# Smart Power via Fuel Cells: prospects in the UK

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# Introduction & background





### Context

- Stationary fuel cells
- Potential for public sector involvement
- Supply chain opportunities



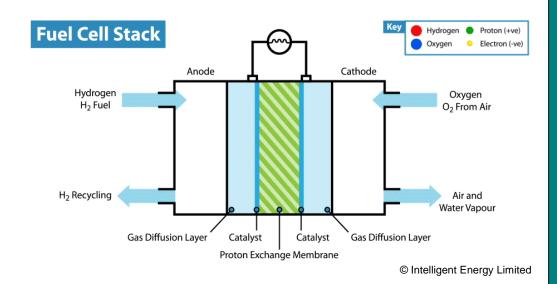
# Why fuel cells?

- Clean (cleaner)
- More efficient
- Potential for CHP
- Low maintenance
- Low noise
- Potential for low TCO



#### **Fuels**

- $H_2$  + O = energy, heat and  $H_2$ O
- Oxygen from the atmosphere
- But Hydrogen?





# 10kWh(e) output



	H2	Propane	Methanol
Total Mass	75kg	8.8kg	8.6kg





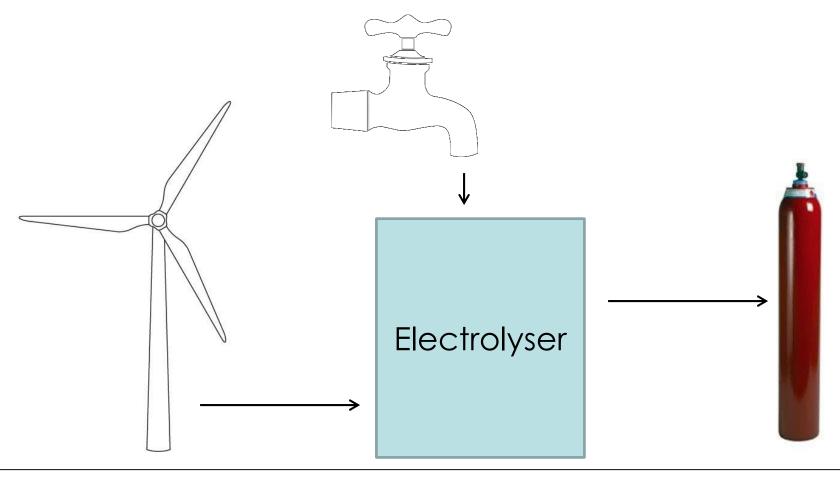
#### Or Natural Gas



- The cleanest fossil fuel
- Storage and delivery network in place
- Options for 'greening'
- Output modulated easily
- The viable option for FCs over 1MW



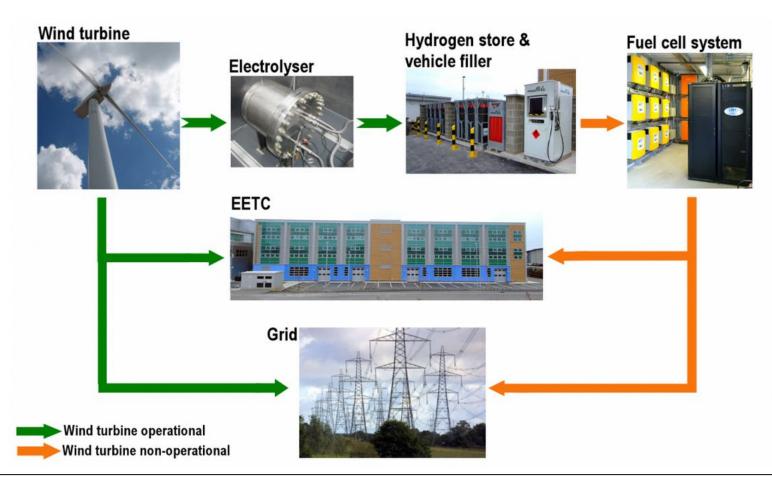
# Electrolysis





Fuel cells: current state of play www.fuelcellsystems.co.uk

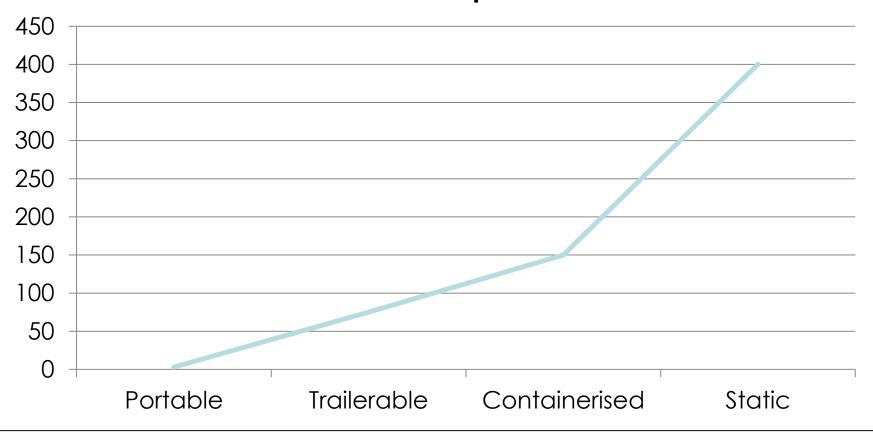
#### Hydrogen Mini-Grid System Advanced Manufacturing Park, Rotherham





# Fuel cell disposition vs. power

#### kWe output





## Portable



100W, 8.3A at 12V, 10kWh



## Trailer

Altergy, Inc.: 'Freedom Trailer' 5kW / 120 hours lighting trailer, Hydrogen-fuelled



# 360MW, Pyeongtaek City, Korea





# Fuel cell supply chain

Components and subcomponents			
<ul> <li>Fuel store</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Control systems</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Circulation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ePower conversion/regulation</li> </ul>		
• Stack	<ul> <li>tPower conversion/transport</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Fuel processing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cabling</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Pipework &amp; plumbing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Building works</li> </ul>		



# Fuel cell supply chain

#### Fuel generation and supply

#### Renewables to gas:

- Increased wind and PV demand
- Tidal and Lagoon turbines
- Electrolysers
- Civil engineering



# London





# Public sector opportunities

- Leadership showcasing FC use
- Potential for Decentralised Energy (DE) via 'Licence Lite'
- Retaining value of power and environmental benefits that would otherwise be ceded to established suppliers through power purchase agreements
- Hedging exposure to rising /volatile energy supply costs
- Meeting Corporate Social Responsibility obligations.



# e.g. London

Ability to generate revenue:

"The ground-breaking move will permit (the Mayor) to offer the capital's small electricity producers up to 30 per cent more for their excess energy than existing suppliers do, which he will then sell on to TfL, the Met and others at cost price\*."

\*GLA, 25 April 2014



# Summary

- Clean air
- Improved efficiency local generation
- Scalable domestic to industrial
- Manufacturing opportunities
- Local generation opportunities

