



# Today's Transit for Tomorrow's World

## Real Life Experience with Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses

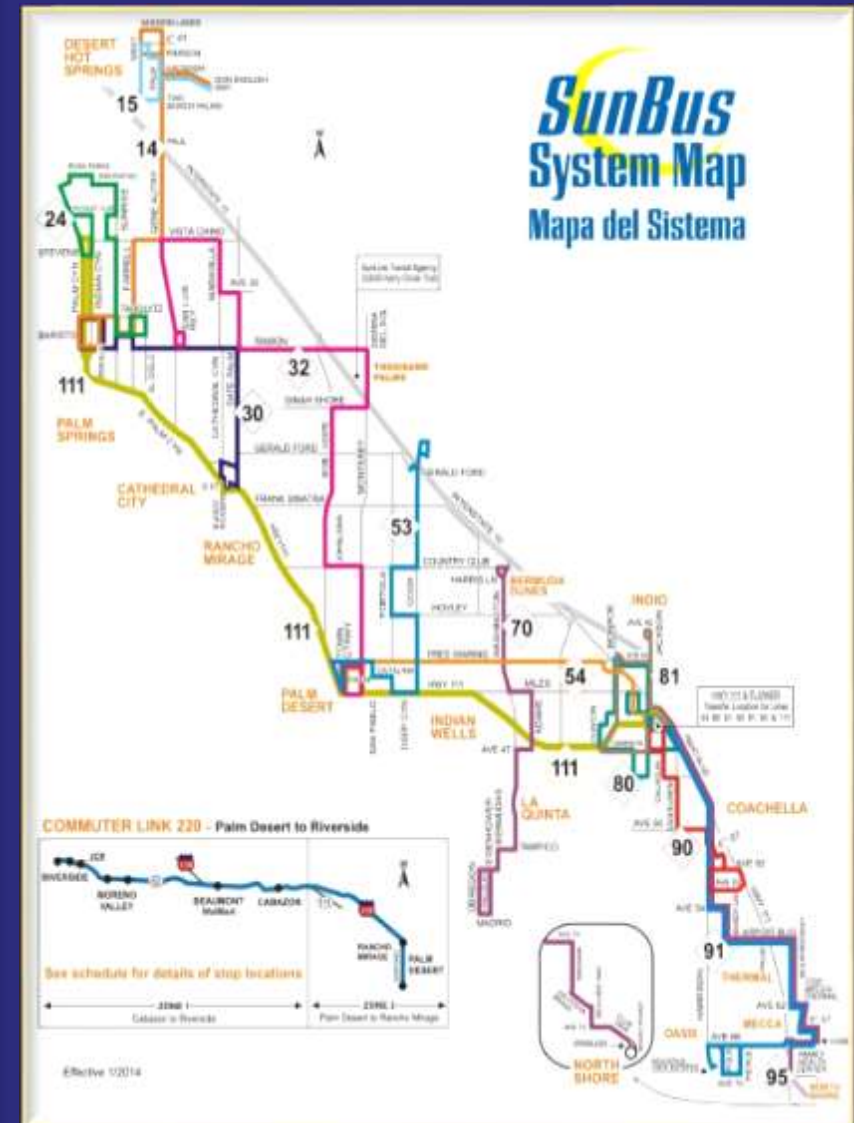
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SunLine Transit Agency

# SunLine Facts



## SunLine Operations

- Fourteen (14) local SunBus fixed routes, (1) express line, (1) Riverside Commuter Link, ADA Paratransit
- **61 CNG buses**
- **16 Electric Hydrogen Fuel Cell buses (2 more in production)**
- **4 All Electric Battery BYD buses**
- **39 CNG Paratransit Vehicles**
- Operated 4.3 million revenue miles for 4.5 million passenger trips
- **350 Employees**



# SunLine Board Policy



## Purpose:

Establish a policy advocating the purchase and use of only vehicles fueled by alternative fuels

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## Policy:

The agency will expand and replace vehicles with the newest zero emission technology available

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## Actions to be Followed:

- 1) Zero Emission Vehicles
- 2) Ultra Low Emission Vehicles
- 3) Low Emission Vehicles
- 4) Transitional Low Emission Vehicles

**SunLine will, whenever possible, purchase vehicles in the same order as listed above**

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• *Approved March 24, 1993*

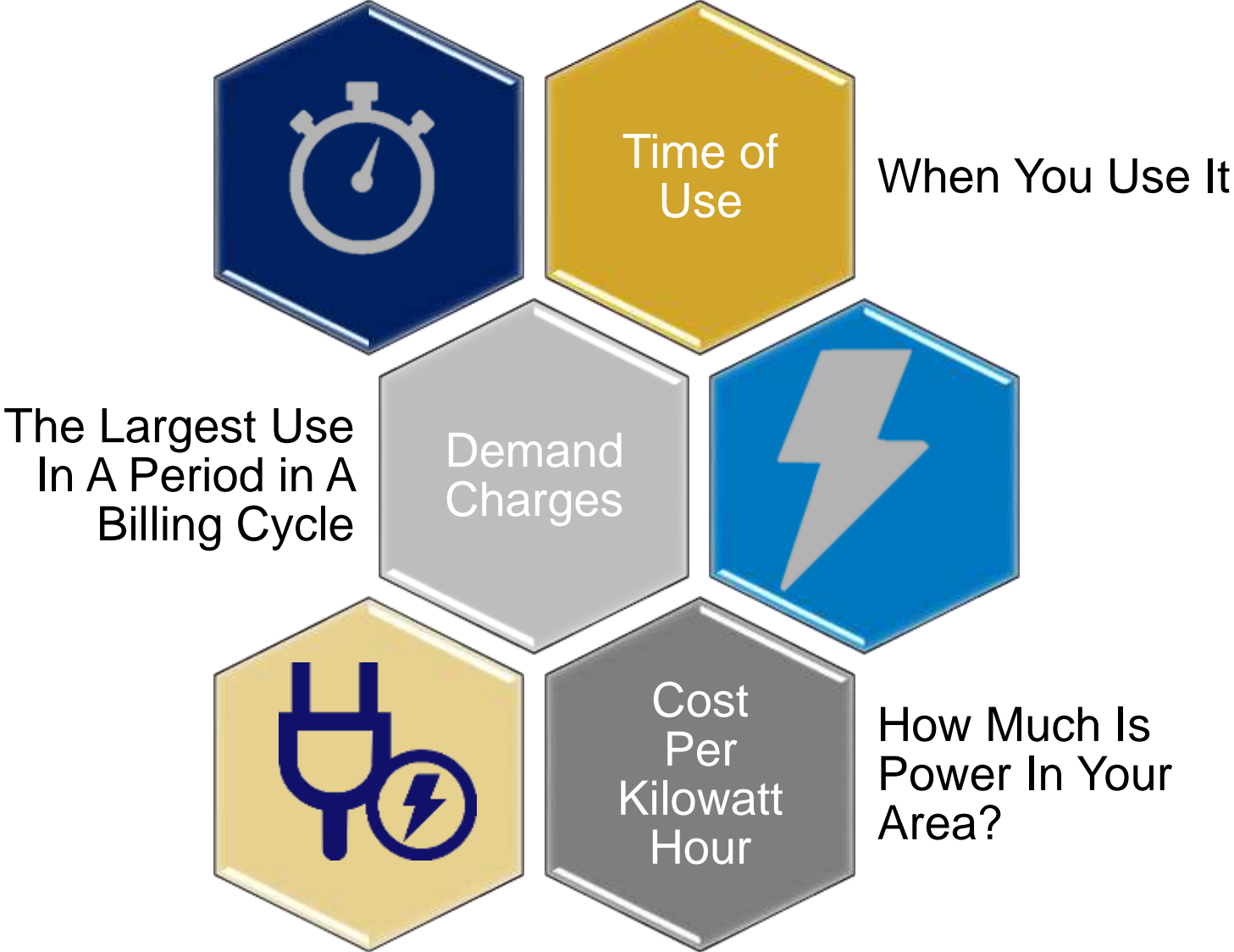


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# Power 101



# Electricity Puzzle



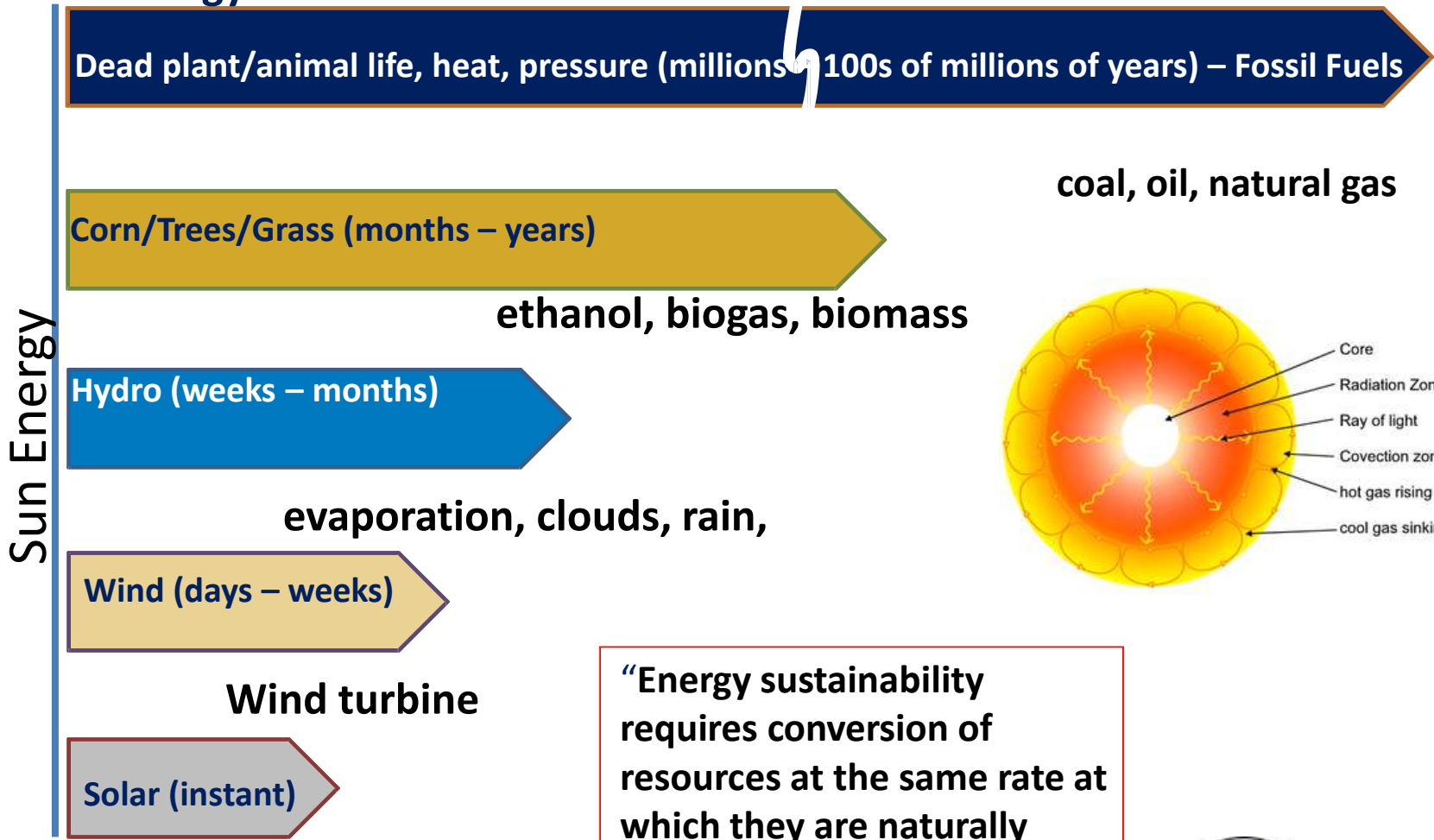
# Electricity Basics



<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Composition</b>
<b>Kilowatt Hour – can power a microwave for 1 hour</b>	<b>1 watt of power sustained for 1 hour</b>	<b>Unit of energy equal to 3.6 megajoules</b>
<b>Megawatt – can power approx. 600 homes</b>	<b>1 million watts of power</b>	<b>One megawatt is equal to one million watts, or 1,000 kilowatts</b>
<b>Gigawatt – can power approx. 700,000 homes</b>	<b>1 billion watts of power</b>	<b>Unit of electrical energy equal to one billion (10<sup>9</sup>) watt hours, one thousand megawatt hours</b>
<b>Terawatt – can power approx. 1 billion homes</b>	<b>1 trillion watts of power</b>	<b>There are 1,000,000,000 kilowatts in a terawatt</b>

# Primary Energy Sources

All Energy on Earth is from the Sun!



Dead plant/animal life, heat, pressure (millions – 100s of millions of years) – Fossil Fuels

Corn/Trees/Grass (months – years)

ethanol, biogas, biomass

Hydro (weeks – months)

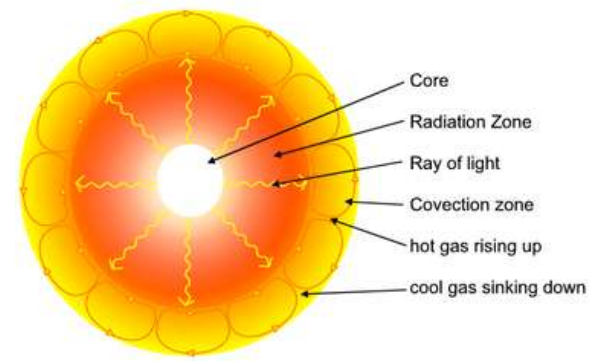
evaporation, clouds, rain,

Wind (days – weeks)

Wind turbine

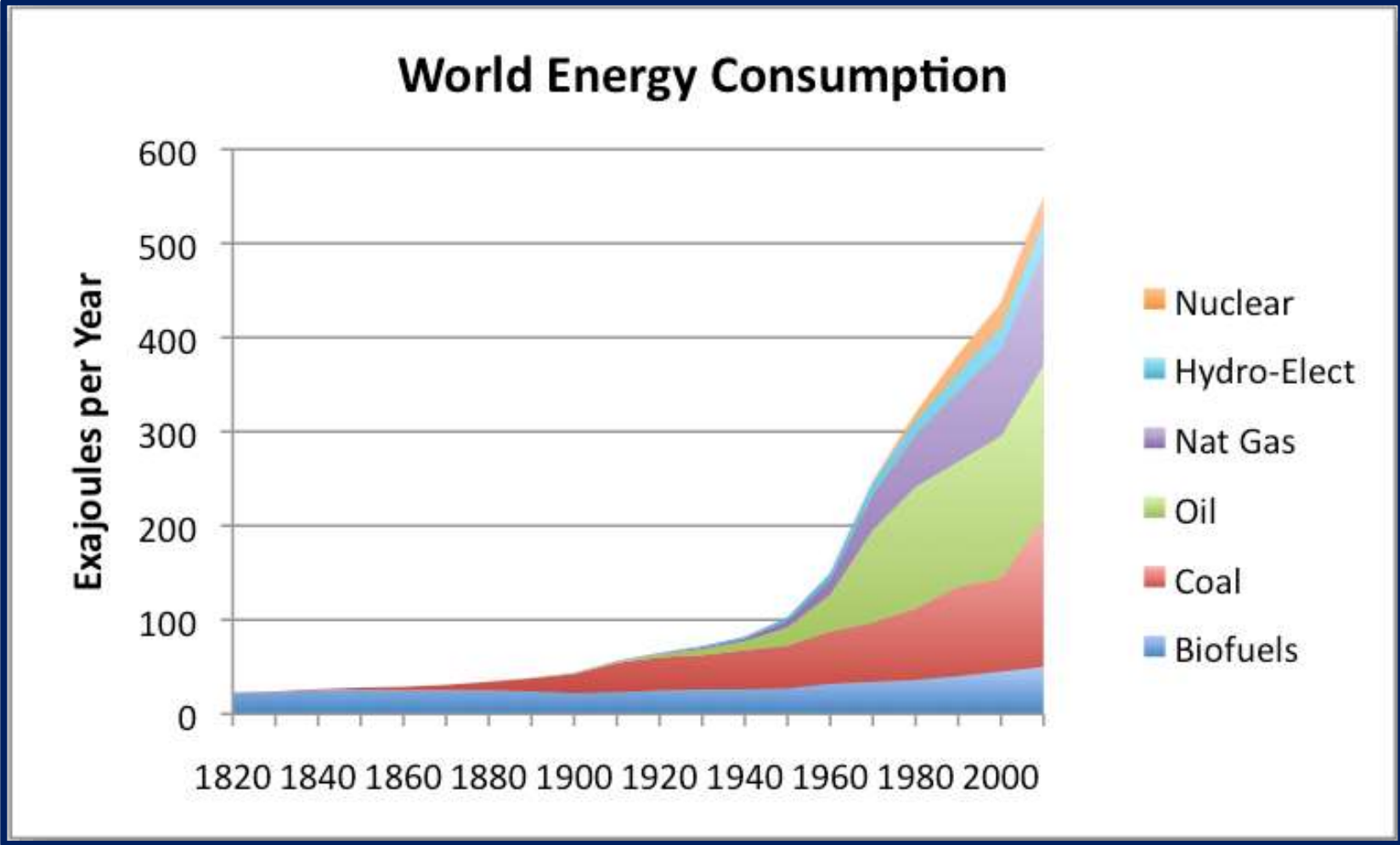
Solar (instant)

coal, oil, natural gas



“Energy sustainability requires conversion of resources at the same rate at which they are naturally replenished on earth without externalities”

# Energy Usage Over Time

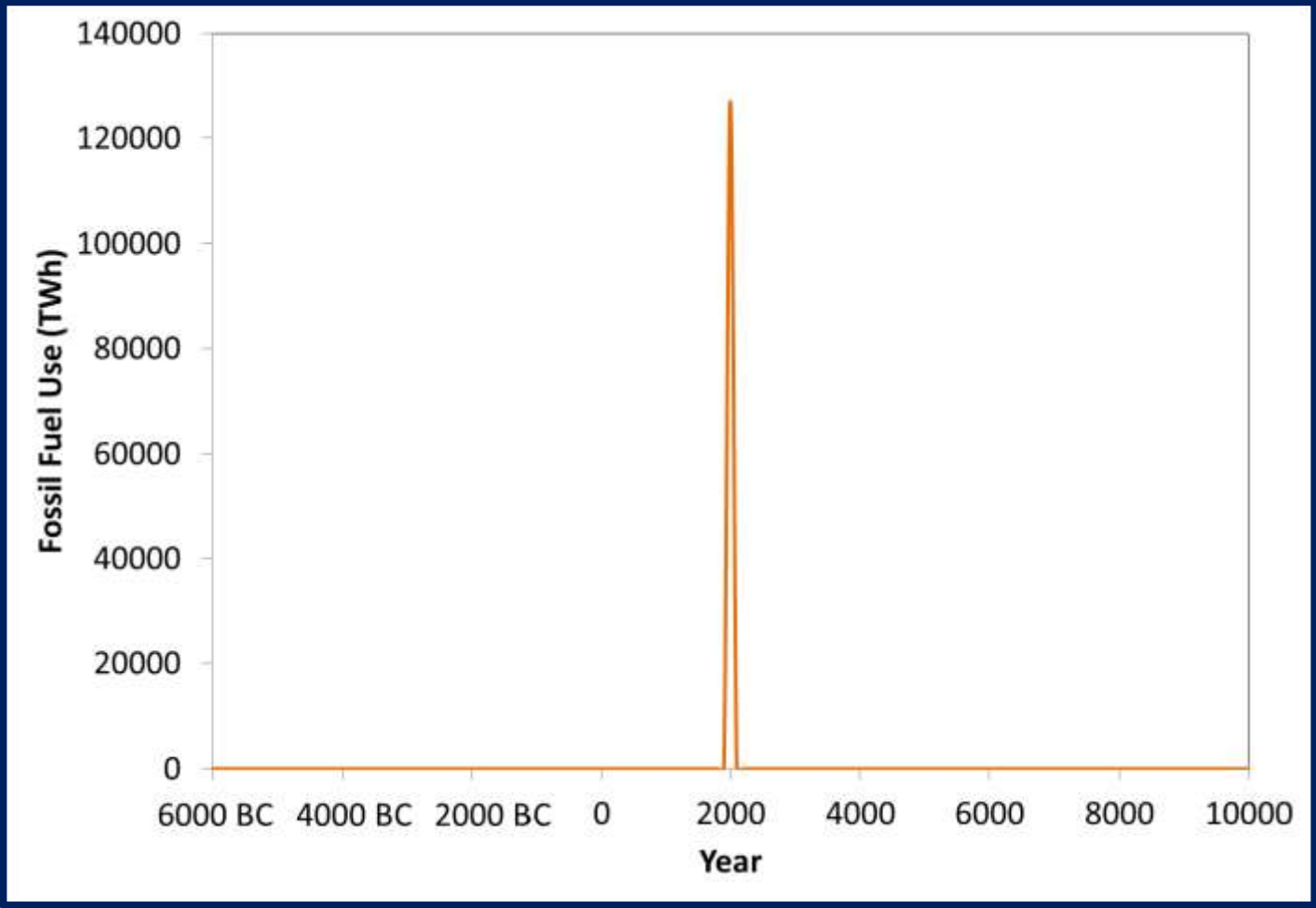




# How Fast We're Burning It



**Current Practices are Obviously not Sustainable**



National Fuel Cell Research Center  
UCIrvine | UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

# Energy Storage



	Solar contribution	Wind contribution	Consumption and storage ratio	Consumption (TWh)	Storage (TWh)
Africa	0.70	0.30	8.39	9,123	1,088
America	0.45	0.55	7.83	38,541	4,919
Asia	0.50	0.50	7.95	80,866	10,178
Europe	0.30	0.70	7.50	26,951	3,592
Oceania	0.50	0.50	7.95	1,625	205
<b>TOTAL</b>				157,106	19,981

**That's 19,981 TWh worth of storage needed for just two sources of renewables!**

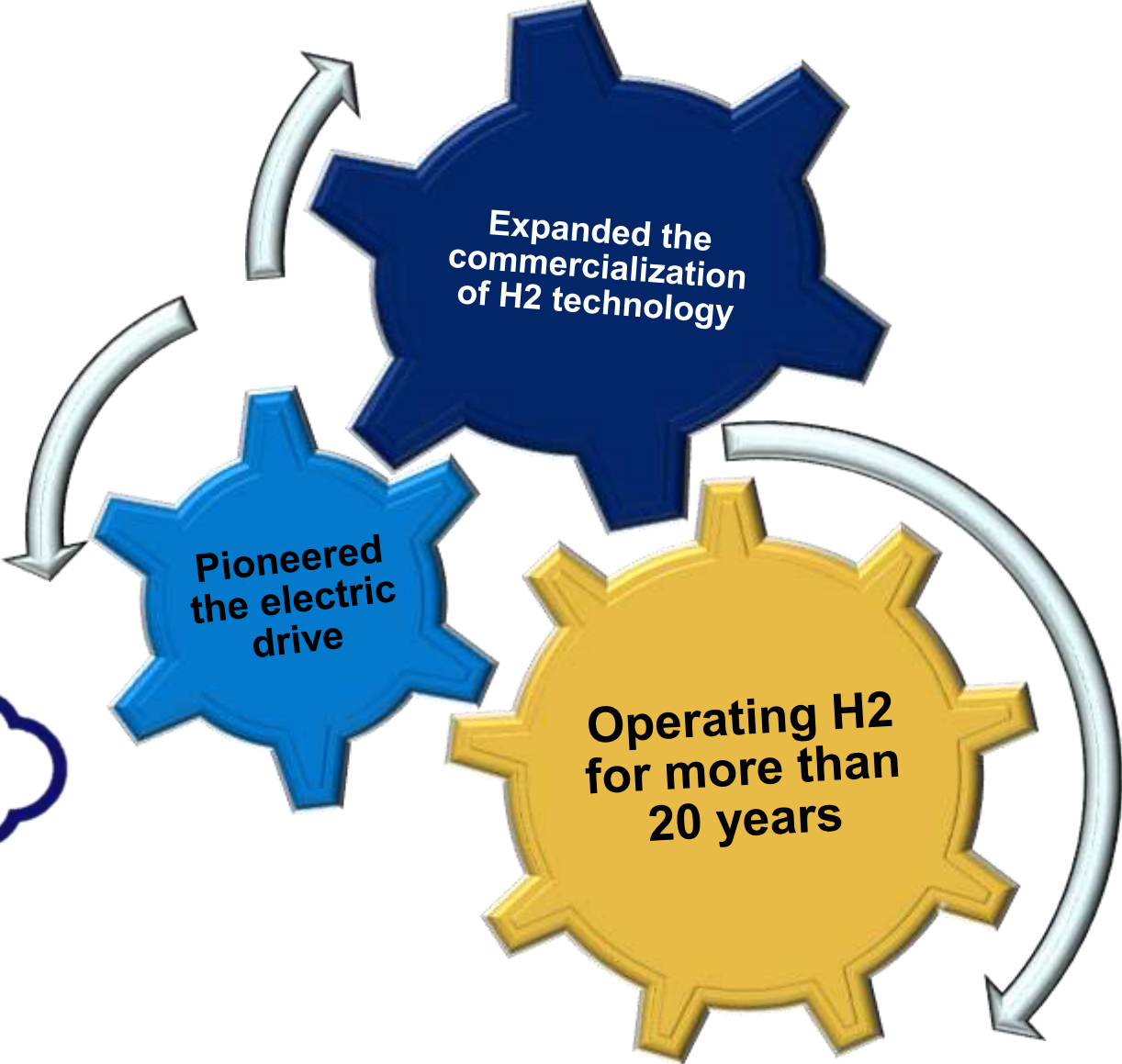


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# Fuel Cells Enhance the Performance of Electric Buses

300 miles



## High Daily Ranges

FCEBs excel on long routes and routes with frequent service

## Fast Refueling at Depot

FCEBs are compatible with fueling islands and restrictive schedules

## Full Route Flexibility

FCEBs are a 1:1 replacement for ICE buses and are not tied to on-route infrastructure



## Challenging Terrain

FCEBs excel on hilly terrain and steep grades

## Extreme Climates

FCEBs excel in all weather, from cold winters to hot summers

## Vehicle Weight

Significant reduction in vehicle weight (can carry more passengers)

# Why SunLine Chose Fuel Cell Buses



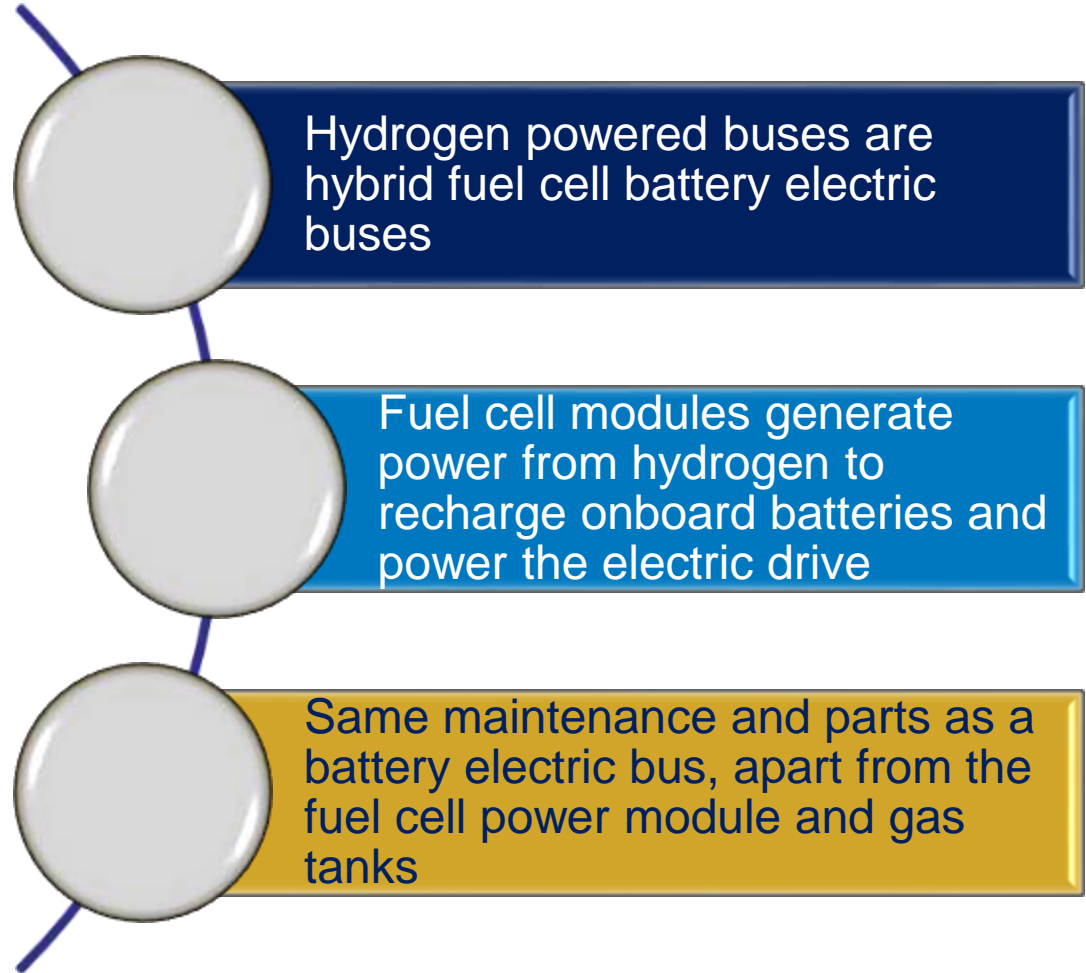
Fuel cell electric buses are the zero-emission option that can meet SunLine's performance requirements

Daily temperatures can exceed 115° F

Regular scheduled service is between 100 and 200 miles

Combination of rural, highway and city routes

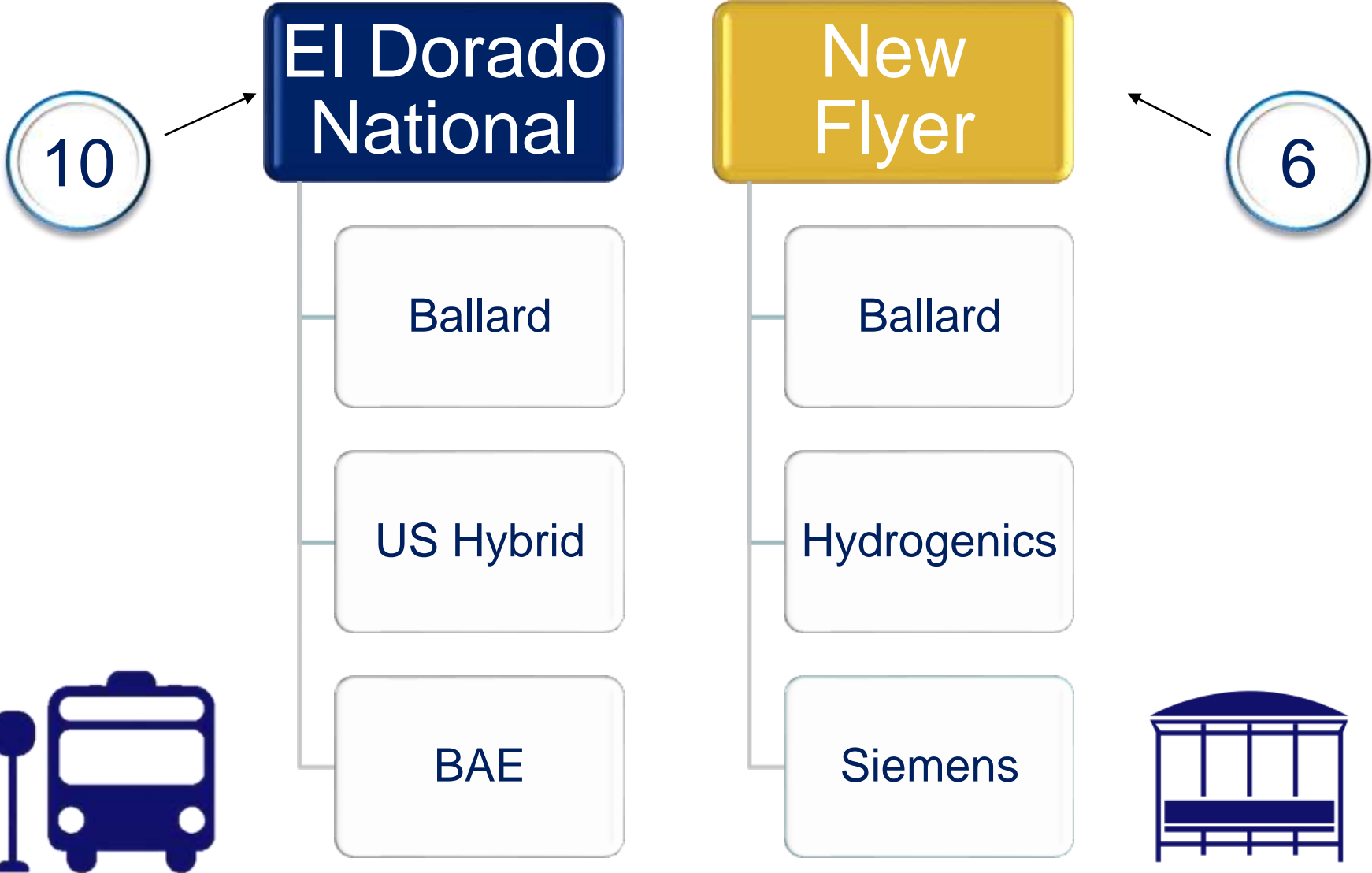
# A Fuel Cell Bus is an Electric Bus



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**BALLARD®**

# SunLine's Hydrogen Fleet



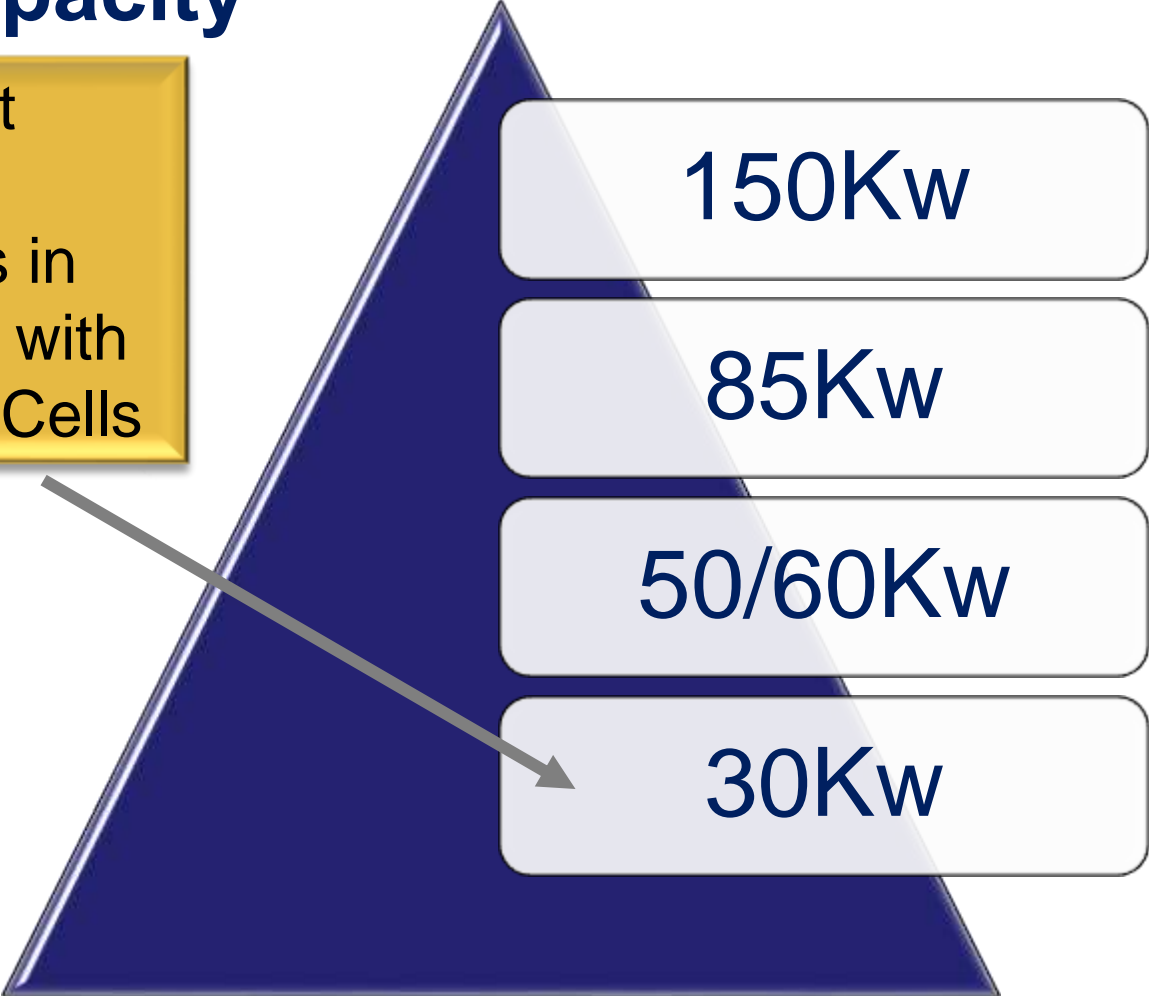


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## Fuel Cell Capacity

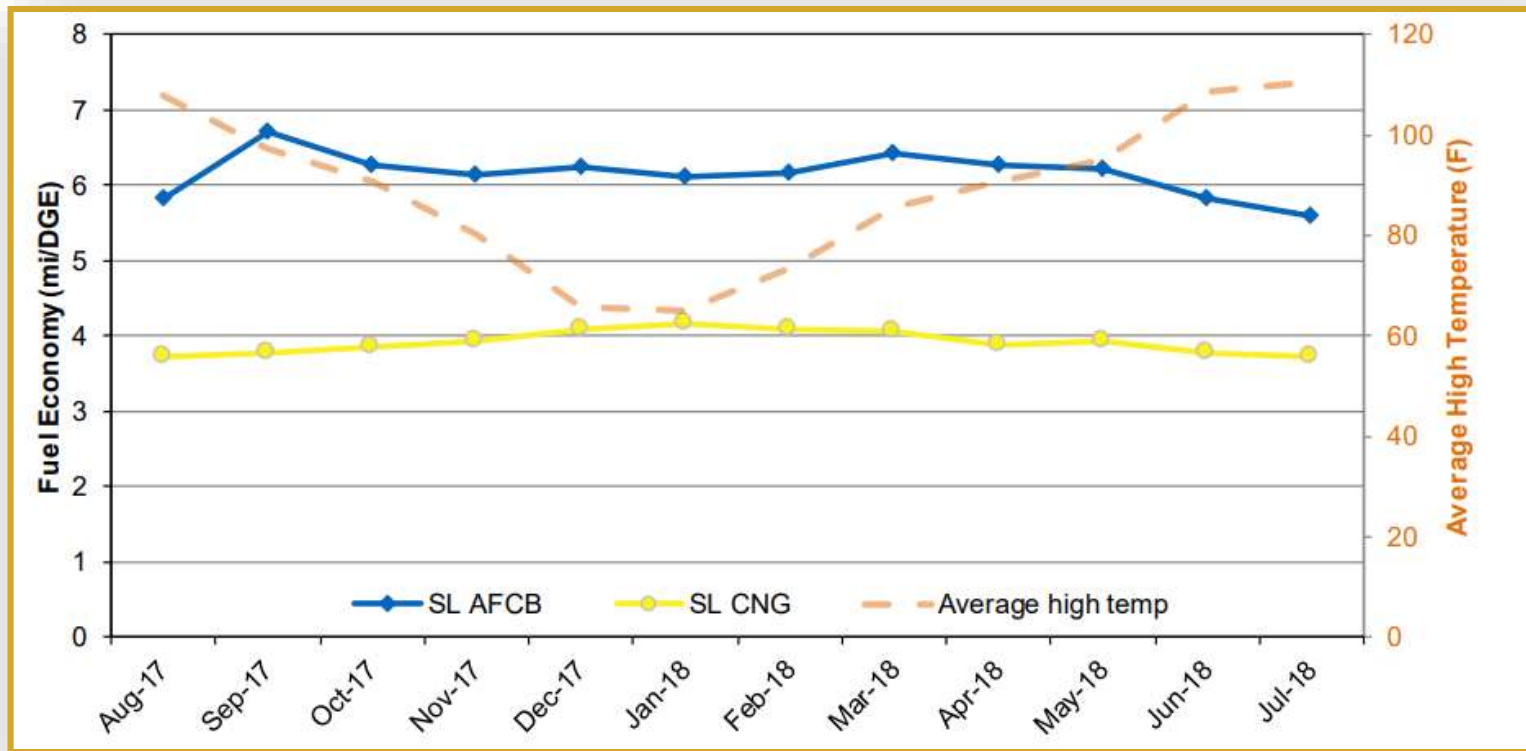
Two (2) 32ft  
El Dorado  
Shuttle Buses in  
production now with  
US Hybrid Fuel Cells



# Fuel Cell Electric Bus Performance



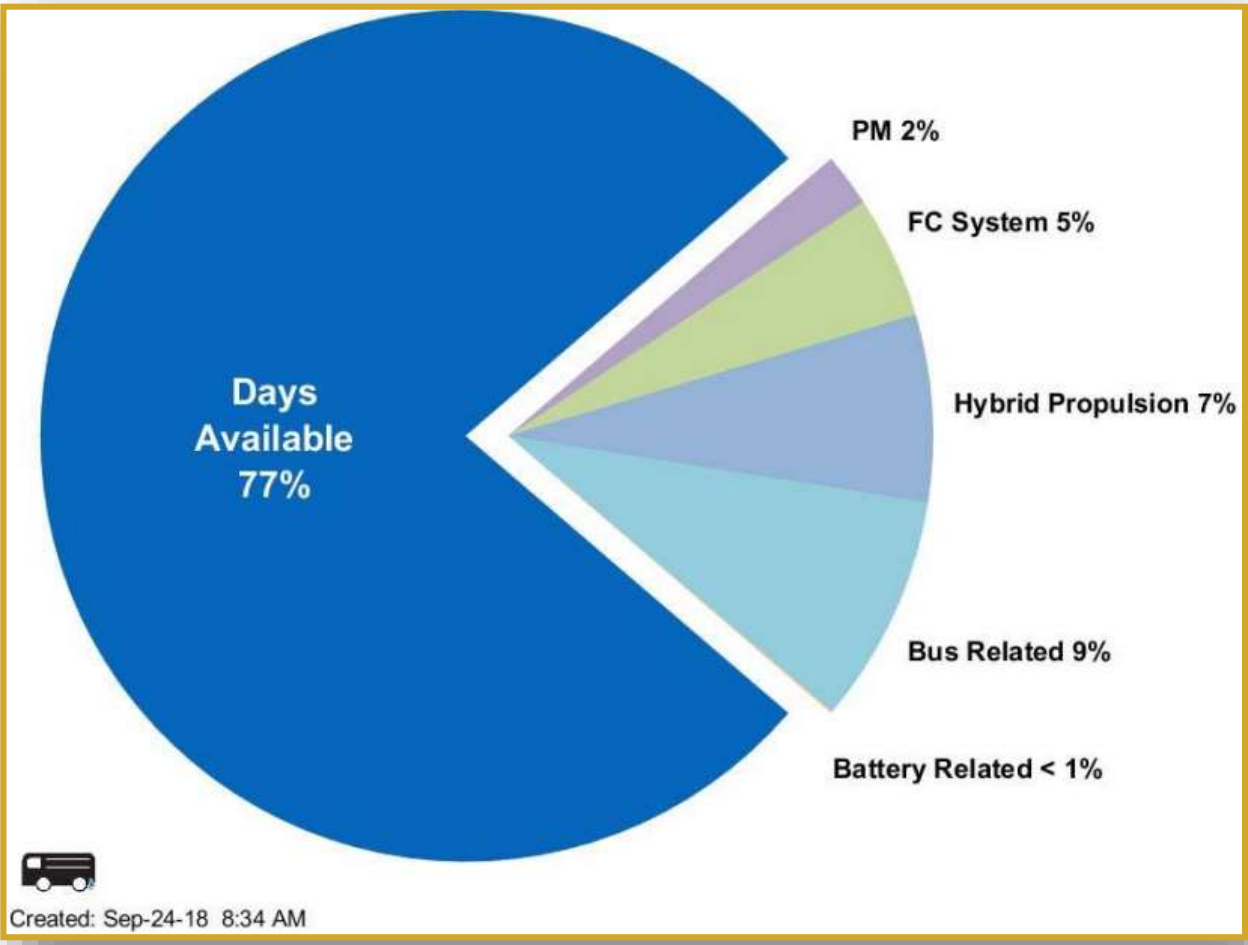
- Monthly fuel economy for the SunLine AFCBs and CNG buses



# Fuel Cell Electric Bus Performance



- Availability and reasons for unavailability for the SunLine AFCBs (Aug 2017–Jul 2018)

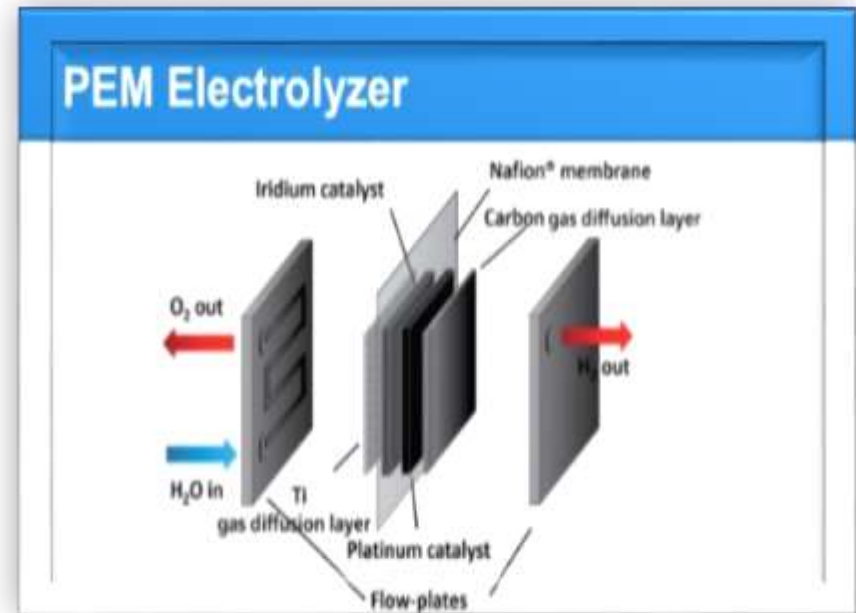


source: NREL 2018

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## In Commissioning

- Proton/NeI PEM Electrolyzer
- 900 Kg per day production
- 60% renewable solar electricity
- 380 Kg use per day
- 2 dispenser fast fill rate
- \$8.7 Million CARB Grant
- Public Fueling – 700 Bar expansion for future





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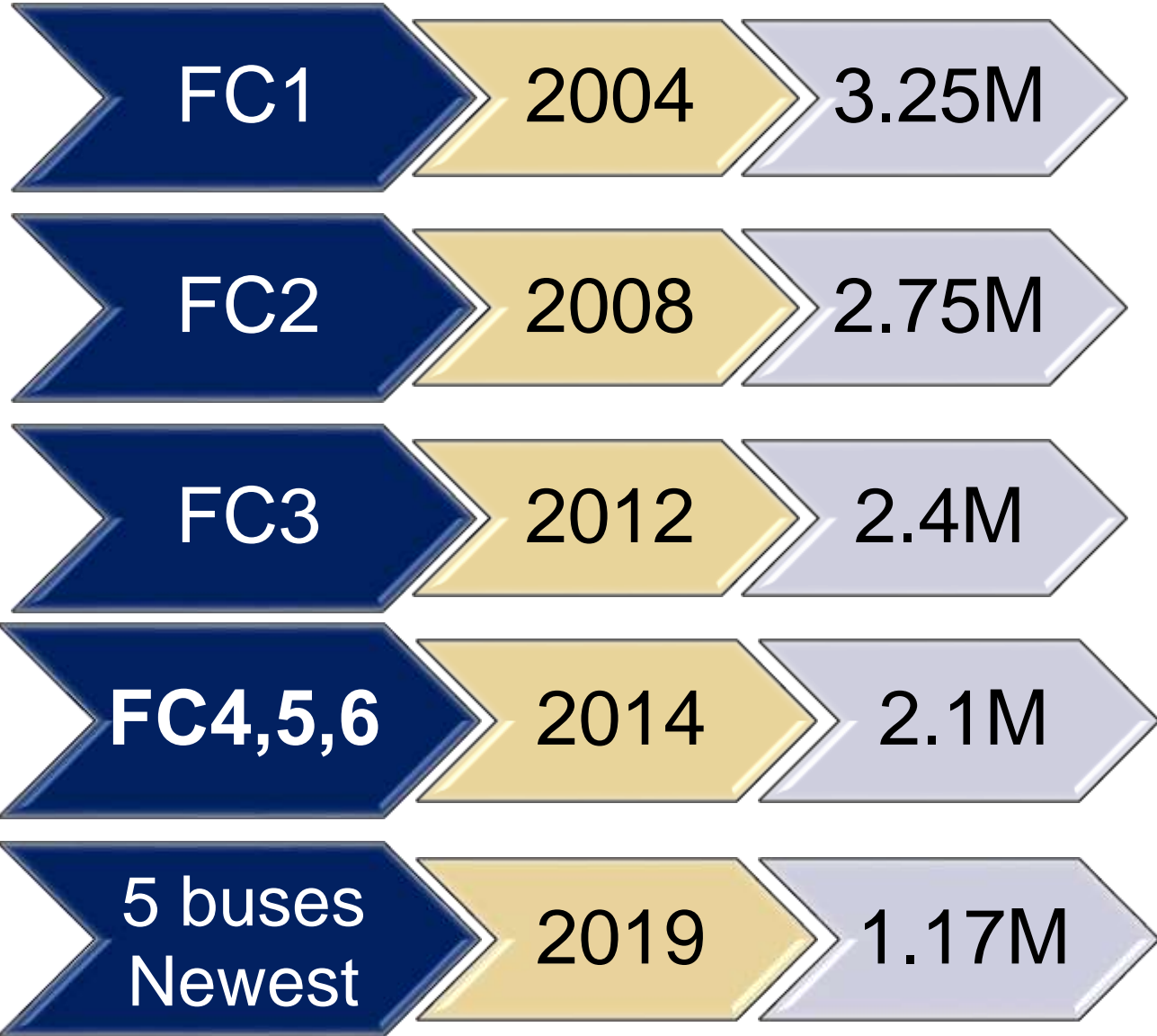


## ● Future Fueling Exploration

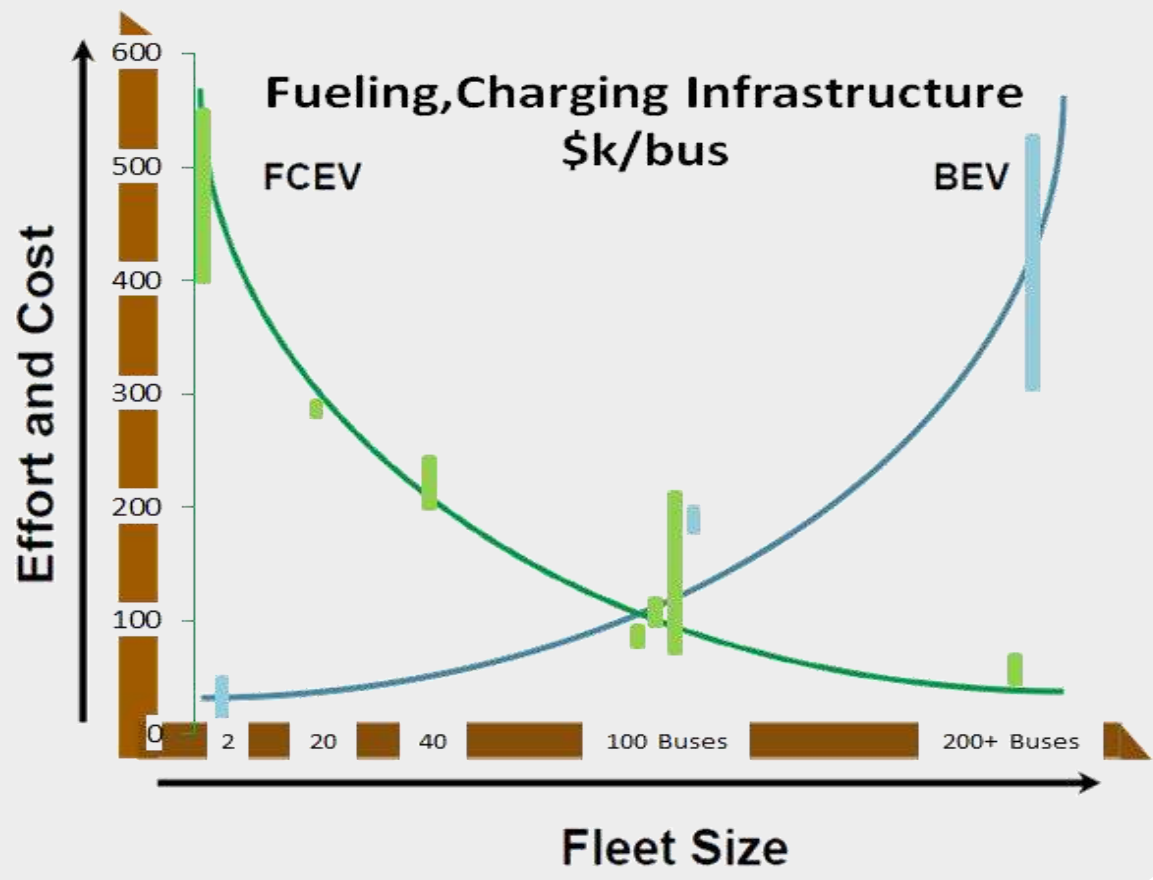
- SunLine is looking to add a redundancy system that may include liquid Hydrogen or other solution to include outside purchases that are closer to our facilities
- Contracted services for Hydrogen escalate to approx. \$30 Kg
- We would also like to upgrade our second station in Indio for Hydrogen production and outside sales



# H2 Bus Affordability



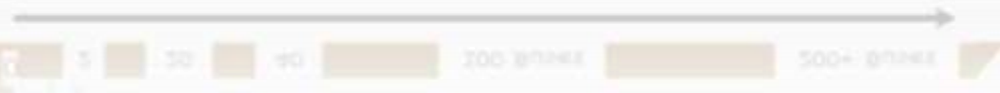
# Scaling Up the Fueling Infrastructure



Hydrogen fueling infrastructure is fully scalable

From 2 buses to 100+ buses per depot with incremental CAPEX investment as fleet grows

Fleet Size



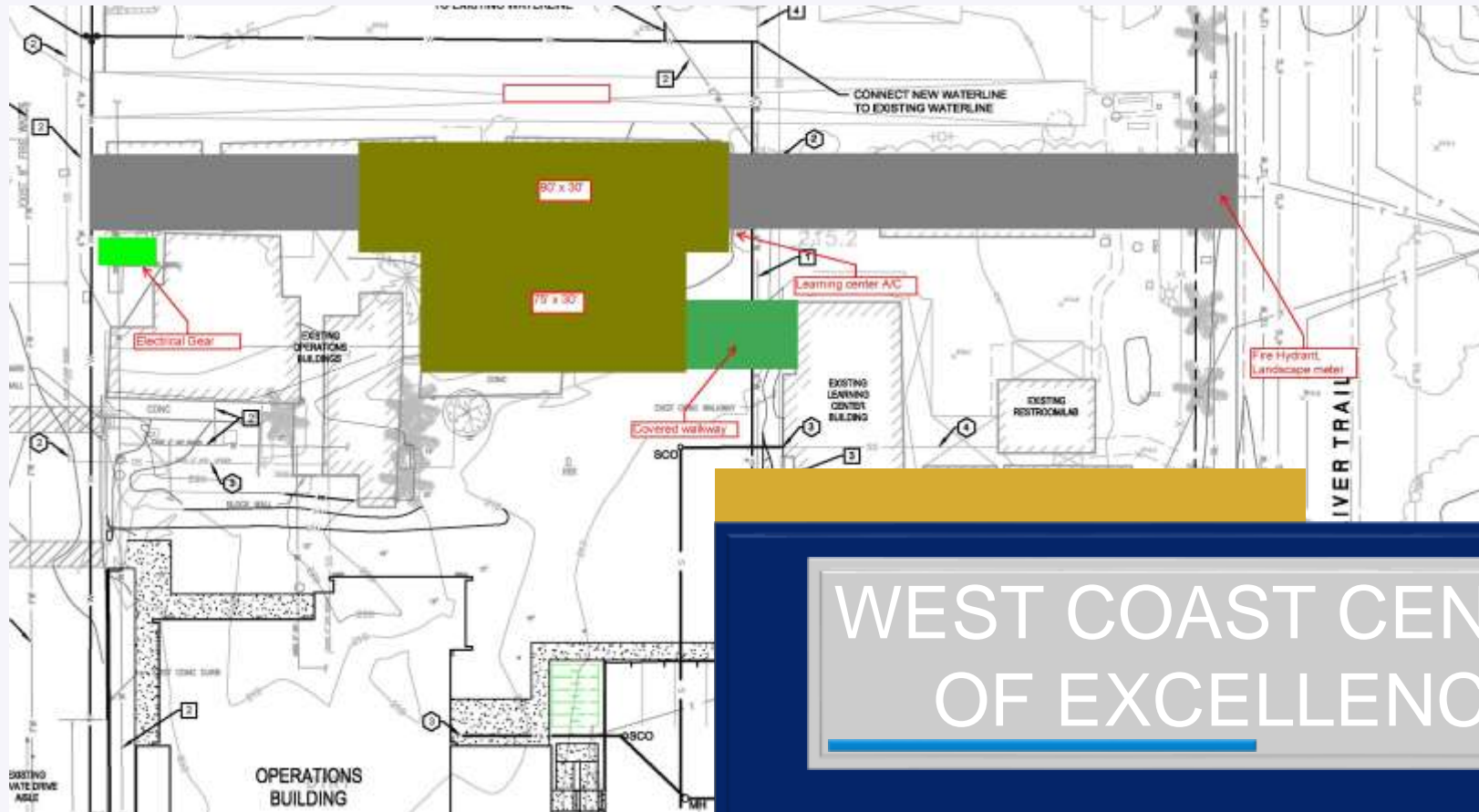


# West Coast Center of Excellence





- Funding from FTA and California Fuel Cell Partnership
- For every investment in technology, there is investment in training and learning
  - Will provide on-sight and portable training
  - OEM interest and support
  - Component, maintenance, procurement, planning, and operations training modules
- A site to preserve and enhance those learning investments



# WEST COAST CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

- Training funded by FTA
- Infrastructure for Center partially funded by FTA

# Completed Training Modules



Advanced Technology  
Technician Training



Procurement Insights  
for ZEB purchases



Planning and executing  
ZEB's in service



Leadership, mission,  
value creation for a  
successful ZEB  
Program

# Getting Started

## • What should you do to start a ZEB program?

Create a Board Policy

- Most Operators assume Hydrogen is too complicated/expensive for their team and their community

Develop a Mission or Focus on ZEB Technology

- Ensure that the agency knows what and why leadership is directing change a in platform
- Develop internal champions who are emerging leaders and believe in the benefits of piloting new technology

Redesign Your Existing System

- We have to “stop selling, what riders aren’t buying”
- Plan your new network using ZEBs
- Many agencies are looking at more frequent, reduced running times and more productive services

Manufacturer / Operator Relationships

- Ensuring all parties understand risk and work together to solve problems

# Key Takeaways



SunLine has made a deep commitment to reducing environmental impacts while delivering world-class transit services



The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Option is absolutely available



SunLine does not use any solid fuel to deliver transit to the Coachella Valley



Zero emission technology works



California's Innovative Clean Transportation Rule is a game-changer for the clean fuels industry

# Questions?



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