



# Hydrogen: a trigger for accelerating the development of renewable energies

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Enable the renewable energy system → Decarbonize end uses

Enable large-scale renewables integration and power generation



Distribute energy across sectors and regions



Act as a **buffer** to increase system resilience



Help decarbonize **transportation**



Help decarbonize industrial energy use



Help decarbonize **building heat and power**



Serve as renewable **feedstock**

## The importance of Green Hydrogen

SOURCE: Hydrogen Council

## **The deployment of hydrogen will change the economics of energy and transport**

**Hydrogen will enable new linkages between energy supply and demand, in both a centralized or decentralized manner**

**Hydrogen use has the potential of enhancing overall energy system flexibility.**

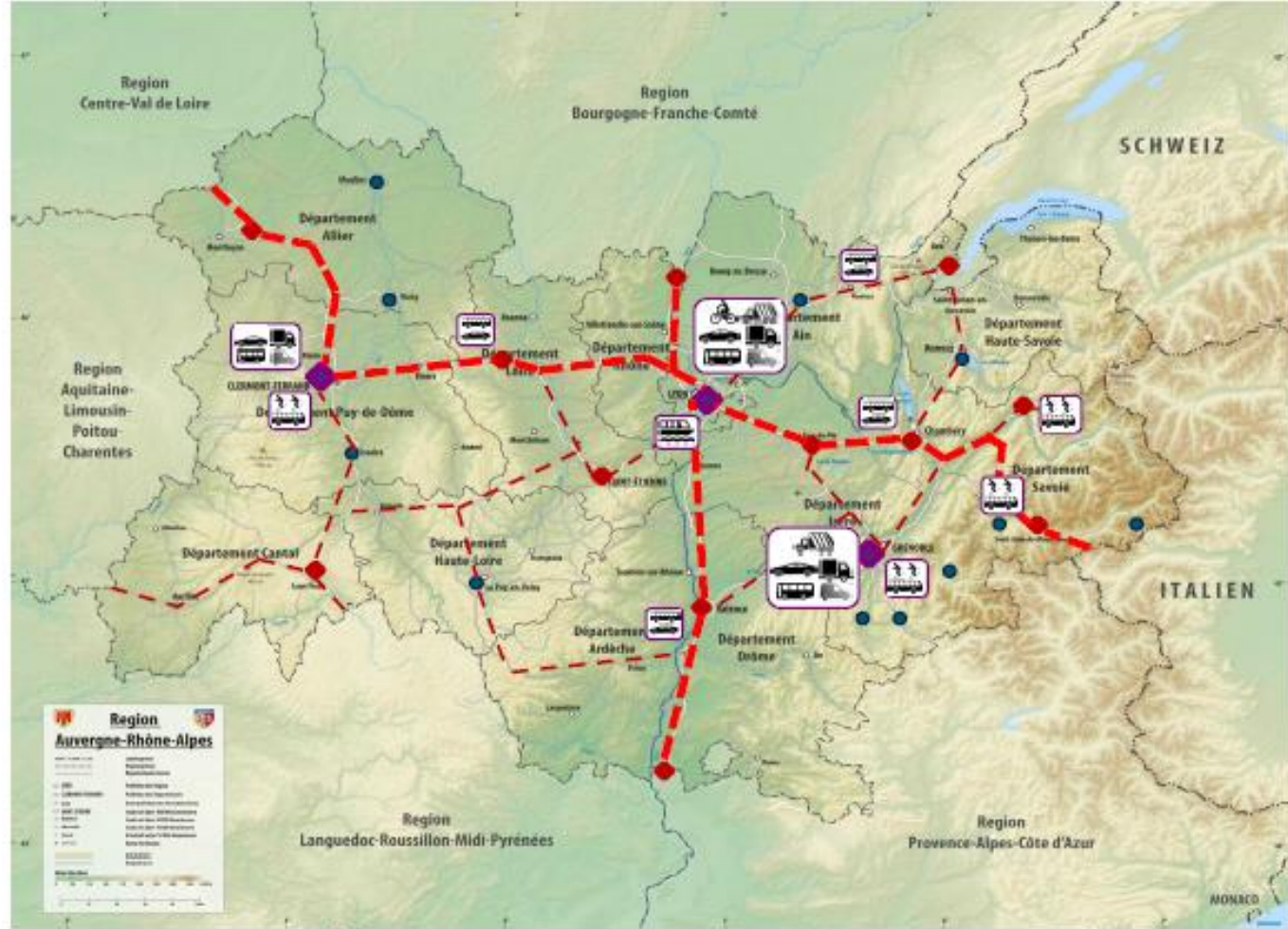
**Hydrogen use has the potential of contributing to decarbonise the industry: refineries, steelmaking, cement industry.**

**Fuel cell vehicles will provide the mobility service of today's conventional vehicles.**

# Zero Emission Valley : A new concept

around 3 cities: Clermont-Ferrand, Lyon, Grenoble

1000 Vehicles - 20 stations - 15 Electrolysers



### Infrastructure

- ◆ Large stations (150-200kg/j)
- Medium stations (50-60kg/j)
- Small stations (15-20kg/j)

### Vehicles Connecting

- Intercity buses
- Personal car
- River applications

### Vehicles Local usages

- Buses and skibuses
- Utility vehicles
- Refuse trucks
- Urban logistics



# Renewable energies are cheaper and cheaper

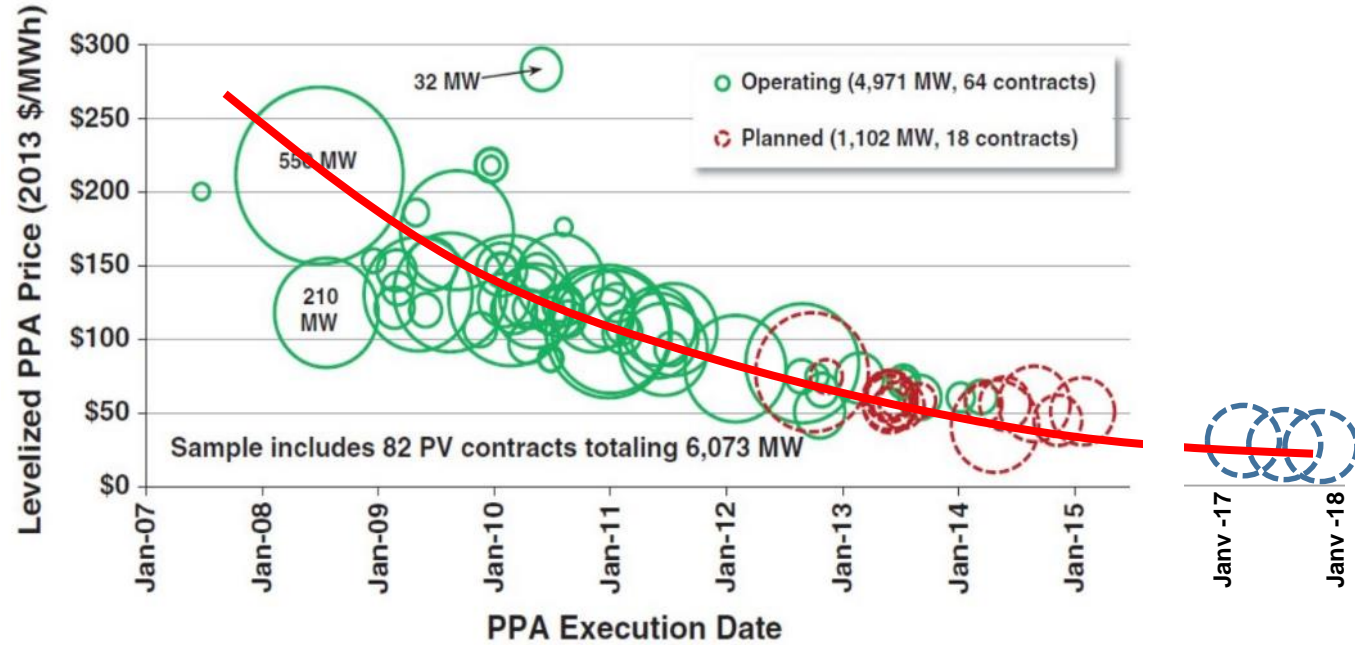


Figure 1. Levelized US utility-scale photovoltaic power purchase agreement (PPA) prices by operational status and PPA execution date.



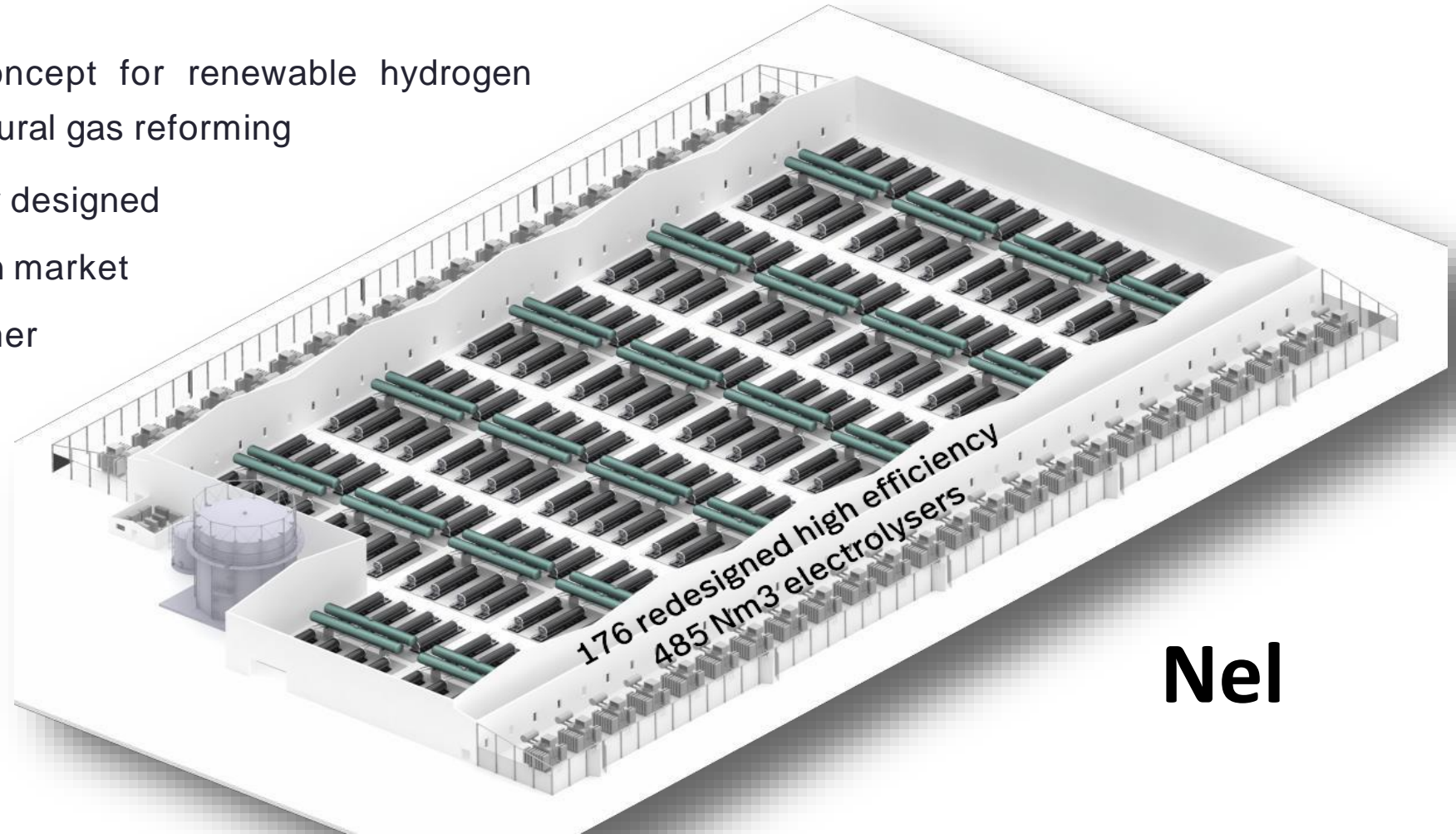
The latest energy auction in Chile has set a new record low for solar PV, coming in at just \$US21.48/MWh (\$A28/MWh).

Early 2017	United Arab Emirates	\$24,20 /MWh	20,33 €/MWh
Summer 2017	Chile	\$21,48 /MWh	18,04 €/MWh
Forecast 2018	Saudi Arabia	\$17,90 /MWh	15,04 €/MWh

# Project develop.: 400MW renewable H2 plant to outcompete natural gas reforming

Project examples

- Working on GIGA factory concept for renewable hydrogen production to outcompete natural gas reforming
- Largest electrolyser plant ever designed
- Addressing a USD ~ 150 billion market
- International industrial customer
- Tied to solar power
- CapEx of USD ~175 million
- Benchmark CapEx ratio:
  - 0.45 MUSD/MW



**Nel**

Cost of electrolyzers has decreased by a factor 4

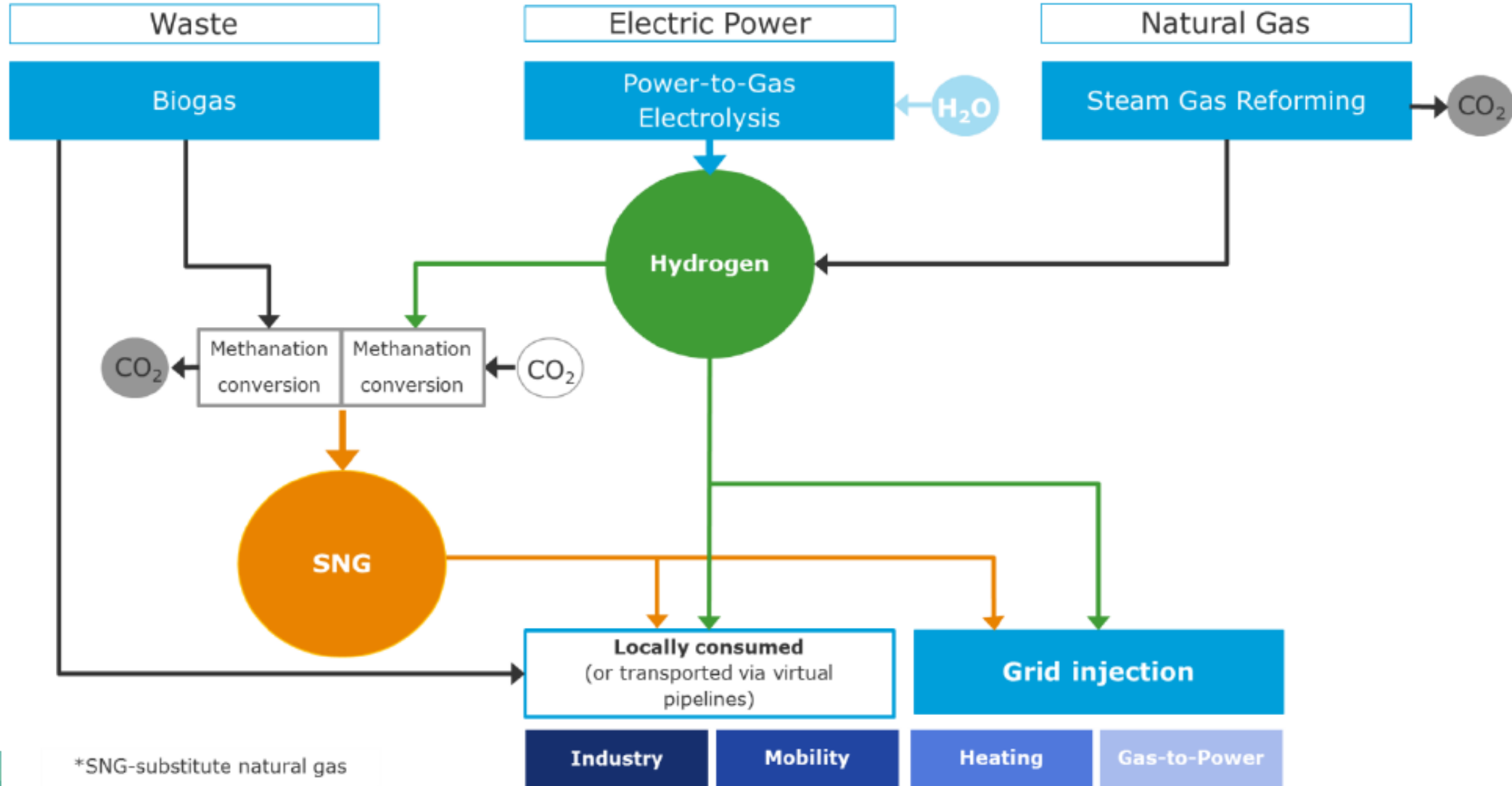




**2018**  
**A 10 MW**  
**Electrolyser**  
**ITM Project**  
**In Shell**  
**Rhineland**  
**refinery**



# Different Forms of Supplies of Renewable Gases

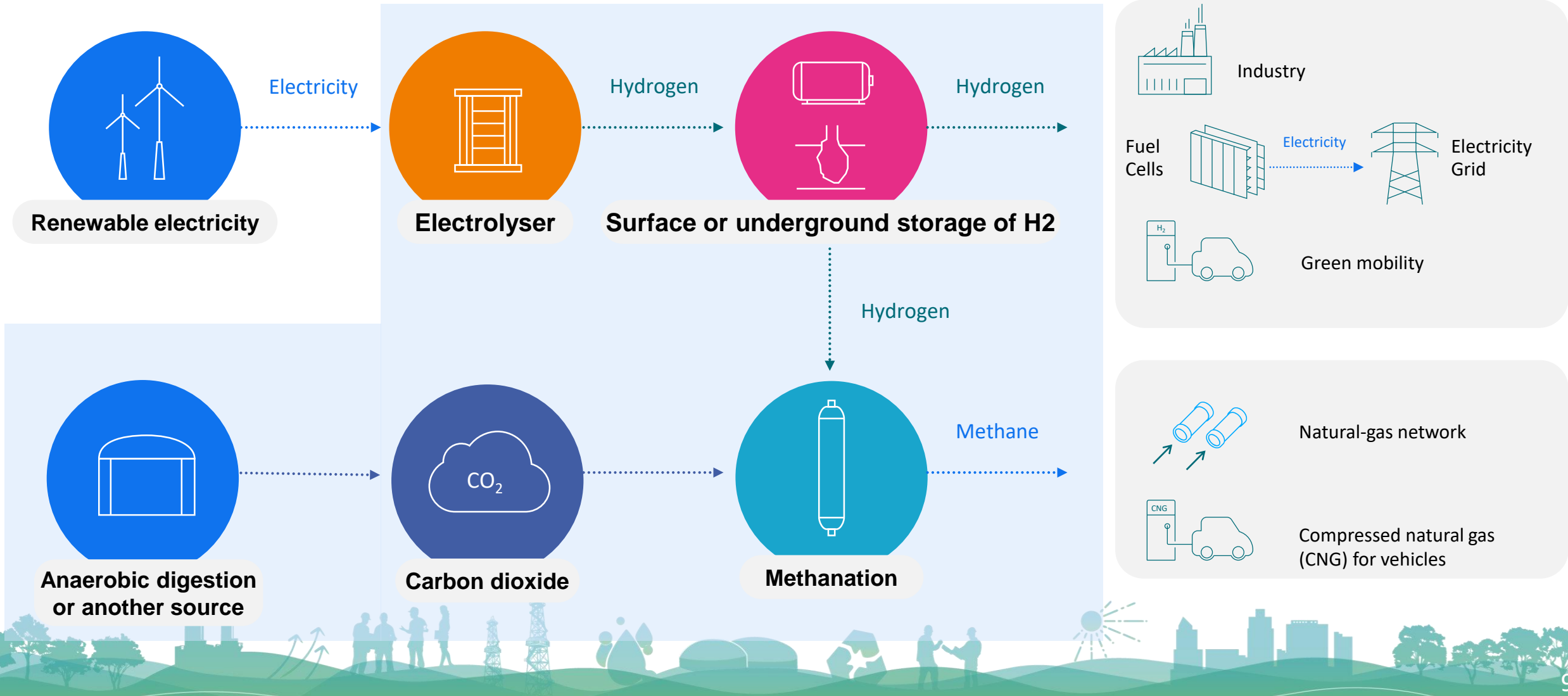


Source: DNV GL



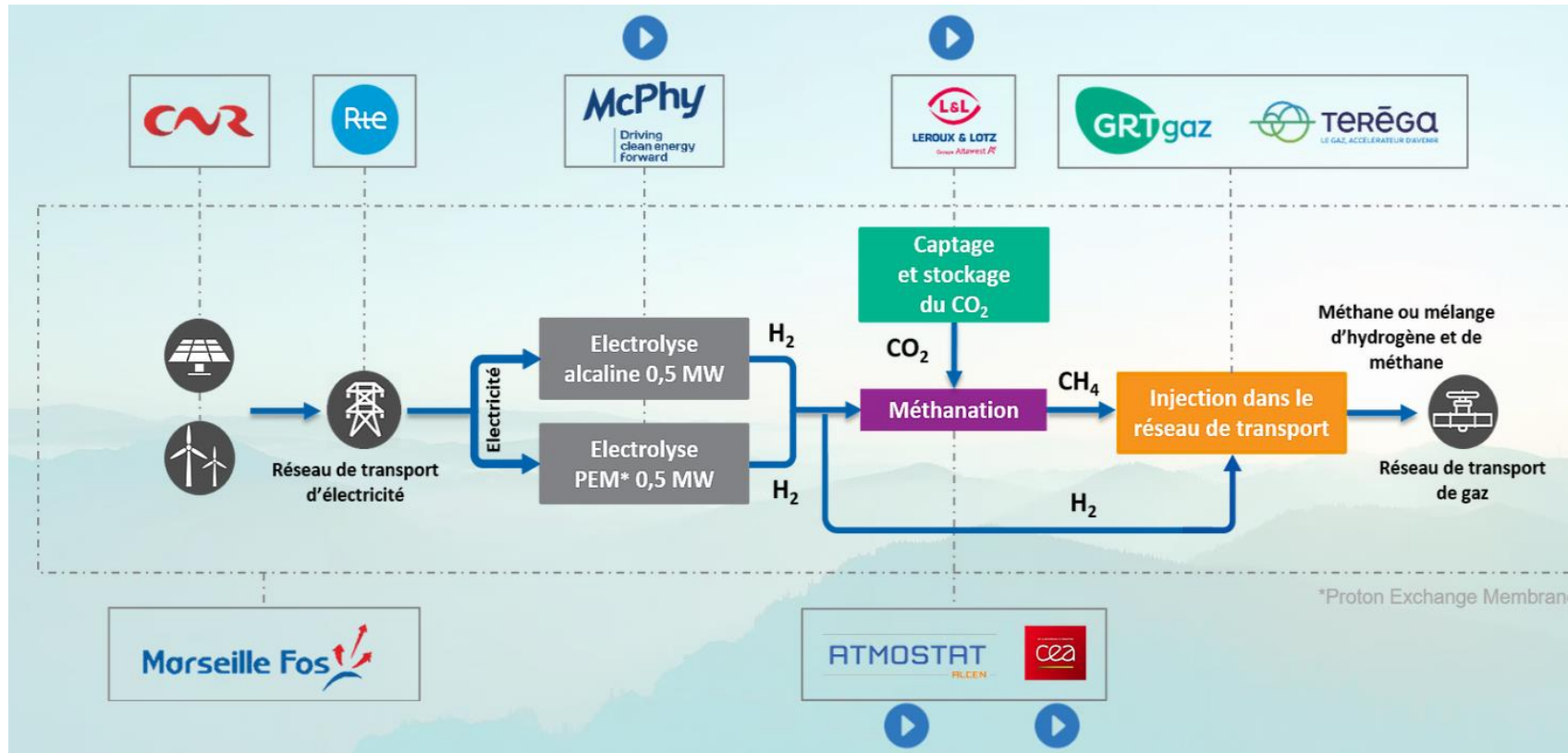
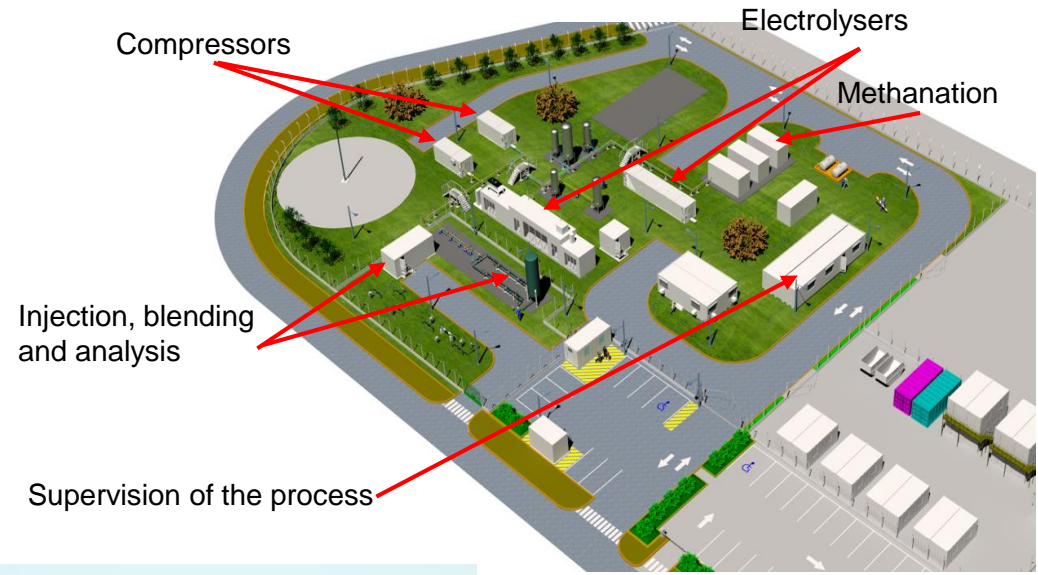


# Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>): an efficient means of ensuring a low-carbon energy mix

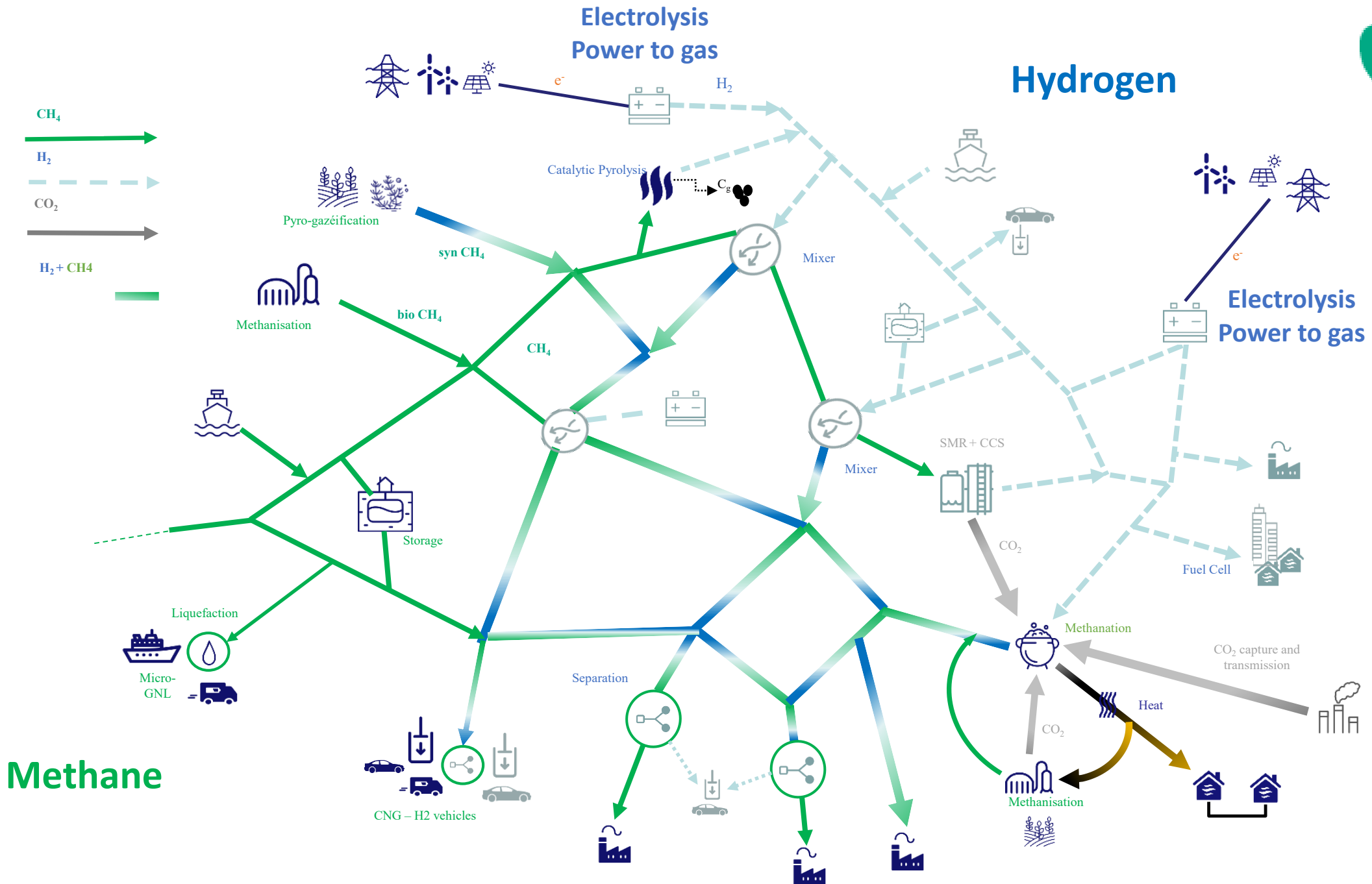




# JUPITER 1000 Power to Gas Project Marseille







# In France, renewable gas is a nascent industry

GRTgaz (January 2018)

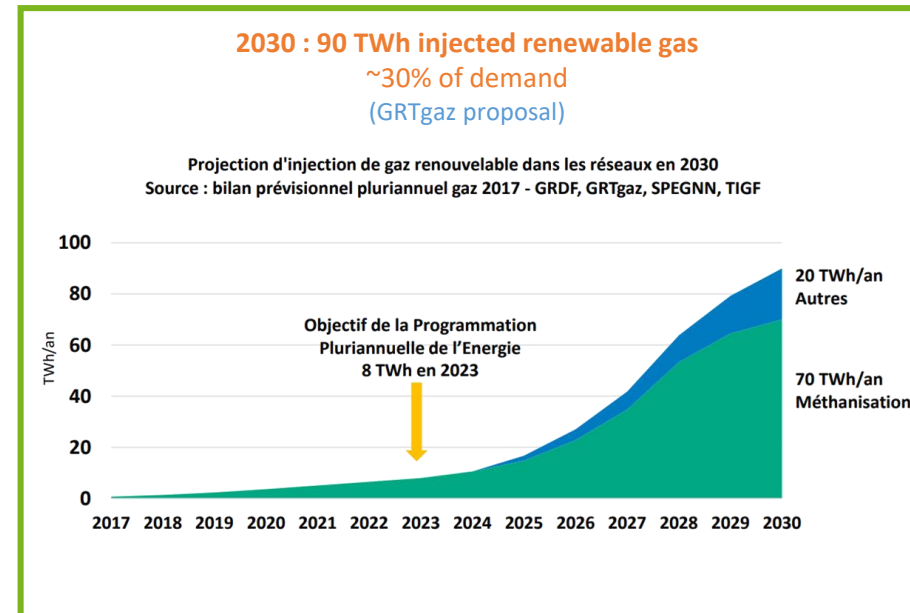
- 44 bio methane injection sites connected
- 361 projects ongoing
- 408 GWh injected in 2017 (+100%)  
equivalent to 1 800 bioGNV buses or 34 000 households
- France is the 5th producer in Europe in 2017



Target for development of injection of biomethane in gas networks



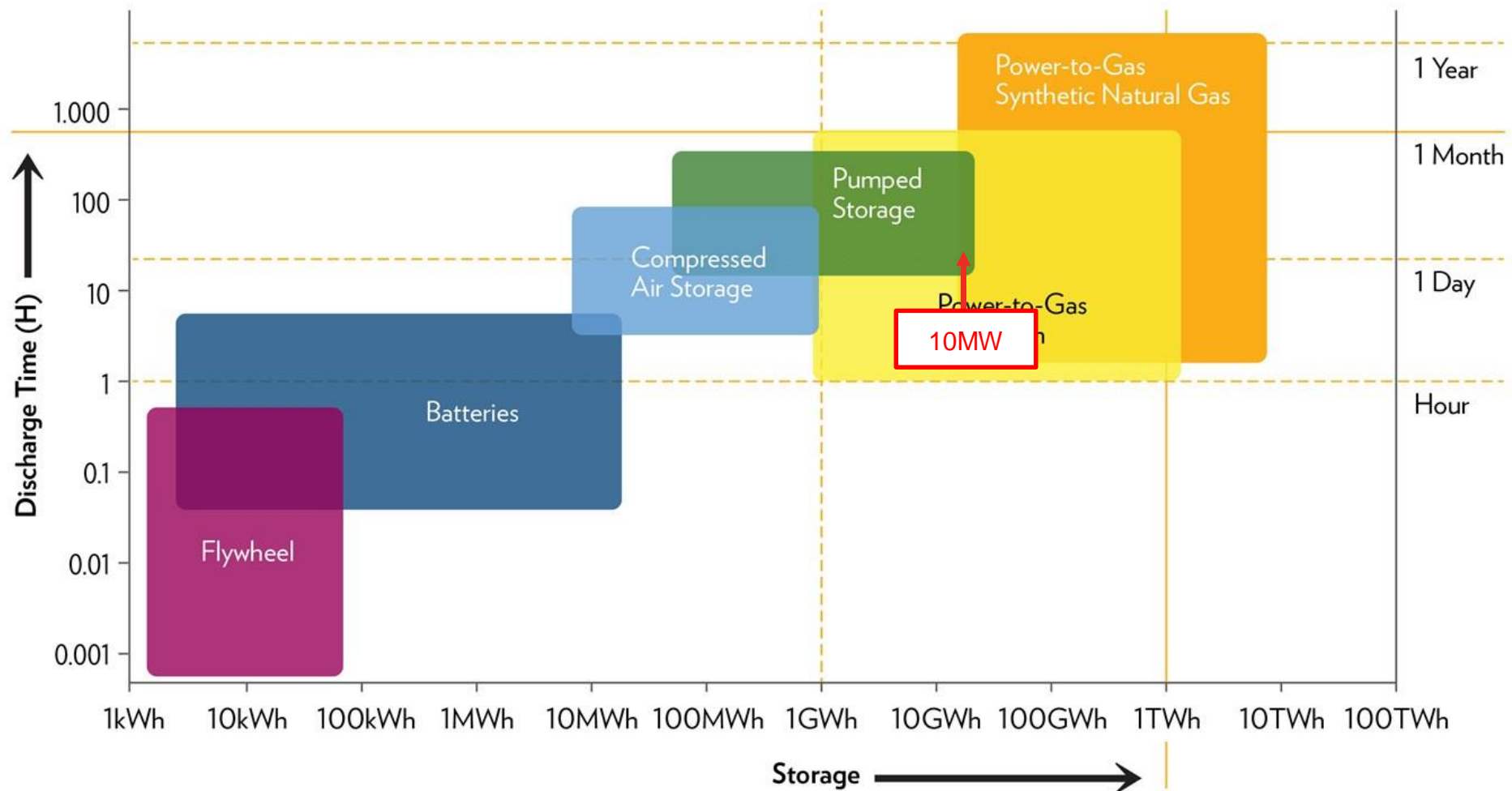
Target of the french law on Energy transition: biomethane shall represent 10% of gas consumption in 2030, i.e. 30 TWh





# ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES

Power-to-gas is efficient, long term, low energy cost



# Storengy is strongly involved in different studies and projects on Power-to-Gas & Hydrogen

**21** Underground storage facilities in Europe

- Hydrogen
- Synthetic methane or hydrogen/synthetic methane mixtures

H2 storage studies

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2-10 MW P2G project (feasibility)

Energy Triangle Thuringia

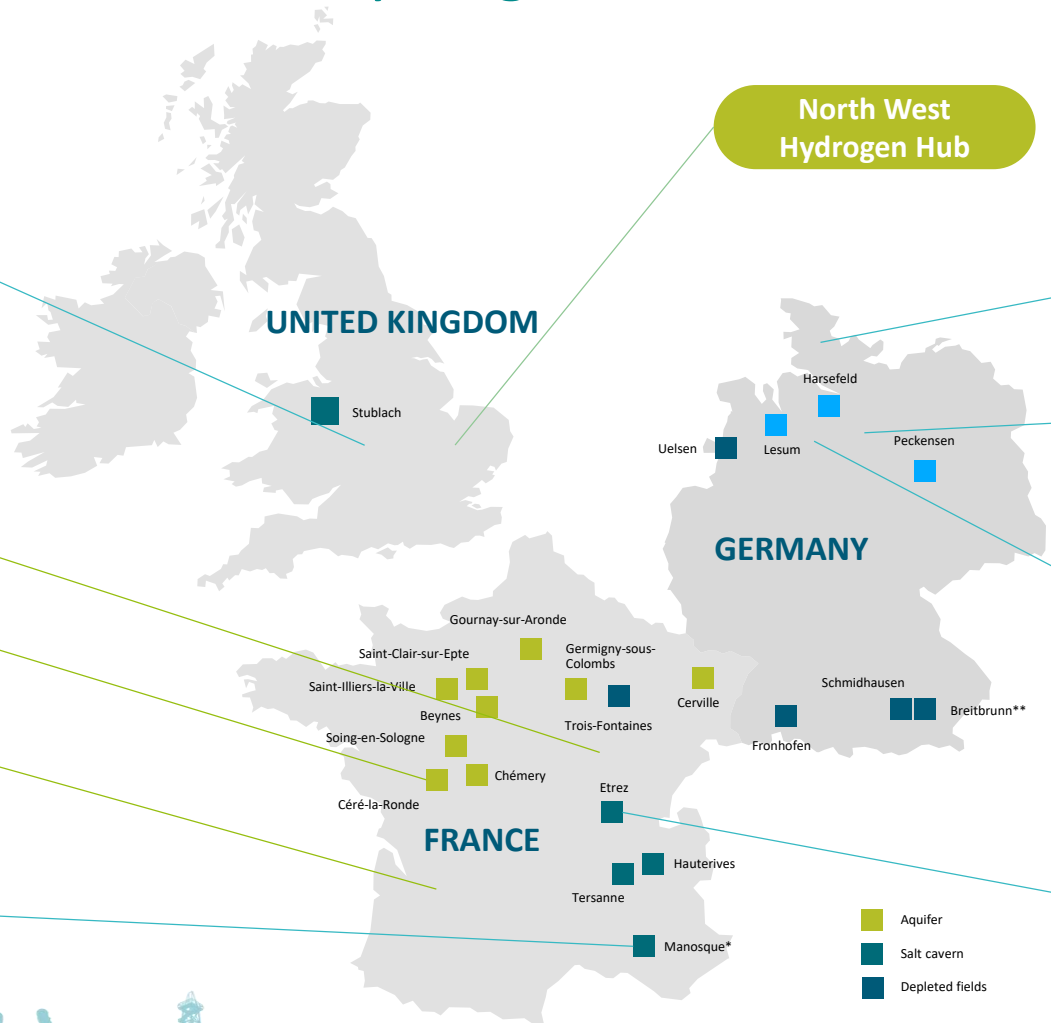
H2 Boot Camp

HYCAUNAIS

METHYCENTRE

RINGS

HyGreen Provence





# Storengy participates in several working groups (WG) to boost green H2 and P2G development in Europe

## Europe



Leader of Hydrogen & Power-to-Gas WG



Member of WG on Development of Business cases for FCH -JU applications for regions and cities

## Germany



Members of P2G/H2 WG



## France



Leader of Regulation WG,  
Participation in Business Model WG



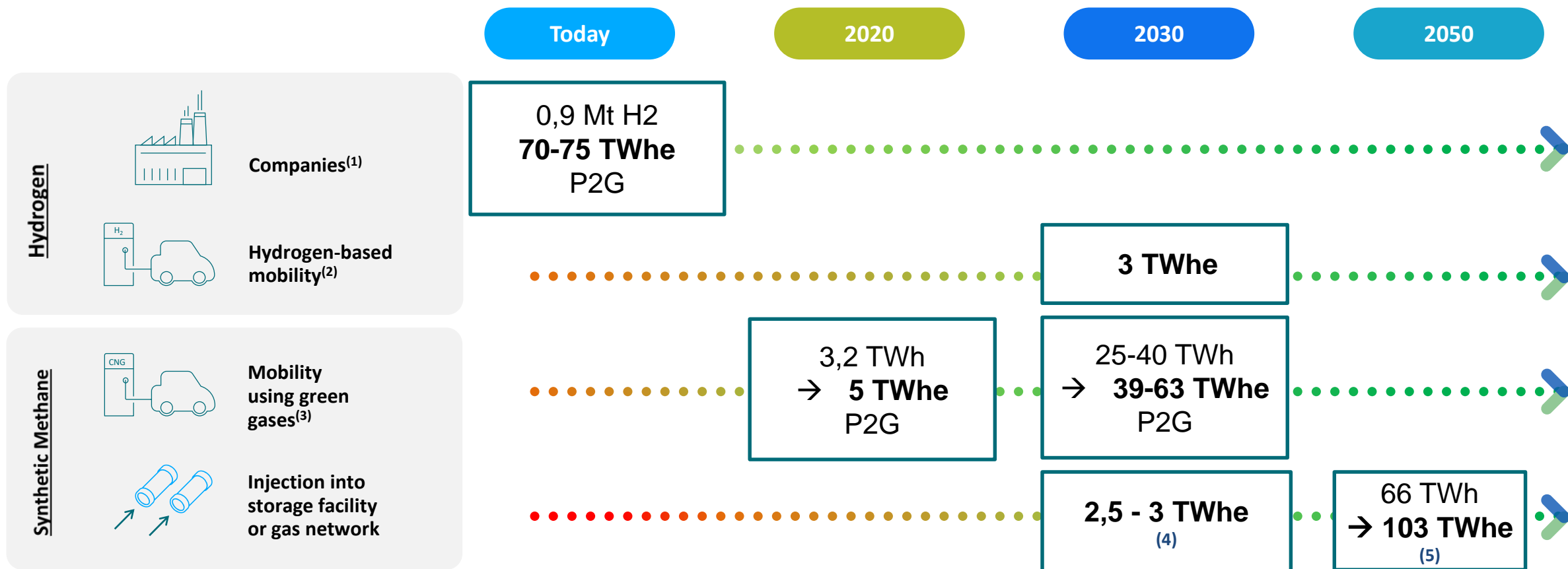
Contribution to multiannual energy program from DGEC “Energy storage offer”



Participation to prospect program on energy of CRE

- (GIE)** : Gas infrastructure Europe
- (FCH-JU)** : Fuel Cell Hydrogen Joint Undertaking
- (ATEE)** : Technical association on energy and environment
- (DGEC)** : General Directorate of Energy and Climate, Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition
- (CRE)** : French Energy Regulatory Commission
- (INES)**: German Association of Natural Gas Storage Operators
- (DVW)**: German Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association
- (BDEW)**: Federal Association of the German Energy and Water Industries
- (BVES)** : German Energy Storage Association

## Power-to-Gas in France: needs of today and tomorrow



(1) Source : Fiche 1.3 Production et consommation d'hydrogène aujourd'hui (Afhyprac)

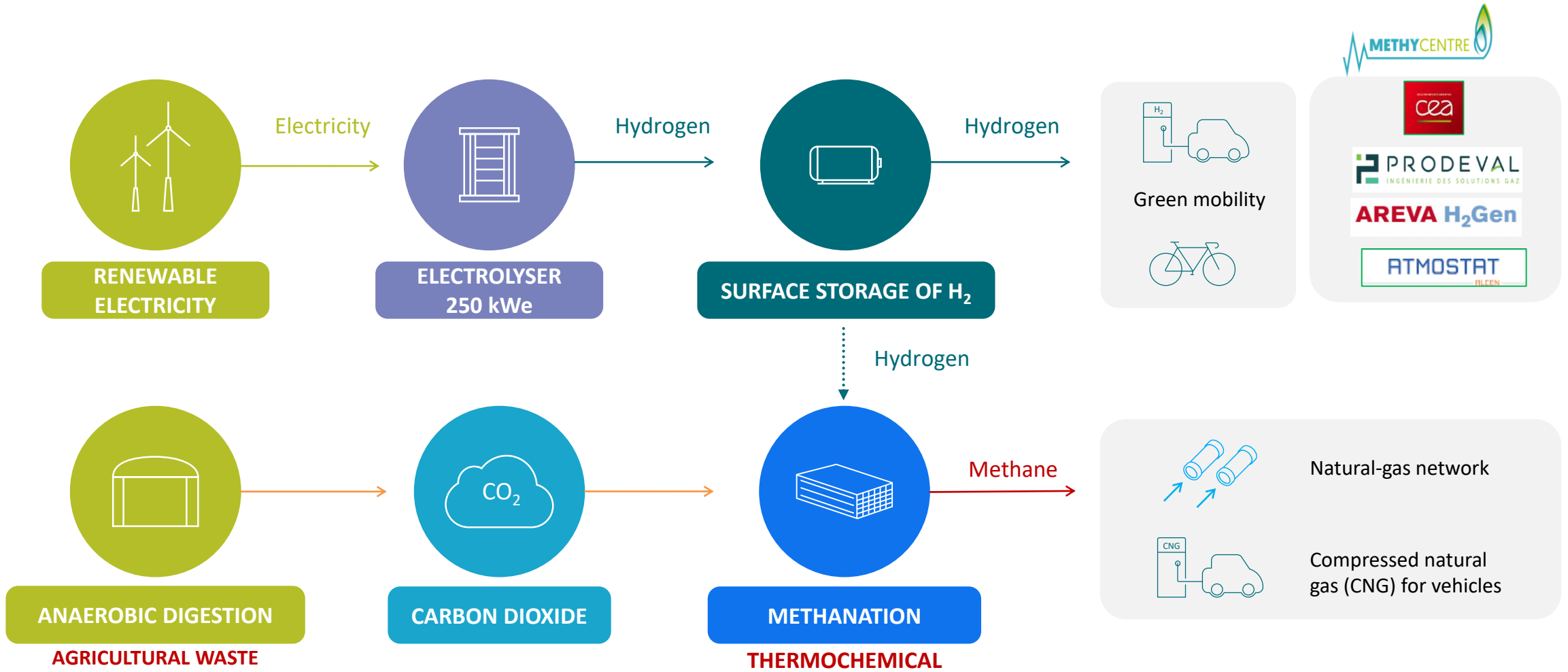
(2) Source : Afhyprac – Mobilité Hydrogène France

(3) Source : La mobilité gaz – GRTgaz

(4) Source : Etude portant sur l'hydrogène et la méthanation comme procédé de valorisation de l'électricité excédentaire (Ademe, GRTgaz, GRDF)

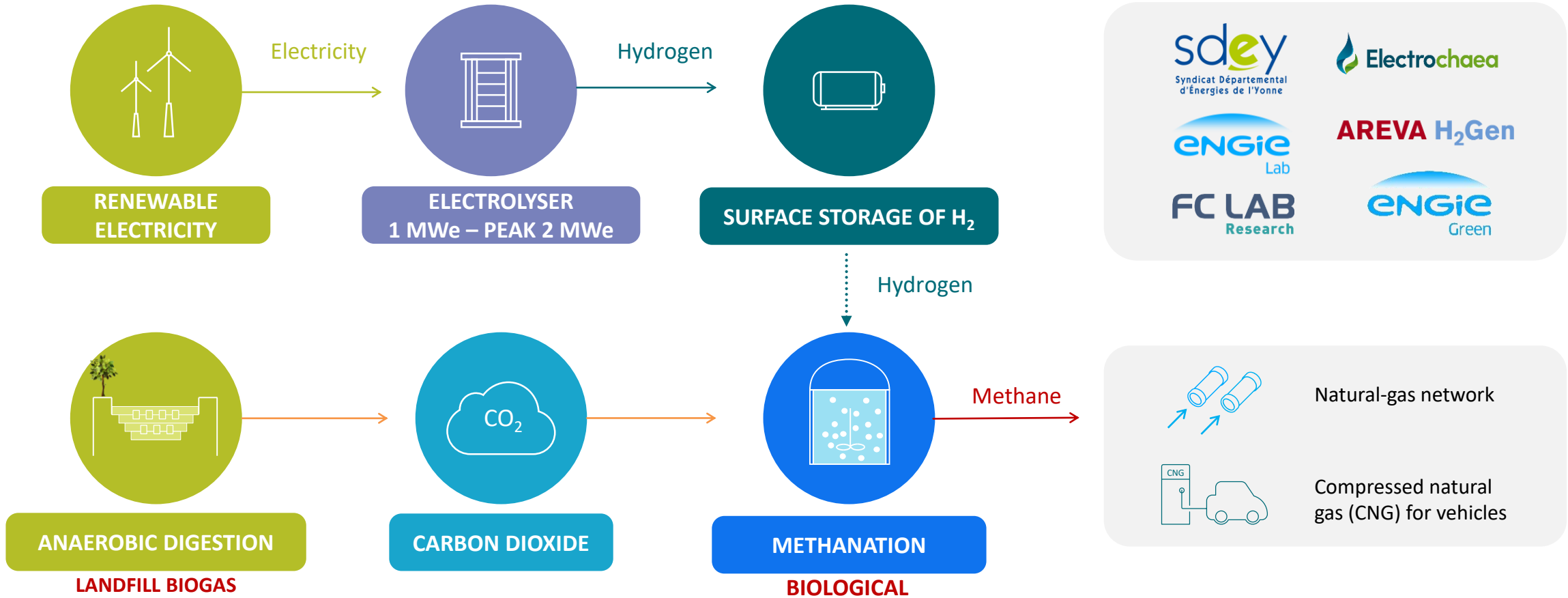
(5) Source : scénario central de l'étude Ademe de 09/2017 - Mix électrique 100% EnR en 2050 : quelles opportunités pour décarboner les systèmes gaz et chaleur ?

# MÉTHYCENTRE PROJECT (Céré-la-Ronde storage site – Centre region)





# HYCAUNAIS PROJECT (Near Auxerre – Yonne department – Burgundy area)





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Research and development



**The key conclusion of this study is that Power-to-Hydrogen is bankable in Europe already today.**

**By 2025, an estimated cumulative electrolyser capacity of 2.8 GW could be installed in Europe based on sound economics, representing a market value of €4.2 bn.**

Even today, the aggregate amount of profitable business cases would amount to 1.4 GW and €2.6 bn, if all cases were realized.



# CONCLUSIONS

- Renewable intermittent energy will increase and will need to be stored on a large scale, both at centralized and decentralized level.
- Storing large amount of energy requires to go for power to gas.
- Power to gas works for both mid scale and large scale systems needing to store energy for more than a day.
- Using Hydrogen is a very flexible solution for storing energy.
- Hydrogen produced from renewable power via water electrolysis enables the transition to a cleaner future across all energy sectors and applications.



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