



NPHyCo Final Project Conference WP2 Technical Roadmap

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Tasks of Technical Roadmap

- NPHyCo identified **needs** of Hydrogen Production (AEL, PEM and SOEC) and compared them with the **resources available** on existing NPP sites
- The **impacts of coupling** were analyzed with two aspects:
Safety Impacts (D2.2A) and
Impacts on Flexible Load operation (D2.2B) ← this is the focus of today's presentation
- Conditions in favor or against coupling were listed and described (D2.3 and D2.4) and **fed into the Economic Roadmap**
- The requirements and the economic result were used **to build a decision matrix** for the comparison of different site, scenarios, technologies ← Martin Kykal will report about this aspect



Outcome of Technical Roadmap

- Integration of hydrogen production is **generally feasible** even with existing NPPs.
- Related modifications and impacts are more or less laborious and costly depending on the level of integration but **can be rationalized**.
- Conditions in favor or against are **highly site-specific** and detailed analysis needs to be carried out case by case for any specific site in question.
- Site specific as well is the **local hydrogen market** and the potential offtakers. This defines the needs for **storage and/or transportation** which has significant impact on cost.



Implementation aspects, including the decision matrix, data requirements and illustrative scenario

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Decision matrix

- Based on inputs from WP2,3,4
- Criterias influence the price of hydrogen
- Influence of resources – 70%
- Influence of NPP modification and HPP configuration – 10%
- Influence of transportation and storage – 20%

| Total share of LCOH criteria | | Structures | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Resources | NB 0.7 | Resource from NPP | N el Electricity/ steam | N cw Cooling water | N dw Demi water | N oth Other |
| | | Reliability of NPP resource supply (coefficient to resource costs) | N5 Number of NPP units | | N6 Lifetime of NPP | |
| Modification/ Configuration | HB 0.1 | Costs of NPP modifications | NPP systems complexity modification | | Licensing of NPP - location | |
| | | Costs of additional equipment HPP | Cooling water | Demi water | | Other |
| Logis tic | LB 0.2 | Logistics costs | Intermediate storage | Transportation from storage to consumer | | |



Mapping of suitable locations

Second task has 2 parts - Collect the necessary information, and create and evaluate possible scenarios

Necessary basic information:

- Location
- Possibility of using resources - sufficient reserve
- Connection points of this resources
- Modification of NPP systems
- Impact of modification to safety
- Possible location to place the storage
- Potential consumer and their needs
- Way of transport to the consumer

In second part was created and evaluated 10 possible scenarios

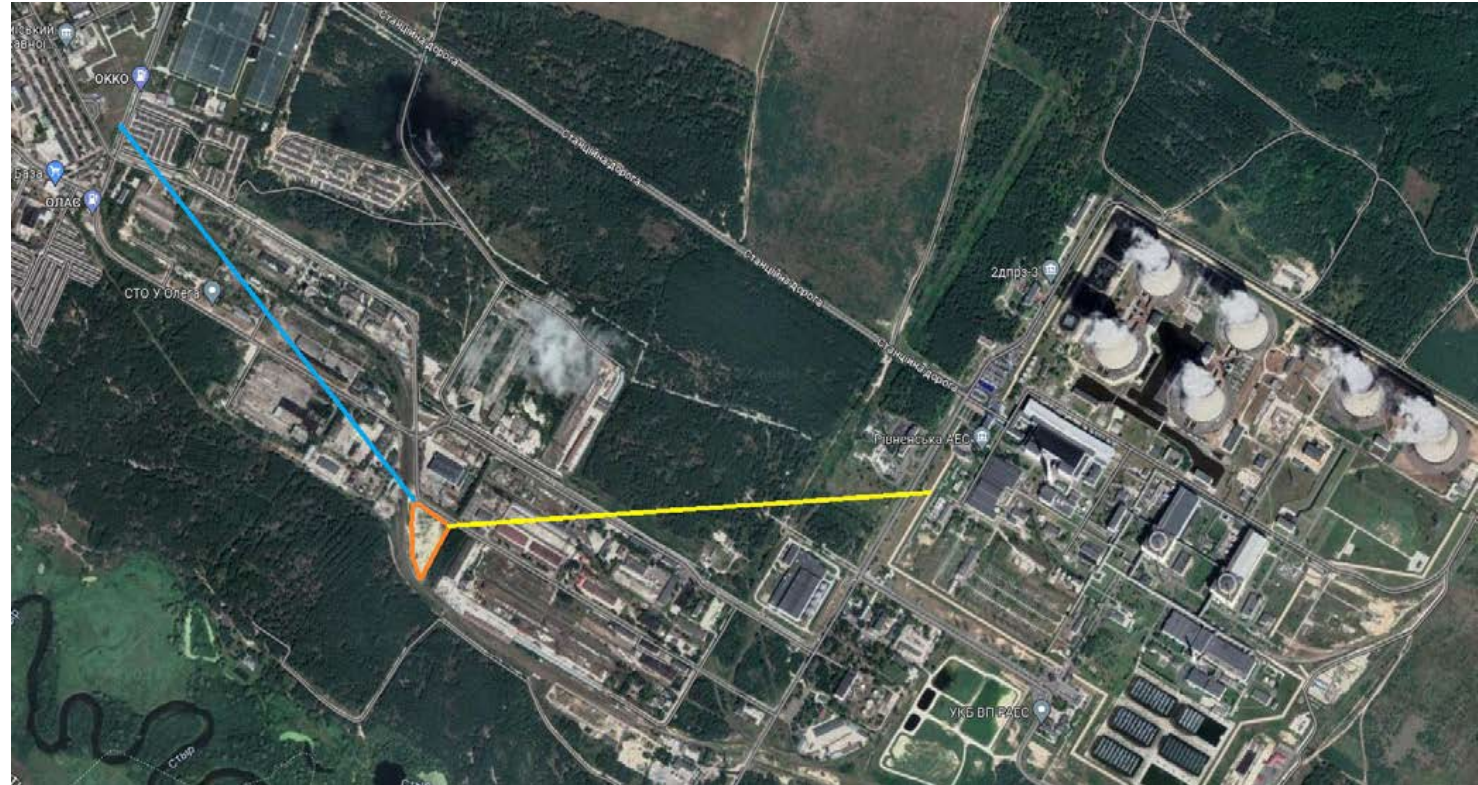
| Model | NB (0.7) | | | | | | HB (0.1) | | LB (0.2) | | Total |
|-------|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------|----------|--------|-------|
| | EL | CW | DW | Other | Reliab. | Lifetime | Modific. | HPP | Storage | Consum | |
| R1 | 0.99 | 0.055 | 0.04 | 0.011 | 1.02 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.95 | 1.05 | 1.160 |
| R2 | 0.99 | 0.045 | 0.04 | 0.011 | 1.02 | 1.1 | 1.05 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 1.05 | 1.152 |
| R3 | 0.99 | 0.055 | 0.04 | 0.011 | 1.02 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.05 | 1.171 |
| R4 | 0.99 | 0.045 | 0.036 | 0.011 | 1.02 | 1.1 | 1.05 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.05 | 1.154 |
| R5 | 0.99 | 0.045 | 0.04 | 0.011 | 1.02 | 1.1 | 1.05 | 0.95 | 1.0 | 1.05 | 1.163 |
| K1 | 0.99 | 0.055 | 0.04 | 0.011 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.95 | 1.0 | 1.134 |
| K2 | 0.99 | 0.045 | 0.04 | 0.011 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.05 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 1.0 | 1.126 |
| T1 | 0.99 | 0.055 | 0.04 | 0.011 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.05 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1,149 |
| T2 | 0.99 | 0.045 | 0.036 | 0,009 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.05 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1,126 |
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| | Nel*N1 | Ncw*N2 | Ndw*N3 | Noth*N4 | N5 | N6 | Hm | Hc | Ls | Lc | |



Description of winning scenario – Rivne NPP

- HPP with 30MW PEM electrolyzers placed offsite of the NPP but in sanitary zone
- Electricity – used from NPP with special low price (home need)
- Demineralized water – used from NPP with additional treatment at HPP side to decrease conductivity
- Cooling water – used from NPP
- Waste water system and tap water – used from NPP
- Chilled water – autonomous chiller at HPP site
- Nitrogen – used bottles filled in NPP
- Instrumentation air – not used from NPP

Setup of NPP – location





Conceptual planning of pilot plant

The last step is described in detail the best scenario.

Main steps:

- Setup of NPP (modification and licensing)
- Setup of HPP (PID, description of each parts, operation, examples of producers)
- Economical setup (cost estimation, LCOH, example of bussines plan)
- Consumer (description, transportation of hydrogen)

→ This will be described in deliverable D5.3 which is currently in finalization

Flexible load impact assessment

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Starting Point

- There has always been a need for flexible load operation for NPP in countries to ensure the grid stability
- Due to the increase of the penetration of RE, NPPs are forced to use more and more flexible operation instead of base load operation
- In this context, the “idle capacity”- defined as the gap between available nuclear power and actual production - is expected to increase progressively
- Thus, it is interesting to investigate whether it is beneficial to use this “idle” production capacity to produce hydrogen instead

“Beneficial” meant in this context economically beneficial as well as technically beneficial = advantageous for the operation of the NPP (less fatigue etc.)

Questions raised

- What are the capabilities of NPP to perform load following?
- What are the impacts of this operation on the NPP?
- Does a NPP-HPP couple can have the same capabilities?
- Do the European NPP already use load follow operation?
- If yes, could the « idle » capacity be used to operate competitively a HPP?

NPP & Load follow operation

According to European Utility Requirements (EUR), to be connected to the grid:

Involvement in **FCR** is **mandatory** to ensure grid stability

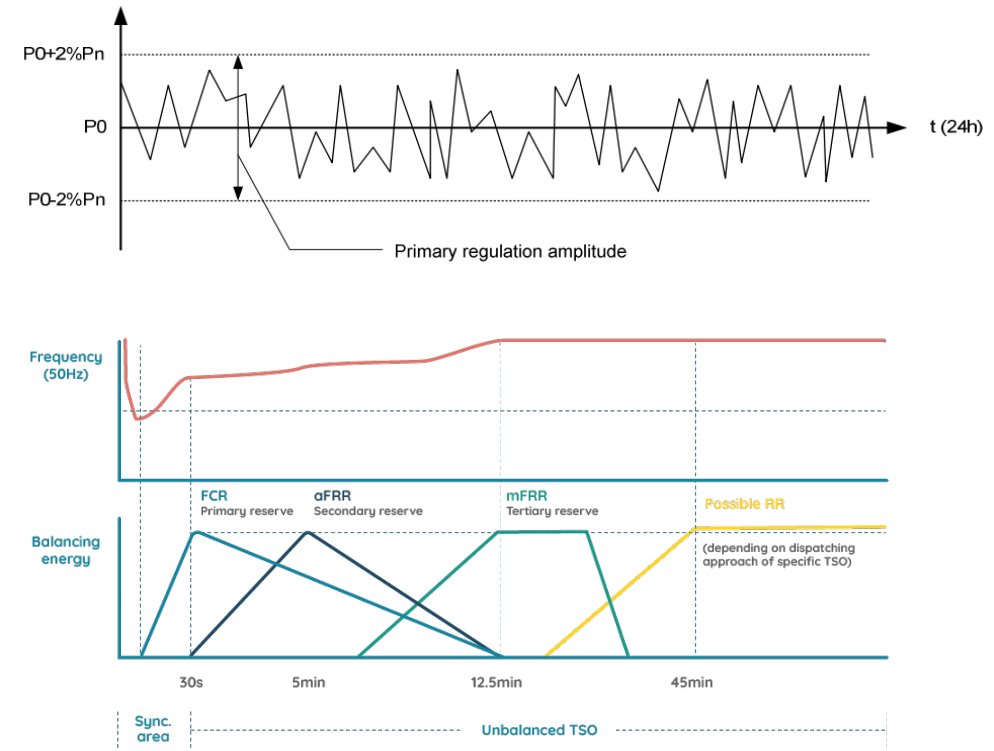
Involvement in **RR** is **optional**:

| | EUR requirements |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Primary frequency control range | $\pm 2\% Pr$ |
| Primary frequency timescale | ≤ 30 sec Maintain 15 min. |

| | EUR requirements |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Secondary frequency control range | $\pm 10\% Pr$ Variation rate 1% Pr/min (maximum 5%Pr/min) |
| Secondary frequency timescale | ≤ 5 min |

EUR also state flexible capabilities for modern reactors:

| | EUR requirements |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Load following ramps | 3%Pr/min |
| Range of operation | Between 50% and 100%Pr |
| Number of cycles | 12 000 cycles per 60 years |



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NPP & Load follow operation

Examples of operation ranges and flexible services of existing NPPs

Application of ancillary services constraints on an

| | 1000MW |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Primary frequency control range | ±20MW (mandatory) ±2%Pr |
| Primary frequency timescale | 30 sec Maintain 15 min |
| Secondary frequency control range | Optional: ±100MW above the minimum load 10MW/min (1%Pr/min) |
| Load following ramps | 30MW/min 3%Pr/min 12 000 cycles/60 years |

| Daily load cycles (in % of P _r) | Number of cycles |
|---|---|
| 10% (step change) | 100 000 |
| 100% - 80% - 100% | 100 000 |
| 100% - 60% - 100% | 15 000 (i.e. daily cycling during 40 years) |
| 100% - 40% - 100% | 12 000 |

Source: Ludwig, *et al.*, 2010.

KONVOI PWR

| Type of reactor | VVER-1000 |
|--|---|
| Deployment | 1980-ies (first series) |
| Interval of power variation (%P _r) | 30-100 during the first 2/3 rd of the fuel cycle 70-100 during the last 1/3 rd of the fuel cycle |
| Ramps (%P _r per minute) | 3-4 %P _r /min (10-70% of the fuel cycle) 1-1.5%P _r /min (70-100% of the fuel cycle) |
| Number of changes of the rated state | |
| - Reactor shutdown with aftercooling | 130 times over the lifetime |
| - Full power reductions with the speed of up to 2% P _r /min | 5 000 times over the lifetime |
| - Start-ups from the "hot" state | 5 000 times over the lifetime |
| - Start-ups from the "cold" state | 130 times over the lifetime |
| - Step changes in the limits of ±20% of the power level | 150 times over the lifetime |

Source: Aminov, *et al.*, 1990.

VVER-1000

| France | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|--|--|
| Type of reactor | PWR-900 | | PWR-1300 | N4 |
| Deployment | > 1971 | | > 1977 | > 1984 |
| Operating mode | Mode A | Mode A (flexible) | Mode G | Mode X |
| Primary frequency control range | ±2% P _r | ±2% P _r | ±2% P _r | ±3% P _r |
| Secondary frequency control range | ±3% P _r | ±5% P _r | ±5% P _r | ≥5% P _r |
| Load following ramps | 2% P _r /min till 80% of the fuel cycle 0.2% P _r /min after 80% of the fuel cycle | | 5% P _r /min till 80% of the fuel cycle 2% P _r /min after 80% of the fuel cycle | 5% P _r /min |
| Example of the load following | 12-3-6-3 during 85% of the whole fuel cycle | Same as mode A | 12-3-6-3 (during 85% of the whole fuel cycle) 18↑6↓ (during 80% of the whole fuel cycle) 16↑8↓ (during 80% of the whole fuel cycle) | 12-3-6-3 (during 95% of the whole fuel cycle) 18↑6↓ (during 90% of the whole fuel cycle) 16↑8↓ (during 95% of the whole fuel cycle) |
| Limits to the load-following in different operating modes | | | | |
| Operating mode | Mode A | | Mode G | Mode X |
| Low-power continuous operation | Possible up to 85% of the fuel cycle | | Possible up to 85% of the fuel cycle | Always possible |
| Capability for instant return to 100% P _r | Particle capability, limited in the amplitude (15-20% P _r) by the speed of the boron dilution | | Full capability, no limits in the amplitude up to 85% of the fuel cycle | Full capability, no limits in the amplitude up to 85% of the fuel cycle |
| Return to programmed load pattern | Limited in the amplitude and in the speed | | No limits in speed up to 90% of the fuel cycle | Always possible up to P _r and at any speed up to 95% of P _r |

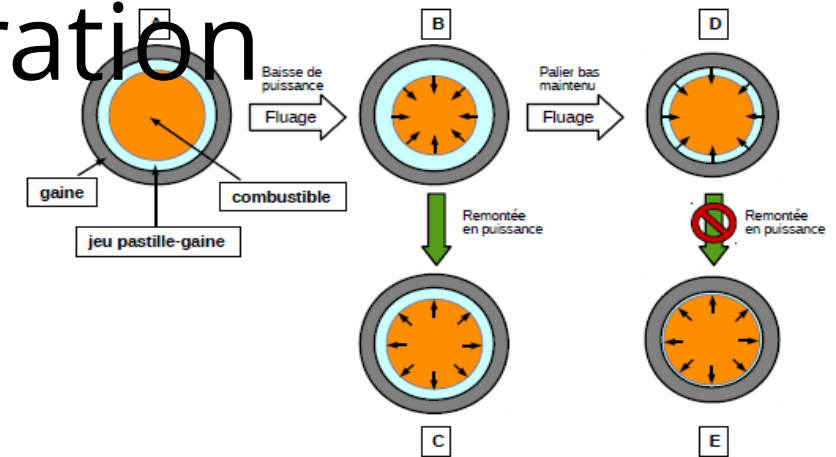
NPPs in France

Technical impacts in NPP components when flexible operation

- The main risk of load cycling is the failure of the fuel cladding and there are two factors to take care of:

- The fuel cycle
- The rate of power variation

- Nevertheless, the risk is limited as the NPP are designed for that
- No or very small impact (within the design margins) of the load-following on acceleration on the ageing of large equipment components
- Some influence of the load-following on the ageing of some operational components (e.g. valves) → small increase of maintenance costs
- Also, for older plants some additional investment could be needed, especially in instrumentation and control, to become eligible for operation in the load-following mode.



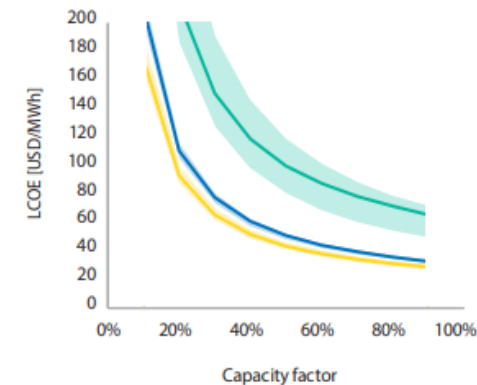
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Economic impacts in NPP components when flexible operation

- Small increase of operation costs: In JRC report, EdF estimated in a confidential study an effect on O&M costs of 1,8% which corresponds to about 150 hours of loss of availability.
- Compensation from the ancillary services: The O&M costs due to flexible operation are not expected to play a significant role because the ancillary services markets prices compensate them.
- RE penetration erodes the capacity factors of baseload power generating plants, including nuclear plants

| Year | Average capacity factor | Installed capacity |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 2030 | 84% | 512 GW |
| 2040 | 76% | 730 GW |
| 2050 | 77% | 812 GW |

NZE forecasts



Legend: New build (light blue), 10-year extension (medium blue), 20-year extension (yellow)

IEA, NEA, "Projected Costs of Generating Electricity," 2020

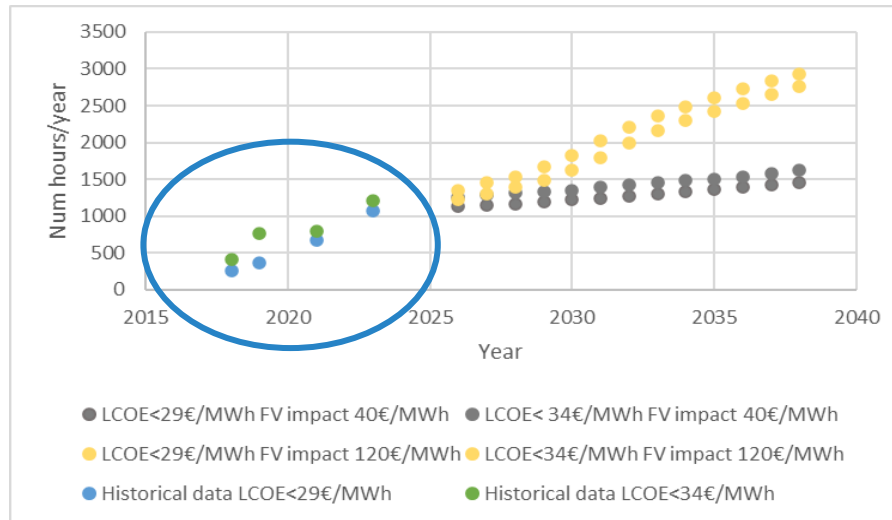
Economic impacts in NPP components when flexible operation

- Impact on day-ahead market prices: the number of hours where the LCOE is higher than day-ahead market price is increasing
- Example of forecasts for Spain:

Two values for LCOE:

- LCOE = 29 €/MWh
- LCOE = 34 €/MWh

From Lazard



Scenario of forecast of PV penetration through years

| | 2020 | 2030 |
|----|-------|-------|
| PV | 11 MW | 76 MW |

Two scenarios of day-ahead market price reduction:

- -40 €/MWh (conservative)
- -120 €/MWh

During the hours of maximum irradiance

→ Coupling a HPP to a NPP could be beneficial: load factor of NPP close to 100%, LCOE not impacted

{NPP + HPP} Flexibility capabilities

Based on:

- literature
- technical datasheets of ELZ

| | McLyzer 200 | McLyzer 400 | McLyzer 800 | McLyzer 3200 |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Power class | 1MW | 2 MW | 4 MW | 16 MW |
| Electrolyzer type | Pressurized alkaline | | | |
| Number of stacks | 1 | 4 | 4 | 16 |
| System design lifetime (mechanical) | > 20 years | | | |
| H₂ OUTPUT | | | | |
| H₂ nominal flow rate | 200 Nm ³ /h | 400 Nm ³ /h | 800 Nm ³ /h | 3200 Nm ³ /h |
| H₂ purity | > 99.998 % after gas cleaning | | | |
| H₂ delivery pressure | 27 to 30 bar (g), depending on configuration | | | |
| PERFORMANCES | | | | |
| Stack DC consumption, BoL | 4,65 kWh/Nm ³ | 4,65 kWh/Nm ³ | 4,65 kWh/Nm ³ | 4,65 kWh/Nm ³ |
| System AC consumption, BoL | 5,1 kWh/Nm ³ | 5,0 kWh/Nm ³ | 5,0 kWh/Nm ³ | 5,0 kWh/Nm ³ |
| Operation range | 20 - 100 % | 20 - 100 % | 20 - 100 % | 10 - 100 % |
| Reaction time | < 30s from hot stand-by to 100 % electrical load | | | |
| Ramp-up Ramp-down² | >5 %/s 20 %/s | | | |

Example of AEL ELZ (MCPHy)

| MODEL | MC250 | MC500 |
|--|---|---|
| Class | 1.25 MW | 2.5 MW |
| Description | Fully-automated MW-class on-site hydrogen generator utilizing a modular containerized design for ease of installation and integration Tri-mode operation (selectable): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Command mode allows operation based on customer input current command • Load following mode automatically adjusts output to match demand • Tank filling mode operates with power-conservation mode during standby | |
| Electrolyte | Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) – caustic-free | |
| HYDROGEN PRODUCTION | | |
| Nominal Production Rate Nm ³ /h @ 0° C, 1 bar SCF/h @ 70° F, 1 atm kg/24 h | 246 Nm ³ /h 9,352 SCF/h 531 kg/24 h | 492 Nm ³ /h 18,704 SCF/h 1,062 kg/24 h |
| Delivery Pressure – Nominal | 30 barg (435 psig); full differential pressure H ₂ over O ₂ | |
| Power Consumption at Stack per Volume of H₂ Gas Produced at 100% Capacity¹ | 4.7 kWh/Nm ³ | |
| Power Consumption at System per Volume of H₂ Gas Produced at 100% Capacity¹ | 5.1 kWh/Nm ³ | |
| Purity (concentration of impurities) | 99.95% [H ₂ O < 500 ppm, N ₂ < 2 ppm, O ₂ < 1 ppm, all others undetectable] | |
| Purity (concentration of impurities with optional high purity dryer) | ISO 14687:2019(E) Type I, Type II Grade D and SAE J-2719 Type I Grade L 99.9995% [H ₂ O < 5 ppm, N ₂ < 2 ppm, O ₂ < 1 ppm, all others undetectable] | |
| Start-up Time (from standby) | < 8 min | |
| Ramp-up Time (minimum to full load) | < 15 sec | |
| Ramp Rate (% of full-range) | ≤ 7.4% per sec | |
| Production Capacity Dynamic Range | 10 to 100% | |

Example of PEM ELZ (NEL)

{NPP + HPP} Flexibility capabilities

The flexibility of any electrolyser facility can be characterized by 3 main parameters:

- Load range (% nominal power)
- Load gradient (% nominal power/time)
- Start-up times from warm/cold condition (time)

→ So far, **PEM** is still better than AEL regarding flexibility

→ SOEC is a less flexible technology so far

→ Combine technologies allows to benefit from the advantage of each technology

| Parameter | Unit | AEL | PEM | SOEC |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| η_{LHV} | (%) | 63-71 | 60-68 | 96 |
| Load flexibility | (%) | 20-100 | 0-125 | -100-100 |
| Warm start-up | (-) | 1-5 min | <10 s | 15 min |
| Cold start-up | (min) | 5-15 | <10-15 | >60 |
| Heat-up ramp | (K/min) | 0.4-1.5 | 0.3-1 | 0.5-1 |
| Ramp-up | (%Pn/s) | 10 | 10 | 0.1-0.3 |
| Ramp-down | (%/s) | 10-20 | 10-20 | 3 |
| Current density | (mA/cm ²) | 200-500 | 800-2500 | 260-1000 |
| Voltage degradation | (μ V/h) | <2 | <14 | <10 |
| Efficiency degradation | (%/a) | 0.25-1.5 | 0.5-2.5 | 3-50 |

{NPP + HPP} Flexibility capabilities

| | 440MW |
|--|--|
| Primary frequency control range (FCR) | ±8,8MW (mandatory) within 30 sec. Variation rate: 17,6 MW/min |
| Secondary frequency control range (aFRR) | Optional: ±44MW above the minimum load (plants tend to reach ±13,2MW to ±22MW) Variation rate: 4,4MW/min (not higher than 22MW/min) |
| Load following ramps | EUR: 13,2MW/ min (N4 reactor: 22MW/min) |

| | LTE | SOEC |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Primary frequency control | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The size must be compliant with the range variation (2%Pr) e.g. 8,8MW for a NPP of 440MW • Warm start-up time takes few seconds for PEM, less than 5min for AEL • QualyGridS project: LTE can participate in FCR if they are designed to | Less information Warm start-up time = 15min Ramp up and down are lower than LTE < 0.3 %Pn/s and 3 %Pn/s |
| Secondary frequency control | QualyGridS project: examples of PEM qualified for providing aFRR | |
| Load following | Requirements are similar to FCR and aFRR but on longer times, experimental tests and analysis are needed to conclude whether ELZ can do it | |

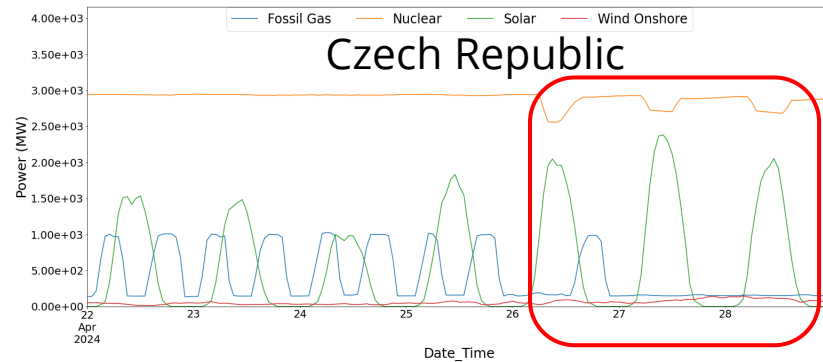
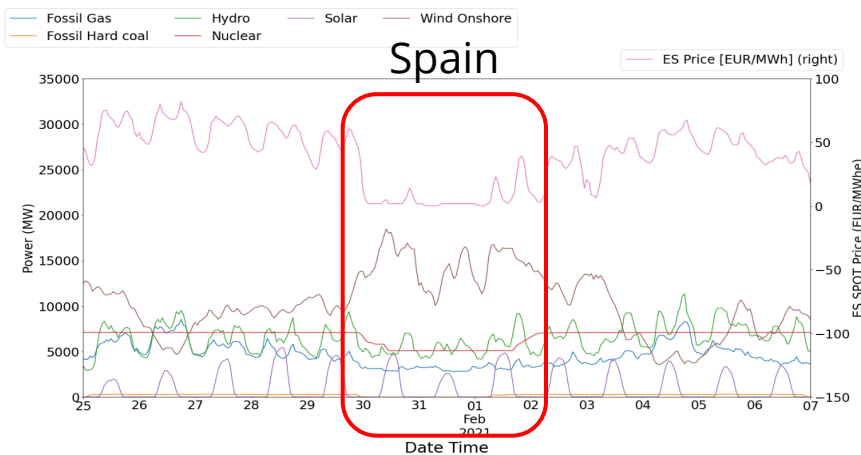
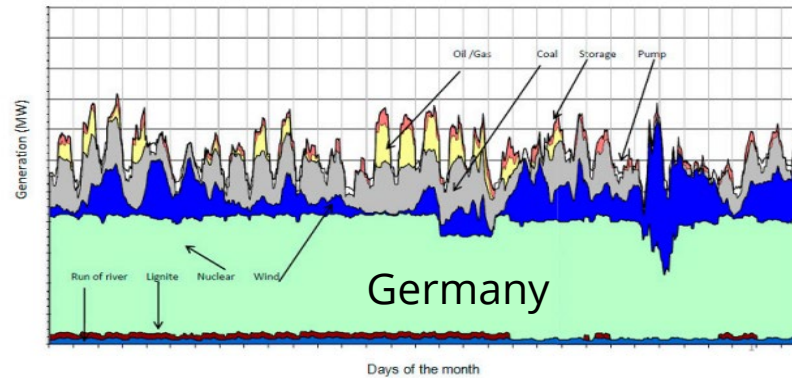
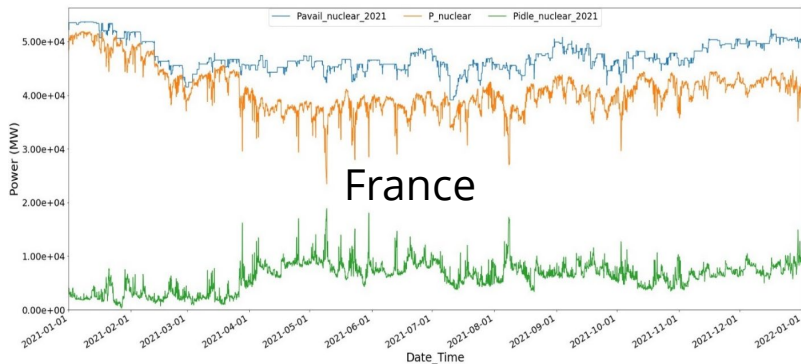


Impacts on LTE and HTSE

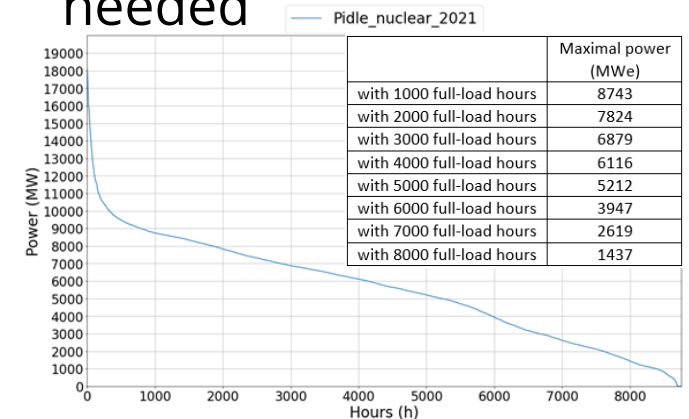
- For LTE,
 - Partial load operation may lead to dangerous levels of hydrogen in the oxygen stream (gas cross-over through the membrane or diaphragm)
 - Operation under high current densities and loads above nominal conditions leads to a higher degradation and so a reduction of the stack lifetime
 - An excessive number of start-up/shutdown cycles has proven to be more detrimental for the stack lifetime and efficiency than dynamic operation
 - No clear evidence of degradation with a variable operation
- For HTSE,
 - Lack of relevant operational data from large-scale SOEC units but there are some studies at single-cell level but it is not clear that thermal cycling due to flexible operation has a negative impact on degradation

Current use of load follow operation in European NPP

- The majority of the EU countries does not use load following, resulting in limited idle capacity potential

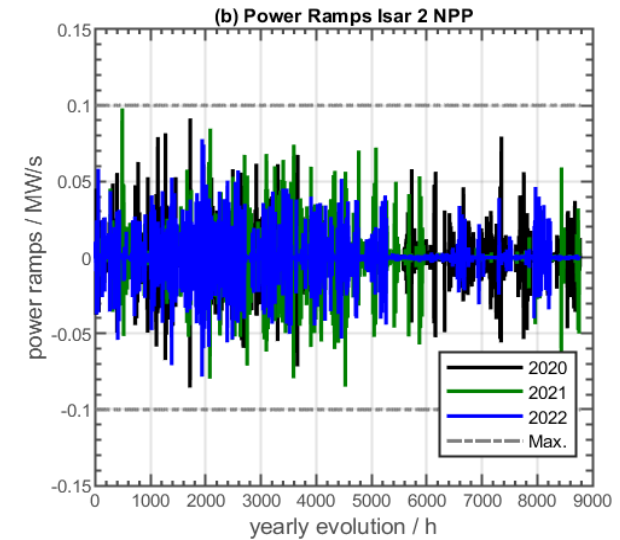
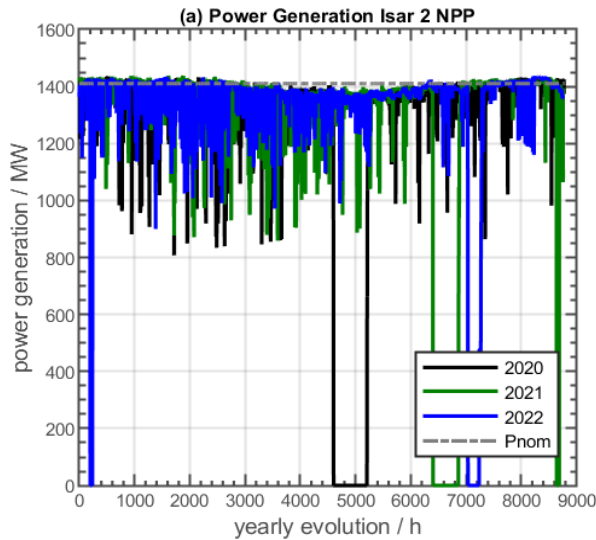


- There is an ongoing trend
- To conclude whether it is interesting to connect a HPP directly to a NPP, a study on a specific site is needed



German case

- NPP Isar 2:
 - ISAR 1 (BWR)
 - ISAR 2 (PWR) } 1410 MWe
- Study the feasibility of connecting a HPP of 45 MW:
 - Technical (ramps)
 - Economic (nb of operating hours)



→ a power ramp amplitude of 12 MW/min (below 1%Pr)

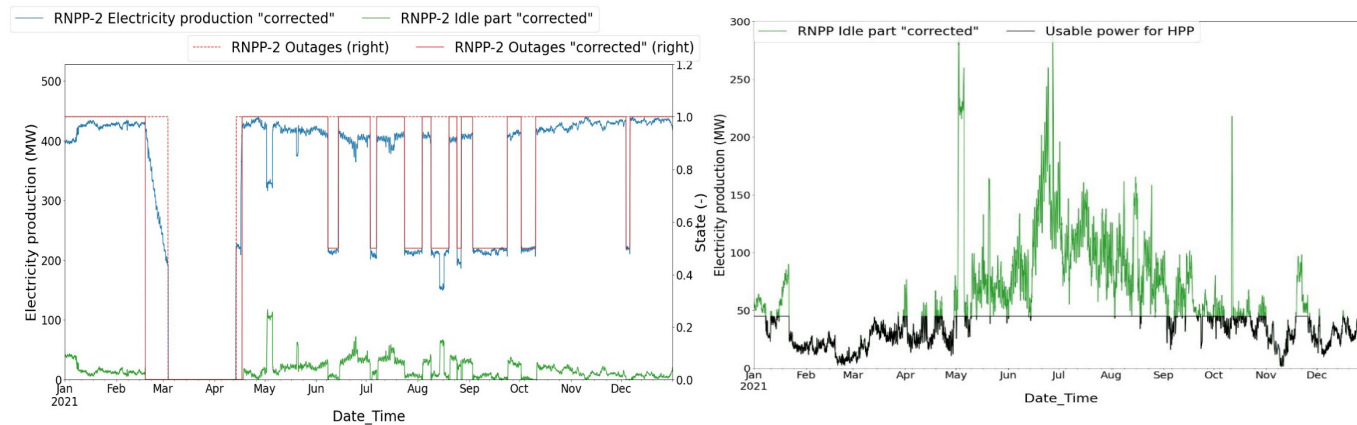
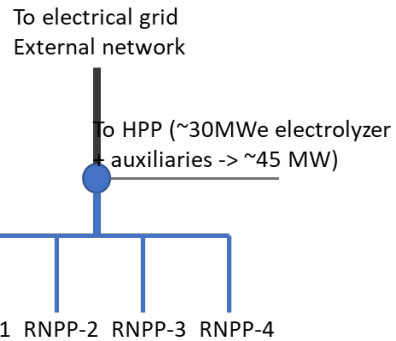
| Year | P > 15 MW | P > 30 MW | P > 45 MW |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2020 | 5065 h | 4056 h | 3192 h |
| 2021 | 3635 h | 2546 h | 1533 h |
| 2022 | 5028 h | 3761 h | 2453 h |

- AEL/PEM are suitable, PEM would be preferred
- With a 45 MW HPP, the load factor would be 27,3 %, if the BOP was shared, it can jump to 39,4%
- Need specific operation strategies

| | | Capacity (MW) | P _{FCR} (MW) | Power ramps (Pr/min) | | | Power ramps (MW/s) | |
|--------------------|------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Isar2 NPP | | 1410 | 28,2 | 5 | | | 1,175 | |
| Electrolyser Model | Type | Capacity | Turndown ratio | Start-up time | Reaction rate | Ramp-up/Ramp-down | Ramp-up/Ramp-down | |
| | | (MW) | (%) | (min) | (s) | (%Pn/s) | (MW/s) | |
| Silyzer-300 | PEM | 17,5 | > 5 | < 1 | ? | 10 | 1,75 | |
| NEL-4000 | PEM | 20,0 | 10 - 100 | < 5 | < 14 | 10 | 2,0 | |
| Verde-3000 | AEL | 15,0 | 20 - 100 | 5 - 10 | ? | 10 | 1,5 | |
| McLyzer-3200 | AEL | 16,0 | 10 - 100 | ? | < 30 | 5 | 0,8 | |

Rivne & Khmelnytskyi cases

• Rivne



| | |
|--|--------------|
| Min Power (MW) / (%Pn) | 4,5 / 10 |
| Max Power (MW) / (%Pn) | 45 / 100 |
| Mean Power (MW) / (%Pn) | 35,76 / 79,5 |
| Number of hours in [10%,100%] of Pn | 8716 |
| Number of hours at 100%Pn | 4358 |
| Maximal ramp down (%Pn/min) | -0,89 |
| Maximal ramp up (%Pn/min) | 1,03 |

| NPP | P available > 15 MWe | P available > 30 MWe | P available > 45 MWe |
|-------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Rivne | 8173 hours | 6043 hours | 4358 hours |

→ Ramps are suitable for an ELZ and number of operating hours is interesting

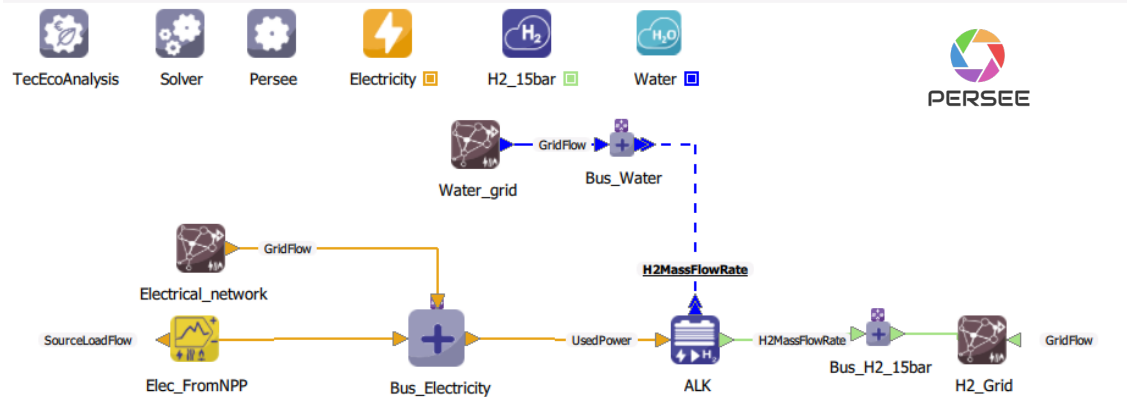
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| NPP | P available > 15MWe | P available > 30MWe | P available > 45MWe |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| KhNPP | 6590 hours | 2929 hours | 823 hours |

→ Nb of operating hours is not enough

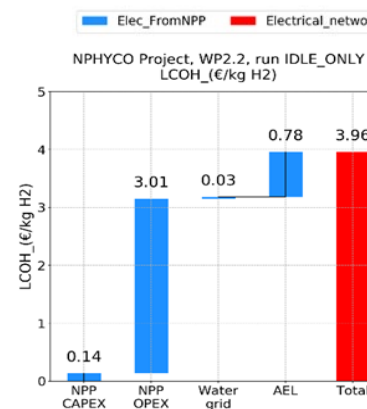
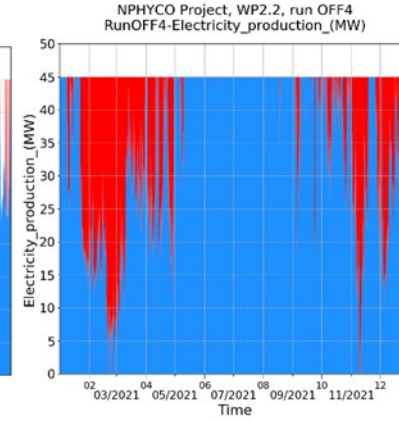
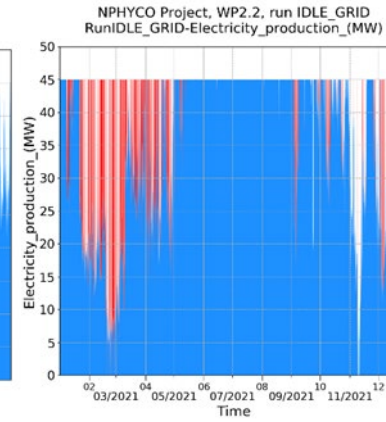
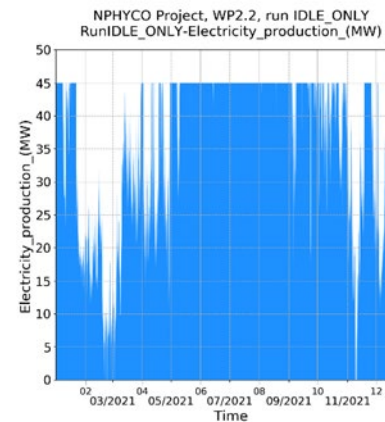
Rivne case

- Several operation strategies



| Case | "Idle" only | OFF4 |
|--|-------------|-------|
| CO ₂ intensity (kg CO ₂ eq/kg H ₂) | 0,81 | 0,8 |
| Running time availability (%) | 96,5 | |
| Rate of use (%) | 76,5 | 96,5 |
| Number of operating hours (h) | 8452 | 8496 |
| Number of full-load operating hours (h) | 4099 | 8496 |
| H ₂ production over 16 years (ktons H ₂) | 74,2 | 94,06 |

Technical KPIs



| Case | "Idle" only | "Idle" + Grid | OFF4 | OFF4 w/o "Idle" |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|------|-----------------|
| LCOH (€/kg H ₂) | 3,96 | 4,00 | 4,05 | 4,98 |

OFF4 scenario
 Defined in WP3
 NPP sells electricity to HPP at a reduced cost (40,12 €/MWh)
 $\Delta TC = \text{loss for the NPP}$
 (depends on day-ahead market price)

→ Using the idle capacity is always profitable, the additional connection to the grid is not, in this case



Conclusion

- The majority of the NPP are able to perform load following but nowadays, the majority operates in baseload mode but there is a trend to flexible operation due to RE penetration
- Overall, a combined use of NPP with a HPP in load follow mode is technically feasible, the couple is able to answer at least the same constraints as the NPP alone, and it can bring advantages with regard to increased power production of RE
- Operation strategies need to be refined to study the profitability of such a coupling and more detailed studies were conducted in WP3



Thank you!

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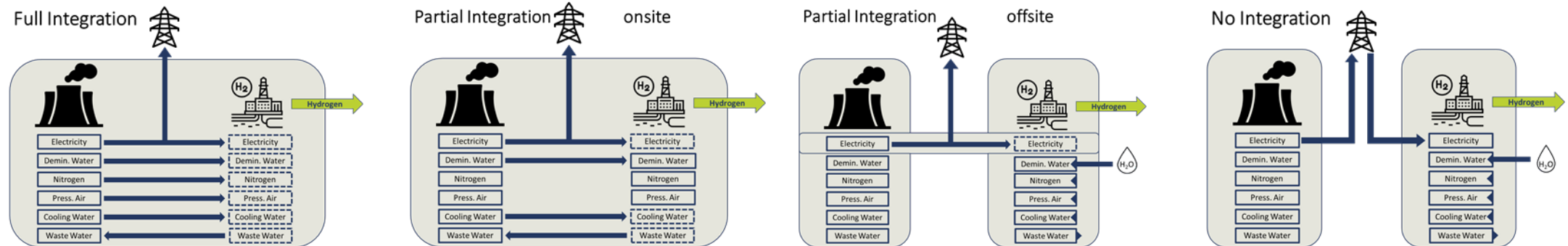




BackUp

Possibilities of Integration

With respect to the needs of hydrogen production via electrolysis of water (AEL, PEM, SOEC) coupling to a NPP may be performed at different levels of Integration



All Inputs to HPP provided by facilities of NPP

Some Inputs to HPP provided by facilities of NPP e.g. electricity, water or cooling
Other Input is produced within the HPP
HPP located onsite of NPP

Some Inputs to HPP provided by facilities of NPP e.g. direct line for supply of electricity
Other Input is produced within the HPP
HPP located offsite of NPP

No Inputs to HPP are provided by facilities of NPP
HPP within the same location and framework as NPP to be used as a benchmark for uncoupled H2 production



Preset of Integration Scenarios

The following 7 pre-sets of Integration Scenarios have been investigated in NPHyCo for sites where sufficient information was available

Onsite Solutions

1. Onsite solution with full integration except chilled water with electricity at normal price (grid)
2. Onsite solution with full integration except chilled water with electricity at reduced price (home need)
3. Onsite solution with integration of electricity and cooling water only normal price
4. Onsite solution with integration of electricity and cooling water only reduced price

Offsite Solutions

(3 km distance as a starting point)

1. Offsite solution with integration of electricity and cooling water (elaboration of break-even distance for cooling water integration) with electricity at normal price (grid)
2. Offsite solution with integration of electricity and cooling water (elaboration of break-even distance for cooling water integration) with electricity at reduced price (home need)
3. Offsite solution with integration of electricity only at normal price
4. Offsite solution with integration of electricity only at reduced price

Offsite solution with zero integration as benchmark i.e. normal price (grid)

Steps to find the possible integration scenario

- Key step is to find the location on the NPP site
- Find the possible consumer and the way of transport of hydrogen to him
- Identify the resources which is possible to use from NPP
- Identify the connection points for selected resources
- Create the possible modifications of the affected systems
- Identify the safety impact of the modifications

