

Water for green hydrogen – What you need to know









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## WHY is there no green hydrogen without WATER?

How much electrolyser capacity is needed to convert existing use of grey hydrogen to green hydrogen (115 Mton)?

How much ultrapure water is needed?

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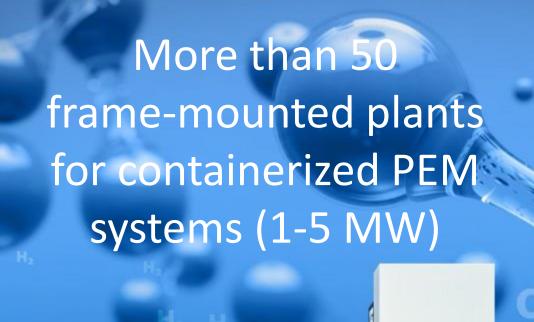
And we need a lot more hydrogen than what we are using today

Power need

1,150 GW

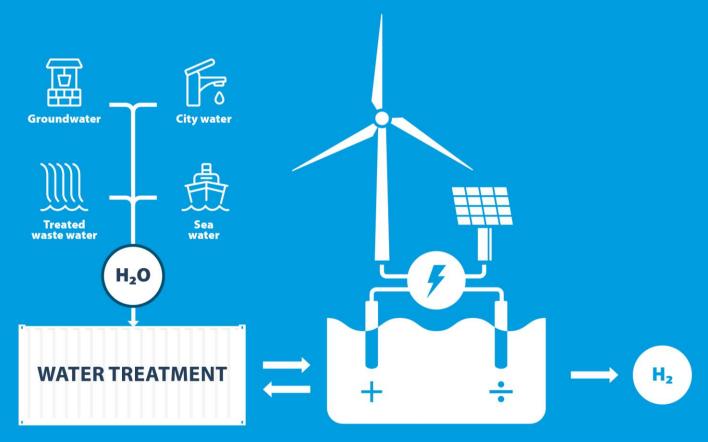
**Ultrapure** water need

207,000 m<sup>3</sup>/h 1,035,000,000 m<sup>3</sup>/yr



> 300 MW Electrolyser capacity > 90 Water treatment plants





Water treatment for green hydrogen

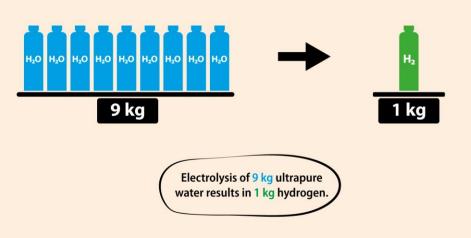




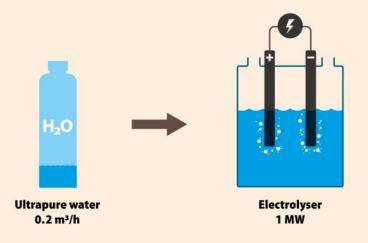
## Water quantity for electrolysers

#### Rules of thumb for designing your water treatment system

Power-to-X
How much ultrapure water to produce H<sub>2</sub>?



Power-to-X
How much ultrapure water per MW electrolyser?



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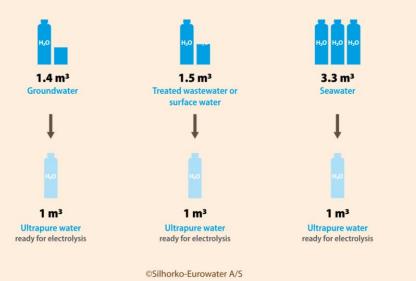


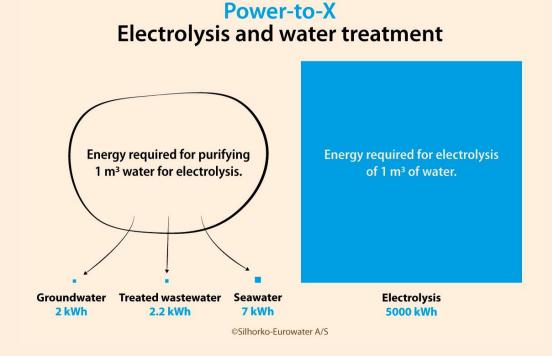


## Where should water come from?

#### Water and energy consumption for different raw waters

Power-to-X
How much water for 1 m³ ultrapure water?









## Water quality for electrolysis

#### WHAT AFFECTS WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS?

#### Impact of electrolyser system

- Type of electrolysis technology (eg. AWE, PEM, SOEC,...)
- Electrode material
- System design (flow temp., pressure)
- Brand of electrolyser (eg PEM X vs PEM Y)
- ....

#### Impact of molecules/ions in water

- Deactivation of electrolyser
- Reduction of electrolyser efficiency
- Blocked transport of protons
- Increased need for cleaning
- Increase of electrolyser OPEX
- ....

Parameter	Unit	ASTM Type I	ASTM Type II	ASTM Type III	ASTM Type IV
Conductivity	μS/cm	0.056	1.0	0.25	5.0
Resistivity	$M\Omega$ -cm	18	1.0	4.0	0.2
TOC	μg/L	50	50	200	No limit
Sodium (Na)	μg/L	1	5	10	50
Chloride (CI)	μg/L	1	5	10	50
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	μg/L	3	3	500	No limit

A starting point, but not a true standard for electrolysis

#### **RULE OF THUMB**

Alkaline electrolysis < 1.0 μS/cm

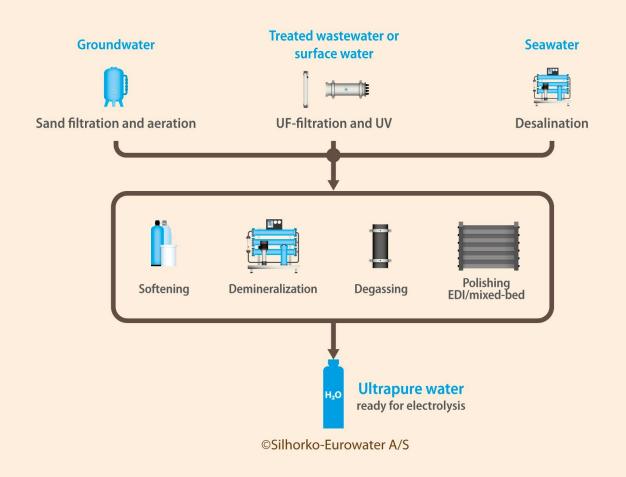
PEM & advanced AWE < 0.1 μS/cm

"No electrolyser has ever been damaged by water that was too pure"
H. T. Madsen





## How is water treated for green H2?



#### Two step process

#### 1. Pretreatment

Aim: Convert variable input source to stable water quality.

Quality should resemble drinking water quality

#### 2. Polishing

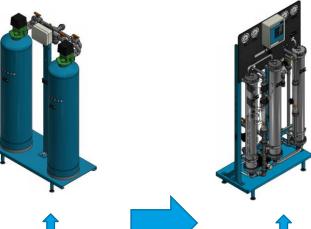
Aim: Remove all contaminants that can affect the electrolyser



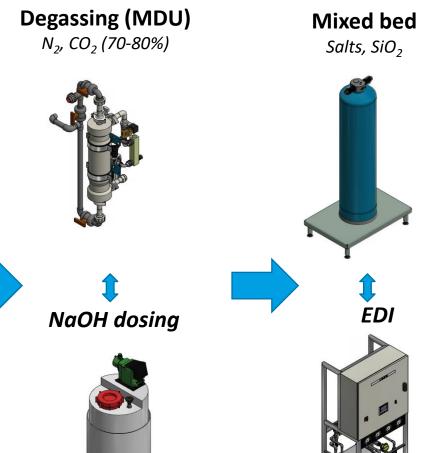


## Water treatment technology options















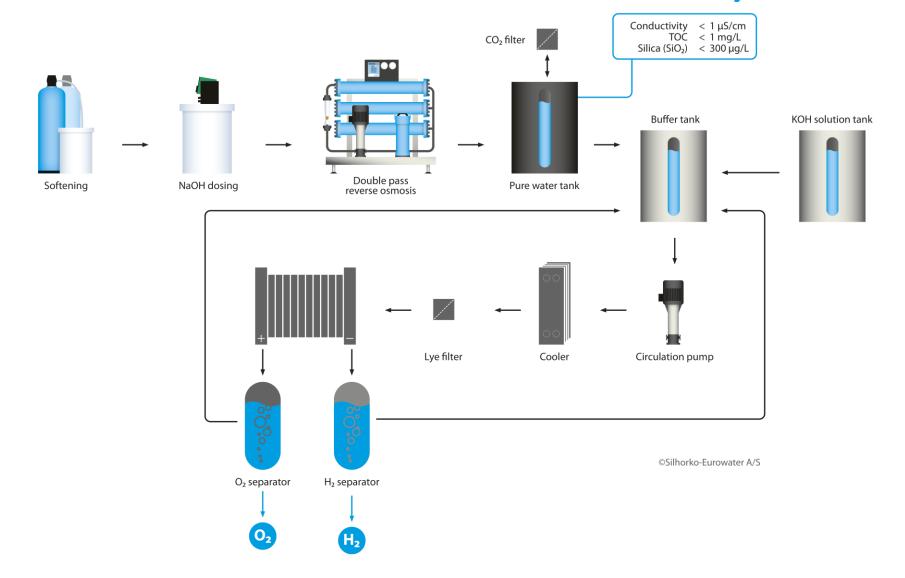








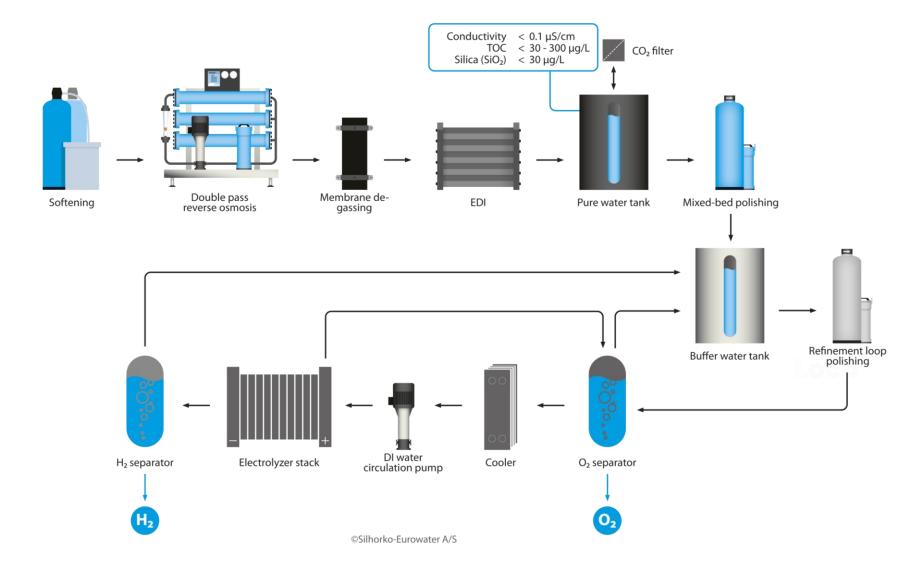
## Water treatment for alkaline electrolysis







## Water treatment for PEM electrolysis



## 1-5 MW | PEM Water treatment suitable for integration in container solutions

#### What

Standardized solution for production of ultrapure water.

#### Challenge

System must be compact and very flexible to handle different water resources and consumption.

#### **EUROWATER** solution

- > Softening unit type SM62
- > Reverse osmosis type RO B1-3
- Membrane degassing unit type MDU
- > 2 x Mixed-bed type EUREX 61

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Containerized water treatment

#### 3x3 MW | Alkaline **Containerized solution for Power-to-Gas facility**

#### What

Customer upgrades biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> to CH<sub>4</sub>

#### Challenge

Upgrade city water to ultrapure water quality. Specific challenges: chloride and CO<sub>2</sub> content in raw water.

#### **EUROWATER** solution

- > Softening unit type SM82-F
- Brine tank
- > Double-pass reverse osmosis type DPRO B2-8/6
- > Grundfos CRNE pump
- Membrane degasser for CO<sub>2</sub> removal
- > Pump station
- > CIP unit





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#### 20 MW | Alkaline

## Ultrapure water for green fuels and refining

#### What

HySynergy provides large-scale hydrogen production for zero-emission fuel and reducing the carbon footprint in refining.

#### Challenge

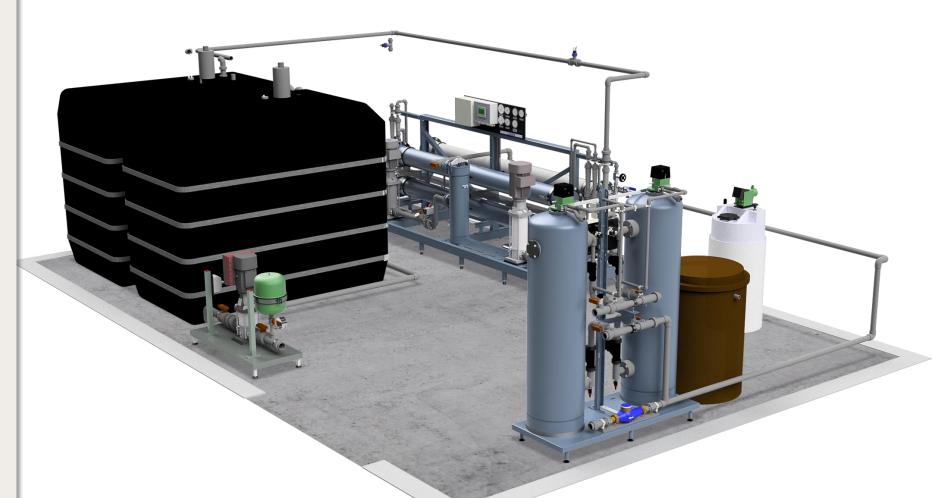
Produce 4 m $^3$ /h ultrapure water at < 5  $\mu$ S/cm starting from city water. Special attention to hardness, chloride and CO<sub>2</sub>.

#### **EUROWATER** solution

- > Softening unit type SMH 602-F
- > Brine tank
- > Double-pass reverse osmosis type DPRO C3-6/3
- Dosing tank with mixer
- > Dosing pump
- > Feed water tank 2 x 5000L
- > Booster pump



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#### 50 MW | PEM Ultrapure water for green methanol

#### What

The world's first large-scale commercial e-Methanol production facility for shipping fuel and mobility.

#### Challenge

Produce 10 m $^3$ /h ultrapure water at <0.1  $\mu$ S/cm starting from groundwater. Special attention to metal ions, organics and CO $_2$ .

#### **EUROWATER** solution

- > Antiscalant dosing
- > Reverse osmosis unit type RO C3-9
- > Reverse osmosis unit type RO-PLUS C3-12+3
- Membrane degassing unit type MDU
- > Electrodeionization unit type EDI 2-5000e
- Mixed-bed polisher type EUREX







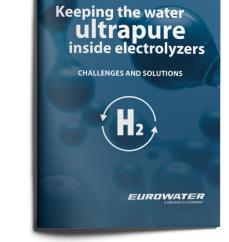
## A special surprise!



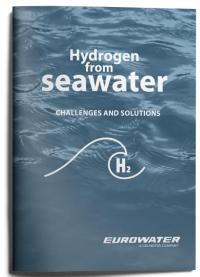
## Deep dive into water for hydrogen























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