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Sustainability Leaps in Reefer Operations

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Refrigerant Landscape

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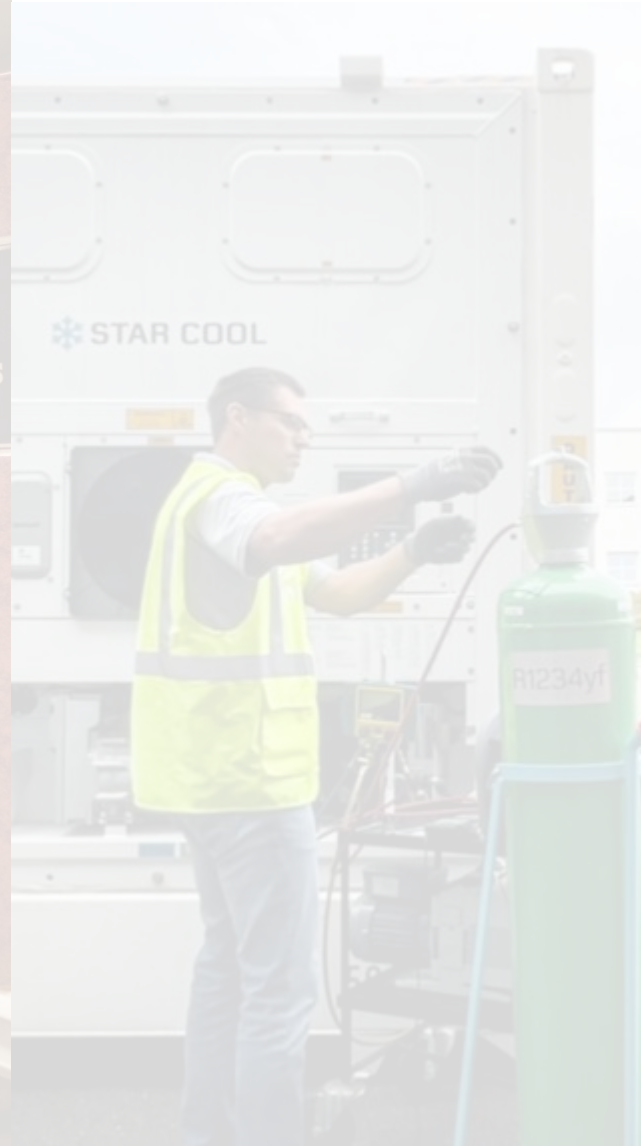
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Typical considerations

Average power demand of an avg reefer (IMO default)

2.75 kW



Annual profile in operation

120 days x 24 hours



Average fuel consumption engine

240 g/kWh



Bunker fuel cost

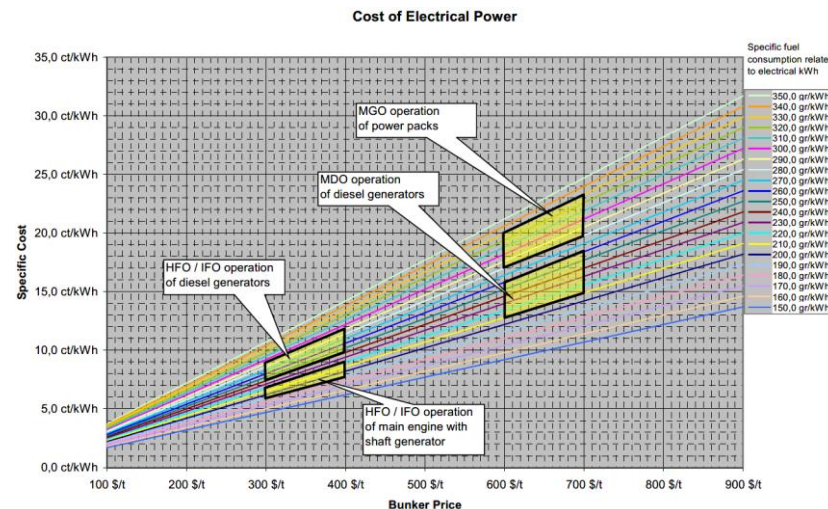
450 USD/t



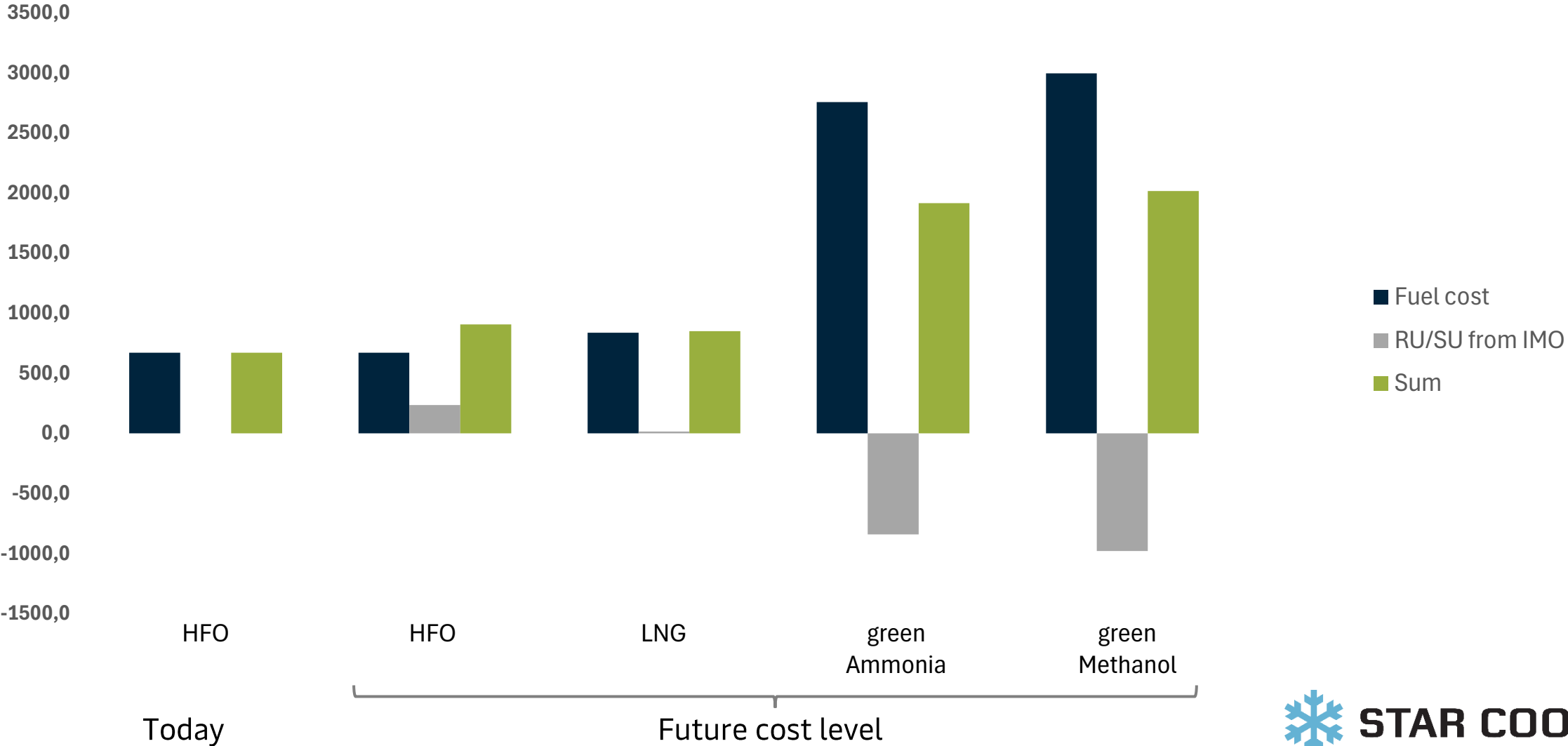
Operational cost to power a reefer

855 USD

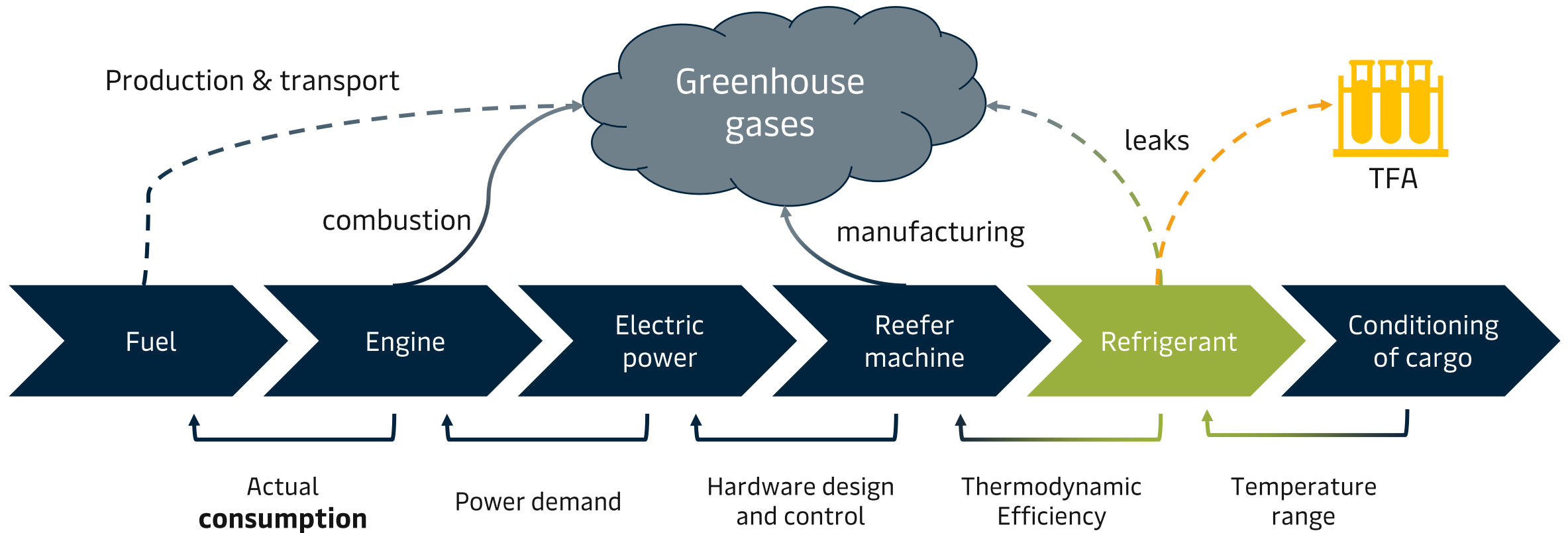
0.11 USD/kWh

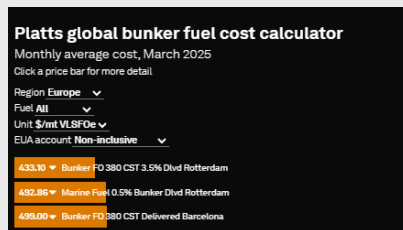
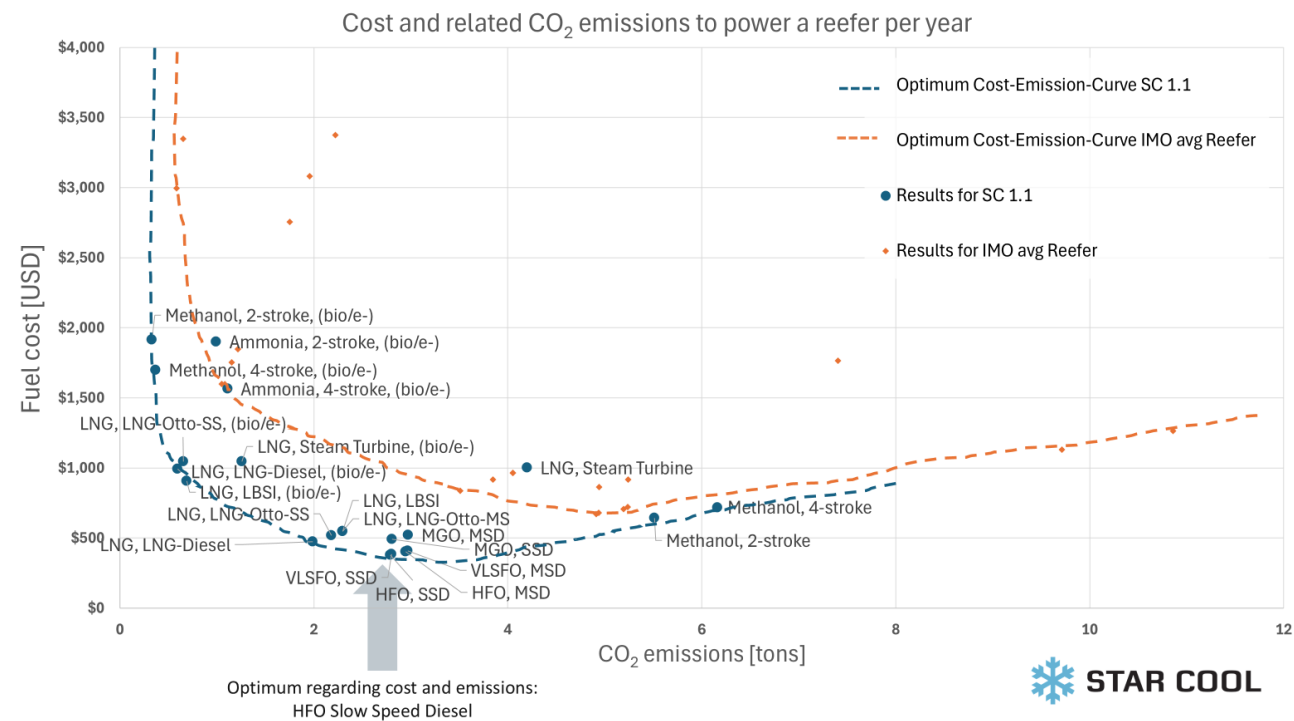


Operational cost per year and reefer (IMO avg at 2.75 kW per hour)

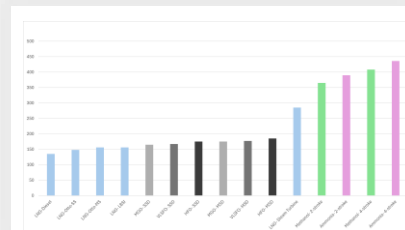


Refrigerant role in overall carbon emissions

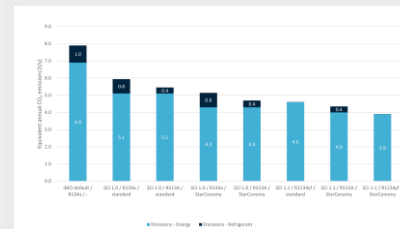




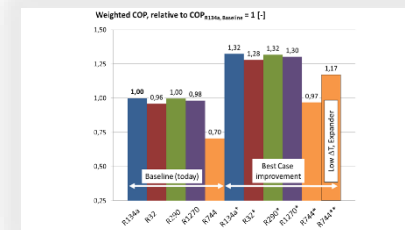
Current global **Fuel cost** information from Platts global bunker data



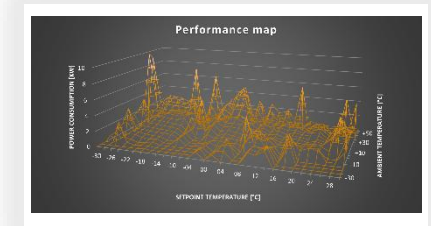
Fuel consumption data and well-to-wake emissions from DNV, ICCT, MAN and Danish Energy Agency



System performance benchmark tests done at MCI and third party

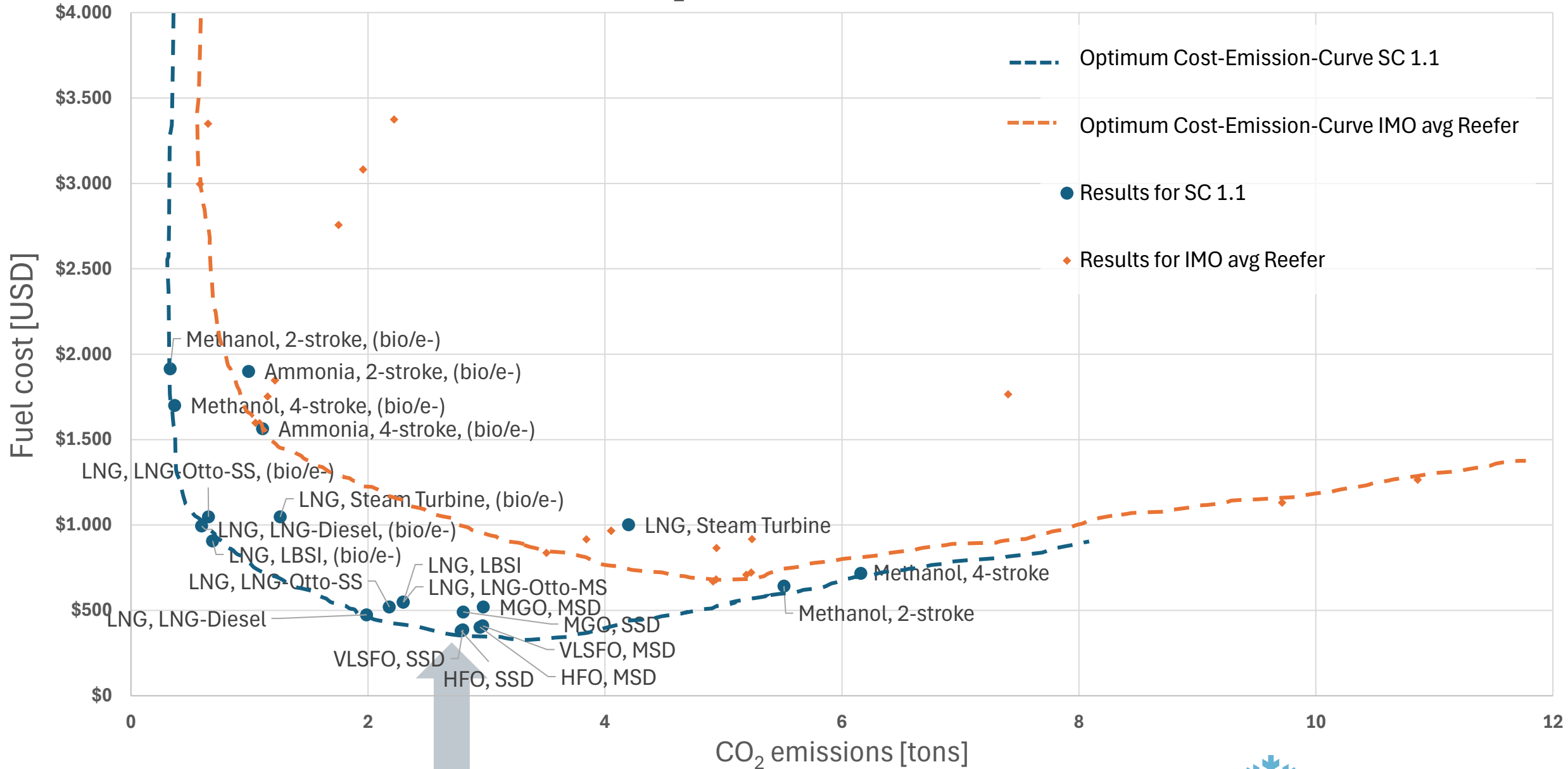


Refrigerant performance impact studied theoretically and experimentally



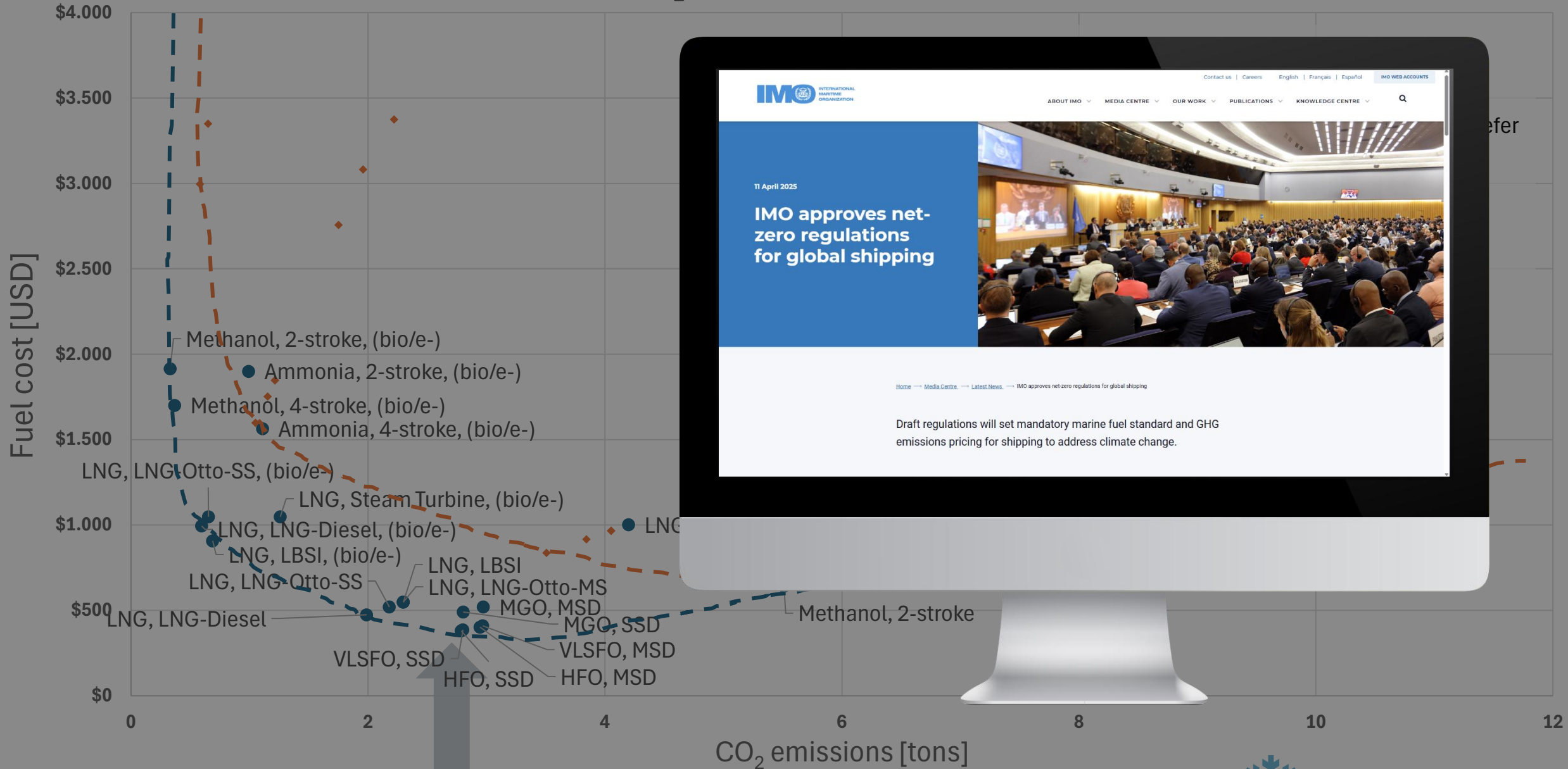
Operating conditions based on 570 Million hours of operation on 100,000 reefers by Sekstant™

Cost and related CO₂ emissions to power a reefer per year



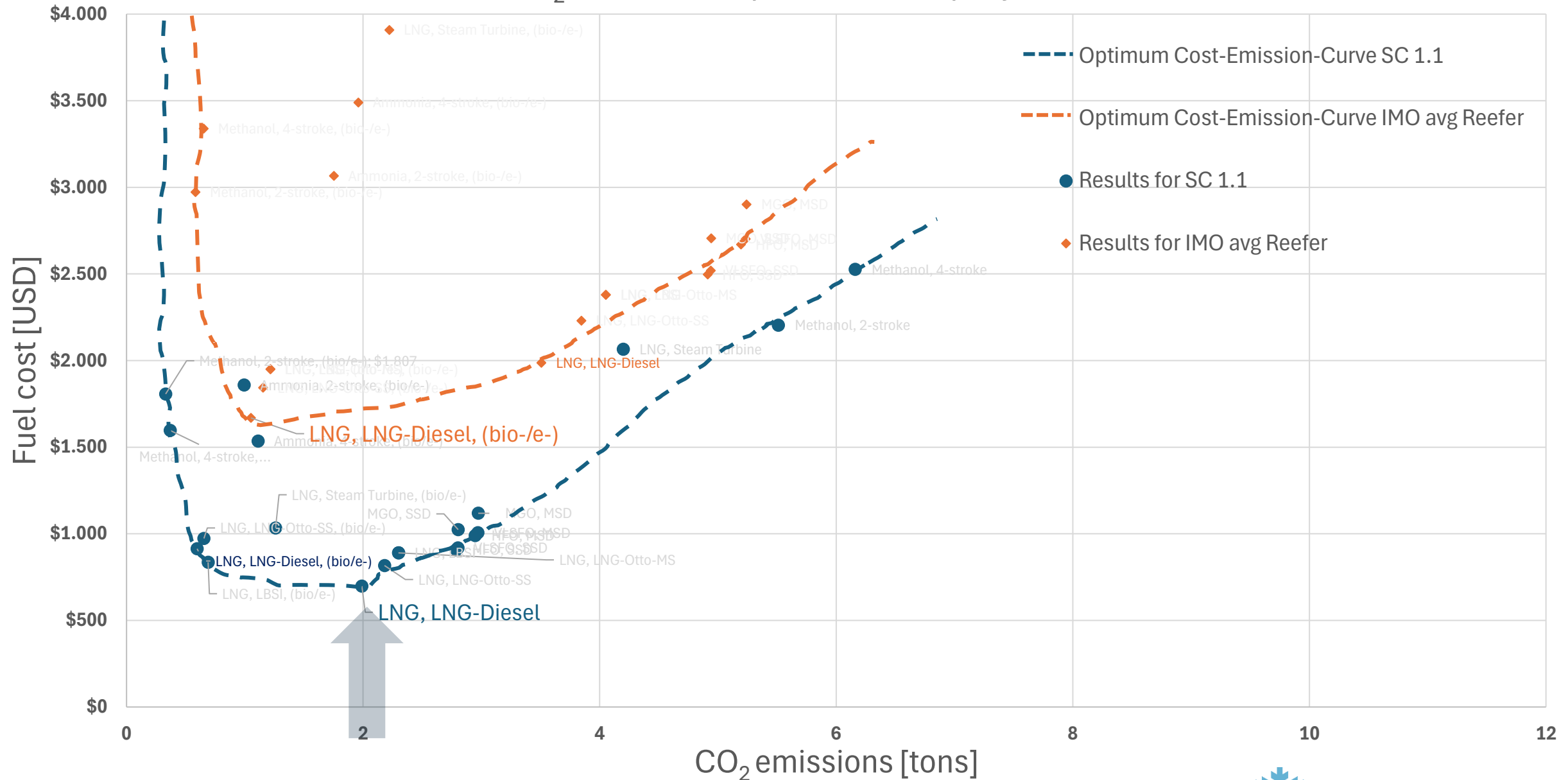
Optimum regarding cost and emissions:
HFO Slow Speed Diesel

Cost and related CO₂ emissions to power a reefer per year



Optimum regarding cost and emissions:
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Cost and related CO₂ emissions to power a reefer per year, incl. IMO scheme



Optimum regarding cost and emissions:
LNG with Diesel Engine

Conclusion reefer OPEX:

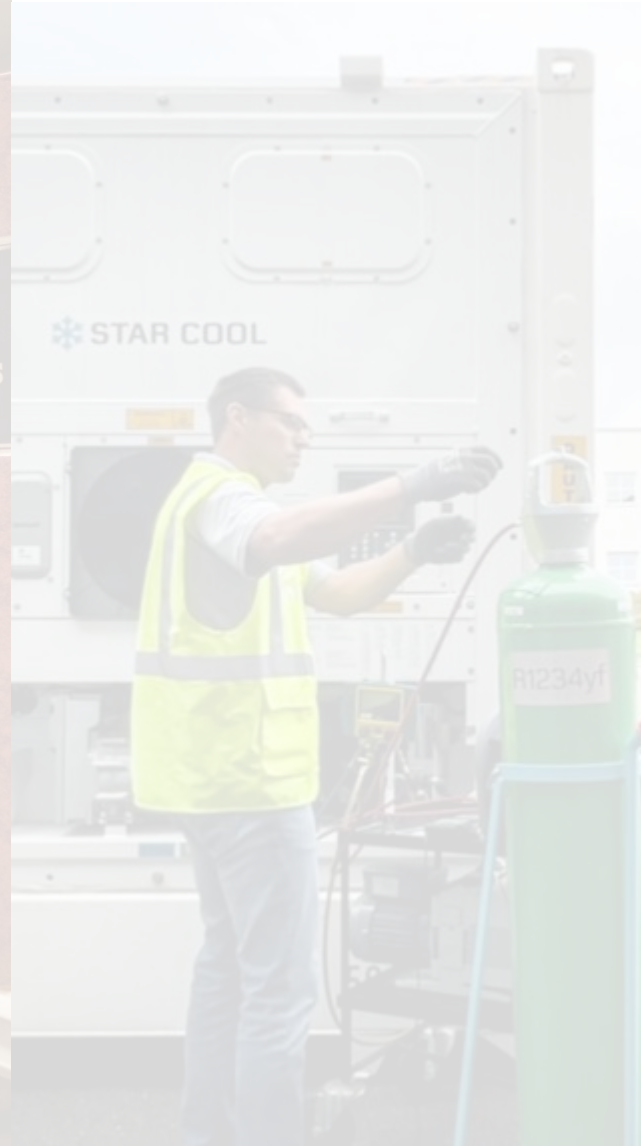
To be in control of operational cost, today and in future, all factors contributing to power demand need to be evaluated meticulously, ensuring no stone is left unturned.



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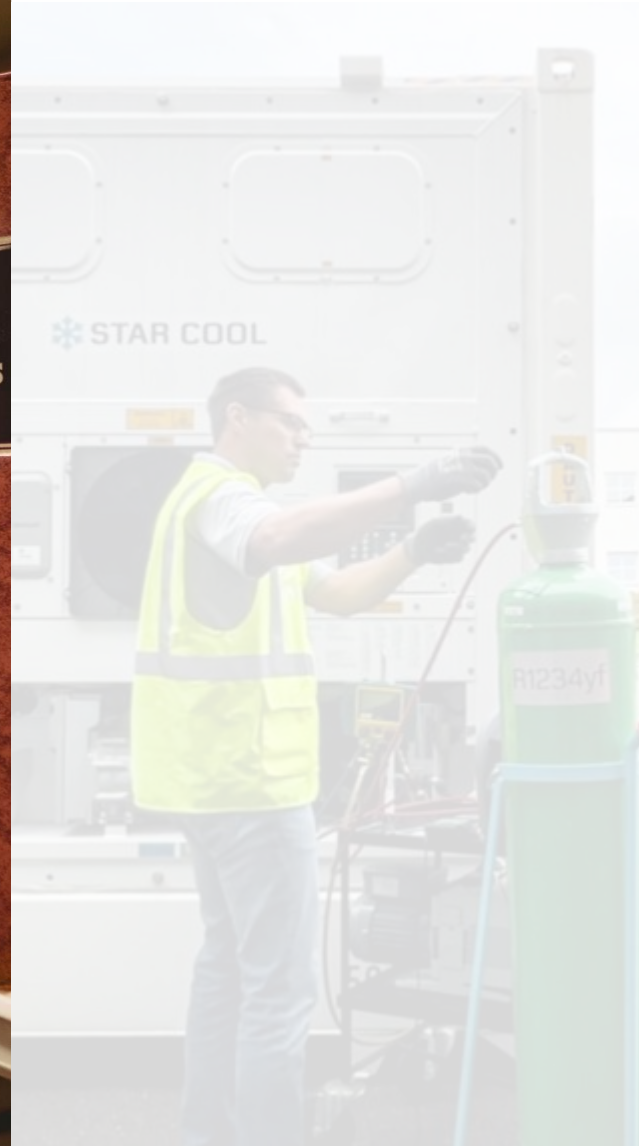
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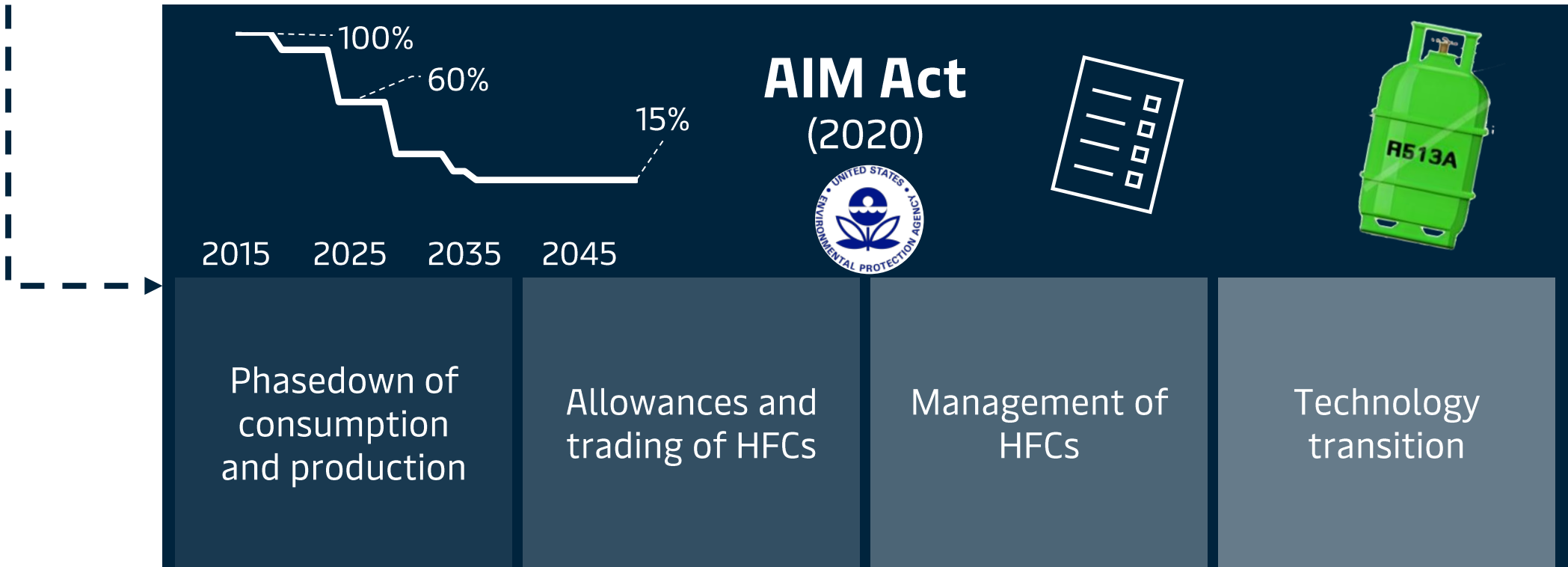
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United States of America – Federal level

**Kigali
Amendment
(2016)**



Ratified
(69-27)
2022

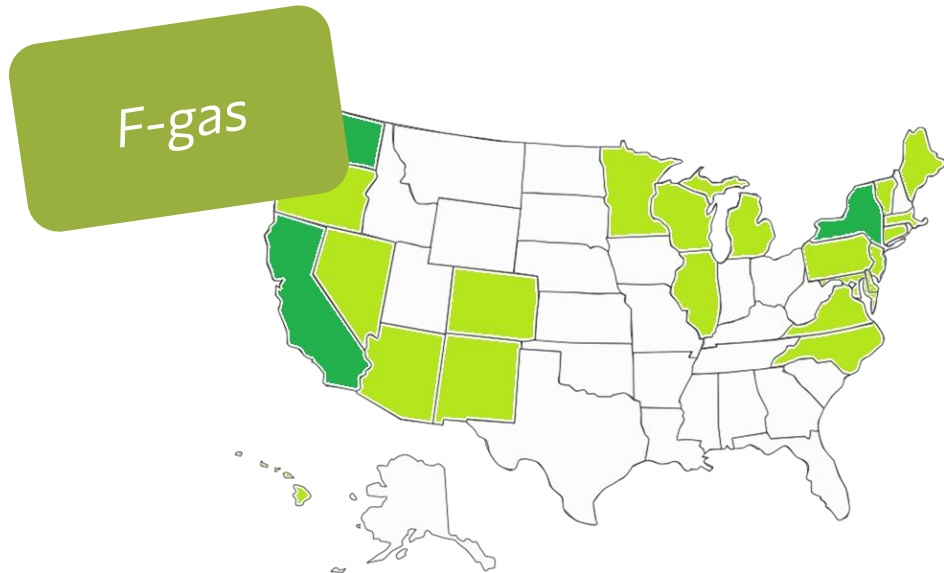




United States of America

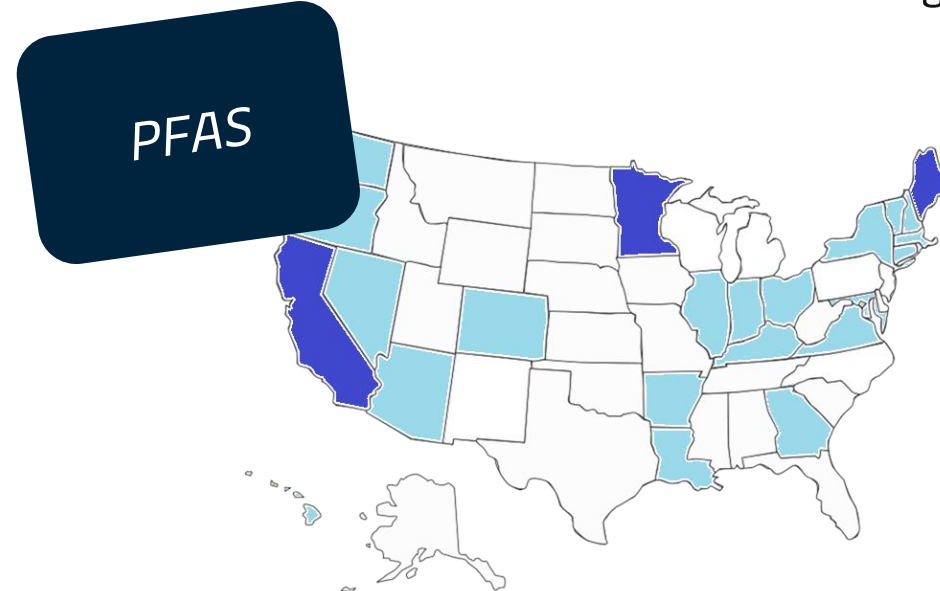
State level environmental policies



CA, NY  AHRI & HARDI
Trump executive order

State level climate and clean energy regulations



-  "progressive states", e.g. ratification of SNAP
-  States with legislation exceeding AIM Act



-  States following PFAS definition of OECD, like EU
-  States looking into TFA, the decomposition product of fluorinated refrigerants

Source: [HFC Policy Tracker - North American Sustainable Refrigeration Council](#)

European Union

Regulations pushing for ultra-low GWP refrigerants

F-gas regulation 2024/573



In effect since March 2024



Phase out of HFCs by 2050



Increased policing



Review in 2030

PFAS restriction proposal



Potentially ban fluorinated refrigerants like R134a, R513A and R1234yf that break down to TFA



Only applicable to products that are manufactured, (permanently) imported or used in EU territory



Review ongoing, earliest expected entry into force 2028

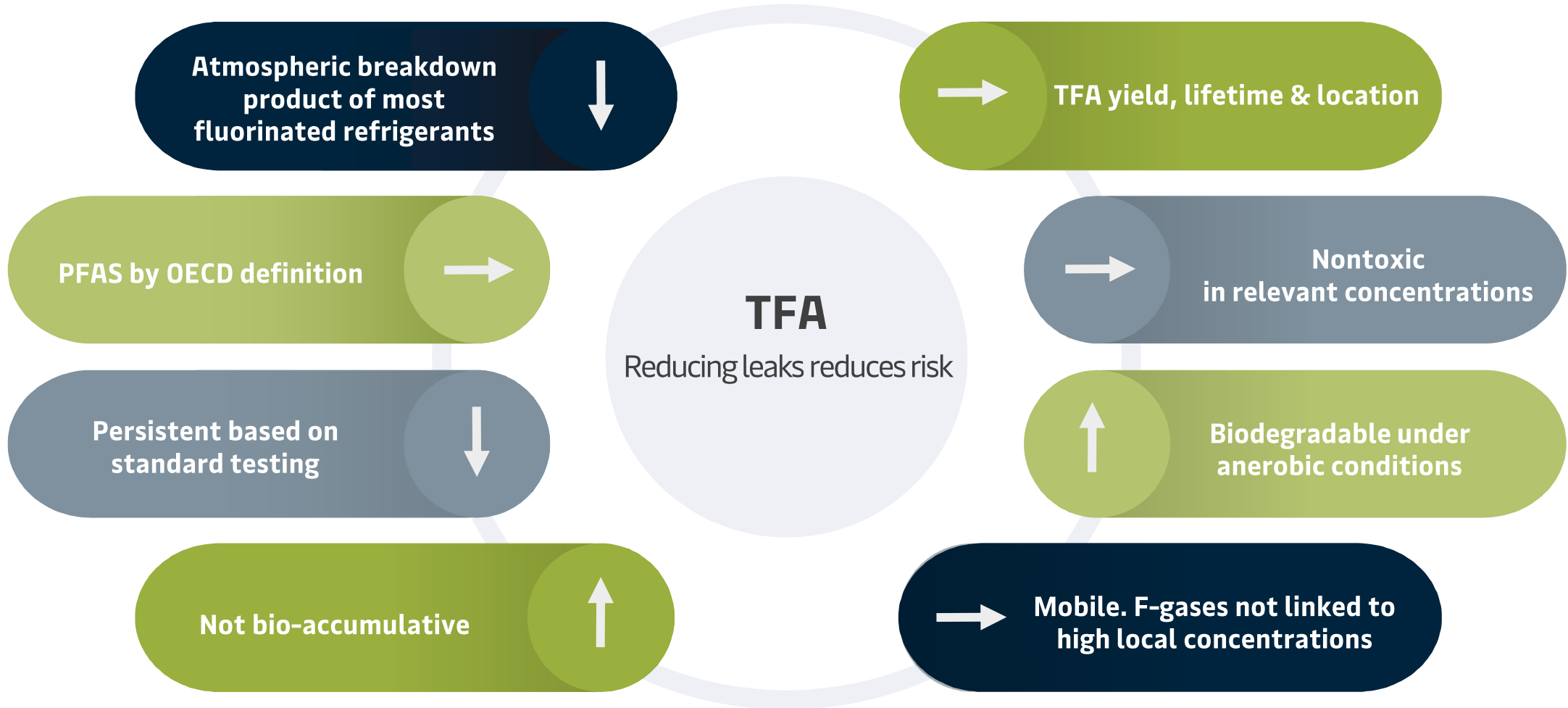


Current derogation period until 2035



COA advocated for derogation until 2048

TFA – Need to know

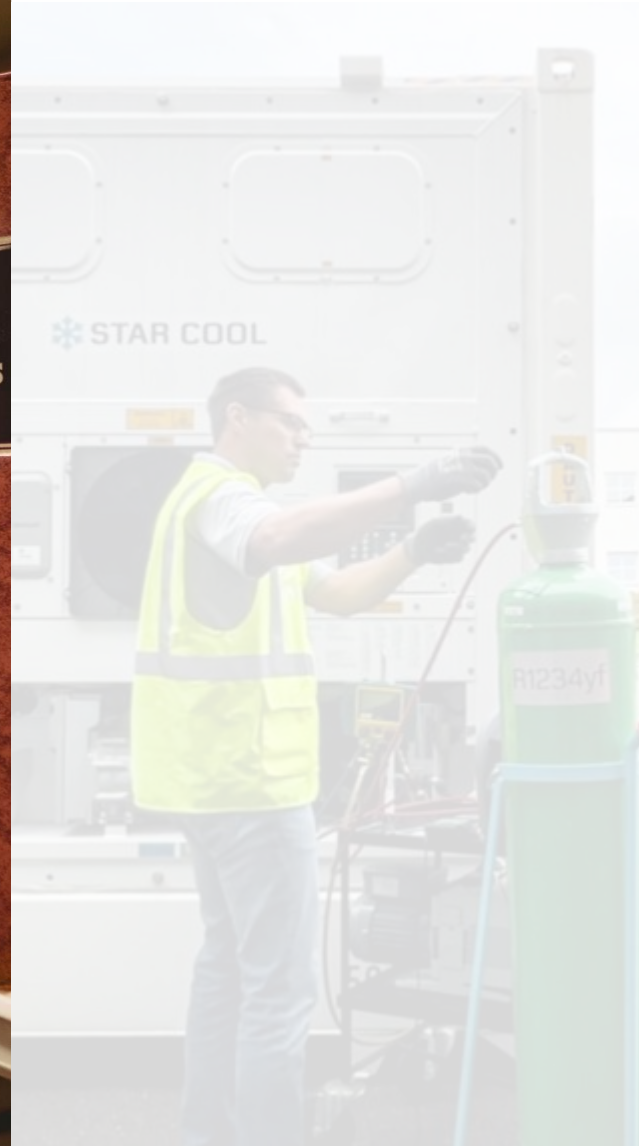




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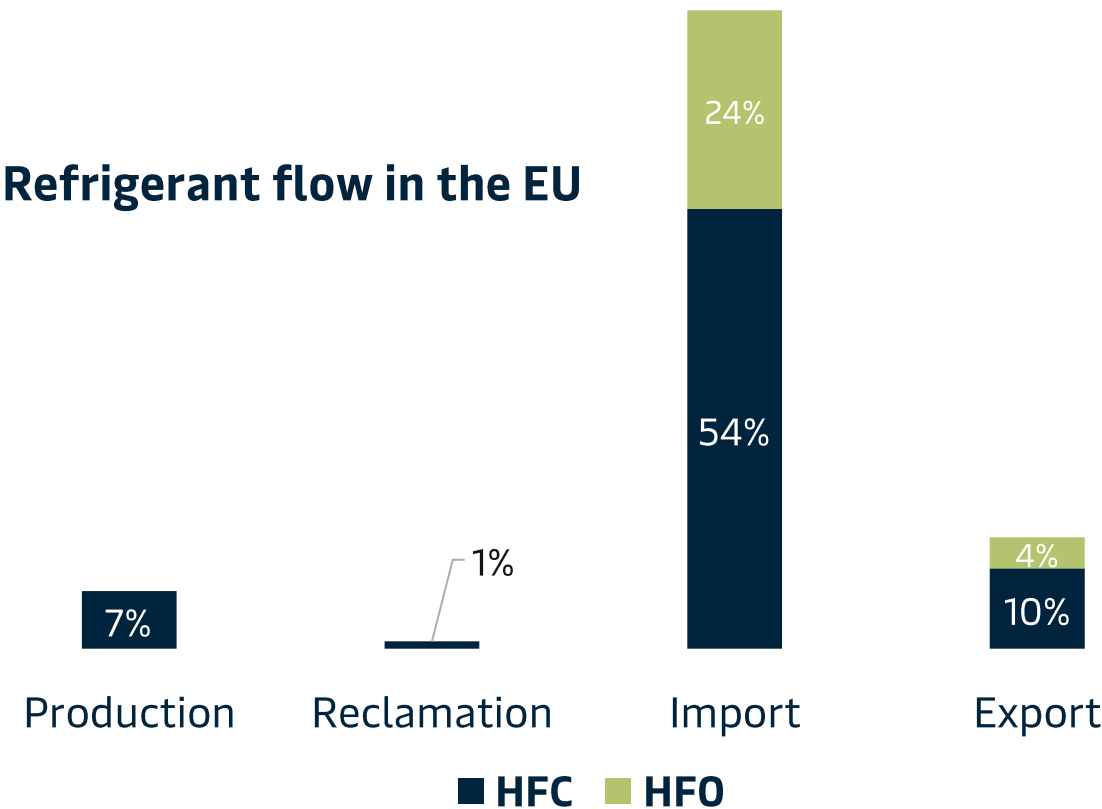


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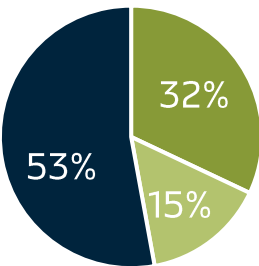
Refrigerants

Where are they produced?

Refrigerant flow in the EU

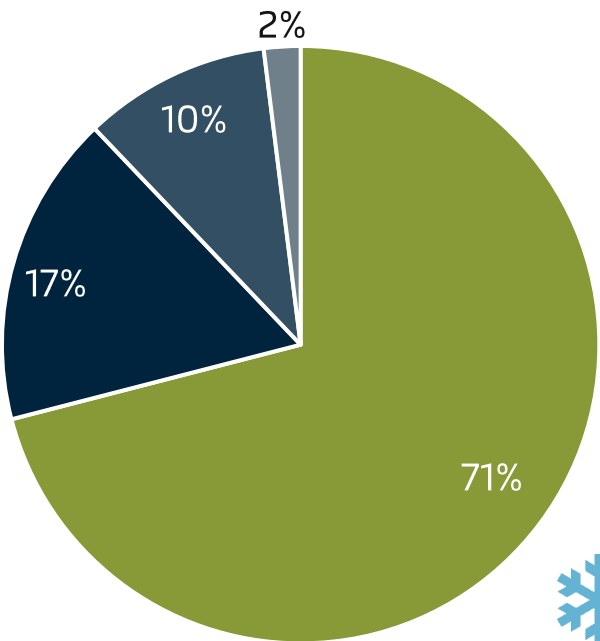


R1234yf



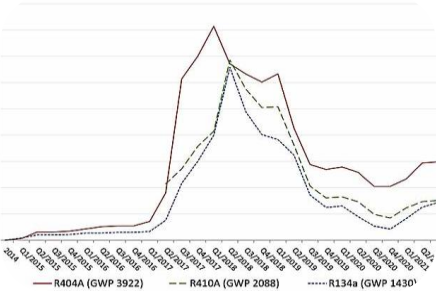
- China
- Japan
- USA

R134a

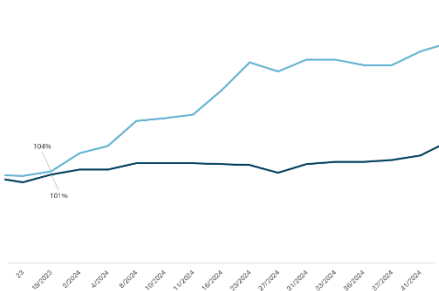


- China
- USA
- India
- ROW

Refrigerant cost and drivers



Quota



Production cap



Raw materials



Tariffs



Patent



R1234yf

R513A

R1234yf

R134a

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R1234yf

R134a

R513A

Current refrigerant prices

Global snapshot



Production
cost est.

R134a:	4	\$/kg
R513A:	10-25	\$/kg
R1234yf:	13-39	\$/kg

R134a: 25 \$/kg
R513A: 60 \$/kg
R1234yf: 143 \$/kg

R134a: 39 \$/kg
R513A: 39 \$/kg
R1234yf: 74 \$/kg

R134a: 7 \$/kg
R513A: 33 \$/kg
R1234yf: 130 \$/kg

R134a: 16 \$/kg
R513A: 90 \$/kg
R1234yf: 165 \$/kg

R134a: 13 \$/kg
R513A: 140 \$/kg
R1234yf: 140 \$/kg



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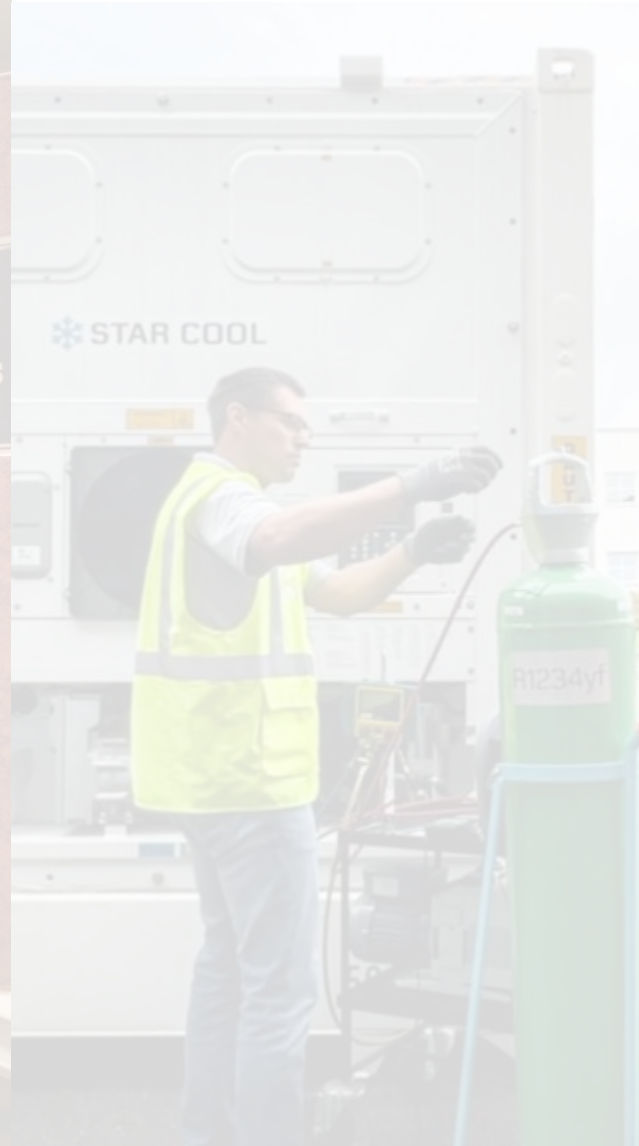
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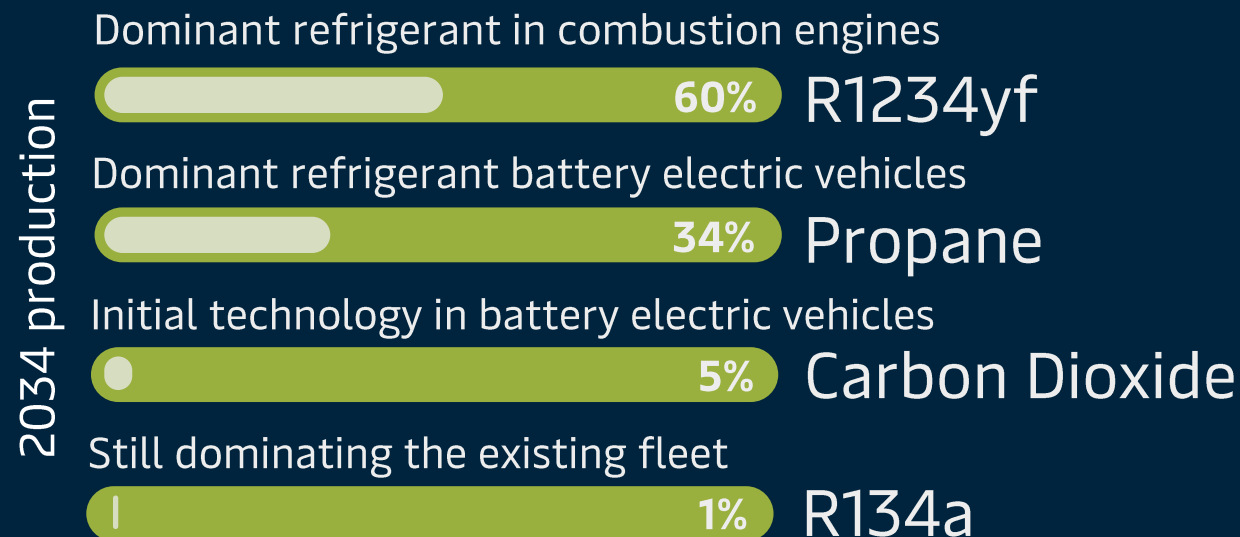
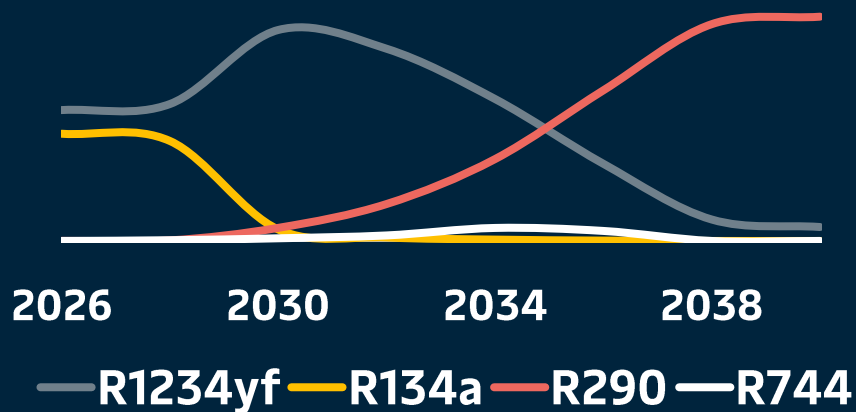
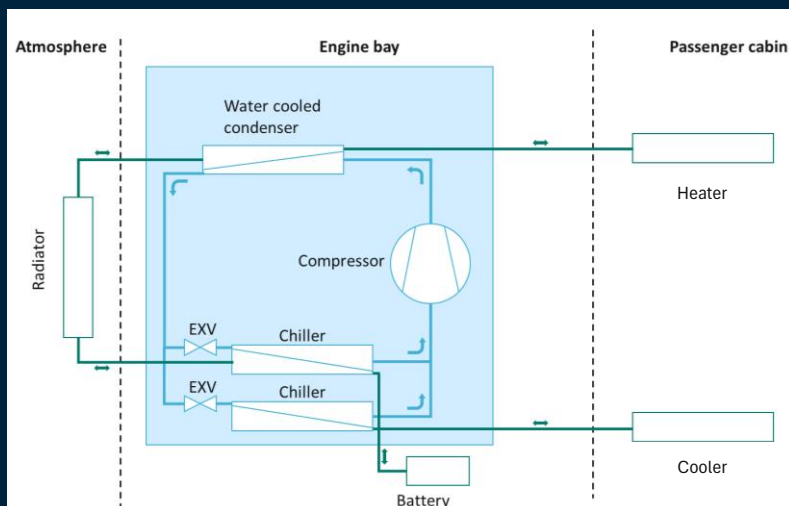


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Trends in automotive Guidance for reefers again?



Ford/ Denso:

"R1234yf is still the best option ICE/ Hybrid/ Plug-in"

Bosch:

*"Propane offers a more favorable efficiency
and cost level"*



Summary



Efficient reefer machines are key to keep the cost under control



Refrigerant choice has a significant impact



R134a is being phased out in the global automotive industry within this decade



Use of R1234yf is growing in the next years, in both reefer and automotive



Automotive is transitioning to a thermal management system – a simple “copy” and “paste” in reefer would offset energy efficiency and drive operational costs upwards

Break

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Practical Experience with R1234yf Operation



Star Cool 1.1 Feedback

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**Energy
Efficiency**



Sustainability



**Product
Reliability**

 **STAR COOL**

Sustainability

TR - TRIPLE REFRIGERANT



Factory charge options

R134a

R513A

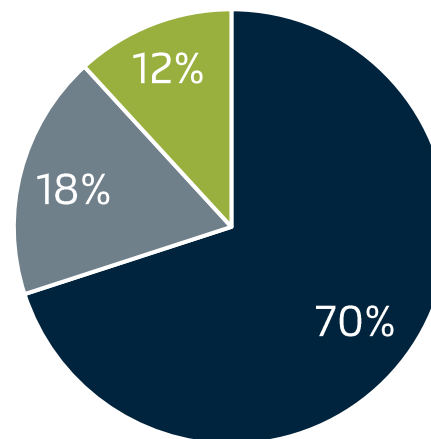
R1234yf

TRR - TRIPLE REFRIGERANT READY



R134a

R513A

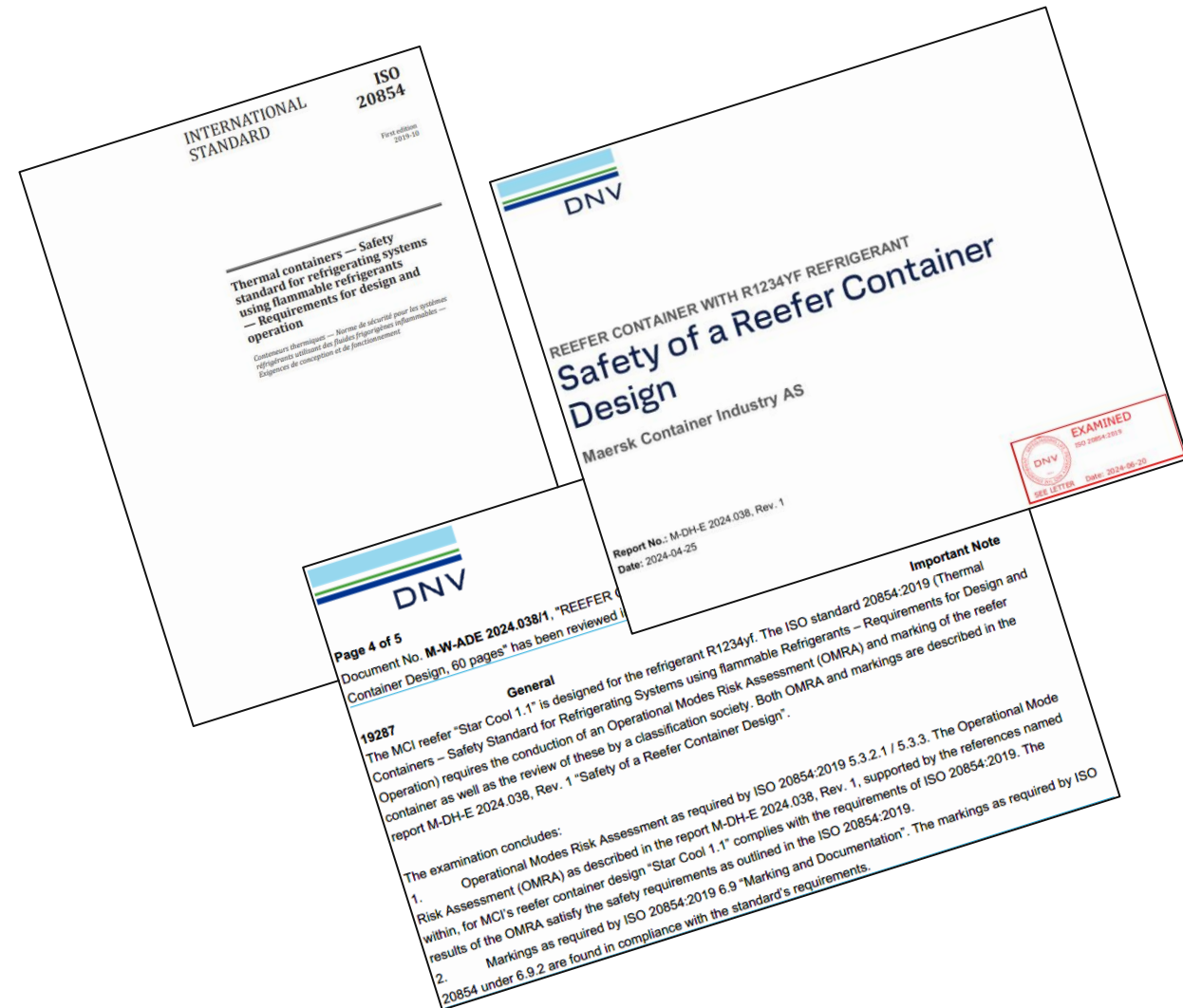


Split in over **25,000**
produced SC 1.1

■ TRR ■ TR ■ TR (1234yf charged)

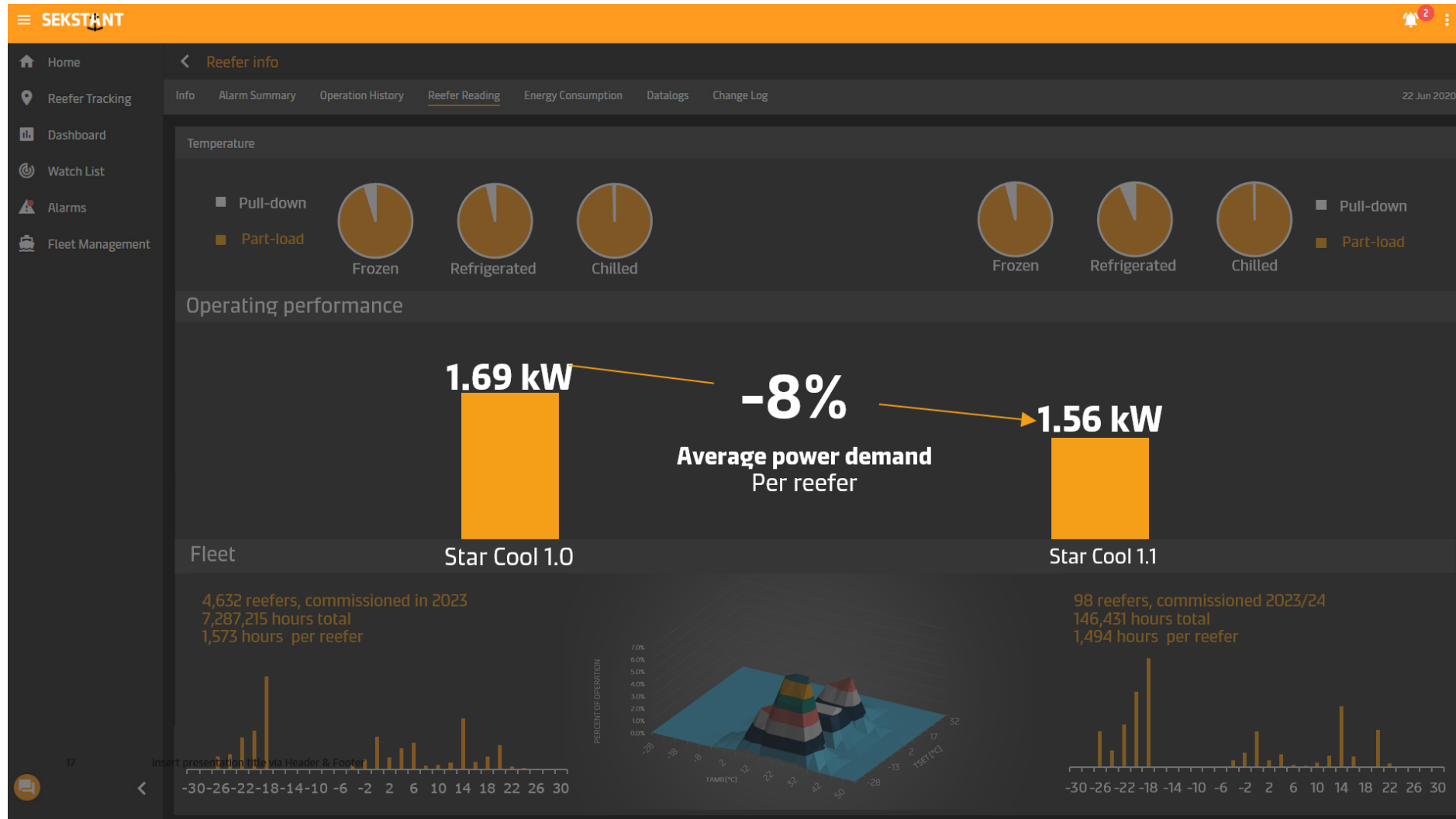
R1234yf charged reefers

World's first from MCI



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Sekstant data demonstrating 8% improvement over SC 1.0



Energy Efficiency

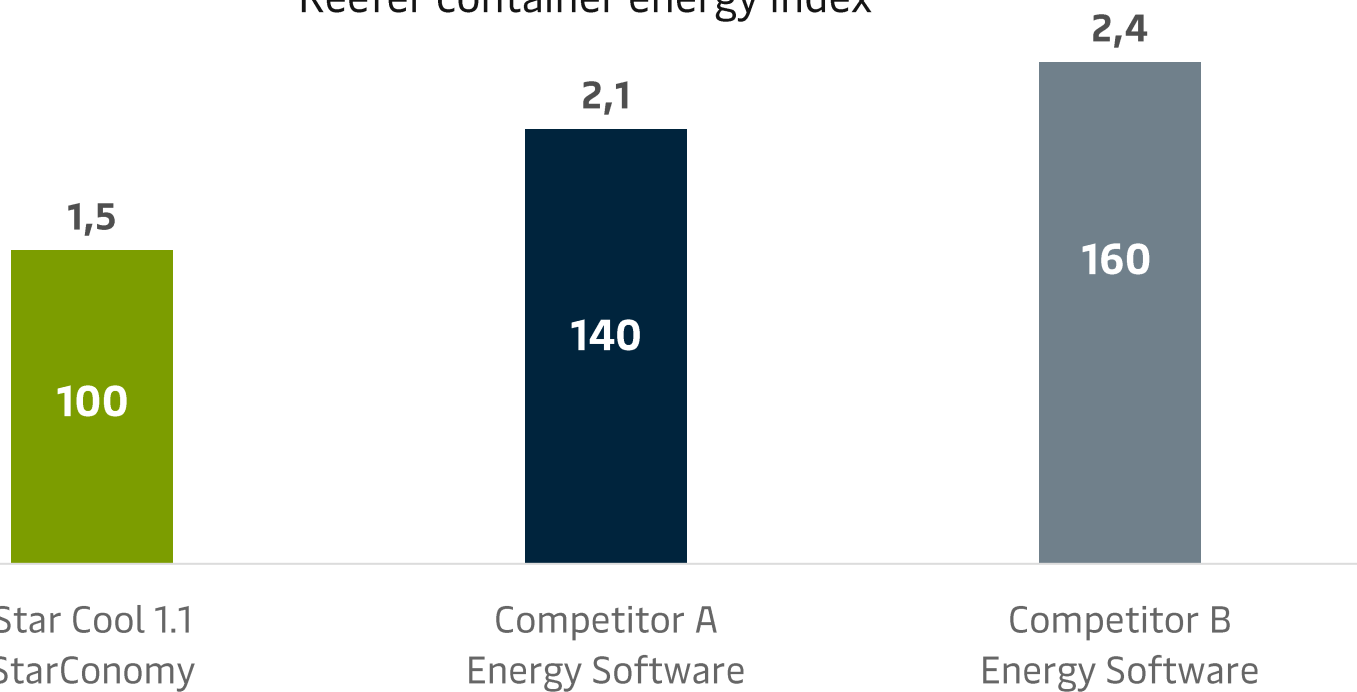
Independent benchmark test

Substantial advantage over competition



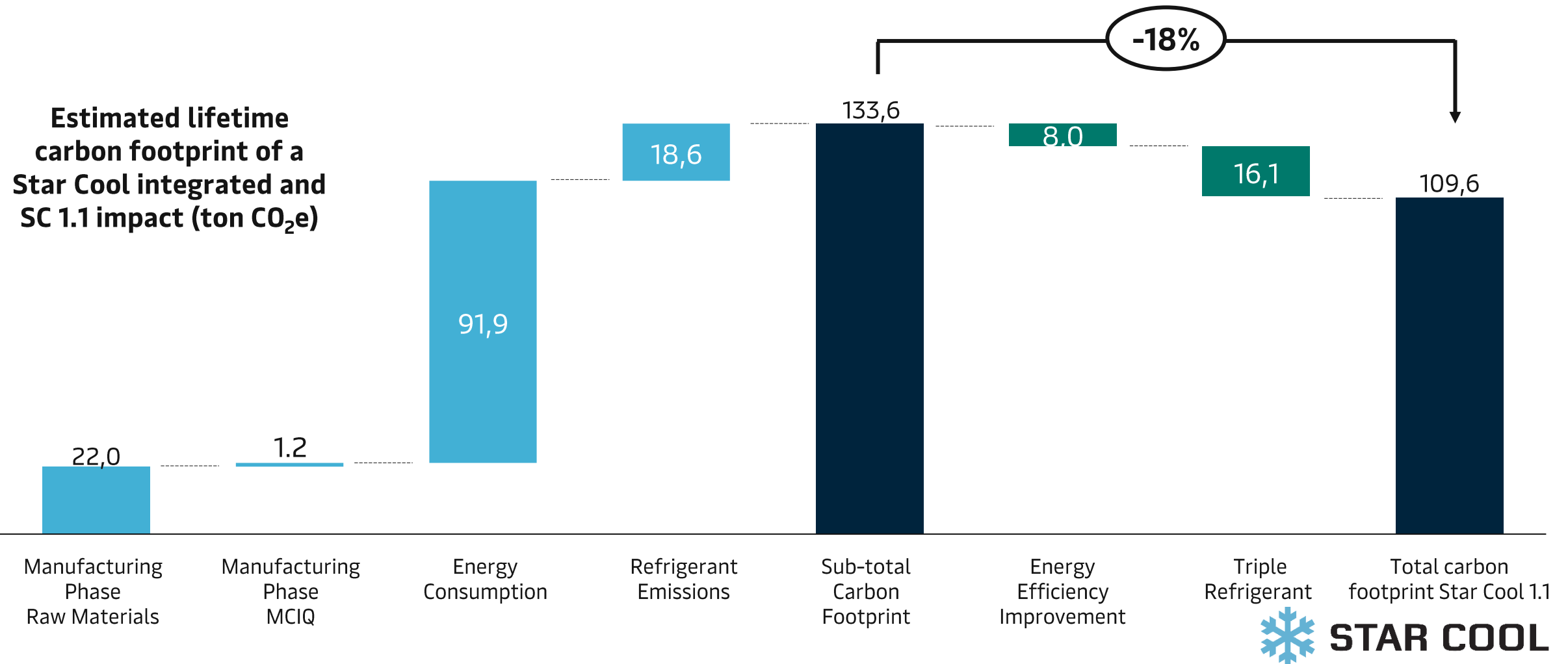
Average power consumption of one reefer (kW)

Reefer container energy index



Carbon footprint reduction

Total impact of refrigerant and energy efficiency





Product Reliability

Improving reliability
and closely following early indicators in data





**Energy
Efficiency**



Sustainability



**Product
Reliability**

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Energy Efficiency

Lowest Energy Consumption in the market documented, setting a new standards for operational efficiency.

Sustainability

Unparalleled Adaptability to evolving global refrigerant regulations and environmental standards, prepared for the uncertainties of the future.

Product Reliability

Product Reliability as a Key Priority, ensuring operational efficiency and safeguarding the highest level of protection and quality for temperature-sensitive goods.



Thank you

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