

Hydrogen as energy storage medium and fuel for transport

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Snapshots from H2moves Scandinavia Lighthouse Project







Vision of a Global "Centralized" Energy Network

Seasonal and daily distribution of renewable forms of energy and import to the industrial world (here: Germany)



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Global challenges in energy supply



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Drivers for change



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- Phase out nuclear electricity
- Reduce use of coal for electricity production without CCS
- Massively build-out renewable energy/electricity
- Growing awareness of grid extension need, smart grids & energy storage
- Substitute oil by renewable energy/electricity in transport



Renewable share in electricity generation Germany



Key data 2050: El-generation 574 TWh/a (2010: 618 TWh/a); End use electricity 393 TWh/a (2010: 516 TWh/a) E-Mobility 2050: 44-81 TWh/a from electricity end use 393-576 TWh/a (depending on scenario)

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Downside: Future energy supply regionally coined

- Renewable electricity availability changes by region
- Energy end-use does not coincide with REN availability or storage sites



Solar irradiation determines use of PV energy Apr-12 Wind intensity Popula determines use of wind energy determin © 2012 Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik GmbH

Population density determines energy use







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Hydrogen for transport and fuel cell vehicle



- Multiple announcement of series production for 2014/2015 Mass market by 2020/2025
 - Daimler, Toyota, Hyundai, Kia Motors, General Motors/Opel, Honda, Renault/Nissan, Ford
 - More than 100.000 cars in the coming ^{CO2} emissions gCO2/km
 5 to 6 years
- H₂ Mobility industry initiative prepares full hydrogen coverage for Germany
 - Air Liquide, Air Products,
 Daimler, EnBW, Linde, OMV,
 Shell, Total, Vattenfall,
 NOW GmbH







Source: A portfolio of power trains for Europe: a fact-based analysis, 2010

km

Hydrogen retail commercialization for Germany





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Insights 'Transport sector'



- Limited potential for use of biomass as fuel for passenger cars (competition with food sector among other) focuses ist use for heavy duty transport
- Introduction of battery electric cars slower than anticipated
- Re-invention of hydrogen as transport fuel from synergies with its use for large scale electricity storage
- Obvious principle commitment of auto industry to fuel cell technology
- No sensitivity yet of impacts on other sectors by changes in transport sector (e.g. P2G: CNG and FCEVs)
- Growing intelligence of intersectoral policy measure alignment (e.g. BDI)





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Hydrogen for electricity storage in natural gas grid







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Example:

- 50 Hertz grid (former Vattenfall)
- Base year: 2008
- Extrapolation: Share of REN electricity











Storage characteristics



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European salt deposits and natural gas storage





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Gas Storage

Brine Production

above Permian

Permian

Tertiary salt deposit

Mesozoic salt deposit

Range of Mesozoic salt

Paleozoic salt deposit,

Paleozoic salt deposit,

Rotliegend below Permian

Storage of Crude Oil & LPG,



Hands on operating experience with hydrogen caverns

- Storage of citygas in caverns and aquifers up until the 70s
- Hydrogen salt caverns in operation:
 - Teesside, UK
 3 x 70,000 m³, 4.5 MPa (konst.), 25 GWh^{*}, since about 30 years (Sabic)
 - Clemens Dome, Lake Jackson TX, USA 580,000 m³, 7.0 – 13.5 MPa, 92 GWh* since 1986 (Conoco Phillips)
 - Moss Bluff salt dome, Liberty County TX, USA 566,000 m³, 7.6 – 13.4 MPa, 80 GWh* since 2007 (Praxair)







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*lower heating value H₂

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Insights 'Large scale renewable electricity storage'

- Waining threat of Fukushima disaster is already reducing sense of urgency
- As a consequence, need for renewable electricity storage is played down (20-40 TWh) and seen long-term (>2050) (VDE-Study, BMU Leitstudie)
- Better test situation for higher/earlier storage demand:
 - Effect of assumption 'real transport grid than copperplate' and 'delayed grid extension' could regionally enforce demand site storage
 - Distribution grid storage in MW-class ('district storage') could become regionally relevant
 - Non-economic reasons for storage need such as local energy supply security and regional autonomy not reflected in economic models
 - Higher renewable energy/electricity use from transport than currently foreseen (i.e. FCEVs)
- Large scale storage needed despite grid extension, DSM and vehicle-to-grid
- Pumped hydro and compressed air storage with limited potential
- H₂- / CH₄-grid-/salt cavern storage
 - Highest 'chemical' storage density (only long-term storage with TWh-capacity)
 - fossile CH₄ with limited long-term potential, SNG from H₂ only with efficiency drawback
 - SNG does not contribute to efficiency increase in transport (no FCEV fuel)





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Achieveable H₂ prices from storage of REN electricity

- Highest achieveable prices for H₂ as transport fuel
- 2nd priority is H₂ for industry (depending on branch and end use) and re-electrification
- Lowest priority has H₂ admixture to natural gas grid
- Change in policy targets can impact priorities, e.g. "wind-gas" or methanation can be priorised as infrastructure exists

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Prices achieveable for hydrogen in €/kg_{H2} 8,00 7,00 6,00 H₂ production costs (w/o distribution&retail) 5,00 3.7 – 5.8 €/kg (case study LBST) 4,00 3,00 H₂-production (zero electricity price) 2,00 1.00 0,00 Re-electrification Use in industry Wind-gas Fuel for transport

Source: LBST, 2011





Conclusions – end-use related studies



- OEMs in favour of possible synergies by using hydrogen as fuel and for energy storage
- 'H₂ for negative load management' uncouples H₂ from closed power-to-power loop
- Synergies of 'H₂ as vehicle fuel' and 'H₂ for large scale storage' obvious
 - dumped fluctuating electricity is used
 - dual use reduces 'H₂ from REN' provision due to economy of scale
- Strong regional differences of 'H₂ for storage concepts', depending on various factors
- Wide use of H₂ as fuel will impact its commodity prices, also of cheap O₂
- Trap of 'dirty H₂' to be avoided by only capping off cheap REN peak power
- Early policy measures required for 'H₂ from REN' to enter power market at lowest costs (~2€/kg_{H2}), e.g.
 - storage recompensation similar to 'feed in law'
 - grid access waiver at all relevant voltage levels (for onsite production also LV)



Key technology 'electrolysis'



Requirements for adapted operation

- High dynamics (cold- and warmstart, load changes)
- Excessive loads (low investment costs traded against system efficiency for reduced annual full load hours)
- Modularity
- High life expectancy
- Economic synergies from series production
- Reduction of material costs



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Pilot projects (1)





- Integrated H₂ wind project airport
 Berlin Brandenburg International (BBI)
 - Partners: Flughafen Berlin Schönefeld, Enertrag, Total Deutschland
 - Ambition: hydrogen refuelling from an integrated refuelling station for cars and buses, served by renewable H₂
 - Status: Launch planned OCT 2011 postponed

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Pilot projects (2)



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 Ambition: proof of concept and demo wind H₂ methanation plant (25/250 kW) with H₂ injection to NG grid; CO₂ from biomass plant

 Status: 2011-2013 plant demonstration in laboratory and at biomass plant in Morbach





- Industrial scale SNG pilot plant
 - Partners: AUDI, EWE, Solarfuel, ZSW, IWES
 - Ambition: to demonstrate next scale (6.3 MW) wind H_2 methanation plant with H_2 injection to NG grid and operation of CNG cars
 - Status: Planning phase, start of operation 2013

Audi balanced mobility







Conclusions



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- Hydrogen posed for commercialisation by 2015, in mass markets after 2020
- Hydrogen for energy storage need after 2025, requiring strategic planning
- Gas grid may play important role in Germany, economic case must be worked out
- Actors from all energy sectors need to synchronise their strategies to end divergence
- Most relevant synergy expected from hydrogen as vehicle fuel and energy storage
- Hydrogen for renewable electricity storage to experience different solutions (Germany: North - wind & salt cavern storage and South - PV & decentral storage)
- Hydrogen energy market to drastically outgrow hydrogen industry demand in long term



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