

# H<sub>2</sub> SITE

Membrane reactors for H<sub>2</sub> generation

Decentralized ammonia applications  
for HRS: from technology to business

# Let's focus in ammonia

We need to align supply & tech roadmaps

We need hydrogen

Hard to transport

Different Energy  
carriers

Ammonia is a  
good option

Import hubs &  
Decentralized

## Topics to consider

Overall ammonia logistics

Current technology status

Transformation / Reconversion stages

HRS: A business case

Production & Consumption patterns

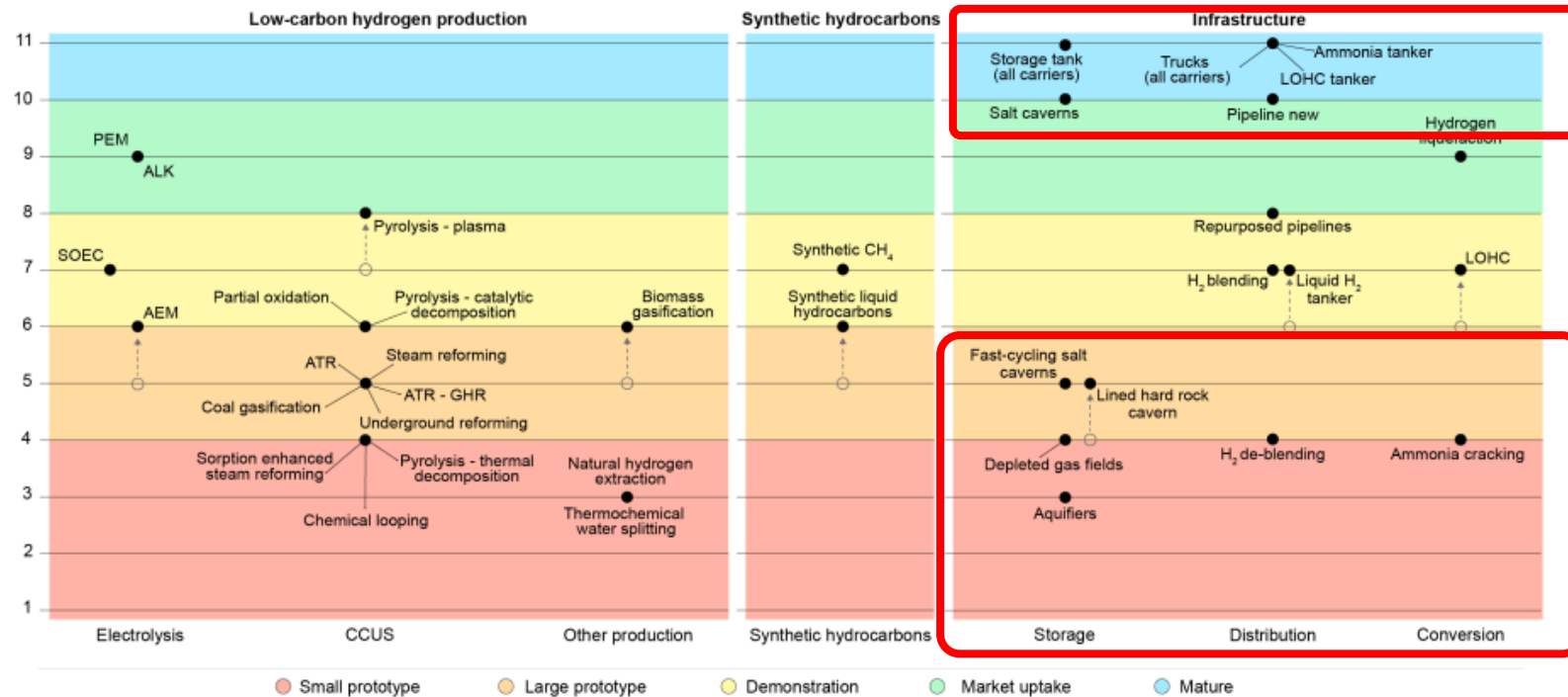
The real deal: Ammogen project

Handling ammonia on site

Roadmap

Technology development is advancing across the hydrogen value chain, though several key technologies, particularly in end-uses, are far from being commercial

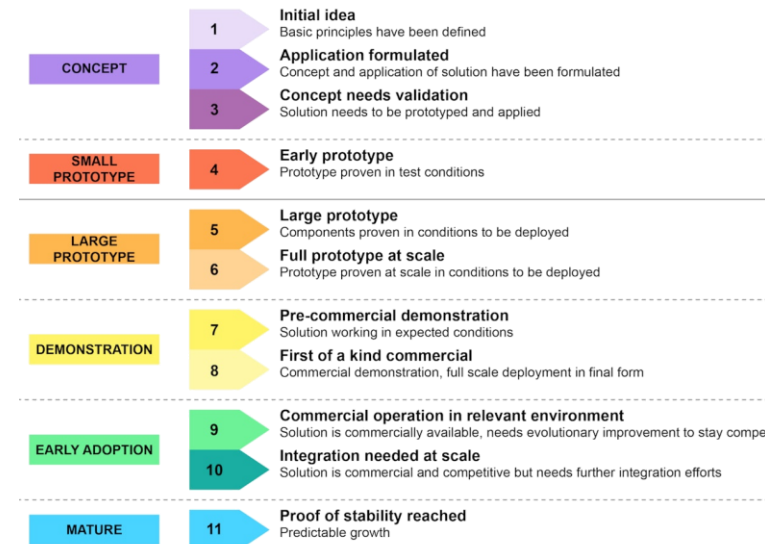
Technology readiness levels of production of low-emission hydrogen and synthetic fuels, and infrastructure



Creating demand

Room to scale up

Tecnological opportunity



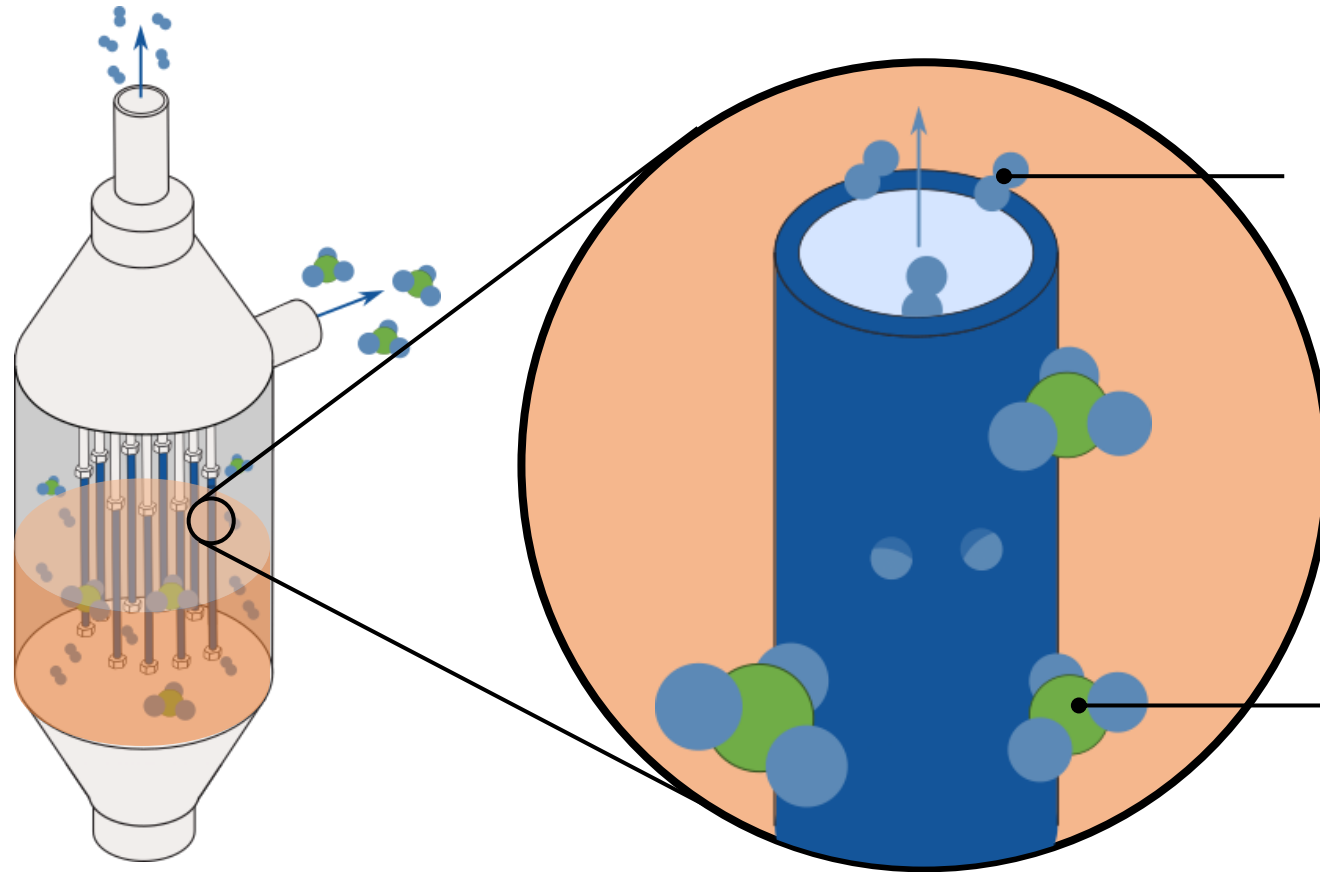
Notes: AEM = anion exchange membrane; ALK = alkaline; ATR = autothermal reformer; CCUS = carbon capture, utilisation and storage; CH<sub>4</sub> = methane; GHR = gas-heated reformer; HT = high temperature; LOHC = liquid organic hydrogen carrier; LT = low temperature; NH<sub>3</sub> = ammonia; PEM = proton exchange membrane; SOEC = solid oxide electrolyser cell. Biomass refers to both biomass and waste. Arrows show changes in technology readiness level as a consequence of progress in the last year. For technologies in the CCUS category, the technology readiness level refers to the overall concept of coupling production technologies with CCUS and high CO<sub>2</sub> capture rates. Pipelines refer to onshore transmission pipelines. Storage in depleted gas fields and aquifers refers to pure hydrogen and not to blends. LOHC refers to hydrogenation and dehydrogenation of liquid organic hydrogen carriers. Ammonia cracking refers to low temperature ammonia cracking. Technology readiness level classification based on [Clean Energy Innovation \(2020\)](#).

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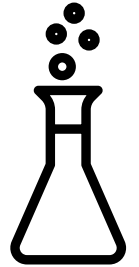
# Reconversion to H<sub>2</sub> is key

70% of the cost is related to feedstock



We separate pure hydrogen

✓ 99.97% H<sub>2</sub>



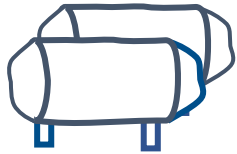
We transform molecules

✓  $2\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2$

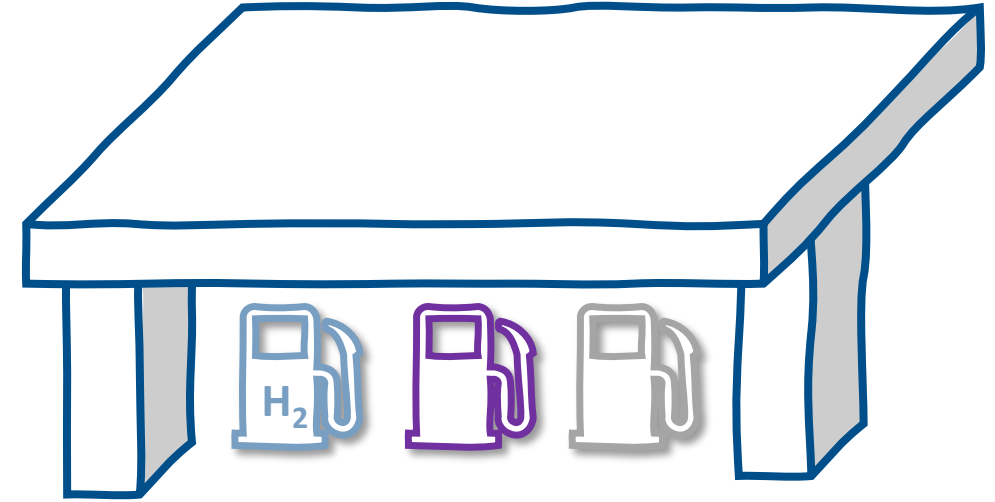


Palladium Alloy  
Membranes

Reaction & Separation in one step  
Increasing the efficiency



Item	Magnitude	Unit
End use	5	buses
Power	80	kW
Operation	10	h/d
Energy needed	4000	kWh/d
Hydrogen needed	120	kgH <sub>2</sub> /d
Supply frequency	2	times/week
Hydrogen per refill needed	480	kgH <sub>2</sub>



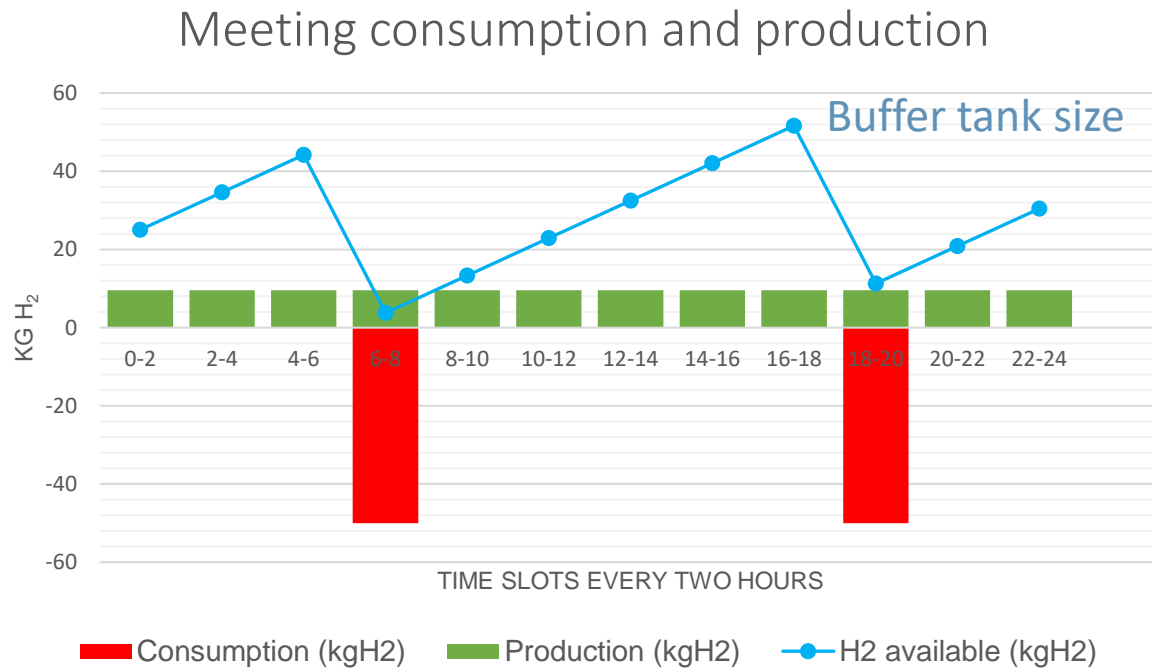
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Hydrogen logistics in cylinders at 500 bar  
Cylinder to bus directly

2

Ammonia logistics in tanks in liquid form  
Ammonia to cracker to compressor to H<sub>2</sub> buffer

# Optimizing the production



## Results for ammonia cracker on site

120 kg/d cracker to meet the demand

60 kg H<sub>2</sub> vs 480 kg for hydrogen tank for refueling

2x 500 kg NH<sub>3</sub> tanks needed (~3 m<sub>2</sub>)

# Aligning production & consumption patterns

1

Around 12 m<sup>2</sup> for racks storage  
(depending on delivery pressure)

Multiple compressions needed:  
H<sub>2</sub> production + transport + cylinder

2

Cracker + Compressor + Buffer  
in 20 ft container (+ clearance)

Just last H<sub>2</sub> compressor needed before refuel  
Higher efficiency for reducing ammonia needs

## Conclusions

Similar solutions but more potential to ammonia  
Extra compressions to make hydrogen less cost-effective  
Logistics with liquids easier than gases  
Base case to compare with real deployments

### Challenges

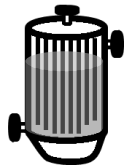


H<sub>2</sub> Logistics & Storage in cylinders



Up to 30% cylinders dead volume

NH<sub>3</sub> reconversion costs  
(70% cost is feedstock)



NH<sub>3</sub> to H<sub>2</sub> cracker system

### Membrane Crackers

Ammonia Storage onsite

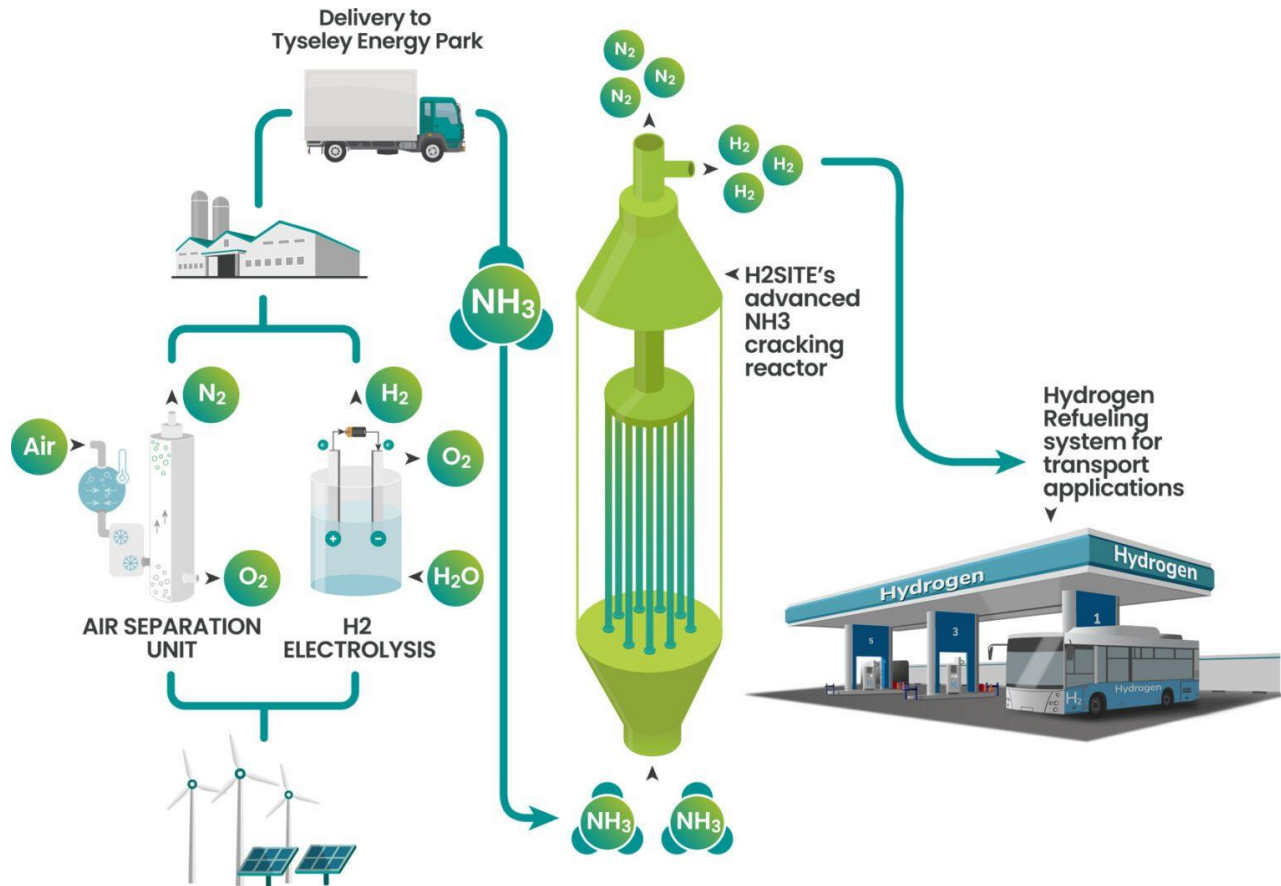
Ammonia cracking onsite

Invest in Energy efficiency  
and NH<sub>3</sub> conversion

Technology suitable for distributed apps.

# Ammonia current status

Our business case brought to reality



Item	Properties
Ammonia cracker	200 kgH <sub>2</sub> /d capacity
End use	Mobility (ISO 99.97% H <sub>2</sub> )
Location	Tyseley Energy Park (Birmingham, UK)



Ammonia cracker beginning FAT tests in Spain

Commissioning in SAT tests expected in Jan '24





2x 500 kg Ammonia tanks at H2SITE's site

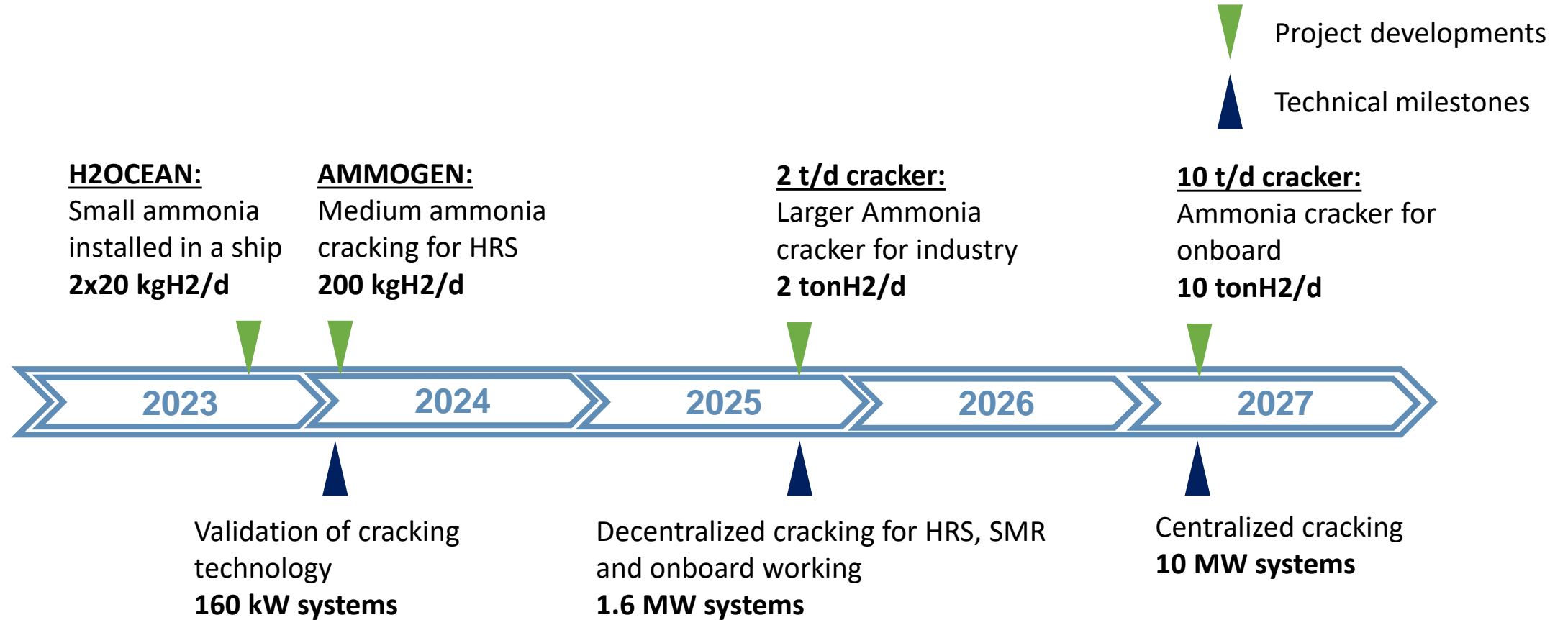


Safety logistics handled in installation phase

- ✓ When planned logistics, ammonia always ready
- ✓ Preparing for green ammonia logistics
- ✓ No safety faults whatsoever

Element	What evaluates	Comments
HAZID	Potential risk and mitigation strategies	Risk matrix evaluated frequently
HAZOP	NH <sub>3</sub> Storage and cracker	Internally and integrated with offtaker facilities
Operating modes	Partial workloads System response time	Once validated, the system Works in nominal load
NH <sub>3</sub> logistics	Feasibility of delivery	Away from urban áreas. Trucks with replacement tanks.
Anticipated challenges	Topics to be further consider in the deployment	Non technical but technoeconomics are key. Policies & offtaker evaluation are essential

Looking for partnership with engine and fuel cells developers



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THE KEY TO UNLOCK THE  
HYDROGEN TRANSPORT

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On-site hydrogen  
solutions