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Abstract

This document provides the background for exploration of the impact of a two factor learning curve (learning by doing and learning by searching) for specific technologies and technology components. A clustering approach is used, where technology spill over can be analysed. The research covered the characterisation of technologies outside the power sector; applying and extending the methodology of the precursory SAPIENT project. The wide variety of technology deployment, the lack of data and of data accessibility however proves to be a remaining barrier for a complete analysis and for a full assessment of the impact of two factor learning for non power technologies.

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Summary

The SAPIENTIA project is a follow-up of the SAPIENT project with the aim to explore the impact of a two factor learning curve (learning by doing and learning by searching) for specific technologies and technology components. These components form technology clusters in which technology spill over, both intra-sectoral as cross sectoral, can occur. By means of a two factor learning curve a distinction is made between the deployment and R&D efforts as driving forces behind cost reductions of technologies.

The presented report gives an overview of the results of the research performed. The research covered the characterisation of technologies outside the power sector; power sector technologies were largely covered by the SAPIENT project. Unlike the power sector, which is characterised by a relatively homogeneous technology description, the non-power sectors, seen their inherent less homogenous technology representation, are less suited for technology spill-over. This does not mean that technology learning can not occur in these sectors,. It does appear but on a different level and with less spill-over compared to the key components in the power sector.

For a number of selected technologies, capacity and cost development is analysed, and where possible the R&D expenditure development is determined. Unlike R&D expenditures in the power sector, detailed data on R&D expenditures for all non-power technologies proved to be scarce, incomplete and when existing, these data are mostly confidential. This made this task within the project, although conceived to be ambitious but achievable at the time of the design of the project, a real challenge and hard to fulfil. Nevertheless from the scattered and incomplete data gathered, sufficient material can be deducted to formulate a two factor learning approach. This two factor learning is reported upon by NTUA in the same SAPIENTIA project. The wide variety of technology deployment, the lack of data and of data accessibility however proves to be a remaining barrier for a complete analysis and for a full assessment of the impact of two factor learning for non power technologies.

1. Introduction

This report describes the outcome of the tasks of WP1 of the SAPIENTIA project assigned to deal with the characterisation of technologies outside the power sector (T1.1, T1.3 and T1.5). Technologies in the power sector were largely covered by the SAPIENT project. Unlike the power sector, which is characterised by a relatively homogeneous technology description, the non-power sectors, seen their inherent less homogenous technology representation, are less suited for technology spill-over. This does however not mean that technology learning cannot occur in these sectors, it does appear but on a different level and with less spillover compared to the key components in the power sector.

Within this work package an extensive inventory of non-power technologies with good prospects for improvement has been compiled. Technological data was collected by joint efforts from IER, IIASA and ECN. The R&D data were not as available as foreseen at the moment of design of the project. The non-power sectors prove to be less transparent concerning these R&D data compared to the power sector for which IEA collects all relevant data. The effort in performing and finishing this task, especially on the R&D data side, caused considerable delay in timing for the rest of the project.

From an initial long list, very soon a selection of technologies based on the data availability and their opportunity for the project had to be made. The focus remained on non-power technologies with a prospective wide area of application. The list was changed and reduced furthermore through the duration of the project, at some points suggestions to include new options were also made but since the difficulties in finishing the work on the existing list of technologies, it was jointly among all partners decided to focus on the agreed list.

This report describes in detail the results of the extensive research concerning the short listed technologies. Chapters 2 till 5 deal with end-use technologies in transport and in building environments (stationary fuel cells, heat pumps, condensing boilers); Chapter 6 deals with a novel technology, the organic rankine cycle (ORC); Chapter 7 treats CO₂ capture and storage (CCS) and finally Chapters 8 and 9 deal with liquefied natural gas (LNG) liquefaction and electrolysis as mean for hydrogen (H₂) production.

Finally, in Chapter 10, an overview of the R&D methodology developed within this project for a number of specific technologies from the POLES database is given. These technologies focus on the hydrogen energy chain, production and use. Automotive technologies are chosen as example for the R&D database. Also the methodology to set up an R&D time series from scarce and incomplete data is explained.

2. Automotive technologies

The transport sector is a major contributor to the emission of greenhouse gasses (GHG). Thus, when extending the analysis of GHG reduction schemes to sectors other than the power sector, the transport sector is a prime candidate, in particular passenger transport. This holds even more if one considers the development of fuel cell technologies, and especially the spill over between applications of fuel cell technologies in the power sector and other sectors. Fuel cells are expected to play a substantial role in future developments in the transport sector, and the opportunities for such technologies are conditional on the development of competing technologies. Hence, it is imperative that one treats these competing technologies consistently.

The automotive industry is strongly centralised. Thus, efforts towards technological advances are concentrated in a few large companies, if not in actual work then at least financially. This simplifies the data collection, as one need only focus on a small number of firms. On the other hand, because the automotive industry acts in a highly competitive market, data is valuable. Many consulting companies aim at serving interested parties with specific data. What's more, economical data is specifically *not* considered to be a public good, so whenever time series on this type of data is required, one can either purchase existing data sets, or go through the painstaking exercise of collecting the data anew. In the SAPIENTIA project, the first option was ruled out because of the huge expenses involved, amounting to a multitude of the overall budget. Therefore, we tried the second option.

2.1 Technologies

The technologies under consideration are the Otto engine (internal combustion engine, or ICE, running on gasoline), the Diesel engine (ICE running on diesel), the electric engine using batteries and a fuel cell engine. Mixes between these may also be eligible for inclusion, but these will be considered as explicit hybrids. Of these options, only the Otto and Diesel engines can be considered as commercial options. The phases of the other two options can be described as demonstration (electric) and pilot (fuel cell), respectively.

2.1.1 Internal combustion engine

In automobiles, the most commonly applied concept of internal combustion engines is the four stroke engine (Wikipedia, 2004). In such an engine, a mixture of fuel and air is drawn into a cylinder through a first (downward) stroke of a piston. Next, the intake valve is closed, and the ensuing (upward) stroke compressed the fuel-air mixture. The mixture is ignited at (approximately) the top of the upward stroke, and the resulting expansion of burning gasses forced the piston down in a third stroke. In a final fourth stroke, the spent exhaust gas is exhausted through the then opened exhaust valve. The four-stroke process is illustrated in Figure 2.1.

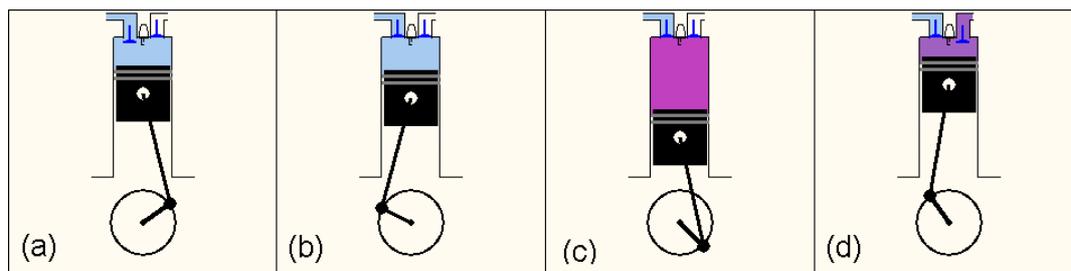


Figure 2.1 *Cycle of a four-stroke engine*

(a) intake of fuel and air, (b) compression of combustible mixture, (c) expansion after combustion, and (d) exhaust
Source: (Moros, 1998)

The development of the Otto engine has been a gradual one ever since it became the dominant ICE type used in the automotive industry. At the same time, the diesel engine has developed in parallel to the development of the Otto engine. While the Diesel engine served mainly as a heavy-duty engine until the nineteen-seventies, from then on the market share of diesels started to increase world-wide, mainly as a result of the oil crises. In the United States this increase has been interrupted as the impact of the oil crisis slowly faded away. In contrast, the penetration of the diesel engine in Europe has seen extended growth, due to tax support schemes. This is illustrated in the figure below. In Japan, the diesel engine so far has not had a major share in personal transport. Thus, while the Otto engine remains the predominant engine type in the world as a whole, increased scarcity of fossil fuels in combination with an inherent higher efficiency of the Diesel engine may shift the balance in the years to come.

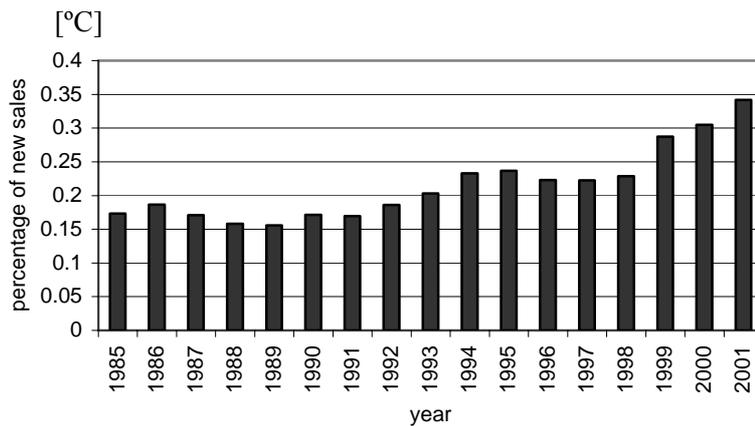


Figure 2.2 Diesel penetration in Europe measured by percentage of new sales.
Source: Odyssee

Over the more than hundred years of its existence, the ICE in general has developed from a simple mechanical device to a complicated electronic system (Atzler, 2001). This development has led to considerable improvements in performance (Feirrer, 1998; Odyssee, 2004). However, as the rest of the automobile has also seen extensive changes, the improved performance has neither led to improved efficiencies (particularly in the previous ten years), nor to a decrease of costs for the car as a whole (in constant prices). Nevertheless, the improvement in cars, such as increased average power output of the engine, should actually be considered as implicit price decreases. In Figure 2.3 the development of average power in European new car sales is shown.

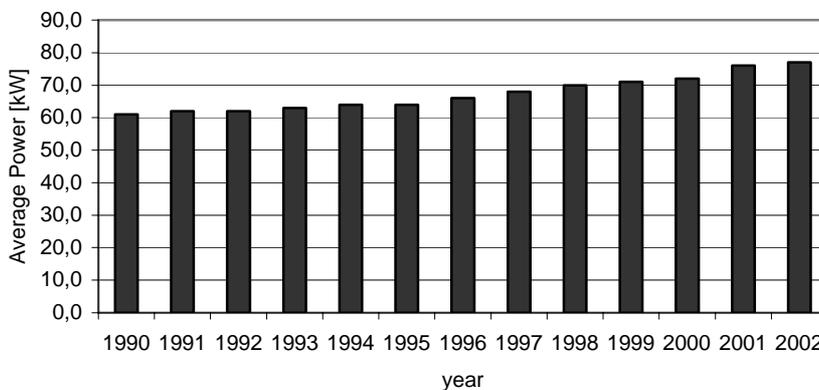


Figure 2.3 Average power of new passenger car registrations in Western Europe (EU+EFTA).
Source: ACEA

2.2 Cost development for passenger cars

As mentioned above, the price of a passenger car has hardly seen improvements, measured on an absolute scale. This is shown in Figure 2.4, where the cost development in the past decade for the average price of a new car is given, calculated as the turnover of the largest car companies divided by their sales. This shows a roughly constant value, of approximately € 21,500 per car.

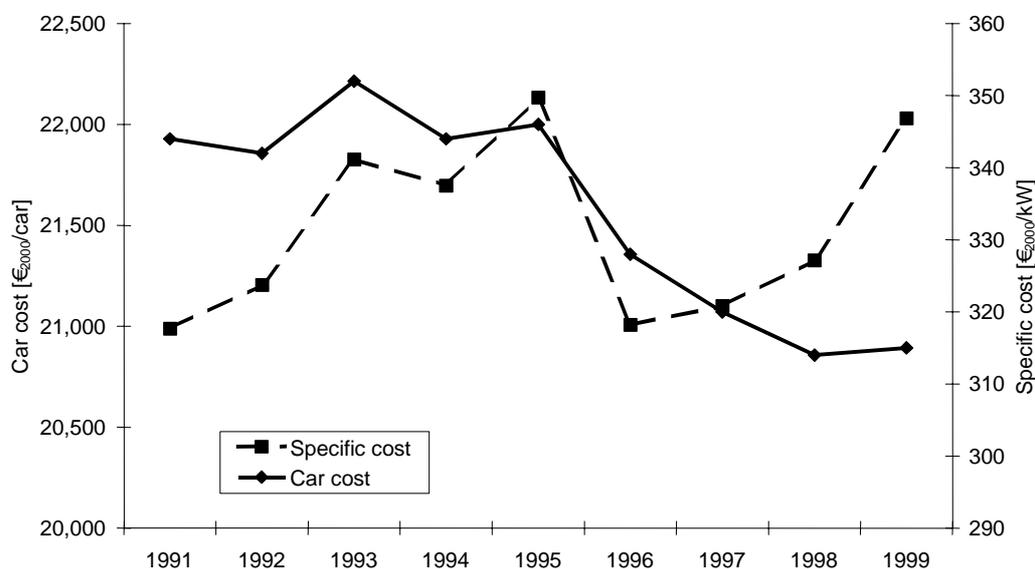


Figure 2.4 Passenger car cost, per car and per kW of engine output

That the average price of a car would be the proper measure to assess future cost reduction potential is highly questionable, though. This is illustrated by second series shown in Figure 2.4, giving the average cost of new sales per kW. Here, a clear cost reduction can be seen, from some 350 €/kW to a little over 310 €/kW. The use of engine output power is used as a proxy for the capacity of the car, and the costs per kW are seen as specific costs of a car. Then, the trends in specific costs in principle can be analysed by comparing these to cumulative capacities¹.

Table 2.1 Parameters used in estimation of cumulative capacities and specific costs, global number summing or averaging over all types of cars

| Parameter | Unit | Start | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cumulative # cars | [mln cars] | 430 | 441 | 452 | 463 | 474 | 485 | 496 | 508 | 521 | 534 |
| Cost per car | [€2000/car] | | 20988 | 21205 | 21827 | 21697 | 22133 | 21007 | 21100 | 21327 | 22031 |
| kW-price | [€2000/kW] | | 344 | 342 | 352 | 344 | 346 | 328 | 320 | 314 | 315 |
| Power/car | [kW] | 61 | 62 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 64 | 66 | 68 | 70 | 71 |

¹ Strictly speaking, the specific costs should be fitted to the cumulative installed capacity, which here would translate into sum of the product of number of cars sold per annum times the average engine capacity in that year. Unfortunately, there is insufficient data to do this.

2.3 R&D in automotive technologies

Although other types of engines, and in particular also other types of fuels, have been available for quite some time, the major market share has been taken by the combination of gasoline and diesel cars. In some niche markets, small amounts of alternative fuels have been used (e.g. ethanol in Brazil, and LPG in the Netherlands) but on a world scale these have been negligible. Only in recent years, due to climate change concerns, alternative fuels have received increased attention. This is particularly clear from the R&D expenditures by companies, which can be deduced from the R&D budgets of companies combined with patent data. The patent data are shown in Figure 2.5 (absolute numbers) and Figure 2.6 (indexed numbers).

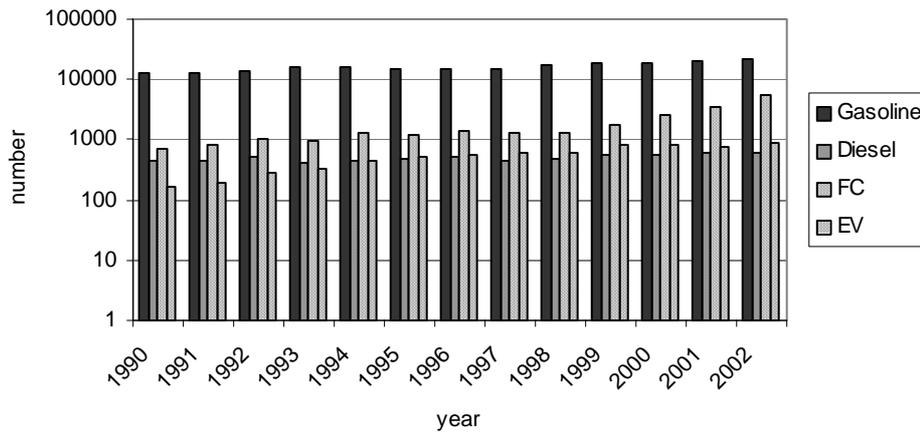


Figure 2.5 Number of patents for Otto engine (gasoline), diesel engine, Fuel cell and electric vehicle engine. Note the logarithmic scale.

Source: esp@cenet

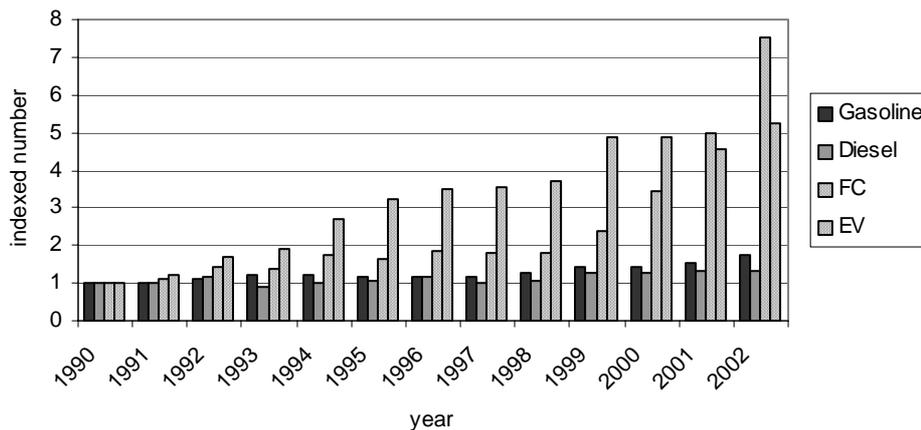


Figure 2.6 Indexed number of patents for various car types

1990 = 1

Source: esp@cenet

At present, dedicated electric vehicles are in a prototype stadium (Atlas, 2004; IEA-HEV, 2004). Japanese producers have focussed on the hybrid concept as a successful means of introducing affordable (partial) electric drive automobiles, and have indeed managed to do so, as the introduction of the Toyota Prius (Toyota, 2004) and Honda Insight and Civic hybrid (Honda, 2004) have shown. Nevertheless, at the present production rate of a few tens of thousands per year world wide, a lot of effort needs to be put into further development of the electric vehicle.

The number of fuel cell cars at present is extremely limited, a total number quoted is around 100 (Atlas, 2004). This is partially due to the high price of fuel cell cars, which are far from commercial. Some car companies lease out fuel cell vehicles, but the lease price is not likely to be representative of the production costs. For example, car cost is quoted to be of the order of 80,000 \$ at present (Tsuchiya, Kobayashi, 2002) on the one hand, and a similar price is quoted only in ten years time (IHT, 2002). Introduction of fuel cells on a larger scale will require substantial political interference, in particular as ongoing developments in more conventional options complicate the market position of alternative fuels.

As mentioned above, R&D efforts are ongoing in all of the car types considered. This is reflected in the number of patents shown above, which can be used to disaggregate the R&D expenditures by car companies. The total budget is more or less a constant in the last decade, the estimate ranging between € 33 bln and € 37 bln. Plotted against the annual sales, we find a negative correlation. This is shown in Figure 2.7, where we show the research expenditures by major car manufacturers as a function of their sales. An actual fit would lead to a positive correlation, but the two higher values are clearly outliers.

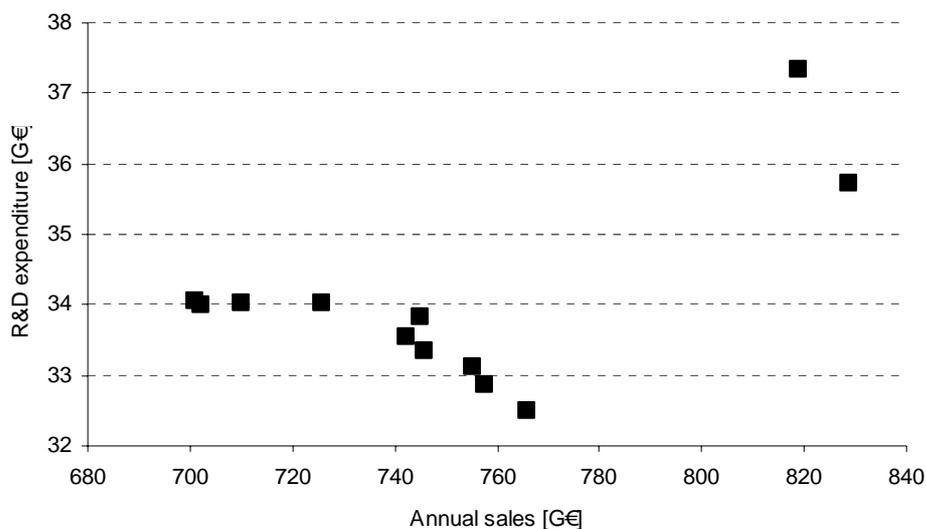


Figure 2.7 *Research expenditure of car manufacturers as a function of annual sales*

The data given in these sections is incorporated in the R&D database, which has been set up as a separate Excel file distributed to the project partners.

As data on the specific commitment of R&D expenditure by companies generally is considered as sensitive information, it is impossible to construct a database containing exact figures. Instead, one can try to deduce the expenditures by using an auxiliary variable (or proxy). In the present study, data on patents is used to disaggregate the R&D expenditures. Although for government spending (GERD) this does not necessarily hold, specific data is sparse, and an auxiliary variable may be used to improve estimates. The combined results of deducing Government R&D and business R&D expenditures are below.

Table 2.2 *Estimated cumulative R&D expenditures by government and business*

| Year | Cumulative Government R&D [M€ ₂₀₀₀] | | | | Cumulative Business R&D [M€ ₂₀₀₀] | | | |
|------|--|--------|-------|-------|--|--------|-------|-------|
| | Otto | Diesel | FC | EV | Otto | Diesel | FC | EV |
| 1990 | | | | | 27,594 | 584 | 771 | 339 |
| 1991 | | | | | 31,225 | 648 | 919 | 451 |
| 1992 | | | | | 35,057 | 724 | 1,101 | 573 |
| 1993 | | | | | 39,039 | 774 | 1,255 | 734 |
| 1994 | 1,448 | 47 | | 600 | 42,610 | 830 | 1,447 | 917 |
| 1995 | 1,575 | 50 | 541 | 776 | 45,656 | 890 | 1,608 | 1,104 |
| 1996 | 1,696 | 55 | 633 | 948 | 48,517 | 956 | 1,780 | 1,281 |
| 1997 | 1,810 | 58 | 710 | 1,112 | 51,195 | 1,008 | 1,933 | 1,454 |
| 1998 | 1,912 | 60 | 788 | 1,259 | 54,029 | 1,063 | 2,076 | 1,680 |
| 1999 | 2,015 | 64 | 896 | 1,405 | 57,133 | 1,131 | 2,296 | 1,886 |
| 2000 | 2,109 | 67 | 1,012 | 1,542 | 59,955 | 1,197 | 2,606 | 2,064 |
| 2001 | 2,206 | 70 | 1,143 | 1,682 | 62,868 | 1,270 | 3,008 | 2,264 |
| 2002 | 2,301 | 72 | 1,275 | | 66,098 | 1,339 | 3,634 | 2,451 |

3. Stationary fuel cells

3.1 Market survey

On a global scale, an estimated 650 large stationary fuel cell systems (>10 kW) had been produced and installed by September 2003 (Internet source 1). The average output of these systems is estimated at ~200 kW_e. In the first half of 2002, the number of systems stood at 530 (Internet source 2).

Most of the stationary fuel cell systems installed today are Phosphoric Acid Fuel Cell (PAFC) systems (Internet source 3): around 260 units of the 200 kW_e PC25™ PAFC system of UTC Fuel cells have been installed around the world since the system was launched in the early 1990s. The PAFC working temperature is about 200°C. For PAFC systems, the allowable impurities for CO in the fuel gas are 1%. Further limit values for different kinds of fuel cells are mentioned in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 *Fuel gas component limits for utilization in fuel cells*

| Substance | PAFC ¹ | MCFC ² | SOFC |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Sulphur | 1 ppm | 0,1 ppm | 1 ppm |
| Chlorine | 1 ppm | 0,1 ppm | 1 ppm |
| Fluorite | n/a | 0,01 ppm | n/a |
| Heavy metals | n/a | 0,1 ppm | n/a |
| Particles | | 1 µm | n/a |
| Excess pressure | n/a | ≈ 200 mbar | n/a |
| CO | 1% | fuel gas | fuel gas |
| Mercury | n/a | 30-35 ppm | n/a |
| N ₂ | 4% | nda. | n/a |
| NH ₃ | 0,2 ppm | 1 vol.-% | n/a |
| CH ₃ OH | 500 ppm | nda | n/a |

¹(Weindorf, Bünger, 1997)

²(mtu, 1999; USDOE, 2000)

The largest PAFC system built was an 11 MW_e system manufactured by Toshiba and UTC Fuel Cells (then known as International Fuel Cells). The cumulative installed capacity of stationary PAFC systems around October 2001 is estimated at approximately 75 MW (Table 1.1).

Table 3.2 *Cumulative installed capacity and size distribution of PAFCs*

| | 50 kW _e | 100 kW _e | 200 kW _e | 500 kW _e | 1 MW _e + | Total |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Number | 75 | 23 | 245 | 2 | 5 | 350 |
| Capacity [MW] | 3.75 | 2.3 | 49 | 1 | 20 | 76 |

Estimate, 2001

Also suitable for stationary applications is the Molten Carbonate Fuel Cell (MCFC, operating temperature 650°C). The smallest MCFC systems are rated at 250 kW_e. During the last few years PAFC technology has been giving way to more prospective stationary fuel cell technologies: MCFC, Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell (PEMFC, working temperature ~100°C), and Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC, operating temperature ~850°C). In 2003, PAFC systems were outrun by MCFCs as the dominant type of fuel cell (in terms of numbers installed) (Figure 3.1).

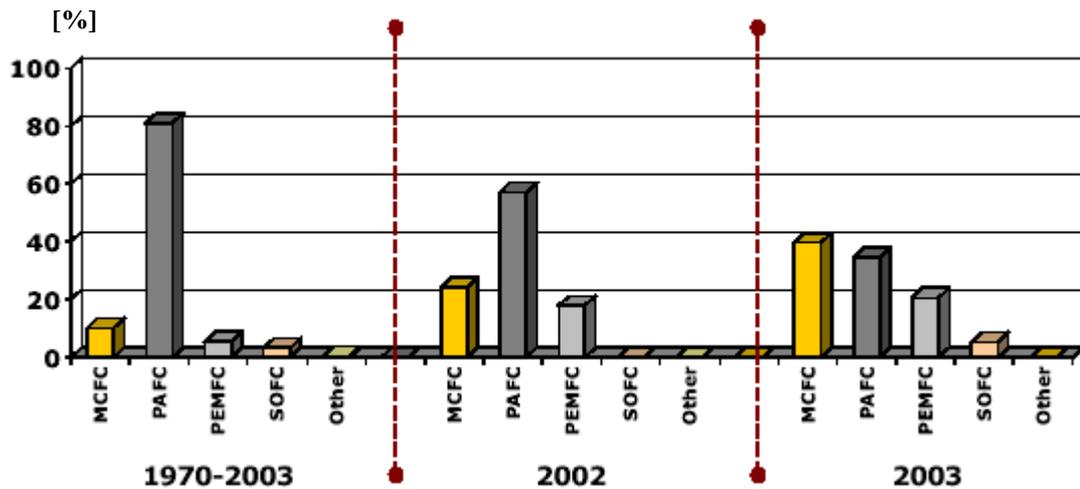


Figure 3.1 Stationary fuel cells by technology type

Figure 3.2 gives an indication of the cumulative capacity of (stationary) fuel cell systems installed by the end of 2002 and 2003.

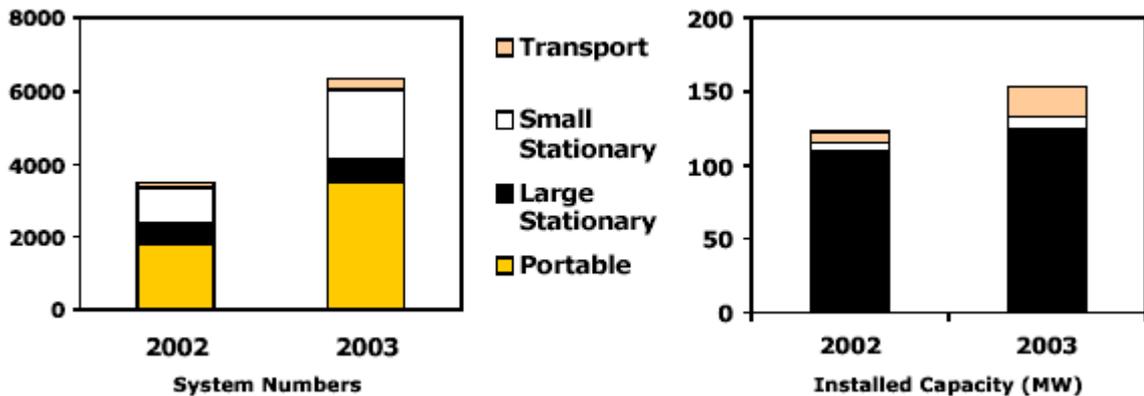


Figure 3.2 Cumulative number and capacity of fuel cell systems by the end of 2002/2003

The capacity of large stationary fuel cell systems was about 110 MW_e by the end of 2002. It is estimated that this capacity was approximately 130 MW_e by the end of 2003. Figure 3.3 shows the distribution of fuel cell types among large stationary fuel cell systems by the end of 2001.

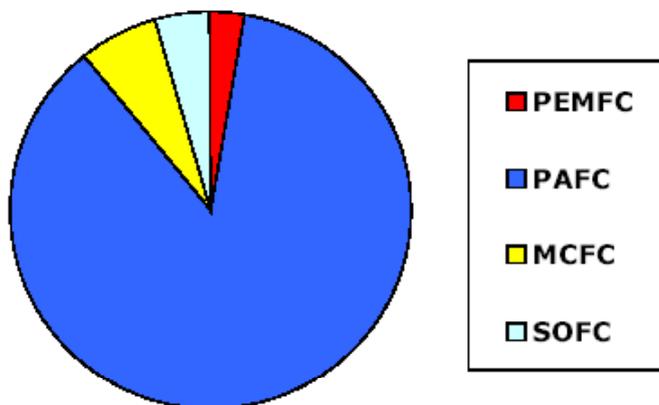


Figure 3.3 Distribution of technology types among large stationary fuel cell systems

It turns out that by the end of 2001 the leading technology – by percentage of systems installed – was PAFC (~83%), followed by MCFC (~8%), SOFC (~6%), and finally PEMFC (~3%).

Table 3.3 gives an estimate of the cumulative capacity and the cost of stationary fuel cells.

Table 3.3 *Cumulative capacity and specific investment cost of stationary fuel cells in 2003*

| | Number (cumulative) | Capacity (cumulative) [MW _e] | Specific investment cost [€/kW _e] |
|-------|---------------------|---|--|
| PAFC | 520 | 104 | 4,500-7,000 |
| MCFC | 70 | 10 | 6,000 |
| SOFC | 30 | 6 | 9,000 |
| PEMFC | 30 | 5 | ~12,000 |
| Total | 650 | 125 | |

Data for this table are from sources cited before, (Internet source 4), (Blesl, 2003) and (Manitoba, 2003). General Motors plans to install a 500 unit, 35 MW_e fuel cell power plant at the Freeport industrial complex of Dow Chemical in the USA (The hydrogen & fuel cell letter T, 2003). This power plant will use automotive fuel cell stacks, if the test phase of the project will prove successful. The size of (automotive) PEM fuel cell units is approximately 70 kW_e.

The US Department of Energy (DoE, 2003) has the following view on stationary FCs:

Over the last several years, phosphoric acid, tubular SOFC, and MCFC systems > 200 kW have been demonstrated at costs of \$4000-12,000 per kW. As further R&D improves cost and reliability, Federal and State governments can team with private industry to share risks and costs of limited prototype tests. Cost reduction and technology improvement managed by partnerships are critical in the current phase of technology development. Only technologies that have the potential to approach an installed cost target of \$400/kW would be pursued through further RD&D. This cost target is based on 5 kW modular systems at a production volume of 100,000 units.

3.2 Learning curve examinations for MCFC and SOFC

Target investment costs for high temperature fuel cell systems in the 200-2000 kW_e range in order to prevail in the market are 1200-1500 €/kW_e. Figure 3.4 and Figure 3.5 give information about the cumulative capacities required to reach investment cost targets for assumed learning rates of MCFCs and SOFCs. Whereas for demonstration plants learning rates are 0,6-0,65, the impact of learning after market entry is expected to shrink. Then for MCFC systems learning rates are assumed to be 0,85 and 0,9 for the USA and Europe respectively. These learning rates require cumulative capacities of 100 GW_e respectively 250 GW_e to reach the cost target.

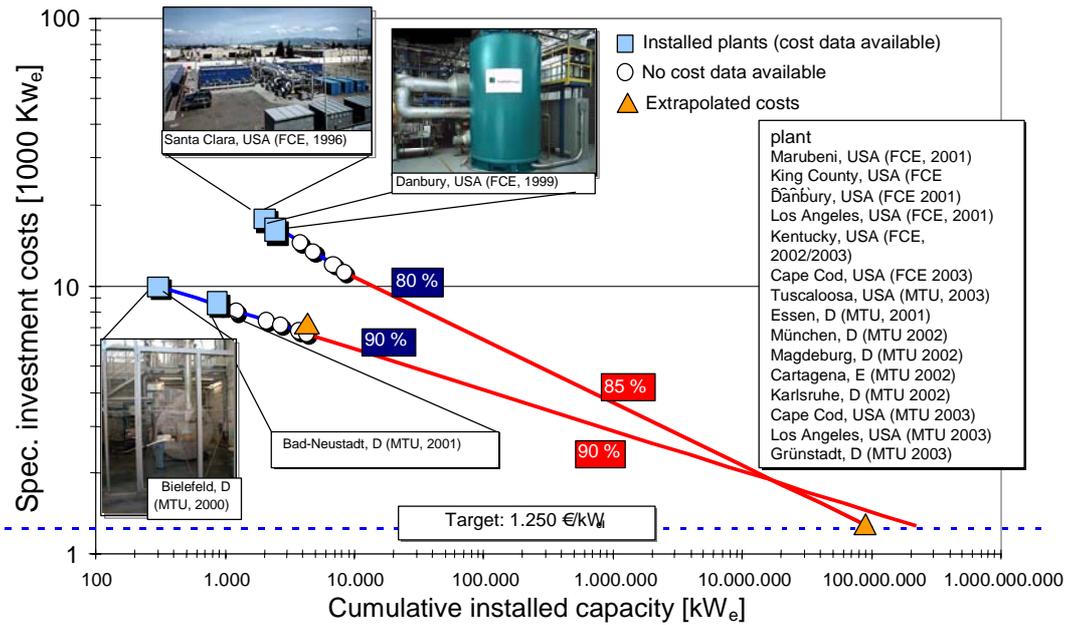


Figure 3.4 Learning curve for MCFC systems in the USA and in Europe
 Source: Blesl et al., 2004

For SOFC systems a future learning rate of 0.85 was assumed. With this learning rate a cumulative capacity of 35 to 130 GW_e is necessary to meet the target investment costs.

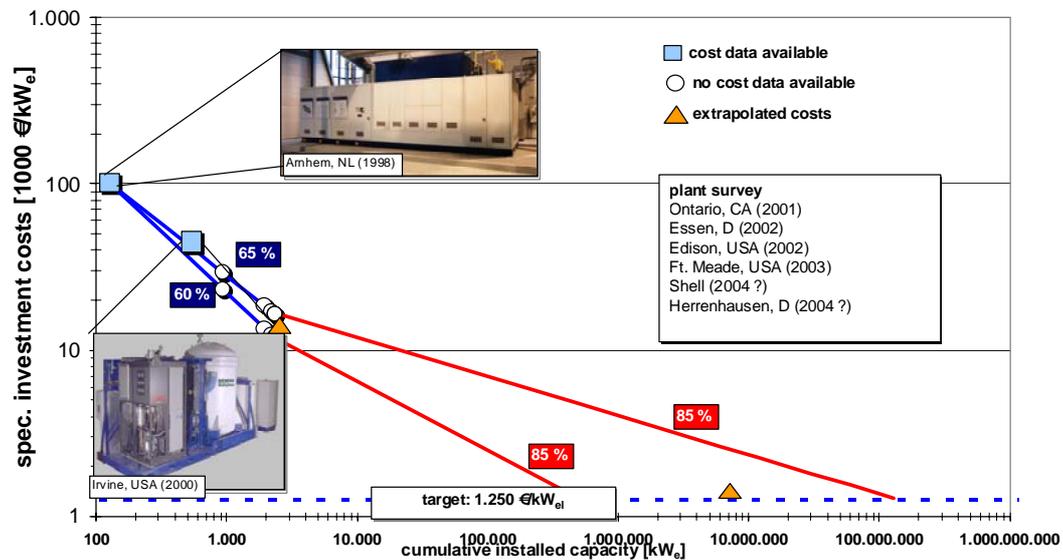


Figure 3.5 Learning curve for SOFC systems in the USA and in Europe
 Source: Blesl et al., 2004

Anyhow, there may be limitations to the learning curve approach like excessive public subsidizing or the customers' willingness to accept high prices. Both factors can keep investment costs on a high level despite considerable rises in cumulative production, as seen in the field of wind power generation (Blesl et al., 2004).

Besides the learning effect by growing cumulative capacities, the effects of scale-up are considered. Therefore the MCFC and SOFCs were fractionalised into their components.

As most of the components of high temperature fuel cells, e.g. pumps, heat exchangers, or inverters, have also been applied in other, established technologies, mass production of these parts has already been existing. So the investment costs for conventional application can be taken as bottom-line costs of these components. Only a few components of fuel cells, like the stack, are only used for fuel cell application. For these components no target costs can be derived from any application in other technologies.

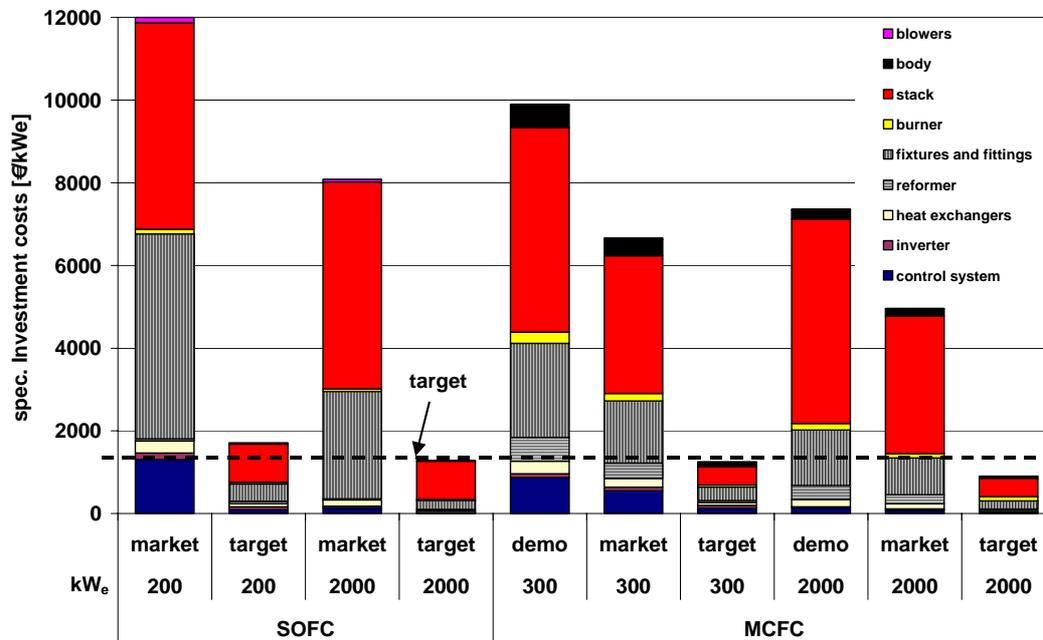


Figure 3.6 Influence of learning on specific costs of MCFCs and SOFCs
Source: Blesl et al., 2004

With the overall investment costs of different development stages allocated to the single components for different capacities of high temperature fuel cell systems MCFC and SOFC, IER (Blesl, 2003) presents specific cost targets in the range of 962-1712 €/kW_e (Figure 3.6).

It turns out that for some plant capacities, esp. the smaller ones, target costs can not be reached without further progress in the process scheme. So, for example, the reformation unit might be replaced by producing the hydrogen inside the MEA.

3.3 Public R&D expenditures

Figure 3.7 presents an overview of public R&D expenditures on fuel cells in world regions (The Clean Fuels and Electric Vehicles Report, 2003a).

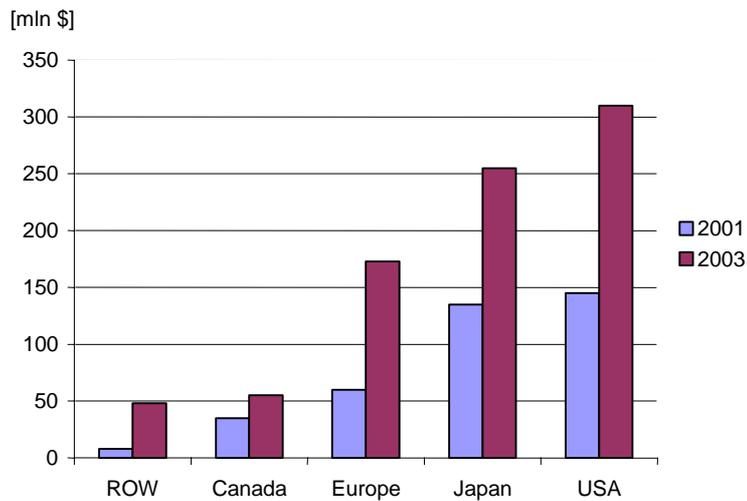


Figure 3.7 *Public R&D expenditures on fuel cells*

Sources: The Clean Fuels and Electric Vehicles Report, 2003a; [Http://www.fuelcelltoday.com](http://www.fuelcelltoday.com).

For the U.S. detailed data is available for the years 1996-2002, with a distinction between public and private R&D expenditures (Internet source 5) (Figure 3.8 and Figure 3.9).

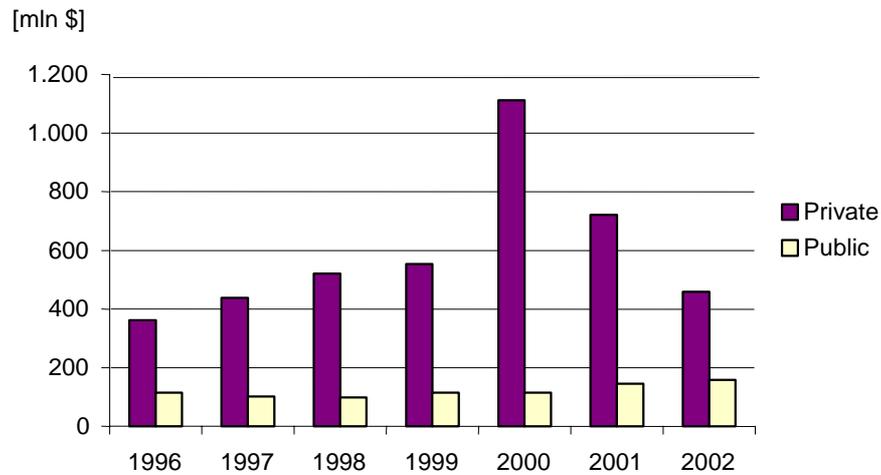


Figure 3.8 *Public and private fuel cell R&D expenditures in the USA*

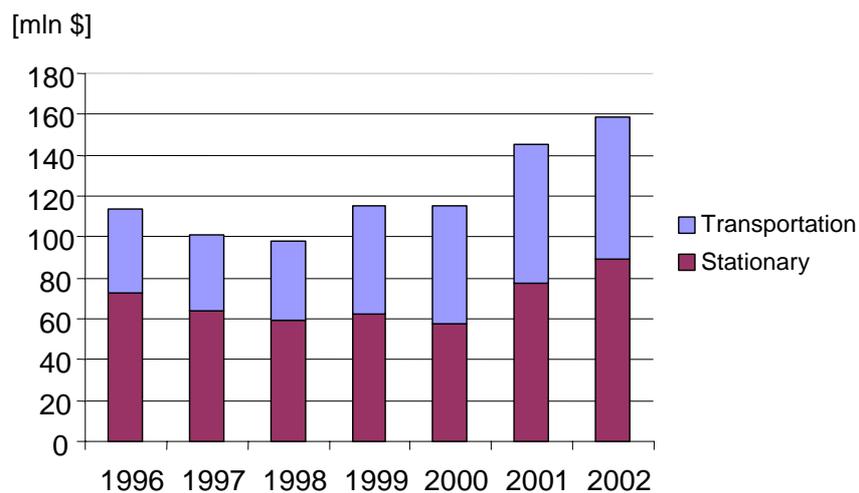


Figure 3.9 U.S. federal fuel cell R&D expenditures by market

According to the 'Breakthrough Technologies Institute', federal R&D expenditures on fuel cells rose from \$ 114 mln in 1996 to \$ 159 mln in 2002. Federal expenditures on stationary fuel cell R&D showed a 'dip', whereas expenditures on transportation fuel cell R&D rose steadily.

Private sector R&D expenditures of in the US were much less stable, and showed a peak of some \$ 1.1 bln in 2000 (Figure 3.8). These private R&D expenditures have not been disaggregated into stationary fuel cell R&D and transportation fuel cell R&D. In 2001, Europe's industry invested some \$ 120 mln in joint fuel cell R&D programs with governments.

4. Heat pumps

4.1 Introduction

Heating and/or air conditioning of buildings have been the preferred areas of application for heat pumps. Besides those, there is also a number of commercial applications for heat pumps, e.g. heat supply for food processing or for the chemical industry. A very interesting field for the deployment of heat pumps can be drying processes, such as in the paper or textile industries, and the dehydration of sludges. Heat recovered by heat pumps can be used for drying goods; the cooling that is produced simultaneously is capable of separating steam fractions from air or gas flows.

For industrial purposes heat pumps with a thermal range from 200 kW_{th} up to 2 MW_{th} are available; for domestic heating, plants start from as little as single digit kW_{th} capacities. There are two operational modes for heat pump plants: monovalent mode, if the heat pump is the only heat supply in the circulation system, and bivalent mode, if another source of heat is integrated (e.g. an oil-fired boiler). Bivalent mode can optionally be performed with an alternative ('substitute'), parallel ('add-on') or mixed operation of both sources.

Both heat pumps and refrigerating machines are based on the same thermodynamic principle. Heat is absorbed at low levels of pressure and temperature, and mechanical work is added to the system, so that the heat can be delivered at higher levels of pressure and temperature. Thus heat from the environment (ground, air or water) can be utilised, making the primary energy demand decrease (30 to 60%), which can save both costs and CO₂ emissions.

The particular application of the thermodynamic principle determines which term is used to describe the system. If the hot side of the system is utilised, it is called a heat pump; with the cold side utilised, it is called a refrigeration machine. The most common application of a refrigeration machine, of course, is the refrigerator that one can find in almost every European household.

Heat pumps can reach a thermal maximum of 150°C on their heat-output side. They are especially suitable for the climatisation of buildings. Besides providing heat the heat pump then produces cold by cooling water flows that can be used for cooling purposes. Generally, heat pumps consist of four essential components connected to each other by pipes (see Figure 4.1): Vapouriser, compressor, condenser and expansion valve. A liquid working fluid (refrigerant) with a very low boiling point runs through this system. Common refrigerants are, since the prohibition of the CFCs, ammonia, fluorocarbons, carbon dioxide and various types of hydrocarbons, e.g. propane, propene or pentane.

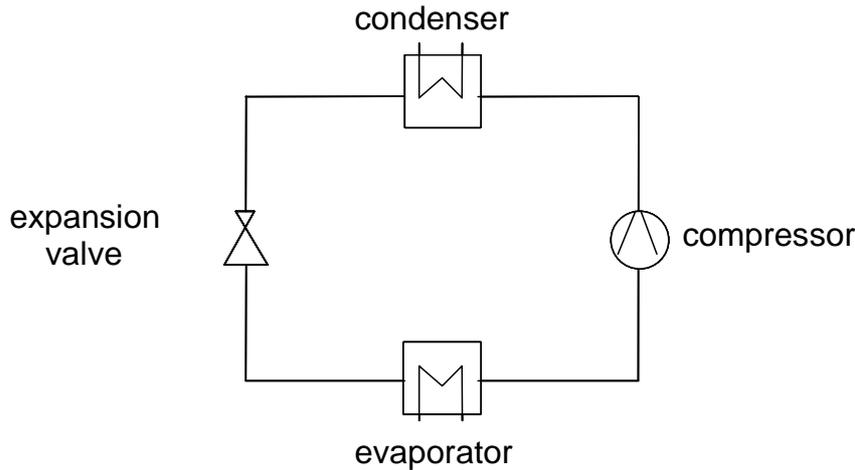


Figure 4.1 *Major components of a heat pump*

In the vapouriser the refrigerant absorbs heat from the environment to evaporate. The vapour runs into the compressor, where both pressure and temperature are raised by adding mechanical energy. In the condenser the vapour is condensed completely, releasing all the heat absorbed for further utilisation, e.g. for heating purposes.

Besides the sources and sinks of heat, the method of refrigerant compression is also variable. Smaller plants usually have electric or, from 100 kW_{th} on, gas engine compressors. These plants are called compression heat pumps. Larger plants on industrial scales are able to apply waste heat flows for a thermal compression of the refrigerant. These plants are called absorption heat pumps. Thereby refrigerant vapour is blended with water, condensed and further heated by the waste heat flow (maximum temperature 180°C), with pressure continually rising. The lower boiling point of the refrigerant enables the water fraction to separate from the blend. By cooling down water and refrigerant flows, the entire heat absorbed can be utilised. By analogy there are absorption and compression refrigerating machines.

The quality of a heat pump plant can be expressed by several ratios. The coefficient of performance (COP or ϵ) is defined as the ratio of the overall output of useful heat and input power of an electric powered compressor. The COP is an indicator for the efficiency of a heat pump process.

Similarly the primary energy ratio (PER or ζ) is the quotient of the overall output of useful heat and input power of the fuel. The PER gives information about current fuel efficiency in combustion engine and absorption heat pumps. Gas engine heat pumps can reach primary energy ratios between 1.5 and 3, whereas electric heat pumps for domestic heating have values between 3 and 4, due to the generally lower temperature level of their heat demand (Blesl, 2002; Leven et al., 2001).

According to both ratios, it is necessary for the heat source to have a rather high temperature level, and for the return to have the lowest temperature level possible, in order to reach maximum efficiency.

The seasonal performance factor (SPF or β), which is the quotient of overall output of useful heat and overall input energy, is the basis of the long-term economics of the plant, generally calculated as the annual performance factor. Heat pumps connected to plate heat exchangers have annual performance factors of some 3.8; if connected to floor heating systems the number is about 4.3, due to their temperature level being 20 K lower. Large plants with small temperature differences can peak at annual performance factors of some 7.2 (Bertuleit, 2000). Because the heat taken from the environment is only contained in the numerator, yet not in the denominator, it is possible for all three ratios to have values higher than 100%.

A new opportunity for a rational use of energy arises from the combination of a compression heat pump and combined heat and power unit (CHP). Hence the constant power-heat-ratio of the CHP can be varied and an independent energy supply system providing electricity, heat and cooling can be realised.

The idea of using environmental heat is not quite new: the concept of using the ground as the heat sink for a geothermal or ground-source heat pump dates back to the 1940's (Sanner, 2001). The first ground-source heat pump in the U.S. was installed in a house in Indianapolis in 1945. (Rawlings, 1999). During the last 30 years heat pumps have made considerable progress, also in terms of energy efficiency. So COPs of small residential heat pumps soared from 1,5 in 1973 to 3,24 in 2000. For 2004 COPs larger than 5 were predicted. The development of heat pump energy efficiency is shown in Figure 4.2.

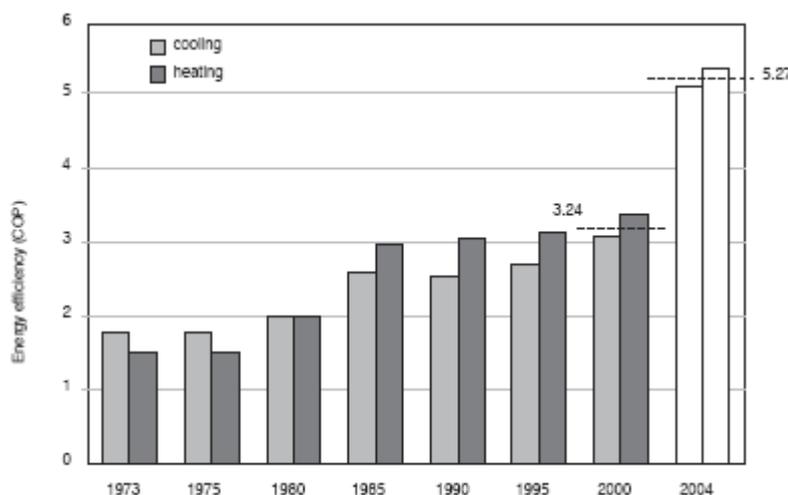


Figure 4.2 *Trend of energy efficiency for residential heat pumps up to 2,5 kW_{th}*
 Source: IEA Heat Pump Centre Newsletter, vol. 21, 1/2003

Current research topics in the heat pump area concern the use of natural refrigerants, smart control systems, and cost reduction. Also on the agenda are items like extended maintenance rates, advanced flue gas cleaning and optimised components.

4.2 Market survey for selected countries

The following chapter describes the development of international heat pump markets during the last 25 years. Emphasis is put on countries in Western Europe plus Japan. Besides, there will be a glance at the North American and the upcoming Chinese market. For markets with sufficient data available, learning curves were constructed.

4.2.1 Austria

In Austria, the first heat pump systems installed in the early 1980's were either monovalent systems with groundwater as heat source and a low-temperature heat distribution system (floor heating) or bivalent systems with outside air as heat source and a high-temperature heat distribution system using radiators. Monovalent systems were installed in new buildings; bivalent systems were mainly used for retrofitting existing heating systems (Halozan, 2003). In the early 1980's, oil was the main fuel for space heating in the residential area. The price ratio of electricity to heating oil per unit of energy delivered was roughly 2.5. In order to stimulate the introduction of heat pumps, the government provided subsidies in the form of tax deductions. The result was not only a rapid rise and peak in the number of units sold and installed, but also in the number of heat pump system failures. The integration of the heat pump in the heat distribution system of the building proved to be the cause of most failures.

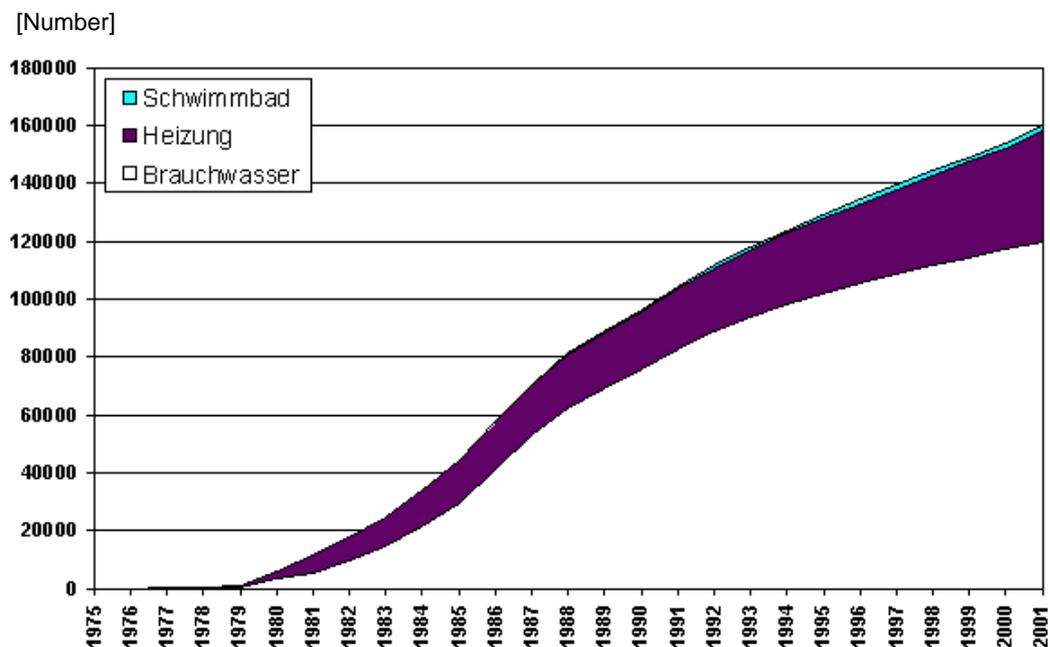


Figure 4.3 Cumulative sales of heat pump units in Austria 1975-2001

By the end of 2001, nearly 160,000 heat pumps (for space heating, warm water supply, swimming pools) were in operation in Austria, about 77% of which for hot water, and the balance for space heating. In 2001, the capacity of heat pumps (space heating, hot water, etc.) amounted to 834 MW_{th}, and the annual heat production was nearly 2,000 GWh_{th} (Internet source 9).

Figure 4.4 shows the development of heating-only heat pumps. (Halozan, 2003; Bach, 2003) After a steep reduction in numbers of heat pumps installed in 1982, energy companies focused on solving the problem of servicing customers with heat pump systems. In 1985, international oil prices tumbled and government subsidies for heat pump systems were cancelled. Bivalent systems, which until that date had formed the main market, were not cost-effective any more. The heat pump market focused on monovalent systems for new buildings. Later on, the ground was also introduced as a heat source. Ground coils were mainly horizontally installed collectors.

Since 1990, the heat pump market showed a steady recovery. The ground (or groundwater) became the main heat source and, due to better building codes (i.e. better insulated houses, improved compressors and heat exchangers), SPFs in the range of 4 and more have been achieved, especially with direct expansion systems.

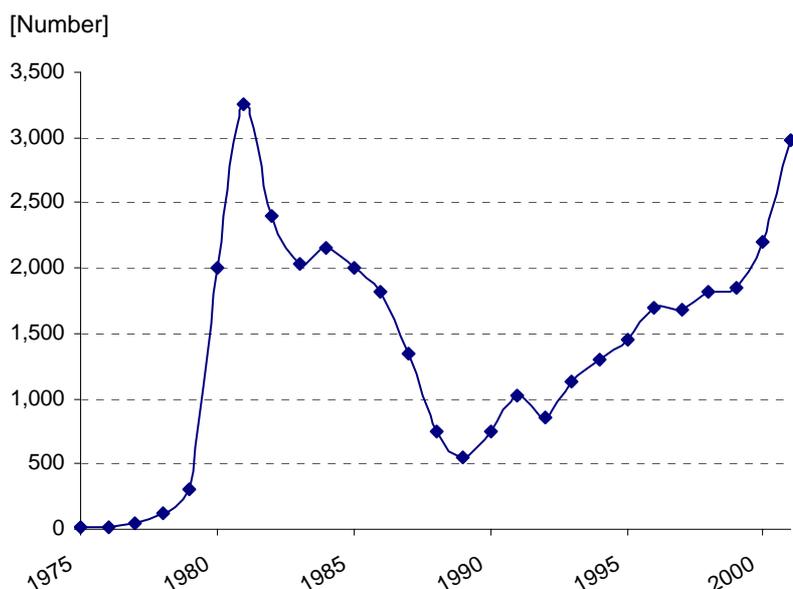


Figure 4.4 Annual sales of heating-only heat pumps in Austria 1975-2001

Heat pump capacities installed in Austria from 2000 to 2003 are shown in Table 4.1

Table 4.1 Heat pump installations in Austria 2000-2003 according to field of application

| Year | Water for domestic/industrial use | Heating | Air conditioning | Swimming pool | Total |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| 2000 | 2700 | 2000 | 80 | 90 | 4890 |
| 2001 | 2400 | 2200 | 120 | 120 | 4840 |
| 2002 | 2300 | 2800 | 160 | 100 | 5360 |
| 2003 | 2200 | 3500 | 180 | 100 | 5980 |

Source: (Faninger, 2004)

From 2002 on, the figures for water for domestic/industrial use and for heating applications were extrapolated, the data for air conditioning and swimming pools are based on estimations

Figure 4.5 shows the environmental benefits of heat pump application for Austria in terms of CO₂ reduction by heat pumps (space heating, hot water, etc.) in Austria. In 1996, for example, the production of some 130,000 t of CO₂ could be avoided by heat pump operation.

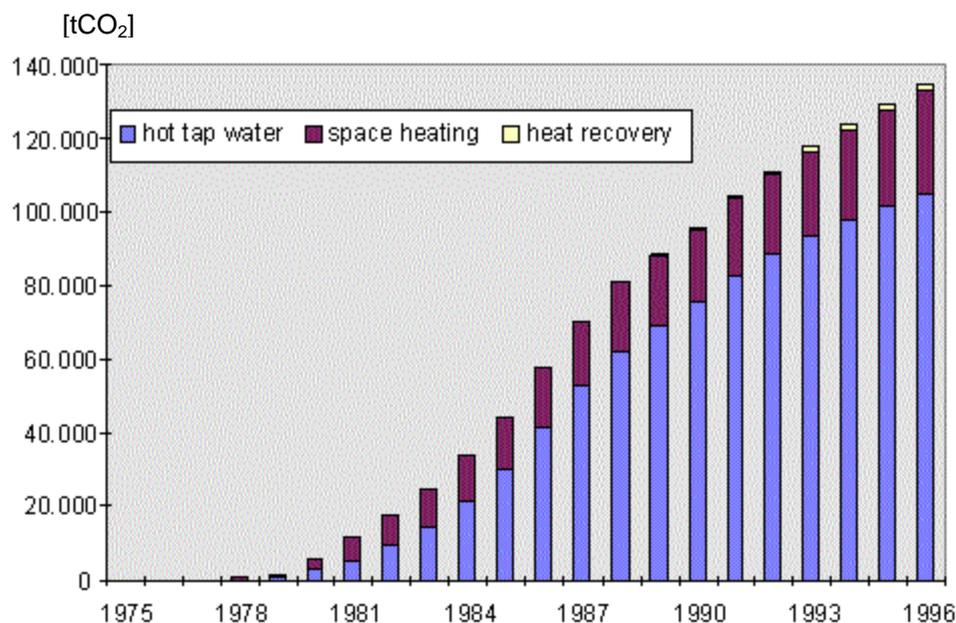


Figure 4.5 Cumulative CO₂ reduction by heat pumps in Austria

4.2.2 Canada

The former Canadian Earth Energy Association reported that about 30,000 ground-source heat pump units had been installed in Canada in the nineties. Annual sales peaked in the early 1990s, primarily as a result of a utility incentive program in the province of Ontario, enabling installation of approximately 6700 residential ground-source heat pumps. (Internet source 10) The Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium (GHPC)² is a partner and counterpart to the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition. In March 2000, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) proposed to pay \$ 0.87 million over three years to the GHPC. (Internet sources 11 and 12).

4.2.3 China

The Chinese heating market is, to a large extent, characterised by the absence of central heating systems. Instead, room air conditioners (RAC) are usual. Due to its large population, China has the biggest residential air conditioning market in the world.

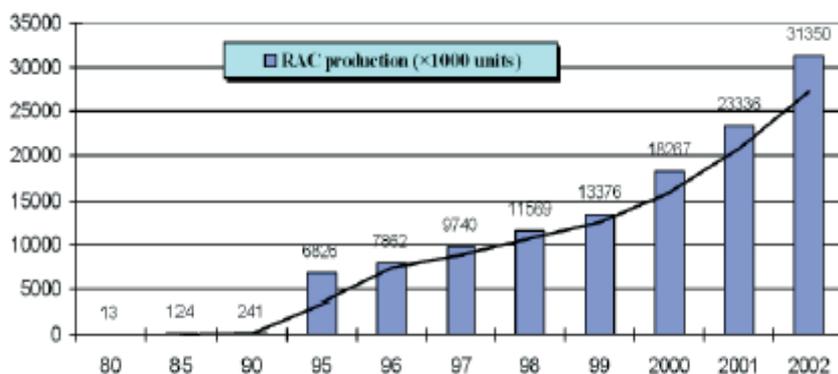


Figure 4.6 Room air conditioner production in China

Source: IEA HPC Newsletter vol. 22, 4/2004

² The Washington based GHPC is a non-profit organisation (partnership) of government, industry and over 240 utilities.

Therefore, the production of RACs in China ranks first in the world. For example, penetration of residential air conditioning in Shanghai has reached 96.8%. However, the usage ratio is still low due to high energy costs. Use of large numbers of RACs has already caused enormous pressure on energy supply and the environment of China. Electrically driven RACs have created the biggest unstable power grid load and the biggest source of CO₂ emissions in most Chinese metropolises. The residential air-conditioning trend in Chinese metropolises should be DHC with combined cycle heat and power unit (CCHP) using natural gas as an energy source. Household central air conditioning will become the main type of air conditioning for individual houses or town houses. RACs will still have a broad market (IEA HPC Newsletter vol. 22, 4/2004).

4.2.4 Finland

The cumulated sales of heat pumps in Finland 1994-2002 is shown in Figure 4.7. A steady growth of the Finnish heat pump market can be confirmed. This increase of sales does yet not apply to all kinds of heat pumps offered: Whereas the outlets of ground source and exhaust heat pumps have almost been stagnating since 2000, air/air heat pumps have shown dynamic growth, especially after 1999.

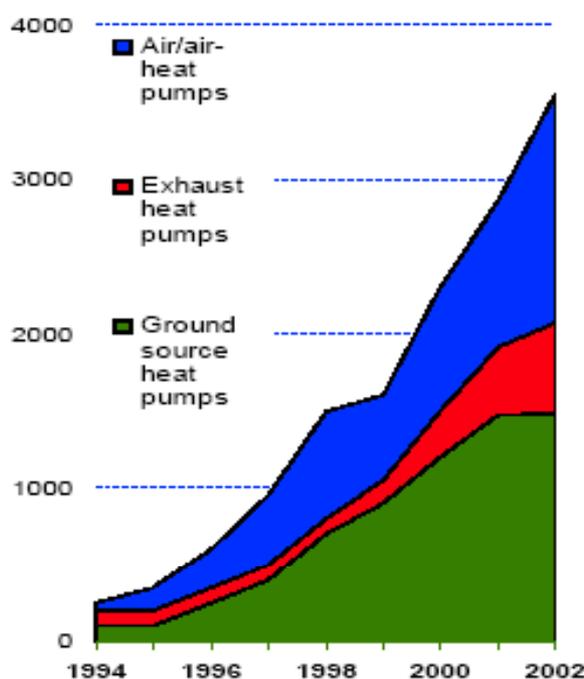


Figure 4.7 Heat pump sales in Finland for different heat sources

Source: Hirvonen 2003.

There are a couple of reasons for the general growth of the heat pump sector, like rising energy prices, the tough Finnish climate conditions, etc. Besides, electricity is the only energy carrier with a nationwide distribution system. As Finnish homes have high air change rates, air/air systems recovering heat from waste air are very attractive. Thus, this kind of heat pump has outperformed the other heat pump technologies in terms of sales and market growth during the last few years.

The factors mentioned above make Finland a very attractive market for heat pumps in the future, and so further growth is expected for the next years. Furtherly, Finland has a great many of lake and rock areas, where solar heat is stored. The ongoing trend towards heat pumps will additionally be fanned by the chance to utilize these sources.

4.2.5 France

Table 4.2 compares the investment and operating costs of various types of heat pump systems with a heating/cooling floor under French conditions. (Olivier, 2001)

Table 4.2 *Comparison of the costs of heat pumps for a heating/cooling floor application*

| Type | Investment cost [€/m ² floor area] | Operation and maintenance cost [€/m ² floor area/year] |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Vertical ground-coupled system | 137 | 2.6 |
| Horizontal ground-coupled system | 115 | 2.6 |
| Air-to-water heat pump | 92 | 3.8 |

The seasonal COP during the heating period varies from 3.6 to 3.9 for heat pumps in France. Table 4.3 shows investment cost of ground-source and air-to-water heat pumps and that of an oil-fired heating system. (Internet source 13; EHPA, 2003)

Table 4.3 *Investment cost of heat pump systems compared with oil-fired central heating*

| | Heat pump system based on floor heating ¹ | | Oil-fired |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Air-to-water heat pump [€] | Ground-source heat pump [€] | central heating [€] |
| Drilling on turn-key basis | - | 7,000 | - |
| Heat pumps | n/a | 6,000 | - |
| Installation of heat pump | n/a | 1,200 | - |
| Oil-fired boiler | - | - | 4,800 |
| Control | - | - | 800 |
| Fuel tank + installation | n/a | 2,500 | 3,800 |
| Chimney | - | - | 4,000 |
| Total | 10,000 | 16,700 | 13,400 |

¹ Based on a heat demand of 7 kW_{th} and an average COP of 3.

According to Table 4.3, the additional investment cost in case of a ground-source heat pump is € 3300, and the cost saving in case of an air-to-water heat pump is € 3400.

Figure 4.8 shows the annual sales of heat pumps in France according to (EHPA, 2003). In 2002, sales of heat pumps soared to 20,000.

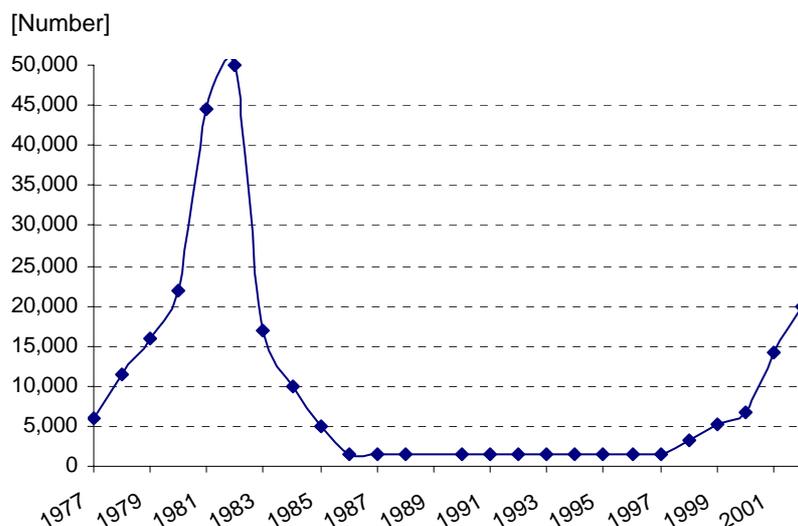


Figure 4.8 *Annual sales of heat pumps in France 1977-2002*

In 1996/1997 ADEME and the Ministry of Housing supported development and field tests by manufacturers of prototypes of engine driven heat pumps for individual housing with a budget of 300 k€. Details about the financial incentives for heat pumps for the residential sector are presented in (EHPA, 2003). EdF has decided to develop both heating and cooling solutions. However, no data with regard to private R&D (e.g. by EdF) have been disclosed.

4.2.6 Germany

Information of the heat pump sales figures, as shown in Figure 4.9, points out substantial differences especially in the early eighties. Since the foundation of a governmentally supported heat pump centre in 1991, information on sales figures is collected centrally and used for general statistics. The heat pump peak in Germany was at the beginning of the eighties, but after some years, the sales figures collapsed downright. In the late eighties and the early nineties, they ranged at a few hundred heat pumps. Since the middle of the nineties, an upward trend appeared, although the sales figures still lag behind the numbers of the early eighties. (Nilsson, 2003; Internet sources 14 and 15)

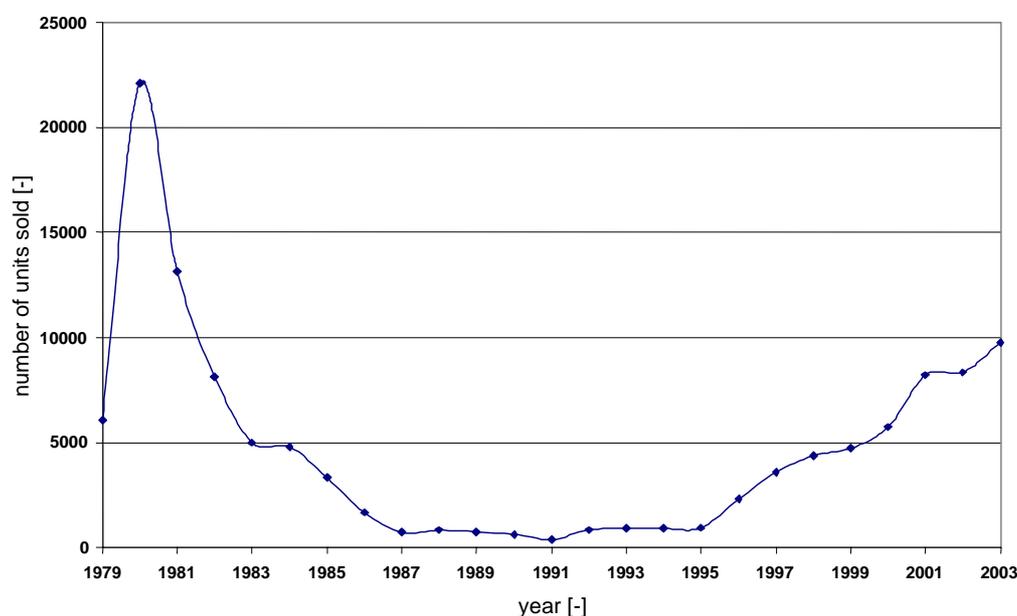


Figure 4.9 Annual sales of heating-only heat pumps in Germany 1979-2003

In 2003, not only 9745 heat pumps for heating were sold (as shown in Figure 4.9), but also another 3,776 systems for warm water supply were installed. This totals to 13,521 sales, reaching closely to the all time high of 1980. The largest growth in 2003 was performed by air/water heat pumps (+57%), followed by heat pumps using ground heat (+16%), whereas heat pumps using heat from water showed a 20% decline (Wärmepumpe aktuell vol. 6, 1/2004).

Federal R&D support for heat pumps declined after a peak since the early 1980's, just like R&D support in general. Funds were used to promote R&D by research institutes, manufacturers of heat pumps, etc. Federal R&D support from 1974 to 1998 amounted to DM 15 mln (\approx € 7.5 mln).

Although the Federal government no longer supports heat pumps by grants, there are attractive loans for heat pumps. Grants are awarded in the framework of the CO₂ reduction programme and the buildings retrofit CO₂ programme of the KfW bank (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau). (Internet source 16).

In 1997, the investment cost of an electric heat pump system based on 5 vertical borehole heat exchangers (double-U), each 50 m deep, amounted to € 23,300 (DM 45,600). The heat pump supplies the heat demand and the demand for hot water. Some cooling may be provided using the floor heating coils. The floor area is 180 m² in two storeys, with a nominal heat demand of 11.5 kW_{th}. Thus, the specific investment cost was about € 2000/kW_{th} in 1997, including drilling costs. (Internet source 14)

The investment costs of heat pumps have increased slightly during the past few years. For industrial applications (see Figure 4.10) they were in a range between 1250 €/kW and 450 €/kW (EWU 1992, 1994, 1999).

For residential application, typical annual operation costs consist of a 77.6% share for capital costs (€ 2023), 2.9% fixed costs (€ 508) and 19.5% variable costs (€ 77) (example for a single occupancy house equipped with steel panel radiators erected in 1995) (Leven et al., 2001).

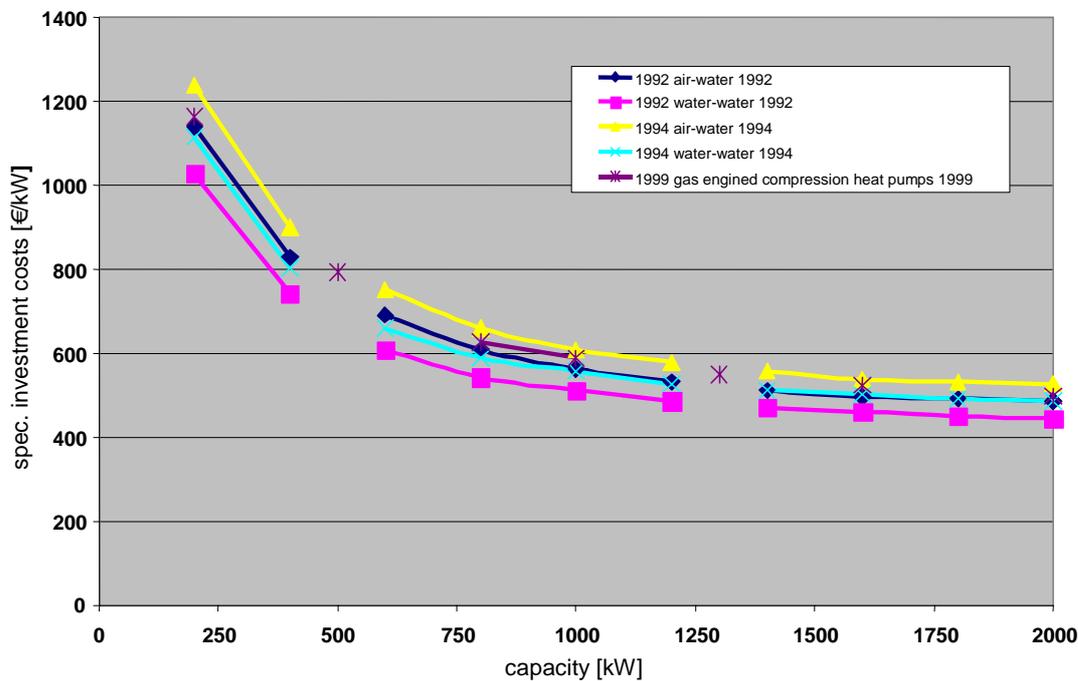


Figure 4.10 *Investment costs for different types of heat pumps for industrial use in different years*

Source: (EWU 1992, 1994, 1999).

From the data for cumulated sales and the investment costs associated, a learning curve for Germany's heat pump market can be derived. This learning curve is shown in Figure 4.11. With increasing cumulative sales, an inflation-adjusted contemplation of investment costs shows a steady decline. So, the learning factor arising for the years 1980-2002 is 0,70. In Figure 4.18 there is another learning curve given, now for the Swiss heat pump market, and can be compared to the result for Germany.

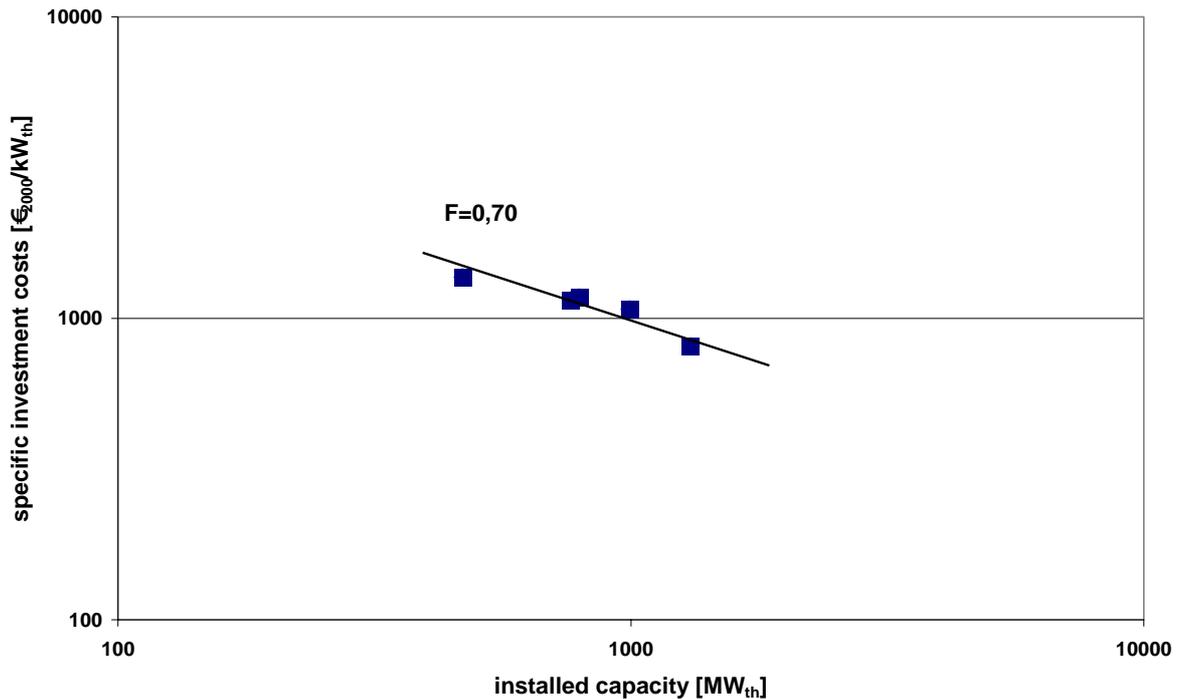


Figure 4.11 *Inflation-adjusted learning curve of the German heat pump market 1980-2002*
 Source: cost data from EWU and BWP.

4.2.7 Japan

The Heat Pump & Thermal Storage Technology Center of Japan (HPTDJ) is a public organisation functioning under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). As a national centre for heat pumps and thermal storage, the HPTCJ promotes the use of thermal storage systems and carries out many projects aimed at improving technology. Thermal storage systems combine the advantages of heat pumps and thermal storage, so they meet the need for the effective storage and utilization of energy. CO₂ heat pump water heaters sold in Japan are of the storage type that store the hot water produced with cheap night-rate electricity in a tank.

The HPTCJ is actively involved in promoting systems and technologies in this field, and they conduct a wide range of surveys and research. Government subsidies are available to support the installation of ice thermal storage air conditioning systems. Subsidies apply to decentralised systems (Internet source 17).

A relatively small use of heat pumps is indicated which is concentrated in the cold and snowy Prefecture of Okayama. Hot spring water above 150°C is available all over the country so there is little demand for heat pumps (Lund, 2000a).

Figure 4.12 shows the cumulative number of heat pumps in Japan (Halozan, 1998).

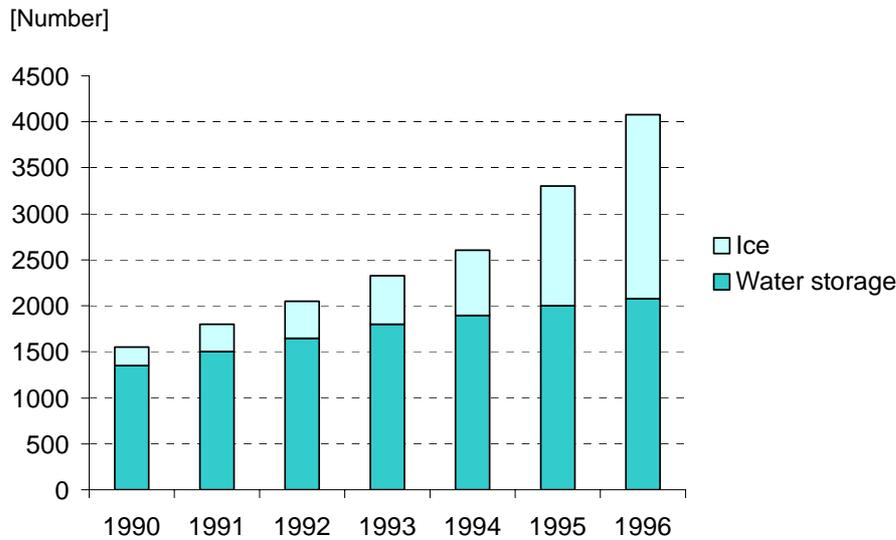


Figure 4.12 Cumulative number of thermal storage type heat pump systems in Japan 1990-1996

4.2.8 The Netherlands

According to (NeoScan Warmtepompen, 2003) and (Joosen, 2003) at the end of 2002 the heat pump capacity in the Netherlands amounted to 274 MW_{th}. The cumulative number of heat pumps was approximately 33,200, including about 8400 heat pump boilers. (Graus, 2003). The annual sales of heat pumps are represented in (Figure 4.13).

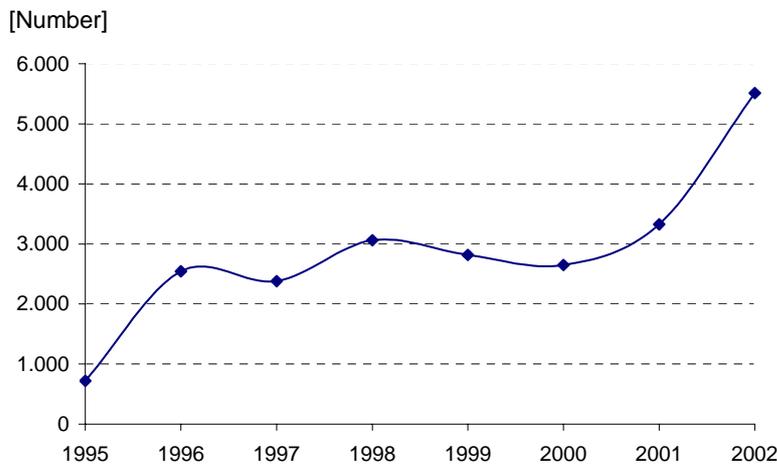


Figure 4.13 Annual sales of heat pumps in the Netherlands 1995-2002

R&D and the quality of prototypes and commercial heat pump technology in the Netherlands has improved dramatically in the last few years. Seven years ago (in 1998), the international position of the Netherlands was rather poor. In the meantime, however, heat pumps have been introduced successfully in the horticultural sector and several very interesting heat pump applications in the residential (domestic) sector have been observed recently. This has been realised by a coherent approach both from the government and SenterNovem, the Dutch organisation for promotion of R&D on energy and environment, and several Dutch manufacturers (Kleefkens, 2004).

4.2.9 Norway

In 2003, sales of heat pumps in Norway reached 56,000 units (after 21,300 in 2002 and 6400 in 2001, 94% of which in the residential sector). Since 1997, market sales show a rising trend. Higher electricity prices in the Nordic energy market were the main reason for increased sales of heat pumps in Norway in the last few years. A substantial part of the production in this market is hydropower and periods with cold and dry weather are resulting in higher prices. By the end of 2002, approximately 58,300 heat pumps were in operation in Norway (Internet source 18) (Figure 4.14).

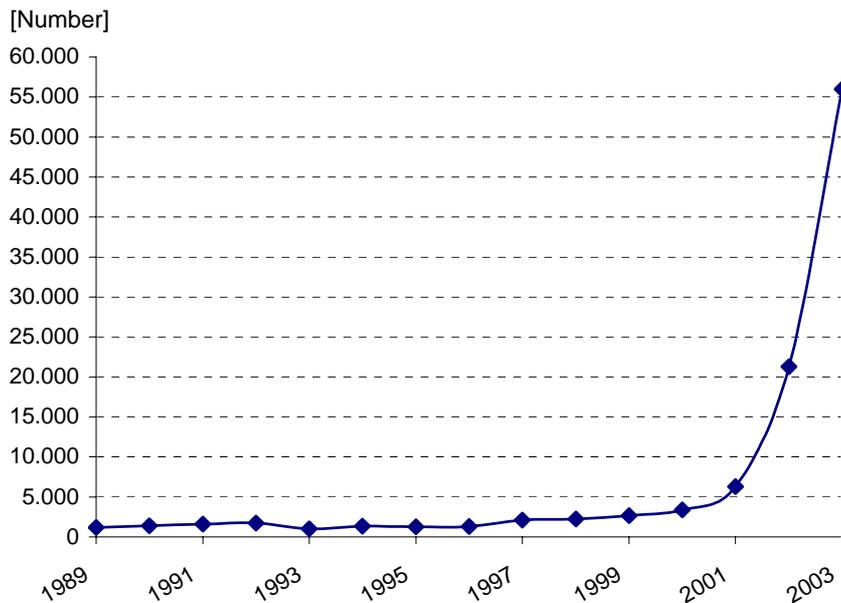


Figure 4.14 Annual sales of heat pumps in Norway 1989-2003

The Norwegian Heat Pump Association, NOVAP, (Internet source 19) assumes that the best way to promote market expansion is by:

- quality assurance activities, i.e. certification of sellers/buyers, standard contracts and guarantees, and product information to potential buyers,
- buyer support through insurance and loan arrangements,
- information for potential buyers on the impact of heat pumps on energy consumption,
- good statistical data on sales, etc.

4.2.10 Spain

The Spanish heat pump market has increased considerably in the past few years. Sales increased by 250% between 1997 and 2000 and about 2,000,000 heat pumps are installed at present. This growth rate is expected to continue for the next few years.

The air-to-air heat pump is the most successful type in Spain, especially in mild climate zones. The most common heat pump used is the electrically driven reversible compression unit, but gas companies are strenuously promoting gas-driven heat pumps. Heat Pumps have been installed in all sectors, but market penetration has been different in each one.

The residential sector has the largest number of installed heat pumps, followed by the commercial sector, with the industrial sector having the smallest number of sales. One of the most important barriers that must be overcome by the heat pump is the confusion in the minds of users. Most of them perceive the heat pump as air conditioning because equipment sold in Spain is normally reversible. In addition, the Spanish are not used to heating by air and prefer heating systems such as radiators. Heat pumps are normally installed as refrigerating equipment and a complementary heating system. Nevertheless current promotional campaigns are focussing on public information and people are becoming increasingly interested in new heating systems, such as under-floor or ceiling heating (Internet source 20).

The Spanish National Team on Heat Pumps (ENEBC) was created on 1st April 1996 at the request of the Ministry of Industry and Energy, through the State Energy Planning Office, for the research, development and dissemination of the heat pump technologies (Internet Source 21).

Figure 4.15 shows the annual sales of heat pumps in Spain (European Heat Pump News, 2002b; IEA Heat Pump Centre Newsletter, 2003).

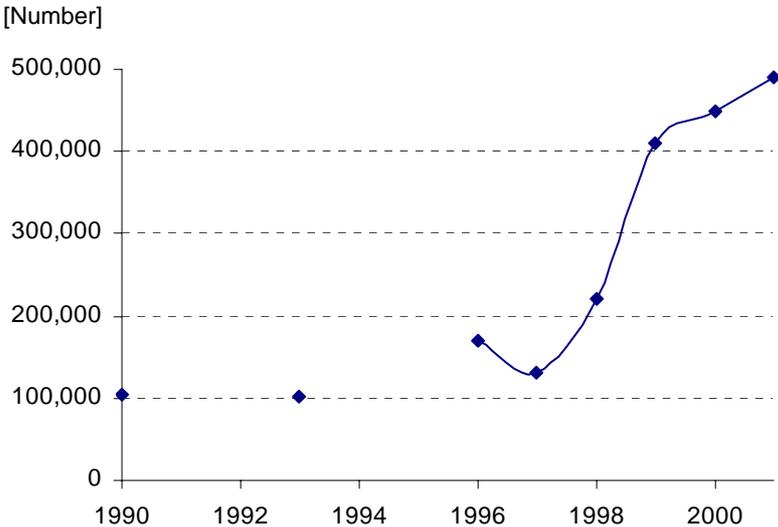


Figure 4.15 Annual sales of heat pumps in Spain 1990-2001

As shown in Figure 4.16, heat pumps have the largest market shares for air conditioning applications. It also shows, that not only heat pump sales are rising, but there is also a steady growth in the entire market for air conditioning systems.

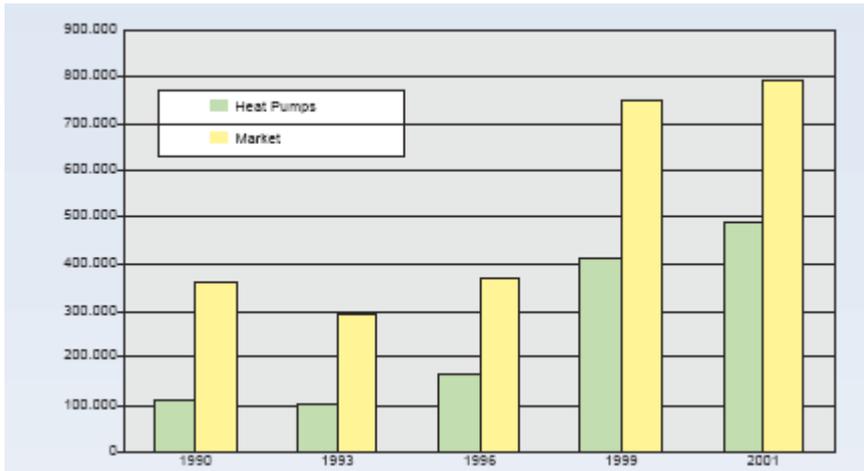


Figure 4.16 *Heat pump and total air conditioner market of Spain (in units sold)*
 Source: IEA Heat Pump Centre Newsletter, vol. 21, 2/2003.

By the end of 2001, close to 2.5 million heat pumps were in operation in Spain.

4.2.11 Sweden

The Swedish heat pump market is one of the largest in the world. In 2002, total sales of heat pumps approached the level of 40,000. In the 1980's and 1990's Swedish market had its ups and downs illustrated by Figure 4.17 (Karlsson, 2003).

During the first half of the 1980's horizontal ground-source heat pumps and open systems were quite common in Sweden. During this period the heat pump market was supported by governmental subsidies. Around 1985, the heat pump market showed a substantial decrease, mainly due to the withdrawal of governmental subsidies. What is more, the international oil price decreased by some 50% at that time. During the period 1985-1990, the market consisted mainly of ordinary, non-expensive, heat pumps. Direct expansion systems were used for ground-source units. Air-to-water heat pumps were still quite common.

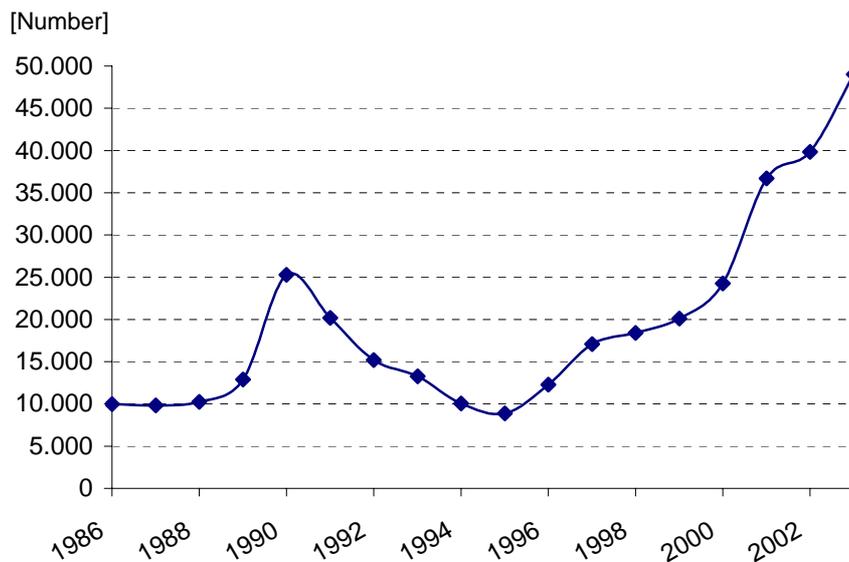


Figure 4.17 *Annual sales of heat pumps in Sweden 1986-2003*

Around 1990-1991, the heat pump market expanded again because of increased sale of air-to-air heat pumps. These were installed in houses with direct-acting electric heating. In 1994-1995, the Swedish National Board for Technical Development (NUTEK) issued a technology procurement on heat pumps. Consequently, sales of heat pumps increased rapidly.

4.2.12 Switzerland

Switzerland claims position number two in the European heat pump market, after Sweden. With 40% of new single-family homes equipped with a heat pump system, the market continues to grow. Fifty percent of the heat pump systems extract heat from the air, 39% from the ground, using deep boreholes (300 meters), and 11% from ground and surface water.

Figure 4.18 shows the increased share of heat pumps in new single-family dwellings in Switzerland. (Internet sources 23 and 24).

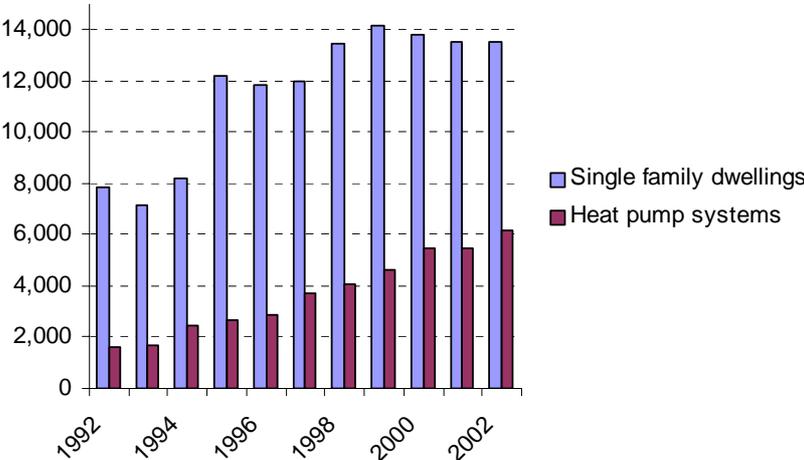


Figure 4.18 *Penetration of heat pumps in new single-family dwellings in Switzerland*

The Swiss try to ensure that in the next ten years more than 50% of new dwellings and 10% of the existing ones will use heat pumps. Training of installers and designers is a key element of the Swiss strategy (IEA Heat Pump Centre Newsletter, 2002). Table 4.4 gives an overview of the Coefficient of Performance (COP) that may be achieved with different heat pump configuration. (Heat Pump Test Centre Töss, 2003).

Table 4.4 *COP's for different heat pump configurations measured in Töss (Switzerland)*

| Type | Temperature [°C] | Temperature heat source [°C] | Average COP |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Air-water | 35 | -7 - 20 | 2.6 - 5.0 |
| Brine-water | 35 | -5 - 5 | 3.7 - 5.0 |
| Water-water | 35 | 10 - 15 | 5.5 - 6.2 |

Table 4.5 compares the costs of an electric heat pump to those of an oil-fired central heating system (Internet source 22).

Table 4.5 Comparison of installation and operational costs of an electric heat pump system with an oil-fired boiler (central heating system)

| | | Heat pump system with borehole heat exchanger | Oil-fired boiler |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Base: heat demand 6.5 kW</i> | | | |
| Heat demand | [kWh/yr] | 13,600 | 13,600 |
| System efficiency | [%] | 95 | 80 |
| Seasonal Performance Factor | | 3.5 | - |
| Effective energy used | [kWh/yr] | 4,090 | 17,000 |
| Fuel consumption | [l/yr] | - | 1,703 |
| Space required | [m ³] | 2.6 | 23 |
| CO ₂ emission | [tonne/yr] | - | - |
| <i>Installation costs</i> | | | |
| Complete system incl. storage | [€] | 8,700 | 11,150 ¹ |
| Borehole heat exchanger | [€] | 7,530 | - |
| Space in house | [€] | 710 | 6,290 |
| Miscellaneous (trenches, chimney) | [€] | 1,110 | 1,090 |
| Total installation cost | [€] | 18,050 | 18,530 |
| <i>Energy costs</i> | | | |
| Electricity, high tariff | [€/yr] | 230.75 | 33.50 |
| Electricity, low tariff | [€/yr] | 153.85 | 15.00 |
| Basic payment | [€/yr] | 69.75 | 5.50 |
| Fuel cost | [€/yr] | - | 792.00 |
| Total energy cost | [€/yr] | 454.35 | 846.00 |
| <i>Running costs</i> | | | |
| Maintenance | [€/yr] | 102.60 | 253.00 |
| Chimney cleaning, flue gas control | [€/yr] | - | 123.00 |
| Total running cost | [€/yr] | 102.60 | 376.00 |

¹ Two tanks 2000 l.

The investment costs of the ground-source heat pump in Table 4.5 is about 8% higher than the corresponding cost figure in Table 4.3. The investment cost of conventional central heating system is 40% higher, as Table 4.5 includes € 6290 for space required for the oil-fired boiler. Figure 4.19 illustrates the development of the Swiss heat pump market. During the last 12 years a steady upward trend in heat pump sales can be seen.

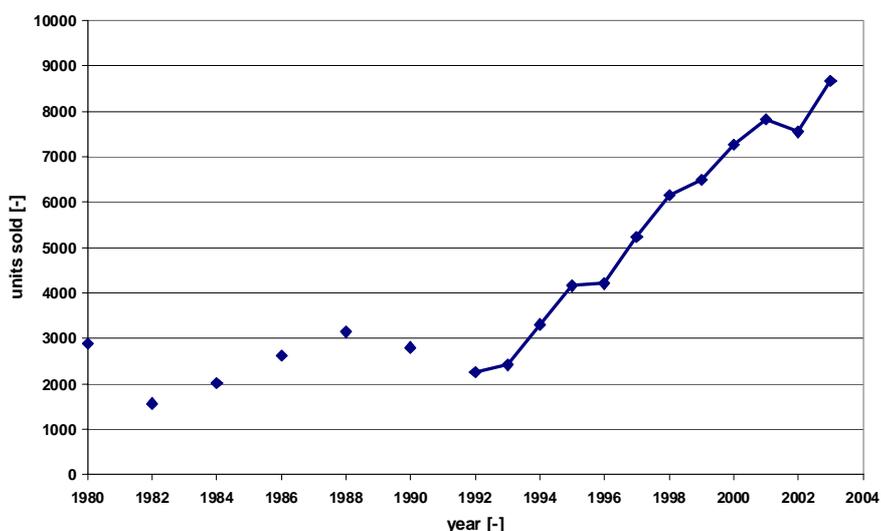


Figure 4.19 Annual sales of heat pumps in Switzerland 1980-2003

Source: (Beyeler, 2004).

At the end of 2003, 86,000 heat pumps were in operation in Switzerland, with a total capacity of approximately 1440 MW_{th}. At the end of 2000, the number of heat pumps was 61,606, with an installed capacity of 1038 MW_{th}. (Rognon, 2002) Rybach et al (Internet source 22) expect that the market will further expand in the leading countries like Sweden and Switzerland.

The inflation-adjusted development of the investment costs for a 7,6 kW_{th} heat pump, boreholes and connecting pipes from 1980 to 2004 is shown in Figure 4.20.

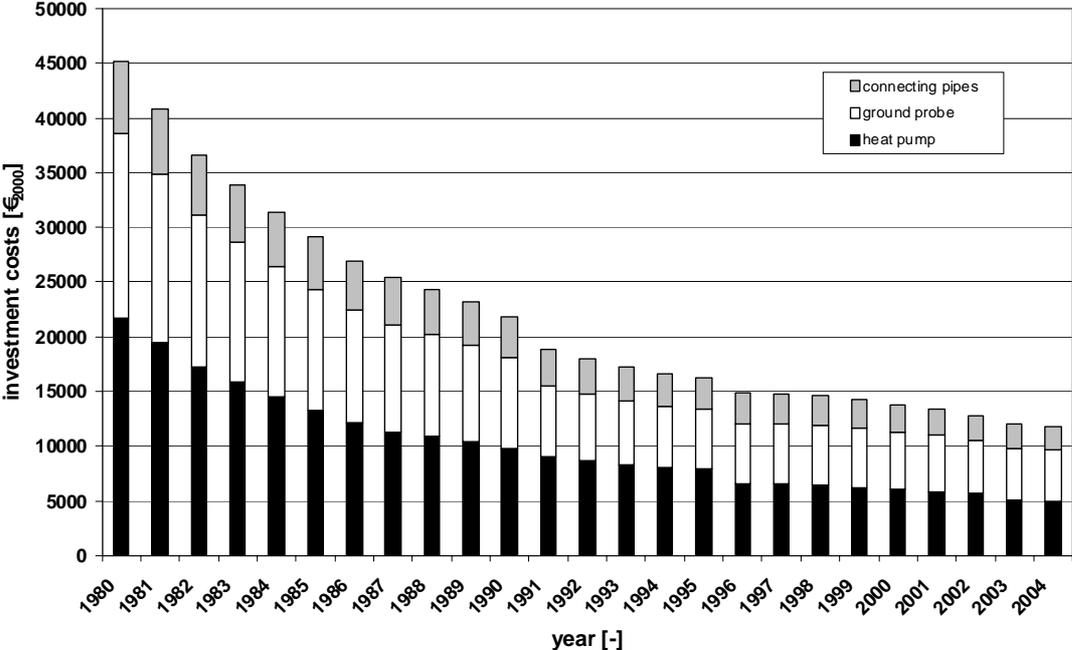


Figure 4.20 Inflation-adjusted development of investment costs for a 7,6 kW_{th} B0/W35 heat pump in Switzerland (base year 2000)

Source: (Beyeler, 2004).

Utilizing data from Figure 4.19 and Figure 4.20, a learning curve for the Swiss heat pump market can be calculated (see Figure 4.21). The resultant average learning factor for the Swiss market is 0.74.

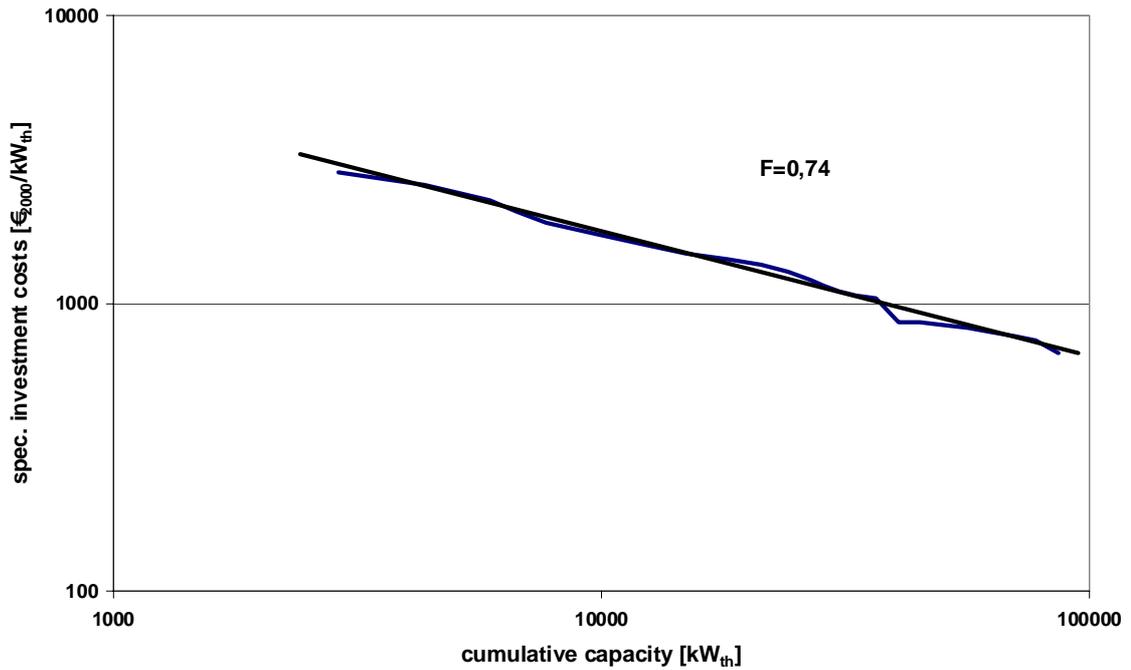


Figure 4.21 *Inflation-adjusted learning curve of the Swiss heat pump market 1980-2003*

This comes close to the result for the learning factor of the German heat pump market, which is 0.70. Due to the larger scale of heat pump production in Germany the advantage from learning is even a little better there.

Figure 4.22 illustrates the development of geothermal heat production in Switzerland.

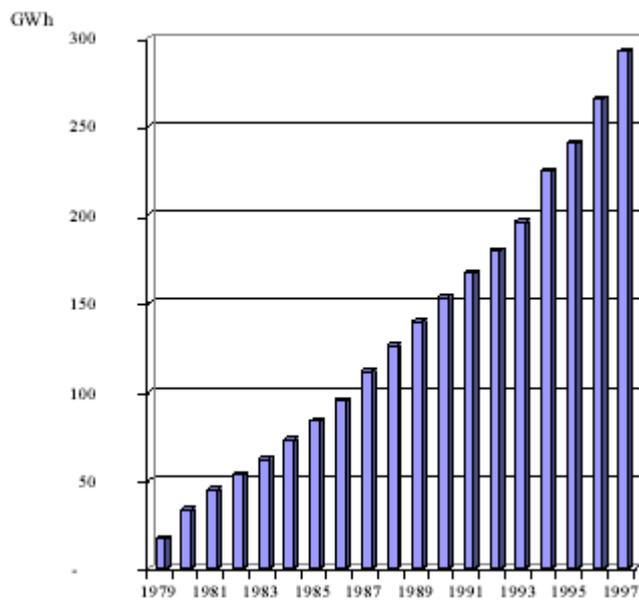


Figure 4.22 *Geothermal heat production (before the heat pump) in Switzerland*

In 2001, the budget of the Swiss government for R&D on heat pumps (‘Umgebungswärme’) amounted to some CHF 1.5 mln (\approx €1 mln) (Internet Source 25).

4.2.13 United States

In the United States, geothermal heat pump installations have steadily increased over the past 10 years with an annual growth rate of about 12%, mostly in the mid-western and eastern states from North Dakota to Florida. Relatively few heat pumps have been installed in the west. At the end of 1999, a total number of 400,000 units installed, with 45,000 installed annually. Today these figures are 450,000 and 50,000, respectively (Internet sources 26 and 27).

Historically, the fortunes of the electric heat pump have varied inversely with the fortunes of natural gas. Unitary heat pumps got a boost in North America in the mid 1970's when the oil crisis and the moratorium on new natural gas hook-ups led to the proliferation of heat pumps in the newly developing suburban areas. However, poor installations and reliability problems kept heat pumps from becoming as popular as they might have been. Heat pump shipments tumbled by one third in the four years from 1978 to 1982. When the gas moratorium was lifted soon after, the natural gas utilities had to invest to get gas service to the newest construction areas. Competition continues to be fierce, and the North American heat pump market continues to grow at a slow but steady pace (Internet source 28).

The biggest improvement in recent years has been to use of higher efficiency scroll compressors in many lines of heat pumps and air conditioners. Also, variable speed drives for compressors and fans help achieve better part load efficiencies. These are utilised in some of the higher end equipment. Most individual measures to improve efficiency are small, but they add up. There are research projects being undertaken by the industry's 21st Century Research program that show promise of adding efficiency, reliability and comfort.

Financial incentive schemes have been introduced by several electric utilities in the U.S. encouraging house owners to use groundwater heat pumps for space cooling/heating purposes and thus, reduce the peak loads on their electric systems. (Fridleifsson, 1998) The Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium (GHPC), a partnership of government, industry and over 240 utilities, has shown that an important first step to sustainability of the geothermal heat pump industry is a commitment from government to support market development and to build alliances and initiatives within a coalition of stakeholders. The GHPC has established the following goals:

- To reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 1.5 Mt annually by the year 2005.
- To increase annual unit sales of geothermal heat pump systems from 58,000 to 400,000 by the year 2005.
- To help the technology reach sufficient market penetration that it becomes self-sustaining without further help or incentives from government or utility sources.

To that end, the GHPS established a 6-year program. Until March 2001, the GHPC has invested more than \$ 50 mln to develop the geothermal heat pump market. (Internet sources 29 and 30)

4.3 International collaboration and targets

Since its inception, the primary purpose of IEA's Heat Pump Program (HPP) has been to foster continued and increased deployment of the heat pump technology to achieve improved energy efficiency and environmental benefits. Consequently, the Programme is established and designed to be a link between the R&D community and the market, a body that should facilitate a higher degree of market penetration for heat pumps. The basic idea behind the HPP is that different countries face many common challenges, and that these challenges are most effectively solved through international collaboration and pooling of resources (IEA Heat Pump Centre Newsletter, 2002).

Under the auspices of the IEA the so-called Annexes are executed, e.g. Annex 25, Annex 26, and Annex 27. Annex 25 covers 'Year-round Residential Space Conditioning and Comfort Control Using Heat Pumps'.

After three years of operation, Annex 25 has been finalised. Annex 26 covers ‘Advanced Supermarket Refrigeration/Heat Recovery Systems’. Countries involved are: the USA, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, and the UK. The total value of the research work under Annex 26 is approximately \$5 mln. This represents a leveraging of each participant’s funds of up to 10:1. Therefore, the total R&D budget from the IEA countries involved amounts to approximately \$ 50 mln.

The recently finalised Annex 27 covered ‘Selected Issues on CO₂ as Working Fluid in Compression Systems’. The main objective of this Annex was to bring CO₂ technology closer to commercialisation, by adding critical issues of both a basic and applied character. It is important to involve industry, especially manufacturers, as well as research organisations. The budgets of Annex 25 and 27 are unknown. Annex 28 deals with ‘Test Procedure and Seasonal Performance Calculation for Residential Heat Pumps with Combined Space Heating and Domestic Water Heating’ and is in the stage of start-up (IEA, 2003).

In an effort to contribute substantially to the increased use of renewable energies, to energy saving and to CO₂ emission reduction in Europe, the European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) intends to double the number of heat pumps that are expected to be installed in the year 2010, i.e. roughly 7.3 million (Internet source 31).

4.4 Summary of sales and R&D data

Figure 4.23 and Table 4.6 present annual sales of heat pumps in a number of countries. Sales of heat pumps in Europe are estimated at close to 600,000/year, in Japan at 2000/year, in Canada at 4000/year, and in the U.S. at 58,000/year. Global annual sales could amount to 660,000 or more.

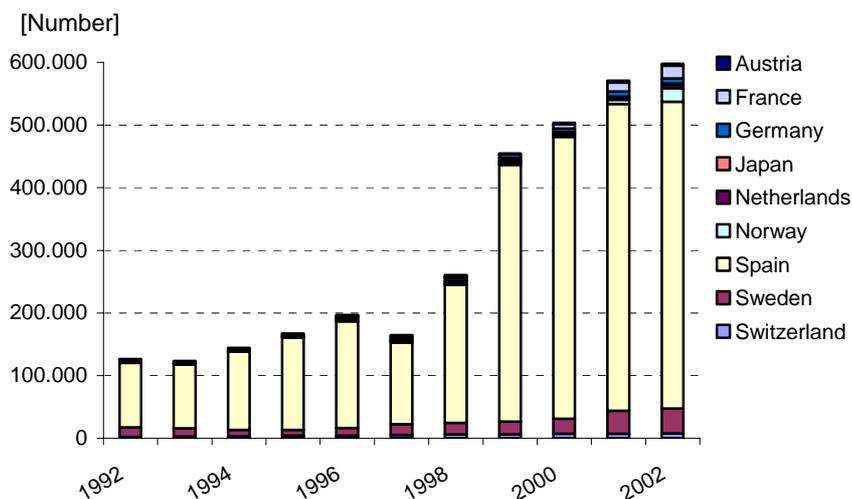


Figure 4.23 Sales of heat pumps in Europe and Japan (indicative)

Table 4.6 (Indicative) sales of heat pumps in Europe and Japan (1992-20003)

| | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Austria ¹ | 850 | 1125 | 1300 | 1450 | 1700 | 1675 | 1825 | 1850 | 2200 | 2980 | 2980 | 3500 |
| France | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | 1600 | 3200 | 5200 | 6800 | 14200 | 20000 | |
| Germany ¹ | 850 | 900 | 900 | 1200 | 2310 | 3580 | 4367 | 4717 | 5737 | 8213 | 8315 | 13521 |
| Japan ² | 250 | 275 | 275 | 700 | 775 | 900 | 1050 | 1250 | 1500 | 1850 | 2250 | |
| Netherlands | 721 | 721 | 721 | 721 | 2543 | 2381 | 3061 | 2818 | 2650 | 3327 | 5512 | |
| Norway | 1750 | 1000 | 1350 | 1275 | 1300 | 2100 | 2250 | 2650 | 3395 | 6300 | 21300 | 56000 |
| Spain ² | 103000 | 102000 | 124667 | 147333 | 170000 | 130000 | 220000 | 410000 | 450000 | 490000 | 490000 | 490000 |
| Sweden | 15200 | 13250 | 10040 | 8900 | 12300 | 17100 | 18400 | 20100 | 24250 | 36700 | 39825 | 49000 |
| Switzerland | 2260 | 2420 | 3309 | 4160 | 4207 | 5225 | 6155 | 6160 | 6943 | 7168 | 7554 | 8677 |
| Total | 126381 | 123191 | 144062 | 167239 | 196635 | 164561 | 260308 | 454745 | 503475 | 570738 | 597736 | |

¹ Heating-only heat pumps.

² Sales in Japan were extrapolated after 1996; sales in Spain were assumed to remain stable after 2001.

Figure 4.23 and Table 4.6 also show the recovery of international heat pump market during the nineties, when sales almost quintupled from 126,000 in 1992 to 598,000 in 2002. Table 4.7 shows that the total number of installed heat pumps in the regions considered – Western Europe, Japan, and North America – could amount to approximately 4.5 million.

Table 4.7 Indicative numbers of installed heat pumps (2002) for selected countries

| | Ground-source heat pumps | Air-to-water/air-to-air heat pumps | Total |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Austria | 27,200 | 137,800 | 165,000 |
| Canada | 30,000 | - | 30,000 |
| France | 500 | 247,500 | 248,000 |
| Germany | 21,200 | 87,200 | 108,400 |
| Japan | 300 | 12,500 | 12,800 |
| Netherlands | 1,200 | 32,000 | 33,200 |
| Norway | 58,300 | - | 58,300 |
| Spain | - | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| Sweden | 73,500 | 231,000 | 304,500 |
| Switzerland | 25,400 | 60,000 | 85,400 |
| United States | 450,000 | - | 450,000 |
| Total | 687,600 | 3,808,000 | 4,495,600 |

The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) estimated that 800,000 heat pump units (of all kinds) were installed annually in 1988, 25,000 of which geothermal heat pumps (Lund, 1990). Table 4.8 gives an overview of the global development of geothermal heat pumps in 2000 based on (Lund, 2003a) and (Internet source 8).

Table 4.8 *Worldwide geothermal heat pump installations in 2000*

| Country | Capacity [MW _{th}] | Energy produced [TJ/a] | [GWh/a] | Heat pump installations | Equivalents of demand of 12 kW _{th} |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---|
| Australia | 24 | 57.6 | 16 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Austria | 228 | 1,094 | 303.9 | 19,000 | 19,000 |
| Bulgaria | 13.3 | 162 | 45 | 16 | 1,108 |
| Canada | 360 | 891 | 247.5 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Czech Republic | 8 | 38.2 | 10.6 | 390 | 663 |
| Denmark | 3 | 20.8 | 5.8 | 250 | 250 |
| Finland | 80.5 | 484 | 134.4 | 10,000 | 6,708 |
| France | 48 | 255 | 70.8 | 120 | 4,000 |
| Germany | 344 | 1,149 | 319.2 | 18,000 | 28,667 |
| Greece | 0.4 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 3 | 33 |
| Hungary | 3.8 | 20.2 | 5.6 | 317 | 317 |
| Iceland | 4 | 20 | 5.6 | 3 | 333 |
| Italy | 1.2 | 6.4 | 1.8 | 100 | 100 |
| Japan | 3.9 | 64 | 17.8 | 323 | 323 |
| Lithuania | 21 | 598.8 | 166.3 | 13 | 1,750 |
| Netherlands | 10.8 | 57.4 | 15.9 | 900 | 900 |
| Norway | 6 | 31.9 | 8.9 | 500 | 500 |
| Russia | 1.2 | 11.5 | 3.2 | 100 | 100 |
| Poland | 26.2 | 108.3 | 30.1 | 4,000 | 2,183 |
| Serbia | 6 | 40 | 11.1 | 500 | 500 |
| Slovak Republic | 1.4 | 12.1 | 3.4 | 8 | 117 |
| Slovenia | 2.6 | 46.8 | 13 | 63 | 217 |
| Sweden | 377 | 4,128 | 1,146.7 | 55,000 | 31,417 |
| Switzerland ¹ | 300 | 1,962 | 545 | 21,000 | 25,000 |
| Turkey | 0.5 | 4 | 1.1 | 23 | 43 |
| UK | 0.6 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 49 | 53 |
| USA | 4800 | 12,000 | 3,333.3 | 350,000 | 400,000 |
| Total | 6,675.4 | 23,268.8 | 6,463.6 | 512,678 | 556,282 |

¹ Internet source 8.

Table 4.9 shows a few data regarding government expenditures on R&D on heat pumps, based on the preceding paragraphs on IEA countries and the IEA Heat Pump program.

Table 4.9 *Government expenditures on R&D with regard to heat pumps*

| | 1974 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|--------------|------|------|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|
| France | | | 300 k€ | | | | | | | |
| Germany | | | € 7.5 million (1974-1998) | | | | | | | |
| Switzerland | | | | | | | | € 1 mln | | |
| IEA Annex 26 | | | | | | | | (€ 50 mln) | | |

The budget for IEA Annex 26 is shown between brackets as the R&D involved is related to 'Advanced Supermarket Refrigeration/Heat Recovery Systems', which is not identical to R&D on heat pumps.

5. Condensing Boilers

5.1 Technology description

Saving primary energy has been energy technology's main purpose for the last decades. A very significant part in reaching this target can be played by condensing boilers. Condensing boilers are an evolution of conventional boiler systems, with additional heat production by condensation of the steam fraction from the flue gas stream. Thus, the utilisation of the fuel's energy content can exceed the lower heating value LHV, which is a limit to conventional systems. This means efficiency rates higher than 100% (relative to the LHV) are possible, as condensing boilers are capable of also utilising the enthalpy of evaporation concealed in the steam fraction of the flue gas by condensing. Using natural gas as a fuel 10 to 11 percents of efficiency can be gained by a condensing boiler compared to a non-condensing system; using oil the advantage over conventional systems is just 5.5 to 6 percents - the difference in potential usually makes gas-fuelled condensing boilers the more attractive alternative.

Further advantages of condensing boiler technology comprise fuel variability (either oil or/and different kinds of gas), low space demand, low emissions, low noise, high degree of modulation, and good cost/performance ratio due to high degrees of systems integration of burners and boilers. Besides, the lower flow rates allow the integration of downsized fittings, thus reducing investment costs. In combination with the savings from lower fuel consumption a high economic efficiency can be obtained, including short payback periods. Figure 5.1 gives an overview of a condensing boiler's main components and their functions.

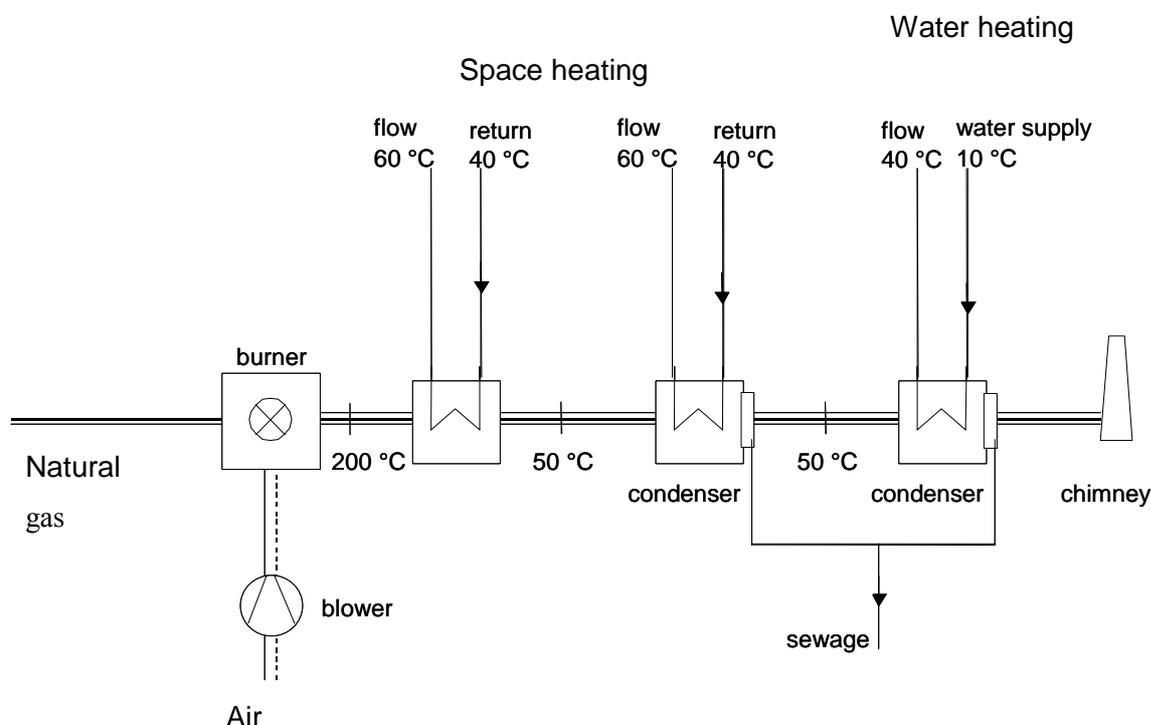


Figure 5.1 Scheme of a gas-fuelled condensing boiler

Condensing boilers primarily were designed for large systems with capacities of several hundred kW to meet with industrial demands. Meanwhile, suitable capacities for residential space

heating have been offered. From their market introduction in the early 1980s, condensing boilers have continuously made their way towards becoming a considerable factor in the heat supply market. In 2002 condensing boilers for residential space heating have reached market shares of 89% of all gas boilers for residential space heating in the Netherlands (1996: 56%), 62% in Germany (1996: 18%), 13% in the UK (1996: 4%), 3% in Italy, 44% in Austria, 16% in Denmark, and 21% in Belgium (Pfannstiel, 2003; Haug et al, 1998). However, the statistics is led by Switzerland, where condensing boilers in 2002 have made 100% of all gas boilers sold for residential space heating (Pfannstiel, 2003).

5.2 Cost and capacity development

A first examination of condensing boilers` investment costs has been given by (Blesl, 2002) (see Figure 5.2), with a comparison of investment costs for condensing boilers and conventional systems over capacity.

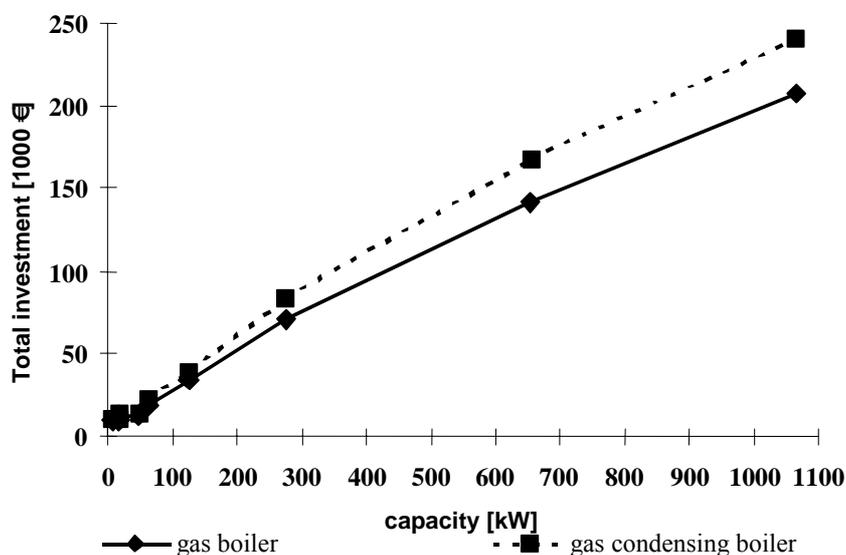


Figure 5.2 Comparing investment costs of low temperature gas boilers and gas-fuelled condensing boilers over capacity, construction of district heat stations included

Source: Blesl 2002.

Further cost data are available through EWU for the years 1992, 1994, and 1999, as illustrated by Figure 5.3. Additionally, the cumulative capacities of condensing boilers in the German market are depicted in Figure 5.4.

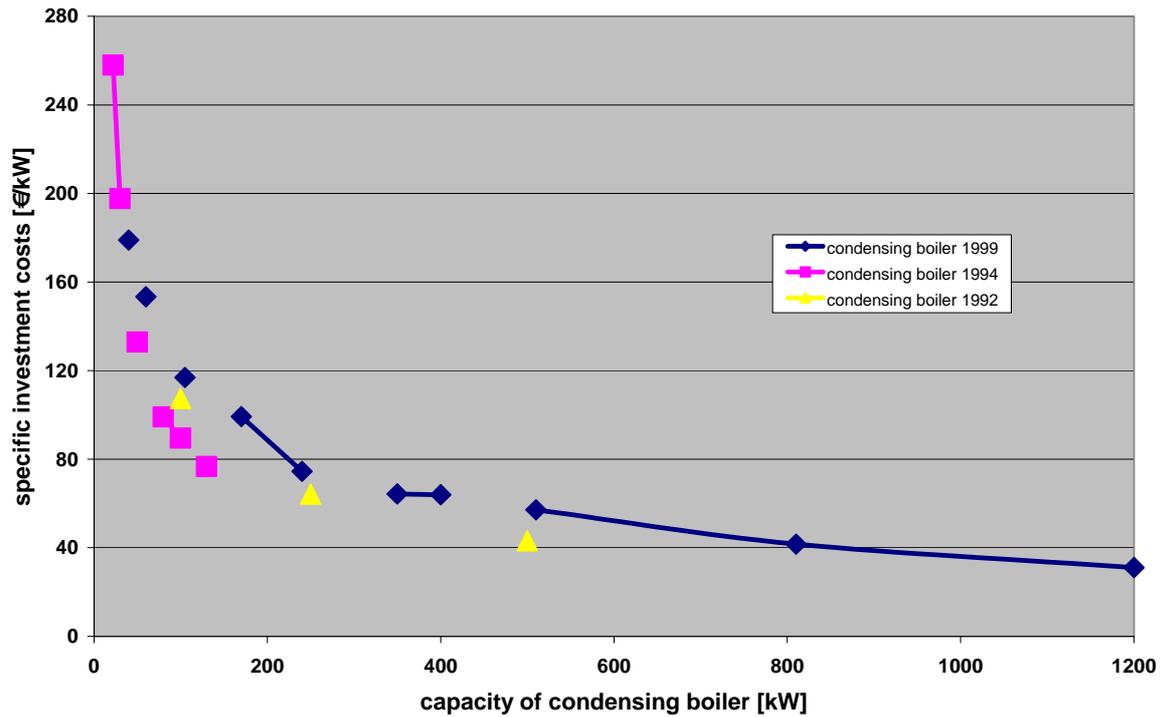


Figure 5.3 *Specific investment costs of condensing boilers in Germany for different years*
Source: (EWU 1992, 1994, 1999).

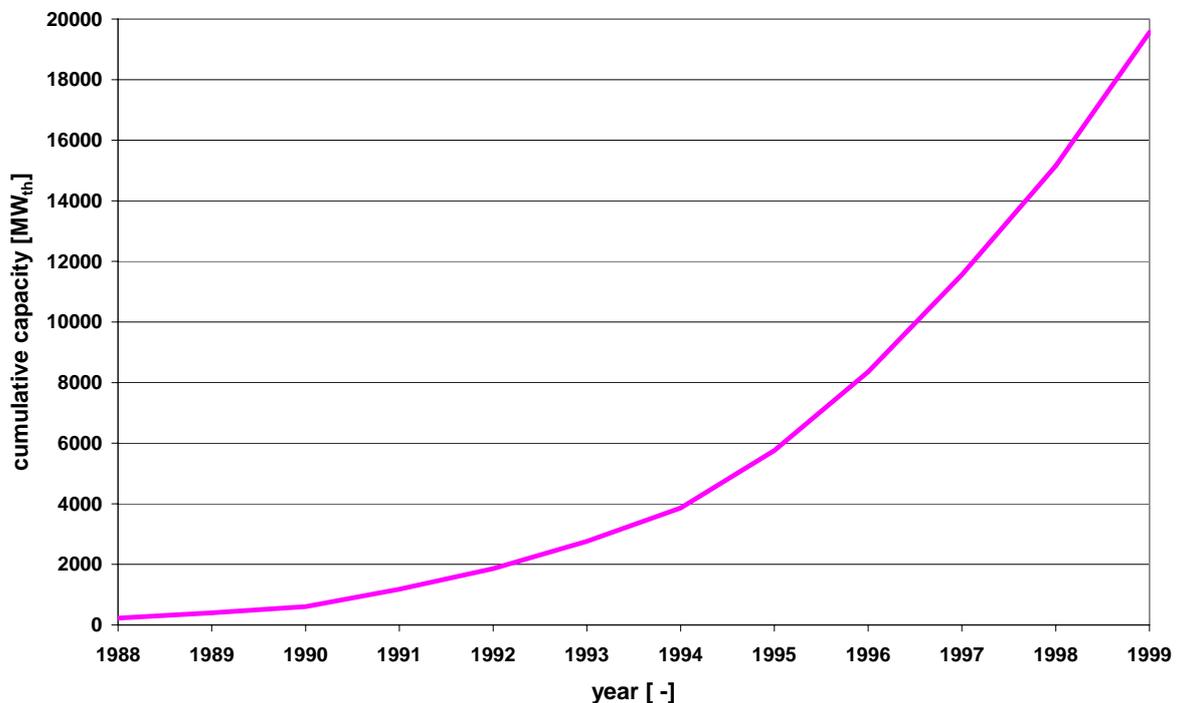


Figure 5.4 *Cumulative capacity of condensing boilers installed in Germany 1988-1999*
Source: (Beckervordersandforth, 2001).

With the information delivered by the two diagrams a learning curve can be constructed (see Figure 5.5).

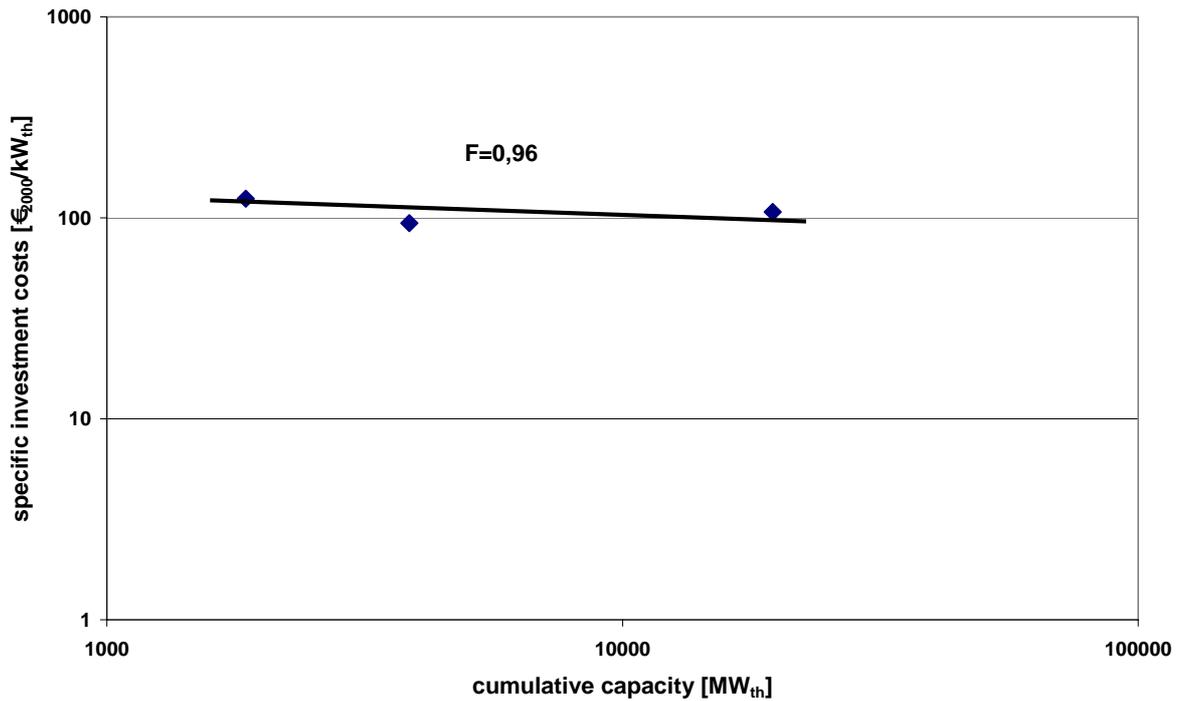


Figure 5.5 *Inflation-adjusted learning curve for the German condensing boiler market 1992-1999*

For the German market the learning factor of condensing boilers is 0,96 (see Figure 5.5).

Haug et al. 1998 have dealt with the development of investment costs of condensing boilers over cumulative sales for several European markets. For the Dutch market (see Figure 5.6) there was sufficient data available to examine learning effects.

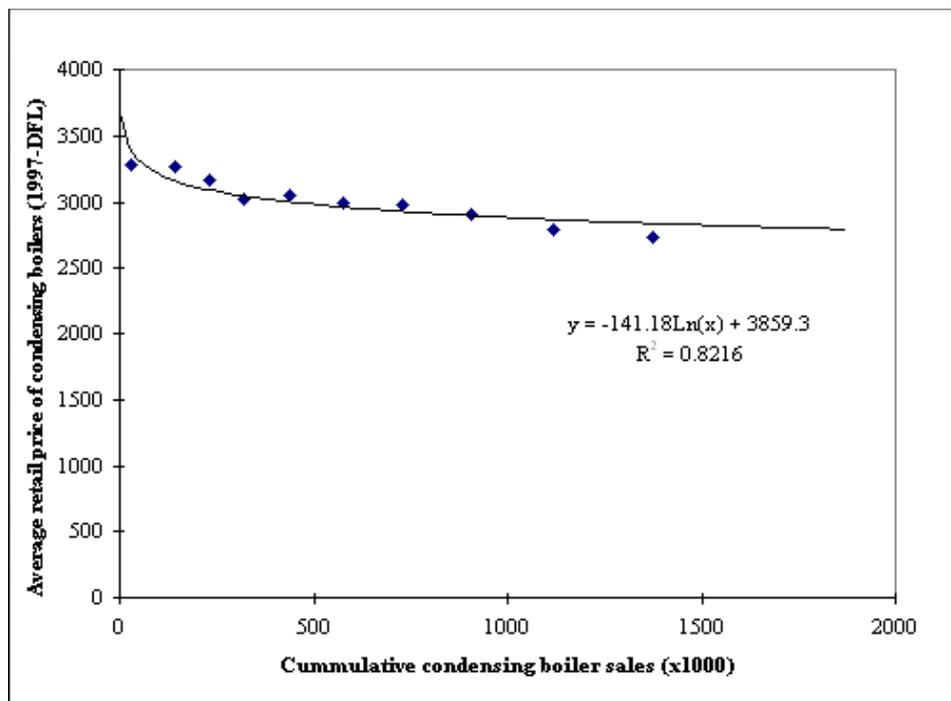


Figure 5.6 *Development of investment costs of condensing boilers in the Dutch market over cumulative sales for capacities between 15 and 25 kW*

Source: (Haug et al., 1998)

The learning curve for the Netherlands is shown in Figure 5.7.

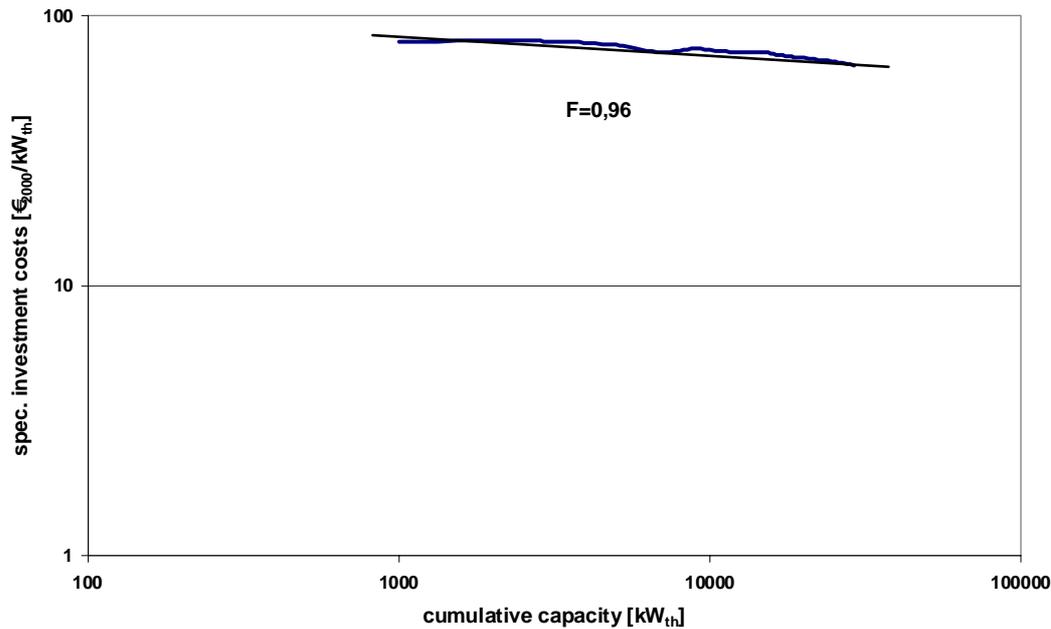


Figure 5.7 *Inflation-adjusted learning curve of condensing boilers in the Netherlands 1983-1997*

Exactly like for the German market, the learning factor for the Netherlands is 0,96. This is a pretty small learning factor, that proves that the condensing boiler is a mature and established technology with very little opportunities for further cost reductions left unless by a continuous widening of production.

A first comparative overview of operational costs of 12 and 60 kW_{th} low temperature gas boilers and condensing boilers is given by Table 5.1

Table 5.1 *Overview of basic data for low temperature gas boilers and gas condensing boilers*

| | | Low temperature gas boilers | | Gas condensing boilers | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| | | 12 | 60 | 12 | 60 |
| Capacity | [kW _{th}] | 12 | 60 | 12 | 60 |
| Annual use efficiency | [%] | 90 | 89 | 96 | 94 |
| Spec. investment costs | [€/MWh _{th}] | 345 | 165 | 445 | 193 |
| Spec. fixed operational costs | [€/MWh _{th}] | 17 | 8 | 17 | 8 |
| Spec. other variable costs | [€/MWh _{th}] | 1.15 | 1.05 | 1.1 | 1.14 |

It becomes obvious that conventional low temperature gas boilers have lower specific investment costs than gas-fired condensing boilers. Instead, the annual use efficiencies of condensing boilers are higher. Whereas the fixed operational costs (e.g. for maintenance) are the same for both types of boilers, the spec. other variable costs of condensing boilers can be 4,3% lower for small capacities (12 kW_{th}), due to better fuel utilisation. For larger capacities (60 kW_{th}) with a lower annual use efficiency (in compare to the smaller-sized condensing boiler), spec. other variable costs can be higher than for conventional boilers.

6. Organic Rankine Cycle

6.1 Technology description

Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) is a rather new technology for the production of heat and electricity. ORC plants are particularly suitable for the utilisation of heat from geothermal sources or biomass combustion. ORC's technical principle resembles the conventional Rankine process as used for electricity production by steam turbines. The basic difference is the application of liquid (organic) hydrocarbons, like toluene, isopentane, isooctane or polysiloxane oil as a working fluid, instead of water. The respective plant layouts are accordingly similar. With biomass fed ORC plants, biomass is combusted with air supply in a boiler. The heat produced thereby is transferred to a thermo-oil cycle by a heat exchanger. Another heat exchanger evaporates the working fluid in the ORC circulation system to drive the turbine. A generator connected to the turbine turns the turbine's mechanical energy into electricity. The heat left in the ORC circulation system is transferred to a heat consumer cycle by a condenser, e.g. for a district heating application. This cycle also takes up the waste heat from the flue gas of the combustion, thus enhancing thermal overall efficiency. The basic process of a (biomass-fueled) ORC plant is shown in Figure 6.1. An advanced version of an ORC plant operating with combustion air preheated by the flue gas is depicted in Figure 6.2.

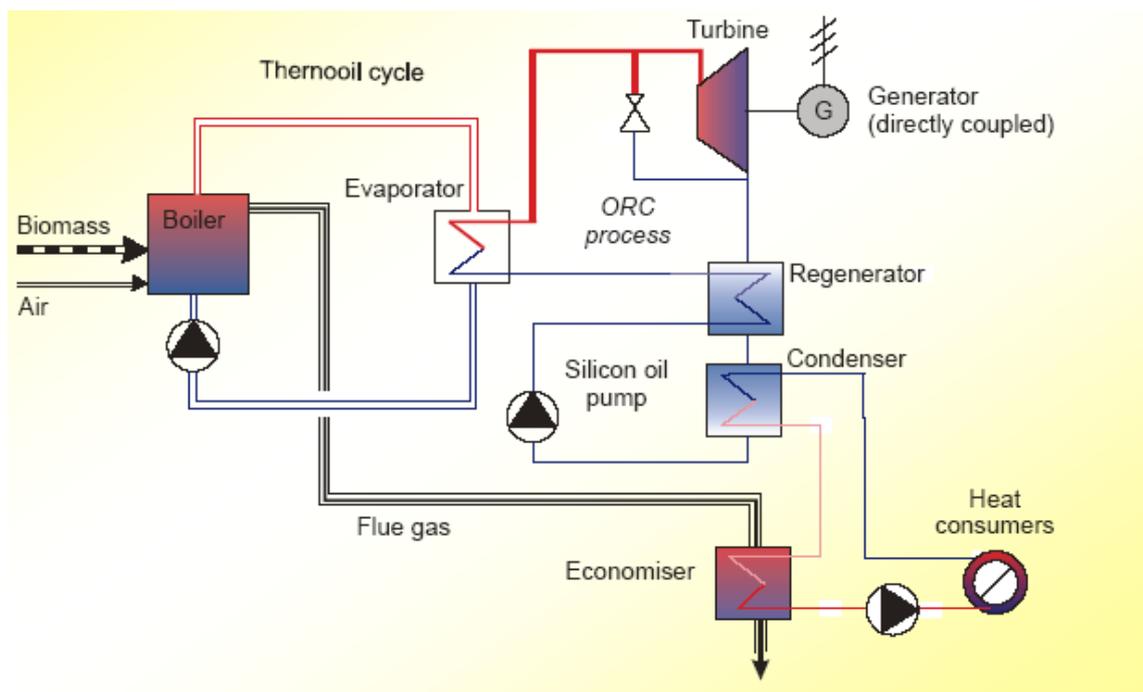


Figure 6.1 *Process scheme of a biomass-fueled ORC plant*

Source: Obernberger, 2003.

When utilising geothermal heat in an ORC plant, the thermo-oil cycle is dispensed with, so that the hot water from the well is directly used for the evaporation of the organic working fluid. The rest of the layout is similar to that of biomass fed plants, yet without the additional components for the recovery of the heat from the flue gases. One of the advantages of the ORC concept, compared to a steam based Rankine process, is the lower boiling temperature of the organic working fluids. Hence heat of a temperature level even below 300°C can be used for electricity production. Turbine efficiency is 85% with good controllability and excellent properties of the turbine under part load (operating range 10-100%) (Obernberger, Hammerschmied, 1999). The

turbine has a very short start-up period enabling flexible temporal operation. Overall efficiency including waste heat utilisation can be from 70 up to 105%, if a flue gas cooling system is applied to condense the steam fractions of the flue gases. By choosing an appropriate working fluid, the process can be adjusted to the conditions both on the hot and the cold side of the plant, thus achieving the maximum efficiency. The plants can be operated in a completely automated mode, and ORC technology already has positive operational records. Moreover, ORC plants have very low maintenance costs.

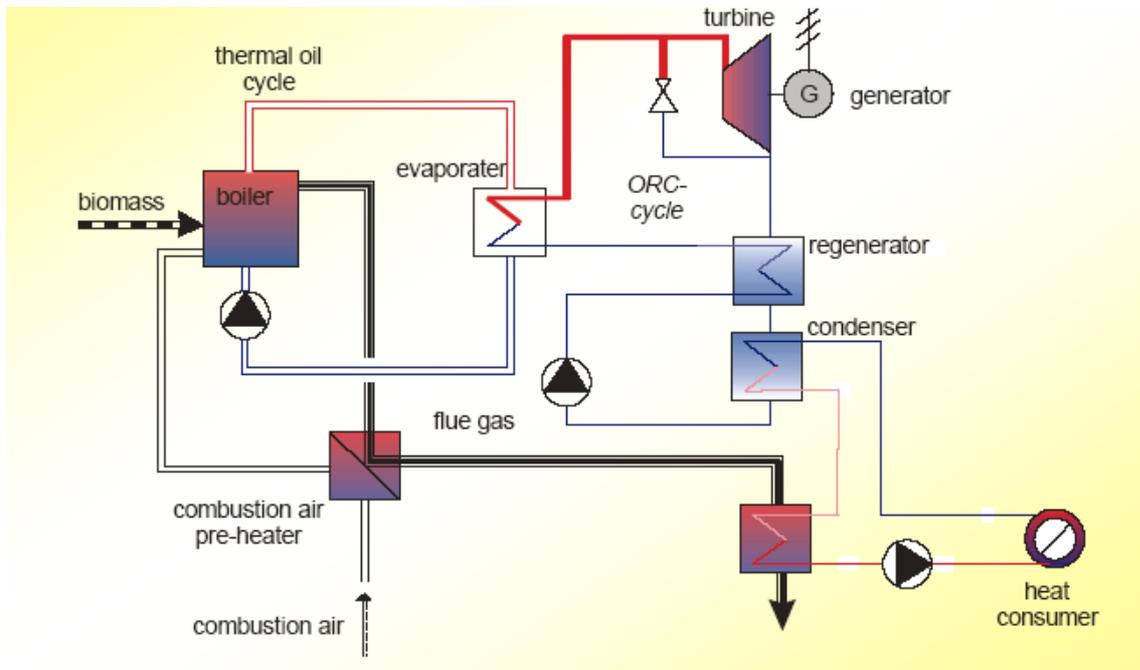


Figure 6.2 *Advanced ORC plant with combustion air pre-heater*
Source: (Oberberger, 2003)

The essential disadvantages of ORC plants concern their high demand of heat exchanger surface if thermo-oil is involved in the process and the fact that there is only a heat-conducted operation mode possible. Beside these points, ORC plants need high full load operation periods of 4000-6000 hours per year for cost effectiveness, and their electrical efficiency of 13-18% (relative to the energy content of the fuel) is very low. The electricity-heat ratio of ORC plants is 0.23, which is also very low compared to competitive power generating technologies. Current overall investment costs are 7475 €/kW_{el} (reference: Admont ORC plant, Austria), which is severalfold higher than investment costs of conventional power plants. Using geothermal sources has specific investment costs of 2529 €/kW_{el} (Kaltschmitt et al., 2003) with a range of electrical efficiency between 4 and 13%, relative to the heat content of the hot water pumped from the ground. Most significant technical data, classified by different sources of heat, is summarised in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1 *Basic data on the utilisation of heat from different sources in ORC plants*

| | | Heat source | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Geothermia | Biomass combustion | Industrial processes (1985) |
| Range of capacities available | [kW _e] | 100-1200 | 100-2000 | 100-10000 |
| Electrical efficiency | [%] | 4-13 | 13-18 | 15 |
| Spec. overall investment costs (reference value) | €/kW _e | 2529 (850 kW _e) | 7765 (400 kW _e) | 1235-2556 (960 kW _e) |
| Thermal range of heat source | [°C] | 100-240 | max. 1100 | 100-400 |

6.2 Current capacity

Currently plant capacities between 100 kW_e and 1,5 MW_e are available. In Germany, nine plants with a total of 6500 kW_e are operating (reference year 2004) (Gaderer, 2002; Mrowald, 1999; Kohlbach, 2004) plus one 1500 kW_e plant being under construction. Throughout Europe there are another 23 plants with a total of 28100 kW_e in service or under construction (see Table 6.2).

Table 6.2 *ORC plants in Europe*

| Country/location | Capacity [kW _e] | Commissioning year | Comments |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| <i>Germany</i> | | | |
| Lengfurt | 1200 | 1999 | Utilisation of industrial waste heat from cement production. |
| Sauerlach | 480 | 2001 | District heating; overall investment costs 8900 k€. |
| Weimar | 500 | 2002 | |
| Friedland | 500 | 2001 | |
| Wurzbach | 400 | 2001 | |
| Lobenstein | 500 | Unknown | |
| Ostfildern | 1000 | 2002 | Wood chip combustion as heat source; overall investment costs 5202 k€, investment costs ORC 1607 k€. |
| Hengersberg | 1500 | Under construction | |
| Neckarsulm | 1000 | 002 | District heating; investment costs ORC 1400 k€, overall investment costs 6000 k€. |
| Ploessberg | 1100 | 2003 | Wood combustion; heat supply for the drying process of a pellet factory. |
| <i>Austria</i> | | | |
| Admont | 400 | 1998 | Overall investment costs 3200 k€. |
| Lienz | 1000 | 2002 | District heating; investment costs ORC 1360 k€. |
| Fussach | 1000 | 2001 | Incl. absorption chiller (1350 k€), CHP 6140 k€. |
| Seyring (Vienna) | 1000 | 2002 | Incl. absorption chiller. |
| Altheim | 1000 | 2001 | Utilisation of geothermal heat, overall investment costs 5 M€ incl. drilling. |
| Klosterneuburg | 200 | 2002 | |
| Großarl | 600 | 2004 | District heating. |
| Hall (Tyrolia) | 1000 | 2005 | District heating. |
| Leoben | 3·1500 | 2005 | Heat supply for a drying process. |
| Bregenz | 1000 | 2002 | Integrated in a PET bottle plant, incl. absorption chiller. |
| Siezenheim | 1500 | 2004 | District heating. |
| Lofer | 600 | 2004 | District heating. |
| Abtenau | 1100 | 2004 | Heat supply for the drying process of a pellet factory. |
| Längenfeld | 1100 | 2004 | District heating. |
| Thal Aue | 1100 | 2004 | Heat supply for a drying process. |
| Theurl | 1000 | 2004 | |
| <i>Switzerland</i> | | | |
| Bière | 300 | 1998 | District heating. |
| Crissier | 500 | 2001 | Heat from waste wood combustion. |
| <i>Hungary</i> | | | |
| Kaszó | 1100 | Under construction | |
| <i>Italy</i> | | | |
| Tirano | 1000 | 2003 | District heating. |
| Dobbiaco/Toblach | 1500 | 2003 | District heating. |
| Nocera Inferiore | 450 | 2004 | Heat from waste incineration utilized. |
| Schluderns | 450 | 2005 | |
| <i>France</i> | | | |
| Soultz-sous-Forêts | 6000 | 2005 | Utilisation of geothermal heat. |
| <i>Czech Republic</i> | | | |
| Trhove Sviny | 600 | 2005 | District heating. |

Source: Gaderer, 2002; Mrowald, 1999; Kohlbach, 2004; Turboden, 2004)

Besides the heat sources mentioned, ORC plants can also be operated using waste heat from industrial processes. For example, the ORC plant at Lengfurt, Germany, is supplied with heat from cement production (about 275°C) (Mrowald, 1999).

6.3 Investment Costs And Learning Curve Approach

Investment costs of the most significant ORC components are shown in Table 6.3. Compared to other technologies of large-scale heat production, ORC plants result to be quite expensive. Therefore the operation of ORC plants is still depending on public subsidies.

Investment costs of a technology do not grow proportionally with plant capacity. The capacity-related investment costs of a technology though can be calculated by the formula

$$I_1 = \sum_{j=1}^J i_{j,0} \cdot \left(\frac{c_{j,1}}{c_{j,0}} \right)^{n_j}$$

with:

- I = investment costs of plant,
- I = investment costs of component,
- J = number of components
- c = capacity
- n = exponent of degression
 - index 0: data of base capacity
 - index 1: plant/component to be examined

Table 6.3 *Current investment costs for ORC plant components*

| Component | Base capacity | Investment costs [€] | Exponent of degression |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Thermo-oil boiler incl. ash removal and control system | 5000 kW _{th} | 784000 | 0,48 |
| Fuel supply incl. silo | 5000 kW _{th} | 52000 | 1,40 |
| Electrostatic flue gas filter | 5000 kW _{th} | 165000 | 0,34 |
| ORC module incl. generator and control system | 1200 kW _e | 1250000 | 0,68 |

As there is quasi just one manufacturer of ORC core technology in the market, it is no use to examine European ORC applications split up into national markets. Instead, the European ORC market is regarded as one. The learning curve of European ORC technology is shown in Figure 6.3. As the data for this curve come from different countries (Germany and Austria) no inflation-adjustment could be performed.

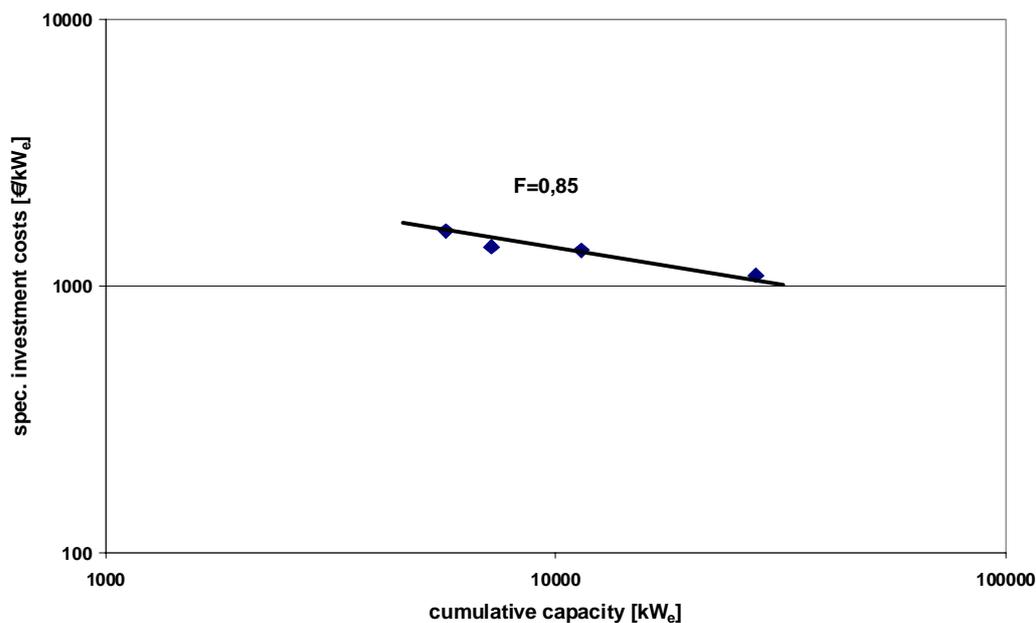


Figure 6.3 *Learning curve for ORC modules (European market)*

The learning factor for ORC modules is currently 0,85, which is quite typical for this stage of the technology, as there's no serial production of ORC modules so far. For the calculation of the overall investment costs it is important to know that the ORC module is just one part of the entire plant, as there are a lot of other components required, depending on the plant's purpose (e. g. district heating supply) and its energy source (for instance geothermia or combustion of different kinds of waste materials or fuels) utilized. Some of the other components that are vital to the operation of an ORC plant have already been produced in serial production (e. g. the boilers, pumps, heat exchangers), some have to be manufactured in single production without a chance for serial production (buildings, fuel preparation). For these parts neither a general or an essential cost reduction should be expected even for an increased cumulative capacity.

6.4 Current R&D issues

R&D activities in ORC technology are focussing on the quest for new organic working fluids and new energy sources, especially from different kinds of industrial processes. In the geothermal area the number of plants projected is steadily increasing. Besides, the manufacturers of ORC modules are eager to develop and install serial production facilities in order to raise the output and cut down production costs.

7. Capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide

Carbon dioxide capture and sequestration (CCS) has gained a lot of interest lately, not only in the context of climate change, where it may be used to mitigate the effects of CO₂ emissions, but also from industry, as it provides a motive for extension of lifetime of coal power plants in the USA. While it is regarded as a new technology in the context of energy systems, in the chemical industry CO₂ separation already occurs for process purposes. However, as industry and material flows fall outside the scope of this study, the industrial use of CO₂ separation will not be treated, and hence the focus will be on energy related CO₂ capture. Furthermore, the use of natural occurring CO₂ for enhanced oil recovery and the single example where it is used for enhanced coalbed methane recovery will not be considered here.

7.1 Current status of CCS

The development of CCS is mostly in the research and development phase, with only three demonstration projects in progress. Presently, only tree sites are actually capturing and storing the captured CO₂. In Norway, CO₂ is captured from gas mined at the Sleipner oil field, and sequestered instead of vented to the atmosphere. At the Weyburn facility in Canada CO₂ from a coal gasification plant in the USA is used in enhanced oil recovery. Further projects with CO₂ capture from energy processes are announced but are only on the drawing board at this time, such as capture and storage at LNG facility in Australia.

7.2 Technologies

The IEA GHG R&D programme has collected an extensive number of reports containing thorough descriptions of technologies, with all possibilities and parameters. For detailed technology analysis and comparison these are very valuable, but for large energy system analysis tools, they prove to be too detailed. For this study, two technology options for capture will be retained. They cover the bulk of the capture possibilities and have a wide area of application that is favourable for technology spill over effects.

7.2.1 Post combustion separation and capture of CO₂

A variety of techniques is available for post-combustion separation of CO₂ from the flue gas. The main one in use today is scrubbing the gas stream using an amine solution. After leaving the scrubber, the amine is heated to release high purity CO₂ and the CO₂-free amine is then re-used. This option can also be used for separation of CO₂ from other gas streams. As an example of the process, Figure 7.1 shows the capture from a natural gas turbine.

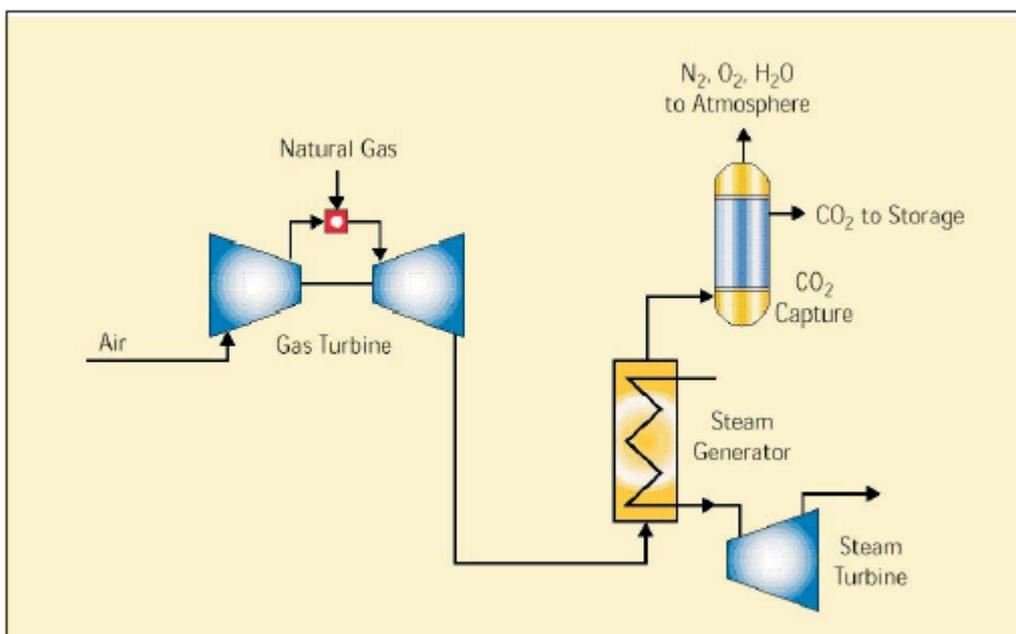


Figure 7.1 *Post-combustion capture of CO₂, here shown for capture from a gas turbine*

In many respects, post-combustion capture of CO₂ is analogous to flue gas desulphurisation (FGD), which is widely used on coal- and oil-fired power stations to reduce emissions of SO₂. The flue gas has low concentrations of CO₂, ranging from 14% in pulverised coal (PC) power plants, through 9% for integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) power plants, to as low as 4% in natural gas combined cycle (NGCC) power plants. This leads to large volumes of gas that have to be handled, resulting in large and expensive equipment. A further disadvantage of the low CO₂ concentration is that powerful solvents have to be used to capture CO₂. Consequently the regeneration of these solvents in order to release the CO₂ requires a large amount of energy. The CO₂ capture rate presently is about 85%, and is expected to increase to 90% in 2010, i.e. 85% of the carbon contained in the flue gases (and hence in the fuel) is separated and ready for storage, the remaining 15% is vented in the air.

The CO₂-concentration can be increased greatly by using concentrated oxygen instead of air for combustion, either in a boiler or a gas turbine. If fuel is burnt in pure oxygen, the flame temperature is excessively high, so some CO₂-rich flue gas would be recycled to the combustor to make the flame temperature similar to that in a normal combustor. The advantage of oxygen-blown combustion is that the flue gas typically has a CO₂ concentration of over 90%, so only simple CO₂ purification is required. The disadvantage is that production of oxygen is expensive, both in terms of capital cost and energy consumption. This option is actually not considered due to lack of information about dedicated oxygen technologies (turbines, combustion chambers) for power technologies.

The post combustion option is considered to be suitable for CO₂ capture from all flue gas flows from power plants (and large industrial boilers). As mentioned above, it is even suitable for other processes involving the separation of CO₂ from gas streams; e.g. the Sleipner project uses the same technology with amine scrubbers to remove excess CO₂ from the extracted natural gas.

7.2.2 Pre-combustion capture of CO₂

An alternative way to increase the CO₂ concentration and partial pressure is to use pre-combustion capture. This involves reacting the fuel with oxygen and/or steam to give mainly carbon monoxide and hydrogen. Carbon monoxide (CO) is reacted with steam in a catalytic reactor, called a shift converter, to give CO₂ and more hydrogen. The CO₂ is then separated, e.g.

using Selexol as solvent and with depressurisation to release the CO₂. The hydrogen (H₂) is used as fuel in a gas turbine combined cycle plant. In principle, the process is the same for coal, oil or natural gas. In Figure 7.2 a simplified diagram of a coal-fired (IGCC) power plant with pre-combustion capture of CO₂.

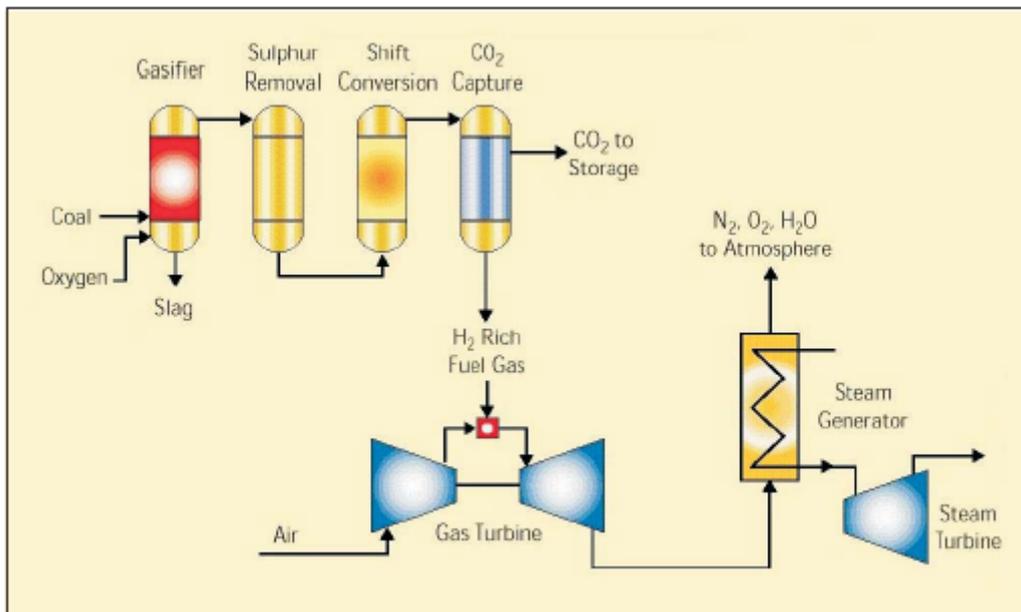


Figure 7.2 *Pre-combustion of CO₂, here shown for an integrated gasification combined cycle process*

Although pre-combustion capture involves a more radical change to the design of the power plant, most of the technology is already well proven in ammonia production and other industrial processes. One of the novel aspects is that the fuel gas is essentially hydrogen. Although it is expected that it will be possible to burn hydrogen in an existing gas turbine with little modification, this is not a commercially proven technology. Nevertheless, at least two gas turbine manufacturers are known to have undertaken tests on combustion of hydrogen-rich fuels.

The hydrogen produced in pre-combustion capture processes could, alternatively, be used to generate electricity in a fuel cell. The technology of capture and storage is therefore expected to be suitable for future as well as current power generation technologies, and may even prove to be useful in a transition towards an energy system without fossil fuels.

Pre-combustion capture can be considered suitable for all fuel treatment processes in which hydrocarbons are shifted to H₂ and CO₂. Thus it can play a role in fossil fuel gasification for electricity generation as well as in H₂ production from the (partial) oxidation of natural gas, oil or solid fuels (coal and biomass). The capture rate presently lies above 90%, and is can reach 97% for H₂ production facilities. The Weyburn facility uses CO₂ from a synthetic fuel plant and hence is an example of a pre-combustion separation and capture process.

7.3 Characteristics of CO₂ capture technologies

7.3.1 Costs of CO₂ capture

The costs of carbon capture are usually expressed as additional costs, rather than in terms of absolute costs. For post-combustion CO₂ capture, these additional costs are expected to decrease roughly one third between now and 2012 (Herzog, 1999, 2003; David, 2003).

For the long term, an assumption on the floor costs can be made, which will still depend on the type process used as well as on the fuel used. The actual costs for the various technologies are summarized in Table 7.1, which however does not include the option of retrofitting existing coal-fired plants. It is expected that retrofitting can be done at additional cost of 710 $\$/kW_{\text{electric}}$.

Table 7.1 *Additional cost of CO₂ capture for pre- and post combustion capture*

| Process | 2000 [\$/kW _e] | 2003 [\$/kW _e] | 2012 [\$/kW _e] | floor cost [\$/kW _e] |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pre combustion capture | | 451-504 | 314 | 180 |
| Post combustion coal | 920 | 890 | 623 | 400 |
| Post combustion gas | 470 | 370 | 314 | 200 |

Source: Herzog, 1999, 2003

7.3.2 Energy penalty of CO₂ capture

The capture of CO₂ from an electricity producing process will result in a loss of efficiency, which is called the energy penalty. Thus, the energy penalty of CO₂ capture is the difference in efficiency between similar power plants without and with CO₂ capture. It is largest for post-combustion processes, where it currently lays around ten percent for coal fired power plants, and slightly less for gas fired power plants. These energy penalties are expected to decrease due to further optimization of the components in the CO₂ capture process, to six percent by 2010. For pre-combustion capture the energy penalty is expected to decrease from its present level of a little over six percent to some four percent in 2012. All in all, one might say that the energy penalty is expected to be rather small as compared to the power plant efficiencies. A summary of the numerical values is given in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2 *Energy penalty of CO₂ capture*

| Process | 2000 [%] | 2012 [%] |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pre combustion capture | 6.1 | 4.3 |
| Post combustion coal | 10.2 | 6.0 |
| Post combustion gas | 7.2 | 6.0 |

7.3.3 Additional costs of CO₂ capture from H₂ production

Another technological option in which capture of CO₂ may occur is in the production of H₂ by means of partial coal oxidation processes. For such processes, additional costs for CO₂ capture ranges from 2.2 to 2.9 $\$/_{2000}/(\text{GJ H}_2)$.

7.4 Storage options

Capturing of CO₂ is not sufficient to remove it from the atmosphere; a safe and permanent storage is also required. To store CO₂ again different options are recognized. The most important ones are to be found in geological storage. Storage in mineral products or for example use in food products (gasified drinks), or other more 'exotic' forms of sequestration are not expected to contribute significantly to climate mitigation. Particularly because it is hard to imagine how such options could be comparable in scale with respect to the quantities of CO₂ captured from energy technologies. Sequestration in biological sinks, such as forest and soils, is not considered here because these options capture the CO₂ directly from the atmosphere and do not need a separate capture technology or process.

There are various options that can be used for geological storage of CO₂. Here, the following are considered:

- Depleted oil and gas fields: the CO₂ is injected into fields that have been taken out of production,
- Enhanced oil and gas recuperation (EOR and EGR): the CO₂ is used as a mean to pressurize a production field, thus combining the advantage of CO₂ storage with the benefits of continued mining,
- Unminable coal seams, combined with the recovery of methane (generally referred to as enhanced coal bed methane, ECBM). Like in the previous option, this storage option has a side benefit, in that the storage results in the recovery of methane
- Saline aquifers: storage in underground saline water reservoirs.

The option to store the CO₂ in oceans is expressively not included. At present, its impact on the environment is unclear, making it highly unsure whether this particular option is acceptable in the long run. Such misgivings do not (to the same extend) exist for the other options.

7.4.1 Potentials of storage options

The various options each come with their own global potential. These are summarized in Table 7.3, where the potentials according to two different sources are given. The potential as given by (IEA, 2001) is expressed in terms of the cumulative storage capacity up until 2050, whereas (Edmonds, 2000) provides an estimate for the total cumulative capacity. The table clearly illustrated that the most important option is the storage in saline aquifers, as this is the most abundant resource.

Table 7.3 Potentials for CO₂ storage

| | Gton CO ₂ 2050 ¹ | Gton CO ₂ ² |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Depleted oil fields | 126-400 | 150-700 |
| Depleted gas fields | 800 | 500-1100 |
| Enhanced oil recovery | 61-65 | |
| Unminable coal seams | >15 | >73 |
| Saline aquifers | 400-10,000 | 320-10,000 |

¹Source: (IEA GHG, 2001)

²Source: (Edmonds, 2000)

There are some studies reporting on regional distributions for some of the options. These are included in the Annex. One of these studies also provides estimates for technical and economical parameters. Furthermore, it gives an overview of the operations currently taking place. These are mainly concentrated in the USA, where the oldest project in the world is running, in which 33 Mton CO₂ per year from natural resources has been stored in enhanced oil recovery since 1972. Since 2000, use of CO₂ sequestration in enhanced oil recovery at the Weyburn field resulted in an annual storage of 1 Mton CO₂. A further 30 kton per year from natural sources has been stored in the USA in enhanced coal bed methane mining. Presently, the only long-running project outside the USA is the injection of removed CO₂ into saline aquifers at the Sleipnir field, in the Norwegian part of the North Sea.

7.4.2 Costs of storage options

It is clear that the range in the estimates of potentials is considerable. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the cost estimates are far from uniform. Moreover, in many cost estimates for storage in combination with enhanced recovery, the price of oil or gas is included in storage cost estimates.

The uncertainty, and in some cases model-dependence of these prices, make it hard to directly use the cost estimates, while at the same time the present price range make a de-convolution far from trivial. When the fuel costs are included, quite often negative storage costs per ton CO₂ are quoted, taking into account the benefits from the energy recovered (oil, gas or coal bed methane).

Nevertheless, some order-of-magnitude estimate for the costs of storage can be obtained from the literature. The estimates are given in Table 7.4, together with some technological characteristics, such as the amount of electricity needed per ton of CO₂. For those options where the CO₂ is applied in the extraction of fossils, also the energy recovered per ton CO₂ is given.

Table 7.4 *Economical and technical parameters for various storage options*

| | | Depleted fields | EOR/EGR | ECBM | Aquifers |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Investment cost | [\$/ton CO ₂] | 5-11 | 5-11 | 12.5-17.5 | 1-11 |
| Transport cost | [\$/ton CO ₂ /300km] | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Fixed O&M cost | [\$/ton CO ₂] | 0.25-0.35 | 0.17 | 0.25-0.50 | 0.375 |
| Variable O&M cost | [\$/ton CO ₂] | 1.35 | 0.90 | 12.5 | 0.30 |
| Electricity requirement | [MWh/ton CO ₂] | 0.08-0.11 | 0.14 | 0.08-0.21 | 0.11 |
| Energy recovery | [GJ/ton CO ₂] | - | 1.80-2.22 | 5.5-9.0 | - |

Source: (Smekens, 2003; IEA, 2004).

7.5 Cumulative capacity for capture and storage

In Table 7.5 the cumulative capacity of CO₂ capture and storage is given, including the capture from natural resources, but with the exception of the 33 Mton CO₂ per year in EOR in the USA.

In the USA there is experience over a couple of decades already about CO₂ storage in enhanced oil recovery (EOR), but this is not driven from a climate point of view but purely business driven in order to increase oil production. This actually has consequences for the storage time - it is uncertain in many cases whether CO₂ storage is actually taking place. In this context it is justified to rather use 'CO₂ injection' instead of 'CO₂ storage' for the present the USA EOR activities.

In addition, leakage and accounting play now no role in the existing CO₂ storage in EOR in the USA. About retention times and leakage rates to the atmosphere, some studies are available, but they are not supported by empirical data. There is also no risk assessment methodology and the EOR projects usually take place in sparsely populated areas, so no problem with public resistance.

Furthermore, most EOR projects use CO₂ from natural sources (the purchase of which contributes on average to 68% of the storage costs) and therefore do not mitigate climate change (Johns et al , 2002).

Table 7.5 *Cumulative capacity for CO₂ capture and storage*

| [Mton CO ₂ /yr] | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Captured | - | 0.2 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 10.2 |
| Stored ¹⁾ | - | 0.2 | 1.2 | 2.23 | 3.26 | 4.29 | 6.32 | 8.35 | 10.38 |

¹⁾Excluding 33 Mton per year from enhanced oil recovery in the USA

In the Sleipner project, CO₂ is captured in the exploitation of a gas field. The CO₂ is separated from natural gas through scrubbing, and as was explained in paragraph 7.2.1, this process may well be compared to post-combustion capture of CO₂ in a power plant. The resulting CO₂ from

the Sleipner field is stored in a saline aquifer. The process is active since 1996 at a rate of 1 Mton CO₂ per year, with a smaller amount in the year of start-up. As can be seen from the table, the other contribution to the cumulative capacity in carbon capture starts up in 2000, as the Weyburn facilities starts to contribute another 1 Mton CO₂ per year. Here, the capture is done in a shift reactor (i.e. in a gasification plant), and the CO₂ is used in EOR. Two smaller contributions, to storage only, are the 30 kton per year since 1998 from the Allison unit in the USA, and a further 2.2 kton stored in aquifers in Japan from 2003 onwards. It is clear that there is only very limited experience with an integrated system involving capture of CO₂ and its storage. Strickly speaking, there is only one project in which CO₂ is actually captured in a power plant, namely at the Weyburn facility. However, because of the similarities between separating and capturing CO₂ from natural gas, the data from the Sleipner project can be included under post combustion capture. Thus, the capacities associated to the Weyburn and Sleipner projects can be estimated using the captured amount of CO₂, in combination with an estimated efficiency and operation conditions. The resulting numbers are given in Table 7.6.

Table 7.6 *Cumulative capture capacities for key technologies in the power sector*

| [MW _e] | Region | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|---------------------|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Post combustion gas | Western Europe | 0 | 70 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| Pre combustion | USA | | | | | | 0 | 210 | 210 | 210 |

7.6 R&D expenditures

Various sources are available from which estimates of R&D expenditures can be constructed. As the major part of the interest in CCS technologies stems from the previous decade, and the interest is furthermore concentrated in a few projects, data on the major projects seems to suffice for such an estimate. An overview is provided in Table 7.7. In case a project concerns both capture and storage, it is assumed the expenditures are shared equally between these two technologies.

Table 7.7 *Estimated cumulative R&D expenditures in M€₂₀₀₀*

| Year | Capture | | | Storage |
|------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
| | Pre comb. | Post comb., coal | Post comb., gas | |
| 1990 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1991 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1992 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1993 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 |
| 1994 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.7 |
| 1995 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| 1996 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| 1997 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13.9 |
| 1998 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 32.7 |
| 1999 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 18.8 | 167.5 |
| 2000 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 37.8 | 309.2 |
| 2001 | 22 | 22.1 | 58.2 | 453.9 |
| 2002 | 35.3 | 36.5 | 82.8 | 620.6 |
| 2003 | 44.1 | 46.5 | 91.7 | 660.7 |

Note: Comb. Stands for combustion

A graphical representation is provided in Figure 7.3, showing clearly that energy related R&D for CO₂ capture and storage has only gained interest the last decade. Furthermore, storage is currently clearly the main field of interest from the point of view of R&D.

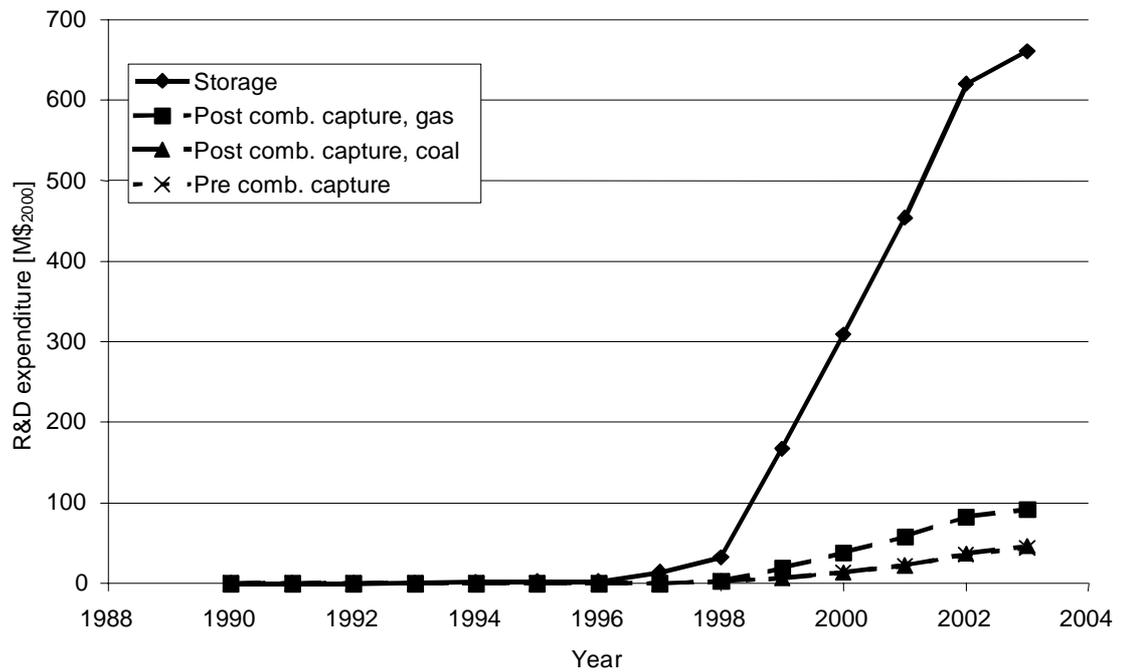


Figure 7.3 *Estimate for energy related R&D expenditures on capture and storage of CO₂*

8. Electrolysis

8.1 Technology description

In this report only electrolysis as mean for hydrogen production is considered. The main feed-stock is water which is converted to H₂ and O₂ by means of electricity.

Electrolysis accounts for 4% of the global hydrogen production (Duwe, 2003) (Table 2.1).

Table 8.1 *Current global hydrogen production*

| Origin | Amount of hydrogen [bln Nm ³ /yr] | Fraction [%] |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| Natural gas | 240 | 48 |
| Oil | 150 | 30 |
| Coal | 90 | 18 |
| Electrolysis | 20 | 4 |
| Total | 500 | 100 |

Note: Mainly industrial use for ammonia-based fertilisers and oil refining.

The following industries supply electrolyzers (Internet source 6):

- GL&V Hydrogen Technologies, Montreal
- Hydrogen Systems N.V., Belgium
- Norsk Hydro, Norway
- Proton Energy Systems, Inc
- Stuart Energy Systems, US
- Tathacus Resources Ltd.
- Teledyne Energy Systems
- Waterflame, Thailand.

8.2 Cost development

Basically, there are three types of electrolysis technology for hydrogen production, viz.:

- Alkaline electrolysis technology,
- Solid oxide electrolysis technology,
- PEM electrolysis technology.

Alkaline is the nearer term technology for larger systems, whereas solid oxide electrolysis is in early development. The PEM technology seems to be more apt for small-scale applications (Kaufmann, 2003). Solid oxide electrolysis is a high-temperature electrolysis process. High-temperature steam electrolysis makes use of a high-temperature heat source (Herring, 2003).

Table 8.2 gives an overview of the current state-of-the-art and the expectations of electrolyser technology.

Table 8.2 *Characteristics of electrolyser technology*

| Company | Type of electrolyser | Energy consumption [kWh/Nm ³] | H ₂ production [Nm ³ /hour] | Input Power Rating [kW] | Pressure [bar] | Efficiency [% LHV] |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---|---|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Norsk Hydro | Alkaline | 4.1-4.3 | Up to 485 | 50-300 | 0.5-1 | 61-72 |
| | PEM | 4.8 | Up to 60 | | ~15 | 70-73 |
| Teledyne Energy Systems | | 5.3-6.1 | Up to 42 | - | 4-8 | 67-72 |
| | | 5.6-6.4 | Up to 150 | | 8-15 | 66-71 |
| Stuart Energy | Alkaline | 5.9 | >50 | - | 1-25 | 68-72 |
| | PEM | 4-4.2 | 10-60 | | 60-360 | ~25 |

The specific investment cost of electrolysers is expected to come down from the current level of \$ 1000-2500/kW for state-of-the-art alkaline electrolysers to – in the long term – \$ 300-500/kW for advanced electrolyser technology (Liu, 2003). According to (Wurster, 1994) the specific investment cost of electrolysers could come down to € 700/kW in 2050 (550 ECU/kW_e in 1994).

With regard to the experience with electrolysers until this date, Appendix gives an overview of worldwide hydrogen fuelling stations (Internet Source 7; The Clean Fuels and Electric Vehicles Report, 2003b). This overview of hydrogen fuelling stations in the world gives the following result with regard to the sourcing of H₂ (Table 8.3).

Table 8.3 *Sourcing of H₂ for hydrogen fuelling stations based on data from Table 2.2*

| | Delivered LH ₂ | Delivered compressed H ₂ | Central electrolysis | On-site electrolysis | H ₂ from crude oil, natural gas, or methanol | Total |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|-------|
| Number of stations | 18 | 5 | 1 | 19 | 8 | 51 |

Therefore, it may be concluded that delivered LH₂ and on-site electrolysis are the most widely applied ways to fuel hydrogen fuelling stations at this stage.

8.3 R&D development

Like for the automotive applications, the number of patents is used as proxy for the R&D expenditures.

Table 8.4 gives the overview of public and business R&D over the last decade. The 1990 value is estimated based on the number of pre-1990 patents compared to the post-1990 number of patents. Private or business R&D is supposed to be 63% of the total R&D, a fraction based on a global average for a number of technologies, not specifically for electrolysers.

Table 8.4 *Cumulative R&D expenditure for electrolyzers*

| Million [€ ₂₀₀₀] | Cumulative public R&D | Cumulative private R&D |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1990 | 44 | 102 |
| 1991 | 46 | 104 |
| 1992 | 55 | 120 |
| 1993 | 67 | 139 |
| 1994 | 81 | 162 |
| 1995 | 97 | 189 |
| 1996 | 116 | 221 |
| 1997 | 128 | 241 |
| 1998 | 140 | 260 |
| 1999 | 147 | 272 |
| 2000 | 156 | 285 |
| 2001 | 158 | 289 |
| 2002 | 172 | 312 |

9. Liquefaction of natural gas (LNG)

Liquefaction is the process where through cooling a gaseous matter is converted to a liquid. At present, the technique is primarily used in transportation of natural gas. On a smaller scale, liquefaction is also used in handling of hydrogen. It may be expected that particularly the latter application may become the major process in the future, but spillovers between the two types of liquefaction is likely.

9.1 Cumulative capacity

The use of liquefaction for natural gas has had an extensive history. The first commercial liquefaction plant became operational in 1941 in the USA. International trade commenced from 1964 onwards, as the United Kingdom started to import LNG from Algeria. Since then, the number of large-scale facilities for liquefaction has gradually increased, as is shown in the figure below.

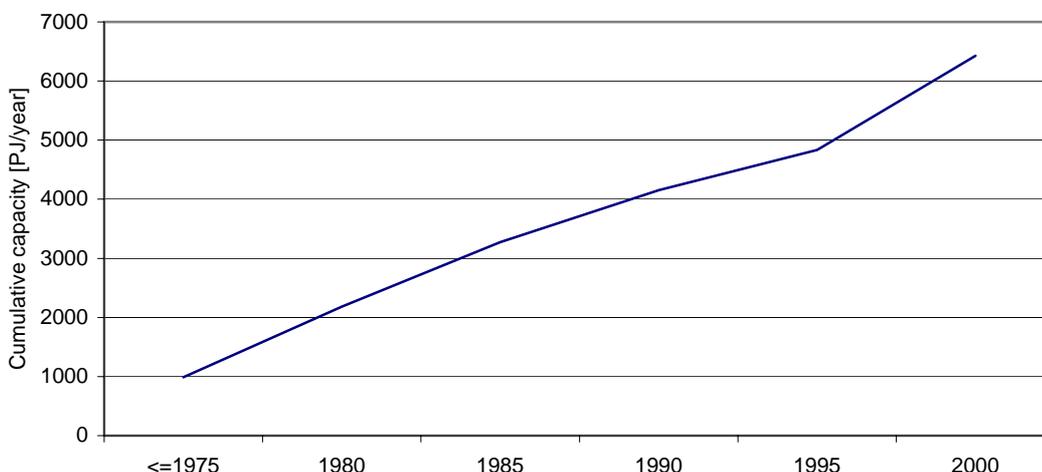


Figure 9.1 *Cumulative capacity of Liquefaction plants for LNG*

9.2 Specific costs of LNG

Specific costs for liquefaction have shown a gradual decline. However, this decline is partially due to expansion of existing production facilities, rather than the construction of greenfield plants (Shepherd, 1999). Moreover, as various concepts for liquefaction are implemented, large variances in specific costs may be found. On the one hand, this should be kept in mind when examining the relation between cost data and capacities. On the other hand, one might argue that such effects are part of the technological development, and should be reflected in an overall learning of liquefaction. The sparsely available data is given below.



Figure 9.2 LNG plant cost development according to Bechtel Inc.

Aside from the possible spill-over with hydrogen on the long term, the importance of LNG on the shorter term will be to globalise the gas market. Where gas markets are generally local at present, as a result of pipeline limitation, continued growth of liquefaction capacity will clearly facilitate international trade in gas.

9.3 Research and development on LNG

There exist various types of liquefaction plants. In recent years these competing technologies have led to lower prices, but from the perspective of data gathering, this competition has one major drawback: data on business R&D expenditure is of strategic value, and hence hard to come by. Furthermore, on the side of governments the focus is on safety aspects, as becomes clear from the classification in the IEA R&D-database (IEA, 2004).

Because of the scarcity of data, combined with the focus on non-power technologies, it was decided not to include LNG technologies in the project.

10. Methodology for development of an R&D Database for selected non-power technologies

The development of a database containing data of non-power technologies is an essential part of the SAPIENTIA project. The characterization should be such that both a direct implementation of the technology is feasible, as well as an implementation in which the technology is described as a (part of a cluster of a) learning technology. What is more, the description of technologies in terms of two-factor learning curves (TFLC) as developed in the preceding project, SAPIENT (Kouvaritakis *et al.*, 2005), is to be deployed to the new technologies as well. This requires that not only present day data and (expert guesses of) future developments are gathered, but also historical data is presented from which the parameters of the two-learning mechanism can be deduced. To a large extent, the methodology used for data analysis is based on previous work on power sector technologies. In particular, the use of patent data leans strongly on the methods as developed by Criqui *et al.* and described in Chapter 1 of the SAPIENT report. In this chapter we will discuss which technologies have been chosen, and what data has been collected for these technologies. In the Annexes, data sheets for the different technologies are included.

10.1 Choice of technologies

In the SAPIENT project a description of technologies using a two-factor learning mechanism was developed. The technologies in the models used were mainly power-technologies. One of the aims of the present project is to extend the description in terms of a TFLC to a selected set of non-power technologies. The selection should on the one hand be sufficiently broad to show that the idea of learning technologies may be applied to many different sectors. However, on the other hand the selection should be such that reliable data can be gathered, or that an alternative description may be developed in which proxies may be used to estimate the relevant parameters for the two-factor learning curve.

In the kick-of meeting of the project a preliminary set of technologies was discussed. The list was finalized during the second meeting. It now consists of the technologies given in the table below. To show that indeed a broad range of sectors is to be included in the analysis, the table also shows the sectors in which the technologies are applied.

Table 10.1 *Choice of technologies for the SAPIENTIA project*

| Technology | Power related | Power and heat | Industry | Commercial | Domestic | Transport |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Fuel cells | | × | × | × | × | × |
| Condensing boilers | | × | × | × | × | |
| Conventional boiler | | × | × | × | × | |
| Heat pump | | × | × | × | × | |
| ORC | | × | × | | | |
| Liquefaction | × | × | | | | × |
| Compression | × | | | | | × |
| Electrolysis H ₂ | × | | | | | × |
| Gas steam reforming H ₂ | × | | | | | |
| Coal partial oxidation H ₂ | × | | | | | |
| Biomass pyrolysis H ₂ | × | | | | | |
| Solar thermal HTS electrolysis H ₂ | × | | | | | |
| Heat insulation | | | × | × | × | |
| ICE, Otto | | | | | | × |
| ICE, Diesel | | | | | | × |
| Electric engine | | | × | | | × |
| Capture of CO ₂ | × | | | | | |
| Storage of CO ₂ | × | | | | | |

From the table it is clear that we have chosen to include some technologies that are also used in the power sector. The main reason for choosing these is that they are applied in other sectors. The choice is in line with the objective of the project also to study spill over effects.

10.2 Data gathered for the selected technologies

It is clear that the data gathering is essential in order to reach some of the objectives of the SAPIENTIA project. In particular, the extension of the models to include non-power technologies can only be commenced if and when sufficient data is gathered to enable some form of estimation for the two-factor learning curves. In Table 10.2 an overview of data gathered for the selected technologies is given.

Table 10.2 *Status of data*

| Technology | Present data | | Future guesses | | Historic data | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Price | Technical | Price | Technical | Price, Capacity | R&D |
| Fuel cells | yes | yes | yes | yes | short history | SAPIENT |
| Condensing boilers | yes | yes | yes | yes | figures | estimate |
| Conventional boiler | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | no |
| Heat pump | yes | yes | no | no | no | no |
| ORC | yes | yes | no | no | no | no |
| Liquefaction | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Compression | no | no | no | no | no | no |
| Electrolysis H ₂ | yes | yes | yes | yes | short history | aggregate |
| Gas steam reforming H ₂ | yes | yes | yes | yes | short history | aggregate |
| Coal partial oxidation H ₂ | yes | yes | yes | yes | short history | aggregate |
| Biomass pyrolysis H ₂ | yes | yes | yes | yes | short history | aggregate |
| Solar thermal | yes | yes | yes | yes | short history | aggregate |
| HTS electrolysis H ₂ | | | | | | |
| Heat insulation | yes | yes | yes | yes | windows | no |
| ICE, Otto | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| ICE, Diesel | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Electric engine | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Capture of CO ₂ | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | no |
| Storage of CO ₂ | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | no |

As a first note to the table, it can be remarked that current data on selected technologies is available for all but one technology (compression of gasses, such as H₂), both on price levels as well as on key technological data such as efficiencies. The situation is almost as favourable for the (expert guesses of) future technological characteristics for the selected technologies, where only ORC in addition to compression shows a lack of data.

The real problem in the data turns out to be reliable historical data on technologies, both for data on (cumulative) installed capacities as well as on specific costs. The situation is even worse for R&D-spending, most particularly that of business. It can be seen that for many technologies, hardly any data on the R&D expenditures has been gathered. It is furthermore noteworthy that for those technologies for which R&D expenditures have been found, in many cases the data is on an aggregate level, *i.e.* does not give information about specific technologies. Given the problems encountered so far, it is unrealistic to assume that one may use a more detailed level of technologies.

From the efforts in the SAPIENTIA project, we can conclude that for non-power technologies the knowledge on key statistics needed for a dynamical description of technologies using learning is quite unfavourable. There are several reasons for the somewhat diverging situation for non-power technologies as compared to the SAPIENT technologies:

1. A database similar to the (public) R&D expenditure database of the IEA is currently lacking for the selected technologies,
2. Many of the technologies are in a very early stage of development, so that
 - a. In many cases, there is no data on installed capacities, a key statistic even for the relatively simple framework of learning-by-doing,
 - b. Existing data is of strategic value and hence not readily surrendered for public use,
 - c. Firms involved in developing the selected technologies are starters, and may prove hard to identify, rendering the collection of business R&D extremely difficult.
3. Even for established technologies, R&D data on specific technologies may prove hard to get due to strategic value of such data; an example is provided by the automotive industry. Here, a methodology for disaggregating data using proxies can be developed.

One might be tempted to use generic values, but for the present project such generic values would be useless, since we are interested in the *specific behaviour of the technologies under consideration*.

The unfavourable situation due to the limited data availability poses some challenging questions to the project team. A major possible solution to the problem is to use the description developed by Criqui et al. as described in the SAPIENT report (Kouvaritakis *et al.*, 2005), where one uses patent data to decompose some general spending over specific technologies. Some other possible solutions are described below. Furthermore, during the SAPIENTIA project, considerable effort has been put into developing a method for estimating two-factor learning curves for technologies with limited data availability (to appear in the final SAPIENTIA report).

10.3 R&D showcase: the automotive industry

As noted in the previous paragraph, data on R&D is hard to obtain, particularly when considering specific technological options. For some of the technologies selected in the project the data may be harder to come by than for other technologies, particularly for individual technologies. In such cases, when data on aggregated technologies *is* available, auxiliary data (or proxies) may be used to decompose the R&D spending to the level of individual technologies. To show the most likely approach to yield data, we have selected a relatively easy set of technologies as a showcase: the automotive technologies.

The main advantages of these technologies are:

- A small number of companies that dominate the market.
- A strong pressure on companies to show their efforts to improve the (environmental) performance of the technologies.
- Easy access to (recent) company data.
- Spearhead development area for governmental research.

To gather data on the expenditures on research and development, both from companies and through government, we have used the following scheme:

- Identify the major companies involved in R&D.
- Gather annual reports from these companies, if these contain explicit figures on R&D.
- Build a data set containing as much data on R&D spending as possible.
- Gather auxiliary data: patents and sales numbers of specific technologies.
- Combine the above to estimate the R&D expenditure through companies.

The result is a complex set of data. This complex set should be reduced to a simple set that contains technology, sales, capacity, business R&D, and government R&D. It may be interesting to provide sales and capacities on a regional level, since these may be data directly relevant to the models used in SAPIENTIA.

So far, we have been able to find data on a global scale, which is not surprising given the fact that automobile companies are mainly international corporations. The number of independent producers is quite limited, as the result of substantial mergers in the past. This concentration appears to continue until this very day, but the focus has shifted from full-blown mergers to enhanced cooperation. As to the data collection efforts, the effects of these recent concentration activities for now can be ignored, but the full-blown mergers are likely to have a profound effect on the data available. As we extract data on sales and particularly on business R&D from the annual reports, it is important to know to what extent merging companies are included in the historical figures of the new company.

For the automotive industry, there appear to be twelve major companies. It should be noted that these companies in many cases are the results of mergers in the recent or more distant past. This results in a limited history of the companies, and a limited availability of annual reports. Furthermore, in some cases mergers have occurred in the very recent past. This also limits the applicability of data in the annual reports.

For the twelve major companies, a varying historical record is available in the annual reports. The variation may be either in the number of years for which data can be found, or in the amount of information provided on the R&D expenditures, or even both. Thus, we obtain a data set on sales and business R&D expenditures containing several 'holes'. These holes can be filled when additional assumptions are made on the behaviour of companies. For example, if we assume equal behaviour for all companies, an average value may be inserted (imputed) for a missing value. Other options are to assume linear investment trends within a company, or investment trends within a year, or even a combination of the two.

Using the data mentioned in the previous paragraphs, we have constructed a data set for twelve companies spanning twelve years. None of the companies provide data for the full set. Nevertheless, from the data that is available, some striking features can be found. First of all, when expressing the R&D budget as percentage of sales, the various companies spend between 2.1% up to 6.5%, averaged over the years for which data is available. From the data gathered, it is clear that firm size in terms of sales, or geographical origin cannot serve as an auxiliary variable for estimation of the R&D budget. All one can do is estimating the budget for a specific firm on the basis of data available for that particular firm. Thus the sector-average of the R&D spending as percentage of sales budget can be estimated on the basis of available data.

From this we find a sector average of 4.6%. On the basis of the data, no reliable estimate can be given for the time-dependence of the percentage.

From the previous paragraph it should be clear that at present R&D dynamics can not be established on the basis of business R&D data alone. Furthermore, in many cases government R&D expenditures are linked to business R&D, e.g. in the case of spending by the federal government in the United States. As a result, the government spending is also not very practical as a variable introducing R&D dynamics. The only remaining possible data mentioned in the beginning of the section would be to use patent data, or sales numbers of specific technological options. As the latter are a proxy for learning by doing (see below), we opt for patent data.

Gathering the patent data involves the use of the major companies identified in the first step of the data collection. Using the patent database of the European Patent Office (available at <http://ep.espacenet.com>) we first search for all patents posted by the selected companies. Next, we look for specific patents, either dealing with internal combustion engines, electric vehicles or fuel cell vehicles. The result is a data set containing both the absolute and the relative amount of patents. It should be noted that the data set of the European Patent Office contains both national and international data. Therefore, one technological innovation may be posted in several countries as separate patents, causing double counting. As we ignore this double counting, we assume that an innovation posted as several patents is perceived to be more successful, which in turn is assumed to be an indication for the amount of funds invested in the development of the technology.

Using the previous steps, we end up with a database containing business R&D spending on automotive options. This gives us only half of the story on R&D spending, since in general for every two dollars spent by business, there is (roughly) one spent by government. For the automotive industry, the contribution from government to the overall R&D budget is relatively small. Furthermore, as there is a limited number of countries contributing to the development of automotive technologies, and the efforts of the countries leading in automobile industry are concentrated in research programs since the early nineties of the previous century, the data collection is relatively easy.

The result of the database build-up is a number of data sheets with information on car companies (sales, R&D expenditures), patent data and government R&D expenditures. The latter two contain details on the class of vehicles the money is invested in. These classes are Internal Combustion Engine (ICE), Electric Vehicle (EV, also including hybrid vehicles), and Fuel Cell cars (FC). This information is consequently summarized in three sheets, each covering a specific technological option. The information contained in these sheets is the information needed for the SAPIENTIA project, i.e. the sheets are filled according to a pre-defined template. One of these templates is included as an appendix to this document.

10.4 Data on other technologies

As has been shown in the previous section, it is relatively easy to find data on automobiles. At the same time it was noted that the automotive sector provides a rather exceptional showcase, when compared to the situation for other technologies selected in the project, as there it seems less favourable. Nevertheless, in many cases some numbers on public R&D expenditures can be found. In particular, for CCS technologies, an extensive number of projects were undertaken in previous years, and some clear assumptions on the mix of government and private participation can be made. From this, the combined R&D estimate can be estimated, and in turn a decomposition into public and private financing is possible.

For hydrogen technologies, mostly aggregated data on public expenditures is available.

Here, we have assumed patent data where available to disaggregate the expenditures over the various technologies. The patents in this case are used both for the estimate of the fraction of the total hydrogen budget, as well as to establish the total cumulative expenditures prior to the statistical information. For the four hydrogen production technologies considered in the project, the assumption on the allocation of the public expenditure $r(y)$ in year y to each of the technologies i can formally be written as

$$r_i(y) = r(y) \cdot \frac{p_i(y)}{\sum_{i=1,4} p_i(y)} \quad (1)$$

where r_i is the budget allocated to technology i and $p_i(y)$ are the patents awarded for the technology in the specific year. The estimate for the cumulative expenditures R on a particular technology is based on the same statistics, according to

$$R_i(y) = (1-d) \cdot \sum_{x=y_0}^y r_i(x) \cdot \frac{\sum_{x=y_0}^y p_i(x)}{\sum_{x<y_0} p_i(x)} \quad (2)$$

the factor d being a depreciation rate. It is introduced to account for the fact that some of the cumulative knowledge stock will get lost, and should somehow be related to the ‘scraping rate’ used to depreciate the cumulative R&D investments in the usual framework (Criqui, P. in Kouvaritakis *et al.*, 2005). Here, we choose $d=0.05$, only a little higher than the ‘scraping rate’ which is 0.03 because we assume that the bulk of the investments are rather recent. We justify this assumption with the observation that the hydrogen technologies show a steep increase in the attention for them.

To determine the contribution from business to R&D expenditures for hydrogen technologies, we assume that this can be approximated by the global, technology-averaged fraction of business-to-public spending, found in the literature (0.63). Since it is unlikely that the average indeed applies to all technologies alike, the impact of this assumption should be subjected to sensitivity analysis. It may be quite determining for the impact of R&D policies, as the fraction directly influences the estimate for the R&D elasticity in the two-factor learning curve (Kouvaritakis *et al.*, 2005).

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Appendix A CO₂ regional storage capacities

Table A.1 *Regional storage capacities according to (GHGT-7 proceedings); in the table, depleted fields refer to either oil or gas fields*

| | Depleted fields [Gton CO ₂] | Depleted fields [Gton CO ₂] | ECBM [Gton CO ₂] |
|----------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| FSU | 177 | | 19 |
| Middle east | 197 | | |
| USA | 47 | 13-98 | 35 |
| Canada | 17 | 0.283 (oil) + 2.8 (gas) | 12 |
| Western Europe | 17 | 6 (oil) + 30 (gas) | 4 |
| Australia | | | 30 |
| China | | | 13 |
| Other Asia | | | 29 |
| Africa | | | 7 |
| Global | 455 | | 148 |

Table A.2 *Regional storage capacities*

| | Depleted fields [Gton CO ₂] | EOR/EGR [Gton CO ₂] | ECBM [Gton CO ₂] | Aquifers [Gton CO ₂] |
|---------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Africa | 3-6 | 3-23 | 5 | 1000 |
| Australia | 0-1 | 0-9 | 50 | 550 |
| Canada | 1-6 | 6-35 | 50 | 1050 |
| China | 0-1 | 0-1 | 100 | 550 |
| Eastern Europe | 1-2 | 1-2 | 20 | 250 |
| Former Soviet Union | 15-30 | 35-244 | 100 | 1000 |
| India | 0 | 0 | 10 | 500 |
| Japan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Latin America | 9-20 | 20-61 | 0 | 1255 |
| Middle East | 25-85 | 20-300 | 0 | 505 |
| Other Asia | 6-12 | 11-52 | 50 | 1040 |
| USA | 10-20 | 15-30 | 80 | 1050 |
| Western Europe | 3-5 | 16-46 | 30 | 300 |
| Global | 72-187 | 125-801 | 495 | 9060 |

Source: (IEA, 2004)

Appendix B Hydrogen fuelling stations

Table B.1 *Worldwide hydrogen fuelling stations*

| Location | Fuel | Project | In operation since | H ₂ production technology | Specifics/ Comments |
|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| Davis, California | Compressed H ₂ | University of California, Davis | In operation | Air Products delivered LH ₂ | n/a |
| Riverside, California | Compressed H ₂ | University of California, Riverside | 1992 | PV + Stuart Energy electrolyser | Electrolytic hydrogen generation |
| El Segundo, California | Compressed H ₂ | Xerox Corp et al | 1995 | PV + Stuart Energy electrolyser | Electrolytic hydrogen generation |
| Thousand Palms, California | Compressed H ₂ | SunLine Transit Agency et al | April 2000 | Stuart Energy hydrogen fuelling station | Electrolytic hydrogen generation |
| Sacramento, California | Liquid to compressed H ₂ | California Fuel Cell Partnership | November 2000 | Air Products and Praxair | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ |
| Torrance, California | Compressed H ₂ | American Honda Motors Co. | July 2001 | n/a | PV-electrolysis + grid backup |
| Torrance, California | Compressed H ₂ | Toyota Motor Sales USA | 2003 | Stuart Energy and Air Products | Electrolysis, 24 kg H ₂ /day (renewables) |
| Oxnard, California | Liquid H ₂ | BMW North America | July 2001 | Air Products delivered LH ₂ | LH ₂ fuelling station |
| Chula Vista, California | Compressed H ₂ | City of Chula Vista | 2003 | Stuart Energy hydrogen fuelling station | 60 kg H ₂ /day |
| Thousand Palms, California | Compressed H ₂ | Schatz Hydrogen Generation Center | 1994 | PV + Teledyne Energy electrolyser | Electrolysis powered by PV |
| Richmond, California | Compressed H ₂ | AC Transit facility | October 2002 | Stuart Energy hydrogen fuelling station | Electrolytic hydrogen generation |
| San Jose, California | To be determined | VTA, San Mateo Transportation District et al | Target 2004 | Air Products delivered LH ₂ | Current fuelling station will be enhanced |
| Chicago, Illinois | Liquid to compressed H ₂ | Chicago Transit Authority et al | March 1998 (February 2000) | Air Products delivered LH ₂ | n/a |
| Dearborn, Michigan | LH ₂ and liquid to compressed H ₂ | Ford Vehicle Refuelling Station | 1999 | Air Products delivered LH ₂ | n/a |
| Ann Arbor, Michigan | Liquid to compressed H ₂ | EPA's NVFEL et al | 2003 | Air Products | Storage up to 1,500 gallons of LH ₂ |
| Arizona (mobile station) | Compressed H ₂ | Ford Motor Company | 2001 | Stuart Energy hydrogen fuelling station | Electrolysis (24 kg H ₂ /day) |
| Phoenix, California | Compressed H ₂ | Arizona Public Service | 2001 | Proton Energy Systems electrolyser | DOE/private sector H ₂ station |
| Northern Nevada | Compressed H ₂ | Nevada Test Site Development | November 2002 | Air Products | Using 50 kW PEMFC |
| Washington DC | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ | General Motors Corp. et al | October 2003 – 2005 | Shell Hydrogen | H ₂ pump at Shell retail gas station |
| Penn State, Pennsylvania | Compressed H ₂ | APCI et al | Fall 2004 | N/A | On-site natural gas steam reforming |
| Munich, Germany | Liquid H ₂ | Refuelling Station BMW | 1989 | Linde AG | n/a |
| Hamburg, Germany | Compressed H ₂ | W.E.I.T. hydrogen project | 1999 | Delivered compressed H ₂ | n/a |
| Hamburg, Germany | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | Target 2003 | Hamburgische Electricitäts-werke AG | Electrolysis powered by renewables |
| Nabern, Germany | LH ₂ and liquid to compressed H ₂ | Daimler Chrysler Refuelling Station | 1998 | LH ₂ delivered by Linde AG | Linde AG H ₂ refuelling technology |

| Location | Fuel | Project | In operation since | H ₂ production technology | Specifics/ Comments |
|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------|--|---|
| Munich, Germany | LH ₂ and (liquid to) compressed H ₂ | Munich Airport Vehicle Project | 1999 | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ delivered by Linde AG | Linde AG H ₂ refuelling technology |
| Wolfsburg, Germany | Liquid H ₂ | Fuelling of VW hydrogen vehicles | n/a | LH ₂ delivered by Linde AG | Linde AG H ₂ refuelling technology |
| Russelsheim, Germany | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ | Fuelling of GM hydrogen vehicles | n/a | Linde AG supplied LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ | Linde AG technology |
| Sindelfingen, Germany | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ | Daimler Chrysler | Planned | H ₂ delivered by Linde AG | Linde AG H ₂ refuelling technology |
| Berlin, Germany | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ | Aral Refuelling Station | Target 2003 | H ₂ delivered by Linde AG | Linde AG LH ₂ refuelling technology |
| Berlin, Germany | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ | TotalFinaElf et al | October 2003 | Linde AG supplied LH ₂ , Proton Energy Systems electrolyser | Linde AG LH ₂ refuelling technology |
| Copenhagen, Denmark | Mobile LH ₂ | Framework: EU fuel cell bus program | Target 2003 | LH ₂ delivered by Linde AG | Linde AG mobile LH ₂ filling station |
| Lisbon, Portugal | Mobile LH ₂ | Framework: EU fuel cell bus program | Target 2003 | LH ₂ delivered by Airlíquido | Linde AG mobile LH ₂ filling station |
| Erlangen, Germany | Mobile LH ₂ | MAN, Linde AG | December 1996 – 2001 | LH ₂ delivered by Linde AG | n/a |
| Oberstdorf Spa, Germany | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | Target 2003 | BP affiliated | On-site natural gas steam reforming |
| Stockholm, Sweden | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | Target 2003 | Stuart Energy hydrogen fuelling station | Central hydro powered electrolysis |
| London, UK | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | Target 2003 | BP affiliated | Centralised production via excess H ₂ from crude oil |
| Amsterdam, The Netherlands | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | Target 2003 | Hydrogen System's IMET® electrolyser | On-site electrolyser |
| City of Luxembourg | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | Target 2003 | N/A | On-site methanol steam reforming |
| Oporto, Portugal | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | Target 2003 | BP affiliated | Centralised production via excess H ₂ from crude oil |
| Madrid, Spain | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | April 2003 | N/A | On-site natural gas steam reforming |
| Barcelona, Spain | Compressed H ₂ | CUTE Bus Demo | Target 2003 | BP & Stuart Energy, IMET® electrolyser | On-site electrolyser powered by renewables |
| Reykjavik, Iceland | Compressed H ₂ | ECTOS Bus Demo | April 2003 | Shell Hydrogen/ Iceland | Geothermal and hydro powered electrolyser |
| Perth, Australia | Compressed H ₂ | Daimler Chrysler et al | Target 2004 | Centrally produced H ₂ at BP refinery | BOC refuelling technology |
| Victoria, Australia | Compressed H ₂ | H ₂ fuelling station | To be determined | To be determined | Reviewing electrolysis and reforming of natural gas |
| Beijing, China | To be determined | GEF and UNDP; demonstration of fuel cell buses | Target 2003 | n/a | n/a |
| Shanghai, China | To be determined | GEF and UNDP | Target 2003 | n/a | n/a |

| Location | Fuel | Project | In operation since | H ₂ production technology | Specifics/ Comments |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Cairo, Egypt | To be determined | GEF and UNDP | Target 2003 | n/a | n/a |
| Mexico City, Mexico | To be determined | GEF and UNDP | Target 2003 | n/a | n/a |
| New Delhi, India | To be determined | GEF and UNDP | Target 2003 | n/a | n/a |
| Sao Paulo, Brazil | To be determined | GEF and UNDP | Target 2003 | n/a | n/a |
| Osaka, Japan | Compressed H ₂ | PEMFC Vehicle Demo | Fall 2001 – end of 2003 | n/a | On-site natural gas steam reforming |
| Takamatsu, Japan | Compressed H ₂ | PEMFC Vehicle Demo | Fall 2001 – end of 2003 | n/a | PEM electrolyser |
| Tsurumi, Japan | Compressed H ₂ | PEMFC Vehicle Demo | August 2002 | n/a | n/a |
| Yokohama, Japan | Compressed H ₂ | Cosmo Oil JHFC | FY 2002 | n/a | Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Demonstration Project |
| Yokohama, Japan | Compressed H ₂ | Nippon Oil JHFC | FY 2002 | n/a | Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Demonstration Project |
| Japan | Compressed H ₂ | Honda Company Filling Stations | 2001 | n/a | n/a |
| Japan | Compressed H ₂ | Toyota Company Filling Station | 2001 | n/a | n/a |
| Tokai, Japan | Compressed H ₂ | Toho Gas Co. | October 2002 | n/a | n/a |
| Tokyo, Japan | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ | Iwatani International Corporation et al | Target April 2003 – April 2005 | LH ₂ from Iwatani and compressed H ₂ from Linde AG | Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Demonstration Project |
| Kawasaki City, Japan | Compressed H ₂ | Air Liquide Japan JHFC | N/A | Cryo-Compressor Senju | Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Demonstration Project |
| Vancouver, Canada | Compressed H ₂ and H ₂ /natural gas blend | British Columbia Hydro | 2001 | Stuart Energy hydrogen fuelling station; electrolyser | Supplies H ₂ and H ₂ /natural gas blend to a variety of vehicles |
| Montreal, Canada | Compressed H ₂ | Montreal Urban Transit Authority | 1994 (closed in 1994) | Stuart Energy hydrogen fuelling station; electrolyser | n/a |
| Surrey, Canada | Compressed H ₂ | BC HydroGen | Fall 2001 | n/a | Electrolyser powered by renewables |
| Torino, Italy | Compressed H ₂ | PEMFC City Bus Demo | Target 2002/2003 | n/a | Hydro powered electrolysis |
| Bi-cocca, Italy | LH ₂ and compressed H ₂ | Hydrogen and fuel cell demonstration project | 2002 | AEM, SOL et al | Hydrogen liquefier and vehicle refuelling |
| Oostmalle, Belgium | Liquid H ₂ | Belgian Bus Demo | 1994 | Messer Griesheim GmbH | LH ₂ storage |
| Leuven, Belgium | Compressed H ₂ | NexBen Fueling | 2003 | NexBen Fueling | LNG and hydrogen fuelling station |
| South Korea | Compressed H ₂ | Hyundai Motor Company | 2001 | Pressure Products Industries, Inc. (PPI) & Doojin Corporation | PPI two-stage compressor |
| Singapore | Compressed H ₂ | Part of BP joint venture | 2004 | Air Products | 20 kg of compressed H ₂ per day |
| Submarine-mobile infrastructure | | Class 212 submarine driven by H ₂ fuel cells | 2002 | Air Products (USA) | |

Appendix C Specific description of data

In the Chapter 10, no specific description of the desired data was given. The minimal data set needed to include a technology in the models is given in the upper part of the template in Appendix D. The main data is denoted as 'Basics' in the table, and appears in the upper part of the appendix. This data is already available for all (relevant) technologies. However, to apply a one-factor learning curve description for a technology, also the development of the specific cost of the technology, and its cumulative capacity over the years has to be known.

To be able to apply a 2-factor learning curve approach for a technology, even more data is needed. If available, one should have the cumulative research expenditures, both by government and by business. In many cases, this information will not be available for the technology itself. In such cases, overall spending figures should be provided, plus auxiliary variables from which the share the technology gets from the total can be deduced. Generally, patent data serves as the preferred data for this. A use of patent data as in the case of the automobile is preferred, i.e. the share of expenditures of a technology is proportional to the relative number of patents, implying also the total amount of patents should be known. If the use of data other than patents is proposed, one should give an indication of how to do so.

In the table below the data needed for inclusion of a technology in the models involved in the SAPIENTIA project³ is given. Aside from the parameter name, its default value (if any), and the description of the parameter, a column is included to indicate the complexity class of the parameter. This characteristic indicates the maximal complexity of the model that can be used if only the parameters in the complexity class are given. Here, 'B' stands for 'Basic', 'S' for single factor learning curve, 'T' for 2-factor learning curve, and 'A' for 2-factor learning curve with auxiliary variable. For example, if only values for parameters from classes 'B' and 'S' for specific technology are known, the modelling of this technology can either be as a non-learning technology, or as a single-factor learning technology.

³ As a matter of fact, it contains only the variables proposed by ECN. The other partners gave no reaction to the proposal, implying but not affirming that the proposal covers all models.

Table C.1 *Data requirement for inclusion of a technology in the model(s). The column 'Class' indicates the complexity class of the parameter (see text for further explanation)*

| Parameter | Default Value | Description | Class |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--|-------|
| Capacity | GW | Unit of capacity | B |
| Activity | PJ | Unit of annual activity | B |
| Life | | Life (economical) in years | B |
| Start | 1990 | First year of availability | B |
| Output | | Output(s) of the technology, e.g. electricity | B |
| Input | | Input(s) of the technology, for a conversion technology this includes the fraction needed for one unit of output | B |
| Growth | Infinite | Maximum annual growth as decimal fraction, e.g. 1.5 implies a maximal annual growth of 50% | B |
| Availability | 1 | Annual availability, or 1 minus fraction outage resulting repairs, etc. | B |
| Efficiency | 1 | Efficiency of the process. Note: efficiencies for conversion technologies are generally given as numerical value in the specification of the input. | B |
| Investment cost | | Specific investment cost in million € per unit of capacity | B |
| Fixed O&M cost | | Costs connected to the annual operation and management in million € per unit of capacity, not depending on actual the output | B |
| Variable O&M cost | | Costs connected to the annual operation and management in million € per unit of activity, depending on the actual output | B |
| Specific costs | | Historical evolution of the investment costs in the same time period for which data on the cumulative capacity is known | S |
| Cumulative capacity | | Historical evolution of the capacity in the same time period for which data on the specific costs are known | S |
| Government R&D spending | | Historical evolution of the spending by government on R&D into the specific technology under consideration, or on an aggregate containing this technology (in which case an auxiliary variable is also needed) | T |
| Business R&D spending | | Historical evolution of the spending by business on R&D into the specific technology under consideration, or on an aggregate containing this technology (in which case an auxiliary variable is also needed) | T |
| Auxiliary variable | number of patents | (Optional) Historical evolution of the auxiliary variable used for disaggregation of the R&D spending by government and business | A |

Appendix D Template containing the desired information on technologies

| Explicit model data | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Parameter | Const | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2025 | 2030 | 2035 | 2040 | 2045 | 2050 |
| CAPACITY | [1e+6] | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACTIVITY | 1e+9 person.kilometer | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LIFE | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| START | 1990 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OUTPUT | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| INPUT | | 0.272 | 0.266 | 0.243 | 0.227 | 0.214 | 0.205 | 0.195 | 0.189 | 0.179 | 0.173 | 0.166 | 0.16 | 0.157 |
| GROWTH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AVAILABILTY | 0.99 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PEAKCONTRIB | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EFFICIENCY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COUPLING_CETL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CC0_CETL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CCMAX_CETL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SC0_CETL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PR_CETL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INVCOST | | 23000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FIXOM | | 1176 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VAROM | | 22.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Implicit model data (for determination of the learning curve) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parameter | Start | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
| CAP_HIST | 430 | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 | 480 | 490 | 501 | 512 | 523 | | | | |
| SC_HIST | | 17277 | 17921 | 19483 | 19983 | 20935 | 20273 | 21220 | 21759 | 23013 | | | | |
| GRD_HIST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BRD_HIST | | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 38 | |
| SALES_HIST | | 577 | 600 | 626 | 668 | 705 | 720 | 762 | 757 | 855 | 911 | 868 | 869 | |
| SPECPAT_HIST | | 2476 | 2778 | 3070 | 3021 | 2872 | 2926 | 2971 | 3259 | 3654 | 3631 | 3900 | 4374 | |
| TOTPAT_HIST | | 17430 | 18285 | 19139 | 19994 | 20849 | 21704 | 22559 | 23413 | 24268 | 25123 | 25978 | 26833 | |

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Example of data for a private car

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|--------------|---|
| CAP_HIST | Historical development of the total installed capacity |
| SC_HIST | Historical development of the specific price, i.e. the price per unit capacity |
| GRD_HIST | Historical governmental expenditures on R&D |
| BRD_HIST | Historical business expenditures on R&D |
| SALES_HIST | Historical sales (may either be number or monetary value, specify which) |
| SPECPAT_HIST | Historical numbers of patents specifically for the technology, applied for by the major companies involved in the development of the technology |
| TOTPAT_HIST | Historical totals of patents, applied for by the major companies involved in the development of the technology |
| MAJORCOMP | The major companies involved in the development of the technology |