



# Status-quo of Hydrogen Utilization in NG COM Member Countries

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# Policy Level



- *Does your country/organization have a strategy regarding hydrogen?*

Category	Description	End-use
1	End-use applications with no or few known and feasible decarbonisation alternatives besides green hydrogen	Heavy duty mining trucks
2	End-use applications with various known and feasible decarbonisation options, of which green hydrogen could have strategic advantages	Public transport (buses) in Ulaanbaatar
3	End-use applications with various known and feasible decarbonisation options, of which green hydrogen is currently not the most advantageous option	Space heating

- Remote locations
- Few other decarbonization options
- Technical advantages
- Energy security aspect

- Other potential decarbonization options (battery)
- Technical advantages

Not viewed as a feasible option at present, but additional research looking at various other decarbonization option is requested. This should particularly further investigate the decoupling of the heat and power sectors

# Industry/Market Level



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- *What is the general interest in developing hydrogen networks/markets in your country from the supply side and how many companies have been involved (in rough terms)?*
- Energy sector >> **largest contributor** to GHG emissions (54% in 2018)
  - The heat & power sector is the main energy consuming sector
- Power and heat sectors are **closely coupled**
  - Dominated by coal-fired CHP plants (90.6% of electricity in 2019)
  - Heat and power demand is not necessarily aligned >> technically challenging to integrate renewables to the power system >> leads to curtailments even at low shares of RE
- Green hydrogen **could play a role** in the gradual decoupling of the heat and power sectors

# Industry/Market Level

## Green hydrogen production potential

- Division of four geospatial regions
  - Full load hours for wind and solar considered
- Wind results
  - Larger potential in the south (up to 4200 load hours)
  -  generation costs as low as 3.7 \$cent/kWh
- PV results
  - More homogenous
  -  generation costs as low as 4.9\$cent/kWh

## Green hydrogen production costs

	MNG1	MNG2	MNG3	MNG4
Full load hours (PV and wind)	2,800	3,600	5,000	4,200
Electricity cost (\$/kWh)	0.058	0.044	0.041	0.043
Demineralised water cost 2020 (\$/m <sup>3</sup> )	30	40	40	25
Expected H <sub>2</sub> cost (\$/kg)	4.73	3.83	3.30	3.40



# The demand side



Sector	Technology	Reference
Heavy duty transport in the mining sector	Hybrid dumper trucks in a copper mine	Diesel trucks
Public transportation	Hybrid buses in Ulaanbaatar	Diesel buses
Heating sector	Decentralized heating (H <sub>2</sub> boilers)	LPG

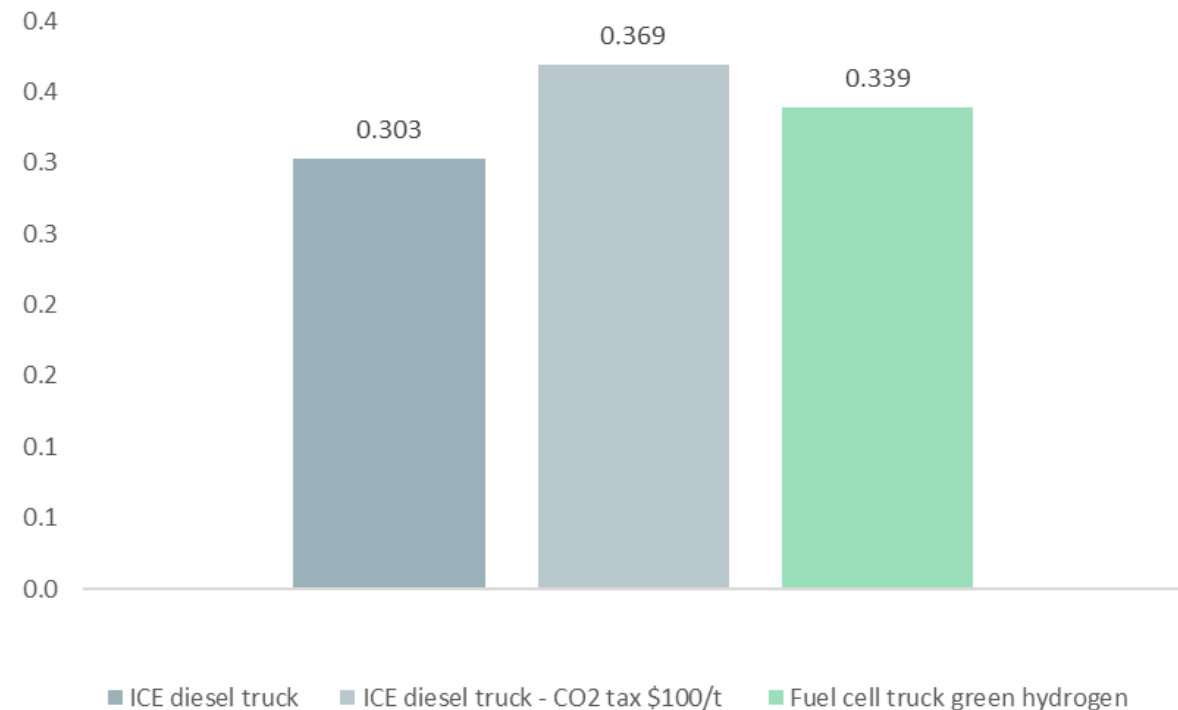
# The demand side



## Feasibility in hard-to-abate sectors

- Assumed region 3 (mining region)
  - H<sub>2</sub> cost of \$3.3/kg
- Reference: new diesel trucks
- Comparison: energy delivered to the wheel
- Hybrid truck is **12% more expensive**
  - Assuming a **CO<sub>2</sub> tax of \$100/tCO<sub>2</sub>**, hybrid truck becomes **9% cheaper** than diesel trucks
- Production sufficient to supply six trucks

Mining trucks, cost of operation (\$/kWh)

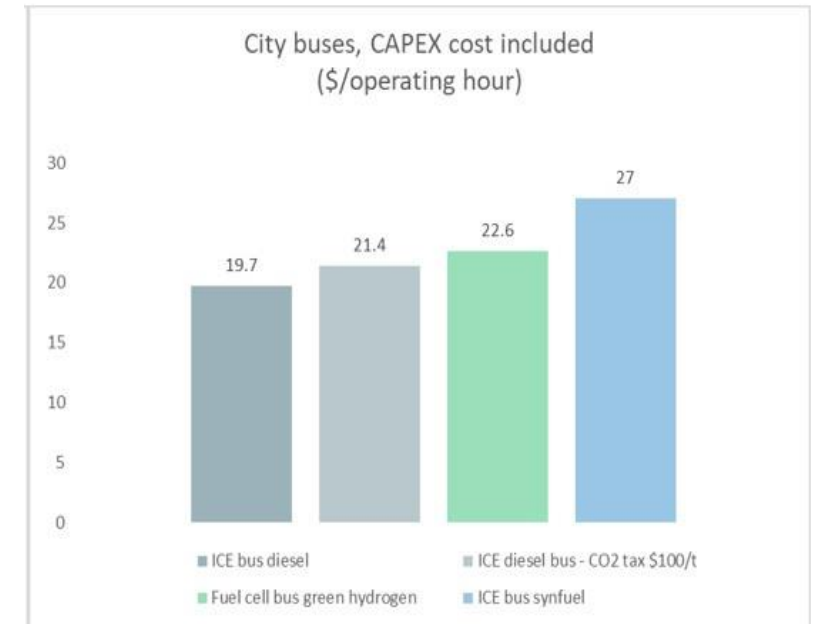


# The demand side



## Feasibility results: public transport

- Reference: new diesel buses
- System can supply 450 buses (1/2 of current fleet)
- OME considered as a second alternative
  - Not economically feasible
- Hybrid bus is
  - **28% more expensive** than diesel in terms of delivered energy
  - **15% more expensive**, also considering CAPEX
- A CO<sub>2</sub> tax of \$100/tCO<sub>2</sub> makes the hybrid bus **close to cost competitive**



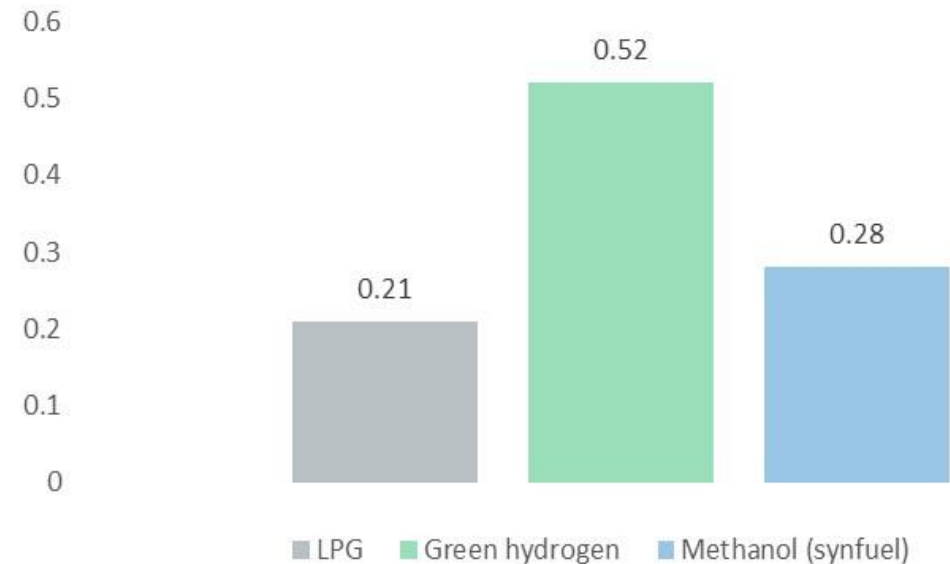
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## Feasibility results: decentralized heating

- H<sub>2</sub> must be pressurized at 200 bar and stored in gas cylinders
- Comparison: energy delivered to the stove
  - Includes cost for filling, storing and distribution
  - >> disadvantage for H<sub>2</sub>
- In terms of delivered energy, H<sub>2</sub> is **148% more expensive** than LPG
- Synfuel is **33% more expensive** than LPG
- The lower energy density of H<sub>2</sub> limits its potential

Cost comparison for decentral heating and cooking (\$/kWh)





# Suggestions for Upcoming Benchmarking Study

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*Suggestions related to the upcoming benchmarking exercise – scope, questionnaire, paper*

- Future areas of research
  - More robust water availability analysis
  - Further comparisons with other decarbonization options
  - Preparation of specific projects (mining sector)
  - Analysis on decarbonization options for the heating sector and the decoupling of the power and heat sectors



**THANK YOU  
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