The Need for Large Scale Electrolyzers Hydrogen as Part of the Energy System

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Durability and Degradation Issues in PEM Electrolysis Cells and its Components



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Nationalities of Participants



Total number of participants: 202

- Germany (113)
- France (11)
- Denmark (10)
- Netherlands (10)
- Belgium (9)
- United Kingdom (9)
- **J**apan (8)
- Switzerland (6)
- South Africa (6)
- Unites States (4)
- Italy (3)
- South Korea (3)
- Czech Republic (2)
- Sweden (2)
- Norway (2)
- Canada (2)
- Finland (1)
- Island (1)



Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE Research for the Energy Transformation

- About 1250 members of staff (incl. students)
- € 83.7 M budget in 2015
- 14 % basic financing, 86 % contract research
- Largest European Solar Energy Research Institute



- Over 1000 ongoing R&D projects in the fields of
 - energy conversion
 - energy efficiency
 - energy distribution
 - energy storage





Fraunhofer ISE Revenue Structure, Operation 2015



Status : January 2016



Fraunhofer ISE Our Areas of Business





Division Hydrogen Technologies H₂T



Synthesis of H₂ and CO₂ to liquid energy carriers/fuels (PtL)
Thermochemical H₂-generation from hydrocarbons
Catalytic evaporation of liquid hydrocarbons



H₂-generation by means of PEM-electrolysis
Energy storage in H₂-Systems and Redox-Flow-Batteries
Interconnection of the power and gas grid, Power-to-Gas



- Scientific characterization of Fuel Cell components
- Degradation research (load profile, various climates)
- Customer specific, self-sufficient complete systems up to 20 kW



Which are the main drivers for fuel cell and hydrogen technologies ?

Energy security-Independency from fossil fuels





CO₂ Reduction -Decarbonization of the Energy System



Integration of intermittant renewable energy into the energy system



Securing the economy new markets and new jobs through innovations







Global energy-related CO₂ emissions over the last century Increase by a factor of ten

CO₂ emissions 35.8 Gt (2015)





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Global fossil fuel CO₂ emissions 2010 data



Source: http://hpcg.purdue.edu/FFDAS/index.phpl



Current CO₂ emissions in millions of metric tons

Fourteen nations and Europe account for about 80 percent of world greenhouse gas emissions





Cumulative emissions in metric tons since 1850



Source: http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/energy/great-energy-challenge/global-footprints/



Regional distribution of power capacities in Germany





Wind and photovoltaic power generation in Germany







Development of german GHG Emissions 1990 – 2013 and target values until 2050 (The Energy Concept of Germany)



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Optimization of germany's future energy system

Mimimize total annual cost (operation, maintenance, ...)

REMod-D

Renewable Energy Model – Deutschland Techno-economic optimization based on comprehensive simulation (hourly time scale)





What will the energy transformation cost

- What is the cost-optimal transformation pathway for the German overall energy sytem including all end-use sectors
- Boundary condition: The political goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions are fulfilled – the target value and in each single year?

Further boundary conditions

- Fade-out of nuclear energy until 2022
- No large scale implementation of CCS technology in fossil power plants



Boundary condition – CO₂ reduction pathway







Methodology

- Hourly simulation of the total energy system Jan 1, 2014 until Dec 31, 2050
- Optimization of of the system composition including all future options
- Renewables
- Storage and power-to-gas, fuel and heat technologies
- Energy retrofit of building sector

Goal function: minimal overall transformation cost

→ Results of a scenario with a reduction energy related CO₂-emissions by 85 % compared to 1990 (Kyoto protocol reference value)



Fluctuating renewable energies: solar, wind





Costs of energy system reference vs. -85% CO₂ scenario





Storage and power-to-gas/fuel technologies





Hydrogen is an Energy Carrier to Facilitate the Energy **Transition in Germany**







H2-Mobility action plan until 2023



In January 2015 Air Liquide, Daimler, Linde, OMV, Shell and Total founded a joint venture to realize the action plan for the construction of a hydrogen refueling network in Germany.

Targets:

- 400 HRS until 2023 (100 HRS until 2017).
- 350 mio. € investment.
- Max. 90 km distance between two HRS at the motorway.
- **10 HRS** in each metropolitan area.





Worldwide hydrogen infrastructure activities



Development of several hundred hydrogen stations worldwide is expected between 2015 and 2020

Quelle: Toyota Global



Conclusions

- The global energy transformation towards sustainability is the challenge of our generation. A decarbonized, renewable energy system is possible, at similar cost as today's energy system
- Most hydrogen and fuel cell technologies are still in an early stage of commercialization and have to compete with technologies which themselves are moving targets in terms of costs and efficiency (batteries, internal combustion engines, diesel generators, etc.)
- A stable policy and regulatory framework (like carbon pricing, feed-intarifs, fuel economy standards, zero-emission vehicle mandates) is required for raising market certainty for investors and create a self-sustaining market
- Electrolyzers combined with renewable energy sources will strongly support the climate change and energy security goals in sectors such as the transport, industry and power sector



Thank you



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