

# SOLAR HEAT SUPPORTED HIGH TEMPERATURE ELECTROLYSIS PROCESS

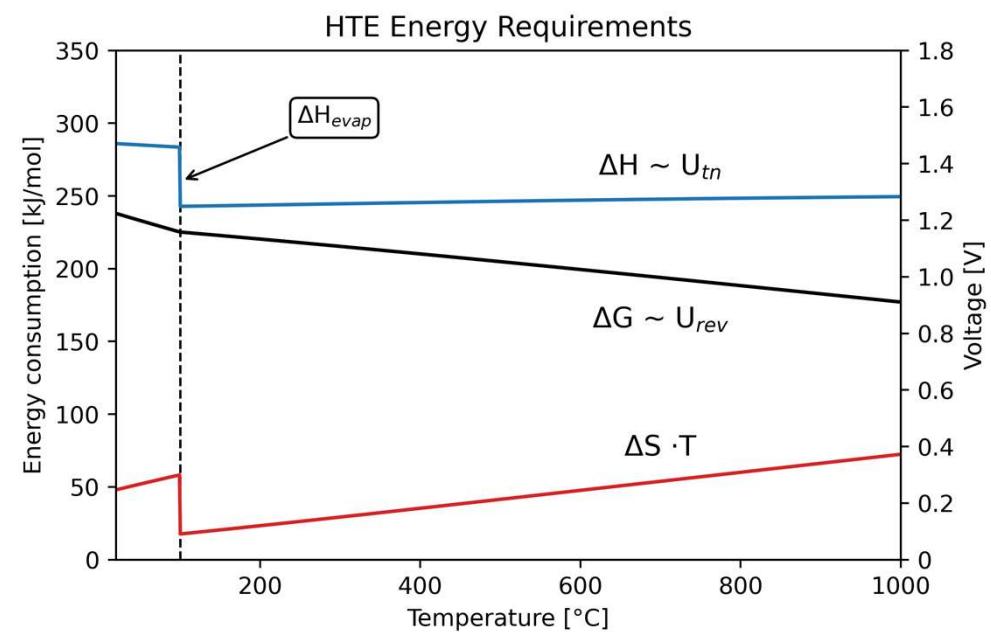
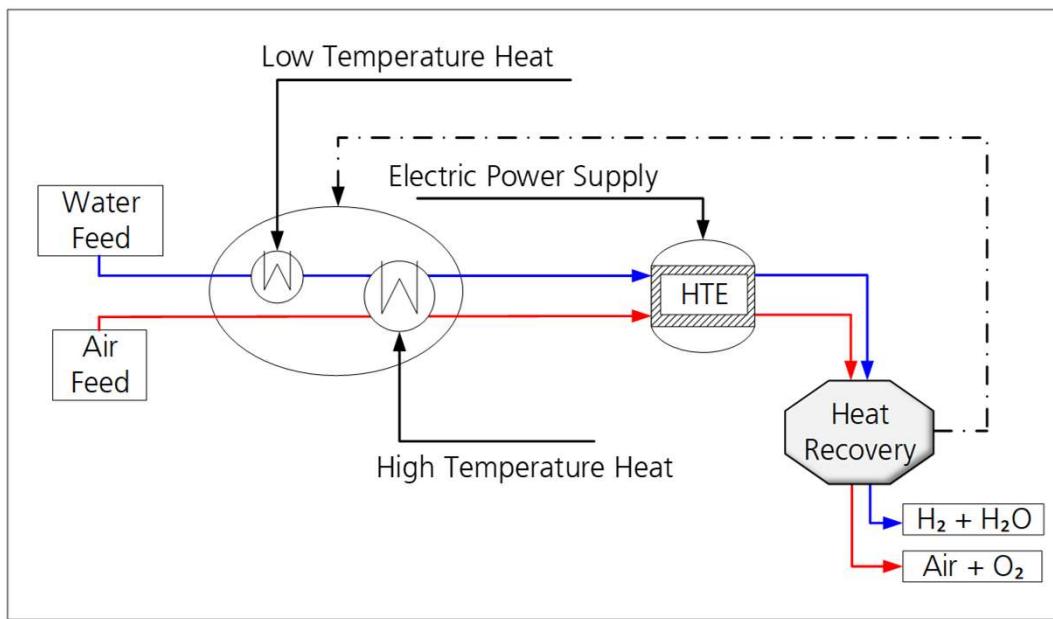
Techno economic assessment of a concentrated solar heat supported high temperature electrolysis process using a thermal energy storage

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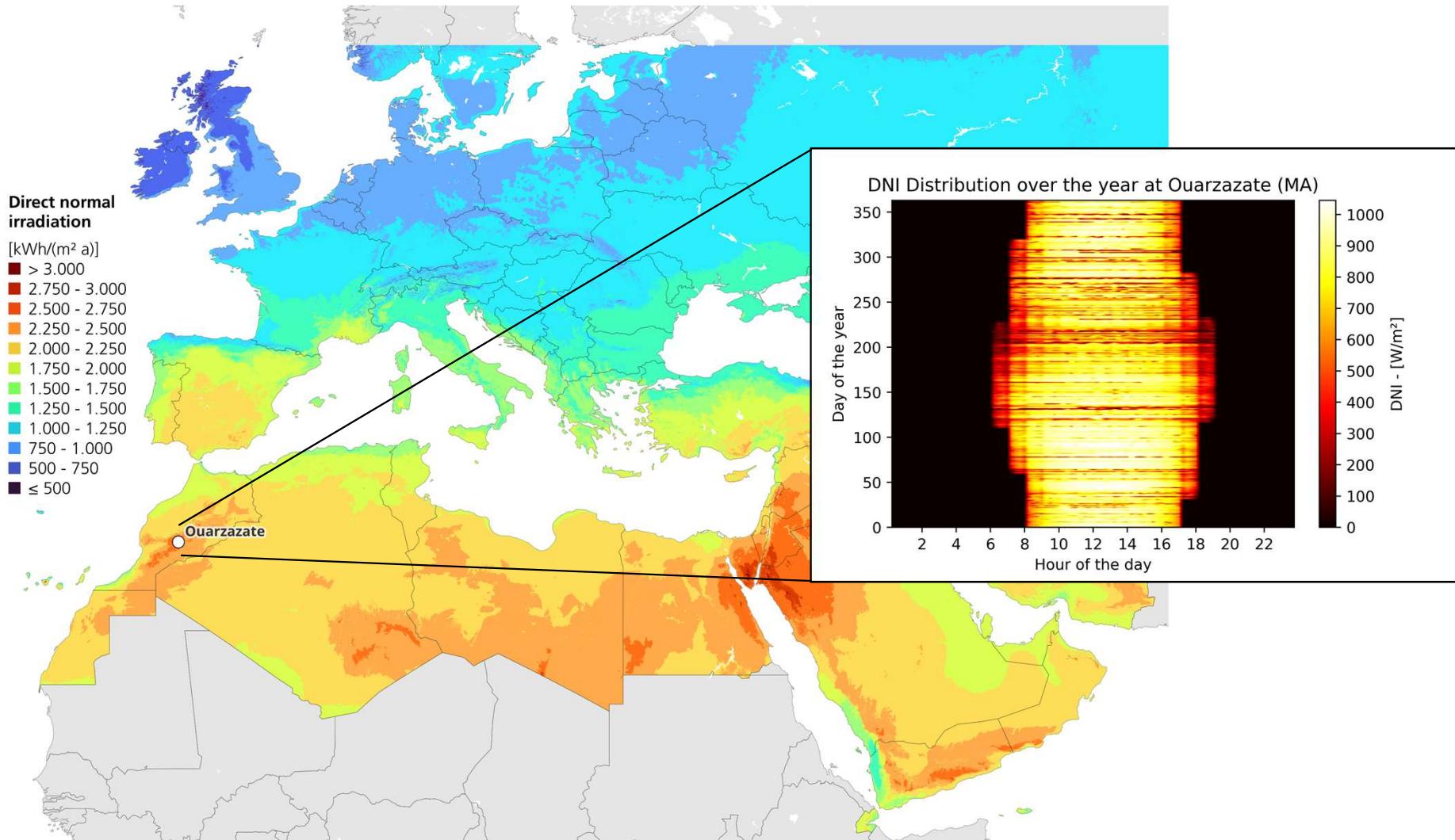
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# HTE System needs Thermal Energy supply!



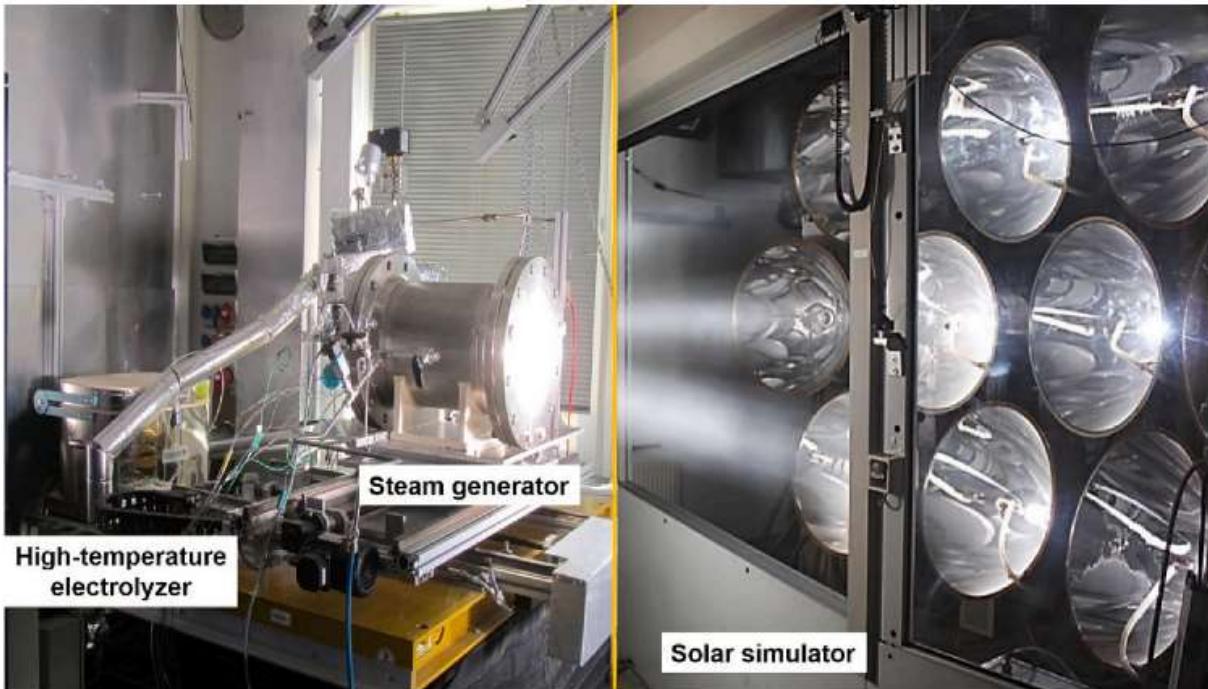
# Concentrated Solar Energy Potential



# Hydrogen Production using Concentrated Solar Heat



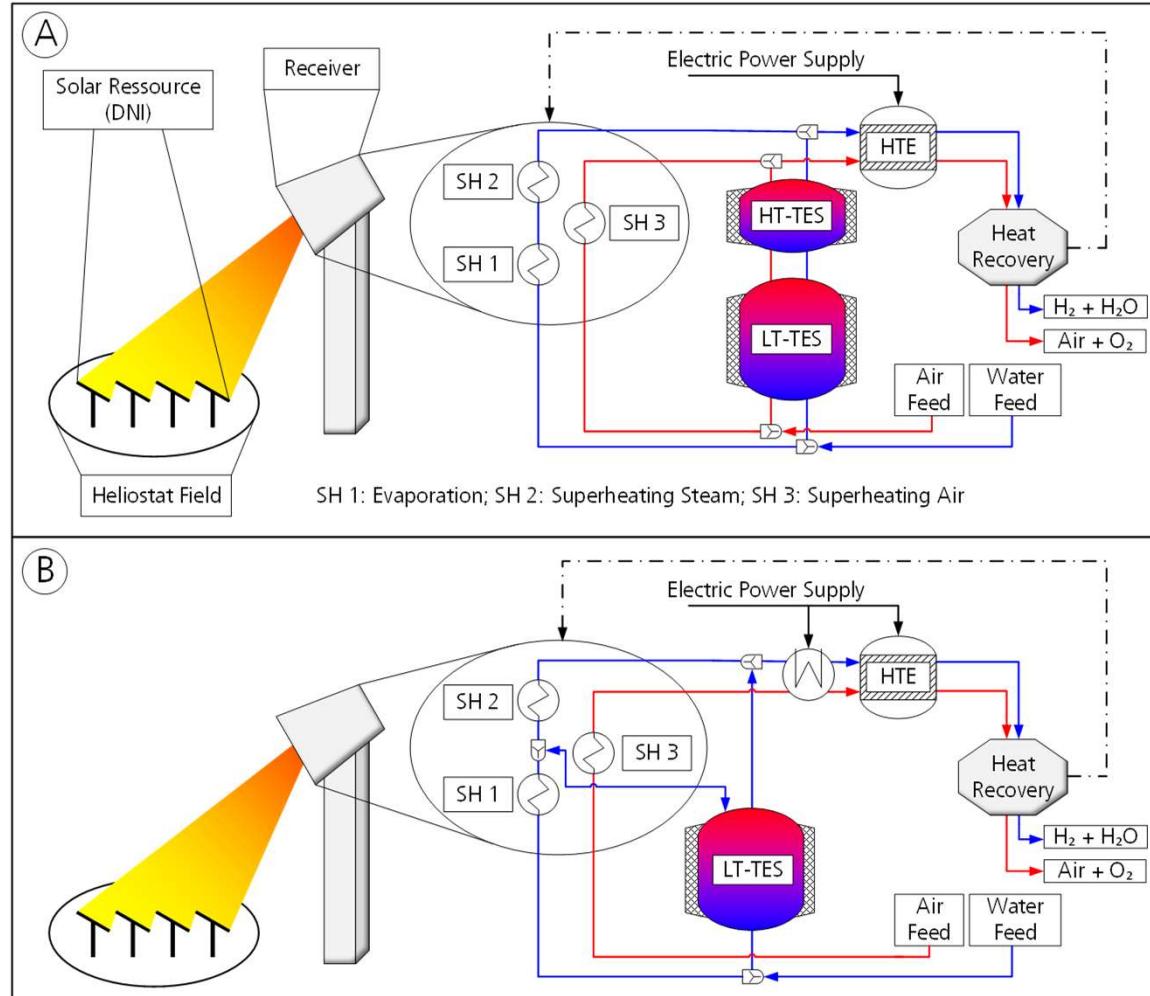
## ▪ DLR Project – Future Fuels



- Successful solar Hydrogen production at 820°C
- Feed Stream temperature at over 700°C needed
- Storage of steam and high temperature energy

[Schiller et al. 2020]  
[Kadohiro et al. 2023]

# Concentrated Solar Thermal Heat supported HTE Process

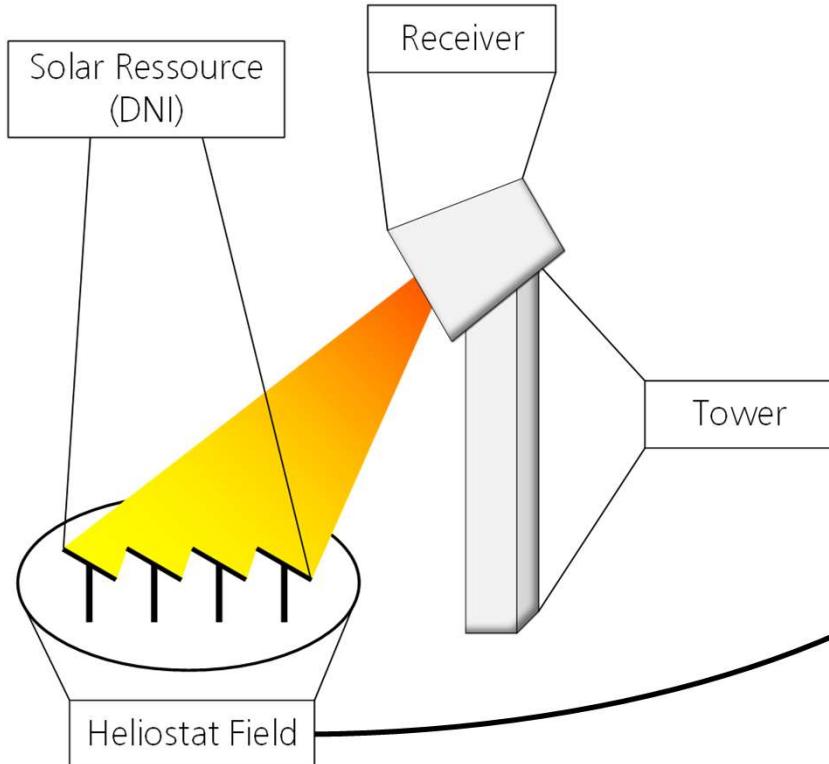


- Supply of high temperature heat during day and night

- Supply of high temperature heat during day
- Low temperature steam during night

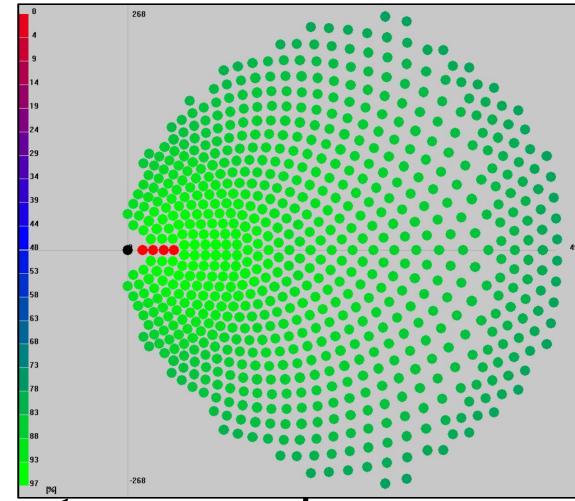
# Solar System Cost Calculation

## Major Solar Components



## HFLCAL

$$A_{HF} = f(h_{Tower}, \dot{Q}_{Receiver}, \text{Location})$$

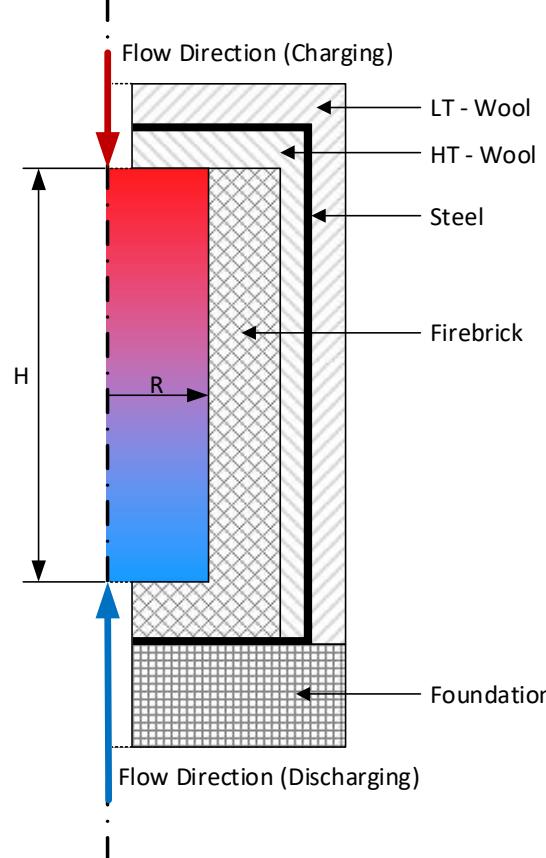


$$A_{HF}, h_{Tower}, \dot{Q}_{Receiver}, \eta_{HF}$$

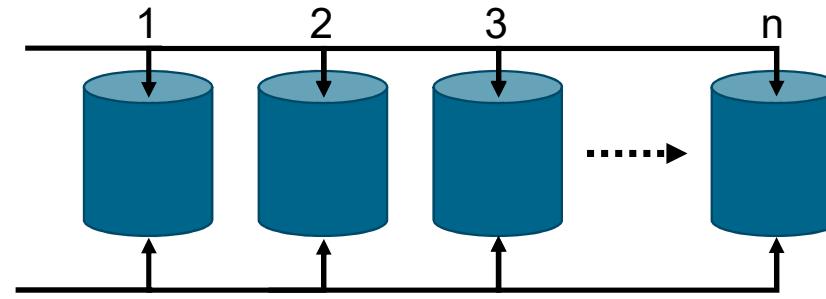
[Schwarzbözl et al. 2009]  
[Dersch et al. 2020]

# Thermal Energy Storage Cost Calculation

## TES Unit Cost Calculation



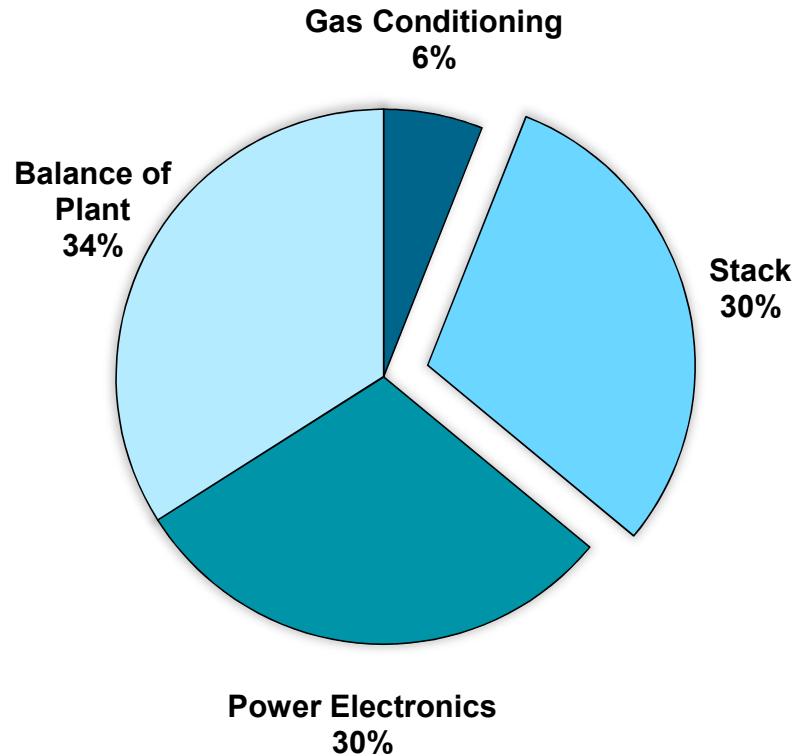
## Interconnection of the TES units



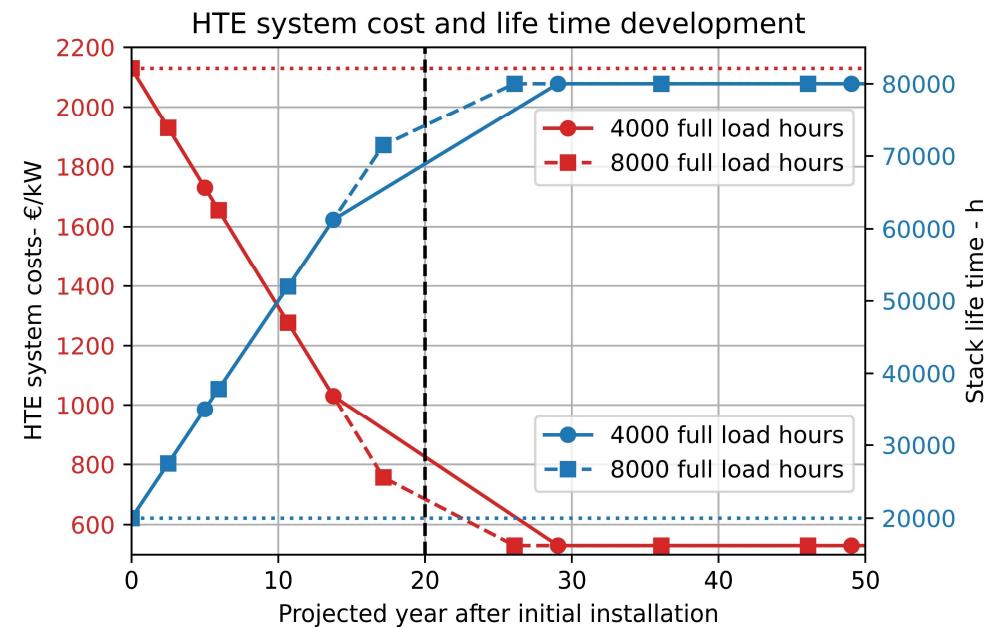
$$EC_{TES} = (1 + f_{const}) \cdot ((1 + f_{TES,Pipe}) \cdot \sum EC_{TES,i})$$

# High Temperature Electrolyser Cost Calculation

## HTE System Cost Breakdown



## Stack Replacement Prediction



[Böhm et al. 2019]

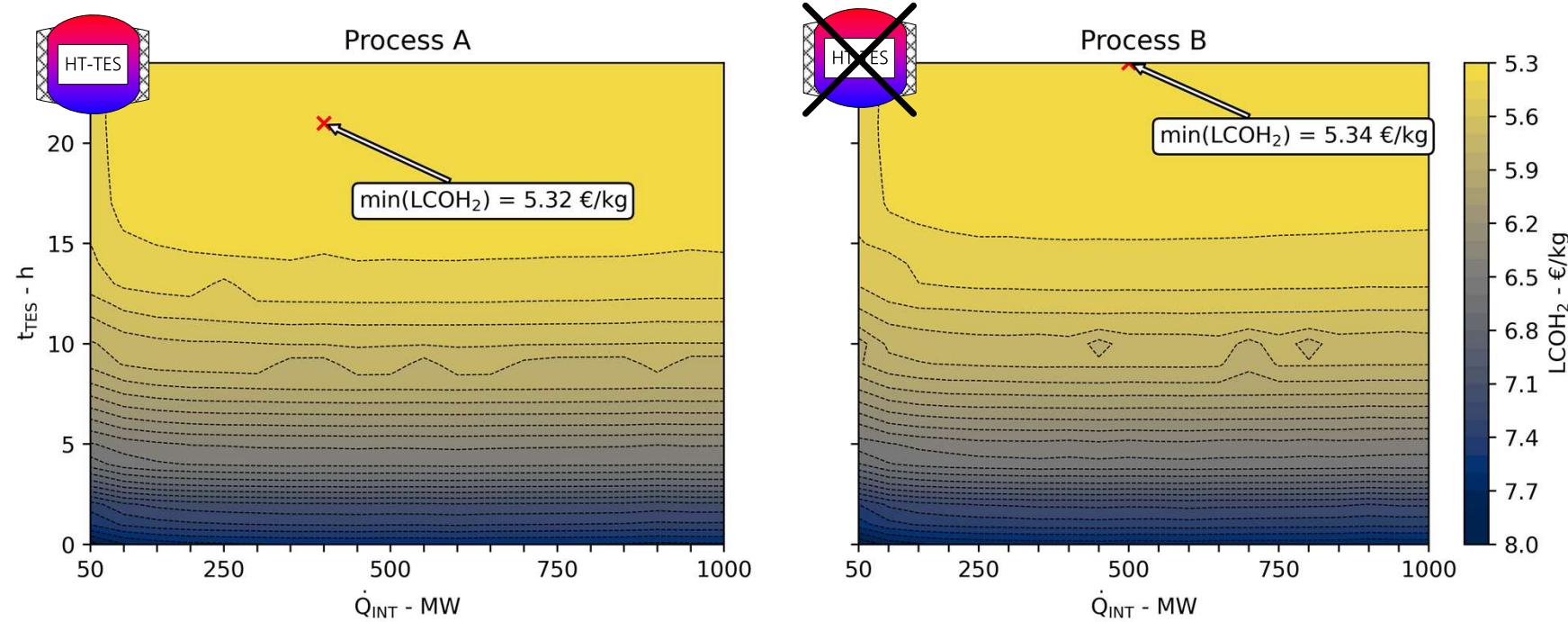
[European Commission 2022]

# RESULTS

Transient Process Simulation & Techno-Economic Assessment

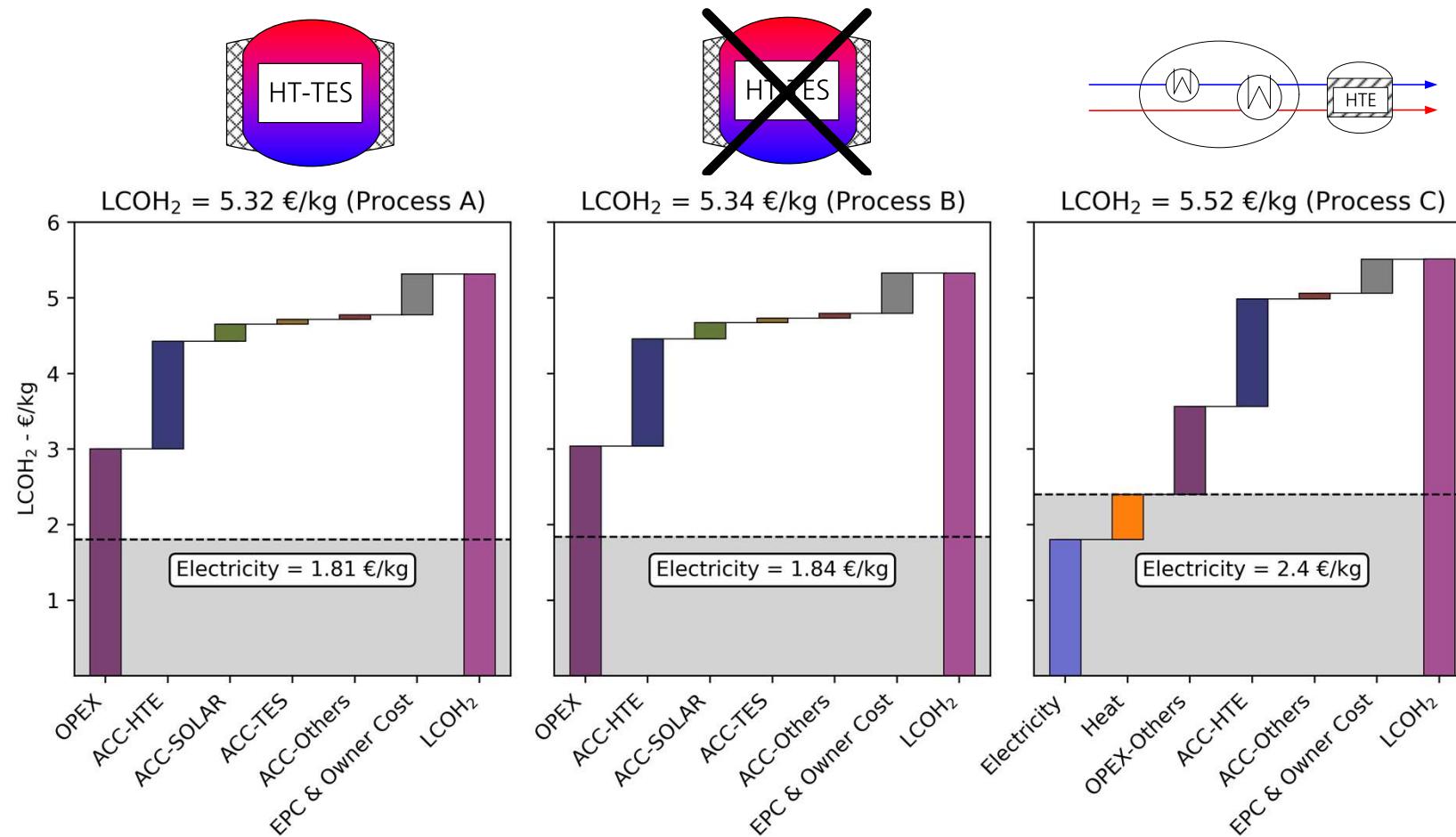


# Comparison – LCOH

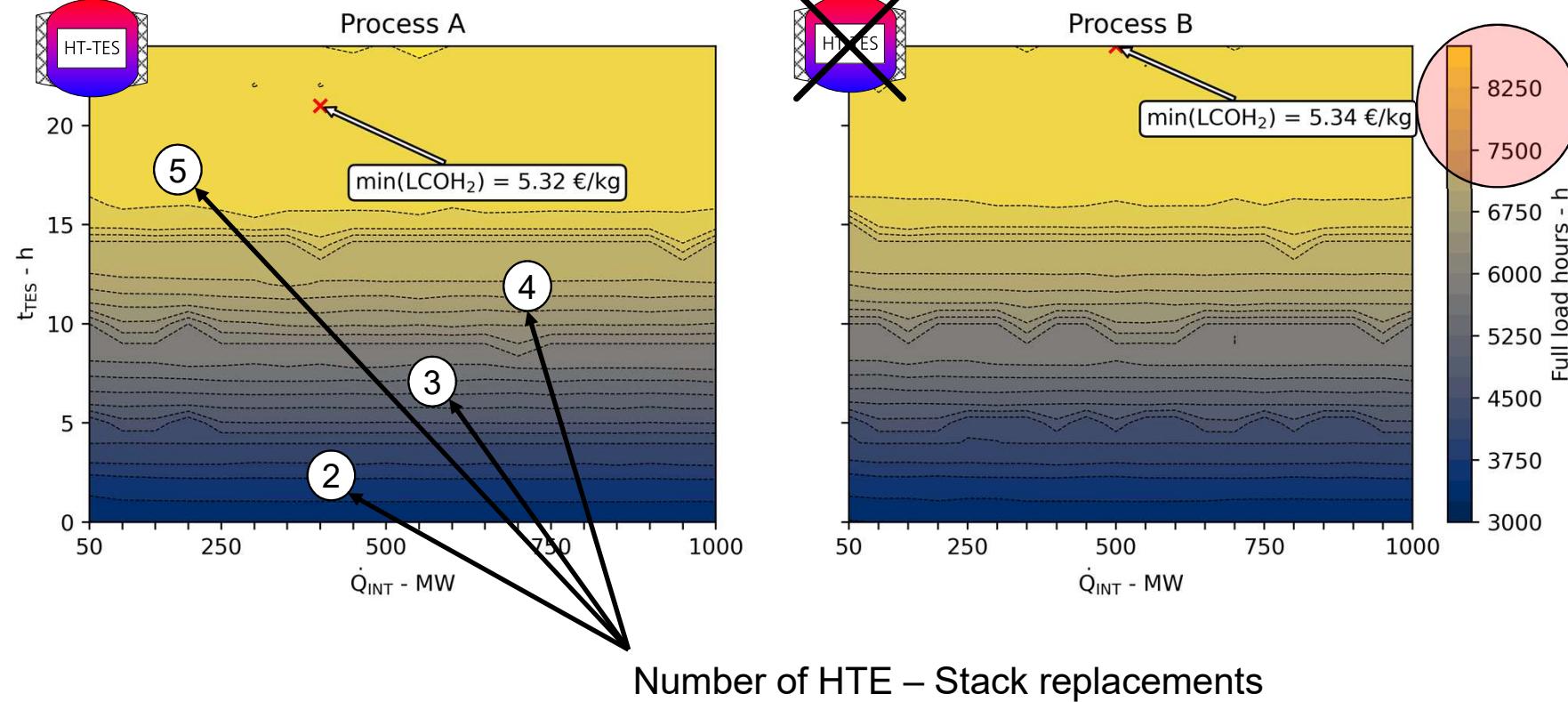


\*Electricity price of 50 €/MWh

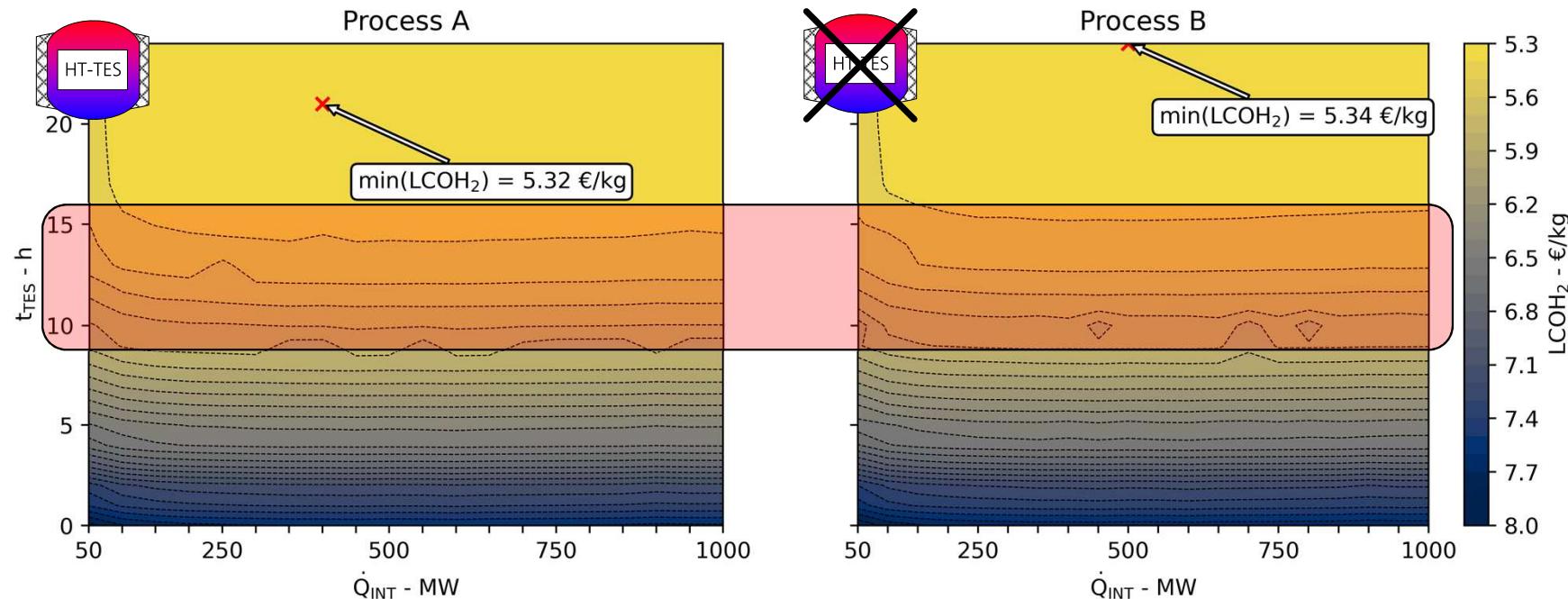
# Impact on the LCOH<sub>2</sub>



# Comparison - Full Load hours



# Comparison – LCOH

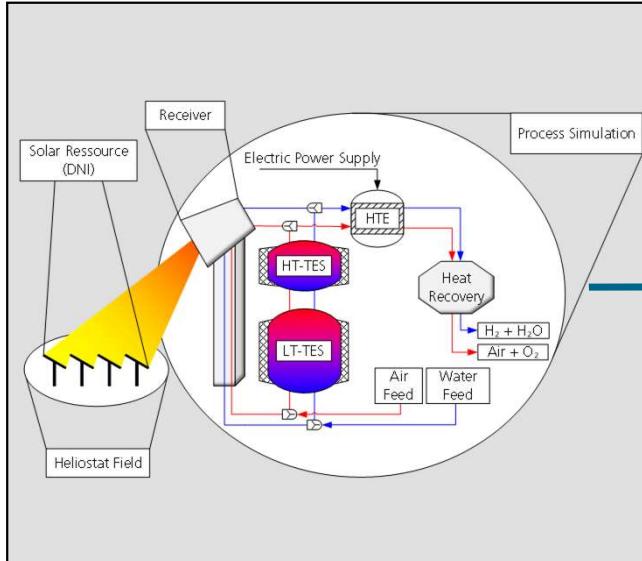


$t_{TES} = 10h, \sim 6300 \text{ FL} - h$	Process A	Process B
$LCOH_2$	$\approx 5.71 \text{ €/kg}$	$\approx 5.77 \text{ €/kg}$
$t_{TES} = 15h, \sim 8100 \text{ FL} - h$	Process A	Process B
$LCOH_2$	$\approx 5.38 \text{ €/kg}$	$\approx 5.42 \text{ €/kg}$

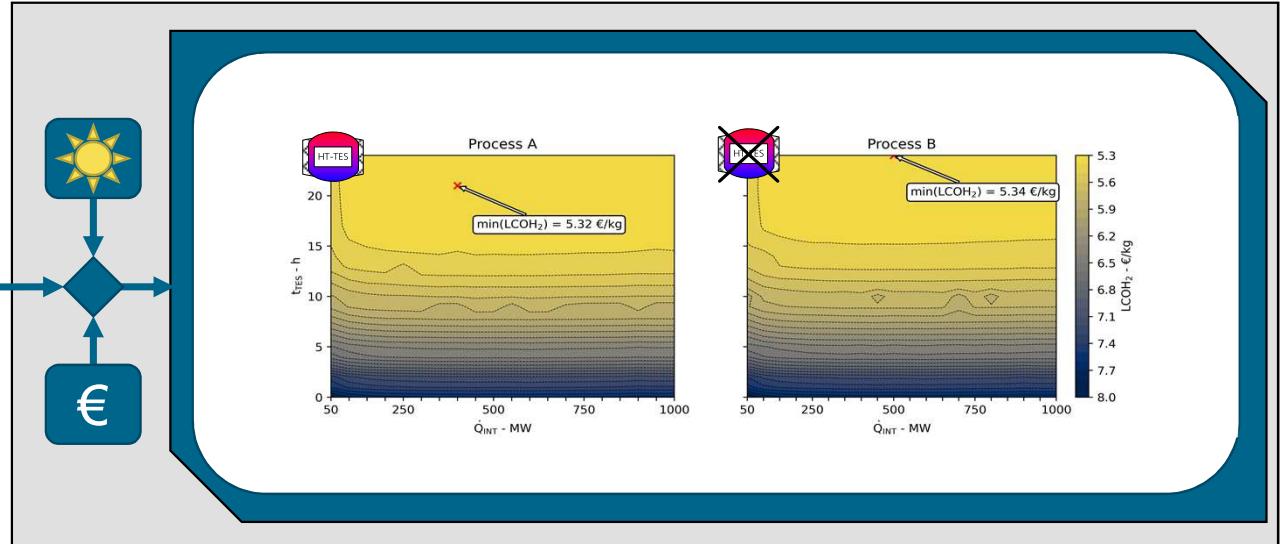
# Summary

## Techno-Economic Process Analysis

### Steady State Process Simulation



### Transient Process Optimization



A wide-angle photograph of a solar farm. Numerous solar panels are mounted on black metal frames and stand in rows across a field of green grass and small yellow flowers. The panels reflect the bright sunlight, appearing very bright and slightly overexposed. The sky above is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy white clouds.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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