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## Preface

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The growing global demand for clean and sustainable energy has placed hydrogen at the forefront of next-generation power solutions. As the world transitions from fossil fuels to renewable energy, hydrogen has emerged as a versatile and promising energy carrier with the potential to decarbonize various sectors, including transportation, industry, and power generation. This book, *Hydrogen Energy Systems: Advancing Sustainable Power Solutions*, provides a comprehensive exploration of the fundamental principles, technologies, and applications of hydrogen energy. It is designed to serve as a valuable resource for researchers, engineers, policymakers, and students who are keen to understand the role of hydrogen in the global energy landscape.

The chapters within this book cover key aspects of hydrogen energy systems, including production methods, storage solutions, fuel cell technologies, and integration with renewable energy sources. Additionally, the environmental, economic, and policy dimensions of hydrogen energy are discussed to provide a holistic perspective on its potential and challenges.

Our objective in compiling this book is to bridge the knowledge gap between theoretical research and practical implementation. By presenting the latest advancements in hydrogen energy, we aim to equip readers with the insights necessary to contribute to the development of sustainable and efficient hydrogen-based energy solutions.

We extend our gratitude to the researchers, industry professionals, and institutions that continue to advance the field of hydrogen energy. Their contributions and innovations are paving the way for a cleaner and more sustainable future. We hope this book serves as a valuable guide for all those invested in the evolution of hydrogen energy systems.

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# Hydrogen in Transportation

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## ***Abstract***

The transportation sector is a major contributor to global emissions, necessitating a shift toward sustainable energy sources. Hydrogen has emerged as a promising alternative fuel, offering zero emissions and high energy efficiency. This paper explores the role of hydrogen in transportation, focusing on its adoption in freight transport, business models for hydrogen producers and refueling station owners, and policy frameworks supporting its integration. Various studies highlight strategies for hydrogen deployment in different regions, including China, Sweden, and the Nordic countries, with an emphasis on decarbonization, market acceptance, and infrastructure development. Key challenges such as hydrogen production, storage, transportation, and fuel cell advancements are also discussed. Additionally, the paper examines the economic and environmental implications of hydrogen as a transportation fuel, including the potential of green hydrogen from renewable sources and biomass-based hydrogen production. By analyzing global trends, technological advancements, and policy initiatives, this study provides insights into the feasibility of hydrogen as a sustainable transportation fuel and its role in the transition toward a low-carbon future.

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### 13.1 Introduction

The global imperative to decarbonize the transportation sector has positioned hydrogen as a pivotal energy carrier, offering a pathway to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependency on fossil fuels. The use of intelligent transportation systems has considerably reduced the emissions [36–40]. Hydrogen’s versatility, high energy density, and zero-emission potential in fuel cell (FC) applications make it a cornerstone of sustainable energy strategies. However, the transition to a hydrogen-based economy faces multifaceted challenges, spanning production, storage, infrastructure, analytical precision, policy harmonization, and scalable adoption. Hydrogen has gained prominence as a clean alternative due to its high energy density, compatibility with renewable sources, and potential for zero-carbon operations. This review examines hydrogen’s role across transportation modes, evaluates storage and production methodologies, and assesses policy frameworks driving its adoption. Despite technological progress, challenges such as infrastructure gaps, cost competitiveness, and supply chain limitations hinder widespread implementation. By addressing these barriers, hydrogen could revolutionize transportation, aligning with global climate goals and fostering energy security [31–35].

### 13.2 Literature Review

Otto *et al.* [12] investigated the feasibility of hydrogen as a zero-carbon fuel source for the transportation sector, analyzing various chemical energy carriers including ammonia, methane, and formic acid. The results indicate that the utilization of pure hydrogen—absent of any carrier—is optimally aligned with power generation applications, where substantial volumes are requisite. In the aviation sector, which poses significant challenges in terms of decarbonization, both ammonia and hydrogen demonstrate potential as feasible fuel alternatives. Furthermore, ammonia is distinguished as an effective medium for the transportation of hydrogen and the operation of container vessels. Concurrently, with regard to long-haul trucking, cryogenic or compressed hydrogen emerges as the most pragmatic option owing to its reduced volumetric requirements and the imperative for high purity.

Kurc analyzed the transition to hydrogen-driven vehicles as a plausible sustainable energy option, contrasting them with electric vehicles (EVs) and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles (HFCVs). It examines the advantages