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**Guidelines for Hydrogen
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Hydrogen Use Technologies

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Short introduction

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1. INTRODUCTION





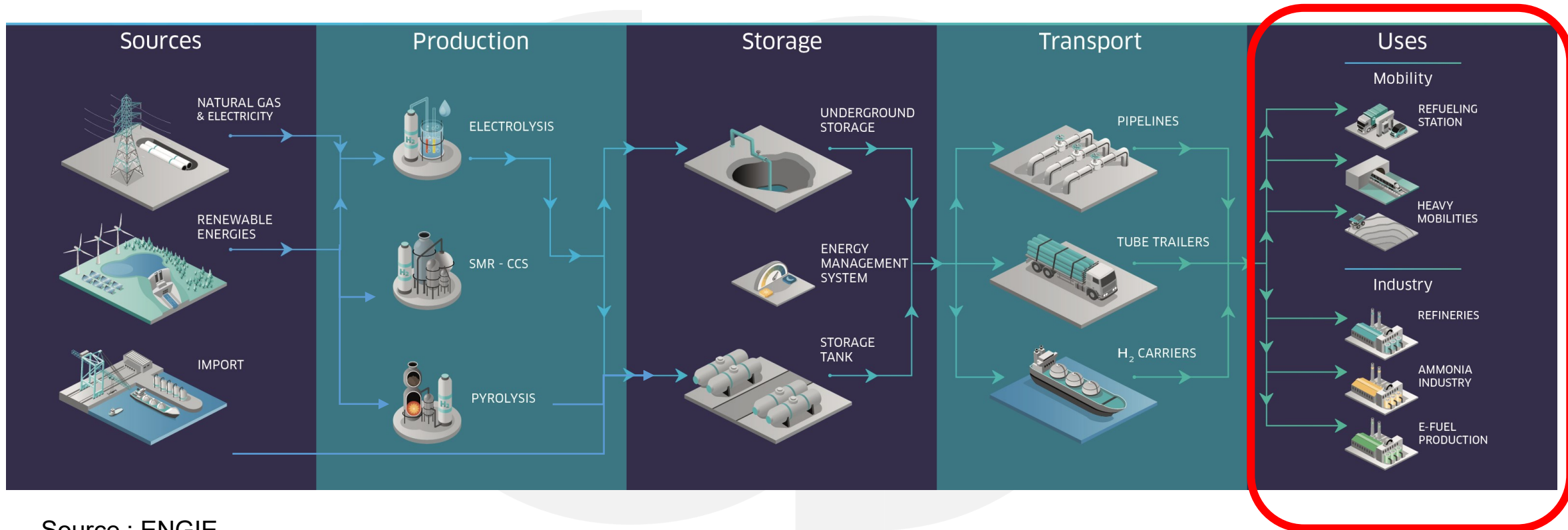
The specificities of Hydrogen

- Hydrogen is the simplest and most abundant element known
- It is an energy carrier, not an energy source and can deliver or store energy
- Hydrogen is energy-dense – with 120 MJ per kilogram, compared to natural gas (55 MJ/kg), coal (24 MJ/kg), and oil (44 MJ/kg)
- Hydrogen doesn't produce any emissions when burned



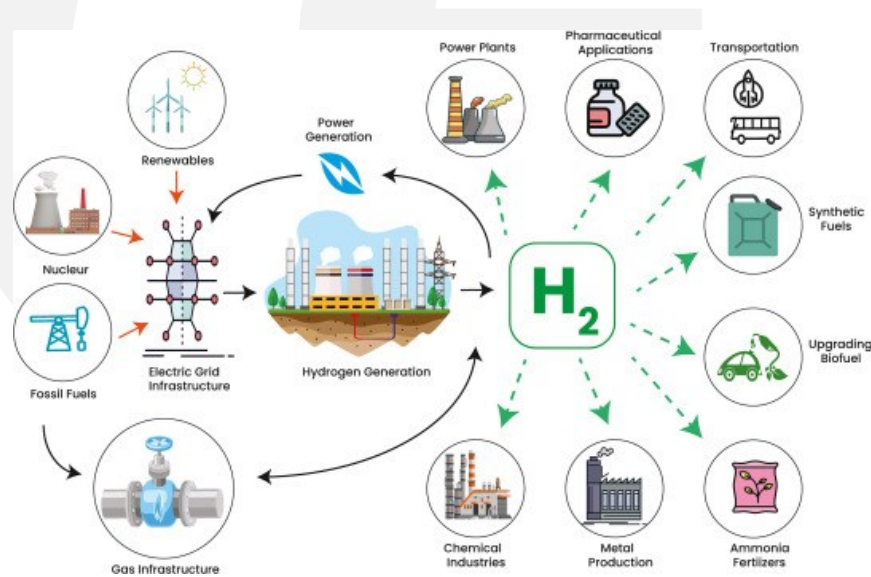
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The hydrogen supply chain



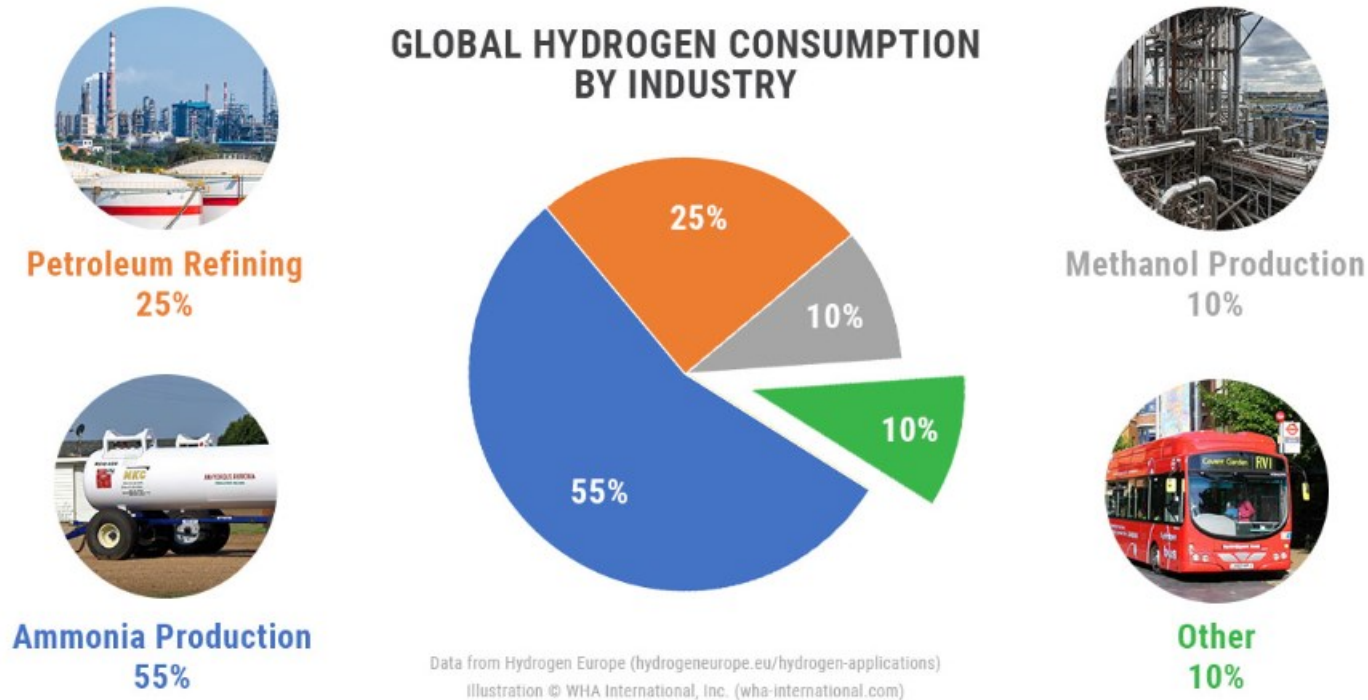
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2. MAIN USES OF HYDROGEN





The main uses of Hydrogen today



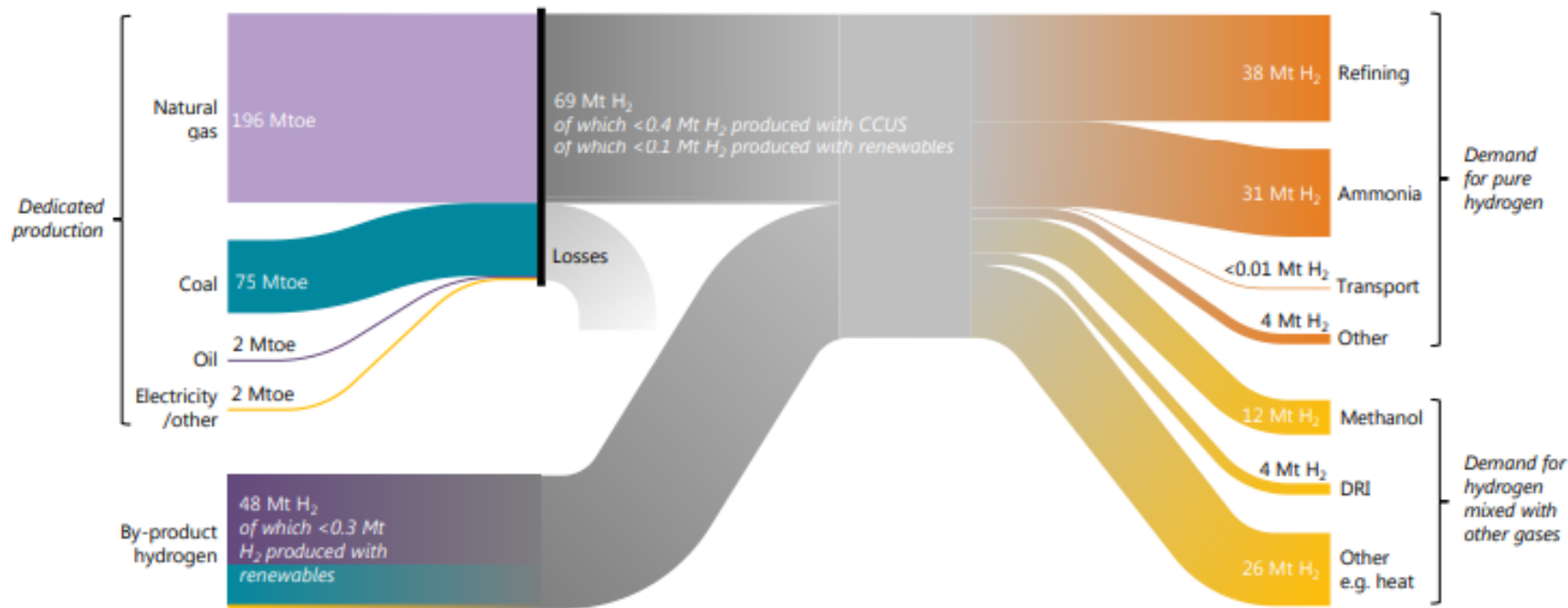
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2022 data for Europe

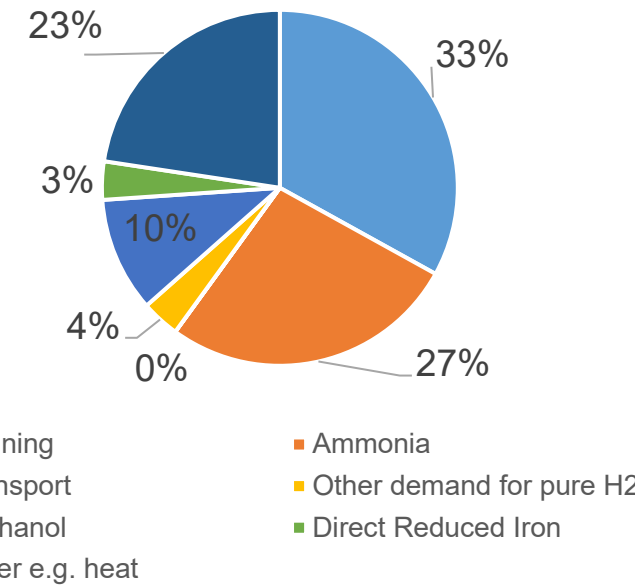


The main uses of Hydrogen today

Figure 6. Today's hydrogen value chains



The use of Hydrogen



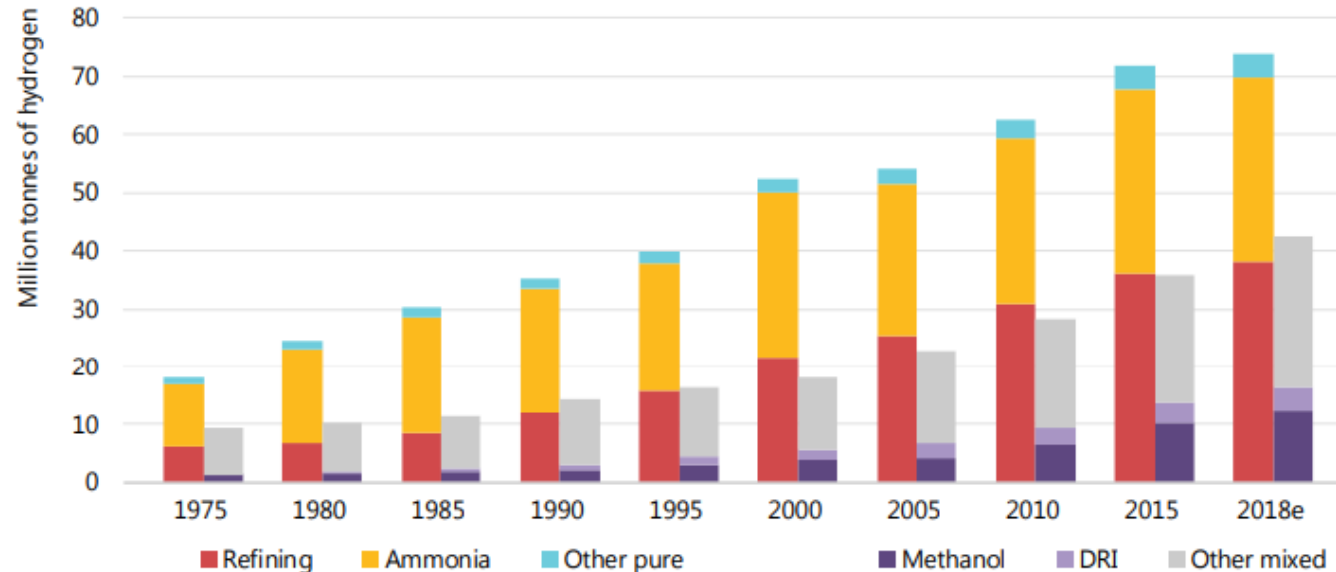
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Today's hydrogen industry is large, with many sources and uses. Most hydrogen is produced from gas in dedicated facilities, and the current share from renewables is small.



History of hydrogen demand

Figure 1. Global annual demand for hydrogen since 1975



- Hydrogen use has always been dominated by industrial applications
- Around 115 Mt consumed every years
- Hydrogen used today is quasi-totally produced from fossil sources

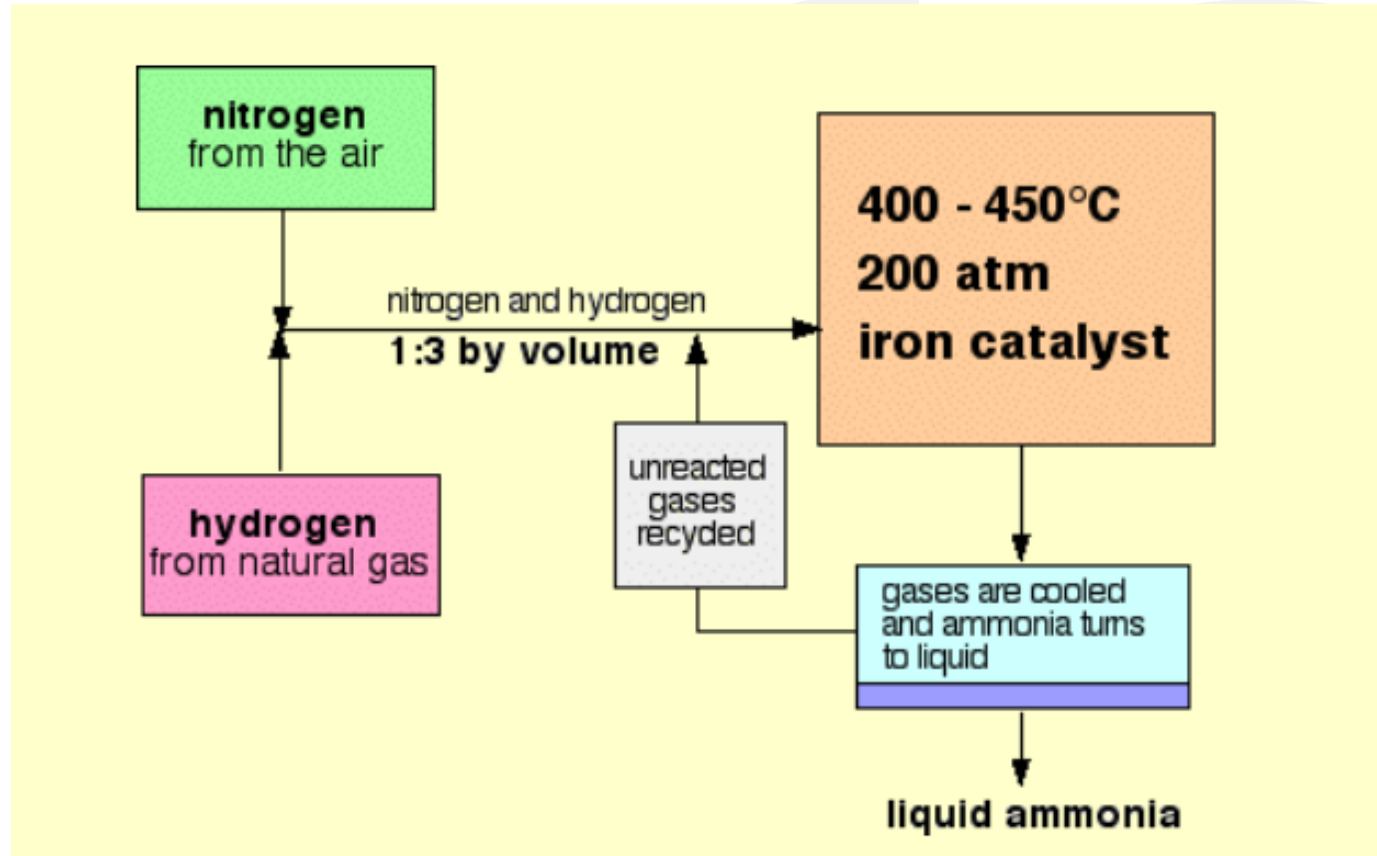
Notes: DRI = direct reduced iron steel production. Refining, ammonia and "other pure" represent demand for specific applications

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Around 70 MtH₂/yr is used today in pure form, mostly for oil refining and ammonia manufacture for fertilisers; a further 45 MtH₂ is used in industry without prior separation from other gases.



Ammonia production



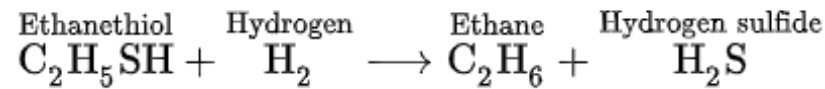
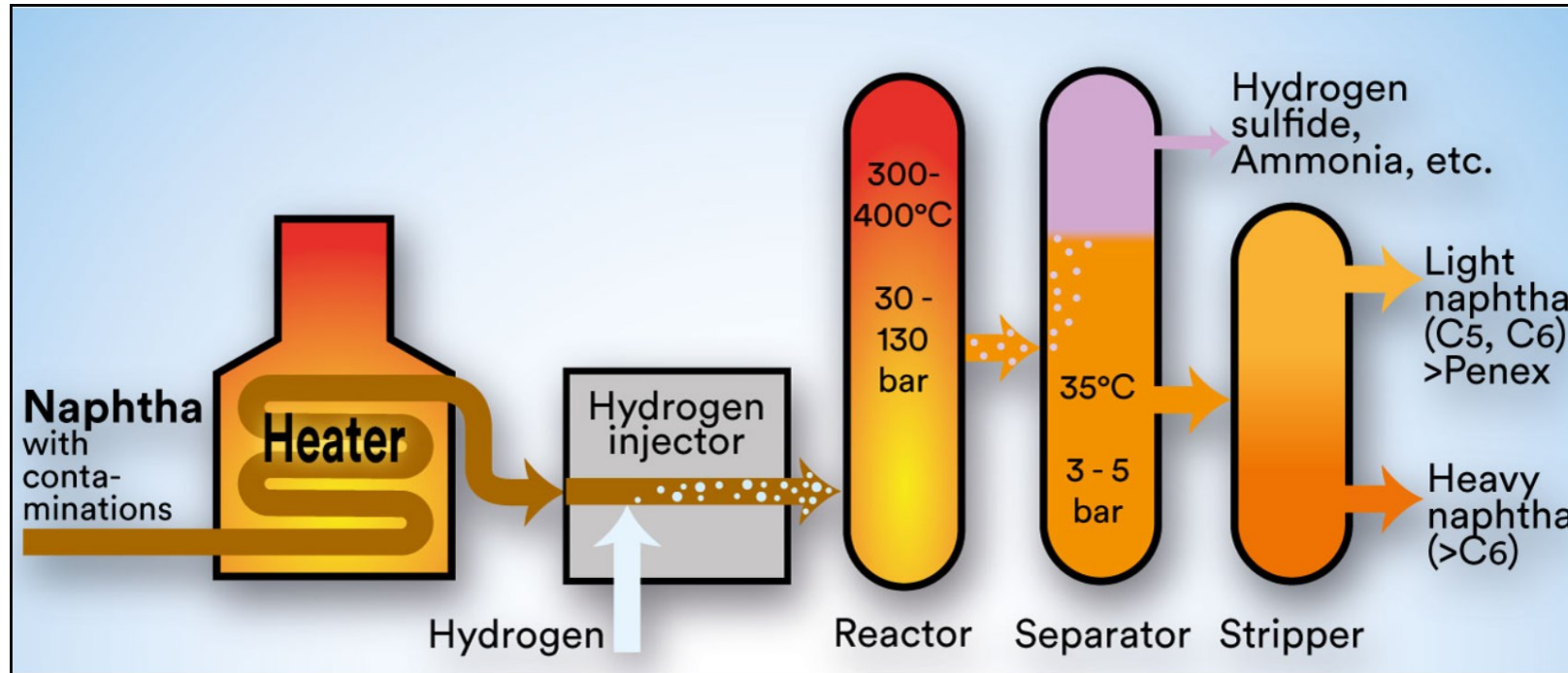
The HABER-BOSCH process



$$\Delta H = -92 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$



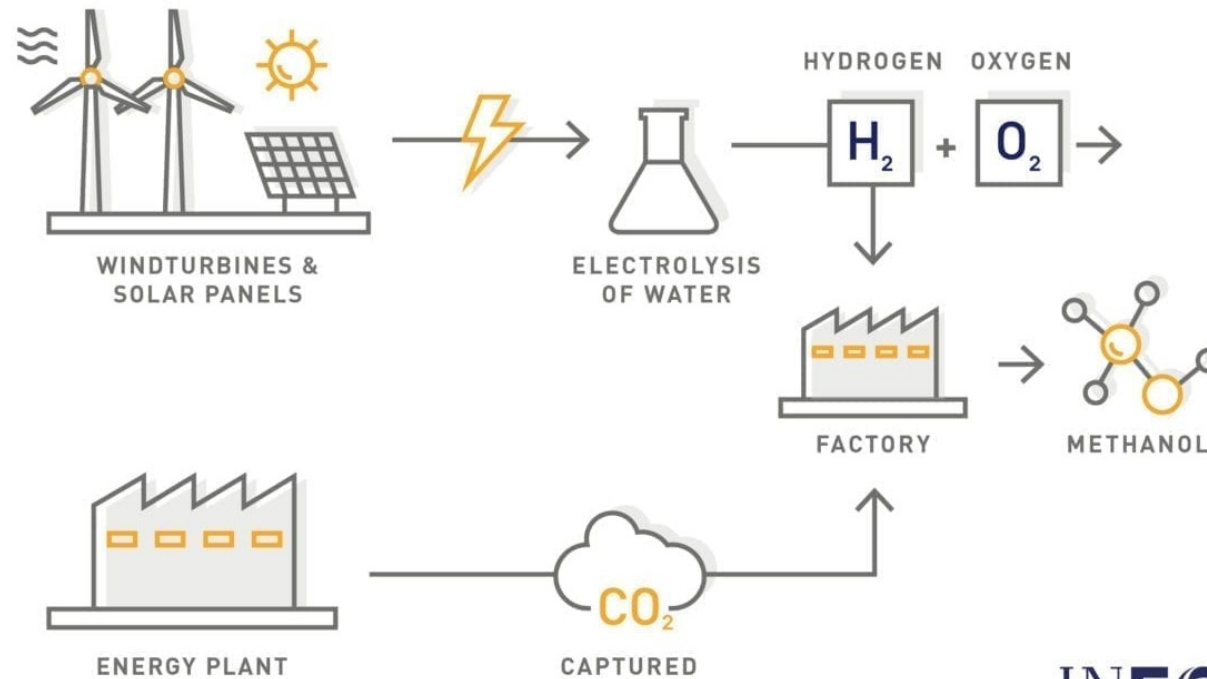
Petroleum refining



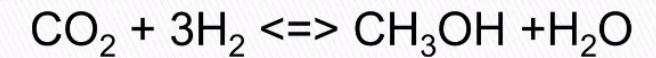


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Methanol production



Key synthesis reaction is

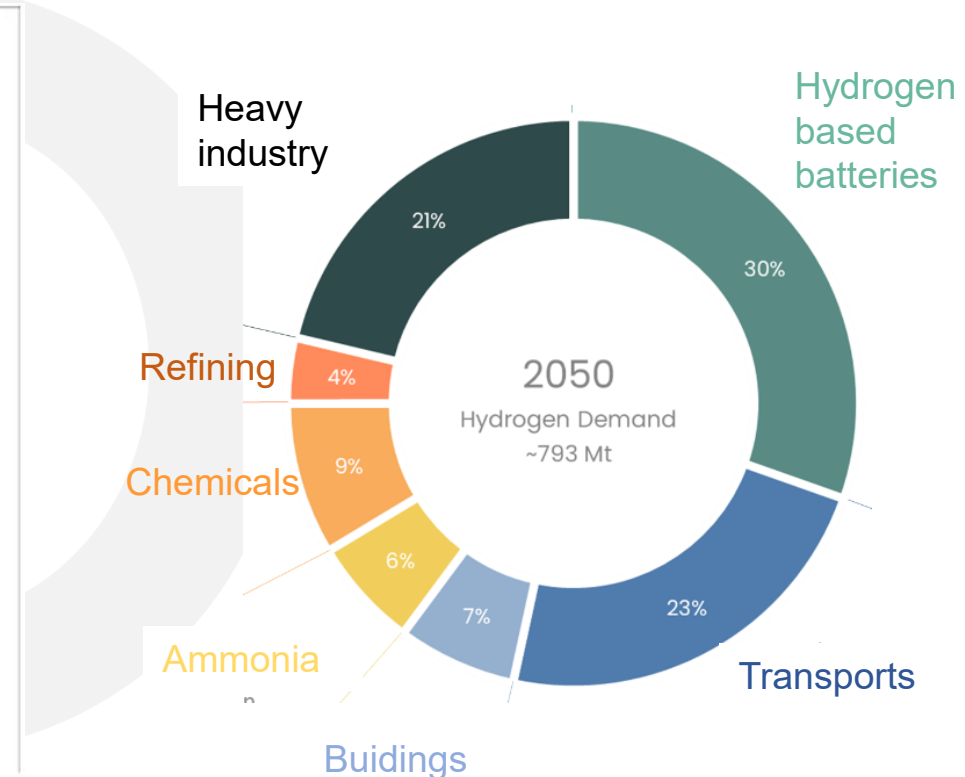
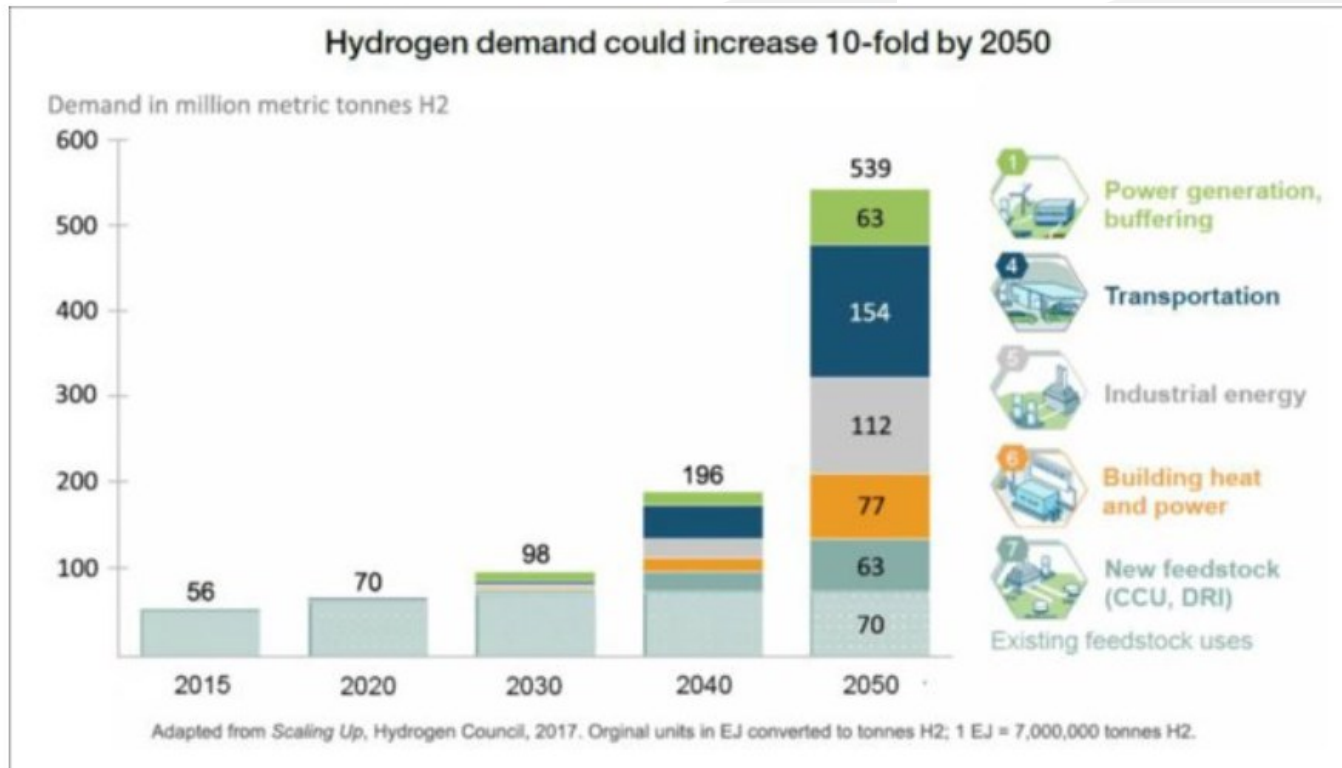


-49 kJ/kmol

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The future use of Hydrogen for decarbonation



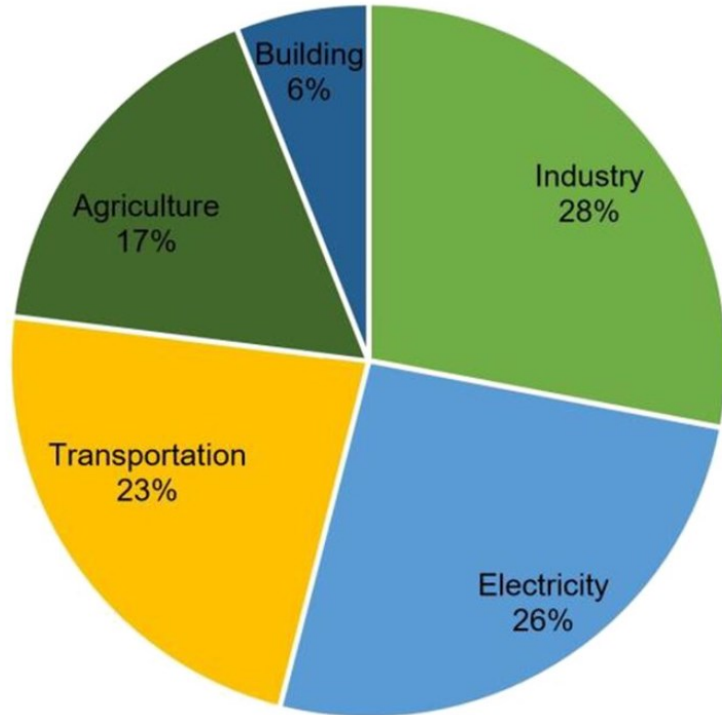
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3. FOCUS ON MOBILITY



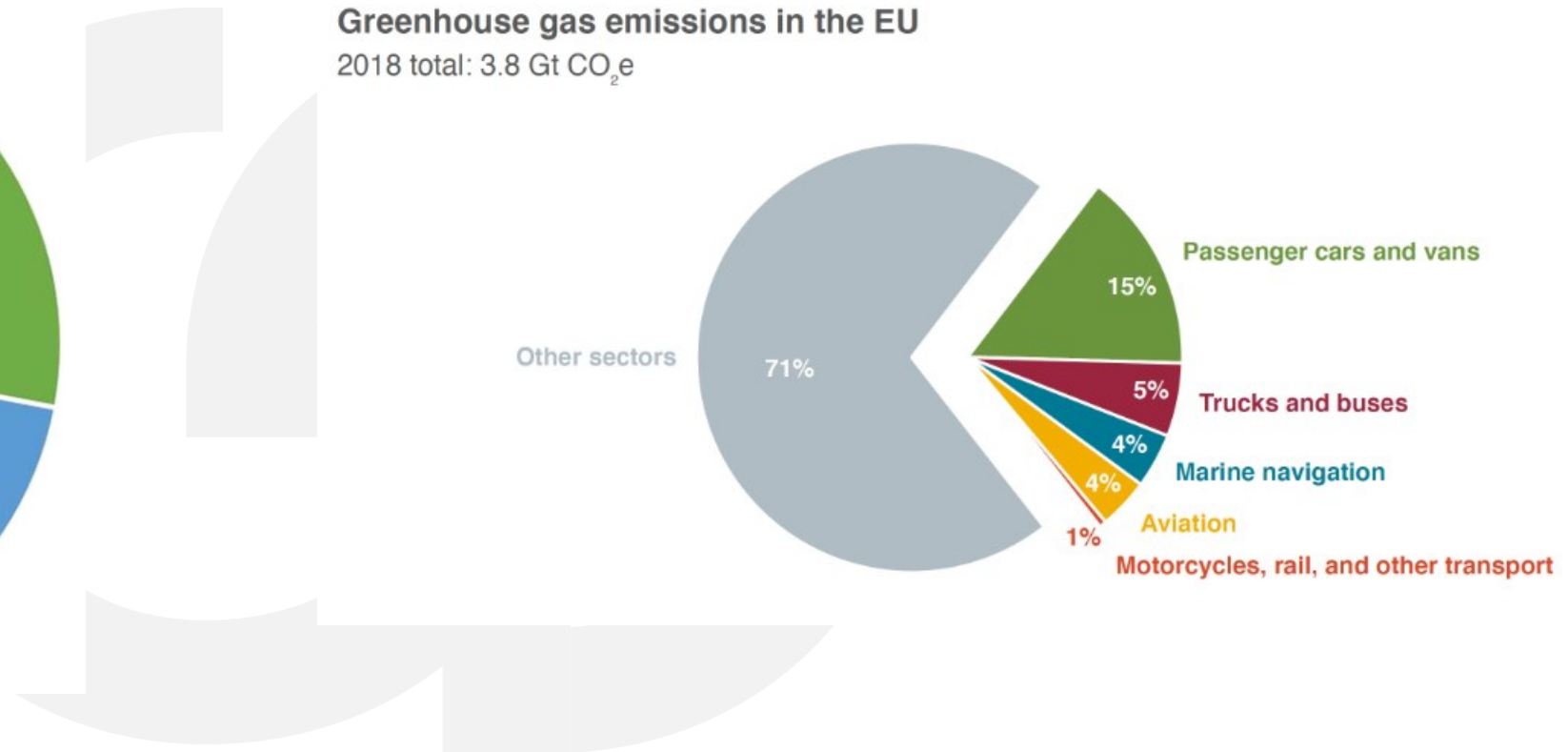


The share of emissions per sector



Greenhouse gas emissions in the EU

2018 total: 3.8 Gt CO₂e

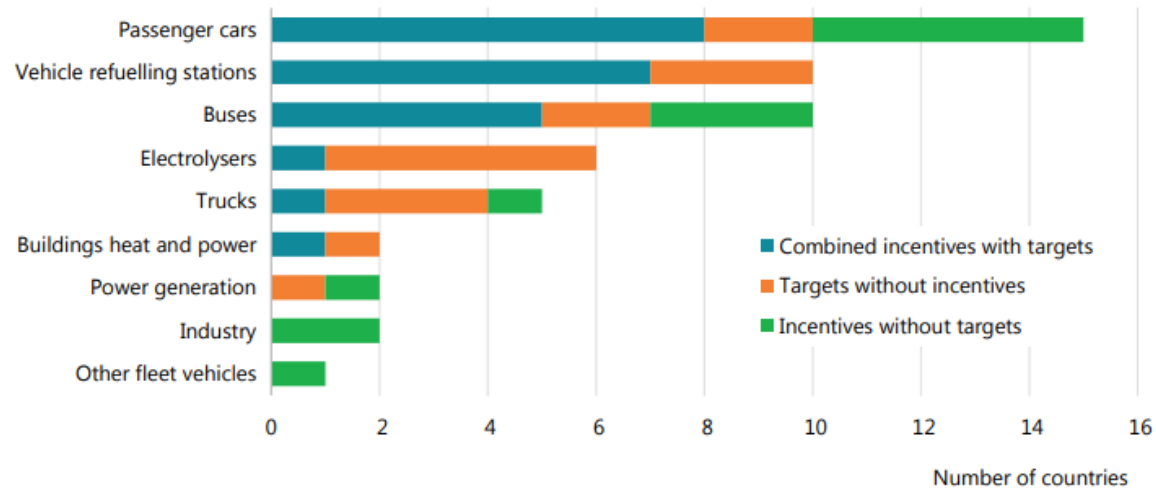


Global CO2 emissions by sector (IEA 2020)



Policies for the mobility sector

Figure 2. Policies directly supporting hydrogen deployment by target application



Note: Based on available data up to May 2019.

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Table 10. Applications for low-carbon hydrogen classified by the theoretical size of the 2030 opportunity and the long-term potential

| Type of application | Application | Size of the 2030 opportunity (ktH2/yr) | Long-term potential scale |
|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| Major hydrogen uses today | Chemicals (ammonia and methanol) | Over 100 | High |
| | Oil refineries and biofuels | Over 100 | Medium |
| | Iron and steel (blending in DRI) | 10-100 | Low |
| New hydrogen uses for a clean energy system | Buildings (conversion to 100% hydrogen) | Over 100 | High |
| | Road freight | Over 100 | High |
| | Passenger vehicles | Over 100 | Medium |
| | Buildings (blending in the gas grid) | Over 100 | Low |
| | Iron and steel (conversion to 100% hydrogen) | 10-100 | High |
| | Aviation and maritime transport | Under 10 | High |
| | Electricity storage | Under 10 | High |
| | Flexible and back-up power generation | Under 10 | Medium |
| | Industrial high-temperature heat | Under 10 | Low |



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The decarbonation targets in EU

REACHING OUR 2030 CLIMATE TARGETS



Regulations “Fit for 55”:

Objective: Reduce GHG emissions by 55% by 2030 (compared to 1990)

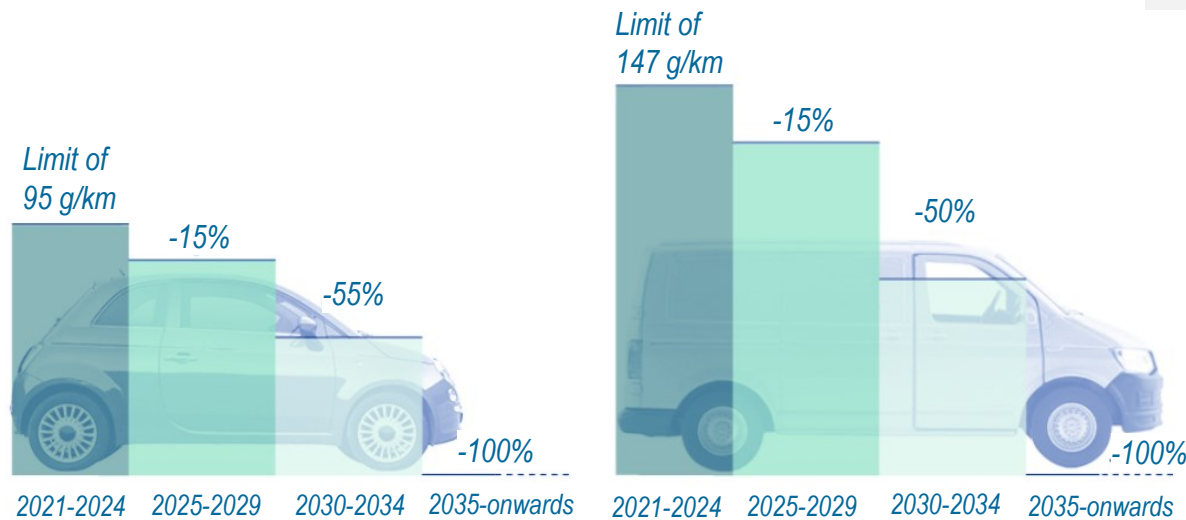
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Fit for 55 for cars

Projected CO₂ emission reductions for new cars and vans

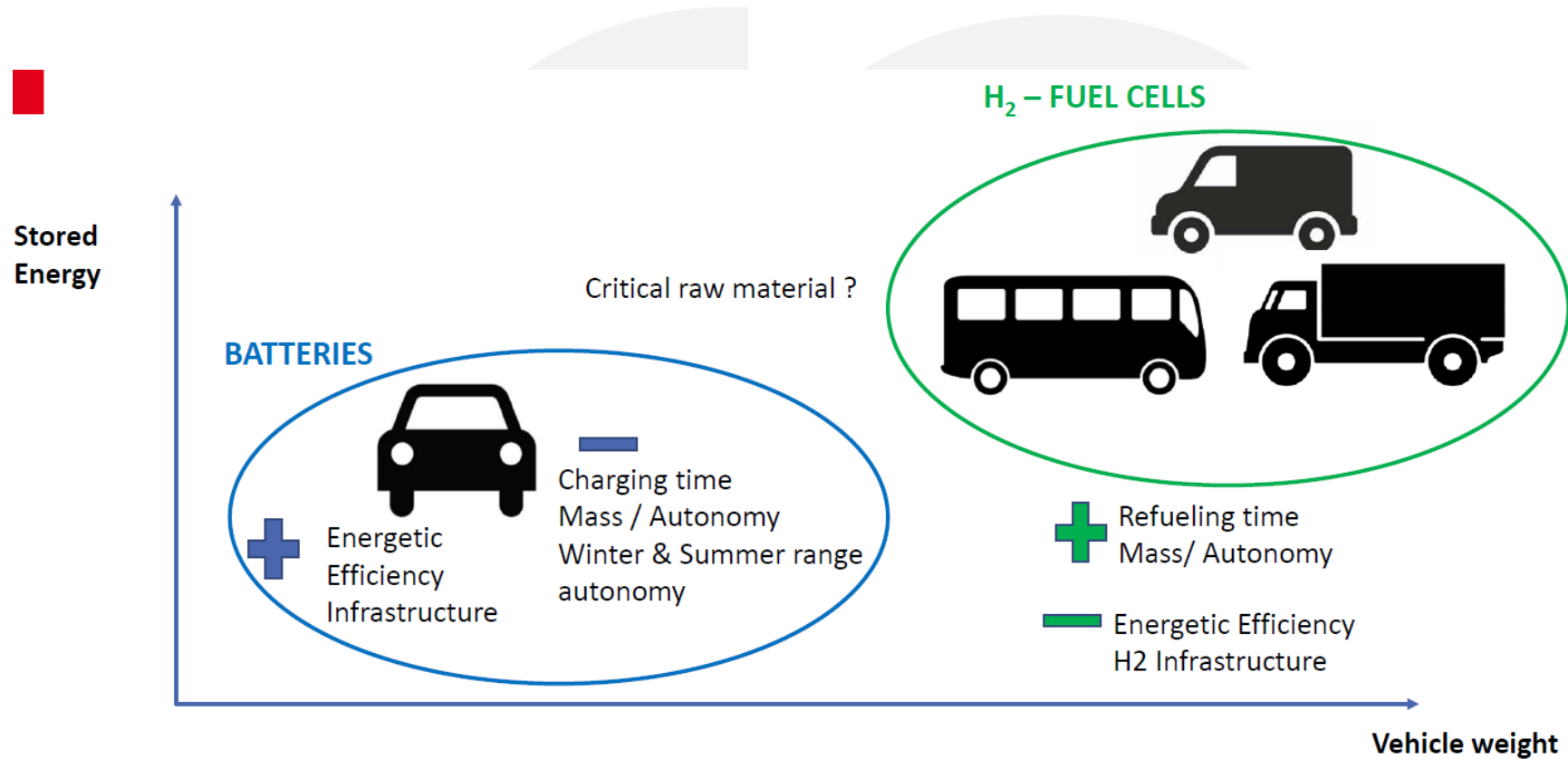


Revised regulation on CO₂ emission limits for new cars and vans explained

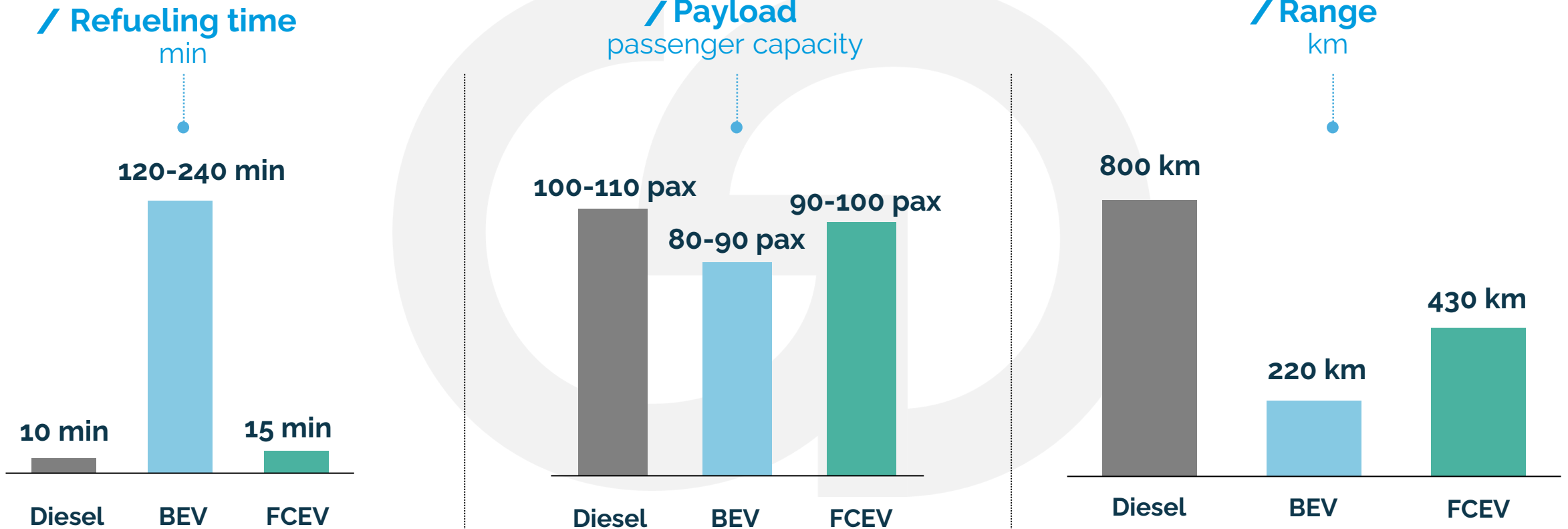
Only “Zero emissions” (in use phase) vehicles in 2035



Complementarity battery/Fuel cell



Use case: Citybus 12m



Source: Symbio studies on the EU bus market



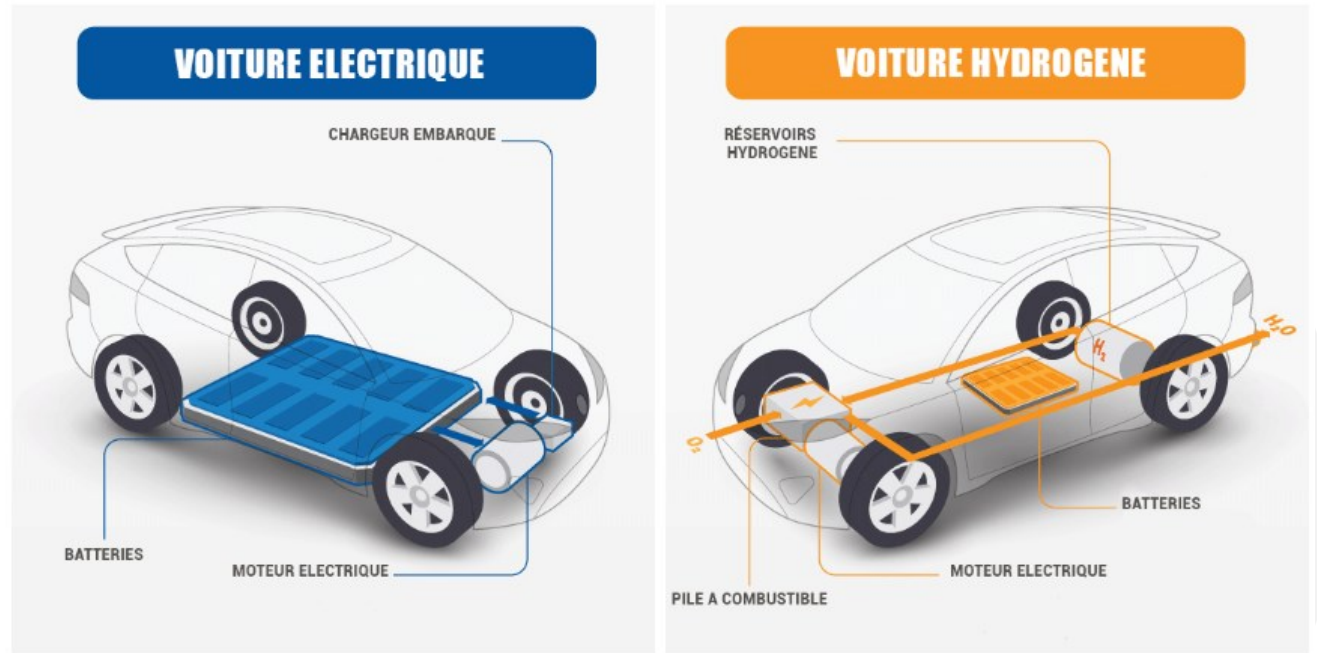
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Development of “zero emission vehicles”

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| | Battery | Hydrogen |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Zero emission at tail pipe | yes | yes |
| Maturity (market) | +++ | - |
| Autonomy | + | +++ |
| Charging time | - | +++ |
| Price | ++ | |



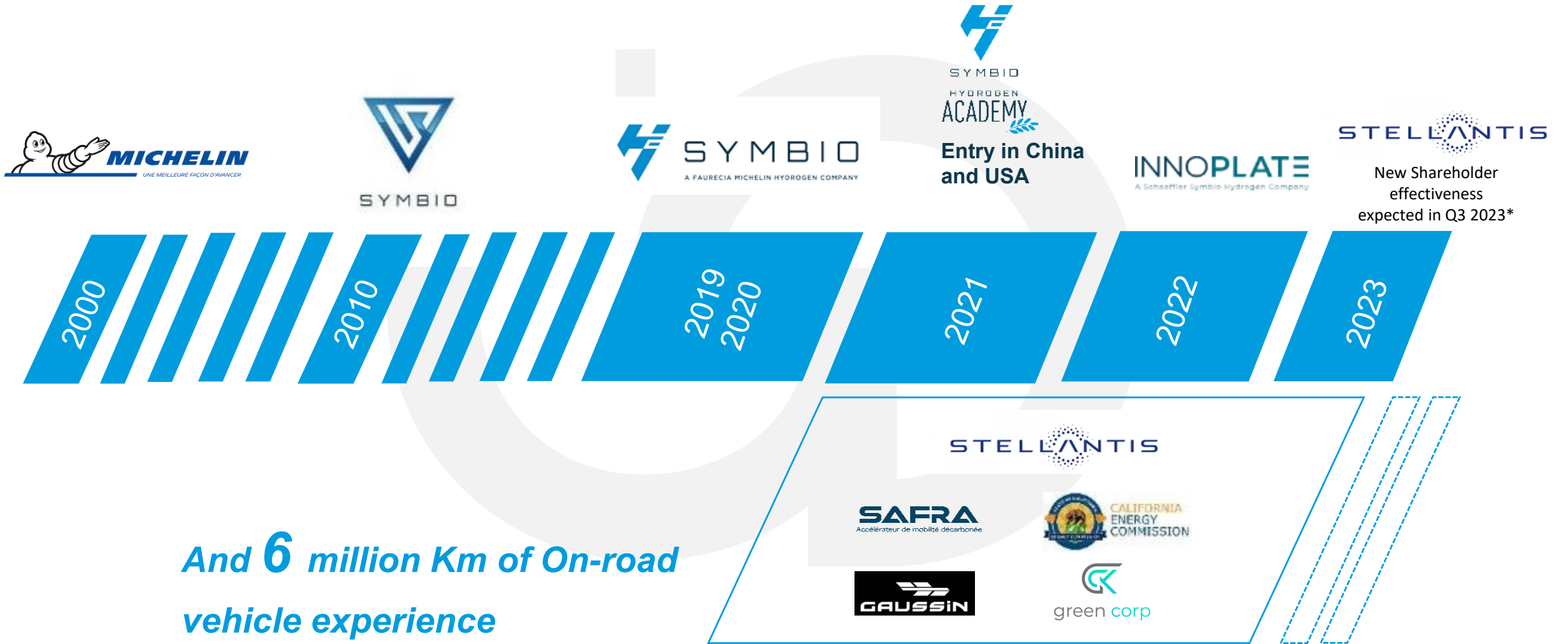
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4. SYMBIO's FUEL CELLS



Over 30 years of experience, Engaged builder of the hydrogen ecosystem



And **6 million Km of On-road vehicle experience**



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* Closing is expected in the third quarter of 2023. Transaction subject to customary regulatory approvals



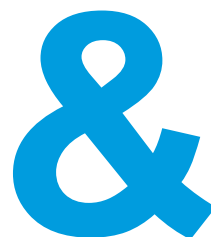
Fast-forwarding Symbio in the European fuel cell industry



INDUSTRIAL CAPACITIES

Accelerating the industrialization and mass production of current generation FC systems in Saint-Fons

*Phase 1 : FC development and industrialization to reach a capacity of **50,000** units/year in Saint-Fons as of 2026*



CUTTING-EDGE INNOVATION

- Developing and industrializing a new generation
- of innovative Fuel Cell technology, containing disruptive technology to boost performance of our StackPacks® while drastically reducing unit production costs

*Phase 2 : New FC gen R&D and industrialization to reach additional capacity of **50,000** units/y in another plant in France as of 2028*

Phase 1 + Phase 2 : 100,000 units/y in France as of 2028



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1 billion EUR investment



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Fuel cells used in different vehicles



BUSES



TRUCKS



RAM



LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

Undertaking (now Clean Hydrogen)

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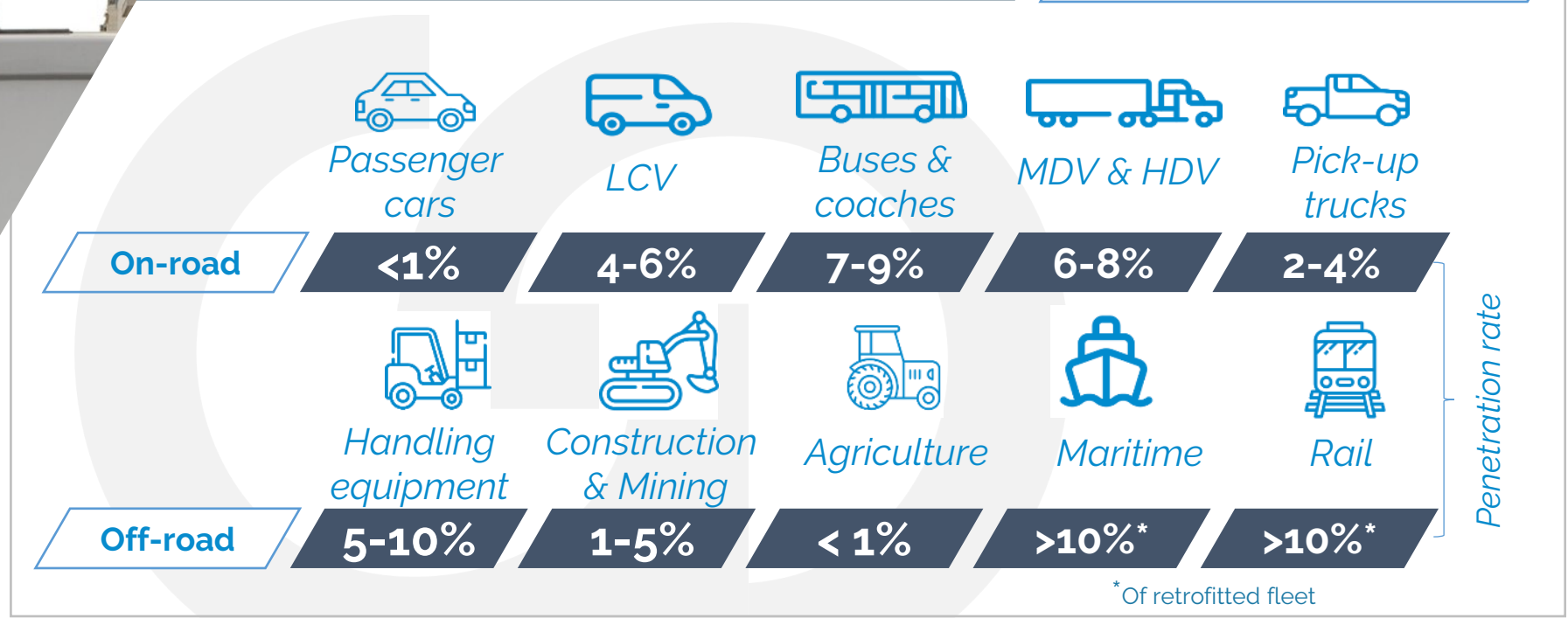
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~1,5 million

Fuel Cell markets are gaining momentum

World FCEV market* 2030

on-road & off-road



World FCEV market* 2035

on-road & off-road

>3 millions

*China included

Source: Symbio studies

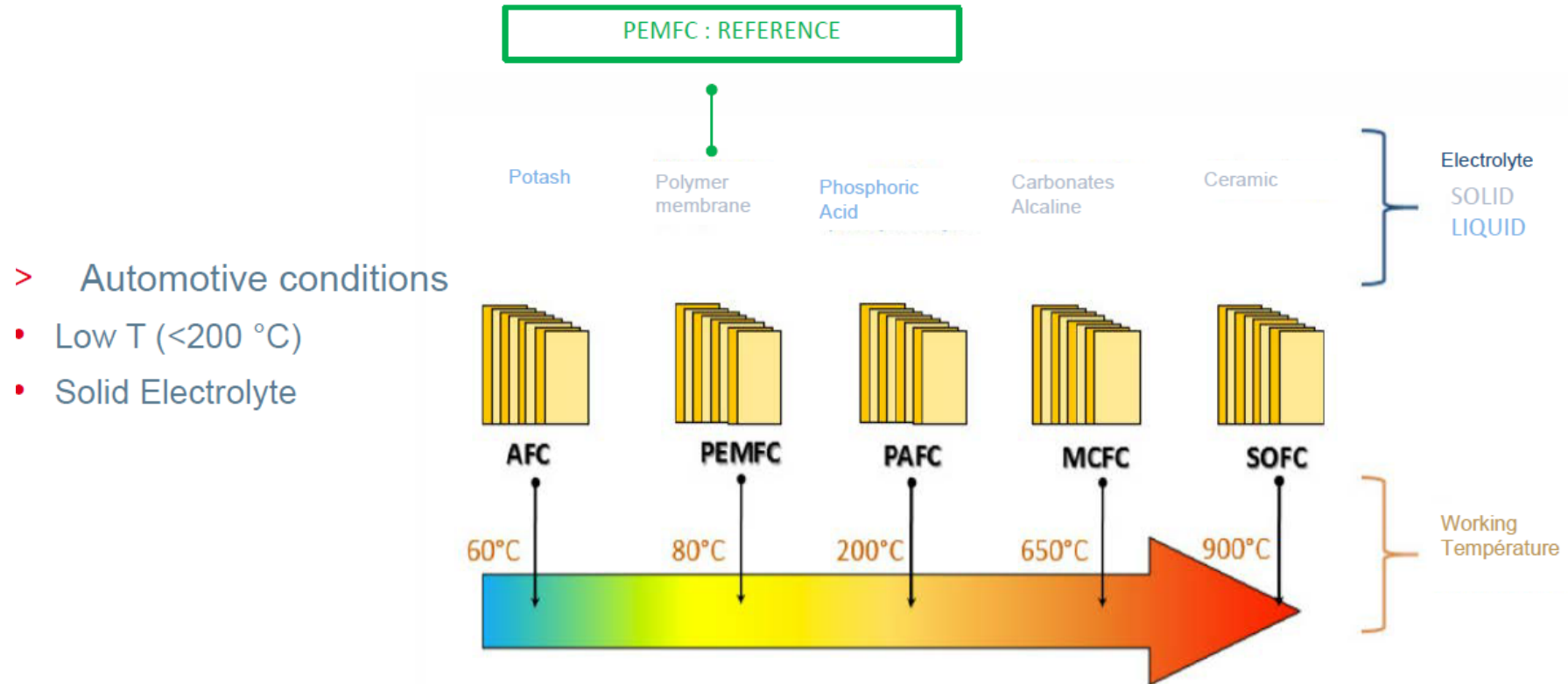
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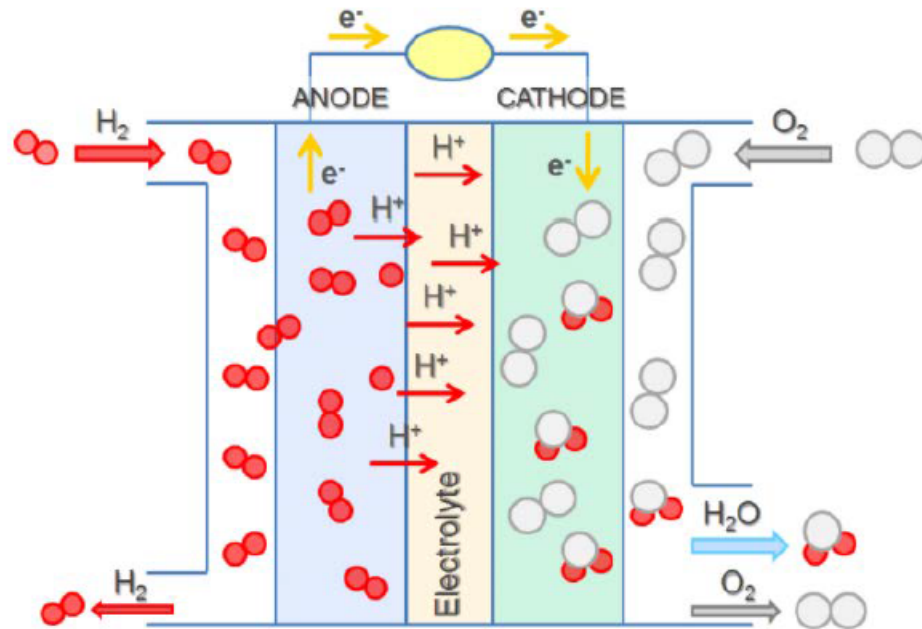


The Fuel Cell : how does it work

Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell



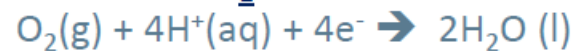
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Anode : H₂ oxidation

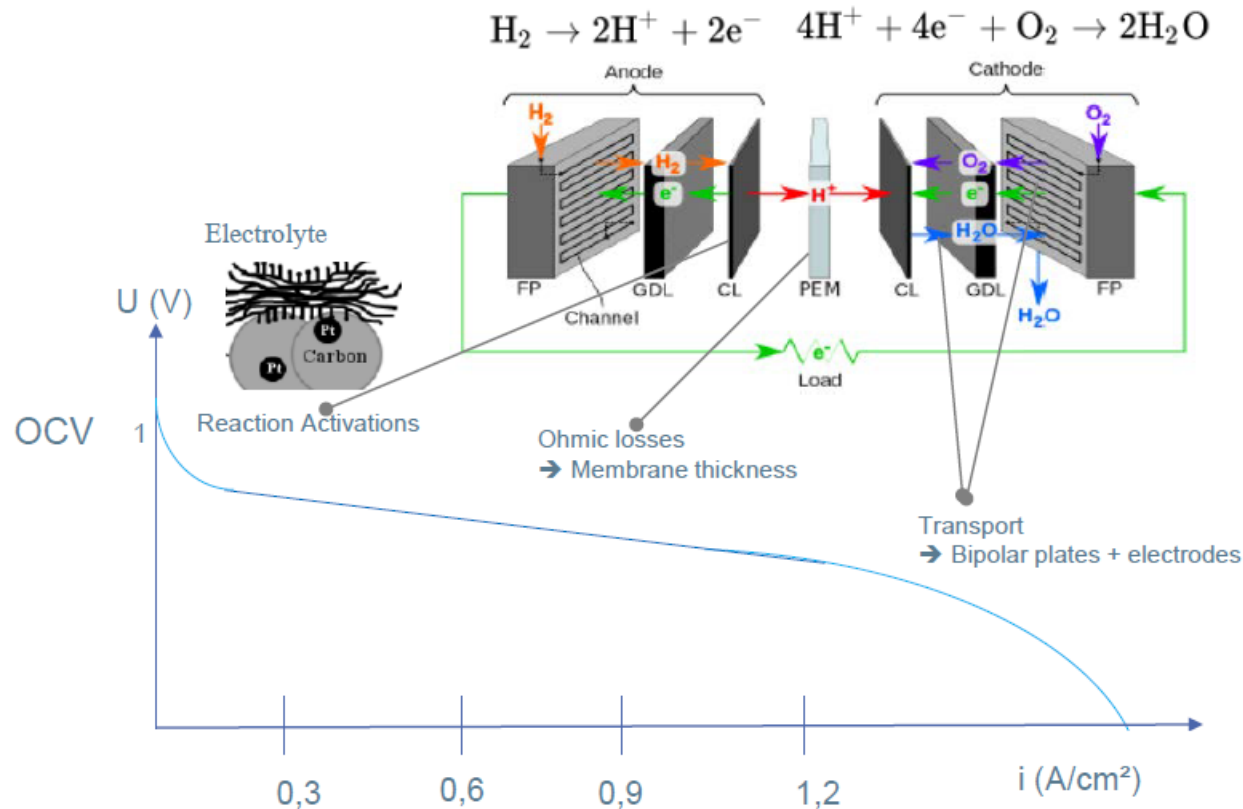


Cathode : O₂ Reduction



- > **Fuel cell = Open Generator**
- > → Transformation of **chemical energy** provided by a spontaneous oxidation-reduction reaction into **electrical energy**
- > → Two separate compartments called **half-cells** each containing an **electrode and an electrolyte**
- > **Two Redox couples**
 - Cathode : O₂ (g) / H₂O (l),
 - Anode : H⁺ (aq) / H₂ (g)

Electrochemical notions



Open Circuit Voltage (OCV) : Nernst

$$\rightarrow E_{Nernst} = E^\circ(\text{H}_2 / \text{O}_2) + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left(\frac{P_{\text{H}_2} (P_{\text{O}_2})^{0,5}}{P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}} \right)$$

→ Standard potential (1 bar, 298 K)
 $E^\circ(\text{H}_2 / \text{O}_2) = 1,23 \text{ V}$

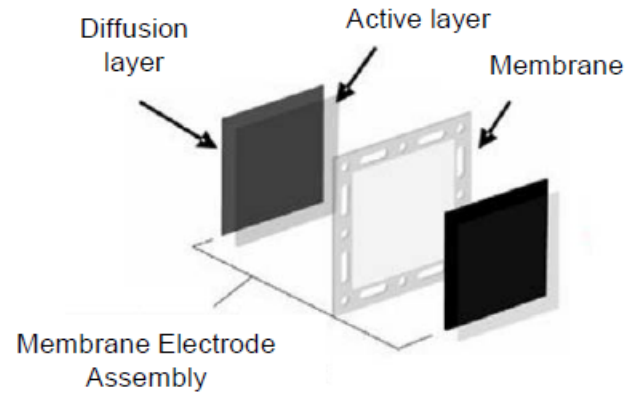
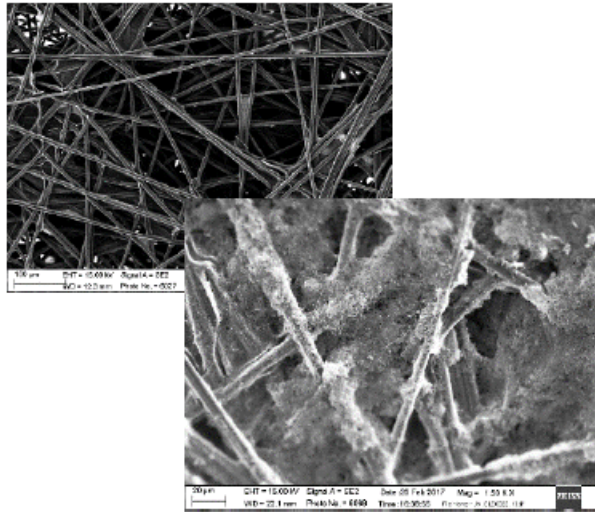
Losses

- Activation of reactions
- Ohmic
- Transport

The core of the Fuel Cell : The MEA

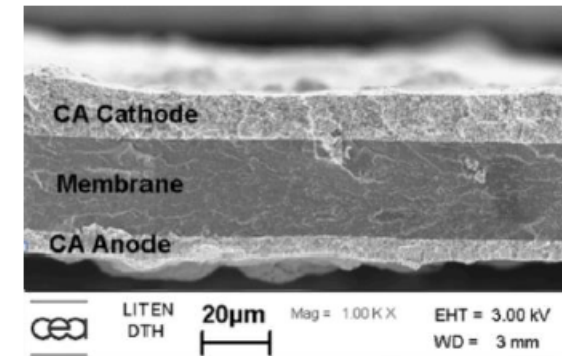
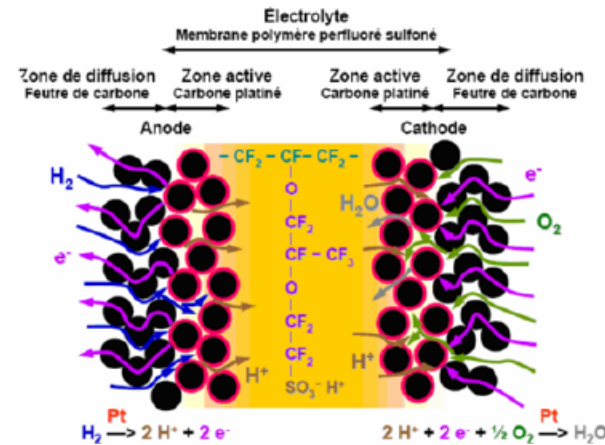
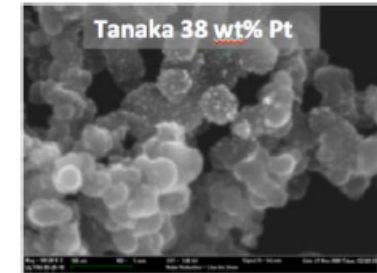
1. Gas diffusion layer – GDL

Gas distribution – from macro to micro scale
Electronic conduction



2. Catalyst layer – Active layer

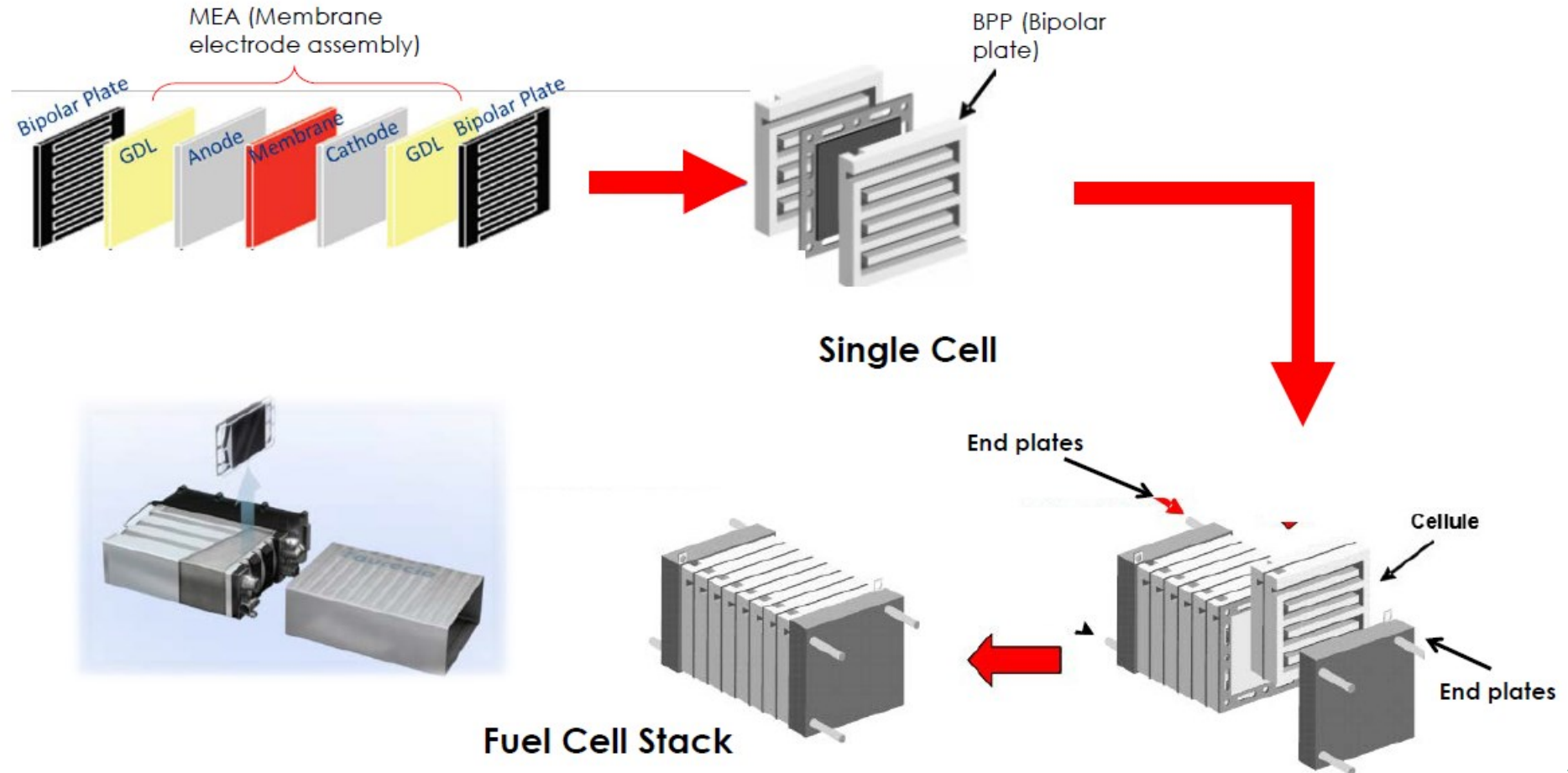
Gas distribution – from micro to nano scale
Electronic conduction
Anodic and cathodic electrochemical reactions





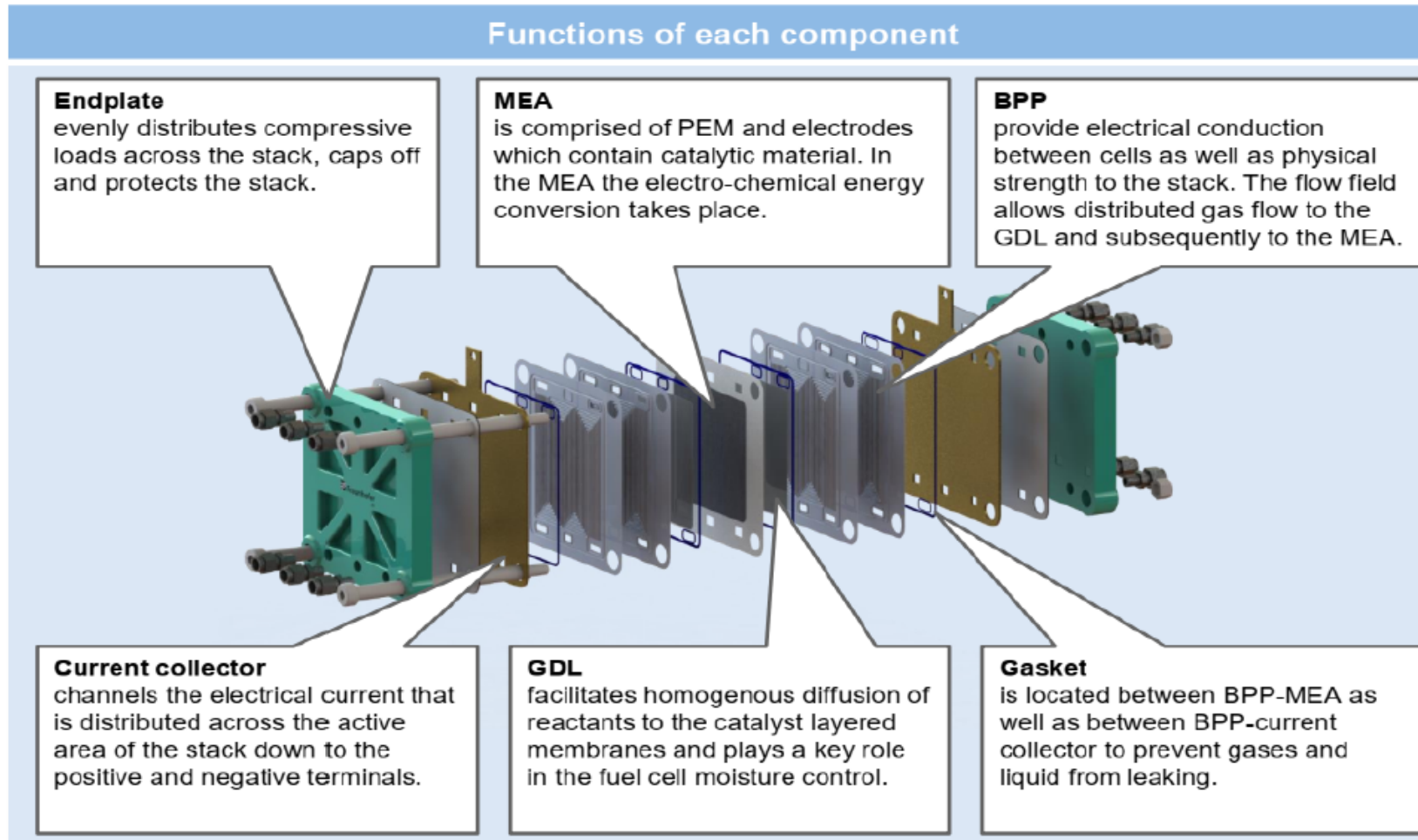
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From single MEA to complete stack





The components of the stack

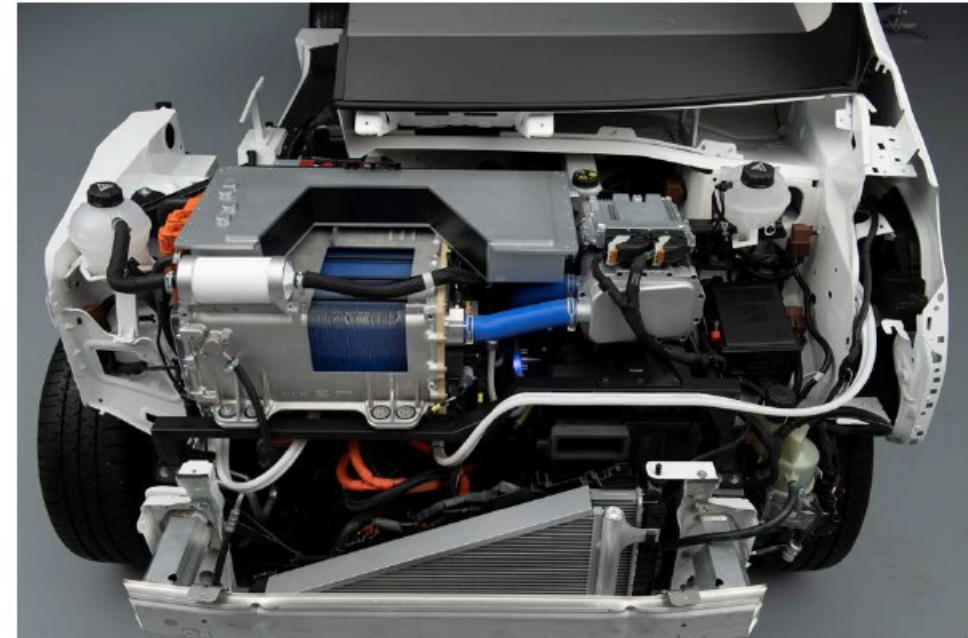
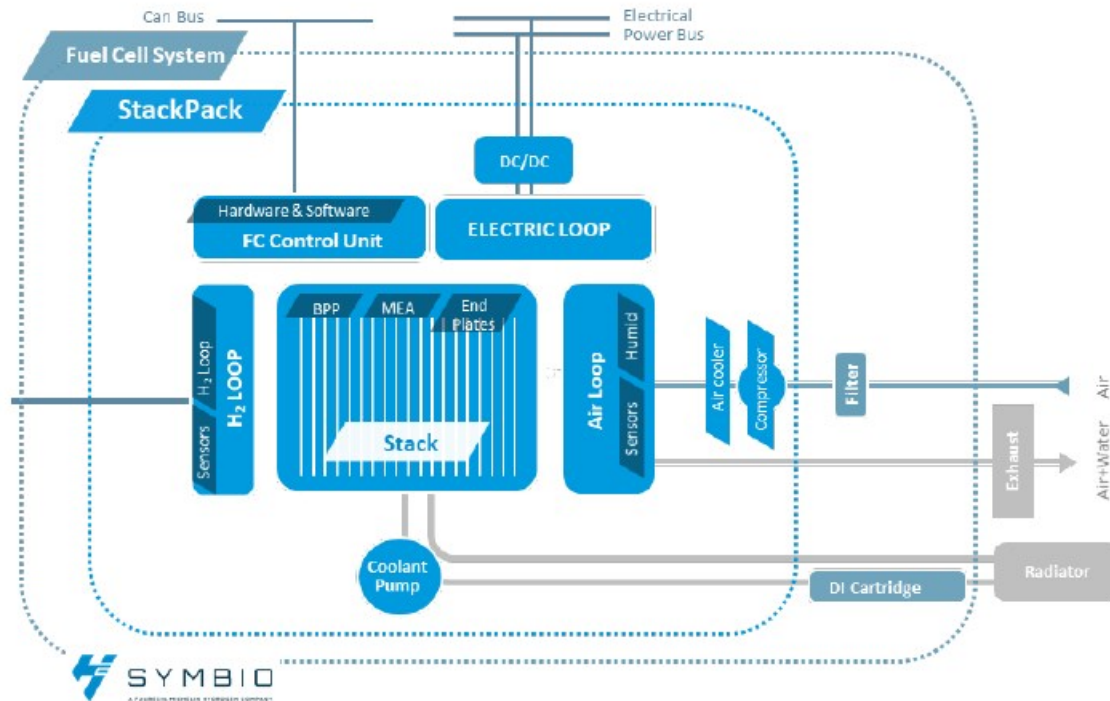




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The Fuel Cell system : Stack + loops

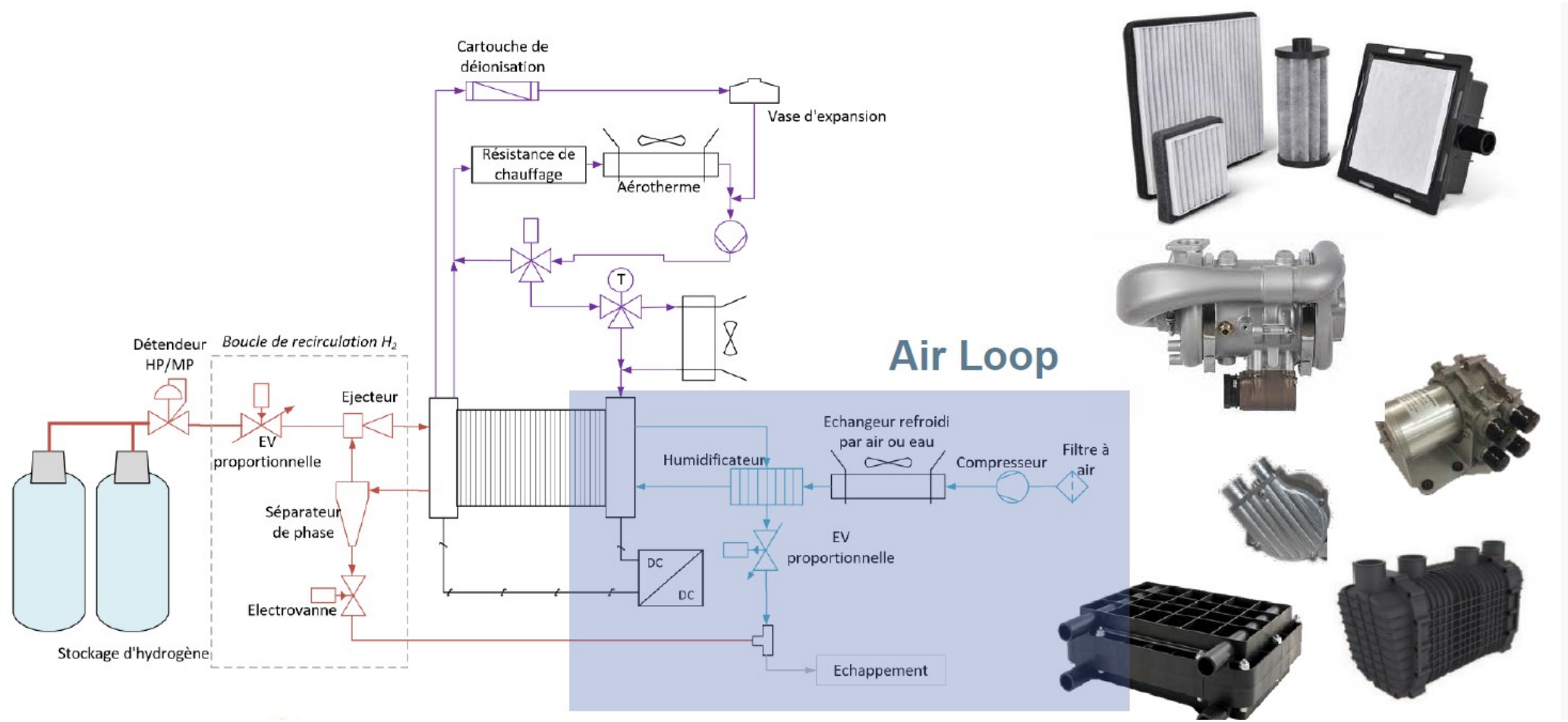
- 4 system loops > Air loop
- > Cooling Loop
- > Hydrogen Loop
- > Electric Loop





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The Fuel Cell system : Air loop

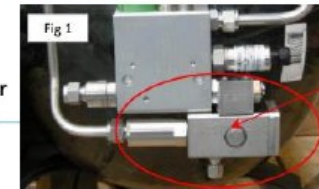
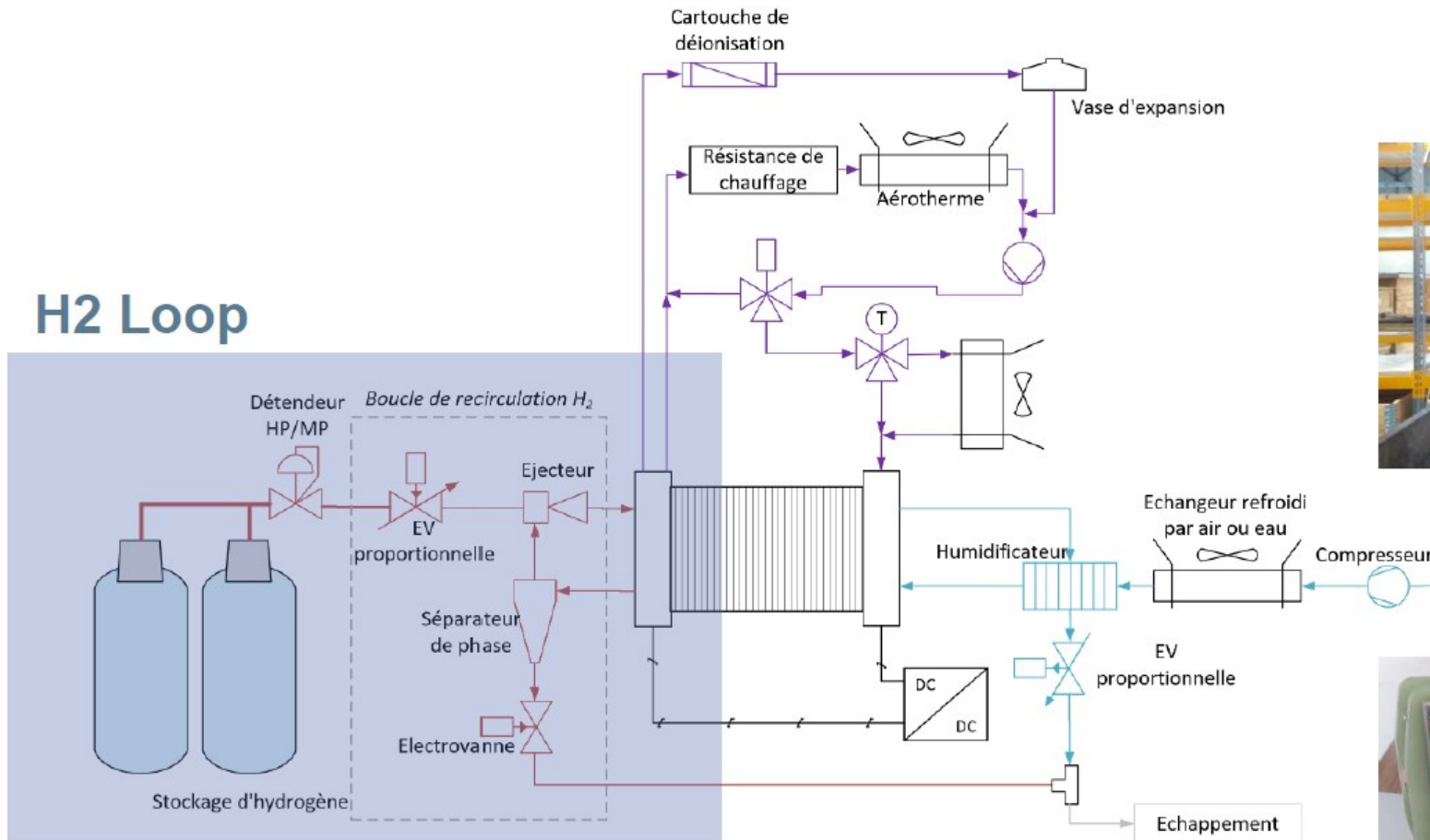




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The Fuel Cell system : Hydrogen loop

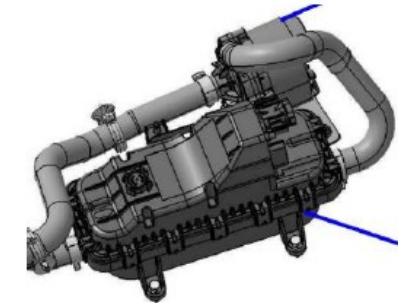
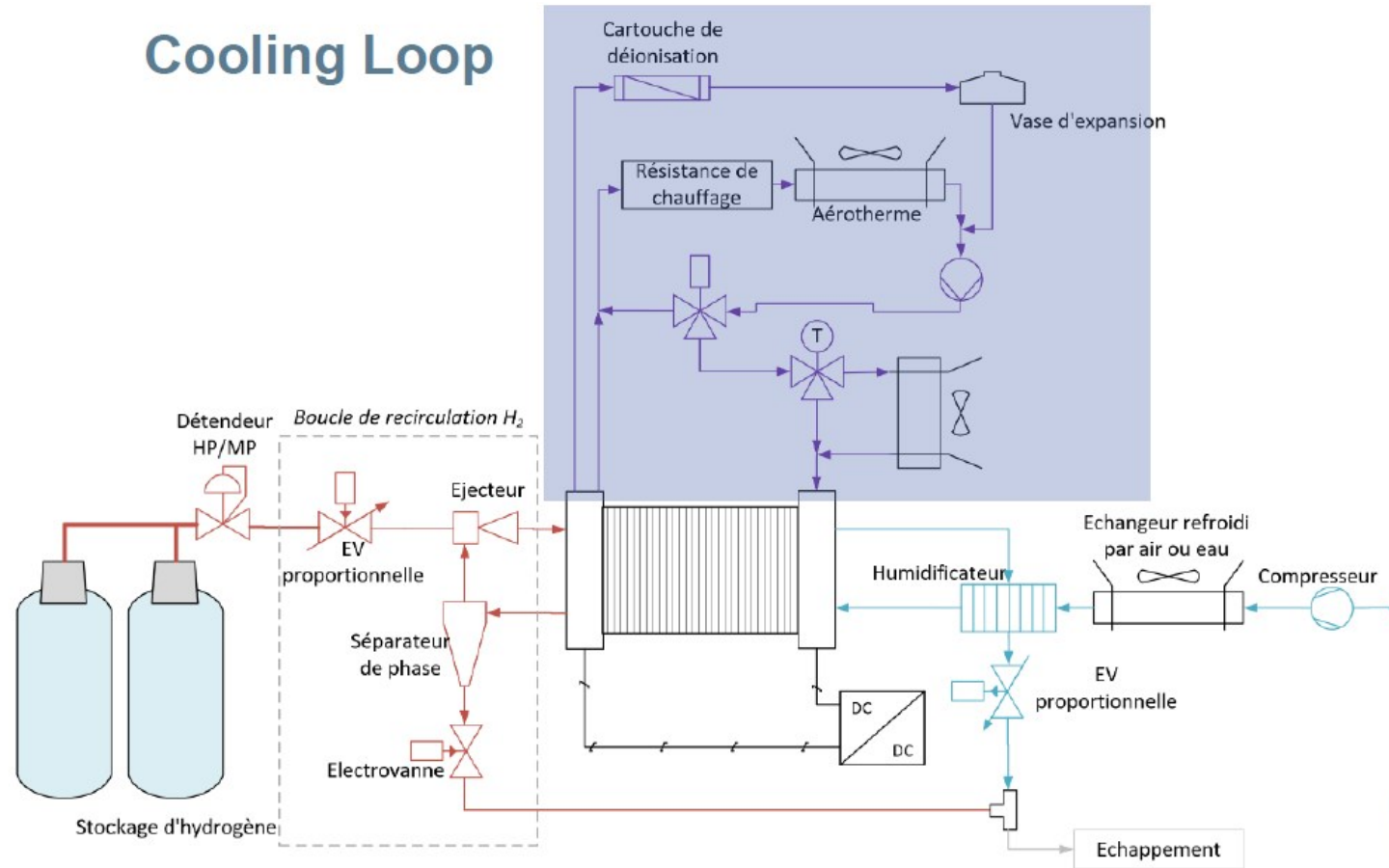
H2 Loop





The Fuel Cell system : Cooling loop

Cooling Loop

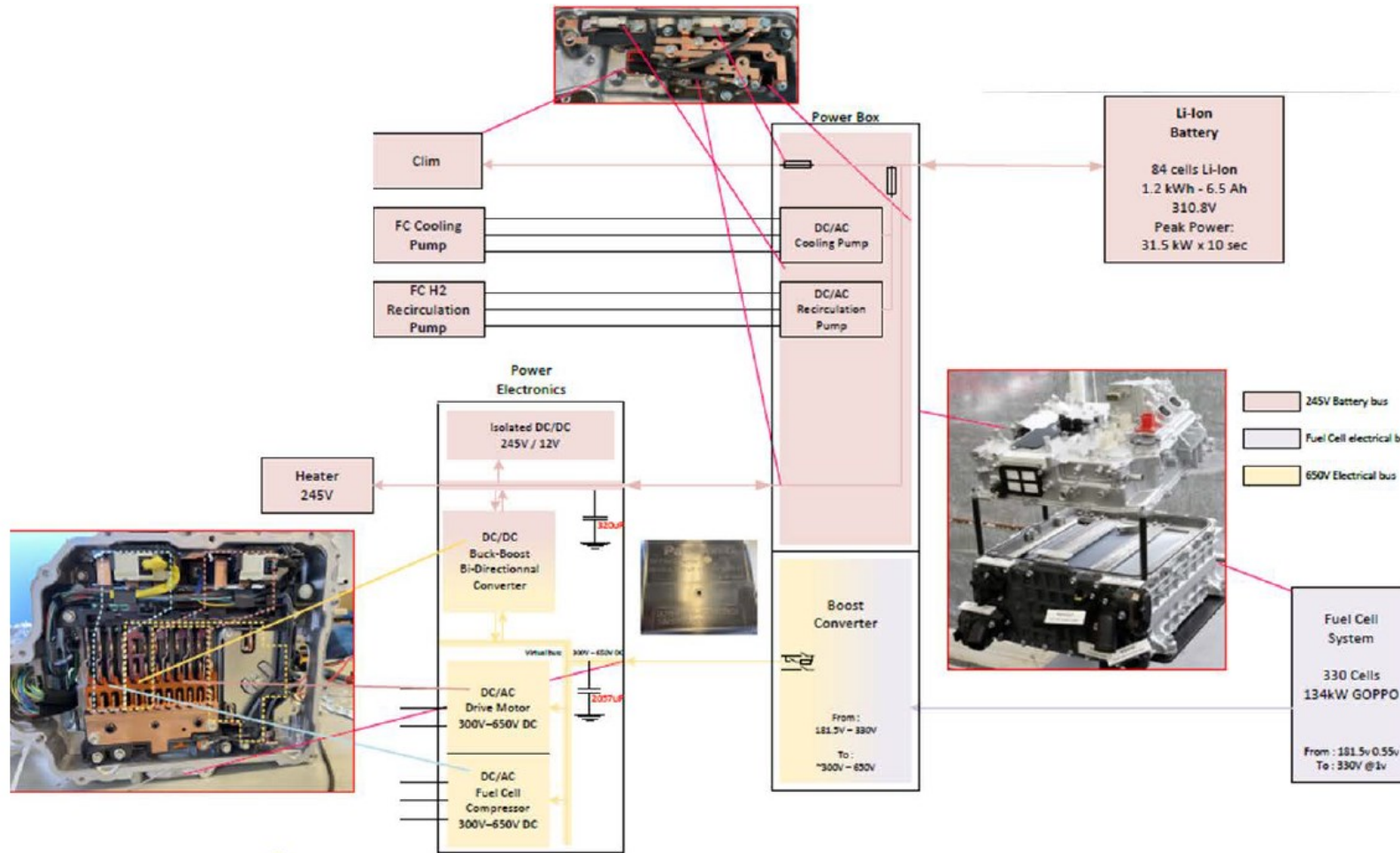




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The Fuel Cell system : Electric loop

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Symbio Product offer 2026 onwards

VEHICLE ARCHITECTURE VOLTAGE

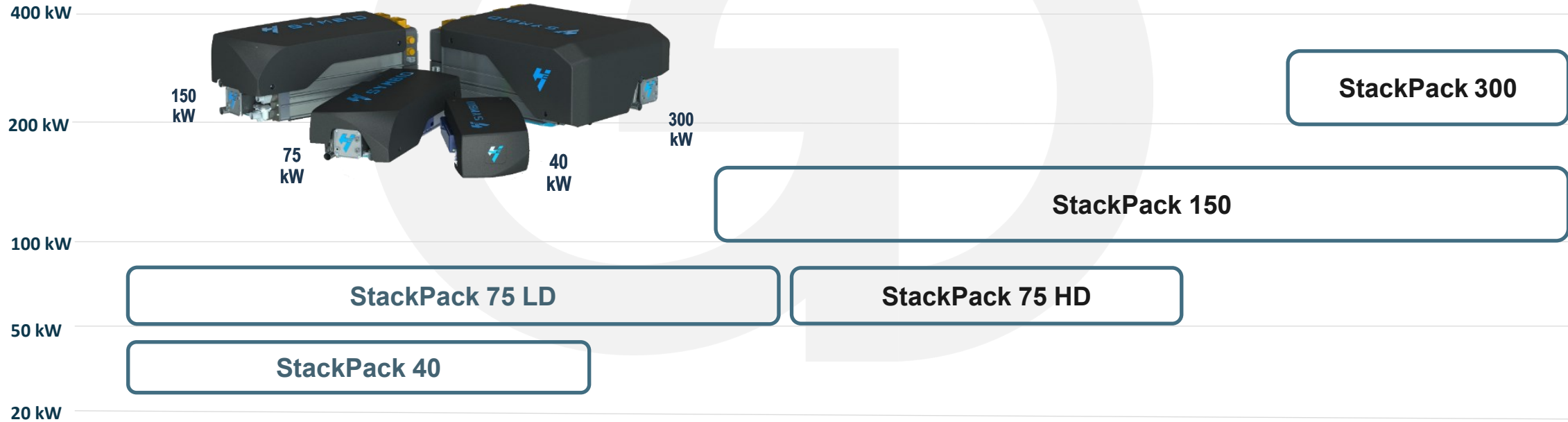
400V

400V & 800V

800V



NET POWER REQUIREMENTS (as seen from vehicle)



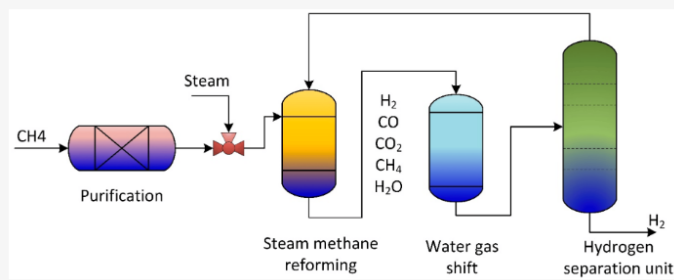
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Environmental issues for hydrogen

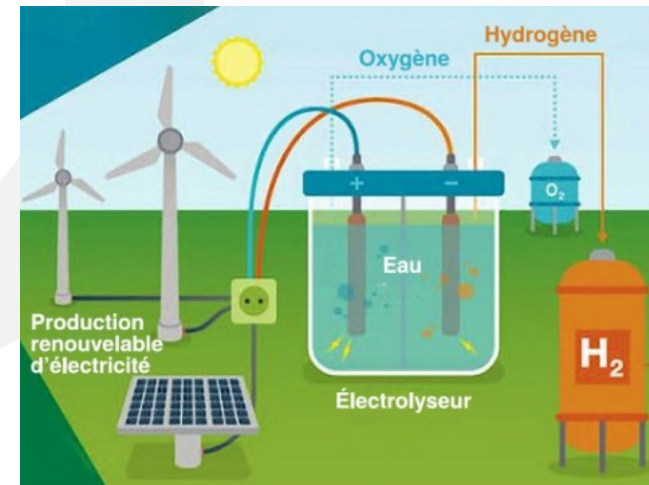
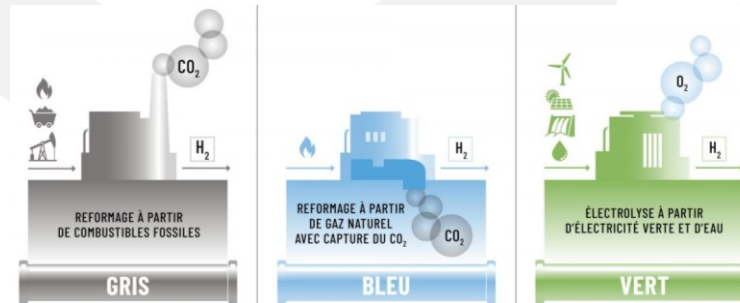
The hydrogen mobility aimed to decarbonise transport : It will develop only if we have green or low carbon hydrogen!

For now, 95% of the hydrogen produced is grey hydrogen from Steam Methane Reforming (SMR)

Figure 1. Schematic of traditional methane reforming unit for hydrogen production.



The alternative that is developing is the water electrolysis : use electricity in an electrolyser to split the water molecules in hydrogen and oxygen.
If low carbon electricity is used, this produce low carbon hydrogen



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