



# Green Industrial Hydrogen via steam electrolysis

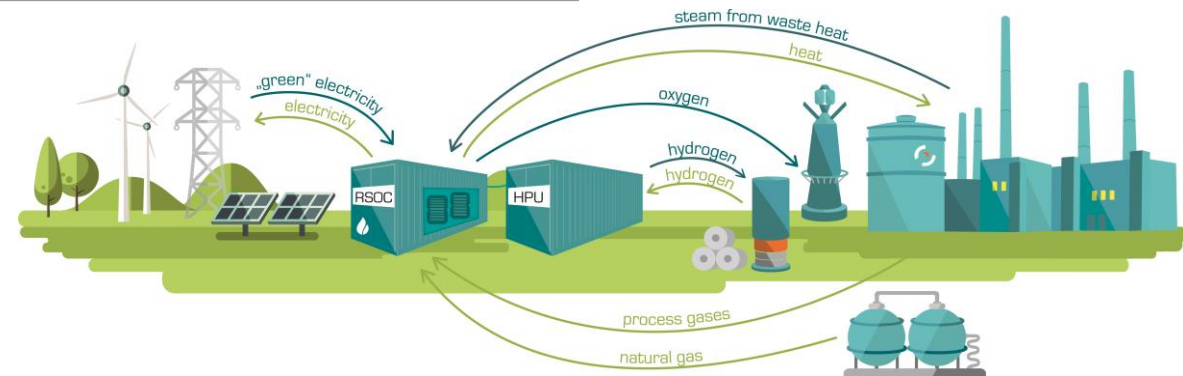
*FCHJU meets GrInHy2.0*

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# First GrInHy Project – Proof of energy-efficient hydrogen production



- World's biggest steam electrolyser producing  $40 \text{ Nm}^3_{\text{H}_2}/\text{h}$  ( $150 \text{ kW}_{\text{AC}}$ )
- Integration into infrastructure of **Salzgitter's iron-and-steel works**
- Hydrogen based on **steam from waste heat**
- Electrolyser electrical efficiency of  $78 \%_{\text{LHV}}$  sets new standards
- **Operational experience** from 12/2017 – 08/2019
- $90,000 \text{ Nm}^3_{\text{H}_2}$  for today's **steel annealing processes**
- In total, the **system was operated** for approx. **10,000 hours** during project duration

GrInHy: 03/2016 – 02/2019.



# Role of Partners

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Overall **project coordination** and **environmental studies**



**Integration** of electrolyser system and **operation** with steam from waste heat



**Technical coordinator** and **manufacturer** of steam electrolyser



Engineering and assembling of **hydrogen processing unit** for compression and drying

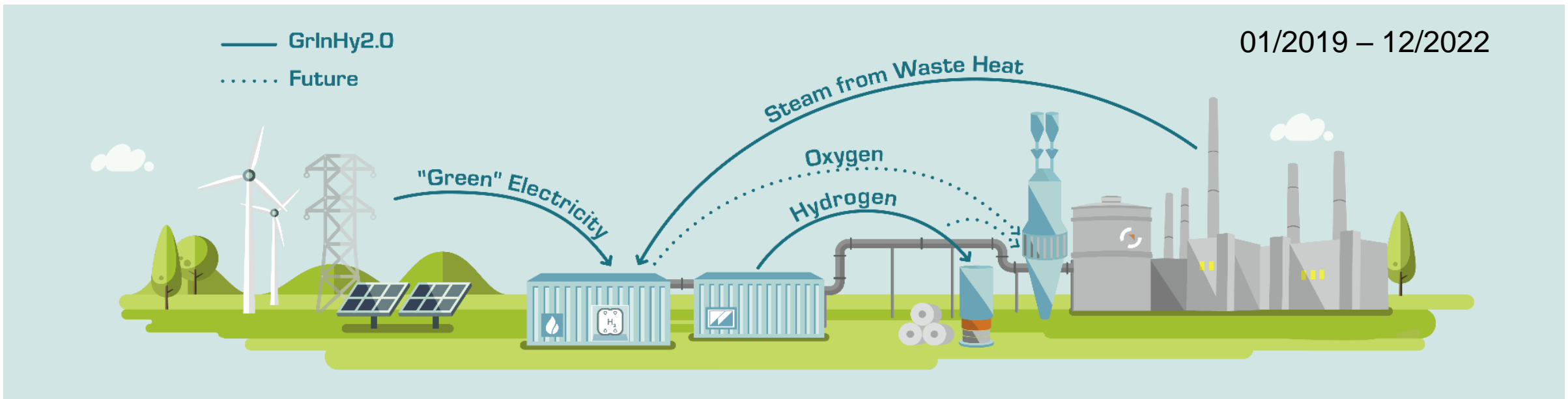


Implementation **study** of a hydrogen-based, low **CO<sub>2</sub>** **steelmaking** route in Europe



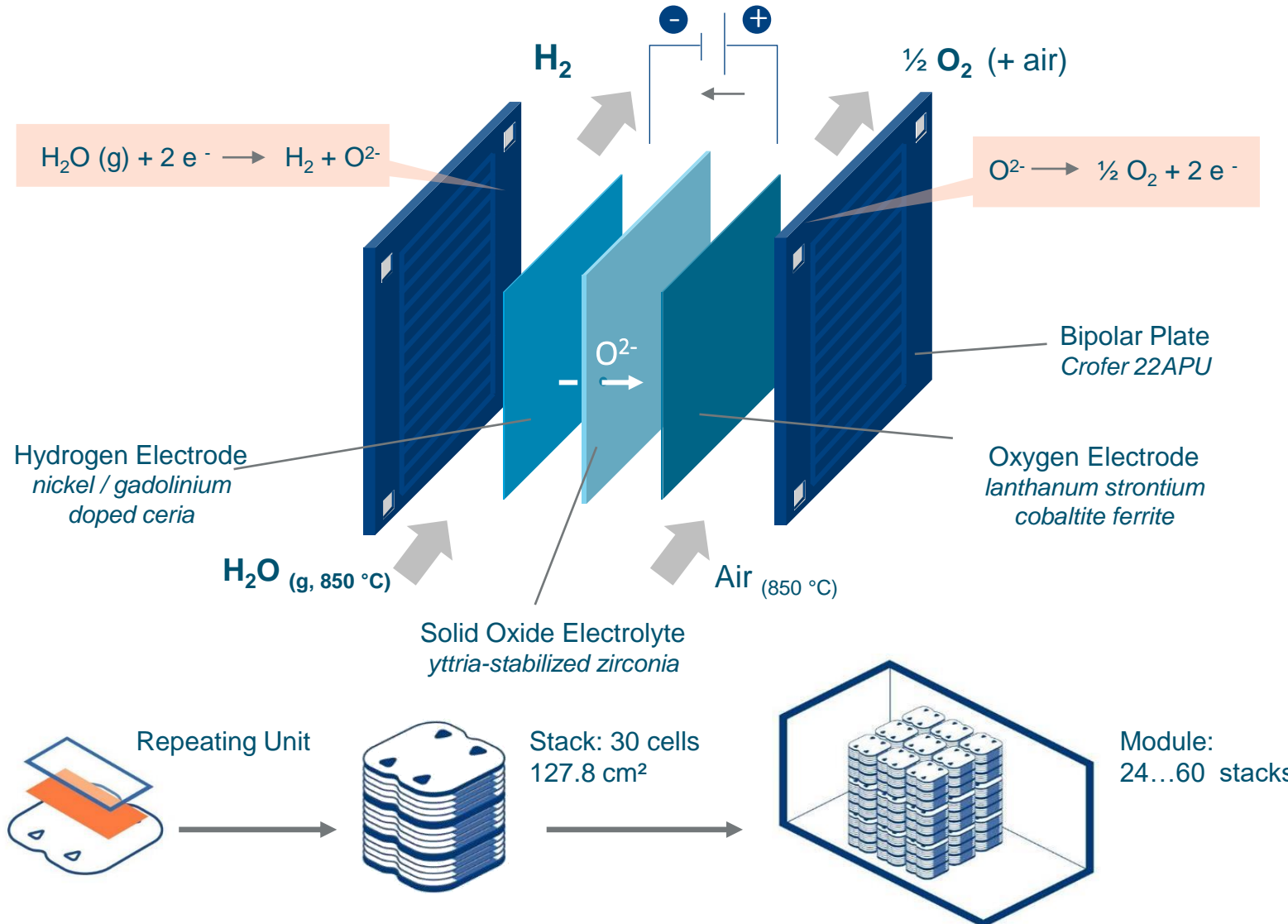
Intensive long-term **stack testing** of SOECs

# The GrInHy2.0 prototype in a Nutshell



- First High Temperature Electrolyser in megawatt scale:  
 $720 \text{ kW}_{\text{el,AC}}$  producing  $200 \text{ Nm}^3/\text{h}$  (18 kg/h)
- Full integration into the existing infrastructure and management energy control system:  
>13,000 operating hours while producing at least 100 t hydrogen
- Hydrogen based on green electricity and industrial steam from waste heat:  
Electrical electrolyser efficiency up to  $84 \%_{\text{el,LHV}}$  ( $< 40 \text{ kWh}_{\text{el,AC}}/\text{kg}$ )

# Solid Oxide Electrolysis Cell (SOEC)



## SOEC Advantages:

- One-third of the total energy comes from heat → SOECs require less renewable electricity
- Direct syngas production by **Co-Electrolysis**  
 $2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2 + \text{CO} + 1.5 \text{O}_2$
- Stack can be operated reversibly to generate electrical power

## Lessons Learned

### GrInHy → GrInHy2.0

- Increase the number of stacks per module
- Simplified manufacturing processes
- Highly integrated system layout
- HPU layout with optimized drying and compression concept → higher efficiency and ≈ 100 % H<sub>2</sub> recovery

## Lessons Learned

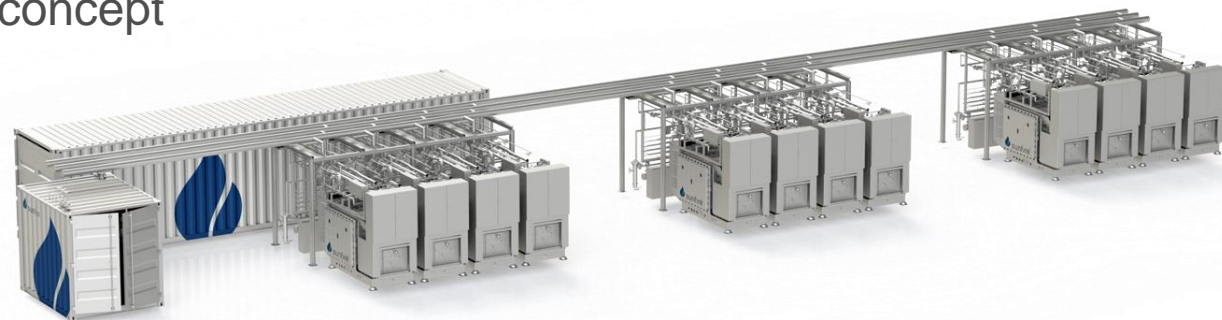
### GrInHy2.0 → MultiPLHY

- Off-the-shelf power electronics → higher efficiency at lower costs
- Stack exchange concept → reduced maintenance costs and higher availability
- New installation and safety concept

## Next Steps

### MultiPLHY → Generation 3

- Dedicated SOEC stack with higher power density, lower costs and increased robustness

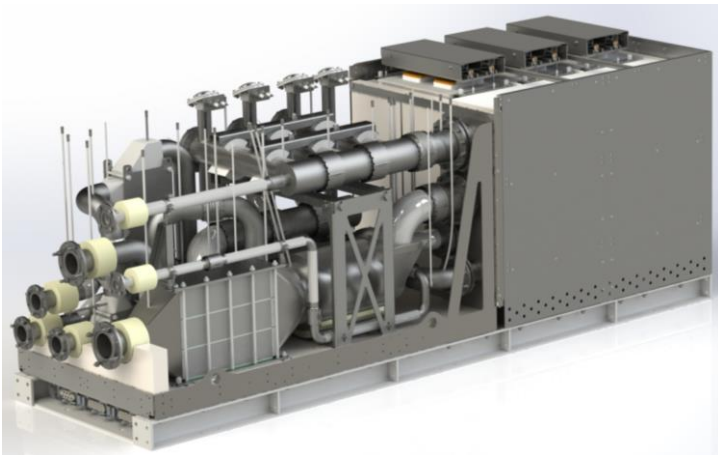


MultiPLHY system: 2.7 MW nominal power

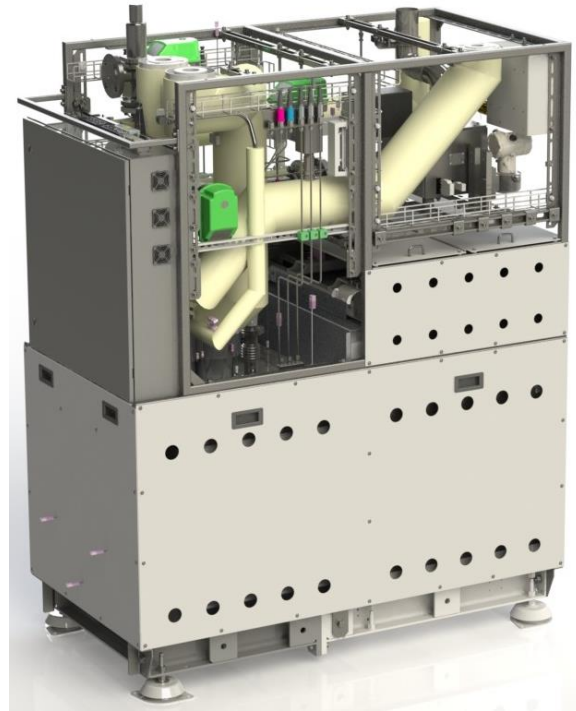
# Technical Development since GrInHy

## Module Development:

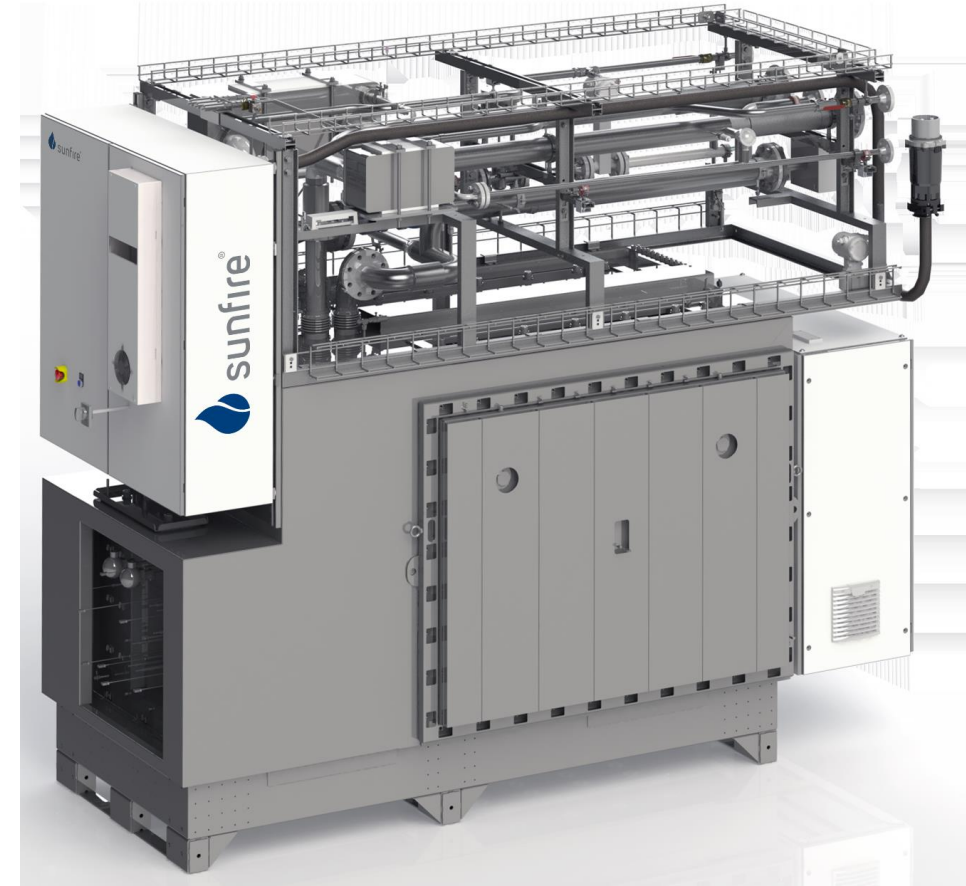
→ Major costs and footprint reduction



Gen0: 24 Stacks per Module  $\approx 75 \text{ kW}_{AC}$



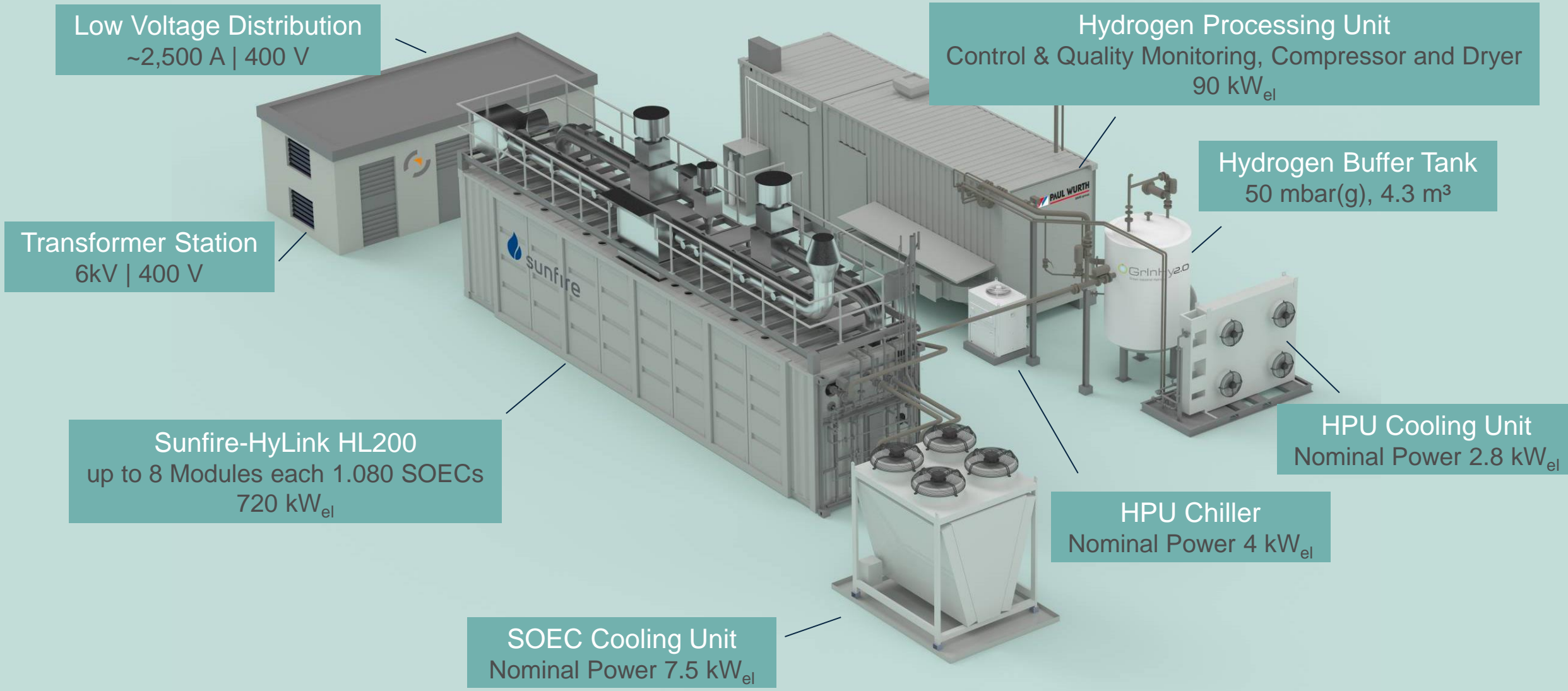
Gen1: 36 Stacks per Module  $\approx 115 \text{ kW}_{AC}$



Gen2: 60 Stacks per Module  $\approx 250 \text{ kW}_{AC}$

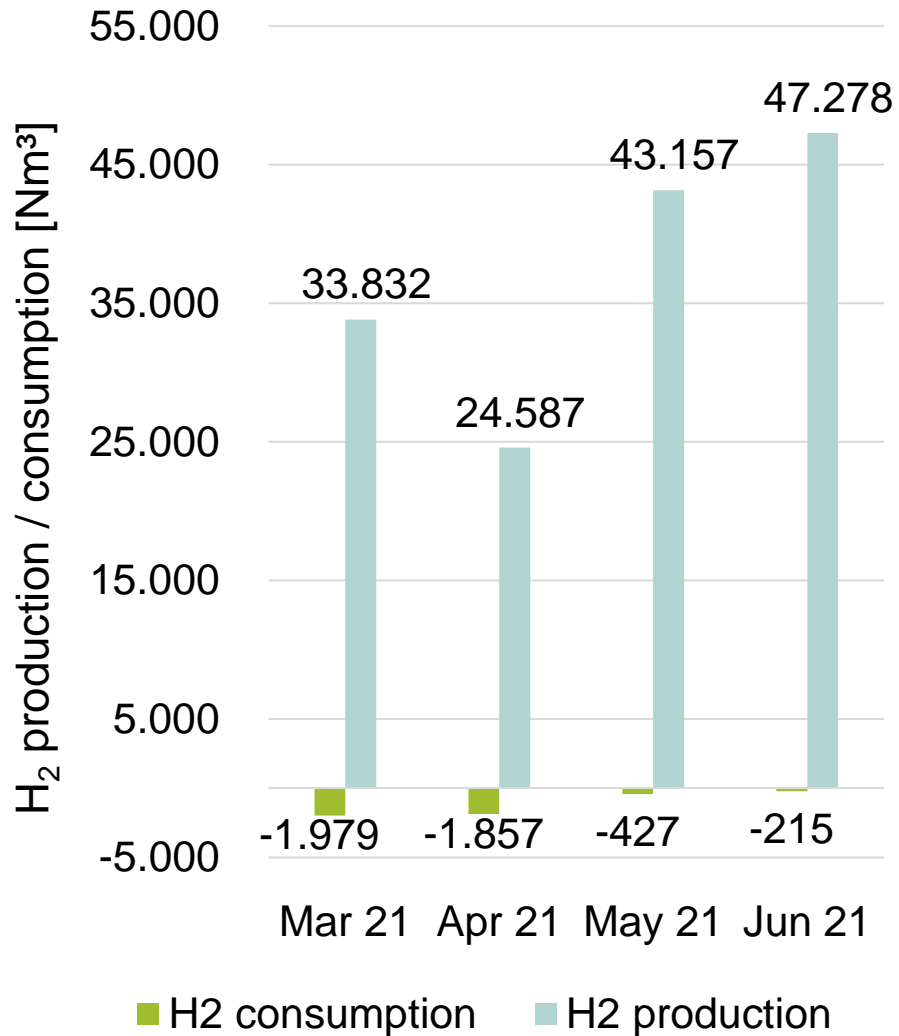
- WiP: Generation 3 with a new dedicated SOEC stack  $> 1 \text{ MW}$  per Module

# GrInHy2.0 Design





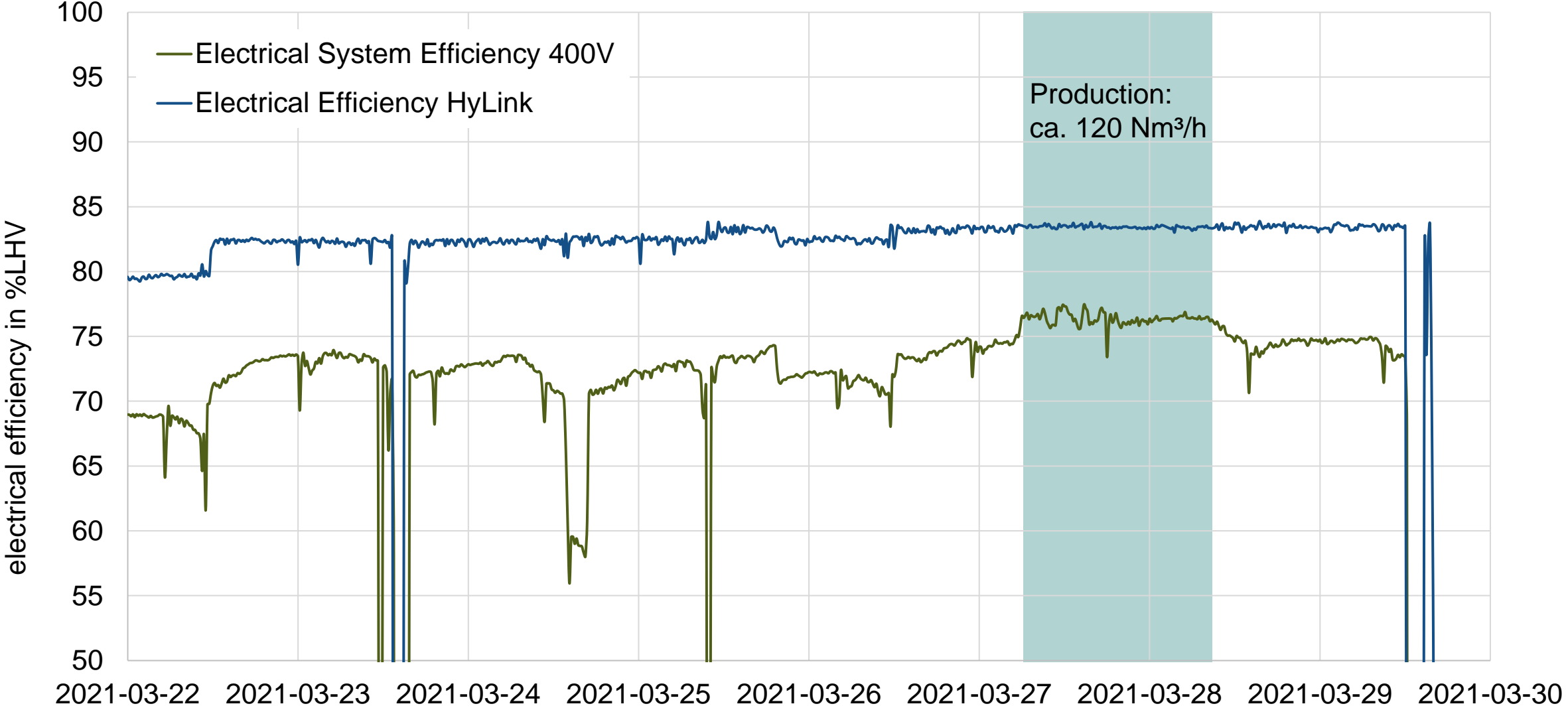
# GrInHy2.0 – Status



- Since March: ~160,000 Nm<sup>3</sup> H<sub>2</sub> injected (14.5 t<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub>)
- Actual Capacity: 105 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h (200 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h by end of 2021)
- Since May: ~87 % availability (time)



# System validation: Electrical efficiencies

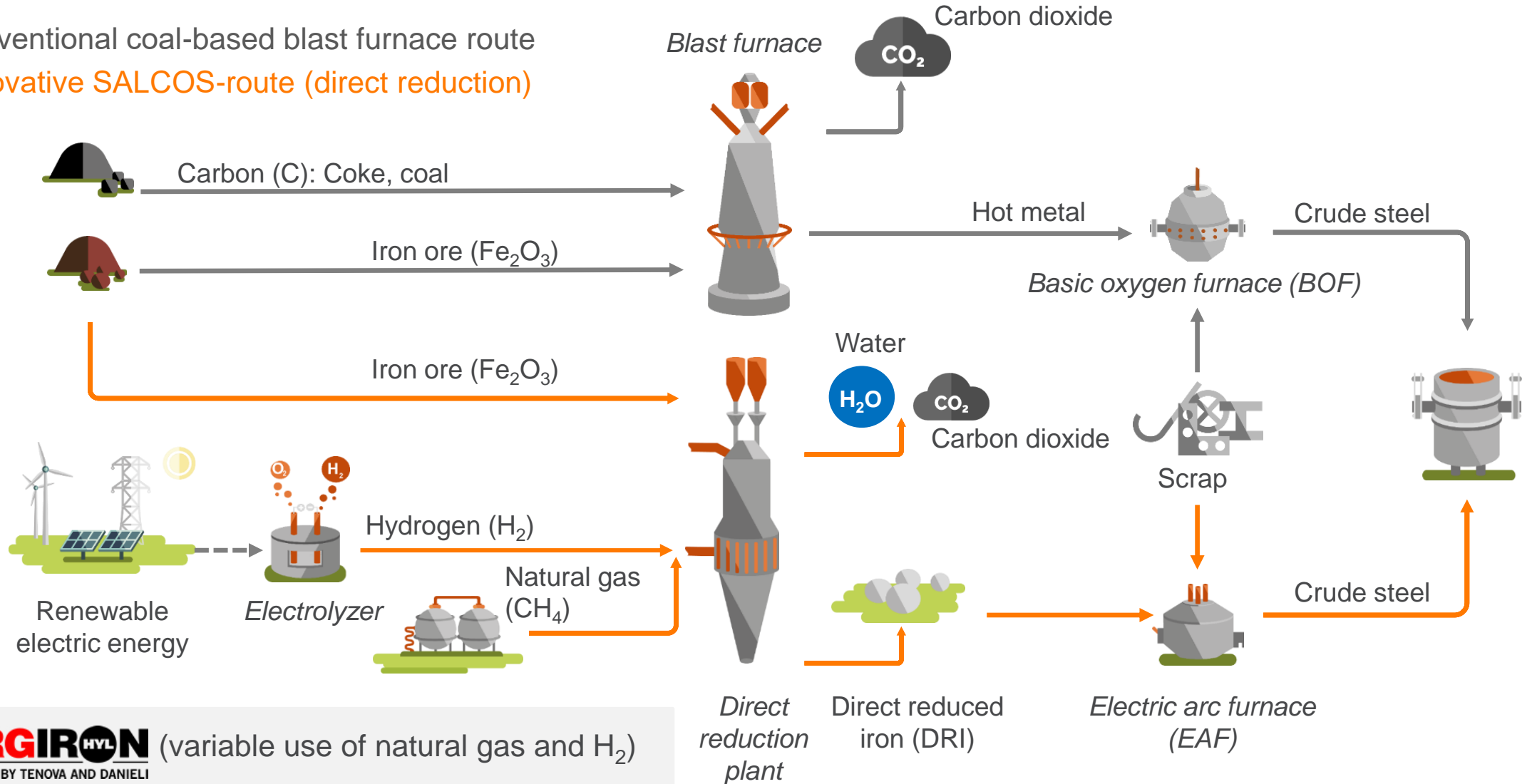


# Hydrogen Supply Salzgitter Flachstahl



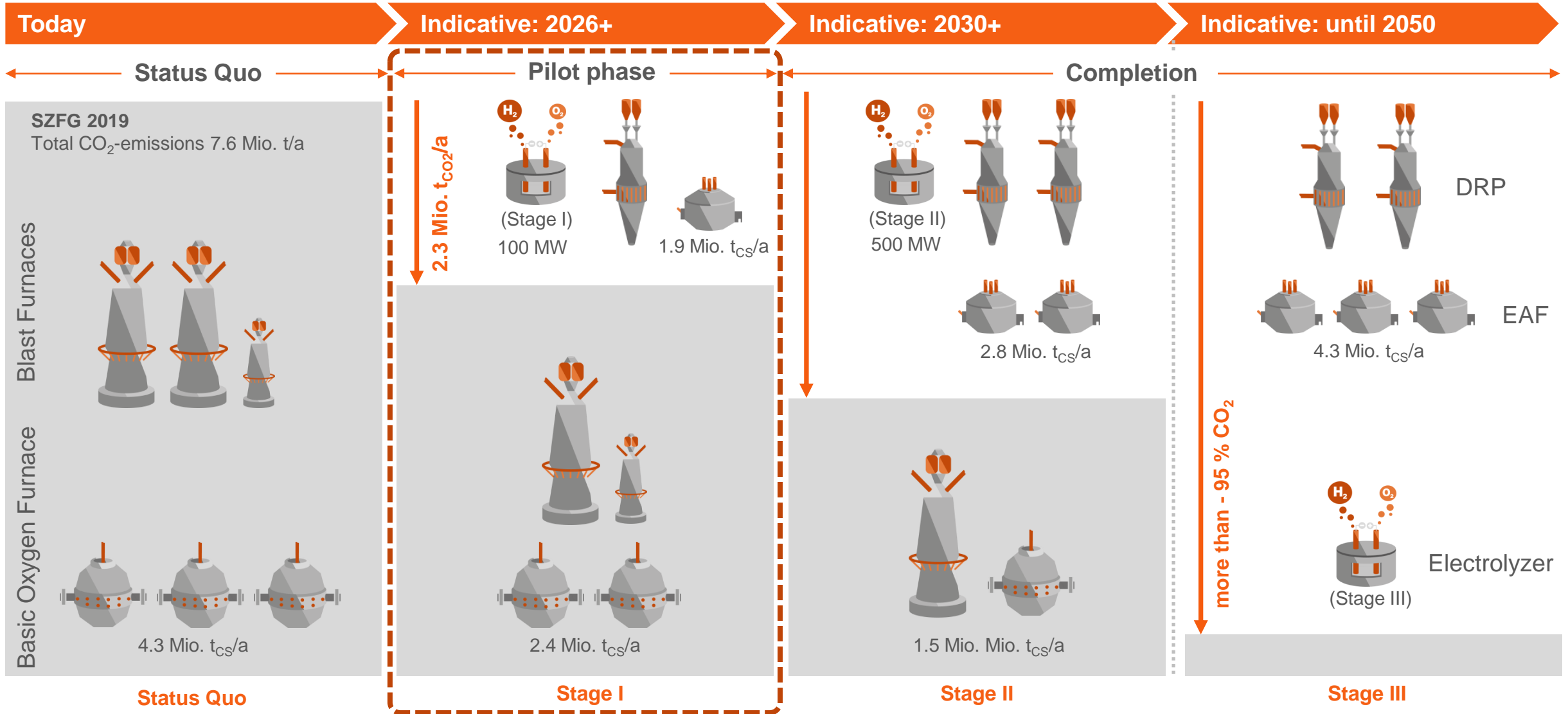
# SALCOS® – Flexible hydrogen-based direct reduction

- conventional coal-based blast furnace route
- innovative SALCOS-route (direct reduction)



**ENERGIRON** (variable use of natural gas and  $\text{H}_2$ )  
DRI TECHNOLOGY BY TENOVA AND DANIELI

# Transformation of integrated steelmaking in Salzgitter to H<sub>2</sub> enhanced DRP/EAF-based steelmaking in three stages



DRP: Direct Reduction Plant

EAF: Electric Arc Furnace



# GrInHy2.0

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