















Commercialising hydrogen as a fuel

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There are three main elements to commercialising hydrogen as a fuel:

1- Technology learning



Ref- 2014 – E4Tech and Element Energy for FCH JU

- Similar learning effects are occurring for:
 - Hydrogen refuelling stations

 (equipment cost for
 compressions and dispensing has
 fallen from ~€1m to ~600k)
 - Hydrogen tube trailers and storage - £/kg stored now ~€500 (from >€1,000)
 - Vehicles Toyota project same cost a petrol hybrid in 2025.
 - Bus prices have fallen from >€1m to under €400k in 5 years

2- Scale: the key element to unlocking hydrogen based business models



Leads to:

- A need to synchronise demand with stations and production
- Initial focus on heavy duty and/or heavy use vehicles
- "high costs for hydrogen" when getting started

3- Hunt for low cost energy



Two main production options

- Reformation of hydrocarbons (+ CCS or biomass) – challenge is reaching scale + proving some gasification options
- Low carbon electricity challenge is securing low cost AND low carbon power

Ref- 2019 – Cadent – HyMotion report

The most promising hydrogen projects achieve scale for both vehicles and hydrogen sales: 1. Hyundai and H2 Energy in Switzerland – 1,600 trucks by 2023





- Nationwide network is enabled by this volume of trucks
- Power sourced from hydroelectric spill-over (very low cost)
- Whole business case is enabled by Swiss zero emission truck legislation (tax system)

2. Buses - JIVE and H2Bus Partnership (1/2)

JIVE project – 300 buses across Europe



50

Benelux

15

France

Germany / Italy

100

50

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No. of FC buses



N. / E. Europe

UK bus builders starting to act (Wrightbus and ADL)







H2Bus Partnership

- 1,000 buses
- Reduced bus costs (below €400k)
- Fuel costs reduced by grouping buses in clusters
- Competition with all other ZE buses

JIVE

UK

JIVE 2

2. Buses - JIVE and H2Bus Partnership (2/2)

Single-deck urban bus annuitised total cost of ownership '000€/bus/year



3. Large fleets of high utilisation cars and vans





Taxis offer the highest utilisation of hydrogen amongst passenger cars

Heavily regulated which allows the state to regulate in favour of zero emission options

Taxis can be scheduled to fuel at a limited umber of stations

Interesting projects emerging across Europe

- Paris STEP 600 taxis by 2020
- London 50 Green Tomato taxis
- Copenhagen., The Hague etc

Other heavy vehicles types are emerging



The hydrogen industry will need a program of support to overcome the challenges of scaling a new fuel and synchronising with new demands

Need to move from competitions to a market introduction program.

Focus on heavy duty/use while maintaining the nationwide passenger car option

Key elements a market introduction program:

- Support per kg of hydrogen sold RTFO or equivalent
- Extra incentives for green fuel
- Support for early vehicle purchase
- Degression Sliding scale with volume

With a well structured support program, the UK is well placed to lead the global deployment of this fuel

