Catalogue of Hydrogen Research in the Czech Republic

The Evolution and Importance of Hydrogen Research in the Czech Republic

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Content

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Although hydrogen technologies present a forward-looking approach to decarbonization and future energy security, substantial scientific and technical challenges must be addressed in order to achieve their widespread adoption. The hydrogen economy spans four functional areas: production, storage, transportation and use; each area has its special set of grand technical challenges. Recent advances in materials science, chemistry, physics, biology, computation, and nanoscience provide considerable promise for breaking through many of these current barriers. These advances underpin our vision and provide confidence that the widespread use of hydrogen outside current uses is achievable. The aim of the *Catalogue of Hydrogen Research in the Czech Republic* is to facilitate the networking of Czech and foreign researchers and to facilitate the search for the right partners in various areas of hydrogen research, development and innovation.

Hydrogen research in Czechia has a long and fascinating history, marked by both early innovation and modern advancements. This journey underscores the country's commitment to sustainable energy solutions and highlights its growing role in the global hydrogen economy.

Early Beginnings

Hydrogen research in Czechia can be traced back to the mid-20th century, when the Czechoslovak engineering company ČKD (Českomoravská-Kolben-Daněk) Semiconductor Division realized 1 kW alkaline fuel cells for locomotive propulsion. These efforts showcased remarkable ambition but faced significant challenges. In the 1970s, progress stalled due to political and economic factors. Despite this pause, the early 2000s marked a revival of hydrogen research in Czechia, aligning with global efforts to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and transition to sustainable energy sources.

The Importance of Hydrogen Research in Czechia

Today, Czechia is home to a robust ecosystem of academic, industrial, and governmental stakeholders actively advancing hydrogen technologies. This ecosystem is characterized by cutting-edge research, international collaborations, and practical applications.

Hydrogen holds immense potential as a versatile energy carrier. Its applications span across industries, from decarbonizing transport and industry to enabling long-term energy storage and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Hydrogen research is essential not only for environmental sustainability but also for energy security and economic competitiveness. As the world transitions to a low-carbon economy, countries that invest in hydrogen technologies are likely to benefit from new markets, jobs, and technological leadership.

One of the advantages of Czech hydrogen research is deep knowledge in industrial processes connected with hydrogen as industrial chemistry, machining, gas transportation and storage, nuclear research etc. This background allows Czech research institutions to implement unique knowledge into newly developed products and processes. As example heavy truck Tatra for extreme conditions can be mentioned.

For Czechia, hydrogen offers a pathway to reduce dependency on imported fossil fuels, enhance the resilience of its energy systems, and meet ambitious climate goals. By integrating hydrogen into its governmental strategies, Czechia can position itself as a hub for innovation and a model for other countries aiming to decarbonize their economies.

The Role of International Cooperation

International cooperation is a cornerstone of hydrogen research and development. Collaborative projects like RegioHyt and NEXTAEC illustrate the value of pooling expertise, resources, and funding to achieve breakthroughs that no single country could accomplish alone. Czechia's partnerships with leading institutions in countries such as Norway, Germany, Denmark, and South Korea demonstrate its active role in the global hydrogen community.

These collaborations accelerate the development of advanced technologies, such as efficient electrolyzers and hydrogen storage systems, while fostering knowledge exchange and capacity building. Moreover, international projects confirm Czechia as a credible partner in the global hydrogen economy, attracting investments and creating opportunities for local businesses and researchers.

Czech Hydrogen Technology Platform – your contact point

The Czech Hydrogen Technology Platform (HYTEP) aims to connect research and development with business partners, foster mutual awareness among entities involved in hydrogen technologies, and undertake initiatives to enhance the potential of hydrogen applications in the Czech Republic, aligning with the climate goals of the European Union and its Member States.

HYTEP is a main national contact point helping you to find a suitable partners for planned research and development.

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Type of the organisation

Company; Research institute

Organisation activity

6 **How many people are currently involved in hydrogen research within your organisation?**

Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen production

Hydrogen distribution and storage

- Hydrogen storage
- Hydrogen gas grid
- Refueling station
- Hydrogen carriers
- Other hydrogen distribution and storage

Hydrogen end-use

- Power and heat
- Mobility
- Industry
- Mobile devices
- Fuel cells and fuel cells materials
- Other hydrogen end-using

Hydrogen service provision

- Safety
- Codes and standards

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Others including cross-cutting research directions

We are an R&D center with extensive technical expertise, dedicated to delivering comprehensive solutions to complex material and technological challenges. Our cutting-edge facilities include, as an example, advanced 3D printers, melting furnaces, and universal mechanical testing machines for both static and dynamic tests, supported by Digital Image Correlation (DIC).

In the field of hydrogen technologies, we focus on the development of innovative materials with enhanced properties, such as improved strength and resistance to hydrogen embrittlement. Additionally, we conduct specialized tests to detect hydrogen embrittlement, including experiments in electrolytes and under pressurized hydrogen conditions.

We actively drive innovation in industries such as automotive, aerospace, and energy, empowering our partners to achieve outstanding results through advanced research and development.

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Publications

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- Konopík, P.; Zmeko, J. *Comparison of Two Methods of In-Situ Tensile Tests Simulating Hydrogen Embrittlement of 42CrMo4 Steel*. In Proceedings of the 2024 International Conference on Hydrogen Embrittlement, Srní 2024; [Online]. Available online: https://srni.vzuplzen.cz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Sbornik-Srni2024.pdf

Functional Samples

- *Station for Hydrogen Charging of Hollow Test Specimens Pressure.* Authors: Jan Zmeko, Václav Brunát, Pavel Konopík. Created in 12/2024, COMTES FHT
- *Clamping System for Hollow Test Specimens with Internal Hydrogen Pressure.* Authors: Jan Zmeko, Václav Brunát, Jindřich Vokáč, Pavel Konopík. Created in 12/2024, COMTES FHT

Grant schemes

- Research Proposal Submitted: Research and Development of High-Strength Steel for the Production of Cylinders for Industrial Gases and with the Potential for Hydrogen Storage up to 300 Bar (FW12010174). Currently under evaluation in the following call: Technological Agency of the Czech Republic (TA ČR), FW-TREND, 12th Public Competition of the TREND Programme, Subprogramme 1 "Technological Leaders."
- Testing in Specialized Environments: Hydrogen and Autoclave Conditions – Internal Research Program within the institutional support for the long-term conceptual development of the research organization (decision no. 3/2023 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic)

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Type of the organisation

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Organisation activity

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Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen distribution and storage

Refueling station

Hydrogen end-use

Mobility

Fuel cells and fuel cells materials

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Publications

- Kyjovský, Š.; Vávra, J.; Bortel, I.; Toman, R.
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  International Journal of Hydrogen Energy. 2023, 48(44), 16885-16896. ISSN 0360-3199.
  https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0360319923002252
- Patents

Grant schemes

- TN02000054 – Národní centrum kompetence inženýrství pozemních vozidel Josefa Božka
  Božek Vehicle Engineering National Center of Competence
  (2023–2028, TA0/TN)

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Type of the organisation

Company

Organisation activity

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Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Others including cross-cutting research directions

Biomethanization of carbon dioxide with hydrogen using methanogenic microorganisms as a catalyst

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Grant schemes

- Project TAČR TK01030050: Biomethanization of carbon dioxide to biomethane using hydrogen

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Organisation activity

50 **How many people are currently involved in hydrogen research within your organisation?**

Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen end-use

Mobility: Aerospace Propulsion

Others including cross-cutting research directions

R&D in the areas of hydrogen to electric energy transformation, Thermal and energy management, Technology process control

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Grant schemes

- Project NEWBORN – Development of high-power fuel cells propulsion system
- Project HypoTraDe – Development of modular fuel cell-battery hybrid-electric powertrain architecture
- Project TheMa4Hera – Development of thermal management components and architecture for next-generation electric aircraft

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Type of the organisation

Research institute

Organisation activity

2 **How many people are currently involved in hydrogen research within your organisation?**

Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Fuel cells and fuel cells materials: catalytic materials / layers

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Publications

- Němec T., Šonský J., Gruber J., de Prado E., Kupčík J., Klementová M., Platinum and platinum oxide nanoparticles generated by unipolar spark discharge. Journal of Aerosol Science, 141, March (2020), 105502

Patents

- Czech utility model PUV 2021-39298 Equipment for applying functional layers of catalytic nanomaterials
- Pending Czech patent application PV 2021-488 A method of applying functional layers of catalytic nanomaterials, a device for this and a catalytic layer prepared using this method
- Expired Czech utility model PUV 2020-37288 High voltage source for generating a spark discharge
- Expired Czech patent PV 2020-565 Fuel cell distribution board

Grant schemes

- Co-investigator: 2024–2029: Advanced Hydrogen Compression Technology – Electrochemical Compression, provider: Technology Agency of the Czech Republic
- Sub-programme coordinator: Hydrogen Technologies: 2022–2026: Strategy AV21 Sustainable Energy programme, provider: Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
- Co-investigator: 2022–2024: Development of high performance extended range EV boat, provider: Technology Agency of the Czech Republic
- Co-investigator: 2020–2022: Development of high-performance catalyst materials and high-durability metallic plates for intelligent automated manufacturing of fuel cell stacks, provider: Technology Agency of the Czech Republic

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Type of the organisation

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Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen production

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Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen gas grid

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Publications (not publicly available):

- Impact of hydrogen on safety zones along gas transport infrastructure (NET4GAS, TUL, VSCHT)
- Impact of increased flow velocity due to hydrogen transport on existing gas transport pipelines (NET4GAS, ZCU)
- Hydrogen compatibility assessment of material of existing gas transport pipelines (NET4GAS, SVUM, MMV)
- Hydrogen compatibility assessment of sealants and lubricants used in existing gas transport pipelines (NET4GAS, Fraunhofer)
- Assessment of hydrogen tightness of existing gas transport infrastructure (NET4GAS)

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Type of the organisation

Company; Research institute

Organisation activity

10 **How many people are currently involved in hydrogen research within your organisation?**

Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen distribution and storage

Hydrogen storage: material degradation and protection

Hydrogen gas grid: material degradation and protection

Refueling station: functional mathematical model of filling tanks, or any other containers, with hydrogen

Hydrogen end-use

Mobility: multibody models of public transport vehicles

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Publications

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- Hana Jirková, Josef Duliškovič, David Aišman and Josef Kasl: Hydrogen Embrittlement of X52 Electrolytically Charged Pipeline Steel, Contribution of Metallography to Production Problem Solutions, under review
- Žaneta Dlouhá, Jiří Frank, Josef Duliškovič, Hana Jirková and Šárka Houdková: Application of Cold Spray protective coating on steel used in the pipeline industry, Contribution of Metallography to Production Problem Solutions, under review

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Grant schemes

- OP TAK Application III EG20_321/0025011: Mobile hydrogen filling station, 2021–2023
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- PŽSS06020165: Mapping the impacts of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions using hydrogen admixtures on the vitality of the existing infrastructure of gas power plants (HYGAS); 2023–2025
- TH83020002: Identification of the influence of hydrogen depending on the structural condition of the pipeline distribution infrastructure and storage tanks (HOOPLA); 2023–2026

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Type of the organisation

Company

Organisation activity

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Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen production

Hydrogen end-use

- Power and heat
- Mobility
- Industry
- Fuel cells and fuel cells materials

Hydrogen service provision

- Codes and standards

Others including cross-cutting research directions

- Water purification for hydrogen production

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Type of the organisation

Research institute

Organisation activity

20 **How many people are currently involved in hydrogen research within your organisation?**

Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen distribution and storage

Fuel cells and fuel cells materials

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Research institute

Organisation activity

9 **How many people are currently involved in hydrogen research within your organisation?**

Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen production

Hydrogen distribution and storage

- Hydrogen storage
- Hydrogen gas grid
- Refuelling station
- Hydrogen carriers

Mobility

Codes and standards

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Publications

- Přikryl, V., Vahalík, B., & Poul, A. (2024). Plug-in Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Concept in Relation to Driving Practices in the Czech Republic. Transactions on Transport Sciences. ISSN 1802-9876
- Špička, L. et al. (2024). Syntetická paliva pro dopravu (Synthetic fuels for transport). ISBN 978-80-88655-31-2

Grant schemes

- National Hydrogen Mobility Center (NAHYC-m) TN02000007
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Type of the organisation
Public university

Organisation activity

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Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen production

Hydrogen distribution and storage

- Hydrogen storage
- Hydrogen gas grid
- Hydrogen carriers

- Power and heat
- Mobility
- Industry
- Mobile devices
- Fuel cells and fuel cells materials
- Other hydrogen end-use

Others including cross-cutting research directions

- Education

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Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

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Patents

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  EN: Equipment for testing gas leaks by sealing flange joints
- **PV 2022-238 CS:** Anion-výměnný materiál na bázi blokového polymeru styrenu a olefinů
  EN: An anion-exchange material based on block polymer of styrene and olefins
- **PUV 2022-40052CS:** Systém sušení svazku palivových článků typu PEM s membránovým modulem a recirkulačním čerpadlem
  EN: PEM type fuel cell bundle drying system with membrane module and recirculation pump
- **PUV 2023-41198:** Zařízení pro odstraňování zbytkové koncentrace vodíku z inertních plynů
  EN: A device for removing residual hydrogen concentration from inert gases
- **PUV 2024-42112CS:** Katalyzátor pro kyslíkovou elektrodu reverzibilního alkalického palivového článku na bázi nikl-kobalt selenidu
  EN: A catalyst for oxygen electrode of a reversible alkali fuel cell based on nickel-cobalt selenide
- **PUV 2024-42130CS:** Protonová membrána pro palivový článek
  EN: A proton-exchange membrane for fuel cell

Grant schemes

- Member of JU-Clean Hydrogen Partnership, Czech Science foundation, Czech Technological agency, Operational Funds of EU, Ministry of Interior of Czech Republic, Commercial research for companies etc.

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Type of the organisation

Public university; Research institute

Organisation activity

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Expertise and main sectors of your hydrogen research

Hydrogen production

Hydrogen distribution and storage

Hydrogen storage

Hydrogen carriers

Fuel cells and fuel cells materials

Safety: hydrogen sensing materials

Your most important hydrogen research, development and innovation results including research grants in the last five years

Publications

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