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Hydrogen Situation in Japan, Status and Roadmap to 2050+ Mobility Application

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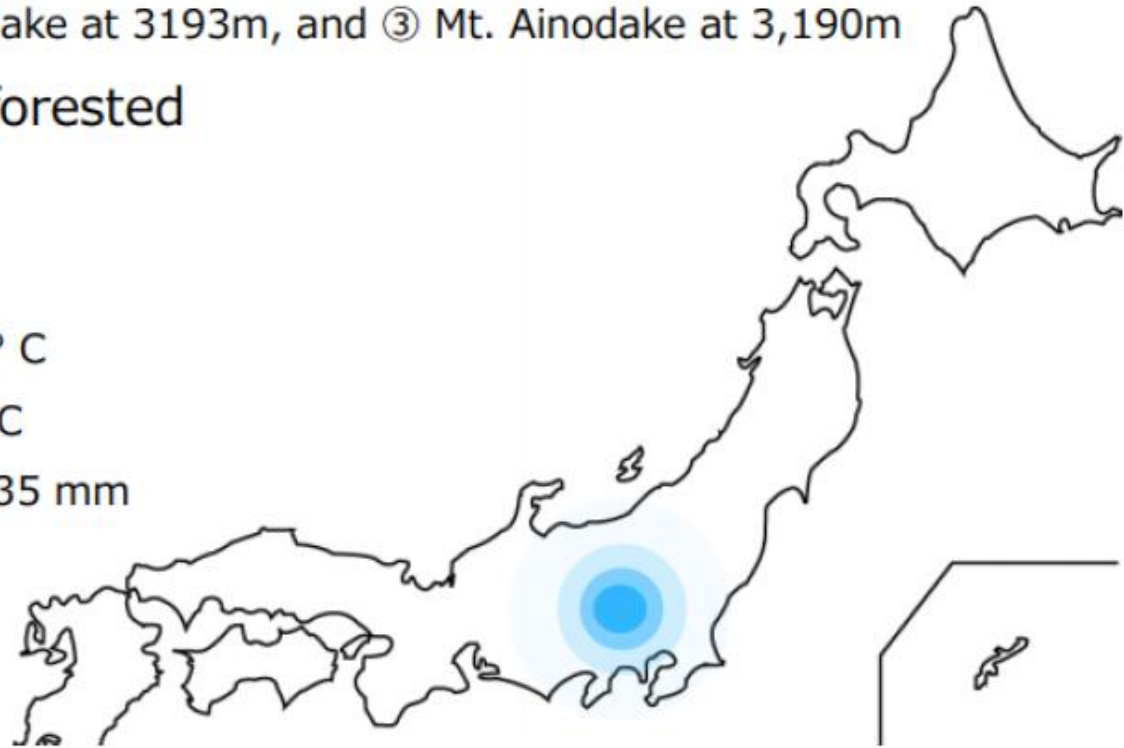
University of Yamaguchi, Japan

Introduction

Yamanashi Prefecture in Japan Aiming to be
Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Valley

Yamanashi Prefecture: Basic Information

- Has the three highest-altitude mountains in Japan
 - ① Mt. Fuji at 3776m, ② Mt. Kitadake at 3193m, and ③ Mt. Ainodake at 3,190m
- About 78% of the prefecture is forested
- Terrain / Climate
 - Basin-shaped land surface
 - Average high temperature: 32.5 ° C
 - Average low temperature: -2.4 ° C
 - Average annual precipitation: 1,135 mm
- Population: 830,000



Miniature of Austria

YAMANASHI Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Valley

Research and Development Bases for Hydrogen/FC [in the Prefecture's owned land]

- Research and development bases of National project on Hydrogen and Fuel Cells are growing in number in Yamanashi Prefecture.

University of Yamanashi



[Basic research · Technology transfer · Human resource development]

The results of their research and development have been contributing remarkably to the commercialization and penetration of residential fuel cells and fuel cell vehicles.

[Founded by NEDO]

Yamanashi Pref. Industrial Technology Center

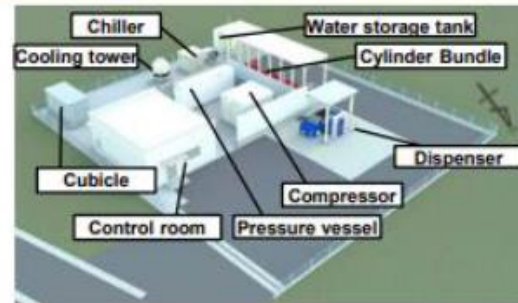


[Single cell tests for polymer electrolyte fuel cell]

Establishment of performance evaluation function as a third-party evaluation organization.

[Founded by NEDO]

Hydrogen Technical Center



[Equipment evaluation · Human resource development]

Technology development to reduce the cost of components.

[Founded by NEDO, Managed by HySUT]

Electric Power Storage Technology site

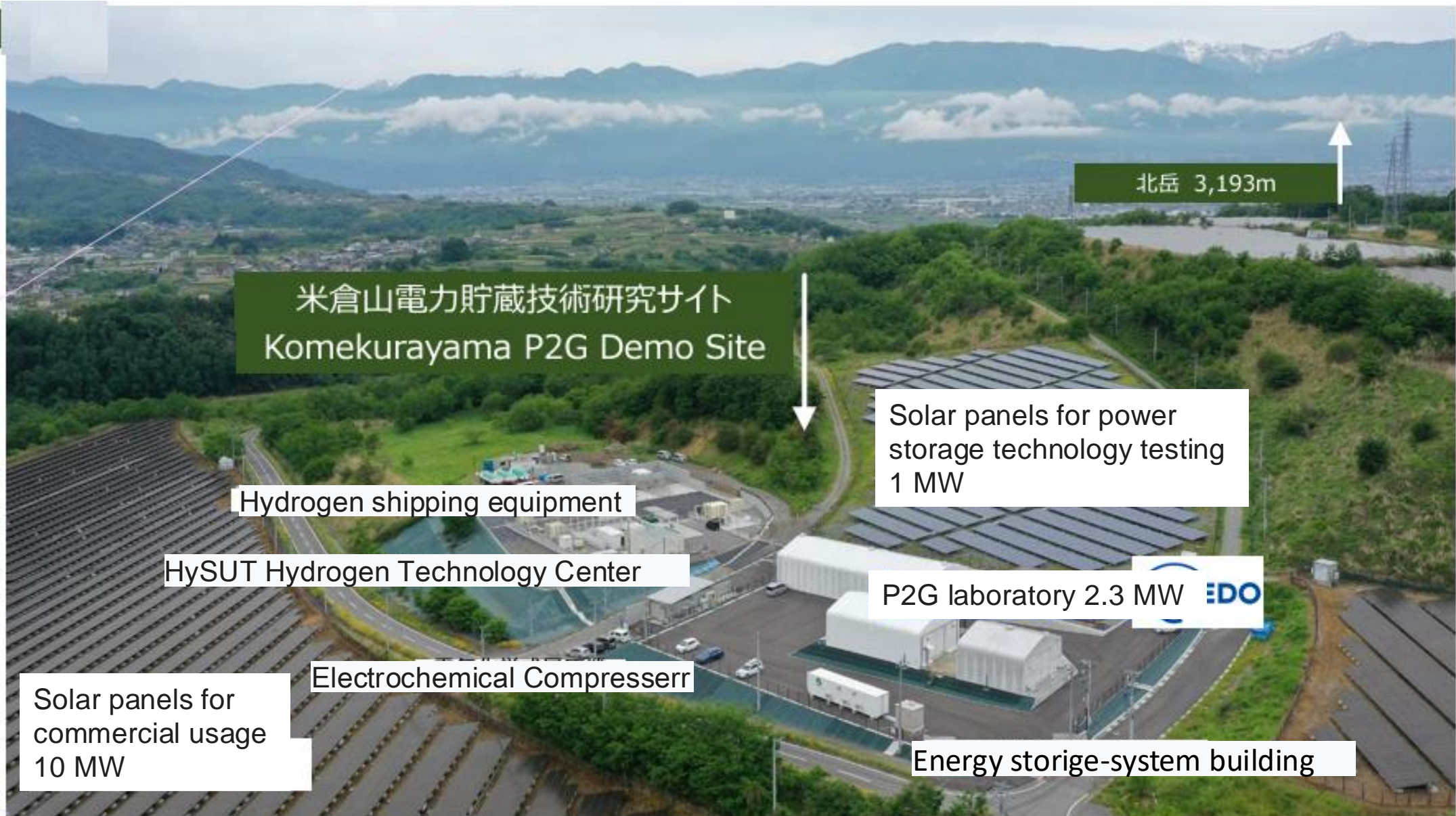


[Power-to-Gas system demonstration]

Hydrogen production from photovoltaic.
→ Technological development of Power-to-Gas (P2G).

[Founded by NEDO]

Komikurayama P2G Demo Site Est. 2014



Welcome to

University of Yamanashi

“Global Professionals at the Heart of the Community”

The University of Yamanashi aims to contribute to society by encouraging cutting-edge, international research that fuses medicine, engineering, and agriculture and lays the foundation for advanced education to develop human resources capable of meeting community needs and thriving on the global stage.

History of Hydrogen Research at University of Yamanashi, Japan

- From 1978, Japanese government has been continuously investing University of Yamanashi to promote education and research on Fuel Cell in Japan.
(Ministry of Education (MEXT), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI))
- University of Yamanashi is one of the largest R&D bases in Japan on **the Fuel Cell materials (Electrocatalyst, Electrolytes, etc.)**.

1978 **Ministry of Education**: Fuel Cell experimental facility

2001 **Ministry of Education**: *Clean Energy Research Center*

2007 **Ministry of Education**: Special Education Program on Clean Energy

2008 **Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**:
Fuel Cell Nanomaterials Center (7 years NEDO Project)

2008 **Ministry of Education**: Graduate School Upgrading PJ

2011 **Ministry of Education**: Program for Leading Graduate Schools
Green Energy Conversion Science and Technology

2015 **Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**: *5 years NEDO Project*

2020 **Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**: *5 years NEDO Project*

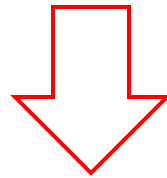


Why Hydrogen?

Primary and Secondary Energy in Society

Primary Energy – Energy form found in nature

- Fossil fuels (Petroleum, Coal, Natural Gas, etc.)
- Nuclear energy (Uranium)
- Natural energy (Water, Wind, Solar, Geothermal, etc.)
- Biomass



Secondary Energy – Energy created from primary energy

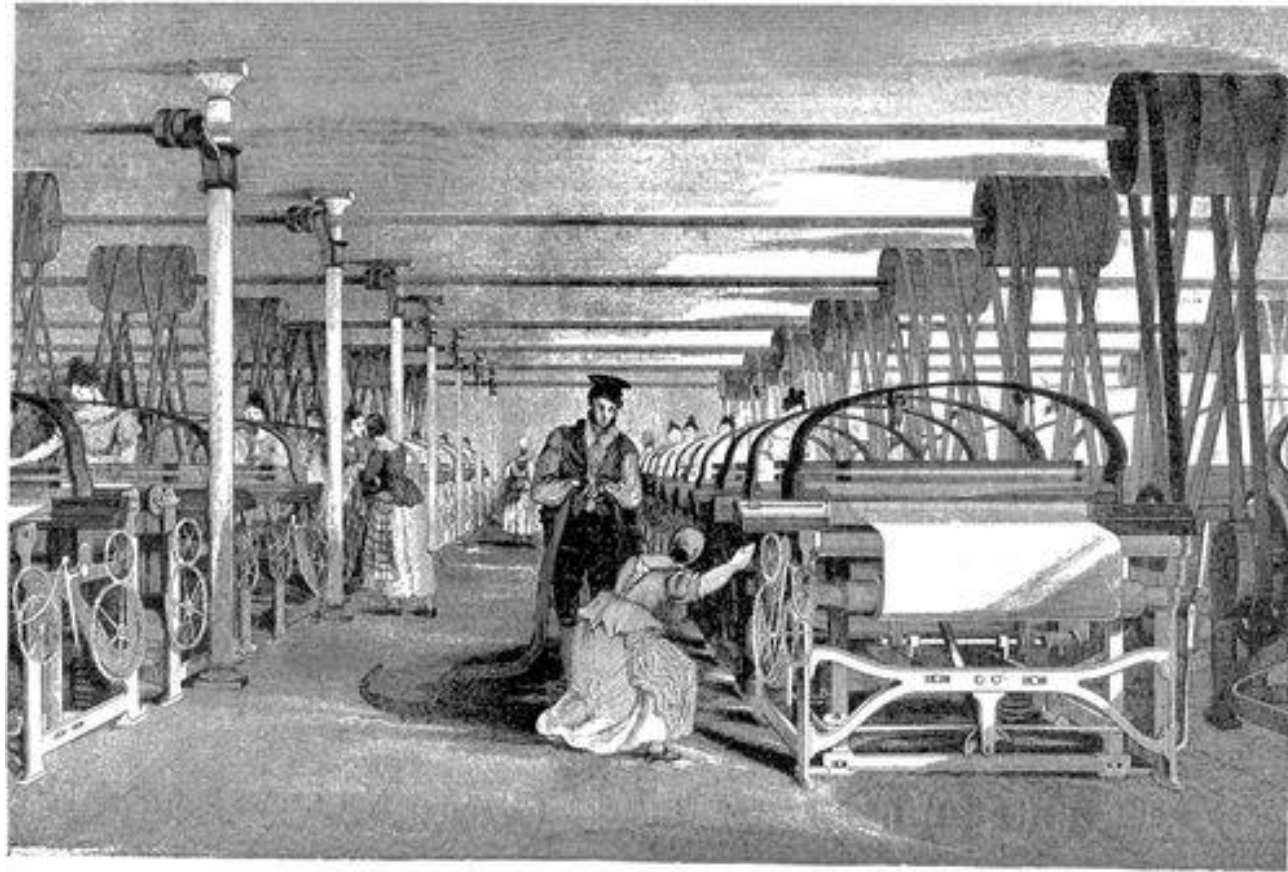
- **Heat**
- **Electricity**
- **Hydrogen**

**Heat, Electricity, and Hydrogen
are Convertible.**

Use of “Heat” as a Secondary Energy

Industrial Revolution: 1760-1840

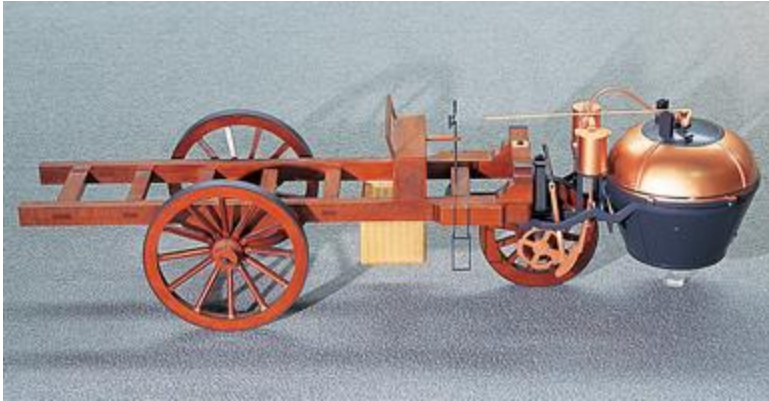
Heat to Kinetic Energy



Use of “Heat” as a Secondary Energy

Automobiles

Heat to Kinetic Energy



Steam Engine in 1769
Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot



Internal Combustion Engine in 1885
Gottlieb Wilhelm Daimler

Use of “Electricity” as a Secondary Energy

Hydro Power Plant: 1860

Electric Light: 1878

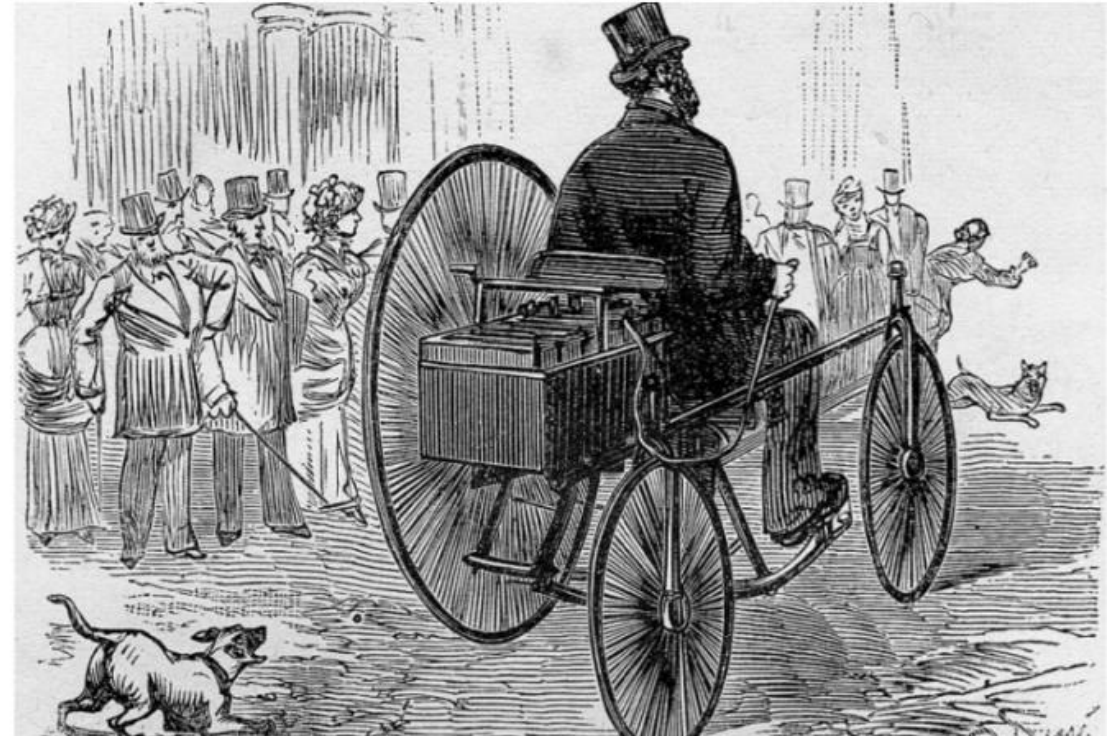
Coal Power Plant: 1882

Heat to Electricity

Edison Laboratory

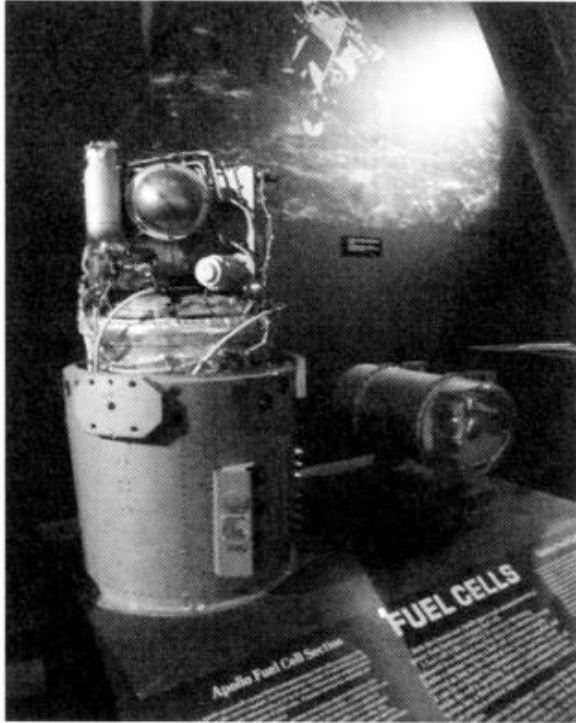


Jedlik Ányos István 1828



Use of “Hydrogen” as a Secondary Energy

Fuel Cell in Gemini: 1965



Stationary FC System Ene-Farm: 2008

FC Car MIRAI: 2014



Hydrogen to
Electricity

Racing car with IC Engine: 2021



Hydrogen to Heat

Advantages of hydrogen as a secondary energy

- No loss for longer time
- Carriable
- Natural Energy to Hydrogen
- No CO₂ emission

Hydrogen can be a commodity.

Hydrogen for liquid fuels

1. Ammonia

2. E-Fuel

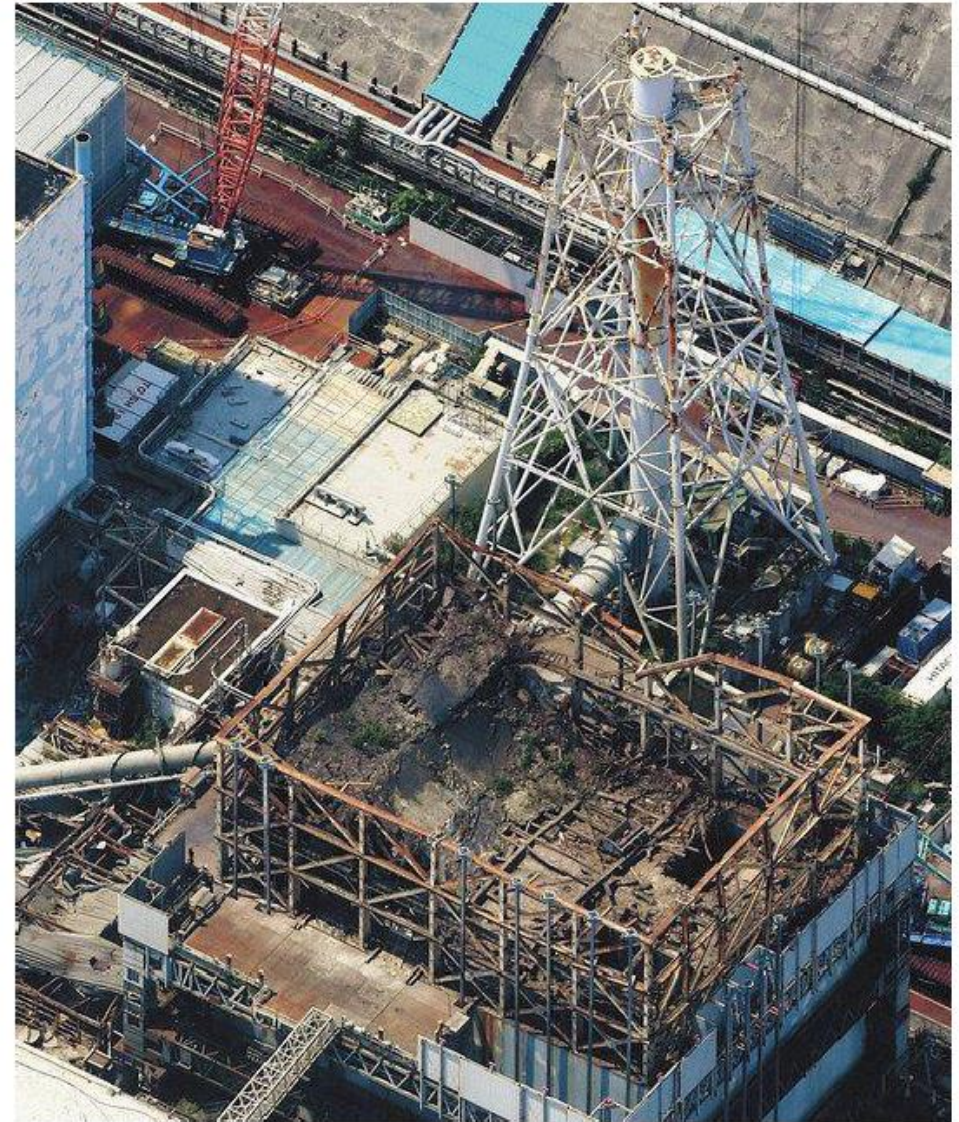
to be discussed at the end of the talk.

Hydrogen Strategy of Japan

311 Great Earthquake

Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station after 9 years

Tsunami on March 11, 2011



- In 2017, Japan formulated the Basic Hydrogen Strategy, the world's first national strategy for hydrogen.
 - ✓ **Annual hydrogen introduction** (including direct combustion ammonia): Current (approx. 2 million tons) → 2030 (max. 3 million tons) → 2050 (approx. 20 million tons)
 - ✓ **Cost:** Current (100 yen/Nm³) → 2030 (30 yen/Nm³) → 2050 (20 yen/Nm³ or less) (1Nm³ = 0.0899kg)
- On June 6, 2023, the Basic Strategy for Hydrogen was revised.
 - ✓ Setting a new ambitious target of **12 million tons** of hydrogen and other resources to be introduced by **2040**.
 - ✓ Targeting installation of water electrolyzers related to Japanese companies in Japan and abroad in **2030 (15 GW)**
 - ✓ Establishing a support system to build a large and robust supply chain and establish a base of operations.

Large scale power plants type

- Stand-alone gas / coal-fired power plants



Multifunction-intensive type

- Consolidation of petrochemicals, chemicals, steel mills, etc.



Regional renewable energy production type

- Produce Hydrogen and Ammonia



Japan's Policy Update



- Japanese government declared its ambition to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 in October 2020.
- METI formulated a "Green Growth Strategy Through Achieving Carbon Neutrality in 2050" including "Green Innovation Fund" for supporting 10 years R&DD activities (JPY 2 trillion).
- 1% Hydrogen/Ammonia are positioned in 2030 energy mix by 6th Japan's Strategic Energy Plan (October 2021)
- METI has established new committee to discuss on support measures for the hydrogen supply chain.



Direction: How to promote Hydrogen

Goals

Cost (\$/kg): \$3/kg by 2030 & less than \$2/kg by 2050

	Short Term (- 2025) Approx. 2 million tons	Mid Term (- 2030) Max. 3 million tons	Long Term (- 2050) 20 million tons
Supply	Existing source (ex. By products)	Maximize utilization as major source	Decarbonization of hydrogen production (with CCUS)
	Import	Accumulation of knowledge and cost reduction through demonstration project	Development of large-scale international hydrogen supply chain
	New domestic source	Accumulation of knowledge and cost reduction through demonstration project	Start up hydrogen production by electrolysis using excess energy from renewables
Demand	Transportation	Expansion to FC trucks in addition to FCVs and FC buses	Launch of ships (FC ships, etc.) to the market
	Power generation	Using of stationary fuel cell and small gas turbine for distributed energy	Commercialization of large-scale hydrogen power generation turbine
	Industry (raw material)	Conducting technology demonstration project (refinery, steel process, chemical process, etc.)	Realizing hydrogen steel process, green chemical, etc.
	Thermal (Industry, business, household)	Substitute fossil fuels through installation of fuel cell and decarbonization of supply infrastructure using electrolysis and existing gas pipes	Expanding supply through infrastructure development and hydrogen cost reduction

Source: METI



Step by Step approach



Hydrogen in Energy System
Step 3: Widely use of H₂

FCV & HRS
Step 2: Direct use of H₂ as energy source
(Marketization in 2014)

Residential Fuel Cell
Step 1: Bring Fuel Cell Application into the Market
(Marketization in 2009)



出典) 岩谷産業

How to Import Hydrogen to Japan

Hydrogen Production in Australia

Hydrogen from brown coal (lignite) produced by J-Power in 2021.



Hydrogen Carrier “Suiso Frontier”



116 m, 8000 tons
1250 m³ or 75 tons of hydrogen

Kawasaki Heavy Industries' world-first liquid hydrogen carrier in 2019.

<https://youtu.be/WGPkSuIH7uA>

Hydrogen Production in Norway

Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI) has been looking at using brown coal from the Australian state of Victoria, where supplies are plentiful. However, it is hedging its bets with a project in Norway to derive hydrogen using power from **hydroelectric dams and eventually wind farms**.

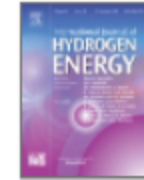
Using Australian coal requires removing its climate-changing carbon and burying it in old oil or gas wells there.

In Norway, KHI has teamed up with Nel Hydrogen, a maker of hydrogen plants, with backers including Japan's Mitsubishi Corp and Norway's Statoil. The project aims to demonstrate that **liquefied hydrogen** can be produced using renewables and delivered to Japan on tankers.





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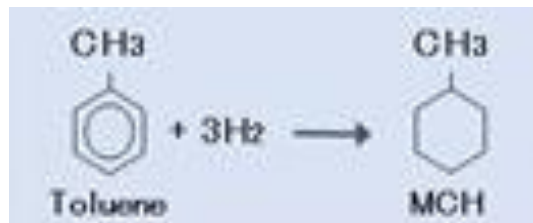
Large-scale production and transport of hydrogen from Norway to Europe and Japan: Value chain analysis and comparison of liquid hydrogen and ammonia as energy carriers

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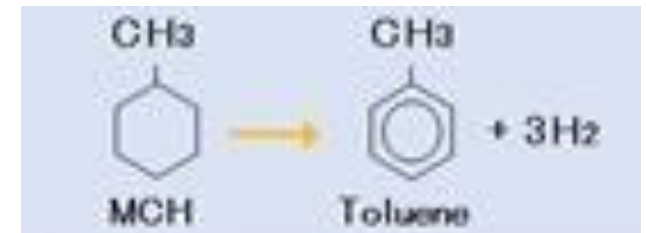
Hydrogen Production in Brunei



Hydrogen production from natural gas / hydrogenation plant in Brunei in 2019



Hydrogen separation in Japan in 2020



Hydrogen Production in Malaysia

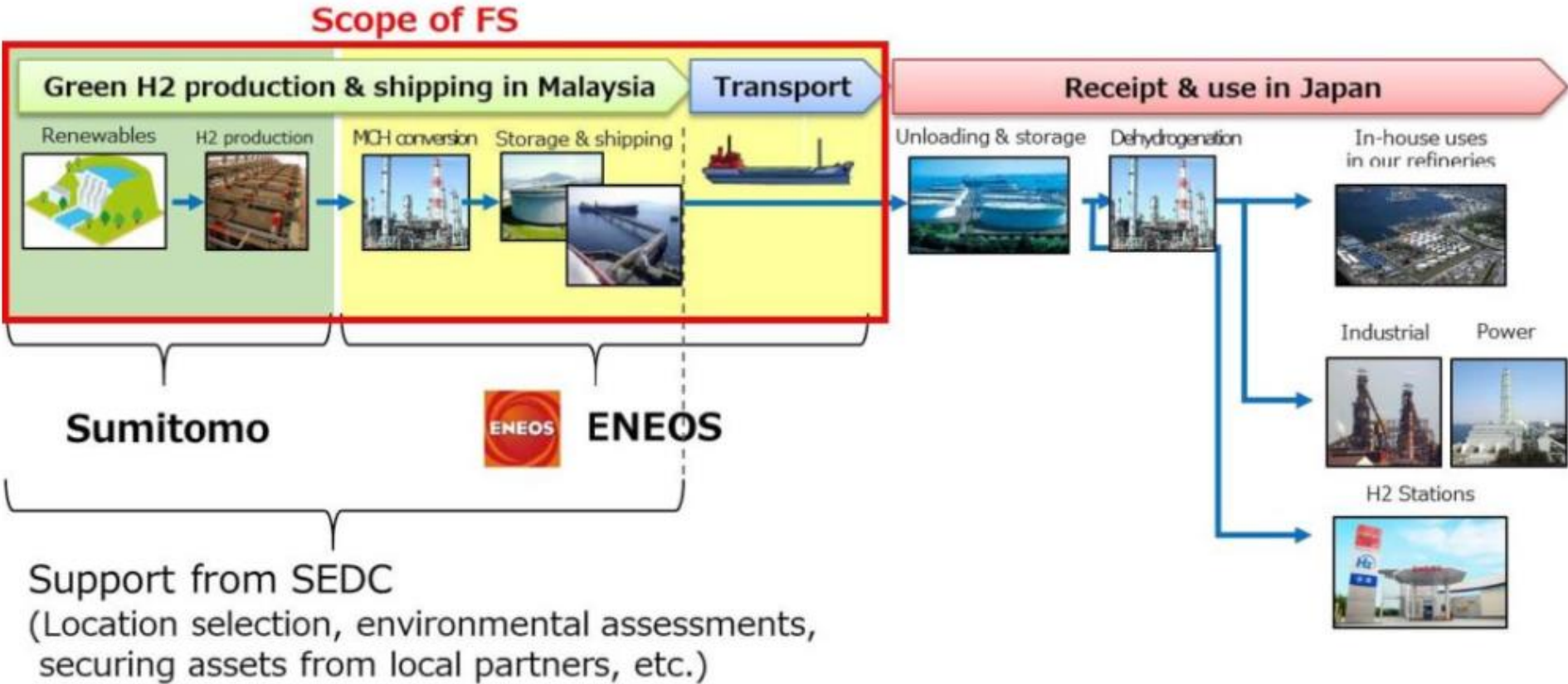


Jera will begin ammonia production free of carbon dioxide emissions through a partnership with a Malaysian state-owned enterprise, PETRONAS. The two have agreed to use renewable energy, like hydropower, to manufacture **ammonia** without releasing CO₂. Further details on the production site, as well as production capacity, will be determined at a later date. (February 8, 2021)

ENEOS, Sumitomo and SEDC Energy will start a feasibility study in January 2021, looking at the establishment of a supply chain of green hydrogen produced **using power from hydroelectric power plants in Sarawak**, ENEOS officials said.

SEDC Energy is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sarawak Economic Development Company (SEDC), which manages energy businesses, including downstream petroleum and gas businesses.

The study will look at the production of several tens of thousands of metric tons a year of green hydrogen and converting it into **MCH**. Based on results of this collaboration, ENEOS, Japan's largest refiner, will assess the feasibility of using the transported dehydrogenated CO₂-free hydrogen for desulfurization at its refineries in Japan, the officials said.



Hydrogen Production in and Transportation from Four Countries

Australia

Norway

Brunei

Malaysia

Primary Energy

Lignite

Hydro
Wind

Natural gas

Hydro
Biomass?

CO₂ Capture

Yes

No

Yes

No

Transportation

Liquid H₂

Liquid H₂

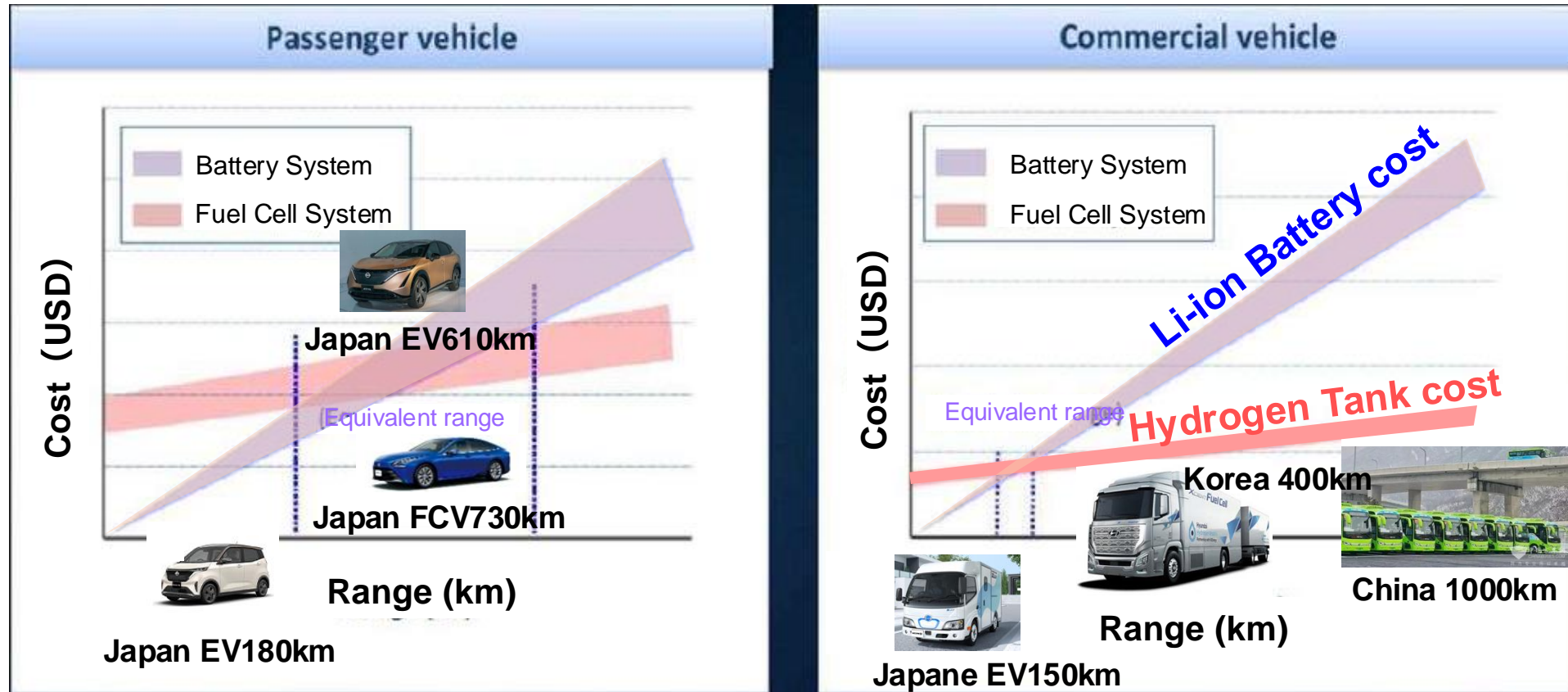
MCH

Ammonia
MCH

Status of Hydrogen Vehicles

EV and FCV

- For passenger cars, BEVs and FCVs have a wide range of similar cost.
- For commercial vehicles, FCVs have longer ranges with lower cost.



Cost : FC : Fuel Cell System + 2ndary Battery + H2 Tank、 Battery System : Battery System
Source : Hydrogen Cabinet Meeting 2018 based on Hyundai Motor material

Items	Japan's Target (in 2030)	Current status (as of July 2022)
Stationary Fuel Cell		
Residential Fuel Cell (EneFarm)	5.3 million	439,852 (June 2022)
Mobility		
Passenger Vehicles	800,000	7,418
Fuel Cell Buses	1,200	120
Hydrogen Refueling Station		
Public Stations	900	160



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Step by Step approach



Hydrogen in Energy System

Step 3: Widely use of H₂

FC Automobiles

		Domestic	Exported	Sum
Sales in 2023		国内	輸出	合計
Hyundai	NEXO	10,160	360	10,530
Toyota	MIRAI	850	3,080	3,920

Approximately 50,000 units in all

Number of Hydrogen Stations in 2024

Korea 290, Japan 161

FC Automobiles until November 2023 in China

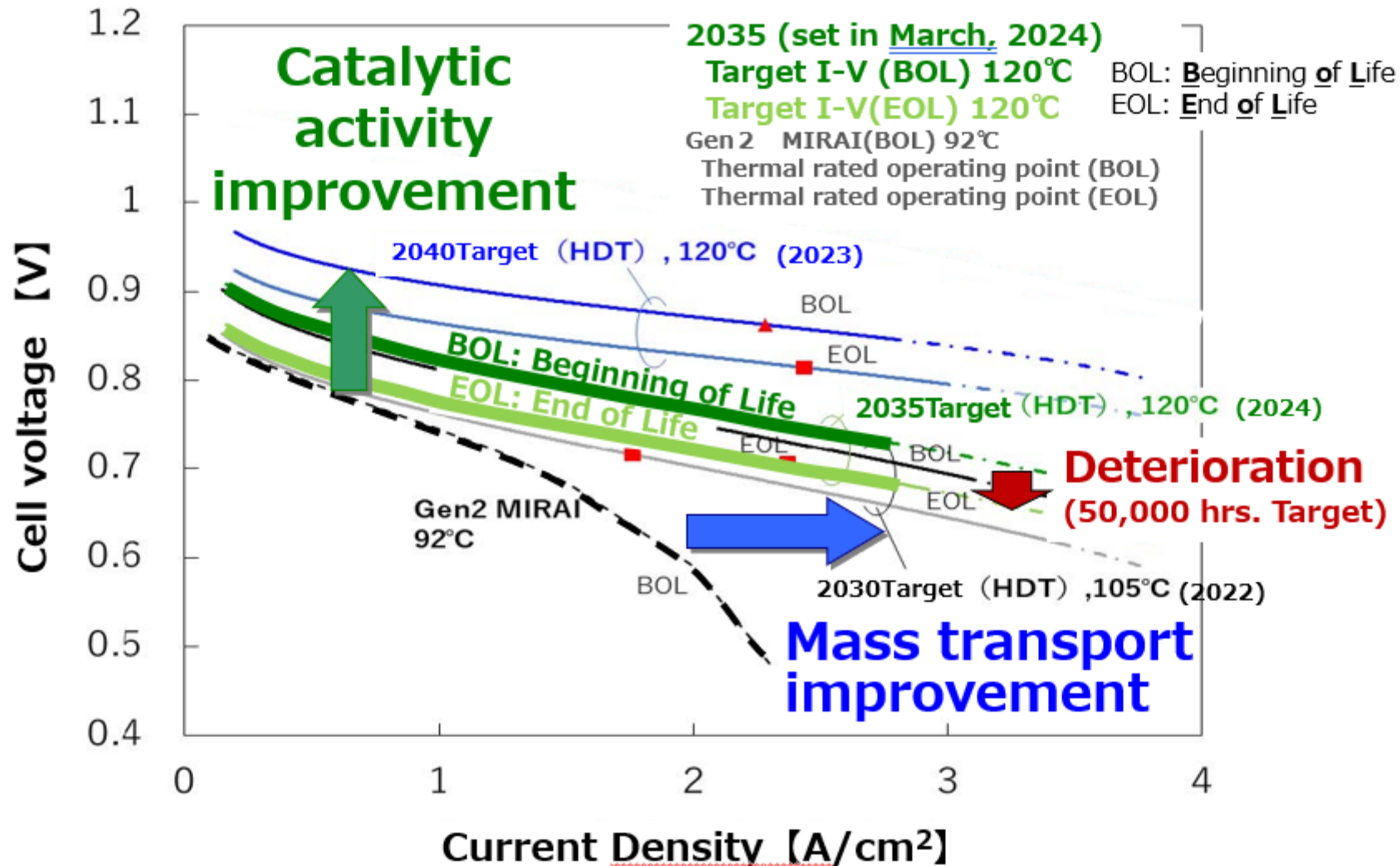
17,943 units, mostly heavy-duty vehicles

Number of Hydrogen Stations 358

FC automobile developments are now toward HDVs

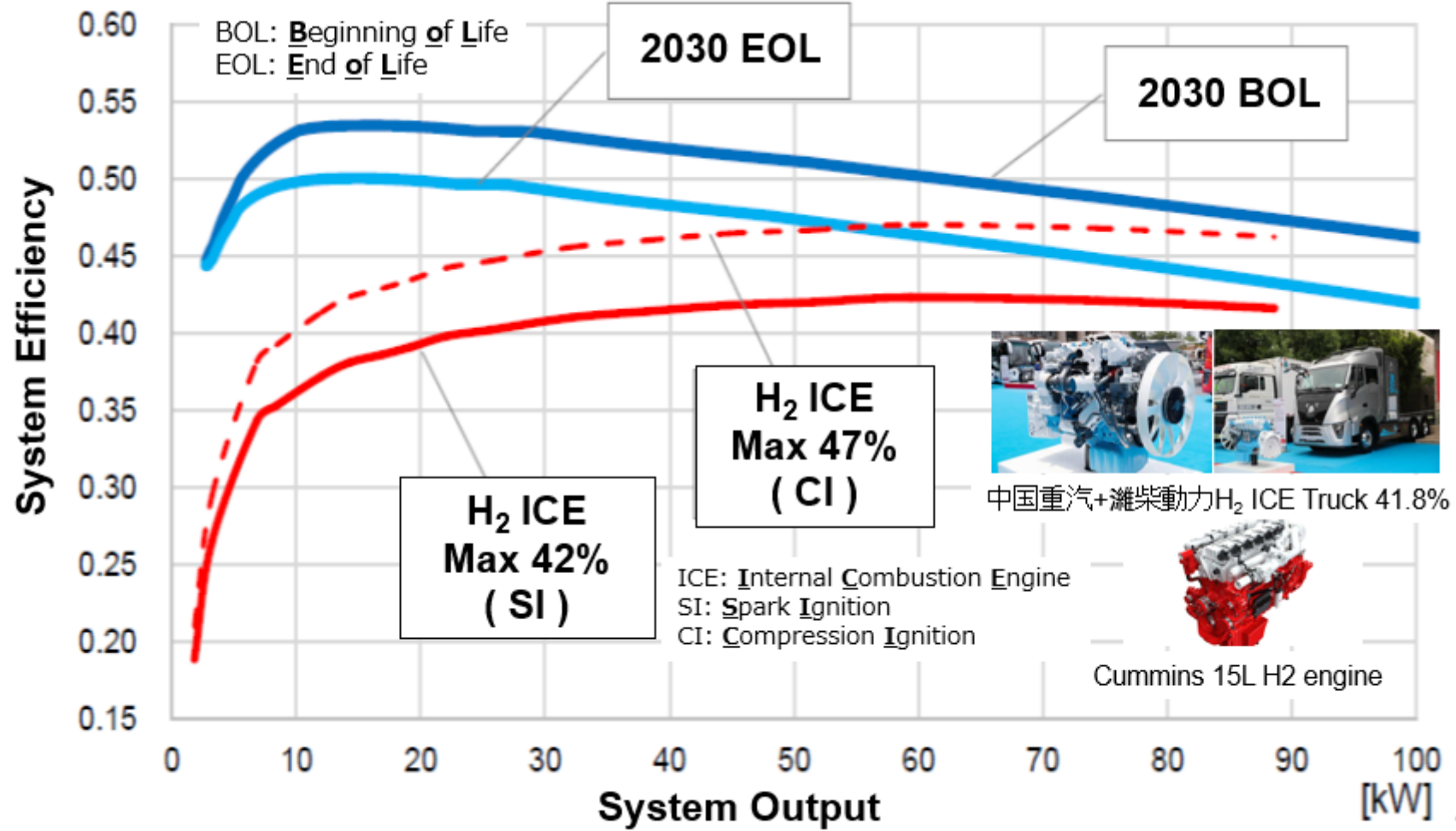
Targeted performance and durability for HDVs

NEDO FC Technology Road Map Committee : Chairman : Akihiro IIYAMA



Hydrogen, Ammonia and E-fuel for Engines

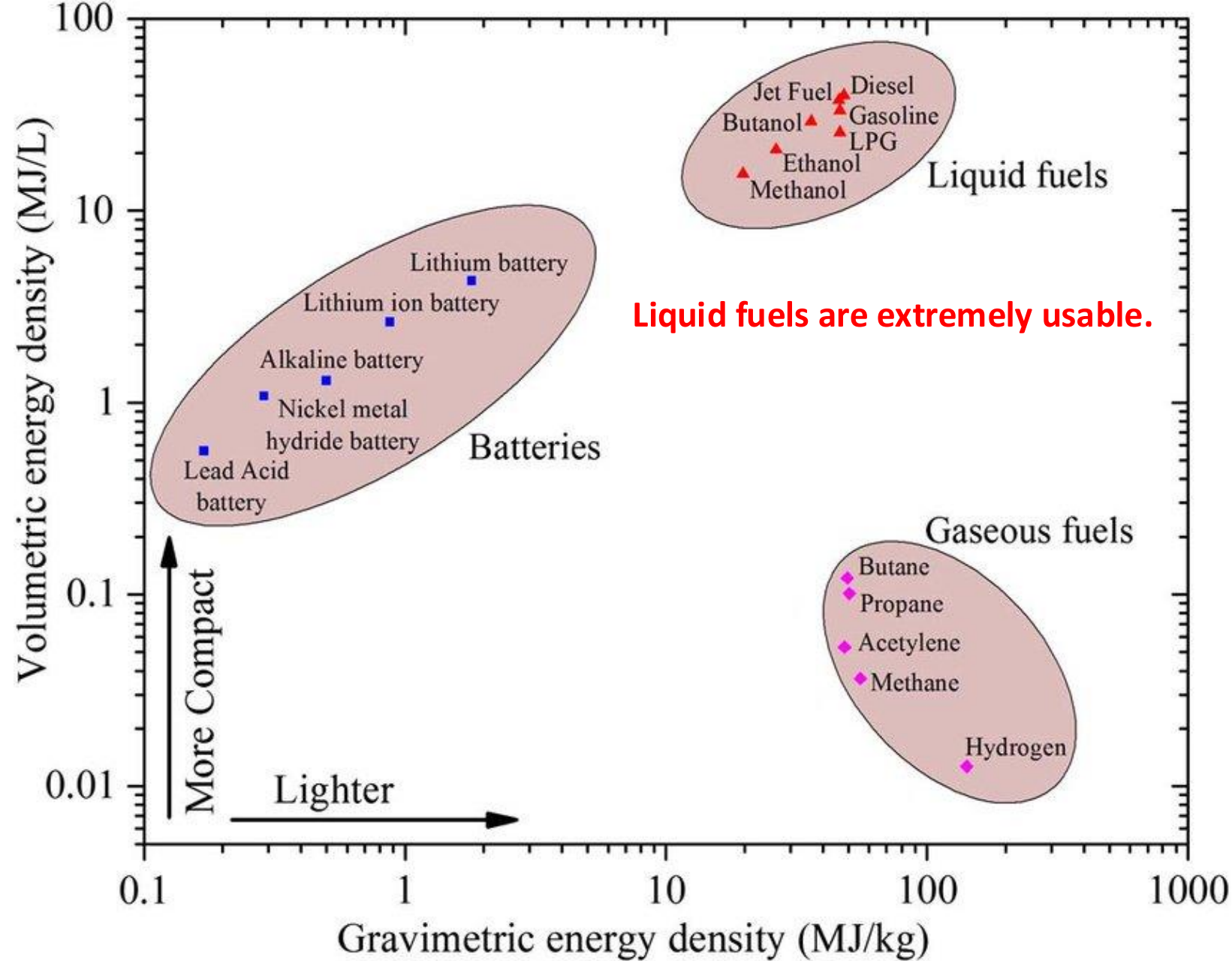
■ Efficiency is competitive with hydrogen engines in the high-load range. Fuel cell efficiency must be improved



Source: NEDO FC Technology Roadmap (<https://www.nedo.go.jp/content/100944011.pdf>)

Ammonia is very easy to carry

Ammonia engine for automobiles are studied, but for the use of the ammonia engine, need to be solved the leakage and the formation of NO_x .



Liquid fuels are extremely usable.

Volumetric and gravimetric energy density of liquid fuels are the highest.

Basic synthesis method of E-Fuel has been established.

Green Hydrogen and CO₂ are required.

No increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere.

Little change in automobile production.

Very suitable to long-flight airplanes

Cost is high (ca. 7 EUR / L).

Green Hydrogen and CO₂ (Possibly from biomass or atmosphere)

Conclusions

1. Importance, present status, and road map of hydrogen use until 2050 In Japan were summarized.
2. Hydrogen will be used for fuel cell vehicles and ICE vehicles.
3. Ammonia will be used during transportation and in power stations. For automobile use is not yet clear.
4. E-fuels will be possibly used after 2050 for ICSs.

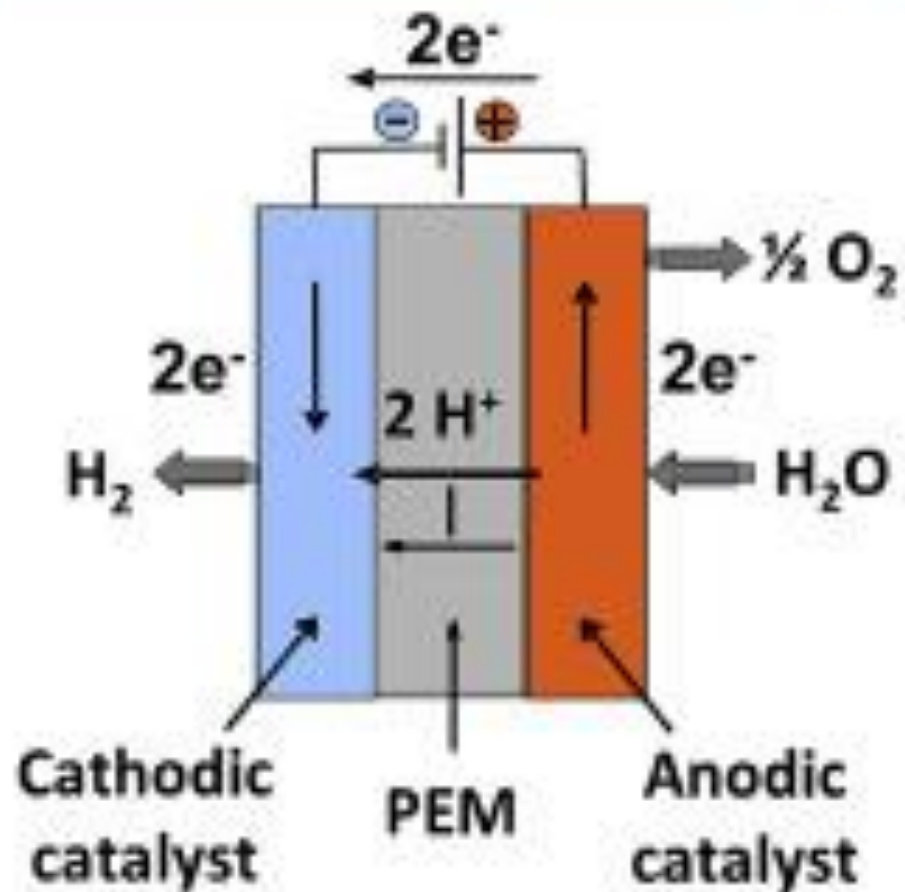


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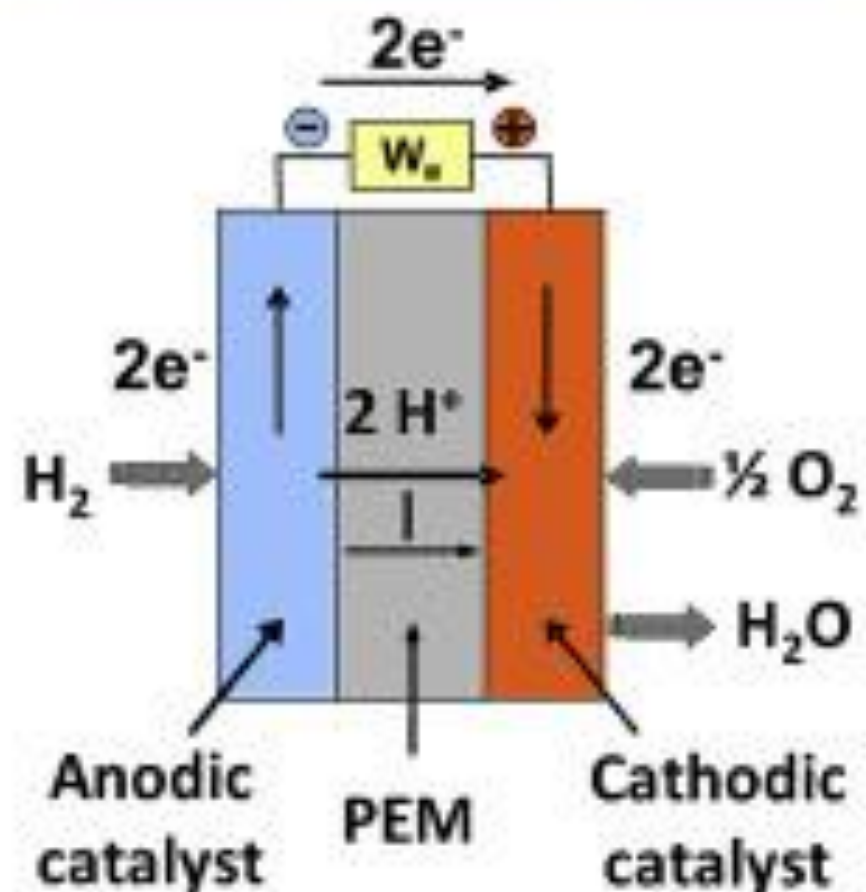
PEM Electrolysis Cell



PEM Fuel Cell



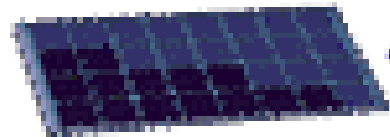
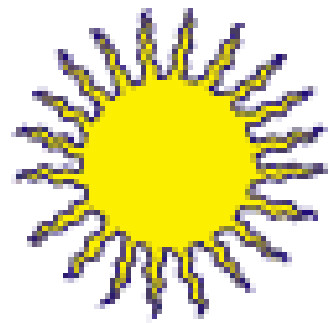
Overall reaction: $H_2O \rightarrow H_2 + \frac{1}{2} O_2$



Overall reaction: $H_2 + \frac{1}{2} O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$

Electrolyzer and Fuel Cell

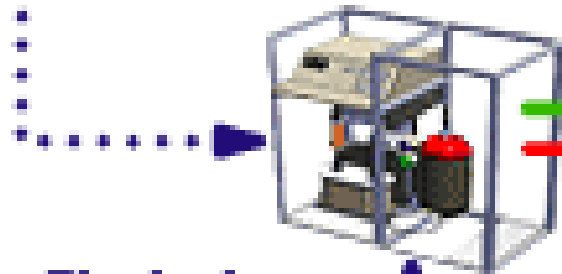
Regenerative Fuel Cell System



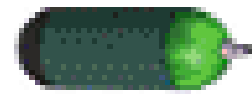
PV Collector



Electrical Usage



Electrolyser



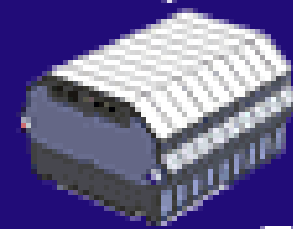
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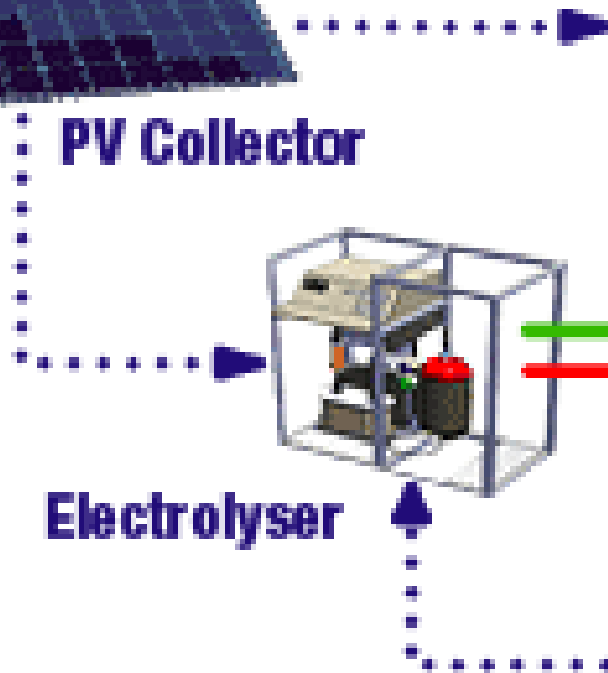
Hydrogen



Water

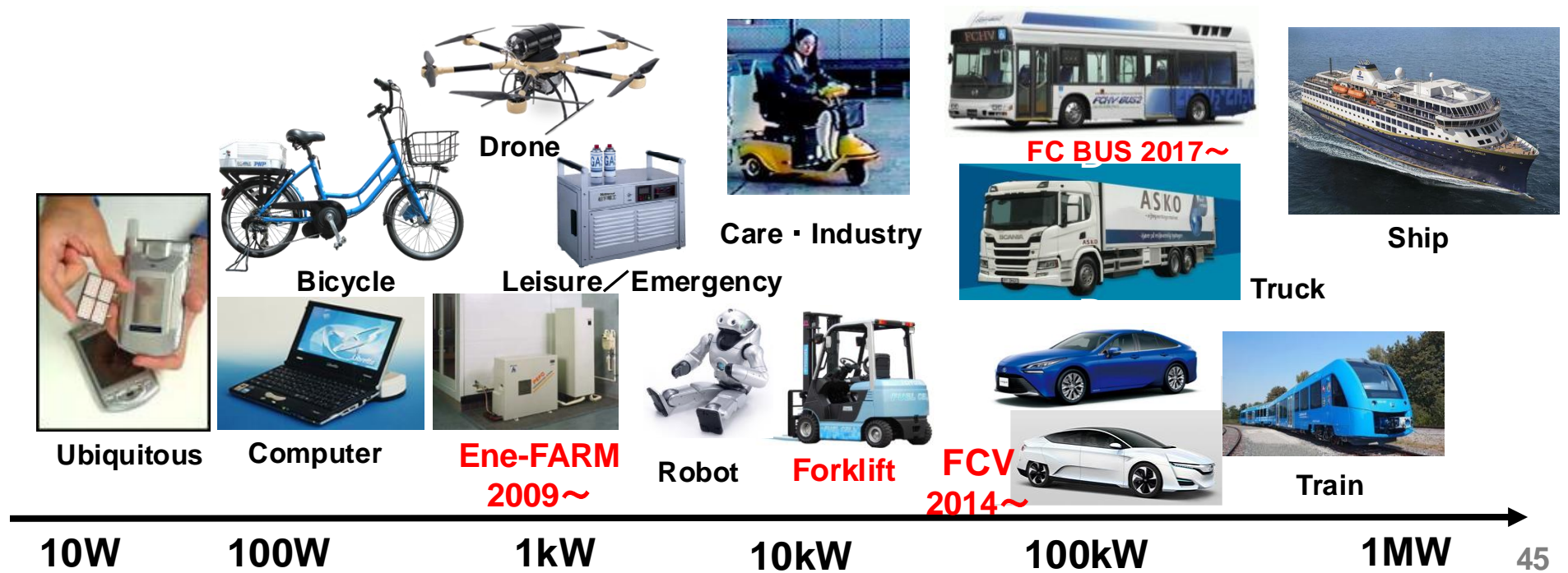


Fuel Cell



Fuel Cells

- **Efficient** Higher efficiency than Thermal power generation
 - **Fuel Cell** : about **60%**
 - **Thermal Power plant** : about **40%**
- **Various applications under development**



Residential Fuel Cell System and Fuel Cell Vehicle



Panasonic Ene-farm

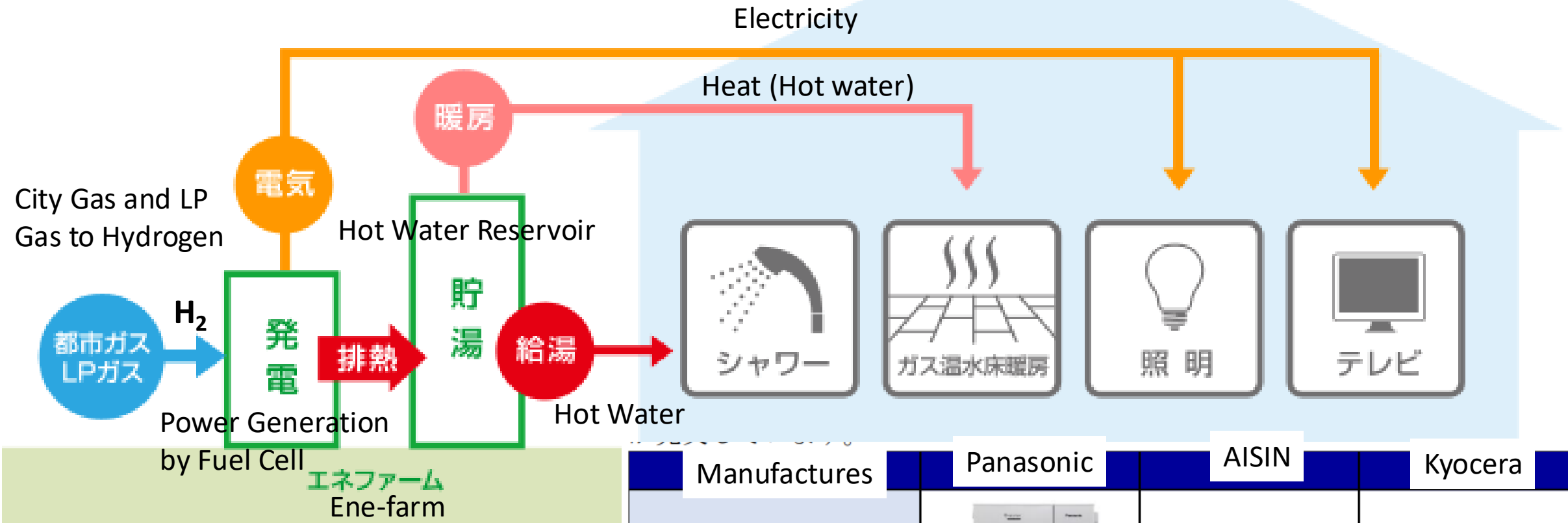
Three companies sell Ene-farm in 2024.






Toyota MIRAI

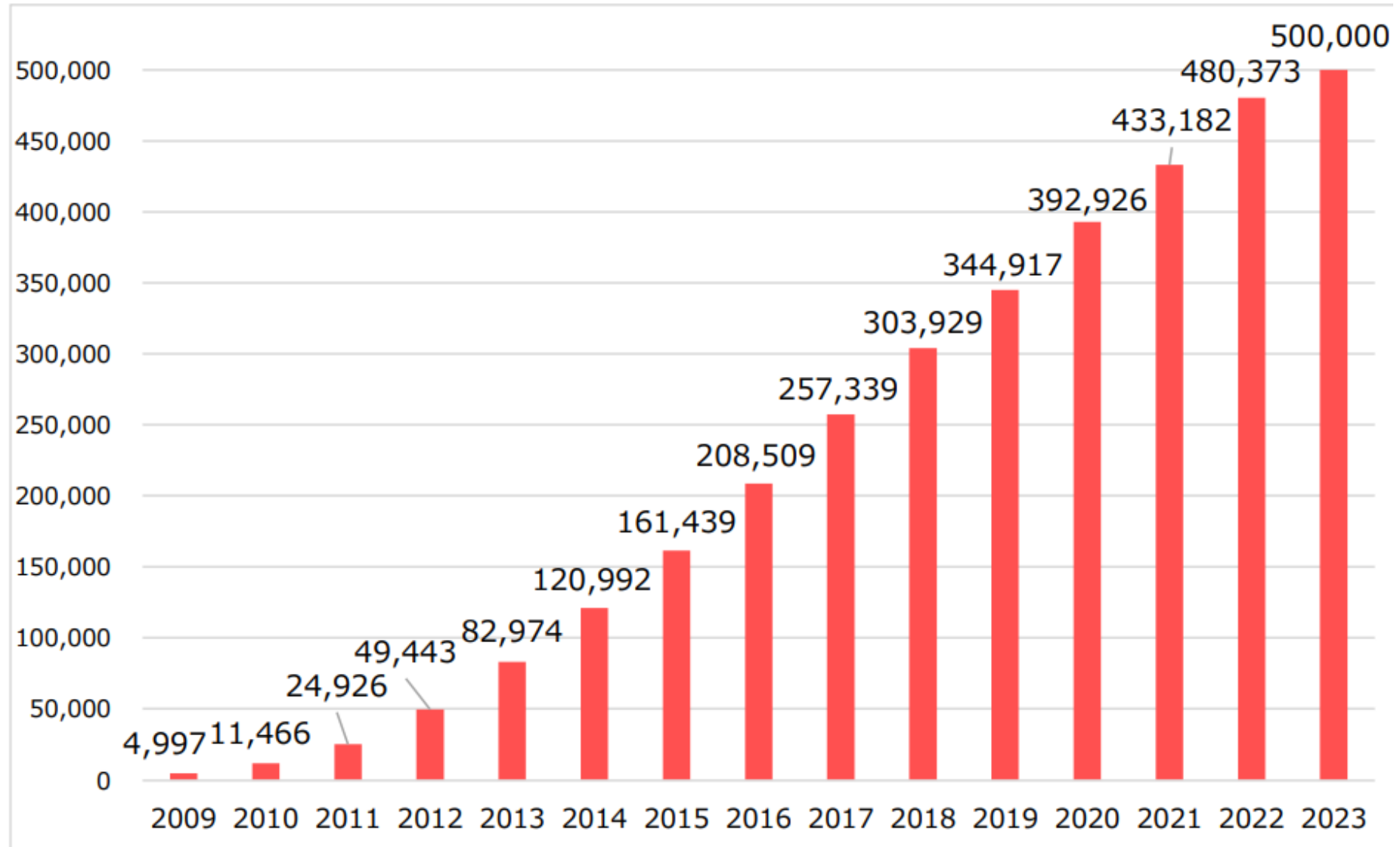
Two Japanese companies sell FCV in 2024.

Residential Fuel Cell



Manufacturers	Panasonic	AISIN	Kyocera
Outlook			
FC type (Output) ※7	PEFC (700W)	SOFC (700W)	SOFC (400W)
Electricity/Total Efficiency	41.0%/98.0%	55.0%/87.0%	50.0%/85.0%
Gas	City/LP	City/LP	※ City

Ene-Farm Sales until November 2023

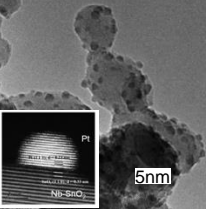
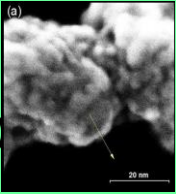
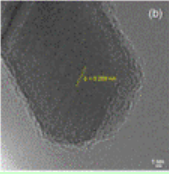


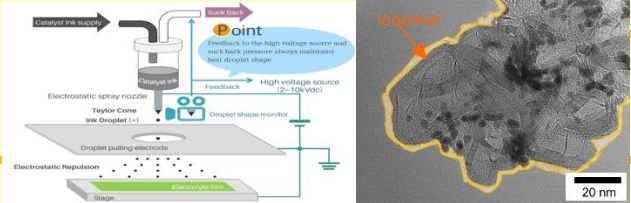
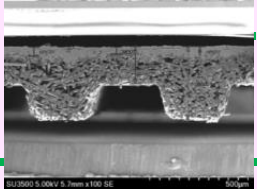


Research in University of Yamanashi



Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Nanomaterials Center

Research areas on H₂, FCs, and Electrolyzers

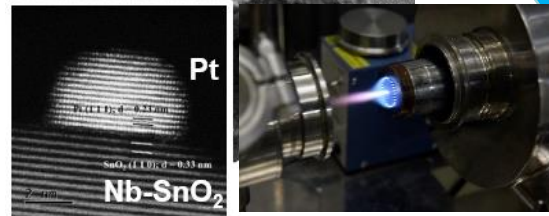
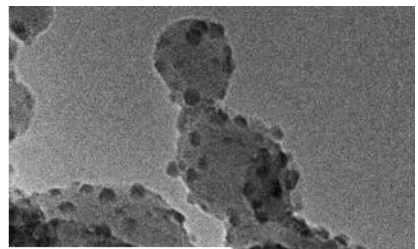
	PEM-FC	PEM-WE	AEM-WE
Catalyst	<p>Pt/Pt alloy catalyst with ceramics or carbon supports</p> 	<p>IrO₂ catalyst with higher activity (→ reduced loading)</p> 	<p>Non-Precious Metal Catalyst</p> 
Electrolyte	<p>PEM hydrocarbon-based membranes, ionomers and reinforcement layers</p> 		<p>AEM hydrocarbon-based membranes, ionomers and reinforcement layers</p>
MEA	<p>Mechanism analysis for degradation, & performance improvement</p> 	<p>Mechanism analysis for degradation, & performance improvement</p>	<p>Design of water electrolysis MEAs and their high performance and durability</p>
Process	<p>Electro-Spray coating method</p> 		
Others	<p>Flat Metal Separator with Grooved GDL</p> 		

Fuel Cell and Electrolyzer Researches

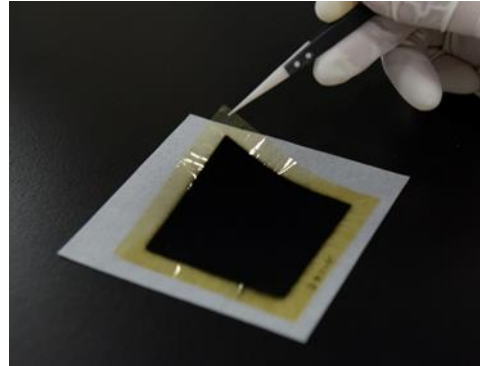
- Fuel cell prototyping and evaluation capabilities
 - the most fulfilling of all Japanese universities.
- Possible to synthesize catalyst and electrolyte membranes, prepare catalyst coating membranes, assemble various cells, and evaluate performance and durability in one building.



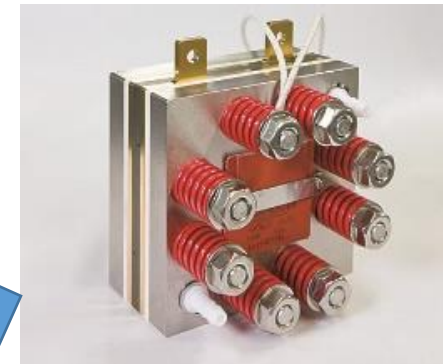
Synthesized electrolyte membrane



Synthesized ceramic support and supported Pt catalyst



Catalyst coated membrane



Assembled single fuel cell

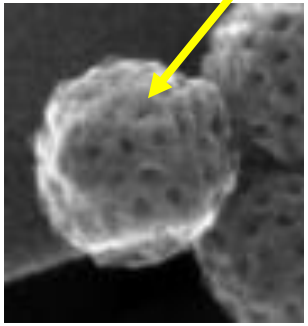


Single fuel cell test stands

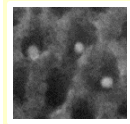
Materials development for FC-HDVs



Accessible pores on carbon support

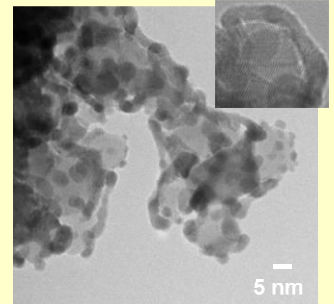


Pt particle appropriate location

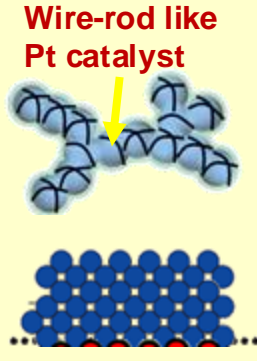


High Pt utilization carbon support Pt catalyst

Efficiency



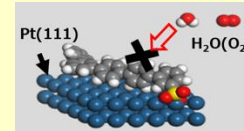
Wire-rod like Pt catalyst



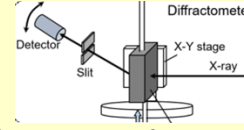
High activity ceramics support Pt catalyst

Analysis

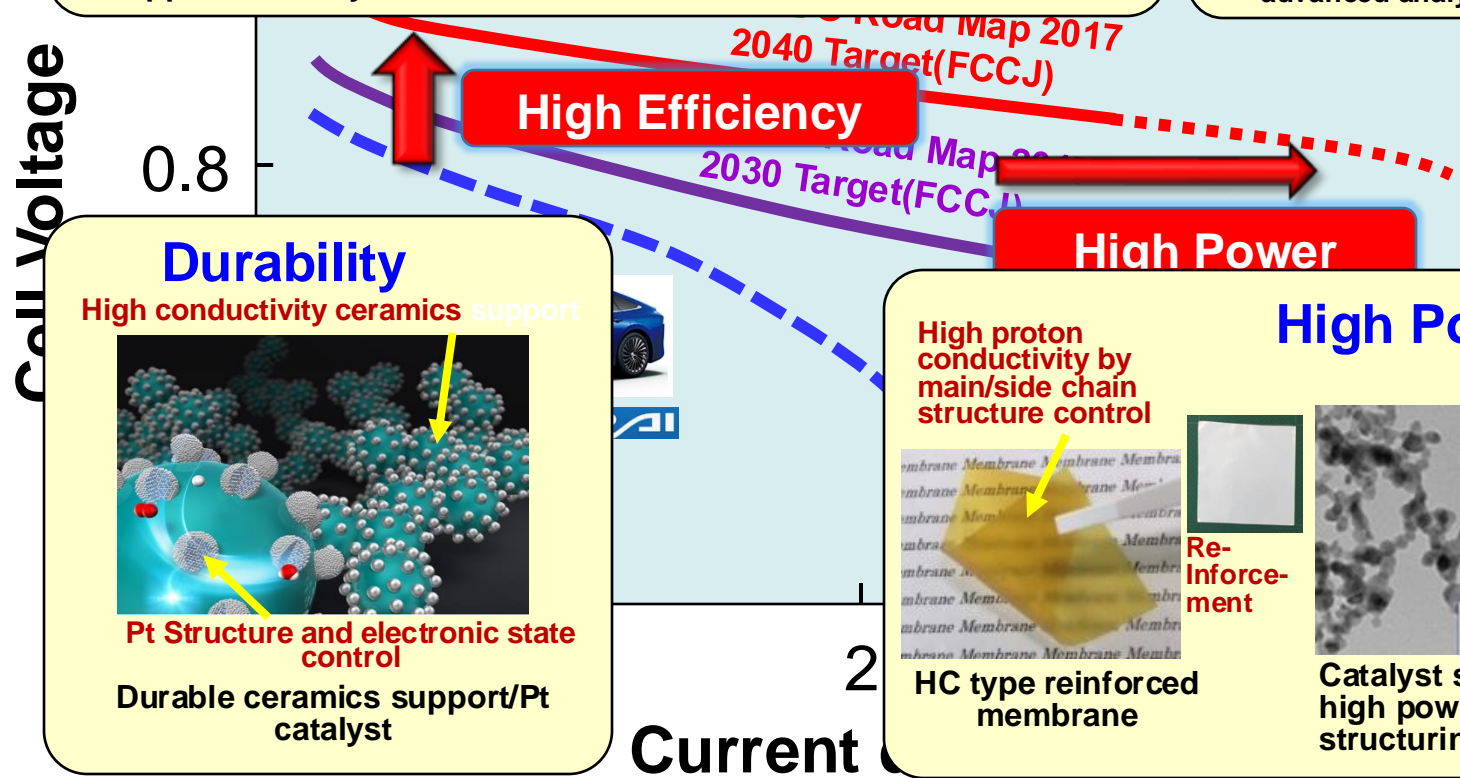
Computational science



In-situ analysis

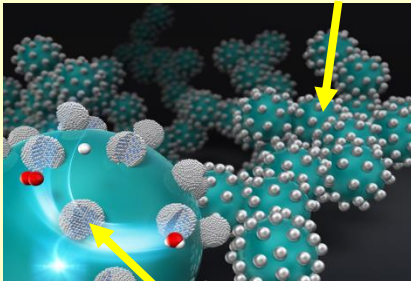


Latest instrument for advanced analysis



Durability

High conductivity ceramics support




Pt Structure and electronic state control

Durable ceramics support/Pt catalyst

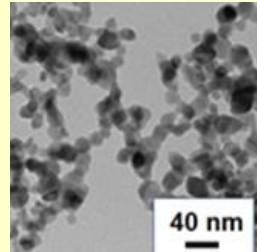
High Power

High proton conductivity by main/side chain structure control



Re-Inforcement

Optimised void/fractal/necking



Catalyst support network for high power catalyst layer structuring