

# Hydrogen Trains and Infrastructure in Germany

**Case Study**

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# Renewable wind hydrogen energy seems promising, but are there business plans ready to be implemented?

## Project goal

- To assess expansion and development opportunities of a hydrogen storage economy

## Project scope

- Detailed (current) market analysis & sensitivity analysis
- Analysis of economic efficiency of hydrogen
- Analysis of framework conditions of hydrogen marketability
- Identification of favourable regulatory frameworks

## Project deliverables

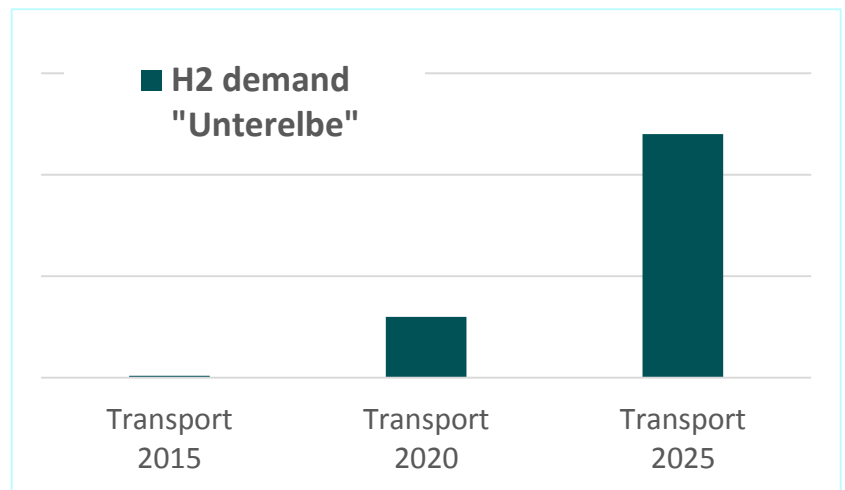
- Assess economic viability at current stage and derive operating models (plans)
- Analyze relevant (pipeline) path
- Development a suitable future roadmap for implementation

## 1. Objectives

### Case Study: Realisation of a Wind Hydrogen Economy (ChemCoast)



<http://www.chemcoast.de/>



Currently hydrogen is primarily generated and consumed as industrial gas at place of use, only 5% is transported and traded

### Major insights

- Increasing demand for green hydrogen, but for implementation following conditions are essential:
  - a) Exemption of grid fees and similar cost allocations
  - b) Exemption from EEG apportionment (H<sub>2</sub> as transport fuel)
  - c) Exemption from the prohibition of multiple sales

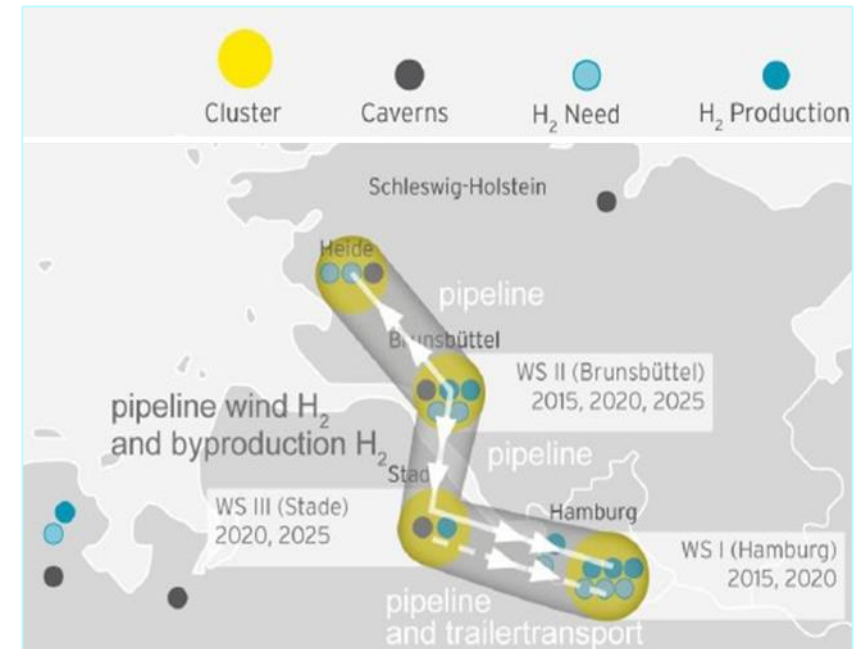
### Roadmap for implementation

- Phase 1 (2015): laying foundation for renewable wind hydrogen use by industry
- Phase 2 (2015 – 2020): market growth through maturing transport sector
- Phase 3 (2020 – 2025): shift towards supplier market through decreasing production costs

### Principle challenge for green hydrogen: “market price”

- Substitution of brown by green hydrogen is unlikely (price difference approx. 5 EUR/kg)
- But, commitment for sustainability in public transport and targets for reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is a great chance

## 2. Main insights



Today, **key hydrogen demand** comes from industry (chemical, petrochemical and steel industry + transport sector)



# While technology is available, key challenges are hydrogen production, transport, storage and finding the right business case

## Project goal

- To study necessary technical, legal and economic conditions for sustainable supply of hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) to existing rail infrastructure in Germany

## Key project deliverables

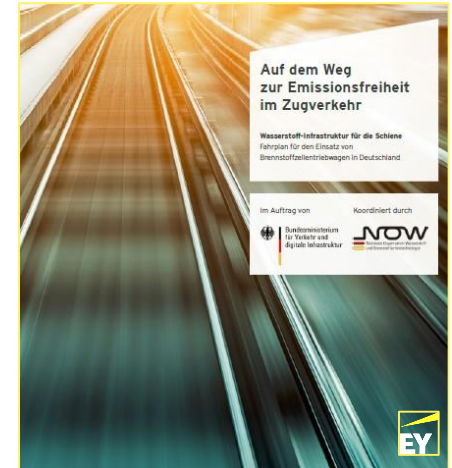
- Detailed technical analysis (feasibility)
- Economic viability check and definition of operator models that facilitate H<sub>2</sub> supply
- Campaign to increase market acceptance

## Project framework

- About 50% of German rail network is not electrified
- Overhead wire construction is cost intensive, not profitable on little-used sections and not wanted in scenic areas
- To reduce emissions, electric trains with hydrogen-operated fuel cells are a promising alternative
- However, required H<sub>2</sub> supply infrastructure is not yet present

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[bmvi-wasserstoff-infrastruktur-fuer-die-schiene.pdf](https://www.bmvi.de/SharedDocs/DE/Presse/pm/2020/07/wasserstoff-infrastruktur-fuer-die-schiene.pdf?__blob=publicationFile)



To ensure feasibility, not only hydrogen production, supply and filling must be considered, but also the implementation of suitable routes

### Sources of hydrogen for railways

Potential H2 sources

- By-product of industrial processes
- H2 generation in natural gas steam reformer
- H2 generation by electrolysis

### Hydrogen logistics and supply paths

- On-site electrolysis, Pipeline, Tank container by truck, Rail tank

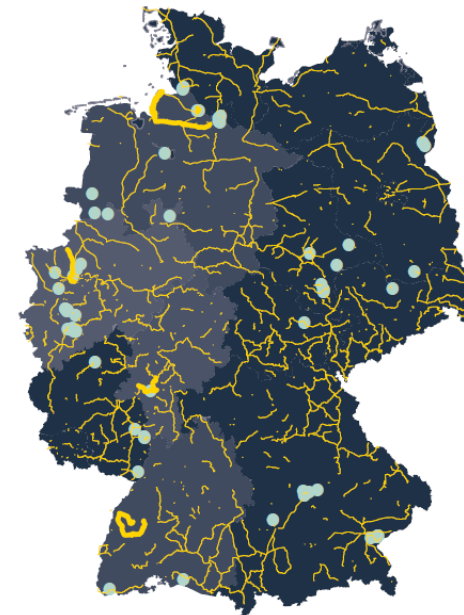
### Filling stations

- Technology already existent
- Daily demand about 1.5 – 2 tons (150kg per train)

### Best-fit routes

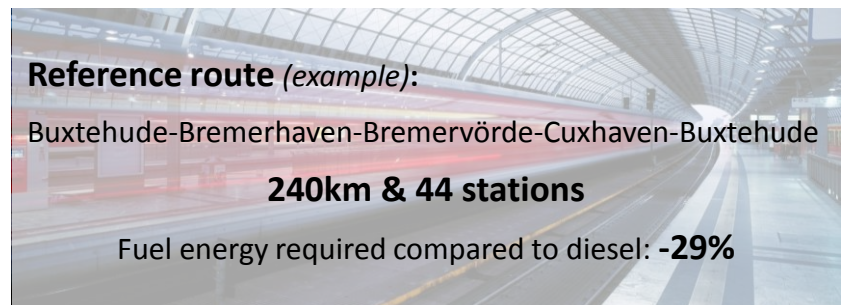
- a) Speed 120 – 160 km/h
- b) Roundtrip about 650km
- c) Filling time about 45 minutes/train
- d) High number of stations/uneven territory

## 2. Technical feasibility



### Pilot regions, DE

- Lower Saxony
- North Rhine Westfalia
- Hesse
- Baden-Wuerttemberg



# Economic viability can be achieved but only with the right legal framework and while competing with established diesel technology

## Under the right circumstances and the right operator model, hydrogen outperforms diesel for railways

- Economic efficiency advantage **4.8% / train**
- Potential of further cost reduction effects: **15%**
- Removal of diesel fuel subsidies: **3.2%**
- Total possible economic efficiency advantage: **23%**

**Operator Model 1** – Separate contracting of H2 provision

**Operator Model 2** – Provision with integrated awarding of H2 supply

## In order to increase market acceptance for hydrogen

- Set-up Project Office for aligning communication activities
- Continuous analysis of awareness of all actors
- Involve local population, local politicians, associations, NGOs
- Celebratory event of inauguration
- Share experience through specialist articles and events

## 3. Economic viability

	Einheit	Wasserstoff- Infrastruktur	Diesel- Infrastruktur
		Brennstoffzellenantrieb	Dieselantrieb
Einmalige Investitionskosten			
Angenommene Investitionskosten pro Zug	MEUR	ca. 5,3	rd. 4,3
Jahreslaufleistung	km/Jahr	200.000	200.000
Laufende Betriebskosten			
Betriebskosten			
Instandhaltung ohne Nebenkosten	EUR/km	0,72	0,80
Treibstoffkosten			
Treibstoffverbrauch	kg H2/km bzw. l Diesel/km	0,23	1,20
Betankung frei Zapfpistole	EUR/kg H2 bzw. EUR/l Diesel	5,05	1,10
Gebühren			
Trassenpreise	EUR/km	2,25	2,25
Preise je Stationshalt	EUR/Station	2,47	2,47
Infrastrukturbereitstellungskosten (laufende Kosten)	MEUR/Jahr	0,92	0,96
Korrekturfaktor für Reifegrad der Technologie	Faktor	0,85	–
Subventionen	EUR/l Diesel	–	0,18
Bereinigte Infrastrukturbereitstellungskosten (laufende Kosten)	MEUR/Jahr	0,78	ca. 1,0

Vergleich Kostenpositionen Dieselantrieb und Brennstoffzellenantrieb pro Zug und Jahr



Thank you very much for your attention!

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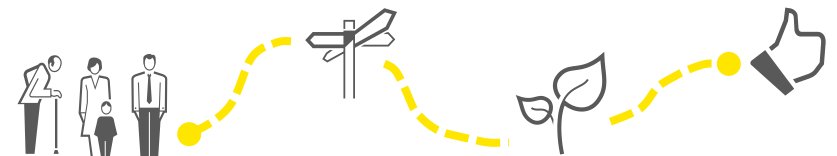
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# Better questions lead to better answers

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## Backup

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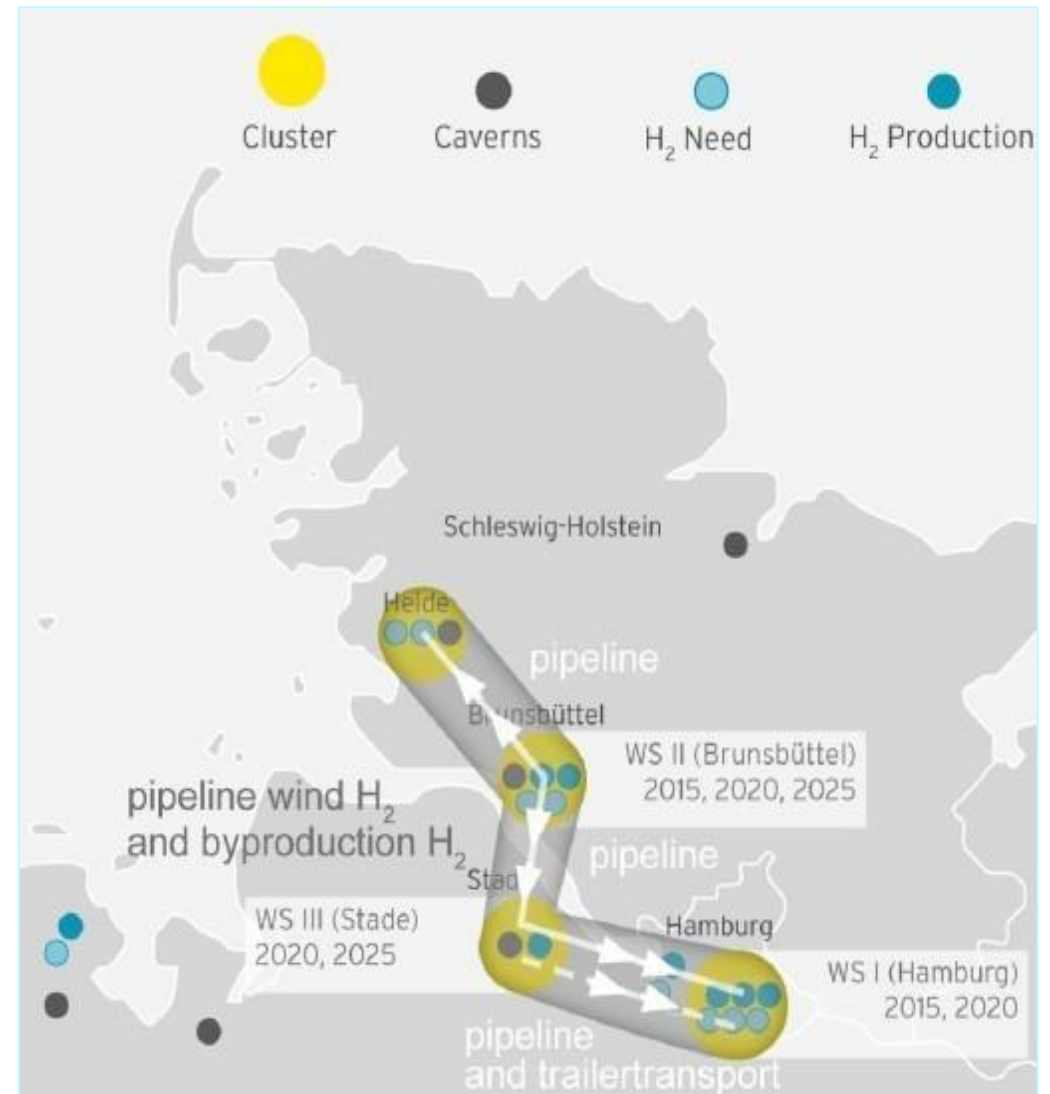
# Options for operator models

## Three value added paths

- Path I: Hamburg
- Path II: Brunsbüttel – Heide
- Path III: Stade region

## Three development phases

- By 2015: laying foundation for renewable wind hydrogen use by industry
- 2015 – 2020: market growth through maturing transport sector
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# „Roadmap 2025“ - Example - Path 1: Hamburg

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## **Phase 1: Laying of foundation by 2015**

- Construction of an industrial electrolysis plant with 20 MW electric input power
- Investments of 16.3 MEUR
- In first step only yellow hydrogen to meet industry demand

## **Phase 2: Market growth 2015 - 2020**

- Total demand of 2.2k t of yellow hydrogen
- Construction of 3km pipeline
- Increase capacity through expansion of electrolysis plants (to 34 MW)

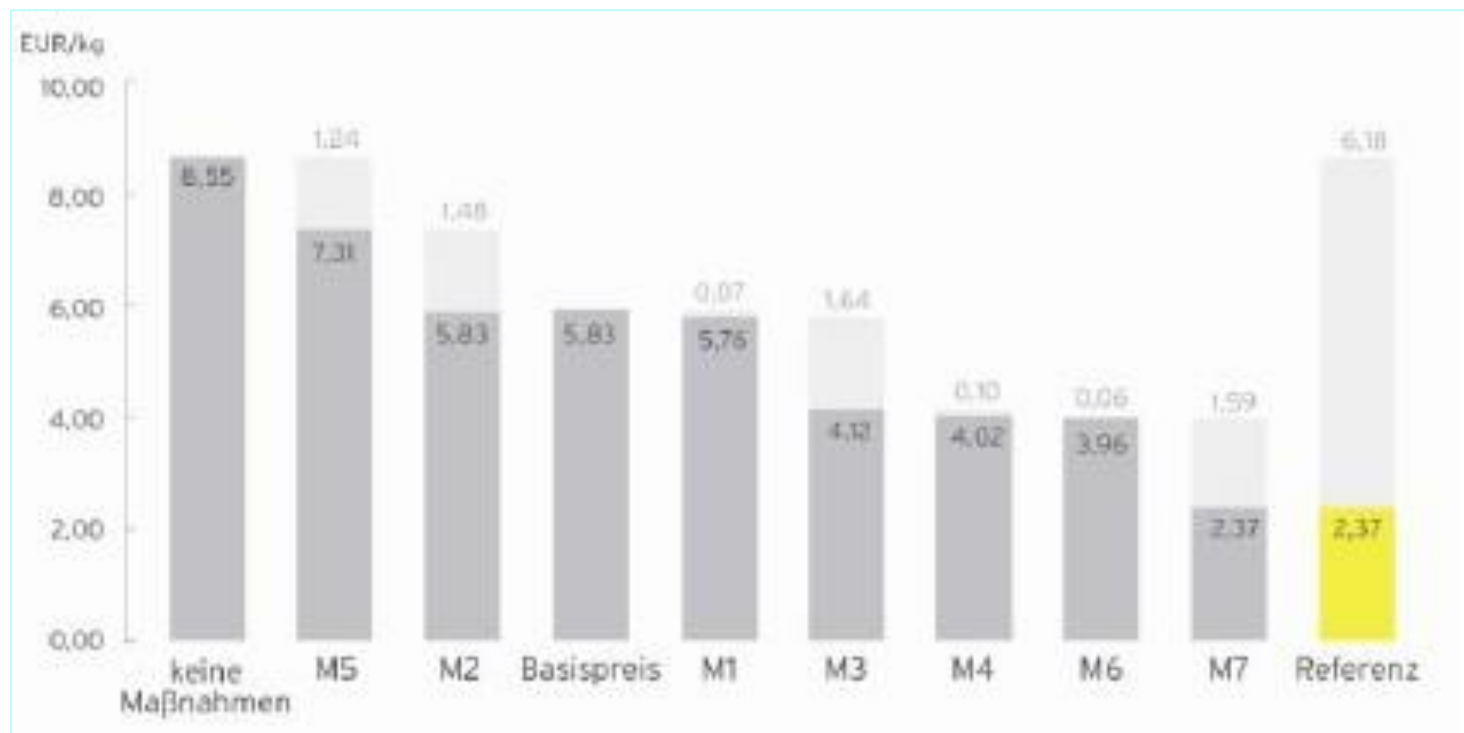
## **Phase 3: Shift towards supplier market 2020-2025**

- Transport sector main consumer of green hydrogen with demand of 7k t p.a.
- Stade region will have electrolysis capacity of 156 MW electric input power to meet industry and transport sector demand

# Markt launch of green hydrogen

## Market launch plan

- Infrastructure build up by Public-Private-Partnership Projects
- Market incentive programme
- Price mechanism (EEGasG with direct marketing)



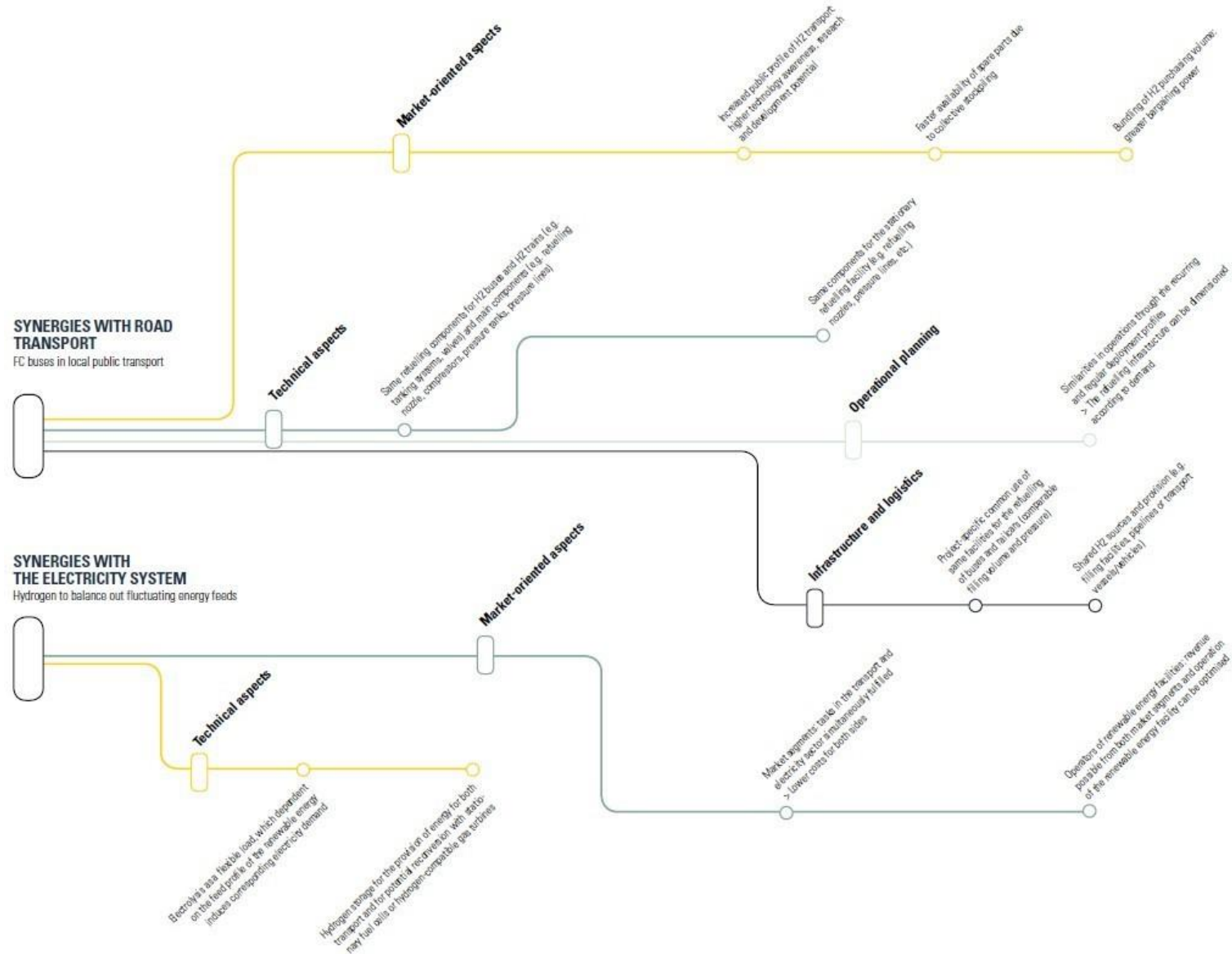


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# Synergies with road transport and electric system



# Options for operator models

- Option 1 – Provision with separate contracting of hydrogen provision
  - Conventional procurement of vehicles
  - Commissioning authority vehicle pool
- Option 2 – Provision with integrated awarding of the hydrogen supply
  - H2 Service Model
  - LNVG H2 Model
    - All advantages of commissioning authority vehicle pool
    - Provision of vehicles and (hydrogen) infrastructure under one roof
    - Assumption of risks (esp. technical) by private partners
    - Reduction of the competitive landscape (disadvantage)

