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MicroGrid Applications using Liquid Fuel with Fuel Cells

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#### **ANY FUEL**



#### HYDROGEN

• Fuel for most heavy-duty mobility & industrial markets



METHANOL

- Option for off-grid & portable
- Interim low-cost option for mobility MARKET NOW

#### e-FUELS (H2 carriers)

- Low-cost hydrogen at minimal infrastructure cost
- e-Methanol, DME, LOHC

MARKET IN NEAR FUTURE







# **CRITICAL POWER GENERATION: H2/Methanol FUEL CELL SYSTEMS**

#### PROVEN

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- Advent has shipped and deployed close to 1000 fuel cell units globally segments within the telecom industry plus for utilities and other industry segments.
- Operate at extreme conditions up to 50c and -40C

#### DEPLOYABLE

- Clean technology for critical backup power, temporary or continuous power 24/7
- Optional Fuel cell cabinet: independent power system.



#### **CLEAN ENERGY**

- Multifuel Option (H2, Methanol, eFuels, NG)
- No particulate pollutants or unburned hydrocarbons.
- Less carbon dioxide than other, less efficient technologies.
- e-Fuels or bio-methanol, this creates a path to significant reductions of harmful emissions.



#### **Business Case**

Smart Communications deploys Advent Technologies fuel cells across its Philippine telco network

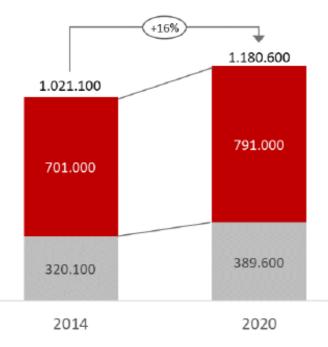


Total number of off-grid and bad-grid towers:

■ off-grid towers

bad-grid towers

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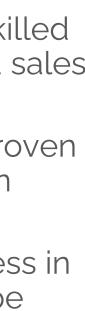
Source: GSMA, "Green Power for Mobile", Dec 2014 Bad-grid: Less than 18 h of reliable grid access per day September 1, 2021 Acquisition of Fuel cell businesses SerEnergy & Fischer Eco Solutions.



- 100+ additional highly-skilled R&D, manufacturing and sales professionals
- HT-PEM focused with proven production capabilities in Denmark & Germany
- Acceleration with business in Asia and Northern Europe markets









## We Replace Diesel Generators with Serene Fuel Cells: Proven, Low-Cost, Green Solution

# Ready to Use Today

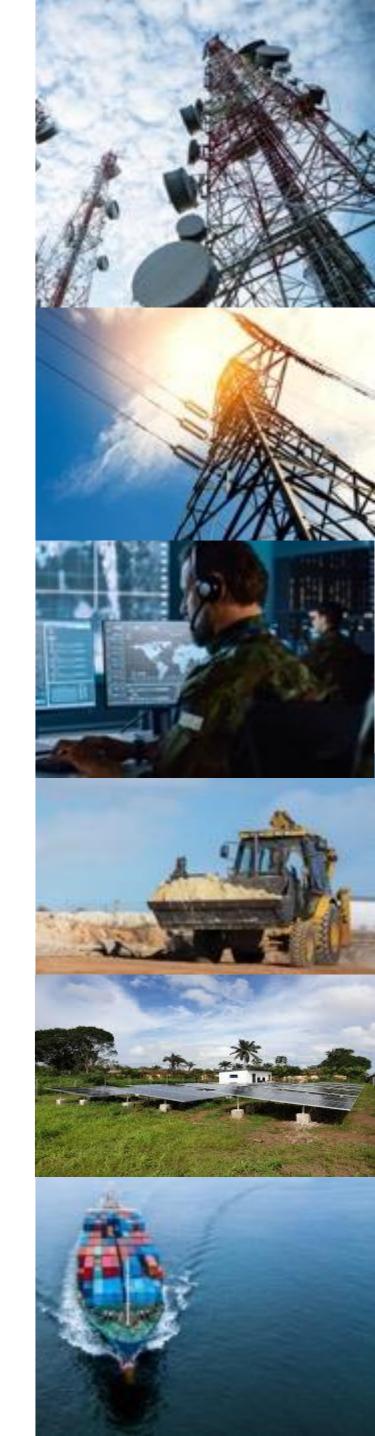




Ready for the Future HYDROGEN/eFUELS

Mobile Operators Tower Companies Critical Infrastructure **Energy Service Cos** Construction Utilities Microgrids Government Defense Marine

**POWER** 



# THE STORY OF THE MISSING LINK IN MICROGRIDS





Any Fuel. Anywhere.

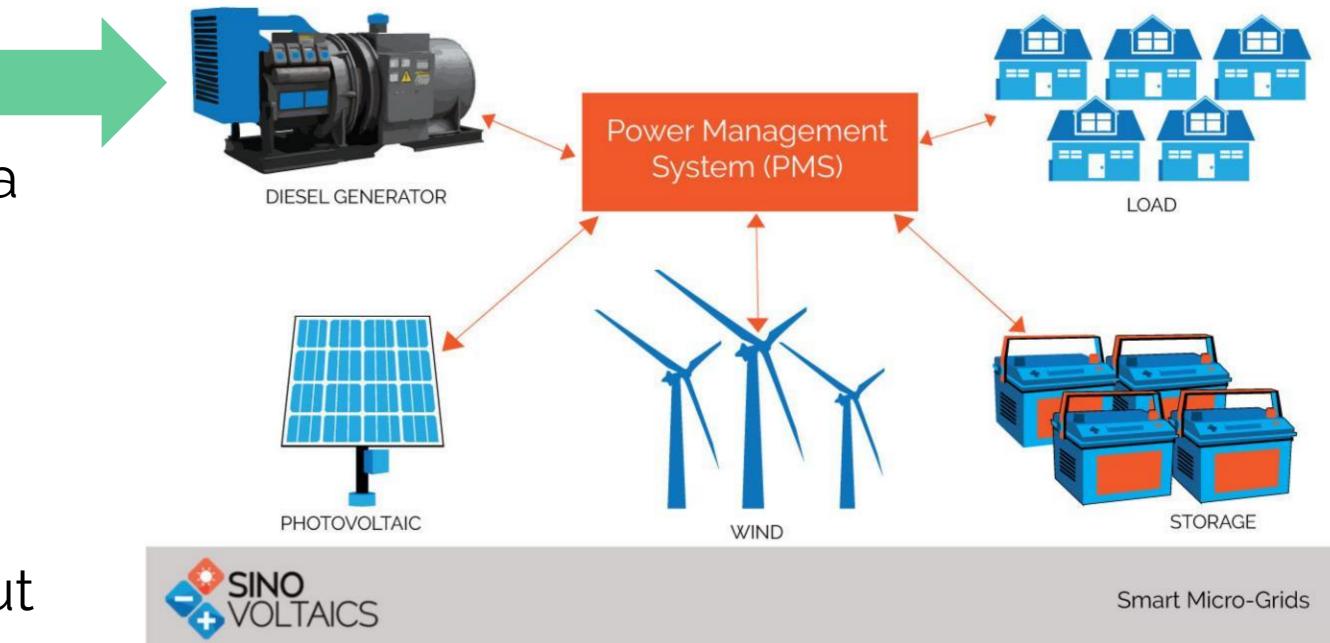
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# **MICROGRIDS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY – THE CONUNDRUM**

- Renewable Microgrids allow for shorter distribution networks will allow for less losses and less potential for failure
- Using Solar or Wind (if available) in Asia and possibly a little wind are great solutions, bridging with some batteries for a few hours .... But what about the evening load ??
- Batteries can take some of that load but aren't a solution for the whole evening and are not really that green



#### **This Microgrid isn't Really Renewable**



#### "What's wrong with this picture ??"





# THERE IS ANOTHER FUEL THAT CAN REPLACE DIESEL

- Currently distribution of hydrogen is diffcult or not readily available
- Fuel cells that use an easily available liquid like methanol can be an interim solution to provide critical back up power
- Low weight and footprint compared to  $\bullet$ hydrogen storage in bundles of cylinders.



# Renewable Methanol

#### **Comparison of energy content after convertion** into electricity

50 L compressed Hydrogen and Fuel cell n <sub>eff.</sub> = 50%	44 MJ
16 pcs. 840 Wh Lead-acid batteries, n <sub>eff.</sub> = 90%	48 MJ
7 L Methanol, reformer og fuel cell, neff. = 40%	45 MJ

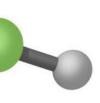


50 L H<sub>2</sub> @ 200 bar +50 L og 63 kg

16 pcs. Lead-acid batteries 192 L og 461 kg

Methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) 7 L og 5,5 kg

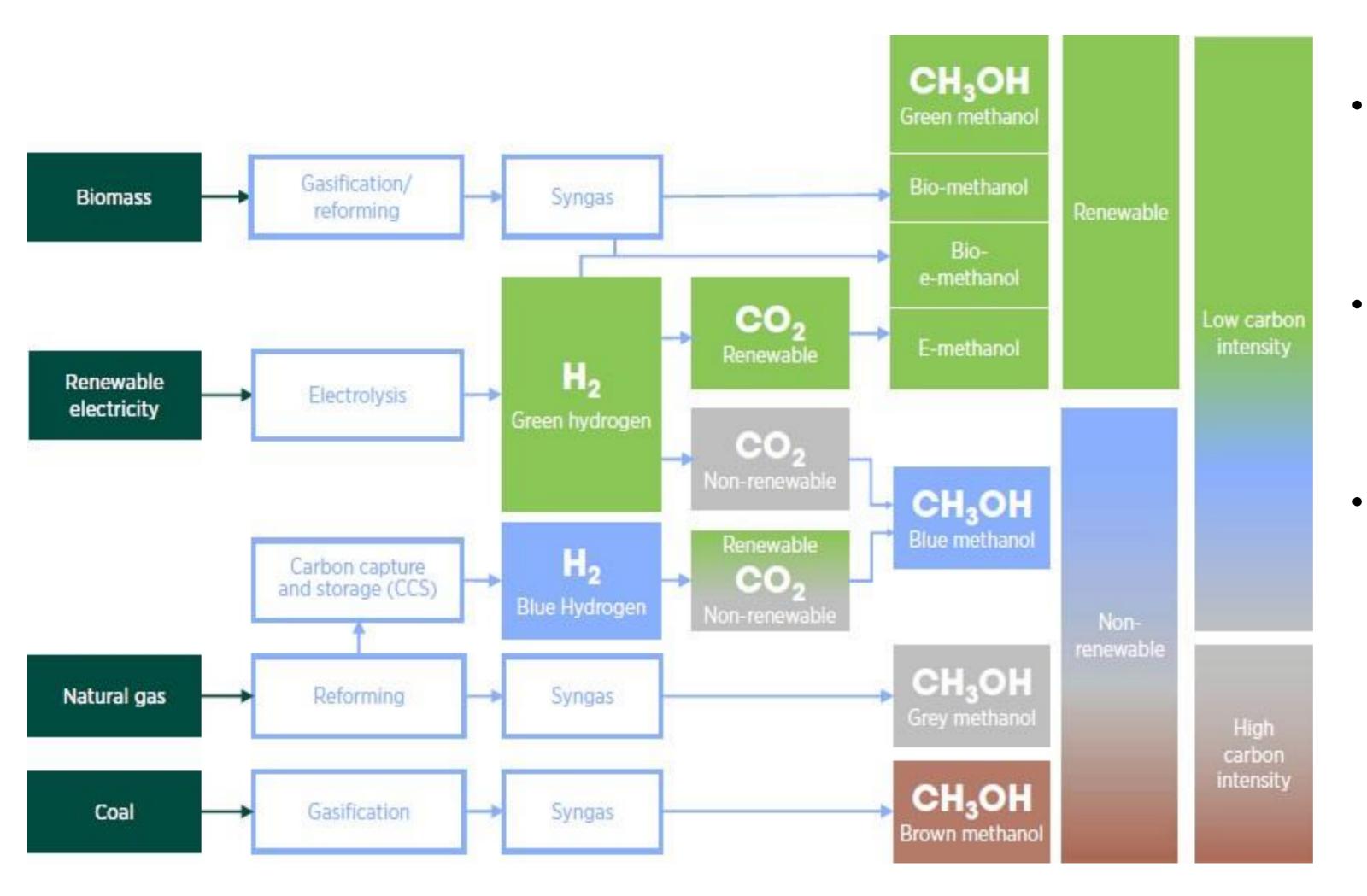
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# **METHANOL – THE FUEL OF THE FUTURE**



#### Note: Ammonia is 12,000 to 15,000 more toxic in water than Methanol



- Interest in "green" methanol is growing due to its ability to be an extremely low-carbon fuel and chemical
- IRENA projected that by 2050, 250 MMT of emethanoland 135 M M T of bio-methanol will be produced annually
- As a liquid fuel, methanol's handling and utilization is not very different from conventional fuels, Its even Safer !!







## FUEL CELLS ALLOW FOR RESILIE

- Fuel cells offer a viable alternative to diesel generators
- Offering a cost effective TCO of 2-6 years in most cases
- They are more reliable, ulletneed less maintenance, quite, don't vibrate and are Green
- With liquid fuel, is it also easily a replacement with existing generators

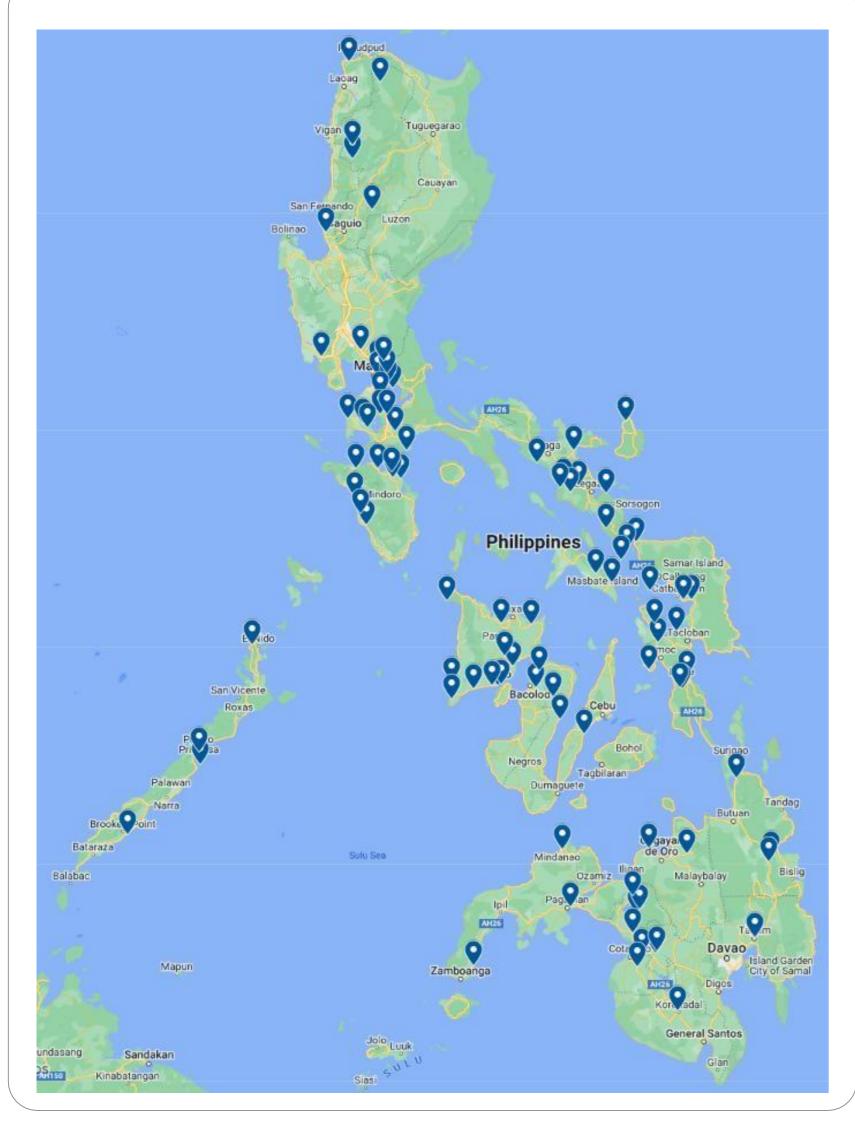
Maintenance		
Resilience		
Duration		
CO2		
emissions		
Recycling		
Noise		
Footprint		
Theft		



<b>Diesel Generator</b>	Batteries	Fuel Cell
6-8 times per year	2-3 times per year	1 time per year
Good	Intolerant	- 20°C to 50°C
Just add fuel	1-2 hours	Just add fuel
Highest emissions & pollutants	Grid-based (20% - 40%) reduction	80%-100% emissions reduction
No recycling of system	Expensive and difficult to be recycled	Easily recycled
High over 100db	Negligible	Under 50db
Large	Large	Small
High	High	Negligible



#### **PHILIPPINES – HUNDREDS OF SITES IN OPERATION**



- (over 800 systems)
- country

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• Our experience in the Philippines over 6 years

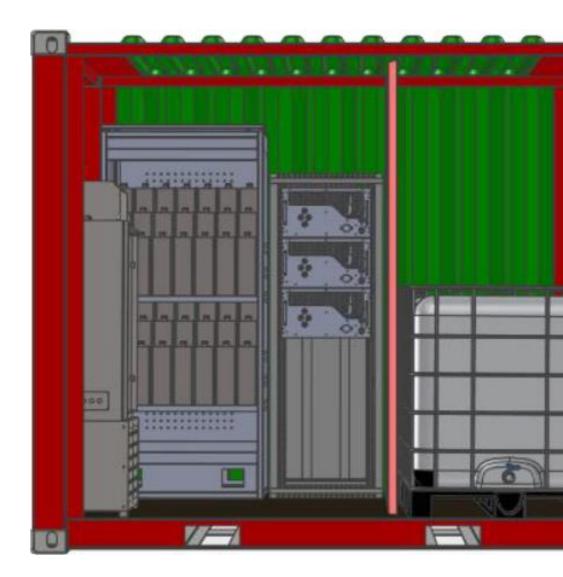
> Deploying back up systems to allow for reliable communication systems in that



### FUEL CELLS WITH LIQUID FUELS ARE EASILY PORTABLE





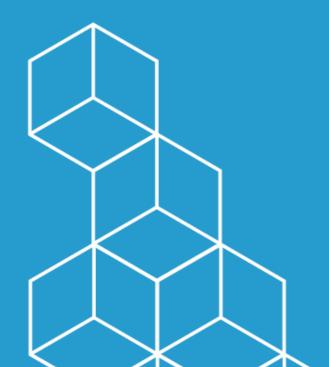








## OTHER EXAMPLES THAT CAN BE USED IN THE FUTURE





# **CASE STUDY: FELDHEIM GERMANY**

- With Germany's centre right initiative toward energy independence by 2035!
- 'Energiewende' or energy independence is being expedited with the Invasion of Ukraine
- Felheim Germany went one step further by building their own grid from :
  - Solar Farm
  - Wind Farm
  - Biogas plant
- Initial legal challenges but eventually the town became 100% off grid by
- Now exports 250 times the energy it uses and was 100% renewable since 2013
  - Initial connection fee of 3000 euro



# Germany's renewable village

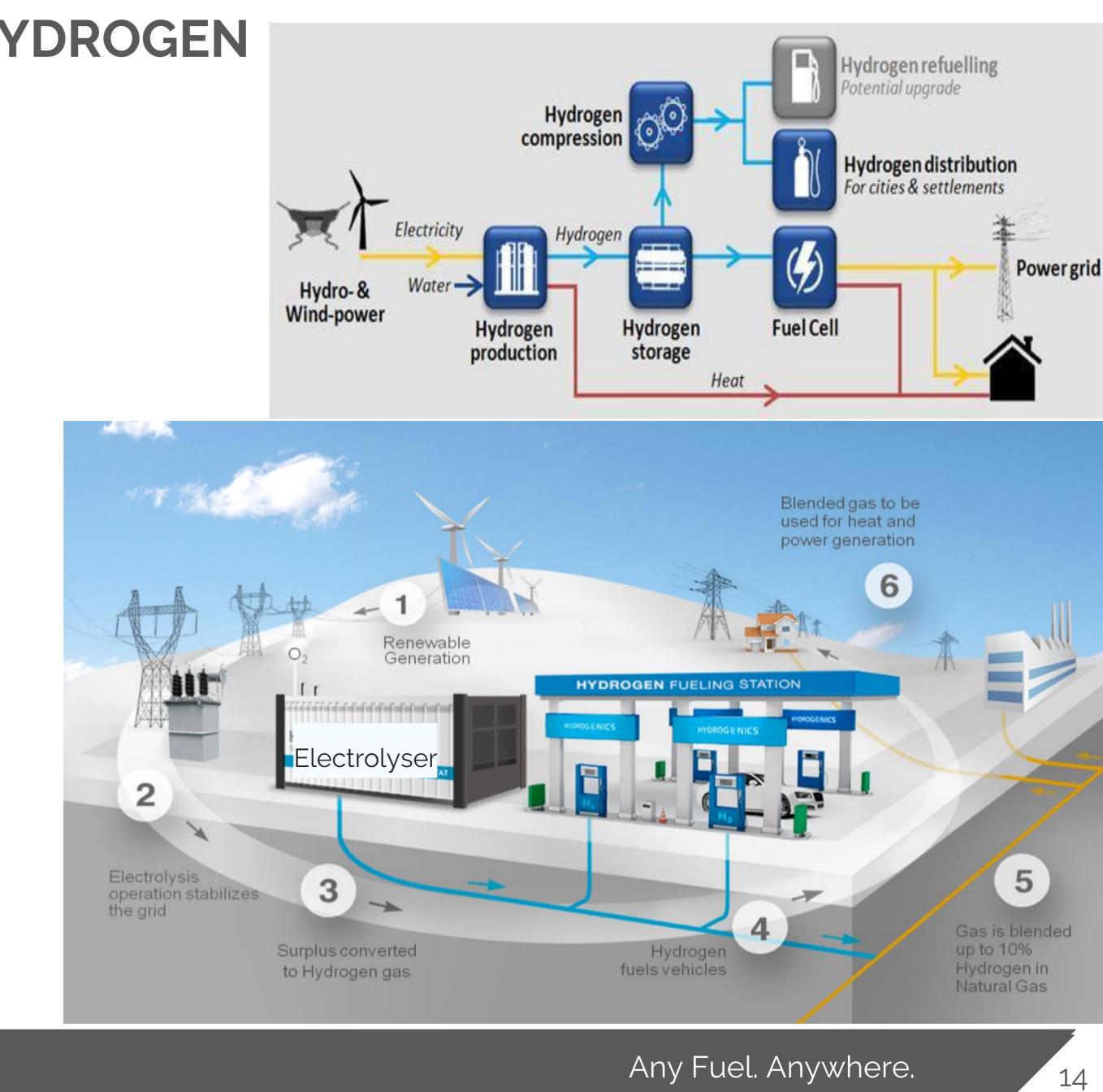




## **FUTURE GRID : RENEWABLES & HYDROGEN**

- Integrating renewables allow for not only local generation but also local supply of fuel
- Integrating local peak solar or wind can allow for local generation of hydrogen
- Hydrogen can fuel vehicles, used in fuel cells or can be used in local industrial processes







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