

SOEC ELECTROLYSIS

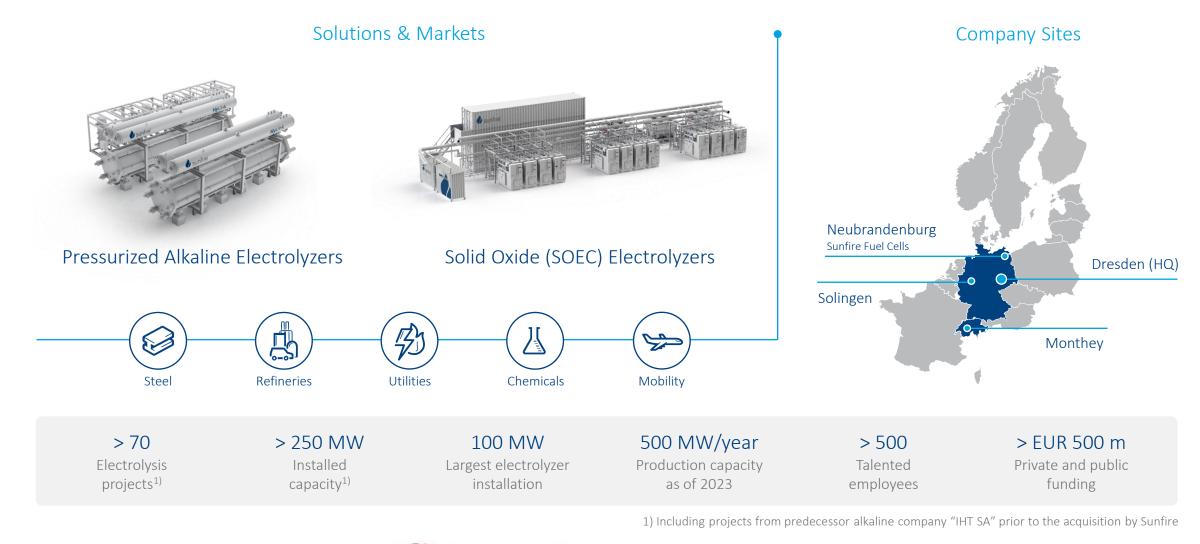
The game changer for industrial applications

05/04/23 Christian von Olshausen (CTO)



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

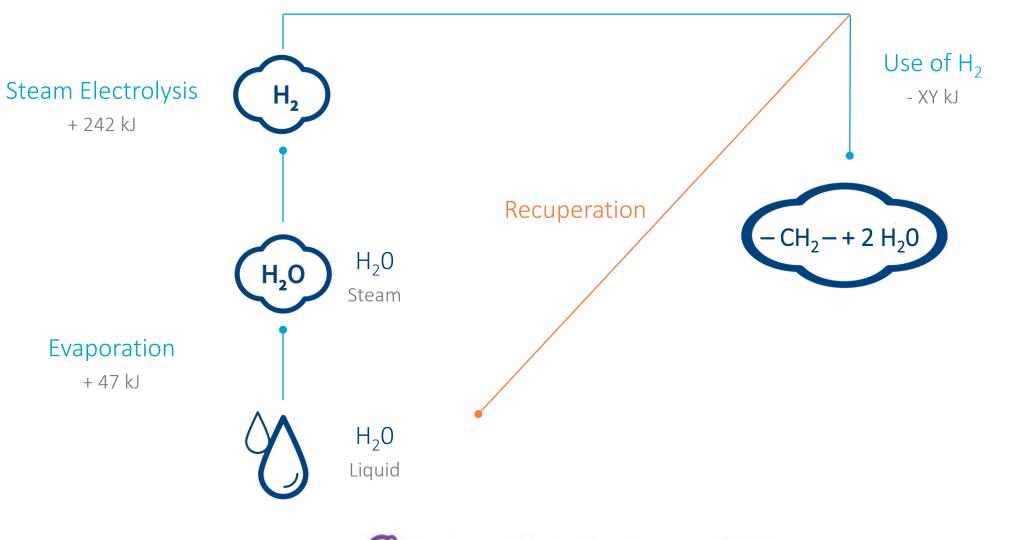
Sunfire is a leading industrial electrolysis company



Conference 2023

OPERATING PRINCIPLE

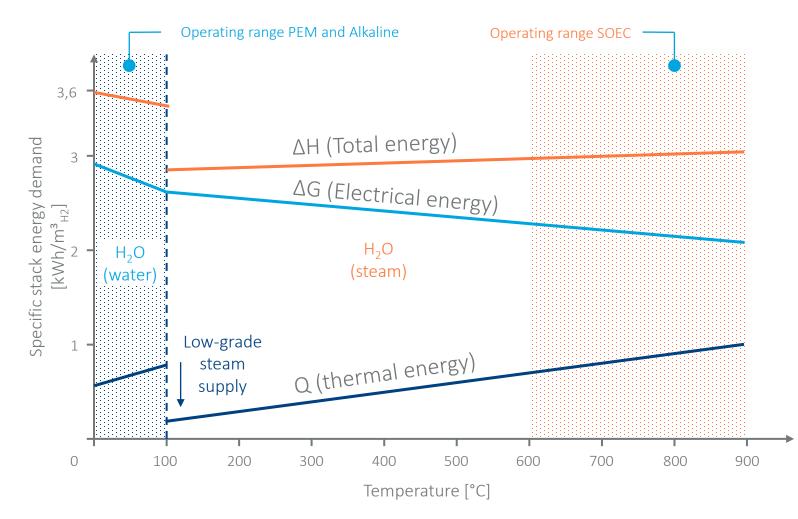
SOEC electrolysis uses heat as additional energy feed to electricity



C Hydrogen Tech Conference 2023

SOEC CONVERSION EFFICIENCY

SOEC's efficiency outperforms low-temperature electrolysis technologies



- Due to the dissociation of steam, SOECs require less energy compared to liquid water.
- SOEC has a theoretical minimum stack efficiency advantage of 16 % assuming optimal lowtemperature conversion.
- As roughly one-fifth of the total required energy comes from heat, SOECs require less renewable electricity.
- Today, compared to state-of-theart low temperature electrolysis, SOECs achieve a 30 % higher conversion efficiency on a system level.



CORE ADVANTAGES

SOEC achieves superior electrical efficiency and produces syngas in one step

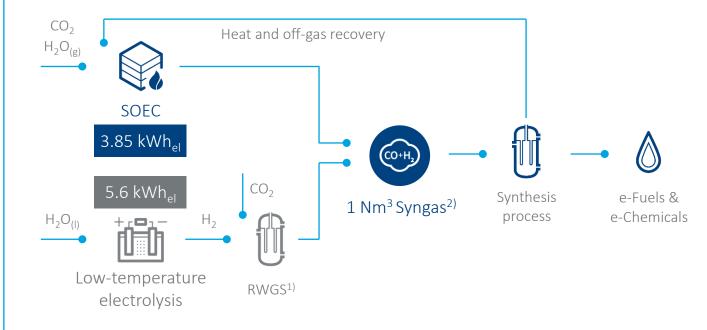
 $H_2O_{(g)}$ 0.8 kWh_{th} SOEC 3.6 kWh_{el} $4.5 - 4.9 \text{ kWh}_{el}$ $H_2O_{(l)}$ Low-temperature electrolysis

Electrical Efficiency

- SOEC uses heat (provided as steam) as additional energy feed to electricity, thus lowering electricity demand
- The efficiency advantage translates into electricity savings of up to 25 %

CO₂ utilization capability

One-step syngas production



- With a one-step SOEC co-electrolysis of CO_2 and H_2O to syngas, significant CAPEX and OPEX savings can be realized
- Production of syngas for Fuels and Chemicals requires a more CAPEX and energy intensive 2-step process using low-temperature electrolysis

1) Reverse-Water-Gas-Shift reaction is required in order to generate Carbon monoxide (CO) 2) 3.17 kWh/Nm^3 lower heating value of syngas (H₂:CO = 2)



GRINHY

First industrial demonstration of SOEC electrolyzers









1 MW

-150 / +30 kWAC RSOC prototype system

- Reversible SOC system with 3 operation modes
 - Hydrogen production (40 Nm³/h)
 - Power production from natural gas
 - Power production from hydrogen
- Integrated into an iron-and-steel works using existing infrastructures
- System tested for load management and grid balancing
- Decommissioned after 13,000 hours
- 90,000 Nm³ H2 produced and injected

Note: This project has received funding from the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (JU) under grant agreement No 826350. The JU receives support from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme and Germany, Luxembourg, Italy, France.



$\mathsf{GRINHY2.0}$

In the follow-up project, SOEC electrolysis has reached megawatt scale



Showcasing renewable hydrogen production via SOEC's steam electrolysis at megawatt-scale, utilizing waste-heat from the iron- and steel works of Salzgitter Flachstal GmbH.

Note: This project has received funding from the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (JU) under grant agreement No 826350. The JU receives support from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme and Germany, Luxembourg, Italy, France.



$G\,R\,I\,N\,H\,Y\,2\,.\,0$

Salzgitter Flachstahl operates the world's largest high-temperature electrolyzer

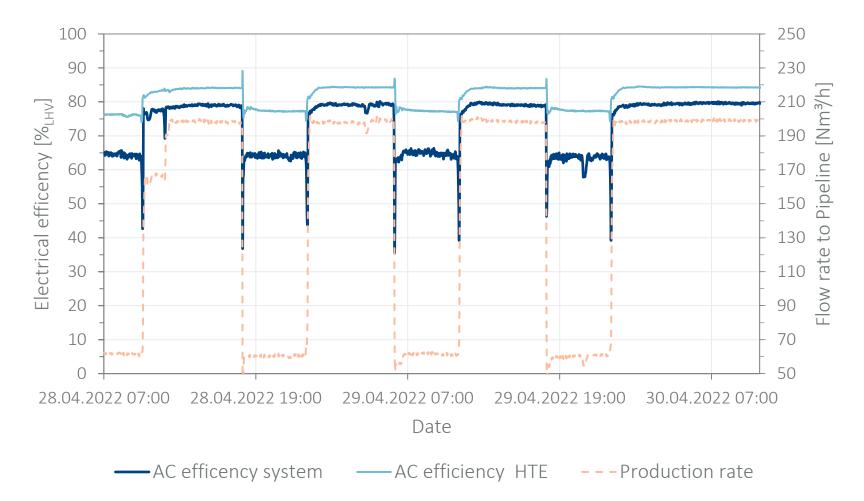
- Up to 8 modules of generation 1 in a containerized system
 - $\cdot\,$ Up to 1 MW electrolysis power
 - $\cdot\,$ Easy transport and implementation
 - Modular approach enables rapid exchange and low downtime





$\mathsf{GRINHY2.0}$

The SOEC electrolyzer has achieved record efficiency



 \rightarrow 84 %_{LHV} (39.7 kWh/kg) at full load, 79 %_{LHV} (42.2 kWh/kg) including compression

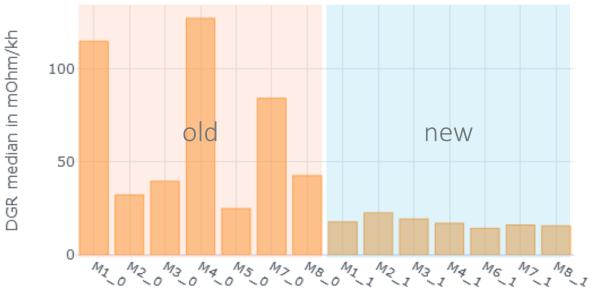
Conference 2023

$\mathsf{G}\,\mathsf{R}\,\mathsf{I}\,\mathsf{N}\,\mathsf{H}\,\mathsf{Y}\,\mathsf{2}\,.\,\mathsf{0}$

In the course of the GrInHy-projects, degradation could be reduced significantly

- "Old" modules operating hours: 600...9000 hours
 - \cdot high degradation rates, early stack failures
 - $\cdot\,$ all modules replaced by now
- New modules operating hours: 5000...11000 hours
 - Very low average degradation: 7.5...19.0
 mOhmcm²/kh (average 14 mOhmcm²/kh)
 - ightarrow 0,35 % Production Rate Loss

Module median DGR related to hot time



Modules

Conference 2023

ONGOING PROJECTS

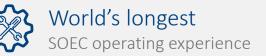
SOEC has reached multi-megawatt scale



> 5 MW Installed SOEC electrolysis capacity



> 10 industrial projects with global companies





MultiPLHY	H ₂
3 MW	HyLink SOEC
Refineries	NESTE
Commissioning 2022	116316







Commissioned 2020





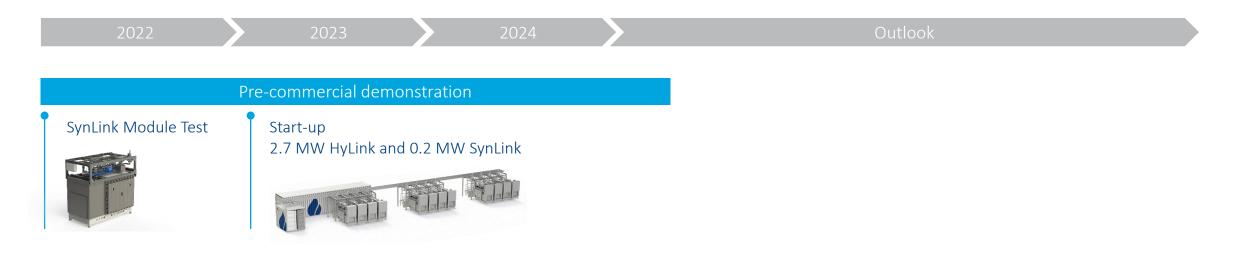
Power-to-X Commissioned 2022

1) Disclaimer: Please find the funding acknowledgement information at the end of the presentation



PRODUCT ROADMAP

We are further developing SOEC electrolysis



Next Gen D	evelopment	Next	Gen Roll-out	Next Gen mass commercialization
Radically improved stack design	Test module operation	Start-up commercial modules	Startup-up 10+ MW Prototypes	Scale-up to GW



THANK YOU!

Christian von Olshausen, CTO christian.olshausen@sunfire.de

Sunfire GmbH · Gasanstaltstrasse 2 01237 Dresden · Germany www.sunfire.de

