



"Power to Gas" – Potential of hydrogen from a utility perspective

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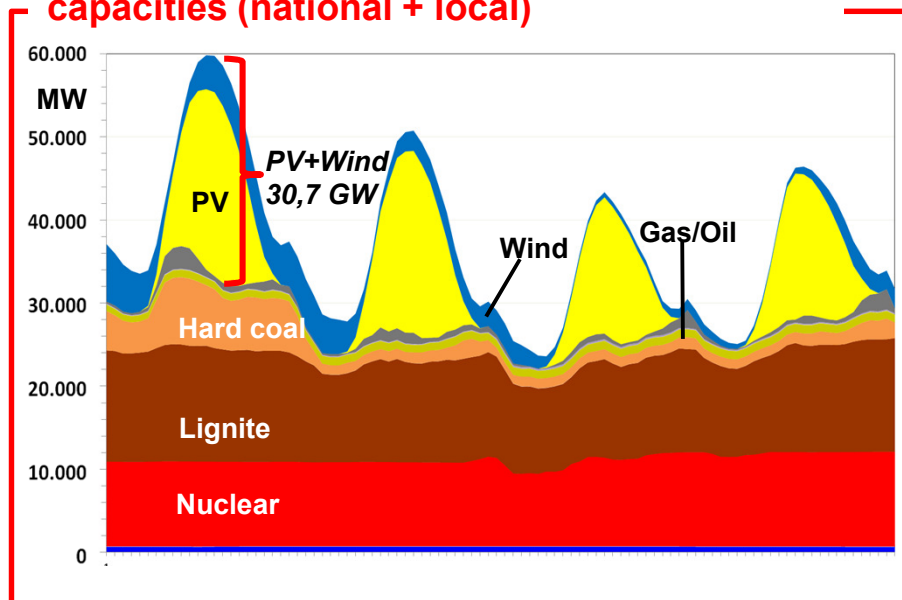
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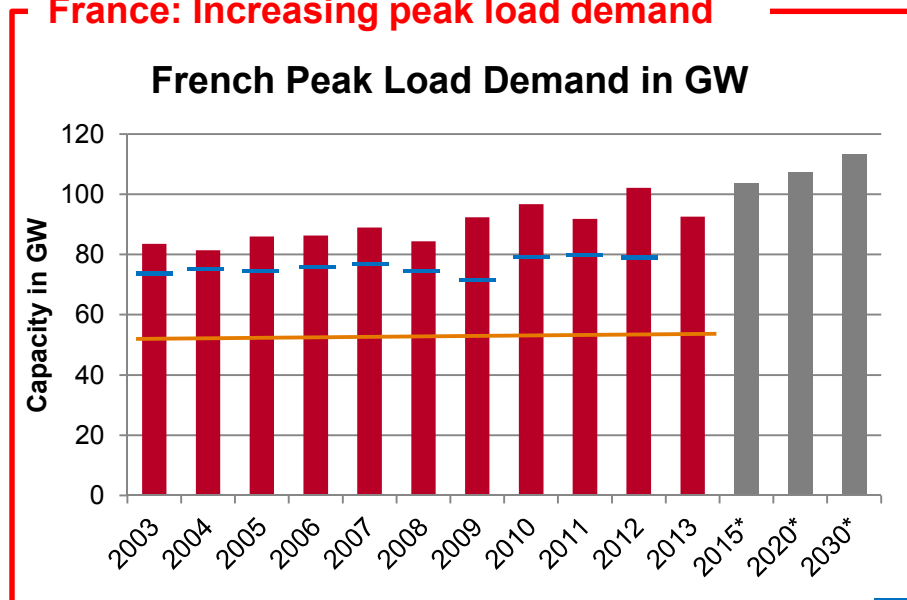
Challenges in the German and the French power systems

Germany: Intermittency of renewables capacities (national + local)



Source: EEX, Fraunhofer, Mars 2013

France: Increasing peak load demand



Source: RTE, BDEW

— Annual average consumption

— German peak demand

In both power systems significant and growing need for flexibility

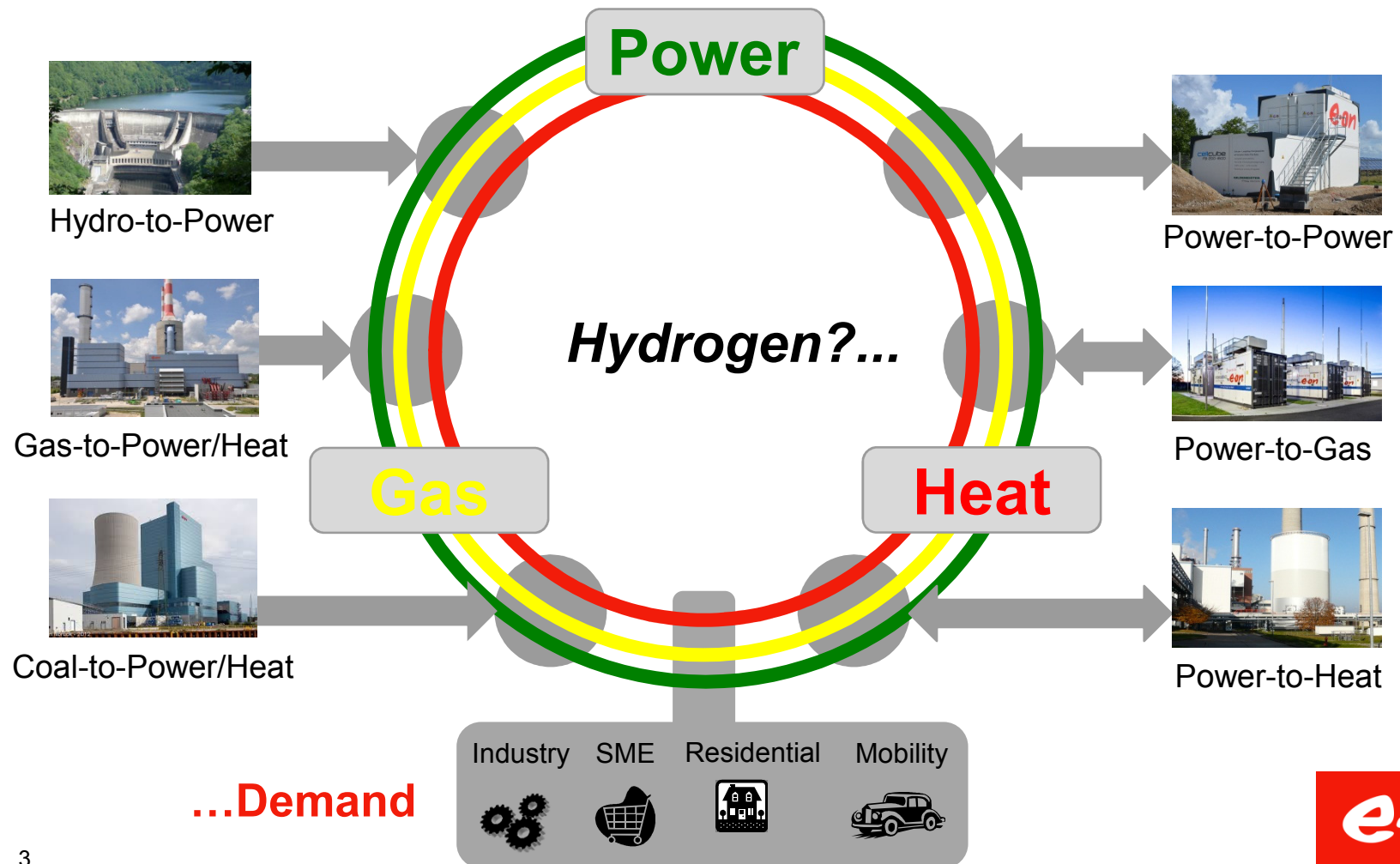
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Flexibility from ...

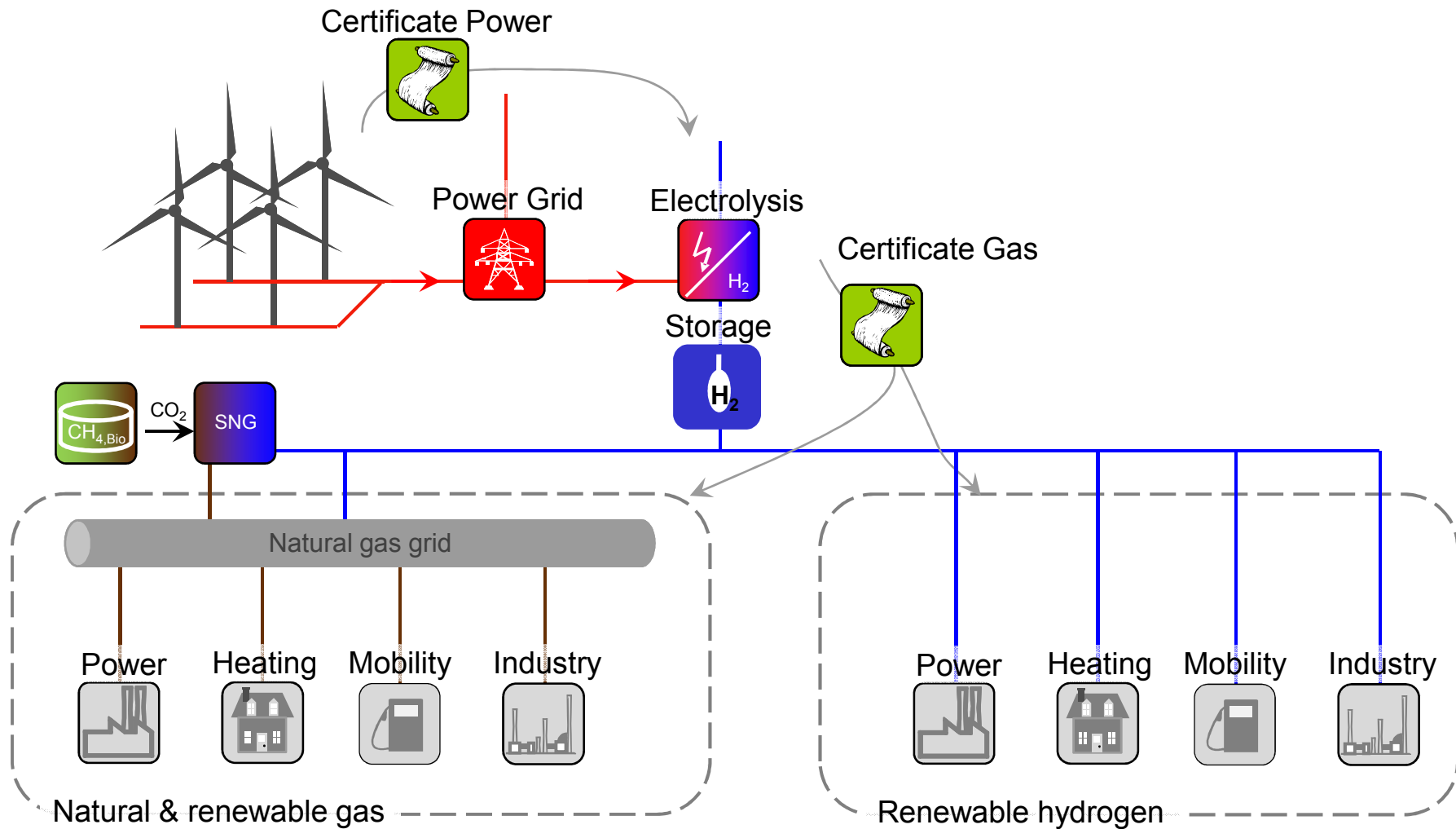
...Generation

...Grids

...Storage

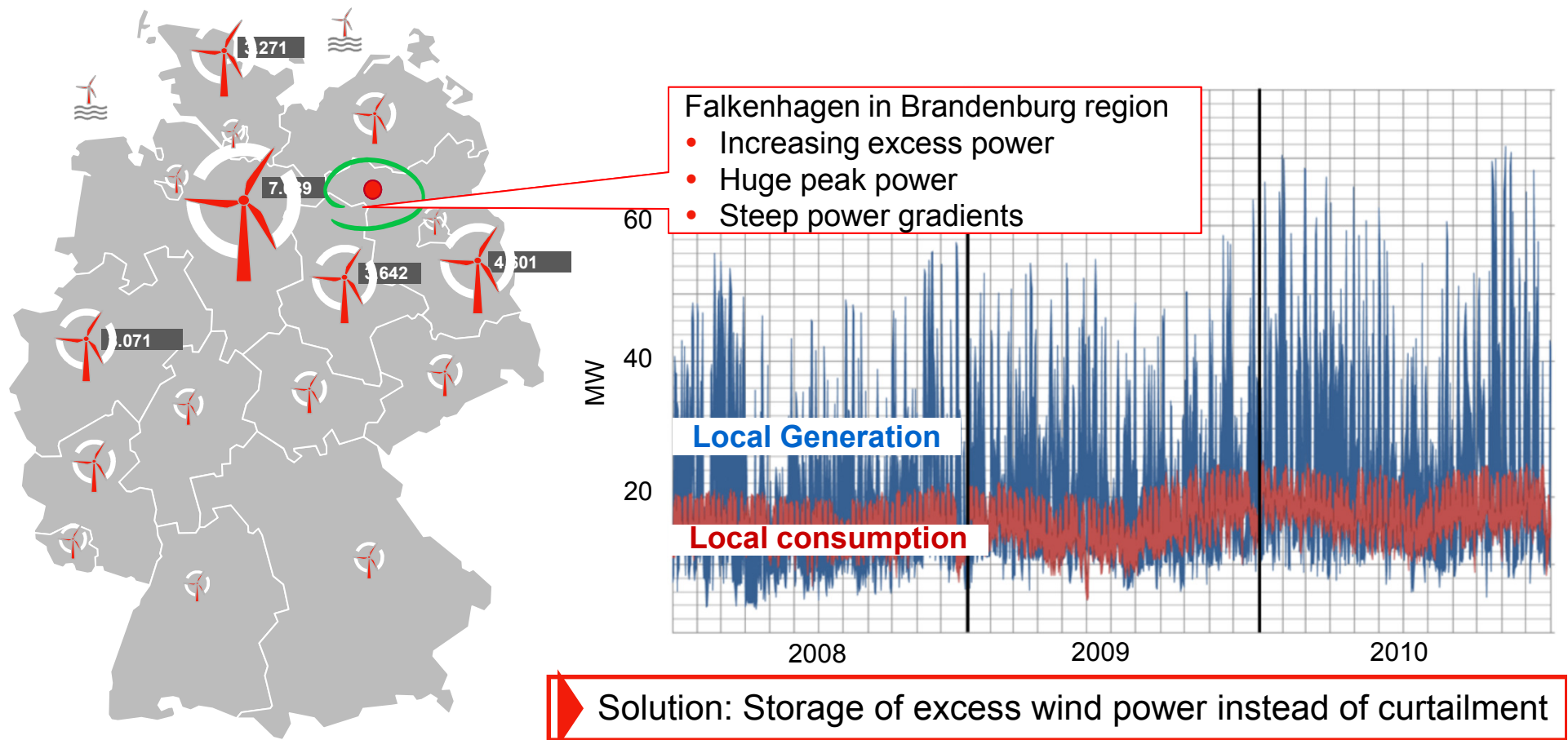


Why Power-to-Gas? Connecting markets



Example Falkenhagen : Power-to-Gas pilot project

Regional oversupply by onshore wind capacities



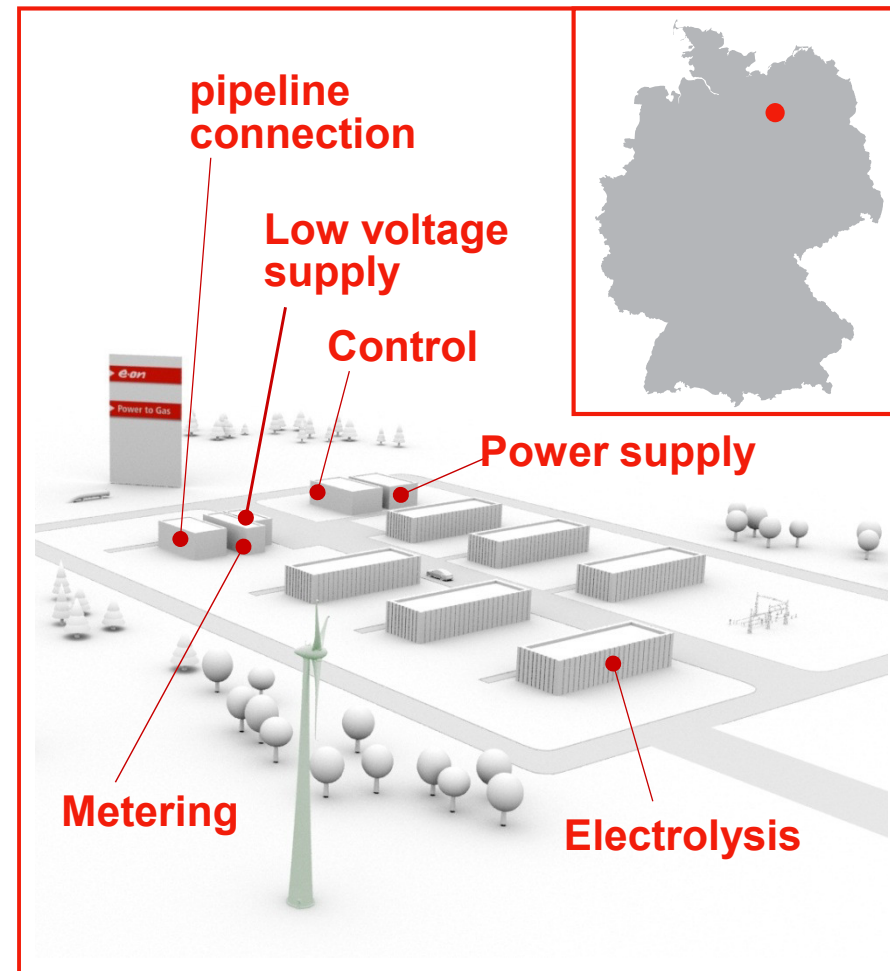
Falkenhagen: From planning to operations in 12 months in cooperation with Swissgas

Key Parameters

- Power: 2 MW_{el}
- Hydrogen production: 360 m³/h
- Feed into the local gas grid (ONTRAS)
- Start of operation 28 Aug. 2013
- Concentration H₂ : max 2%
- In partnership with Swissgas AG

Goals

- Demonstration of the process chain
- Optimize operational concept (fluctuating power from wind vs. changing gas feed)
- Gain experience in technology, costs, consenting
- Establish a new WindGas product



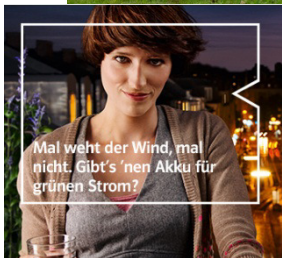
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Falkenhagen: In operation since 28th of Aug. 2013

What we will learn is about

- availability
- efficiency
- dynamics
- acceptance
- market for H₂
- potential for improvement



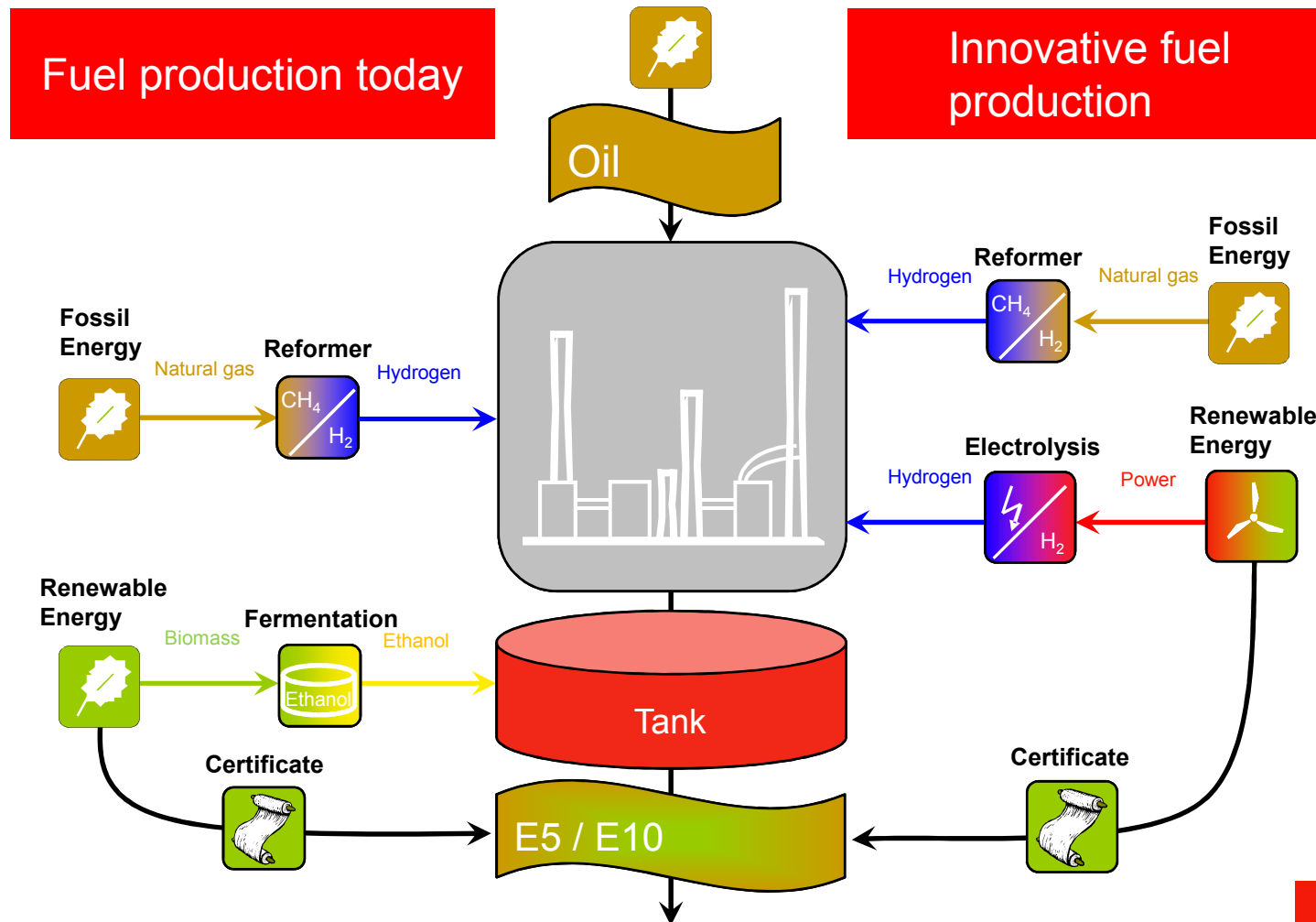
Mal weht der Wind, mal nicht. Gibt's 'nen Akku für grünen Strom?

E.ON WindGas
Innovatives Gas aus Windenergie

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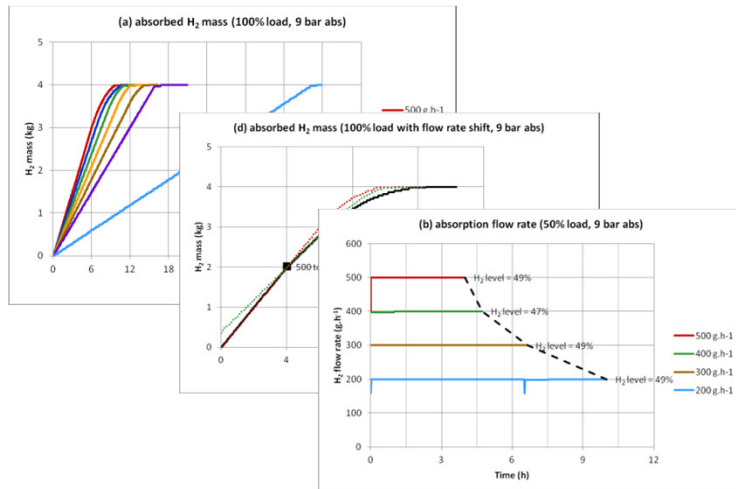
Example: Power to Gas for Refineries



Example Project Hydor: Demonstrator for solid storage of hydrogen in France

The project

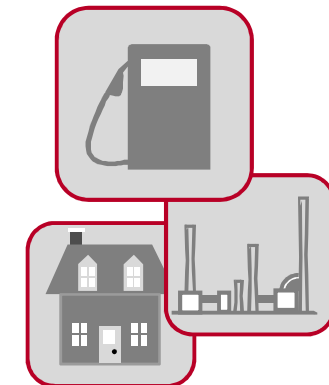
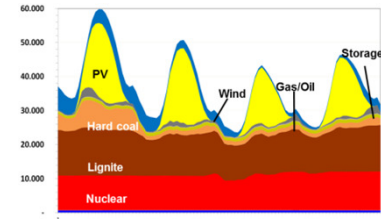
- Location: E.ON France thermal power plant site Emile Huchet in Lorraine region
- Demonstration: Evaluation of performance and flexibility for solid storage of hydrogen (McPhy) in an industrial environment
- Storage capacity 5kg H₂
- Project duration: 6 months



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Summary

- Increasing need to integrate renewable energy leads to the interconnection between power, gas and heat system.
- Power to Gas can provide both, storage services for the power market and the integration of renewable power into mobility, industry and heating.
- Today, the major levers to push the development are
 - Reduction of technology costs
 - Exemption from end consumer fees
 - Favorable regulation for green hydrogen



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Backup

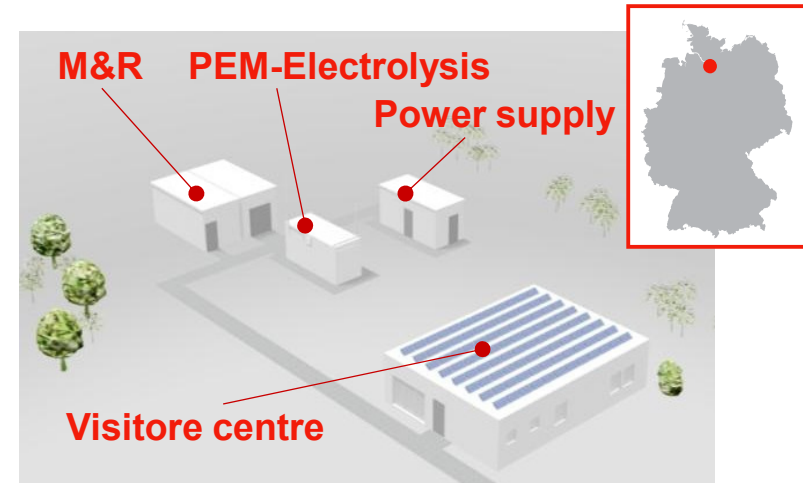
Example: „WindGas Hamburg“

Demonstration of advanced power to gas technology



Key Parameters

- Power: 1 MW_{el}, 265 m³/h hydrogen
- Public funding from BMVI
- Partners: Hydrogenics, SolviCore, DLR, Fraunhofer ISE
- Fed into the local gas grid of Hamburg
- Planned start of operation Q4/2014



Idea

- Development of high efficient Proton exchange membrane electrolysis (PEM with 80% eff.)
- Demonstration within E.ON infrastructure
- Business development



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