

# **Magnetocaloric Hydrogen Liquefaction (MCHL)**

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# *OPHYDROGENI* Hylical *OPH2SCience*

# What is it all about?



Hydrogen is commonly liquefied by gas compression-expansion. Our goal is to replace this process for temperatures <100 K with a magnetic refrigeration cycle.



P pressureH magnetic fieldT temperature





Gas compression-expansion cycle

#### Gas compression-expansion

- **High** energy demand (10-12 kWh/kgH<sub>2</sub>) •
- High CAPEX and OPEX
- Big and complex installation
- Suffers from "economy of scale"



Magnetic refrigeration cycle

#### MCHL technology

- **Low** energy demand (5-6 kWh/kgH<sub>2</sub>)
- Low CAPEX and OPEX
- More efficient at smaller scale(1-5 TPD)
- Flexible to adopt to fluctuating load

## What are the challenges?

Immature technology (needs 7-10 years to achieve market penetration).

The use of critical raw materials (rare earth elements) and cobalt.

Insufficient heat exchange. Needs to be improved to reach full potential.

# What are we doing in HYDROGENi?

### **Replace critical raw materials**



## Improve heat exchange



