

Concentrated Solar Radiation + Water

An Option for Efficient Large Scale Renewable Hydrogen Production – European World Leadership under the FCH JU

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Knowledge for Tomorrow



Solar Energy: Two concentration options - Power or Light

HYSOLAR: PV + Alkaline Electrolyser
10 kW Demonstration,
DLR Stuttgart, Germany 1990



HYDROSOL: Concentrated solar radiation +
thermochemical cycle, 10 kW Demonstration
DLR Cologne, Germany 2005



Solar Hydrogen by Water Splitting: Efficiency Comparison vs. Benchmark

Process	temperature of the chemical reaction	Solar interface receiver temperature
Alkaline Electrolysis	25°C	Solar PV
High temperature steam electrolysis	850°C	Future solar tower 1200°C
Thermochemical cycle with ceria	1500 / 1150°C	Future solar dish 1500°C

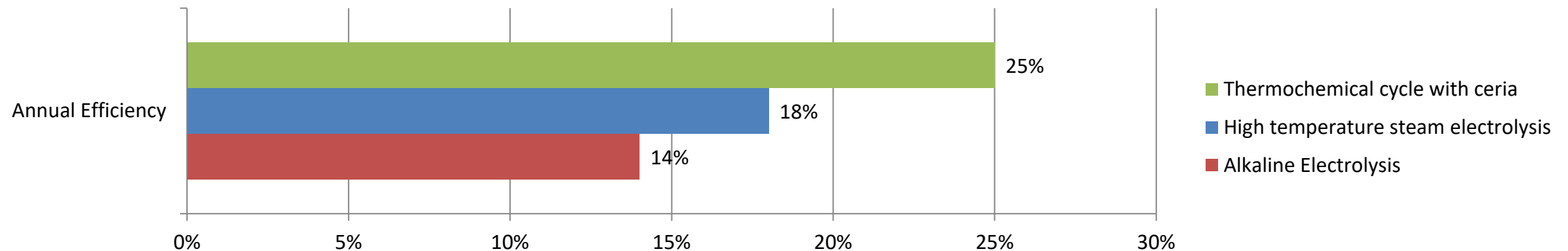


Projects

ADEL, SOPHIA

HYDROSOL 3D, HYDROSOL Plant, SOL2HY2

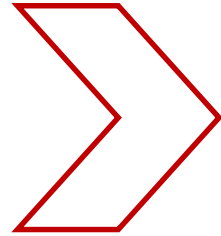
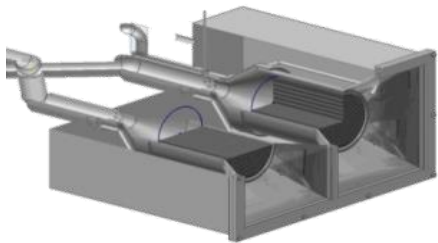
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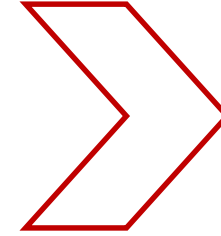


HYDROSOL - An example for solar thermochemical water splitting (800 – 1200°C)

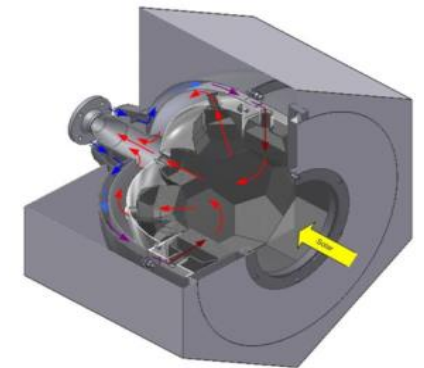
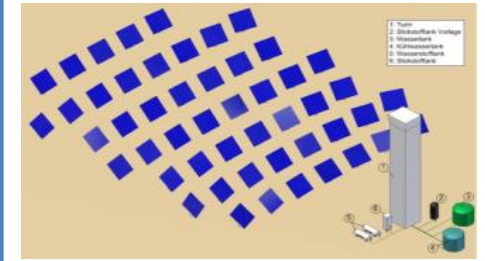
Hydrosol I
2002 – 2005
< 10 kW



Hydrosol II
2006 – 2009
100 kW



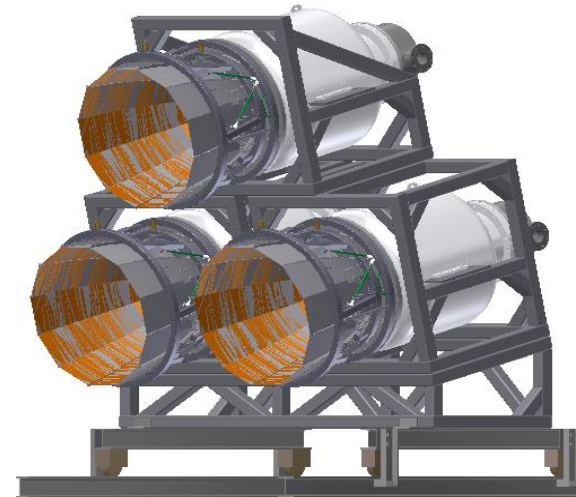
Hydrosol 3D
2010 – 2012
1 MW (study)





HYDROSOL Plant - CRS tower PSA, Spain

- European FCH-JU project
- Partner: APTL (GR), HELPE (GR), CIEMAT (ES), HYGEAR (NL)
- 750 kW_{th} demonstration of thermochemical water splitting
- Location: Plataforma Solar de Almería (PSA), Spain, 2017
- Reactor set-up on the CRS tower
- Storage tanks and PSA on the ground
- World largest solar thermochemical plant!
- Workshop at PSA, November 28th
<http://hydrosol-plant.certh.gr/3EB3AFE0.en.aspx>



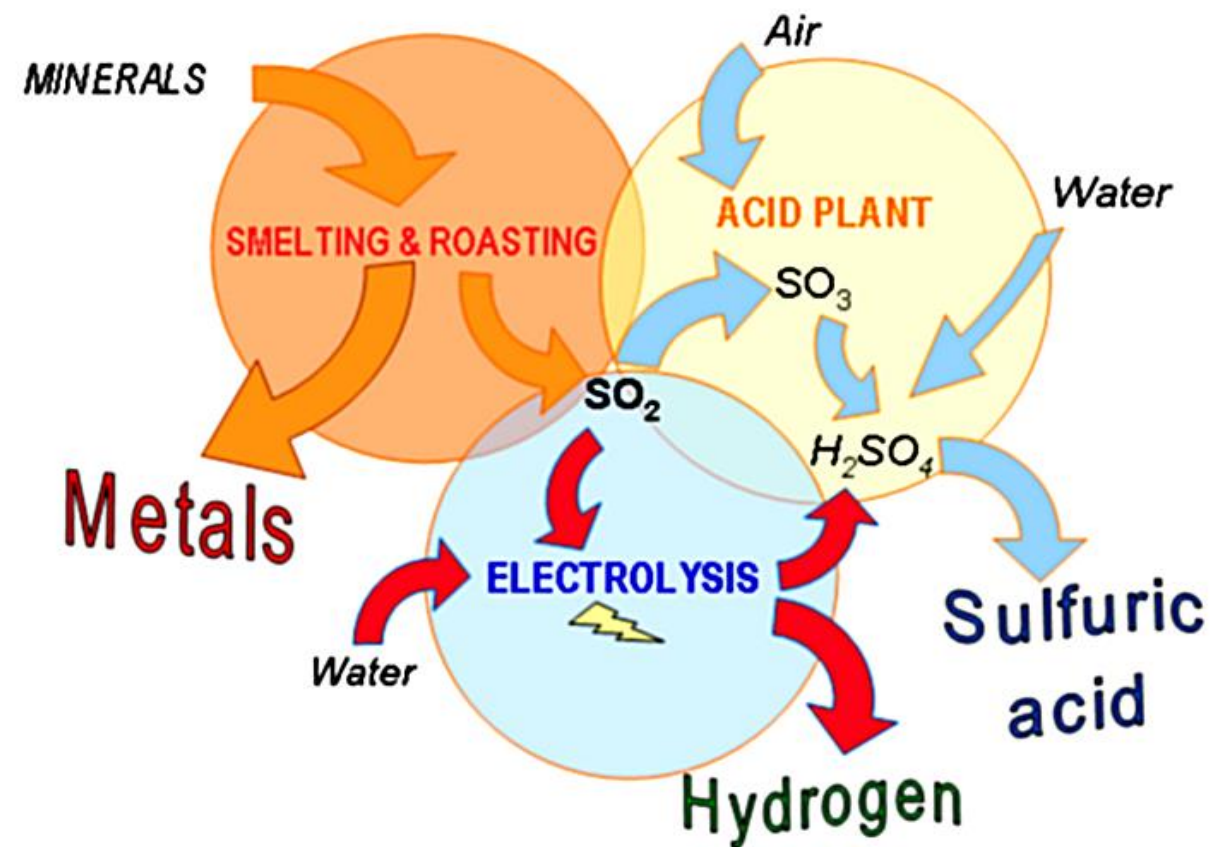
SOL2HY2

Solar To Hydrogen Hybrid Cycles

- FCH JU project on the solar driven Utilization of waste SO_2 from fossil sources for co-production of hydrogen and sulphuric acid
- Hybridization by usage of renewable energy for electrolysis
- Partners: EngineSoft (IT), Aalto University (FI), DLR (DE), ENEA (IT), Outotec (FI), Erbicor (CH), Oy Voikoski (FI)
- >100 kW demonstration plant on the solar tower in Jülich, Germany in 2015

<https://sol2hy2.eurocoord.com>

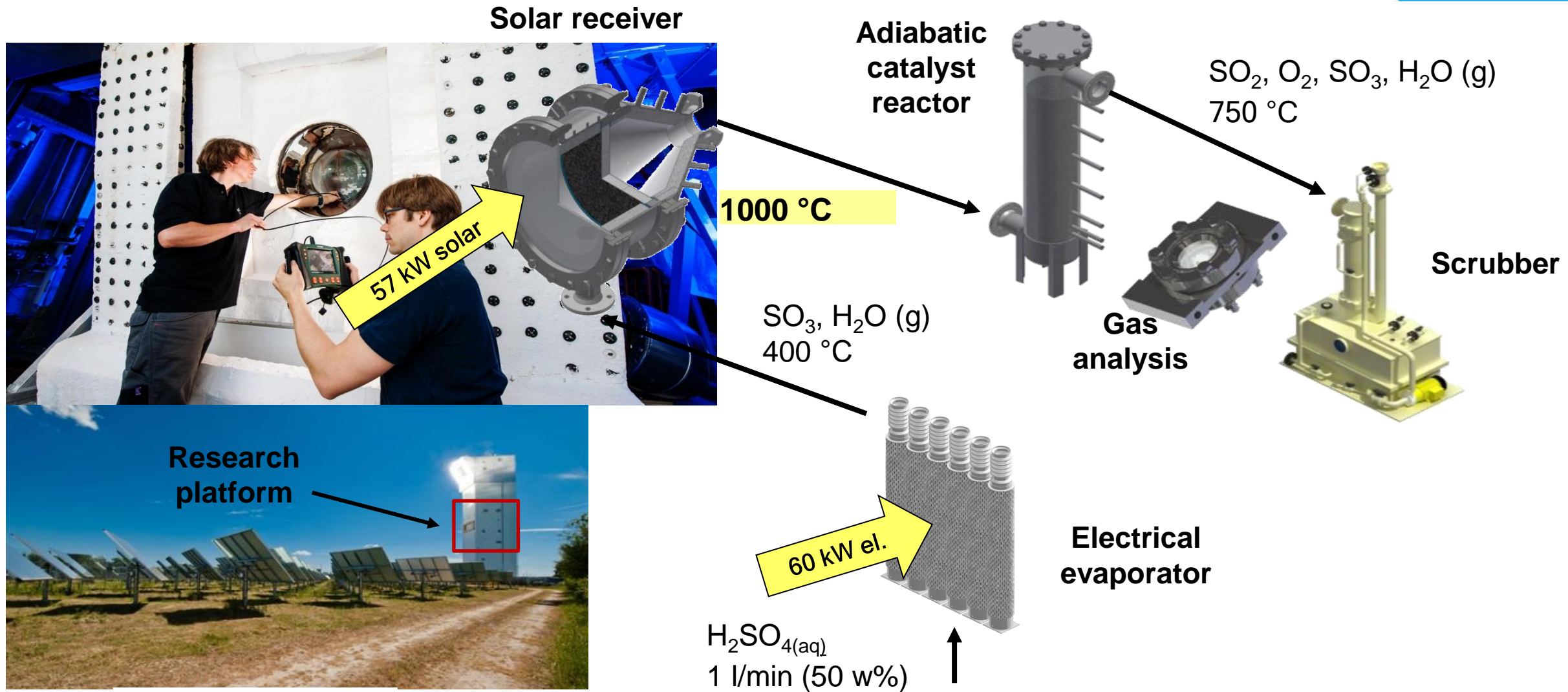
Outotec™ Open Cycle (OOC)



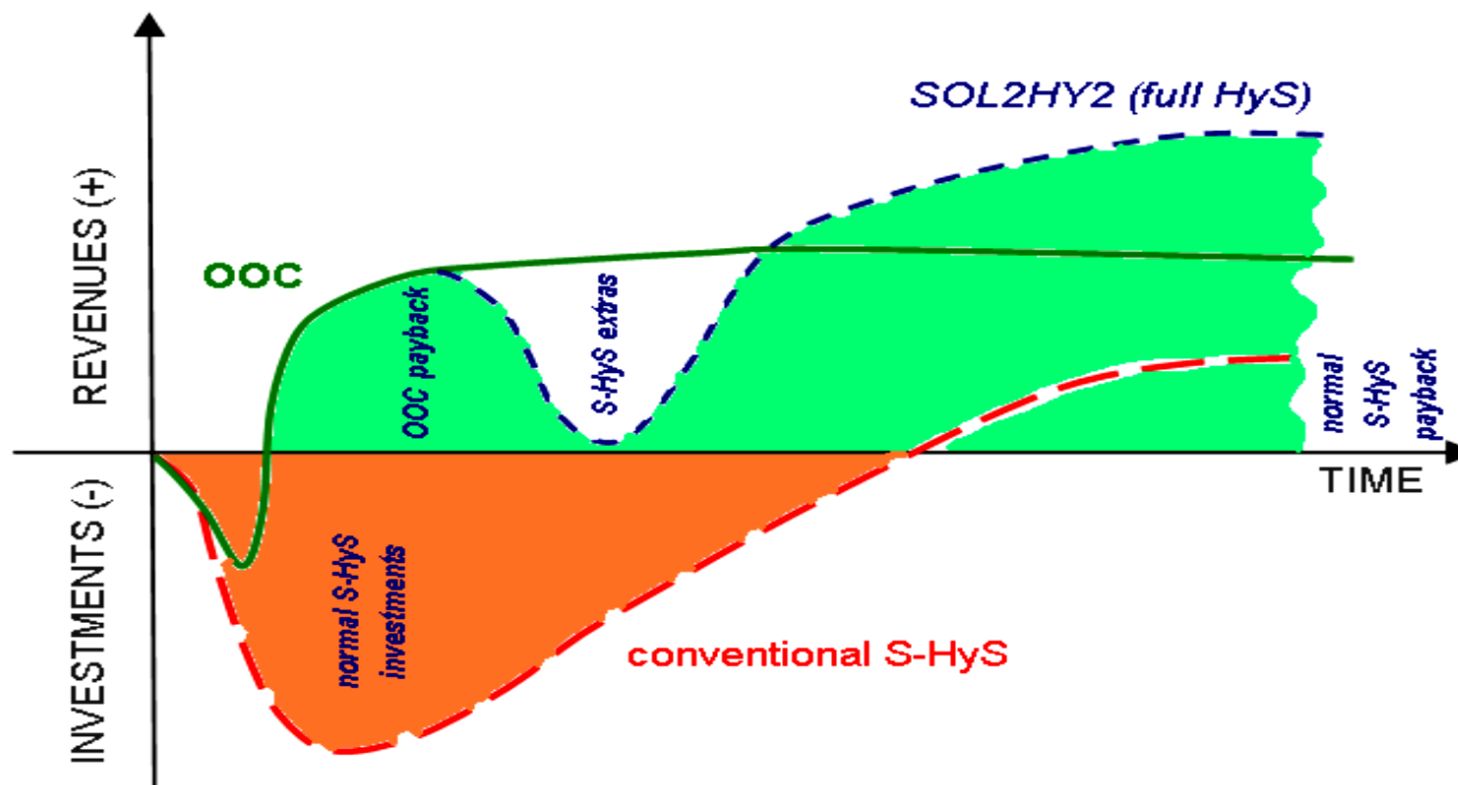
- Utilization of waste SO_2 from mineral or fossil sources
- Co-production of hydrogen and sulphuric acid
- Hybridization by renewable energy for electrolysis



SOL2HY2 pilot plant



Investments vs. revenues



- Reduction of initial investments
- Financing of HyS development by payback of OOC
- Increase of total revenues



SOPHIA

Solar integrated pressurized high temperature electrolysis (HTE)

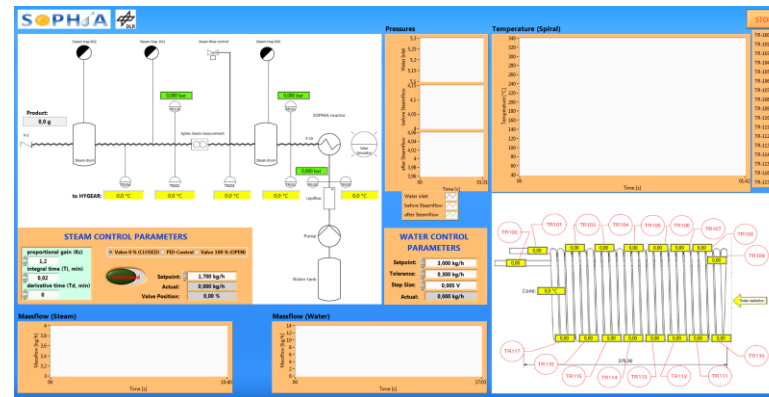


■ Aim

- Proof of principle of 3 kW_e HTE coupled to concentrated solar energy - design and operation - Proof of co-electrolysis at stack level
- Identification of “power to gas” scenarios with techno-economic analysis & Life cycle assessment

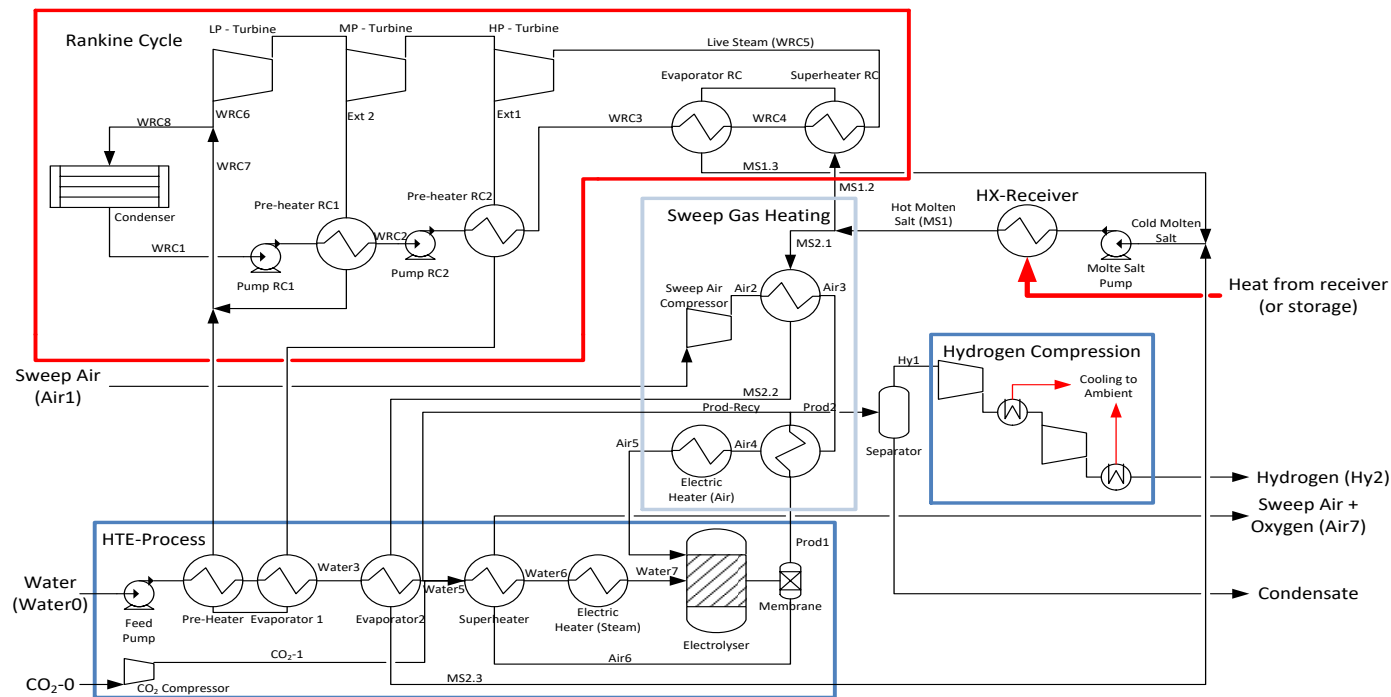
■ Partners (8)

- HyGear B.V. (NL)
- HTceramix SA, EPFL (CH)
- DLR (DE)
- CEA, Engie (GDF Suez) (FR)
- VTT (FI)
- SOLIDPOWER (IT)

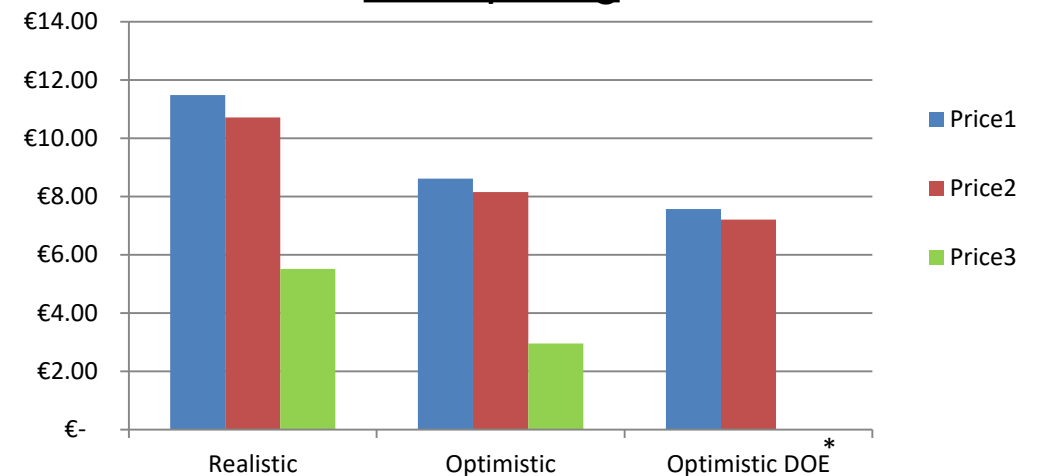


SOPHIA – Concept development

- Development of flow sheeting and process simulation for hydrogen and syngas production
- Techno economical study for hydrogen production plant



Price per kg



- Basic costs of hydrogen production
- Like price 1 but electricity (max. 20 %) is taken from the grid to fulfill daily production requirement (max. 20 %)
- Like price 2, but subsidies, that conventional CSP plants receive are considered

* Mehos, M., Turchi, C., Jorgenson, J., Denholm, P., Ho, C., Armijo, K., *On the Path to SunShot: Advancing Concentrating Solar Power Technology, Performance, and Dispatchability*, NREL (National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Golden, CO (United States)), 2016, URL: <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy16osti/65688.pdf>,

Thank you very much for your attention!

