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Scaling Elcogen Business Case Study

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Elcogen at a glance



Estonian-Finnish scale-up company headquartered in Tallinn



20+ years solid oxide development experience



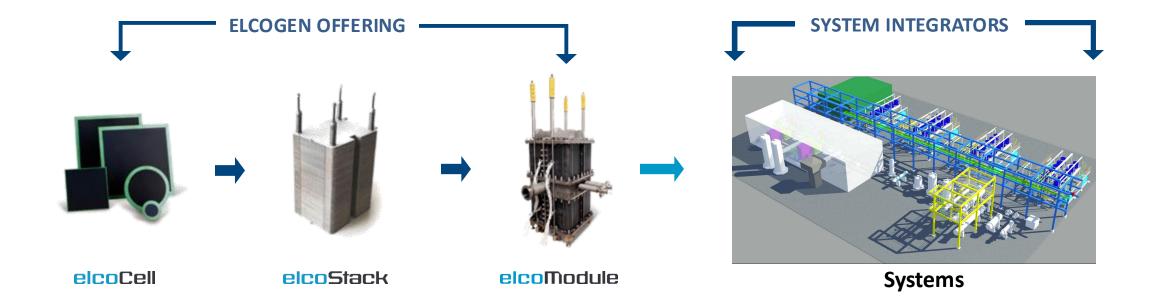
150+ customers in 30 countries

140+ people and growing fast!



Elcogen offering- system core components

Elcogen offers core components for hydrogen generation and emission-free power production



ELCO-1: The New Factory





Capacity expansion to 30/90 MW/a SOFC



- elcoCell[®] development and manufacturing in Estonia
- elcoStack[®] development and manufacturing in Finland
- Capacity increased to ~3 MW/Yr. for 2023

ELCO-1

- Elcogen capacity expansion to 30 MW / 90 MW
 - ~ 1.2M to 3.6M elcoCell[®]
 - ~ 7000 to 17.000 elcoStack[®]

Elcogen getting a piece of the cake Knowing the cost structure of LCOH





Proposal for plant lay-outs



Cost of producing hydrogen

Capital cost of production facility

Operating cost

Fixed operating cost Lease, salaries, Insurances,... Cost of capital

Maintenance cost

Variable operating cost

Feedstock

Utilities

Energy





Plant ISBL cost: 100MW SOEC

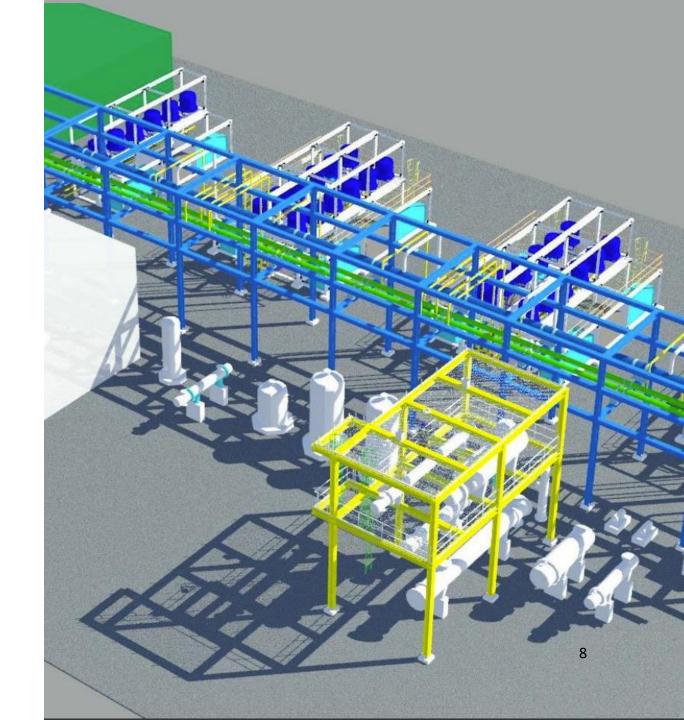
E 101	Feed water preheater no.1	1	3,2	82.000	82.000	2,98	2 40.000
E 102	El he aler	1		700.000	700.000	1,715	1200.000
E 103	Syng as boiler	1		36.0.00	36.000	2.21	00 0.08
E 105	Product cooler	1	4,3	47.000	47.000	2,98	140.000
E 121	Off gas boile r	1		48.000	48.000	2,21	1 10.000
E 122	Off gas cooler	. 1	6,2	2 10.000	210.000	2,98	6 30.000
E 130	Interstage coole r fb r H2 compressor						
E 130 B	Hydrogen productafter cooler no 1	1	3,3	72.000	72.000	2,21	160.000
E 130C	Hydrogen productafter cooler no 2	1	1,2	21.000	21.000	2,98	63.0.00
K 130	Hydrogen product.compressor	1	54,1	3300000	3.300.000	1,99	6.6 00.000
P 101 A.B	Process condensate pump	2	0,3	31.000	62.000	3,2	2 00.000
V 101	Steam drum	1	2,0	31.000	31.000	2,21	
V 102	hert ventigas seplarator	1	1,1	22.0 00	22.000		
V 130C	Makeup gas seperator	1	1,4	240.00			
X 110	SOE stacks	1					
E 111	R/E syngas exchangor						
E 112	Syng as of heater						

Total ISBL Cost*:	~125 m€
Professional services**:	~20 m€
Contingency and contractor margin (15%):	~20 m€
Total ISBL Lump sum:	<u>165 m€</u>

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* Stackcost ~35%

** Detailed eng., Procurement & Experditing, PM, Site supervision etc.

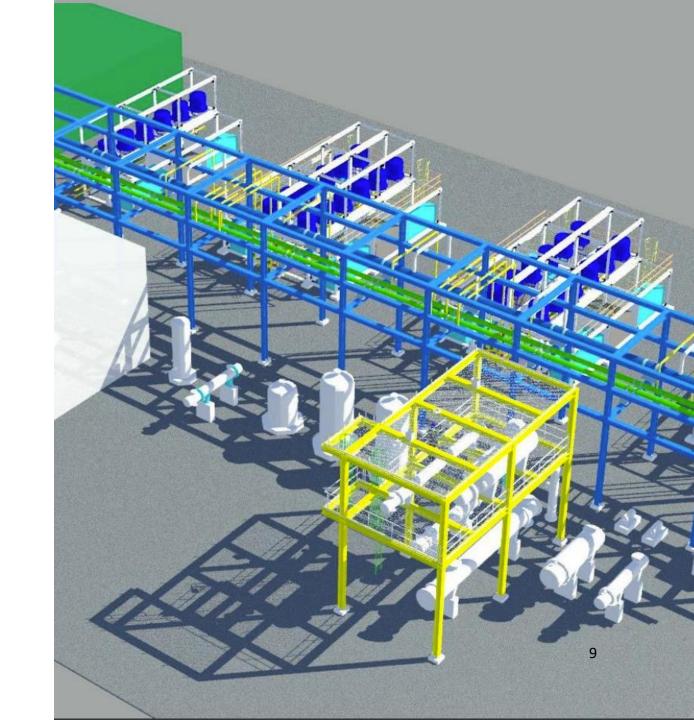


Plant OSBL cost: 100MW SOEC

DMW unit, 9,2 ton'h	1.000.000 2
Waste water treatment	
N2 & Instrument air unit	2.000.000 2
Flare system	250.000
Control system HW & software ind UPS	1.400.000 2
Control & saritary building	400.000 2
Substation building & internals	

Total OSBL Cost:	~11 m€
Contractor margin (100%):	~11 m€
Total OSBL Lump sum:	<u>22 m€</u>





Plant Owner's cost: 100MW SOEC

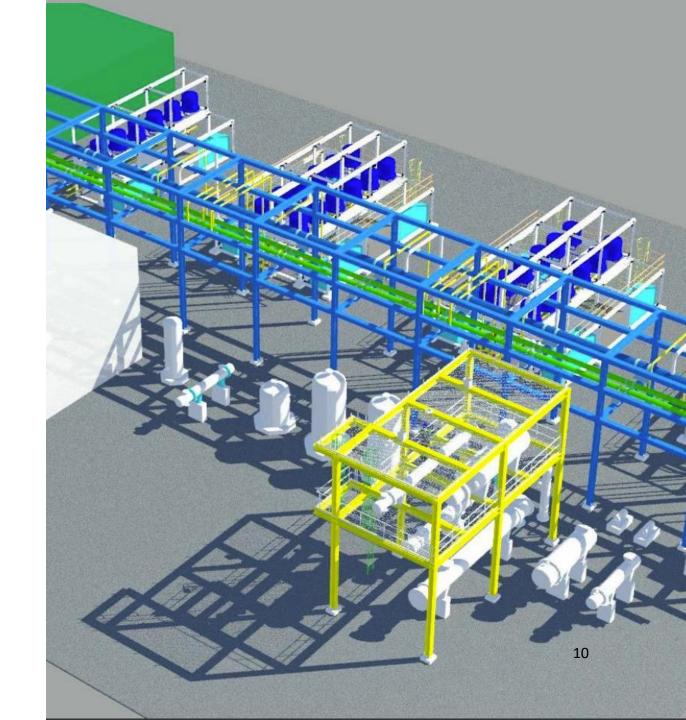
- Owners: Preoperations cost, technology/feasibility studies, permits, cost of land (8%)
- Owners: PMC consultants, project coordination, management, supervision, procurement (7%)
- Operator training (0,3%)
- Start-up consumables, feedstock, fuels, utilities (1%)
- Taxes, levies & duties (0,5%)
- Insurance cost and losses not covered by insurances (15% high new technology)
- Forward escalations to date of expense (5%)

Total Owners cost ~37% of ISBL+OSBL:

<u>70 m€</u>

Grand total (-40/+60%):

<u>260.000.000 €</u>



SOEC Economics 100MW / ~29.000Nm³/hr H₂

CAPEX cost (260m€, 7%WACC, 10 years payback):

Fixed OPEX (4% of CAPEX):

Variable OPEX (5500 hrs/year, 50€/MWh_e)

Electricity:

Water:

Stack replacement (3 years lifetime):

Sum:

Stack cost fraction:

LCOH:

Stack cost fraction:



~37.000 k€/year ~10.500 k€/year

~27.000 – 32.000 k€/year ~200 k€/year ~10.000 k€/year <u>~90.000 k€/year</u> (~16.000 k€/year)

> <u>~6-6,5€/kg</u> (~1€/kg)

Elcogen LCOH

- Tool to estimate LCOH considering:
 - Plant size
 - Installation year
 - With or without heat integration
 - Payback time,WACC
 - Onstream time
 - Electricity cost
 - Direct comparison to cost structure and LCOH for alkaline and PEM
- Output:
 - LCOH
 - CAPEX/OPEX
 - ISBL cost
 - Total investment cost



LCOH	Dash	board

Year	2030				
i cai	2030 2029 PEM SOEC SOEC				
Plant "Capacity"	100	100	85		MW
Installed stack capacity	93	93	6		MW
Heat integrated			No	, Yes	17199
Hydrogen production	21.552		Nm³/hr		
Plant efficiency	4,64	4,64		3.45	kWh/Nm³H₂
Stack efficiency	4,30	4,30			kWh/Nm ³ H ₂
	143.018		169.020	169,020	
Payback time	143.010	15.000		100.020	Years
Rate		7,0			roars
CAPEX	15.703	13.768	18.557	18.557	k i vear
Capex (-40%)	9.422	8.261	11.134		k i vear
Capex (+70%)	26.694	23.406	31.548		k i vear
Fixed OPEX % of CAPEX		4%			
Fixed OPEX	5.721	5.016	6.761	6.761	k i year
Fixed OPEX [Capex (-40%)]	3.432	3.010	4.056		k i year
Fixed OPEX [Capex (+70%)]	9.725	8.527	11.493	11.493	k i year
Annual operation	7.000				hours
Cost of electricity	50			∦MWh	
Variable OPEX electricity	35.000	35.000		26.024	k i Year
Water consumption	9,7	9,7	9,7	9,7	kg _{hzo} /kg _{hz}
Cost of water	1,5		i ton		
Variable OPEX water	196	196	196	196	
Variable OPEX Stacks	820	4.514	6.307	6.307	k i year
Sum of variable OPEX	36.016	39.710	36.298	32.526	k i Year
LCOH	0,38	0,39	0,41	0,38	⊮ Nm³ H₂
		11,2	07		Nm ³ H ₂ per kg H ₂
LCOH	4,27	4,35	4,58	4,30	¥kg H₂
LCOH [Capex (-40%)]	3,63	3,79	3,82	3,54	⊮ kg H₂
LCOH [Capex (+70%)]	5,38	5,32	5,89	5,61	⊮ kg H2
ISBL plant cost	552	440	842		⊮ k₩
ISBL plant cost /w adders	823	694	1.190	1.362	r kW
ISBL plant cost	2.559	2.040	3.3	25	⊮ Nm³ H₂
SBL plant cost /w adders 3,82 4,25 4,70			∦Nm³ H₂		
Grand total plant cost	1.430	1.254	1.985	2.273	⊮ k₩
Grand total plant cost	6.636	5.818	7.8	43	∦Nm³ H₂

Take aways

Investment cost into electrolyzers are more than stack cost and often underestimated

Stack cost are significant and influential on grand total investments

Operation cost is more than electricity cost Cost of capital is often underestimated

LCOH cost are challenging

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Depending on stack cost and lifetime stack cost influence on can range between 15 and 40%

