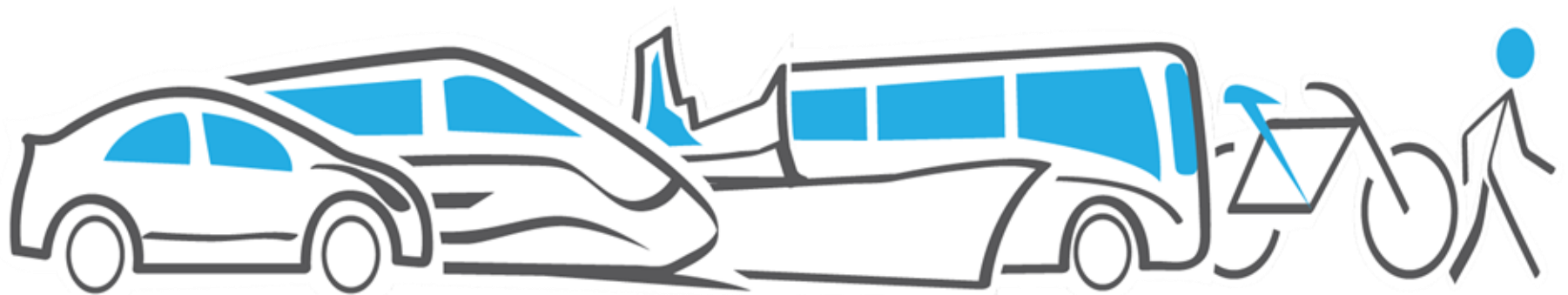




# Potential of Hydrogen as a Zero- emission Renewable Fuel for transport sector

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L.M.Das





# Hydrogen :Not a Radically New Concept Emerged from application in oceans

*....“ I believe that water will one day be employed as fuel, that hydrogen and oxygen which constitute it, used singly or together will furnish an inexhaustible source of heat and light of an intensity of which coal is not capable.....water will be coal of the future”*

## **ENERGY CRISIS**

*....“With a new national commitment, our scientists and engineers will overcome obstacles to taking these cars from laboratory to showroom, so that the first car driven by a child born today could be powered by hydrogen and pollution-free“.....*

*George Bush On Freedom Fuel  
(Environmental Degradation)*



**JULES VERNE Mysterious Island (1876)**





# *Relevance Of Hydrogen today*

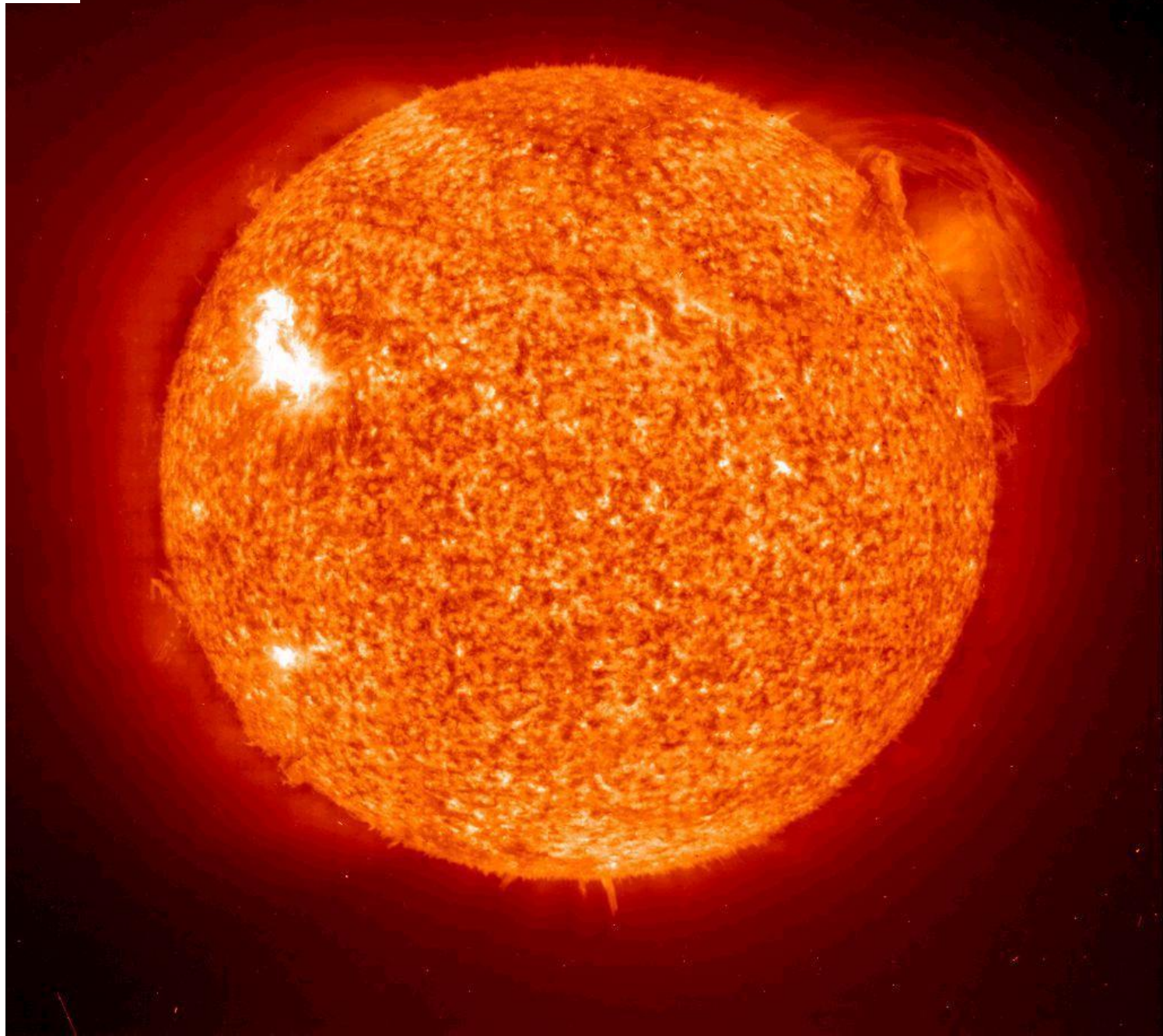
- Available **from water using** non petroleum fossil fuel/renewable energy resource
- **Recycles rapidly and cleanly** from hydrogen to water
- **Clean burning-** potential environmental benefits
- Provides **high efficiency** energy conversion process
- **Compatible** with all energy uses



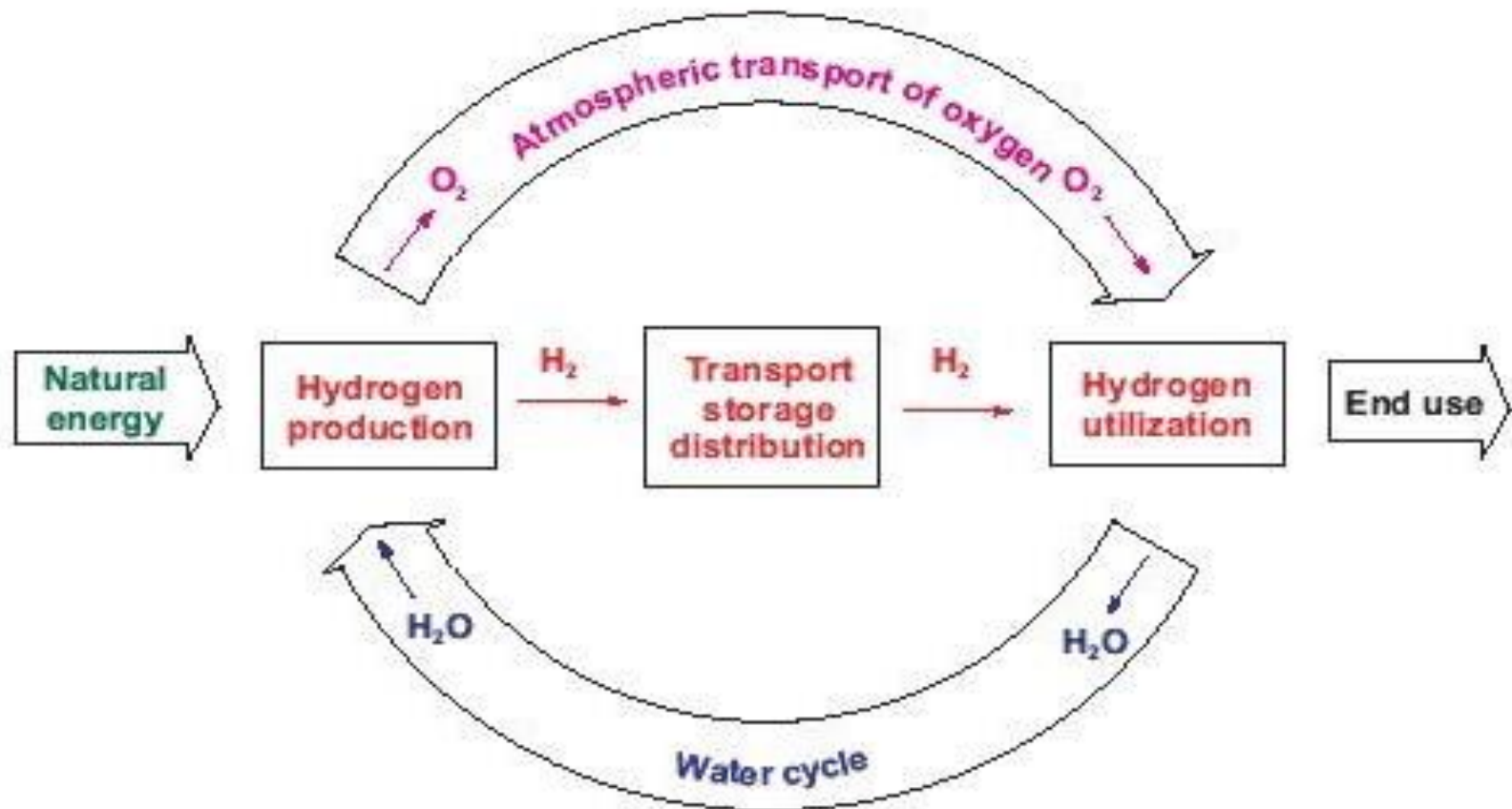
# The SUN

**Source of  
all Energy**

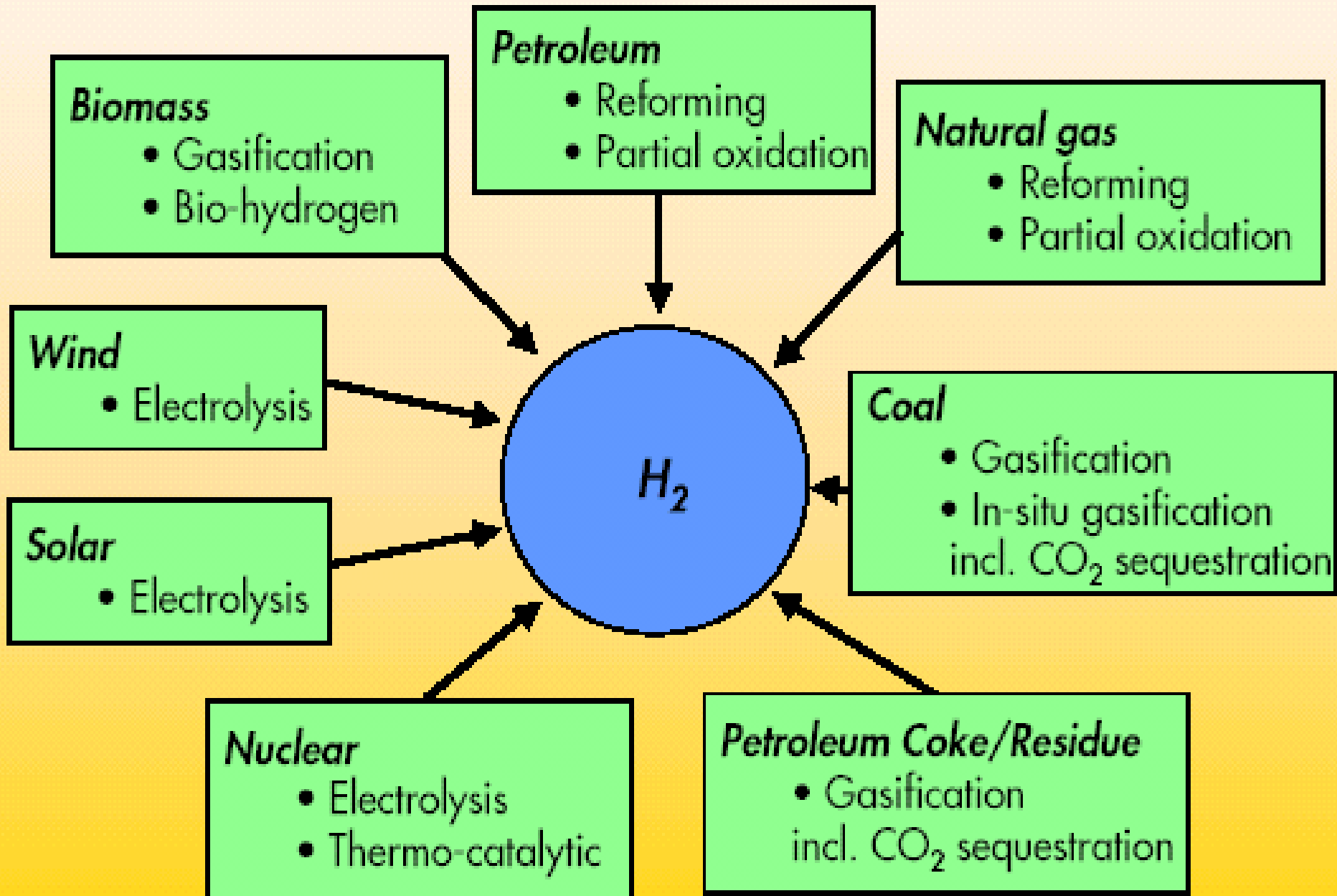
**Produces  
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from H<sub>2</sub>**



# THE HYDROGEN CYCLE



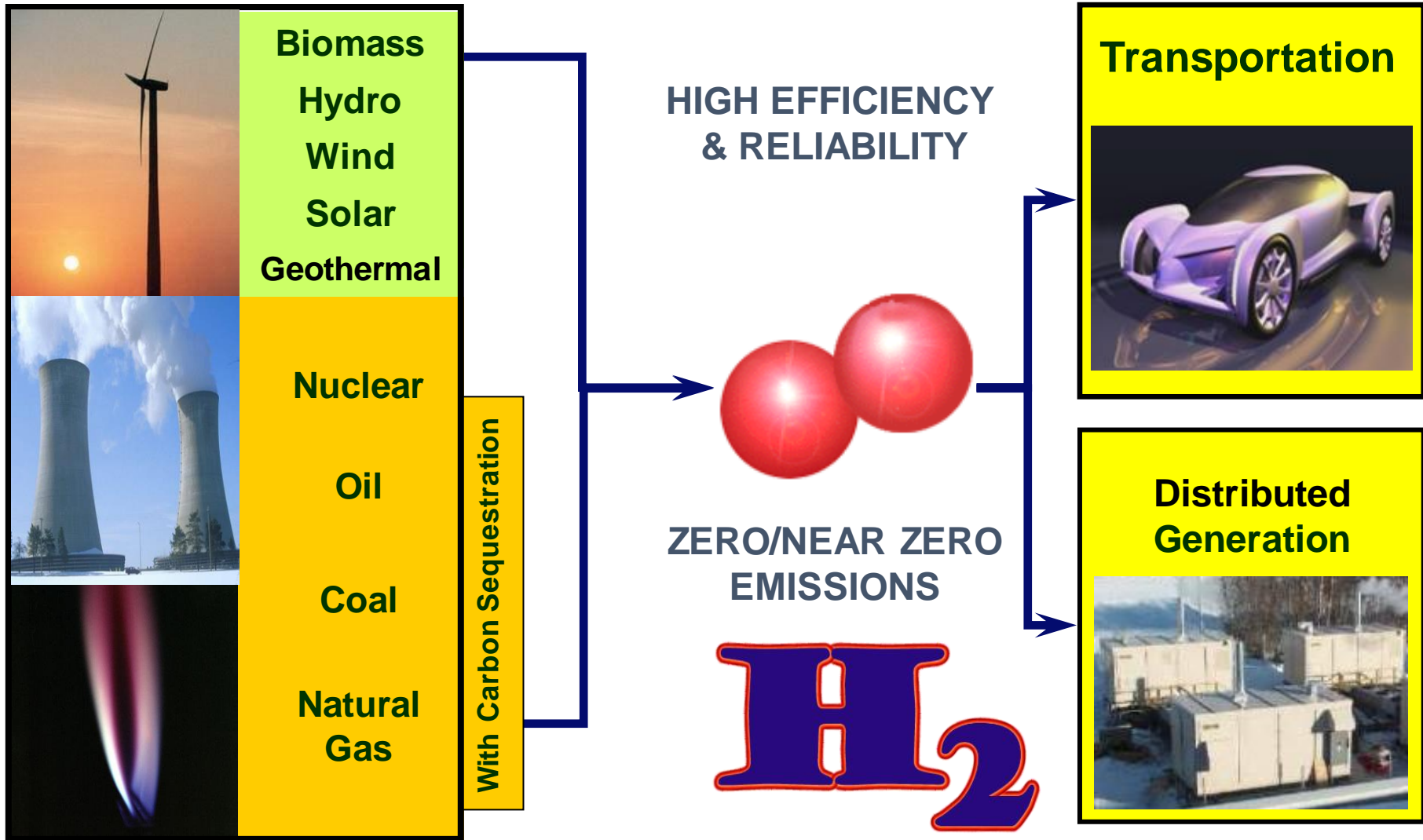
# How to make Hydrogen





# HYDROGEN

It's abundant, clean, efficient, and can be derived from diverse domestic /non-fossil resources.





# HYDROGEN – SOURCES



## Hydrogen



Gas



Oil



Waste



Biomass



Algae



Coal



Power from  
renewables



Alcohol from  
renewables

1 Can be made from a variety of sources

1 Sources and processes can offer CO<sub>2</sub>-free hydrogen supply

1 Create a freedom in the use of energy





## Temperamental Combustion Properties Of Hydrogen

|                         | Hydrogen<br>H <sub>2</sub> | Gasoline | Diesel<br>Fuel | Methanol<br>CH <sub>3</sub> OH | Propane<br>C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> | Methane<br>CH <sub>4</sub> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Ignition energy (mJ/kg) | 20                         | 250      |                | 200                            | 250                                      | 300                        |
| Flame. limits (%)*      | 4-75                       | 1-8      | 1-7            | 6-26                           | 2-10                                     | 5-15                       |
| Auto-ignition temp.(°C) | 580                        | 400      | 220            | 380                            | 490                                      | 650                        |
| Flame speed (m/s)       | 2.7                        | 0.35     | 0.3            | 0.5                            | 0.4                                      | 0.4                        |



# Temperamental properties related to safety

- Minimum Ignition Energy
- High flame speed
- Wider flammability range
- Invisible flame

These properties are dangerous if liberally handled.

However a lot of benefit could be obtained from a hydrogen-specific system if these properties are optimally used

- Buoyancy and diffusivity are beneficial



← A picture from a video which compared fire from a leak in a gasoline engine car and the same kind of leak from a hydrogen car. The pictures are taken at one minute after ignition

→ The hydrogen flame has begun to subside, the gasoline fire is intensifying. After 100 seconds, all the hydrogen was gone and the interior of the car was undamaged. The gasoline car continued to burn for a long time and was totally damaged.

[Dr. Michael R. Swain 2001]



# Broad Areas of Application

Hydrogen as an energy carrier can be used instead of fossil fuels for virtually all purposes

- **Hydrogen powered automobiles with I C Engines** and Fuel cells
- **Marine application** of Hydrogen
- Hydrogen powered **airplanes**
- Hydrogen Application in Electricity generation ( **Gensets**)
- Hydrogen Application in **Buildings**



# Modes of Transportation System

**Land** (auto vehicles such as Bus, Car, Scooter, Three wheelers, Truck , tractors etc)

**Air**( [airplanes](#), [helicopters](#), [airships](#), [gliders](#), [paramotors](#) [hot air balloons](#)).

**Sea** (Watercraft, also known as water vessels vehicles used in and on water, including boats, ships, hovercraft, and submarines)

**Space** : Several space crafts ( flyby,,Orbitor Lander etc)

# Land Transport sector: Worst victim of Energy-environment Crises

**Transportation system built on Internal Combustion Engines are the most common systems for centuries**

**IC Engines operated on conventional petroleum fuels have become the most dominant polluter.**

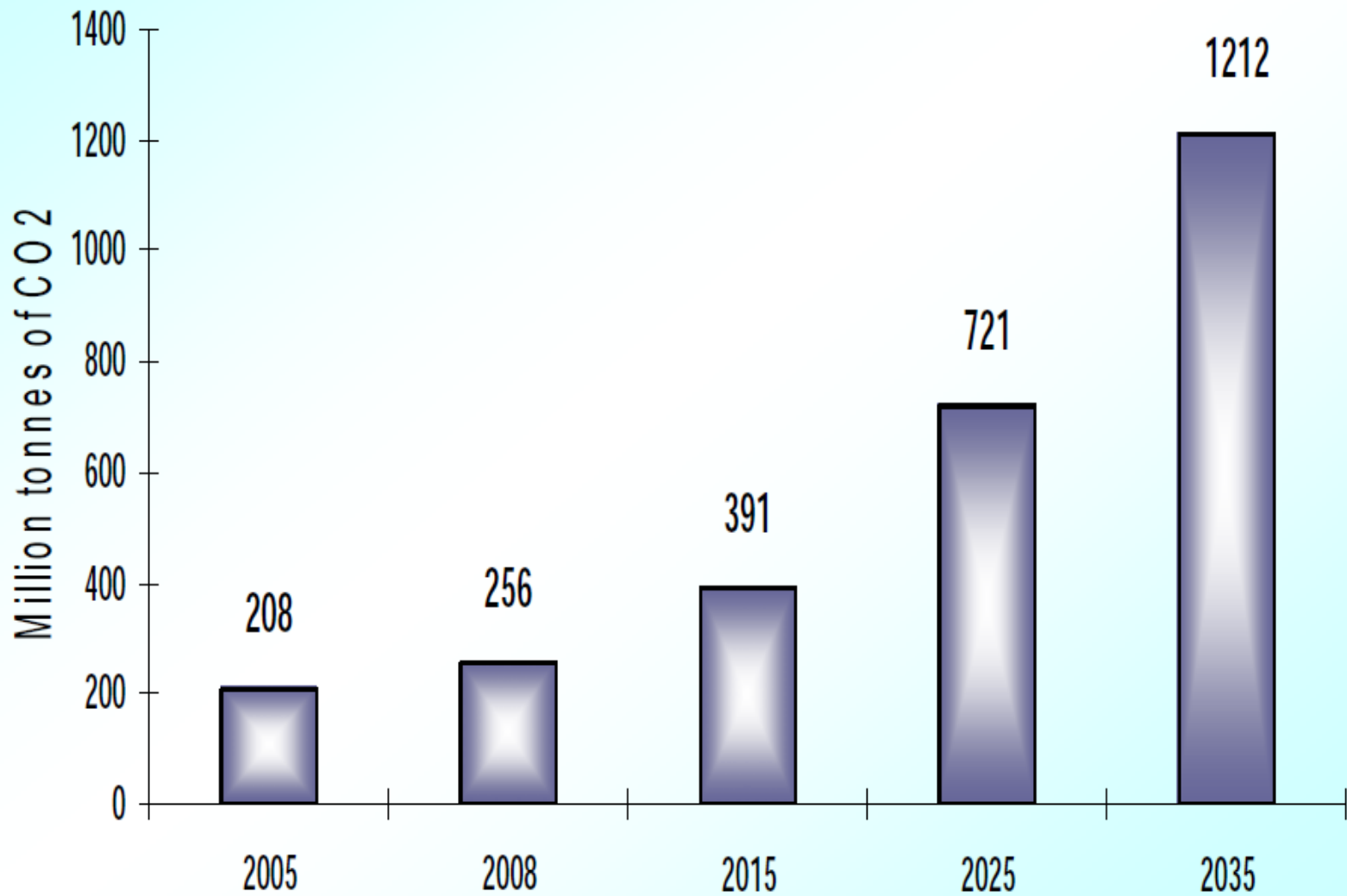
**Simple way to control Pollution from transport sector is to use some renewable low-emission alternative fuels**



# Global Emissions of GHG's from Transport Sector

- Transport sector contributes around **14%** towards the global emissions of green house gases
- **Carbon dioxide** represents the largest proportion of basket of greenhouse gas emissions
- The **Road transport alone** emits around **16%** of the global CO<sup>2</sup> emissions

## Total CO2 emissions (Well to exhaust) on Indian roads





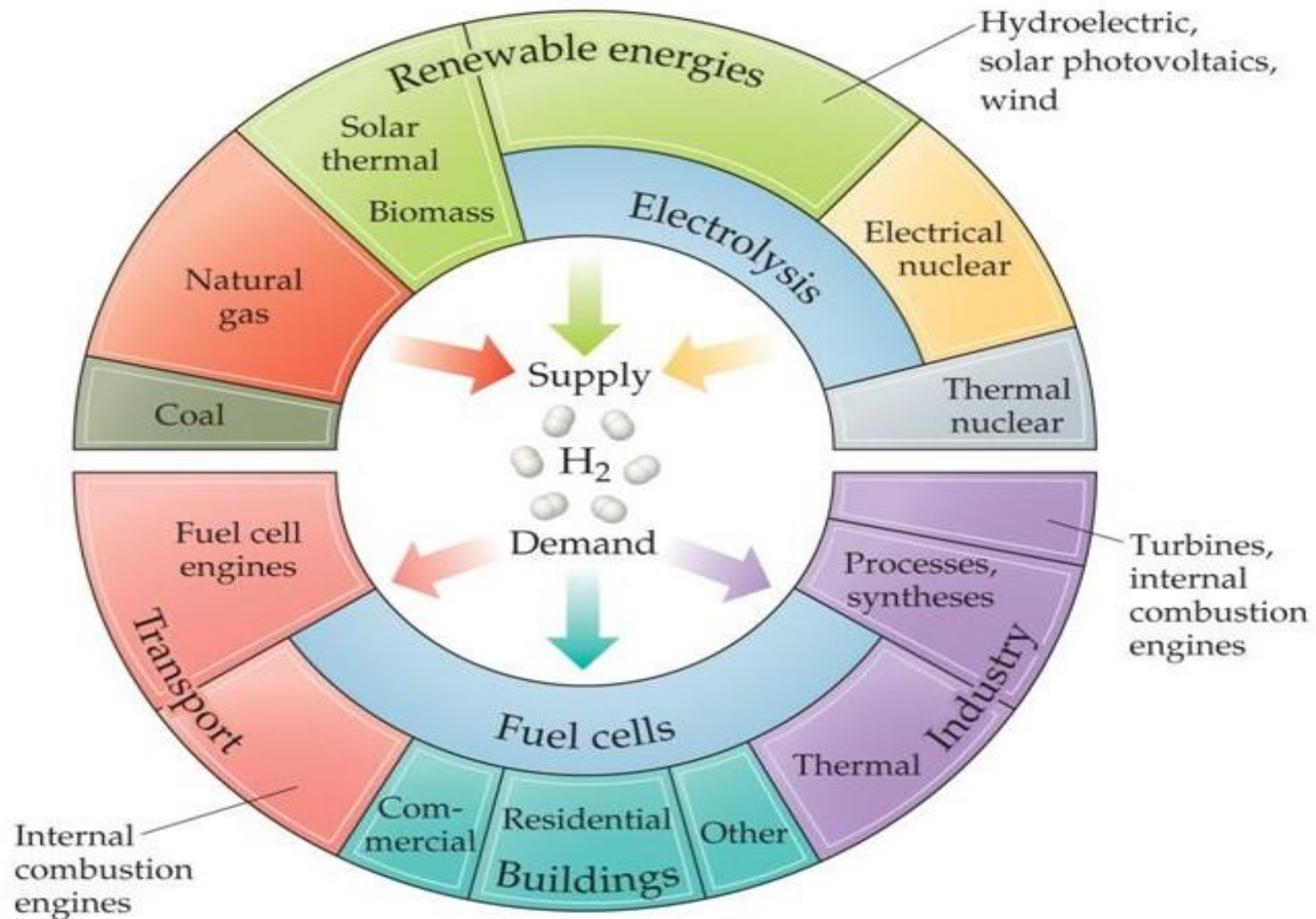


## *Alternatives : Approach to attain Sustainable Transport*

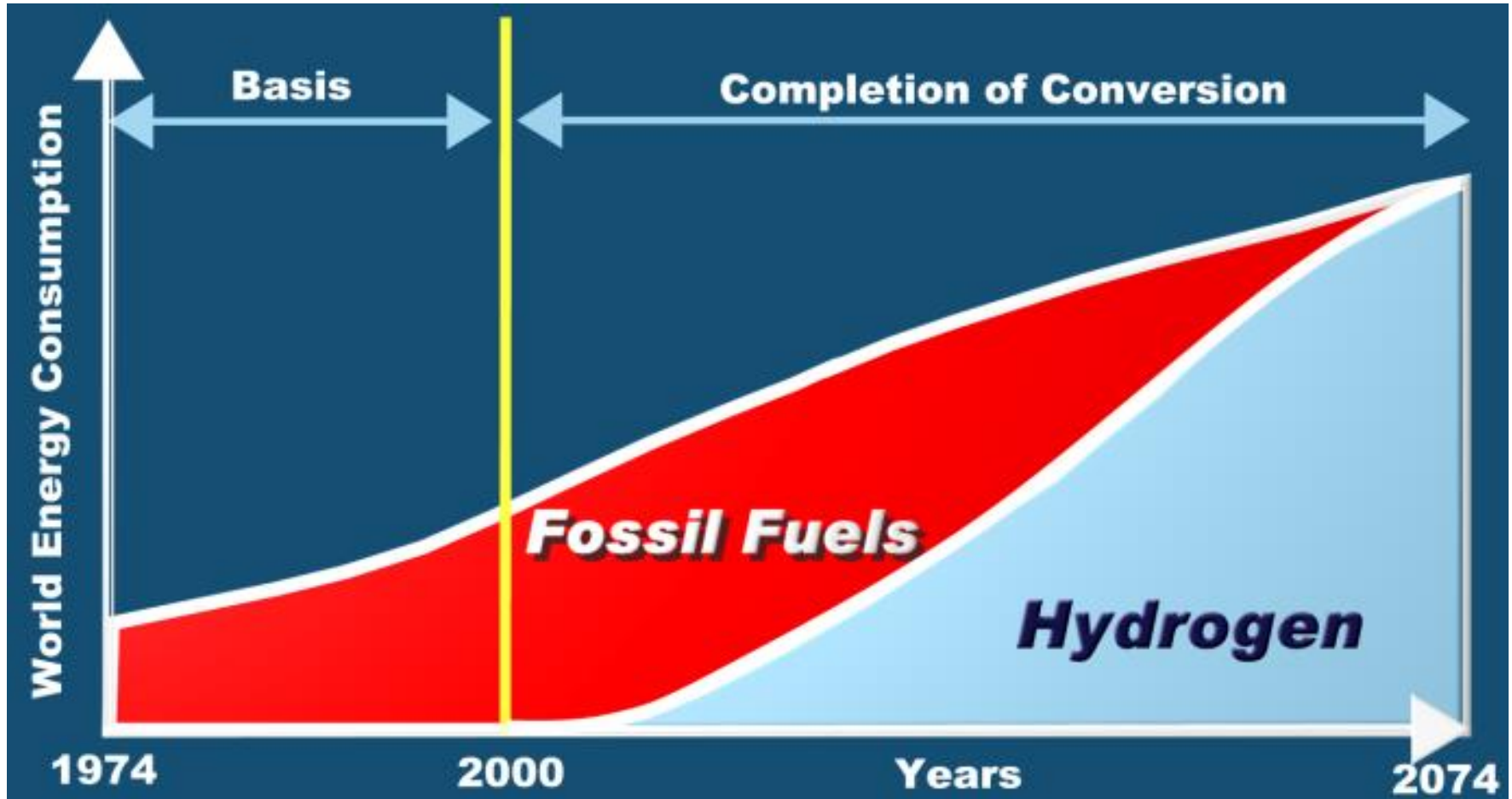
- **Hydrogen**
- **Compressed Natural Gas(CNG)**
- **Bio-Diesel**
- **Hydrogen Added Natural Gas**
- **Ethanol and Methanol**
- **Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)**
- **Biogas**
- **Producer Gas**
- **BtL GtL and CTL**
- **Electric/Hybrid/battery operated systems**



# The Hydrogen Economy

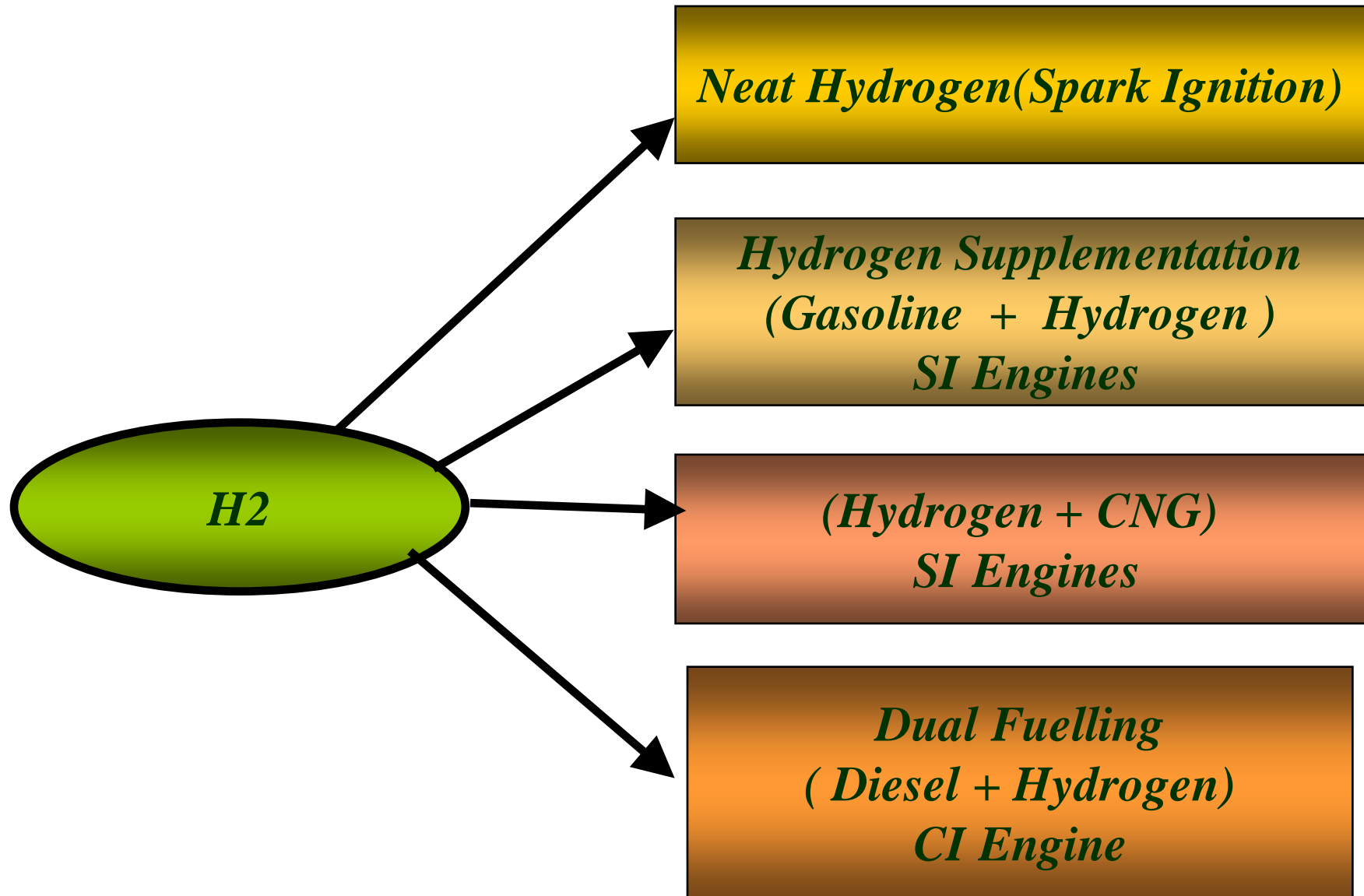


# Building Hydrogen Energy



Source: T. Nejat Veziroglu , Hydrogen Energy Technologies, UNIDO

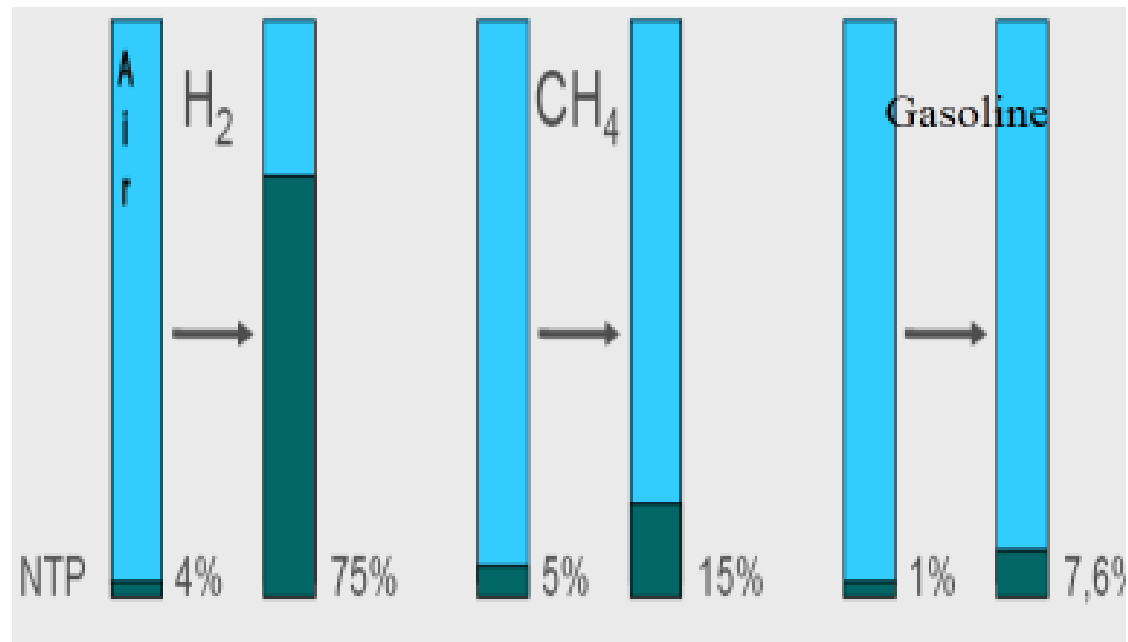
# Use of Hydrogen in I C engines





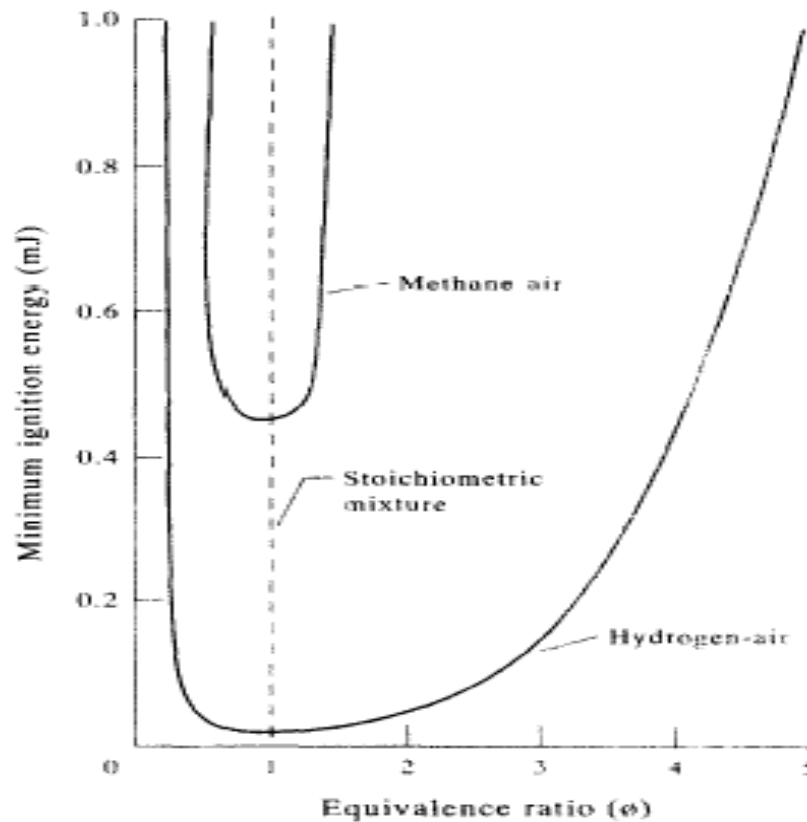
# Flammability range

## Comparison





# Minimum Ignition Energy as a Function of Equivalence Ratio for Hydrogen and Methane





## *Backfire: Achilles Heel for Hydrogen Engines*

- *Presence of **Hot Particles** in the Cylinder*
- *Hot Spots on the **Spark Plugs** and on the **Cylinder Walls***
- ***Particulate matter** in the residual from the oil*
- ***Communication of fresh charge** with burning exhaust gases from another cylinder*
- ***Very lean operation** with the presence of still-burning gases from the previous cycle—when the intake valve opens*

## *Optimum Fuel Induction into Hydrogen Engine*

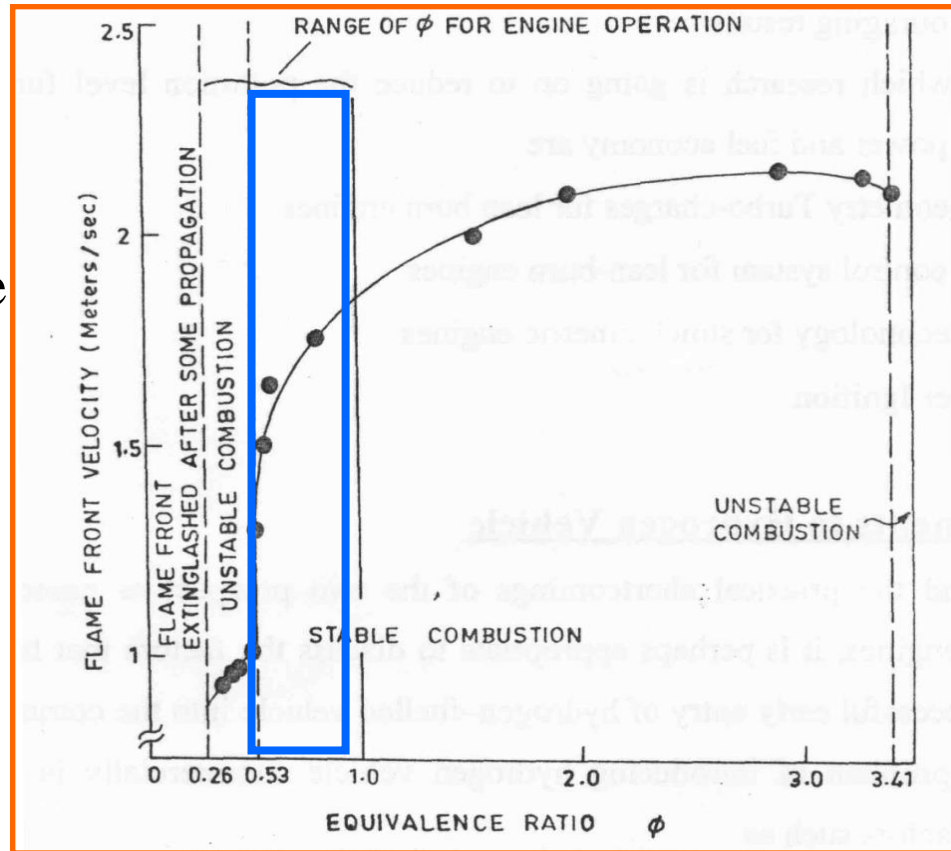
| Mixture formation                             | Classification | Hydrogen flow timing   | Supply pressure                   |
|---|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Continuous carburetion (CC)                   | Pre-IVC        | Continuous flow  | A little above atmospheric        |
| Continuous manifold injection (CMI)           | Pre-IVC        | Continuous flow  | Slightly greater than atmospheric |
| Timed manifold injection (TMI)                | Pre-IVC        | Hydrogen flow commences after opening of the intake valve but completed prior to Intake valve closure                | $1.4 \pm 5.5 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$    |
| Low pressure direct cylinder injection (LPDI) | Post-IVC       | Hydrogen flow commences after the intake valve closure and is completed before significant compression pressure rise | $2.0 \pm 8.0 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$    |

**\* Reference:** Das L M. Fuel induction technique for a hydrogen operated engine. Int J Hydrogen Energy 1990; 15(11):833-42.



# STABLE ENGINE OPERATION RANGE

- Range of equivalence ratio for effective hydrogen engine operation in lean burn mode without showing any undesirable phenomena \*
- Unstable engine operation above  $\phi > 0.8$  reported #
- Combustion instability and reduction in thermal efficiency has been reported for  $\phi < 0.4$



\*J.Breton Office of Natl. Combustion Liquids, 11 487 Theses Faculte Des Sciences

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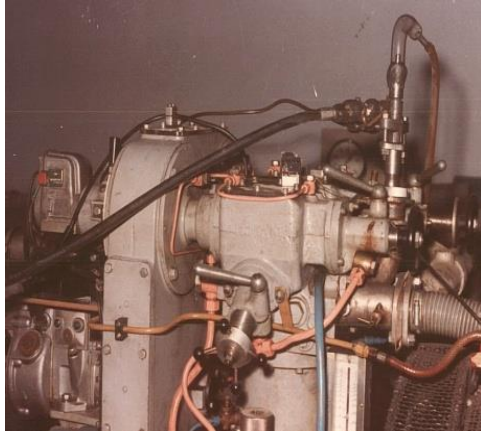
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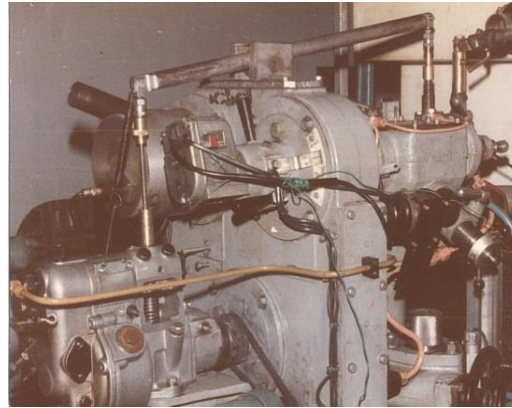


## Hydrogen engines system :Outcome of R&D pursuits in IITD

**HYDRAULICALLY  
 OPERATED INJECTION  
 SYSTEM**



**CAM-ACTUATED INJECTION SYSTEM**



**Neat Hydrogen-fuelled S.I.  
 Engine Genset**



**TOTAL HYDROGEN S.I. ENGINE  
 GENSET USING ELECTRONIC FUEL  
 INJECTION SYSTEM**



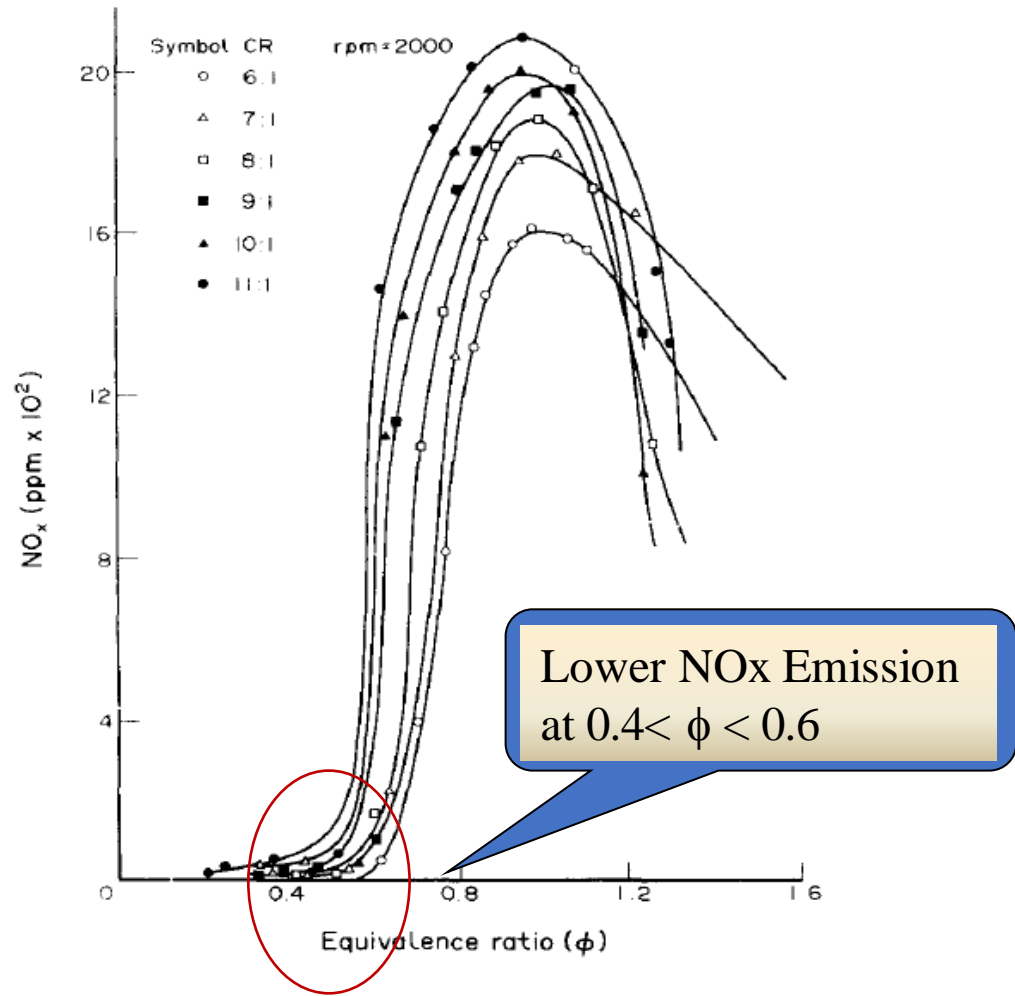
**SIX CYLINDER HYDROGEN –  
 DIESEL DUAL ENGINE GENSET  
 – (Ashok Leyland Engine)**



**HYDROGEN FUELLED DIESEL  
 ENGINE**

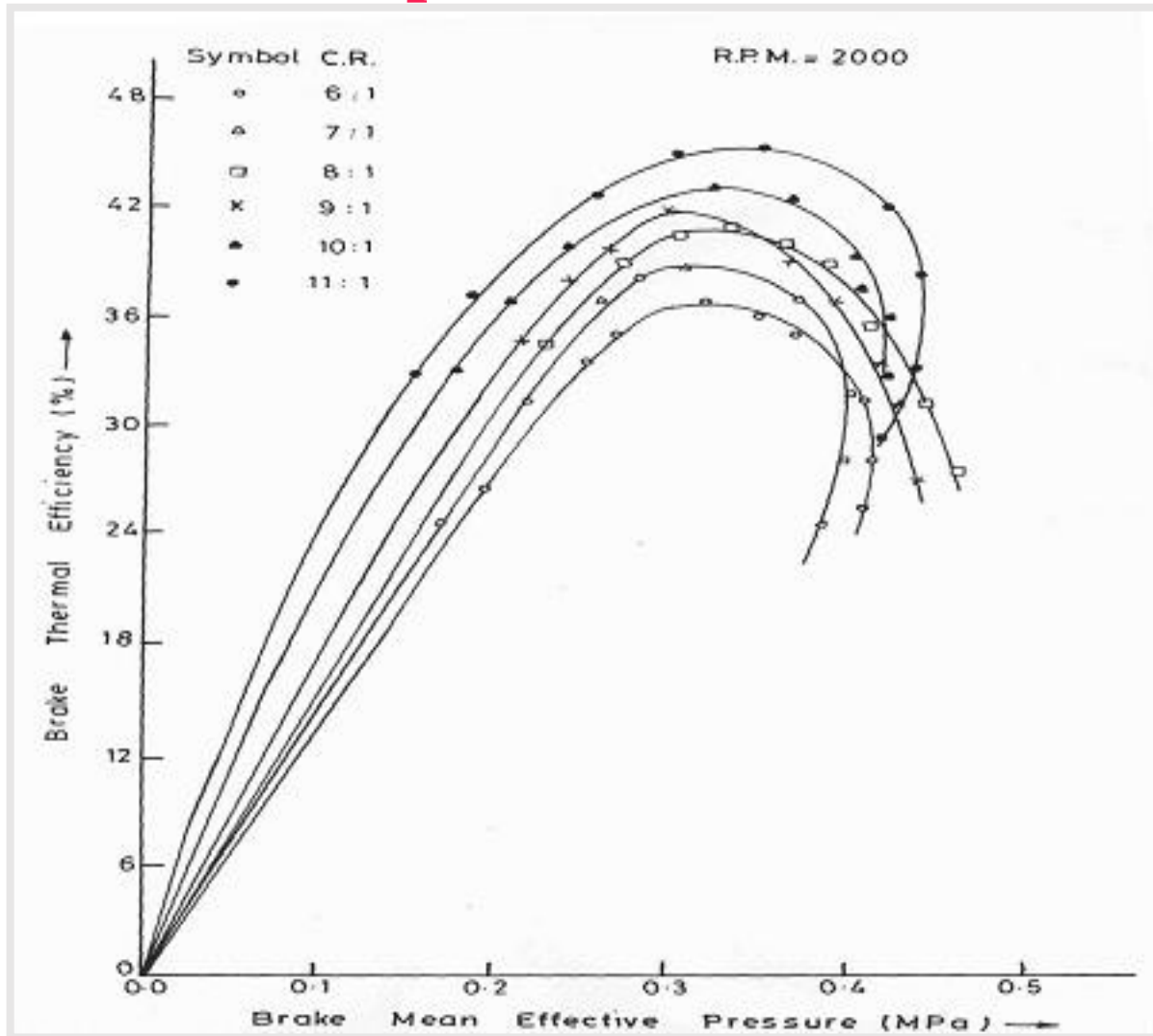


# Near Zero Emissions



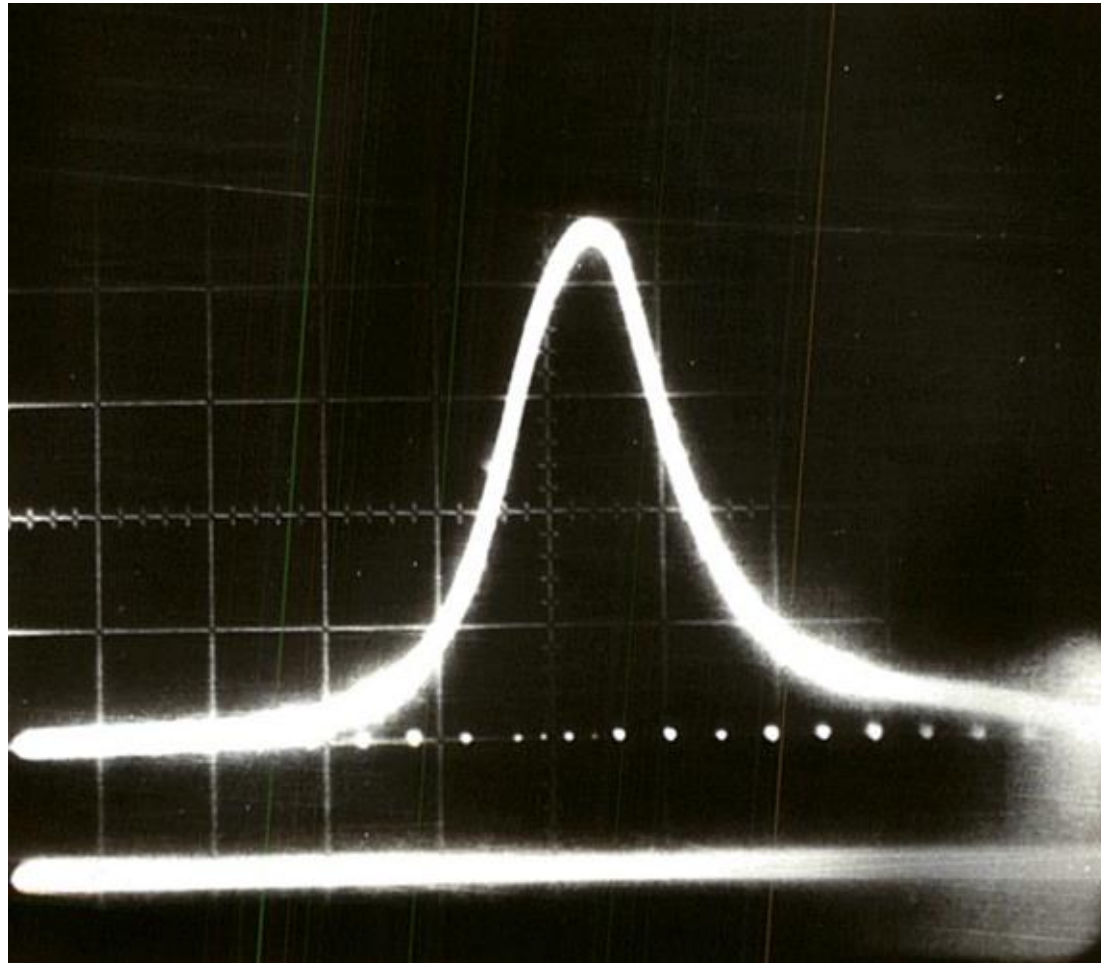
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# Improved Thermal Efficiency



**Maximum  
Thermal  
efficiency close  
to 44 % at lean  
engine operation**

# *PRESSURE CRANK ANGLE DIAGRAM-H<sub>2</sub>*





## Hydrogen as a Safe Automotive Fuel



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## *Hydrogen :Compression Ignition (DIESEL) Engine*

- Auto ignition temperature of Hydrogen is **576° C-ignition** by compression alone –not possible even at a CR of 29 (Study at Cornell University)
- Prof Ikegami's work at Kyoto University
- **Dual fuel operation** -most practical mode of diesel engine operation using hydrogen
- Small horse power diesel engine –converted to hydrogen-diesel operation and Multicylinder Diesel engine --- About 45% Energy substitution

## MULTICYLINDER HYDROGEN – DIESEL DUAL FUEL ENGINE



Multicylinder high horse power diesel engine modified to hydrogen diesel dual fuel mode of operation.

Hydrogen substituted upto 45% on energy basis





## Transfer of Technology from Lab-to-Land ( UNIDO-MNRE projects)



### Development and Demonstration of H<sub>2</sub>-Fuelled Three-Wheelers in New Delhi





# Genesis of the Project

To demonstrate H2 Technology: 15 H2 powered 3- Wheelers developed by IITD - support by UNIDO-ICHET.

Subsequent support by MNRE from Sept 2013 for the field trails

With ITPO Cooperation and presently vehicles are operational inside the pragati-maidan, New Delhi.

## PROJECT PARTNERS AND THEIR ROLES



- ❖ Activities Coordination among the partners.
- ❖ Vehicle testing in lab.



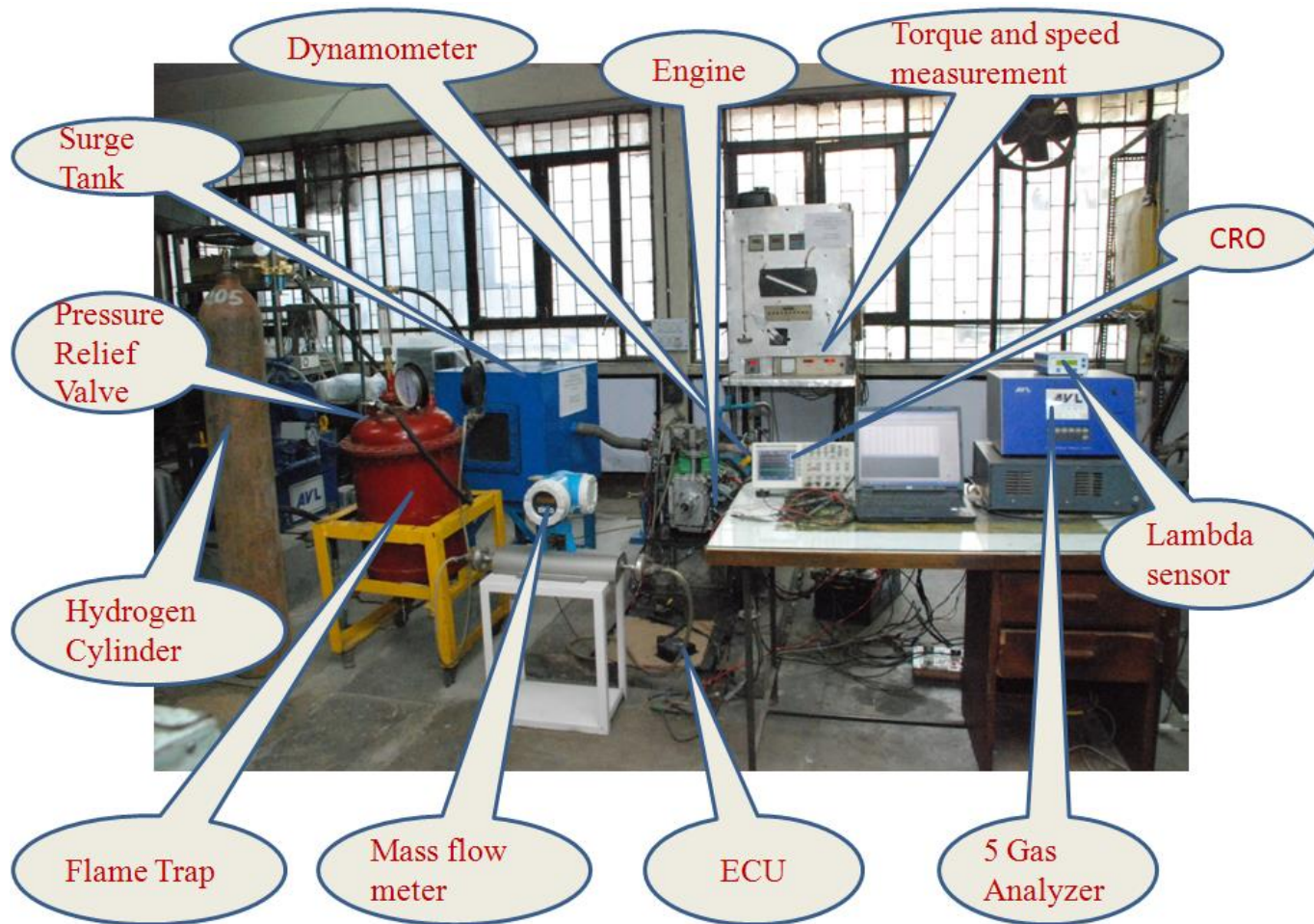
**Mahindra**

- ❖ Supply of Vehicles and maintenance.
- ❖ regulatory approvals for operation.
- ❖ Recruitment of drivers, security.

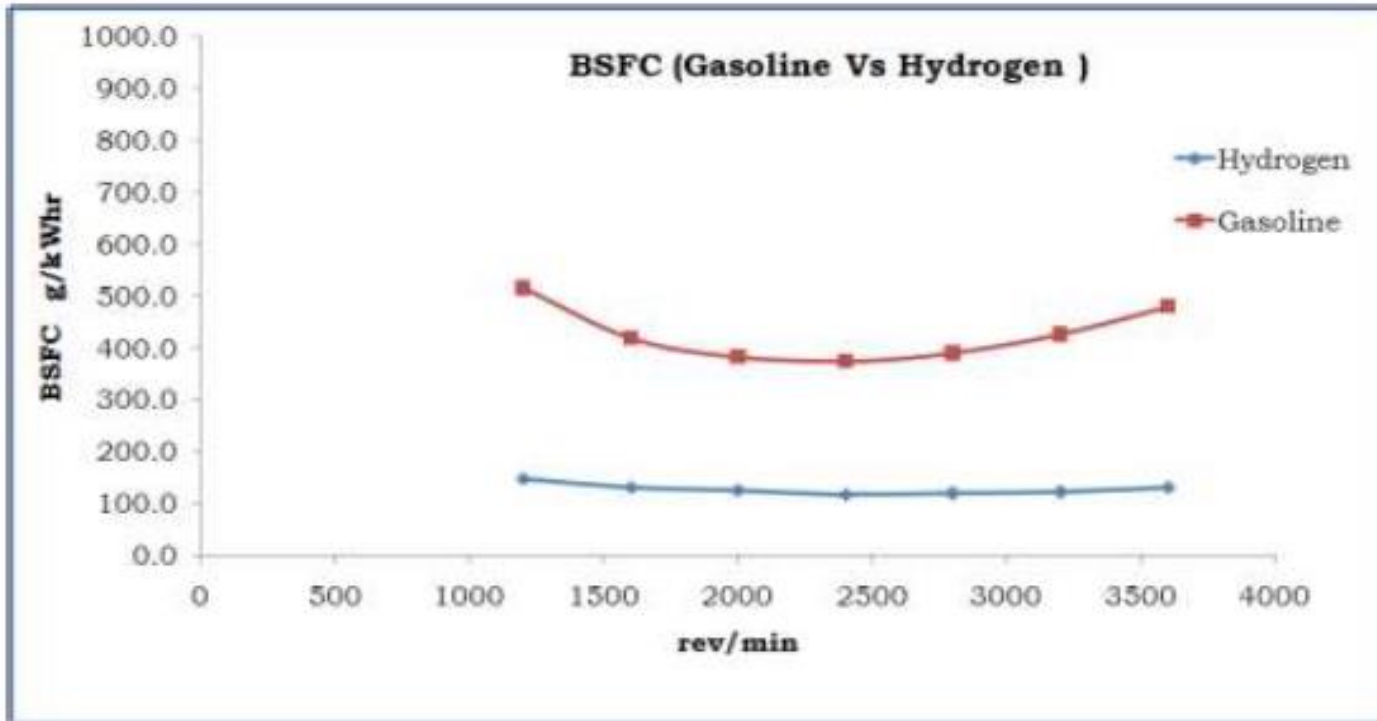


- ❖ Supply of hydrogen to the dispensing unit.
- ❖ Maintenance of dispensing unit.

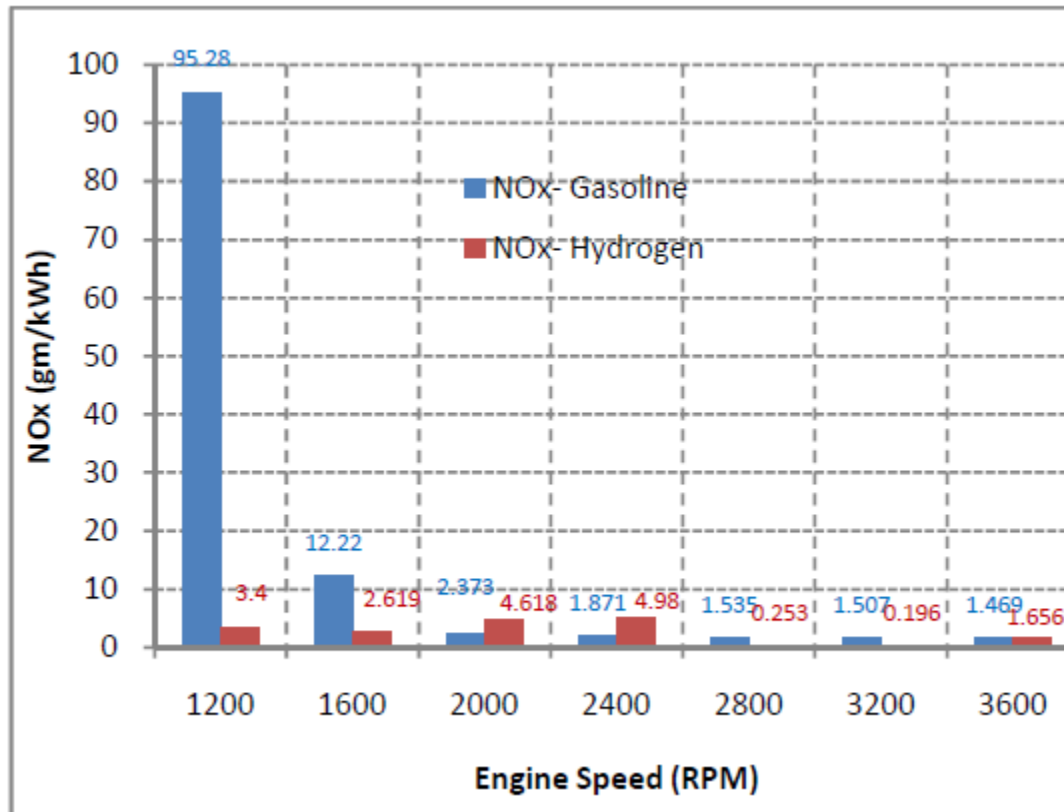
# Lab Tests on the Three wheeler vehicular Engine



# Performance Characteristics



# Potential of “zero-emission” features





From left to right - Dr M. Hatipoglu, Mr. Nigel Gibson, Prof. L.M. Das, H.E. Burak Akcapar, Ms. Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman, Ms. Ayumi Fujino, Ms. Rita Menon, Dr. Pawan Goenka

**Official inauguration was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in Pragati  
Maidan, New Delhi**



Prof. L. M. Das, IITD at DELHY 3W Inauguration

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**Ms Rita Menon, Chairman-cum-MD of the IPTO at at DELHY 3W Inauguration**



Dr. Pawan Goenka, President M&M at DELHY 3W Inauguration

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**Ms Ayumi Fujino, UR, UNIDO India at DELHY 3W Inauguration**



**Dr. K. Yumkella, Director General of UNIDO having joy Ride in DELHY 3W**



# FUELLING STATION IN PRAGATI MAIDAN





# Development of Hydrogen Bus(MNRE sponsored)



- 1) Coordination
- 2) Optimization of the Engine for better performance and Emissions ensuring proper combustion phenomena
- 3) Durability study
- 4) Dissemination



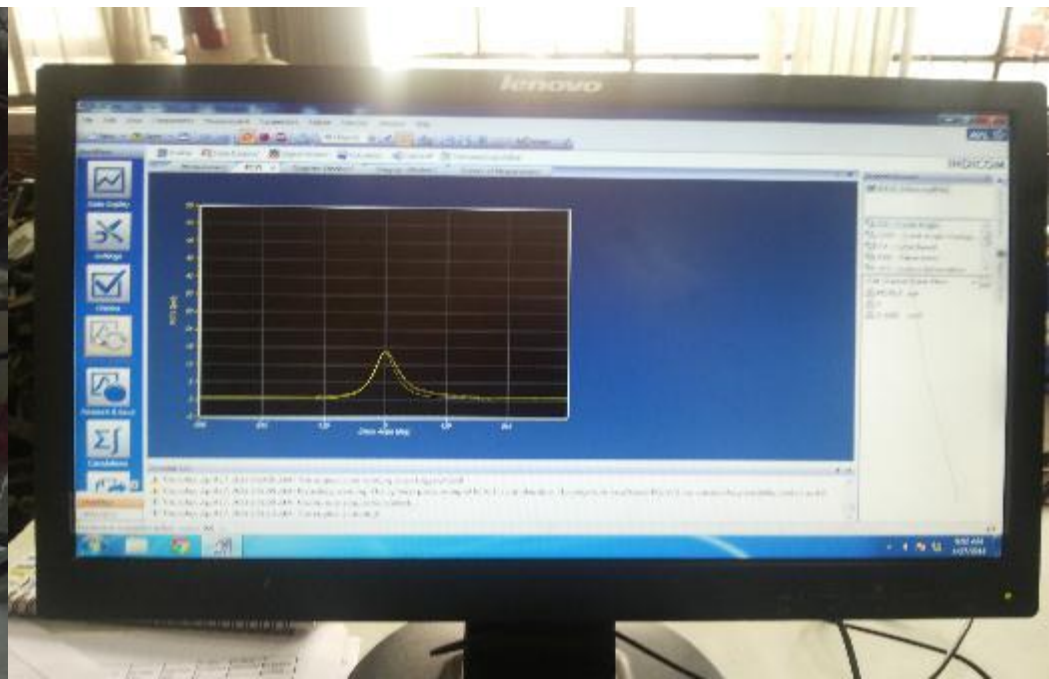
**Mahindra**



- 1) System spec & simulation, CFD
- 2) Engine Controller Development
- 3) Components Dept., Engine & vehicle integration , Safety systems incorporation
- 4) Develop two Hydrogen vehicles
- 5) Field trials



# Mini Bus Engine Test Bed setup at IIT Delhi





# Video :Hydrogen operated three wheelers





# Video: Hydrogen operated MiniBus



## Hydrogen Fuelled MiniBus ( MNRE Project)

- Hydrogen Powered Engines were Developed and Optimized at IIT Delhi.
- Power Developed : 90 hp @ 3600 rpm
- Two Hydrogen Mini Buses are powered by these engines
- Each vehicle will cover 1,00,000 km each.
- Vehicle Mileage: 25 km/kg H<sub>2</sub>







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*A glimpse of some of the Major R&D  
Activities and Prototypes*

*Developed in the Field of Hydrogen  
Transport (IC Engines and Fuel Cell)*



# Tata Motors Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus





## Hydrogen Powered Car-ICE based

In Europe, a three-year (2004-2007) Integrated Project called **HyICE** resulted in the demonstration of engine concepts exceeding a specific power output of 100 kW/l and a peak efficiency of 42%. The project was funded in the **6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the European Commission** and coordinated by BMW.





## FORD PRESENTS A NEW SUV USING COMPRESSED H<sub>2</sub>



2.3 l four cylinder internal combustion engine, hybrid electric transmission SUV vehicle presented by Ford U **January 2003**



## TOYOTA PRESENTS A NEW FUEL CELL CAR



Toyota Motor Corporation, Japan, presented its new fuel cell hybrid vehicle at the International Symposium on Fuel Cell Vehicles in Tokyo, Japan - March 2003



**Bi-fuel (gasoline/hydrogen) VW Polo demonstrated by the University of Navarre**



**Forklift truck equipped with a H<sub>2</sub>ICE, part of the demonstration activities within the Hydrogen Region Flanders South-Netherlands project**



# Heavy Duty I C Engines

In **Japan** work was sponsored under the Next-generation Environmentally Friendly Vehicle Development and Commercialization Project (EFV21) of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport (**MLIT**).

The project aims to deliver a hydrogen ICE system combining high power output and low NO<sub>x</sub> generation.

Separately, **Tokyo City University**, in cooperation with Hino, unveiled a hydrogen-powered truck offering roughly the same performance level as a diesel-engine hybrid model.



Hybrid light duty truck equipped with a **4 L 91 kW hydrogen engine**, demonstrated by Tokyo City University



Microbus equipped with a **4.7 L 105 kW hydrogen engine**, demonstrated by Tokyo City University



## Hydrogen Fuel cell Based Application for Transport

- Polymer electrolyte membrane (PEM) fuel cells have been found to offer **advantages for vehicles** including low pollution, high efficiency, low noise, and fast startup.
- These advantages have promoted the application of PEM fuel-cell systems in **various vehicles, including passenger cars, buses, golf carts, forklifts, scooters, and boats.**





Toyota FC car



# Hydrogen Bicycle

- **Fuel cell bicycle** has been developed by Linde Group that has a range of **65 miles using just 34 grams of hydrogen**.
- The battery usually found on electric bikes is replaced by a compact fuel cell which generates electric power from hydrogen and oxygen taken from the surrounding atmosphere.
- The H2 Bike uses a specially developed fuelling system that can refill the cylinder in less than six minutes.





## MARINE APPLICATIONS OF HYDROGEN

- H<sub>2</sub> /O<sub>2</sub> fuel cells.(Particularly low temperature fuel cells) have characteristics which make them ideal for **powering submarines** :
  - *They do not produce any emissions or waste products except water, and can therefore maintain zero buoyancy*
  - *They operate quietly since there are no moving parts- thus reducing sonar signature.*
  - *They reject heat at low temperature – thus generating very low thermal signature*
- Fuel cell power plants are also used for **surface ships** and boats, both as main propulsion engines and as auxiliary generators.



# ***‘Shore-to-Store’ Advances Zero-Emissions Transit Across Supply chain ( June 2021)***

**PORT OF LOS ANGELES ROLLS  
OUT HYDROGEN FUEL CELL  
ELECTRIC FREIGHT  
DEMONSTRATION**



## Shore-to-store project in Los Angeles port

The Port of Los Angeles and its partners are launching a new era of pollution-free goods movement with the **debut of five new hydrogen-powered fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV) and the grand opening of two hydrogen fueling stations.**

**Under the \$82.5 million Shore-to-Store (S2S) project, more than a dozen public and private sector partners have teamed up for a 12-month demonstration of the zero-emissions Class 8 trucks**

# Toyota -shell Hydrogen Truck in LA airport





**Golden Gate :Water-go-round**  
**passenger capacity of 84 :Hydrogen Tank capacity for two full days operation**

- The **Golden Gate** is a strait on the west coast of North America that connects San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean.





# Hydrogen Powered Yacht

- The first PEM fuel-cell system for the propulsion of a yacht was developed by MTU Friedrichshafen GmbH in 2003.
- **Four 1.2-kW** PEM fuel-cell modules manufactured by Ballard Power Systems, it was installed in a **12-m-long yacht**. The fuel-cell system, employing **nine lead-gel batteries**, generates a total **power output of up to 20 kW**
- The fuel-cell powered yacht has a maximum **cruising range of 225 km** at a speed of **8 knots (~14.8 km/h)** with **6 kg of hydrogen stored** in three high-pressure hydrogen tanks.







# Hydrogen Powered Boats

- In 2007, the hydrogen material group at the **University of Birmingham** replaced the diesel engine installed in a canal boat with a **PEM fuel-cell battery hybrid** propulsion system.
- **A 5-kW PEM fuel-cell** system together with a lead-acid battery powers a DC electric motor to propel the boat in inland waterways using the hydrogen stored in a **TiVFeMnFe metal-hydride storage system**.
- In 2012, **Istanbul Technical University** in Turkey launched a **small fuel-cell boat powered by an 8- kW** fuel-cell module that was supplied by Canadian-based Hydrogenics. The fuel-cell-powered **boat can operate for 10 h on 5 kg** of hydrogen with a **maximum speed of 7 knots** (~13 km/h).



# Hydrogen Powered Boats

- Zemship (Zero Emission Ship) project, a fuel-cell ship FCS Alsterwasser was developed and deployed in the inland waterways of Hamburg in 2008.
- The ship was designed to **transport up to 100 passengers** at a speed of 14 km/h without producing any harmful pollutants. A PEM fuel-cell system is used as a power source to charge lead acid batteries or directly deliver electric power to a propulsion motor .





# Hydrogen Powered Train

- European train builder Alstom presented its first zero-emission train in 2016.
- The zero-emissions Coradia iLint regional train replaces the diesel power plant with hydrogen PEM fuel cells, while offering the **same level of performance**.
- It has a maximum speed of 140 km/h (87 mph) with similar acceleration and braking performance, and a comparable passenger capacity





# LOOKING AHEAD.....

*.....The woods are lovely dark and deep  
but I have promises to keep.  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.....*

*Robert Frost*