

# Green Hydrogen Production & Utilization

**EPSC WG on Energy transition hazards**

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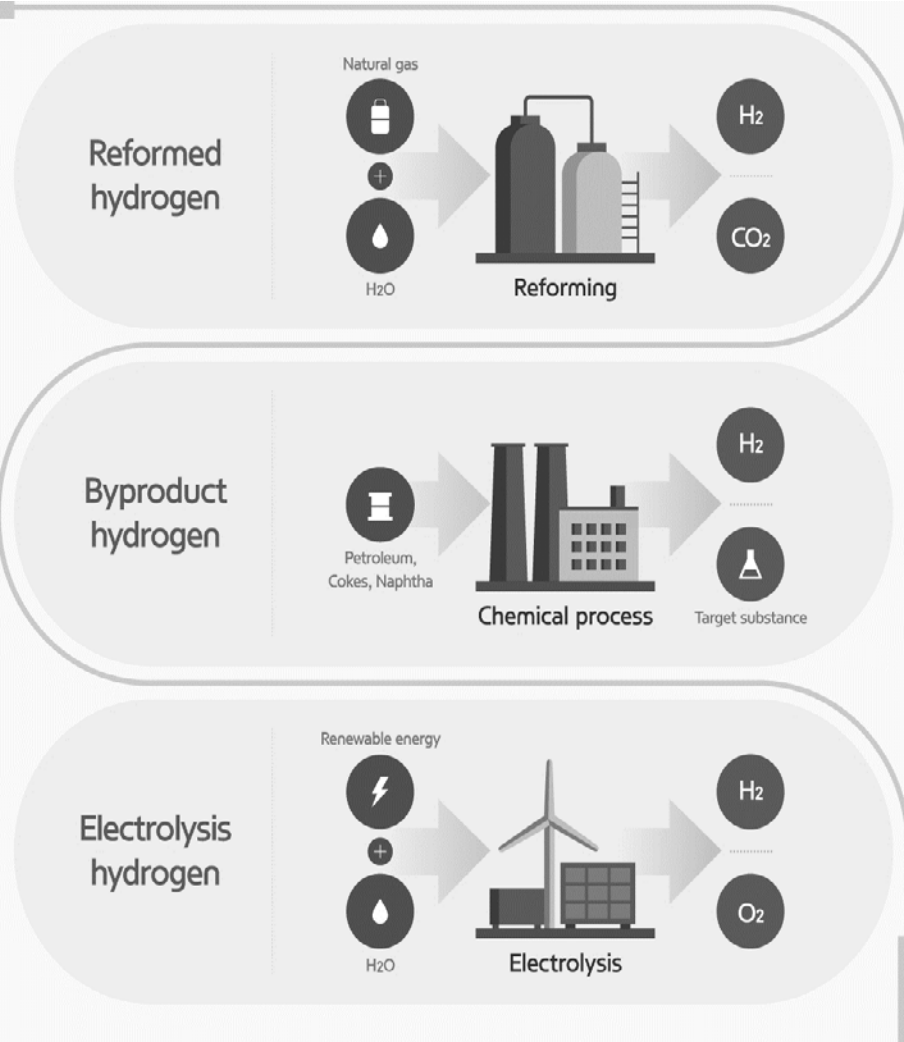


# AGENDA

- Hydrogen Process
- Hydrogen Value Chain
- Hydrogen Utilization
- HSE Relevancy
- Nebula – MOL Refinery Green Hydrogen Project

# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION PROCESS

# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION AND UTILISATION OPTIONS



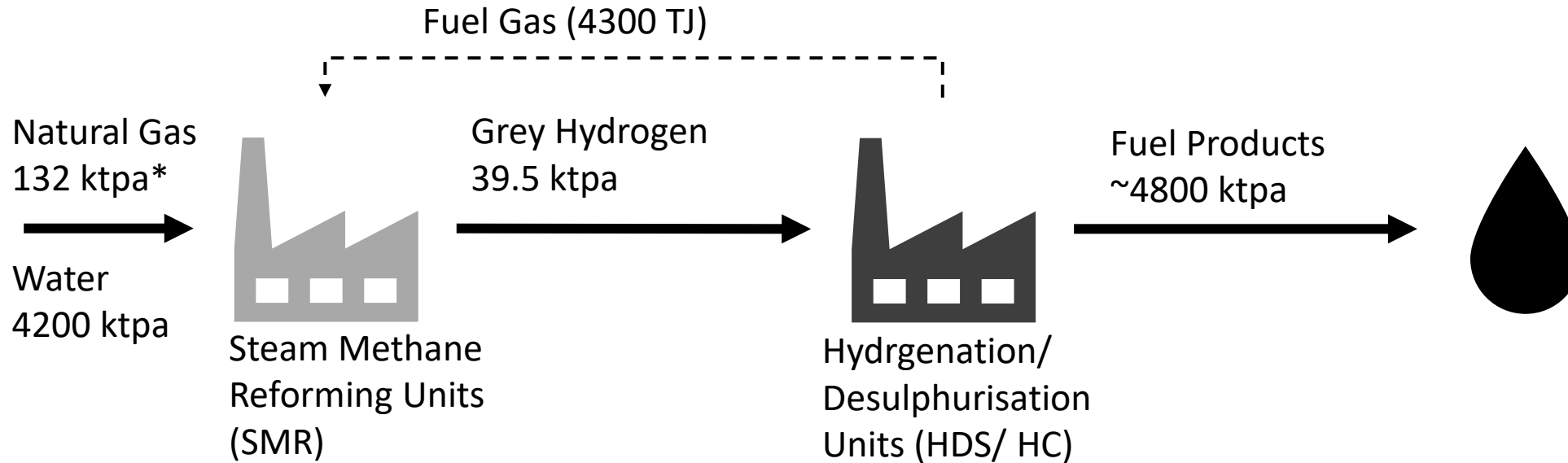
The primary energy sources from which hydrogen can be generated include:

- Fossil fuels
  - Steam Methane Reforming of Natural Gas
  - Reforming of Naphtha
- Electrolysis with:
  - Photovoltaic (light)
  - On & off shore wind and wave power,
  - Nuclear
- Biomass
  - Biogas based
  - Gasification

In the **short to medium term** it is expected that the bulk of the hydrogen produced will continue to be **derived from the reformation of fossil fuels**, with the associated expansion of the need for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and sequestration .

# HYDROGEN VALUE CHAIN

# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION AND UTILISATION IN MOL REFINERY

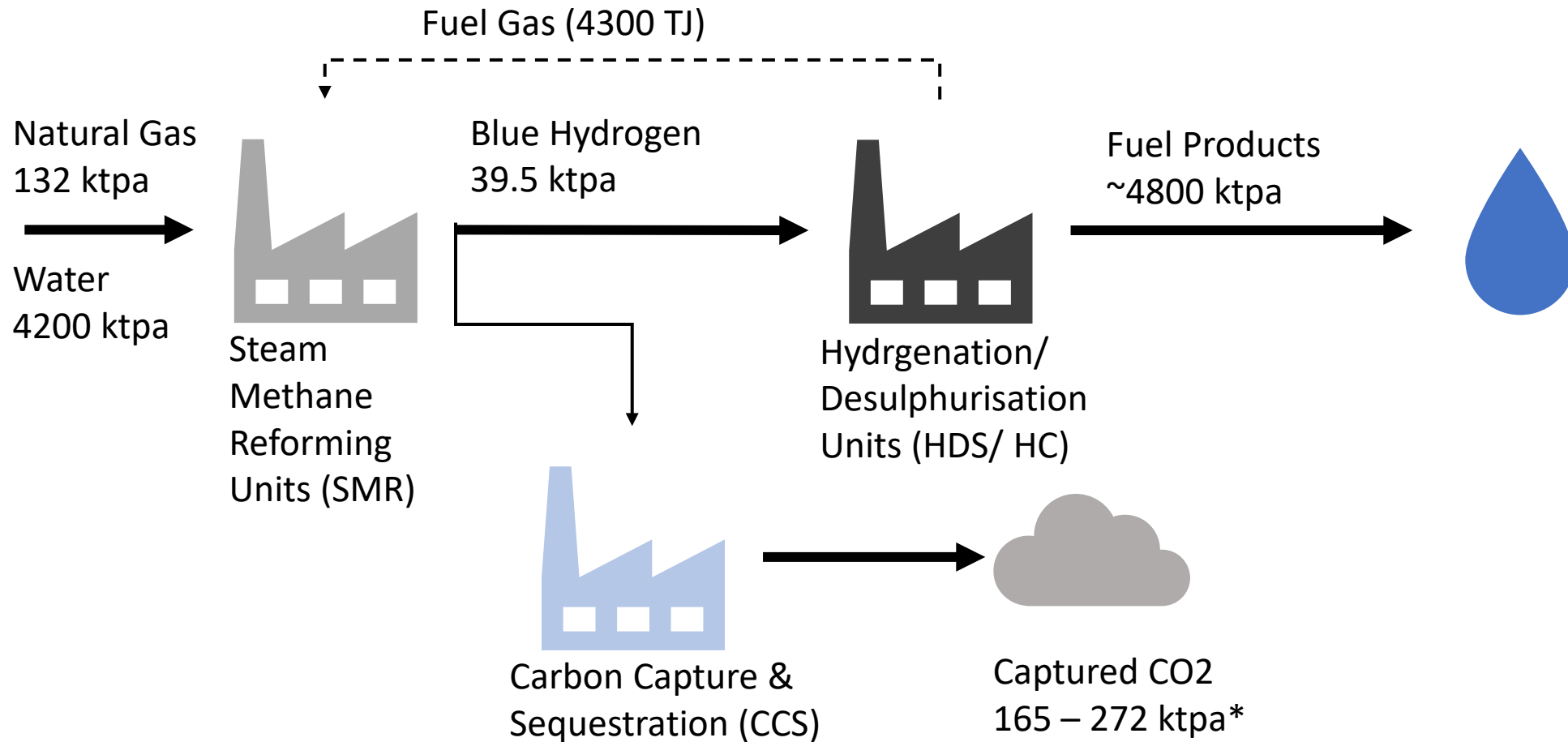


## Side Products:

- CO<sub>2</sub> (emission):  
588 – 635 ktpa\*\*
- Steam Production:  
1700 TJ

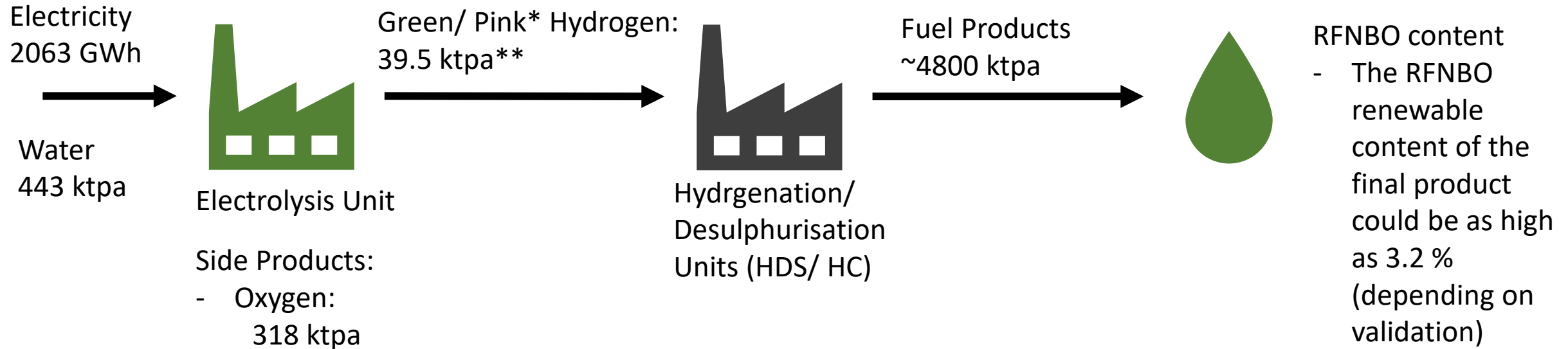
- Hydrogen only ~1% of the volume of the final product, it is 3.5-4 % of the energy content
- Not all the utilized hydrogen is built in the final product (depending on the technology)
- Additional investment required for both the renewable compliance and ETS targets

# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVES: BLUE HYDROGEN



- Additional investment and OPEX cost for sequestration required
- Blue hydrogen do not have additional value regarding the value chain
- ETS target could be reasonably achieved with high level CCS utilization

# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVES: GREEN HYDROGEN



- Green hydrogen has the added benefit to count as renewable energy component if used for fuel production – in accordance with RED III regulations
- Green hydrogen (or derivatives) will be required from 2030 as part of the fossil fuel pool (RFNBO – renewable fuels of non biological origin)
- Non refining industries (for example the polyol unit) will be required to source at least 50% of its hydrogen consumption from renewable source



# GREEN HYDROGEN IN MOL'S VALUE CHAIN

## Relevant sources of green hydrogen:



Breakdown of water to hydrogen and oxygen with renewable electricity

**Water Electrolysis**



Steam reforming (SMR) of renewable sourced methane

**Biogas Utilisation in SMR units**

## Potential utilisation of green hydrogen



Added to the refinery portfolio

**Hydrogenation**



Nitrogen and Sulphur removal

**Desulphuration**



Petrochemical feedstock

**Pethem production**



Heat/ electricity recovery

**Energy storage**

## Market potential of green hydrogen products



Hydrogen drivetrain vehicles

**Fuel (direct)**



Traditional fuels from green hydrogen

**Fuel (indirect)**



Natural gas substitution for energy

**Sale (energy)**


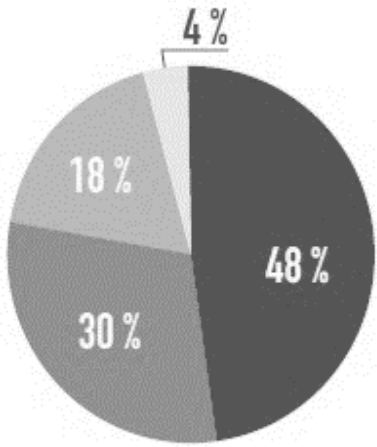




Sale as feedstock (fertilizers, chemicals)

**Sale (chemicals)**

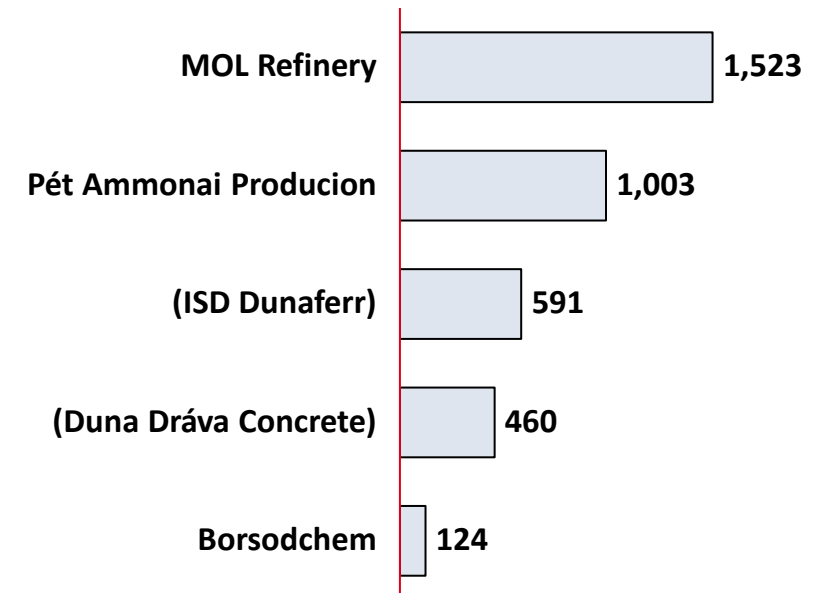
# HYDROGEN UTILIZATION

# INDUSTRIAL HYDROGEN APPLICATIONS

INDUSTRY SECTOR	KEY APPLICATIONS	PERCENTAGE OF GLOBAL H <sub>2</sub> DEMAND	HYDROGEN SOURCES
CHEMICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ammonia</li> <li>• Polymers</li> <li>• Resins</li> </ul>	 <p>65%</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Natural Gas</li> <li>■ Oil</li> <li>■ Coal</li> <li>■ Electrolysis</li> </ul>
REFINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydrocracking</li> <li>• Hydrotreating</li> </ul>	 <p>25%</p>	
IRON & STEEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annealing</li> <li>• Blanketing gas</li> <li>• Forming gas</li> </ul>	 <p>10%</p>	
GENERAL INDUSTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semiconductor</li> <li>• Propellant fuel</li> <li>• Glass production</li> <li>• Hydrogenation of fats</li> <li>• Cooling of generators</li> </ul>		

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Top-5 Hungarian CO<sub>2</sub> emission from (potential) hydrogen consumers (th. Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>)



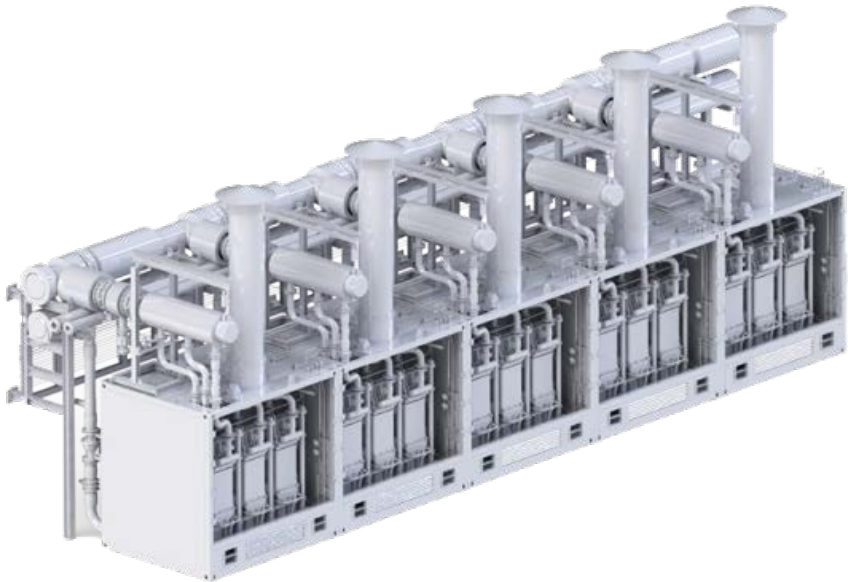
# HSE RELEVANCY: PROCESS, LOGISTICS

# HSE RELEVANCY: ELECTROLYSIS PROCESS



## Alkaline Electrolyzer:

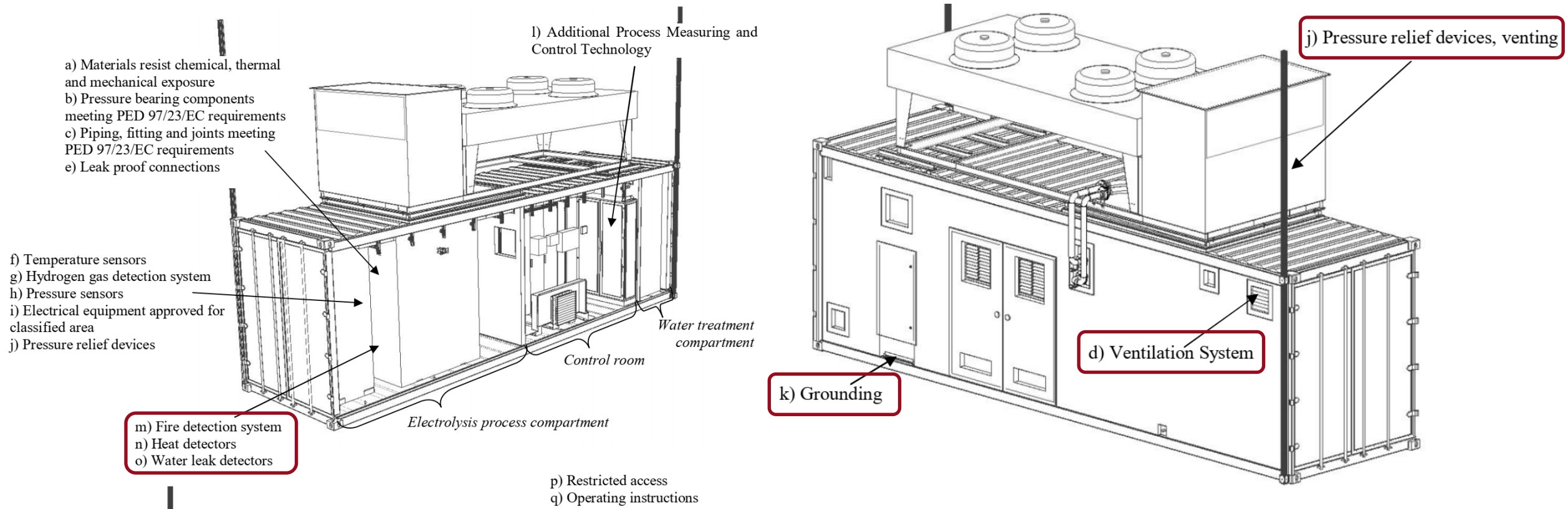
- ▶ Well established, multiple large-scale operation since 1920s
- ▶ Suitable for large scale operations, with relatively constant energy intake
- ▶ Somewhat lower efficiency than PEM
- ▶ H<sub>2</sub> **pressure and quality requires further investment** in gas purification and compression
- ▶ Slower system response time and low flexibility for lower utilization makes it less attractive for renewable energy balancing



## PEM Electrolyzer:

- ▶ Small scale operation since 1970s, commercial projects started recently
- ▶ Suitable for smaller scale investments (based on NEL and IHS findings)
- ▶ Higher efficiency than Alkaline, with room for improvement (theoretical)
- ▶ H<sub>2</sub> purity and pressure is close to the required (by DR H<sub>2</sub> system), might additional compression required
- ▶ Faster system response time and flexible operation makes it more suited for non-grid RE utilization

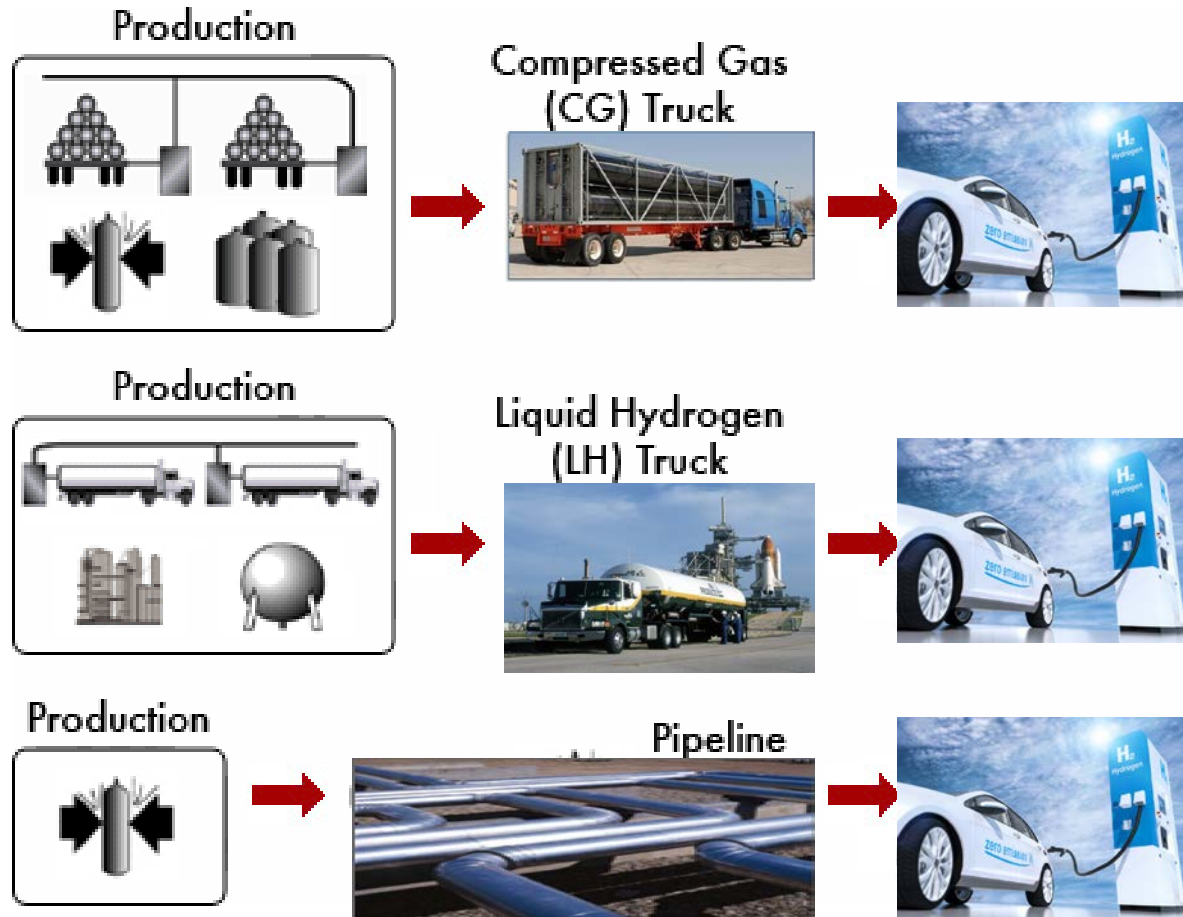
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## PEM Electrolyzer skid:

- ▶ The whole unit is grounded – the most exposed parts are made of/ covered with epoxy resins or other non conducting materials
- ▶ Hydrogen pressure and air quality is continuously monitored to prevent leakage/ LEL concentration of hydrogen in the equipment

# HSE RELEVANCY: LOGISTICS



## Tube trailers:

- Gaseous hydrogen is compressed to pressures of 180 bar or higher (up to 600 bar) into long cylinders that are stacked on a trailer.
- Steel tube trailers are most commonly employed and carry approximately 380 kg onboard; their carrying capacity is limited by the weight of the steel tubes.
- Composite storage vessels have been developed that have capacities of 560–900 kg of hydrogen per trailer.

## Super-insulated, cryogenic tanker trucks:

- After liquefaction, the liquid hydrogen is dispensed to delivery trucks
- Over long distances, trucking liquid hydrogen is more economical
- Liquid tanker truck can hold a much larger mass of hydrogen
- Challenges with liquid transportation include the potential for boil-off during delivery.

## Through pipelines:

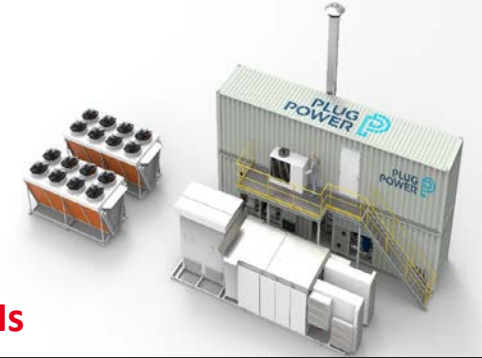
- Approximately 1,600 km of hydrogen pipelines are currently in operation in the EU. Owned by merchant hydrogen producers, these pipelines are located where large hydrogen users concentrated
- Transporting gaseous hydrogen via existing pipelines is a low-cost option for delivering large volumes of hydrogen.

# NEBULA - DANUBE REFINERY GREEN HYDROGEN PROJECT



# PROJECT NEBULA - GREEN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

- ▶ **AIM OF THE PROJECT**           to decrease the CO2 footprint of MOL Refinery by a new green-hydrogen producer electrolysis technology
- ▶ **SCOPE**                           installation of 10 MW electrolyzer unit at MOL Refinery
- ▶ **GATE-2 APPROVAL**           04.02.2022, 18.5 mn
- ▶ **HISTORICAL OUTLOOK**       Licensor market scanning (ISBL), basic study (OSBL utility point)
- ▶ **FID PROPOSAL**                EUR 21.9 mn
- ▶ **FINANCIAL KPIS**               considering financial trends, by the early 2030s green hydrogen production will be a potential alternative to traditional one without regulatory obligations



## Project KPIS

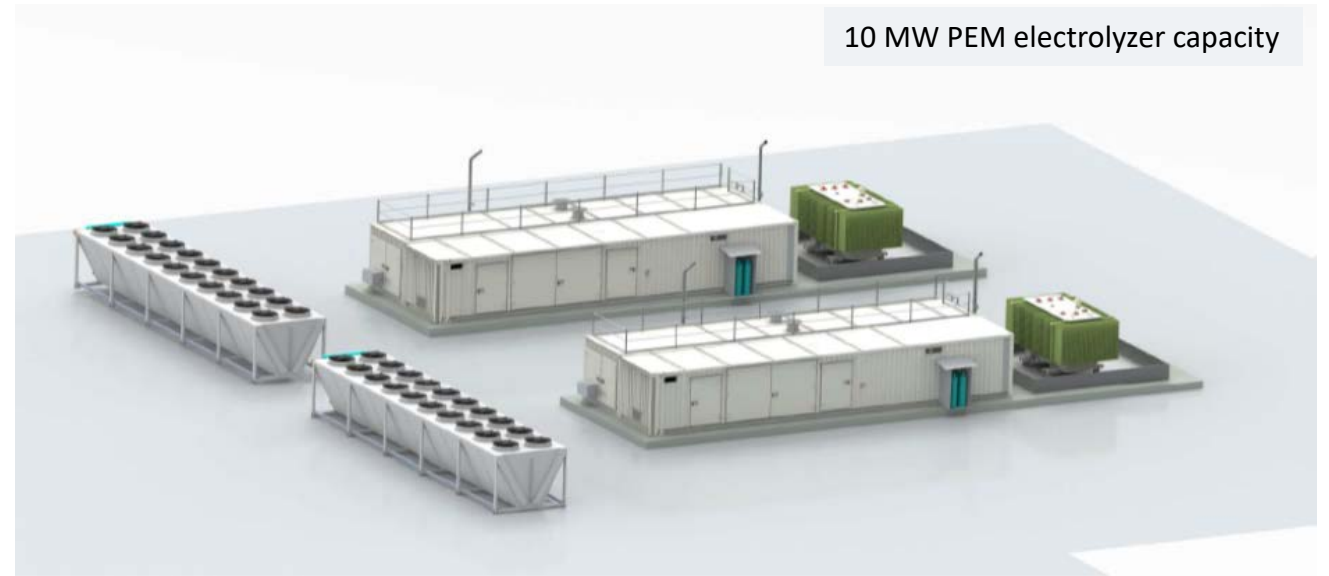
Capacity (MW)	10
Capacity (ktpa GH2)	1.6
Year of commission	2024
Years of operation	20
CO2 savings, ktpa	26
CAPEX, Mn EUR	21.9

Note: \*w/o and w/ ren. Upside. According to the current understanding of the GH upside, subject to change due to the regulatory development

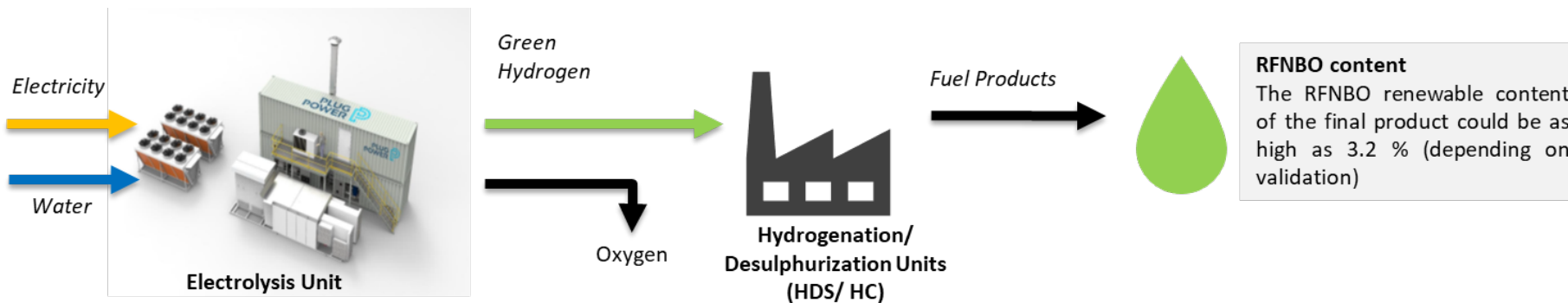
# GREEN HYDROGEN – STRONG POTENTIAL SYNERGY WITH E-FUEL INVESTMENTS & FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

▶ In line with MOL group 2030 strategy and at EU level accepted Renewable Energy Directive 'RED2' regulation , project aims to substitute partially and gradually the production of the lower efficiency hydrogen production unit (HGY-1) in the MOL Refinery with a beneficial, reasonable and most rational business case alternative.

▶ ISBL Part	EUR 10.06 mn
▶ OSBL Part	EUR 11.33 mn
▶ Owner's Internal Resource cost	EUR 0.52 mn
▶ TOTAL INVESTMENT COST	EUR 21.91 mn



## The technology process



**RFNBO content**  
The RFNBO renewable content of the final product could be as high as 3.2 % (depending on validation)

### Remarks:

- Full utilization of the existing electric grid of MOL Refinery.
- The green electricity will be provided by renewable certificate trading therefore linking investments to produce green electricity are not scope of the project.

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