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# **GREENING OF GAS**

## **Life Cycle and Socio-Economic Assessment**

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# **Work Package 1: Life Cycle and Socio-Economic Assessment**

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## Evaluation of Environmental Cost and Benefits

- life cycle assessment
- whole life cycle and process chains
- transparent calculations
- standard reporting format and spreadsheets
- comparison of scenarios/cases





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## Illustrative Baseline

- Basic requirements scaled to a road vehicle filling station
- Heating requirement of  $1.1 \times 10^9$  MJ/a (35 MW continuous)
- Transport requirement of  $1.7 \times 10^7$  km/a (1,300 cars)
- Current emissions of approximately 69,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>/a





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## Illustrative Case 1

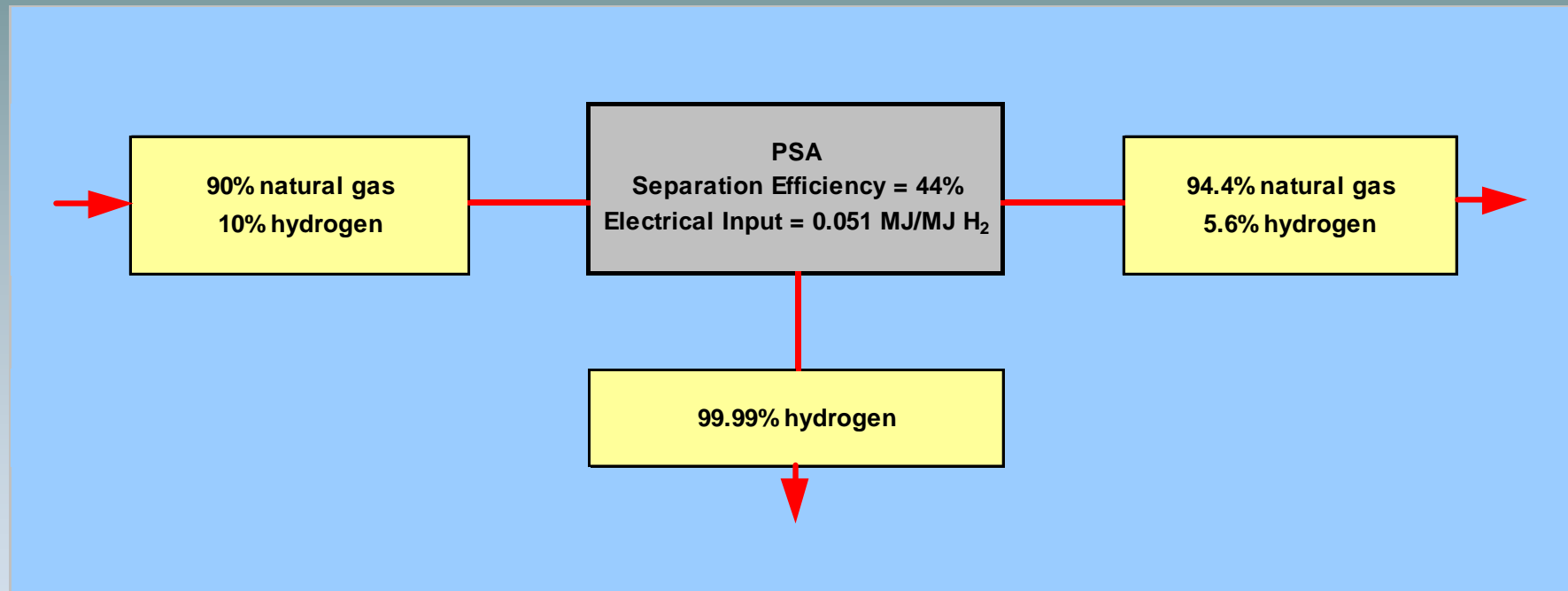
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- Hydrogen (10%) transported with natural gas in existing pipelines
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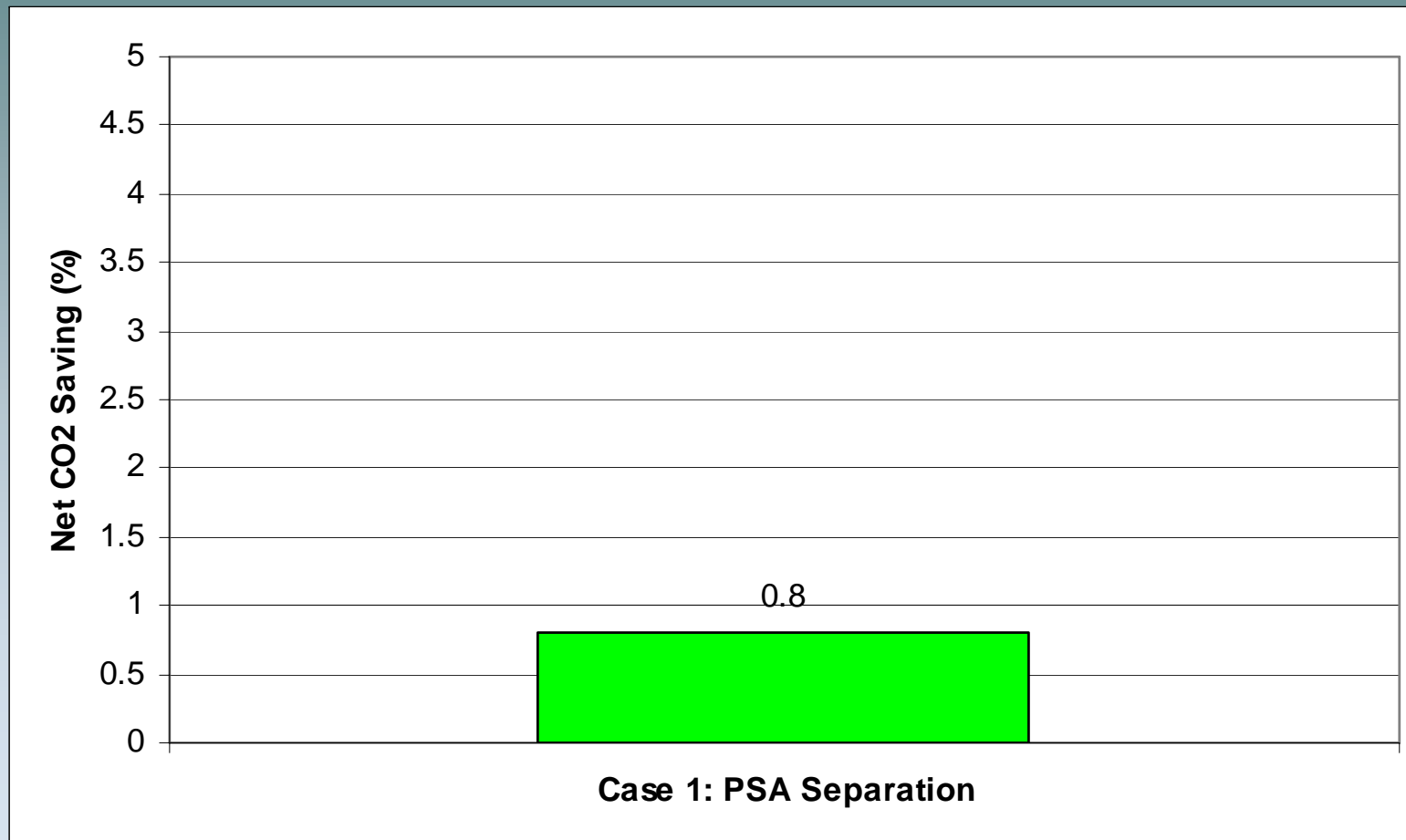
## Separation Technology: PSA





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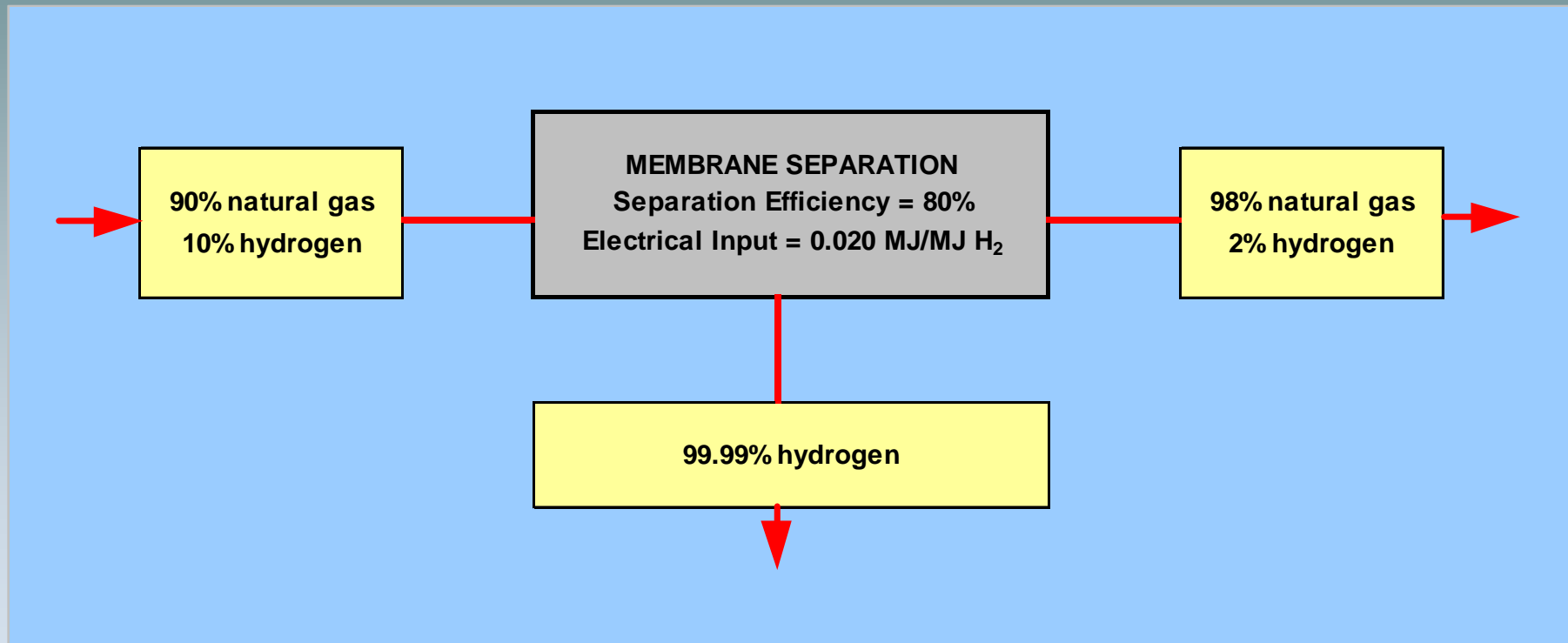
## Net Carbon Dioxide Emissions Savings





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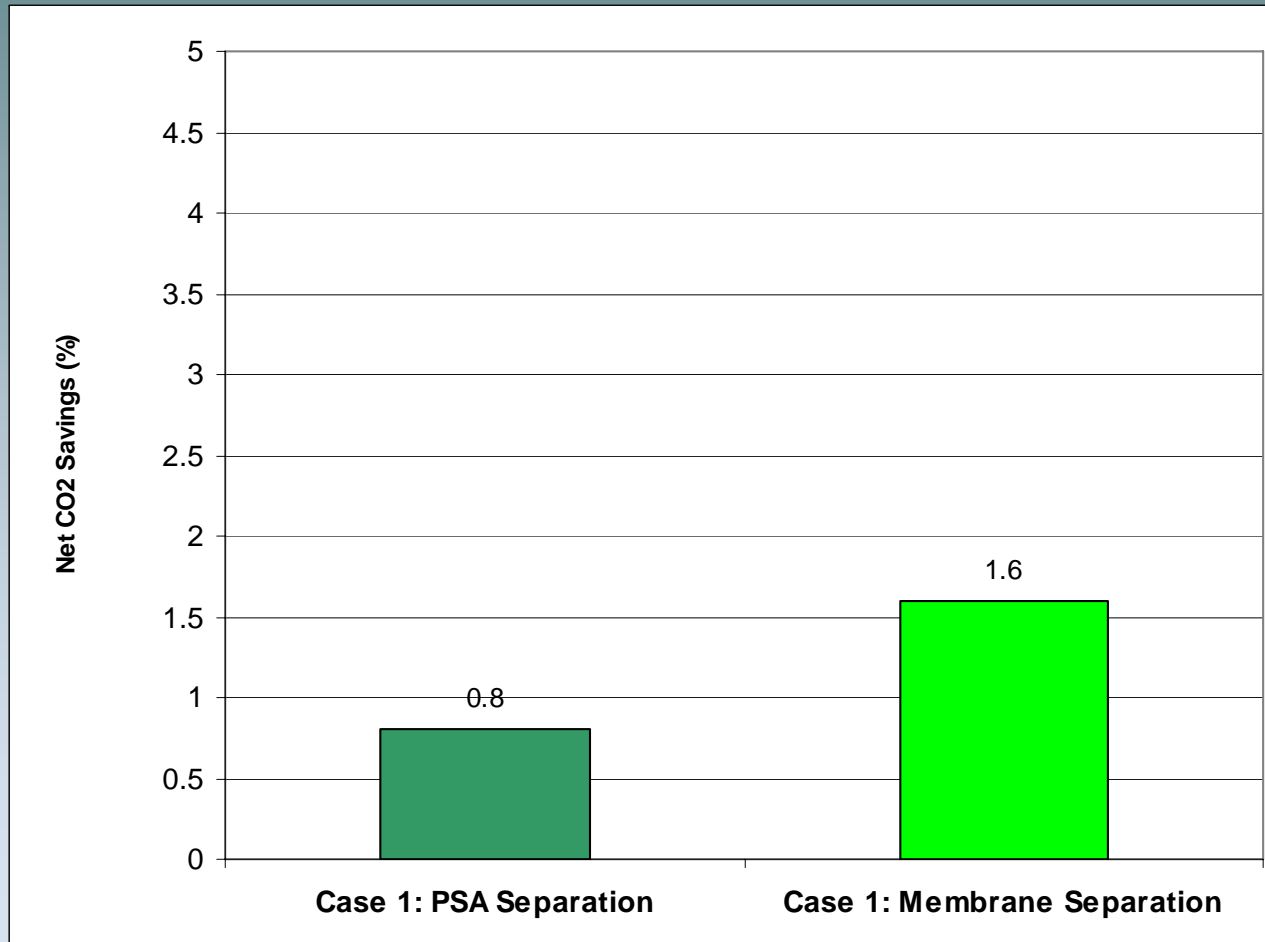
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## Illustrative Case 2

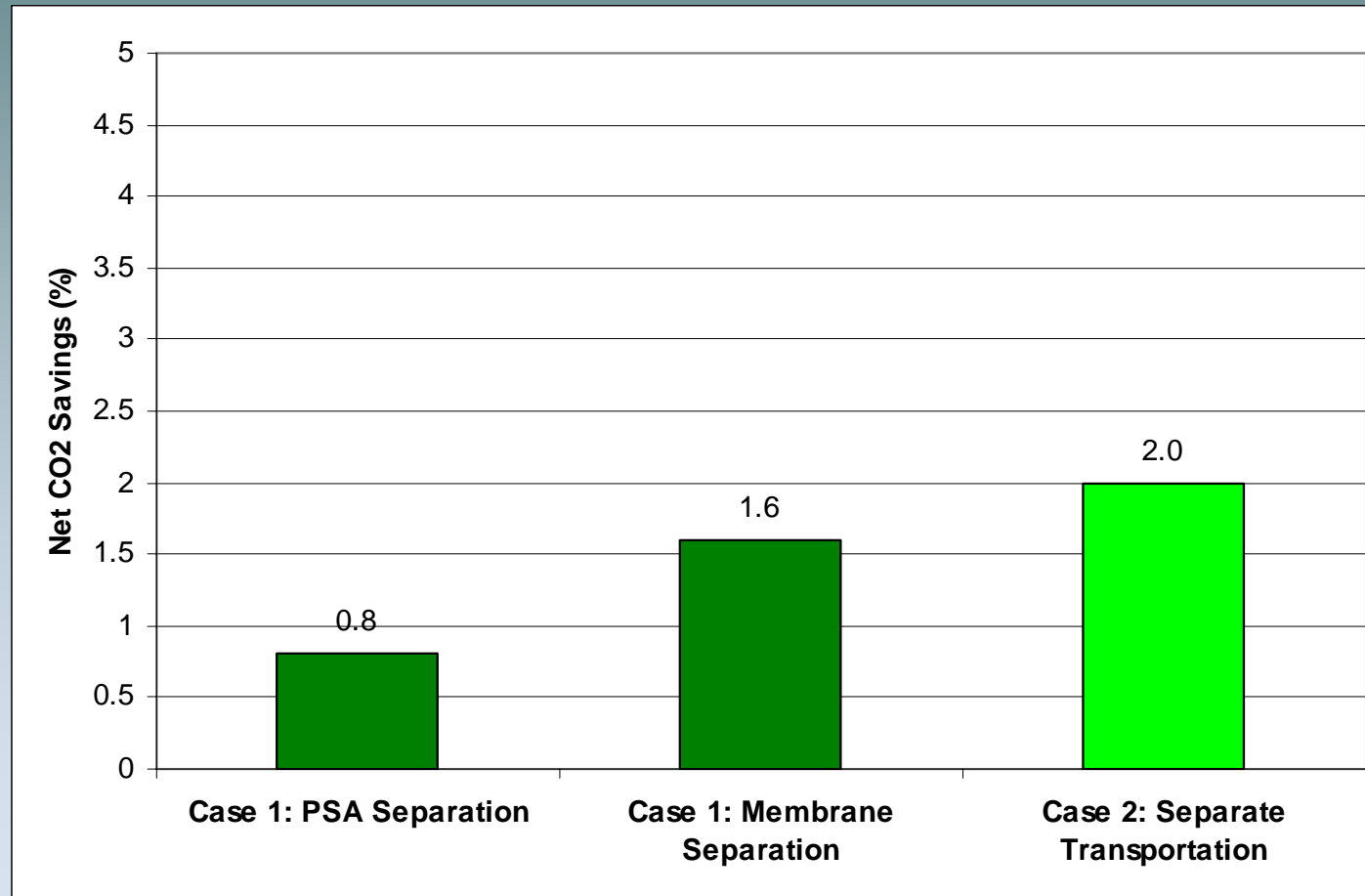
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## Illustrative Case 3

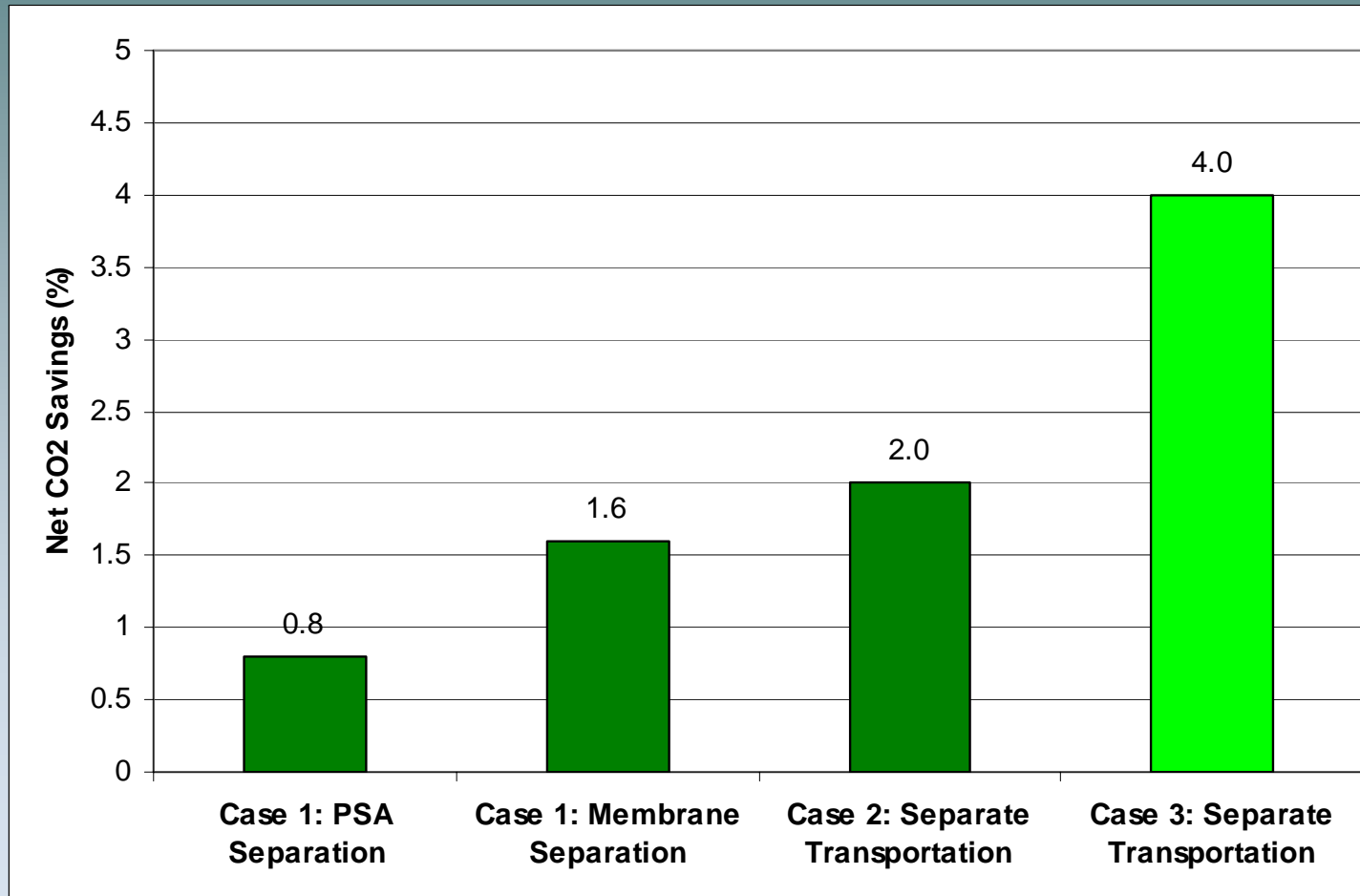
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## Illustrative Case 4

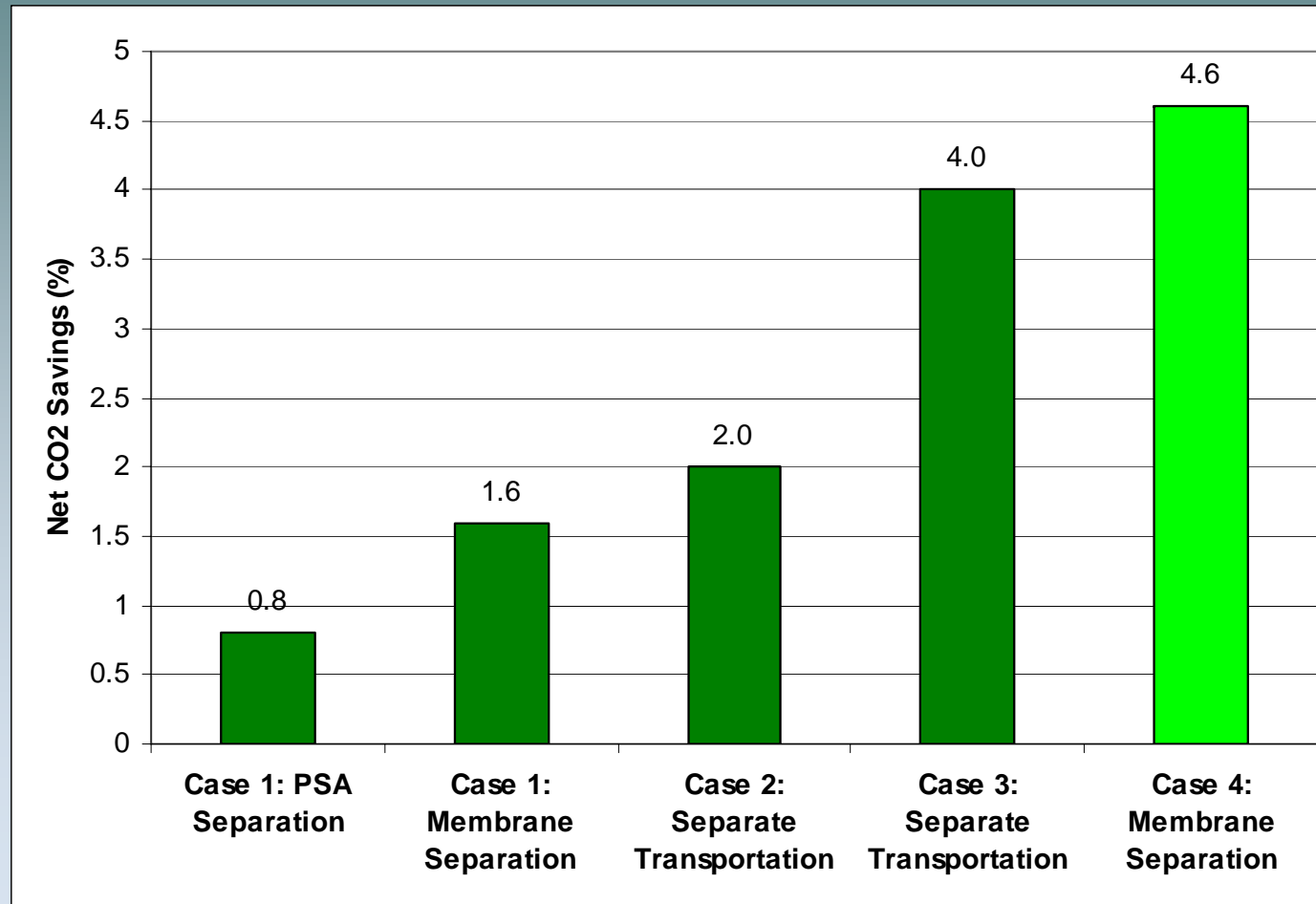
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## Conclusions

- importance of source of hydrogen
- importance of separation technology
- differences between intermediate scenario options depend on specific circumstances
- significant saving can be achieved during the intermediate (transitional) scenario

