

# ENERGIRON

## Are we ready for the H2?

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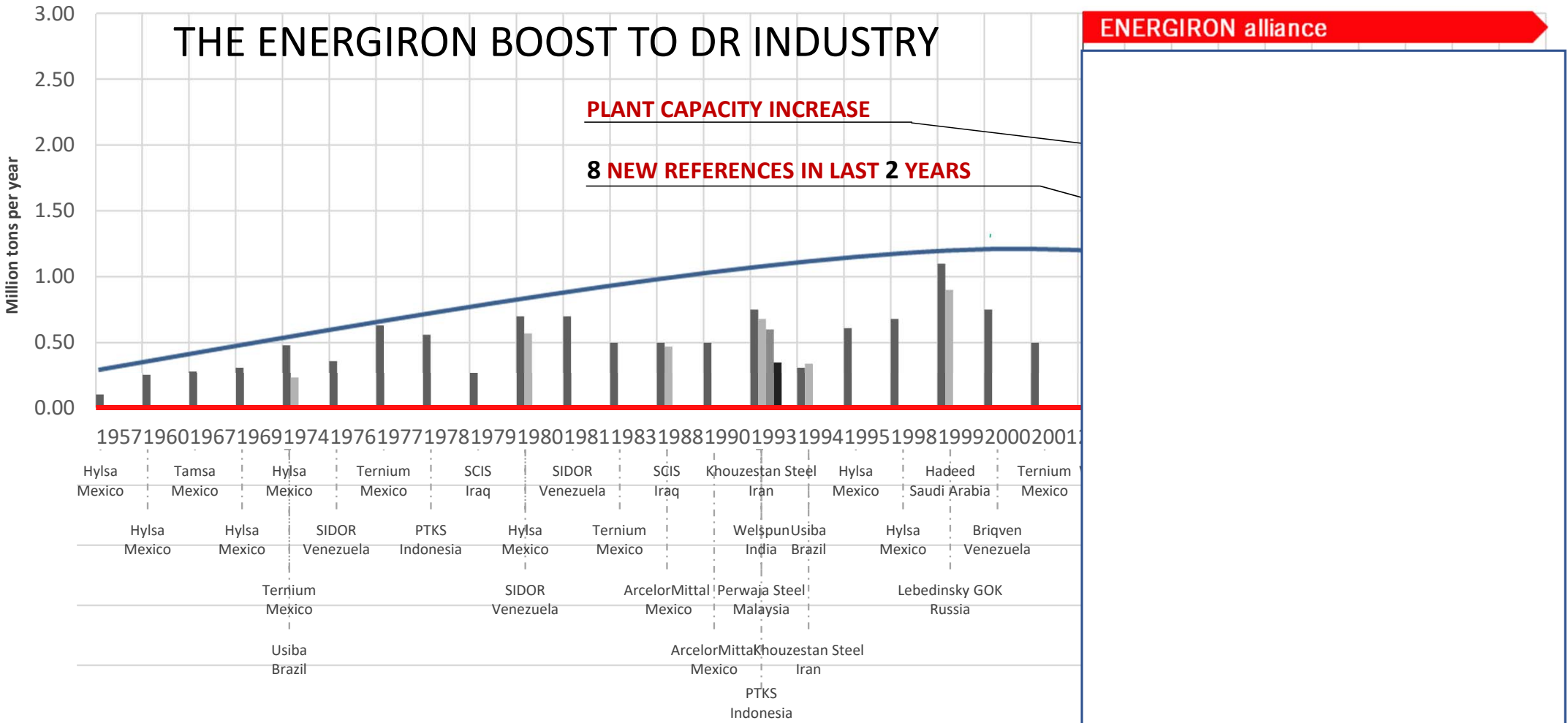
# ENERGIRON PROCESS

# THE ENERGIRON BOOST TO DR INDUSTRY

**ENERGIRON alliance**

**PLANT CAPACITY INCREASE**

**8 NEW REFERENCES IN LAST 2 YEARS**



# TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

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## FLEXIBILITY

- > Same scheme for any energy source

## ENVIRONMENTAL

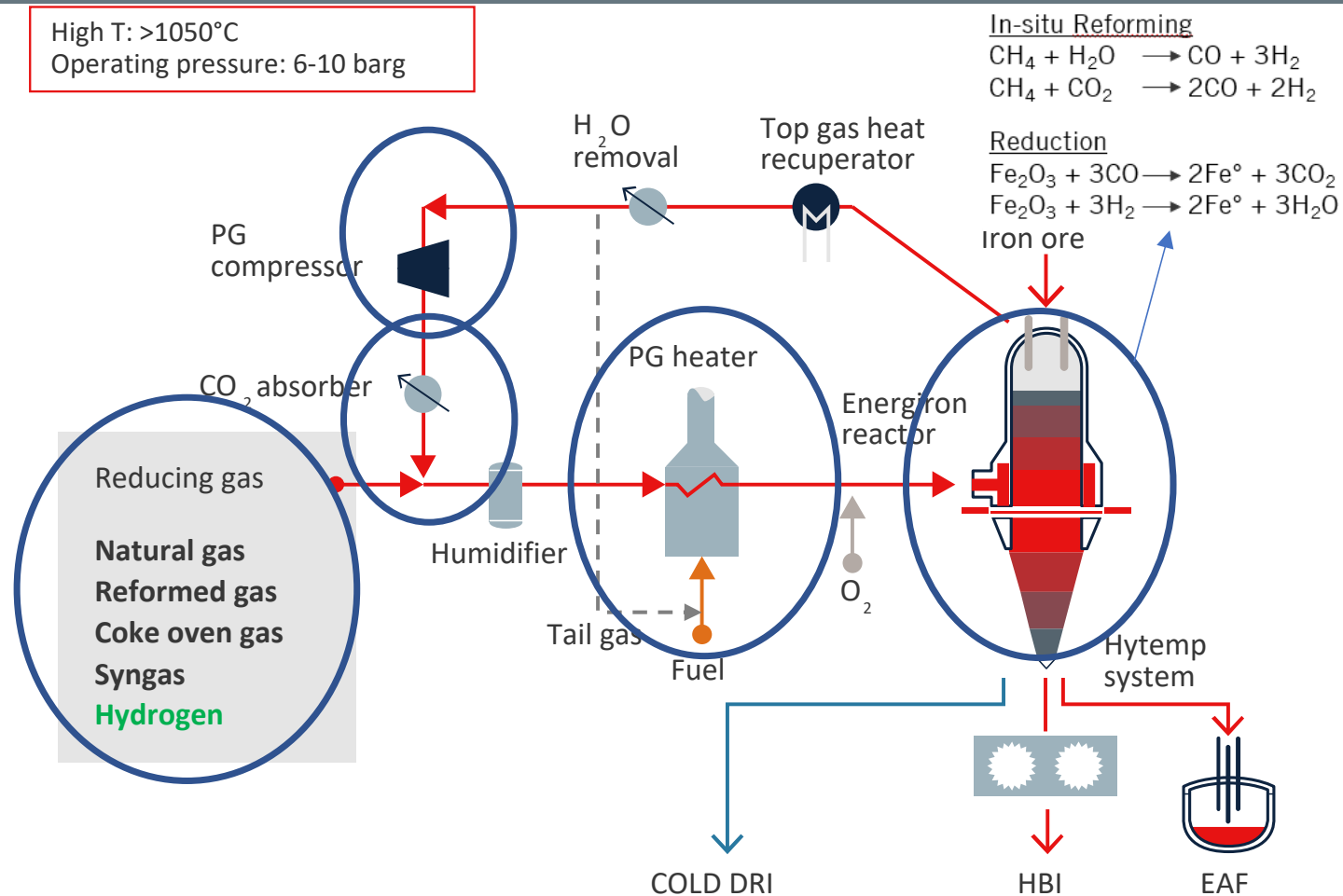
- > lowest NOx emissions:  $0,030 \text{ kg}_{\text{NOX}} / \text{t}_{\text{DRI}}$
- > Selective removal of iron ore reduction's by-products:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  &  $\text{CO}_2$
- > Use of gas implies that coke/coal is no longer needed as in blast furnace

## DRI QUALITY

- > High-C CDRI, High-C HDRI, High-C Briquettes
- > 94-96% Mtz;  
1,5%- 4,5% Carbon (as  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}$ )

## OPEX

- > Highest overall energy efficiency  
< 2,35 Gcal/t; < 80 kWh/t
- High yield: < 1,4  $\text{t}_{\text{IOP}}/\text{t}_{\text{DRI}}$



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# OUR HYSTORY WITH H2

## PIONEERING EXPERIENCE

In the **1990's**, was carried out extensive tests at pilot plant with up to **90% H<sub>2</sub>**, to define:

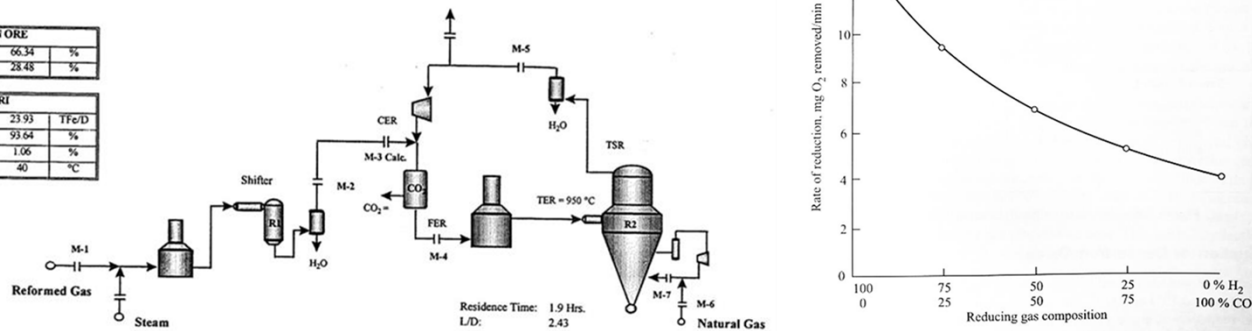
- ✓ Process parameters
- ✓ DRI quality
- ✓ Optimization of operating pressure, reactor L/D ratio, etc. for the proper use, gas distribution and design of the scheme for H<sub>2</sub> utilization.

**Figure VI.2.1 Material Balance for Condition 10**  
High Hydrogen

IRON ORE		
Fe T	66.34	%
Ox.(Red)	28.48	%

DRI		
Pred.	23.93	TFe/D
Niiz	93.64	%
Carbon	1.66	%
Temp.	40	°C



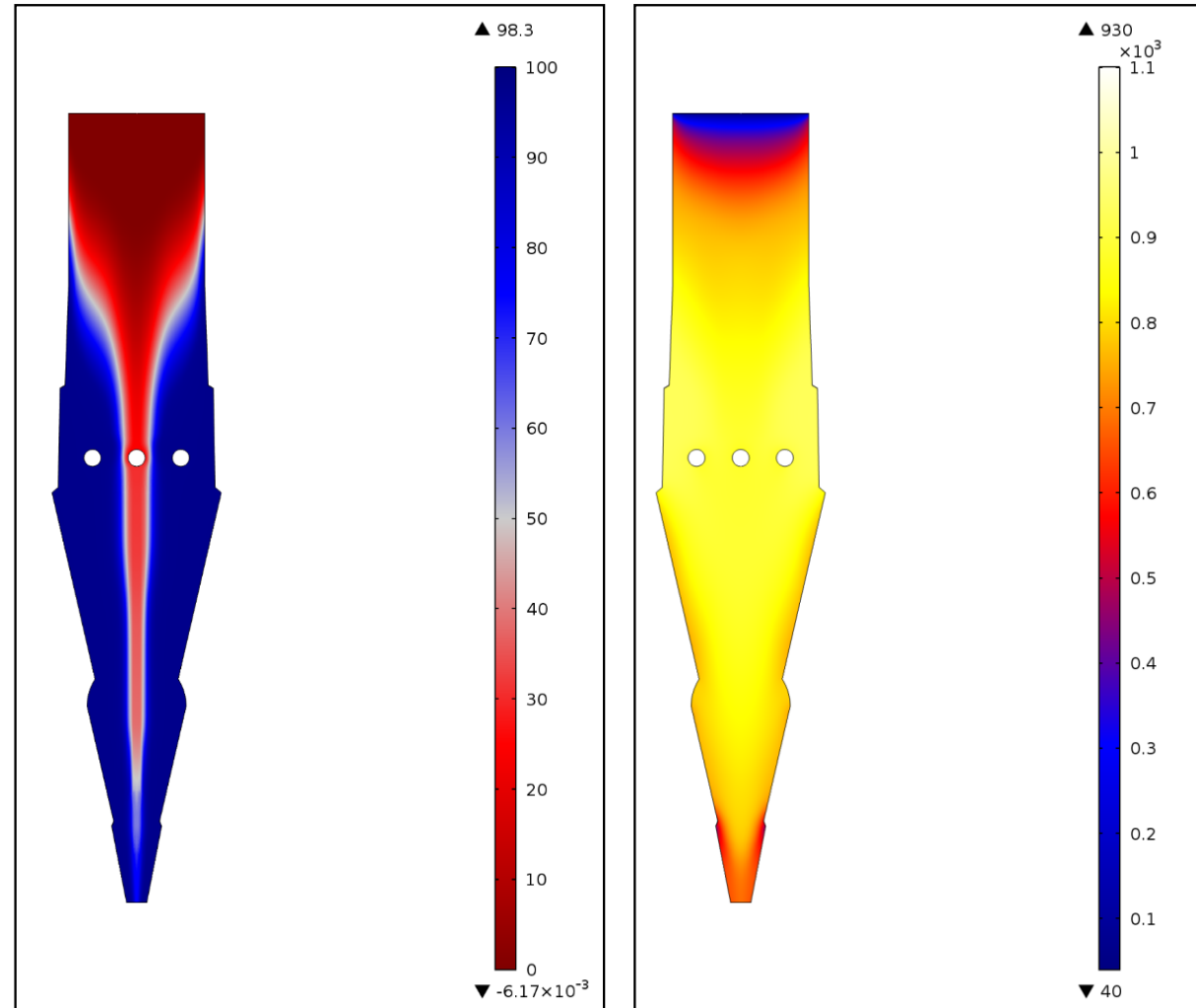
**PILOT PLANT**  
in Monterrey

## MAXIMUM USE OF H<sub>2</sub>:

- Study case: ENERGIRON DRP shaft in hot discharge mode for 250 tph DRI
- Pure H<sub>2</sub> (97% H<sub>2</sub> ; 1% H<sub>2</sub>O ; 2% N<sub>2</sub>) as PG

## RESULTS:

- 94% metallization
- T<sub>discharge</sub> ~700°C

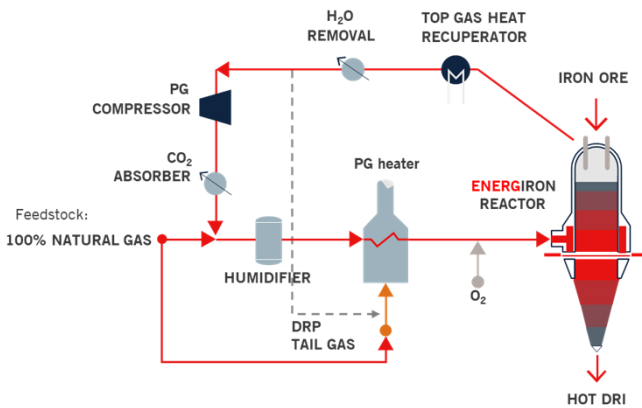


SAME SCHEME FOR PRESENT, NEAR AND FAR FUTURE

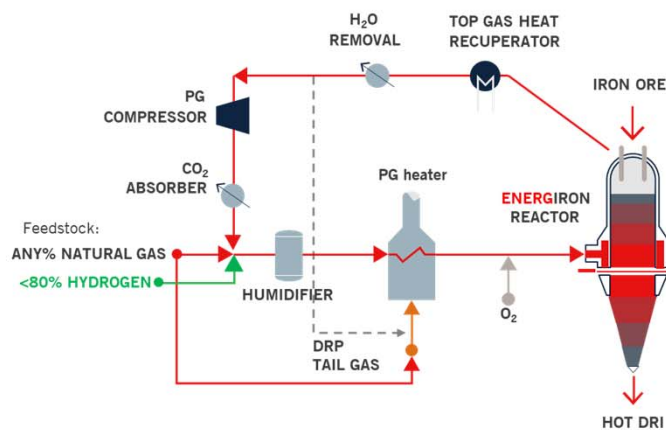
TODAY

TOMORROW (BY 2030)

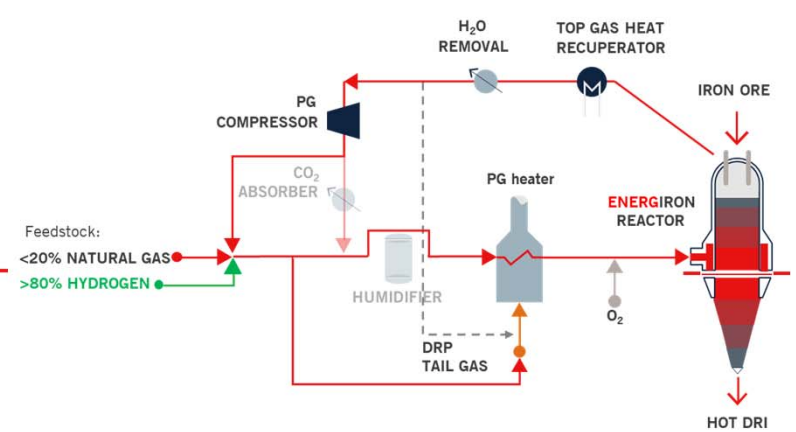
FUTURE (BY 2050)



100% Natural Gas



any % Natural Gas  
<80% % Hydrogen



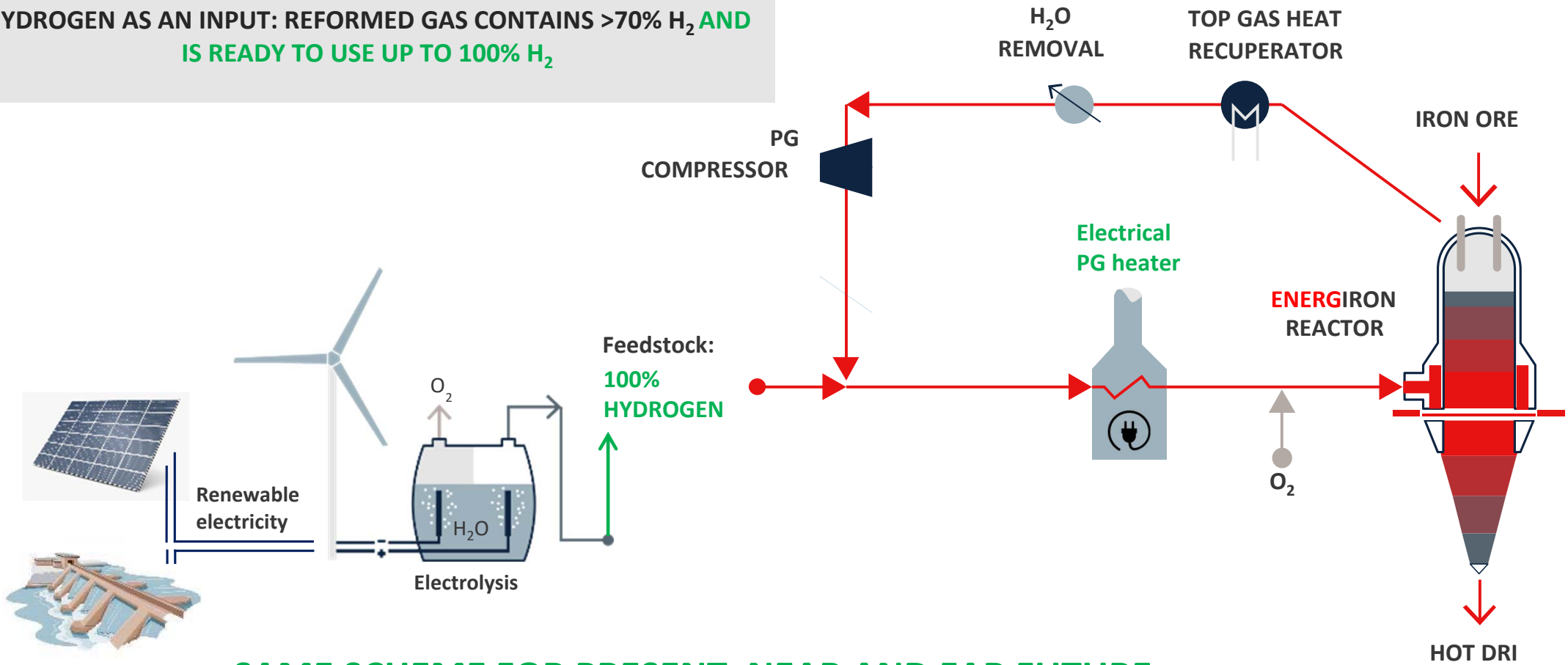
Up to 100% Hydrogen



# NG TRANSITION UP TO 100% H<sub>2</sub>

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**ENERGIRON PLANTS ALREADY USE HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF HYDROGEN AS AN INPUT: REFORMED GAS CONTAINS >70% H<sub>2</sub> AND IS READY TO USE UP TO 100% H<sub>2</sub>**



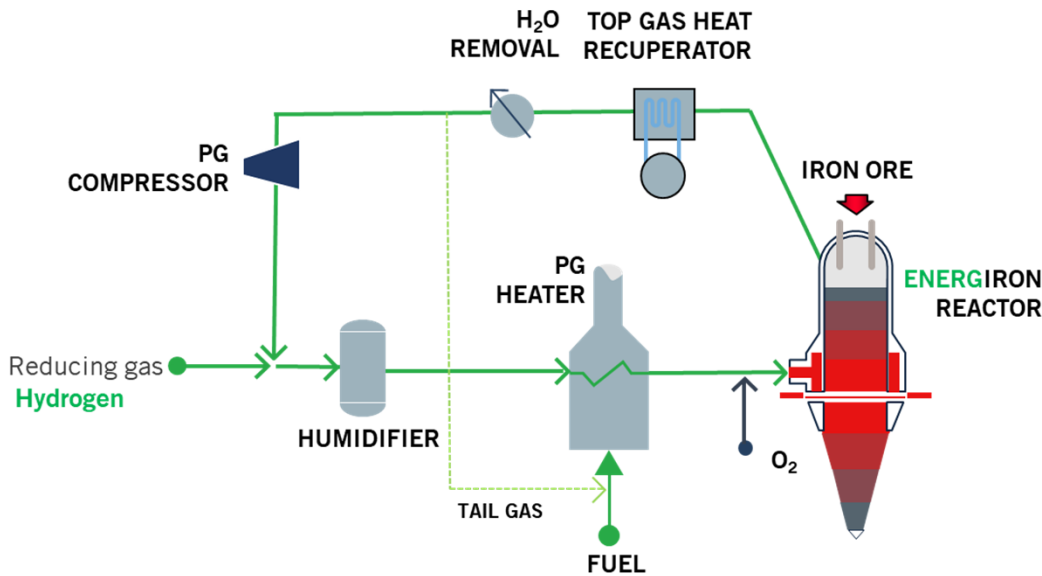
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# ECONOMICS OF H2

Example for 1 MTY



\*= percentage its referring to an energy requirement basis and considering the heater fed by hydrogen

Carbon content in DRI		%H2	
		100%*	80%*
		0%	0,5%
Yield	$t_{IOP}/t_{HBI}$	1,44	1,44
H2	Nm3/t	774	637
(H2	Gcal/t)	1,98	1,631
Nat Gas	Nm <sup>3</sup> /t	0	44,72
(Nat gas	Gcal/t)	0	0,398
Oxygen	Nm <sup>3</sup> /t	0	10
El. Energy	kWh/t	56	68
water	m <sup>3</sup> /t	1,4	1,4
Nitrogen	Nm <sup>3</sup> /t	22	22
H2	Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	99254	81760
Nat Gas	Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	0	5773

## ...looking the capex, what we need?

1 Ton of Green Iron require ~ 3,5 MWh for hydrogen (~60 kilograms H2 @55 kWh/kg via water electrolysis)

1 MTY means 125 ton/hr → means ~ 412 MW installed power → 370 M€ (alkaline, 900 €/kW)

Looking to produce the electrical power by renewable energy we have:

- 60 wind turbines (7 MW/each) → 495 M€ (1,2 M€/MW installed)

Or

- 1.375.000 m<sup>2</sup> of solar panels (means 190 soccer camp) → 412 M€ (1€/w installed)

## Carbon Tax:

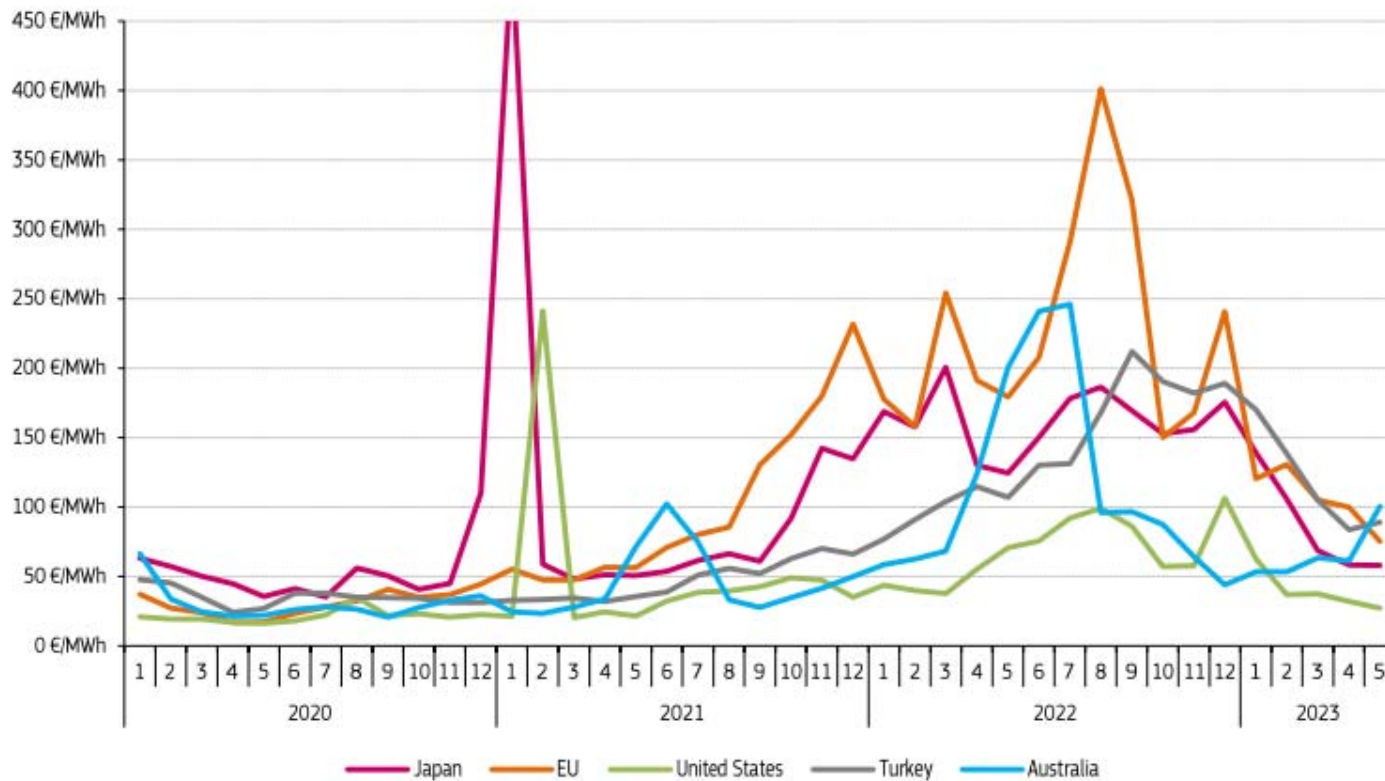


Since 2020 the EU ETS carbon prices have undergone a notable increase.

<https://tradingeconomics.com/commodity/carbon>

# Cost of electrical power:

<https://energy.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-10/New%20Quarterly%20Report%20on%20European%20Electricity%20markets%20Q1%202023.pdf>



Source: European Power Benchmark, JPEX (Japan), AEMO (Australia), Energy Exchange Istanbul (Turkey) and the average of selected PJM West, ERCOT, MISO Illinois and CAISO regional wholesale hubs in the United States

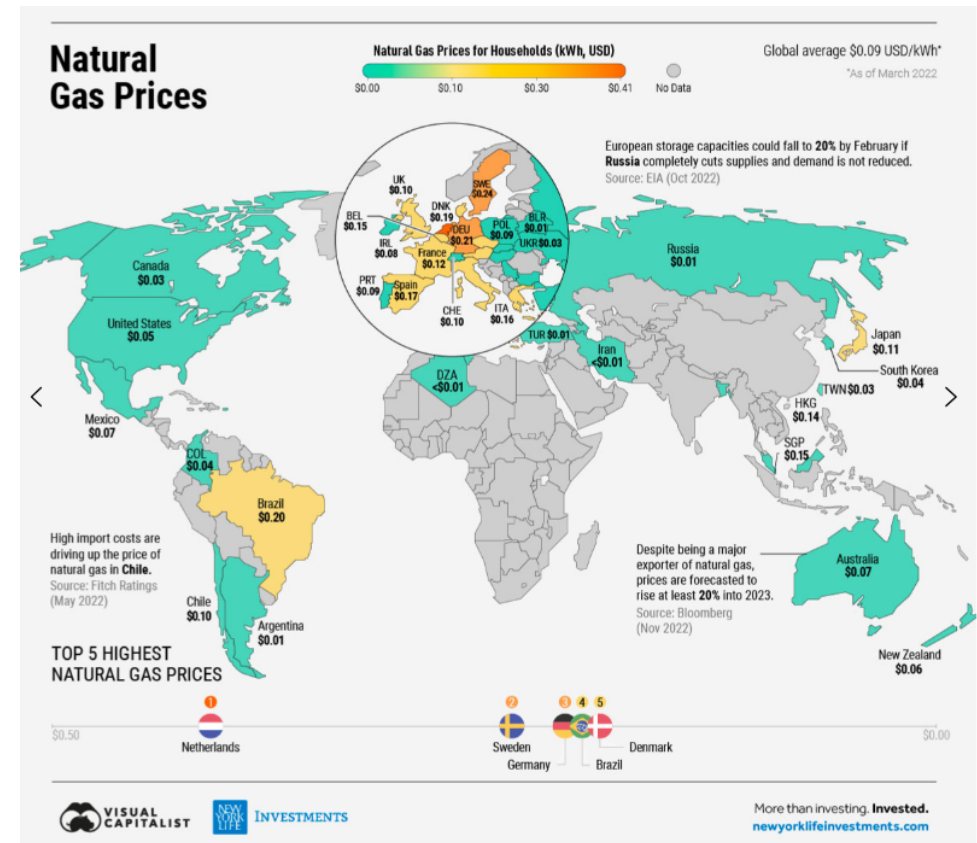
# Cost of natural gas:

Natural gas price benchmarks –July 2023 (\$/mmbtu)



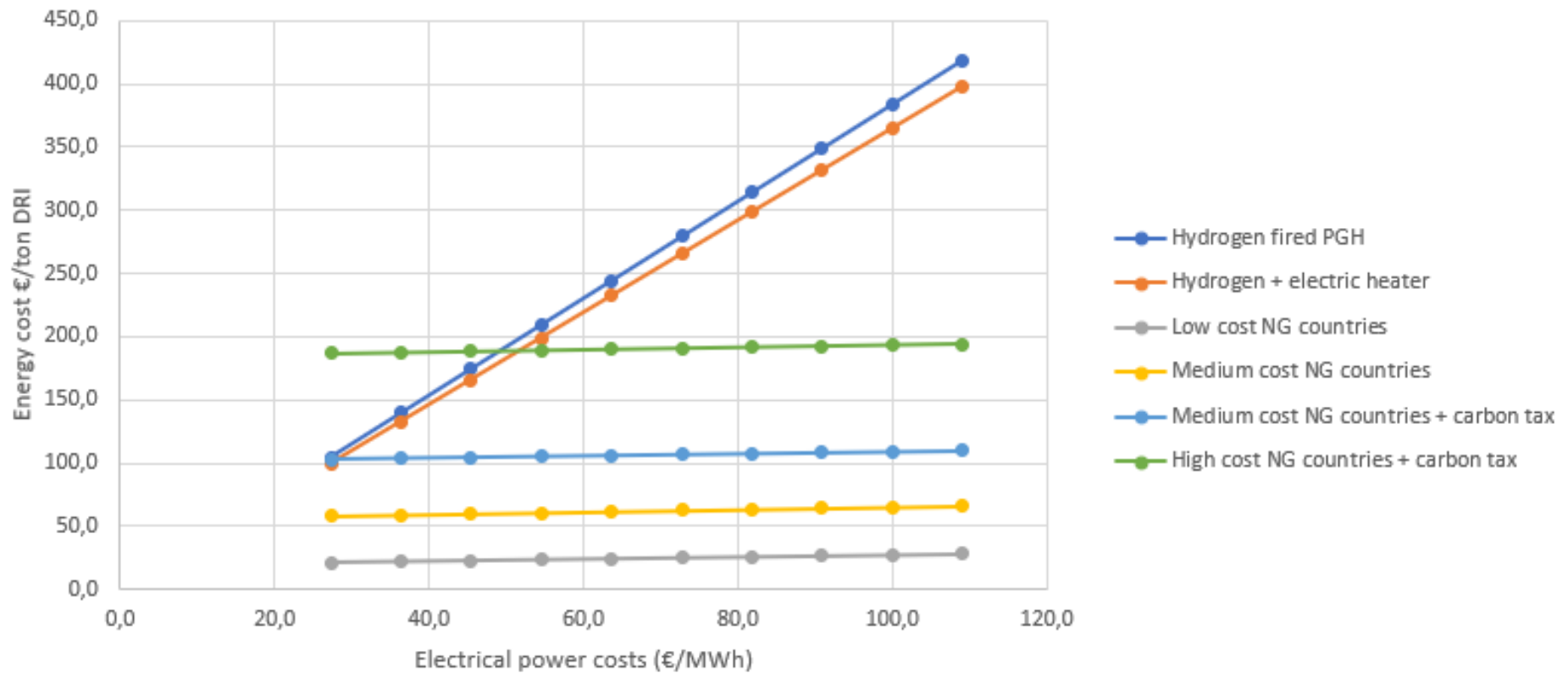
<https://globallnghub.com/global-natural-gas-price-benchmarks-july-2023.html>

<https://advisor.visualcapitalist.com/global-energy-prices-by-country/>



# Let introduce also other factors

Variation of costs to energy environment

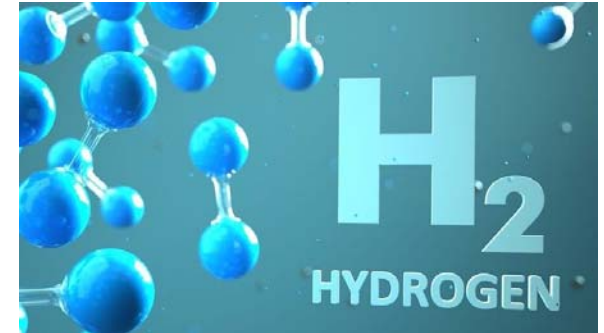






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# CONCLUSION



### FLEXIBILITY

- > Same scheme for ANY energy source
- > Already with HIGH % of H2 in the process gas
- > Without any change today can absorb up to 80% of H2 from external source
- > Same scheme is ready for TOMORROW in case of 100% H2

### OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME AREAS

- > Is a good reduction agent
- > Can play a rule in the decarbonization
- > In some condition can be competitive solution

**Yes, we are ready for the H2!**

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