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### **Supplementary Information for**

# Global production potential of green methanol based on variable renewable electricity

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#### S4. Energetic cost comparison of e-methanol and e-ammonia as fuel

While e-methanol and e-ammonia<sup>2,3</sup> have their own distinguished roles in chemical and agriculture industry, both are also discussed as potential sustainable fuels for long-range marine sector<sup>4</sup>. Thus, a cost comparison of the two e-fuels based on unified assumptions and input data is provided in this section.

The production cost of e-ammonia is based on the model by Fasihi et al.<sup>2</sup> with updated input data to match the assumptions for shared components with the Power-to-Methanol chain in this study. The key update is the unification of electrolyser cost.

The results presented in Figure S13 show that, at  $180-220 \notin MWh_{MeOH,HHV}$ , the cost of e-methanol from a 0.5 Mt<sub>MeOH</sub>/a supply plant at the least cost regions in 2020 is about double the e-ammonia production cost of 90-110  $\notin MWh_{NH3,HHV}$  by a 1 Mt/a ammonia supply plant. This cost difference is mainly due to relatively higher cost of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> capture for methanol synthesis compared to the cost of atmospheric N<sub>2</sub> capture for ammonia synthesis.

By 2030, as the cost and energy efficiency of DAC plants improve, together with the deployment of 1 Mt/a methanol supply plants at lower capex, the cost of e-methanol at best sites declines by about 50% to 94-104  $\notin$ /MWh<sub>MeOH,HHV</sub>. Comparatively, the cost of e-ammonia would decline by about 30% to 65-75  $\notin$ /kWh<sub>NH3,HHV</sub>. By 2050, the gap between production cost of e-methanol and e-ammonia further declines to about 10  $\notin$ /MWh<sub>th,HHV</sub> (or ~25%) for 50-55  $\notin$ /MWh<sub>MeOH,HHV</sub> and 39-45  $\notin$ /MWh<sub>NH3,HHV</sub>.

While the cost of e-methanol production remains higher than e-ammonia, choosing one as potential future sustainable marine fuel is affected by other factors. For example, due to the toxicity and gaseous phase of ammonia at ambient temperatures, methanol is a better option with respect to the cost and safety of fuel handling and transportation. On the other hand, e-ammonia provides the potential to fully eliminate carbon from the fuel supply system, though handling its higher  $NO_x$  emissions could be a challenge<sup>5</sup>. In addition, all technologies for e-ammonia production are mature and available at industrial scale today, whereas the realisation and scale of e-methanol production is largely dependent on future development of DAC technologies, as sustainable and unavoidable point sources are limited and may not match well with the sites of low-cost hydrogen availability<sup>6</sup>.



Fig. S13. Levelised cost of e-methanol (left) and e-ammonia (right) Onsite in 2020-2050.

#### S5. Cost benefits of integrated Power-to-Methanol-Ammonia plants

e-Methanol and e-ammonia could potentially have a complementary relation at the production stage. The high temperature waste heat from ammonia synthesis could be used as a source of heat for DAC units in the Power-to-Methanol chain. Thus, a combined Power-to-Ammonia-Methanol system (Fig. S14) has been modelled to assess the additional benefits of heat integration in 2030 and 2050 at different annual ammonia to methanol supply ratios.



**Fig. S14.** Integrated Power-to-Methanol-Ammonia *Onsite* model configuration. Hydrogen-fuelled gas turbines are considered from 2030 onwards. Abbreviations:  $H_2$ - fuelled open cycle gas turbine ( $H_2$ -*OCGT*),  $H_2$ -fueled combined cycle gas turbine ( $H_2$ -*CCGT*), compressor (Comp.), high temperature heat (HT heat), low temperature heat (LT heat), CO<sub>2</sub> direct air capture (DAC).

In the integrated Power-to-Methanol-Ammonia system, methanol and ammonia synthesis units share the same power and hydrogen supply systems. The shared power and hydrogen systems have higher capacities to meet the elevated demands but could potentially benefit from system coupling for a relatively smaller overall capacity. The additional low-temperature waste heat from the elevated hydrogen production system is available as a heat source for the heat pump and the excess high temperature heat from the ammonia synthesis plant is added to the portfolio of high temperature heat resources. e-Ammonia production in Fasihi et al.<sup>2</sup>, adopted from Morgan<sup>7</sup>, is based on the Haber-Bosch process at 150 bar and 480 °C, which generates 1188 kWh of heat (at 108–394 °C) per tonne of ammonia. However, this design did not consider steam generation and 31% of generated heat (362 kWh/t<sub>NH3</sub>) is at 108 °C which may not be suitable for heat delivery at 100 °C for utilisation by DAC units. On the other hand, Frattini et al.<sup>8</sup> reported on 1129 kWh of high temperature excess heat per tonne of e-ammonia production from a Haber-Bosch ammonia plant at 250 bar and 550 °C (888 kWh at 550 °C from the synthesis reactor, and 241 kWh at 150 °C from the compressors' cooling system). While such reactor conditions differ to some extent from those in Fasihi et al.<sup>2</sup>, the are no major differences and the overall heat generations are comparable. Thus, Frattini et al.<sup>8</sup> is chosen for representing the full potential of e-ammonia plants for delivering excess heat at temperatures above 100 °C. On the other hand, as the energetic efficiency of DAC increases over time, the e-methanol production system would have a heat demand of 4380, 1936, 1565 and 1432 kWhth/tmeOH in 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050, respectively. Therefore, these process conditions suggests that, to supply the total heat demand of e-methanol plants by the waste heat from a standard 1 Mt/a e-ammonia supply plant, the annual e-methanol supply should be limited to 0.26, 0.58, 0.72 and 0.79 Mt in 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050, respectively. However, e-ammonia plants are expected to be significantly larger to benefit from economies of scale. To study such counter effects, the annual e-ammonia supply from the integrated ammonia plant is set at 1 Mt/a in all scenarios, while the e-methanol supply is set at 0.5 and 1 Mt/a in 2030, as well as 1 and 3 Mt/a in 2050.

Equation S1 is used to evaluate the cost of e-methanol production in the integrated methanolammonia system. All the potential benefits of system integration and utilisation of waste heat from ammonia synthesis are assumed to be allocated to the cost reduction of e-methanol supply.

$$= \frac{\text{Annualised Cost}_{integrated system}[M \in] - LCOF_{NH3,solo}\left[\frac{\notin}{t_{NH3}}\right] \cdot 1 M t_{NH3}}{e\text{-methanol supply from MeOH-NH3 integrated system [Mt]}}$$

As illustrated in Figure S12, the heat integration by co-production of 1 Mt/a of e-methanol and 1 Mt/a of e-ammonia in 2030 could reduce the cost of e-methanol by  $20-30 \text{ €/t}_{MeOH}$  (3–5  $\text{€/MWh}_{MeOH,HHV}$ ) in most parts of the world, with cost reductions up to  $50 \text{ €/t}_{MeOH}$  (8  $\text{€/MWh}_{MeOH,HHV}$ ) at latitudes above 55 °N. Such absolute cost reductions are equivalent to 3–5% cost drop compared to the Base Cost Scenario (BCS).

The benefits of heat integration in most regions could be increased to  $30-50 \notin/t_{MeOH}$  (5–8  $\notin/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}$ ) by reducing the size of e-methanol supply to 0.5 Mt/a in the hybrid system, while the cost reduction at latitude above 55 °N could be 70–100  $\notin/t_{MeOH}$  (11–16  $\notin/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}$ ), representing a 5–7% cost decline.

In 2050, combining the reference plant for 3 Mt/a e-methanol supply with 1 Mt/a ammonia supply plant would only reduce the cost of e-methanol supply by  $5-10 \text{ €/t}_{MeOH}$  (0.8–1.6 €/MWh<sub>MeOH,HHV</sub> or ~2%), with parts of the Northern regions reaching  $10-15 \text{ €/t}_{MeOH}$  (1.6–2.4 €/MWh<sub>MeOH,HHV</sub> or 2–3%) cost reduction. The lower cost reduction in 2050 compared to 2030 is associated with 55% lower heat integration per tonne of e-methanol as a result of 27% lower heat demand by DAC units and increasing the size of the integrated methanol plant from 1 to 3 Mt/a supply. In addition, heat could be generated for lower costs by cheaper electricity and heat pumps in 2050 compared to 2030, which makes the availability of partial free waste heat less relevant in 2050.

The results show that, unlike 2030, down-scaling the integrated e-methanol plant from 3 to 1 Mt/a supply in 2050 to elevate the share of waste heat supply per tonne of e-methanol would increase the cost of e-methanol production from the integrated system in most parts of the world, as the gain by higher share of waste heat supply is less than the loss of economies of scale for the methanol synthesis unit. Nevertheless, e-methanol from the 1 Mt/a integrated methanol supply system would still be  $1-6 \notin/t_{MeOH}$  (0.16–0.94  $\notin/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}$  or 0.5–1.5%) lower in cost compared to the Base Cost Scenario with a solo 3 Mt/a methanol supply system. Thus, scaling the methanol plant has a larger impact on e-methanol production cost than heat integration from ammonia plant

in most parts of the world in 2050. An exception would be some Northern regions beyond 60 °N, where the cost reduction of e-methanol is higher for the integrated system with lower methanol plant as more costly power and hydrogen balancing would be avoided.



**Fig. S15.** Cost reduction of e-methanol in integrated Power-to-Methanol-Ammonia synthesis plants compared to solo e-methanol plants *Onsite* in absolute (left) and relative (right) values in 20230 (top and centre top)2050 (centre bottom and bottom).

## S6. Sensitivity Analyses



**Fig. S16.** Impact of decreasing WACC to 5% (left) and increasing WACC to 9% (right) in comparison to e-methanol production cost by a WACC of 7% in 2030.



**Fig. S17.** Levelised cost of e-methanol *Onsite* in 2020 (top, left), 2030 (top, right), 2040 (bottom, left) and 2050 (bottom, right) for the *High-Cost Scenario*.



Fig. S18. Impact of the High-Cost Scenario for electrolyser capex and fixed opex on the levelised cost of e-methanol *Onsite* in 2020-2050.



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**Fig. S20.** Impact of the High-Cost Scenario for DAC capex and fixed opex, and energy demand on the levelised cost of e-methanol *Onsite* in 2030 (tops) and 2050 (bottom).



**Fig. S21.** Impact of 10% change in the capex and fixed opex of solar PV (top), wind power (centre) and methanol plants (bottom) on levelised cost of e-methanol *Onsite* in 2030.



**Fig. S22.** Impact of PV-only (top) and wind-only (bottom) power scenarios on the levelised cost of emethanol compared to the optimised hybrid PV-wind system in 2030.

### S7. Cost projection of alkaline water electrolyser

Capex of a cluster of alkaline water electrolysers in 2020:

- 28 MW<sub>p</sub> (17.5 MW<sub>H2,LHV</sub>) at 5 bara: 638 €/kW<sub>p</sub> (confidential quote from a European supplier)
- 28 MW<sub>p</sub> (17.5 MW<sub>H2,LHV</sub>) at 30 bara: 732 €/kW<sub>p</sub> (including cost of H<sub>2</sub> compressor)
- 250 MW<sub>p</sub> (156.3 MW<sub>H2,LHV</sub>) at 30 bara: 600 €/kW<sub>p</sub> (based on scaling factors for electrolyser and H<sub>2</sub> compressor)

The cost development of alkaline water electrolysers, in Table S1, has been evaluated based on an assumed learning rate<sup>9–12</sup> and an S-curve deployment of operational capacity of water and chloralkali electrolysers for a supply of 50% of required hydrogen for e-fuels<sup>13</sup> and e-chemicals<sup>14</sup> in a 100% renewable energy system by 2050.

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		2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Water and chlor-alkali electrolysers								
Operational capacity	$GW_{el}$	30	124	499	1 558	3 658	6 668	9 980
Newly installed capacity	$GW_{el}$	6.6	93	375	1 060	2 099	3 011	3 319
Cumulative installed capacity	$GW_{el}$	52	145	520	1 580	3 679	6 689	10 008
Water electrolysers - 250 $MW_p$ at 30 bara								
Learning rate	%	18	18	17	17	16	16	15
Capex	€/kW <sub>el</sub>	600	446	316	234	189	163	148

#### S8. Energy and cost projection of solid sorbent Direct Air Capture

The current and projected electrical and thermal energy demand of low temperature solid sorbent DAC technologies varies significantly in the literature, as shown in Table S2. The list includes data published over time by Climeworks (the only company with commercial scale solid sorbent DAC plants), recent academic literature, and a potential range of energetic demands by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

	electricity	heat demand	Comment
	kWh <sub>el</sub> /t <sub>CO2</sub>	kWh <sub>th</sub> /t <sub>CO2</sub>	
Climeworks factsheet (2018) <sup>15</sup>	700	2200	including electricity demand for carbon storage process
Beuttler et al. (2019) <sup>16</sup>	400	1600	long-term projections by Climeworks for DACCS
Climeworks website FAQ (2021) <sup>17</sup>	650	2000	accessible via <a href="https://archive">https://archive</a> .org/web/
Deutz and Bardow (2021) <sup>18</sup>	700	3300	based on Climeworks' Artic Fox unit in Iceland
	500	1500	future target values
Climeworks (2023) <sup>19</sup>	direct numb available	oer not	Climeworks' next generation technology is expected to halve the energy demand compared to the Orca plant
National Academies of Sciences,	22	514	best scenario – a scenario that may be unachievable
Engineering, and Medicine	156	944	low scenario
(2019)	315	1333	high scenario
Sabatino et al. (2021) <sup>21</sup>	80-160	1000-2500	based on several sorbents and different isotopes of CO <sub>2</sub> and water (excluding outlying data)
Sendi et al. (2022) <sup>22</sup>	250	1930	$CO_2$ capture at 20 °C and 50% relative humidity, and $CO_2$ compression to 150 bar
	160	1930	excluding approximate electricity demand for $CO_2$
Wiegner et al. (2022) <sup>23</sup>	329–347	1704–1820	$CO_2$ capture at 20 °C and 75% relative humidity (excluding outlying data)

Table S2. Energy demand of	solid sorbent DAC	plants in the literature.
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Reliable data on investment cost of solid sorbent DAC plants based on actual plants is scarce. In this study, the current and near future energy demand and capex of low-temperature solid sorbent DAC are based on Climeworks' current and next generation plants (Table S3). With 4000 t<sub>CO2</sub> per year capacity, the Orca plant in Iceland is Climeworks' largest solid sorbent DAC plant operational since 2021. The capex of the Orca plant for carbon capture and sequestration is reported at 10–15 mUSD<sup>24</sup>. We consider an average of 12.5 mUSD for carbon capture only (excluding the sequestration process) with a long-term USD/€ exchange rate of 1.2. So far, the average energy

consumption of the Orca plant has not been disclosed. However, it has been mentioned that the Orca plant has not been optimised for energy efficiency. Thus, we estimate its electricity demand to be same as earlier plants at 700 kWh/t<sub>CO2</sub>, and its heat demand at 3000 kWh<sub>th</sub>/t<sub>CO2</sub>, considering some improvements compared to the heat demand of the Artic Fox DAC unit. Climeworks next project (Mammoth) is based on the same technology as the Orca plant and is expected to become operational in 2024. Regardless of 9 times larger capacity compared to Orca, Climeworks expects similar capex for the Mammoth plant. This is because addressing the problems identified during the operation of the Orca plant increases the capex of the Mammoth plant that offsets the benefit of the economy of scale. In the Direct Air Capture Summit 2023<sup>19</sup>, Climeworks revealed that their next project after Mammoth would be based on their next generation technology and about 10 times larger. The next generation technology is reported to have two times higher output density, leading to a scaling factor of 0.7 for a 10 times larger plant compared to the Mammoth plant. The next generation technology is also reported to reduce the energy demand by 50% compared to the Orca and Mammoth plants<sup>19</sup>. Since Climeworks has not distinguished the electrical and thermal efficiency gains, we consider the same reduction rate for both. Nevertheless, both electrical and thermal energy demand remain within the feasible range in the literature.

Project name	Unit	Orca	Mammoth	Next generation technology	comment
Year		2021	2024	~2027	
Capacity	kt <sub>co2</sub> /a	4	36	360	
Full load hours	h	8000	8000	8000	self-assumption
Capital cost	M€	10.4	93.7	564	
Capex	€/t <sub>co2</sub> ·a	2378	2378	1192	
	€/kg <sub>CO2</sub> ·h	20,833	20,833	10,441	
Electricity demand	kWh <sub>el</sub> /t <sub>CO2</sub>	700	700	350	self-estimation
LT heat demand	$kWh_{th}/t_{CO2}$	3000	3000	1500	self-estimation

Table S3. Specifications of Climeworks' current and near future DAC plants.

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), a total of 1.85  $Mt_{CO2}/a$  of solid sorbent DAC projects are already at different stages for deployment by  $2027^{25}$ . We then consider a S-curve development of the operational capacity of solid sorbent DAC to 2.5  $Gt_{CO2}/a$  by 2050 (Table S4), well below estimations for required DAC capacity by mid-century<sup>26</sup>. The capex and energy demand of DAC in 2028–2050 are then calculated based on the cumulative installed capacity of

DAC at each time-step and the respective learning rates. A capex learning rate of 10–18% and an energy consumption learning rate of up to 10% are often considered for modular low-temperature solid sorbent DAC plants<sup>19,27</sup>. In this study, a learning rate of 12% and 4% are considered for capex and energy demand of low-temperature DAC, respectively. As such, the projected electricity and heat demand of DAC plants in 2050 (Table S4) remain well above the "low scenario" by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine provided in the Table S2. Young et al.<sup>27</sup> report on a sorbent cost or 37 USD/t<sub>CO2</sub> and a learning rate of 10–18% learning rate. A learning rate of 10% for the sorbent is used in this study.

	Unit	2020/21	2024/25	2027	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Cumulative capacity	Mt <sub>co2</sub> /a	-	-	1.85	15	110	550	1375	2500
Unit capacity	kt <sub>co2</sub> /a	4	36	360	360	360	360	360	360
Сарех	€/t <sub>co2</sub> ·a	2378	2378	1192	810	561	417	352	315
	€/kg <sub>CO2</sub> ·h	20,833	20,833	10,441	7096	4914	3653	3084	2759
Electricity demand	kWh <sub>el</sub> /t <sub>CO2</sub>	700	700	350	309	275	250	237	229
LT heat demand	$kWh_{th}/t_{CO2}$	3000	3000	1500	1326	1179	1072	1016	981
Sorbent cost	€/t <sub>co2</sub>	31	31	25.4	18.5	13.7	10.7	9.3	8.5

Table S4. Projected long-term specifications of DAC plants.

Abbreviation	CHL-PAT	AUS	US-CA	CHL-ATA	DEU	FIN	OMN
Location	Chile - Patagonia	Australia	US - California	Chile - Atacama	Germany	Finland	Oman
[Lat, Lon]	[-52.65, -72.45]	[-18.9, 123.75]	[35.1, -117]	[-23.85, -69.3]	[54, 12.6]	[63.45, 22.5]	[22.05, 58.95]

Table S5. Location of seven sample sites for e-methanol plants.

Table S6. Installed capacities of Power-to-Methanol plants for a 1 Mt/a methanol supply in 2030.

Item	Unit	CHL-PAT	AUS	US-CA	CHL-ATA	DEU	FIN	OMN
PV fixed tilted	MW	17.6	0.0	7 393.6	2 390.6	3 339.2	509.1	660.0
PV single-axis tracking	MW	0.0	6 041.0	0.0	3 458.0	369.7	3 301.1	5 886.2
Wind PP	MW	2 346.1	0.0	127.5	0.0	2 443.2	2 688.6	0.0
H <sub>2</sub> -CCGT	MW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H <sub>2</sub> -OCGT	MW	19.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	0.0	0.0
Battery interface	MW	0.0	343.5	278.0	321.9	53.8	68.3	374.4
Battery storage	MWh	0.1	1 731.9	1 024.1	1 384.8	231.5	279.9	1 517.2
Electrolyser	$MW_{H2,HHV}$	1 454.0	2 536.5	2 674.6	2 386.7	1 705.7	1 764.8	2 402.1
H <sub>2</sub> compressor	$\rm MW_{\rm H2, HHV}$	456.9	1 632.2	1 739.4	1 411.6	786.1	766.2	1 435.0
H <sub>2</sub> salt cavern	MWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.0	391 720.6	0.0	0.0	391 456.8	0.0	0.0
H <sub>2</sub> rock cavern	MWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	178 597.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H <sub>2</sub> underground pipe	MWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	1 227.0	0.1	15 268.8	13 581.1	0.1	65 858.4	13 776.4
DAC	t <sub>co2</sub> /h	203.0	184.3	210.6	203.0	188.1	200.0	197.7
CO <sub>2</sub> compressor	t <sub>co2</sub> /h	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO <sub>2</sub> liquefaction	t <sub>co2</sub> /h	4.4	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.6	12.0	0.5
CO <sub>2</sub> (g) storage	t <sub>CO2</sub>	131.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO <sub>2</sub> (I) storage	t <sub>CO3</sub>	2 115.2	0.2	2 977.6	1.3	872.5	7 520.5	475.7
Heat pump	$\mathrm{MW}_{\mathrm{th}}$	260.9	212.7	155.8	155.4	247.1	262.1	187.5
Electric water boiler								
	$MW_{th}$	136.3	179.3	568.9	398.0	243.5	173.9	308.1
LT (78°C) heat storage	MW <sub>th</sub> MWh <sub>th</sub>	136.3 2 769.4	179.3 2 639.9	568.9 1 724.0	398.0 1 940.3	243.5 3 133.8	173.9 3 369.7	308.1 2 325.5
LT (78°C) heat storage HT (100°C) heat storage	MW <sub>th</sub> MWh <sub>th</sub> MWh <sub>th</sub>	136.3 2 769.4 912.8	179.3 2 639.9 1 039.3	568.9 1 724.0 3 153.1	398.0 1 940.3 2 031.3	243.5 3 133.8 1 672.1	173.9 3 369.7 1 404.0	308.1 2 325.5 1 658.1
LT (78°C) heat storage HT (100°C) heat storage Methanol plant	MW <sub>th</sub> MWh <sub>th</sub> MWh <sub>th</sub> t <sub>MeOH</sub> /h	136.3 2 769.4 912.8 139.2	179.3 2 639.9 1 039.3 126.3	568.9 1 724.0 3 153.1 145.6	398.0 1 940.3 2 031.3 139.0	243.5 3 133.8 1 672.1 128.4	173.9 3 369.7 1 404.0 139.8	308.1 2 325.5 1 658.1 135.6

Item	Unit	CHL-PAT	AUS	US-CA	CHL-ATA	DEU	FIN	OMN
PV fixed tilted	GWh	12.2	0.0	12866.2	4816.1	3230.0	499.1	1116.3
PV single-axis tracking	GWh	0.0	12386.0	0.0	8146.3	384.7	3659.9	11750.4
Wind PP	GWh	11886.0	0.0	331.2	0.0	8482.4	8756.1	0.0
H <sub>2</sub> -CCGT	GWh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H <sub>2</sub> -OCGT	GWh	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0
Battery interface	GWh <sub>in</sub>	0.0	632.2	326.9	505.1	44.1	43.7	553.9
Battery storage	GWh <sub>out</sub>	0.0	588.0	304.0	469.7	41.0	40.6	515.1
Curtailed electricity	GWh	34.4	489.5	797.8	576.1	356.1	1015.5	731.9
Electrolyser	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	7854.8	7843.0	7843.0	7843.0	7852.3	7843.0	7843.0
Replaced stack	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	3202.1	0.0	0.0	205.6	2394.1	2195.6	156.2
H <sub>2</sub> compressor	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	1659.1	4509.2	4177.0	4233.9	2270.8	2191.0	4281.9
H <sub>2</sub> salt cavern	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.0	4509.2	0.0	0.0	2270.8	0.0	0.0
$H_2$ rock cavern	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	1547.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H <sub>2</sub> underground pipe	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	111.6	0.1	4177.0	4233.9	0.0	2191.0	4281.9
DAC	kt <sub>CO2</sub>	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0
CO <sub>2</sub> compressor	kt <sub>CO2</sub>	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO <sub>2</sub> liquefaction	kt <sub>CO2</sub>	19.2	0.0	12.6	0.0	5.2	34.9	2.6
CO <sub>2</sub> (g) storage	kt <sub>CO2</sub>	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO <sub>2</sub> (I) storage	kt <sub>CO2</sub>	19.2	0.0	12.6	0.0	5.2	34.9	2.6
Heat pump	GWh <sub>th</sub>	1467.0	1566.1	844.2	876.1	1658.5	1429.4	1226.3
Electric water boiler	GWh <sub>th</sub>	470.6	375.5	1105.2	1071.2	282.2	509.8	718.1
LT (78°C) heat storage	GWh <sub>th,in</sub>	1069.9	1142.0	615.7	639.0	1209.5	1042.6	894.3
HT (100°C) heat storage	GWh <sub>th,in</sub>	75.8	269.0	636.1	542.4	223.6	148.5	404.2
Methanol plant	kt <sub>MeOH</sub>	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
Methanol storage	kt <sub>MeOH</sub>	74.4	8.3	87.0	63.4	22.8	68.8	52.1

Table S7. Annual flows of Power-to-Methanol plants for a 1 Mt/a methanol supply in 2030.

# S10. Input data

Table S8. Technical and financial specifications of applied technologies.

	units	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	Ref.
Global unified WACC	%	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
PV fixed tilted power plant									
Capex	€/kW <sub>p</sub>	580	466	390	337	300	270	246	28
	€/kWp	432	336	278	237	207	184	166	29
	€/kWp	475	370	306	237	207	184	166	this study
Opex fix	€/kW <sub>p</sub>	13.2		10.6		8.8		7.4	28
	€/kW <sub>p</sub>	7.76		5.66		4.47	4.04	3.70	29
	€/kW <sub>p</sub>	8.53	7.17	6.23	5.00	4.47	4.04	3.70	this study
Opex var	€/kWh <sub>el</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Installation density	MW/km <sup>2</sup>	91	100	109	118	127	137	137	based on <sup>29,30</sup>
Lifetime	year	30	35	35	35	40	40	40	31
PV single-axis tracking power plant									
Сарех	€/kWp	638	513	429	371	330	297	271	28,32
	€/kWp	475	370	306	261	228	202	183	29,32
	€/kWp	523	407	337	261	228	202	183	this study
Opex fix	€/kW <sub>p</sub>	15		12		10		8	28,32
	€/kWp	8.54		6.23		4.92		4.07	29,32
	€/kWp	9.40	7.88	6.86	5.50	4.92	4.44	4.07	this study
Opex var	€/kWh <sub>el</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Installation density	MW/km <sup>2</sup>	62	69	75	81	87	94	94	based on <sup>29,30</sup>
Lifetime	year	30	35	35	35	40	40	40	
Wind power plant (onshore)									
Сарех	€/kWp	1150	1060	1000	965	940	915	900	
Opex fix	€/kWp	23.0	21.2	20.0	19.3	18.8	18.3	18.0	
Opex var	€/kWh <sub>el</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lifetime	year	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
Disturbance factor	%	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Battery pack (storage) - LFB									
Capacity	MWh	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	29
Capex	€/kWh	234	153	110	89	76	68	61	29
Opex fix	€/kWh	3.28	2.6	2.2	2.05	1.9	1.77	1.71	29
Opex var	€/kWh	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	

Lifetime	year	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	33
Cycle eff.	%	91	92	93	94	95	95	95	34
Self-discharge	%/h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Battery interface (inverter, etc)									
Capacity	MW	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	29
Capex	€/kW	117	76	55	44	37	33	30	29
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	€/kW	1.64	1.29	1.10	1.01	0.93	0.86	0.84	29
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/kWh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lifetime	year	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	33
Combined cycle gas turbine									
Capacity	MW		580	580	580	580	580	580	35
Capex (conventional)	€/kW		775	775	775	775	775	775	35
Capex (H <sub>2</sub> -fuelled)	€/kW		852.5	852.5	852.5	852.5	852.5	852.5	10% higher
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	35
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/kWh		0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	35
Lifetime	year		35	35	35	35	35	35	36
Efficiency	% - LHV		61.2	61.2	62.3	63.3	63.3	63.3	35
Efficiency	% - HHV		52.2	52.2	53.1	54.0	54.0	54.0	
Open cycle gas turbine									
Capacity	MW		250	250	250	250	250	250	35
Capex (conventional)	€/kW		475	475	475	475	475	475	35
Capex (H <sub>2</sub> -fuelled)	€/kW		522.5	522.5	522.5	522.5	522.5	522.5	10% higher
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	35
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/kWh		0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	35
Lifetime	year		35	35	35	35	35	35	36
Efficiency	% - LHV		43.8	45.4	45.9	46.5	47.0	47.5	
Efficiency	% - HHV		37.4	38.7	39.2	39.6	40.1	40.5	35
Alkaline water electrolyser									<sup>37–39</sup> and LR
Capacity	MW	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	
Capex (BCS)	€/kW <sub>el</sub>	600	446	316	234	189	163	148	
	€/kW <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	818	597	415	301	239	202	180	
Capex (HCS)	€/kW <sub>el</sub>	792	659	495	373	303	261	238	
	€/kW <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	1080	882	649	480	383	324	290	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	
Opex var – excl. stack replacement cost	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	
Opex <sub>var</sub> – stack replacement cost (BCS)	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.0019	0.0014	0.0011	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	

Opex var – stack replacement cost (HCS)	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.0030	0.0023	0.0018	0.0015	0.0015	0.0015	0.0015	
Lifetime - system	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Lifetime - stack	hours	80 000	88 000	96 000	104 000	112 000	120 000	128 000	
Availability (single stack)	%	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	
Availability (system level)	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
PtH <sub>2</sub> eff overall	% - LHV	62.5	63.8	65.0	66.3	67.5	68.8	70.0	
PtH <sub>2</sub> eff overall	% - HHV	73.3	74.8	76.2	77.7	79.1	80.6	82.1	
PtHeat eff.	% - utilisable	22.7	21.4	20.0	18.7	17.3	16.0	14.7	
Heat temperature	°C	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	
H <sub>2</sub> pressure	bar	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
H <sub>2</sub> compressor (multi-stage)									
Compression range	bar	30→150	30→150	30→150	30→150	30→150	30→150	30→150	40
Capacity	MW	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	
	MW <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	80	80	160	160	160	160	160	
Capex	€/kW	2 500	2 500	1 900	1 900	1 900	1 900	1 900	41
	€/kW <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	63	63	48	48	48	48	48	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	42
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	
Lifetime	year	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	43
Electricity consumption	kWh <sub>el</sub> /kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	44
	kWh <sub>el</sub> /kg <sub>H2</sub>	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	
Mass eff.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Hydrogen storage - man-made salt cavern									
Working capacity	tonne H <sub>2</sub>	2 000	2 000	4 000	4 000	4 000	4 000	4 000	40
	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	79	79	158	158	158	158	158	
Capex - excluding cushion gas cost	€/kg <sub>H2</sub> - working capacity	16.4	16.4	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	40
(scaling factor: 0.7)	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.416	0.416	0.338	0.338	0.338	0.338	0.338	
Levelised cost of $H_2$ for cushion gas (global average)	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub> - produced	0.071	0.053	0.042	0.031	0.027	0.023	0.020	based on 44
Cushion gas cost	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub> - working capacity	0.032	0.024	0.019	0.015	0.012	0.011	0.009	
(cushion/total capacity: 0.3)									
Capex - including cushion gas cost	€/kg <sub>H2</sub> - working capacity	15.3	15.0	14.8	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.4	
	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.389	0.381	0.375	0.371	0.369	0.367	0.366	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	43
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	43
Cycle eff.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

Self-discharge	%/h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Maximum charge rate	%/day	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	45
Minimum Energy/Power ratio	h	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	45
Pressure range	bar	43-150	43-150	43-150	43-150	43-150	43-150	43-150	40
Hydrogen storage - lined rock cavern									
Working capacity	tonne H <sub>2</sub>	500	500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	40
	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	20	20	39	39	39	39	39	
Сарех	€/kg <sub>H2</sub>	56.9	56.9	49.5	49.5	49.5	49.5	49.5	40
(scaling factor: 0.8)	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	1.44	1.44	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cycle eff.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Self-discharge	%/h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Maximum charge rate	%/day	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Minimum Energy/Power ratio	h	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	
Pressure range	bar	20-150	20-150	20-150	20-150	20-150	20-150	20-150	40
Hydrogen storage - underground pipe									
Working capacity	tonne H <sub>2</sub>	25	25	50	50	50	50	50	37
	GWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	
Capex	€/kg <sub>H2</sub>	493	493	483	483	483	483	483	40
(scaling factor: 0.97)	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	12.50	12.50	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37
	€/kWh <sub>H2,HHV</sub>	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/kWh <sub>H2</sub>	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cycle eff.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Self-discharge	%/h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Minimum Energy/Power ratio	h	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	46
Maximum charge rate	%/h	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	46
Pressure range	bar	8-100	8-100	8-100	8-100	8-100	8-100	8-100	37
MeOH Synthesis Plant – including methanol sy	ynthesis unit, distillation unit	and 30 days em	ergency M	eOH storag	e				
Capacity	Mt <sub>MeOH</sub> /a	0.5	0.5	1	1	2	2	3	
Capex (scaling factor: 0.78)	€/kg <sub>MeOH</sub> ·h	4 598	4 598	3 947	3 947	3 389	3 389	3 100	based on <sup>47</sup> and SF
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/t <sub>MeOH</sub>	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	48

Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
H <sub>2</sub> consumption	t <sub>H2</sub> /t <sub>MeOH</sub>	0.199	0.199	0.199	0.199	0.199	0.199	0.199	48
CO <sub>2</sub> consumption	t <sub>CO2</sub> /t <sub>MeOH</sub>	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	48
Electricity consumption	kWh/t <sub>MeOH</sub>	169	169	169	169	169	169	169	48
Minimum load	% of full capacity	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	
Ramp-up rate (min load to max)	% per hr	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	
Ramp-down rate (max to min load)	% per hr	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	
Ramp-up/down cost	€/∆t <sub>MeOH</sub> /h	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Availability	h	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	
Methanol storage									49
Capacity (scaling factor: 0.78)	kt	42	42	83	83	167	167	250	
Сарех	€/t	71	71	61	61	52	52	48	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/t	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Minimum Energy to Power ratio	-	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
NH <sub>3</sub> Plant - including N <sub>2</sub> & H <sub>2</sub> compressors,	Air Separation Unit, N <sub>2</sub> buffer, a	mmonia synth	esis unit an	d 30 days e	mergency I	NH₃ storage	5		2,7
Capex at 1 Mt <sub>NH3</sub> /a capacity	€/kg <sub>NH3</sub> ·h	5259	5 259	5 259	5 259	5 259	5 259	5 259	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/t <sub>NH3</sub>	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Electricity consumption	kWh/t <sub>NH3</sub>	738	738	738	738	738	738	738	
H <sub>2</sub> consumption	kg <sub>H2</sub> /t <sub>NH3</sub>	179.3	179.3	179.3	179.3	179.3	179.3	179.3	
N <sub>2</sub> consumption	kg <sub>N2</sub> /t <sub>NH3</sub>	830.9	830.9	830.9	830.9	830.9	830.9	830.9	
Excess heat generation (T>100 °C)	kWhth/t <sub>NH3</sub>	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	8
Minimum load	% of full capacity	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	
Ramp-up time (min to max load)	% per hr	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Ramp-down time (max to min load)	% per hr	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Ramp-up/down cost	€/∆t <sub>NH3</sub> /h	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Availability	h	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	
Pressure	bar	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	
H <sub>2</sub> & N <sub>2</sub> conversion rate	%	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	
NH₃ storage									2,7
Capacity	kt <sub>NH3</sub>	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	
Capex (via 0.8 scaling factor)	€/t <sub>NH3</sub>	590	590	590	590	590	590	590	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	

Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/t <sub>NH3</sub>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cycle eff.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Self-discharge	%/h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Low-Temperature CO <sub>2</sub> Direct Air Capture at 1 bar									Section S7
Capacity	kt <sub>co2</sub> /a	4	36	360	360	360	360	360	
	t <sub>co2</sub> /h	0.5	4.5	45	45	45	45	45	
Сарех	€/t <sub>co2</sub> ·a	2378	2378	810	561	417	352	315	
	€/kg <sub>CO2</sub> ·h	20,833	20,833	7096	4914	3653	3084	2759	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Opex <sub>var</sub> - sorbent	€/t <sub>CO2</sub>	31	31	18.5	13.7	10.7	9.3	8.5	
Opex <sub>var</sub> - other	€/t <sub>CO2</sub>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lifetime	year	20	25	25	30	30	30	30	
Availability	%	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	
Output pressure	bara	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Electricity demand	kWh <sub>el</sub> /t <sub>CO2</sub>	700	700	309	275	250	237	229	
LT heat demand	kWh <sub>th</sub> /t <sub>CO2</sub>	3000	3000	1326	1179	1072	1016	981	
Heat temperature	°C	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
CO <sub>2</sub> Compressor									
Pressure range	bara	1→50	1→50	1→50	1→50	1→50	1→50	1→50	
Electricity consumption (multi-stage)	kWh/t <sub>co2</sub>	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	50
Unit capacity	t <sub>co2</sub> /h	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	kW <sub>el</sub>	990	990	990	990	990	990	990	
Сарех	€/kW <sub>el</sub>	3 415	3 415	3 415	3 415	3 415	3 415	3 415	41
	€/kg <sub>CO2</sub> ·h	338	338	338	338	338	338	338	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Opex var (excl. el.)	€/t <sub>co2</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Lifetime	year	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
CO <sub>2</sub> liquefaction plant									expert's opinion
Unit capacity	t <sub>CO2</sub> /h	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Feed gas pressure	bar	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Capex (scaling factor: 0.78)	€/kg <sub>CO2</sub> ·h	1 430	1 430	1 430	1 430	1 430	1 430	1 430	
Opex fix	% of capex p.a.	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Opex var (excl. el.)	€/t <sub>co2</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Lifetime	year	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Electricity consumption (from 5 bara)	kWh/t <sub>co2</sub>	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	

Ramp-up time	% per hour	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
CO <sub>2</sub> (g) Storage									37
Unit capacity	t <sub>CO2</sub>	1 600	1 600	1 600	1 600	1 600	1 600	1 600	
Operating pressure range	bar	20-50	20-50	20-50	20-50	20-50	20-50	20-50	
Capex	€/t <sub>CO2</sub>	22 000	22 000	22 000	22 000	22 000	22 000	22 000	
Opex fix	% of capex p.a.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	
Opex var	€/t <sub>CO2</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cycle eff.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Self-discharge	%/h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CO <sub>2</sub> (I) Storage tank									37
Unit capacity	t <sub>CO2</sub>	5600	5600	5600	5600	5600	5600	5600	
Сарех	€/t <sub>CO2</sub>	3 560	3 560	3 560	3 560	3 560	3 560	3 560	
Opex fix	% of capex p.a.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	
Opex var	€/t <sub>CO2</sub>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cycle eff.	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Self-discharge	%/h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Heat pump - electrical compression									51
Unit capacity	MWh <sub>th</sub>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Сарех	€/kW <sub>th</sub>	660	618	590	568	554	540	530	
Opex fix	€/kW <sub>th</sub> p.a.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Opex var	€/kWh <sub>th</sub>	0.00180	0.00175	0.00170	0.00166	0.00163	0.00161	0.00160	
Lifetime	year	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
COP (soure@40C, sink@78-100°C)	-	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	
Availability	h	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	
Electric water boiler									52
Unit capacity	MWh <sub>th</sub>	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
Сарех	€/kW <sub>th</sub>	70	65	60	60	60	60	60	
Opex <sub>fix</sub>	% of capex p.a.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	
Opex <sub>var</sub>	€/kWh <sub>th</sub>	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	
Lifetime	year	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
Efficiency	%	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	
Availability	%	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	
Low-Temperature Heat Storage (78 °C wate	er storage) - utilised to 20 °C								
Unit capacity	tonne water	14 828	14 828	14 828	14 828	14 828	14 828	14 828	

	MWh <sub>th</sub>	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	
Capex	€/t	777	777	777	777	777	777	777	53
	€/kWh <sub>th</sub>	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	
Opex fix	% of capex p.a.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	54
Opex var	€/kWh <sub>th</sub>	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	54
Cycle eff.	%	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	
Energy to power ratio	-	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	53
Self-discharge	%/day	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	53
Self-discharge	%/h	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	
Med. Temperature Heat Storage (98 °C water stora	ge) - utilised to 78 °C								
Unit capacity	tonne water	43 000	43 000	43 000	43 000	43 000	43 000	43 000	
	MWh <sub>th</sub>	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	
Capex	€/t	628	628	628	628	628	628	628	53
	€/kWh <sub>th</sub>	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	
Opex fix	% of capex p.a.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	54
Opex var	€/kWh <sub>th</sub>	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	
Lifetime	year	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	54
Cycle efficiency	%	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	self-assumption
Energy to power ratio	-	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	53
Self-discharge	%/day	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	53
Self-discharge	%/h	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	

Storage	Energy to Power	Energy to Power	maximum	maximum hourly	Cycle	Charging	Discharging	Self-discharge
	Ratio - charge	Ratio - discharge	hourly charge	discharge	eff.	eff.	eff.	
	h	h	%/h	%/h	%	%	%	%/hour
Battery 2020	1	1	100.00%	100.00%	91%	95.4%	95.4%	0.000%
Battery 2030	1	1	100.00%	100.00%	93%	96.4%	96.4%	0.000%
Battery 2040	1	1	100.00%	100.00%	95%	97.5%	97.5%	0.000%
Battery 2050	1	1	100.00%	100.00%	95%	97.5%	97.5%	0.000%
H <sub>2</sub> salt cavern	240	240	0.42%	0.42%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
H <sub>2</sub> rock cavern	240	240	0.42%	0.42%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
H <sub>2</sub> underground pipe	6	6	16.67%	16.67%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
CO <sub>2</sub> gaseous storage	6	6	16.67%	16.67%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
CO <sub>2</sub> liquid storage	6	6	16.67%	16.67%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
LT heat storage (warm water)	7	7	14.29%	14.29%	98%	99.0%	99.0%	0.005%
HT heat storage (hot water)	7	7	14.29%	14.29%	98%	99.0%	99.0%	0.005%
MeOH Storage	168	168	0.60%	0.60%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%

Table S9. Technical specifications of applied storage technologies.

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