# Powering ships with ammonia through fuel cells - The Aegir project

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AEGIR - Ammonia electric marine power for GHG emission reduction

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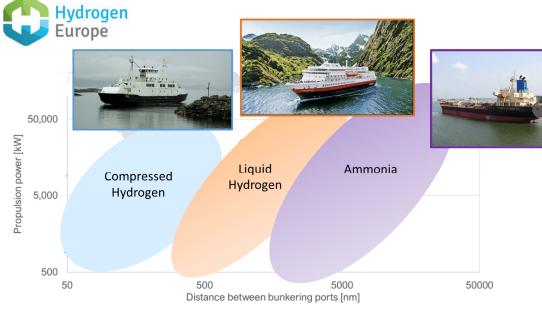
# The Challenge

- Ships are responsible for 90% of international transport, their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions accounting for approximately 2.2% of the global total of such emissions
- > The international maritime organization targets
  - 50-60 % reduction in the greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping by 2050 and
  - $\succ$  complete phase out of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2100
  - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OEC Forecast: international maritime trade is expected to triple by 2050
- The only way to reach these targets is by wide-scale implementation of low- and zero-emission solutions within the maritime transport sector.



## **The Challenge**

#### Carbon free fuel: Hydrogen in maritime transport



- Zero GHG emission at point of power production
- Attractive power density & storage properties
- Production of a zero-carbon footprint ammonia possible (renewable electricity, water, and air electrolysis)
- Established logistics, infra structure
- Ammonia combustion with no SOx, CO<sub>2</sub>, or particulate emissions (but NOx emissons)
- Ammonia use in fuel cells

Source: Hydrogen Europe.



# **The Aegir Project**

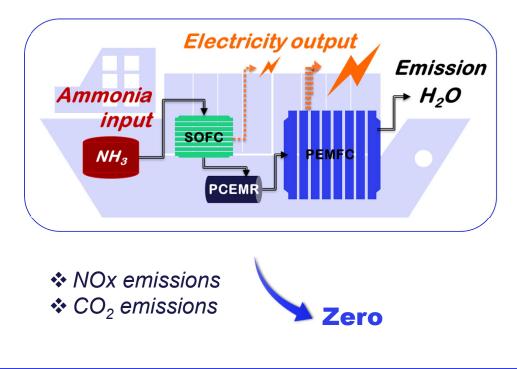
#### > Ammonia electric marine power for GHG emission reduction

The overall target of the Aegir project is to develop, test and evaluate an environmentally friendly technological solution to power large marine vessels by using green ammonia as primary fuel.



# **The Aegir Project**

- > Green ammonia as primary fuel to power large marine vessels.
- The Aegir concept integrates three innovative technologies:
  - > Solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC),
  - Proton conducting electrochemical membrane reactor (PCEMR), and
  - Polymer exchange membrane fuel cell (PEM)



Efficiency

System volume and weight.

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# **The Aegir Project**

Project partners		
Technical University of Denmark	DK	DTU
Ballard Power Systems Europe	DK	<b>BALLARD</b>
SINTEF	Ν	SINTEF
CoorsTek Membrane Sciences	Ν	CCORSTEK HEHBRANE SCIENCES
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Electricity output

## **The Technologies Behind Aegir**

#### ➢ Solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC)

Emission Ammonia cracking to  $H_2$  and  $N_2$  and part load  $\rightarrow H_2O$ Ammonia Air O<sub>2</sub> electricity production using a SOFC input SOFC NH, air electrode (cathode) solid oxide  $\checkmark$   $O^{2-}$  electrolyte e fuel electrode (anode) /droger ammonia H<sub>2/</sub>  $2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$  $H_2O$  $2NH_3 \rightarrow N_2 + 3H_2$ NH<sub>3</sub> Production of electricity and heat



➢ Proton conducting electrochemical membrane (PCEMR), Electricity output

Extraction and purification of  $H_2$  is using a PCEMR  $\rightarrow H_2O$ Ammonia input SOFC NH<sub>3</sub> PCEMR Compressed H<sub>a</sub> Ceramic membrane  $N_2$ ,  $H_2$ , (NH<sub>3</sub>) Compressed H<sub>2</sub> with purity specifications suitable for  $NH_3$  $\triangleright N_2$ PEMFC Power Heat transfer

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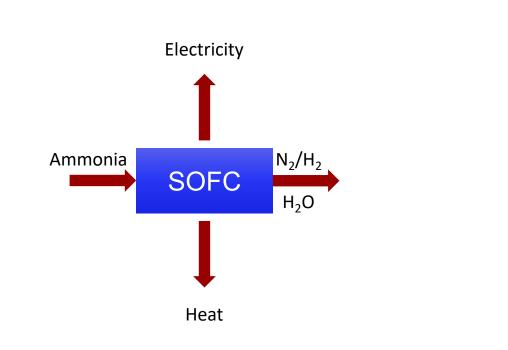
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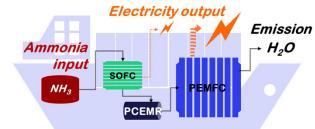


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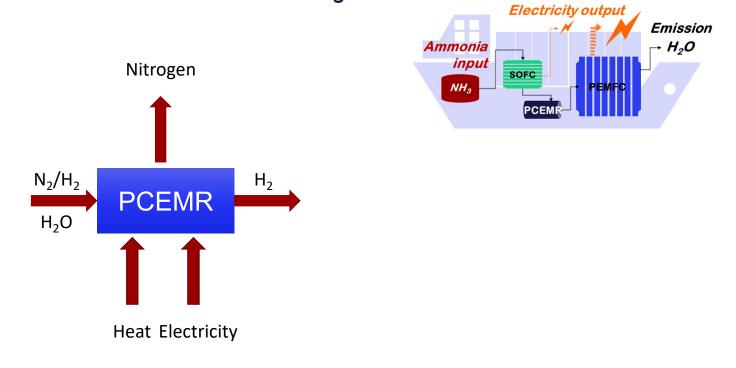




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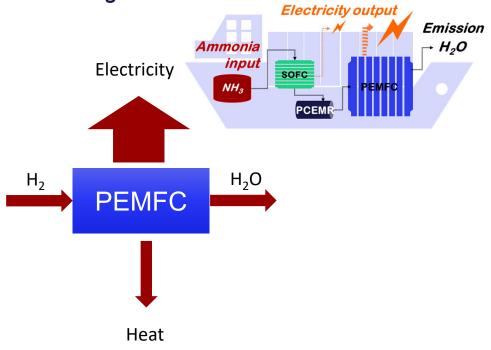
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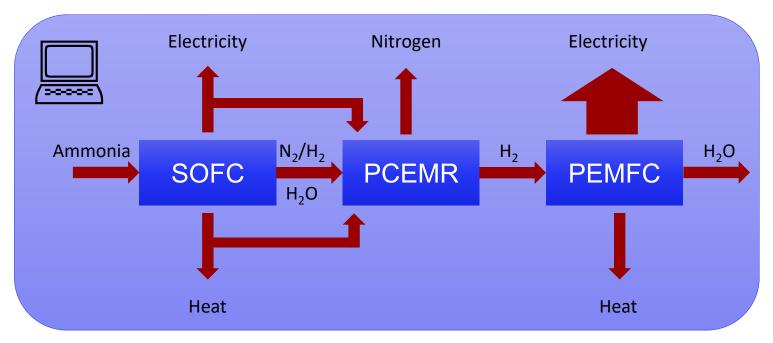
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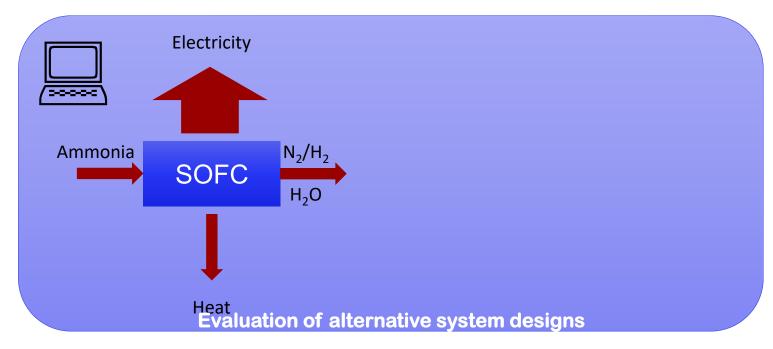
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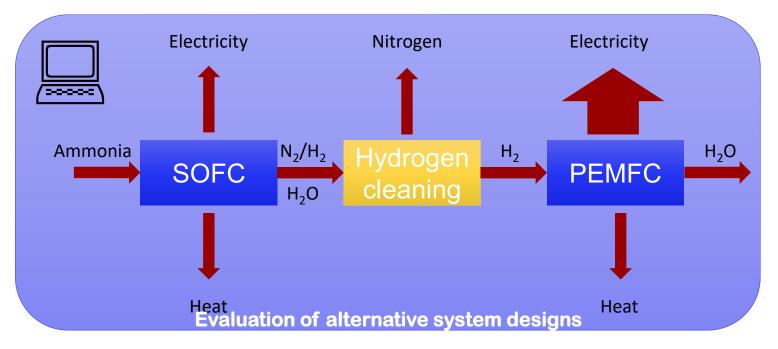
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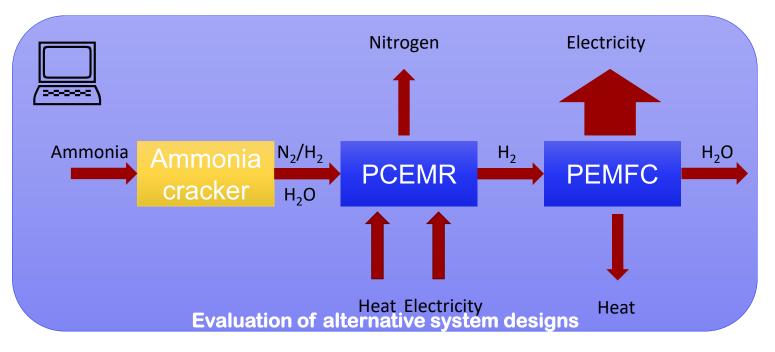
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