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Waterstof Industrie Cluster

January 28 2021

# WIC Seminar

**Shipping sun and wind to Belgium is key in climate neutral economy**

**Results hydrogen import coalition**

**Why the carbon neutral energy transition will imply the use of lots of carbon?**



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- We will record the webinar



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- Industrial partnership
- 70 members
- Entire H2 value chain
- Collaboration
- Project development
- Policy

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# WIC webinar

- “Shipping sun and wind to Belgium is key in climate neutral economy”  
Results hydrogen import coalition
  - Results of the research into the import of renewable energy by means of hydrogen carriers
  - Maxime Peeters
    - Policy & Project Manager Sustainable Energy @ Port of Antwerp
  
- “Why the carbon neutral energy transition will imply the use of lots of carbon?”
  - The role of molecules such as green hydrogen and high energy dense molecules to reach carbon neutrality by 2050
  - Jan Mertens
    - Chief Science Officer @ Engie Research
    - Professor @Ugent Department of Electromechanical, Systems and Metal Engineering



## To conclude

- Presentations and recording will be spread
- Next WIC webinar scheduled for Thursday March 25 4 PM – 5.30 PM
  - Invitation follows
- Interesting topics? Let us know!
- Next cluster meeting: Wednesday March 3 AM

# Hydrogen Import Coalition

Shipping sun & wind  
to Belgium is key in  
a climate neutral  
economy



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# Why we need to import renewable energy

- Large scale, cost effective solar and wind energy will be the cornerstone of a carbon neutral economy
- Solar and wind energy is not always available **where** we need it
  - A solar panel can produce elsewhere up to 3 times more energy than in Western Europe
  - Wind potential is space constrained in Western Europe, same for HV transport lines
  - We consume more energy than we can locally generate
- Solar and wind energy is not always available **when** we need it
  - Solar and wind energy require low cost, large scale, long term storage to provide a stable source of energy
  - A domestic all electric renewable scenario is unclear with regards to total system cost and system stability
- Electricity is not always the most **appropriate** energy vector
  - Clean renewable synthetic molecules can sometimes be the better choice (as feedstock, fuel, energy carrier)
  - Electricity is difficult to transport over longer distances
  - Lack of pace concerning transmission line build up and permitting
- Don't forget the **feedstock**: our chemical industry requires hydrogen and carbon

# The hydrogen coalition H2C

## Joins forces to investigate the importation of green hydrogen

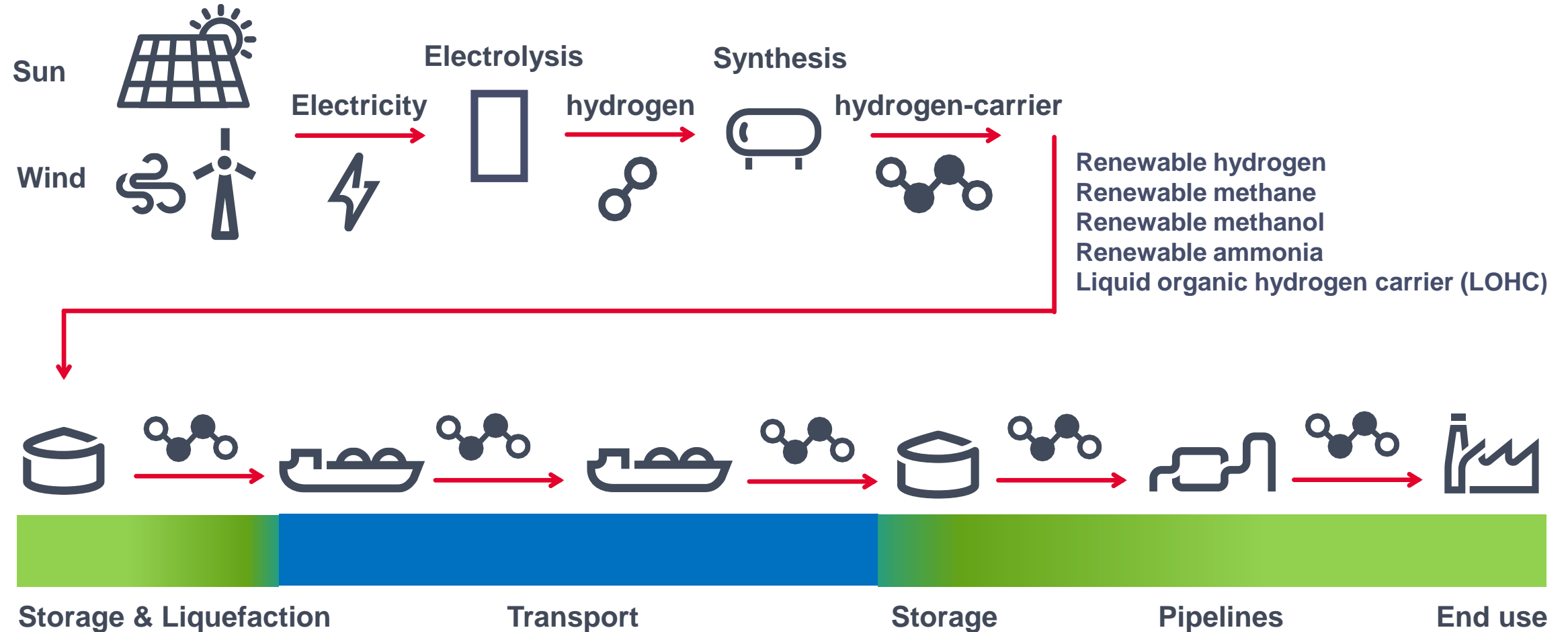
- Climate target to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Belgium by 80% by 2050 compared to 2005 levels = major challenge in terms of **timing, cost and robustness**
- Hydrogen/molecules have an important role to play in the mix of solutions
- Join experience and industrial knowhow (kick-off 10/2019)
  - Port of Antwerp / Port of Zeebrugge is a large-scale energyhub & the largest integrated chemical cluster in Europe
  - Investement driven private-public industrial coalition with know how & network, capable of scaling up
  - Covering each step of a renewable hydrogen import **value chain**



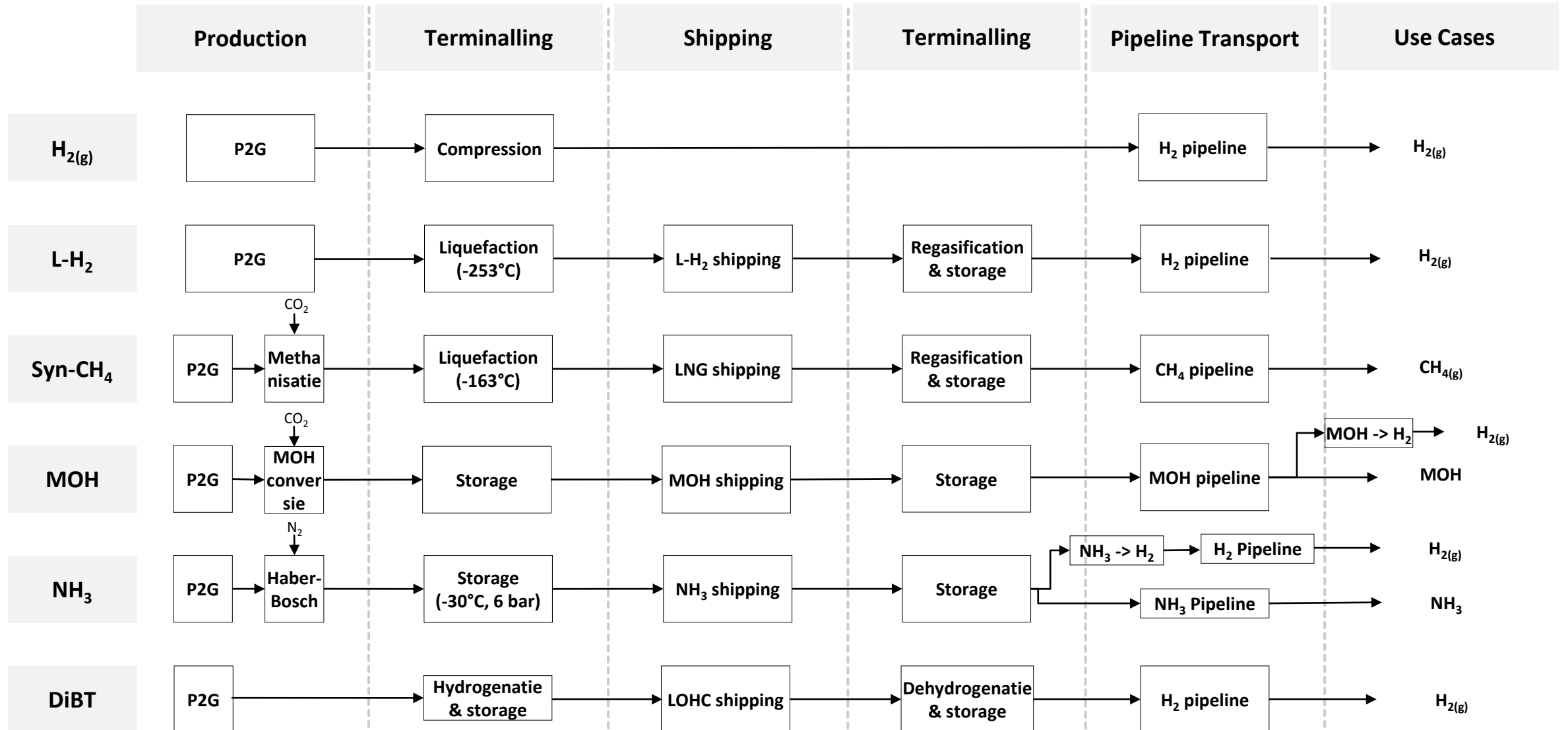


# Renewable molecules – green hydrogen value chain

From remote wind and sun to end-user market



# Block Diagram



# The carriers

## Hydrogen can be transported as hydrogen, or with the help of carrier molecules

3 groups of carriers were studied

1. Pure hydrogen

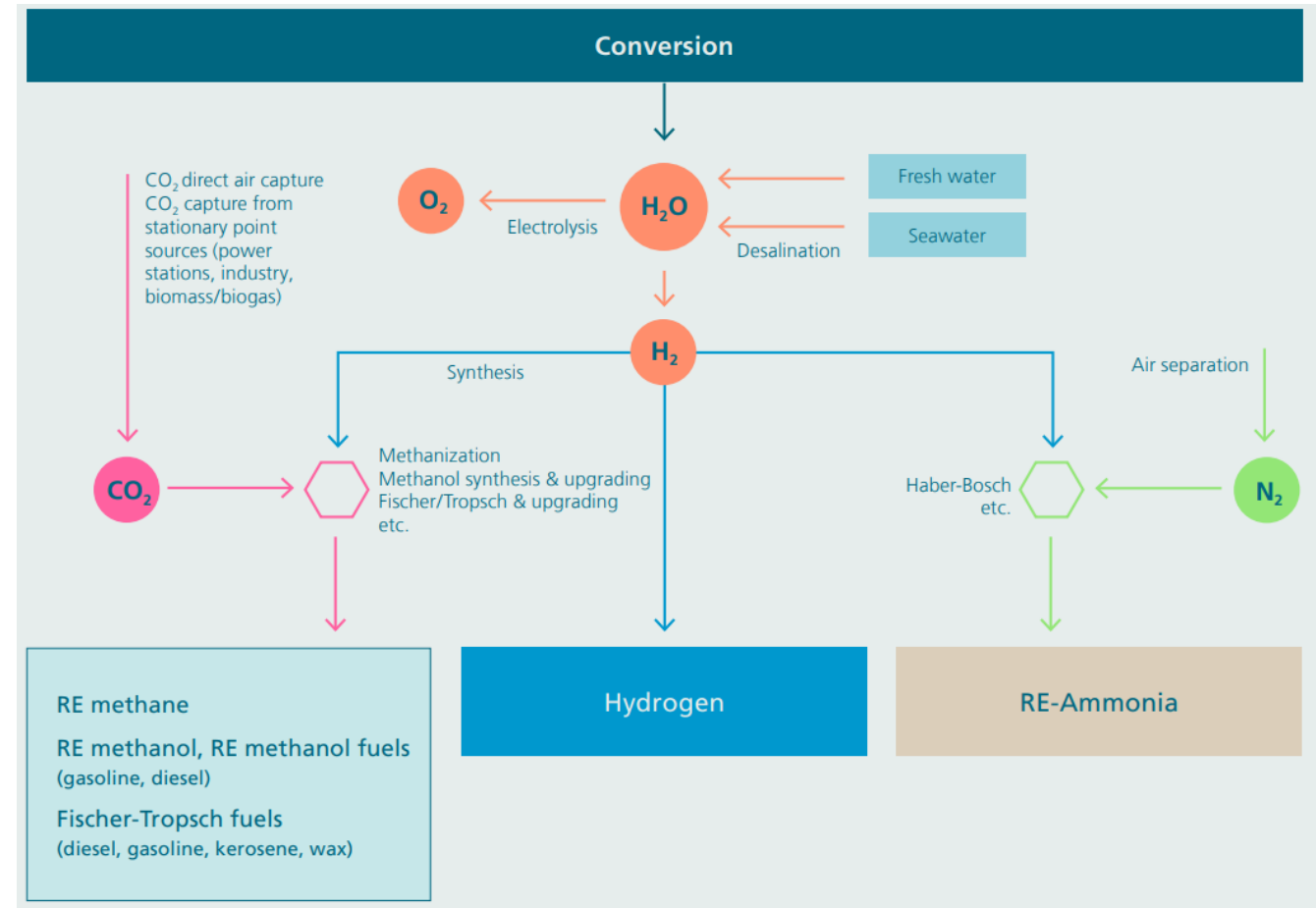
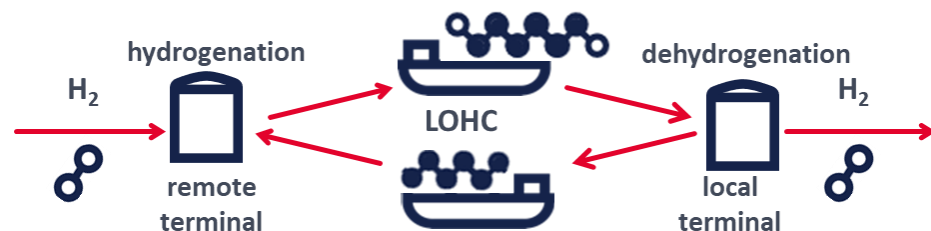
- Pressurized
- Liquified @  $-253^{\circ}\text{C}$

2. E-fuels – synthesis with C or N

- Methane - liquified @  $-162^{\circ}\text{C}$  – LNG
- Methanol – liquid
- Ammonia - liquified @  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$

3. Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carriers (LOHC)

- Represented by DiBT



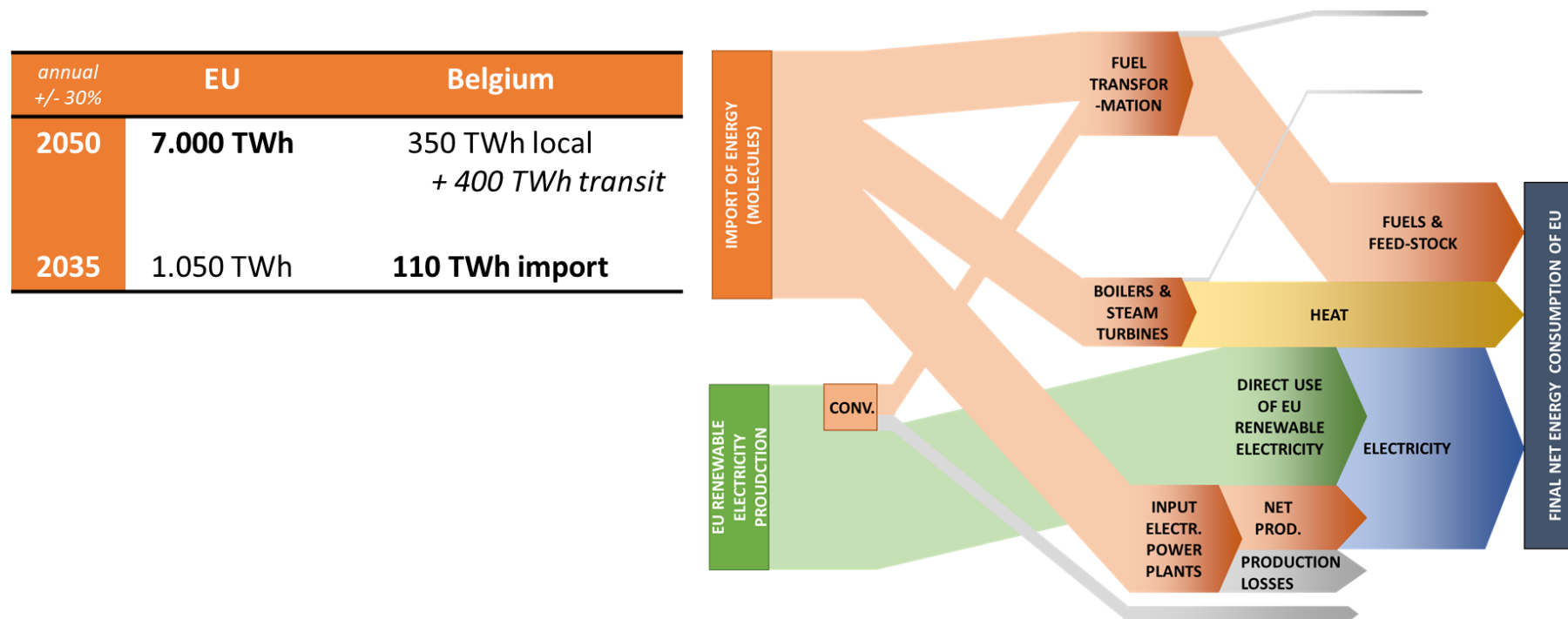
Source: Fraunhofer institute

# Key assumptions

## More than half of our energy demand will have to be imported

By 2050, a renewable energy import system supporting the Western European energy and feedstock transition will require **thousands of TWh of energy imports per year**

- Same order of magnitude as ambitious local renewable production targets
- Exceeds the scale of what is existing today
- Complementary to local renewables, biomass, carbon capture, energy efficiency and circularity



# Orders of magnitude

## Reference scenarios

- Scenario EU – 2050: 7.000 TWh/yr – 3.150 GW electrolyser capacity to be installed
- Scenario BE – 2035: 110 TWh/yr – 50 GW electrolyser capacity to be installed

### Reference numbers 2020

- *Offshore wind in Belgium – 2GW – 8 TWh/yr*
- *Yearly electricity demand Belgium – 80 TWh/yr*
- *European gas consumption: 5.000 TWh/yr*
  - *of which Belgium: 180 TWh/yr*
- *Installed electricity production capacity in Belgium ~20GW*
- *Energy shipped over the oceans: 37.000 TWh/yr*
- *Oil terminal of Rotterdam import up to 1.200 TWh/yr*
  - *of which 465 TWh transported by pipeline to Antwerp*
- *LNG terminal of Zeebrugge imports up to 80 TWh/yr*
- *Current electrolyser capacity installed worldwide ~20GW, in Europe a few GW*

# Key assumptions

## A system that is designed to be absolutely security in its supply

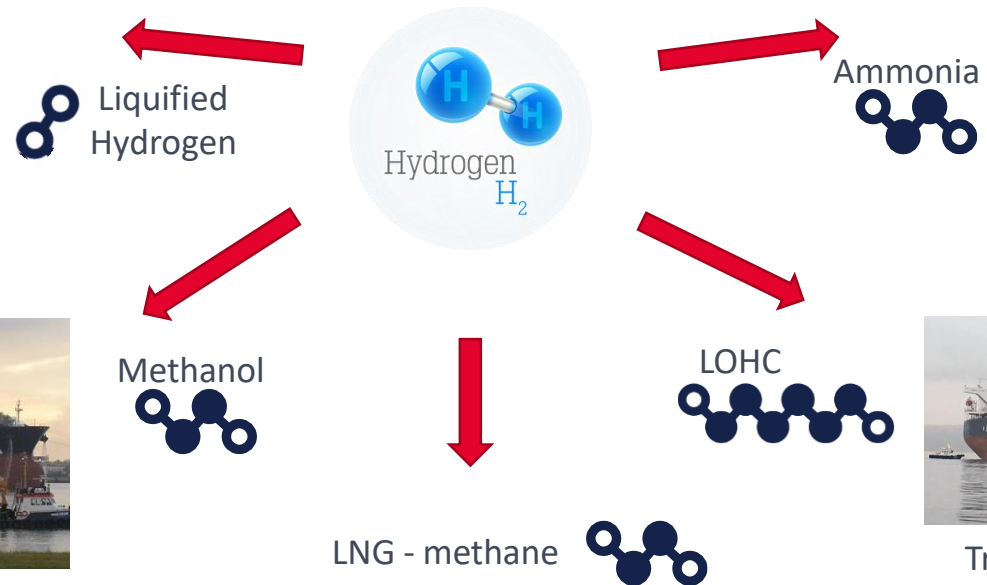
- Solar and wind do not provide base-load electricity by themselves
- Adequate **buffering** is integrated in our system design to ensure a **baseload** hydrogen carrier output out of each individual export location
- This base load design requires
  - renewables over-dimensioning
  - battery power storage to optimize electrolyser & synthesis operation
  - Hydrogen storage to allow carrier synthesis optimization
  - combined with the inherent storage in ships, terminals and pipelines
- This results in a solid but **conservative cost estimation**
  - no grid synergies are considered and all costs addressed in the own business model as an off-grid independent baseload-capable design
- The baseload design assumption assures that the imported renewable energy of molecules can unmistakably be considered as **fully additional** to existing renewable energy sources.

# Ship options

Large scale solutions to ship methane, methanol, ammonia are existing  
Hydrogen much more difficult to deploy on large scale



Only one ship under construction  
Several concepts for larger vessels  
(up to 0.43 TWh/vessel)



Significant fleet existing  
(scalable up to 0,7 TWh/vessel)



Transport in VLCC - large fleet existing (up to 1.61 TWh/vessel)



Transport in VLCC - large fleet existing (up to 0.72 TWh/vessel)



Large fleet existing  
(up to 1.73 TWh/vessel)  
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# Locations and shipping routes

A representative sample of possible regions providing low cost renewable energy



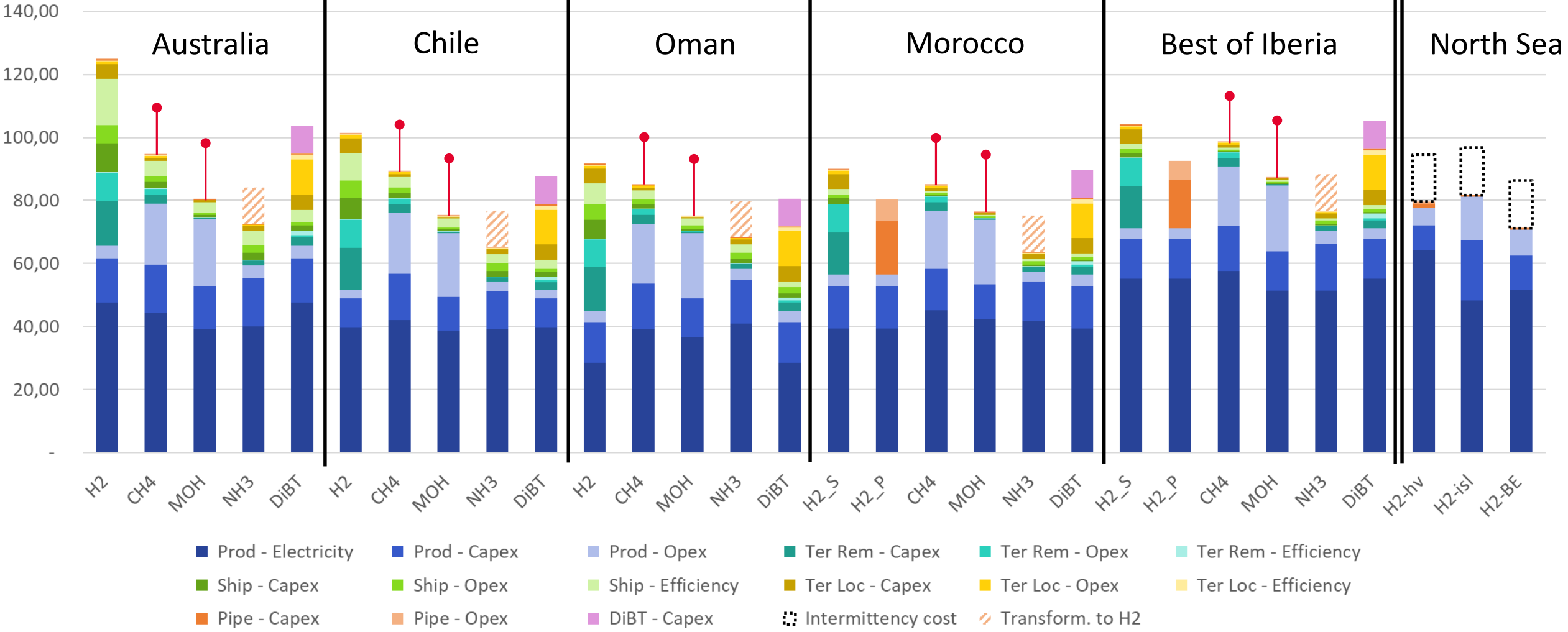


# Overall cost to deliver green energy to Belgium

Feasible cost levels achievable within a decade from now

LCOH (€<sub>2020</sub>/MWh) - 2030-2035

● CO<sub>2</sub> at 160 €/t  
 ● CO<sub>2</sub> at 80 €/t



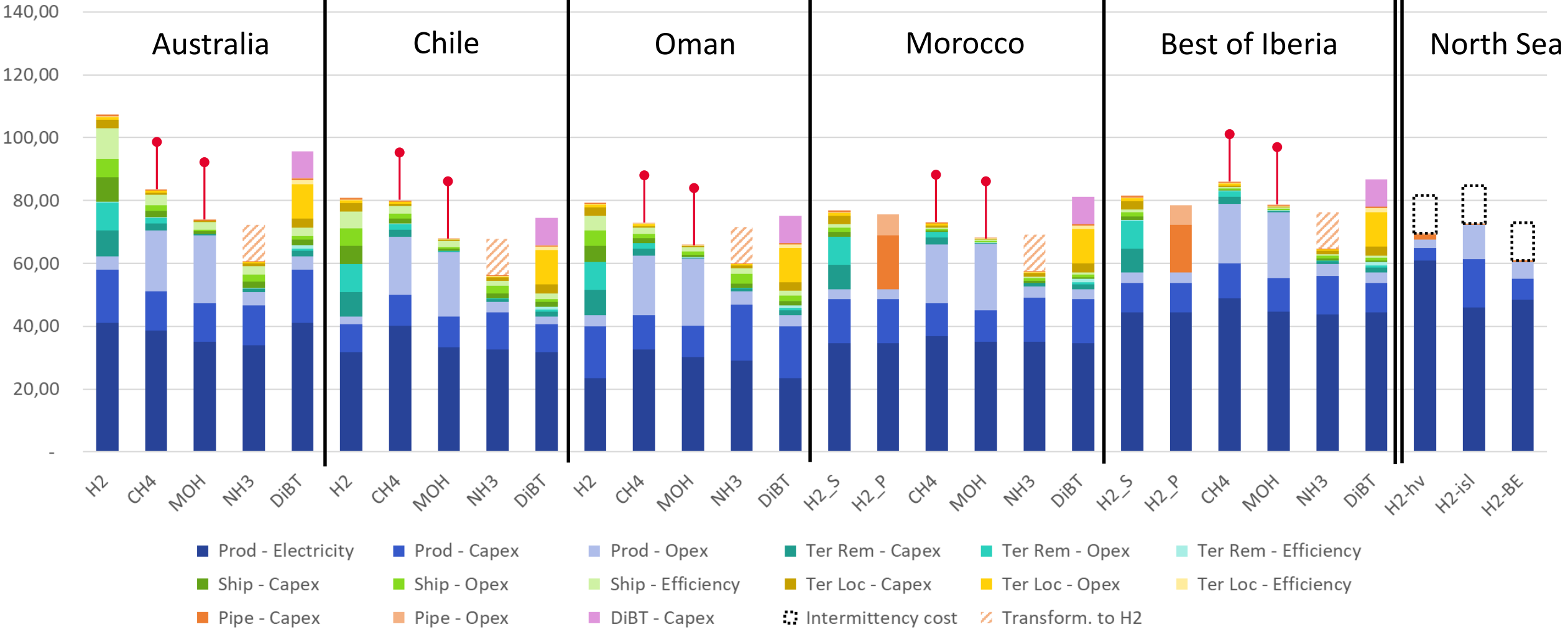
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# Overall cost to deliver green energy to Belgium

By 2050, cost can be reduced further to competitive levels

LCOH (€<sub>2020</sub>/MWh) - 2050

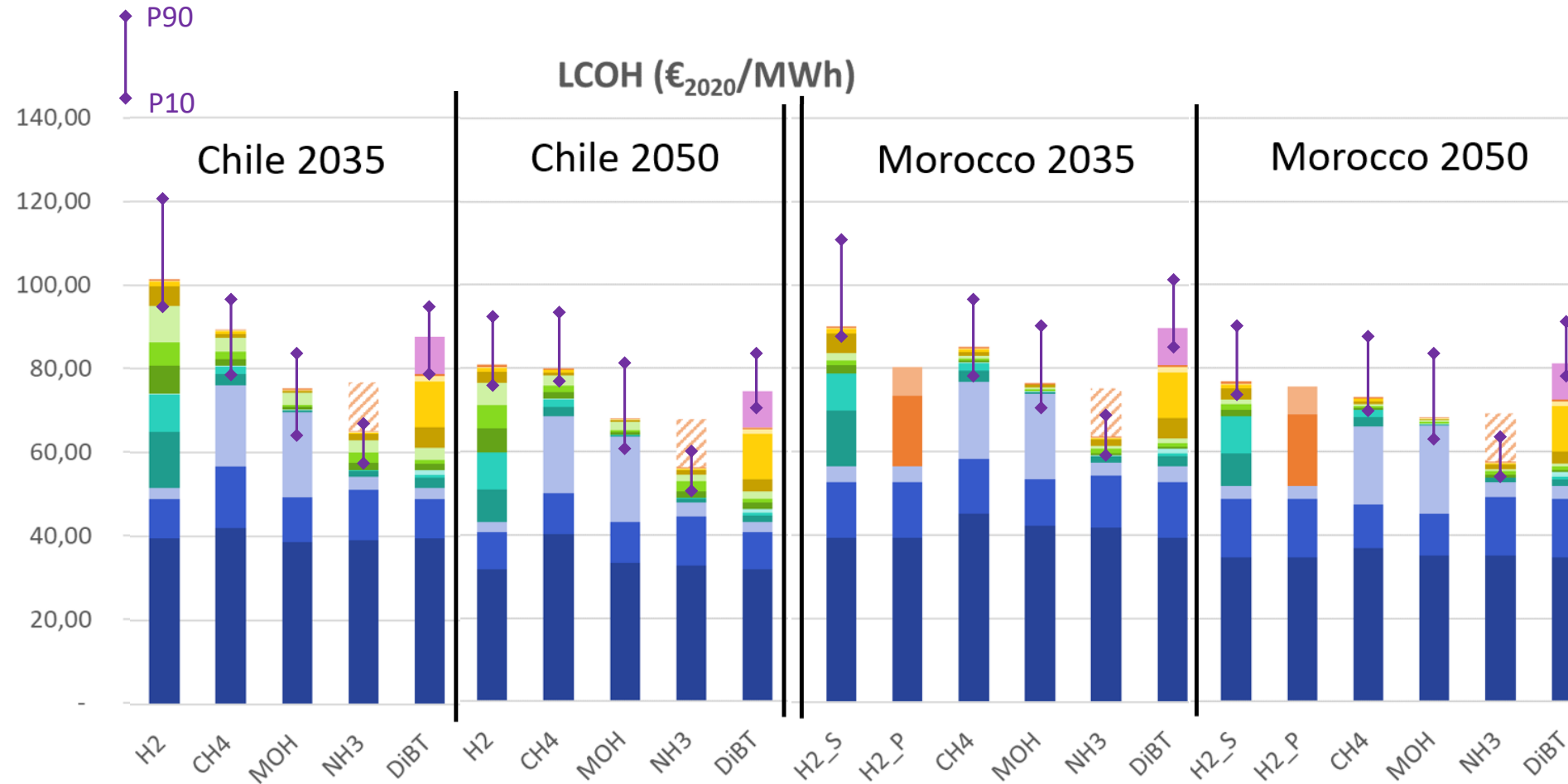
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# Overall cost

The uncertainty range in our study

uncertainty driver	H2	CH4	MOH	NH3	DIBT	offshore
1st	term.capex	CO2 cost	CO2 cost	LCOE	LCOE	prod. capex
2nd	LCOE	LCOE	LCOE		DiBT & term.capex	



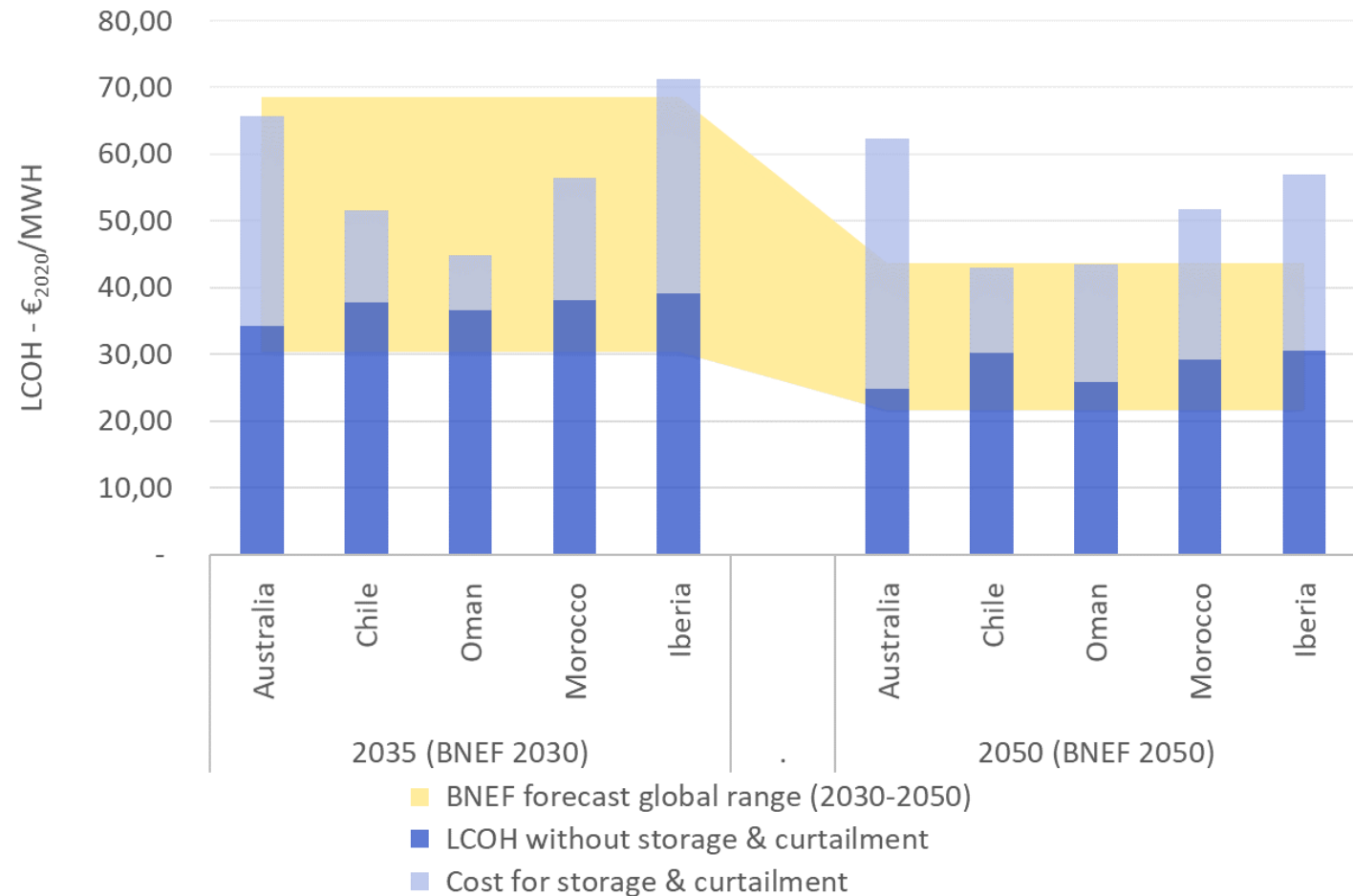
- H2 has largest uncertainty reflecting technology challenges
- CH4 and MOH exhibit a similar uncertainty profile despite more mature technology, mainly driven by CO2 cost uncertainty
- NH3 benefits from the lowest uncertainty, however without considering H2 splitting (low TRL) and not accounting for potential safety considerations
- DiBT suffers from uncertainty around the cost of the DiBT carrier molecule and technological challenges regarding DiBT terminal design

# Final Results

## External benchmark

- H2 coalition takes an industrial conservative approach towards cost evolutions
- However, more optimistic cost reductions can be achieved by reducing the impact of storage and curtailment
  - No full baseload required per production site
  - Improved, lower cost storage
  - More flexible components, i. e. lower technical minima for electrolyser, synthesis and liquefaction
- Comparison with a more optimistic benchmark requires identification of the impact of curtailment & storage

**COST OF HYDROGEN PRODUCTION - BENCHMARK WITH BNEF**



# Use Cases

## Analysis of use case economics - renewable vs fossil

### INDUSTRIAL USE CASES OF H2 CARRIERS



#### Feedstock

- new processes (capital inv.)
- direct replacement



#### Heat

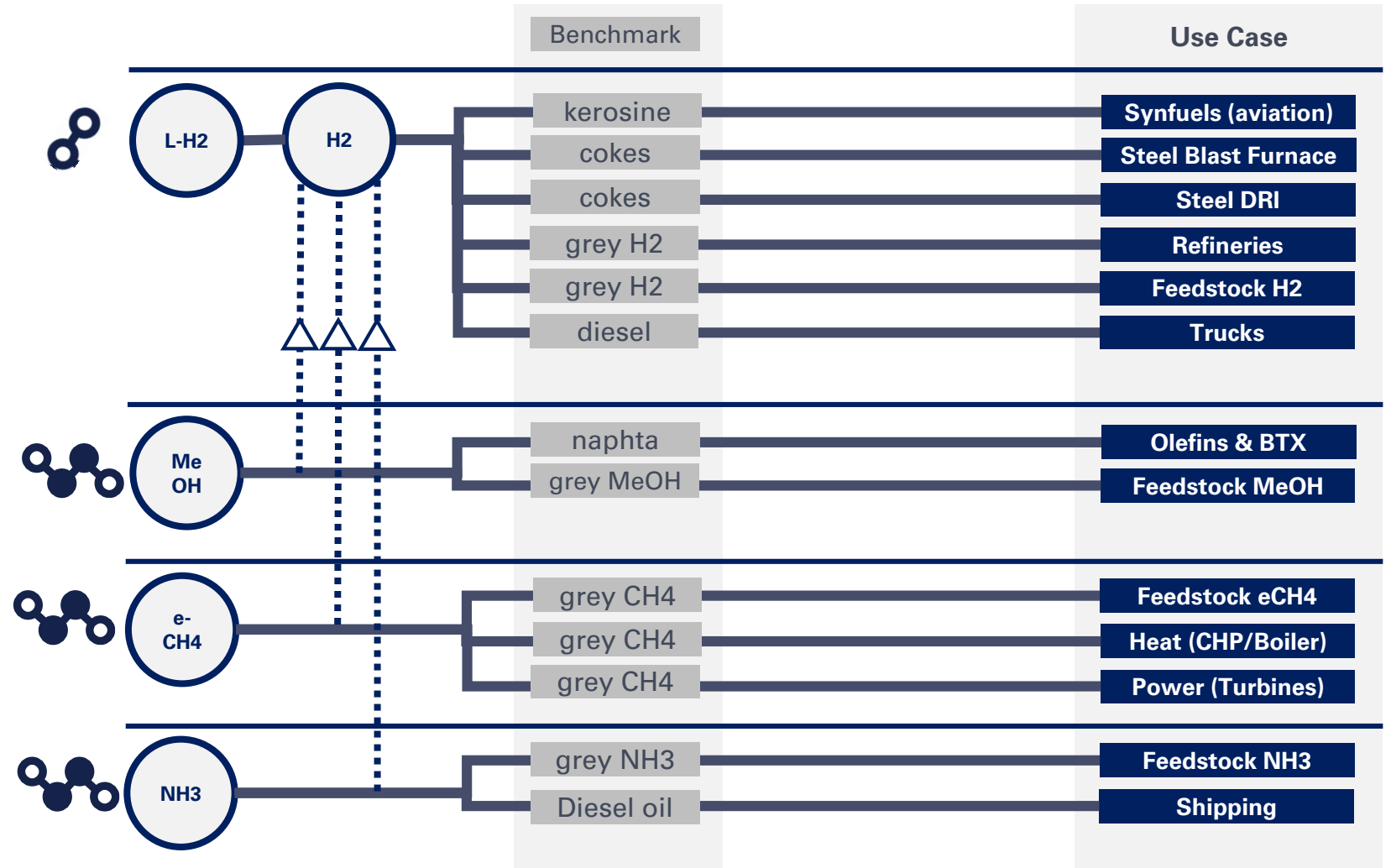
- medium grade (100-500°C)
- high grade (>500°C)



#### Power



#### Transport



# Use Cases

## Interesting use cases for first movers

			Investments <i>capex</i>	Technology <i>TRL</i>	Policy <i>as today</i>	Fuel cost gap <i>2035 vs benchmark</i>
Drop-in for kickstart of import pilots, 'the enablers'	hydrogen	Refineries	●	●	●	●
	methanol	Fuel (RED II)	●	●	●	●
	ammonia	Fertilizers	●	●	●	●
Possible end-users in 2030 w/ application investments	hydrogen	Steel: Blast Furnace	●	●	●	●
	hydrogen	Trucks (FC)	●	●	●	●
	All carriers	Shipping (ICE)	●	●	●	●
Possible end-users in 2035-2050 w/ large investments	hydrogen	Steel: DRI process	●	●	●	●
	methanol	Olefins	●	●	●	●
Possible end-users in 2035-2050 w/ large cost-gap but no competitive carbon-neutral alternative	hydrogen / methane	Peak power (Turbines)	●	●	●	●
	ammonia / methanol		●	●	●	●
	All carriers	HT Heat	●	●	●	●
	hydrogen	Syn-kerosine (aviation)	●	●	●	●

# General conclusions

## 1. The carrier proposition validated

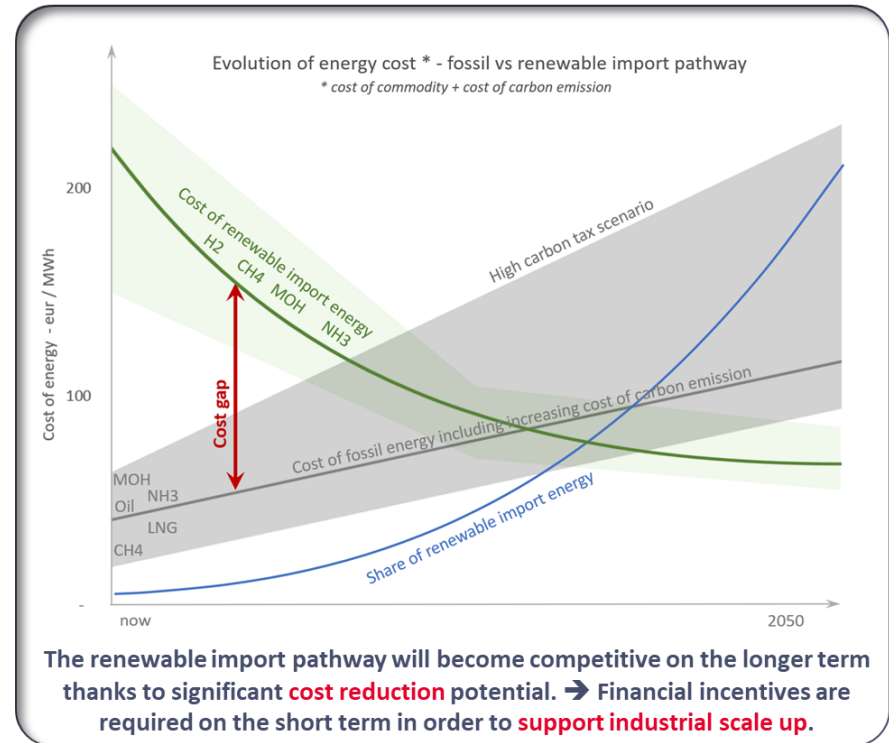
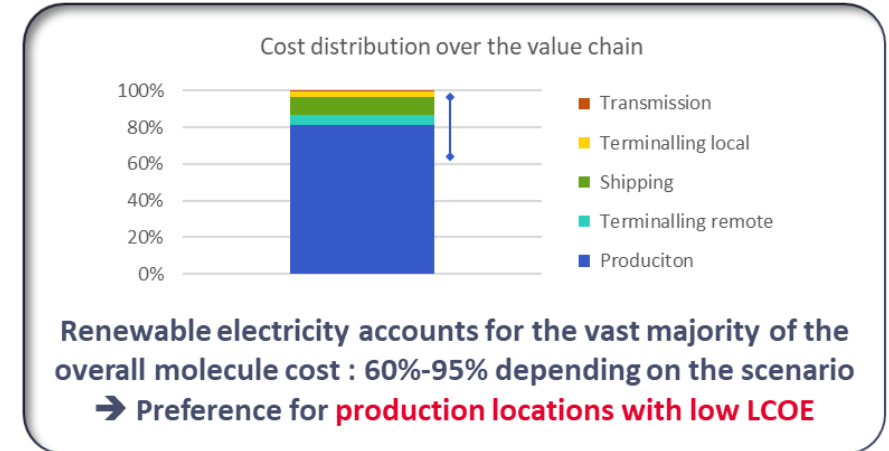
- Import of renewable energy by means of carriers molecules is a **feasible and economically sound solution**
- Mainly methane, methanol & ammonia are mature, H2 is promising
- Carriers make it economically attractive to import low cost renewable energy from remote locations where renewables are more abundant
- Carbon neutral feedstock supply to our organic chemistry sector

## 2. Renewable imported molecules will become **essential in the European energy mix to achieve full decarbonisation**

- Necessary and complementary to domestic renewable energy
- Market economics will determine optimal balance between domestic renewable energy and carrier imports

## 3. Scaling up – the role of public private funding

- Level playing field by internalizing climate cost to fossil alternatives
- Several use cases and carriers are attractive to start up with
- **Carbon contracts for differences & capex funding** for offtakers



# Next steps

## 1. Policy & regulatory actions

- Feasibility analysis import terminals for Belgium, including spatial policy – port planning & infrastructure corridors
- General policy and regulatory context open to importing renewable energy and feedstock in addition to domestic production
  - Setting clear targets for different end-users (eg.: RED II)
  - Creating a level playing field (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, ETS CO2 prices...)
  - Financial support: a) Opex through 'Carbon Contracts for Difference' is vital for kick-off phase; b) Capex for new applications where existing assets need to be replaced in markets with small margins; c) Also R&D support will be needed.

## 2. Roadmap

- Many public and private interdependent actions required over time
- Create a roadmap to create clarity on goals, milestones and actions

## 3. Spin off projects

- Not only analyse, but also act and contribute to national transition economy
- Deploy concrete pilot projects, requiring broad public – industrial partnerships
- Open call for action to public and private stakeholders to forge partnerships





# Why the carbon neutral energy transition will imply the use of lots of carbon?



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**Visiting Professor @ Ugent**

Thursday 28 January 2021



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- Electrify as much as possible (far beyond electric cars)
- The need for molecules: (green) hydrogen and synthetic hydrocarbons

## 3 Conclusion



**Engie &  
Engie Research**

# ENGIE, a global reference in low-carbon energy and services

*“Our purpose is to act to accelerate the transition towards a carbon-neutral world, through reduced energy consumption and more environmentally-friendly solutions, reconciling economic performance with a positive impact on people and the planet.”*

## Relying on power & gas, renewable energy and services to offer competitive solutions

**#1 global independent power producer, with a renewable power production capacity of ~27GW in 2019, incl. hydro(16), wind(7), solar(3), biomass/biogas(1) i.e. 28% renewables in our energy mix**

**#1 Gas infrastructures** (distribution & storage) and **#3 Natural gas importer** in Europe

## Committed to green gas, adding clean hydrogen to the energy mix

**#1 Biomethane player** in France and **#1 H2 stations** worldwide

## KEY FIGURES



**€60.1 Bn**  
Turnover in 2019



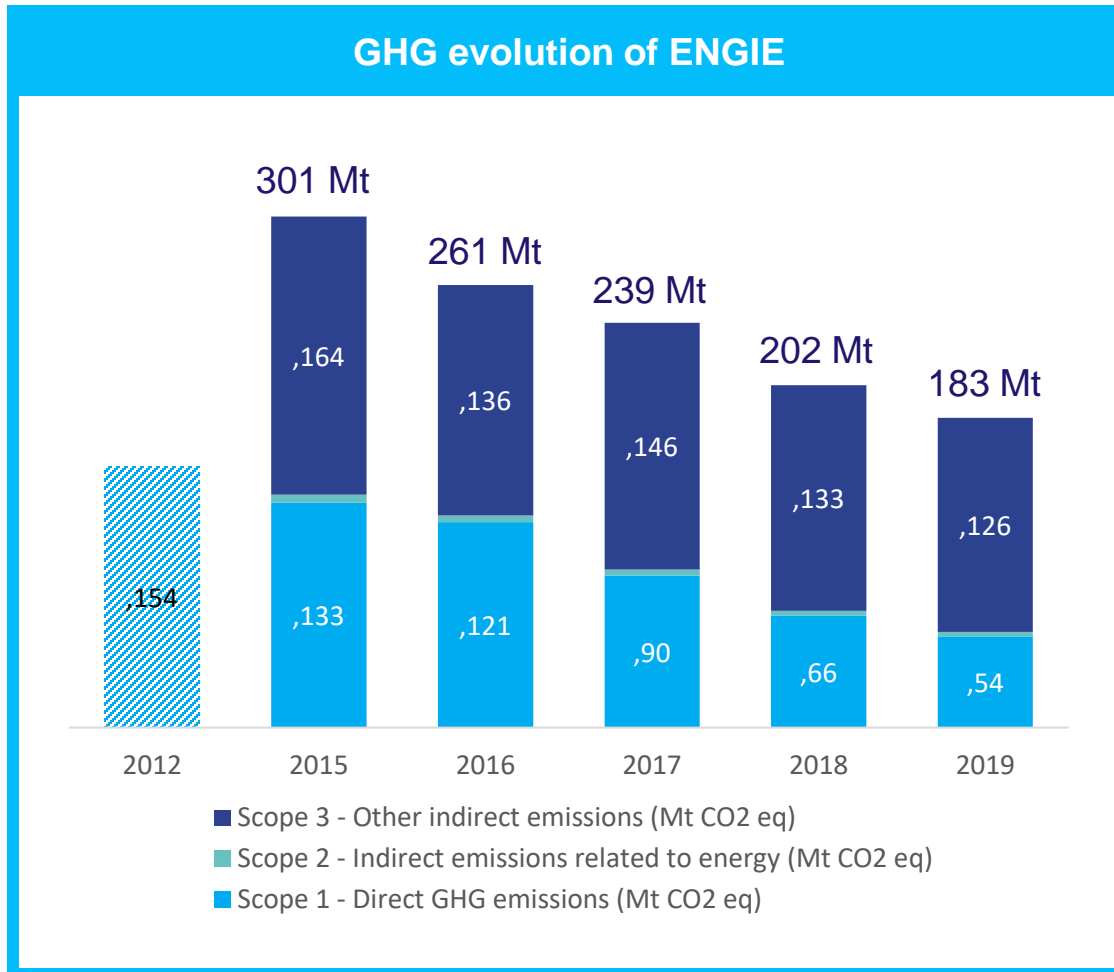
Operating on  
**5 continents**



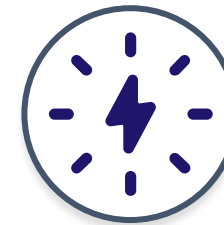
**171,000**  
employees around the world

# A CLIMATE PERFORMANCE COMMITTED SINCE OUR TRANSFORMATION

-39% OF TOTAL GHG EMISSIONS COMPARED TO 2015



### 2019 carbon footprint (all scopes)



Power production<sup>(1)</sup>



**80 Mt**  
-50% since 2015



Use of products sold



**61 Mt**  
-47% since 2015



All other emissions



**42 Mt**

(1) Include all power production units, regardless of ownership (scope 1 & 3)

# ENGIE has 900 researchers, Engie Research organized in 23 Thematic Labs

## New Energies



- Biomass, Biogas and Biowaste
- Solar
- Wind, Hydro & Marine
- Hydrogen
- Small Scale Liquefaction
- Geo Energy
- Green Thermal Generation (NEW)

## Enabling Technologies



- Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence
- Nanotech, Sensors & Wireless
- Environment & Society
- Energy System Simulations
- Robots & Drones
- Advanced Materials Technologies (NEW)

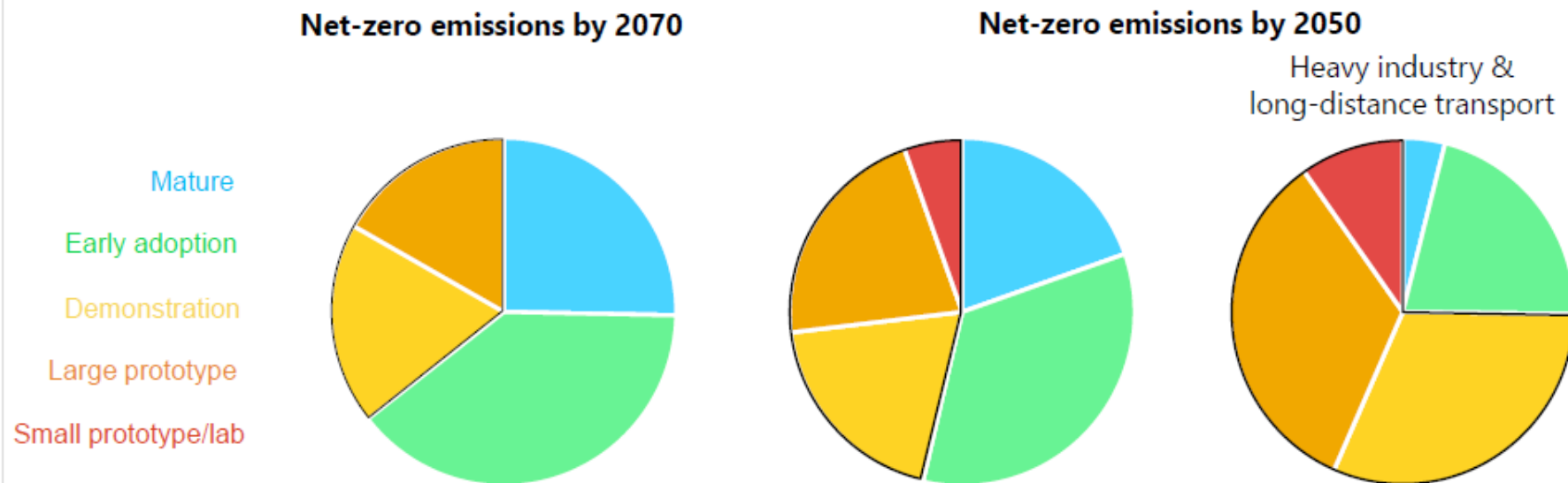
## New Uses of Energy



- Future Collectivities & Homes
- Future Building & Cities
- Future Industry
- Energy Storage
- Smart Grids & Industrial Cybersecurity
- Green Mobility
- CO<sub>2</sub> as a resource
- Air Quality
- Lighting
- Water & Chemistry Lab (NEW)

# More than half of the emission reduction will have to come from technologies that are today not mature: Innovation and R&D are crucial and need to speed up!

*Cumulative emissions reductions relative to baseline trends by technology maturity*



Almost half of the emissions reductions required to reach net-zero by 2050 rely on technologies that are not yet commercial today. The share jumps to three-quarters for heavy industry and long-distance transport.

**Fatih Birol, IEA September 2020: 'CCUS, Batteries and H<sub>2</sub> are today where PV was 10 years ago. GOVERNMENT need to support their development now!'**

# Pilot projects with academic, industrial and government partners are important to co-develop, test and demonstrate new solutions

*Pilots are key for ENGIE and a large part of the research budget*

<p><b>Biomass gasification</b> Gaya</p> <p><b>gaya</b></p> <p>France</p>	<p><b>Battery Storage</b></p> <p>ALFEN ENERGY</p> <p>Belgium</p>	<p><b>Bifacial Solar testing</b></p> <p>Chile</p>	<p><b>Decentralized Energy System for Islands</b></p> <p>Singapore</p>	<p><b>H<sub>2</sub> co-combustion in gas turbine</b></p> <p>Belgium</p>	<p><b>High temperature SOEC/SOFC</b></p> <p>France</p>	<p><b>Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> cycle</b></p> <p>US</p>
<p><b>Solar-H<sub>2</sub> panels</b></p> <p>France</p>	<p><b>OPV for Buildings</b> Heliatek</p> <p>Heliatek HeliFilm®</p> <p>Global</p>	<p><b>Floating Wind turbine</b></p> <p>Portugal</p>	<p><b>High Altitude Airborne Wind</b></p> <p>Germany</p>	<p><b>H<sub>2</sub> injection in natural gas grid</b></p> <p>France</p>	<p><b>Power to methane</b></p> <p>France</p>	<p><b>Solar cooling</b></p> <p>France</p>





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**3 pathways towards  
Carbon neutrality**



## **3 pathways towards Carbon neutrality**

**(i) Increase energy efficiency and increase circularity where waste becomes a feedstock**

# From waste TO green GAS : clean, local, circular... ...but the challenge is to achieve volume production at scale





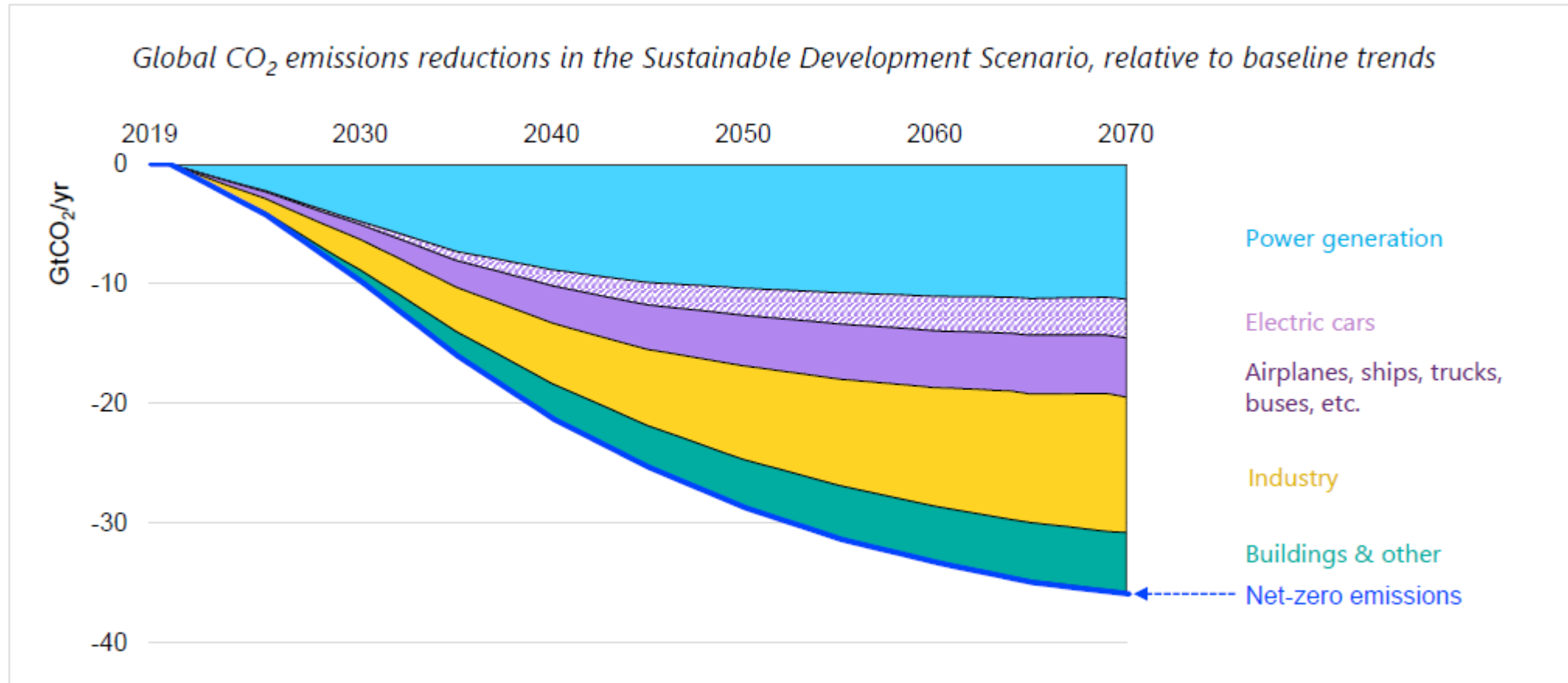
## **3 pathways towards Carbon neutrality**

- (i) Increase energy efficiency and increase circularity where waste becomes a feedstock**
- (ii) Electrify as much as possible (far beyond electric cars)**

Making sure all our electricity generation is green is crucial but is not sufficient as it will only reduce our overall emissions by 38 %.

Industry, transport and building account for half of emissions today! (IEA, ETP 2020)

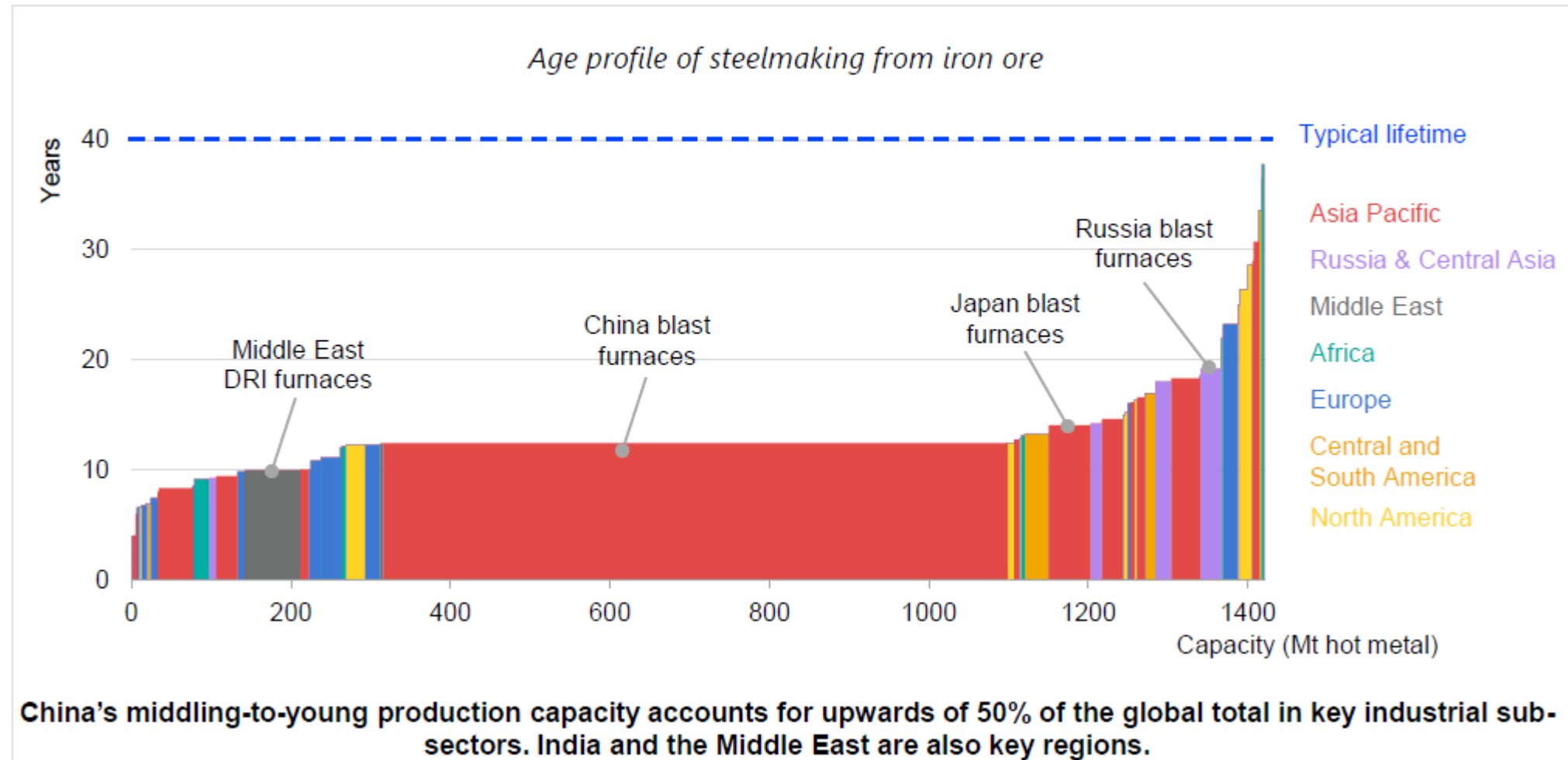
## Focusing on the power sector is not enough to reach climate goals



Clean energy technology progress in the power sector and with electric cars is encouraging, but alone not sufficient to reach climate goals. About half of all CO<sub>2</sub> emissions today are from industry, transport and buildings.

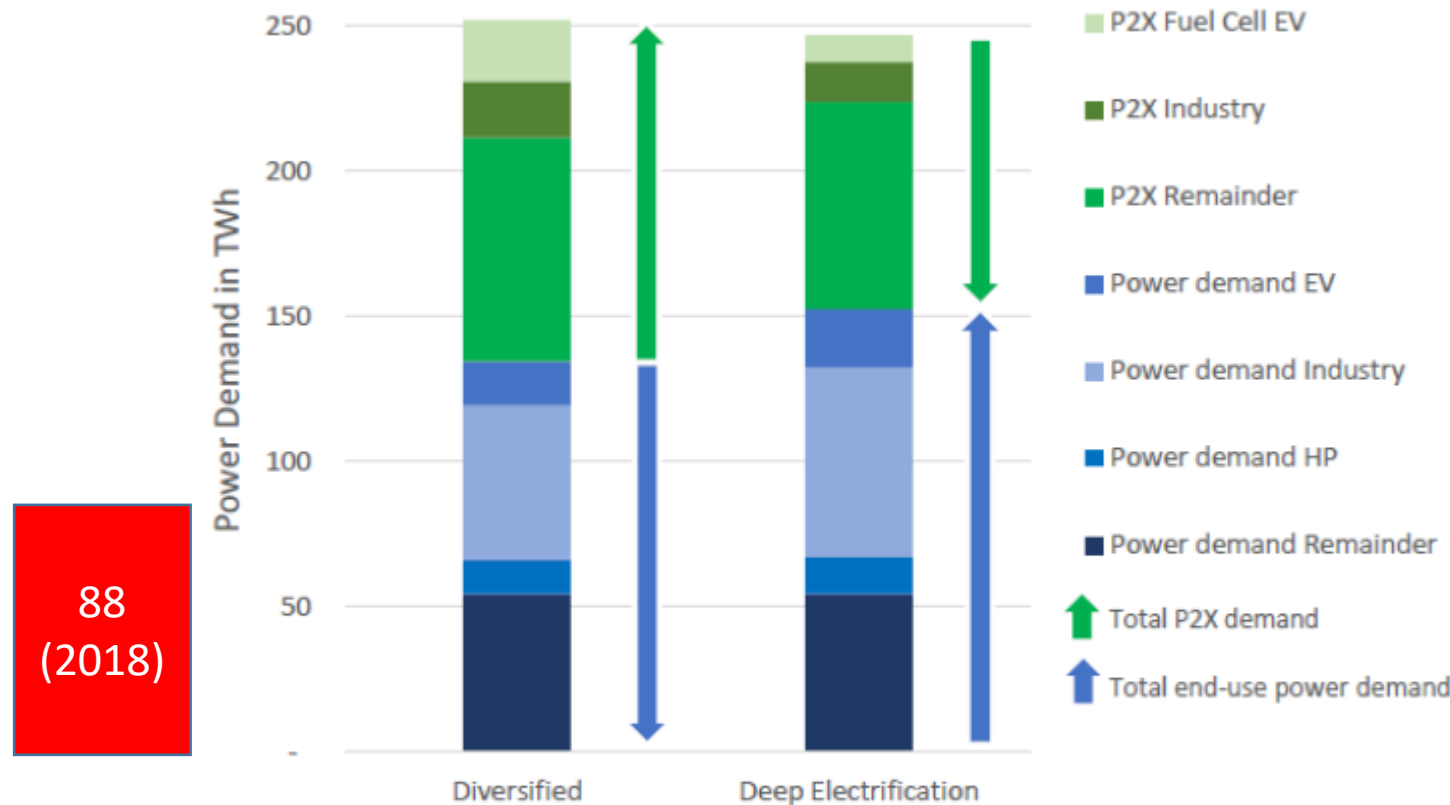
We must not only build new clean aluminum, cement, iron and steel, chemical, ... plants BUT must address emissions from **EXISTING** infrastructure since many assets are still young!  
**CCUS and H<sub>2</sub> will be required.**

## Many industry assets are still young – iron and steel production



# Belgian's federal planning bureau estimated that even in the deep electrification scenario (electrify as much as possible also in industry), molecules and import of renewable Energy remain important

**Graph 7** Total power demand in both scenarios, Belgium, year 2050  
TWh



**Import of renewable energy remains important** and both scenarios do not diverge (much) in terms of their annual net import position in 2050: 29.4 TWh in *'Diversified Energy Supply'* and 29.0 TWh in *'Deep Electrification'*

Source: Artelys.

Note: The direction of the arrows indicates the relative level of the specific (P2X or end-use) electricity demand: upwards (downwards) means a higher (lower) level compared to the other scenario.

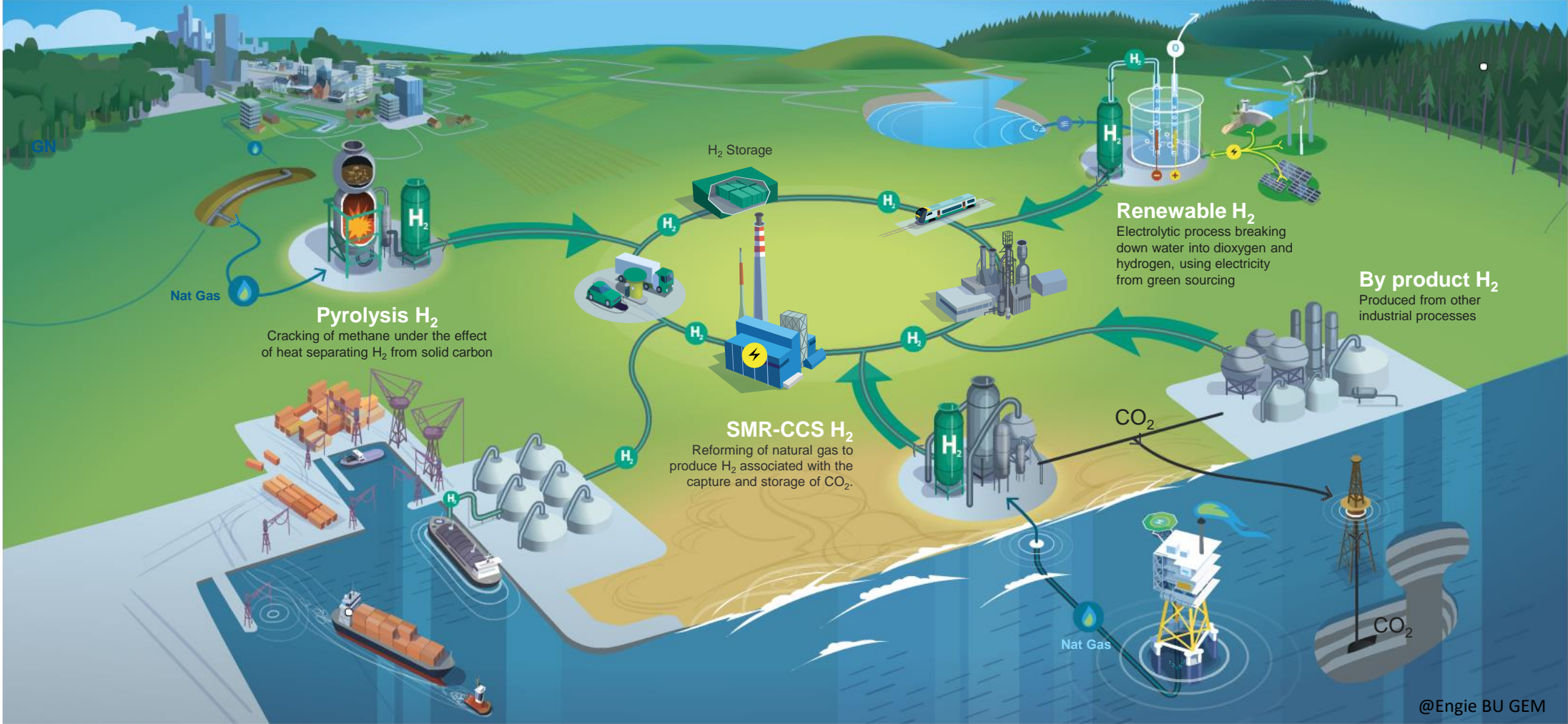


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# Hydrogen is a low carbon energy solution with a lot of potential but ...

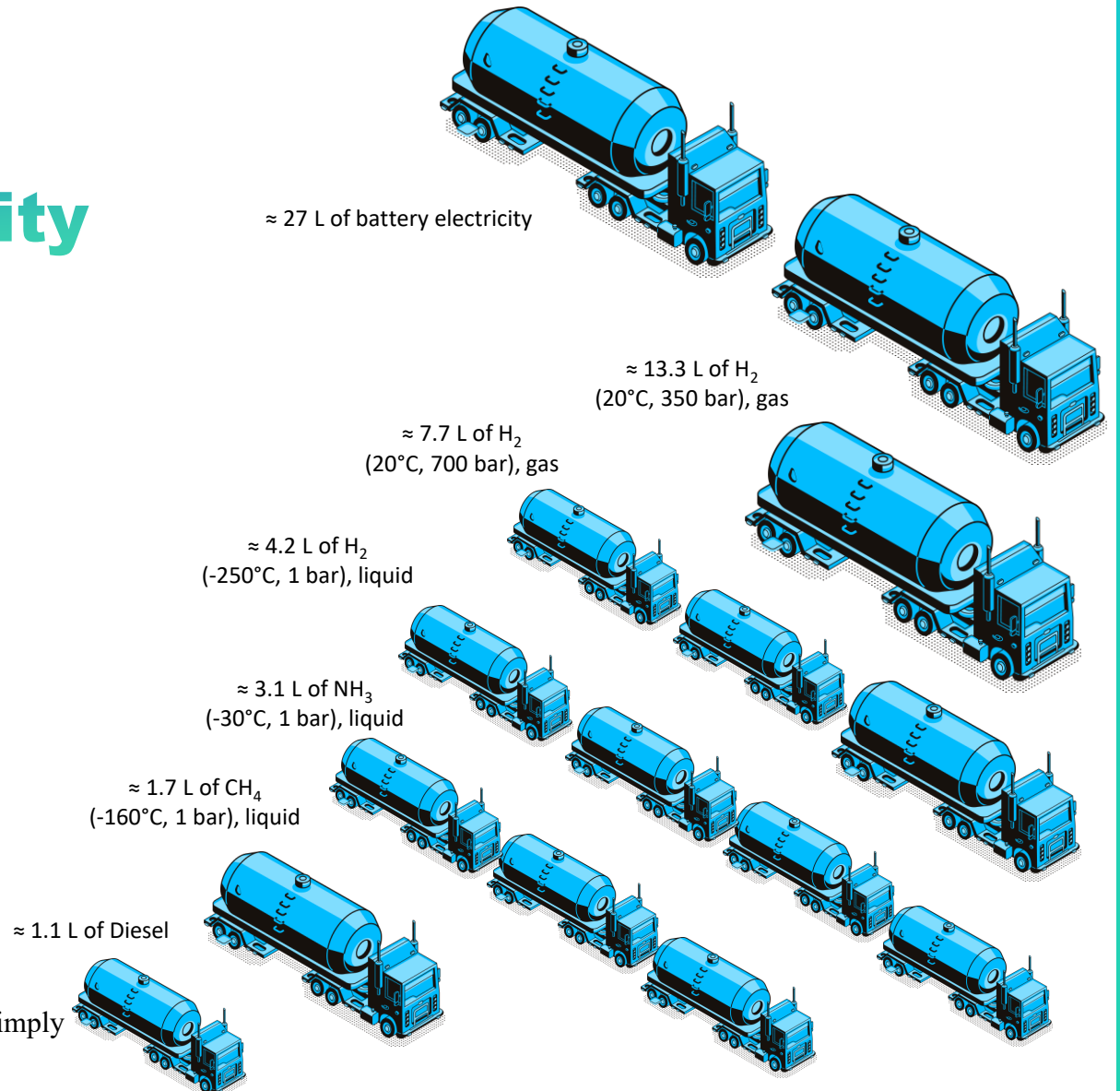


How to transport or store 10kWh of energy?

but

Has a very low energy density and is thus extremely hard and expensive to store and move around

→ Need for synthetic hydrocarbons!\*



\* Mertens, J., R. Belmans and M. Webber, 2020. Why the carbon neutral transition will imply the use of lots of carbon. *C-Journal of Carbon research*, 6 (39), 1-8

# Fueling a gas turbine with 100 % H<sub>2</sub> seems practically 'difficult'

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energy

**9000HL:** How much H<sub>2</sub> onsite storage is needed?

**1 HOUR**  
= **4km**  
1.4m pipeline



1.4m dia pipe @100bar

**1 DAY**  
=  
**4x**



NASA Tank ~230 Tons

**1 WEEK**  
=  
**9x**



Teesside Salt Cavern  
~810 tons

**1 MONTH**  
= **2,500km**  
1.4m pipeline



1.4m dia pipe @100bar

**41.5**  
tons H<sub>2</sub>/hr



**9000HL**

**870 MW\***  
63% eff  
\*CCGT

Assumptions: Tube trailer = 500 kg H<sub>2</sub>, Pipeline<sup>1</sup>: 1.4 Diameter pipeline at 100 bar (12 ton H<sub>2</sub>/km), NASA Spherical Liquid Cryogenic Tank<sup>1</sup>: 230 tons H<sub>2</sub>, Teesside Salt Caverns<sup>2</sup> 810 tons (210,000 m<sup>3</sup> at 45 bar)

1. J. Andersson and S. Gronkvist, "Large-scale storage of hydrogen," *International Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, vol. 44, pp. 11901-11919, 2019.

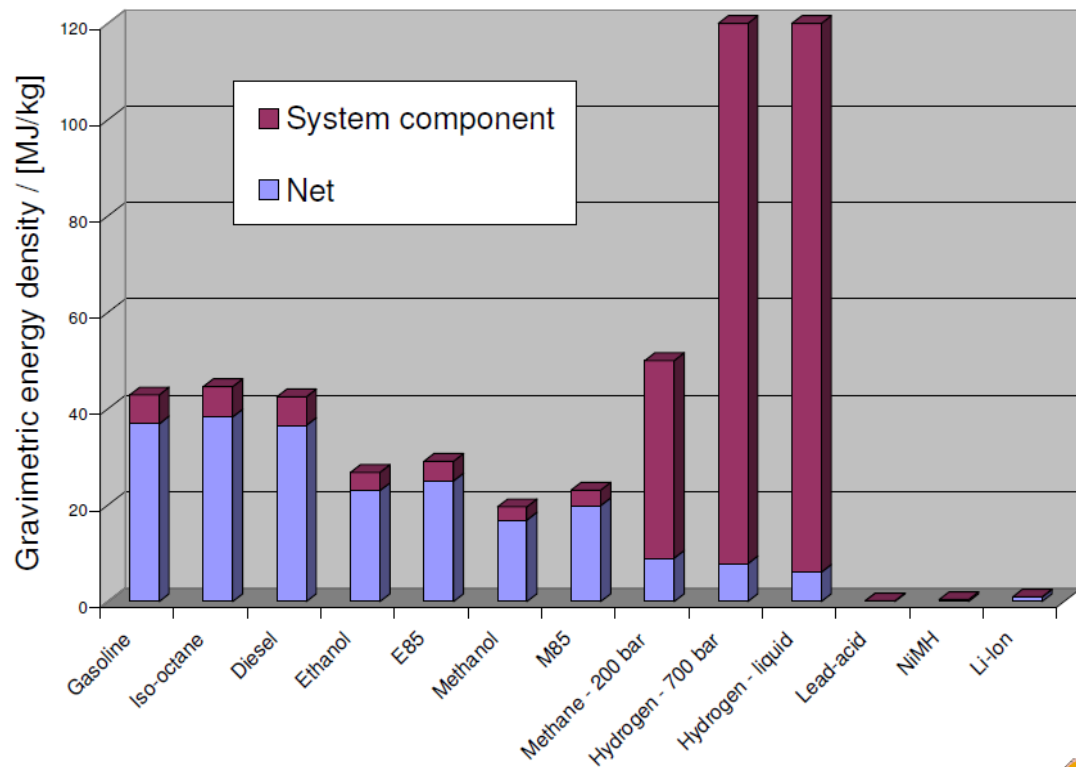
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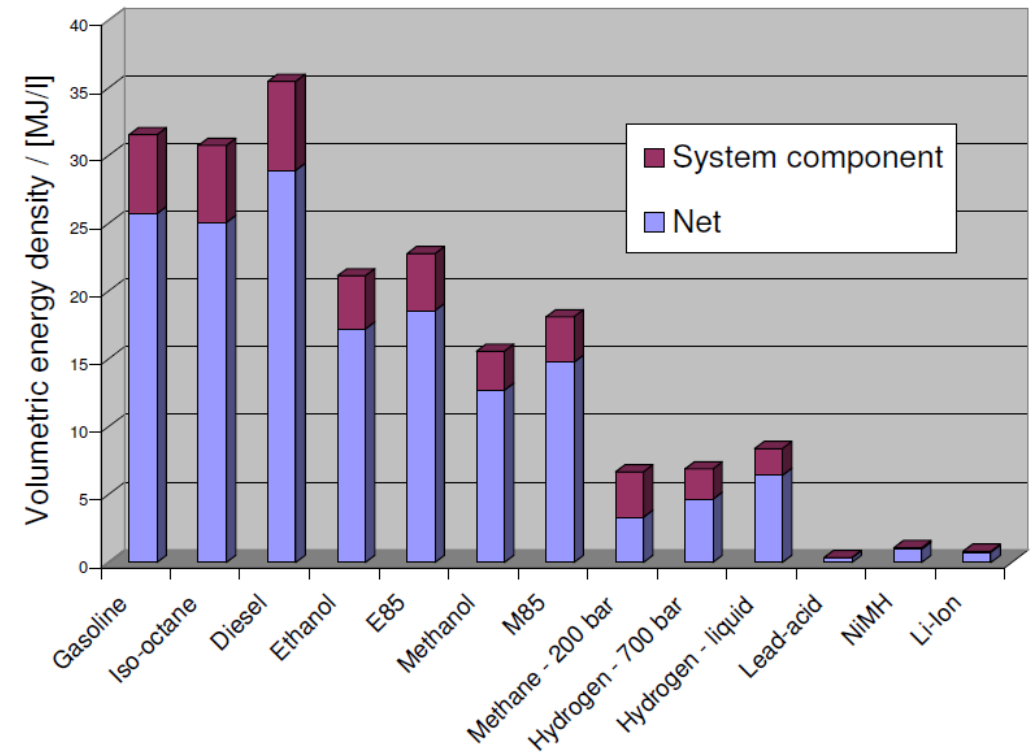
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# Even from a gravimetric point of view, H<sub>2</sub> remains challenging to store and transport if containment is taken into account

## Hydrogen?

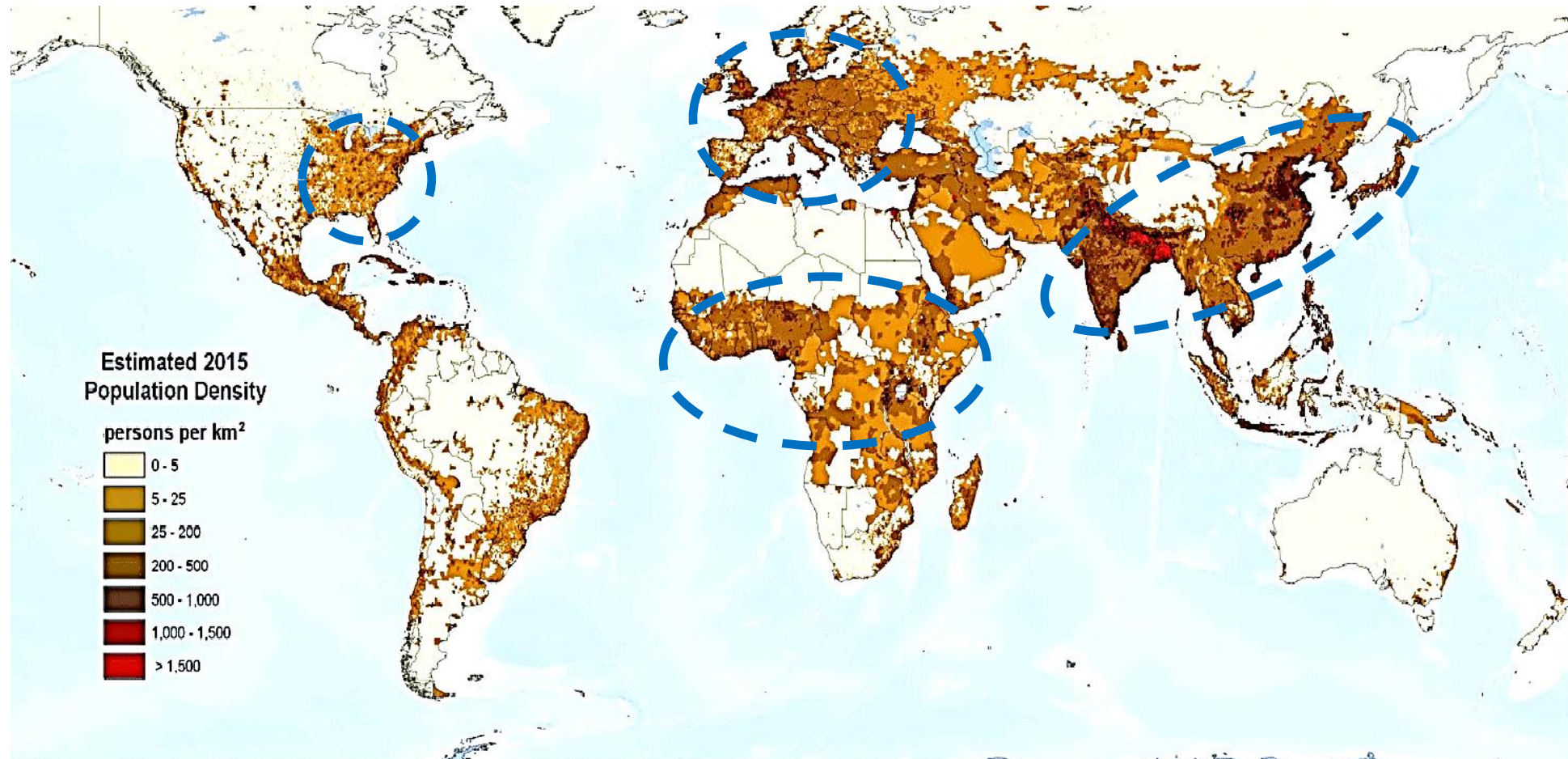


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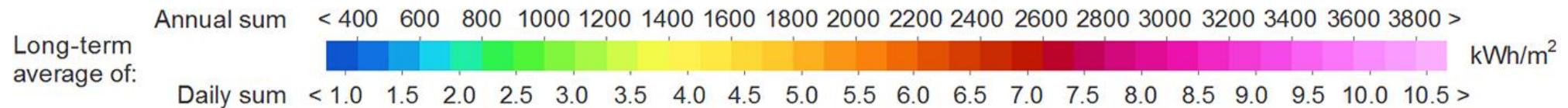
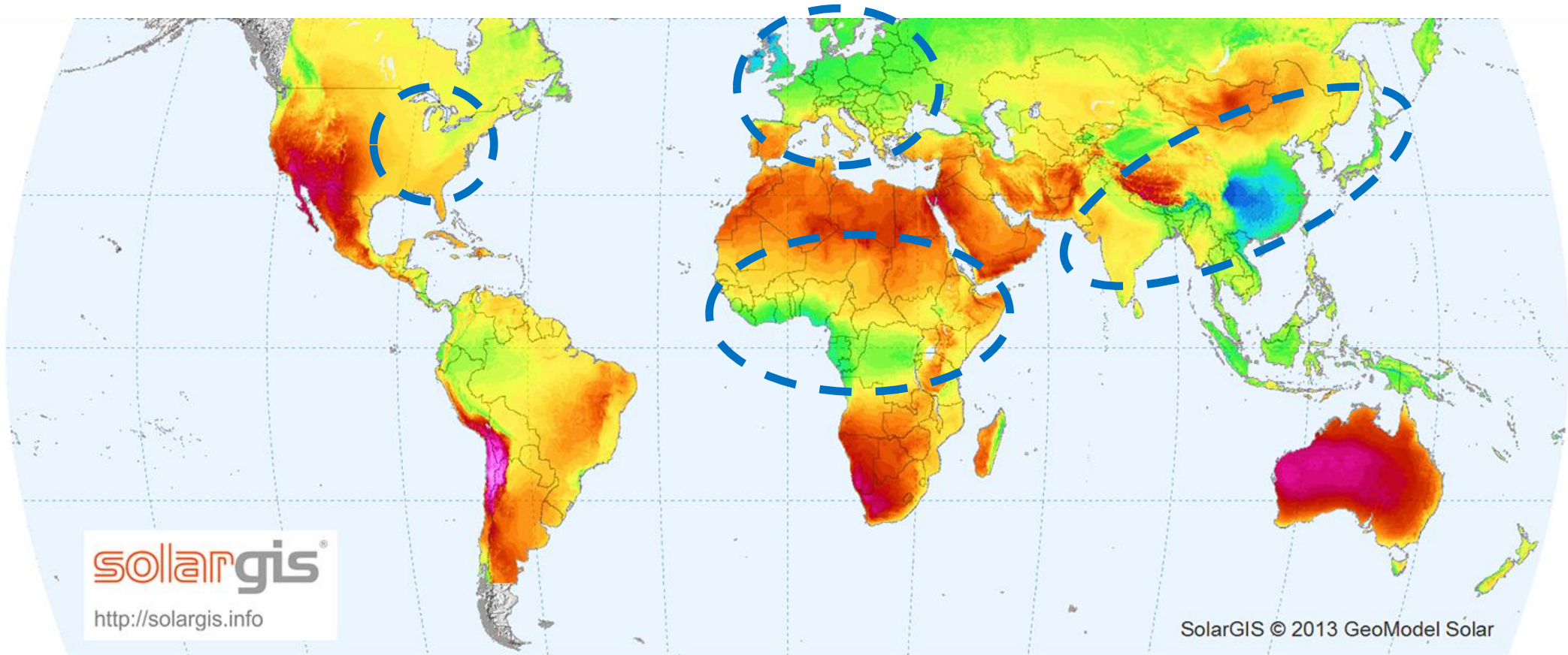
# How to transport renewable energy ?

Discrepancy between where people live



# How to transport renewable energy ?

Discrepancy between where people live and abundant solar resources

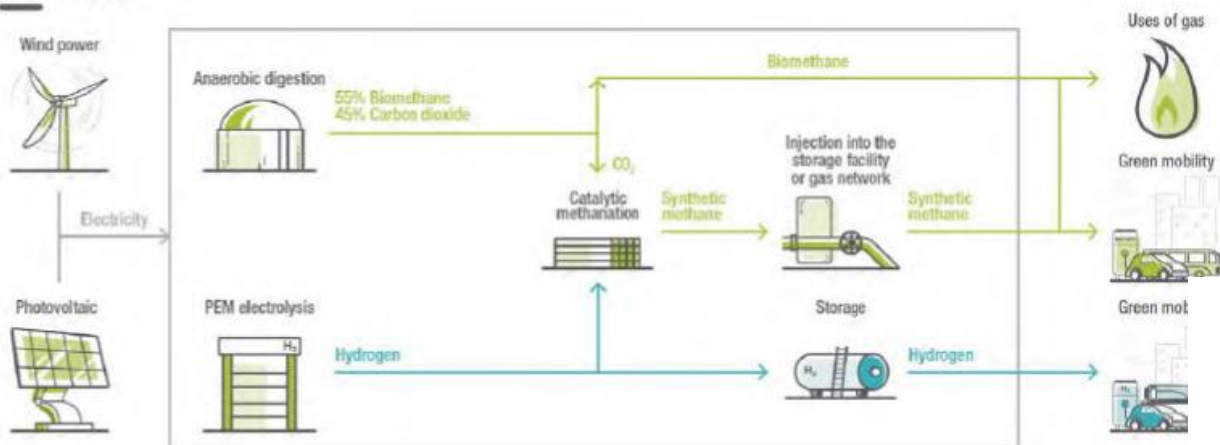


# Power – to – e-methane: example of Méthycentre & Hycaunais

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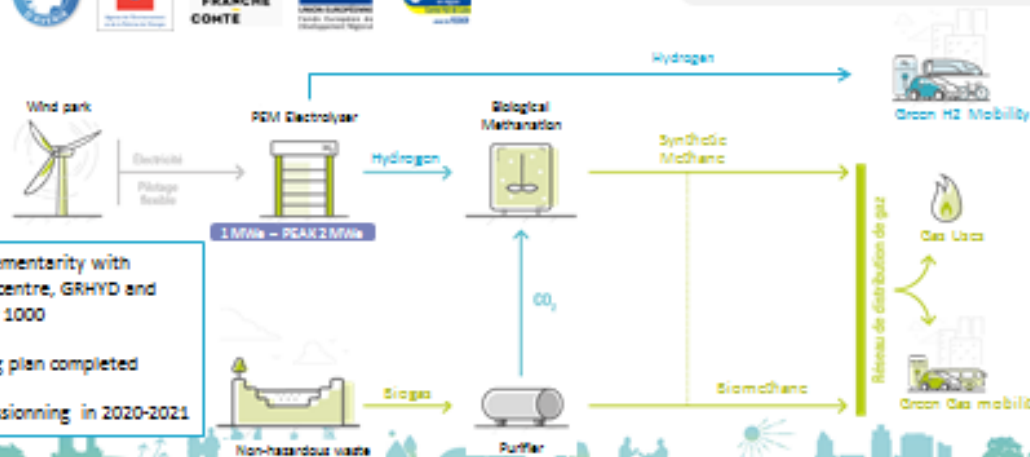


## MÉTHYCENTRE



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HYCAUNAIS – Near Auxerre  
 Bourgogne Franche-Comté region



- Complementarity with Méthycentre, GRHYD and Jupiter 1000
- Funding plan completed
- Commissioning in 2020-2021

# It will be AND hydrogen AND methane AND methanol AND FT fuels AND ....



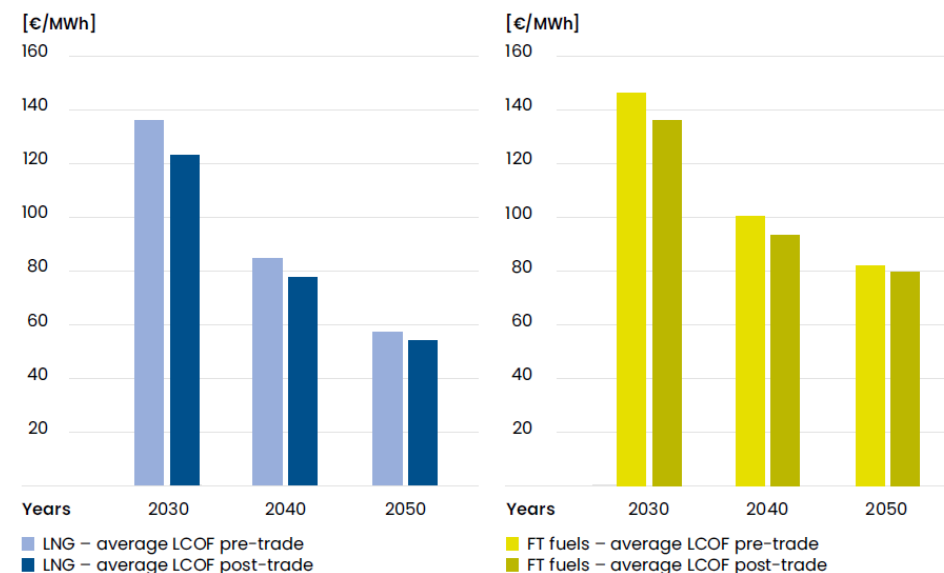
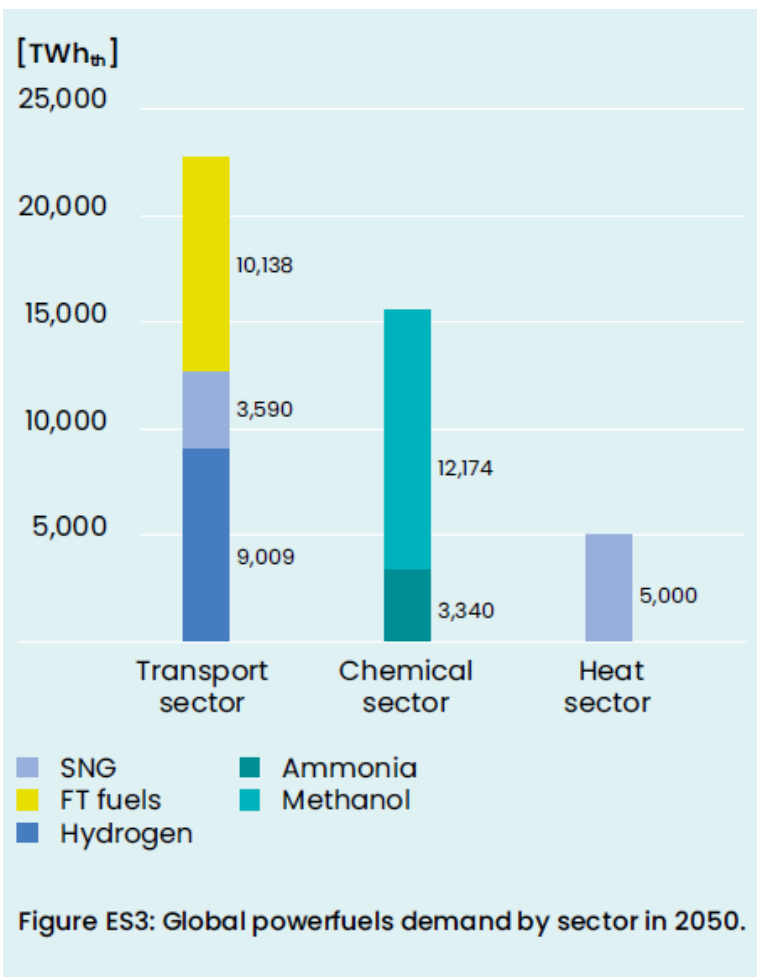
■ Powerfuels will play an important role in a carbon-neutral energy system in 2050, covering about 28 % of the final energy demand globally<sup>d</sup> (43,200 TWh of 152,200 TWh in 2050) with significant demands in all sectors (see Figures ES1 and

Global trade will reduce the levelised cost of powerfuels by up to 30 % in some regions compared to a self-supply scenario. In a scenario with international trade, the global average equilibrium cost levels for synthetic renewable ammonia, methanol, methane, and Fischer-Tropsch fuels range from about 45 to 75 €/MWh in 2050 (down from approximately 120 to 140 €/MWh in 2030), after trade, pre-shipping. The resulting global trade

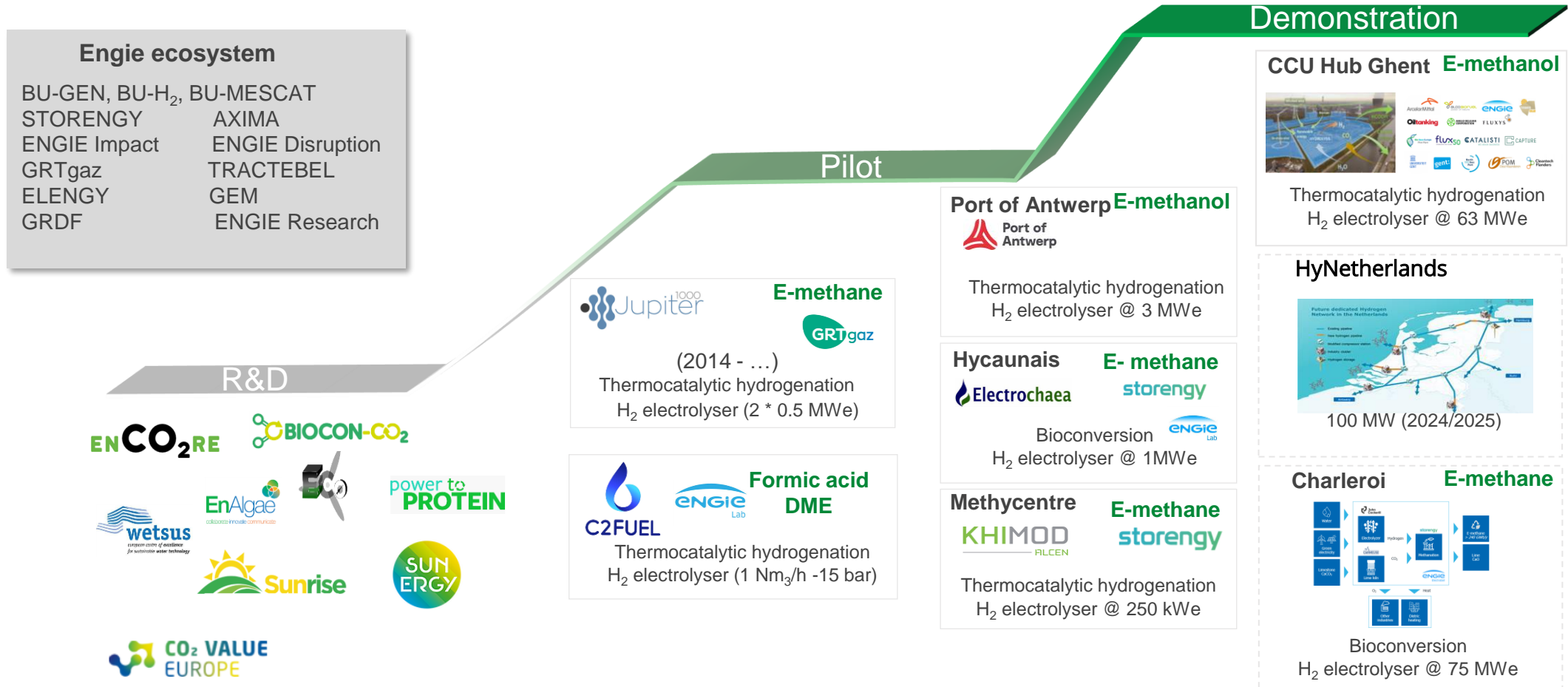


# Molecules will be important in transport and chemical and heat sector! Cost will be halved between 2030 and 2050.

Global powerfuels markets are more diverse than today's markets for fossil fuels, both in variety of supplying countries as well as in distribution of internationally traded energy carriers and feedstocks. South America, sub-Saharan Africa and, to a lesser extent, the Middle East and North Africa emerge as key exporters, while Europe, Eurasia, Northeast Asia, and Canada (within North America) emerge as key importing regions. The market shares for synthetic renewable fuels in 2050 break down to 28 % methanol, 23 % Fischer-Tropsch fuels, 21 % hydrogen, 20 % methane (SNG/LNG), and 8 % ammonia. Methanol is expected to become the new central bulk chemical in the global chemical industry, and is traded globally.



# E-fuels high on the agenda of many ENGIE's BU's: From R&D over pilot to demo

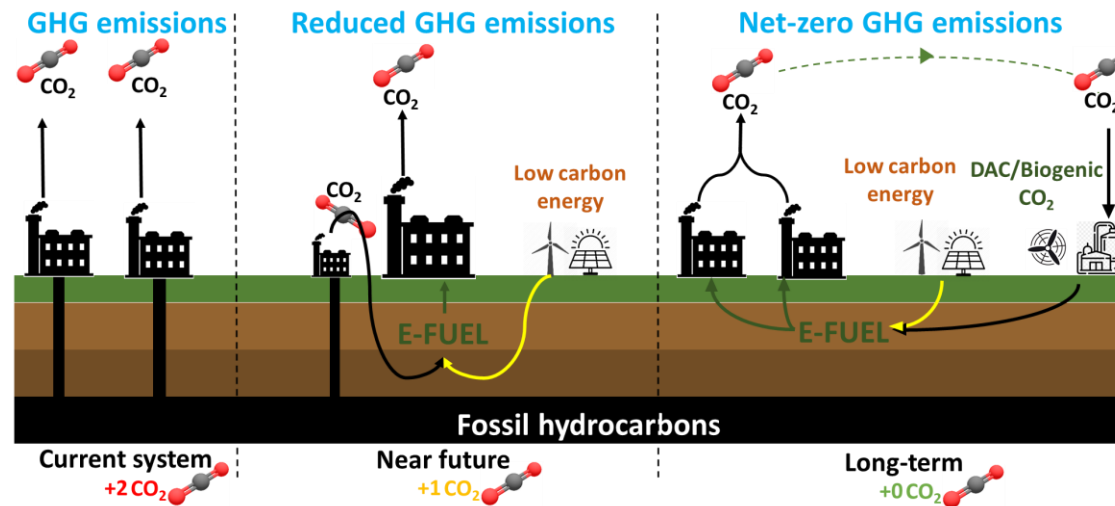




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**Conclusion**

- Energy efficiency and circular economy are first crucial steps towards carbon neutrality
- Electrification using renewable electricity of many processes (beyond electrical vehicles) is a good idea!
- Hydrogen is difficult to store and move → where possible, direct and local use
- Turning hydrogen into another molecule (e.g.  $\text{NH}_3$  or **synthetic hydrocarbon like** methane, methanol, ...) makes transporting its energy possible and we have existing infrastructure to do so!
- CCU makes sense:



- So carbon will play an important role in the carbon neutral energy transition!