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Social Life Cycle Hotspot Analysis of using Ammonia as Marine Fuel

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SHIPPING and ENVIRONMENT

~ 80% of World trade by volume
~ 3% of total global CO₂ emissions,
> 15% of NO_x, SO_x, PM, etc..

KEEP on GROWING

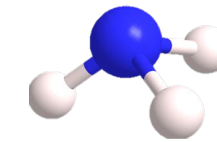
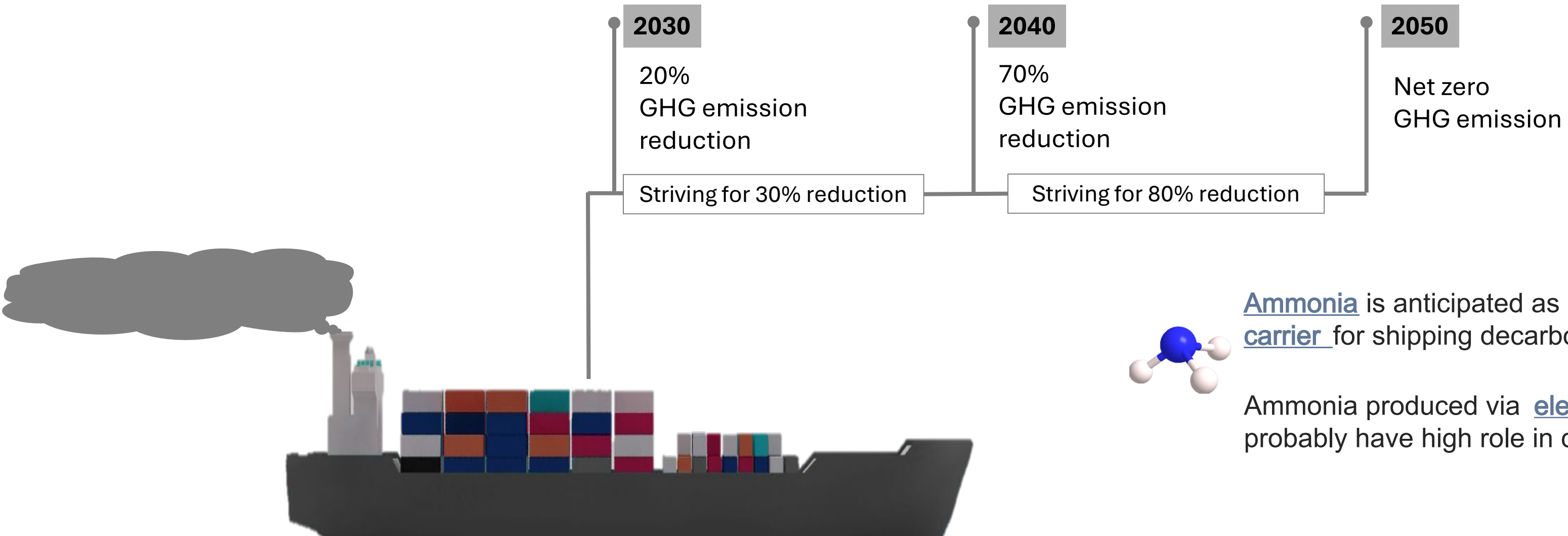


Transport via shipping is likely to increase upto 125% by 2050.



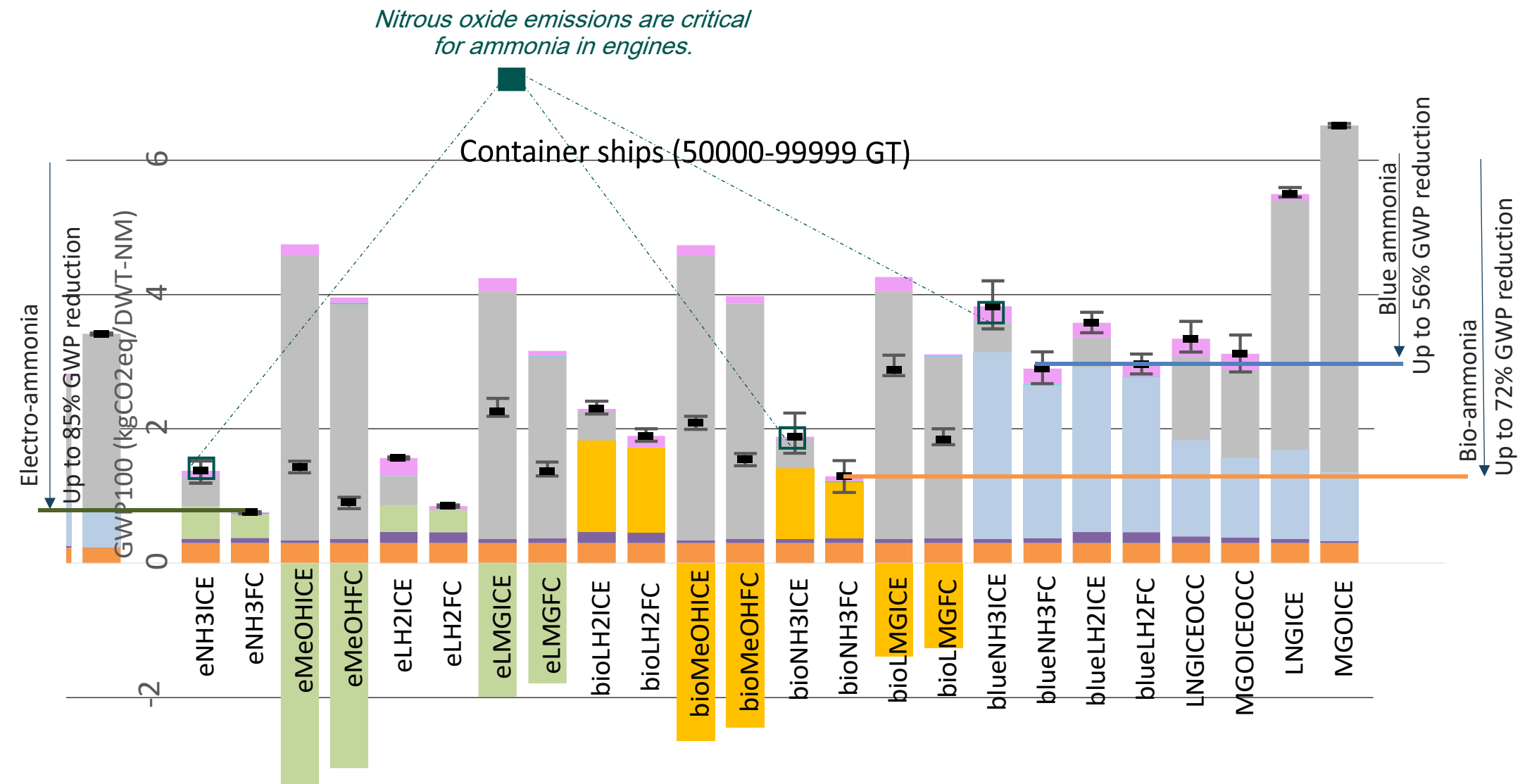
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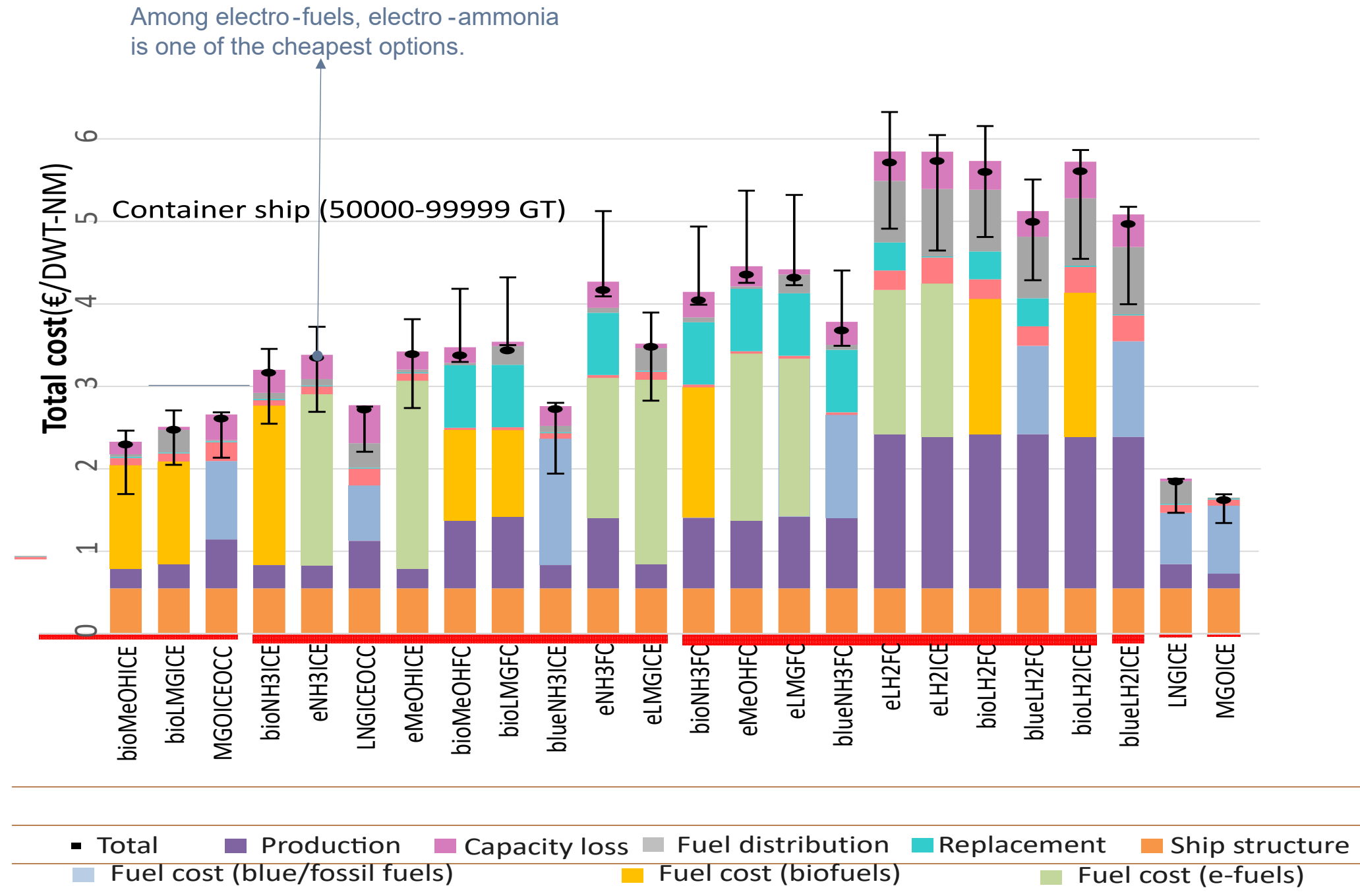
- International nature
- Lock-in with cheap fossil fuel, e.g. HFO
- Ship perform different transport work
- Alternative options are Immature
- Lower energy densities of alternative fuels



Ammonia is anticipated as an important energy carrier for shipping decarbonization.

Ammonia produced via electro-fuel pathway will probably have high role in decarbonization.





Goal

The objective is to development of a social hotspot analysis linked to the future deployment of ammonia as marine fuel in EU based on the ~~S~~LCA methodology

Scope

i. Identification of ammonia value chain and key stakeholders

ii. Identification of relevant social impact categories and indicators

iii. Geographical analysis & modeling emphasizing prospective supply chain

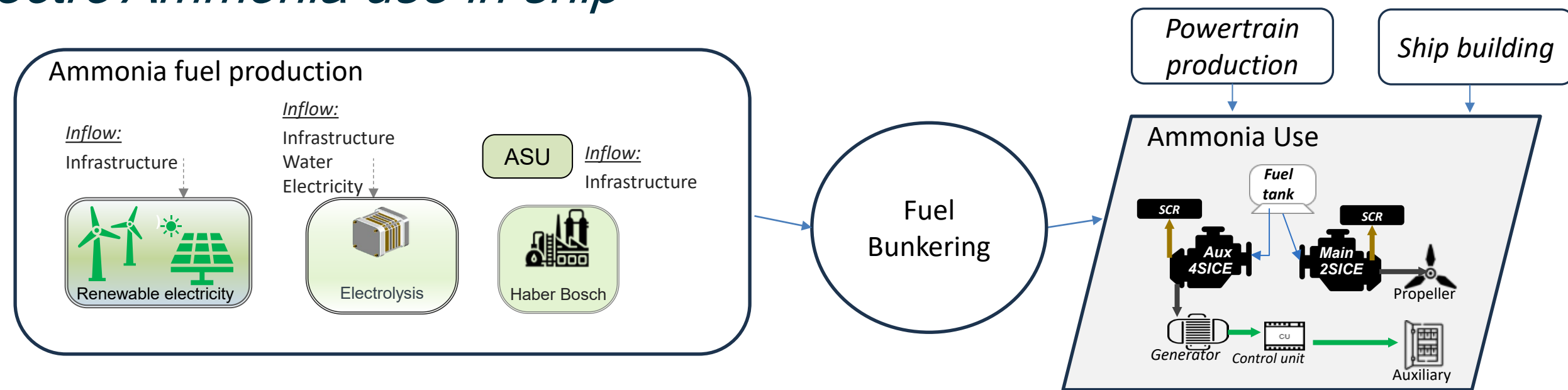
iv. Applying social hotspot analysis using PSILCA to assess the value chains

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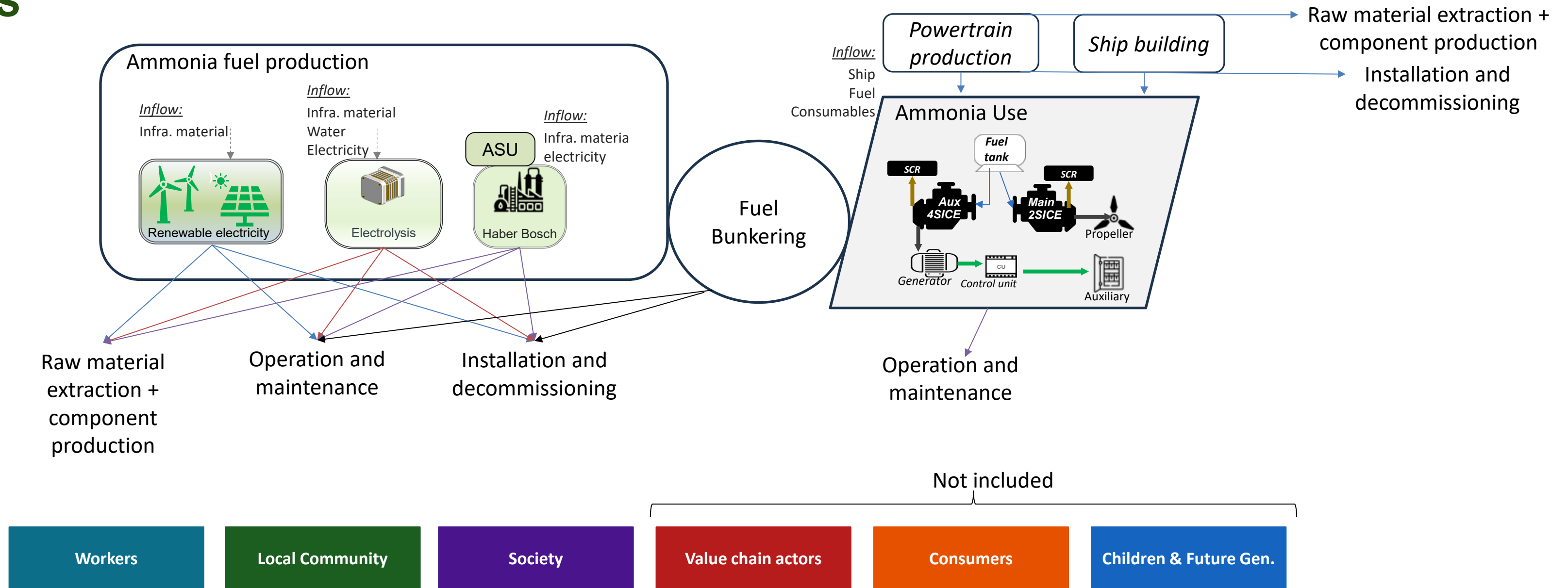
Functional unit : 1 tonne km

Time Horizon : 2030 onwards

Value chain : Electro-Ammonia use in ship



Process



Stakeholder: Worker

Relevant PSILCA Indicators	LC Stage	Potential social risks or social opportunity
• Child labor • Health and safety • Freedom of association and collective bargaining • Gender wage gap • Fair salary	Wind power generation	Mining of Critical materials including rare earth metals Wind turbine component production locations in China Occupational hazards – electric (installation and operation)
	Solar power generation	Solar panel component production locations in China Occupational hazards – electric (installation and operation)
	Electrolysis	Extraction and processing of electrolyzer materials like iridium, nafion and platinum
	Haber-Bosch / NH ₃ Synthesis	Occupational hazard with ammonia inhalation risk, toxic gas exposure Catalyst mining and production
	NH ₃ Storage, Transport & Bunkering	Occupational hazard with ammonia inhalation risk, toxic gas exposure Catalyst mining and production
	On-board Operations (Seafarers)	Occupational hazard with ammonia inhalation risk, toxic gas exposure Catalyst mining and production Gender wage gap are salient.

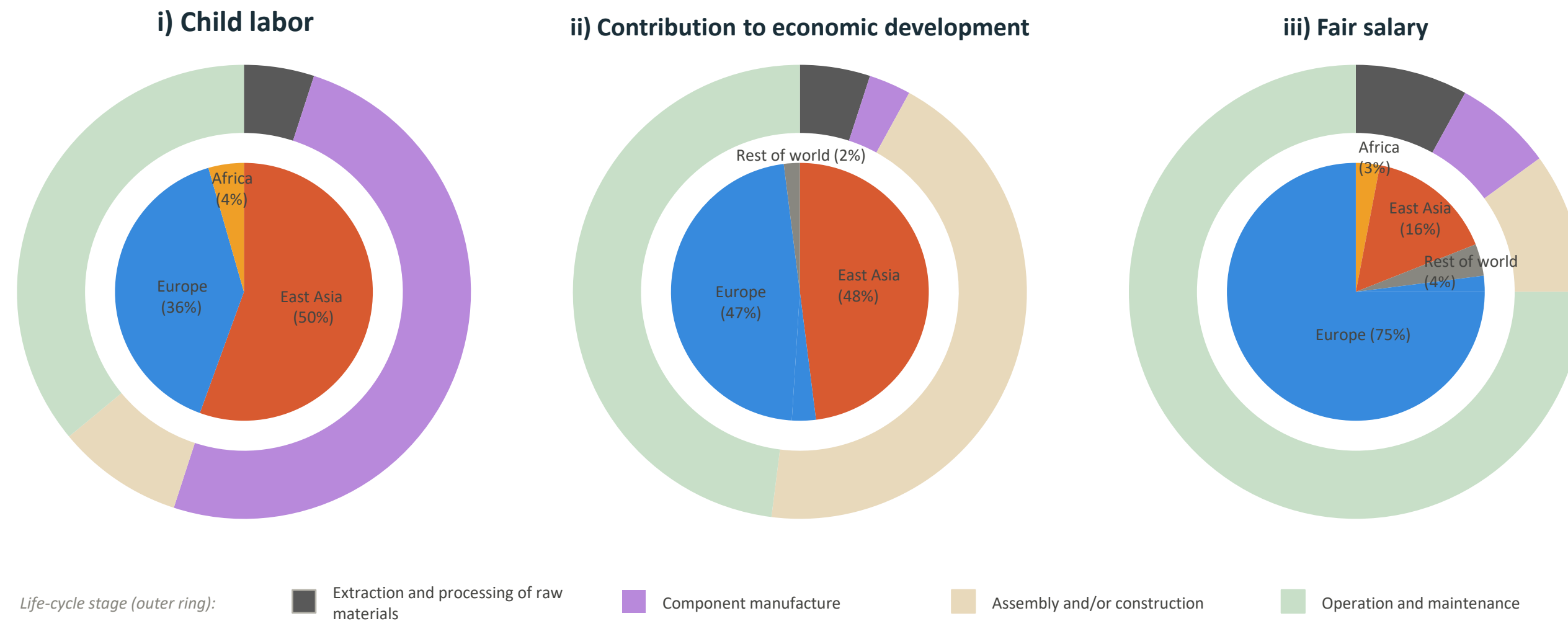
Stakeholder: Society

Relevant PSILCA Indicators	LC Stage	Potential social risks or social opportunity
• Contribution to economic development • Poverty alleviation • Local employment • Safe and Healthy living condition	Wind power generation	New national-scale jobs in wind O&M and supply chains — contribution to GDP in producer nations Poverty alleviation through energy access and industrial wage employment in emerging economies Improved air quality at societal level (displacing fossil combustion)
	Solar power generation	Energy access benefits for communities in producer nations Economic development via large-scale solar manufacturing and export revenues Reduced fossil fuel import dependency improves macroeconomic stability
	Electrolysis	Electrolyser manufacturing scale-up creates high-value industrial employment Improved energy security — reduces national fossil fuel import bills
	Haber-Bosch / NH₃ Synthesis	New high-skill employment in chemical process industries Reduced atmospheric pollution vs. present ammonia production based on SMR
	NH₃ Storage, Transport & Bunkering	Ammonia leakage
	On-board Operations	Nitrogen oxide, nitrous oxide emissions affecting pollution Reduction of SO_x and PM emissions if otherwise HFO/MGO is used.

Stakeholder: Local community

Relevant PSILCA Indicators	LC Stage	Potential social risks or social opportunity
• Environmental footprint • GHG footprint • Contribution to public health (DALYs) • Access to material resources	Wind power generation	Mineral extraction depletes finite material resources Land use footprint
	Solar power generation	Toxic release risk during manufacturing (DALYs) Land use footprint
	Electrolysis	Water consumption at scale Mineral extraction depletes finite material resources
	Haber-Bosch / NH₃ Synthesis	Acidification of soils and marine eutrophication from NH ₃ leakage. Mineral extraction (catalysts) depletes finite material resources
	NH₃ Storage, Transport & Bunkering	Acidification of soils and marine eutrophication from NH ₃ leakage
	On-board Operations	N ₂ O emission from on-board NH ₃ combustion Residual NOx emissions from NH ₃ combustion engines Acidification of soils and marine eutrophication from NH ₃ leakage

Preliminary Results



- Social Hotspot analysis considering geographical analysis.
- Prospective temporal resolution of the supply chain
- Decommissioning of infrastructure and ship scrapping may be included.
- Evaluate the supply risk and supply performance using a Reference scale approach



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