



Vetytutkimus Oulun yliopistossa

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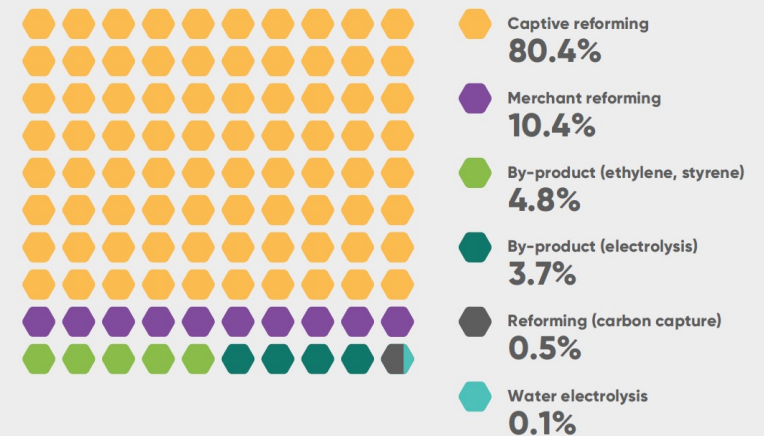
Vety osana hiilivapaata yhteiskuntaa

- Vetyä on käytetty teollisuudessa jo pitkään – mutta valmistettu pääasiassa maakaasusta höyryreformoinnilla
- Euroopan nykyinen tuotantokapasiteetti vuodessa on noin 11.5 Mt, josta 99.3% perinteisin menetelmin
- Vety voi korvata mm. maakaasun useissa teollisissa prosesseissa energialähteenä – ja sitä voidaan jatkojalostaa polttoaineiksi
- EU (esim. European Green Deal, “Fit for 55”) on tunnistanut puhtaan vedyn avainteknologiaksi Euroopan hiilineutraaliuden saavuttamiseksi sekä energihuoltovarmuuden kannalta (REPowerEU)
- Tavoite on 10 Mt/a vuotuinen puhtana vedyn tuotanto Euroopassa sekä 10Mt/a tuonti vuoteen 2030 mennessä – joka yksin vähentää hiilidioksidipäästöjä n. 140 Mt/a pelkästään tuotannon osalta

FIGURE 4

Hydrogen generation capacity by the production process in 2020⁷

11.5 Mt



Source: Hydrogen Europe based on work for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Observatory.

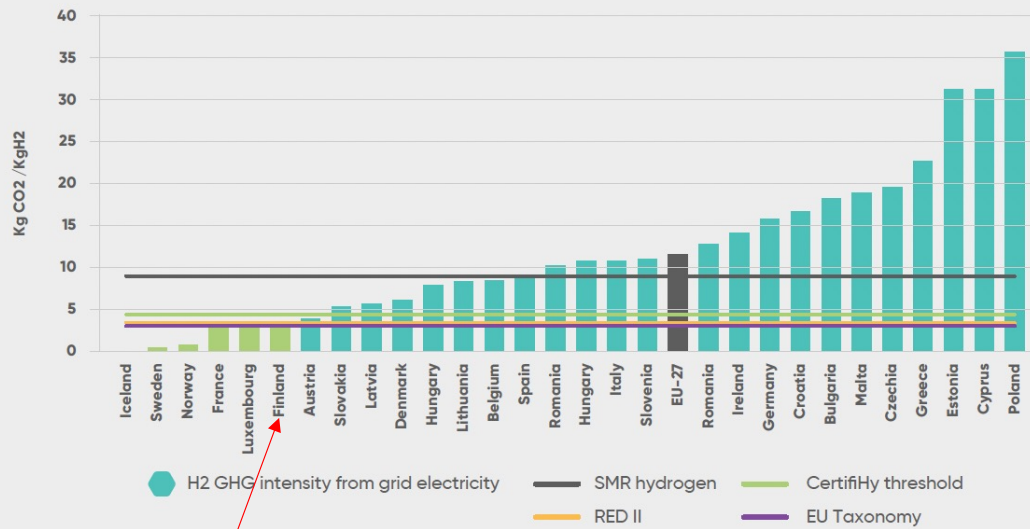
From Clean Hydrogen Monitor 2022 (Hydrogen Europe)



Suomen asema uusiutuvan vedyn suhteen?

FIGURE 7

Carbon intensity of hydrogen produced from grid electricity, compared to selected benchmarks



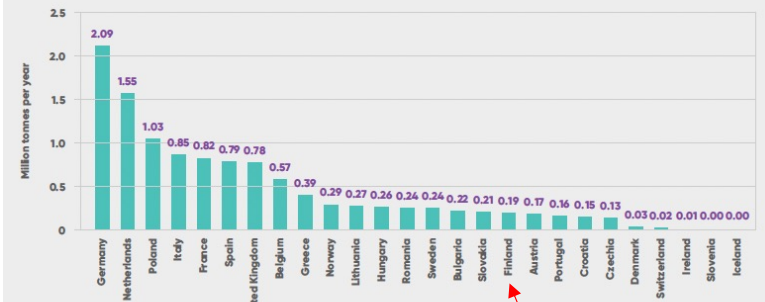
Source: Hydrogen Europe, based on EEA data

Note: SMR Hydrogen: 9.0 kg CO₂ / kg H₂ (75.0 gCO₂ / MJLHV), EU Taxonomy threshold for sustainable hydrogen manufacturing: 3 kg CO₂ / kg H₂ (25 gCO₂ / MJLHV), CertiHy threshold for low carbon hydrogen: 4.4 kg CO₂ / kg H₂ (36.4 gCO₂ / MJLHV), RED II threshold for RFNB0: 3.384 kg CO₂ / kg H₂ (28.2 gCO₂ / MJLHV).

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FIGURE 1

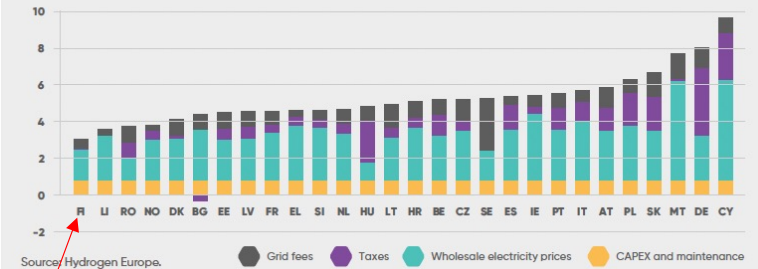
Total hydrogen production capacity by country.⁴



Source: Hydrogen Europe based on work for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Observatory.

FIGURE 5

Grid-connected electrolysis hydrogen production costs in the EU in 2021 (in EUR/kg)²

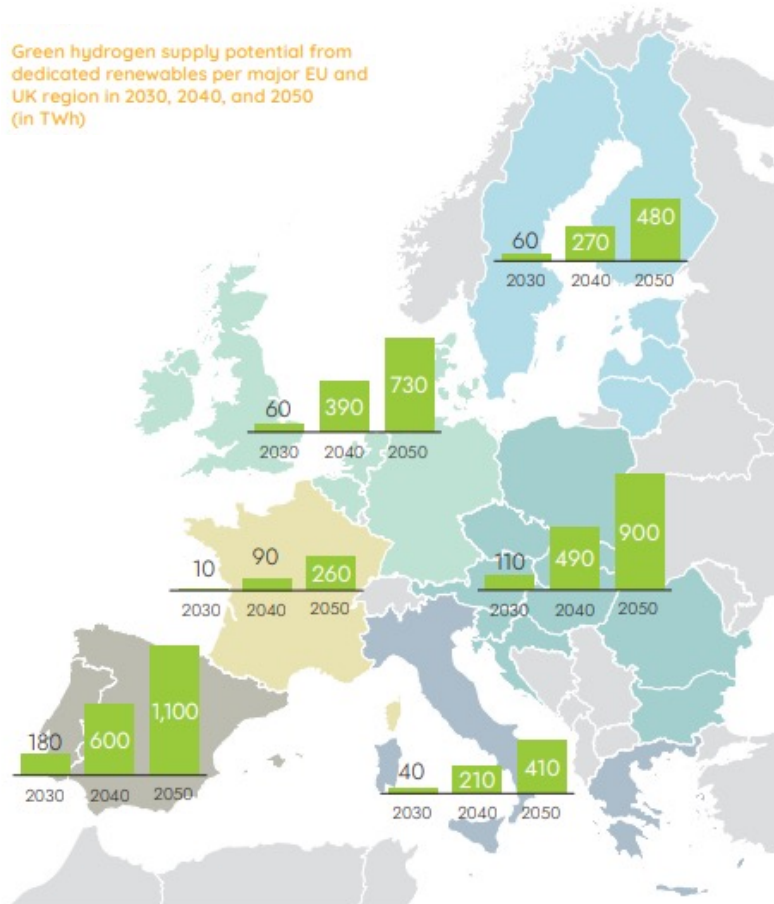


Source: Hydrogen Europe.



Euroopan ja Suomen vetytiekartat

Green hydrogen supply potential from dedicated renewables per major EU and UK region in 2030, 2040, and 2050 (in TWh)



European Hydrogen Backbone

NATIONAL HYDROGEN ROADMAP for Finland

LTU, Boden a hub for hydrogen in the Nordic region

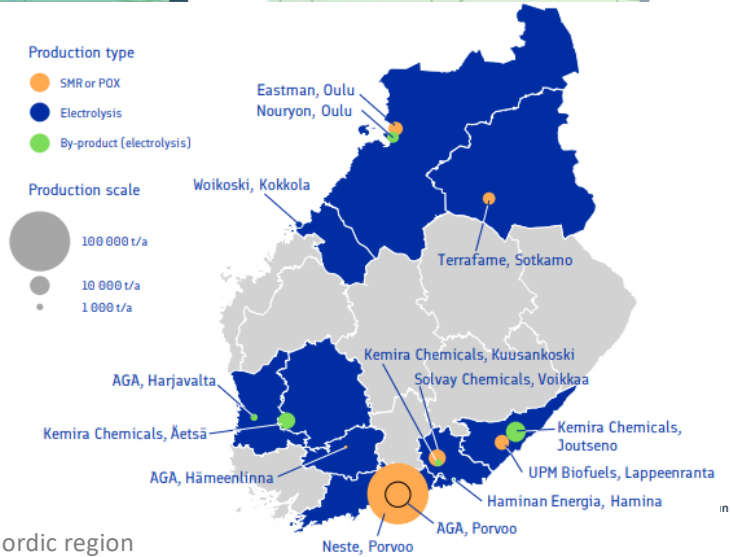


Production type

- SMR or PDX
- Electrolysis
- By-product (electrolysis)

Production scale

- 100 000 t/a
- 10 000 t/a
- 1 000 t/a

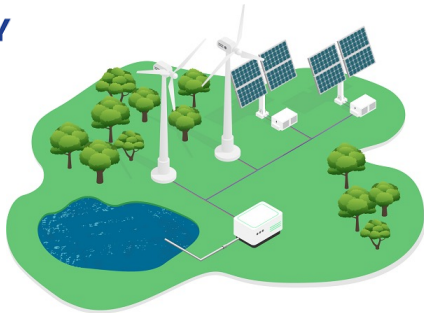




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Multidisciplinary and intersectoral research on H₂

Holistic knowhow in clean hydrogen transition



Production

- (Photo)catalysis, methane pyrolysis, CCS & CCU, distributed production methods
- Business Finland, Academy of Finland, EU-ERC-CoG*

(* European Research Council funding)

Transport and storage

- Steels in storage, transport and use of H₂
- Business Finland, Academy of Finland

• Unique infrastructure and MAX IV FIRI

Usage

- Hydrogen reduction, Power-to-X
- Business Finland, Academy of Finland, EU
- Strategic cooperation with metals production industry

Impact: ESTEP (European Steel Technology Platform), EERA (European Energy Research Alliance), ECHA (European Clean Hydrogen Alliance), HER (Hydrogen Europe Research), EIT Raw Materials, RFCS (Research Fund for Coal and Steel, member TGA3), EN (European Standards), BEPA (Batteries European Partnership), IIW (International institute of Welding)



METHANE PYROLYSIS

H₂ BURNERS AND FLAME ANALYTICS

HYDROGEN RESISTANT STEELS

H₂ PLASMA FOR FERRO-ALLOYS

DIRECT SOLAR H₂

2030



PRODUCTION

Grey & Blue H₂ Production Technologies

Reforming and Partial Oxidation
Water Gas Shift Reaction
Carbon Capture & Utilization

Turquoise H₂ Production Technologies

Methane Pyrolysis

Green and Clean H₂ Production Technologies

Water Gas Shift Reaction
Non-electrical H₂ from Biogas
Photocatalytic H₂ Production

SUSTAINABLE H₂

TO

Hydrogen Resistant High- and Ultrahigh-Strength Steels
PRODUCTION, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT



USE

Hydrogen Reduction

Reaction mechanisms
Ferrous and non-ferrous metals production
Hydrogen plasma technology

Power-to-X Solutions

CO₂ Capture & Use
Synthetic Fuels

TOWARDS CARBON FREE SOCIETY

Hydrogen as Energy Source

H₂ Burners & Flame Analytics
Scale Formation
Gas Engines & Fuel Cells

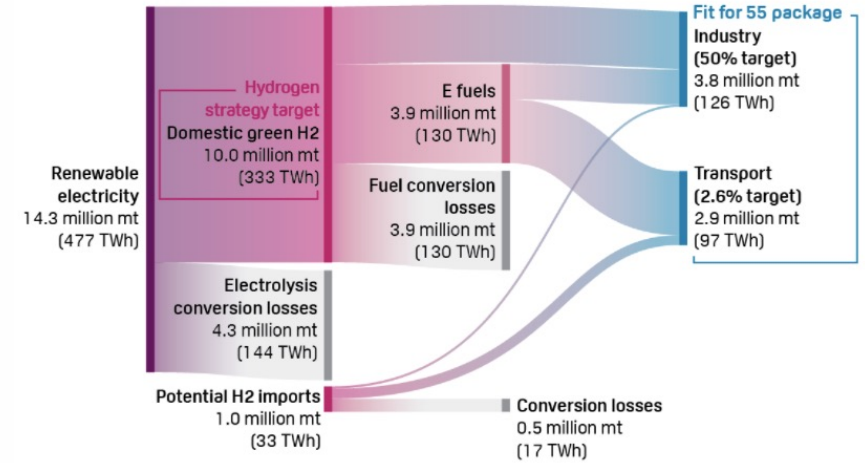
Grey & Blue: natural gas as raw material with CCS (blue) or without (grey); Turquoise: solid carbon as a by-product; Green and Clean: sustainable energy, CO₂ emission free

Suuri haaste 2023 eteenpäin!

- Elektrolyysiin pohjautuva strategia nojaa edullisen sähköenergian hyvään saatavuuteen
- Arvioitu vedyn tarve EU:ssa 2050 on n. 2800 TWh/a (European Hydrogen Backbone, 2021)
- Sähkäenergiassa mitattuna tämä on jopa **4670 TWh (= 330 ydinvoimalaa tai 250 000 – 460 000 tuulivoimalaa)**
- Suomen sähköntuotanto 2021 oli n. 69 TWh, 2022 alijäämäinen n. 95% ajasta

Sähkön kysyntä ja hinta kasvaa, kun vetyä tuotetaan elektrolyysillä

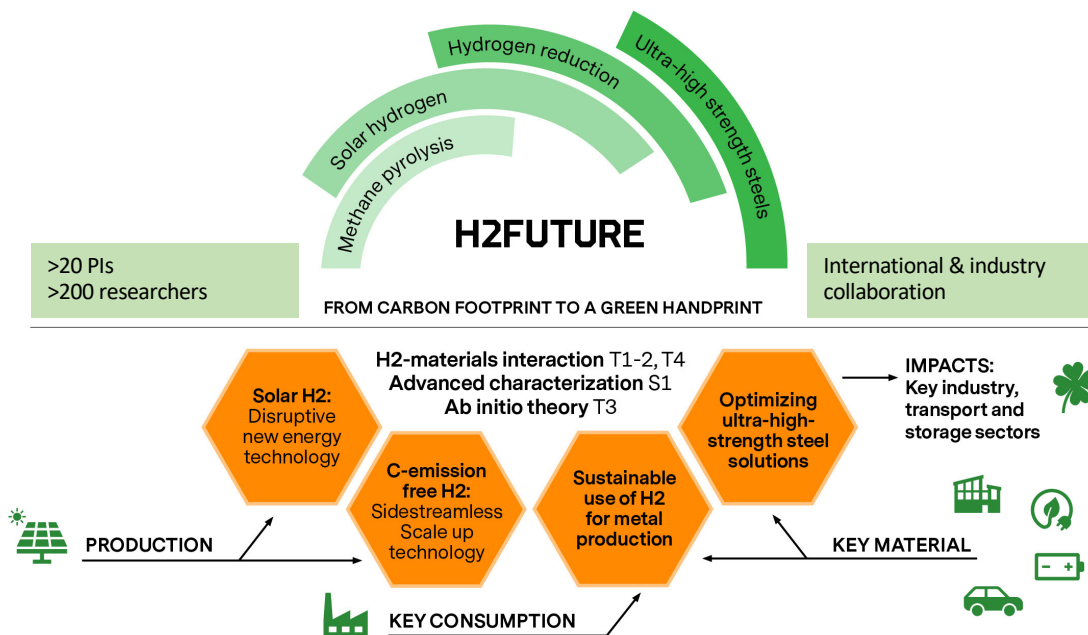
2030 EU27 HYDROGEN SUPPLY FLOW, BASED ON 10 MILLION MT/YEAR PRODUCTION TARGET



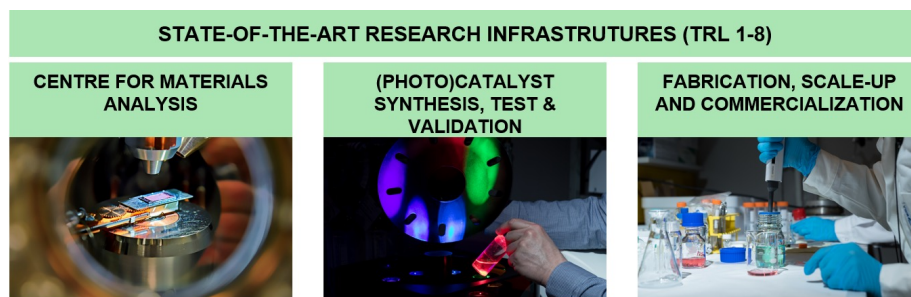
Source: Future Energy Outlooks, S&P Global Platts Analytics; EU Fit for 55 package

TUULIVOIMA 2022	Tuotannot kuukausikeskiarvona (MW)		
	Alle 500	Alle 1400	Tehokkuus
Tammikuu	13,7	35,0	51,6
Helmikuu	17,2	46,6	43,2
Maaliskuu	15,8	44,5	43,9
Huhtikuu	36,3	76,4	25,0
Toukokuu	27,6	64,9	30,3
Kesäkuu	35,6	80,8	21,2
Heinäkuu	36,6	89,1	19,2
Elokuu	21,4	60,9	30,1
Syyskuu	23,4	68,8	25,4
Lokakuu	14,8	36,9	39,7
Marraskuu	52,9	81,1	17,5
Joulukuu	18,3	46,4	33,9
Vuosi	26,1	61,0	31,8

H2FUTURE - Multidisciplinary Research and Education as a Foundation of the Green Transition

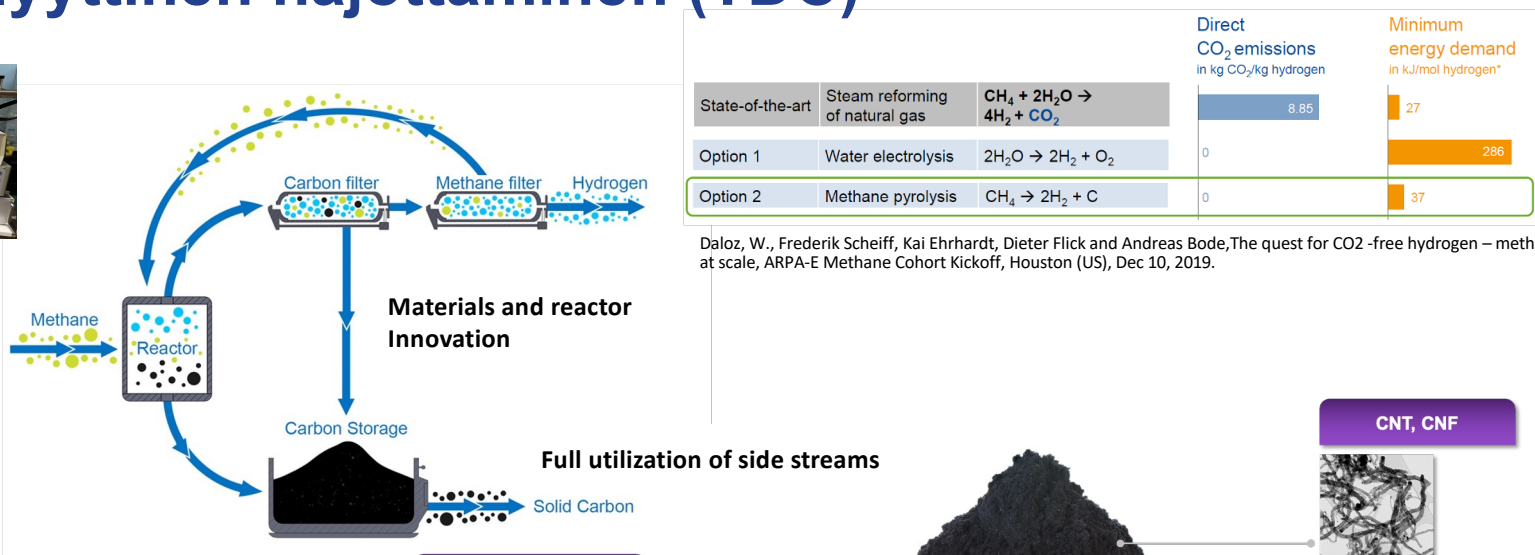


- National profilation project **H2FUTURE** 2023-2028
- CO₂ free and energy efficient H₂ production methods: **solar H₂** and **(bio)methane pyrolysis**
- Energy materials research: electroceramics
- Solar panels and nanocoatings
- Coordination of Hydrogen Research Forum Finland (9 research organization members): Research based view on hydrogen transition
- **National graduate school on H₂ transition under construction**
- I4WORLD EU-Horizon MSCA docotoral program focusing on UN SDG themes
- Offering courses on energy technology and systems, **minor** on sustainable development
- Open university and continuous learning, **education on H₂ transition** (FiTech) and UNIC collaboration



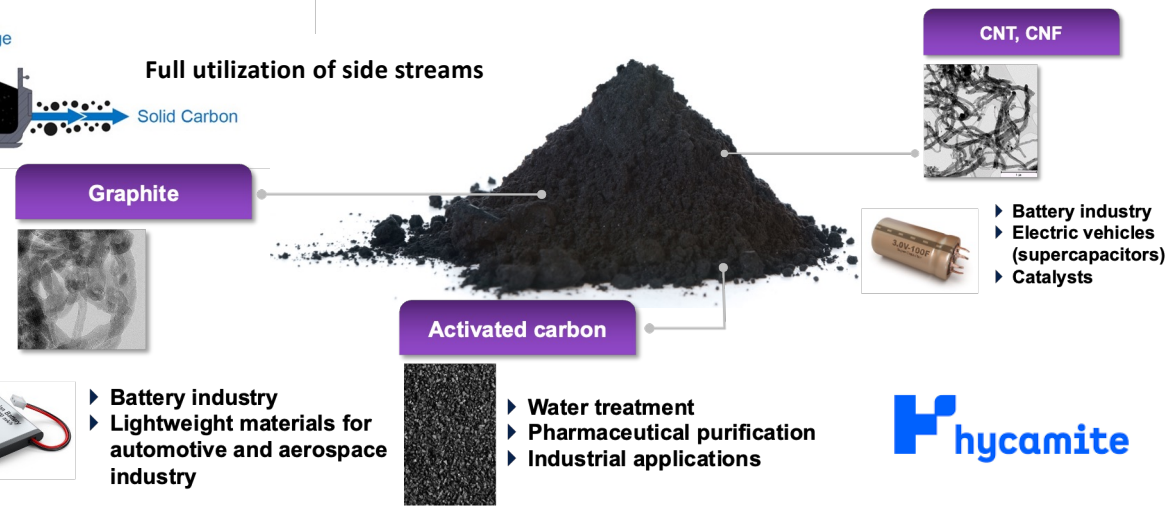



Vaihtoehtoiset vedyntuotantomenetelmät: (Bio)metaanin termokatalyyttinen hajottaminen (TDC)



State-of-the-art	Steam reforming of natural gas	$\text{CH}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$	Direct CO ₂ emissions in kg CO ₂ /kg hydrogen	Minimum energy demand in kJ/mol hydrogen*
			8.85	27
Option 1	Water electrolysis	$2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$	0	286
Option 2	Methane pyrolysis	$\text{CH}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{C}$	0	37

Daloz, W., Frederik Scheiff, Kai Ehrhardt, Dieter Flick and Andreas Bode, The quest for CO₂-free hydrogen – methane pyrolysis at scale, ARPA-E Methane Cohort Kickoff, Houston (US), Dec 10, 2019.





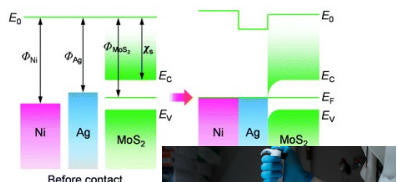
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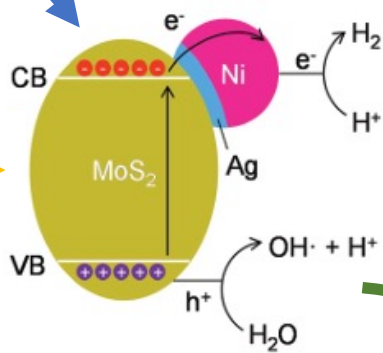


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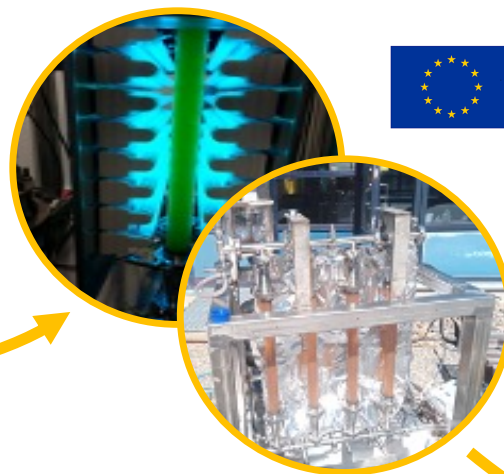
1 hour global sunlight
=
1 year mankind energy needs

Catalyst design
& synthesis

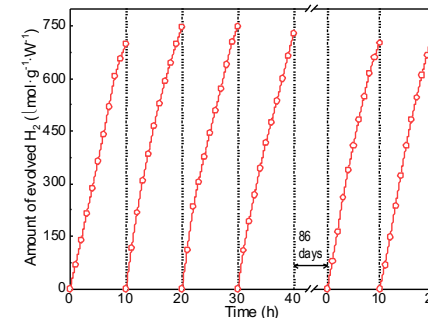


Materials
characterization

Reactor
development

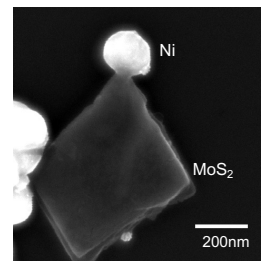
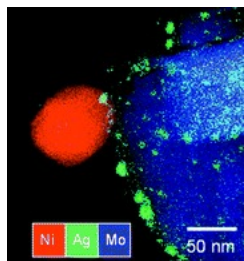
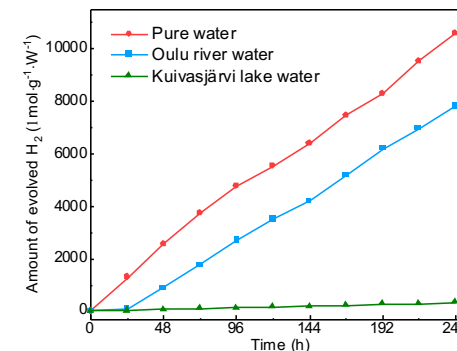


 **European Union**
European Regional
Development Fund



Technology
validation

- Hydrogen evolution
- Water purification





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Vihreitä teräksiä vedyllä

Perinteisen ja HYBRIT-tekniikan erot



MASUUNI

HYBRIT – SSAB:n, Vattenfallin ja LKAB:n yhteisyritys

TUOTANTOINTENSITEETTI RAAKATERÄSTÖNNÄ KOHDEN

Maailmanlaajuisen keskiarvo

SSAB

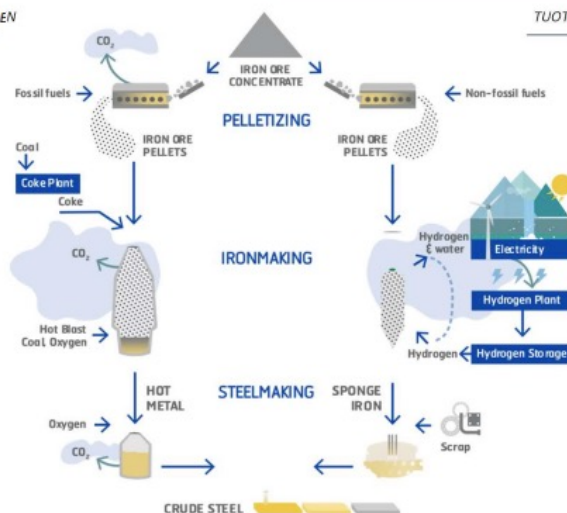
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kg
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1 600
kg
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81
kWh öljyä

5 510
kWh hiiltä

235
kWh
sähköä



TUOTANTOINTENSITEETTI RAAKATERÄSTÖNNÄ KOHDEN

HYBRIT

25
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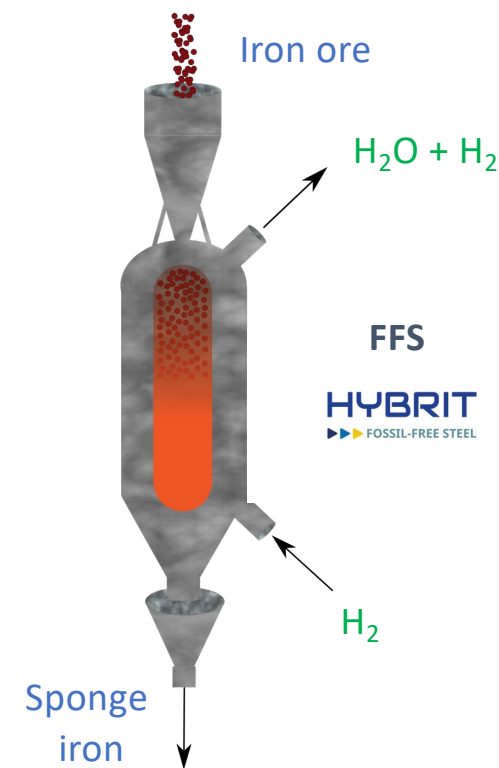
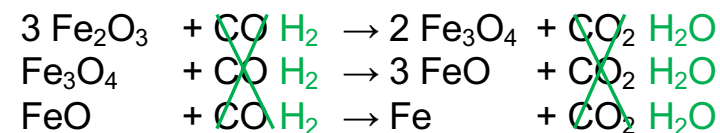
42
kWh
grafiittia

560
kWh
biopolttoainetta

3 488
kWh
sähköä

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- Carbon-containing reducing agents are replaced with hydrogen for reduction in solid state.



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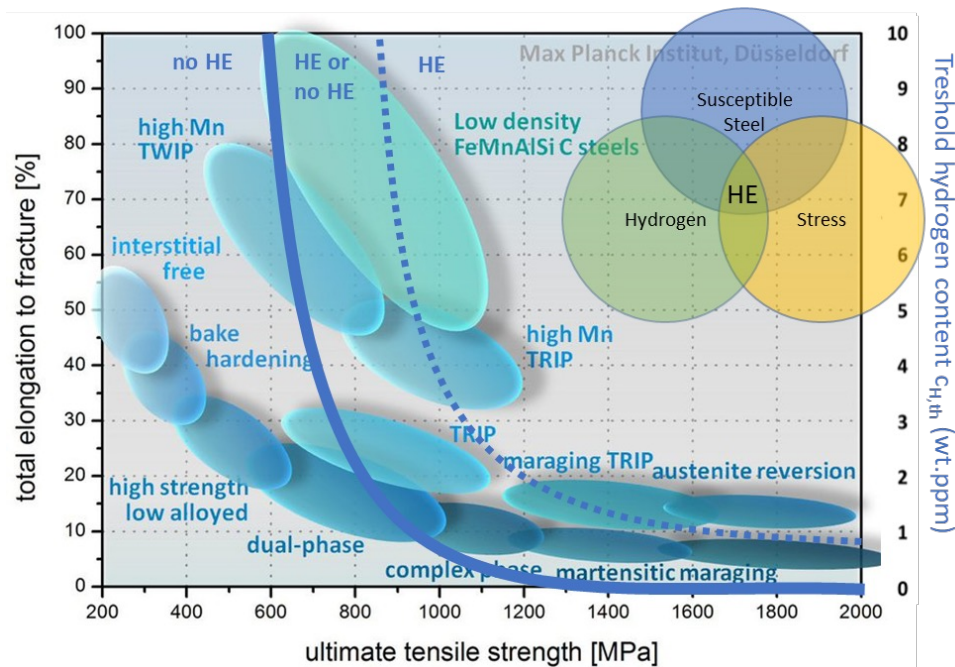
1 000 kg steel

~ 2 000 kg CO₂

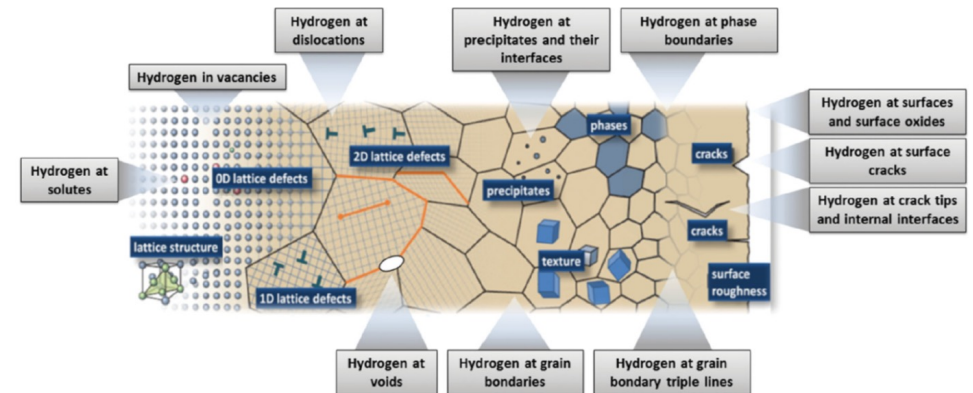
Steel production equals CO₂
7-8% total CO₂ emissions



Metallurgiaa kehittyneiden hiilineutraalien terästen valmistukseen



- **Development of 4th generation ultrahigh-strength steels** with extremely good mechanical properties
- **Physical metallurgy enables** novel composition and process designs.
- Significant **reductions in the weights of steel structures** ensure substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and raw material usage



Recent progress in microstructural hydrogen mapping in steels: quantification, kinetic analysis and multi-scale characterization. Source Kayama et al., 2017



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Climate neutral, justified and sustainable H₂ transition

JustH₂Transit

Strategic Research Council (SRC)
2023-2029 Just Energy initiative

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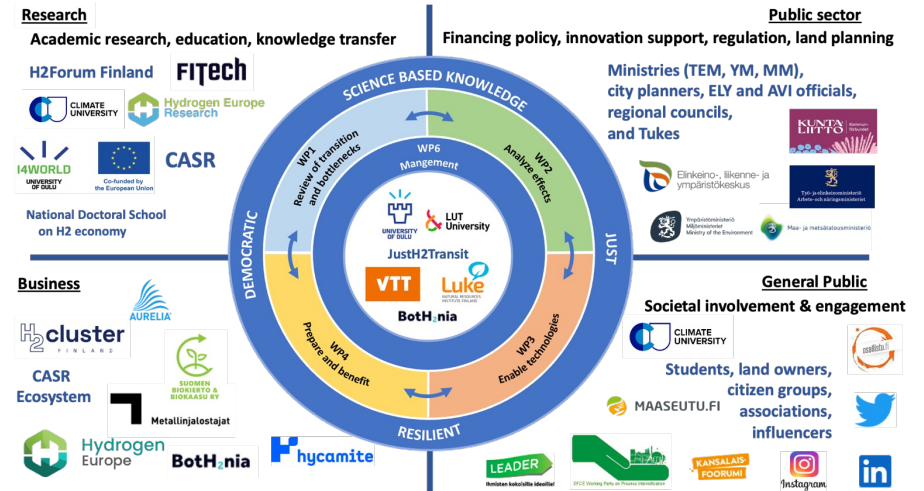


Mission of JustH₂Transit

- To facilitate the transition towards sustainable net-zero carbon society by promoting clean hydrogen (H₂) as an energy storage and means of powering industry and society.
- To support the EU's aim of switching to renewable H₂ by 2030 by developing innovative technologies and solutions for the production of renewable H₂ that are emissionless, cost-effective, energy efficient and scalable.
- To address the challenge of intermittent renewable energy sources by developing new approaches to hydrogen production that can operate effectively with fluctuating renewable energy inputs.
- To promote public awareness and understanding of the benefits of renewable H₂ as a key element of the energy transition
- To foster collaboration among industry, government, and academic stakeholders to accelerate the adoption of the vital technology



Interact, support, influence



JustH2Transition

Hydrogen Impact Forum

- 4 workshops / year for ongoing governance and society dialogue in Finland
 - Representatives for central stakeholder groups identified in local hydrogen valleys
 - Representatives for municipal, regional and national officials
 - 2 hour Teams meetings in workshop form, including small group discussions when needed
 - Focus in monitoring and management of impacts from hydrogen development projects
- ⇒ producing a handbook for governance and society dialogue
- ⇒ replicable in Sweden, Norway, Estonia, other Baltic States



Both2nia

Hub for Hydrogen-Materials Interactions Research Infrastructures

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Ambient Pressure XPS

- Mining industry
- Fossil-free steelmaking
- Steel processing
- Sidestream utilization
- Materials for solar hydrogen production and light harvesting
- Catalytic materials
- Battery materials

Tampere University

Tribometer, micromechanics, Axial-Torsion H₂ load frame

- Mining, excavation and mineral processing equipment
- Manufacturing industry
- Mechanical engineering
- Parts and components for energy production, engines, windpower
- Coating technology



H2MIRI Hub

SANDVIK **Robit**

SSAB **outokumpu** **Metso:Outotec** **OVAKO**

WARTSILA **HELEN** **NELES** **BOLIDEN**

SAPOTEC **Valmet** **NESTE** **Freeport Cobalt**

OWAtec **ESRF** **TerraRoc** **fortum**

AGNICO EAGLE **MAXIV** **COOPERSTONE**

Terrafame **BIO SIO4** **hycamite** **Jervois** **umicore**

VTT **TOF-SIMS, H₂ tribometer**

- Materials characterization
- Materials performance under extreme environments (process, energy, marine industry, mechanical engineering industry)
- Hydrogen production, distribution & transportation, utilization
- Integrated computational materials engineering and data sciences

Green Arctic Hydrogen Valley Initiative

