

Hydrogen Fuel Cells – Sustainable solution for the future

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Sustainability of Hydrogen





Source: https://sinnovations.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Circular_economy_schema.png

- Hydrogen will be a sustainable energy carrier, if it produced via renewable energy
- Hydrogen can be used in many sectors (sector coupling)
- Hydrogen Fuel Cells are a perfect energy converter with zero emissions
- Important is that also the circular of economy of fuel cells will be taken into account

Proton Motor Fuel Cell GmbH





German manufacturer of fuel cell stacks and fuel cell systems to provide solutions for clean energy supply and clean mobility.

Located: Puchheim (Bavaria)

CEO: Faiz Nahab PhD

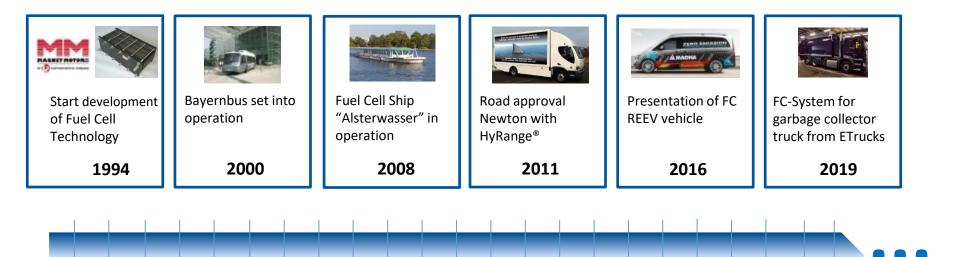
Employees: approx. 100

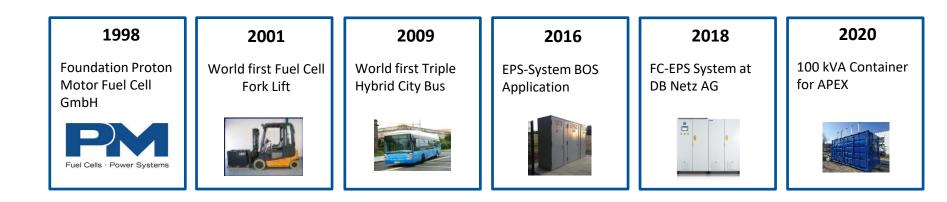


- 1994: Start of fuel cell development
- 1998: Founding of Proton Motor Fuel Cell GmbH
- 2006: Stock market launch of Proton Motor Power Systems
- 2007: Relocation from Starnberg to Munich
- 2015: Integration SPower GmbH into Proton Motor
- 2018: 20 years Fuel Cells Made in Germany
- 2019: Installation of Stacking robot

Proton Motor History

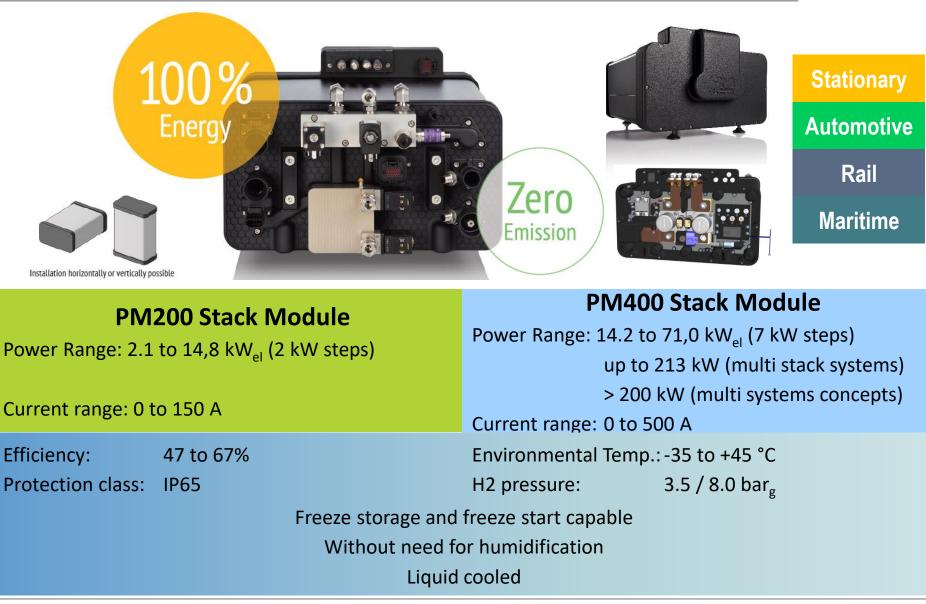






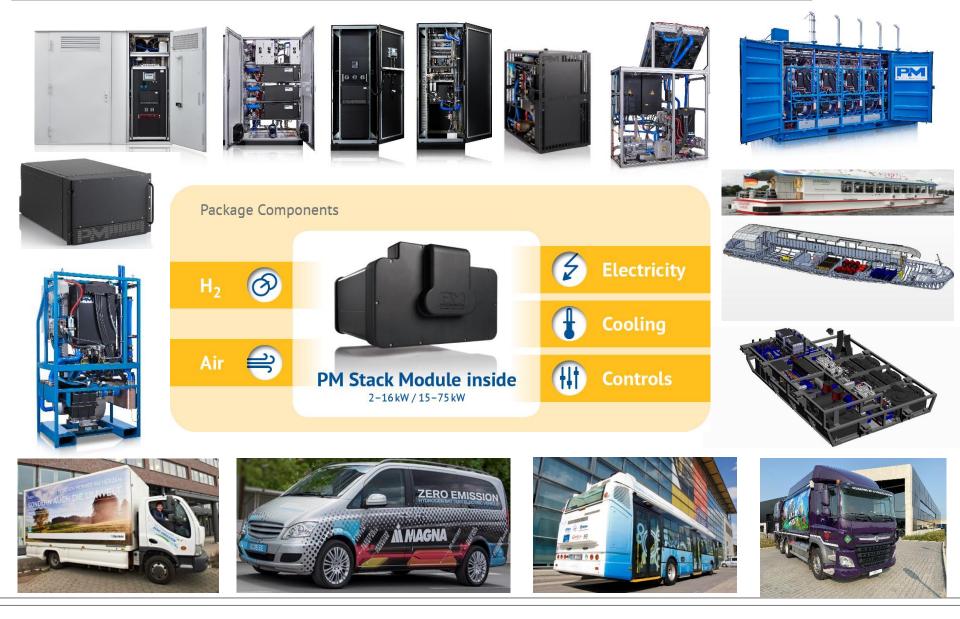
Modular Highly Integrated Fuel Cell Stack Modules





Fuel Cell System Applications





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Reference Mobility



Automotive





Application:	Garbage Truck
FC Power:	43 kW
H2 Storage:	20/30 kg 350 bar
Battery:	136 kWh

Rail







Maritime





Application:	Marine Vessel
FC Power:	144 kW
H2 Storage:	50 kg Metal-Hydride
Battery:	To be announced

References Stationary Applications



Grid Stabilisation / Peak Shaving (decentralized hydrogen production)

FC Power:	178kW
Voltage:	400 VAC (Grid dependent)
Customer:	APEX
Location:	Rostock (Germany)



Grid Independent Power Supply (e.g. for a hydrogen filling station)

FC Power:	129 kW
Battery :	180 kWh
Voltage:	400 VAC (Grid independent)
Customer:	Shell
Location:	Munich (Germany)



References Stationary Applications



UPS / Emergency Power Supply (hydrogen supply)

UPS Telecom Customer: DB Bahnbau FC Power: 6 & 8 kW UPS Road Tunnels Customer: To be announced FC Power: 28, 36, 43 kW

Seasonal Energy Shift / Peak Shaving (decentralized hydrogen production)

Houses & Appartments Projects: Hy2Green (I) Brütten (CH) FC Power: 9 kW

Housing Block Customer: Vonovia FC Power: 36 kW

















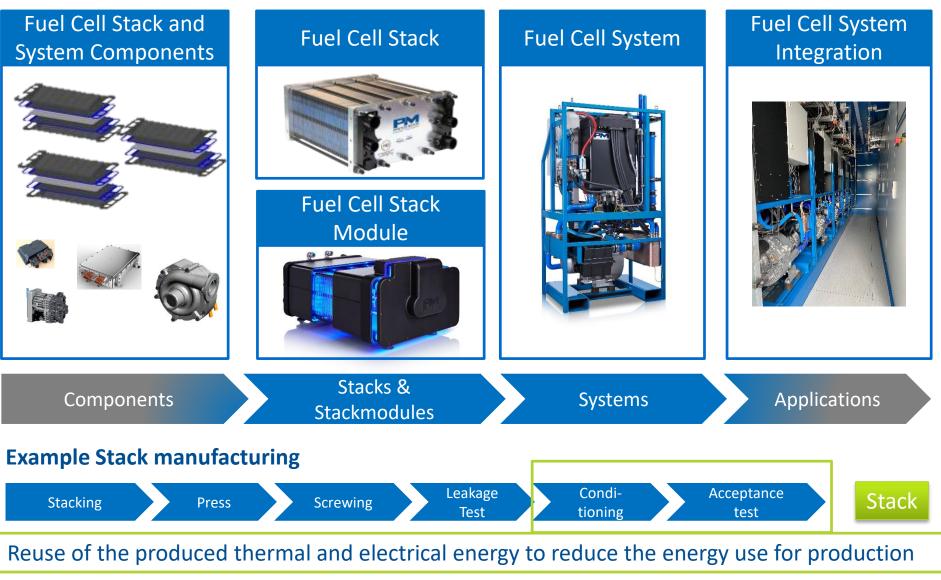
Circular Economy





Overview value chain





BreCycle Project



- Project name: BReCycle Circular economy concept for fuel cells
- Duration, project / funding volume : March 2020 March 2023; 1.85 Mio € / 1.30 Mio €
- Funding program: 7. Energieforschungsprogramm "Innovationen für die Energiewende" from BMWi
- Funding agency: PTJ (Germany)
- Targets:
 - Development of an efficient process for the preparation of fuel cells to generate high-quality material fractions, especially from the electrode coatings
 - Improving recyclability (Design for Circularity)
 - Promotion of the use of secondary materials



Project partner:











First steps in Recycling of Stacks



Ongoing steps:

- Crushing of the cells and separation in the catalyst coating (Pt / C), MEA and GDL
- Separation of Pt / C as a fine fraction by means of wet sieving (630 µm)





Crushing

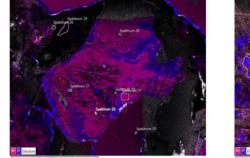


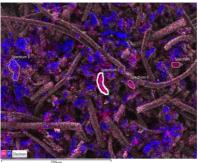
Disassembled cells

Pt/C - catalyst

Challenges:

- Remnants of MEA and GDL in fine fraction
- Increase the recovery rate of Pt





REM-EDX of the fine fraction with MEA (left, 1200 $\mu m)$ and GDL (right, 900 $\mu m)$ according to EHZ, pink: Pt (catalyst), violet: F (made of Nafion, PTFE)

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