



## **Transport and logistics of solar fuels via LOHC**

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## Agenda

LOHC Technology from Hydrogenious Technologies

Commercial Projects all over the world

Outlook on future developments



# Hydrogenious Technologies GmbH – a pioneer in chemical hydrogen storage

- Founded in 2013 by Dr. Daniel Teichmann and Profs. Arlt, Schlücker and Wasserscheid; staff of 65; 30 patent families filed
- Global technology leader for Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carriers (LOHC) – the revolution in hydrogen storage and transport
- Focus on commercialization of hydrogen storage and release systems for industrial and mobile applications

## Key Partners:



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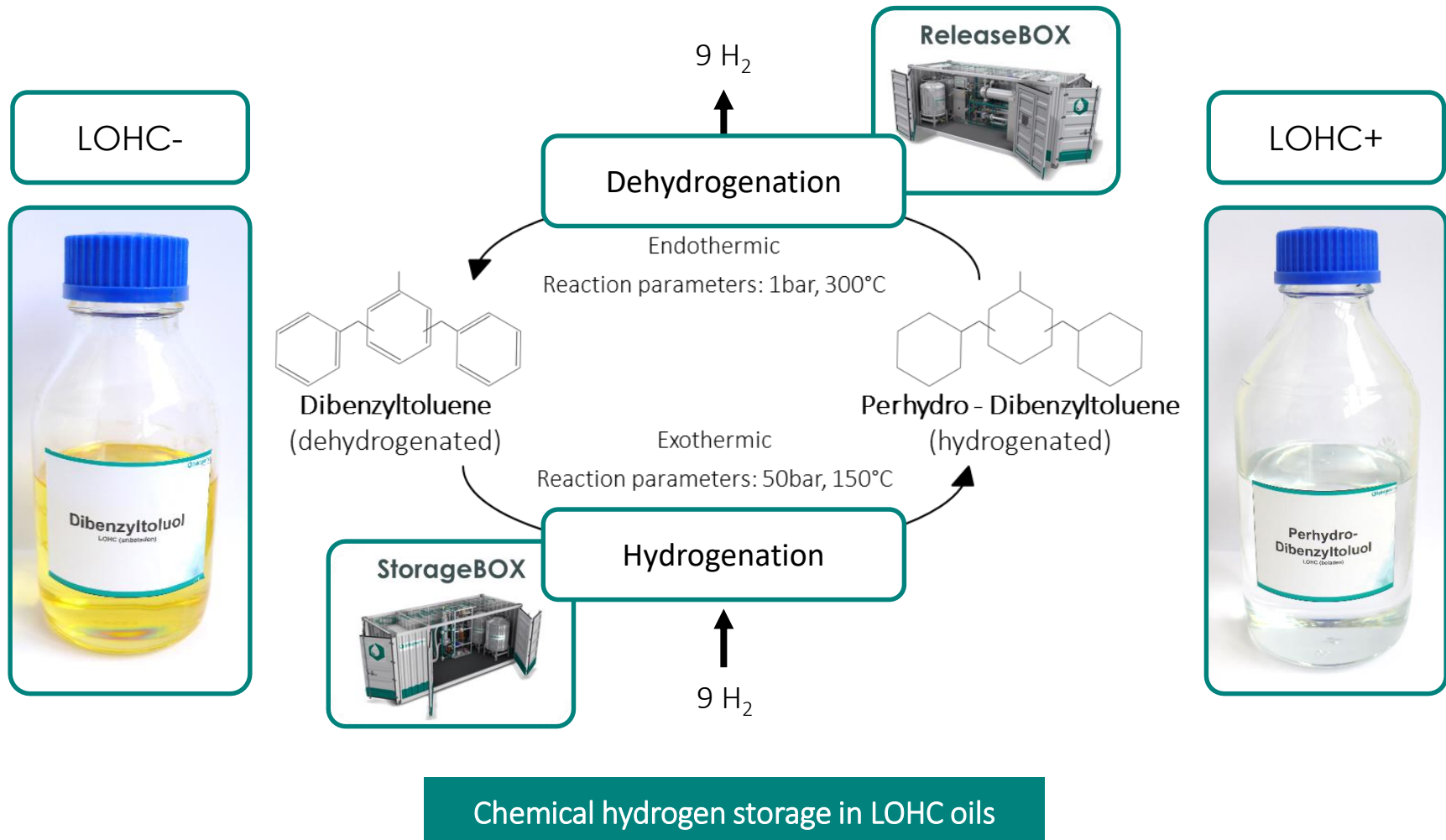


United Hydrogen  
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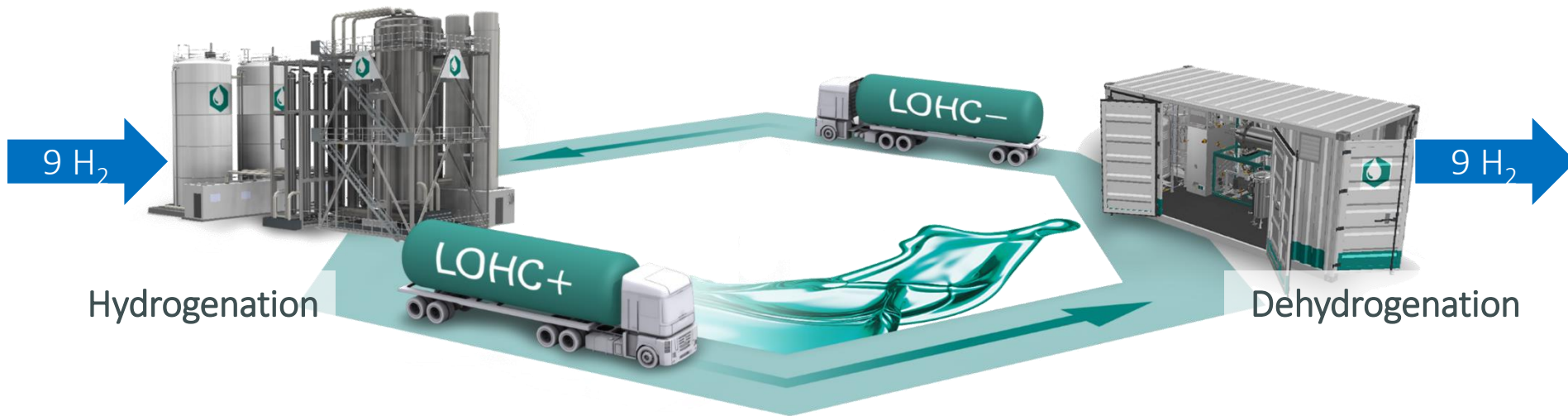
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Erlangen-Nürnberg



# LOHC enables safe and efficient storage of hydrogen through molecular binding



# Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carrier (LOHC) enable a safe and efficient transport of hydrogen at ambient conditions



The LOHC technology uses basic chemical processes to eliminate the complexities of today's hydrogen handling

# Our LOHC technology has significant advantages in performance and handling compared to competing technologies





57 kg




## Our LOHC is...

### Efficient

  $630 \text{ Nm}^3 \text{ H}_2 / \text{m}^3 \text{ LOHC} \rightarrow 6.23 \text{ wt}\%$


  $57 \text{ kg H}_2 / \text{m}^3 \text{ LOHC}$


### Safe

 Non-explosive


 Not classified as dangerous good (ADR, etc.)

### Easy to handle

 Diesel-like liquid

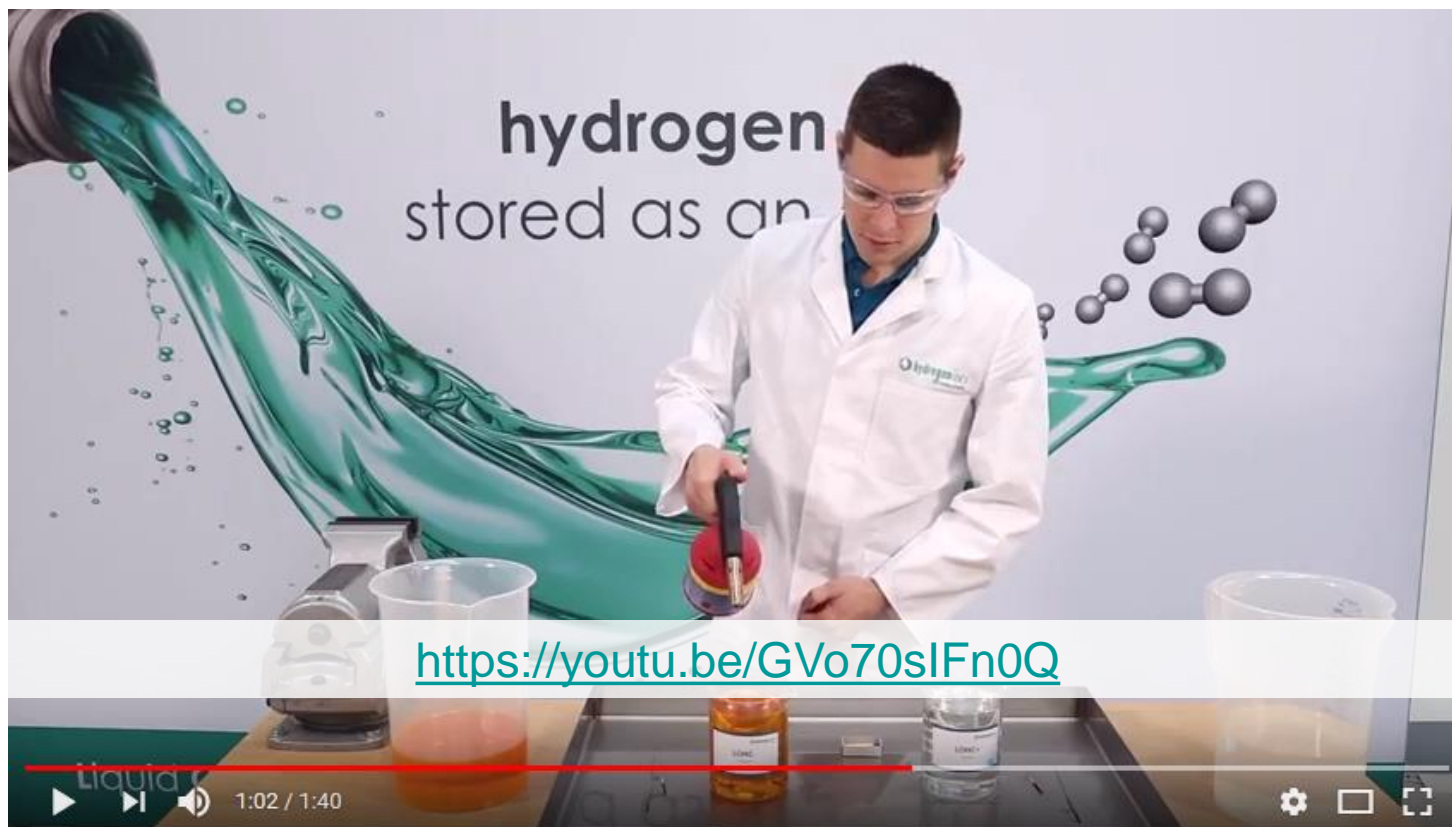
 Ambient conditions

### Low priced

  $<5 \text{ €/kg}$

 Reusable

# Our LOHC is hardly flammable and non-explosive



<https://youtu.be/GVo70sIFn0Q>

We build systems to chemically bind hydrogen to a carrier liquid



# Numerous applications can easily, safely and efficiently be connected by our LOHC technology to enable a sustainable hydrogen world

## Industrial Hydrogen



## Renewable Energies



Electrolysis

Hydro-  
genation

Dehydro-  
genation

## Industry supply



Hydrogen demand of 3 – 50 kg/h  
Medium to long distance supply

## Mobility



Large capacity refueling stations  
buses, trains, captive fleets



# Hydrogenious has realized the first LOHC-based renewable hydrogen storage and transport project

Hydrogenious HQ (Erlangen)



98kWp PV  
@ Hydrogenious HQ

Excess heat  
10kW



50kW Siemens  
PEM Electrolyzer



StorageBOX 10



Transport of loaded LOHC

Fraunhofer IAO (Stuttgart)



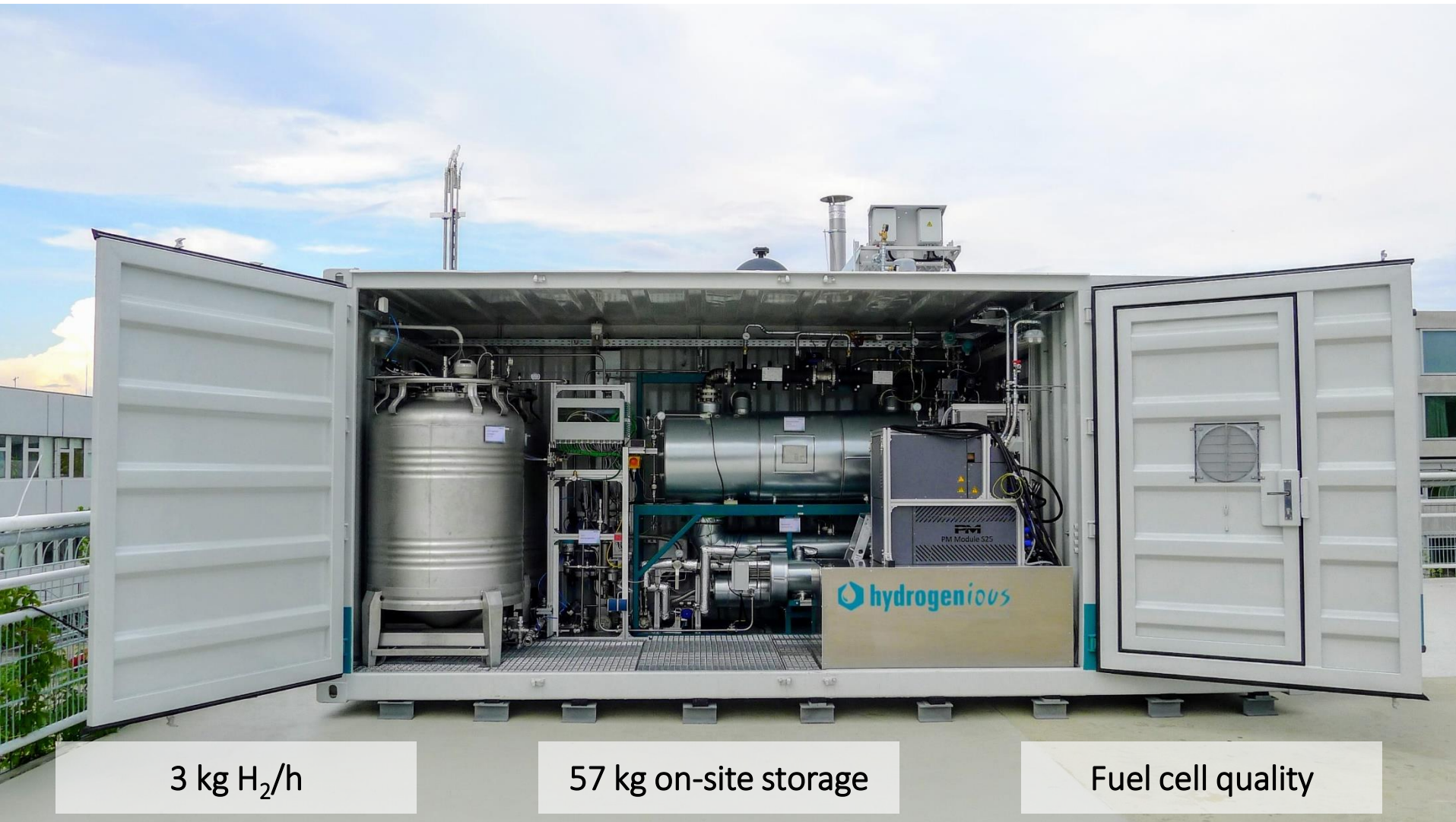
ReleaseBOX 33

Fuel Cell



Micro smart grid network

# Hydrogenious has the first LOHC-based hydrogen project in operation since June 2016 at the Fraunhofer IAO



3 kg H<sub>2</sub>/h

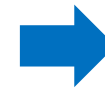
57 kg on-site storage

Fuel cell quality

# Competing transport technologies have significant shortfalls regarding costs, transport capacities and safety...



Industrial H<sub>2</sub> production



Industrial supply



H<sub>2</sub> filling stations

	H <sub>2</sub> per truck	Transport capex (Tractor and trailer)	Hazardous	Energy required / kg H <sub>2</sub> (excl. transport)	Boil-off
LOHC (Perhydro-DBT)	up to 1,800kg	~250,000EUR	no	1.5 – 10 kWh <sup>1</sup> (th.)	0%
CGH2 (@ 250bar)	up to 350kg	>400,000EUR	yes	1.5 – 2 kWh (el.) (eq. to ~ 6 kWh th.)	0%
CGH2 (@ 500bar)	up to 1,100kg	>1,000,000EUR	yes	4 – 5 kWh (el.) (eq. to 15 kWh th.)	0%
LH2 (@ -253°C)	up to 3,300kg	>1,400,000EUR	yes	10 kWh (el.) (eq. to ~ 30 kWh th.)	1-3% / day



# Commercial project: US market entry started with industrial demo project together with United Hydrogen Group



- U.S. based hydrogen distributor
- Hydrogen source is by-product hydrogen from chlor-alkaline electrolysis; Delivery of 6.300 kg H<sub>2</sub> per day to 35 customers (Industrial supply)
- Current situation:** Limited economical distribution radius due to low transport capacities of pressure tube trailer technology
- Targeted setting:** Expansion of supply radius from ca. 300 km to up to 700 km through use of high-capacity LOHC technology
- Pilot LOHC system were installed near Charleston, Tennessee



System delivery:  
December 2017

Expansion of supply radius from ca. 300 miles to up to 700 miles through utilization of LOHC technology

Customers of LOHC-supplied hydrogen:

- Power plant operators
- Food industry
- Metal refining industry, etc.

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## Delivery of 3 systems

### StorageBox100 (100 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h hydrogen uptake)

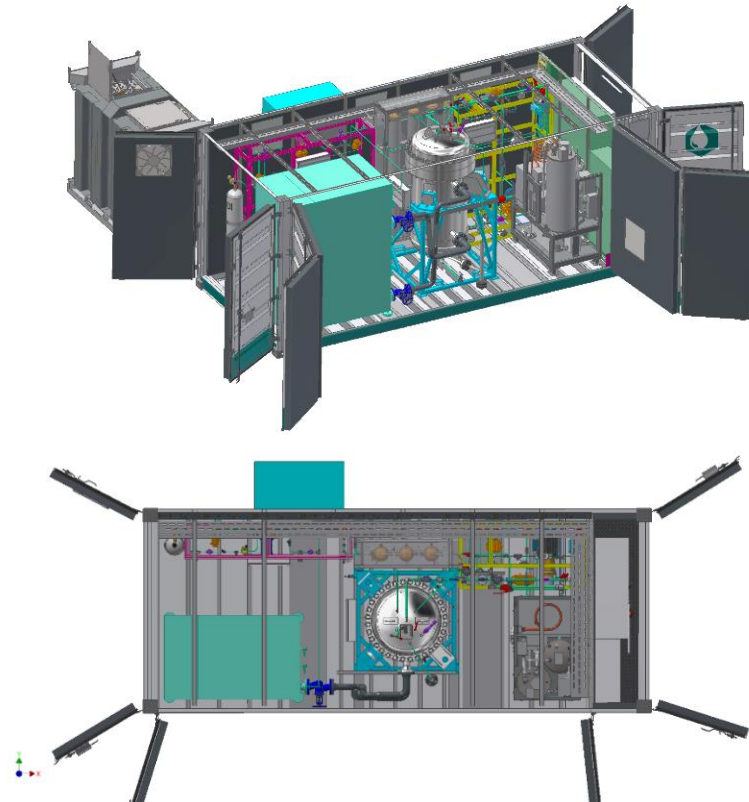
- LOHC loading at Charleston facility
- Usage of by-product hydrogen from chlor-alkaline electrolysis

### ReleaseBox2.5 (2,5 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h hydrogen release)

- Location: Power plant operator, used for generator cooling
- 10 bar output pressure
- 99,95% hydrogen purity

### ReleaseBox33 (33 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h hydrogen release)

- Location: Food production company
- 30 bar output pressure
- 99,95% hydrogen purity



# Impressions of installation and commissioning of US systems



# Start-up of US plants have shown stable operating points over a long period of time

## StorageBox100 (100 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h hydrogen uptake)

- Facility acceptance test for the StorageBOX in the U.S. has been completed in May 2018 and shows high performance
- Hydrogen Uptake of 100 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h (11 kg/h) was proven during facility acceptance test
- Highly exothermic process can be handled safely within our StorageBOXes at different throughputs



## ReleaseBox2.5 (2,5 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h hydrogen release)

- The hydrogen output can be adjusted dynamically according to actual demand by the customer 10 bar output pressure
- Constant hydrogen output after 30 days time on stream and multiple load changes, ramp-up and shut down procedures
- Hydrogen outputs up to 3 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h exceeds customer demands





# The LOHC technology offers significant advantages for large scale HRS – e.g. for bus, train or captive fleet supply...



## Advantages of LOHC

- ✓ Low delivery frequency to HRS
- ✓ Lowest cost for H<sub>2</sub> bulk storage
- ✓ No boil-off losses / discharge
- ✓ Safe handling
- ✓ Small footprint through underground storage
- ✓ Highest social acceptance through oil handling



LOHC bulk storage  
(2,000+ kg H<sub>2</sub>)

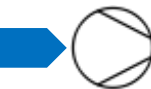


LOHC+

ReleaseBOX

H<sub>2</sub>

Dehydrogenation



Compression



Pressure cascade



Dispenser

# Hydrogenious has gathered a strong consortium for the first European LOHC-based HRS project HYSTOC

## Consortium partners



Leading Scandinavian industrial gas company



Specialist for gas purification units



Leading scientific facility on LOHC research










Research center focused on fuel cells and hydrogen technologies

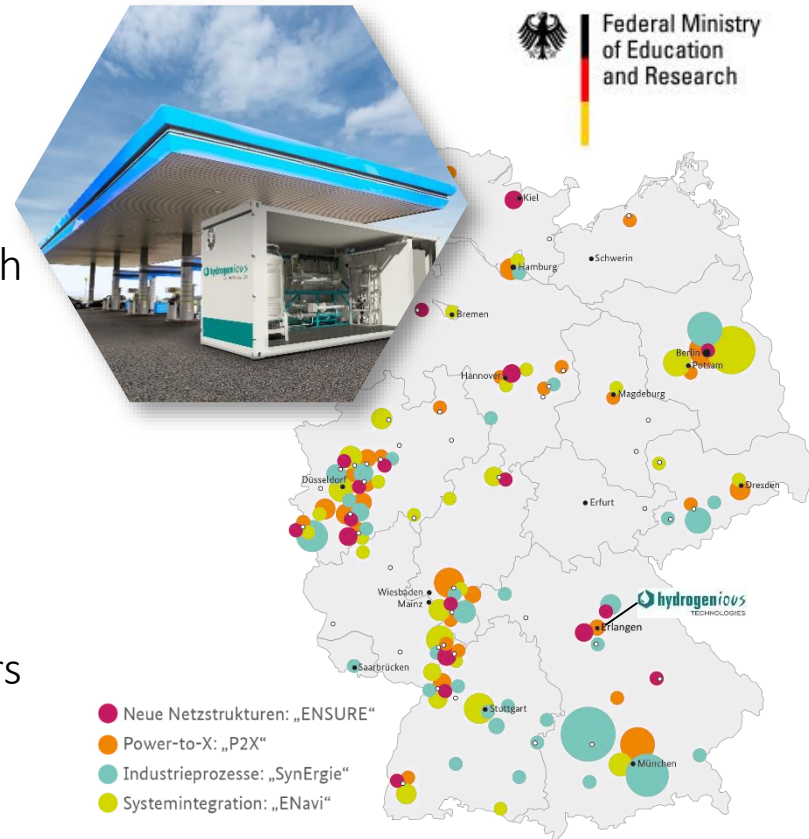


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# Hydrogenious and 11 partners focus on LOHC-based hydrogen refueling stations in the Kopernikus project

-  The “Kopernikus Projects” form Germany’s largest coordinated research program
  -  Funded by the German Ministry of Research
  -  > 90 companies and (research) institutes involved
  -  Four specific excellence clusters
-  “Decentral H<sub>2</sub>-logistics” project with focus on LOHC based H<sub>2</sub> refueling stations
  -  Budget of ~4 Mio. EUR over next three years
  -  12 partners involved including Linde, ThyssenKrupp, Clariant and AREVA



# Hydrogenious' product portfolio:

## S-Series: The StoragePLANT



### Interfaces

H <sub>2</sub> inlet pressure	30 – 50 bar
Electr. Connection	400V
Heat production	9 kWh / kg H <sub>2</sub>

### StoragePLANT 500

H <sub>2</sub> storage	500 Nm <sup>3</sup> / h
LOHC production	800 l / h
Housing	skid-mounted

### StoragePLANT 1500

H <sub>2</sub> storage	1,500 Nm <sup>3</sup> / h
LOHC production	2,400 l / h
Housing	skid-mounted

### StoragePLANT 5000

H <sub>2</sub> storage	5,000 Nm <sup>3</sup> / h
LOHC production	8,000 l / h
Housing	skid-mounted

Customized plant sizes available >5.000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

# Thank you for your interest!

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