

# CCUS value chains: Options for Storage- and Infrastructure of CO<sub>2</sub> in Europe

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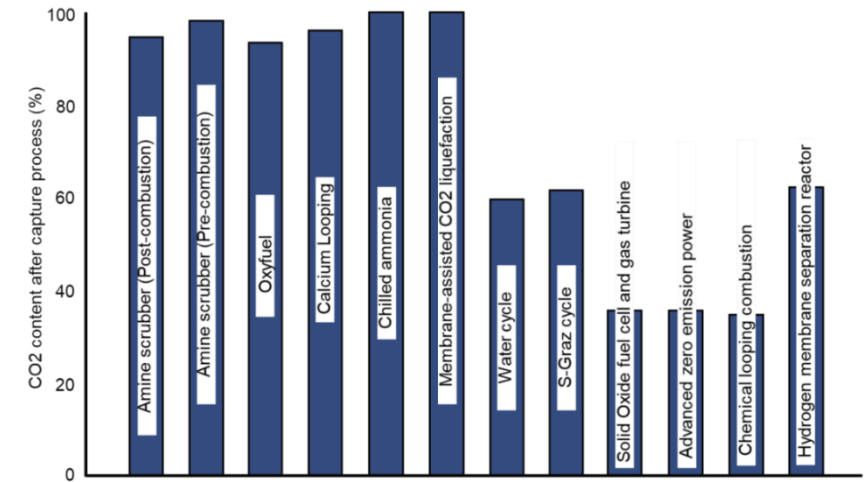
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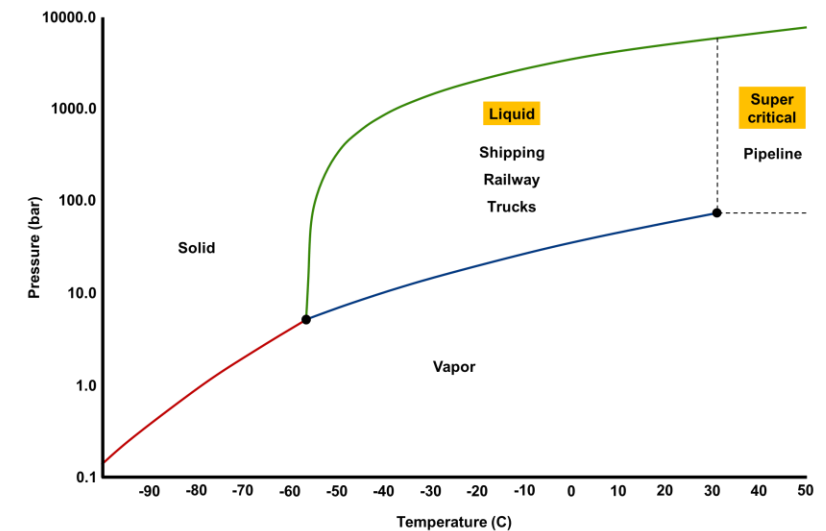
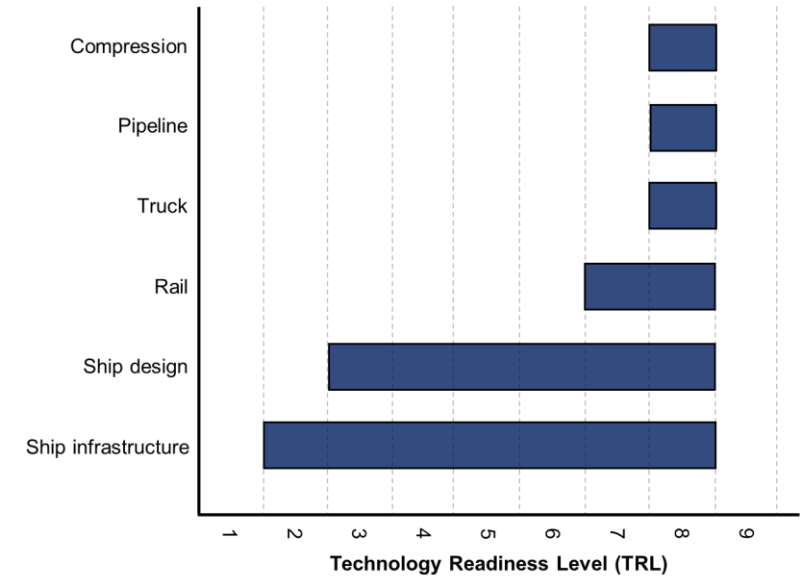
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- The captured CO<sub>2</sub> has to meet certain specifications (e.g. minimum purity, composition, etc.)
- Higher levels of impurities can cause corrosion in the pipeline system and trigger several risks during the storage phase (e.g. leakage, mineral dissolution, erosion, etc.)
- Capturing technologies don't have the same performance in terms of the final CO<sub>2</sub> purity.
- There are neither consensus on the required CO<sub>2</sub> specifications nor official standards. While the purity of the CO<sub>2</sub> used for EOR operations in USA is not very high ( $\approx 96\%$ ), recent CCS studies are in favor for very high purities (food-grade CO<sub>2</sub>).
- Lack of official standards in terms of the specifications required for geological storage can increase the economic uncertainties.
- Depending on the technology adopted, the producers may need an additional purification.

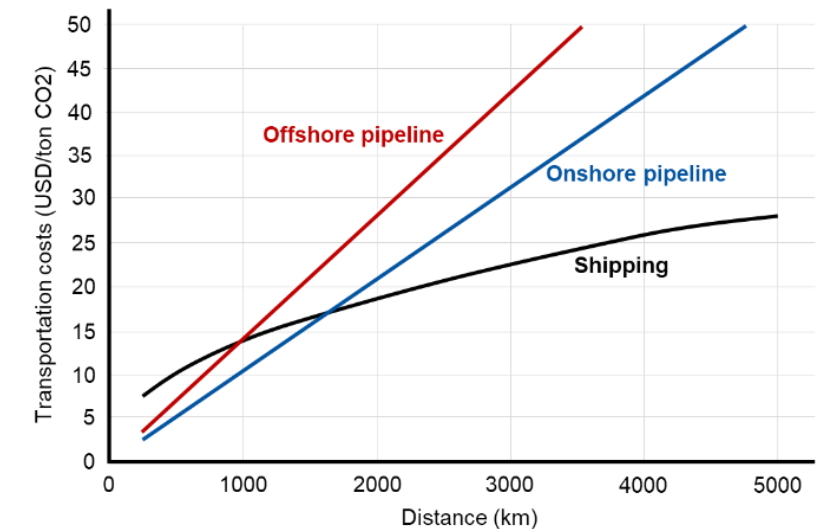
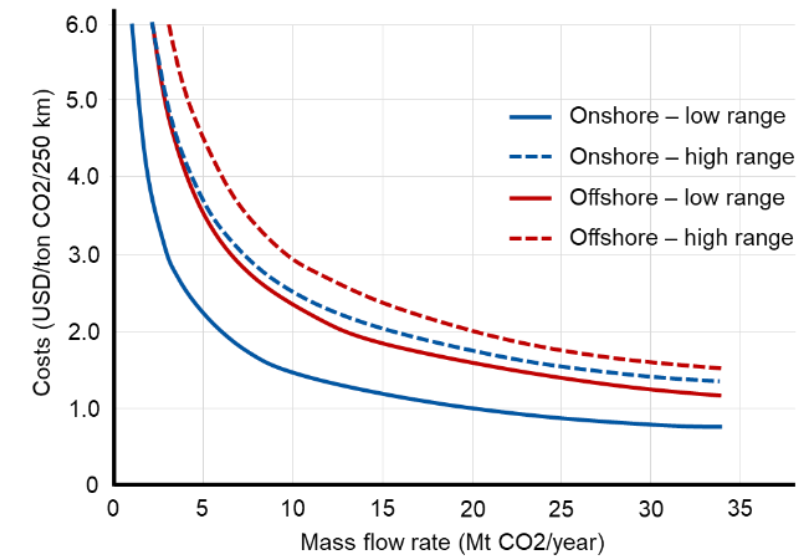


Component	Study (36)			US pipeline	Dynamis	Weyburn EOR project
	Saline Aquifer	Unmineable Coal Seams	Oil & Gas reservoirs			
H2O	300 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>			0.4805 g/Nm3	< 500 ppm	< 20 ppm
H2S	5 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>			10 - 200 ppm	< 200 ppm	< 9000 ppmv
CO	20 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>				< 2000 ppm	< 1000 ppm
O2	4 cmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>	10 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>		< 10 ppm	< 4%	< 50 ppm
CH4		1 cmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>				
N2				< 4%	< 4%	< 300 ppm
Ar					< 4%	
H2						
SOx		0.5 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>				< 100 ppm
Nox					< 100 ppm	
NH3	25 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>					
C2H6	1 cmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>			< 5%	< 4%	< 0.7%
C3+						
Particulates						
HCl						
HF	1.8 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>					
HCN	0.9 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>					
Hg	0.02 mg·m <sup>-3</sup>					
Glycol	46 nmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>					
MEA	1 μmol·mol <sup>-1</sup>					

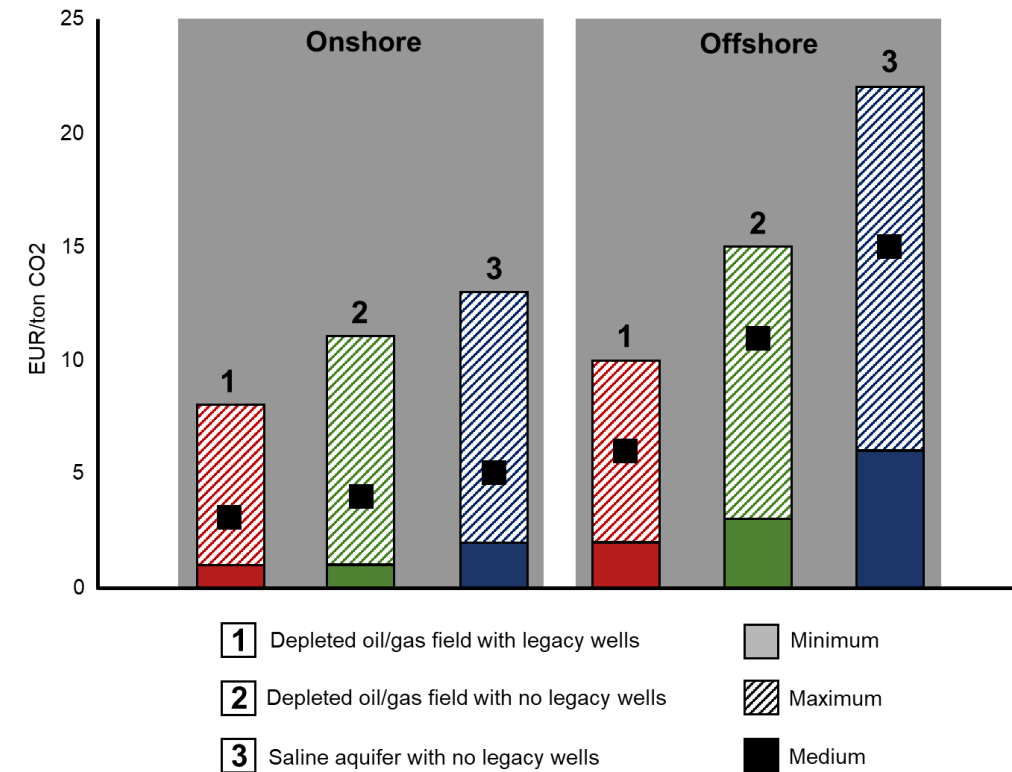
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- In order to transport the captured CO<sub>2</sub> from the sources to sinks, various modes can be used (e.g. pipelines, shipping and trucks).
- Besides purity, the phase of CO<sub>2</sub> is also a crucial factor in the transportation process.
- The selection of transportation mode is mainly dependent on the distance and quantity.
- For long distances, pipelines and shipping are favorable for high and low flowrates respectively.
- Establishing a pipeline network is normally associated with high investments, therefore, having high flowrates is essential in order to lower the unit cost.
- For extremely long distances (e.g. > 1500 km), pipelines can be more expensive than shipping even with high flow rates.

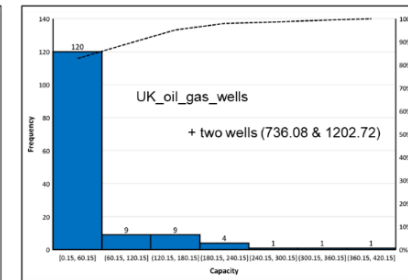
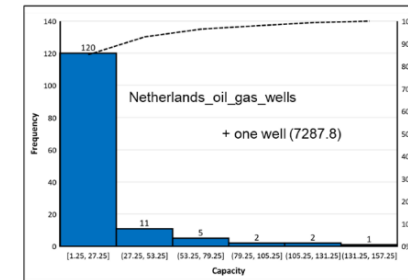
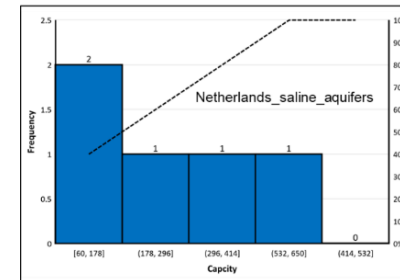
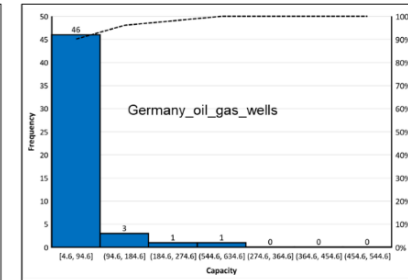
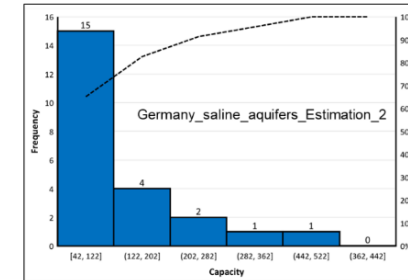
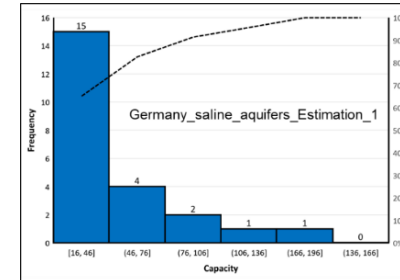
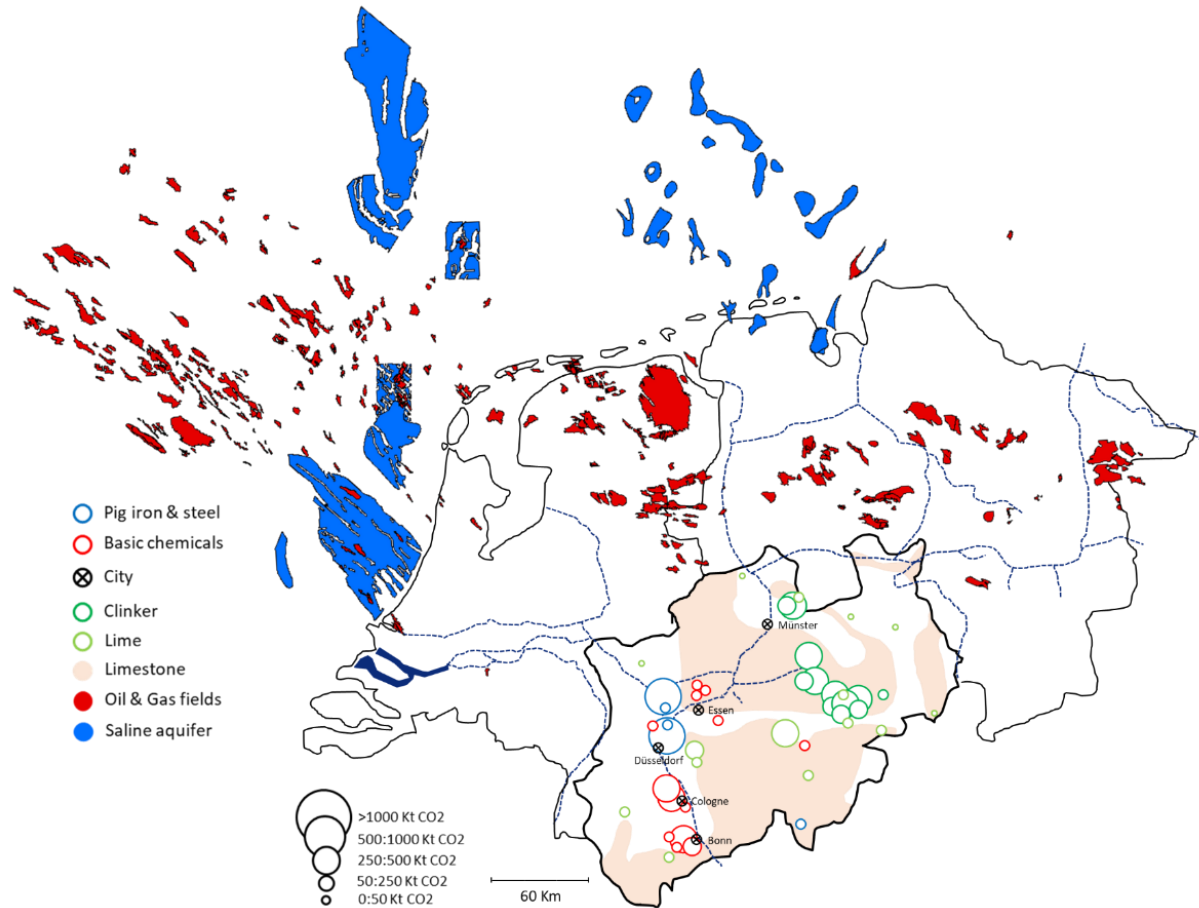


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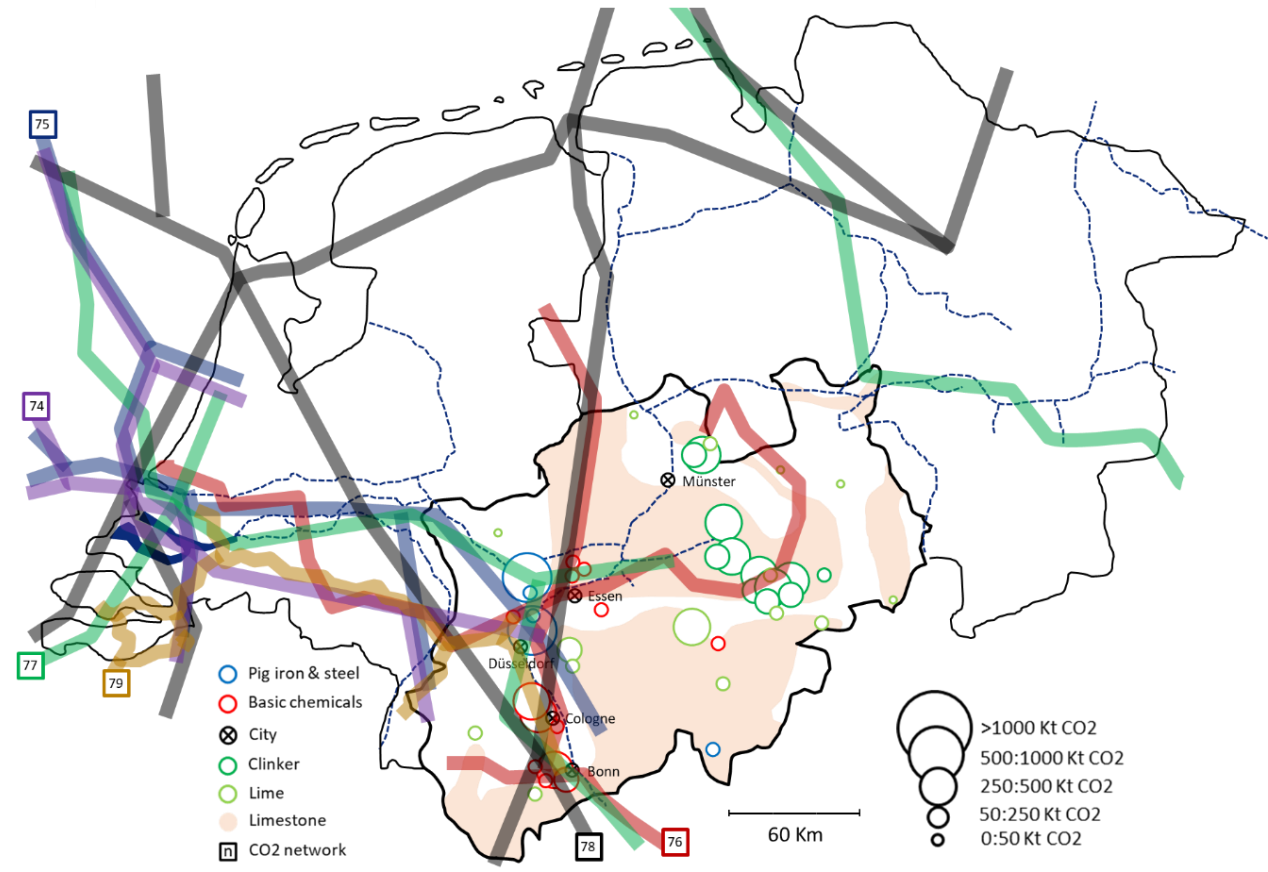
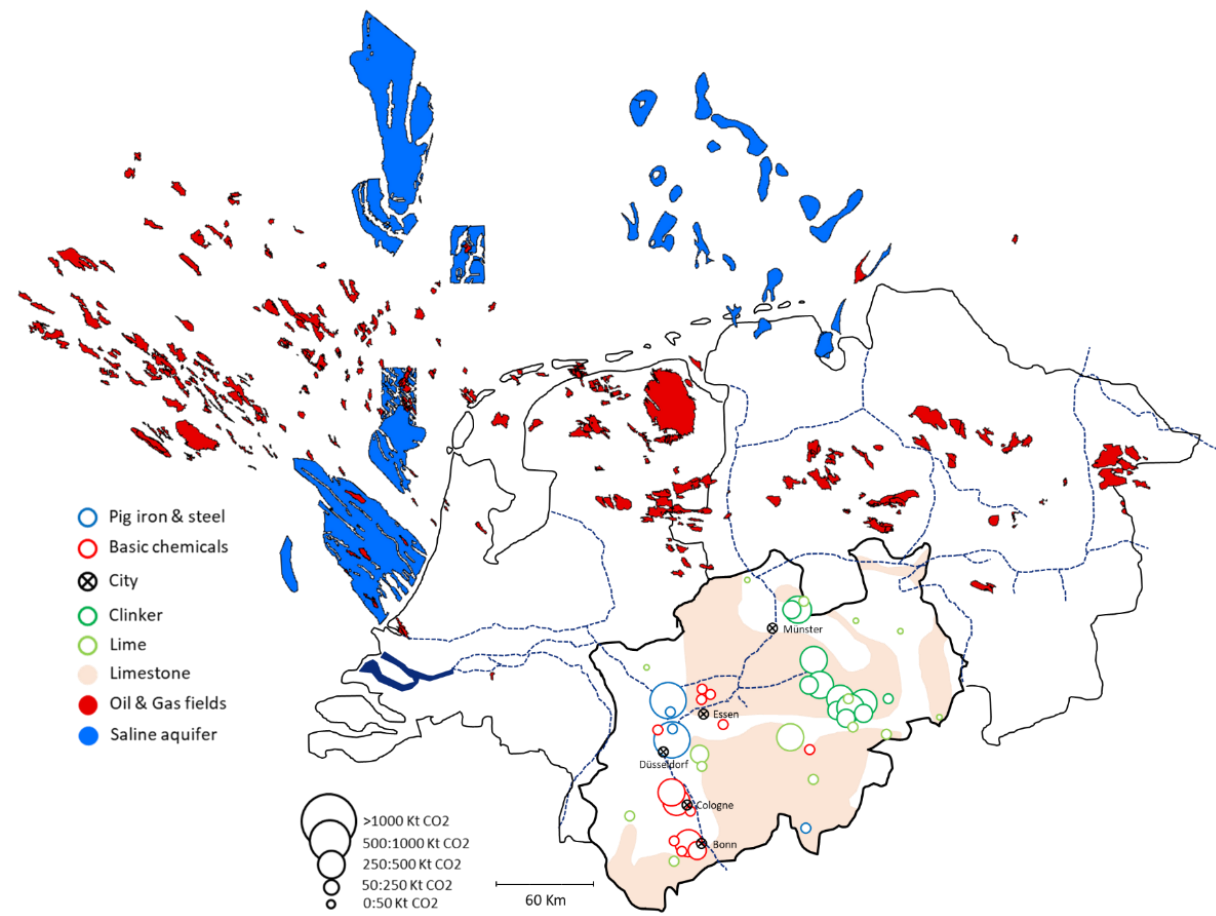
- CO<sub>2</sub> can be geologically stored in various formations, nonetheless, two mediums have caught the attention of CCS studies (i.e. depleted oil and gas fields and saline aquifers).
- CO<sub>2</sub> is geologically trapped via three mechanisms, namely physical residual and solubility trapping.
- Each storage site has its own characteristics which need to be studied and handled differently.
- Due to the characterization, infrastructure and monitoring costs, the economies of scale also apply to geological storage.
- Expected prices range between 1 and 22 EUR/ton CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Offshore storage is more expensive than onshore storage.
- Also, using saline aquifers are more expensive than depleted oil and gas fields.





- $\approx 2.9$  Gt (saline aquifers) and  $\approx 9.9$  Gt (oil and gas fields) in Netherlands and  $\approx 7.7$  Gt (oil and gas fields) in UK.
- The individual capacities, they vary significantly between the storage sites in the three countries.
- There are 28 saline aquifers (capacities between 16 Mt and 650 Mt) and 385 oil and gas fields (capacities between 0.15 Mt and 7287.8 Mt).





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## Economic

- Long-term liability (CO<sub>2</sub> leakage)
- Interdependency & monopolies
- CO<sub>2</sub> prices & policies

## Social

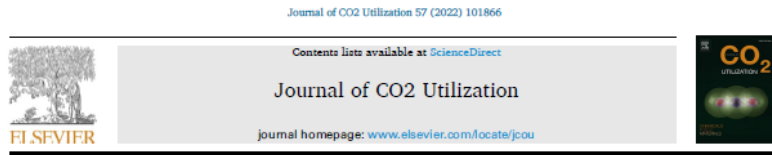
- Terminology
- Information & public awareness
- Public trust
- Economic background
- Incentives
- Culture

Technology		TRL (1-9)		CRL (1-6)		SRL (1-5)	
		Range		Range		Range	
Capture	Direct air capture	1	5	1	3	1	2.4
	Absorption	1	9	1	5	1	4.1
	Oxy-fuel	2	4	1.5	2.9	1.6	2.6
	Adsorption	2	7	1.5	3.4	1.6	3
	Cryogenic separation	3	6	2	3.2	2.4	3.2
	Fuel cells	3	6	2	3.2	2.1	2.8
	Membranes	3	8.5	2	3.9	2.1	3.2
Transport	Shipping	3	7	2	3.2	1.8	2.8
	Rail	6	9	3.1	3.9	2.6	3.3
	Pipeline	7	9	3.6	4.3	3.1	3.6
	Truck	7	9	3.8	4.4	3.2	3.7
	Compression	8	9	4.2	4.6	3.6	3.9
Use	Electro/photochemical	1	4	1	1.9	1	1.7
	Thermochemical	2	5	1.6	2.5	1.4	2.2
	Biological	3	9	2.2	3.9	2	3.2
	Carbonation	5	8	3.5	4.4	3	3.7
Storage	Other (CBM, Basalt)	2	4	1.6	2.2	1.4	2
	Unconventionals	2	5.5	1.7	2.7	1.5	2.3
	Oil & gas fields	5	8	3.5	4.4	3	3.8
	Saline formations	5	8.5	3.5	4.5	3	3.8
EOR	Unconventional EOR	3	6	2.2	3.2	2	2.8
	Storage increase by EOR design	6	8	3.1	3.7	2.4	3.1
	Conventional EOR	7	9	3.7	4.4	3.1	3.7

- The legal aspect is a key part in all the preceding challenges. This can be more obvious in the German federal system due to the various legislative spheres (e.g. state, country, European and International).
- Establishing the required pipeline infrastructure can obviously show the associated legal complexities in NRW.
- Realizing a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network necessitates several consecutive phases (planning, permission, construction, operations, safety, exports, etc.).
- These processes are governed by different laws and include several authorities and entities.
- Additionally, these procedures are unprecedented in Germany, which incur various legal uncertainties

## Relevant laws for CCS in NRW

Law	Relevance
1) Gesetz zur Demonstration der dauerhaften Speicherung von Kohlendioxid Kohlendioxid-Speicherungsgesetz – <b>KSpG</b> (carbon dioxide storage law) (BMJ, 2012)	The German implementation of the directive 2009/31/EC (European Parliament, 2009). The act addresses the major aspects related to CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines (e.g. construction, liability, etc.) and refers to the other respective laws.
2) Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz ( <b>VwVfG</b> ) (administrative procedures law) (BMJ, 1976)	Pipeline planning and permitting procedures of the CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines.
3) Gesetz über die Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfung ( <b>UVPG</b> ) (environmental impact assessment law) (BMJ, 1990)	Environmental impact assessment during the pipeline planning and permitting procedures.
4) Gesetz über die Elektrizitäts- und Gasversorgung (Energiewirtschaftsgesetz - <b>EnWG</b> ) (energy industry law) (BMJ, 2005)	As indicated by KSpG, the planning and safety requirements for CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines are governed by EnWG (similar to the natural gas pipelines). EnWG also refers to the rules of the German technical and scientific association for gas and water (Der Deutsche Verein des Gas- und Wasserfaches e.V. – DVGW).
5) Raumordnungsgesetz ( <b>ROG</b> ) (spatial planning act) (BMJ, 2008)	Regional planning of CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines and project compatibility.
6) Verordnung zur Durchführung des Landesplanungsgesetzes (LandesplanungsgesetzDVO – <b>LPIG DVO</b> ) (Ordinance on the implementation of the state planning act) (MI NRW, 2010)	Regional planning procedures of CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines (>30cm) in North Rhine-Westphalia
7) London protocol (IMO, 2006)	Offshore CO <sub>2</sub> storage and CO <sub>2</sub> exports for offshore storage.
8) Verordnung über Rohrfernleitungsanlagen (Rohrfernleitungsverordnung – <b>RohrFLtgV</b> ) (log-distance pipeline ordinance) (BMJ, 2002)	As there is still no ordinance for major accidents related to CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines, both existing ordinances can be the basis for developing a dedicated one for CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines.
9) Verordnung über Gashochdruckleitungen (Gashochdruckleitungsverordnung – <b>GasHDrLtgV</b> ) (high-pressure gas pipeline ordinance) (BMJ, 2011).	



## Coupling carbon capture and utilization with the construction industry: Opportunities in Western Germany

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### ABSTRACT

Carbon capture and utilization (CCU) is an essential method to sequester unavoidable CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in regions with insufficient geological storage capacities. Nonetheless, there are several uncertainties and knowledge gaps in terms of the future value chains of some CCU technologies (e.g. carbonation). This paper analyzes the potentials of coupling CCU with the supply chains of the construction industry by means of carbonating the concrete products and waste concrete in the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Based on extensive data and statistical analyses, the locations and outputs of the concrete and recycling plants have been determined in order to quantify their CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration capacities. Location-allocation models have been applied to allocate the carbon sources to the potential carbon sinks and calculate the minimum transportation costs. The analysis shows that the total annual sequestration capacity is up to 1 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> with an average transportation distance of 37.4 km (8.3 EUR/ton). Nonetheless, some emission sources have a clear comparative advantage in terms of their proximity to the carbon sinks as the distance ranges between 0.7 km and 99.7 km. Also, some carbon sinks have a comparative advantage in terms of capacities and technology readiness levels. Therefore, the paper also presents models for the different products in order to display the potentials of each category separately and offer more flexibility to the stakeholders.

### 1. Introduction

According to the energy transition policy (Energiewende), Germany plans to reach carbon neutrality by 2045 [1]. Nevertheless, the industrial process emissions are one of the major challenges to reach this goal as they result from the production process and cannot be mitigated even by using carbon-neutral energy resources. Hence, permanent carbon storage sinks will be needed in order to sequester the extensive amounts of process emissions in Germany (65 Mt in 2018 = 8% of the total GHG emissions [2]).

Although carbon capture and storage (CCS) is a feasible route due to the experience gathered from many enhanced oil recovery (EOR) projects in the last decades especially in Northern America [3], there are various challenges associated with deploying the technology such as public acceptance and environmental concerns. Therefore, CCU can be favorable in regions where social resistance and land use challenges exist [4]. Moreover, some additional costs associated with CCS such as purifying the CO<sub>2</sub>, infrastructure and liability & monitoring after storage [5–7] can be avoided in case of adopting certain CCU technologies.

According to [8–10], Carbonation, mineralization and EOR are the only permanent CCU storage technologies. Other techniques like synthetic fuels and chemicals can be considered as temporary storage sinks as the CO<sub>2</sub> will be released again in the atmosphere after consumption. While the concept of EOR is based on utilizing the CO<sub>2</sub> to yield the hard-to-recover oil and eventually storing it geologically, the concept of mineralization and carbonation is based on the reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> with the oxides found in certain minerals and cementitious materials to generate carbonates as stable compounds. The EOR is characterized by a high technology readiness level (TRL) and there is already an existing robust supply chain with more than 7,000 km of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines connecting the CO<sub>2</sub> sources and oil fields in the USA [11,12], but not in Europe. Recently, carbonation and mineralization are getting more attention due to the necessity of finding CO<sub>2</sub>-mitigation techniques. Therefore, many related research questions started to be addressed in the literature.

Although the chemical principle of mineralization and carbonation is analogous, their value chains are different. As shown in Eqs. (1) and (2), the mineralization technique depends on fixing the CO<sub>2</sub> in the oxides of natural minerals (e.g. olivine, serpentine, etc.) [13]. These minerals are

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Germany has set an ambitious plan to reach carbon neutrality by 2045 despite being the biggest emitter in Europe (810 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> in 2019) and, more specifically, energy-involved emissions cannot be abated. <sup>1</sup> et al.<sup>2</sup> four industries (cement, iron and steel, chemicals, and power generation) process emissions in Germany.

While the steel and chemical industries (e.g. hydrogen), the production process. That is why the cement industry is a critical element of the international roadmaps. It is very carbon capture and utilization and that have significant amounts of

This paper investigates the role of prospective supply chains, the emissions and their technological challenges. Some of these challenges are geographical features of a certain region from the German federal state of NRW has been selected due to its considered to be the hub of Germany.

The paper presents the current state of NRW and the existing efficiency. Section 3 then investigates the technologies while considering the focuses on the economic, social

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In this latest OIES podcast James Henderson talks to Martin Lambert and Ali Abdelshafy about their recent paper entitled “The Role of CCUS in Decarbonising the Cement Industry: a German case study.” The authors discuss why CCUS is so important in the cement industry, and having outlined the general process of carbon capture and storage and its use in the cement industry they talk in detail about how CO<sub>2</sub> is captured in the various parts of the cement manufacturing process. They also review how the CO<sub>2</sub> is then transported to various storage points and discuss how the creation of industrial clusters for CCUS can enhance synergy benefits, using the North Rhine Westphalia region of Germany as an important case study. They also consider how common infrastructure can therefore become a critical element of the business model, while also discussing how social and legal issues need to be addressed to ensure the feasibility of any project. Finally, they outline the future plans for further research on this topic, including work on other hard to abate sectors.

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# Modeling and analysis of CO<sub>2</sub> networks: A German case study

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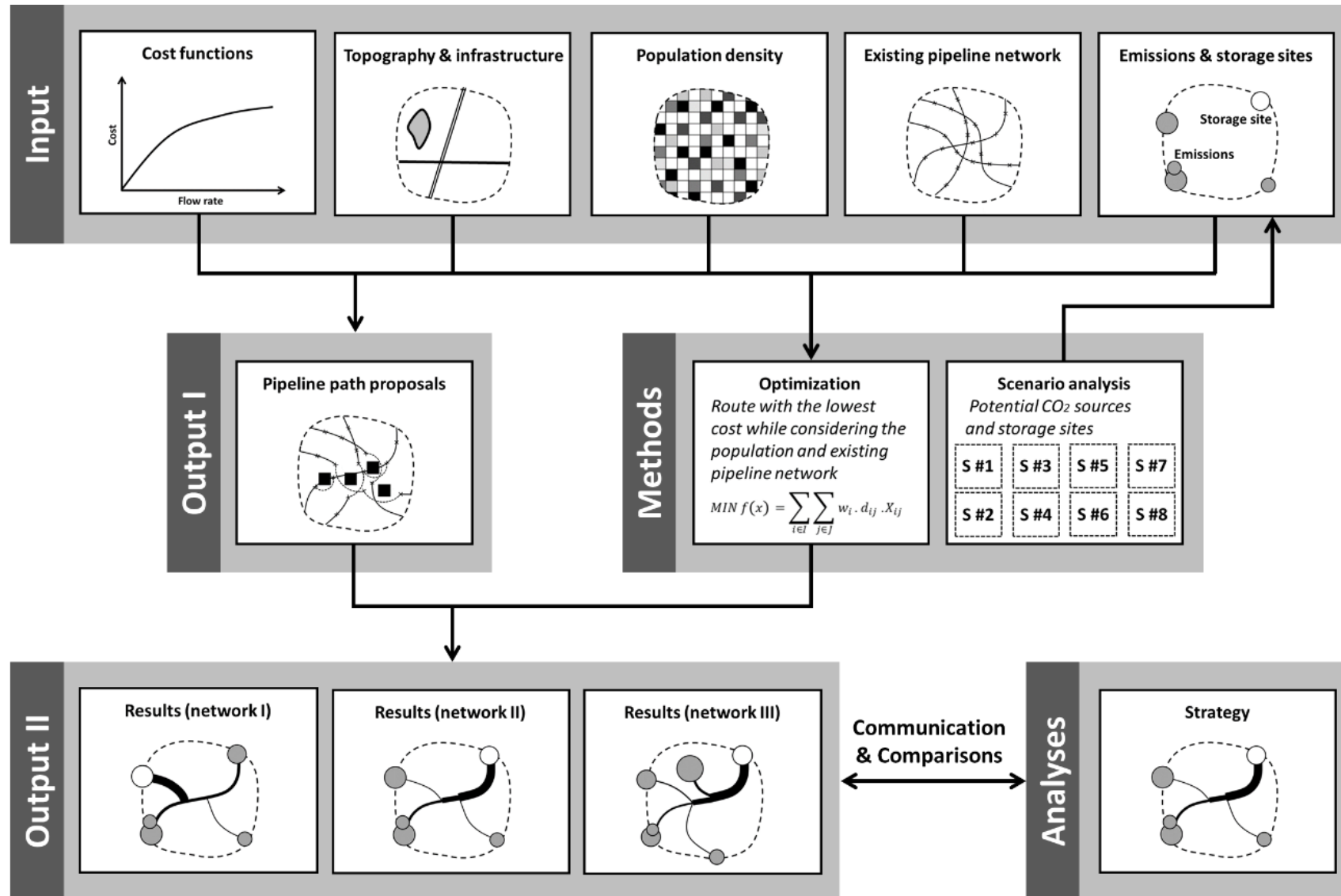
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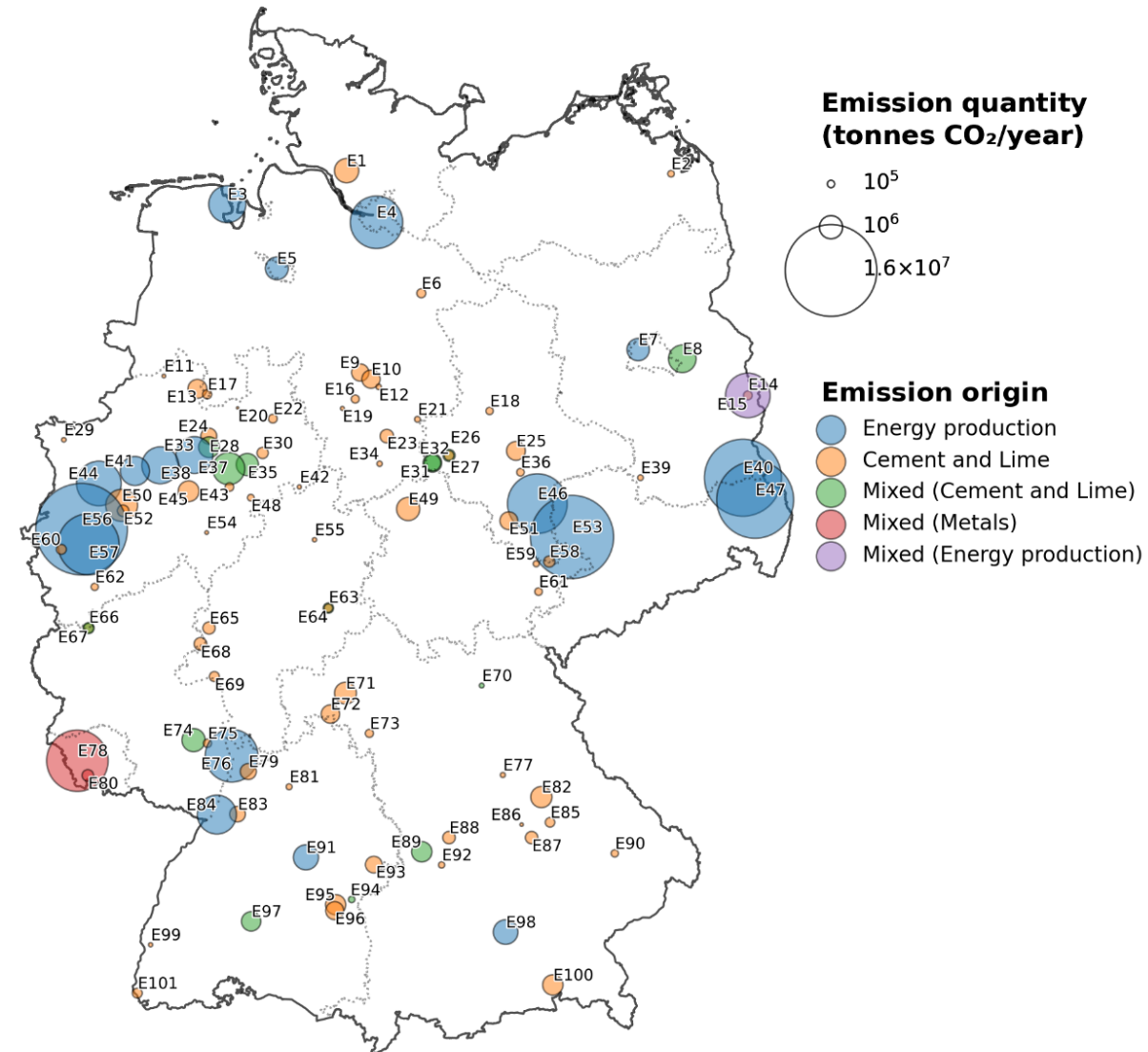
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- **Scenario 1**: hard-to-abate/process emissions of clinker and lime industries (95 plants).
- **Scenario 2**: All emissions (fuel & process) of clinker and lime industries (95 plants).
- **Scenario 3 & 4**: consider a threshold, below which the cement and lime plants will not be a part of the network (i.e. 100 kt and 50 kt respectively), which result in 65 and 81 plants respectively.
- **Scenario 5**: investigates the impact of adding the coal and lignite power plants to the network as a method to achieve both energy transition and security in the short term.
- **Scenario 6**: considers the steel plants away from the hydrogen network as potential users of the CO<sub>2</sub> network



- Parker's model considers material, right of way, labor and miscellaneous costs in a combined quadratic function of pipeline diameter and a linear function of pipeline length.
- A cost-adjusted version of Parker's model has been used in a recent study focusing on the German infrastructure design

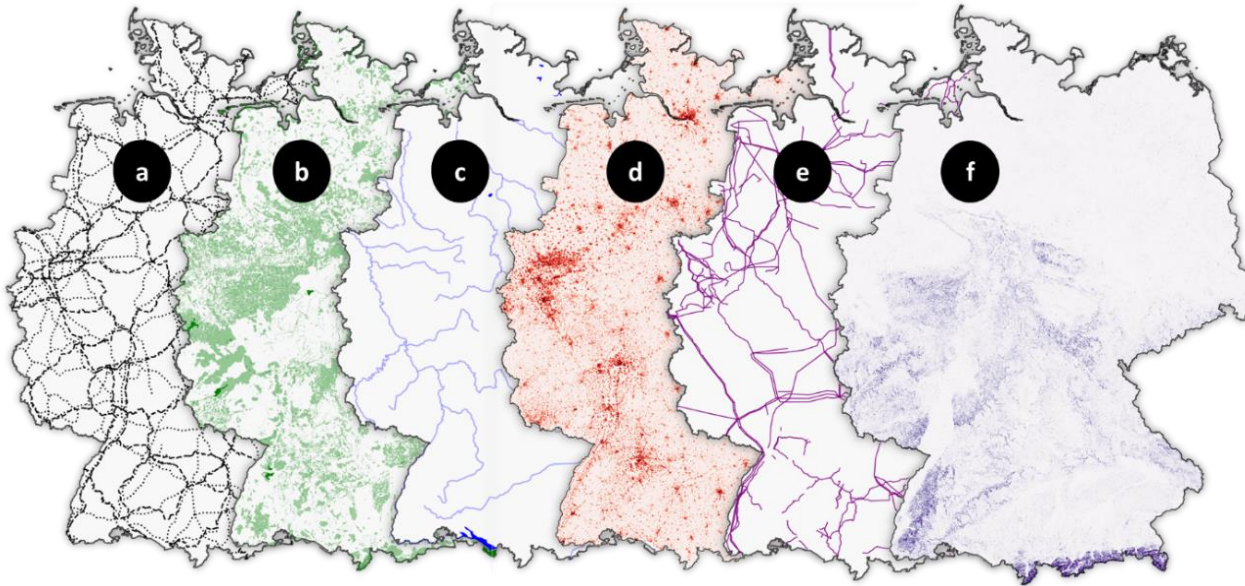
$$I_{total} = (996,820 \times D^2 + 441,912 \times D + 223,522) \times L + 545,537$$

- $I_{total}$  is the total investment cost in € (2010) for a single pipeline in which,  $D$  is the diameter (m);  $L$  is the length in km
- Including an added fixed cost for each of these segments would increase the overall cost unrealistically and hinder the optimization process.

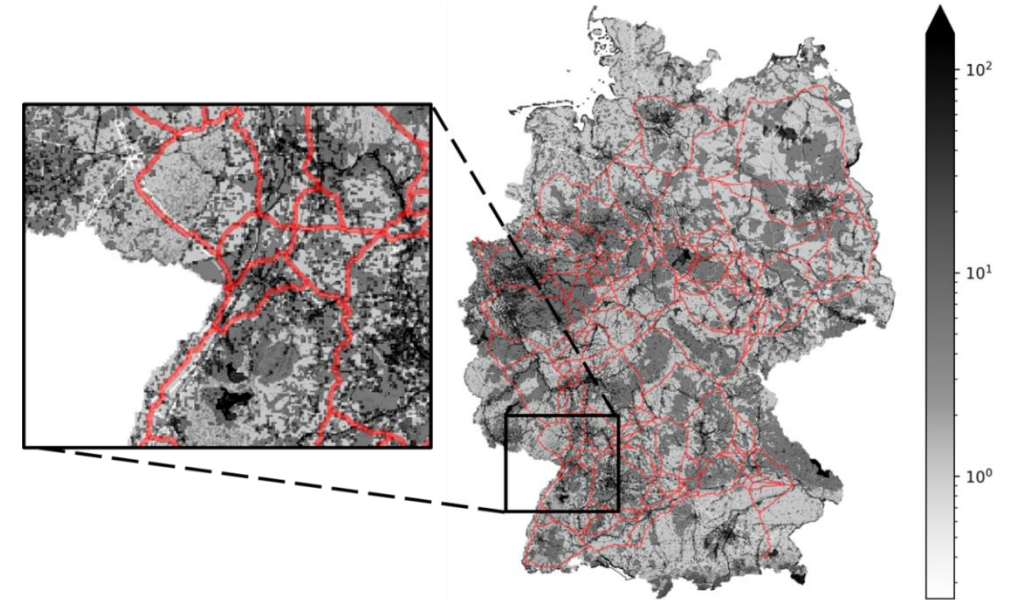
$$I_{total} = (1,355,675.2 \times D^2 + 601,000.32 \times D + 303,989.92) \times L$$

- We assume a constant flow rate of liquid CO<sub>2</sub> at 3 m/s, pipeline pressure is also set to 100 Bar, giving an approximate fluid density of 900 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at a temperature of roughly 15°C

<b>Step A0:</b>	Start from solution obtained by taking the Minimum Spanning Tree
<b>Step A1:</b>	Initiate empty solution list
<b>Step A2.1:</b>	Identify unused edges $E_U$ in incumbent solution <b>For</b> each edge $e_U$ of the set $E_U$ : - Add edge $e_U$ to the tentative solution - Identify edges $E_c$ in created cycle,
<b>Step A2.2:</b>	<b>For</b> each edge $e_c$ of the set $E_c \setminus \{e_{Ui}\}$ : - remove $e_{ci}$ from the tentative solution - Calculate capacity and cost - Add tentative solution to solution list
<b>Step A3:</b>	Find minimal-cost solution from solution list
<b>Step A4:</b>	<b>If</b> this solution is better than current incumbent solution: - Set this new solution as incumbent solution - Restart from <b>Step A1</b>  <b>Else:</b> - Use <b>Algorithm B</b>
<b>Step B0:</b>	Start from solution obtained from <b>Algorithm A</b> as incumbent solution
<b>Step B1:</b>	Initiate empty solution list
<b>Step B2.1:</b>	<b>For</b> each emitter node $n_e$ in the network: - Identify all neighbouring nodes $N_3$ in the full graph up to a graph distance of 3
<b>Step B2.2:</b>	<b>For</b> each neighbouring $n_3$ node in $N_3$ - Find shortest Euclidean distance path in full graph between $n_e$ and $n_3$ , made of edges $E_p$ - Add edges from $E_p$ to a tentative solution - Find all cycles in tentative solution
<b>Step B2.3:</b>	- Repeat recursively <b>Step A2.2</b> from <b>Algorithm A</b> until all cycles are explored, and solution trees added to solution list
<b>Step B3:</b>	Find minimal-cost solution from solution list
<b>Step B4:</b>	<b>If</b> this solution is better than current incumbent solution: - Set this new solution as incumbent solution - Restart from <b>Algorithm A</b> , <b>Step A1</b>  <b>Else:</b> - Return incumbent solution

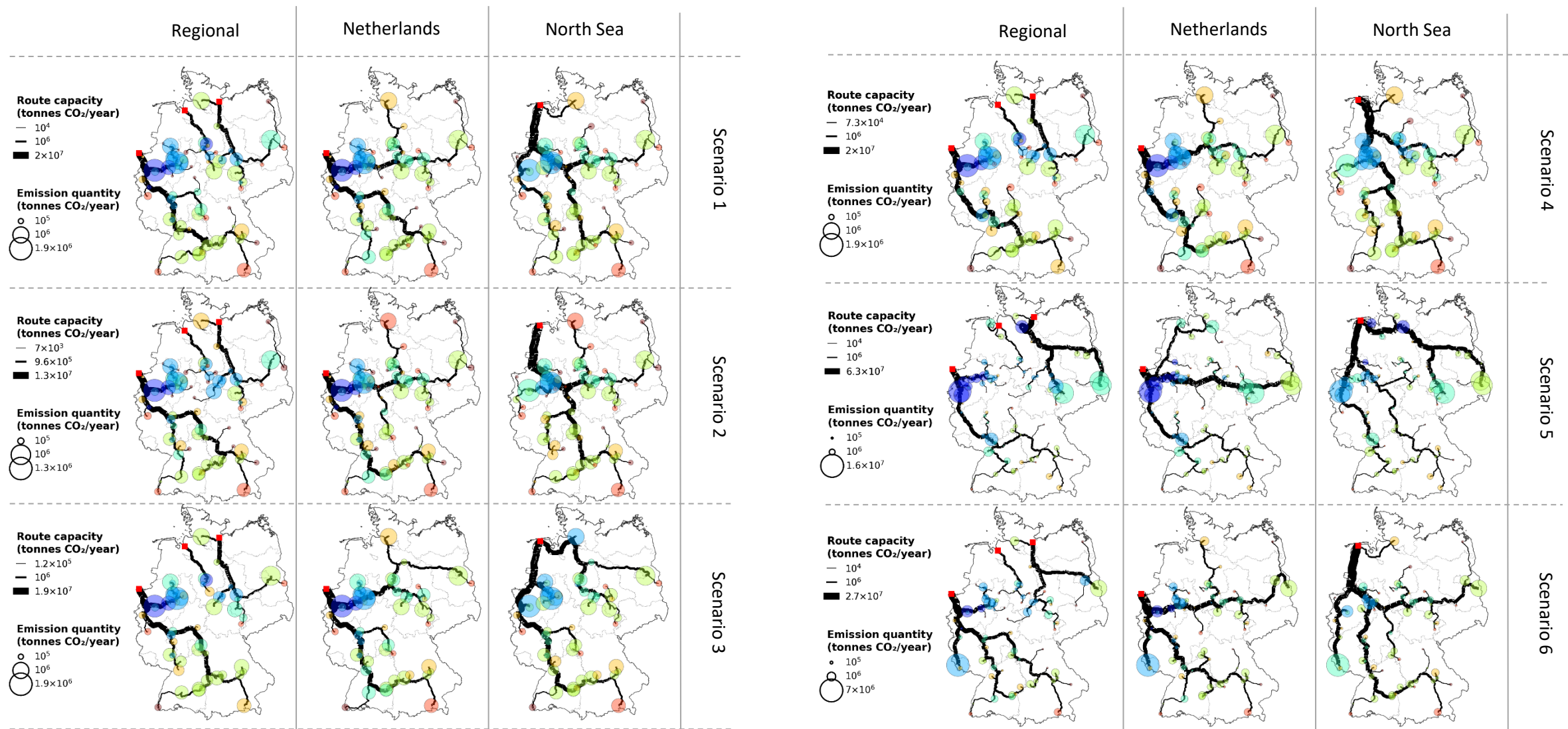


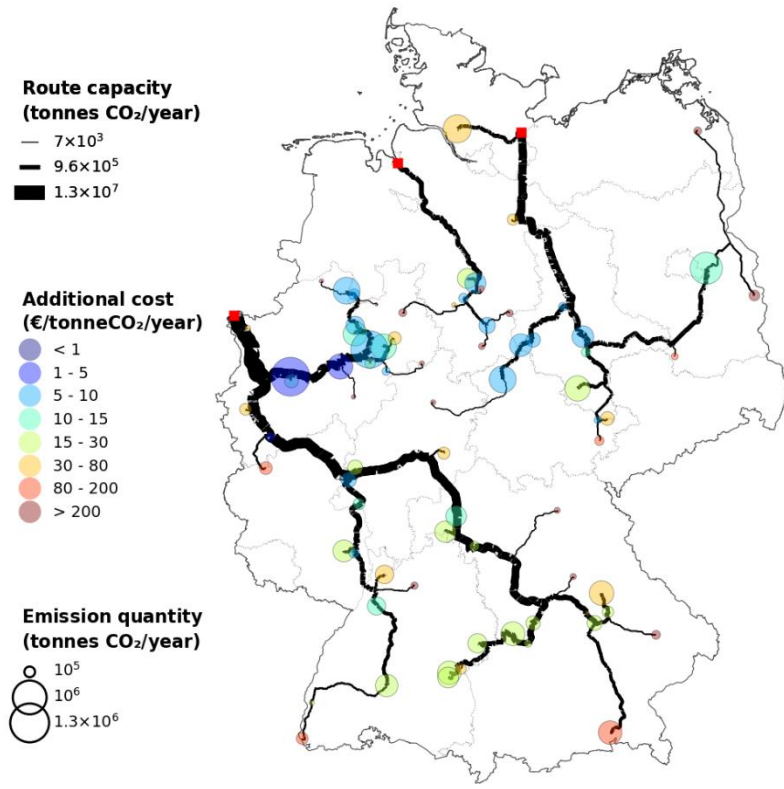
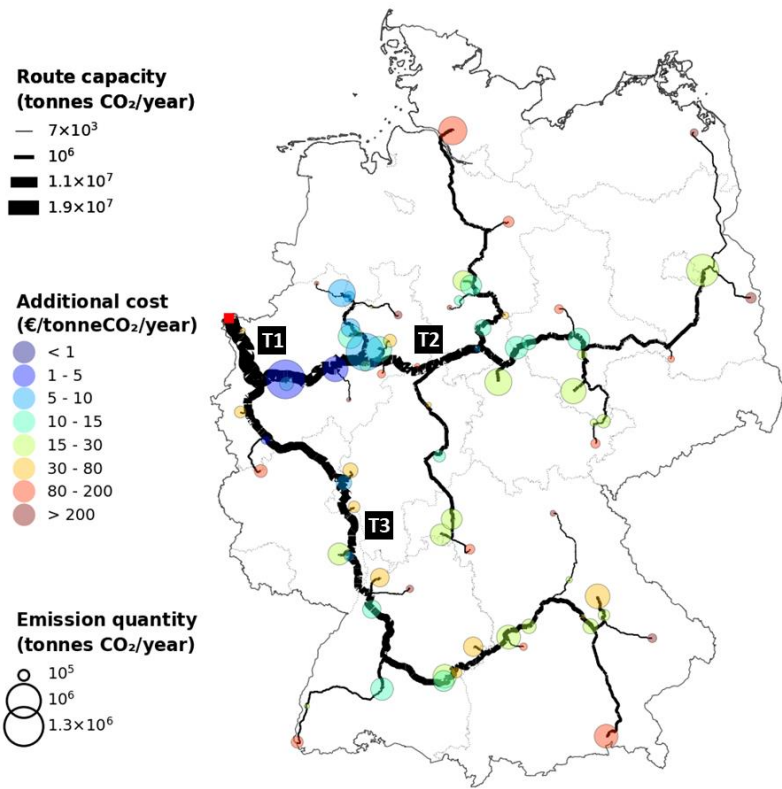
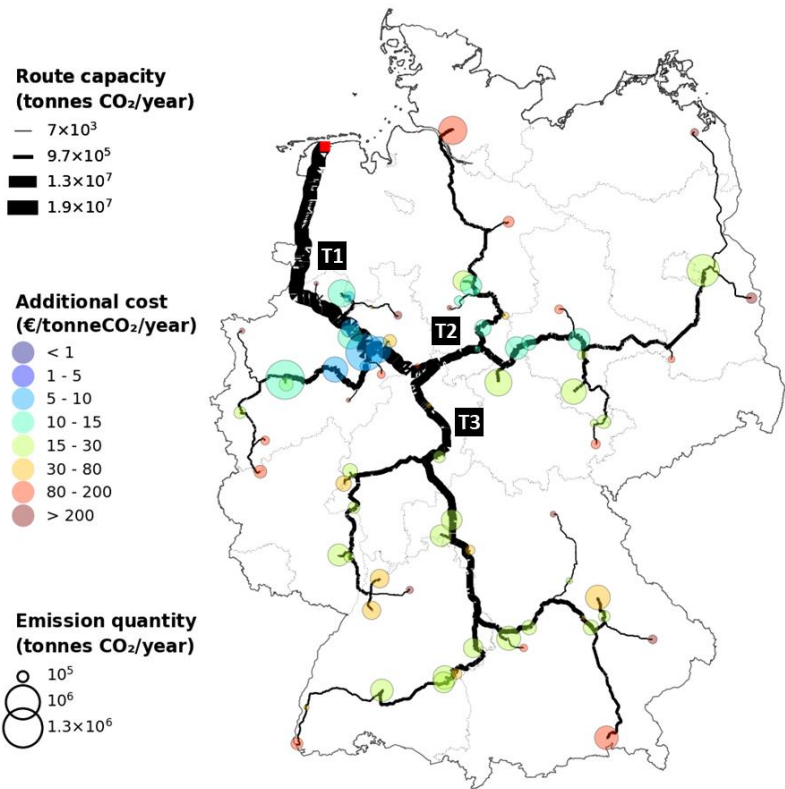
Dataset	Described elements
Point source CO <sub>2</sub> Installation list 2020	Point source CO <sub>2</sub> emission volumes
Electricity, heat, and gas sector data for modeling the German system.	Existing pipeline network
German National census	Population density per km
Natural Earth	Rivers, Lakes, Motorway, Railways
WISE	Transitional waters
CCDA	CDDA protected areas, National parks
EU-DEM	Slope



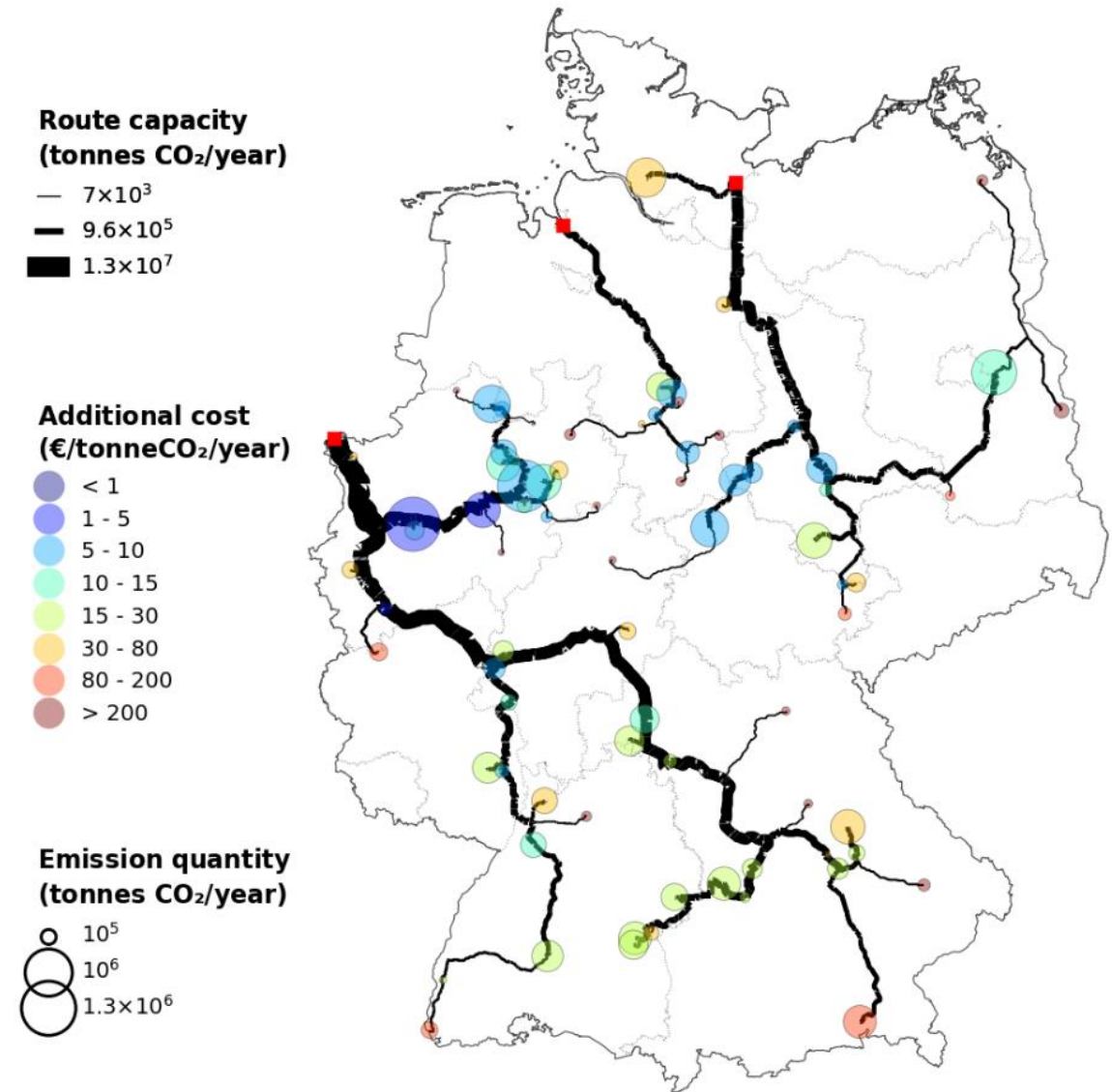
Feature	Multiplier
Population density/km <sup>2</sup> (<250)	1
Population density/km <sup>2</sup> (250-500)	4
Population density/km <sup>2</sup> (500-2000)	9
Population density/km <sup>2</sup> (2000-4000)	16
Population density/km <sup>2</sup> (4000-8000)	25
Population density/km <sup>2</sup> (>8000)	36
Pre-existing pipelines	0.25
Railroads	3
Motorways	3
Rivers, lakes, and transitional waters	10
CDDA protected areas (excl. National parks)	10
National parks	30
Terrain slope	1-20





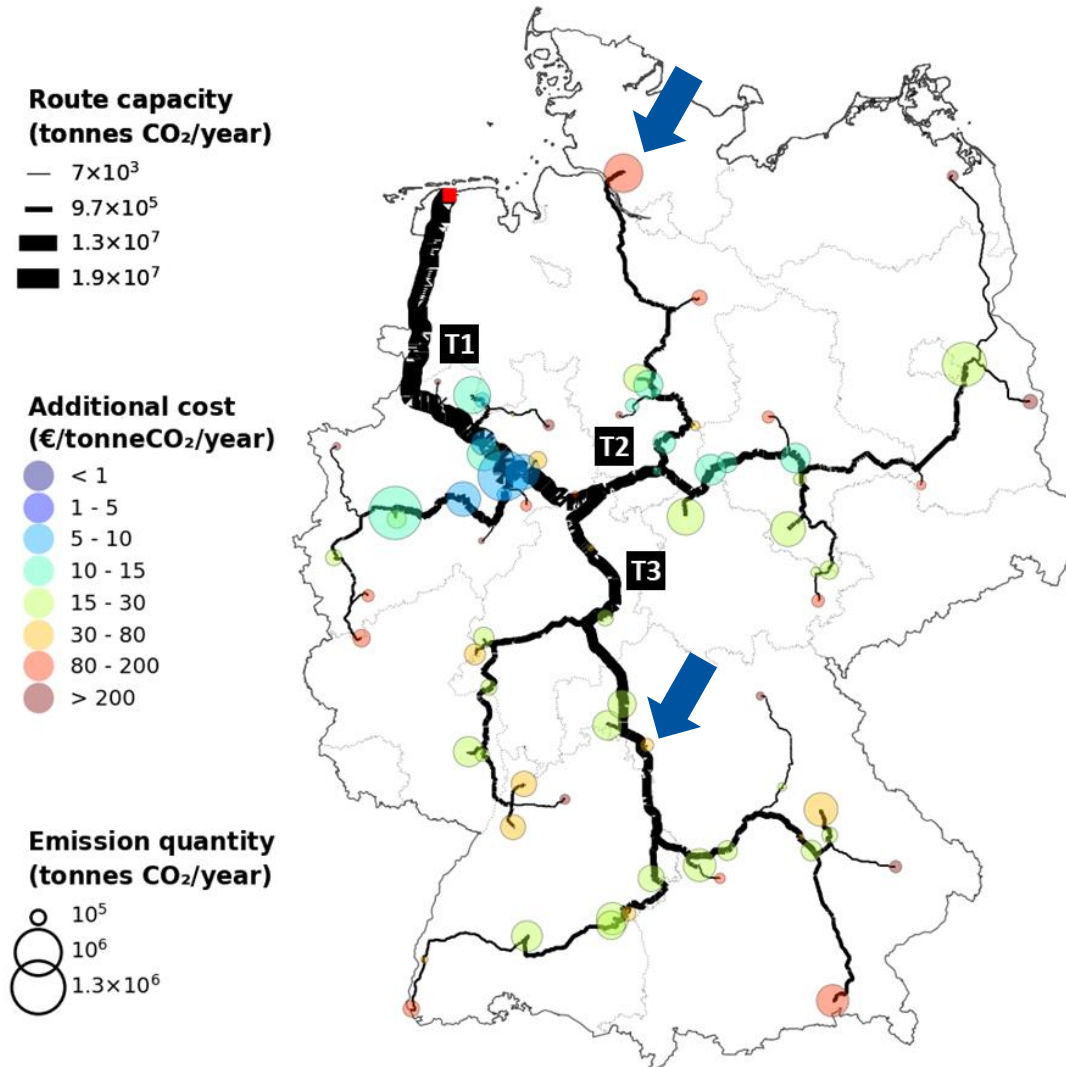


- The total cost is approximately 1.7 B EUR & average transportation cost is more than 85 EUR/tone CO<sub>2</sub>
- The optimized CO<sub>2</sub> network links the individual pipelines into common bigger trunks with higher capacities in order to exploit the economies of scale.
- The specific transportation costs vary significantly.
- Increasing the emissions from scenario 1 to scenario 2, increases the total costs only (10%), while the total CO<sub>2</sub> transported increased more than (30%).
- Therefore, the average specific cost per CO<sub>2</sub> transported has decreased ( $\approx 62$  EUR/tone CO<sub>2</sub>).
- Some plants have been impacted by this change such as plant, while other have been barely impacted.
- Changes in the configurations can be identified

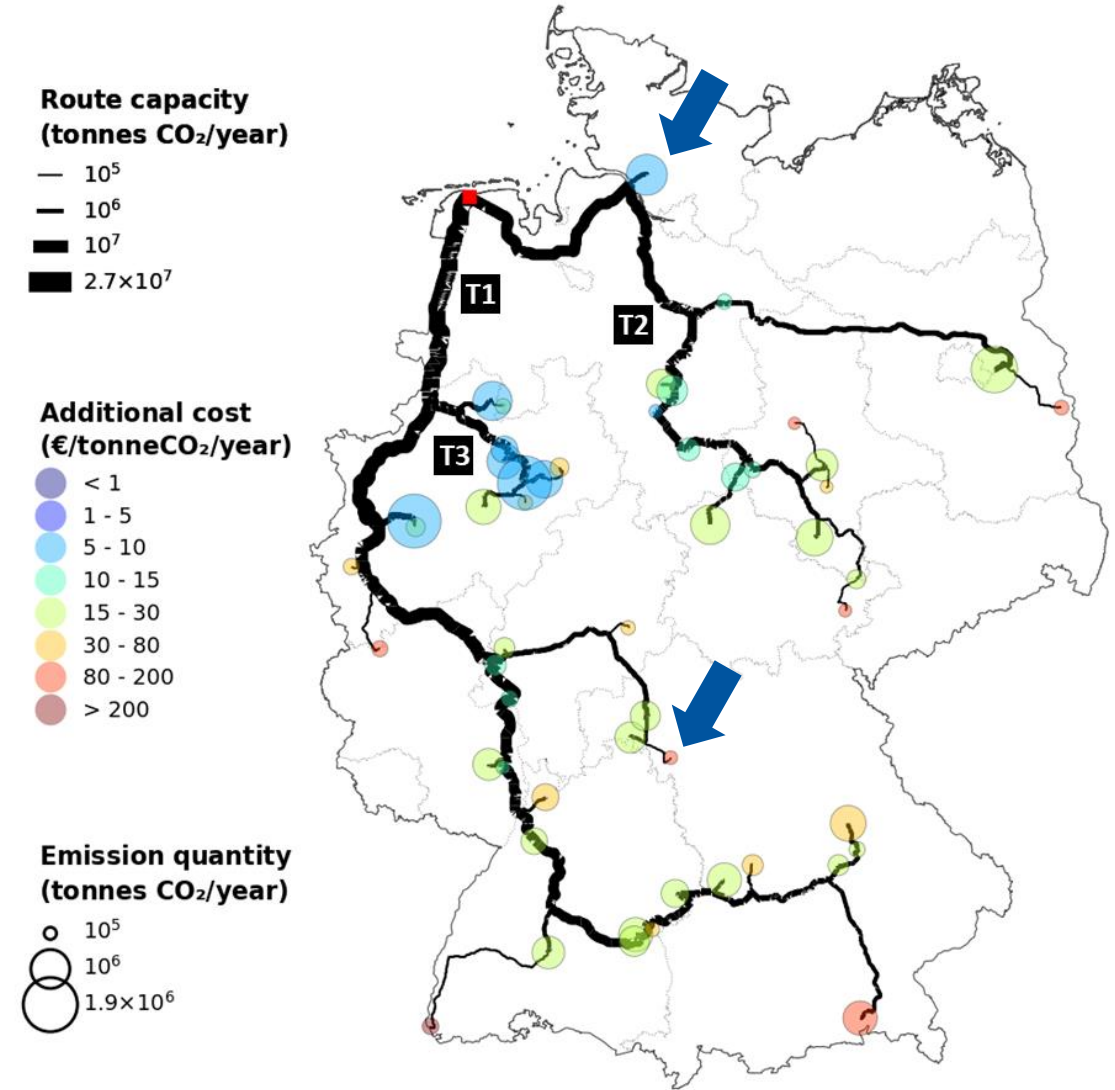




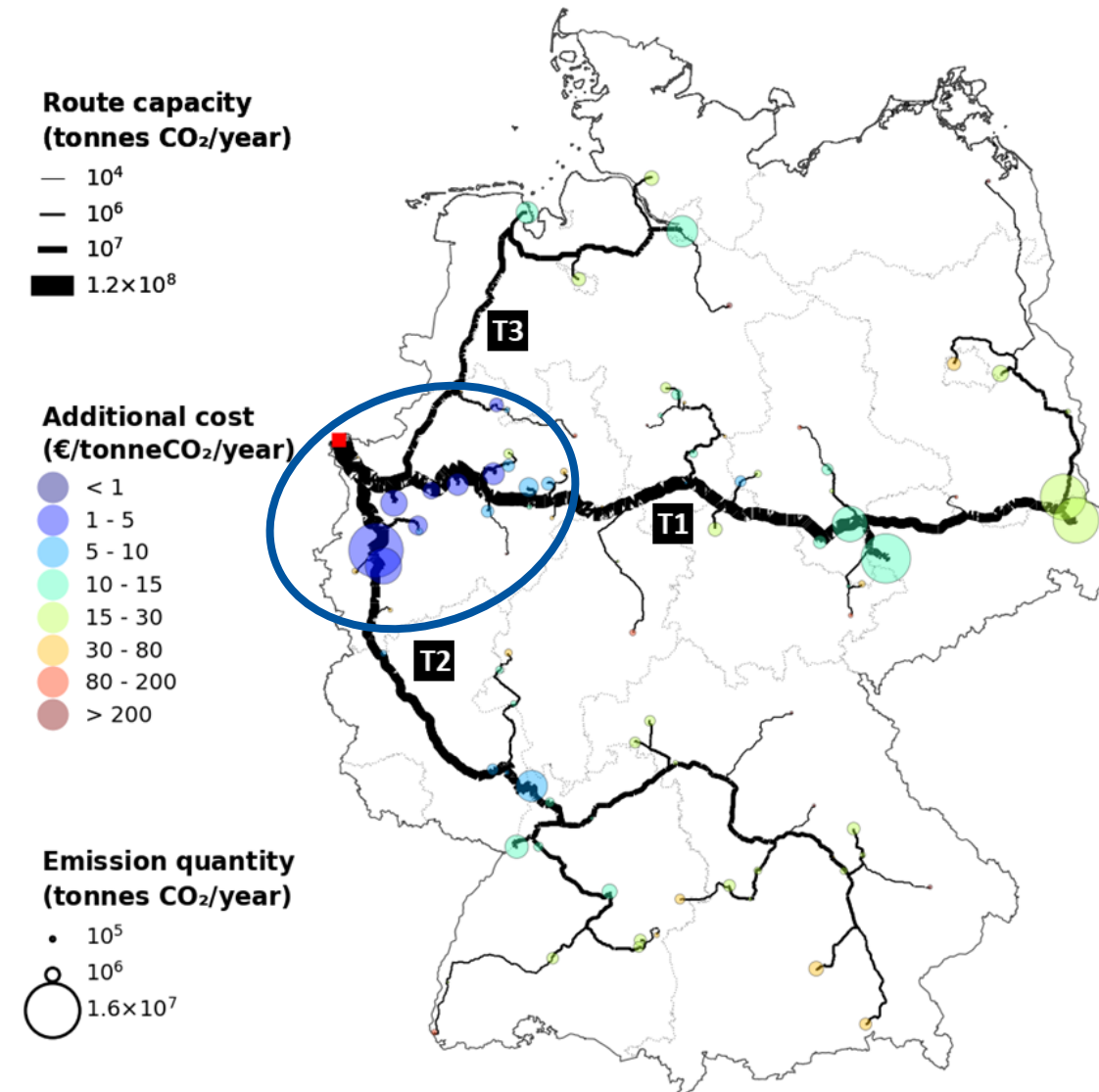
## Scenario 1



## Scenario 3

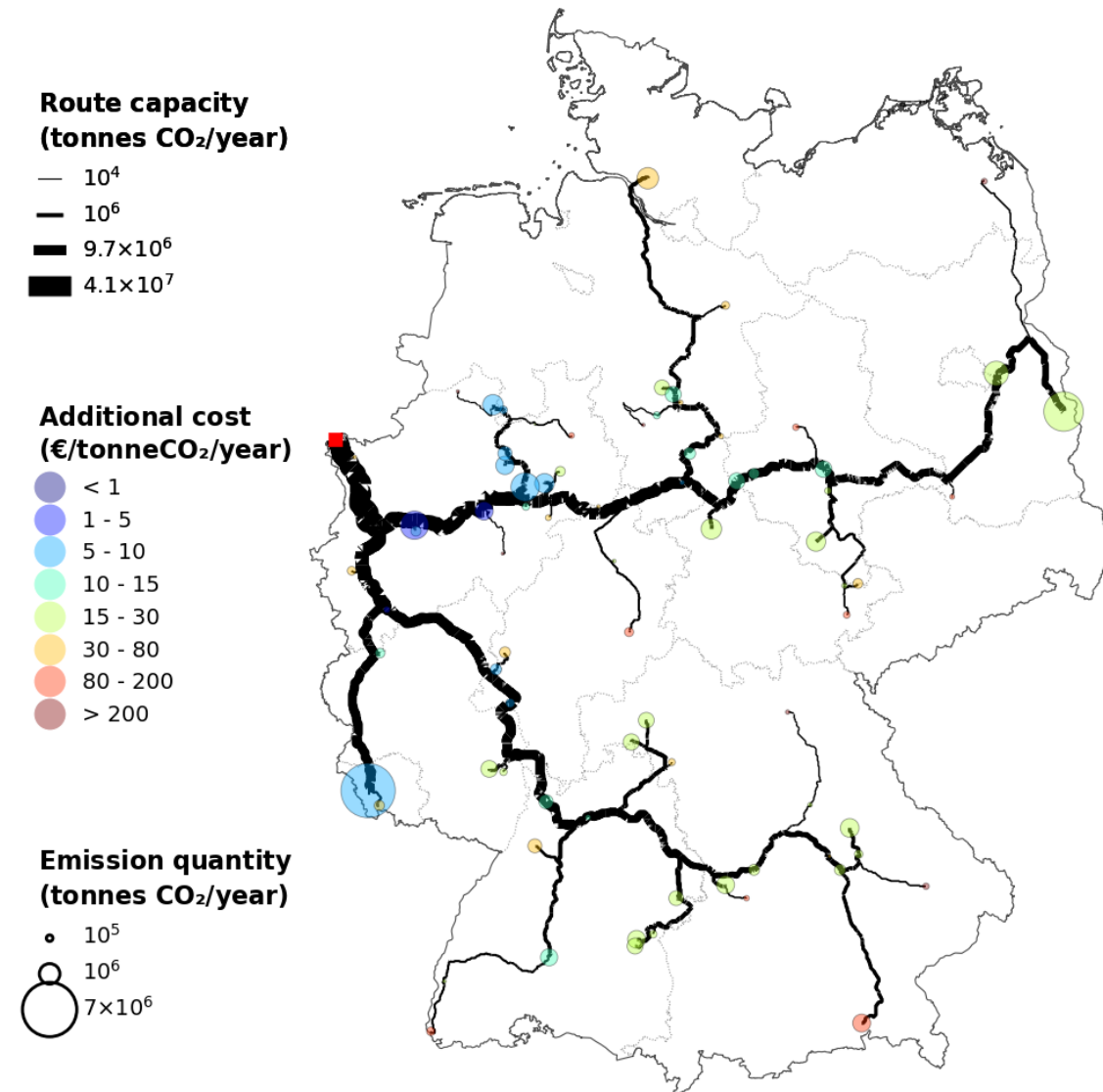


- Linking the coal and lignite power plants to the CO<sub>2</sub> network has an enormous impact on all related aspects:
  - Configuration
  - Total costs & average specific transportation cost
  - Individual specific transportation costs
- The configuration of the network and the main corridors are shaped by the biggest emitters (i.e. power plants).
- Therefore, a major CO<sub>2</sub> corridor has evolved to transport the significant CO<sub>2</sub> amounts from east to west.
- While the total costs have increased two thirds ( $\approx 2.7$  B EUR), the average specific transportation cost has significantly decreased as the total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> have increased approximately 7 times.
- This change is very evident especially for the plants that became close to the new major pipelines.

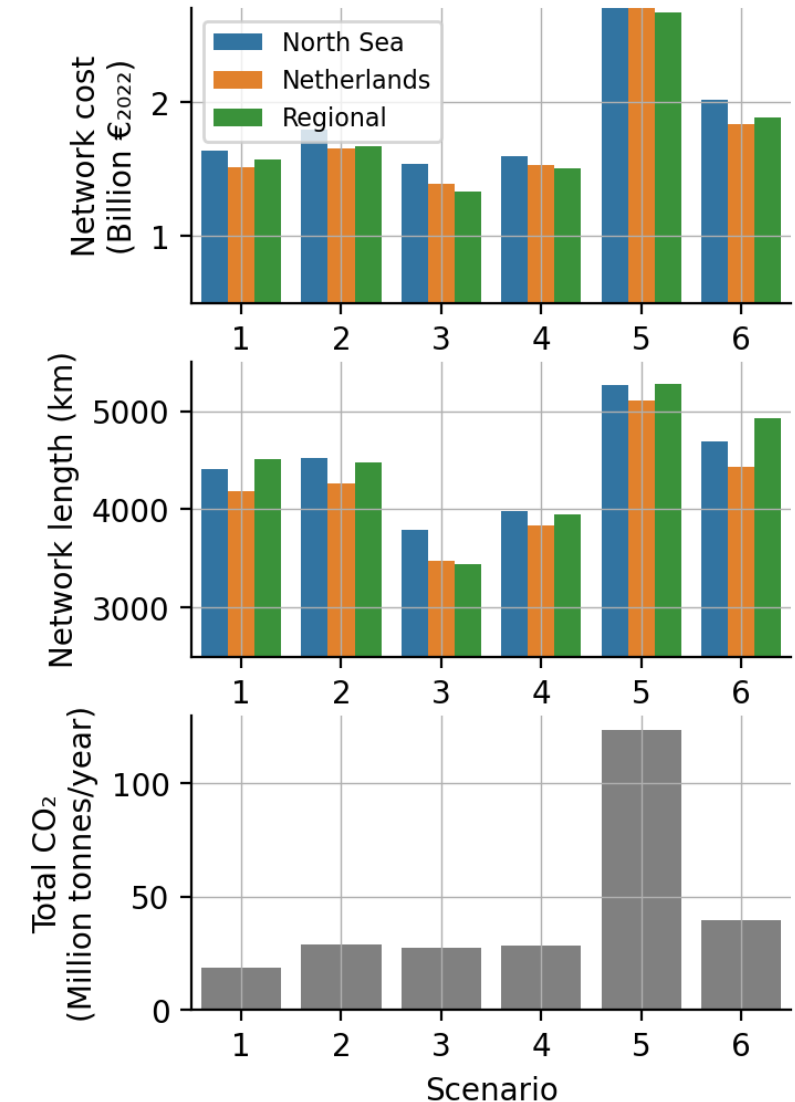




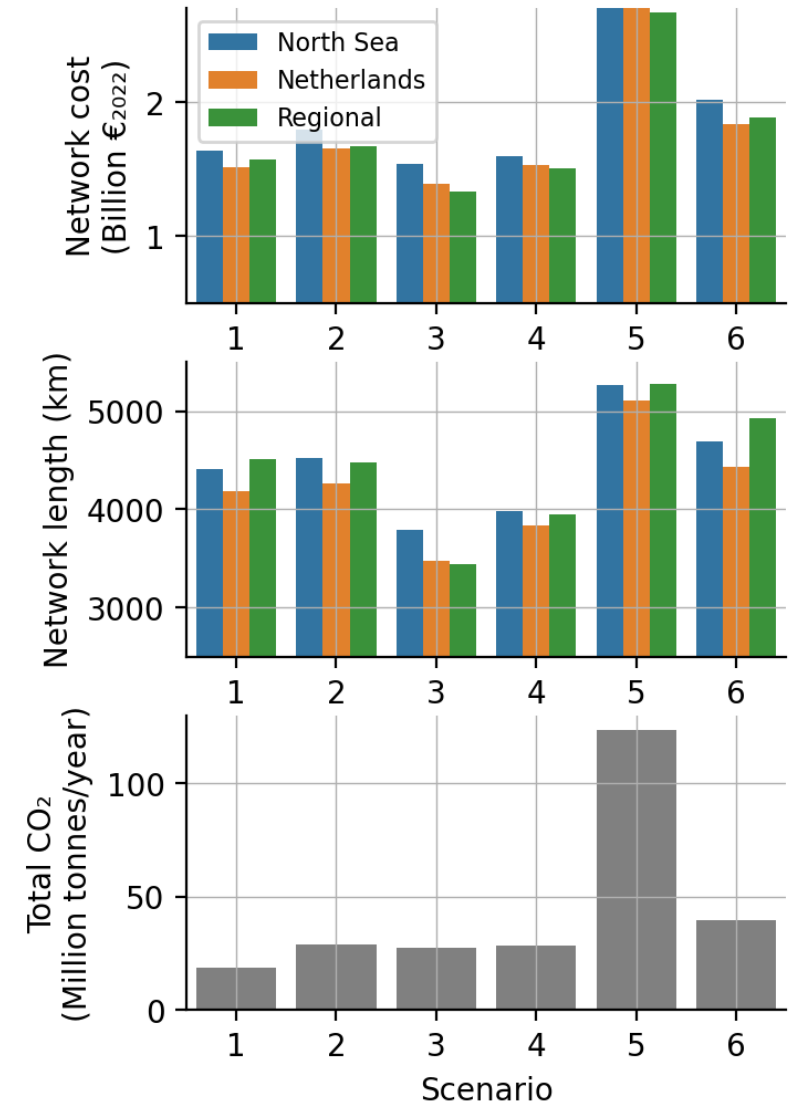
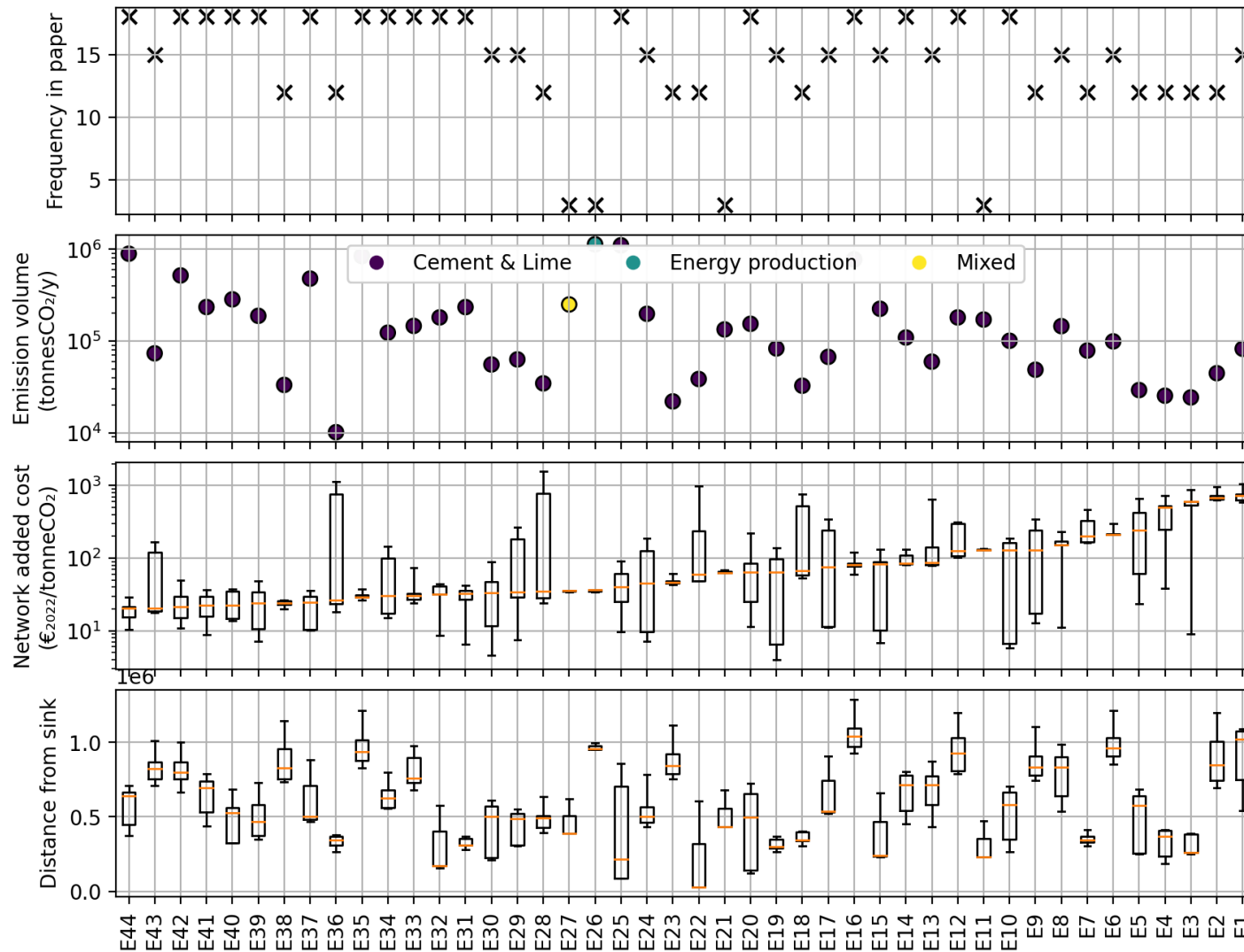
- The hydrogen network should reach the main German primary steel producers located in NRW, Lower Saxony and Bremen.
- Nonetheless, two sites in Brandenburg and Saarland would not be covered by the network depicted by the roadmap.
- The steel production from these two sites is associated with 10.8 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>, which means that the capacity to increase by more than one-third.
- Herein, a considerable capacity in Brandenburg has been added, also the federal state of Saarland has been connected to the CO<sub>2</sub> network for the first time.
- Similar to scenario 5, the increase in costs is not directly proportional to the increase in capacities due to the economies of scale.



- The costs and network lengths of all three storage cases (i.e. North Sea, the Netherlands and regional clusters) are similar for a given scenario, with small differences.
- Interestingly, splitting the network into regional sinks doesn't consistently lead to lower costs.
- Economies-of-scale effect is not limited to the national-scale CO<sub>2</sub> backbone, regional networks can also achieve cost efficiencies.
- Pipeline is not the only costs, additional costs and factors have to be taken into consideration while considering both strategies.
- As the economies of scale also affect the transshipment, one-network approach is more cost-efficient.
- However, one network implies that any problem takes place along the network can influence all the emitters, while regional networks can be more resilient.

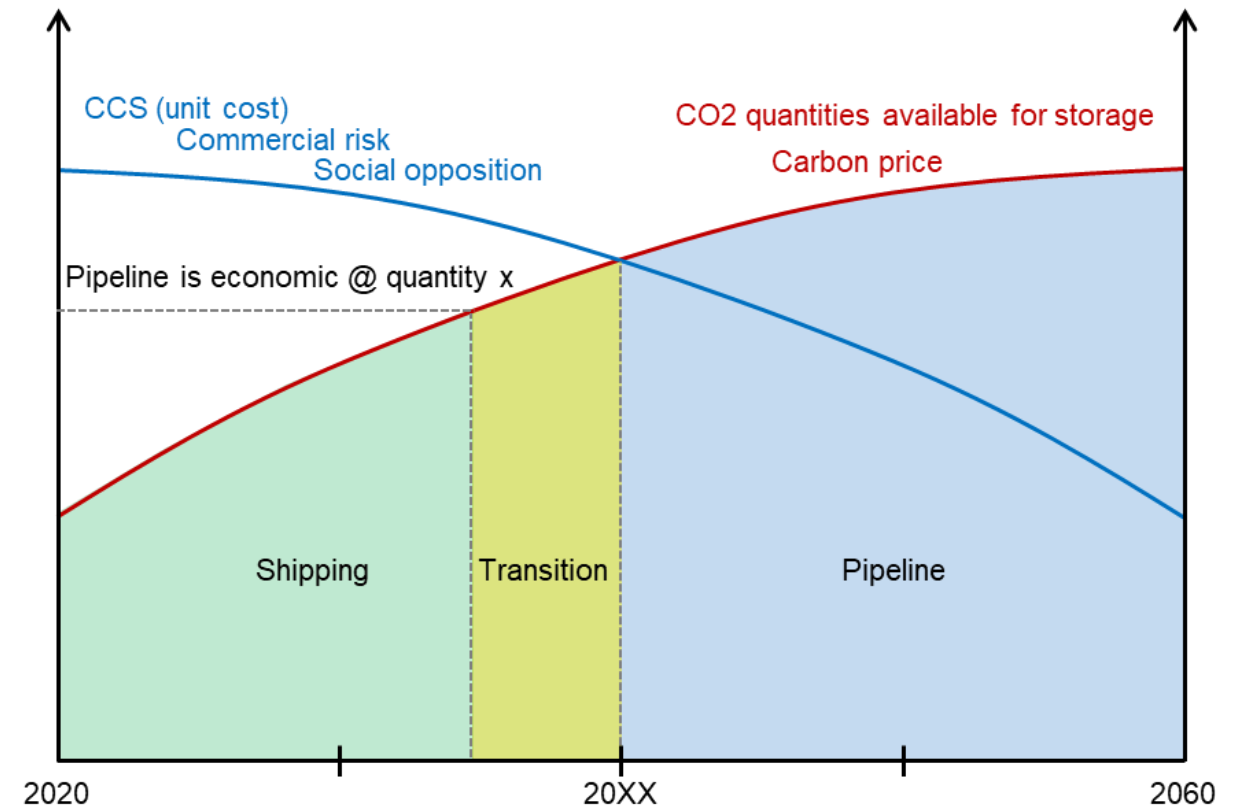


# Results (comparisons)



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- The CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure is vital to unleash the potentials of CCS via achieving economies of scale and reducing the specific CO<sub>2</sub> transportation costs.
- Constructing such system is a capital-intensive and major modifications with significant additional costs. Hence, envisaging an optimum system is of importance in order to minimize the costs.
- The location has a vital impact on transportation costs. There is a high variance between the plants of the same industry (e.g. cement) in the same scenario.
- While some plants are close to the main pipeline trunks, other emitters are remotely located and have to build an individual pipeline section in order to be connected to the main network.
- Therefore, similar to renewables pull, such disparity can cause closures or relocations in order to minimize the costs. Herein, the governmental role is of importance in order to achieve the required balance and stabilization.
- Economies of scale vs. storage capacities & diseconomies of scale.

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