### Energy Networks for the H2 Economy

Hydrogen Breakfast

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### **Electric Drives**

#### **Research themes**

- Electric machine drives
- Power converters (including grid-connected)
- Control methods and models

#### **Application examples**

- Wind and solar generation
- Hydrogen compressors
- Electrolyser power supplies

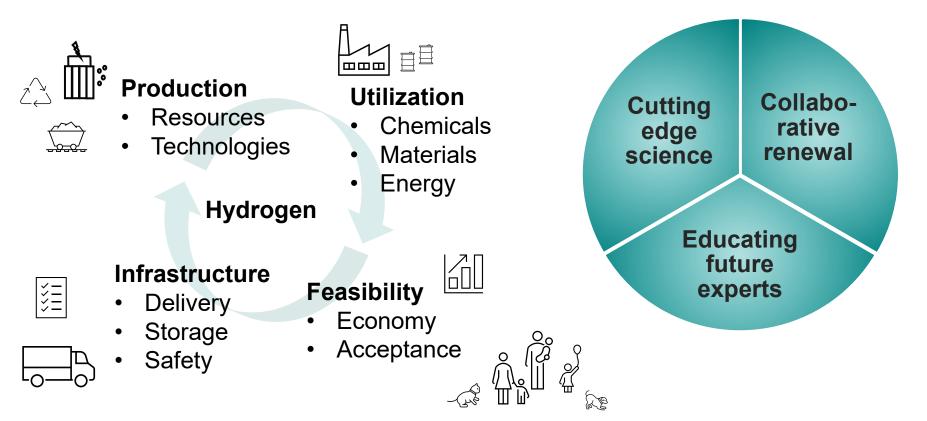
#### Active collaboration with industry





### **H2 Innovation Center**

### **Enabling a Sustainable H2 Future**



We aim to offer world-class research, talented students, and high-quality education

# **Clean Hydrogen**

#### **Produced through water electrolysis**

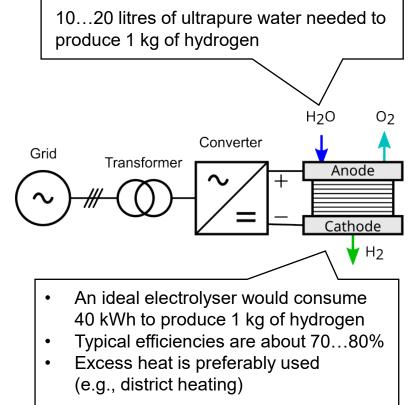
• Powered by clean electricity

#### **Energy carrier and raw material**

- Can be converted to synthetic fuels and chemicals (power-to-X)
- Biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> needed for sustainable synthetic hydrocarbons

#### Potential to decarbonise hard-toelectrify transport and industries

• Aviation, maritime, steel, fertilisers





## **Hydrogen Production in Europe**

#### **Current production capacity**

- 12 Mt/year, mostly based on natural gas
- 0.2% based on water electrolysis (capacity 200...500 MW)

#### 2030 clean hydrogen target

- 10 Mt/year own production (plus 10 Mt/year imports)
- Deploy 40 GW of electrolyser capacity in 2030 (in practice about 140 GW needed to produce 10 Mt/year)

#### 2050 scenarios

• Electrolyser capacity 500...1 000 GW



Source: Bolard et al. (2023), "Clean Energy Technology Observatory: Water Electrolysis and Hydrogen in the European Union," doi:10.2760/133010

# **Hydrogen Production in Finland**

#### **Current production capacity**

- 0.15 Mt/year
- 99% based on natural gas

#### 2030 clean hydrogen target

- At least 10% of the EU's production
- Production of 1 Mt consumes 50 TWh of electricity (assuming efficiency 80%)

#### Finland has several strengths in the hydrogen economy

• Wind, infrastructure, water, biomass, industry, use for heat...



Source for the 2030 target: Government resolution on hydrogen (2023)

To compare, our electricity consumption is currently about 80 TWh/year

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