

# **ETN hydrogen techno-economic study adapted to new market conditions**

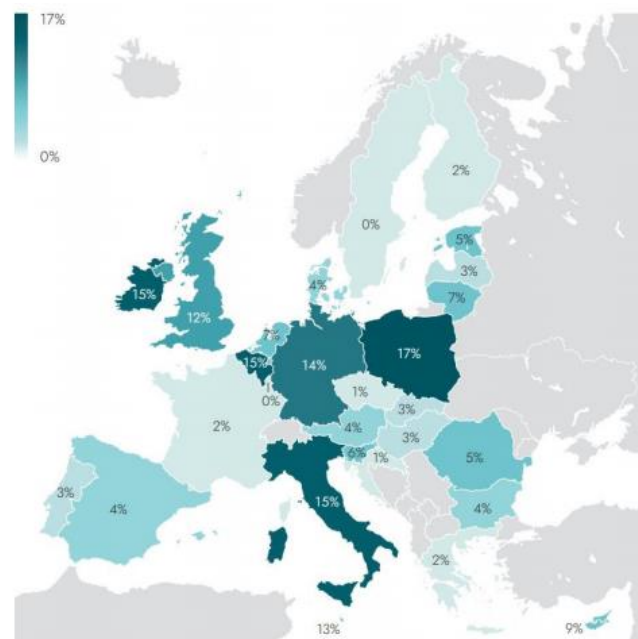
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# Why hydrogen?

According to IEA Net Zero by 2050 report:

- **17%** of global H<sub>2</sub> will be used for power generation
- Requiring **~90 Mt H<sub>2</sub>/year**
  - Equivalent to today's global annual H<sub>2</sub> production!
  - H<sub>2</sub> needs to be **low-carbon** or **zero-carbon**

→ Aim of the study: Identify the market conditions under which H<sub>2</sub> firing in a GT could become viable.

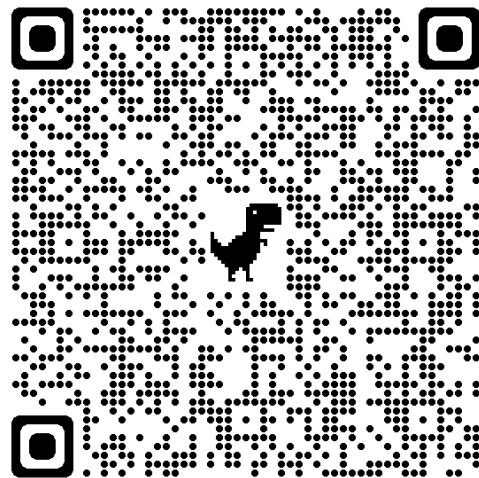


*Fraction of total electricity generation attributed to H<sub>2</sub> generation in 2050 (from [European Hydrogen Backbone](#))*

# Background

- ETN Young Engineers Committee recently published our first main report:  
**“Hydrogen Deployment in Centralised Power Generation – A techno-economic case study”**
- Significant market changes during 18 month study (October 2020 – April 2022) – sensitivity analysis included in report.
- Further changes to energy markets since April 2022.

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# Reference case studies

- Open cycle, combined cycle, and combined heat and power GTs
- Cycle output from 20 MW to 650 MW
- Hydrogen blends in natural gas from 0 to 100% (by volume)
- Hydrogen price from €0.50/kg to €4.00/kg
- Carbon price from €50/ton to €325/ton

## Reference case:

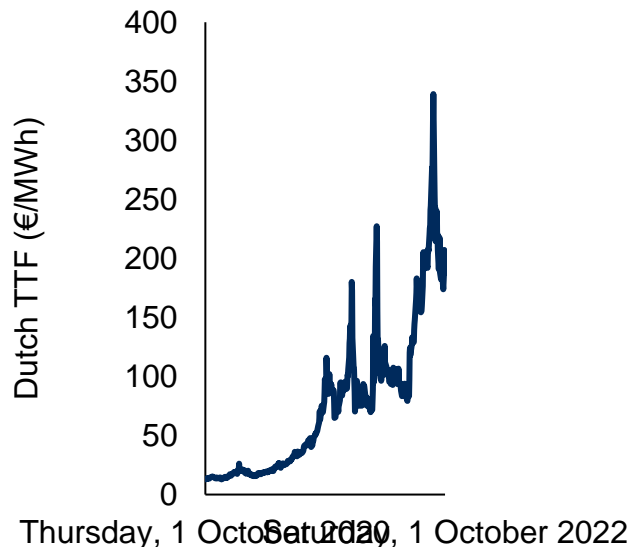
**Hydrogen: €1.50/kg**

**Natural gas: 20€/MWh**

**CO<sub>2</sub> price: 50 €/ton**

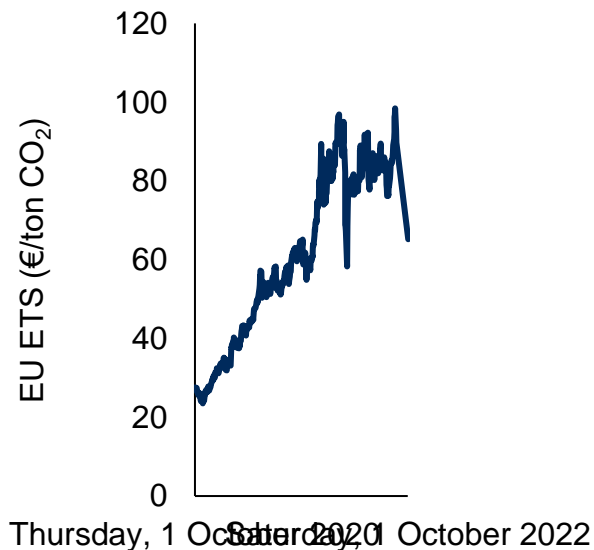
# What changed?

## ■ Natural Gas (Dutch TTF)



**€13/MWh → €190/MWh**

## ■ Carbon (EU ETS)

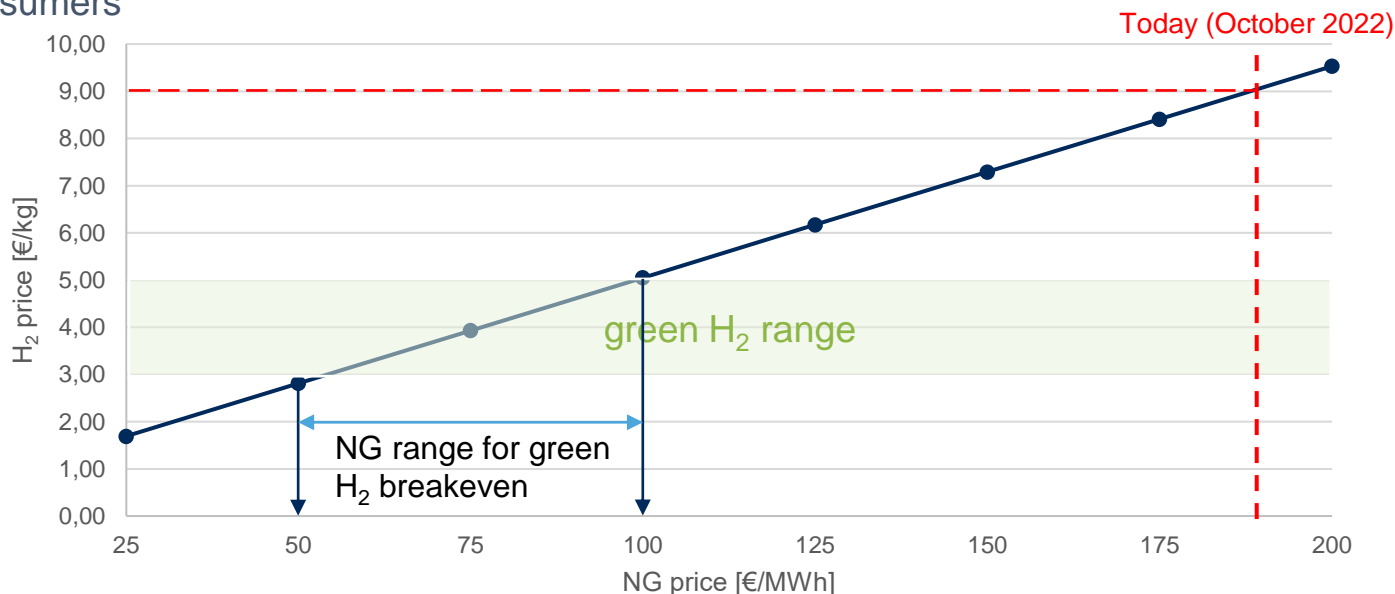


**€27/ton → €65/ton**

# Impact of natural gas price on H<sub>2</sub> price

For NG price above 100 €/MWh → **blue** H<sub>2</sub> price reaches > 5€/kg and **green** H<sub>2</sub> could become **competitive with blue**

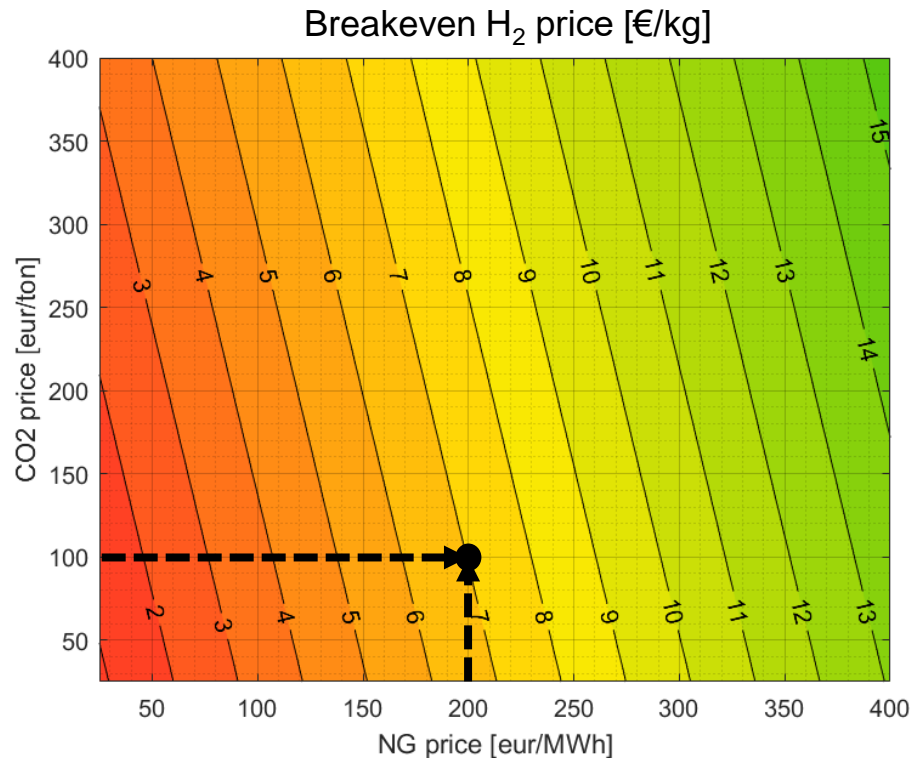
However, with these fuel cost overall generation price will increase, meaning an additional burden for consumers



\*assuming FTR technology operating for 8760 h @ 75% constant conversion efficiency (LHV basis) with a CCR of 80%

# Case study update – Large CCGT

- 650 MW output
- 64% efficiency
- Example:
  - Natural gas = 200 €/MWh
  - CO<sub>2</sub> = 100 €/ton
  - H<sub>2</sub> < 7 €/kg to justify use in large CCGT (i.e., lower LCOE than 100% natural gas)



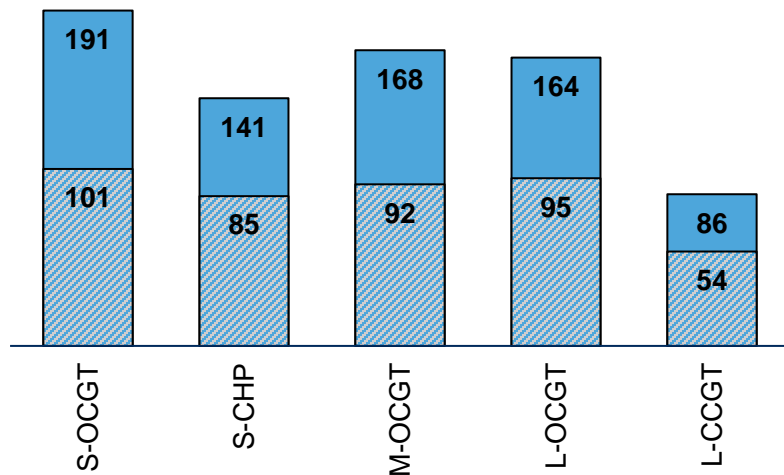
# Case study update for 100% Hydrogen GTs

## Reference Scenario

Hydrogen cost	1.5 €/kg
Natural gas cost	20 €/MWh
CO <sub>2</sub> price	50 €/ton

LCOE [€/MWh]

100% H2 CASE 100% NG CASE

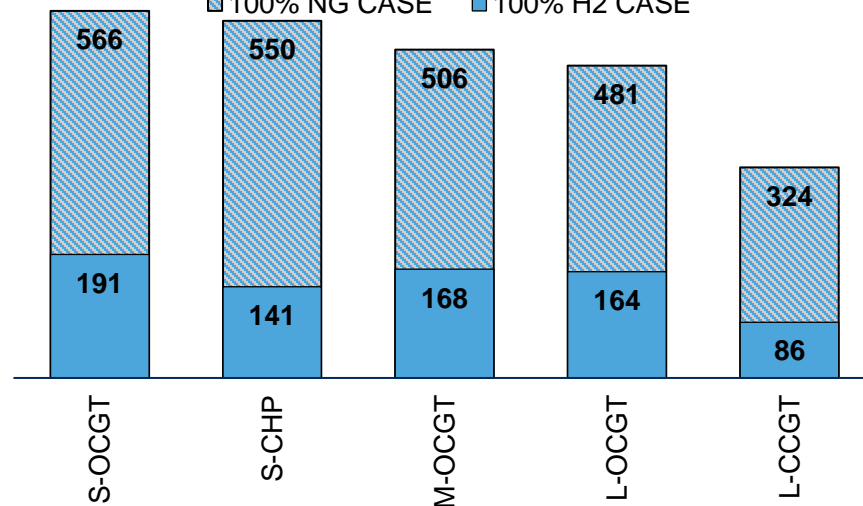


## Updated scenario

Hydrogen cost	1.5 €/kg
Natural gas cost	190 €/MWh
CO <sub>2</sub> price	65 €/ton

LCOE [€/MWh]

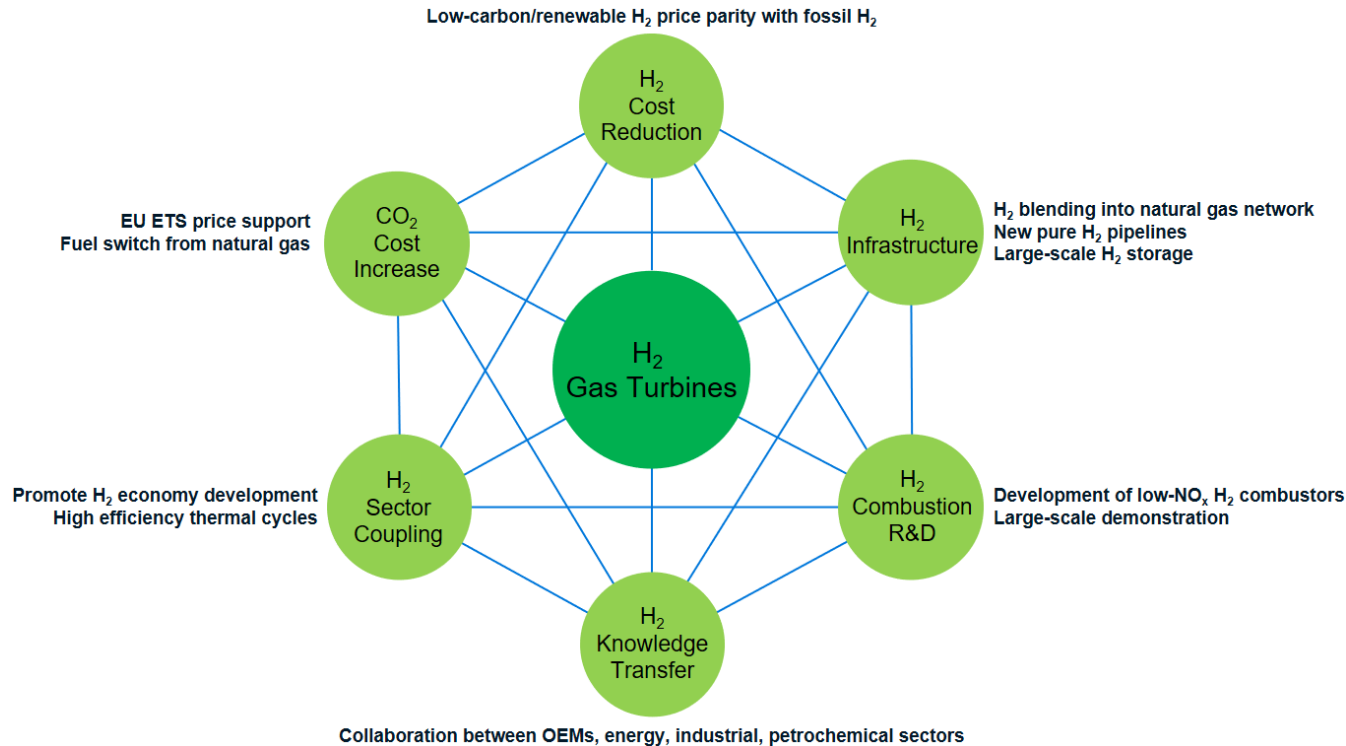
100% NG CASE 100% H2 CASE



**LCOE: Levelised Cost of Electricity**



# Hydrogen GT roadmap still applies!

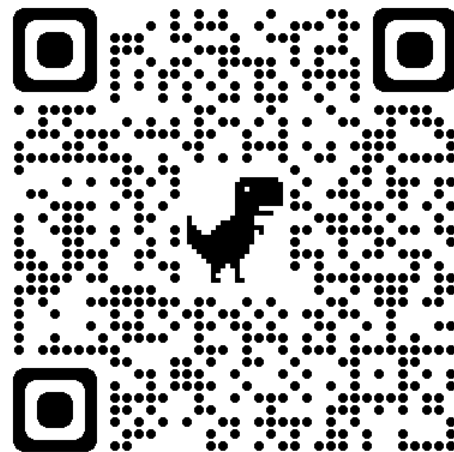


# Want to learn more?

- Attend our virtual panel session and Q&A, hosted by the Young Engineers Committee report authors
- 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 12:00 – 13:00 CEST
- Official side event of European Hydrogen Week 2022!



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# Respond to changing market conditions

- The YEC (led by Antonio Escamilla) released an Android app for calculating LCOE and LCOH

**Cost of Energy**

Electricity Hydrogen ⓘ

Capacity [MW]:  
200

Operating Hours [h]:  
2000

CapEx [€/kW]:  
600

Fix OpEx [€/kW]:  
30

Var. OpEx [€/kWh]:  
0.003

Fuel: Natural Gas ▲

Fuel Cost [€/MWh]:  
80

CO2 Tax [€/t]:  
80

CO2 Abatement = 0 %

calculate LCOE

- €/MWh

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CO2 Abatement = 0 %

Electric Eff. = 40 %

Project Lifetime = 30 years

Discount Rate = 5 %

calculate LCOE

- €/MWh

**Cost of Energy**

Electricity Hydrogen ⓘ

Electrolyser Capacity [kW]:  
1000

Operating Hours [h]:  
8585

Stack Lifetime [h]:  
60000

Total CapEx [€/kW]:  
720

Stack CapEx [€/kW]:  
240

Fix OpEx [% of CapEx]:  
1.5

Electricity Cost [€/MWh]:  
30

Process Water Cost [€/kg H2]:  
0.021

Electric Eff. = 40 %

calculate LCOH

- €/kg H2

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# And finally...

- “Thank you!” to study co-authors and supporters:
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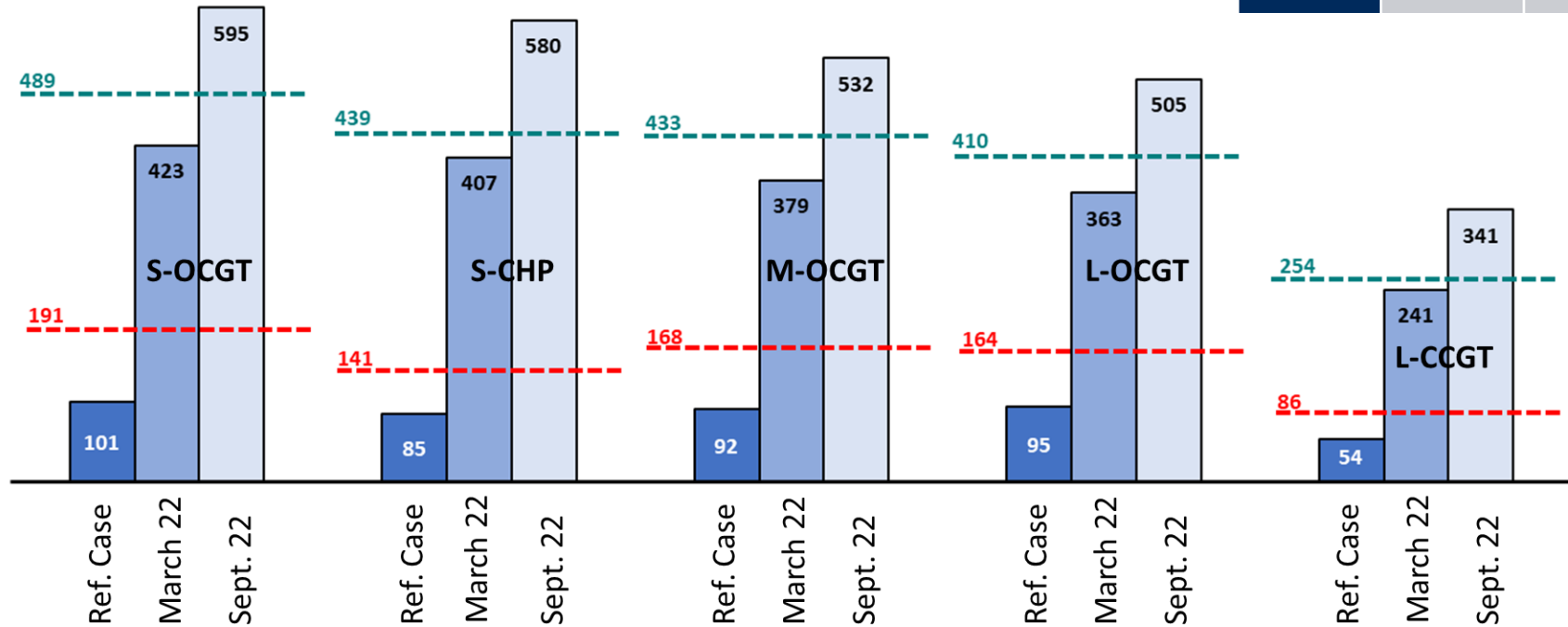
## Questions?

# LCOE of 100% Hydrogen GTs vs 100%NG GTs

----- LCOE 100%H2 @3€/kgH2

----- LCOE 100%H2 @1.5€/kgH2

	Natural gas cost	CO <sub>2</sub> price
Ref. Case	20€/MWh	50€/ton
March 22	135€/MWh	75€/ton
Sept. 22	200€/MWh	70€/ton



# Case study update – Small OCGT

- 20 MW output
- 36.5% efficiency
- Increase in natural gas and carbon price reduces the hydrogen cost (diagonal) required to achieve LCOE parity with unabated natural gas.
- For example:
  - NG = 200 €/MWh
  - CO<sub>2</sub> = 100 €/ton
  - H<sub>2</sub> < 7 €/kg to justify use

