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Hydrogen Storage and Distribution

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Session on Hydrogen Storage and Distribution

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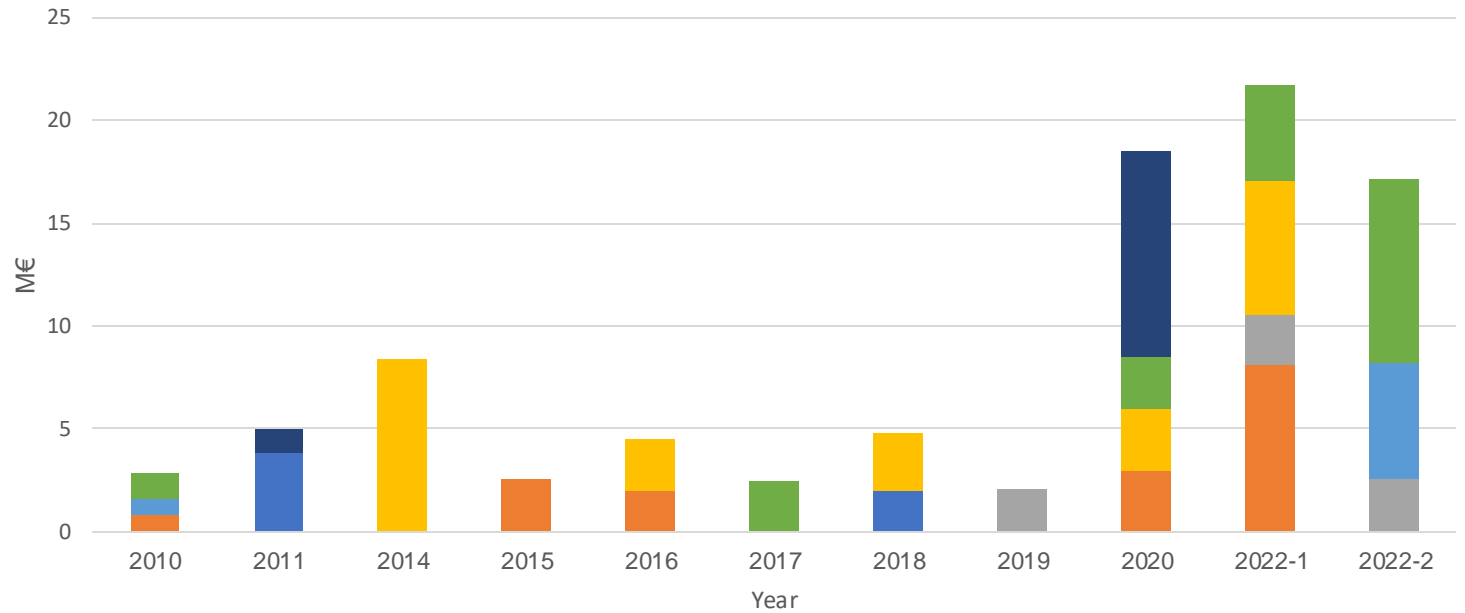
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Gaining traction within the program



Funding per sector



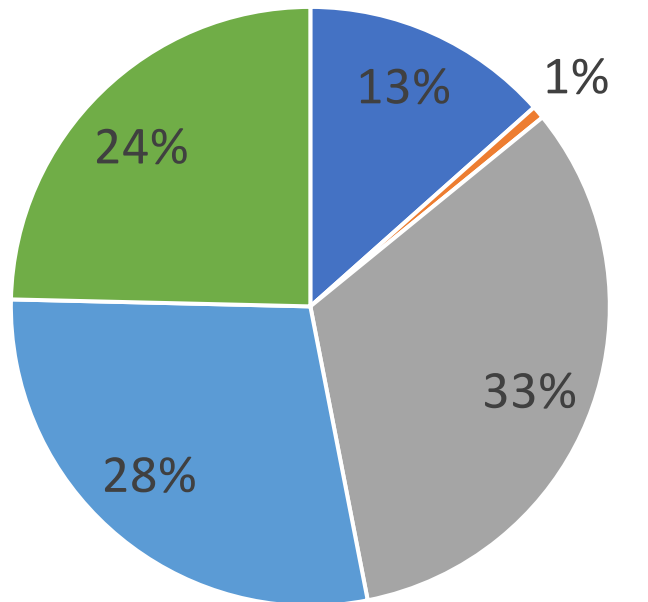
- Aboveground storage
- H2 in the natural gas grid
- Hydrogen Transport
- Underground Storage
- Compression, purification and metering solutions
- H2 refuelling stations
- Liquid H2 carriers



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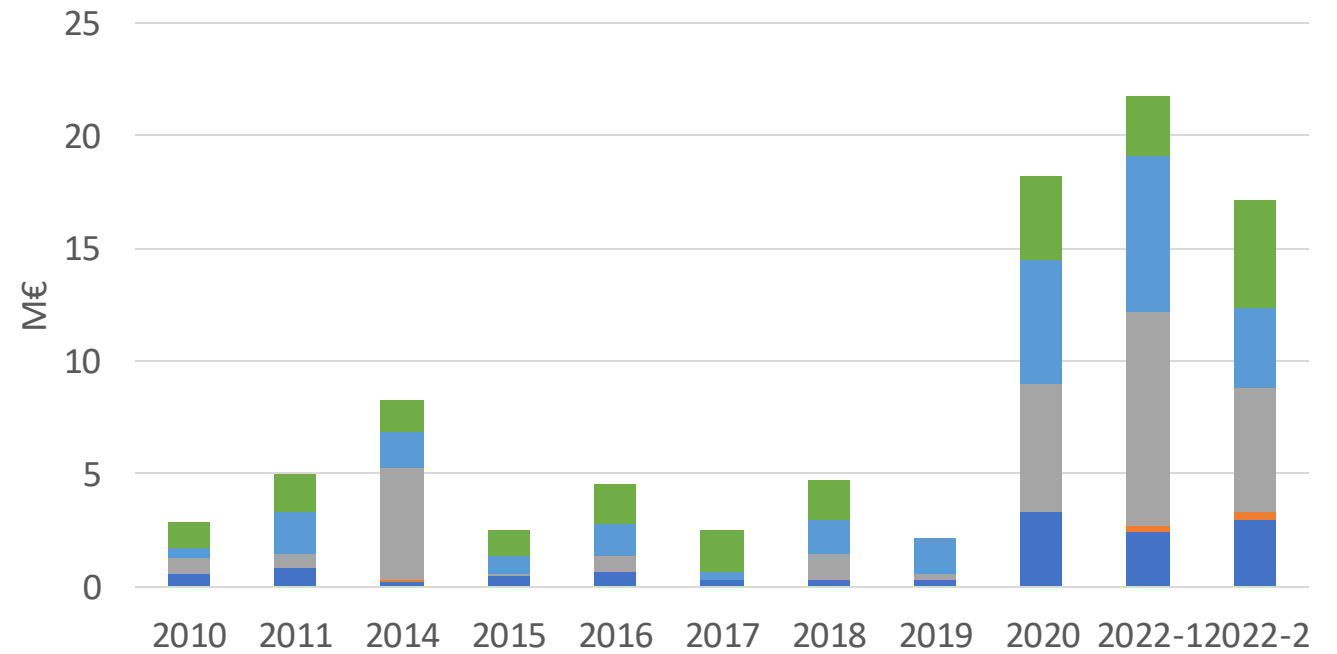
Balanced support to SMEs, Industry and research members

JU Funding per type of beneficiary



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H₂ Underground Storage

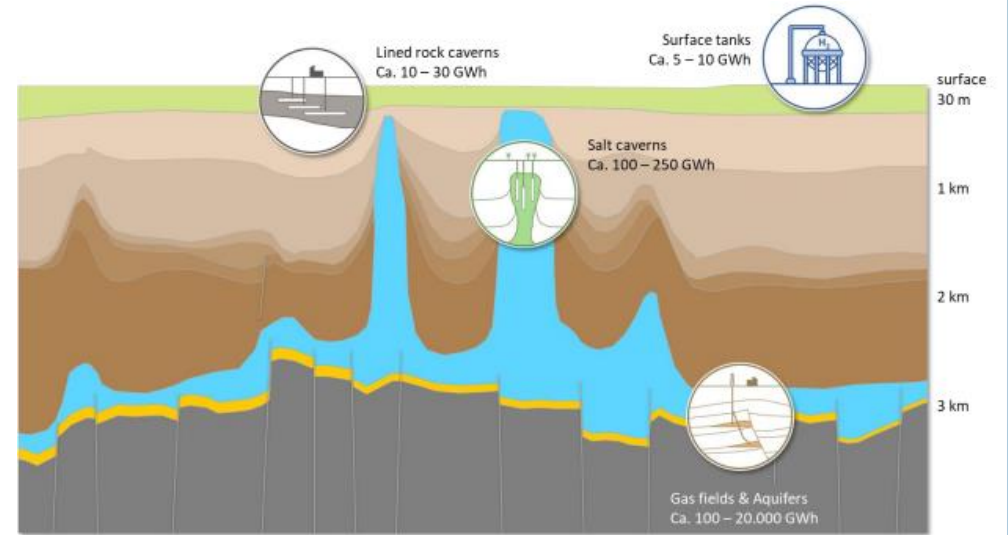
Salt Caverns and Porous Media

Salt Caverns - EU Potential

Up to 50 TWh H₂

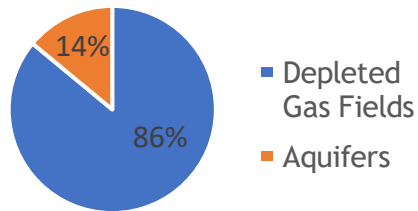
Hydrogen already stored in UK and US sites

Technical challenges remain with respect to cyclability and higher injection/withdrawal rates



Source: IEA Task 42 UHS Technology monitoring report

Porous Media - Known EU Reserve



HyUSPRe

Up to 415 TWh H₂
12 million tonnes H₂

- 17% of the estimated annual demand (2,500TWh)
- Most sites 1-5 TWh at depths of 500-2,500m
- Few large sites of 10-20 TWh at larger depths
- LCOS very site specific

Source: <https://www.hyspre.com>

Challenges



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H₂ Underground Storage

Cycling testing of Salt cavern storing hydrogen



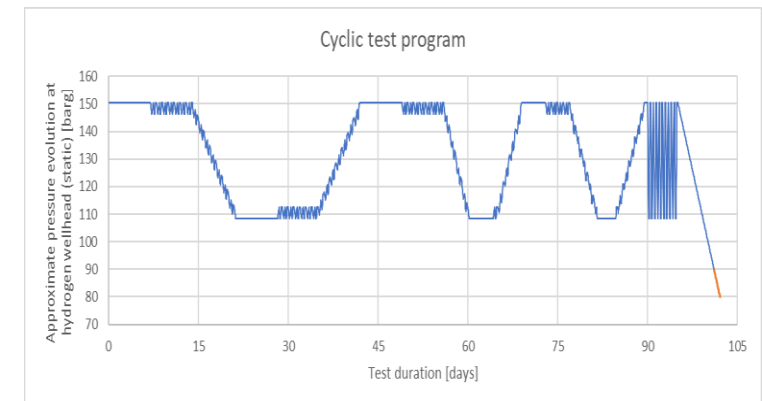
2020

Research cavern located in Etrez, France

1MW PEMEL installation being finalised

H₂-ready wellhead in place. Testing of cavern with N₂, H₂ to be injected end Nov. 2023

Storage of 3 tn hydrogen. Cyclic testing of cavern for 100 days between 150 and 110 bar using brine



2023

Project Planned (Signature preparation) Demonstration in a salt cavern site of at least 1,000 tn H₂



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Underground Hydrogen Storage in porous reservoirs

Feasibility and techno-economic assessment

2021

Mapping H₂ storage sites and characteristics of reservoirs (geochemistry, flow transport, etc.)

Extensive sampling and microbiological lab experiments

Techno-economic feasibility, environmental and societal impacts studies

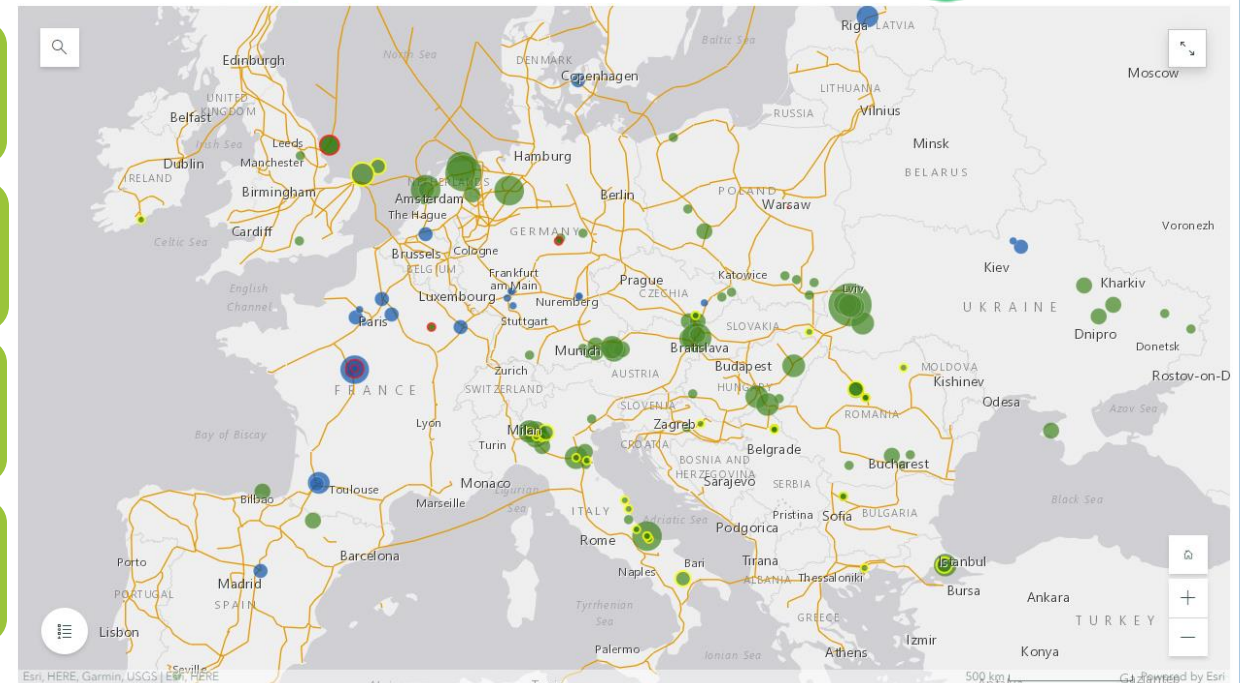
Ranking of sites based on “suitability mark” and LCOS

2023

Project Planned (Signature preparation) Demonstration in a depleted gas field of at least 1,000 tn H₂

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Hydrogen Storage in European Subsurface

HyUSPRe 

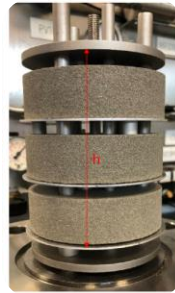


Aboveground Storage

Focused so far on the development of metal hydride solutions

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2018



- System Capable of storing 44kg H₂ @ 1.1%_w
- TiFe-based intermetallic alloys coupled to phase change materials
- Energy for storing/releasing H₂ reduced by 66%
- Low pressure storage 40bar
- <2% gravimetric capacity loss in 250 cycles

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Hydrogen in the Natural Gas grid

Connecting low-cost hydrogen production to demand centers across Europe

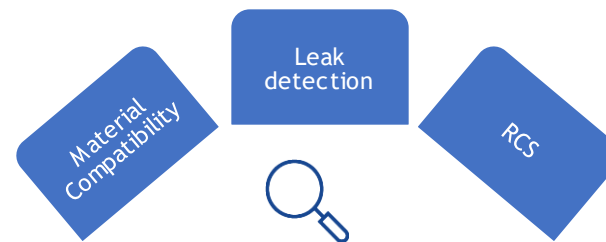
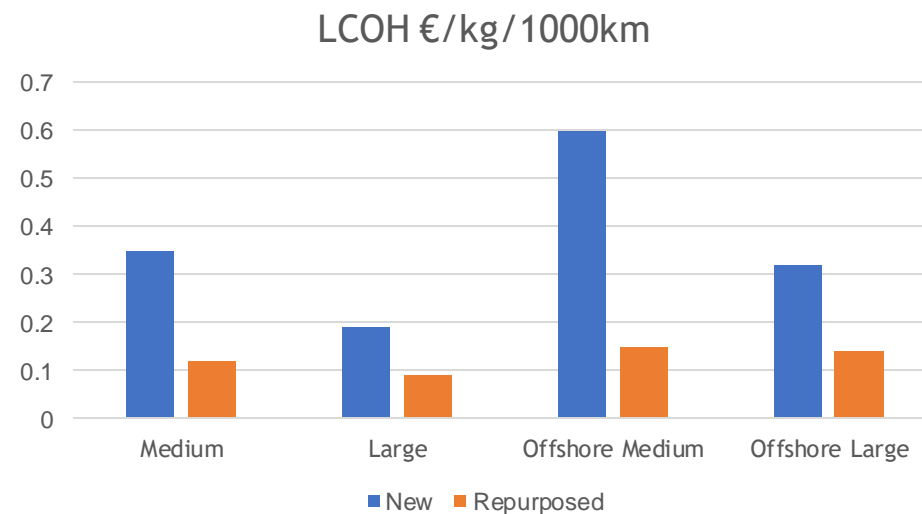


Source: EHB vision for 2030

Clean Hydrogen Partnership



July 2023 Update: At 2030 - 32,000 km of pipelines foreseen
52% of which are going to be repurposed NG pipelines



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Hydrogen in the gas grid

Facilitating the formation of the backbone of a pan-European grid where the existing gas grid could be partially re-purposed

2019



- 2 experimental campaigns run
- Effects of hydrogen on API 5L steels, valves etc
- High pressure testing platform
- Blends up to 20% H₂, 30% and 100% H₂



2022



- New sensor to be tested in:
- Pure and blended H₂
 - Pipelines
 - HRS
 - Natural gas wells

2022

- Impact of 100% H₂ on non-steel metallic
- Focusing on low pressure distribution <16 bar
- Results will be fed to a publicly available database

2023

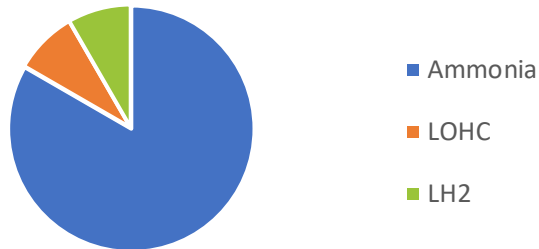
- Select steel specimens that cover >70% of the EU grid
- Impact of 100% H₂ on these components
- Harmonized testing protocols
- Results will be fed to a publicly available database

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Liquid Hydrogen Carriers

Enabling the liquid hydrogen supply chain infrastructure

2020-2023 Globally Planned & completed pilots



Source: IEA - Global Hydrogen Review 2023

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- LH2 not a one-size fits all solution
- Ideal for heavy-duty applications
- And long-distance distribution



2022



Next gen tank for shipping of LH2

To be demonstrated in 180m³

Scalable design to 200,000m³

Achieve AiP for cargo containment system (CCS) concept

2022



Magnetocaloric Hydrogen Liquefaction

8kWh/kg H2 liquefaction efficiency target

1€/kg H2 liquefaction cost target

Prototype of 100kg/day

Hydrogen Carriers

Exploring both LOHCs and Ammonia for long distance transport

2020



- Cracking of Ammonia
- New materials, cells architecture
- Tubular cells tested

2022

2 projects for ~ 6 million Euro

TRL3 → TRL 5

10kg H₂/day prototypes



2017



- 1,200kg release over 2,000h of testing
- Purity > 99.7%



24kg H₂/day storage



24kg H₂/day release

2020



- Catalyst development and testing
- Catalytic System architecture improvements
- Small scale demo testing for >200h

2022

UNLOHCKED

10kg H₂/day prototype



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Hydrogen Refuelling Stations

Comprehensive approach to accommodate HD applications



Enabling Faster Refuelling

- High flow refuelling components
- Implement and test new protocols to allow refuelling of 700 bar H2 trucks at 100 kg within 10 minutes.
- Building on PRHYDE recommendations

Gaseous Supply Chain

2022

- Tube trailer payload to 1.5 tonnes (700 bar)

2023

- Compression for filling centres; (2 tonnes/day)
- a complete logistic scheme;
- Demonstration of deliveries of at least 2 tons/day;



Compression

- Broad scope of compression technologies to ensure HRS are fit for purpose
- Scaling up the hybrid compression concept for lab to demonstration (TRL7)
- Validate its ability to operate from 200kg/day to 1,400kg/day

Liquid H2

2023

- Develop and demonstrate a large LH2 HRS
- Delivery flowrates (>5 TPH);
- Boil-off management

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Conclusions

Diverse research activities for the support of a logistical infrastructure for hydrogen



Underground storage gaining a prominent role in the partnership. First demonstrations starting now in Salt Caverns. Soon to be scaled-up



Facilitating the creation of the European Hydrogen Backbone with targeted research



First proof-of-concepts tested on LOHCs. Opening the scope of research to both liquid H₂ and ammonia



Addressing the high demands that will come from heavy-duty vehicle refuelling