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# **PEM Electrolyser cost reduction strategy**

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forward-looking energy

## ► The merge of :

- ◆ An industrial start-up



( owned by  )

- ◆ The electrolysis division of former



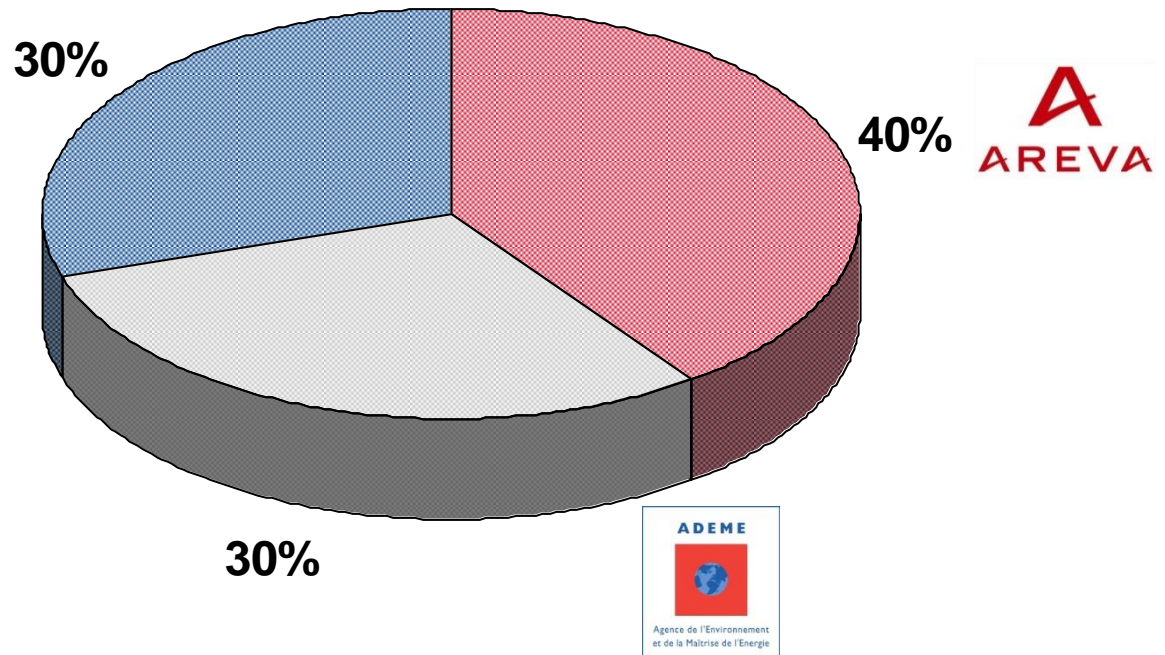
## ► And venture capital funds from the French State



**A PEM electrolyser division within the AREVA Group**

# Capital Structure

## ► Three shareholders



■ Areva Energy Storage □ French state ■ Smart Energies

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# Product Line

## ► A commercial product line from 5 to 120 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h at 15 Bar

### PEM Electrolysers

Today's flexible & cost effective technology



For a reliable, easy, clean and safe on site hydrogen generation

#### Advantages

##### SAFETY:

Physical separation of the H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> production

##### RELIABILITY:

Progressive and discontinuous operation possible

##### EFFICIENCY:

The current density on PEM electrolysers can reach more than 1 A/cm<sup>2</sup>

##### SIMPLICITY:

Reduced maintenance and autonomous working process

#### Technical Specifications

##### Standard Supply

Gas Production	Hydrogen	Oxygen
Output pressure	14 Barg	13 Barg
Purity	> 99.99%	> 99%
Output connection	H <sub>2</sub> & Drain H <sub>2</sub> : G1/2	G1/2
<b>Feeding water (Tap water)</b>		
Conductivity	< 2000 µS/cm (T 25 °C)	Pressure
PH	4-10	Temperature
Water treatment	Integrated RO System	2 to 6 Bar
<b>Process Cooling Water</b>		
Max Pressure	5 bar	±5 °C to +50°C
Input Temperature		Bactericide, anticorrosive and antifreezing fluid
Quality		
<b>Installed Power</b>		
Voltage	400 V AC (3 Phase 1 Ground)	
Frequency	50 Hz / 60 Hz	
Stack consumption	4.4 kWh/Nm <sup>3</sup> of H <sub>2</sub>	
<b>Control System</b>		
PLC	Industrial SIL 1 PLC with analogic I/O modules associated to a 10" color tactile screen; Process can be controlled by input of : H <sub>2</sub> flow, pressure, available power	
Communication	Ethernet/ IP ; RS232 ; analogic and serial communications; modular communication interface for easy add-on capability; others : on demand	
<b>Environmental &amp; Operating conditions</b>		
Storage & Transport temperature	3 - 60°C	Humidity
Operating temperature	3 - 40°C	Ventilation
0 to 95 % non-condensing Provided from a non-hazardous area		
<b>Safety Norms &amp; Regulations</b>		
Compliance	CE (PED , LVD , Machine, EMC), ISO 22734-1	

#### Product Line Specifications

Standard	E5	E10	E20	E30	E40	E60	E120
<b>Hydrogen Production</b>							
H <sub>2</sub> Flow Rate Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	5	10	20	30	40	60	120
<b>Oxygen Production</b>							
O <sub>2</sub> Flow Rate Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	2,5	5	10	15	20	30	60
<b>Feeding water</b>							
Consumption L/hr (Including RO System)	< 10	< 20	< 40	< 60	< 80	< 120	< 240
<b>Process Cooling water</b>							
Flow Rate m <sup>3</sup> /h (*Indicative with delta T of 10°C)	1	2	4	6	8	12	24
<b>Installed Power</b>							
Power kVA	40	80	160	240	320	480	960
System Consumption (kWh/Nm <sup>3</sup> of H <sub>2</sub> )	5,7	5,3	5,2	5,1	5	4,9	4,8
<b>Dimensions &amp; Weight</b>							
Gas Skid	1800x1900x2200 mm			2400x1900x2200 mm			
	900 kg	1000 kg	1260 kg	1860 kg	1980 kg	2300 kg	3200 kg
Appendix: Rectifier, PLC, Chiller, Water Purification (mm)	1800x1800x2200		1900x2900x2200		1900x3900x2200		

#### Options

##### Gas Purification System

Industrial purification system with automatic regeneration based on a deoxidizer & dryer

H<sub>2</sub> Quality

Up to 99,999%

(Water vapor < 5 ppm, O<sub>2</sub> < 5 ppm, N<sub>2</sub> < 2 ppm)

Dimensions & Weight

1800x600x2200 mm, 300 kg

#### Fully integrated outdoor unit

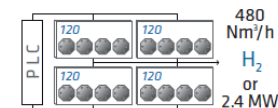


H<sub>2</sub>Gen offers a wide selection of optional components to meet customer specific requirements

#### PLC with an intuitive and user friendly interface



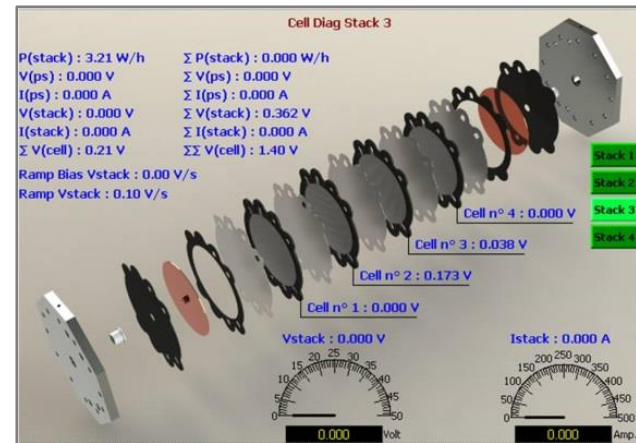
#### Generator cluster architecture



# Technical synergy on PEM Stack Technology

- ▶ **CET(H<sub>2</sub>) technology**
  - ◆ 600 cm<sup>2</sup> active surface
  - ◆ 15 bar working pressure
  - ◆ Water circulation on the hydrogen side

- ▶ **AREVA HELION HYDROGEN POWER technology**
  - ◆ 300 cm<sup>2</sup> active surface
  - ◆ 50 bar working pressure
  - ◆ No water circulation on the hydrogen side



▶▶ Target : A product line from 5 to **240 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h at 35 bar**

# Targets to address future markets

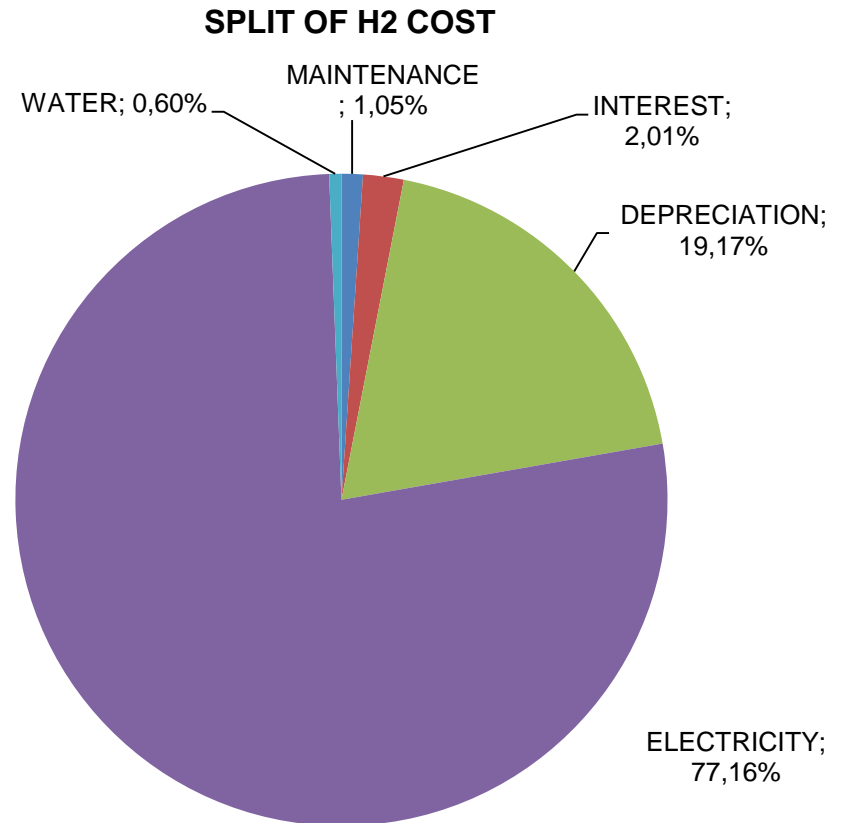
## ▶ Increasing demand for MW Stacks

- ◆ Grid balancing services
- ◆ P2G Projects
- ◆ Large HRS

## ▶ Need for Cost competitive Hydrogen

## ▶ Ensure Lifetime : 80 000 hours

➤➤ MW Stacks should have efficiencies above 80 to 85% HHV



# Cell surface increase

## ▶ Our targets

- ◆ Active area squared 600 – 1200 – 2400 cm<sup>2</sup>

## ▶ Cost reduction expectation

- ◆ From 600 to 1200 cm<sup>2</sup> : -25% / Nm<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ From 1200 to 2400 cm<sup>2</sup> : -16% / Nm<sup>3</sup>

## ▶ Technical difficulties with potential negative impact on the cost

- ◆ Temperature management
- ◆ Mechanical architecture, more complex current distribution : impact on efficiency and life time

# Current density increase

## ▶ Our targets

- ◆ Current density from 1 to 1.5 A/cm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ And from 1.5 to 2 A/cm<sup>2</sup>

## ▶ Cost reduction expectation

- ◆ From 1 to 1.5 A/cm<sup>2</sup> : -30% / Nm<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ From 1.5 to 2 A/cm<sup>2</sup> : -20% / Nm<sup>3</sup>

## ▶ Technical difficulties with potential negative impact on the cost

- ◆ Maintain voltage below 1.8 V in order to ensure more than 80% efficiency
- ◆ Maintain life time and degradation speed in order to ensure less than 10% efficiency loss after 60 000 hours



# Temperature increase

## ▶ Our targets

- ◆ Temperature from 65 to 80°C

## ▶ Cost reduction expectation

- ◆ From 65 to 80°C : -9% / Nm<sup>3</sup>

## ▶ Technical difficulties with potential negative impact on the cost

- ◆ Polymer degradation risk : requires very accurate temperature management particularly on larger active surfaces
- ◆ Maintain life time and degradation speed in order to ensure less than 10% efficiency loss after 60 000 hours

# Increase of the number of cells

## ▶ Our targets

- ◆ From 120 to 240 Cells

## ▶ Cost reduction expectation

- ◆ From 120 to 240 Cells : -1% / Nm<sup>3</sup> on the stack, major impact on BOP

## ▶ Technical difficulties with potential negative impact on the cost

- ◆ Temperature management
- ◆ Mechanical architecture, more complex to ensure cell homogeneity

# Impact on stack Cost

## ▶ For 120 Cells : 30 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

- ◆ 1 A
- ◆ 600 cm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Cost basis : 100 /Nm<sup>3</sup>

## ▶ For 120 Cells : 90 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

- ◆ 1,5 A
- ◆ 1 200 cm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Cost basis : 52,5 /Nm<sup>3</sup>

## ▶ For 120 Cells : 240 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

- ◆ 2 A
- ◆ 2 400 cm<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Cost basis : 35,2 /Nm<sup>3</sup>

# Thank you for your attention !



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