Problem 4-13

Analyze the basic economics and show an I/O diagram for producing hydrogen from water, coal, and natural gas. What production mode should be utilized to obtain production rates of 3×10^7 and 1×10^8 kg/yr?

Cost data: Electricity: \$ 0.05/kWh (Cost & Eval. Worksheet)

 H2:
 \$ 0.67/kg (Kirk-Othmer)

 O2:
 \$ 0.04/kg (Kirk-Othmer)

 Bituminous Coal:
 \$ 0.0675/kg (eia.gov, 2023)

 Anthracite Coal:
 \$ 0.1180/kg (eia.gov, 2023)

Generic Coal: \$ 0.055/kg (Cost & Eval. worksheet)
Steam: \$ 0.008/kg (Cost & Eval. Worksheet)

Natural gas: \$ 1.214/kg (Henry Hub Spot, 22 November 2023)

Natural Gas: \$ 1.289/kg (Cost & Eval. Worksheet)