

PEM-Electrolysis – a technological bridge for a more flexible energy system Gaëlle Hotellier, Head of Hydrogen Solutions

#### Whereto?

# Yesterday







# Tomorrow

#### Components and tasks for a future energy system

Managing increasingly complex energy systems

Cross-regional electricity transfer and integration of distributed generation



Grid stability and system efficiency

Cost-efficient use of conventional and renewable energy

# **Pushing the integration of infrastructures**



# Options to address large scale "grid storage" are limited



#### Segmentation of electrical energy storage

#### Key statements

- There is no universal solution for electrical storage
- Large scale storage can only be addressed by pumped hydro, compressed air (CAES) and chemical storage media like hydrogen and methane
- The potential to extend pumped hydro capacities is very limited
- CAES has limitations in operational flexibility and capacity

Hydrogen is the only option to implement energy capacities > 10 GWh

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#### PEM electrolysis enables conversion of electrical into chemical energy



H<sub>2</sub> drives the convergence between energy & industrial markets

# **PEM\*** water electrolyzer technology – a perfect match with renewable energy requirements

# Key statements

- High dynamic performance
- Compact design, small footprint
- Simple cold-start capability

- High pressure operation (less compression costs)
- Rapid load changes
- High stability / low degradation



Electrolyzer type	PEM
1 electrolyte	nahmar mambrana
2 separator	polymer memorane
3 catalyst	platinum + others
4 frame + bipolar plate	metal sheet

#### PEM technology has numerous important advantages regarding the system properties

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\* Proton-Exchange-Membrane

# SILYZER 200 – a PEM Electrolysis System made by Siemens

# SILYZER 200 – Hydrogen Production



#### Feature / Function

- Best-in-class PEM electrolysis, based on an own developed system and proven Siemens standard components and technical expertise
- King-size power (double digit MW class) and high current density operation for efficient hydrogen production up to 35 bar (3.5 Mpa) output pressure
- Extreme dynamic operation from 0 to max-power combined with a strong lifetime commitment

#### Benefit

 Leading edge green hydrogen production thanks to the reliable electrolysis operation with a highend system availability

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- Small system footprint for lower investment and optimal integration
- Low TCO, high robustness, low investment risk
- Safety culture & discipline as guarantee – incl. Remote operation and condition monitoring for stateof-the-art electrolysis operation

# Next projects Energie Park Mainz



#### Key statements

- Location: Mainz-Hechtsheim (GER)
- Three high performance electrolysis systems with peak power of 2,1 MW <sub>el.</sub> Each
- Connection to 10 MW wind-farm
- 1000 kg storage (33 MWh)
- 200 tons target annual output (Trailer-filling station and injection into local gas grid)
- Highly dynamic operation over broad load range (ramp speed 10% per sec.)



Study SILYZER 200

Project Partners: Linde, Stadtwerke Mainz, Siemens, Hochschule RheinMain

#### Looking ahead: Power-to-value



# The energy cell concept



# Energy cell can be

- Community
- Factory
- Power plant
- Dedicated storage Facility

# Energy cell contains

- Power generation
- Energy storage
- Thermal grids
- Loads
- ICT

# Thank you!

- Growing share of distributed power generation and Renewables
- Multiple Stakeholders multiple usage of electricity
- Energy Cells develop Grids remain essential
- Digitization drives change of technology and business models

