

# BEHYOND

## Bolstering the joint opERation of HYdrogen and Offshore wiND

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# BEHYOND project overview

## OBJECTIVE

Develop an engineering conceptual design of a **modular solution to produce hydrogen in large-scale from offshore wind energy.**



Partnership



Duration  
**1 year**  
Started at  
26/10/2020



Budget  
**€665.663**



Funding rate  
**67,19**  
(€465.964)

# BEHYOND work flow: 1st phase

## Market Analysis

Strategic Market  
Assessment

Identification and  
analysis of offshore  
wind-to-hydrogen  
concepts

Techno-economic  
assessment of the  
offshore wind-to-  
hydrogen concepts



# BEHYOND work flow: 2nd phase

## Concept Engineering

### System definition:

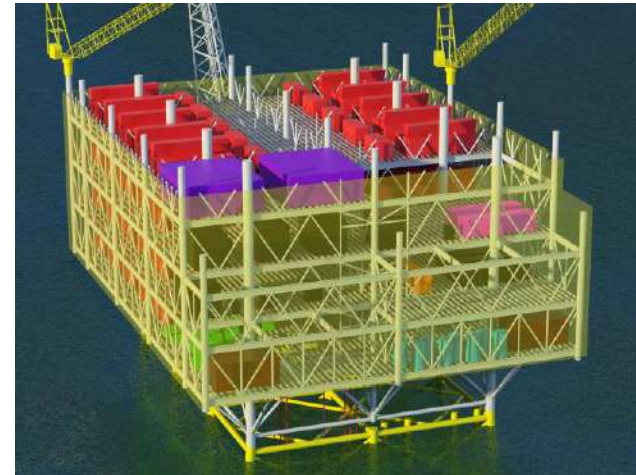
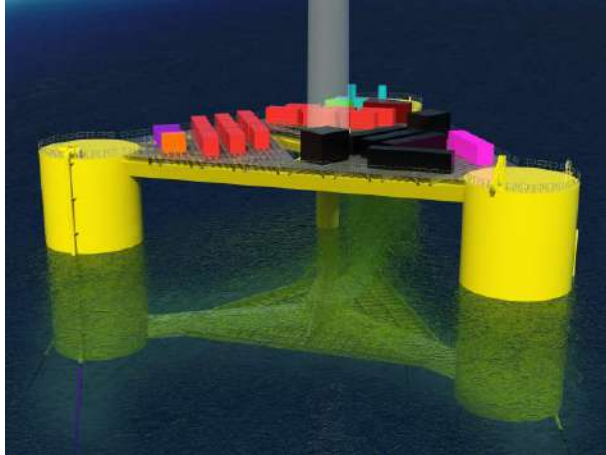
- Global system architecture
- Requirements identification
- Standards, guidelines, and materials

### Hydrogen production module design:

- Definition of critical sub-systems
- Energy Management and advisory system definition

### Infrastructure design:

- Bottom-fixed and Floating sub-structures design
- Offshore operations & economic impacts



# BEHYOND work flow: 3rd phase

## Commercialization Roadmap

Industrial readiness assessment

Risks identification and  
Management Strategy

Bankable Hydrogen Business  
Model



# Operational Models, Business Cases and TEM

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# Operational Models and Business Cases

## Research Questions.

- What is the underlying concept and business model of **today's offshore wind-powered hydrogen**?
- What are the **potential offshore wind-to-hydrogen concepts** that can be developed and deployed on a large-scale? What are the **associated constraints and benefits** (e.g. techno-economic, HSE, commercial readiness, social impacts and acceptance)?
- Is large-scale offshore production of hydrogen **economically viable** and what are the **key parameters to identify the viable concept(s)**?
- What is the most viable/attractive concept(s) for producing hydrogen offshore?

## Methodology.

1

Identification and analysis of offshore wind-to-hydrogen concepts

- Identification and analysis of announced offshore wind-to-hydrogen projects
- Synthesis and analysis of the potential offshore wind-to-hydrogen concepts in terms of production models and offloading systems

2

Techno-economic assessment of offshore wind-to-hydrogen concepts

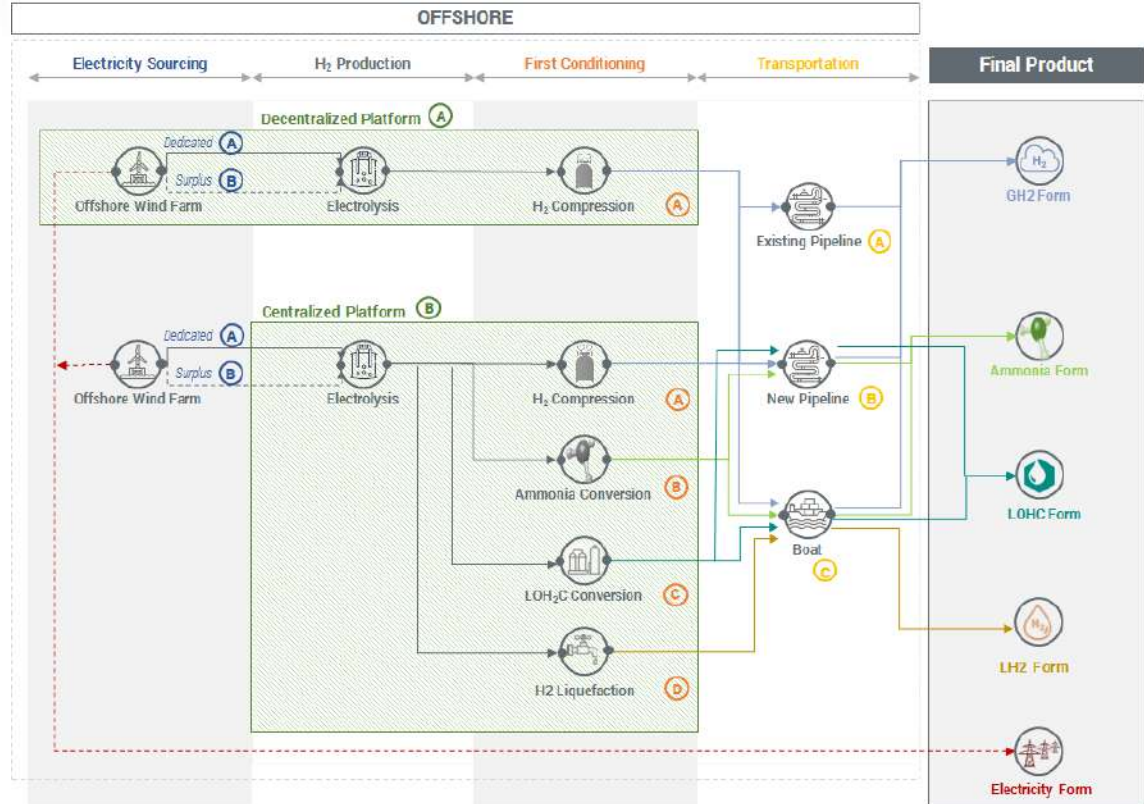
- Development and implementation of a techno-economical model (TEM) to assess the competitiveness of the offshore wind-to-hydrogen concepts
- Estimation of associated costs
- Selection of concept and definition of underlying business model



# Operational Models and Business Cases

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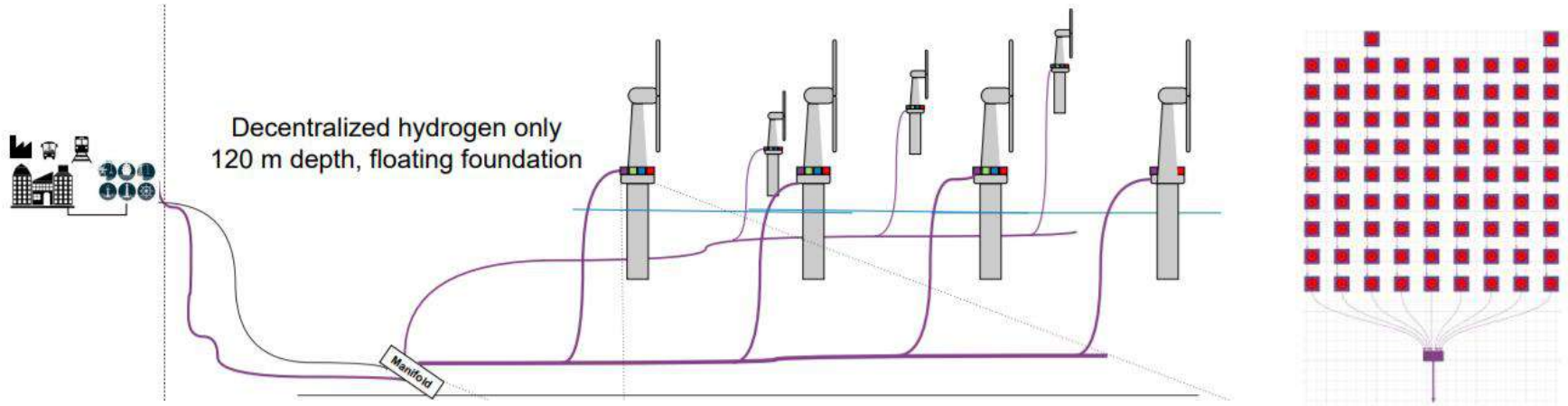
- What is the most viable configuration for producing H2 offshore (technical, environmental, social, cost-competitive, etc.)?
- What is the cost of the H2 (EUR/kg) to be produced?





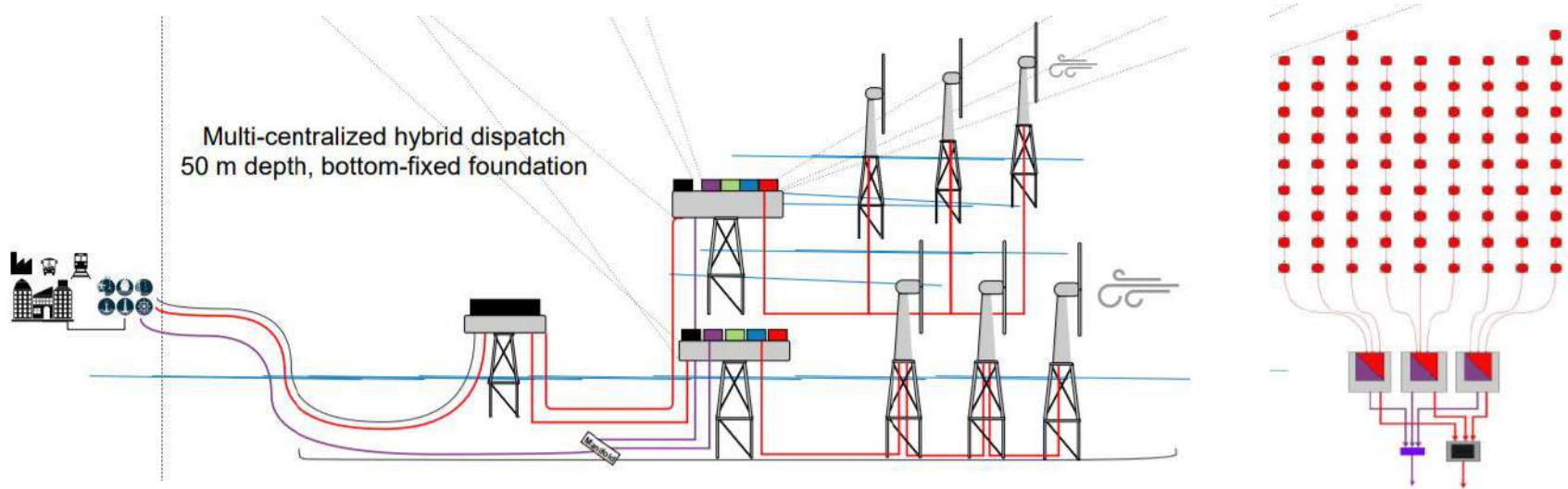
# Offshore Wind-to-hydrogen concepts

## Concept 1 – Decentralized Hydrogen only System

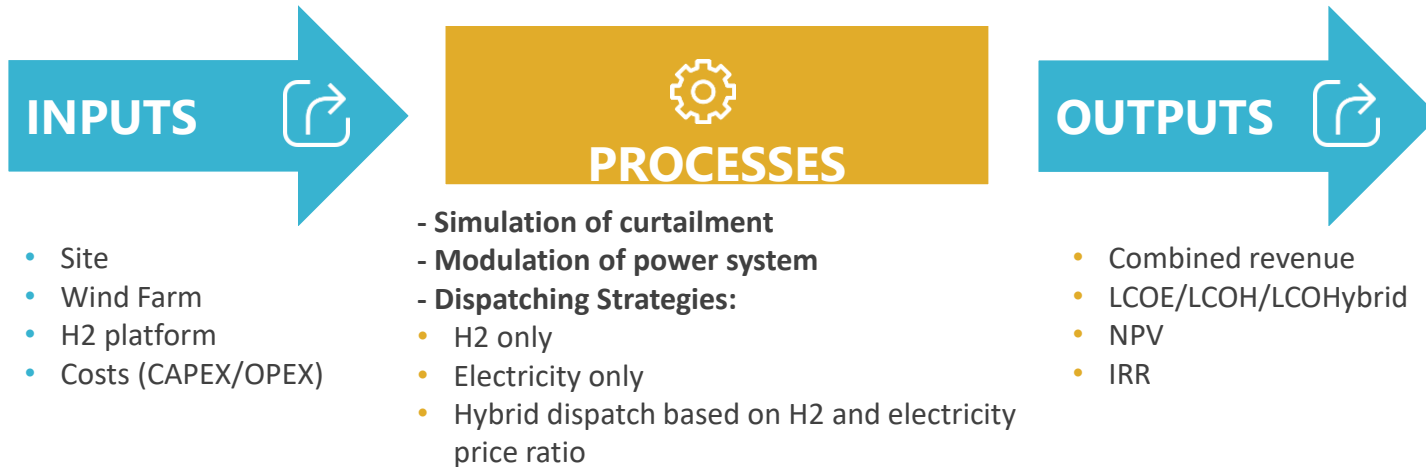


# Offshore Wind-to-hydrogen concepts

## Concept 2 – Multi-centralized Hybrid System



# Techno Economic Model



- **Market adjustable** (25-year hourly prices data)
- **Optimise hybrid system** (H2 only, electricity only or both) to maximise NPV/LCOH and hourly revenue
- **Automated modelling** (cable pipeline Requirements, HVDC/HVAC feedback, cable warning)
- **Optional system curtailment based on grid strength** (System Non-Synchronous Penetration Limit) and hourly market prices
- Assess the **economic viability of future system change/repowering** (new turbines /electrolysers)

# Techno Economic Model - Results

## Results

- As a function of wind farm rated power, NPV improved with increasing size from around 200MW to 1000MW capacity,
- Hybrid systems optimised through the solver saw the highest NPV
- hybrid systems that had equal electrolyser and wind farm capacity recording lowest NPV, due to under-utilization of electrolysers and electrical equipment such as cabling and grid connection costs.
- Increases from shore resulted in larger decreases in NPV for hybrid systems, with extra costs incurred for longer pipelines and export cables
- Pipeline costs per kilometer were lower than the cable costs, so hydrogen only systems with no export cables had smaller cost increases and were the most financially viable option at distances greater than 130km.
- For hybrid systems, NPV increases with higher electrolyser capacity up to around 60% of total wind farm size



# System Definition

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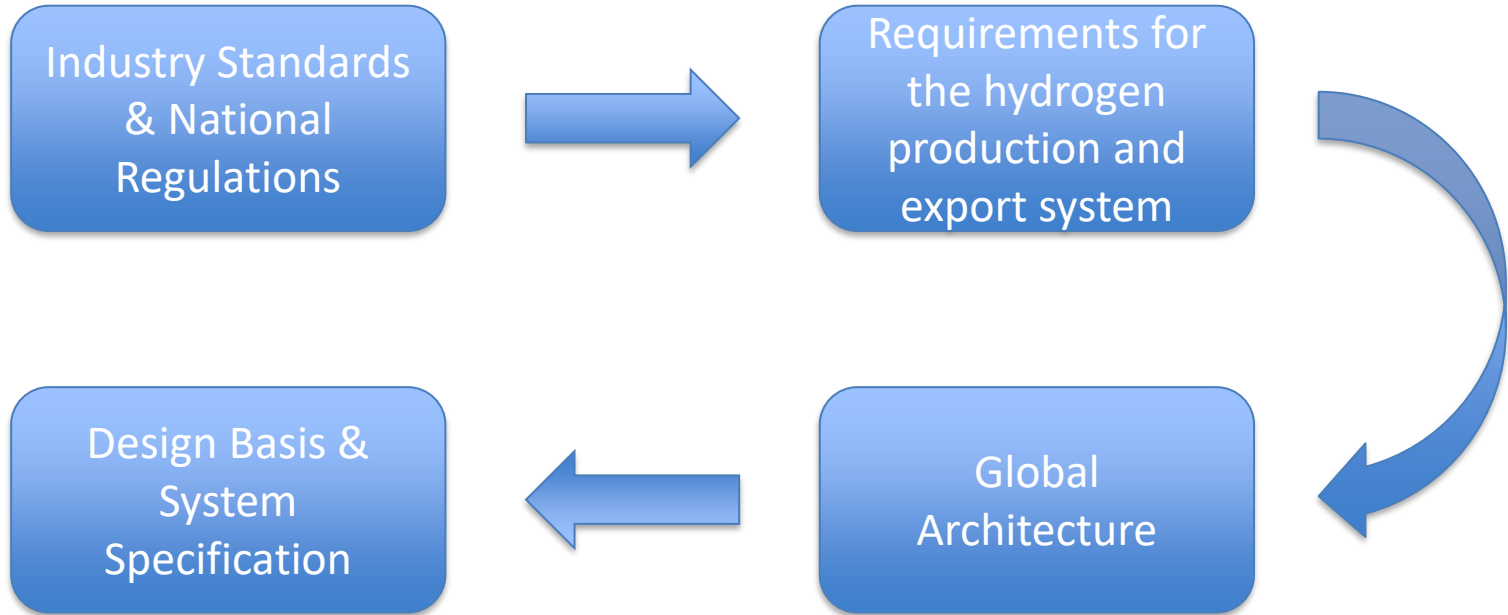


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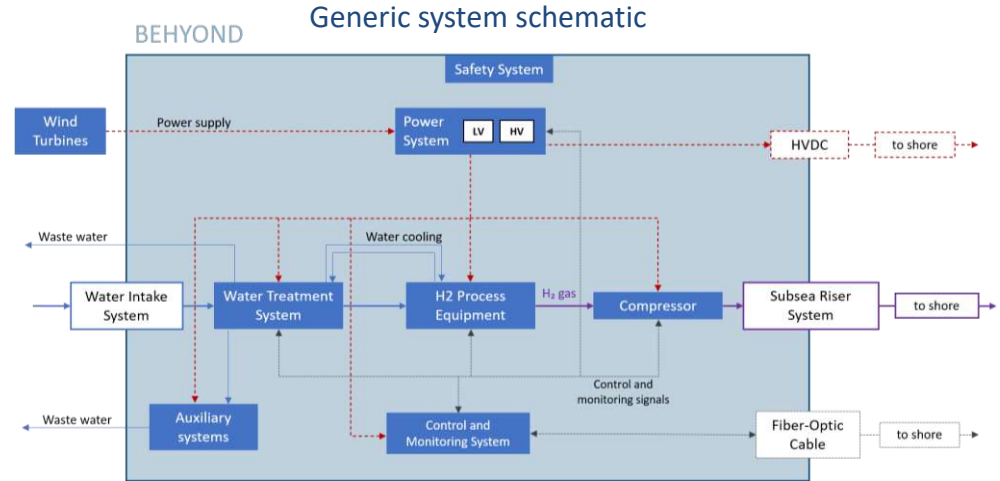
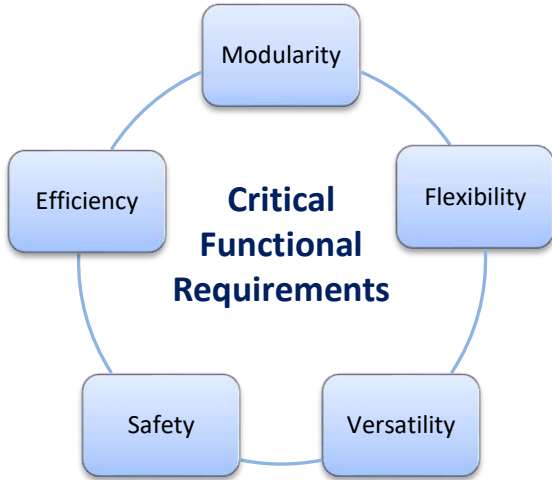


# Design Basis

The **Design Basis** guides the work performed in WP4 & WP5



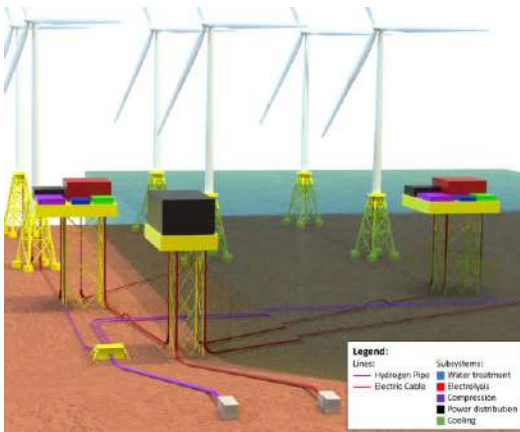
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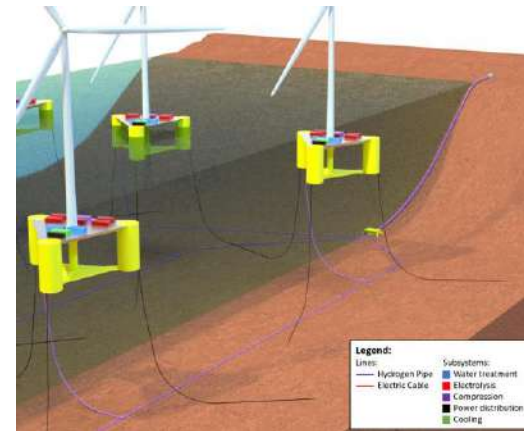
# Design Basis

Multicentered system configuration



Parameter	Value	Per Hub
<b>BEHYOND rated power</b>	598 MW	200 MW
<b>Electrical Export Capacity</b>	94%	
<b>Design pressure, H2 systems</b>	300 bar 180 bar	
<b>Electrolysers rating</b>	600 MW	200 MW
<b>Hydrogen production</b>	10765 kg/hr	3588 kg/hr
<b>Compressors input</b>	239 MW	80 MW
<b>Fresh water flow</b>	96 ton/hr	32 ton/hr
<b>Sea water input to reversed osmosis</b>	240 ton/hr	80 ton/hr
<b>Sea water treatment</b>	400 kW	133 kW
<b>Cooling system need</b>	239 MW	80 MW

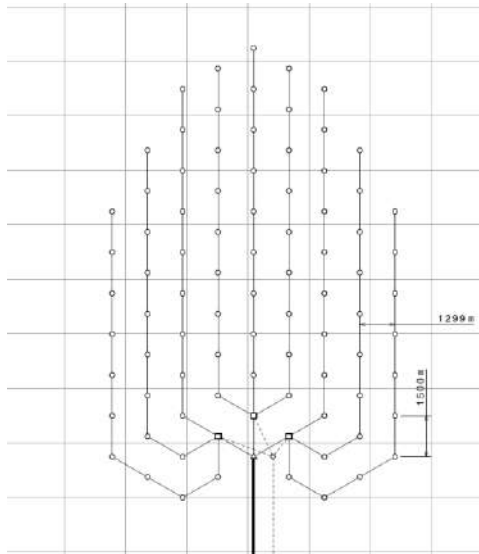
Decentralized system configuration



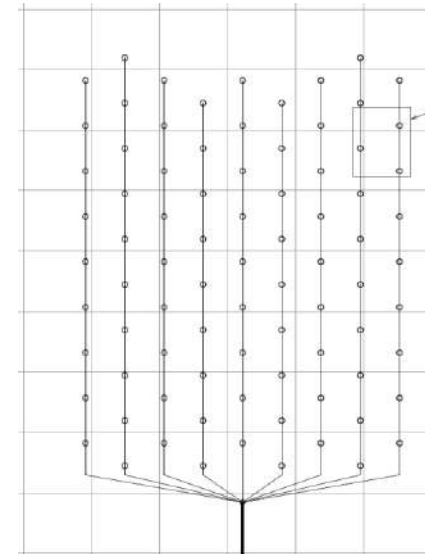
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<b>BEHYOND rated power</b>	876 MW	10.6 MW
<b>Electrical Export Capacity</b>	No electrical export	
<b>Design pressure, H2 systems</b>	300 bar 180 bar	
<b>Electrolysers rating</b>	10 MW	
<b>Hydrogen production</b>	15744 kg/hr	190 kg/hr
<b>Compressors input</b>	18.1 MW	0.2 MW
<b>Fresh water flow</b>	141 ton/hr	1.7 ton/hr
<b>Sea water input to reversed osmosis</b>	352 ton/hr	4.2 ton/hr
<b>Sea water treatment</b>	0.6 MW	7 kW
<b>Cooling system need</b>	350 MW	40.2 MW

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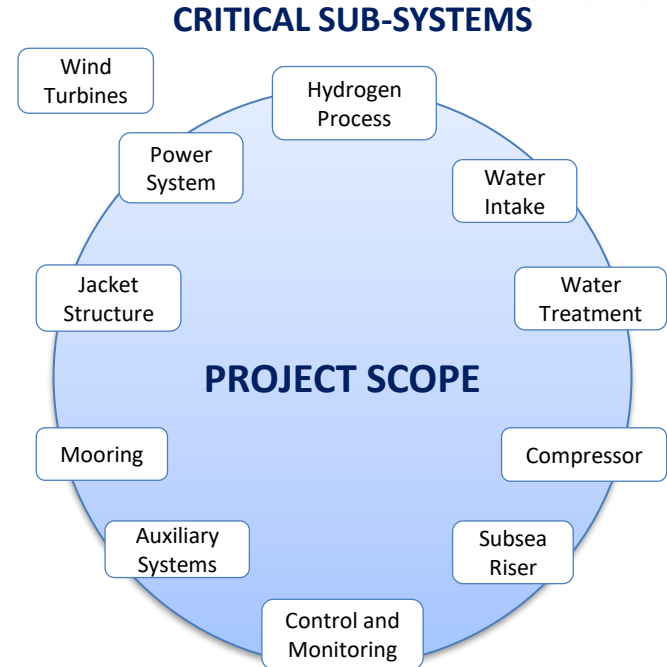
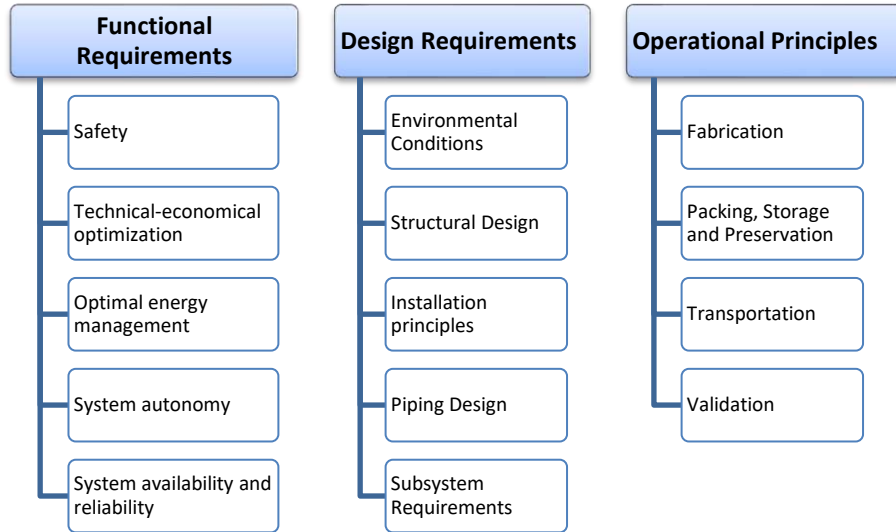
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# System Definition



# Hydrogen Production Module Design

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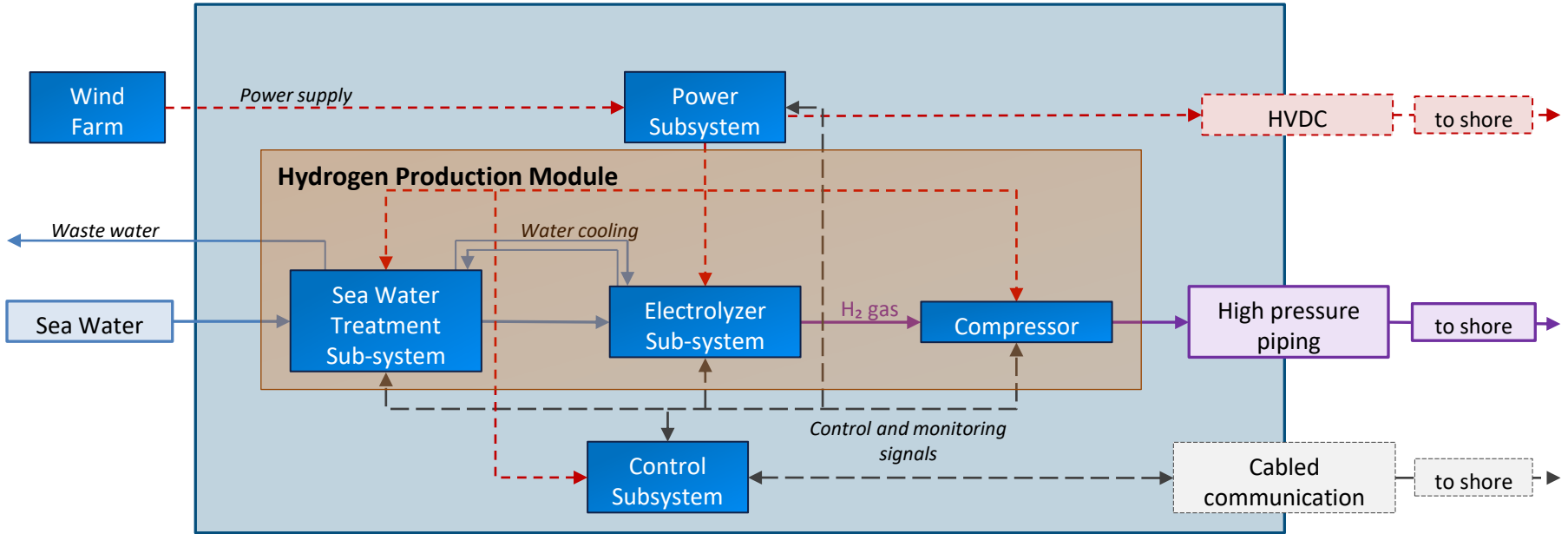
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# Hydrogen Production Module Design

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High Level PFD of BEHYOND

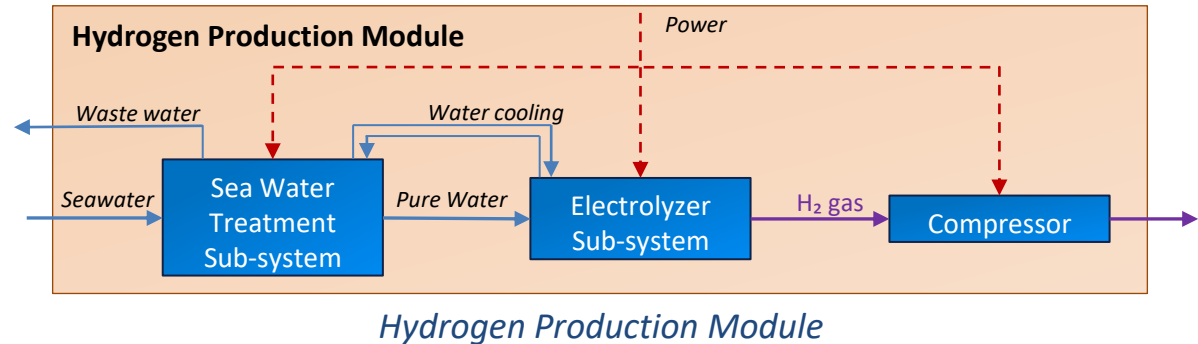


# Hydrogen Production Module Design

## Main Sub-systems

### Critical subsystems studied:

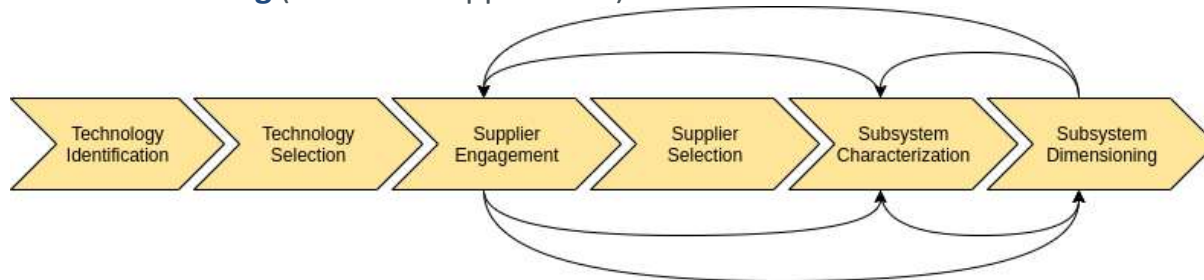
- **Sea Water Treatment** Sub-system;
- **Electrolyzer** Sub-system;
- **Compressor** Sub-system.



# Hydrogen Production Module Design Approach

## Approach to develop the relevant sub-systems:

1. Relevant technologies **identification** and study;
2. Technology **selection**;
3. Supplier **engagement**;
4. Supplier **selection**;
5. Sub-system **characterization** (based on supplier info);
6. Sub-system **dimensioning** (based on supplier info).

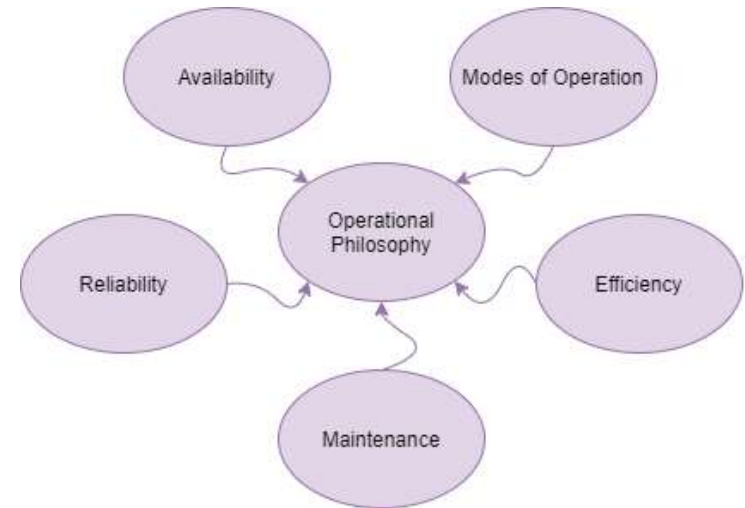


*Sub-system Design Approach*

# Hydrogen Production Module Design

## Operational Philosophy Elements

- **Modes of Operation:** related the BEYOND state machine. Autonomous operation;
- **Efficiency:** optimizing production vs. lifetime;
- **Maintenance:** minimizing maintenance needs and maximizing equipment lifetime. Remote supervision;
- **Reliability:** feedbacks into redundancy and degradation mechanisms;
- **Availability:** aims at continuous, uninterrupted operation and feedbacks into redundancy and degradation mechanisms.



*Operational Philosophy Elements*



# Hydrogen Production Module Design

## Water Treatment Subsystem

### Brief characterization:

- **Function:** treating sea water to obtain high purity water for electrolyzer operation;
- **Technology:** Seawater Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) and Electro De-Ionization (EDI);
- **Technological Maturity:** high;
- **Application Scenario Maturity:** medium;
- **Challenges:** autonomous operation/supervision, marine environment, maintenance and reliability.



*SWRO Equipment (Courtesy of Pure Aqua)*

# Hydrogen Production Module Design

## Electrolyzer Subsystem

### Brief characterization:

- **Function:** converting high purity water into high purity H<sub>2</sub> gas;
- **Technology:** Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM);
- **Technological Maturity:** medium;
- **Application Scenario Maturity:** low;
- **Challenges:** autonomous operation/supervision, optimal operation, marine environment, maintenance, availability and reliability.



*PEM Electrolyzer (Courtesy of H-TEC)*

# Hydrogen Production Module Design

## Compressor Subsystem

### Brief characterization:

- **Function:** boosting low pressure H<sub>2</sub> gas to high pressure gas for pipeline transportation;
- **Technology:** Reciprocating Piston or Diaphragm;
- **Technological Maturity:** high;
- **Application Scenario Maturity:** high;
- **Challenges:** autonomous operation/supervision, optimal operation, maintenance, availability and reliability.



*Diaphragm Compressor (Courtesy of PDC Machines)*

# Infrastructure Designs

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# Infrastructure Design Main Systems

- **Critical systems studied:**
  - **Structures** (including bottom fixed and floating platforms);
  - **Mooring;**
  - **Cabling and Piping** (Rigid and Flexible).



# Infrastructure Design References



*large offshore O&G installation*

## Johan Sverdrup, The North-Sea Giant

- 4 platforms;
- Single lift installation (lower costs and higher safety);
- Topsides around 20.000t each;
- Jackets around 10.000t each.

**HVDC offshore wind compact solution**  
Concept and features

<b>Capabilities</b>	
Rated Power:	800-1,200 MW
Design lifetime:	25-30 Y
DC Voltage (outgoing):	+320 kV
AC Voltage (incoming):	66 kV
Reliability:	98.5%
<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Location</b>
Size: – 40 x 60 x 26 m	North Sea conditions
Weight: – 7,000 T	Water Depth 20-50m
Volume: – 45,000 m <sup>3</sup>	Ambient T: 3 to +30 deg.C
	RH = 100% winter and 51% in summer

ABB

*large offshore HVDC station*

## HVDC Offshore Wind Station by ABB

- Compact solution consistent with industry trend;
- Rated power and location compatible with study case.

## Infrastructure Design References



*reference wind turbine generator*

### **GE Heliade-X 12MW**

- Power rating consistent with industry trend;
- 713t Nacele & Hub;
- 55t Blades;
- 800t tower.

# Infrastructure Design References



*floating offshore wind*

## Umaine VoltturnUS-S Reference Platform

- 15MW power rating consistent with industry trend, but over design rating;
- Triple column semi-submersibles are one of the leading typologies in floating wind;
- Typical three-line chain catenary;
- 17.839t floating platform;
- 2.254t WTG.



*floating offshore wind*

## WindFloat 8.4MW

- With high TRL, and larger projects being announced, the WindFloat is one of the leading technologies in floating wind;
- Cheap and safe installation;
- Compatible with project need for a production deck structure;
- Floating platform around 10.000t (most of the weight is the water ballast);
- WTG around 1.000t.

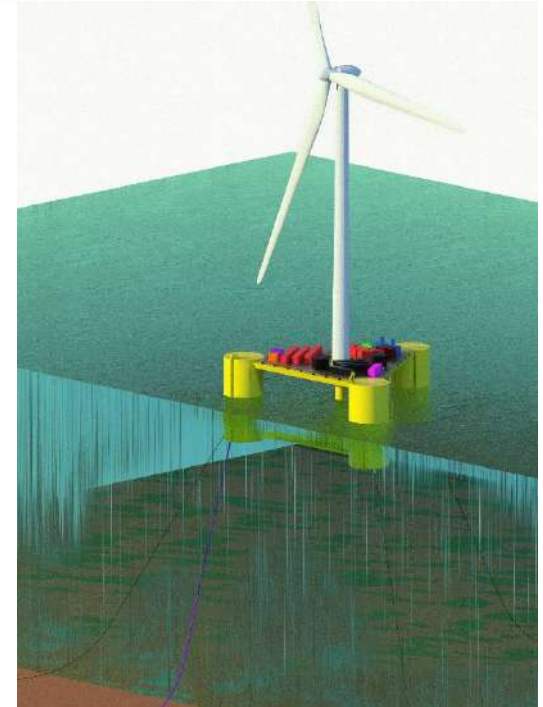
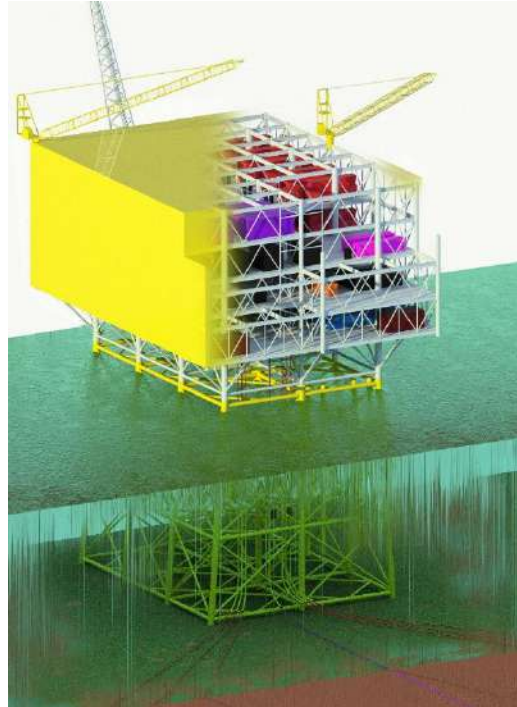


## Estimation of platforms footprint:

- **Assessment of primary and auxiliary equipment** (including fire system, winches and cranes);
- **Evaluation of hydrogen safety requirements;**
- **Layout arrangement of equipment and interfaces.**

### Approach to study the wind farm:

- Sensitivity analysis of wind farm arrangement;
- Structure type selection;
- Piping system:
  - Piping over-dimensioned to provide H2 storage
  - T-Junctions and Underwater Manifold
  - Dynamic analysis of floating platform umbilical
- Cabling definition.



# Infrastructure Design

## Multicentered Architecture

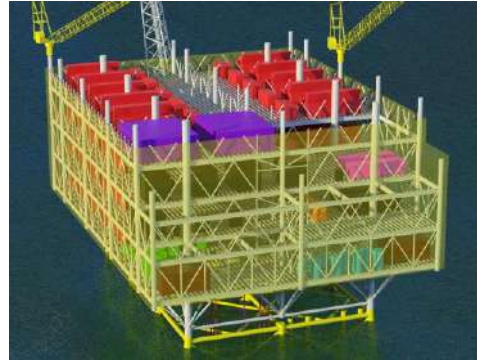
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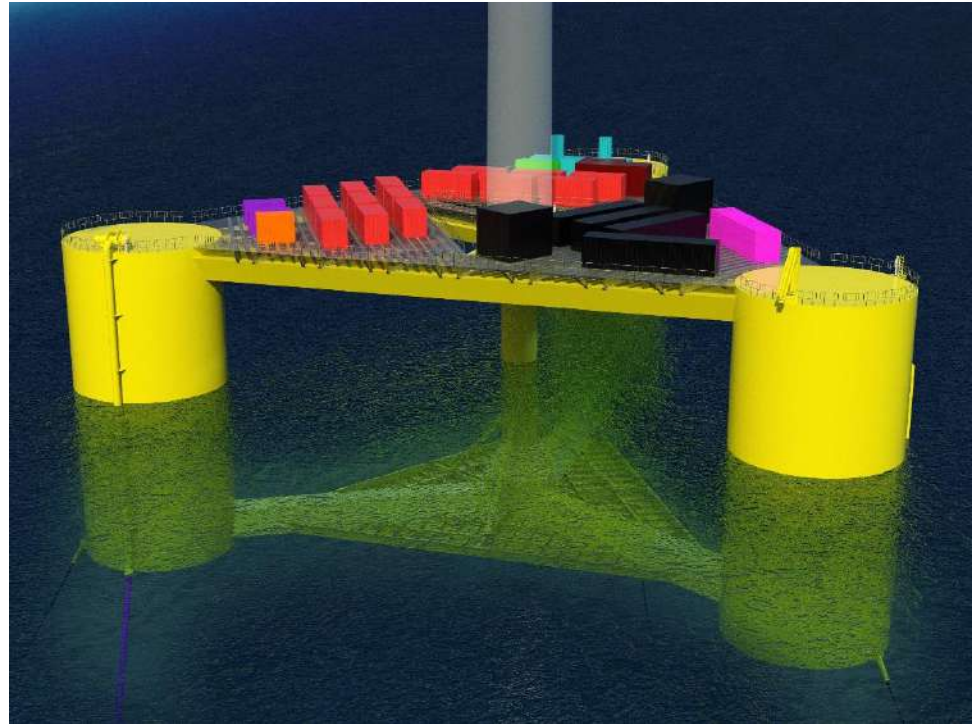
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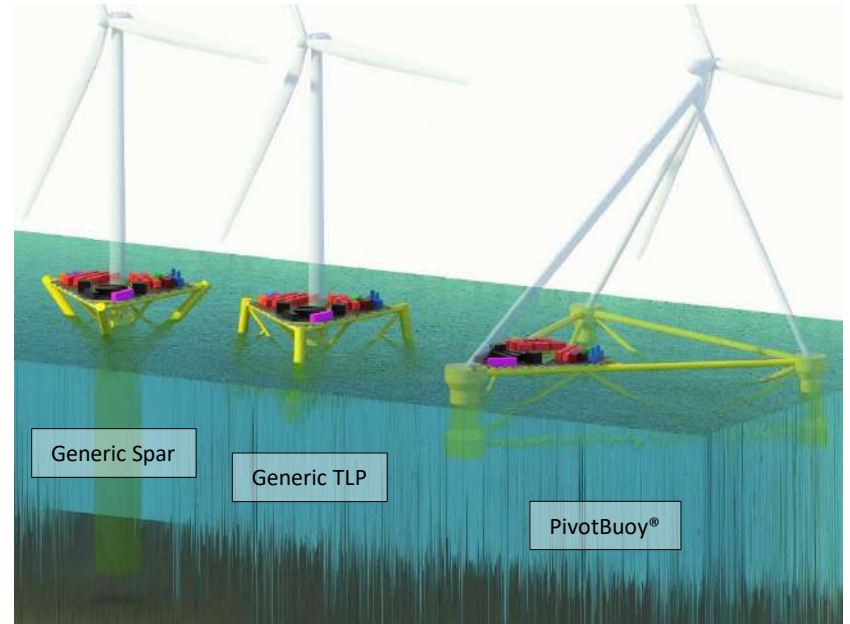
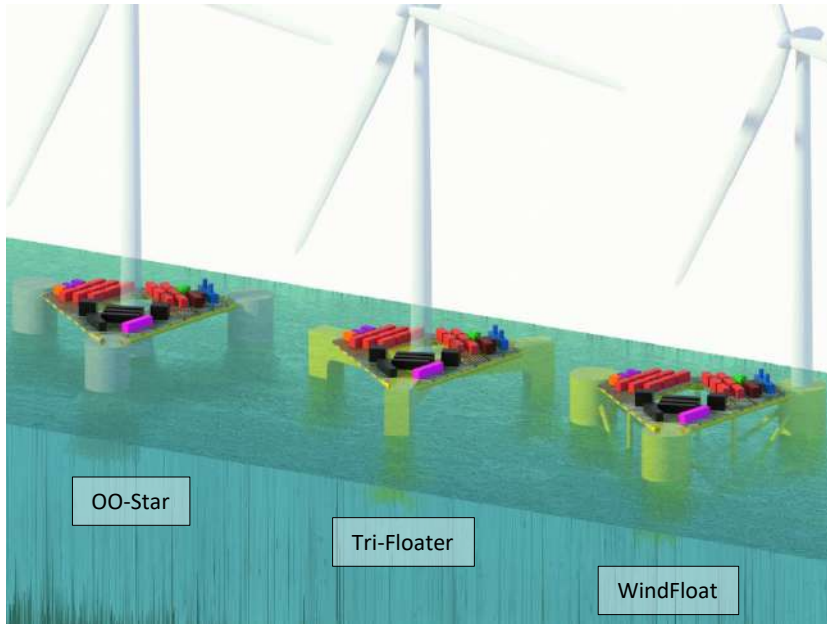
## Decentralized Architecture

- Decentralized architecture study approach:
  - Estimation of dimensions and weight for a custom platform;
  - Preliminary design of process deck;
  - Design of mooring system;
  - Dynamic analyses;
  - Cost assessment.



# Infrastructure Design Decentralized Architecture

An agnostic solution was designed to fit most floating platform concepts:



# Offshore Installation

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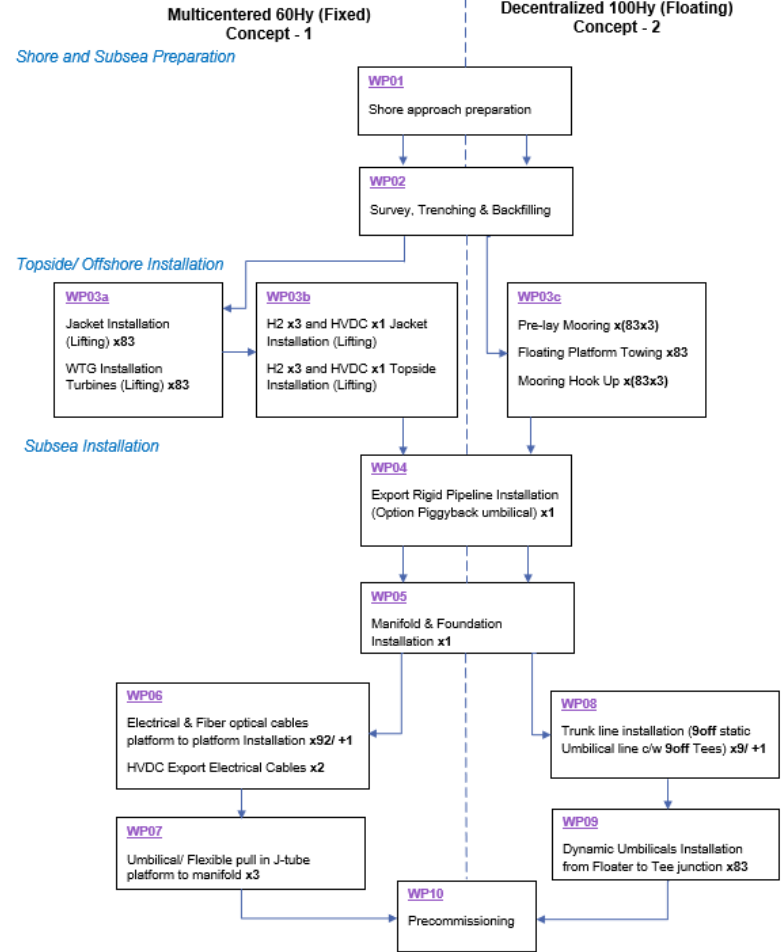
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## Flowchart

Breakdown of marine operation activities for planning & cost assessment





# Offshore Installation Feasibility

## Multicentered 60Hy and Decentralized 100Hy

### Immaturity/innovation needed on Hydrogen production for offshore operations

- Overall offshore installation plan is not pioneer since most of BEYOND asset/equipments have been installed on various Oil & Gas and Offshore Wind projects
- Detailed engineering analysis will be required for specific hydrogen design (Rigid Pipeline, Umbilicals, Flexible)
- Requires further assessment for precommissioning requirements for hydrogen subsea pipelines
- Potential upgrade of Contractors Vessels to optimise installation (ex. large 12MW WTG, increase number jacket per trip,..)

# H2 Maintenance and Repair System Definition

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## H2 Maintenance and Repair System Definition

### O&M COMPATIBILITY

- The high maintenance frequency of the H2 subsystem is compatible with the observed large number of monthly visits per turbine in a typical offshore wind farm
- The H2 production subsystem may significantly increase the total preventive maintenance hours for the decentralized configurations - when compared to the reference offshore wind

### O&M IMPROVEMENT

- Water treatment units and the membrane compressors are major contributors to the total annual farm maintenance effort
- Developing technological solutions to achieve a minimum 6-months maintenance periodicity for the water treatment unit and membrane compressors should be prioritized

# Commercialization Roadmap

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Commercialization Roadmap

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# Commercialization Roadmap

The bankability and industrialization of a technology depend not only on the correct identification and assessment of the associated risks in terms of manageability, severity, and probability but also on the reliability of the risk mitigation measures to implement.

## OBJECTIVES

- **Assess the industrial readiness level** across the supply chain.
- **Implement a risk management strategy** able to identify, quantify and mitigate the risks inherent to all the development phases.
- **Identify innovation needs** and future developments and link them to fund raising opportunities whenever possible.
- **Develop the Bankable Hydrogen Business Model.** A bankability study will be performed to identify the targeted investors, explore risk dilution strategies and propose financing mechanisms to support future larger-scale implementation of this technology.

## Industrial readiness level assessment

Since all the technologies included in BEHYOND are commercially available, qualification has been based on an assessment of previous use and suitability for offshore application.

System	Sub-systems / Equipment	TRL
Wind turbines, offshore		9
Subsea cables, HV		9
Power systems, High and low voltage	Transformers, converters, switchgear etc.	7
	Li-ion battery energy storage	7
Process systems	Water treatment system	5
	De-ionization system	5
	H2 PEM Electrolyzers	5
	Compressors	5
	H2 pressure vessels- topside	7

System	Sub-systems / Equipment	TRL
Control Systems	Process control system	5
	Advisory control system	5
	Safety system	5
Auxiliary Systems	HVAC system	7
	N2 purging system	7

TRL 5 – technology validated in relevant environment  
 TRL 6 – technology demonstrated in relevant environment  
 TRL 7 – system prototype demonstration in operational env.  
 TRL 8 – system complete and qualified  
 TRL 9 – actual system proven in operational environment

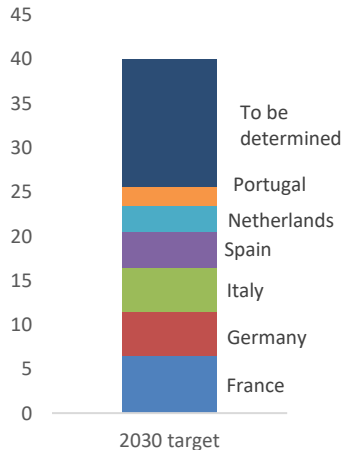
## Risks assessment and management strategy

Category	Main Risks	Cause	Effect	Mitigation Measures
<b>Development Engineering Fabrication</b>	Requirements unfulfilled (regulatory)	Lack of regulatory maturity	Lack of certification; Non-conformity	Surveys; compliance with certification guidelines; partnering with certification bodies; one-stop shops
	Marine environment impact	Impact underestimated	Operational problems; Shutdowns;	Accurate structural analysis and validation; eliminate conceptual and development shortcomings; avoid fast prototype construction; thorough system validation prior to full-scale installation
	Lengthy/Complex qualification process	Technology immaturity	Non-conformity	Technology validation prior to deployment; exhaustive bench-testing of individual components and sub-systems; where possible resort to off-the-shelf components/equipment
<b>Installation</b>	Riser Hydrogen Umbilical (pull-in)	Quick changes in Metocean conditions; Faulty lock system		Operational window must be evaluated upfront. Real Time monitoring systems can be deployed to aid safer installation. Lock system shall be designed in a way that allows testing of the locking condition. Eventually water pressure testing shall be applicable.
<b>Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>	Absence of qualified personnel	Low maturity of the sector	Cost increase Longer time to execute	Recruit expert personnel from outside local area or from other suitable industries (O&G), rigorous training.
<b>De-commissioning</b>	Inexistent subsea Hydrogen valve	valve failure	Leak, explosion, hazard for marine life / users	Ensure valves pass strict qualification tests (hyperbaric, endurance, pressure and temperature).

# Bankable Hydrogen Business Model: Market outlook

## EU's strategic objective is to install >40GW renewable electrolyzers by 2030

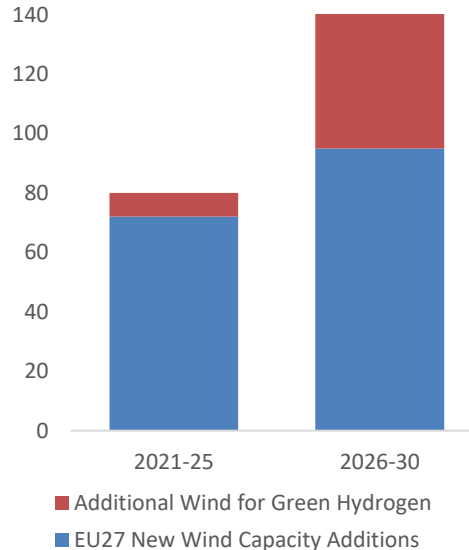
Committed hydrogen capacity by EU state, GW



Source: EU Hydrogen Strategy (2020)

## Which would result in >60GW additional wind installed

GW cumulative new installed wind capacity forecast 2021-30, GW



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

## With huge implications on the required investment in renewables

- The EU hydrogen objectives hugely benefits renewables with c. **2/3 of the required investment likely to be in renewable electricity production**
- EU assumes **80-120GW of renewables capacity** will be required **to meet green hydrogen targets** (depending on mix of electricity generation technologies)
- The leading technology varies by region:
  - Wind(on/offshore): Northern Europe incl. France, Germany, Netherlands
  - Solar: Southern Europe incl. Italy, Spain, Portugal
- Whilst solar has a lower LCOE/H a **hybrid system will be advantageous to the grid in balancing and storing energy**





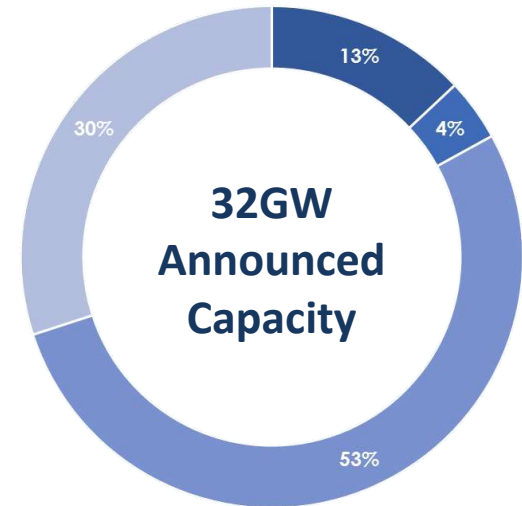
## Bankable Hydrogen Business Model:

Offshore wind prevalent among the generation options for green hydrogen

Confirmed green hydrogen projects span the dominant renewable generation options.

- **Offshore wind is the dominant proportion of confirmed green hydrogen projects.**
- **The size of the potential resource and location of leading research countries (Northern Europe) is driving this trend.**
- While market forecasts place **PV supplied green hydrogen** at the lower end of the LCOH spectrum, these options are **constrained by:**
  1. **Poor solar resource in the countries leading green hydrogen development.**
  2. The **absence of a centralized market** for green hydrogen to allow trading.
  3. **A lack of transport/transmission infrastructure to allow regions with better solar resource to export.**

### Green Hydrogen Project Pipeline

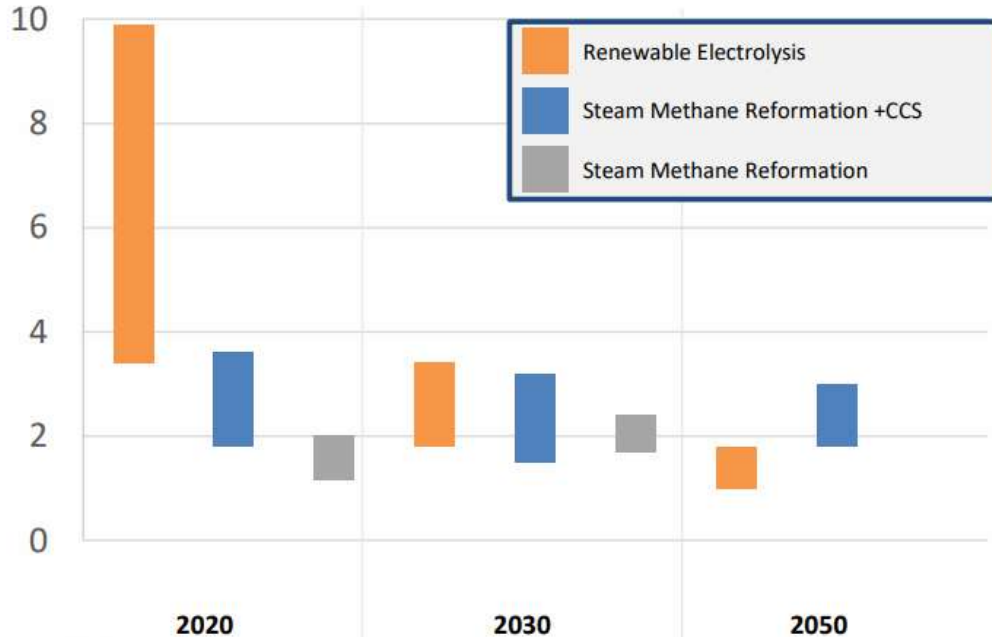


■ Solar                      ■ Onshore Wind  
■ Offshore Wind        ■ Other/Unconfirmed

## Bankable Hydrogen Business Model:

Costs of green Hydrogen are expected to fall dramatically displacing grey and blue out of the market.

Forecasted Levelized Cost of Hydrogen by production method, \$/kg



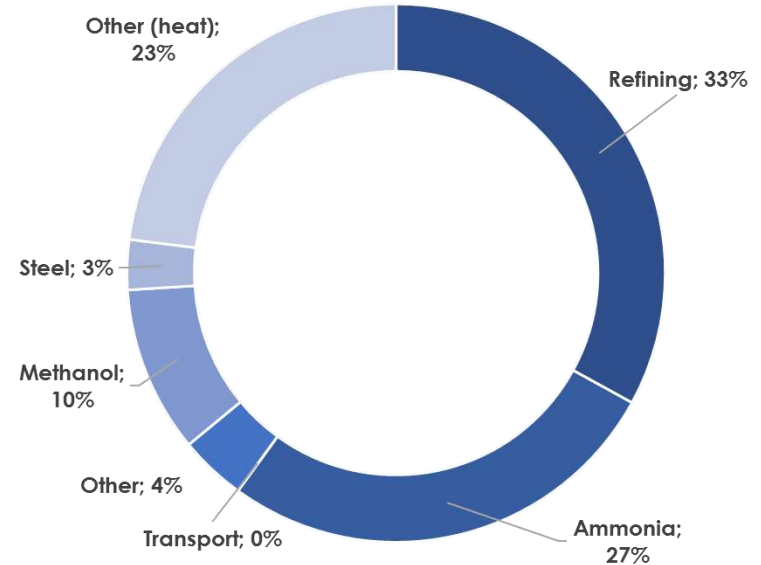
- **Grey hydrogen is currently the cheapest** production method, however carbon tax (direct or indirect) will add additional costs
- Costs of green hydrogen have a **wide range** due to projects being deployed at a demonstration scale and renewable electricity costs varying by market
- The development and widespread use of **Chinese electrolysers** (estimated c.80% lower cost) will drive green hydrogen costs down
- Blue hydrogen is expected to be cheaper than green in the medium term but announced projects and R&D appears limited and still has CO2 emissions in upstream extraction
- Economics and regulation are expected to drive grey hydrogen out **of the market by 2050**

# Bankable Hydrogen Business Model:

## BEYOND Financial gaps as today

- Current associated LCOH, is **uneconomic versus conventional production**.
- Consequently, highly **unlikely to see widespread demand** if produced today.
- We need to consider **discrete sources of demand that has self-interest** in making an offtake agreement for **green hydrogen**.
- Without this certainty of cashflow, the economics of even pilot projects are difficult to reconcile with any commercial forms of financing.
- The **alternative is government incentives, or regulatory requirements to purchase carbon-neutral hydrogen for industry**.

2019 global hydrogen demand



# Bankable Hydrogen Business Model:

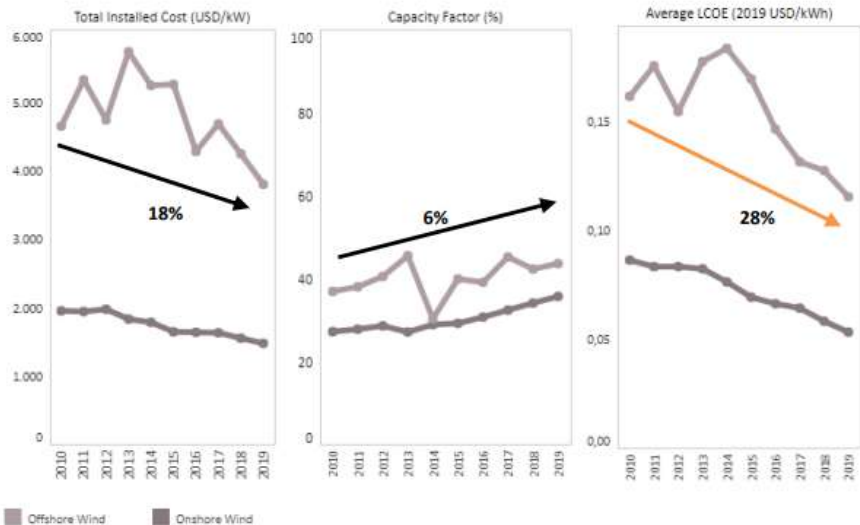
## IRENA's stages of policy support

	Technology Readiness <b>1</b>	Market Penetration <b>2</b>	Market Growth <b>3</b>
State of Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use in demonstration projects only.</li> <li>• Limited infrastructure development.</li> <li>• Largest barrier to greater use is cost.</li> <li>• Government remains a significant player.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some applications operational.</li> <li>• Proof points of cost &amp; operability.</li> <li>• Learning-by-doing reduces opex &amp; capex.</li> <li>• Synergies (e.g. industrial clusters) are tested.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green hydrogen is well-known and widely used energy carrier.</li> <li>• Competitive on supply side and in end uses.</li> <li>• Direct incentives no longer needed.</li> </ul>
Actions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term climate policy commitments, net zero.</li> <li>• Short-term policy to close the gap between investment &amp; operational cost.</li> <li>• R&amp;D funding, co-funding of prototypes.</li> <li>• Demonstration projects lower cost of capital.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial users need to drive repurposing of gas infrastructure to provide distribution mechanisms.</li> <li>• Global markets begin to develop.</li> <li>• Displacement of electricity generation is managed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas infrastructure is entirely repurposed.</li> <li>• Demand infrastructure away from industrial uses is developed.</li> <li>• New sources of demand continue to develop.</li> </ul>



# Bankable Hydrogen Business Model:

Phased deployment allows for harnessing cost reductions and load factors increases untimely benefiting LCOEs



Source: IRENA (2020)

LCOH based on deployment of 880 MWe and offshore farm with 1 GW capacity equals **€3.84 per kg of H2 (dedicated H2 production)**

Potential to bring this down if taking advantage of technological improvements and cost reduction

Provide the Know-how and experience to scale up operations

Pilot and demonstration projects with lower deployment capacities

And bring down Capital Costs

**Critical to support Market Growth**



# Thank you

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