

**UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

**The Learning**

**Sector Coupling and Education & Skills**

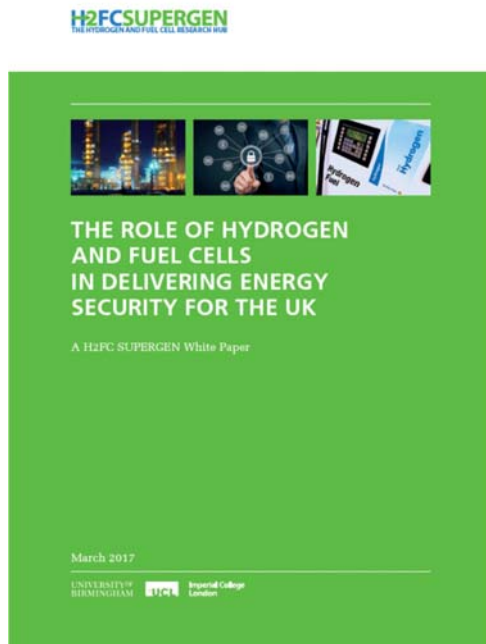
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**Supergen Hub/s Net Zero Online Conference**  
**01/02 Sept 2021**

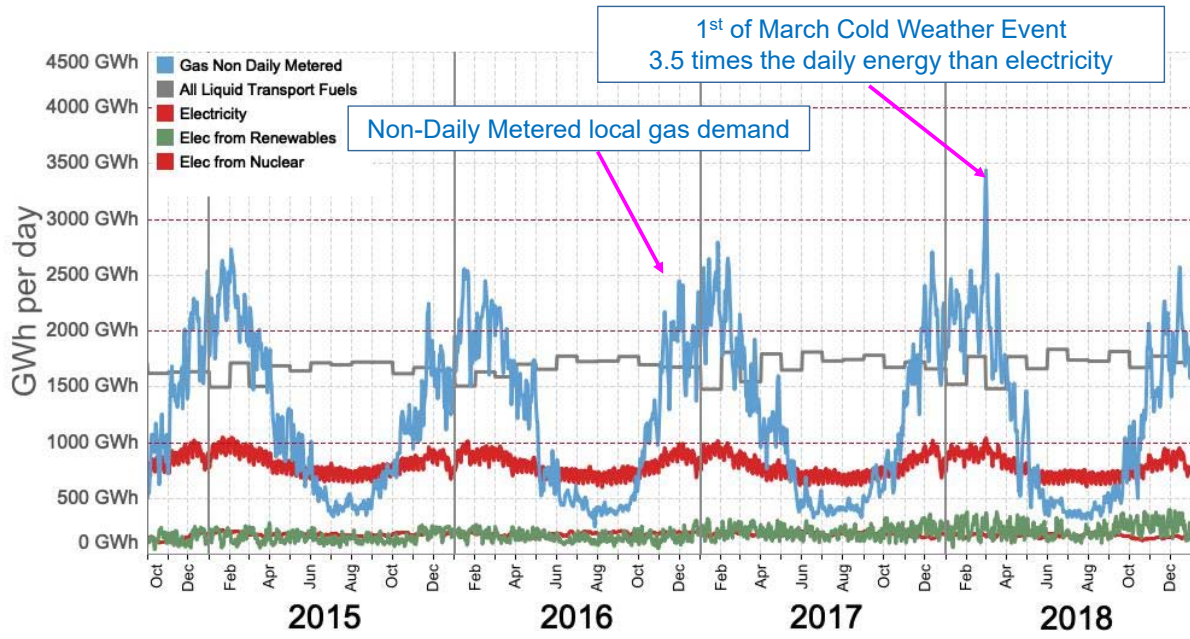
**H<sub>2</sub>FC SUPERGEN**  
THE HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL RESEARCH HUB

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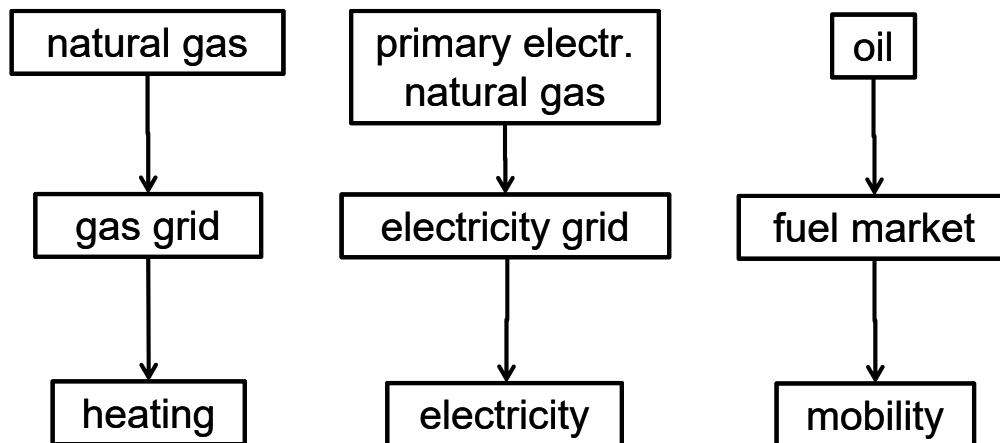
# 1. Sector Coupling

# GB's Energy Vectors (excl. Power)



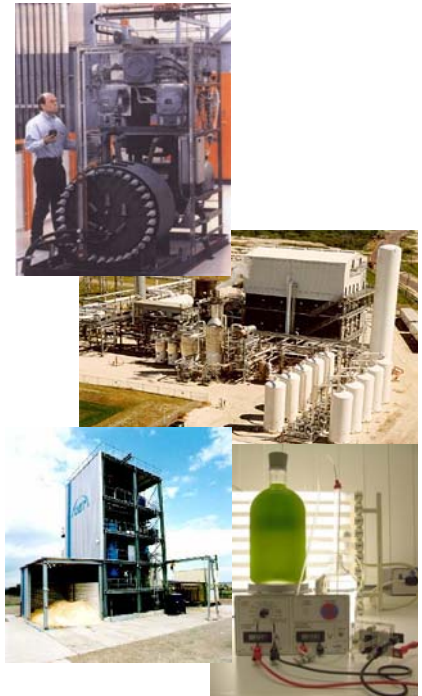
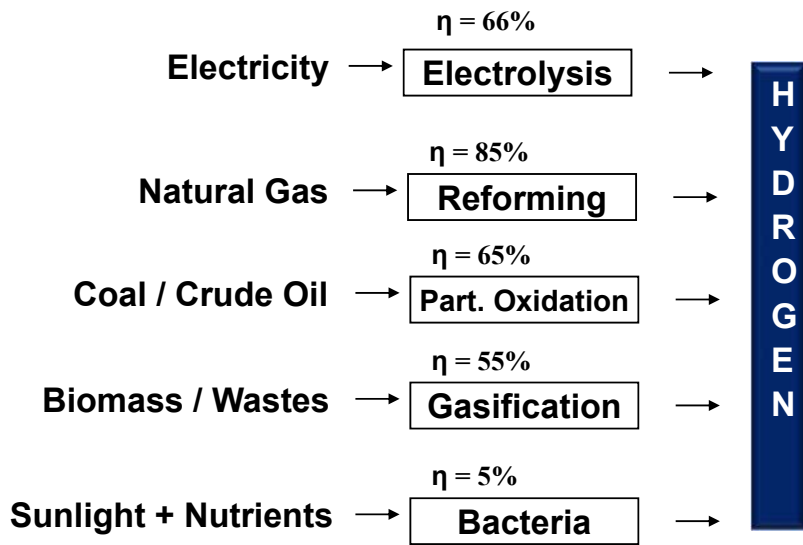
# Conventional Energy Infrastructure

Risks: import dependence, loss of GDP to imports, political influencing

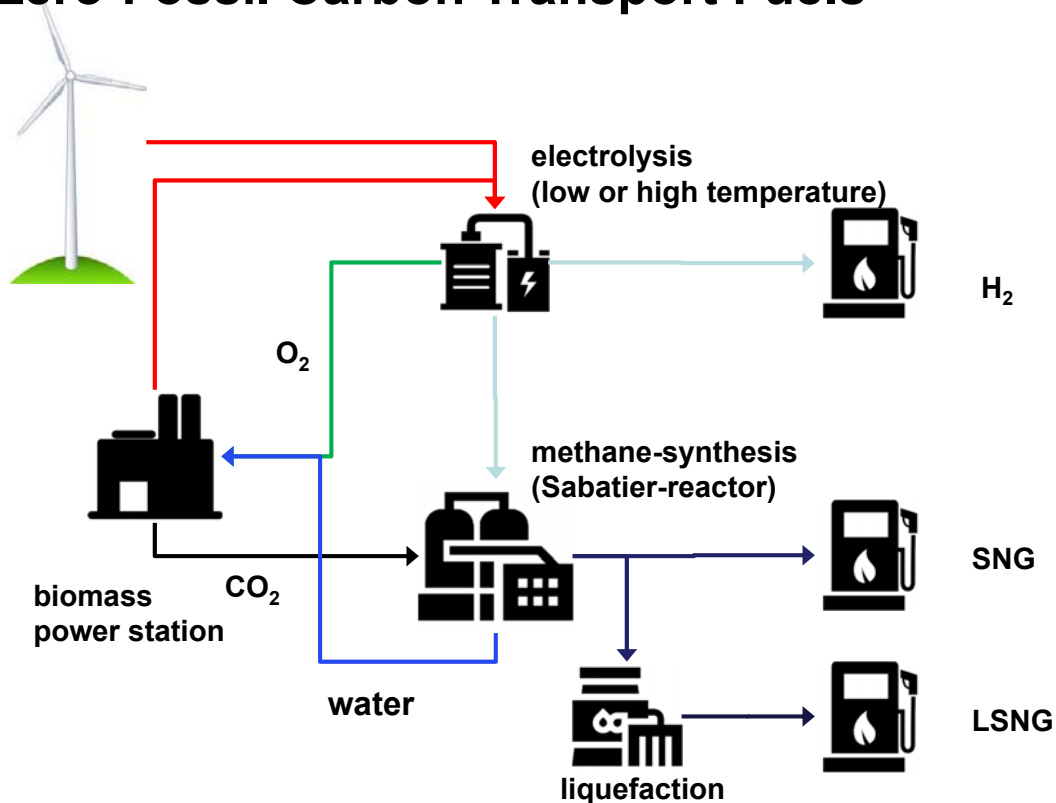




# Hydrogen Production: Variety of Sources

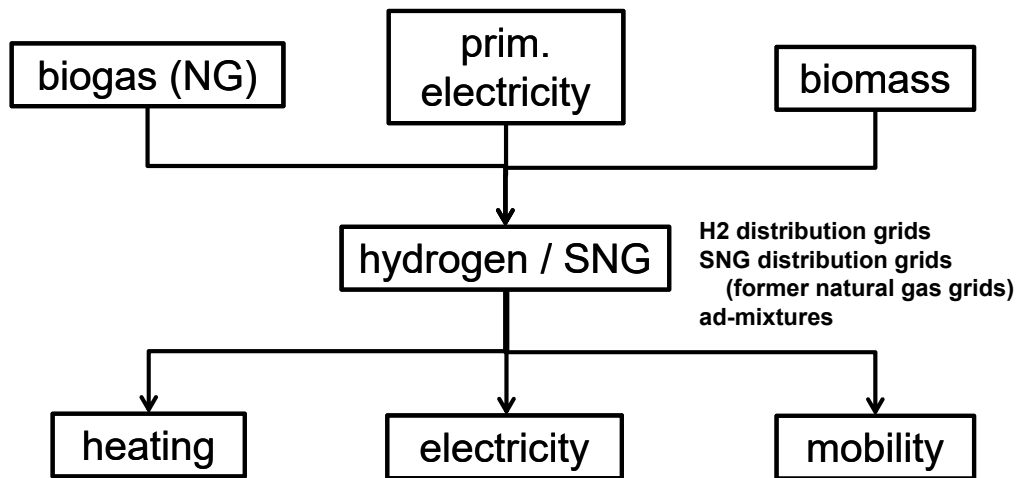


# Zero-Fossil Carbon Transport Fuels



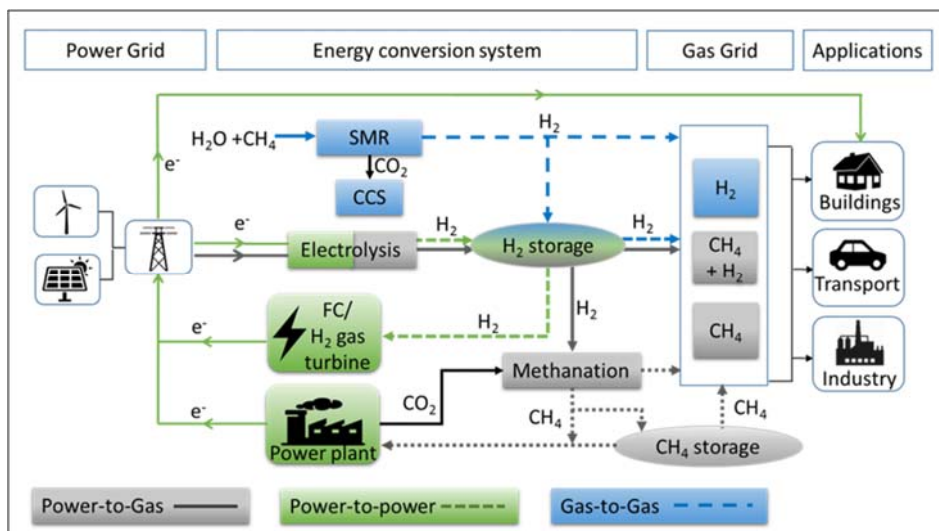
# Future Hydrogen Energy Infrastructure

Benefits: increase in flexibility, reduction in import dependence, reduction of supply shortages

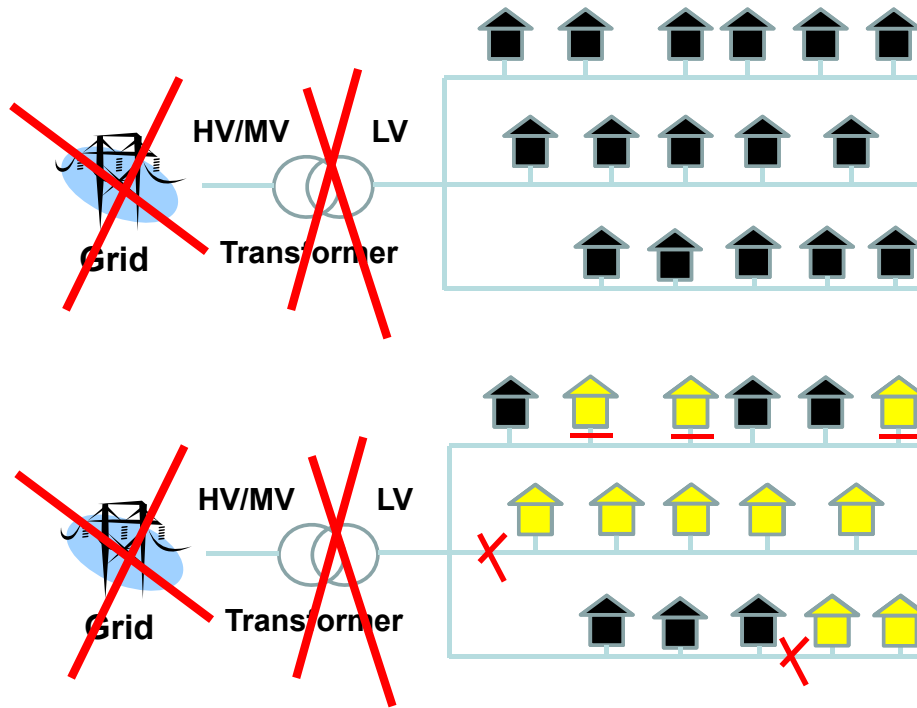


# Linking Energy Sectors

Fuel Cells and electrolysis as complementary technologies linking the electricity and gas markets (as well as transport fuels). They provide balancing power for renewable electricity systems.



# Resilience of Distributed and Linked Systems



## 2. Education, Training, and Skills Development

## Workforce Numbers: EU SET-Plan Education (2013)

2012									
Application area	Est. annual production		Market value (M€)	CAGR	Number of companies involved		Employment		
	Unit				SMEs	Large companies	Workers	Technicians	Engineers
Fuel cell electric vehicles	#	100	5	---	10	8	250	750	1500
Hydrogen refuelling stations	#	20	20	---	10	5	133	133	133
Hydrogen Production	ton	895	9	---	15	5	447	447	447
Stationary fuel cells	#	50	2	---	18	5	83	83	83
Early markets - forklifts	#	300	4	---	18	6	25	25	25
Early markets - power generation	#	500	1,2	---	18	5	25	25	25
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>41</b>				<b>964</b>	<b>1464</b>	<b>2214</b>

2030									
Application area	Est. annual production		Market value (M€)	CAGR 2020-2030	Number of companies involved		Employment		
	Unit				SMEs	Large companies	Workers	Technicians	Engineers
Fuel cell electric vehicles	#	500 000	12 500	7%	2	15	62 500	31 250	31 250
Hydrogen refuelling infrastructure	#	300							
Hydrogen Production	ton	425 635							
Stationary fuel cells	#	150 000							
Early markets - forklifts	#	30 000							
Early markets - power generation	#	30 000							
<b>TOTAL</b>									

Employment		
Workers	Technicians	Engineers
<b>88 850</b>	<b>50 737</b>	<b>50 737</b>

## Education: TeachHy – an MSc Course in FCH

- **JESS - Joint European Summer School** in FC, ELY, and Battery Technologies
- **KnowHy** blended learning course for technician training



→ **MSc course coordinated across European HEI institutions**

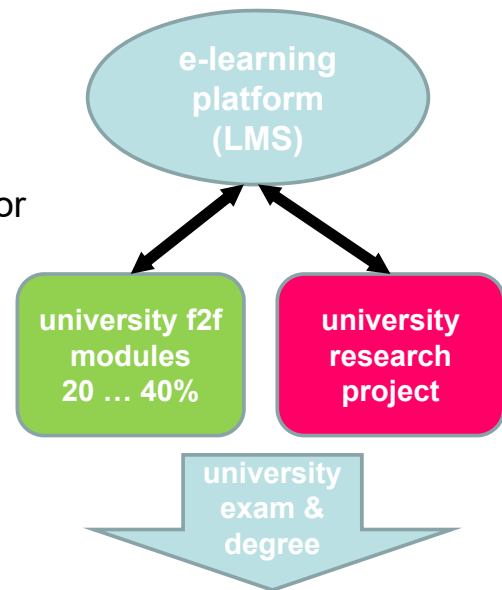
- 12/18/24 months course (1 year taught, ½ to 1 year thesis)
- delivering in various European languages





## Project Approach

- TeachHy offers a ‘blended’ approach in which a university covers 20 to 40% in face2face teaching and draws the remainder from the TeachHy e-learning platform
- project responds to increasing demand for education and training in FCH technologies
- project builds on broad experience with online education prior to and through the pandemic



## TeachHy Module List 2021/22

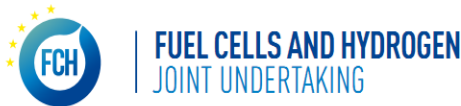
start of 1<sup>st</sup> course at UoB 27/09/2021

Section	No.	Title
Core / Mandatory	C1	Introduction to Electrochemistry
	C2	Fuel Cell Technologies and Applications
	C3	Hydrogen and hydrogen-based fuels
	C4	Fuel cell modelling tools and control
	C5	Characterisation methods
	C6	Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Lab
	C7	Principles of Hydrogen safety
Optional / Elected	O1	Low temperature fuel cells
	O2	High temperature fuel cells
	O3	Advanced electrochemical characterisation
	O4	Fuel cell electric vehicles
	O5	Energy systems and storage



## Training Technicians

- programme of technician training in blended learning mode
- combination of e-learning content, use of simulation tools ('serious games') and background reading
- followed by lab-work session and an exam
- modules : Micro Fuel Cells, Combined Heat and Power Generation, Fuel Cell Based Generators, Fuel Cells for Transport Applications, Hydrogen Production and Handling



## JESS - PhD Summer School

### Joint European Summer School on Fuel Cell, Electrolyser, and Battery Technologies

**Week 1 – 06/11 Sept 2021**

**Week 2 – 13/18 Sept 2021**

Low Temp FCs

Innovation & Business Development

High Temp FCs

FC Vehicles

Batteries

H<sub>2</sub> Safety



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**Thank you for your attention!**

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