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Ammonia Power Generation Technology Development and Challenges in Combustion Technology

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Company Profile (As of March 31, 2024)



Year of establishment
1853



Capital
107.1 Billion yen



Revenue(Consolidated)
1,322.5 Billion yen
(fiscal 2023)



Number of employees
(consolidated)
28,237



Works
6



Branches in Japan
8



Business Development Bases
21
(as of April 1, 2024)

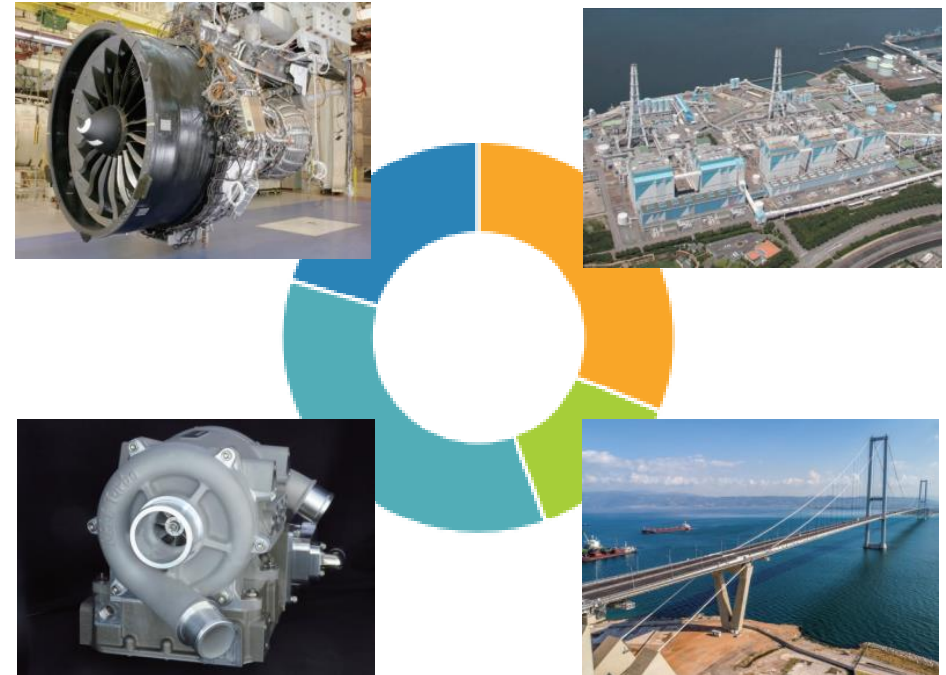


Group companies in Japan
60
[Subsidiaries: 41 Affiliates: 19]



Overseas Group companies
135
[Subsidiaries: 113 Affiliates: 22]

Revenue Composition by business areas (Consolidated/fiscal 2023)



Resources, Energy & Environment	31%
Social Infrastructure	13%
Industrial Systems & General-Purpose Machinery	35%
Aero Engine, Space & Defense	20%

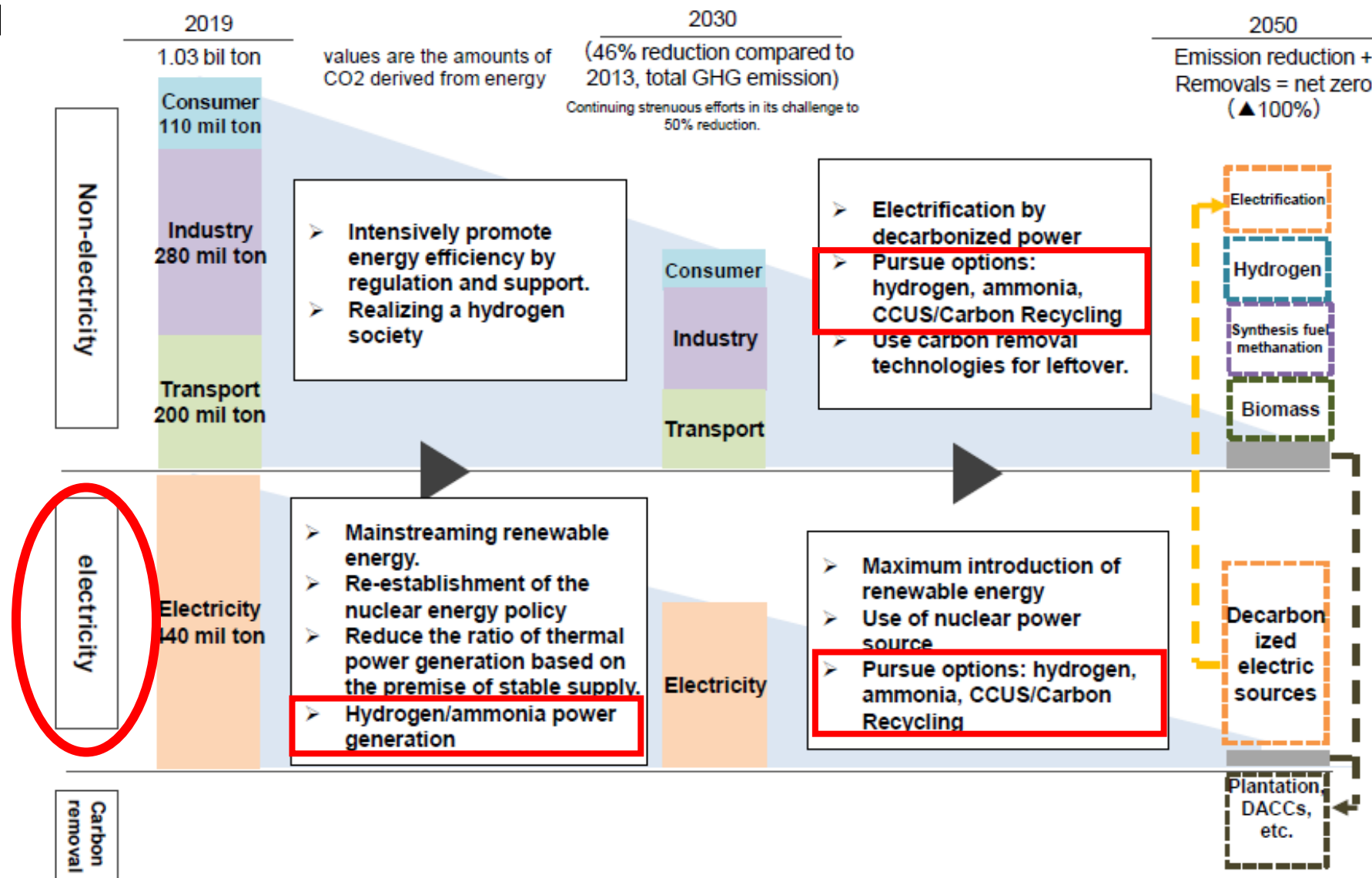
Note : The total may not be 100% owing to the exclusion of "Other" and "Adjustments".

Ammonia value chain (AVC)

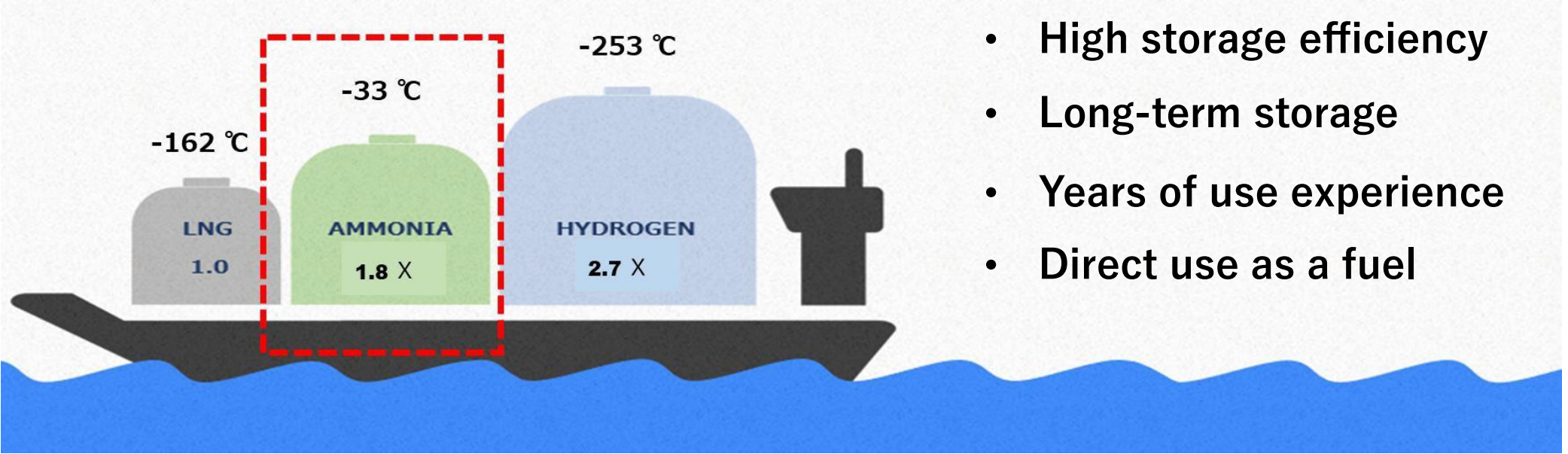
Japan Green Growth Strategy for Carbon Neutrality in 2050

Target of carbon neutral energy mix in 2050

- Renewable (50-60%)
- Nuclear Thermal with CCS (30-40%)
- H2 and Ammonia (10%)



Ammonia as an Energy Carrier

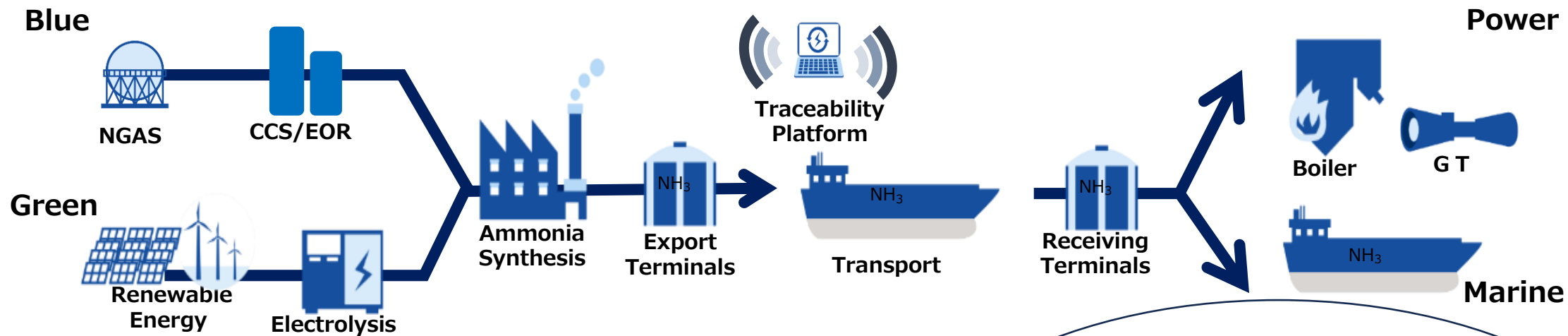


- High storage efficiency
- Long-term storage
- Years of use experience
- Direct use as a fuel

Characteristics of Liquefied Gas Fuels

	LNG	LNH ₃	LH ₂
Energy Density (MJ-LHV/l)	22.6	12.7	8.5
Tank Material	SUS (9%Ni)	C/S (SLA325A)	SUS
Boiling Point (°C)	-162	-33	-253
Storage Period	14 Days	Long Term	7 Days

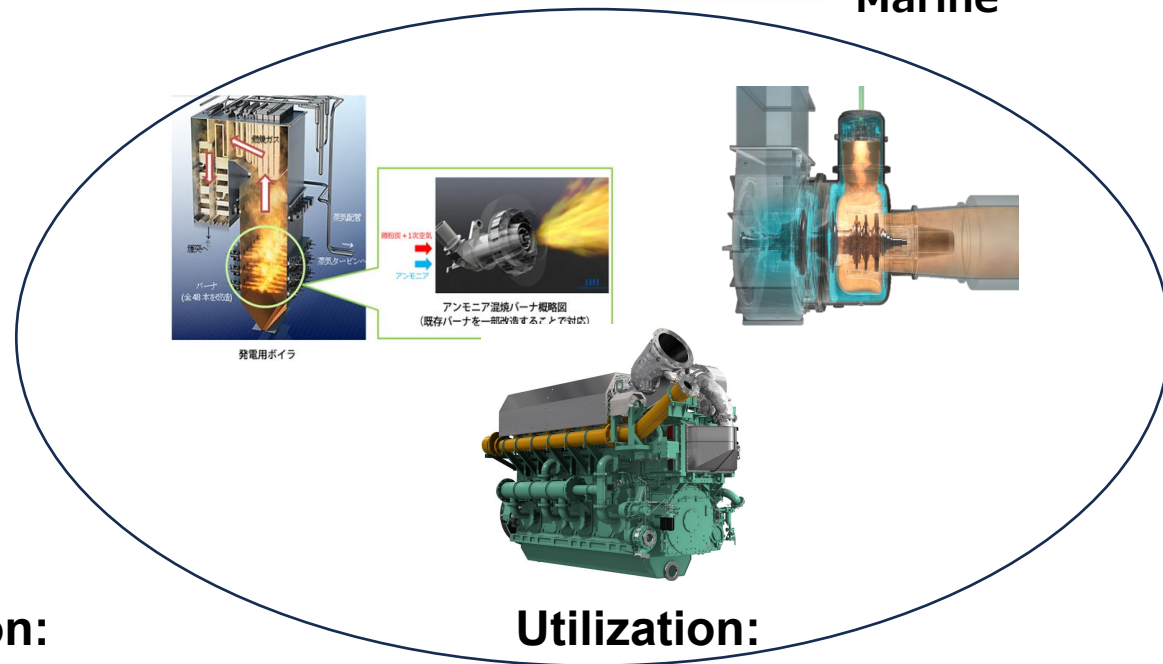
Ammonia Value Chain and Key Equipments



Production:
Water Electrolyzer



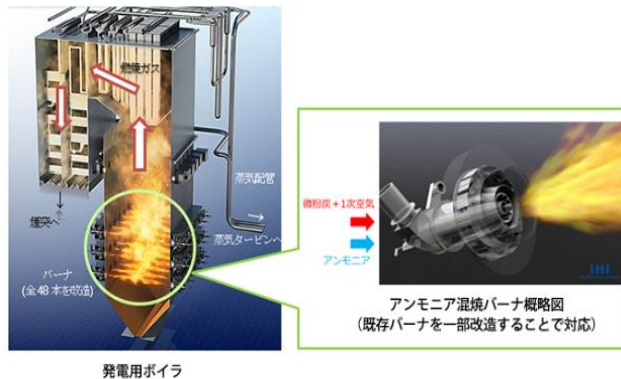
Storage & Transportation:
Tank and Barge



Utilization:
Power Generation systems (BGT, GT, ICE)

Ammonia Power Generation Technology

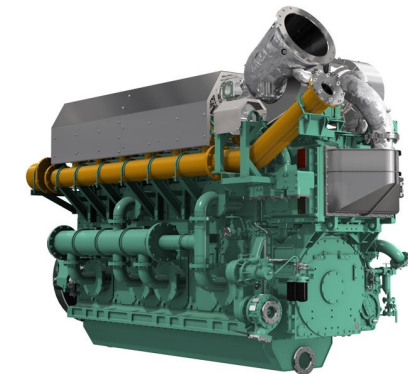
Boiler turbine generator



Gas turbine



Diesel engine



FY2014-2020



NEDO

R&Ds and Feasibility Study

FY2021-present

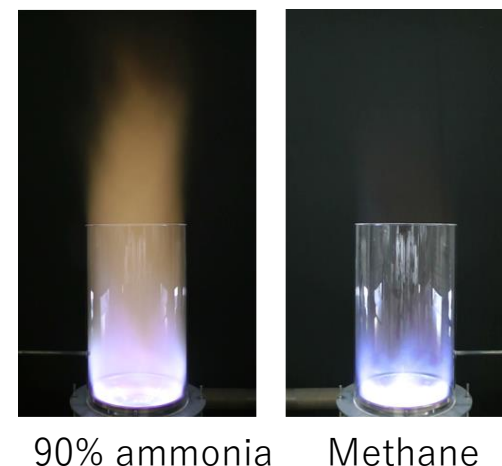


Technology Demonstrations

Ammonia as a fuel

Challenges in combustion

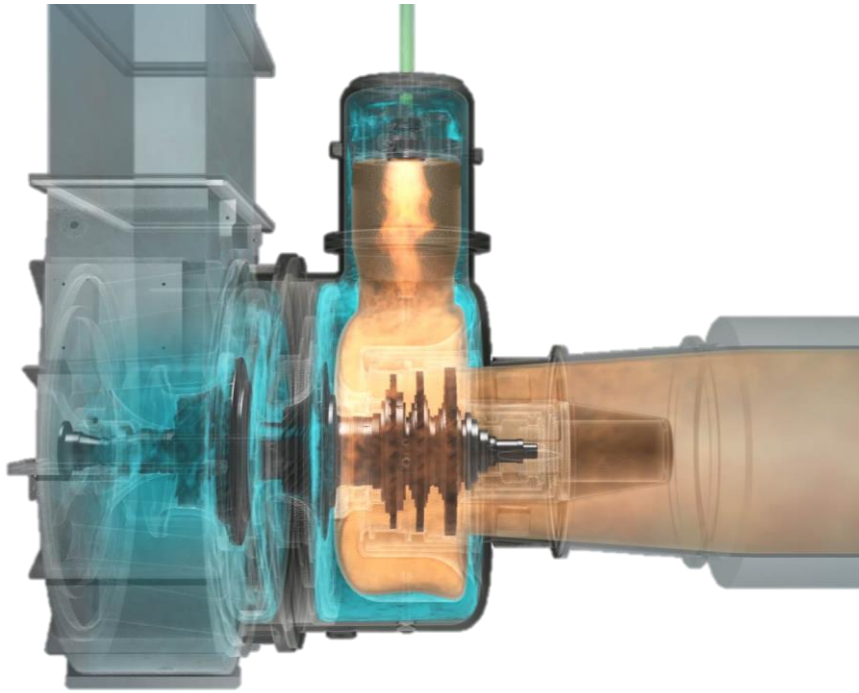
- Stable combustion
- Emission (NO_x, N₂O, NH₃) control
- Lower flame temperature and emissivity
- Nitriding



Fuel	NH ₃	H ₂	CH ₄	C ₃ H ₈
Heating value LHV (MJ/kg)	18.6	120	50.0	46.4
Flammability limit (Equivalence ratio)	0.63~1.40	0.10~7.1	0.50~1.7	0.51~2.5
Adiabatic temp. (°C)	1800	2110	1950	2000
Max. burning velocity (m/s)	0.07	2.91	0.37	0.43
Auto ignition temp. (°C)	650	520	630	450

IHI Ammonia Firing IM270 Gas Turbine

- Developing a fully ammonia-powered 2MW-class gas turbine.
- Built an ammonia gas turbine test facility in Yokohama Works, Japan.
- Achieved 50% - 100% load operation with pure liquid ammonia combustion in 2022.



IHI IM270 gas turbine



Ammonia GT test facility & Fuel Supply System at IHI Yokohama

Fuel supply method of ammonia

1. Liquid ammonia (LA)

Simple

Fast response

Loss of Latent heat

Suitable for high pressure combustion system

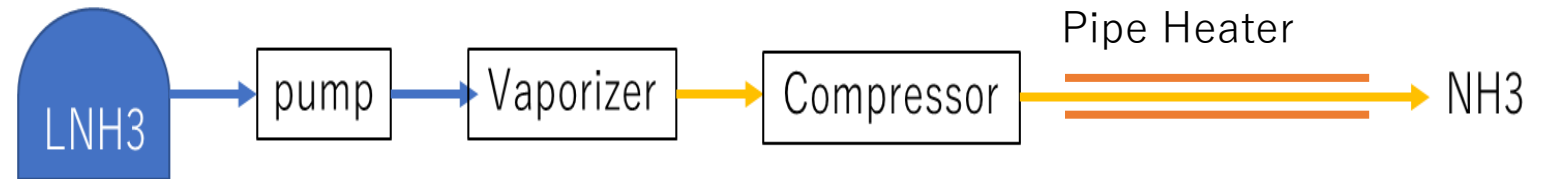


2. Gas ammonia (GA)

Heat of vaporization

Re-liquification in hi-P

Suitable in low pressure combustion system



3. Cracked ammonia (CA)

Chemical regeneration

Complexity

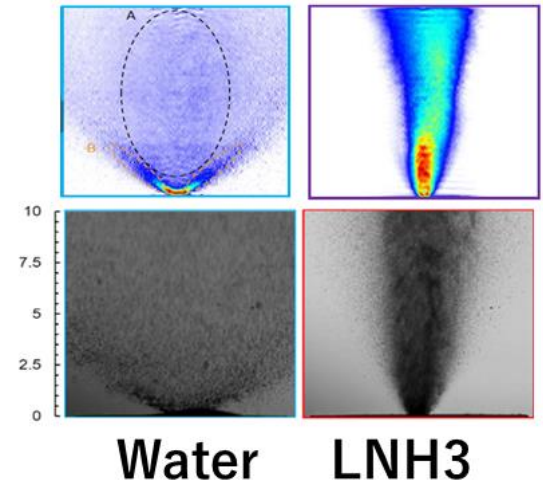
Suitable for Industrial applications



Ammonia Gas Turbine Combustor

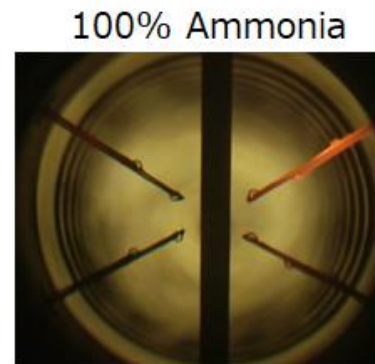
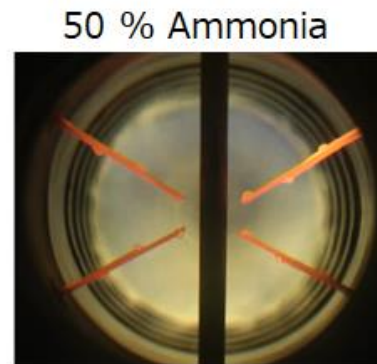
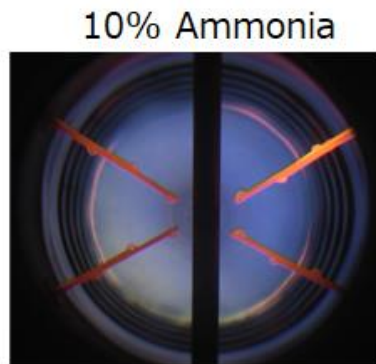
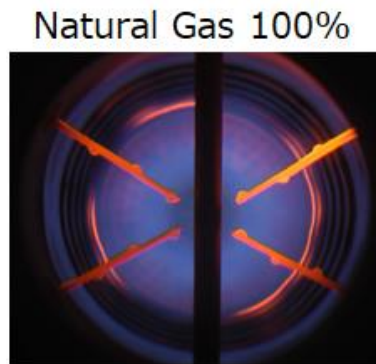
Direct Liquid Ammonia Spray

- Flash spray
- Good atomization and temperature drop
- Simple supply system
- Fast load changing

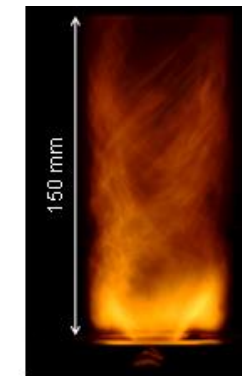


Kobayashi,
Tohoku University

Stable combustion of 100% ammonia firing by high swirl flow and mixing control



Flame of combustor test rig at 1 bar

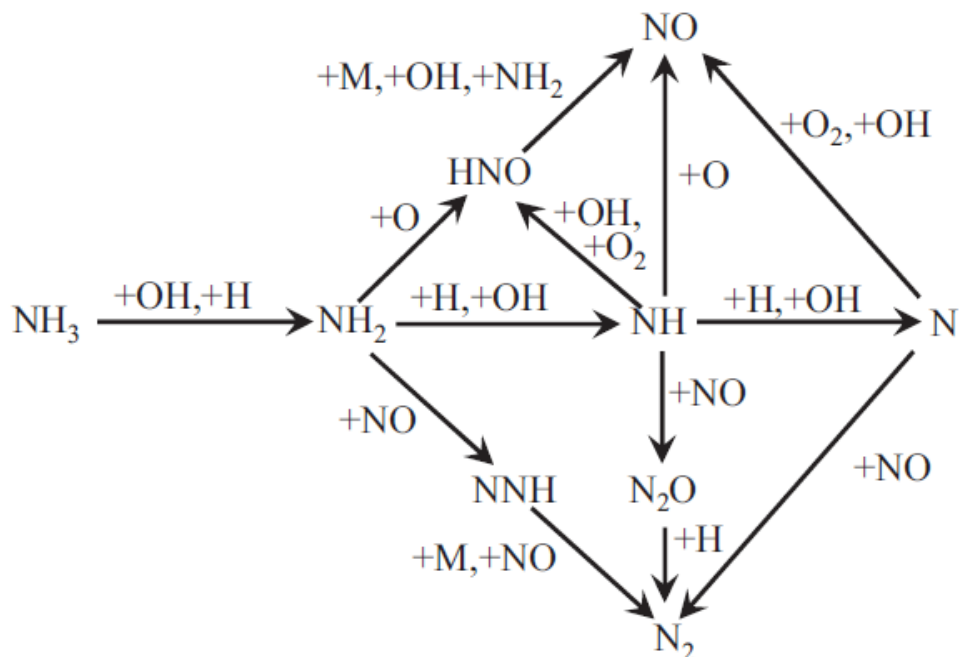


Liquid spray flame

Emission control by two-stage combustion

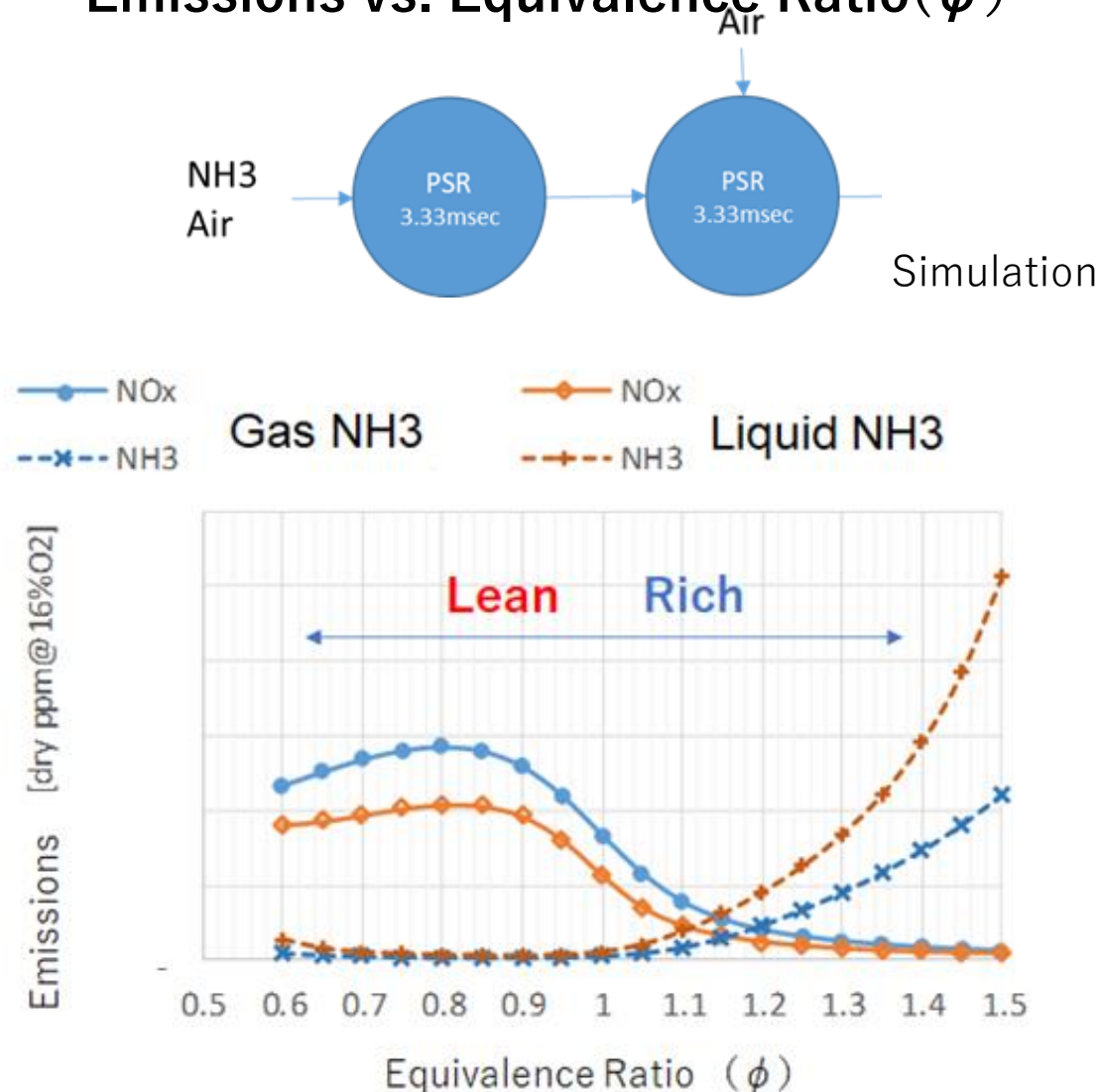
NH3 Reaction Mechanism

Oxidizing to NOx in lean mixture



Reducing to N2 in rich mixture

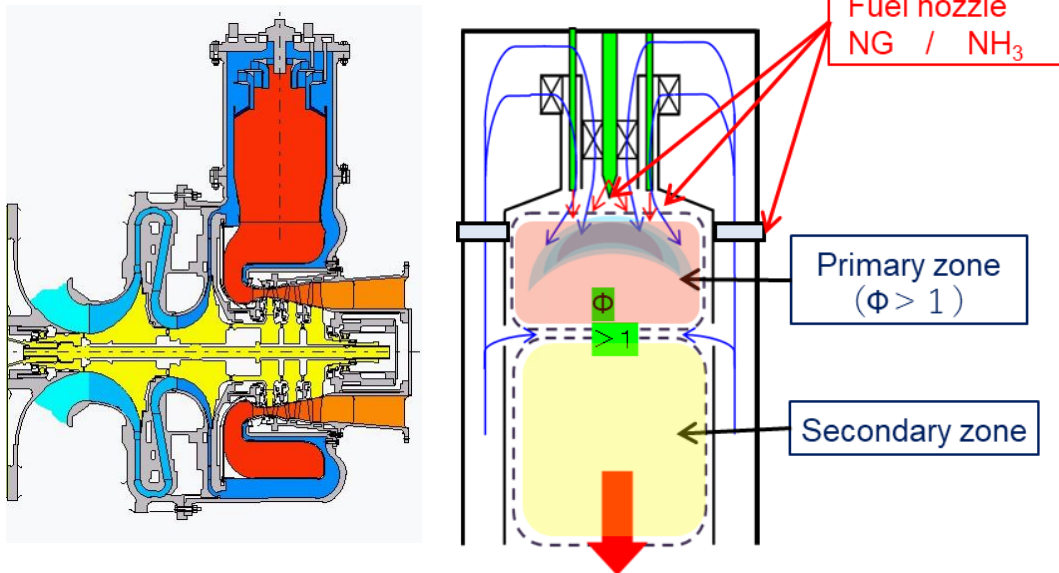
Emissions vs. Equivalence Ratio (ϕ)



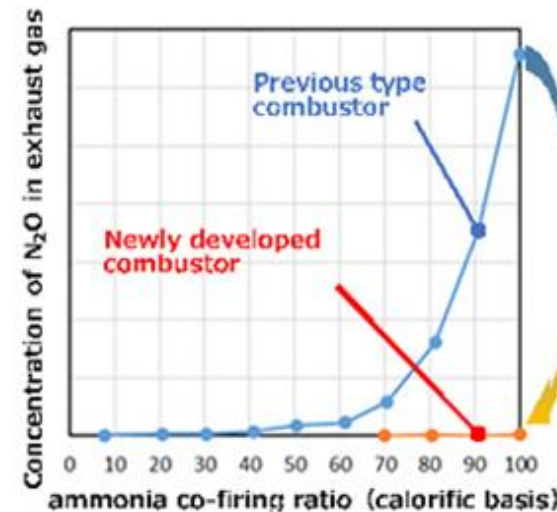
The first 100% Liquid Ammonia-fired Gas Turbine

- Rich and lean two stage combustion system
- Successful operation from NG to 100% liquid Ammonia
- 99.8% GHG reduction
- NOx emissions meet Japan's urban regulations with SCR

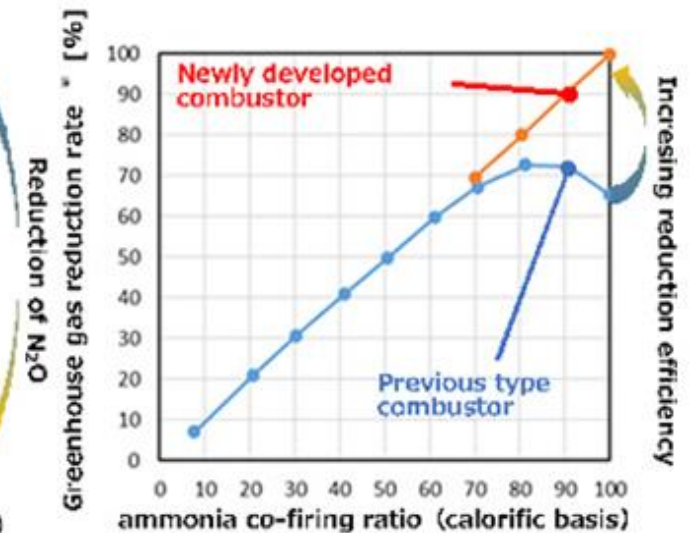
$$GHG_{Reduction} = 1 - \frac{(W_{CO_2} + 286 W_{N_2O})A}{(W_{CO_2})NG}$$



2MW single can NH3 spray combustor gas turbine (IHI, IM270)



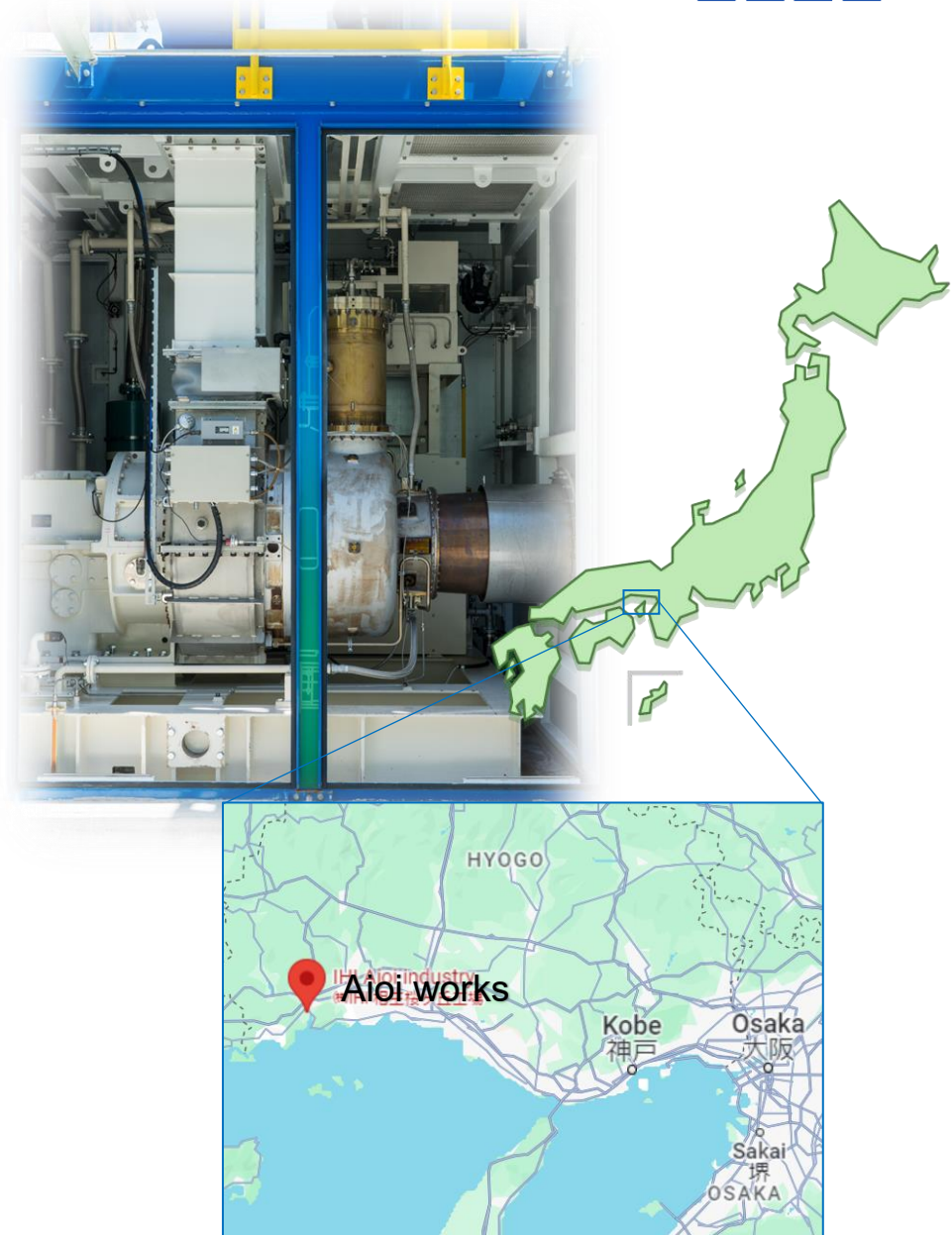
N2O emission vs. NH3 co-firing ratio



Reduction of greenhouse gas emission vs. NH3 co-firing ratio

In 2024, Long-term durability test at IHI Aioi factory

IHI



NEDO:JPNP16002/JPNP21020

Joint goals: F-class technology readiness by 2030

Up to 100%

2-Stages (Rich & Lean) combustion system

- ✓ Configured to burn up to 100% of ammonia @ normal operation with 99+% GHG reduction
- ✓ Start-up with Natural Gas or carbon neutral fuel

Retrofittable

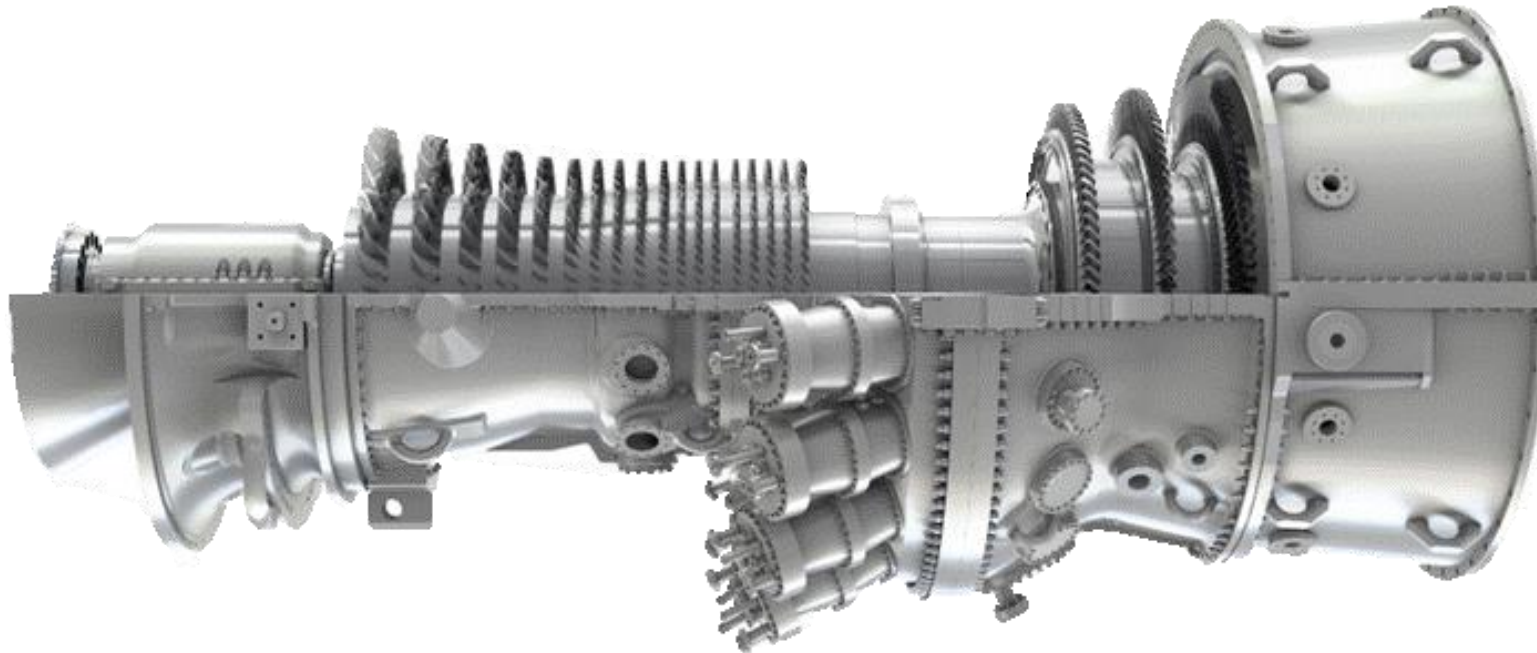
Reduced investment & same life as existing

- ✓ Utilize existing power plant assets with smaller modification for fuel conversion from natural gas to ammonia
- ✓ Target to maintain component durability and existing F-class life

NOx emission

Comply with stringent emission requirement (lower single digit ppm)

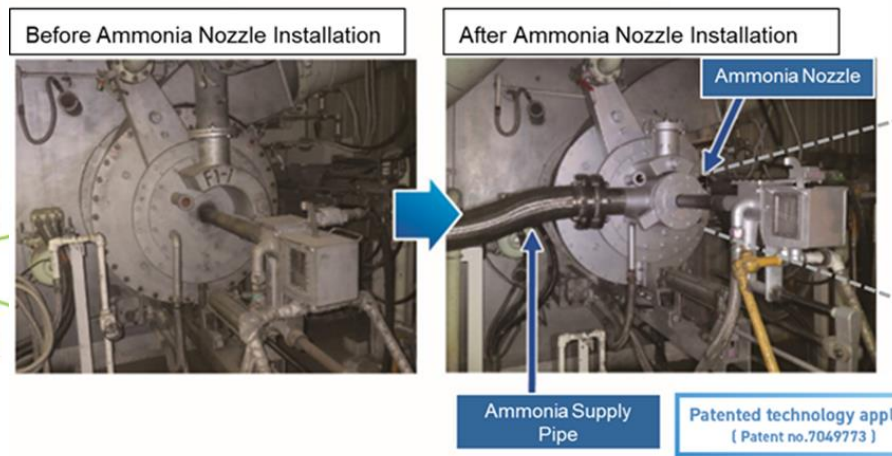
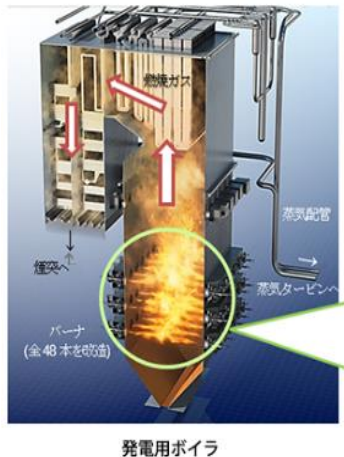
- ✓ New combustion technology with conventional NOx after treatment systems
- ✓ Target to meet Japan's regulation for NOx



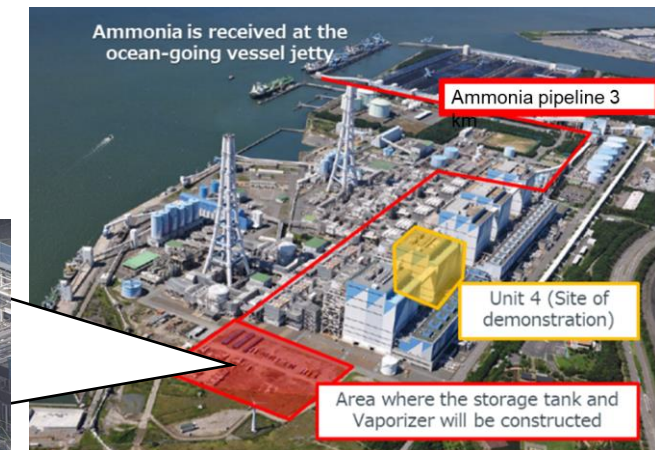
Ammonia Firing Thermal Power Generation

IHI and JERA joint demonstration project from April to June in 2024

- The world 1st ammonia power generation in commercial power plant
- 20% NH₃ co-firing in 1GW USC coal-fired power plant
- Annual NH₃ consumption 0.5 MT, CO₂ reduction 1 MT
- Maximize utilization of existing infrastructure
- **Contribution of SPEEDY and SMOOTH energy transition**



JERA Hekinan Power Station

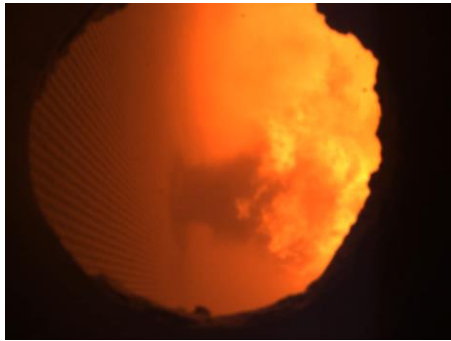


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Test results: Flame Image and Emission

- Achieved operation from full load to 25% load while maintaining a 20% co-firing rate
- Succeeded in reducing all emissions

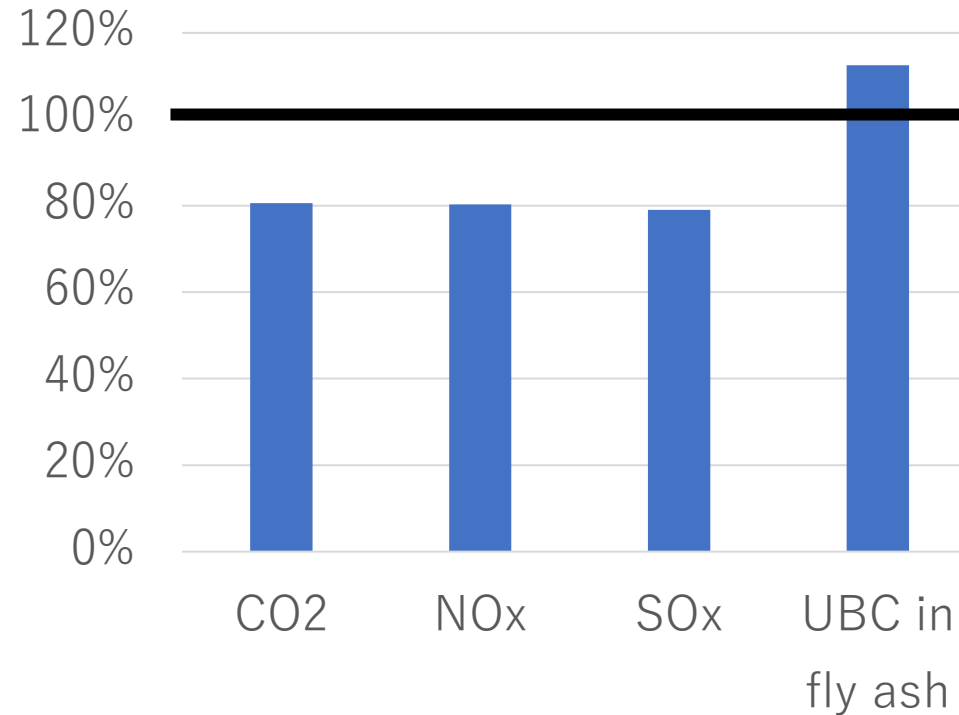
NH3 20% Cofiring



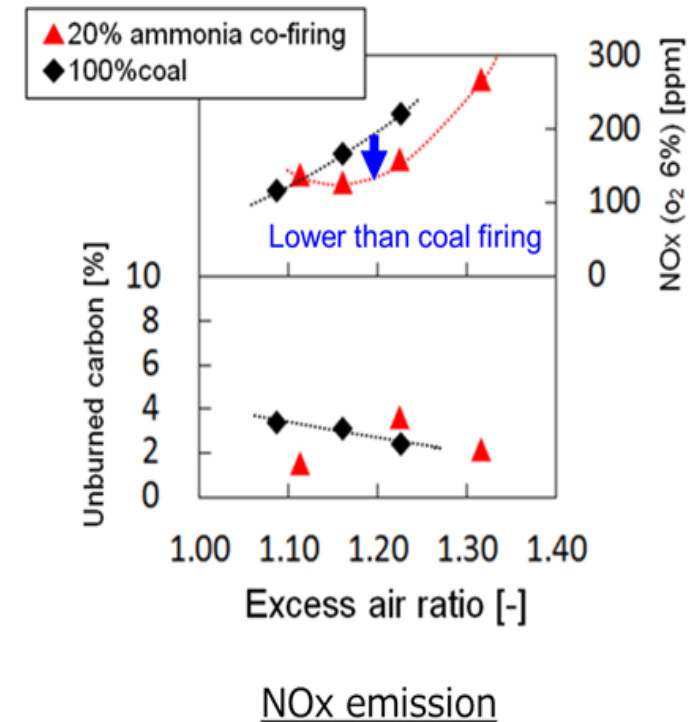
Coal Firing



Flame Image
through furnace side window



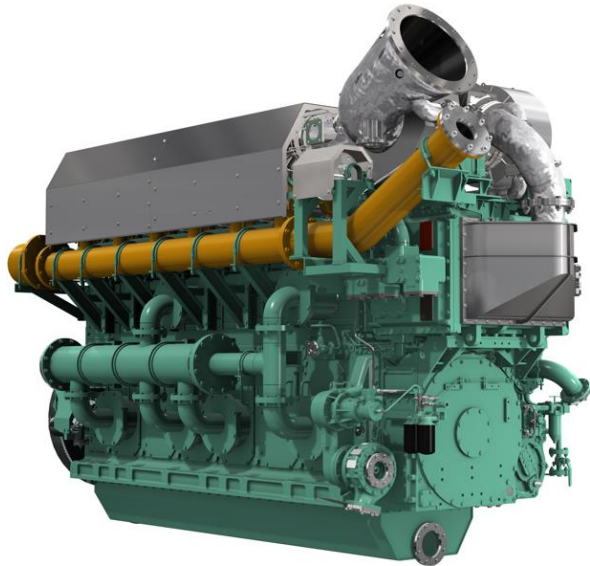
Ratio of emissions at NH3 20%
cofiring to coal mono-firing
(N₂O and NH₃ < Detection limit)



Results in IHI test furnace

Ammonia firing diesel engine

- The world's first ammonia-fueled tugboat was delivered to the Port of Yokohama in August 2024
- 95% NH₃ co-firing ratio and GHG reductions over 90%.
- NH₃ and N₂O are sufficiently removed by the exhaust gas after-treatment system
- Class NK classification approval and IMO NO_x certification



**Ammonia firing four-stroke diesel engine
(28ADF, 2,200PS)**

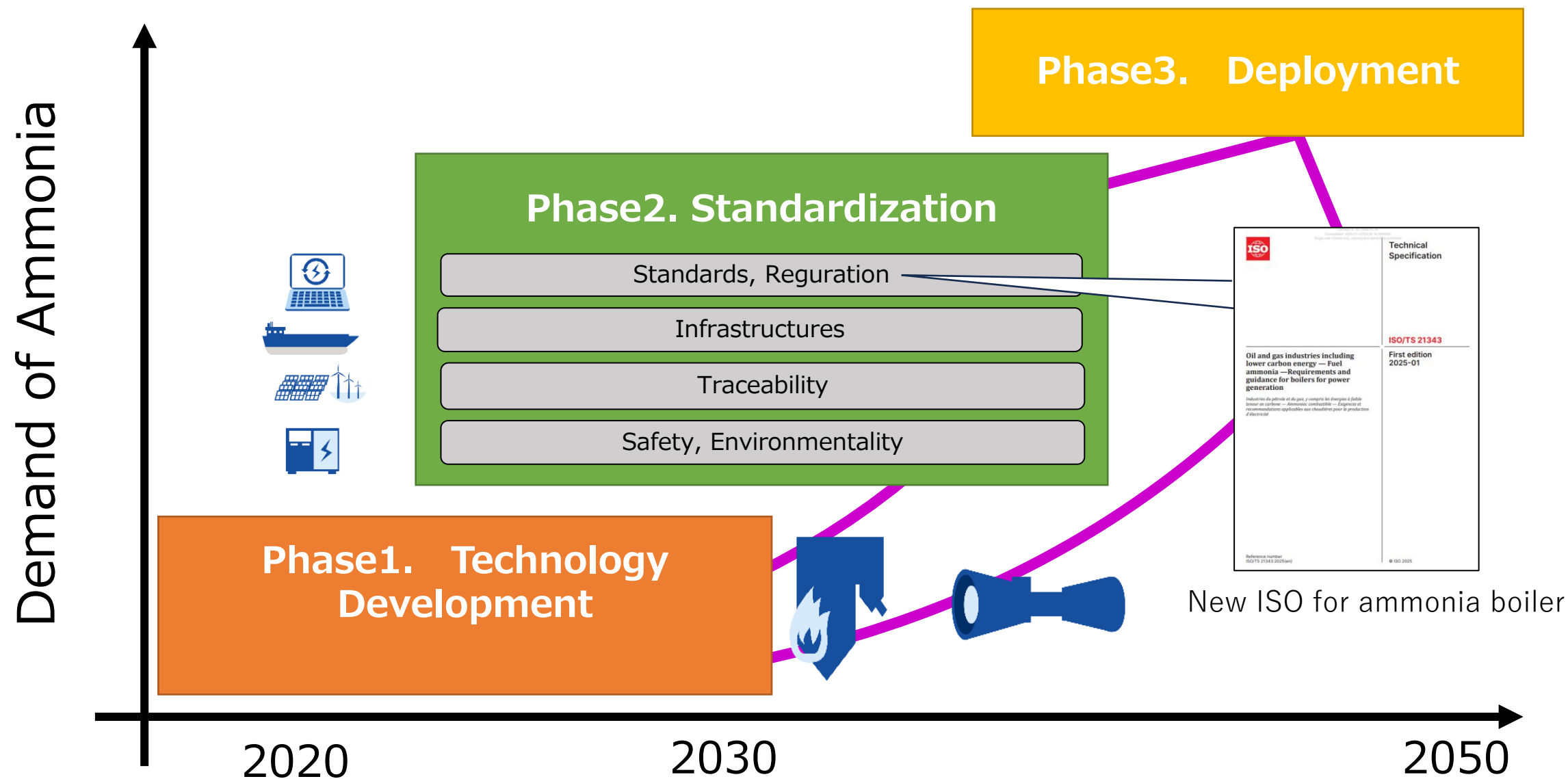


Ammonia-fueled tugboat Sakigake

Toward Social Implementation

- Reliable and Secure Energy -

Roadmap for Ammonia Social Implementation



Summary

Ammonia Fuel

- Promising energy medium contributing to decarbonization

Technology Status

- First generation power generation technologies advance toward 2030 Market-in

Challenges of Technology

- **Lower emission combustion** in high pressure and short residence time
- Ammonia nitrification-resistant and SCC-resistant materials
- Efficient cracking

Challenges to make it a business

- **Standardization** and **legislation** for reliability and safety
- **Investments with government support** for low-cost and reliable supply chain

