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# VODIKOVA ENERGIJA I EKONOMIJA (2)

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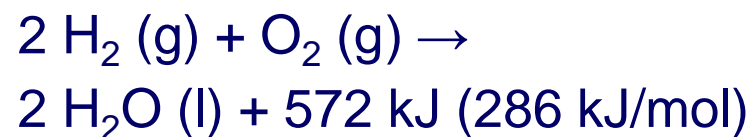
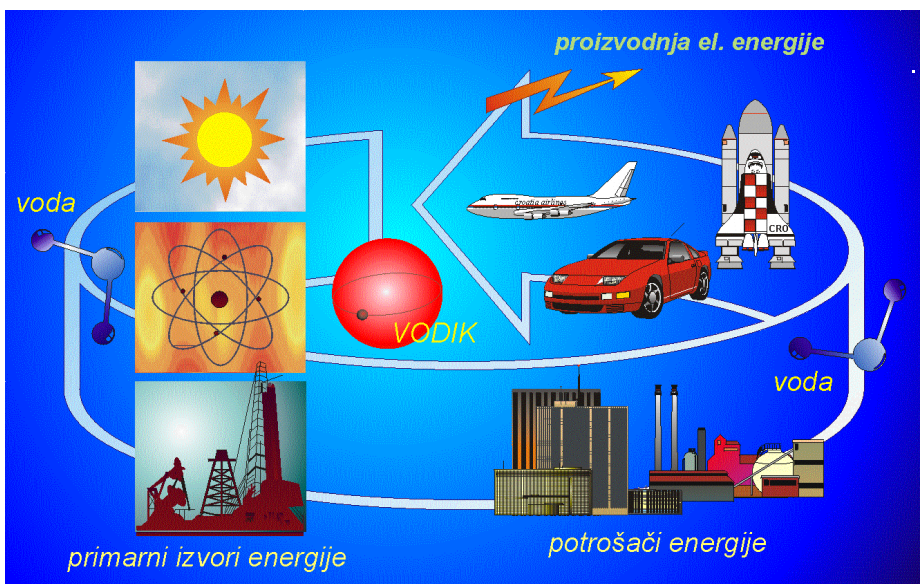


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# VODIK

(hydrogen)

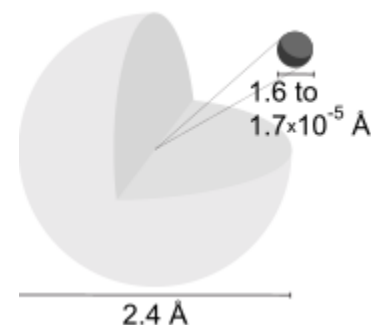
- ekološki prihvatljivo gorivo: izgaranjem ne nastaje CO<sub>2</sub>
- nije primarni izvor energije, već je nosilac energije (poput ⚡)
- u prirodi ga nalazimo u spojevima s drugim elementima: s kisikom / voda (H<sub>2</sub>O), s ugljikom / ugljikovodici (CH)
- proizvodnja elementarnog vodika zahtijeva utrošak energije



v · d · e																		Periodic table													
H																	He														
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne														
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar														
K	Ca	Sc											Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr				
Rb	Sr	Y											Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe				
Cs	Ba	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Uub	Uut	Uuq	Uup	Uuh	Uus	Uuo
Alkali metals			Alkaline earth metals			Lanthanoids			Actinoids			Transition metals			Other metals		Metalloids		Other nonmetals		Halogens		Noble gases								

General properties	
Name, symbol, number	hydrogen, H, 1
Element category	nonmetal
Group, period, block	1, 1, s
Standard atomic weight	1.00794(7) g·mol <sup>-1</sup>
Electron configuration	1s <sup>1</sup>
Atomic properties	
Oxidation states	1, -1 (amphoteric oxide)
Electronegativity	2.20 (Pauling scale)
Ionization energies	1st: 1312.0 kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup>
Covalent radius	31±5 pm
Van der Waals radius	120 pm

The ground state energy level of the electron in a hydrogen atom is  $-13.6$  eV, which is equivalent to an ultraviolet photon of roughly 92 nm wavelength.



## Most stable isotopes

Main article: [Isotopes of hydrogen](#)

iso	NA	half-life	DM	DE (MeV)	DP
<sup>1</sup> H	99.985%	<sup>1</sup> H is stable with 0 neutrons			
<sup>2</sup> H	0.015%	<sup>2</sup> H is stable with 1 neutron			
<sup>3</sup> H	trace	12.32 y	β <sup>-</sup>	0.01861	<sup>3</sup> He

## Physical properties

Color	colorless
Phase	gas
Density	(0 °C, 101.325 kPa) 0.08988 g/L
Melting point	14.01 K, -259.14 °C, -434.45 °F
Boiling point	20.28 K, -252.87 °C, -423.17 °F
Triple point	13.8033 K (-259°C), 7.042 kPa
Critical point	32.97 K, 1.293 MPa
Heat of fusion	(H <sub>2</sub> ) 0.117 kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup>
Heat of vaporization	(H <sub>2</sub> ) 0.904 kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup>
Specific heat capacity	(25 °C) (H <sub>2</sub> ) 28.836 J·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup>

Hydrogen gas forms **explosive mixtures** with air in the concentration range **4-74%** (volume per cent of hydrogen in air) and with chlorine in the range 5-95%.

The mixtures spontaneously detonate by spark, heat or sunlight.

The hydrogen autoignition temperature, the temperature of spontaneous ignition in air, is 500 °C.

Pure hydrogen-oxygen flames emit ultraviolet light and are nearly invisible to the naked eye, as illustrated by the faint plume of the Space Shuttle main engine compared to the highly visible plume of a Space Shuttle Solid Rocket Booster.





Hydrogen is the most [abundant](#) element in the universe, making up 75% of [normal matter](#) by [mass](#) and over 90% by number of atoms.

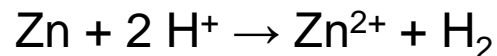
Under ordinary conditions on Earth, elemental hydrogen exists as the diatomic gas,  $H_2$ . However, hydrogen gas is very rare in the Earth's atmosphere (1 [ppm](#) by volume) because of its light weight, which enables it to [escape from Earth's gravity](#) more easily than heavier gases.

However, hydrogen is the third most abundant element on the Earth's surface. Most of the Earth's hydrogen is in the form of [chemical compounds](#) such as [hydrocarbons](#) and [water](#).

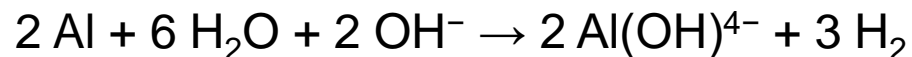
Hydrogen gas is produced by some bacteria and [algae](#) and is a natural component of [flatus](#). [Methane](#) is a hydrogen source of increasing importance.

# Production Laboratory

In the [laboratory](#), H<sub>2</sub> is usually prepared by the reaction of acids on metals such as [zinc](#) with [Kipp's apparatus](#).

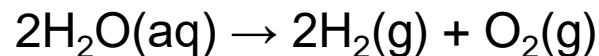


[Aluminium](#) can also produce H<sub>2</sub> upon treatment with bases:



The [electrolysis of water](#) is a simple method of producing hydrogen.

The theoretical maximum efficiency (electricity used vs. energetic value of hydrogen produced) is between 80–94%.



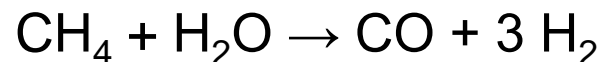
In 2007, it was discovered that an alloy of aluminium and [gallium](#) in pellet form added to water could be used to generate hydrogen. The process also creates [alumina](#), but the expensive gallium, which prevents the formation of an oxide skin on the pellets, can be re-used. This has important potential implications for a hydrogen economy, since hydrogen can be produced on-site and does not need to be transported.

# Production

## Industrial

Hydrogen can be prepared in several different ways, but economically the most important processes involve removal of hydrogen from hydrocarbons.

Commercial bulk hydrogen is usually produced by the [steam reforming](#) of [natural gas](#). At high temperatures (700–1100 °C), steam (water vapor) reacts with [methane](#) to yield [carbon monoxide](#) and H<sub>2</sub>.



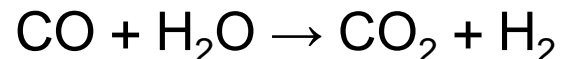
This reaction is favored at low pressures but is nonetheless conducted at high pressures (2.0 MPa, 20 atm) since [high pressure H<sub>2</sub> is the most marketable product](#). One of the many complications to this highly optimized technology is the formation of coke or carbon:



Consequently, steam reforming typically employs an excess of H<sub>2</sub>O.

Additional hydrogen can be recovered from the steam by use of carbon monoxide through the [water gas shift reaction](#) (WGS), especially with an [iron oxide](#) catalyst.

This reaction is also a common industrial source of [carbon dioxide](#):

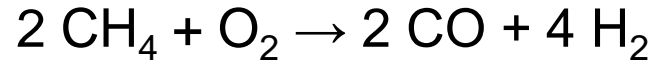




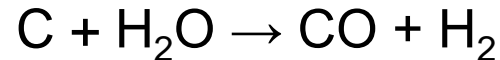
# Production

## Industrial

Other important methods for H<sub>2</sub> production include partial oxidation of hydrocarbons:



and the coal reaction, which can serve as a prelude to the shift reaction above:



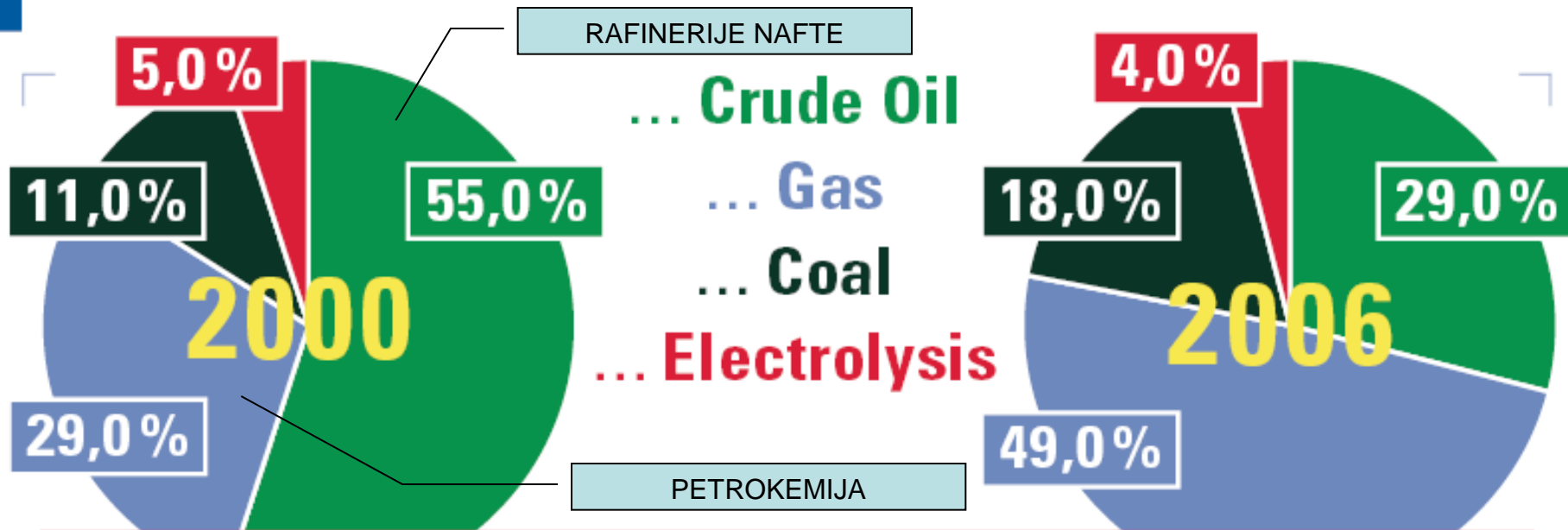
Hydrogen is sometimes produced and consumed in the same industrial process, without being separated.

In the [Haber process](#) for the [production of ammonia](#), hydrogen is generated from natural gas.

[Electrolysis](#) of [brine](#) to yield [chlorine](#) also produces hydrogen as a co-product.

“brine” – zasičena vodena otopina soli (najčešće NaCl)

# > Actual Worldwide Hydrogen Production from ...



**The world hydrogen production is not monitored, but estimated at 45 million tons (500 million cubic metres) per year.**

*Sources: Chemical Economics Handbook, SRI – July 2001 and Industrial Gases by the Chemical Economics Handbook, SRI – October 2007*

Electrolysis had and still has a minimal impact.

As long as the electricity for the electrolysis does not come from renewable energy sources, no hydrogen produced at present is clean and "green" respectively.

# Applications

Large quantities of H<sub>2</sub> are needed in the **petroleum** and **chemical industries**.

The largest application of H<sub>2</sub> is for the processing ("upgrading") of fossil fuels, and in the production of ammonia.

The key consumers of H<sub>2</sub> in the petrochemical plant include hydrodealkylation, hydrodesulfurization, and hydrocracking.

H<sub>2</sub> has several other important uses.

H<sub>2</sub> is used as a hydrogenating agent, particularly in increasing the level of saturation of unsaturated fats and oils (found in items such as margarine), and in the production of methanol.

It is similarly the source of hydrogen in the manufacture of hydrochloric acid.

H<sub>2</sub> is also used as a reducing agent of metallic ores.

# Applications

Hydrogen is highly soluble in many [rare earth](#) and [transition metals](#) and is soluble in both nanocrystalline and [amorphous metals](#).

Hydrogen [solubility](#) in metals is influenced by local distortions or impurities in the [crystal lattice](#).

These properties may be useful when hydrogen is purified by passage through hot [palladium](#) disks, but the gas serves as a **metallurgical problem** as hydrogen solubility contributes in an unwanted way to [embrittle](#) many metals, complicating the design of pipelines and storage tanks.

# Applications

Apart from its use as a reactant, H<sub>2</sub> has wide applications in physics and engineering. It is used as a [shielding gas](#) in [welding](#) methods such as [atomic hydrogen welding](#). H<sub>2</sub> is used as the rotor coolant in [electrical generators](#) at [power stations](#), because it has the highest [thermal conductivity](#) of any gas.

Liquid H<sub>2</sub> is used in [cryogenic](#) research, including [superconductivity](#) studies.

Since H<sub>2</sub> is lighter than air, having a little more than 1/15 of the density of air, it was once widely used as a [lifting gas](#) in balloons and [airships](#).

In more recent applications, hydrogen is used pure or mixed with nitrogen (sometimes called [forming gas](#)) as a tracer gas for minute leak detection.

Applications can be found in the automotive, chemical, power generation, aerospace, and telecommunications industries.

Hydrogen is an authorized food additive (E 949) that allows food package leak testing among other anti-oxidizing properties.

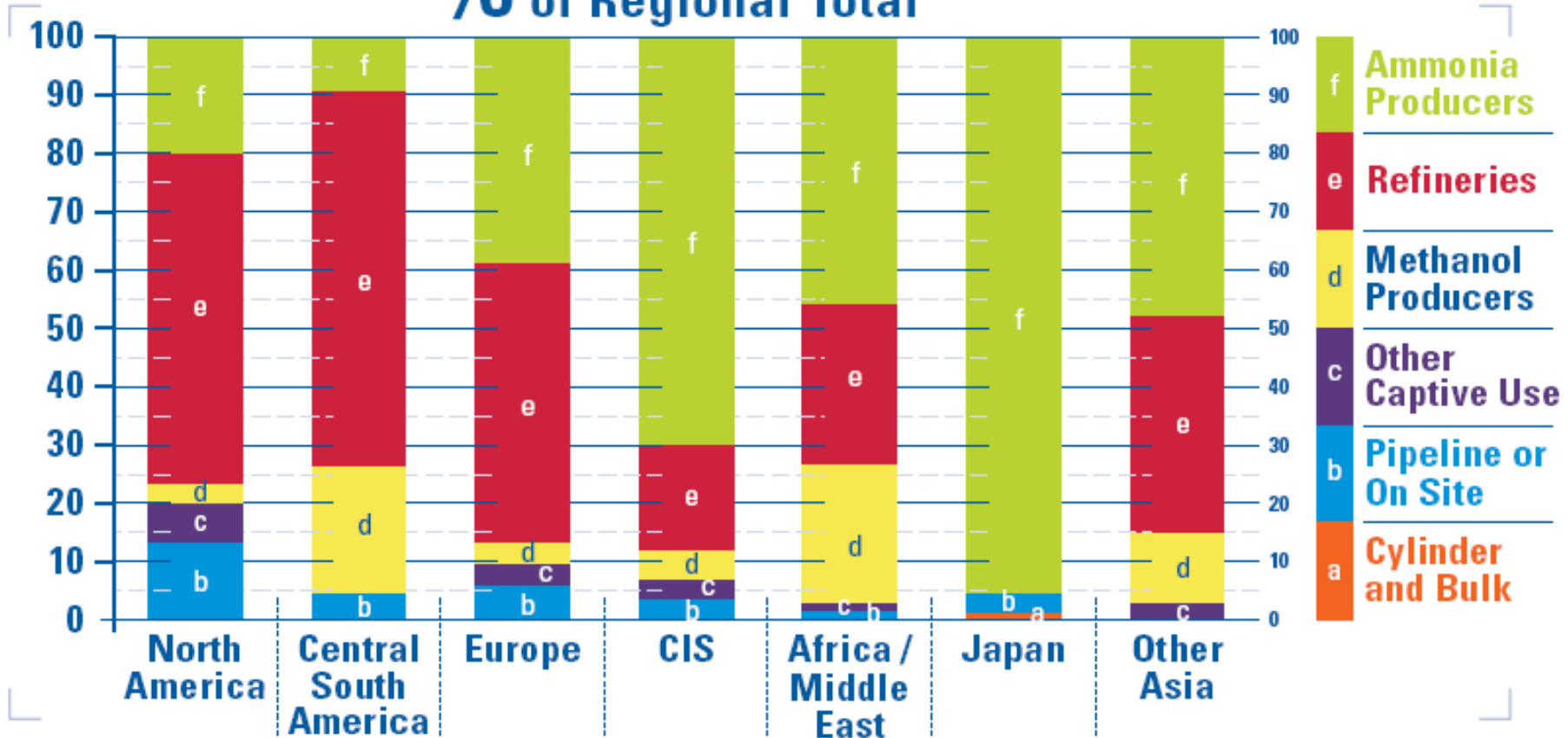
Hydrogen's rarer isotopes also each have specific applications.

[Deuterium](#) (hydrogen-2) is used in [nuclear fission applications](#) as a [moderator](#) to slow [neutrons](#), and in [nuclear fusion](#) reactions. Deuterium compounds have applications in chemistry and biology in studies of reaction [isotope effects](#).

[Tritium](#) (hydrogen-3), produced in [nuclear reactors](#), is used in the production of [hydrogen bombs](#), as an isotopic label in the biosciences, and as a [radiation](#) source in luminous paints.

# > Consumption of Hydrogen by End Use – 2006

% of Regional Total



Source: [www.sriconsulting.com](http://www.sriconsulting.com)

## Energy carrier

Hydrogen is not an energy resource, except in the hypothetical context of commercial [nuclear fusion](#) power plants using [deuterium](#) or [tritium](#), a technology presently far from development. The Sun's energy comes from nuclear fusion of hydrogen, but this process is difficult to achieve controllably on Earth.

Elemental hydrogen from solar, biological, or electrical sources require more energy to make it than is obtained by burning it, so in these cases hydrogen functions as an energy carrier, like a battery. Hydrogen may be obtained from fossil sources (such as methane), but these sources are unsustainable.

The [energy density](#) per unit *volume* of both [liquid hydrogen](#) and [compressed hydrogen](#) gas at any practicable pressure is significantly less than that of traditional fuel sources, although the energy density per unit fuel *mass* is higher. Nevertheless, elemental hydrogen has been widely discussed in the context of energy, as a possible future *carrier* of energy on an economy-wide scale.

For example, CO<sub>2</sub> [sequestration](#) followed by [carbon capture and storage](#) could be conducted at the point of H<sub>2</sub> production from fossil fuels.

Hydrogen used in transportation would burn relatively cleanly, with some [NOx](#) emissions, but without carbon emissions.

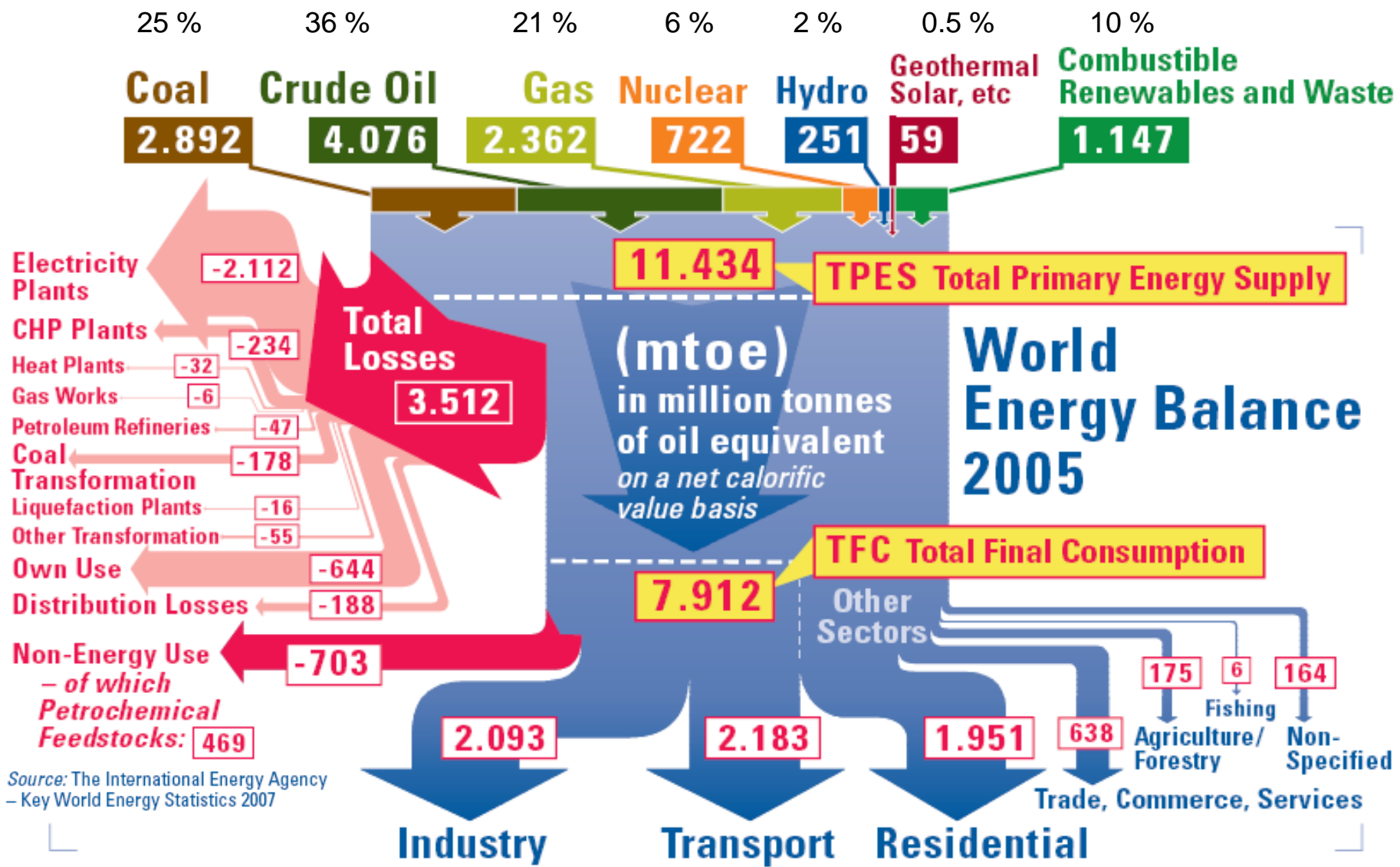
However, the infrastructure costs associated with full conversion to a hydrogen economy would be substantial.

## Semiconductor industry

Hydrogen is employed to saturate broken ("dangling") bonds of [amorphous silicon](#) and [amorphous carbon](#) that helps stabilizing material properties.

It is also a potential [electron donor](#) in various oxide materials, including [ZnO](#), [\[100\]\[101\] SnO<sub>2</sub>](#), [CdO](#), [MgO](#), [\[102\] ZrO<sub>2</sub>](#), [HfO<sub>2</sub>](#), [La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>](#), [Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>](#), [TiO<sub>2</sub>](#), [SrTiO<sub>3</sub>](#), [LaAlO<sub>3</sub>](#), [SiO<sub>2</sub>](#), [Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>](#), [ZrSiO<sub>4</sub>](#), [HfSiO<sub>4</sub>](#), and [SrZrO<sub>3</sub>](#).

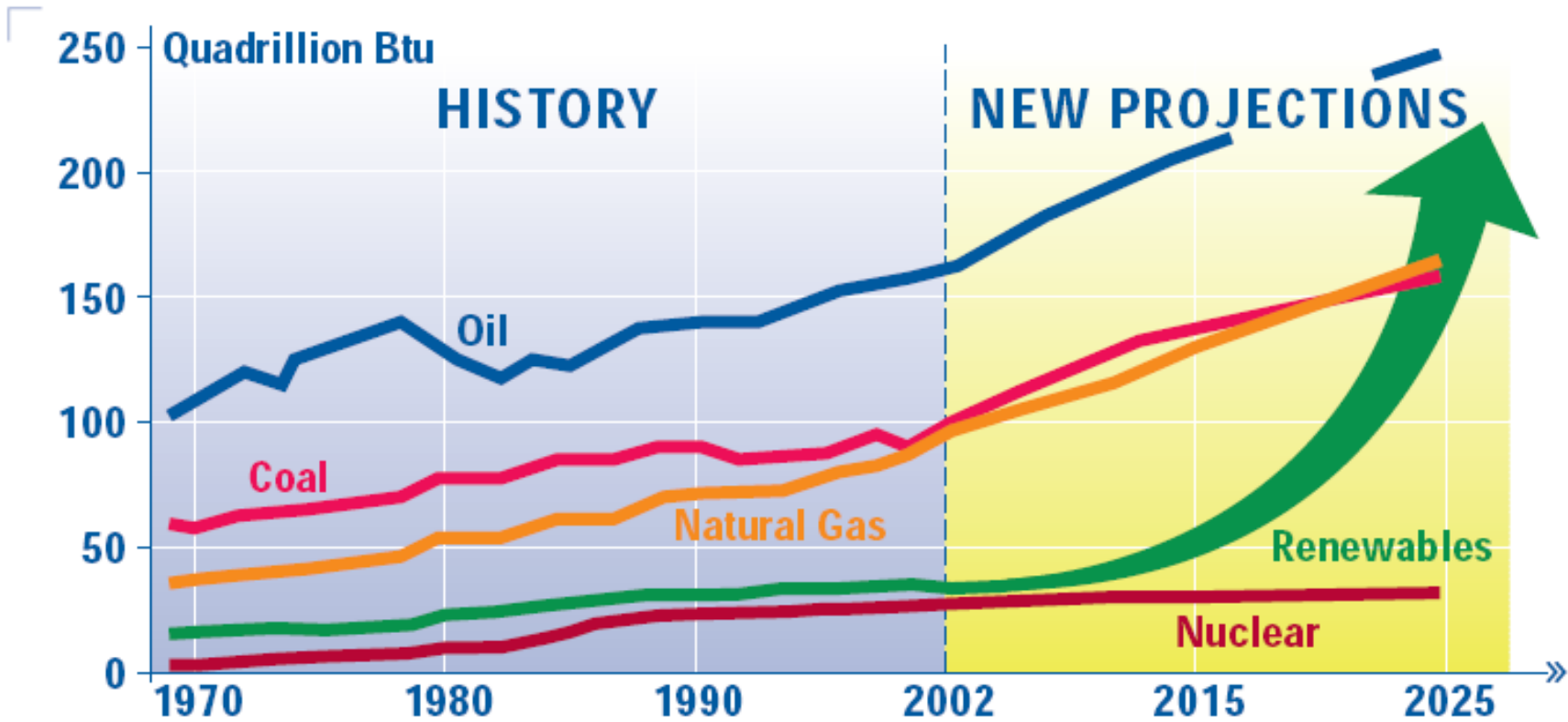




Source: The International Energy Agency – Key World Energy Statistics 2007

The proportion of total final consumption reflects the large amount of total losses: approx. 31 (!) % of the total primary energy supply dwindle away by distribution and transmission losses, transformation, power plants' own consumption etc. Only 69 % of the total primary energy supply can finally be consumed by the end-users which is dominated by the transport, industry and residential sector. This situation can only be overcome by fundamental changes: converting to a decentralized energy system, harvesting all renewable energies.

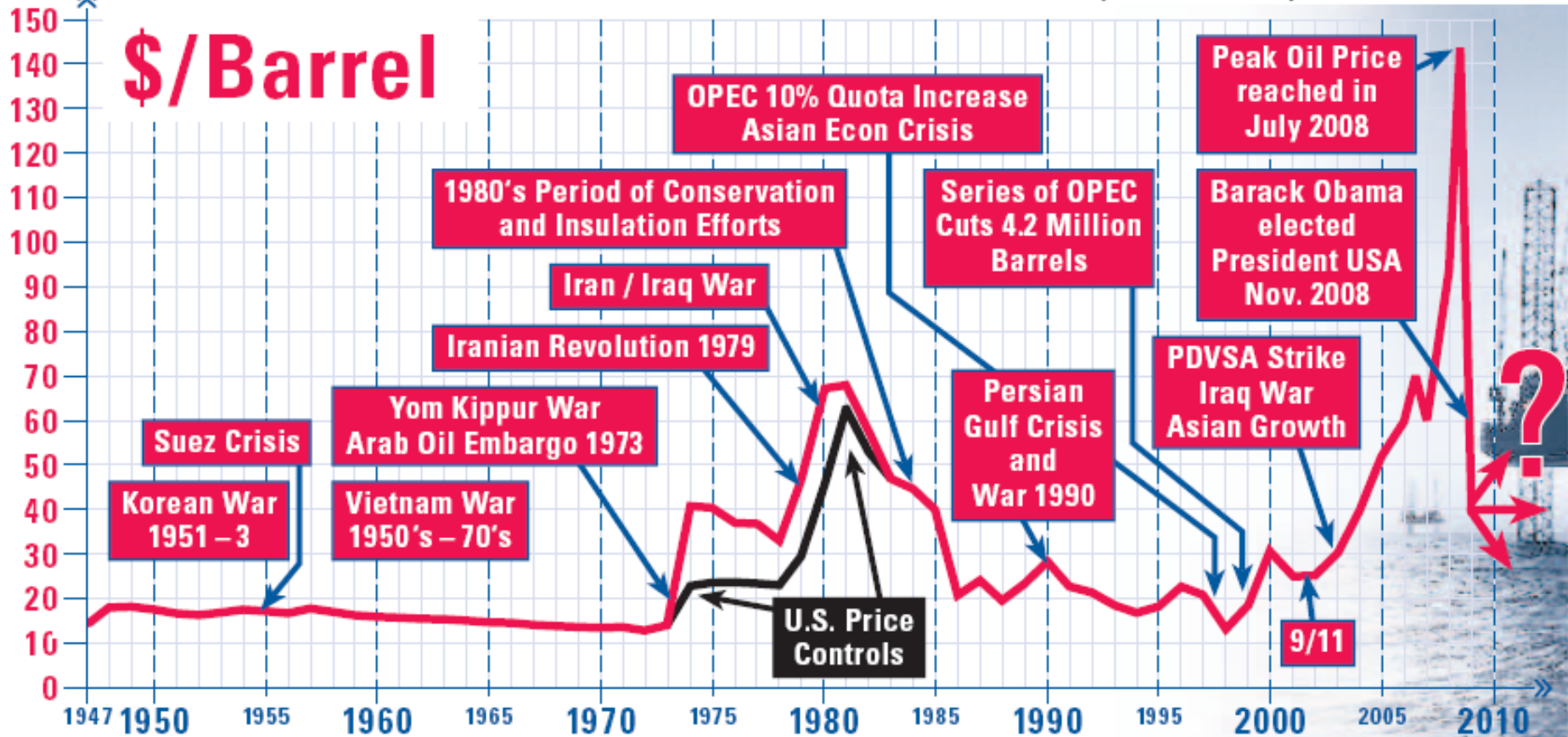
# > Worldwide Energy Use by Energy Type, 1970 – 2025



Source: History: Energy Information Administration (EIA)  
Projections: EIA, System for the Analysis of Global Energy Markets (2005) | Own Research

# > Crude Oil Prices 1947 – 2008

~ "World Price"   
 ~ U.S. 1st Purchase Price (Wellhead)



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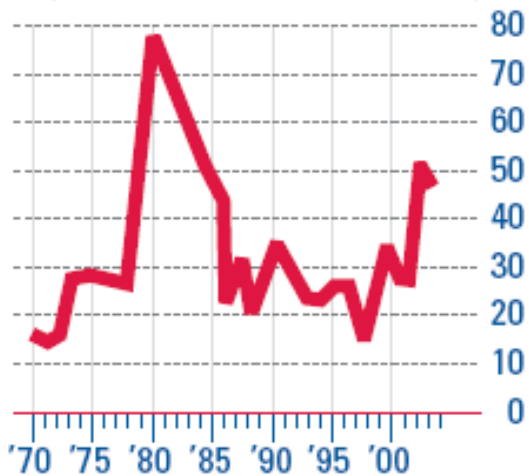
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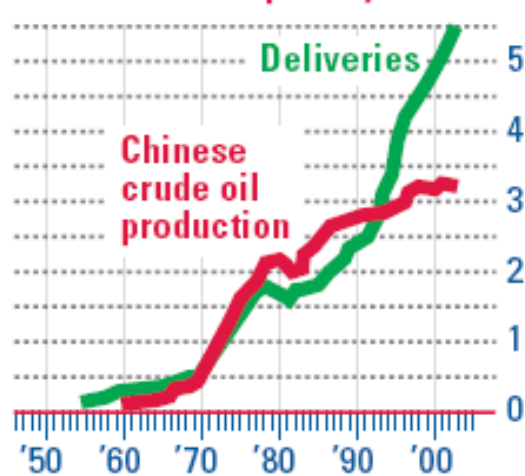
## Crude oil at \$50 US a barrel is really a bargain

Development of crude oil in \$US a barrel in 2003 constant \$US



Source: Canaccord Capital

Development of crude oil in China in million barrel per day



Source: The Globe and Mail

China's annual per-capita oil consumption is about 1,5 barrel – roughly the same as in the US 100 years ago.

## Percentage breakdown of products from refining a barrel of crude oil

40% Gasoline

25% Diesel fuel

8% Light fuel oil, such as home heating oil

8% Petrochemicals and asphalt

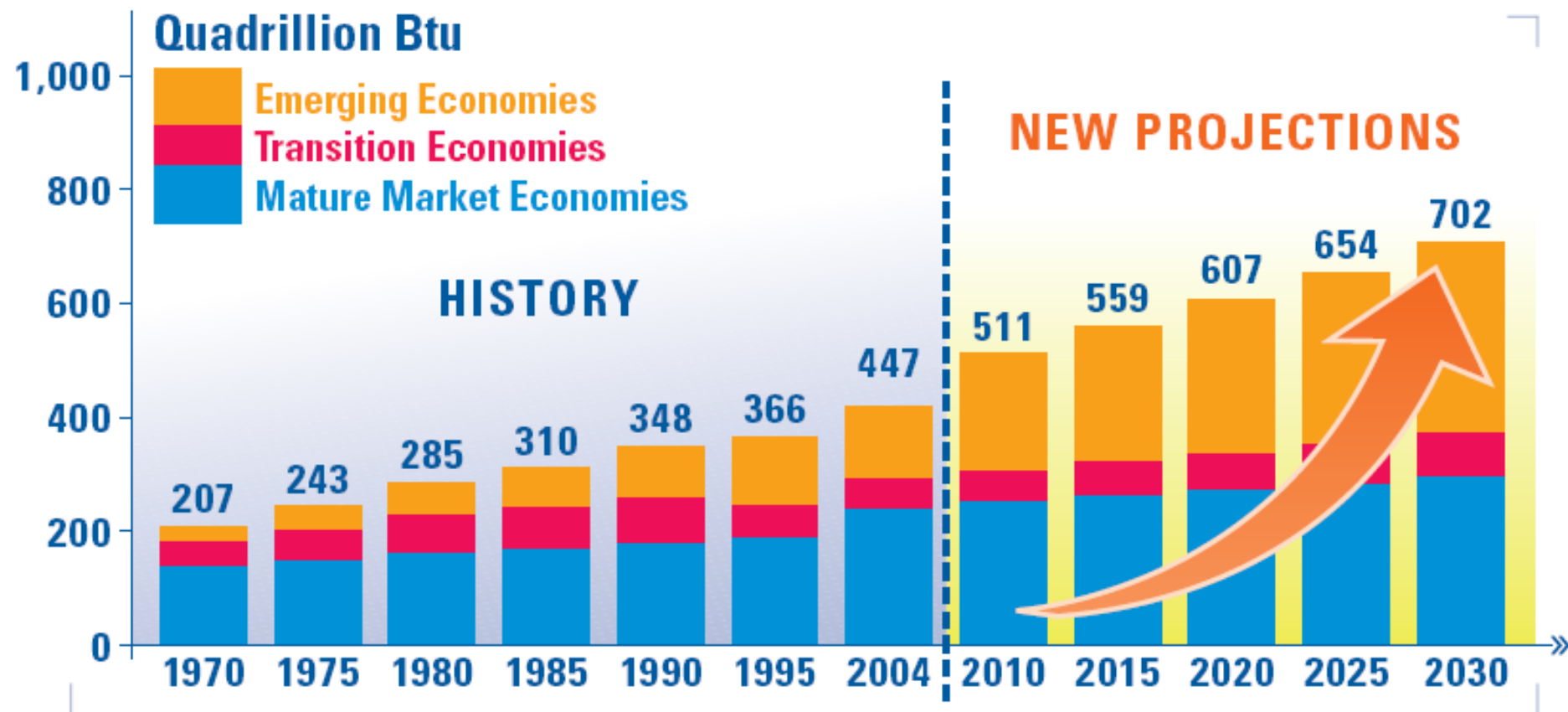
7% Heavy fuel oil, for electricity generation

7% Aviation jet fuel

5% Used during refining process

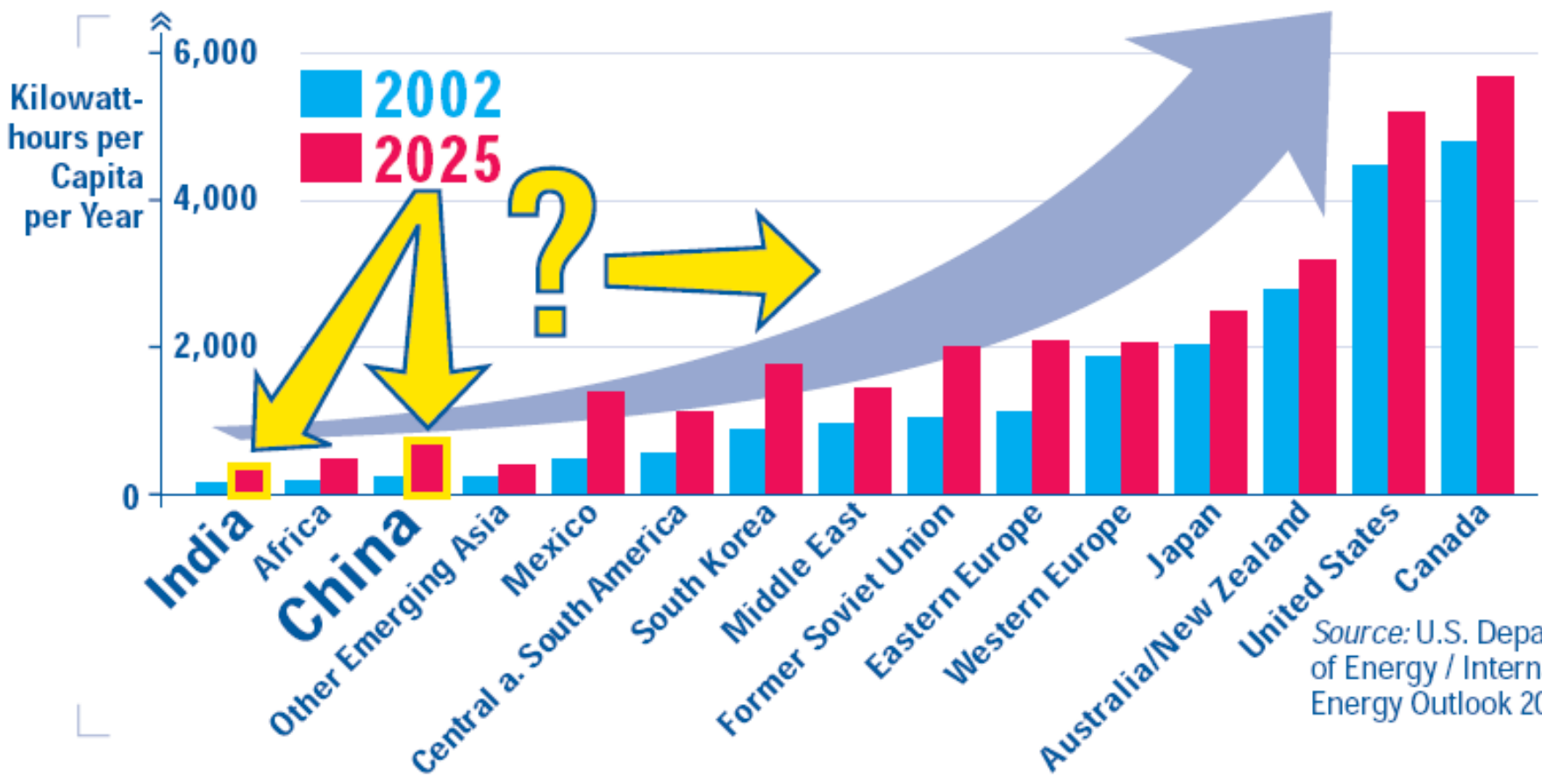
Source: The Globe and Mail, Sept. 2004

# > Worldwide Energy Consumption by Region, 1970 – 2030



Source: **History:** Energy Information Administration (EIA)  
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# Residential Sector Electricity Consumption per Capita by Country Group, 2002 and 2025

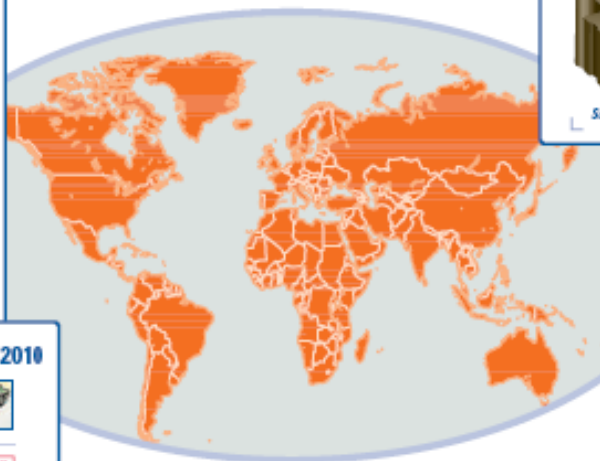
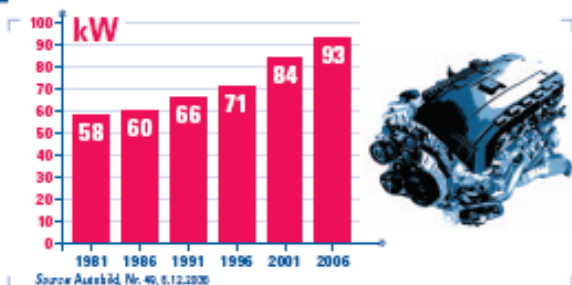


Source: U.S. Department of Energy / International Energy Outlook 2005

# > Today's Energy Situation

» More than 800.000.000 Cars on the road «

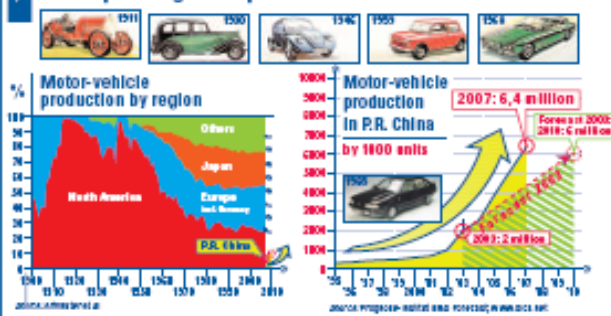
## > Average Power of new registered Cars in Germany



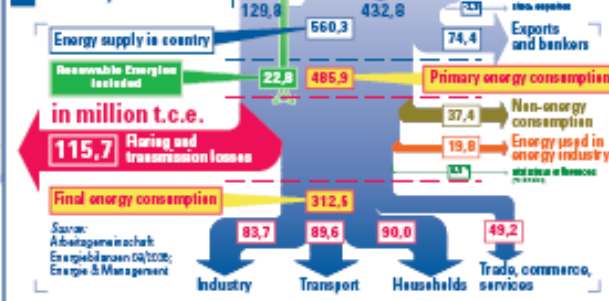
## > Coal Kills Climate



## > World passenger car production incl. P.R. China 1900 – 2010



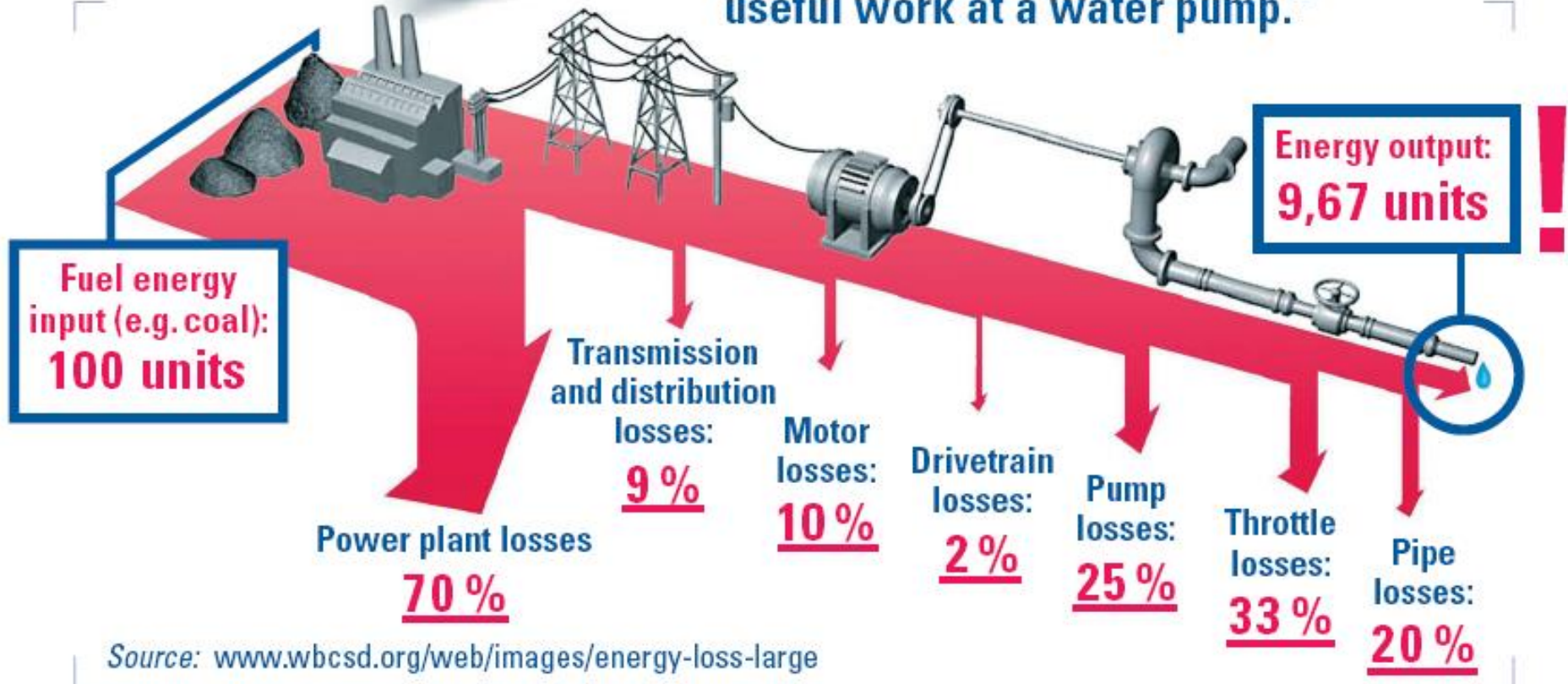
## > Energy Balance Germany 2005



» 1.152.840.000 Cellular Phones sold in 2007 «

# > Daily Energy Losses

“More than 90 % of energy extracted from the ground is wasted before it becomes useful work at a water pump.”

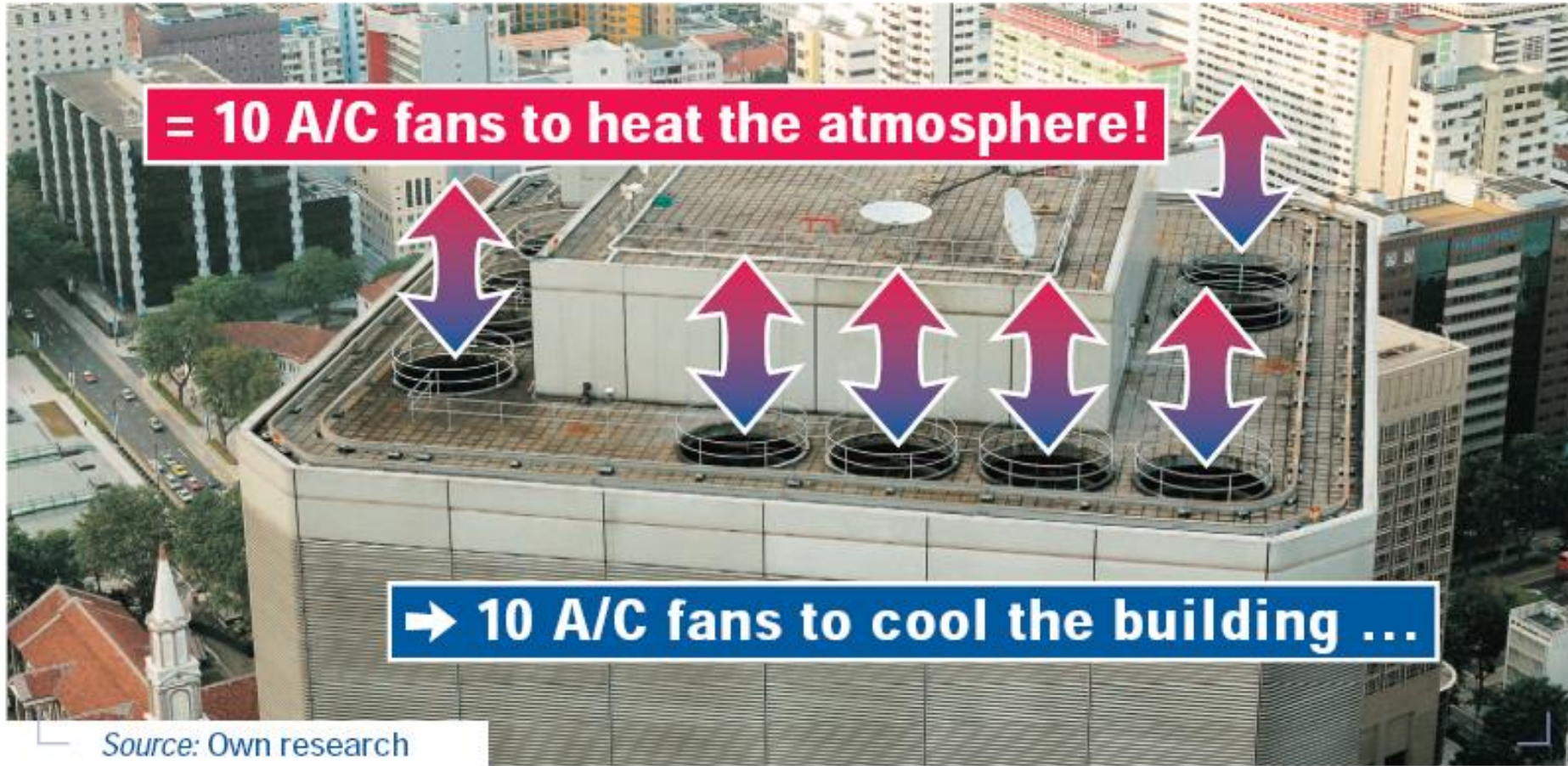


Today's Energy Balance, especially the production and distribution of electricity, is rather uneconomical worldwide, creating high flaring and transmission losses.





## > Energy efficiency – one example



Source: Own research

# > German high voltage network

## Electric circuit distances in Germany in km

> Low voltage [0,4 Kilovolt]	1.070.000
> Base voltage [6 bis ≤ 60 Kilovolt]	494.000
> High voltage [> 60 bis < 220 Kilovolt]	74.700
> Extreme voltage [220 und 380 Kilovolt]	36.000
<b>total:</b>	<b>1.674.700</b>

## Voltage connection



## Numbers of substations/transformers\*

> Base voltage [6 bis ≤ 60 Kilovolt]	557.700
> High voltage [> 60 bis < 220 Kilovolt]	7.500
> Extreme voltage [220 und 380 Kilovolt]	1.100
<b>total:</b>	<b>566.300</b>

## Substations/transformers rated power [Mega-Volt-Ampere]\*

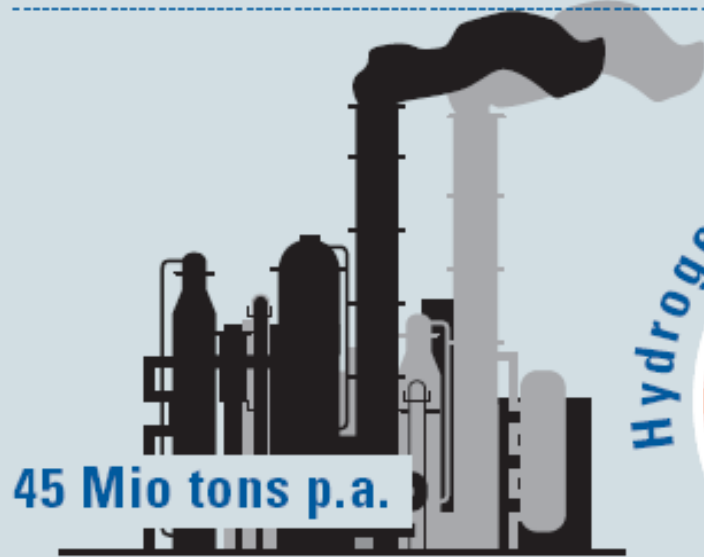
> Base voltage [6 bis ≤ 60 Kilovolt]	268.200
> High voltage [> 60 bis < 220 Kilovolt]	260.000
> Extreme voltage [220 und 380 Kilovolt]	311.000

\* estimated

Source: VDN, Verband der Netzbetreiber, 2006;  
VDEW, Verband der Elektrizitätswirtschaft



# Hydrogen is already on the market worldwide, but ....



## Produced by:

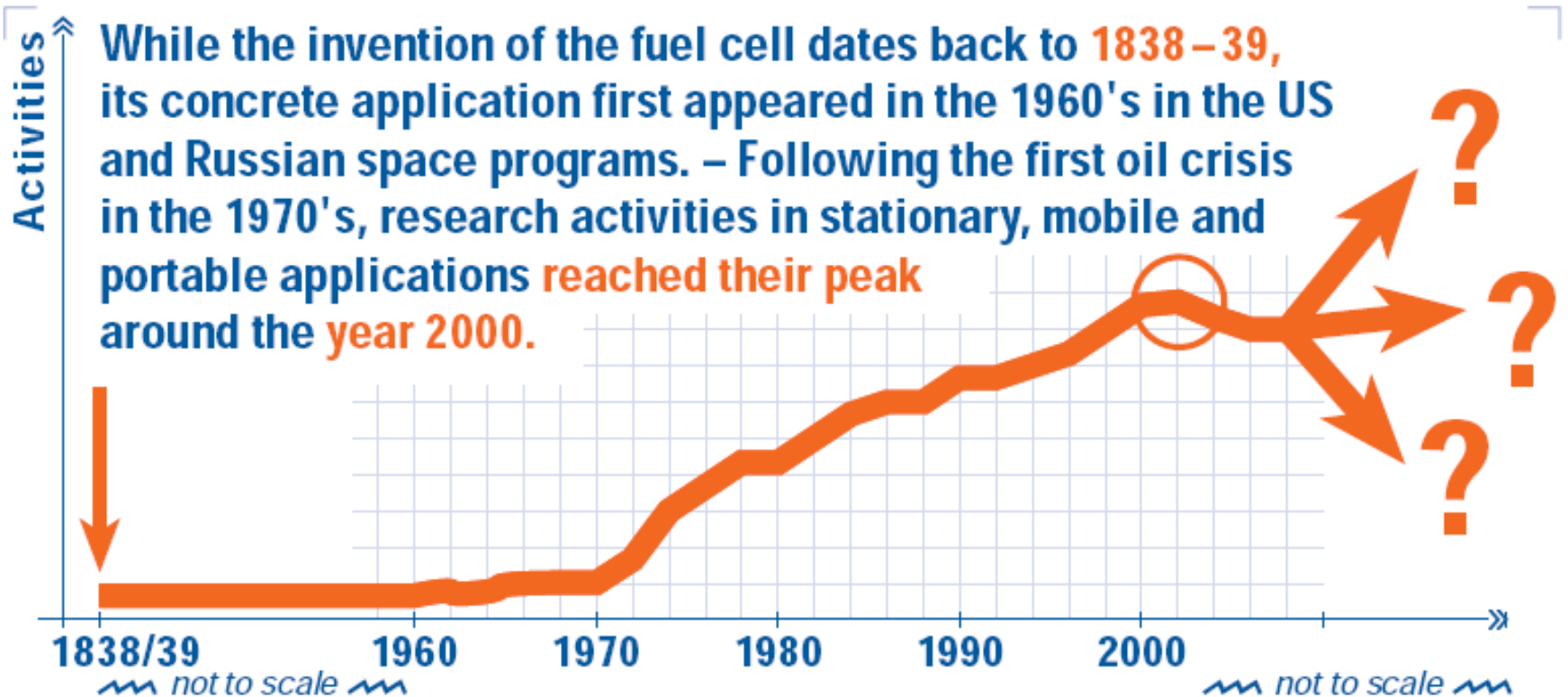
- > Steam methane reformers (SME)
- > partial oxidation of heavy fractions of hydrocarbons
- > large (hydro) electrolyzers
- > coal and biomass gasification

## Utilized for:

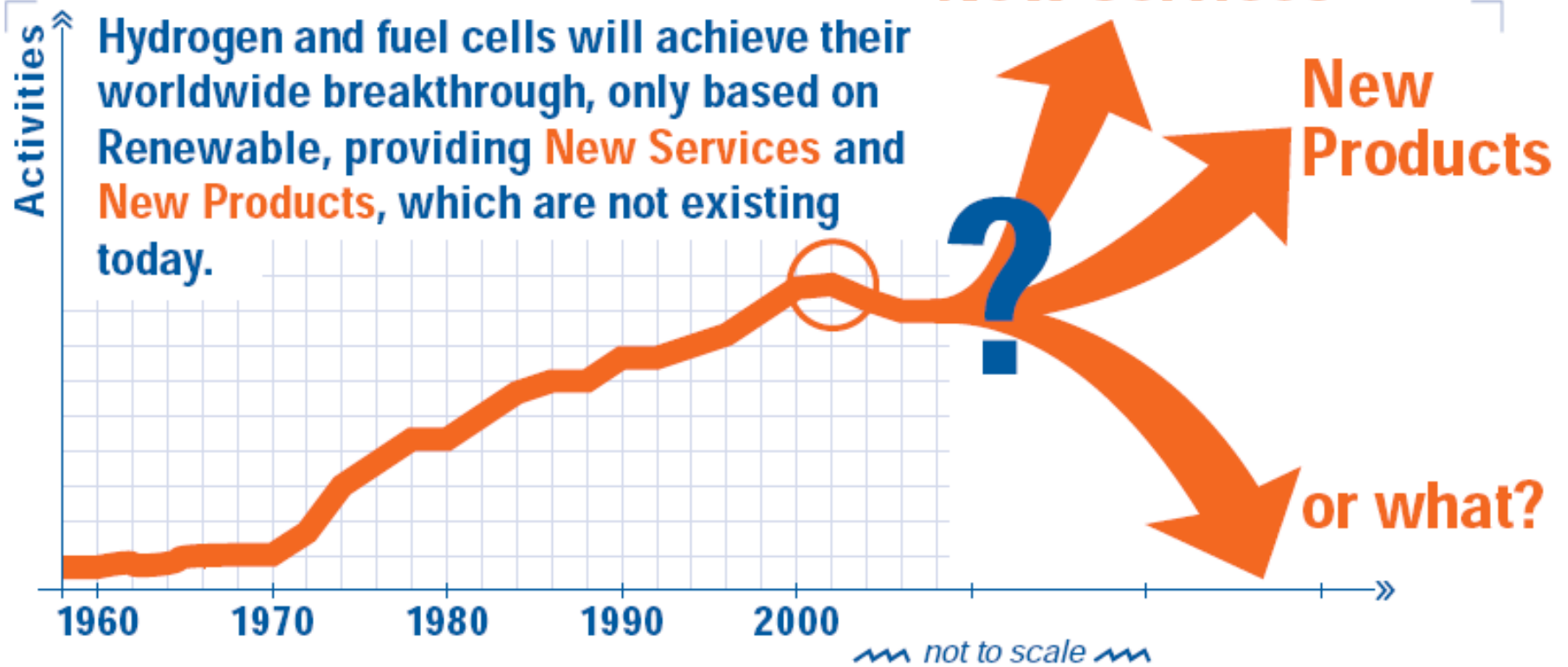
- > Space flight business (NASA et al.)
  - > making of ammonia for fertilizer
  - > removing sulphur from gasoline
  - > production of semiconductors
  - > glass and food manufacturing

By far the largest amounts of hydrogen are produced and utilized captively in methanol and ammonia syntheses, and used in the refining industry for hydrogen treatment of heavy crude and the production of reformulated gasoline and desulphurization of middle distillate diesel fuel!

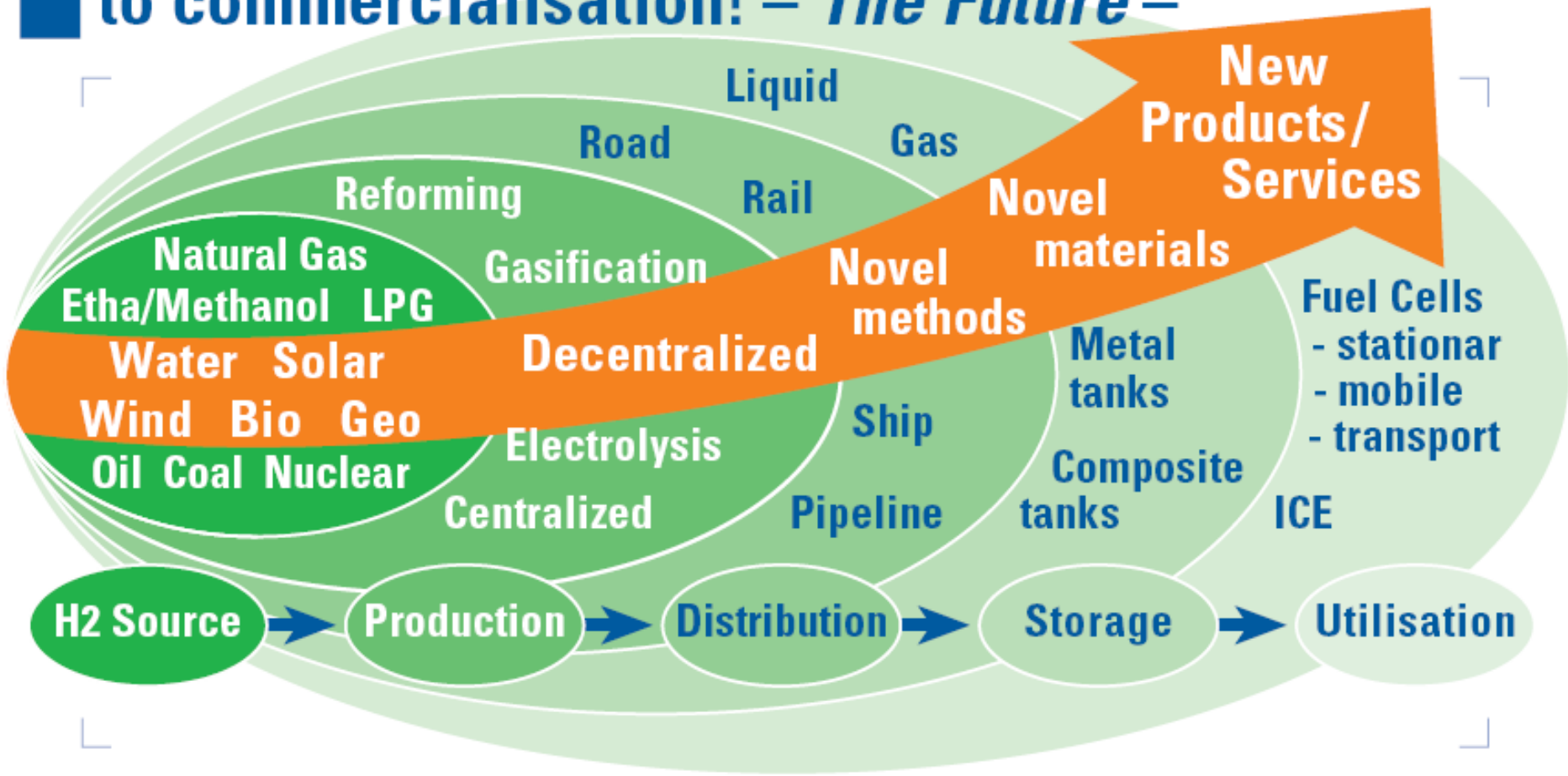
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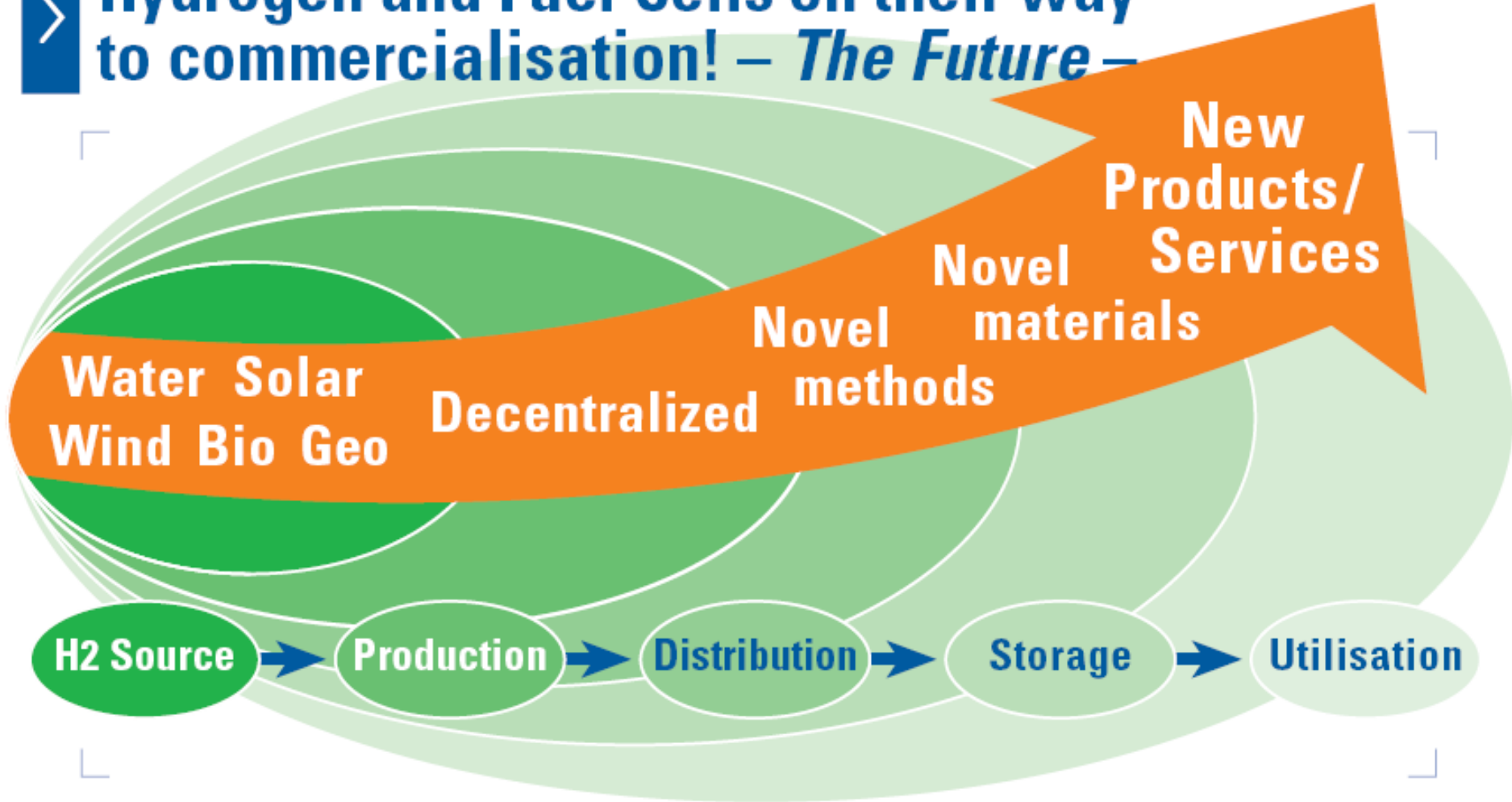


# > Hydrogen and Fuel Cells on their way to commercialisation! – *The Future* –





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# How can we create the sustainable hydrogen society?

## *Hydrogen Vision:*

- 1) Hydrogen has to become a common commodity
- 2) Hydrogen has to be produced free of pollution and losses
- 3) Hydrogen has to be traded locally, based on supply and demand
- 4) Hydrogen has to be used for electrification, transportation and convenience

## *Fuel Cells Vision:*

Fuel Cells have to utilize their advantages in connecting the markets for:

→ 1. Electricity → 2. Heat → 3. (clean) water

**Fuel Cells have to be used as decentralised, personal power systems**

# > The existing methods to produce hydrogen (1) (Conventional)

Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe, most of it occurs in chemical combination with oxygen in water, so it has to be produced:

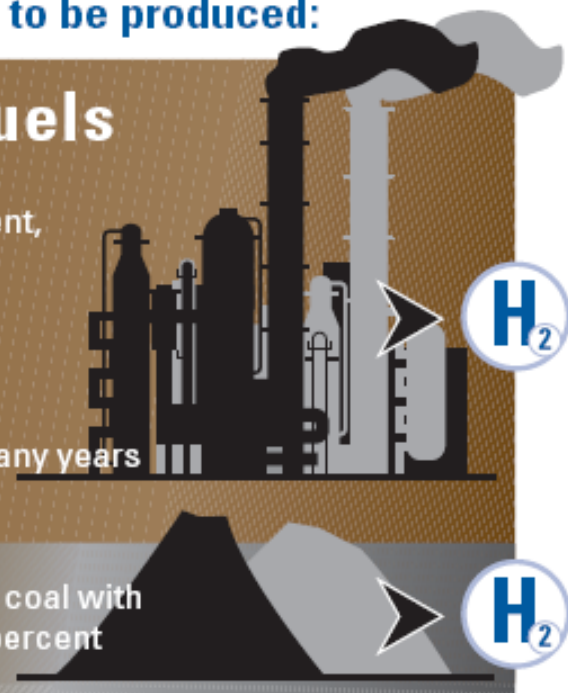
## 1. Hydrogen production from fossil fuels

**1.1. Steam reforming of natural gas** at this time the most efficient, economical and widely used process for hydrogen production

**1.2. Partial oxidation** converts hydrocarbons heavier than naphtha, using natural gas, ethanol or even gasoline as feedstock

**1.3. Thermal cracking of natural gas** has been practised for many years using a methane-air flame in tandem furnances or fixed bed reactors

**1.4. Coal gasification** (Koppers-Totzek process) oxidizes pulverized coal with oxygen and steam, to produce hydrogen with purity higher than 97.5 percent

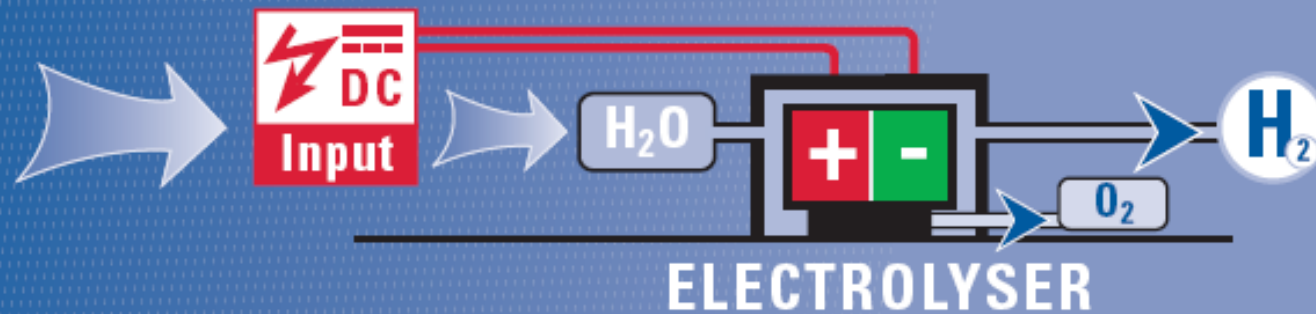


# > The existing methods to produce hydrogen (2) (Conventional)

Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe, most of it occurs in chemical combination with oxygen in water, so it has to be produced:

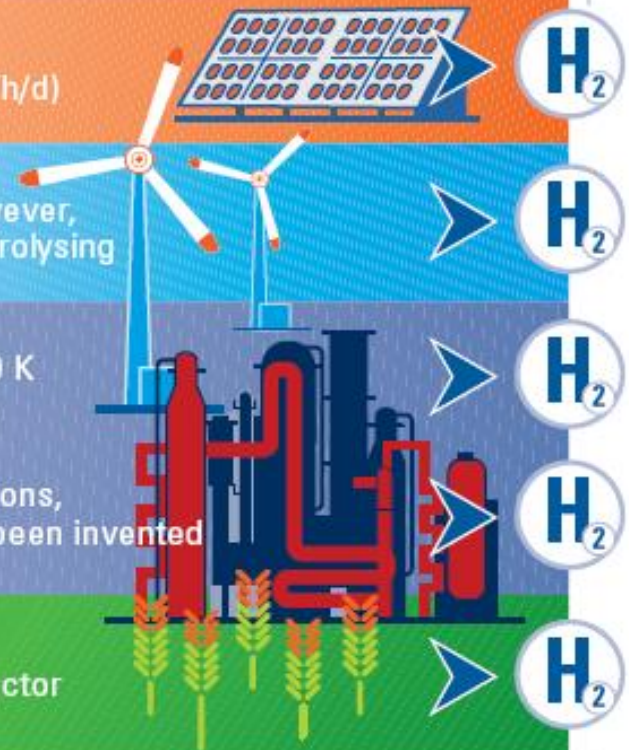
## 2. Hydrogen production with electrolyser

**Electrolysis** seems still to be the best method used for large-scale hydrogen production in a post-fossil-fuel era, however has very bad efficiency



# > The future role of hydrogen as energy carrier (1)

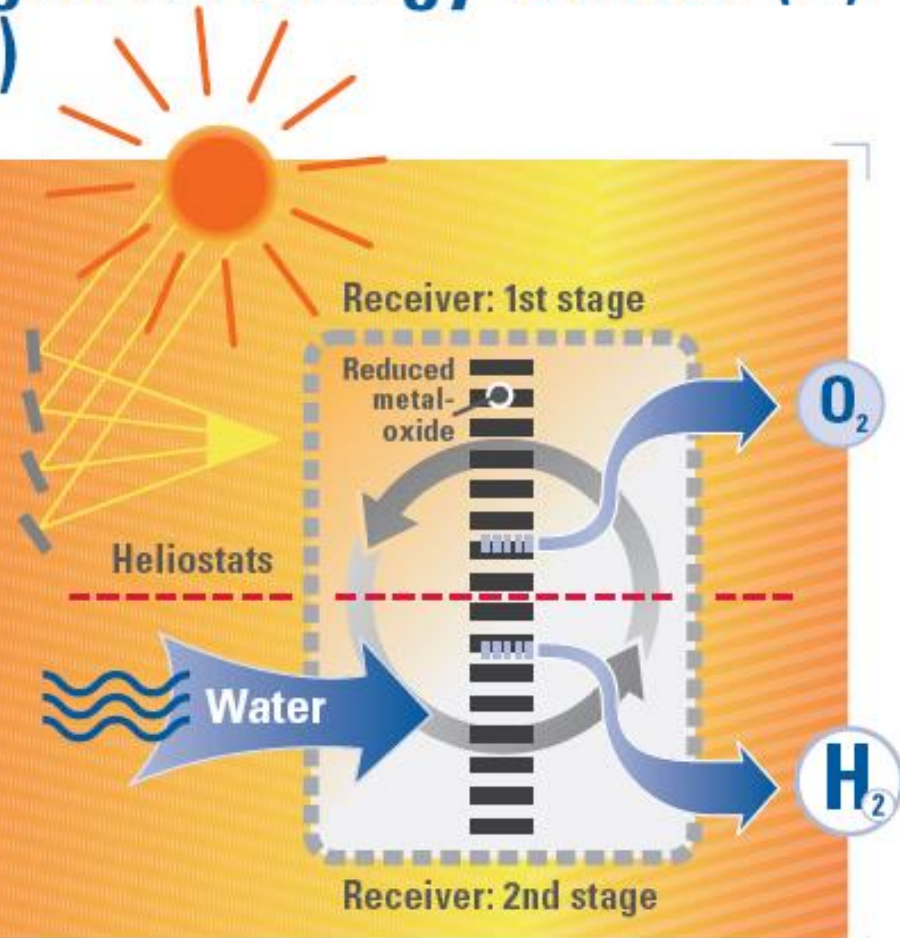
1. **Photo Voltaic** has the highest potential with solar insolation of up to 6,5 kWh per square meter per day (Avg. in the U.S. 3,0 kWh/d)
2. **Wind Power** can already produce electricity up to 6 MW, however, the electricity generated is intermittent and not very suitable for electrolysis
- 3.1 **Thermolysis** splits water thermally at temperatures up to 3000 K raising problems with the material resistance to high temperatures
- 3.2 **Thermochemical** produces hydrogen through cyclical reactions, on trial since the mid-1960, with thousands of cycles which have been invented
4. **Biomass** can produce hydrogen by a pyrolysis/gasification process, heating the biomass/water slurry under pressure in a reactor



# > The future role of hydrogen as energy carrier (2) (direct solar production)

**5. Photolysis** direct extraction of hydrogen from water. Uses only sunlight in photobiological, photochemical or photo-electro-chemical conversions

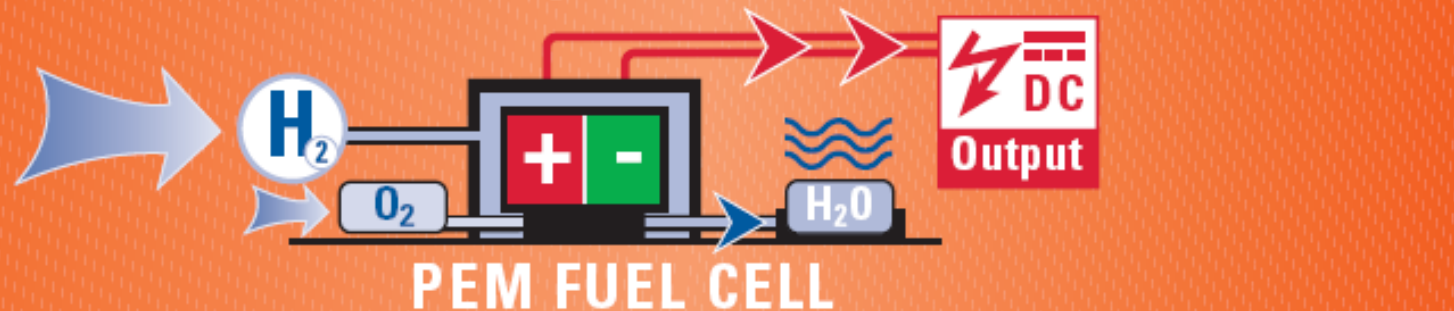
**All processes have to be developed and complemented with novel methods. Down-scaled to be used in decentralised mass-markets, the user of hydrogen and electricity will become their producer!**



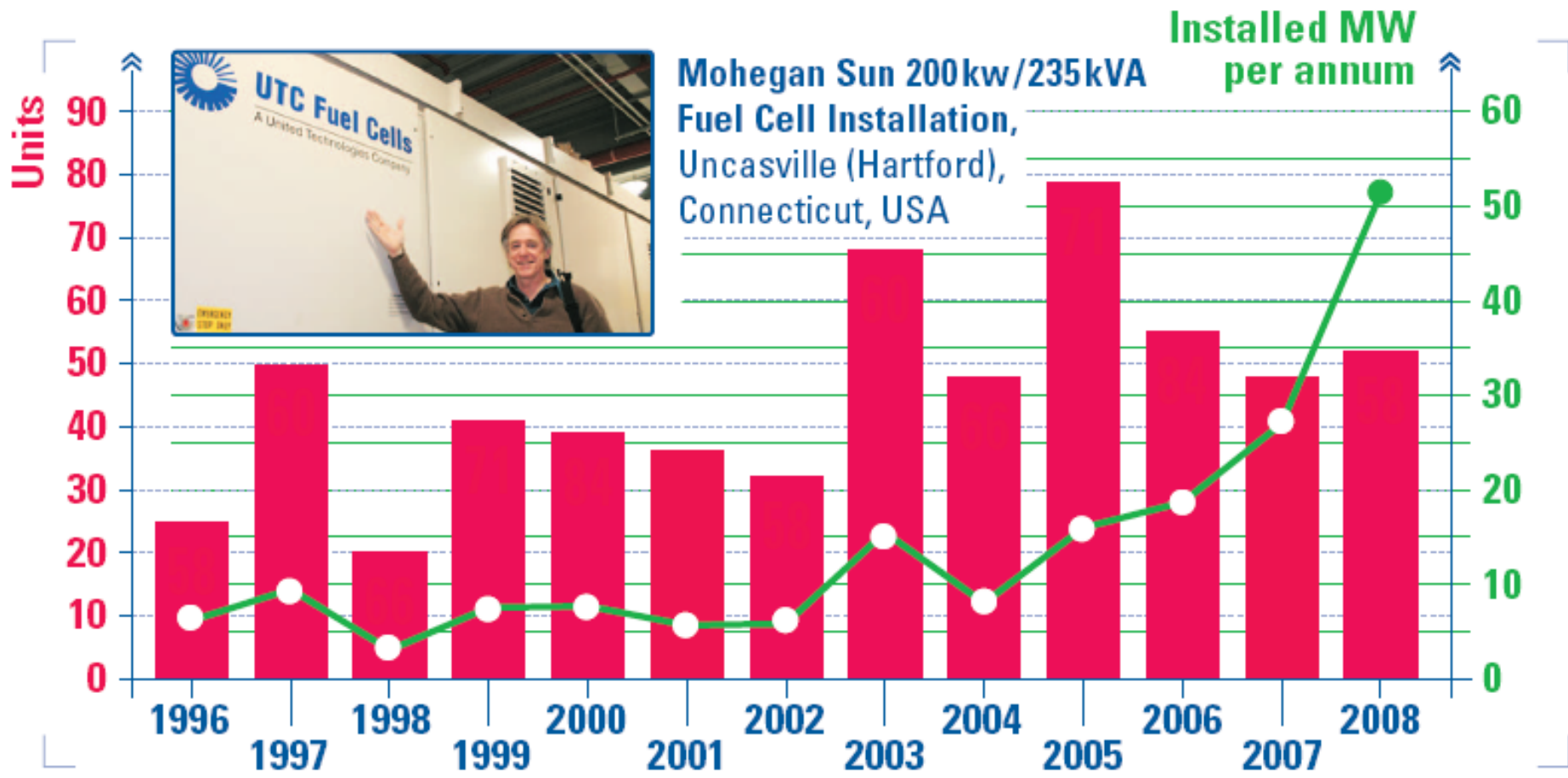
# > The future roles of fuel cells in decentralised power centers

Fuel Cells have the ability to work for three tasks:

1. **Electricity** will be utilized in buildings like hospitals, offices and houses as DC (Direct Current), as nearly all home and office appliances require DC
2. **Heat** is not being wasted or flared, but captured in the process and used for heating (in winter) or cooling (during summer)
3. **(clean) Water** is produced while making electricity and used in/externally or sold on the local market at the highest achievable price



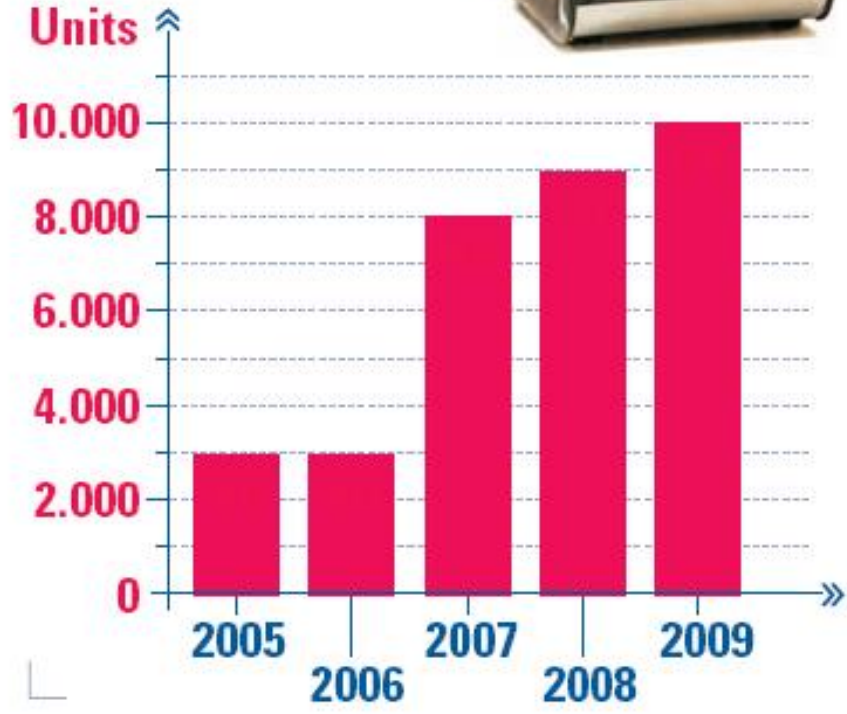
# > Annual number of large stationary fuel cells above 10kWe and MW installed



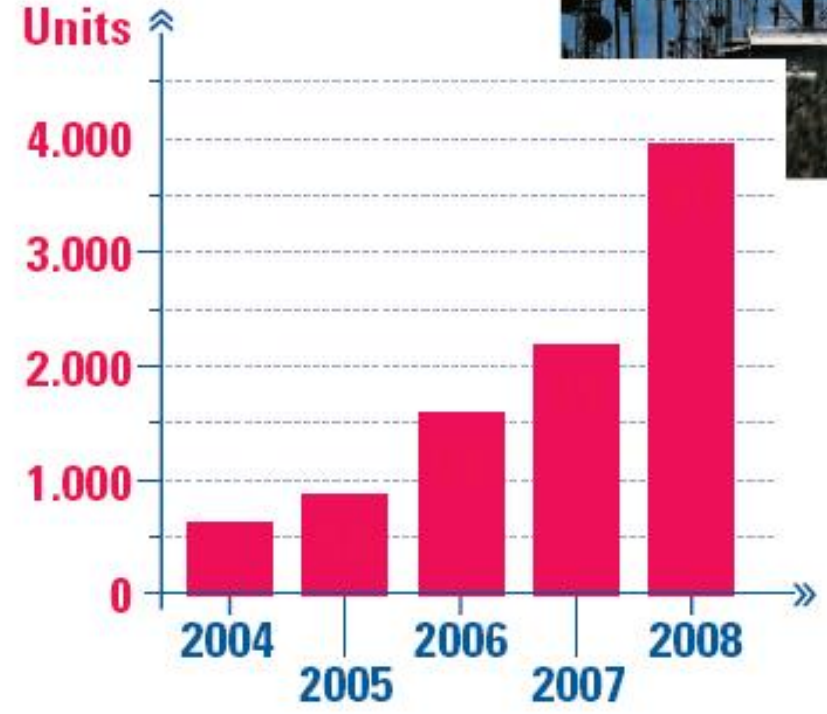
Source: Fuel Cell Today



## Annual new portable fuel cell units 2005 – 2009

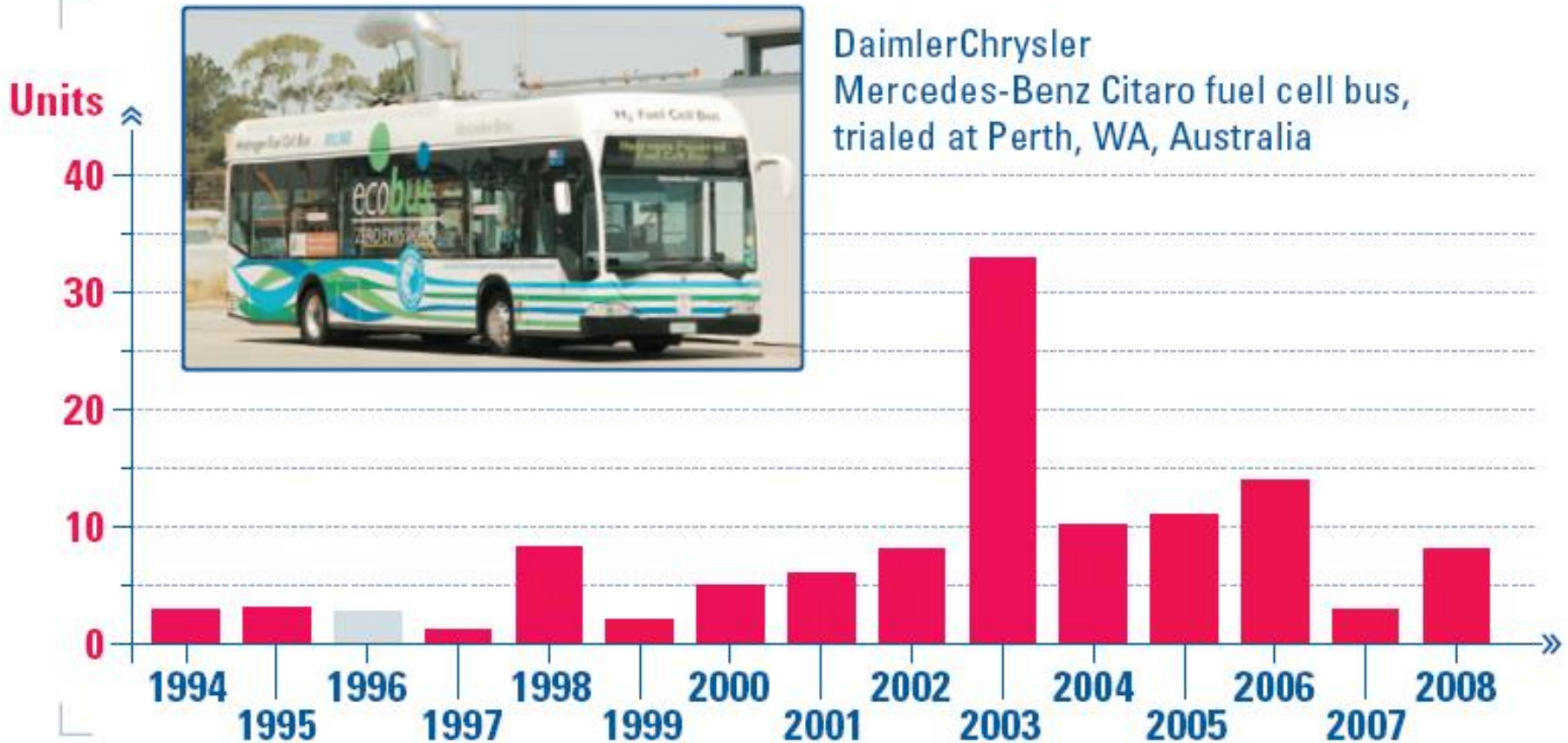


## Annual new small stationary H2/FC units for CHP and UPS (under 10kW)



Source: Fuel Cell Today

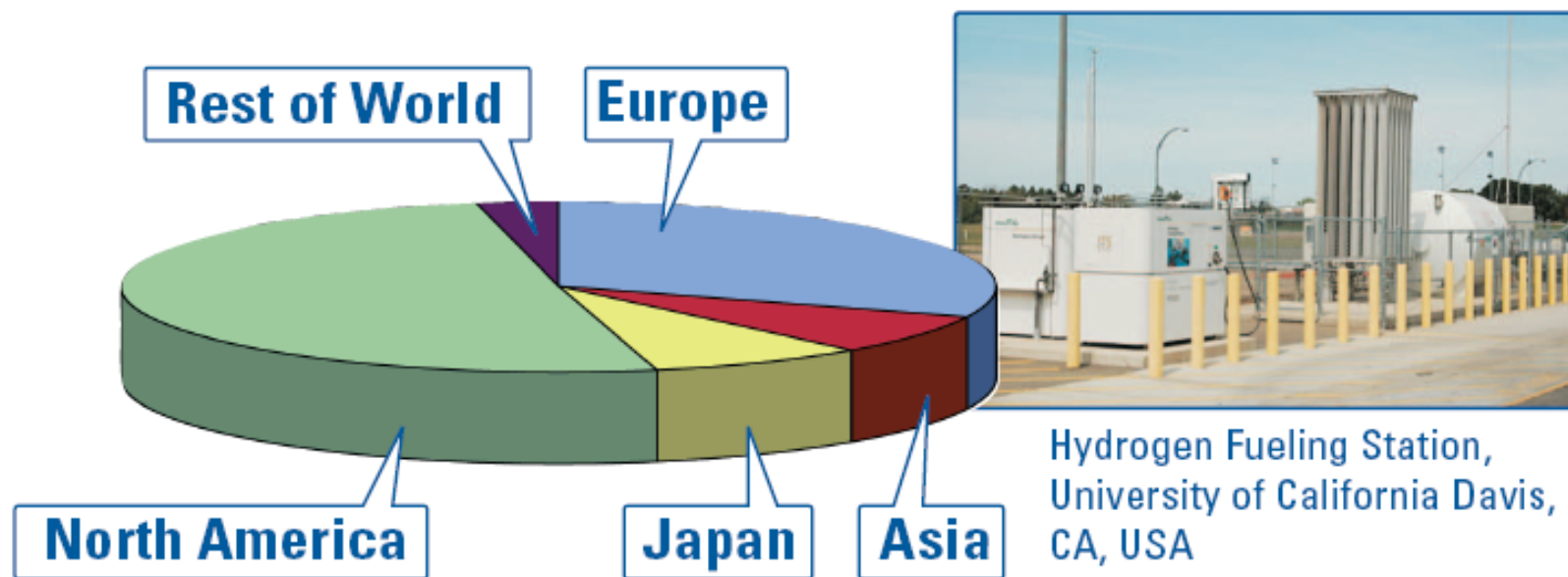
# > Annual new fuel cell buses produced from 1994 through 2008



Source: Fuel Cell Today

# > Distribution of hydrogen fueling stations by region

**There will be over 150 hydrogen fueling sites in operation worldwide by the end of 2009**



Source: Fuel Cell Today

# Autonomni sustavi napajanja

Autonomni sustav napajanja predstavlja zaokruženi, cjeloviti sustav koji **objedinjuje uređaje za proizvodnju električne energije iz obnovljivih izvora (vjetroatregati, fotonaponski članci), pohranu energije u baterijama, spremnik vodika i gorivne članke za proizvodnju električne energije iz vodika, zaštitne sustave mjerenja i upravljanja.**

Sustav omogućuje komunikaciju prema udaljenom korisniku te uvid u stanje radnih parametara, upozorenja i alarma.

Ovisno o energetske potrebama lokacije, potencijalu sunca i vjetro, autonomni sustav napajanja se konfigurira s određenim brojem vjetroatregata, fotonaponskih članaka i potrebnom veličinom spremnika energije.

**Spremnici energije su baterije i vodik** ili dizel koji služi kao podrška trošilima u slučaju nemogućnosti proizvodnje električne energije iz sunca i vjetro te praznih baterija.

Napredni algoritmi sustava upravljanja osiguravaju optimalno iskorištavanje pojedinog obnovljivog izvora ovisno o njegovoj trenutnoj raspoloživosti.

Visoka sigurnost osigurana je nizom procedura implementiranih u sustavu upravljanja te tzv. fail-safe konfiguracijom.

Autonomni sustav napajanja je razvijen u skladu sa svim relevantnim normama i propisima te se isporučuje sa izjavom o sukladnosti pojedinih komponenti.

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