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PJ: Research and Development Toward Saving Energy for Direct Air Capture With Available Cold Energy

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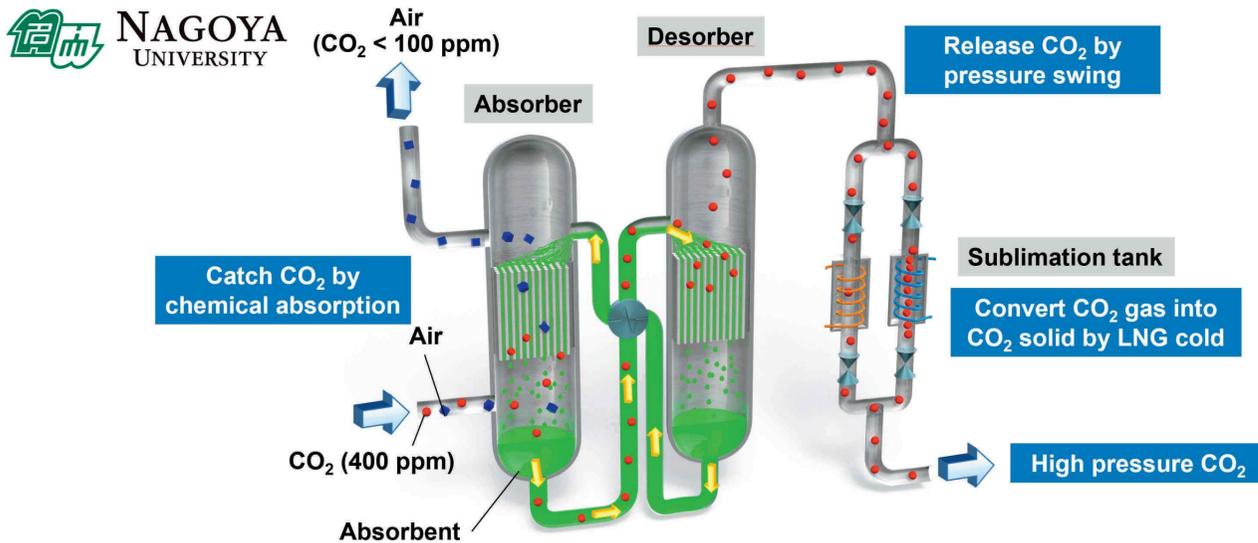
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MOONSHOT RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

An alternative DAC with pressure swing amine process driven by cryogenic pumping with LNG cold

Cryo-DAC®



Team



- Cryo-DAC® concept design
- High-performance amine development



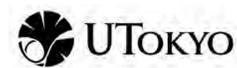
- Process simulation for cost and energy analysis



- Material selection and analysis



- Cryo-DAC plant design and construction

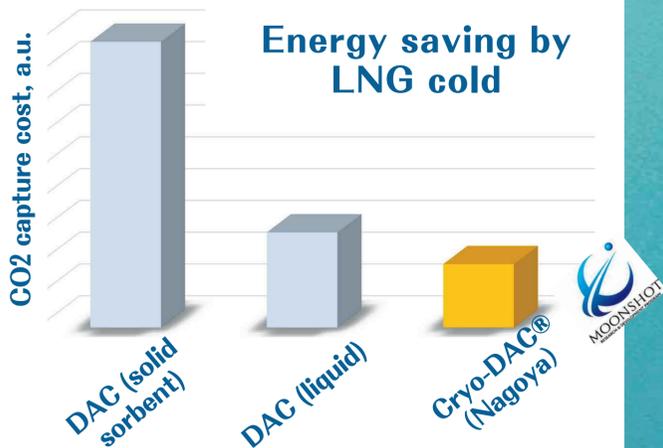


- Exergy-based process analysis
- Sensing device for stable operation

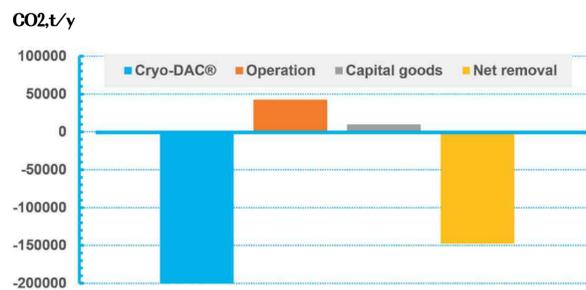


- Environmental and economic analysis

Cost



Life cycle assesment



※1 CO₂ emission factor :0.506 kg/kWh (2020)

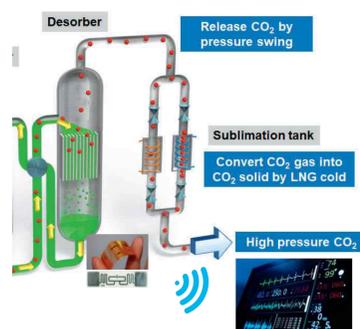
※2 Aspen Economic Analyzer / National Institute for Environmental Studies 3EID database

Material



Fatigue tests (>10 cycles, 25 years operation) in liquid nitrogen proved SUS 304 to be a candidate material for the sublimation tank

Sensor



Integrity monitoring with wireless sensor

Roadmap



2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029

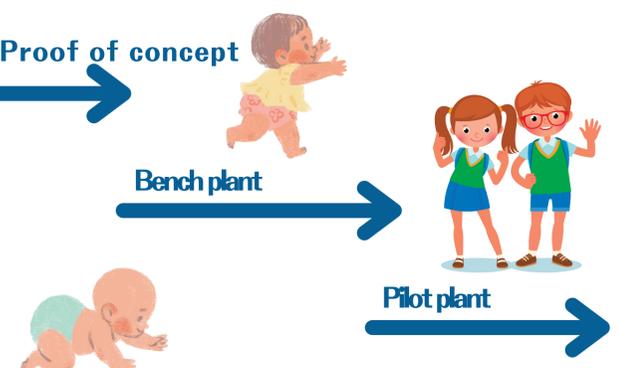
Proof of concept



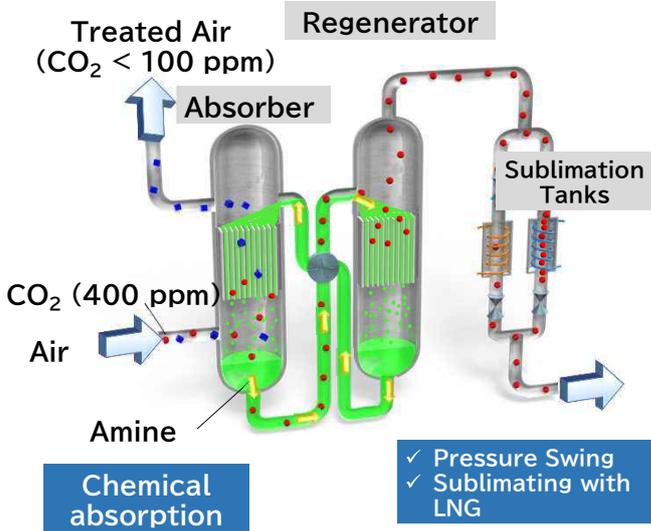
Bench plant



Pilot plant

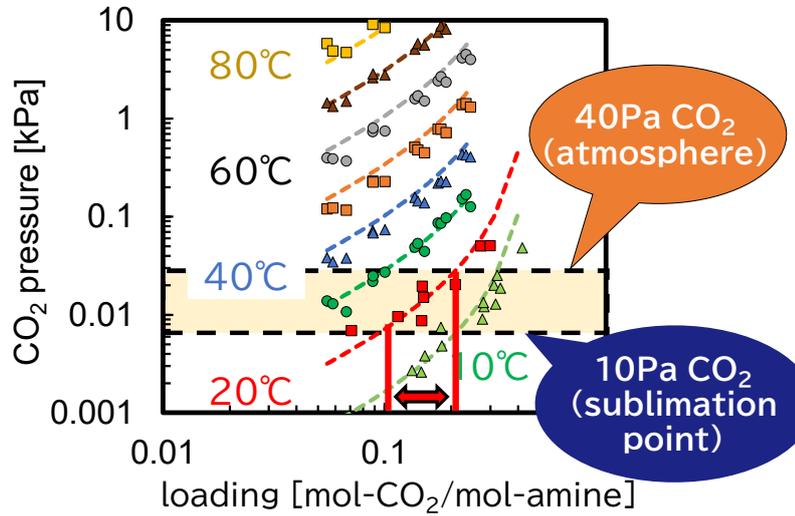


Cryogenic + DAC, Cryo-DAC[®]



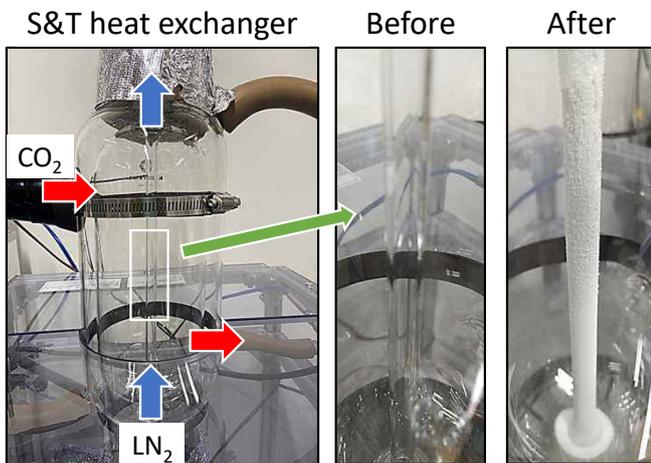
Pressure swing absorption driven by a cryogenic pumping by LNG cold heat

◆ NU-01, Low vapor pressure and large loading absorbent

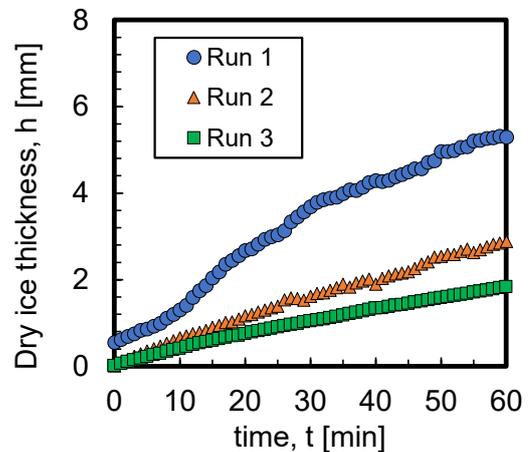


- ✓ Loading difference > 0.1
- ✓ Low vapor pressure 0.5Pa

◆ Visualization of sublimation from CO₂ gas into dry ice

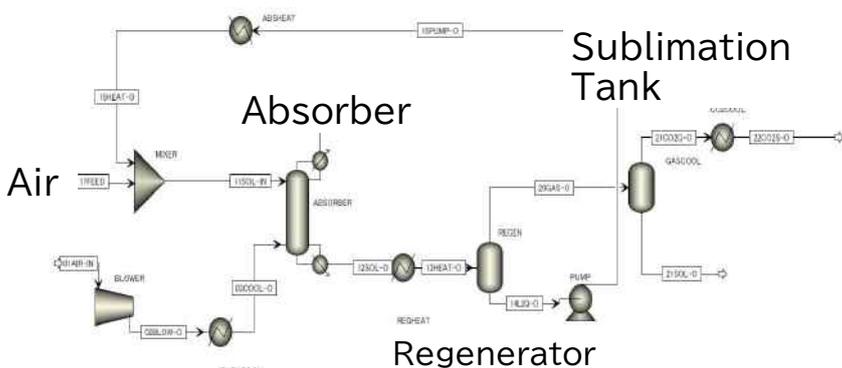


Sublimating



Sublimation rate are characterized.

◆ Process flow diagram



- ✓ The conceptual PFD of a bench scale Cryo-DAC[®] are developed.
- ✓ The sublimation tank are designed based on a knowledge of a S&T heat exchanger.

Evaluation of the effect of temperature swing between cryogenic temperature and room temperature on steel strength in the presence of CO₂ and amines

Samples: Austenitic stainless steels resistant to cold temperatures (SUS304, 304L, 316, 316L)

■ Cold thermal shock test (CTST) was conducted in the presence of CO₂ (dry ice/CO₂ gas) in which the operation of “cooling with LN ⇔ rewarming to RT” was repeated.

⇒ Surface hardness after 1000 cyc.: SUS304≈SUS304L (+3~+8% vs. ini.) ≫ SUS316≈SUS316L (-40~-50%)

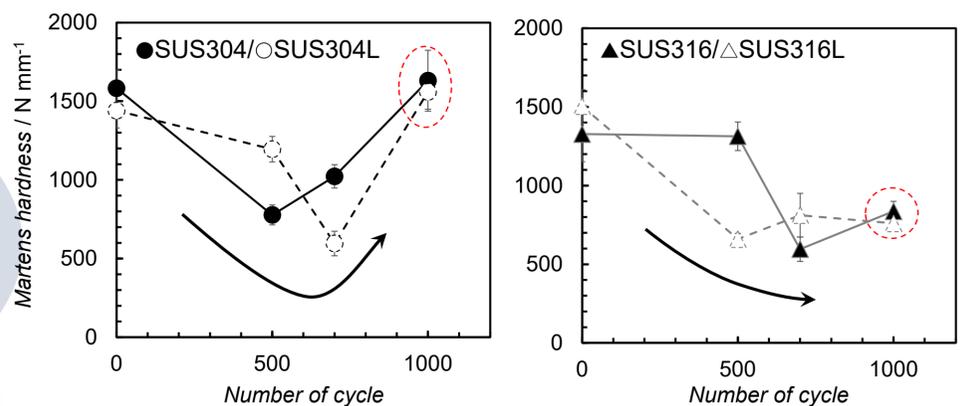
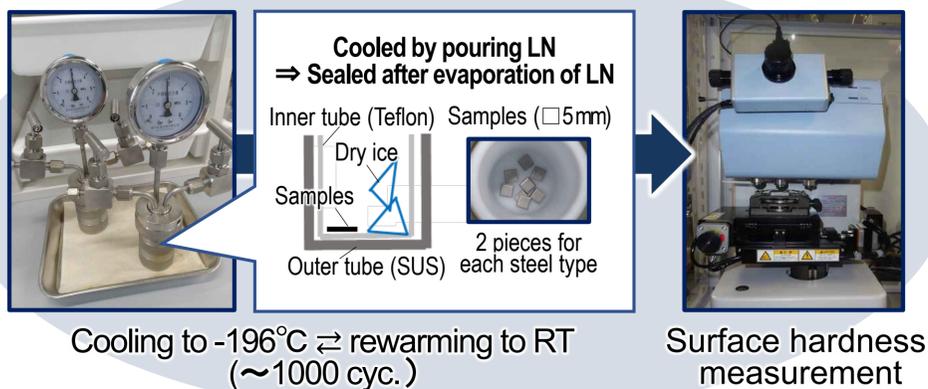


Fig.1 Change in surface hardness of steels during CTST in the presence of CO₂

■ CTST was conducted in the presence of CO₂ (dry ice/CO₂ gas) & CO₂ absorption liquid (25% aqueous solution of monoethanolamine)

⇒ Surface hardness after 1000 cyc.: Degraded significantly in all steel types (-60~-70% vs. ini.)

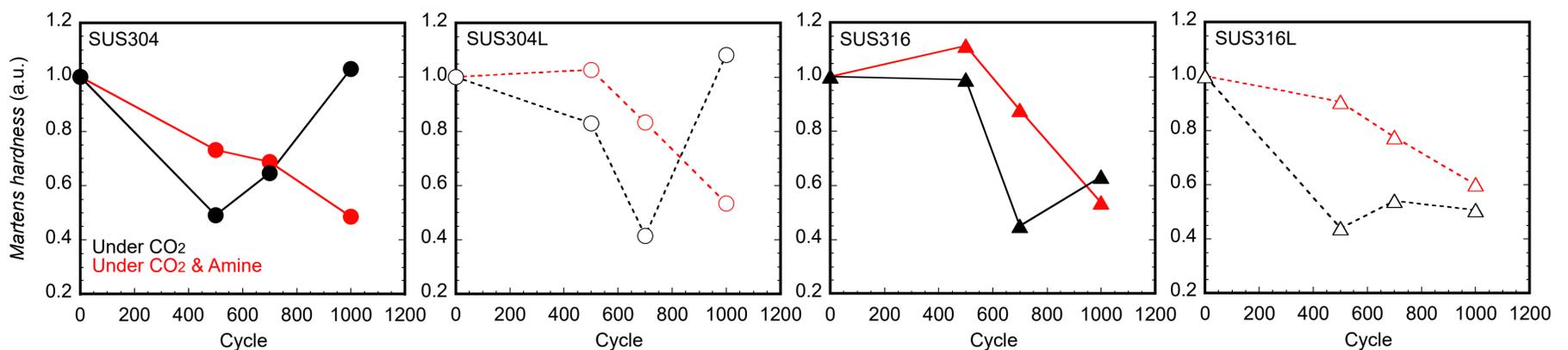


Fig. 2 Change in surface hardness of steels during CTST in the presence of CO₂/amine

Durability evaluation of SUS304 for the operation period assumed for Cryo-DAC[®] (25 years: 10⁷ cyc.)

Samples: SUS304 / Surface hardness change before/after CTST (~1000 cyc.) under CO₂ = +3%

■ Tensile fatigue test (400 MPa–560 MPa, 25 Hz, ~10⁷ cyc.) was conducted at -196°C

⇒ Fatigue limit at 10⁷ cyc.: 447.5 Mpa ≫ Stress fluctuation due to temp. swing from -196 °C to RT (10 Pa⇔4 MPa)

Round bar type test (SUS304)

Low temperature tensile tester



Stress swing: 400, 430, 465, 500, 530, 560 MPa
Temperature: -196°C (under LN)
Swing rate & cycle: 25 Hz, ~10⁷ cyc.)

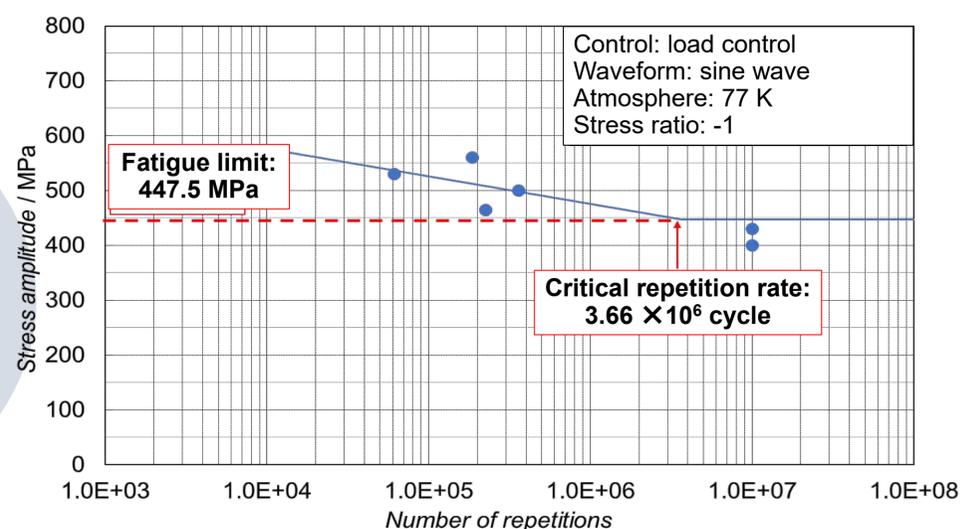


Fig. 3 S-N diagram of SUS304 under LN temperature

Evaluation of energy and cost (by the University of Tokyo)

- Cryo-DAC[®] process has been simulated with a process simulator, Aspen Plus.
- The optimal conditions to minimize DAC cost has been investigated in a parametric study.

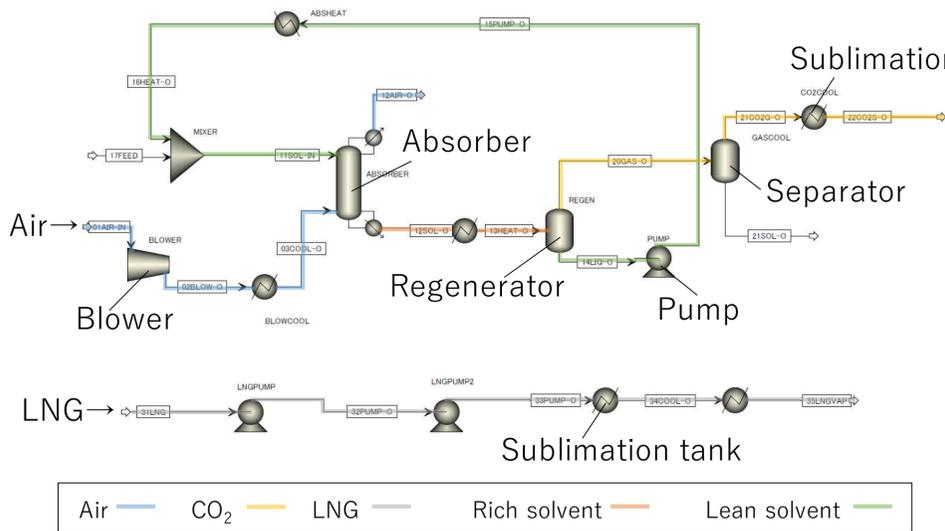
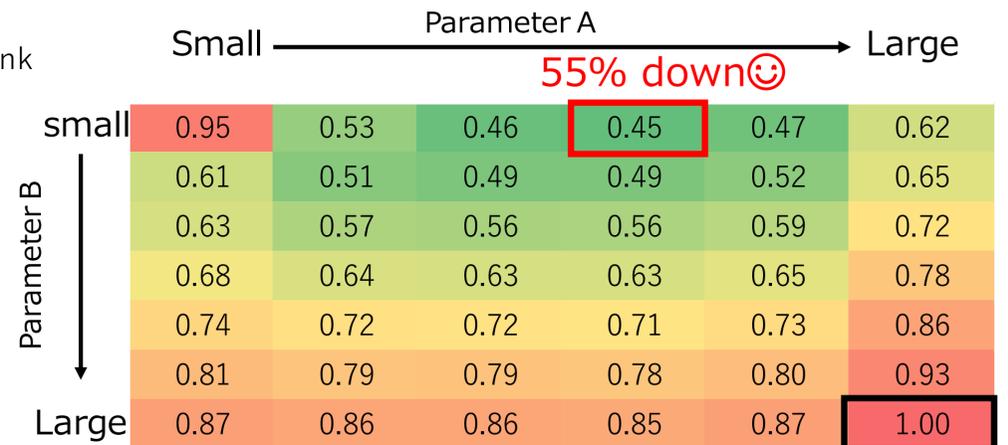


Fig. 1. Process flow diagram of Cryo-DAC[®]



The cost has been relativized by setting this cost to 1

Fig. 2. Parametric study on DAC cost

Life cycle assessment (by Chukyo University)

- Life cycle CO₂ has been investigated in the system that is limited to Cryo-DAC[®], the sub-system boundary B.
- Net CO₂ removal has been achieved with the current CO₂ emission factor, 0.506 kg/kWh.

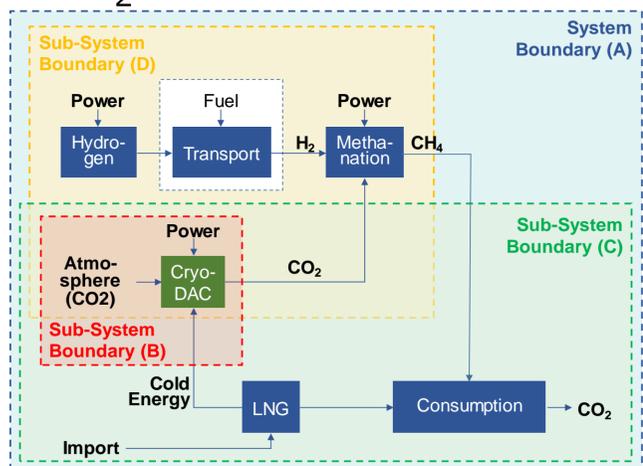
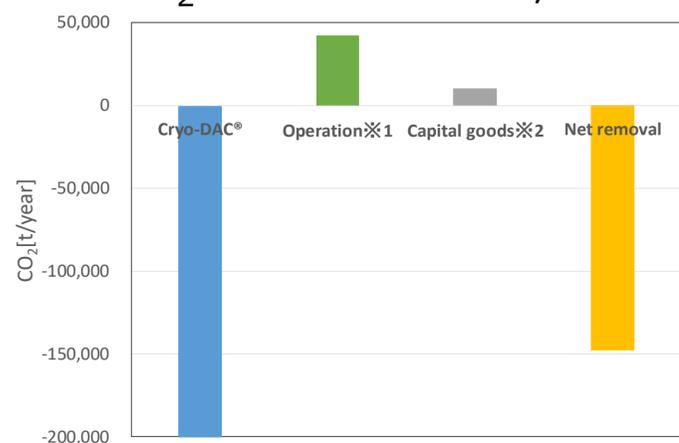


Fig. 3. The system boundary for the life cycle assessment



※1 CO₂ emission factor: 0.506kg/kWh (2020) from NEDO's guideline
 ※2 Aspen Process Economic Analyzer / National Institute for Environmental Studies 3EID database

Fig. 4. Result of the life cycle assessment

Development of sensing technology (by the University of Tokyo)

- The sensors that can be used at liquefied natural gas (LNG) temperature of about -160°C have been developing to monitor the soundness of the sublimation tanks.
- The measurement of steel deformation has been achieved with micro electro mechanical systems (MEMS) strain sensors at liquid nitrogen temperature of about -190°C.

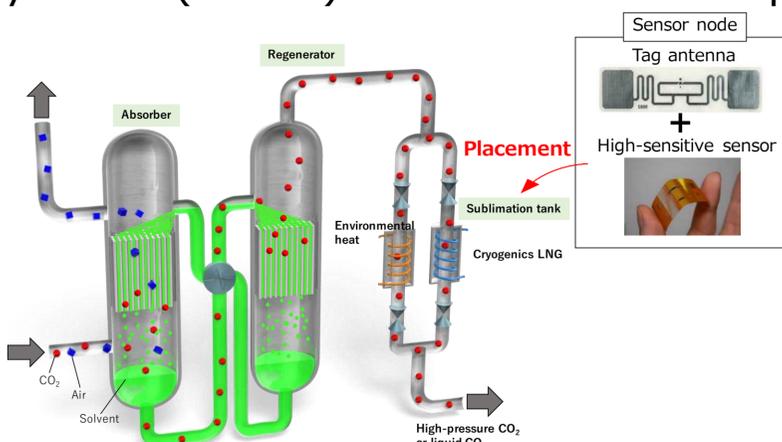


Fig. 5. Diagram depicting use of the sensors

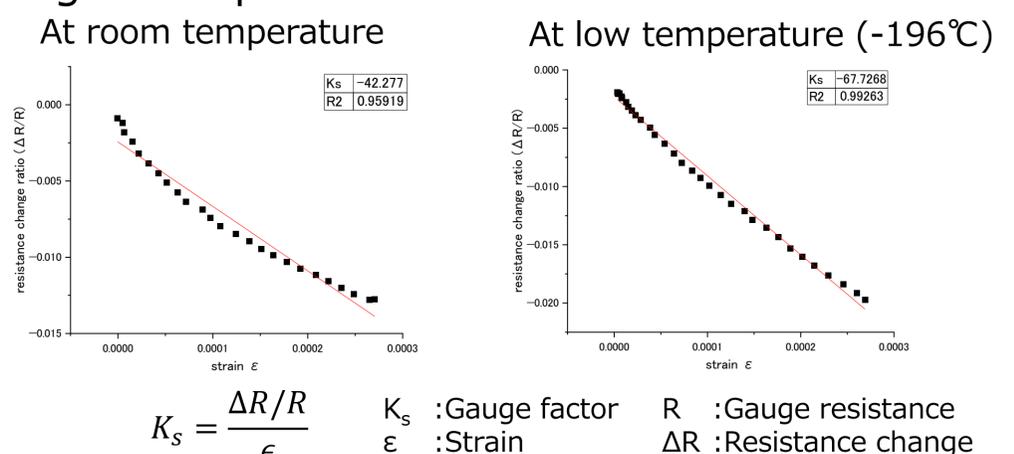


Fig. 6. Gauge factor of MEMS sensors

$$K_s = \frac{\Delta R/R}{\epsilon}$$

K_s : Gauge factor R : Gauge resistance
 ϵ : Strain ΔR : Resistance change