

# Power-to-X reference

## cases **MAN Energy Solutions** Future in the making

**Power-to-X converts electricity from renewable sources into carbon-neutral gas, liquid fuel, heat, or chemicals, making that clean energy easier to store and transport.**

MAN offers power-to-X solutions for synthetic fuel production and long-term energy storage. As well as preventing the wastage of valuable renewable energy resources (RES), synthetic fuels created by power-to-X allow the decarbonization of sectors that are difficult or impossible to electrify. Here are some examples of our current power-to-X projects.

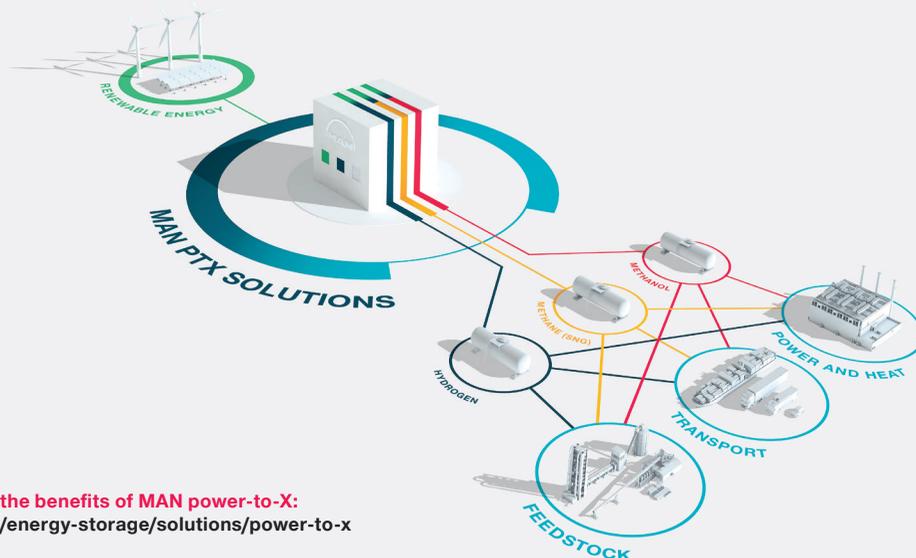
### System solutions

#### MAN power-to-gas (MAN PtG)

Surplus renewable energy is used to run an electrolysis plant which breaks water down into hydrogen and oxygen. The hydrogen is then put into a methanation reactor with carbon dioxide, resulting in synthetic methane. The synthetic gas can either be stored or used directly as electricity or fuel for transport.

#### MAN power-to-liquid (MAN PtL)

MAN Energy Solutions is active in both main routes to production of liquid synthetic fuels: methanol synthesis and the Fischer-Tropsch process. Methanol synthesis produces green methanol which can be used as a fuel or chemical feedstock, or can be further synthesized. The Fischer-Tropsch process can produce green Otto fuel, e-kerosene or e-gasoline.



# Power-to-X put into practice

## Electrolysis plant

### Expertise in hydrogen production

Green hydrogen is made by electrolysis: using the energy of the sun and the wind to split water into oxygen and hydrogen. This green hydrogen can be used directly, stored, or processed further. MAN's expertise in manufacturing reactor systems has recently been reinforced with the acquisition of electrolysis technology company H-TEC SYSTEMS.

H-TEC SYSTEMS has extensive experience in the research and development of hydrogen technology. Across sites in Lübeck, Braak and Augsburg, a team of experts develops and produces stacks and electrolyzers for manufacturing hydrogen with electricity.

Together with MAN, H-TEC SYSTEMS is pursuing an ambitious path towards industrialization for large scale electrolysis production.



Hydrogen infrastructure project eFarm in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

Learn more about green hydrogen plants: [www.h-tec.com/en/applications/references-detail/efarm-north-frisia/](http://www.h-tec.com/en/applications/references-detail/efarm-north-frisia/)

## Power-to-X plant

### First European power-to-gas plant

In a methanation plant, hydrogen is made to react with carbon dioxide. The result is synthetic natural gas (SNG).

In 2013, in cooperation with Audi AG, MAN helped build Europe's first power-to-gas plant to provide vehicles with a cleaner fuel. The plant, located in Werlte, in Northern Germany, has now been taken over by kiwi AG and is still the largest in Europe, with a six-megawatt capacity.

MAN equipped the plant with a key piece of technology: a state-of-the-art methanation reactor that transforms hydrogen and carbon dioxide into climate-neutral SNG.

Based on our experience with the Werlte plant, MAN is continuously optimizing the methanation design.



Power-to-gas plant operated by kiwi AG in Werlte, Germany

Discover MAN power-to-X: [www.man-es.com/discover/power-to-x](http://www.man-es.com/discover/power-to-x)

## Green methanol reactor

### Power-to-X fuels for power and heat generation

MAN Energy Solutions is supplying the methanol reactor for an e-fuels pilot plant currently being built by HIF, an international e-fuels company based in Chile, with the participation of Porsche AG, Siemens Energy and other project companies near the southern Chilean city of Punta Arenas.

The Haru Oni pilot project takes advantage of the excellent wind conditions in southern Chile to

generate synthetic, climate-neutral fuel with the help of renewable power. Chile offers ideal conditions for the production of green hydrogen and synthetic fuels made from it. MAN has extensive expertise in the manufacture of reactor systems for the production of synthetic fuels as well as numerous references in the field of methanol synthesis.



Methanol reactor for an e-fuels pilot plant being built near Punta Arenas, Chile

Read more about the Haru Oni project: [www.man-es.com/discover/creating-a-cleaner-fuel](http://www.man-es.com/discover/creating-a-cleaner-fuel)

## Future proof gas and dual fuel engines

### Flexible transition towards green power and heat generation

SNG, hydrogen, methanol, and ammonia are green fuels when produced in power-to-X plants with renewable energy. SNG has the same low emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides and particulate matter as liquid natural gas (LNG), but can be carbon-neutral when made from green hydrogen. Until it becomes more widely available, SNG can be blended with LNG. MAN four-stroke dual fuel and gas engines adapt easily to it.

The gas engines MAN 35/44G TS, MAN 51/60G and MAN 51/60G TS, which are commonly used in power stations, can be operated with a hydrogen volume share of up to 25 % in the gas mixture. MAN is currently working on the development of engines for 100 % hydrogen usage. In due course, MAN customers will also be able to use other alternative fuels such as ammonia and methanol.



The MAN 35/44G TS can be operated with synthetic climate-neutral fuels

Learn more about e-fuels in power generation: [www.man-es.com/energy-storage/strategic-expertise/fueling-decarbonization](http://www.man-es.com/energy-storage/strategic-expertise/fueling-decarbonization)

## Climate-neutral container vessel

### First container ship to run on green SNG

Converting ships from heavy fuels to renewable sources of energy is an urgent task for the maritime industry. Shipowners and operators are trying to cut down emissions to meet the International Maritime Organization's goal of halving them by 2050.

The ElbBLUE container ship made headlines in 2017 when its main engine was retrofitted to its current four-stroke MAN 51/60DF unit to enable dual fuel operation. The first conversion of its type globally, it showed that liquid-fuel engines could be converted to LNG operation and have a tremendous

effect on reducing exhaust emissions and protecting the environment.

In 2021 the ElbBLUE was first again: this time MAN enabled it to run on climate-neutral SNG from the power-to-gas plant in Werlte, Germany, which MAN constructed in 2013 for Audi. One of the key advantages of this fuel switch is the continuous use of the existing infrastructure, thereby making all assets future proof.

This case demonstrates the potential of power-to-X in shipping, where the use of batteries alone is not a viable option.



The ElbBLUE was fueled with green SNG generated in the PtG plant in Werlte, Germany

Get on board the future of shipping: [www.man-es.com/discover/a-new-milestone-towards-sustainable-shipping](http://www.man-es.com/discover/a-new-milestone-towards-sustainable-shipping)

## Powering the transition to net zero

Renewable energy is the key to decarbonization. To match the areas with the highest potential for renewable energy production with the areas with the highest energy demand, we need to convert renewable power into synthetic fuels. This not only provides a solution to the volatility of RES but also facilitates the decarbonization of sectors which are difficult to electrify, such as the aviation or transport sectors.

MAN is committed to providing solutions for the decarbonization of the marine, energy, and industry sectors. We drive forward large-scale industrial electrolyzers to cover the demand for hydrogen for power generation and industry use. Together with technology from H-TEC SYSTEMS, we aim to become one of the world's top three producers of PEM Electrolysis units.

MAN Energy Solutions is a market-leading provider of methanation technology, converting green

hydrogen and carbon dioxide to SNG or e-gas in our MAN DWE® reactors. We have developed solutions for a wide range of plant capacities, from skid-based solutions up to large-scale production plants. In addition, we offer full engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) services for SNG plants.

Combined with our solution competence this puts us at the forefront of production of synthetic green fuels.

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