
Value chain analysis of liquefied hydrogen, ammonia and pipeline for long distance hydrogen transport



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Scope and Objectives

- **Scope**
 - The whole value chain from hydrogen production to the receiving terminal including the “Hyper concept”.
- **Objectives**
 - To obtain quantitative results of efficiency, CO₂ emission and cost
 - To identify important elements for improving the values chain performances
- **Methodologies**
 - High level analysis (mainly based on aggregated energy intensities of facilities and cost from literature)
 - Uncertainty: no existing commercial value chain for utility scale today

Schematic diagram of the chains for long distance transport

Northern Norway

LH₂ chain

LH₂ prod: 500 t/d

90% from NG
10% from electrolysis

Natural gas
Electricity

Hyper plant

- H₂ production (ATR)
- Liquefaction

CO₂

CO₂ to storage



Loading terminal

LH₂ tank
55,000m³ x 4
BOR 0.1%/d

CO₂



Seaborne transport

LH₂ carrier
173,000m³ x 3
BOR 0.2%/d
BOG for propulsion

Rotterdam or Tokyo



Receiving terminal

LH₂ tank
50,700m³ x 7
BOR 0.1%/d

CO₂

Delivered from LH₂ chain:
157,000 t-H₂/y (Rotterdam)
138,000 t-H₂/y (Tokyo)

End-use technology



Power plants



FCVs

Delivered from NH₃ chain:
128,000t-H₂/y (both cases)

NH₃ chain

NH₃ prod: 3,180 t/d

86% from NG
14% from electrolysis

Natural gas
Electricity

NH₃ Plant

- H₂ production (ATR)
- NH₃ synthesis
- Liquefaction

CO₂

CO₂ to storage



Loading terminal

NH₃ tank
75,000m³ x 2

CO₂



Seaborne transport

NH₃ carrier
85,000 m³ x 4
Fuel oil for propulsion

CO₂



Receiving terminal and cracking

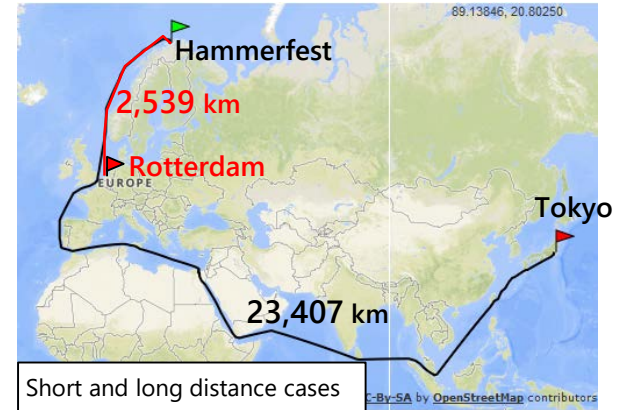
NH₃ tank
75,000m³ x 3

CO₂

Note: Terminal and ship data are for the Tokyo case

Common assumptions

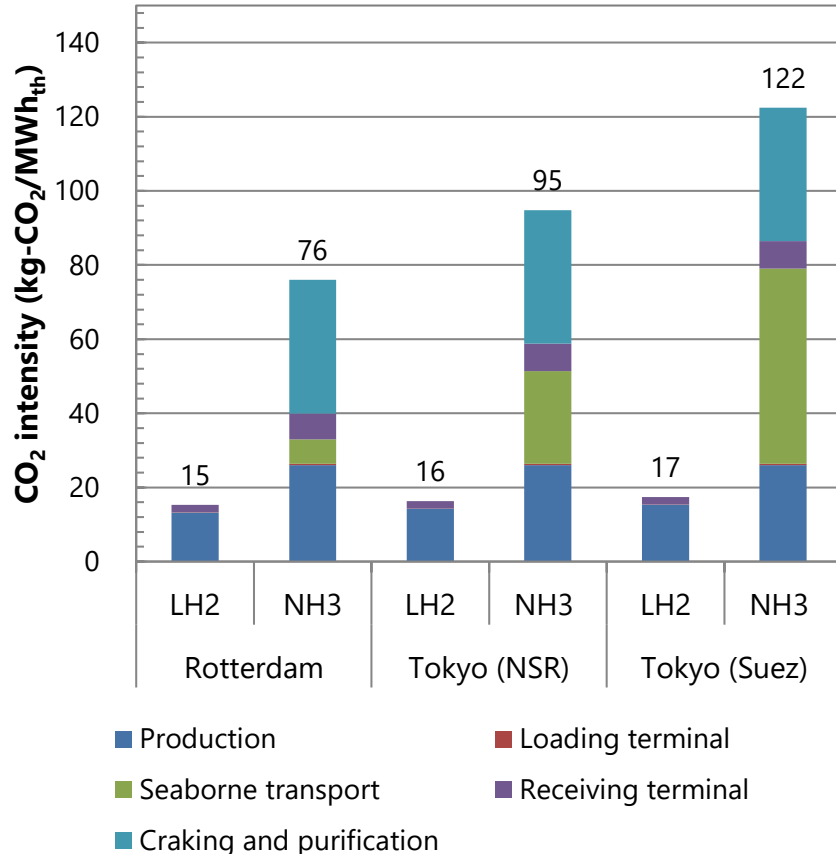
- **Seaborne transportation**
 - Origin: Hammerfest
 - Destination
 - Rotterdam: Short distance case
 - Tokyo: Long distance case and Northern Sea Route (NSR) case
- **Carbon intensity of grid electricity**
 - Supply side (Norway): 16 kg-CO₂/MWh_{el}
 - 98% from renewable
 - Demand side (Continental Europe and Japan): 367 kg-CO₂/MWh_{el}
 - NGCC (conversion efficiency 55%)
- **Utilization factor: 90%**
- **Methodology for the analysis**
 - Hyper plants: Process simulation models
 - NH₃ synthesis: Literature based specific natural gas consumption
 - Seaborne transportation:
 - Analysis duration: 1 year
 - Analysis time resolution: 1 hour
 - Cost data: based on literature



<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Routing.html>



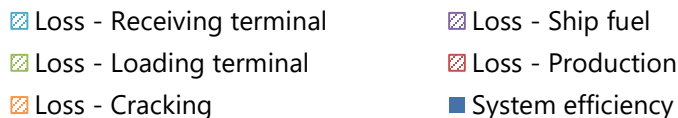
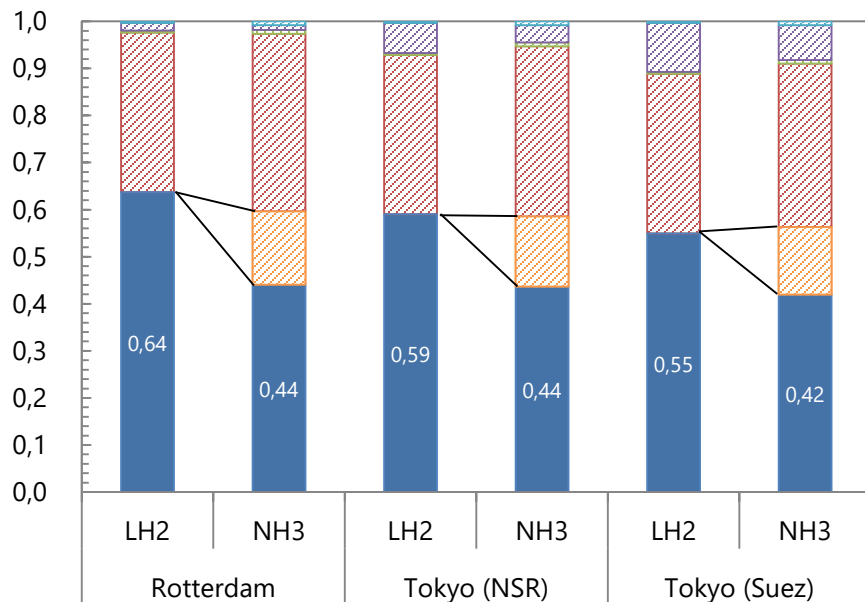
CO₂ emissions



- CO₂ emissions of the LH₂ chain are <20 kg-CO₂/MWh_{th} (CO₂ capture rate: 94%)
- Several measures *may partly* reduce emission from the NH₃ chain:
 - Transport via the NSR route can reduce CO₂ from ship fuel
 - Transport with NH₃ used as ship fuel
 - Renewable electricity in the cracking process
 - Direct use of NH₃ by end user – no cracking

• The LH₂ chain will in any case have less CO₂ emissions than the NH₃ chain

System efficiency and breakdown of losses

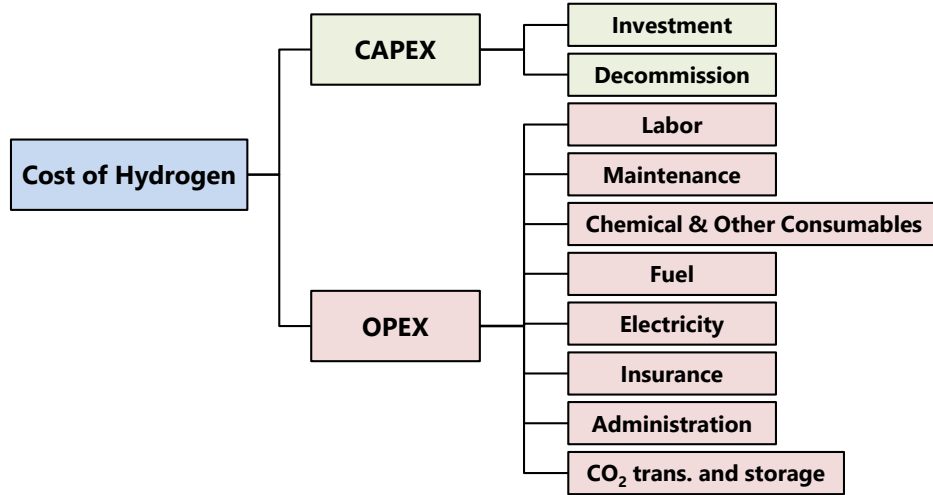


- Power and fuel consumption in hydrogen production makes up the largest loss in both the LH₂ and NH₃ chains.
- Cracking accounts for the second largest loss in the NH₃ chain.
- In the Tokyo case, ship fuel makes up a considerable efficiency loss for both chains.
- Transport via the NSR can improve system efficiency due to the shorter distance.

- The LH₂ value chain is significantly more efficient than the NH₃ chain if NH₃ cracking is required.
- The results are comparable if NH₃ cracking is not required.

Costing of value chains: Assumptions

- **Cost of hydrogen = Total cost / Delivered hydrogen**



- **Delivery (t-H₂ delivered/y)**
 - LH₂ Rotterdam: 157,000
 - LH₂ Tokyo: 138,000
 - NH₃ both cases: 128,000
- **Natural gas price: 4.5 EUR/GJ**
- **Electricity price: 38 EUR/MWh_{el}**
- **25-year lifetime**
- **3-year construction**
- **90 % utilization**

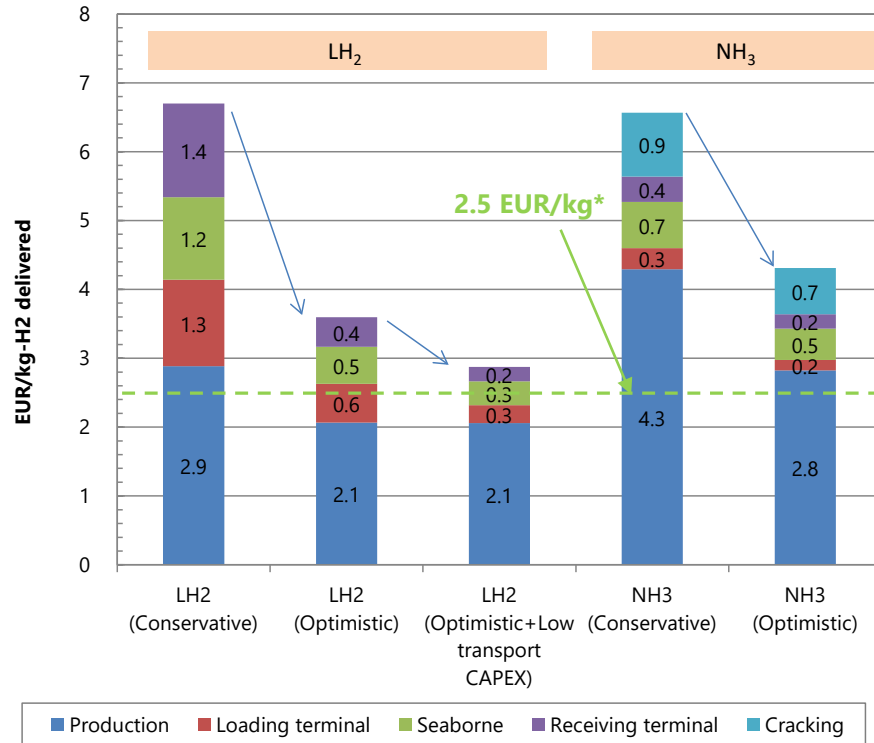
Total investment (Mil EUR₂₀₁₅) is estimated based mainly on literature.

		Production	Loading terminal	Seaborne transport	Receiving terminal	Cracking	Total
LH ₂	Rotterdam	1,846	1,068 (391)	275 (178)	1,473 (540)		4,662
	Tokyo	1,846	1,380 (506)	1,318 (851)	1,479 (542)		6,023
NH ₃	Rotterdam	2,616	286	102	294	430	3,728
	Tokyo	2,616	286	409	294	430	4,035

Numbers in brackets are Low CAPEX case.

Costing of value chains: Results

Hydrogen cost for the Tokyo case

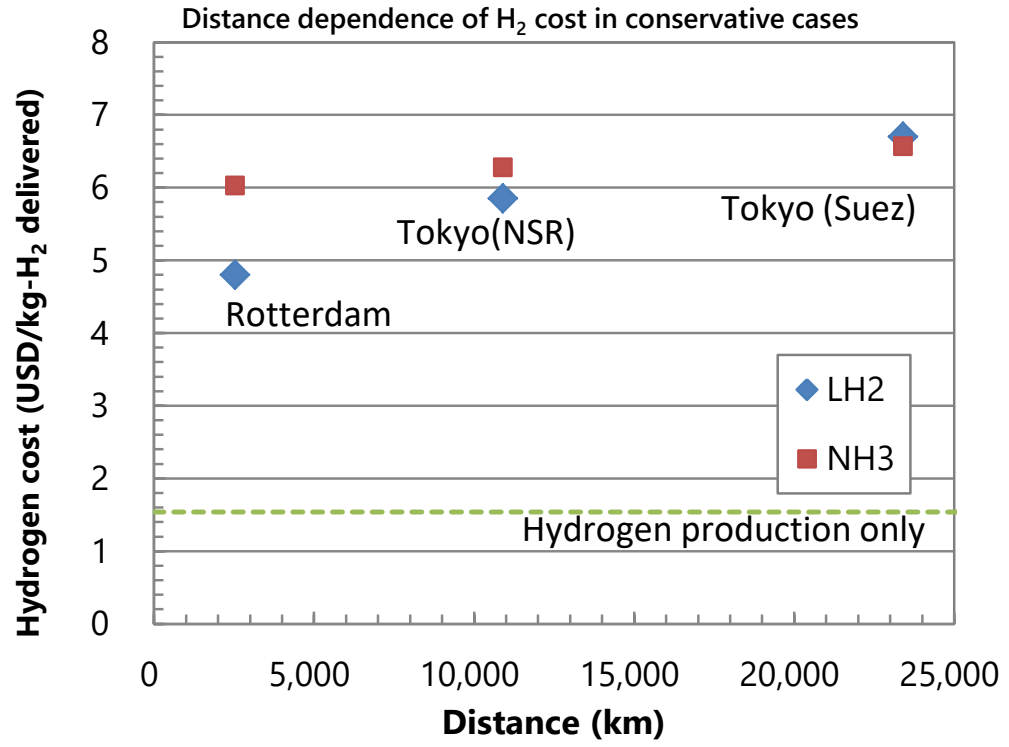


- Low cost case
 - Change production site to Southern area: Location factor 1.3 → 1.0
 - Financial support for introduction phase: Discount rate 7.5 % → 1.35 %
 - Capacity in the receiving terminal is reduced to 200,000 m³ (~ 25 days).
 - Utilization rate 90 → 95%
- Low CAPEX case: Further LH₂ transport CAPEX reduction based on similarity with LNG technologies.

- The cost of both chains are in similar range in the conservative case.
- LH₂ related facility cost should be reduced by R&D for transport facility.

* The target is in JPY. Value in EUR/kg may change depending on the exchange rate.

Distance dependence of hydrogen cost



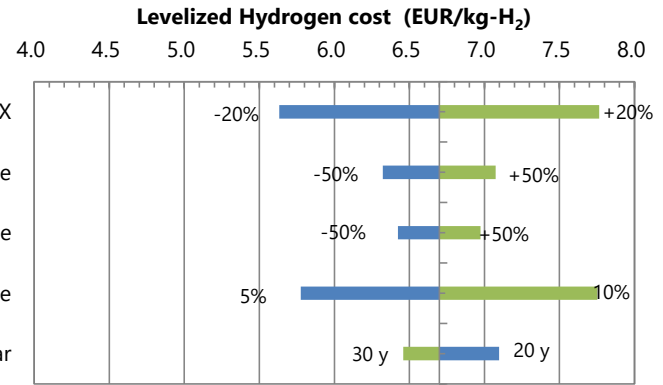
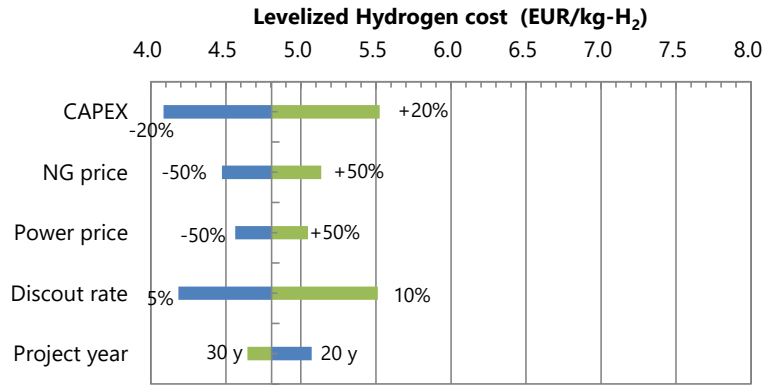
- LH₂: Shorter distance can reduce transport cost
 - Reduction of CAPEX
 - Reduction of BOG leads to increase of delivered hydrogen amount
 - Using NSR can reduce the transport cost of LH₂
- NH₃: Weaker sensitivity to distance than LH₂
 - Production cost is dominant in the total cost

Sensitivity analysis of hydrogen cost

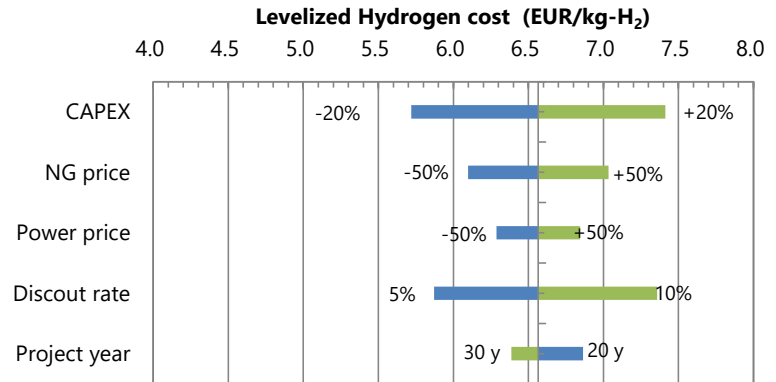
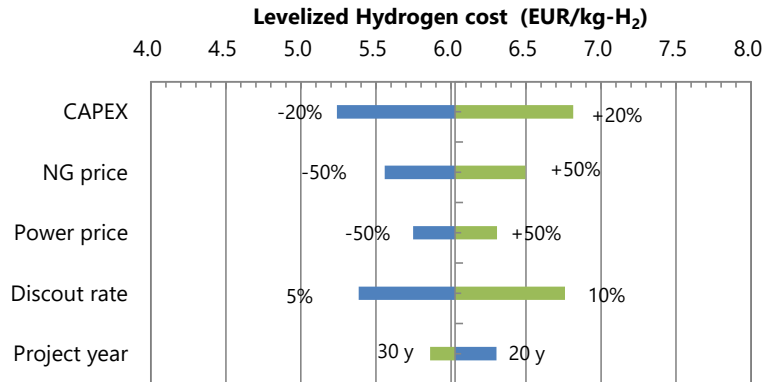
Rotterdam case

Tokyo case

LH₂



NH₃



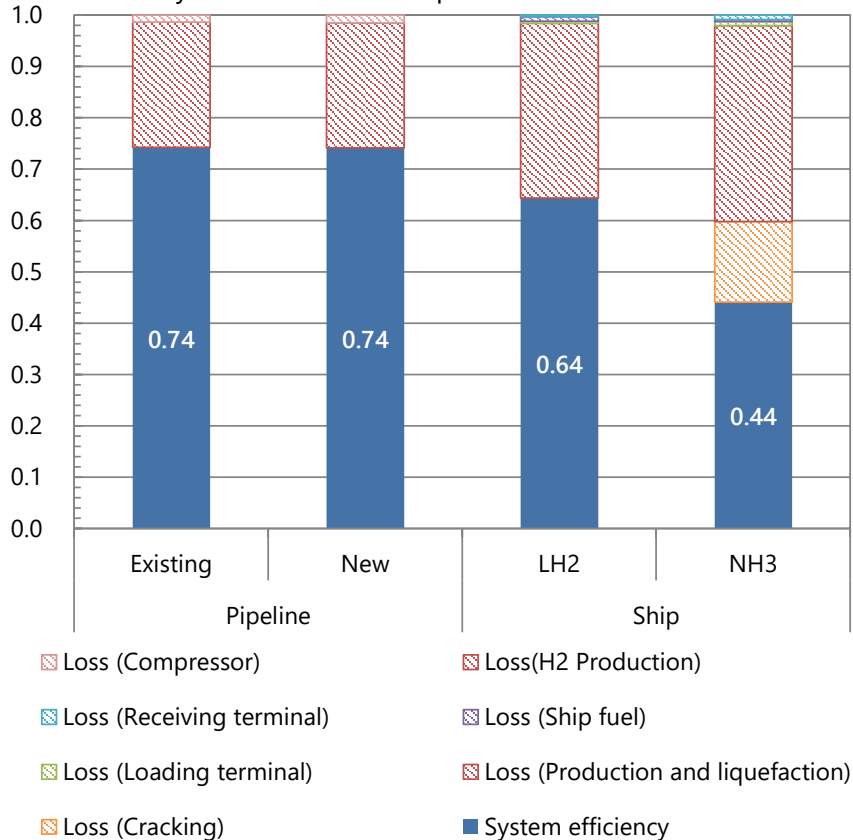
Short distance pipeline transport



- Kårstø to Eemshaven
- Flow rate: 500 t/d
- Outlet pressure 30 bar
- Compressor(s) at Kårstø
 - Draupner contains risers and platforms but does not contain any compressor.
- Route 1 (Existing pipeline)
 - 948 km (228 + 620 (subsea) + 60 (onshore and subsea))
 - Existing: Statpipe (28") + Europipe (40")
 - Inlet pressure of Europipe 83 bar at maximum
 - New bypass at Draupner
 - New onshore and subsea pipelines
 - 50 km and 10 km
 - 12"
- Route 2 (New pipeline)
 - 660 km, 18"
 - Direct path from Kårstø to Eemshaven

Energy efficiency of the pipeline and short distance ship

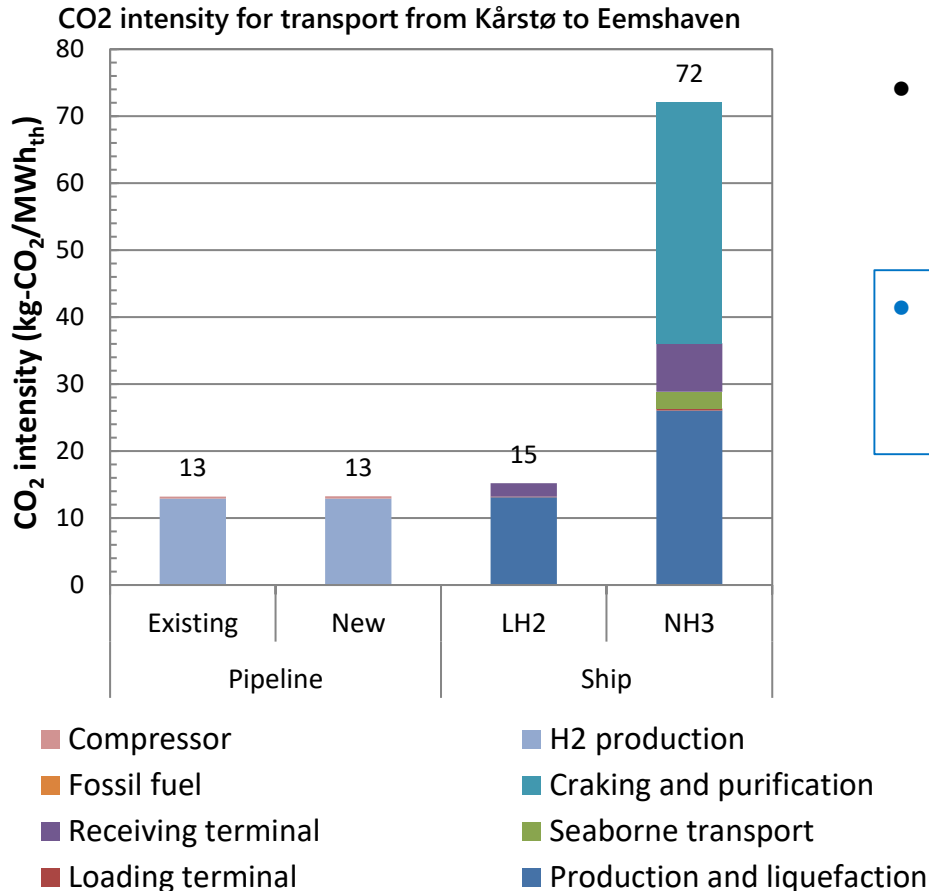
Efficiency and losses for transport from Kårstø to Eemshaven



- The system efficiencies of pipeline cases are almost the same (74%) because compressor power difference is almost negligible.
- The difference between pipeline and ship cases is the liquefier power consumption.

- The system efficiency of the pipeline is higher than ship cases for short distance transport (ca. 1,000 km).
- At longer distances, pipeline efficiency might be reduced due to higher inlet pressure.

CO₂ emissions of the pipeline and short distance ship

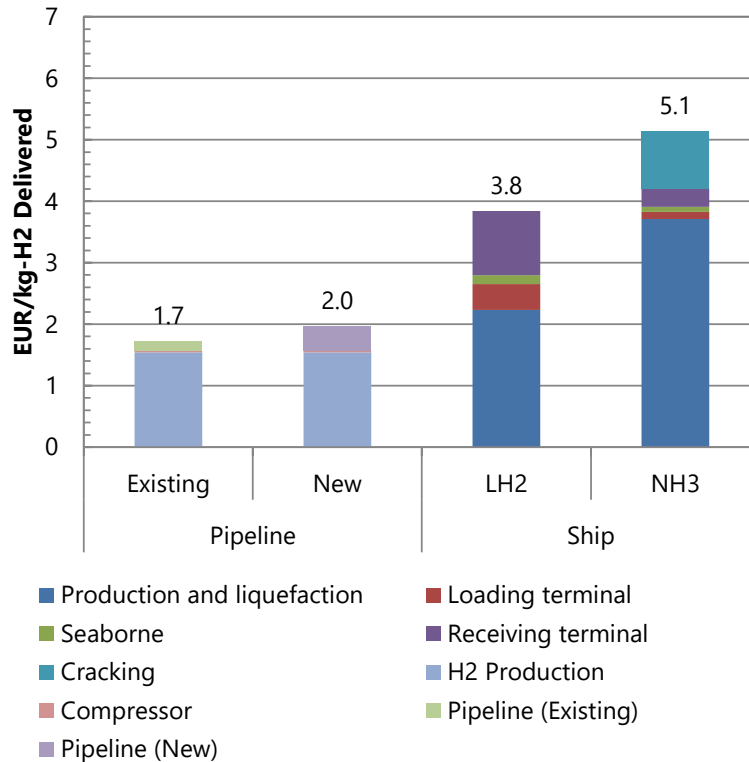


- Almost all CO₂ emissions of the pipeline value chain comes from the hydrogen production plant.

- CO₂ emissions from pipeline system are comparable with ones from LH₂ cases.

Cost breakdown of the pipeline and short distance ship

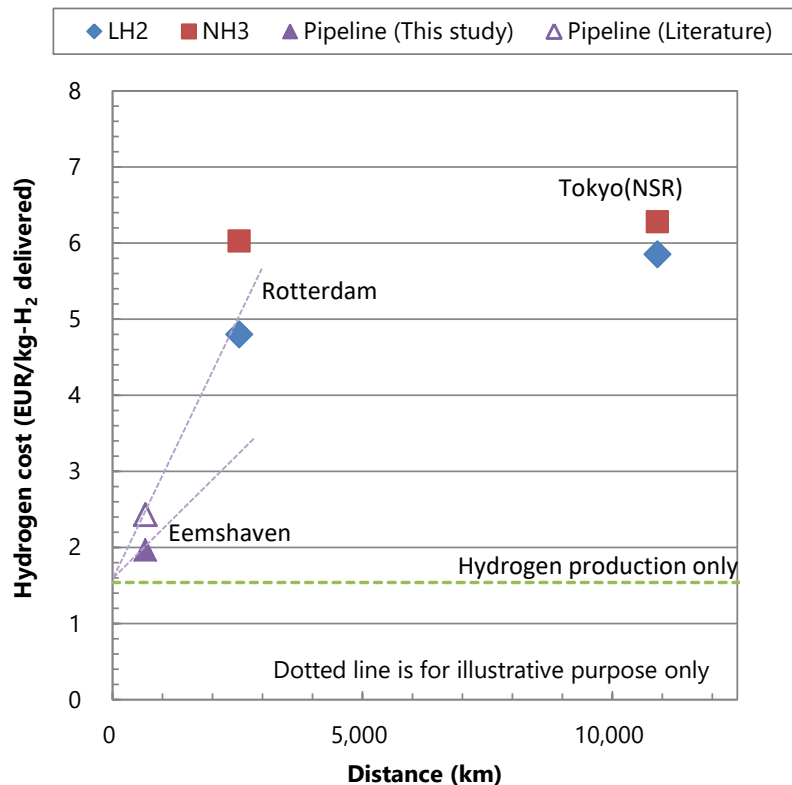
Delivered hydrogen cost of transport from Kårstø to Eemshaven



- Main cost difference between existing and new pipelines is due to CAPEX
- Main reasons for cost difference from the ship case
 - Hydrogen amount delivered: no H₂ loss assumed for the pipeline cases
 - Liquefaction: liquefiers and NH₃ synthesis plant
 - Transport: terminals and ships

• Hydrogen transport costs using existing and new pipelines are cheaper than using ship in the case of a short distance if destination is fixed.

Flexibility and breakeven range between ship and pipeline



Note: the location factor of production plant and loading terminal in Eemshaven case is lower than other cases because hydrogen production plant is located in Kårstø (Southern area).

Pipeline cost literature: M. J. Kaiser, Marine Policy, 2017, 147-166

- Breakeven range seems to be around a few thousand km.
- The optimum transport technology depends on range and flexibility requirement.

	Pros	Cons
Ship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively weak sensitivity to distance • Flexible destination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial investment required even for short distance
Pipeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheap for short distance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost sensitive to distance • Fixed destination

Summary

- We studied value chain analysis of long-distance hydrogen transport using LH_2 and NH_3 for both regional and global markets.
- The LH_2 chain is more energy efficient than the NH_3 chain.
- The LH_2 chain is greener than the NH_3 chain in terms of CO_2 emission from the chain.
- The hydrogen costs of both chains are similar for transport to Tokyo.
- It is cheaper to deliver LH_2 to Rotterdam compared to NH_3 .
- Hydrogen transport cost using pipeline is cheaper than using ship in the case of a short distance if destination is fixed.
- The optimum transport technology (pipeline vs ship) depends on range and flexibility requirement.

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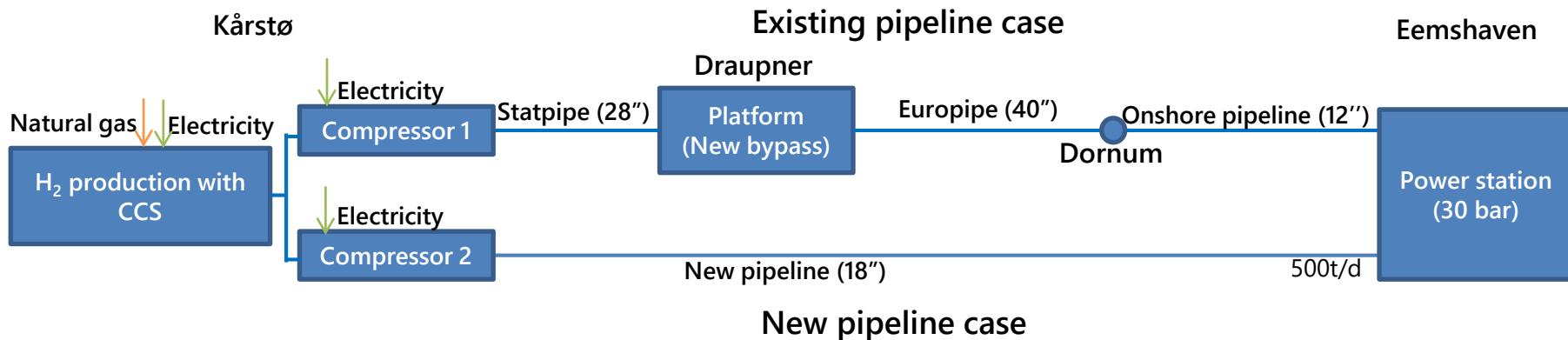
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Schematic diagram of the Pipeline model

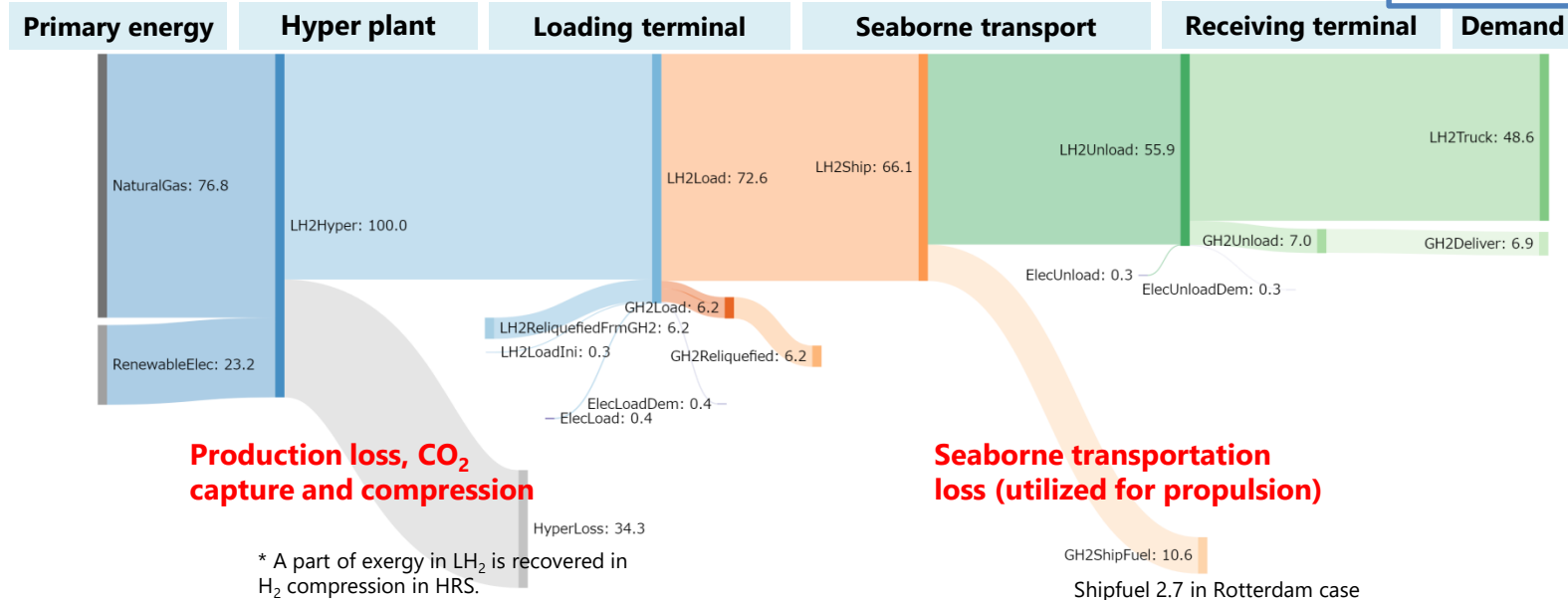


- H₂ production
 - Liquefiers removed from Hyper adv plant (electricity and CAPEX)
- Compressor
 - Reciprocating, from 20 bar to pipeline inlet pressure
- Pipeline
 - Existing pipeline: 61.2 bar (12")
 - New pipeline: 73.7 bar (18")
 - No H₂ loss (leak) during transport
- Platform at Draupner
 - New by-pass is installed.

Energy balance of LH₂ chain for power plant

Input to Hyper adv plant = 100

Note: the values are the total of flows into the node.

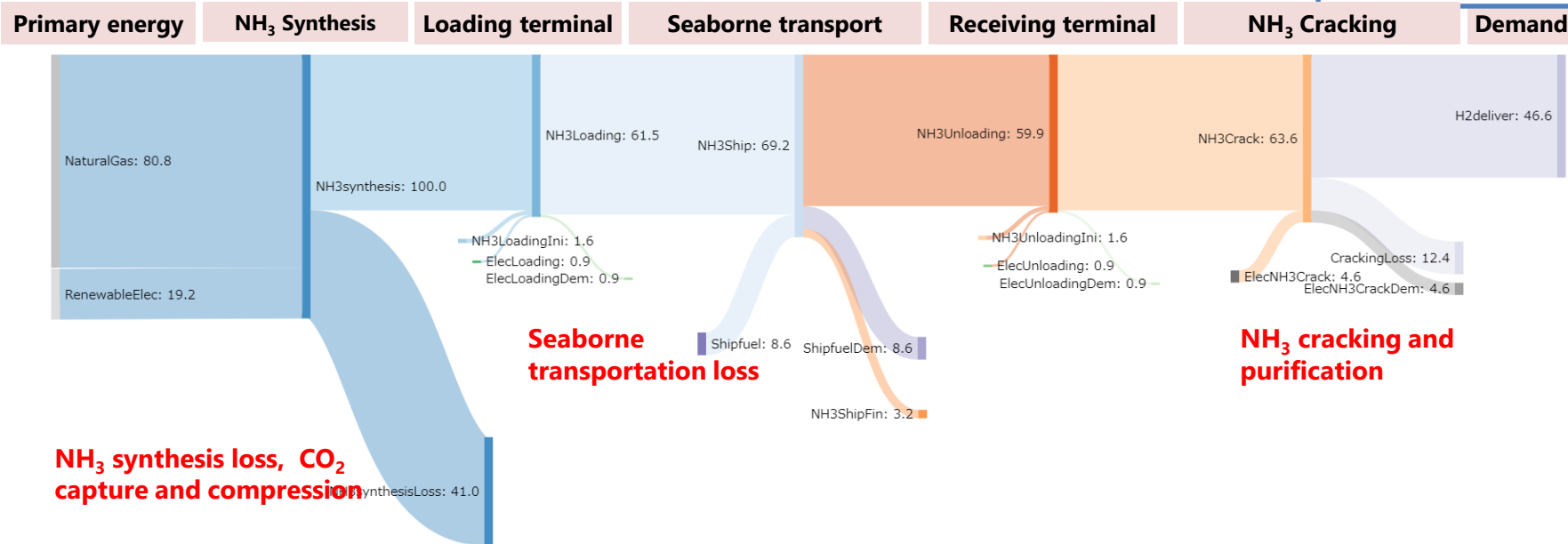


- **Energy efficiency**
 - = (Output hydrogen + final stock)/ (Input resources + electricity + Initial stock)
 - Rotterdam 0.64, Tokyo 0.55
- **Major energy loss**
 - Production and liquefaction 34%
 - Seaborne transport 11% (Tokyo case)

Energy balance of NH₃ chain for power plant

Note: the values are the total of flows into the node.

Input to NH₃ synthesis = 100



NH₃ synthesis loss, CO₂ capture and compression

- **Energy efficiency**
 - = (Output hydrogen + final stock) / (Input resources + electricity + Initial stock)
 - Rotterdam 0.44, Tokyo 0.42
- **Major energy loss**
 - NH₃ synthesis 41%
 - NH₃ cracking, purification 12%
 - Seaborne transport 9%