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Research and development of promising hydrogen technologies

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Summary of the talk



- Transition to H₂ economy in Russia.
- The concept of H₂ economy.
- NPP and TPP for H₂ production and usage.
- Power generation equipment for the promising NPP and TPP.
- CH₄-H₂-fired CCGT.
- Oxy-fuel combustion power cycles with NH₃ production.
- H₂ transportation.
- MPEI R&D plans in the field of H₂ technologies.

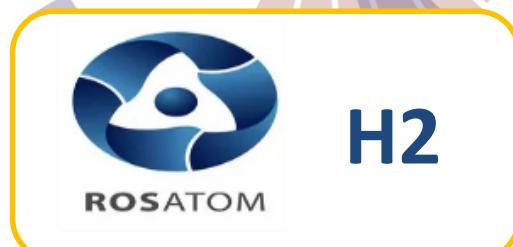
Relevance of the transition to hydrogen economy in Russia



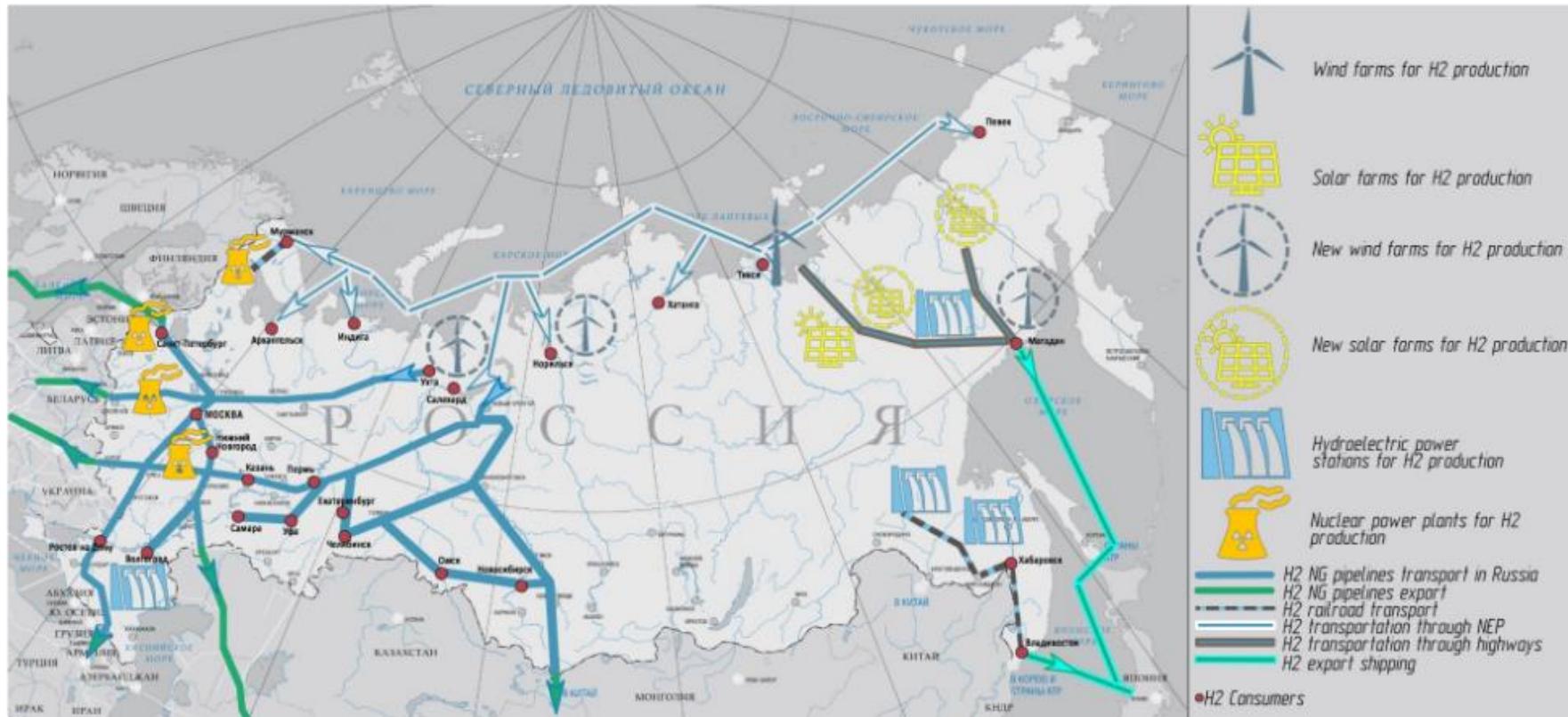
- Russia has a unique geographical location for the production and export of H2: between the European Union and China - two major centers of H2 consumption.
- Available capacity of nuclear power plants, hydroelectric power plants and renewable energy sources for H2 production.
- The Ministry of Energy has developed and sent to the government a roadmap "Development of hydrogen energy in Russia" for 2020-2024 according to which the goal of Russia is to become a leading producer of hydrogen.
- Required investment: \$ 2.2–3.9 billion per year; potential profit: \$1.7 to 3.1 billion per year (according to experts of the center EnergyNet infrastructure).



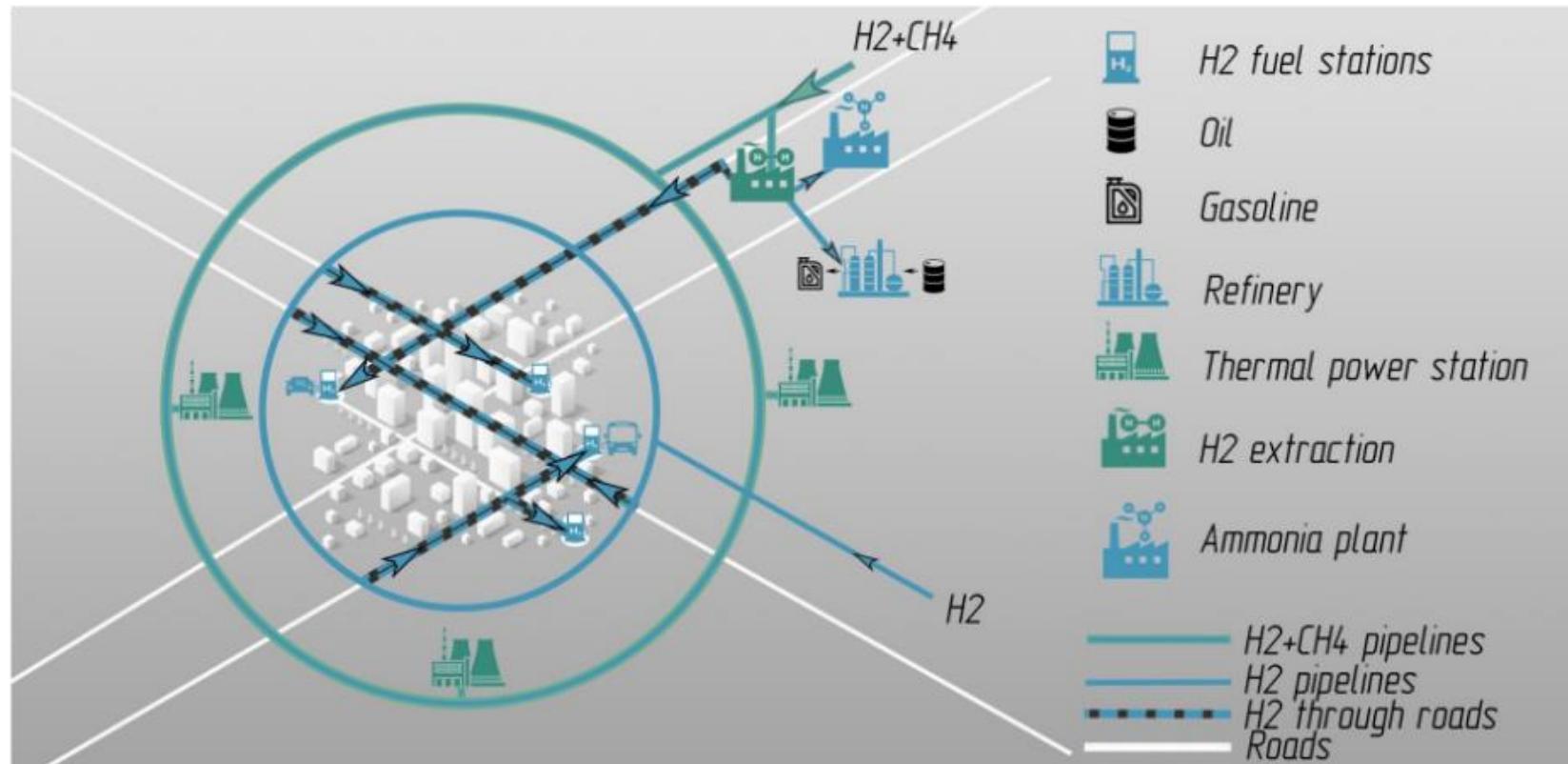
Future main
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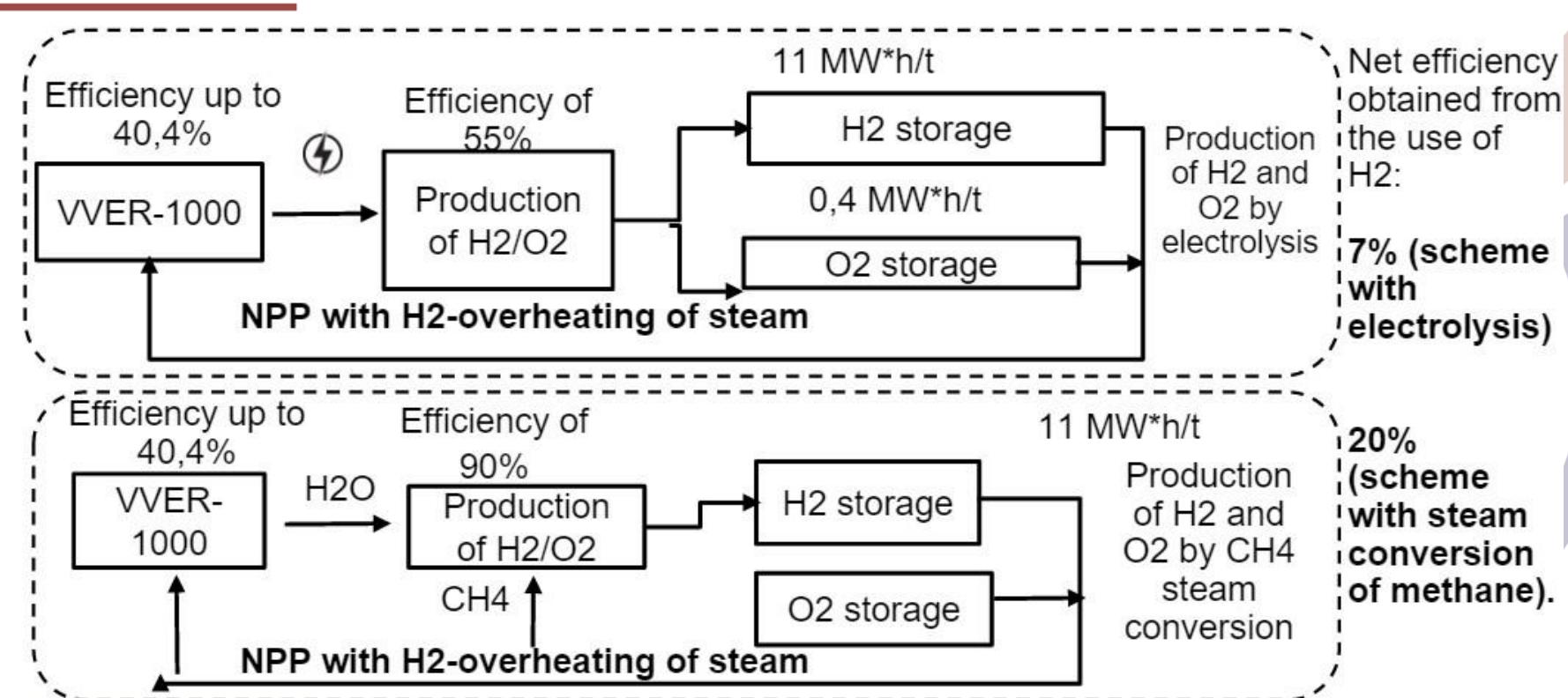
The concept of H₂ economy in Russia proposed by the MPEI



The concept of H2 city proposed by the MPEI



Nuclear power plants with the H₂/O₂ combustion chambers*



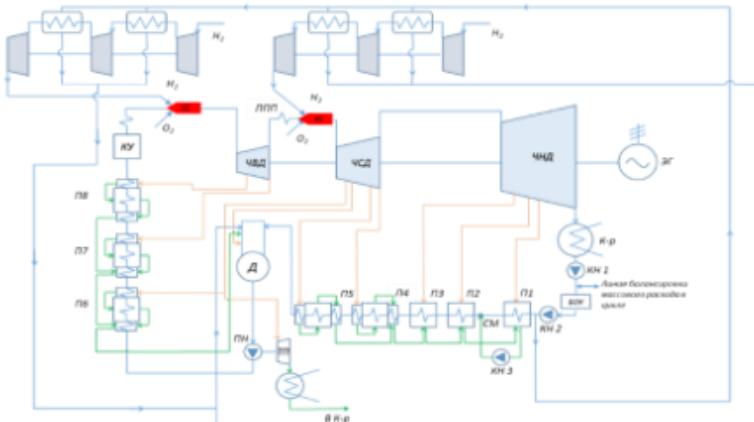
* - estimations of the MPEI

Thermal power plants with the H₂/O₂ combustion chambers*



Researchers of the MPEI have considered 3 variants of the location of H₂/O₂ combustion chambers:

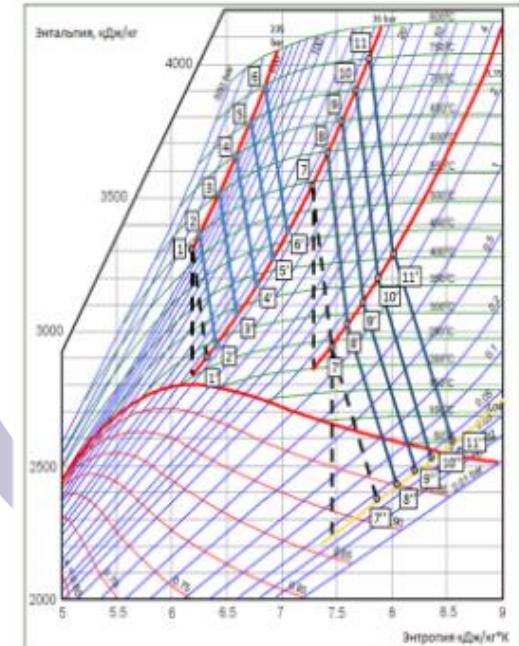
- before high-pressure turbine (HPT);
- before intermediate-pressure turbine (IPT);
- before HPT and IPT simultaneously.



Modeling results*

Overheat, °C	Efficiency, %
640	42,0
740	43,8
840	45,5

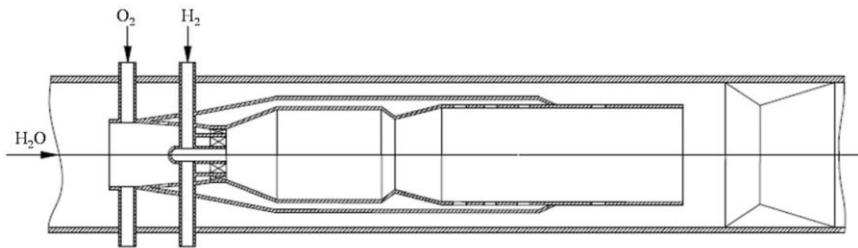
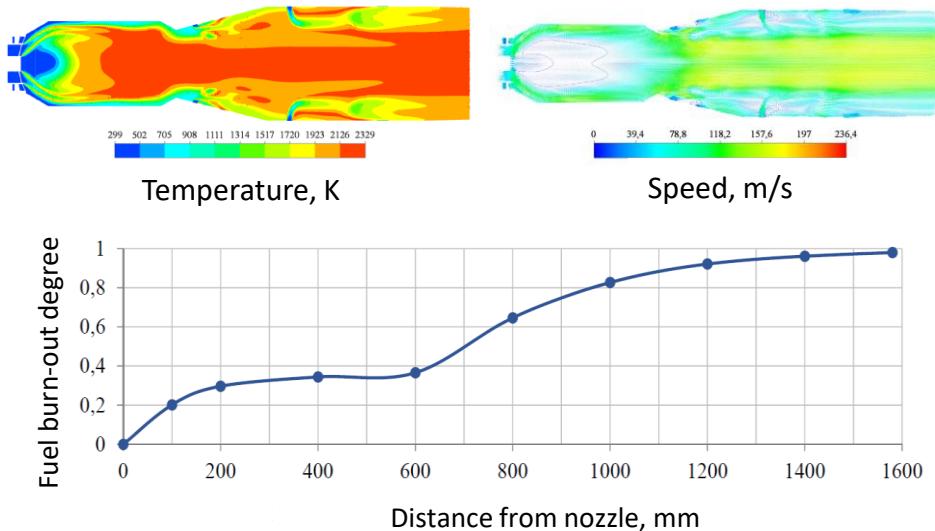
Steam turbine expansion process at different degrees of H₂-overheating



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H₂/O₂ combustion chambers

Combustion chamber with a vane swirler for H₂ combustion in a steam-oxygen environment.

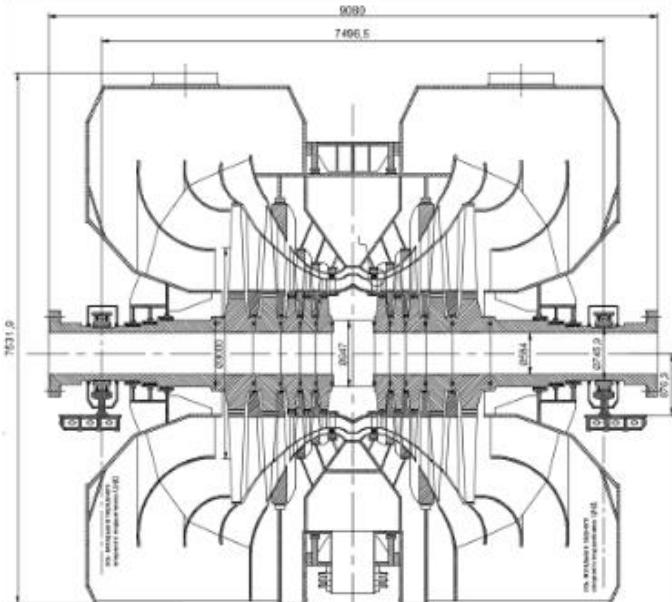


Characteristic	Value
Efficiency, %	98,04
Pressure drop, bar	3,8
Hydrogen consumption, kg/s	2,958
Oxygen consumption, kg/s	23,664
Steam consumption, kg/s	45,58
Maximum combustion temperature, K	2350
Thermal power of the combustion chamber, MWt	355,5
Dimensions:	
Length, mm	1580
Max diameter, mm	400

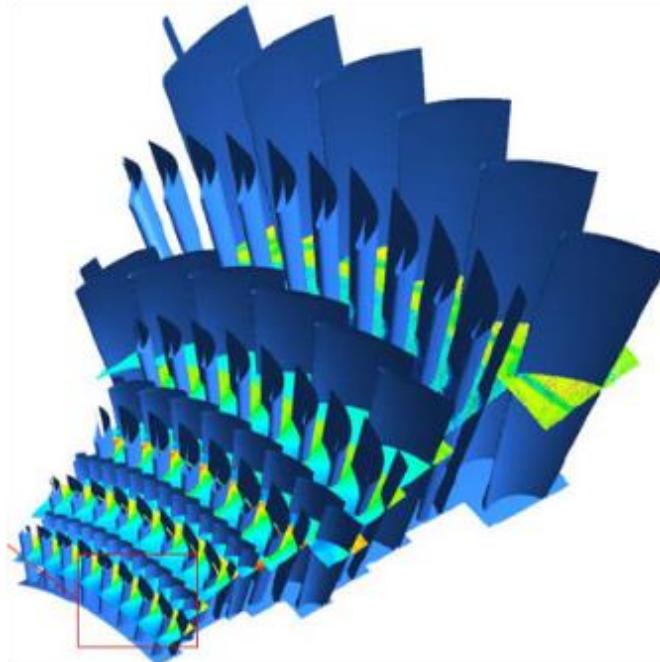
Powerful steam turbine with two-tier LPT for the NPP and TPP with H₂/O₂ combustors*



Double flow LPT with two-tiers of stages



“Flow path of the two-tier LPT”

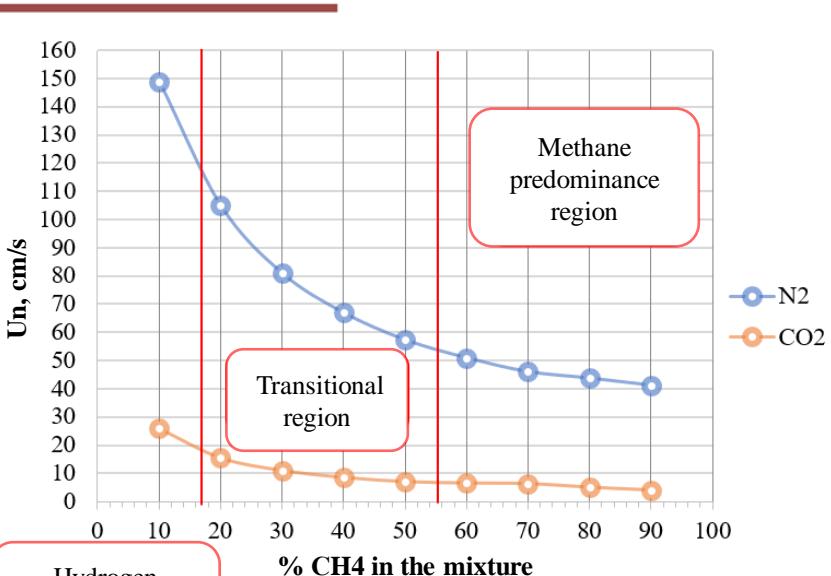


“Fork-blade”



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Methane-hydrogen mixtures combustion features in N₂ and CO₂

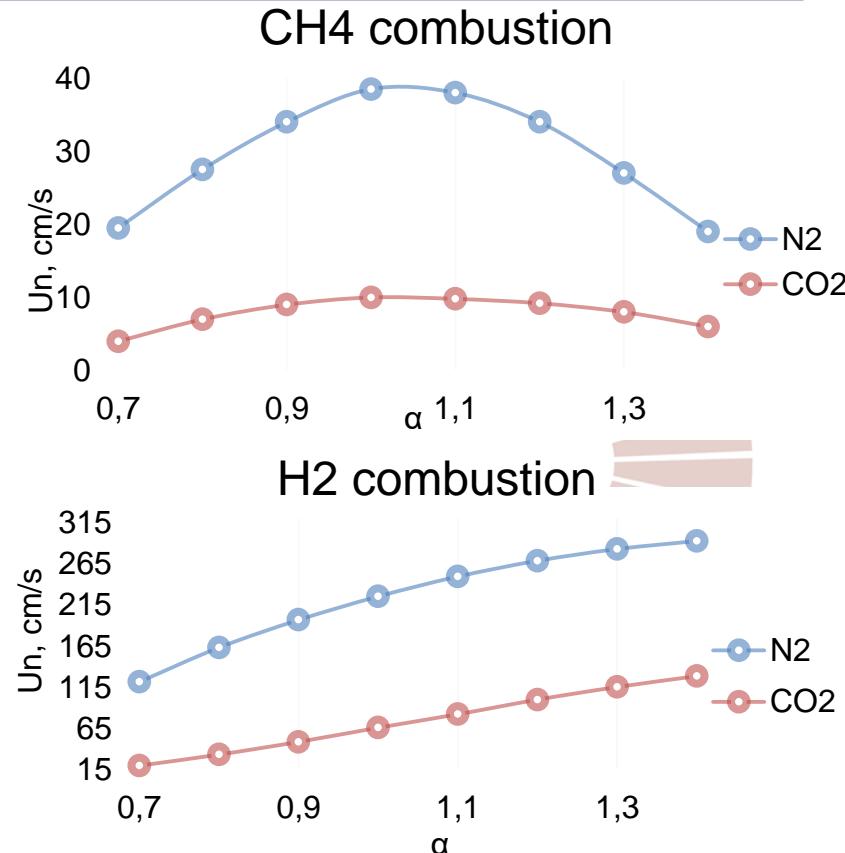


Hydrogen predominance region

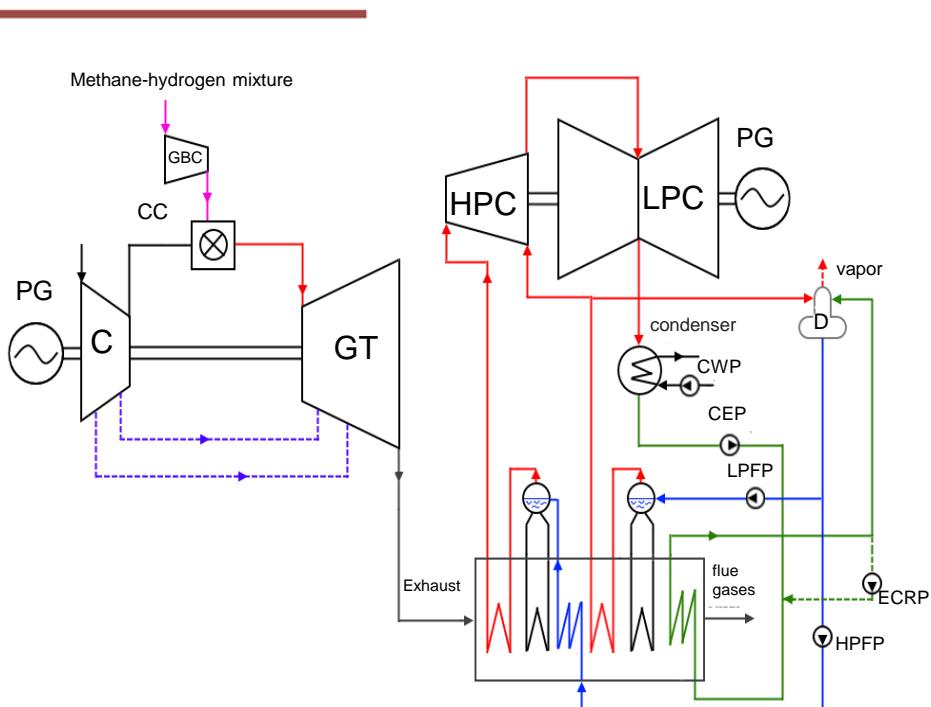
$$Le = \frac{a}{D}$$

Lewis number (Le)

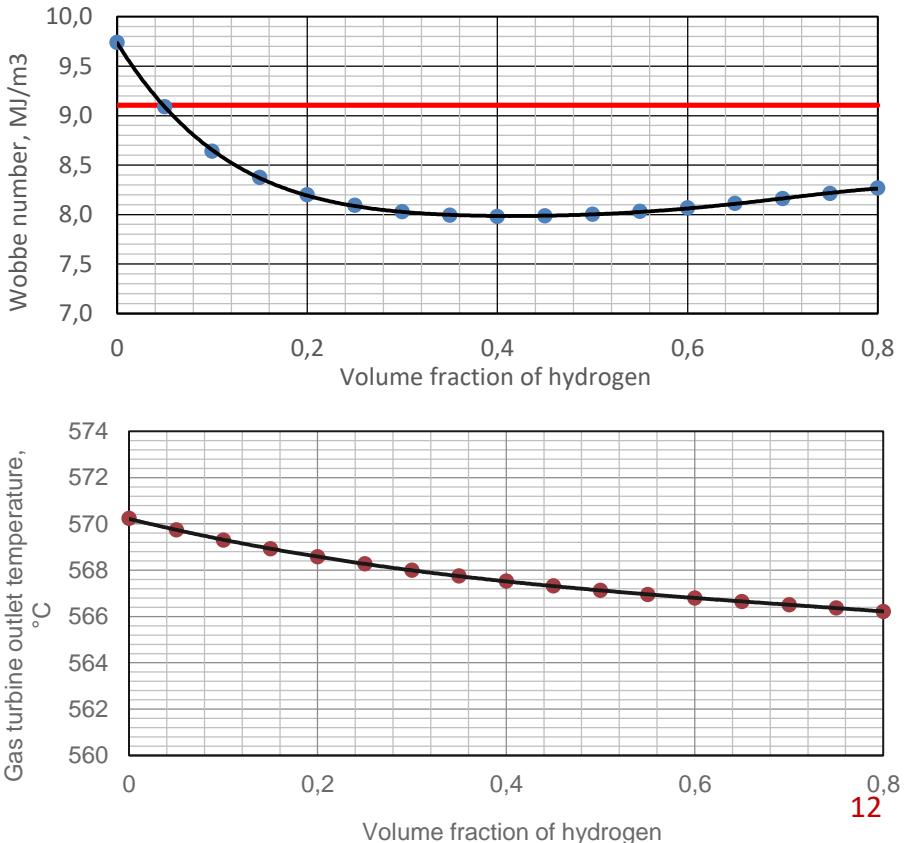
α	CH ₄	H ₂
1	0.978	0.690
1.05	0.997	0.693
1.9	0.967	0.860
2	0.960	0.816



CH₄-H₂-fired CCGT



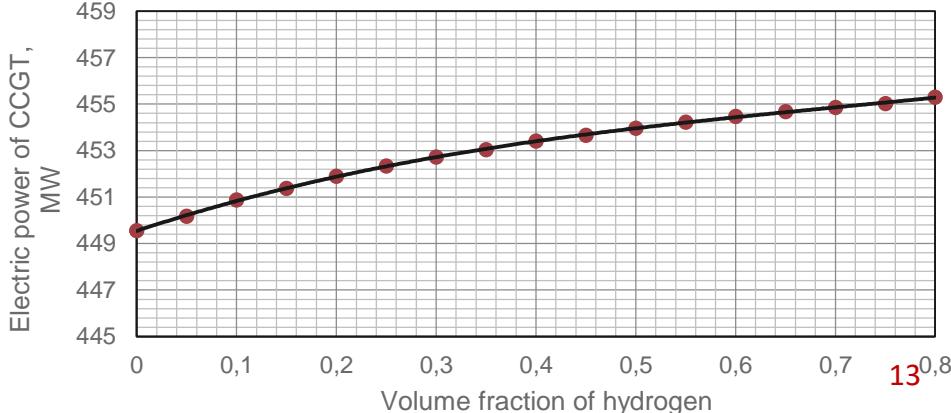
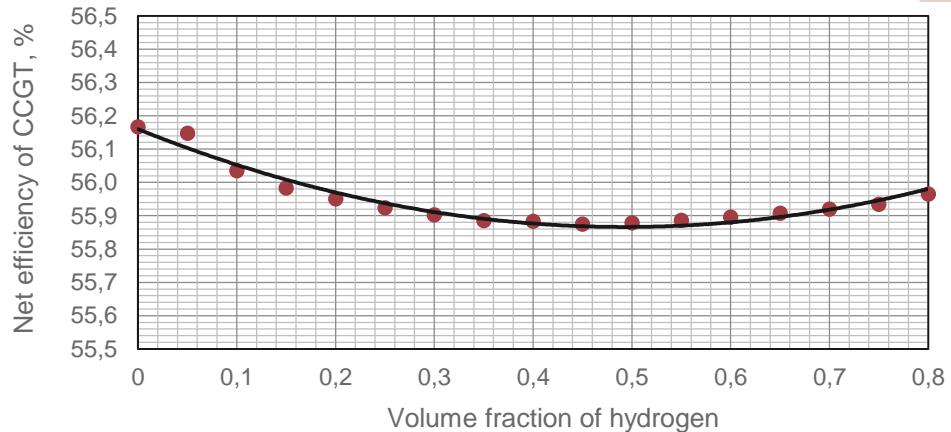
An increase of the H₂ concentration to 30 vol. % leads to CO₂ emission reduce in the flue gasses by 15%.



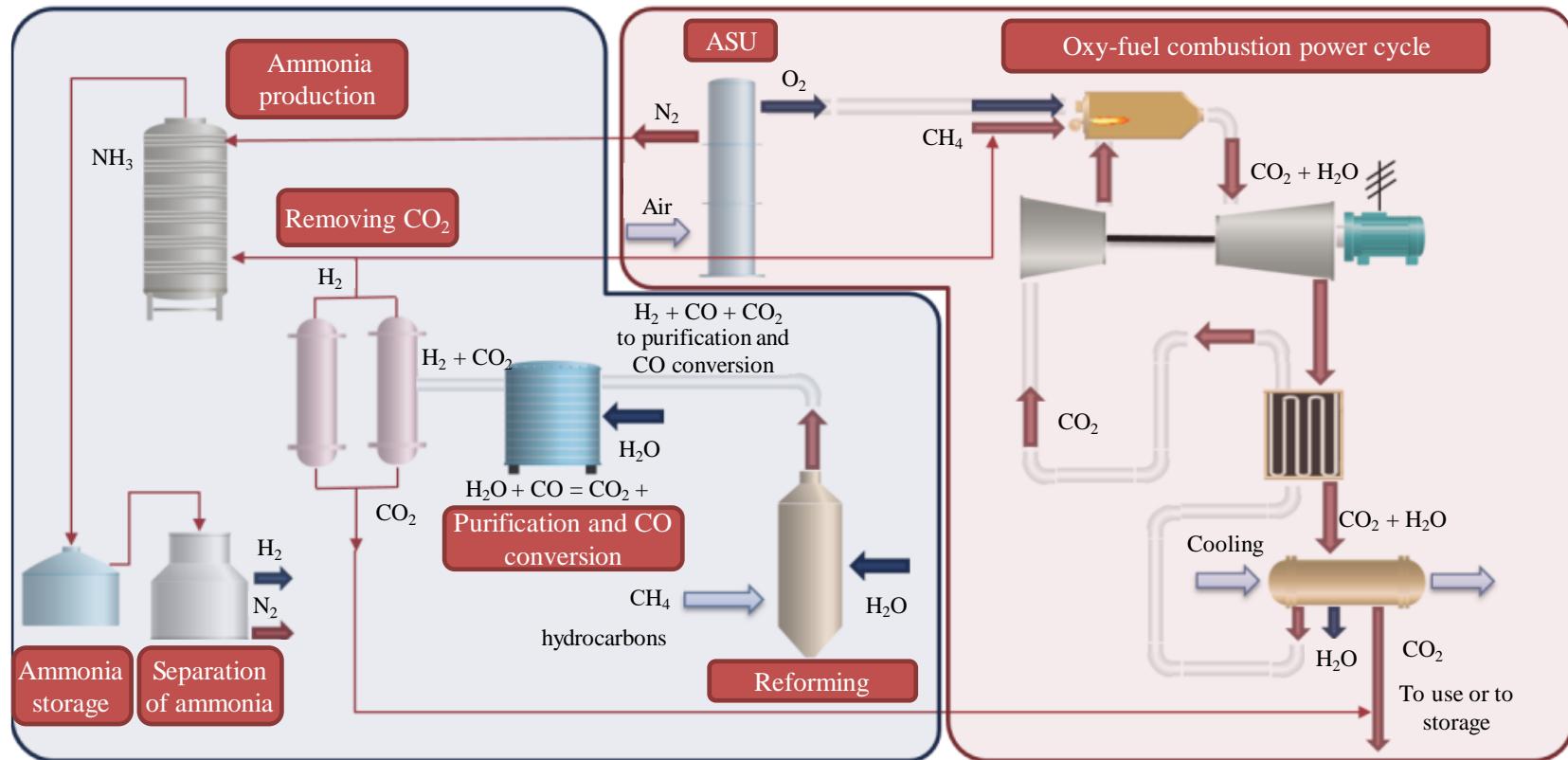
CH₄-H₂-fired CCGT

H₂ concentration change in the range of 0-80% leads to:

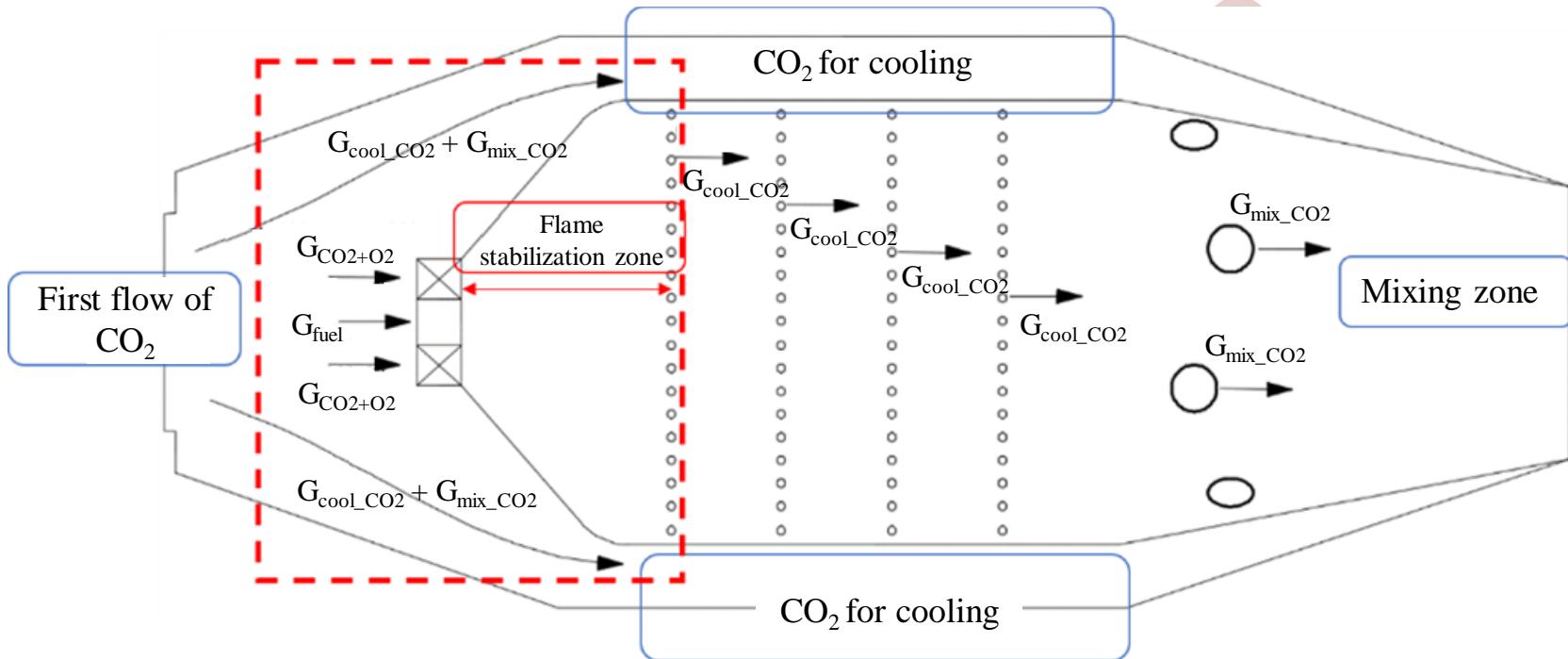
- the electrical power drop of the CCGT by 6 MW;
- the net efficiency decrease by 0,03%.



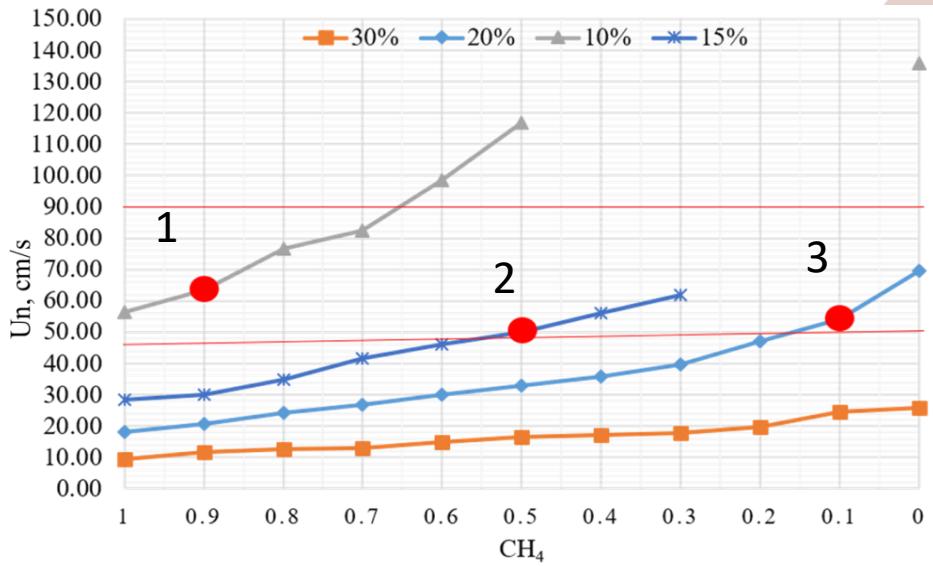
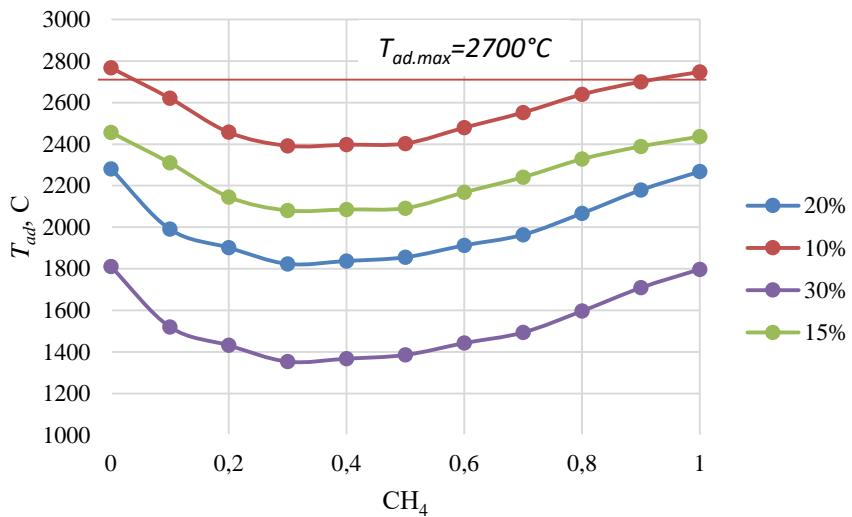
Oxy-fuel combustion power cycles with NH₃ production



Oxy-fuel combustion chamber

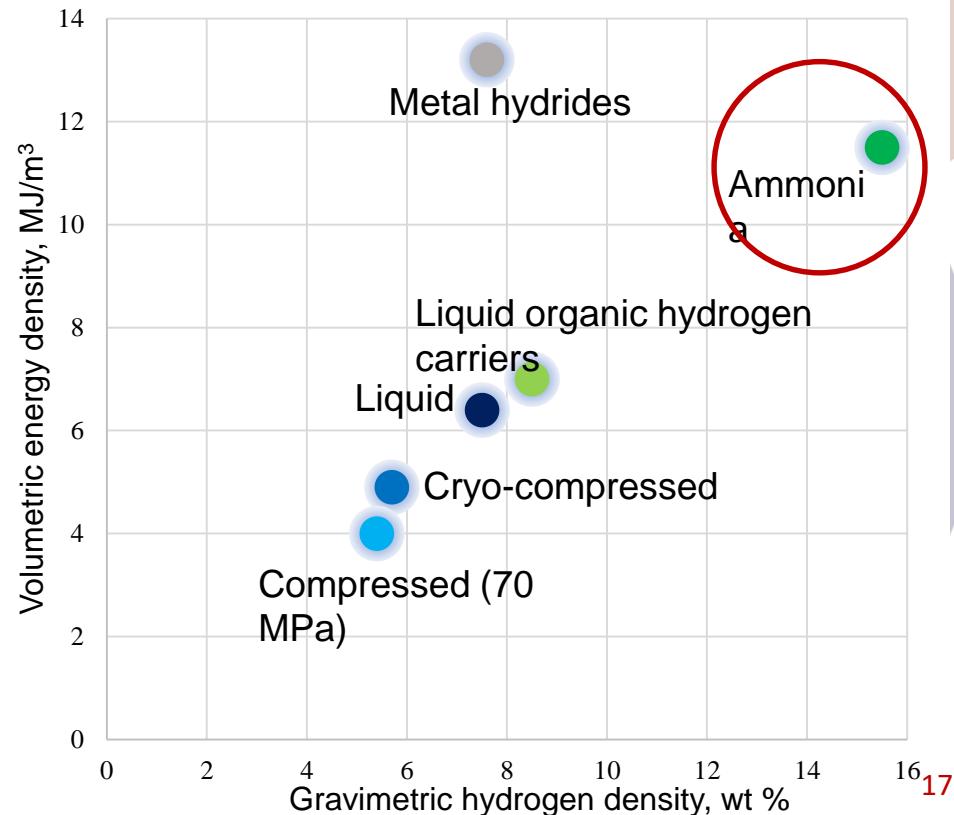
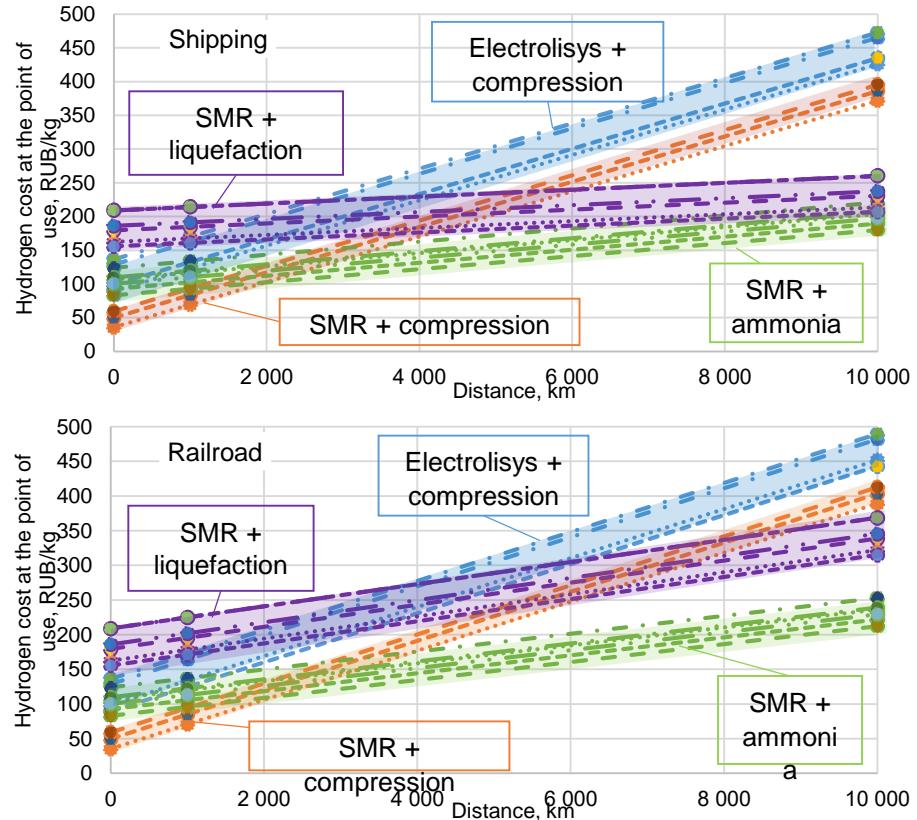


Oxy-fuel combustion chamber



Calculation point	Fuel composition	Fuel flow rate, kg/s	O_2 flow rate, kg/s	CO_2 flow rate, kg/s	U_n , cm/s	T_{ad} , °C	T_{ig} , sec
1	$0.9\text{CH}_4 + 0.1\text{H}_2$	0.88	3.55	8.83	54	2,527	0.08
2	$0.5\text{CH}_4 + 0.5\text{H}_2$	0.54	2.39	10.19	52	2,092	0.061
3	$0.1\text{CH}_4 + 0.9\text{H}_2$	0.41	2.54	13.58	54	1,991	0.036 ¹⁶

H₂ transportation for overseas markets



MPEI R&D plans in the field of hydrogen technologies



- 1. The development of effective and low-cost technology for H₂ production.**
- 2. Research of H₂ storage and transportation methods for various energy consumers (gas stations, thermal and nuclear power plants, industrial enterprises).**
- 3. Research and development of steam turbine and oxy-fuel combustion power plants fired on CH₄-H₂ mixtures.**