



Power for the Web

Although by no means new devices, recent progress has sparked an enormous interest in fuel cells (FC) among scientists and non-scientists alike, due to their environmental benefits over other energy conversion technologies. There are numerous web sites, so don't search for "fuel cells" alone!

The site www.h2fc.com is adapted to scientifically interested people but it also has a lot of information for non-scientists. It starts with a frequently updated news section about anything in the FC or hydrogen area from a variety of sources, such as press releases. The handy toolbar at the top allows easy access to all subdivisions without the need to return to the main page.

The "Technology" section links to pages that tell you more about FCs and it contains a lot of information (including pretty pictures!) about all types of fuel cells and their applications. Information about fuels and their storage can be found under both "Infrastructure" and "Materials". The latter subdivision

also reviews some of the other components of FC technology. A list of patents can be found under the next heading; companies and their achievements are reviewed below that.

If you are interested in shares or want to know how "hot" FC research really is, then the "Trading" section is for you. All major companies are listed and their ups and downs on the stock market are closely followed. If you want to find out which conferences to go to, or want to know more about an association or consortium, then browse through the "Trade groups" pages. The "Government" pages focus on research carried out in U.S. state laboratories—you will be surprised how many (and which) departments are involved in fuel cell research!

Fuel Cells 2000 (www.fuelcells.org) is a website aimed at all groups of people interested in fuel cells. It contains a very extensive list of companies and organizations involved in fuel cell research and development. The site is in English and Spanish but also available as hardcopies in Chinese or Portuguese. The main page contains links to all other pages and to browse you have to return to this page, which makes it more complicated and also slower. Nevertheless, this is still a great site, especially for first-timers who want to learn about fuel cells.

The library section contains a huge amount of books, articles, market studies, and other FC related publications, definitely worth browsing to get a feeling for the subject or to see how a company or research group is doing. The latest news (monthly technology updates are available online) can be sent to you by email.

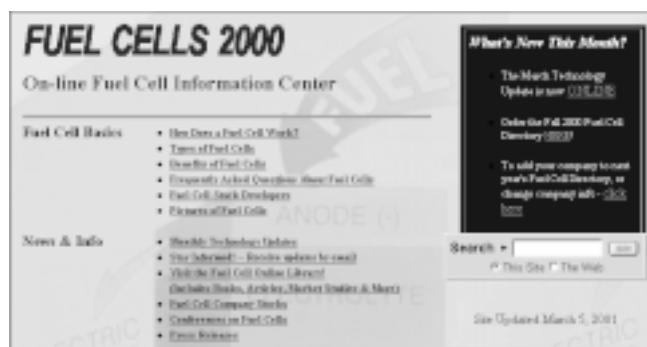
Company stocks are thoroughly discussed under their own heading, so are conferences

and press releases. The "Fuel Cell Matchmaker" is meant for people in FC research to "find" each other, as sharing technology (not too much so as to keep a healthy competition) is important in a rapidly moving field such as fuel cells.

Suggest a web site or submit a review: angewandte@wiley-vch.de

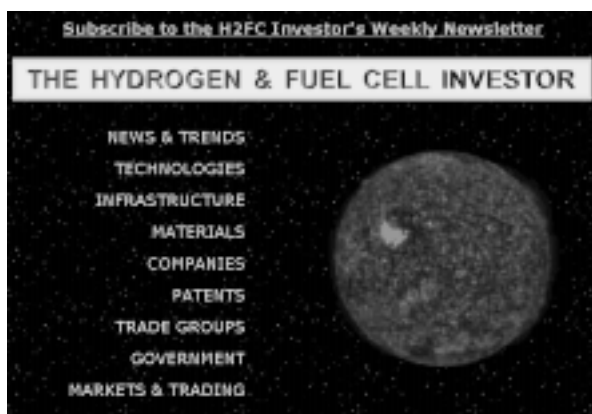
If you are looking for a job and know quite a bit about fuel cells—there are people waiting to hire you: Just have a look at the Career Center!

Fuel Cells 2000 goes more into the basics of fuel cells whilst [h2fc](http://h2fc.com) gives a lot more detailed information. Fuel cells are rapidly coming our way and these web



sites can put you on the train (as will Wiley-VCH's upcoming journal "Fuel Cells—From Fundamentals to Systems")!

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