Hydrogen and Wind – A Winning Formula

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Challenges of energy transition are the new normal. Therefore, we need to look for new solutions in fuel production, such as hydrogen technology, on the way towards a sustainable energy future.

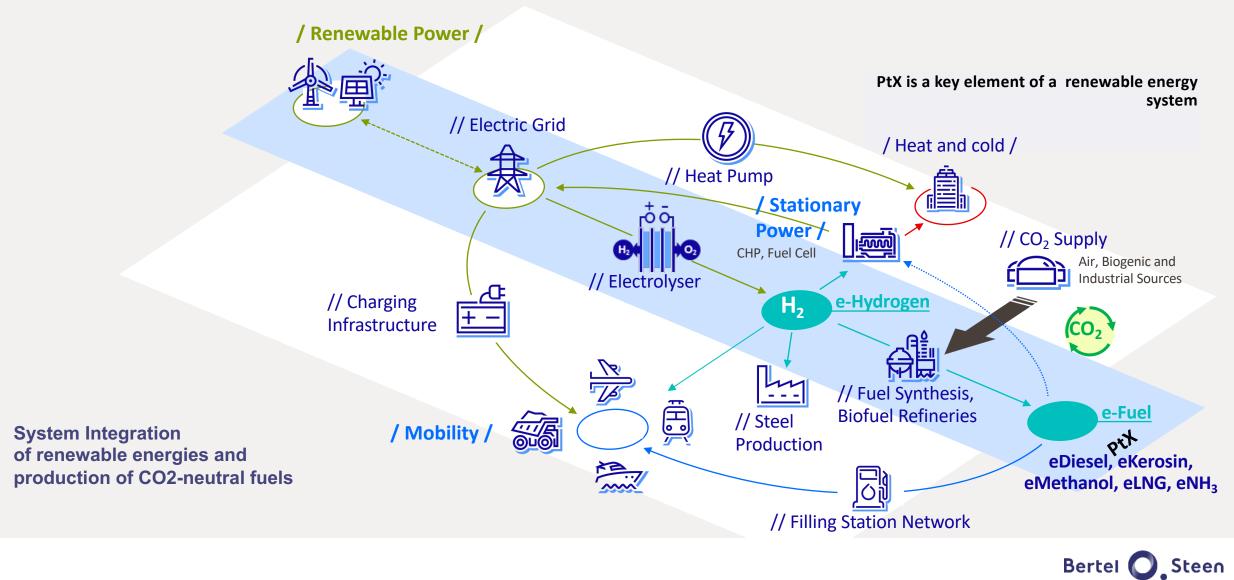


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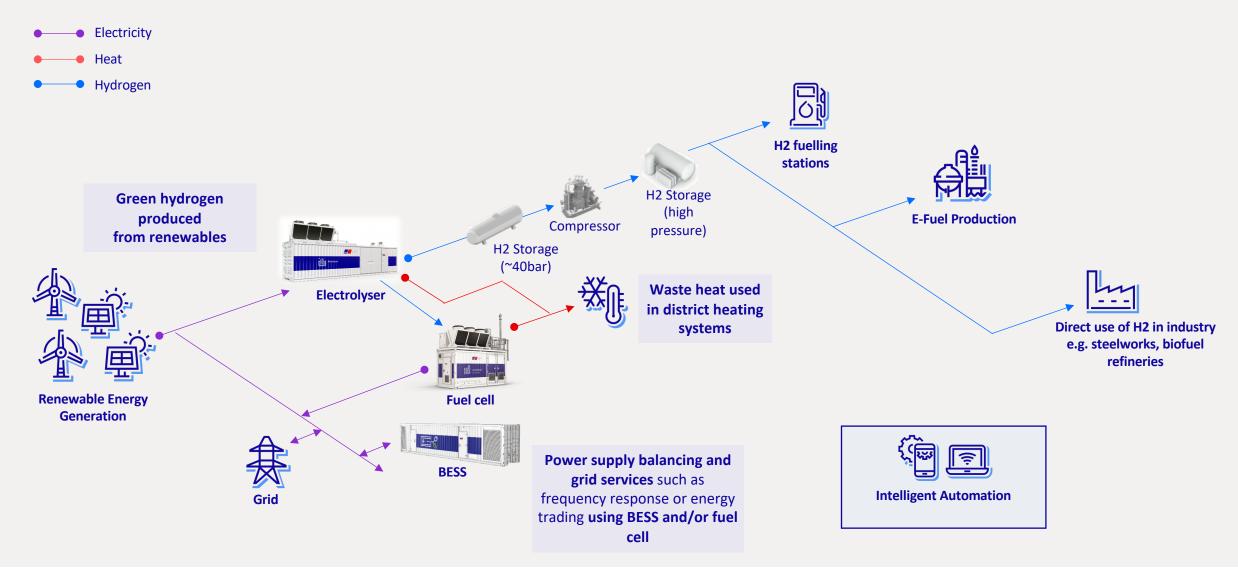
Former CEO Statoil, chairman of Telenor and director of ConocoPhilips



The Power-to-X (PtX) ecosystem as a key element of energy transition



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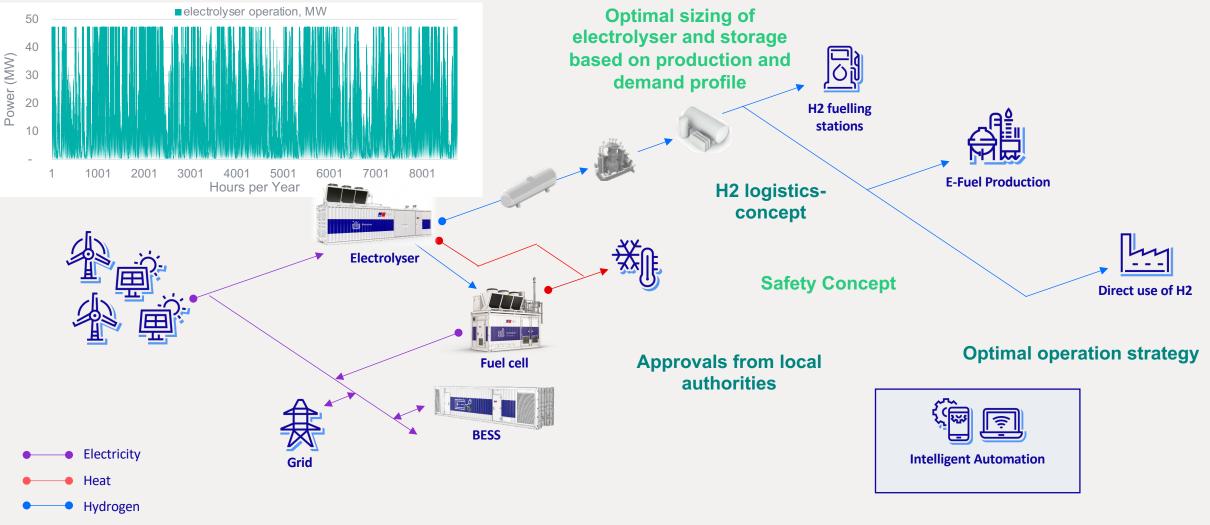


General system layout of a PtX-plant for renewable H2-production

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Challenges of direct coupling of PtH2 with volatile renewable energies

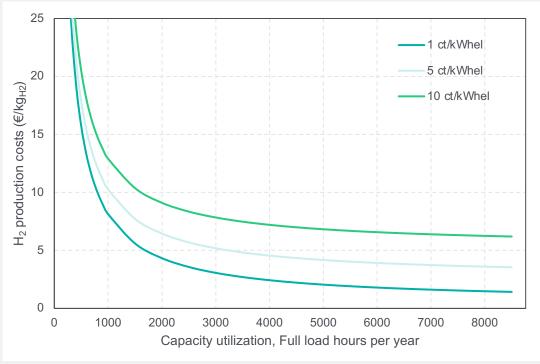
Extremely dynamic operation of the electrolyser required





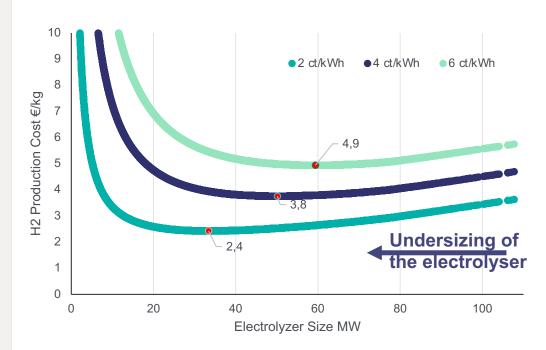
System sizing based on detailed simulation is required

O. H2-Production costs (LCOH) decrease with higher capacity utilization



Generic dependency of LCOH from electricity costs and capacity utilization not taking profile of energy source into account

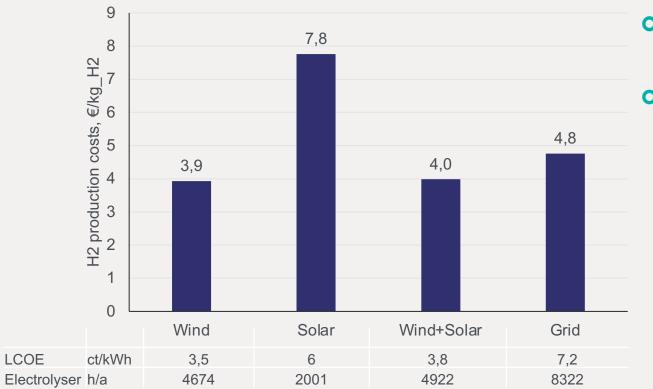
 Optimal sizing of the PtH2-system minimizes LCOH by undersizing of the electrolyser and increasing of yearly capacity utilization



Optimization of the electrolyser capacity for direct coupling with a hybrid Wind (75 MW) +PV (35 MW) electricity supply in Finland based on yearly profiles from the year 2021. Assumption: Surplus electricity can be fed into the grid @ 1ct/kWh.



Case study: Combination of Wind+Solar electricity supply can be advantageous

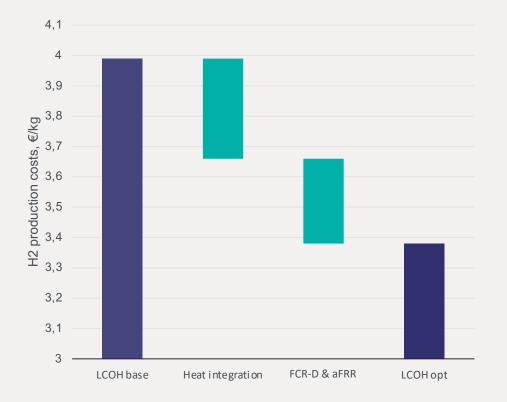


O. H2-Production costs (LCOH) for 4 use cases

- **O.** Wind is more attractive than solar in Finland (LCOE)
- Hybrid supply by Wind+Solar achieves higher capacity utilisation
- Taking the H2-demand profile into account can change the results significantly due to storage demand → More detailed analysis



Additional revenue streams of a highly dynamic PEM electrolyser



FCR-D+aFRR revenues are taken from: Business Finland: National Hydrogen Roadmap for Finland, November 2020.

Possible additional value streams:

- **O.** Heat utilisation of low grade heat
- **O.** Reserve markets
- Utilisation of by-product oxygen

Arbitrage trading and reserve markets as well as highly dynamic operation can be optionally supported by battery energy storage systems



Conclusions

- O. Power-to-X (PtX) is a key element of energy transition towards a zero emission future
- Direct coupling of H2-electrolysis with volatile renewable energies like wind and solar requires highly flexible PEM electrolysis technology
- PtX business cases are strongly dependent on the quality of the renewable energy source (LCOE+capacitiy utilisation)
- O. For PtX-systems a complex sizing based on detailed simulation is required to optimize the business case, taking volatile RE supply, H2 demand profiles, spotmarket grid prices and revenue opportunities like arbitrage trading, frequency control and heat integration into account
- •. Finnish wind energy offers great chances for competitive renewable H2 production



Thank you for listening!

