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Several studies have modeled fuel cell vehicle market penetration and its effect on platinum availability.

### Overview of Platinum Availability Studies

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<th>g Pt per FCV</th>
<th>FCV Power</th>
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| **TIAx LLC, 2003**                | 60 g Pt (2005) 15 g Pt (2025) | 75 kW     | 10 year life, plus recycling at 95% efficiency | Two scenarios:  
1) 50% penetration in 2050  
2) 80% penetration in 2050 |
| **Råde Doctoral Thesis**          | 19 g Pt      | 50 kW     | 10 year life, plus recycling | 100% penetration in 2100 (global)  
400 million FCV annual production |
| Chalmers University of Technology & Göteborg University, 2001 | | | | |
| **Borgwardt**                      | 22 g Pt      | 50 kW     | 15 year life, plus recycling | Best case: 100% in 2070  
(US fleet growth = 25.3 million FCV/year in 2050)  
Worst case: 100% in 2150  
(US fleet growth = 10 million FCV/year in 2150) |
| U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | | | | |
| Transportation Research Part D Journal Article, 2001 | | | | |
| **Tonn and Das**                  | Low - 5 g Pt | 50 kW     | Recycling at FCV end of life | Low - 6% in 2030 (US)  
Med - 20% in 2030 (US)  
High - 60% in 2030 (US) |
| Oak Ridge National Laboratory     | Med - 10 g Pt | 50 kW     | | |
| **World Fuel Cell Council**       | 14 g Pt      | 70 kW     | 10 year life, plus recycling | Assumes 1 billion FCVs in 2030, Worldwide |
| (Formerly the Platinum Association) | | | | |
Most published studies indicate that platinum availability will be a concern.

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<td><strong>Råde Doctoral Thesis</strong>&lt;br&gt;Chalmers University of Technology &amp; Göteborg University, 2001</td>
<td>67 Gg in Pt resources</td>
<td>“In the baseline scenario, the demand for primary platinum in the 21st century amounts to 156 Gg, and current reserves and identified resources of platinum would be depleted in the 2050’s and 2060’s, respectively.”</td>
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<td><strong>Borgwardt</strong>&lt;br&gt;U.S. Environmental Protection Agency&lt;br&gt;Transportation Research Part D Journal Article, 2001</td>
<td>47,500 tonnes (47.5 Gg) in Pt resources</td>
<td>Unrestricted US fleet conversion to FCVs would require 66 years and 10,800 tonnes of Pt. If US Pt consumption remains at its current level of 16% of annual world production, fleet conversion would require 146 years and 15,200 tonnes of Pt. “These results imply that, without alternative catalysts, fuel cells alone cannot adequately address the issue facing the current system of road transport.”</td>
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<td><strong>Tonn and Das</strong>&lt;br&gt;Oak Ridge National Laboratory&lt;br&gt;Assessment of platinum availability for advanced fuel cell vehicles. Report, 2001</td>
<td>100 Gg in PGM reserves～50 Gg in Pt reserves¹</td>
<td>Under the worst case scenario, half of known PGM reserves are exhausted before mid-century. This scenario is characterized by a high demand for new vehicles in the developing countries and high penetration of reformer-equipped fuel cell vehicles with relatively high amounts of PGMs.</td>
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<td><strong>World Fuel Cell Council</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Formerly the Platinum Association)</td>
<td>1.5 billion troz (47 Gg) in Pt resources</td>
<td>1 billion car fleet corresponds 450 million troy ounces of platinum. With 95% recycling, 2 million troy ounces a year required to maintain global fleet (currently, autocatalyst requires 1.6 million/yr).</td>
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<td><strong>Cawthorn</strong>&lt;br&gt;University of Witwatersrand&lt;br&gt;Global Platinum and Palladium Deposits Review, 2001</td>
<td>4,705 Mozs in PGM deposits～73 Gg in Pt deposits¹</td>
<td>“At an increase consumption rate of 6% per year, there are adequate indicated resources of PGE in the Bushveld Complex alone to supply demand for the next 50 years.”</td>
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¹TIAX estimate based on 50% Pt in total PGM resources and 31.1 g/oz
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We conducted a series of econometric analyses to model platinum supply, demand and price.

**Econometric Analyses**

1. **Platinum Jewelry Demand:** Both Japan and the world
2. **Total World Demand for Platinum:** All uses of platinum
3. **Platinum Supply**

- World demand for autocatalyst and investment were not modeled separately because:
  - Price elasticity of demand for platinum from autocatalyst is derived from a conceptual model of the general equilibrium derived demand.
    - Autocatalyst use is required by regulation.
    - Autocatalyst accounts for only a very small proportion of total car manufacturing costs.
  - Investment demand for platinum only accounts for a relative small proportion of total demand for platinum.
Platinum Jewelry Demand: Japan has been the largest market for platinum jewelry, but demand has been affected by Japan’s economic slowdown. In the meantime, platinum jewelry demand has grown sharply in China, reaching 1.3 million troy ounces (40 Mg) in 2001.

Jewelry Market Share by Region (%)

Largely due to increased China demand

The predictive power of the jewelry demand model based on the Japanese market can be questioned given Japan’s decreasing share in the world platinum jewelry market. However, we believe that the model provided valuable insight into market dynamics.

- The jewelry demand model helps to illustrate the relationship between demand and other economic variables and estimate the potential impact of these variables on the demand for platinum jewelry.

- There are similarities in the development of the platinum jewelry market in Japan and China:
  - Both governments had restrictions on gold ownership that gave an opportunity for platinum to penetrate into these jewelry markets. The subsequent lifting of restrictions allowed more substitution between platinum and gold jewelry.
  - Both countries have experienced rapid economic growth and newly created wealth drives jewelry markets.
Econometric Analyses  Platinum Jewelry Demand

Appendix

The following factors were included in our models of platinum jewelry demand for the world and Japan.

- Quantity of demand for platinum jewelry
- GDP (gross domestic product)
- Price of platinum
- Price of gold
- Inflation
- The amount of promotion (advertising) is also an important factor in this market segment; however, this information was not available for analysis.
The jewelry demand models for the world and Japan were specified as follows:

\[
\ln D_{t,j} = \alpha + \beta_1 \ln D_{t-1,j} + \beta_2 \ln P_{t,pt} + \beta_3 \ln GDP_t + \beta_4 \ln \text{Infl}_t + \beta_5 \ln P_{t,Au} + \epsilon_t
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<td>$GDP_t$</td>
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<td>$\beta_3$</td>
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<td>$P_{t,pt}$</td>
<td>Platinum price at time $t$</td>
<td>$\beta_4$</td>
<td>Measures the sensitivity of quantity demanded to a change in inflation</td>
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<td>$P_{t,Au}$</td>
<td>Price of gold at time $t$</td>
<td>$\beta_5$</td>
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The world and Japan jewelry demand models produced the following estimated parameters and standard deviations, helping to identify the impact of each factor on the direction and magnitude of platinum jewelry demand.

\[
\ln D_{t,j} = \alpha + \beta_1 \ln D_{t-1,j} + \beta_2 \ln P_{t,pt} + \beta_3 \ln GDP_t + \beta_4 \ln \text{inf } l_t + \varepsilon_t
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<td>World short-run*</td>
<td>5.39 (1.42)</td>
<td>0.48 (0.13)</td>
<td>-0.33 (0.09)</td>
<td>0.92 (0.25)</td>
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<td>0.20 (0.90)</td>
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<td>World long-run*</td>
<td>10.37</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>-0.636 (0.04)</td>
<td>1.77 (0.44)</td>
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<td>Insignificant</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
<td>-7.19 (1.07)</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>-0.62 (0.10)</td>
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<td>0.93 (1.43)</td>
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* The chronological definition provided for “short-run” and “long-run” is not precise. The general purpose of the distinction is to differentiate between a short period, where it is impossible for consumers to make adjustments, and a longer period, where consumers have more freedom to make adjustments.

Note: The parameters for the short-run jewelry demand were estimated from the data. Parameters for the “long-run” jewelry demand were derived by adjusting short-run estimates based on the previous year’s jewelry consumption.
The predictive power of the world platinum jewelry demand model was verified by predicting the quantity demanded outside the sample period.

- We pretended that the quantity demanded for platinum jewelry was not available from 1999 to 2000 and the model was used to forecast those two years. We then compared the real quantity of demand for platinum jewelry with the model predictions.
- The differences were about 10%.

![Actual World Jewelry Demand vs. Model’s Prediction](chart.png)
The predictive power of the Japan demand model was verified by predicting quantity demanded for platinum jewelry outside the sample period.

- We pretended that the quantity demanded for platinum jewelry was not available from 1999 to 2000 and the model was used to forecast for these two years. Then we compared the real quantity of demand for platinum jewelry with the model predictions.
- The differences were about 0.1%.
The demand for platinum jewelry is not elastic\(^1\), i.e., even when the price is high the quantity demanded will remain high.

- Both the world’s and Japan’s price elasticities of demand for platinum jewelry are inelastic (-0.33 and -0.62 in short-run, and -0.63 for the World in long-run). That is, a 1 percent increase in price will result in a 0.33 to 0.63 percent decline in demand.

- Several publications have stated that demand for platinum jewelry is elastic.
  - “Demand for platinum in jewelry, its number one use, is ostensibly fairly elastic in that there are ready substitutes such as gold, white gold, silver and plated precious metal coatings.”\(^2\)

- Overstated price elasticity may result from misconceptions rather than data analysis. These authors may believe that platinum jewelry is not a necessity and, therefore, the price elasticity of demand for platinum jewelry would be high.

- The less elastic demand of platinum jewelry can be attributed to the fact that demand is driven by the bridal market, which is less price sensitive since the cost of a wedding ring only accounts for a small share of the wedding cost.

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1) For the price to be considered “elastic”, a 1 percent increase in price would result in a decline in demand of more than 1 percent.
2) Pearse, Gary H.K., Equapolar Publications, “Platinum Group Metals World Resources Economics of the Future”
The model does not indicate that there is a statistically significant relationship between platinum jewelry demand and inflation.

- Estimates of the impact of inflation on platinum jewelry demand for both the world and Japan yielded positive signs, i.e., the quantity demanded could be positively correlated with inflation.

- However, neither estimate is statistically significant.
We were not able to estimate the cross price elasticity between gold and platinum jewelry because the price of gold and platinum are highly correlated during the period of this study (the coefficient of correlation is about 0.8).
Econometric Analyses  Platinum Jewelry Demand  Cross Price Elasticity

Appendix

Even though we were not able to estimate the cross price elasticity between gold and platinum jewelry, substitution between platinum and gold* is well known and has been observed by the International Platinum Association.

- “…the recent economic decline in Japan coupled with a widening disparity between the price of gold and platinum together with technical improvements have led recently to increasing substitution of white gold for platinum…”

- “Another element in the success of platinum jewelry in China has been the successful promotion campaign of the Platinum International Guild. However, these campaigns have not yet established the wedding market to anywhere near the same extent as in Japan. Platinum jewelry in China has much more of a fashion element attached to it making it more susceptible to price sensitivity and substitution by white gold than Japan”**

* The price of gold and platinum were highly correlated during the period of the study. The correlation coefficient is about 0.8.

** International Platinum Association, letter from Marcus Nurdin to Eric Carlson (TIAX), 12/13/02.
Total World Demand for Platinum: The objective of our analysis of the world platinum demand was to better understand the relationship between platinum demand and other economic variables across all markets.

- The following factors were addressed in our model of world platinum demand:
  - GDP (gross domestic product)
  - Price of platinum
  - Price of palladium
The model of total world demand for platinum model was specified as follows:

\[ \ln D_t, pt = \alpha + \beta_1 \ln D_{t-1}, pt + \beta_2 \ln P_t, pt + \beta_3 \ln GDP_t + \beta_4 \ln P_{t, pd} + \epsilon_t \]

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Econometric Analyses  Total World Demand for Platinum  Model Estimation & Statistical Inference

The total world platinum demand model produced the following estimated parameters and their standard deviations.

\[ \ln D_{t,pt} = \alpha + \beta_1 \ln D_{t-1,pt} + \beta_2 \ln P_{t,pt} + \beta_3 \ln GDP_t + \beta_4 \ln P_{t,pd} + \varepsilon_t \]

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<td>World short-run* (std. dev.)</td>
<td>(4.66) (2.24)</td>
<td>0.70 (0.20)</td>
<td>-0.344 (0.12)</td>
<td>0.25 (0.20)</td>
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<td>World long-run* (std. dev.)</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>-1.15 (0.18)</td>
<td>0.83 (0.63)</td>
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Note: The parameters for the short-run jewelry demand model were estimated from the data. Parameters for the “long-run” jewelry demand model were derived from the short-run parameters by adjusting estimates based on the previous year’s jewelry consumption.
The predictive power of the total world platinum demand model was verified by predicting the quantity demanded outside the sample period.

- We pretended that the total quantity of demand was not available from 1999 to 2000 and the model was used to forecast those two years. We then compared the real total quantity of demand with the model predictions.

- The differences, about 25%, are larger than the differences observed in the predictions of the other two models because of the use of highly aggregated data in this model.

### Actual World Total Platinum Demand vs. Model’s Prediction

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<td>1980</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>9000000</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>10000000</td>
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- Actual Platinum Demand
- Prediction
Econometric Analyses  Total World Demand for Platinum  Price Elasticity of Demand  Appendix

The short-run price elasticity of total world demand for platinum is inelastic; however, the long-run price elasticity is elastic.

- Price elasticity of total world platinum demand has the expected negative sign and is significant (i.e., when platinum price increases, the quantity demanded falls).
- In the short-run, the price elasticity of demand for platinum is not elastic (-0.66). The quantity demanded is not very responsive to a price change, reflecting the reality that it is difficult to find a substitute metal for platinum in the short-run.
- In the long-run, the price elasticity of demand for platinum is elastic (-1.129), indicating that in the long-run, as technology progresses, it is easier to identify substitutes for platinum to respond a price change.
The total world demand for platinum responds positively to the performance of the world economy—the quantity demanded increases as the total income increases.

- However, the two factors that influence the total world platinum demand (i.e., the world GDP index and the total world platinum demand in previous periods) are highly correlated (coefficient of correlation is about 0.85). As a result, the standard error for income elasticity is very large.
Appendix

Econometric Analyses

Total World Demand for Platinum

Cross Price Elasticity of Demand

The cross price elasticity of platinum with respect to palladium is larger in the long-run than in the short-run.

- Unlike the relationship between platinum price and gold price, platinum price and palladium price are not highly correlated during the period we studied. Therefore, we are able to estimate the cross price elasticity of platinum demand with respect to the palladium price.

- The cross price elasticity has the expected positive sign and is significant, indicating that the two metals are substitutes in some applications, such as catalytic converters.

- In the short run, the degree of substitution is small (0.19), i.e., a 1 percent increase in the price of palladium will result in a 0.19 percent increase in demand for platinum. The low level of substitution is due to time, cost and technical limitations.

- In the long run, the degree of substitution increases (0.65), i.e., a 1 percent increase in the price of palladium will result in a 0.65 percent increase in demand for platinum. The level of substitution is higher because of the time available for users to adopt new technology.
**Platinum Supply:** The objective of our analysis of platinum supply was to better understand the relationship between platinum price and supply.

- We were not able to develop a structural model for platinum supply because needed information was not available. A structural model would need to include the information described below:
  - Proven reserves
  - Mine and refinery capacity
  - Mine and refinery capacity utilization
  - Production cost
  - Changes in inventory
  - Secondary supply
Due to the lack of information needed to estimate a complete structural platinum supply model, two related analyses were pursued.

1. **Analyze the real platinum price on world market.**
   - We conclude that there is no strong evidence that real platinum prices have trended upward during the 20th century. This result suggests that platinum supply is elastic and future increases in demand for platinum can be met without large change in real price.

2. **Estimate a distributed lag relationship between real platinum price series and quantities produced.**
   - An exogenous increase in platinum production is modeled as affecting current platinum price through its effect on the current marginal costs of mining and refining. Such an increase could continue to affect platinum price for some period into the future because of the time required to adjust capital stocks to new levels of price.
While platinum production has trended up for the period of the study, the real price of platinum has been fairly constant.

Sources:
Production: Johnson Matthey
Price: U.S. Geological Survey
South Africa producer price index, South Africa Reserve Bank
Econometric Analyses  Platinum Supply  Model Specification

Appendix

An inverse platinum supply function is specified to include the time that the industry takes to increase supplies following an increased, permanent change in demand on the right-hand and the level of price on the left-hand side.

• The response to a permanent change in $Q_t$ (say due to increased fuel cell use) would be $a_0$ in the first year, $a_1$ in the second year, etc. If it took five years for the platinum industry to arrive at the long run desired production level, then the price effects would be non-zero for five years and zero thereafter.

$$P_t = a_0 (Q_t - Q_{t-1}) + a_1 (Q_{t-1} - Q_{t-2}) + \ldots + DM_t + \epsilon_t$$

<table>
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<th>$P_t$</th>
<th>Real USGS (dollar-denominated) platinum price multiplied by the South African rand equivalent of the U.S. dollar and divided by the South African Producer Price Index.</th>
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<td>$Q_t, Q_{t-1}, Q_{t-2}, Q_{t-1}$</td>
<td>Contemporaneous quantity of world production and its lags.</td>
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<td>$DM_t$</td>
<td>Dummy variable indicating years in which there were supply interruptions. The years in which the supply disruption variable equal one is 1965-1968, 1978-1980, 1986, and 1997-1999. In all, the supply disruption dummy variable equals one for 31% of the 35-year sample period.</td>
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<td>$a_0, a_1, a_n$</td>
<td>Price response to a permanent change in quantity</td>
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Because of the lack of sufficient data to estimate a complete structural supply model, a reduced form supply model was estimated.

- The estimated results are weak; however, there is some evidence that:
  - Long-run supply is elastic (supply has been able to meet the demand to keep the real platinum price constant over the last century).
  - An exogenous increase in quantity has a positive effect on platinum price for a short time (2 or 3 year periods) and then the effect fades away.
  - Supply interruption has a larger impact on platinum price.
Econometric Analyses
Equilibrium Displacement Simulation

Appendix

We simulated the impact of FCV demand on platinum price, using the results from our econometric models, the price elasticity of platinum autocatalyst demand*, and hypothetical FCV demand.

• The simulation model was specified as follows:

\[
\frac{dP}{P} = \frac{FC/Q}{\varepsilon_s + \left(\frac{Q_A}{Q}\right)\eta_A + \left(\frac{Q_j}{Q}\right)\eta_j + \left(\frac{Q_o}{Q}\right)\eta_o}
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<td>Share of other use of Pt</td>
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<td>(\frac{FC}{Q})</td>
<td>Hypothetical fraction of total Pt consumption by fuel cell use</td>
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<td>(\varepsilon_s)</td>
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This model is the fundamental link among all parts of the simulation model.

* Obtained from a conceptual model of the general equilibrium derived demand. Derivation is available upon request.
We used a hypothetical demand scenario for FCVs to assess the impact of increased demand for platinum on price.

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<th>Pt demand (g)/vehicle</th>
<th>Fuel cell use of Pt (million Troy oz)</th>
<th>Increased fuel cell use of Pt in total Pt consumption</th>
<th>Pt price changes</th>
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Econometric Analyses  Simulation Model

Appendix

The simulation illustrates that increased platinum demand will increase the price in the short-run, but in the long-run the price will return to its base level once supply catches up with demand.

Simulation 2: Volatile Platinum Demand

- Initial increase in Pt demand from fuel cell vehicles
- Price increases to respond to increased demand
- Pt supply catches up to demand, price declines
- Greater Pt price increase to respond to increased demand
- More rapid growth in fuel cell vehicle production
- Pt supply catches up to demand, price declines
- Pt price returns to its base price
The simulation model helps to highlight the following issues related to the impact of future FCV demand for platinum on price.

• Future demand for platinum from FCVs could drive up the price of platinum by 20 to 30 percent over its base price.

• A gradual adoption of fuel cell technology would minimize the pressure on platinum market and minimize the impact on platinum prices.

• Price declines over time are due to more elastic long-run supply and demand. The supply side has enough time to increase production and capacity and the demand side has the time to improve technology, to reduce platinum loading, or find alternatives.

Other factors outside the scope of our models could have an even more significant impact on platinum price than new FCV demand.

• For example, even without demand from FCVs the 12/17/03 platinum price was $840/oz (53% higher than the long-term mean) as a result of a supply/demand imbalance and other market factors.
Appendix

- Summary of Previous Studies
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An increasing population in the US leads to increasing vehicle sales in a mature market.

**US Vehicle Market**

Sources: United Nations, Ward’s, DOE Energy Information Administration

* Vehicle Turnover Period = 15.5 years
The Western European market is mature, but the rise in vehicle per capita ownership offsets the effect of a projected decrease in population.

Sources: United Nations, Ward’s, DOE Energy Information Administration

* Vehicle Turnover Period = 11.5 years
The Japanese market trend is similar to Western Europe in our vehicle sales estimate.

Sources: United Nations, Ward's, DOE Energy Information Administration
* Vehicle Turnover Period = 10 years
The Chinese market has the potential to surpass the United States assuming vehicles per capita continues to rise with increasing GDP.

Sources: United Nations, Ward’s, DOE Energy Information Administration

* Vehicle Turnover Period = 12 years
The combination of increasing population and increased vehicles per capita leads to potentially the largest vehicle markets in India.

Sources: United Nations, Ward’s, DOE Energy Information Administration
* Vehicle Turnover Period = 12 years
The 50% Scenario shows that the world vehicle fleet will significantly increase as Developing Countries increase their vehicles per capita.

Sources: United Nations, Ward’s, DOE Energy Information Administration
* Rest of world may add 20% to vehicle sales based on 2000 statistics
The 80% Scenario shows that the world vehicle fleet will significantly increase as Developing Countries increase their vehicles per capita.

Sources: United Nations, Ward’s, DOE Energy Information Administration
* Rest of world may add 20% to vehicle sales based on 2000 statistics
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- Previous Studies
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We evaluated stationary global PEMFC markets for the scenario in which PEMFC achieves success in transportation applications.

**Success Scenario**

◆ Stationary PEMFC cost and performance characteristics are consistent with the cost/performance needed for success in transportation applications.

◆ Achieving these cost performance characteristics will make PEMFC the distributed generation technology of choice in stationary applications for distributed generation plant capacities under 1 MW.
We used several simplifying assumptions for a scenario-based evaluation of the future stationary PEMFC market through 2050.

- Global projections of new additions of electric generation capacity (from the International Energy Agency), with some adjustments, are a reasonable proxy for the target market.
- IEA generation capacity projections can be extrapolated from 2030 to 2050 using global Gross Domestic Product projections.
- Consistent with findings from previous TIAX studies, the simple payback period of stationary PEMFC in the U.S. are reasonably representative of the simple payback period in most significant global markets.
- Energy-cost savings at the end-use site will be the primary motivation to install PEMFC.
- PEMFC distribution chain markups will be at the low end of markups typically seen in the HVAC and Appliance industries.
The IEA projects global electric generation capacity to more than double by 2030.

Appendix

U.S./Canada, the European Union, and China combined account for about 50 percent of current and projected future generation capacity.

Projected total capacity additions include significant portions that will replace current aging assets.

We extrapolated IEA generation capacity projections to 2050 using global GDP projections.


* 0.86 factor calculated from 1999/2025 values
We then extrapolated IEA’s projections for total additions of generation capacity to 2050.

Source: IEA data. 2025 from interpolation. 2050 Replacements from extrapolation of data for 2020 and 2030.
Stationary PEMFC cost and performance characteristics were estimated from the requirements for a successful transportation PEMFC market.

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<td><strong>System Cost</strong></td>
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<td>$50/kW</td>
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<td><strong>Efficiency</strong></td>
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<td>35% (LHV*)</td>
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* Lower Heating Value
Net generation efficiency in stationary applications will be slightly higher than for transportation applications.

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<th>Performance Projections</th>
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<td><strong>Transportation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Stationary 2010⁺</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Stationary 2025⁺</strong></td>
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<td>35% (LHV)</td>
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<td>40% (LHV)</td>
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**Rationale**

- Rated at 0.75 to 0.80 volts/cell for stationary applications, vs. 0.65 to 0.70 volts/cell for transportation, to optimize efficiency (rather than power density).
- This efficiency benefit is adjusted down slightly to account for power-conditioning losses associated with stationary PEMFC.
- We assumed the upper end of the efficiency range for stationary applications would be achieved.
The manufactured cost of stationary PEMFC will be 4 to 8 times the cost for transportation applications.

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**Rationale – Additional Requirements for Stationary PEMFC**

- Power conditioning subsystems to produce alternating current at the required voltage and frequency
- Utility interface subsystems (including electric grid interconnection)
- Packaging (the vehicle provides the packaging for transportation applications)
- More robust components (40,000 hour life required for major subsystems vs. 5,000 hours for transportation):
  - Higher catalyst loadings in fuel-cell stack
  - Thicker, more robust, membrane structures
  - More robust electromechanical equipment (pumps, blowers, valves, etc.)
- Different cell voltage rating to optimize efficiency (rather than power density)
- Fuel processor subsystem to operate on natural gas or other fossil fuel
We estimated distribution chain markups based on the low end of mark-up ranges for appliances and HVAC equipment.

### Manufactured Cost

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Factory Price</th>
<th>Distributor &amp; Installer Markups</th>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>$480/kW</td>
<td>$840/kW (traditional 2-step distribution assumed)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2025</td>
<td>$240/kW</td>
<td>$420/kW</td>
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1. Low end of 20-40 percent range.
2. Assumes straightforward installation and simple, standardized grid interconnection requirements.
For this scenario, using TIAx analytical tools\textsuperscript{1}, we estimate a simple payback period of about 8 years in 2010, improving to 4 years in 2025.

\textbf{Representative Application}

- Fort Worth Office Building
- $0.08/kWh Electricity (Fixed Rate)
- $5/MMBtu Natural Gas
- Capacity Factor = 0.54
- $0.01/kWh Non-Fuel O&M

\textsuperscript{1} Developed for the U.S. Department of Energy under UT-Battelle Subcontract No. 4000008858; completed April 12, 2002.
Simple payback period is often used as an initial screen of energy-saving technologies.

**Simple Payback Period (Years)**

- Defined as: \( \frac{\text{Installed Cost}}{\text{Net Annual Savings}} \)
- Accounts for:
  - Installed Cost
  - Electricity Cost Savings
  - Fuel Cost
  - Non-Fuel O&M
- Does NOT Account for:
  - Cost of Capital
  - Product Life, Salvage Value, or Replacement Cost
  - Non-energy-saving Benefits
TIAX has developed simplified relationships to predict market penetration based on payback period.

**Customer-Owned (Residential/Commercial)**

**TIAX Market Penetration Curves for Residential and Commercial Buildings**

- Based on field interviews, consumer surveys, and market data on adoption of efficient technologies
- Useful as guidelines for market acceptance rates
- General observations:
  - threshold payback is 4-5 yrs
  - large market penetration occurs at <3 yrs

**Sources:** TIAX estimates, based on HVAC market penetration experience
We increased the resulting market penetrations to account for other factors, based on TIAx experience.

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<th>Installed Cost</th>
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<th>Adjusted Market Penetration(^2)</th>
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<td>$840/kW</td>
<td>8 years</td>
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<td>3%</td>
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<td>2025(^+)</td>
<td>$420/kW</td>
<td>4 years</td>
<td>12(^4)</td>
<td>15%</td>
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**Examples of Other Factors**

- Power quality/reliability
- Fuel flexibility
- Energy security
- Additional savings from cogeneration in some applications
- Transmission and distribution system support

1) Based on energy-cost economics alone
2) Includes Other Factors.
3) Based on market penetration curve for “5 years following market introduction”.
4) Based on market penetration curve for “ultimate adoption”.
We adjusted the target market to account for end uses that cannot be addressed by PEMFC.

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<td>0.52$^2$</td>
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<td>Fraction of Load Supplied$^6$</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>0.74$^3$</td>
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<td>Applicable End Uses$^6$</td>
<td>Residential (35%), Commercial (33%), Industrial (31%), Transportation (1%)</td>
<td>Residential (35%) and Commercial (33%)</td>
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Total Adjustment Factor: 0.5

1) Fraction of stationary end uses that are addressable by PEMFC
2) Based on IEA global data for 1999: 3397 GW generation capacity and 15,391 TWh consumption.
3) Typical value for office building application with fuel cell sized to match 50% of peak load – from previous TIAX analyses.
4) Difference between central generation and PEMFC is well within range of uncertainty – no adjustment factor is justified.
5) For a typical end use, the fraction of annual electricity consumption supplied divided by the total consumption
6) Using a 1 MW maximum PEMFC plant size, and approximating end uses requiring >1 MW plants as all industrial applications. Based on end-use splits for the U.S. for 2000 (2002 Buildings Energy Databook, DOE/EERE, Table 1.1.3).
**Stationary Fuel Cell Markets**

**Appendix**

We used the preceding projections to evaluate the stationary PEMFC market for three discrete future years (2010, 2025, and 2050).

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<th>Total Capacity Additions, GW</th>
<th>Avg. Annual Capacity Additions, GW</th>
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<th>Avg. Annual PEMFC Market, GW</th>
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<td>3% (2010*)</td>
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<td>2462</td>
<td>164</td>
<td>0.50</td>
<td>15% (2025&lt;sup&gt;+&lt;/sup&gt;)</td>
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<td>2026-2050</td>
<td>5020</td>
<td>200</td>
<td></td>
<td>15% (2025&lt;sup&gt;+&lt;/sup&gt;)</td>
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<sup>1</sup> Adjusts for portion of market that cannot be addressed by PEMFC. See previous slide.
We generated a reasonable penetration curve based on the 2010, 2025, and 2050 market penetrations.
PGMs are mined in only a few locations throughout the world, with more than 90% of platinum production concentrated in South Africa and Russia.

- PGMs are localized in mafic to basalatic magmatic complexes
  - Layered: Bushveld (South Africa), Stillwater (United States), Great Dyke (Zimbabwe)
  - Massive: Norlisk (Russia), Sudbury (Canada)
    - Associated with nickel-copper deposits
- Placer deposits (alluvial)
  - Urals, Alaska

Layered deposits account for 75% of platinum production and resources and massive deposits account for the balance.
Platinum is one of six PGMs recovered along with base and precious metals.

### PGMs
- Platinum
- Palladium
- Rhodium
- Iridium
- Osmium
- Ruthenium

### Base Metals
- Nickel
- Chromium
- Copper

### Precious Metals
- Gold
- Silver
The Bushveld Complex in South Africa is the location of the world’s largest platinum deposit.

The Bushveld Complex contains an estimated 75% of the world’s platinum resources.

- The 3 most important PGM mineralized layers are:
  - Merensky Reef
  - UG2 Chromitite layer
  - Platreef
- Mafic portion of the complex is 2 billion years old
- PGM mineralization was discovered in 1924 on the eastern limb by Merensky and Lombard.
- The Complex is the largest layered intrusion in the world:
  - Continuous over 300km
  - Aerial extent of over 65,000km² (350 x 185km)
  - Depth of 7 to 9km
The Bushveld Complex was created as the result of repeated injections of magma from a source in the earth’s mantle.

- The pressure from the rising magma created high level pockets that are made accessible through mining.

The stratification of the mineral layers in the Bushveld Complex was created by the continual crystallization of magma from within the earth’s mantle.

- Enormous volumes of magma developed layers (stratification)
- Minerals crystallized as the temperature fell
- These minerals accumulated into sub-horizontal layers, building up from the base of the magma chamber
- Intermittent replenishment of the chamber by hotter magma led to a repetition of this crystallization sequence, leading to concentration of minerals in layers of chromitite and magnetite

This process led to a 1000 fold increase in PGM concentration.
The Bushveld geology is more complicated than the idealized layered deposit.

**Idealized Platinum section**  
(Molengraaf—1905)

**East–West section**  
(Du Toit—1954)

**East–West section**  
(Meyer & De Beer—1954)

The Complex is divided into an Eastern and Western location

Source: Lonmin Platinum, Geology of the Bushveld Complex, 2003
* For size comparison with Bushveld Complex
The Western Bushveld is more heavily developed than the Eastern limb. Open pit mining occurs at PR Rustenberg.

Within the layered deposits, concentration profiles vary depending on the local conditions during formation.


This data influences site selection and how each deposit is mined.
Platinum dominates the valuable elements of the Merensky, UG2, and Platreef ores.

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Merensky Reef E&amp;W Limbs</th>
<th>UG2 Western Limb</th>
<th>UG2 Eastern Limb</th>
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<td>Au</td>
<td>4–5</td>
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* \( \% = \left( \frac{W_{\text{metal}}}{\left( \sum W_{\text{PGMs}} + W_{\text{Au}} \right)} \right) \times 100 \)

\( W = \text{Weight} \)
The composition of the ores varies across the Bushveld Complex.

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<td>Ni Content</td>
<td>0.13%</td>
<td>0.07%</td>
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<td>Cu Content</td>
<td>0.08%</td>
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<td>PGM Grain Size</td>
<td>Up to 350 um</td>
<td>Up to 10 um</td>
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<td>Density</td>
<td>3.2 g/cm²</td>
<td>4 g/cm²</td>
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Currently the shallower deposits, less than 1,000m, are being exploited.

There are three types of mines.

- Incline (trucks can drive in and out)
- Deep shaft
- Open pit
Today, the deepest mine shafts extend 2 km below the surface.

A network of shafts spread horizontally from the main shaft to gain access to PGM rich deposits.

Refining PGMs from the raw ore is a capital intensive process.

1. The area is surveyed for PGM rich deposits.
2. The ore is mined. (5 g/t PGM)
3. The raw ore is crushed and milled.
4. PGM is concentrated through flotation. (200 g/t PGM)
5. PGM is further concentrated through smelting and conversion processes. (2000 g/t PGM)
6. Base metals are removed through electrolysis. (6000 g/t PGM)
7. Precious metals are refined and separated to a 99.75% pure product. (solvent extraction)

Aerial magnetic surveys are used to locate PGM rich locations.

Geological disturbances degrade recovery efficiency and uniformity of the deposits.

The impact of these disturbances is evident in this photo and magnetic survey.

Potholes are large, saucer shaped deformities that greatly distort the structure of the ore body and cause disruptions to the mining operations.

3D seismic surveys are conducted to map the layered structure of a region.

Drilling rigs are used to extract core samples from the ground in order to quantify PGM concentrations and actual deposit geology.

*Drilling Ring*

Conveyors and hopper cars are used to extract the loose ore from the mine.

*Conveyer belt for ore transportation*

*Hopper used to remove ore from a shaft mine*
In an incline mine, workers can use mechanized drills to prepare the mine face for blasting.
Mining technology is moving to reduce the height of equipment in order to reduce the amount of tailings that need to be processed.

*Roof Anchor*

*Excavating Ore*
Platinum Mining  Production

Appendix

Workers drill into the mine face in preparation for blasting. The height of the shaft is kept to a minimum to reduce the amount of excess material.

Area mapped for blasting in an incline mine

In a shaft mine, drilling is done by hand

Shaft mining relies heavily on manual labor, while the incline mining process is more mechanized.
In open pit mining, large quantities of material are removed to expose the valuable PGM layers.
In open pit mining, large quantities of material are removed to expose the valuable PGM layers. (continued)

*Formation of a New Pit*

*Removal of Non-Ore*
Sophisticated controls are used to monitor material flow, traffic, and the condition of the equipment.

*Truck Used to Haul Ore*

*Monitoring Station*
The ore is first crushed and moved into the processing plant. Additional milling forms a fine powder for the flotation separation process.

*Crushed Ore*

*Processing Plant*
The powder is then moved through a series of flotation tanks.

- The powder is mixed with water and special reagents.
- Air is pumped through the mixture, causing a PGM rich matte to float to the surface.
- The matte rises over the rim of the tank and flows to the next floatation tank.
- The process continues through several more tanks, each increasing the PGM concentration.

Smelters are used to further concentrate the flotation concentrate in the ore and recycled catalytic converter materials.

*Impala Smelter*

*Rowland Shaft, Concentrator, and Smelter*
The material is smelted in an electric furnace at temperatures over 1500ºC.

**Tapping the smelter**

**Filling a ladle to transport to the converters**
Material is loaded into the converters where air is periodically blown through the molten material to remove the iron and sulfur.
The final two stages of the process involve separation of the metals.

- At the base metals refinery, the base metals are removed using electrolysis techniques.
- The PGMs are refined through a combination of solvent extraction, distillation, and ion exchange techniques.
  - Processes are proprietary.
Water used in the refining process is treated and reused, as it is a precious commodity in South Africa.

Wastewater Treatment Plant
Mining is the major component of platinum production costs.

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<th>Communication &amp; Flotation</th>
<th>Smelting &amp; Converting</th>
<th>Base Metal Refining</th>
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<td>Percent of Total Cost</td>
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