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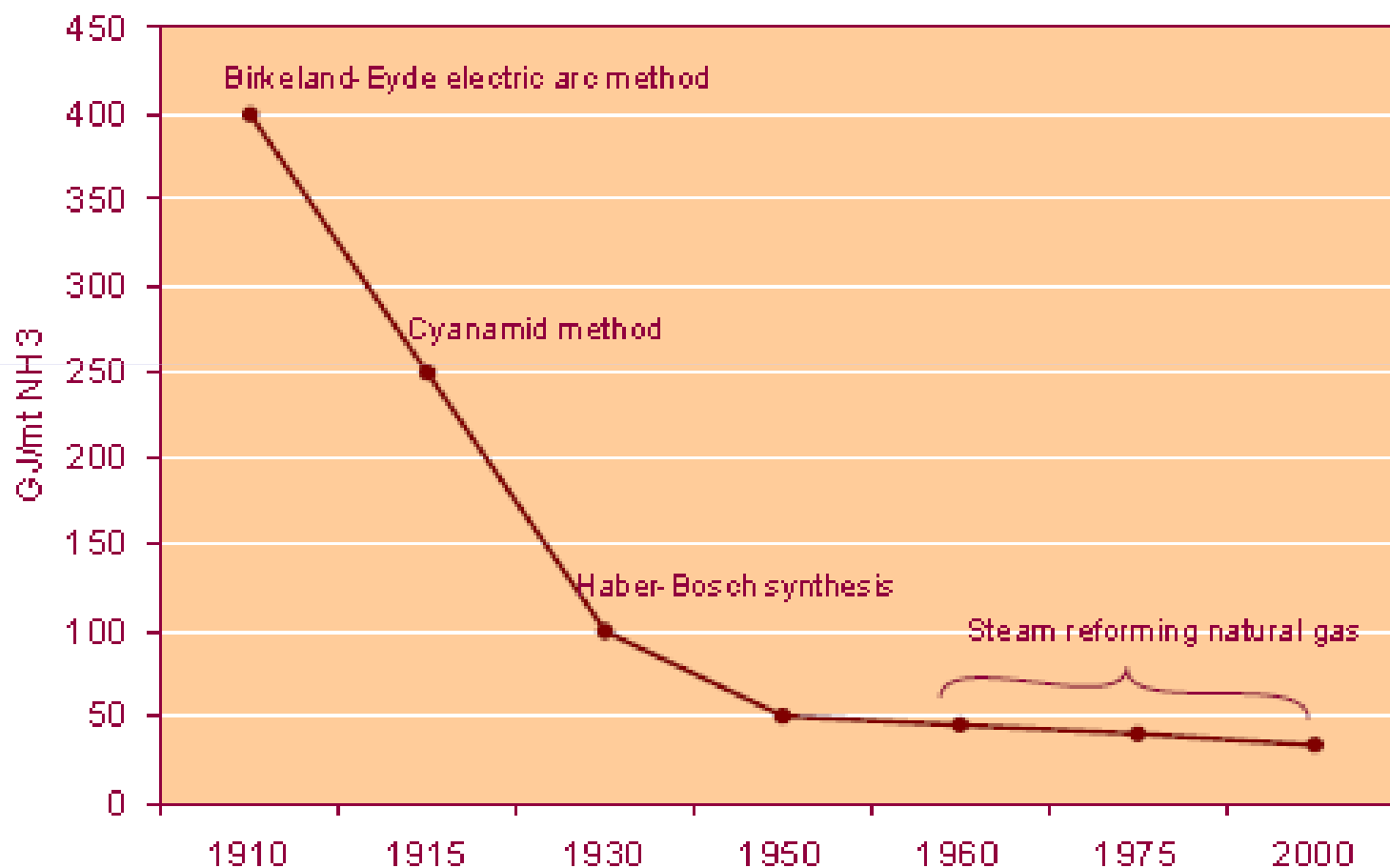
From **MEGA**-ammonia to **mini**-AMMONIA

Question:

Is it mini-ammonia or MEGA-ammonia in future???



History of ammonia production efficiency



Production of Fertilisers is based on price for ammonia:

Proven methods for N fixation (for fertilisers):

1903 Arc Method (Birkeland and Eyde);



1905 Cyanid Process

1910 Haber Bosch Process

- Steam reforming

- Loop only, based on H₂-waste/electrolysers

Green Ammonia/ without CO₂ emissions

In development

2010 HP mini HB by Proton

20xx SSAP by NHthree

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First Ammonia reactor for 7200 t/a unit

About 7 meter high

Pressure about 300 Barg

Temperature: 450 C

Fe- Catalyst

NH₃:

A continuous drive towards cheaper NH₃ price/ fertilisers:

Energy price and volume development:

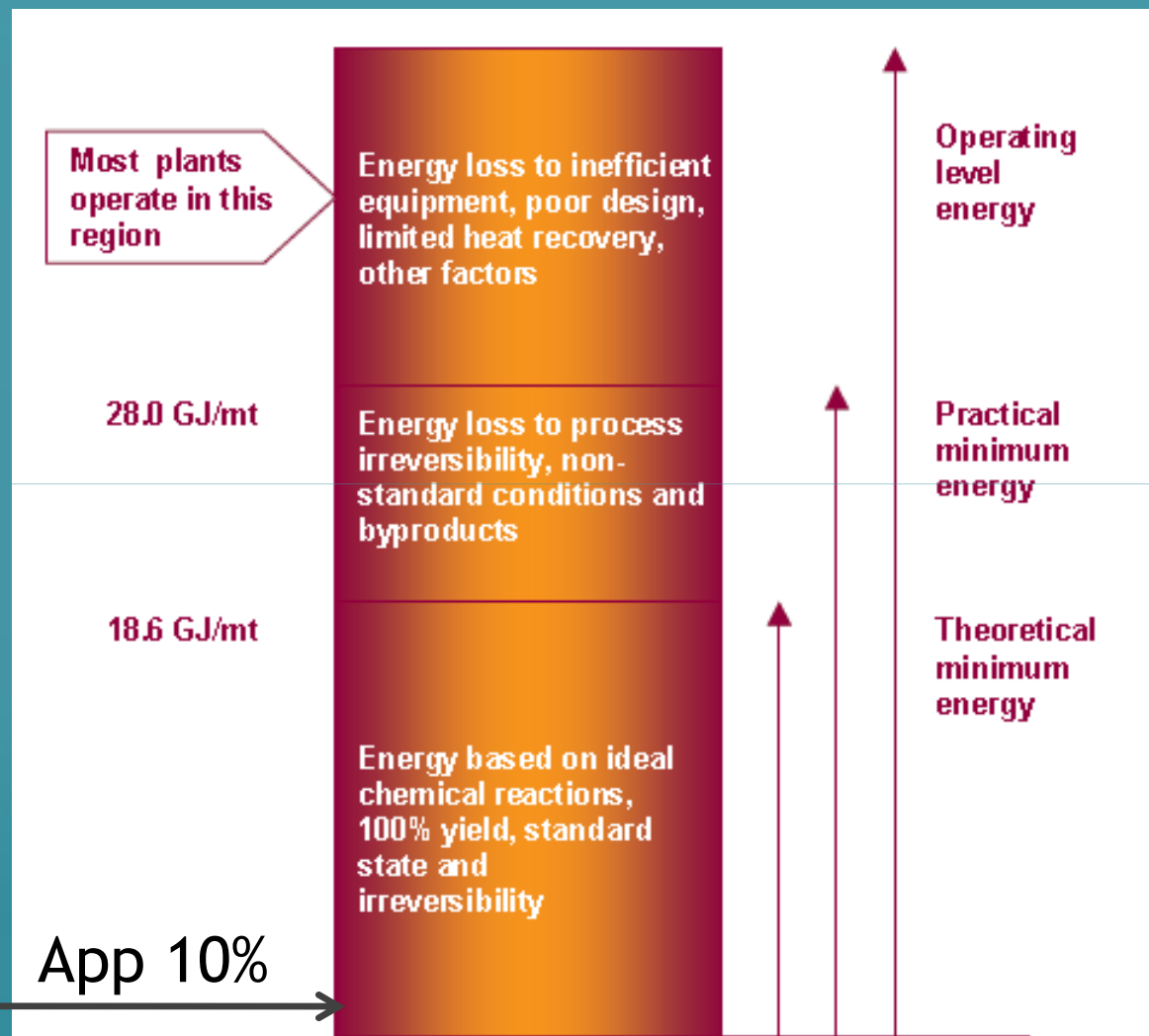
1918:	100 GJ/t	7200	t/a	1 t/hr
1950:	50 GJ/t	250000	t/a	30 t/hr
1970:	34 GJ/t	500000	t/a	60 t/hr
1985:	31 GJ/t	650000	t/a	80 t/hr
2004:	27 GJ/t	1000000	t/a	125 t/hr

Nowadays: MEGA-AMMONIA plants are world scale units with high Energy Efficiency and single train units, but....

still based on HABER BOSCH TECHNOLOGY



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Synthese Loop
1.6 GJ/t

App 10%

Costs Breakdown MEGA Ammonia Plant:

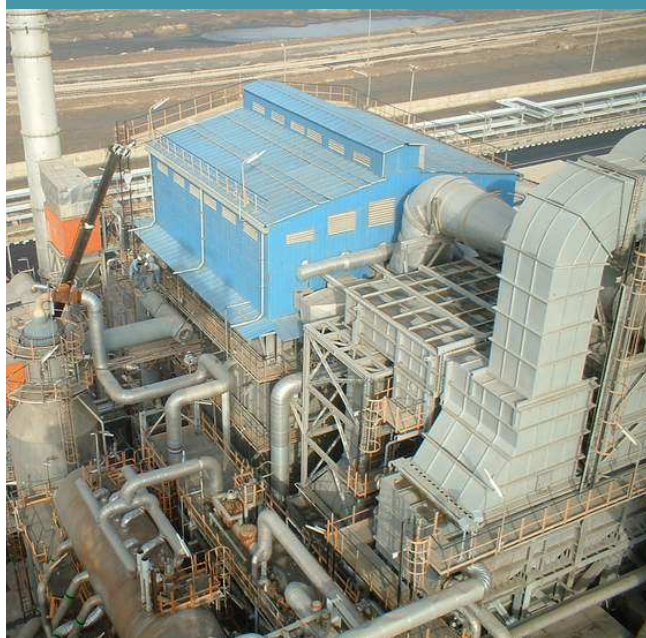
Natural Gas costs:

Feed Gas:	850 NM3 Gas
Fuel Gas:	110 NM3 Gas
Operational costs	30 \$/t
Fixed costs	35 \$/t
Depreciation + interest:	30 \$/t

Average cost price: 200-400 USD/t
150-300 Euro/t
0,10-0,20 Euro/ltr

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2000 t/d NH₃ unit(s)



Proton's last Ammoani terminal project for MEGA-Units



Why Mini-ammonia/NFUEL?:

Decentralised production

Smaller supply chain/logistical costs/margin loss

Based on sustainable sources (in fact all \$ based)

Solar

Wind

Geothermal

Biomass

Independant towards fossil fuels

supply situation/ costs effects

No additional transports

Potential Markets for NFUEL:

- Small scale fertilisers production at remote locations
- Aqua Ammonia production at power plants
- Aqua Ammonia for waste incinerators
- Green chemical (e.g. for HNO₃- for MDI or TDI)

- Ammonia for FUEL,
 - as Fuel station for NH₃-cars
 - as storage for H₂ cars
 - as replacer of gasoline/diesel

How to realise an NFUEL UNIT today?:

For investors/decision makers:

- Proven technology
- No/Low environmental risk
- Safe
- Secure
- Reliable
- Simple to operate
 - Fully automated
 - Preferably no manpower
- Maintenance free
- Possibilities for subsidies

Proton's NFUEL unit(s)

Total Package:

- Electrolyser(s)
- Nitrogen membranes
- Haber-Bosch Synthesis loop
- Control system Honeywell
- Storage and loading equipment
- Scrubber and related safety systems
- DM-water unit

- Process Guarantee
- Maintenance agreement(s)
- On-line Operational support

References for mini-ammonia:

1 t/hr unit in Argentina, based on same concept

Rio Tercero at Petroquímica

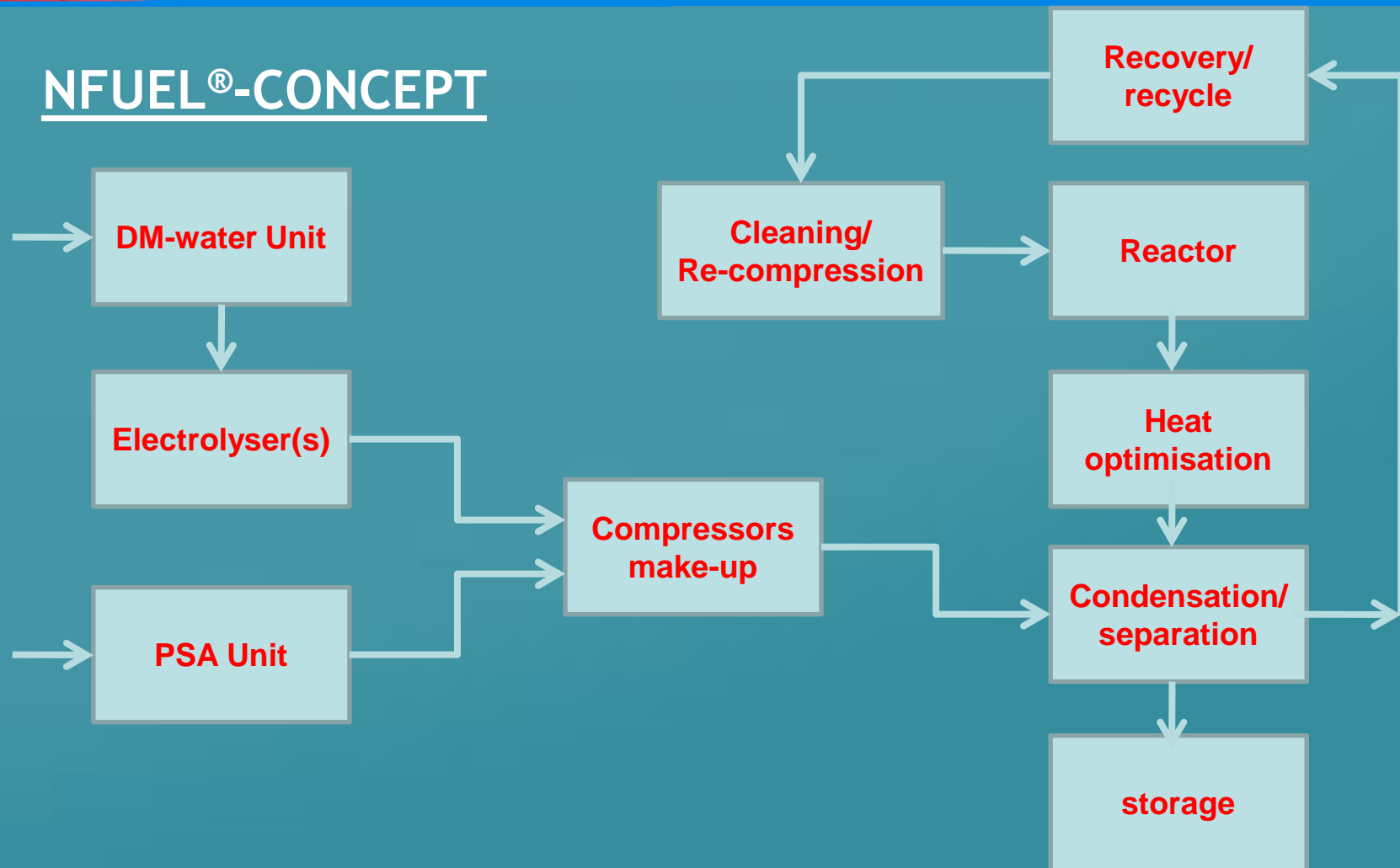


Proton's Partners:

Casale Group (Switzerland)	Electrolysers
Ammonia Casale (Switzerland)	Ammonia reactor
Honeywell	Automation & control
Zeton (Netherlands/Canada)	Plant construction
Hatenboer Water	DM-water units
Nitrogen generator	Air Products
Proton Ventures BV	Overall Design

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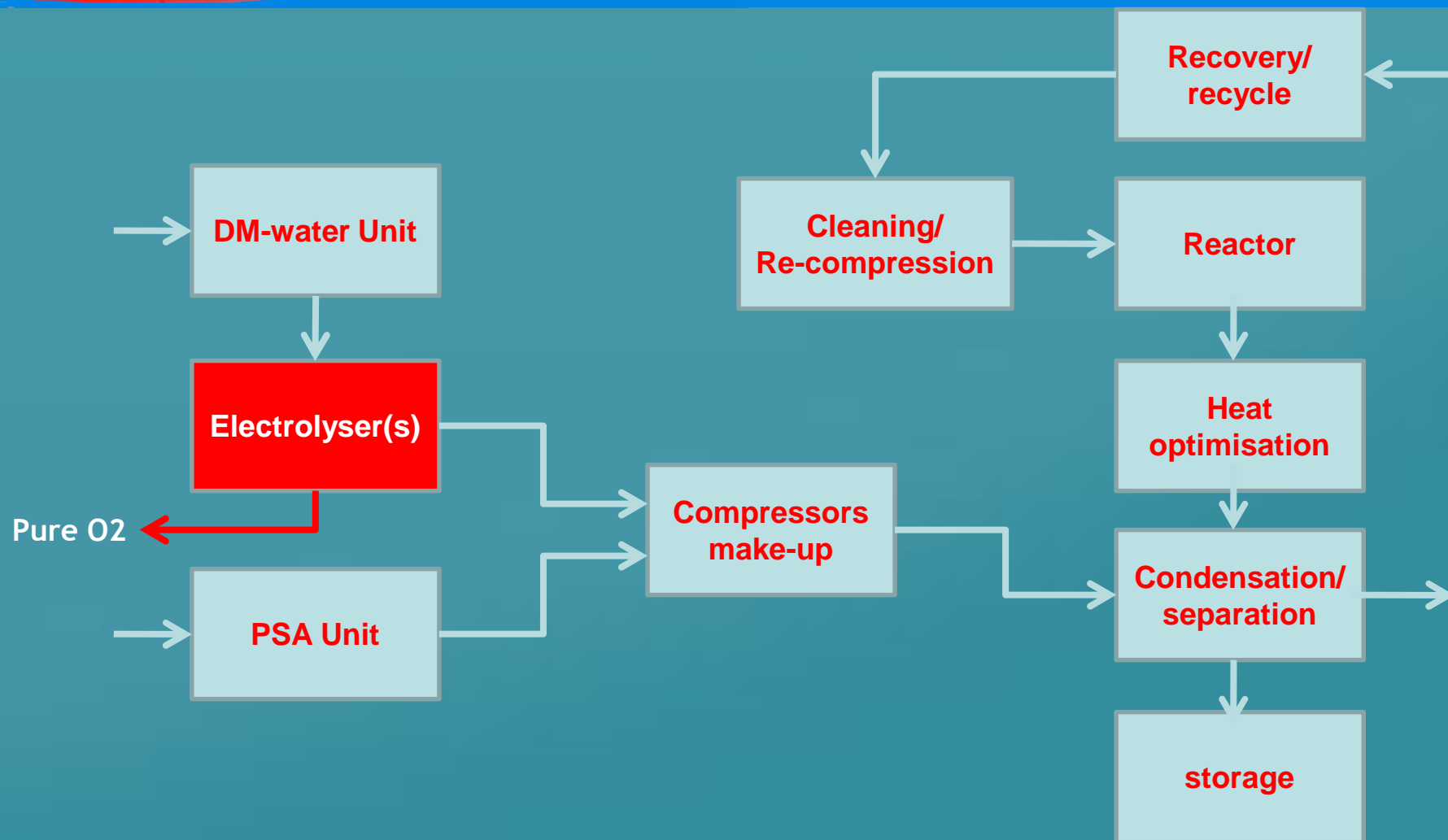
NFUEL®-CONCEPT



Advantages /features:

- Not the standard HB configuration
- Investment more important than energy consumption
- Safety systems in place for non-industrial locations
- No cooling water required , avoiding water issues
- Fully automated
- Recovery of ammonia without refrigeration system
- 20 years catalyst life time guaranty due to set-up
- Easy to operate
- Not many turn-arounds required
- Integrated with different unit operations

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Why Casale Electrolysers:

- Low energy consumption: ca. 4,0 kWh/Nm³
- High pressure H₂ from cells; from 30 up to 100 barg
- Proven production record: 20 years on-stream
- Simple and low maintenance costs: once a year max
- Constructed in Italy
- Technology Patented, Alkaline based technology
- Various sizes possible 10-450 Nm³/hr in one stack
- **NOTE: NO VALUE OR INVESTMENTS TAKEN FOR O₂**

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Small electrolyzers



15 Nm/hr



10 Nm3/hr



20 Nm/hr



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Medium sized electrolyzers



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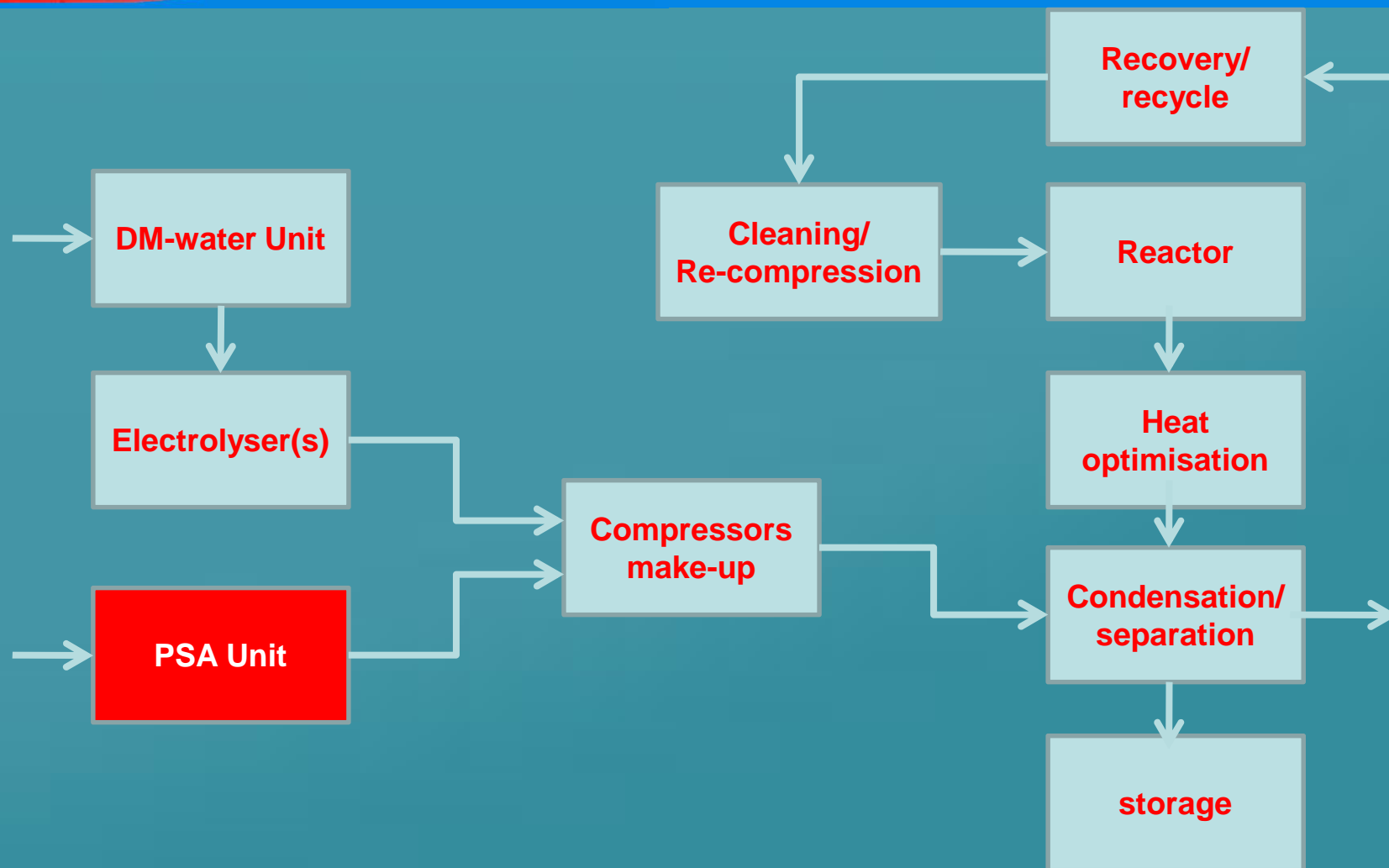
Larger electrolyzers: 100-500 Nm³

Operational in Italy



100 Nm/hr

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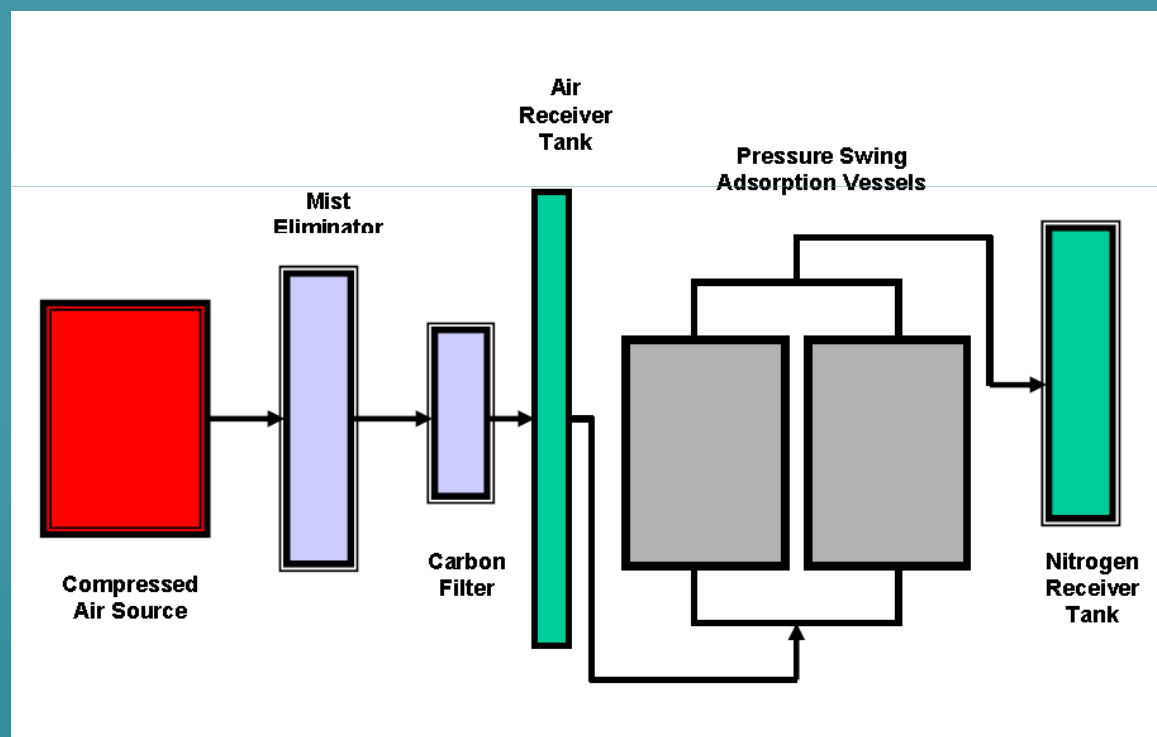


N2-supply

PSA is required over Cryogenic or Membrane technology:
purity
costs
operability at “mini-scale levels”

Small units usually are PSA,
N2: 95-99,99%
Lowest costs per Nm³ N2 over 10 years time

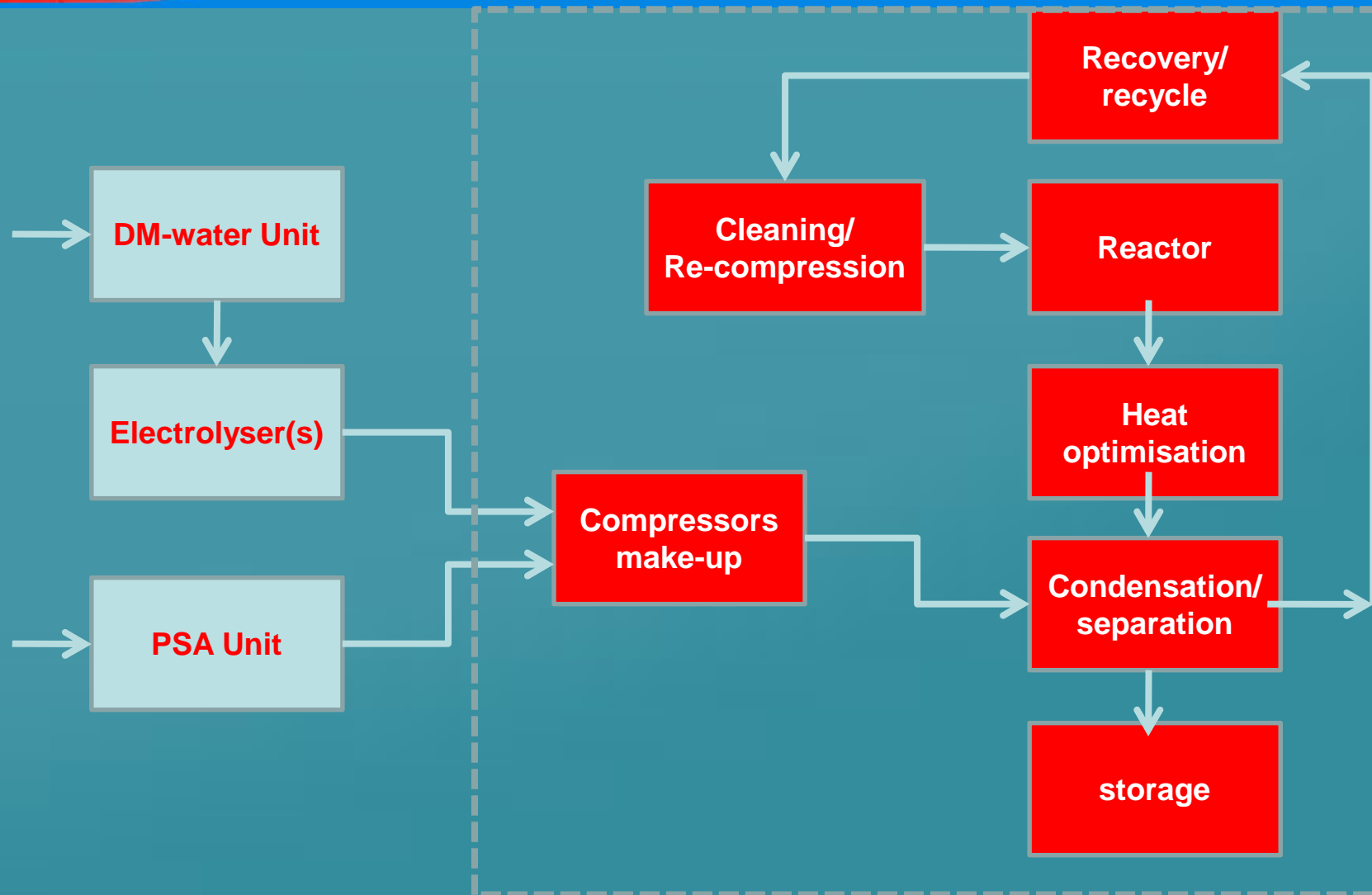
Example for N2 generator/purifier
>99,9% pure
120-650 Nm³/hr N₂ equals



Medium sized PSA unit for N₂-production (picture UOP)



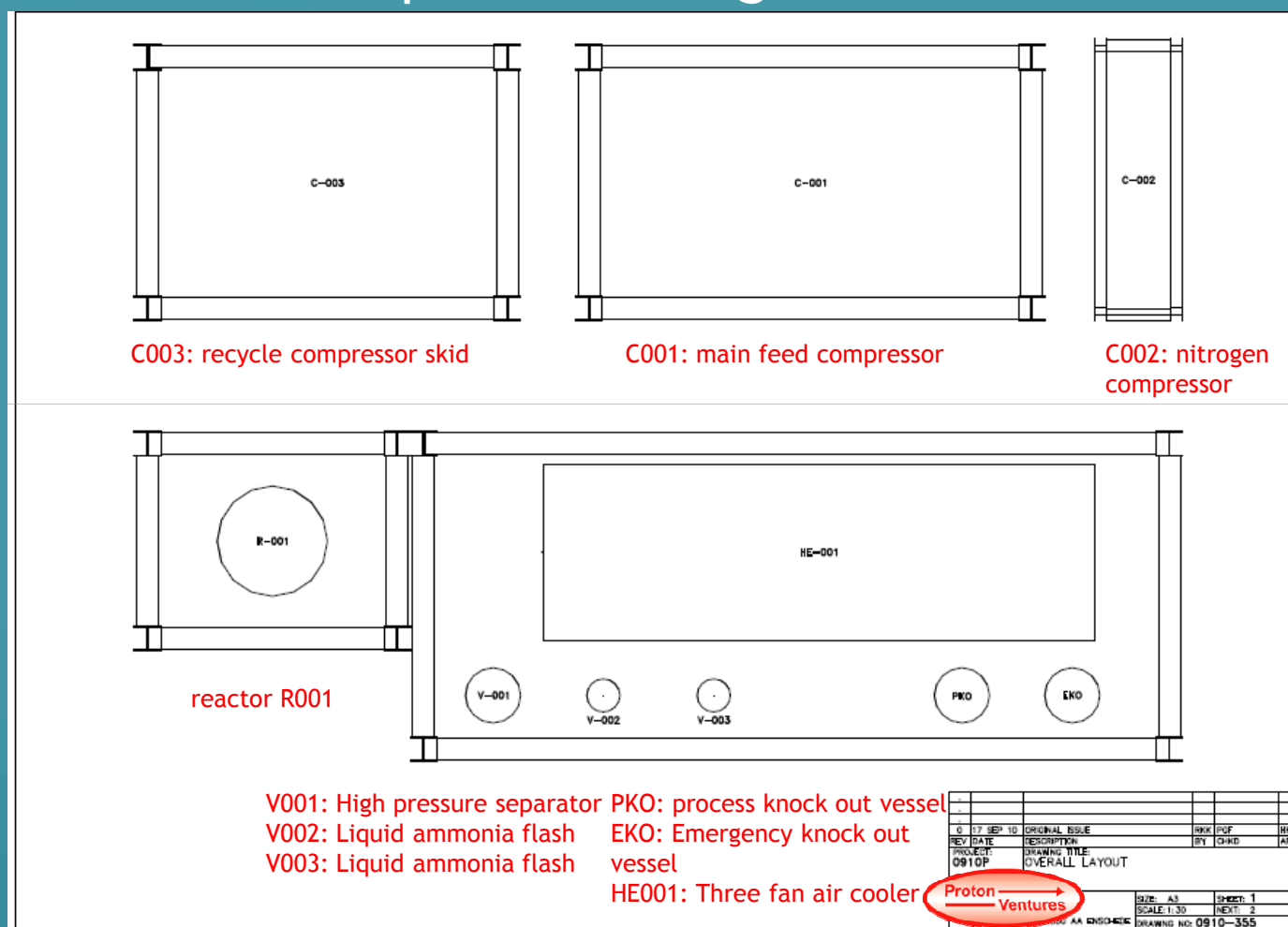
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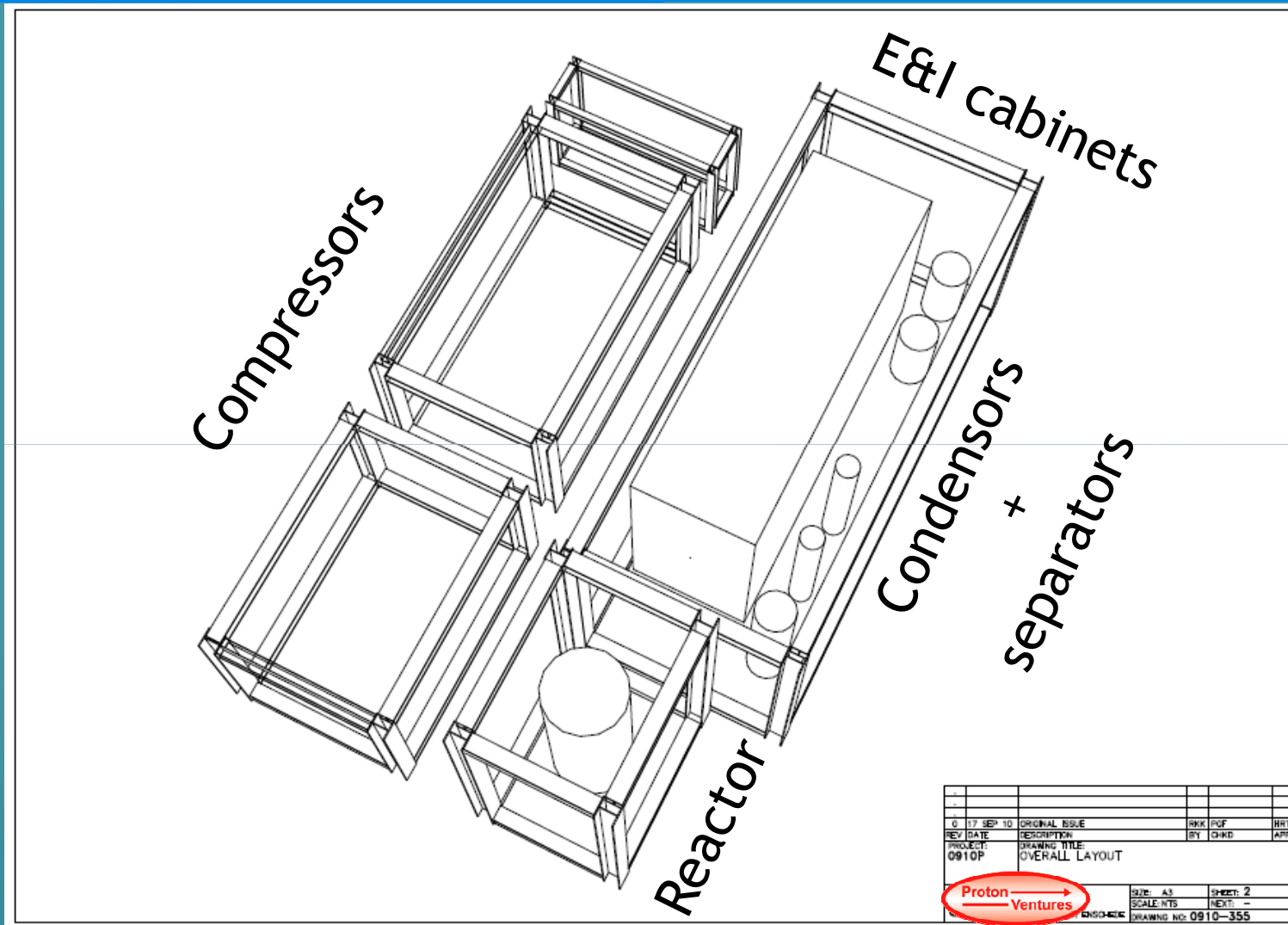
The NFUEL -unit:

- According Dutch Standards for Pressure Vessel Directive
- According PGS 13
- Sil 2 classification
- Scrubber versus stack for <100 kg/hr units
- Highest HP tubing spec for piping, commercially available
- No water for cooling, but optional (= cheaper, if available)
- Skid based:
 - 1 skid for 25 ton/annum
 - 4 skids for 1000-2000 ton/annum
 - 4 skids plus separate compressors for larger units

Top view 120 kg/hr installation



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Costs comparison NFUEL versus MEGA:

50 kg/hr unit
120 kg/hr unit
1000 kg/hr unit

Total costs for : **wind2ammonia®** !!!!!

Depreciation 10 years

Interest: 4%

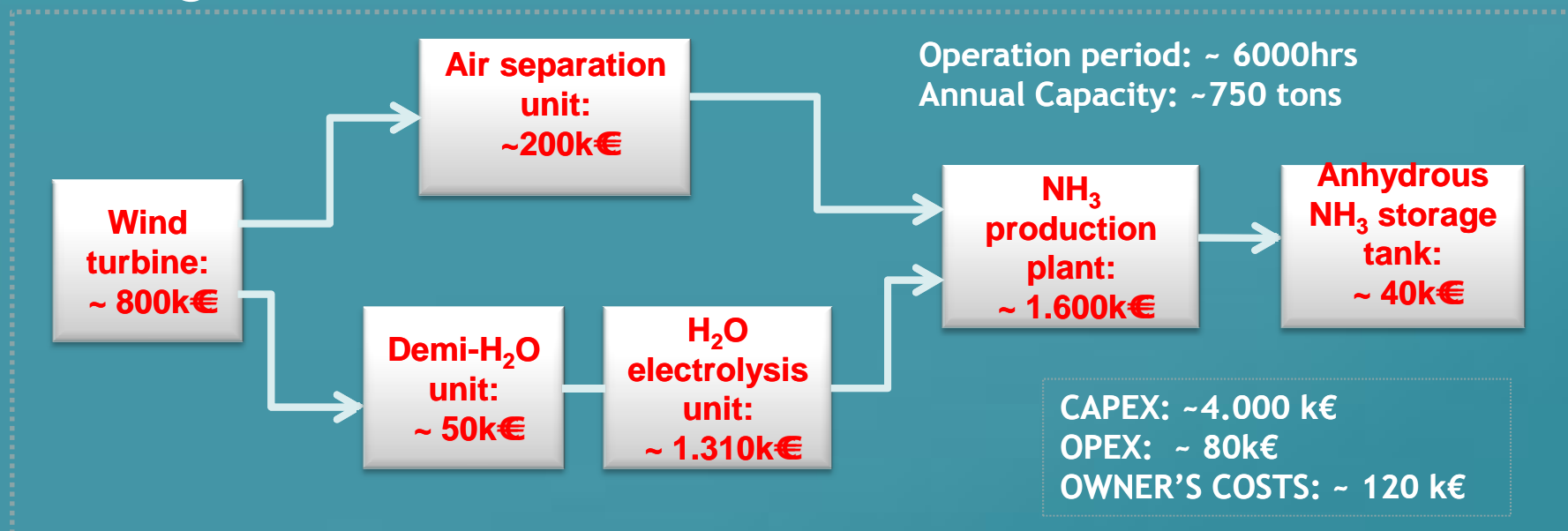
Service factor total unit: 0,5 / 0,75/ 0,98

Operational costs limited due to automation

2% maintenance

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125 kg/hr at 75% service factor



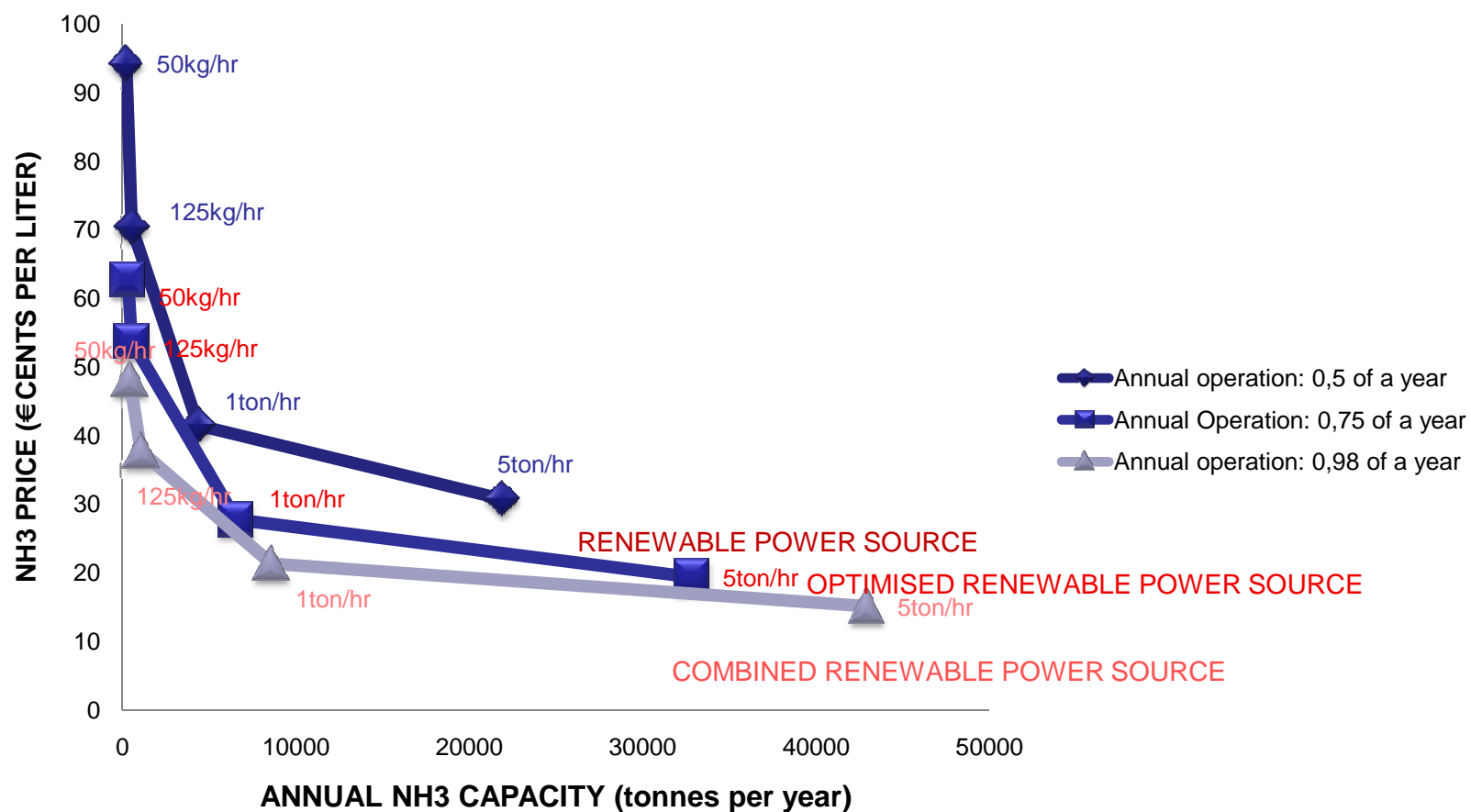
Fertiliser
~ 650 €/ton NH₃

Aq. NH₃
~ 160 €/ton
NH₃

NH₃ Fuel
~ 0,4 €/lt NH₃

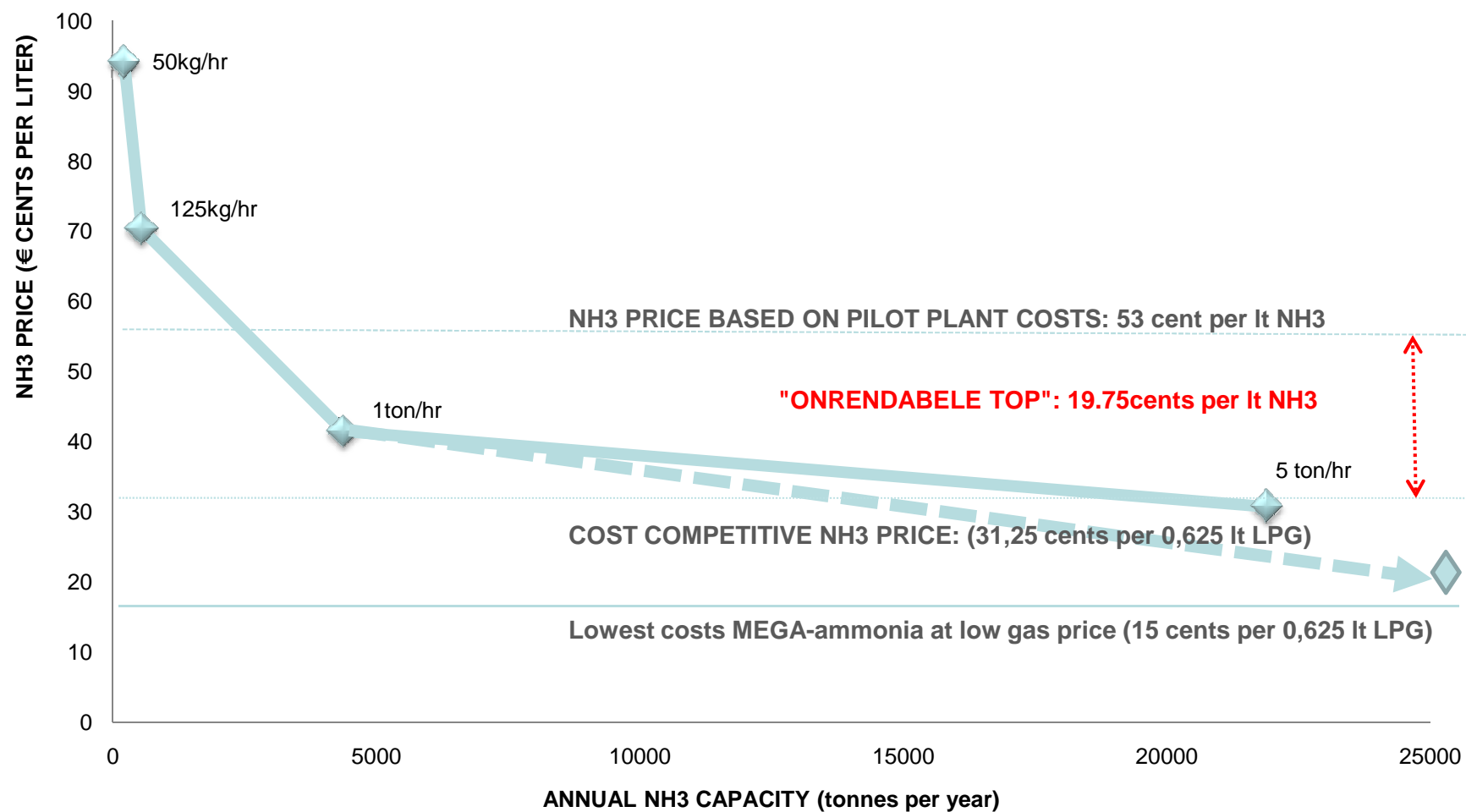
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NH3 PRICES FOR VARIOUS CAPACITIES & OPERATION PERIODS



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NH₃ PRICE FOR VARIOUS CAPACITIES @ 75% SF



NOTE: Prices calculated based on annual operation of 4380 hrs per year)

Ammonia production Costs Comparison MEGA-NFUEL

Comparison		4 euro/MMBTU	
		MEGA	NFUEL
CO2 emissions	kg CO2/kg NH3	1,25	0
Investment	euro/ton	31,00775	559,3496
Energy costs	euro/ton	120	0
Fix/var cap costs	euro/ton	70	220
Total costs	euro/ton	190	220

Comparison		8 euro/MMBTU	
		MEGA	NFUEL
CO2 emissions	kg CO2/kg NH3	1,25	0
Investment	euro/ton	31,00775	559,3496
Energy costs	euro/ton	240	0
Fix/var cap costs	euro/ton	70	220
Total costs	euro/ton	310	220

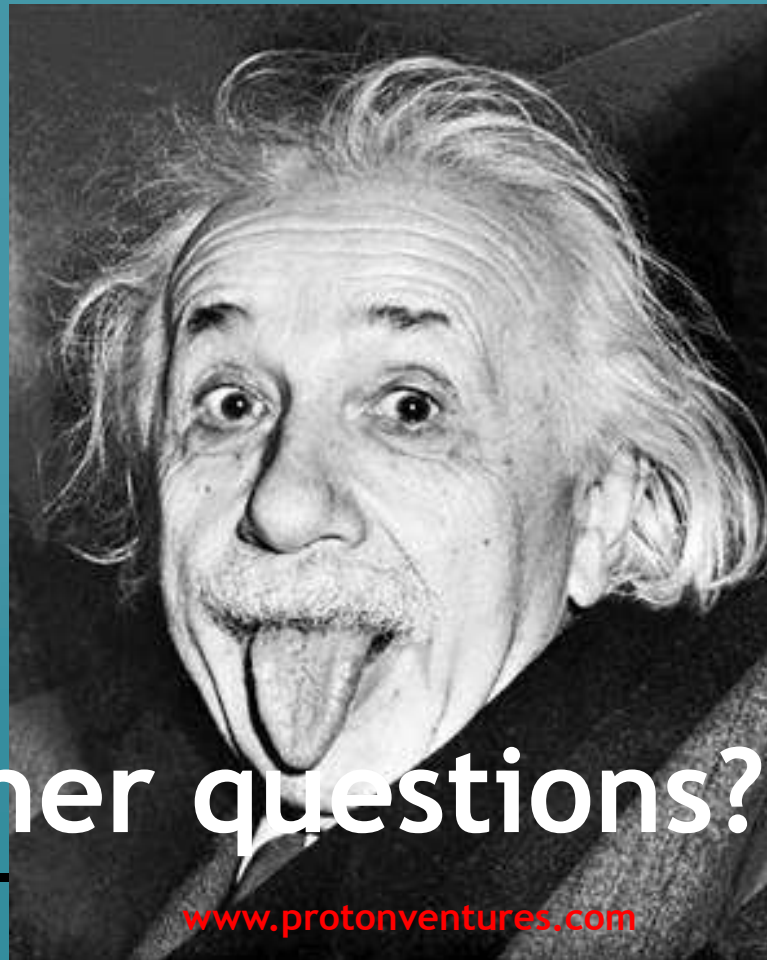
Conclusions:

- Proton offers possibility to produce ammonia at mini-scale
- Price level is higher than commercially produced ammonia
- Real comparisons to MEGA-Ammonia are not honest due to:
 - CO₂ tax/costs for avoiding/SCC
 - Logistics/land locked
 - Price of power/gas
- Future optimisations/standardisation shall reduce price with learning curve

However,

Already today, NFUEL ammonia (1-5 ton/hr) seems to reach Market Price for Ammonia end-users at specific locations

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