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Latest Hydrogen Achievements and Trends in the Netherlands

Marcel Weeda, International Hydrogen Energy Development Forum 2012, Fukuoka, February 1, 2012





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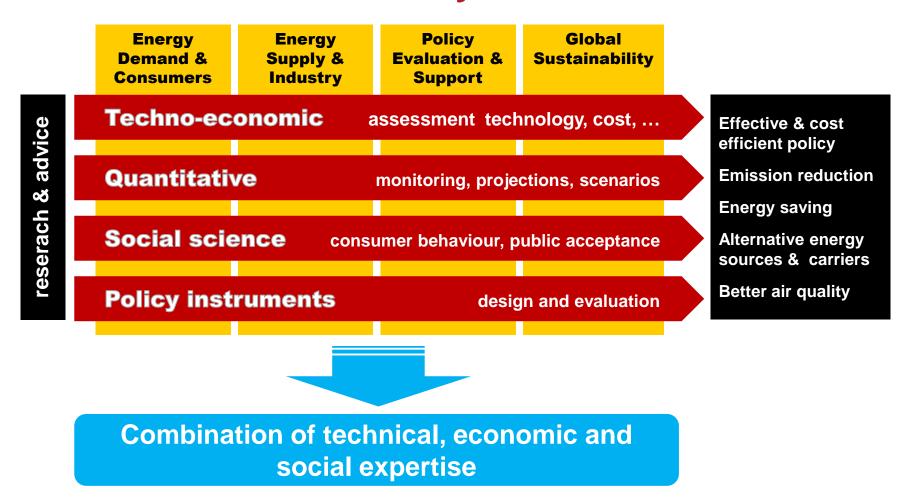


With and for the market ECN develops knowledge and technology that enable a transition to a sustainable energy system

- Independent research organization
- Bridge between fundamental research and industrial products
- 550 600 employees
- Annual turnover 75-80 M€
- Active in the field of:
 - > Wind Energy
 - > Solar Energy
 - Biomass (incl. CCS technology)
 - > Energy Efficiency
 - Policy Studies
 - Environment &Energy Engineering



Research at ECN Policy Studies:



IEA HIA Task 28:

Large-scale Hydrogen Delivery Infrastructure

Operating Agent: Marcel Weeda

Team

Netherlands: ECN, Shell

USA: ANL and Proton OnSite (GM)

Japan: Tokyo Gas and Nissan

Denmark: Danish Gas Technology Centre and H2Logic

Australia: GreenCollar Climate Solutions / AAHE

France: GdF-SUEZ, TOTAL and Air Liquide

Germany: NOW (many options but no final decisions)











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Drivers for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells

- At present automotive is main driver:
 - No OEM in the Netherlands
 - Competition from battery electric
- However, other drivers present
 - Innovation
 - Air quality issues
 - Large industrial hydrogen complex



Overview Hydrogen and Fuel Cells activities





Hydrogen & Fuel Cell technology cluster

Nedstack



HyGear



HyET



Nedstack overview

Partnering for reliable, sustainable, affordable green energy solutions



Founded in 1998

Independent spin-off from Akzo Nobel

Today

- Major global PEM fuel cell producer
- Global installed base including emerging market in Europe, US, Africa, Asia
- Partner in a sustainable eco system

We are dedicated to designing and producing the best value for money PEM fuel cell stacks in the market.



Development and manufacturing of: PEM Fuel Cell Stacks PEM Power Plants



Nedstack's PEM fuel cell stacks are unique



- Hydrogen, pressure 100- 300 mbarg
- Ambient air, pressure 50-150 mbarg
- Liquid cooled
- Power range 1 10 kW
- Stacks can be combined to 20 2000 kW

- Lifetime in stationary applications: 20,000 h
- Proven reliability
- Robust, easy to integrate
- Recyclable
- CE



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Nedstack has an extensive track record





Over 700 telecom back-up stations with Nedstack stacks installed with untroubled operation since 2007



5 kW off-grid telecom power supply

4 Installations running smoothly since early 2010



70kW demonstration power plant running >25,000 hrs since August 2007



1MW plant at Solvay chlorine plant

1 MW full power reached Nov. 2012

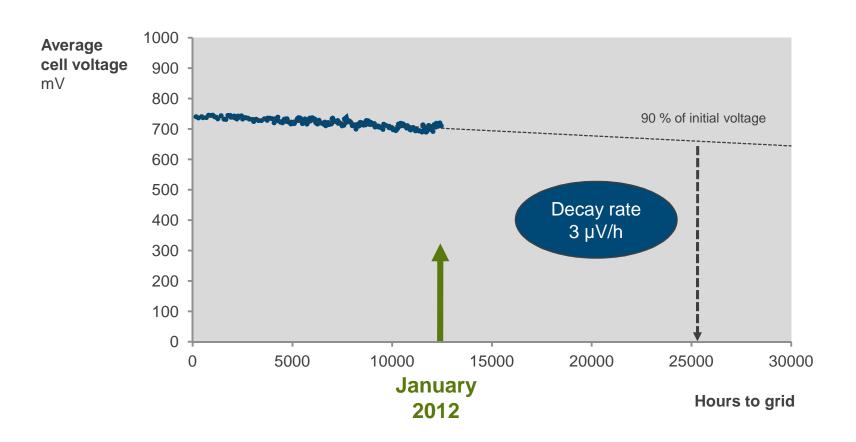




Current decay rates suggest Nedstack's stacks will survive over 20,000 hours



Extrapolation of actual measurements at AkzoNobel Delfzijl PEM Power Plant



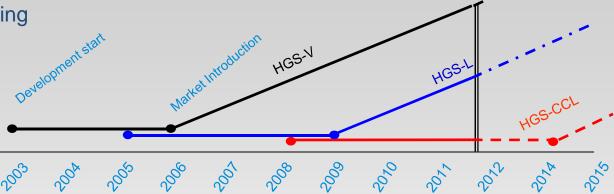
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HyGear

- A Product and Services provider
 - Hydrogen Generators
 - BioGas upgrading
 - Gas to Liquid systems (in development)
 - Fuel Cells (in development)
- SME (60 persons) in Arnhem
- Core expertise
 - Development and integration of Small Chemical Systems



- Sell what's proven, don't gamble with customers!
- Main markets of Hydrogen Generators
 - Glass manufacturing
 - Metal treatment
 - Food
 - 'New energy'



- Product range:
 - HGS-V (5Nm³/h H₂)
 introduced in 2006, 20 units operational
 - HGS-L (50Nm³/h H₂)
 introduced in 2009, 5 units operational
 - HGS-CCL (250Nm³/h H₂) prototyping market introduction 2013/2014



Fuel Cells www.hygear.nl

- HyGear is system integrator
 - In-house reforming technology
 - SR, ATR, CPO
 - Uses HyGear's & Plug Power's field experience
 - HyGear acquired Plug Power Europe in 2009





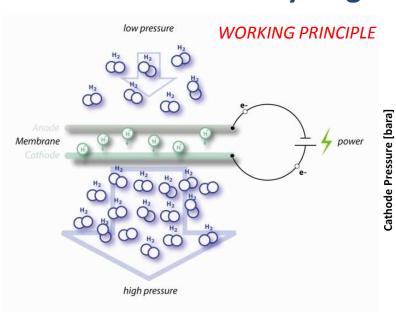
- Natural gas fed µCHP (SOFC)
- LPG fed power-pack (SOFC)
- Propane fed APU (PBI-PEM)
- Diesel fed Generator (PEM)

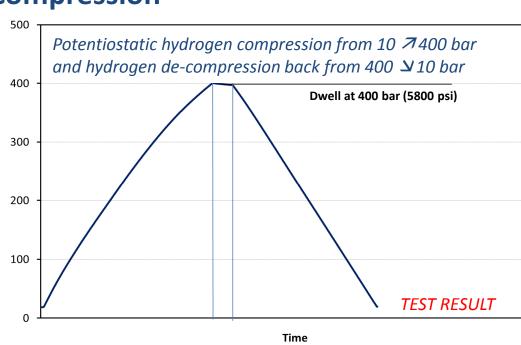






Electro-chemical Hydrogen Compression





Technical Advantages EHC:

- Single stage compression
- High efficiency (isothermal)
- Silent, no moving parts
- Purification of H₂ gas supply

1 → >70MPa
$$\leq$$
 2.4 kWh/kg - $\eta \geq$ 90%





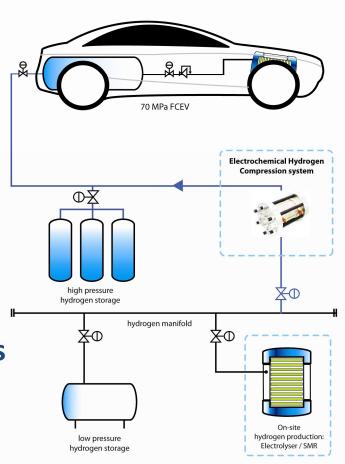
Target Market Applications:

- Small-scale refueling stations (e.g. Forklifts)
- Medium retail refueling stations
- Large industrial applications



Plan 2012: Build pre-commercial series

- 1 Nm³/hr 'building block'
- Pressure >400 Bar single stage
- Field testing prototype systems





HyMove: combining regional strenghts

- Local, metropolitan and provincial governments
- Regional businesses
- University

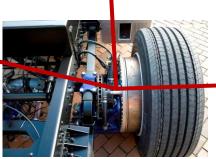








Wheel hub motors







Light House projects

- Amsterdam
 - Fuel Cell Boat
 - Hydrogen Busses
- Hydrogen region Flanders/Netherlands
- Mixing of hydrogen into natural gas grid
- THRIVE: rollout FCEV and filling infrastructure















GVB Amsterdam:

- 2 buses from 15 Aug.'11
- Testing phase on the line
- In operation in October'11

RVK Cologne:

- 2 buses from 2 May '11
- Testing phase completed
- Driving in service









First 18 m Fuel Cell vehicle in the world!

Specification Phileas H2 for GVB & RVK



Ballard HD6 fuel cell system:

Power 150 kW Voltage 440 - 800 V Weight 350 kg



Dynetek hydrogen tanks:

Weight of the hydrogen fuel 42 kg Pressure 350 bar



Maxwell Super Caps:

6x module HTM 125 Capacity 0,1 kWh / module Voltage 125 V / module Current 150A - 750A (peak)



8 tanks of 205 I each = 1640 litres



Hoppecke Battery System:

NiMeH technology 252 cells Hoppecke SNH 116X Voltage 327 V P-nominal 23 kW / P-peak 110 kW



Vossloh Kiepe Hybrid Traction Performance 240 kW 450 - 800 V DC











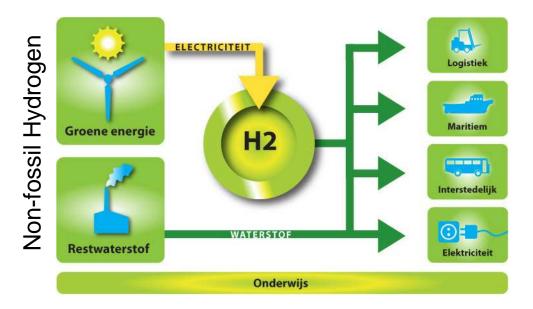


Hydrogen Region Flanders – South NL

Duration: 1/6/2009 – 31/5/2013

Budget: 14.1 M€

 Concrete results consistent with industrial activities in the region (e.g. Hydrogenics, Solvay, and bus manufacturers Van Hool, VDL)

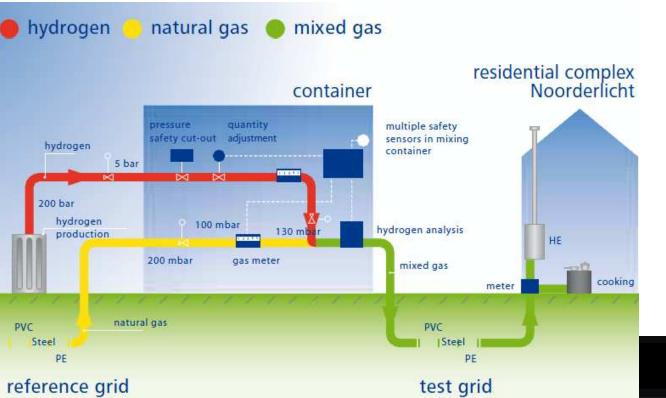


- 2 relocatable H₂ stations
- 5 small logistic vehicles
- 3 vessels
- Busses: call to be launched
- 1 MW PEM Power Plant
- development 1 m² photoelectrolysis unit



Adding Hydrogen to Natural Gas Grid

- Admixing 5 20% H₂ in period 2007 2011
- Apartments equipped with conventional gas appliances
- Result: pipeline and appliances not a restricting factor (up to 20%)







M.J. Kippers *et al.*, Pilot project on hydrogen injection in natural gas on island of Ameland in the Netherlands, IGRC, Seoul, 2011

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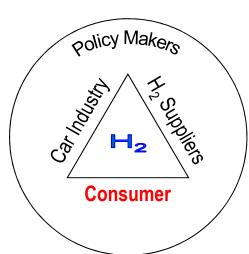




THRIVE: Study of hydrogen roll-out scenarios

Towards a Hydrogen Refuelling Infrastructure for VEhicles

- <u>Dynamic</u> simulation <u>consumer-driven</u>, <u>interdependent</u> roll-out of a FCEV fleet and corresponding hydrogen refuelling infrastructure
- Cost analysis
- Analysis impact on GHG emissions
- Focus:
 - > Hydrogen as fuel for passenger cars
 - ➤ Commercialisation phase
 - > The Netherlands









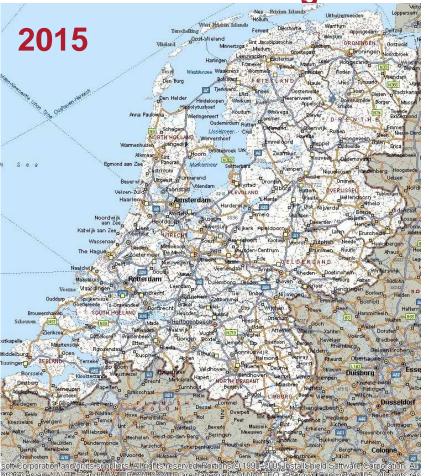


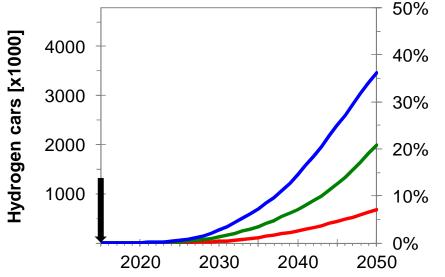


Hydrogen car penetration

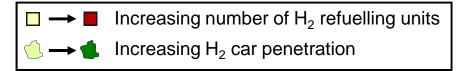
Example THRIVE results:

animation high scenario rollout 2015 - 2050





Scenario	Low	Medium	High



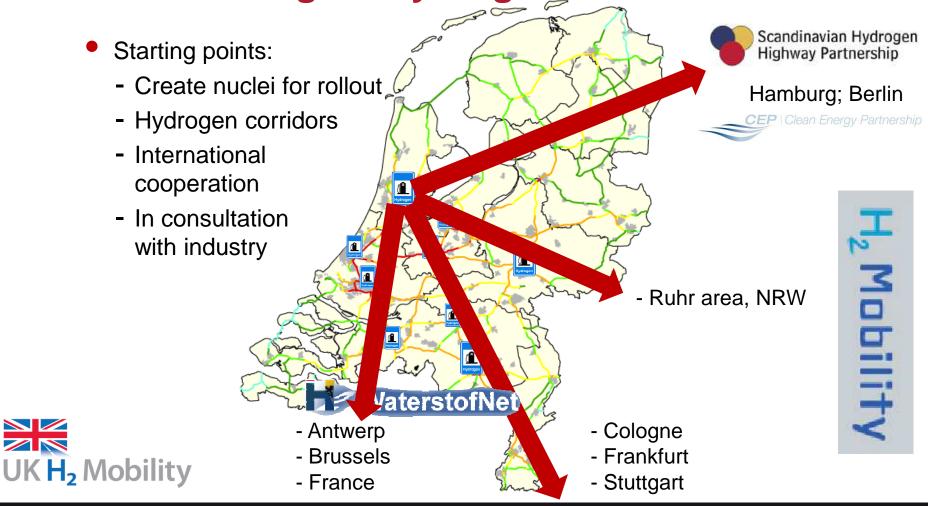


Latest developments

- Power to gas / Gas to Electricity program
 - 2012-2016; indicative budget 10 M€
 - Role of gas in integration intermittent RES
- Ministry Infrastructure & Environment
 - New hydrogen initiative; government budget 5 M€
 - Plan "Driving on hydrogen in the Netherlands"; Spring 2012
- Stimulation electric driving



Plan "Driving on Hydrogen in the Netherlands"



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Stimulation EV's (also FCEV's)

- No specific purchase tax on cars to 2018
- No road tax (at least to 2015)
- No addition to taxable income for lease/company car (at least to 2015)
- Part of investment in EV's (36% in 2011) can be deducted from taxable profit of companies
- Specific subsidies by provinces and municipalities on vehicles and/or charging stations
- No excise duty on hydrogen



THANK YOU!

World's first draft beer powered by a hydrogen fuel cell at the Dutch Pavilion WHEC 2010





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