

Decarbonising Commercial Vessels

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About Maritime Impulse

Maritime Impulse exists to help domestic commercial vessel (DCV) owners in Australia decarbonise their existing vessel fleets.



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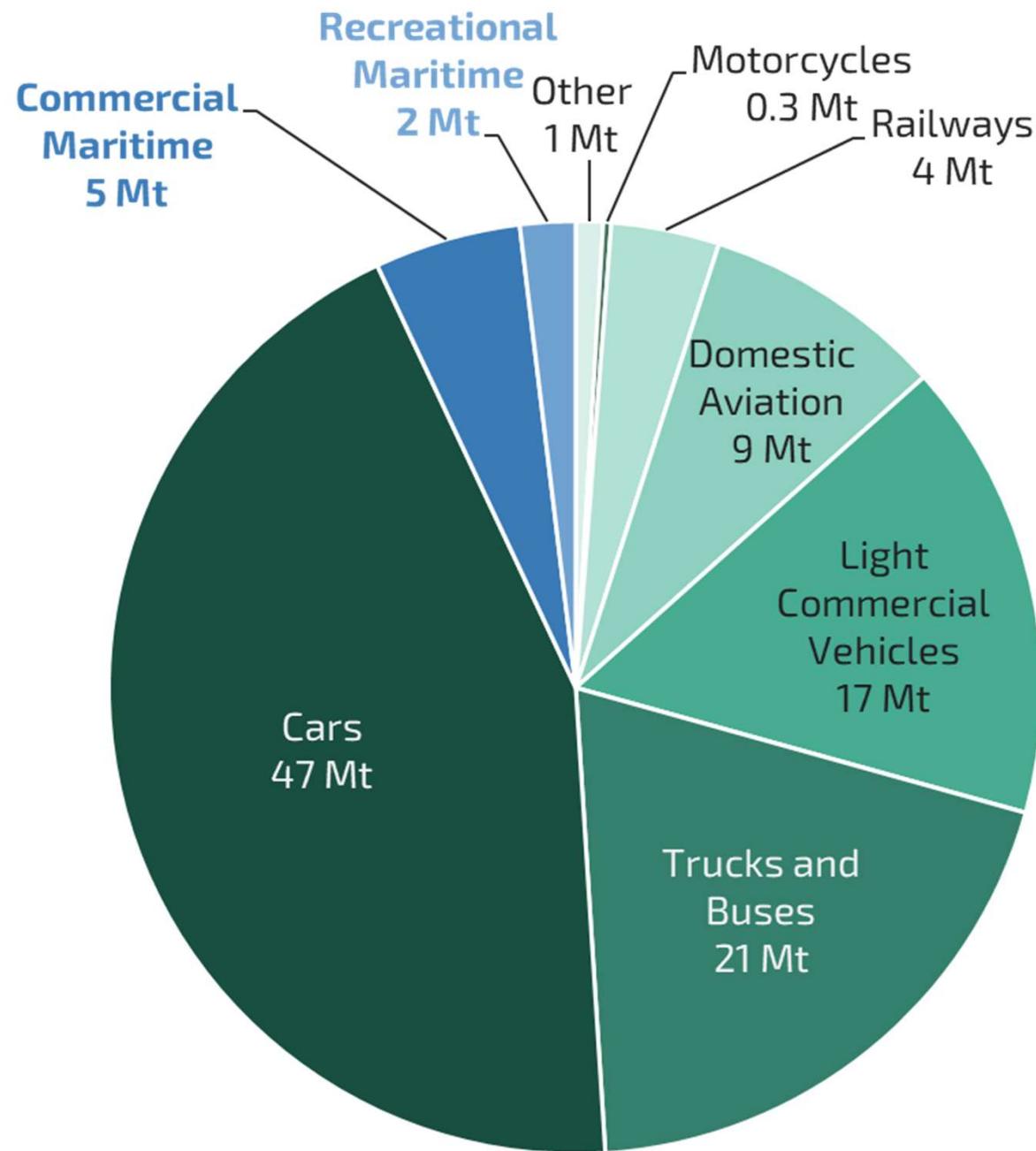


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Christine McDonald

**Energy Optimisation &
Maritime Sustainability**

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(aka “**MERC**”)

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Australian Domestic Maritime Emissions Review

April 2024

Now updated with National Greenhouse Accounts Team feedback.

<https://merc.blue/resources/>

NGA* says 2 Megatons CO₂-e

MERC found 6 to 7.4 Megatons CO₂-e

300% - 370% difference!

* National Greenhouse Accounts

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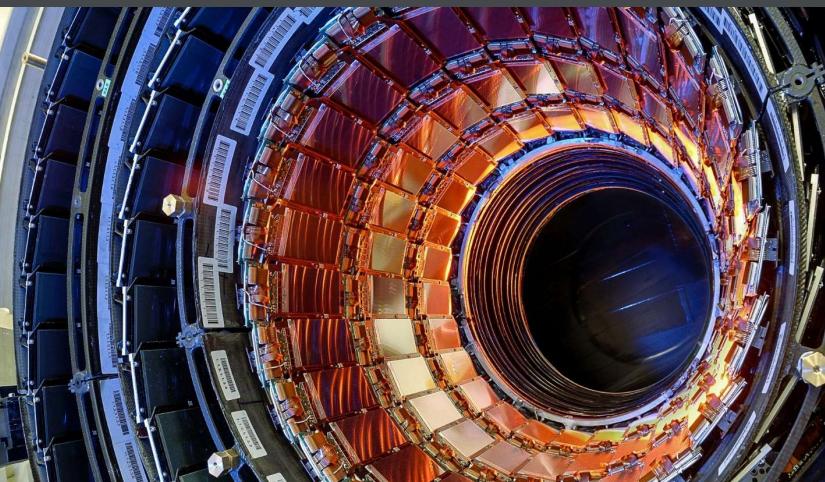


Climate change **is** affecting us



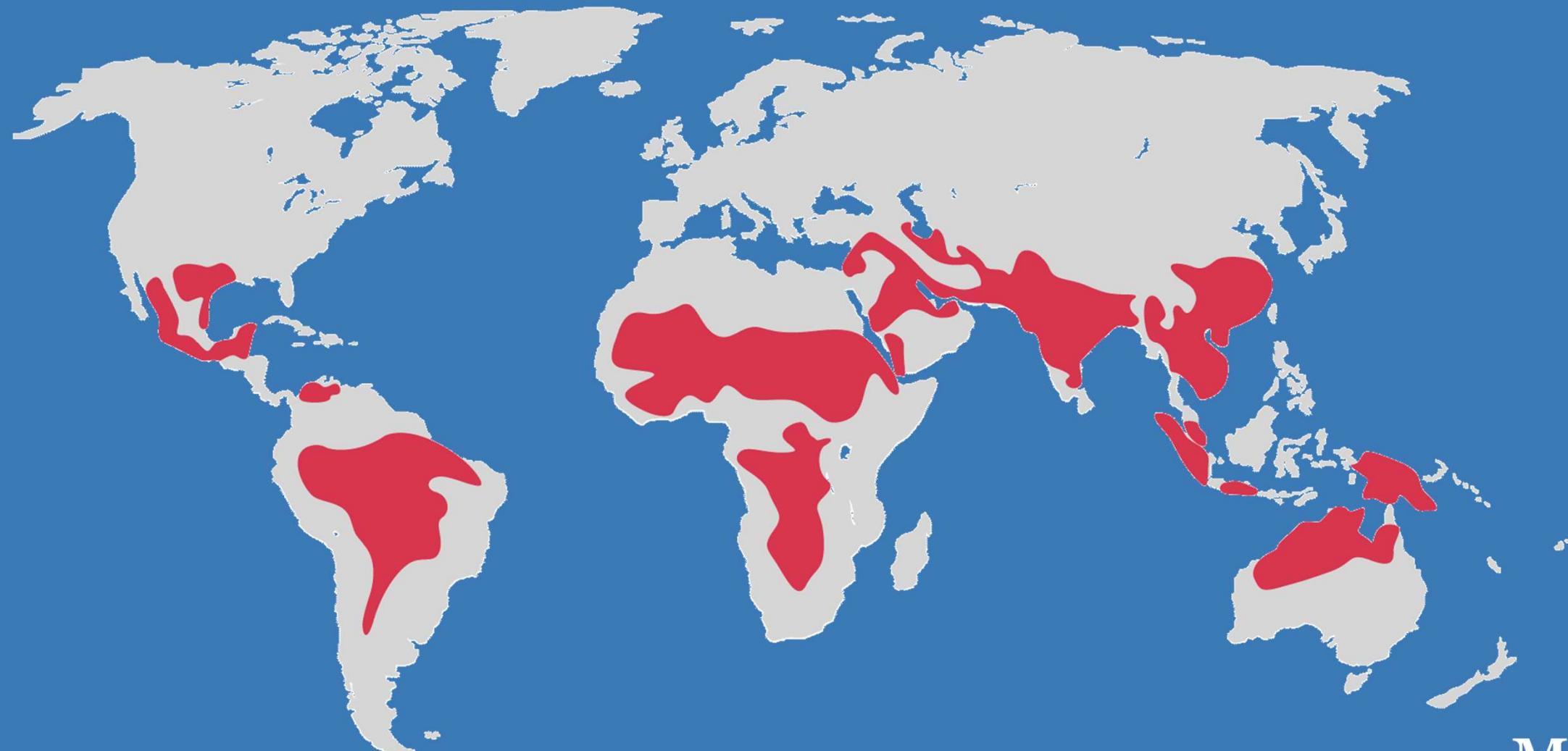
Fact 1

Atmospheric CO₂ concentrations have increased



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Lethal Wet Bulb Heat Risks at +2°C



Source: Met Office (UK)

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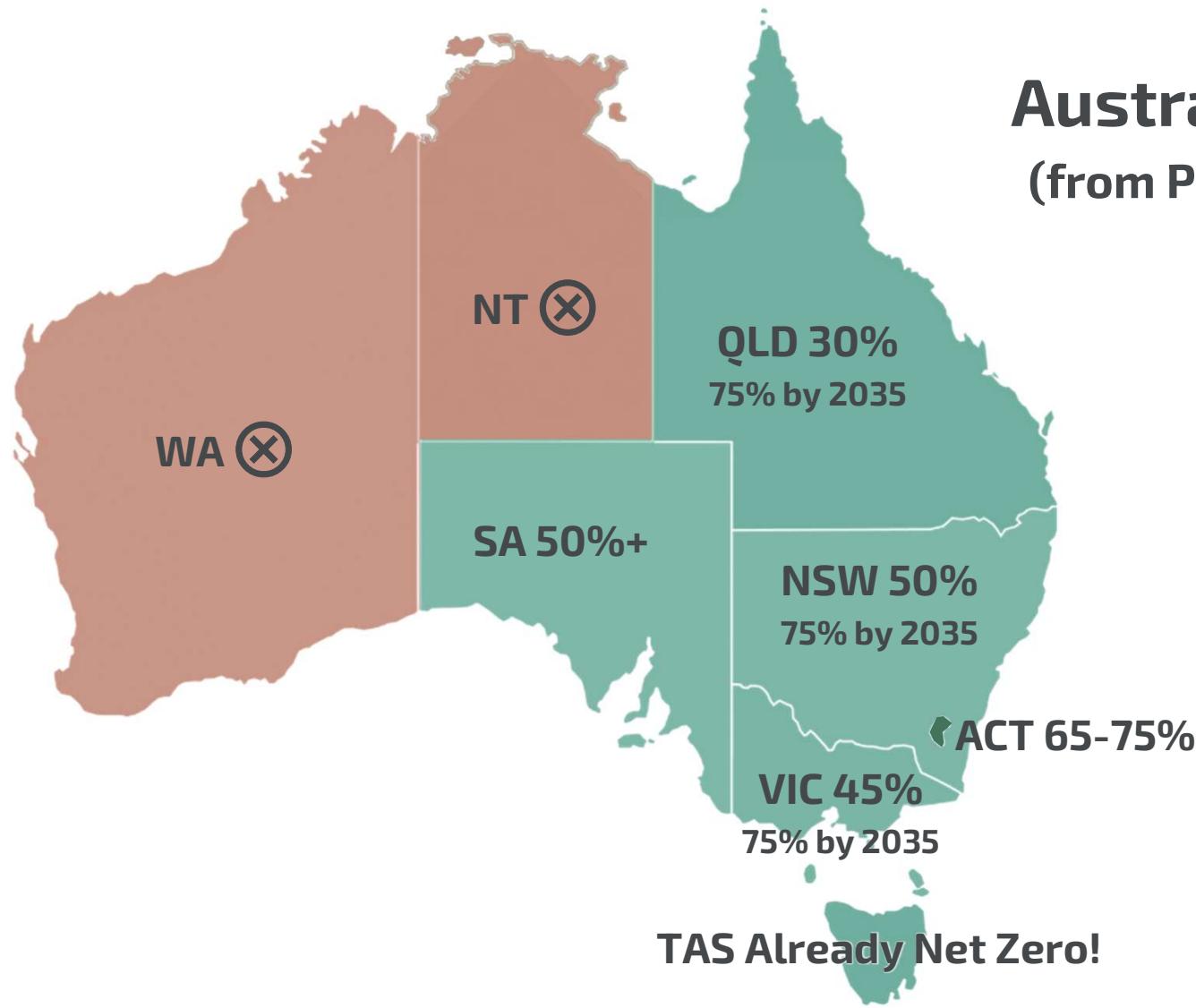
A wide-angle aerial photograph of the Sydney Harbour Bridge during the day. The bridge's iconic steel arch spans the frame, with the Australian and Aboriginal flags flying from its top. Below the bridge, the dark blue waters of the harbor are dotted with several white ferries and a small sailboat. The city of Sydney is visible in the background, with its dense urban landscape and modern skyscrapers under a clear, light blue sky.

Business change **will** be required

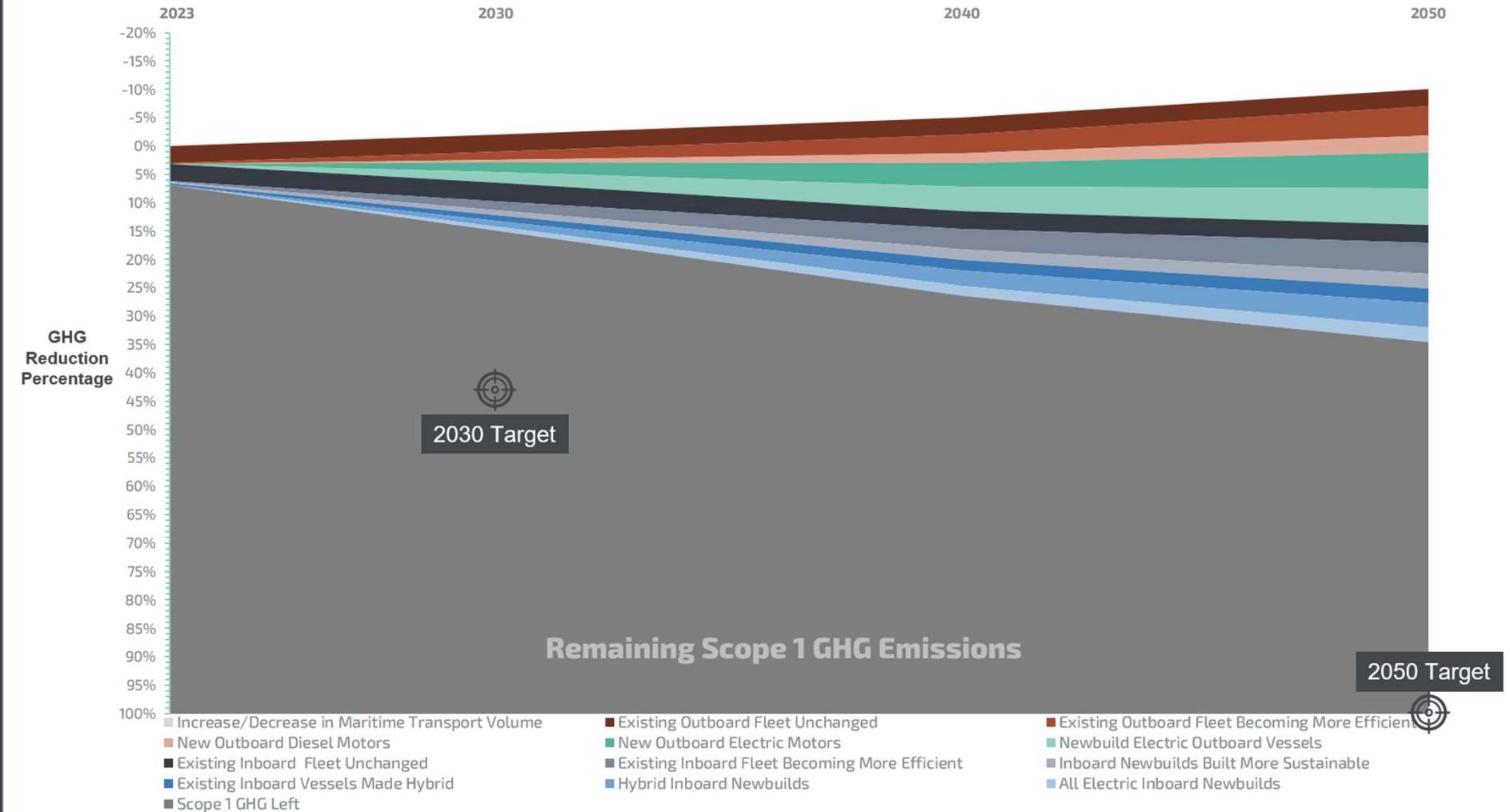
Emissions reduction targets vs 2005?



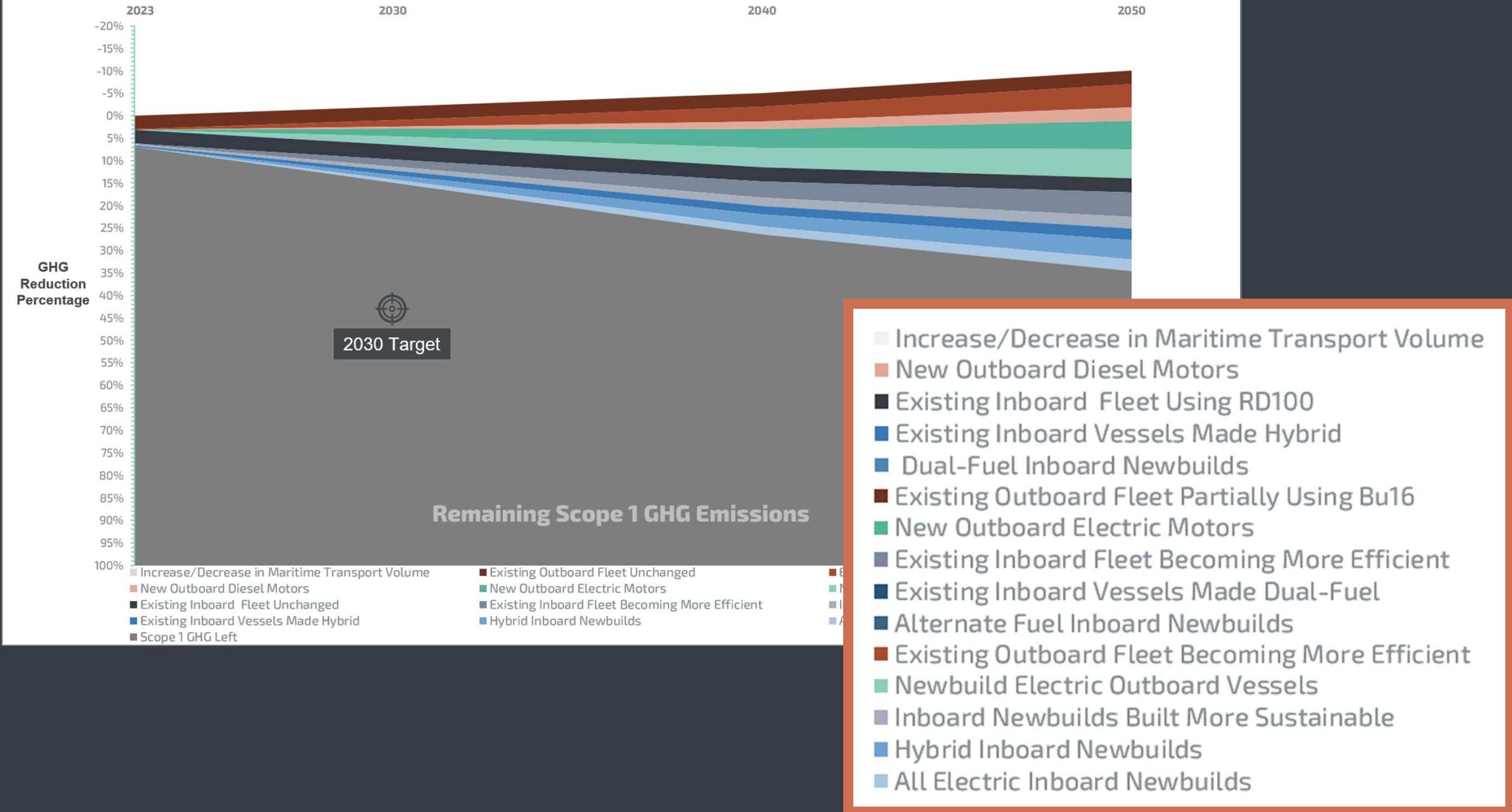
2030 emissions reduction targets



Scenario 1 – BAU, Minimal Changes

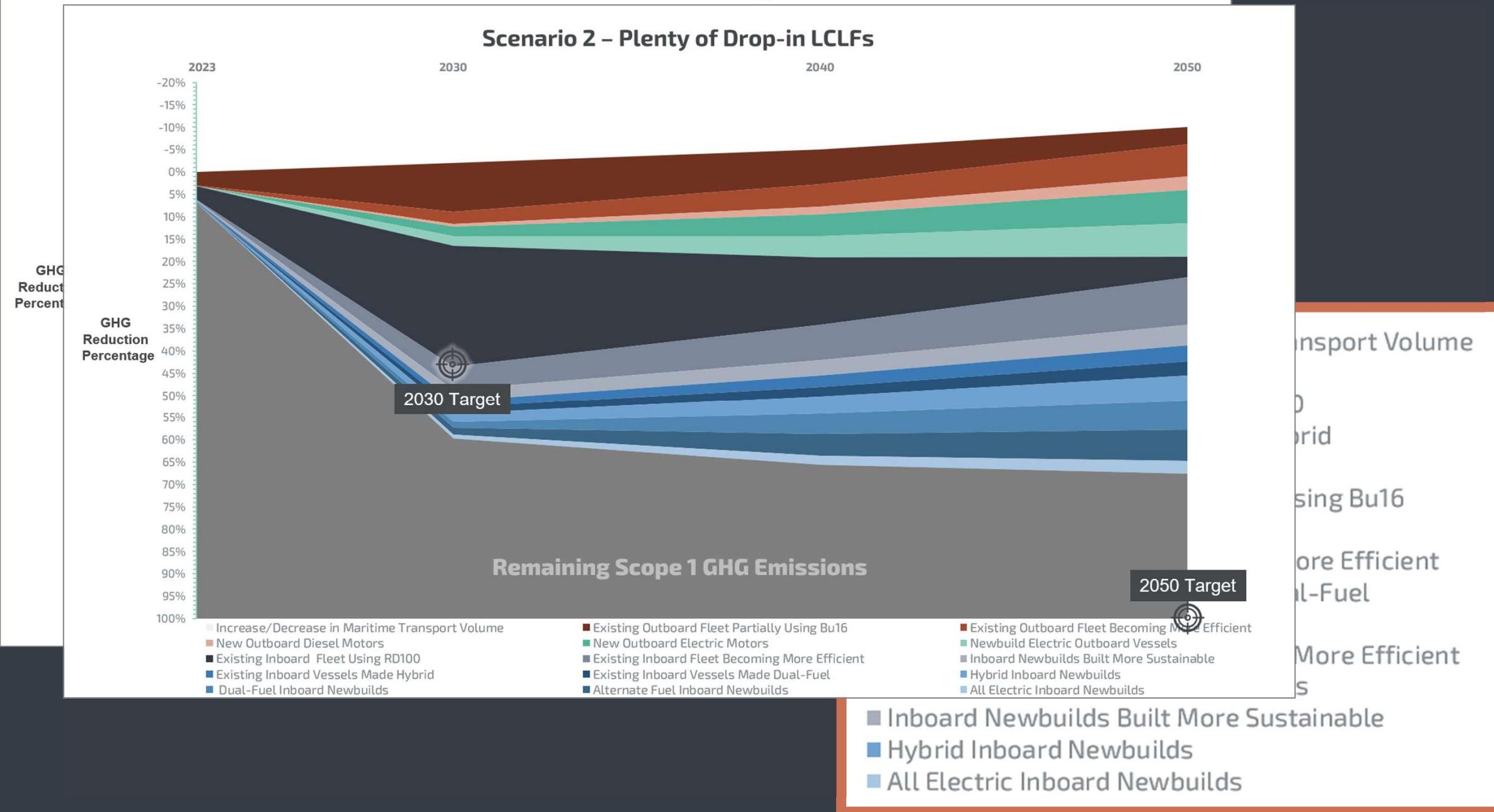


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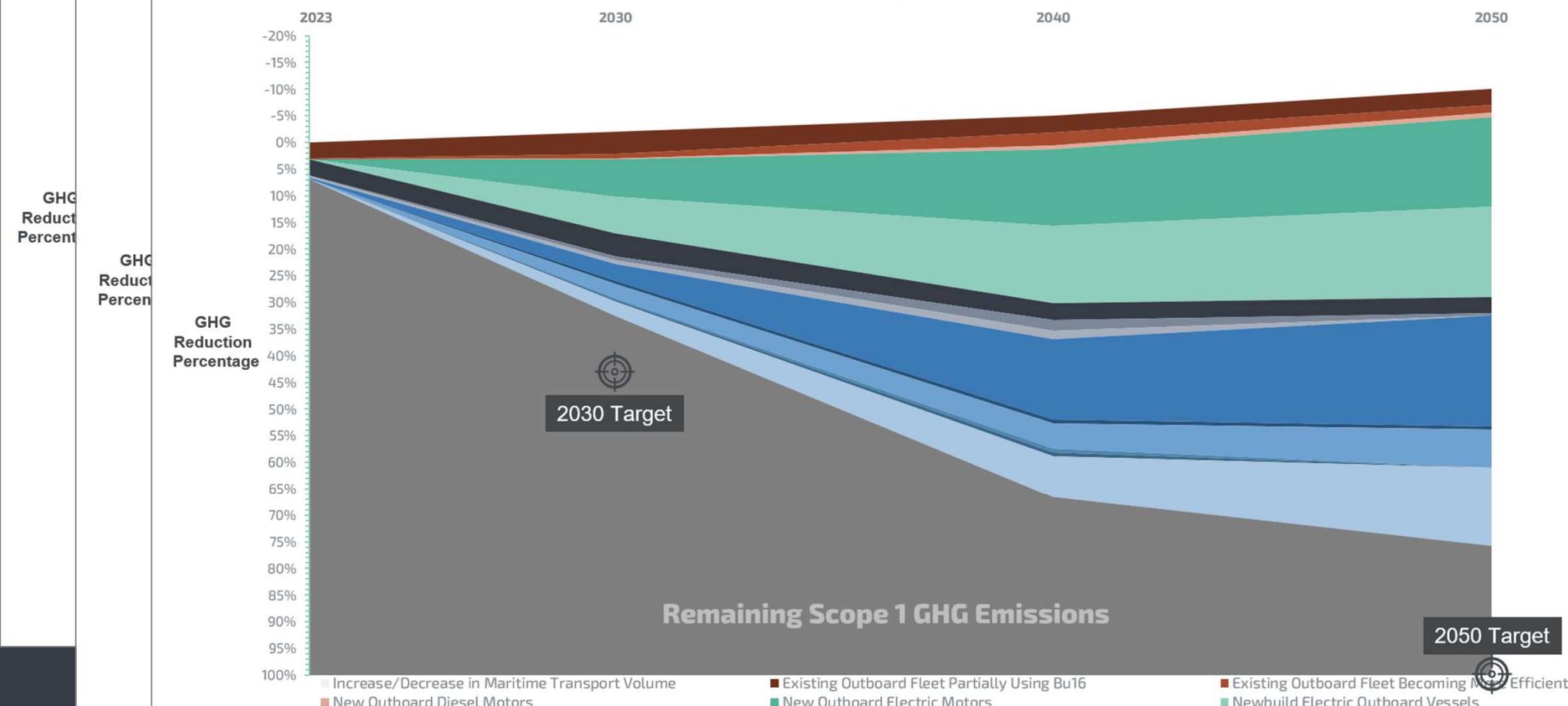
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Scenario 3 – Battery Breakthrough



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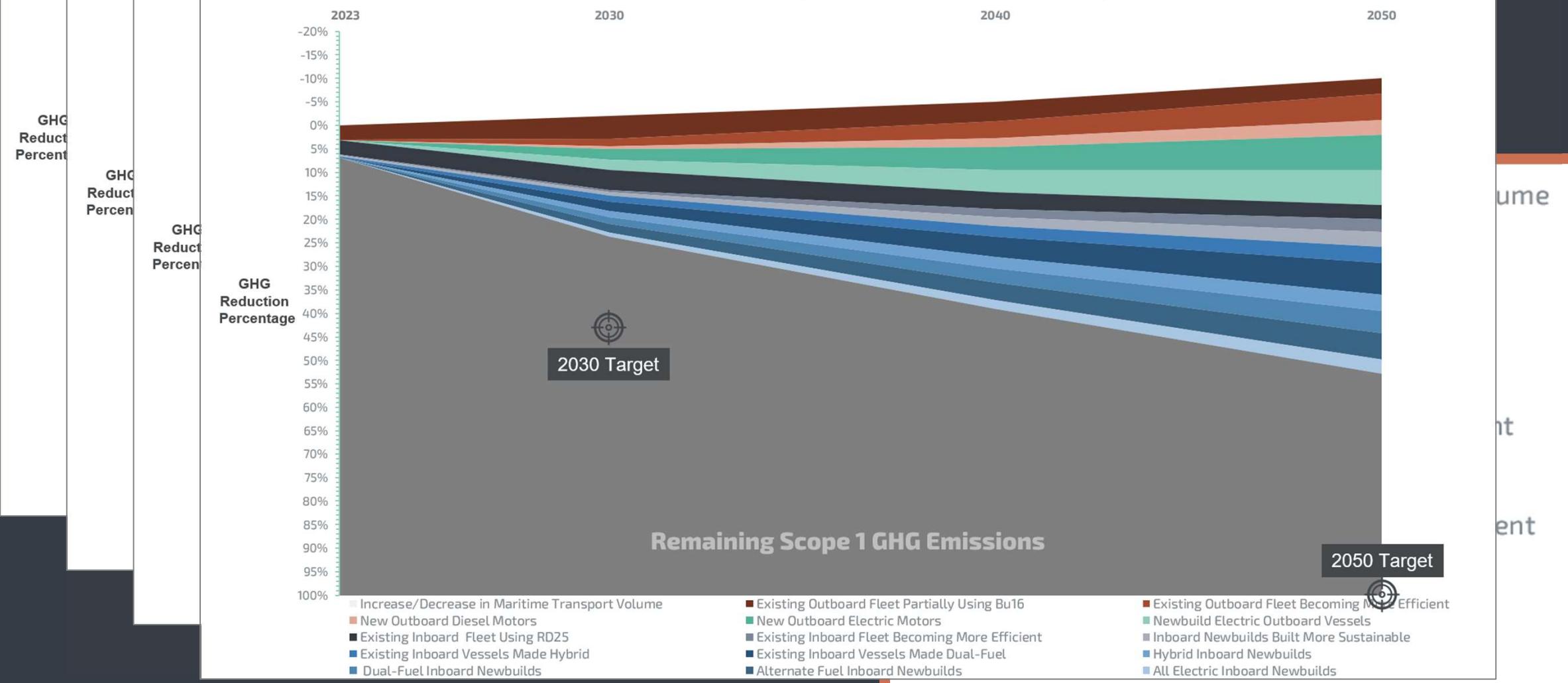
Hybrid Inboard Newbuilds
All Electric Inboard Newbuilds

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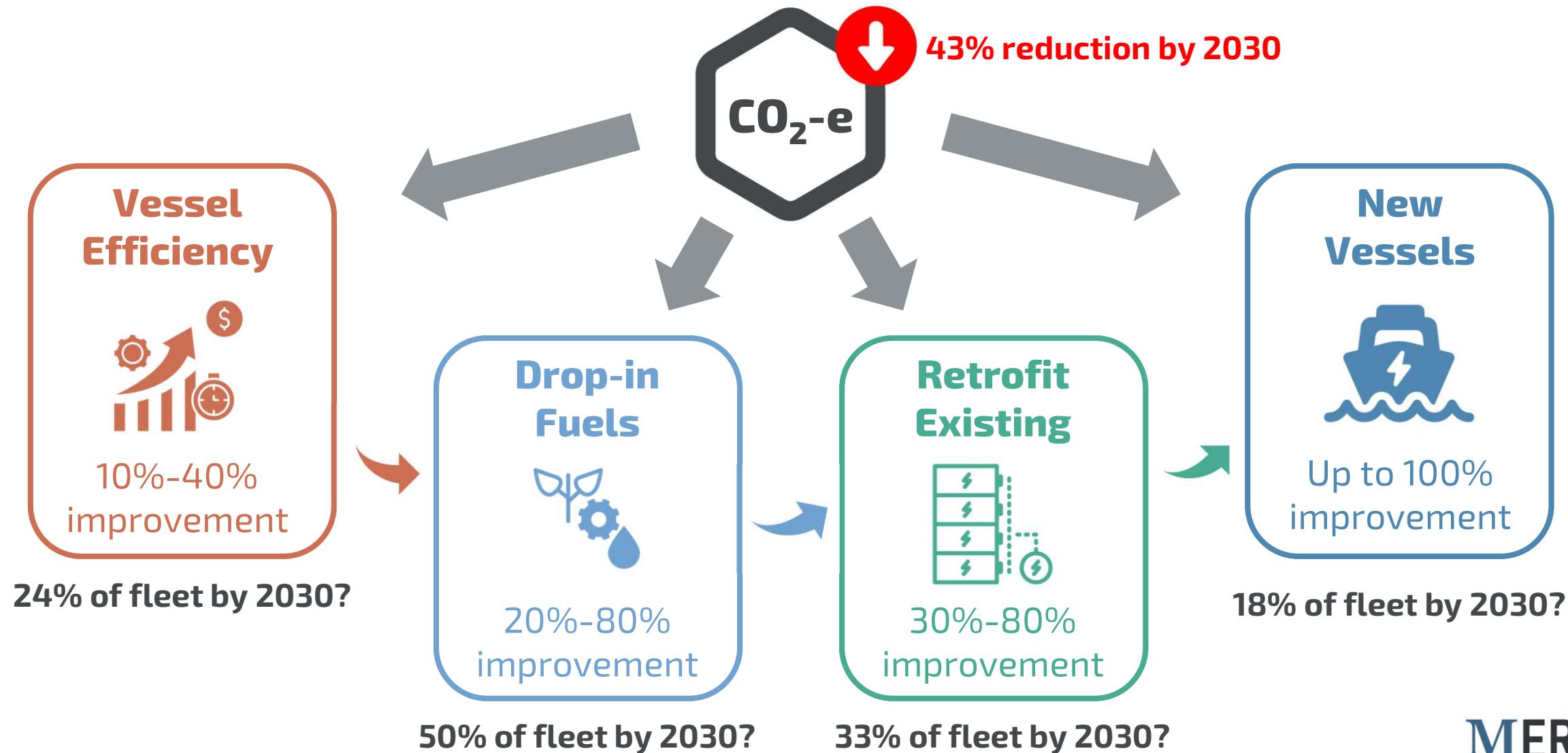
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Scenario 4 – Hydrogen & E-fuels Breakthrough



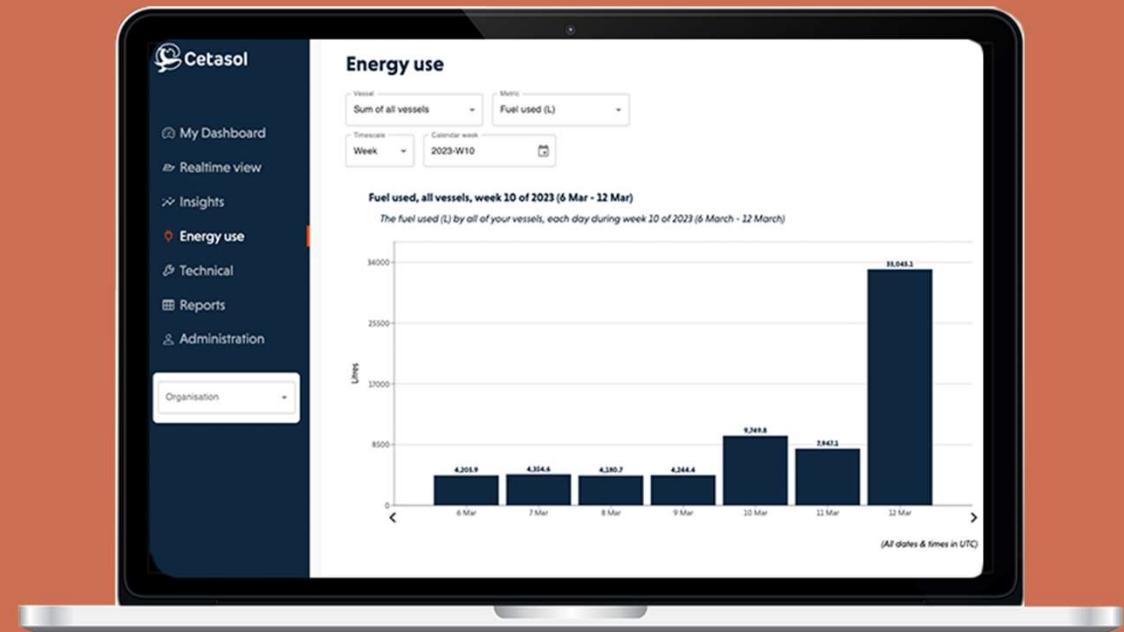
Plan A: Efficiency + Drop-in fuels + Electrify



Get energy smart



Energy costs are going up



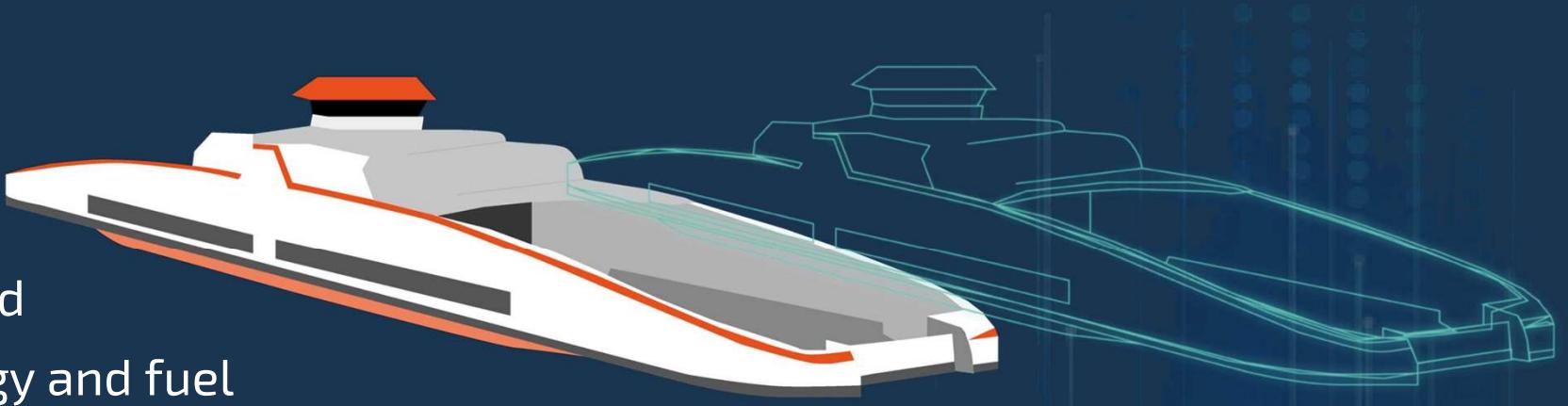
Good decisions need good data

Good energy data

iHelm Platform

A digital twin of your **vessel**.

- Helps optimise energy use
- Digitises all data points to cloud
- Captains use 10-15% less energy and fuel

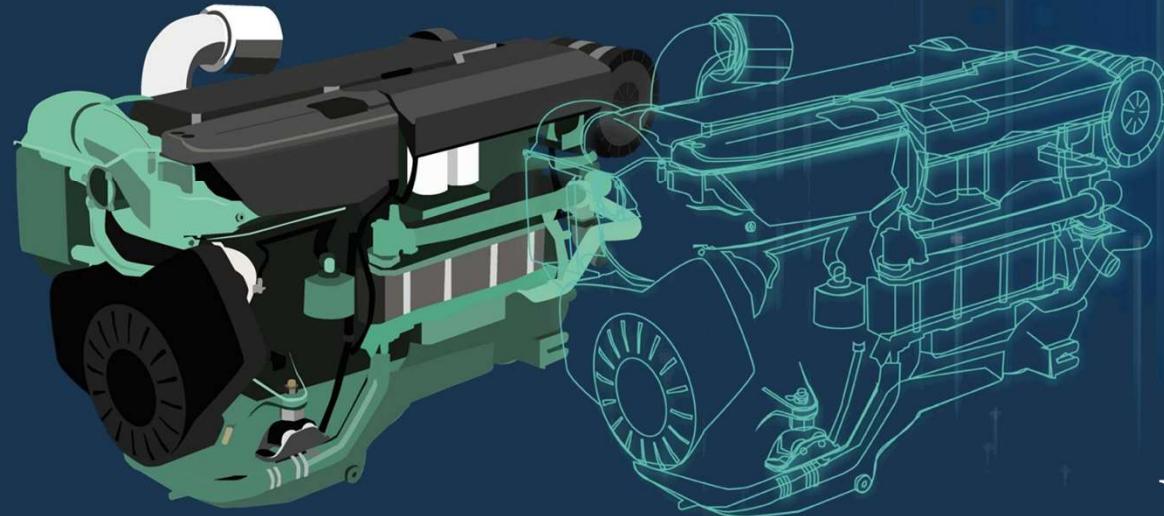


Digital Twins

Cetafuel Monitor

A digital twin of your **engine**.

- Monitors fuel flow virtually
- Only needs RPM, temp. and pressure
- 97%+ accuracy



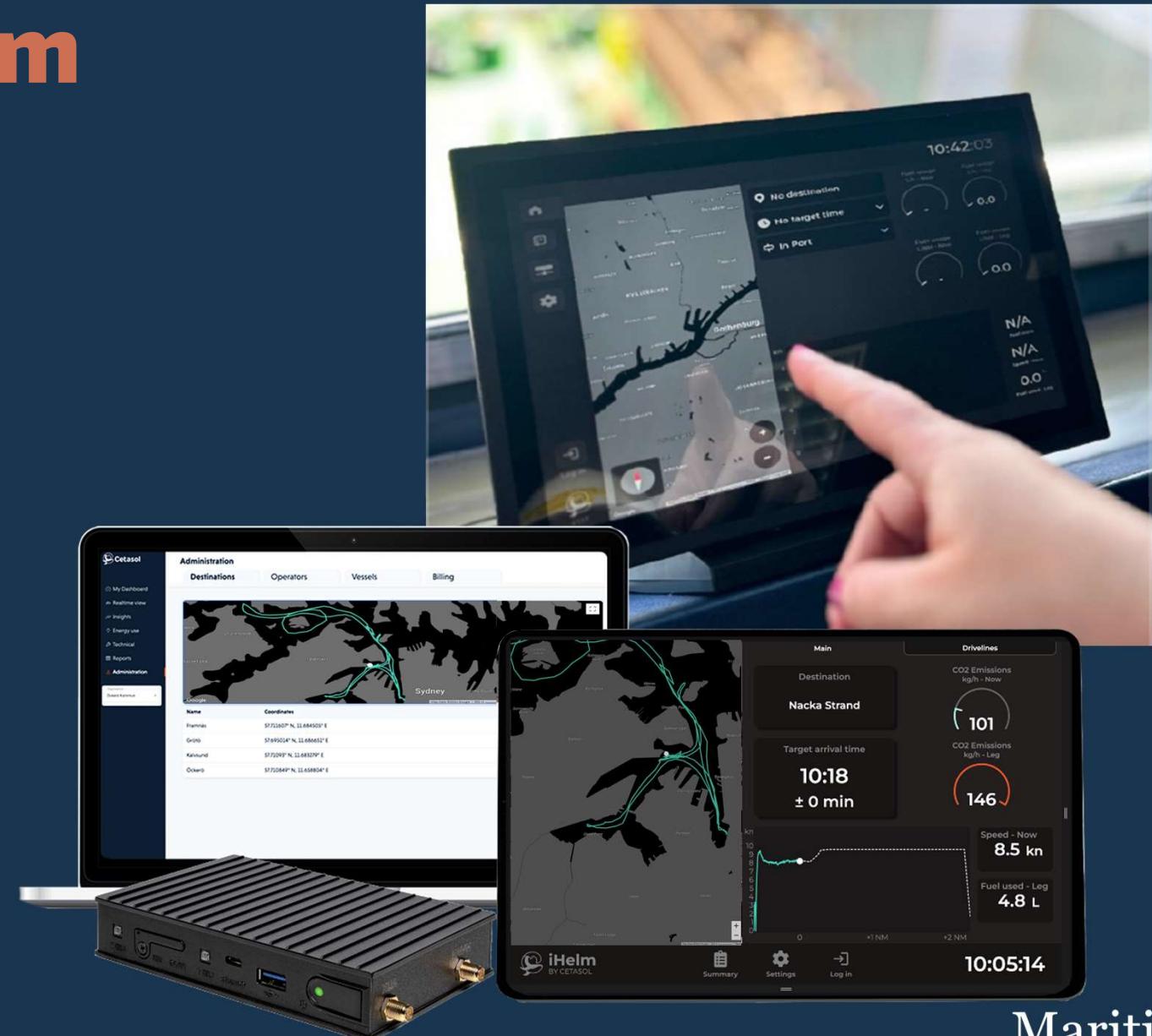
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Digitise with iHelm

The iHelm platform uses an **industrial PC** on the boat to capture data from a wide range of sensors and protocols.

The captain has a **monitor** to show them optimal energy use and guide their decisions.

The **cloud app** gives real-time view of the boat's data, and provides a reporting function.



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DECARBONISATION MYTHS

[BUSTED!]

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Myth: Hydrogen & e-fuels are the answer

Bad news for Hydrogen fuel and e-fuels derived from it:

17 Mt/yr **Green Hydrogen** projects have been announced globally for 2030.

But only **1.9 Mt/yr** has reached **Final Investment Decision** or is under construction.

80 Mt/yr of Fossil Hydrogen is used **now** by industrial processes (fertiliser, etc.) and even more will be needed for green iron/steel.

If production targets are hit by 2030 then we will still see only **21% of existing Hydrogen uses** decarbonised.

Conclusion:
We can't afford to use Hydrogen as fuel, or to create e-fuels.

Myth: Hydrogen & e-fuels are the answer



Hydrogen Fuel-Cell

17% of Diesel

Non-existent - major work needed

38% Energy Usefully Used

Expensive, especially infrastructure

Much higher than Diesel

Much less safe than Diesel

RANGE

SUPPLY

EFFICIENCY

CAPITAL COST

OPERATING COST

SAFETY

13% of Diesel

Available now - minor work in fast charging

80% Energy Usefully Used

Expensive, especially infrastructure

Much lower than Diesel

Slightly less safe than Diesel

Myth: Hydrogen & e-fuels are the answer

Price operators are willing
to PAY for Hydrogen fuel
(affordable)

Price producers are willing
to SELL Hydrogen fuel for
(profitable)



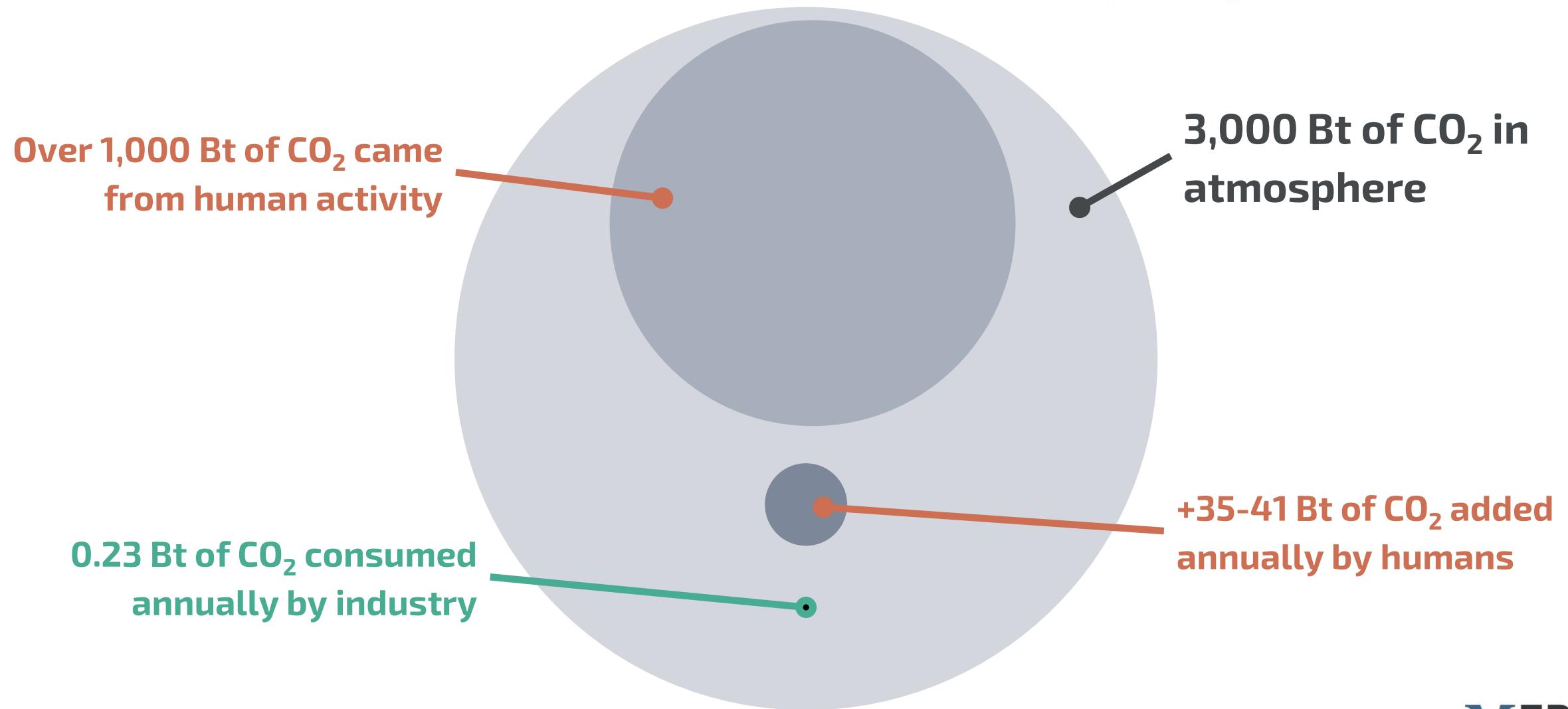
**MAGIC
HAPPENS!**

Transport and storage costs are high for
any colour Hydrogen,

Battery electric options keep falling in
price, Hydrogen *doesn't*, and

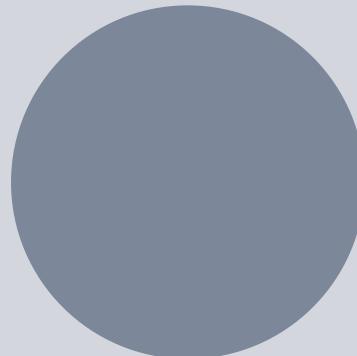
Governments must subsidise *operating*
expenses for it to happen.

Myth: Captured CO₂ will be valuable



Source: [Michael Barnard](#) Bt = Billion Tons

**+35-41 Bt of CO₂ added
annually by humans**



Conclusion:

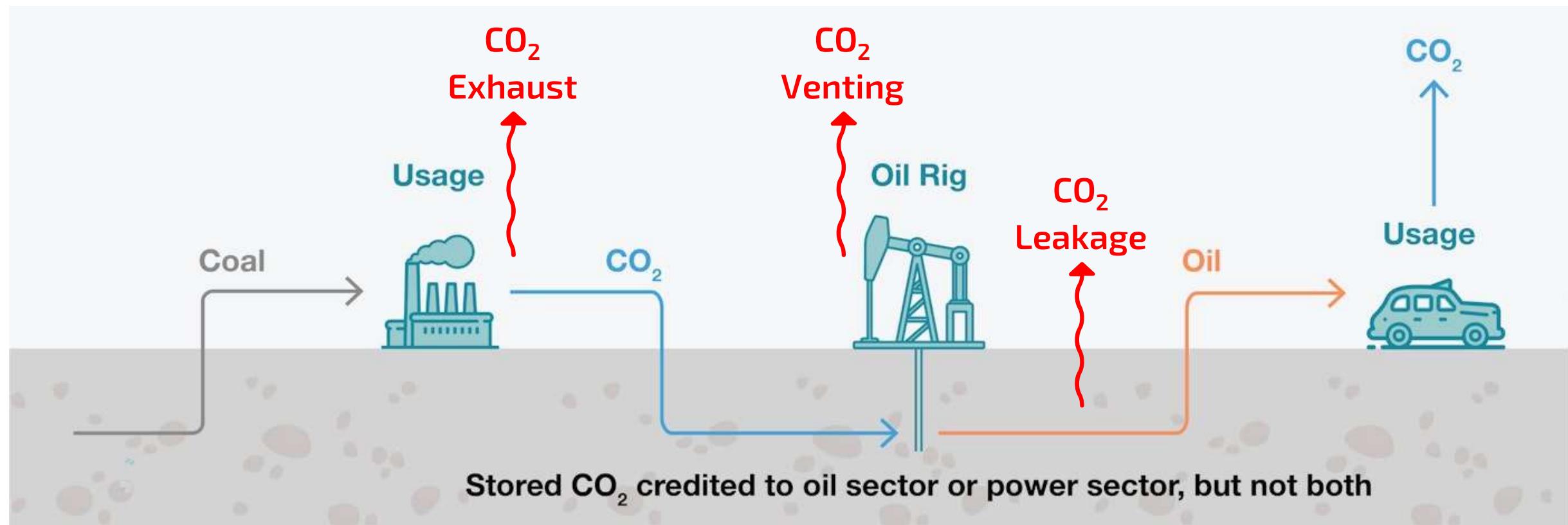
**There isn't much of a market
for captured CO₂**

It is WASTE, not resource

- **0.23 Bt of CO₂ consumed
annually by industry**

Myth: ~~CO₂ can be safely stored~~

Most CO₂ consumed by industry today is used for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), it pumps the CO₂ underground to release more oil, and often doesn't stay there.



Myth: Renewable diesel can save us alone



But the biomass it is made from is in high demand everywhere!
So, prices will **stay high** (about 3x fossil diesel).



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Myth: Batteries are ~~bad~~



~~They catch fire easily!~~

Rarely, and easily managed and prepared for.
(and becoming safer)



~~Electricity and water don't mix!~~

Marine battery systems are designed for that environment.
(and IP67 rated, etc.)



~~They are too expensive!~~

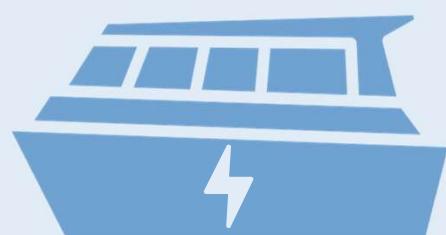
Cost more than a diesel system but are much cheaper to run.
(and getting cheaper)

Pragmatic actions we can take now

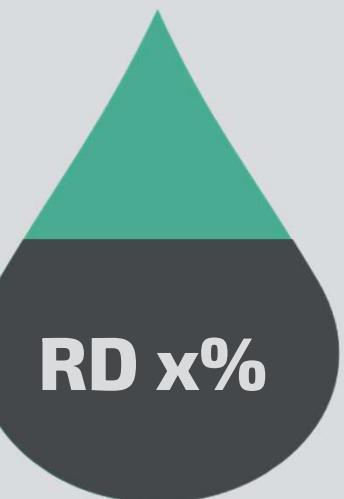
Energy Efficiency Measures



Greater Use of Battery Electric



Renewable Diesel Blending



Using Green Bio-Methanol



What changes with electrification?

Things we are used to having:

- Efficiency second to features
- Overpowered propulsion
- Excess range
- Extra fuel as ballast

Things we can do without:

- Rising fuel bills
- Noisy, shuddering, smoky engines
- Maintenance headaches

Things we need to have in the future:

- Super-efficient vessel designs
- Higher torque at lower power
- Accurate ability to predict range
- Differentiation (early mover)

Things we will get:

- Lower operating costs
- Quiet, steady, clean motors
- Batteries as permanent ballast

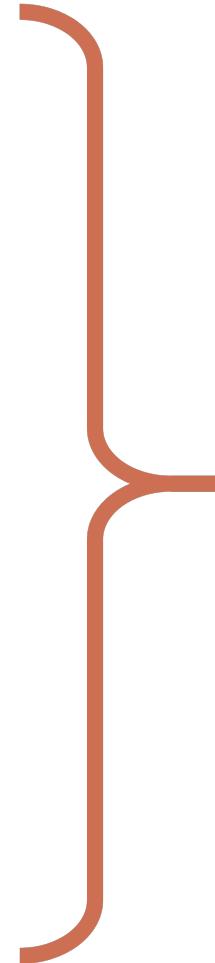
This means standard designs rule

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You need the right players on your team

Tech & Solution Providers



Systems Integrators



Manufacturers



Marine Service Providers



Boat Builders

Critical Stakeholders



Utilities



Ports, Harbours & Marinas



Fuel Co's

Key Enablers



Banks



Insurers



Government Org's



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MERC brings the right players together

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INITIATOR



Boat Builders



Charge Point Operators



Vessel Owners/Operators



Venture Funds



Ports, Harbours & Marinas



Manufacturers



Marine Service Providers



Systems Integrators



Offshore Facility Operators



Naval Architects

MEMBERS



Government Org's



Other Clusters & Associations



Utilities



Fuel Co's



RTOs



Unis



NGOs

PARTNERS

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MERC Steering Committee

MERC was founded in February 2024, with two seats for Maritime Impulse:



Angus McDonald
CEO & Co-Founder, MERC Chair
Maritime Impulse
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/angusmcdonald/>



Christine McDonald
Director & Co-Founder
Maritime Impulse
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Three Member representatives were elected to the Steering Committee in July 2024:



Lynelle Johnson
Managing Director
Eclass Outboards

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/lynellejohnson/>



Dr Steve Mitchell
Engineering Manager
Ampcontrol

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Brendan Cooley
Managing Director
IMS

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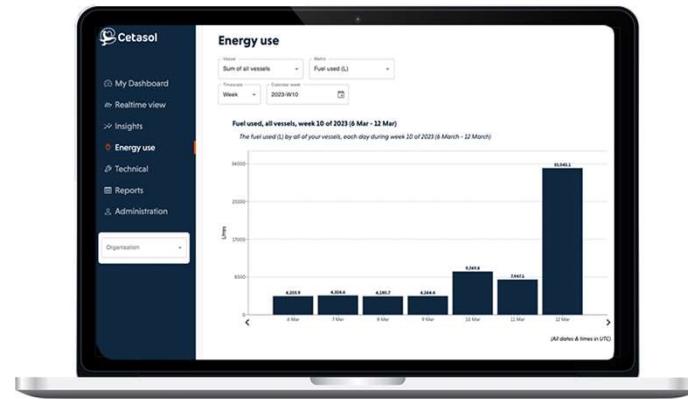
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Get Energy Smart

Digitise and get the data you need to help you navigate the future.



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