

Hydrogen Deployment in Centralised Power Generation

A techno-economic case study

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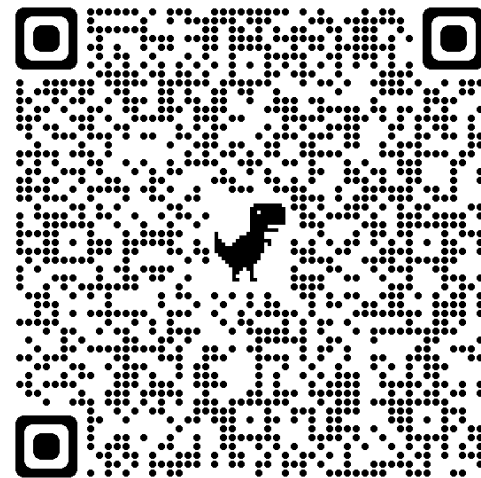
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**“Hydrogen Deployment in Centralised Power
Generation – A techno-economic case study”**

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Agenda

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5. Carbon Tax
6. Natural Gas and Hydrogen Price
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Workshop Panel



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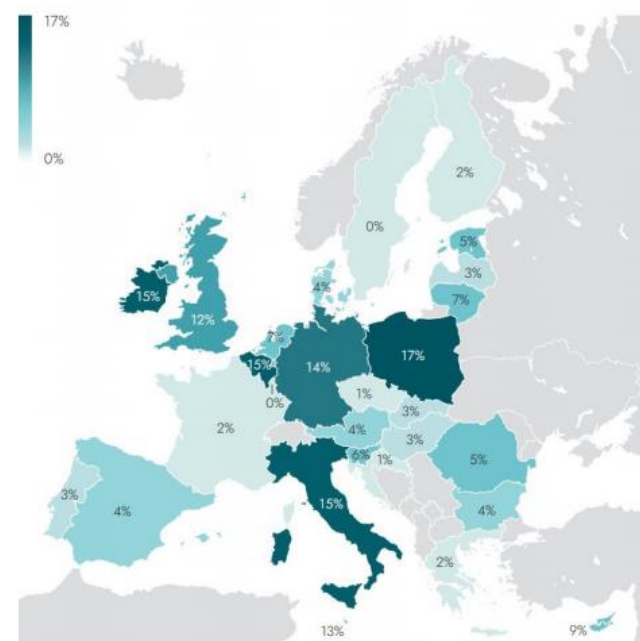
Why hydrogen (H₂)?

According to IEA Net Zero by 2050 report:

- **17%** of global H₂ will be used for power generation
- Requiring **~90 Mt H₂/year**
 - **Equivalent to today's global annual H₂ production!**
 - H₂ needs to be **low-carbon** or **zero-carbon**

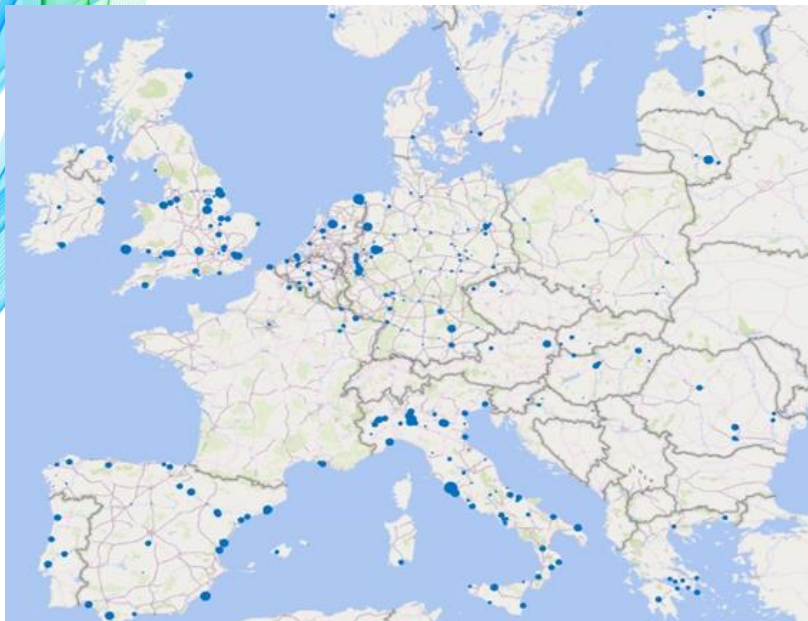
→ Study aim:

Identify the *economic* and *political* conditions under which H₂ firing in a GT could become viable.



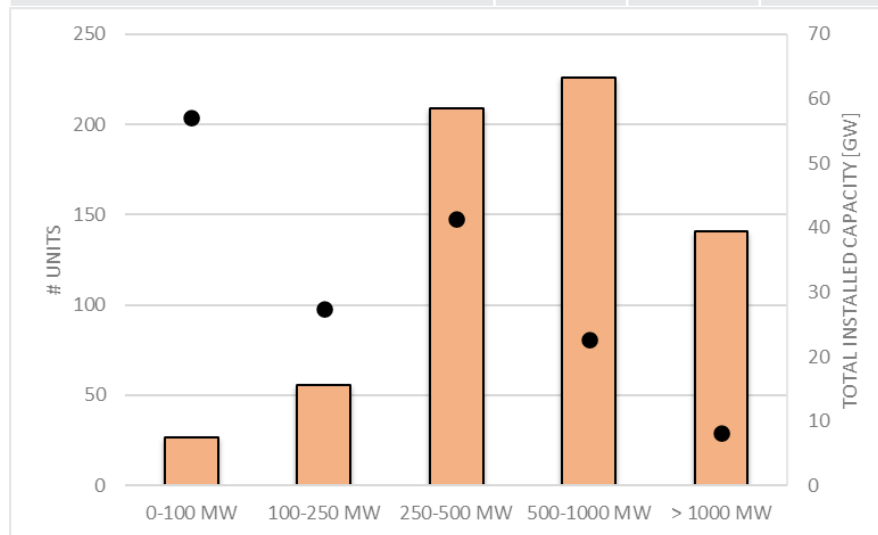
Fraction of total electricity generation attributed to H₂ generation in 2050
(from [European Hydrogen Backbone](#))

Where do we start?



Map of European Natural Gas GT Plants
(from [Global Power Plant Database](#))

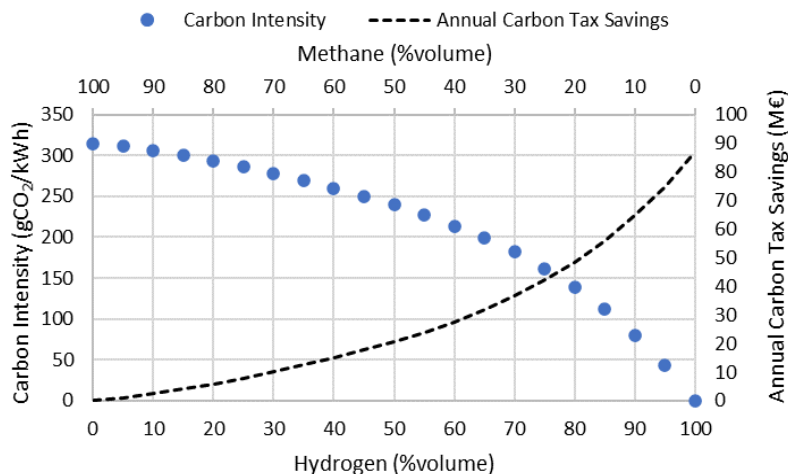
	World	EU27+UK	US
NG-based capacity:	1473 GW _e	173 GW _e	526 GW _e
NG-based share of total capacity:	26.4%	24.5%	44.0%



EU Natural Gas GT Units and Capacity by Size
Units = ●

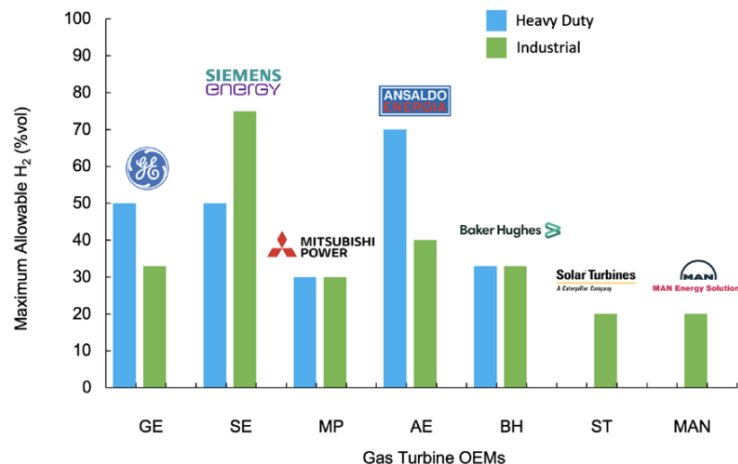
H₂ blending in GT

- Hydrogen blending into natural gas in a high-efficiency CCGT will reduce the carbon intensity of the operations, resulting in an annual carbon cost savings*
- Multiple OEMs have committed 100% H₂-capable DLN gas turbines commercially available by 2030



Carbon intensity (left) and annual carbon tax savings (right) with hydrogen blending (using GE Hydrogen Calculator)*

*GE 9HA.02 operating for 6000 hours and a carbon price of €50/tCO₂



Current DLN H₂ capability in a blend with natural gas

DLN: Dry Low NO_x

Techno-Economic Study

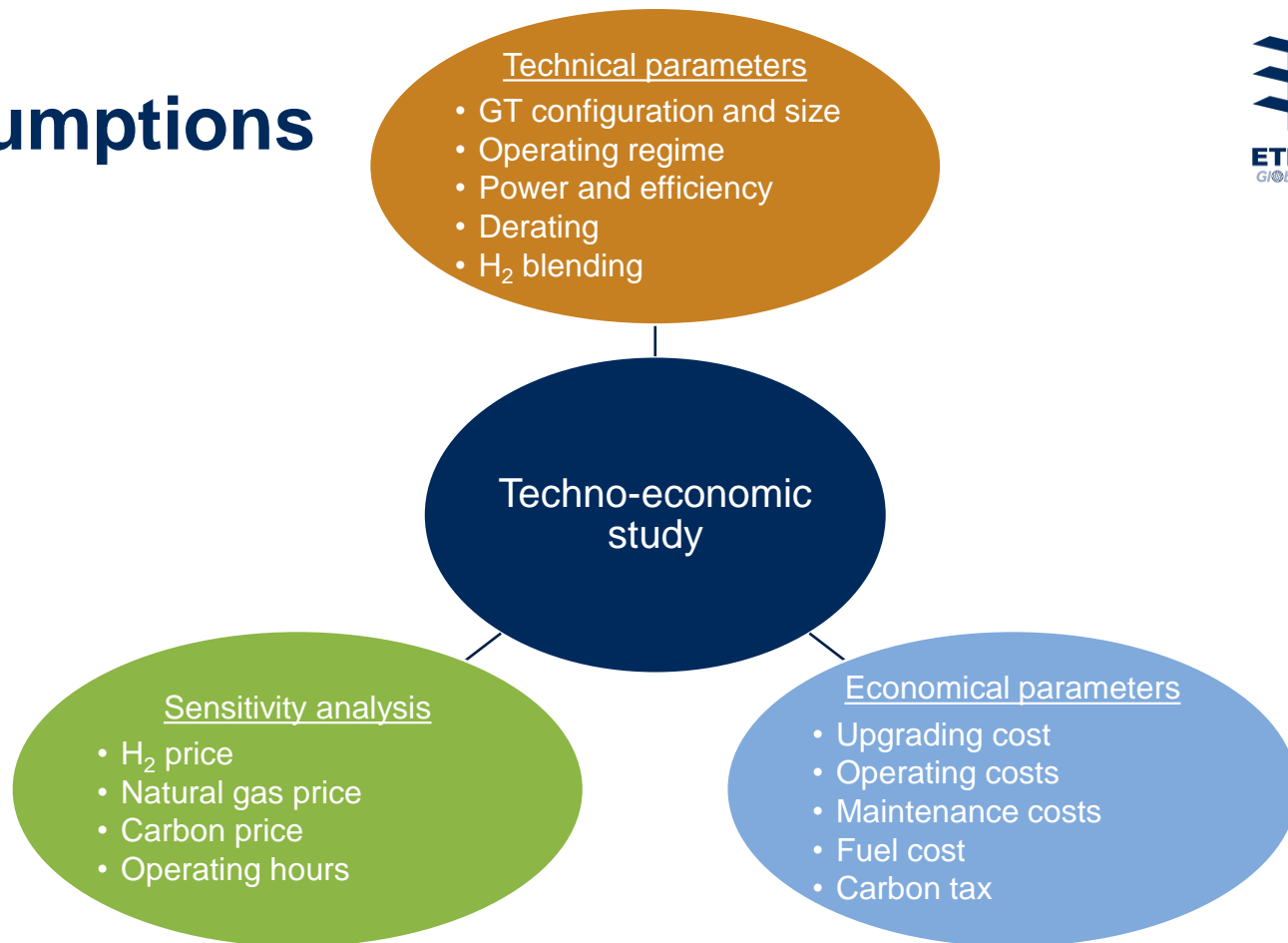
Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE)

$$\text{LCOE} = \frac{\text{Sum of costs over lifetime}}{\text{Sum of electrical energy produced over lifetime}}$$

LCOE has been used to compare costs of electricity production in centralized power generation plant by increasing %vol of H₂ content in GT fuel blend

Blend NG-H ₂ (vol%)					
Natural Gas	100%	70%	50%	30%	0%
Hydrogen	0%	30%	50%	70%	100%

Study Assumptions



Case Studies

To analyze the impact of hydrogen in centralized power generation, Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) has been calculated for the retrofit/upgrade of **5 case studies** of thermal power plants

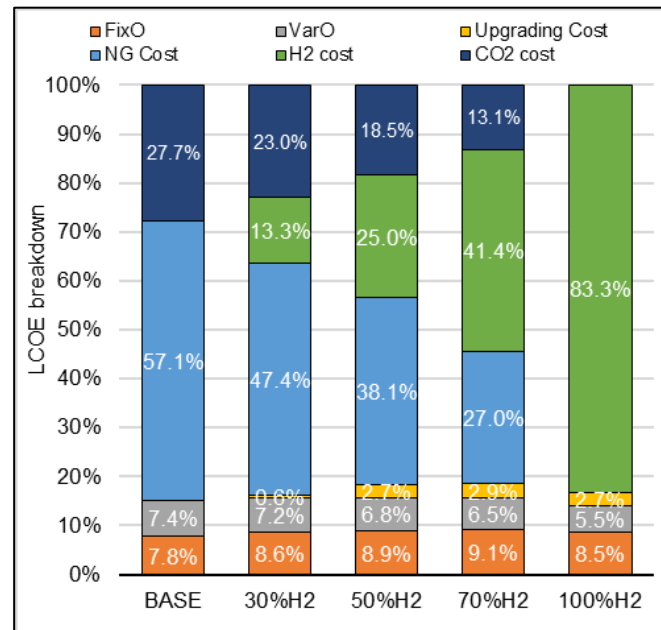
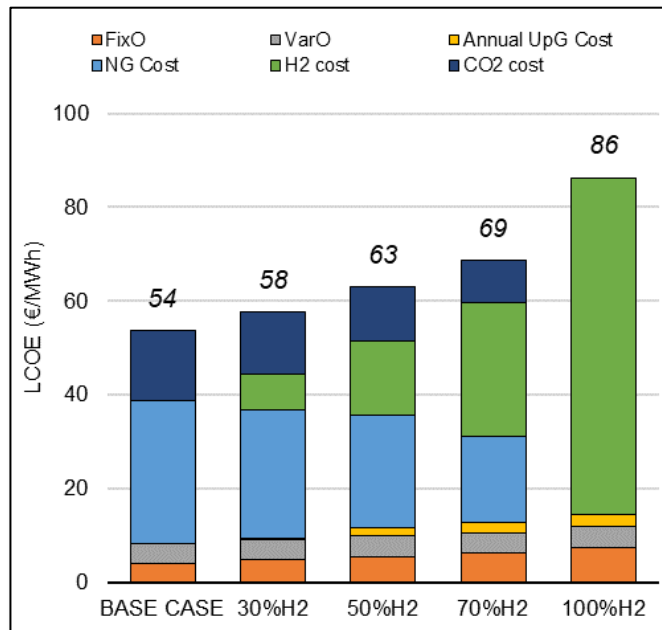
	GT Type	GT Output (MW _e) @ISO	Configuration	Annual equivalent operating hours	Annual start and stop cycles	Designation
1	Small	20	OCGT	800	150	S-OCGT
2	Small	20	CHP	6000	10	S-CHP
3	Medium	60	OCGT	800	150	M-OCGT
4	Large	450	OCGT	800	150	L-OCGT
5	Large	450*	CCGT	6000	10	L-CCGT

*CCGT output = 650 MW_e

CHP: Combined Heat and Power
OCGT: Open Cycle Gas Turbine
CCGT: Combined Cycle Gas Turbine

Levelised Cost of Electricity

LCOE of Large CCGT case



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

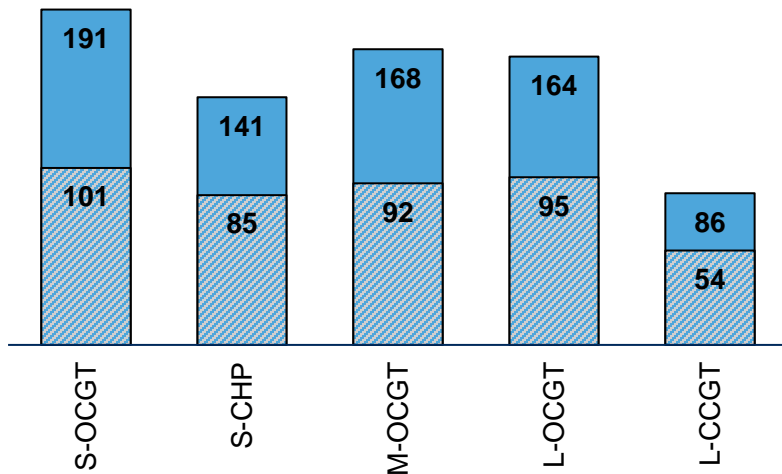
Case study update for 100% Hydrogen GTs

Reference Scenario

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

LCOE [€/MWh]

100% H2 CASE 100% NG CASE

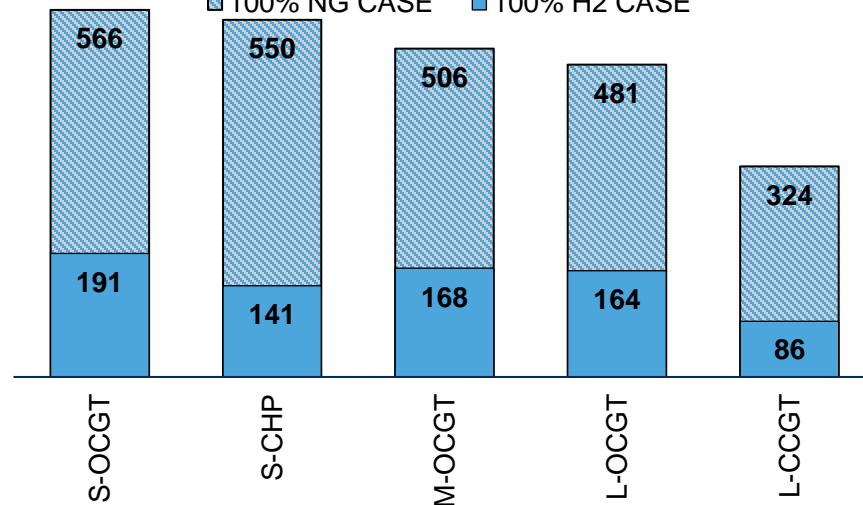


1st October scenario

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

LCOE [€/MWh]

100% NG CASE 100% H2 CASE



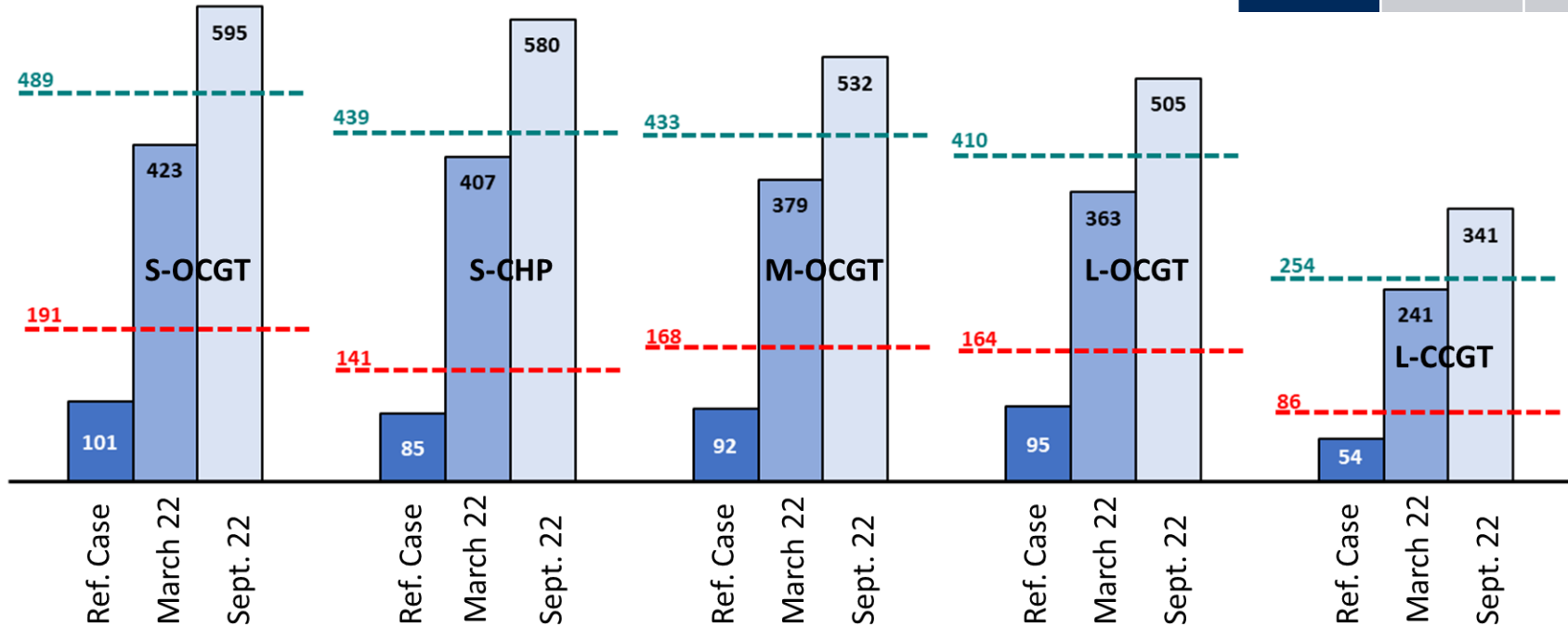
LCOE: Levelised Cost of Electricity

LCOE of 100%H2 GTs vs 100%NG GTs

----- LCOE 100%H2 @3€/kgH2

----- LCOE 100%H2 @1.5€/kgH2

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



Carbon Tax

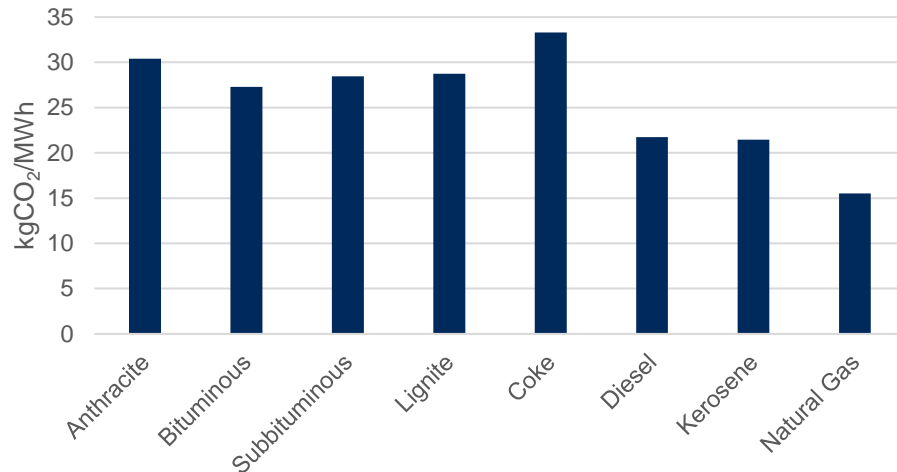
Carbon tax

“A carbon tax is a fee imposed on the burning of carbon-based fuels”.

- European Union: 20 €/ton_{CO2} – May 2020
80 €/ton_{CO2} – 28/10/2022
- United States: not implemented
- China: not implemented

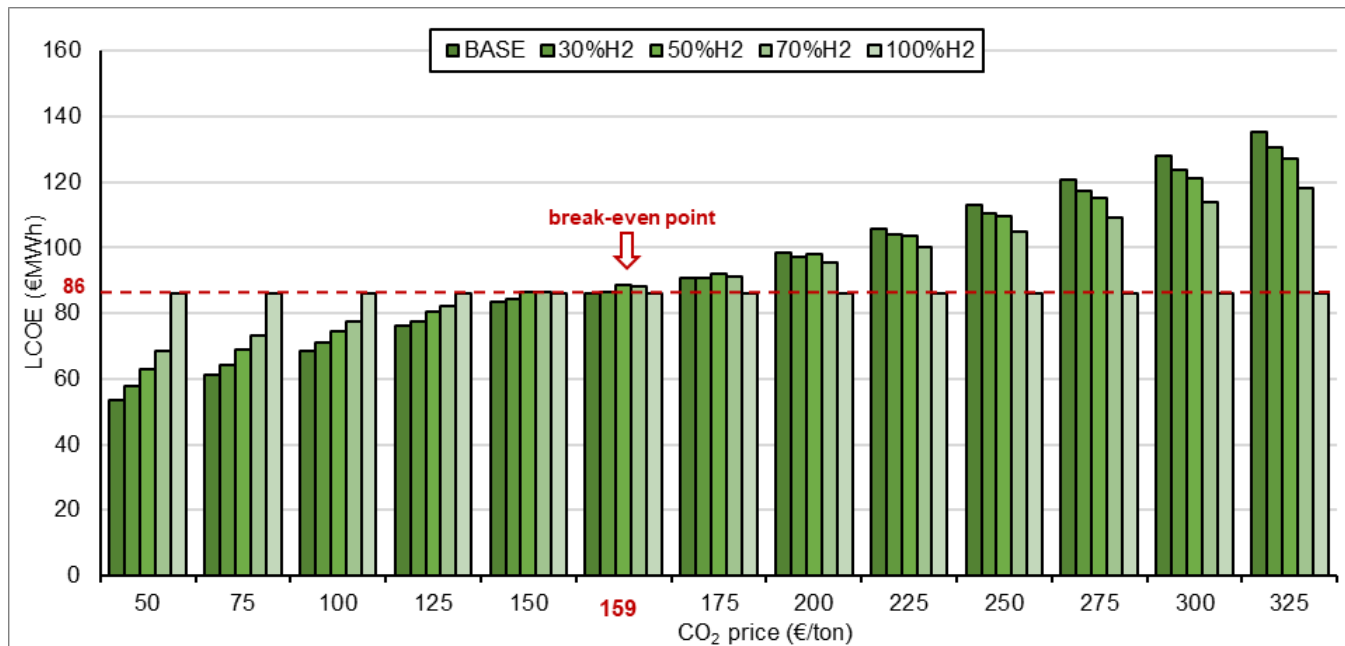
- Shifting to NG implies a huge reduction in CO₂ emissions
- Competing against NG is more challenging for H₂

Specific CO₂ emissions per fuel



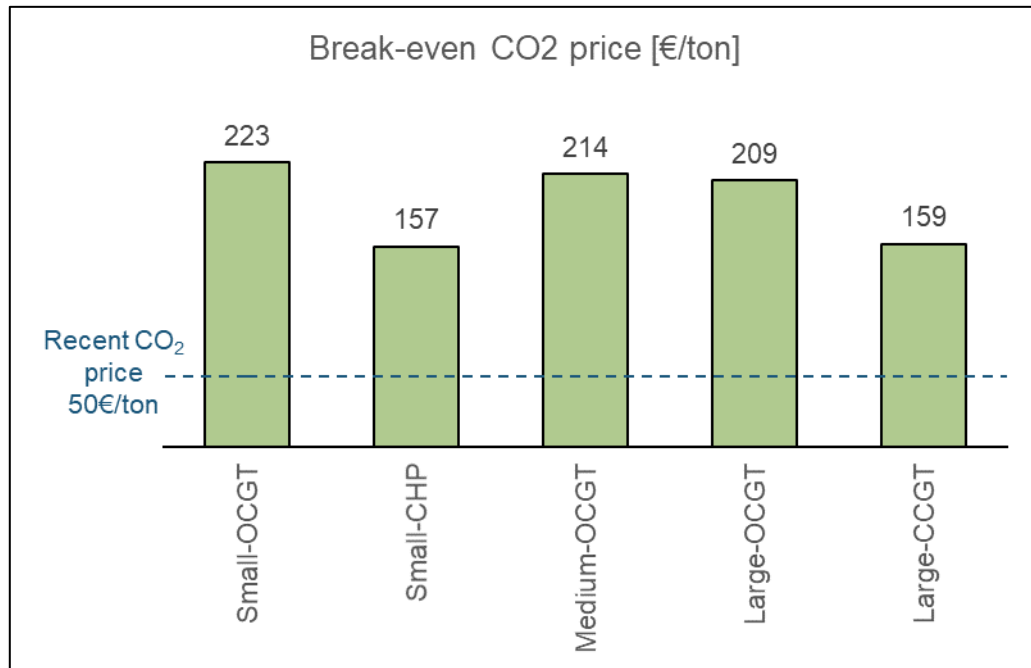
LCOE Break-Even for Large CCGT case

Break-even: NG LCOE = 100% H₂ LCOE



Hydrogen cost	Natural gas cost	CO ₂ price
1.5€/kg	20€/MWh	Variable (X-axis)

LCOE Break-even for all 5 case studies



- Break-even carbon tax value higher than current by ~2x
- More efficient plants have lower break-even
 - Small-CHP does not account for the value of the heat production
- **Increased natural gas price or reduced hydrogen price will improve break-even point.**

Hydrogen cost	Natural gas cost	CO ₂ price
1.5€/kg	20€/MWh	As shown

Natural Gas and Hydrogen Prices

What changed?

■ Natural Gas Price (Dutch TTF)



€13/MWh → €190/MWh

Today NG is **near 100 €/MWh!**

Grey and blue H₂ price is strongly affected by NG price

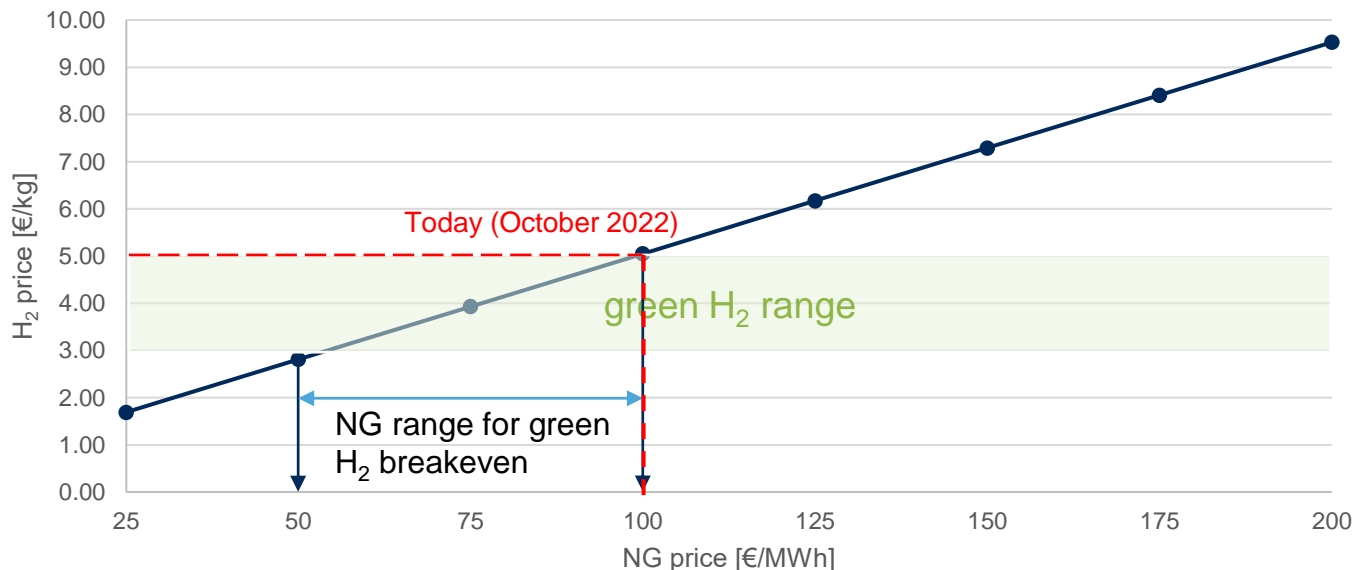
Most of the hydrogen today is produced from natural gas via the reaction of steam methane reforming



Impact of natural gas price on H₂ price

For NG price above 100 €/MWh → **blue H₂** price reaches > 5€/kg

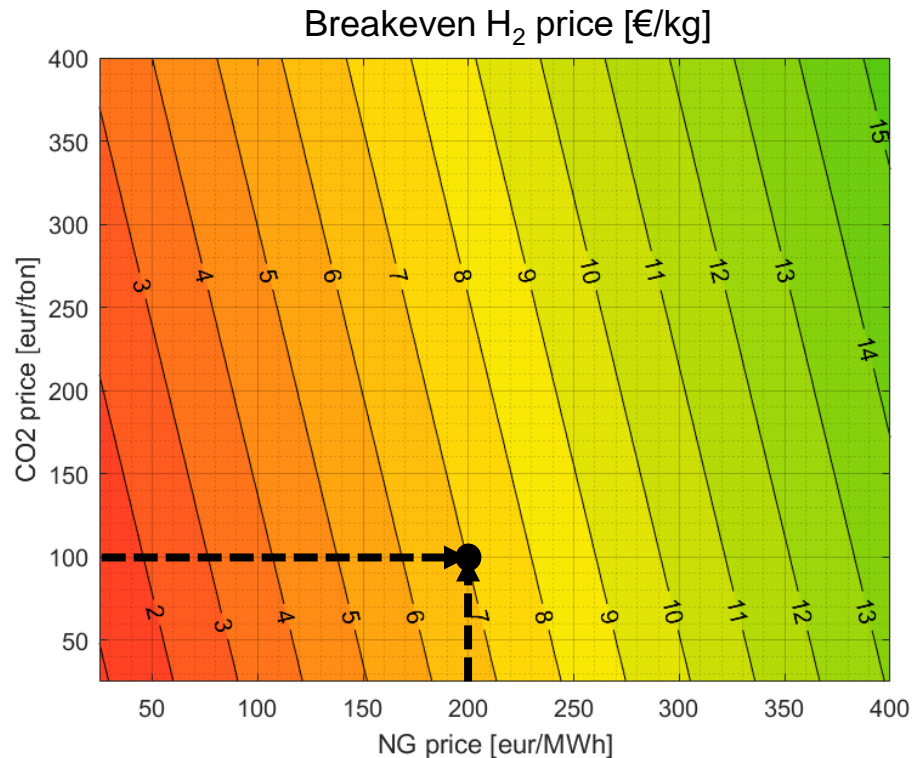
→ **green H₂** could become **competitive with blue**



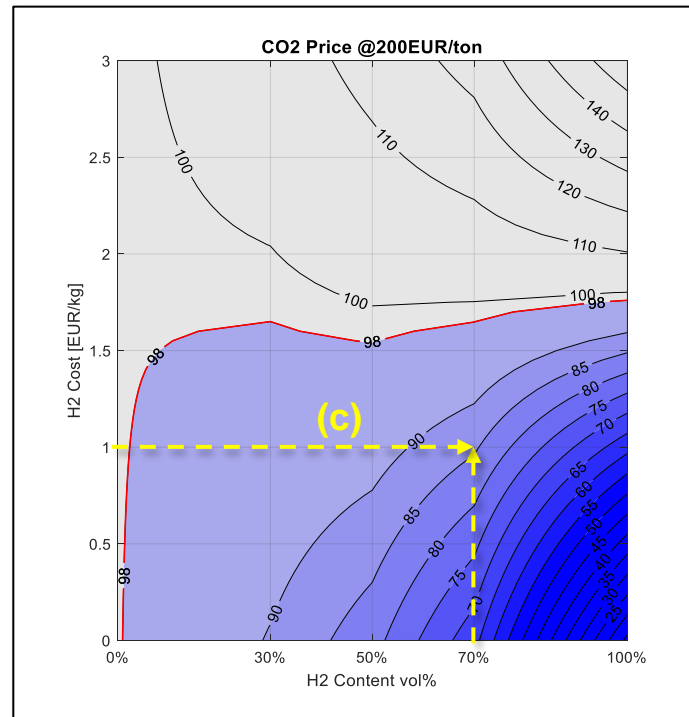
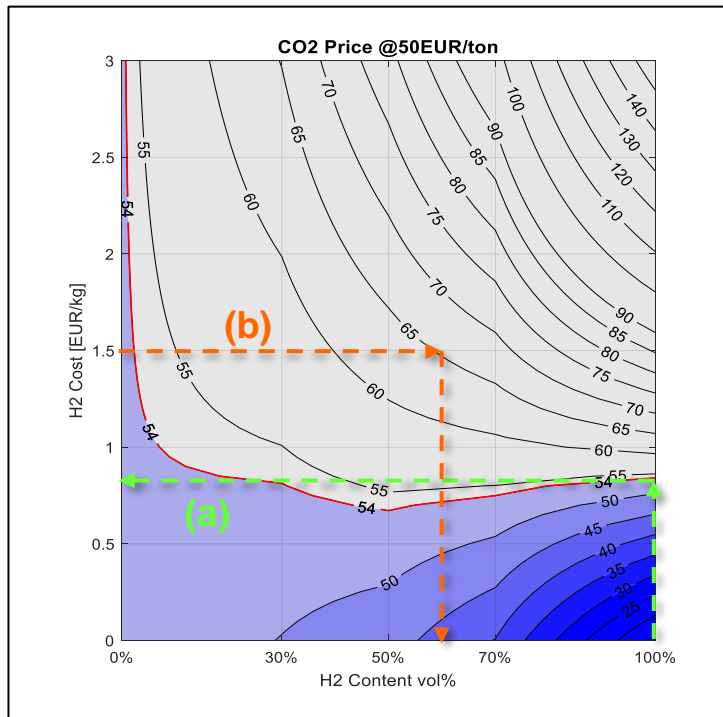
*assuming FTR technology operating for 8760 h @ 75% constant conversion efficiency (LHV basis) with a CCR of 80%

Case study update – Large CCGT

- 650 MW_e output
- 64% efficiency
- Example:
 - Natural gas = 200 €/MWh
 - CO₂ = 100 €/ton
 - H₂ < 7 €/kg to justify use in large CCGT (i.e., lower LCOE than 100% natural gas)



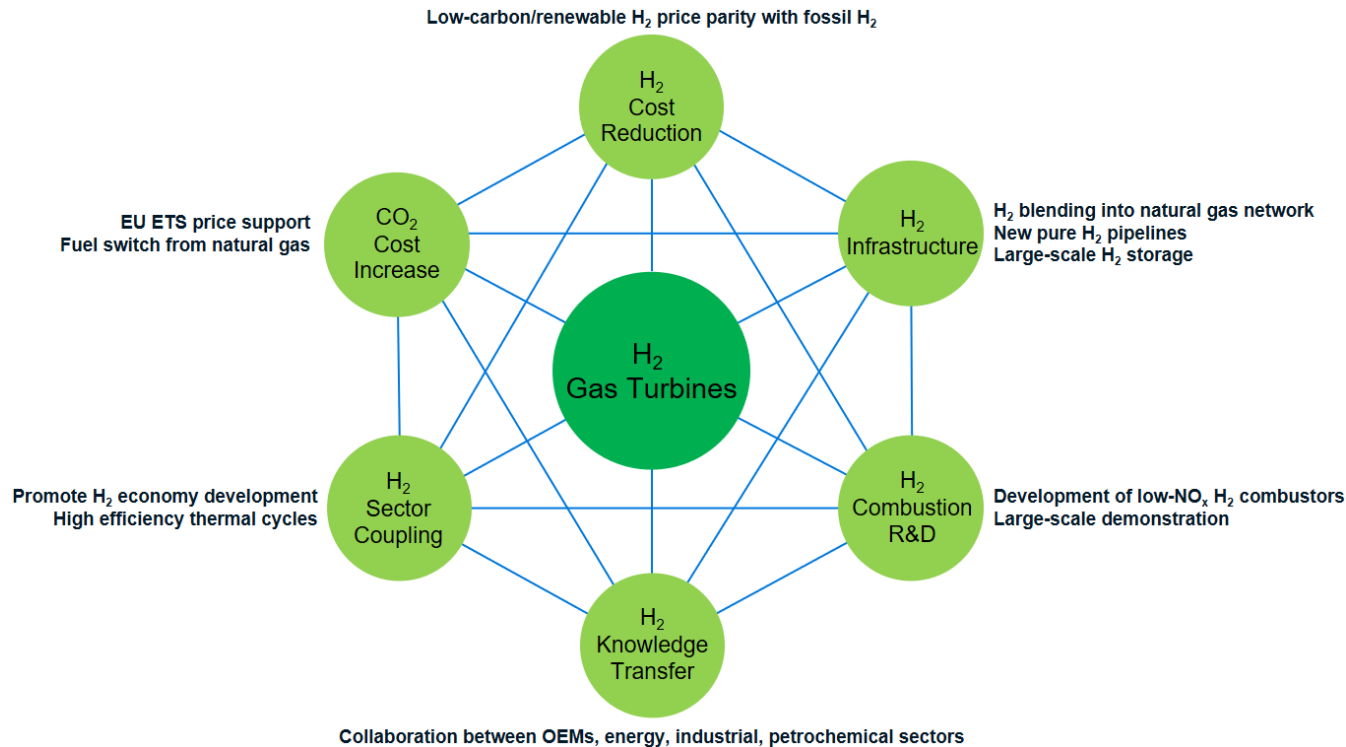
The impact of H₂ blending and price



Large CCGT Case

Natural gas cost 20 €/MWh

Hydrogen GT Roadmap

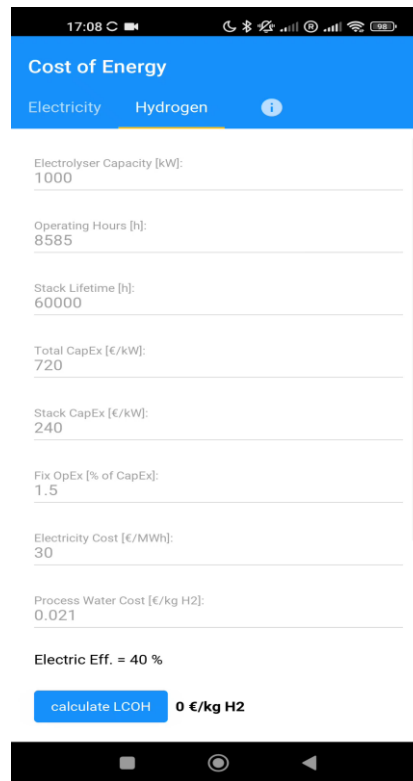


Respond to changing market conditions

- An Android app for calculating LCOE and LCOH



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The screenshot shows the 'Cost of Energy' app interface on a mobile device. The status bar at the top displays the time 17:08 and various system icons. The app has a blue header with the title 'Cost of Energy' and two tabs: 'Electricity' and 'Hydrogen', with 'Hydrogen' currently selected. Below the header, there are several input fields with labels and values: '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', and 'Process Water Cost [€/kg H2]: 0.021'. At the bottom, it shows 'Electric Eff. = 40 %' and a blue button labeled 'calculate LCOH' followed by the result '0 €/kg H2'. The Android navigation bar is visible at the very bottom.

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Electric Eff.	40 %
Calculated LCOH	0 €/kg H2

ETN Hydrogen Working Group

Chair: Peter Kutne, DLR

Co-Chair: Geert Laagland, Vattenfall

Objectives:

Accelerating the development and use of hydrogen-based gas turbine technology by:

- Identifying potential barriers, and exploring:

Economic aspects &
business cases

Demonstration
projects

Operational issues/
effects on GT
components

Retrofit solutions for
high hydrogen-content
fuel

Safety aspects

Research needs

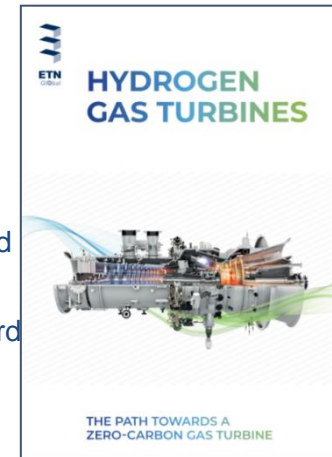
- Exploring cooperation opportunities to ensure safe, reliable and cost-efficient solutions for existing and

Activities:

- Taskforce “GT Enclosure standard for hydrogen fuel” with the objective to develop an ISO safety standard
- Techno-economic study (Young Engineers Committee) – accomplished & published
- Review paper “Addressing the combustion challenges of Hydrogen addition to Natural Gas” – finalised



The path towards a
Zero-Carbon Gas Turbine
Published in January 2020

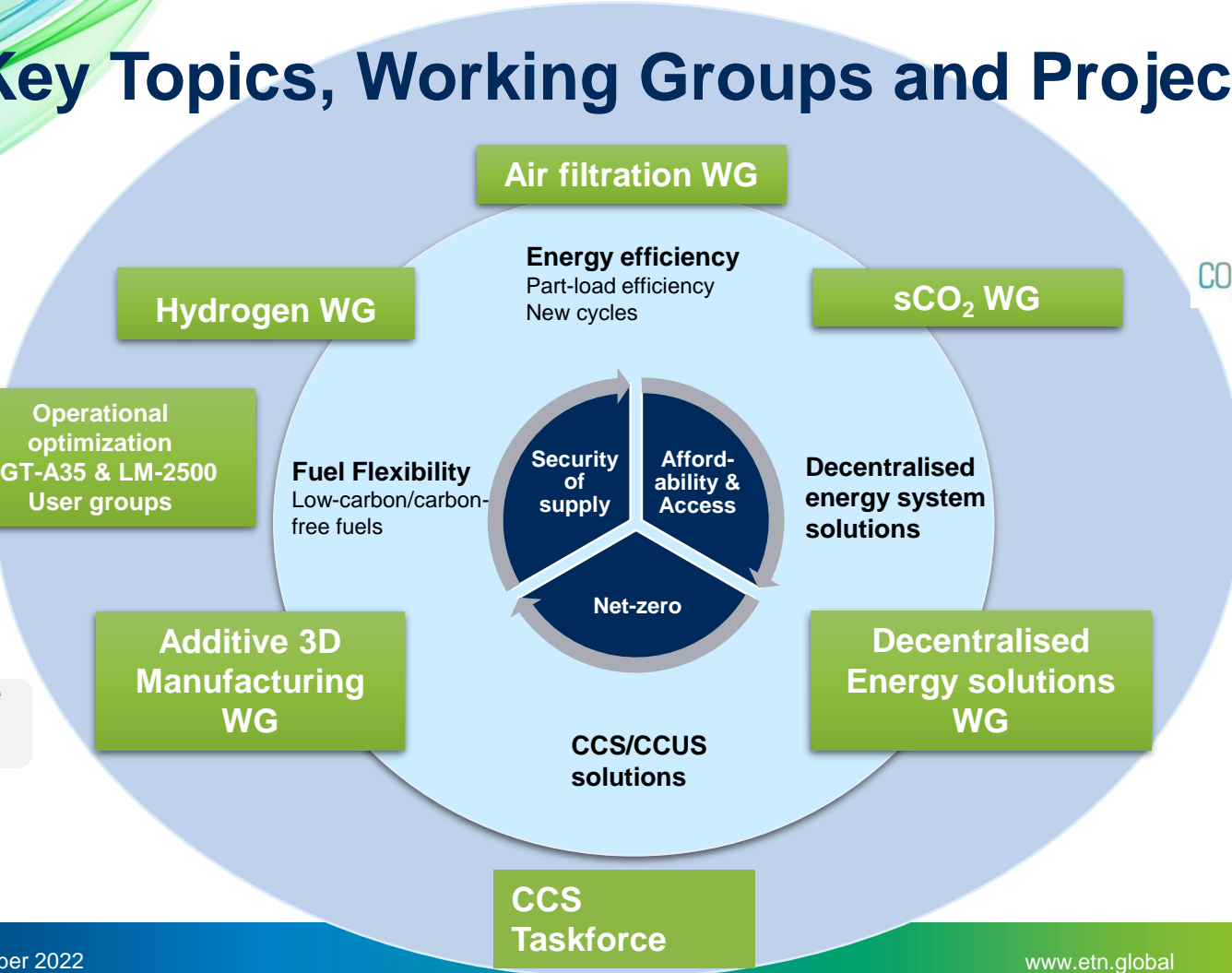


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ETN Key Topics, Working Groups and Projects



AM Machine
Evaluation
Project



Live Q&A



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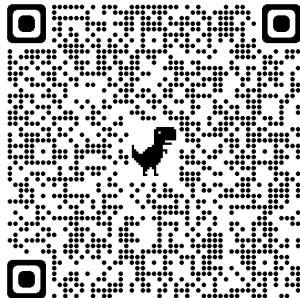
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Poll Question

Which GT configuration do you believe will be the early adopter of 100% DLN hydrogen firing?

1. Small open cycle gas turbine (< 50 MW)
2. Small combined heat and power gas turbine (< 50 MW)
3. Medium open cycle gas turbine (50 – 300 MW)
4. Large open cycle gas turbine (> 300 MW)
5. Large combined cycle (> 300 MW)
6. Other

Results

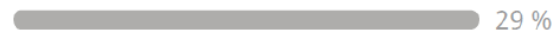
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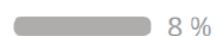
Large combined cycle (>300 MW)



Which GT configuration do you believe will be the early adopter of 100% DLN hydrogen firing? (2/2)

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Other



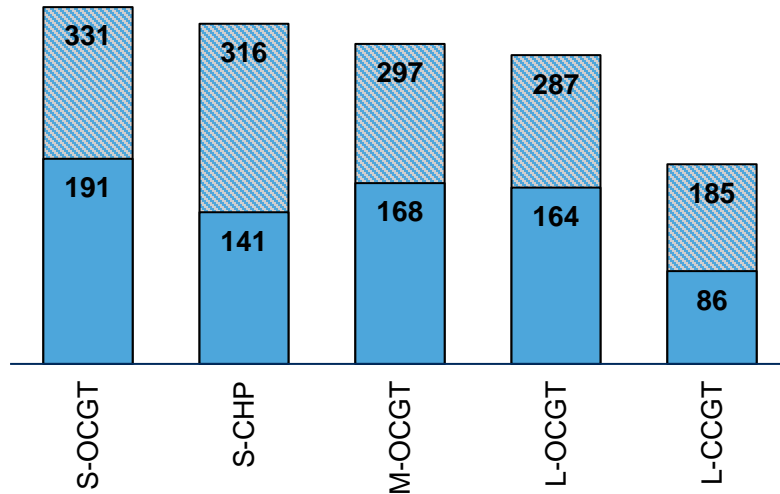
LCOE of 100% Hydrogen GTs

Today picture

Hydrogen cost	1.5 €/kg
Natural gas cost	100 €/MWh
CO ₂ price	80 €/ton

LCOE [€/MWh]

100% NG CASE 100% NG CASE

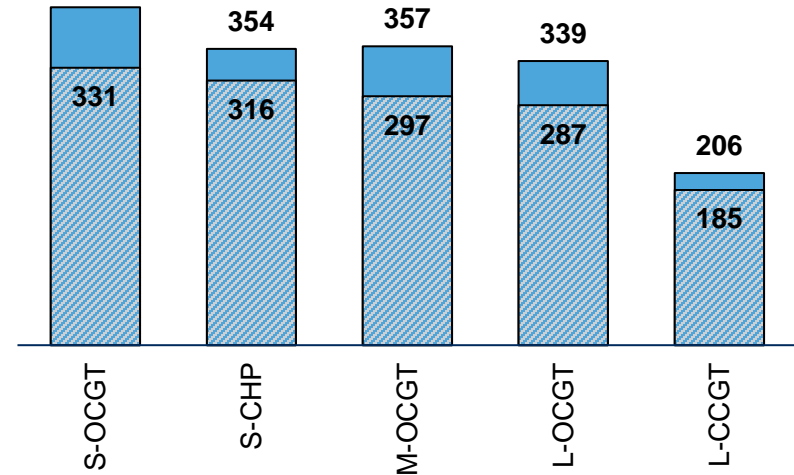


Today picture

Hydrogen cost	4 €/kg
Natural gas cost	100 €/MWh
CO ₂ price	80 €/ton

LCOE [€/MWh]

100% NG CASE 100% NG CASE



The impact of H₂ blending and price

Small OCGT Case – 20 MW

