Shipping GHG Issues



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UNFCCC

- Bunkers back on Durban Agenda
- 1 negotiating session this month in Bonn
- Additional options incl mutual agreement
- Hard to see progress
- No net incidence condition for CBDR
- Annex 1 not yet accepting no net incidence
- 1 extra session before Durban



IMO

- 2nd 3 year work plan on MBMs about to end
- Progress on analysis of MBMs
- Impact on developing countries key
- EEDI vote will polarise
- MEPC62 little time or political space
- Need to advance work on Black Carbon
- Will new Sec Gen be committed?
- Impact Assessment next step



EC Action

- End 2011 commitment if no IMO action
- DG Move and others oppose action
- EU ETS aviation fatigue, ECJ decision critical
- EU action relies on UNCLOS port state authority
 - 7 unchallenged precedents
- 5 option impact assessment begins Sept 2011
- No decision on proposal before 2013
- Presidency questions
 - 2012 DK, Cyprus, 2013 Ireland, Lithuania, 2014 Greece, Italy,
 2015 Latvia, Luxembourg, 2016 NL



ETS versus Levy/charge/tax

ETS

- Complexity
- Look at aviation
- Little in-sector cuts
- proposals partial allocation
- Problem of revenues
- Look at inbound aviation ETS
- evasion

Levy/charge/tax

- Intra EU tax/charge simpler
- Levy relies on buying credits
- Only on emissions above cap
- Little in-sector cuts
- Levy must be high
- linked to CO2 price?
- No net incidence



In sector issue critical

- Kyoto Protocol; Annex 1 to limit/reduce shipping emissions
- EC White Paper; 60% transport emission cuts
 - In Europe, not Brazil
- 1990-2008 tenfold increase in fuel price
 - Virtually no impact on ship fuel efficiency
 - fact not disputed at ECCPII
 - ETS/Levy little impact on ship emissions
 - Fuel price needed; \$3000/tonne



Why speed limits for ships

- Need deep GHG cuts fast
- Speed limit cuts are in-sector & immediate
- Recent studies show potential of speed cuts:
 - Over 60%. Ulysees up to 85% @ 5 knots
- Speed cuts -> other environmental advantages: lowered SOx, NOx, BC, safety
- Voluntary slow steaming helps
 - but we must capture these savings long term
 - Ships always speed up in boom despite cost



The scale of emission reductions

- Container ship emissions down by 75% when speed halved (Corbett, 2009)
- Fleet emissions down by 30% when slowed just to the extent necessary to bring overcapacity back into operation (CE Delft, 2009)
- High estimates (75%) of feasible emission reduction only possible with speed reduction (IMO GHG Study, 2009)
- Global 28% emissions cut at no industry cost (Lindstad, 2011) with 19% more ships



Speed Reduction Potential

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Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and cost by shipping at lower speeds

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The paper presents investigations on the effects of speed reductions on the direct emissions and costs of maritime transport. The focus has been directed to identifying emissions and cost for the global fleet as a function of speed under various priorities

- Study by Lindstad et al (2011):
- Includes newbuilding and inventory costs
- Various ships representing 80% of deep water trades
- Resistance by wind & wave action is factored in

Emissions cuts at zero abatement cost;

RoRo: 17% 17.7 knots - 13% slower*

Bulk: 14% 12.5 knots - 13% slower*

Container: 53% 12.0 knots - 52% slower*

* than design speed.

Only speed limits cut emissions without constraining capacity



Ulysses Project

- EU co-funded project; show ultra slow steaming feasible
- Before 2020, GHG cuts of 30% compared to 1990 levels,
- Beyond 2050, GHG cuts of 80% compared to 1990 levels
- Initial focus on tankers and bulk carriers
- Phase 1 existing vessels 10 knots, 2020
- Phase 2 new vessels built 2020, 7.5 knots
- Phase 3 new vessels 2050, 5 knots
- www.ultraslowships.com



Issues surrounding ship speed limits

- The cost
- Jurisdiction
- What do we mean by a speed limit?
- The need for more ships
- Modal shift
- Safety
- Technical constraints
- Monitoring compliance
- Inventory costs
- Logistics chain



Conclusions

Global Speed reduction

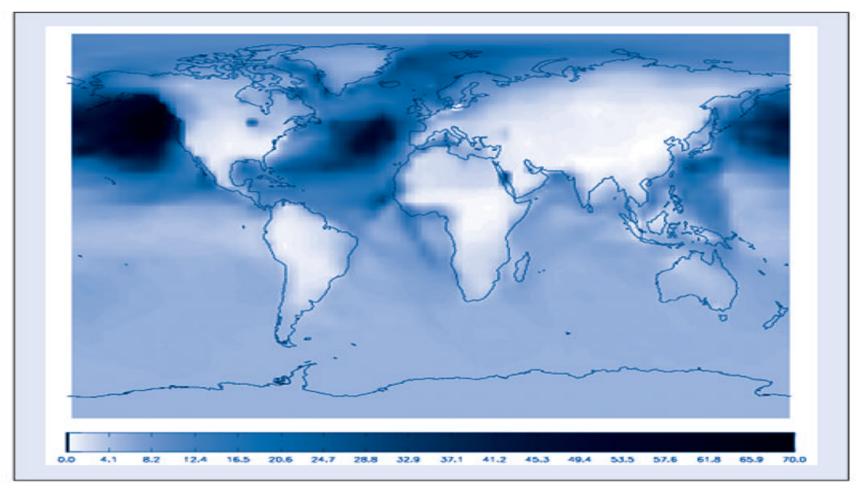
- Lindstad study showed that ship emissions can be cut from 1122 million ton CO₂ per year to 804 million ton CO₂,
- ie 28% reduction at zero abatement cost, by speed cuts
- To maintain transport capacity this requires a 19 % increase of the fleet
- Requires IMO agreement

EU Speed Limit

- EU can act alone
- Similar legal basis to ETS etc
- Port state authority enforces speed limit from last port
- Limit is speed over land
- Satellite tracking (AIS)
- Short sea shipping; give extra hours (grace period)?
- Pay levy to exceed limit



Higher surface Ozone concentration from shipping

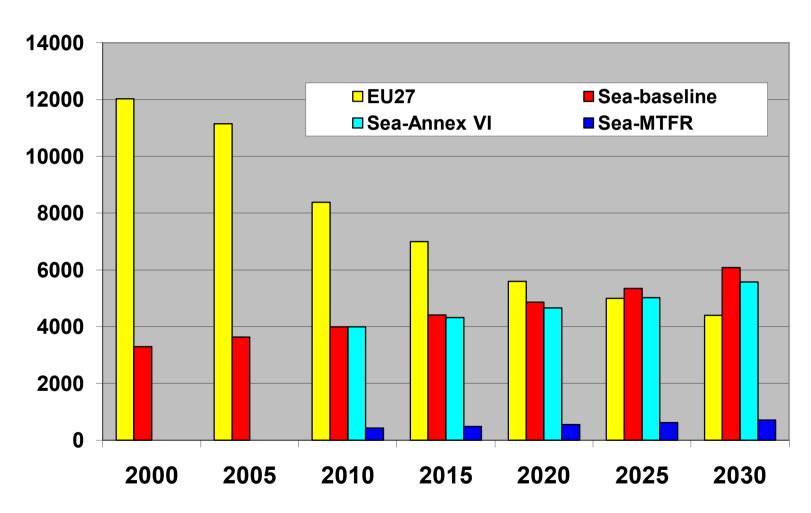


Source: Dalsøren et al. (2007) - which presents a graph with higher resolution.

Source: Globalisation, Transport and the Environment © OECD 2010



EU NOx – The MARPOL Effect





EU action on shipping NOx

- NOx both climate and air quality challenge
- Existing ships the problem
- NOx charge/fund
- No IMO action planned
- For EU action
- DG ENV postponing Annex VI NOx to 2013
- No guarantee of action



Shipping BC and the Arctic

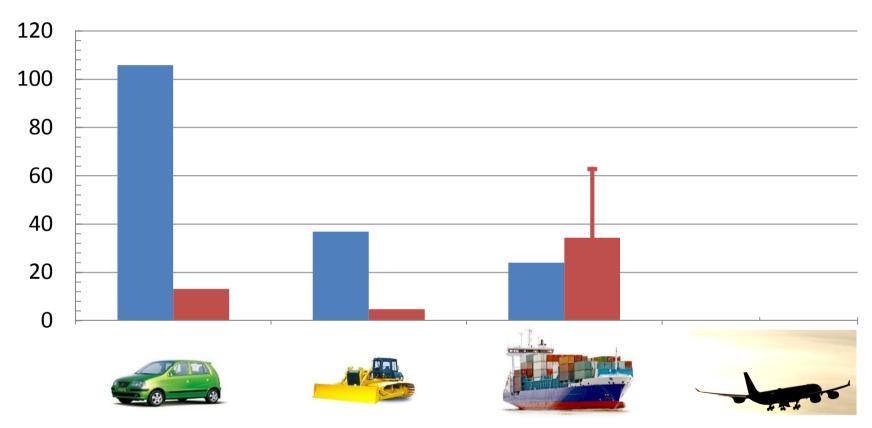
- Arctic already most sensitive region to BC
- Arctic shipping activities expand as ice recedes.
- Transport among largest sources of black carbon
- Shipping 2-3% global BC
- 30% of EU transport BC emissions by 2030
 - maritime share growing as regulation and abatement technologies for on and off-road cut in
 - But the science/figures are unclear
 - Eg exact relationship between low sulphur fuel and BC



BC projections

EU transport (kt)

2010 2030



EU ship BC = 40-60+% EU Transport BC by 2030 | IASA 2010



What to do at IMO and EU

- IMO to adopt fine particle standards into the MARPOL Annex VI
- intermediate IMO goal; regional measure to reduce ship BC emissions near the Arctic
 - Eg development of Polar Code, PSSA
 - technical and operational measures; eg speed limits
- and/or Arctic measure via EU port state control
- EU Short sea shipping engine standards
 - Emission limits for small marine engines (expansion of the requirements for the non-road sector)
- Expansion of ECAs, 0.5% global limit
- Improve knowledge shipping BC & abatement



Fuel Efficiency

IMO Shipping EEDI

ICAO CO2 standard new aircraft

- 10-20% emissions reductions by 2030 versus BAU
- MARPOL Annex VI Amendment
- Vote MEPC 62 July
 - China, India, Saudis etc oppose
- Global, binding climate measure

- Impasse after 2 years
- Industry opposes standard which cuts emissions
- Wants benchmark only
- ICAO members passive
- EU wants noise standard
 - Modest due open rotor
- US wants weak CO₂ standard
- US-EU trade-off likely
- DE must press for strong CO₂

