

STORE&GO

*Innovative large-scale energy STOragE technologies
AND Power-to-Gas concepts after Optimisation*

Project Overview

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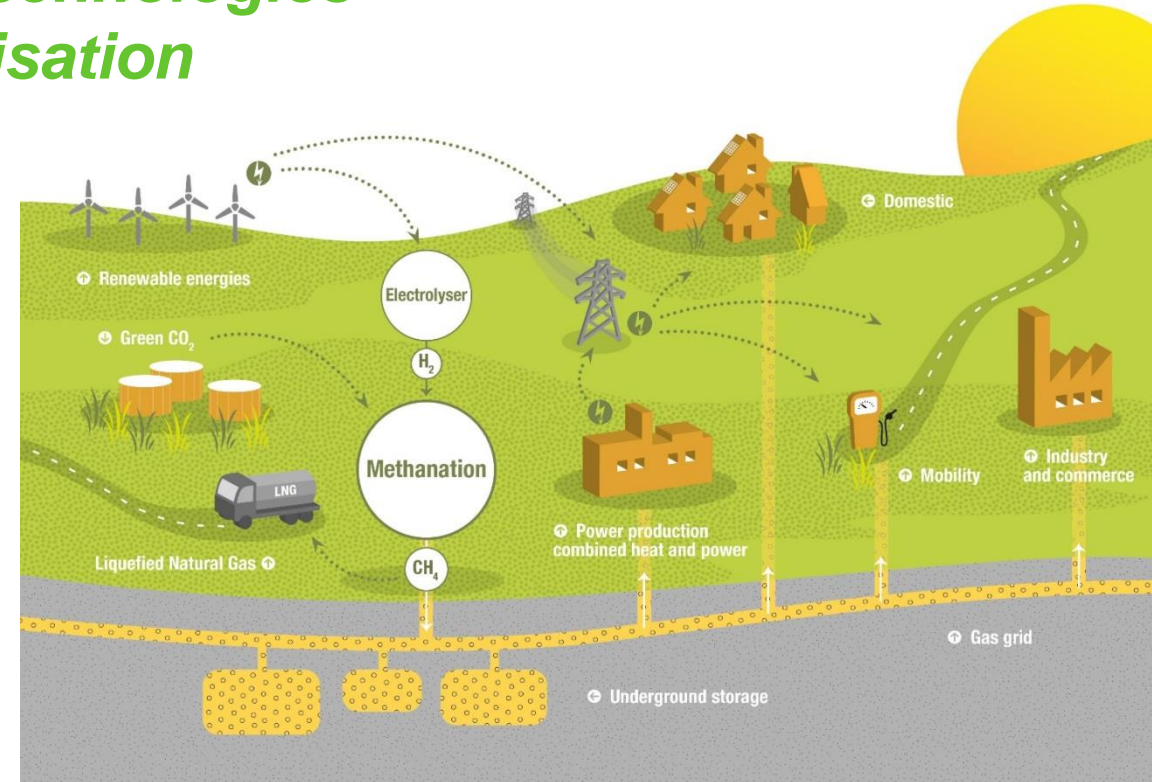
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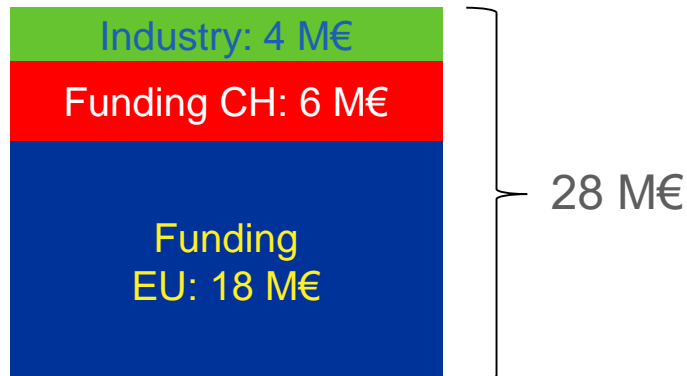


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STORE&GO Key Facts

- ➔ 27 partners from 6 European countries
- ➔ Runtime: 03/2016 - 02/2020
- ➔ Erection and operation of 3 PtG demo plants
- ➔ Intensive cross-cutting activities



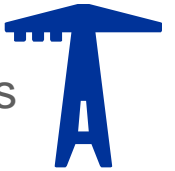
Focus on PtG plants with methanation;
Selection of 3 sites in Europe with existing electrolyser capacity

Overview of Activities

- ➔ Developing, erecting, operating and analysing 3 demo sites
 - Environmental impacts
 - Economic analysis
 - Optimized Operation schemes for gas grids



- ➔ Impact of PtG on the energy system
 - Benefits for operating distribution networks
 - Cost savings in transmission networks
 - Energy system simulations



- ➔ Reducing barriers
 - Discovering legal and regulatory obstacles
 - Outlook on cost and technology development
 - Social acceptance

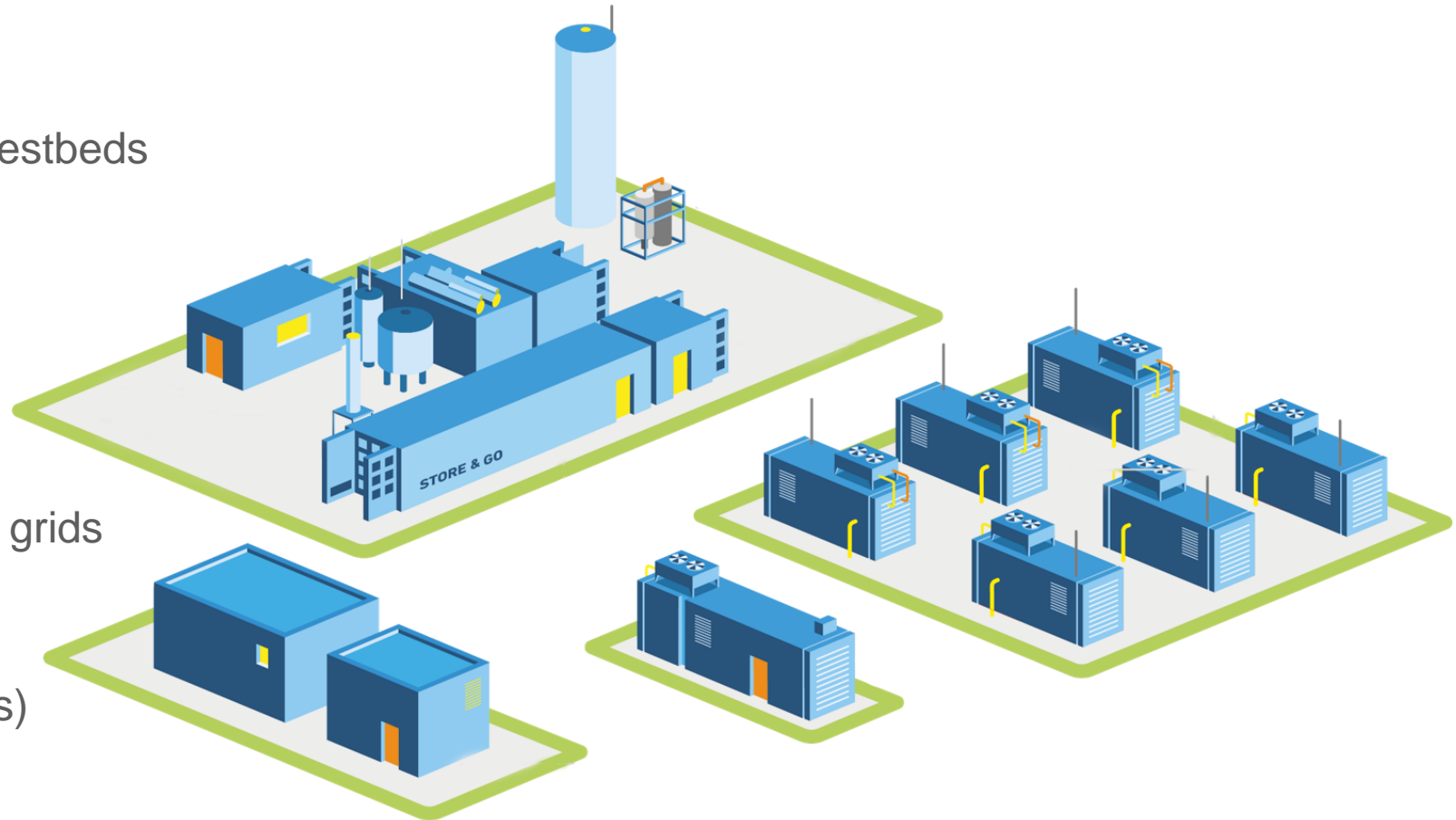


- ➔ Market uptake
 - Analysis of future demand of 'green gases'
 - Macro-economic costs and benefits of the PtG
 - A European PtG roadmap



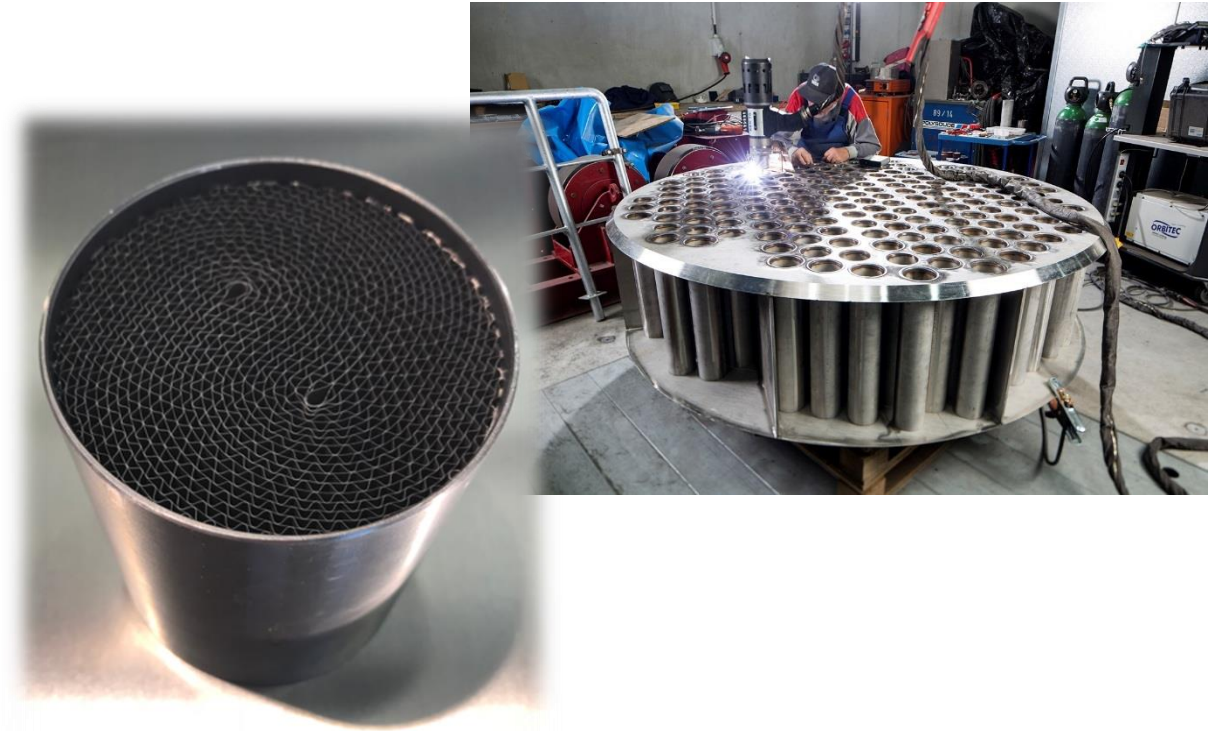
Demo Sites at a Glance

- 3 demo sites offer highly diverse testbeds
 - **Methanation technology**
 - Network type
 - CO₂ source
 - RE source
- Fully integrated in existing energy grids
- 2 sites: injection into gas grid,
1 site: liquefaction to “LNG”,
or LRG (Liquefied Renewable Gas)



Demo Site Falkenhagen, Germany

- Plant size: 1 MW
- Catalytic methanation
- CO₂ from bioethanol
- SNG injection in transportation grid
- thermal integration with veneer mill



– Latest operational experiences

- Total operation time: 802 hours
- SNG-Injection : more than 7.500 m³ of SNG
- Gas Quality: >96 % CH₄, <2% H₂, <2% CO₂

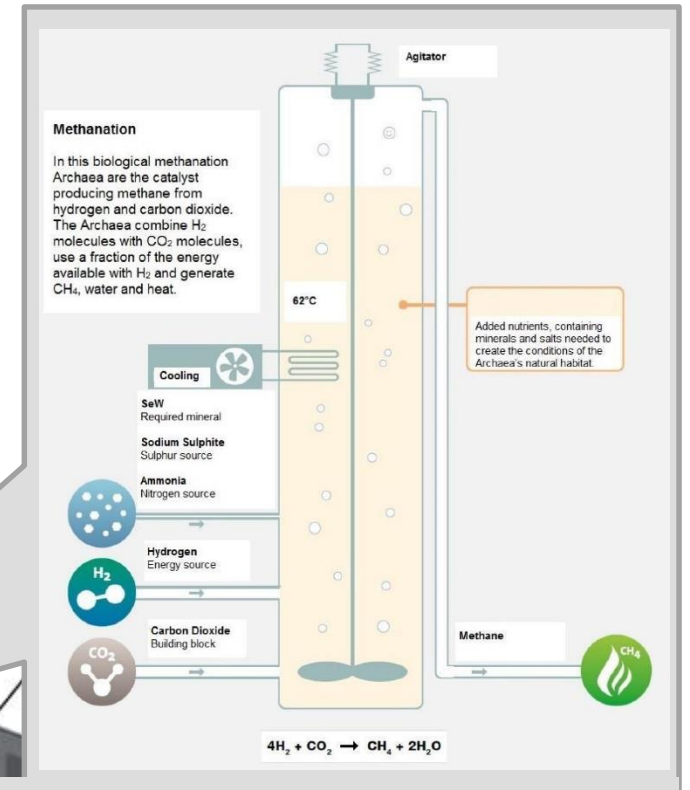
Demo Site Solothurn, Switzerland

- Plant size: 700 kW
- Biological methanation
- CO₂ from waste water
- Urban gas distribution grid



Tower including
reactor

Flare

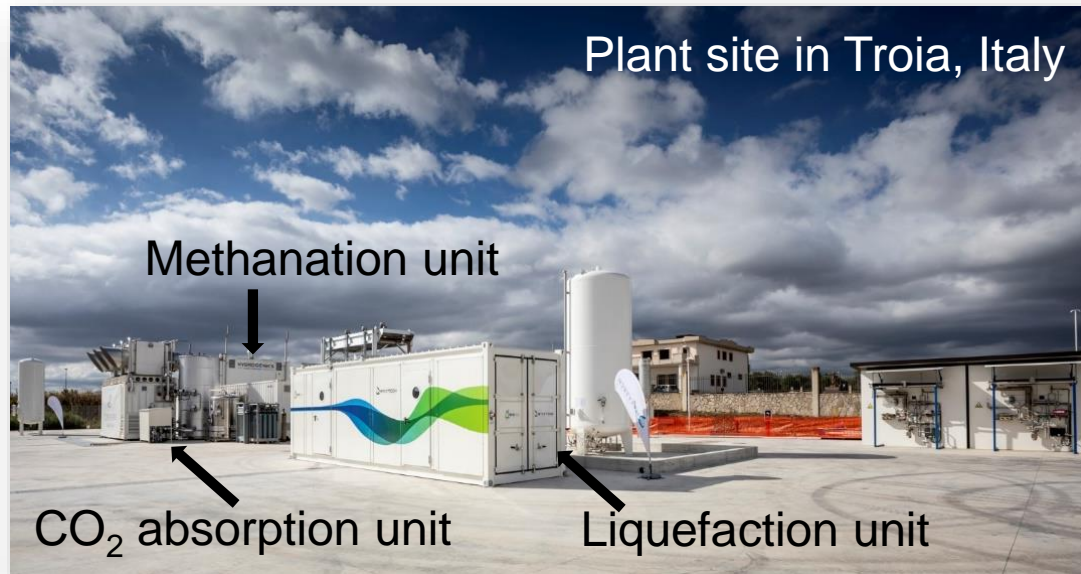


– Latest operational experiences

- Total operation time: 860 hours
- SNG-Injection : more than 9.600 m³ of SNG
- Gas Quality: >96 % CH₄

Demo Site Troia, Italy

- Plant size: 200 kW
- Catalytic methanation
- CO₂ from air
- Liquefaction to “LNG”



Catalytic methanation
„milli“-reactor

Latest Operational Experiences

- Process chain to “LNG” validated in April 2019
- Total operation time: ~150 hours
- Production of SNG: > 600 m³
- Gas Quality: >96 % CH₄

Key Findings from Cross-Cutting Activities

➤ Operating and analysing 3 demo sites

- All sites produce high-quality methane
- Integration into daily grid operation feasible
- Experiences and expectations are analysed



➤ Reducing barriers

- Future need highly dependent on political and economical conditions
- Political framework is not yet ready for market uptake of power-to-gas
- Social acceptance of PtG good; can be boosted by stated support from authorities



➤ Impact of PtG on the energy system

- Most scenarios show relevant need for power-to-gas (CH_4) in the range of 50 - 200 GW in Europe; optimistic up to 660 GW, covering 75% of gas demand.
- PtG (independent of CH_4 or H_2 target) beneficial for operation of electricity distribution and transmission grids



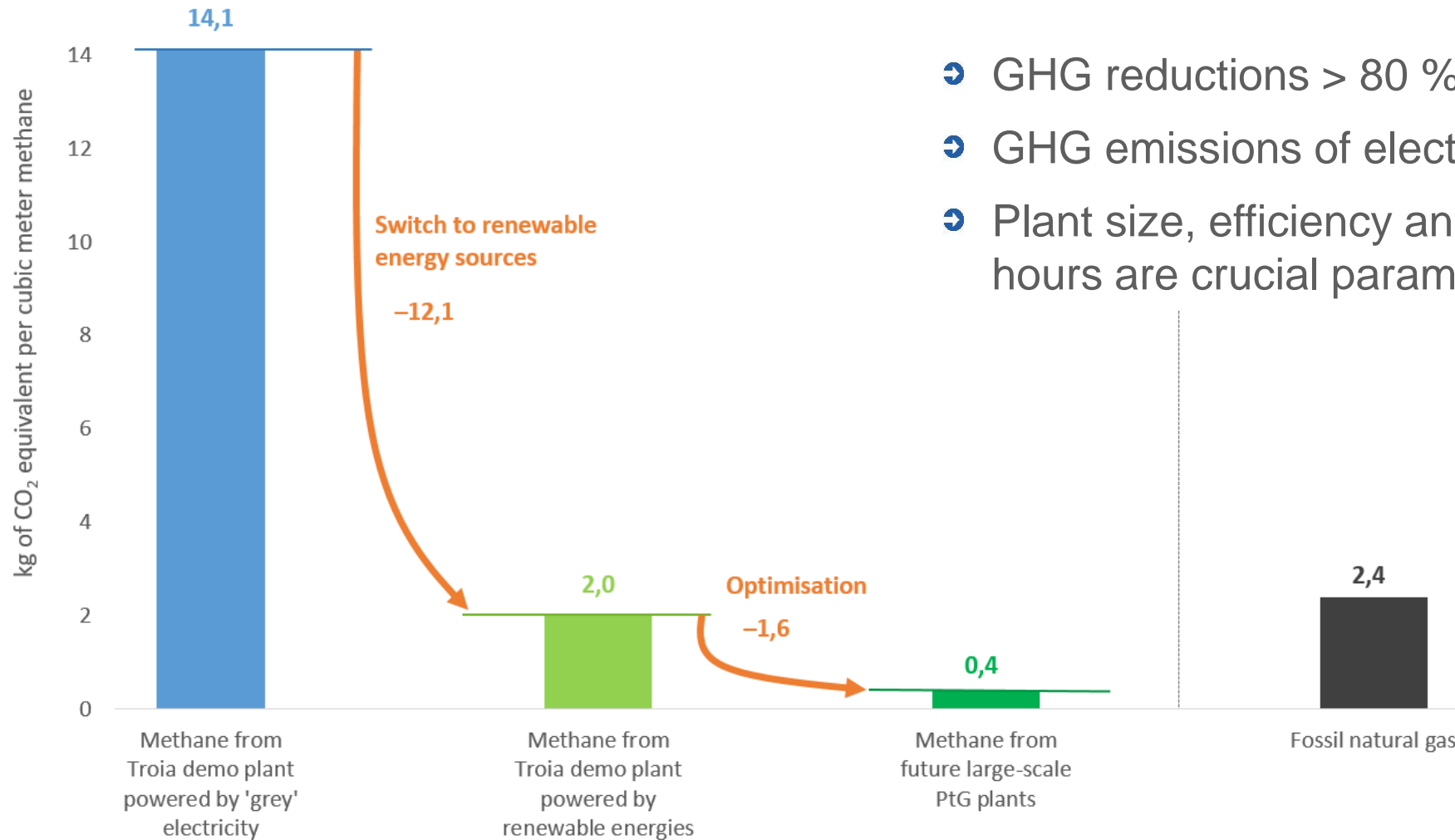
➤ Market uptake

- High generation potential for renewable gas (CH_4) within EU, e.g.:
 - 500 - 2500 TWh from biomass fermentation*
 - PtG with CO_2 from fermentation: another 250 - 1200 TWh



*assuming that 1/3 of technical potential is used

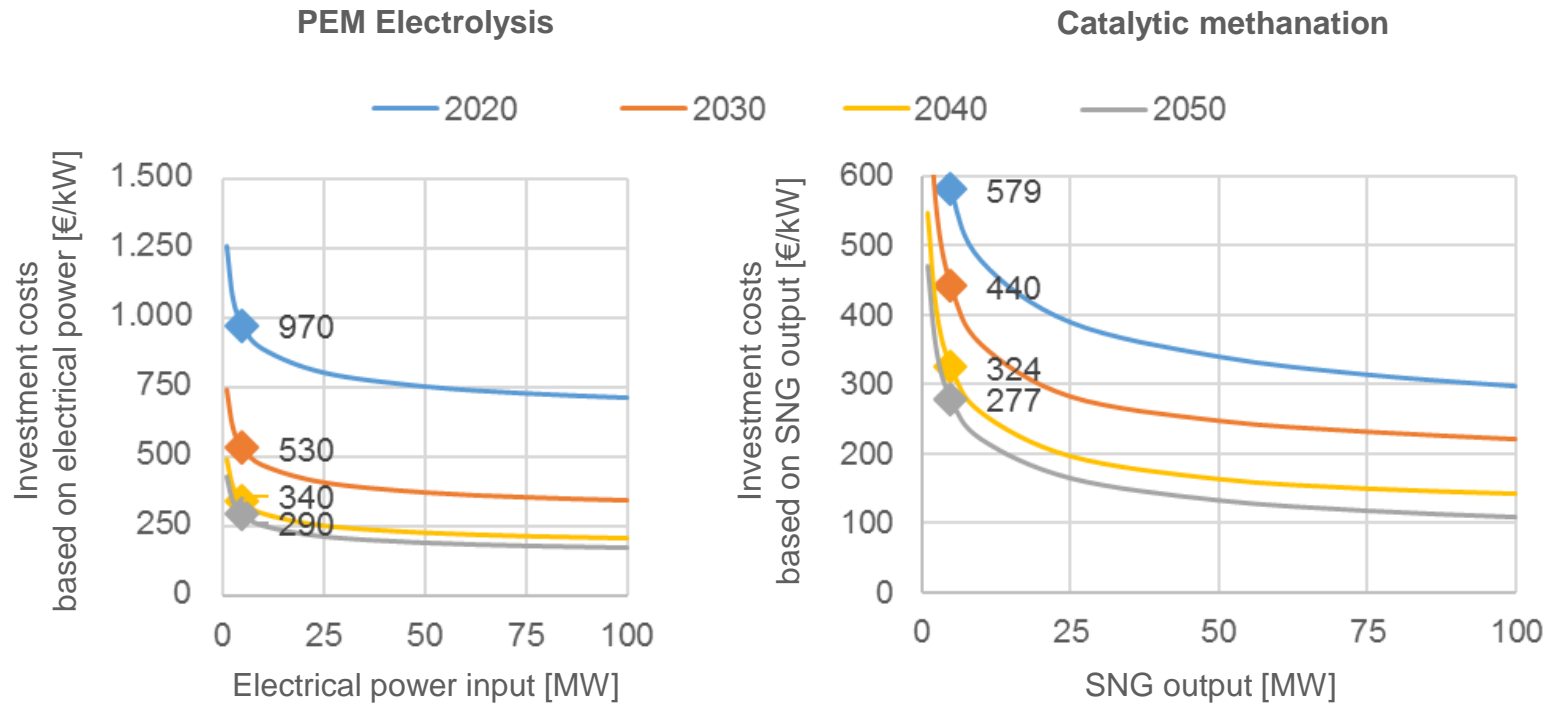
Selected Results: CO₂ Footprint of PtG-methane



- GHG reductions > 80 % possible
- GHG emissions of electricity mix are key
- Plant size, efficiency and operation hours are crucial parameters

Calculations by partner EPFL

Selected Results: Expected Cost Decrease



- ➔ Cost development related to scaling effects and technological learning
 - Left: electrolysis systems
 - Right: methanation systems
- ➔ Assumptions, EU in 2050:
 - 1240 GW electrolyzers installed
 - 550 GW methanation units installed

Calculations by partner EIL

Outlook until project end in February 2020

- ➔ Gathering of operational hours and experiences at the demo sites
- ➔ Finalization of demo site operation assessment
- ➔ Conclusion with scientific conference on February 17-18 of 2020 in Karlsruhe

Thank you for your attention!

