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Technology Sustainability in Chlor-Alkali

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Introduction

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- Graduated with a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from Newcastle University
- Over 15 years' experience in operations, plant design, project delivery and technology development across the chlor-alkali and petrochemical industries



INEOS



\$68 bn Sales



25,000 Employees



182 Manufacturing Sites Globally



Ranked 4th - Global Chemical Companies 2020



Europe's No 1 Vinyl's Producer



Who we are

A major global supplier of industrial electrochemical technologies

INEOS | **Electrochemical Solutions**

**We Research & Develop
World Class
Electrochemical Products**

- FM & BICHLOR™ electrolyzers
- CHLORCOAT™ coatings

**We Sell Electrolyzers,
Associated Parts &
Technical Services**

- 4 generations of electrolyzer technology, installed globally

**We Refurbish & Re-coat
Electrolyzer Structures**

- IES Technology (Aftersales)
- Third party technologies

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Over 40 years of innovation

- We operate our own electrolyser plants, so we understand chlor-alkali
- Proud history of serving the industry
 - Four generations of electrolysers
 - Numerous technology patents
 - Global Sales & Technical Service team
- Research & Technology team dedicated to chlor-alkali process improvement



We're operators designing for operators – and we support our customers for life

Global cellroom installations

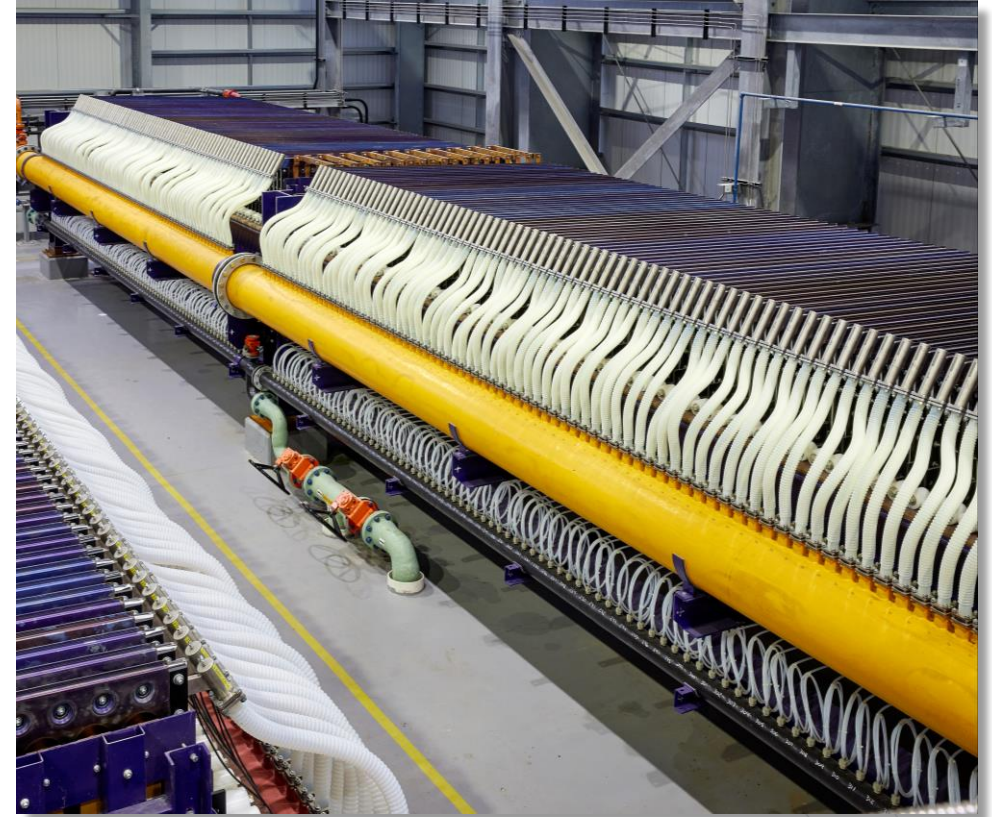
- Over 4m tonnes of installed capacity



BICHLOR Electrolyser

Significant energy savings and long-lasting performance over a lifetime of chlor-alkali production

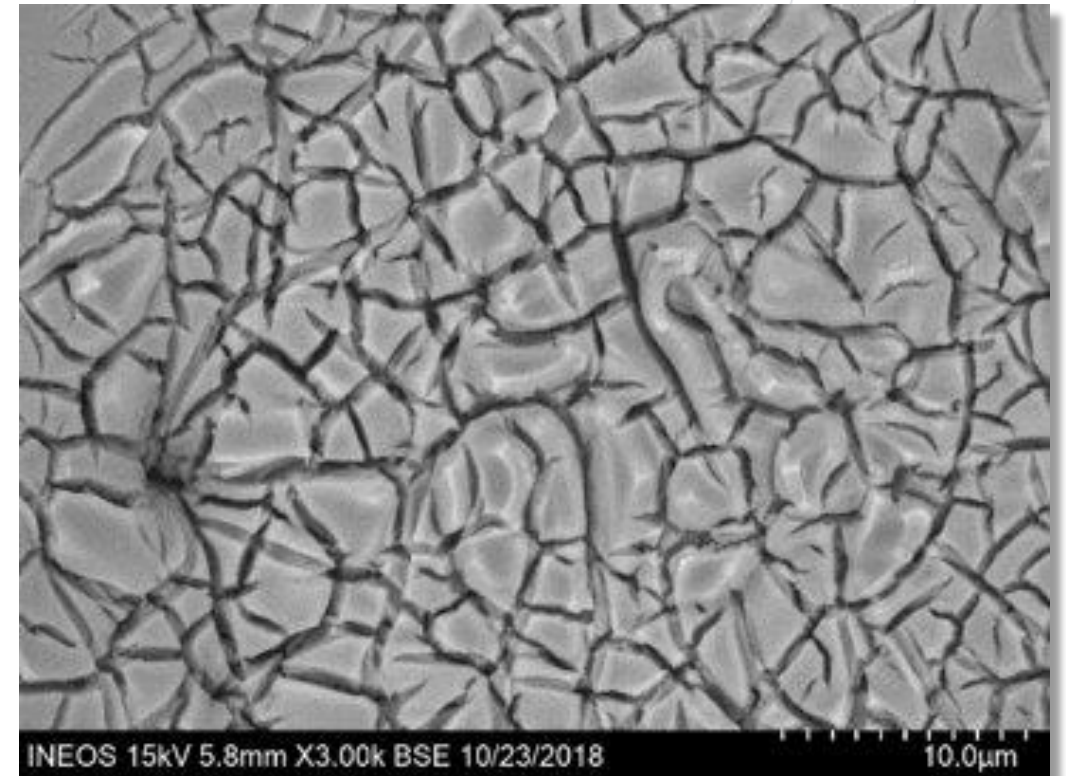
- Less than **1962* kWh/te NaOH** @ 6kA/m² power consumption
- Class leading output of **54,000 MTPA NaOH** per electrolyser**
- Largest effective working area of **3.4m²** per module means fewer modules are required per tonne of NaOH
- **Widest operational pressure range**, (atmospheric to 400mbarg) - all operator requirements can be met
- Zero gap, “modular” bipolar design delivers full use of the membrane area and extends the membrane’s life
- Robust, safe construction with superior strength and resistance to damage and distortion



CHLORCOAT Coatings

Our advanced electrode coatings underpin our technology performance

- Promote Cl_2 or H_2 evolution at low voltage
- Contain precious metals for resistance to key life-limiting processes
- High resistance to alkali wear, reverse currents and impurities
- Extensively used and proven in both our own technology and 3rd party technologies
- Latest AC03 cathode coating offers class leading overpotential
- Electrode coatings are a core capability within the business and a focus that differentiates our offering



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**Sustainable
Industry**



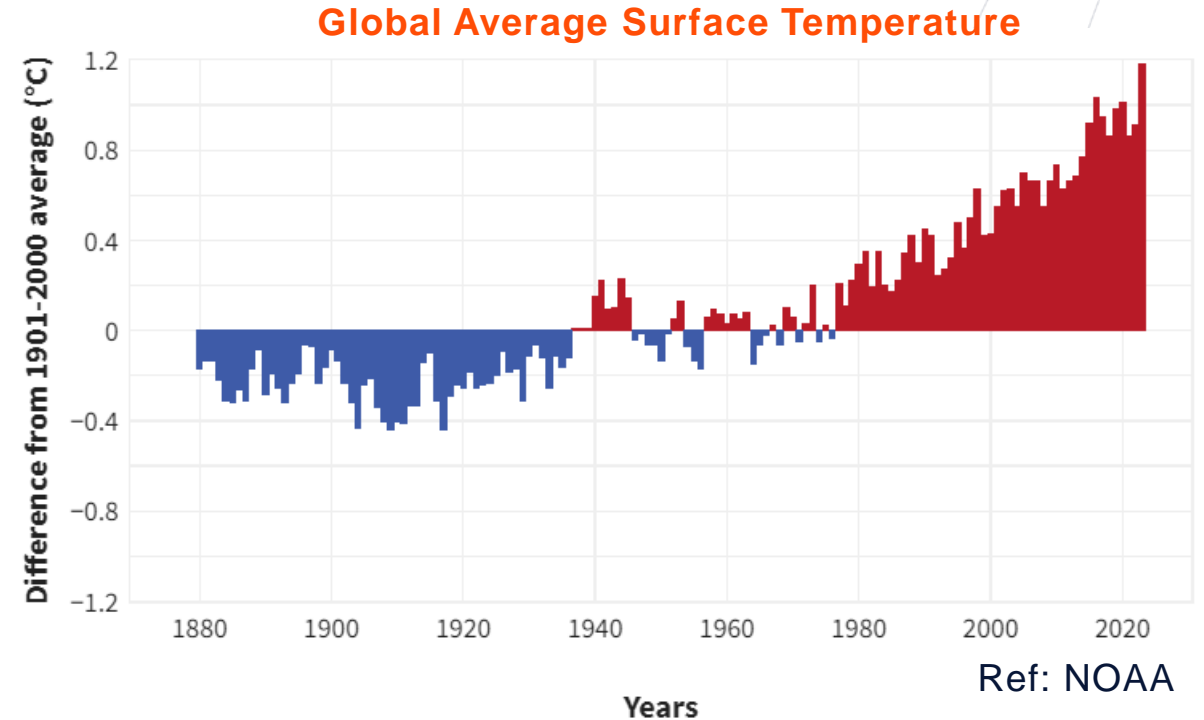
*Meeting the needs of the
present without
compromising the ability of
future generations to meet
their own needs*

UN Brundtland Report, 1987



Why discuss sustainability?

- Global temperature increase must be limited to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels to avert the worst effects of climate change; **avg. 1.52°C Feb-23 to Jan-24**
- 45% emissions reduction needed by 2030 and net zero by 2050; **Paris agreement**
- Chemical industry has a **major** part to play in achieving this



Where can chlor-alkali help?

11 Sustainable Cities & Communities



- PU foam insulation
- PVC windows
- H₂ fuel for transport
- Smart tech for city transport

7 Affordable & Clean Energy



- Solar panels (Si purification)
- Wind turbines (Cl based epoxy resins)
- KOH for nickel metal hydride batteries



3 Good Health & Wellbeing



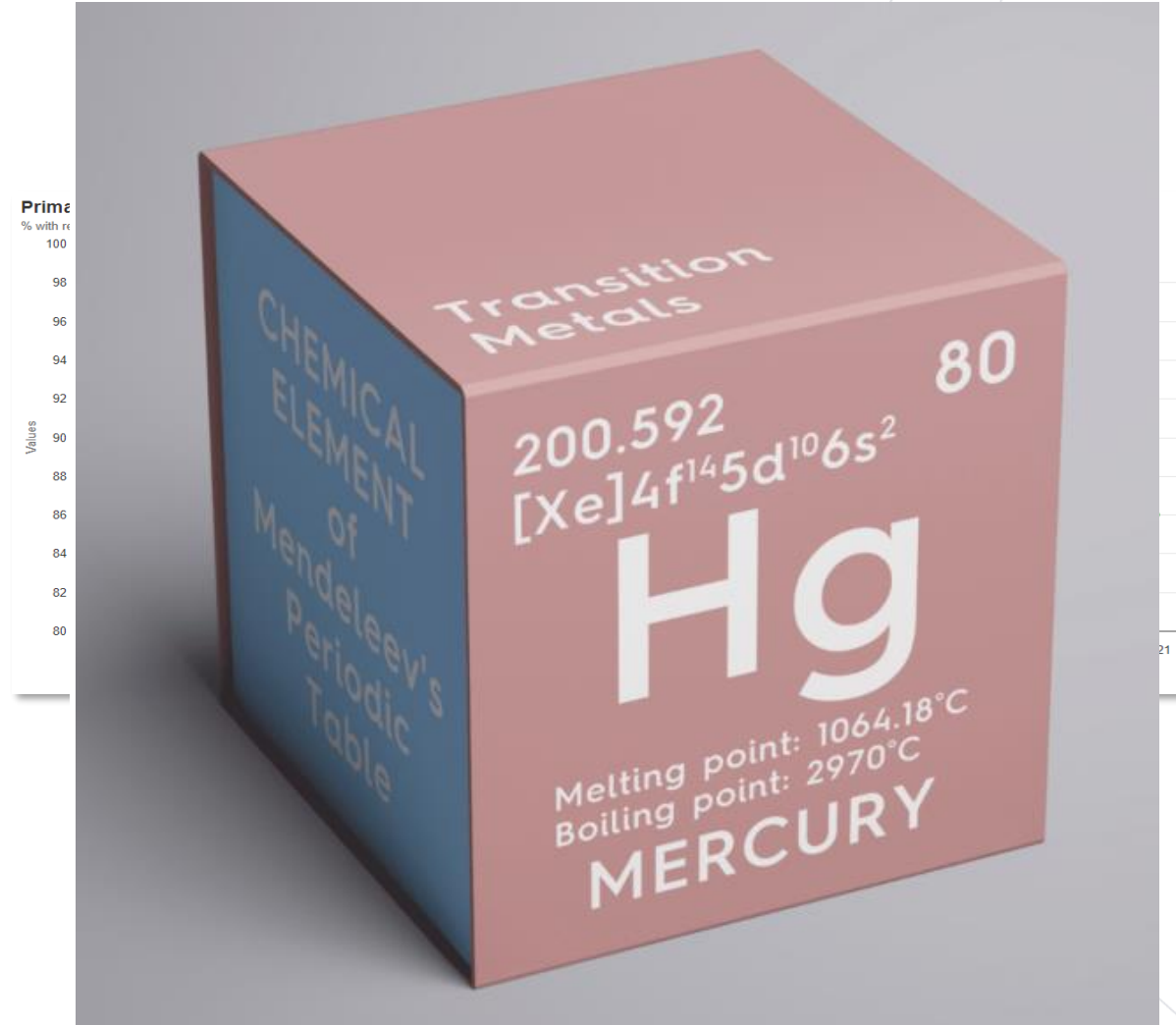
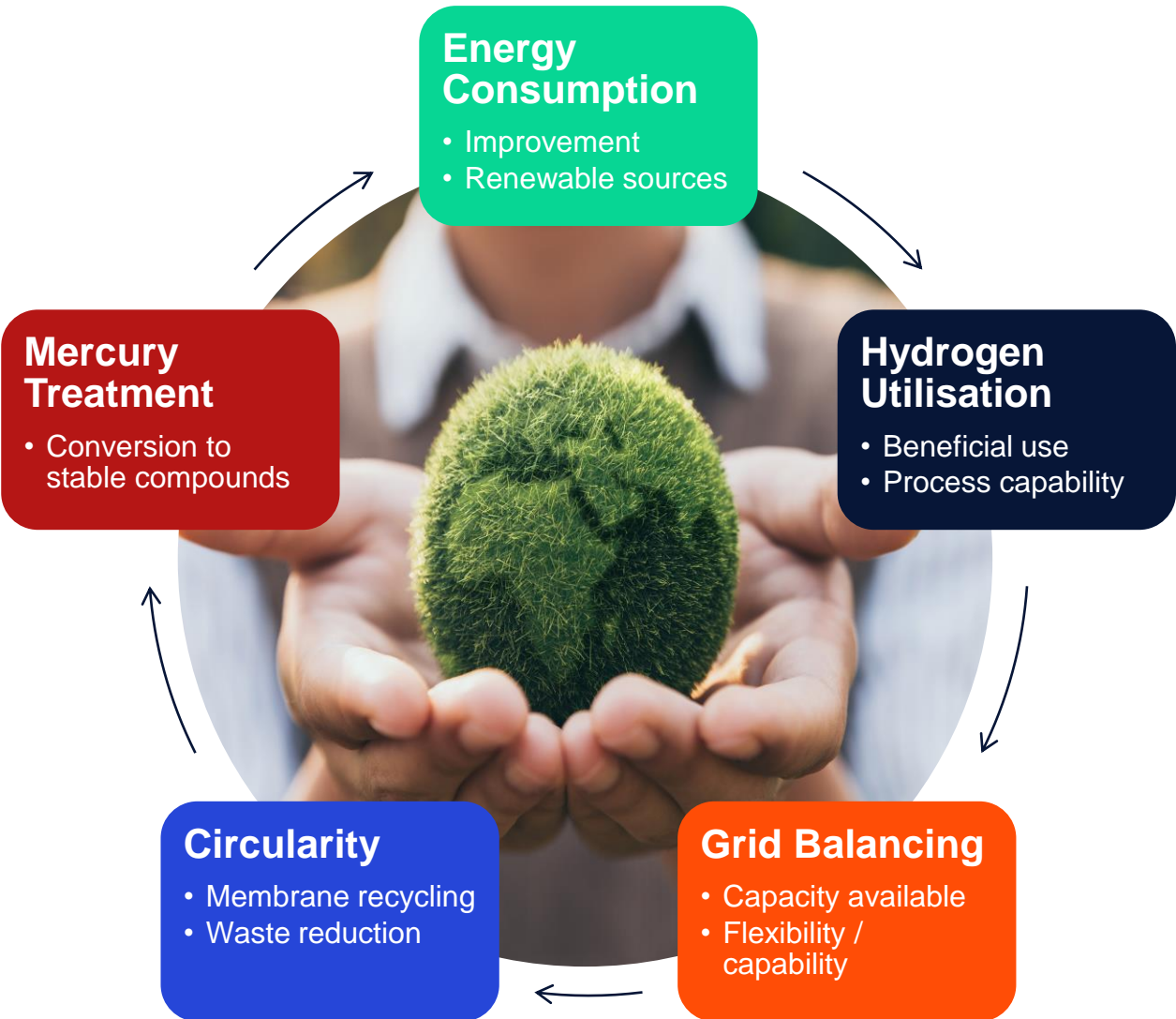
- Medicines, packaging & medical equipment
- Tropical disease protection e.g. mosquito sprays / nets
- Disinfectants

6 Clean Water & Sanitation



- Drinking water disinfectants
- PVC pipes

A sustainable chlor-alkali industry



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**Sustainable
Technology**



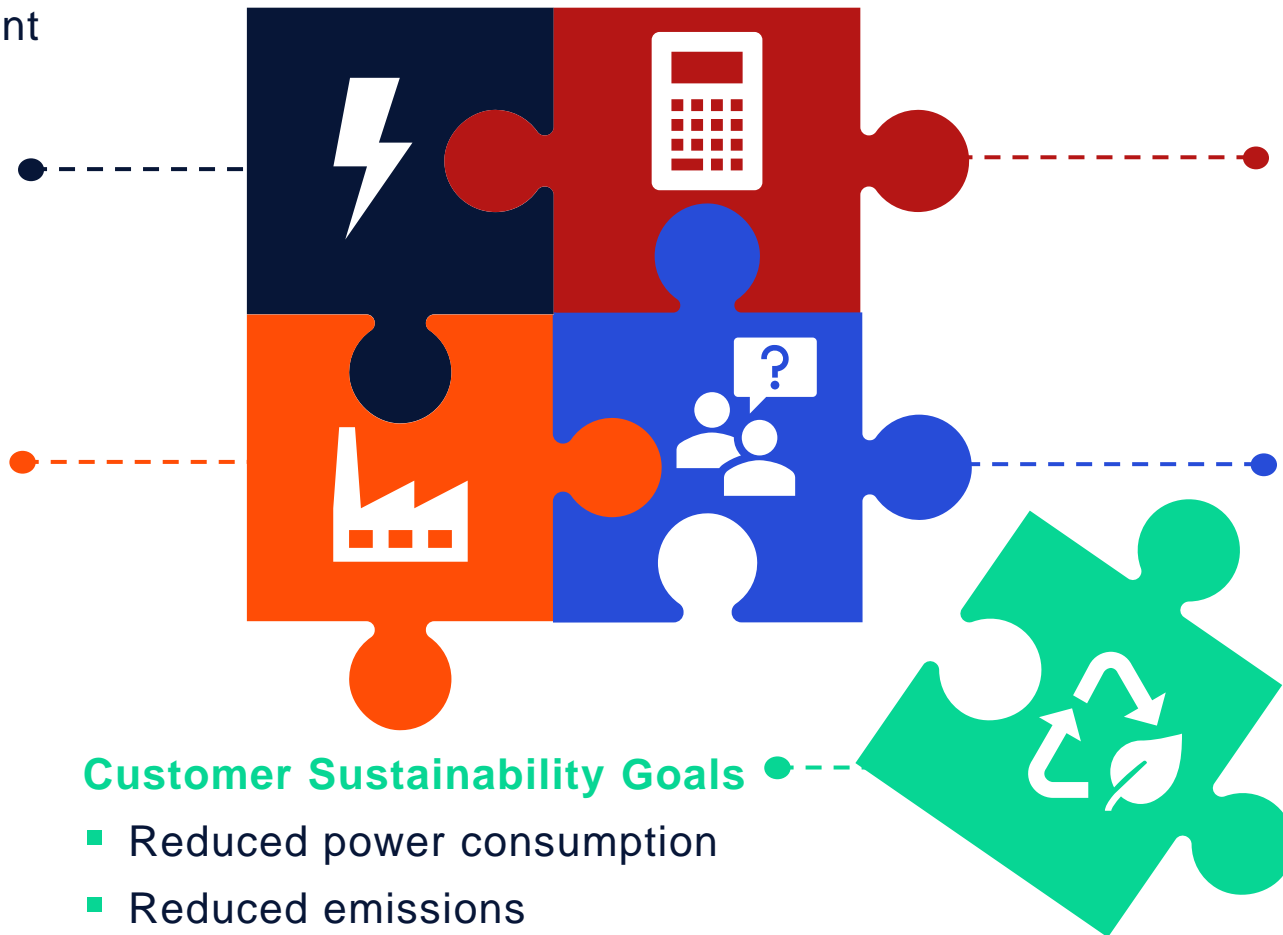
A sustainable offering from IES

Electrolyser Product

- Performance improvement
- Product development
- Recyclability
- Packaging
- Low carbon applications
- Material sourcing

Manufacturing / Refurb

- Optimisation
- Energy consumption auditing and reduction
- Waste reduction
- Management of waste streams



Customer Sustainability Goals

- Reduced power consumption
- Reduced emissions

Engineering Solutions

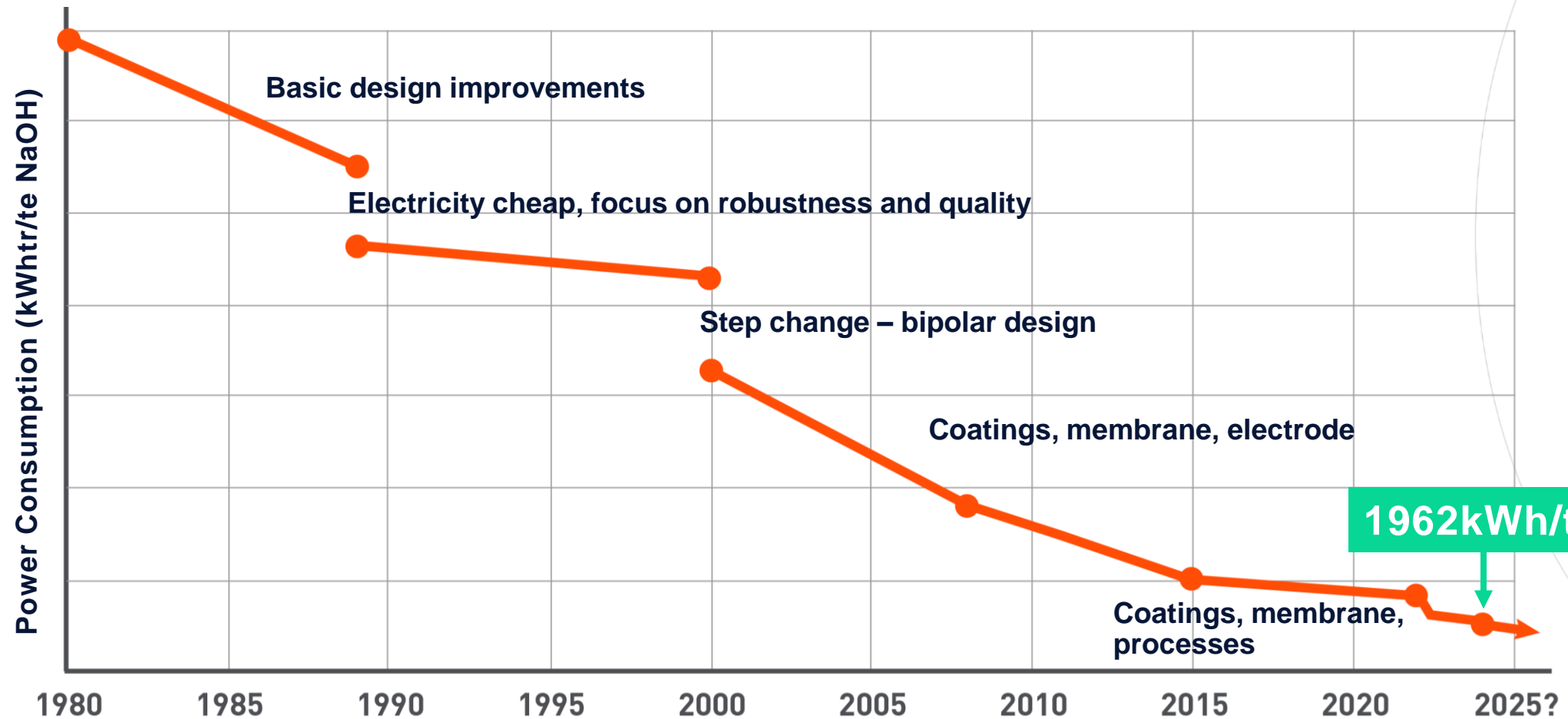
- Optioneering
- Optimised design
- Heat integration
- Value engineering
- Effluent minimisation

Tech & Ops Support

- Maximising performance
- Optimising component lifetime
- Refurbishment support

What we've done

Evolution of excellence



What we're doing

Overcoming the overpotential

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Measured} \\ \text{voltage} \\ \sim 2.9\text{V} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Reversible} \\ \text{potential} \\ \sim 2.25\text{V} \end{array}$$

A function of current density

$$\begin{array}{l} + \\ + \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{Over-} \\ \text{potential} \\ \sim 0.65\text{V} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Ohmic} \\ \text{Resistance} \end{array}$$

Coating innovations

- Potentially 20-30kWh/te available
- 30kWh/te is **~0.6Mte/yr CO₂** worldwide
- Robustness / life

Membrane improvements

- Integrating latest membrane supplier developments
- Evaluating lifetime durability
- Ready to support recycling concepts

9,921,052

Tree seedlings grown for 10yrs



133,518

Cars driven for 1 yr



75,620

Homes powered for 1 yr



1.5

NG fired power plants for 1 yr



What operators can do

Reduce power consumption and hence CO₂ emissions

- Operate within the design envelope
 - Good control of brine quality and pressure control
- Upgrade technology
 - Latest technology has a lower power consumption
 - New generation membranes with lower resistance
- Reduce current density
 - More modules needed – higher capital cost, cellroom footprint
- Increase operating pressure:
 - Reduced gas system size & cooling / drying requirements
 - Effect on equipment pressure rating, safety case, pressure control system



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Key Takeaways



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Urgent action needed to address climate change; chemical industry plays a key role



Chlor-alkali provides critical products to achieve sustainable development goals, but must do this sustainably



Reducing energy consumption and transitioning to green energy are major challenges



We recognise our responsibility as a major chlor-alkali operator and technology supplier to lead the transition to net zero



IES committed to ensure our products and solutions meet the demands of a sustainable chlor-alkali industry



IES can help you achieve your sustainability goals

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Thank You

Designed **for life.**

