

# Fuel cells in micro-cogeneration mode: the technology explained

European-wide field trials for residential Fuel Cell micro-Cogeneration





## What is Fuel Cell micro-CHP?

Combined Heat and Power generation

- Fuel cells can be used as Energy plants for Buildings
  - On-site energy solution to produce both electricity and heat.
  - Easy to install, silent, no rotating parts and little maintenance.
  - Flexible & modular with easy cascading for higher power demand
  - Cuts energy costs: High energy bill savings. As electricity prices rise, savings will increase.
  - Eligible for green subsidies in many EU countries.
- Reducing environmental footprint **potentially to zero Carbon**: much more efficient than power from the grid + a condensing boiler, it reduces CO<sub>2</sub> and eliminates local air pollution: no combustion so no NOx, SOx and particle emissions.
- Future proof: Gas from the grid (either conventional or renewable) is converted into
  Hydrogen and then used to produce electricity and heat inside the Fuel Cell



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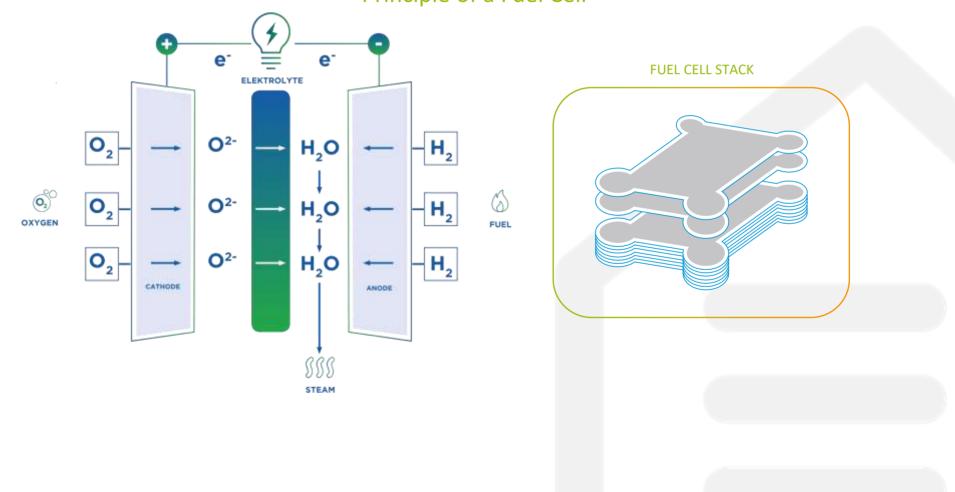
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## **SOFC and PEM PRINCIPLE**

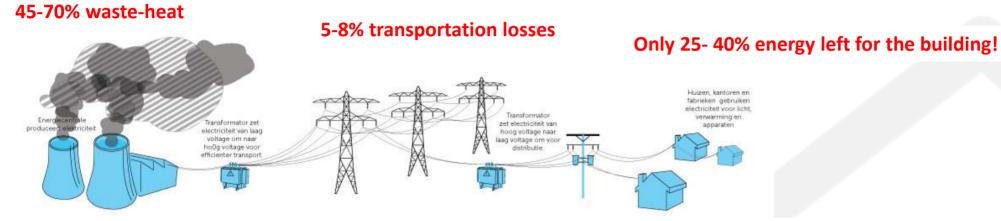
#### Principle of a Fuel Cell



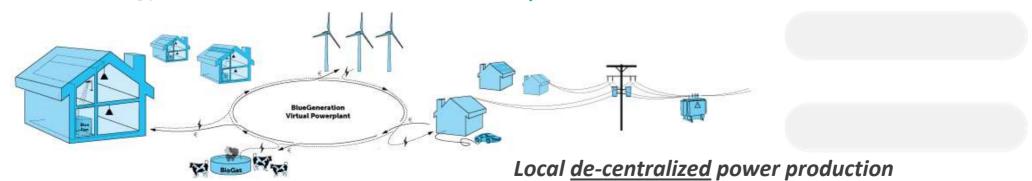


# Why Fuel Cell micro-CHP?

Current average situation in Europe: <u>Centralized</u> power production



> 90% Energy @home with Fuel Cell mCHP = up to 3 times more efficient!





### The future: Smart-grids and energy-storage in Hydrogen

Storage of renewable energy with – "Power to Gas"

