

AUTOTHERMAL REFORMING (ATR) FOR HYDROGEN PRODUCTION WITH CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CCS)

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Sector	Hydrogen supply
ETS / Non-ETS	ETS
Type of Technology	Autothermal reforming
Description	Autothermal reforming (ATR) is the combination of both partial oxidation (POX) and steam methane reforming (SMR) in one reactor operating at 900-1150 degrees Celcius with energy efficiency lower than that of SMR. The typical reaction is given by the following equation: $CH_4 + H_2O/2 + O_2/4 \leftrightarrow CO + 5H_2/2$ The described ATR plant includes a carbon capture and storage (CCS) component.
TRL level 2020	

TECHNICAL DIMENSIONS

	Functional Unit	Value and Range		
Capacity	MW	10,228		
		822	-	10,228
Potential	MW	NL	Unlimited	
			Min	-
Market share	%		-	
			Min	-
Capacity utilization factor		1.00		
Unit of Activity		PJ/year		
Technical lifetime (years)		10		
Full-load running hours per year		8,030		
Progress ratio		1.00		
Explanation	Jakobsen and Atland (2016) refer to a facility of 500,000 kg/day, corresponding to a capacity of 822 MW. NOE (2018) reports 89.6 TWh/year (used as main reference).			

COSTS

Year of Euro	2015										
Investment costs per year	Euro per Functional Unit	mIn. € / MW	Current			2030			2050		
			1.20	-	1.40	1.20	-	1.40	1.20	-	1.40
Other costs per year	mIn. € / MW		-			-			-		
			Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max
Fixed operational costs per year (excl. fuel costs)	mIn. € / MW		0.04			0.04			0.04		
			0.04	-	0.07	0.04	-	0.07	0.04	-	0.07
Variable costs per year	mIn. € / MW		-			-			-		
			Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max
Costs explanation	On one side, NOE (2018) reports on the costs of 10,678 million pounds for a 89.6 TWh/year hydrogen output facility (used as main reference for CAPEX). The above number is converted to eur/MW. On the other side, Jakobsen and Atland (2016) report on 972 million euros for a 500 t/day hydrogen facility. NOE (2018) report OPEX as 3% of CAPEX. Jakobsen and Atland (2016) consider 5% of CAPEX as OPEX.										

ENERGY IN- AND OUTPUTS

Energy carriers (per unit of main output)	Energy carrier	Unit	Current			2030			2050		
			Main output:								
Hydrogen	PJ		-1.00			-1.00			-1.00		
			-1.00	-	-1.00	-1.00	-	-1.00	-1.00	-	-1.00
Electricity	PJ		0.05			0.05			0.05		
			0.04	-	0.05	0.04	-	0.05	0.04	-	0.05
Natural gas resource (gas fields)	PJ		1.20			1.20			1.20		
			1.18	-	1.20	1.18	-	1.20	1.18	-	1.20
			-			-			-		
			Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max

Energy in- and Outputs explanation: NOE (2018) reports an efficiency of 79.7% and make a subdivision between electricity and natural gas inputs. Jakobsen and Atland (2016) give an overall efficiency of 82%, and describe a power input of 27.1 MW on a total energy consumption of 822 MW.

EMISSIONS (Non-fuel/energy-related emissions or emissions reductions (e.g. CCS))

Emissions	Substance	Unit	Current			2030			2050		
			CO2	Mton	-15.60			-15.60			-15.60
			-15.60	-	-1.39	-15.60	-	-1.39	-15.60	-	-1.39
			-			-			-		
			Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max
			-			-			-		
			Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max
			-			-			-		
			Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max	Min	-	Max

Emissions explanation: The numbers specified are for Mton CO2 captured. The plant in the report from NOE (2018) has total emissions of 16 Mt/year and a capture rate of 96%, whereas the plant reported in Jakobsen and Atland (2016) has total emissions of 4,134 t/day and a capture rate of 92%.

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