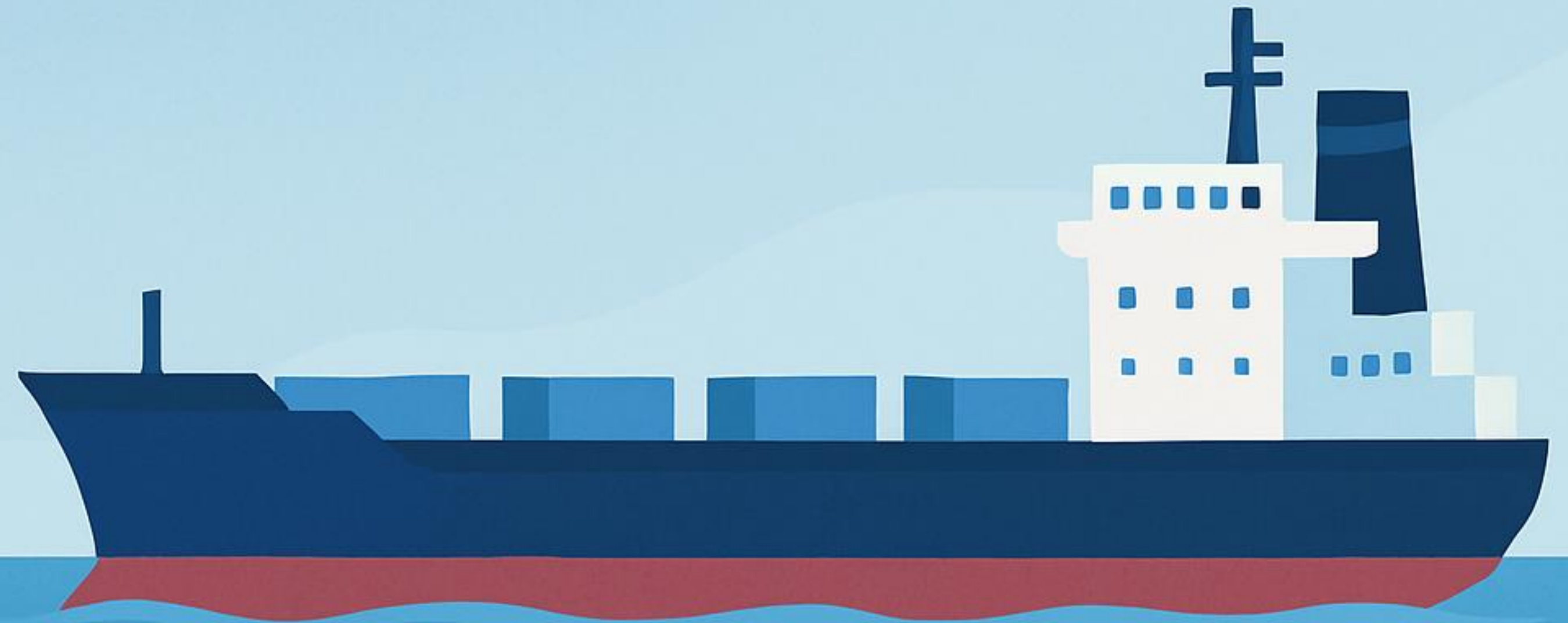


ONSHORE-TO-ONBOARD DECARBONIZATION

TARGETTING EMISSIONS
REDUCTIONS IN CONVENTIONAL
MARINE SYSTEM



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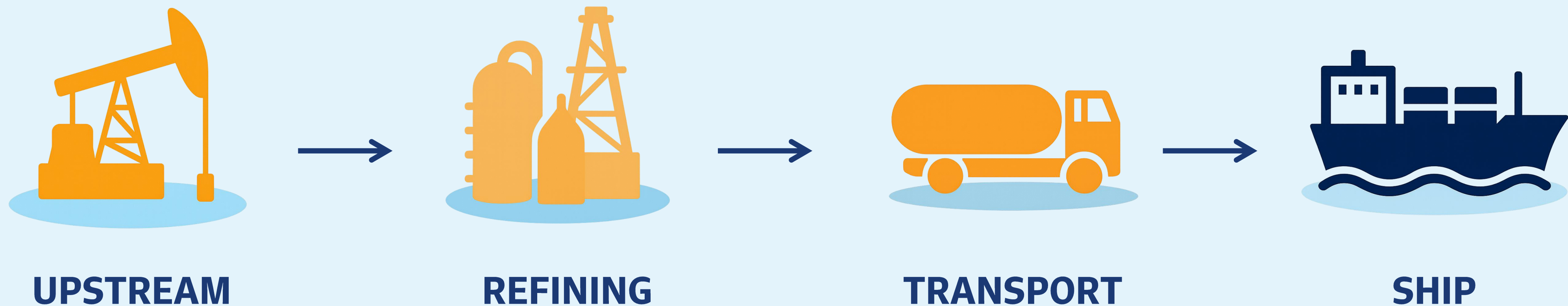
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BUNKER FUEL SUPPLY CHAIN

- Bunker fuel used by ships sourced from crude oil via several upstream sources
- Upstream operations include extraction, separation, and transport
- Refineries process crude oil into various petroleum products, including bunker fuel
- Fuel transported to ports for storage and eventual refueling of vessels

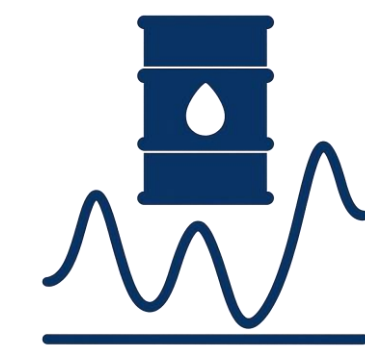
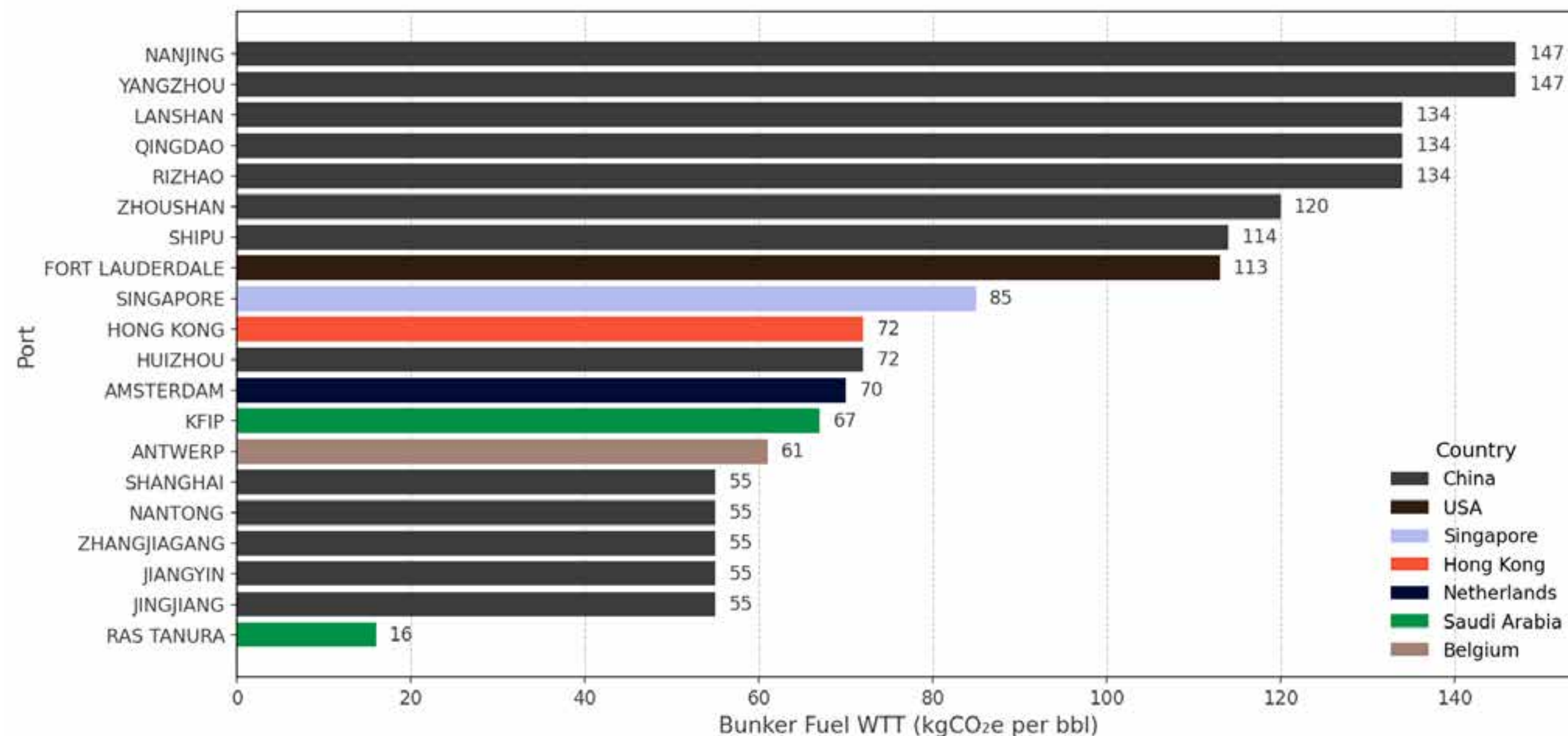


GLOBAL VARIABILITY IN BUNKER FUEL CARBON INTENSITY

- **Wide spread in WtT CI** across ports: ~16 to ~147 kgCO₂e/bbl (~4 to 26% of WtW CI)
- **Drivers of upstream variability** (flaring, venting, extraction methods)
- **Refinery configurations** (energy intensity, hydrogen use)
- **Blendstock components** (fuel oil vs distillates)

- **Implication:** OCC operates on top of highly uneven upstream carbon baselines
- **Technology:** Meaningful decarbonization requires progress in both upstream supply chains and onboard operations
- **Policy:** WtT variability should be reflected in assessments to ensure fair and impact-based comparisons

WTT Carbon Intensity Across the World's Busiest Ports
Saudi ports included for comparison only



~9x difference

Ras Tanura vs Nanjing illustrates
why supply chain decarbonization is
crucial

WHY ROUTE-SPECIFIC OCC ANALYSIS?

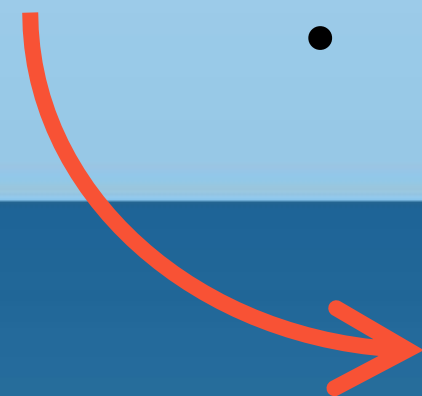


Bulk carriers



KSA→Asia

- Medium haul
- 96 voyages



China→AMS

- Long haul
- 57 voyages

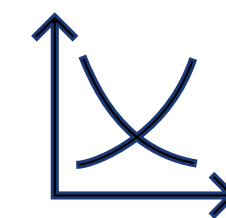


more routes



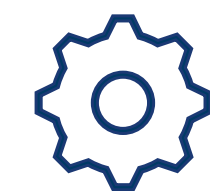
Voyage profiles differ

ballast/loading distances, CO₂ baselines, cargo



Freight economics

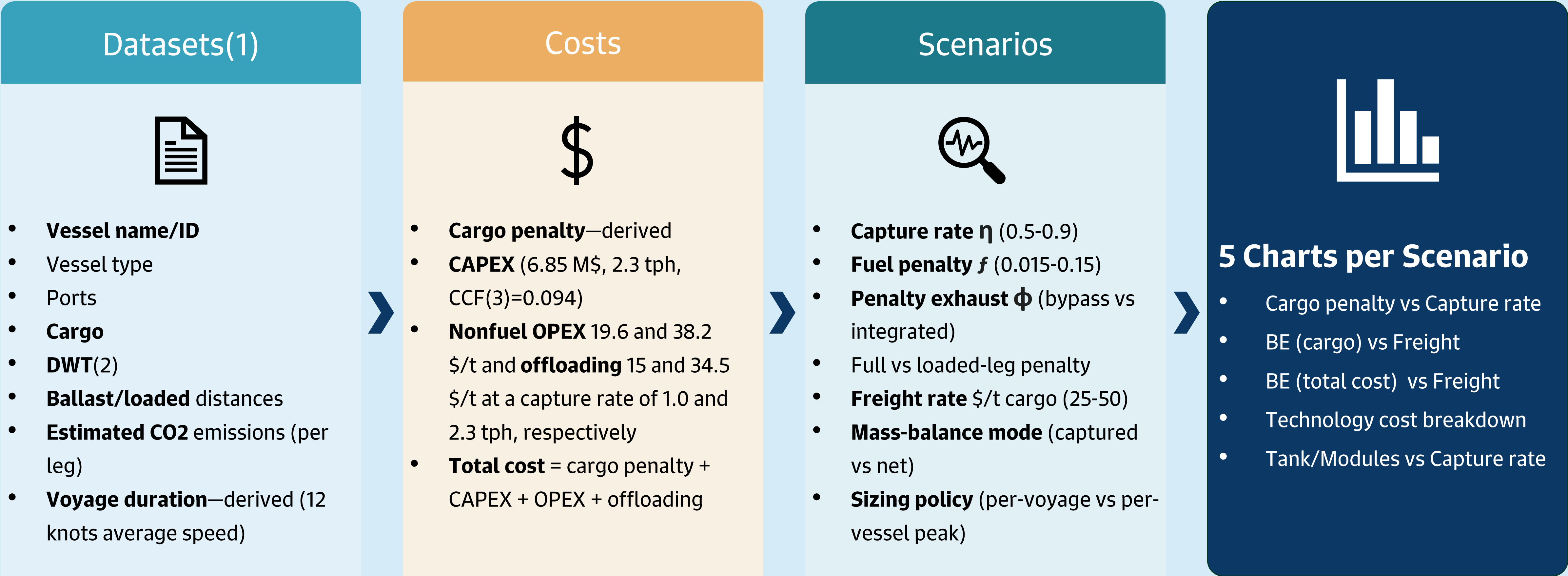
drive break-even feasibility



Engineering footprint

(tanks/modules) depends on route

OCC MODEL & SCENARIO DESIGN



(1) Source: kpler

(2) DWT = Dead Weight Tonnage

(3) CCF = Capital Charge Factor

TARGET SCENARIO ($\phi=1$, $f=0.015$, $\eta=0.9$)

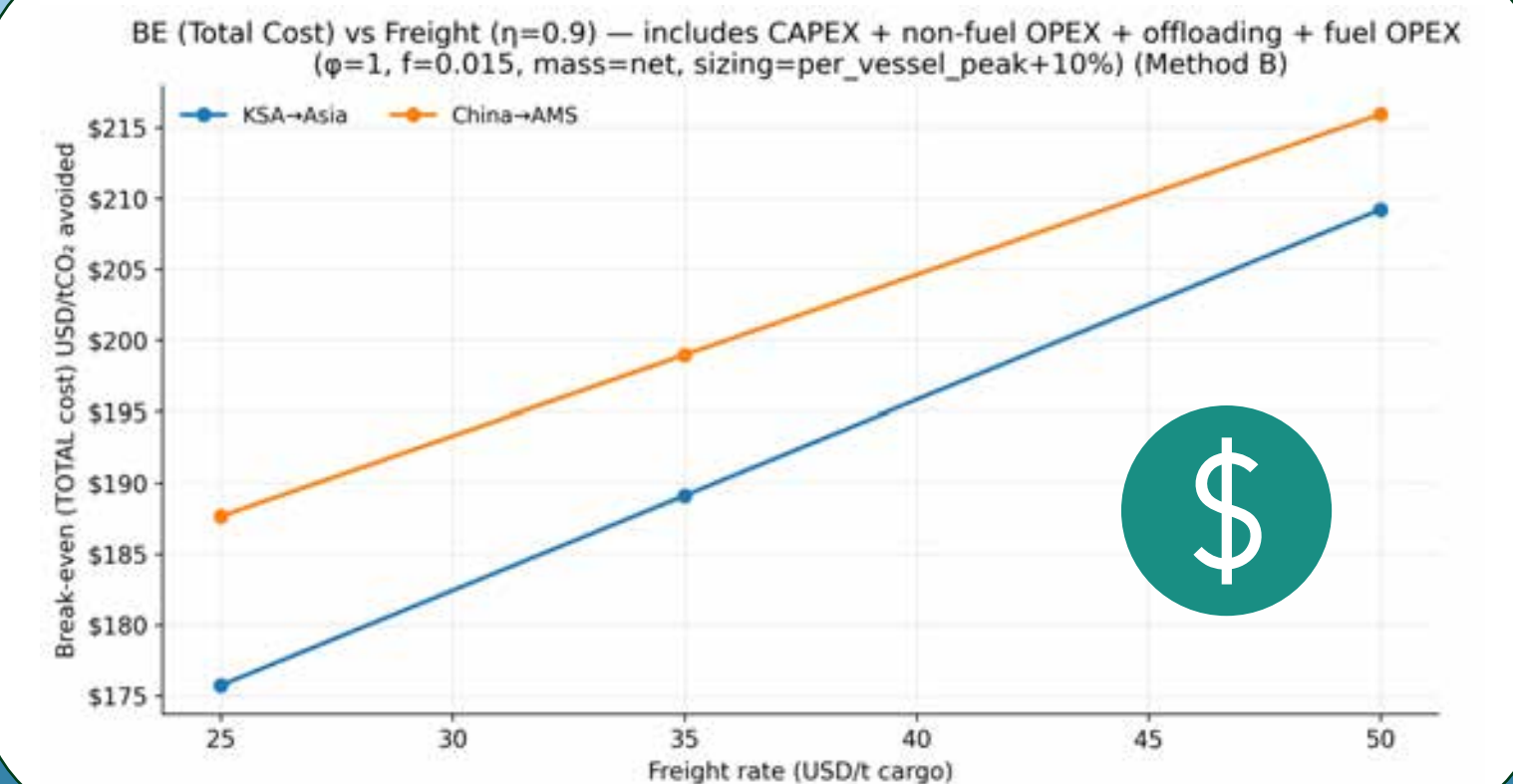
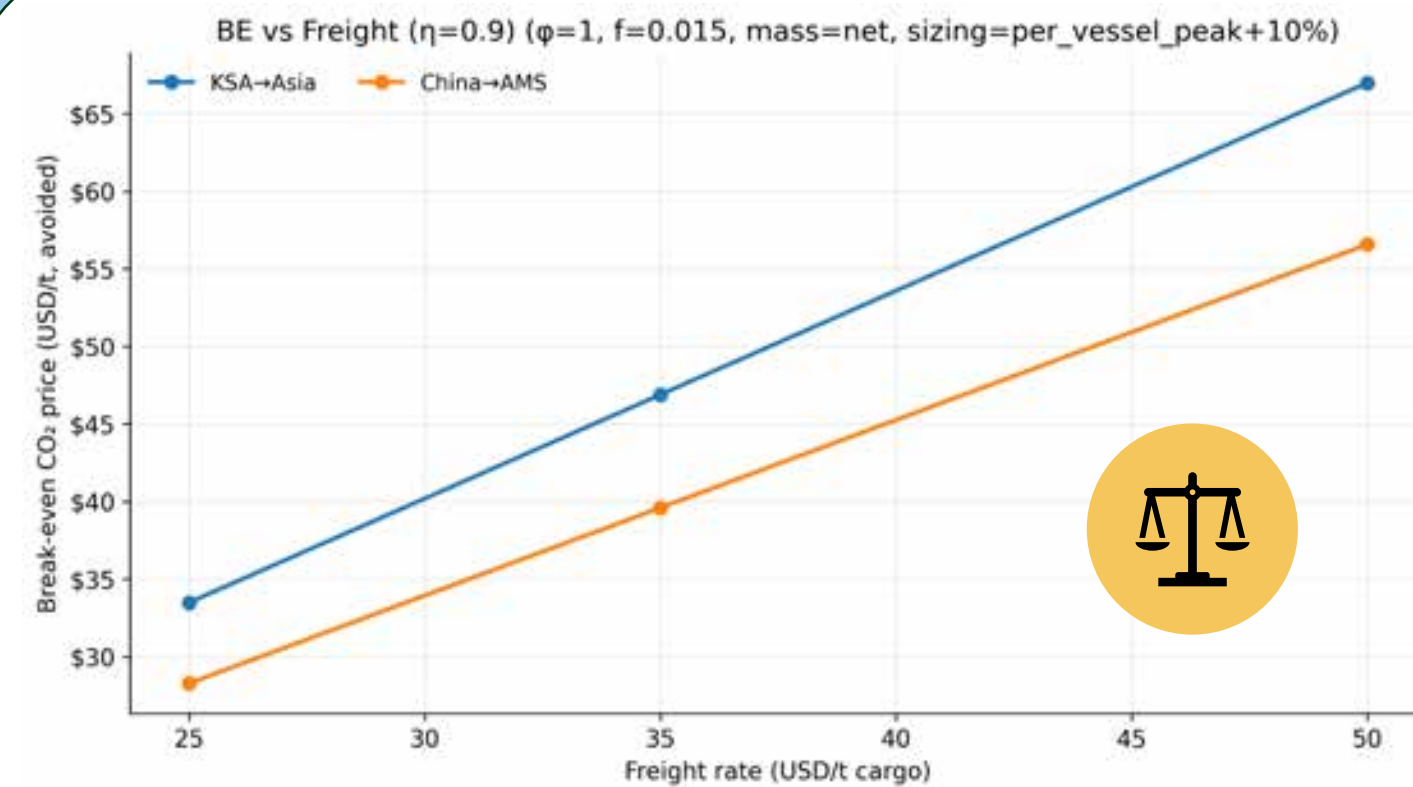
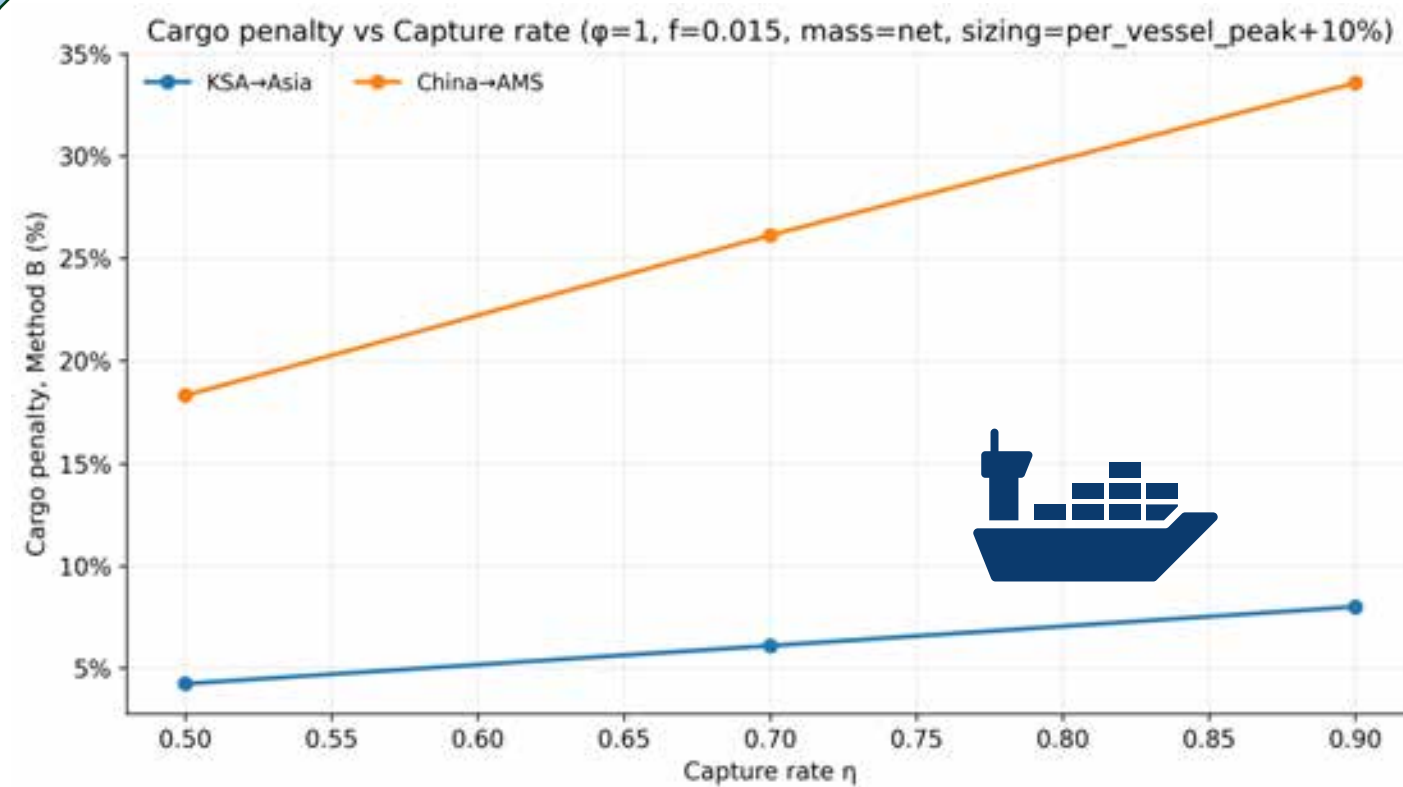


- **Cargo penalty** rises steadily with capture rate
- China→AMS (long-haul) shows a **much steeper curve** than KSA→Asia
- At $\eta=0.9$ the loss is ~**34%** for China→AMS vs ~**8%** for KSA→Asia



- Break-even CO₂ price rises with freight rate
- **China→AMS shows lower BE than KSA→Asia**, despite higher cargo penalty, because **CO₂ avoided per voyage is larger**

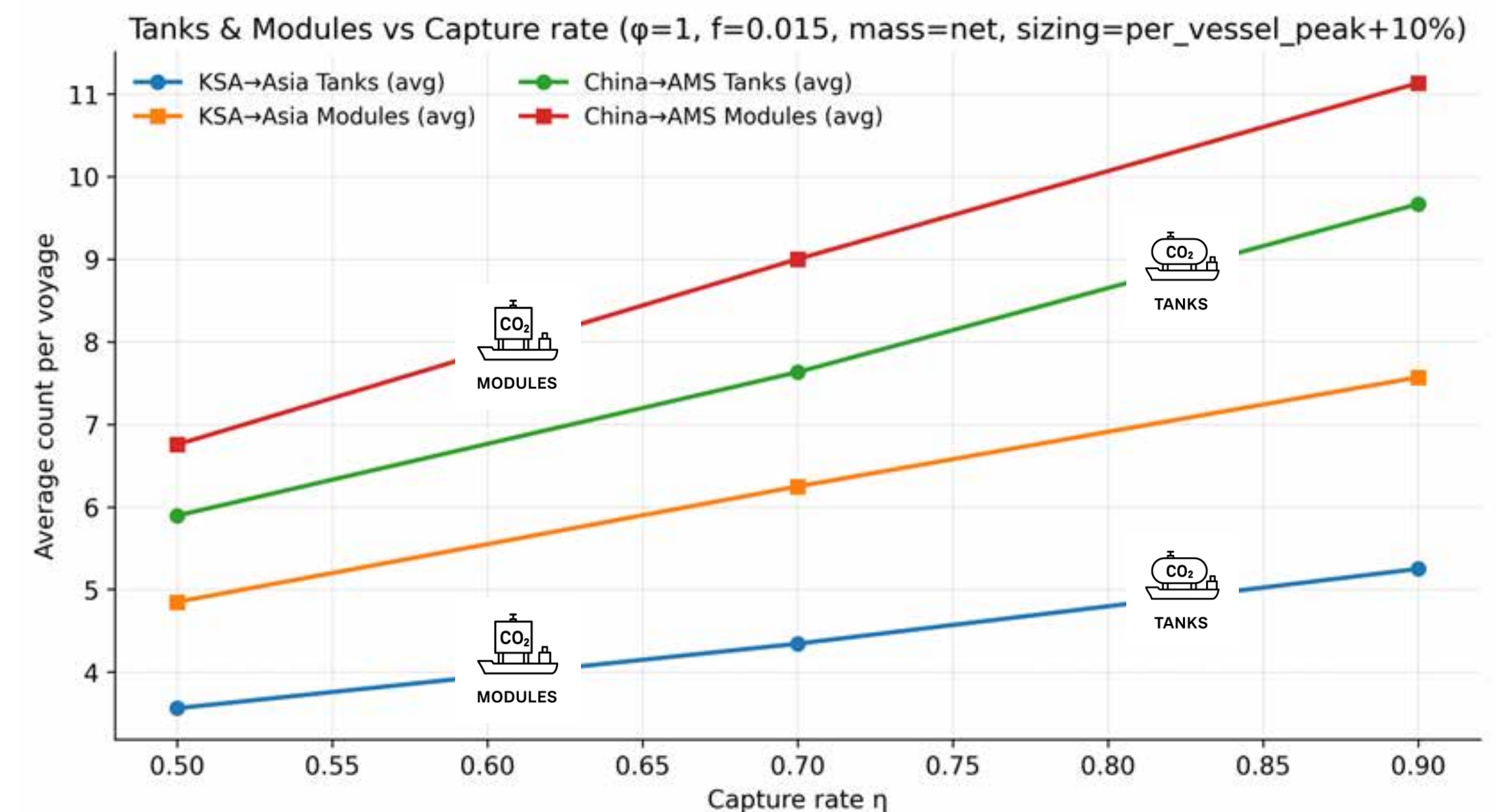
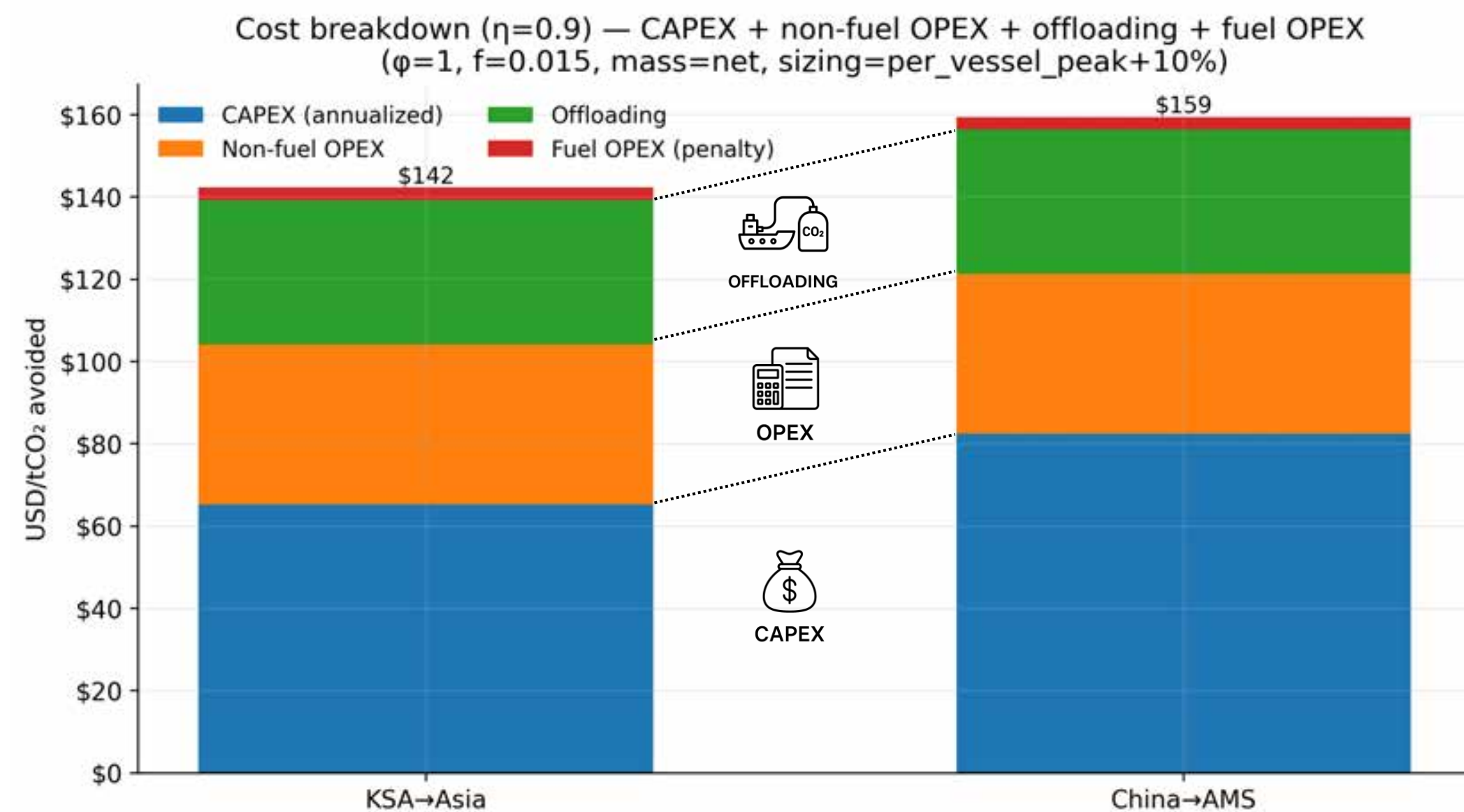
- **Break-even CO₂ price climb** once CAPEX and OPEX are included
- **Long-haul China→AMS** needs highest CO₂ price, driven by OCC scale
- **Medium-haul KSA→Asia** more viable short term, as shorter voyages spread cost more effectively



COST BREAKDOWN & SIZING

- **CAPEX dominates the route gap:** ~\$82/t China→AMS vs ~\$65/t KSA→Asia (per tCO₂ avoided)
- **Non-fuel OPEX and offloading match** (~\$39/t and ~\$35/t each): rate-based from MARAD, normalized per avoided
- **Target offloading cost cuts by increasing transfer rates** (bigger/faster arms, parallel manifolds) so **berth time** drop

- **Long haul installs more equipment at every η** ($\eta=0.9$ averages): **modules ~11 vs 8, tanks ~10 vs 5** (China→AMS vs KSA→Asia). This drives the **higher CAPEX per tCO₂ avoided** on the long route
- **Gap widens with higher η :** more capture → more throughput → more module/tank replications on long-haul



COMPARATIVE INSIGHTS & TAKEAWAYS

KSA→Asia



Cargo penalty
lower (~4-8%)



CAPEX + Offloading
dominate



Smaller tank/module
sizing



China→AMS



Cargo penalty
higher (~18-34%)



CAPEX (higher)
dominates



Larger tank/module
sizing

Policy levers:



CAPEX support
(carbon pricing/
crediting, CfD(1))



Standardized
offloading
frameworks



Designate more voyages
to OCC-equipped vessels
(like HOV lanes)



Deployment scale
and standardization

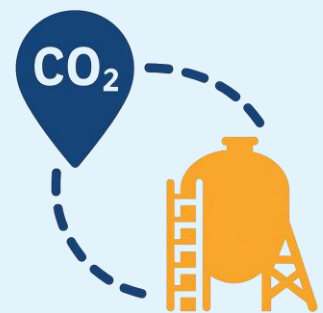
(1) CfD = Contract for Differences (a tool to de-risk investments by setting a floor price for carbon)

NEXT STEPS IN OUR STUDY



Global Expansion of Model Application

Extend OCC cost model to cover all primary bulk carrier routes worldwide. Incorporate container ships and other major ship classes.



CCS Hubs Integration

Connecting ports with major CO2 storage sites to create a scalable, efficient, and cost reducing pathway that transforms OCC into part of a coordinated global decarbonization system.



Development of OCC Suitability Index

Create Vessel-Route OCC suitability index at a global scale. Publish results with cost scenarios in a peer-reviewed journal.



KAPSARC Well-to-Wake Model

Interactive public tool for onshore & onboard emissions baselining. Enable comparative decarbonization analysis, including OCC.