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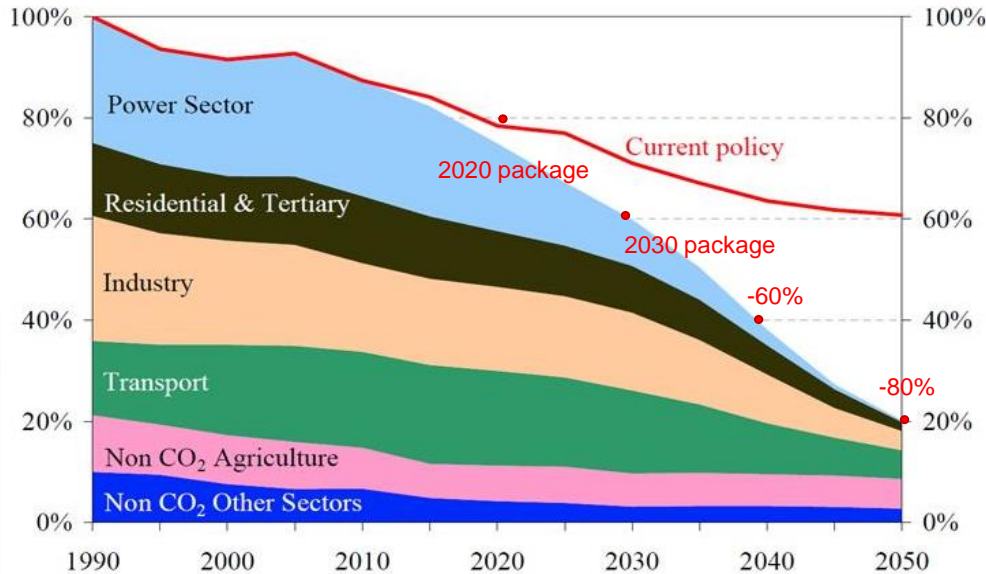
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# EU 2050 Low Carbon Economy Roadmap

## Status of the steel industry



Source: EU [https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2050\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2050_en)

### EU low-carbon economy roadmap

- ❑ By 2050, the EU should cut greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 1990 levels
- ❑ All sectors need to contribute – **Energy intensive industries** could cut emissions by more than 80% by 2050

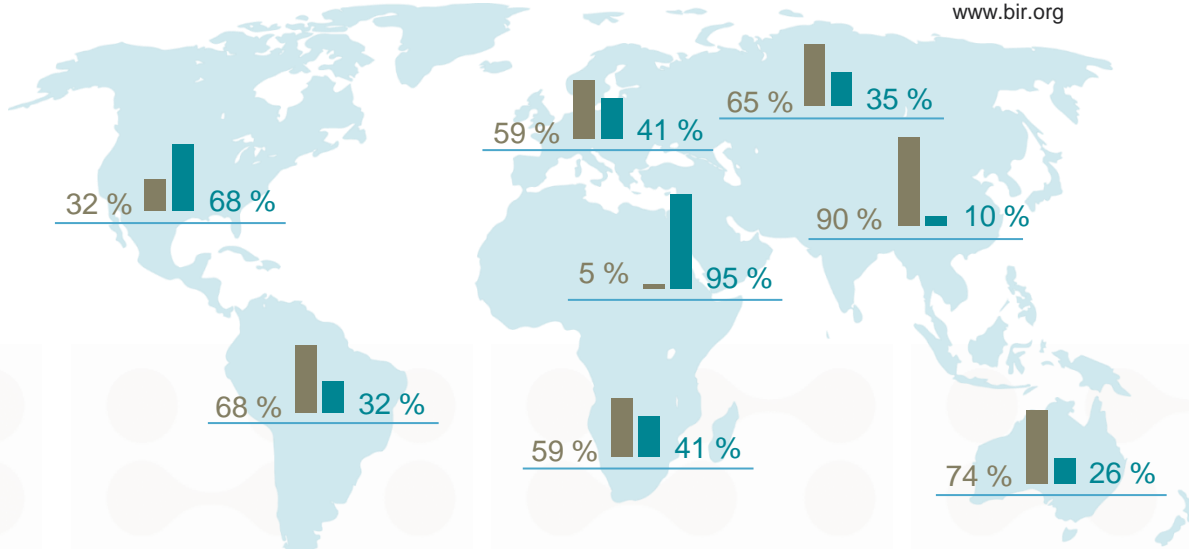
### EU steel industry committed to substantial reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- ❑ **However: potential of existing production routes (mainly BF/BOF) limited**
- ❑ **Development and implementation of new breakthrough technologies together with supportive energy infrastructure required**

# Iron and Steel Making Processes

## Global Steel Production

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Production share 2019:  
72 % BF/BOF route  
28 % EAF route (5 % DRI)

Iron and steel industry  
accounts for approx. 7 % of  
global anthropogenic and  
31 % of industrial CO<sub>2</sub>  
emissions

Global steel production:  
Two production routes:

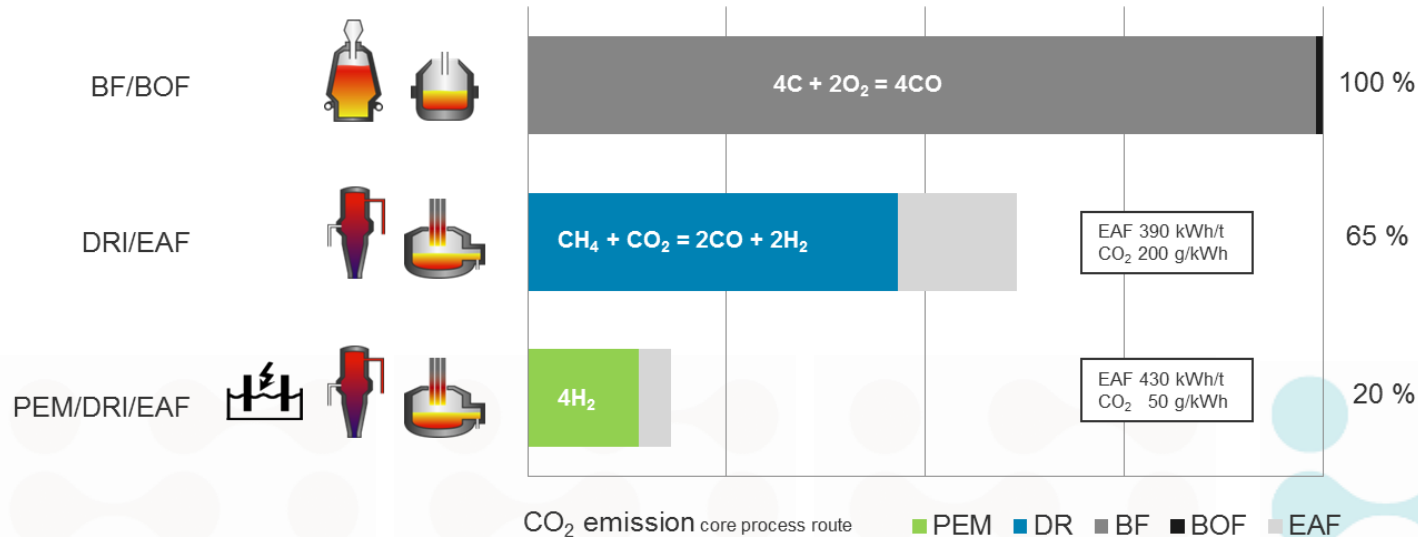
1.9 billion tons in 2019 (EU 160 million tons)

Primary steelmaking from iron oxides (BF/BOF route)

Secondary steelmaking from scrap (EAF route)

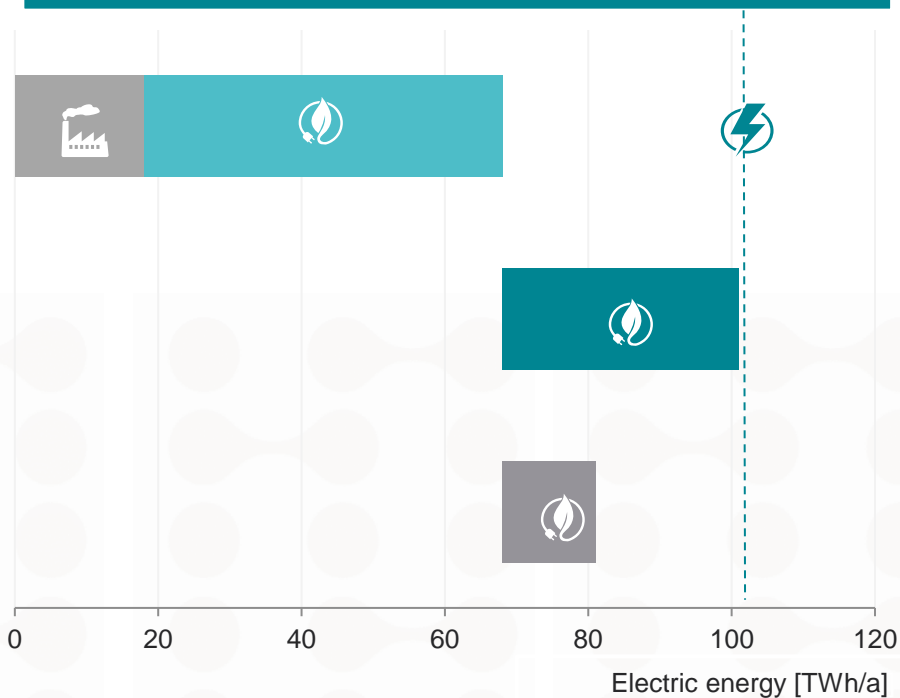
# Iron and Steel Making Processes

## Carbon, Natural gas and H<sub>2</sub>



Iron and steel industry accounts for approx. 7 % of global anthropogenic and 31 % of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions origin and availability of electric energy is essential for renewable H<sub>2</sub> production and use in the DRI/EAF route.

## Scenario: Transformation „Zero Carbon“



fossil



renewable



total

### Existing situation

Electricity production in Austria : 68 TWh/a  
voestalpine Linz und Donawitz are almost self-sufficient

### Future situation in this scenario

Additional demand on renewable energy: ~ 33 TWh/a  
available 8760h/a from external grid

~ 50 % of Austria's production

### Competition with other sectors - traffic

Changeover of the passenger car fleet to electric drive in Austria requires additional ~13 TWh/a

# H2Future - R&D objectives

## PEM Electrolysis Technology



Systematic upscaling requires answers of following questions and topics

- ❑ Operation of PEM electrolyser
  - a. operating range
  - b. Efficiency: Influence of dynamic operation, continuous and overload operation
  - c. Degradation of PEM due to ageing and poisoning
- ❑ Durability considering the mode of operation
  - a. Maintenance intensity
  - b. Tightness
  - c. Corrosion
- ❑ Quality of product and input reactant streams
  - a. Requirements deionized water
  - b. Quality of H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> dependent on operation mode
- ❑ Influence of operation time



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# 6 MW PEM Electrolyser



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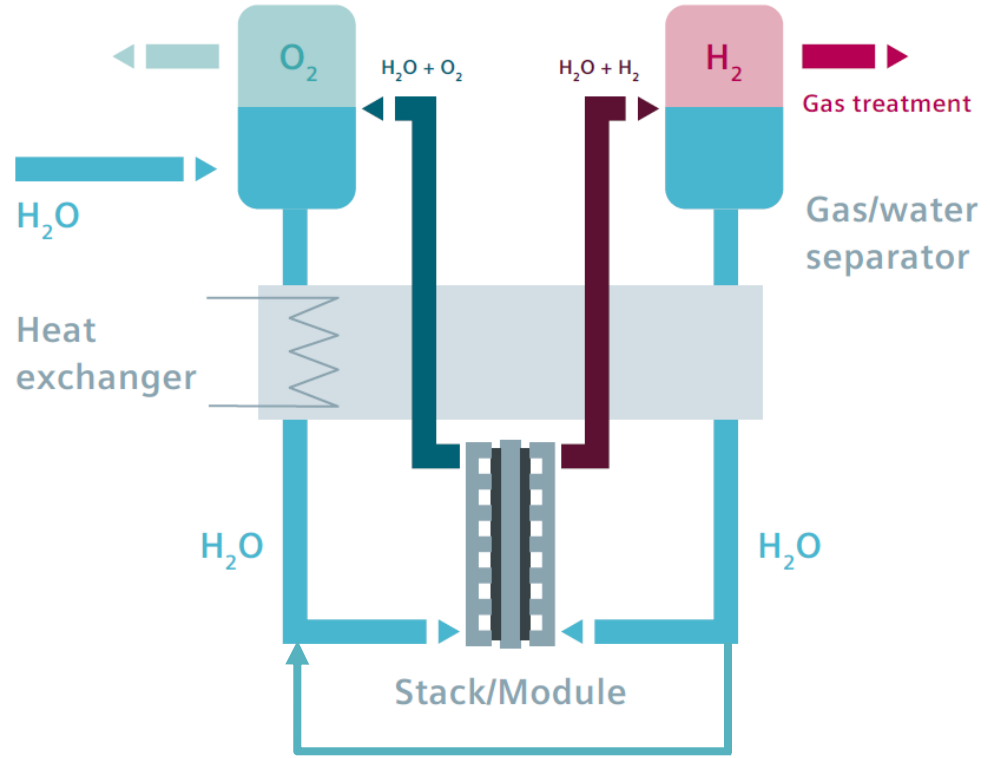
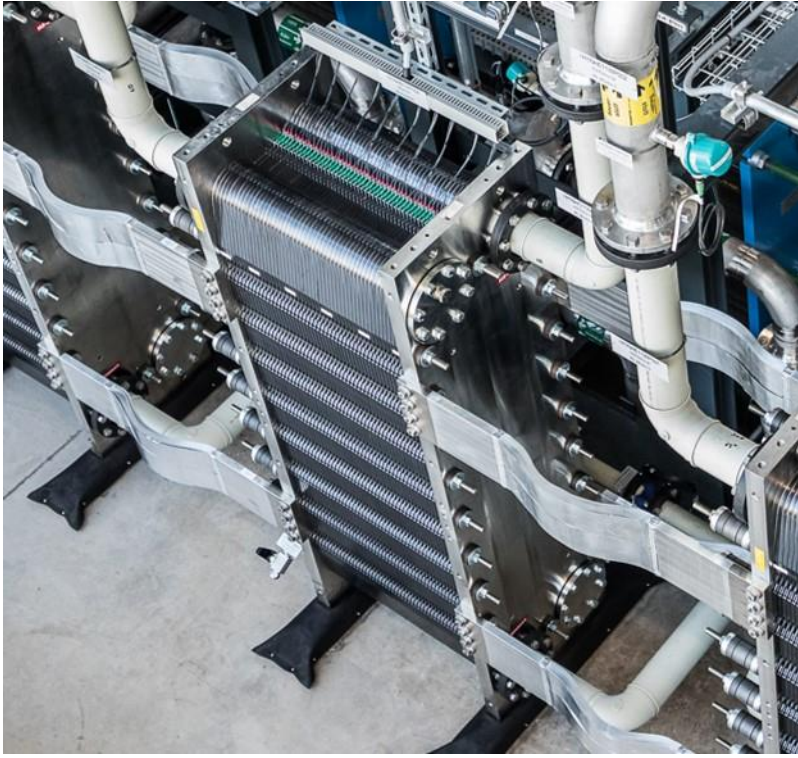


## Key data

Rated power	6 MW
Hydrogen	1200 m <sup>3</sup> <sub>(STP)</sub> /h
Oxygen	600 m <sup>3</sup> <sub>(STP)</sub> /h
Modules	12
Cells	600 (12 x 50)
Current	5000 A
Voltage up to	2 V/cell
Pressure	max. 150 mbar
Purity	up to 99,8 %

# Silyzer 300 PEM module

...the heart of each Silyzer PEM array







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# voestalpine Linz – Site view

## Steel Division



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# H2Future - Location selection

## “BG 89 Wasserstoffanlage Nord”



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- ❑ voestalpine is in charge of providing the infrastructure
- ❑ Location next to power station ensures availability of
  - Electricity
  - Cooling water
  - Deionized water
  - Nitrogen
  - Pressurized air
  - Connection to COG-network



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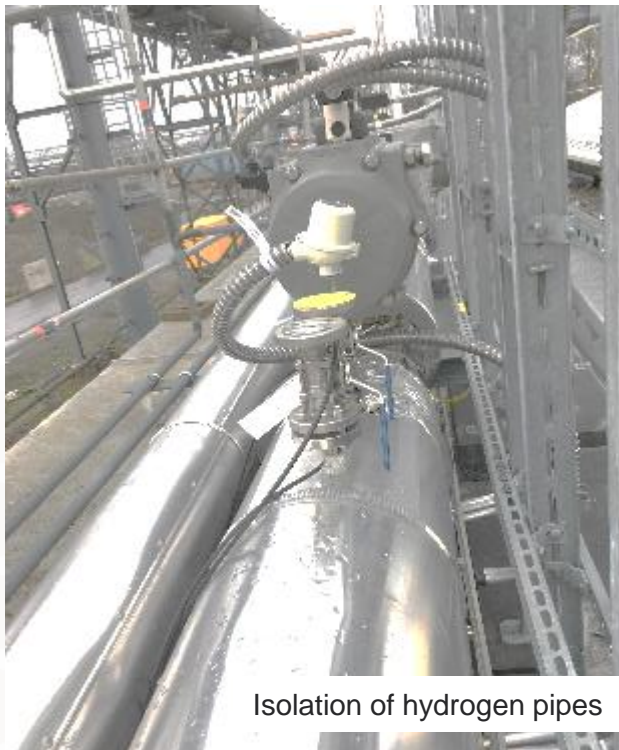
# Connection to Existing Infrastructure



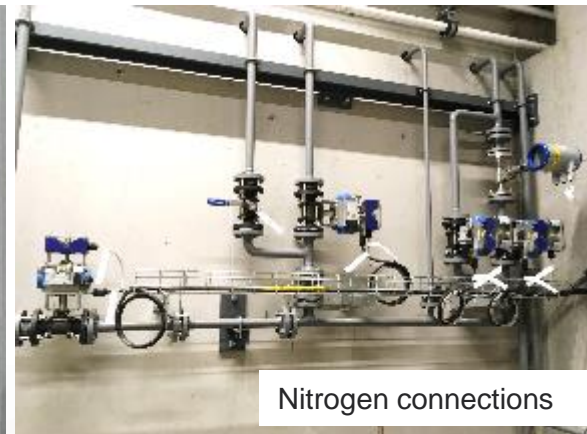
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Isolation of cooling water pipes



Isolation of hydrogen pipes



Nitrogen connections

# Auxiliary equipment

Gas analysis, control cabinet, electric metering



# Pipe connection & blow-off lance

Blow-off lances for hydrogen (left) and oxygen (right)



- Advantages of site integrated plant vs. proof of utility consumption
  - Different electricity sources for H<sub>2</sub> production and auxiliary systems
  - Measurement of side streams (e.g. cooling water)
  - Consideration of small consumers (e.g. emergency generators)
- 2 Outlets for hydrogen (position indicator with continuous signal necessary)
  - Blow-off pipe
  - Connecting pipe
- Required H<sub>2</sub> quality for certificate
  - Quality fit for final hydrogen consumers (various quality requirements)
    - Future industrial main consumers (e.g. steel industry) do not need high quality hydrogen
  - Comparability of different electrolyzer processes
- Sophisticated process data storage system necessary
  - Easy to be verified by auditors



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# H2FUTURE – green hydrogen certification

## Summary



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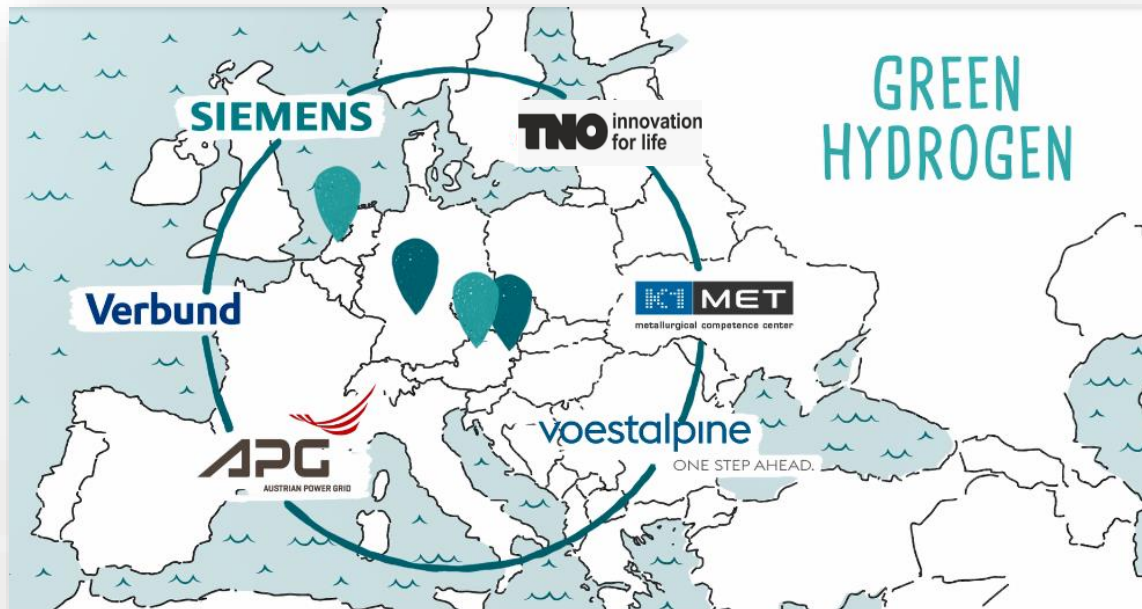
- Clean and safe Hydrogen production via water electrolysis by PEM technology
  - No chemicals needed
  - “Impurities” in hydrogen are only water vapor and traces of oxygen
  - Low pressure system with small amount of hydrogen in the plant
  - Dependent on electricity source
- Complex circumstances due to site integration
  - Advantages due to availability of utilities (deionized water, cooling water, nitrogen,...)
  - Challenges as to documentation of plant parameters
- Challenges in setting the criteria for green hydrogen
  - Various electrolysis processes (comparability)
  - Different quality requirements of end consumers (considering also future consumers)
- Challenges regarding competitiveness towards fossil processes (SMR)
  - Criteria as to eligibility of green hydrogen (e.g. electricity mix, additionality,...)



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