

# STATUS OF HYDROGEN PRODUCTION WITH CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE

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- INCLUDING PERSPECTIVES ON EMISSIONS AND SCALE

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## Integrated syngas production & gas separation





# Protonic Membrane Reformer technology





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### Protonic Membrane Reformer (PMR) technology

- "Tube-in-shell" membrane reactor producing pure H<sub>2</sub> from natural gas
- Membrane wall has three layers:
  - Anode (thickest layer, porous material BZCY and Ni)
  - Solid electrolyte (dense proton conductor BZCY)
  - Cathode (porous material BZCY and Ni)
- High-pressure H<sub>2</sub> is delivered to shell (electrochemical compression)



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### Low temperature CO<sub>2</sub> separation – capture conditions



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#### Low-temperature separation technology

- Vapor-liquid phase separation after compression and cooling of the gaseous mixture
  - Obtainable CO<sub>2</sub> capture rate, specific separation and compression work, and thus power consumption, are sensitive to the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of the incoming flue- or syngas



- CO<sub>2</sub>-enhanced retentate stream ideal incoming stream
- H<sub>2</sub>-rich off-gas can be partially recycled to the reactor maximizing the overall HRF and CO conversion

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# Membane + Low temperature process for H<sub>2</sub> & CO<sub>2</sub> production from syngas







# Hydrogen production with CCS





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- Cycle designs developed for generic inlet stream and optimized for case studies:
  - Steam methane reforming (SMR)
  - Autothermal reforming (ATR)
  - High temperature WGS (HT-WGS)
  - High and low temperature WGS (LT-WGS)
- Lab pilot completed and first experimental results obtained





# Cycle D application: Separation performance for different case studies

|                 |      | SMR +<br>HT-<br>WGS | SMR +<br>HT-WGS<br>+ LT-<br>WGS | ATR +<br>HT-WGS | ATR +<br>HT-WGS<br>+ LT-<br>WGS |
|-----------------|------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| H <sub>2</sub>  | mol% | 75.81               | 76.2                            | 70.6            | 72.73                           |
| CO <sub>2</sub> | mol% | 16.31               | 19.6                            | 19.74           | 25.6                            |
| CH <sub>4</sub> | mol% | 3.03                | 3.5                             | 0.34            | 0.5                             |
| CO              | mol% | 4.65                | 0.4                             | 9               | 0.9                             |
| N <sub>2</sub>  | mol% | 0.2                 | 0.3                             | 0.24            | 0.2                             |
| Ar              | mol% | 0                   | 0                               | 0.08            | 0.07                            |
| Adsorbent       |      | Zeolite 13X         |                                 |                 |                                 |



- Very high H<sub>2</sub> purity possible
- H<sub>2</sub> purity limited for ATR: Argon in H<sub>2</sub> product

# "Green" or "Blue" hydrogen?

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# "Green" or "Blue" hydrogen?

# = Clean hydrogen?

How large is large is large-scale? In perspective: 500 ton liquid hydrogen per day

- 820 MW<sub>HHV</sub> hydrogen energy flux
- **7 TWh per year** of hydrogen energy output
- Decabonised fossil route (NG with CCS):
  - < 1 % of annual Norwegian natural gas production
- Renewable route (electricity as sole primary energy source):
  - > 1200 MW electric power

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≈ 10 TWh<sub>el</sub> annually (about 7 % of annual Norwegian power generation)



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# **~70% efficiency** for $H_2$ production, $CO_2$ capture and $H_2$ liquefcation

| Input/Output                            | $MW_{LHV}$       | MW <sub>HHV</sub> |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Natural gas input                       | 810.9            | 891.7             |
| Hydrogen LH <sub>2</sub> product output | 694.4            | 821.2             |
|   |                  |                   |
|   | MW <sub>el</sub> |                   |
| Net power requirement                   | 245.2            |                   |

| Plant Efficiency (1 <sup>st</sup> law efficiency) | LHV basis | HHV basis |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Stand-alone for the NG-based system               | 66.9 %    | 72.8 %    |
| Stand-alone for the electrolyser-based system     | 57.1 %    | 67.5 %    |
| Overall for the 450 + 50 t/d plant                | 65.8 %    | 72.2 %    |



#### Including > 93 % CO<sub>2</sub> capture ratio

# Hydrogen produced from natural gas with CCS will have lower GHG emissions than hydrogen from electricity in the EU grid for decades



- Comparison of greenhouse gas emissions related to production of hydrogen from
  - European grid electricity via electrolysers
  - Natural gas with carbon capture
- Hydrogen production from natural gas using autothermal reformers with 93 % (2016) to 96 % (2030 - 2050) CO<sub>2</sub> capture ratio
- European grid electricity mix shown in the piechart – forecasts based upon the IRENA REmap case for 2030 and the decarbonised scenarios from "A Clean Planet for All" for 2050
- Without deep decarbonization of the European power generation, emissions from production of hydrogen from dedicated renewably based electricity must account for potentially reduced emission reductions of the power sector



# The potential for reducing Europe's greenhouse gas emission by use of clean hydrogen is more than 800 Mt $CO_2$ /year in 2050 (19% of current GHG emissions)



- Estimated upper bounds for annual emission reductions in Europe due to the use of hydrogen to replace fossil fuels
- Hydrogen consumption estimated from predictions for final energy consumption in 2050
- Total potential: 813 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> (2016 emissions: 4300 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>)



# Almost 20% of current European CO<sub>2</sub> emissions can be abated by clean hydrogen in 2050







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