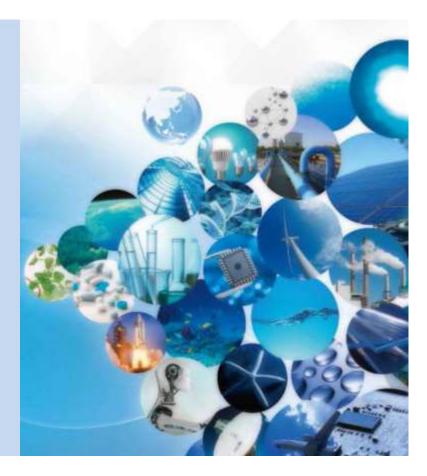
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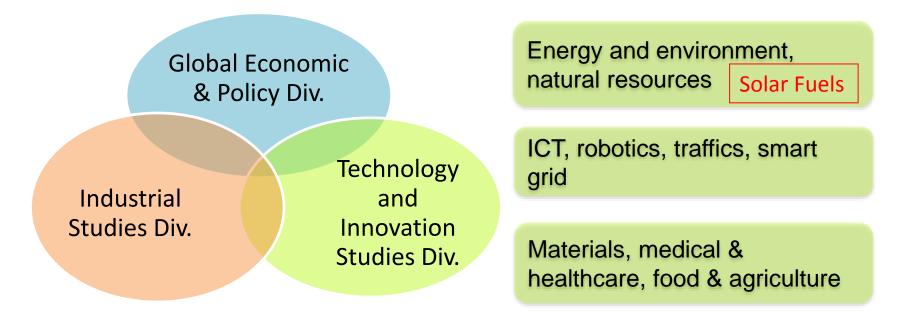
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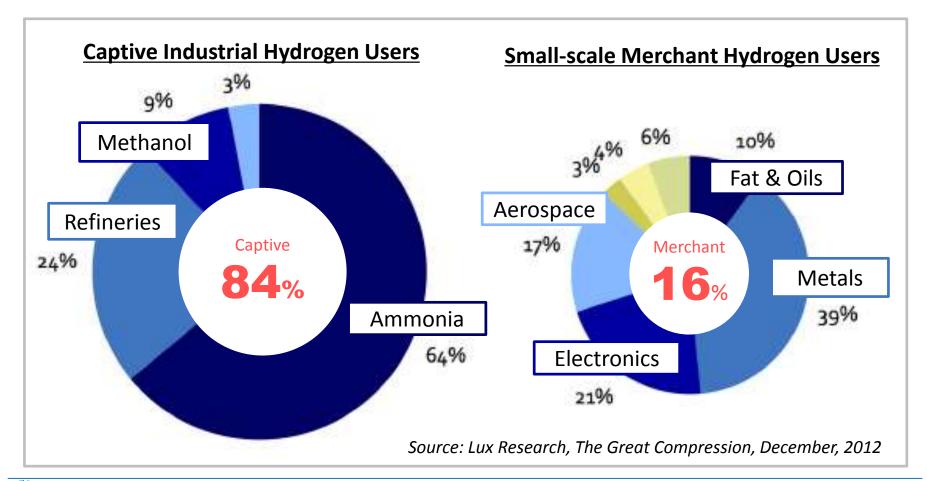


## Potential Hydrogen Market in Japan

#### Global Hydrogen Production and consumption



- Global hydrogen production and consumption in industries today is over 52.5 billion kg.
- More than 95% of hydrogen is produced from fossil fuels. 48% from natural gas, 30% from refineries, 18% from coal gasification, 4% from electrolysis.



#### Advantages of Hydrogen as Energy



#### No Carbon Emission

Hydrogen combustion produces only water, which makes hydrogen called clean energy.

$$2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$$

#### **High Efficiency**

- Fuel Cell generates electricity and heat from H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> through electrochemical reaction at higher efficiency than ICE or turbine do.
- No polluted substances left but water.

#### **Energy Storage**

 Volatile electricity (from wind, PV etc) can be converted to H<sub>2</sub> through electrolysis and stored stable for long time.

The Strategic Energy Plan of Japan(2014) states....

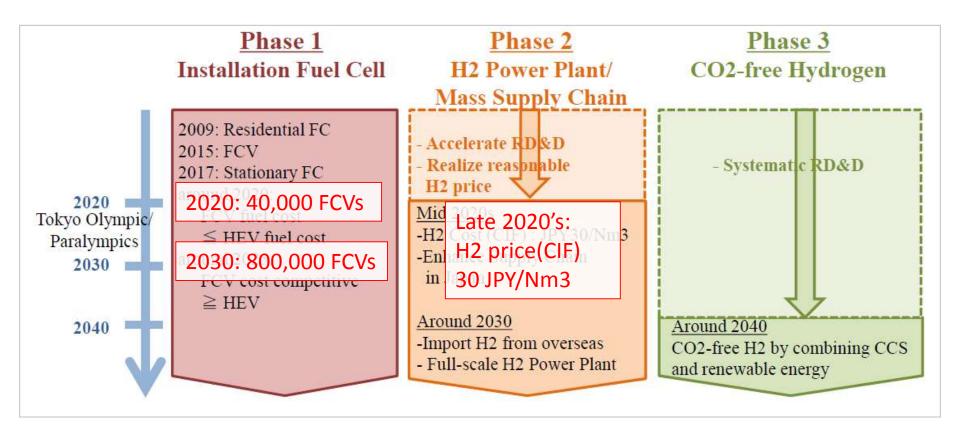
As for future secondary energy, hydrogen is expected to play the central role as well as electricity and heat. Hydrogen, though it is necessary to secure safety in handling it, it has many superior characteristics such as excellent utility and energy efficiency, and emits no greenhouse gas and is expected to be useful in times of emergency.

Source: 4th Strategic Energy Plan, Japan's cabinet, 11th April 2014

#### "Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Strategic Roadmap" in Japan



- "Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Strategic Roadmap" was set in 2014 and just revised in March 2016.
- Japan takes 3 step approach toward the hydrogen society, (1) the dramatic expansion of hydrogen utilization, (2) the full-fledged introduction of hydrogen power generation and establishment of a large-scale hydrogen supply system, and (3) the establishment of a totally carbon dioxide-free hydrogen supply system.



#### Potential Hydrogen Market in Japan



- Currently domestic hydrogen demand in Japan is 1.6 million TPA, 80% for hydrodesulfurization, 18% for ammonia production.
- The existing industries have spare capacity or byproduct to supply additional 778,000 ton hydrogen, which corresponds to fuel for 830,000 FCVs, means that even the FCV target in 2030 (800,000 FCVs) is achieved, still the whole demand of hydrogen fuel could be supplied domestically.
- Besides, a 1GW power plant consumes 200,000~400,000 ton hydrogen per year, which corresponds to 2~4 million FCVs, means hydrogen combustion at power plant seems the economic drive force to import hydrogen from overseas.

# Annual Hydrogen consumption (Per unit) FCV $(H_2\text{-type})$ FC Bus 4,600 kg/yr 4,600 kg/yr

Data Source: Hydrogen Office, METI, Japan

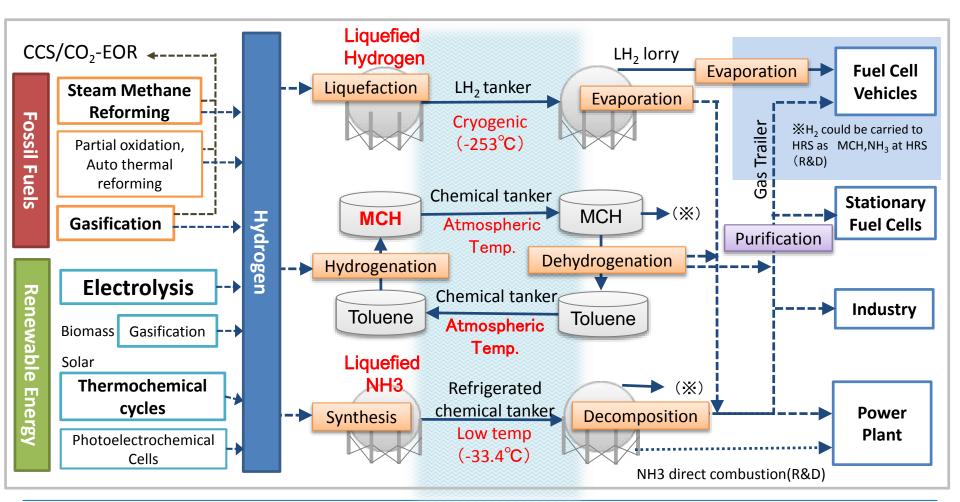


# Technology Development for Hydrogen Import

#### Hydrogen Supply Chain from Overseas



- Recognizing the technologies of marine transport and hydrogen combustion are the key in large-scale hydrogen supply chain,
  - NEDO supports the four projects, whose total investment is around 40Bil JPY (470mil AUD).



#### Brown Coal Gasification and Liquefied Hydrogen



Partnership: Kawasaki watani Power







Duration: FY2015-2020

- Purpose: Demonstrate brown coal gasification, marine transportation and loading of liquefied hydrogen, whose volume is 1/800 of its gaseous state.
- Advantages of Australia: plenty of brown coal in Latrobe Valley and CCS potential.
- Liquefied hydrogen shipping infrastructure (ship and tank) to be proven before commercialization, which is planed in 2025.



#### Organic Hydride (MCH) as Hydrogen Carrier



• Partners:



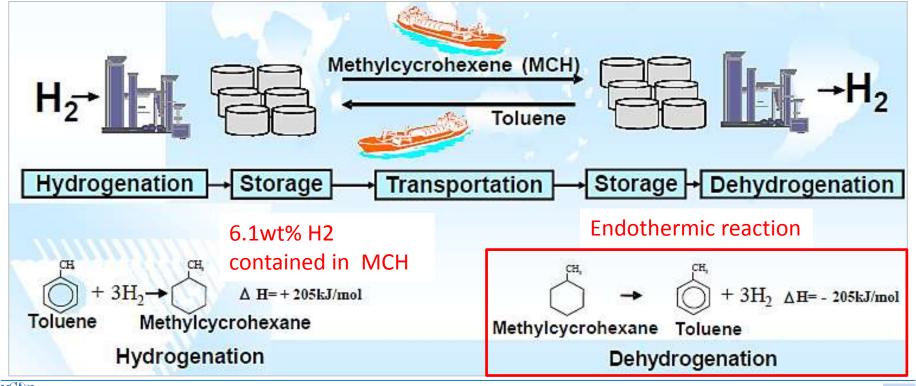






Duration: FY2015-2020

- Purpose: Demonstrate scaled-up toluene/MCH cycle
- Toluene/MCH are both safe and stable at atmospheric temperature and pressure. Transported and stored in conventional containers.
- Dehydrogeneration process is energy consuming and to be improved.

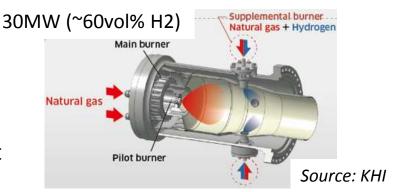


#### **Hydrogen Combustion Technologies**



#### Hydrogen Combustion

- Low volumetric calorie fuel (1/3 of  $CH_4$ )  $\rightarrow$  More volume of fuel gas inlet is required
- High speed of combustion (x7)  $\rightarrow$  Backfire damages combustor
- High temperature of flame  $(+10\%) \rightarrow NOx$  increases
- The technology of NOx reduction with high efficiency is being developed through modification of burner and combustion control system etc.
- Synergy effect of IGCC technology development is expected.





- FY2015-FY2017
- Demonstrate 1MW gas turbine co-firing 0-100% hydrogen with natural gas for CHP in smart community







- Duration:FY2015-FY2018
- Demonstrate 200~300MW gas turbine co-firing 5~20vol% of hydrogen with natural gas at 1500~1600°C
- C/C output is 500MW

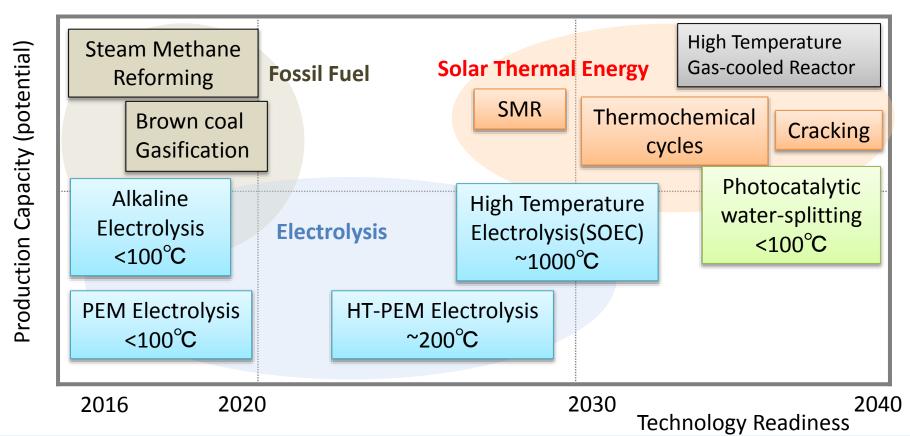


# Solar Hydrogen's Competitors

#### CO2-Free Hydrogen Pathways



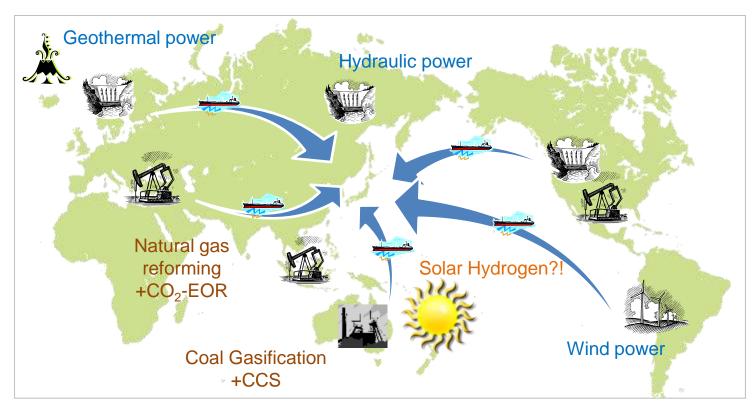
- Fossil fuel reforming needs CO2-EOR or CCS technology to mitigate CO2 emission.
- Electrolysis requires more production capacity to compete with conventional process like steam methane reforming. Electricity price has large impact on hydrogen production cost.
- Solar hydrogen has potential of large production capacity and low OPEX. CAPEX reduction is strongly desired.



#### Where to Procure Hydrogen From?



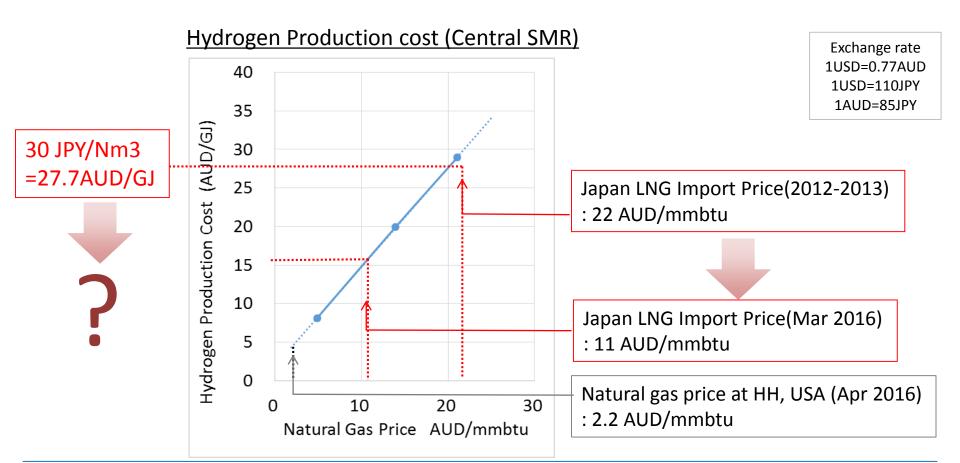
- Japan set the target to procure "CO2-free" hydrogen in 2040 and look for clean and cost competitive hydrogen globally.
- The availability of CCS and CO2-EOR technology is essential to integrate with conventional hydrogen production.
- The low-cost and stable power generation is the advantage in electrolysis, looks the only solution for CO2-free hydrogen production at commercial scale at present.



#### Target Cost of Hydrogen in Japan



- Japan targets to procure hydrogen at CIF price of 30 JPY/Nm3 (27.7 AUD/GJ, HHV) in 2020's, and produce electricity at the cost of 17 JPY/kWh (0.2 cents/kWh).
- However, natural gas prices are halved down compared to the value in 2012-2013.
- Unless carbon incentive is applied, the competitive hydrogen CIF price is around 15 AUD/GJ.



#### **Summary**



- The government of Japan set up "hydrogen and fuel cell roadmap" toward low-emission society, where hydrogen is expected as energy and fueled to gas power plant as well as used in conventional industries.
- Japan intends to import CO2-free hydrogen in the future. However, the conventional petrochemical processes which emit CO2, to be integrated with CCS or CO2-EOR. Electrolysis, the most matured technology to produce CO2-free hydrogen, still requires more capacity of each device. Solar fuel, having the potential of no emission, large production and low operation cost, can be the solution in the future.
- Hydrogen CIF price target is 30 JPY/Nm3(27.7 AUD/GJ), which was competitive to domestic hydrogen production cost in industries before the oil & gas market fell down. Though import hydrogen should compete to hydrogen from low-cost fossil fuels ideally, carbon incentive is still required to make it feasible economically.



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