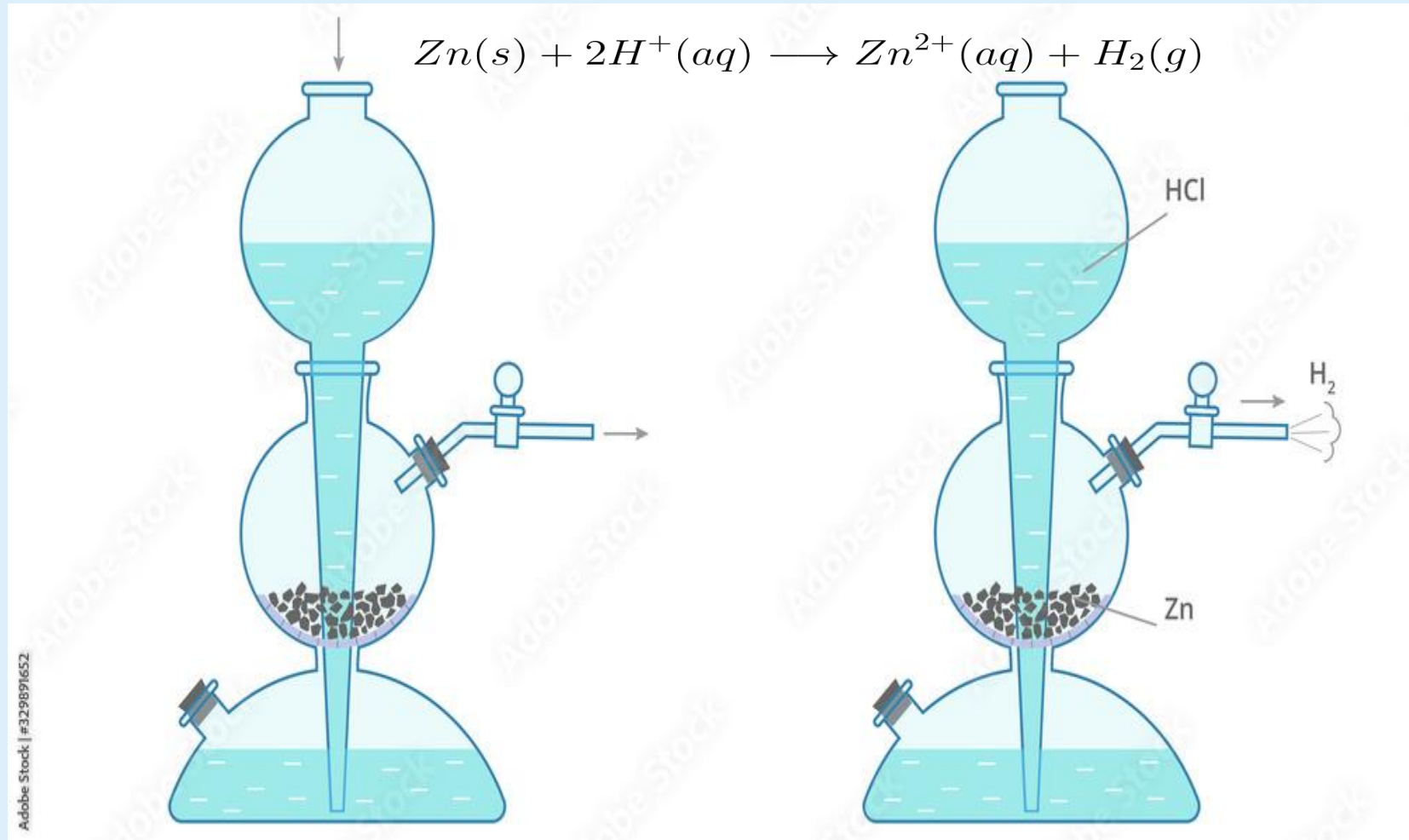


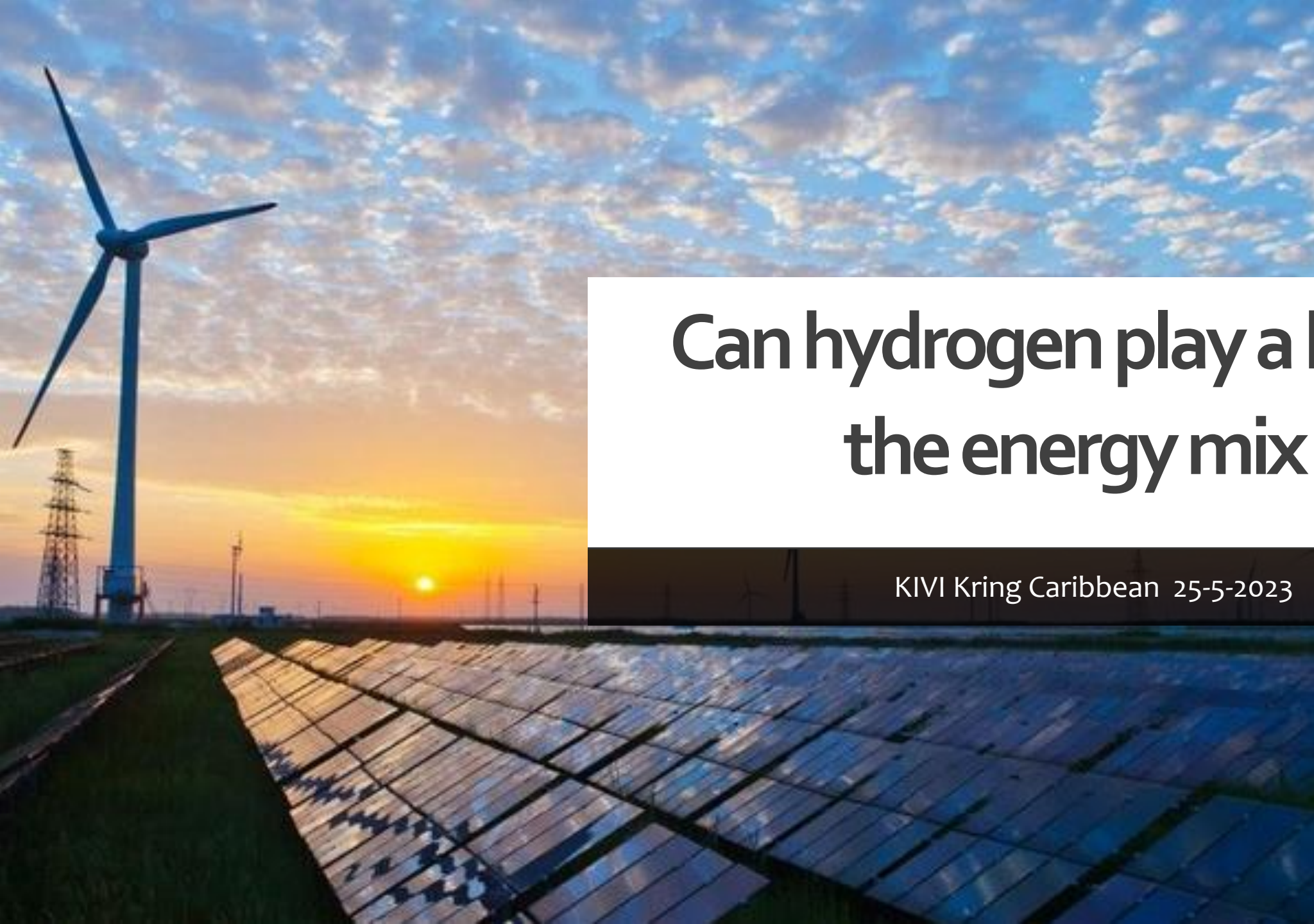


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# Can hydrogen play a key role in the energy mix of aruba?

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Aruba's refinery zone to transform into Energy Valley



Aruba is taking the next step to transform Valero refinery into a hydrogen plant

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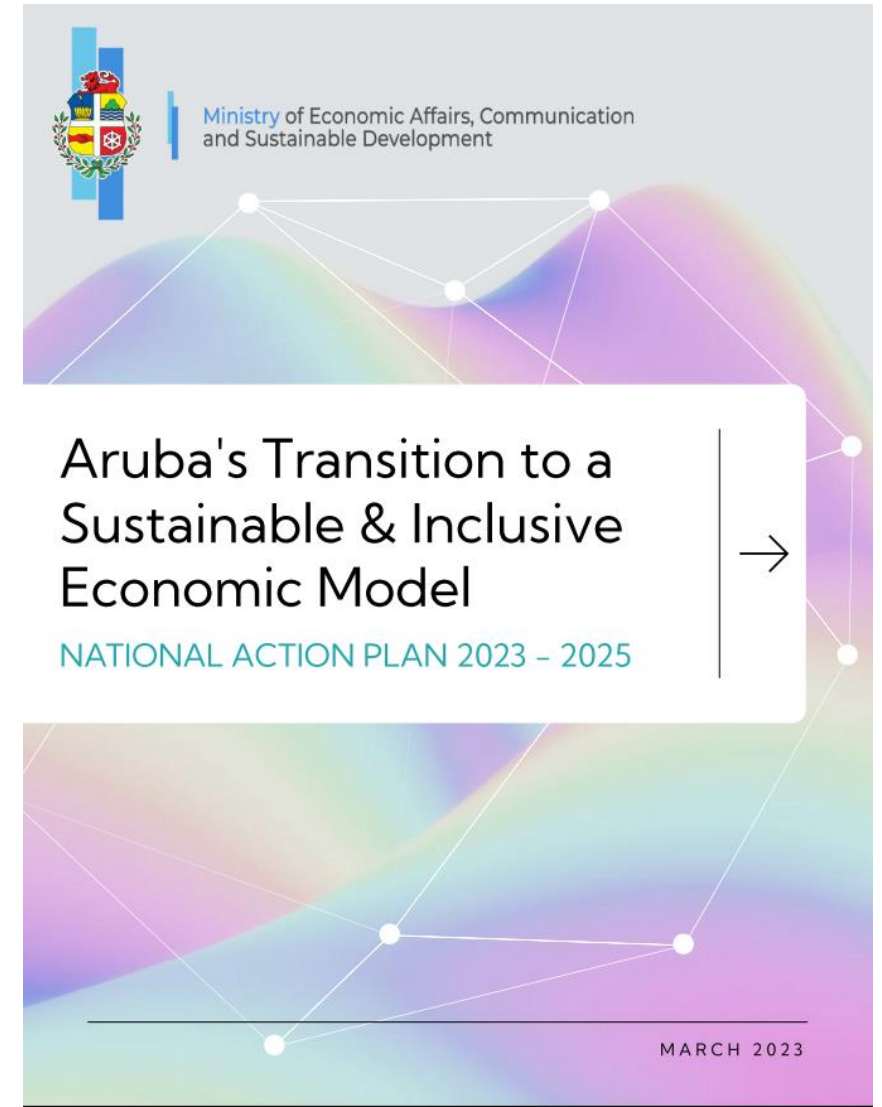
### ARUBA'S HYDROGEN VALLEY

#### 3.2.3 TRANSNATIONAL GREEN HYDROGEN CHAIN

*“Countries with an abundance of renewable energy, access to water, and trade routes to major demand centers (such as Europe) have the opportunity to become producers and exporters of green hydrogen”*

*“..assess the feasibility of a **transnational value chain for green hydrogen** in Aruba.”*

***Can Hydrogen play a key role in the energy mix of Aruba?***



# 1 – Energy in NL & Hydrogen

Energy system and conditions for Hydrogen



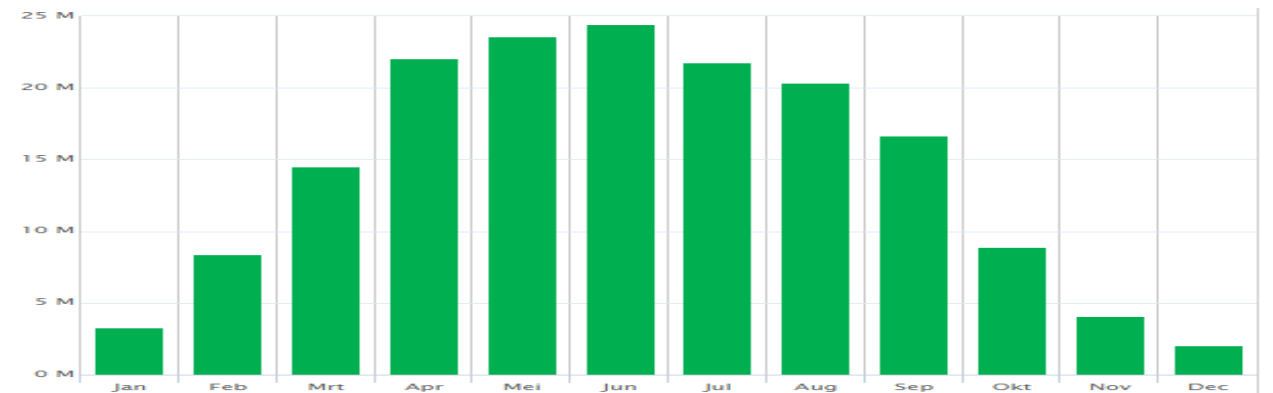
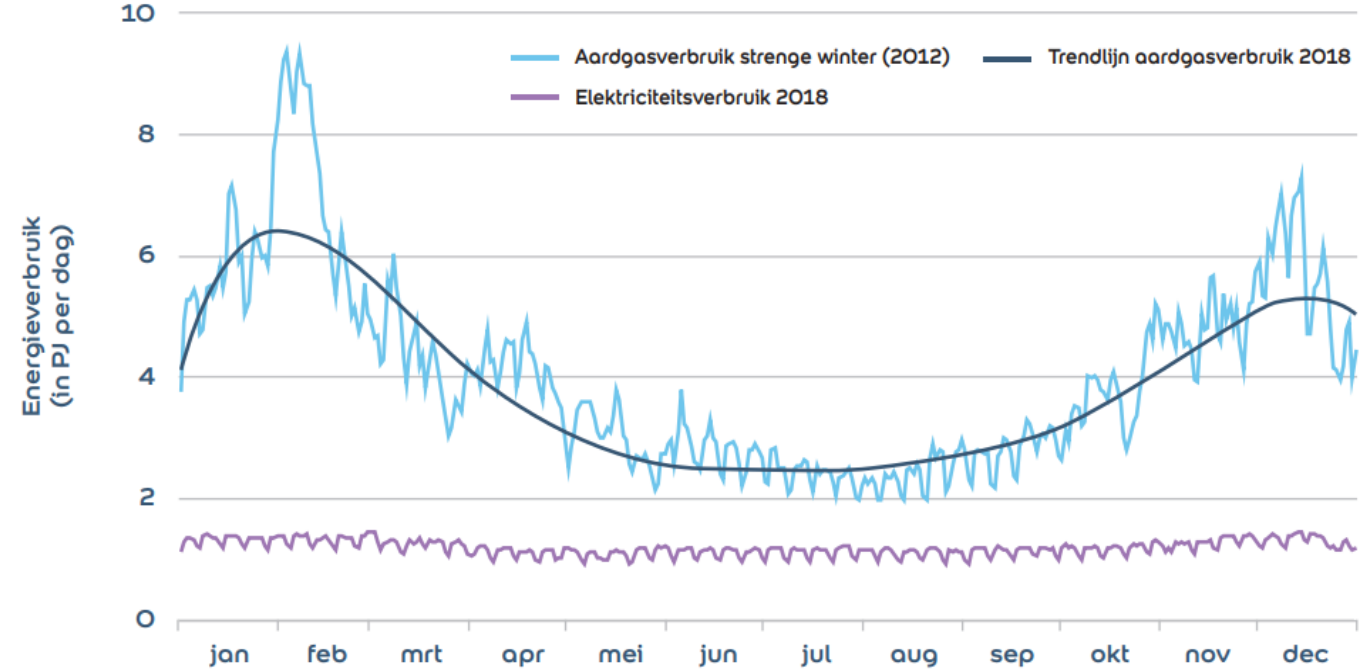
# ENERGY & HYDROGEN

## ENERGY SYSTEM NETHERLANDS

Dutch energy transition:

- Phase out fossil fuels - natural gas
- Replace by wind & solar
- Displacing the energy of gas by electrification is a challenge
- Electricity grid reinforcement very costly
- Seasonal mismatch between production and demand

**Solution: Seasonal energy storage**



## ENERGY & HYDROGEN

### ENERGY STORAGE METHODS

Given the geographic characteristics of the NL

For NL grid system:

- Batteries: short term storage -> day/night
- **Hydrogen: long term storage -> several weeks/months**



## ENERGY & HYDROGEN

### PERFECT ECOSYSTEM FOR HYDROGEN

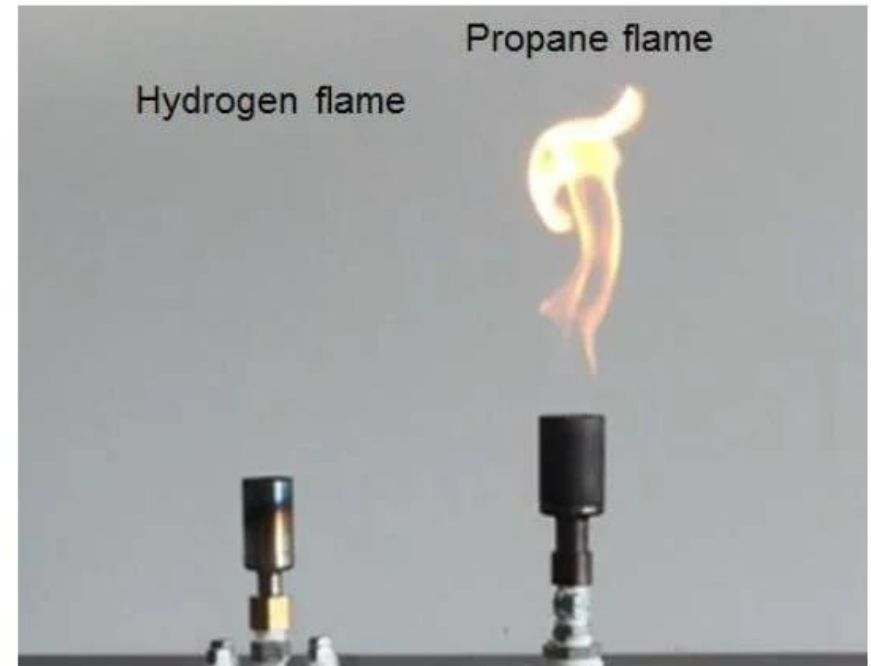
- Existing Gas infrastructure to re-use
- Large Offshore wind capacity
- Reduce electricity grid congestion
- Long distance Transport sectors
- Energy intensive industry: Steel, glass, fertilizer, Horticulture



## ENERGY & HYDROGEN

### HYDROGEN: SOME INTERESTING PROPERTIES

- Lightest element of Periodic Table
- Energy carrier, not a source
- High energy density capacity
- Highly flammable! Needs only 4 % vapor concentration in air to form explosive mixture
- 14x lighter than air. Rises with 17 m/s



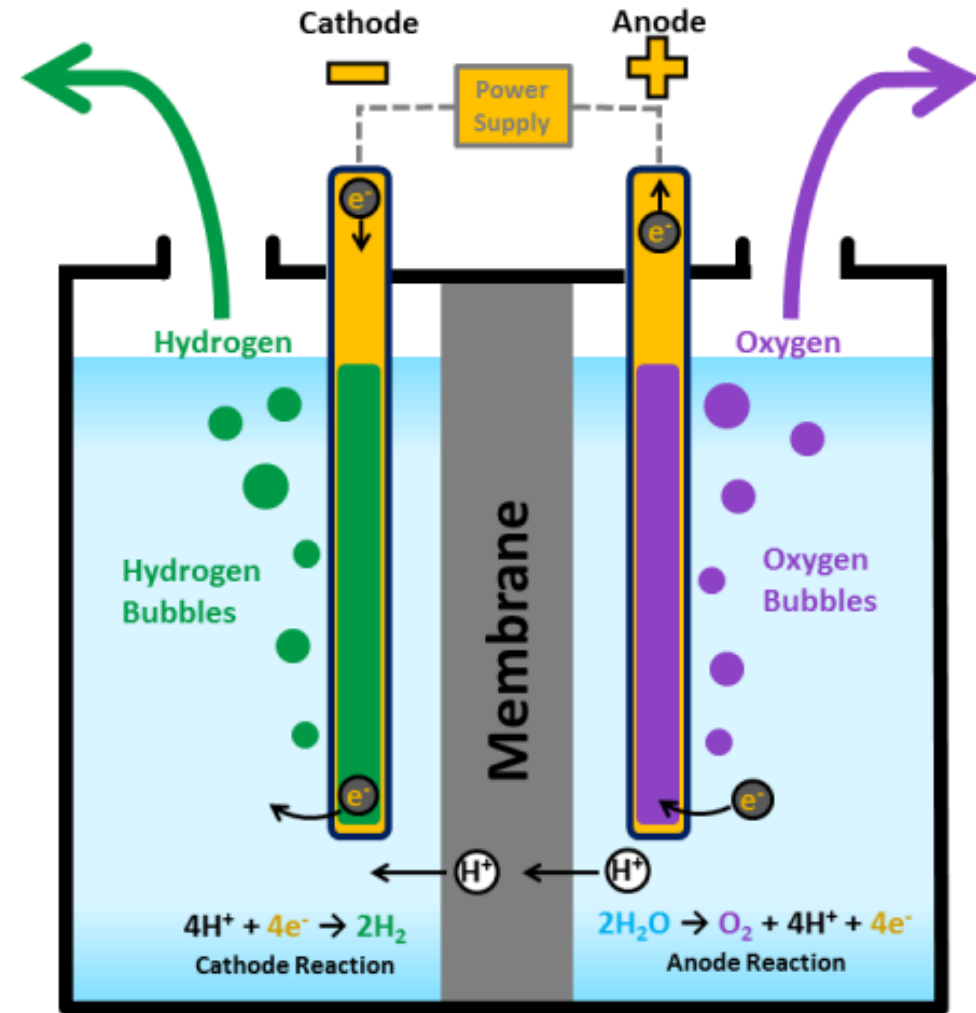
# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION METHODS

Most relevant:

- **Steam reforming of Methane**
- **Electrolysis**

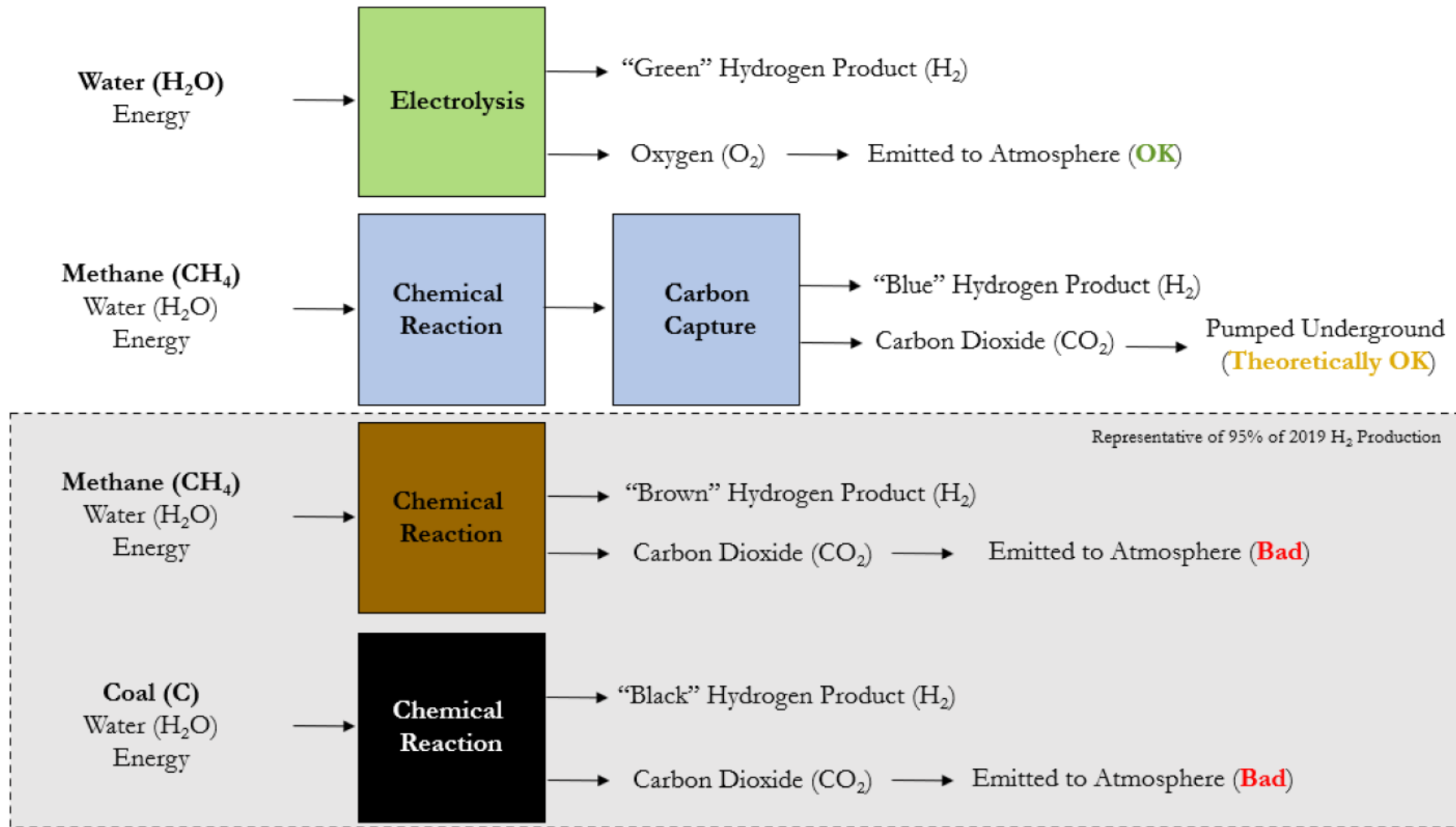
Other:

- Thermolysis
- Photochemical separation



Source: <https://newatlas.com/energy/hysata-efficient-hydrogen-electrolysis>: 20-5-2023

# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION METHODS



Main Pathways for Producing Hydrogen (Actual and Proposed)

# HYDROGEN

## ELECTROLYSIS: TECHNOLOGIES

Splitting water into  $H_2$  and  $O_2$  by input of electricity

Currently mainly used:

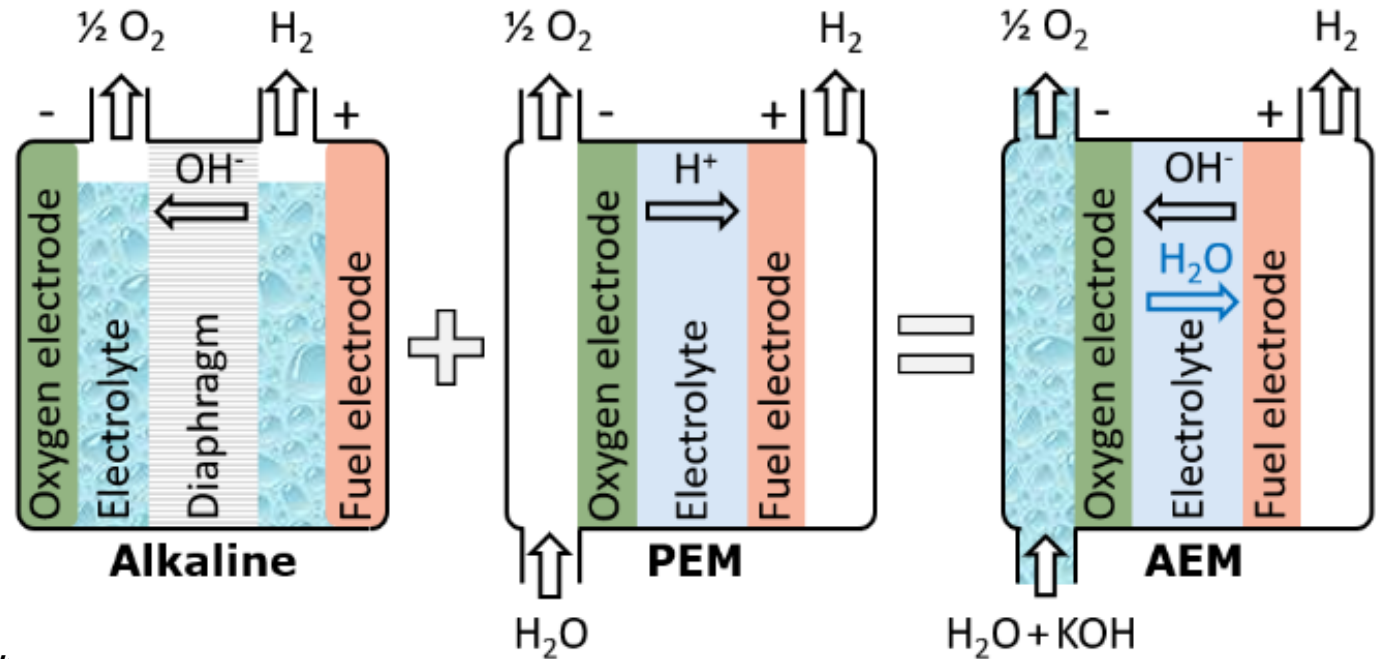
- Alkaline: Liquid electrolyte: KOH
- Polymer Electrolyte Membrane

Challenges:

- Increasing electric current density
- avoiding scarce and expensive materials
- compatibility with intermittent electricity of renewables

Current solution:

- Anion Exchange Membrane



Source: <https://www.differ.nl/news/SCALE> 20-5-2023

# HYDROGEN

## AS STORAGE AND TRANSPORT MEDIUM

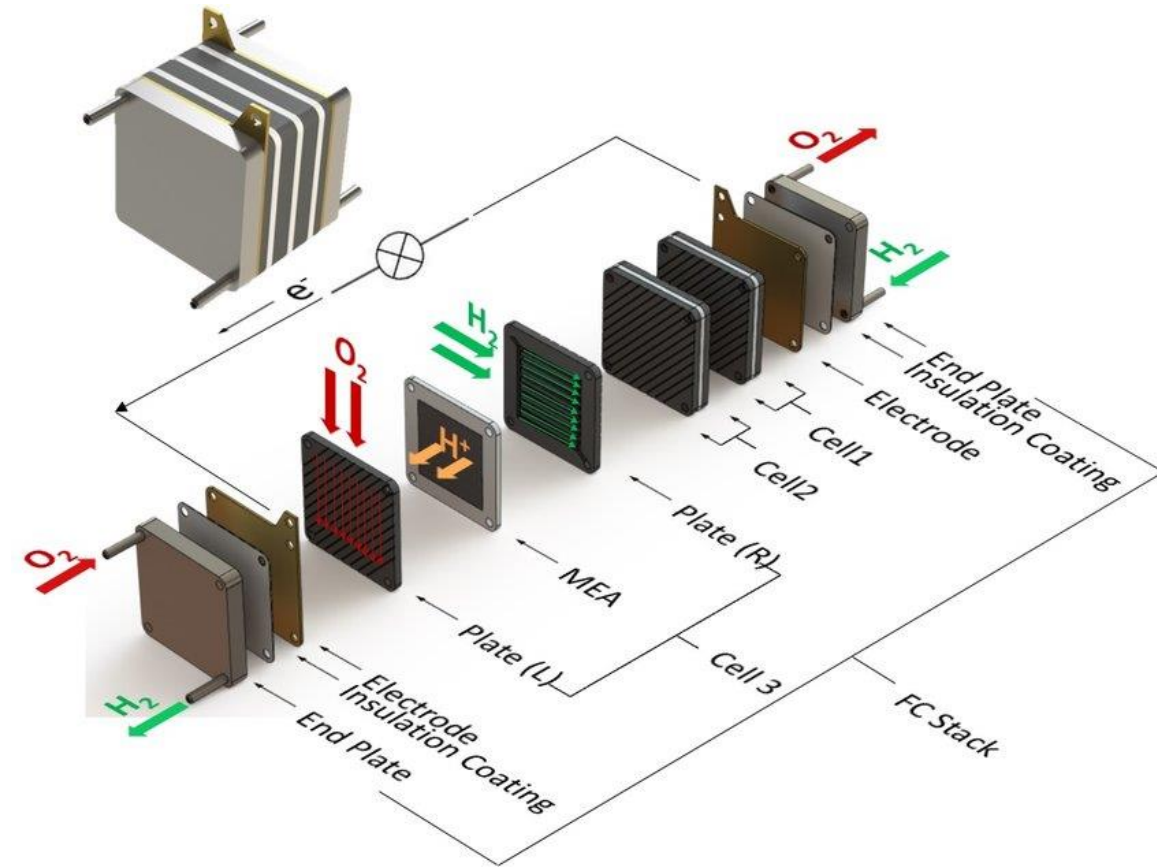
- Liquified: Cryogenic storage at -253 °C
- As chemical bond: Methanol, Ammonia
- Metal Hydrides
- Pressurized gas: 250 – 1000 bar (!)

Energy Density of Hydrogen	Volumetric Density (kg / m <sup>3</sup> )	Energy per Liter (kWh / L)
Liquid Hydrogen @ -252.9 °C	70.9	2.361
Gaseous Hydrogen @ 70 MPa	42.0	1.400
Gaseous Hydrogen @ 35 MPa	26.1	0.870
Gaseous Hydrogen @ STP	0.09	0.003
Gravimetric Energy Density (kWh per kg)	33.33	
Density of Liquid Hydrogen (g/L)	70.9	



# HYDROGEN APPLICATION

- Direct combustion
  - Heat applications: boilers for space heating
  - Combustion engines: mobility & electricity generation
- Fuel Cells-> Direct generation of electricity
  - Heat as 'waste product'
  - Cogeneration efficiency up to 85%
- Feedstock
  - Methanol
  - Ammonia



# HYDROGEN ECONOMICS

- Current cost/kg:
  - Gray hydrogen: 2 - 4 \$/kg
  - Green hydrogen: 8 - 10 \$/kg
- US DOE 2021: Hydrogen Shot: 111
- Estimation for 2050: \$0,80 /kg \*
- Swansons Law: (power)x2 = 20% cost reduction
- CO2 tariffs need to be applied to level the playing field



1 Dollar



1 Kilogram



1 Decade

\* *Bloomberg New energy finance 2019*

Source: [www.sgh2energy.com](http://www.sgh2energy.com) : 20-5-2023

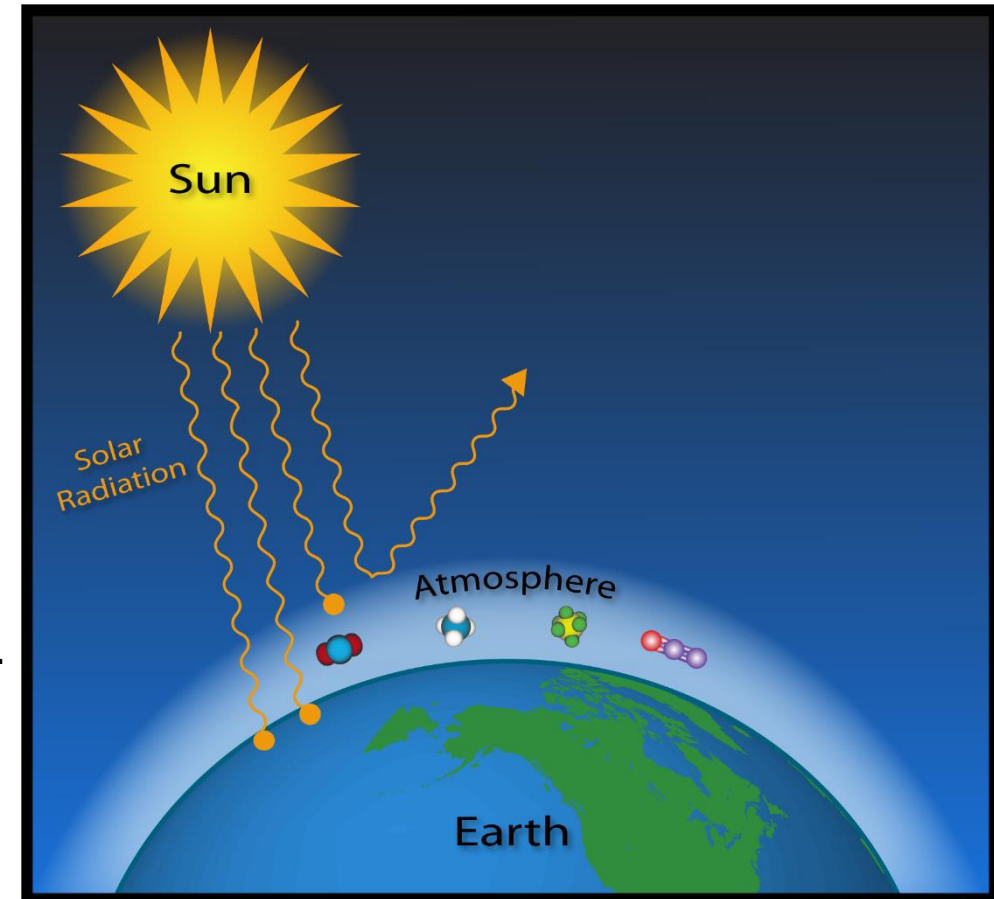
## ENERGY & HYDROGEN

### HYDROGEN: GREENHOUSE GAS!

Hydrogen is a Greenhouse Gas!

Leaked hydrogen:

- reacts with pollutants to extend their lifetime in the atmosphere.
- can impact ozone concentrations
- creates water vapor in the atmosphere, enhancing the GG effect.

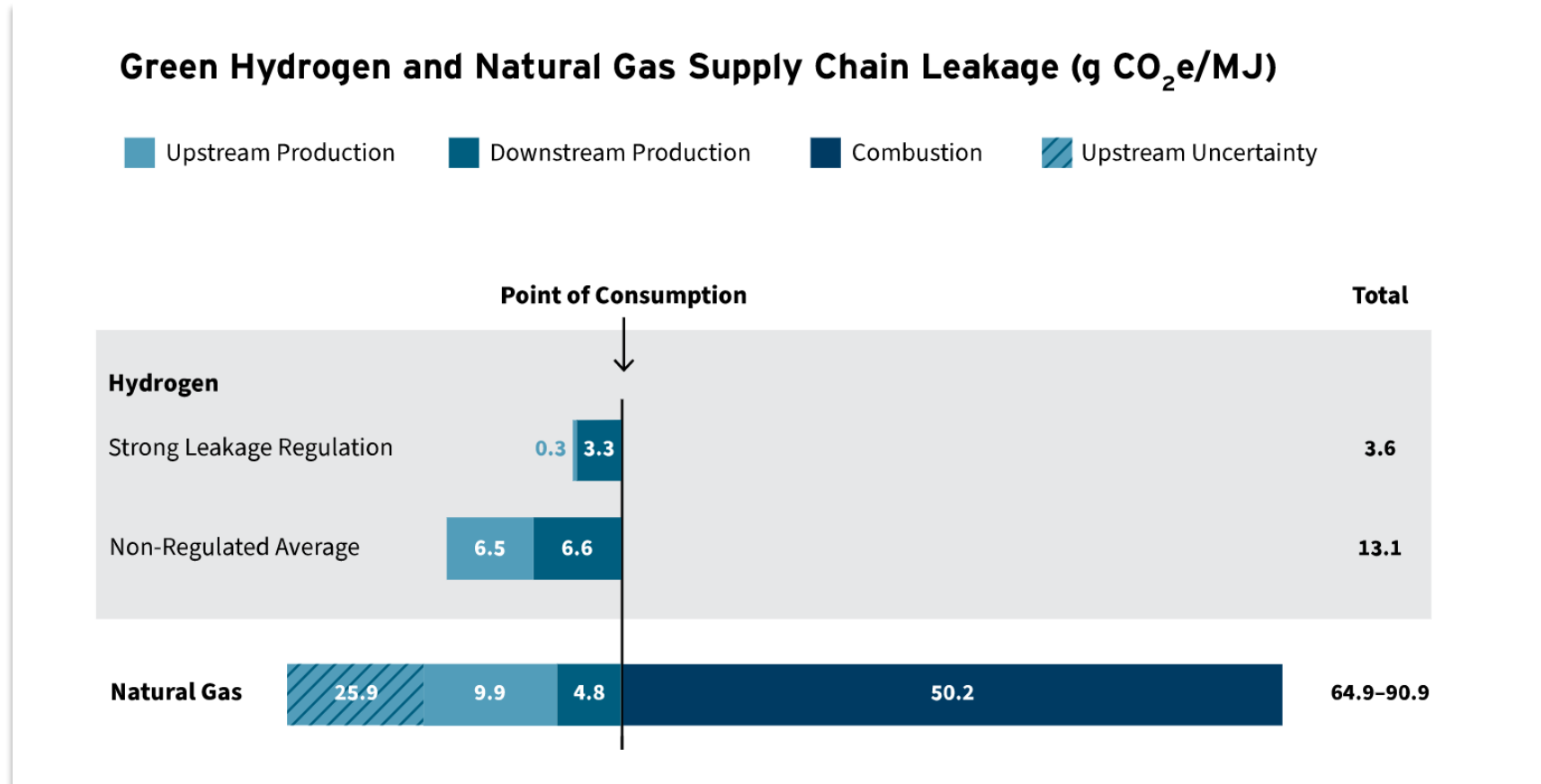


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# ENERGY & HYDROGEN

## HYDROGEN: GREENHOUSE GAS!

Benefits of Hydrogen in the energy transition strongly outweigh the possible negative impact!



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# 2 – Innovahub Project

Local Green hydrogen production, storage and consumption



## HYDROGEN

### INNOVAHUB PROJECT: PILOT PROJECT NEAR ROTTERDAM

**The main objective: to supply renewable heat, cold and electricity to residences all year round.**

To reach this goal: apply seasonal energy storage in the form of green hydrogen

which enables:

- Creating daily energy balance
- Creating yearly energy balance
- Reducing congestion of the local electricity grid
- Maximizing the utility of locally produced renewable energy



# HYDROGEN

## INNOVAHUB PROJECT: PARTNERS AND ROLES

Hylife Innovations:

- Project owner
- Hydrogen component selection, in cooperation with suppliers
- EMS – Energy management System

Giacomini:

- Preliminary system design & supplier of hydronic components & Hydrogen boiler

Van Dorp:

- System designer of hydronics and HVAC
- System integrator on mechanical side: hydronic & Hydrogen

VHE:

- ECS – Energy control system







# HYDROGEN

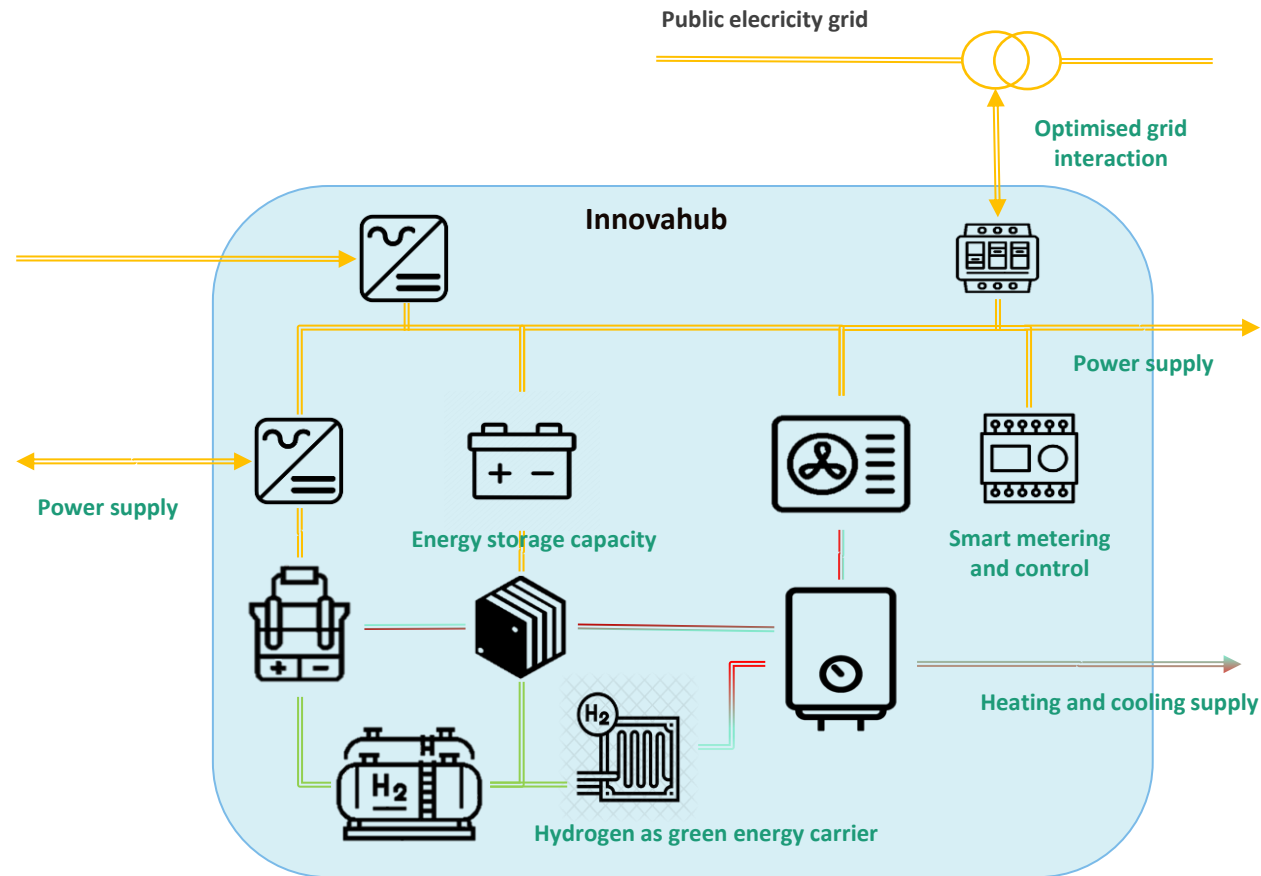
## INNOVAHUB PROJECT: OVERALL SYSTEM SCHEMATIC FOR PILOT



Local renewable energy



V2G electric mobility



Large scale production



Built environment



Heat networks

# HYDROGEN

## INNOVAHUB PROJECT: MAIN COMPONENTS

### Heating:

- Heat pumps
- Fuel cell
- Catalytic boilers

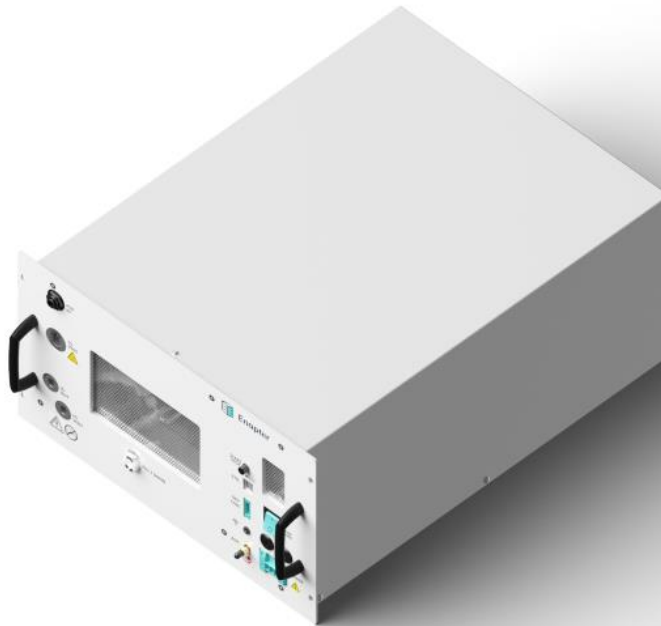


### Cooling:

- Heat pumps

### Storage:

- Thermal buffers 4000L & 2000L
- Batteries
- Low pressure H2 storage (35 bar)
- High pressure H2 storage (270 bar)



### Other Hydrogen components:

- AEM Electrolyzers (30x)
- Hydrogen compressor



# HYDROGEN

## INNOVAHUB PROJECT: CONTROL SYSTEMS

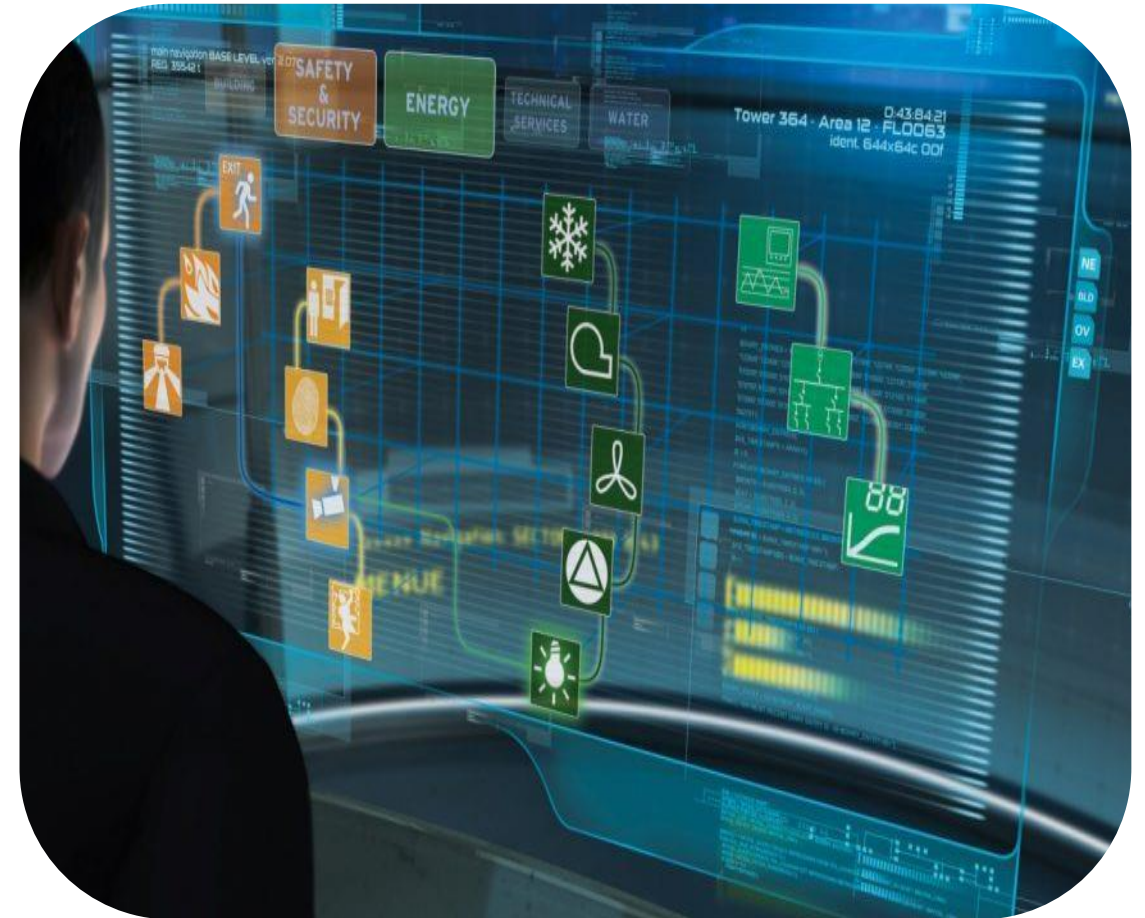
Two layers of control:

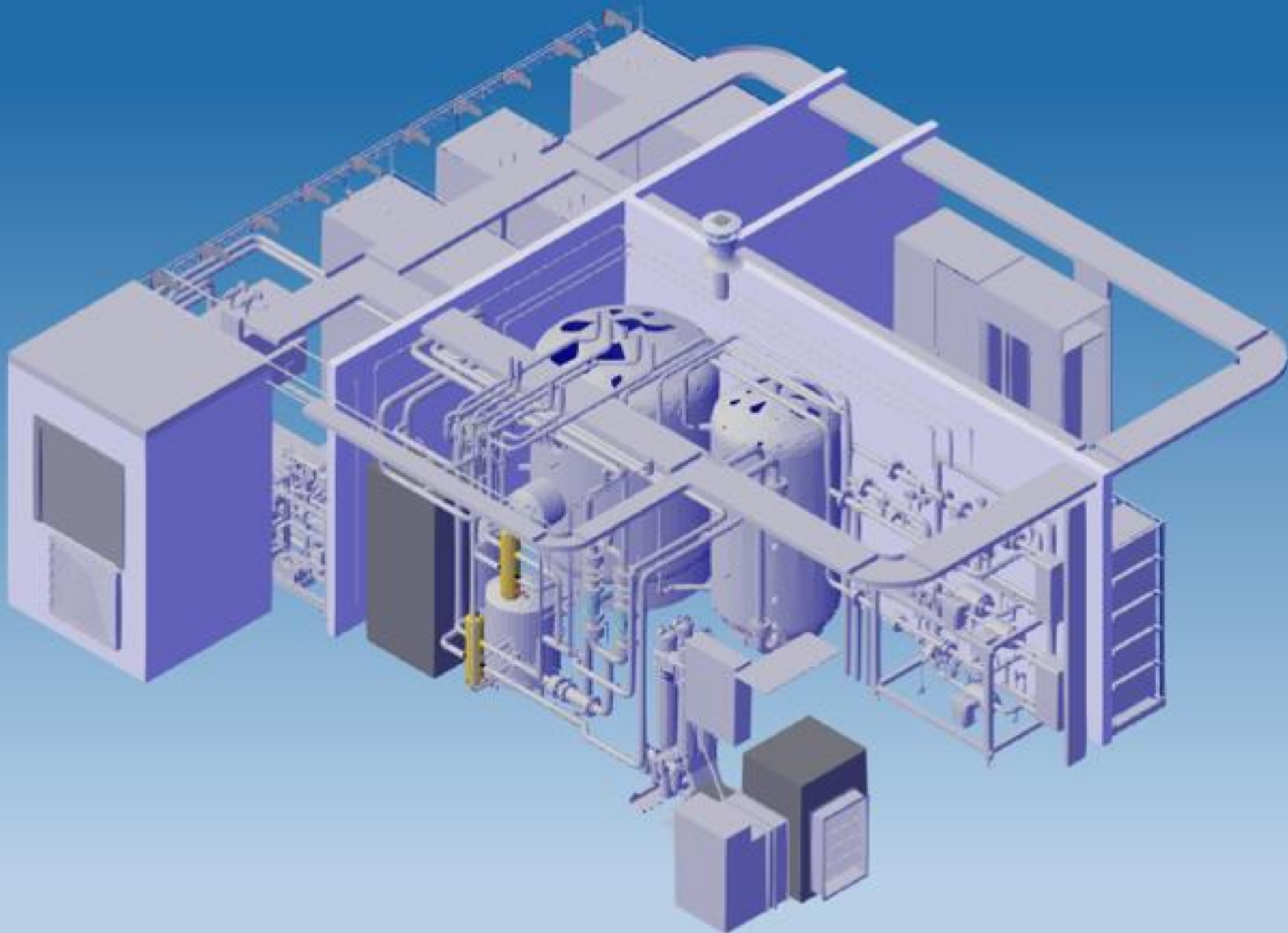
ECS – Energy control system

- Basic functionalities
- Safety systems

EMS – Energy monitoring system – layer on top of ECS

- Automated decision making
- Forecasting:
  - Weather -> sun & wind predictions
  - energy prices
  - utility net pricing (congestion pricing)





# HYDROGEN

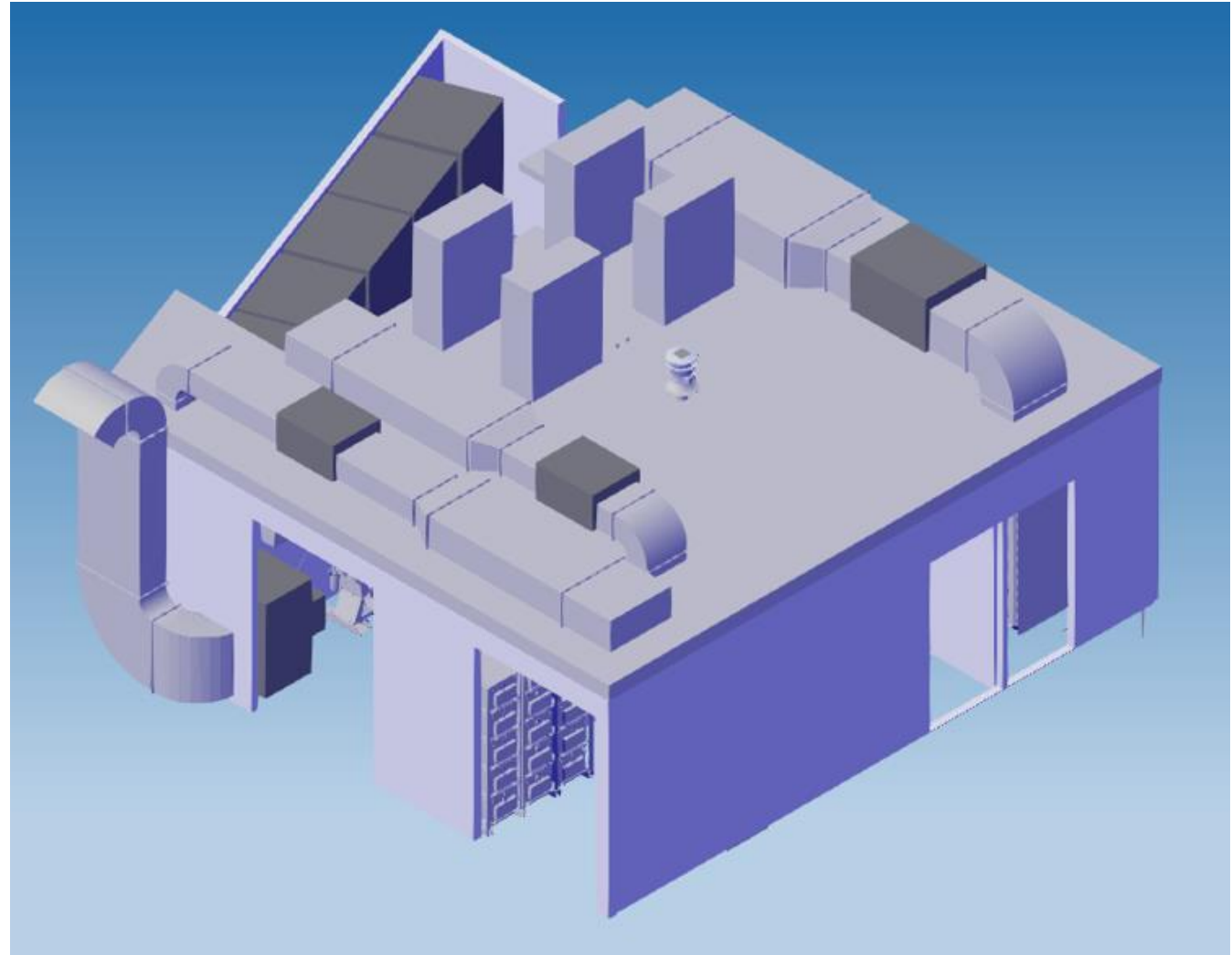
## INNOVAHUB PROJECT: ENGINEERING CHALLENGES

### Hydrogen Safety:

- HAZOP & HAZID analyses
- Redundancy on safety valves
- Venting systems

### Noise limits -> residential neighborhood

- Air cooled equipment:
  - compressors: Hydrogen and air
  - electrolyzers













# 3- Aruba's energy system

Demand, Production and Renewable Energy



## ARUBA'S ENERGY SYSTEM

### INSTALLED CAPACITY ELECTRICITY GENERATION

EQUIPMENT	INSTALLED CAPACITY
RECIP Phase 1+2 (6 Engines)	46.8 MW
RECIP Phase 3 (4 Engines)	45.2 MW
RECIP Phase 4 (6 Engines Dual Fuel)	102 MW
GAS TURBINES	22.00 MW
WIND TURBINES	30.00 MW
SOLAR PV	6.5 MW
ENERGY STORAGE	1 MW
<b>AVERAGE ARUBA DEMAND</b>	<b>108 MW</b>
<b>MAX DEMAND PEAK</b>	<b>155 MW</b>

Source: [www.webaruba.com](http://www.webaruba.com) 20-5-2023

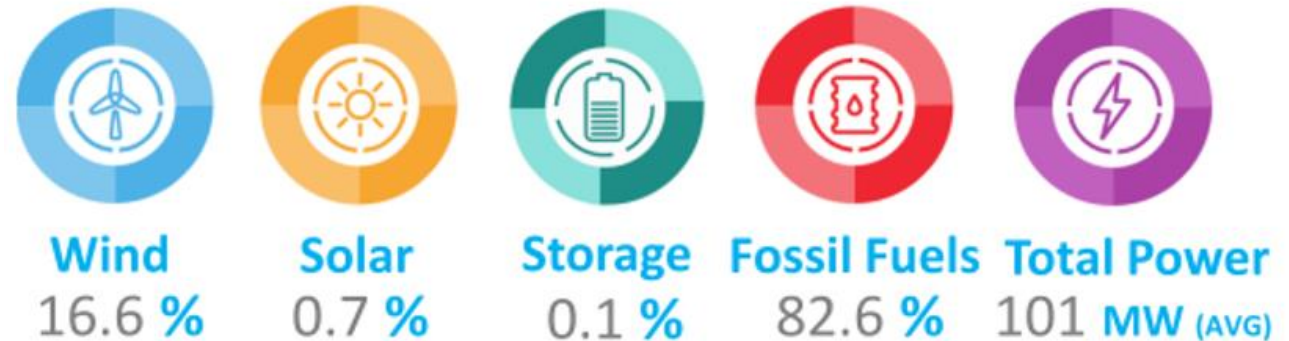
# ARUBA'S ENERGY SYSTEM

## ENERGY PRODUCTION

2023 YTD production:

- Fossils: 82,6%
- Renewables: 17,3%
  - 16,6 % wind
  - 0,7 % solar

### Power Production Partition for 2023 YTD



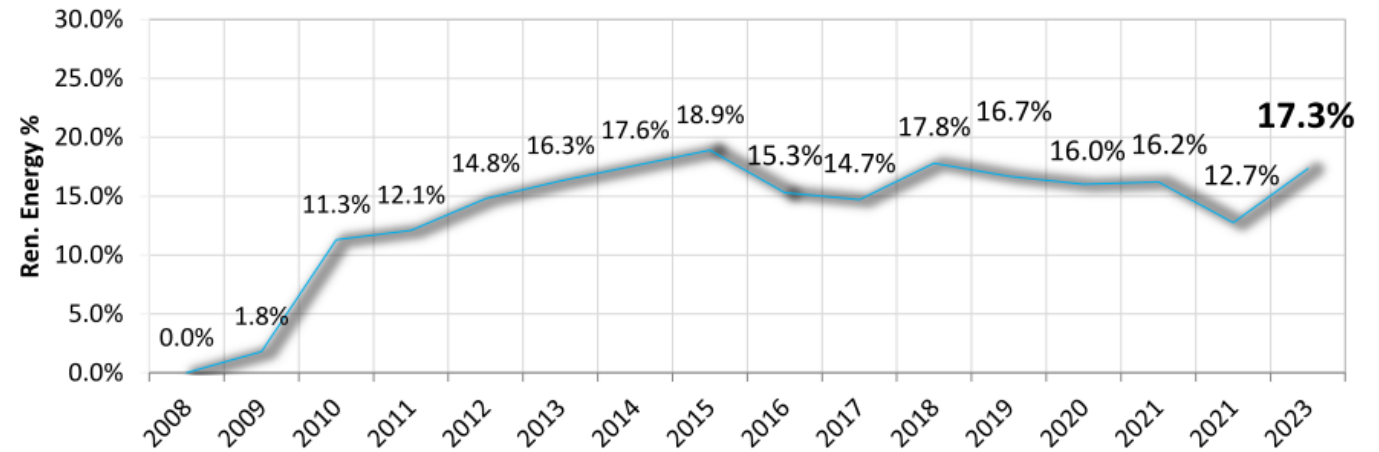
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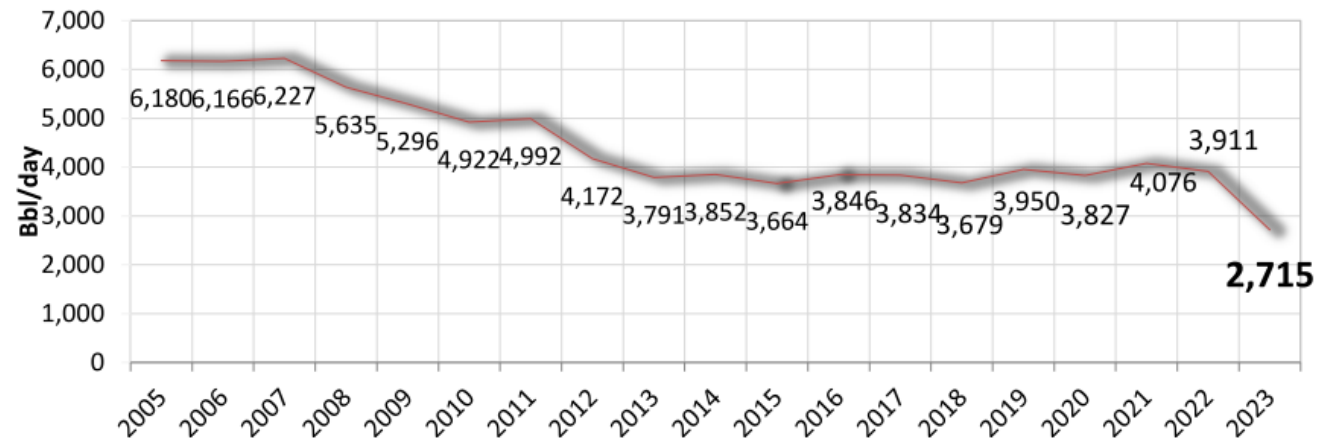
## RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Current renewable production:
  - 16,6 % wind
  - 0,7 % solar
- HFO reduction;
  - 2007-2013: steady decline
  - Stagnation in decline as of 2013
- SDG - Targets for 2030: 45% reduction of emissions (compared to 2010)

### Renewable Energy timeline in %



### HFO reduction timeline in Bbl/day



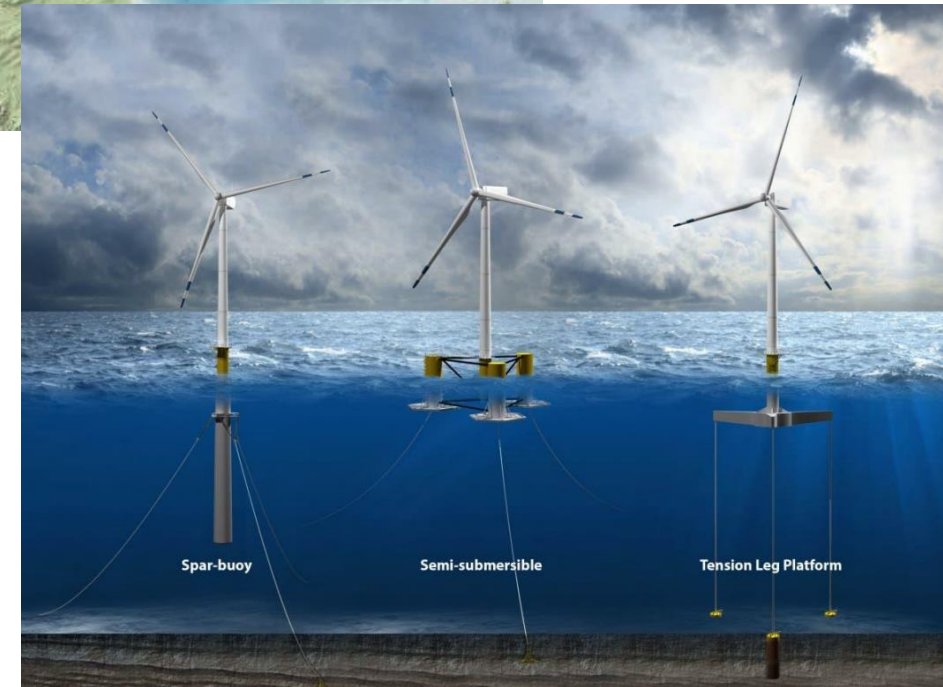
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# ARUBA'S ENERGY SYSTEM

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Renewable energy potential is very high

- Current renewable installed capacity:
  - 30 MW onshore wind
  - 6,5 MW solar
- Most obvious assets to add:
  - Onshore wind
  - Solar
- Near future: Offshore wind



## ARUBA'S ENERGY SYSTEM STORAGE

Storage is necessity:

- For grid balancing purposes
- Given intermittent character of renewables,

Current storage:

- 2017: 1 MW BESS
- 2018: Pilot - > 20 underground Flywheels
  - 5MW for 12 minutes
  - Currently not grid connected



Battery Energy Storage (BESS)



Flywheel Park

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## ARUBA'S ENERGY SYSTEM STORAGE

For 100% renewable energy, Aruba needs more storage capacity.

Obvious choice: Batteries

- Good option for day/night and grid balancing,
- Batteries have some drawbacks
- Other storage means are welcome!





# ARUBA'S ENERGY SYSTEM

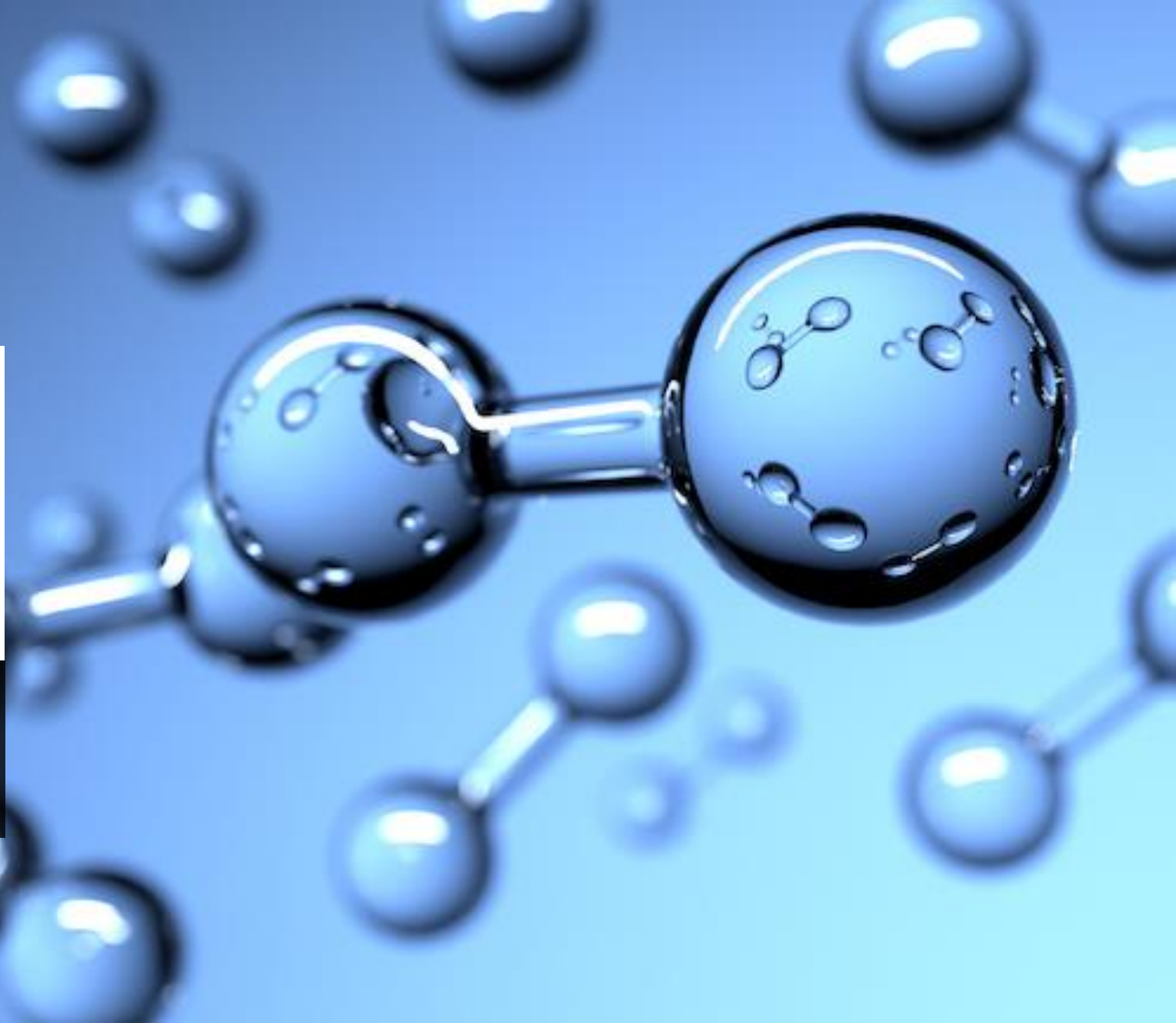
## CURRENT PLANS

- Expansion of current windpark: up to 35% RE
- Current short term plans for refinery terrain: LNG terminal
  - 2025: LNG as replacement for HFO in RECIP's
  - Reduction of CO2 and emissions
- LNG can be used as feedstock for grey (or blue) hydrogen.  
But this is not Green Hydrogen!



# 4 – Aruba & Hydrogen

Hydrogen valley for Aruba?

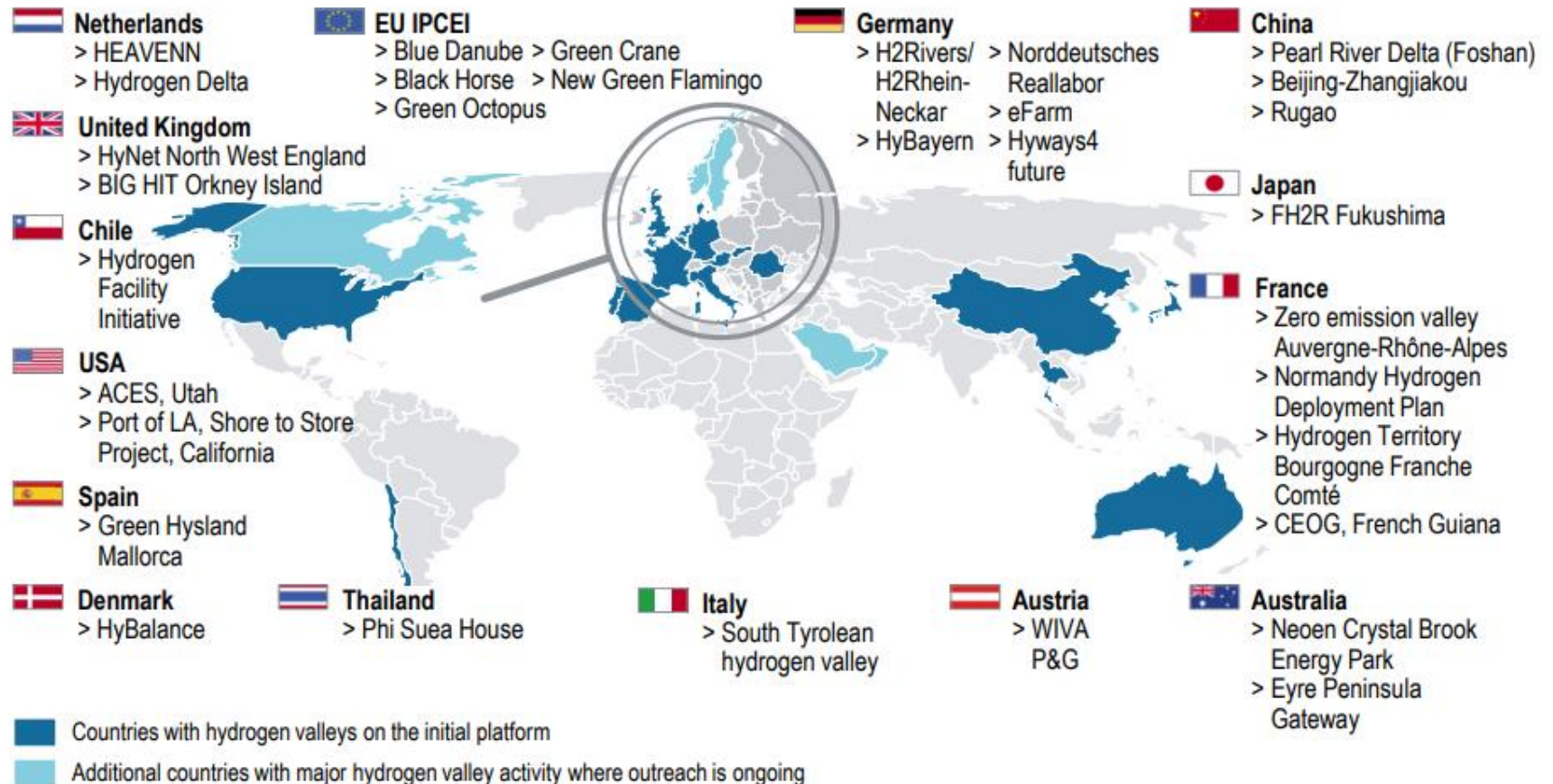


# ARUBA & HYDROGEN

## HYDROGEN OPPORTUNITIES

Hydrogen is growing fast worldwide!

### A fast-growing landscape of globally leading projects ...



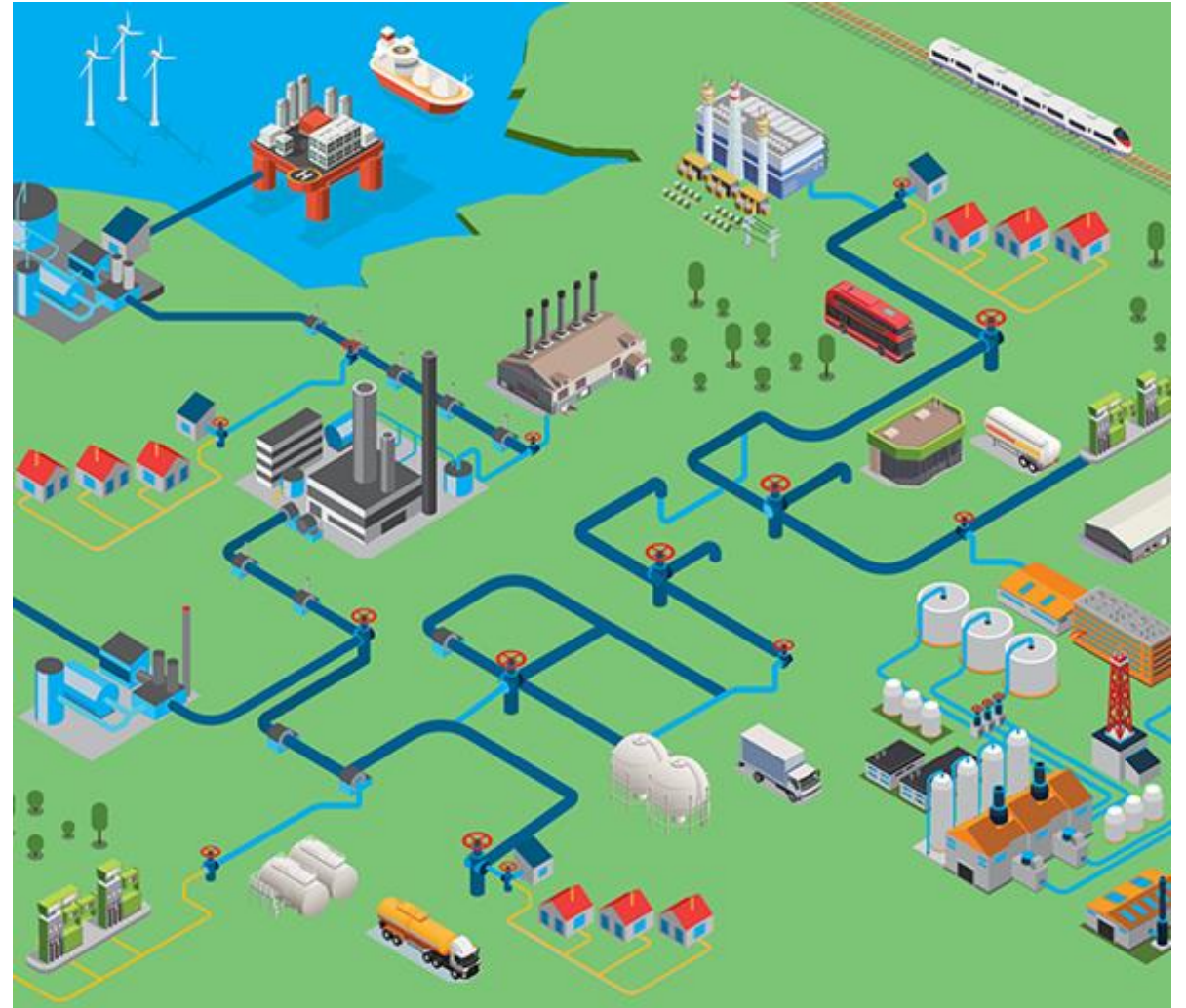
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## ENERGY & HYDROGEN

### WHAT IS A HYDROGEN VALLEY?

“Hydrogen Valley”

- geographical area: a city, a region, an island or an industrial cluster
- where several hydrogen applications are combined together into an integrated hydrogen ecosystem
- consumes a significant amount of hydrogen, improving the economics behind the project.
- should ideally cover the entire hydrogen value chain: production, storage, distribution and final use.



Source: [www.thechemicalengineer.com](http://www.thechemicalengineer.com) 20-5-2023

## ARUBA & HYDROGEN

### CAN HYDROGEN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE ENERGY MIX OF ARUBA?

#### Negative perspective

##### Aruba

1. has little industry that uses a high-T process (no steel or glass) or needs hydrogen as feedstock (fertilizer)
2. has no significant seasonal mismatch between demand and supply of energy
3. has no significant gas infrastructure to become worthless (like in NL)
4. is a small island where the average battery electric vehicles won't give range anxiety issues.
5. Production of green hydrogen needs capital intensive assets and infrastructure

From these arguments it seems that Hydrogen is not an obvious choice for Aruba.

## ARUBA & HYDROGEN

### CAN HYDROGEN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE ENERGY MIX OF ARUBA?

#### Positive perspective

##### Aruba

1. has very high renewable energy potential to produce green Hydrogen
2. can become energy independent and self sufficient
3. can prevent future congestion by implementing strategically placed hydrogen hubs
4. can develop new industries using green hydrogen (recycling metals and glass!)
5. can apply Green Hydrogen in their existing RECIP's blended with natural gas
6. has high airplane traffic intensity
7. has high visiting cruiseship traffic
8. has waste disposal challenges that green Hydrogen will not excacerbate

Combining the above: Green Hydrogen can play a big role in the energy mix!

## ARUBA & HYDROGEN

### CAN HYDROGEN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE ENERGY MIX OF ARUBA?

#### Green Hydrogen can play a key role in Aruba!

Preconditions to be able to implement a green Hydrogen economy:

- Implement more renewable energy generation
  - Solar
  - Wind
- Use stakeholder approach to create acceptance in all communities
- Phase out HFO a.s.a.p. and apply LNG wisely: Gray or blue Hydrogen are not Green!
- Recommendations:
  - Talk with local industries to assess interest and feasibility
  - Establish long term partnerships for technology transfer and trade routes

## ARUBA & HYDROGEN

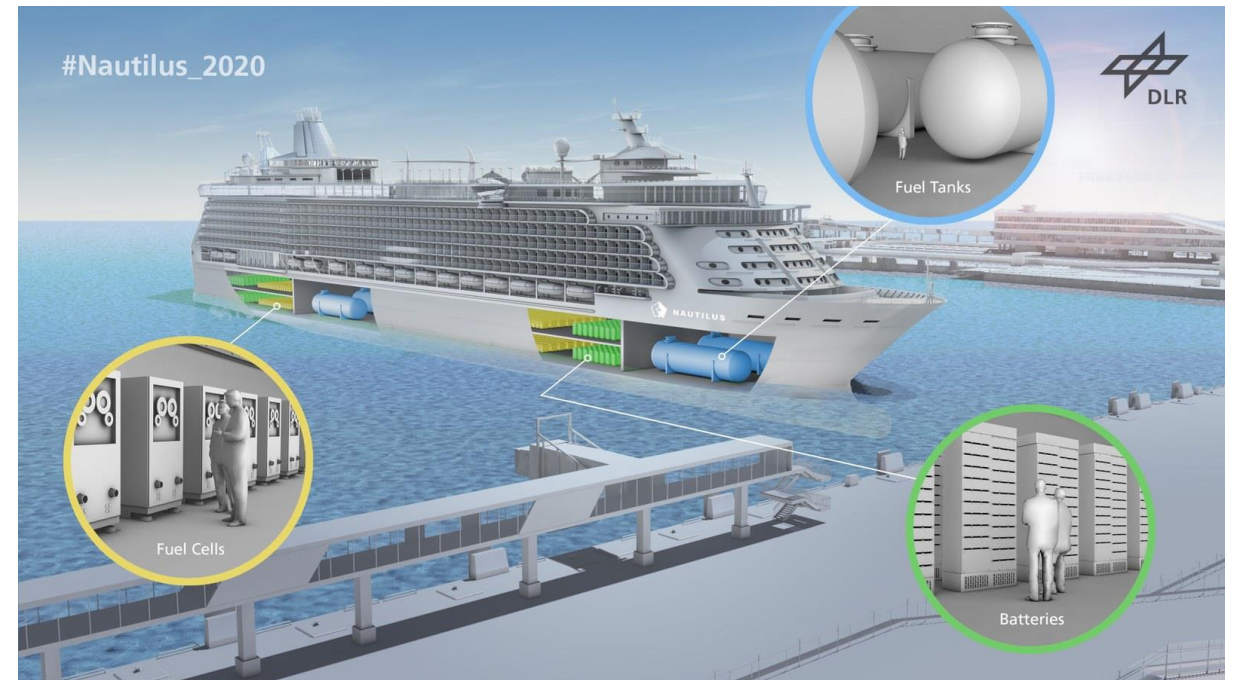
### POTENTIAL HYDROGEN OPPORTUNITIES

Blending with LNG in existing RECIP's:

- Use overproduction for day/night balancing

Refueling (cruise)ships and/or airplanes

- Needs ships/airplanes running on Hydrogen
- Needs significant more Renewable production
- Needs much larger Hydrogen production/storage capacity





## ARUBA & HYDROGEN POTENTIAL RISKS

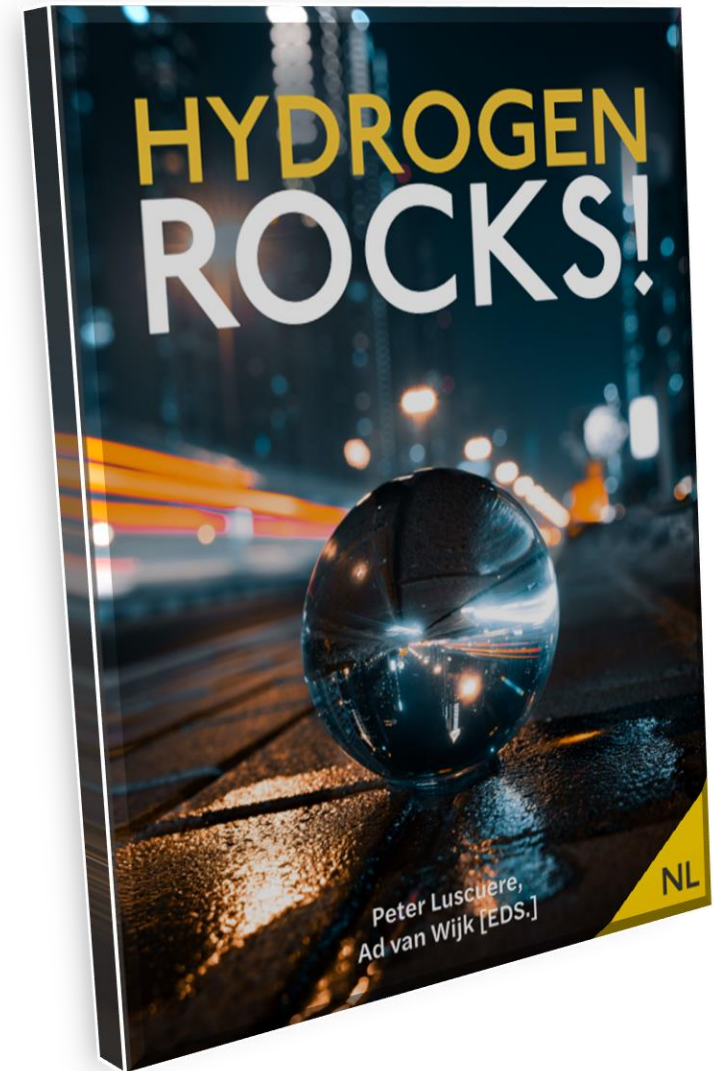
- Competition of other nearby Caribbean islands / countries
  - Curaçao
  - Dominica: has Geothermal potential
  - Trinidad & Tobago
  - Venezuela?
- Land scarcity: Trade-off between land/sea use for producing excess renewable electricity for green hydrogen

## ENERGY & HYDROGEN

### HYDROGEN ROCKS: VAN DORPS VISION ON HYDROGEN

- Energy will be 'free' - Energy abundance theory (Jeremy Rifkin)
- Use deserts and ocean space for cheap renewable energy
- Don't spend billions reinforcing the electricity grid
- Skip Carbon Capture and Storage – too expensive and benefits fossil fuels
- CO2 tariffs need to be applied to level the playing field for green hydrogen
- Energetic Efficiency/exergy is not the main comparing factor. It is energy cost!

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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