



# HYDROGEN ECONOMY BASED ON RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES





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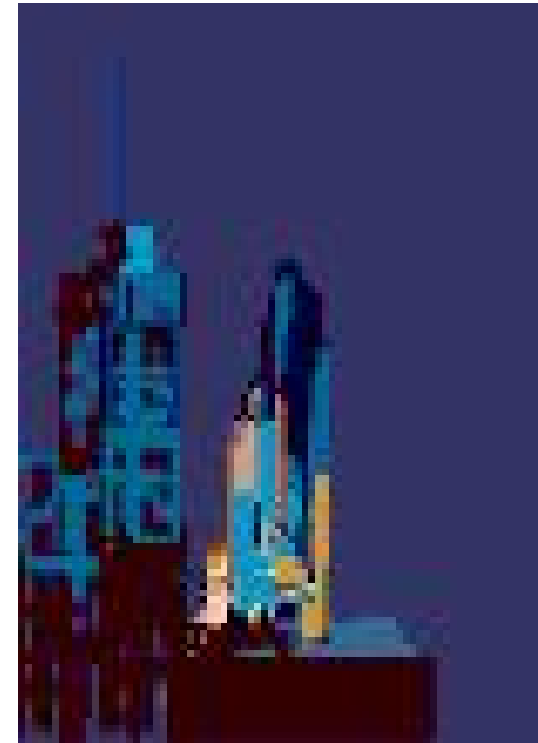
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Yes,

100 years later the prediction of Jules Verne was realized.

- Man left the Earth using as a fuel the WATER components HYDROGEN and OXYGEN;
- The space crews rely on Hydrogen/Oxygen power devices, called FUEL CELLS, which operate the shuttle electrical systems and dring the by-product, which is PURE WATER.





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# HYDROGEN ECONOMY ?

The challenging question is:

Can **HYDROGEN** take the leading position in the **Earth's Energy System** and replace the Fossil Energy System, which is now providing us with energy?

The answer is :

**"YES"**







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# THE FOSSIL ENERGY SYSTEM

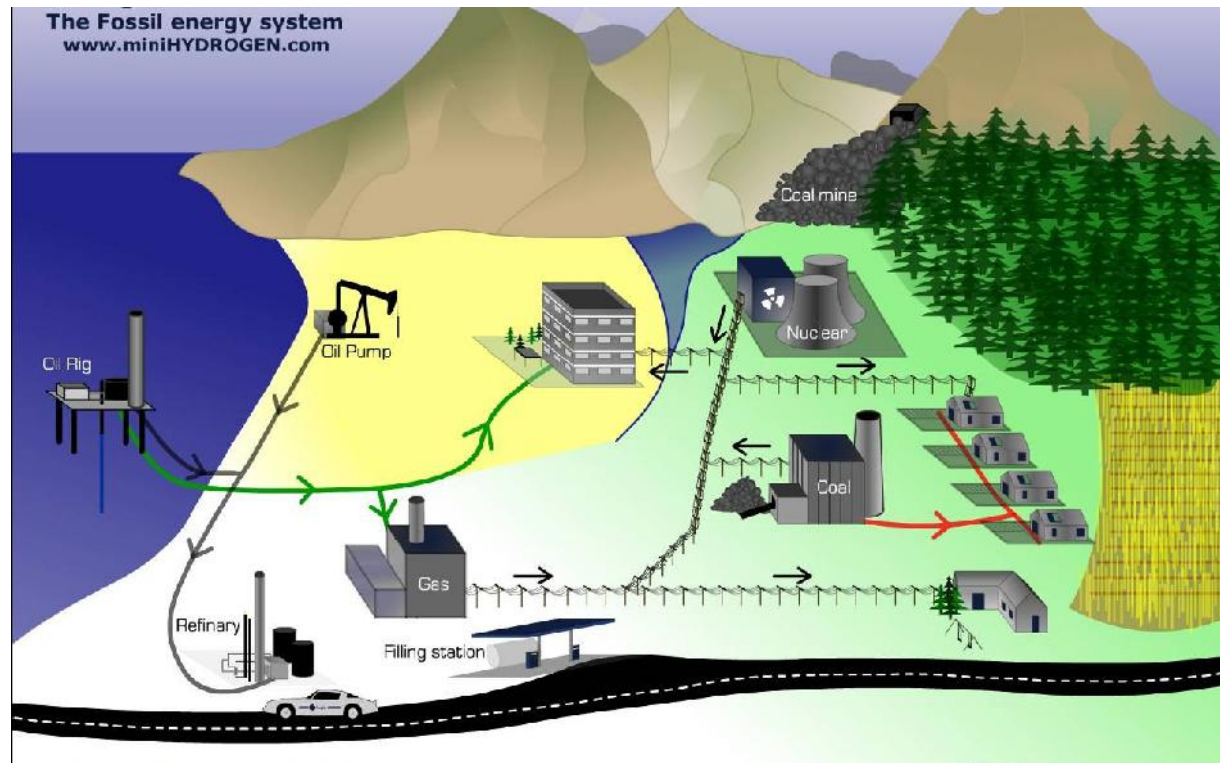
- reasons for change

- Today energy is used for:
  - electricity
  - heat
  - transportation
- Most of the world's energy comes from fossil fuels:

- coal
- oil
- natural gas

- Additional sources are:

- nuclear power
- different renewable energy sources



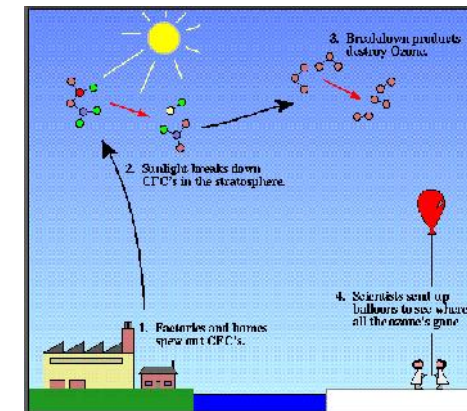


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# THE FOSSIL ENERGY SYSTEM

## - reasons for change

- The fossil energy system holds some threats with increasing negative impact:
  - Pollution – the burning of fossil fuel polutes
    - ✓ air pollution – smog and harmful particles
    - ✓ greenhouse gases emission – bringing to climate changes
    - ✓ oil depletion
    - ✓ dependence of national energy on foreign oil from politically instable regions



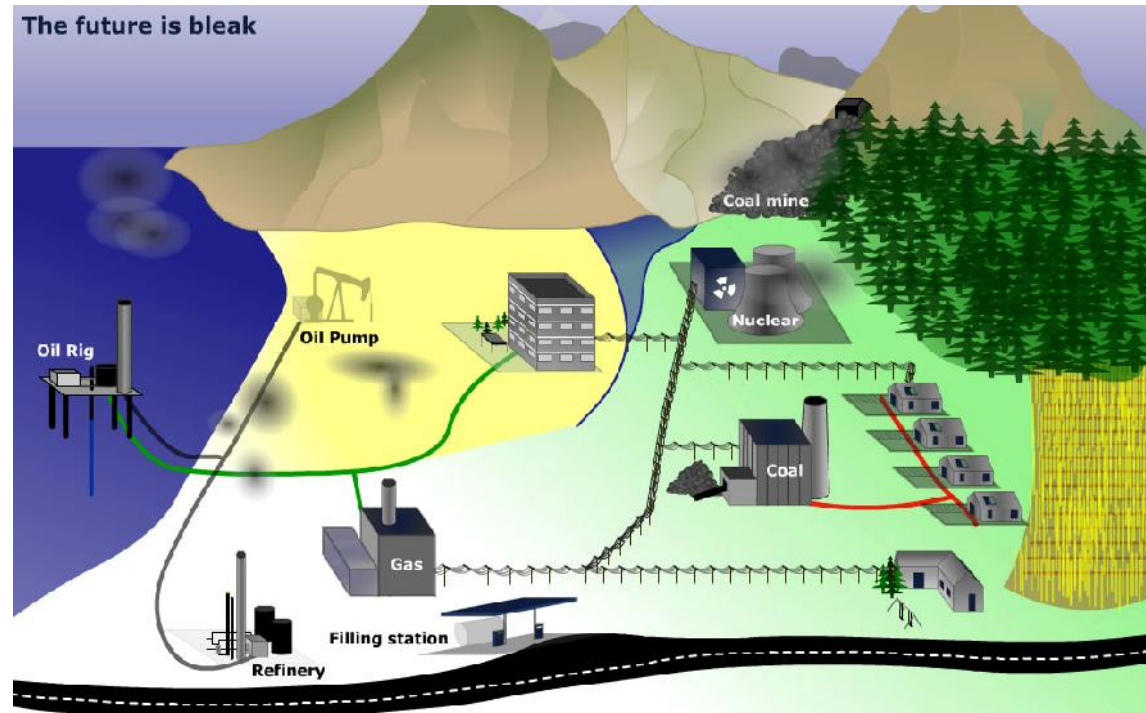


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# THE FOSSIL ENERGY SYSTEM

- reasons for change

- What is needed?
  - A more sustainable and clean Energy System
- What is the solution?
  - Replacement of the FOSSIL Energy System with **HYDROGEN** Energy System





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# THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY

- sustainable & clean energy

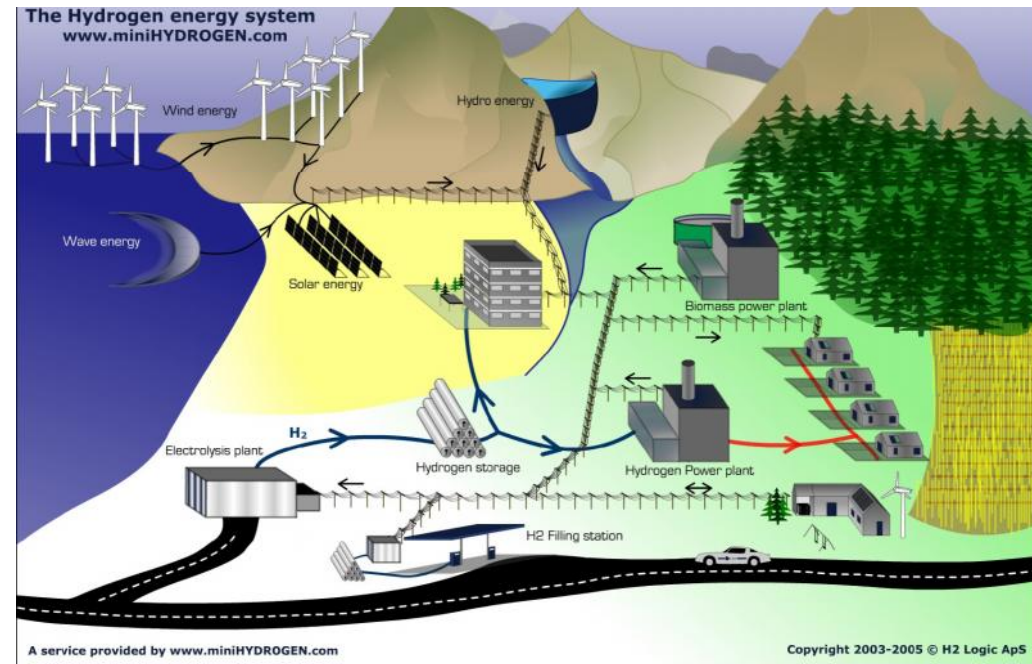
- Although Hydrogen economy still belongs to the future, scientists expect that it will be realized in our century.
- In the Hydrogen energy system (known also as “Hydrogen & Fuel cells):

- Hydrogen is universal energy carrier (and not an energy source)

- Hydrogen will be produced mainly from water using renewable energy sources

- Some stationary production of Hydrogen from fossil fuels would ensure proper disposition of the released greenhouse gases

- Hydrogen can be converted again in energy in fuel cells







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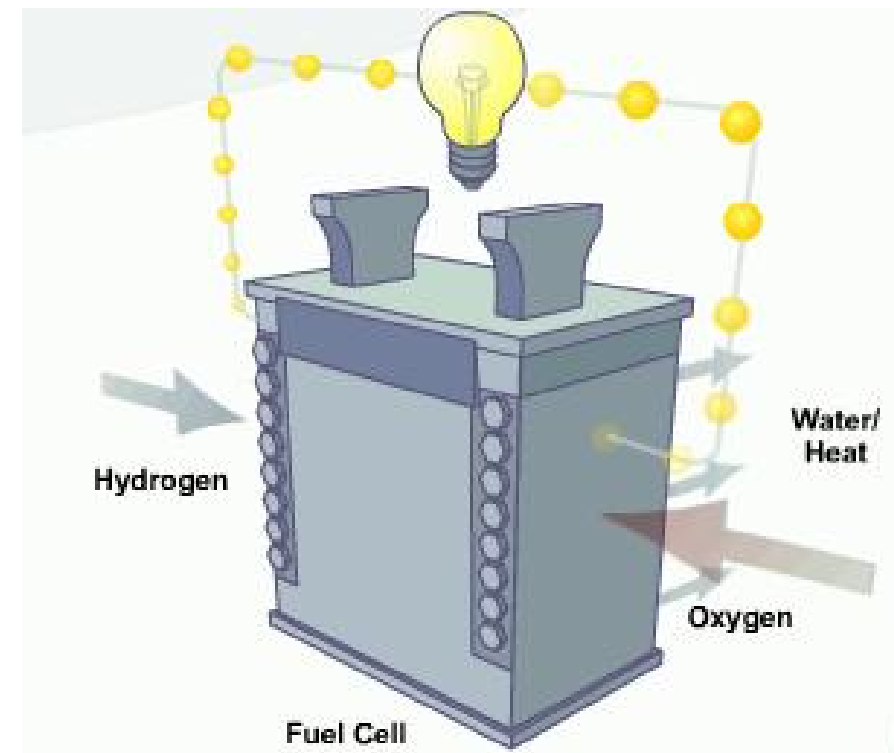
- FUEL CELL is an electrochemical device in which hydrogen and oxygen (from air) react, creating ENERGY (electricity & heat).

- The only by-product is pure water

- As long as the fuel is supplied, the fuel cell will continue to generate power

- The process is clean, quiet and highly efficient

(2-3 times more efficient than fuel burning)

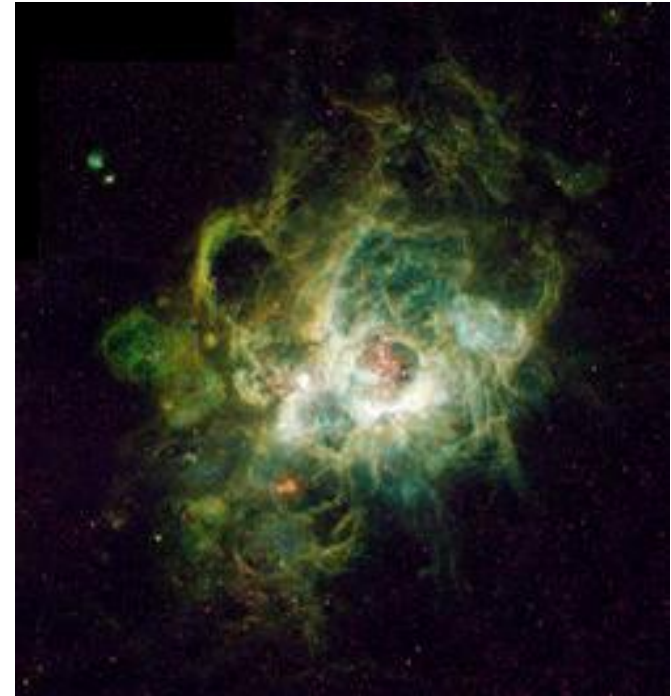




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# SOMETHING ABOUT HYDROGEN

- Hydrogen is the most abundant of the chemical elements. It contributes 75% of the universe's elemental mass
- Stars are mainly composed of hydrogen in plasma state
- On Earth hydrogen is the third most abundant element. Most of it is in the form of chemical compounds as hydrocarbons and water
- Advantages of hydrogen as fuel:
  - the highest energy content per unit of weight of any known fuel (3 times greater than gasoline)
  - highly flammable
  - its combustion does not produce  $\text{CO}_2$ , particulates or sulphur emissions



Region of ionized hydrogen in the Triangulum Galaxy



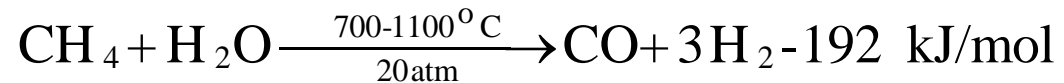
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# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

- turning the universe into hydrogen

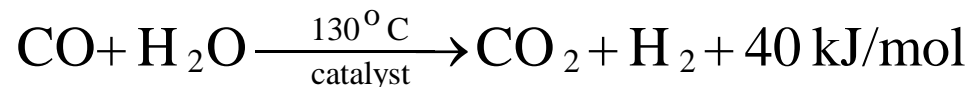
- From fossil fuels – today's cheapest technology

- Steam Reforming of natural gas – highest efficiency - about 80%

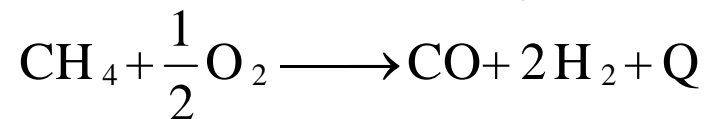


The heat required to drive the process is supplied by burning some portions of the methane

- From carbon monoxide (produced from the steam reforming)



- Partial oxidation of hydrocarbons



Since the hydrogen production is concentrated in one facility (plant), the release of greenhouse gases can be avoided.

One promising technology applied in **Norway** is the injection of CO<sub>2</sub> in an oil or gas reservoir.



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- From water – the way to produce hydrogen sustainability is the **ELECTOLYSIS** of water, using:
  - **Renewable** energy that produces electricity:

- solar energy



- marine energy (waves and streams)







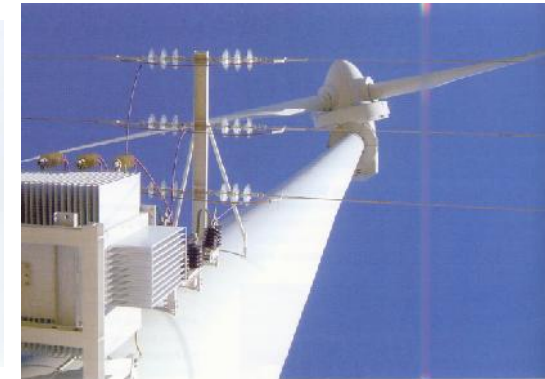
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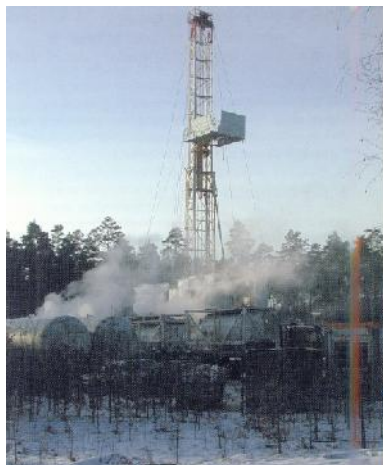
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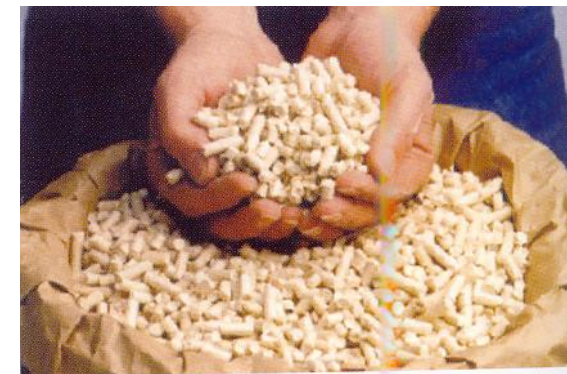
- wind energy



- geothermal energy



- bio-energy



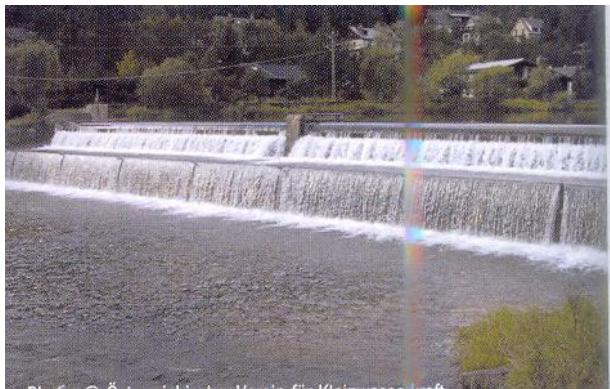


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  - **Nuclear reactors** and **hydroelectrical stations** **electricity** during the night, when the consumption demands are lower.



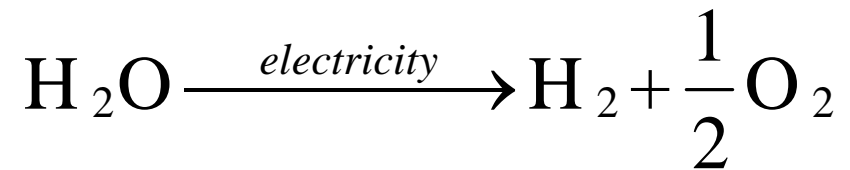


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- WHAT IS ELECTOLYSIS – the process electrolysis consists in splitting water with the help of electricity into its constituent elements HYDROGEN + OXYGEN:



- The electrolyzer technology is well developed, but still more expensive than the steam reforming



Electrolysers working with electricity from wind energy



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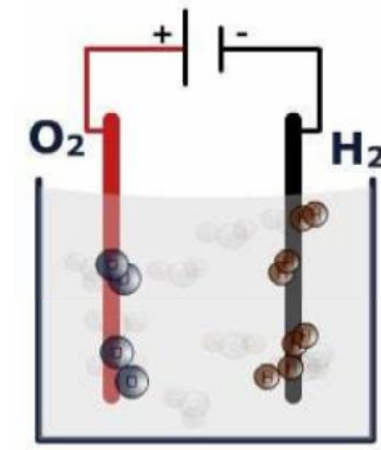
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- ELECTROLYSIS

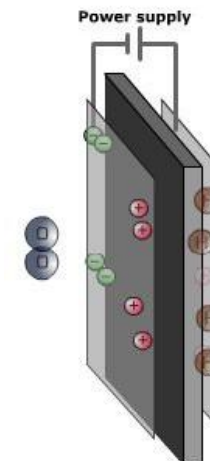
- Liquid Alkaline Electrolyzers –for large scaled production

- ✓ The electrical current is applied to conductive liquid (water) electrolyte, which brings to the formation of  $H^+$  cations and  $OH^-$  (hydroxide) anions. The  $H^+$  are attracted to the cathode, where  $H_2$  is formed. The  $OH^-$  are attracted to the anode, where  $O_2$  is formed.



- Proton Exchange Membrane Electrolyzers – for small and medium scale applications

- ✓ The electrolyte is a solid polymer membrane, which is permeable only to the  $H^+$  (protons) and thus ensures the separation of the hydrogen from the oxygen.







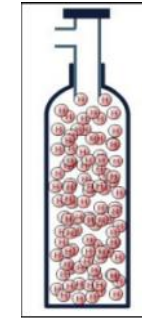
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# HYDROGEN STORAGE

## - turning the universe into hydrogen

- Hydrogen contains most energy compared to its weight, but the least compared to its volume. The challenge is to store it, increasing its energy density.

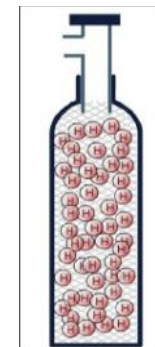
- Storage as a gas – hydrogen is stored in bottles under pressure (200 bars), which increases the energy density. Putting  $H_2$  under pressure takes a lot of energy.



- Storage as a liquid – cooled to  $-253^{\circ}C$ , hydrogen becomes liquid and thus its energy density is increased. The cooling also needs too much energy.



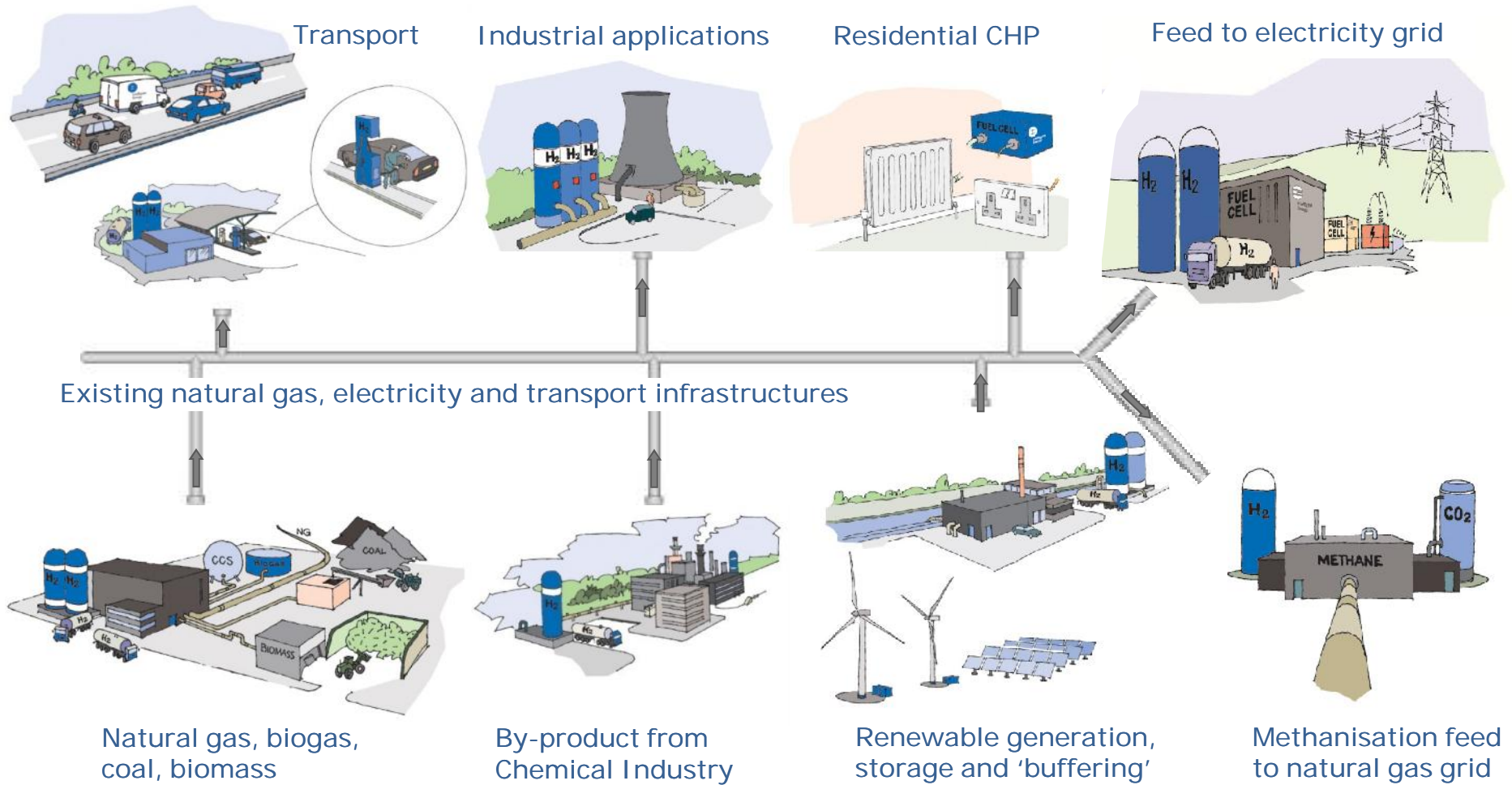
- Solid State Storage – hydrogen can be stored in solid form as metal hydride. Some metals as Mg, Ni, Fe and some metal alloys can expand their lattice and fill it with hydrogen, forming metal hydrides ( $NiH_{0.5}$ ,  $NaAlH_4$  etc.). Hydrogen can be easily released with an increase of the temperature (up to  $100 - 150^{\circ}C$ ).





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# HYDROGEN APPLICATION





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# HYDROGEN FOR HEAT AND ELECTRICITY - produce your own energy

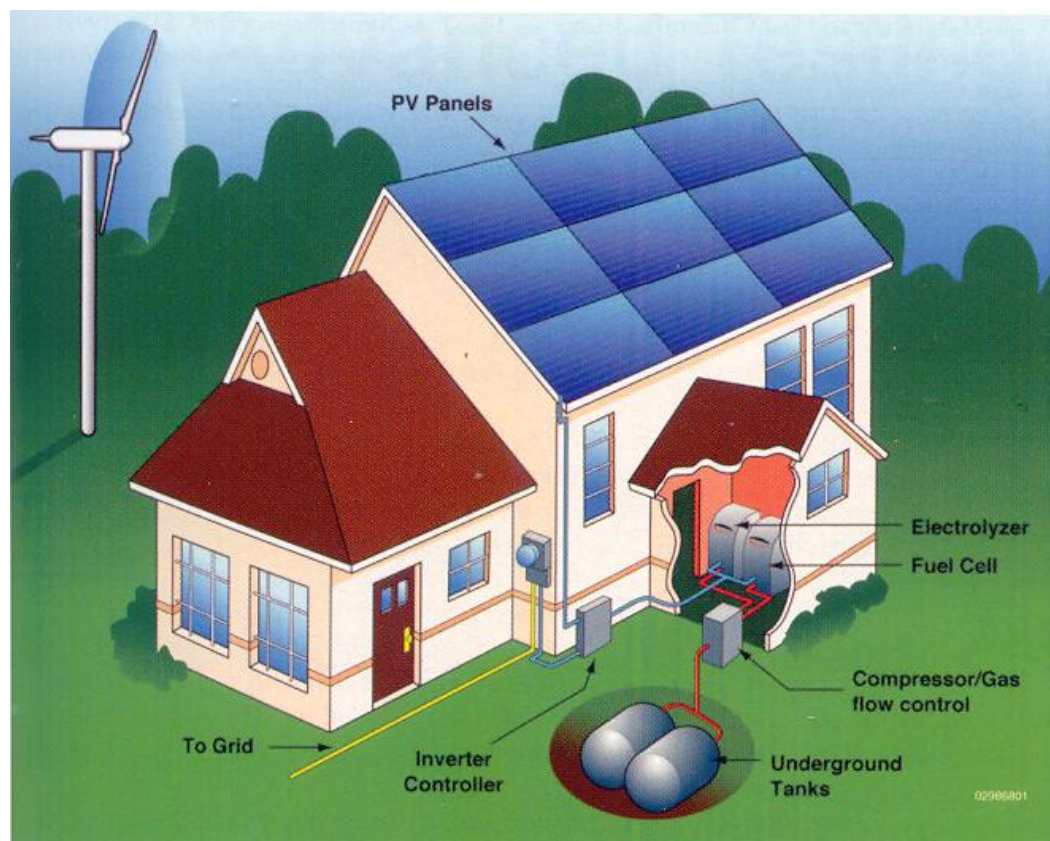
- The **Hydrogen energy** holds the potential for everybody to produce their own energy. The concept is known as **POWER POOL**.

- Every house will have:

- ✓renewable energy production technologies (wind and solar on the example)

- ✓fuel cells for production of electricity from hydrogen

- ✓electrolyzer for H<sub>2</sub> production





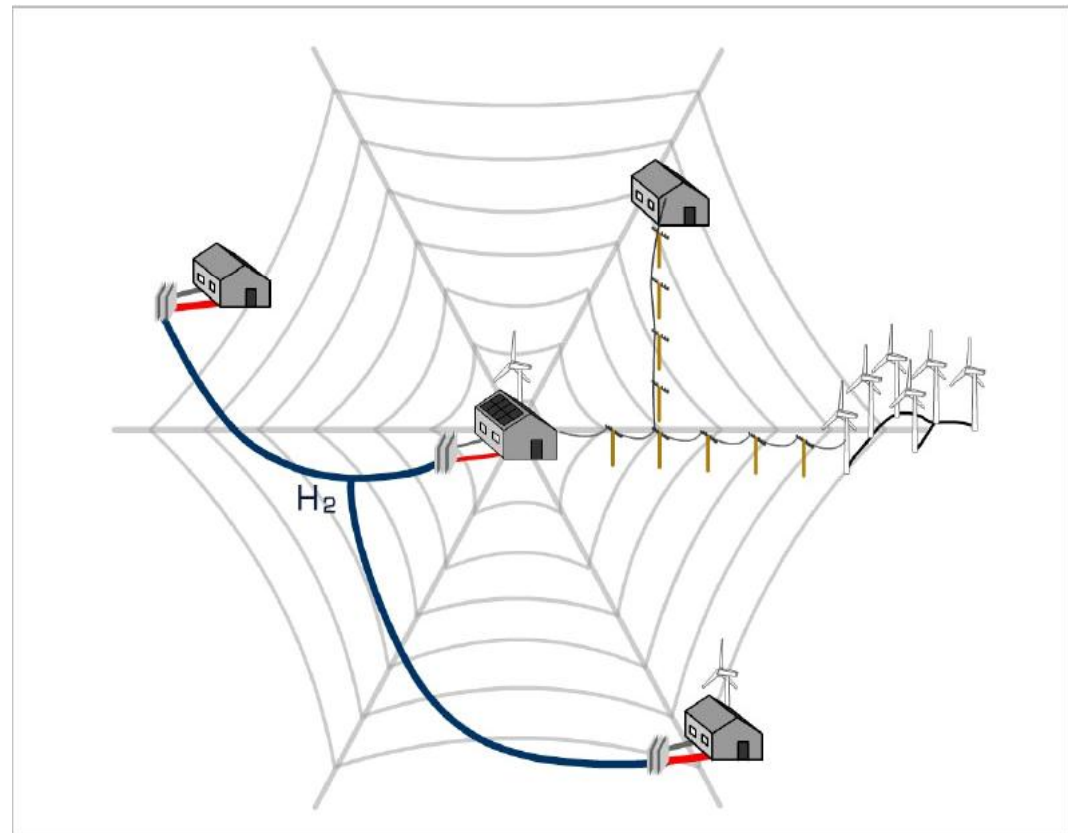
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- All the houses form a **POWER GRID** in which every house can sell or buy power.

- The idea is to conduct the Power Grid as the **INTERNET**, consisting of small units, connected to one **BIG POWER POOL**.







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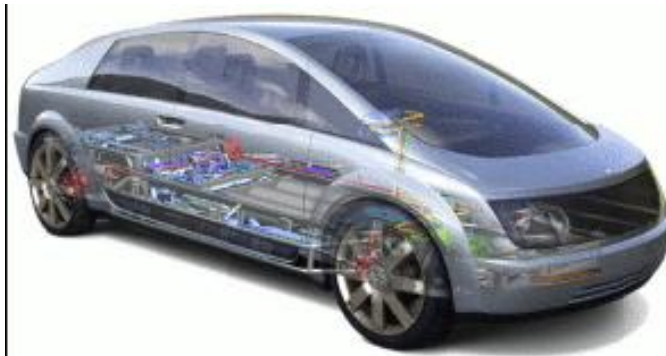
# HYDROGEN FOR TRANSPORTATION

- clean, silent, futuristic

- Hydrogen for transportation is expected to be a major market



- General Motors Hy-Wire (Hydrogen/fuel cell) car paves the road to futuristic cars



Hy-Wire



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# HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELLS in Europe

## Fuel cells and hydrogen Joint Undertaking - FCH JU

Public-private partnership



- Aim: to accelerate the market introduction of the technologies
- Support:
  - 2008-2013 – 960 Million €
  - 2014-2020 - 1.33 Billion €
  - About 150 projects



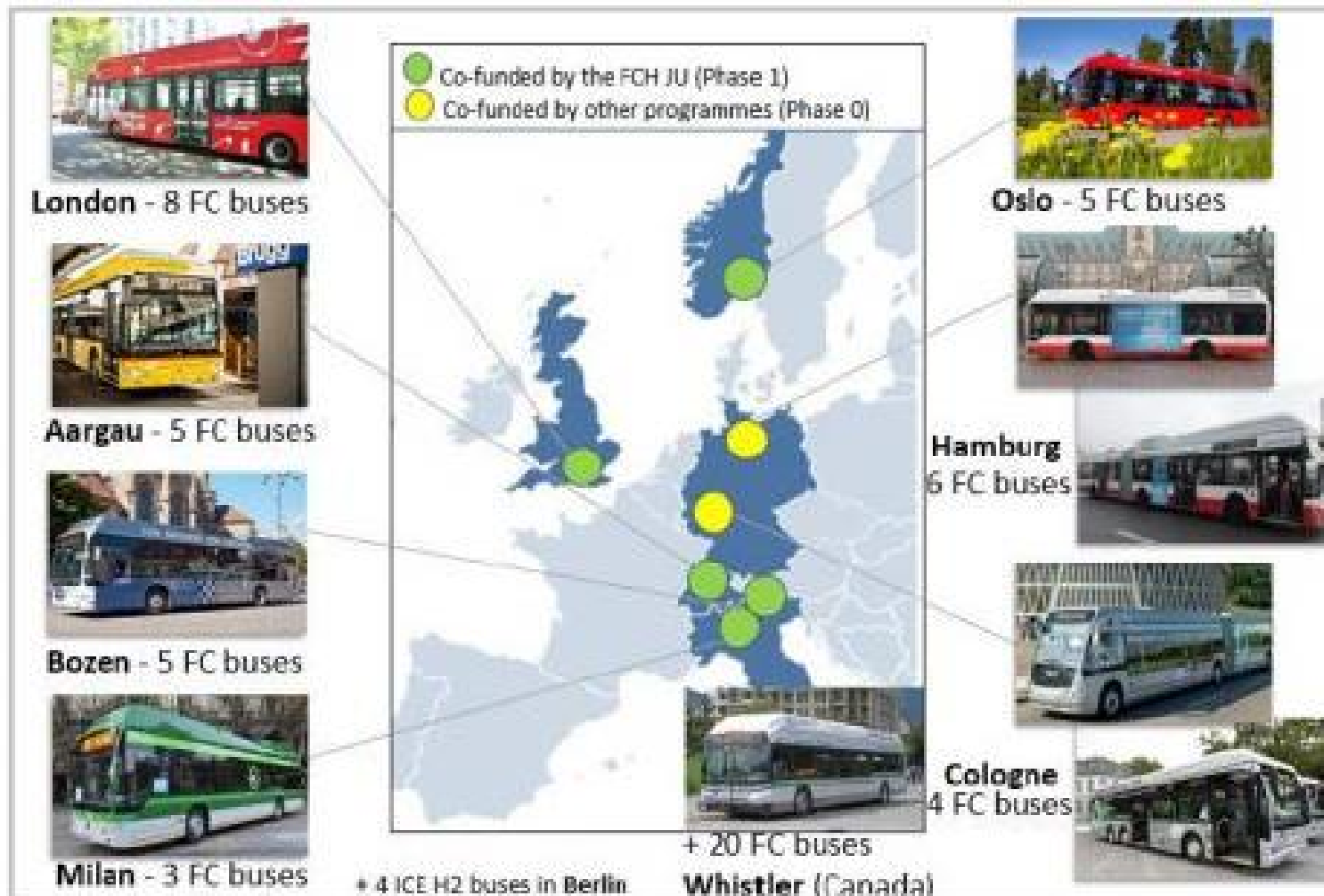
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## Fuel cell electric buses: already cleaning transport





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## COMMERCIALISATION



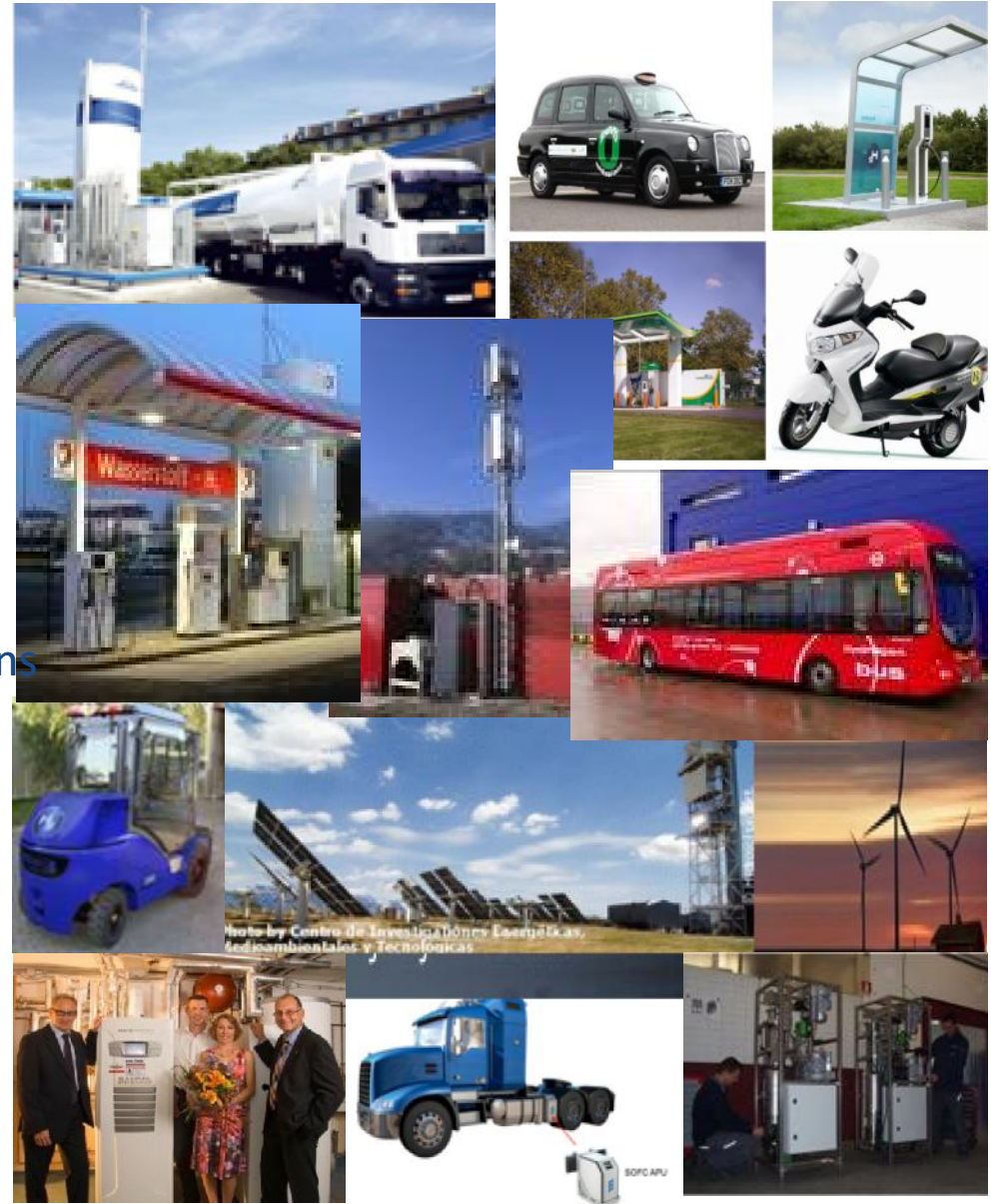
- Total of 585 passenger cars in 5 projects of which 125 with FCs as range extender
- Total of 40 refuelling stations



- Total of 67 buses from 4 projects in 12 locations



- Over 400 MHVs in 4 projects
- MHVs operated for 12,413hrs = 2200 shifts with overall availability of 95%
- 4,000 refuellings with 99.5% HRS
- availability







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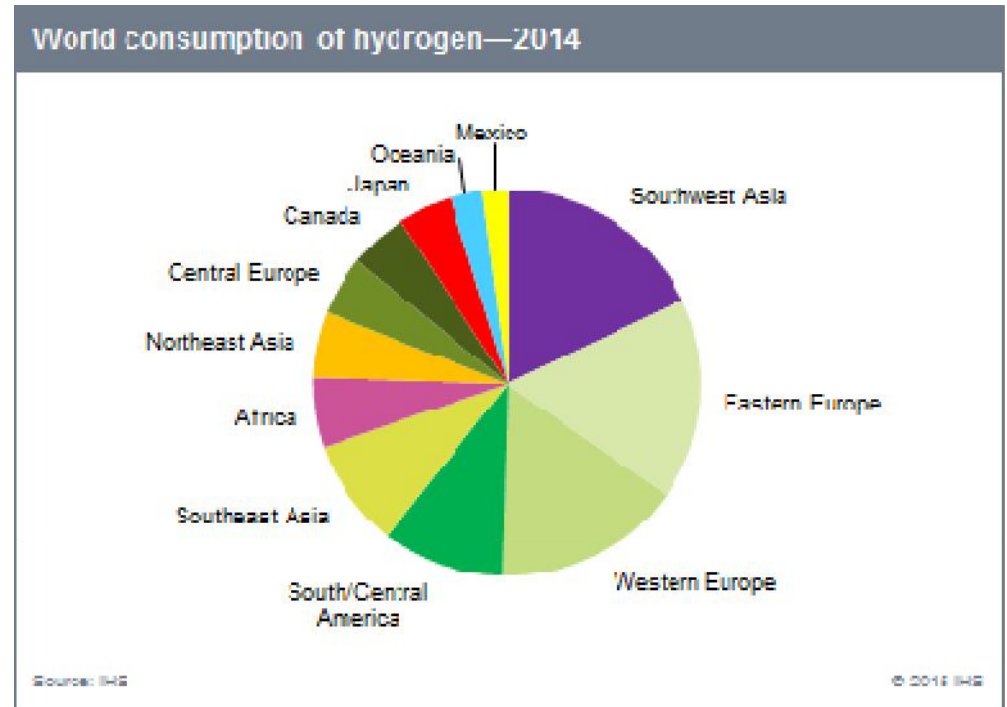
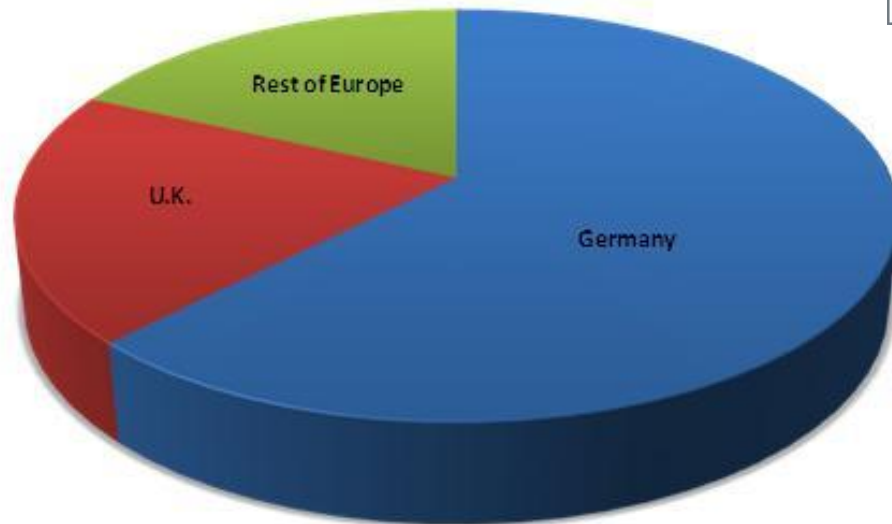
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## COMMERCIALISATION

- Europe vs. WORLD:
- Europe Fuel Cell Technology Market:





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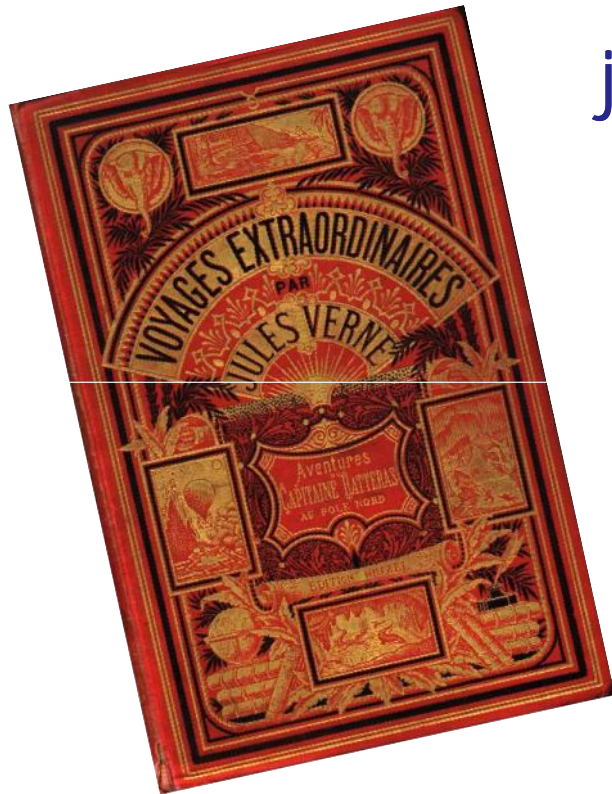




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# CONCLUSION

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AN INVENTOR,  
just read carefully  
JULES VERNE



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