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### Sunday, 23 October 2022

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	Individual arrivals at the hotel in Rio de Janeiro and check-in
10.00	For early arriving participants Cultural excursion to Cristo Redentor and Sugarloaf Mountain
18:50	Meeting in the lobby and joint walk to the restaurant
19.00	Joint informal dinner at a restaurant

### Day 1 | Monday, 24 October 2022

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8.30	Registration at Windsor Excelsior Copacabana Hotel in Rio de Janeiro
9.30	Welcome words  <b>Ilona Daun</b> Programme Manager German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)  <b>Petra Schmidt</b> Head of German Cooperation for Sustainable Development German Embassy Brazil  <b>Fabiola Gerbase</b> Deputy Director German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Brazil
9.50	Agenda and expected results of the matchmaking and introduction of the participants
10.00	Presentation of the project DKT1 (E2, H2) and sector coupling  <b>Dr Johannes Kissel</b> Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

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10.10 “Cooperation Projects and NoPa: What are the Key Elements for Success?”

- Clarifying GIZ Projects and their overall goals (GIZ) and Locating NoPa in the context of the projects (GIZ)

Marcus Regis

Consultant

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

- The Roles and Responsibilities of DAAD

Ilona Daun & Anja Munzig

Programme Manager & Programme Administrator

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

- Identifying Research Topics (MR)

Marcus Regis

Consultant

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Further discussion on research topics and a recap on the selection process.

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11.10 Short coffee/tea break

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11.30 Poster presentation of project ideas

- 10 Minutes presentation and Q&A

All participants (60 min)

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12.30 Lunch

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13.30 Poster presentation of project ideas

- 10 Minutes presentation and Q&A

All participants (120 min)

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15.30 Short coffee/tea break

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16.00 Poster presentation of project ideas

- 10 Minutes presentation and Q&A

All participants (30 Min)

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16.30 End of day one

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19.00 Joint dinner at a restaurant

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## Day 2 | Tuesday, 25 October 2022

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9.00 Get together at the hotel in Rio de Janeiro

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9.30 Q&A regarding the call  
Time will be made available on day 3 for specific one-on-one interactions

Ilona Daun & Anja Munzig

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

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10.30	Short coffee/tea break
11.00	First round of matchmaking opportunities
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Second round of matchmaking opportunities
15.00	Short coffee/tea break
15.30	Third round of matchmaking opportunities
17.00	Wrap-up and look out to last matchmaking day
17.15	End of day two
19.00	Joint dinner at a restaurant

### Day 3 | Wednesday, 26 October 2022

9.00	Get together at the hotel in Rio de Janeiro
9.30	Q&A regarding the call and opportunity to discuss potential joint funding proposals  Ilona Daun & Anja Munzig German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
10.30	Short coffee/tea break
11.00	Opportunity provided for individual, detailed discussions with DAAD and/or GIZ
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Exchange with representatives from industry/business (tbc)
17.15	End of matchmaking and individual departures
19.00	Joint dinner for participants leaving later that night or on the following day



**FOLLOW UP REPORT**

## Report by Facilitator

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## Abbreviations & Acronyms

ANEEL	Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
DAAD	German Academic Exchange Service ( <i>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst</i> )
DKTI (E2, H2)	German Climate Technology Initiative (Electricity, Hydrogen)
FUNDEP	Research Development Foundation ( <i>Fundação de Desenvolvimento da Pesquisa</i> )
GIZ	German Cooperation Agency ( <i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i> )
NoPa	New Partnerships Programme ( <i>Novas Parcerias</i> )
PtX	Power-to-X (concept)



# MATCHMAKING EVENT

## Day 1: Monday, 24 October

REGISTRATION  
INTRODUCTIONS  
PRESENTATIONS OF GIZ & DAAD  
PRESENTATION OF PROJECT IDEA  
POSTERS

Welcome addresses were given by:

**Ilona Daun**  
Programme Manager  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

**Petra Schmidt**  
Head of German Cooperation for Sustainable Development  
German Embassy, Brazil

**Fabiola Gerbase**  
Deputy Director  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Brazil

The participants introduced themselves by name and the institution they represent; many had met on the excursion the day before.

After the review of the agenda and expected results of the workshop, a presentation of the GIZ project DKT1 (E2, H2) and key elements for cooperation projects and sector coupling was given by:

**Dr Johannes Kissel**  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

**Marcus Regis**  
Consultant  
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The roles and responsibilities of the DAAD were clarified, along with ways to identify research topics in the scope of GIZ projects. There was also time for Q&A.

The rest of the day was dedicated to presentations of all the German-Brazilian research projects and answering related questions. (See Annex 2)

## Day 2: Tuesday, 24 October

### Q&A REGARDING THE CALL MATCHMAKING

After having three questions answered about the call, the participants were ready to start with the matchmaking.

Each of the nine German university representatives stayed at a roundtable and the Brazilian partners rotated every 20 minutes. The idea was to explore every possible bilateral combination and allow for sufficient time to discuss potential cooperation opportunities.

The dynamic became a bit more static after the participants started finding matches and more things in common to explore. As conversations continued gaining momentum, the group essentially organised itself and was interrupted only for short reminders and important announcements that brought the second day to a close.



## Day 3: Wednesday, 25 October

### Q&A REGARDING THE CALL AND ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL JOINT FUNDING PROPOSALS AHK MATCHMAKING

As the project proposals took shape, the participants had more questions and uncertainties that ultimately required all the time allotted for Q&A.

ANEEL's representative delivered a presentation about state-of-the-art E2 and H2 projects and how to get funding for Brazilian research and implementation projects (presentation in Annex 2).

FUNDEP's representative, who stated that they have been increasingly providing funding for projects in these topic areas, was available throughout the event to clarify questions from the Brazilian researchers.

The participants pointed out that up to seven cooperation projects were designed during the matchmaking and proposals were ready (or almost ready) to be submitted. They took the opportunity to clarify all the possible questions – for example, about the possibility of double funding occurring and invalidating a proposal, as the same person could be involved in more than one project or two German universities with a similar research topic could join the same proposal. Brazilian partners wanted to understand why funding could not go directly to their institutions and what could actually be funded (and how).

The DAAD explained in detail what was and was not allowed by the German regulations, described all the administrative procedures involved, and provided a realistic overview of what was needed.

The DAAD portal was introduced and explained, as some applicants were ready to send in their proposals.

The timeline of the project was presented to provide the participants with the necessary information about the selection process: the application deadline, when the DAAD would respond, the official kick-off date, etc.

The participants continued to engage in in-depth conversations throughout the day, taking the chance to have one-on-one interactions with the DAAD and GIZ representatives. ANEEL and FUNDEP also sent representatives, who offered possibilities for funding from the Brazilian side with an eye towards continuing projects after the DAAD funding comes to an end. The delegates explored as many possibilities as they could during their time together. They had meetings even during the breaks and including other peers via video conference to discuss further formalities and responsibilities.

In the afternoon, AHK conducted a matchmaking round with non-academic organisations. The intention was to foster exchanges with institutions from the corporate and industry sectors to find cooperation opportunities. This part seemed to be more relevant for the Brazilian than the German researchers. No resulting potential partnerships were reported.

## GENERAL REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

“The matchmaking has had an impact simply because it happened.”

This affirmation came from a Brazilian delegate who pointed out the enormous benefits of connecting with researchers at a level that only in-person interaction allows. As an example, he cited a relationship he had built with a German professor who is developing H2 transport solutions. Although they had not found a match, as the Brazilian research is at an early stage, he knows that the question of transport will arise in the near future. They agreed to get back together and discuss a partnership when the right time comes, even in the absence of funding. While both parties are engaged in other projects that are more suitable at the moment, their research is complementary and they have already established a basis of trust.

“Bridges have been built and a type of cross-pollination has happened.”

Among the various cases in which participants found areas where their projects overlapped and complemented one another, two German universities with the same topic decided to simply combine them. Instead of writing two competing proposals, they ended up collaborating and merging their research topics into one. Although the funding seemed rather meagre for their individual endeavours, they could see the advantages in optimising their joint efforts and increasing their performance. Some partnerships appeared to have the potential to happen even without funding.



One participant pointed out that it would be a loss if any of the seven applications were not approved, as all were at a very high level. He therefore challenged the sponsors to increase their funding and support all the proposals. After suggesting that the funding would not be enough to complete the projects, another delegate said they would write their application to elaborate their concept and figure out how to implement it in a subsequent stage considering the overall costs.

During the event, some participants were multitasking, but because they were interacting with one another for almost the entire time, this did not compromise their level of engagement and connection. It is important to remember that researchers and professors at this level have their work running in parallel. For instance, one professor recorded his lectures so that he could attend the entire event. Another Brazilian professor was



not allowed to do so and, as he was the only representative from his institution able to deliver an international programme in English, he gave lectures early in the morning and arrived later to the event. The same was true of a German professor who gave lectures at 6:00 am. This demonstrates the participants' level of commitment to their duties both at the event and elsewhere.

The short-term deadline presented a challenge for universities that depend on their dean to sign off on and approve engagements like these, which may involve a rather lengthy bureaucratic process. Despite this and other obstacles, the participants were enthusiastic about the positive outcome of the event. They praised the organisers for the great opportunity to get together with international partners and for creating a unique sense of cooperation.

“The matchmaking worked very well. Everybody seems so familiar now on the third day. And there wasn't a single person who didn't get involved in at least one proposal.”

A total of 21 experts from Germany and Brazil participated in the event. Considering the representatives of contributing institutions, the organisers, and the support staff, the total number of participants was 35. The German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK) was invited to hold a matchmaking session between non-academic institutions and the delegates, so the number of participants increased to 40 after lunch on the third day.

## ANNEX 2: LINK TO ALL PRESENTATIONS GIVEN DURING THE EVENT

Download here:

<https://e1.pcloud.link/publink/show?code=kZdJBQZ2N1NaUQJCKzCtEu7LJTzx8NNCBoX>

## ANNEX 3: VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

- Photos: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15nleZvi7PYGvdOFdEAKFFf17J7R5LJGI?usp=sharing>
- Raw video and drone capture: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u-QVmNuFKLB6MC\\_-d\\_OOhtSm9x-InOGZg?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u-QVmNuFKLB6MC_-d_OOhtSm9x-InOGZg?usp=sharing)





**PROJECT BRIEFS**

# WHICH PUBLIC POLICIES CAN INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION OF GREEN HYDROGEN AND ELECTRIC MOBILITY IN A FRAGMENTED AND DIVERSIFIED CONTEXT, AND IN WHICH WAYS? THE CASE OF BRAZIL.

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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Dr Ediliane Camillo

Dr. Tatiana Bermúdez Rodríguez

PhD Student. Anna Carolina Navarro

## ► THE CHALLENGE

The aim of our proposal is to discuss the role of, and relationships between, government policy and regulation, and their articulation within innovative business models. The specific focus is on urban transport and logistics integrating two technological routes: green hydrogen and electric mobility. The question to understand is: what are the most appropriate technological routes and business model options in the Brazilian context?

### *Which scientific questions do you focus on?*

What are the policies and regulations that the countries of global North and global South have been implementing to stimulate electric mobility and its integration with green hydrogen?

Are there any differences between the policies implemented by the countries of the global North and the global South?

What kind of policies have been implemented by Latin American countries to stimulate electric mobility and green hydrogen?

What kind of business models have been implemented in Latin American countries that integrate electric mobility and green hydrogen in logistics and public transport?

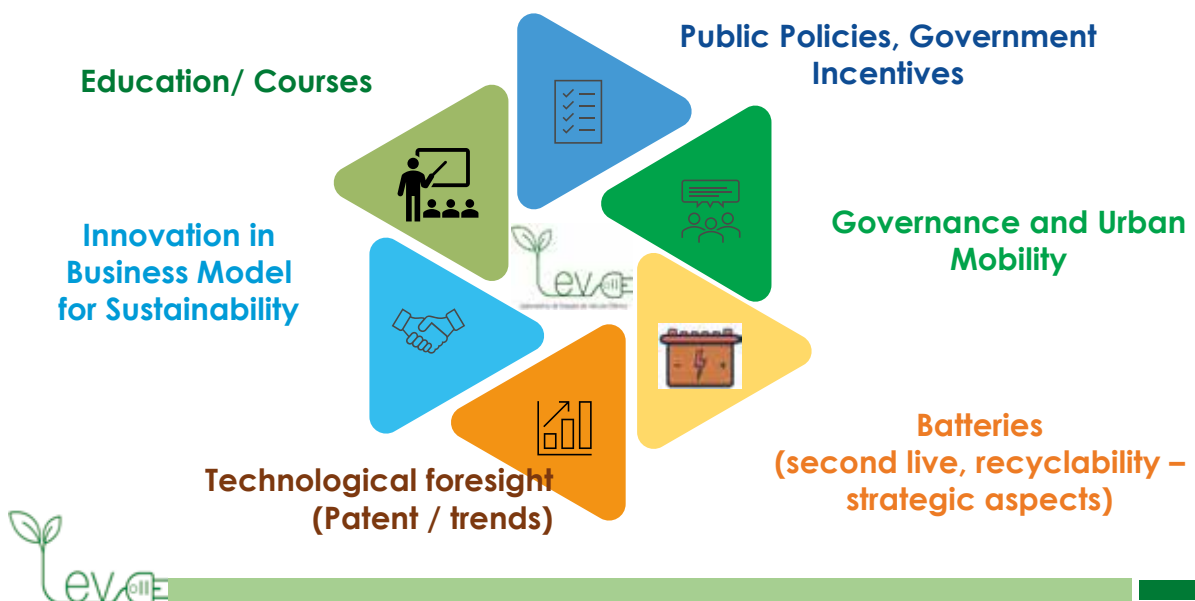
What are the main policies and initiatives implemented in Brazil to stimulate the integration of electric mobility and green hydrogen?

What is the public policy coherence to promote the integration of, and synergies between and within, green hydrogen and electric mobility in Brazil?

### *Describe the background and relevance.*

Our proposal will focus on the analysis of the policies and initiatives that are being implemented by the countries of Latin America for the stimulation of electric mobility and

## Our Expertise / Know how



green hydrogen. In fact, several Latin American countries such as Chile, Colombia, and Uruguay already have specific strategies and policies to stimulate both the development of green hydrogen and of electric mobility. These policies and roadmaps have defined short-, medium- and long-term goals for the implementation of battery electric vehicles and fuel cell electric vehicles powered by hydrogen. What can Brazil learn from Latin American experiences?

*Describe the significance and innovation of your project idea.*

We noticed that many Brazilian cities are planning the transition to low emission mobility despite the lack of policy coherence with federal policies and regulations. Our project intends to provide a framework that can guide the policy maker to promote the integration of green hydrogen and the electric mobility considering local specificities (diversities).

► **THE APPROACH**

In order to achieve our aim, we will carry out a mapping of international policies and initiatives that address the integration of two technological routes: green hydrogen and

electric mobility. Moreover, we will analyse the strategies and initiatives that are being developed in Latin America regarding green hydrogen and electric mobility. Our proposal also includes the mapping out of the initiatives and policies in Brazil regarding the integration of these two technological routes. Finally, we intend to carry out interviews with the main stakeholders in Latin America and Brazil, as well as technical missions to learn about the main initiatives in the region with a focus on innovative business models.

► **THE INTENDED IMPACT**

Policies and regulations to encourage electric mobility and green hydrogen are critical to achieving carbon neutrality and meeting international climate commitments. In addition, the Latin American countries have the potential to develop a value chain in these technological routes with export possibilities. The mapping and analysis of policies, regulations and initiatives that are being implemented in the region (cities) will generate insights for the formulation of public policies in Brazil that integrate electric mobility and green hydrogen.



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# ASSESSMENT OF PATHWAYS FOR A BILATERAL ENERGY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BRAZIL AND GERMANY.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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TH Köln**

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TH Köln

### ► THE CHALLENGE

Energy system transformations towards sustainable, renewable energy generation and efficient energy usage in the end-use sectors is a major challenge in the context of climate change and the global energy and economic crisis due to the conflict in the Ukraine. In this regard, bilateral cooperation between energy-exporting and energy-importing countries becomes of increasing relevance. Due to the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy carriers, new partnerships need to be established. In this context several questions arise: How do supply and demand of renewable energy carriers fit together? Which energy carriers are most suitable for bilateral energy cooperation between Brazil and Germany? When will they be available, at what price, and in which quantities?

### ► THE APPROACH

In the proposed project, a bilateral energy system model between Brazil and Germany is developed with the focus on import and export of hydrogen and related power-to-x products. The model will be implemented in Python on the

basis of open access energy system frameworks. The model will be jointly developed between TH Köln and partner Universities from Brazil.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

Outputs and Results include the following:

- Scenarios for energy system transformation in Brazil and Germany
- Development of a techno-economic supply chain database for different renewable energy carriers
- Comparative assessment of renewable energy carrier supply chains
- Identification of the most suitable pathways for an energy partnership between Germany and Brazil
- Development of a roadmap for the implementation of selected energy cooperation pathways

The results will be published at international conferences and in high-level scientific journals as well as in the form of reports including summaries for policymakers. All results will be published with open access.



Engineering building TH Köln





*Metabolon circular economy site*



*biomass and hydrogen laboratory at metabolon site*



*Fuel cell bus of Cologne public transport company RVK*



*Smart grid simulation lab at TH Köln*

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# GREEN H2, DIRECT ELECTRIFICATION AND STORAGE WITH 100% SOLAR ELECTRICITY

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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Solar Energy Research Laboratory

### ► THE CHALLENGE

The project focus is the scientific and practical demonstration of the potential for a fully electrified, 100% solar-powered world, showcasing the Solar Energy Laboratory at Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina ([www.fotovoltaica.ufsc.br](http://www.fotovoltaica.ufsc.br)), in which solar photovoltaic energy conversion is used to produce green hydrogen and green ammonia, together with electrochemical electrical energy storage, electric mobility, and full electrification of all energy supply and loads. The declining costs of solar photovoltaics, together with the need to decarbonise the energy mix including transport, puts solar generation plus direct electrification among the most promising and effective means to abate climate change. All these technologies are put into practice at the Solar Energy Research Laboratory in Florianópolis, in which human resources training, technology showcasing, and innovative research and development efforts are carried out simultaneously.

### ► THE APPROACH

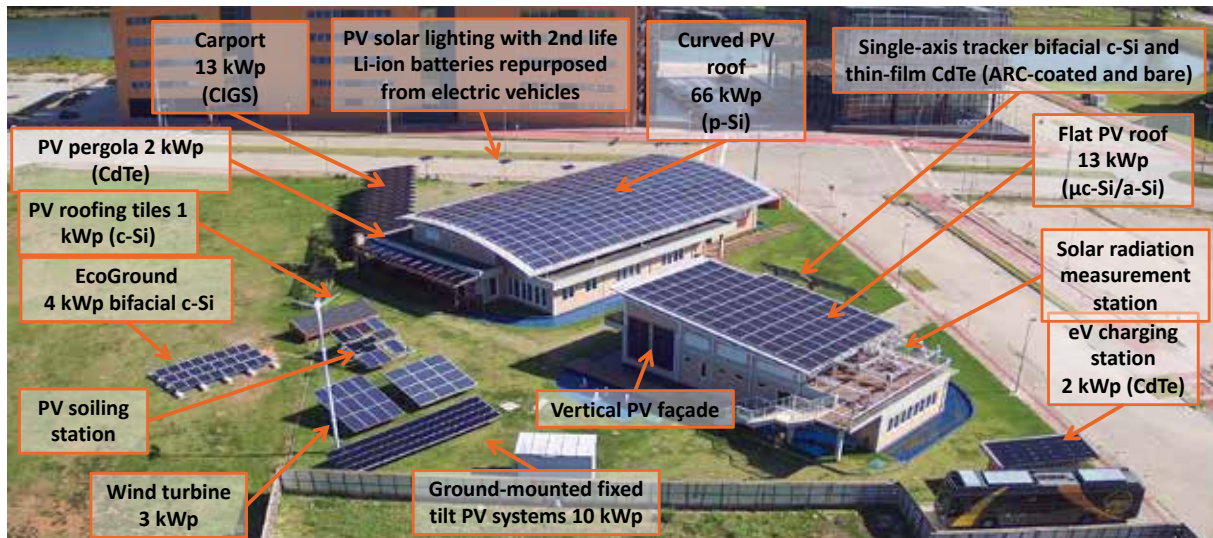
With financial support from the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology (MCTI), and the German Agency for

Technical Cooperation (GIZ and PtX Hub Berlin), the Solar Energy Research Laboratory at the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina was established, with the objective of preparing well-trained human resources, showcasing technologies, and developing innovative R&D on solar photovoltaics, green hydrogen products, direct electrification, energy storage and electrical mobility. This living laboratory is now completing a whole set of infrastructure that will be used to further advance applied R&D in Brazil on all these topics. Training trainers, hosting researchers and visitors, demonstrating established and emerging technologies, and partnering with the energy industry to promote development and a more widespread and faster adoption of all these technologies are the core activities carried out.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

The living laboratory resulted from the project idea, with training, technology showcasing and R&D activities in solar photovoltaics, green hydrogen and green ammonia, electromobility and energy storage as the core activities. Open days and capacity building to a varied demography are the means used for information transfer and public outreach.





The new energy storage (green H2 and Li-batteries) Laboratory at Fotovoltaica/UFSC Under construction in November/2022

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# A SEAMLESS MOBILITY APPROACH TO PROMOTE ELECTRIFIED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

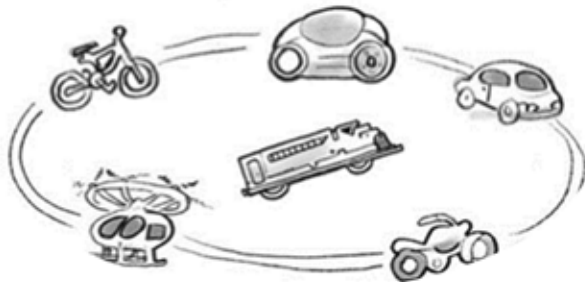
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### ► THE CHALLENGE

- To increase the acceptance of battery-electric public transport by the integration of further shared (electric) mobility offerings. To achieve this, the necessary partners need to interact in an ecosystem (e.g. Adner 2017) and align their roles with the overarching value proposition of “seamless mobility” to promote the mobility as a service (MaaS) concept (Fig. 1) and increase resilience.
- To determine the most promising way to promote the modal shift from the car to environmentally friendly solutions and public transport as the backbone of MaaS.
- To create a special focus on the different national institutional settings and governance rules.
- To innovate regarding MaaS promotion in the Global South.



Integrated mobility to promote MaaS and to decarbonize transportation [1]

### ► THE APPROACH

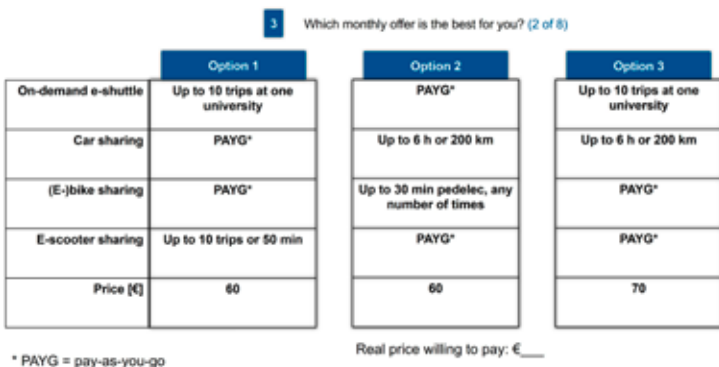
- Create a blueprint of a minimum viable MaaS ecosystem with a focus on ecosystem governance: (1) value proposition, (2) the exchange platform definition, (3) operat-

ing model composition with individual value elements in the form of value streams (4) governance determination with rules, roles and regulations and (5) estimation of joint value created by all partners (Fig. 2).

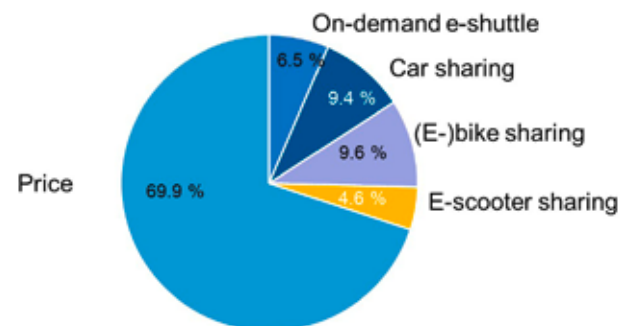
- Investigations of the political and economic framework conditions of (for example) municipalities and employers.
- Take into account the high dependence on governance of integrated mobility in particular on local, national, and international regulations → consideration on a case-by-case basis necessary.
- Comparative case study between Germany and Brazil.
- Examination of potential joint value creation via willingness to pay surveys (Fig. 3), market simulations, and expert interviews to determine existing regulations and future scenarios of best-case regulations and their financial impact, also regarding externalities.
- Partners: municipalities, sharing companies, Chair of urban planning.
- Methods: conjoint analysis to determine relative importance (Fig. 4) of different transportation attributes with a focus on electrified mobility; focus group discussions and scenario analyses as case studies comparing a Brazilian with a German city (Fig. 5).

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

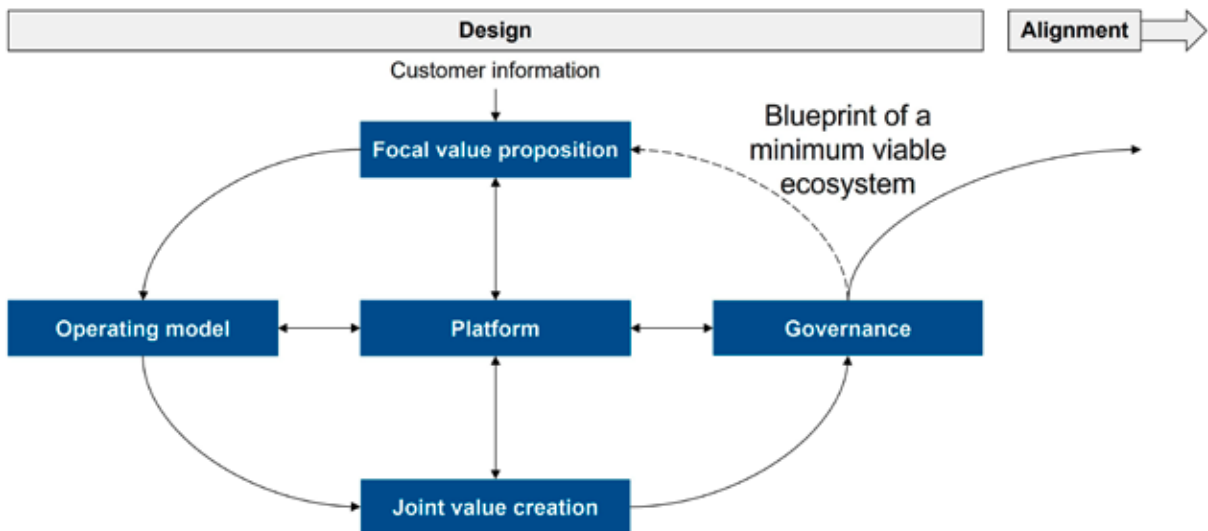
- Outline for policy consultancy on value-enforcing regulations.
- Presentation at international conferences such as GERPI-SA and ICoMaaS.
- Publications of scientific papers in transportation journals.



Survey page example of a conjoint analysis regarding MaaS offers for university students [3]

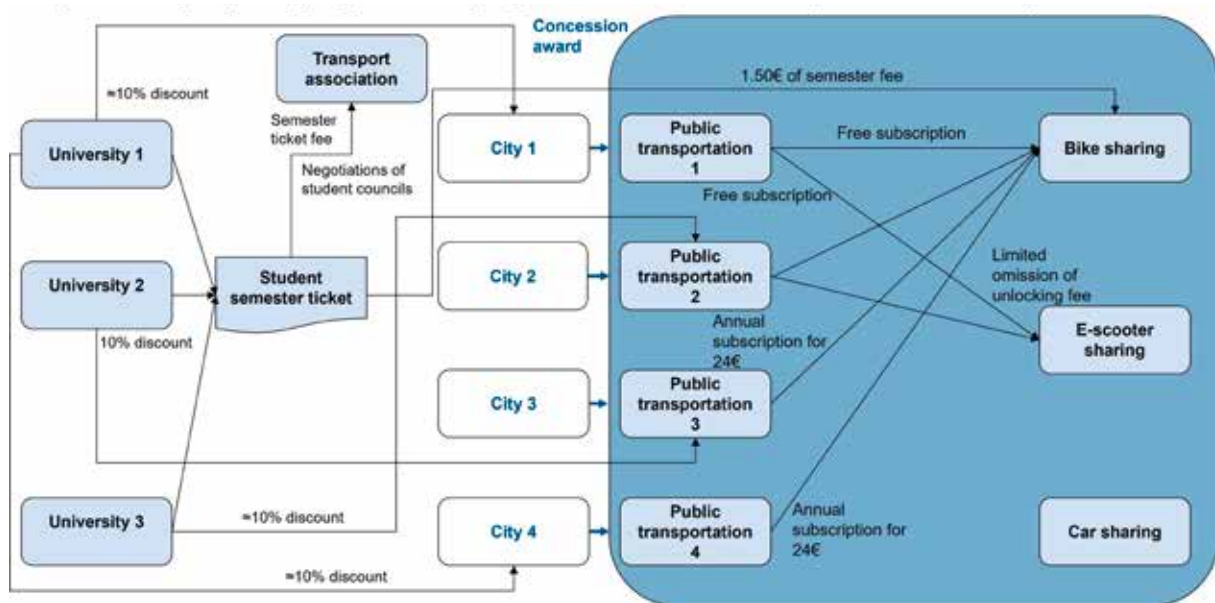


Relative MaaS attribute importance resulting from conjoint analysis regarding MaaS offers for university students [4]



(based on Adner, 2021 and Lewrick et al., 2018)

Building blocks of a minimum viable ecosystem [2]



Exemplary mapping of existing agreements between transportation service providers [5]

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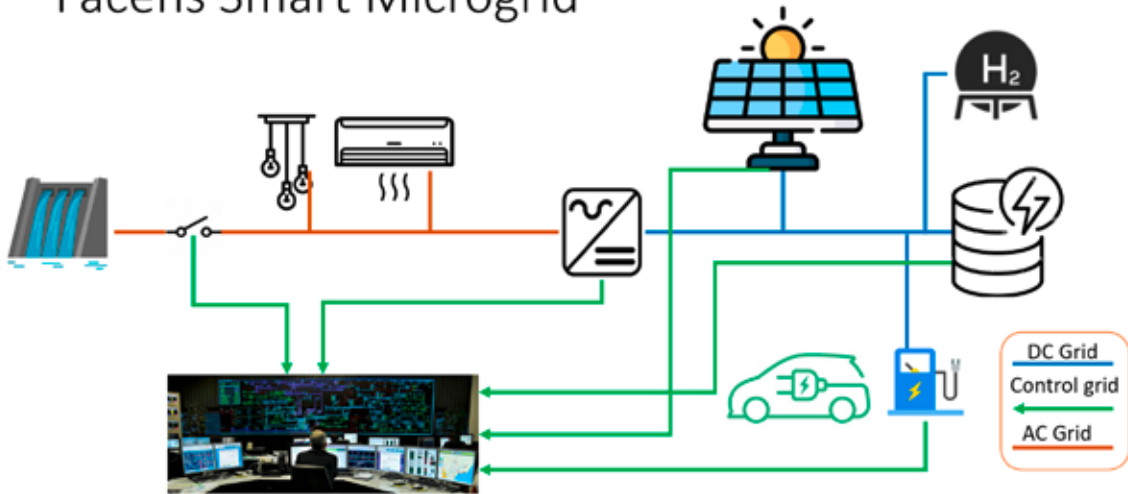
# A 5G SMART MICROGRID AS LIVING LAB FOR V2G

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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 Institution: Facens  
 Partners: UNIFEI (confirmed), others to be confirmed

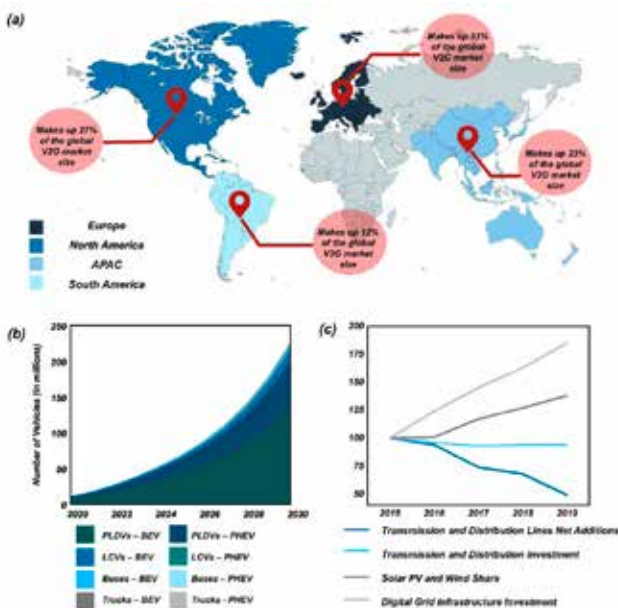
## Facens Smart Microgrid



### ► THE CHALLENGE

The aim is to understand the technological and regulatory challenges that may delay V2G from being implemented in Brazil. For this, we need to understand the level of maturity of the current technology and its use in practice globally. How can creating an integrated simulation platform involving the

electrical system, the communication system, and the management and control system reduce the challenges of inserting electric chargers into the distribution system? This innovative framework has opened up new possibilities for testing and simulating real use cases, in order to evaluate most important aspects of the supply of energy within a microgrid.



(a) V2G market size across various countries globally, (b) projection of the number of EVs across different vehicle types till 2030, and (c) power grid investments in Europe. (t.ly/ZKqM)



V2G Stellantis Project (t.ly/\_5MQ)



Volvo EVs with V2G to create world-first "bi-directional" energy system (t.ly/KD64)

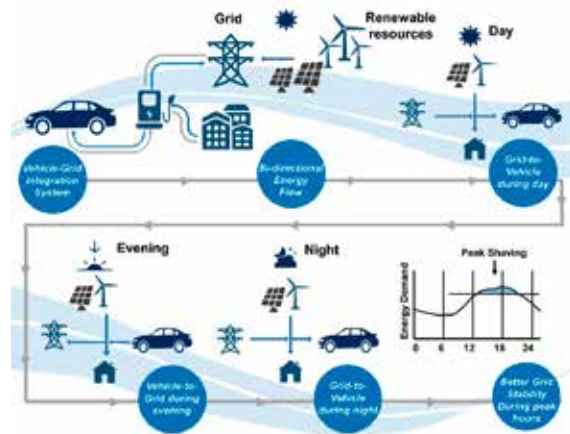
## ► THE APPROACH

First, it will be necessary to analyse the results of V2G use cases that already exist in the world (Germany and Italy). When the charging system was designed, not all protocols supported communication to enable V2G. What other approaches to solving this challenge have been studied, and what are the results? National regulatory aspects must also be understood in order to propose changes to the public sector so that research results can be implemented without impacting the quality and stability of the electricity system.

In 2015, a process of digital transformation was initiated in Facens, and it now has 5000 citizens served by an integrated system including energy meters, an electric vehicle charging station, 5G communication that covers the entire campus, and a substation without energy as a laboratory for training and qualification. Partnerships with companies like Stellantis, with its V2G project in Italy, provide mutual assistance, both with the vehicle and with understanding challenges that the project faces. CPFL, the energy utility that serves Facens, could assist with defining the requirements to prevent V2G's impact on the distribution system. Bosch, the partner in another ADAS project, could help with integrating the vehicle into the Facens electrical system. Discussions are underway with Huawei's Digital Power division regarding how their inverters could be used to create a virtual power plant which could be integrated into CPFL's electrical system. All this, combined with the simulation in real-time digital simulators (RTDS), allows Facens to test devices and algorithms accurately without connecting to the active power system.

## ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

Which solutions are currently being developed and studied that can be implemented so that V2G can be used? What are the regulatory aspects that can prevent V2G from being used as a solution to improve the quality of energy concessionaires? What is the main obstacle for energy utilities in adopting V2G as a solution for the development of their smart grid? Can the vehicle be considered as a power supply platform for one's home, neighbourhood or business? What is needed in order to implement the technology that already exists for energy transport and communication between systems? A roadmap which suggests the best way forward could reduce the time between studies and the actual use of technology.



An illustration of the V2G concept during different times of the day (t.ly/ZKqM)



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# COST-EFFICIENT METHANOL SYNTHESIS FOR THE STORAGE OF GREEN HYDROGEN

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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The Institute of Renewable Energy Systems founded by over 30 scientists from the University of Stralsund on the 14th January 2009 structures the joint commitment in applied research and practical oriented teaching in the fields of renewable energy sources and hydrogen technology at the University of Stralsund.

The goal of the scientific institute is the interdisciplinary research, teaching and training and the technology transfer in the area of modern energy systems with focus on:

- Use of renewable and alternative energy
- Energy conversion, storage and use
- Modelling and automation of related processes
- Economic and environmental aspects of such energy systems

## ► THE CHALLENGE

The competitiveness of green methanol compared to fossil alternatives will depend on the efficiency of the methanol production plants, the cost of renewable energy resources, the availability of biogenic CO<sub>2</sub>, and the different utilisation pathways. The present methanol synthesis processes are not economically profitable on a small and medium scale, and are only cost-efficient under certain conditions in large-scale

applications. However, profitability could be viable through process optimisation in the methanol synthesis process.

Our research project focuses on the integration of water separation into a methanol synthesis plant to eliminate the current need for downstream distillation of the methanol-water mixture to obtain pure methanol. In this way, the methanol production can be more cost-efficient and the methanol synthesis technology will be brought closer to market maturity.





## ► THE APPROACH

The planned research project has several objectives:

- 1) To develop and demonstrate a concept for water separation during methanol synthesis to increase efficiency and economic feasibility.
- 2) To work out the economic, feedstock and energy synergies with the processes that can provide biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> and green hydrogen in Brazil, the desired country of production.
- 3) To calculate the change of the carbon footprint in different sectors (transport, industry, agriculture) depending on the CO<sub>2</sub> source, the hydrogen production potentials, and the synergies through process integration at the sources of biogenic CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 4) To survey the status quo in Brazil and assess impact, investigating the importance of fossil fuels and their substitutes for the Brazilian economy as well as interdependencies between sectors.
- 5) To identify important changes to be expected from the expansion and scaling up of methanol synthesis.
- 6) To estimate the changes in the economic structure of

the producing country Brazil through the uptake of the production and use of green methanol in different sectors.

## ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

The outputs and results of the project will be

- the installation of a jointly developed methanol synthesis plant with water separation at a pilot site in Brazil
- test results: proof of concept of the integrated water separation
- optimised methanol synthesis for production of green methanol that can be applied in smaller scale, for example at farms, to diversify and extend the agriculture business
- measurement campaigns with different sources of biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> (ethanol, paper, biogas)
- impact assessment through the expansion of a methanol economy: identifying the potential for substituting fossil fuels in different sectors of the Brazilian economy through the production and use of green methanol
- knowledge transfer of hydrogen and methanol production technology to Brazilian researchers and economies



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# DEVELOPMENT OF A TOOL TO SUPPORT THE LICENSING OF GREEN HYDROGEN PLANTS USING THE LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS CONCEPT

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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### ► THE CHALLENGE

The proposal aims to improve environmental licensing practices and the evaluation of the environmental impacts of green hydrogen plants. The discussion about these themes and where they interface with the environment is relatively new in the national context. Therefore, this proposal, if implemented, will consist in a critically important instrument for improving environmental licensing, which will foster further discussion in the country.

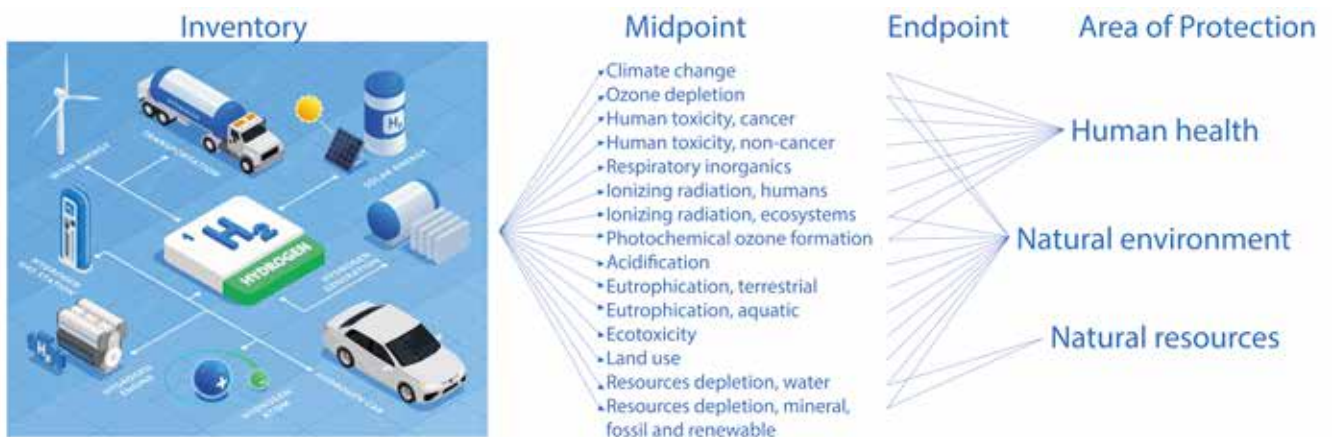
### ► THE APPROACH

The proposal aims to apply the concepts of life cycle management to ensure efficient environmental management of green hydrogen production in Brazil. In this context, the application of the concept of the life cycle is presented as a tool for addressing new paradigms of innovation, integrated management, knowledge dissemination, and the promotion of technologies and methods for the management of environmental risks in order to promote sustainable use of natural resources and facilitate regulators in their decision-making processes. The methodology will be based on an analysis of the cause and effect chains produced in the waste and effluent management process and also factor in atmospheric emissions from green hydrogen plants, taking into account the interrelations

between phase/activity/aspect/environmental impact/programmes, plans, projects and mitigating procedures/measures for this typology. A qualitative paradigm will be adopted based on a literature review; interviews with professionals in the sector; field research; data collection for the characterisation of solid waste, volumes, logistics, and types of appropriate treatments; and mapping of the current scenario.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

The aim is to compile a database that gathers inputs and outputs for the different processes involved in the a) licensing, b) construction and assembly, c) manufacturing and distribution, and d) decommissioning phases of green hydrogen production. It is expected that the implementation of life cycle analysis as a methodology will aid in compiling existing information to facilitate reflection, comparative analysis, and/or decision-making on the environmental impacts of different options for managing waste, effluents, and emissions. The expectation is that it will be possible to identify the challenges and benefits in the use of databases and computational packages for the improvement of environmental programmes that are required by the Brazilian Environmental Federal Agency and implemented by operators in the management of green hydrogen production activities.



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# A METHODOLOGY FOR MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF VEHICULAR CHARGING ON THE ENERGY DISTRIBUTION GRID, THROUGH NETWORK RECONFIGURATION, PV GENERATION AND INSERTION OF ENERGY STORAGE

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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### ► THE CHALLENGE

The increasing number of electric vehicles could impact negatively on the electrical protection grid levels, generating failures and imbalances in the networks. There is a need to evaluate how to allocate new charging points, and how to minimise their impact on the energy distribution network. The objective of the research is to evaluate impact minimisation strategies through the optimisation of lines and the insertion of photovoltaic microgeneration with energy storage.

### ► THE APPROACH

This study would be aimed at analysing the estimated load increase in a distribution network with the addition of charging stations, and evaluating the reconfiguration of the feeders using optimisation and load transfer techniques. Such algorithms are commonly used in so-called smart grids, but are usually applied in FLISR (Fault Location, Isolation and Service Restoration) solutions. In this case, the application will be directed to load relief, which would already significantly reduce investments in generation and storage. Once the power grid readjustment is applied, the associa-

tion of energy storage systems with photovoltaic panels is proposed, with the objective of smoothing the energy demand on the grid. This study should generate a methodology proposal for the sizing and economic feasibility of the application including environmental aspects, recycling and disposal, both for panels and batteries.

As a result of this research, it is expected that a pilot test will be carried out in partnership with an energy concessionary to validate the reconfiguration of the feeders, where possible, and to monitor the impacts suffered by the feeders with and without the associated generation system to charging stations.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

The intended outcomes of this research are the creation of a new network evaluation procedure for the installation of electric stations, and a feasibility study that will allow the evaluation of pairings of energy generation and storage, which minimise negative impact on energy distributors. Such a model can be applied both in the Brazilian electrical system and in electrical systems in other countries, requiring only adjustments in costs and generation potential.

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# INNOVATIVE HYDROGEN EVAPORATOR TECHNOLOGY

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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The use of green hydrogen is undisputedly of great importance for the decarbonisation of central areas of the world's mobility sector. For mobile applications, the low energy density of hydrogen is a challenge for storage technology, and the liquefaction of hydrogen offers the best solution. This requires an extreme thermodynamic condition (-253°C). Fuel cells, however, require hydrogen in gaseous form at moderate temperatures (above -20°C). For many applications, reliable and established technological solutions for controlling these state changes do not yet exist.

### ► THE APPROACH

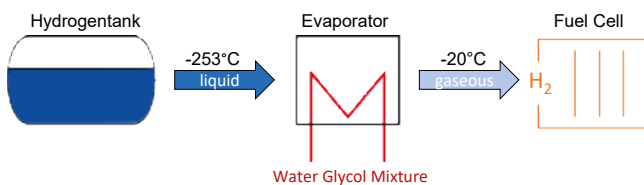
The subject of the proposed research project is the investigation of technological concepts for the evaporation and superheating of liquid hydrogen in a heat exchanger. The project will investigate the use of heat transfer intensification through micro-structured surfaces of evaporator tubes. The main challenges lie in avoiding icing in the warmer fluid and Leidenfrost effects in the evaporating hydrogen. The production of such micro-structured geometries is also challenging in terms of manufacturing technology. For this

reason, modern simulation methods are to be used to investigate the structuring while simultaneously considering the manufacturing process and the final product's properties in a multi-domain simulation model.

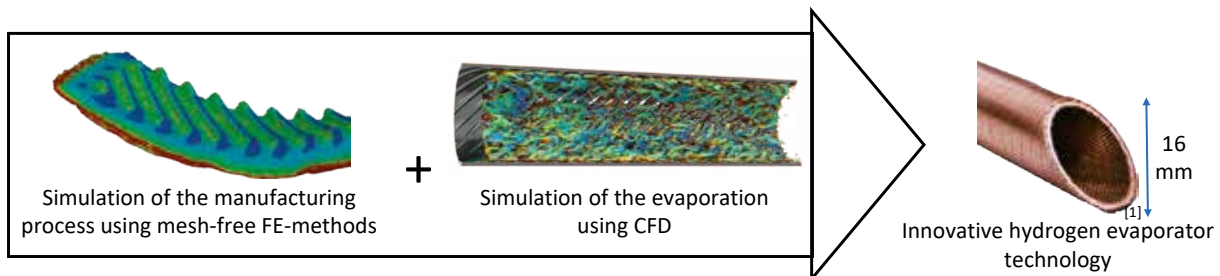
The proposed project structure is as follows: THU will be responsible for the simulation of the manufacturing process and the creation of the necessary material models. The Brazilian partner will handle the CFD simulation by developing a solver (e.g. in OpenFoam) that simulates the evaporation of hydrogen in micro-structured heat exchanger tubes. A third potential partner may be responsible for manufacturing tests and thermal experiments.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

By providing a suitable multi-domain simulation model that includes both the manufacturing process and the heat transfer calculation, it will be possible to efficiently develop small, compact, and cheaper evaporators, especially for mobile applications (such as trucks, which play a central role in Brazilian logistics). The potential market is huge: In 2021, for example, around four million heavy trucks (>6 tons) were produced worldwide.



Process of mobile use of liquid hydrogen [1]



Approach of the research project [2]

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# A BRAZILIAN INDUSTRIAL FRAMEWORK TO SUPPORT THE ENERGY TRANSITION TO MORE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION.

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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## ► THE CHALLENGE

Which industrial sectors in Brazil are best suited for direct electrification, indirect electrification, and energy storage? More than 30% of Brazil's total energy usage and approximately 40% of its electricity consumption are accounted for by industry. According to the Energy Efficiency Atlas (2021) published by the Energy Research Company (EPE), 33.8% of the nation's energy usage in 2020 came from the industrial sector. Motors, pumps, and compressors are examples of equipment used in these industrial facilities on a daily basis that has an impact on energy demand as well as the needs of the electrical system.

## ► THE APPROACH

The general strategy for the task would be the following:

1. Data analysis of industrial sector and utility electrification (base scenario).

2. Analysis of policies created by industry for the optimisation and efficiency of processes.
3. Evaluation of technologies for alternative electrical processes according to different electrification scenarios in different industrial sectors (state of the art).
4. Modelling and analysis of electrification scenarios based on suggested solutions.
5. Scenario comparison and evaluation.

## ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

Due to the fact that industrial sectors have thus far mainly been ignored in climate policy, new research and policy assessment methodologies are required to promote and evaluate progress. Through direct, indirect, and energy storage electrification of industrial sectors, it is believed that this study will directly contribute to efforts to achieve the global objective of zero emissions.



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# BIOMASS TO HYDROGEN AND DIMETHYL ETHER IN INTEGRATED BIOREFINERY CONCEPT USING PROCESS INTENSIFICATION (HIDESPI)

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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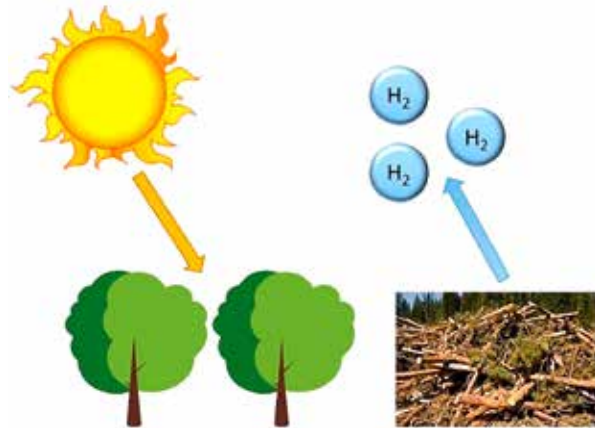
### ► THE CHALLENGE

Residual biomass plays a key role in the current energy transition. The gasification of residual biomass offers a new business model for the H<sub>2</sub> value chain: a decentralised solution for the production of sustainable fuels aimed at supplying both the national and international markets. Innovative technologies for pre-treatment of biomass and the intensification of the conversion step will be the cornerstone for scaling up and commercialising the process.

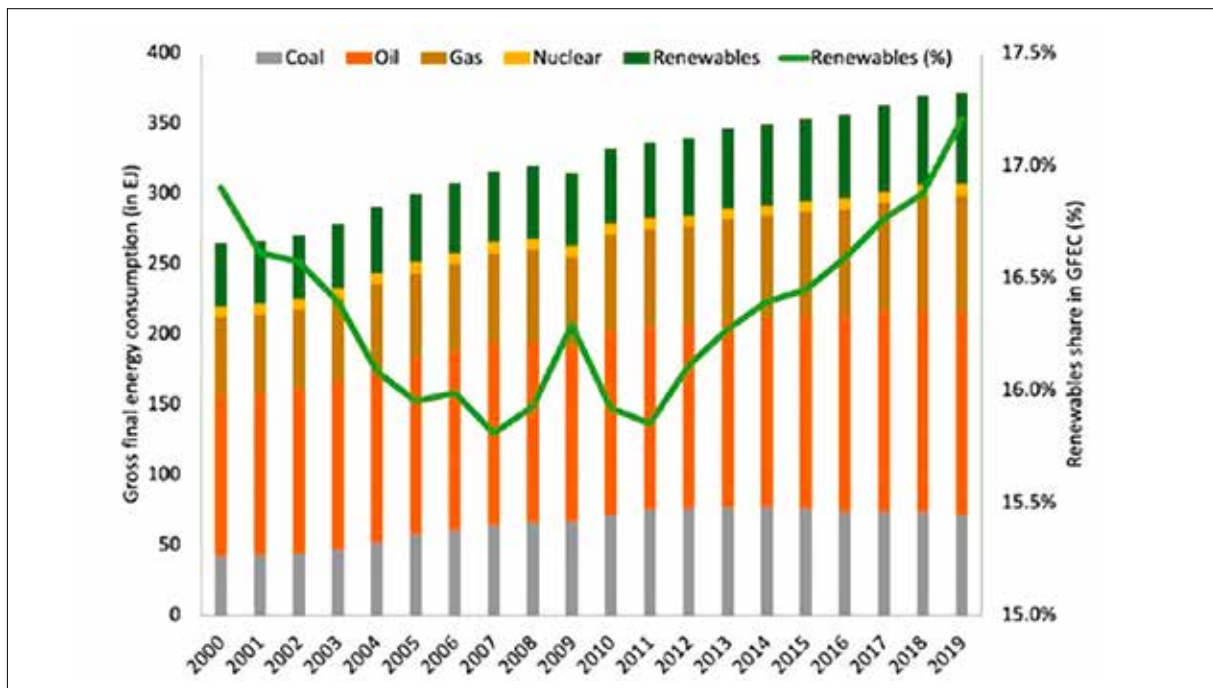
### ► THE APPROACH

The main goal is to produce H<sub>2</sub> from residual biomass gasification and convert it into chemicals and renewable fuels in the context of an integrated biorefinery as an alternative for the expansion of renewable energy sources in the global energy matrix. Some technological and economic barriers will be investigated, such as the presence of tar in the synthesis gas, which reduces the efficiency of the process; the cost of logistics and the pre-treatment of biomass as a result of its decentralisation and low energy density; and the conversion of CO<sub>2</sub>-rich syngas into sustainable fuels such as dimethyl ether (DME).

This is a joint project with BTU-Cottbus Senftenberg and TU-Berlin. The former will assist with the intensification of a DME synthesis reactor, and the latter with carbon capture and product purification using cost-effective technologies. UFBA will be responsible for the biomass pre-treatment, gasification, and catalytic synthesis.



Biomass to hydrogen concept. [1]



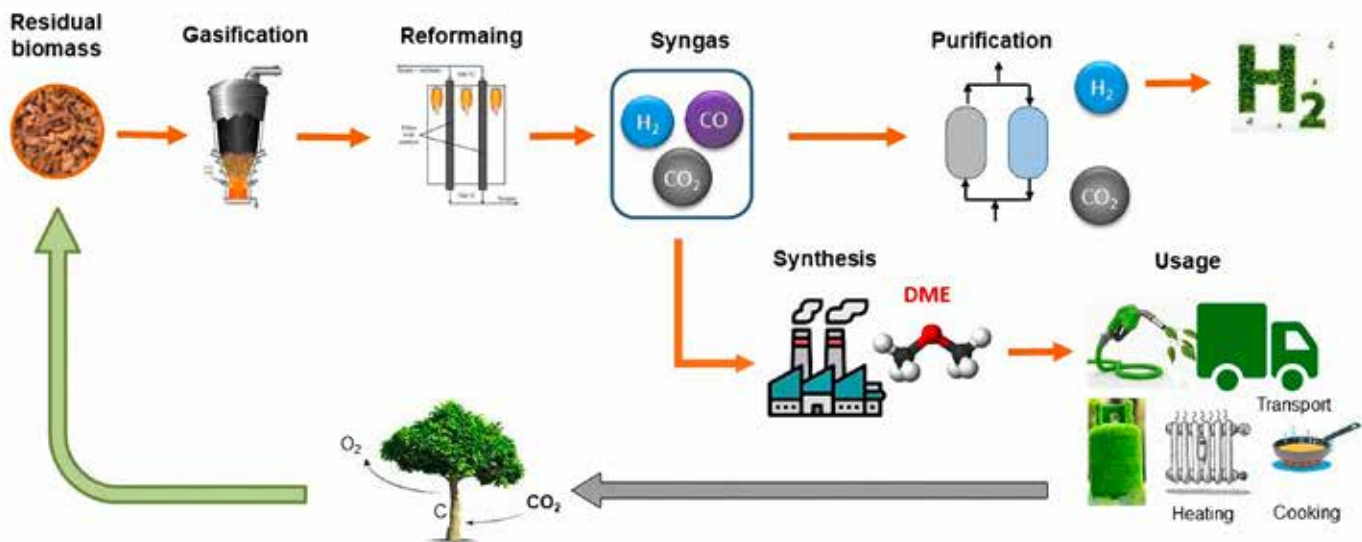
Total energy share. Source: Tezer et al. Biomass gasification for sustainable energy [2]



Gasification pilot plant at UFBA [3]

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

The project will provide a cost-effective and sustainable pathway for decentralised production of H<sub>2</sub> and sustainable fuels, especially DME within the context of a biorefinery. The conversion of H<sub>2</sub> into DME offers a safer alternative to hydrogen storage and transportation while taking advantage of existing energy infrastructure. Gasification of residual biomass is a carbon neutral process that contributes to the circular economy and reduces dependence on fossil fuels. The use of residual biomass not only solves the problem of disposal, but also adds value to agro-industrial residue. The solutions addressed here could be promising in the synthesis of other sustainable fuels in the hydrogen value chain. Therefore, the outcomes of this project might interest a broader spectrum of players in the energy transition.



Integrated biorefinery for hydrogen and sustainable fuel production [4]

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# ROBUST BATTERY DESIGN FOR ISOLATED SYSTEMS

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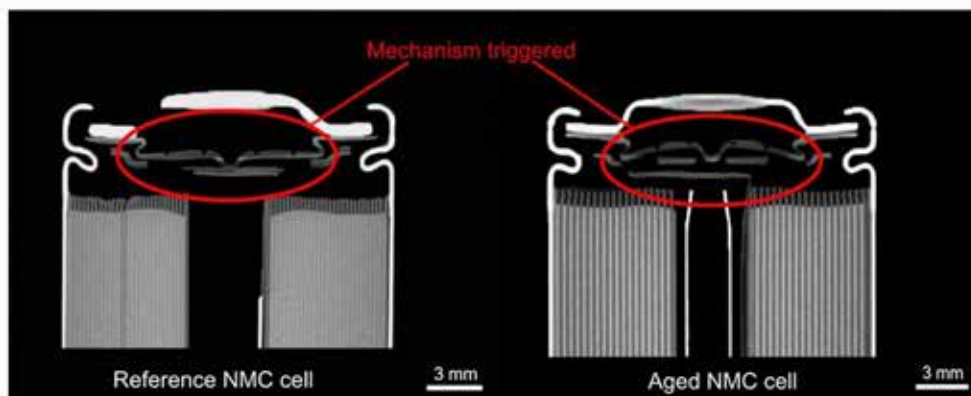
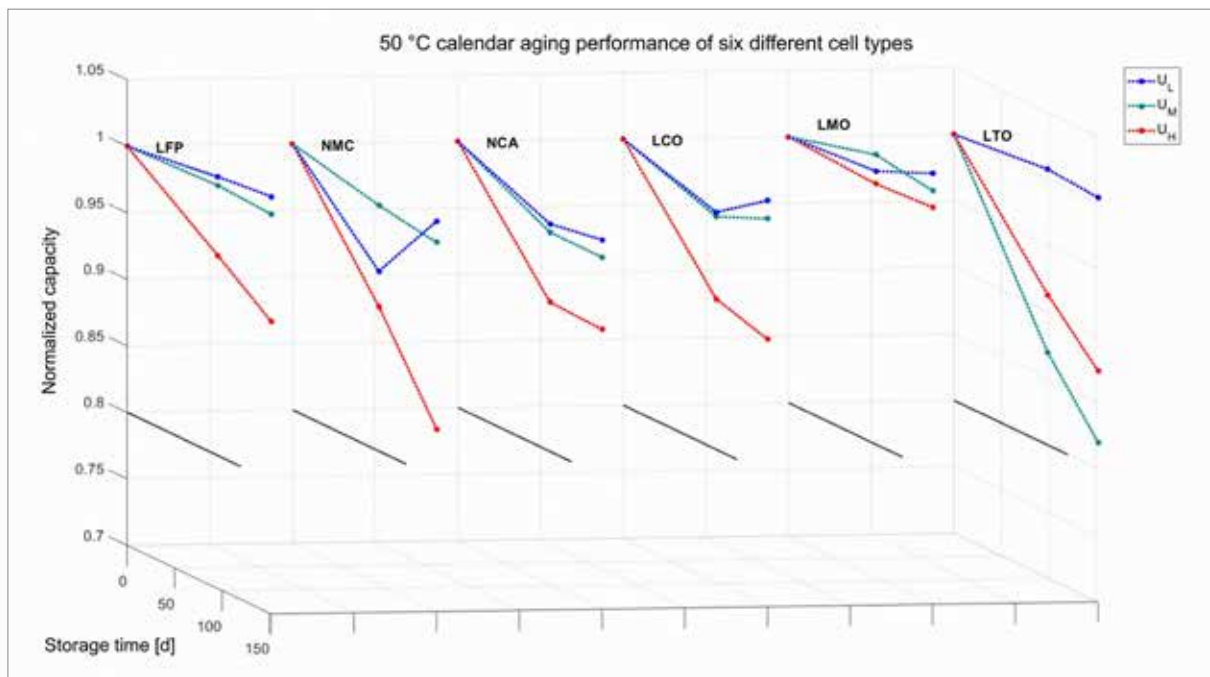
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Lithium-ion batteries (LiB) exhibit high efficiency, long service life, and a high energy density. For this reason, they are well suited for use in isolated systems. In order to ensure robust functioning and long service life, key factors such as usage behaviour and environmental conditions must be considered when designing LiB batteries. This project focuses on the development of robust batteries for isolated systems while factoring in usage behaviour, environmental conditions, and mechanical aspects.

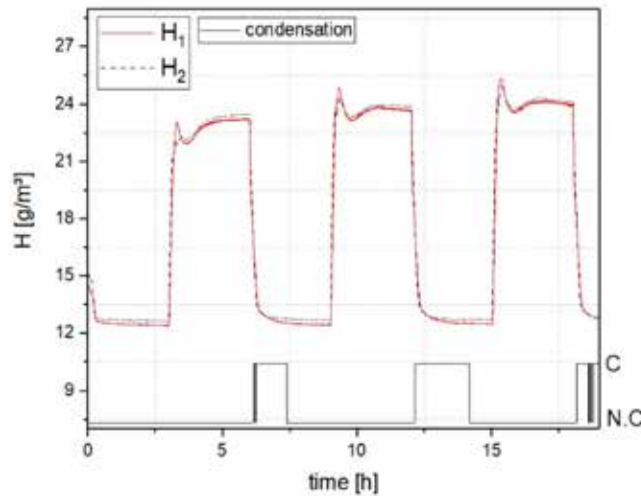
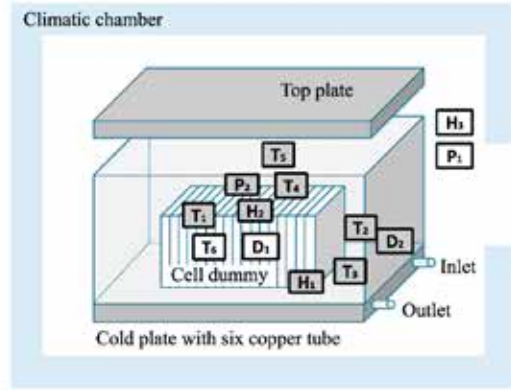
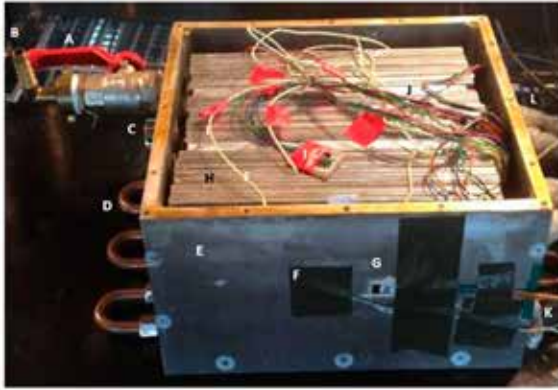
### ► THE APPROACH

The fundamental behaviour of cells available for the Brazilian market will be investigated first. On the basis of experimental investigations on different cell types for cyclic and calendar aging, the cells are to be examined at different temperatures and air humidities. For this purpose, relevant parameters such as state of health or internal resistance will be measured and evaluated. Based on these results, mathematical models for predicting service life in the climatic conditions of Brazil will be developed. This



Calendar aging performance of different cell types and CT scans of a new and an aged cell [1]





Physical simulation of water condensation in battery systems [2]

will make it possible to select the most suitable battery cells. In order to minimise the influence of moisture on the corrosion of fasteners in batteries, design proposals for an optimised design will also be developed. Another relevant point relates to the expansion of battery cells as a function of service life and charging cycles (“swelling”). Depending on how battery cells are mounted in a housing, swelling can lead to a reduction in service life. For this purpose, the force-response curves of battery cells will be measured. Using this information, FEM simulations are to be used to elaborate design proposals for battery housings that facilitate optimal operation in terms of service life.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

Since the anticipated research results apply to energy storage systems in general, usability and scalability throughout the Brazilian market is to be expected. Depending on the results obtained, recommendations on the use of certain types of storage systems can be developed.



Apparatus for measuring force-response curves of cells due to swelling during operation [3]

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# SPATIAL OPTIMISATION OF OFFSHORE POWER PLANTS FOR COST-COMPETITIVE HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

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### ► THE CHALLENGE

Offshore energy sources such as offshore wind and solar photovoltaic installations can be a sustainable complement to each country's electricity matrix. Additionally, energy surpluses can be used to produce green hydrogen for other energy demands. In countries with a high dispersion of energy demands and several environmental conservation zones, spatial techniques are thus becoming essential to meet the goals of all the stakeholders involved in installing offshore plants. In this project, the LICSE laboratory and future German partners will develop spatial optimisation methodologies to reduce the cost of implementing offshore plants.

### ► THE APPROACH

This project aims to develop an open-source computational tool to assist decision-makers in installing offshore plants. The LICSE laboratory will characterise spatial constraints and process public spatial databases to achieve this objective. The methodology developed by LICSE is based on three steps:

The first involves selecting the areas of most significant interest for the study through geoprocessing techniques while factoring in environmental, technical, and social restrictions. At this stage, the project is looking for partners in Germany who are interested in contributing. After that, there will be virtual meetings to build a spatial database that will be used as input information to better characterise the potential in Brazil and Germany.

In the second stage, LICSE will use computational intelligence techniques to quantify investment within the selected areas and the corresponding electrical energy produc-

tion, taking into account the available connection capacity of the nearest electrical substation. In this step, the LICSE laboratory and future partners from Germany will work together to develop optimisation tools and discuss findings related to their improvement.

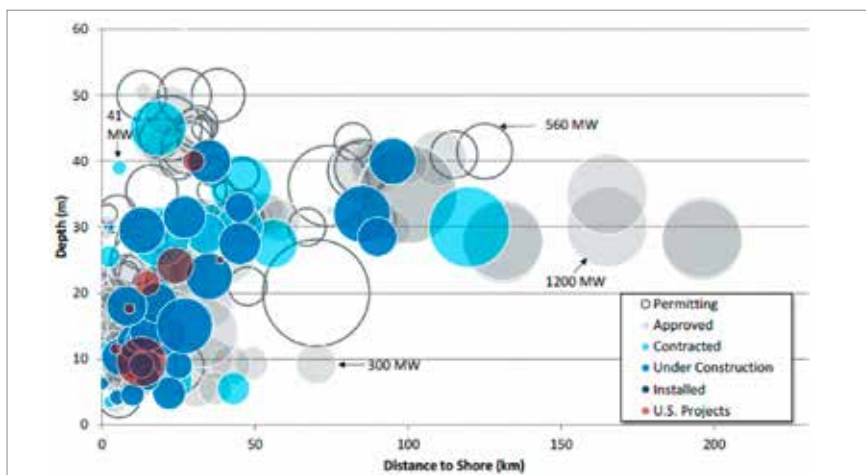
Finally, LICSE and its partners from Germany will calculate the surplus energy available for hydrogen production in order to size the appropriate hydrogen production system to meet the energy demand in each zone.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

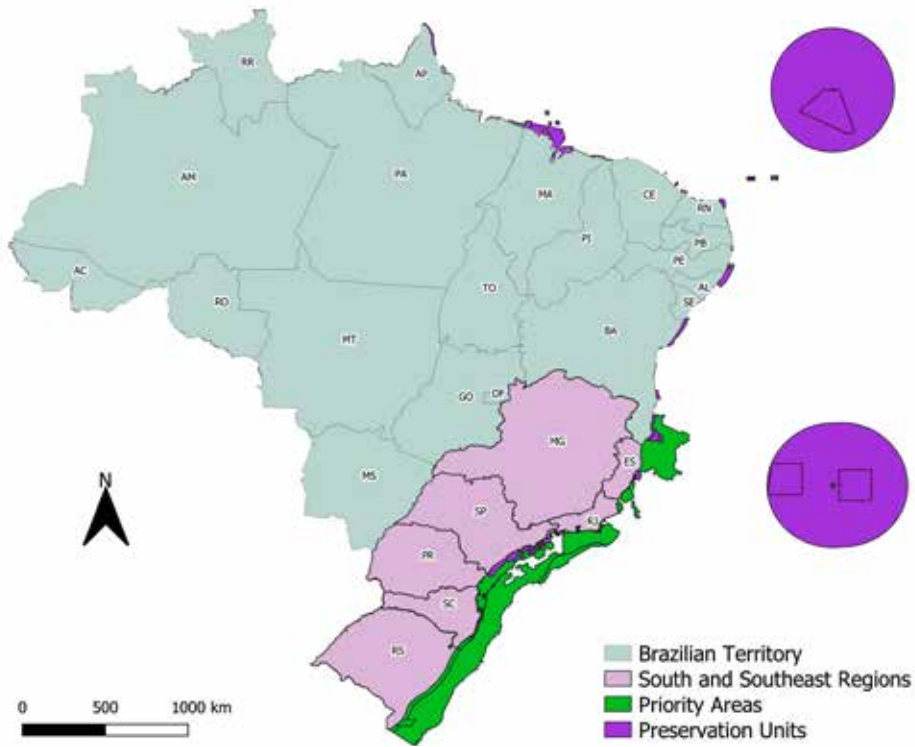
The project is meant to produce an open-source computational tool for evaluating favourable sites for installing offshore plants to produce green hydrogen and generate electricity. The expected results will thus show the market's spatial potential and make it possible to identify the plant locations that could significantly contribute to the electrical system and hydrogen production. Finally, the computational tool the project plans to develop will be usable in different countries to identify the best sites for offshore power plants.



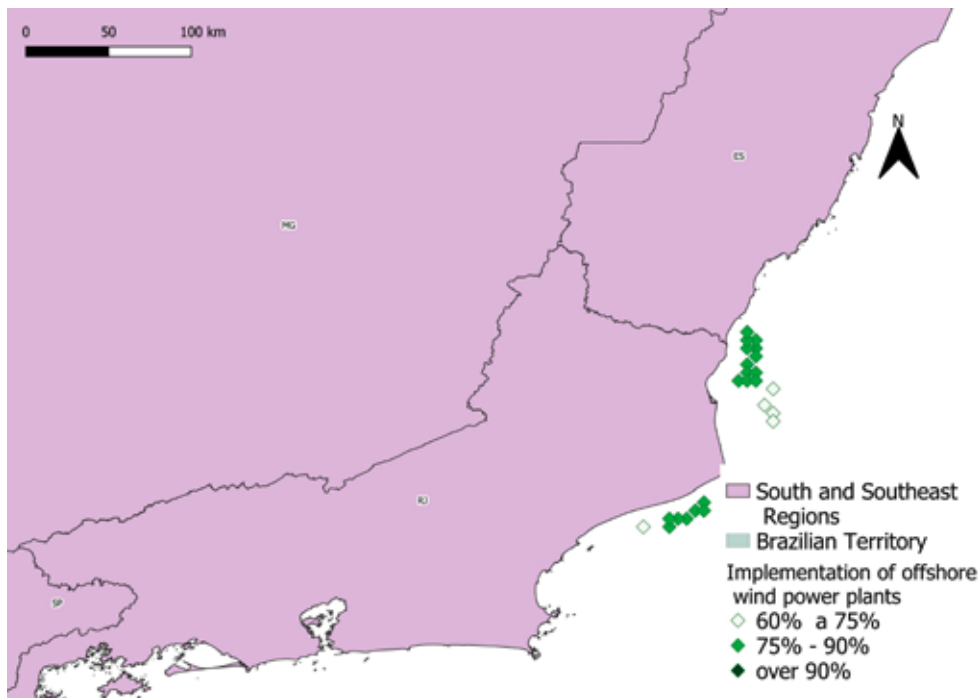
LCOE of offshore wind, 2010–2020 [2]



Distribution of offshore wind projects by size, installation depth, and distance from shore for 2017 [1]



Environmental conservation zones and regions with high electricity consumption [3]



Favourable locations for offshore wind power plants in Rio de Janeiro and Espírito Santo [4]

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# THE LOGISTICS OF GREEN HYDROGEN AND ITS DERIVATIVES AS THE FUTURE PRIMARY ENERGY SOURCE FOR BRAZIL WHILE CONSIDERING THE ASPECTS OF ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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### ► THE CHALLENGE

Research questions:

- 1) Quantify the needs, locations, and mix of green H<sub>2</sub> and its derivatives in Brazil to calculate a techno-economic optimum and the optimal logistical chain
- 2) Modelling the export of green hydrogen to Europe/Germany by optimising long-haul transport by vessel
- 3) Considering the environmental compatibility of a hydrogen economy in Brazil and the minimisation of negative effects in the biosphere

### ► THE APPROACH

Brazil already covers a large part of its current consumption of electrical energy based on regenerative generation. However, 53% of the country's primary energy requirements are met with fossil fuels. Due to climate change and the need to avoid further CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the "green" production of hydrogen as a universal CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral energy source will play a significant role in the substitution process. Furthermore, the export of H<sub>2</sub> to Europe/Germany is a strong future business opportunity for Brazil. A field that has to date received too little attention in the overall value chain is the logistical transport and storage process chain of H<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub> derivatives. H<sub>2</sub> can be transported, for example, in liquefied or highly



"Brazil Potential H<sub>2</sub> Production" (Brazilian Hydrogen Association (ABH2), Hydrogen Energy in Brazil, 2020)

compressed form, in the form of basic chemicals such as NH<sub>3</sub> or MeOH, or in a carrier medium (LOHC). The logistical process, which involves aspects such as production/shipment, interim storage, regional and national/international transport, collective storage and (fine) distribution, is to be examined further.

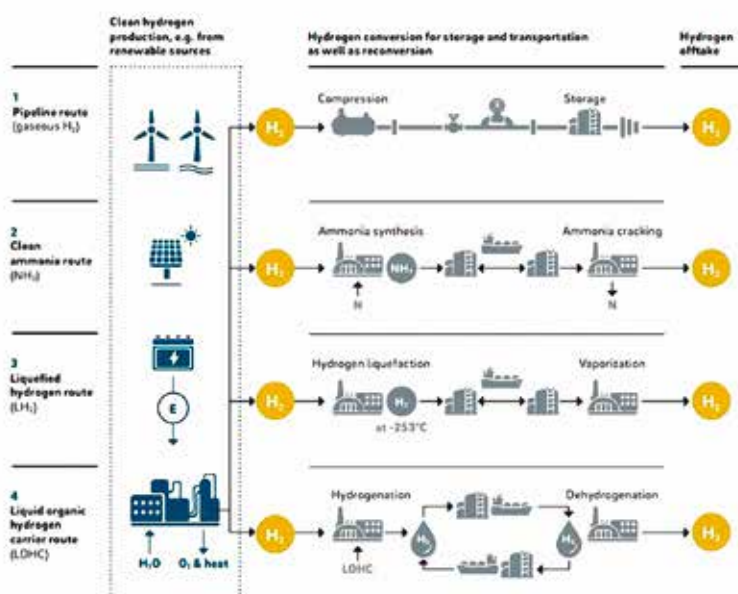
To deepen this research, we are looking for a Brazilian partner university that is active in this field of techno-economic research, primarily with a focus on logistics management and process management.

We propose a two-year intensive bi-national research project based on a literature review, our own calculations/modelling, and a presence in selected Brazilian locations that are relevant to the research topic. We plan to apply for the necessary funding jointly from the beginning.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

The aim is to develop a techno-economic model to optimise certain H<sub>2</sub> mix scenarios and identify optimal locations and logistical pathways to support future investment decisions and regulatory frameworks in Brazil. The results of the research is intended for governmental institutions, other research centres, and the public.

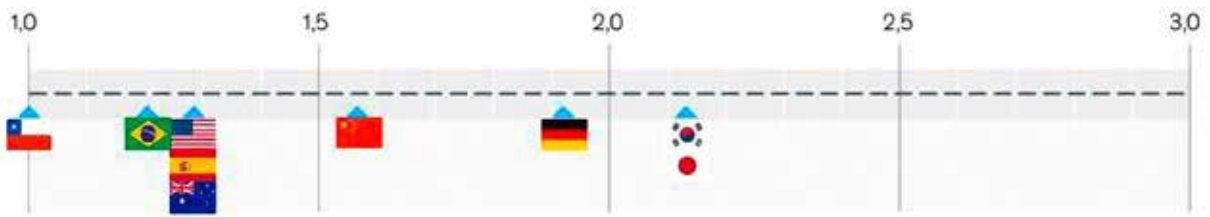
The most common routes for large-scale hydrogen transportation



"Typical H<sub>2</sub> Logistics" (Roland Berger, Hydrogen Transportation 2021)

## Brazil is among the most competitive green H2 export players globally

LCOH Benchmark, 2030 USD/kgH<sub>2</sub>



"Brazil most competitive" (<https://www.niras.com/projects/building-a-green-hydrogen-economy-in-brazil/>)



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# PILOT-SCALE REACTOR SYSTEM FOR SUSTAINABLE HYDROGEN PRODUCTION VIA SUPERCRITICAL WATER TECHNOLOGY

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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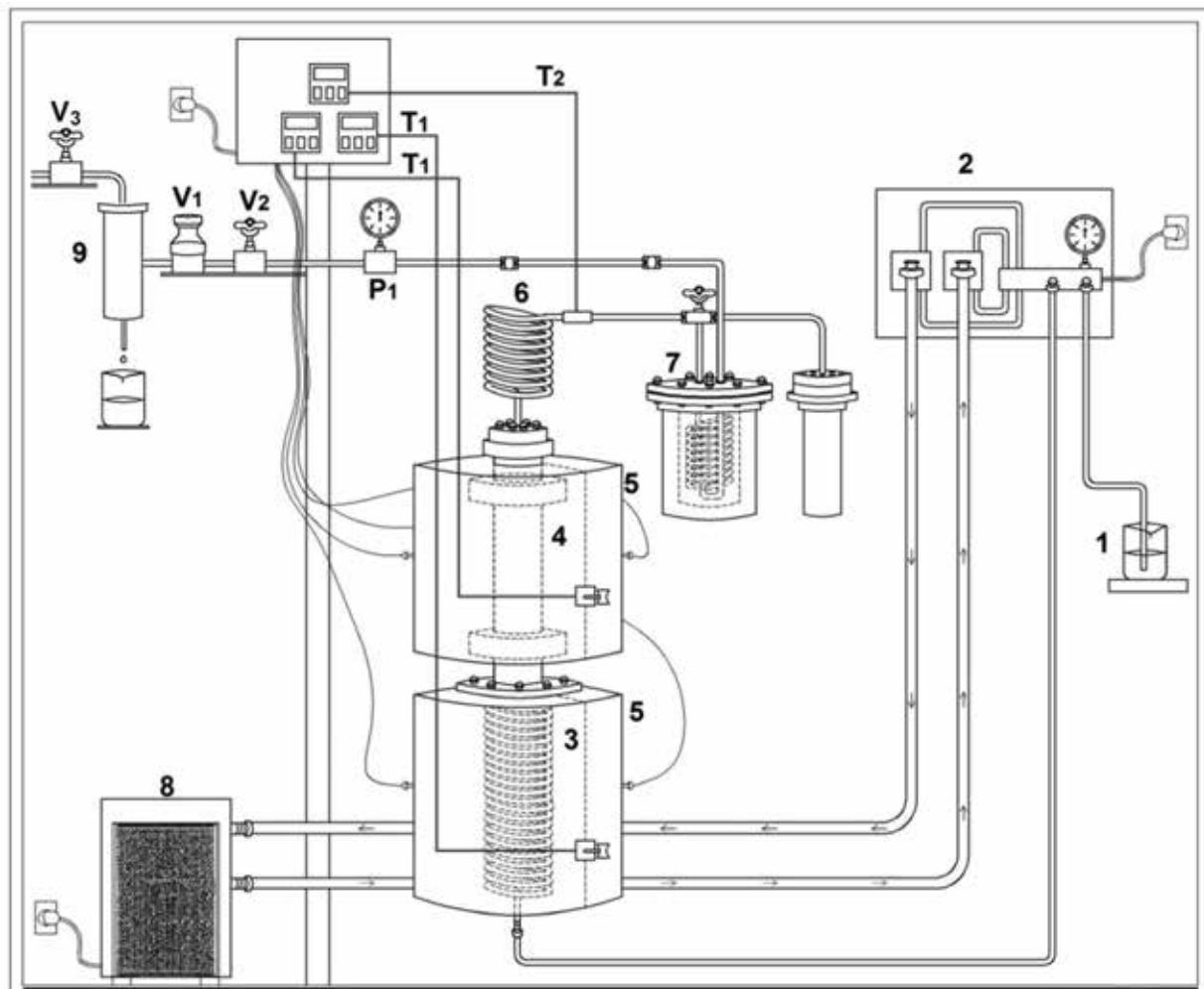
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### ► THE CHALLENGE

This proposal contemplates the conceptualisation and construction of a pilot-scale reactor system based on supercritical water (ScW) technology. The primary goal of the proposed system is the decentralised production of hydrogen from residual liquid biomass and primary renewable energy sources. The versatility of supercritical water technology allows for the use of a wide variety of residual liquid biomasses, agro-industrial wastewaters, and even urban residential sewage as low-cost and highly available raw materials for the generation of hydrogen.

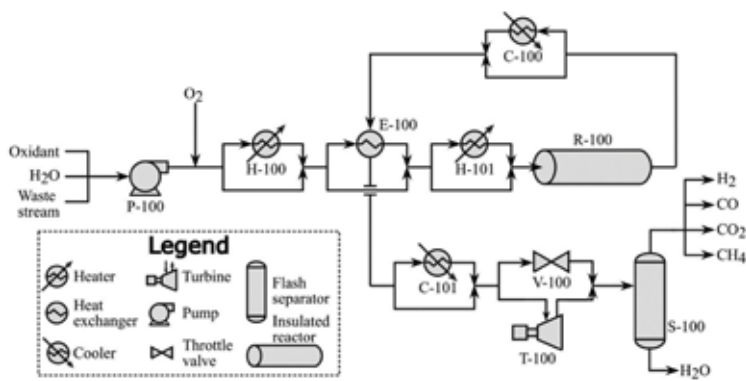
### ► THE APPROACH

The modular-reactor system will be developed as an independent unit and built within a structure that facilitates its transportation and allows for on-site, decentralised operation in the vicinity of raw material sources, such as industrial locations, sewage treatment plants, or even rural properties. In this sense, sources of residual liquid biomass will be evaluated while considering the effects of operational parameters (such as temperature, volumetric flow, and the presence of catalysts) on the hydrogen production efficiency of the scaled-up system. Also, it is important to highlight that the



Schematic representation of the continuous ScW system

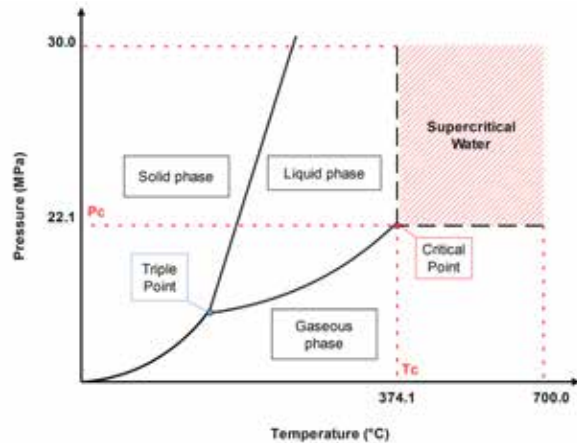
quality of the water obtained after processing in a supercritical medium will be assessed regarding the possibility of its reuse as fit-for-purpose water. In addition, with the aid of specific engineering software, the reactor system can be integrated with solar energy generation technology, making it possible to carry out feasibility studies. The supercritical water technology equipment, which has been developed by the proposing laboratory, has an installed hydrogen production capacity of approximately 0.2 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h. Based on results from previous bench-scale studies, the proposal aims to evolve and scale up the system by a factor of 10 to 30.



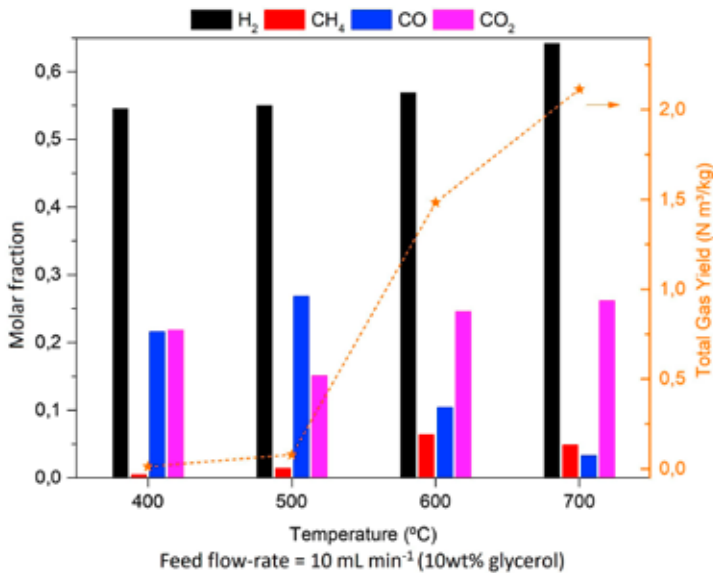
Supercritical water process flowsheet diagram superstructure

## ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

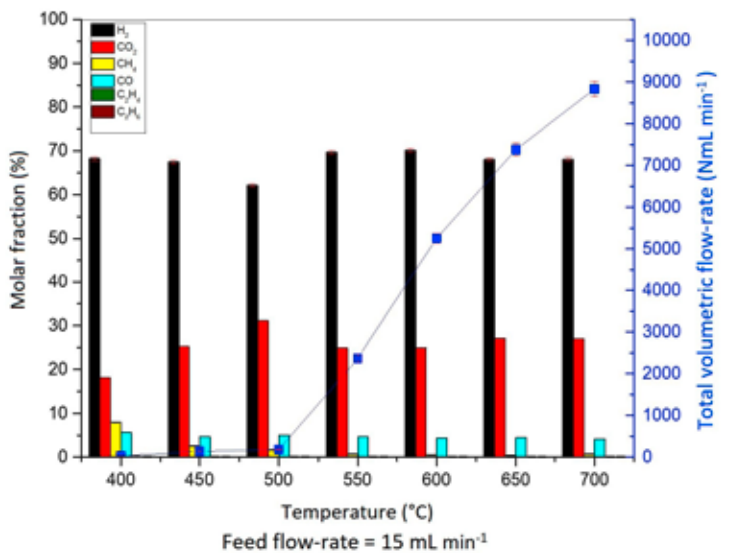
The proposal is aligned with the aims of economic decarbonisation, climate neutrality, and sustainable water management due to the use of residual biomass with high organic load and complex treatability as its main source of raw material. The achievement of the proposal's objectives thus has the potential to result in a technological product that is capable of offering an alternative route to traditional technologies in the decentralised production of renewable hydrogen.



Generic phase diagram for pure water



Hydrogen production via ScW gasification of synthetic glycerol solution



Hydrogen production via ScWG of real biodiesel industry wastewater

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# ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF ECOLOGICALLY ATTRACTIVE MULTI-LIFE PRODUCTS – THE EXAMPLE OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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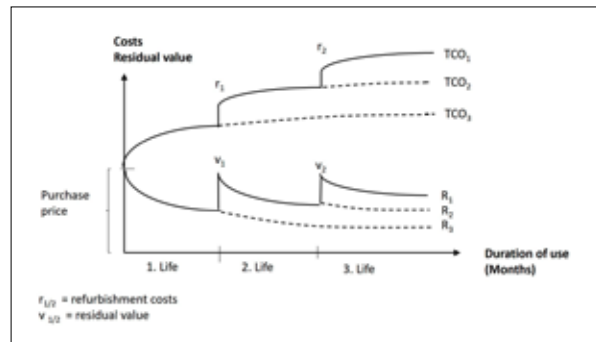
### ► THE CHALLENGE

The aim is to develop a practical and scalable concept for the development of multi-life products and associated business models and to validate it in potential industrial applications (mobility, electronics, and energy technology). In particular, the international cooperation of the partners in development, production, and use will be analysed. To meet the challenges of increased complexity due to the increasing number of first- and second-life application requirements in product development and to increase the potential of repurposing, the project will focus on sustainable thinking in modules. Therefore, the aim is to develop modular and changeable business models based on product modules in order to enable their individual end-of-life strategies. In the process, the blueprint for a minimum viable ecosystem (MVE) should also emerge as a network of participating partners.

### ► THE APPROACH

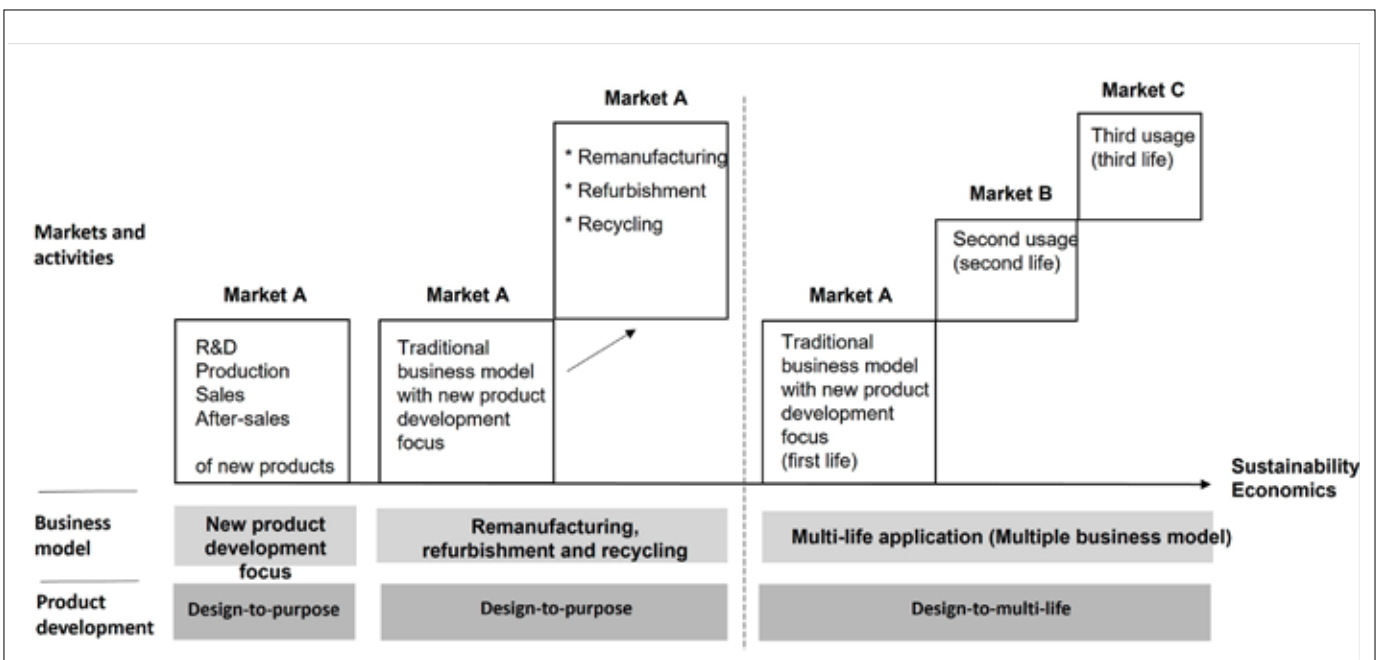
In this international and interdisciplinary project, the development of modular and adaptive products and multiple business models will be aligned with assumptions about future applications. This requires close collaboration across countries and disciplines. To successfully scale the effects of environmental relief through lifetime extension, a high applicability of multi-life products is required. Therefore,

the project will derive reliable criteria, procedures, and guidelines for the development of multi-life scenarios, product concepts, and business models that are oriented towards high durability, adaptability, and value retention.



### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT




This will result in blueprints for multi-life business models and ecosystems and design guidelines for the development of multi-life products that will be constantly compared with products from the industrial environment over the course of the project. This comparison will offer insights into suitability and necessary extensions or adaptations in procedures, which will aid in improving these products incrementally and adapting them to practical contexts.

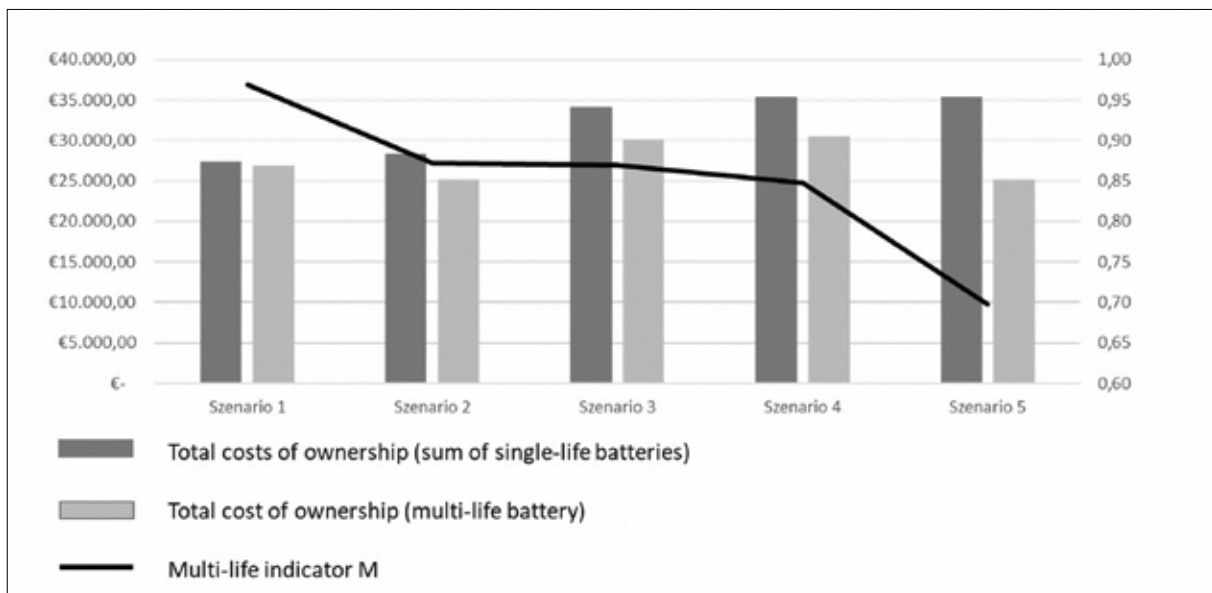




The conceptual design of various multi-life products and associated business models for potential applications in the fields of mobility, electronics, and energy technology is intended to underpin the applicability, economic viability, and scalability of the approach and create long-term eco-

nommic incentives (governance) for circular products. This approach is to be developed on a multi-life battery system. To this end, the cooperation (in development and production) between South American countries (especially Brazil) and Europe (especially Germany) is to be analysed.

a) Input for an assessment of a single-life battery (with an isolated use)		b) Input for an assessment of a multi-life battery (with adaptations for multiple use over the duration of use)	
<b>Battery 1 use in cars</b>		<b>Battery 1 use in cars</b>	
	Capacity: 60 kWh		Capacity: 60 kWh
	Invest: EUR 6,000		Invest: EUR 7,800
	Lifecycle: 8 years		1 <sup>st</sup> lifecycle: 8 years
	Running costs: EUR 600		Running costs p.a.: EUR 780
	Residual value: EUR 2,480		Refurbishment cost: EUR 1,920
<b>Battery 2 use as electricity storage devices in the home</b>		<b>Battery 2 use as electricity storage devices in the home</b>	
	Capacity: 48 kWh		Capacity: 48 kWh
	Invest: EUR 9,600		Invest: EUR 9,600
	Lifecycle: 10 years		2 <sup>nd</sup> lifecycle: 10 years
	Running costs: EUR 960		Running costs p.a.: EUR 780
	Residual value: EUR 3,970		Refurbishment costs: EUR 1,920
<b>Battery use in a fork lifter</b>		<b>Battery use in a fork lifter</b>	
	Capacity: 30 kWh		Capacity: 30 kWh
	Invest: EUR 3,600		Invest: EUR 3,600
	Lifecycle: 2 years		3 <sup>rd</sup> lifecycle: 2 years
	Running costs: EUR 360		Running costs p.a.: EUR 780
	Residual value: EUR 1,488		Resale/Recycling value: EUR 390



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# ALLOCATION AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT OF SECOND-LIFE BATTERIES FROM ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

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### ► THE CHALLENGE

The goal of this proposal is to investigate the optimal allocation of second-life batteries extracted from electric vehicles in renewable energy systems and manage the health of these batteries to increase their remaining useful life and avoid failures. The use of second-life batteries (SLBs) is attracting attention since it makes it possible to reduce the environmental impact of disposing batteries from electric vehicles. In particular, several studies already indicate that renewable energy systems are suitable applications for these batteries. However, there is still a need for significant studies related to the prognostics and health management of second-life batteries and the optimal application of these batteries depending on their condition. This proposal intends to fill that gap by using data-driven and artificial intelligence methods to estimate second-life batteries' state of health (SoH), predict their remaining useful life (RUL), and properly manage their health.

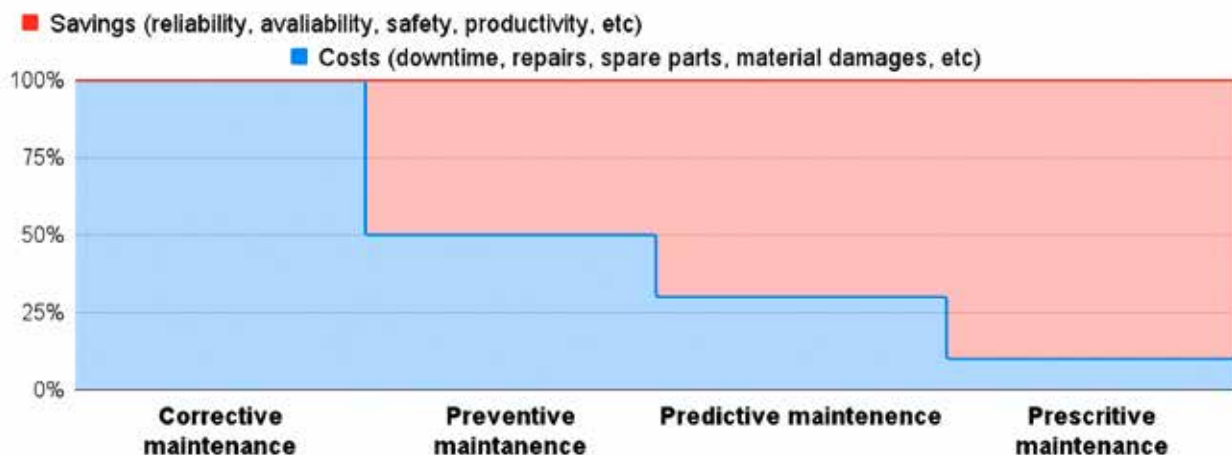
### ► THE APPROACH

This project idea has two main objectives. First, we intend to develop algorithms that allow for optimal allocation of second-life batteries (SLBs) from electric vehicles to renewable energy applications under consideration of corresponding health indicators. In addition, this project aims to implement policies for the reuse and health management of second-life batteries in order to extend their useful life. Both objectives

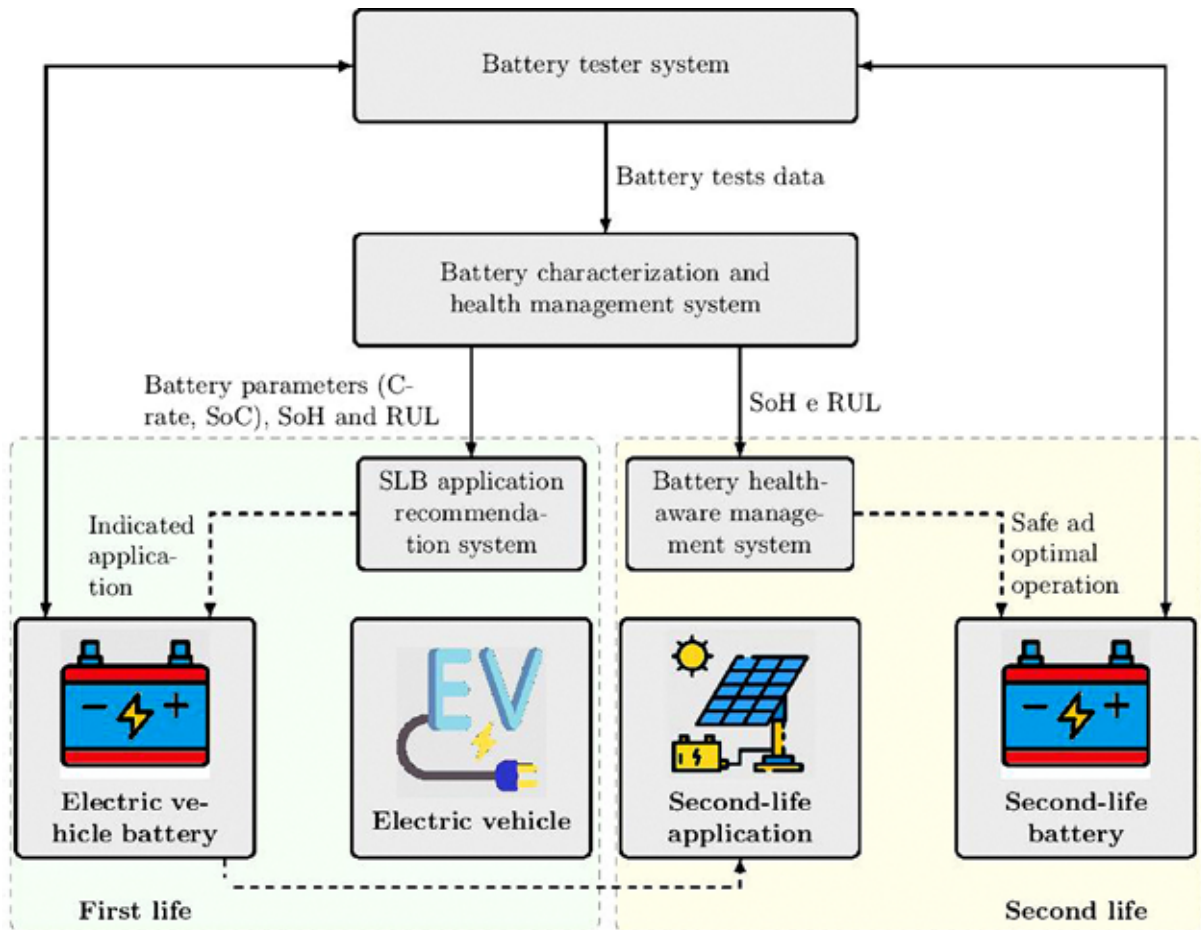
must consider technical standards that specify minimum safety conditions for the application of second-life batteries in the stationary applications investigated. Additionally, the costs and savings associated with battery reuse and the implementation of a maintenance policy will also be considered in the automatic and optimal obtaining of recommendations and guidelines related to these policies, as well as in the choice of second-life battery applications. For this purpose, our methodology will contain four modules:

- Establishment and operation of a laboratory that facilitates tests for collecting degradation and parameter data from batteries during charge and discharge cycles
- Investigation of prognostic and health management methods for second-life batteries that will enable the development of a battery characterisation and monitoring system for corresponding health parameters (e.g. C-rate), state of charge (SoC) and SoH estimation, and RUL prediction
- Investigation of a decision-making algorithm to support an application recommendation system for second-life batteries that takes into account the characteristics and specifications of each potential application
- Investigation of health-aware control methodologies and development of a second-life battery health management system that provides guidelines for battery operation in order to extend battery life and ensure compliance with safety restrictions.

The overview of the project idea is shown in Figure 2.



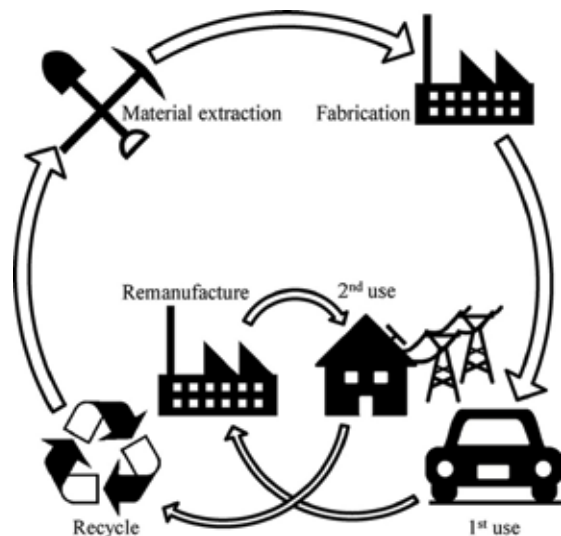
Costs and savings related to each kind of maintenance policy [1]



Overview of the project idea [2]

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

Adopting the recommended second-life applications for batteries from electrical vehicles increases the battery reuse rate and reduces the environmental impact of the electric vehicle market, which is in line with environmental, social, and corporate governance practices. At the same time, consumers of second-life batteries, in particular those linked to the renewable energy sector, will be able to purchase reliable inputs (batteries) at a reduced price, which will reduce capital expenditures and the levelised cost of energy. The innovation of this idea lies in its application of prognostics and health management techniques – in particular, health-aware control to improve the SLB market. With these techniques, prescriptive and predictive maintenance policies can be adopted to extend the useful life of SLBs and improve the advantages of their application. Figure 1 depicts the advantages related to costs and savings through the application of predictive and prescriptive maintenance policies.



Second life batteries lifespan: Rest of useful life and environmental analysis. (3)

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# TECHNICAL-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF GREEN HYDROGEN AND GREEN AMMONIA PRODUCTION IN SOUTHEAST BRAZIL AND SOLUTIONS FOR STORAGE AND TRANSPORT TO GERMANY

## GENERAL INFORMATION



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### ► THE CHALLENGE

To gather real information for green hydrogen production, including on the needed infrastructure, plant locations, operating costs, port costs, and handling costs. The best technical-economic and environmental strategy for green hydrogen has to be found. Green hydrogen production has a huge economic relevance because it is the energy of the future. The desired structure of producers, distributors, and consumers of green hydrogen is new and innovative.

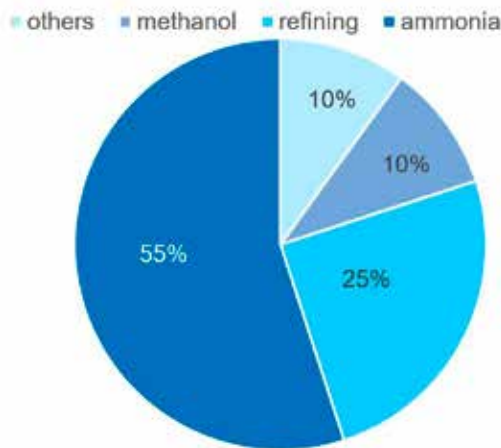
### ► THE APPROACH

The proposal is based on the modelling, simulation, and optimisation of a hydrogen distribution network in the northeastern region of Brazil.

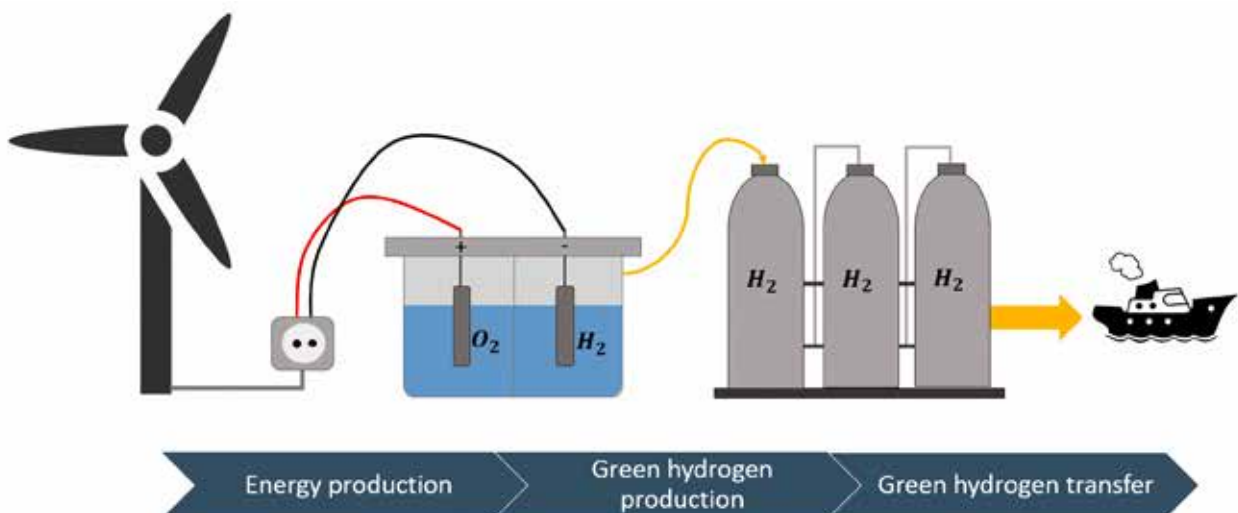
Industrial consumers and ideal locations for green hydrogen production plants have to be defined.

A green hydrogen plant will be simulated by Prof. Lemette from PUC-Rio in Brazil using a commercial process simulator. Industrial and pilot plant data for the simulation will be collected by Prof. Ohler-Martins from the Ruhr West University of Applied Sciences in Germany. In order to obtain real industrial process data, a partnership with industrial suppliers, producers, distributors, and service providers of hydrogen will have to be developed. Workshops on process simulation and economic evaluation will be offered to more than 10 multipliers in areas of the northeastern region of Brazil. Partners and government research institutes specialised in hydrogen, such as IPEA and Brazilian regulatory agencies such as ANEEL and ANP, could be engaged in this research. The company Comerc Eficiência is another possible partner that could help assess economic feasibility in this research.

The targets of this research will be met through standardised communication and data exchange technologies, the well coordinated collaboration of all the partners, and regular meetings to align all the actors involved.



Global use of hydrogen

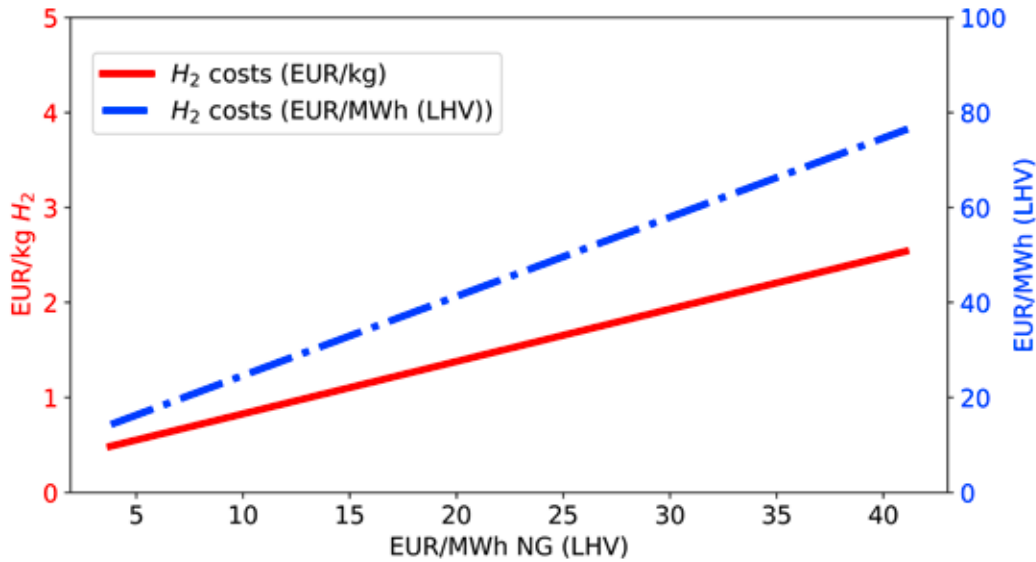


Route for green hydrogen: from green energy via green hydrogen production through electrolysis to distribution

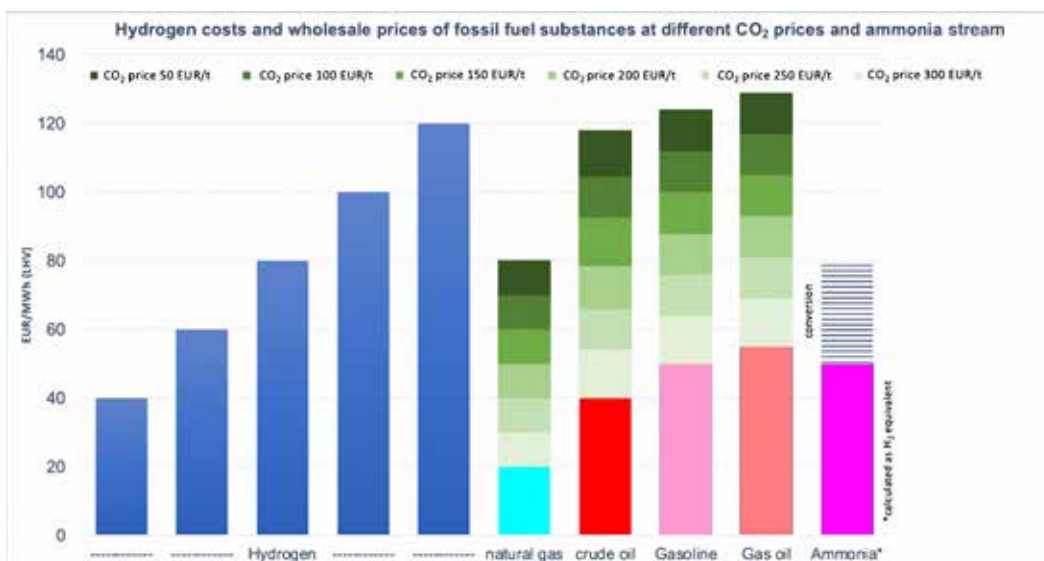
## ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

Identifying the best way to transfer green hydrogen from Brazil to Germany is the main goal of this research. Determining the real costs of green hydrogen produced in Brazil and how much it will cost in Europe will contribute to

satisfying Europe's energy demand. It will also show how competitive Brazil can be on the global market, have a significant and positive impact on the environment, and open up new opportunities in the employment market.



Costs of conventional hydrogen production using steam reforming without CO<sub>2</sub> capture and without CO<sub>2</sub> costs



Hydrogen costs and wholesale fossil fuel prices at different CO<sub>2</sub> prices, plus ammonia steam reforming without CO<sub>2</sub> capture and without CO<sub>2</sub> costs

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# A MULTICRITERIA COMPUTATIONAL METHOD AND TOOL (TECHNICAL-ECONOMIC-ENVIRONMENTAL) TO SUPPORT THE DECISION MAKING OF ACTIONS FOR HYBRIDISATION WITH H2 IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION OF ENERGY SYSTEMS TO CARBON NEUTRALISATION.

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## ► THE CHALLENGE

To seek alternatives for the energy transition (ET) and to act on the hybridisation of energy systems with H2 for a NetZero solution in order to enable the maintenance and renewal of contracts for energy systems with high GHG emissions. The research aims to develop a new multi-criteria-methodology (MCM) for the ET using H2 in association

with fossil fuels. The proposed tool will consist of digitising the knowledge of the technical team using MCM and artificial intelligence to create a best-option ranking to support decision-making regarding the appropriate technology for the use of H2 as an energy source, and to promote hybridisation as a primary source, aiming to enhance and optimise the use of H2 and promoting the ET.



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## ► THE APPROACH

It was decided to create a schedule of stages in which the team's activities are laid out. Subsequently, a meeting to define the activities will be held, where individualised actions will be created for each member by stage with a deadline for execution. Monitoring the progress of the project will be carried out through the "REDMINE" tool which allows for detailed monitoring of progress.

The method will consist of 5 steps:

A- Problem identification

B- Problem characterisation

C- Range of solutions identification

D- Solution set evaluation

E- Solution ranking

In steps A-C, the systematic review method Proknow-C and/or *Methodi Ordinatio* will be used to outline the current situation. In Stages C-E, the analytic hierarchy process and preference ranking organisation method for enrichment evaluation methods will be used, in order to rank the best solutions for hybridisation with H2.



UNILA [2]

## ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

The intended outcome is the development of an H2 applicability technological roadmap of the Brazilian electric sector in order to serve as a reference for future actions to promote the energy transition through the hybridisation of UTE to gas with H2. The MCM simulation tool (Tec-Eco-Amb) will allow an analysis of several scenarios for the promotion of NetZero by hybridisation with H2, helping in decision-making and prioritising investments with greater assertiveness, allowing for the maintenance of the operation of energy systems, promoting the energy security and sustainability of the energy matrix, and maintaining the supply and availability of electric energy. The result will be the creation of a H2 applicability roadmap, and the development and registration of a tool to support decision-making hybridisation actions with H2 in the ET.



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# SMART CITIES – SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY CONCEPTS

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### ► THE CHALLENGE

There is a need to develop metropolitan areas for tomorrow that meet the needs of present and future generations. Liveable, interconnected, and resilient living and working spaces for the future – that is what we want to shape with our research. Many different aspects are interconnected, and sustainable mobility concepts are one area that can contribute to decreasing the total number of vehicles and improve air quality and noise pollution in metropolitan areas. The challenge is to develop public transport and vehicle sharing concepts that are complementary, viable, and acceptable to a wide range of possible users. In addition, the mobility concept should be integrated into a high-level energy system concept in the context of a smart city.

### ► THE APPROACH

HFT Stuttgart is currently working on a project called “iCity: intelligent cities”. In this project, highly interdisciplinary research is being done in a total of 20 subprojects that address different aspects of a smart city in several fields of action. One such field is about sustainable urban development and energetic neighbourhood concepts; another deals with an information platform and urban simulation. The third field of action is about energy management and information and communication technologies. Another field is sustainable mobility. In these fields of action, dif-

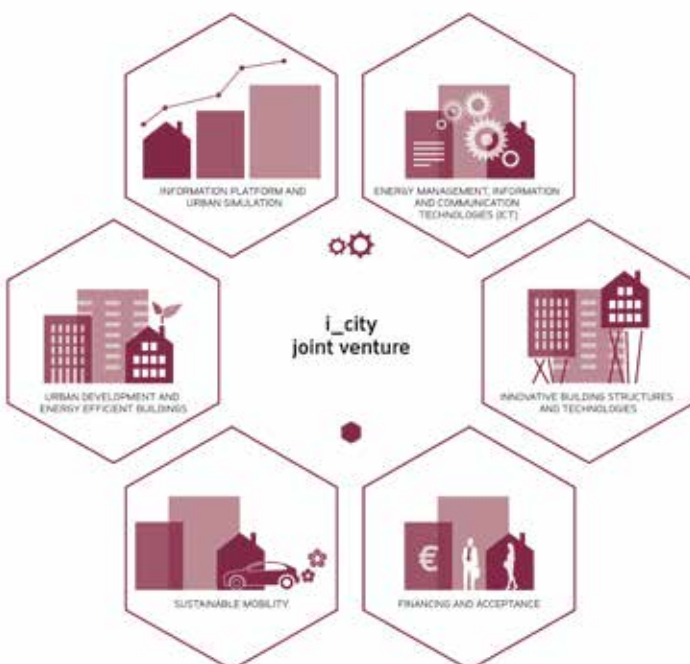
ferent subprojects have been realised together with external partners from both industry and municipal administration (to represent the political viewpoint). The partners involved in a subproject about the conception of an e-bike sharing system for Stuttgart and Tuttingen, for example, were Daimler TSS GmbH and the city of Tuttingen. Other subprojects have other external partners. A complete list of the partners in the iCity project can be found at <https://www.hft-stuttgart.com/research/projects/i-city/partnership#subnavigation>.

To transfer knowledge and findings from the iCity project to Brazilian metropolitan regions, local partnerships are needed. Brazilian cities and Brazilian society have preconditions and requirements that are different from European cities and society. Therefore, study projects about viability and user acceptance should also be done to enable the adaption of the concepts to the needs of Brazilian cities.

The inhabitants of a metropolitan region are often on the move – from the surrounding area into the city, from neighbourhood to neighbourhood, from work to home, or during their leisure time. A project about sustainable mobility has to research organisational, technological, and infrastructural solutions for sustainable mobility services. The important topics include reducing emissions, increasing traffic safety, changing forms of propulsion, urban-rural relationships, increasing the attractiveness of urban spaces, the digitalisation of mobility, and sustainable operating strategies for transport infrastructures. In this way, a project like this can contribute to the upcoming transition in transport.

Innovative mobility concepts like sharing systems with free-floating vehicle fleets can contribute to the reduction of the total number of vehicles and a more sustainable way of moving in urban areas. Sharing systems can include cars, e-bikes, and other vehicles. The conception and realisation of such a mobility concept is a demanding task that requires much research on how to operate such a system. Many processes for data acquisition and use are needed. To mention just one area here, there is the communication between vehicles and a backbone system where data on things like vehicle location, battery status, reservations, and renting needs to be exchanged.

If the fleet of a car sharing system is electric, the vehicles are possibly not only energy consumers, but also energy providers when not in use. This idea can be expanded to include private electric cars and other public fleets. If the idea is further extended to include energy that comes, for example, from the solar panels of private homes and can be fed into an existing grid, research needs to be done on the state of the existing infrastructure of the current ener-



Fields of action for iCity [1]

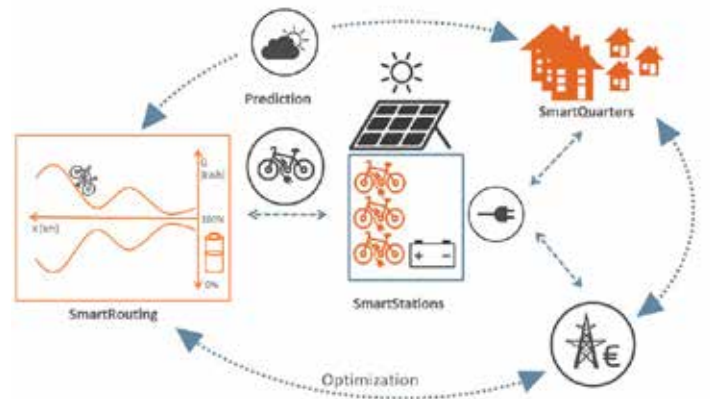


gy system to build a data model with complete information about the energy grid, including an accurate topology of the energy network. Based on this, algorithms for simulations can be developed that allow for predictions regarding the behaviour of the grid under different scenarios, which will contribute to a more efficient, stable, and reliable electrical system. These research activities are meant to create a smart grid for the electric system.

The research about sharing systems for mobility and the research about efficient, reliable energy infrastructure are strongly interlinked. They require an advanced information platform on which intelligent algorithms can be implemented to explore data and improve the concepts of a smart city open to data not only on mobility and energy infrastructure, but also on things like smart buildings, energy management, and climates. This will make it possible to integrate all the relevant data for the different aspects that play a role in future-oriented urban planning.

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

The sustainable city is increasingly digital and connected. It uses resources efficiently, implements smart mobility concepts, and ensures that its infrastructure is supplied with high shares of renewable energy via grid-connected infrastructure. It is also characterised by operating in an inclusive, connected, and flexible manner. In addition to these technical aspects, approaches to intelligent cities are increasingly human-centred and thus place citizens' well-being and a better quality of life at the heart of their development.



*Intelligent interaction in the energy system [2]*

Accordingly, the essential part of the intelligence of future cities involves not only driving technical innovations, but also systemically integrating social, ecological, and economic aspects.

The research in question focuses on methods, services, and products for highly efficient energy, building, and mobility systems in neighbourhoods that are intelligently connected by means of information and communication technologies in order to operate them in an efficient, renewable, sustainable, and socially acceptable manner.

In the long term, the project should be transformed into a technically autonomous and politically independent body that acts as an interface between research and the partner companies involved in the innovation process.



*Mapping of e-bike sharing [3]*

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# RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS INNOVATION IN THE FIELD OF GREEN HYDROGEN FREE OF CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR: A FOCUS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN BRAZIL AND GERMANY.

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### ► THE CHALLENGE

Challenges:

- RH development and knowledge enhancement;
- Bond and structure a consistent networking group in the field of hydrogen application;
- Explore green H<sub>2</sub> contribution to decarbonisation in the transport sector;
- Deep understanding about safety standards and measures by handling H<sub>2</sub>.

### ► THE APPROACH

There are already hydrogen-related projects under development at UNIFEI, being the following CH2V sponsored by GIZ. The project “Green Hydrogen Cluster – CH2V” aims to cover the main elements in the hydrogen value chain, from its production to its use in the modern hydrogen economy. A 1 [MW] power electrolysis plant would produce 200 [Nm<sup>2</sup>/

hour] of hydrogen and provide 800 [m<sup>2</sup>] of facilities suitable for the undertaking of research and development projects, technological innovation, and the demonstration of hydrogen use as a source of energy in mobility and power generation, as well as a raw material for industrial applications. Sponsored by GIZ at a cost of 5 million euros, it has as its main objective the implementation of a production and storage unit of green hydrogen free of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, where research can be undertaken into the applications with the greatest potential in the fields of mobility, power generation and industrial uses. Two further relevant projects would feed into this one. The first, entitled “Experimental study of dual-fuel technology in compression ignition engines using renewable diesel with hydrogen, biogas and ethanol”, is a project under development through ROTA 2030, an initiative of the Brazilian Federal Government, described in Federal Law n. 13.755/2018, aiming at stimulating invest-



ment and strengthening the Brazilian companies in the automotive sector through the development and application of new technologies. Sponsored at a cost of approximately 5.5 million reais, it is being carried out in partnership with the company FPT Industrial. The second additional project is entitled “Theoretical-experimental evaluation of the production and use of green hydrogen in Minas Gerais”, and is sponsored by the Foundation for Research and Support from the State of Minas Gerais (FAPEMIG).

### ► THE INTENDED IMPACT

(a) mobility with green hydrogen; (b) application technologies along with policy related studies; (c) evaluation of benefits and the decarbonisation potential in the transport sector by H2; (d) establishment of partnerships with institutions and companies along with HR development in a global perspective.

Thematic projects and theses under development at UNIFEI:

- Industrial uses of hydrogen and traceability of green hydrogen;
- Environmental and economic performance calculator;
- Energy transition and use of H2 in motors;
- Use of H2 in public transport and heavy vehicles;
- Analysis of electrolysis process with PV systems;
- Water quality for electrolysis processes;

- Fuel cell powered grid forming converters;
- Economic arbitrage for H2 and electricity production;
- Numerical simulations and models with H2 and H2 burning;
- Studies of the main safety standards in handling storages of combustible gases;
- Assessment of the degree of maturity of technological routes for the production and use of green hydrogen;
- Technical, economic and ecological aspects of the use of HVO and Hydrogen in cogeneration systems with Diesel engines.



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