

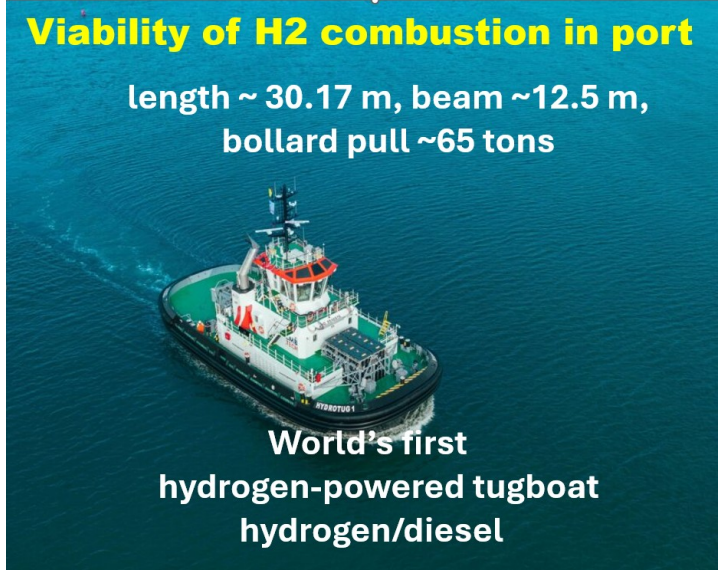
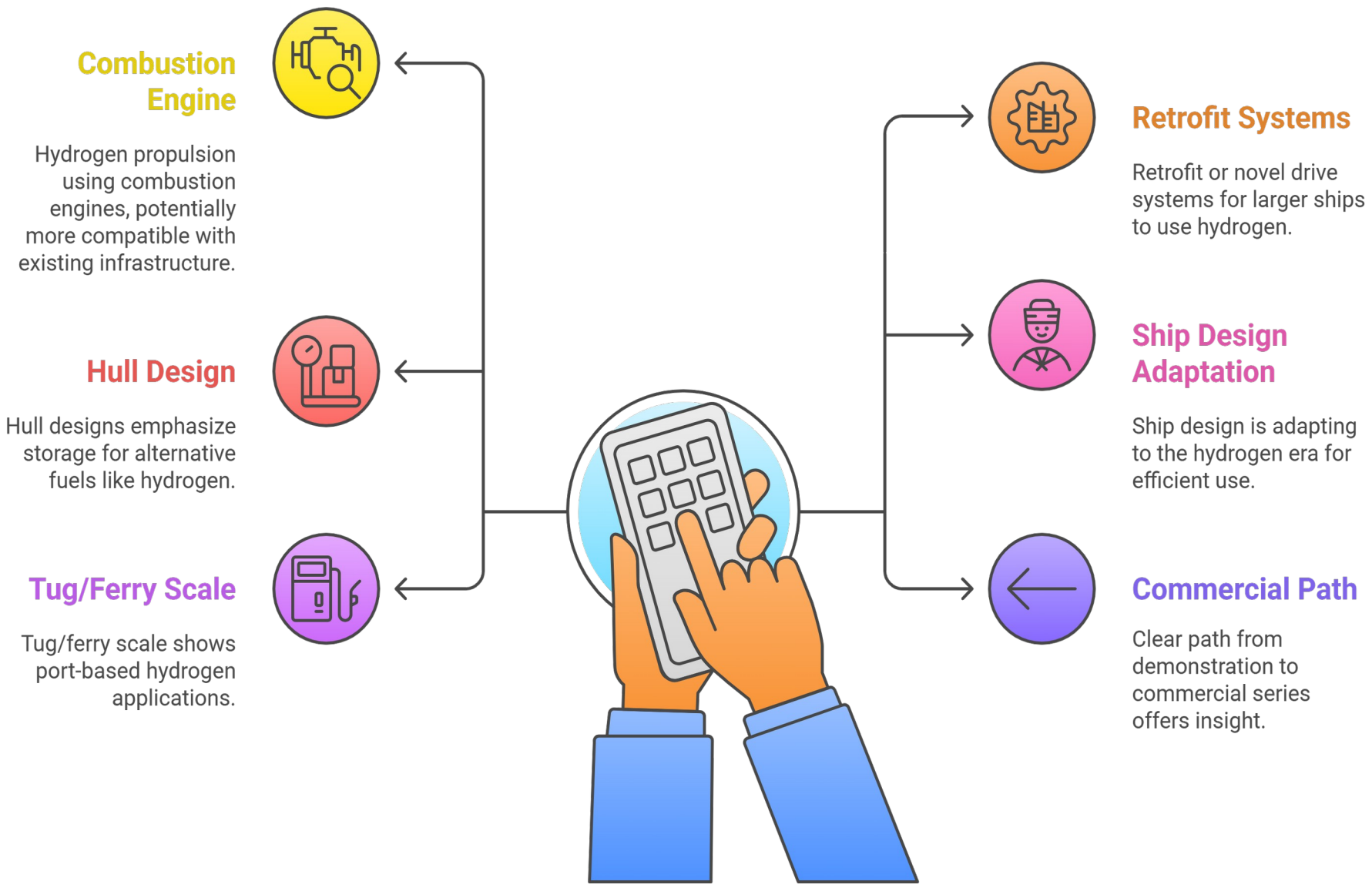
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"Pioneering Hydrogen Horizons: Transforming Greek Ports for a Sustainable Maritime Future"

Significance for the Port of Piraeus



Port Infrastructure Roadmap

Viability of H2 combustion in port

length ~ 30.17 m, beam ~12.5 m,
bollard pull ~65 tons



World's first
hydrogen-powered tugboat
hydrogen/diesel



Crew transfer vessel
Hydrocat 60



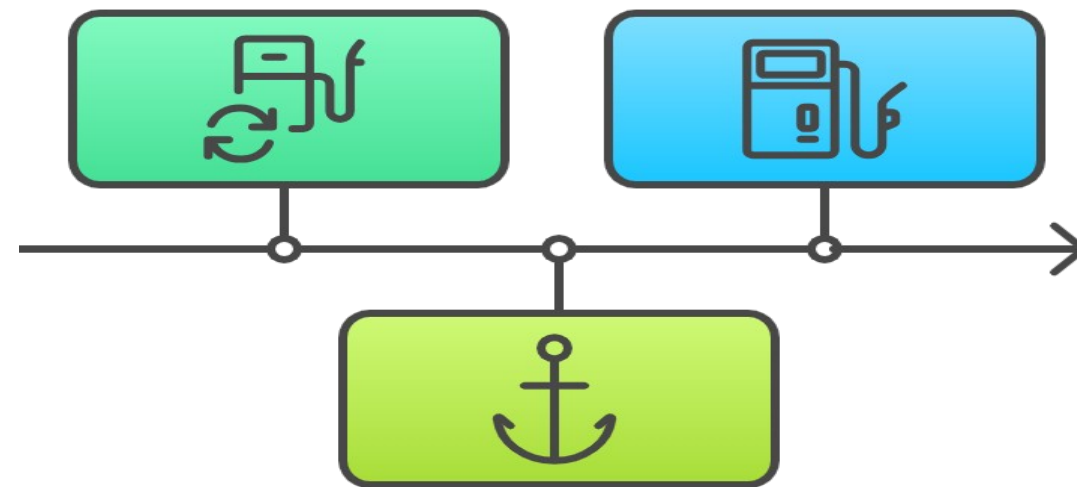
5,000 dwt general cargo vessel

Initial Launch

Truck-to-ship e-
MeOH bunkering,
OPS connection, H₂
skid, and safety
training at Piraeus
Gate E8/E9

Scale-Up

Modular bunkering
barge and scaled H₂
supply for RoPax
fuel cells

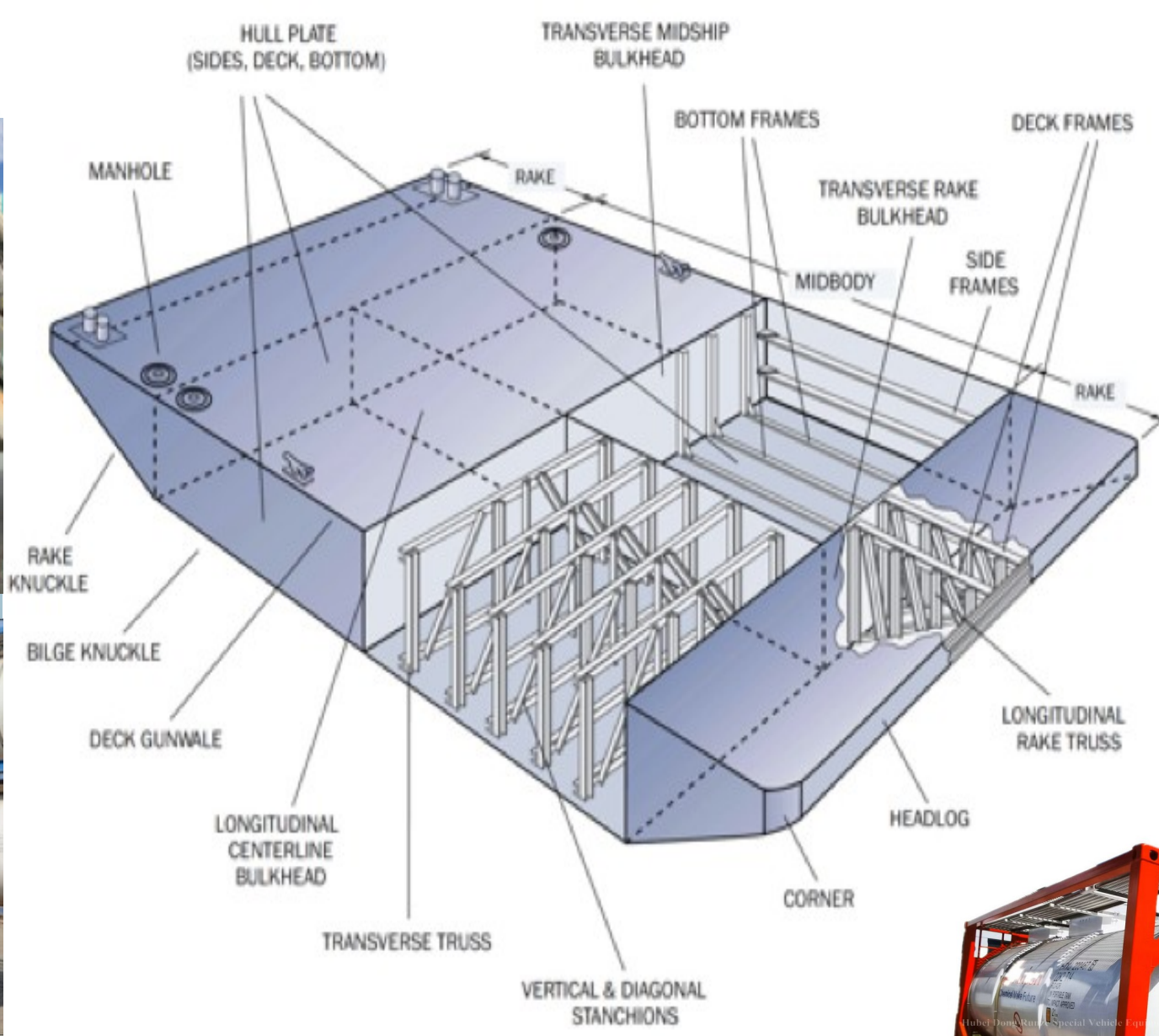


Expansion

Shore tank for e-
MeOH and second
bunker point at
Aegina for
redundancy

Modular vs Conventional Bunkering Barge

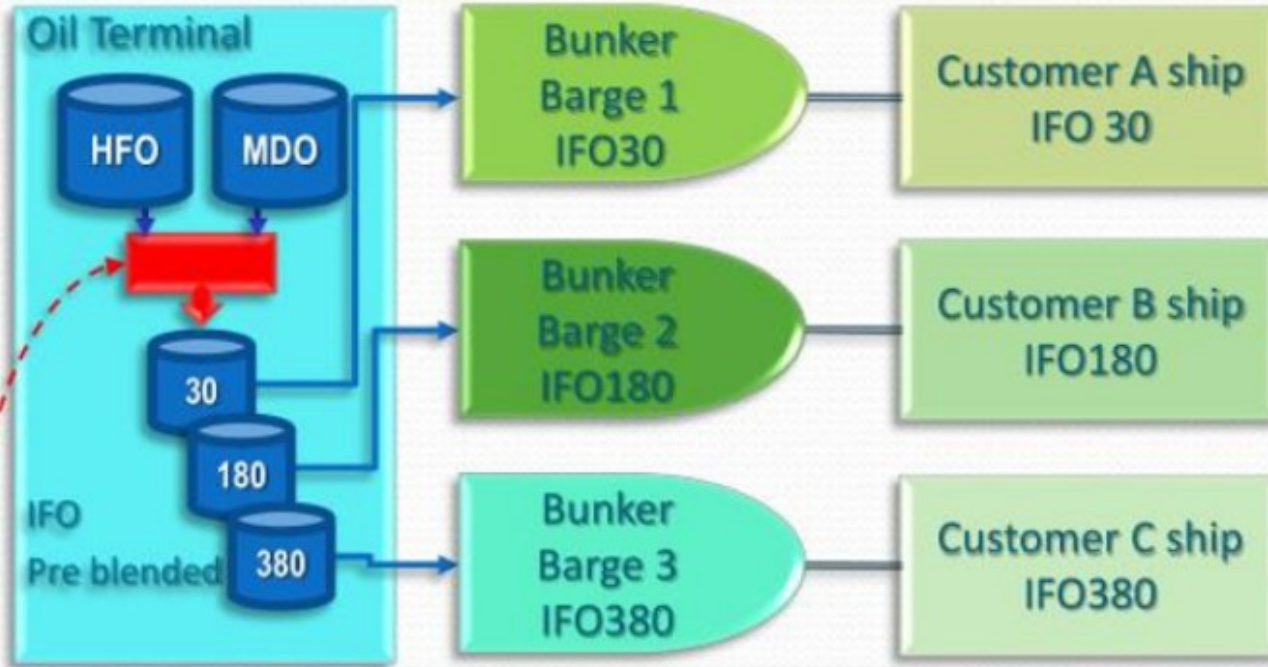
Feature	Conventional Bunker Barge	Modular Bunkering Barge
Construction	Fixed, integrated structure	Modular, transportable, scalable
Fuel Handling	Limited tank configuration and blending options	Supports multiple fuel types and blends simultaneously
Deployment	Longer build and modification times	Quick assembly & deployment
Maintenance	Complex maintenance, more downtime	Modular replacement, less downtime
Operational Flexibility	Low – fixed operational profile	High-adaptable to varying requirements
Cost Efficiency	Higher upgrade and maintenance costs	Potentially lower lifecycle costs



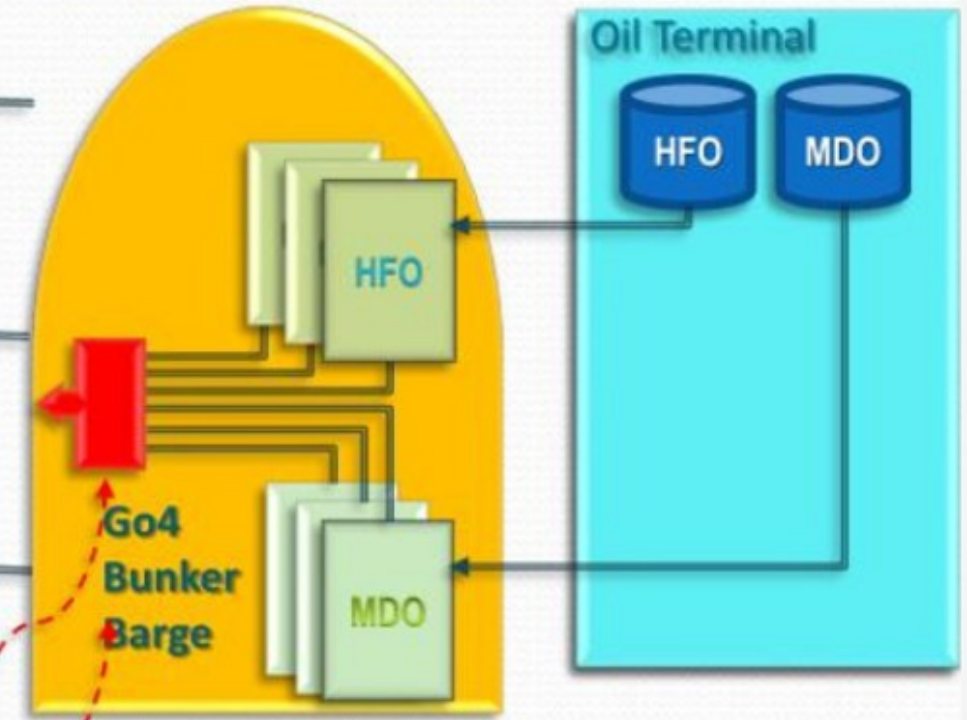
“Plug-and-play” = containers of fuel you can add, remove, or replace

The Go4 modular bunkering barge

Normal Delivery Pattern



Go4 Delivery Pattern



Terminal
Blending
Module

A modular bunkering barge is the lowest-risk, most flexible way to establish RFNBO fuel infrastructure in Piraeus and launch the Saronic Green Corridor by 2026.

In-line
Blending
Module
Blending
Module

GO4
INTELLIGENT BUNKERING SOLUTIONS

Pilot Craft on Hydrogen

Asset	Role	Fueling	Hydrogen Use
Piraeus port tug	Escort / berthing	Trucked H ₂	Showcase zero-emission port ops
Pilot boat	Piraeus harbor	Trucked H ₂	Frequent operation = visibility

Fuel consumption: 50–150 kg H₂/day per craft → small but strategic proof of operations



Why Saronic Works?

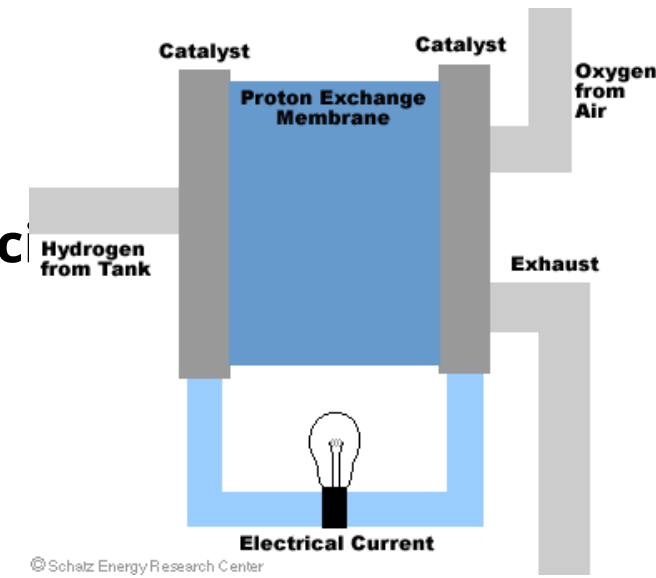
- Frequent & short routes → fuel certainty
- Close to H₂ / e-fuel production → logistics efficiency
- High public visibility → strong political momentum
- Refinery-ports ecosystem → great delivery capability



Saronic can be Greece's showcase: "the world's first green RoPax corridor."

Fuel Cell Retrofit

- Add H₂ storage (compressed 350–700 bar or LH₂)
- Install fuel cell stacks (PEMFC for high power, SOFC for auxiliary/efficient)
- Power electronics (DC-AC conversion, energy management)
- Safety systems: ventilation, gas detection, double-walled piping
- Often battery hybrid to handle load transients
- Integration with existing propulsion (keep shaft motors or pods)



Where FC retrofits make most sense

Vessel Type	Feasibility	Why
Port craft (tugs, pilot boats, service vessels)	High	Short range, fixed base – easy fueling
Short-sea ferries / cats	Medium (pilot-ready)	Space constraints, but tech improving
Deep-sea ships	Low today	Range & volume penalties

For Piraeus: FC retrofit best starts with port craft — frequent returns to base, strong emissions visibility.

Catamaran

Space is the #1 challenge on existing high-speed cats due to light-ship weight limits



Relocation of tanks (deckhouse or below in protected area)



Weight + stability assessment



Battery room (often in sponsons)



Fire protection zoning upgrades

Recommendations for Piraeus

Phase 1A: Hydrogen fuel cell retrofit for 1 tug + 1 pilot boat in Piraeus → pioneer operational know-how, safety protocols

Phase 2 (2030+): FC-hybrid upgrade on selected catamarans → when power density improves

Innovations for Piraeus & Saronic Corridor



Traditional Approach	Modular Plug-and-Play Approach
Permanent shore tank	Floating mobile tank bank
Requires heavy permitting & civil works	Fast deployment (months, not years)
Fixed capacity	Scalable with tank count
Fuel-specific	Fuel-agnostic future ready
Locked to one terminal	Can move to busiest berth

A plug-and-play tank system means containerized fuel modules that can be easily loaded, connected, removed, and swapped on a bunkering barge — making the fuel infrastructure scalable, flexible, and future-proof

What infrastructure do ports need for H₂, bunkering?

Bunkering

- Truck-to-ship, shore-to-ship and ship-to-ship with dedicated bunker barge
- Hazard zoning, ESD interlocks, purging/venting, custody-transfer metering and gas detection
- Guidance now exists via IMO/IGF/CCC interim material and classes/ports (IMO CCC 11 H₂ fuel guidelines)

Safety envelope:

- QRA/HAZID/HAZOP
- Firefighting upgrades (foam/water spray)
- Dry powder for cryogenic fires
- Emergency shutdown and break-away couplings

Storage in double-walled vacuum-insulated LH₂ tanks

Storage in tube-trailers/bundles for GH₂

Boil-off management

High-integrity vacuum pipe-in-pipe lines

Transfer: cryogenic hose/arm for LH₂ with inerting/purge

High-pressure connectors for GH₂

Greece's first dedicated hydrogen law- 5215/2025

National Hydrogen Law

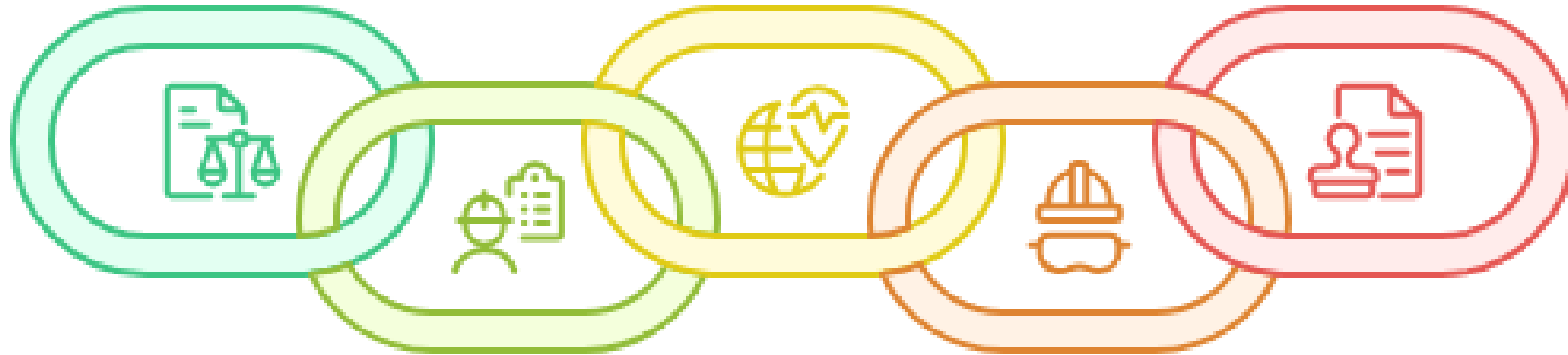
Greece's first law dedicated to hydrogen production and market organization.

EU Infrastructure Mandates

EU regulations pushing for alternative-fuel infrastructure in ports.

Operational Permits

Permits required from local authorities for bunkering operations.



Port Authority Approvals

Case-by-case approvals for hydrogen bunkering operations by port authorities.

Safety Standards

Regulations ensuring safety in hydrogen storage and handling.

hubs?

Piraeus–Elefsina cluster: Greece's busiest hub with container/ro-ro/cruise demand and Elefsina/Aspropyrgos refinery, plus Revithoussa LNG nearby. PPA has already presented interest in H₂ bunkering and is involved in **TRIĒRĒS hydrogen valley** actions

Thessaloniki: Large multi-purpose port with Northern Balkan hinterland and industrial base; active on emissions monitoring and appears in H₂ narratives. Refining/biogenic feedstocks in region; rail connectivity

Igoumenitsa: Ro-pax gateway to the Adriatic—early OPS/renewables/energy-upgrade studies funded by EU, so a pragmatic pilot location for truck-to-ship H₂ bunkering (as ferry demand emerges)

Corinth: Industrial proximity and transit flows. Canal constraints limit scale; plausible for niche/short-sea pilots, less so for large-scale import/re-export

Investment & business case



Hydrogen (LH₂): cryogenic tanks/pipe-in-pipe dominate CAPEX



An LH₂ export terminal estimated ~€206 m total CAPEX (storage-heavy).



Studies show large LH₂ tanks (10–180 k m³) are technically feasible but costly



Deloitte/Clean Hydrogen study uses terminal cost of about €90 per ton H₂



LH₂ is the cost outlier: a basic terminal will be €100–250 m depending on tankage

How ready are Greek shipowners for H₂ / fuel cells?

Momentum is real but selective. Newbuilds still skew LNG-ready. Pure H₂ or fuel-cell main propulsion remains pilot/early-demo (good fit for port craft and auxiliaries).

Domestic ferries: Attica Group is renewing with alt-fuel designs (methanol-capable RoPax), reflecting a practical near-term path (methanol/OPS/batteries first; H₂ later as hybrid/aux).

Deep-sea dry bulk: Almi Marine (with RINA) unveiled an **Ultramax design** that integrates **LNG + on-board hydrogen reforming** to avoid liquid-H₂ storage — Credible H₂-derived solutions

H₂ fuel-cell retrofit: feasible for tugs/pilot boats now; for ferries it's heavier CAPEX and space trade-offs (H₂ tanks + batteries). Owners tend to stage FC as aux/hybrid

Concepts like Almi's LNG→H₂ reforming optimize arrangement, safety zones, and weight from day one, cutting lifecycle cost/complexity vs deep retrofits — but require long lead times and funding

First-mover infrastructure in Greece: hydrogen bunkering in Piraeus / Attica / Corinth.

Partnering upstream (renewables + electrolysis) with downstream (fuel off-take, shipping, bunkering).

Commercial agreements for shipowners to take hydrogen or equip vessels accordingly.

Regulatory risk: ensure that Greek hydrogen legislation, EU RFNBO regimes and maritime fuel regulations are aligned.

Technology & cost risk: hydrogen storage, bunkering, vessel fuel systems are still emerging

Greece must mitigate via pilots.

Value chain risk: green hydrogen only ₹ competitive if the whole chain (renewables → electrolyser → storage → fuel) is optimized.

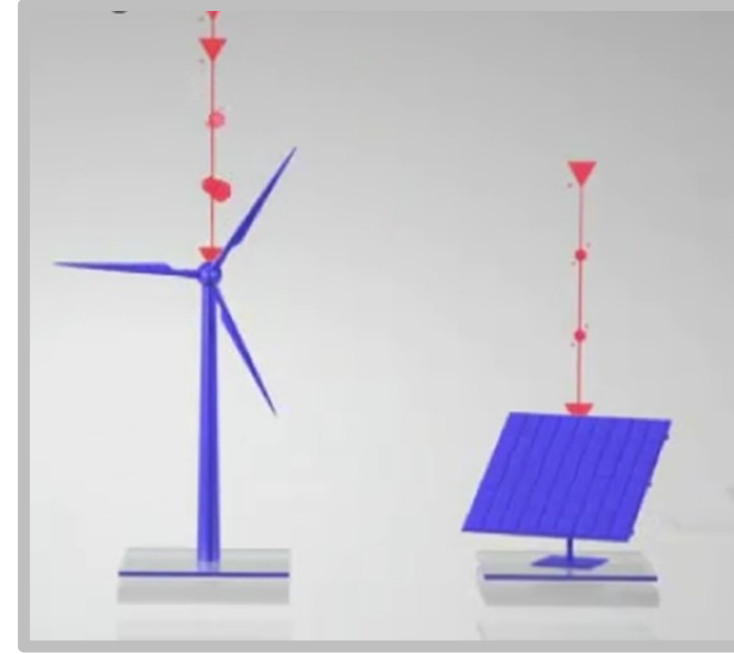
Funding/leverage: EU programs (CEF, Innovation Fund) give a competitive advantage.

**What
watch**

Seawater electrolysis for H₂ production



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Renewable
Energy
Sources

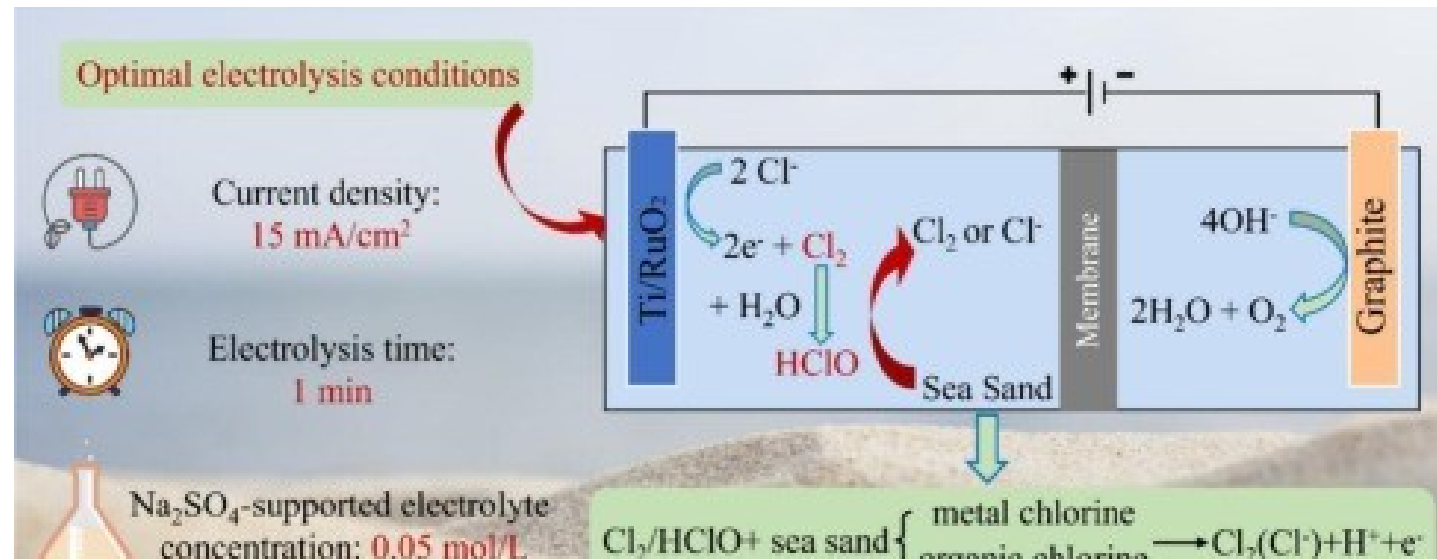
Surplus Energy is
created

Surplus Energy
must be stored

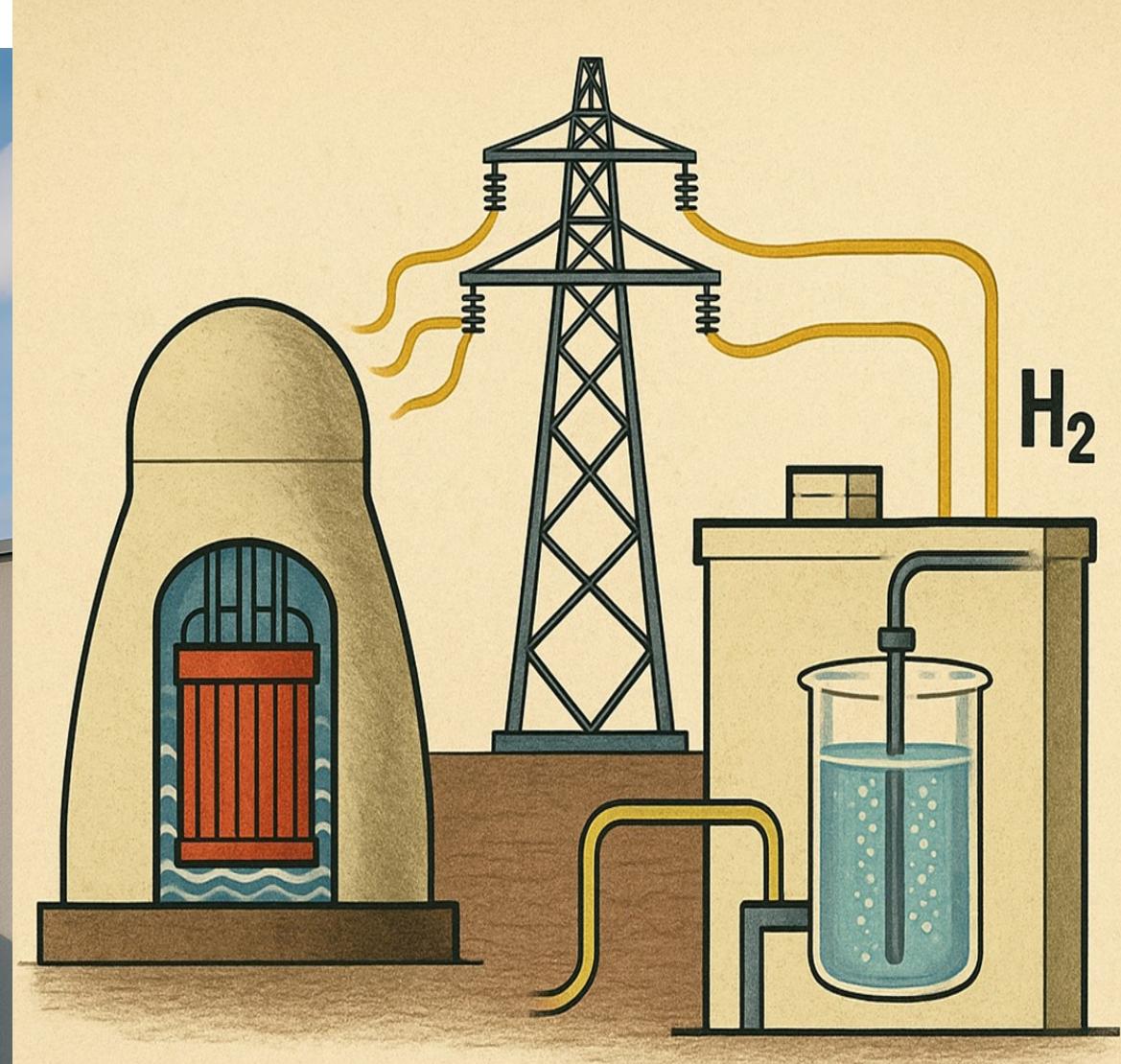
Best storage is
as Hydrogen




Technical Challenges in Seawater Electrolysis



- Chlorine evolution → toxicity & corrosion
- Biofouling degrades membranes
- Salt scaling blocks electrodes
- Catalyst poisoning by seawater impurities

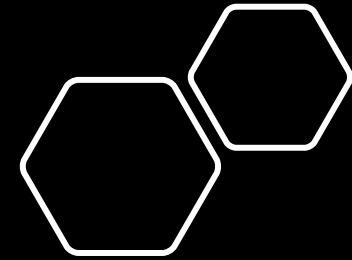
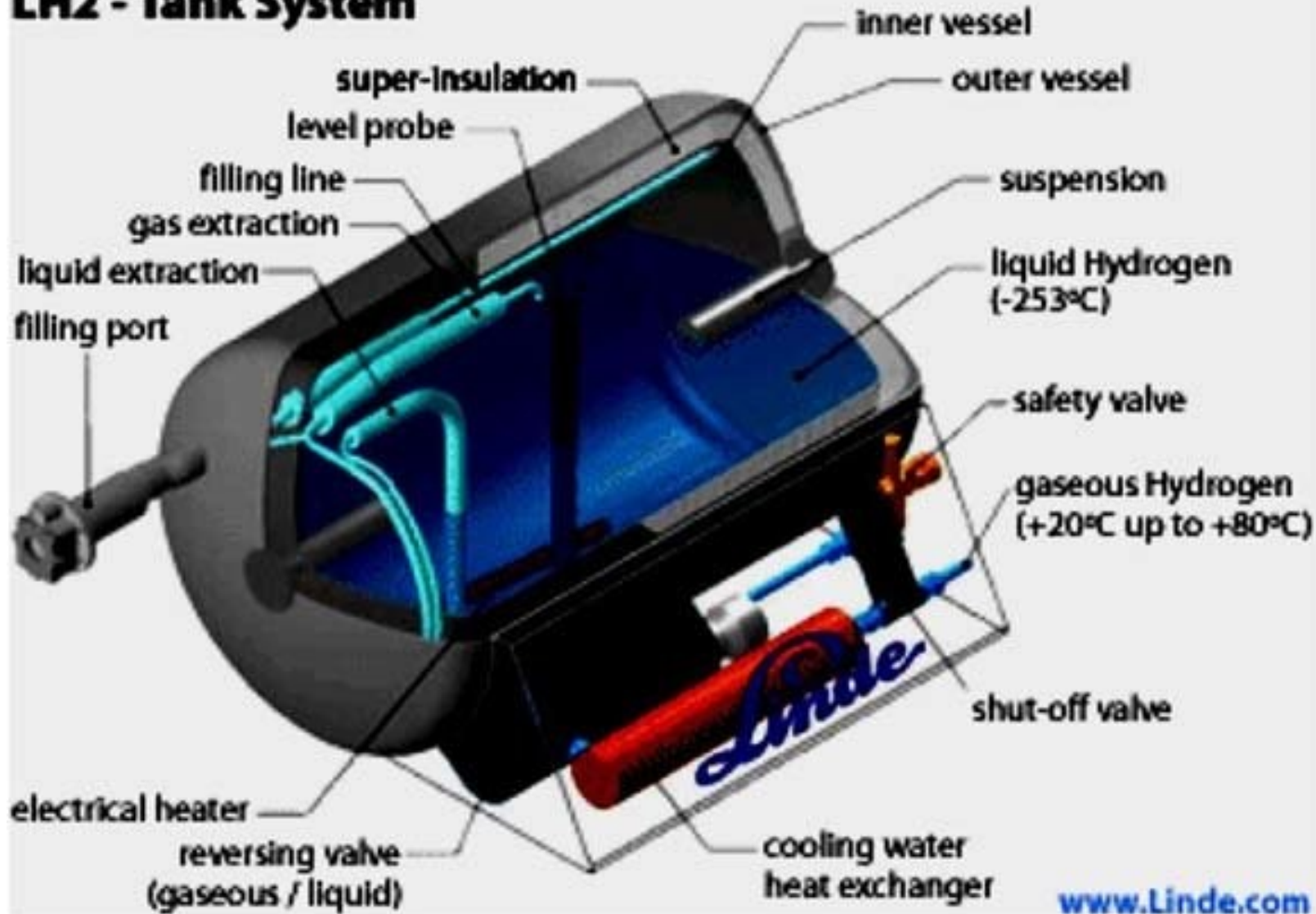


**PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN FROM
ELECTRICITY PRODUCED BY
NUCLEAR REACTOR**

H_2  Ammonia NH_3	Liquid Hydrogen LH_2	Compressed Hydrogen Gas
<p>✓ Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established global shipping infrastructure High volumetric energy density Easier storage than liquid H_2 <p>✗ Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy-intensive synthesis and cracking Toxic and corrosive handling Requires cracking units at destination 	<p>✓ Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High purity hydrogen Compact for transport compared to compressed H_2 <p>✗ Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very high liquefaction energy cost (~30–40%) Boil-off losses during transport Expensive cryogenic infrastructure 	<p>✓ Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowest energy loss (10–20%) Simple compression/decompression Lower cost per kg delivered <p>✗ Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low volumetric energy density Heavy tanks, impractical for long-distance Infrastructure still growing

Pros & Cons of Hydrogen Delivery Options

LH2 - Tank System

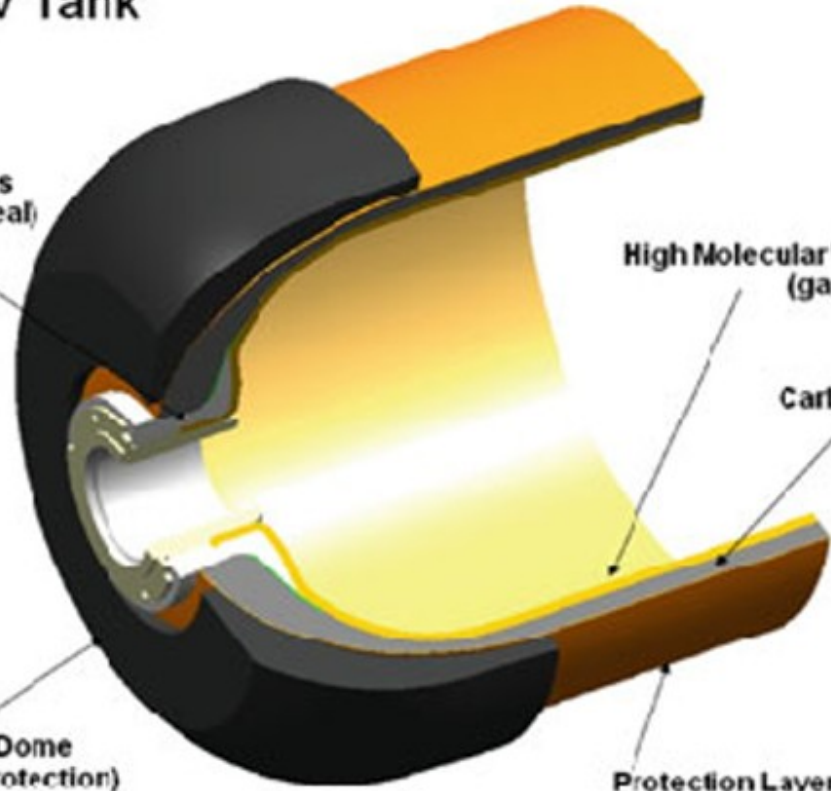




Type IV Tank

Polar Boss
(interface seal)

Foam Dome
(impact protection)



High Molecular Weight Polymer Liner
(gas barrier)

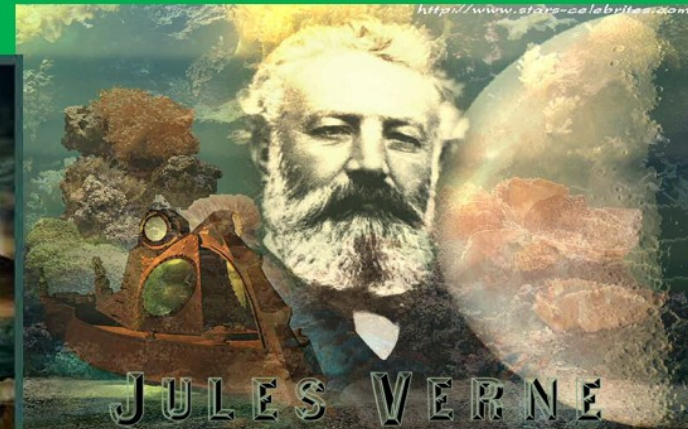
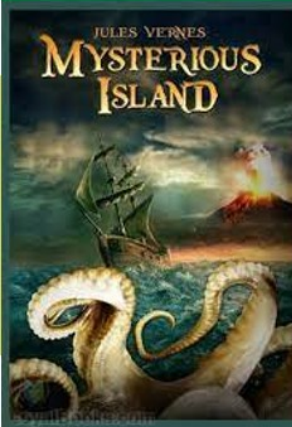
Carbon Composite Shell
(structural)

Protection Layer
(damage resistant)



**High
speed vessels are
responsible for 55% of
greenhouse gas emissions**

Hydrogen & Shipping GREEN YACHTING

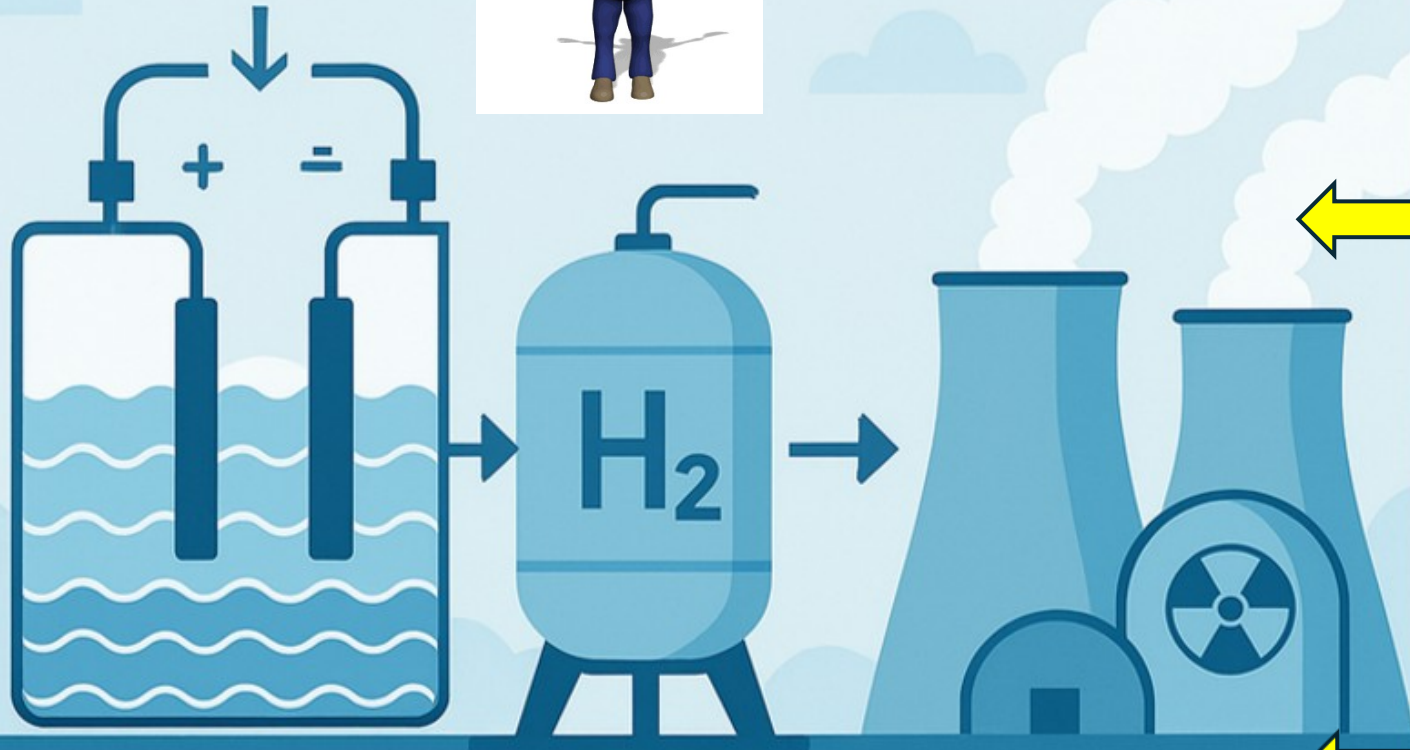


Hydrogen-Powered Yachts

will be the new "Norm"

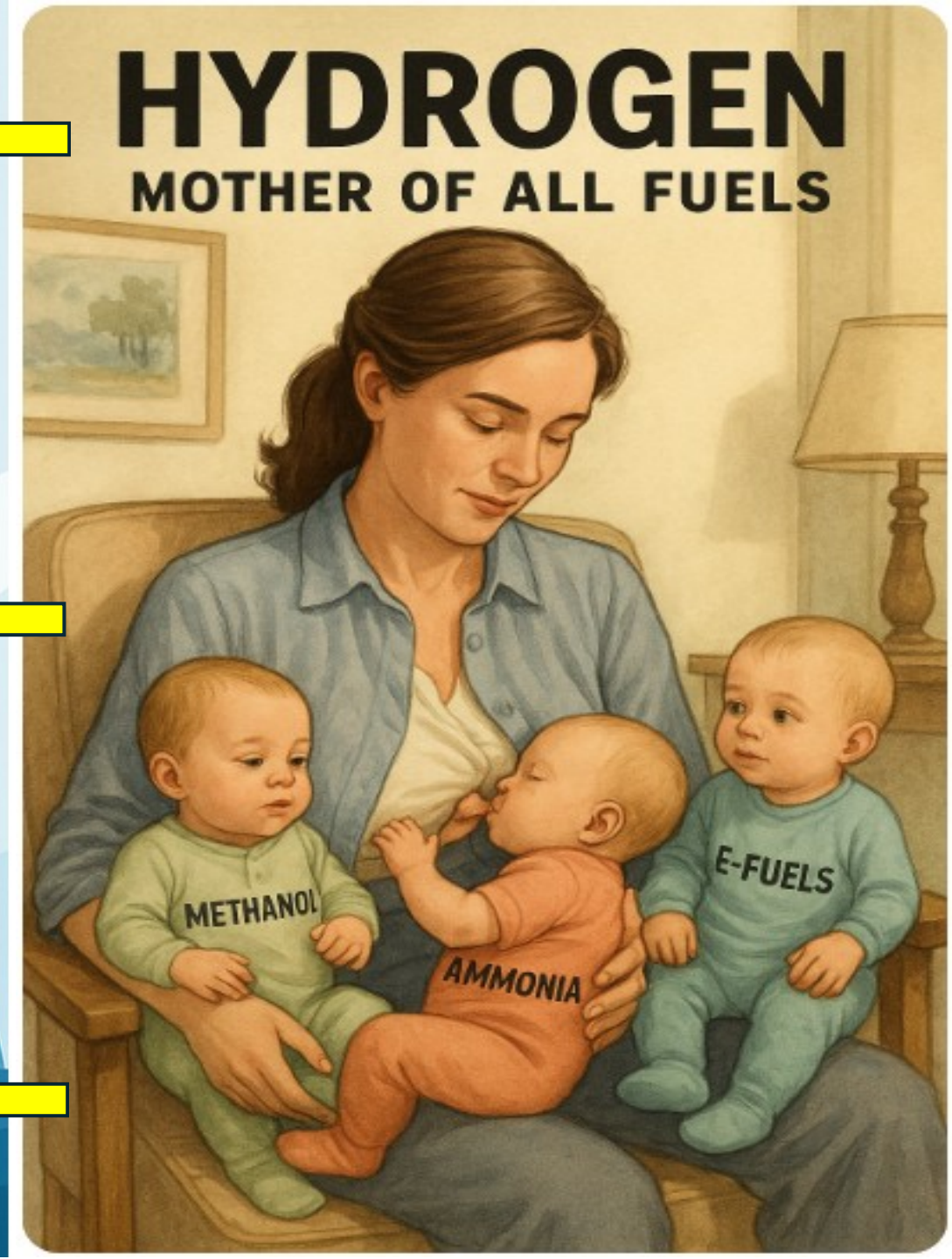


THE FUTURE IN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION



HYDROGEN

MOTHER OF ALL FUELS



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