

# **Emissions to Air from Shipping and Future Abatement Techniques**

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# Opportunity for shipping

- 90% of all goods transports are by shipping.
- For most cases shipping is relatively fuel efficient
- Ease road congestion
- Possibilities to use alternative fuels



# External costs from shipping

billion € , worldwide, 2006

Marine Pollution

(sewage + permitted oil spills) 0.7

Air quality pollutants 184

Greenhouse gases 76

"Illegal" oil spills 44

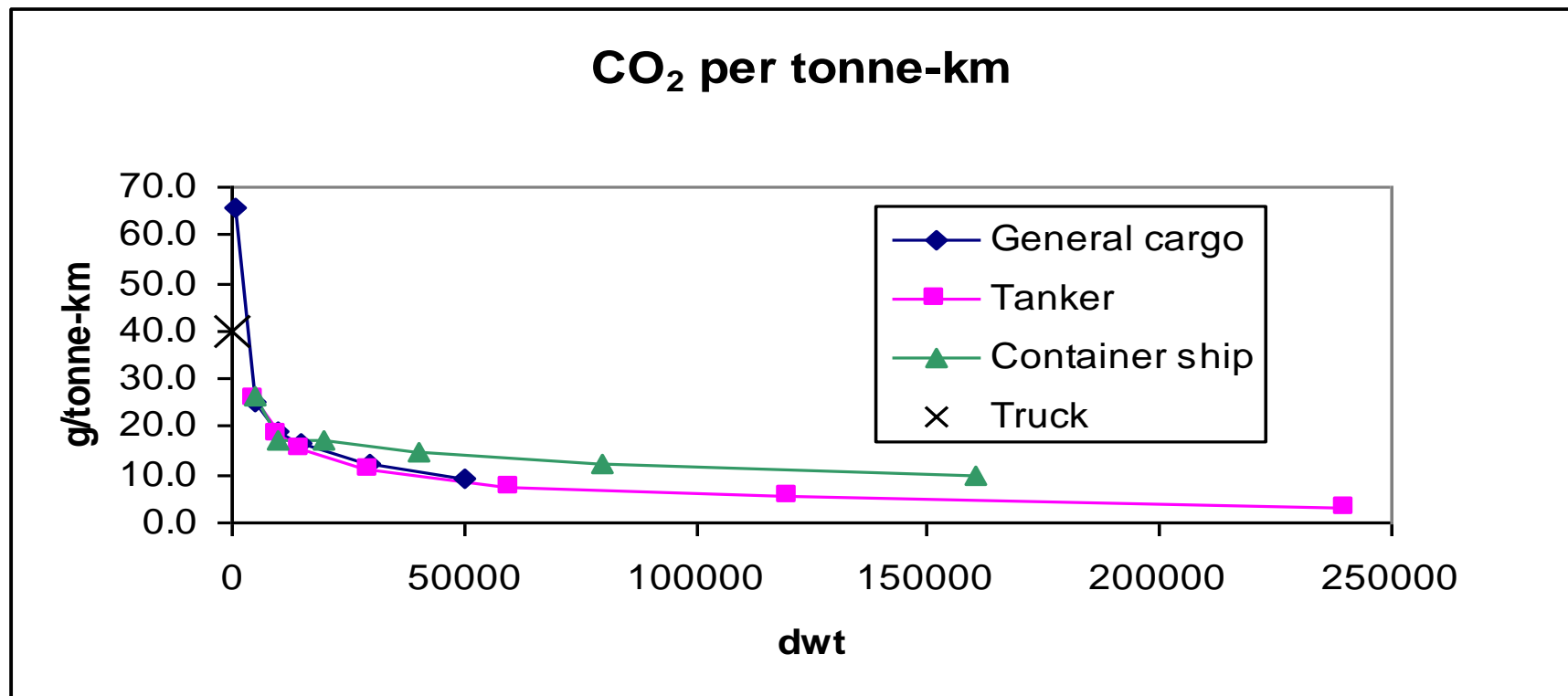
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Source: Maffii et al., External costs of maritime transport. (EU parliament 2007)

# Air pollution from shipping-overview

- Particles: Increased mortality and morbidity. PM cause 100 000 deaths annually in Europe. Shipping large source.
- SO<sub>2</sub>: Acidification and corrosion. Forms particles. Shipping major source
- NO<sub>x</sub>: Eutrophication and acidification, Particle formation. Shipping one of the dominating sources
- CO<sub>2</sub>: Climate Change (also particles and other gases)
- Ozone: Formed after NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Damages health and vegetation.

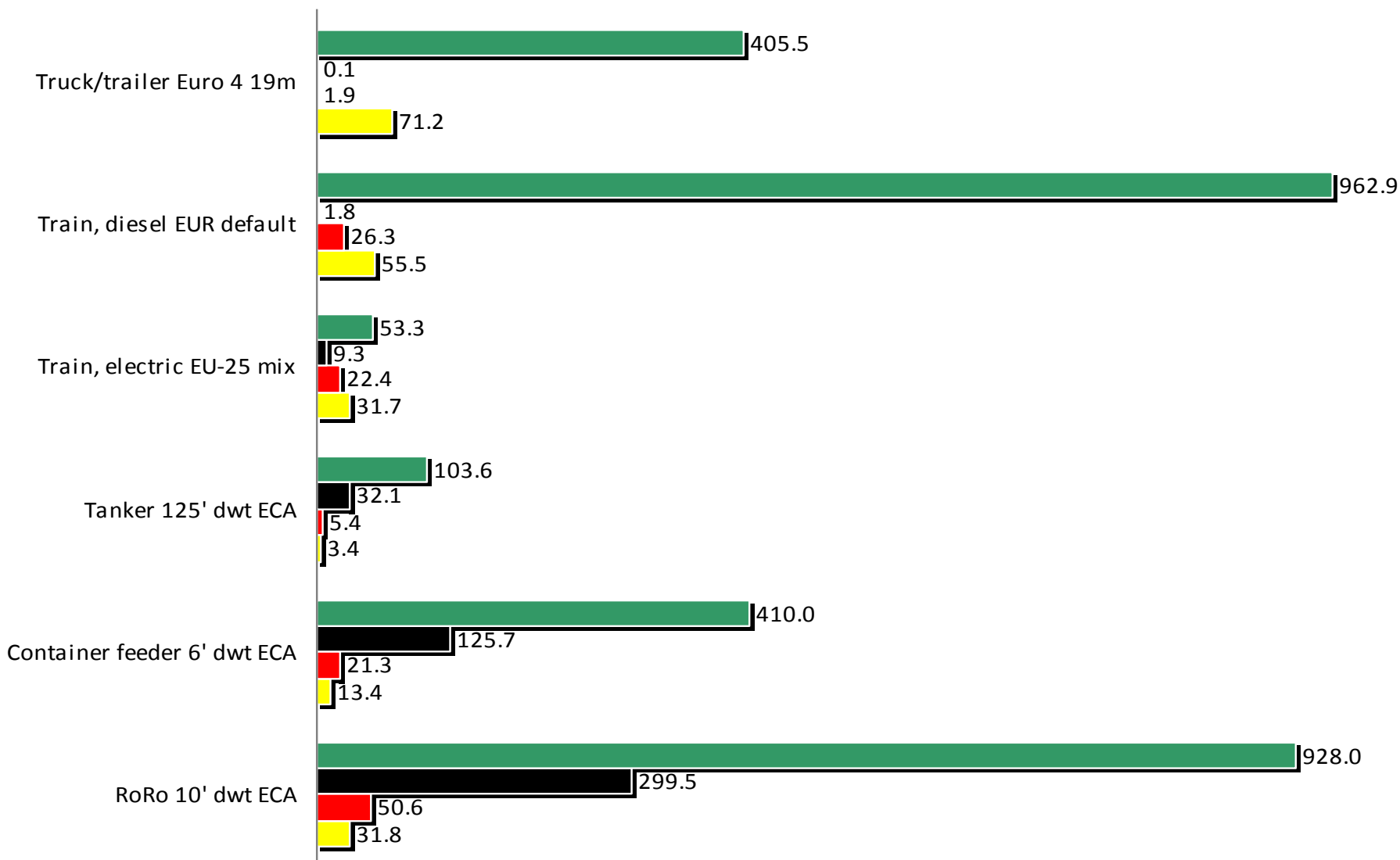
# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions depends on size!



Data from IMO documents

# Göteborg-Rotterdam

■ CO2 (ton/shipment)    
 ■ PM (kg/shipment)    
 ■ SO2 (kg/shipment)    
 ■ NOx (kg/shipment)



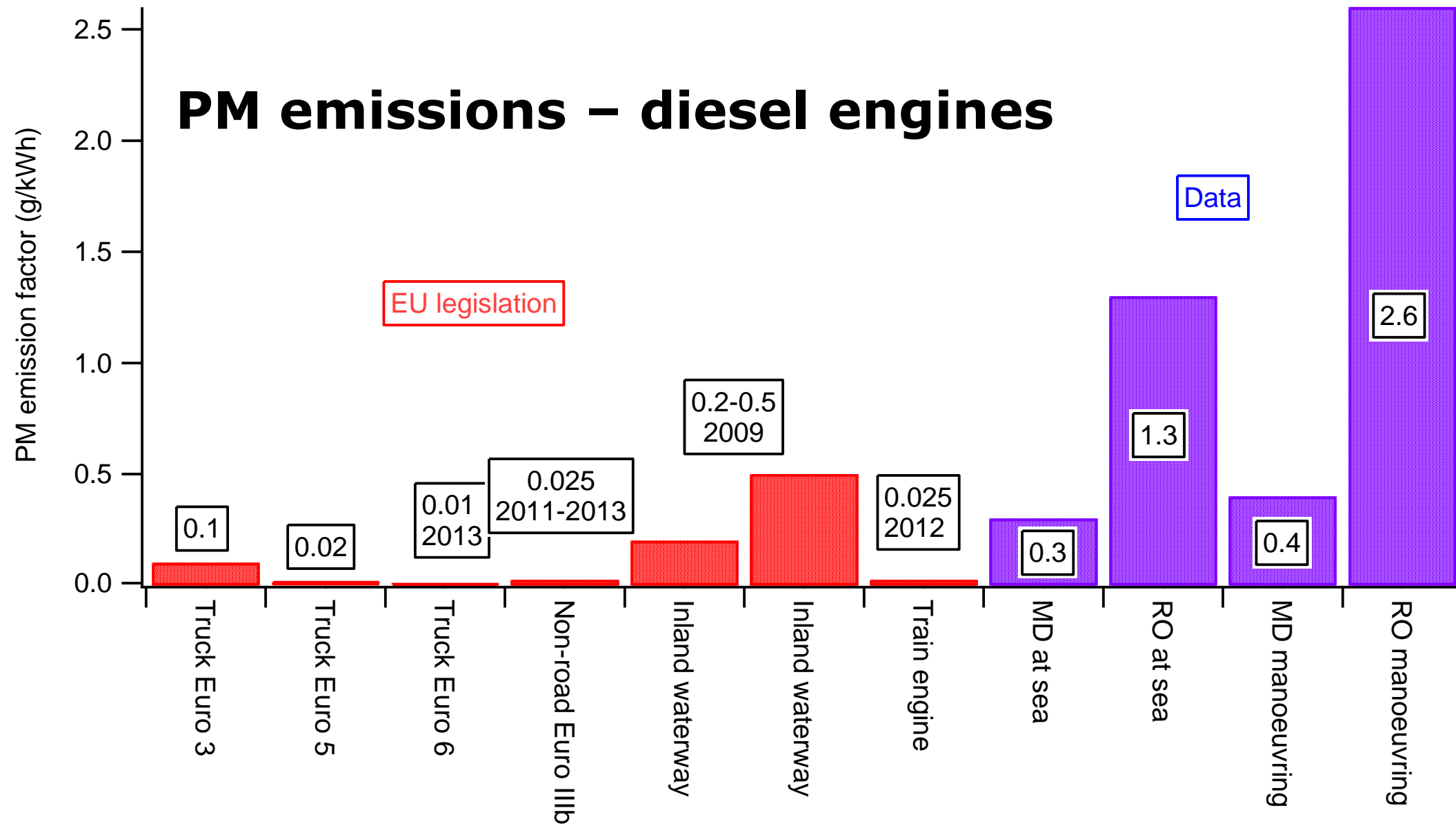
# Air pollution shipping Drivers

- "Peak-oil"
- Global warming
- Air pollution

## Solutions

- Reduce fuel consumption
- New fuels
- Abatement methods

# PM emissions – diesel engines

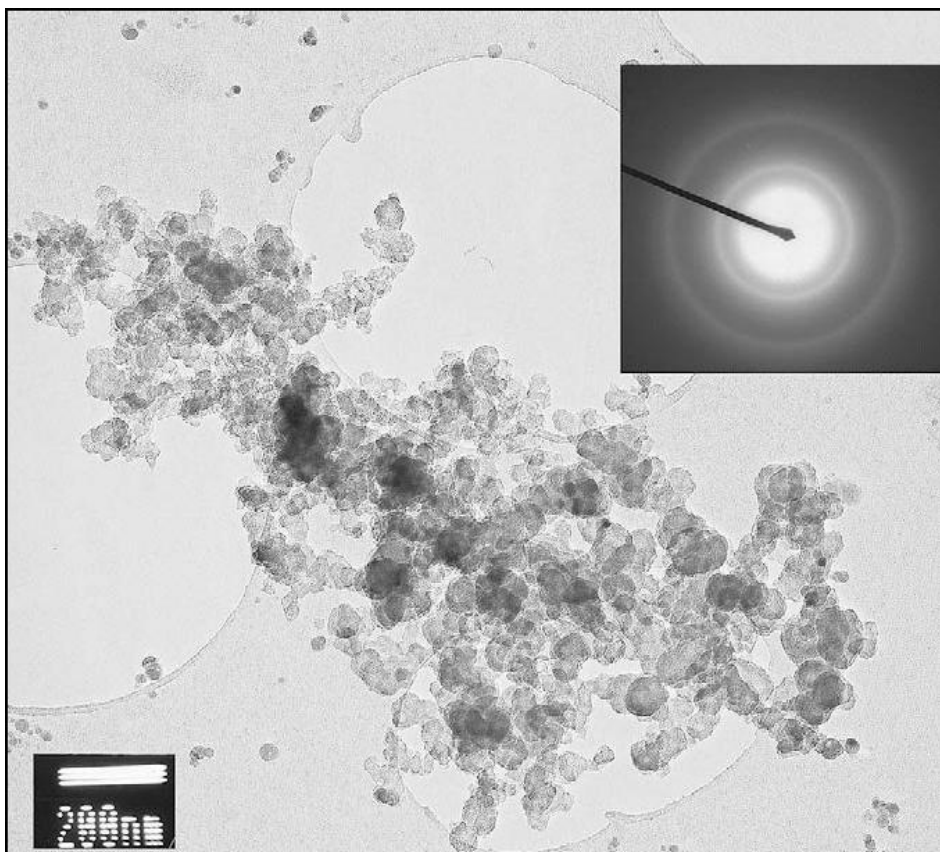


# Characterisation of particles

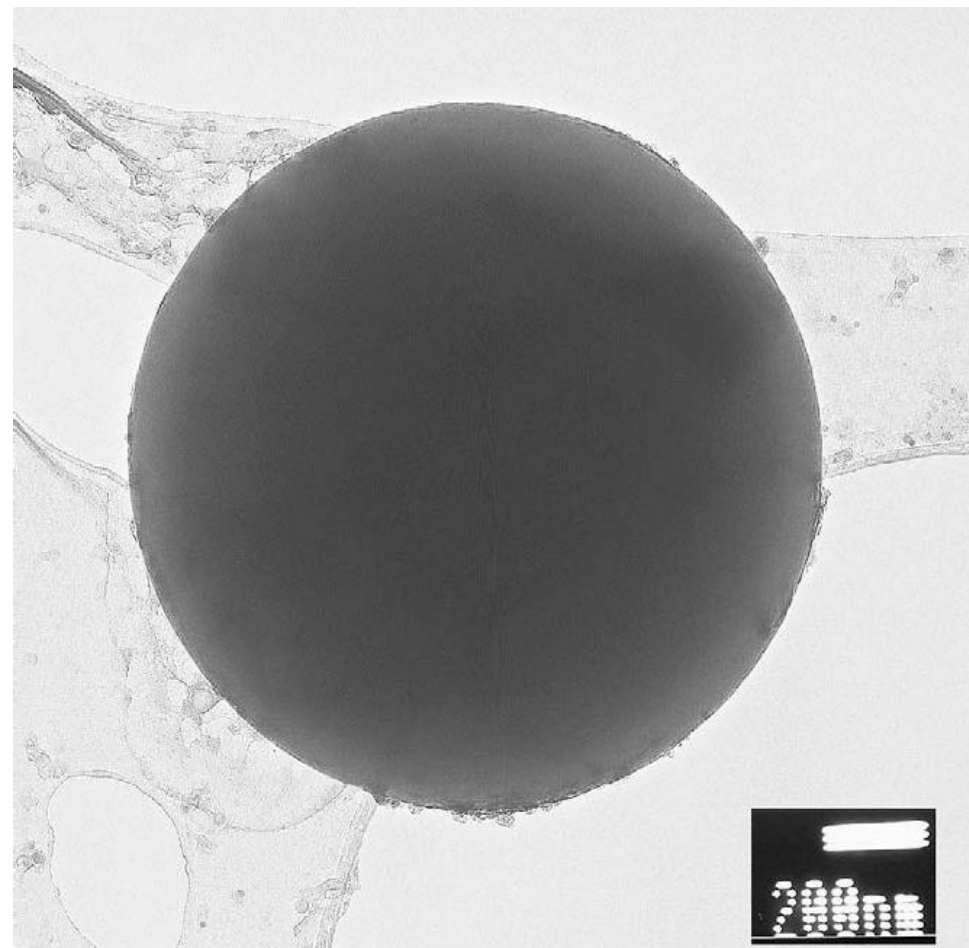
- Sulphate particles. Aerosols formed from  $\text{SO}_3$ . Around 60 – 100 nm
- Organic matter. Aerosols from unburnt fuel, 60-100 nm
- Nitrate particles. From  $\text{NO}_x$ . 60-100 nm
- Black carbon. From combustion. 10 nm and large agglomerates
- Char. From unburnt fuel. 10 -15  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- Ash 100 nm and agglomerates

# TEM images

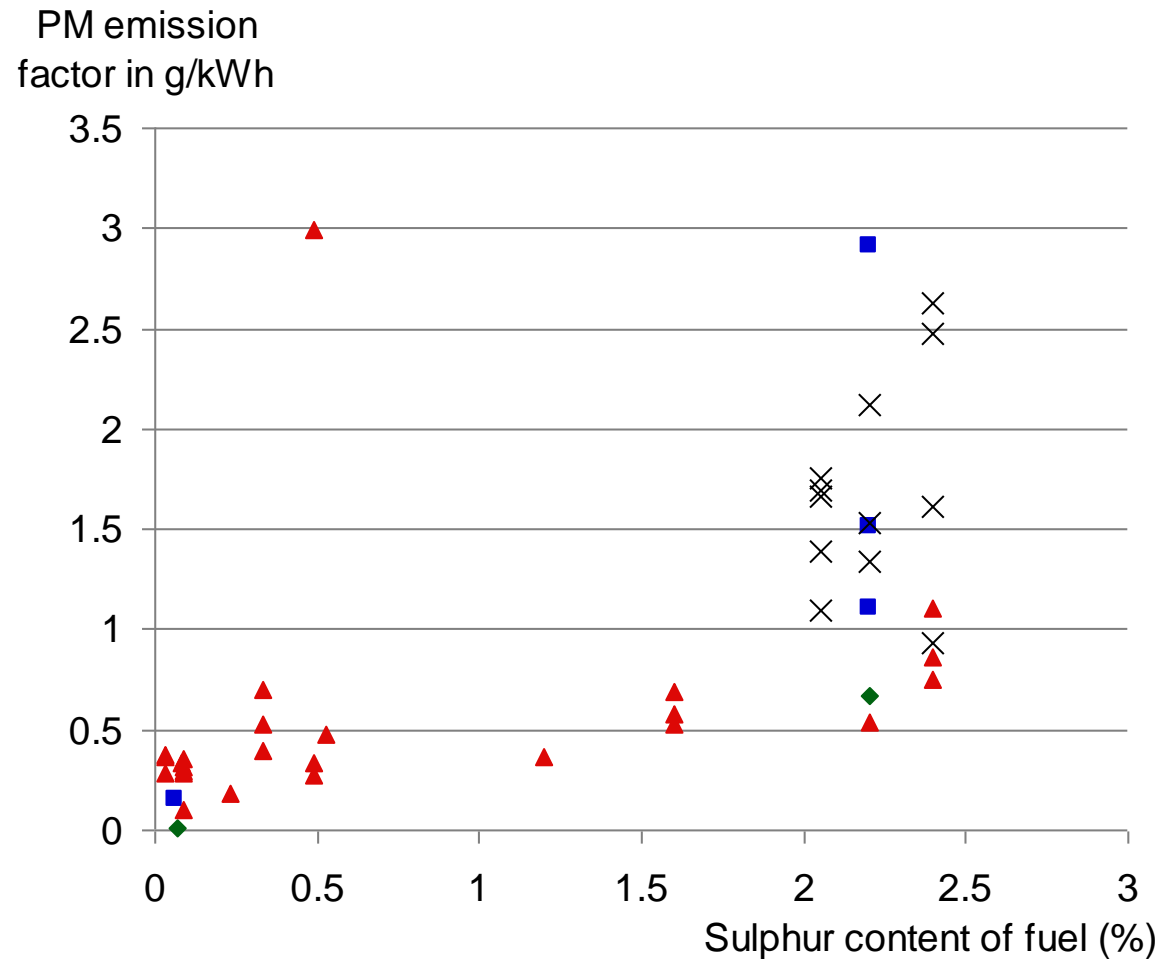
## Soot



## Char



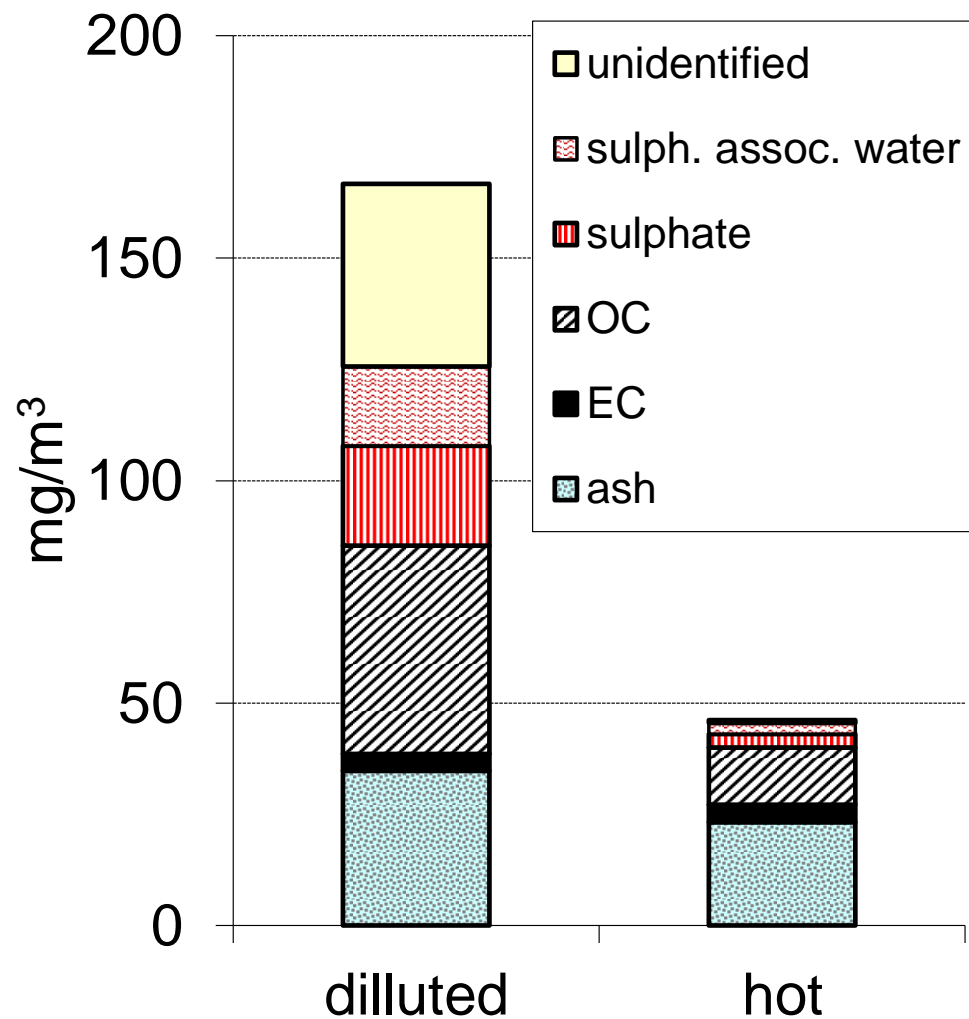
# PM formation vs fuel sulphur



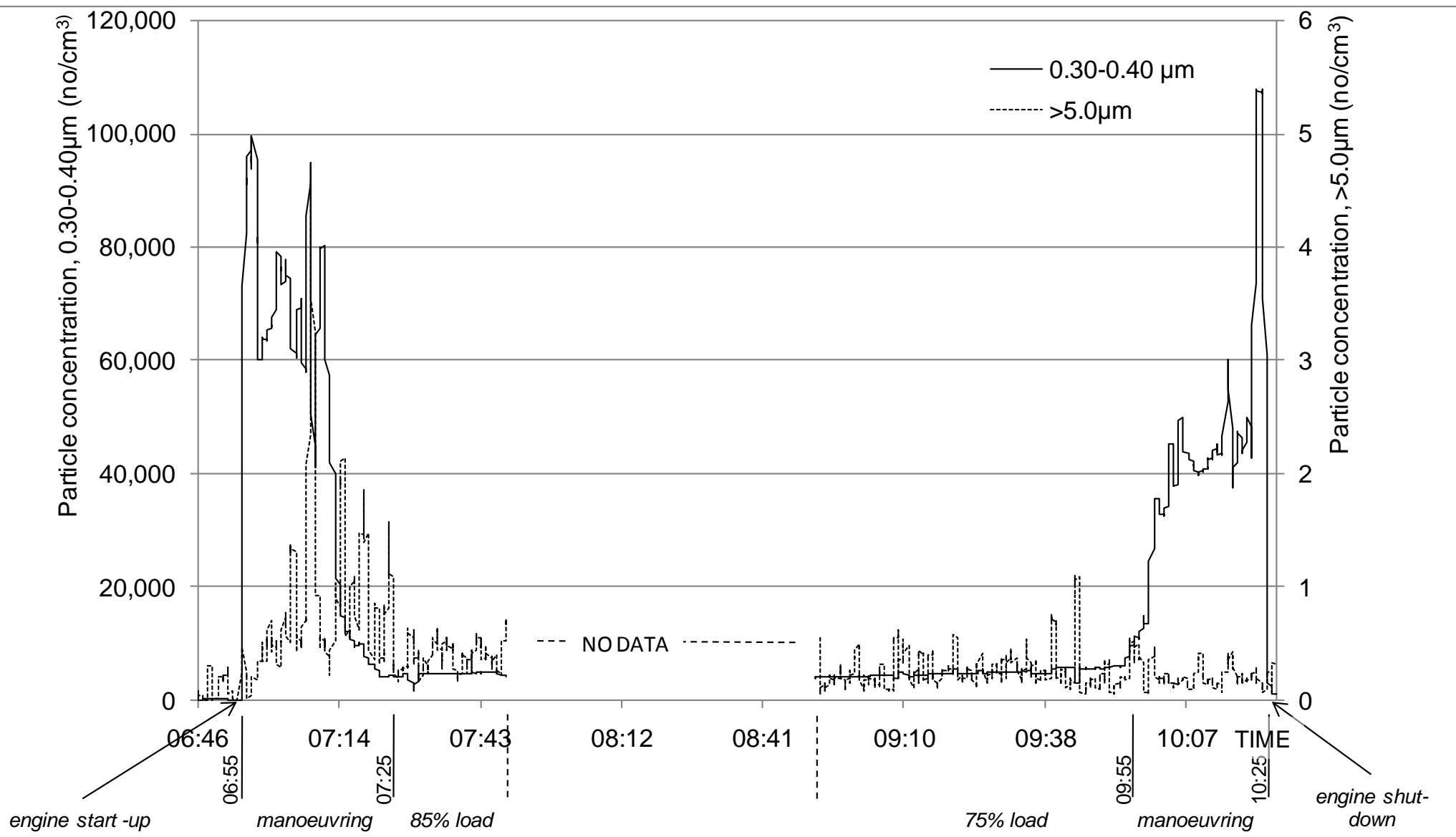
Winnes and Fridell, J. Air & Waste Man Assoc, 2009

◆ GT    ■ HSD    ▲ MSD    × SSD

Composition of PM (as mg/m<sup>3</sup> exhaust gas) collected on filters in the diluted and hot exhaust gas (Moldanová et al., 2009).



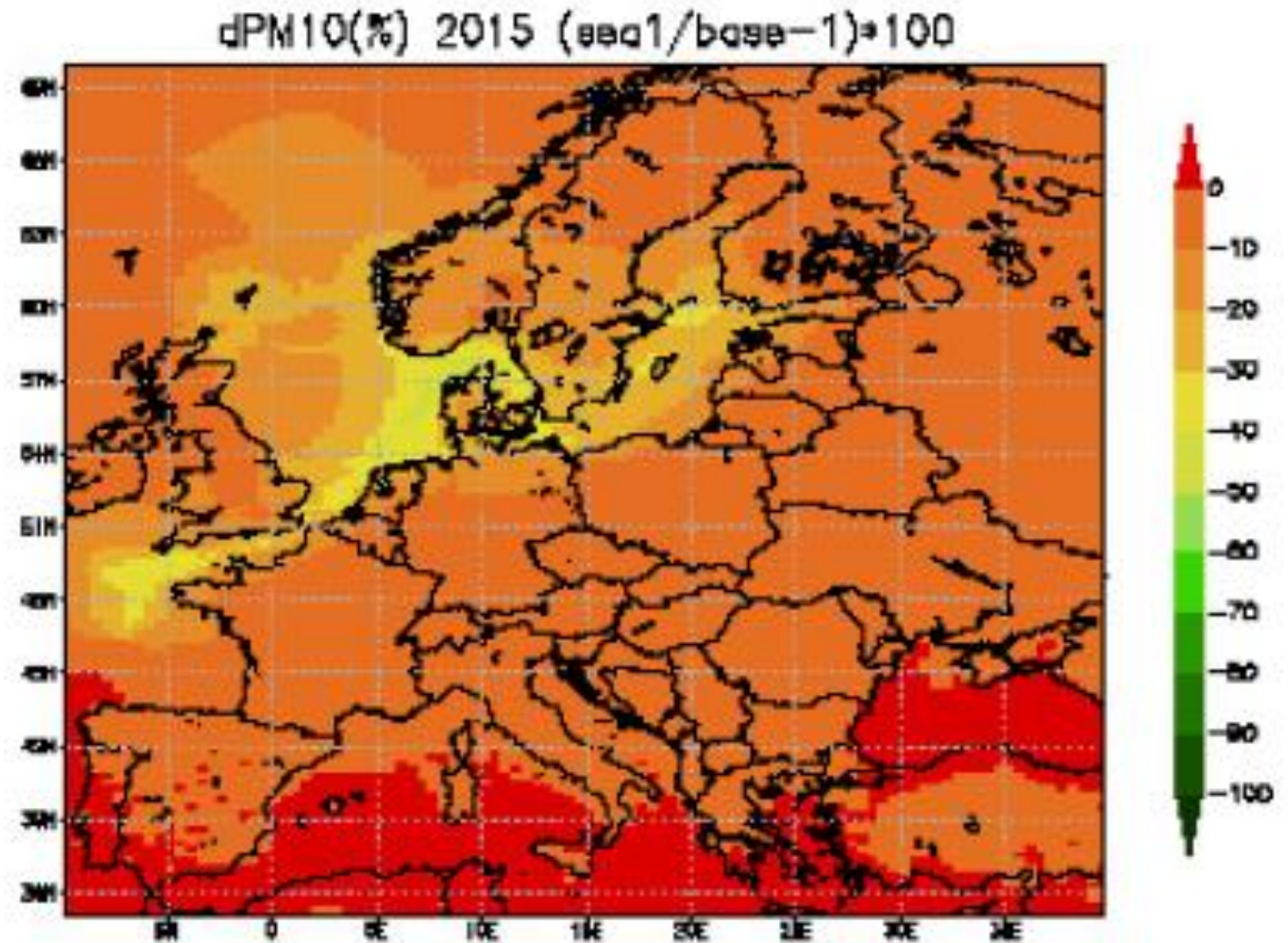
# Manoeuvring – Particle emissions



# Change in PM10 from SECAs in Baltic and North seas, 2015

20-30%  
reduction in  
coastal areas

**Bosch et al (2010)**  
**Cost Benefit Analysis**  
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**Assessment**  
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**1999/32/EC**

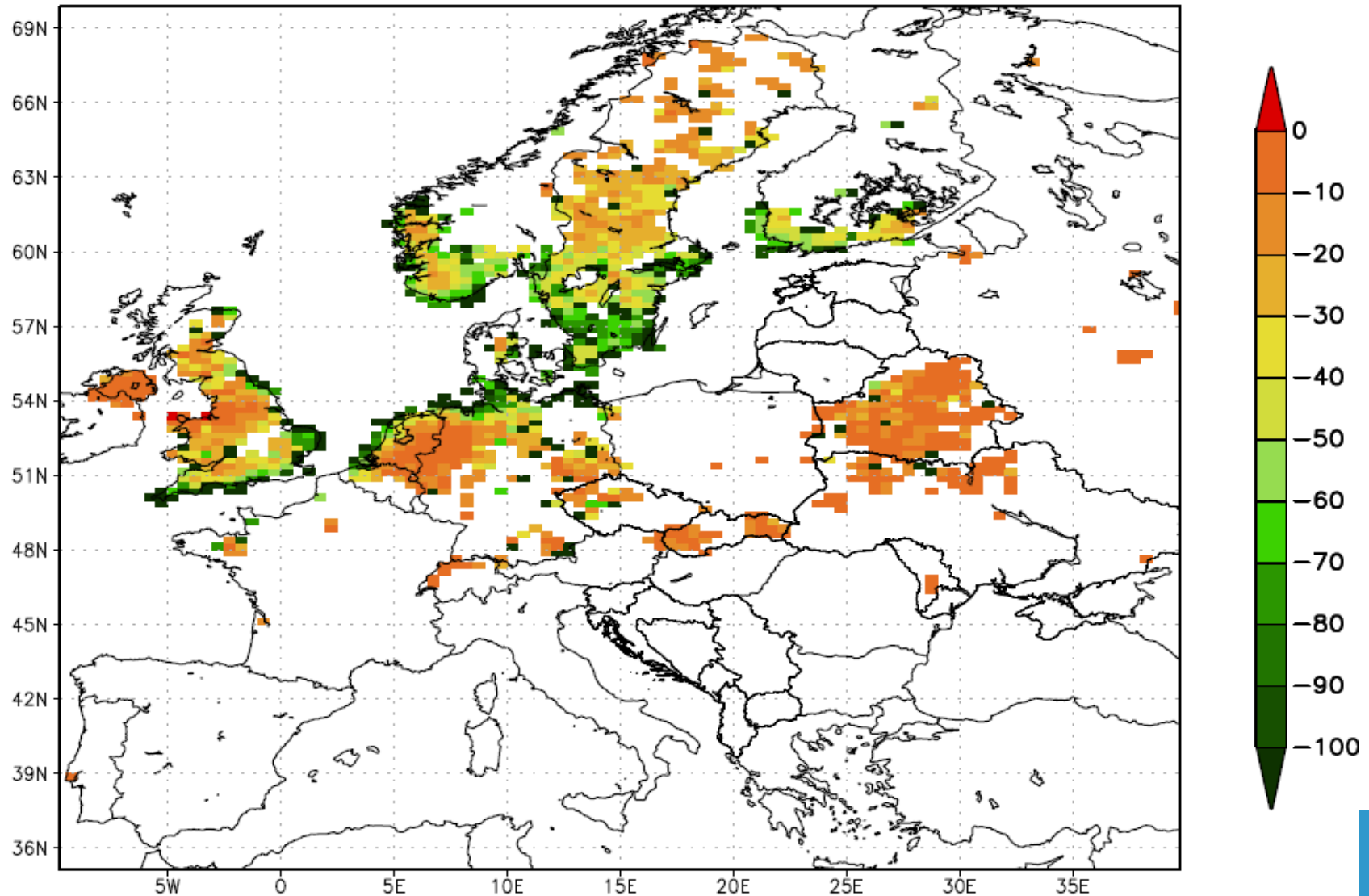


# Change in acidification from SECAs in Baltic and North seas, 2015

- Up to 100% reduction in coastal areas
- 35% decrease in S-deposition in Sweden

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dAAE-acidification(%) 2015 (sea1/base-1)\*100



# Consequences of sulphur regulations on fuel types

- Fuel with 0.1% S is most likely marine gasoil
- Fuel with 0.5% S is marine diesel, i.e. a mixed product

Costs for fuels in 2020. Base cost 420 \$/tonne

adapted from  
Purvin&Gertz, 2009, Avis M.J., Birch C.H.,  
IMPACTS ON THE EU REFINING INDUSTRY & MARKETS  
OF IMO SPECIFICATION  
CHANGES & OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE THE  
SULPHUR CONTENT OF CERTAIN  
FUELS

abatement cost.

Option (%S in fuel)	Low cost [\$ / tonne]	High cost [\$ / tonne]
Fuel shift (2.94 → 1.5)	20	20
Fuel shift (2.94 → 1)	30	30
Fuel shift (2.94 → 0.5)	120	170
Fuel shift (2.94 → 0.1)	280	330
Fuel shift (0.5 → 0.1)	160	160

# Other alternatives to comply

- Liquefied natural gas (LNG)
- Biofuels
- Synthetic diesel
- Abatement of SO<sub>2</sub> (scrubbers)

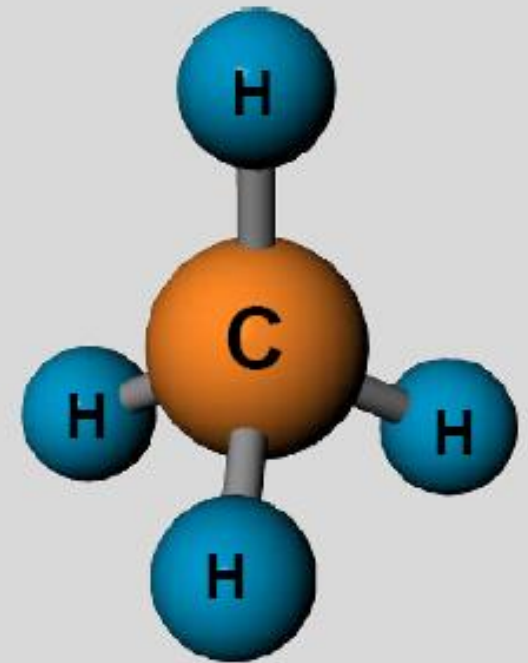
# LNG (liquified natural gas)

Natural gas cooled to 127 K and liquified  
(600 times lower volume)

LNG transport ships use the evaporating gas  
as fuel

Engines can use biogas

Lower emissions: CO<sub>2</sub> down 25%, NO<sub>x</sub> down  
85%, SO<sub>2</sub> and Particles very low

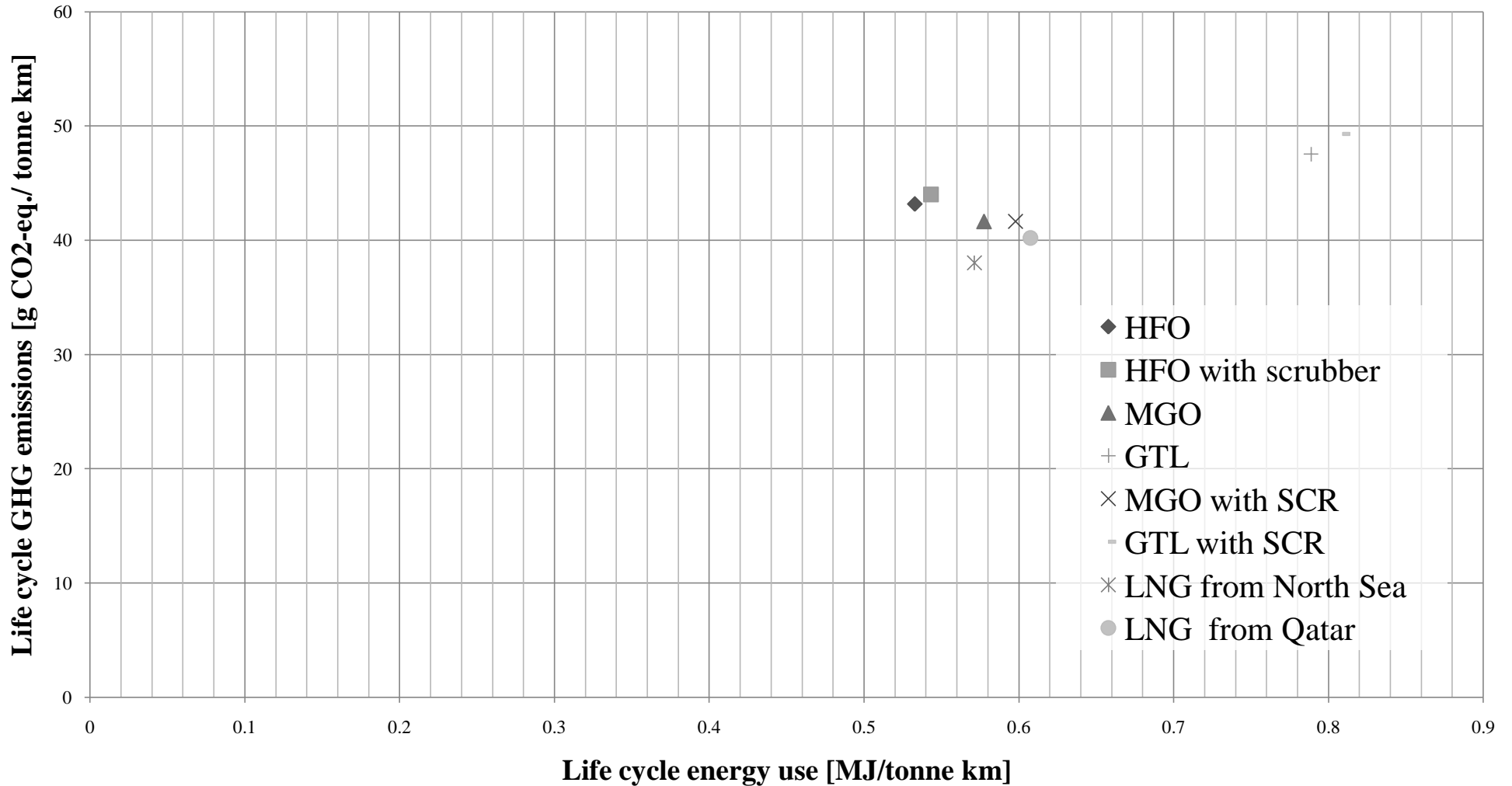


Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)

- Size of fuel tanks
- NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (Tier IV?)
- Methane slip, CO<sub>2</sub>
- Supply

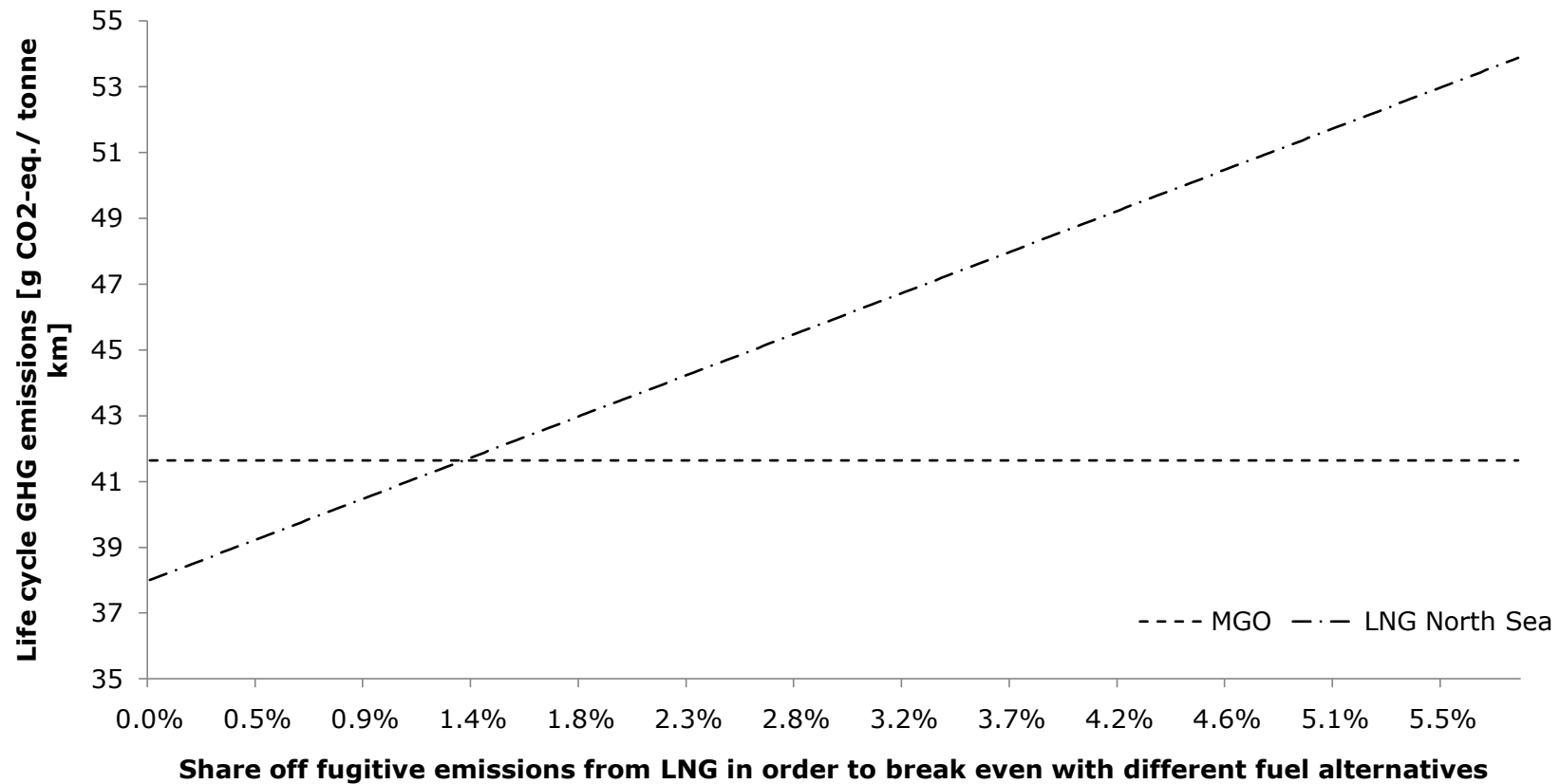
# Marine fossil fuels

HFO – Heavy Fuel Oil  
MGO – Marine Gas Oil  
GTL – Gas-to-Liquid  
LNG – Liquefied Natural Gas



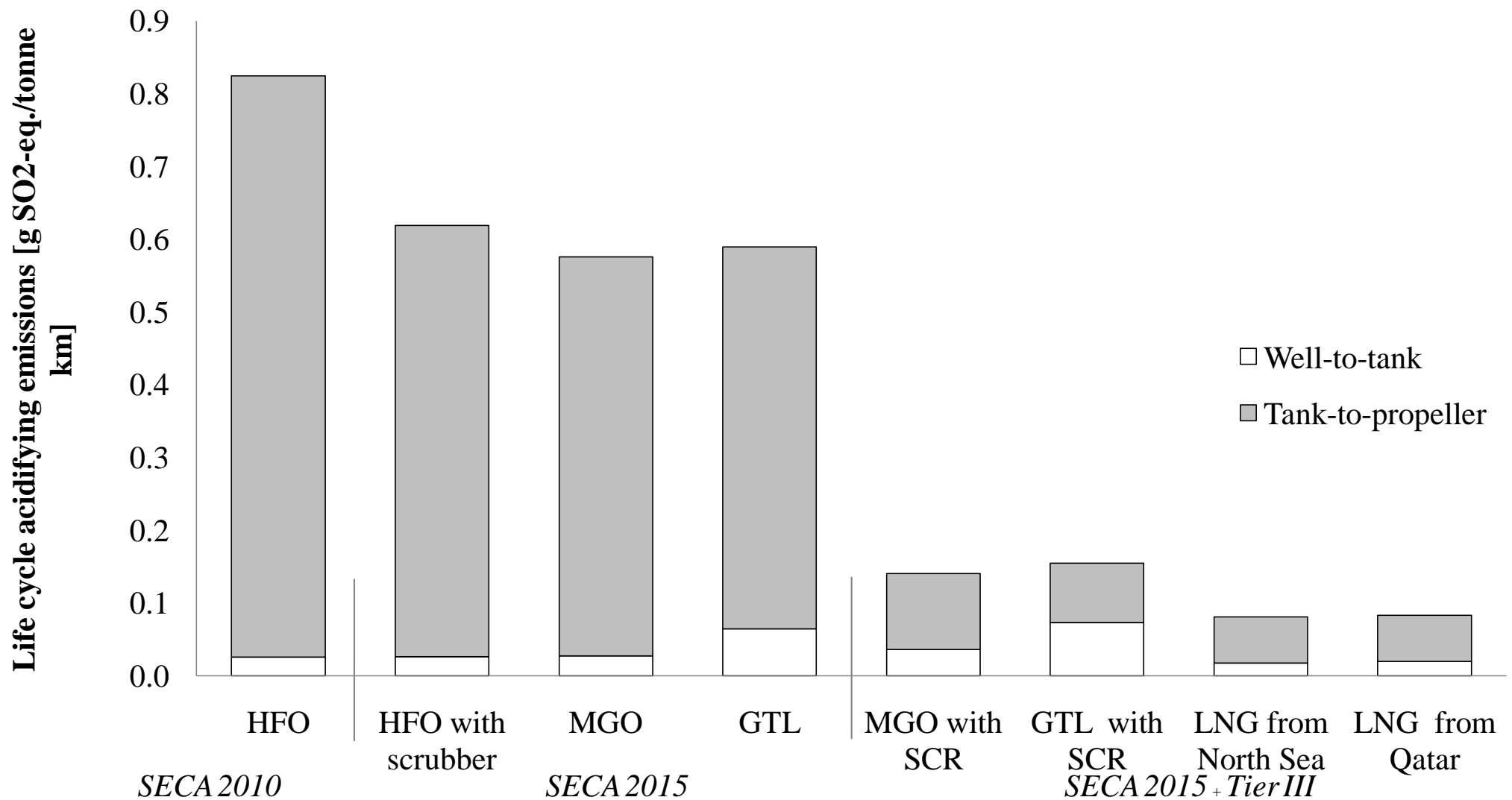
Selma Bengtsson et al., Journal of Engineering for the Maritime Environment, 2011

# Methane -slip



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# Acidification potential



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# Biofuels



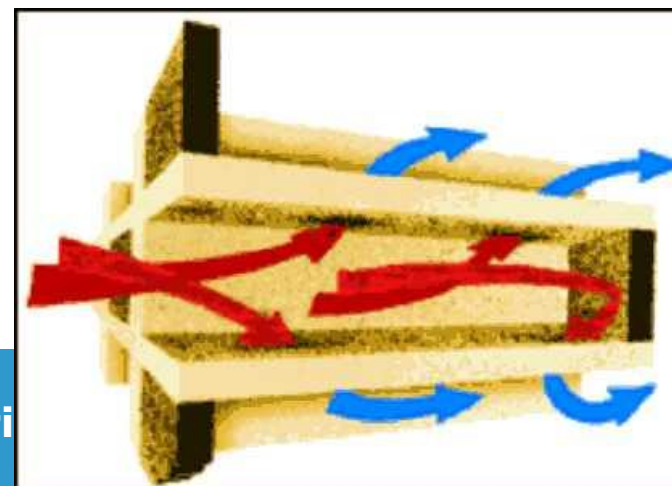
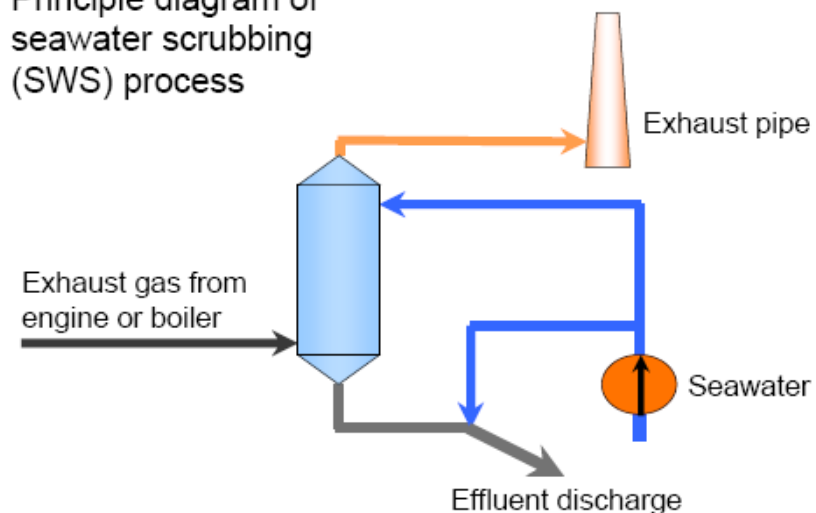
- Engines exist that use biofuels like palmoil, rapeseedoil, RME, ethanol, methanol, DME
- Price, availability, food prices, technical issues
- Low sulphur emission
- NO<sub>x</sub> emissions still a problem
- Hydrocarbon emissions (e.g., aldehydes from alcohols)
- Possibility to mix with regular fuels

# Reduce particle emissions

- Shore side electricity
- Low sulphur fuels
- Scrubbers can remove particles
- Particle filters at least for auxillary engines

## Sulphur removal from exhaust gas

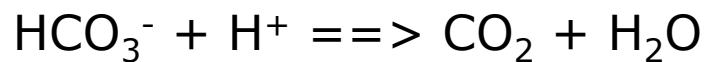
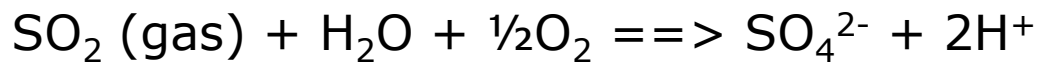
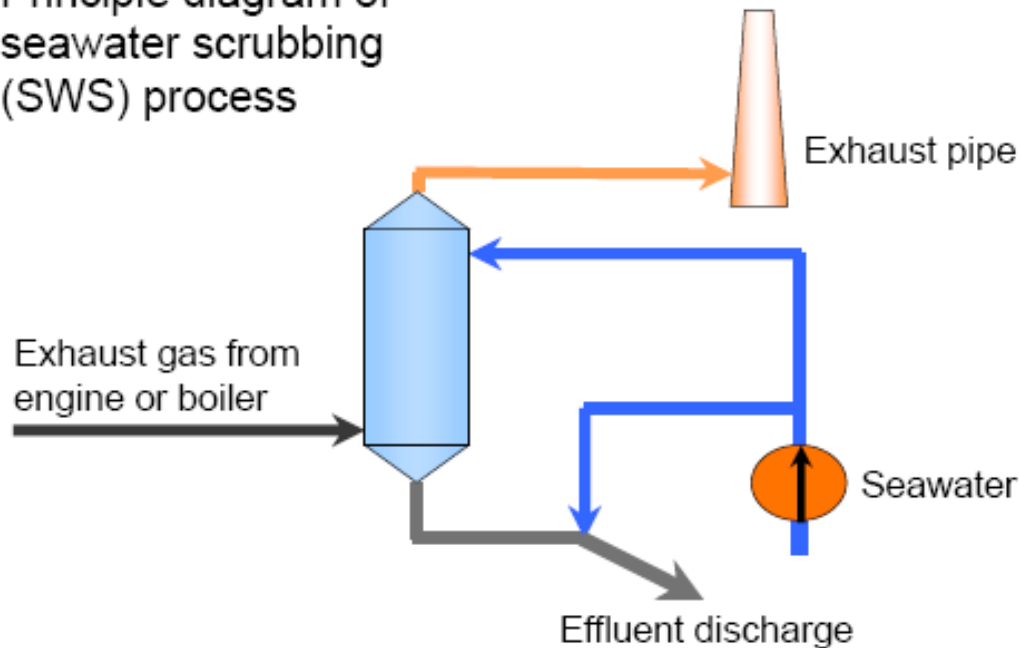
Principle diagram of seawater scrubbing (SWS) process



# Scrubbers

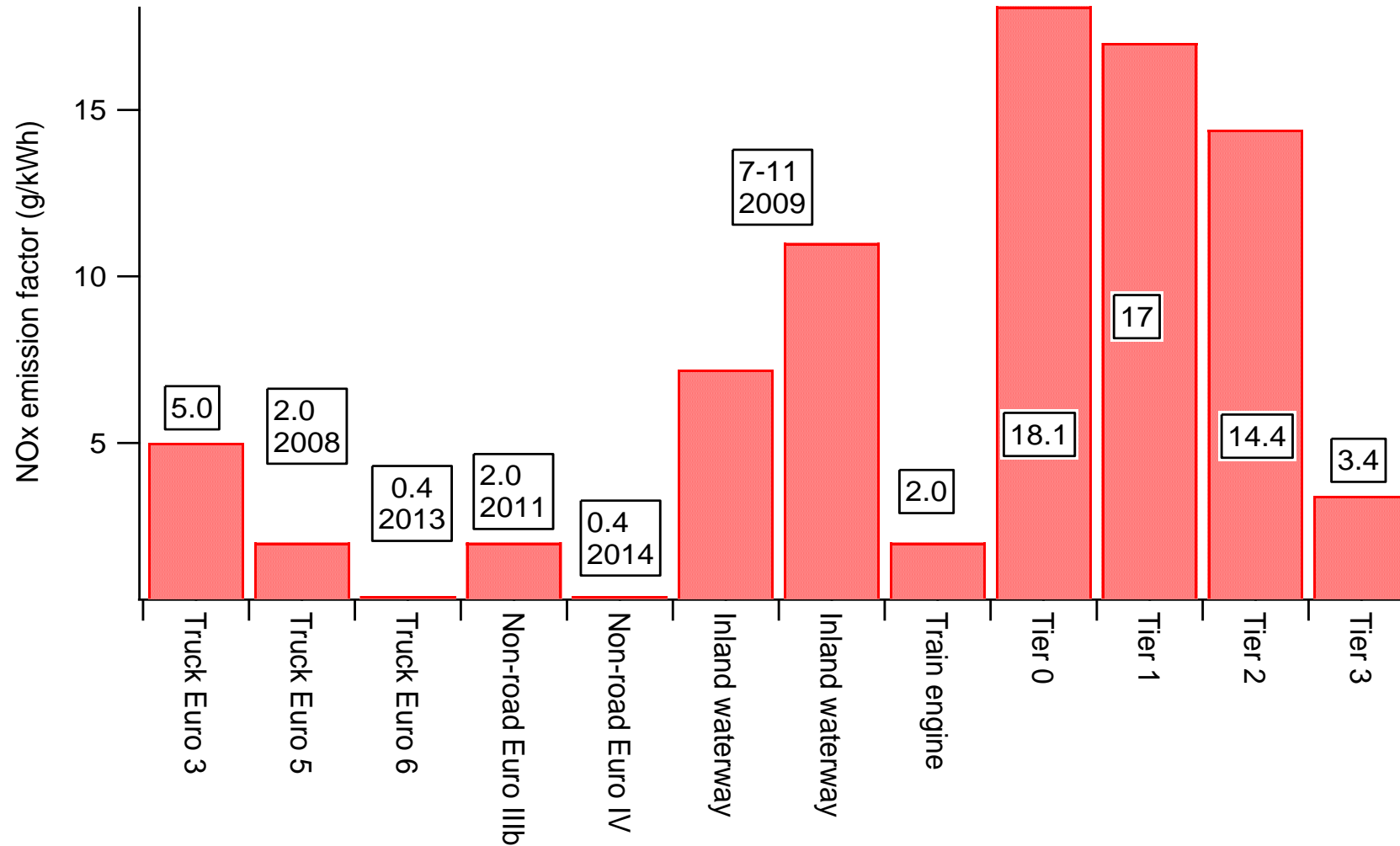
## Sulphur removal from exhaust gas

Principle diagram of seawater scrubbing (SWS) process



- The exhaust is brought in contact with scrubber water (bubbling, or mist).
- $\text{SO}_2$  reacts with salt and form ions.
- The water is treated and returned to sea
- Can be open with seawater or closed loop with freshwater and NaOH
- Established technology on land

# NO<sub>x</sub> emissions – diesel engines

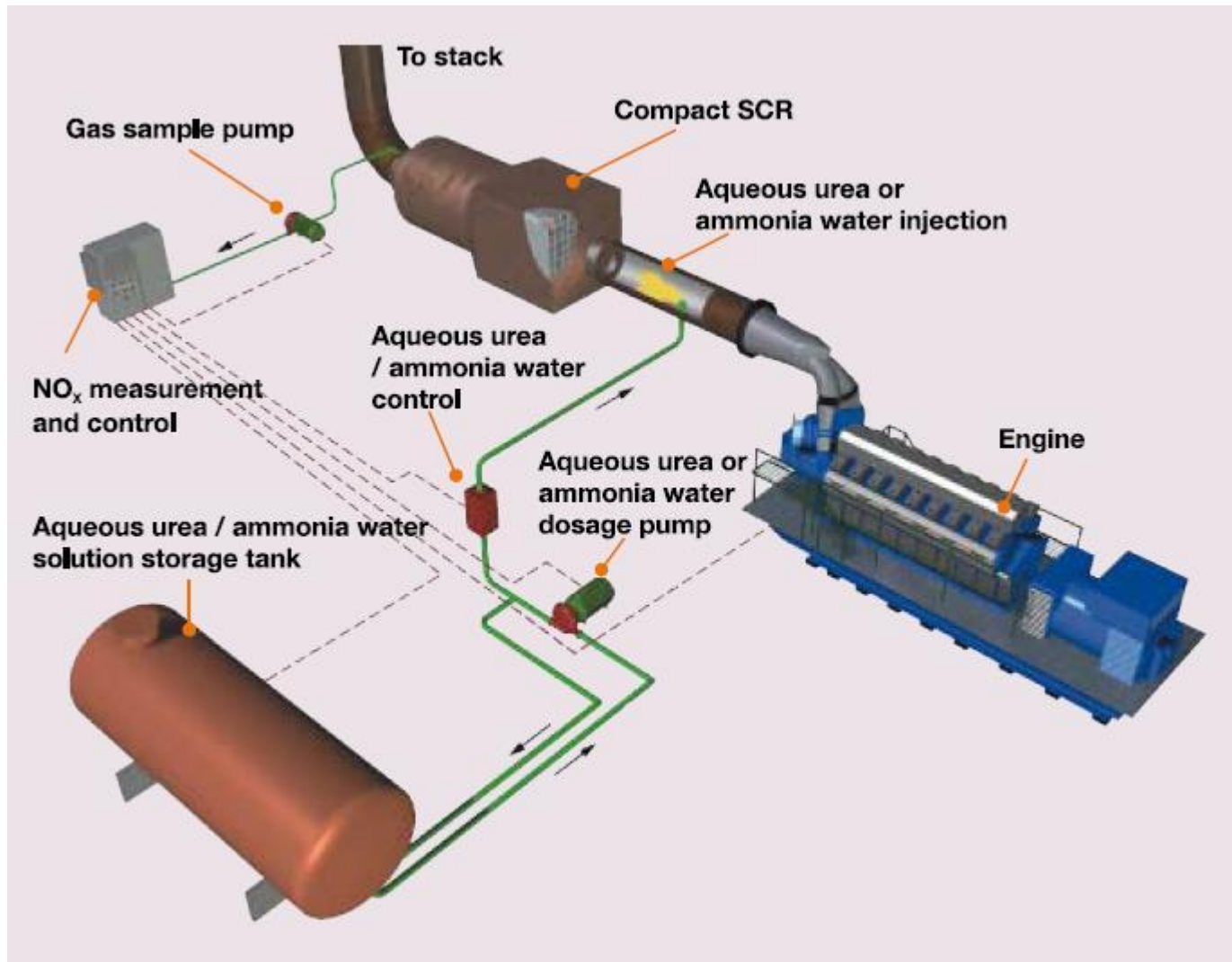


# Methods to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions

The formation of NO<sub>x</sub> via the Zeldovich mechanism during combustion is strongly temperature dependent

- Engine modifications
- EGR, recirculates exhaust
- Cooling of the combustion temperature with water (Direct water injection, Humid air motor, emulsion)
- Selective catalytic reduction

# SCR installation



# Marine SCR

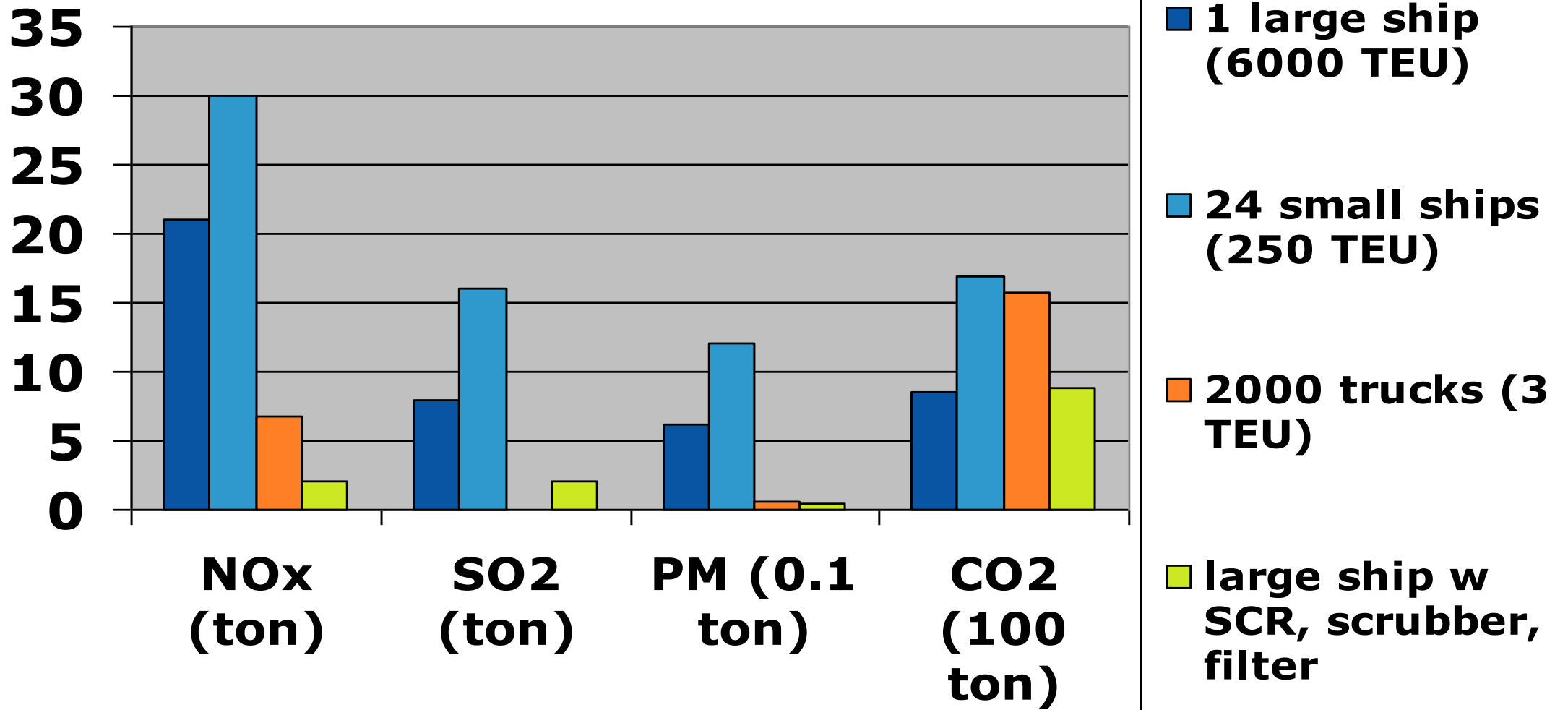
- SCR have been tested in Swedish waters for about 15 years thanks to fairway dues reductions and customer pressure
- Works well in general
- Problems with deactivation (very costly)
- Deactivation probably related to urea quality and/or fuel quality
- Low temperature activity is also an issue

# Shore-side electricity

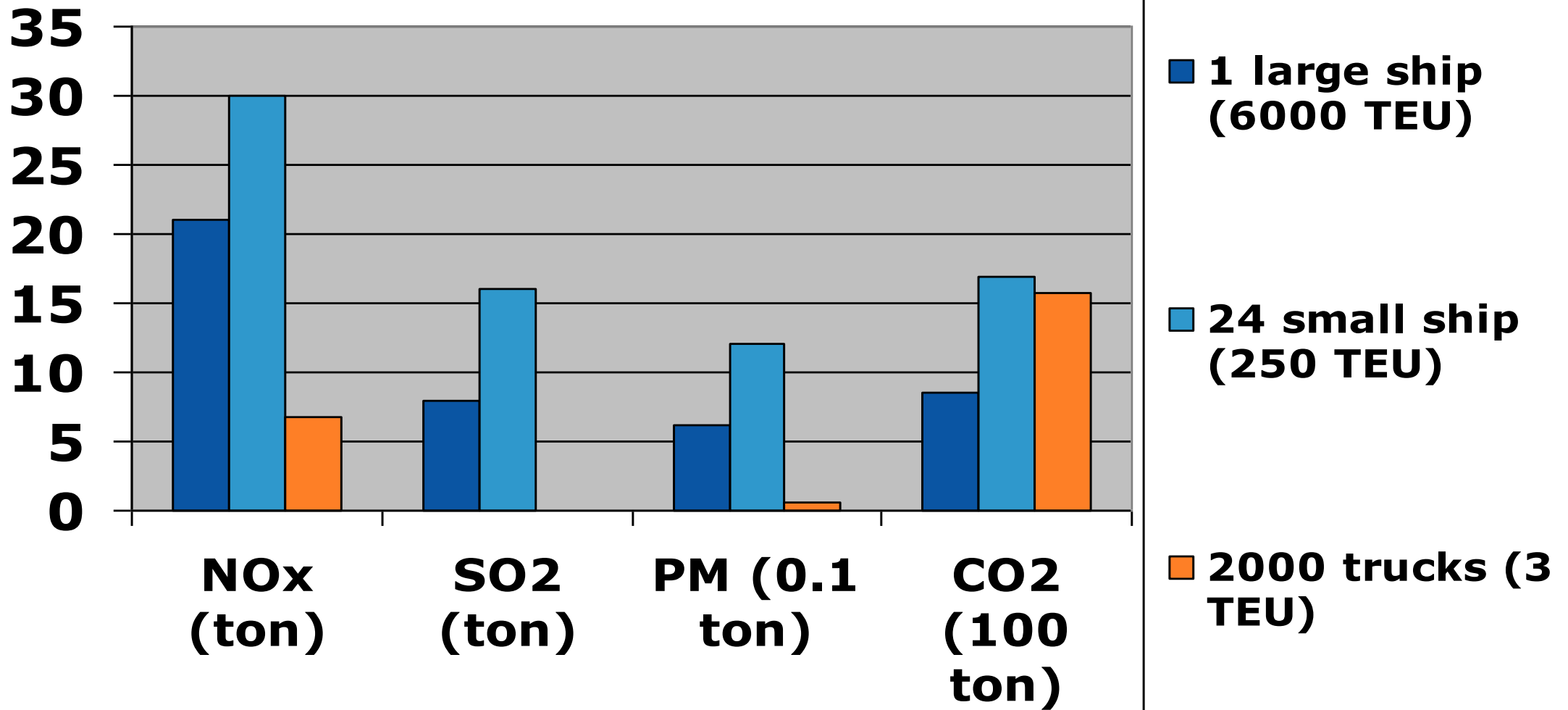
- To replace the use of AEs while at berth
- About 20 ships in Sweden
- Important solution to local air quality problems
- Effect on CO<sub>2</sub> if "green" electricity is used



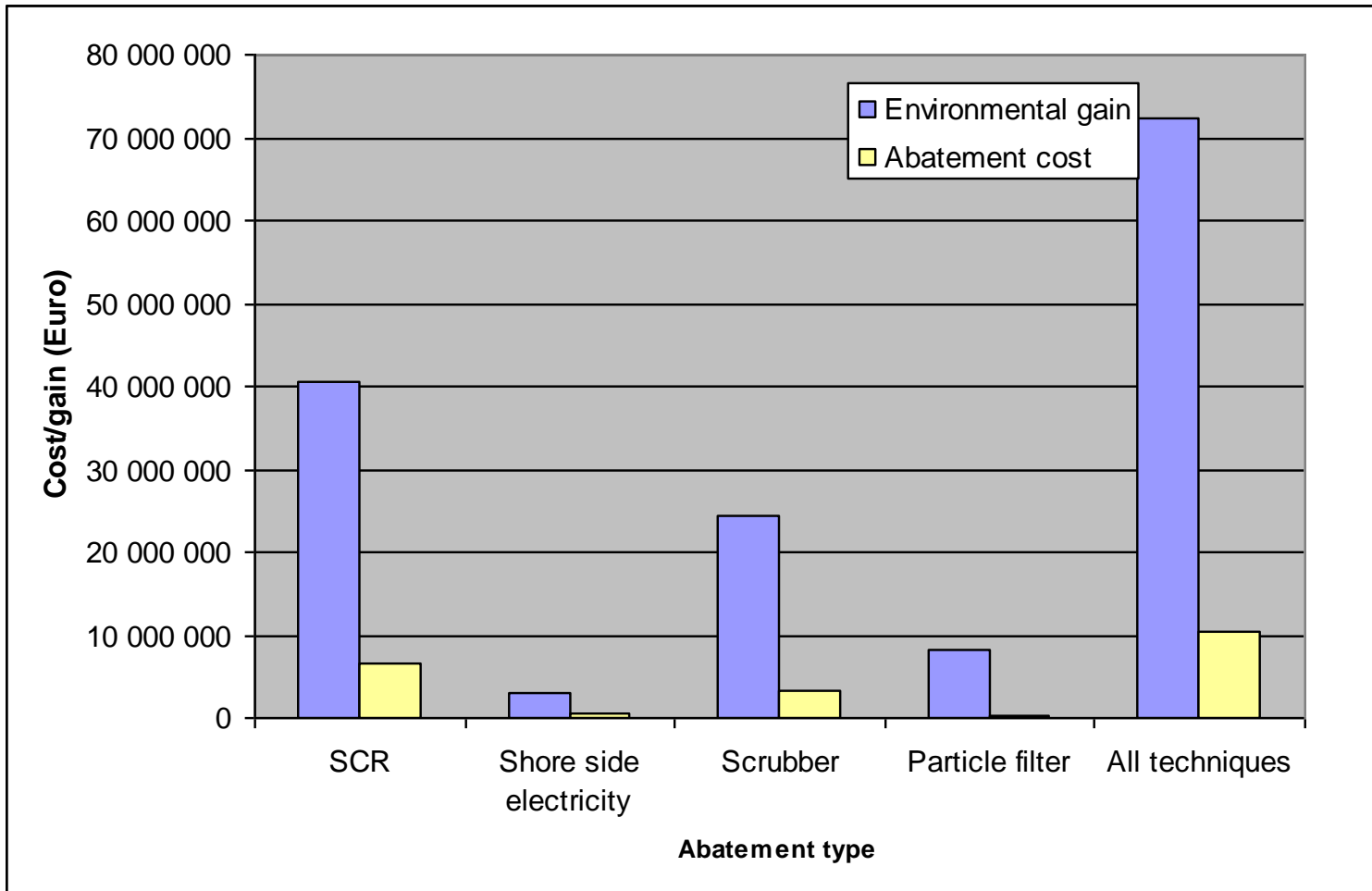
# Example: Emissions Göteborg-



# Example: Emissions Göteborg-Hamburg



# Costs and gains



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