
WASTE HEAT UTILISATION OF POWER TO HYDROGEN PLANTS FOR LOCAL AND DISTRICT HEATING



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Project Presentation

Power-to-Gas-Leuchtturm Baden-Württemberg

- 1 MW electrolysis with trailer filling
 - Economical operation ensured by usage of hydropower
 - Commissioning fall 2018
- Run by german-swiss energy supplier EnergieDienst AG
- Supply of customers like hydrogen filling stations, carriers, industrial companies via trailer
- Heat extraction is taken into account for the near future
 - First assessment in this project
- Project homepage: www.ptg-bw.de

Research and development



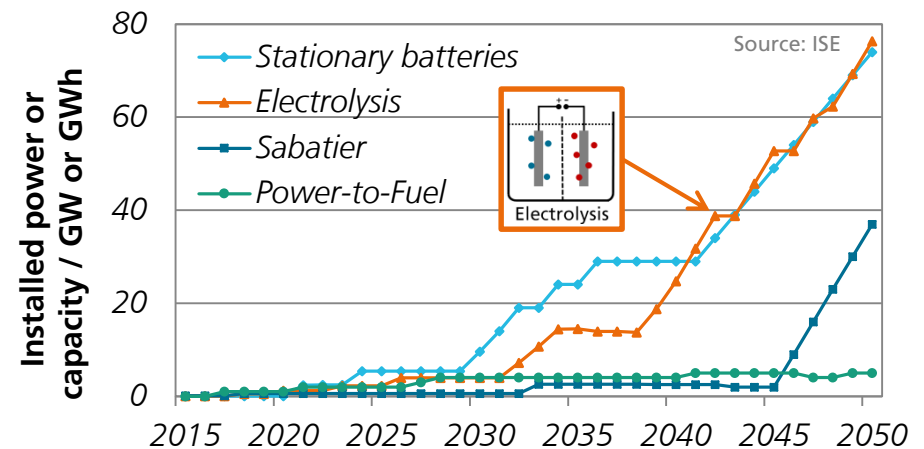
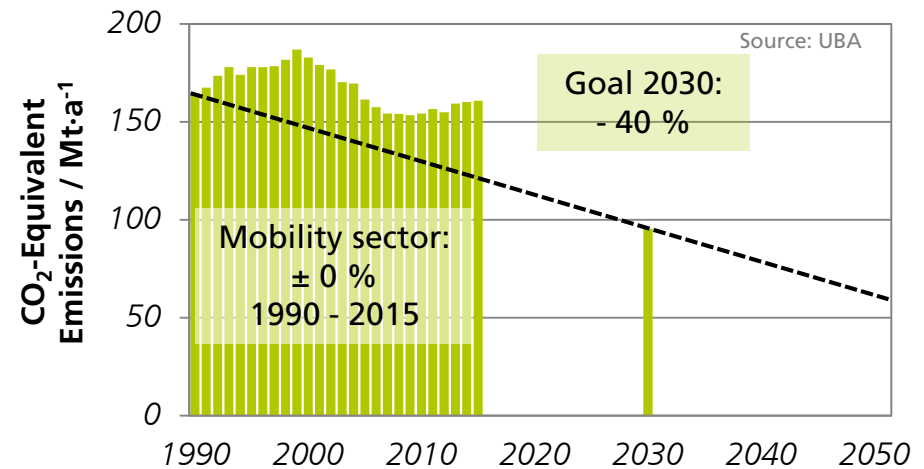
Associated companies



Motivation – Power to Hydrogen

An important puzzle piece against climate change

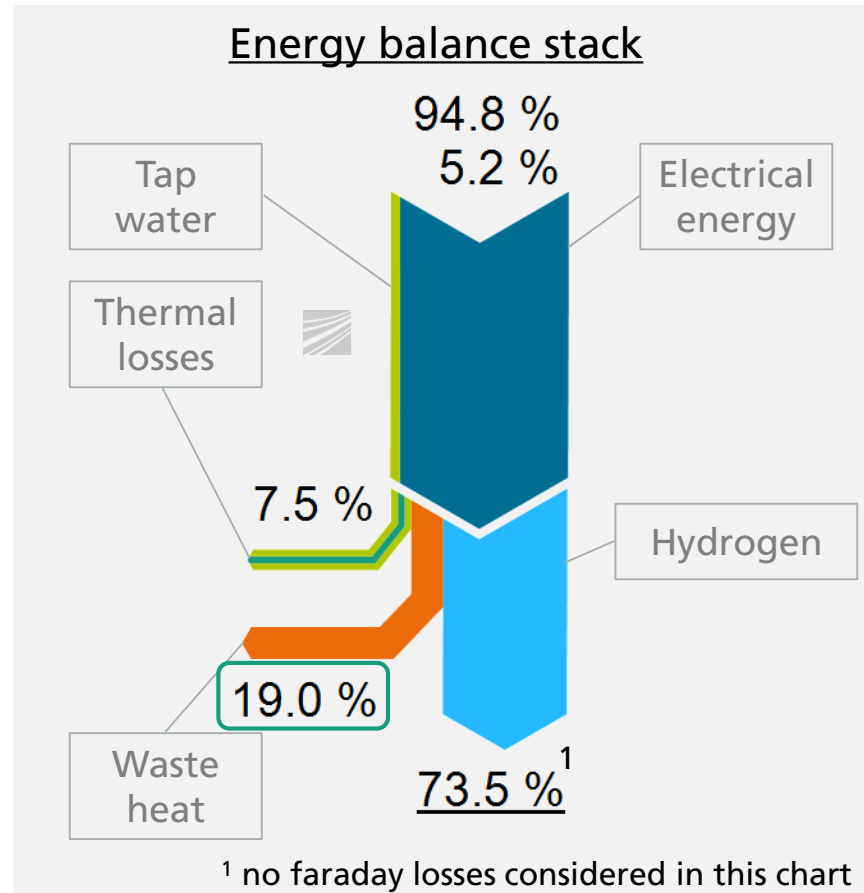
- Large share of renewable energy (> 80 %) targeted by the German government until 2050
 - PtH₂ is one of the missing links between the different sectors in the energy system
 - + Highly flexible operation
 - + Max. power and storable energy can be varied independently
 - + Large scale storage (caverns)
 - Critique: allegedly low efficiency of the whole process compared to direct use of electricity
- Integrated energy system



Motivation - Waste Heat Extraction from PtH₂ plants

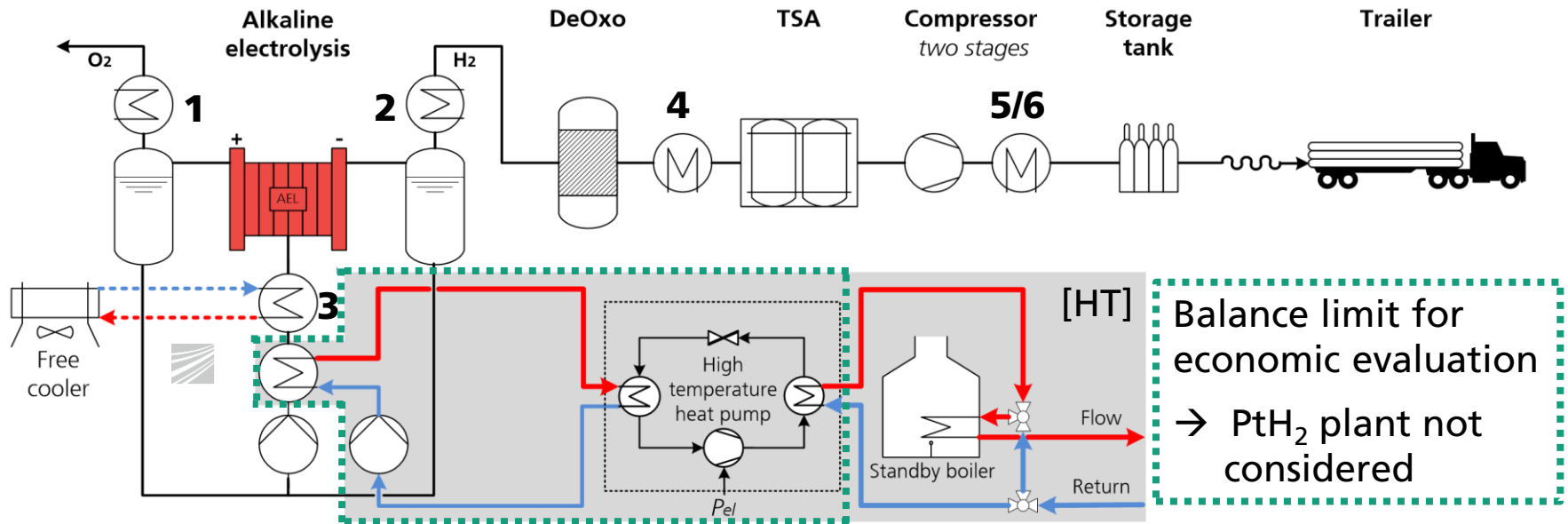
A first footprint to largely increase the efficiency

- About 7 % of the German CO₂ emissions are caused by district heating purposes¹
 - Only 11 % of the end energy used in households is from renewable source²
- Decarbonization slightly advanced
- 73.5 % of input energy in electrolysis stack is converted to hydrogen
- Up to 19 % of the input energy needs to be cooled in the PtH₂ process
 - Enormous potential for usage in local and district heating grids



Introduction

Waste heat potential of PtH₂ and ways of utilisation



	1	2	3	4	5 / 6
Temperature	80 °C	80 °C	80 °C	150 °C	90 °C
Heat output	3,2 kW	6,3 kW	212 kW	11,2 kW	2 · 4,5 kW

Methodology

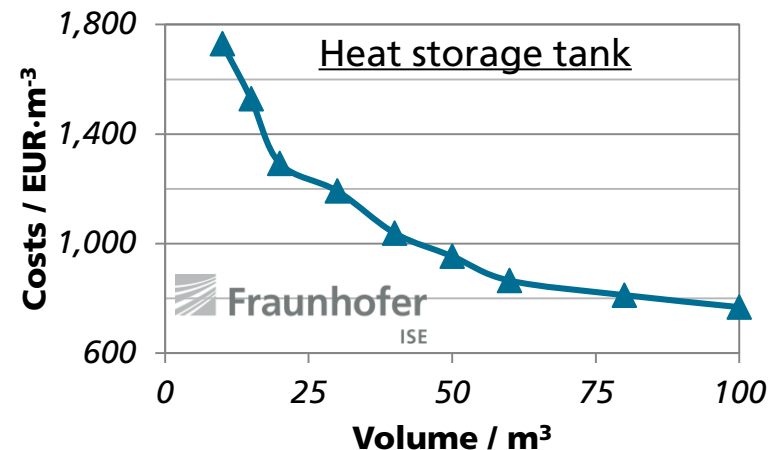
Technical and Economical Input Values and Assumptions

- Input time series
 - EEX Day ahead price
 - Temperature profile
 - Heat demand from standard load profiles (SLP)
- Boundary conditions
 - Space heating & domestic hot water

$$\eta = \frac{m_{H_2} \cdot HHV + (Q_{heat})}{E_{el}}$$

$$LCO_{Heat} = \frac{ANF \cdot \Delta CAPEX + \Delta OPEX}{Q_{injected}}$$

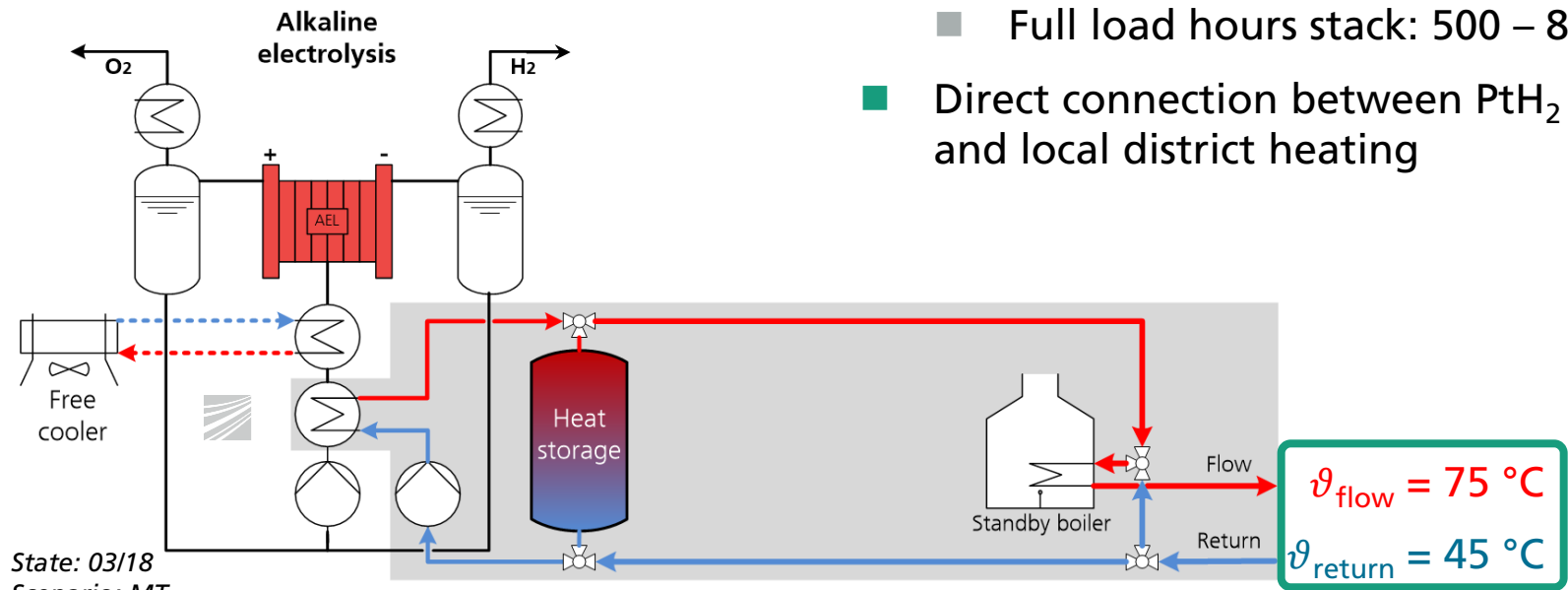
Component	Costs	Unit
Heat exchanger	10.000	EUR
Grid connection	50.000	EUR
Industrial heat pump	250	EUR/kW
Piping	250	EUR/m
Surcharge	30	%
OPEX	1	%/a



Results - Concept

Supply of a New Housing Estate (Medium Temperature)

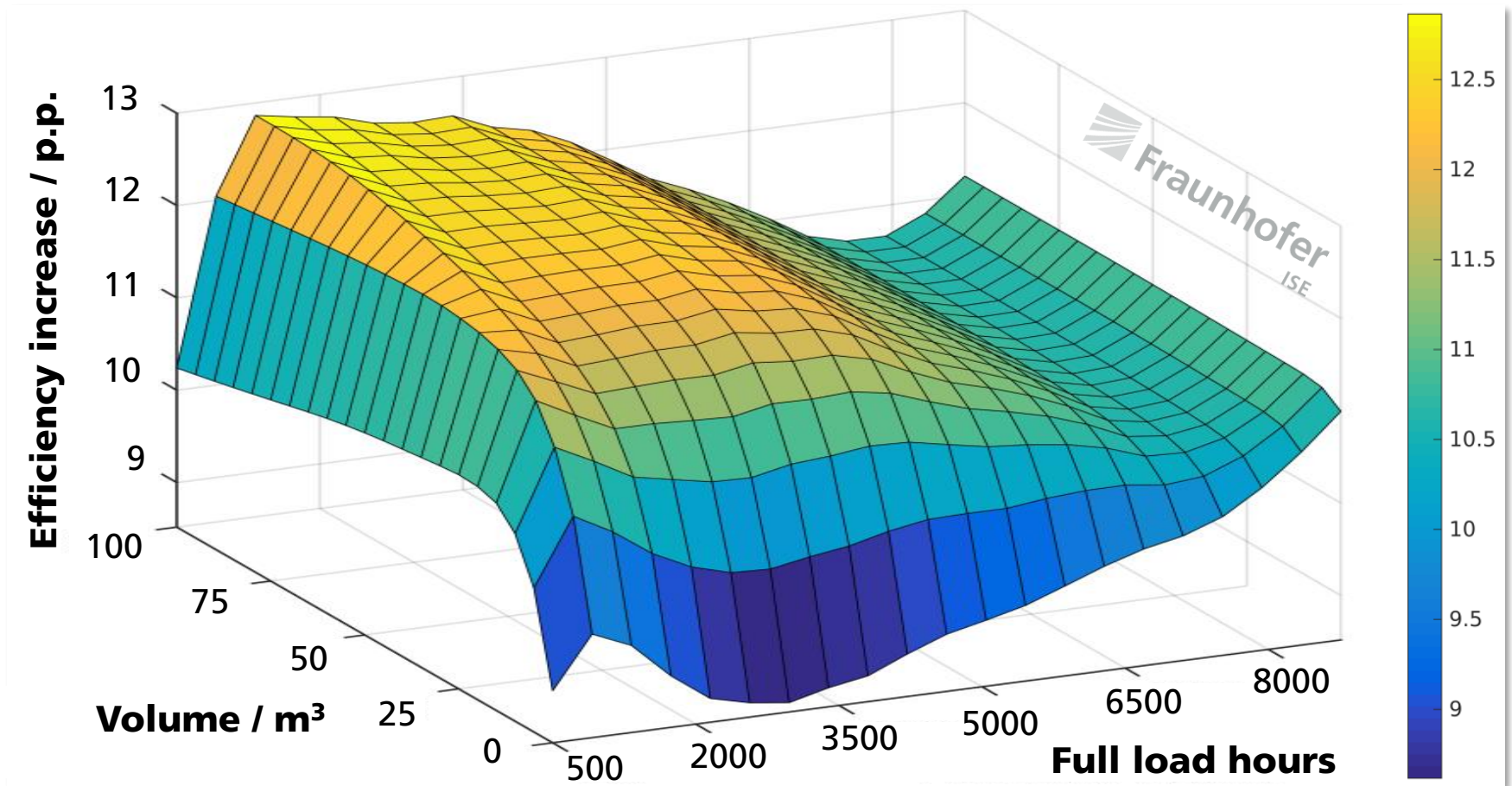
- **Role of PtH₂ plant in the heat grid**
 - **Medium to large supporter**
- Peak heat load grid: **500 kW**
- Annual heat demand grid: **1.25 GWh**
- PtH₂ plant with **1 MW stack power**
- Heat grid length: 2,500 m
- Varying design:
 - Heat storage volume: 0 – 100 m³
 - Full load hours stack: 500 – 8760 h
- Direct connection between PtH₂ plant and local district heating



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Scenario: MT

Results – Technical

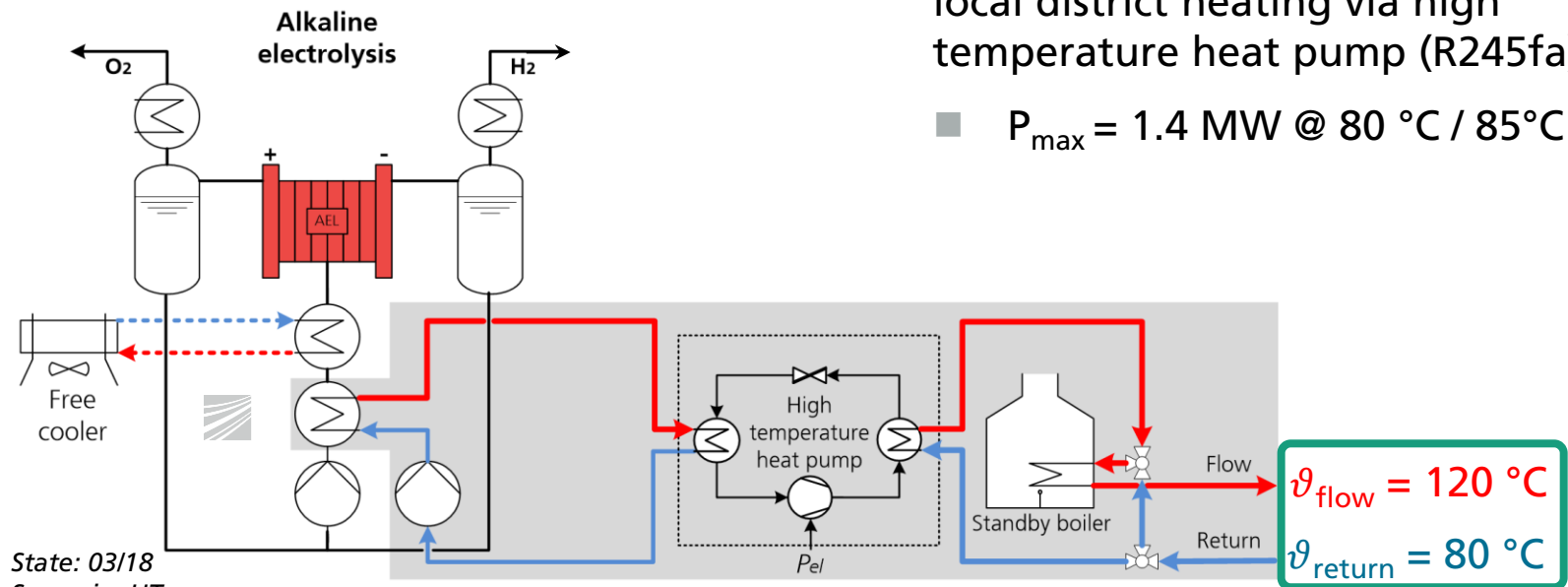
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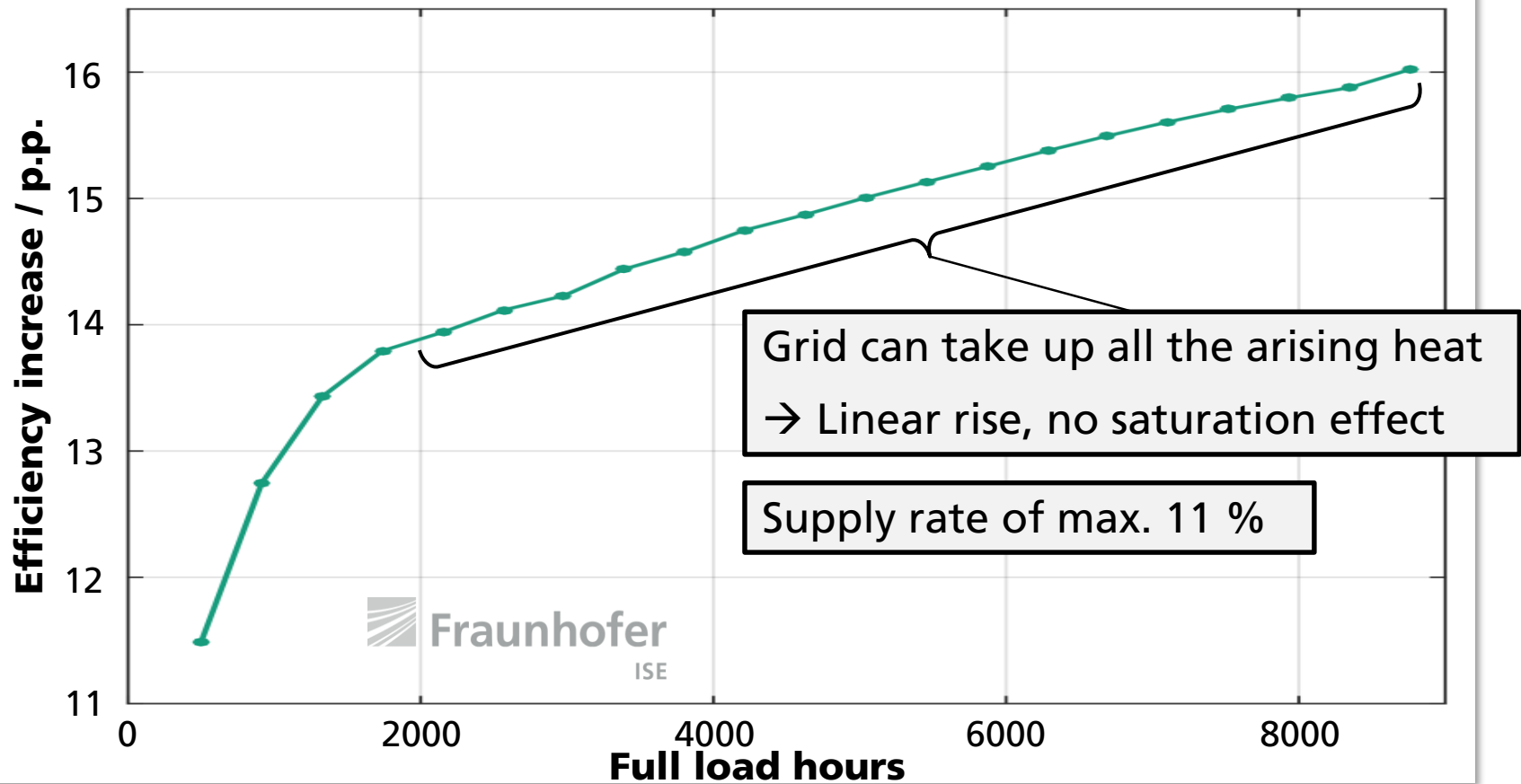
Supply of an Existing Heat Grid (High Temperature)

- **Role of Pth₂ plant in the heat grid**
 - **Small to medium supporter**
- Peak heat load grid: **50 MW**
- Annual heat demand grid: **125 GWh**
- Pth₂ plant with **10 MW stack power**
- Heat grid length: 25 km
- Varying FLH, **no heat storage tank**
- Connection between Pth₂ plant and local district heating via high temperature heat pump (R245fa)
 - $P_{\max} = 1.4 \text{ MW @ } 80^\circ\text{C} / 85^\circ\text{C}$



Results – Technical

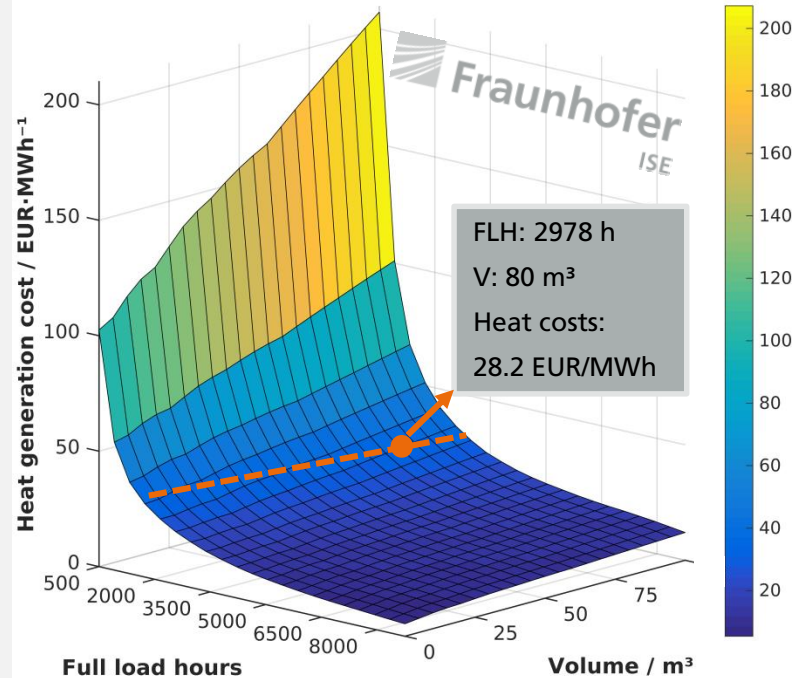
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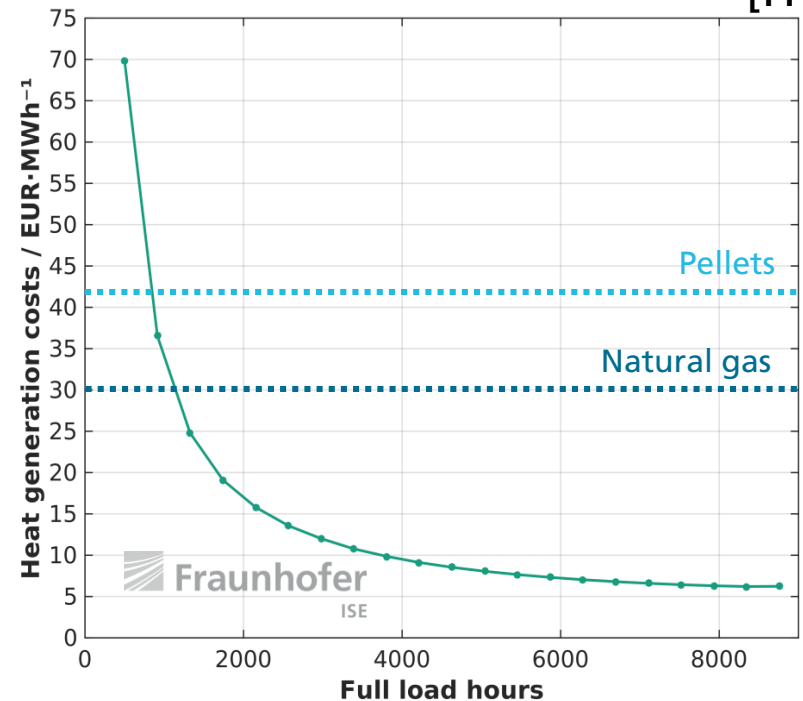
Results – Economic

Comparison of Heat Generation Cost

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- High number of full load hours is beneficial for heat generation costs
- Best trade-off between heat production costs and efficiency increase important

Conclusion

What can we learn?

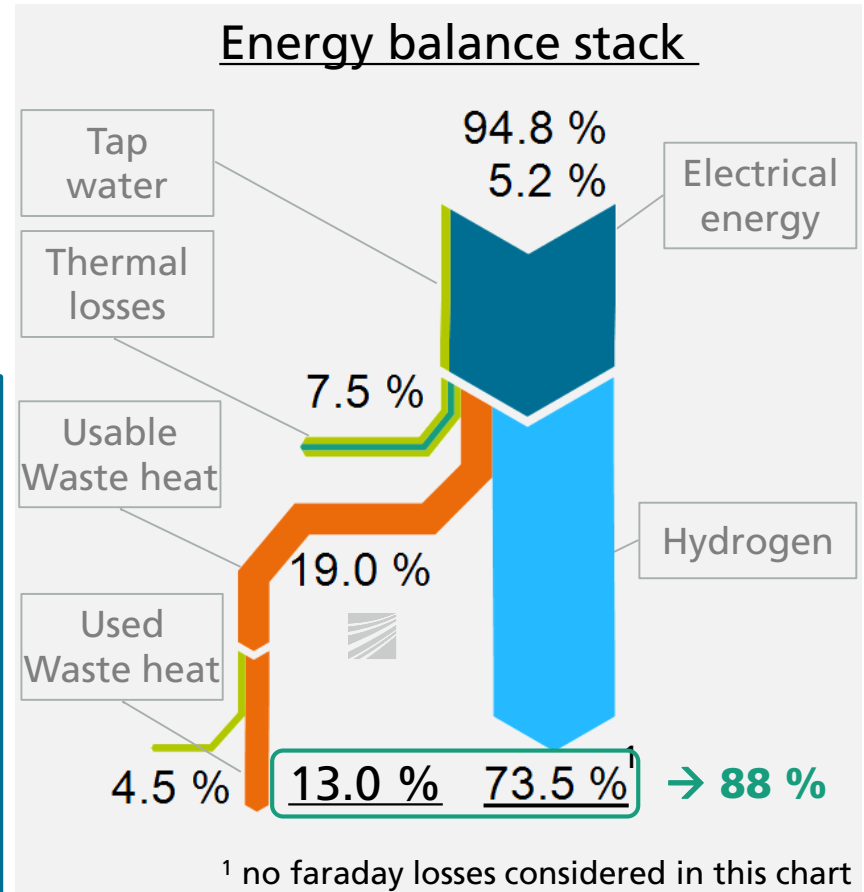
- Efficiency increase between 8.5 and 16 p.p. easily possible
- Up to 68 % of the generated waste heat was used for heating purposes
- Low LCOHeat of 5 – 30 EUR/MWh can be achieved

■ Conclusion

- Enormous potential to save primary energy and increase the efficiency of PTH₂ systems
- Results are strongly depending on the scenario

→ No universal statement possible

→ New calculation for each scenario



Outlook

What else can be thought?

- Large scale heat storage for seasonal heat storage > 100 m³
 - Useful in case of electricity usage from photovoltaics
 - Not considered in this project
- Usage of the generated oxygen (O₂) for optimized combustion processes
 - Gas-fired or pellet boiler with OxyFuel combustion → NO_x reduce
- Validation of the system simulation in this project scheduled for spring 2019
 - Heat extraction parts can't be validated at the moment, due to lack of measurement data



Fig 1: Hydrogen feed-in plant at Fraunhofer ISE

Thank you for your attention!



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