

# Steam Electrolysis as the Core Technology for Sector Coupling in the Energy Transition

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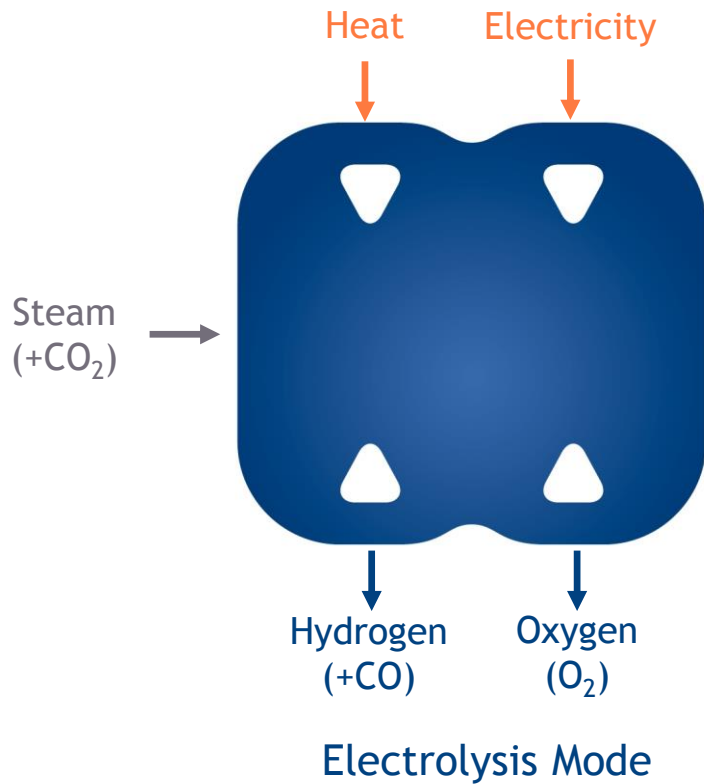




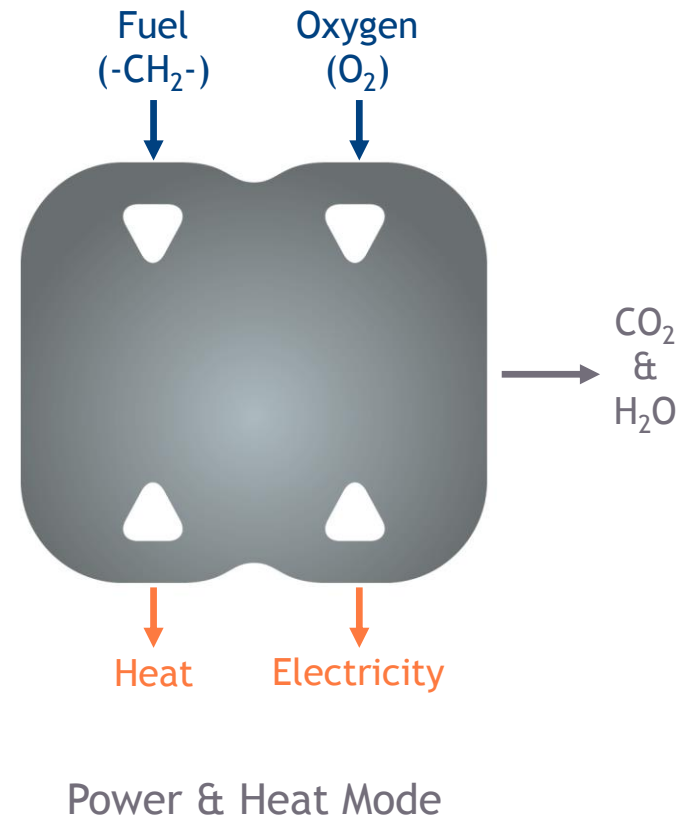
# + Basic Information

# Solid Oxide Cells convert...

... electricity into hydrogen



... chemical energy into electricity and heat



## Three Core USPs

- + **Highest efficiency** in hydrogen production ( $82\%_{\text{LHV}}$  or  $3.7 \text{ kWh/Nm}^3$ ) and power & heat production ( $35\text{-}60\%_{\text{AC}}$  and  $90\%_{\text{total}}$ ) compared to legacy technologies such as PEM and Alkaline
- + **Tolerance to carbon** in electrolysis mode via co-electrolysis of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and in fuel cell mode via internal reforming of hydrocarbons (natural gas, LPG, diesel, etc.)
- + **Flexible** adjustment of output from part load to full load (30%-100%) in a short timeframe

Sunfire promises **low costs**, **high reliability** and **readiness to scale**.

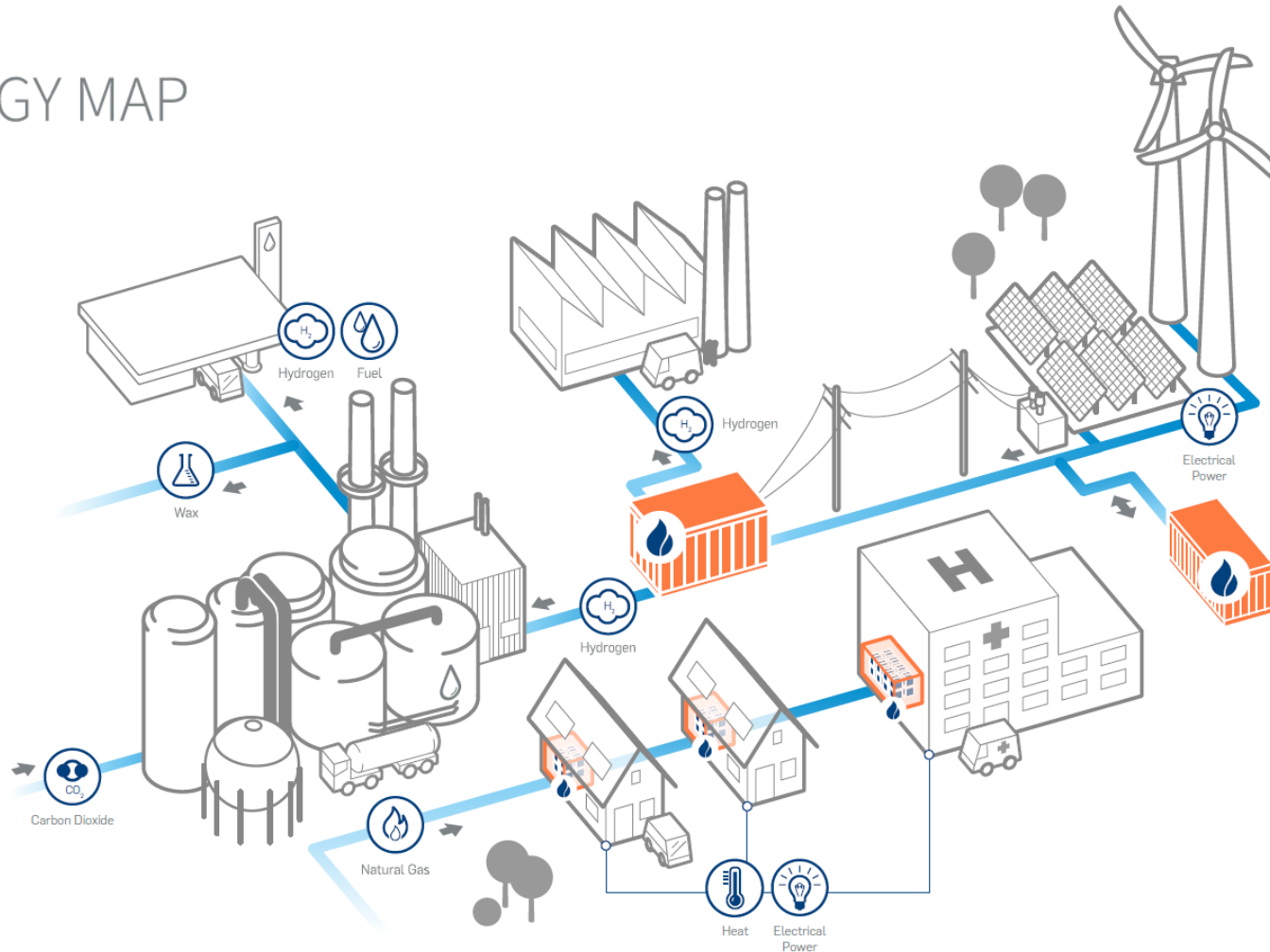


Stack Production in Dresden



System testing in Dresden

# ENERGY MAP



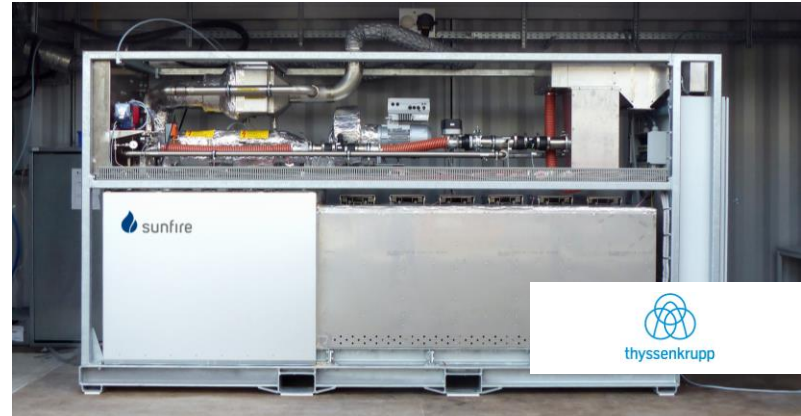
**Sunfire's Mission** 100 % “Energiewende” via sector coupling:  
 To bring **renewable energy everywhere** by bridging the gap between the power, mobility, chemicals and heat sectors.

# One Core - Multiple Products

+ Heat and Power for Households



+ Power and Heat for Commercial Buildings



+ Power for Remote Locations

+ Fuels and Gases for Mobility + Industry



## Company facts

### Knowhow

- 90 Employees
- Skills in Ceramics, Stack + System Production, Engineering, Synthesis Processes, etc.

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### Patents

- 43 patent families (i.e. »process patent sunfire« WO/2008/014854)

### Recognition

- EcoSummit Silver Award 2014/2015
- Cleantech 100 Company 2014/2015/2016 (only fuel cell + electrolysis company)
- Fast Company Most Innovative Company of 2016 (with Tesla and Toyota)
- German gas industry's 2016 Innovation & Climate Protection Award

### Revenues

- Multi-million Euro Revenues in Global Markets since 2011



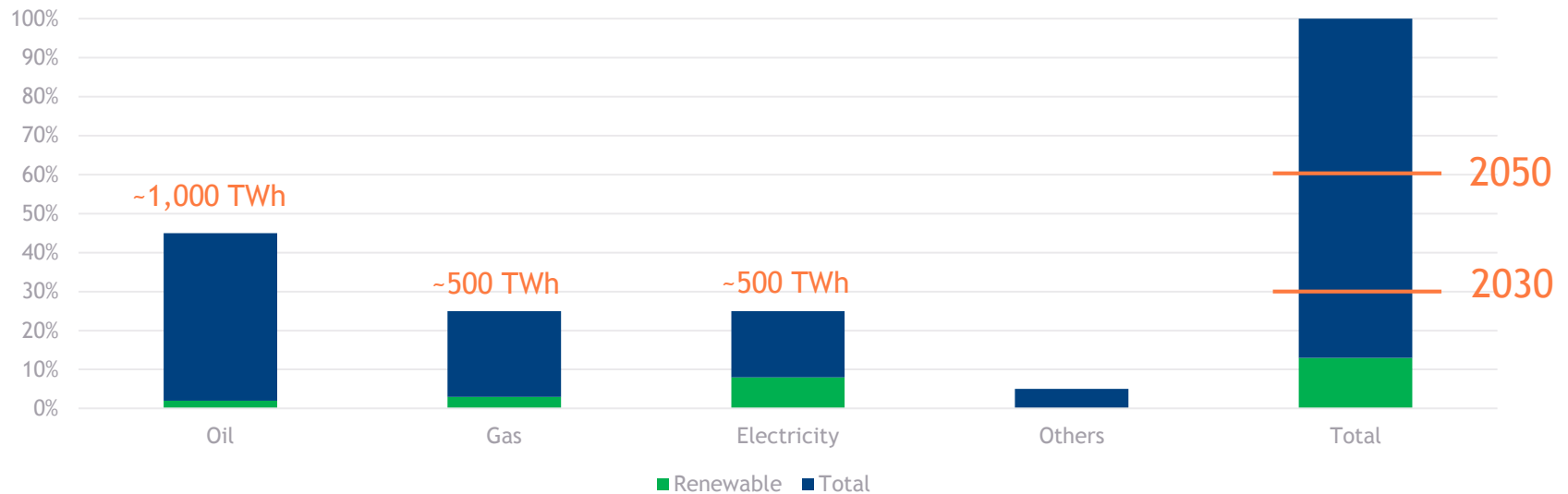
# + Sectoral Integration: The Hydrogen Opportunity

Why now?



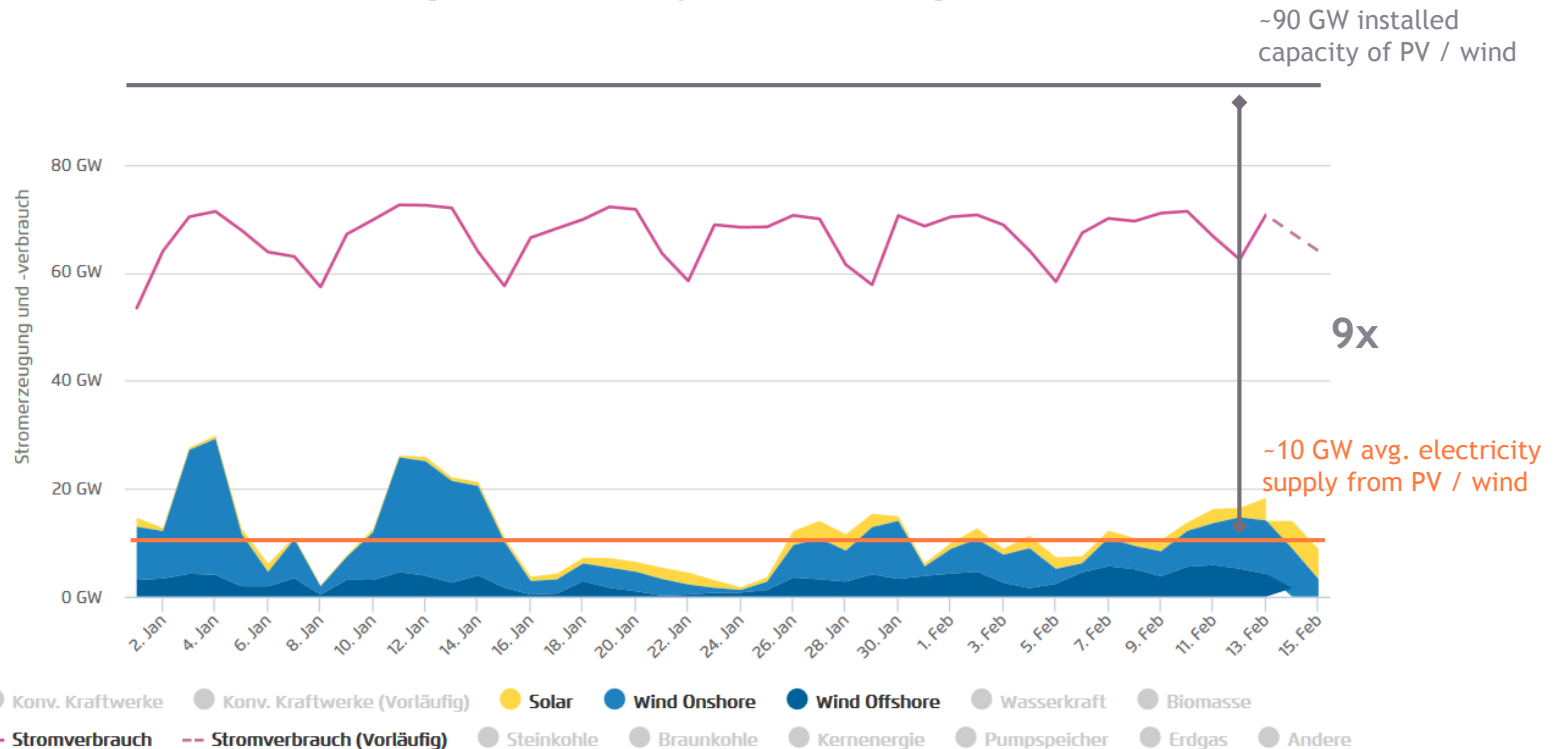
## We are lacking renewable solutions for oil and gas

Final Energy Consumption by Fuel (GER, 2015)



- + Ambitious renewable energy consumption targets: 2030 = 30% and in 2050 = 60%
- + Solar and wind power are competitive with fossils, but electrical sector only 25%
- + 75% of energy is used in the oil & gas sector

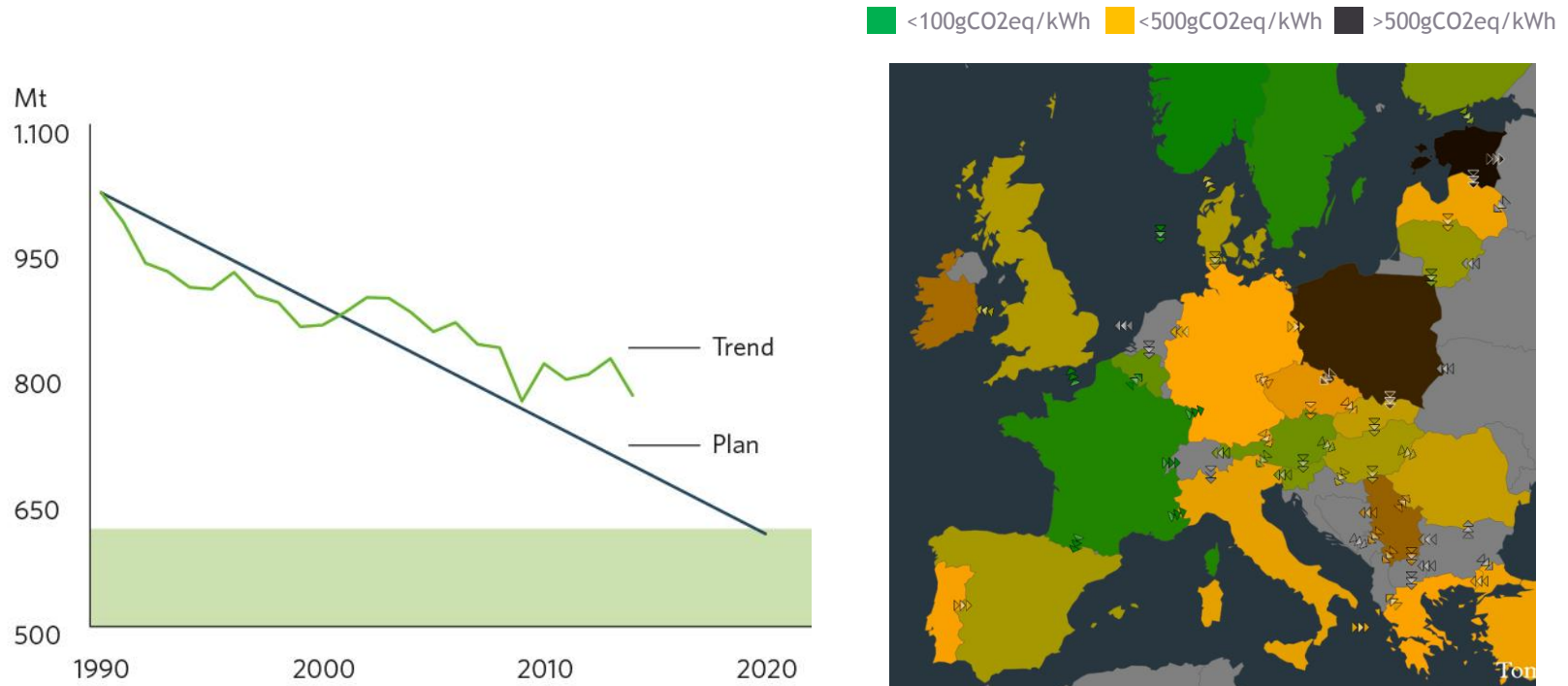
# Electrification requires large overcapacities



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- + Solar and wind power are fluctuating and seasonal
- + A full electrification would require significant overcapacities

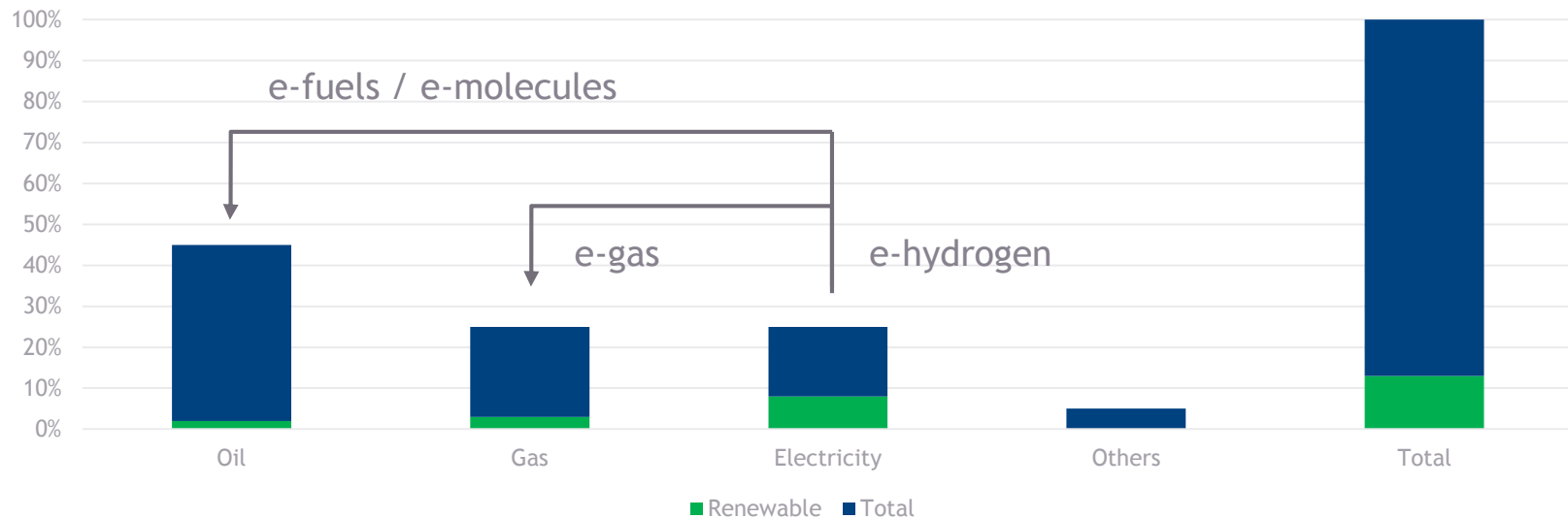
## W/o solutions for the o&g sector CO<sub>2</sub> targets will be missed



- + Germany ranks amongst most CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting countries in Europe, despite large investments in renewable energies (>25 bn€/a)

## Hydrogen is the bridge between the sectors

Final Energy Consumption by Fuel (GER, 2015)



- + Sectoral integration means the integration of the power sector with the oil and gas sectors via the use of hydrogen
- + By purchasing renewable electricity directly from operators through Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) the share of renewable electricity production can be increased at no additional costs for the system

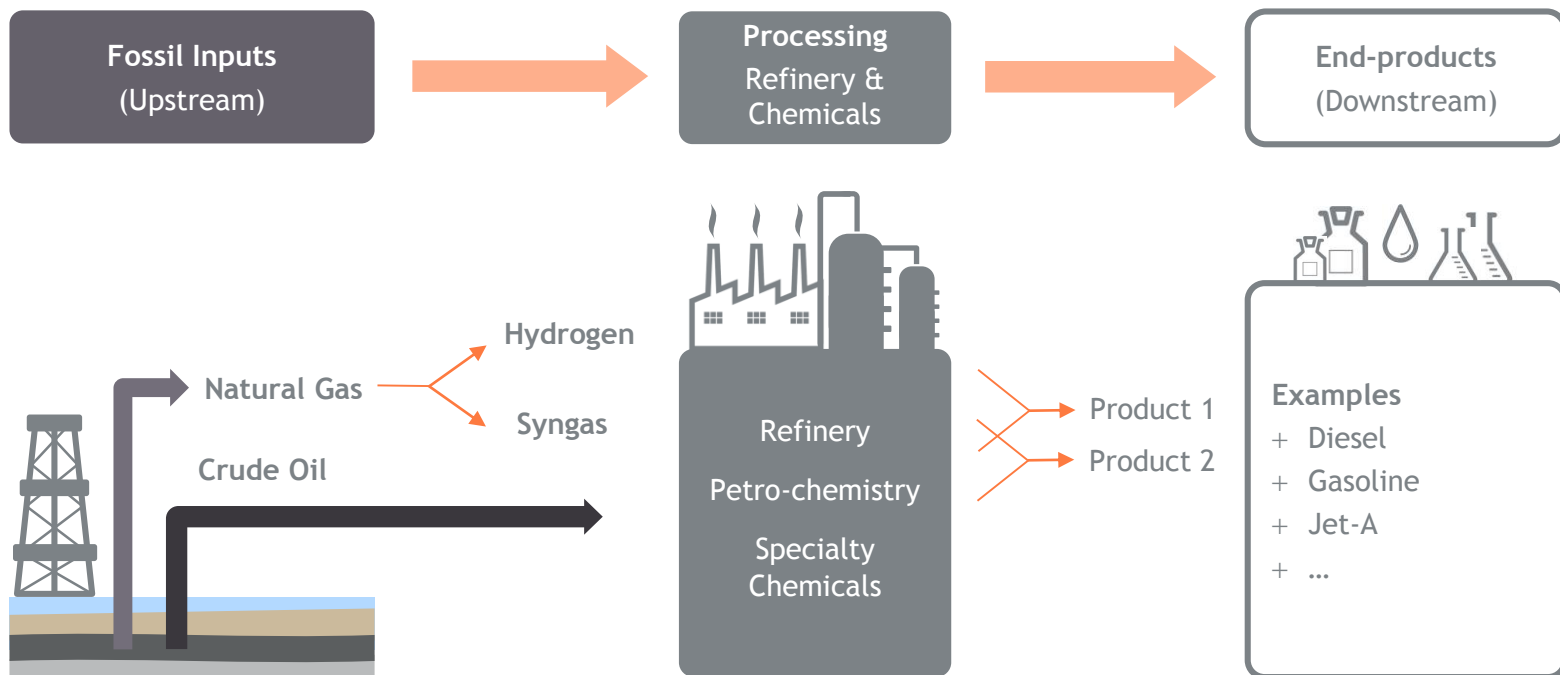


# + Sectoral Integration in practice

Where does it make most sense?

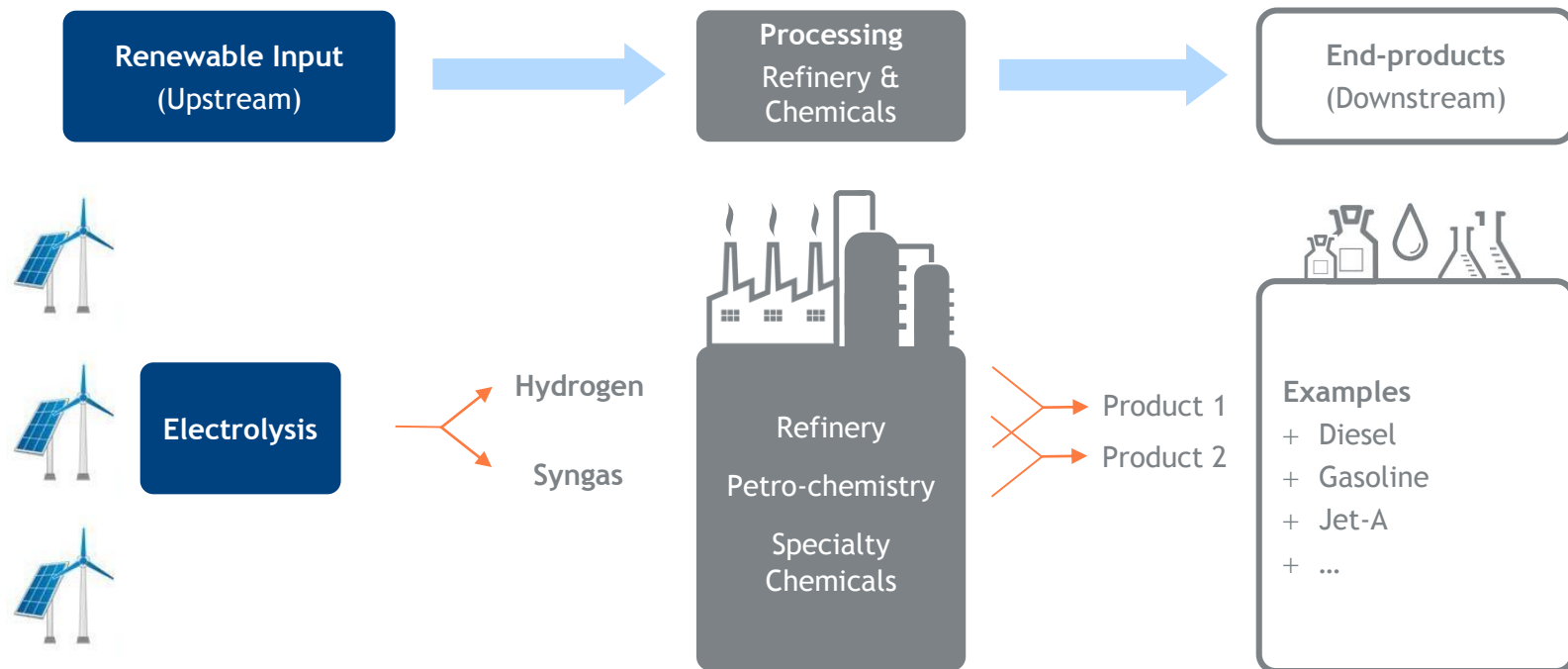
## Hydrogen for refineries - the first use-case

- + Hydrogen required for the production of fuels in refineries (diesel, gasoline, etc.)
- + Only in Germany, >100.000 t/a hydrogen demand currently produced from natural gas



## Hydrogen from renewable electricity to fulfill quotas

- + Fossil hydrogen can be replaced by hydrogen from renewable electricity
- + Hydrogen can already achieve “biofuel parity” → no additional costs for system
- + European market size estimated to be >10 GW of electrolysis





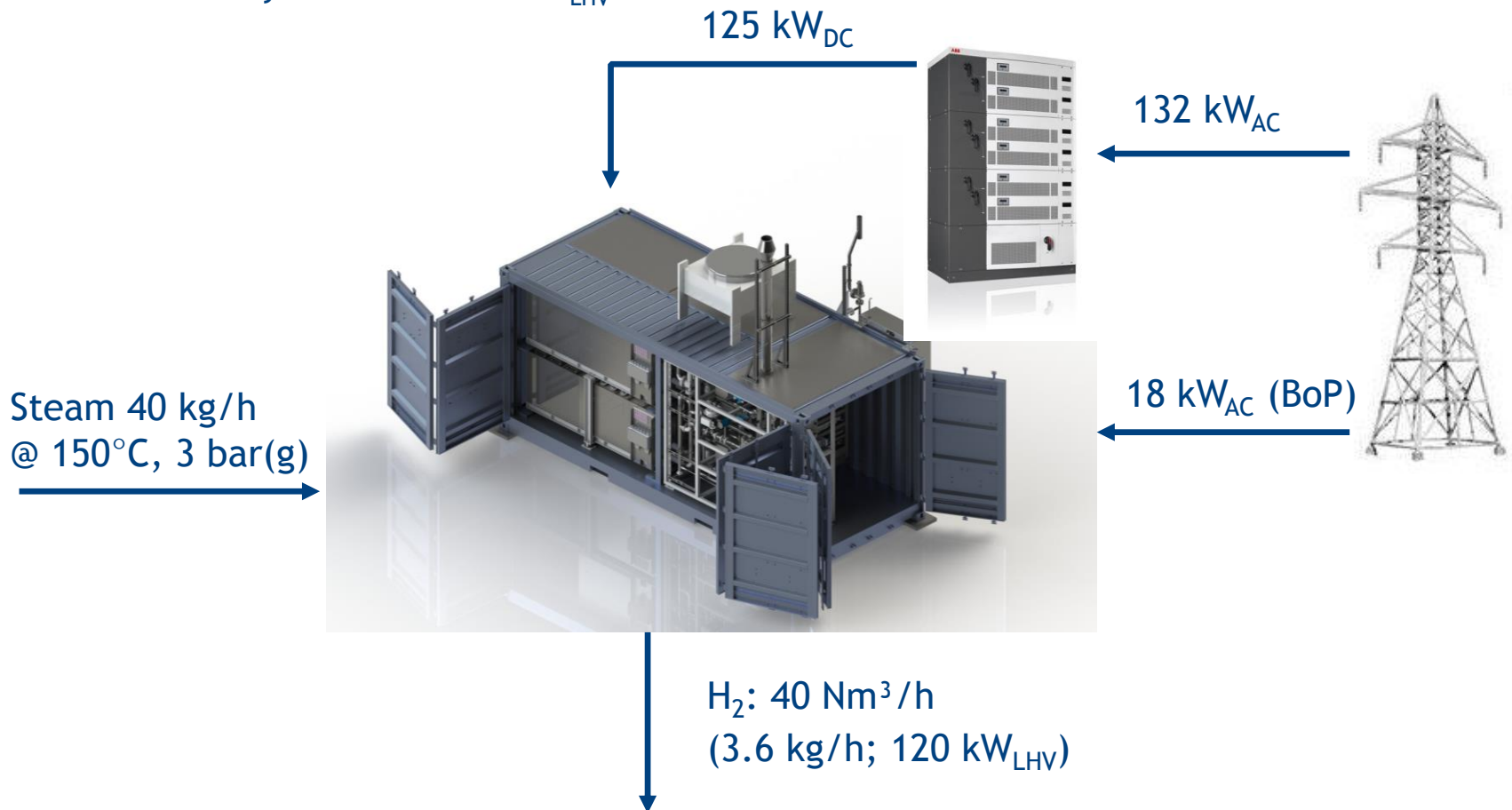


# + Technical Specification

# Steam Electrolysis Module Performance and Interfaces

## Electrical Efficiency:

Steam Electrolysis: AC  $\rightarrow$  LHV 82 %<sub>LHV</sub>



## Selected Reference Projects



- + 1x 150 kW SOEC power input and 40 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h hydrogen output
- + SOEC efficiency of >80 %<sub>LHV</sub>
- + Installed at an industrial steel plant
- + Meeting H<sub>2</sub> quality standards of steel industry



150 kW SOEC module in Salzgitter, Germany

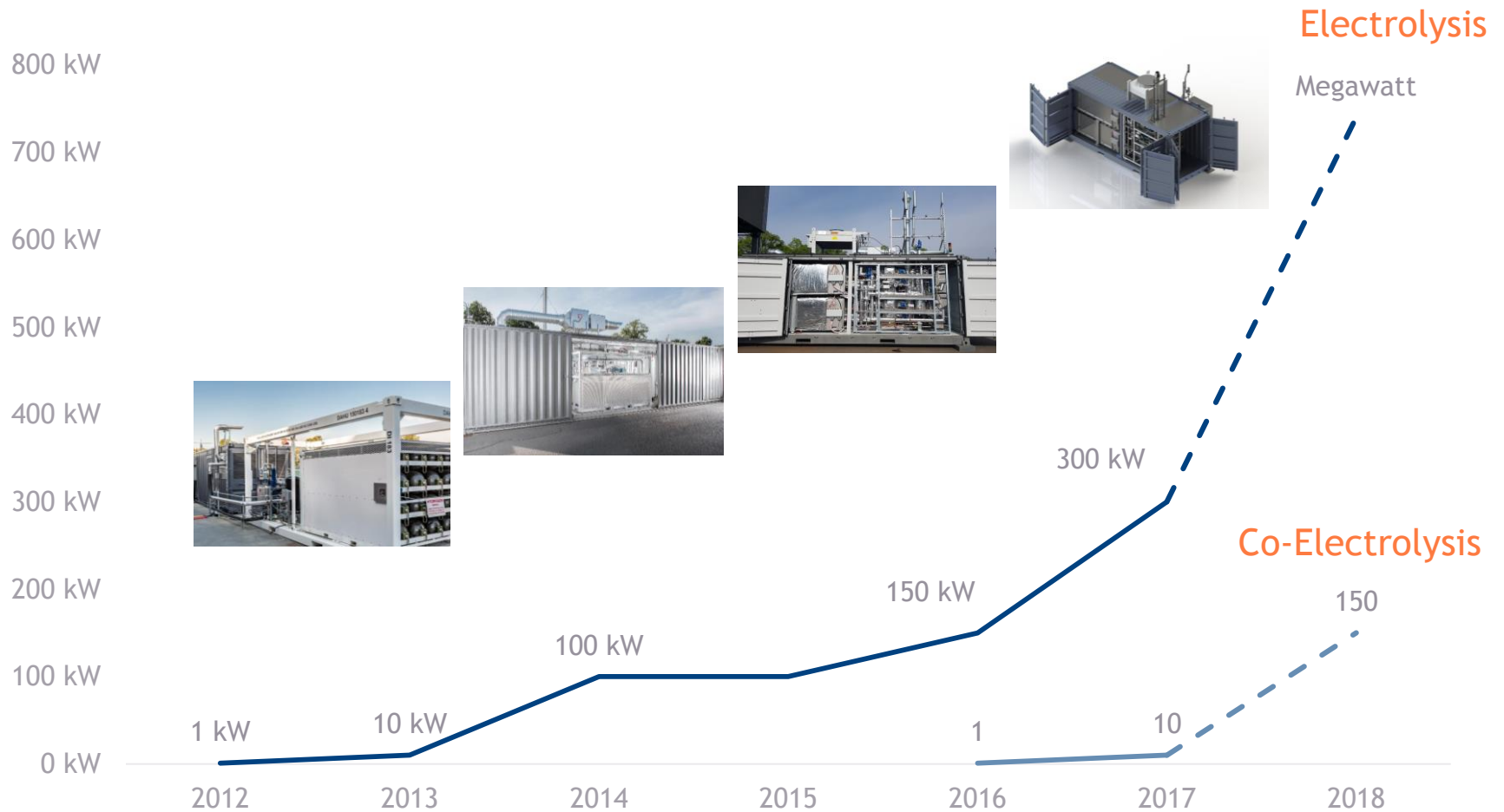


- + 2x 100 kW SOEC power input and 50 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h hydrogen output
- + Reversible mode with 2x 20 kW and roundtrip efficiency of ca. 45%
- + Electricity storage for autonomous electricity supply during day and night (PV connected)



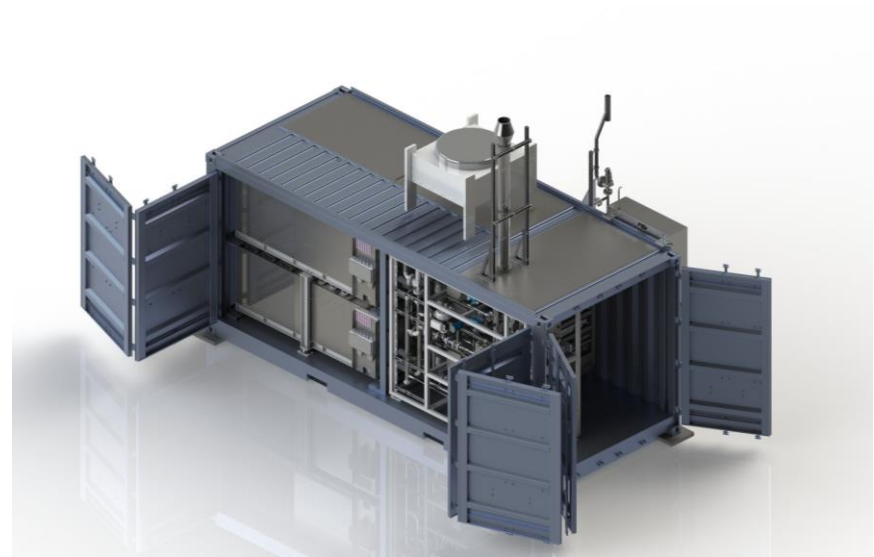
200 kW SOEC module in Los Angeles, USA

# Sectorial Integration requires megawatt electrolyzers



## Next Generation Electrolysis

- + Modular Scaling Concept
- + SOEC Module:
  - Hydrogen output: 50 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h
  - Electricity input: 185 kW<sub>AC</sub>
- + Standard 20' container (TEU\*):
  - Up to 4 modules
  - Hydrogen output: 200 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h
  - Electricity input: 740 kW<sub>AC</sub> power
- + Hydrogen drying unit
- + Gas cooling unit



Steam Electrolysis Container (up to 4 modules) 200 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h H<sub>2</sub>

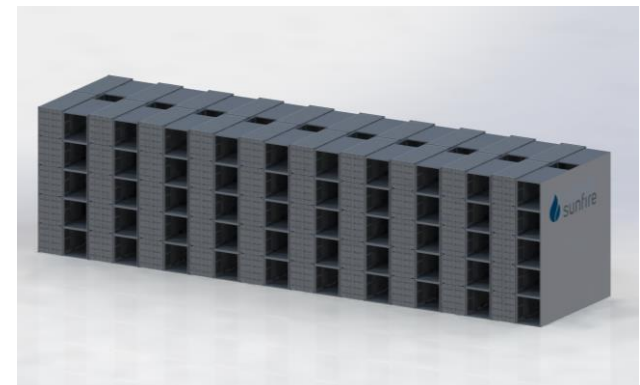
\* TEU = Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit = 20 ft. ISO container

## Upscaling Concept

- + SOEC Electrolysis Tower:
  - Stack up to **five 20' container** over each other for a **Hydrogen** output of **1,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h**
  - Electricity input: 3.7 MW<sub>AC</sub>
  - Central Hydrogen Processing Unit
  - Footprint: 1 TEU (6.1 m x 5.0 m )
  
- + SOEC Electrolysis Bench:
  - **Hydrogen** output: **20,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h**
  - Electricity input: 74 MW<sub>AC</sub>
  - Footprint: 2 TEU (15 m) x 10 TEU (48 m)
  
- + No upscaling issues due to **serial production** of the same reliable SOEC module
- + **Incremental** set-up of H<sub>2</sub> production capacity



1,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h SOEC Electrolysis Tower



20,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h SOEC Electrolysis Bench



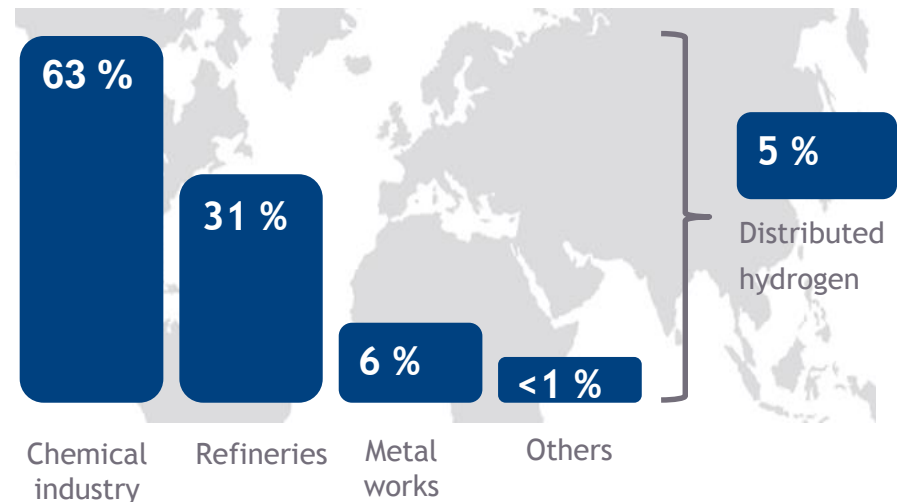
# + Hydrogen Market & Competition



## Hydrogen Demand and Applications

- + Today, fossil H<sub>2</sub> markets in **chemicals, metals** and **refineries**
- + New market potential in **H<sub>2</sub> storage, H<sub>2</sub> mobility** and **e-fuels**
- + Green H<sub>2</sub> for **Refineries** and **Industry** threatening traditional markets of established fossil H<sub>2</sub> suppliers

Global Hydrogen demand  
(65 Mt/a = ~2.000 TWh/a)



**Electrolysis hydrogen has a significant potential in chemical industries (1200 TWh/a) and refineries (600 TWh/a).**

## Technologies for Renewable Hydrogen Production

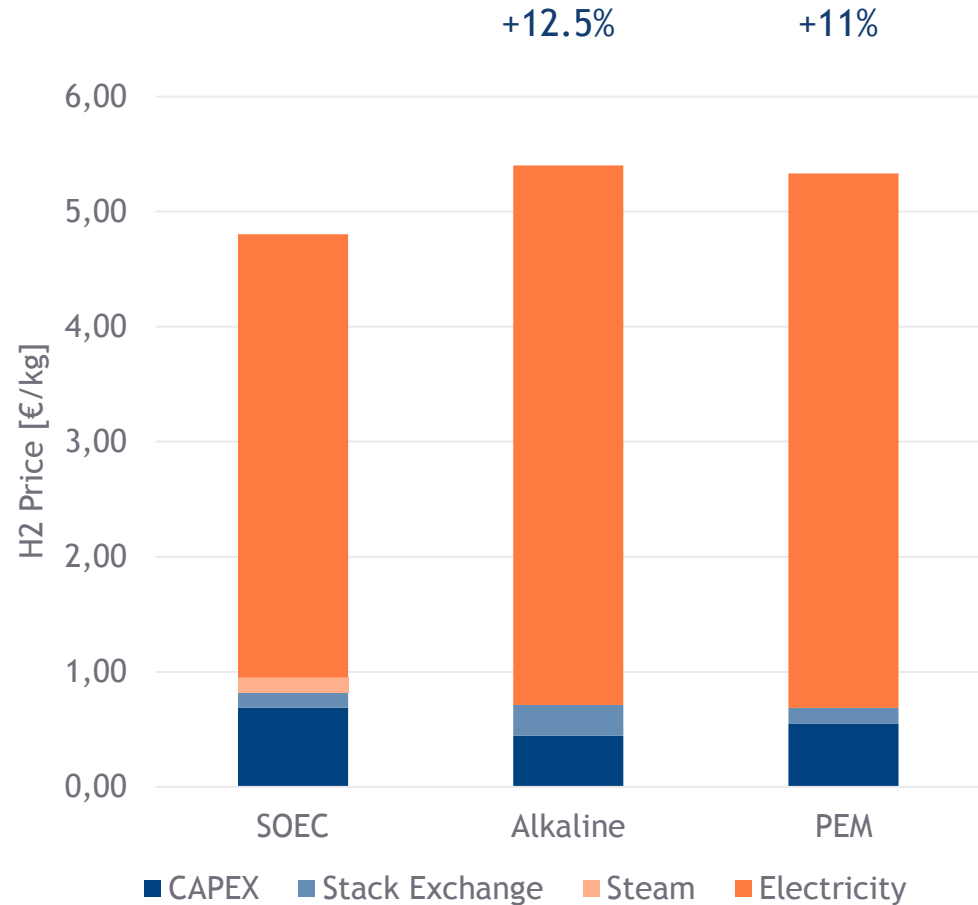
2020 scenario	Efficiency in % <sub>LHV</sub> (kWh/Nm <sup>3</sup> )	Costs in €/kW (€/kW divided by η)	Advantages
Alkaline	63 (4.8)	800 (1,270)	Reliable, Robust
PEM	65 (4.7)	1,000 (1,540)	Flexible
SOEC	82 (3.7)	1,500 (1,830)	Efficient, Reversible

- + Sunfire reaches **highest efficiencies** when using low-grade steam / heat
- + Efficiency reduces energy costs (**low OPEX**) and required electrolysis capacity to produce the same hydrogen output as less efficient products (**reduced CAPEX**)
- + This results in **cost-competitive and affordable renewable hydrogen**
- + Additionally, Sunfire's SOEC has CO-electrolysis potential

## H<sub>2</sub> Cost Comparison SOEC, Alkaline, PEM

Assumptions (2020 scenario):

- + Electricity Costs: 80 €/MWh
- + Capacity Factor: 60 % (~5,000 full load hours)
- + IRR 9 %
- + Sunfire electrolysis (SOEC) enables lowest costs compared to legacy technologies





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