



## Modeling of Hydrogen Infrastructure for Fuel Cell Applications and Its Impact on Hydrogen Economic Era, Case Study in Semarang

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### ABSTRACT

The current global trend is a shift in the use of fossil energy to hydrogen, known as the "hydrogen economy". At present transportation (automotive) is looking for alternative fuels as a substitute for fuel oil. In addition to using electricity as a driving force, hydrogen fuel is used as one of the fuels which can also be considered an option. This study seeks to determine the profile of energy consumption in Semarang district starting from the transportation to a certain year. The output of this research is about hydrogen infrastructure and making possible steps for a decision by knowing the profile of energy consumption in Semarang. Finally it will be known the potential of hydrogen infrastructure development which can become a guideline in determining the right policy in carrying out hydrogen infrastructure development in Semarang. The capacity of hydrogen production in Semarang is approximately 1,000 m<sup>3</sup>/hour. The production breakdown per day is: 550m<sup>3</sup>/hour x 24 = 13,200m<sup>3</sup>. It can be maximized the production of hydrogen for 360 days per year is 4,752,000m<sup>3</sup>. The prediction of the hydrogen needs of 2020 in Semarang is 1,955,780 m<sup>3</sup>. Thus the production of hydrogen in Semarang can be fulfilled.

**Key words:** hydrogen fuel, oil fuel, production, transportation, Semarang

### INTRODUCTION

Background research because air pollution has worsened in major cities around the world, so the use of car transportation must be limited and measures introduced to encourage clean vehicles [1]. The transportation sector is a major contributor to the emergence of global warming around 20% of greenhouse gas emissions caused by the transportation sector [2]. Hydrogen is an energy storage medium for electricity produced from renewable energy sources that makes important connections in the sustainable and emission-free energy chain from start to finish. Unlike fossil energy, hydrogen will not run out because hydrogen is the most common element found in nature. Hydrogen can be used both to produce electricity and as a fuel which makes it very suitable for stationary and mobile applications [1]. The current global trend is a shift in the use of fossil energy to hydrogen, known as the "hydrogen economy" [1]. One key to expanding alternative energy is to produce and introduce vehicles driven by energy sources other than petroleum fuels, such as hydrogen gas, so that each energy source is converted into electrical energy to drive a vehicle. Developing alternative energy diversification at the consumer level will prevent price increases and dependence on one fuel can be reduced [3].

### Basic Theory

Fuel cells are electrochemical cells that are similar to batteries, the difference is that the reactants consumed by fuel cells can be replenished continuously. Fuel cells produce electricity from outside hydrogen and oxygen supplies. Fuel cells are different from batteries where electricity is produced from internal energy. The electrodes in the battery react and change when the battery is charged or discharged, while the fuel cell electrode is catalytic and relatively stable [4]. Hydrogen needs infrastructure for distribution. [5].

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGI

Case study was taken in Semarang. Semarang is also known as one of the metropolitan cities in Indonesia, where traffic congestion has always been a major problem in metropolitan cities. Based on data from DPAAD Semarang in 2014, the number of vehicles in Semarang reached 1,305,636. The number of vehicles in Semarang has also caused traffic jams in Semarang. The most prominent impact of the increasing number of vehicles in Semarang is increased air pollution..

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In 2014, energy consumption (Gj) in Semarang was calculated by the calculation below. We can see the calorie equation for joules can be written as:

$$1j = 0,2388 \text{ cal} \quad (1)$$

$$1\text{Kcal} = 1.000 \text{ cal} \quad (2)$$

$$1\text{Kcal} = 1.000 \times 4,186 \text{ joule} \quad (3)$$

$$1\text{Kcal} = 4,186\text{Kj} \quad (4)$$

The calculation of energy in Gj in Semarang can be written as:

### Diesel fuel energy in 1 year

$$1 \text{ liter of diesel fuel} = 10,546 \text{ kcal} \quad (5)$$

$$1 \text{ liter of diesel fuel} = 44,145 \text{ kj / liter} \quad (6)$$

In Semarang, diesel fuel consumption within 1 year of 2014 was = 187,495 kl (Pertamina source).

Diesel fuel energy in 1 year is :

$$\text{diesel fuel energy in 1 year} = 187,495 \text{ kl} \times 44,145 \text{ Kj / liter} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{diesel fuel energy in 1 year} = 8,276,966,775 \text{ Kj} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{diesel fuel energy in 1 year} = 8,276.966775 \text{ Gj} \quad (9)$$

### Premium energy in 1 year

$$1 \text{ liter of Premium} = 10.509 \text{ Kcal} \quad (10)$$

$$1 \text{ liter of Premium} = 43,990 \text{ Kj / liter} \quad (11)$$

In Semarang the consumption of premium within 1 year in 2014 was = 349,448 kl Premium.

Premium energy in 1 year is:

$$\text{Premium energy in 1 year} = 349,448 \text{ kl} \times 43,990 \text{ Kj / liter} \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Premium energy in 1 year} = 15,372,217,520 \text{ Kj} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{Premium energy in 1 year} = 15,372,217520 \text{ Gj} \quad (14)$$

### Pertamax energy in 1 year

$$1 \text{ liter Pertamax} = 10,622 \text{ Kcal} \quad (15)$$

$$1 \text{ liter Pertamax} = 44,463 \text{ Kj / liter} \quad (16)$$

In Semarang, the consumption of Pertamax within 1 year of 2014 was = 16,804 kilo liters of Pertamax.

Pertamax energy in 1 year is:

$$\text{Pertamax energy in 1 year} = 16,804 \text{ kl} \times 44,463 \text{ Kj / liter} \quad (17)$$

$$\text{Pertamax energy in 1 year} = 747,156,252 \text{ Kj} \quad (18)$$

$$\text{Pertamax energy in 1 year} = 747,156 \text{ Gj} \quad (19)$$

Table 1 below shows a simulation of the rate of growth of fuel consumption in Semarang according to Public Relations of PT. Pertamina Marketing Operation Region (MOR) IV Central Java-DIY Jl. Pemuda No.114 is 0.3% per year, so the consumption of fuel oil in Semarang in 2014 to 2024 can be predicted using LEAP software. In 2014, diesel fuel energy in 1 year = 8,276.966775 Gj. Premium energy in 1 year = 15,372,217520 Gj. Pertamax energy in 1 year = 747,156 Gj. Total energy is obtained from the sum of the total diesel fuel, premium and Pertamax energy. Solar energy in 1 year = 8,276.966775 Gj. Premium energy in 1 year = 15,372,217520 Gj. Pertamax energy in 1 year = 747,156 Gj. After adding up the results were 24,396 Gj in 2014.

**Table -1 Relationship between Energy needs in Semarang throughout the year and GJ units**

Year	fuel oil (Gj)
2014	24.396,0
2016	24.542,6
2018	24.690,1
2020	24.838,4
2022	24.987,7
2024	25.137,8

**Infrastructure that might be built in Semarang.**

Design data for hydrogen production from Samator Kec. Bambe, Kab. Gresik by Bp. Ponari, Hydrogen Plant division, and Bp. Sampoerno, as the leader are as follows:

1. Design capacity for hydrogen production in the samator with a cap. Design plant 1,000 m<sup>3</sup> / hour. With a volume of 1m<sup>3</sup> = 0.0810 kg, it will produce 81kg / hour. Production breakdown per day: 550 m<sup>3</sup> / hour x 24 hours = 13,200 m<sup>3</sup> or 1,069,2kg
2. General selling prices Estimated between Rp. 62,000 / m<sup>3</sup>
3. H2 tube trailer with Fill capacity @ 4,000 m<sup>3</sup> with working pressure of 200 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Prediction If the vehicle is directed to hydrogen fuel**

Prediction If the vehicle is directed to hydrogen fuel with the calculation of a hydrogen heating value (HHV) of 12.7 MJ / m<sup>3</sup> [6]. can be written as:

$$12.7 \text{ MJ/m}^3 = 12,700 \text{ KJ/m}^3 \tag{20}$$

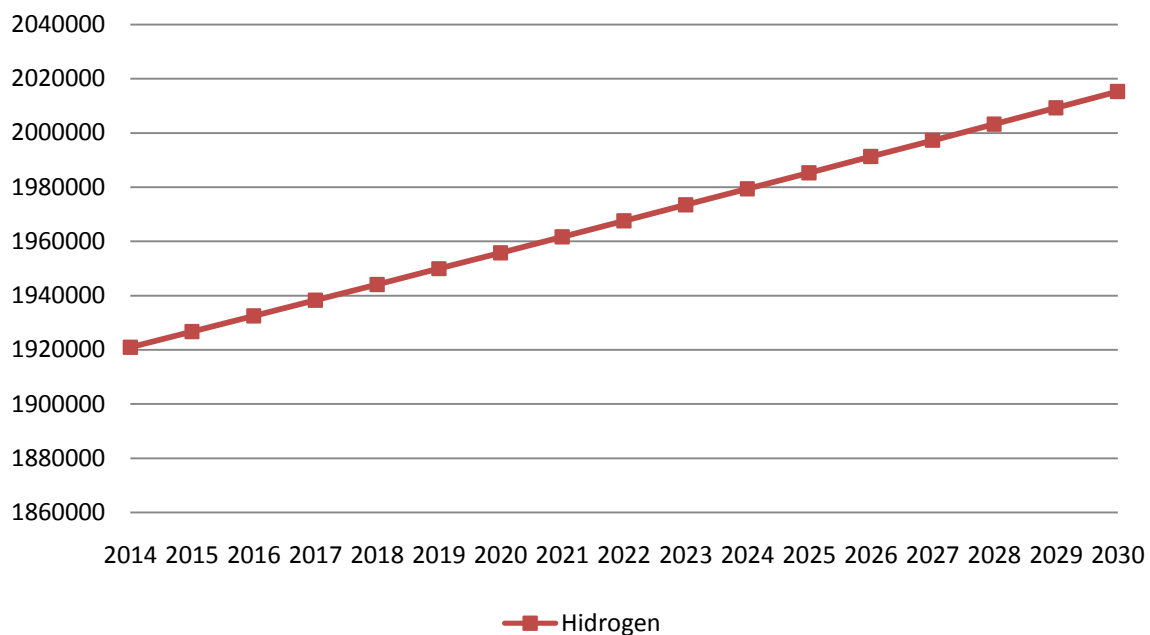
$$1 \text{ m}^3 = 12.7 \text{ MJ} = 0.0127 \text{ GJ} \tag{21}$$

With mathematical equations, the calculation will be obtained in Table 2. The relationship between energy needs in Semarang throughout the year is changed to m<sup>3</sup>, with 1 m<sup>3</sup> = 12.7 MJ = 0.0127 GJ. can be written as table 2 below.

**Table -2 Energy demand conversion in Semarang throughout the year**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Gj	24.396,00	24.469,20	24.542,60	24.616,20	24.690,10	24.764,10	24.838,40	24.912,90	24.987,70
m3	1920945	1926709	1932488	1938283	1944102	1949929	1955780	1961646	1967535

**Prediction of the amount of hydrogen used in Semarang**



**Fig. 1** Prediction of the amount of hydrogen used in Semarang. The x-axis writes the amount of hydrogen needed per m<sup>3</sup>, and the y-axis writes the year.

**Table -3** Predictions of total hydrogen usage in Semarang.

Year	Hydrogen (m <sup>3</sup> )
2014	1.920.944,882
2016	1.932.488,189
2018	1.944.102,362
2020	1.955.779,528
2022	1.967.535,433
2024	1.979.354,331

The design capacity of hydrogen production in Samator is  $1,000 \text{ m}^3 / \text{hour}$ . Production breakdown per day:  $550 \text{ m}^3 / \text{hour} \times 24 \text{ hours} = 13,200 \text{ m}^3$ . It can be maximized the production of hydrogen for 360 days per year is  $4,752,000 \text{ m}^3$ . In 2020 based on table 2, hydrogen demand prediction in Semarang =  $1,955,780 \text{ m}^3$ .

### Comparison of fuel and hydrogen costs

In 2014, diesel fuel consumption in Semarang was = 187,495 kl of diesel fuel. In 2014, the use of premium in Semarang was 349,448 kl Premium. In 2014, the use of Pertamina in Semarang was = 16,804 kl Pertamina, then the total cost is as follows:

1. Diesel fuel  $187.495 \text{ Kl} \times \text{Rp. } 9,500 / 1 = \text{Rp. } 1,781,202,500,000$

2. Premium  $349,448 \text{ Kl} \times \text{Rp. } 6,550 / 1 = \text{Rp. } 2,288,884,400,000$

3. Pertamina  $16.804 \text{ Kl} \times \text{Rp. } 9,200 / 1 = \text{Rp. } 154,596,800$

The total fuel costs in Semarang, if all added up are as follows:

$$\text{Rp. } 1,781,202,500,000 + \text{Rp. } 2,288,884,400,000 + \text{Rp. } 154,596,800 = \text{Rp. } 4,070,241,496,800 \quad (22)$$

From table 1, in 2020, fuel prediction in Semarang is 24,838Gj.

The total fuel costs of Semarang in 2014 divided by the total energy in 2014 are as follows:

$$\text{Rp. } 4,070,241,496,800 \text{ divided by } 24,396 \text{ Gj} = \text{Rp. } 166,840,527.- \quad (23)$$

The price of fuel per 1Gj = Rp. 166,840,527.-

The total cost of fuel in 2020 is the price of fuel per 1Gj multiplied by the total energy in 2020 with the following equation:

$$\text{Rp. } 166,840,527 \times 24,838 \text{ Gj} = \text{Rp. } 4,143,985,009,626.- \quad (24)$$

The price of 1Gj of hydrogen can be calculated by the calculation below.

$$1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ of hydrogen} = 0.0127 \text{ Gj} \quad (25)$$

$$1 \text{ Gj} = 1 / 0.0127 = 78.740 \text{ m}^3 \quad (26)$$

$$\text{Price of } 1 \text{ Gj} = 78.740 \text{ m}^3 \times \text{Rp. } 62,000 \quad (27)$$

$$\text{Price of } 1 \text{ Gj} = \text{Rp. } 4,881,880 \quad (28)$$

From table 1, the total hydrogen costs obtained in the city of Semarang in 2020 are:

$$\text{Price of } 1 \text{ Gj hydrogen} \times \text{total Gj hydrogen} \quad (29)$$

$$24,838 \text{ Gj} \times \text{Rp. } 4,881,880 = \text{Rp. } 121,256,135,440 \quad (30)$$

### CONCLUSION

From this research it can be concluded that: 1. The design capacity of hydrogen production in samators is  $1,000 \text{ m}^3 / \text{hour}$ . Details of production per day:  $550 \text{ m}^3 / \text{hour} \times 24 \text{ hours} = 13,200 \text{ m}^3$ . Hydrogen production can be maximized for 360 days per year so total hydrogen production in Samator is  $4,752,000 \text{ m}^3$ . In 2020, predicted hydrogen demand in Semarang =  $1,955,780 \text{ m}^3$ . The need for hydrogen if all vehicles are diverted with hydrogen by 2020 can be fulfilled. 2. predicted total fuel costs in 2020:  $\text{Rp. } 166,840,527 \times 24,838 \text{ Gj} = \text{Rp. } 4,143,985,009,626.-$  3. Predictable total hydrogen costs in Semarang in 2020 =  $1 \text{ Gj price of hydrogen} \times \text{total Gj of hydrogen. } 24,838 \text{ Gj} \times \text{Rp. } 4,881,880 = \text{Rp. } 121,256,135,440$

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