

# IEA HIA Task 28:

## Large scale Hydrogen Delivery Infrastructure

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# Background of Task 28

- **Fuel cell electric vehicles are close to commercialization and market introduction**
- **The first initiatives for build-up of hydrogen refueling infrastructure are emerging**
- **Worldwide there have been, and still are many HRS demonstration projects; what are the lessons learned?**
- **Next step: What is needed, when, where, and how much?**
- **International cooperation and information exchange needed to foster effective and cost-efficient HRS network build-up**

# Goals and objectives

- **Comprehensive analysis of knowlegde on hydrogen delivery infrastructures :**
  - **Focus on mobility**
  - Touch upon hydrogen for integration of RES
- **State-of-the-art overview and evaluation of infrastructure options for delivery of hydrogen**
  - Insight in achievements and remaining challenges
  - support for policymaking and planning
- **Inform a wide range of stakeholders (policy, research, industry, business) about the findings**

# Task participation

## ● Current team:



Netherlands: ECN(Operating Agent), Shell



USA: ANL and Proton OnSite



Japan: Tokyo Gas and Nissan



Denmark: DGC and H<sub>2</sub>Logic



Australia: H2U / AAHE



France: GdF-SUEZ, TOTAL and Air Liquide



Germany: NOW



Norway: HYOP

## ● Links with all European H<sub>2</sub> Mobility initiatives, the Scandinavian initiatives, CaFCP and the Japanese initiative HySUT



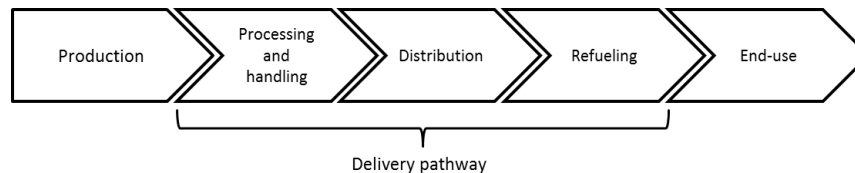
# Time schedule, Scope and Activities

- **Time schedule**

- Task started June 2010
- Final report will soon be published

- **Scope**

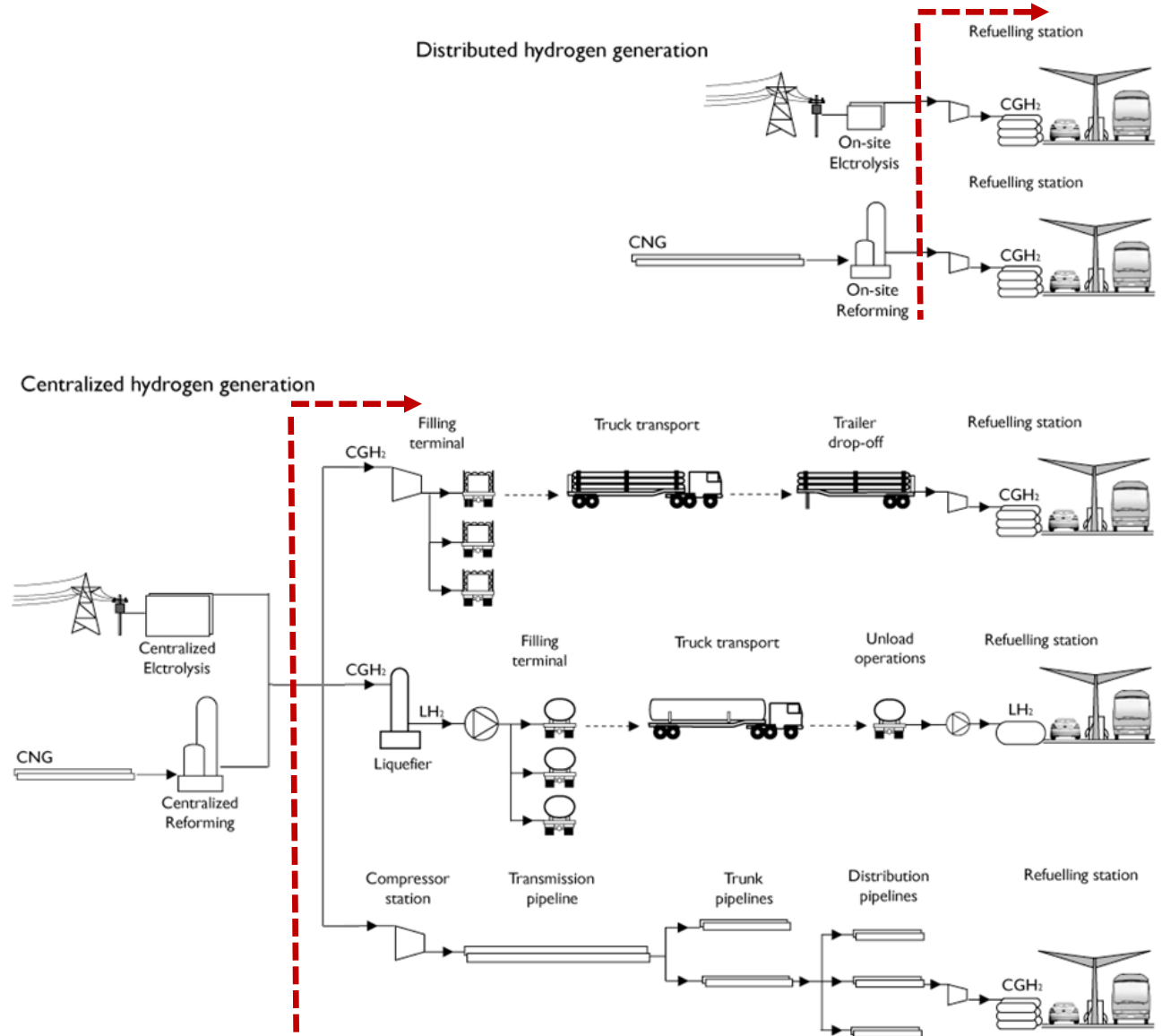
- From production to the end user (the tank in the car)



- **Focus and activities:**

- A. Initiatives for infrastructure development
- B. Evaluation of hydrogen delivery pathways
- C. Analysis of the economics of hydrogen refueling stations
- D. Hydrogen for integration of intermittent RES

# Scope



Source: Hydrogen Delivery Roadmap Australia, 2009

# Conclusions: achievements and status

- **FCEVs, in particular cars are technically ready; most major car OEMs have FCEV commercialization plans**
- **Major progress has been made in the field of technology for hydrogen delivery, especially refueling:**
  - Fast refueling at 700 bar
  - SAE J2601 (fueling protocol), SAE J2799 (Connection and communications)
  - Ionic compressor, liquid hydrogen pump
  - Truck delivery at 500 bar (about 1000 kg)
- **Technical feasibility of H<sub>2</sub> delivery pathways have been demonstrated; ready for scale-up to build initial networks**
  - CaFCP, CEP and JHFC1/2/3
  - Standardization of functional specifications and capacities

# Conclusions: Main insights

- **Market development rather than technology development is currently the main barrier for (large-scale) introduction of hydrogen and FCEVs**
  - Concerted effort/action of all involved stakeholders needed!!
- **Initiatives for infrastructure and market development are spreading in Asia, Europe, and the USA**
  - Europe: Germany, UK, Scandinavia and now also France, Netherlands, ...
  - Asia: Japan, South-Korea
  - USA: California, H2USA
- **There is no single blueprint for the type of hydrogen delivery infrastructure that needs to be rolled out**
  - Depends on specific national, regional and local resources, conditions and priorities



# Evaluation of hydrogen delivery pathways

- **Important assessment criteria: Investment and O&M costs; space requirement (footprint); safety and hydrogen quality characteristics; flexibility (3x!)**

| Distribution option  | HRS size   |                       |   |                       |                             |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                      | Very small<br>≤ 80 kg/day  | Small<br>~ 200 kg/day | Medium<br>~ 400 kg day  | Large<br>~1000 kg/day | Very large<br>≥ 1000 kg/day |
| On-site electrolysis |  |                       | On-site space and power requirement may become an issue: 400 kg/day ≈ 1 MW                    |                       |                             |
| On-site reforming    | Costly to capture CO <sub>2</sub>  |                       | Required footprint is an issue  |                       |                             |
| CGH2 truck           | Delivery possible up to about 1000 kg per trailer  |                       | Required frequency of delivery at high throughput is an issue                                 |                       |                             |
| LH2 truck            | Relatively large boil-off at low demand levels in early markets                            |                       | Considerable investment in liquefaction capacity needed, and liquefaction is energy intensive |                       |                             |
| CGH2 pipeline        | Due to high investments pipelines are not likely in early markets unless already available |                       |   |                       |                             |

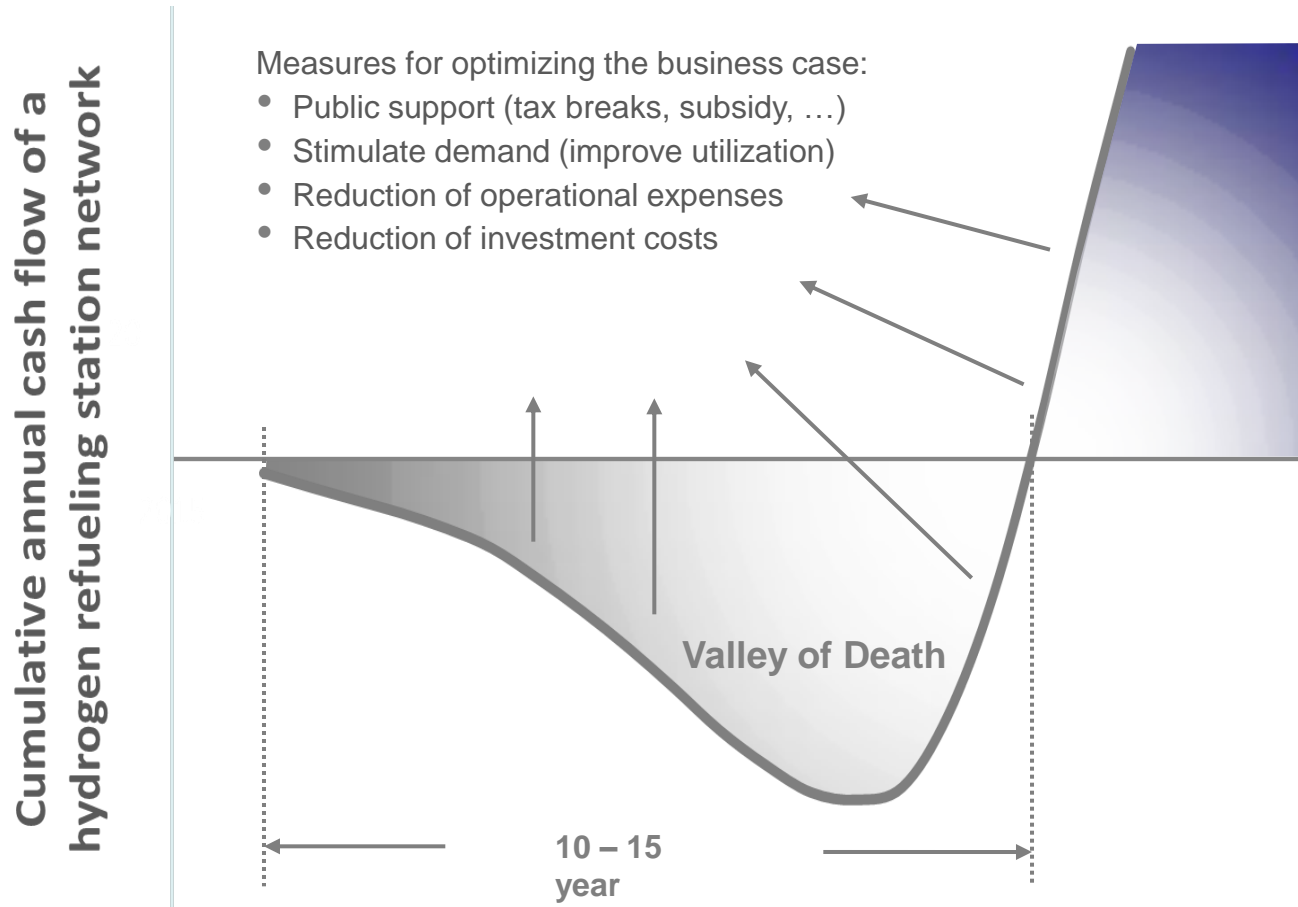
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Selection of typical HRS capacities based on public document 'H2Mobility Germany 70 MPa HRS Standardisation – Functional description'

# Conclusions: Remaining challenges

- **Development of an acceptable business case for initial HRS networks:**
  - Installation of station capacity needs to precede cars on the road which results in underutilization of initial HRS networks
  - Initially high investment cost; in addition high O&M costs
  - High risks: development of costs, variable public policies, rate of supply by OEMs, uptake by the market, changing regulations, ...
- **Remaining technological challenges:**
  - Improving system reliability; demanding conditions: 700+ bar, -40°C
  - Hydrogen metering: improving accuracy of meters, and standardized measuring method for certification of hydrogen meters
  - Practical hydrogen quality specifications, and efficient standardized methods and procedures for demonstrating compliance

# The financial gap: “Valley of Death”



# What are the Task 28 recommendations?

- **Support formation of strong consortia and joint ventures by industry stakeholders**
- **Ensure establishing of a robust well-balanced framework of government interventions for HRS, FCEV and fuel**
- **Aim for obtaining of adequate commitment of all stakeholders regarding well-coordinated rollout**
- **Stimulate R&D to improve critical components**
- **Stimulate development of solutions for certification of hydrogen metering and hydrogen quality compliance**
- **Encourage the development and implementation of unambiguous and harmonized standards**

## ... and finally

- **Strengthen international cooperation on, and coordination of HRS delivery infrastructure and FCEV rollout:**
  - Continue sharing lessons learned
  - Avoid counterproductive competition between rollout initiatives
  - Manage expectations ... avoid hype creation!
- **For more details:  
see Task 28 final report  
(to be published soon)**



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**Thank you very much!**

# Key elements of work plan - 1

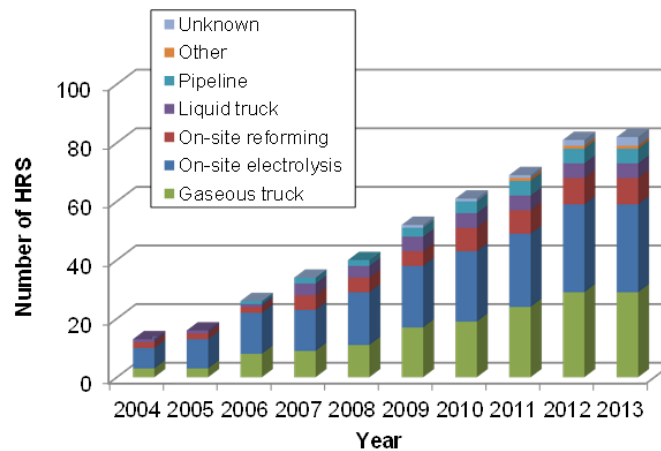
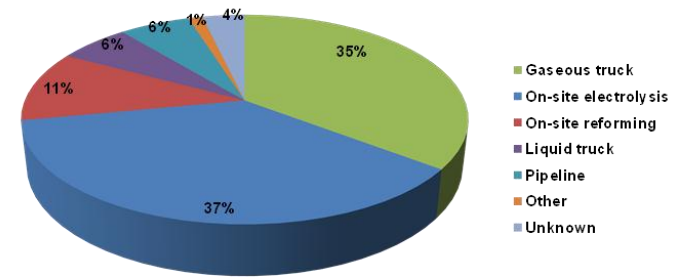
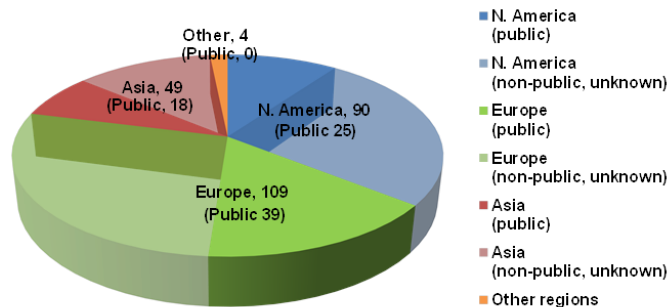
- **Initiatives for development of hydrogen refuelling infrastructure:**
  - Map/list and compare main initiatives
  - Develop quantitative outlook based on existing projections
- **Evaluation of hydrogen delivery pathways:**
  - Description of hydrogen delivery options
  - Functional specifications and requirements of HRS
  - Evaluation HRS options in view of specifications and requirements
  - Mapping current public HRS

# Key elements of work plan - 2

- **Analysis of the economics of HRS:**
  - Overview best publicly available technology cost data
  - Projections for future costs of technology
  - Cost of hydrogen: important cost factors
- **Hydrogen for integration of RES:**
  - Shared view on the usefulness and necessity
  - Associated hydrogen delivery infrastructure and current status
  - Research questions and challenges



# Overview of current (public) HRS

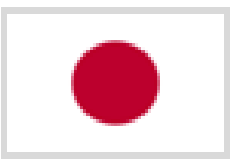

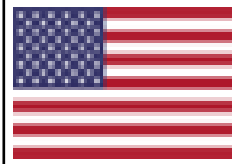


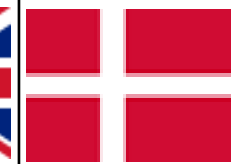


- **Currently, total 285 HRS of which 82 publicly accessible**

- Significant differences in breakdown of delivery options: on-site reforming almost absent in Europe but large in Asia, and CGH<sub>2</sub> relatively small in North-America

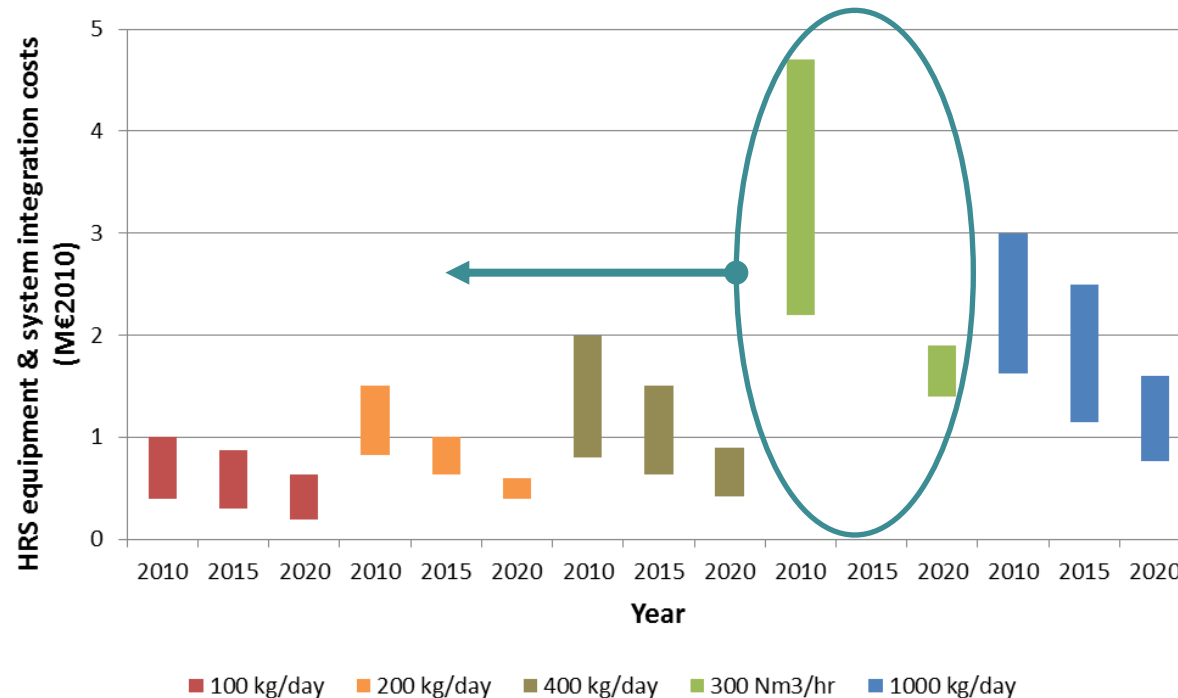
# HRS projections in major H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure initiatives

- Comprehensive overview of countries in conjunction with projections on FCEVs

|           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|---|--|---|---|---|
|           | Japan   | S.Korea   | USA<br>California  | Germany   | UK  | Denmark   |
| 2015-2020 | 100   | 10  | 68   | 100   | 65  | 15  |
| 2020-2025 | 1000  | 200   | 100  | 400   | 330   | 185   |
| 2025-2030 |   |   |  | 900   | 1150  | >>185   |

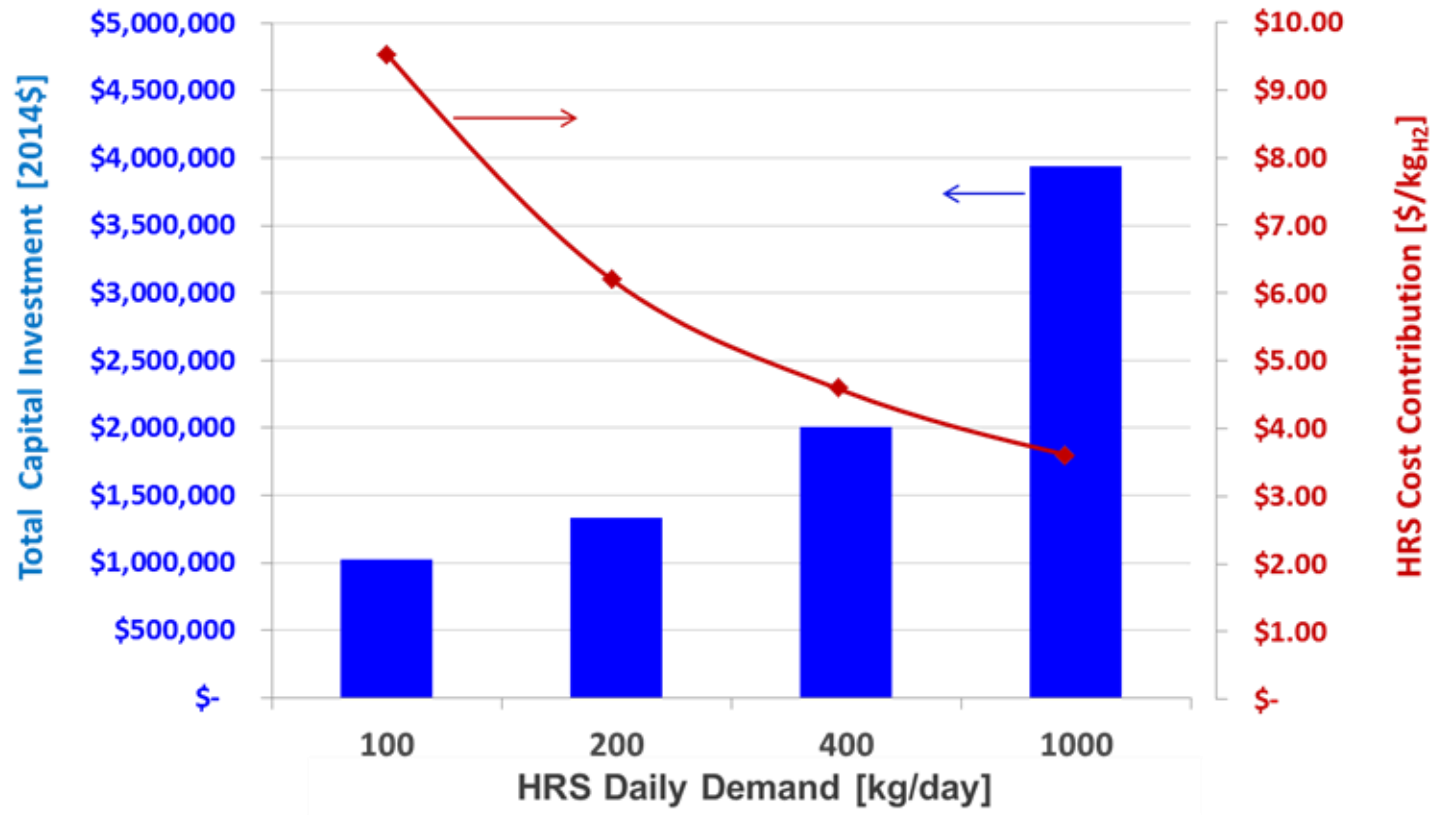
– Overview of HRS projections in major initiatives on market development

# Indicative HRS investment cost



- **Difficult to compare and interpret numbers due to lack of harmonization in definitions, cost factors and HRS cost breakdown**

# HRS cost contribution to H<sub>2</sub> price



- Elgowainy, A, 2015, Hydrogen Refueling Station Analysis Model HRSAM – A Near-Term HRS Cost Model)