



Electrification of the Chemical Industry

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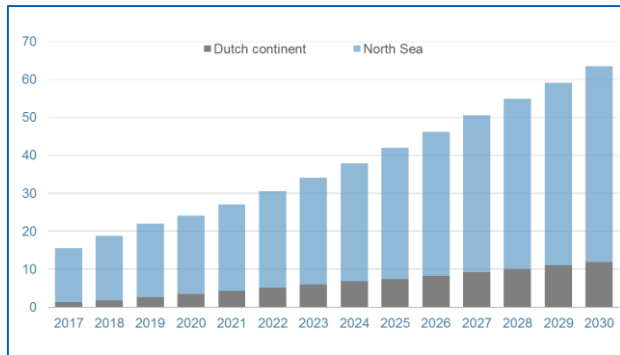
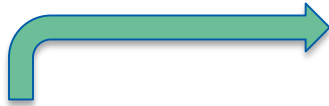
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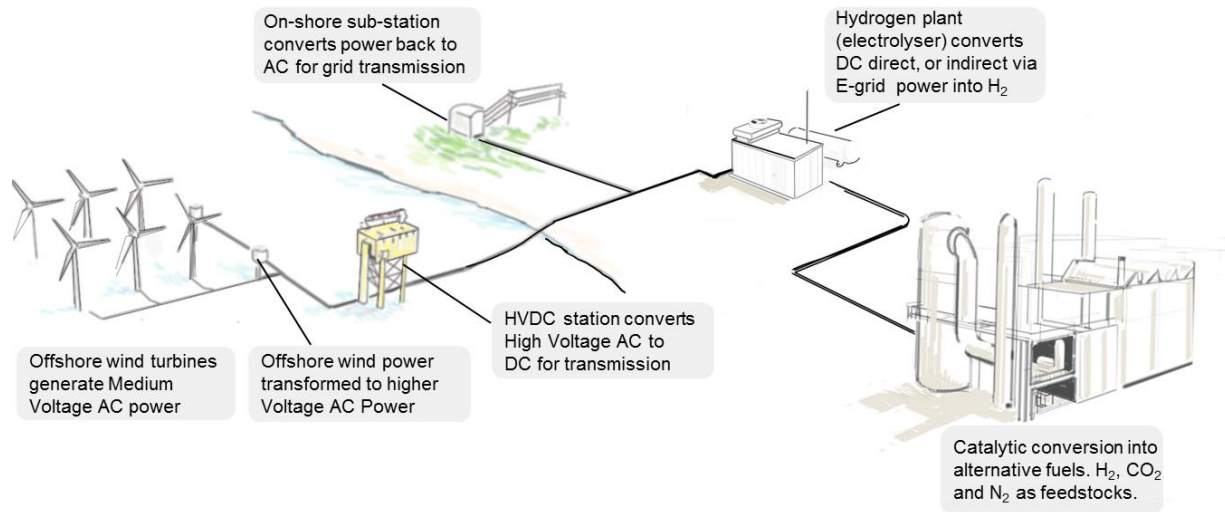
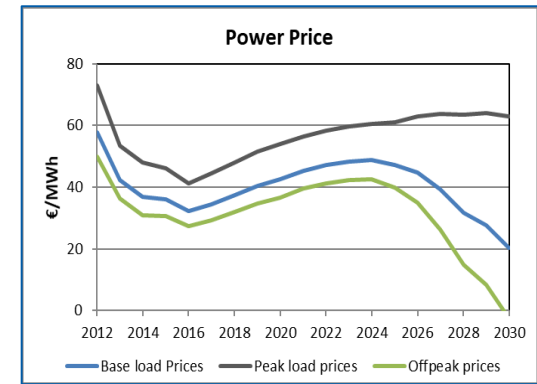
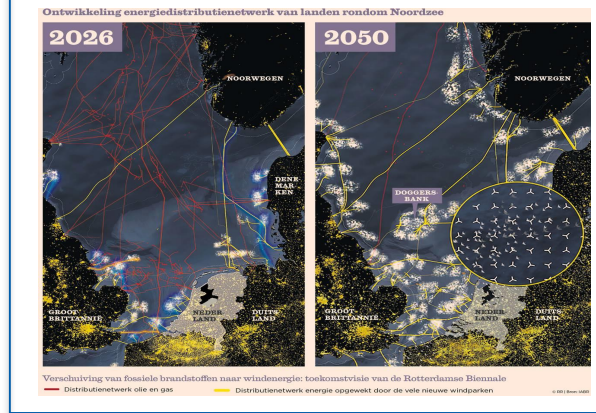
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Renewables will create opportunities...

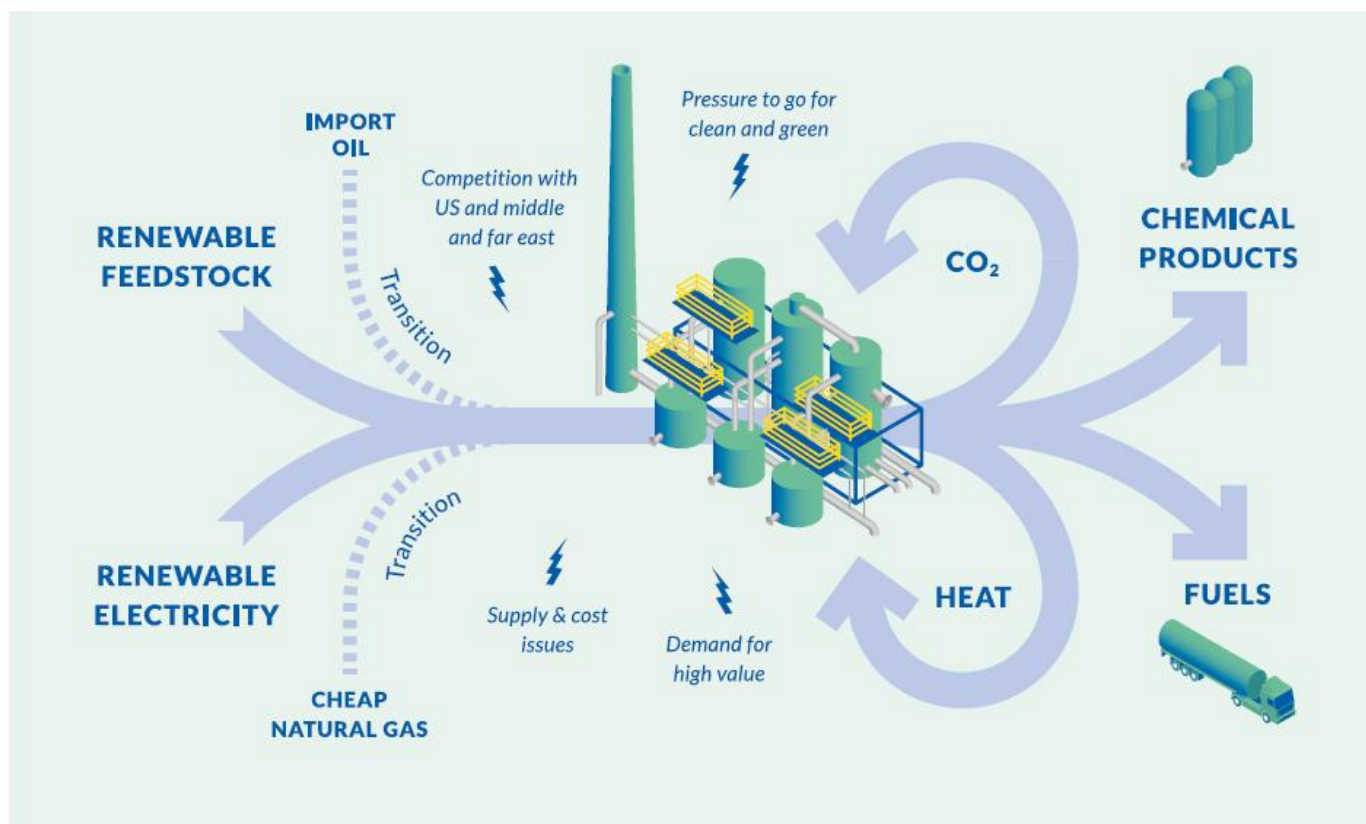


0.9 GW (2016) → 4.5 GW (2023) → 250? GW (2050)



... employing industrial electrification ...

From fossil feedstock to renewable electricity as primary energy source

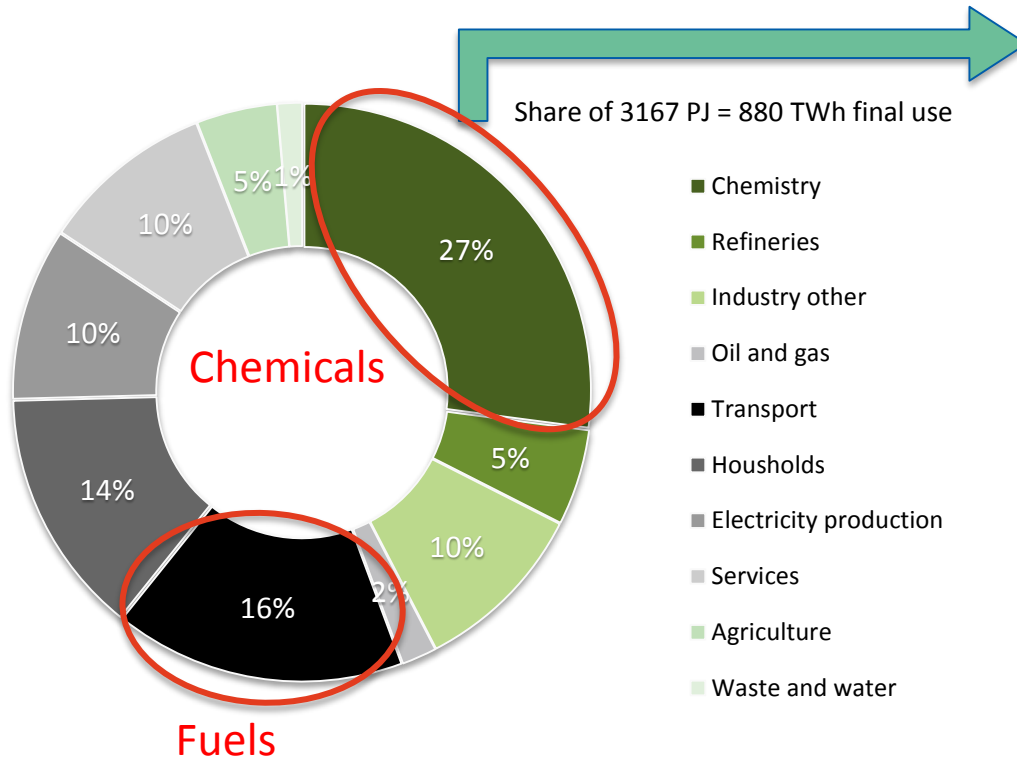


... in important industry clusters

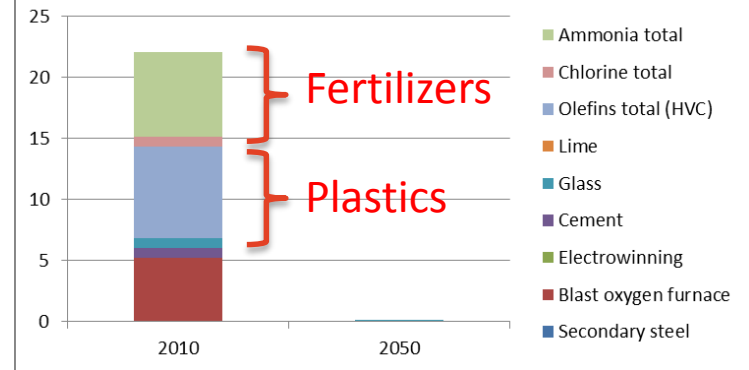


Energy use in Dutch process industry

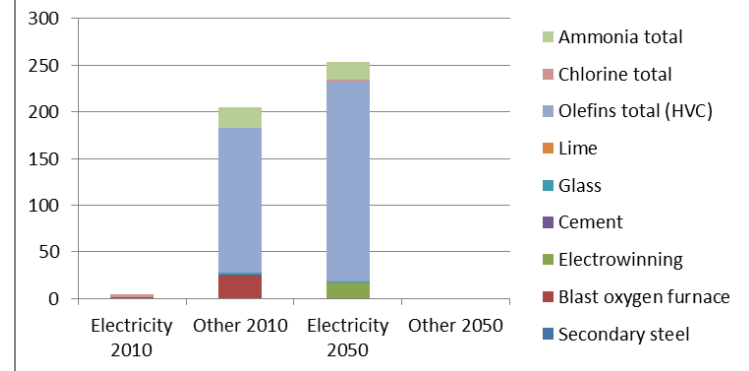
National energy use



Direct CO2 emissions (Mt)

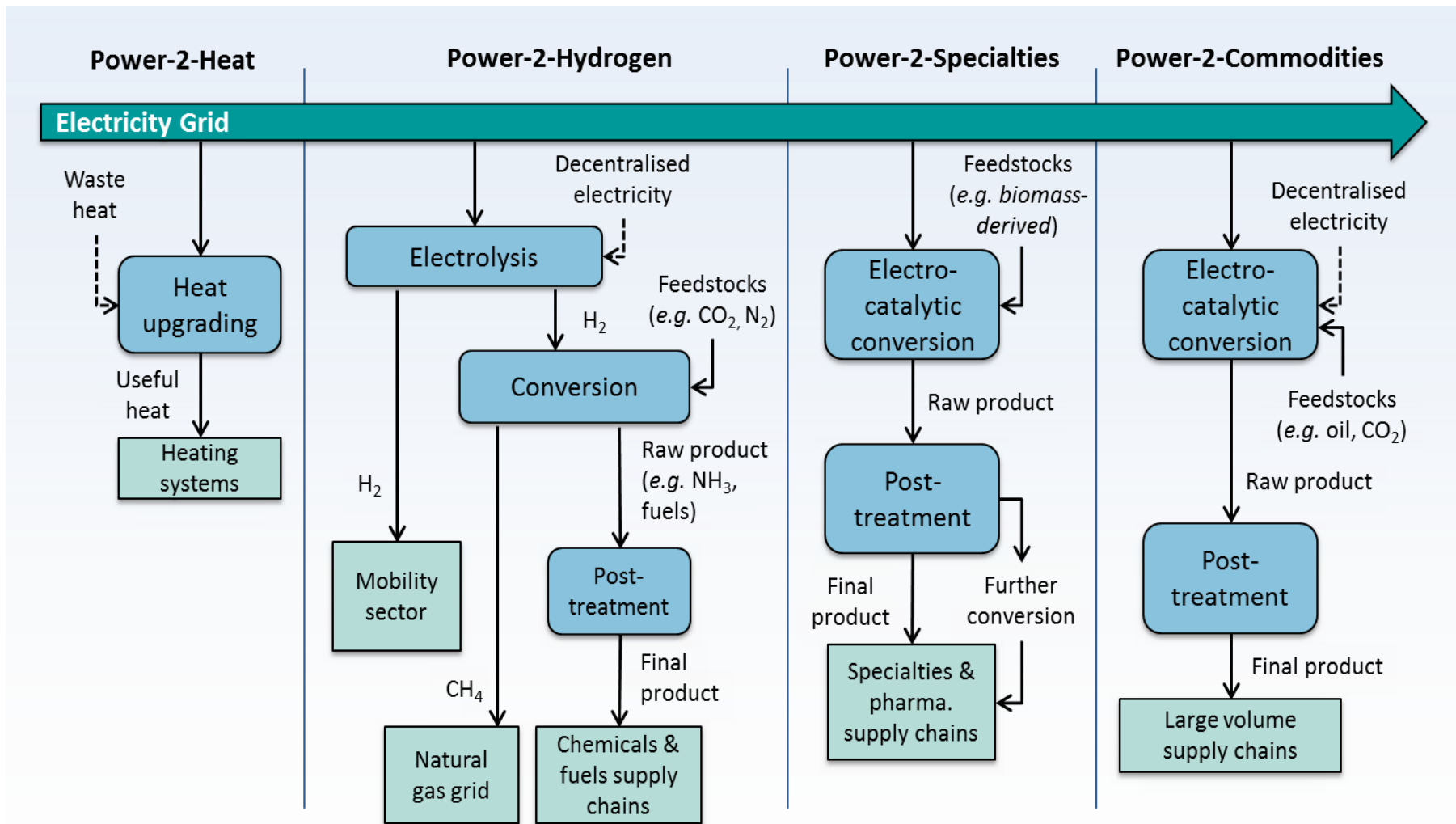


Energy consumption (TWh)



Focus on value chains: Fuels, Plastics & Fertilizers

Main routes for electrification



Why & when electrification?

- *Flexibility*

- Response time - short
- Operating hours – relatively low
- Allowable investment costs – low
- Technologies at high TRL

- **Short-term option**
- Power-2-Heat
- Power-2-Hydrogen

- *Electrification*

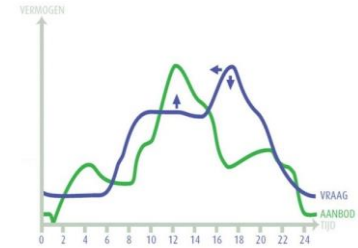
- Response time – less an issue
- Operating hours – high (base load)
- Allowable investment costs – higher
- Technologies at mid/low TRL

- **Mid/Long-term option**
- Power-2-Heat
- Power-2-Hydrogen
- Power-2-Chemicals

Power-to-Heat technology options

- *Flexibility*
 - Direct electrical heating
 - Heat/cold storage
 - Multifunctional/reversible equipment
- *Electrification*
 - (Direct electrical heating)
 - Mechanical vapour recompression
 - Electrical heat pumps

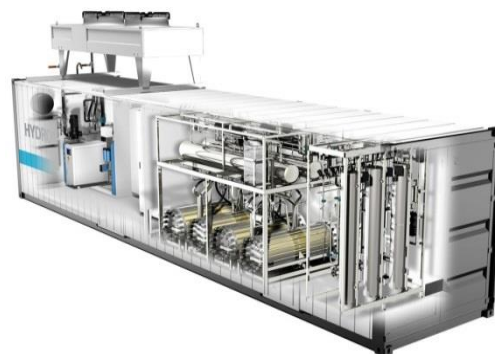
Up to 60 MW
in 1 unit



Some other inspiring examples



Power-to-liquids (Sunfire)



Power-2-Gas (Hydrogenics)



Power-to-Methanol (Bayer)



Efficient Chlorine electrolysis (Wacker)



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Some examples of business cases

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Business case for Power-2-Heat

Steam recompression as an example

Process

- Mechanical energy is used to upgrade low quality steam to be used in industrial processes

Key parameters

- COP of 6 with temperature lift of 60 °C from waste steam at 120 °C
- 10 MW capacity
- Base load operations (96% on in base case)
- Lifetime of 80,000 hours with yearly ex

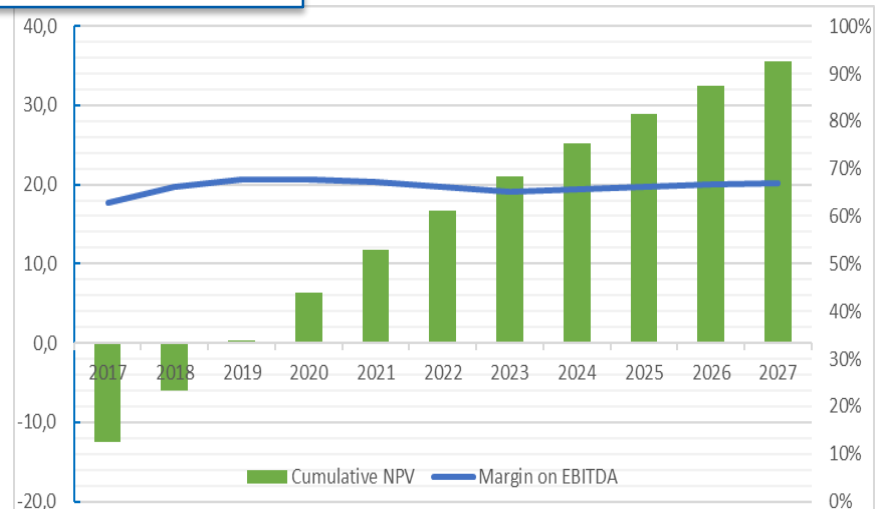
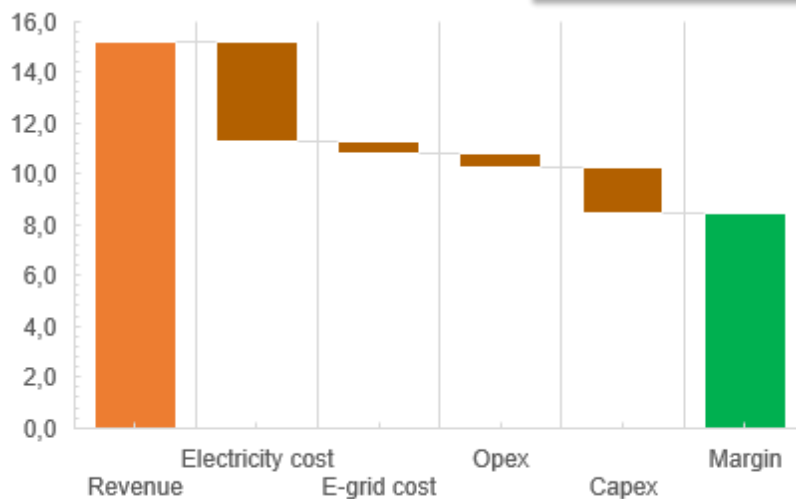
Business case is positive at all price scenario's.
Base case cumulative NPV is positive after 3 year.

Scenarios based on the report "Scenarios for the Dutch electricity supply system: A report prepared for the Dutch Affairs", Frontier Economics,

Payback time 3 years

Base case scenario cash

s scenarios are for all scenarios positive



Business case for Power-2-Chemicals

CO₂ to CO as an example

Process

- Direct electrochemical reduction of CO₂ to CO
- H₂ produced simultaneously from reduction of water

Key parameters

- Based on laboratory system utilising copper-based electrodes (current density of 6 mA/cm² @ 90% efficiency)
- 0.7 MW capacity (1 Mton CO per year)
- Base load operation
- Lifetime of 80,000 hours with

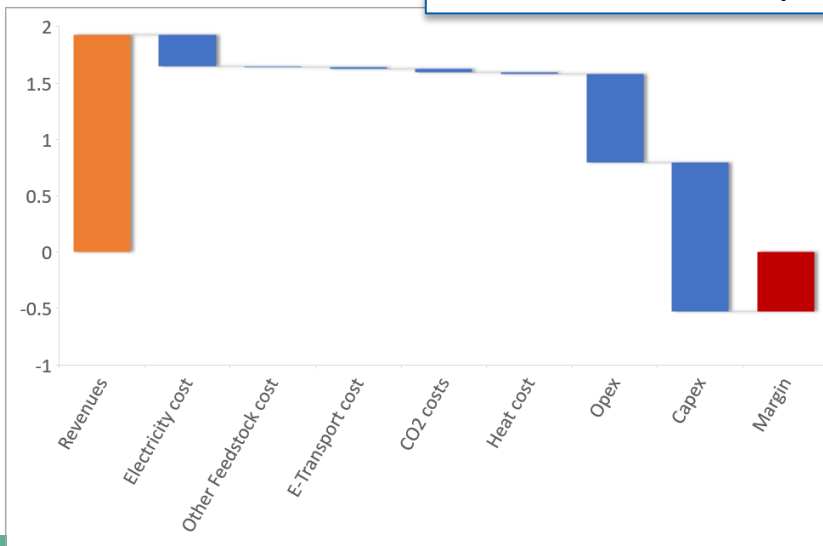
Business as usual (base case) does not result in a positive business case. The capital investment is the most important factor and can be decreased by increases in current density and system lifetime.

An increase in current density by a factor of 2.54 gives a breakeven NPV at year 20.

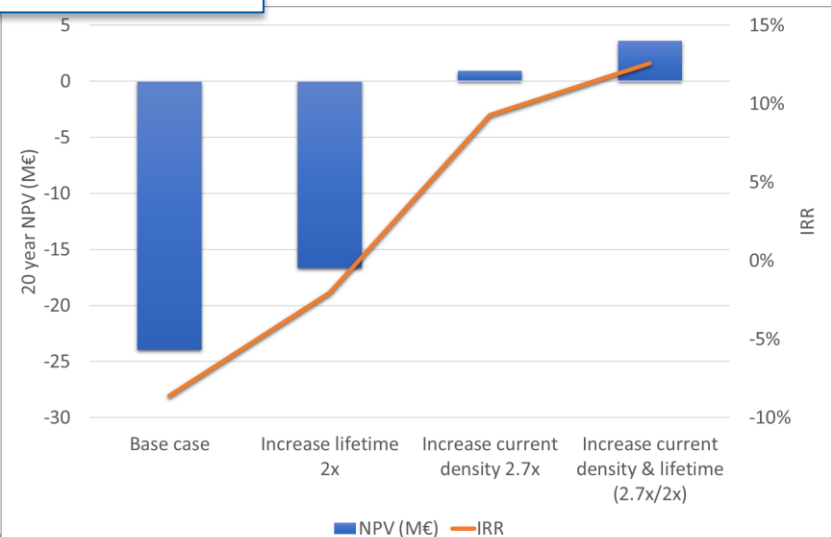
Decrease CAPEX by further development

Scenario based on Frontier Economics, 2015.

Base case scenario



Results of sensitivity analysis



Electrification scenario's

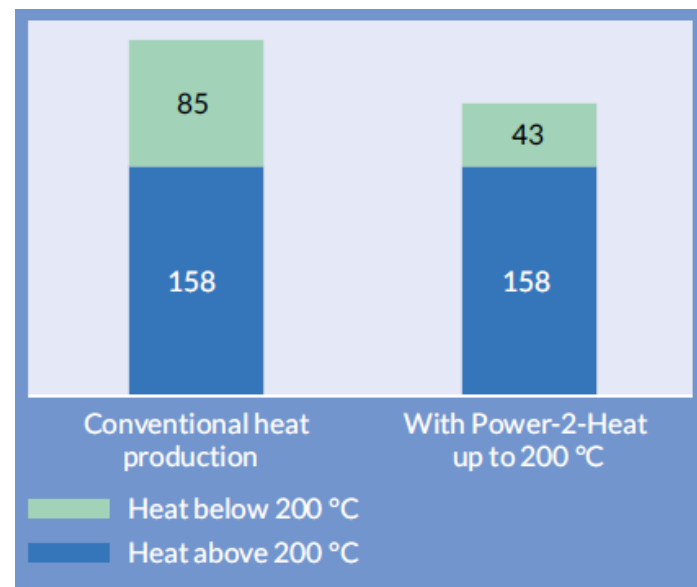
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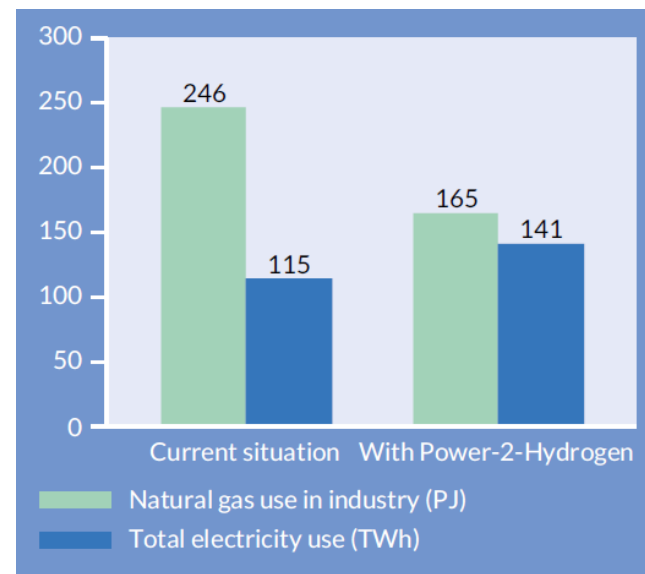
Mid-term potential Power-2-Heat

- Assumptions:
 - Current heat consumption in chemical industry 243 PJ (43% > 200°C).
 - Full implementation of Heat Pumps & residual steam upgrading by Mechanical Vapour recompression in industry.
 - Giving 50% savings for high temperature steam.
- Result:
 - 15-20% energy savings.
 - 2 TWh / year electricity consumption.
 - 6 Mt / year CO₂ reduction.
 - 1 GW peak electricity use.
 - 4% of renewable capacity in 2030.



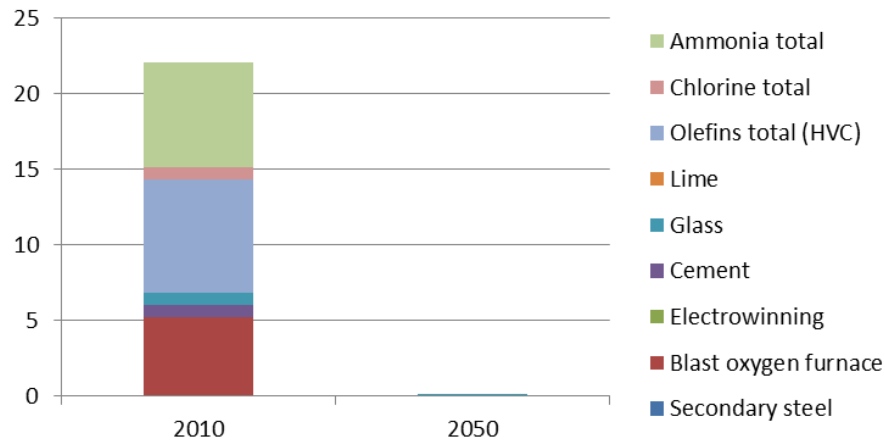
Mid-term potential Power-2-Hydrogen

- Assumptions:
 - Current hydrogen consumption in Netherlands 63 PJ (requiring 81 PJ of natural gas as feedstock).
 - Full replacement of SMR by electrolyzers.
- Result:
 - 4.1 Mt / year CO₂ reduction.
 - 26 TWh / year electricity consumption.
 - 6 GW electricity use at 50% load.
 - 20% renewable capacity in 2030.



Full industrial electrification 2050 NL

Direct CO₂ emissions (Mt)



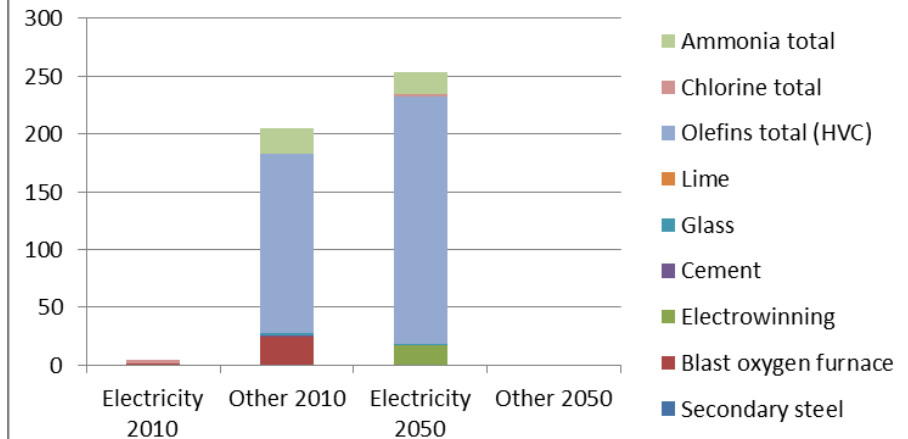
Full electrification decreases CO₂
22 Mt / year

CO₂ as feedstock with 3 t_{CO₂} / t_{olefins}
23 Mt/year CO₂ use

Full electrification needs
250 TWh / year



Energy consumption (TWh)

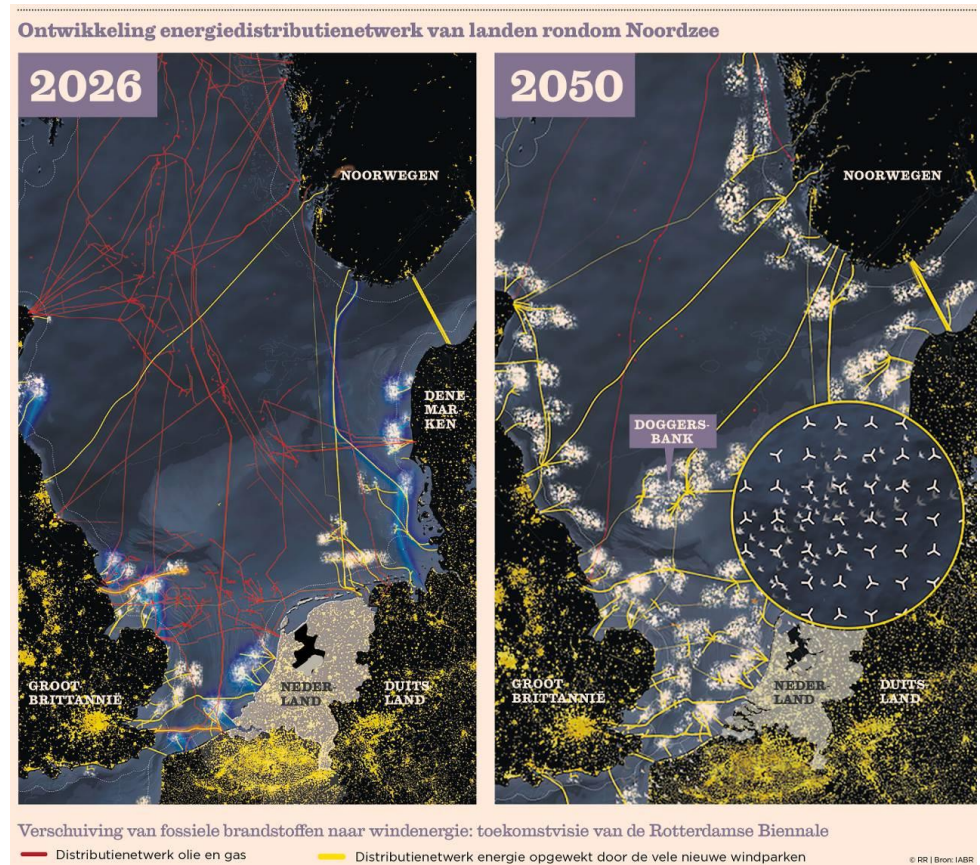


Is this scenario technically realistic???

Source: FD, 22-3-2016



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2016: 0.9 GW = 4 TWh



2023: 4.5 GW = 18 TWh

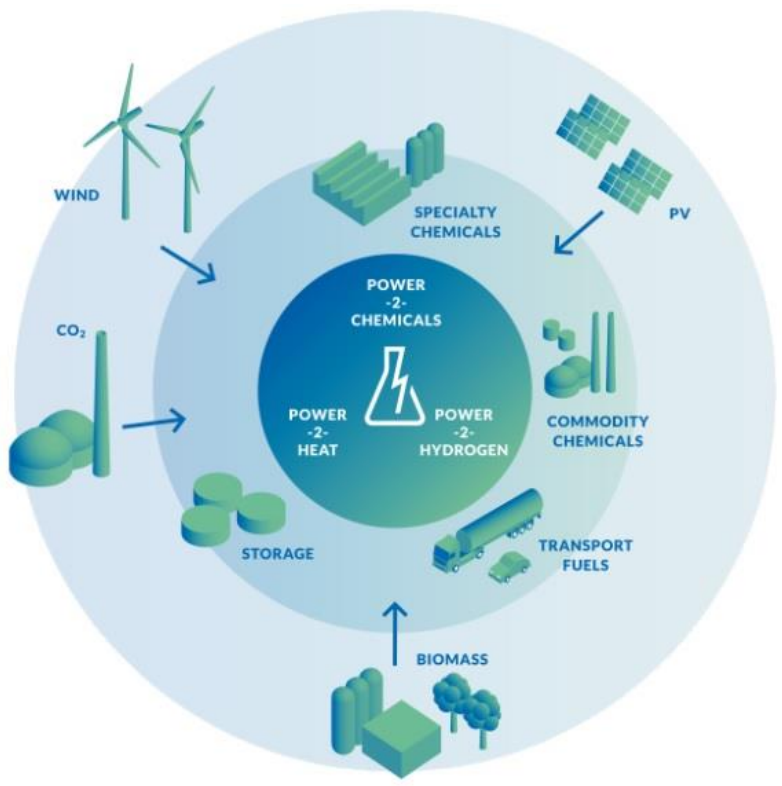


2050: 250 GW = 1000 TWh

Conclusions

- The future is unpredictable but industry will play an important role
 - The (chemical) industry uses 44% of all energy in The Netherlands
 - Future determined by step-changes in *technology development*, by the *societal and market* conditions and by *regulations*
 - Keep options open and invest at the right time with the right business driver.
- Short-term electrification potential in flexibility
 - Business cases driven by flexibility & incentives
 - Power-2-Heat & Power-2-Hydrogen
 - Upward potential:
 - 10 Mt/year CO₂ reduction.
 - 28 TWh/year electricity use.
- Long-term electrification potential in products
 - Business cases driven by product value & CO₂ regulations.
 - Power-2-Chemicals
 - Upward potential:
 - 45 Mt/year CO₂ reduction.
 - 250 TWh/year electricity use.

Want more information?



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