

Ammonia: a versatile energy carrier

Introductory presentation

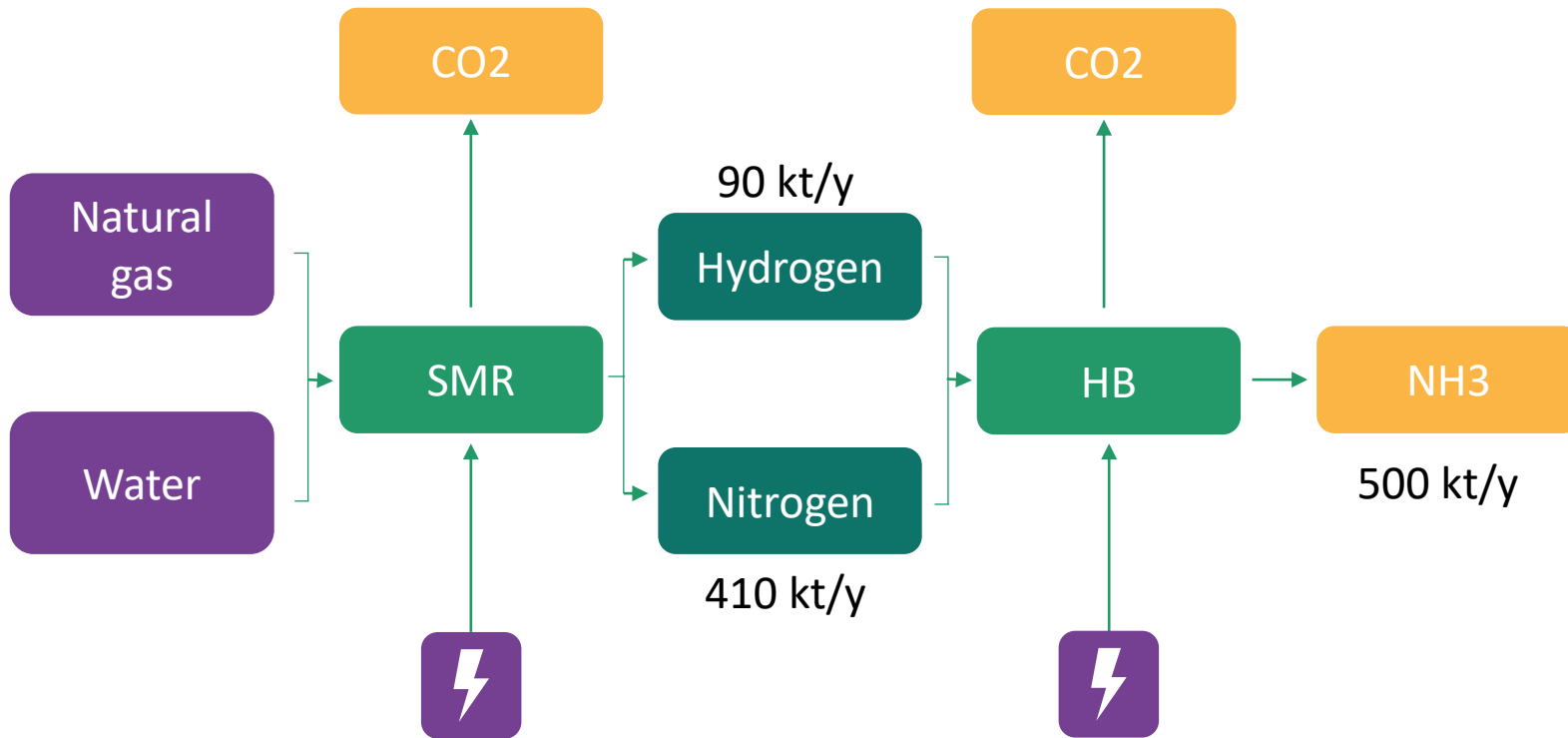
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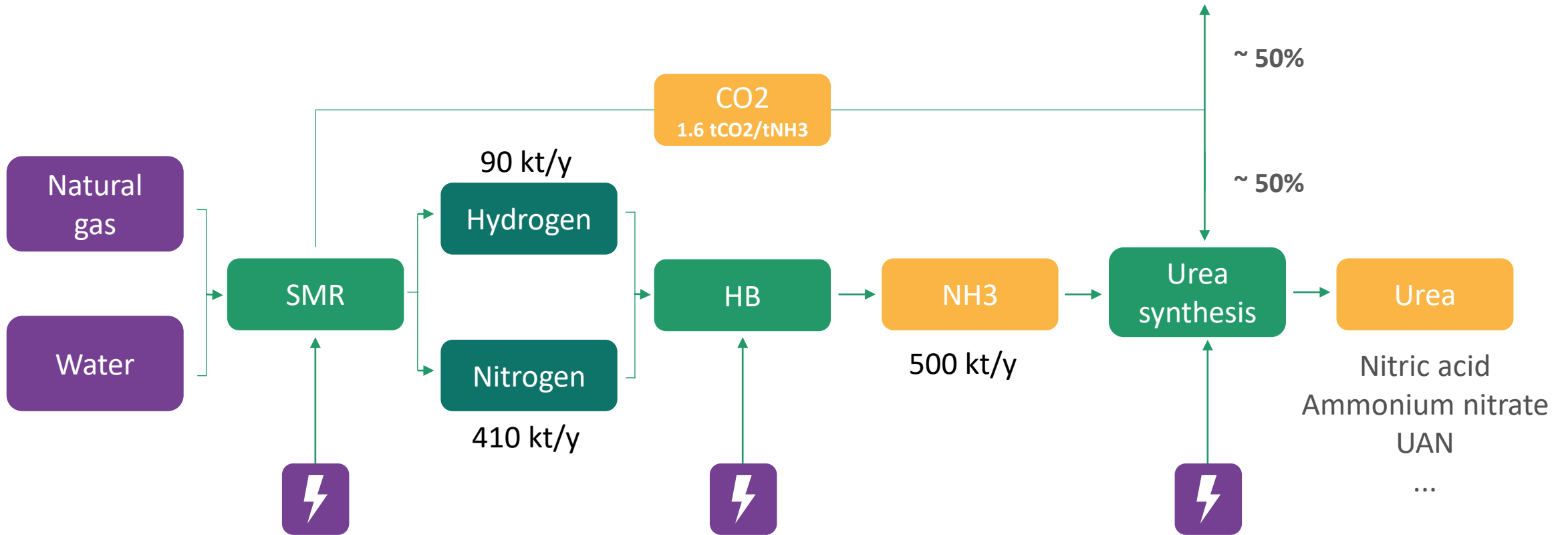
72% of global ammonia production comes from natural gas steam methane reforming.



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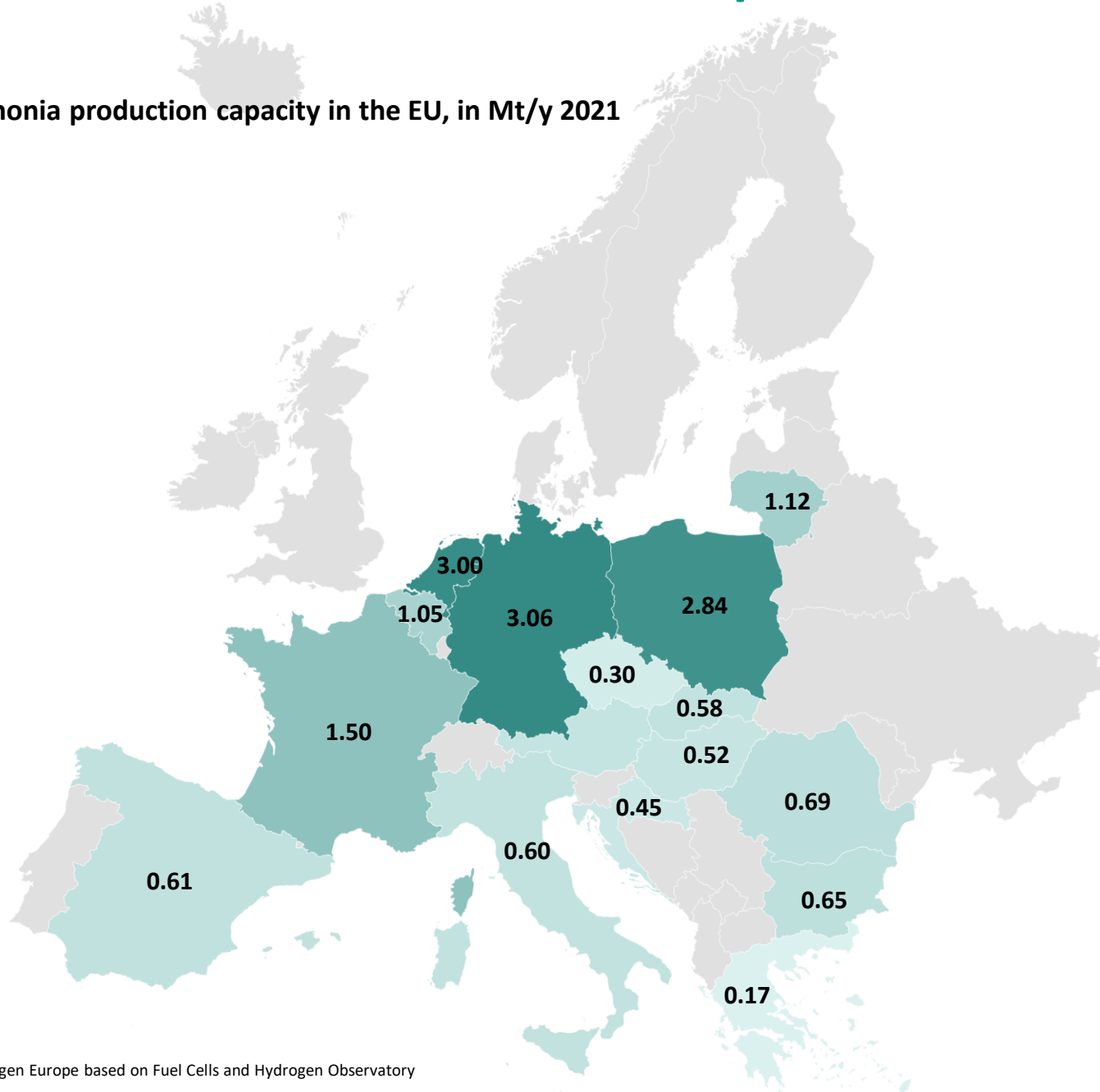
Avg emission rate: 1.7 tCO₂/tNH₃ (whole process)

Total emissions in Europe: 28 MtCO₂/y



Production of ammonia in Europe

Ammonia production capacity in the EU, in Mt/y 2021



Europe

32 facilities

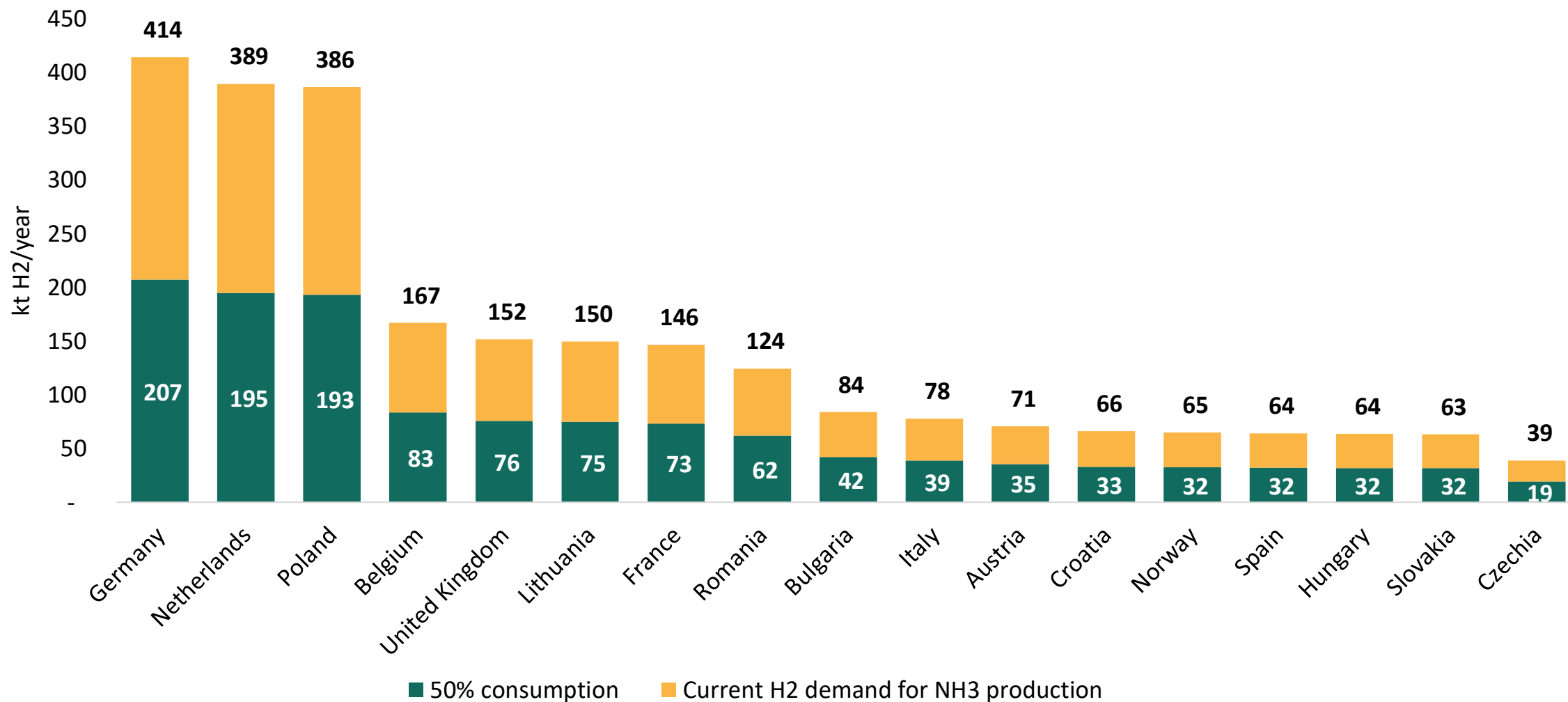
17.7 Mt capacity

2.54 Mt H₂/year consumption

Policy framework: RED II targets

Proposals for an RFNBO target range between 35% and 75% of H2 production in industry

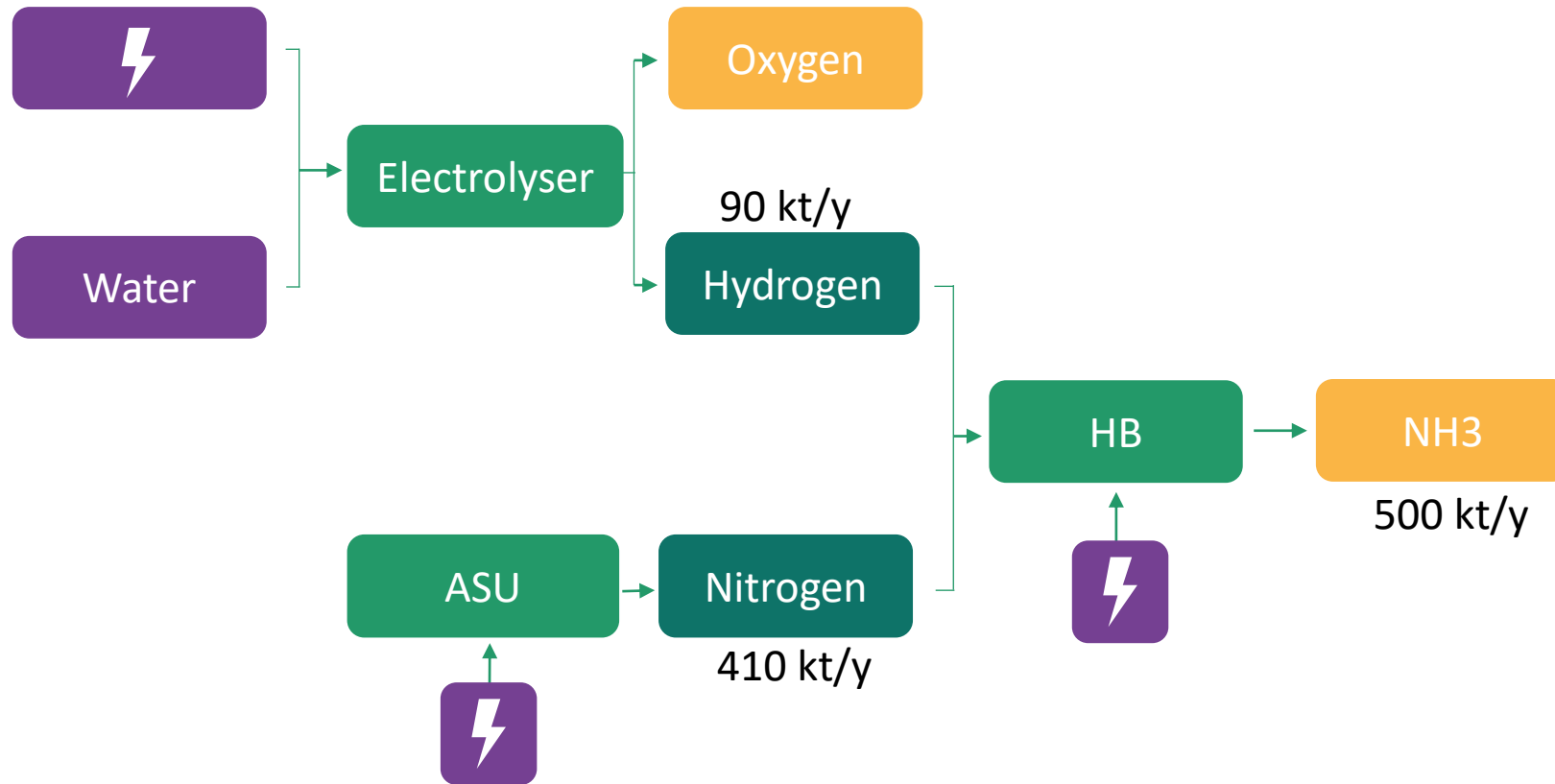
Current H2 demand for NH3 production



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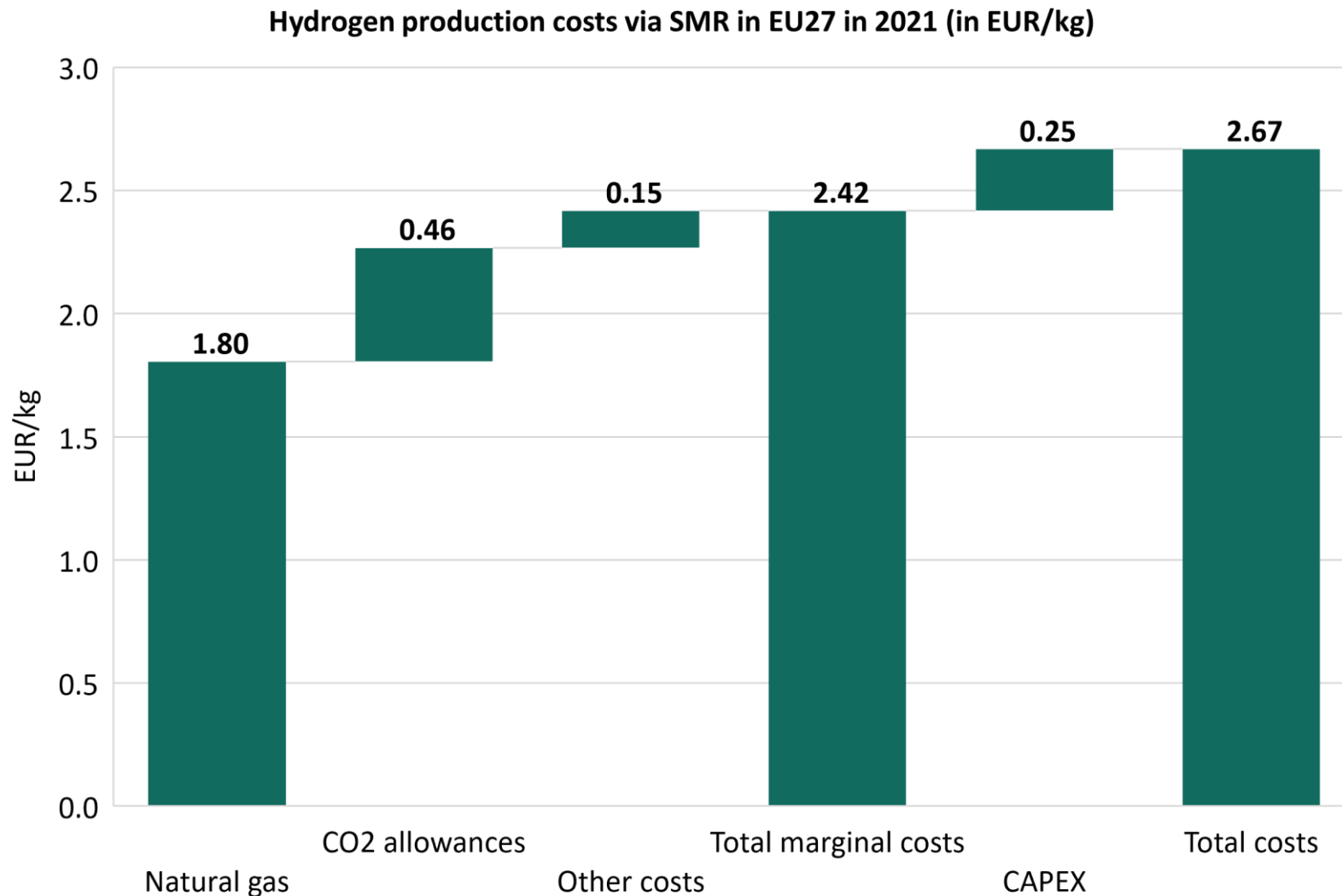
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Cost of conventional hydrogen production

Marginal costs represent 90% of the total cost for steam methane reforming

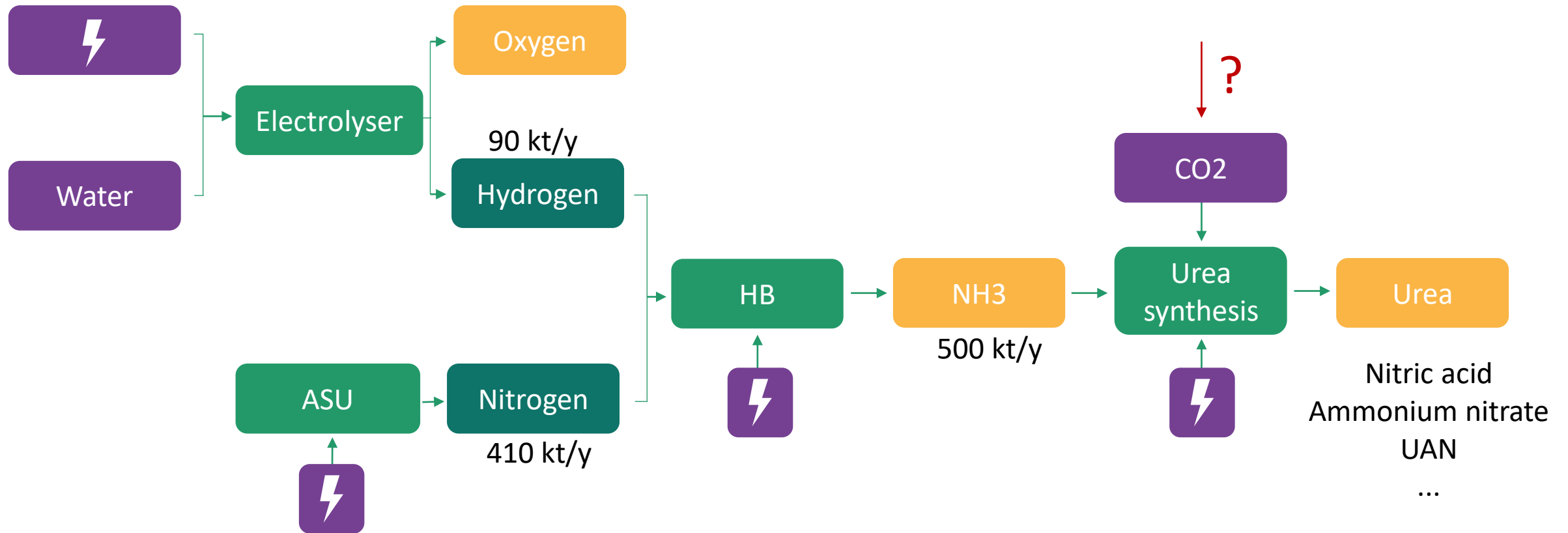


- Average estimated costs of „grey Hydrogen” production in the EU in 2021 was around **2.67 EUR/kg**
- Long-term average of the last 5 years is **1.5 – 2 EUR/kg**
- Average estimated costs of „grey Hydrogen” production in the EU in 2022 is around **10 EUR/kg**
- Grey hydrogen carbon footprint is on average around **9-10 t CO2 per t H2**

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Thank You



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