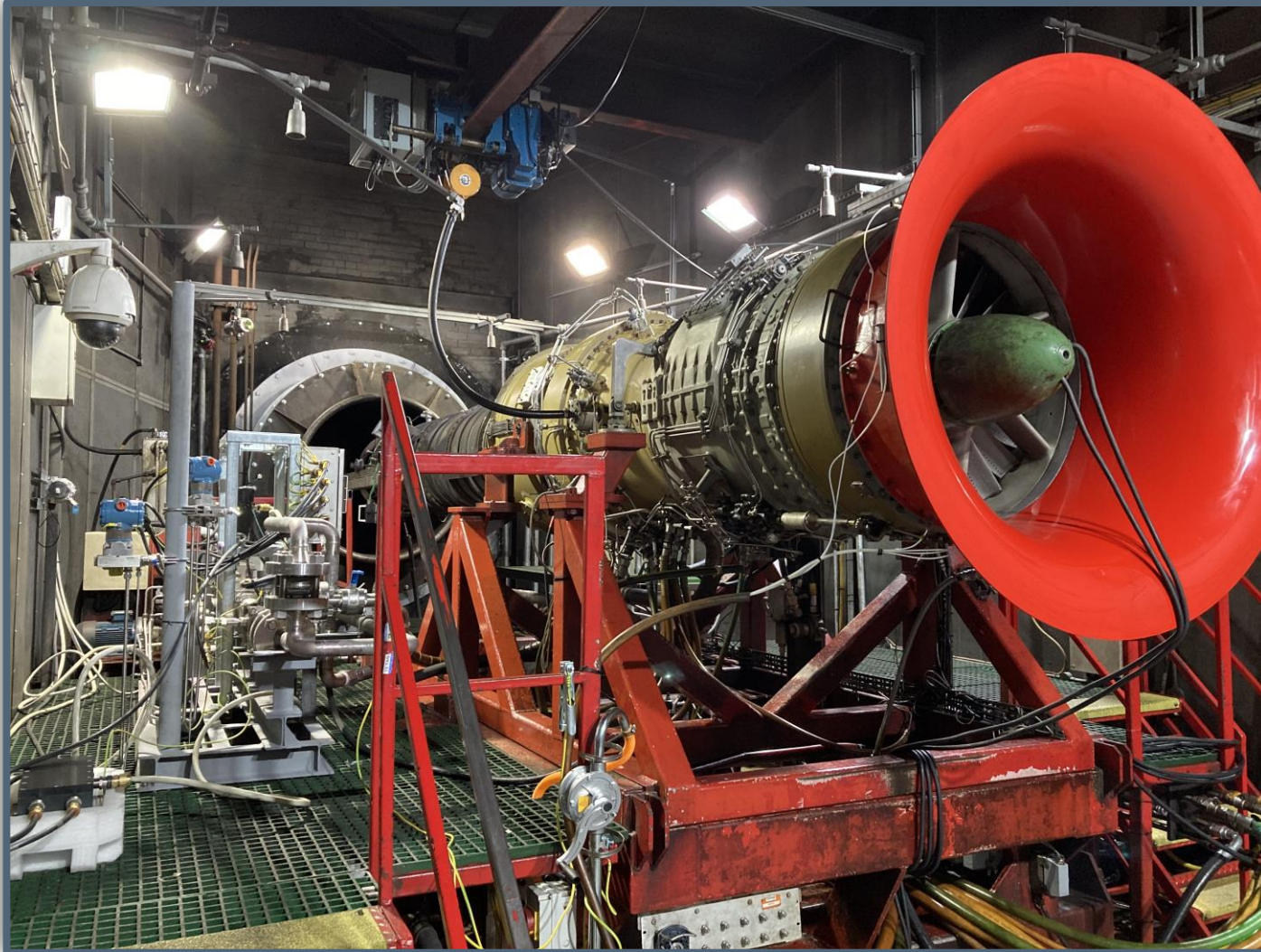


# Green Methanol - Combustion

- Methanol can be synthetically manufactured using green hydrogen and captured CO<sub>2</sub> (e-methanol) or created from Biomass (Bio-methanol)
- Proven up to 80% reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> from non-DLE gas turbines – improving air quality and reducing smog
- Methanol eliminates SO<sub>2</sub>, PM and smoke emissions
- Methanol burns cleaner and cooler than conventional liquid fuels, extending the field life of turbines



# Bio-Methanol Demonstration Test

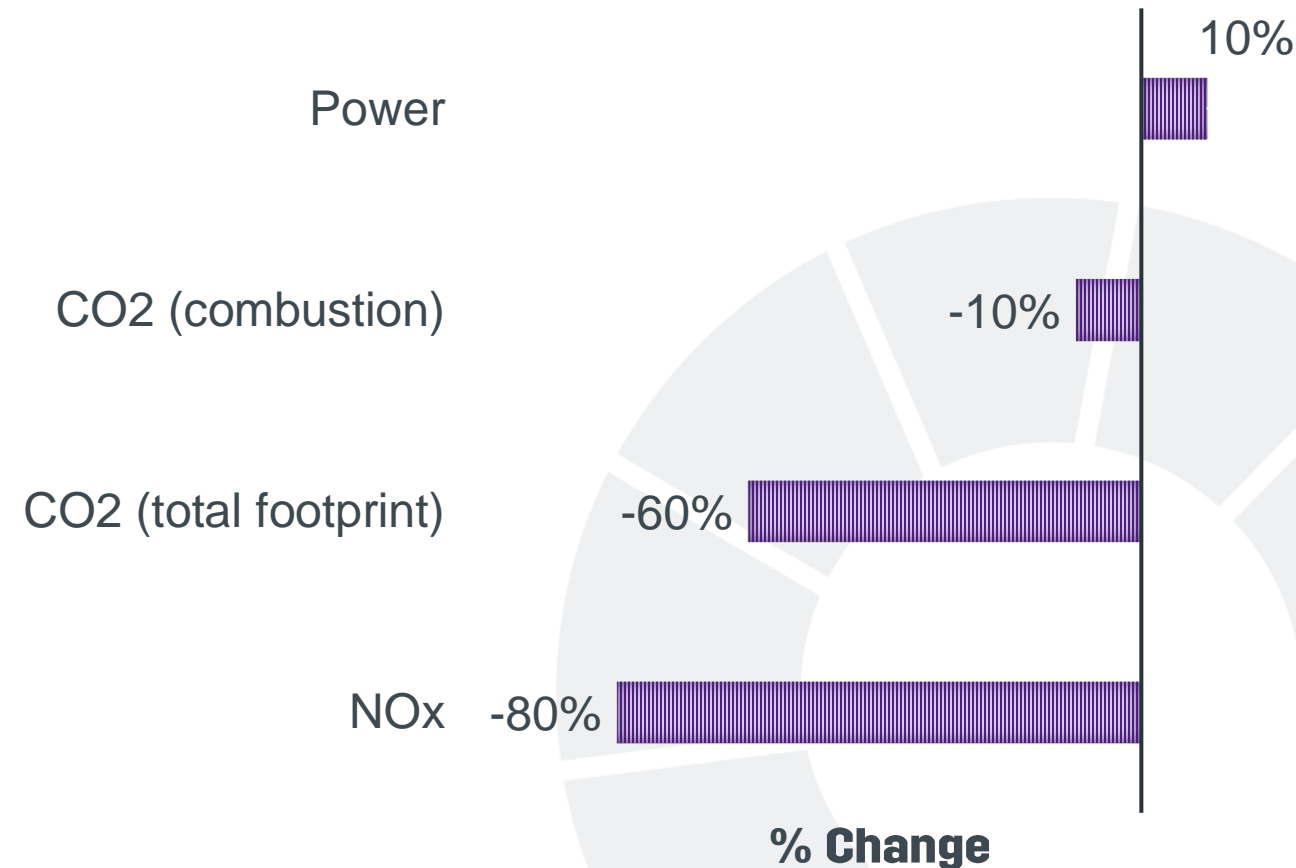




# Bio-methanol test results

- 10% Power increase at same operating temperature ✓
- 80% NOx reduction ✓
- No impact on CO emissions ✓
- 10% CO2 reduction from direct combustion – total 60% reduction in total CO2 footprint of fuel ✓
- Operability ✓
- Start up on methanol fuel ✓
- Shutdown on methanol fuel ✓
- Demonstration of safe system and gas turbine operation ✓

## BIO-METHANOL DEMONSTRATION TEST RESULTS - DIFFERENCE TO JET A1 FUEL

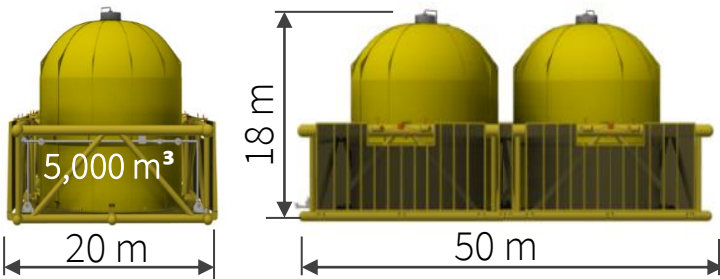
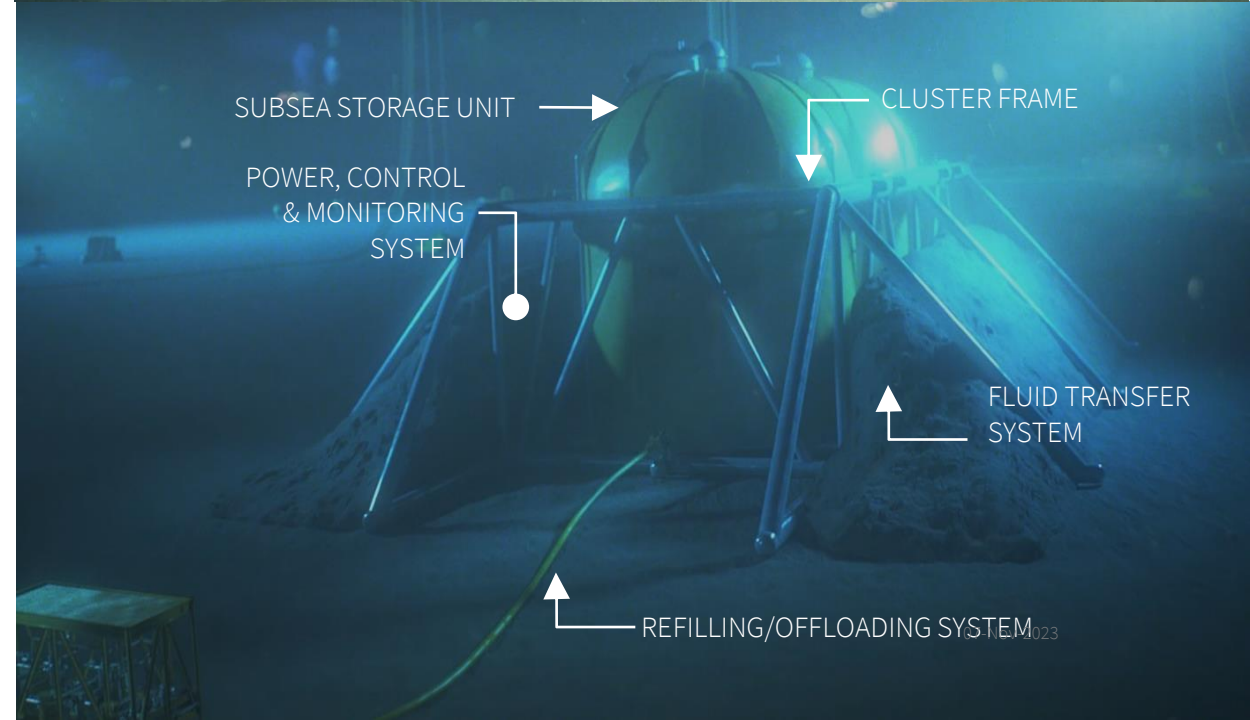
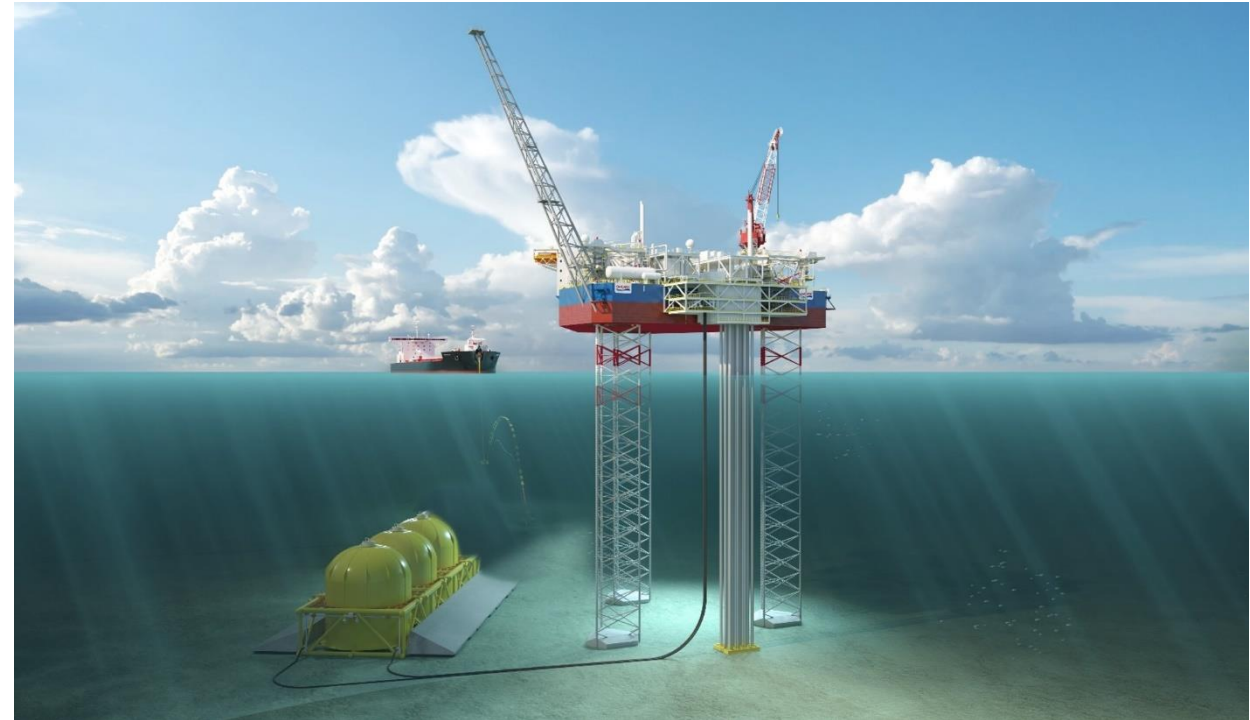


# Subsea Energy Storage

Ammonia/methanol



- Storage/bunkering at ambient pressure and temperature, by environmental conditions
- Flexible size and capacity
  - up to 10,000m<sup>3</sup> with a cluster frame up to 50,000m<sup>3</sup>
  - Protective structure in fiberglass, GRP
- Continuous level monitoring and leakage detection



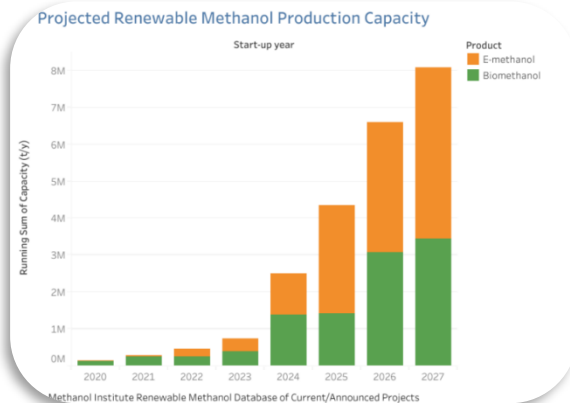
# White papers

## E-methanol



Landscaping study on e-MeOH.

Study Completed in February 2023. Available to download on NZTC website.

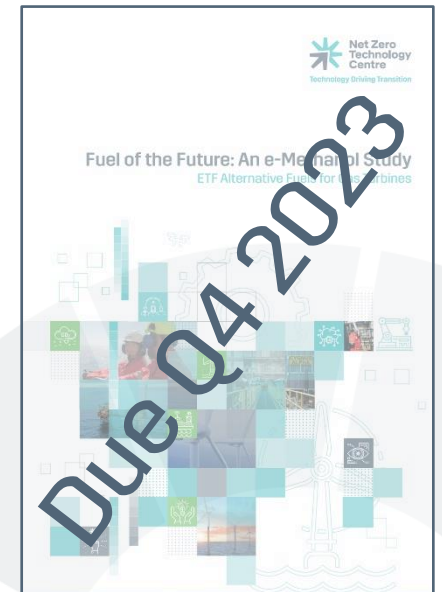
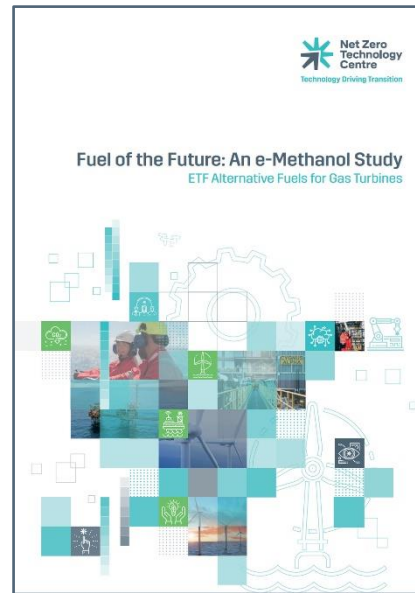


## Alternative Diesel



Landscaping study on Diesel Alternatives, including FAME, HVO and e-diesel.

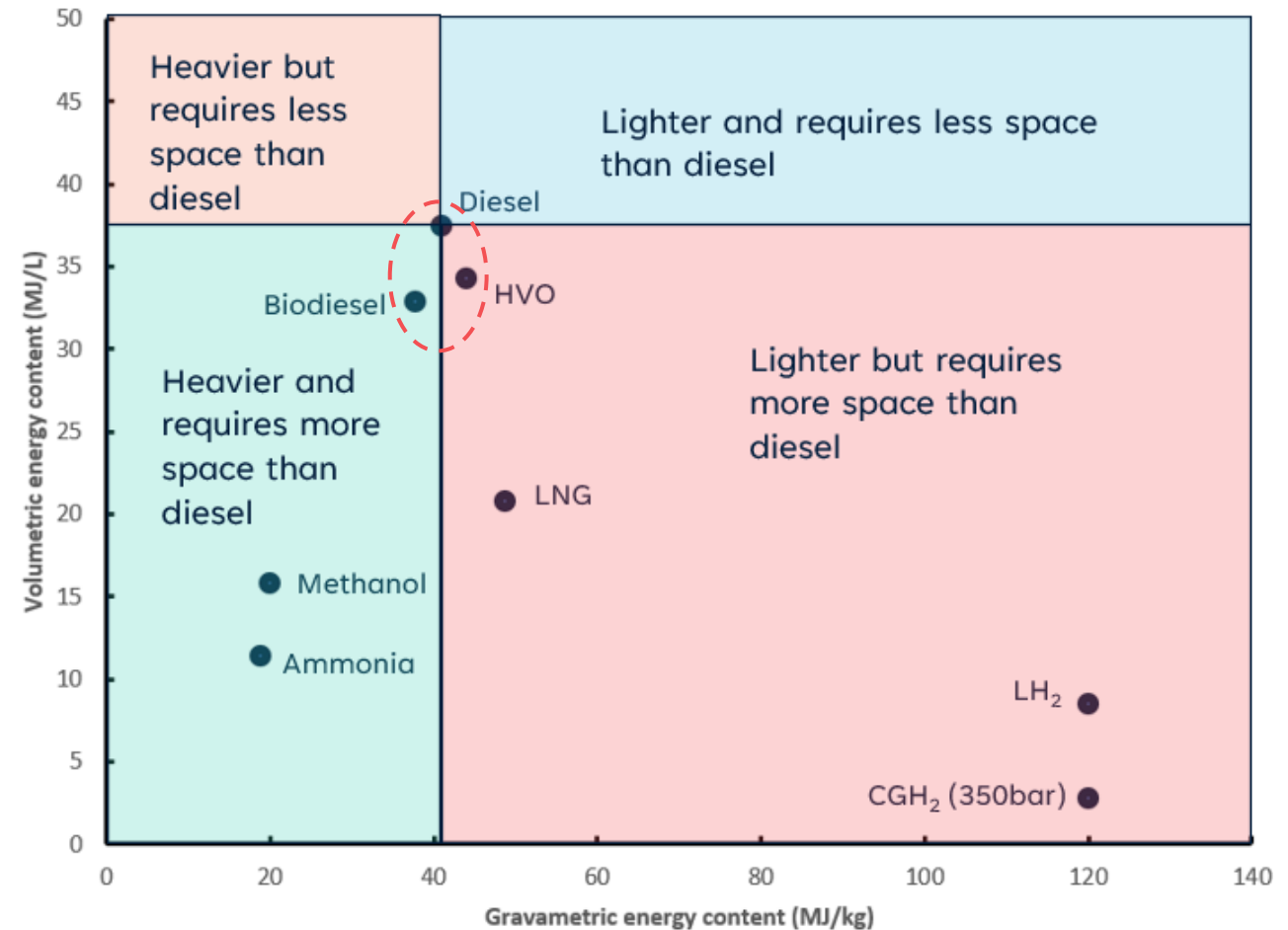
Study Due in Q4 2023. Will be publicly available.



# Why alternative diesels



- The only alternative fuel with similar gravimetric and volumetric energy content to fossil diesel
- Compatible with the majority of existing equipment that operate on diesel
- Significant reduction in GHG emissions on a lifecycle basis



# Alternative diesel



## Biodiesel (FAME - Fatty Acid Methyl Ester)

- Transesterification

## HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil)/Green Diesel/Renewable Diesel

- Hydrogenation and hydrocracking

## E-diesel

- Power-to-liquid fuels (Fischer-Tropsch)

## Advanced biodiesel

- GM crop bases
- Microbial production



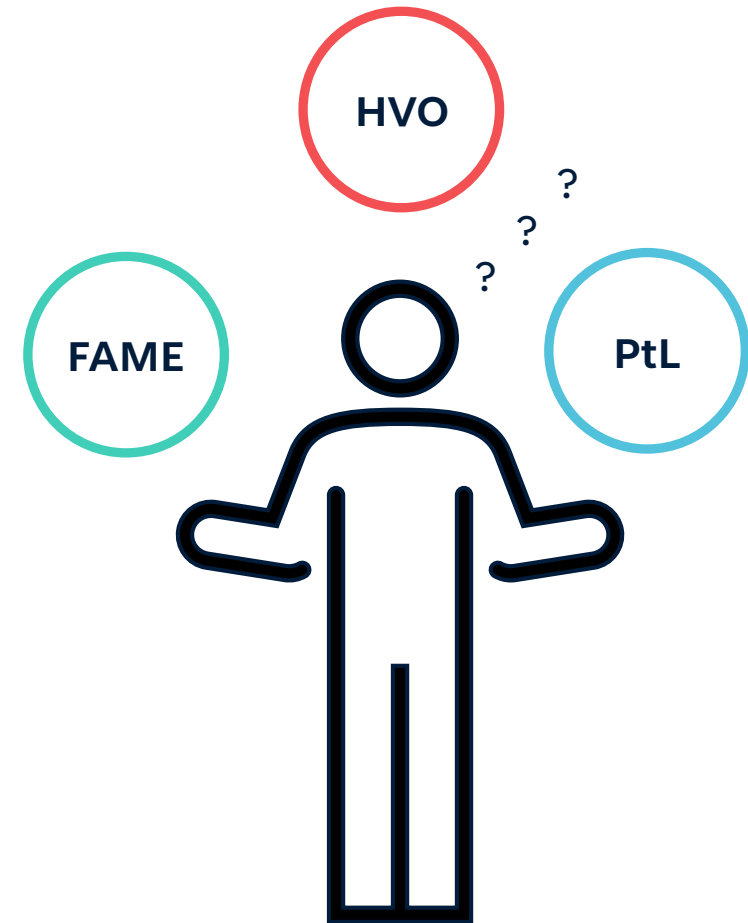
# Focus on HVO



- Properties of FAME make it unsuitable:
  - Cold weather performance
  - Gradual degradation of fuel
- eFuels (PtL) are currently only produced in small quantities and are very expensive

So why HVO:

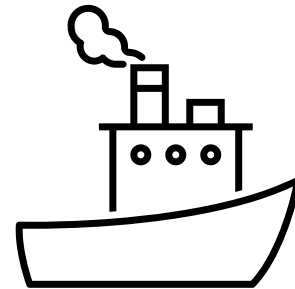
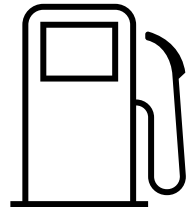
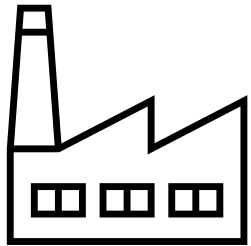
- Conforms to EN15940 and approved by numerous OEMs
- Performance similar to fossil diesel
- Up to 10-year shelf life – no oxygen content
- Can be blended with fossil diesel



# Supply chain



Production



Onshore logistics

Transportation offshore

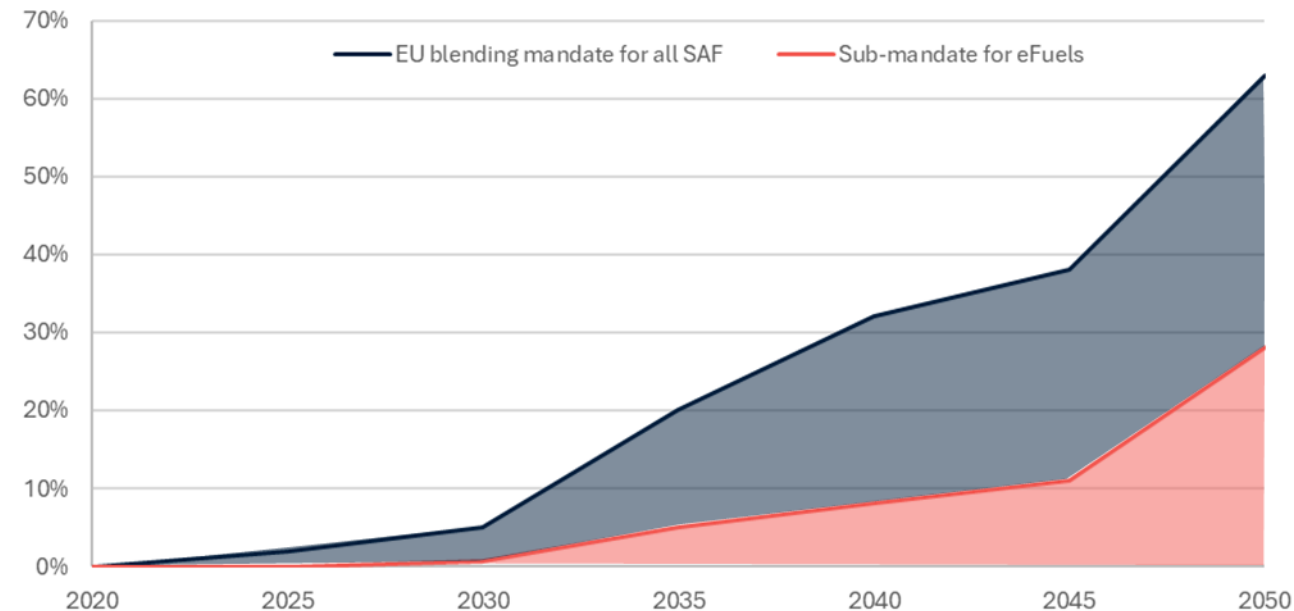
Offshore use

# Competition from other industries



- Different industries are competing for the same fuels and feedstocks to make other renewable fuels
- The aviation sector is a prime example of this with mandates in place for the use of renewables fuel
- Forecasted 2030 EU jet fuel demand is 46 million tonnes with 2.3 million tonnes having to be SAF
- SAF production utilises identical feedstocks required for the production of renewable diesel

EU blending mandates for all SAF and sub-mandate for eFuels





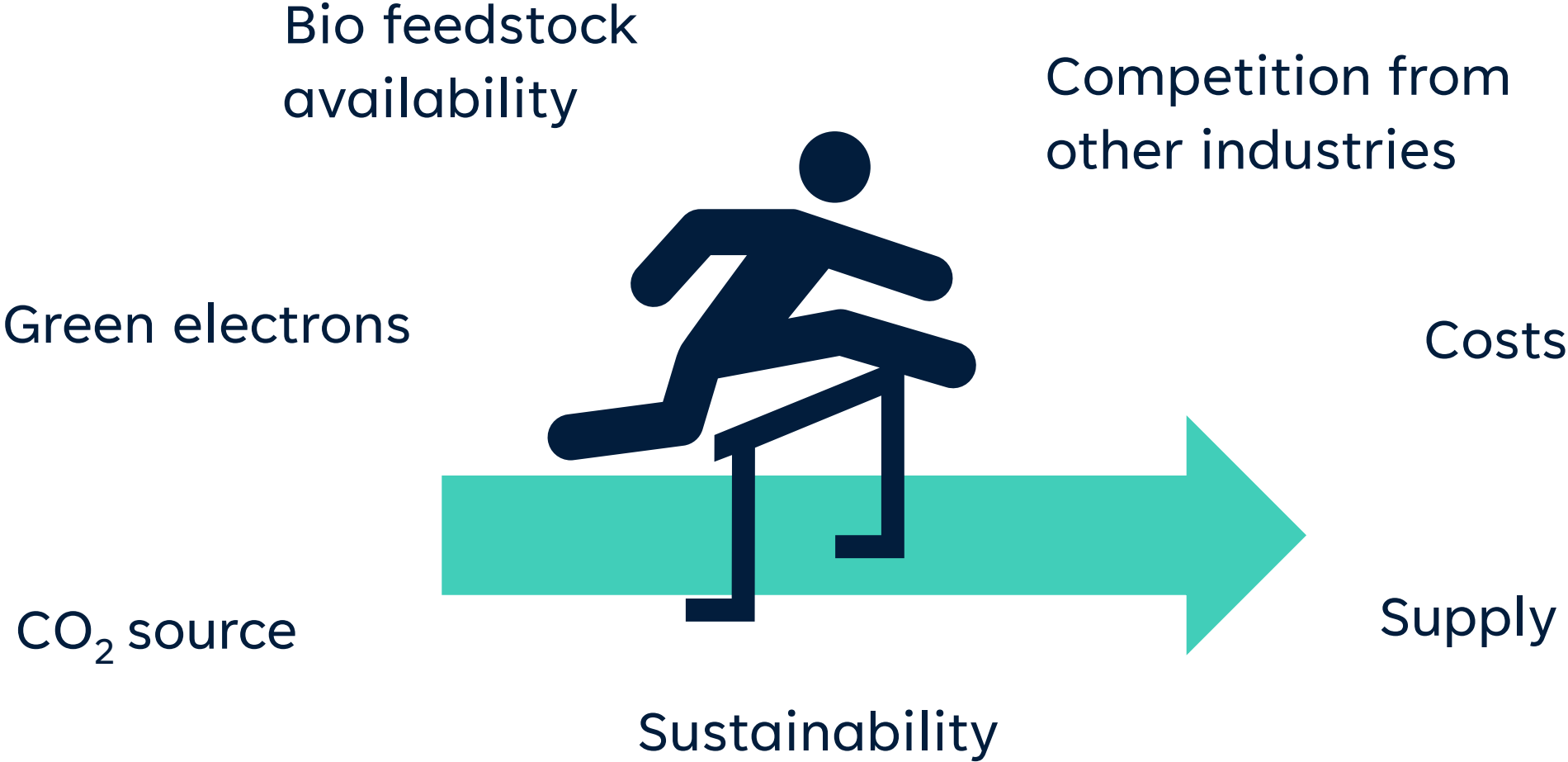
# Oil and gas opportunities



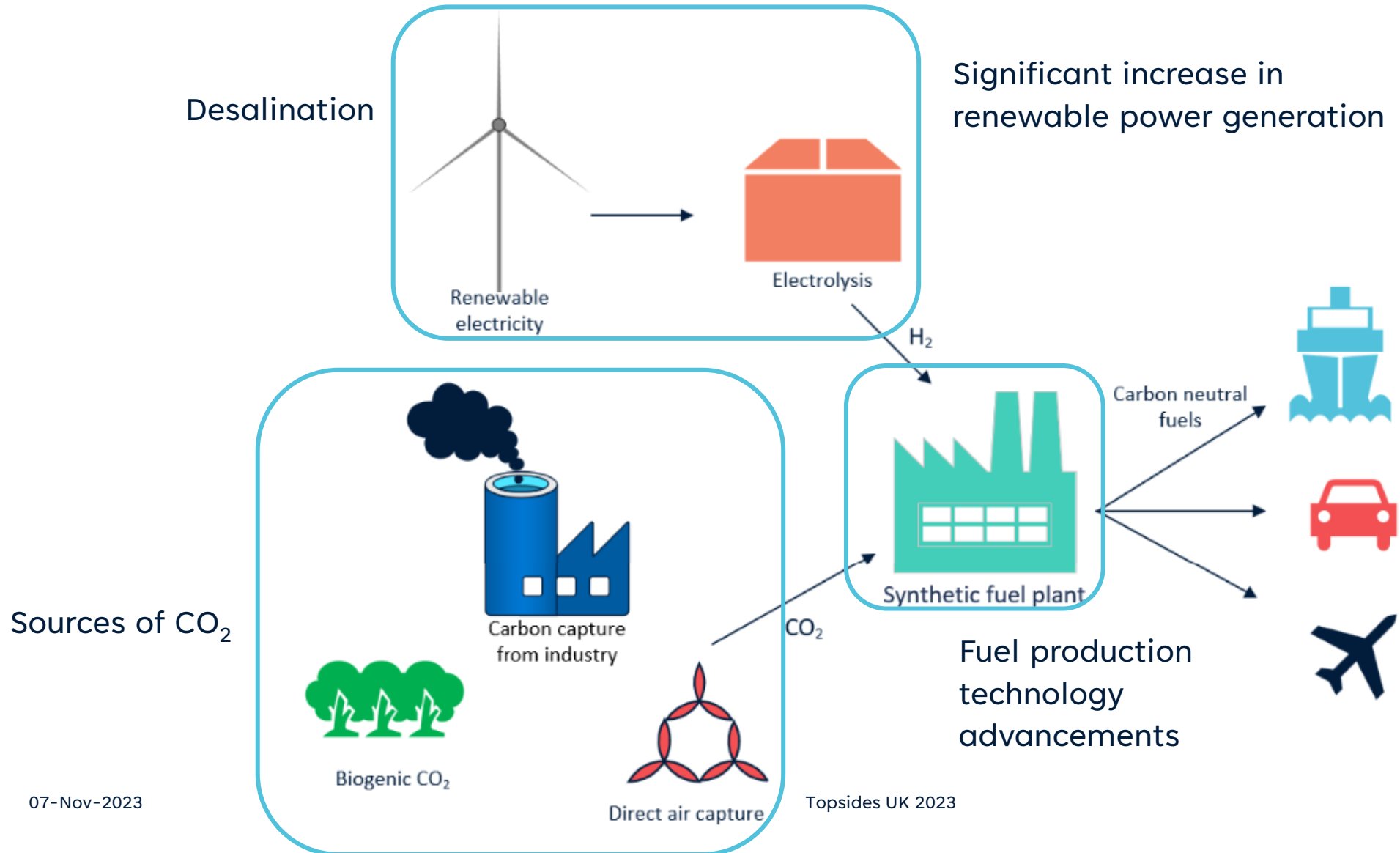
- Assets that are deficient of fuel gas
- Temporary generators during TARs
- Temporary power generation on assets that have reached COP
- Replacing current diesel use
- Replacing fossil diesel use of drill rigs
- Onshore terminals

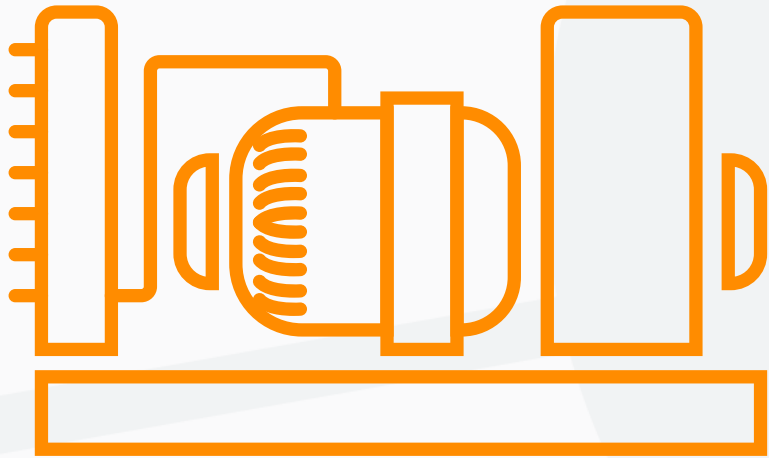


# Challenges



# Scale up scenario – what's needed





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