



Green and safe hydrogen solutions

The potential of Solid Hydrogen for Renewable Energy Storage & valorization

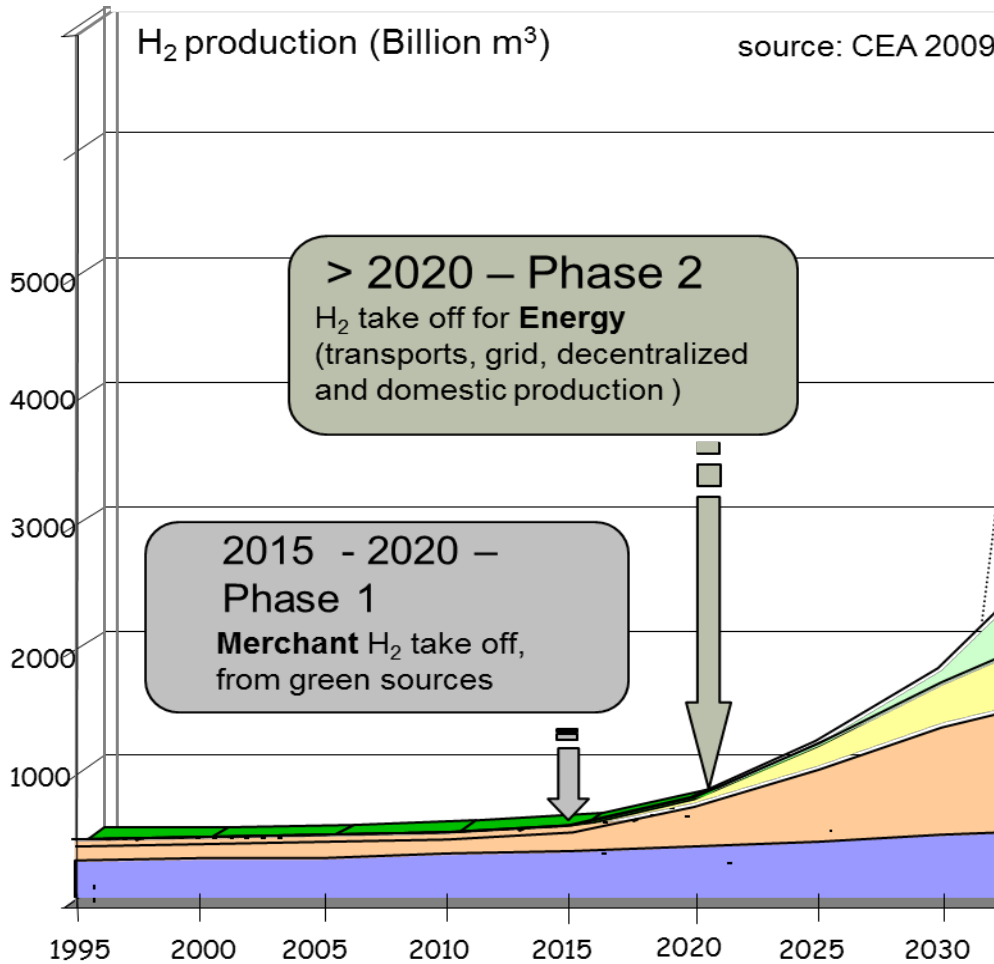
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Hydrogen uses perspectives



Two major take off announced:

After 2020 : H₂ use for energy applications as it is an excellent energetic vector

H₂ for transports (decentralized and massive production)

H₂ as energy storage

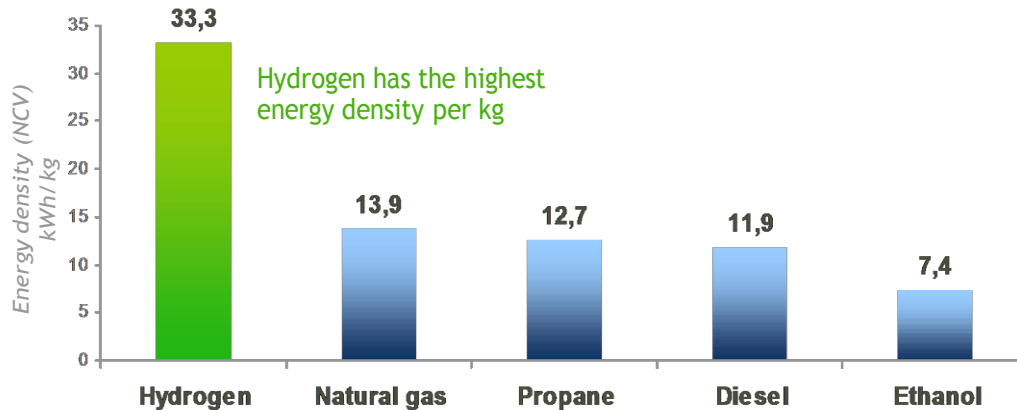
2015-2020 : merchant H₂ development. Originally from Methane, it will come more and more from REN sources

H₂ low Carbon for industries

H₂ industrial gas

Hydrogen a perfect fuel....

....hard to store



- H₂ offers **an excellent energetic content per kg (33 kWh/kg)**
- But being a **very light gas**, its **densification requires ultra high pressure**, creating safety issues and a substantial waste of energy (20 to 25%)

Volume density (kgH₂/m³)

Liquid H₂ 70

H₂ gas (700 bar) 42

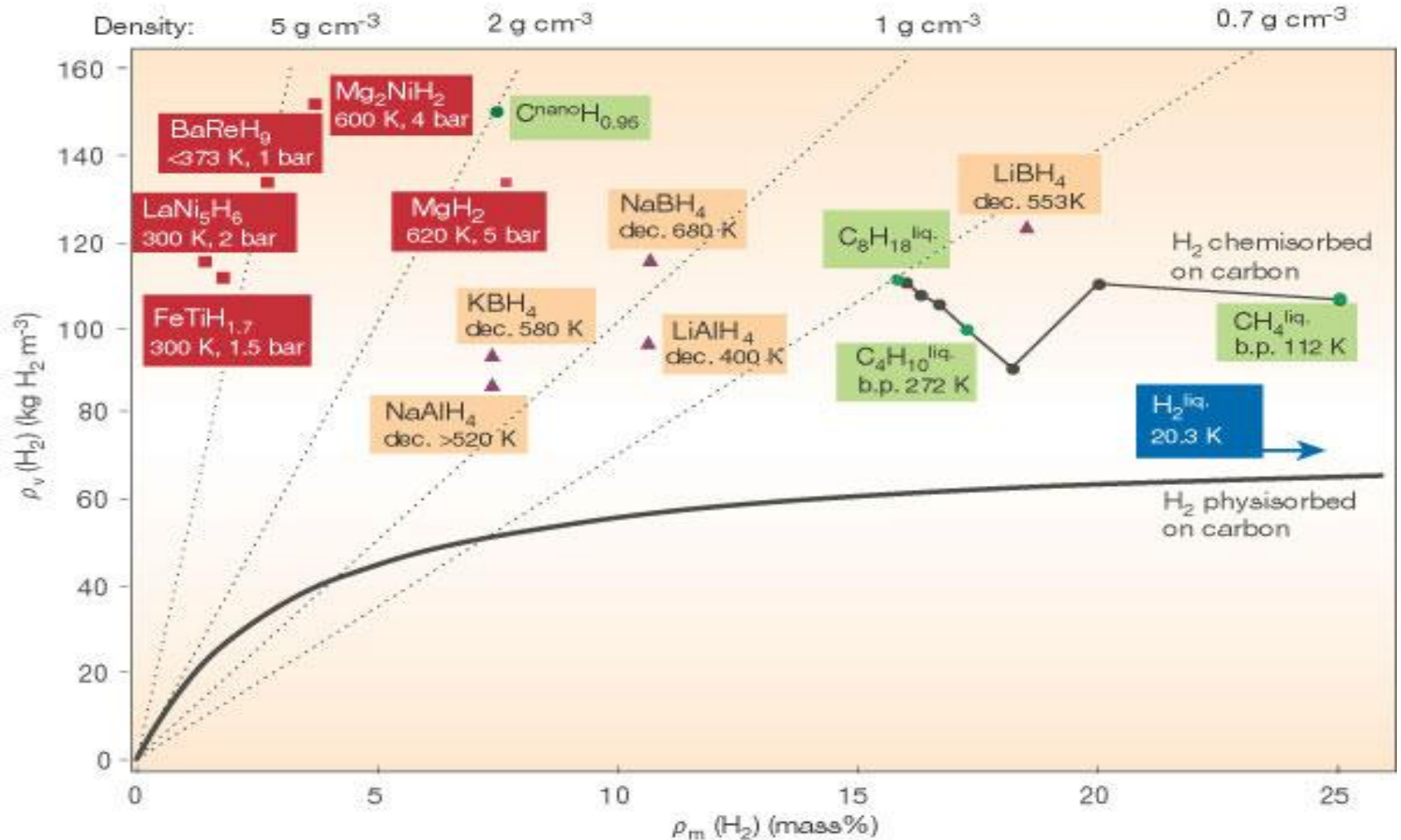
MgH₂ 106

McPhy technology advantages:

- No compression - 10 bar
- Energy savings
- Direct connection to an electrolyzer
- Easy to use

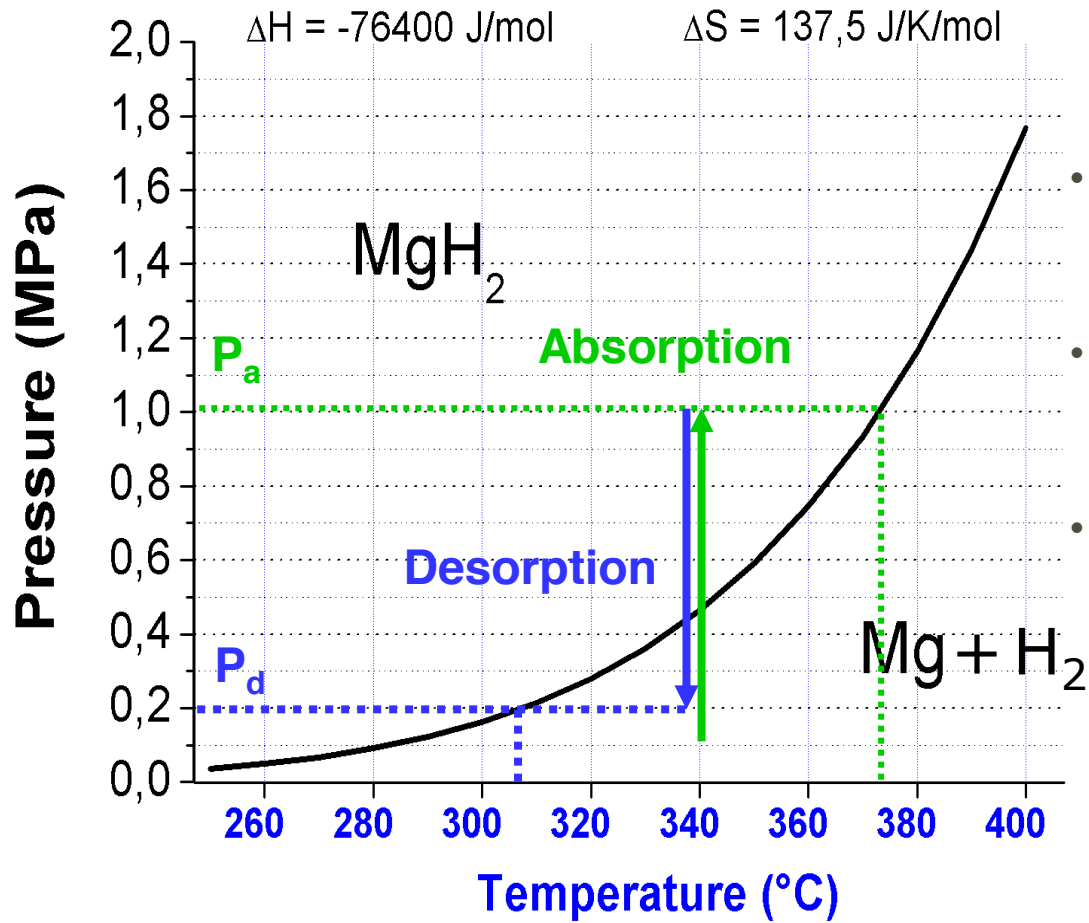
H2 storage :

Solid Hydrogen



“Hydrogen-storage materials for mobile applications”, L. Schlapbach and A. Züttel, Nature 414, 353-358 (2001)

MgH₂ Hydrogen Storage System : A Hydrogen “Sponge”



- **Reversible storage:** $\text{Mg} + \text{H}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{MgH}_2$
- **Loading at electrolysis pressure (10 bar)**
- **Unloading at fuel cell pressure (2 bar)**
- ➔ **No compression** (energy, cost, maintenance)

McPhy's Technology

McPhy has developed **unique techniques that solve the traditional limits of solid state hydrogen.**



Traditional challenges of MgH₂

- **Slow kinetics**
- **Low thermal conductivity**
- **No solution to store thermal energy**
- **Undesired mechanical properties and reversibility**



Uniqueness

- **Nano structuring of the MgH₂**
- **Proprietary catalysts**
- **Expanded Natural Graphite** increases conduction
- **Proprietary PCM** (Phase Change Material)
- Specific industrial **design**
- Use of a **single** element Mg



Characteristics

- **High density**
- **Safe** (low pressure, inert)
- **Negligible energy loss**
- **Mg is abundant and inexpensive**
- **No compression** (energy, cost, maintenance)
- **reversible**

Hydrogen Value Chain

McPhy technology **induces a disruption** in the value chain enabling **"green" H₂** production **in existing and new markets**



Production

- **Steam Reforming of Natural Gas and other Thermal process**
 - **99 %** of the actual WW production
 - **> 10 t CO₂ /t H₂**

- **Electrolysis**
 - Only **1%** today
 - **> 70%** efficiency
 - **CO₂** content of the Electricity used



Storage

- **Pressure : Cylinders/Trailers**
 - High CO₂ foot print
 - Cumbersome logistic
 - Waste of Energy
- **Cryogenic**
 - Less efficient and even more difficult issues than pressure.
 - Niche market
- **Pipe line**
 - Heavy and Costly infrastructure
 - Limited networks

McPhy energy
 • **Solid state**
A game changing technology



Use

1

Ammonia Refineries Methanol

Captive Users
Most of the market

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Merchant Hydrogen

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initial market

3

Energy (new)

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ramp up market

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Product Range : McPhy Modular Solutions

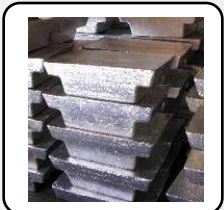
In-House Production

Standard Modular Disks



- 43g or 0.5m³ of H₂
- Metallurgical processes

Phase Change Material



- Metallurgical processes
- Magnesium zinc alloy

Outsourced

Standard Modular Cartridges



- 100 Disks
- 5 Kg of H₂
- 2 versions with different kinetics

End Products

PCM containers



Fully autonomous Stationary adiabatic storage tank

MGH containers

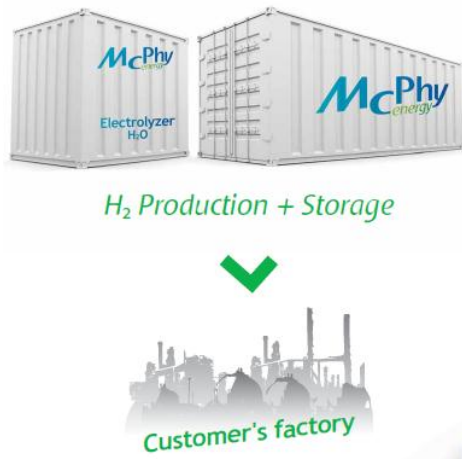


External Heat Exchange Stationary storage tank

Our market focus

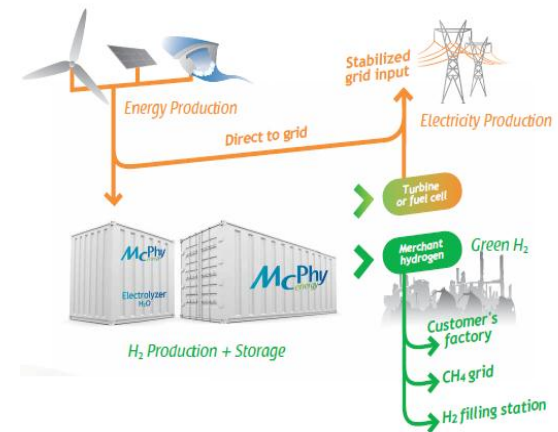
Provide hydrogen solutions for:

On site hydrogen



- ⇒ Master your own hydrogen supply
- ⇒ Optimize the electrolyzer capacity
- ⇒ Manage your consumption profile with storage
- ⇒ Ensure back-up function
- ⇒ Manage your peak

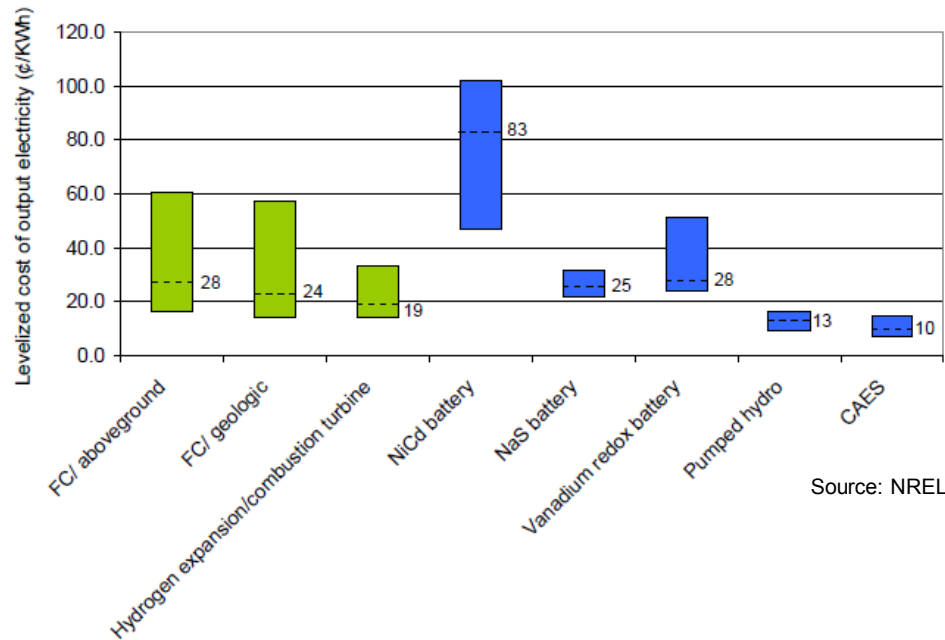
Renewable energy storage



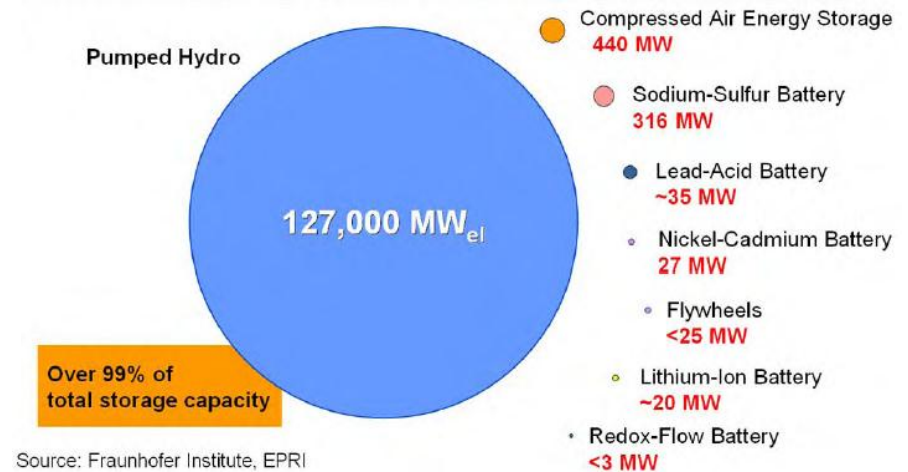
- e⁻ ⇒ Get the best of your MWh with H₂ storage
- e⁻ ⇒ Match electricity delivery with grid demand
- e⁻ ⇒ Participate to frequency and voltage regulation
- e⁻ ⇒ Reduce CO₂ footprint of natural gas
- H₂ ⇒ Supply H₂ mobility with green H₂
- H₂ ⇒ Provide green H₂ to nearby industrial

Energy Storage market...

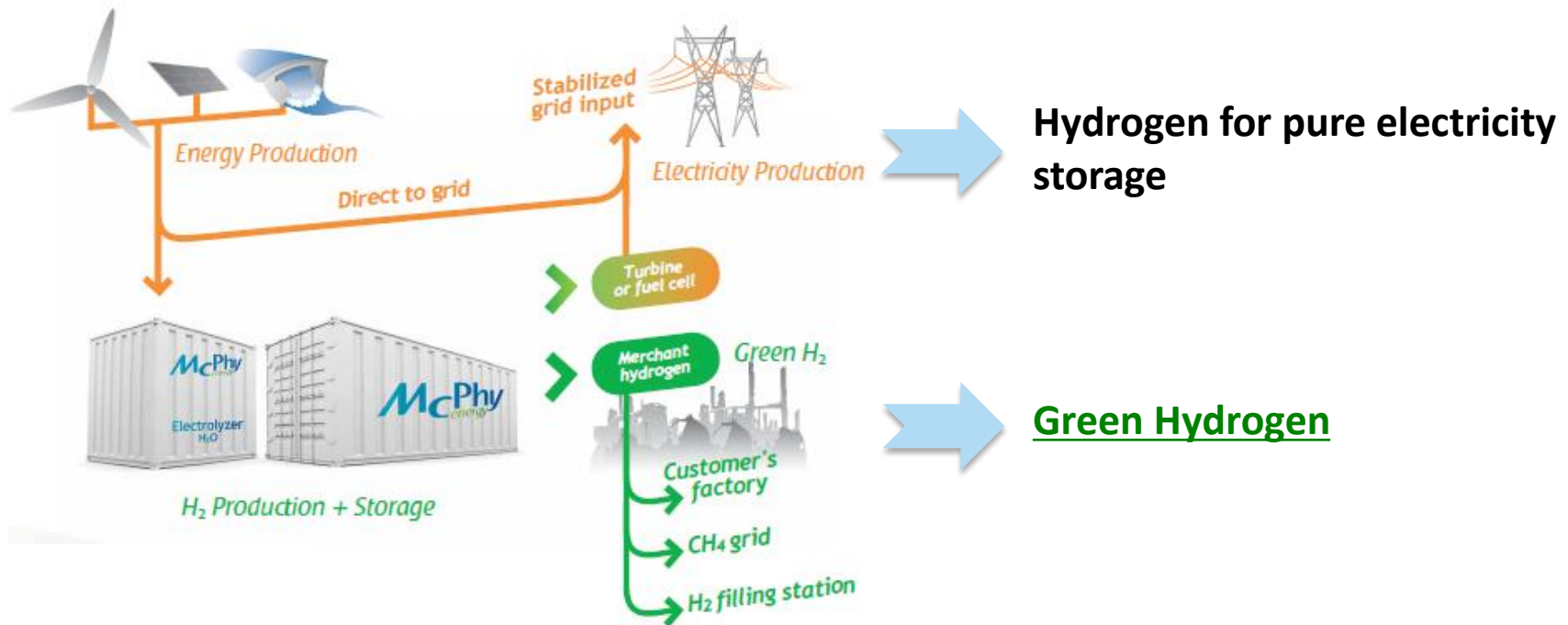
...a large range of technologies...



...currently a niche market dominated by one technology!!!

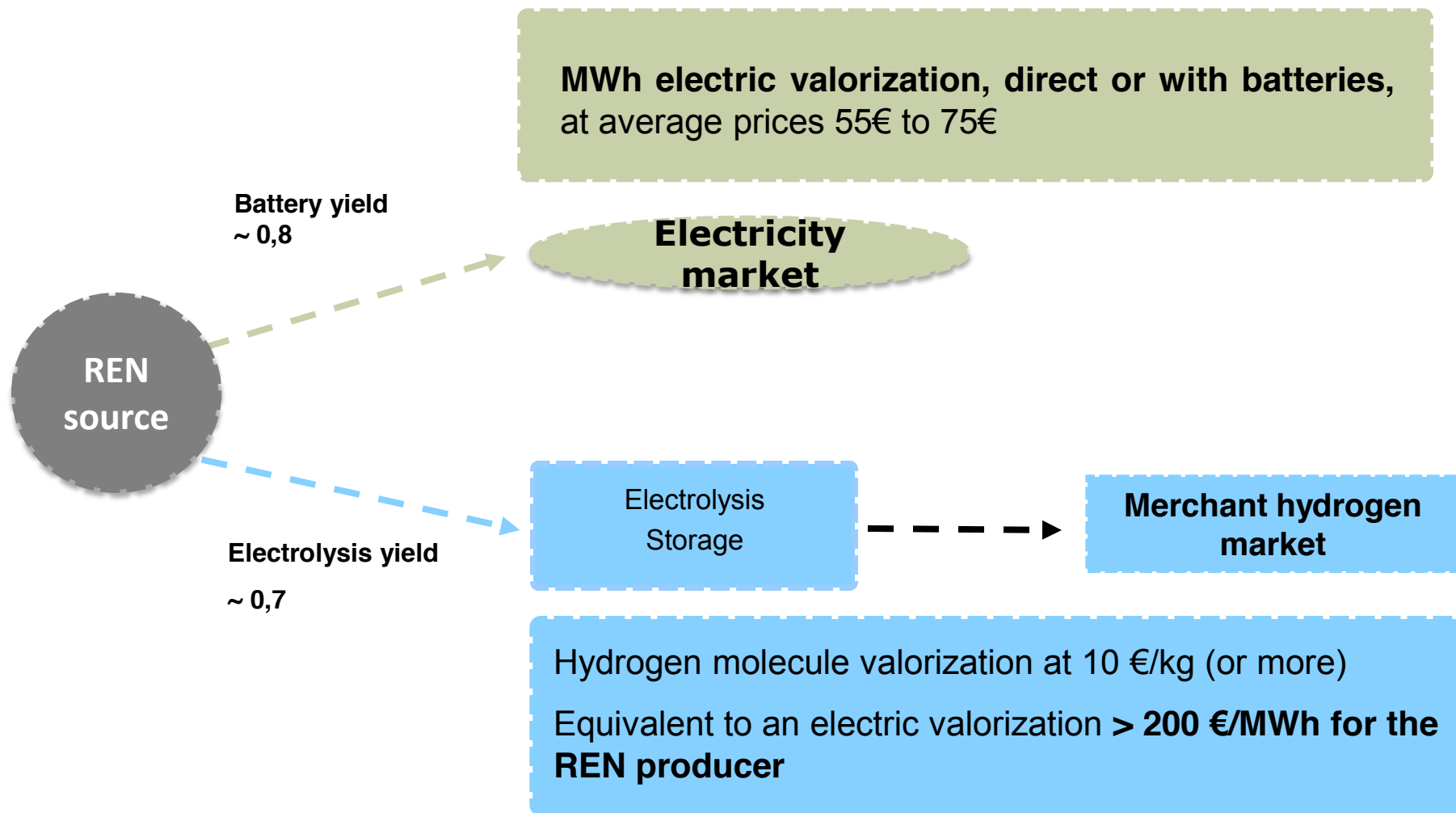


McPhy alternative: REN valorization through green hydrogen



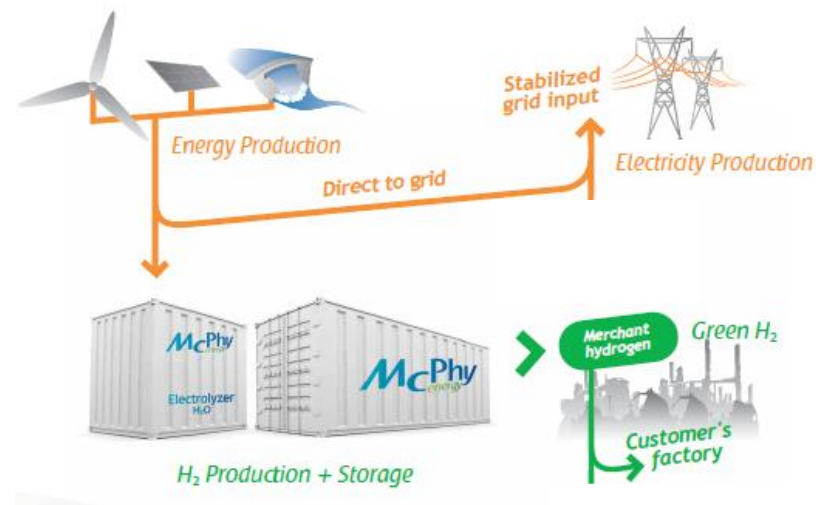
Unique engineered solution to optimize REN intermittency, grid demand and green H₂ distribution

REN valorization through Hydrogen



Business case : renewable energy valorization through hydrogen

- REN producer invest in a the water electrolysis technology
- The gas distributor invests in the hydrogen storage



Hydro production: **300 kW**

H₂ produced: **45 tons**

H₂ sold from REN producer to gas distributor: **5 €/kg**

H₂ sold by gas distributor to final customer: **10 €/kg**

| | REN producer | Gas distributor |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| IRR 10 years | 14,8 % | 14,3 % |
| Payback | 6 years | 6 years |

+++ frequency adjustment services to the grid, which is remunerated in some countries!

Business Case – Elec to Elec

French call for tender

Project:

*PV installation: 380kW_c
Elec. production: 1,5 MWh/day in average*

Storage hypotheses:

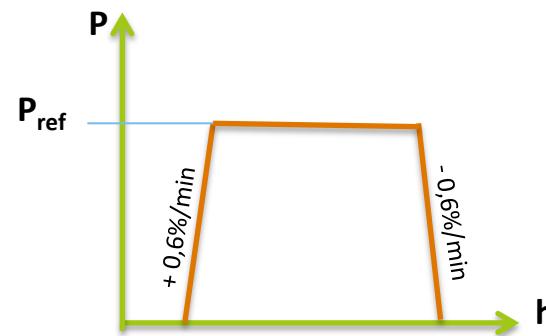
*Sun from 9am to 17pm
Pref max set by the producer estimated to 290 kW*

McPhy proposal:

*Electrolyzer: 100 kW
H₂ storage: 24 kg
Fuel Cell: 30 kW
Loading: 4h - 6h
Unloading: 4h - 6h*

Conditions for PV production + storage:

*Power (Pref) to be announced to grid owner a day ahead
Growth to Pref = +0,6%*Pref per minute
Decrease to 0 = -0,6%* Pref per minute*



**Cost of storage:
+75 €/MWH**

The production line:



First Products sold & delivered to prestigious customers:



Enel Unit in operation in Italy



Nottingham unit on the test bench



Delivery of Iwatani in Japan

+ E.ON unit which will be delivered end of March

- ➔ 2 major references in Gas
- ➔ & 2 in Energy

«Yes, my friends, I believe that water will be one day used as fuel, that the hydrogen and the oxygen, which make it, used separately or simultaneously, will provide a source of inexhaustible heat and light and with an intensity the coal could never reach.»

Jules Verne, L'Ile mystérieuse - 1874

**Thank you
for your attention**