#### Hydrogen and Sustainable Energy Future of the State of Ceara

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### Hydrogen Technologies and Activities in Brazil

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### Topics

- > Why to use hydrogen?
- > Energy storage:  $H_2 \times$  batteries
- Applications: vehicular and photovoltaic
- Hydrogen activities in Brazil
- Investments
- Conclusion







# Why to use Hydrogen?

- Energy safety;
- Environment and Public Health:
  - Global warming caused by fossil fuel use (under debate);
  - Air Pollution from the industrial and transportation sectors (CO, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>);
  - > Harmful materials used in batteries;
- Renewable sources will be more and more important;
- Storage is necessary to regulate the offer of intermittent sources of energy;
- Batteries would be the natural candidates, but despite the advances they are: expensive, heavy, slow charging.



# Why to use Hydrogen?

# Toyota's R&D Activities for Realizing Sustainable Mobility

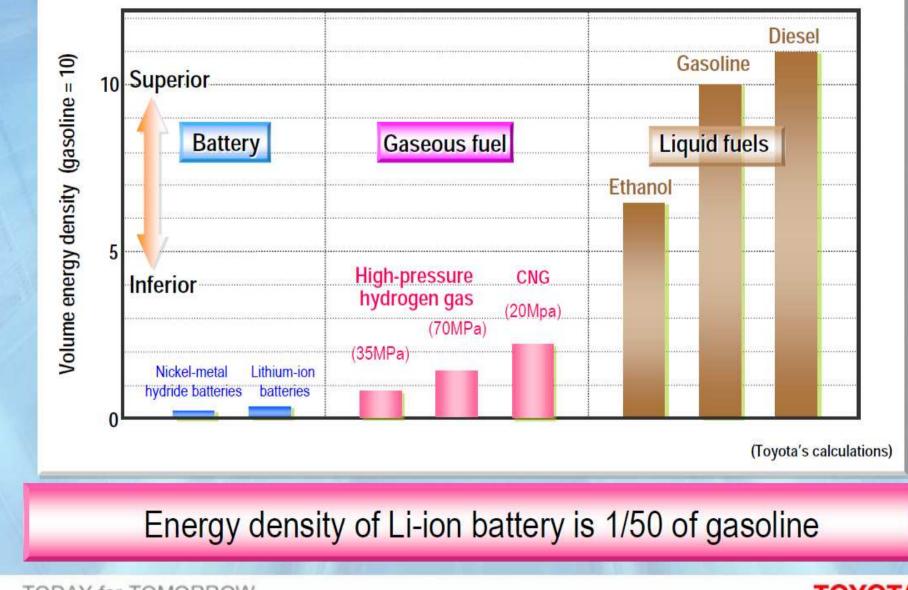
## Takeshi Uchiyamada

Executive Vice President Toyota Motor Corporation December 14, 2009



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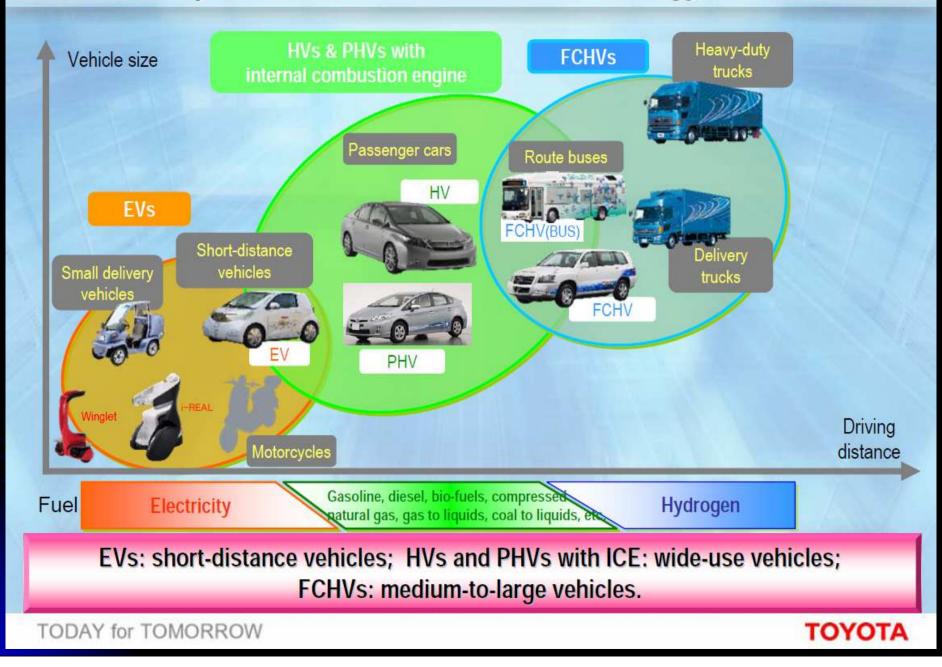
### **Comparison of Energy Density**



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#### **Response to Environmental and Energy Issues**





# What is a Fuel Cell?

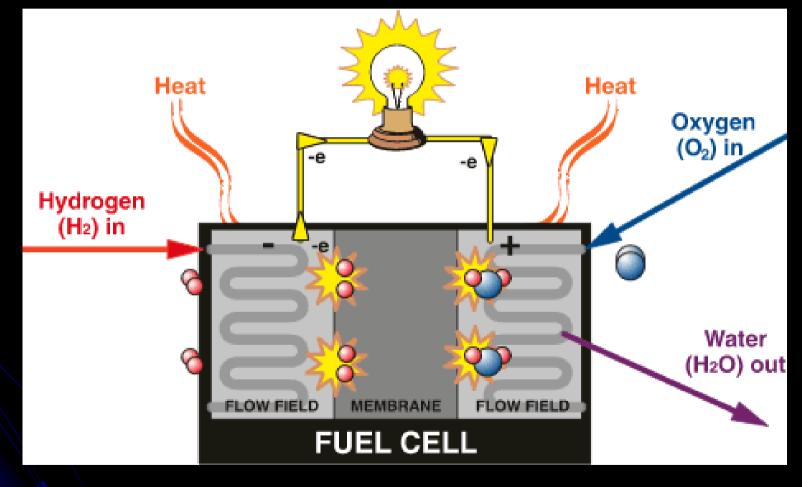
- Electrochemical device that converts the chemical energy of fuels (mainly H<sub>2</sub>) directly to electricity (heat and water).
- > Operating principle (reverse of electrolysis) was discovered by Willian Grove, 1839.
- Pratical applications started during the space race, with NASA – in the 1960s.



Foto: Intelligent Energy Stacks, 2003.



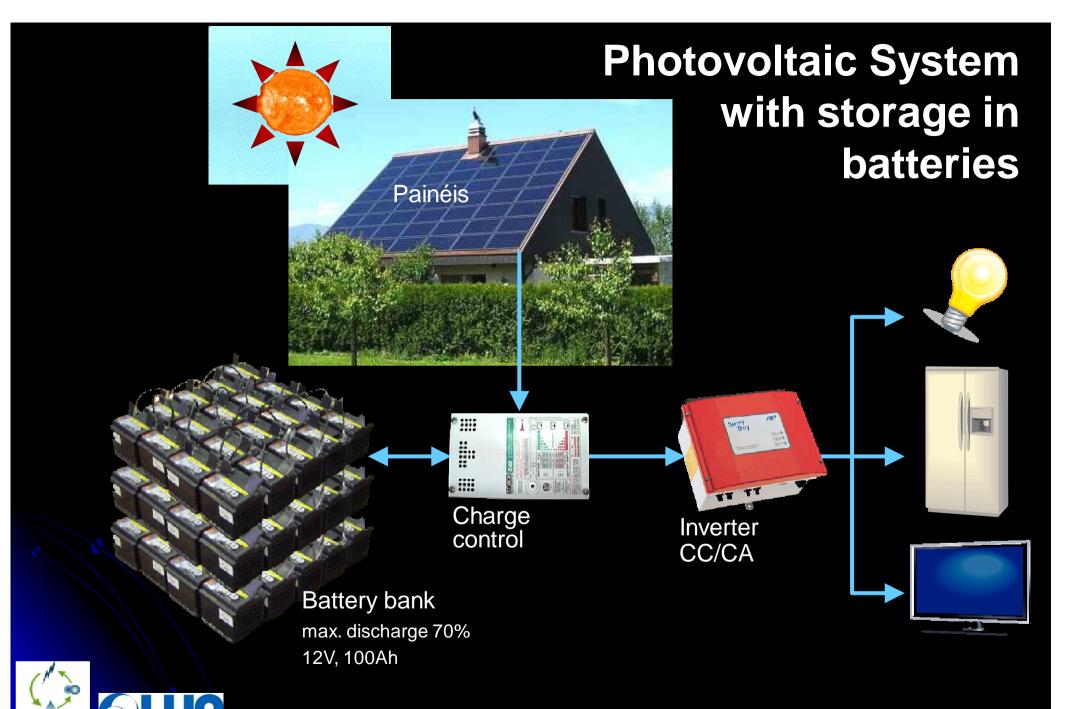
## **PEM Fuel Cells**



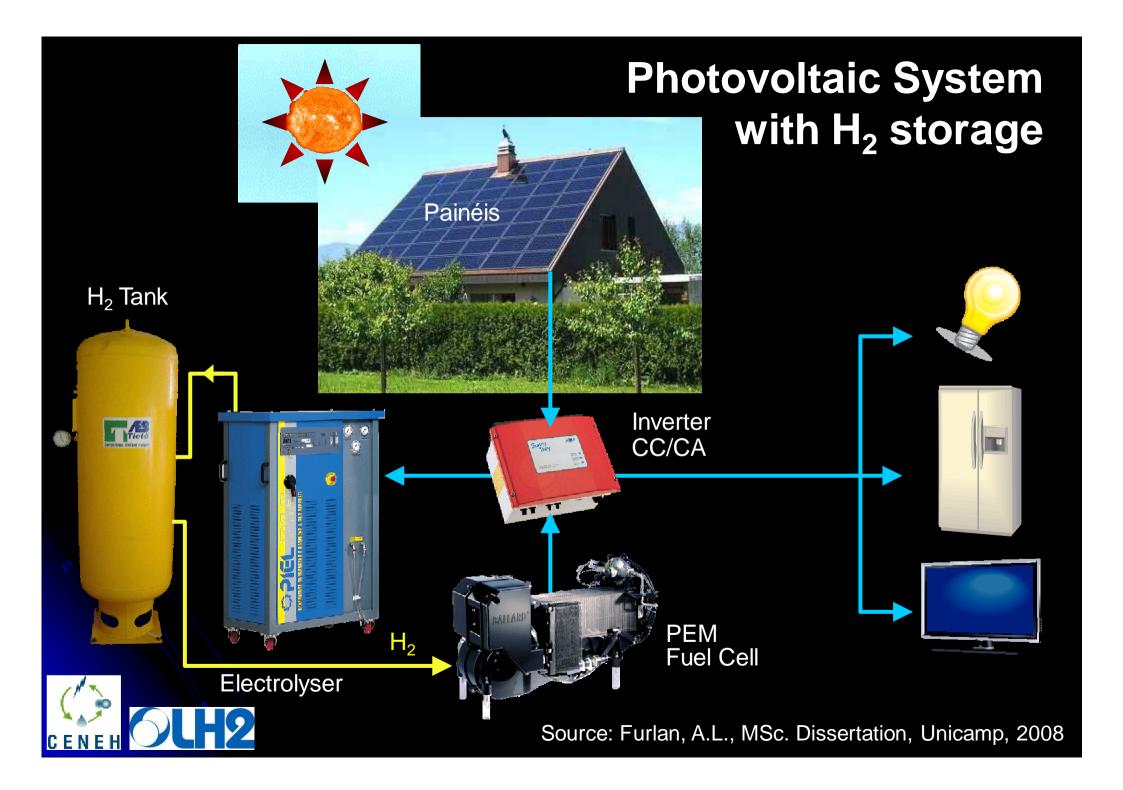
Fonte: HPower, USA.



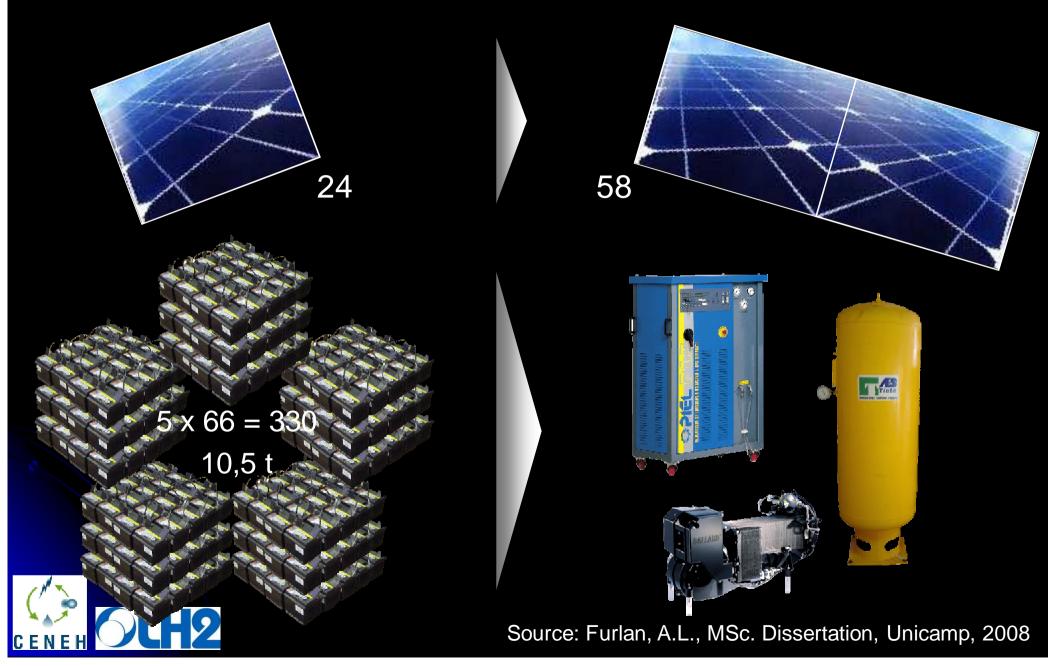
# $H_2$ from Renewable Energies Energy Storage: $H_2 \times$ batteries



Source: Furlan, A.L., MSc. Dissertation, Unicamp, 2008

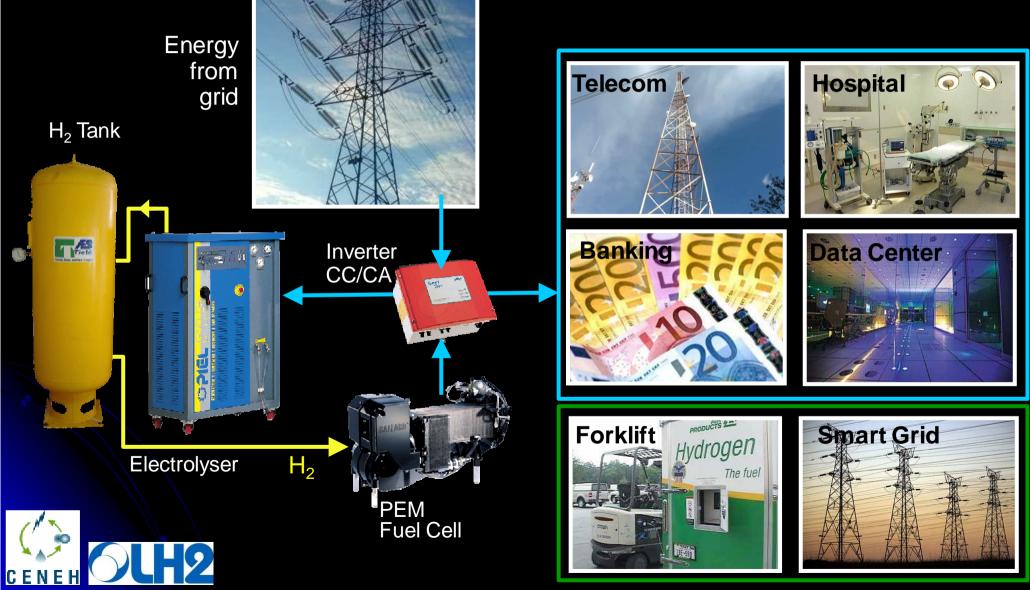


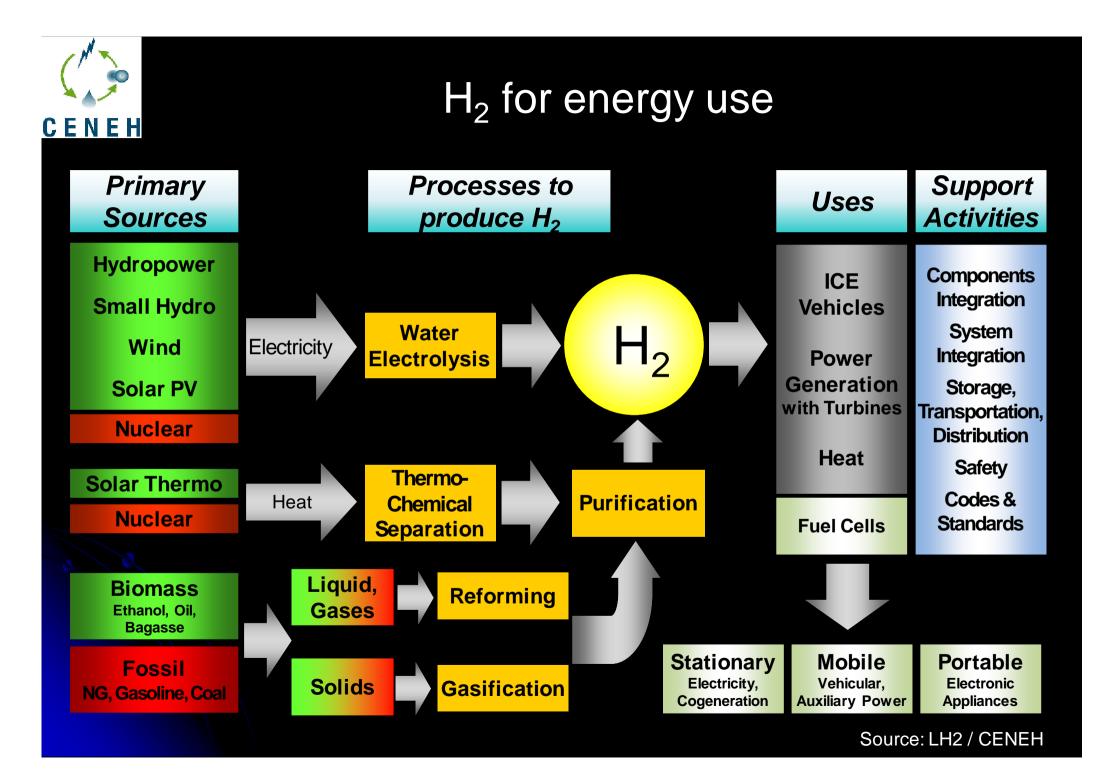
#### Photovoltaic System Comparison: H<sub>2</sub> x Batteries



#### Uninterruptible power supply for essential loads

and early niche markets for H<sub>2</sub> energy







### H<sub>2</sub> Cost x Environmental Impact

Hydrogen Cost Electrolysis with Solar PV

Electrolysis with Wind

Electrolysis with Hydropower

#### **Ethanol Reforming**

Biomass Gasification

NG Reforming

Environmental Impact



# Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Activities in Brazil



### Universidade Estadual de Campinas, SP

UNICAMP is the site for 3 energy centers:



The Hydrogen Laboratory (LH2) at the Instituto de Física "Gleb Wataghin"



The Interdisciplinary Center for Energy Resources Planning (NIPE)



The Brazilian Reference Center for Hydrogen Energy (CENEH)

# Hydrogen Laboratory at Unicamp – IFGW

- ➢ LH2 has been working on  $H_2$ technologies since 1975.
- Some R&D topics are:
  - Hydrogen economy
  - System integration

Safety

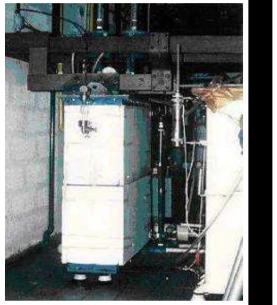
- $\blacktriangleright$  H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> blends for transportation
- Alkaline water electrolysis
- Ethanol and NG reformation
- $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub> from renewables (wind & PV)
- Trace gas analysis and standards

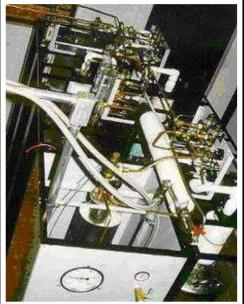




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- Alkaline water electrolysis plant
  for H<sub>2</sub> production
- > Operation: 1982 to 2000
- > 2 electrolyzers: 1.5 m<sup>3</sup>/h each
- > Up to 1.000 m<sup>3</sup> per month
  high purity hydrogen (5.5)
- H<sub>2</sub> used in semiconductor manufacture research.









# H<sub>2</sub> production by water electrolysis

- Despite the small scale, the operation is quite similar that of larger plants.
- This work gave us good
  experience in purification and handling of compressed and
   high purity H<sub>2</sub> and other gases.

H<sub>2</sub> Safety Course (and gases)







### Gas analysis

- > GC trace gas analysis
- Development of gas standards for H<sub>2</sub> analysis in Brazil





 Analysis of high concentration gaseous mixtures (syngas)



### H<sub>2</sub> from renewables

#### Recent activities:

- Operation of imported commercial electrolysers
- Integration of electrolysers × photovoltaic panels
- Production and storage of H<sub>2</sub> for backup power and peak shaving
- Obtaining experimental data is essential for energy planning.





# Hybrid Fuel Cell Vehicle





# Hythane (*Hidrano*): H<sub>2</sub> + NG



### The Brazilian Reference Center on Hydrogen Energy

National Perspectives ien Systems for Canada

International Workshop on Hydrogen and Fuel Cells WICaC: 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010

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- Short courses: H<sub>2</sub> Safety and Fuel Cells
- R&D and Energy Policy:
  - ProH2 (MCT): 50 R&D groups
  - IPHE (MME): 17 countries
  - ABNT (ISO and IEC)

5<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Hydrogen and Fuel Cells HHH

CENEH

October 26 to 29 - 2010 Centro de Convenções - Unicamp Campinas - Brazil



### WICaC 2010

#### 5<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Hydrogen and Fuel Cells

- Global View: Programs and Policies
- High and Low Temperature Fuel Cells
- Codes, Standards and Safety
- Hydrogen Production
  - Hydrogen Infrastructure
- Hydrogen and Fuel Cells: Education



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### Short Courses in WICaC

Electrocatalysts and Membranes Prof. Dr. Ernesto Gonzalez - USP



Polarizations in PEM Fuel Cells Prof. Dr. Marcelo Linardi - IPEN



#### Hydrogen Safety Mod. **Title** H<sub>2</sub> Market, H<sub>2</sub> Production, Fuel Cells 1 International System of Units, Ideal Gas, Real Gas 2 3 Safety of Gases and H<sub>2</sub> Cylinders, connections and valves for gases and $H_2$ 4 Purges of Gases 5 Infrastructure for gases and $H_2$ 6 Accidents with H<sub>2</sub> 7 Standards, Codes and Regulation 8

### Institute for Nuclear and Energy Research



- CCCH Center for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen
  - > PEMFC
  - > SOFC
  - > H<sub>2</sub> Production







- CCTM Center for Material Science and Technology
- Department of Ceramic
  Materials
- LIE Laboratory of Special Feedstock
- > LPCR Laboratory of Ceramic Processing
- Characterization of Raw
  Materials and Material

#### INSTITUTO DE QUIMICA DE SÃO CARLOS IQSC/USP

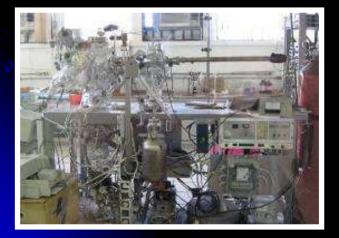


### Grupo de Eletroquímica

Instituto de Química de São Carlos | IQSC Universidade de São Paulo

- > R&D on  $H_2$  & Direct Ethanol PEMFC
- Synthesis of nanostructures
- Characterization of samples (STM, XRD, ultra high vacuum chamber)









## Hytron



- $\succ$  Hytron is a spin off company from  $\rightarrow$  Ethanol Reformer: the LH2 at UNICAMP.
- **Products and Services** 
  - > Autothermal Reform of Ethanol
  - > Autothermal Reform of NG
  - > Water Electrolysers
  - Electric power generators (fuel processor and fuel cells)
  - Gas purification systems

 $\succ$  In: air, ethanol, water  $\triangleright$  Out: H<sub>2</sub>





- Electrocell is a PEMFC maker incubated at CIETEC/IPEN
- > Products:
  - > PEMFC stacks
  - > PEMFC stationary systems
  - Bipolar plates
  - Bench test systems for FCs
  - > Electric power conditioning
  - FC components
  - > Bipolar graphite battery





**AES Eletropaulo / IPEN** 



- > PEMFC maker, Americana, SP
- > Vertical business strategy:
  - > Ultra Thin Highly Conductive
    Bipolar Plates
  - Low Pt Membrane Electrode Assembly
  - Gasket In Place Silicone Seals & Frames
  - Low Energy Strategy Balance of Plant
  - Fully Predicted Micro Processed Integrated
    System







### **Brazilian Fuel Cell Bus**



- > Type: Padron (12.6 m long) / Low floor
- Capacity: 40 passengers (1 driver / 29 seated / 9 stand up / 1 for wheel-chair)
- Accessibility (wheelchair space and access ramp)
- Electronic control and diagnostic system
- Power: 230 kW
- Range: 300 km
- >  $H_2$  consumption: 15 kg / 100 km





- Air-conditioning
- Low noise level
- > Zero emission



### **Brazilian Fuel Cell Bus: Highlights**



- Hybrid technology (Bat+FC)
- Price below US\$ 1 million
- Best performance among the hydrogen buses

- > Designed for regular use
- No subsidies: regular prices for components and services
- Brazilian technology has collaborated to reduce costs





### **COPPE's Hydrogen Bus**



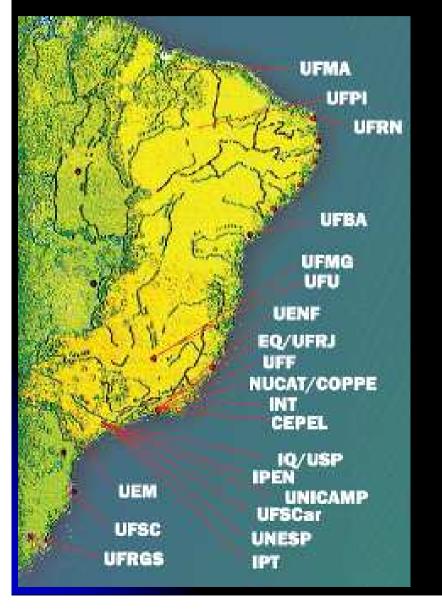


- Launch: May10
- > Tests are underway



- ProH2 "Law": Portaria MCT nº 731, Nov. 14, 2002
  - To promote integrated and cooperative actions to support the national development of technologies for the production of hydrogen and fuel cell systems, to enable the country to be internationally competitive.
- > ProH2: 5 networks with more than 40 universities and centers:
  - > Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells PEMFC
  - Solid Oxide Fuel Cells SOFC
  - > Hydrogen Production
  - Systems, Integration and Engineering
  - Utilization and Auxiliary Activities (Safety, Codes, Standards, etc.)

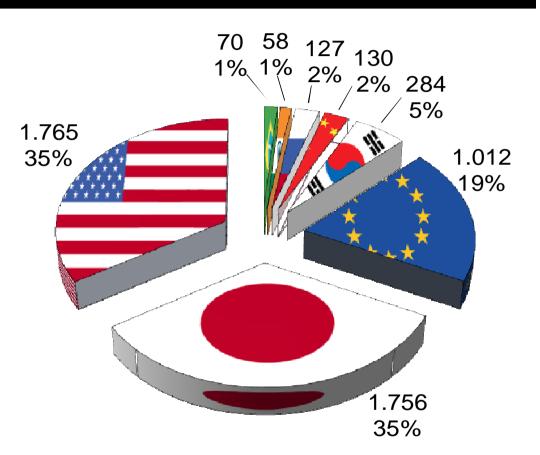




- ProH2: 5 networks with more than 40 universities and R&D centers
- Brazil also counts with:
  - Other 60 R&D groups working with hydrogen technologies
  - 7 major gas companies (Linde, APCI, Air Liquide, White Martins, IBG, Gama Gases and Bann Química)
  - > 3 small fuel cell companies
  - 1 small company for hydrogen production systems



Country	Period	US\$ Millions	US\$ MM/yr
🛛 Brazil	99 - 07	70	8
🗖 India	05 - 07	58	19
■ Russia	04 - 07	127	32
China	01 - 06	130	22
🗷 South Korea	00 - 08	284	32
European Union	01 - 07	1,012	145
🗉 Japan	00 - 07	1,756	220
∎USA	01 - 07	1,765	252



Sources:

- Matos, M.B., MSc. Dissertation, Unicamp, 2009;
- ≻ Lee, T. H., Lecture in Seoul, 2009
- > Organized actions are being done with good results
- More investments are necessary
- > Strategic partnerships can accelerate the results

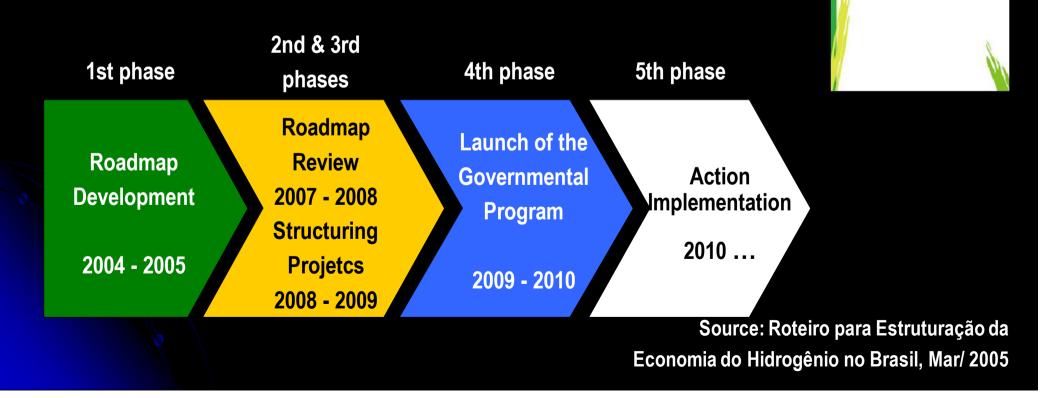


Roteiro para Estruturação da

Economia do Hidrogênio no Brasil

Document of the Brazilian government (Mar. 2005);

- Coordination of the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME);
- >Objective: to point out actions and structuring projects to introduce the hydrogen in energy matrix within 2020.





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Logística do hidrogênio Sistemas de utilização

### Thank you! Obrigado!



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