



- **Fuel Cells**

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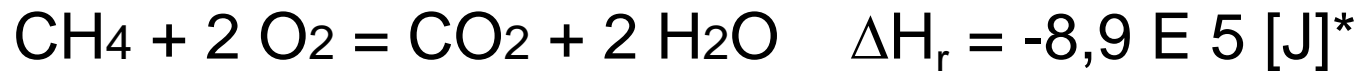
Common statement in *Cleaner Production* texts:

- be **energy-efficient** and use **renewable** energy;

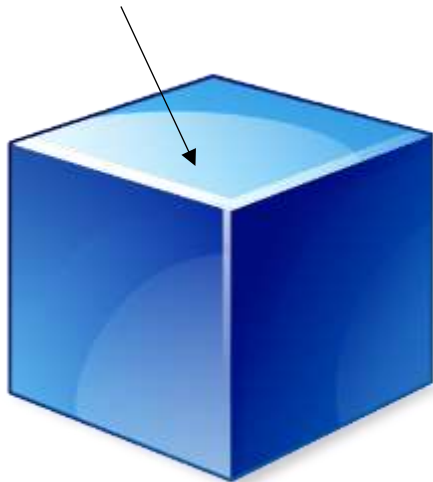


- be **energy-efficient** and use **renewable** energy

## Energy



lower heating value (**LHV**)



$$1 \text{ [N m}^3\text{]} = 44,6 \text{ [mol]}$$

$$\sim 36,0 \text{ [MJ/m}^3\text{]}$$

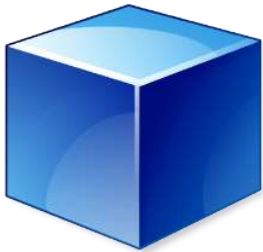
**Heat released  
by combustion**

\* <http://www.usetute.com.au/heatcomb.html>



## Energy

36,0 [MJ/m<sup>3</sup>]



Time: 2 [s]

## Time

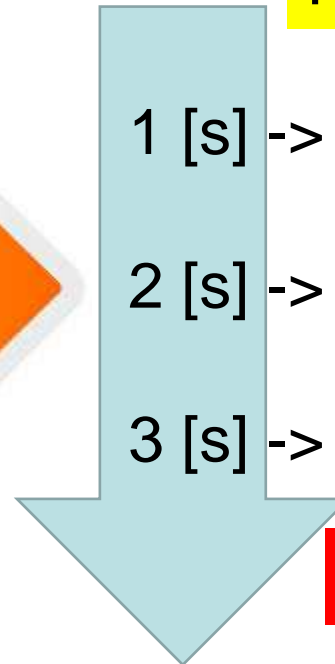
## Power

1 [s] -> 36,0 [MW/m<sup>3</sup>]

2 [s] -> 18,0 [MW/m<sup>3</sup>]

3 [s] -> 9,0 [MW/m<sup>3</sup>]

... heat flow





## Power!



50 [kW] to  
2,5 [MW]



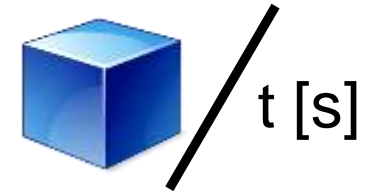
Cidade Azul  
3 [MW]



Pampa Sul  
340 [MW]



Itá  
1 450 [MW]



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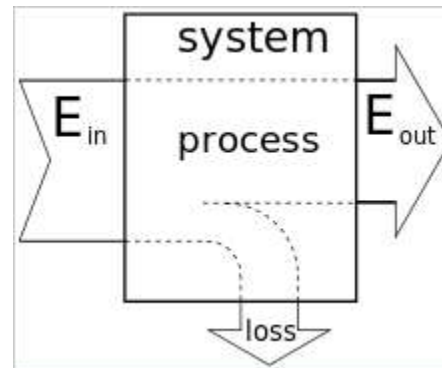
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## Conversion



$$E_{out} / E_{in}$$

## Efficiency

**Water turbine**

**Gravitational to electrical**

up to **90%** (practically achieved)

**Wind turbine**

**Kinetic to electrical**

up to **59%** (theoretical limit)

**Solar cell**

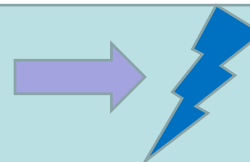
**Radiative to electrical**

**6–40%** (technology-dependent, 15-20% most often, 85–90% theoretical limit)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy\\_conversion\\_efficiency](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy_conversion_efficiency)

**Other**

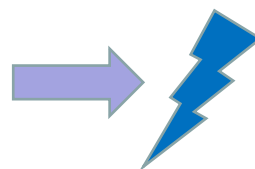
**Chemical potential**



**???**



Chemical potential

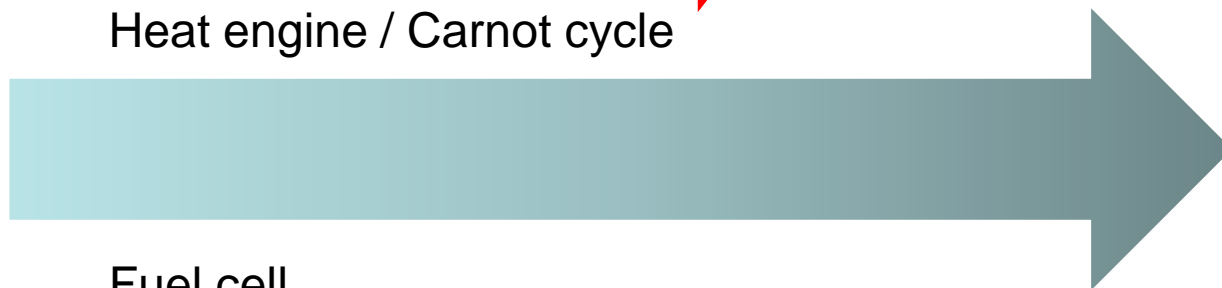


Heat flow from combustion

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{W}{Q_h}$$

Heat engine / Carnot cycle

Chemical  
potencial



Fuel cell

Energy from reaction

$$\varepsilon_{thermo} = \frac{\Delta G_{rxn}}{\Delta H_{rxn}} = \frac{\text{useful } E}{\text{total } E}$$



Bypassing the Carnot cycle results in higher efficiency:

- Fuel Cell efficiency: 50 to 60 %
- Heat engines have efficiencies from 40 to 60%



## Some characteristics of SOFCs\*:

No moving parts:

- Low noise;
- Low maintenance costs.

N<sub>2</sub> filtering effect of oxide membrane:

- Low Nox

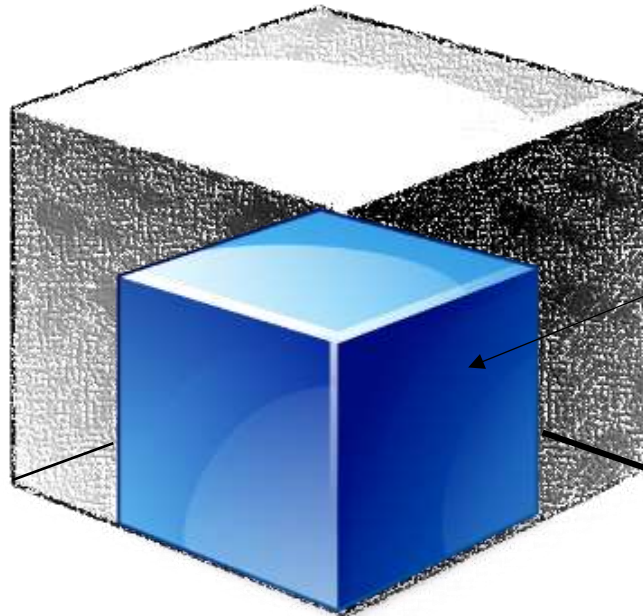
High efficiency:

- Low CO<sub>2</sub> per kW

\* Solid Oxide Fuel Cells



- be **energy-efficient** and use **renewable** energy



- BIOGAS  
~ 60% CH<sub>4</sub>  
(rest: CO<sub>2</sub>)
- SYNGAS

# Produção +Limpa

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Tecnologias Limpas

20 e 21 de novembro de 2017



Inovação, Design, Reúso e Reciclagem

Low noise: Hartford Hospital, Hartford, **USA**



<https://www.fuelcellenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Fuel-Cells-Healthcare.pdf>



## GLOBAL INSTALLED CAPACITY

In **2015** the global fuel cell industry comprised around 200 companies, with sales revenues of about \$2.2bn, shipping 50,000 fuel cell systems with a total capacity of 180MWe.

**The global installed fuel cell generating capacity is 1 GWe.**

Major uptake continues in North America and Asia Pacific, accelerating more slowly in Europe.



## DoE: SOLID OXIDE FUEL CELL PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Energy initiated the SOFC Program in 2000 to develop low-cost, highly efficient, environmentally friendly SOFC technology for smaller, modular-scale as well as large-scale power generation from natural gas or coal-derived synthesis gas. The specific goals of the SOFC program are: to meet a stack cost target of \$225/kW and **a system cost target of \$900/kW**; demonstrate lifetime performance degradation of less than 0.2% per 1,000 hours over an operating **lifetime of 40,000 hours**; and achieve an **efficiency of greater than 60%** without carbon capture and storage.

<https://energy.gov/fe/science-innovation/clean-coal-research/solid-oxide-fuel-cells>

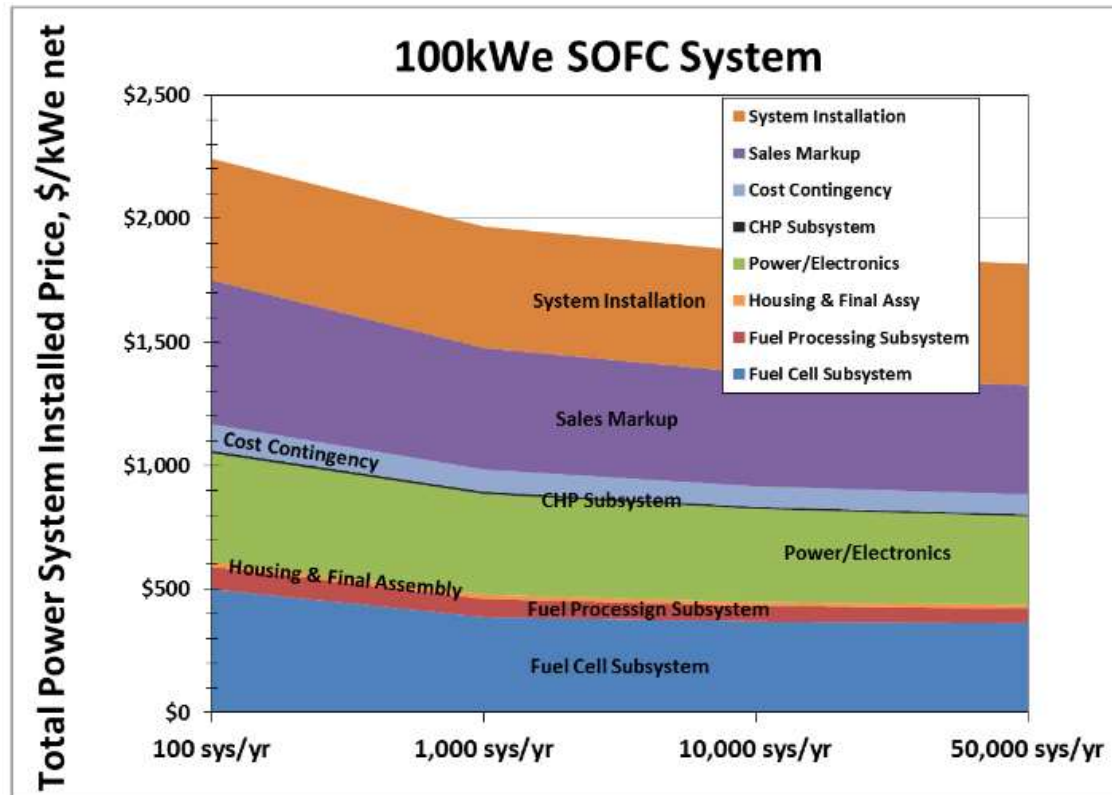


Figure 7. 100 kWe SOFC System Installed Price Breakdown by Subsystem

30 September 2015

[https://www.sainc.com/assets/site\\_18/files/publications/sa%202015%20manufacturing%20cost%20and%20installed%20price%20of%20stationary%20fuel%20cell%20systems\\_rev3.pdf](https://www.sainc.com/assets/site_18/files/publications/sa%202015%20manufacturing%20cost%20and%20installed%20price%20of%20stationary%20fuel%20cell%20systems_rev3.pdf)