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Maritime Ports and Shipping: Gateways for the Energy Transition?

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Ports as gateways for the energy transition

Harbour

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- Transport hub for goods, fuels, materials and passengers between land and sea
- Ships for installing and O&M of offshore wind turbines
- Ships for fishing and aquaculture
- Ships for harvesting of algae

Energy hub

- Electricity supply of ships while at shore
- Fuel hub including hydrogen, ammonia and methanol
- Landing zone for electricity from offshore wind turbines
- Energy infrastructure hub for electricity, hydrogen and green fuels
- Producer of renewable energy and alternative fuels
- Industrial hub facilitating use of by-products including heat and oxygen
- Collecting offshore wind turbines

Ports as Energy Transition Hubs (POTENT) MSCA network (15 PhDs)

The main research objectives of POTENT focus on how ports can support and accelerate the clean energy transition in Europe.

Research questions are organized along three work packages (WP):

WP1 'Transition Infrastructure' aims to identify gaps in renewable energy and green fuel infrastructure and develop technologies to address these gaps, especially integration of digital technologies to optimize energy use, improve efficiency, and integrate renewables.

WP2 'Socio-Techno-Economic Analysis' considers the systemic aspects of integrated energy ports, including the implications of integrating ports into electricity grids, and the socioeconomic and regulatory aspects of port development.

WP3 'Port Governance and Business Models' investigates the governance and business model challenges and opportunities that ports face in the energy transition and explores how they can create and capture value, manage stakeholder relationships, and make decisions that align with the energy transition goals.

Our PhD project: De-Risking Green Maritime Fuel Transition with focus on modeling risk and uncertainty - and developing adaptability strategies (2025-2028)

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A unified European hydrogen infrastructure planning to support the rapid scale-up of hydrogen production

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Scenarios



H₂ production pathways:



Green H2 Europe (GH2E)

H₂ production pathways:



Self Sufficient Green H2 Europe (SSGH2E)

H₂ production pathways:



DATA: European Hydrogen BackBone (EHB) – 28 Gas TSOs



Source: Analysing future demand, supply, and transport of hydrogen, June 2021

Source: A European Hydrogen infrastructure vision covering 28 countries, April 2022

WEO 2022, conventional fuel prices (NZE scenario), high CO2 tax 140 €/ton for 2030, to 250 €/ton for 2050

Sector coupled energy systems analysis - Balmorel

Partial Equilibrium model

Objective Function: Minimize socio-economic cost of operations and investments

Open source (GAMS based) www.balmorel.com



Ea, Energianalyse 2022

DTU **Results: Electricity mix (2050)**



Scenario: BASE



2030

H2 Demand: 332 TWh

2050 1768 TWh (>x5)

Going green and self-sufficient (2050)

From 450 GW to 505 GW Electrolysis



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Going green with imports (2050)

Total H2 Storage: 49.9TWh Total H2 Storage: 66.2TWh Total H2 network: 255.1TWkm Total H2 network: 398.9TWkm 1.0 GW_{H2} ----- 5.0 GW_{H2} ------ 5.0 GW_{H2} 14 -10.0 GW_{H2} 20.0 GW_{H2} 20.0 GW_{H2} 12 -- 80 H2 Line utilization (2050) [%] H2 Storage TWh (2050) 9 ∞ 0 60 40 4 - 20 2

Scenario: Green H2 Europe

Scenario: BASE

Co-location of H2 and e-fuel production



Scenario: BASE

613 TWh hydrogen derivatives production allowed to reallocate (60%)
~50% reduction in imports of H2 to Central Europe (DE, NL, BE)
18% reduction in network expansion in 2050

Scenario: Green H2 Europe

Title

(2050) [%]

utilization

Line

P

60

40

20

Conclusions on hydrogen infrastructure

- Hydrogen production needs to be flexible
- Hydrogen production is located in the periphery (mainly the South) to supply West/ Central Europe.
- Some hydrogen imports to Europe via pipelines from third nations.
- A green hydrogen European economy would require a rapid infrastructure scale-up and additional renewable investments.
- Storage provides flexibility (intra day and seasonal) integration of PV and less need for grids
- Co-location of H2 and derivatives production can reduce H2 imports to Central Europe and hence the network substantially
- Europe can become self-sufficient and utilize green hydrogen by 2050 at relatively small additional system costs





Future, energy efficient, wind assisted shipping, sailing on green fuels



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Requirements for a maritime transition in line with the Paris Agreement

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SEAMAPS model







Conclusion on policies

- 1. Significantly higher carbon pricing (around 300EUR/tCO₂eq) than currently expected by industry and literature (200EUR/tCO₂eq can be found in existing literature)
- 2. Fuel efficiency gains reaching around 20-30% lower fuel demand compared to today's projection in 2050
- 3. Fast upscaling of low-carbon technologies of at least 50% annual capacity growth



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Impact of endogenous learning curves on maritime transition pathways

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Non-convex Mixed-Integer Quadratically Constrained Programming (MIQCP)



Relaxing optimality gap (MIPGap parameter) else so solutions can be found \rightarrow Only near optimal solutions can be found

Source: https://www.gurobi.com/wp-content/uploads/2020-01-14_Non-Convex-Quadratic-Optimization-in-Gurobi-9.0-Webinar.pdf

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Exogenous cost curve

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Novel model dynamics as fuel costs become a variable depending on historical investments

Investments in low-carbon fuel technology







To model experience based learning a starting threshold, a learning rate, and a curve-shape have to be assumed







- Significant difference between both modelling methods
- Difference depends on the underlying assumptions
- In general: With endogenous learning the models does not have to **wait** for cost to decay.



Conclusions on endogenous learning curves

- 1. Significantly lower cumulative emissions (up to 45%) over the modelling horizon
- 2. The importance of early investments and policy measures to trigger experiencebased learning as quickly as possible
- Cost of climate mitigation is lower. BUT: Subsidies and technology cost may increase (disregarded in this analysis) → Objective here: Show the impact on decarbonization system cost not total cost (including subsidies & technology cost but also climate damage "savings")



Overall conclusion

•Yes!

• Maritime ports and shipping can become important gateways for the energy transition



The end ③



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Hydrogen production import - modeling



Blue Hydrogen: A possible lock in effect!



Hydrogen Imports from 3rd nations



Scenario: Base

Hydrogen Capacities (2050)

- Electrolysis capacity: 305GW_{h2} (3500-5500 FLH)
- SMR-CSS capacity: 61 GW_{h2}

Importing H₂ from 3rd nations (2050)

- Marroco: 42/115 (TWh)
- Tunisia: 61/375 (TWh)
- Ukraine: 23/100 (TWh)



System cost difference to BASE 2050:

GH2E	~ 3 %
SSGH2E	~ 4 %







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