Environmental considerations of H₂ production from wind power

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Profile

- Independent expert for sustainable energy and mobility for over 30 years
- Bridging technology, markets, and policy
- Renewable energies, fuels, infrastructure
- Technology-based strategy consulting, System and technology studies, Sustainability assessment
- Global and long term perspective
- Rigorous system approach thinking outside the box
- Serving international clients in industry, finance, politics, and NGOs

References

- VDA E-Fuels Study
- UBA Power-to-Liquids for Aviation
- BMVI Integrated Energy Concept 2050
- BMVI Mobility & Fuels Strategy
- EC/FCH2JU CertifHy EU-wide green H₂ guarantee of origin scheme





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Environmental performance: methodology & pathways

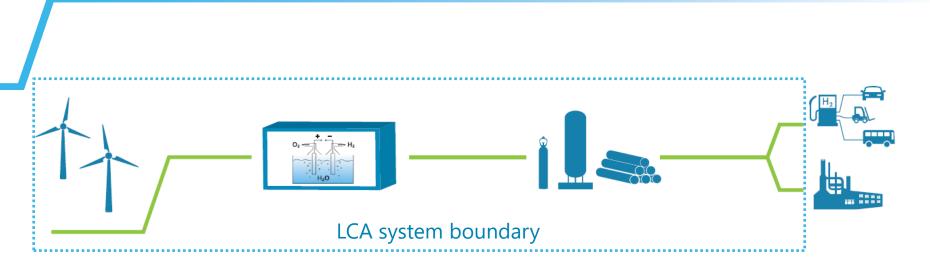
- Fossil reference: Hydrogen from steam methane reforming of natural gas trucked in from Germany
- Hydrogen via water electrolysis assuming
 - Grid mix Denmark (production mix)
 - 100 % wind power
- Methodology:
 - Preliminary assessment based on nominal plant capacities
 - Cumulated energy efforts: efficiency method according to IEA, EUROSTAT, ECE
 - GHG balance according to JRC and EU RED/FQD







HyBalance pathways for H₂ supply

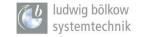


- Danish electricity grid mix (based on 194 g_{CO2}/kWh [Energinet 2018])
- 100 % wind power (0 g_{CO2eq}/kWh [JEC 2014])

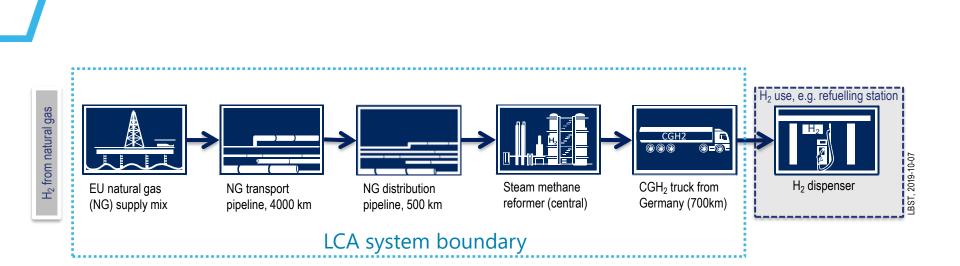


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Fossil reference pathways for H₂ supply





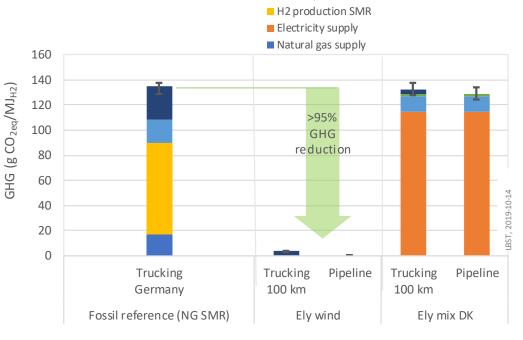
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Preliminary results: Greenhouse gas emissions

- Danish electricity grid production mix has been improving and already breaks-even with the fossil reference, i.e. hydrogen from steam methane reforming of natural gas trucked in from Germany.
- Increasing the share of renewable electricity and increasing the efficiency of the electrolysis plant reduce GHG emissions in the future.
- Using 100% wind power for hydrogen production reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by almost 100% compared to the fossil reference.



H2 transport
HVAC & lighting
H2 compression



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Take-away

- Fast renewable power deployment rate is critical to cater energy transition towards net zero carbon EU 2050
- All required technologies are in principle available
- Power-to-hydrogen is a key building block in the energy 'big picture'
- Further technology improvements and cost reductions require a trajectory of capacity deployments
- Strong sustainability framework needed to give stakeholders confidence for building value chains (company strategies, venture bankability, public acceptance)





Thank you for your attention

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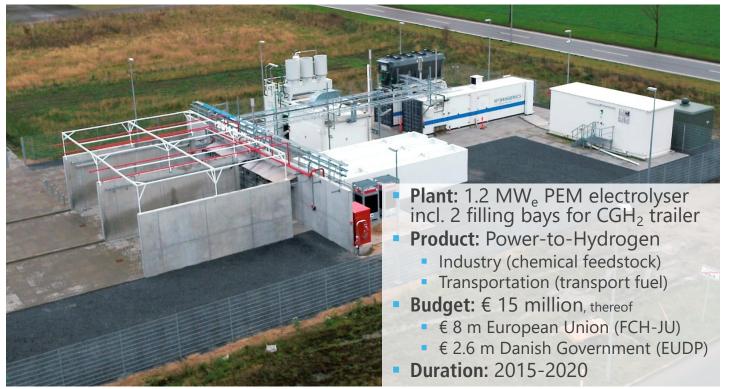


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HyBalance plant







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