



Facing decarbonation with Hydrogen :

from space to aviation

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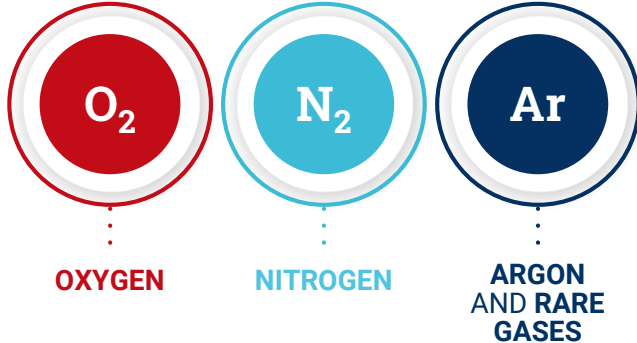
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Who are we ?

Air Liquide scientific territory: Essential small molecules

Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902.

Separating the components of **air**
to take advantage of their properties



Producing molecules from the
natural resources of the planet



Air Liquide Group : 2021 Key Figures



~66,400
EMPLOYEES



PRESENT IN
75 COUNTRIES



MORE THAN
3.8 MILLION
CUSTOMERS &
PATIENTS



REVENUE
€23.3bn



NET PROFIT
(GROUP SHARE)
€2.6bn



INVESTMENT
DECISIONS
€3.6bn

Who is Air Liquide advanced Technologies (AL-aT)?

The **high technology innovation** subsidiary of the Group

Specialized in **gas engineering and cryogenics**; 60% on **energy transition**



Created in 1962, 1200 employees, 300 m€, CAGR>15% since 9 years



Aeronautics



Cryogenics



Space



New Energies

MELFI (ISS, -80°C)



Aboard since 2006

O₂, H₂, He tanks



**43 years in
space**



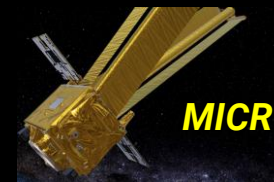
**772 tanks and 8 active machines
successfully flown**



**HERSCHEL
(-271 °C)**

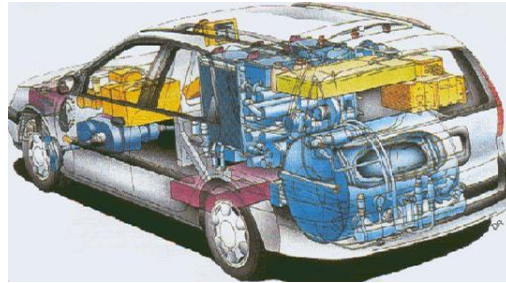


**PLANCK
(-273 °C)**



MICROSCOPE

H2 : from space, through ground mobility, to aerospace



1979

1994

2010

2022

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What is Hydrogen?



***Hydrogen : the most abundant element in the Universe
(75% of visible mass)***

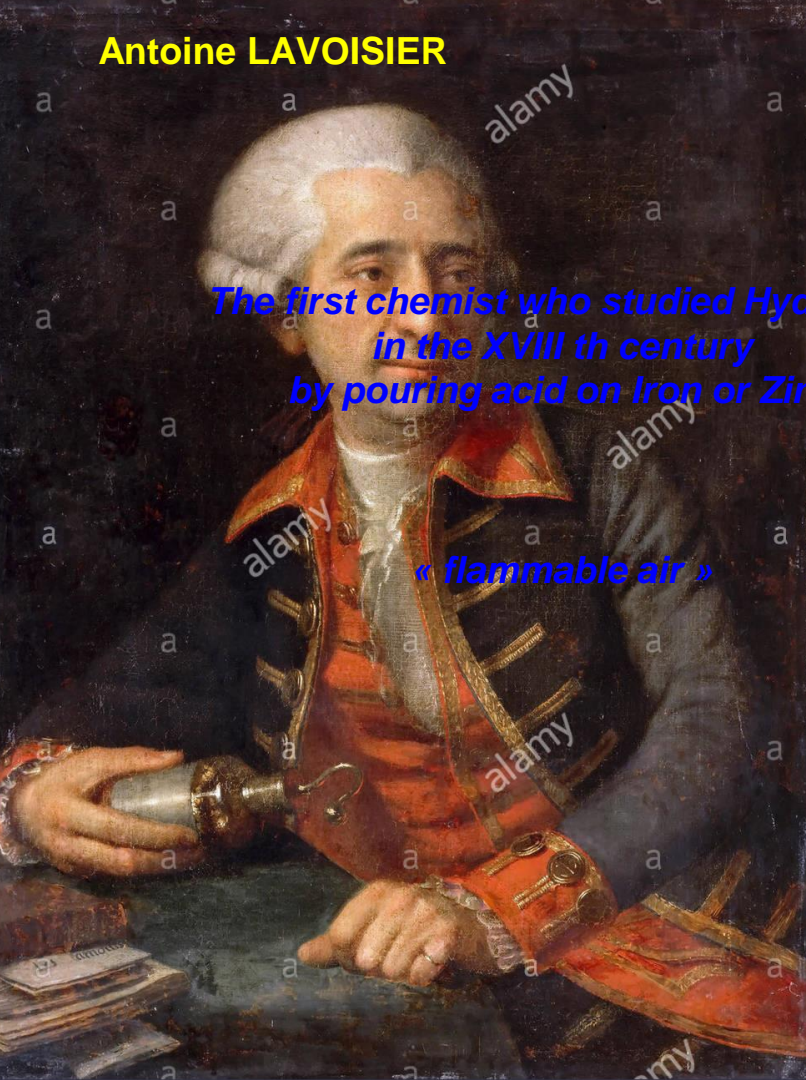
The Sun is consuming 600 mt/sec!

***Carinae nebula in the Cygnus
A gigantic Hydrogen cloud***

Antoine LAVOISIER

*The first chemist who studied Hydrogen
in the XVIII th century
by pouring acid on Iron or Zinc*

« flammable air »



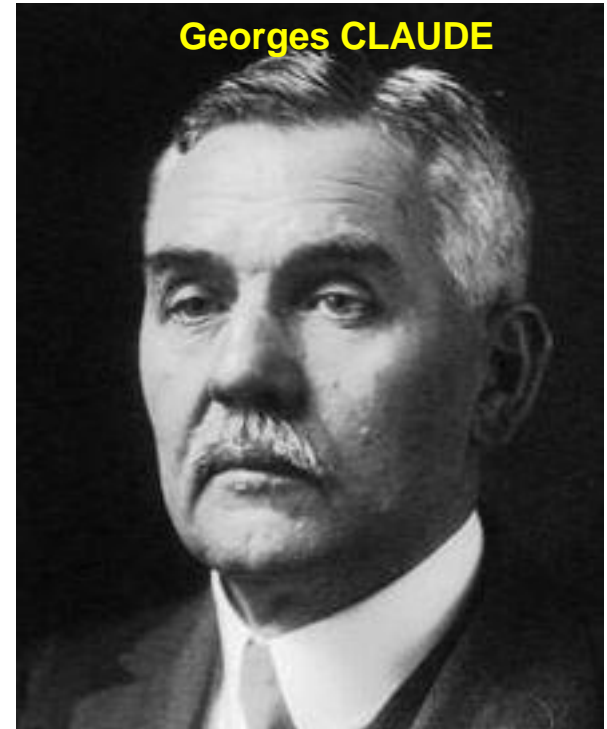
Henry CAVENDISH

1898 : liquefaction of Hydrogen at -253°C by James DEWAR

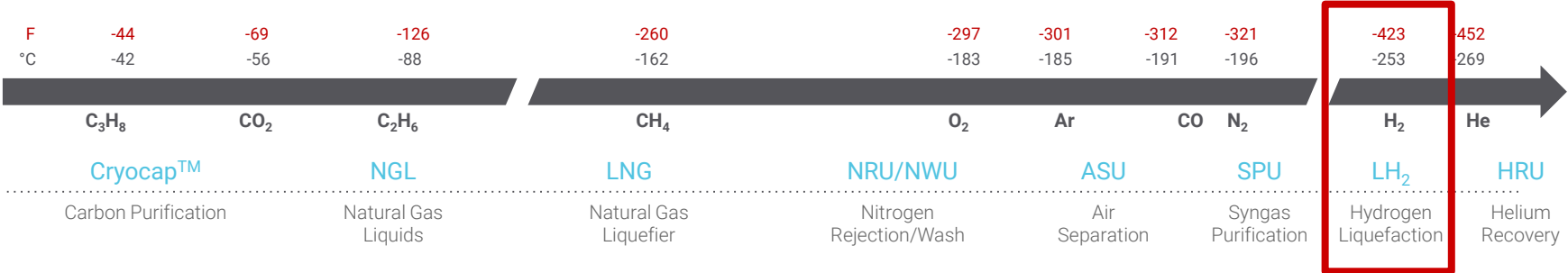


*Industrial process by
Georges CLAUDE at the
beginning of XXth century*

The founder of  Air Liquide



Cryogenic scale



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Hydrogen for the Society

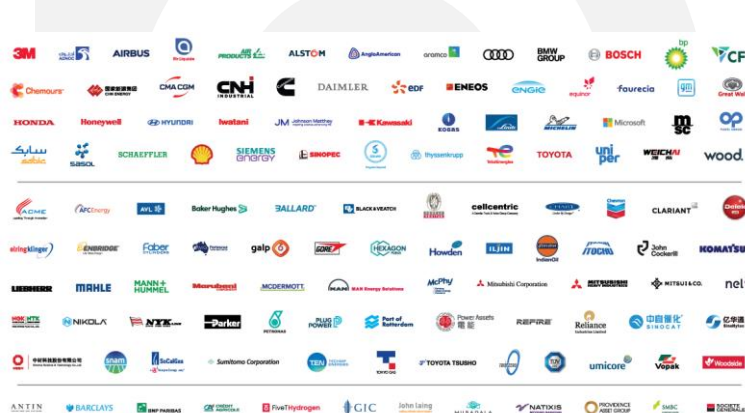
Air Liquide : Co-founder of the Hydrogen Council

Widening of sector and geographic interest at CEO level

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS KEY TO UNLOCKING THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY



H₂ COUNCIL
 covers Europe, Japan,
 Korea, US, Middle
 East & China
132 members (April 2022)



There are seven roles for hydrogen in the energy transition

Enable the renewable energy system

Decarbonize end uses

Enable **large-scale renewables integration** and **power generation**



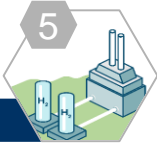
Distribute energy across sectors and regions



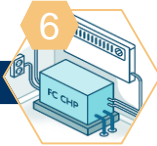
Act as a **buffer** to increase system resilience



Decarbonize **transportation**



Decarbonize **industry energy use**



Help decarbonize **building heating and power**



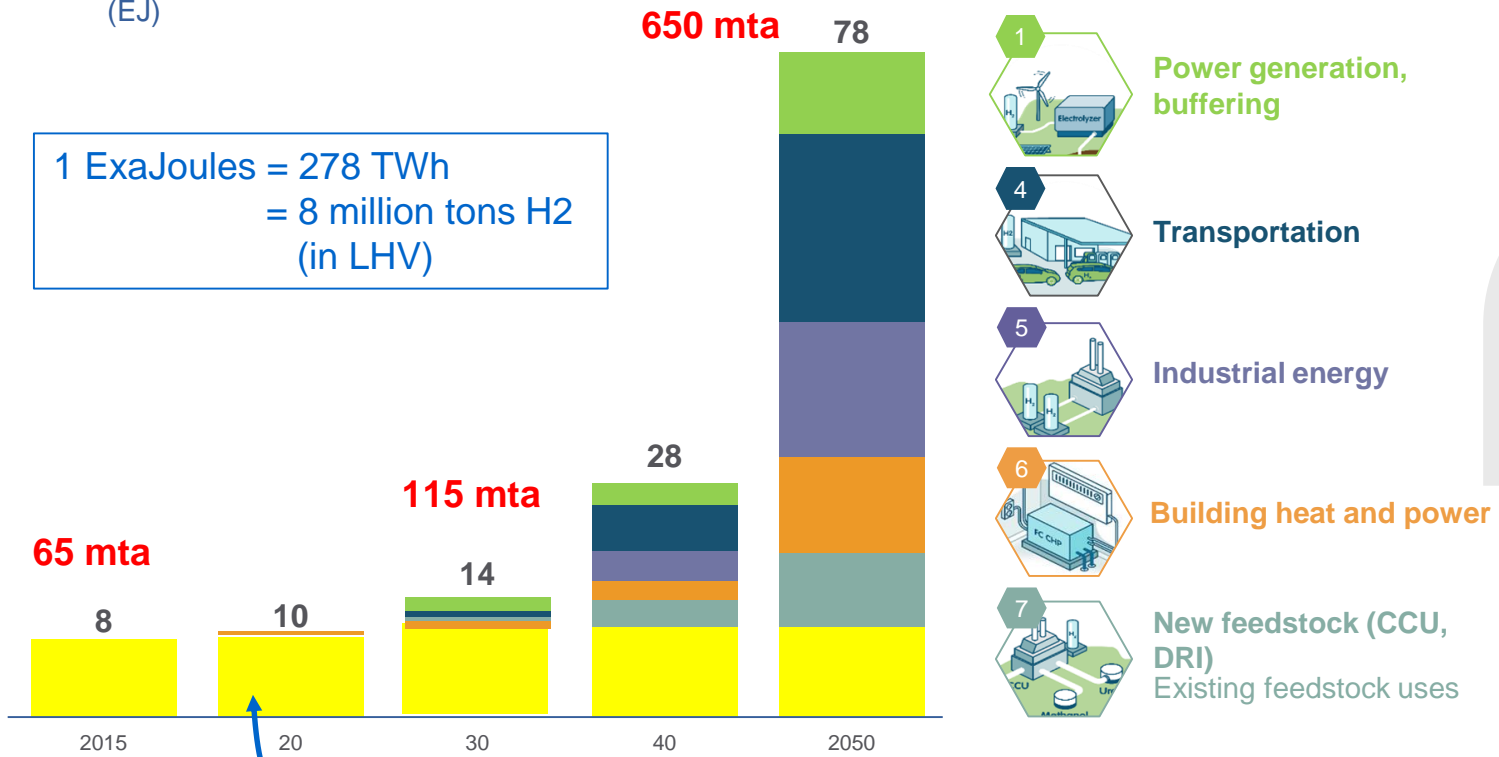
Serve as **feedstock**, using captured carbon

Source: McKinsey & Hydrogen Council 2017

In a 2-degree-world, hydrogen could contribute ~18% of demand

Potential global energy demand supplied with hydrogen, Exajoule (EJ)

1 ExaJoules = 278 TWh
= 8 million tons H2
(in LHV)



SOURCE: Hydrogen Council

Desulfurisation of petrol



Power generation, buffering



Transportation



Industrial energy



Building heat and power



New feedstock (CCU, DRI)
Existing feedstock uses

18%
of final energy demand

Key H2 supply chains

Primary production

Steam methane reformer + Carbon capture

Large electrolyser



Liquid supply chain

2.1 Large liquefier



2.2 Logistic tools



2.3 Liquid trailers & tanks



2.4 Liquid hydrogen maritime



Liquid station

LH₂ Bunkering

- Aviation 
- Maritime 
- Terrestre 

Gas supply chain

Filling Center



Gas transport



Logistic tools



Next Gen composite storage



Pipeline

Gaseous Station

Light duty (cars) station
Heavy duty (bus, train) station



Safety and Regulation, Code and Standards

Digital

Hydrogen mobility markets

ready to scale today

Ferries
1 T/day
LH2



Cruise ships
10 T/day **LH2**



Material handling vehicles
100 kg/day
per site



Trucks
100 kg/day
per truck
GH2 or **LH2**



Individual cars
100-200 kg/day
per station



Buses
20 kg/day
per bus

Trains
150 kg/day
per train



Airplanes Applications
LH2



Bicycles & scooters



Drones





30 tons of liquid Hydrogen per day (10 000 tons per year)

Already in operation in Nevada to serve fuel cell vehicles
in California



Air Liquide's ambitions in hydrogen

Before 2035



Capex

+~€8bn

By 2030^(a)



Electrolysis

3GW

(a) Including 1 GW decided still under construction

Walking the talk we are **scaling-up**



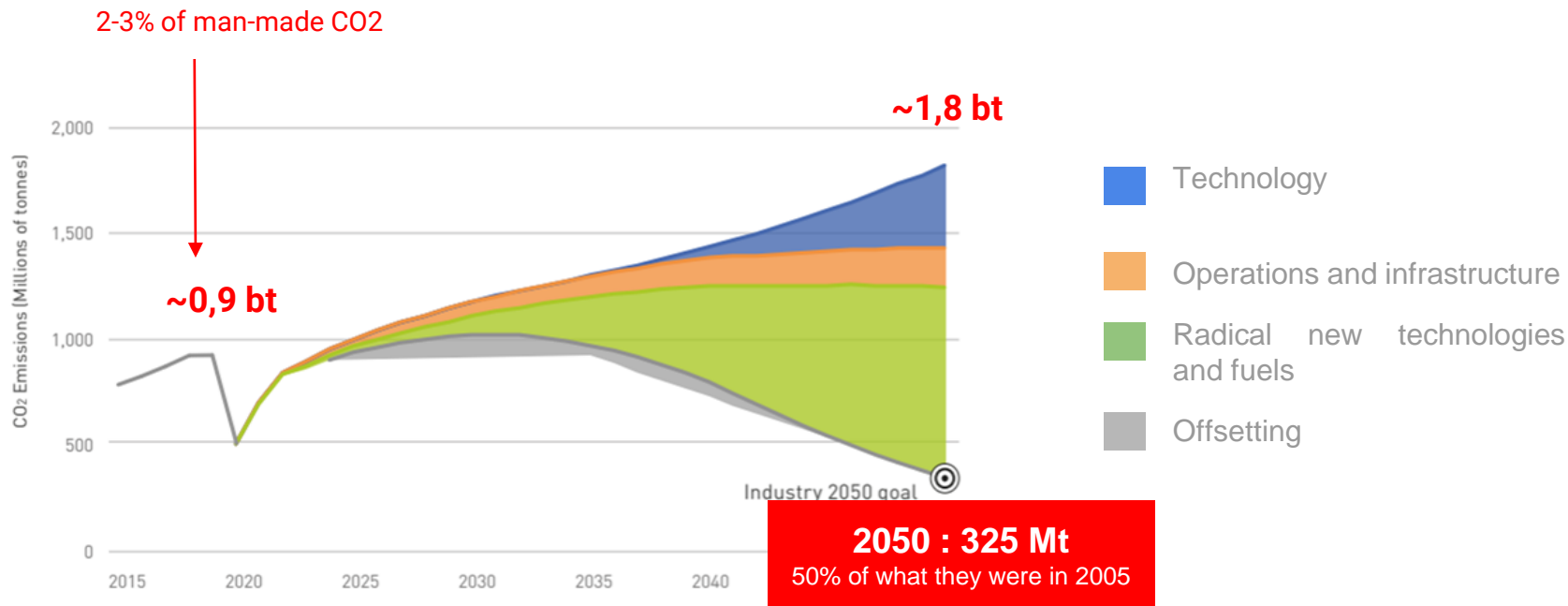
Jan. 2021, Bécancour, Canada:
(20MW) .

In France, H2V Normandy project
(200 MW)

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Hydrogen as a fuel for aviation

Aviation facing the decarbonation



Source : ATAG WAYPOINT 2050

SAF : Sustainable Aviation fuels

2 pathways towards a sustainable aviation



DROP-IN

**medium-long
range aircraft**

Biofuels
& e-Fuels
Starting now

H₂

Starting 2035

Turbines



Fuel Cells

NON-DROP IN

**regional
aircraft**

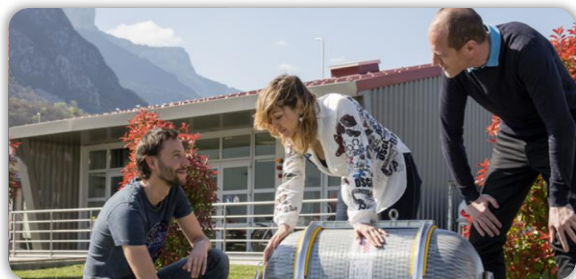


H2 for aerospace... they talk about it too

2035 : Entry Into Service - Regional aircraft



Propulsion with H2 : 10 years of R&D in AL



2013-2019

350b gaseous H2 tank



2019-2023

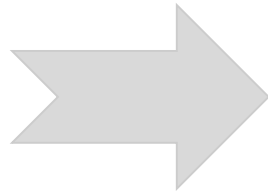
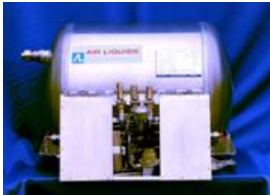
LH2 permit to fly

LH2 VS Kerosene

Cryogenic tank competitive in mass
1 kg LH2 ~ 4 kg Kerosene
12 kg of CO₂ saved
BUT 3 X bigger

From automobile to aviation : Specific liquid H2 tank developments

Developments in the 2000s for the automotive industry



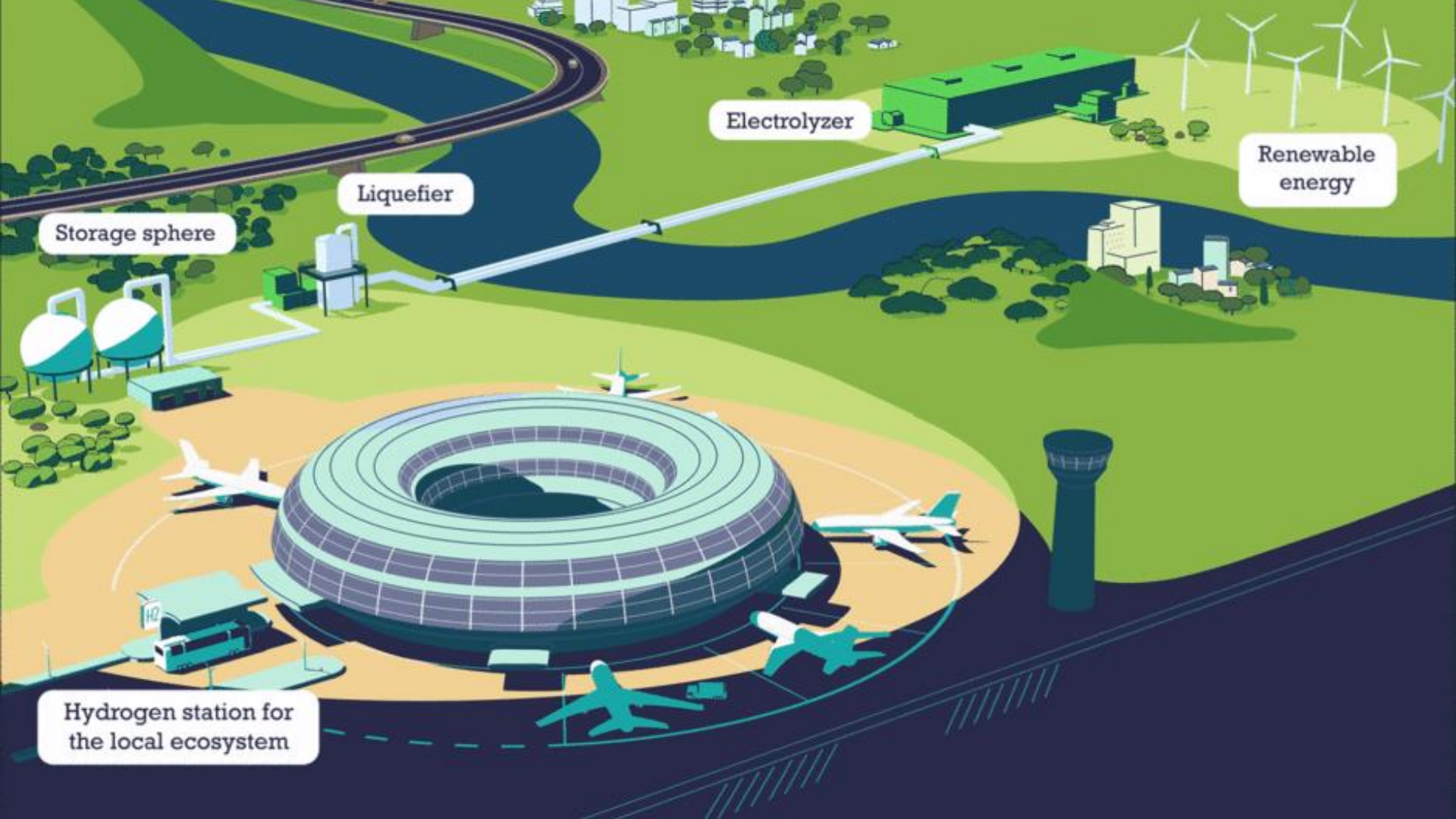
HEAVEN flight demonstrator
225 l of liquid H2
To fly early 2023



Airborne tank
on a vibration
bench



© Jean-Marie Urlacher / H2Fly



Electrolyzer

Renewable energy

Liquefier

Storage sphere

Hydrogen station for the local ecosystem

Liquid Hydrogen infrastructures on a large airport



10,000 LH₂-powered planes by 2050
100-300 airports to be equipped
5 to 10 million tons LH₂ per year



150 H₂-SA-aircraft take-off per day

150t LH₂/day; 400MW

(ex: Francfort)



10 to 20 mobile refuelers
specific LH₂ trailer



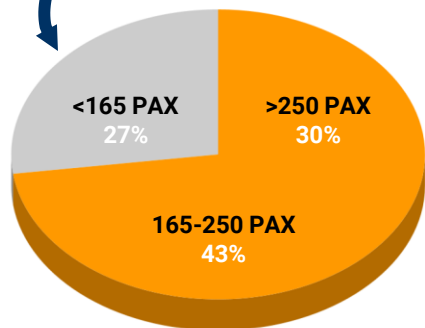
1 trailer for 10 aircraft
15-20 mn refueling

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**Hydrogen in
synthetic aviation
fuels**

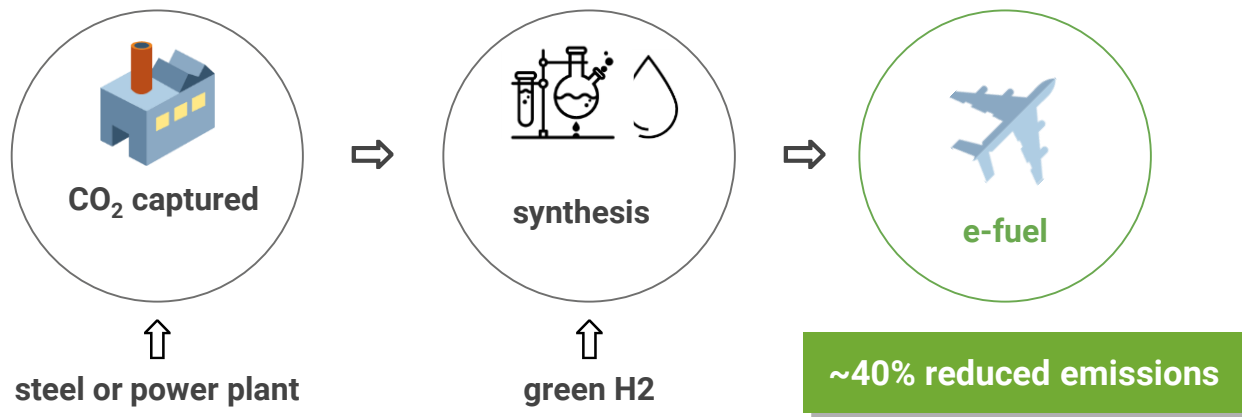
Hydrogen in e-fuel

H₂ will primarily target regional aircraft until 2050



CO₂ emissions per aircraft size
PAX = passenger seat
Source : McKinsey study

- Large H₂-powered aircraft >> 2050
- **e-fuel : synthetic kerosene**
 - drop-in fuel : low impact on engine and infrastructure



(0,5 t H₂ per ton of e-fuel)

E-kerosene can reduce the global warming due to condensation trails

Global warming impact of condensation trails (contrails) is larger than that of CO₂

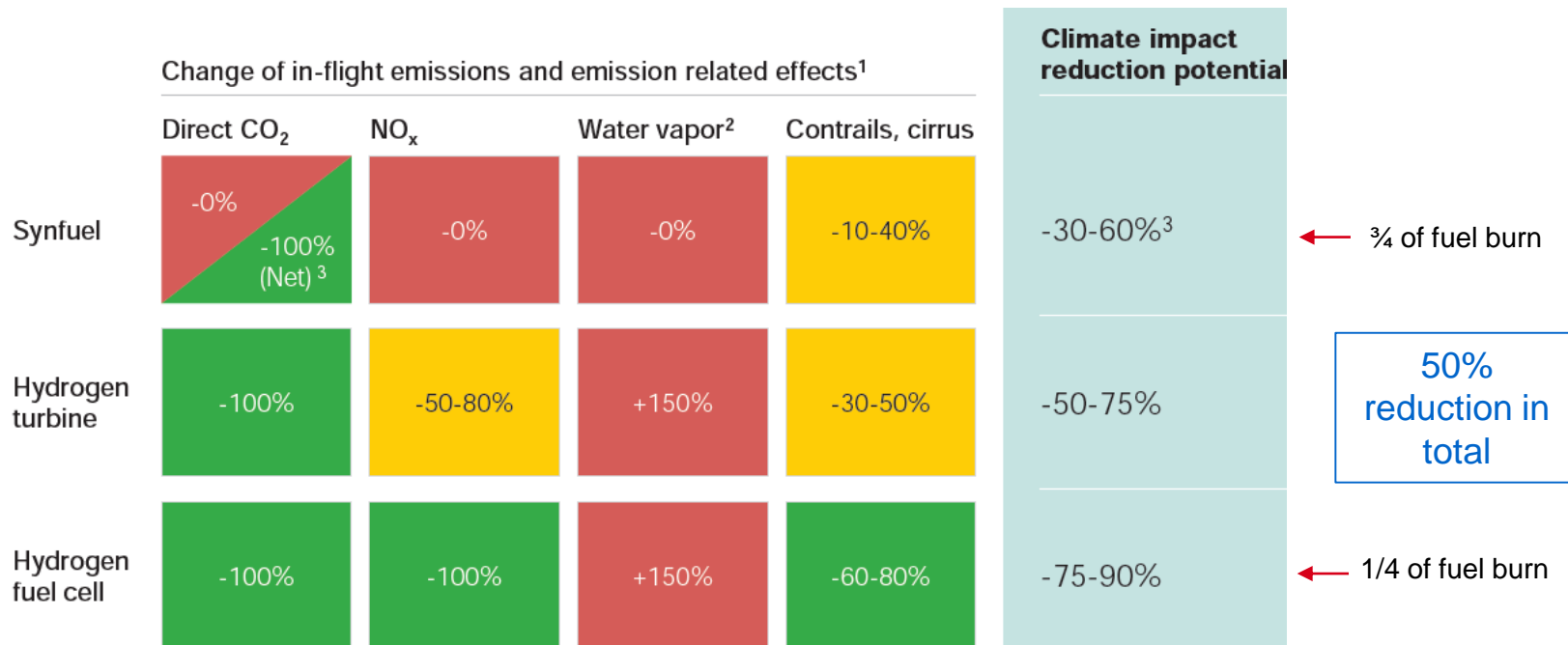
NASA/DLR: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s43247-021-00174-y>

Ice crystals form onto soot particles generated by the engines



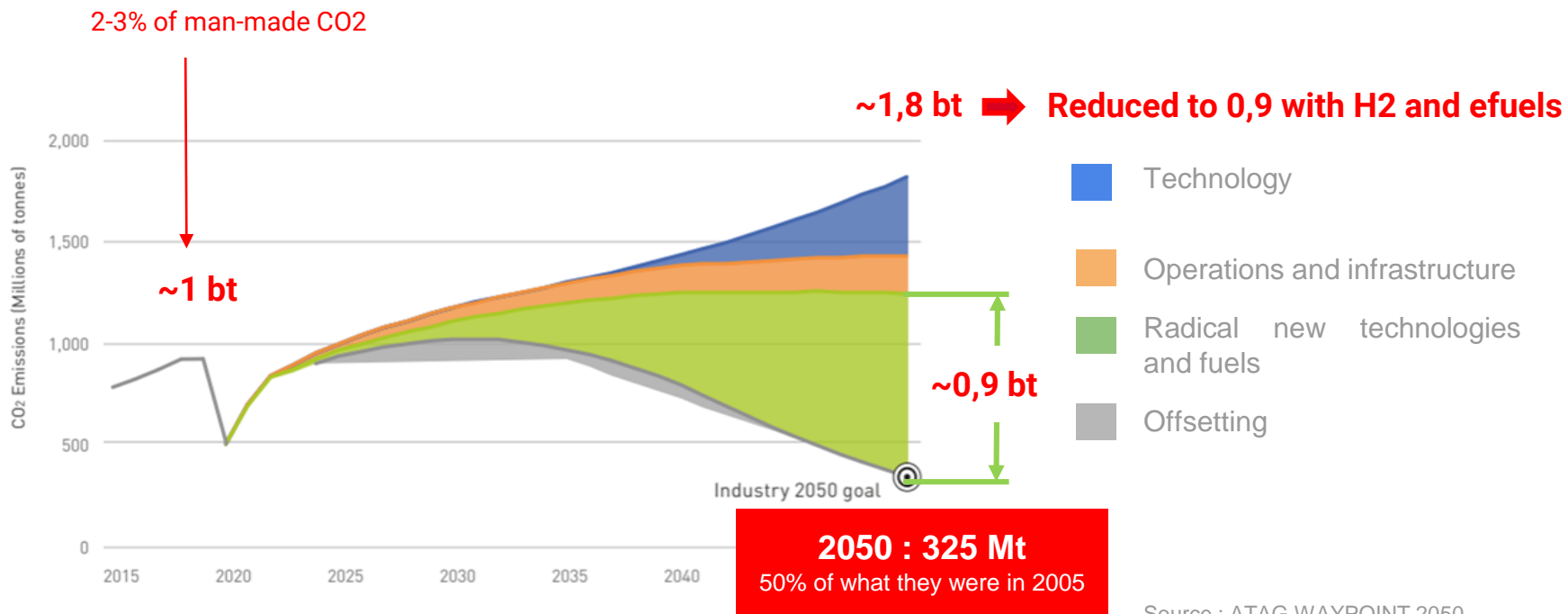
E-fuels can reduce the soot and hence the contrails

Reducing the global warming potential of aviation : The key role of H2 as a direct fuel or embedded in synfuels



Data from McKinsey : Hydrogen-powered aviation, May 2020 report

We can hit our target with Hydrogen and efuels



Source : ATAG WAYPOINT 2050

Conclusions

After more than 50 years of utilization in space, Hydrogen is now used for mobility

- Heavy duty/trucks and maritime already ongoing
- Huge investments in progress on the whole supply chain
- Strong CO2 neutrality commitment
- Volume will bring cost down

Liquid H2 for aviation will benefit from synergies with ground mobilities

H2 for regional aircraft and bio/efuels for long range ones can significantly reduce the environmental impact of aviation (by 50%)

- Several flight demonstrators in progress
- Regulations and policy needed