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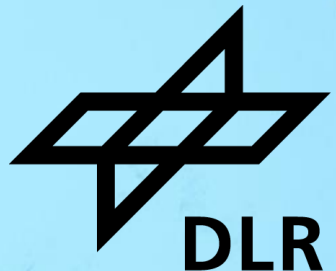
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# TECHNO ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF HYDROGEN AND DERIVATES IMPORT

Techno-ökonomische Bewertung von Technologien und Importoptionen für  
erneuerbar erzeugte Wasserstoffderivate

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# PtX import to Germany <sup>[1]</sup>

## Agenda



1. Motivation and activities
2. Example hotspot for RE generation
3. Standardized techno-economic assessment methodology for PtX production
4. RE transport options overseas
5. Hydrogen derivate options comparison
6. Conclusion and outlook



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# Germany's National Hydrogen Strategy and International Cooperation

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Goal: CO<sub>2</sub> reduction @ minimized GHG-Abatement cost

Question: Where to invest? How much? When?

**Standardized methodology for LCA and TEA required!**

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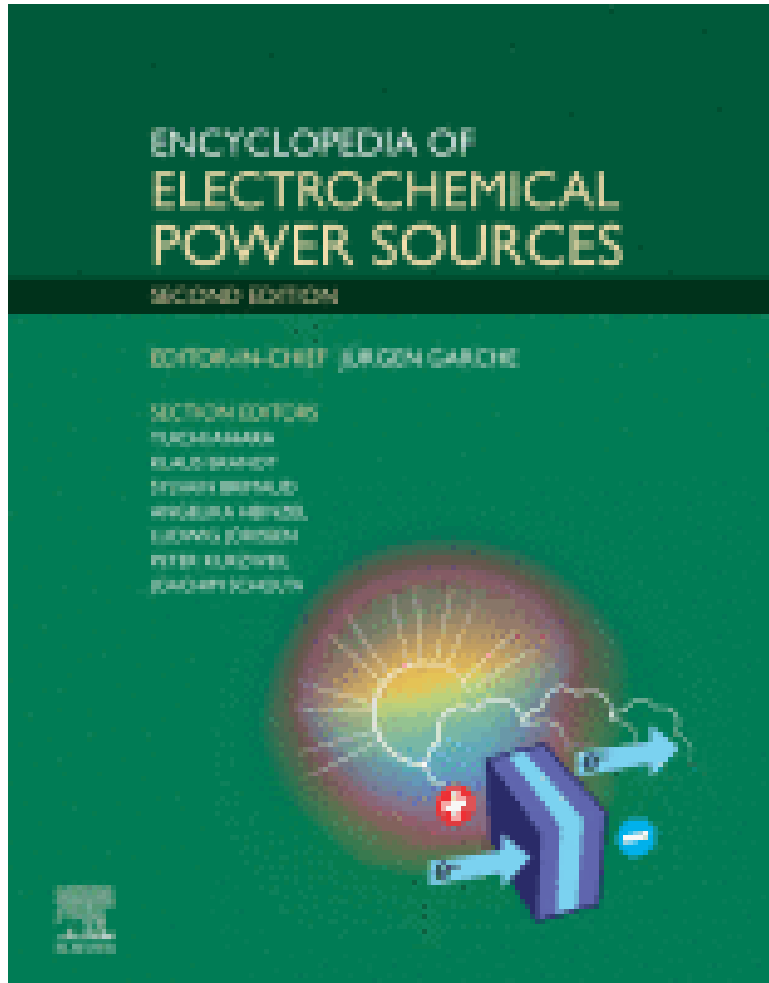
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# Assessment of remote PtX production and transport [1]

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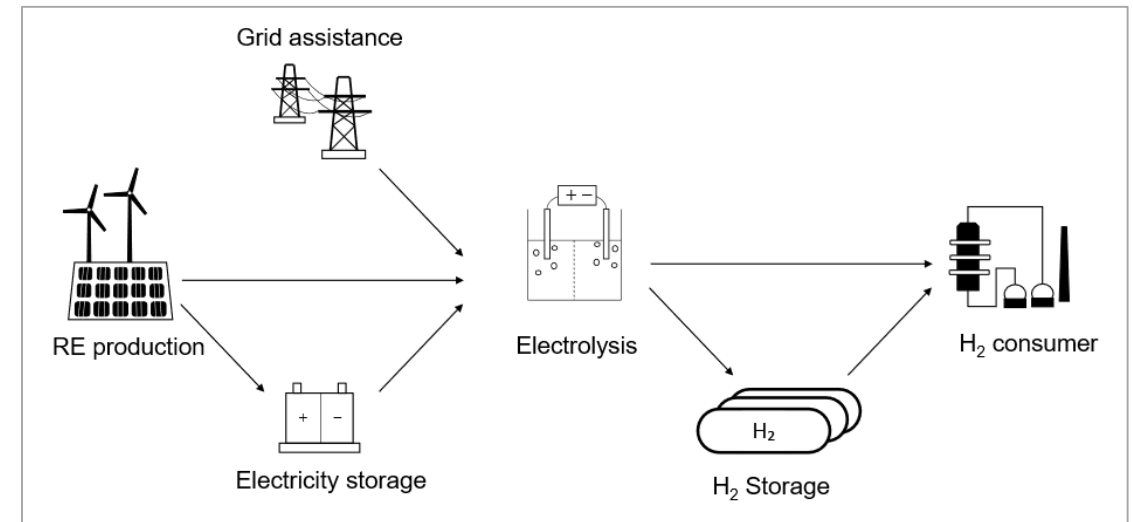
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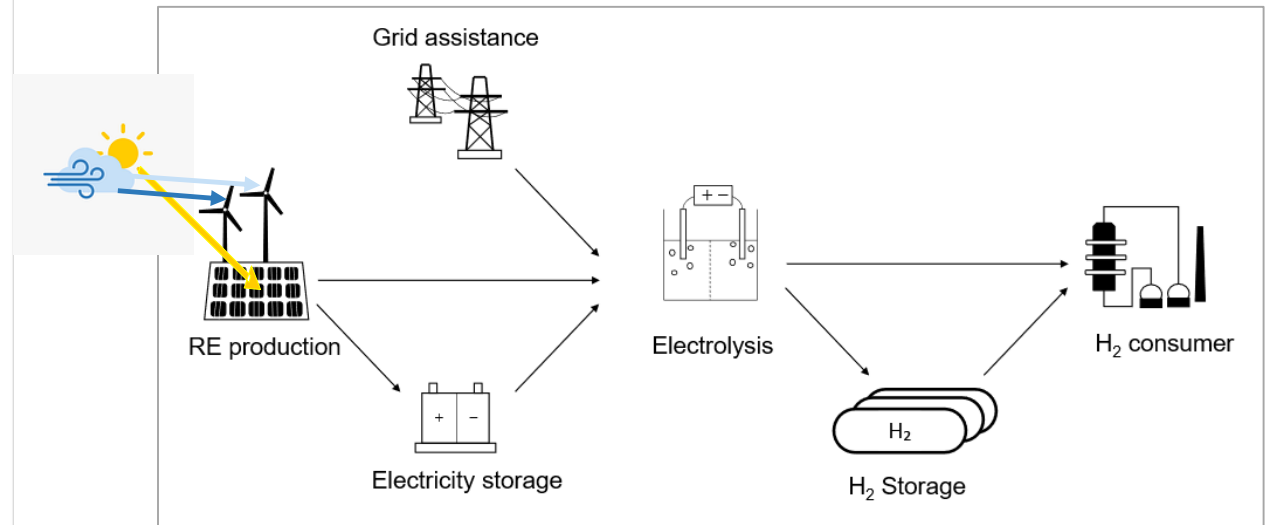
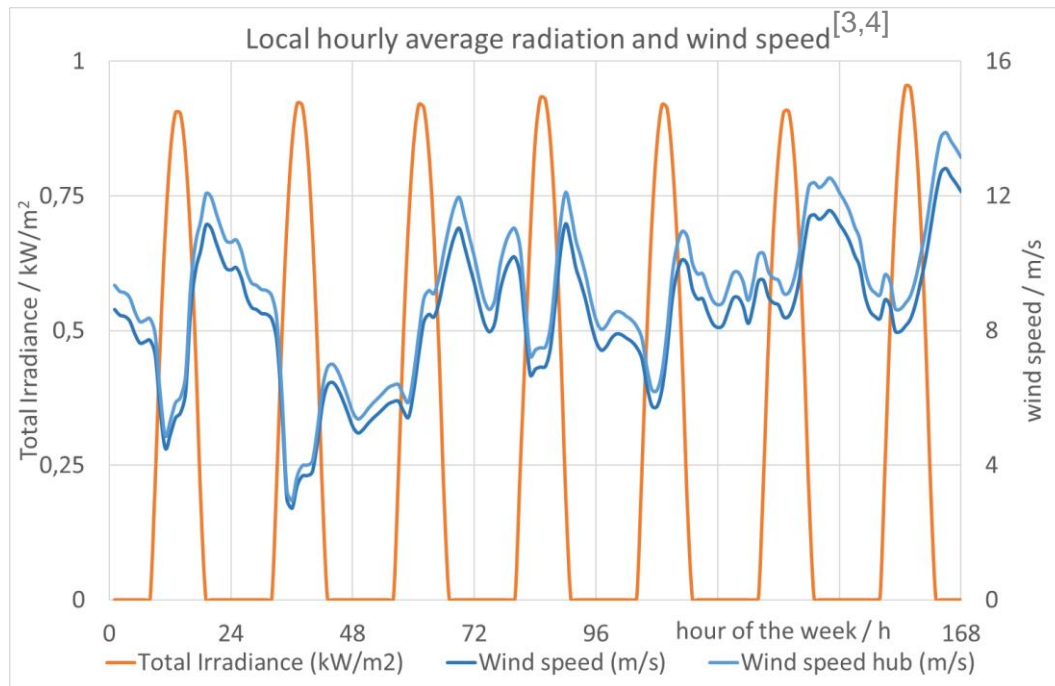
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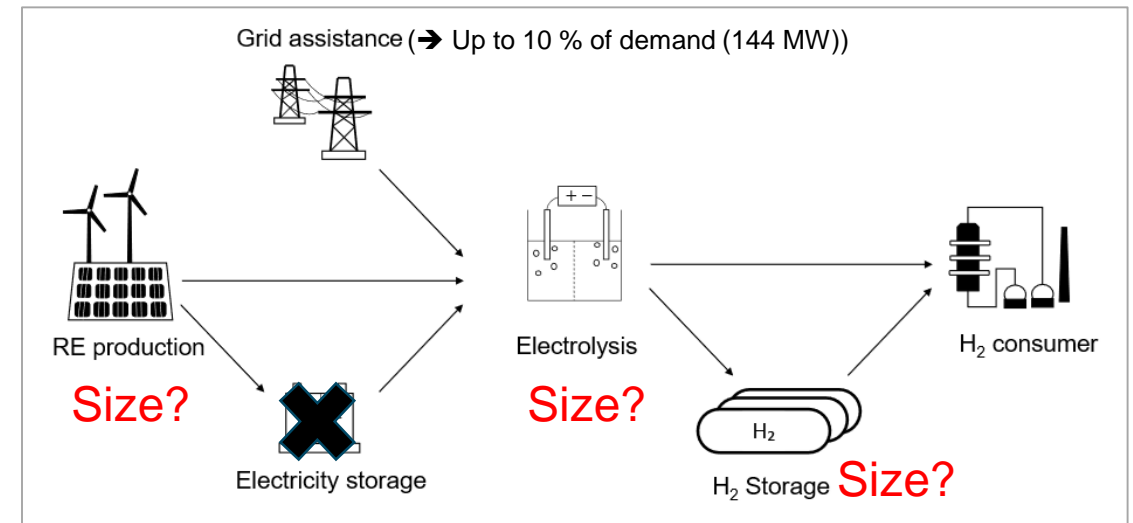
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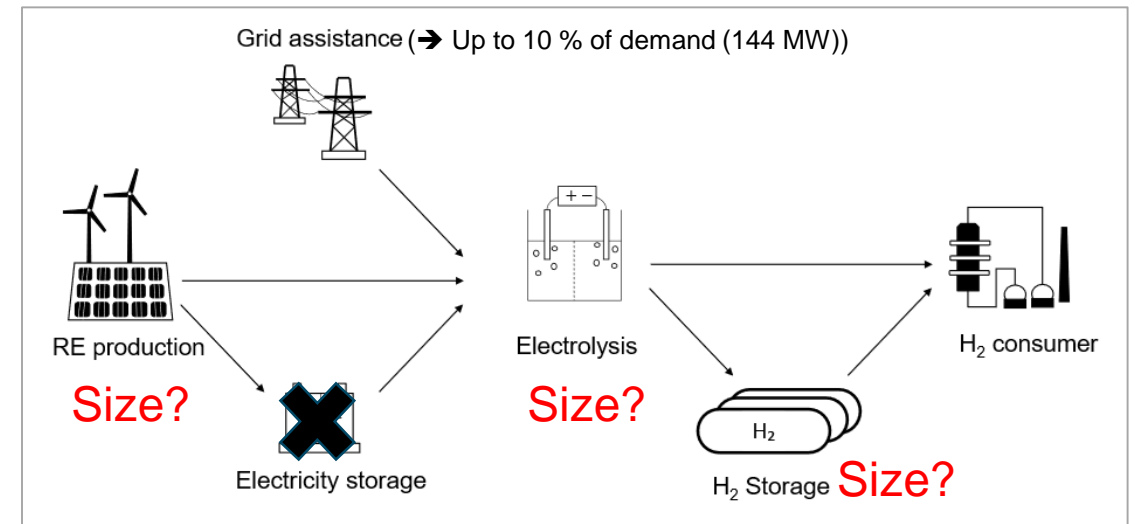
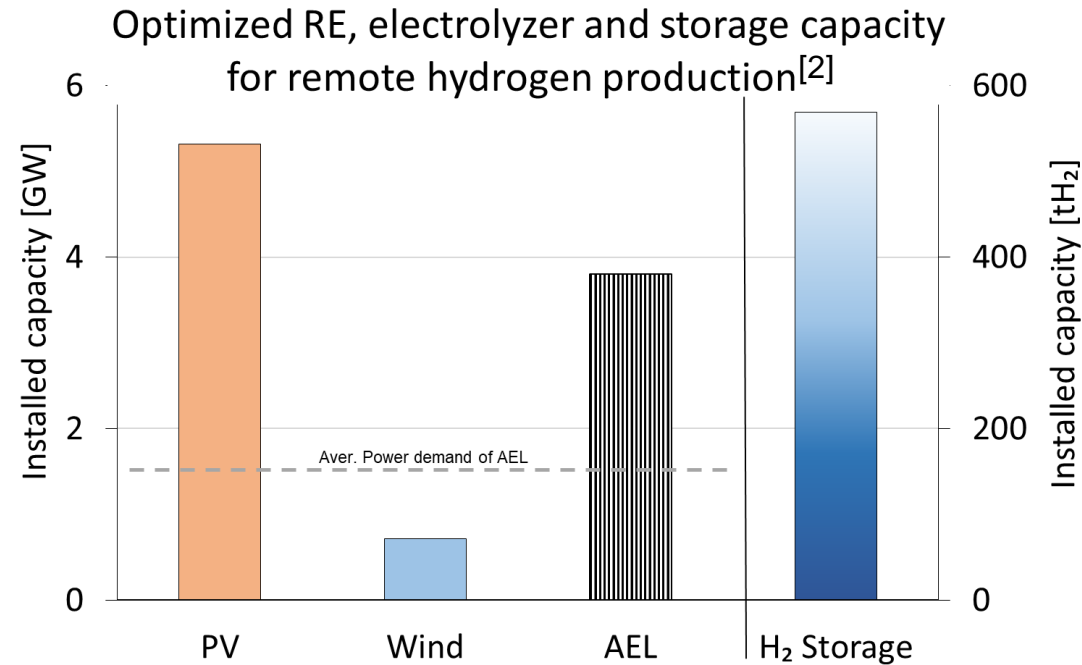


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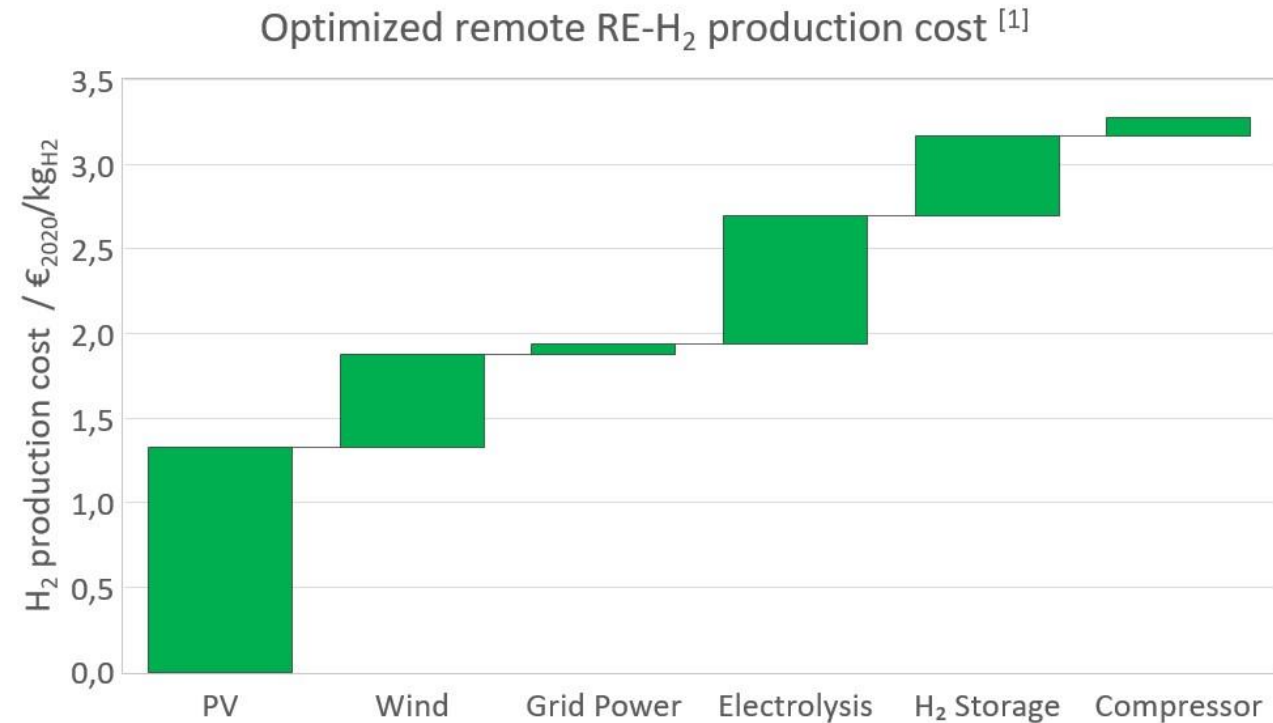
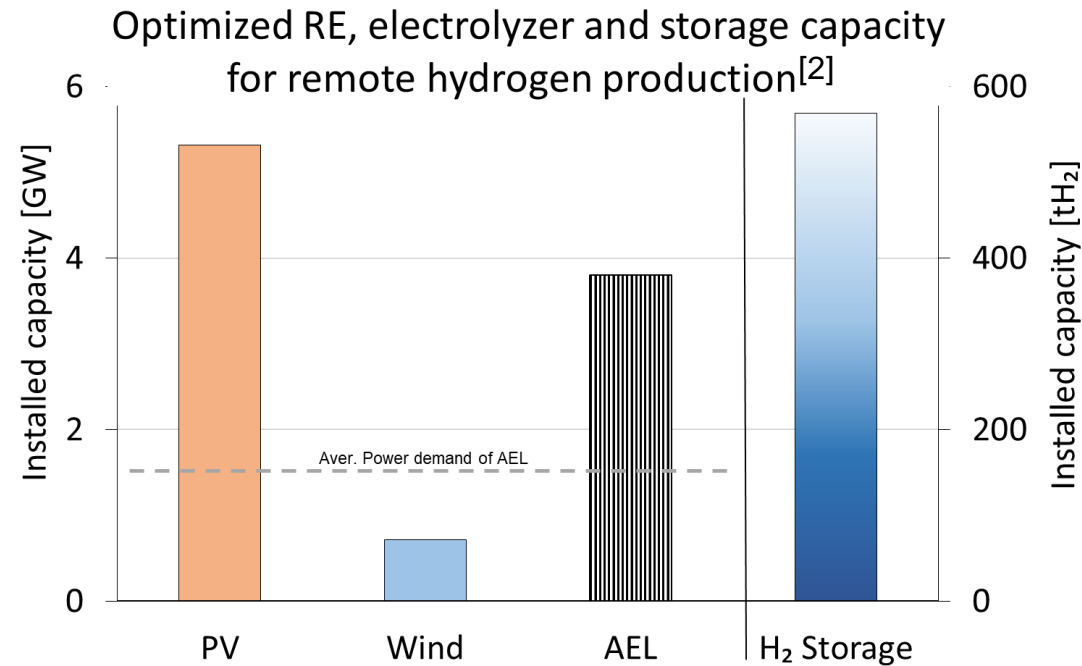
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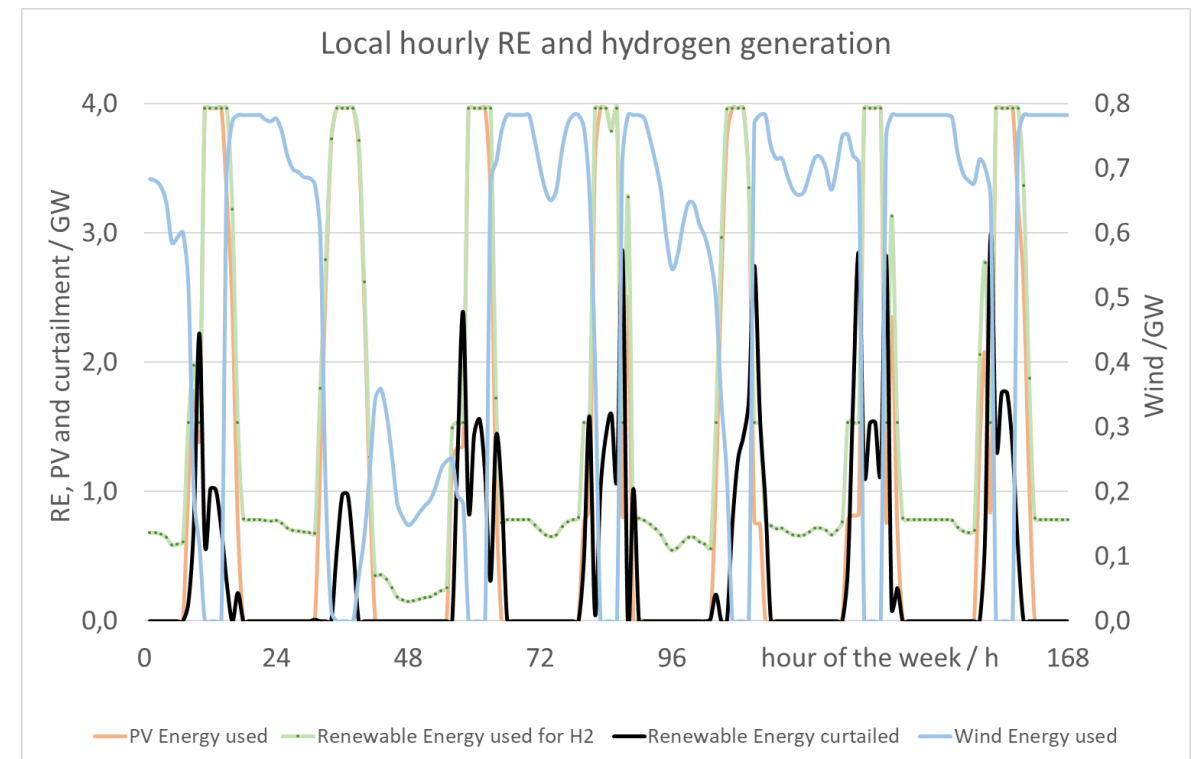
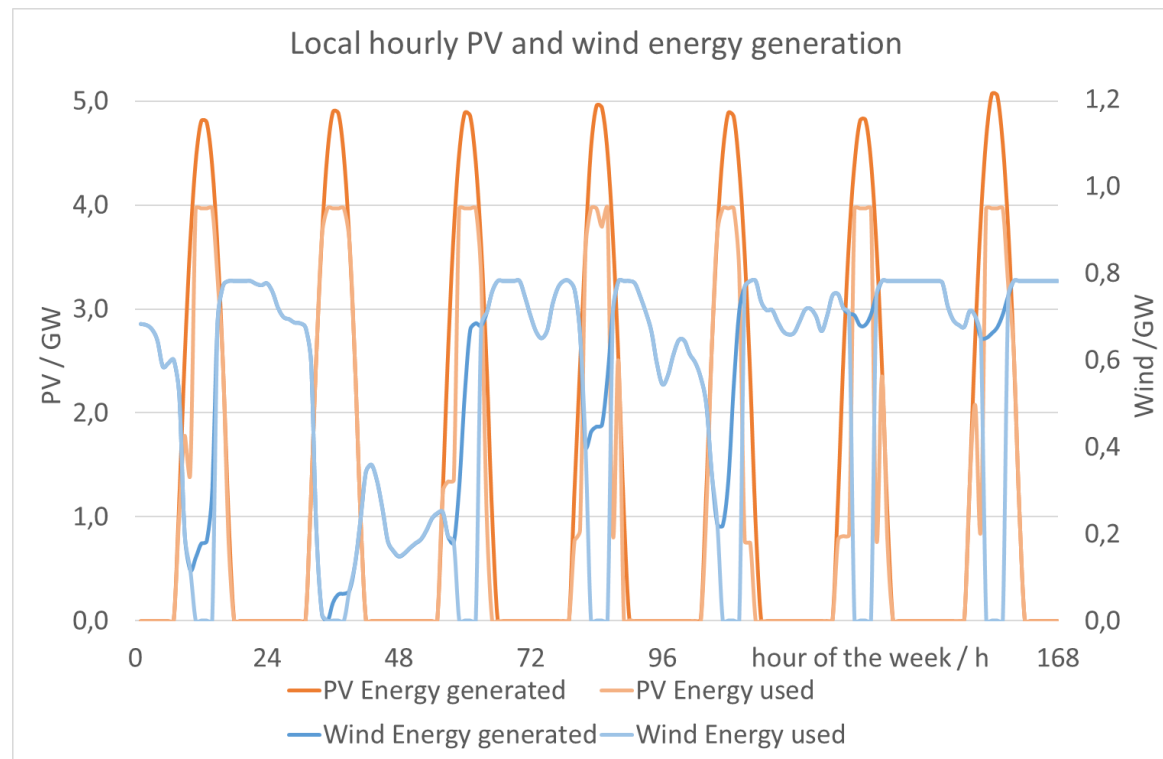
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## Time-frequency analysis [1]

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  - Wind and solar energy are not complementary
  - Up to 3 GW curtailment unavoidable



# Local RE-H<sub>2</sub> production remarks



- Assumption: no restrictions regarding available space, local man power, renewable carbon, water consumption, pollution, grid interaction, regulation, ...
- Perspective cost and performance data for 2030 have to be conformed

Component	Cost type	Lang factor	Value	Unit	Source
<b>PV farm</b>	FCI	1	492*	€ <sub>2021</sub> kW <sub>Peak</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	[16]
<b>Wind turbine</b>	FCI	1	1'573*	€ <sub>2021</sub> kW <sub>Peak</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	[20]
<b>AEL</b>	EC	1.62	160*	€ <sub>2021</sub> kW <sup>-1</sup>	[16]

\*Perspective data for 2030 according to source

- Generalized WACC\*\* need to be locally adjusted (standard: 7.5 % interest rate)

[16] Raab, M., Körner, R. and Dietrich, R.-U.(2021) Techno-economic assessment of renewable hydrogen production and the influence of grid participation. International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, 2022. 47(63): p. 26798-26811

[20] Taylor, M., et al.,(2021) Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2020. <https://www.irena.org/publications/2021/Jun/Renewable-Power-Costs-in-2020>

\*\* WACC - Weighted Average Cost of Capital

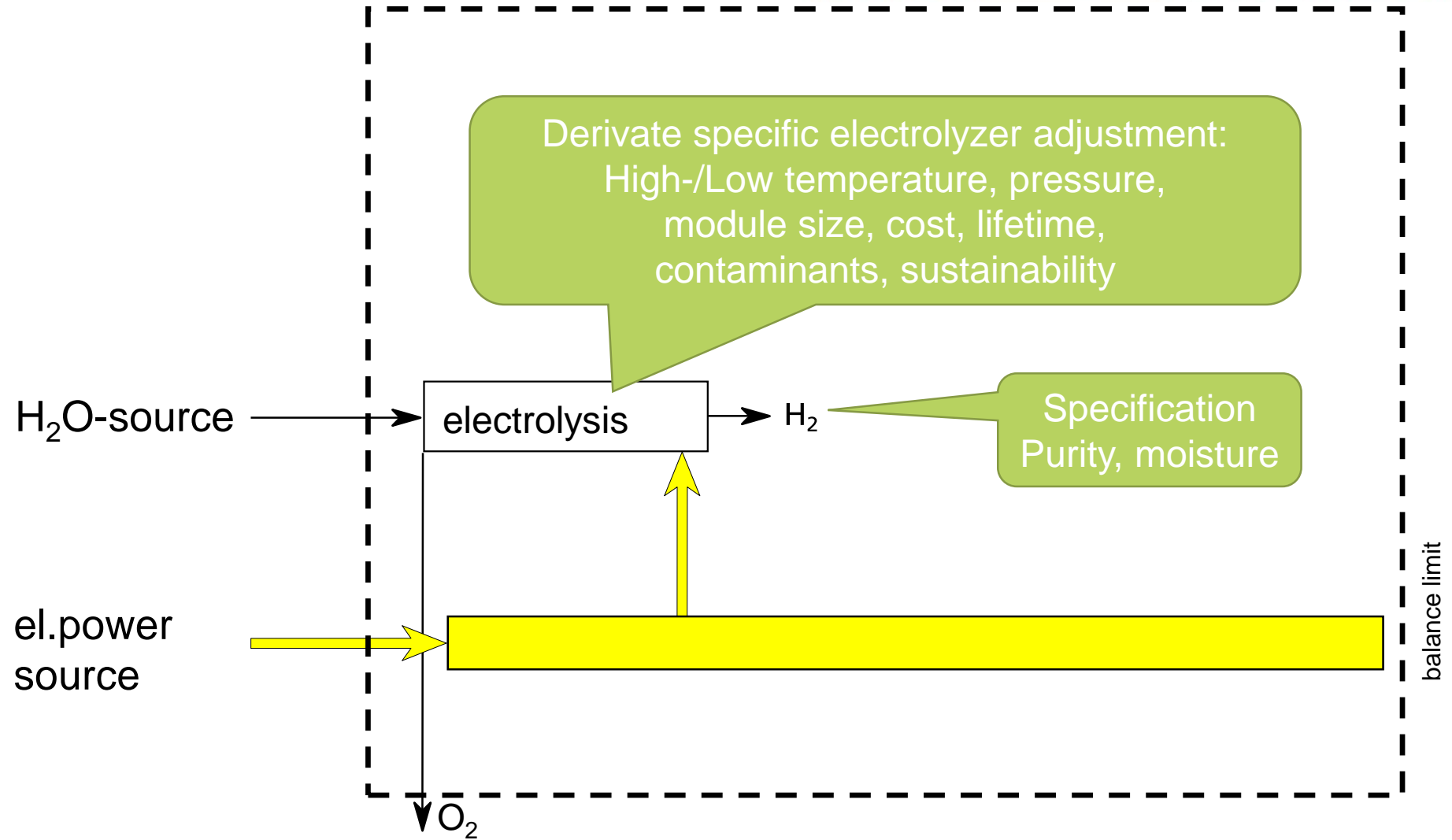


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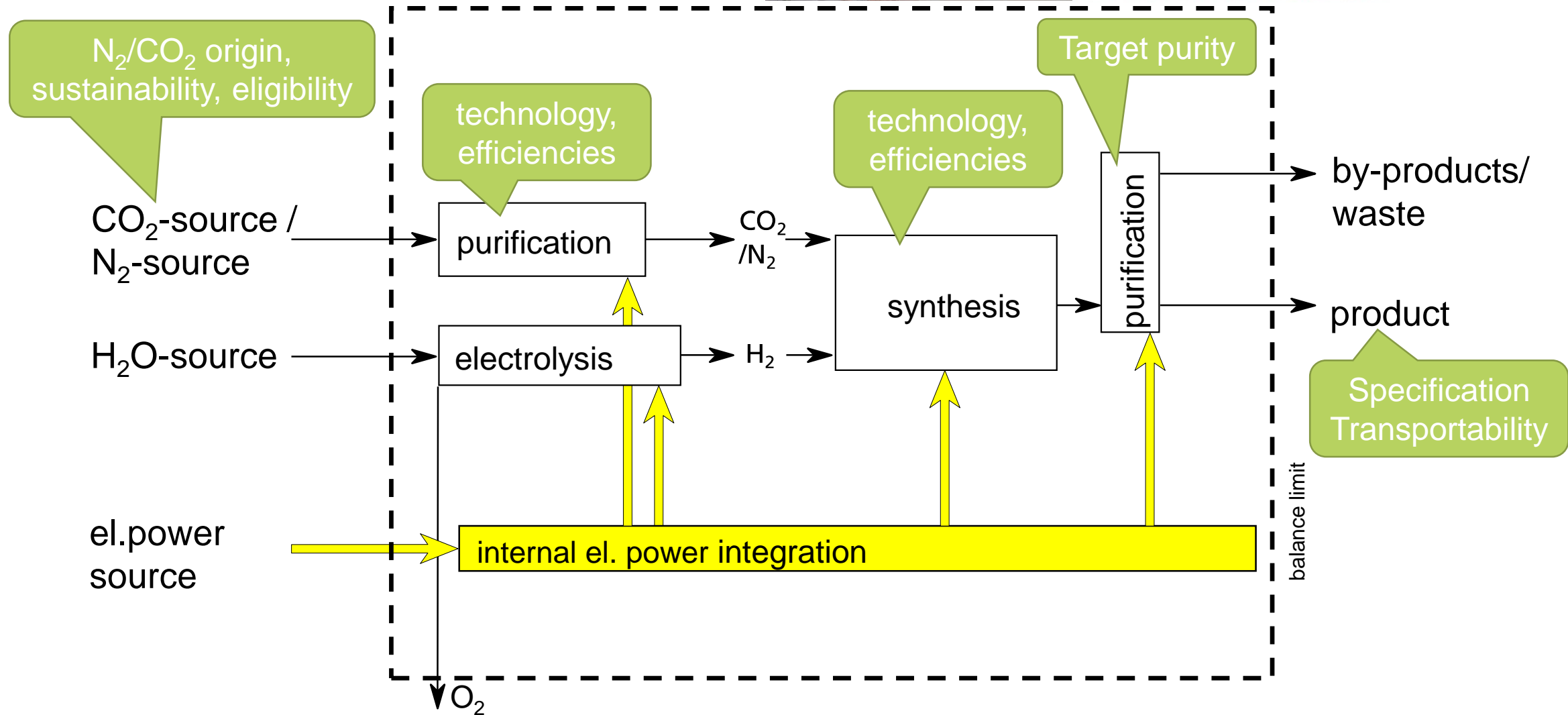
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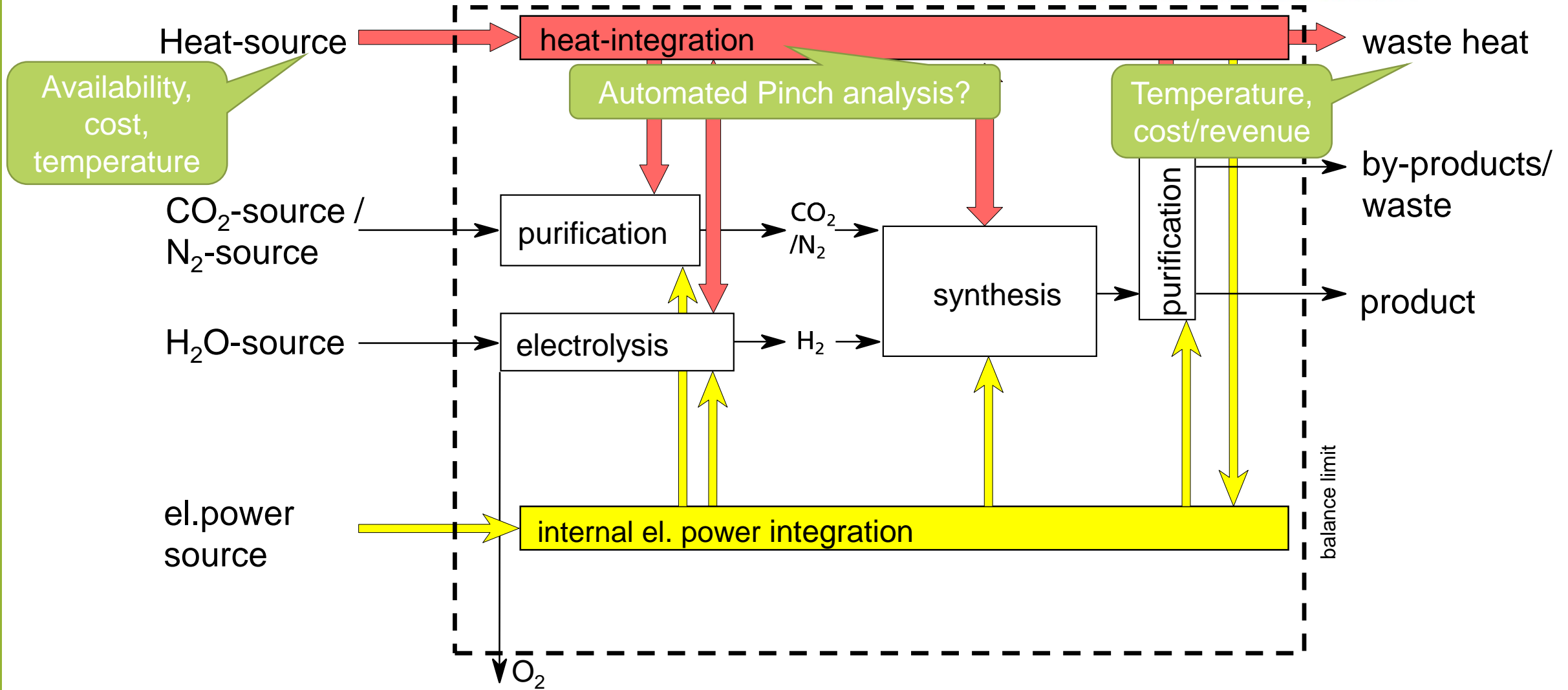
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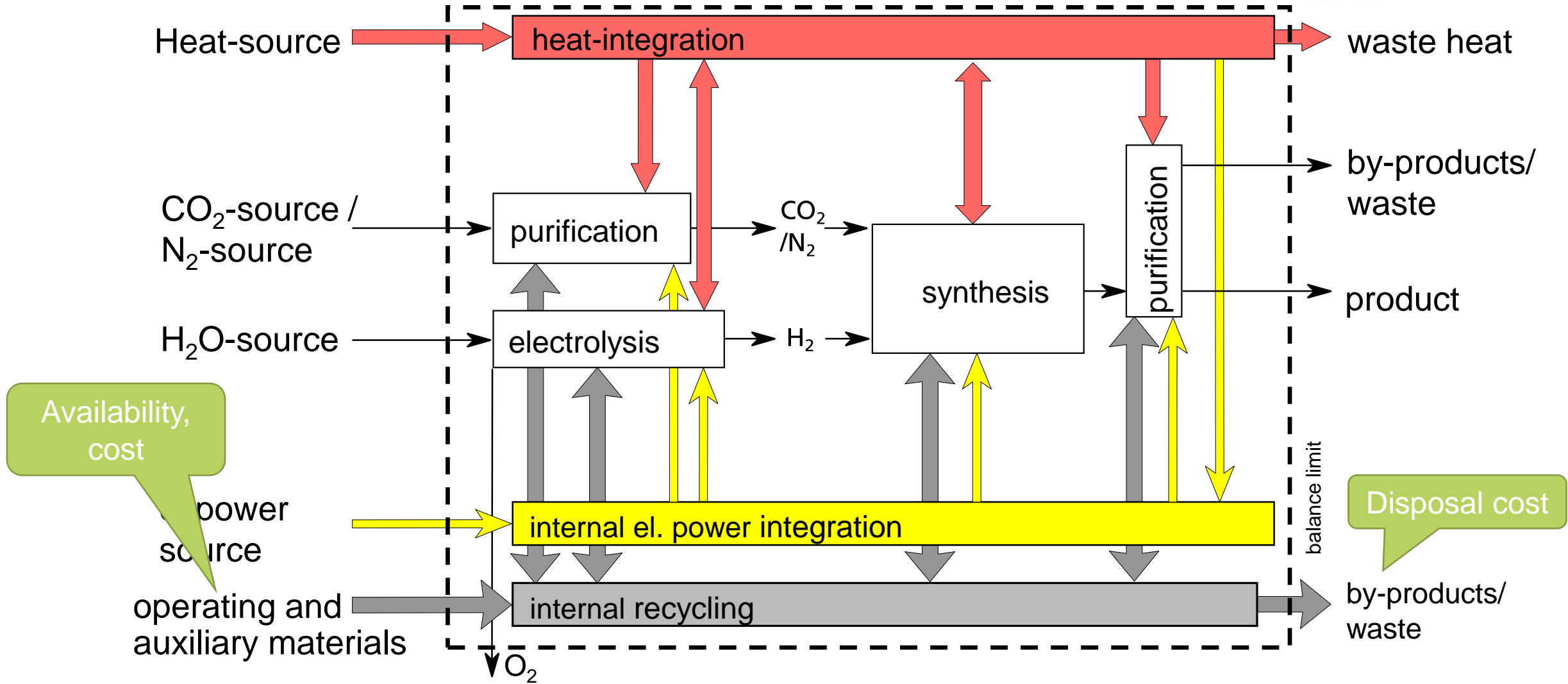
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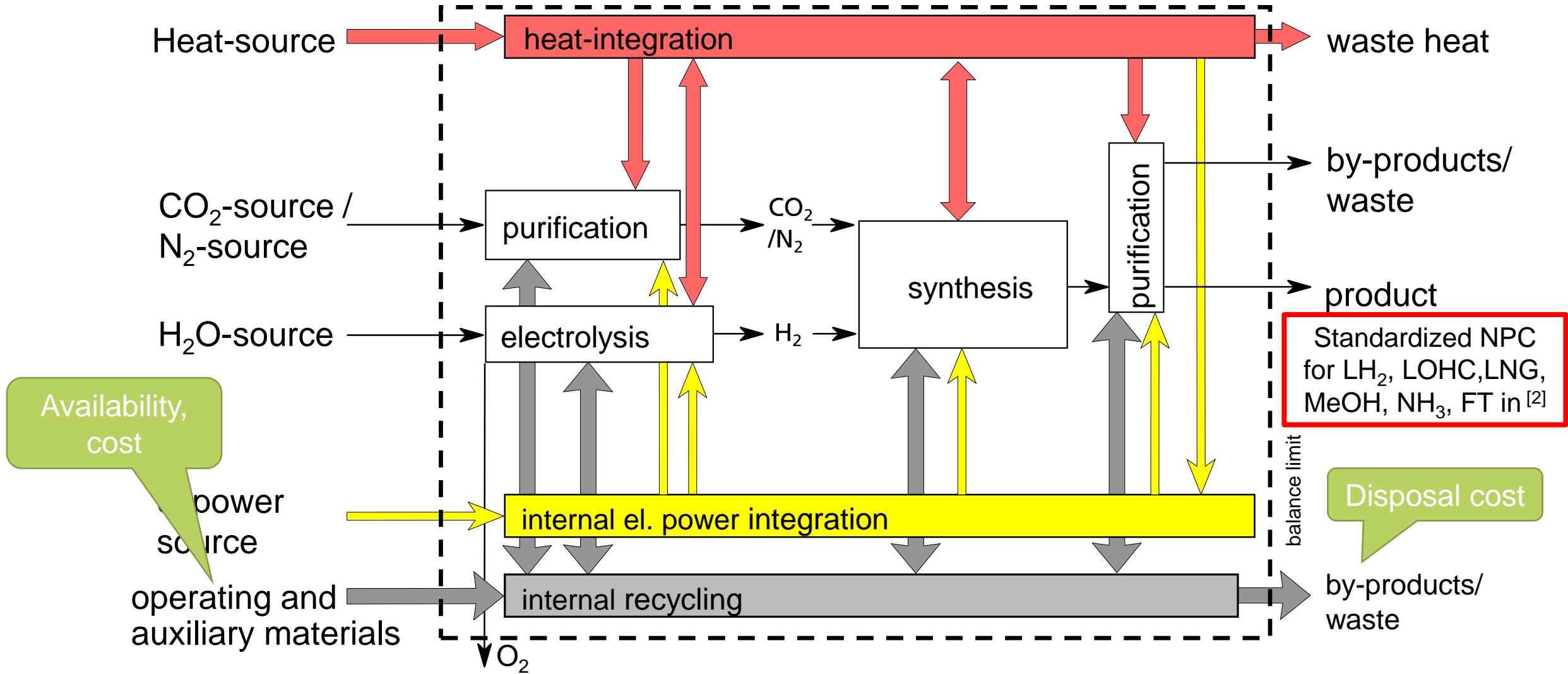


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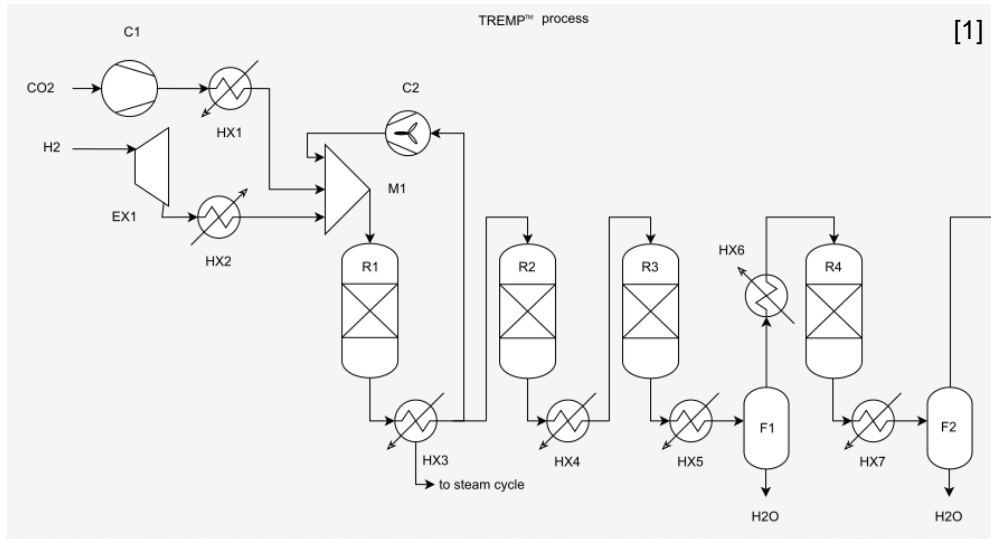
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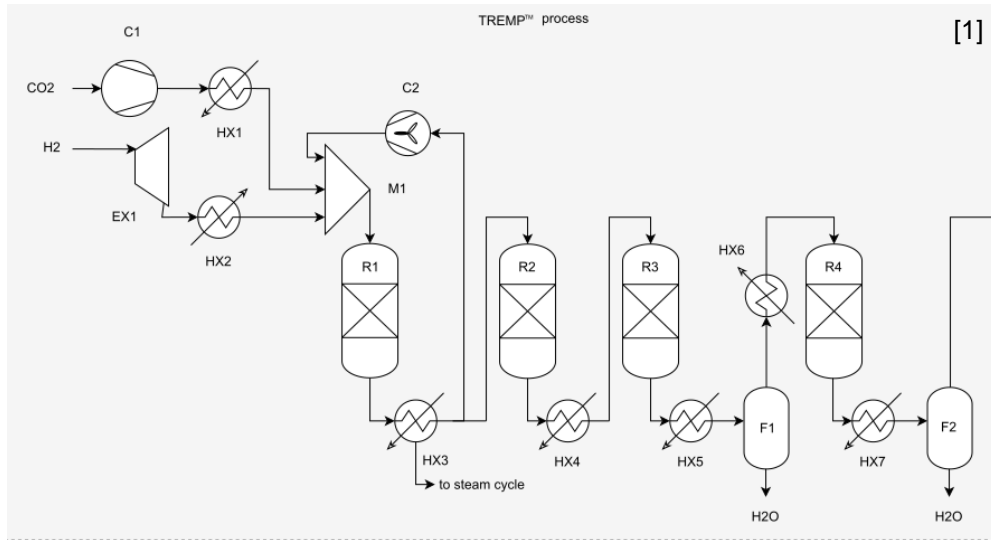
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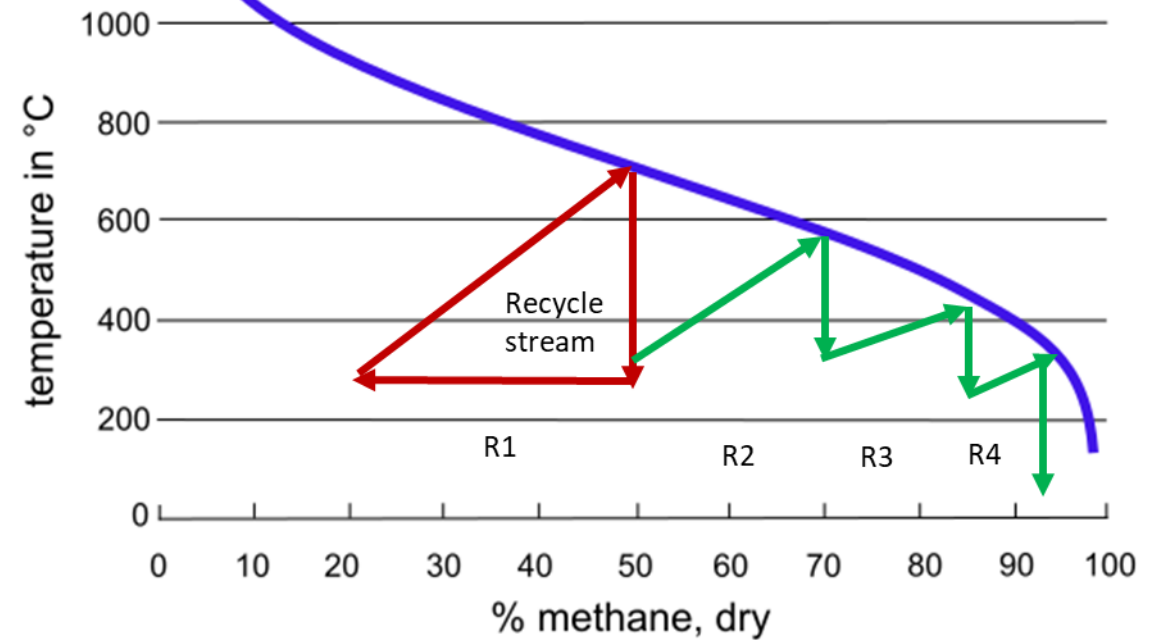
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  - Superior efficiency



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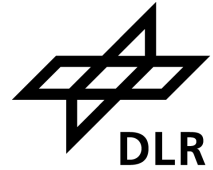
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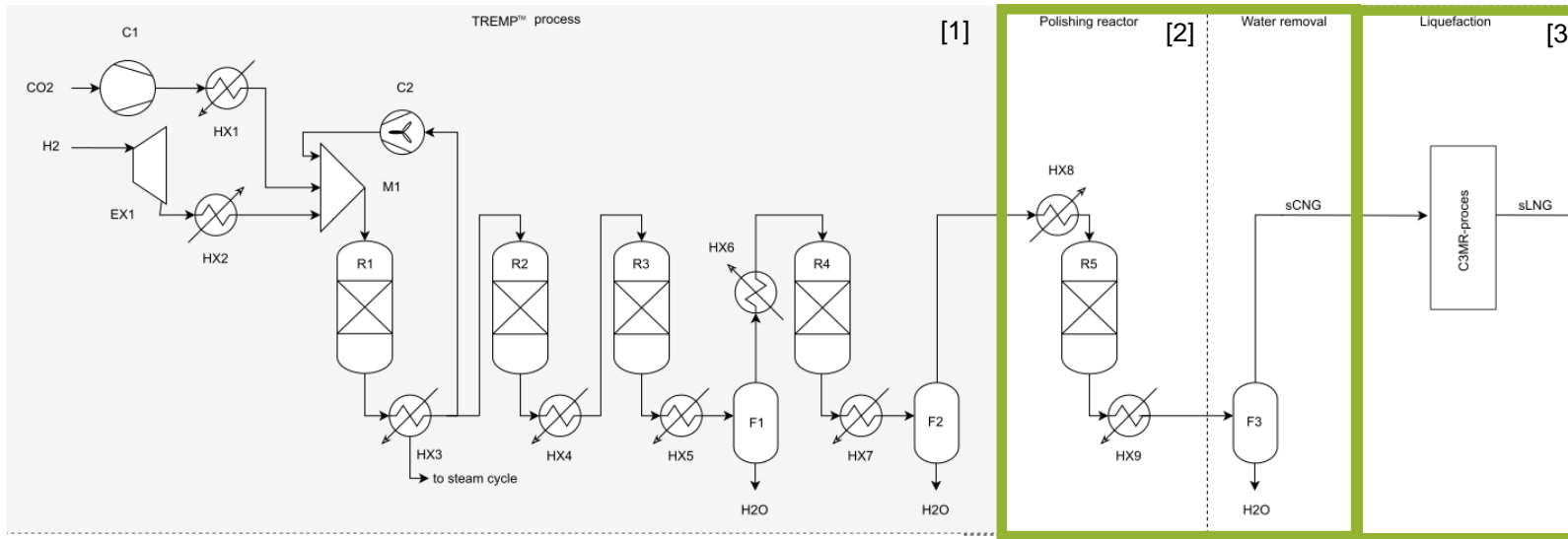
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- Adjustment for LNG export
  - Composition [2]  
DIN EN 16723-2:2017-10
  - ➔ Polishing reactor & Water removal
  - Liquefaction [3]

#### Simulation assumptions:

- No impurities
- No side reactions

[1] Rönsch, S., et al., 2016

[2] Heimann, N. et al (2023), Standardized tea of sCNG and HCNG, to be submitted

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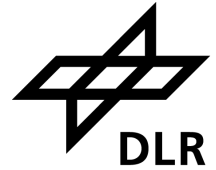
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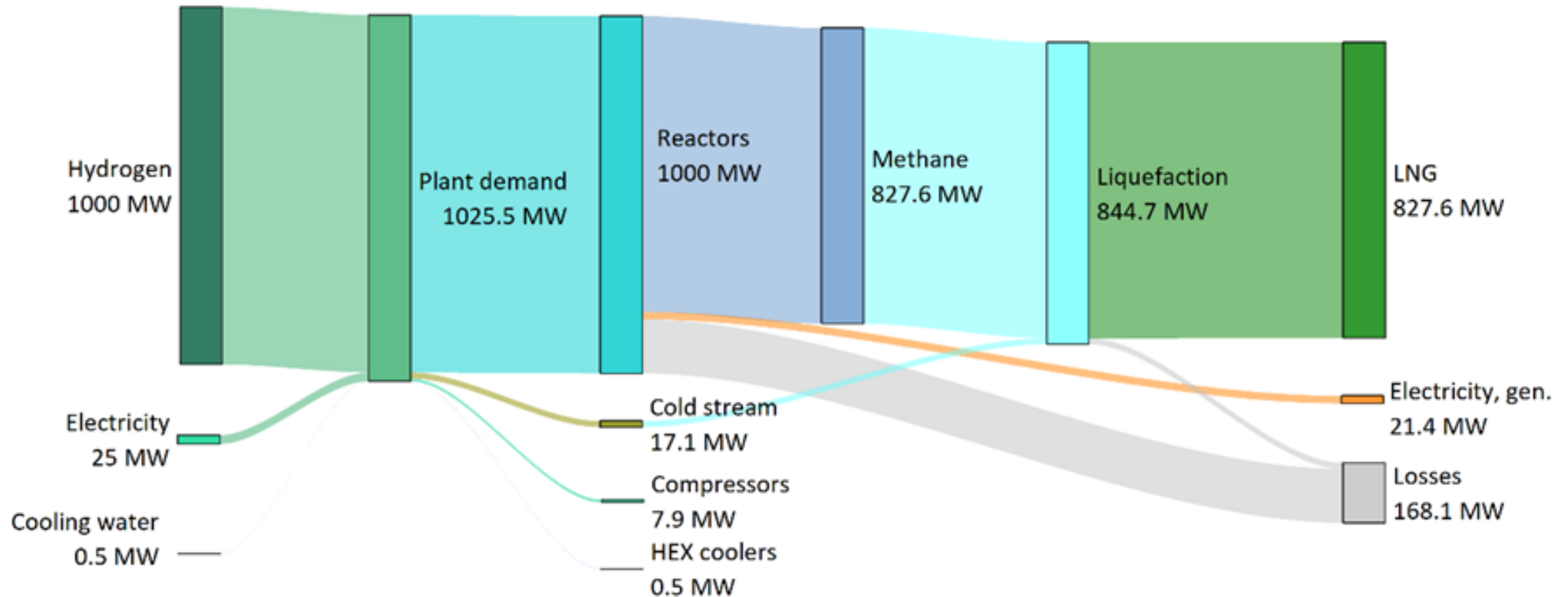
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- Energy flow diagram of the optimized LNG production process



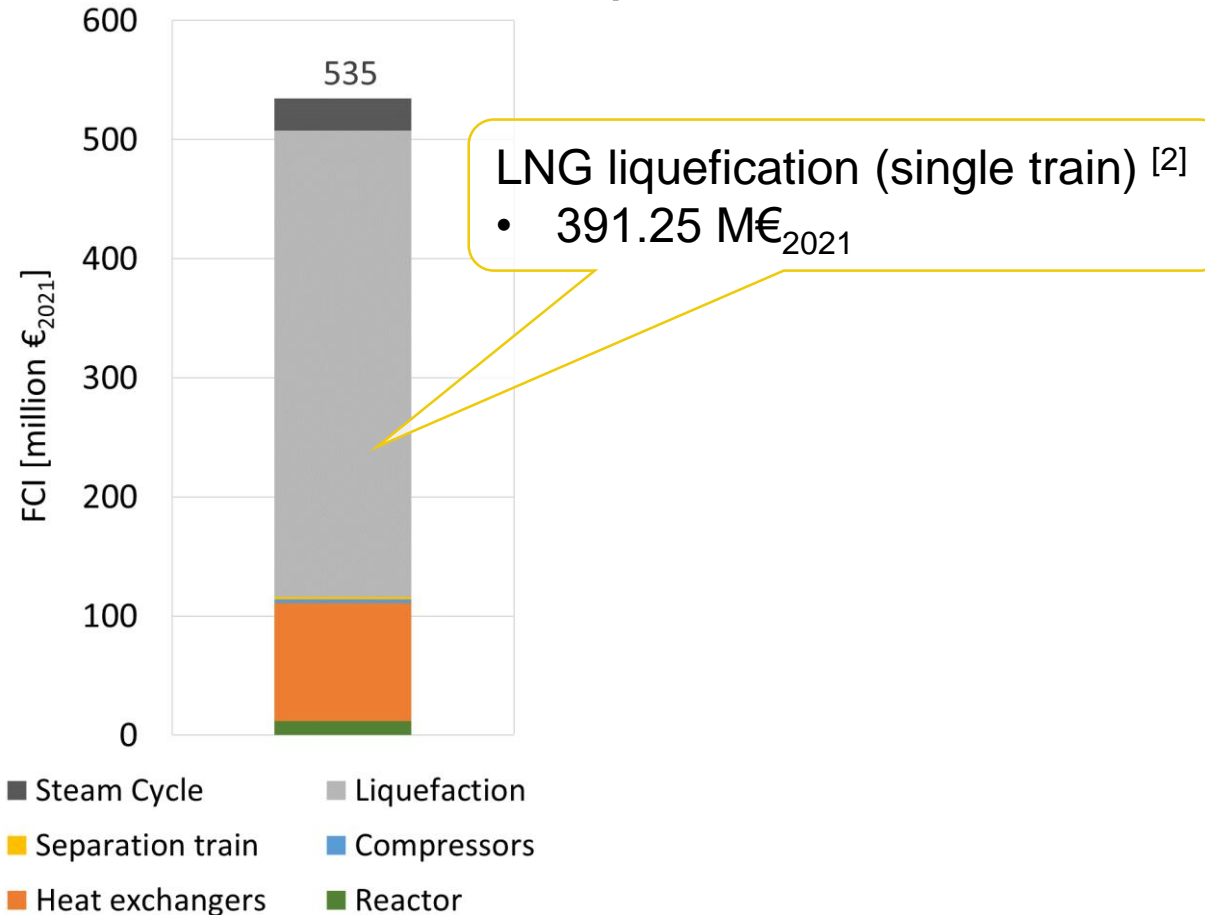
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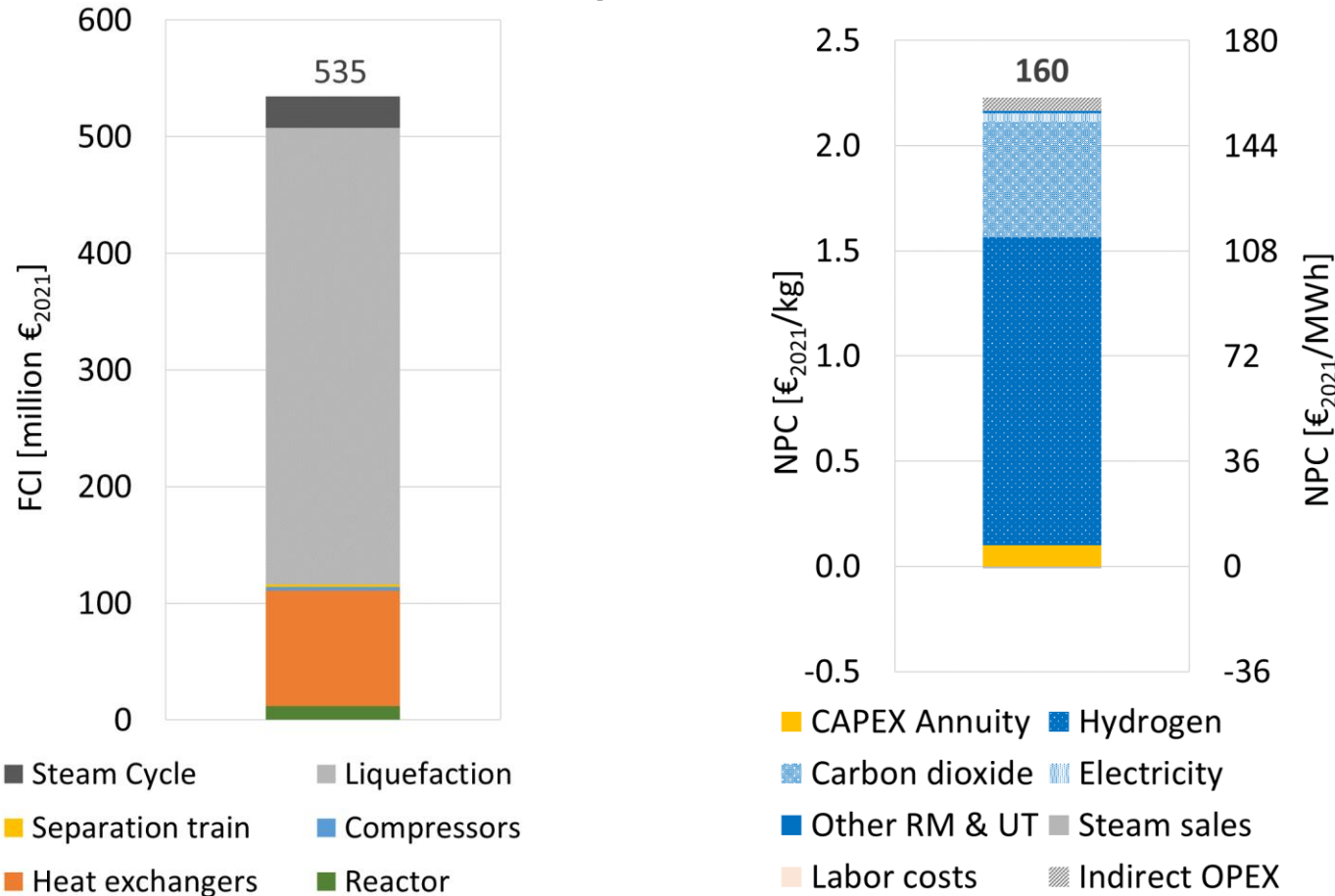
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# Large Scale RE transport [1]

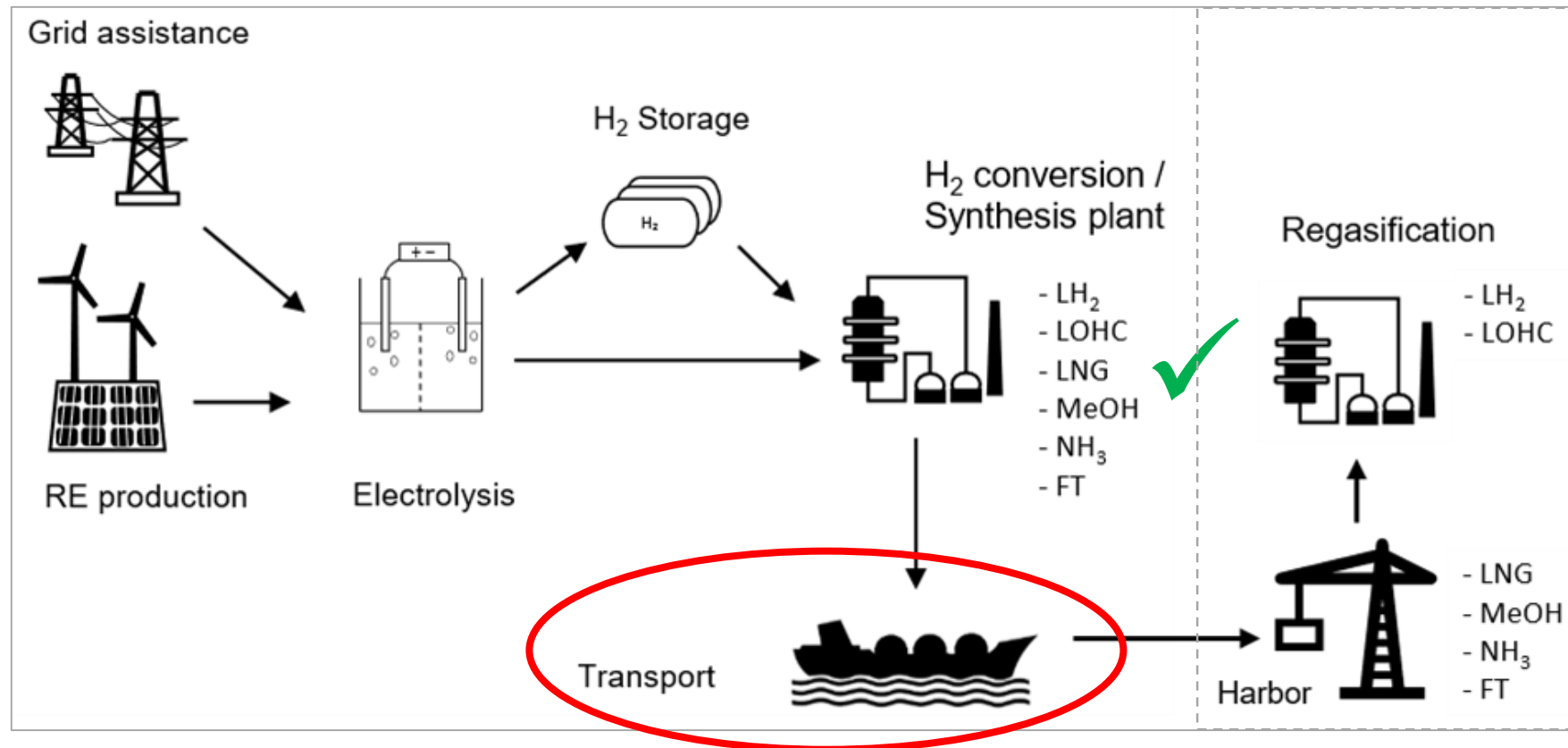
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- Example: Tsau Khaeb National Park, Namibia
- Destination: WHV, Germany



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# Large Scale RE transport

## See transport options

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- See transport options – different scale, fuel consumption, TRL, ...



- 160 Tm<sup>3</sup> LH<sub>2</sub> by mid-2020, commercial in early '30s [1]
- 160 Tm<sup>3</sup> LH<sub>2</sub> = 0.4 TWh<sub>LHV</sub> = 2.9 ktoe
- 265 Tm<sup>3</sup> commercial Q-Max LNG carrier fleet [2]
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- Up to 500 Tm<sup>3</sup> commercial Ultra Large Crude Carrier fleet [3]
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[1] Kawasaki Obtains AIP for Large, 160 Tm<sup>3</sup> Liquid Hydrogen Carrier. [https://global.kawasaki.com/en/corp/newsroom/news/detail/?f=20220422\\_3378](https://global.kawasaki.com/en/corp/newsroom/news/detail/?f=20220422_3378)

[2] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Q-Max>

[3] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TI-class\\_supertanker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TI-class_supertanker)



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Technical performance given in efficiencies

- Hydrogen efficiency
- Energetic efficiency
- Carbon efficiency

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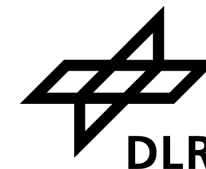
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Net production costs are **not sales prices!!!**

- Comparison with fossil commodity prices show **factors** of price increase

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Regasification cost	€ <sub>2021</sub> MWh <sub>LHV,F</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	9.0	26.7***	5.4	-	-	-
Specific FCI	€ <sub>2021</sub> kW <sub>LHV,F</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	1,365	874*	656	475	347	799
OPEX	M€ <sub>2021</sub> a <sup>-1</sup>	1,035	230*	1,059	1,084	786	1,123

Transport and regasification efforts are not neglectable

- Transport safety and reliability
- Harbor capacity
- Regulation
- ...

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## Summary

- Large-scale transport of renewable hydrogen and derivatives is one pillar of Germany's and Europe's energy strategy
- Standardized techno-economic assessment helps to identify business cases, to quantify project and roadmap validity
- Renewable energy generation abroad has to be balanced against transformation and transport cost to become valuable for domestic energy transition → Minimize CO<sub>2</sub> abatement cost at home!

**Transparent, standardized DLR assessment methodology can support**

**→ PtX technology selection and improvement,  
sweet spot and feedstock search, regulation adjustment, ... !**



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