

Industrial-Scale Hydrogen Utilization in Glass production



HRASTNIK1860

About The Company

Hrastnik1860 is developing and manufacturing world-class engineered glass products, distinguished by some of the clearest glass in the world.

Hrastnik1860 is based in Slovenia and offers wide range of products that include **premium and super premium glass containers**, primarily dedicated to the spirit, perfumery and cosmetics market.

It focuses on flexible and excellent service, short time to the market and innovative tailor-made solutions.

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285 t daily production capacity

2

600 employees

3

export to more than **50** countries worldwide

4

full service solution

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160 years of tradition



SPIRIT GLASS PACKAGING



PREMIUM WATER GLASS
PACKAGING

PERFUMERY AND
COSMETICS FLACONS



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VISION

To be the **most inspiring** and
most sustainable glass
packaging company on the
planet.

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GREEN TRANSFORMATION

Use of renewable energy sources

Improving energy efficiency

Electrification

Renewable fuels

Green innovation

Sustainable goals 2025

-30%

Fossil fuel
reduction

10%

Higer
energy-
efficeincy

-25%

CO₂

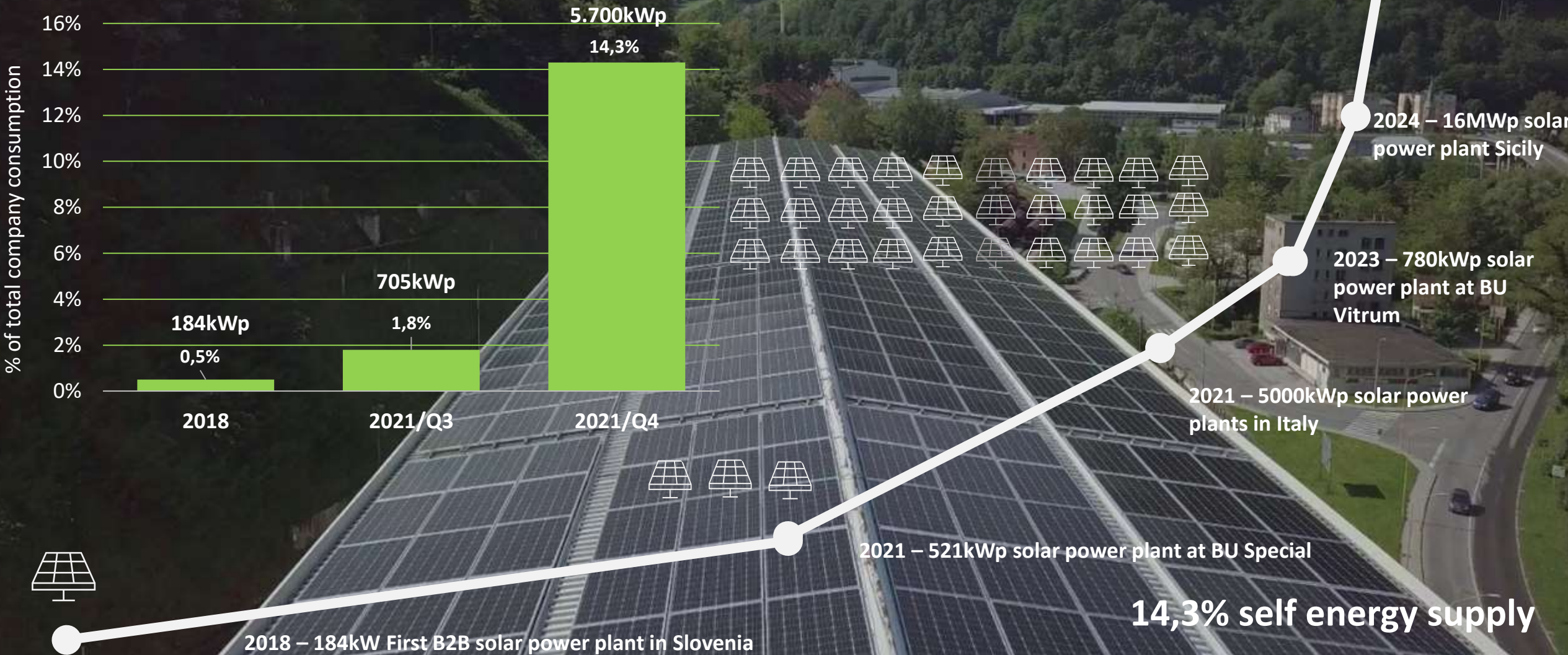
-40%

CO₂
(2030)

Use of Renewable energy

45GWh/year
Target

RENEWABLE SOLAR ENERGY



PV Plant – Steklarna Hrastnik 1

Date: 2018

Power: 184,2 kWp

Energy production: 176 MWh/year



PV Plant – Steklarna Hrastnik 2

Date: 2021

Power: 521,4 kWp

Energy production: 488 MWh/year

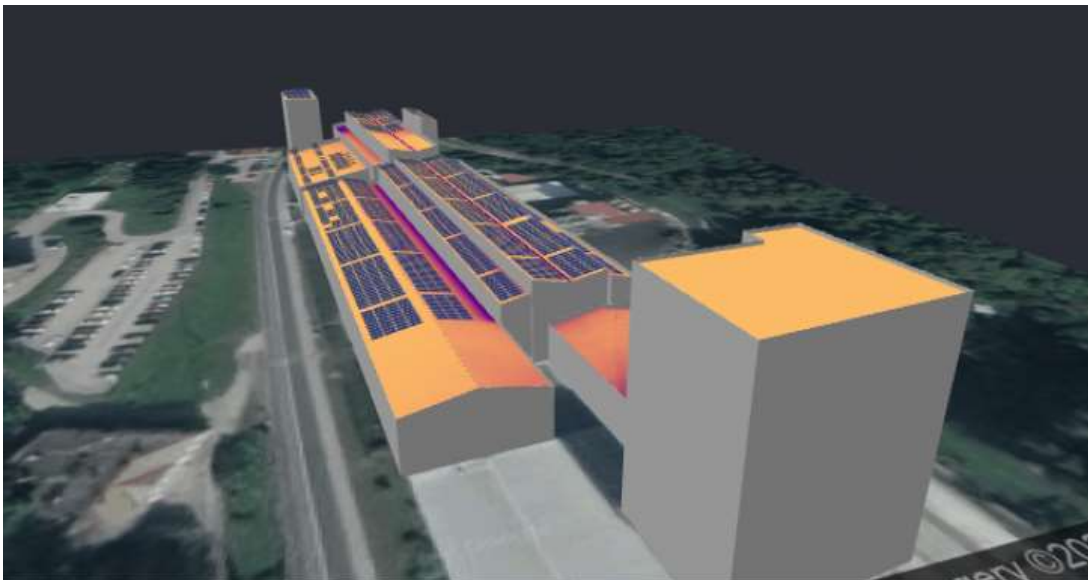


PV Plant – Steklarna Hrastnik 3

Date: 2023

Power: 773,96 kWp

Energy production: 782 MWh/year



Hydrogen Background

CHALLENGE

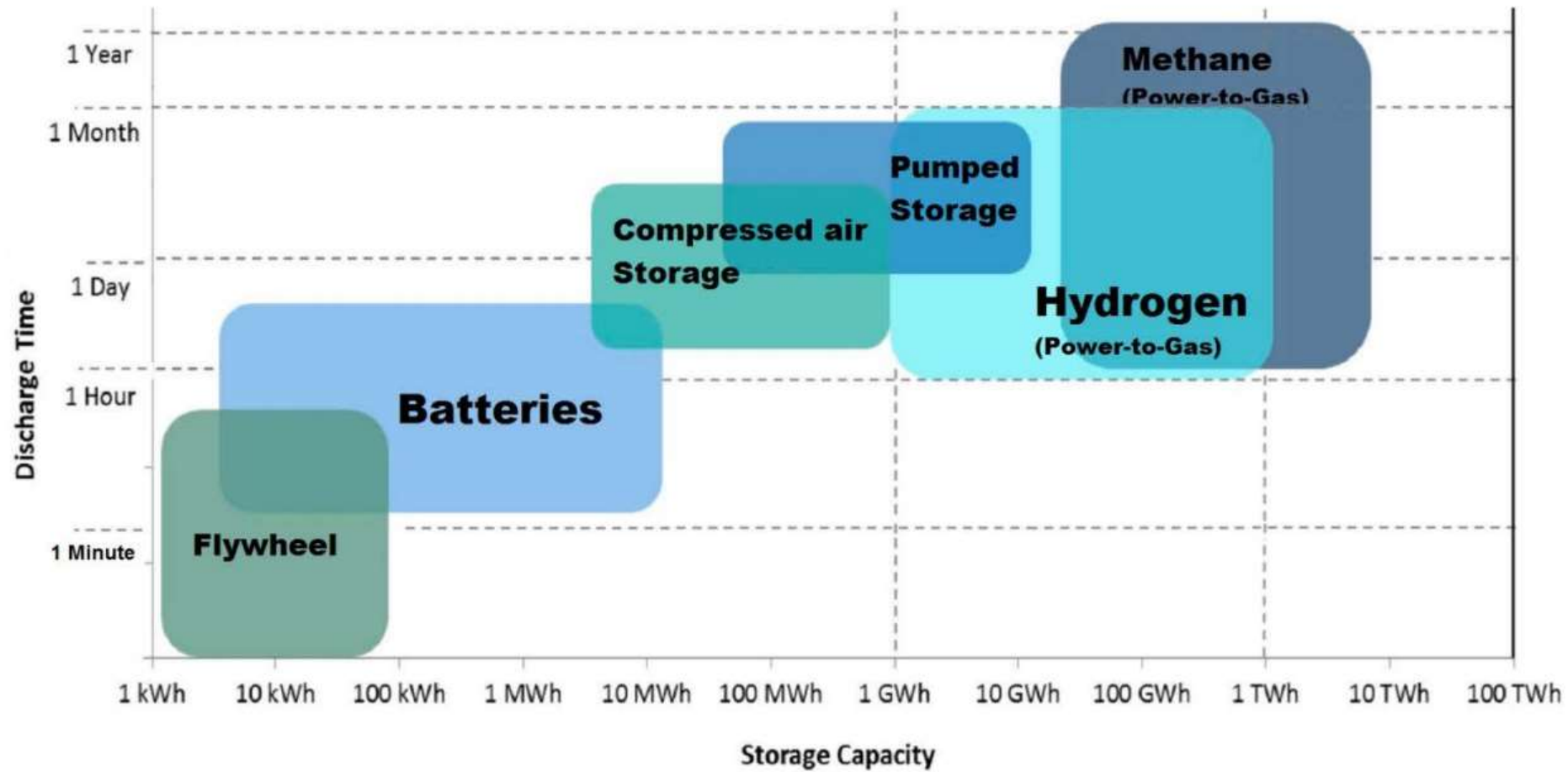
- ✓ THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL REQUIRES THE TIGHTENING OF GHG EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS BY **AT LEAST -50%** FOR THE PERIOD **1990/2030**. THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN CLIMATE LAW, HOWEVER, DICTATES **CLIMATE NEUTRALITY BY 2050**.
- ✓ **GHG EMISSIONS** ARE THUS ONE OF THE KEY CHALLENGES OF THE ENERGY-INTENSIVE INDUSTRY. THE **GLASS INDUSTRY WILL HAVE TO DECARBONIZE** COMPLETELY OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS.
- ✓ IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE REDUCTION LEVELS, CURRENT PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES NEED TO BE **DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED**, AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES NEED TO BE DEVELOPED AT THE **INDUSTRIAL LEVEL**.
- ✓ THE AVERAGE LIFE SPAN OF THE **GLASS FURNACE**, WHERE **90% OF ALL GHG EMISSIONS ARE PRODUCED**, IS 8-10 YEARS. IT IS, THEREFORE, THE PRESSING NEED TO **START INNOVATING** AND TO TRANSIT TO **NEW TECHNOLOGIES** AS 2050 IS ONLY A FEW FURNACES AWAY.



Hydrogen as renewable energy nexus

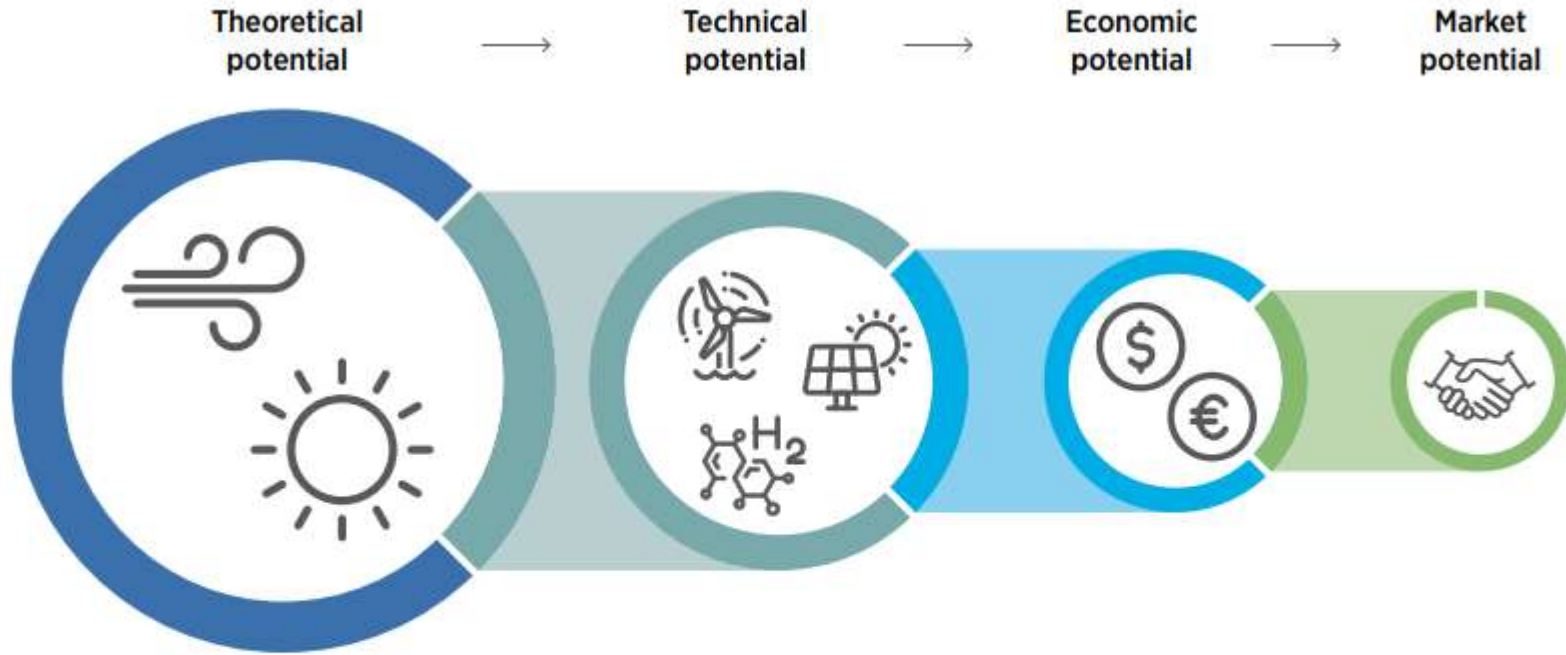
- ✓ **HYDROGEN CAN INCREASE RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY MARKET GROWTH POTENTIALS SUBSTANTIALLY AND BROADEN THE REACH OF RENEWABLE SOLUTIONS**
- ✓ **ELECTROLYSERS CAN HELP TO INCREASE POWER SYSTEM FLEXIBILITY THROUGH HYDROGEN PRODUCTION IN GRIDS WITH HIGH SHARE OF VARIABLE RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY**
- ✓ **HYDROGEN CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE FOR SEASONAL STORAGE IN POWER SYSTEMS WITH A HIGH SHARE OF VARIABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY.**
- ✓ **POWER-2-X AND CCUS, WHERE HYDROGEN FROM ELECTROLYSIS AND CO2 ARE CONVERTED INTO LIQUID E-FUELS**
- ✓ **ENERGY - INTENSIVE COMMODITIES PRODUCED WITH HYDROGEN (AMMONIA PRODUCTION, IRON, STEEL AND GLASSMAKING, LIQUIDS FOR AVIATION, OR FEEDSTOCK FOR SYNTHETIC ORGANIC MATERIALS PRODUCTION)**
- ✓ **HYDROGEN TO DECARBONISE ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS (FCEVS FOR A LONG-DISTANCE, HEAVY-DUTY TRANSPORT)**
- ✓ **HYDROGEN TO LEVERAGE THE ROLE OF NATURAL GAS AS A LOW-CARBON TRANSITION FUEL IN THE CONTEXT OF JOINT USE OF THE NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HYDROGEN AND NATURAL GAS MIXTURES.**

Hydrogen for RE storage



Source: School of Engineering, RMIT University (2015)

But?



- Energy content of all wind and solar resources which could theoretically be transformed into green hydrogen.

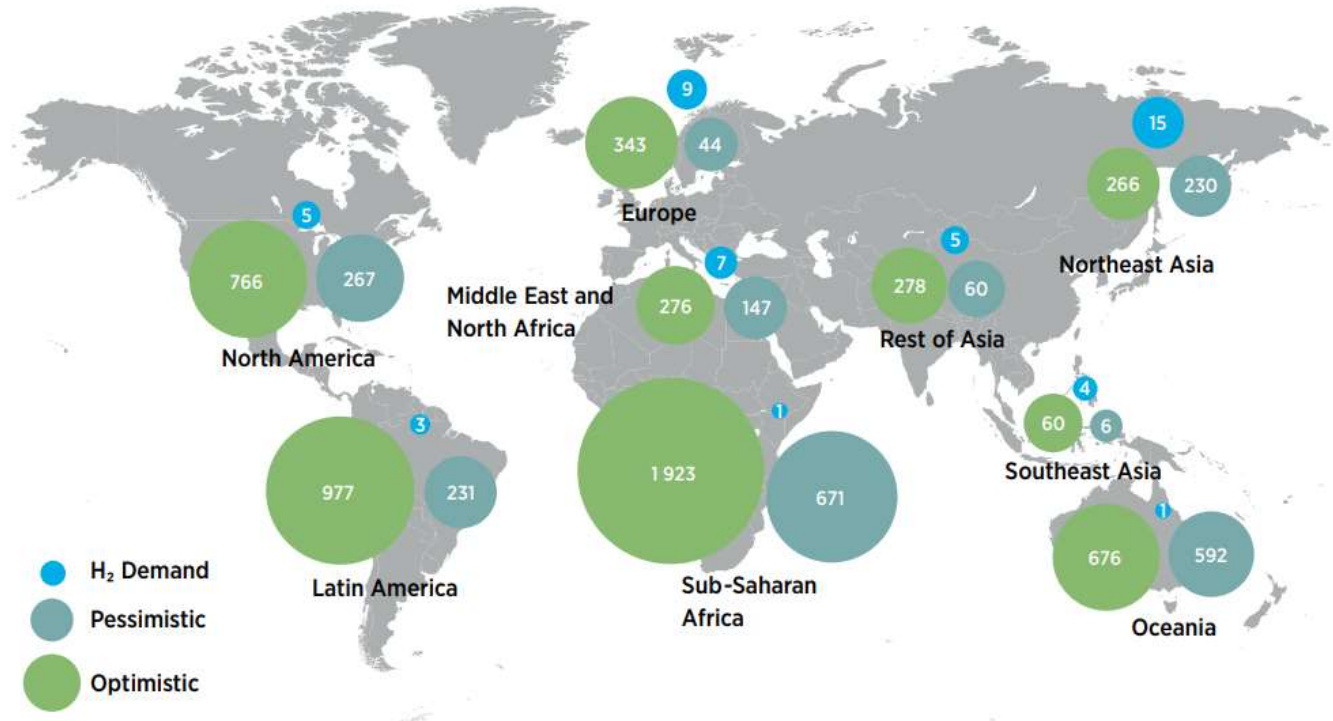
- Solar and wind energy that can be effectively harvested through wind parks and utility-scale PV.
- Theoretical potential reduced by technology characteristics and land eligibility constraints.

- Not all hydrogen technical potential production may present competitive LCOH.

- Dictated by the presence of green hydrogen offtakers.
- Competition between direct sale of clean energy and sale of green hydrogen produced with that energy.

Source: IRENA Global Hydrogen Trade Costs 2022

Potential of green hydrogen supply below and forecasted hydrogen demand



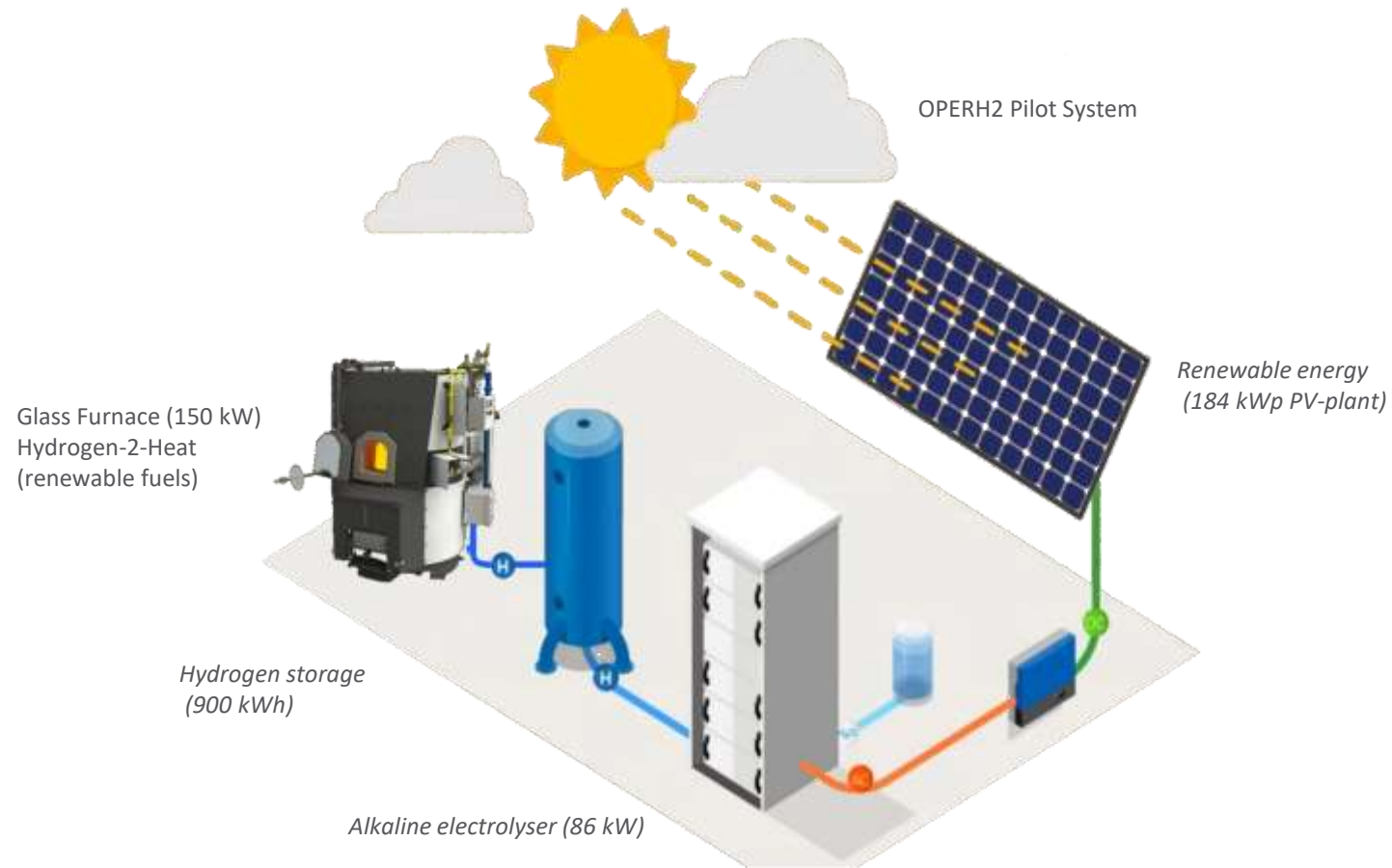
Notes: Assumptions for CAPEX 2050 are as follows: optimistic, PV: USD 225/kW to USD 455/kW; onshore wind: USD 700/kW to USD 1070/kW; offshore wind: USD 1275/kW to USD 1745/kW. Pessimistic, PV: USD 271/kW to USD 551/kW; onshore wind: USD 775/kW to USD 1191/kW; offshore wind: USD 1317/kW to USD 1799/kW. WACC: optimistic, per 2020 values without technology risks across regions. Pessimistic, per 2020 values with technology risks across regions. Technical potential has been calculated based on land availability considering several exclusion zones (protected areas, forests, permanent wetlands, croplands, urban areas, slope of 5% [PV] and 20% [onshore wind], population density and water stress). Total hydrogen demand, not including power sector (24 EJ/year), is equal to 50 EJ/year.

Source: IRENA Global Hydrogen Trade Costs 2022

2 Hydrogen pilot system


OPERH2 Project pilot

Optimization of energy conversion to replace the share of fossil fuels used for industrial glass melting with hydrogen.



Design

SIMULATION [ +  + ] = min €/kW

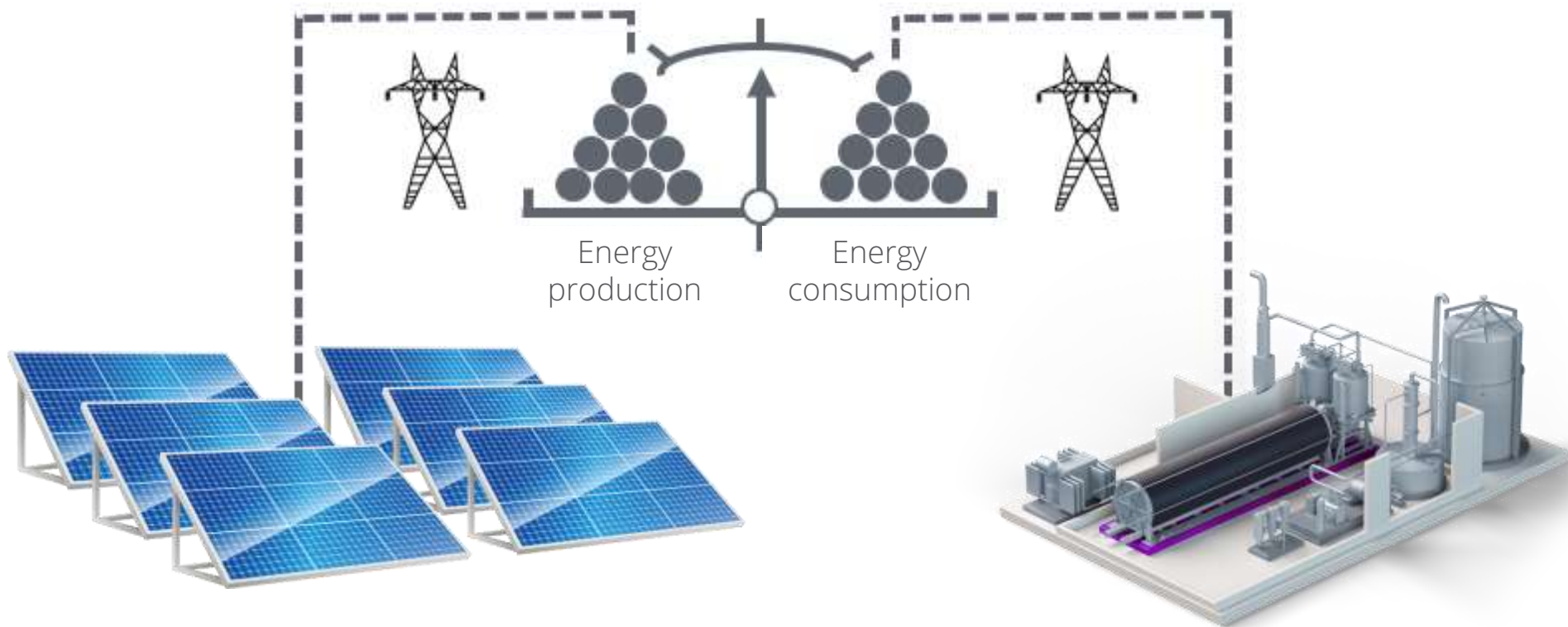
 = 184 kWp

 = 81 kW

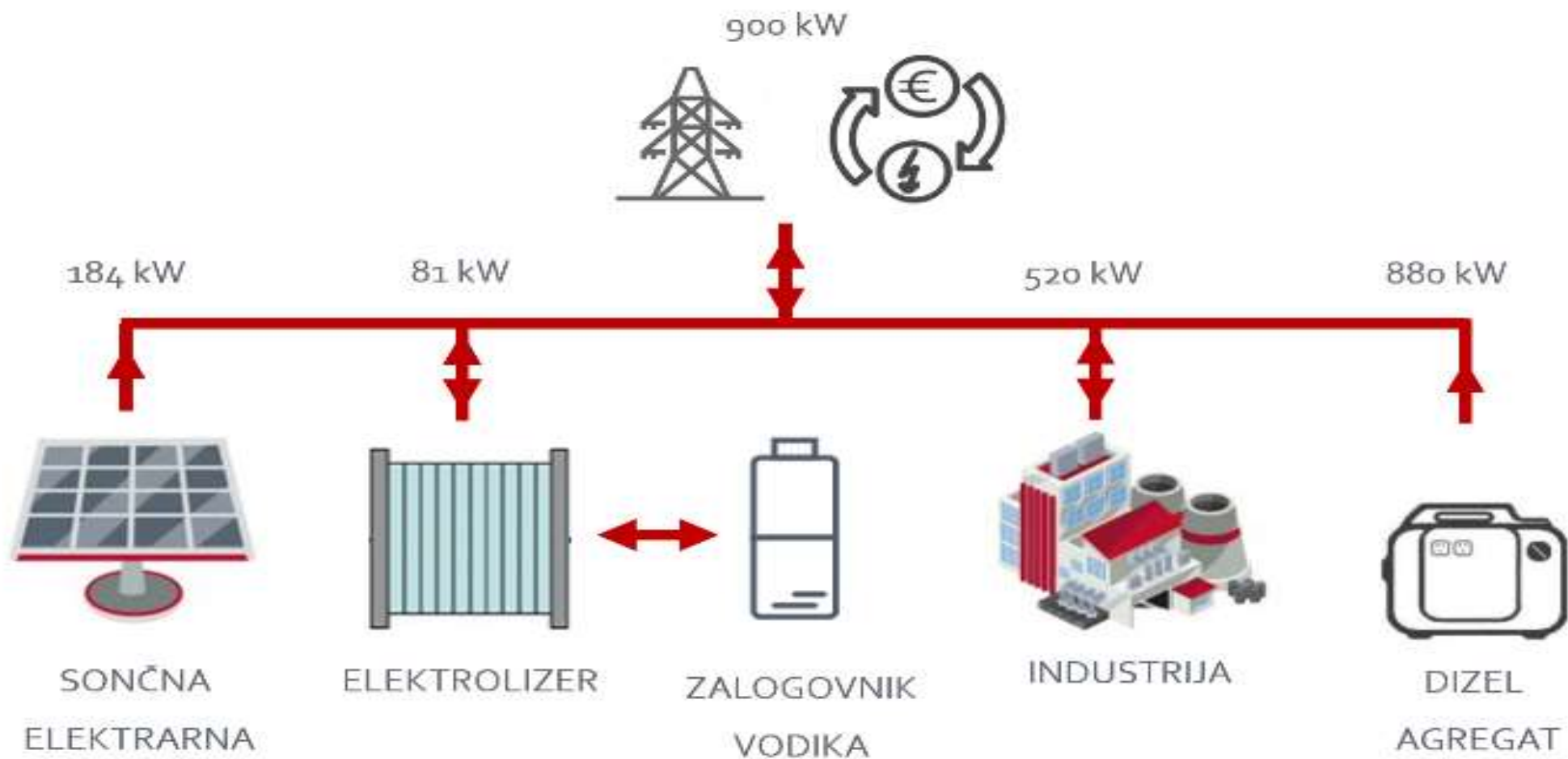
 = 900kWh (300Nm³)

$n \left(\frac{\text{factory icon}}{\text{solar panel icon}} \right)_{\text{eff}} = 82\%$

PV coupled with WE



Energy Management System

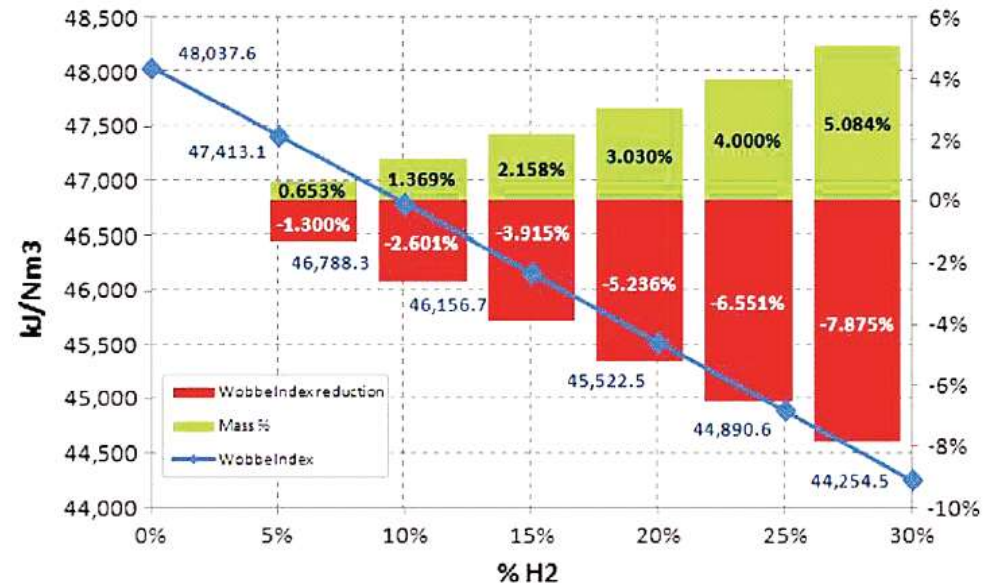
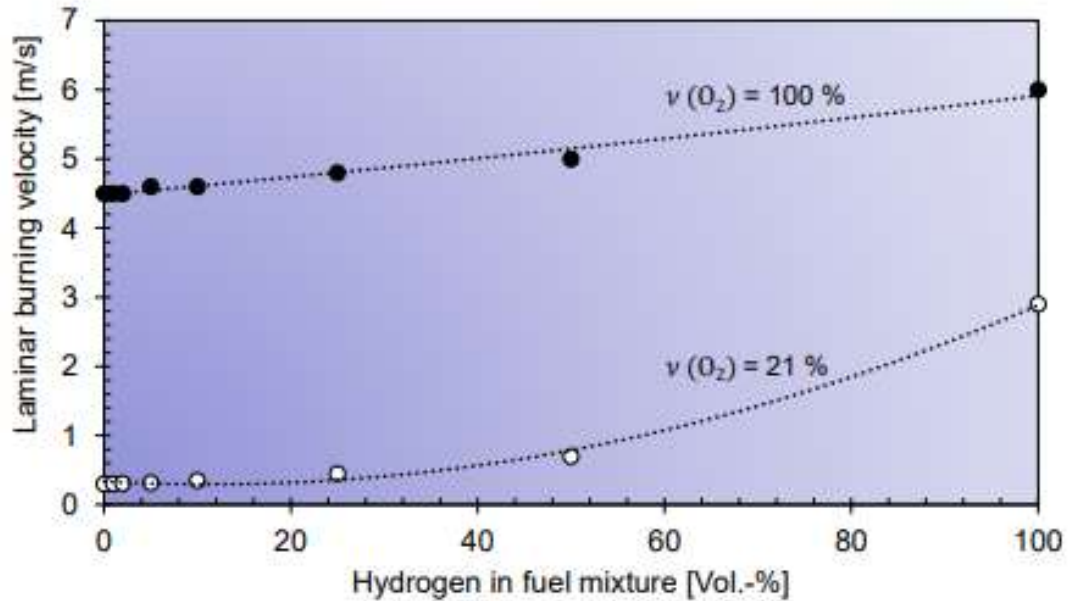




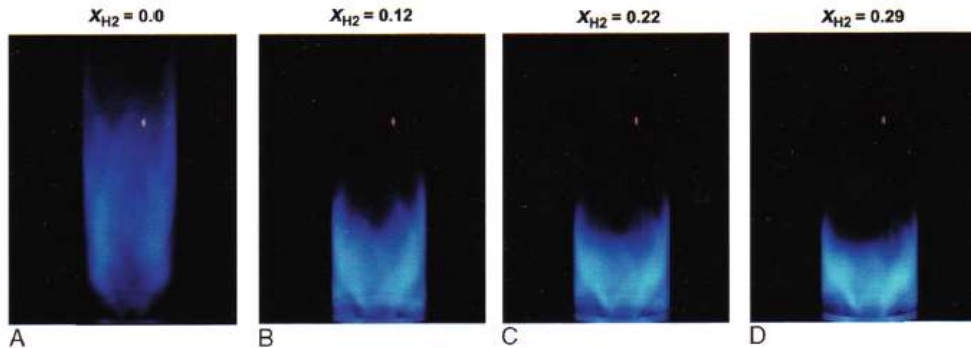
3 Hydrogen combustion

Hydrogen combustion

- Laminar burning velocity 10x higher with H2
- Lower Wobbe index



Source: L. Santoli et al.



HydroFlex combustion system

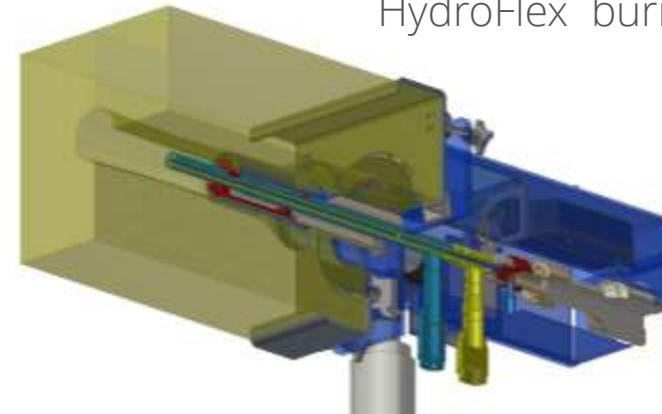
- High exit velocity burners
- Mixture of natural gas and hydrogen in every ratio possible, and mixture of air and oxygen in every ratio

Skid for H₂, NG, O₂, Air



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Gases for Life

HydroFlex burner



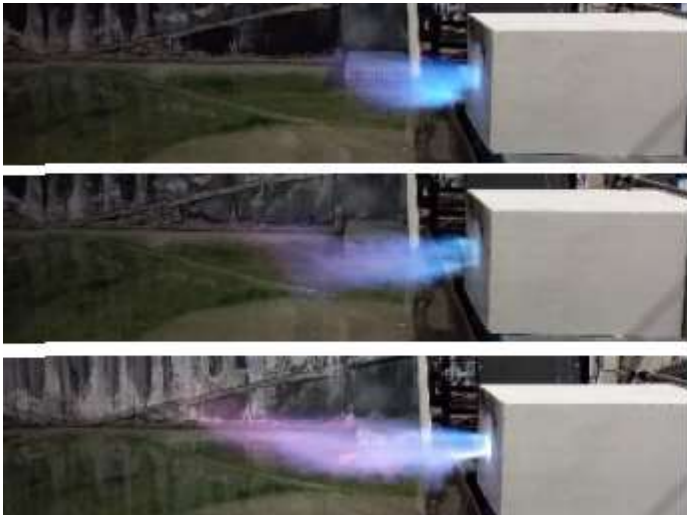
Fuel/oxidiser mixtures flexibility range visualisation:



Open flame testing

- Similar flame length and temperature distribution for Air-hydrogen, Oxy-hydrogen and Oxy-gas combustion

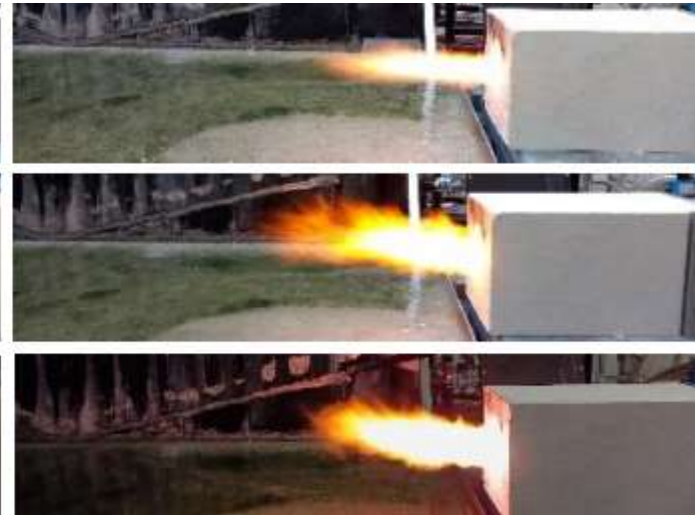
Air-H₂



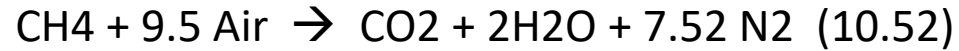
Oxy-H₂



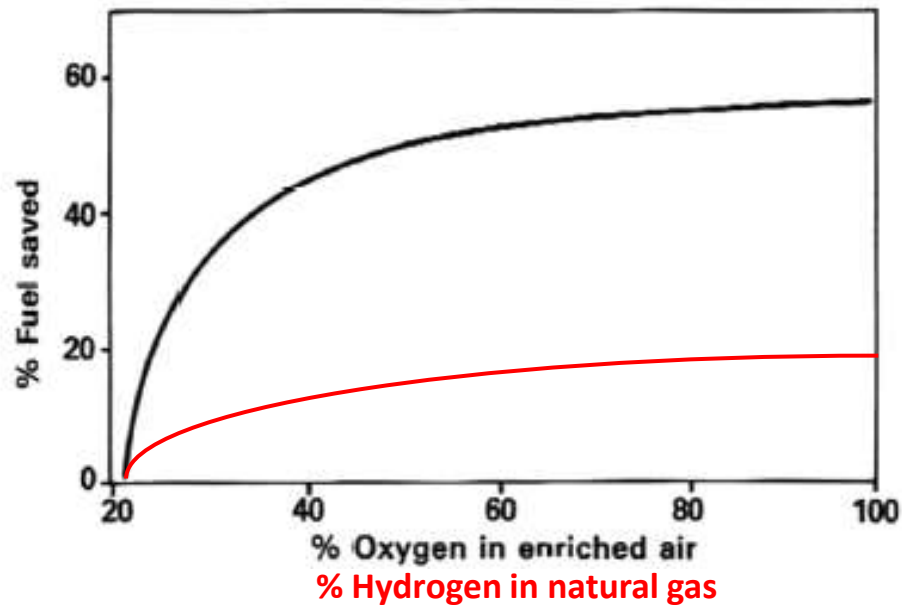
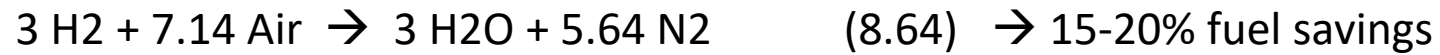
Oxy-gas



Combustion efficiency



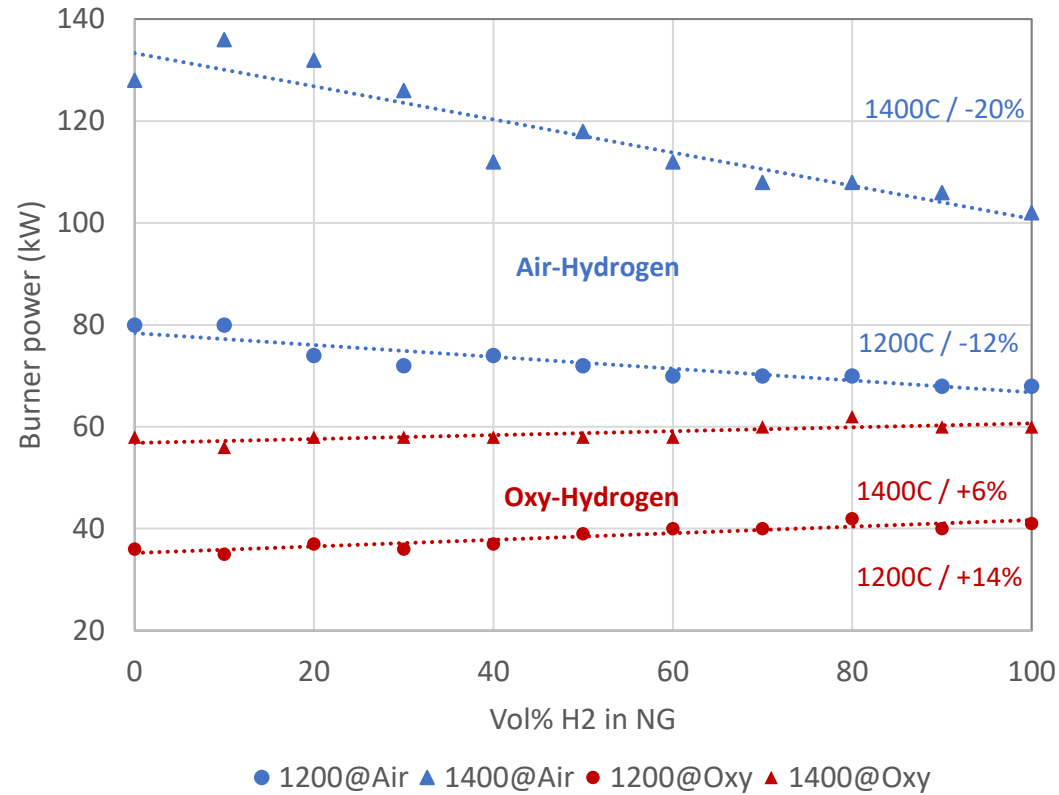
$$h(\text{NG}) = \sim 3 h(\text{H}_2)$$



- Higher efficiency at higher temperatures

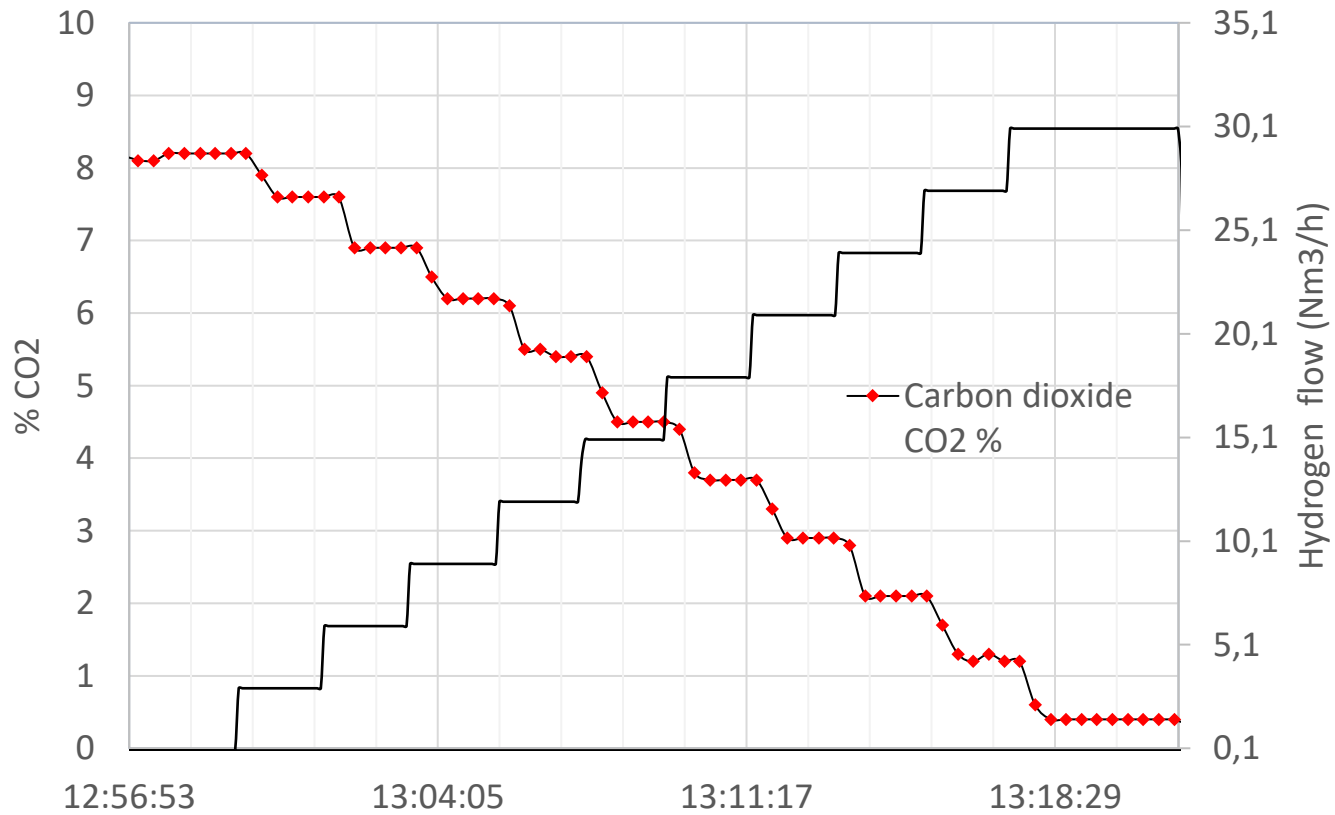
Combustion efficiency

Burner power vs hydrogen concentration



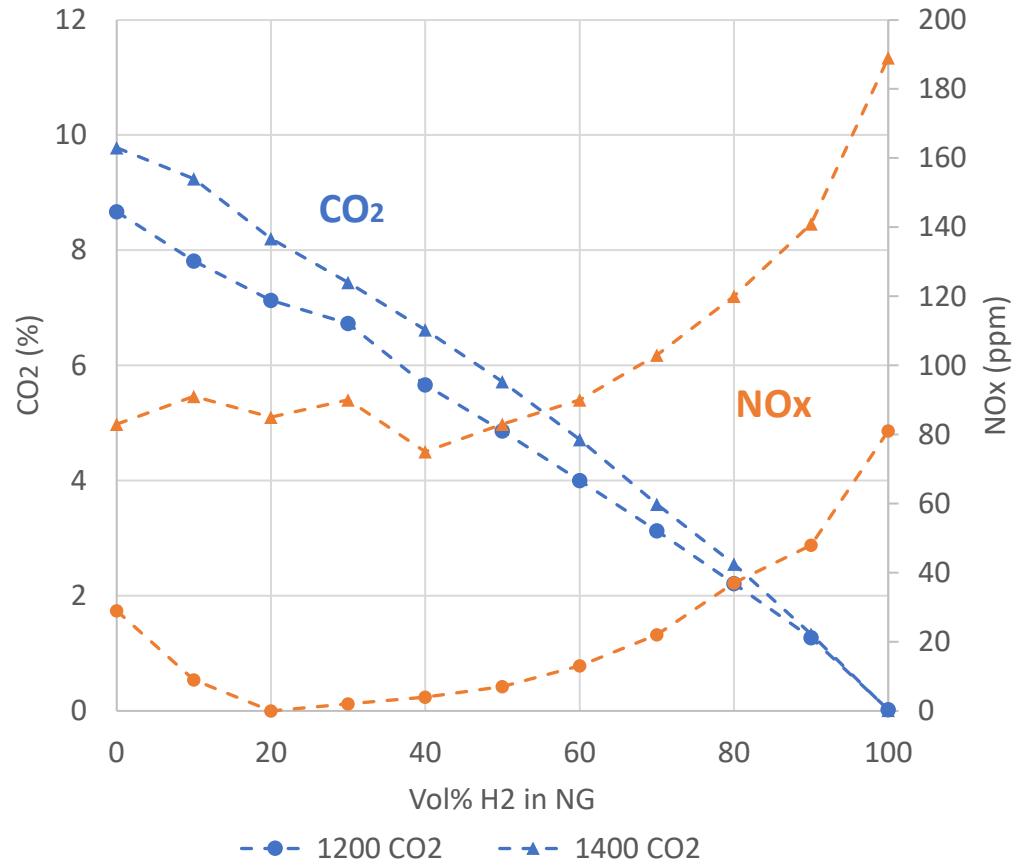
CO₂ emissions

CO₂ emission vs hydrogen flow

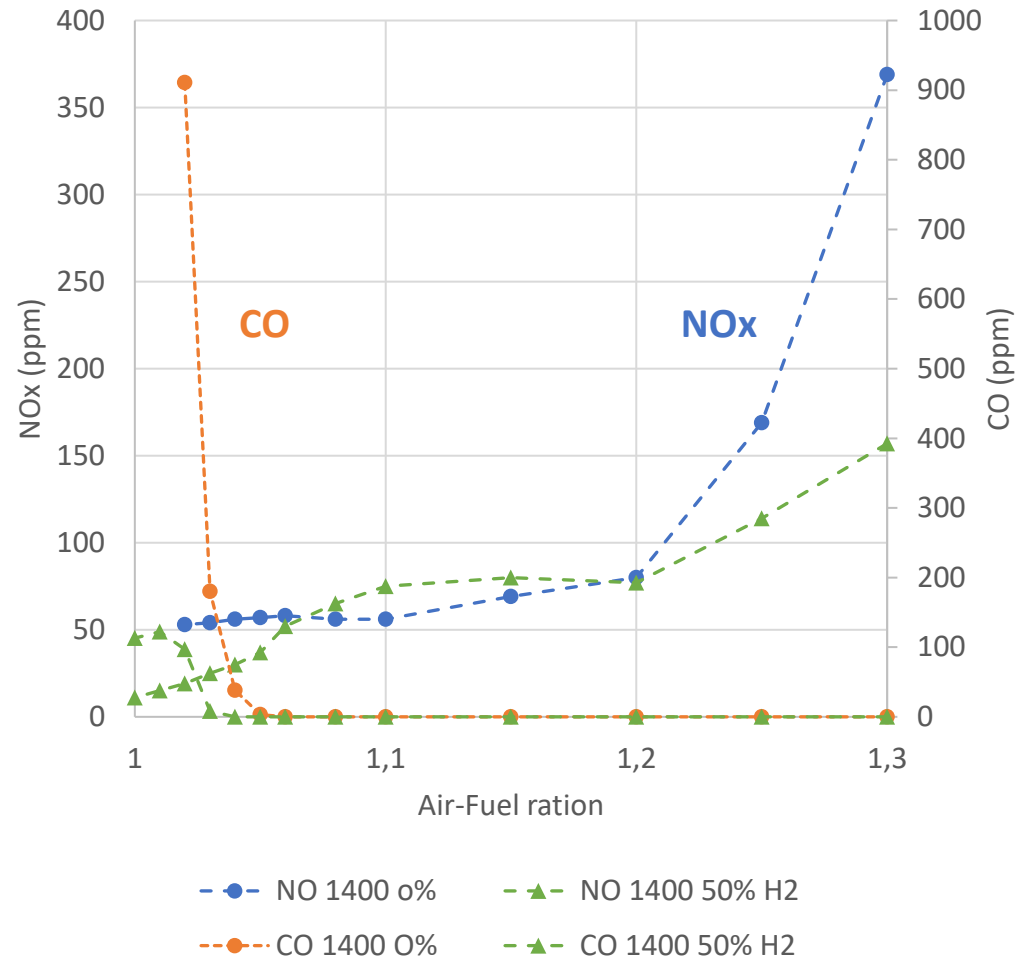


Air-Hydrogen combustion

CO₂ and NO_x emissions vs hydrogen flow

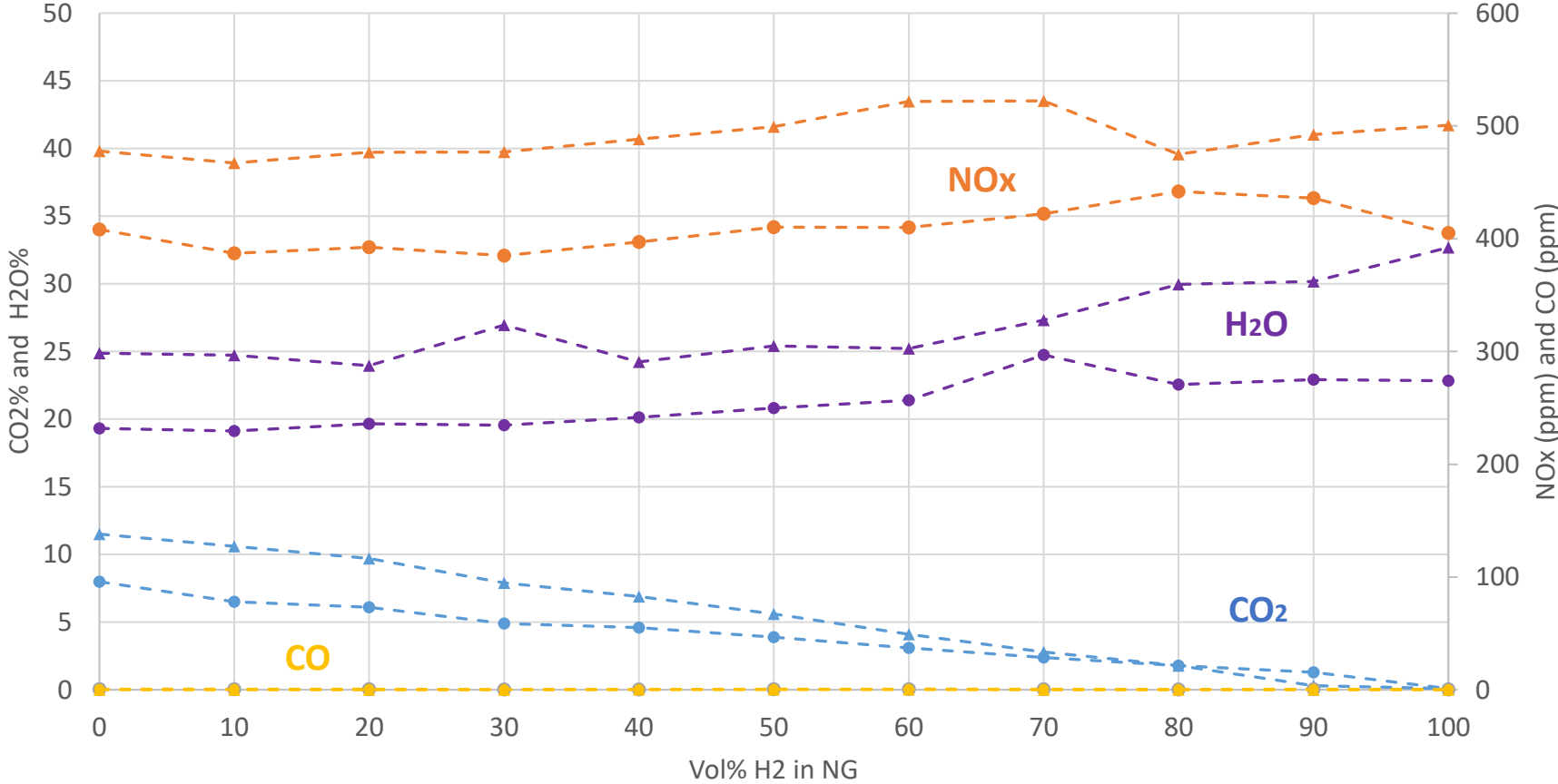


CO and NO_x emissions vs air-fuel ratio



Oxy-Hydrogen combustion

CO₂, H₂O, NO_x and CO emissions vs hydrogen %



4 Carbon-free glass melting and LCA

Pilot demonstration

- Melting of glass with 100% hydrogen and 100% PCR cullet



Our most sustainable glass bottle



Comparative LCA (ISO 14040/44)

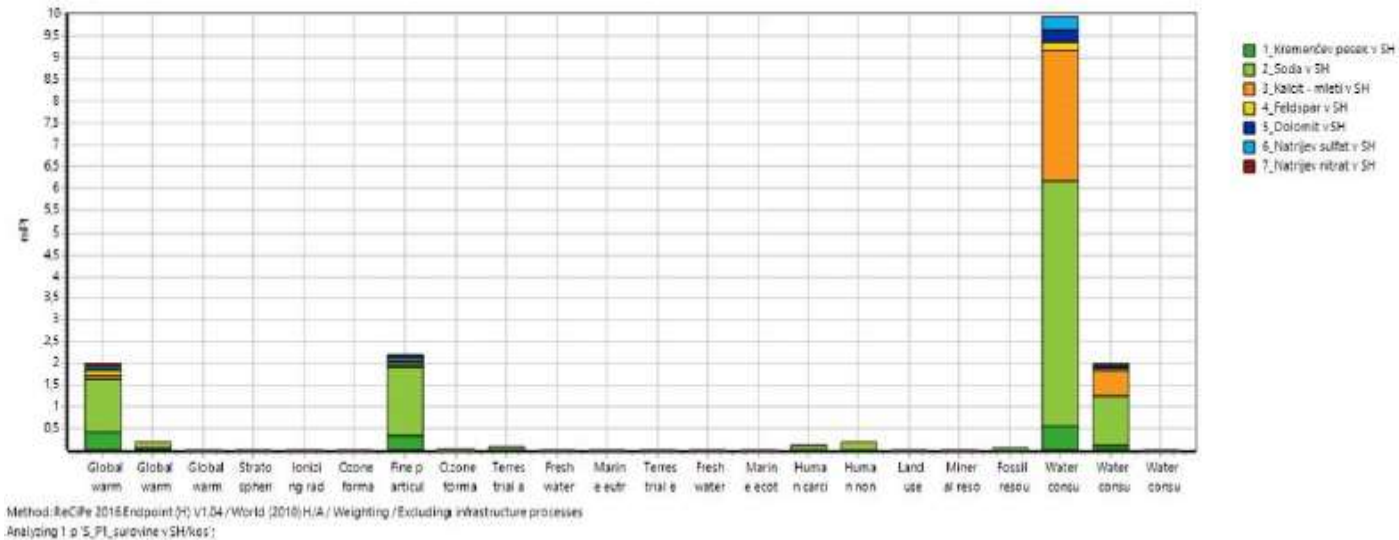
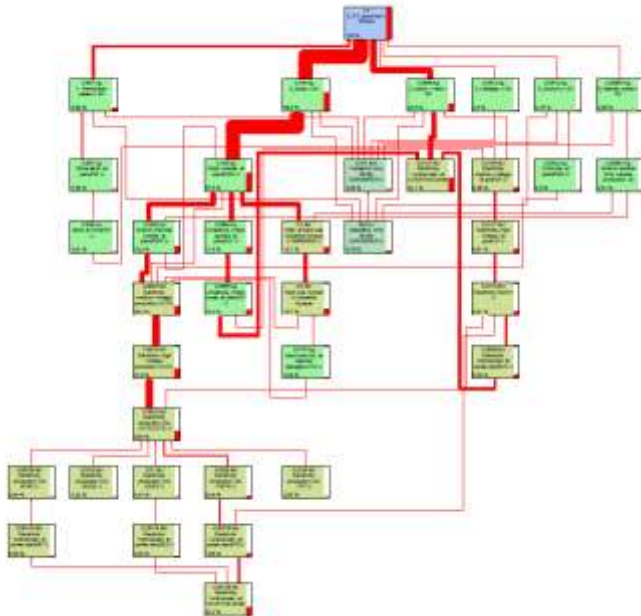


Method: ReCiPe Endpoint (H), V1-13 / Europe ReCiPe H/A / Single score

Comparing 1 p 'S_Steklenica Jupiter (500ml) argegirano' with 1 p 'Z_Steklenica Jupiter (500ml) argegirano':

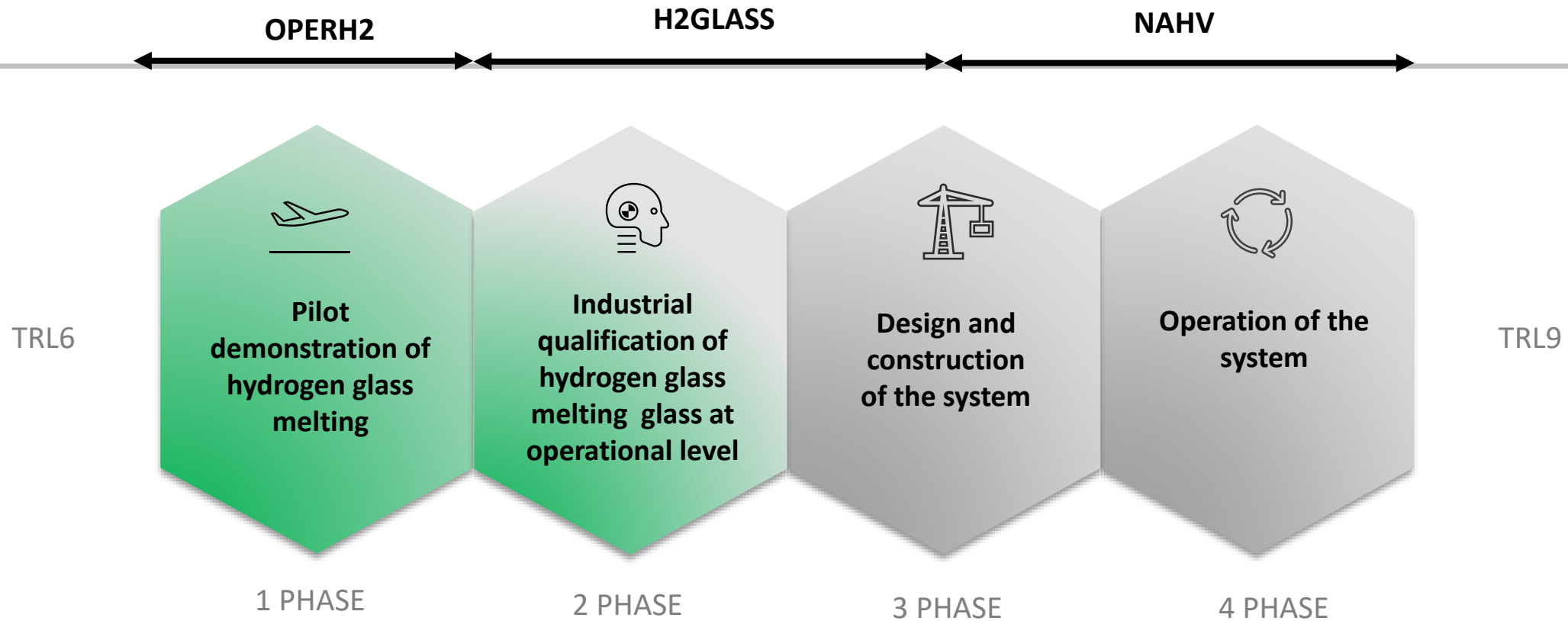
GHG emission reduction – the other side of the story

- Using more (renewable) electricity will decrease carbon footprint but will most probably also increase water footprint.
- Hydrogen from WE will also significantly and additionally increase water footprint
- Cradle-to-Grave LCA can give us more holistic data on environmental impacts
- Hrastnik1860 strategy is to decrease GHG emission while maintaining total environmental impact (mPt) as low as possible.

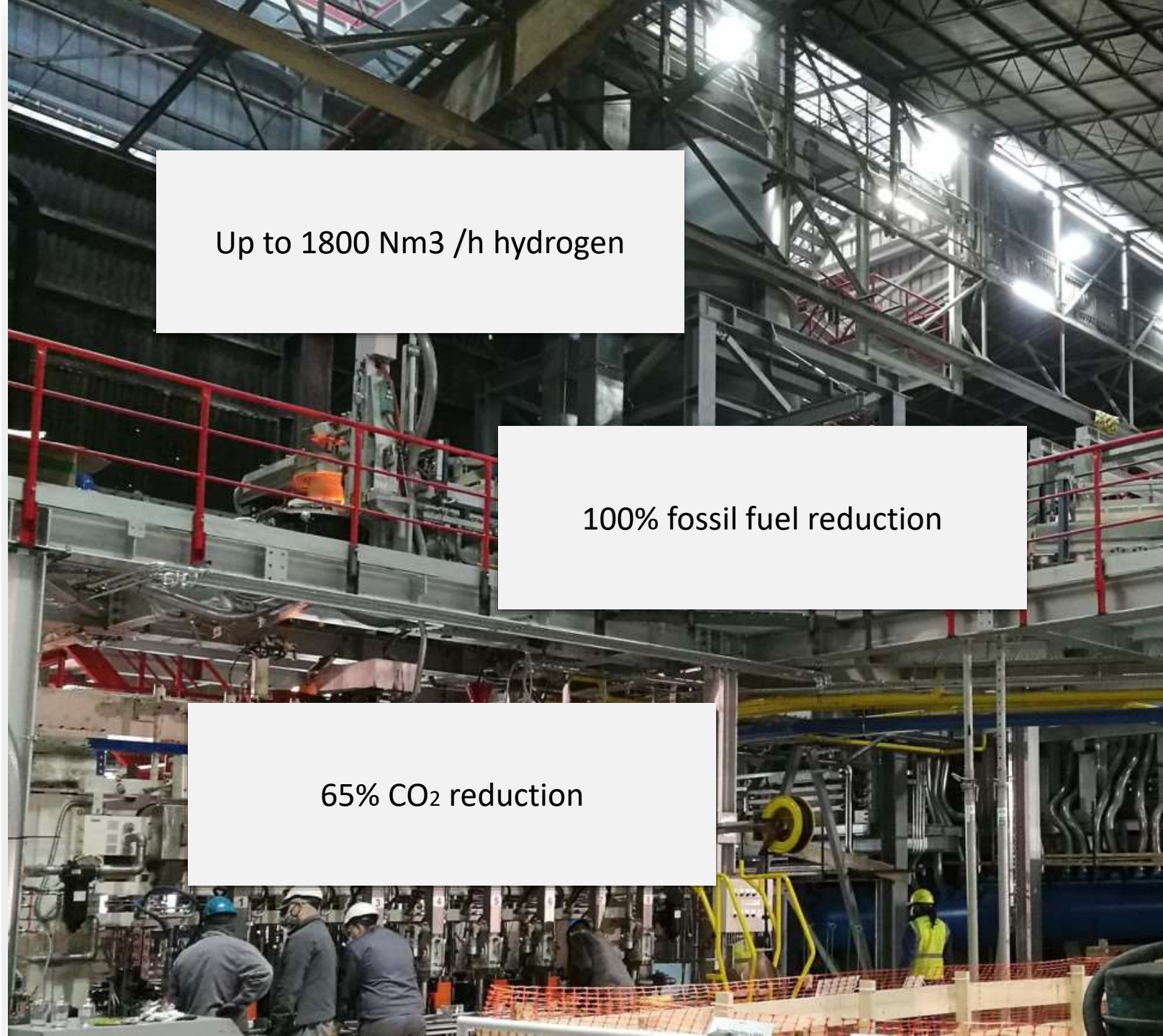


5 H2GLASS

Project roadmap



**Glass production
decarbonisation
utilizing Hydrogen**
Large-scale
(120 t/day)



Up to 1800 Nm³ /h hydrogen

100% fossil fuel reduction

65% CO₂ reduction

SH Demo 1 – Oxyfuel furnace



Furnace Type: Oxyfuel furnace (SORG)

Year of construction: Q4 2020

Energy consumption

Natural gas = 600 Nm³/h (6 burners)

Oxygen from on site Cryo plant = 1200 Nm³/h

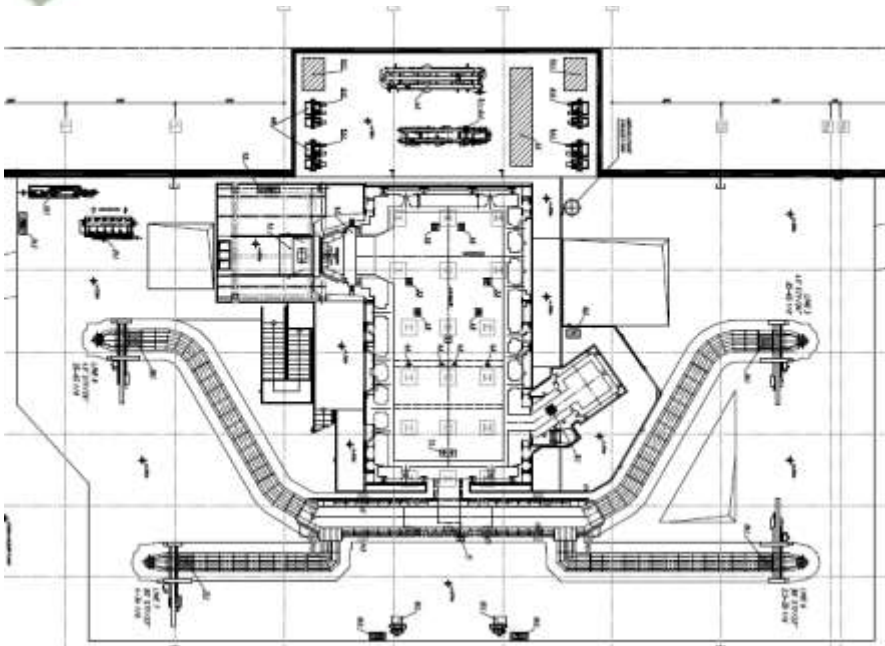
Boosting = 10%

Type of burner: Eclipse PF300 (existing), SplitOX (mixed gas up to 100% H₂)

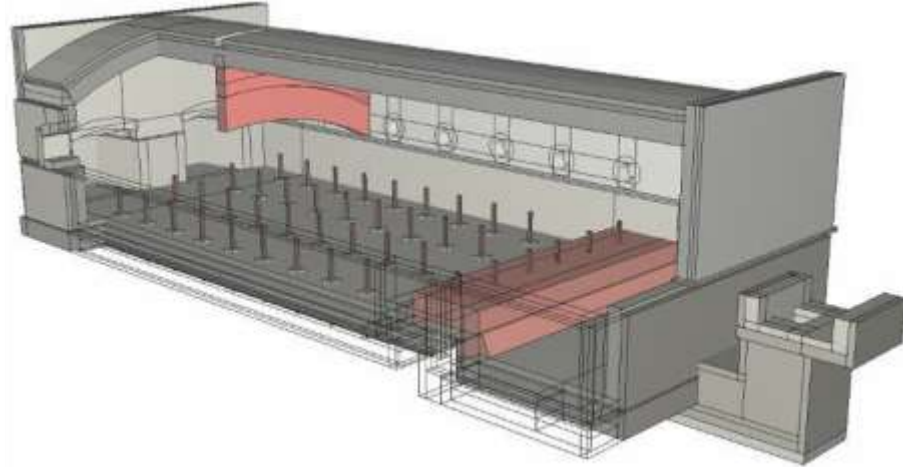
Type of glass: Extra white flint

Monitoring & control: Temperature metering, flows, pressure, glass level, O₂ metering, Camera System (+ ES3, NIR, batch monitoring, AMS for Emissions)

H₂ readiness : Prepared for the installation of hydrogen combustion system



SH Demo 2 - EP Hybrid furnace



Furnace Type: EP Hybrid furnace

Year of construction: Q2 2023

Energy consumption

Natural gas = 1200 Nm³/h (2 burners)

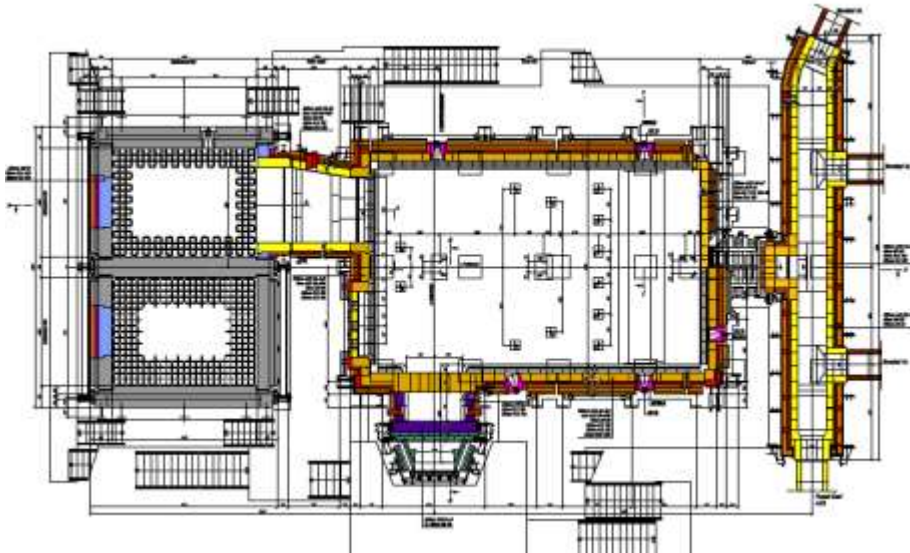
Boosting = 4.500 kW (up to 43%)

Type of burner: SDB 231 (up to 60% H₂ ready)

Type of glass: Extra white flint

Monitoring & control: Temperature metering, flows, pressure, glass level, O₂ metering, NIR Camera System (+ ES3, batch monitoring, AMS for Emissions)

H₂ readiness : Prepared for the installation of hydrogen combustion system

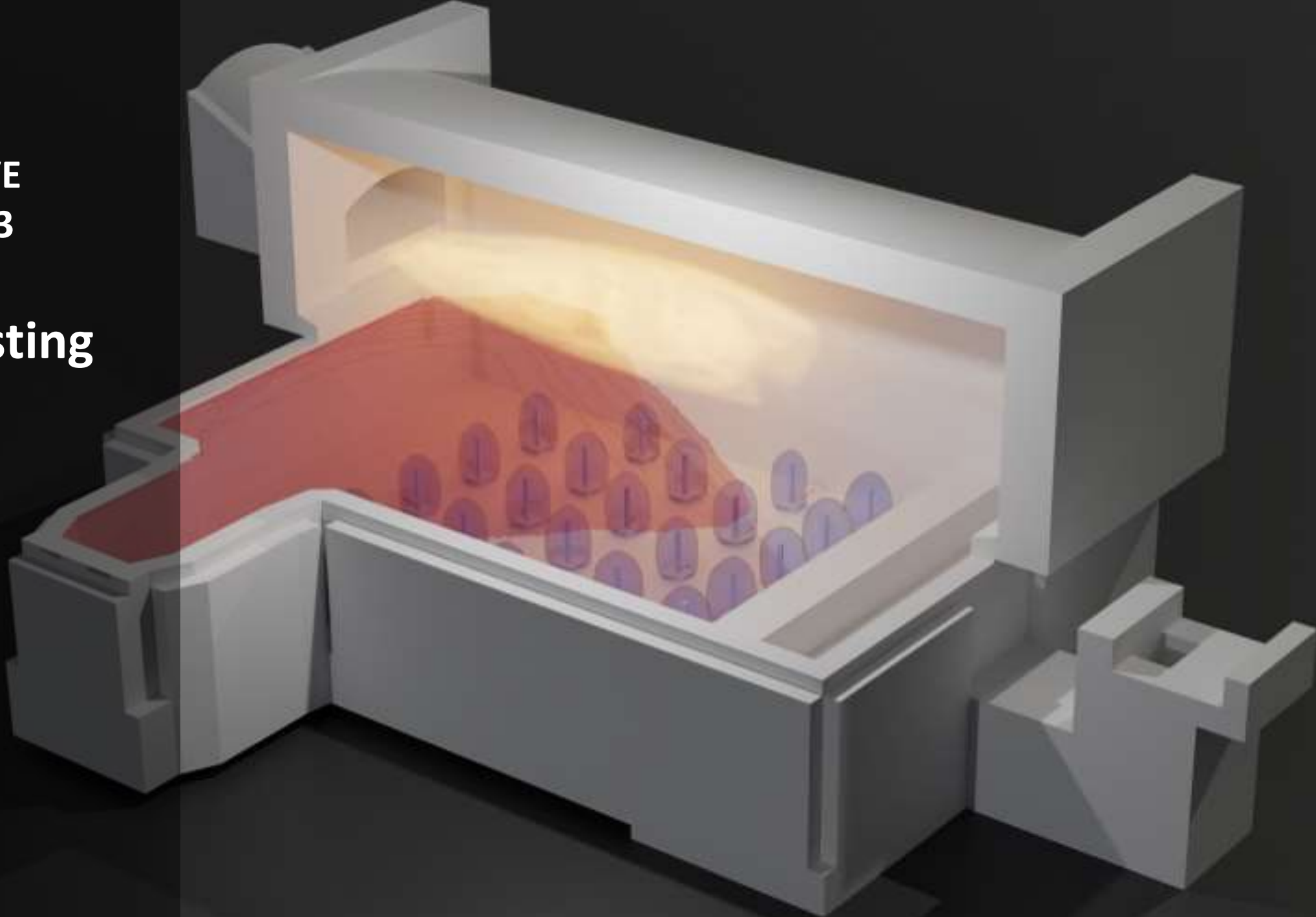


**HYBRID
REGENERATIVE
FURNACE 2023**

>40% boosting

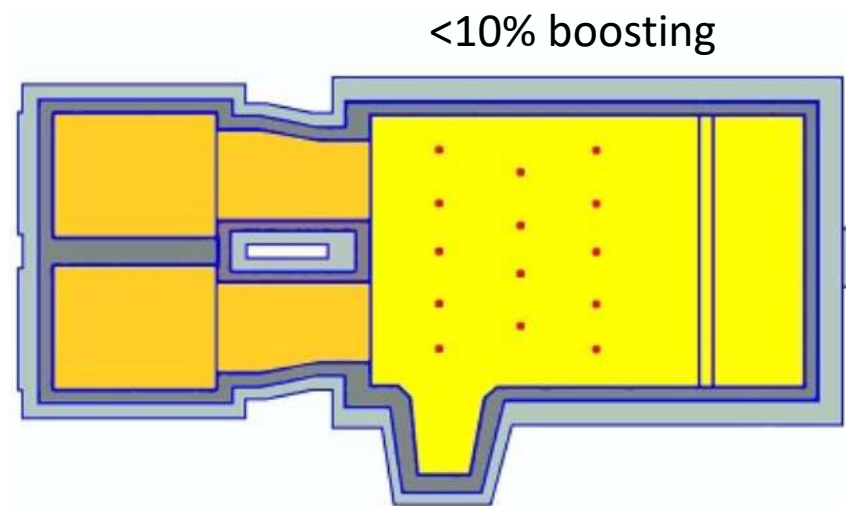
-35% CO₂

-50% NG

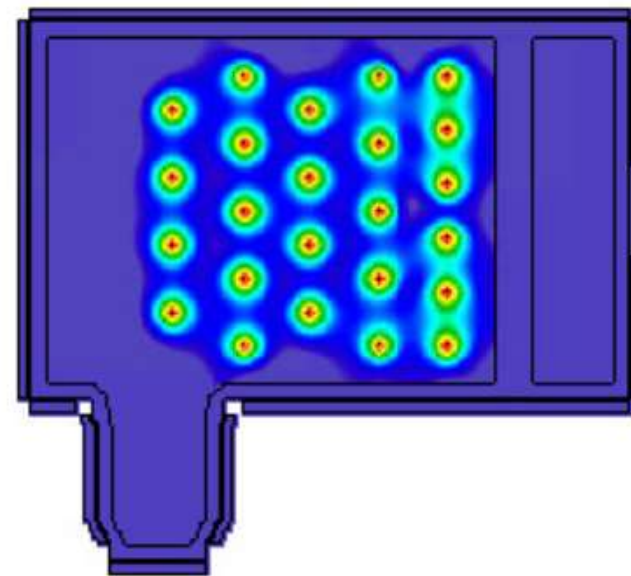


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Innovation

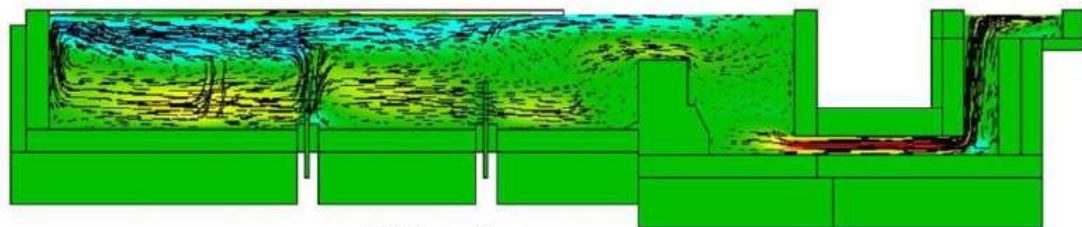


>40% boosting

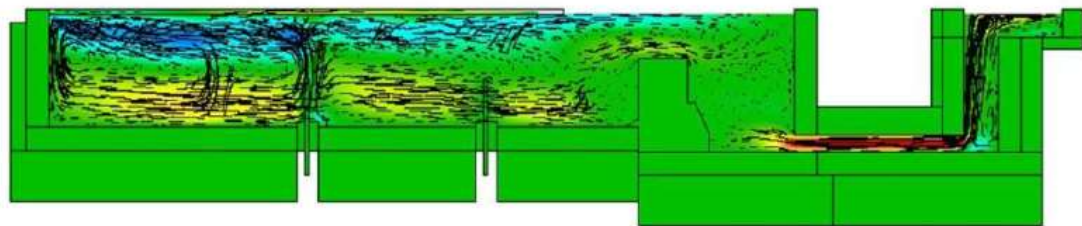


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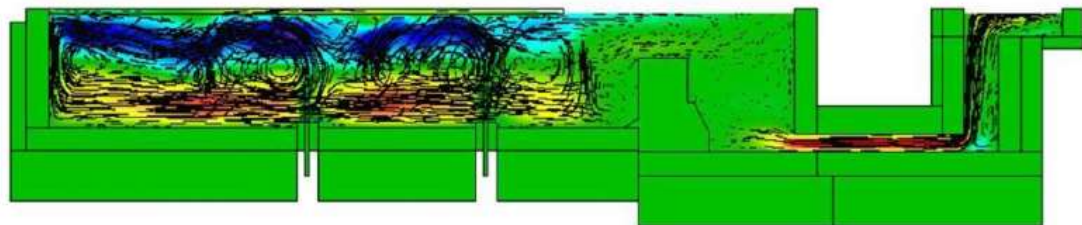
15% boosting



20% boosting



41% boosting



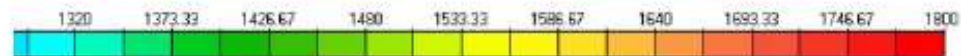
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Roadmap for SH DEMO sites

2023-2024

2024-2025

2025-2026

1.Phase (partial Hydrogen replacement)

2.Phase (100% Hydrogen replacement)

3.Phase - Validation

Oxyfuel furnace

EP Hybrid furnace

Period

- Supply from hydrogen trailers
- Up to 1000 Nm³/h
- Q3/ 2023
- Hydrogen gas skid up to 600 Nm³/h
- 2/6 burners – 600 Nm³/h
- 29% energy / 60% vol Hydrogen

- Q1/2024
- Hydrogen gas skid up to 2000 Nm³/h
- 1/2 burners – 900 Nm³/h
- 27% Energy / 75 % vol Hydrogen
- 40% boosting

- 1 month

- Supply from hydrogen trailers + electrolyser
- Up to 1600-1800 Nm³/h
- Q4/ 2024
- Hydrogen gas skid up to 2000 Nm³/h
- 6/6 burners – 600 Nm³/h
- 90% energy / 100% vol Hydrogen

- Q1/2025
- Hydrogen gas skid up to 2000 Nm³/h
- 1/2 burners – 900 Nm³/h
- 55% Energy / 100 % vol Hydrogen
- 40% boosting

- 2-3 moths

- Supply from hydrogen trailers + electrolyser
- Up to 1600-1800 Nm³/h
- Performance testing
- 6/6 burners – 600 Nm³/h
- 90% energy / 100% vol Hydrogen

- Performance testing
- 1/2 burners – 900 Nm³/h
- 55% Energy / 100 % vol Hydrogen
- 40% boosting

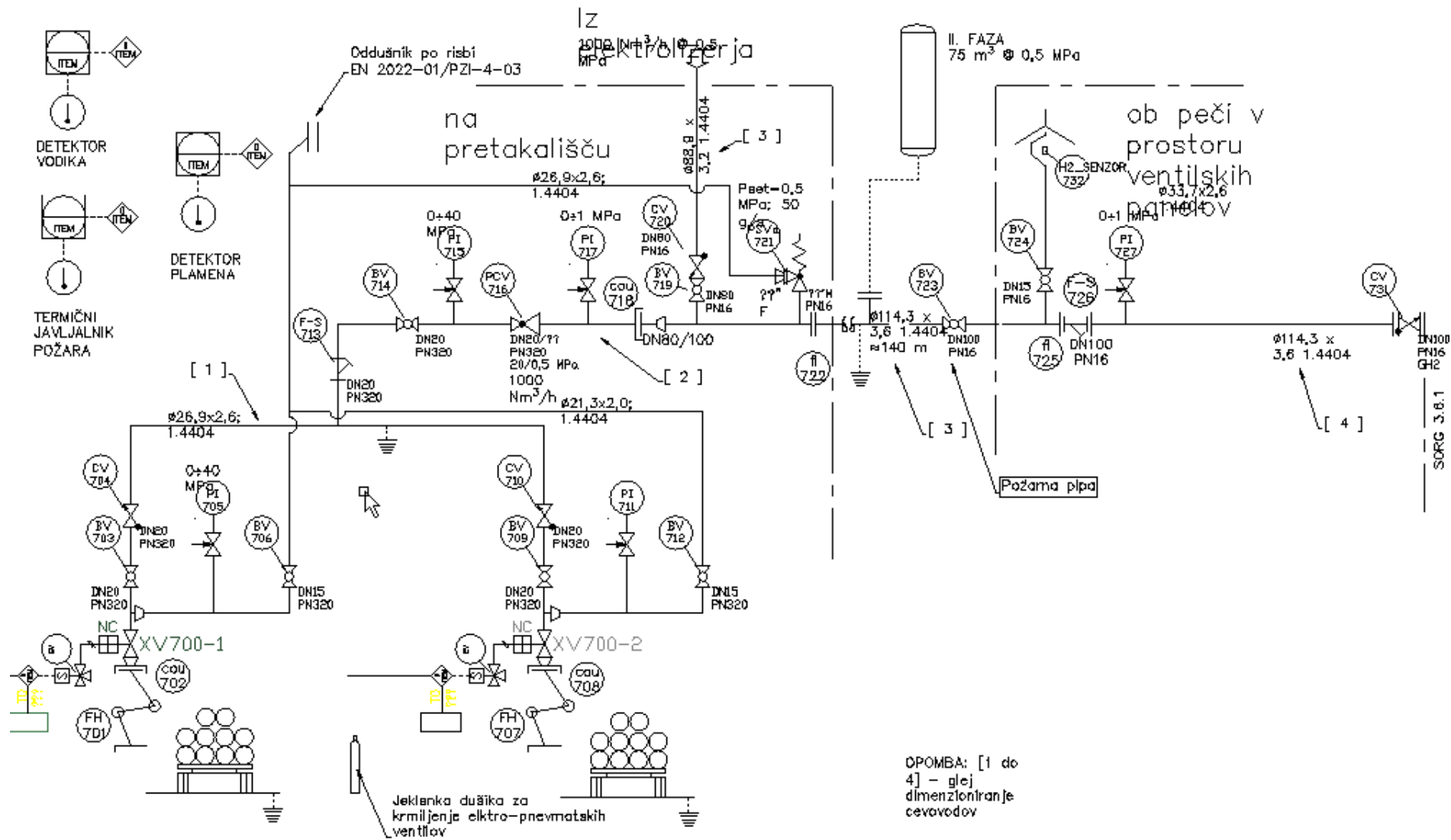
- 1 moths

Considerations

- **Quality considerations**
 - Seeds (impact on glass refinement - foaming, radiative heat transferee)
 - Glass colour (impact on RedOx, Se-oxidation state)
- **Technological limits**
 - Maximal Hydrogen concentration
 - Furnace/Combustion control
 - Combustion efficiency
- **Risks & mitigation measures**
 - Quality deviation → lower sustainability performance (% hydrogen)
 - Lower combustions efficiency → lower overall sustainability performance
 - Unexpected impact on process → lower quantity or lower overall sustainability performance

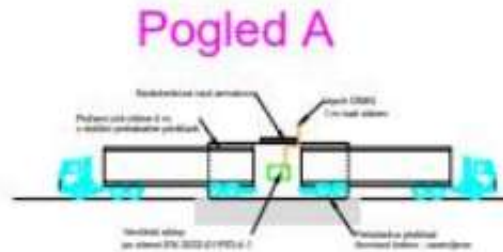
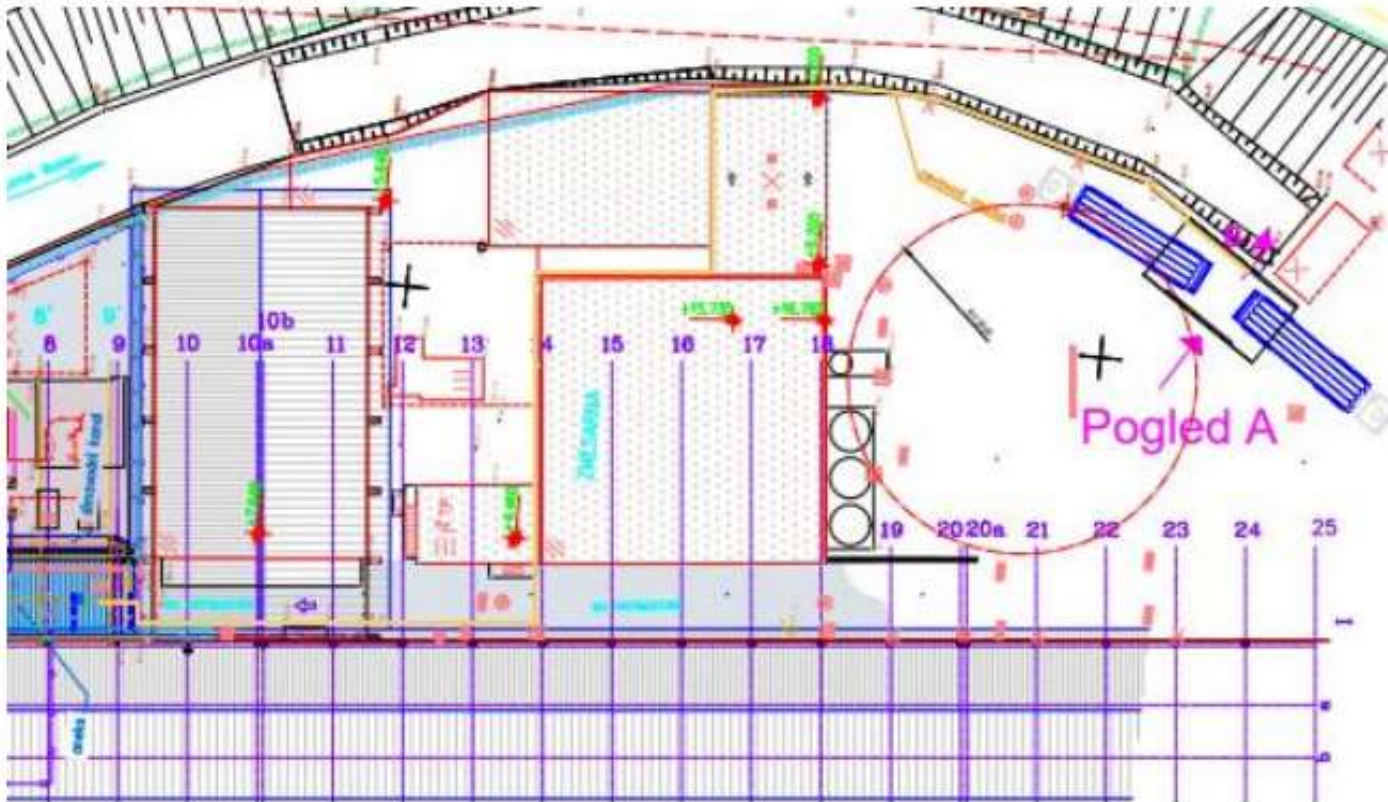
Phase 2 – 2023/24

Schematic design



Industrial qualification

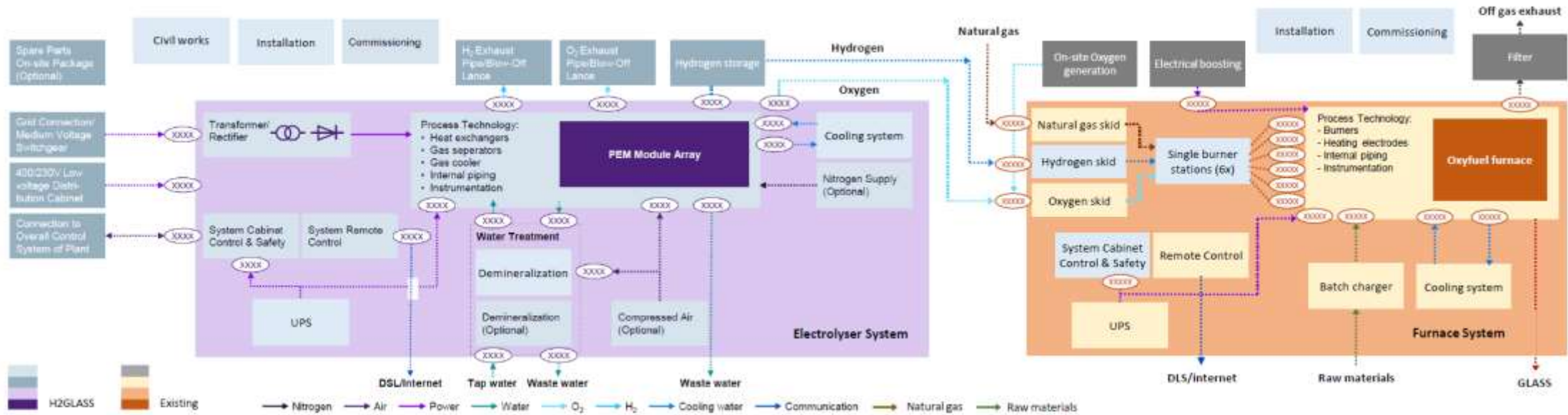
→ H2 trailers supply station



Phase 3 – 2024/25

Large-scale system design

→ Portable PEM electrolyser (3MW, 20kV, 30 bar g)

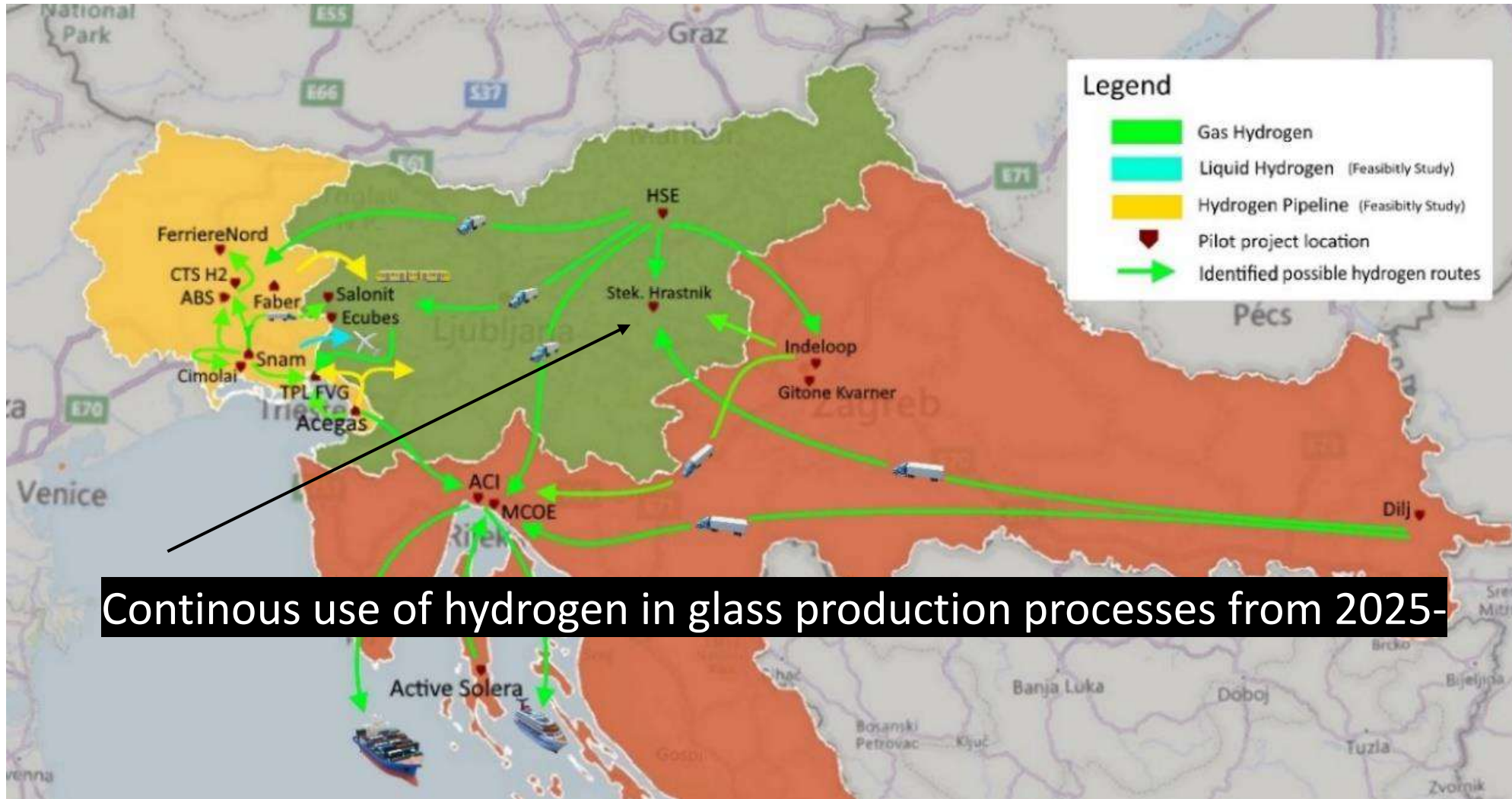


PEM Electrolyser system coupled with Oxyfuel glass furnace indicating H2GLASS project scope

Phase 4 – 2025/6

NAHV Project

North Adriatic hydrogen valley is one of the first EU transnational hydrogen valleys



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