

FCH REFuel - MODULAR CONCEPT OF AN ON-SITE HYDROGEN PRODUCTION SOLUTION

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Hydrogen is the key technology for increase of renewable energy production





Status of HRS & FCEV's

- Around 270 stations in operation worldwide
- Approx. 3000 FCEV's





Frequent Hydrogen Refueling Station (HRS) concept

- Delivery of hydrogen to refueling stations
- Refueling at 70 MPa according to SAE J2601
- ~ 3 min to refuel a car with 5-6 kg; typical range of 600 km



Introduction: FC = Zero-Emission Tank-to-Wheel





Introduction: Well-to-Wheel GHG-Emissions





Off-Site H₂ Production





On-Site H₂ Production





Modular Concept: 35 MPa Module



- Asymmetric high-pressure proton exchange membrane (PEM) electrolyser
- Feed Water is purified to fulfill ASTM Type I
- Hydrogen purity of > 99.999 vol% (hydrogen 5.0)
- Module operates stand-alone



Key Specification	Value	Unit
H ₂ Production Rate	~ 0.4	kg/h
H ₂ Outlet Pressure	35	MPa
H ₂ Purity	> 99.999	vol%
Maximum Power Input	32	kW



Modular Infrastructure Concept



Current H₂ refueling stations

 Mechanical hydrogen compression systems increase refueling costs

Modular approach

- No mechanical compressor needed for 35 MPa refueling
- Reducing compression stages from five to one for 70 MPa refueling
- Significant reduction of system complexity
- Increase of reliability
- Easily adaptable to actual hydrogen demand



Modular Concept: Requirements of HRS





	Small-sized HRS	Medium-sized HRS	Large-sized HRS
Hydrogen Capacity	> 1.5 kg/d	< 54 kg/d per container	> 108 kg/d per container
Vehicles	~1 per day	~11 per day	~22 per day
Standard Size	Electrolysis module	20-ft container	40-ft container
Use Case	Home refueling	Industrial and Commercial	Commercial
Electricity Supply	PV-system	PV-system, Off-peak electricity	PV-system, Wind (PtG), Off-peak electricity
Power Input	16 kW	up to 250 kW	up to 450 kW

Modular Concept: Small-sized HRS





- Electrolyzer with one or two stacks: maximum 32 kW (with two stacks)
- Maximum production rate of 9 kg/day (with two stacks)
- Direct coupling with PV-plant possible
 - Full utilization: 8 hours per day
 - Max. production per day: 3 kg/day (with two stacks)
- One refueling per day at 35 MPa

Modular Concept: Medium-sized HRS



- Industry and commercial application
- Hydrogen Production at 35 MPa:
 - 18 kg/d with two electrolyzers
 - **54 kg/d** with six electrolyzers (**11 vehicles**)
- 250 kW input power





- (1) Hydrogen Production
- (2) Hydrogen Storage
- (3) Hydrogen Dispenser 35 MPa

Modular Concept: Large-sized HRS



- **Commercial application** ۲
- Container with 12 electrolyzer modules •
- Overall production rate of 108 kg/day at 350 bar (~22 vehicles) •
- Overall power input of 450 kW •





Power-to-Gas plant in Auersthal, Austria









Well-to-Tank Analysis of Energy Demand





Well-to-Wheel CO₂ - Mid-Size Vehicle





DB Schenker – Linz Hörsching



- 10 industrial trucks in operation
- HP Electrolysis will be integrated in the course of FCH REFuel
- First European Indoor Refueling Station
- Energy Globe Award Fire 2014



Fronius - Thalheim



Demonstration of HP Electrolysis concept





Hydrogen Production
Hydrogen Storage
Hydrogen Dispenser 35 MPa

SFL – Stallhofen



- HP Electrolysis coupled to PV
- 350 bar Dispenser
- 10 kW Fuel Cell REX vehicle





Summary



Modular concept of high pressure PEM electrolysis

- On-site HP electrolysis improves Well-to-Wheel characteristics
- Coupling with renewable electricity possible
- Hydrogen production rate easily adaptable
- Higher reliability and improved maintenance
- 70 MPa possible single stage compressor



Realization of three medium-sized HRS in Austria in 2017

Improvements regarding investment
and operational costs ongoing

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