## Webinar | Fueling the future Methane Emissions from the Value Chain o Biogas-Based Biofuels



#### On today's agenda:

- 01 Biogas-based biofuels for shipping. Methane emissions
- 02 Presentation of the panel and To 16:10 discussion

To 15:25

To 16:30

- 03 Questions from the audience To 16:25
- 04 Conclusions and closure





### On today's panel



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## Biogas-based biofuels for shipping Liquified biomethane and biomethanol



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#### **Project purpose**

To understand whether biogas is an interesting energy carrier for shipping.

- Value chain
- Biomass availability and sustainability
- Energy conversion efficiency, carbon intensity and cost of production of biomethane and biomethanol
- Methane emissions
- Acceleration strategies





#### **Project results:**

Biogas can support the transition in the short term **but methane emissions must be addressed** 

#### Purpose of this webinar:

- To inform shipping of the methane emissions challenge.
  - Debate what we can do as an industry to solve the challenge.

# Why are we worried for methane emissions?

Anthropogenic methane emissions have contributed to ~30% of observed global warming to date

(The debate on how to account them is not settled: GWP100 vs. GWP20 vs. other metrics)





#### What is biogas?



#### Steps of the value chain and methane emissions



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#### Where have emissions been found?











Quantifying emissions from closed conduits is not difficult but quantifying **fugitive** emissions **in the open** requires expert knowledge, highly specialized technology and cannot be done continuously



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Measured emissions ranges from literature: biogas production



#### Weighted average methane loss: 2.5%

Adapted from: Gundmundsson et al.: Målrettet indsats for at mindske metantab fra danske biogasanlæg, 2021

Measured emissions ranges from literature: methane distribution

#### Downstream emissions 0.2-0.3%





Greenhouse gas and methane intensities along Equinor's Norwegian gas value chain, 2021

Measured emissions ranges from literature: on-board emissions







Dimakopoulos et al.: Reducing methane emissions onboard vessels, 2022

# Methane emissions throughout the value chain for Liquified Biomethane and biomethanol



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Well-to-wake GHG emissions intensity for liquified biomethane and biomethanol. Sensitivity to methane losses



The amount of fuel required to achieve a decarbonization target depends upon the fuels' emissions intensity



Biofuel energy required by a fleet consuming 25,000 tMD/y to reduce carbon emissions by 6%

Emissions intensity (LBM or Biomethanol), gCO<sub>2e</sub>/MJ

Well-to-wake GHG emissions intensity for Liquified Biomethane and biomethanol. Sensitivity to GWP characterization factor



Digression: 5-6%<sup>1</sup> methane losses from European in biogas production is ~1.2-1.5 million tonnes methane in 2030: 15-45% of European shipping emissions



<sup>1</sup>Bakkaloglou et al.: Methane emissions along biomethane and from biogas supply chains are underestimated, 2022

### Conclusions:

### Biogas-based biofuels can be very attractive **if** methane emissions can be controlled



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### Panel Discussion





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