

Can Energy Conversion be 100% Zero Emissions?



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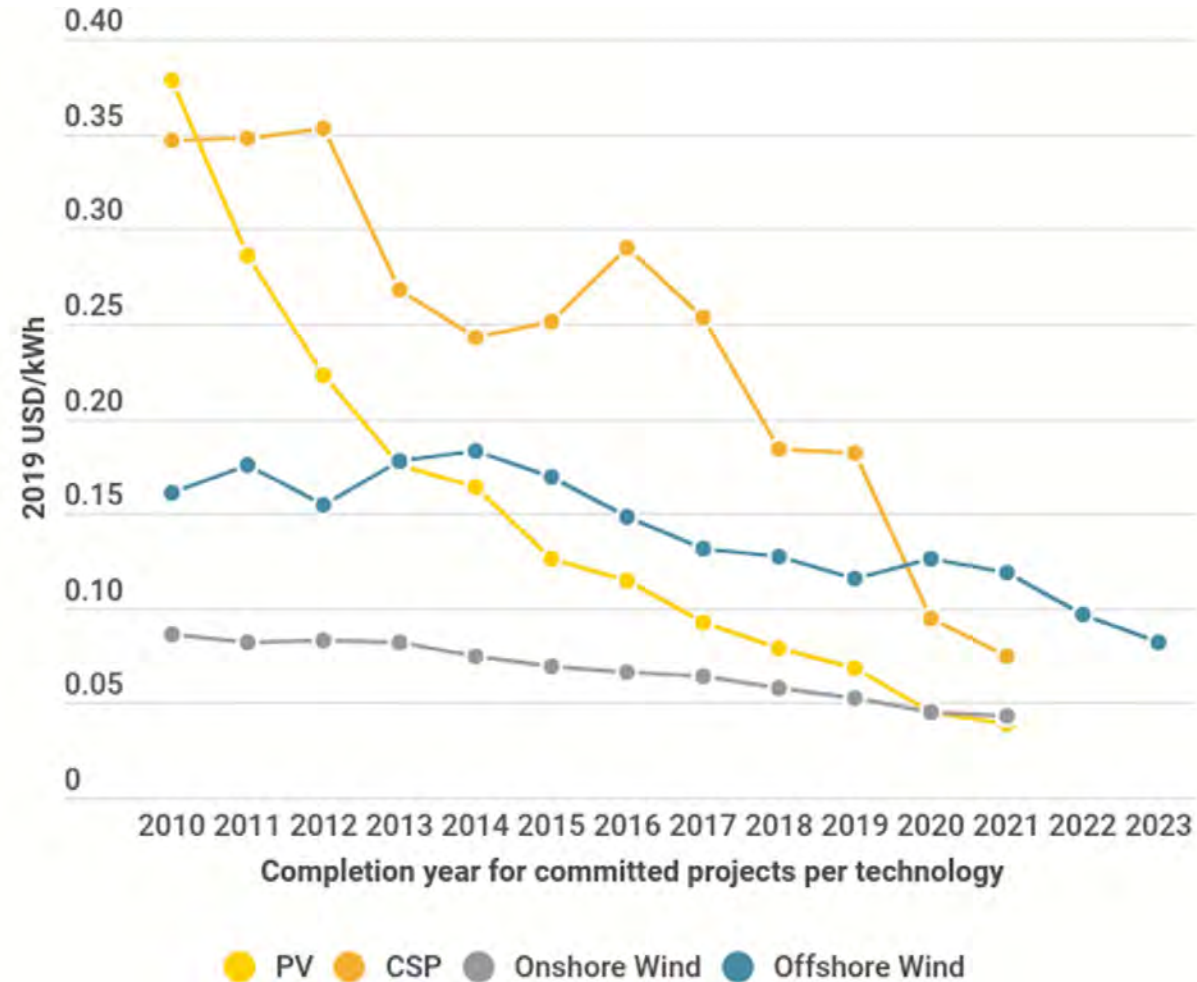
Adopt More Solar & Wind and Use It Directly

We must increasingly adopt energy conversion that is sustainable & naturally replenished quickly

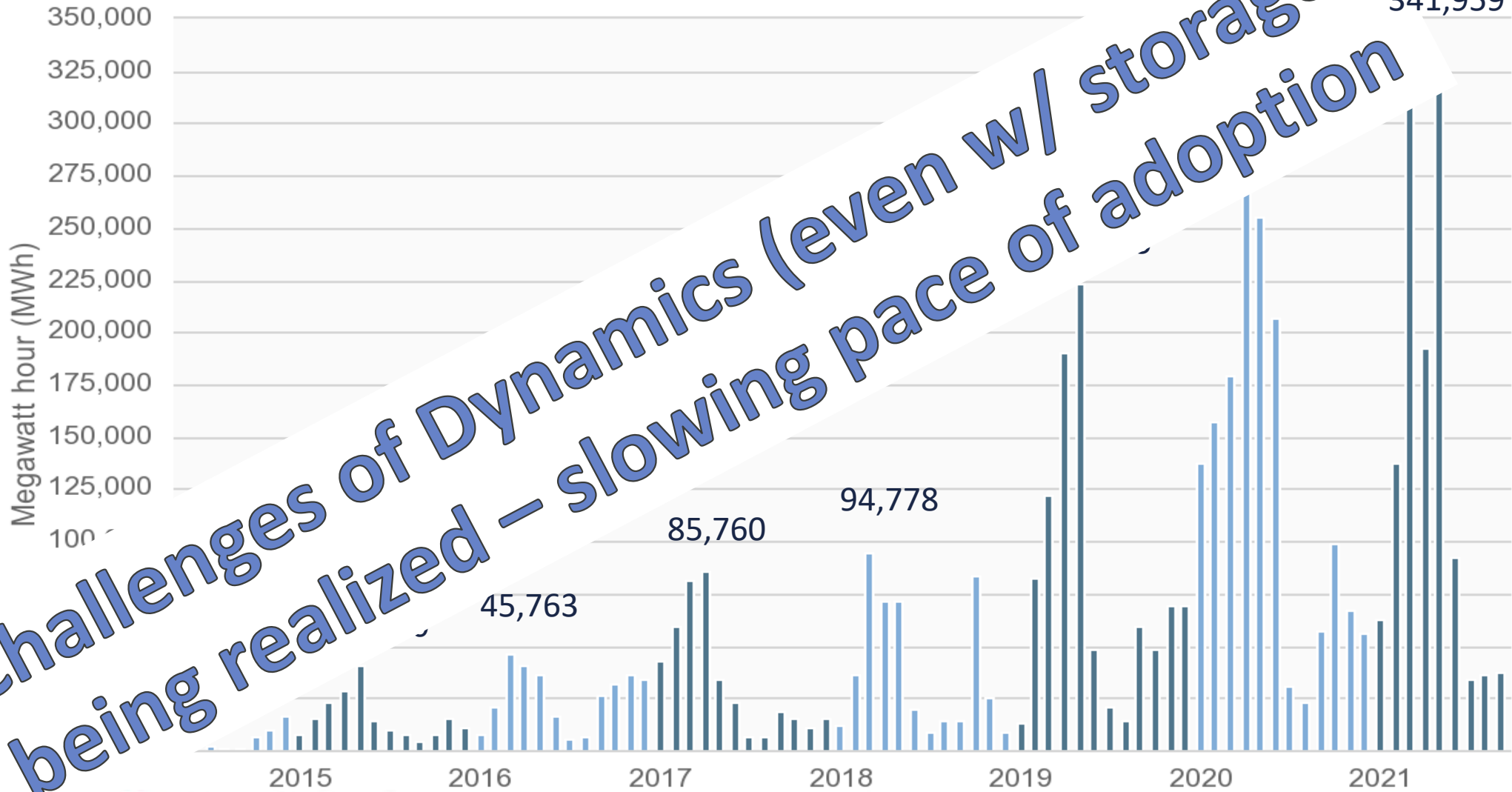
Good News!

- Widely & equitably available around world
- Now typically cheapest form of primary energy
- Electrify all amenable end-uses
- Control loads to match renewable dynamics

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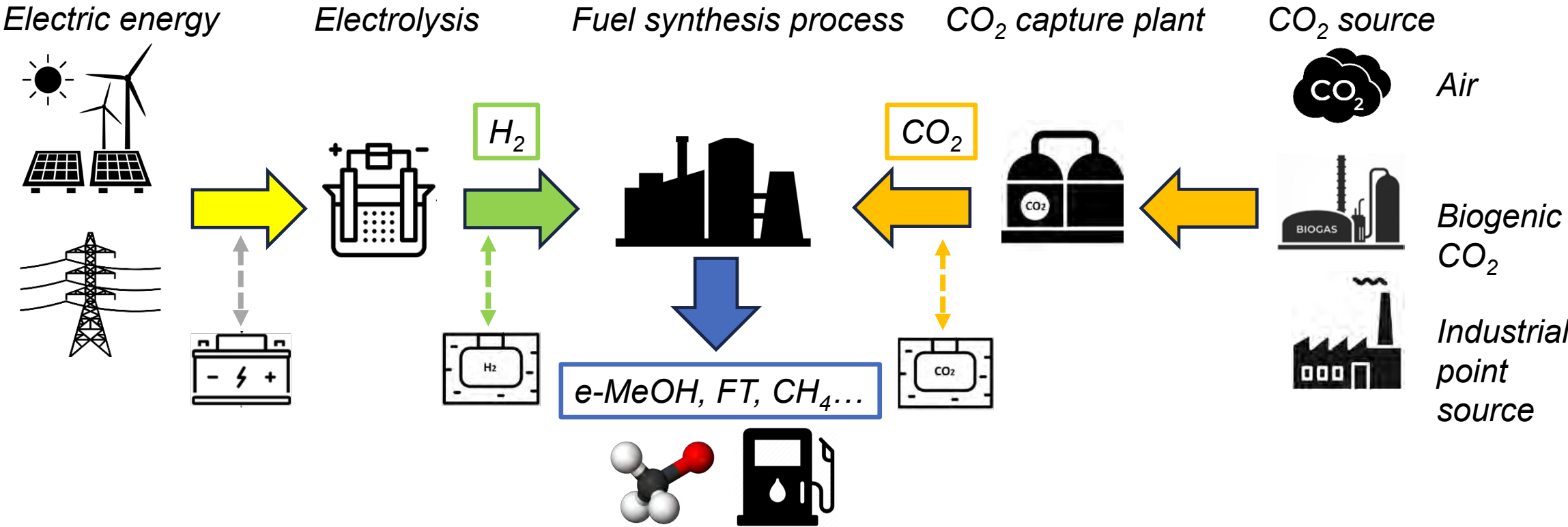


High Renewable Use is Challenging (Curtailment CA)



Then Use E-Fuels & Renewable Fuels

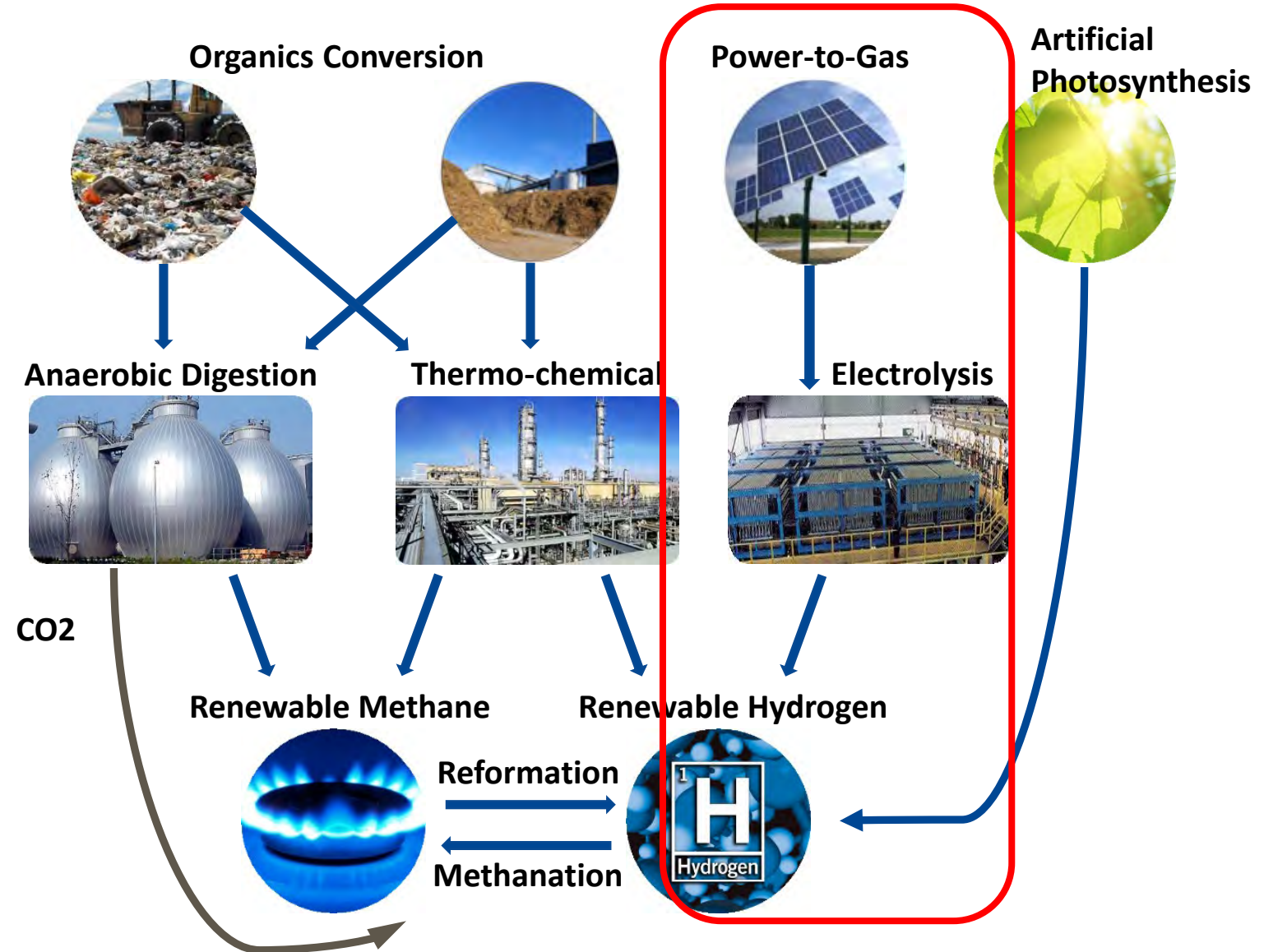
- e-fuels: synthetic fuels produced from electricity
- Each process has a certain efficiency (loss of energy)



From: Matteo Romano,
Politécnico di Milano, 2022

Renewable and Zero-carbon Gaseous Fuel Pathways

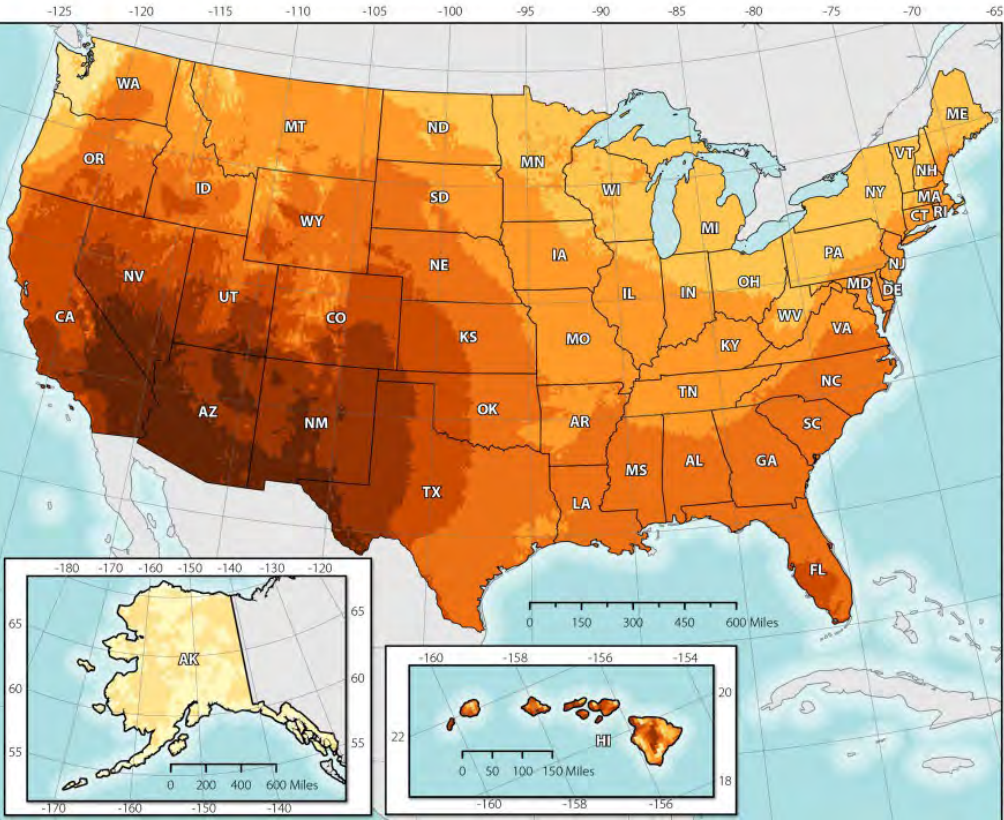
- “Green” in the traditional sense of environmentally sensitive, sustainable and desirable



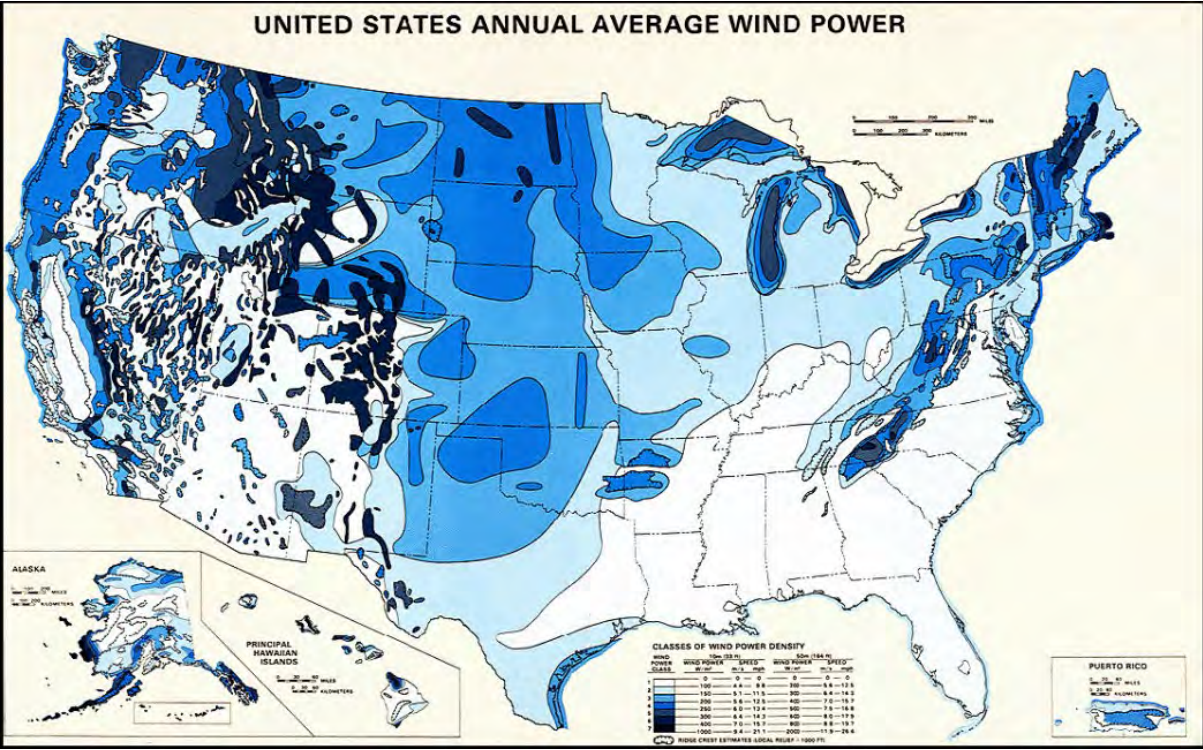
Solar & Wind Power – most widely available resources

- Renewable future will be more equitable all around the world

Photovoltaic Solar Resource of the United States



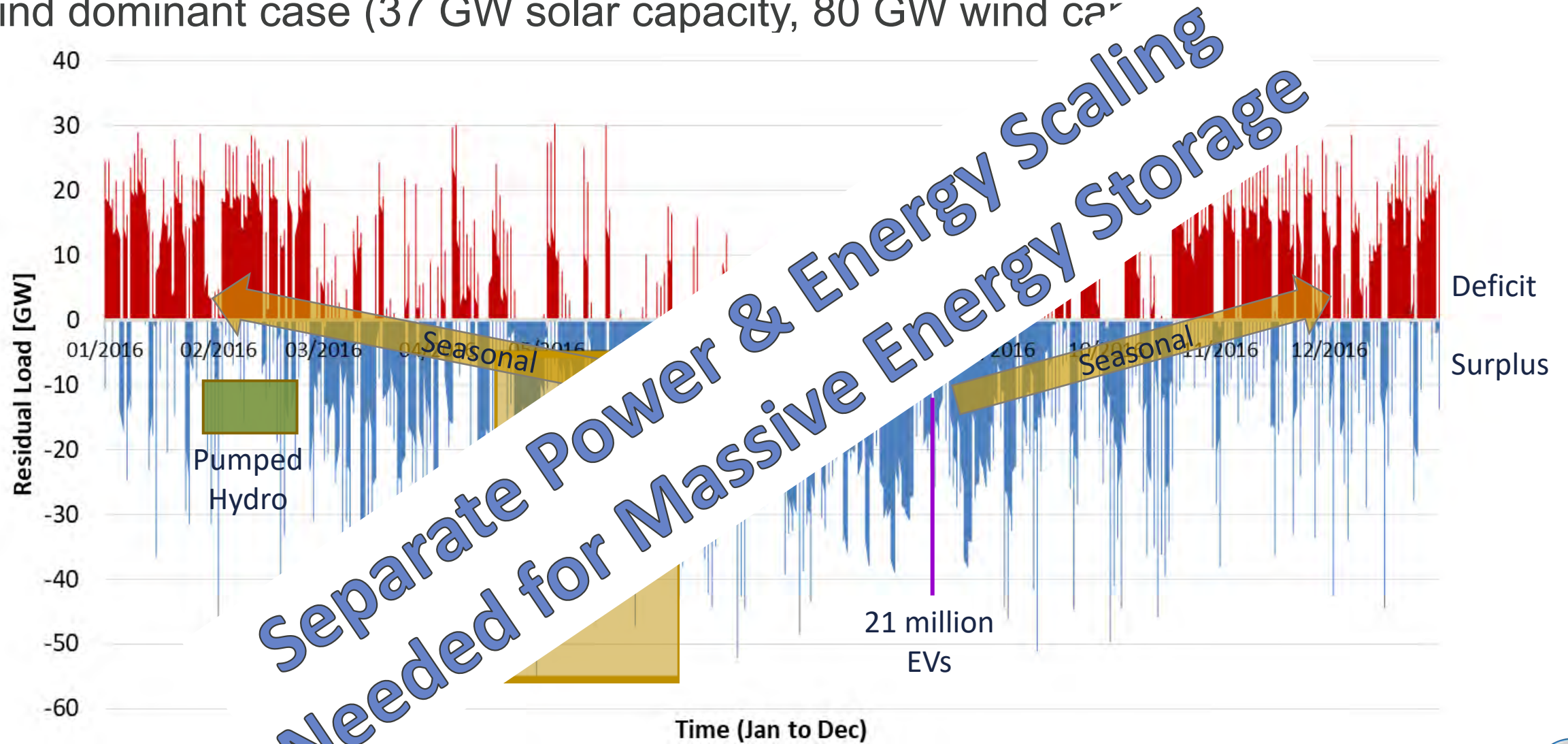
UNITED STATES ANNUAL AVERAGE WIND POWER



NREL, 2018

Dynamics of Renewable Future are Challenging

- Wind dominant case (37 GW solar capacity, 80 GW wind capacity)



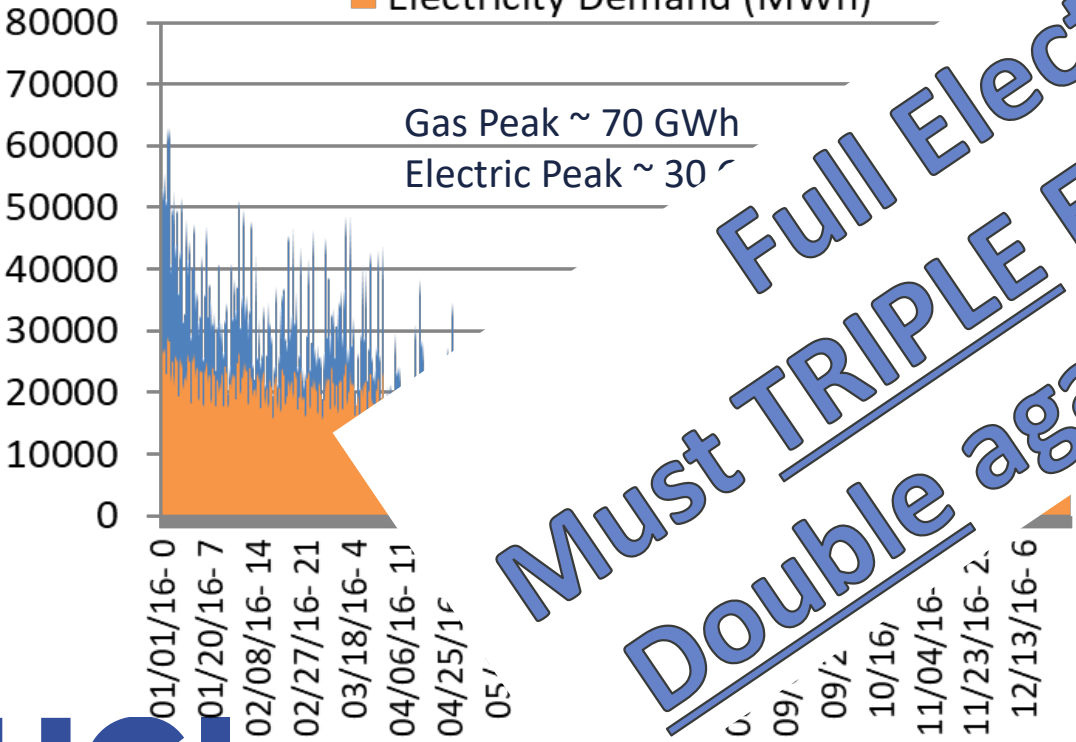
We Must Transform the Gas System

- Northwestern U.S. Energy Dynamics

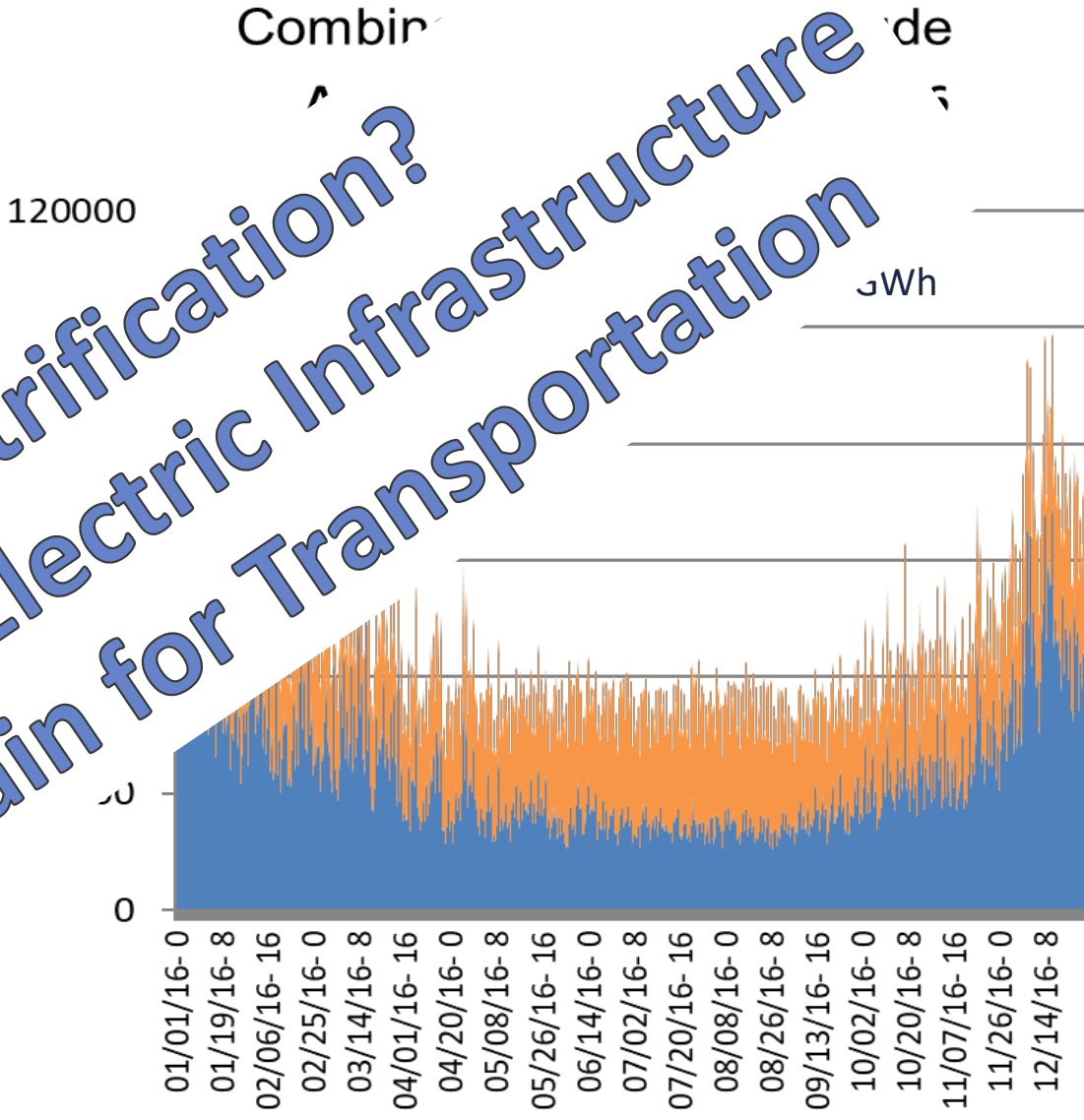
Magnitude Comparison

Annual Hourly Demand - 2016

- Gas Demand (MWh)
- Electricity Demand (MWh)



Full Electrification?
Must TRIPLE Electric Infrastructure
Double again for Transportation



Demonstrated Resilience of Fuel Cells and Gas System

San Diego Blackout, 9/28/11



Winter Storm Alfred, 10/29/11



Hurricane Sandy, 10/29/12



CA Earthquake, 8/24/14



Data Center Utility Outage, 4/16/15



Hurricane Joaquin, 10/15/15



Napa Fire, 10/9/17



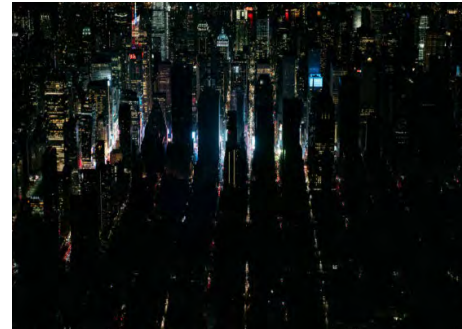
Hurricane Michael, 10/15/18



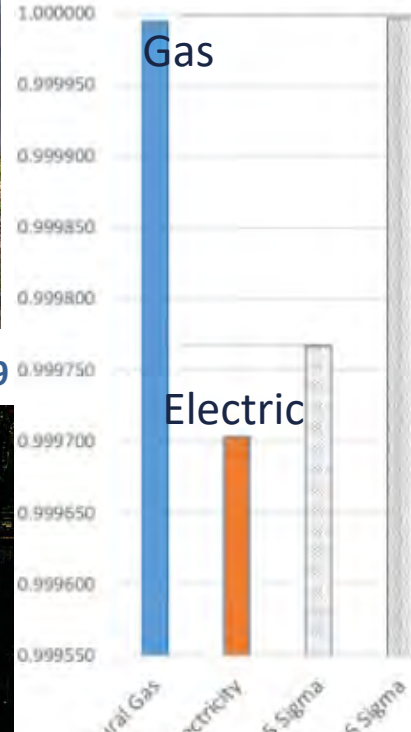
Ridgecrest Earthquakes, 7/4-5/19



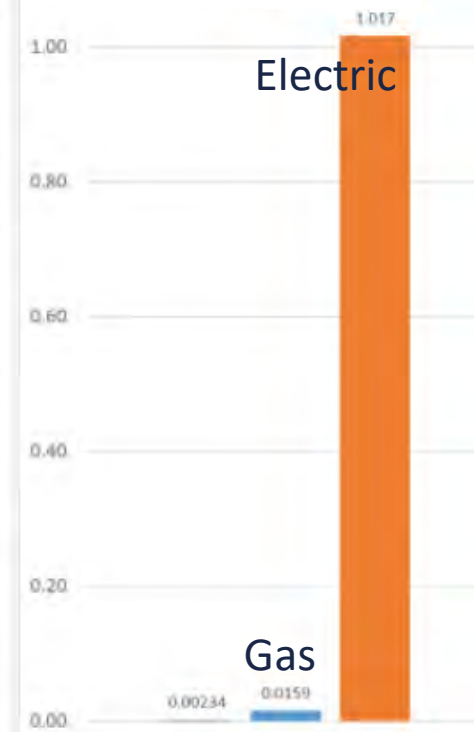
Manhattan Blackout, 7/13/19



Reliability



Outage Rate



Why Hydrogen? Zero Emission Fuels Required

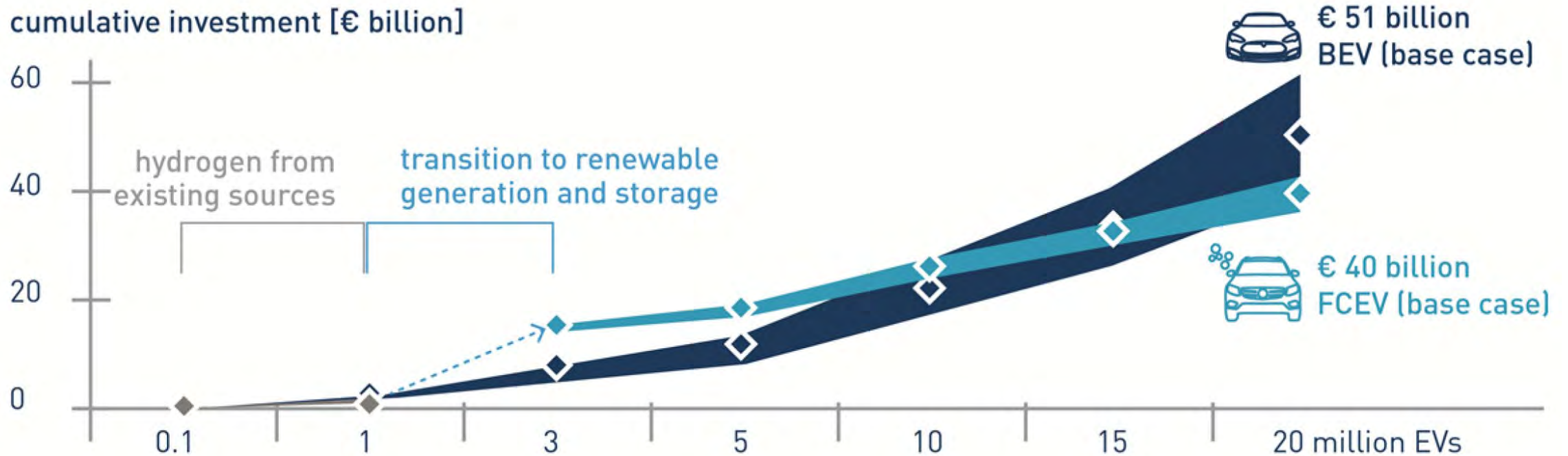
- Provide zero emissions fuel to difficult end-uses



Anything that requires (1) rapid fueling, (2) long range, (3) large payload

Infrastructure Limits Require both FCEV & BEV

Comparative Analysis of Infrastructures: H2 & FCEV vs. Grid & BEV



Robinius, Martin, Jochen Franz Linßen, Thomas Grube, Markus Reuß, Peter Stenzel, Konstantinos Syranidis, Patrick Kuckertz, and Detlef Stolten. *Comparative analysis of infrastructures: hydrogen fueling and electric charging of vehicles*. Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, Zentralbibliothek, Verlag, 2018.

Why Hydrogen? Industry Requirements for Heat, Feedstock,

- Many examples of applications that cannot be electrified

Steel Manufacturing & Processing



Cement Production



(Photo: ABB Cement)

Plastics



(Photo: DowDuPont Inc.)

Ammonia & Fertilizer Production



(Photo: Galveston County Economic Development)

Computer Chip Fabrication



(Photo: American Chemical Society)

Pharmaceuticals



(Photo: Geosyntec Consultants)



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Solid Oxide Electrolysis Cells (SOEC) integrated with Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) plants for producing green steel

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<http://www.apep.uci.edu/H2GS/>



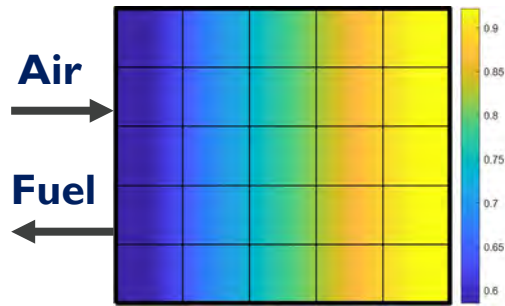
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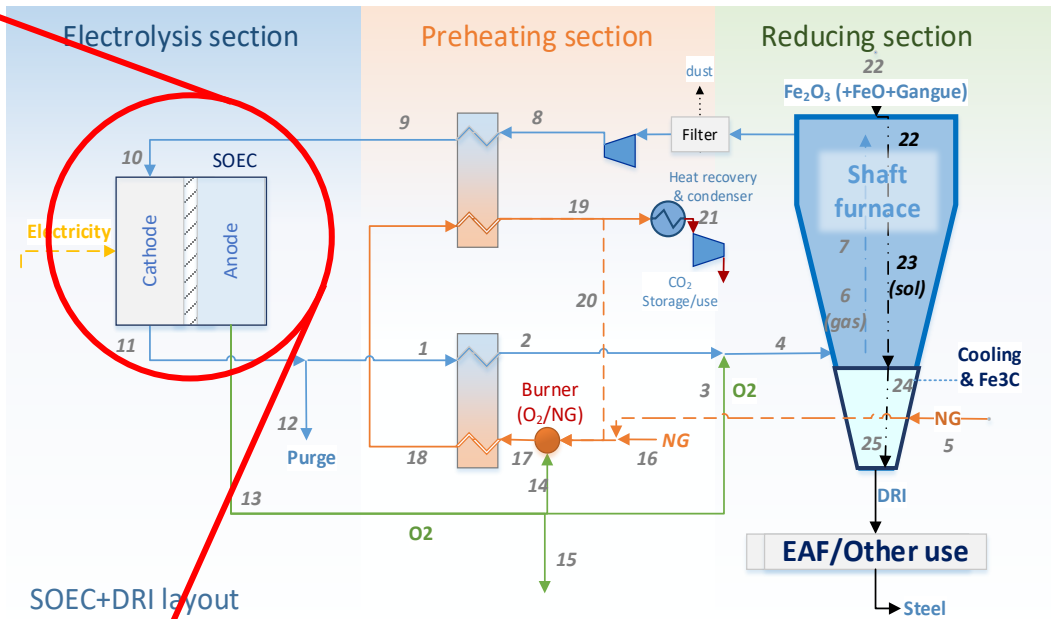
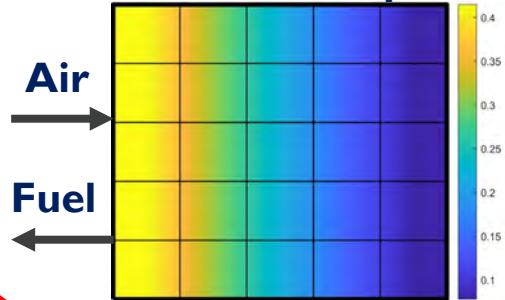
Hydrogen Direct Reduction (HDR) of Steel

Voltage = 1.206 V
 Current Density = 829 A/m²
 Operating Power = 495 MW
 Steam Utilization = 0.8936
 Pressure = 7 bar
 Efficiency = 95%

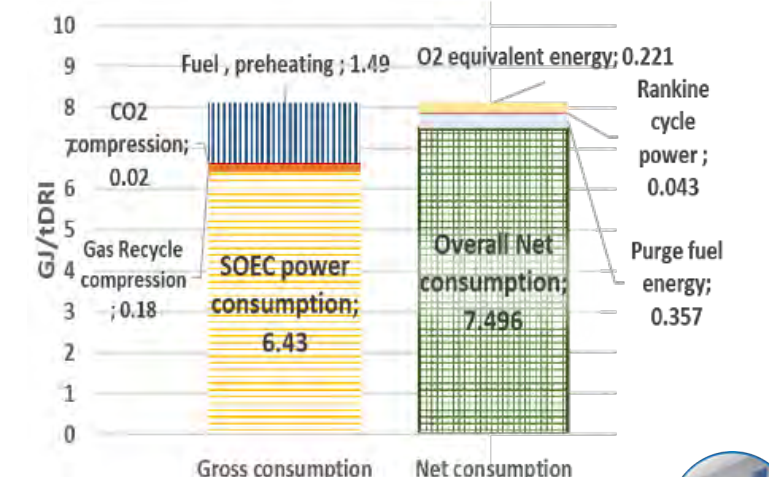
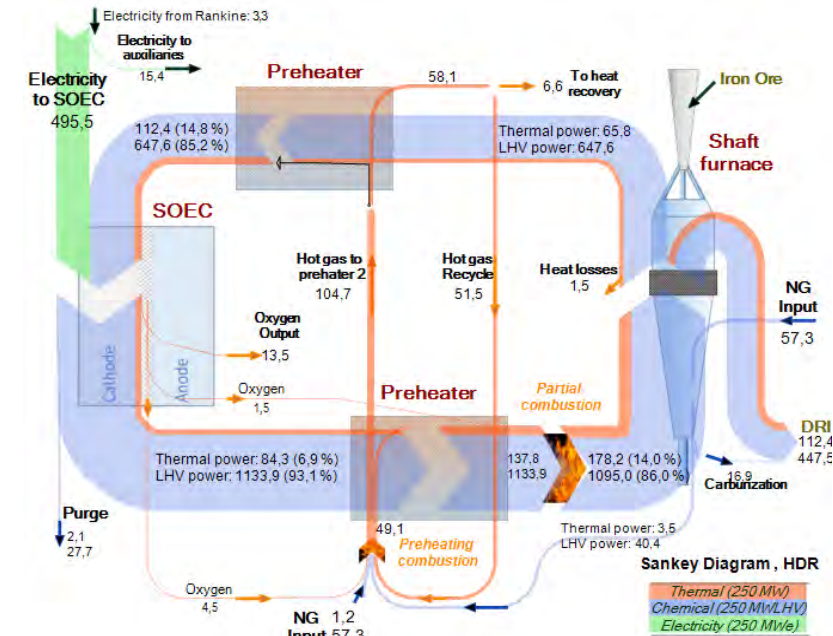
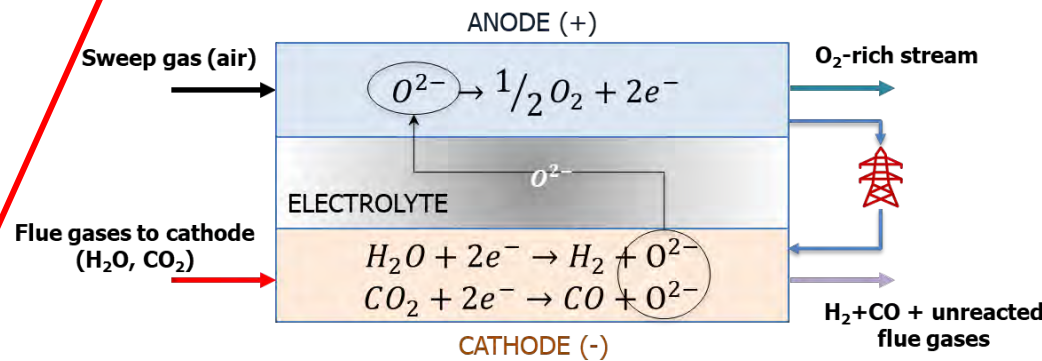
Hydrogen map



Steam map

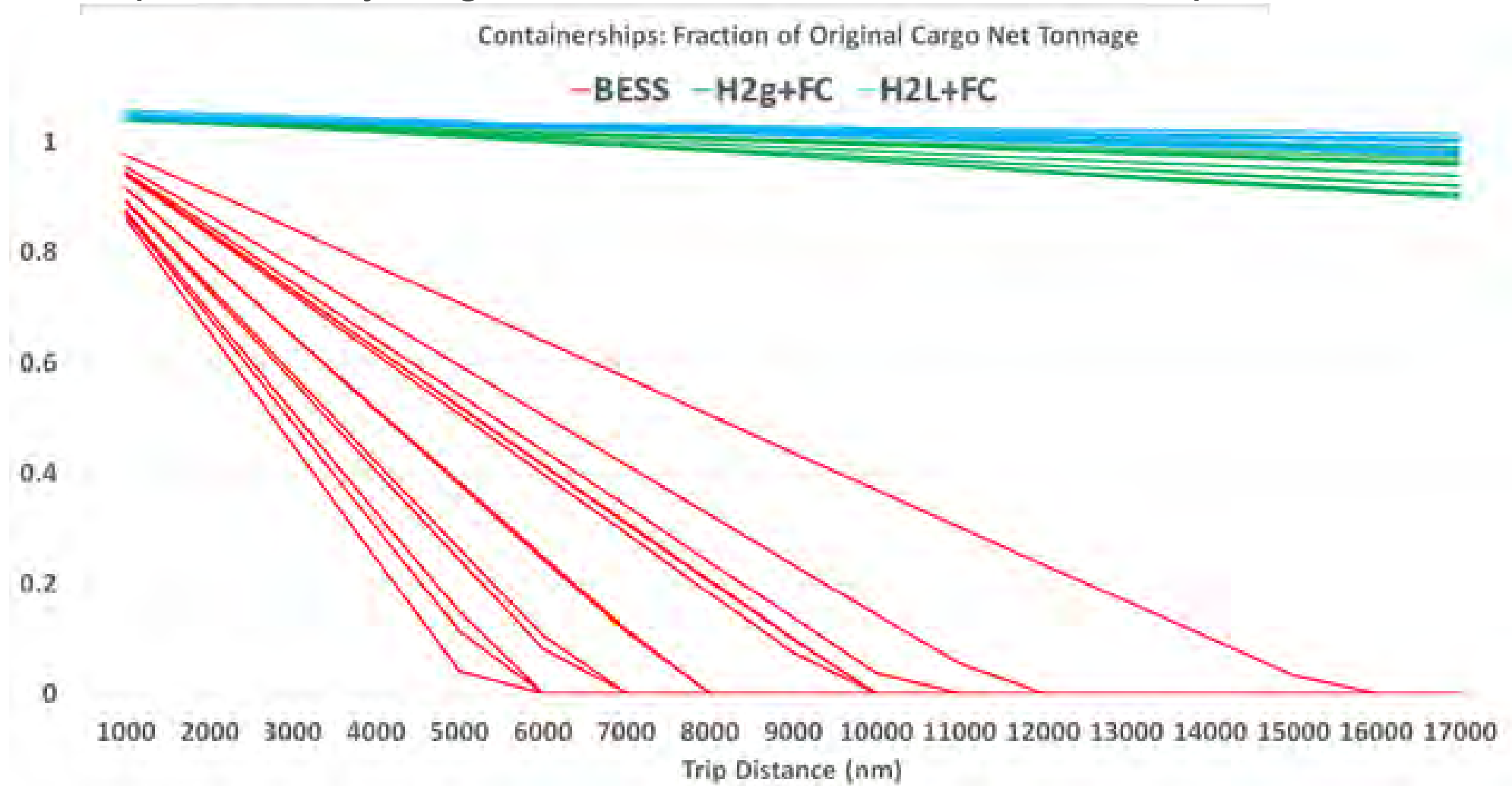


Steam and co-electrolysis



Decarbonization of Ships & Ports

Batteries compared to Hydrogen & Fuel Cells for Container Ships

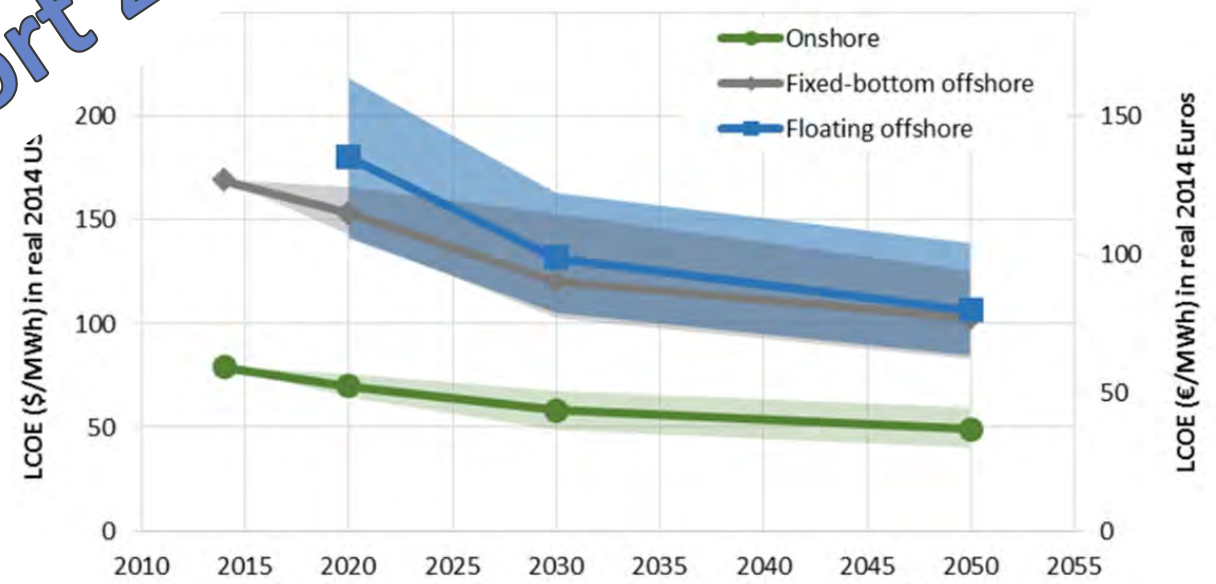


Decarbonization of Ships & Ports

All ships, trains, & trucks through LA/LB Port: 8.89M tons'

Wind power in 3 large wind farms can make LA/LB Port zero emissions!

The ... abundant resource for ... energy!
 Experts anticipate significant cost ... in offshore wind technology:



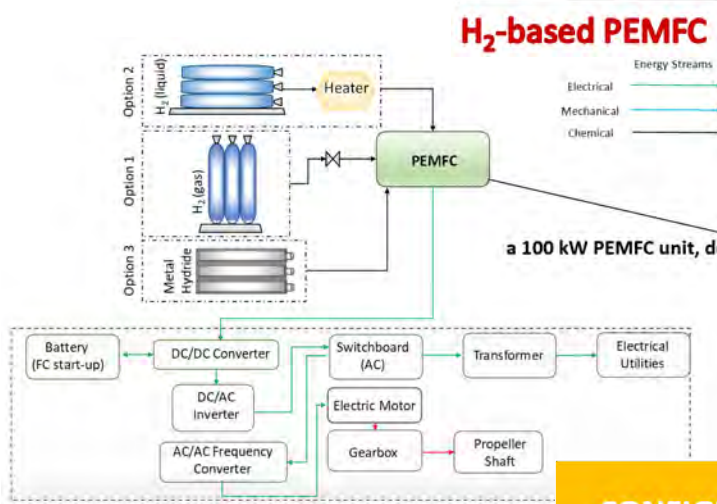
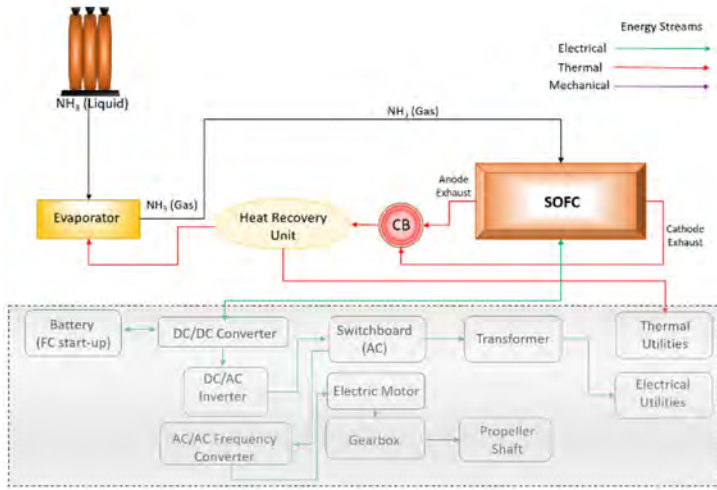
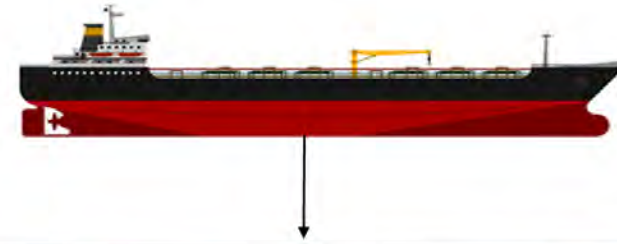
Lines/markers indicate the median expert response for the median LCOE scenario
 Shaded areas show the 1st-3rd quartiles of expert responses

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Physical Modeling of Ships

- Collaboration w/ U. Naples-Parthenope



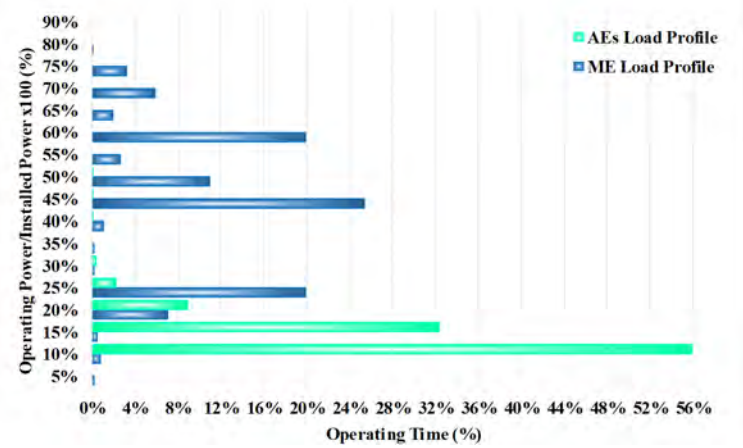
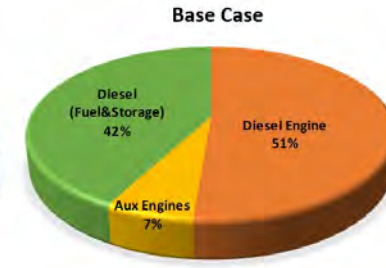
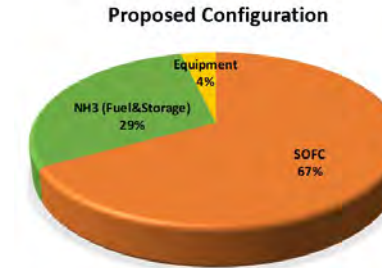
H₂-based PEMFC

NH₃-based PEMFC

NH₃-H₂ based ENGINE

NH₃-based SOFC

a 100 kW PEMFC unit, developed by Ballard.



CONFIGURATION	FUEL AND STORAGE WEIGHT (TONS)				CARGO REDUCTION			
	LH2	GH2 (350 bar)	GH2 (700 bar)	MH	LH2	GH2 (350 bar)	GH2 (700 bar)	MH
H₂-based PEMFC	353.5	896.7	810.3	4369.3	0.1%	1.3%	1.1%	9%
NH₃-based PEMFC with Pd-Membrane	852.3				1.6%			
NH₃-based PEMFC with PSA as purification system	872.8				1.3%			
NH₃-H₂ based ENGINE with H₂ STORED on-board	NH3-LH2	NH3-GH2 (350 bar)	NH3-GH2 (700 bar)		NH3-LH2	NH3-GH2 (350 bar)	NH3-GH2 (700 bar)	
	590.1	721.1	712.2		0.8%	1.08%	1.06%	
NH₃-H₂ based ENGINE with H₂ PRODUCED on-board	Pd-Membrane		PSA		Pd-Membrane		PSA	
	706.5		711.3		1.4%		1.09%	
NH₃-based SOFC	244				2.88%*			



Light Water Reactor Integrated Energy Systems Hydrogen End Use Demonstration

Pathway I - First of a Kind Nuclear Demonstration Readiness Projects

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Project Goal

- U.S. light water reactor (LWR) nuclear power plants (NPP) comprise 8.5% of electric generation capacity
- But ... these provide 20% of all U.S. electric power – carbon free
- Transition to flexible operation of LWR NPP may reduce economic viability

Support the advancement of integrated low temperature electrolysis (LTE) and high temperature electrolysis (HTE) at commercial NPPs, as well as increase the scale of integrated hydrogen generation at nuclear plants

Demonstrate end uses of hydrogen as part of an integrated energy system that provides responsive load that **minimizes** or alleviates demand for nuclear plant **curtailment**

During high demand periods hydrogen can be used to generate additional power, or it can provide market value as an **energy vector**, through its synthesis into value-added non-electric energy products

Water Use for Hydrogen via Electrolysis

- Future “Hydrogen Economy” uses less water than current fossil fuel energy conversion economy
- Anecdotes:
 - All Southern California cars could be powered by less than 1% of CA aqueduct flow
 - Any home could be hydrogen powered with 1 additional toilet flush (1.6 gallons) / day

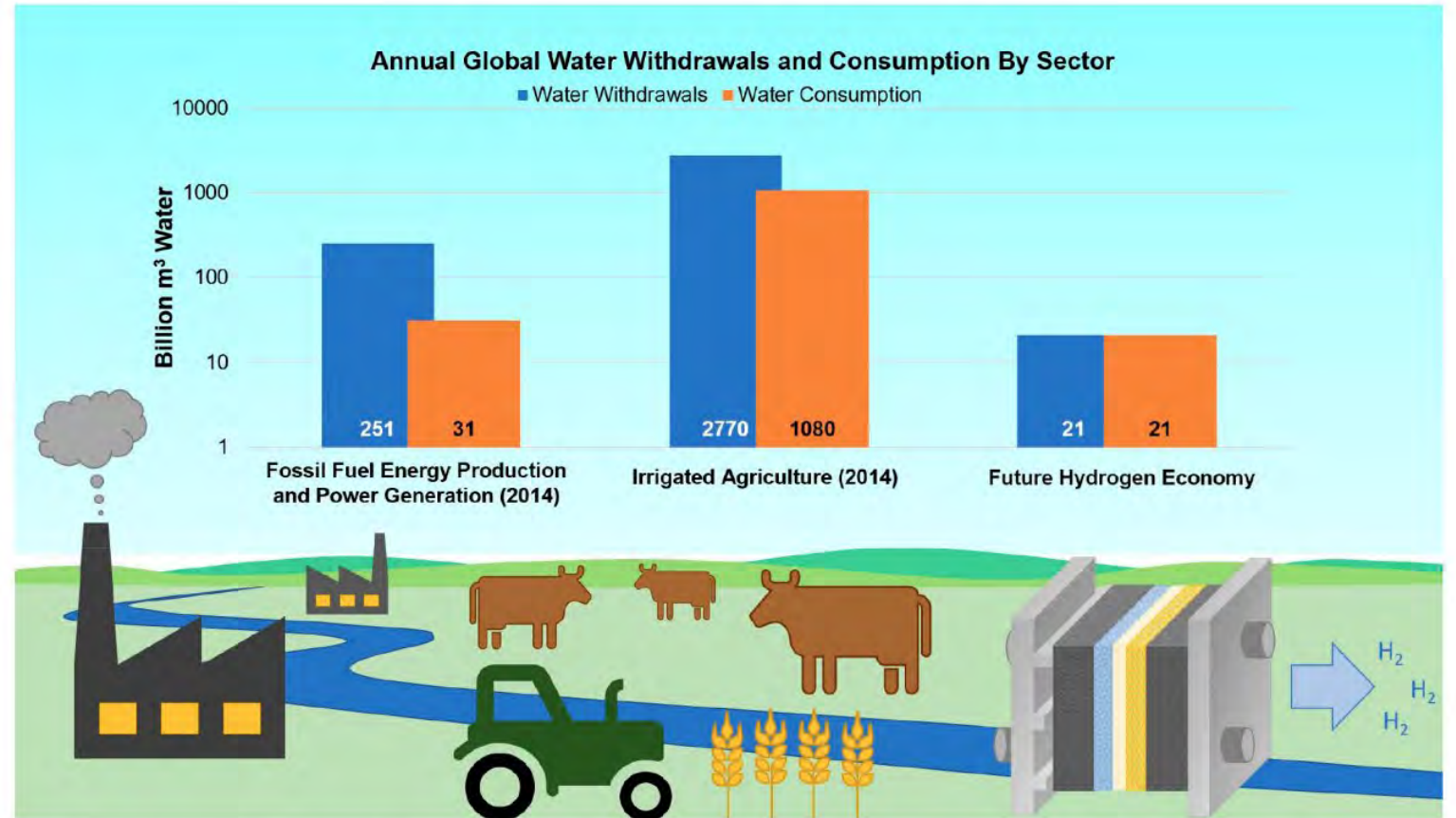


Figure 1. Comparison of the global freshwater withdrawal and consumption of three different sectors: fossil fuel energy production and power generation, agriculture, and the implementation of a global hydrogen economy. Note that the bar chart is on a log scale.^{3,5}

Rebecca R. Beswick, Alexandra M. Oliveira, and Yushan Yan, *ACS Energy Letters* **2021** 6 (9), 3167-3169, DOI: 10.1021/acsenergylett.1c01375

Water Use for Hydrogen via Electrolysis

- Amount of water is not a problem

Water Consumption for Green Hydrogen

... “The water consumption of electricity generated by solar and wind power ... U.S. overall water consumption of ~130 billion gallons per day powered by solar or wind has a footprint of ~1 L/kgH₂ water consumption for green H₂ would consist of less than global freshwater footprint of ~

... fossil electricity generated for electrolytic hydrogen has an overall water consumption of ~1 L/kgH₂ (Shi et al., 2020). With a 30 Mt/yr demand for hydrogen using electrolysis, which is three orders of magnitude less than global freshwater consumption of ~130 billion m³/yr (UNESCO, 2019), making the water footprint negligible from a global perspective.”

Challenges remain w.r.t. locations of water availability & distributed/renewables environments of renewables

... case technologies are being developed to directly use fresh water to produce hydrogen (Bhardwaj et al. 2021);

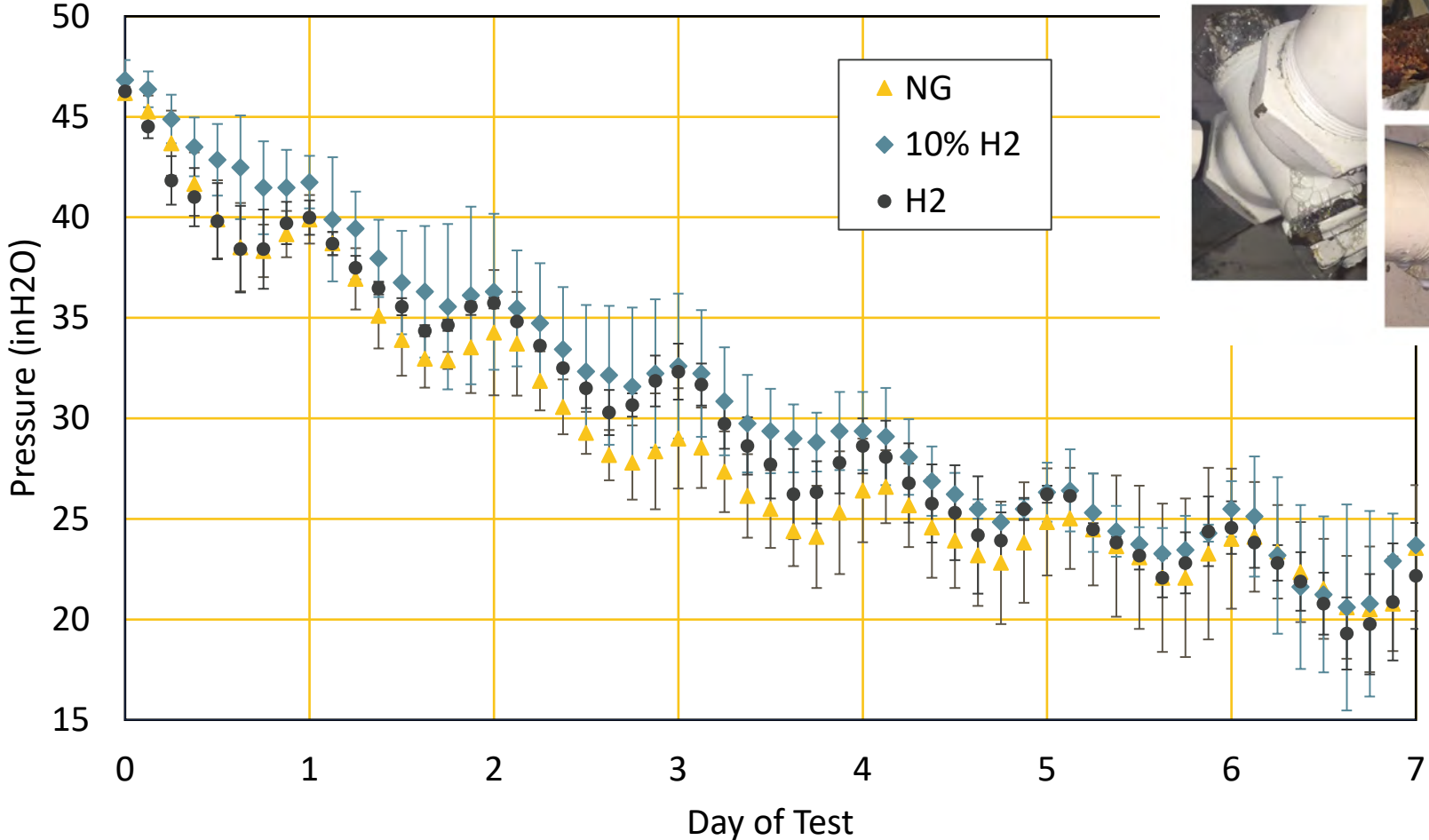
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H₂ leakage from NG Infrastructure

H₂ injection into existing natural gas infrastructure (low pressure)

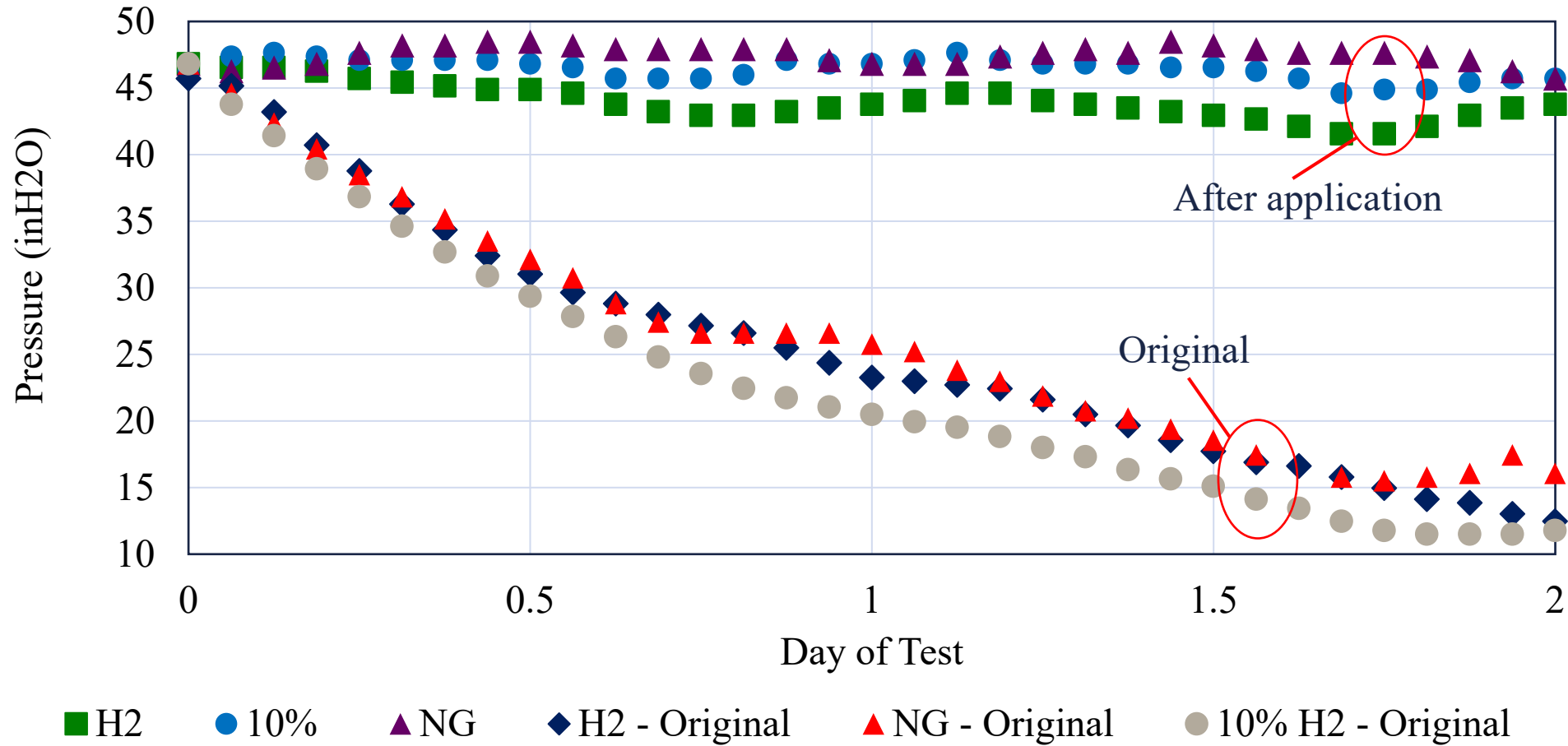
- NG, H₂/NG mixtures, H₂ leak at same rate



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- Copper epoxy applied (Ace Duraflow®) to mitigate H₂ leaks



H₂ leakage from NG Infrastructure

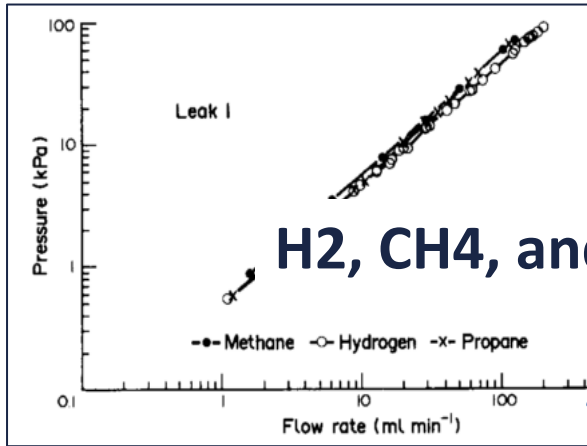
- Results from a previous study (1992) support our recent findings!

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CH₄

- First publication on this topic: Swamy et al., *Journal of Loss Prevention in the Process Industries*, Vol. 17, pp. 807-815, 1992.



H₂, CH₄, and

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Hydrogen leaks at the same rate as natural gas in typical low-pressure gas infrastructure

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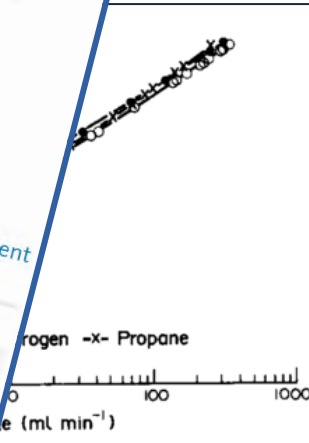
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Highlights

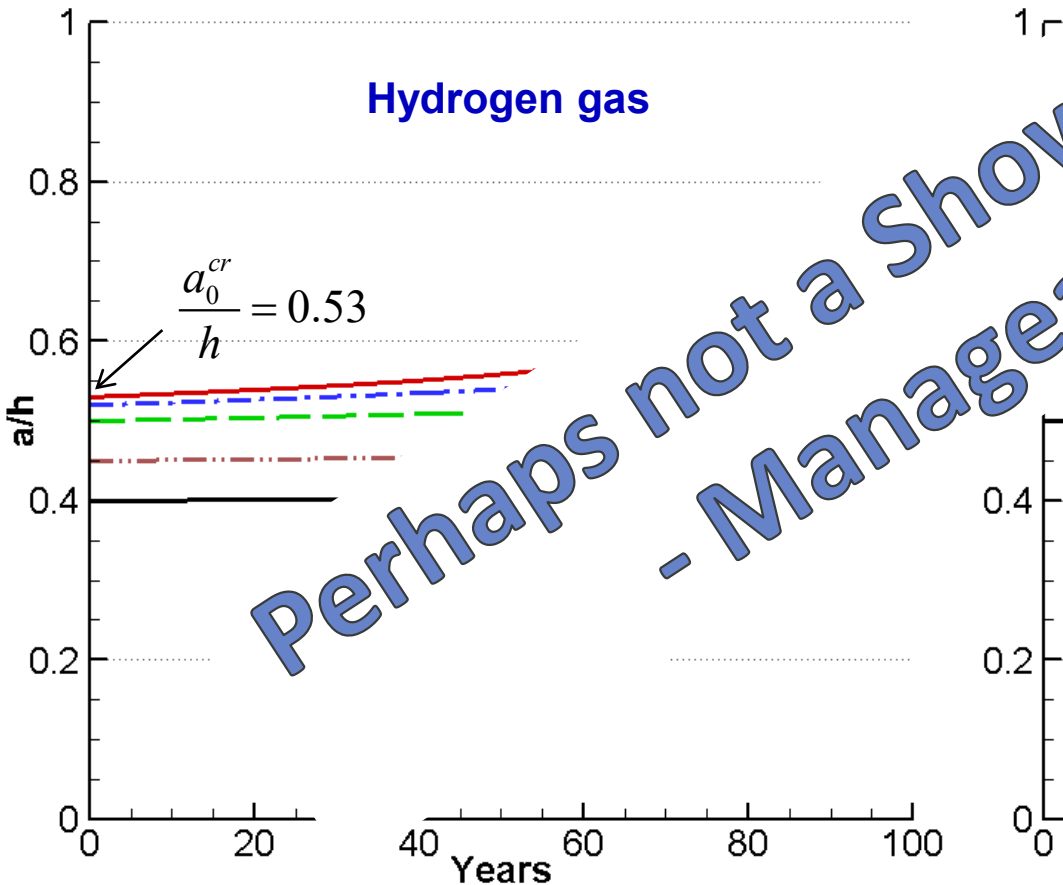
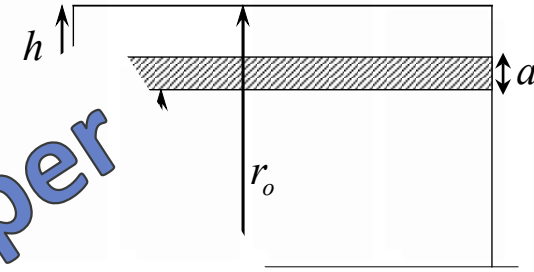
- H₂ and CH₄ leak rates are measured in unmodified low pressure gas infrastructure.
- Experiments show H₂ leaks at the same rate as CH₄ under these conditions.



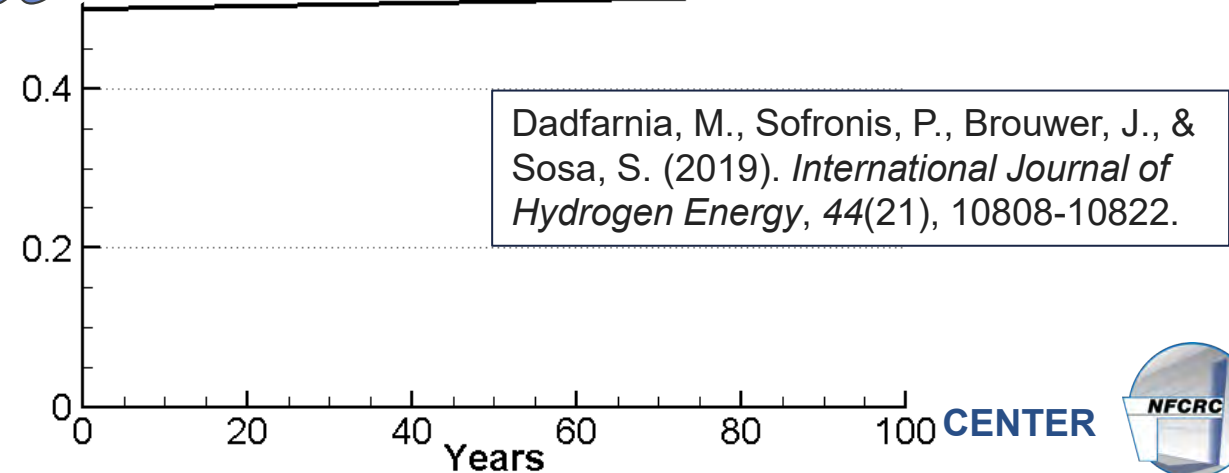
Existing Pipeline Embrittlement – mostly in Transmission

- Simulation of H₂ embrittlement and fatigue crack growth with UIUC
- Fatigue crack growth in 6" SoCalGas pipeline

0.188" wall thickness: ($h = 0.188" = 4.8 \text{ mm}$)



Perhaps not a Show Stopper
- Manageable

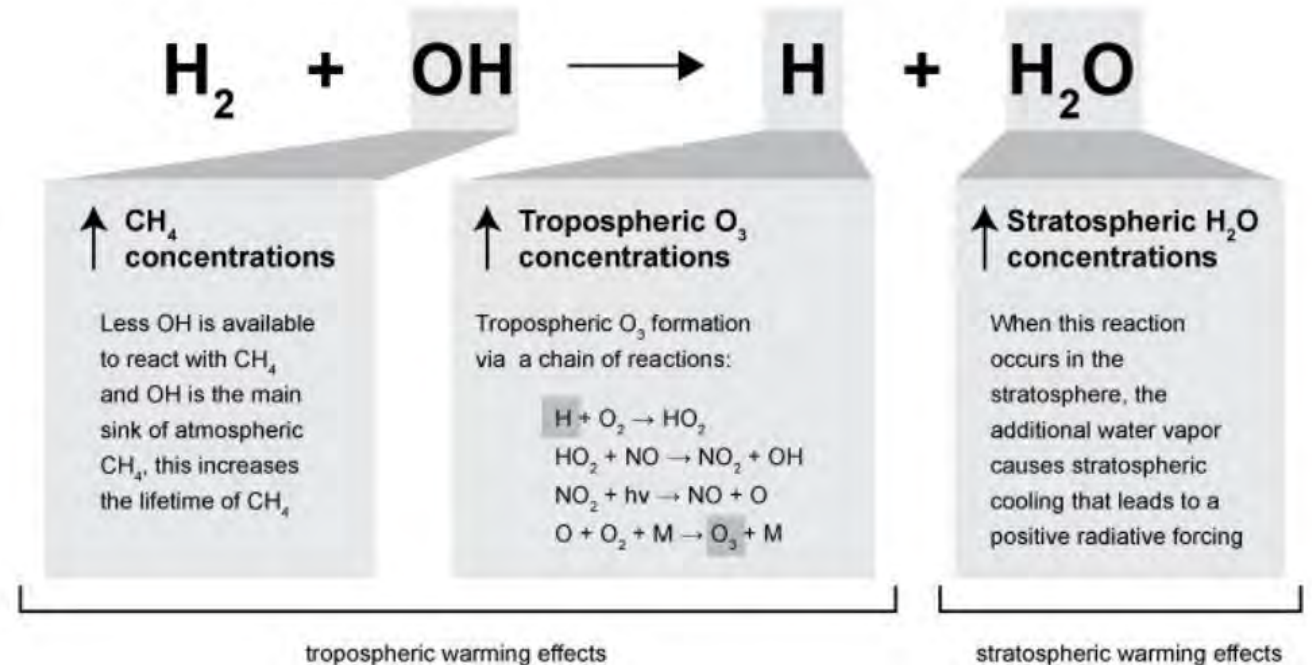


Dadfarnia, M., Sofronis, P., Brouwer, J., & Sosa, S. (2019). *International Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, 44(21), 10808-10822.

Hydrogen Leakage – Climate Impacts

- Recent EDF study: Hydrogen an indirect climate pollutant
- Reduces OH radical pool, leaving methane in atmosphere longer
- Makes water in stratosphere, which has warming effect

Good Atmospheric Chemistry



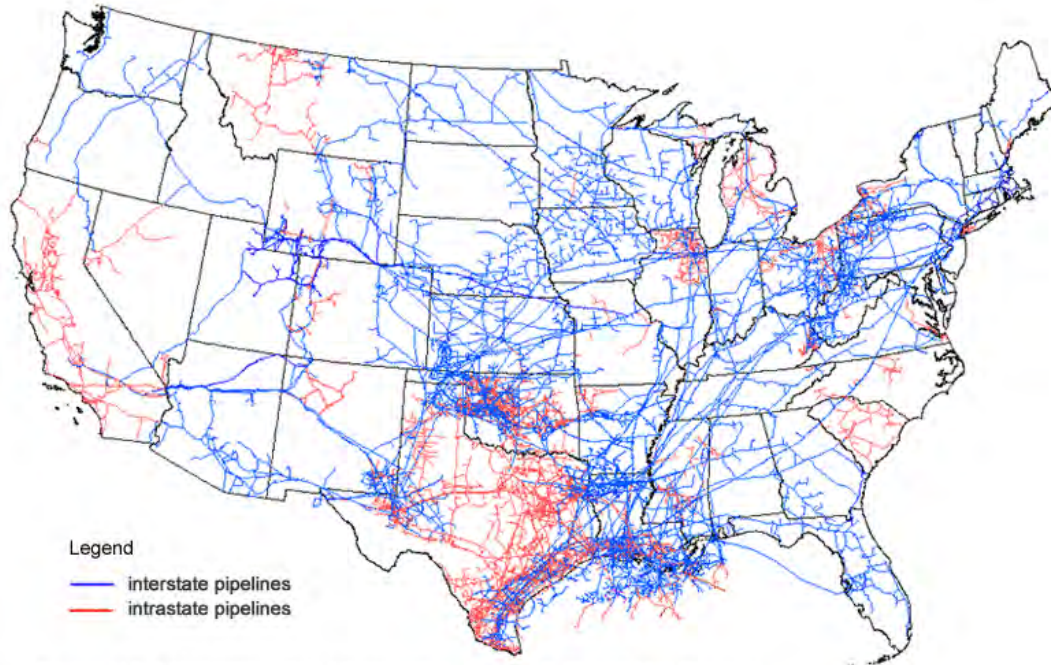
Study Could be Improved:

- (1) Better analysis/assumptions for H₂ leakage rate
- (2) Corresponding reduction in methane (CH₄) emissions

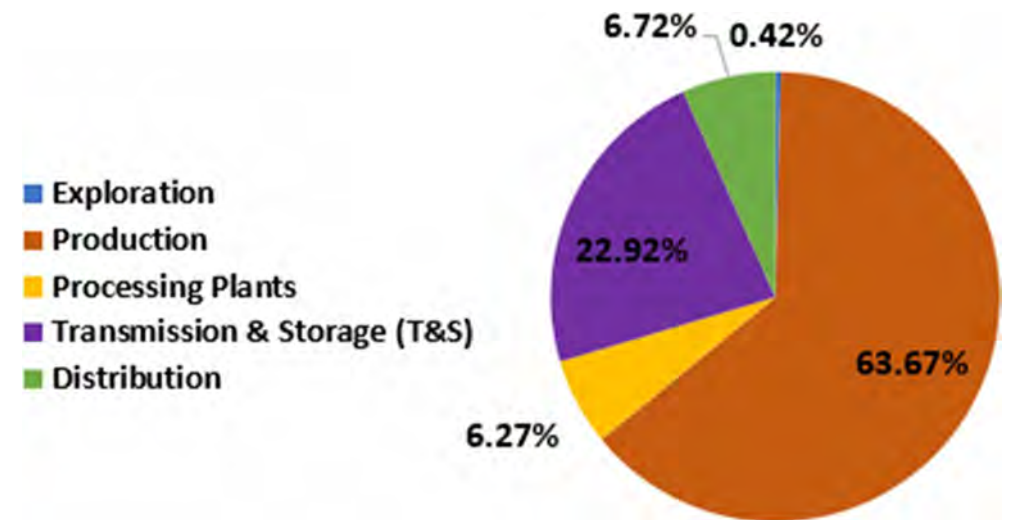
Ocko, I. B. and Hamburg, S. P.: Climate consequences of hydrogen leakage, Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss. [preprint], <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2022-91>, in review, 2022.

Fossil Methane – Very Different System vs. Renewable H₂

- Methane emissions: 87% in production, transmission/storage (many super-emitters)
- Distribution systems – mostly plastic pipe with quite low leakage rates
- Hydrogen will be mostly made from local renewable electricity & require distribution
- Fossil natural gas requires production/extraction & interstate transmission



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *About U.S. Natural Gas Pipelines*



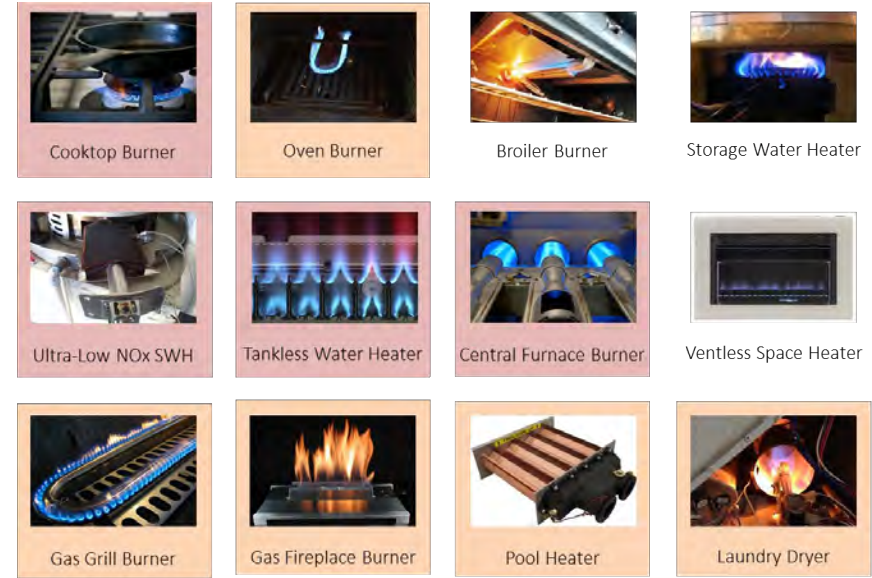
Natural gas leaks in Sectors of NG system

Heydarzadeh, Z., Mac Kinnon, M., Thai, C., Reed, J., & Brouwer, J. (2020). Marginal methane emission estimation from the natural gas system. *Applied Energy*, 277, 115572.

Combustion Emissions – Appliances

Summary

- Hydrogen addition improves emissions for most un-modified burners
 - Those using ~80% NG / 20% H₂
- Understanding established to propose modifications to accommodate even more hydrogen



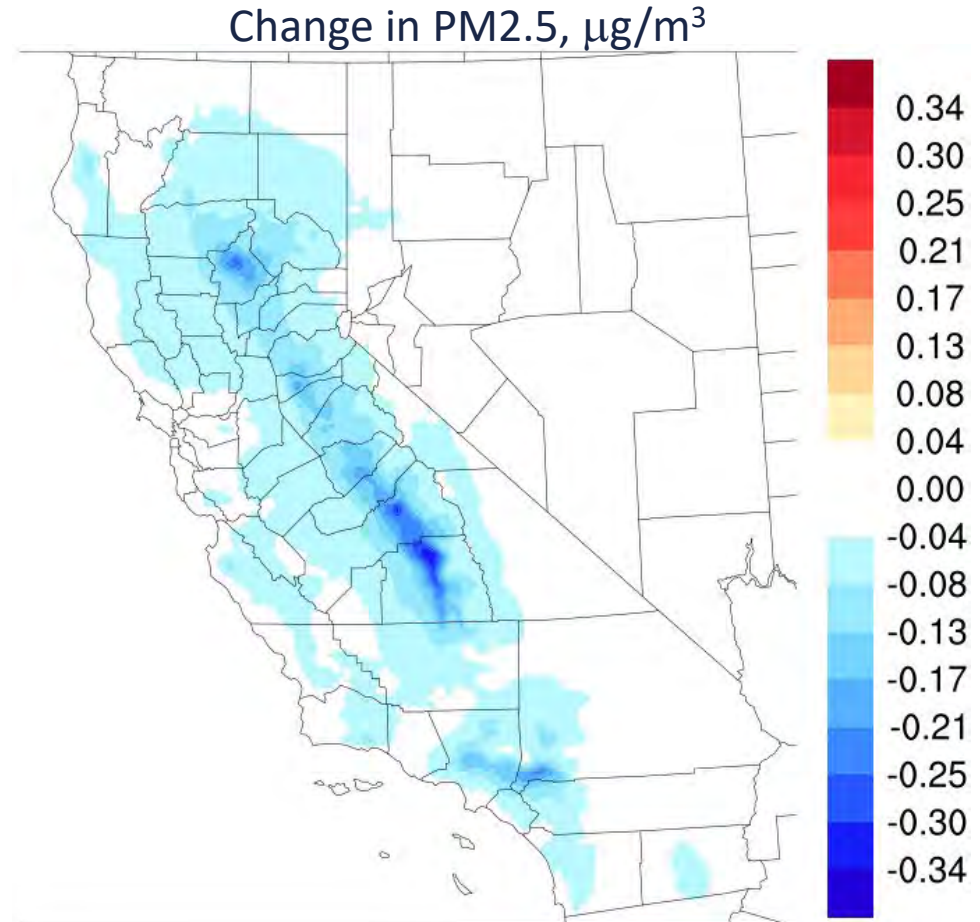
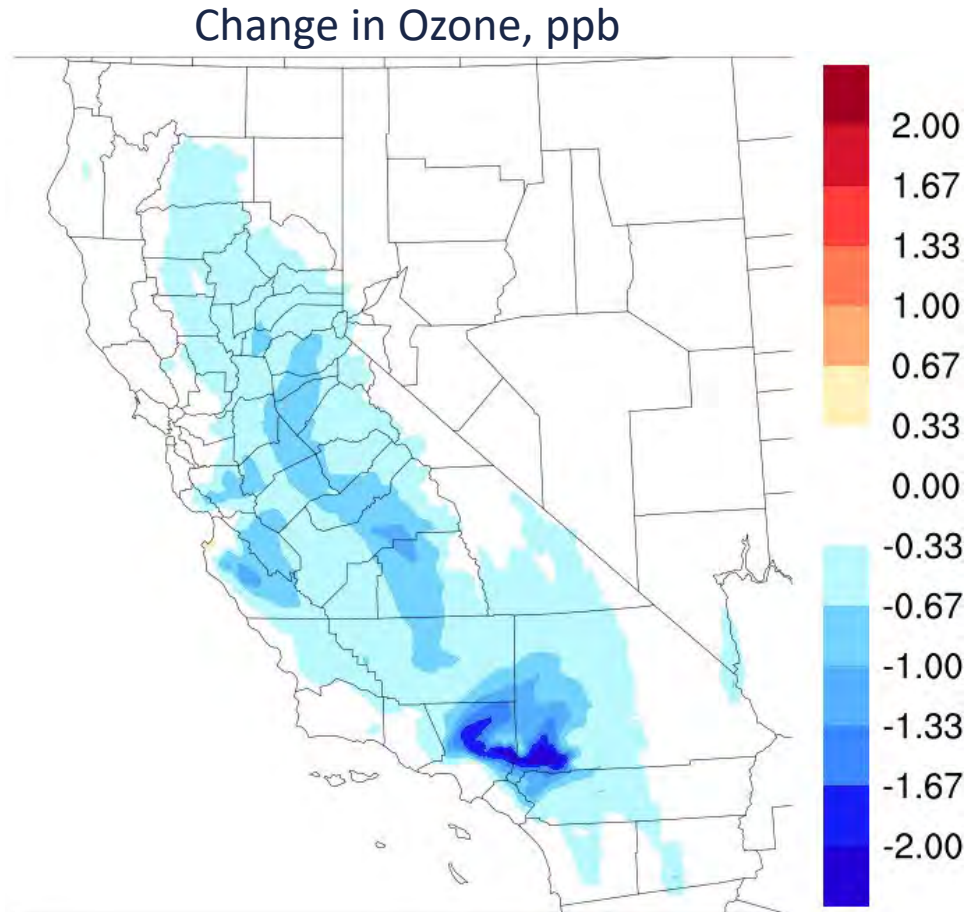
CFD
 Experiment Test + CFD

} Burner Performance Reports Available for each—Appendices for Final Report

	1. Cooktop			2. Oven			3. Gas Fireplace			4. Low NO _x SWH			5. Tankless WH		
Fuel Mixture	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit
CH ₄ - H ₂	-23%	-14%	55%	0%	-38%	30%	3966%	-100%	100%	0%	+27%	10%	-20%	-10%	>20%
CH ₄ - CO ₂	-51%	+58%	35%	-92%	+114%	15%	-76%	-99.9%	45%	-46%	+334%	15%	-45%	+350%	15%
	6. Space Heater			7. Pool Heater			8. Outdoor Grill			9. Laundry Dryer			Key (NO _x /CO)		
Fuel Mixture	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit	NO _x	CO	Upper Limit			
CH ₄ - H ₂	-4%	-14%	45%	-96%	+762%	NA	+128%	-94%	>40%	-62%	-34%	NA	% Increase		
CH ₄ - CO ₂	-47%	+898%	30%	-99%	+2400%	20%	-100%	-78%	40%	-81%	+118%	15%	% Decrease		
													No Change		

Air Quality Implications

- Example: Adaptation of preferred equipment @ 20% hydrogen addition, summer
 - Using measured/simulated changes in NOx emissions from Appliances, Industrial burners and Gas turbines



Can Energy Conversion be 100%? Zero Emissions?



Yes – features of hydrogen are essential!

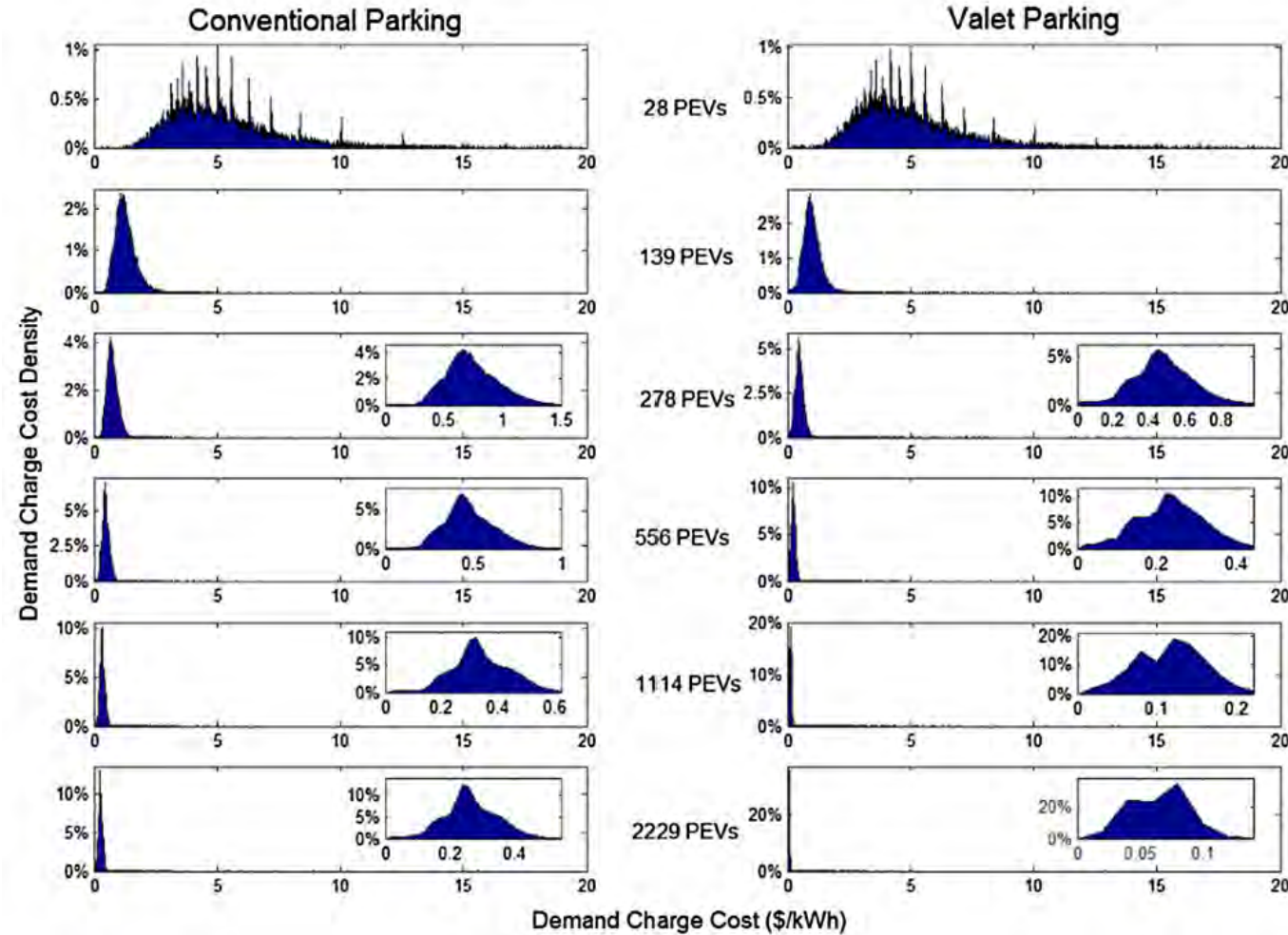
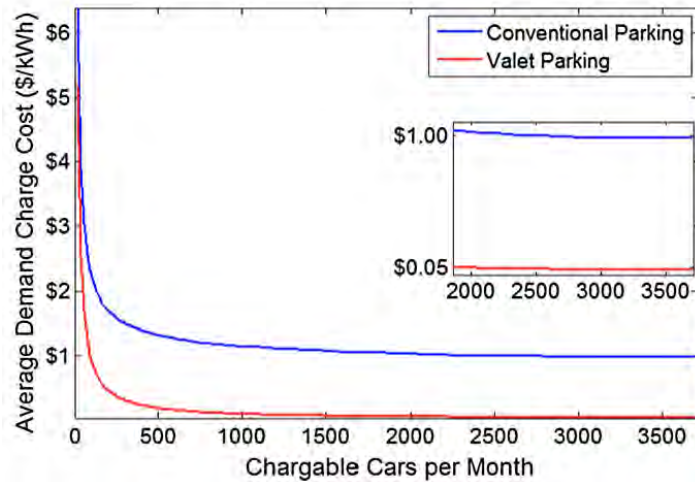
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Backup Slides

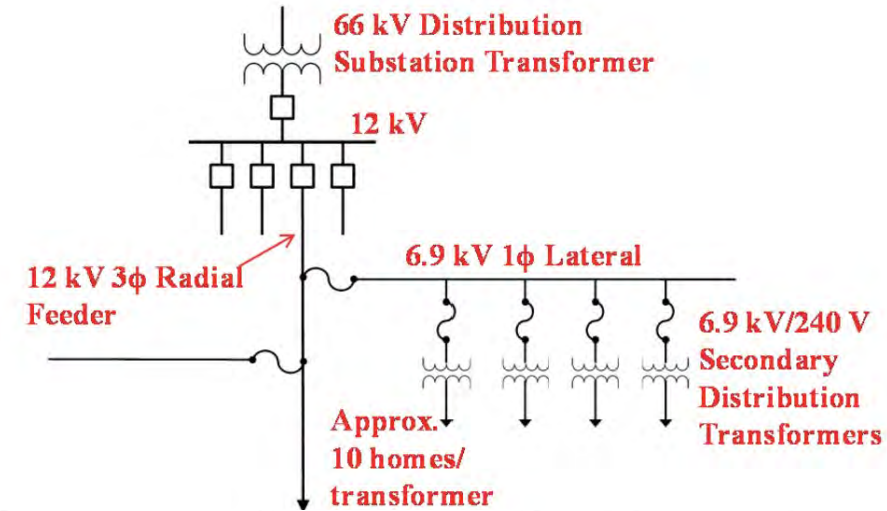
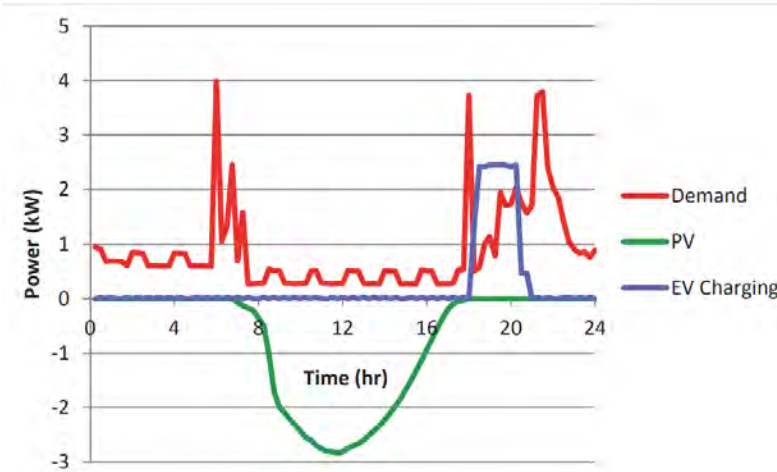
BEV "Only" Case Will be Too Expensive

- At low levels of PEV use, demand charges are extremely high (>\$1.00 per kWh).
- Increasing the number of available EVSE can increase the number of PEVs refueled & lower costs.
- Increasing refueling power increases demand charges in all scenarios. Increasing charger power from 44 kW to 120 kW ~ doubles demand charges



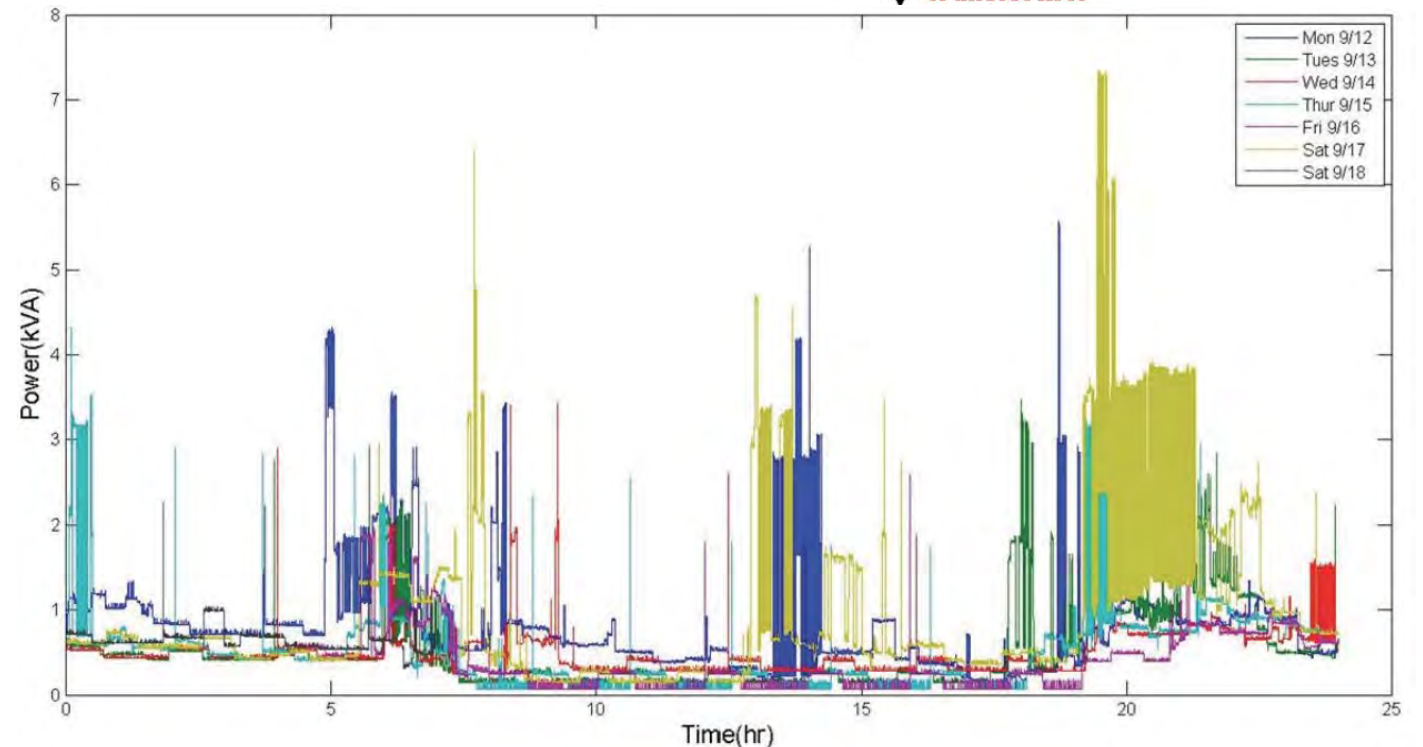
Residential Circuits Cannot Support 100% BEV

- Level 1 charging
 - 20A, 120V, 2.4kW
 - On average only 7/10 homes on the circuit can accommodate level 1 EV charging

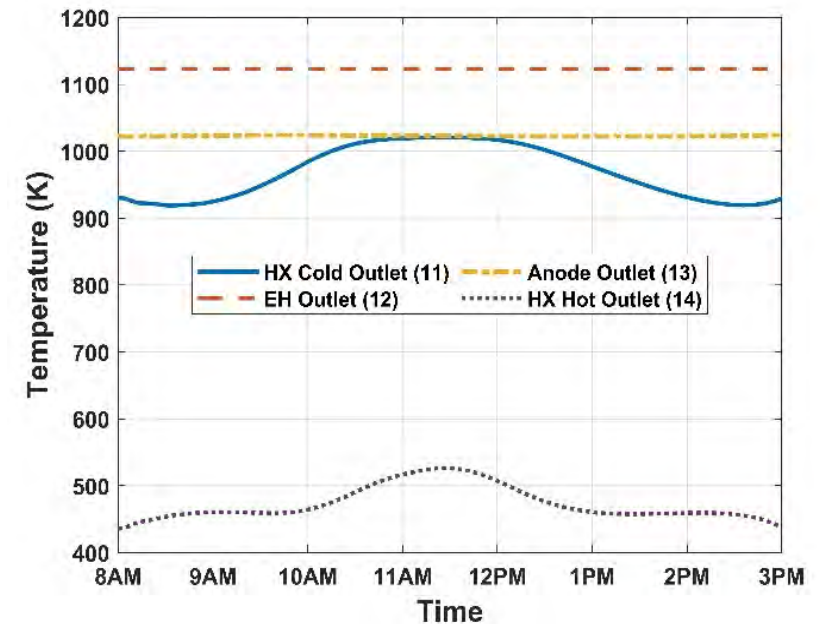
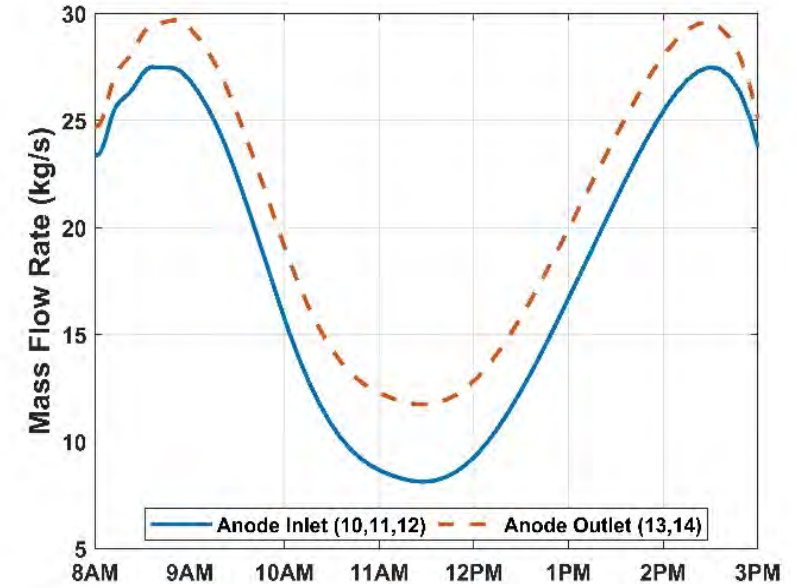
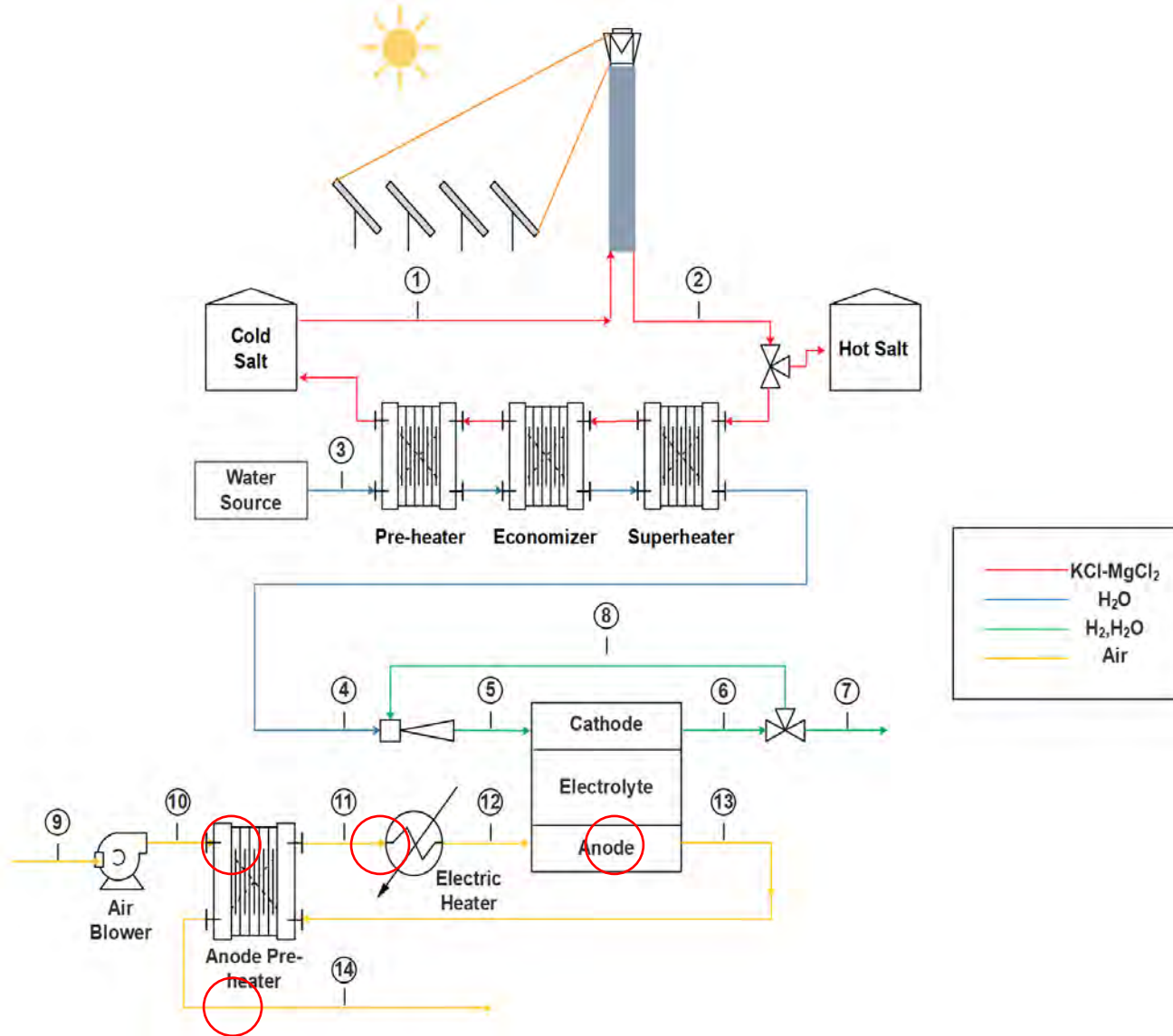


- Level 2 charging
 - Up to 80A, 240V, 19.2kW
 - On average only 2/10 homes on the circuit can accommodate level 2 EV charging unless scheduled/controlled

Cinar, R. G. (2014). Applying Smart Grid Technologies to the Secondary Distribution System. University of California, Irvine.

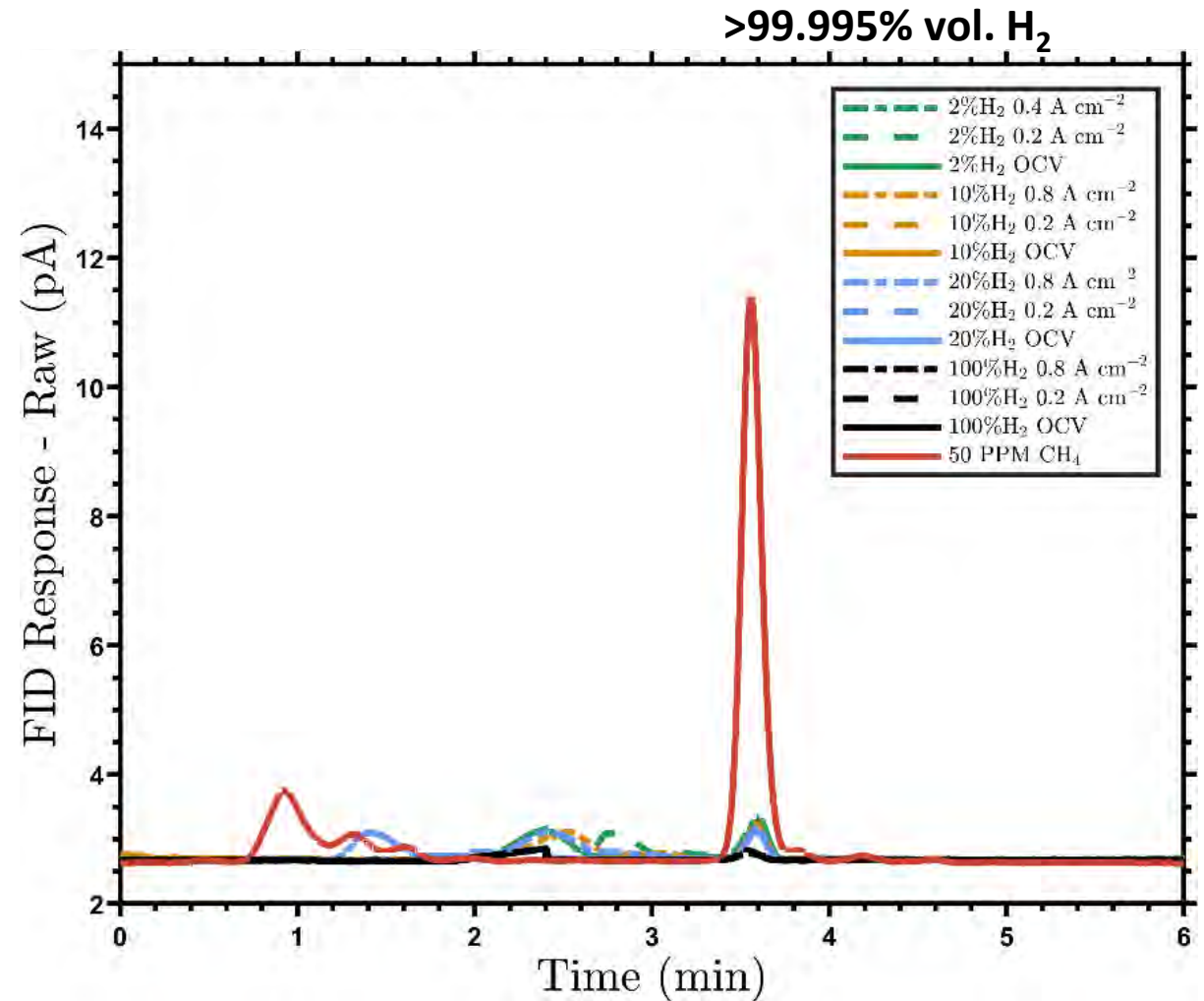
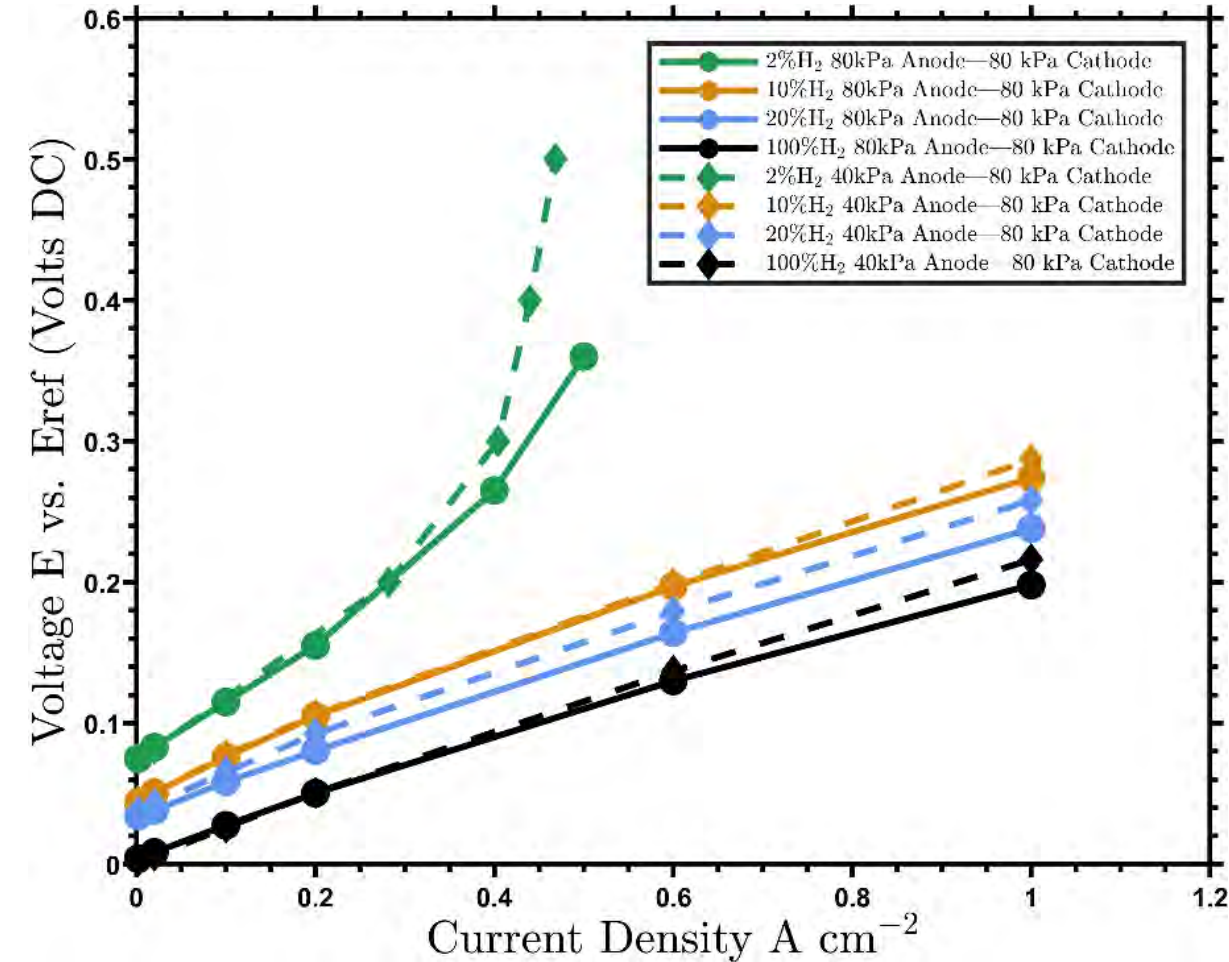


Integrated CSP-SOEC for Hydrogen Production



Electrochemical H₂ Separation from Methane

- Performance and Purity

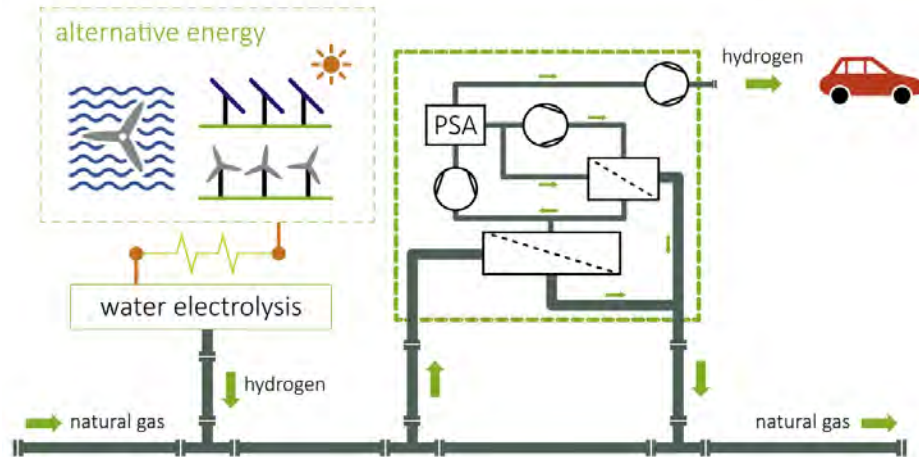


Comparison to State-of-the-Art

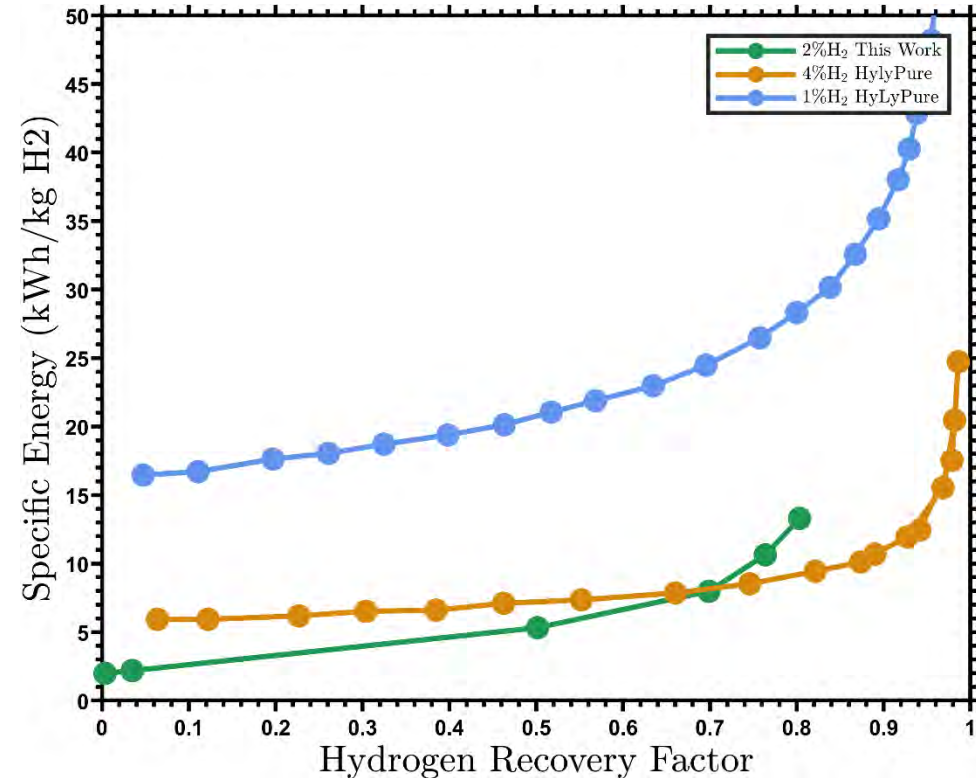
- We can efficiently separate hydrogen from very low % volume H₂/CH₄ mixtures
- EHC able to produce fuel cell quality H₂ (>99.995%) while compressing outlet H₂

HylyPure

Modelled process optimization of hybrid PSA and membrane separation



>99.97% vol. H₂ Purity
51 bar feed pressure | 25 bar outlet



>99.995% vol. H₂ Purity
0.4 barg inlet | 0.8 barg outlet

Source: Liemberger et al. "Efficient extraction of hydrogen transported as co-stream in the natural gas grid – The importance of process design". Applied Energy 233-234 (2019).

U.S. DOE “Hydrogen Energy Earthshot”

- Accelerate breakthroughs of more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy solutions within the decade - \$9.5 billion in federal funding allocated

Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy » Hydrogen Shot



Hydrogen

- Reduce RH_2 cost from ~\$5/kg to \$1/kg to unlock new markets for hydrogen, including steel manufacturing, ammonia, energy storage, and heavy-duty trucks



1 Dollar



1 Kilogram

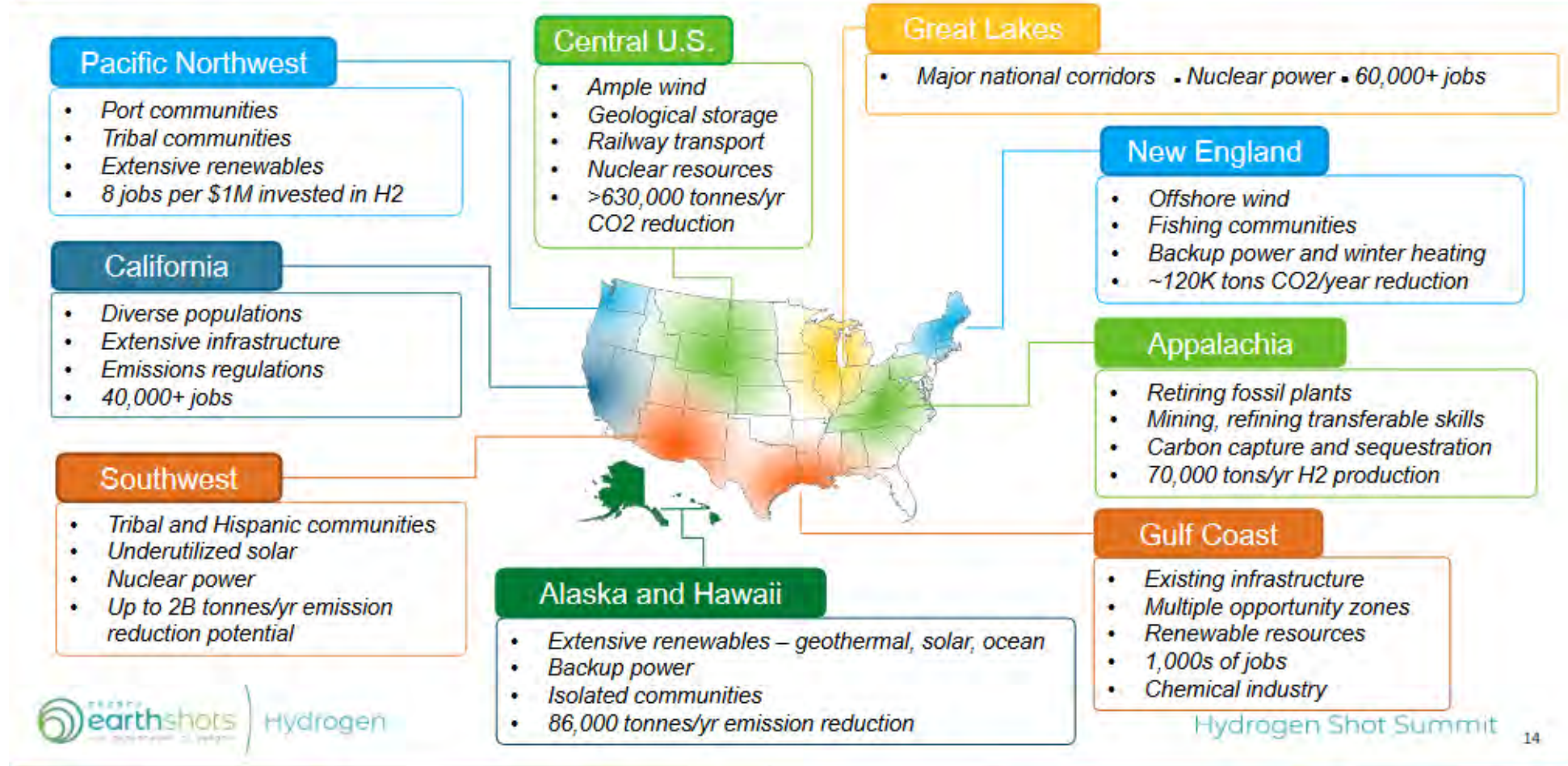


1 Decade

Federal Opportunity: US \$8B for 4-8 Regional Hydrogen Hubs

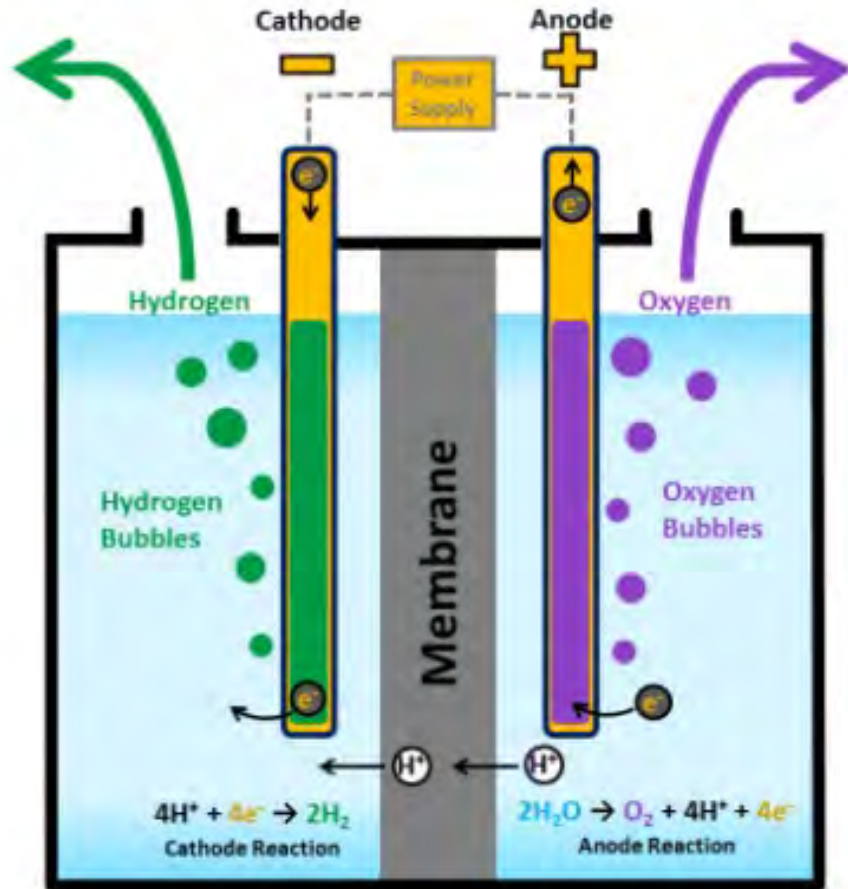
“Hydrogen Shot, RFI Results, and Summary of Hydrogen Provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”

RFI Findings: Regional clusters and geographic factors

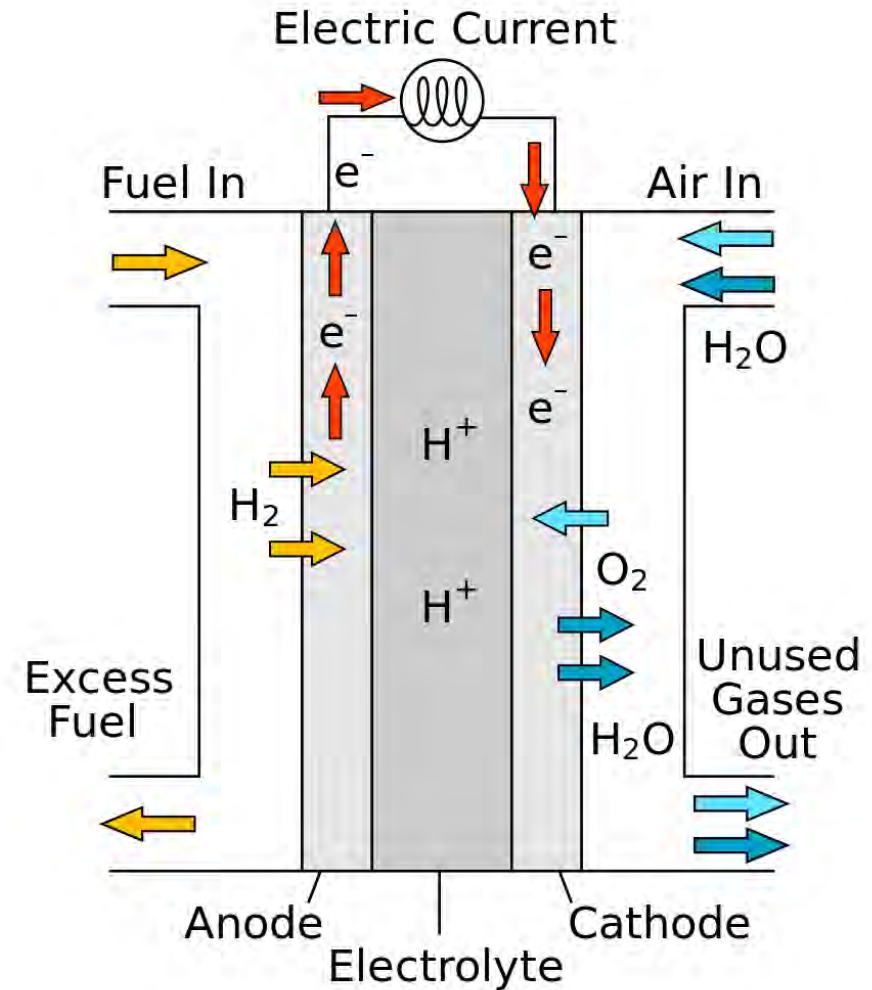


Fuel Cells & Electrolyzers

Electrolyzer (make H₂ from power)

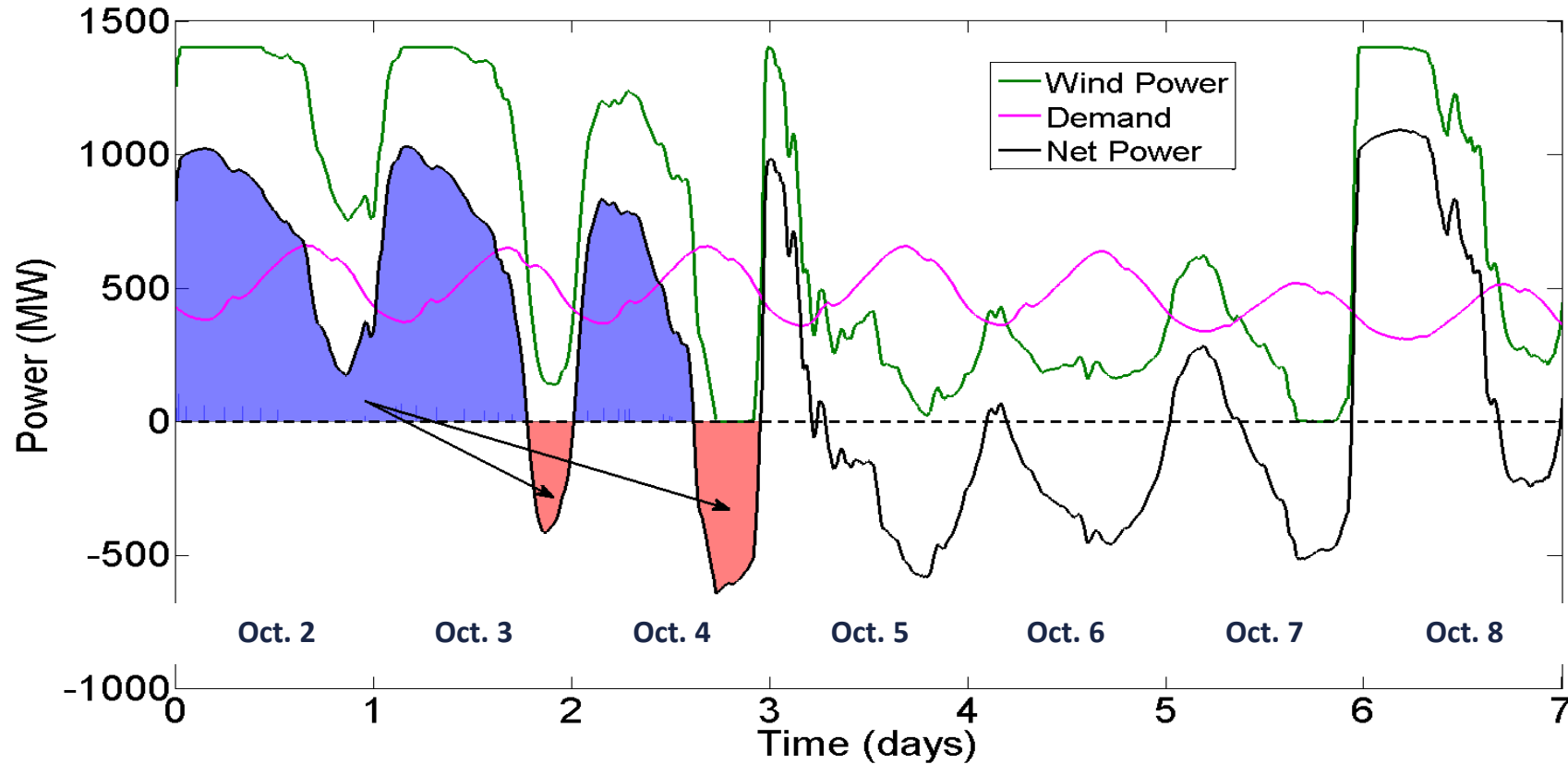


Fuel Cell (make power from H₂)



Hydrogen Energy Storage Dynamics

- Hydrogen Storage complements Texas Wind & Power Dynamics



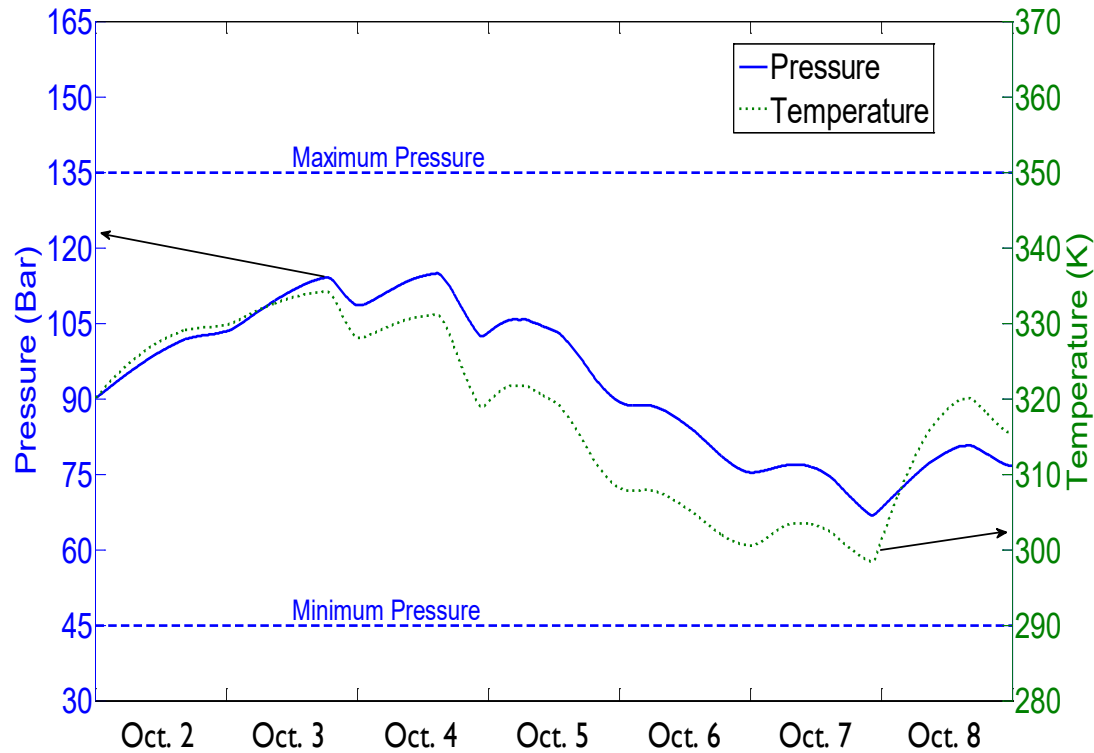
- Load shifting from high wind days to low wind days
- Hydrogen stored in adjacent salt cavern

Maton, J.P., Zhao, L., Brouwer, J., *Int'l Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, Vol. 38, pp. 7867-7880, 2013

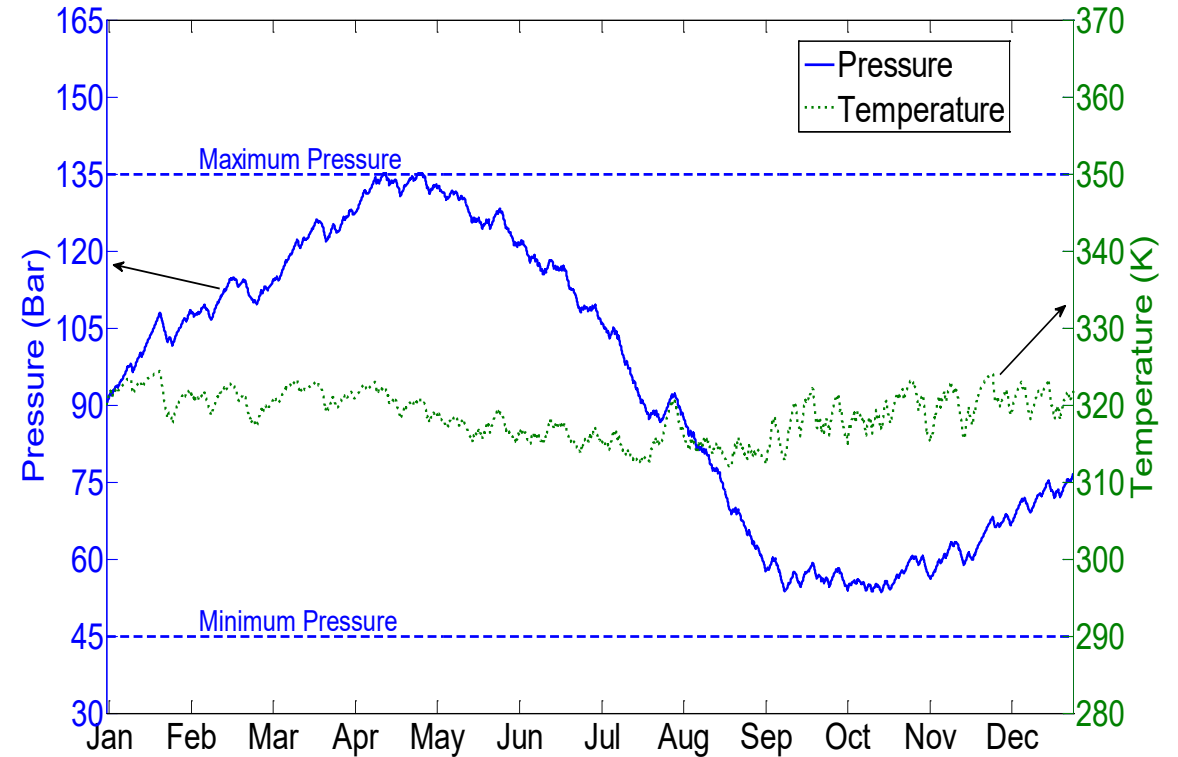
Hydrogen Energy Storage Dynamics

- Weekly and seasonal storage w/ H₂, fuel cells, electrolyzers

Weekly



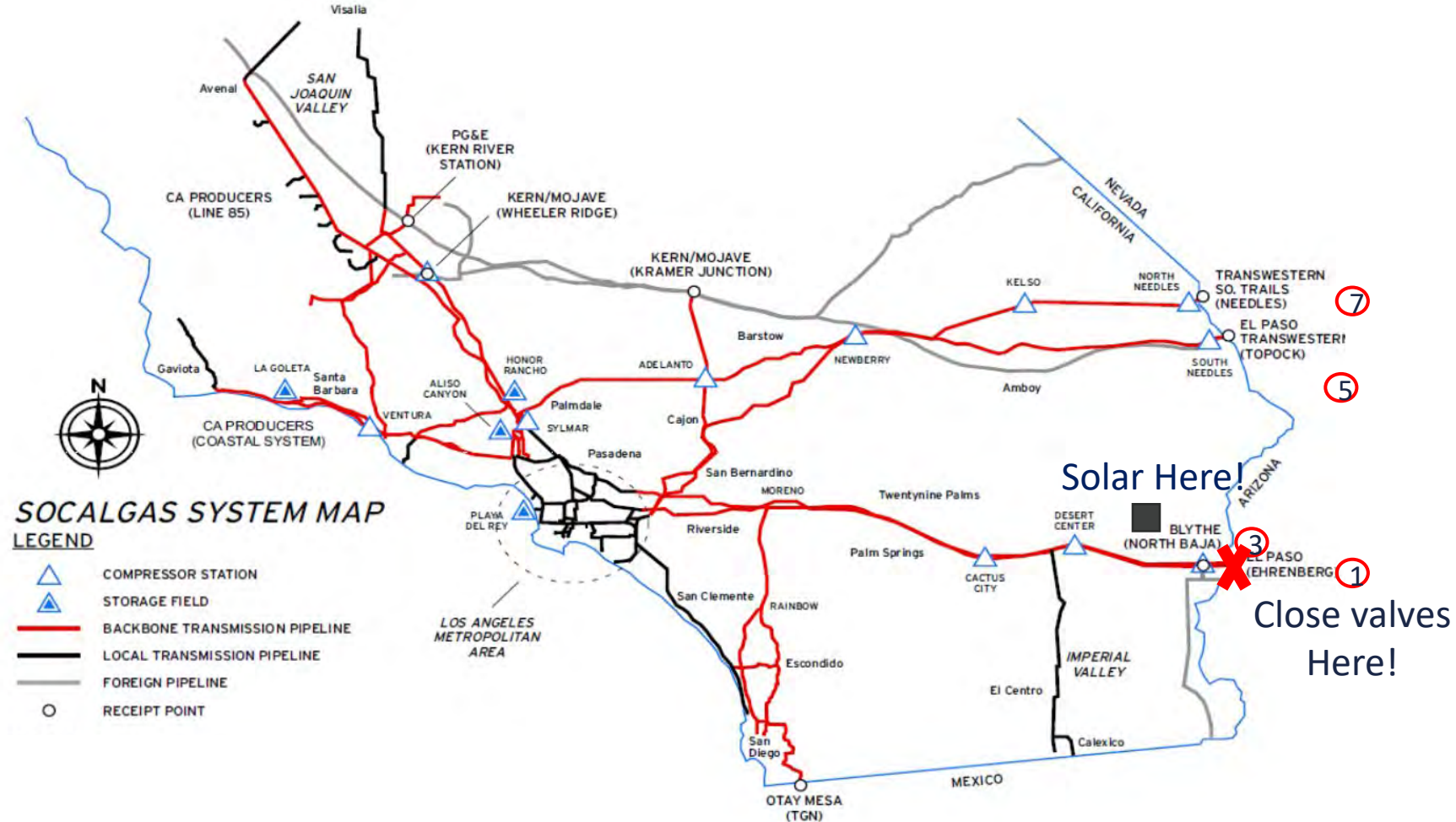
Seasonal



But what can we do if we don't have a salt cavern?

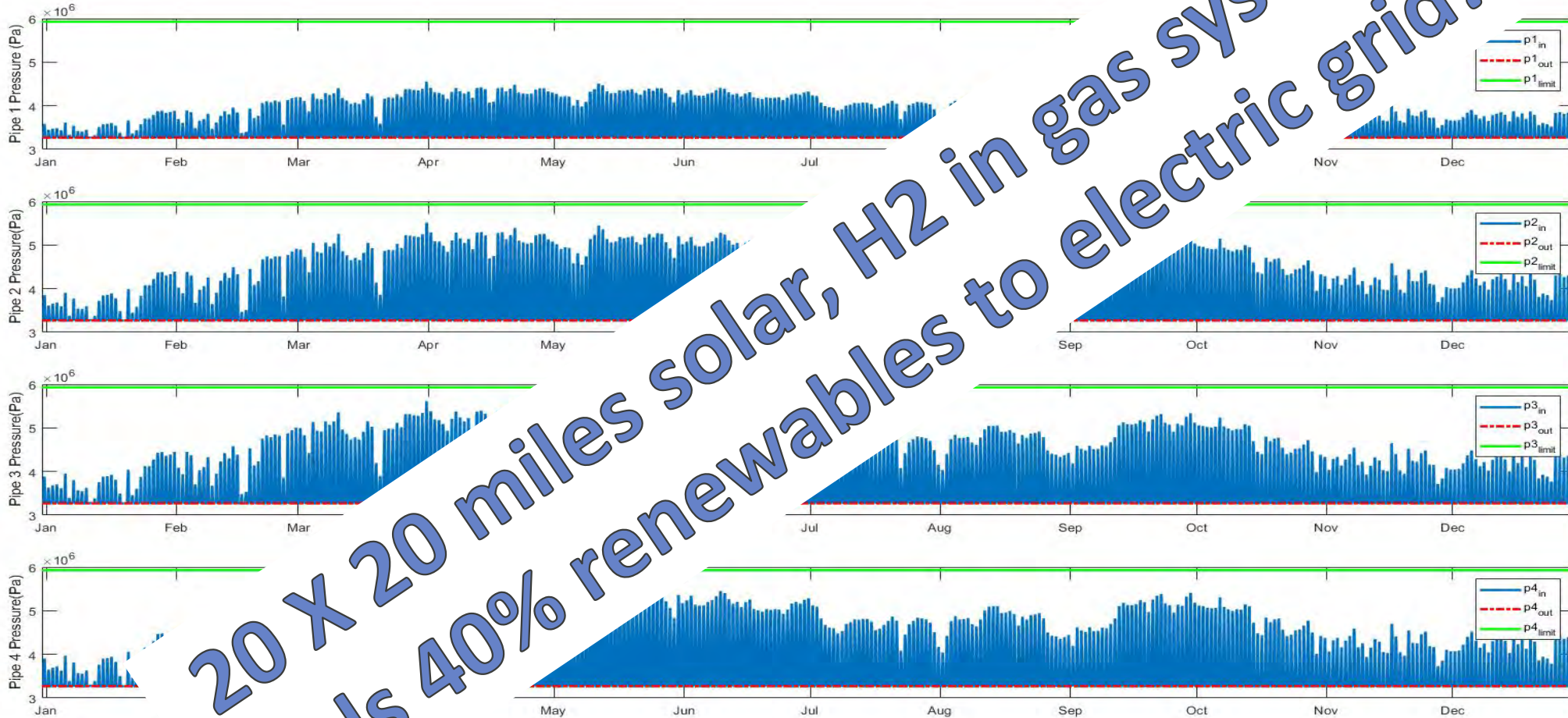
Gas System – Resource for Zero Emissions & Resilience

- First mix X% – HUGE Resource for grid renewables & transportation electrification
- Then piecewise convert to pure hydrogen



Gas System – Resource for Zero Emissions & Resilience

- 40% of all electric demand – 20 sq. miles of solar, only gas system for H₂ storage AND all T&D for resilience



20 X 20 miles solar, H₂ in gas system
adds 40% renewables to electric grid!

Heydarzadeh, Zahra, PhD Dissertation,
UC Irvine, J. Brouwer advisor, 2020.

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Hydrogen Leakage – Climate Impacts

- 2006 study: “Hydrogen is therefore an indirect greenhouse gas with a GWP of 5.8 over a 100-year time horizon. A future hydrogen economy would therefore have greenhouse consequences and would not be free from climate perturbations.”
- But with reasonable assumptions: “If a global hydrogen economy replaced the current fossil fuel-based energy system and exhibited a leakage rate of 1%, then it would produce a climate impact of 0.6% of the current fossil fuel based system.” (or if 10% H₂ leaked it would have 6% of the impact)

Derwent, R., Simmonds, P., O'Doherty, S., Manning, A., Collins, W., & Stevenson, D. (2006). Global environmental impacts of the hydrogen economy. *International Journal of Nuclear Hydrogen Production and Applications*, 1(1), 57-67.

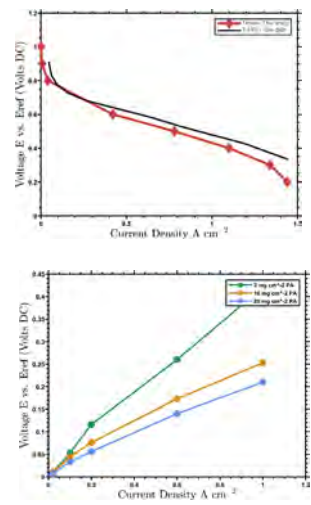
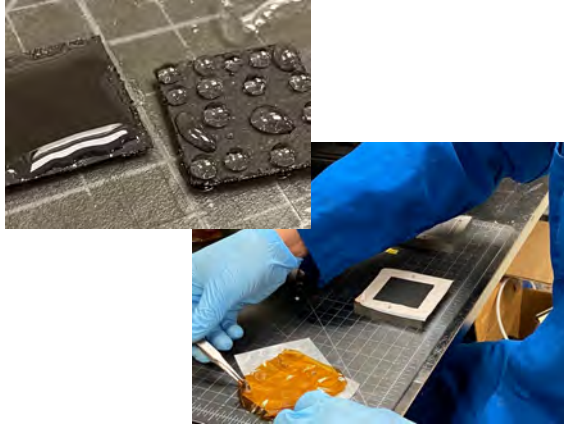
Hydrogen Leakage – Climate Impacts

- 2021 study: “The GWPs of methane and hydrogen were estimated using a global chemistry-transport model as 29.2 ± 8 and 3.3 ± 1.4 , respectively, over a 100-year time horizon. The current natural gas leakage rates from the distribution system have been estimated for the UK by the ethane tracer method to be about 0.64 Tg CH₄/year (2.3%) and for the US by literature review to be of the order of 0.69e2.9 Tg CH₄/year (0.5e2.1%). On this basis, with the inclusion of carbon dioxide emissions from combustion, replacing natural gas with green hydrogen in the domestic sectors of both countries should reduce substantially the global warming consequences of domestic sector energy use both in the UK and in the US, provided care is taken to reduce hydrogen leakage to a minimum.”

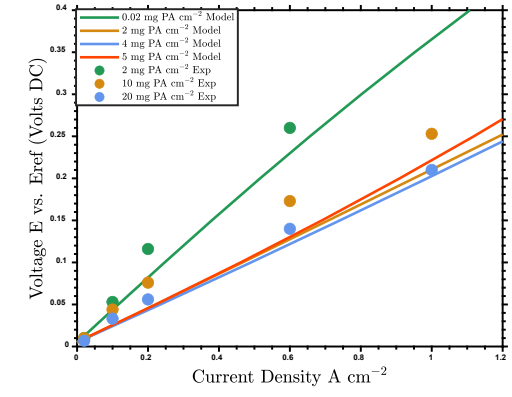
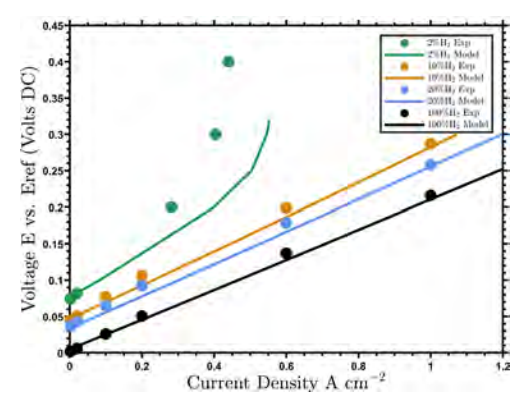
Field, R. A., & Derwent, R. G. (2021). Global warming consequences of replacing natural gas with hydrogen in the domestic energy sectors of future low-carbon economies in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. *International Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, 46(58), 30190-30203.

Electrochemical Separation Research

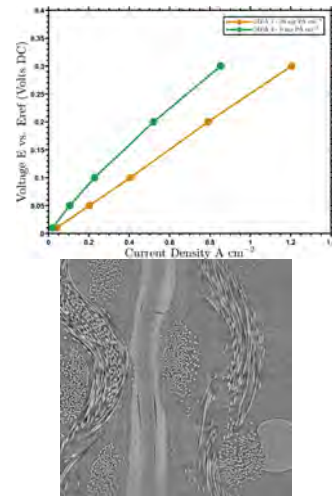
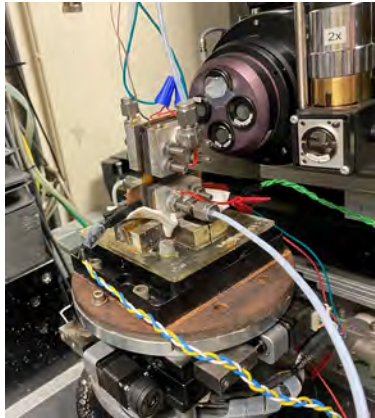
MEA Bench Testing



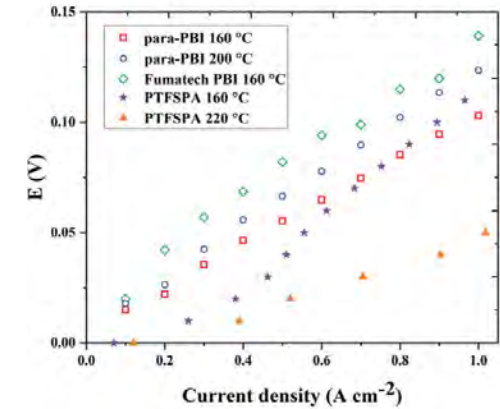
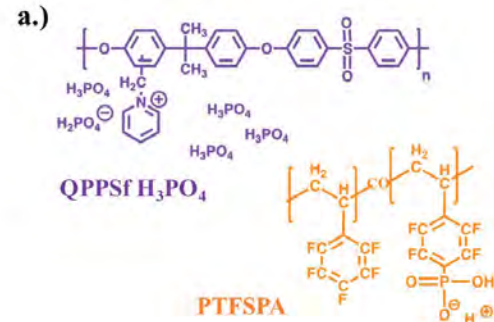
Physical Modelling



Materials Characterization



Novel materials



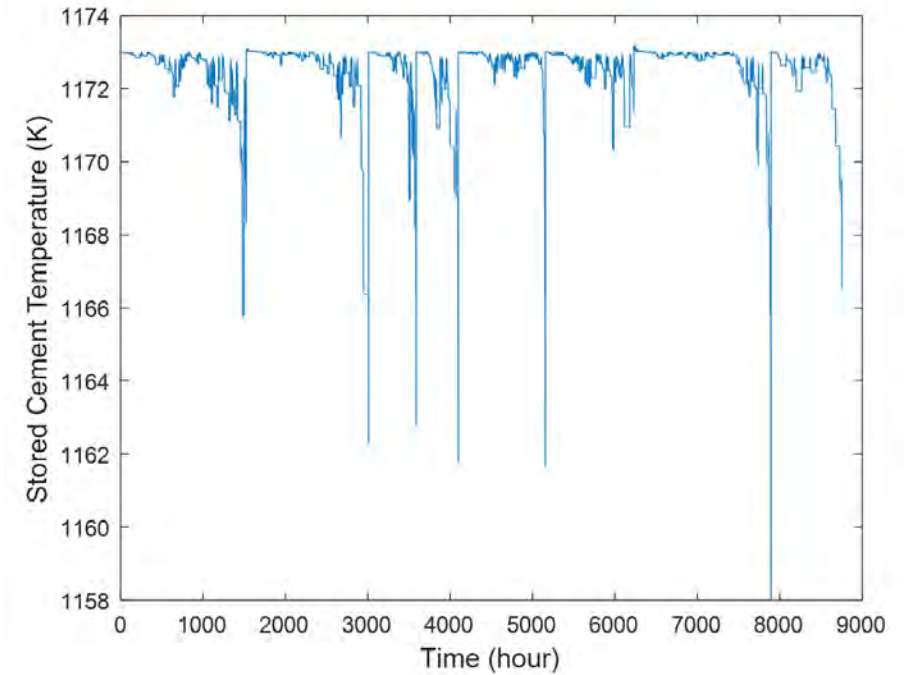
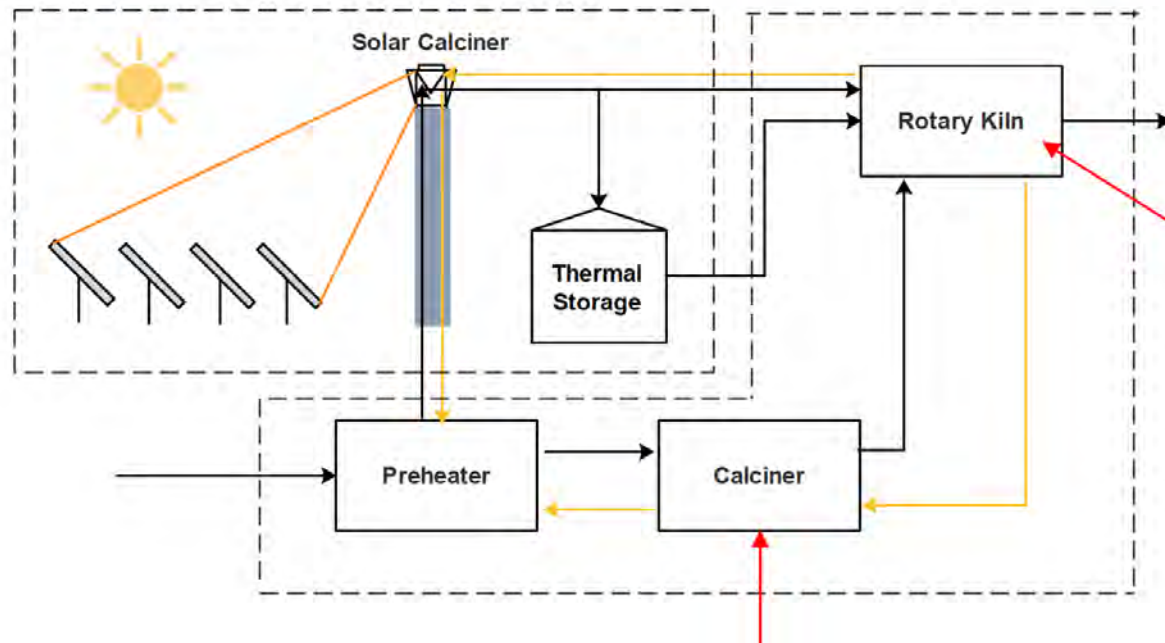
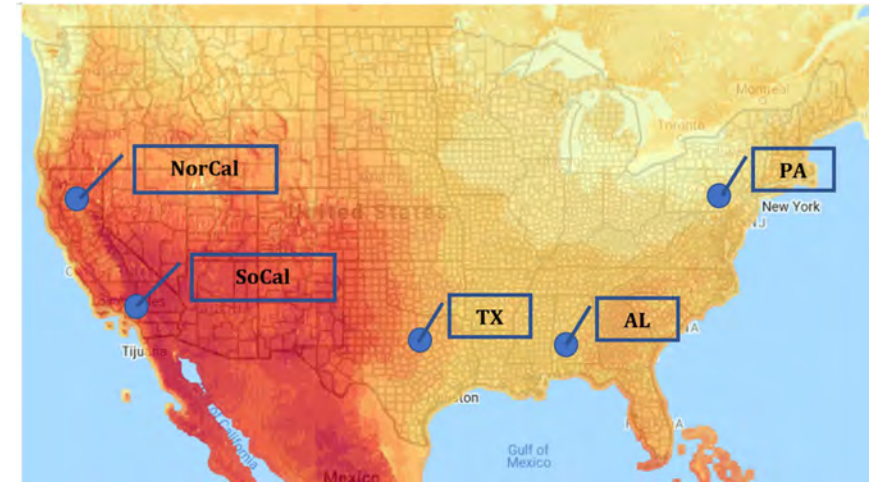
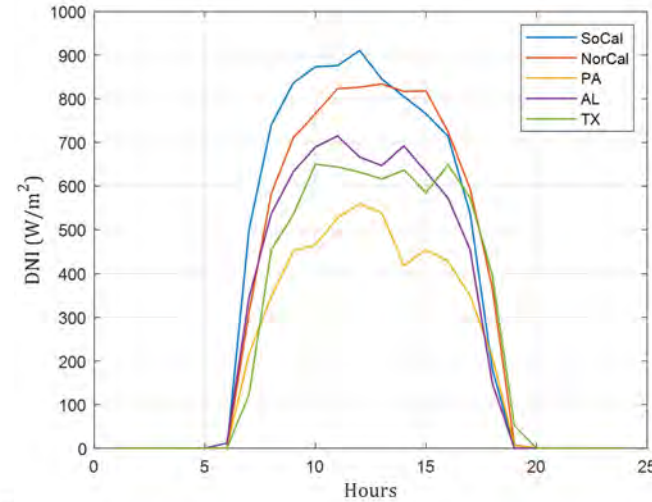
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Concentrated Solar Calcination

- Solar-Assisted Cement Plant

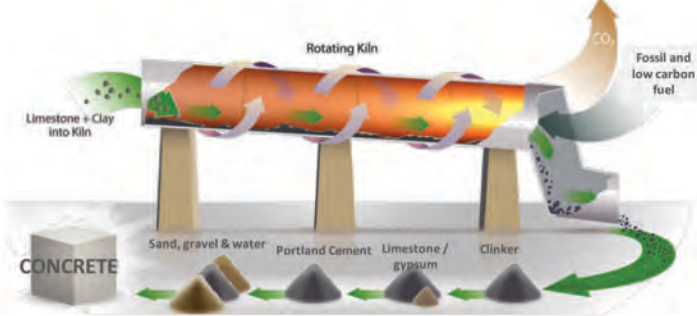


Solar-Assisted Cement Plant

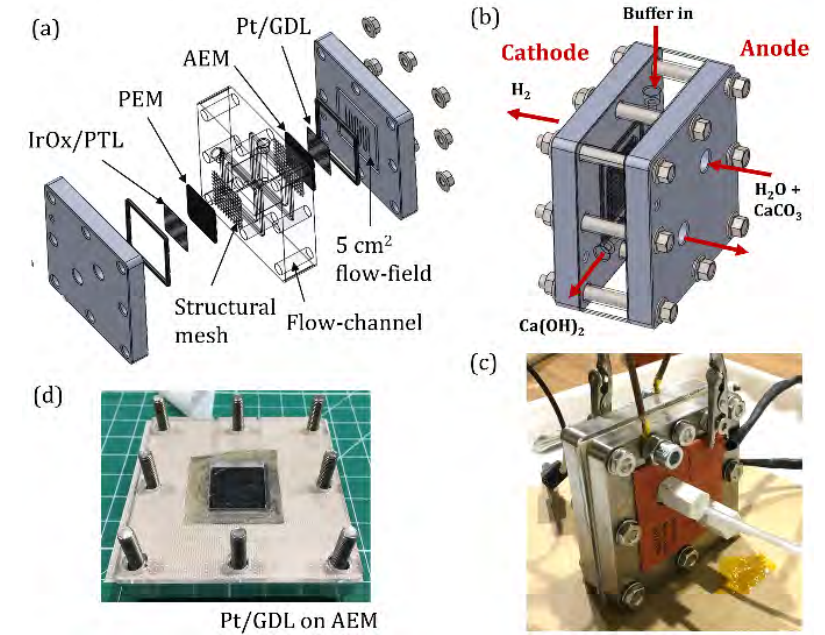


Decarbonization of Cement Production via Electrochemistry

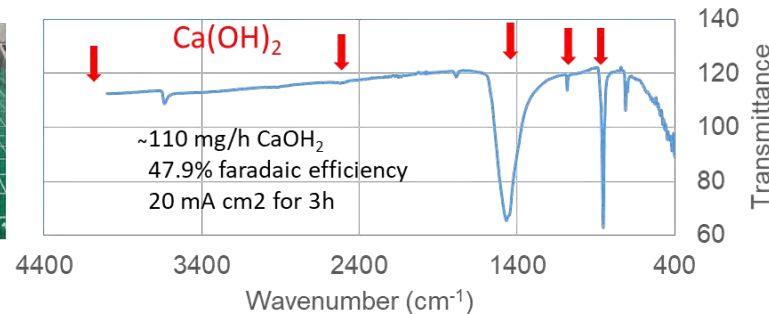
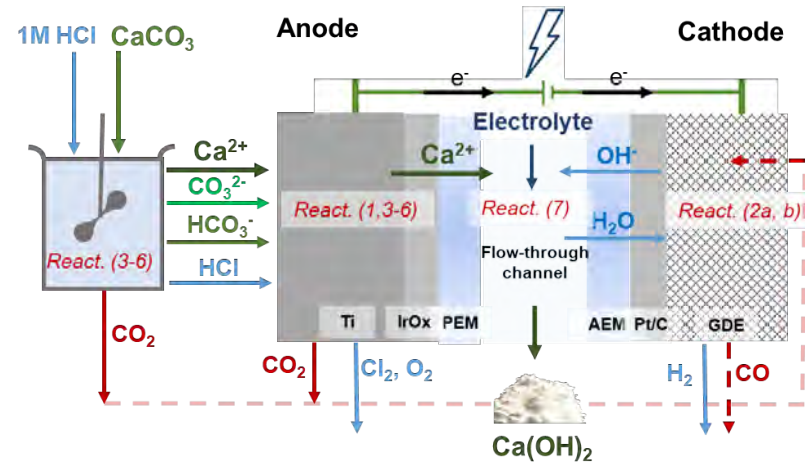
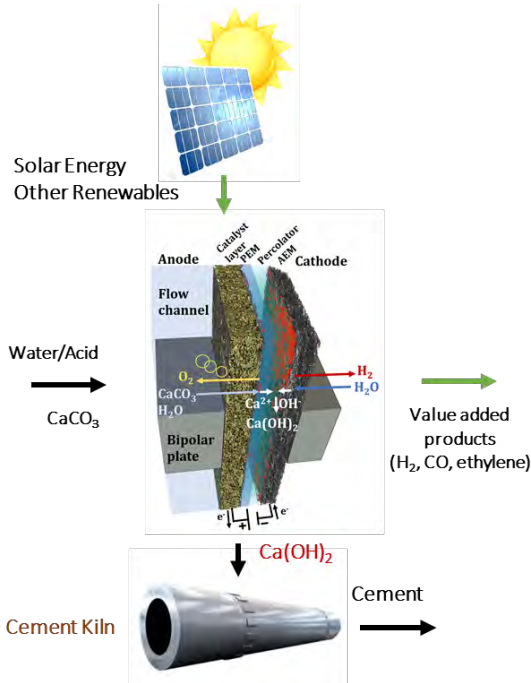
<http://rediscoverconcrete.com/en/sustainability/how-cement-concrete-are-made.html>



- **Low temperature process (40-80°C) vs. cement kiln (1500°C)**
- **Compatible with renewable electricity sources**
 - **Lower CO₂ emissions**
 - **Lower consumption of fossil fuel**
- **Possibility to perform CO₂ capture on all stage of the process**



Prof. Iryna V. Zenyuk



	Existing/emerging cement manufacturing technology	Proposed technology
Energy intensity	4.9 GJ/ton (fossil-fuels)	7.2 – 10.8 GJ/ton (electricity)
CO ₂ emissions	0.972 ton CO ₂ /ton of cement	Reduced (Case 1), 0 or negative (Case 2)
Cost per ton	\$100-\$110 OPC \$600 Mg cements \$230-\$490 Wollastonite \$132 Geopolymers	\$197.5 - \$310 for Ca(OH) ₂ \$12.9- \$22.7 to convert Ca(OH) ₂ to cement \$210.4 - \$332.7 total

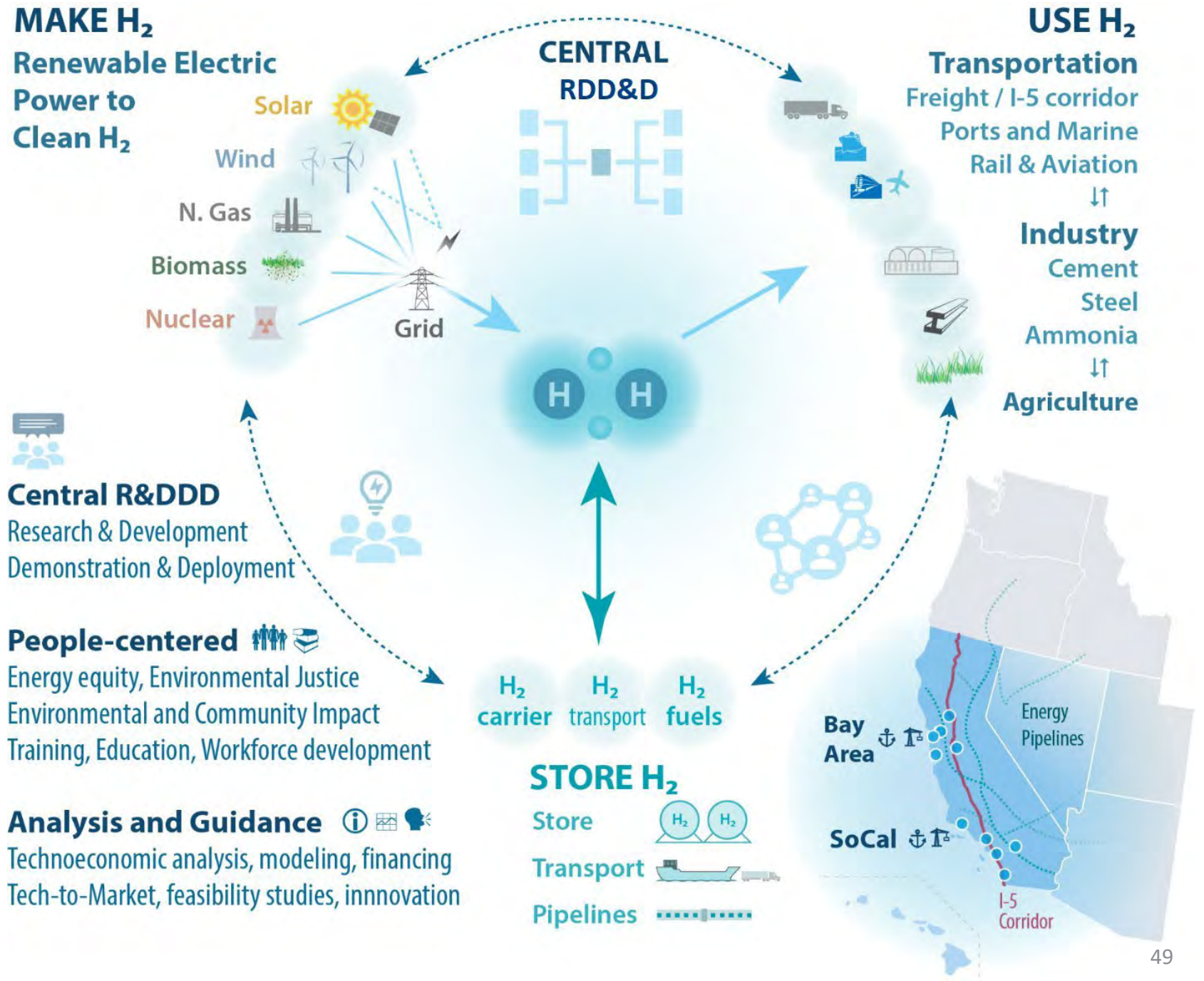


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Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems

A Public/Private Partnership

For a Clean California H₂ Ecosystem



Colors of Hydrogen – Carbon Intensity & Emissions!

- No accepted/agreed-to standard (example below)
- Emissions vary within colors; picking colors stymies market; other negative outcomes
- Should rather use “Carbon Intensity” and “Emissions” metrics for hydrogen

Color	Technology	Feedstock
Green	Electrolysis	Solar, Wind, Hydro, Geothermal, Tidal
Green	Steam reforming, Gasification, Digestion	Biogas, Biomass, Waste
Pink/Purple	Electrolysis	Nuclear
Yellow	Electrolysis	Natural Gas, Coal, Nuclear Power
Blue	Steam reforming or Gasification	Natural Gas, Coal
Turquoise	Pyrolysis w/ solid carbon product	Natural Gas, Coal
Grey	Steam reforming	Natural Gas
Brown	Gasification	Brown Coal
Black	Gasification	Black Coal

University of California, Irvine

Home to the National Fuel Cell Research Center



#1 Best College
in the U.S.
— MONEY

36,000+ students

#9 Public University
in the U.S.
— U.S. News & World Report
2020

#1 Cool School
in the U.S. for sustainability
Top 10 for 10 years
— Sierra magazine

200,000+
Anteater alumni

Most applied to UC campus
for California's
aspiring freshmen for
a second year in a row

82 majors — **75** minors

\$133 million
private donor support in 2018-19
\$5 billion
annual economic impact
in Orange County

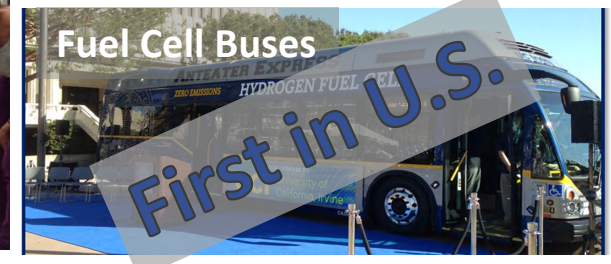
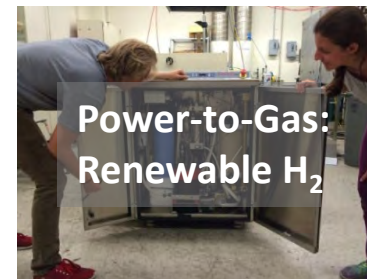
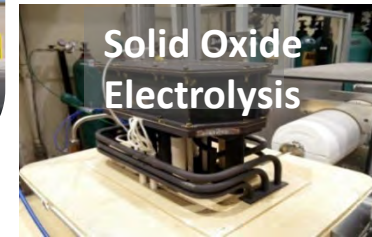
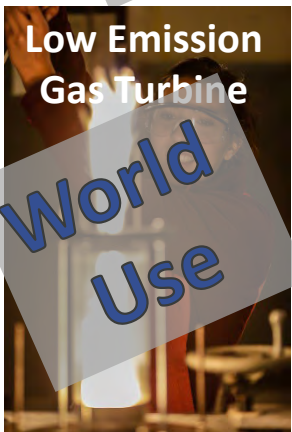
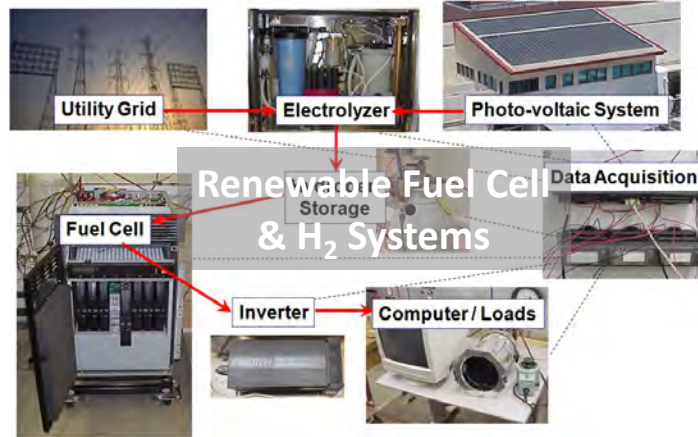
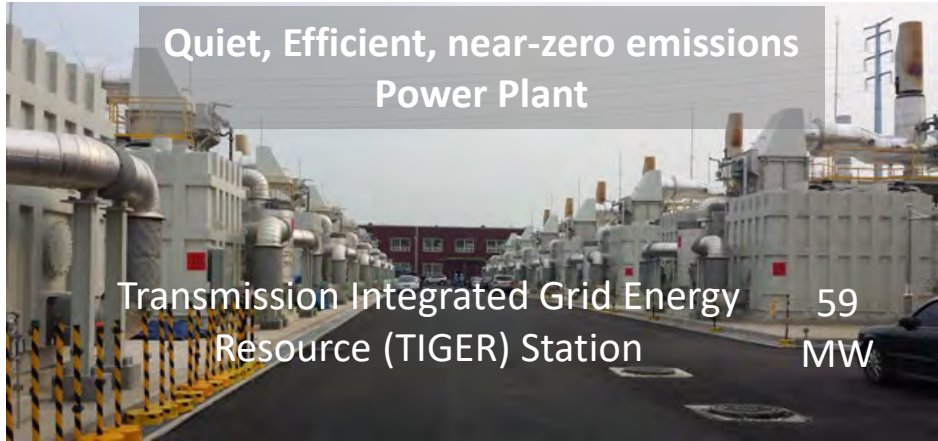


one of the 10 campuses of
the University of California

... and, our mascot is – Peter, the...

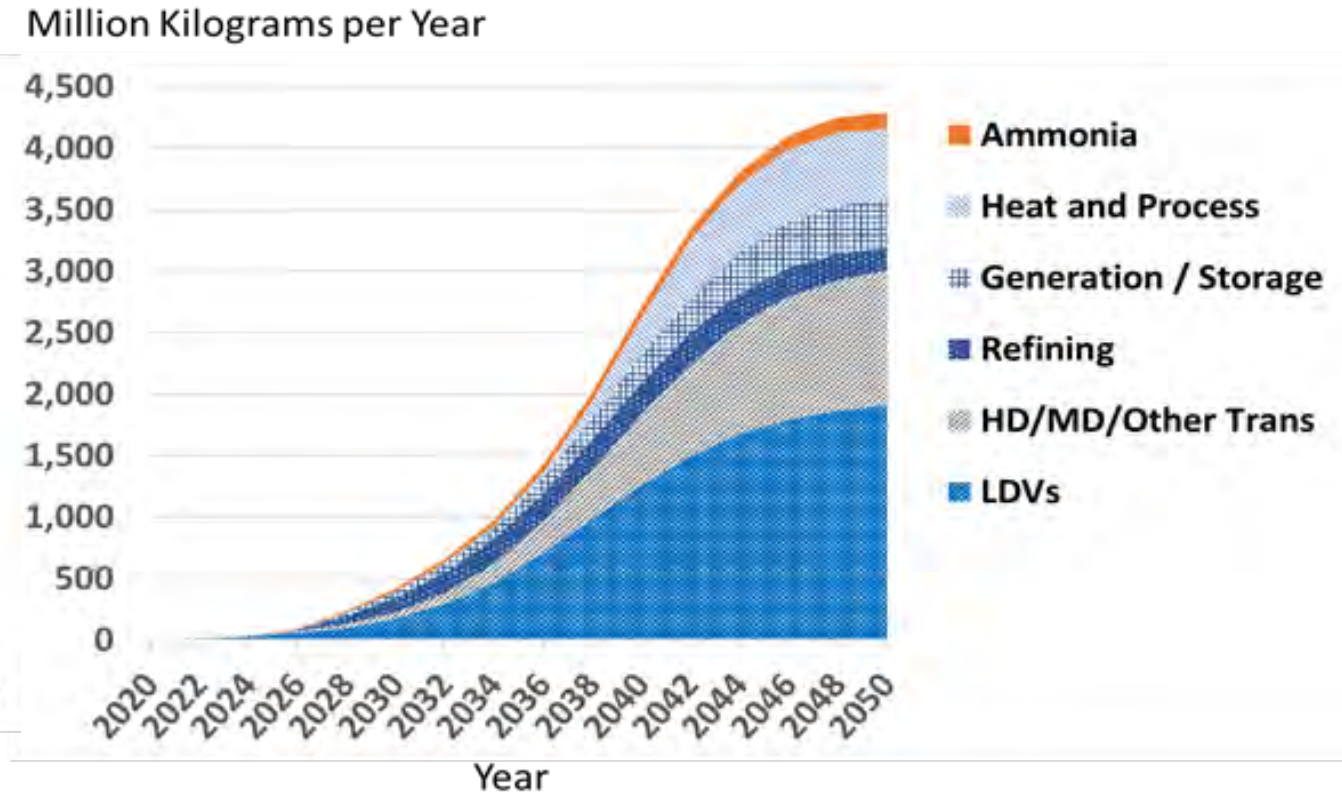
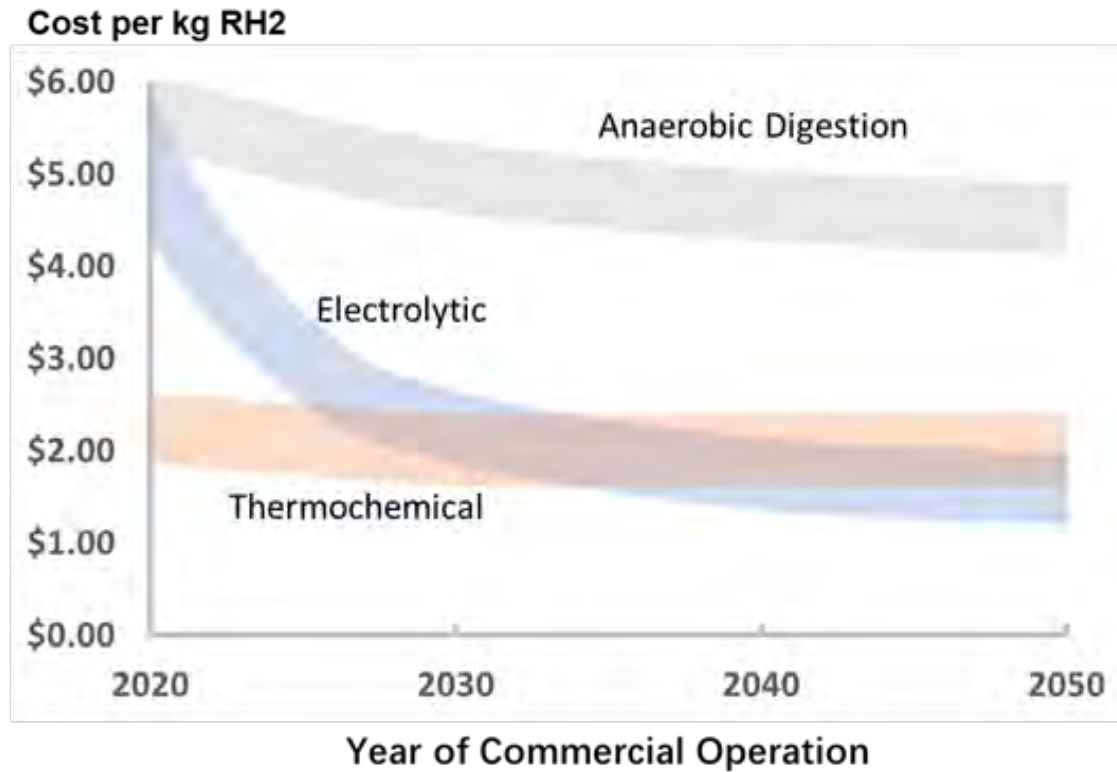


UCI-APEP: Renewable & Sustainable Energy Systems Dynamics



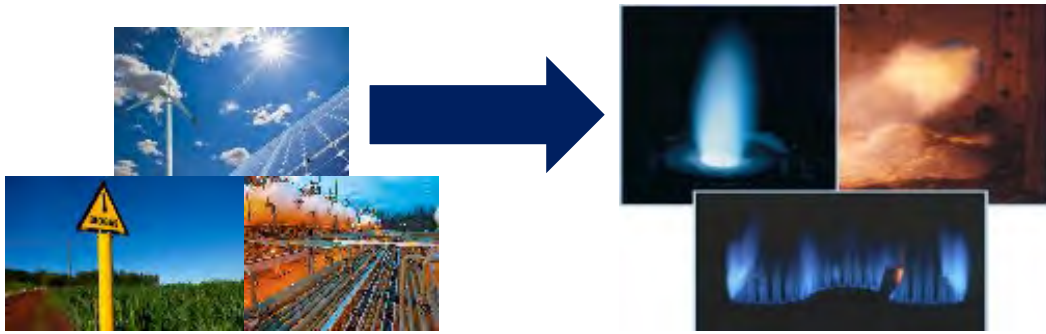
California Renewable Hydrogen Roadmap

- Developed by APEP (Dr. Jeff Reed, PI) in 2018 – 2020 timeframe for CEC



Reed, J.G., Dailey, E.F., Shaffer, B.P., Lane, B.A., Flores, R.J., Fong, A.F., Samuelsen, G.S., "Roadmap for the Deployment and Buildout of Renewable Hydrogen Production Plants in California," CEC-600-2020-002, 2020

Combustion Emissions – Industrial Burners



Quantified NO_x and CO emissions relative to operation on 100% Natural Gas (CH₄)

- Variation for burners, pollutants, and fuels

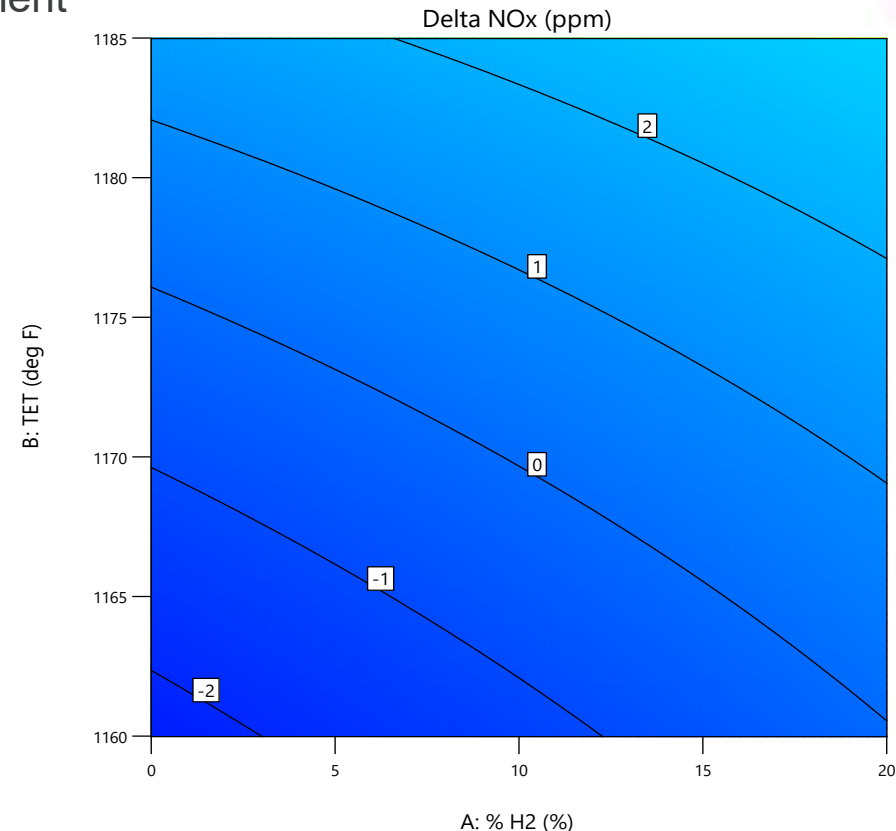
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Fuel Mixture	NO _x	CO	NO _x	CO	NO _x	CO	NO _x	CO	NO _x	CO
76% CH ₄ - 24% H ₂	111%	-40%	-64%	-40%	200%	-50%	16%	-20%	48%	-11%
98% CH ₄ - 2% CO ₂	-5%	11%	-3%	3%	-17%	1%	-4%	3%	-2%	3%
94% CH ₄ - 6% C ₂ H ₆	5%	8%	2%	3%	3%	4%	5%	8%	3%	4%
95% CH ₄ - 5% C ₃ H ₈	9%	3%	3%	6%	5%	4%	4%	6%	8%	5%
	6. GTC		7. RT		8. IRB		9. SB			
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98% CH ₄ - 2% CO ₂	-3%	0%	-2%	2%	-3%	-3%	-2%	5%		
94% CH ₄ - 6% C ₂ H ₆	3%	3%	0%	4%	2%	-5%	3%	4%		
95% CH ₄ - 5% C ₃ H ₈	3%	3%	5%	4%	1%	-5%	8%	6%		

Key (NO _x /CO)
% Increase
% Decrease
No Change

Colorado, Andres; McDonell, Vincent. 2016. *Effect of Variable Fuel Composition on Emissions and Lean Blowoff Stability Limits*. California Energy Commission. Publication number: 500-13-004

Combustion Emissions – Gas Turbines

- OEMs are conservative in their developments and targets
 - “Slight increase in NOx may result”
 - This has been the case for decades
 - Original NOx limits were 42 ppm, then 25 ppm, then 9 ppm and now 2.3 ppm
 - ~20x reduction attained through technology development
 - Combustion science guides the development
 - Well established
 - Optimization of local combustion temperatures via flow split adjustments
 - UCI measurements on commercial 60kW engine illustrate that NOx can actually be reduced when adding hydrogen
 - Modification of air distribution within the combustion system can take advantage of the wider flammability limits offered by hydrogen
 - UCI currently testing a 200kW version

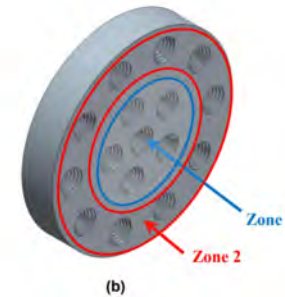
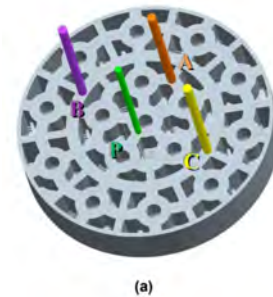
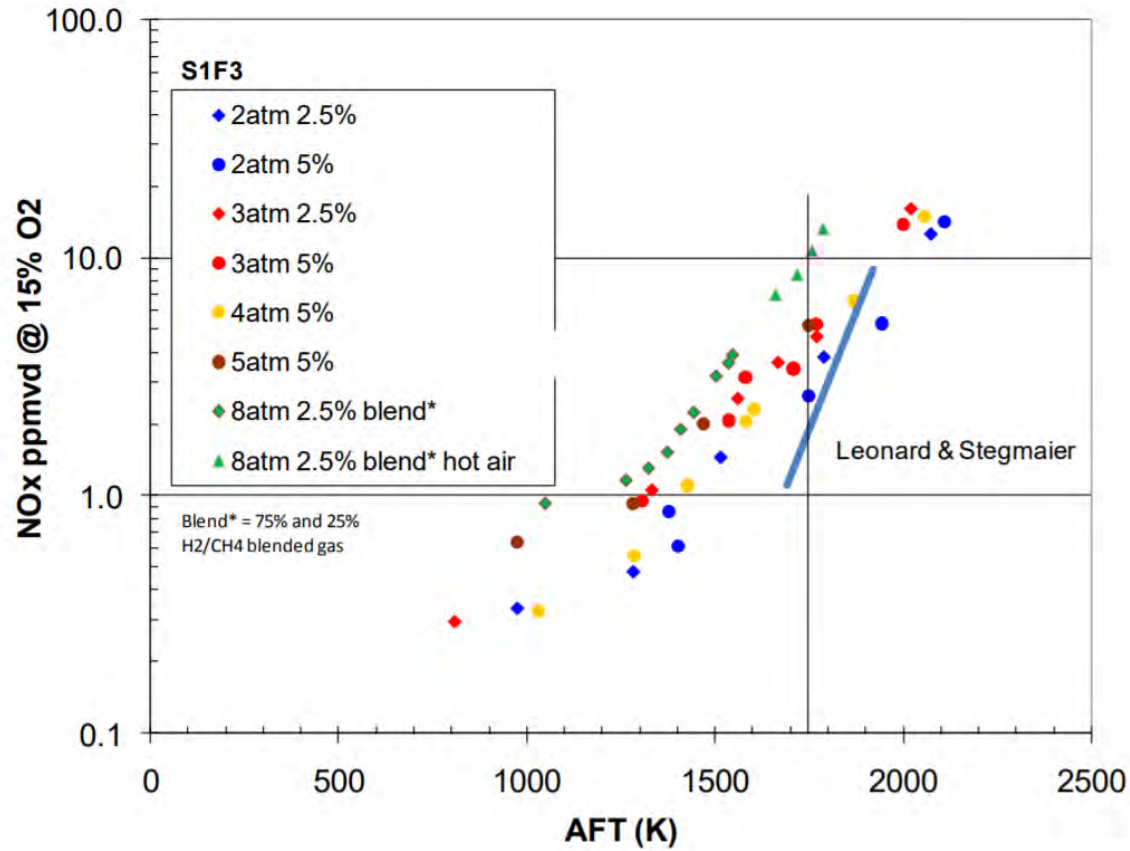


Combustion Emissions – Gas Turbines

- Hydrogen faster flame speed allows more lean operation
- Micro-mixing full-scale GT design



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T_PZ_CEA	3042.96	
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EM_COR_CO	0.53	
EM_COR_HC	0.65	



Directly Use More Renewable Electricity

- Electrify buildings, especially residential new construction – but not all built environment demand is amenable and some infrastructure upgrades are too costly
- Always use renewable electricity directly whenever possible (demand management)
- Store in electrochemical battery energy storage systems first (most efficient storage) – but some uses require rapid fueling, long range, heavy payload (fuel cells)
- Battery electric vehicles (BEV) & fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV) are important

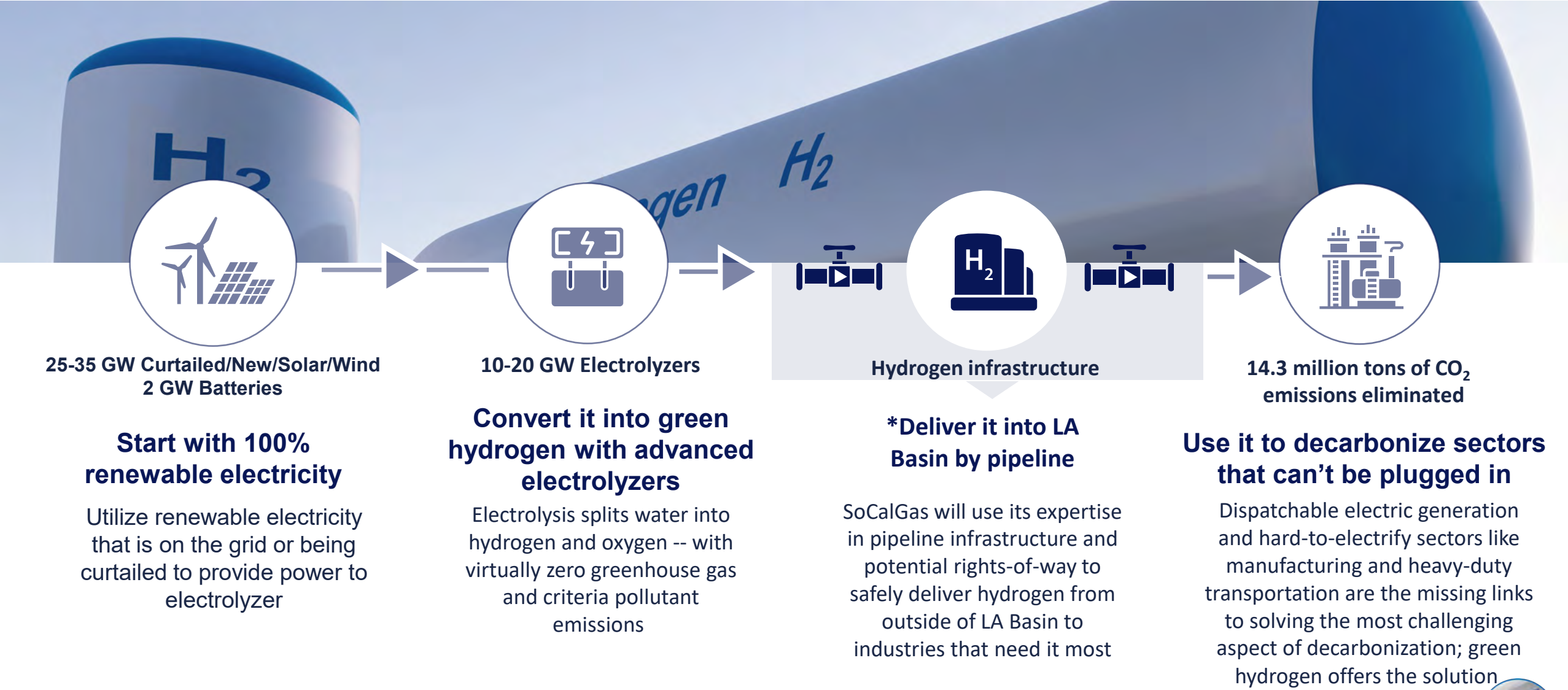


Proposed New SoCalGas Infrastructure: Angeles Link

- Proposal to develop what would be the nation's largest green hydrogen energy infrastructure system to deliver clean, reliable energy to the Los Angeles region
- When built, the Angeles Link green hydrogen system could reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve local air quality, and help SoCalGas serve California's energy needs for generations to come.
- Angeles Link can drive deep decarbonization of heavy-duty transportation, dispatchable electric generation, industrial processes and other hard-to-electrify sectors of the SoCal economy
- **Timing: Memo account application filed with California Public Utilities Commission in February 2022**



SoCalGas' Angeles Link: How Could it Work?



25-35 GW Curtailed/New/Solar/Wind
2 GW Batteries

Start with 100% renewable electricity

Utilize renewable electricity that is on the grid or being curtailed to provide power to electrolyzer

10-20 GW Electrolyzers

Convert it into green hydrogen with advanced electrolyzers

Electrolysis splits water into hydrogen and oxygen -- with virtually zero greenhouse gas and criteria pollutant emissions

Hydrogen infrastructure

***Deliver it into LA Basin by pipeline**

SoCalGas will use its expertise in pipeline infrastructure and potential rights-of-way to safely deliver hydrogen from outside of LA Basin to industries that need it most

14.3 million tons of CO₂ emissions eliminated

Use it to decarbonize sectors that can't be plugged in

Dispatchable electric generation and hard-to-electrify sectors like manufacturing and heavy-duty transportation are the missing links to solving the most challenging aspect of decarbonization; green hydrogen offers the solution



From: Yuri Freedman, Southern California Gas Company, 2022.



SoCalGas' Angeles Link: Project Benefits



Haynes



Scattergood



Harbor



Valley

Could provide **zero-carbon green hydrogen** to assist LADWP's conversion of its natural gas electric generation facilities



Displace **3 million gallons of diesel per day** reducing NOx (**24,721 tons per year**), PM_{2.5} and other hazardous air pollutants associated with diesel emissions



Could significantly reduce regional natural gas demand to potentially remove **14.3 million metric tons of CO₂**



Equivalent to eliminating **57%** of LA County's large stationary source CO₂ emissions

Green Hydrogen Could Anchor LA Basin Hub

Reliable and scalable delivery of green hydrogen as demand grows

Focuses on large emitters such as electric generation, aviation, cement, chemical manufacturing, shipping and trucking



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Portion of SoCalGas Service Area

Opportunity for California to be First-Mover

Secures California's legacy as a true world leader in accelerating green energy transition —while growing the economy and local, union workforce

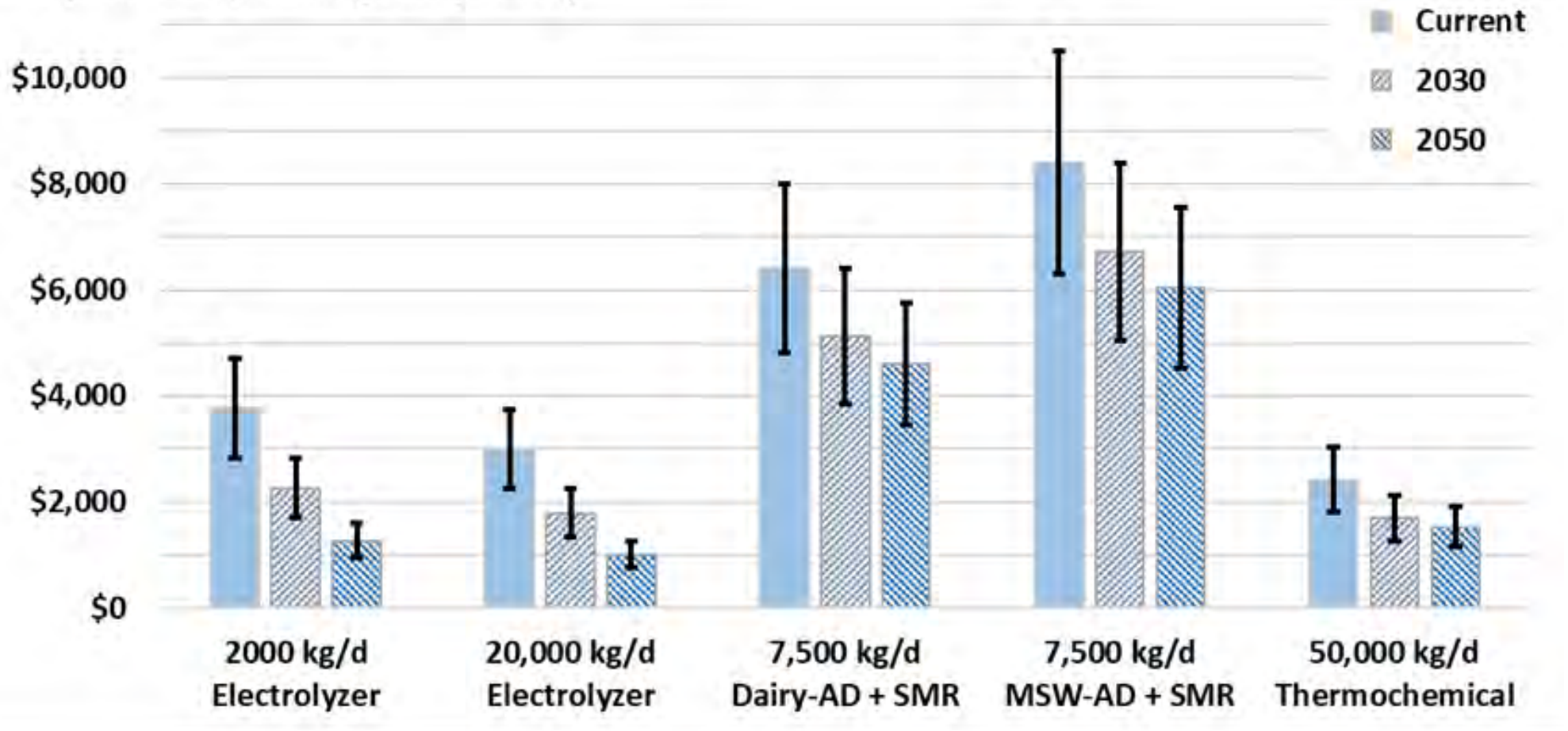
Supports California's bid to pursue significant portion of more than **\$9 billion** in US Dept. of Energy funding made available by Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to build-out hydrogen hubs

Bring green hydrogen into the LA Basin and advance climate goals and support current and future hydrogen end users, including heavy industry, electric generation, and the heavy-duty transportation sector, such as ports

Make LA Basin the country's leading center for clean fuels and catalyze green hydrogen industry here and abroad

Learning Curve & Other Methods Project Significant Cost Reduction for all RH2 Production Technologies

Capital Cost per kilogram per day

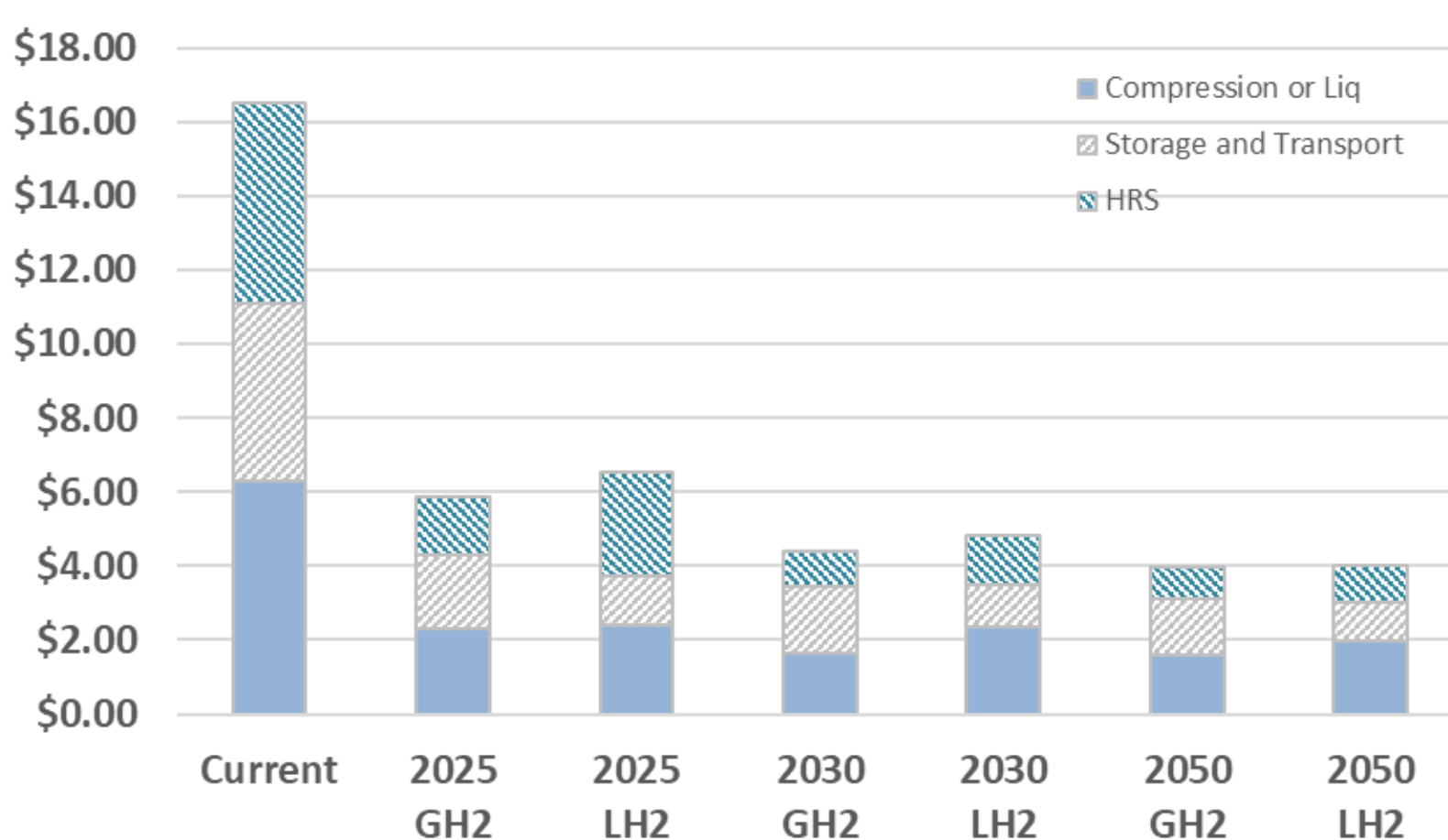


Technology and Facility Nameplate Capacity

Electrolyzers show the greatest reduction – nearly 70% by 2050

Hydrogen Supply-chain Costs Forecast to Decline Rapidly

Increased station network use & economies of scale are most significant

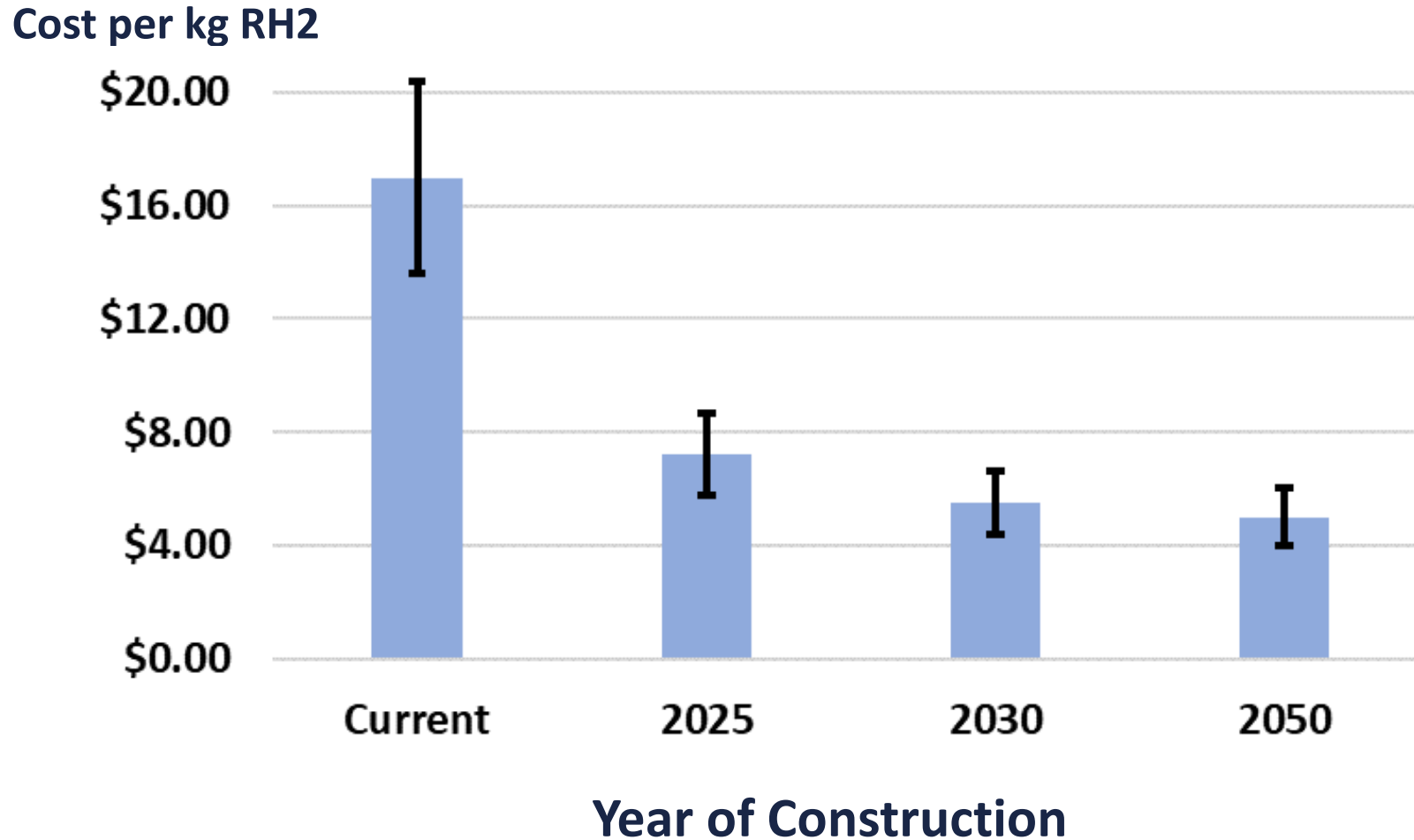


Input Assumptions

	Current	2025	2030	2050
Station Size Kg/d	300	600	1200	1500
Utilization	40%	70%	80%	80%
Production Volume	Low	Medium	High	High

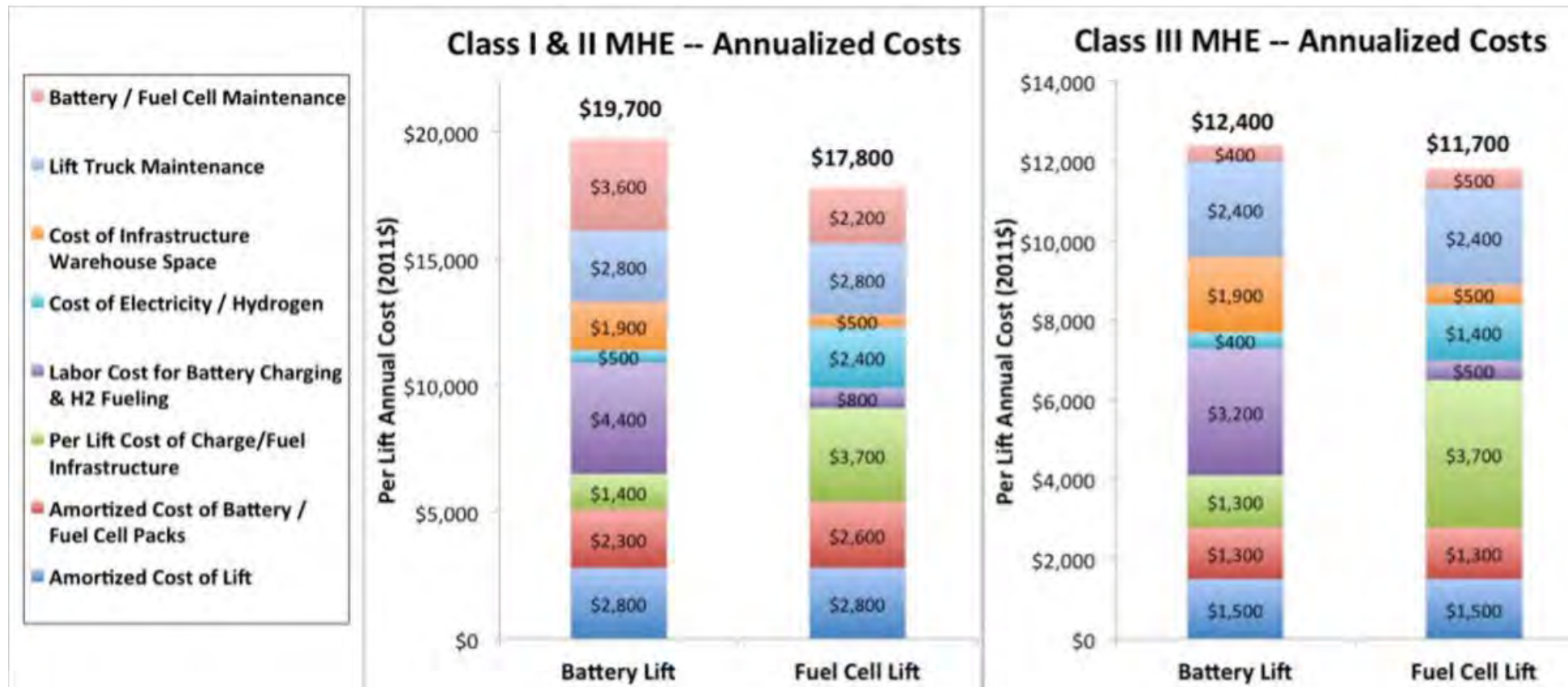
Potential Evolution of Pump Price of Renewable Hydrogen

Cost per kg RH2 Net of \$100 LCFS Credit



An Evaluation of the Total Cost of Ownership of Fuel Cell-Powered Material Handling Equipment

- Fuel cells provide a cheaper cost of ownership compared to batteries-for class I, II, and III forklifts. Fuel cells reduce ownership costs by 5% to 10%, these costs include the infrastructure costs in the annual costs as well (pg.v)



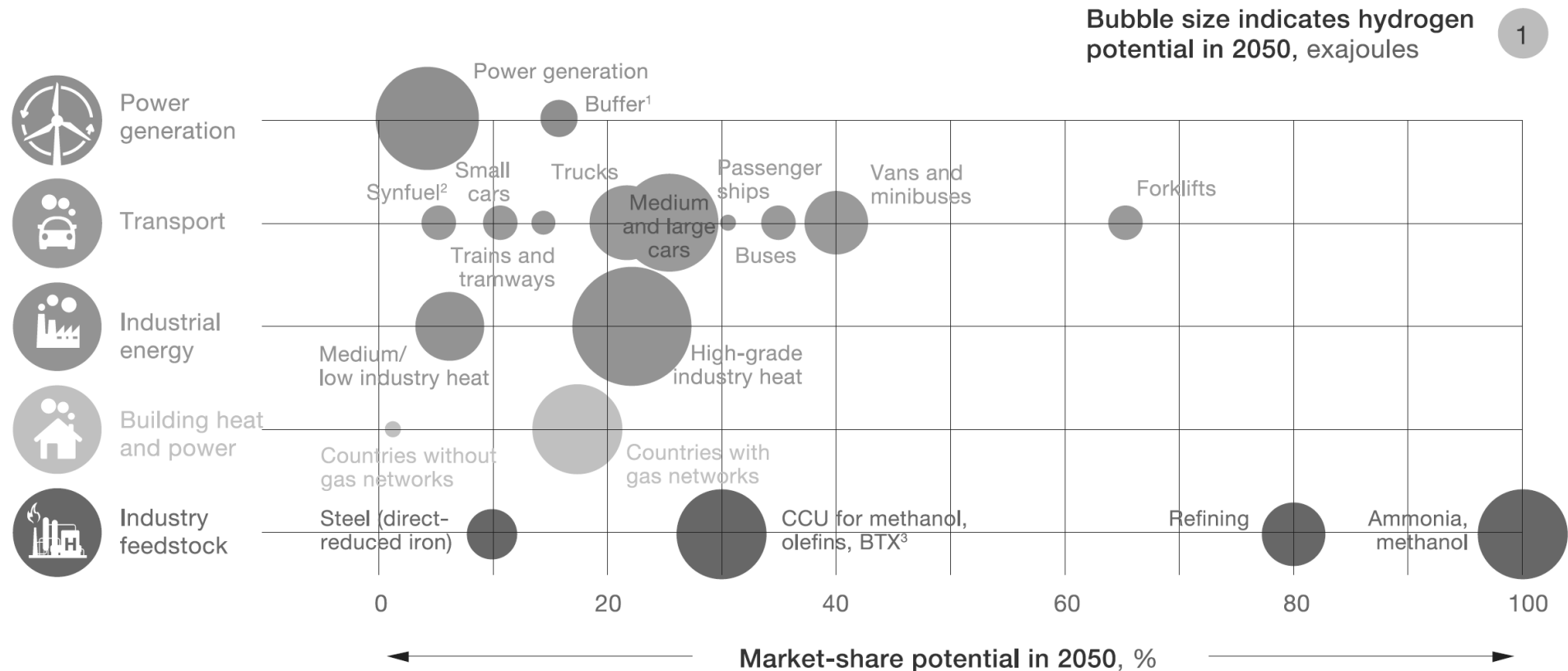
- Fuel cells have higher fuel costs and more expensive infrastructure compared to batteries; however, fuel cells drastically reduced labor and space costs in these tests (pg.27)

Role of Green Hydrogen in Markets

Comparative Analysis: H2 & FCEV vs. Grid & BEV

- Bernd Heid, Martin Linder, Anna Orthofer, Markus Wilthaner
- McKinsey & Company

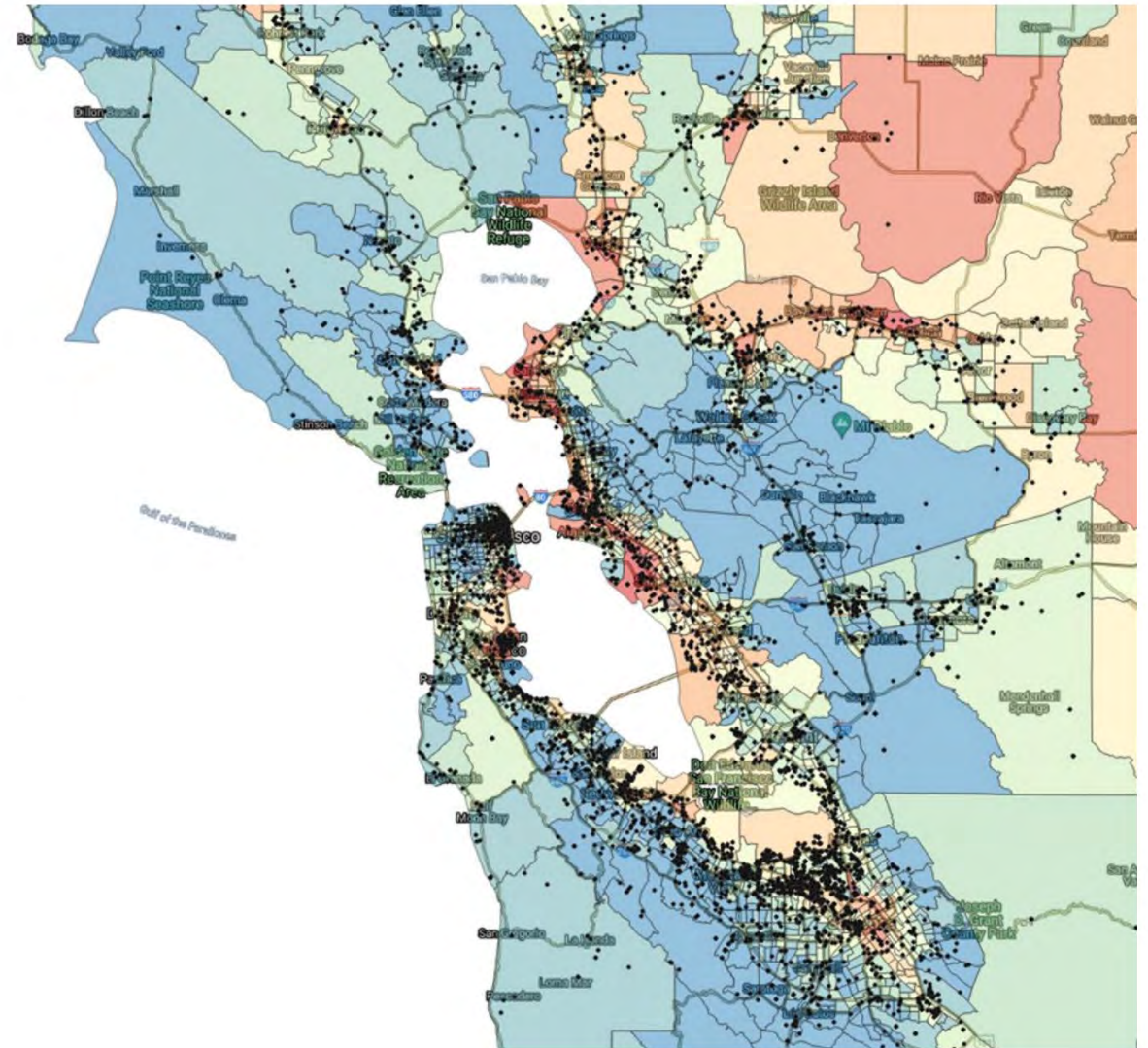
Hydrogen potential by market share in 2050, %, exajoules



Recent Increase in Fossil Back-up Generator Deployment

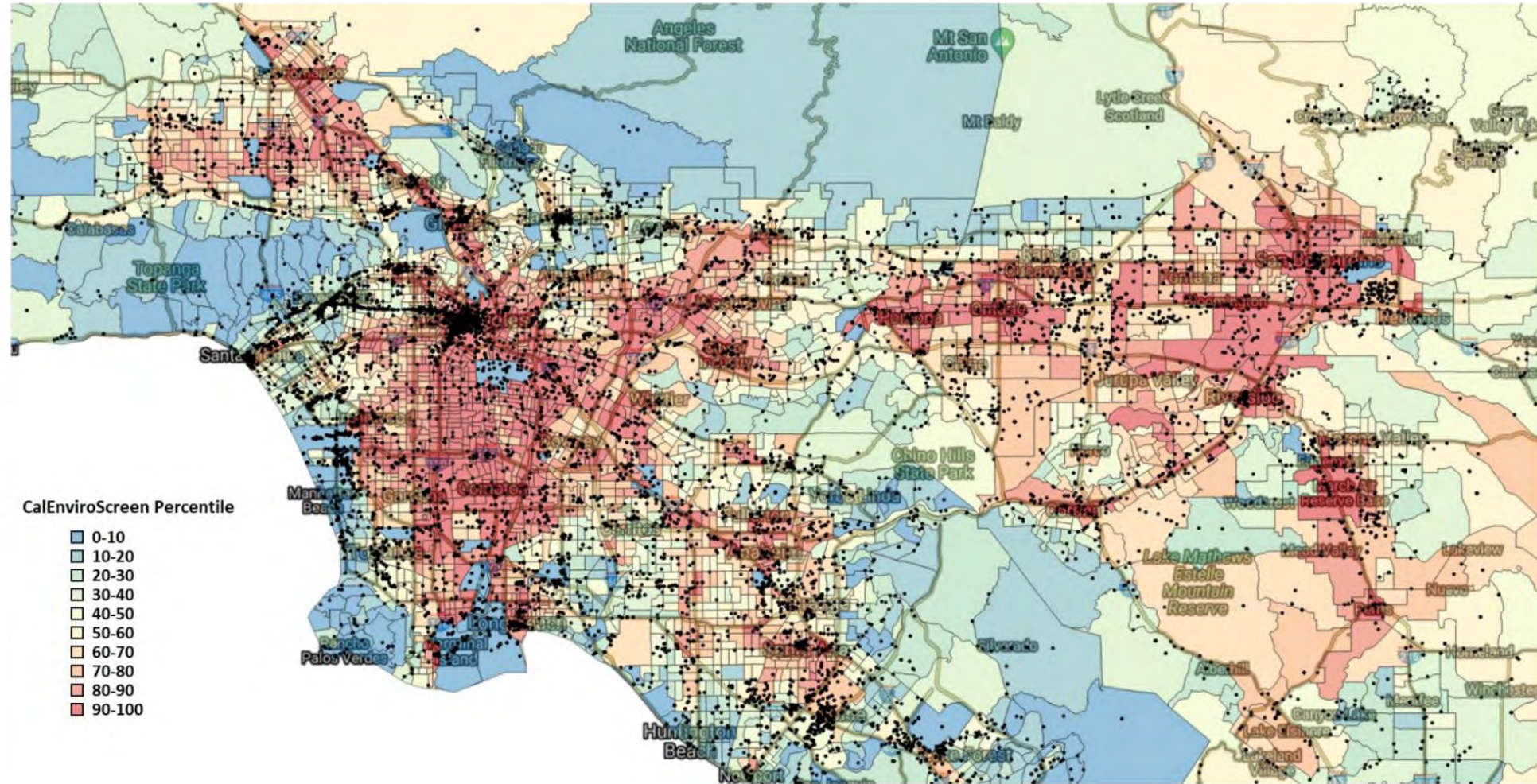
- 34% increase in Bay Area from 2018 - 2021
- > 8,700 deployed
- Capable of > 4.8 GW
- Disproportionately located in disadvantaged communities (CalEnviroScreen 3.0 percentiles shown)

CalEnviroScreen Percentile



Recent Increase in Fossil Back-up Generator Deployment

- 22% increase in SoCAB
- > 14,000 deployed
- Capable of > 7.3 GW
- Disproportionately located in disadvantaged communities (CalEnviroScreen 3.0 percentiles shown)



Recent Increase in Fossil Back-up Generator Deployment

M.Cubed study found significant health & economic impacts of BUGs

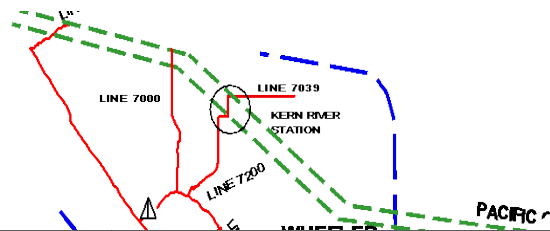
- Used U.S. EPA's CO-Benefits Risk Assessment Health Impacts Screening and Mapping Tool (COBRA)
- Estimated annual economic benefits of reducing BUG emissions
 - \$3.5 to \$7.9 million annually for a 25% reduction
 - \$7.0 to \$15.9 million for a 50% reduction
 - \$14.1 to \$31.8 million for a 100% reduction

Resilient Storage & Transmission/Distribution Resource

- Natural Gas Transmission, Distribution & Storage System

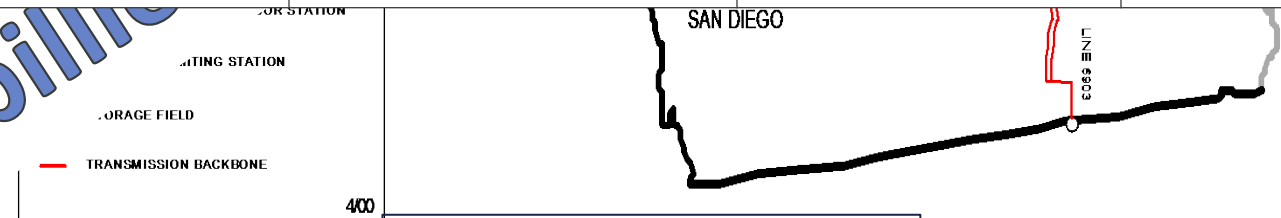
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Gas Technology Institute, Assessment of Natural Gas ... Service Reliability, 2018.



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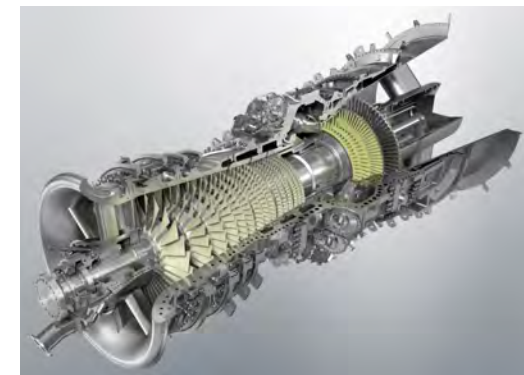
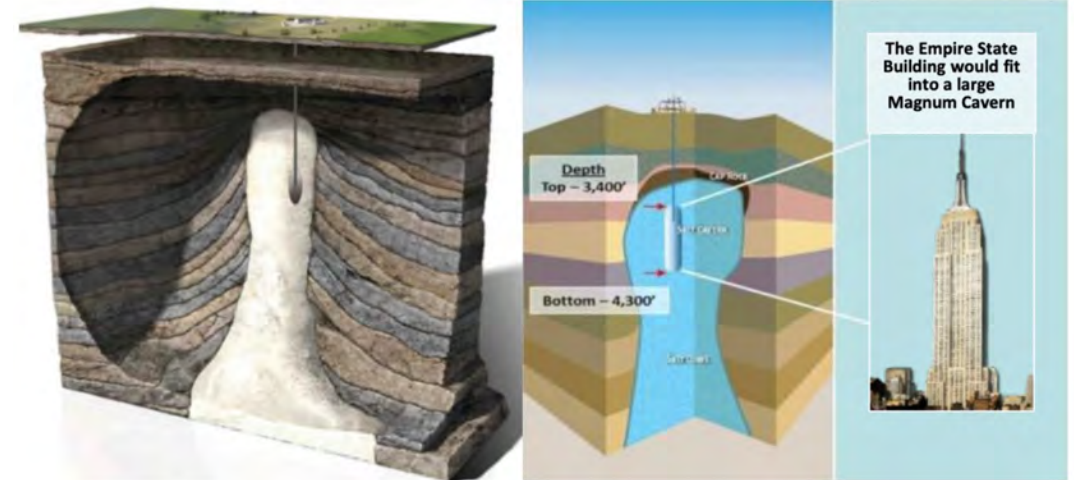
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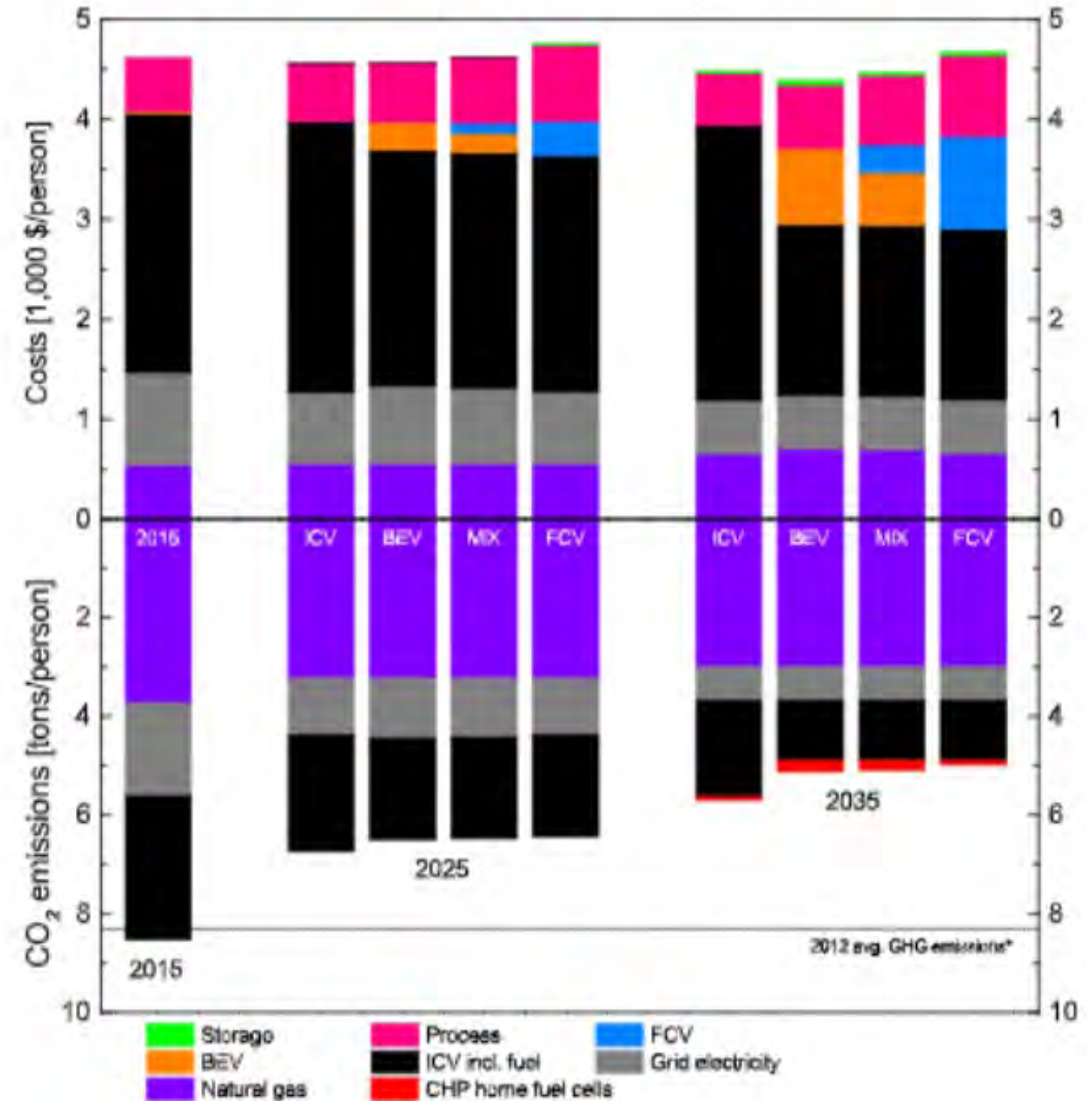
Example: Renewable H₂ Production & Use by LADWP

- Salt Caverns & other facilities proven to safely store massive amounts of hydrogen
- Magnum working with LADWP to adopt similar salt cavern H₂ storage in Utah
- Gas turbines – colleagues & competitors
 - state-of-the-art for large scale power generation
- All gas turbine manufacturers evolving H₂-use
 - GE, Mitsubishi, Siemens, Solar, others



Evaluating co-benefits of battery and fuel cell vehicles in a community in California

- The cost for an initial hydrogen refueling system would cost ~\$450M (pg.360)
- “producing and selling hydrogen was found to be much more valuable than producing and storing hydrogen to later produce electricity” (pg.361)
- A mix of FCEVs and BEVs (30% and 70% respectively) is the only way to have lower costs and emissions (pg.364)
- FCEVs may have lower emissions but cost “significantly” more (pg.364), BEVs have a lower overall cost—study is conducted for light-duty vehicles.
- For FCEVs “the economic benefits of grid storage...are not sufficient” to justify the “significantly higher” hydrogen infrastructure costs (pg.367)



Felgenhauer, M., Pellow, M., Benson, S., & Hamacher, T. (2016). *Evaluating co-benefits of battery and fuel cell vehicles in a community in California*. *Energy*, 114, 360–368.

Gas Transformation Key Findings from Literature Review

- Converting to a system that relies solely on hydrogen is the “most cost-effective end state for a deeply decarbonized gas system” (pg.1)
- Being able to use existing natural gas lines for hydrogen infrastructure would be 80% cheaper than building an entirely new hydrogen infrastructure system (pg.7)
- An equal mix of hydrogen, batteries, and biomethane is ~10% cheaper than the 100% battery infrastructure system (pg.10)
- In 2050 it is projected that over 50% of buildings will rely on hydrogen

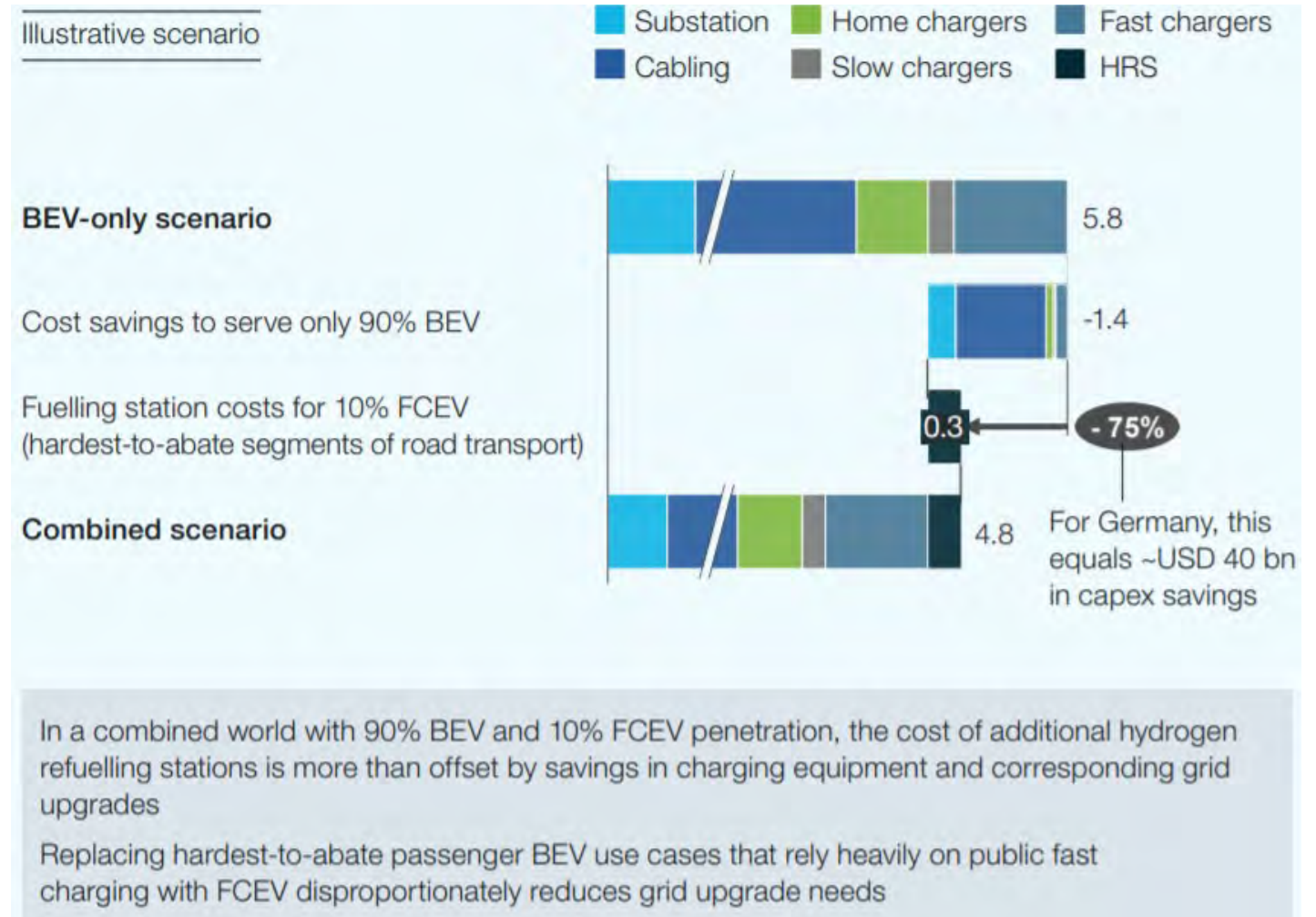
		Low	Medium	High
Pipeline cost	€ billion	33	41	51
Compression cost	€ billion	10	15	30
Total investment cost	€ billion	43	56	81
OPEX (excluding electricity)	€ billion/year	0.8	1.1	1.8
Electricity costs	€ billion/year	0.9	1.1	2.0
Total OPEX	€ billion/year	1.7	2.2	3.8

Chart shows capital and operating costs for European hydrogen system

Gas Transformation project. (2021). Gas Transformation Key Findings from Literature Review.

Roadmap towards zero emissions

- The cost for FCEV infrastructure versus BEV infrastructure is highly dependent on the location and available resources (pg.20)
- Building both FCEV and BEV infrastructure is cheaper than just building one or the other this is because upgrading to higher power electricity in remote and high-demand places is very expensive. Hydrogen can better suit the needs of these areas(pg.23)



Hydrogen Council. (2021). Roadmap towards zero emissions. <https://hydrogencouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Transport-Study-Full-Report-Hydrogen-Council-1.pdf>

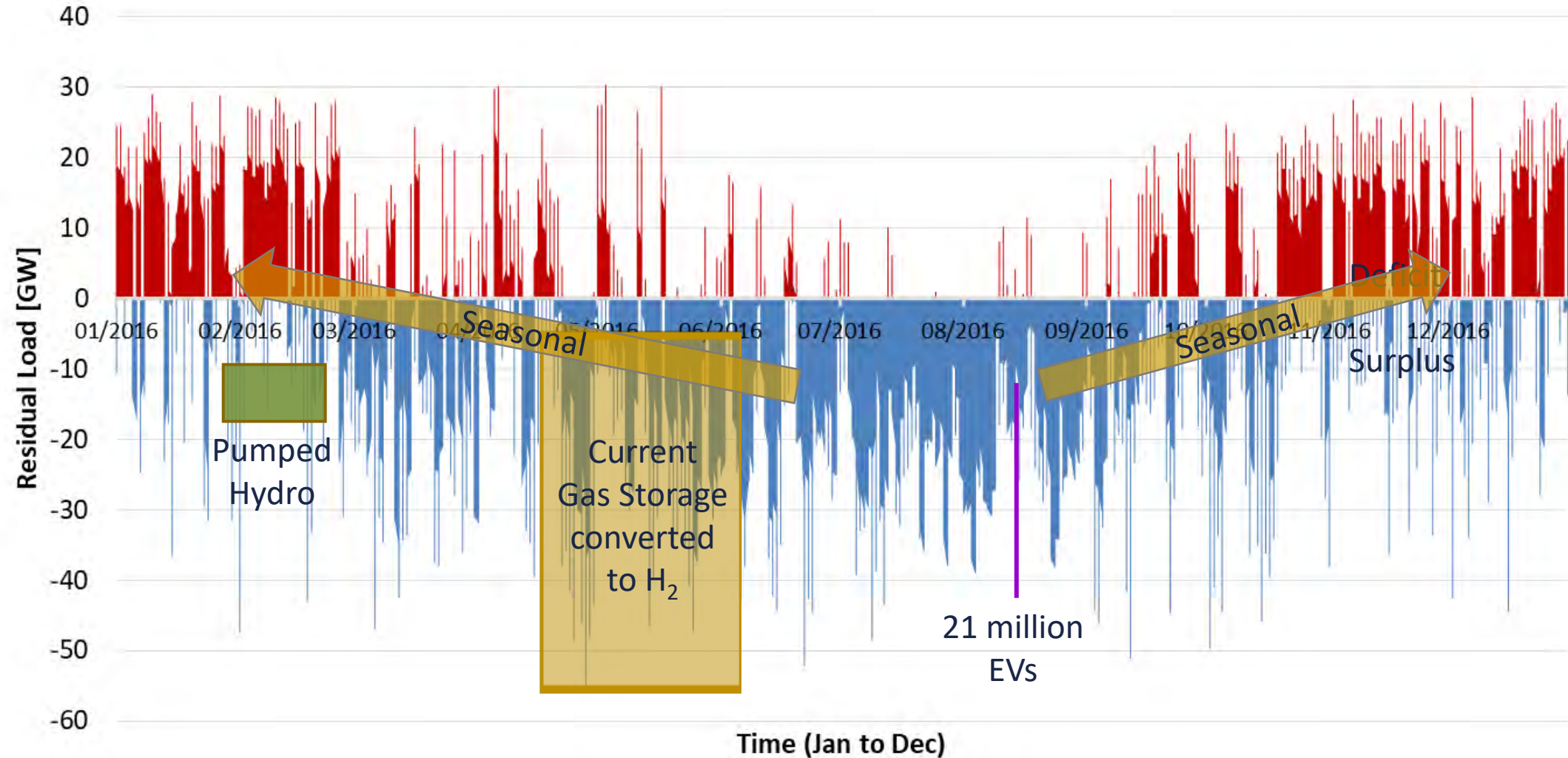
Orange County Transportation Authority's Zero-Emissions Bus Rollout Plan

- The infrastructure costs for both FCEBs and BEBs is “comparable...in cost with unit discount for large purchases” (pg.7)
- A mixed fleet consisting of 61% FCEBs, 15% depot-only BEBs, and 24% depot/ on-route charging BEBs has a TCO/mile that is 1% cheaper than a 100% FCEB fleet. The mixed fleet also requires 9% less upfront capital but from an operations standpoint the mixed fleet is 12% more expensive. This makes the 100% FCEB fleet the cheaper overall option, these include acquisition, infrastructure, and fuel costs.

Johnson, D. (2020). *Orange County Transportation Authority's Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plan*.
https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/OCTA_ZEB_Rollout_Plan_ADA08122020.pdf

Dynamics of Renewable Future are Challenging

- Wind dominant case (37 GW solar capacity, 80 GW wind capacity)



Assessment of Natural Gas and Electric Distribution Service Reliability

- Electricity “is considerably more vulnerable” to being damaged compared to natural gas (pg.17)
- Considering that hydrogen could be distributed in the same way as natural gas, hydrogen infrastructure could be the more reliable power distribution method in times of extreme weather

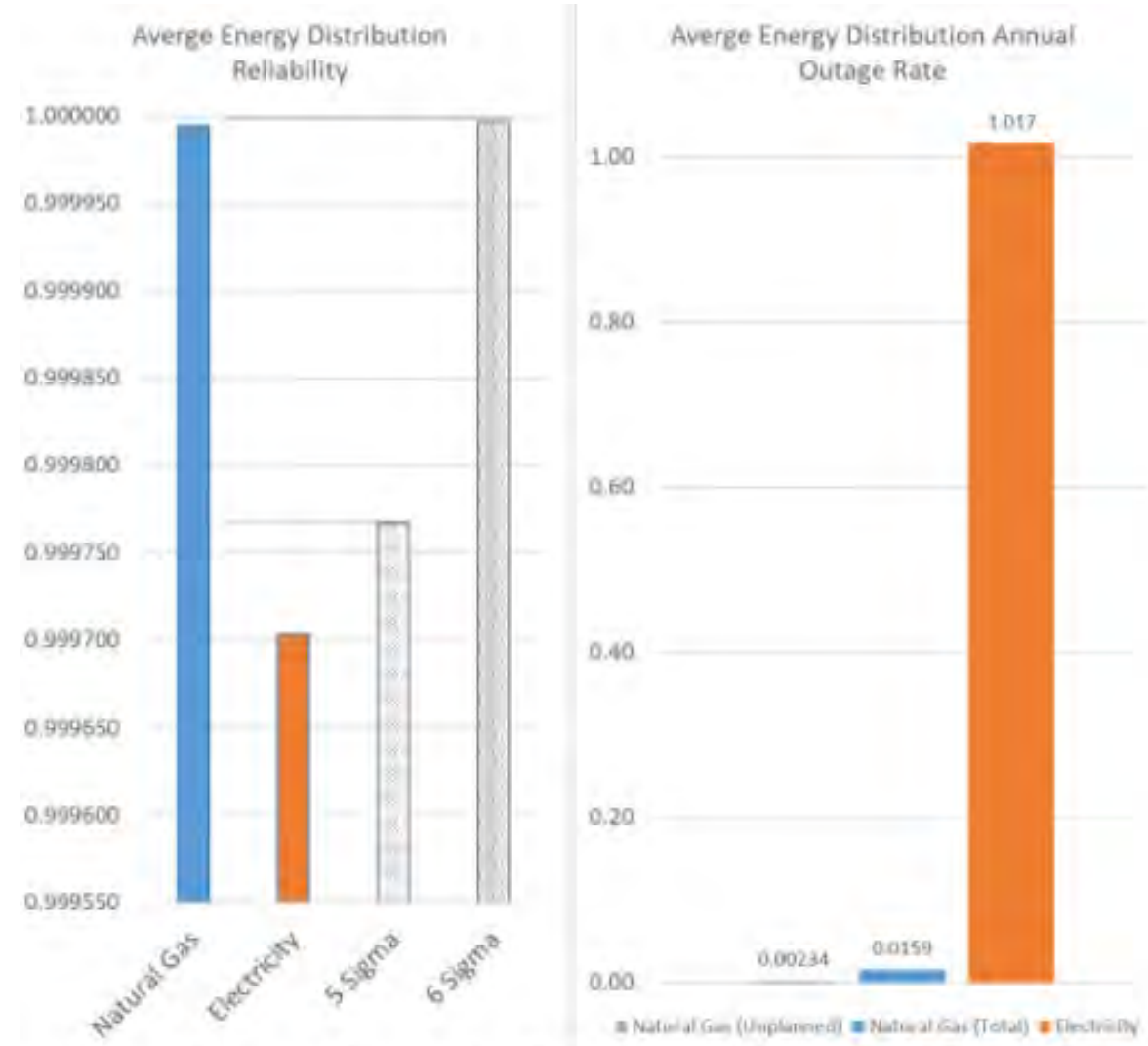


Figure 18: Energy Distribution Reliability and Outage Rate Comparison

Demonstrated Resilience of Fuel Cells and Gas System

San Diego Blackout, 9/28/11



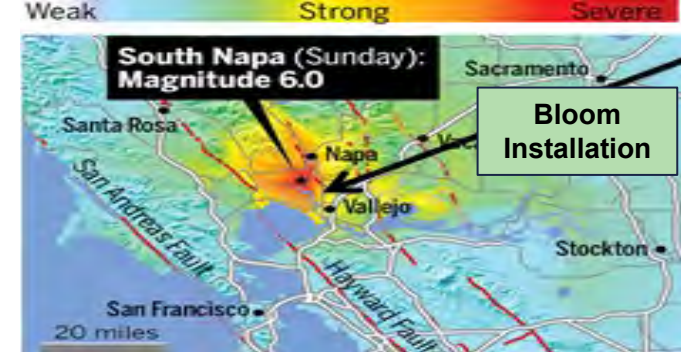
Winter Storm Alfred, 10/29/11



Hurricane Sandy, 10/29/12



CA Earthquake, 8/24/14



Data Center Utility Outage, 4/16/15



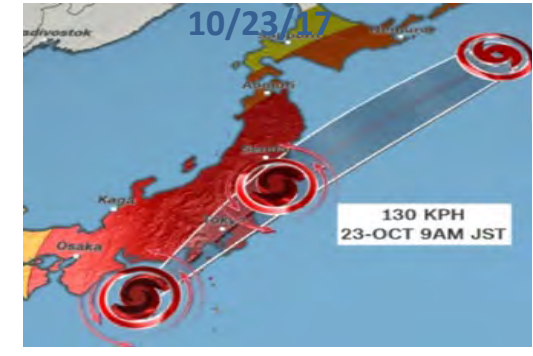
Hurricane Joaquin, 10/15/15



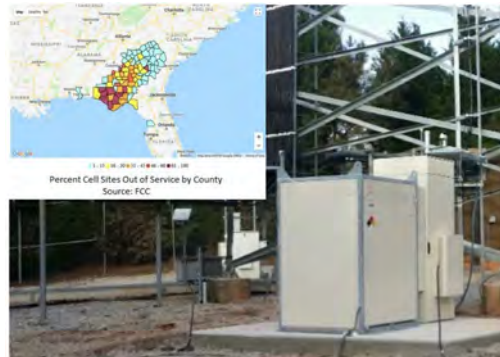
Napa Fire, 10/9/17



Japanese Super-Typhoon, 10/23/17



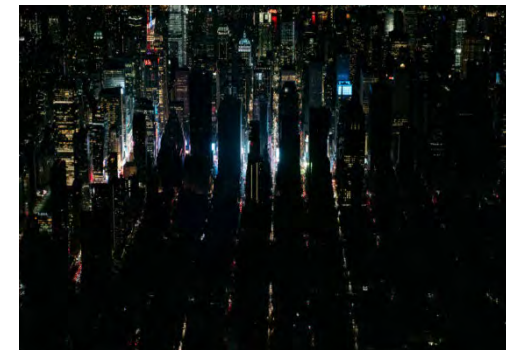
Hurricane Michael, 10/15/18



Ridgecrest Earthquakes, 7/4-5/19

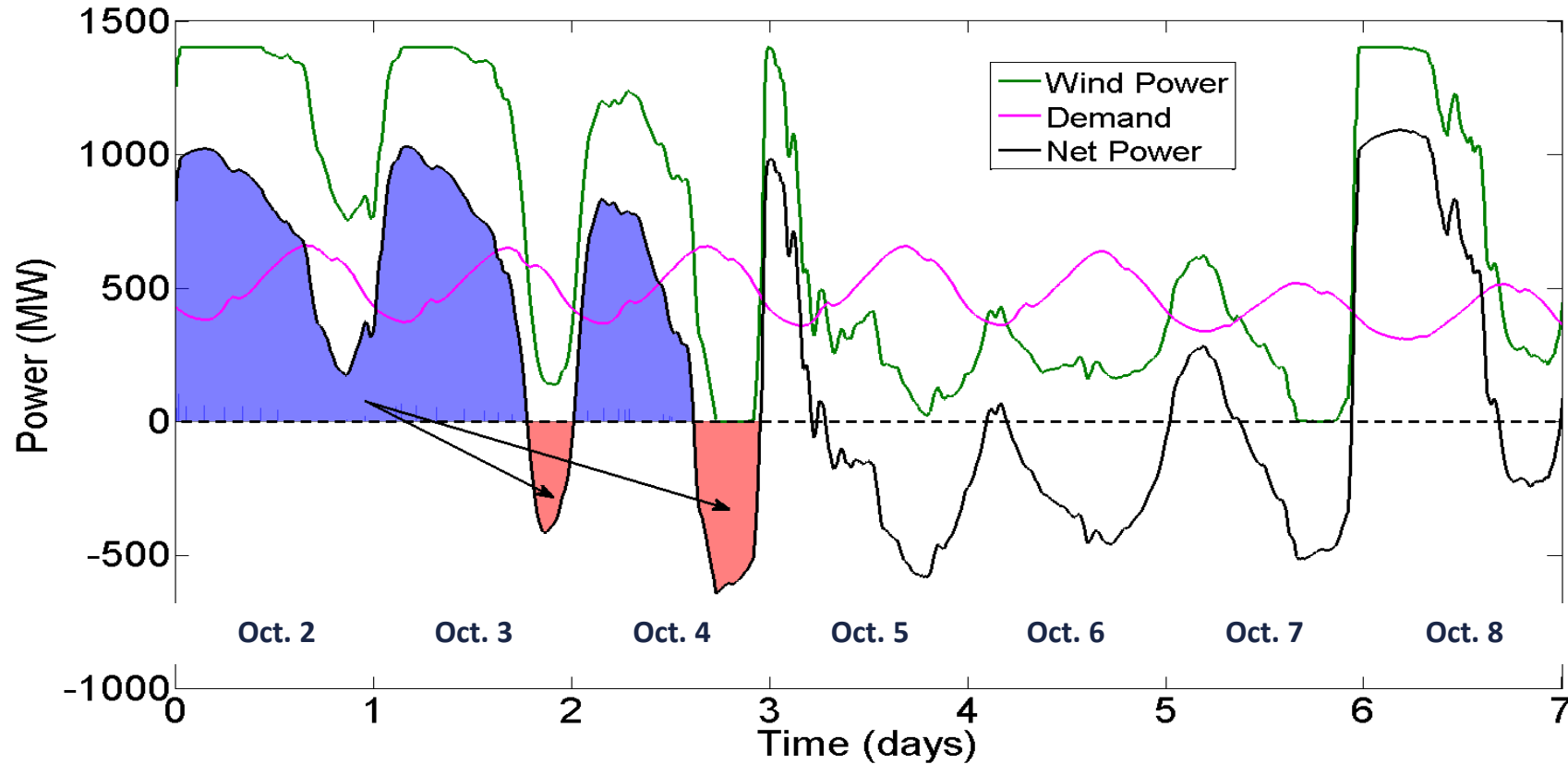


Manhattan Blackout, 7/13/19



Hydrogen Energy Storage Dynamics

- Hydrogen Storage complements Texas Wind & Power Dynamics



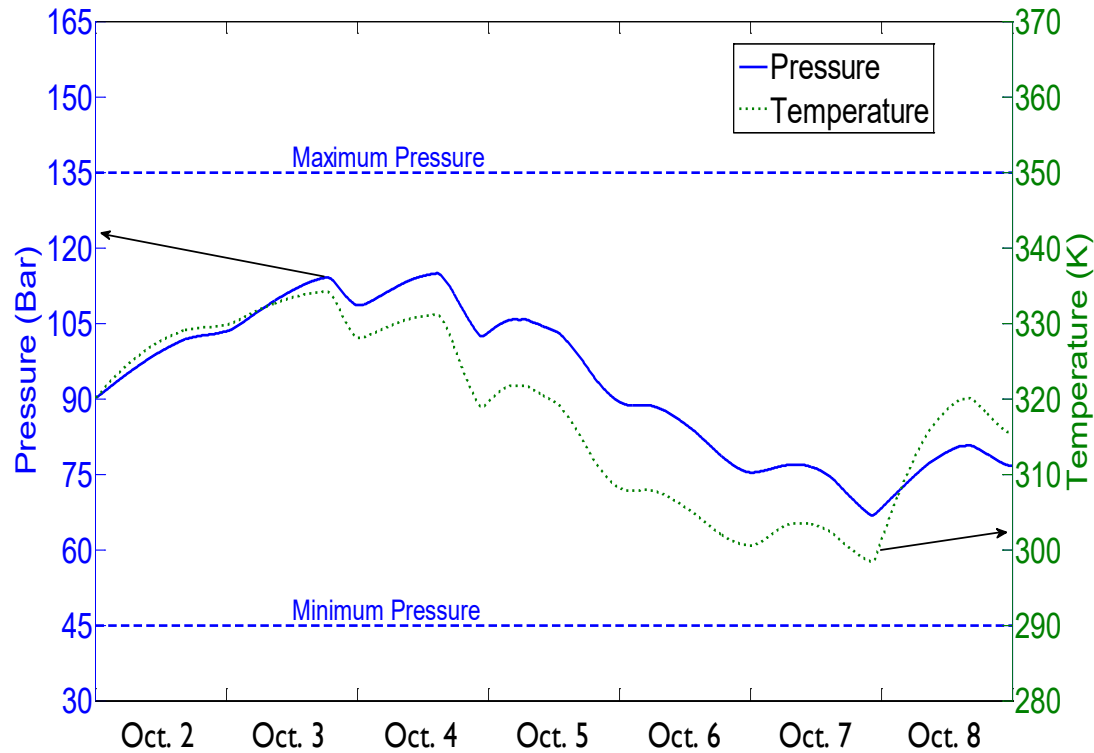
- Load shifting from high wind days to low wind days
- Hydrogen stored in adjacent salt cavern

Maton, J.P., Zhao, L., Brouwer, J., *Int'l Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, Vol. 38, pp. 7867-7880, 2013

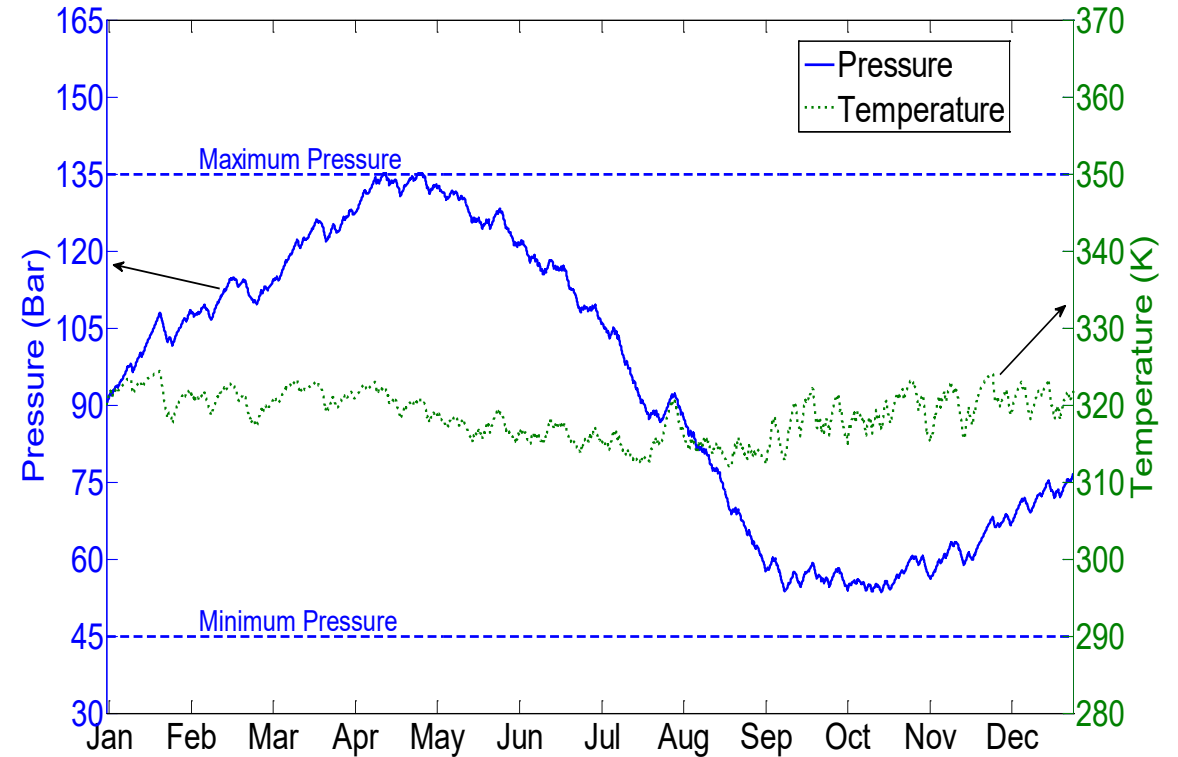
Hydrogen Energy Storage Dynamics

- Weekly and seasonal storage w/ H₂, fuel cells, electrolyzers

Weekly



Seasonal



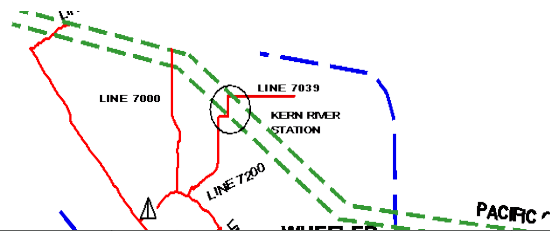
But what can we do if we don't have a salt cavern?

Resilient Storage & Transmission/Distribution Resource

- Natural Gas Transmission, Distribution & Storage System

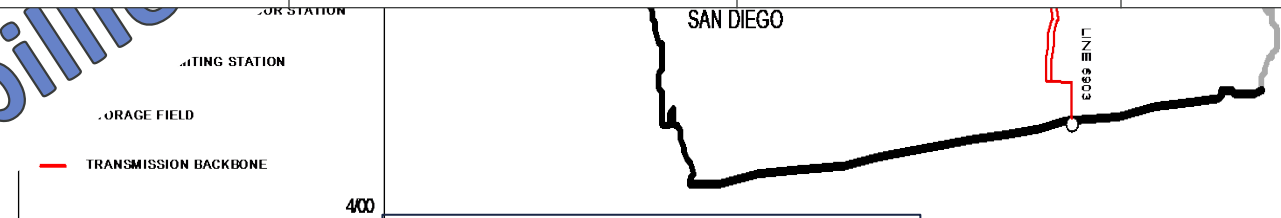
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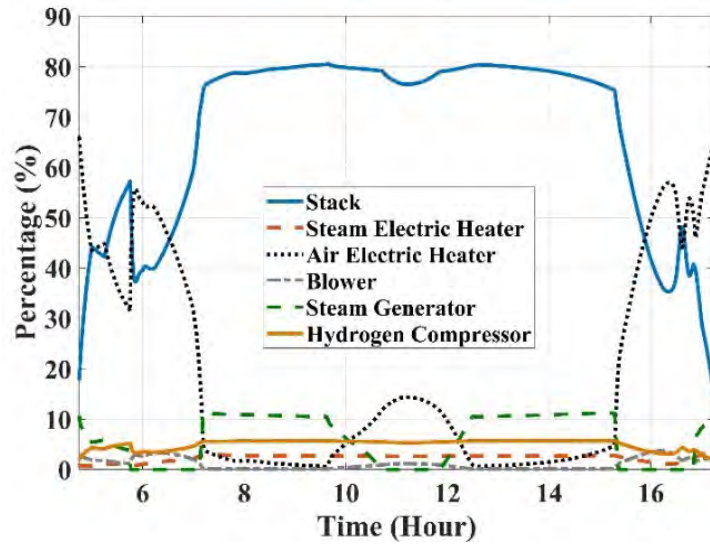
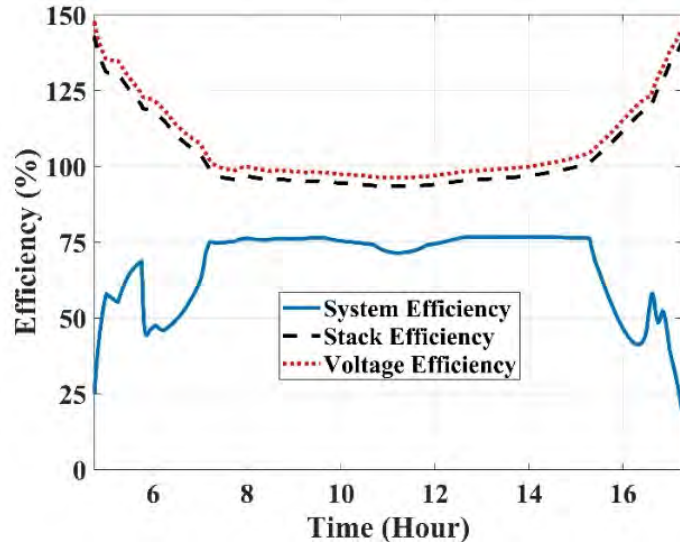
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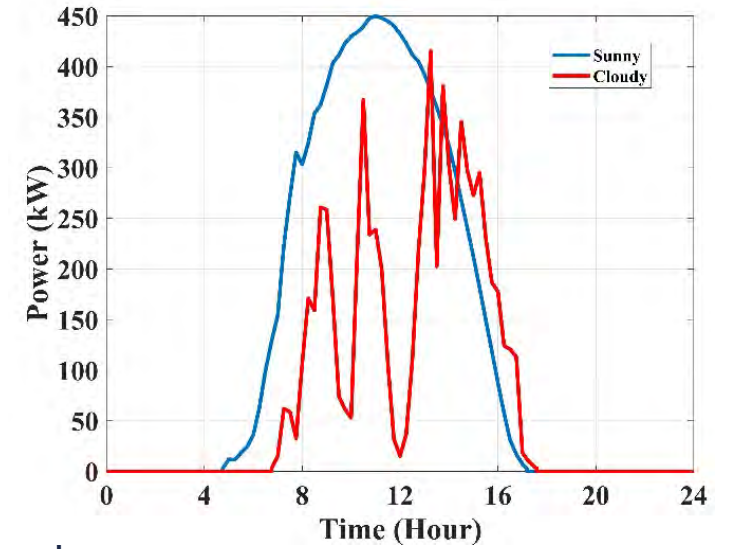
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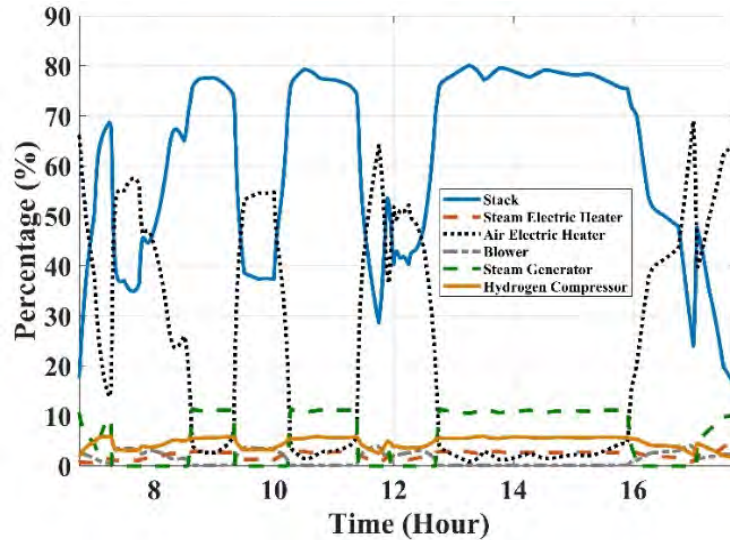
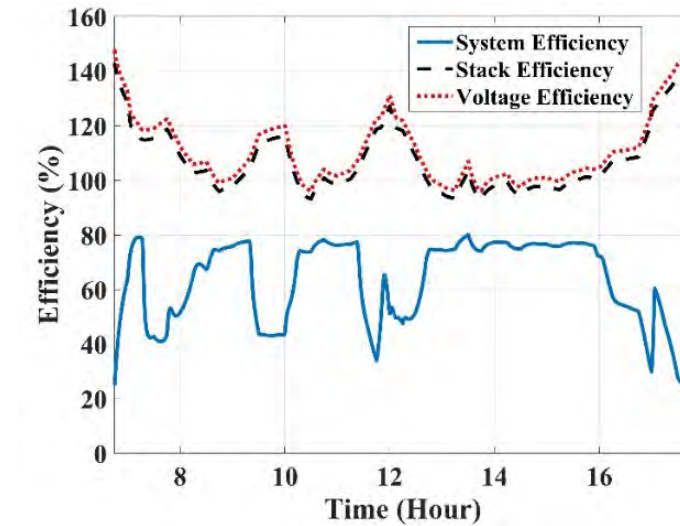
Dynamic Operation of SOEC System



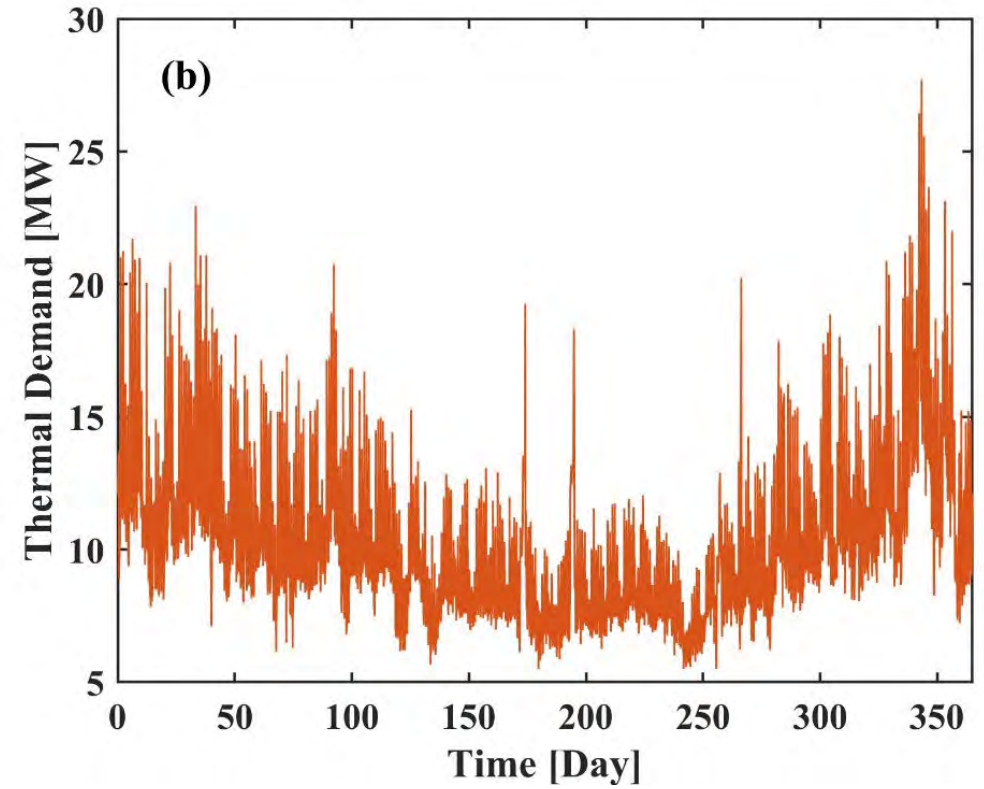
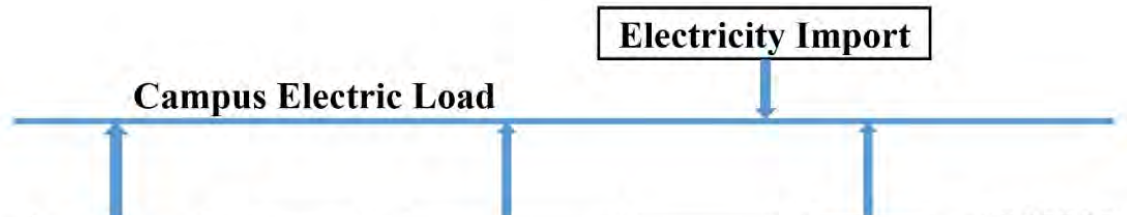
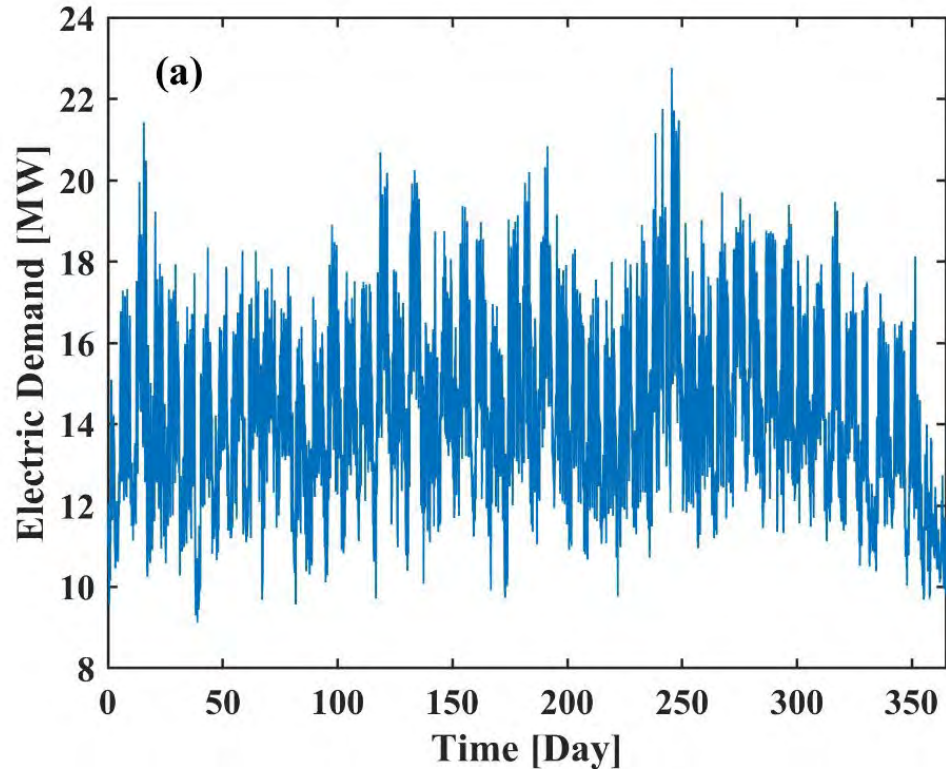
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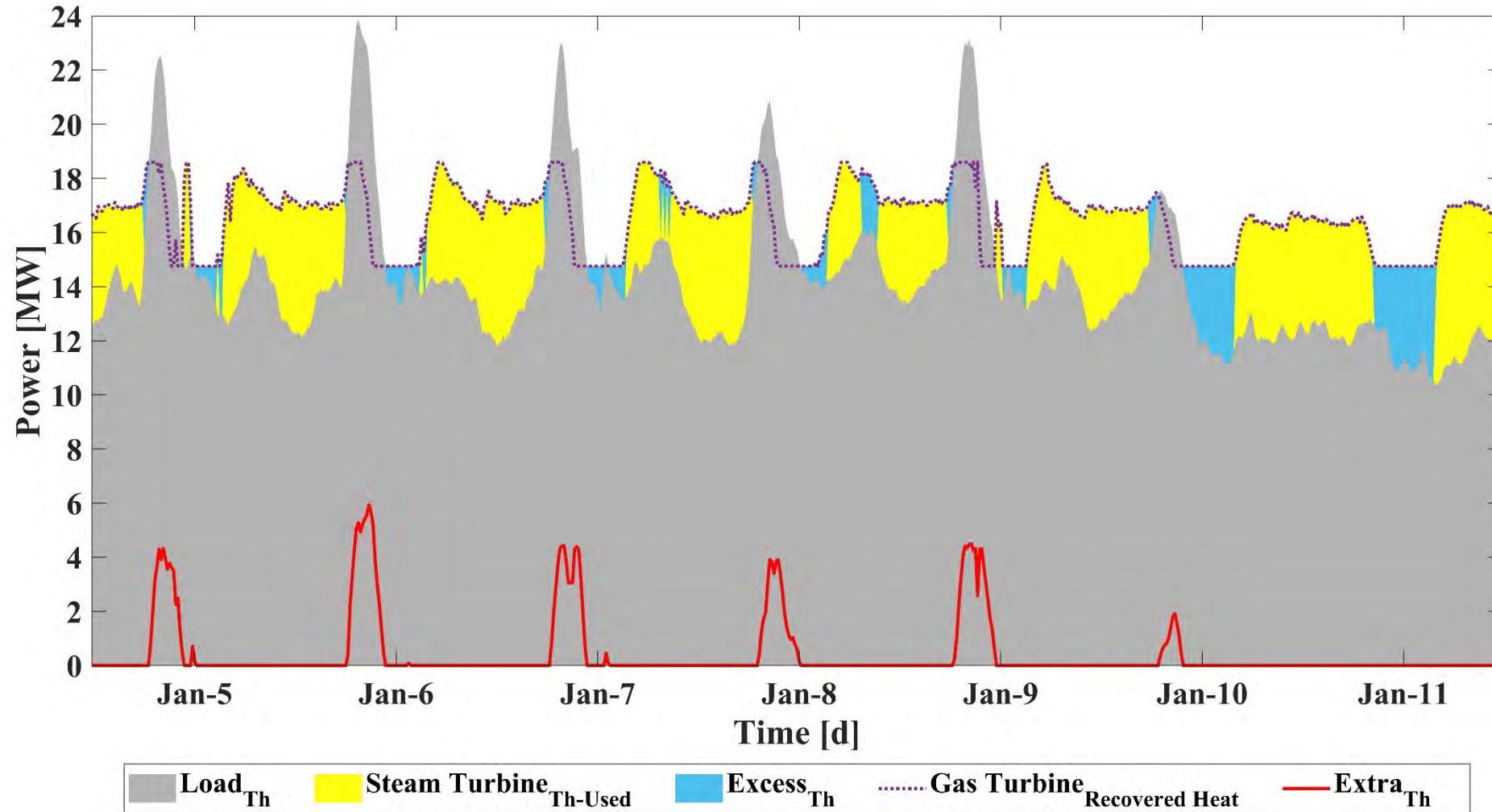
Cloudy



UCI Microgrid Simulation



UCI Microgrid Results in High Renewable Use Cases



Colombo, P., Saeedmanesh, A., Santarelli, M. and Brouwer, J., *Energy Conversion and Management*, 2019.

Hydrogen is Essential for Sustainability

Hydrogen: 11 features required for 100% zero carbon & pollutant emissions

- Massive energy storage potential
- Rapid vehicle fueling
- Long vehicle range
- Heavy vehicle/ship/train payload
- Seasonal (long duration) storage potential
- Sufficient raw materials on earth
- Water naturally recycled in short time of use
- Feedstock for industry heat
- Feedstock for industry chemicals (e.g. ammonia)
- Pre-cursor for high energy density renewable fuels
- Re-use of existing infrastructure (low cost)



Saeedmanesh, A., Mac Kinnon, M. A., Brouwer, J. R. V.
Hydrogen is Essential for Sustainability, *Current Opinion in Electrochemistry*, 2019.

RD&D Topic #2: Hydrogen Safety & Sensing

Tests for Hydrogen Safety



Fire



Mechanical Damage



**Excessive Tank Pressure
(Blocking all safety valves)**

Courtesy: BMW Group, 2000
and Garrity, Murdoch Univ., 2002



Hydrogen Leak

Gasoline Leak

RD&D Topic #2: Hydrogen Safety & Sensing

- Hindenburg and the Hydrogen Bomb
 - No nuclear reactions
 - Hindenburg disaster caused by paint and skin
- H₂ characteristics
 - Broadest flammability limits
 - Low ignition energy (at stoichiometric)
 - Highest diffusivity
 - Lowest density
- Can be safer than gasoline & natural gas, but different!
 - In the event of an accident/leak – creation and ignition of a flammable mixture is less likely with hydrogen than with gasoline, perhaps more likely than with NG
- But, fire marshals, codes, standards, regulations, are not currently friendly
- Recently – disinformation

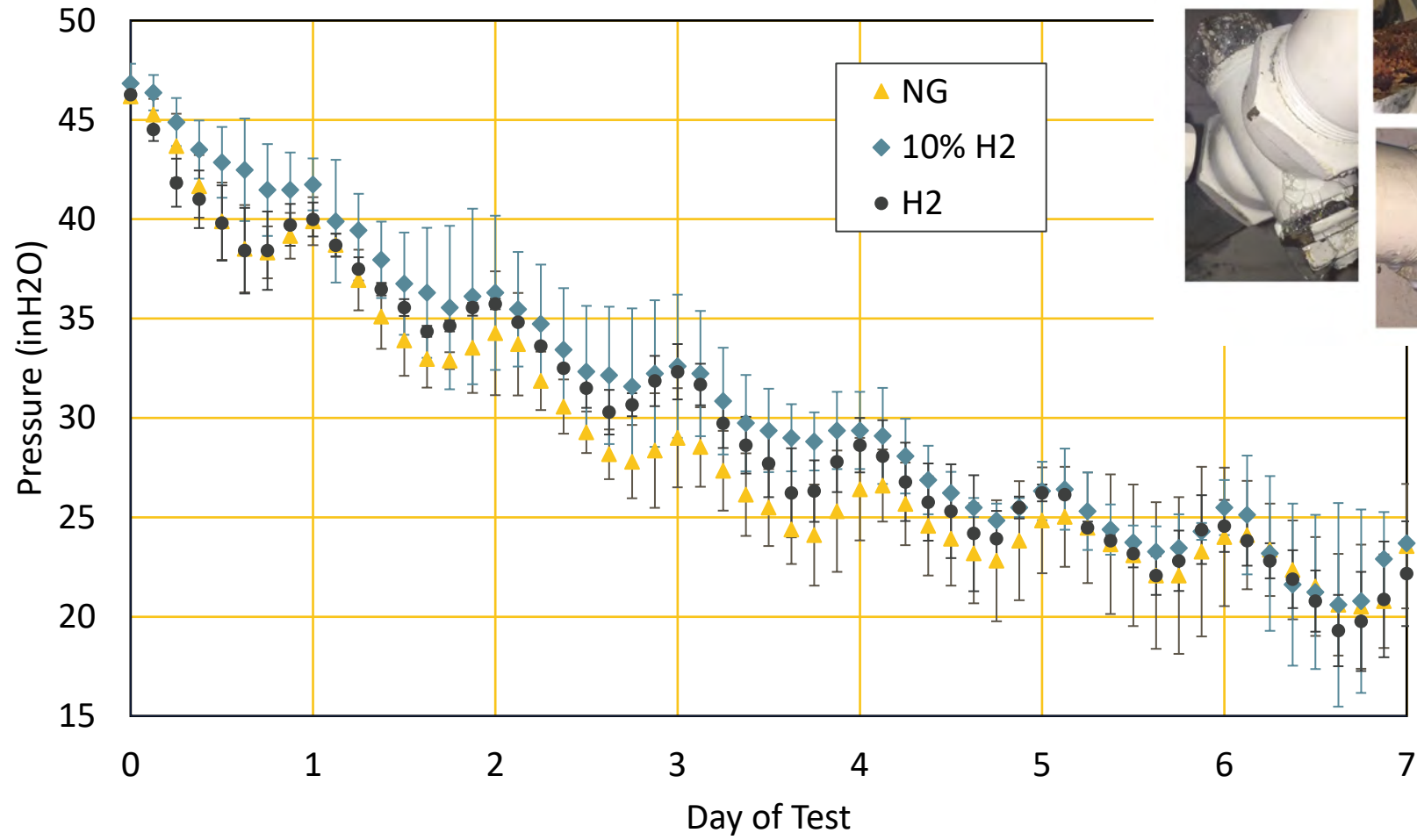


Not caused by Hydrogen

RD&D Topic #3: H₂ leakage from NG Infrastructure

H₂ injection into existing natural gas infrastructure (low pressure)

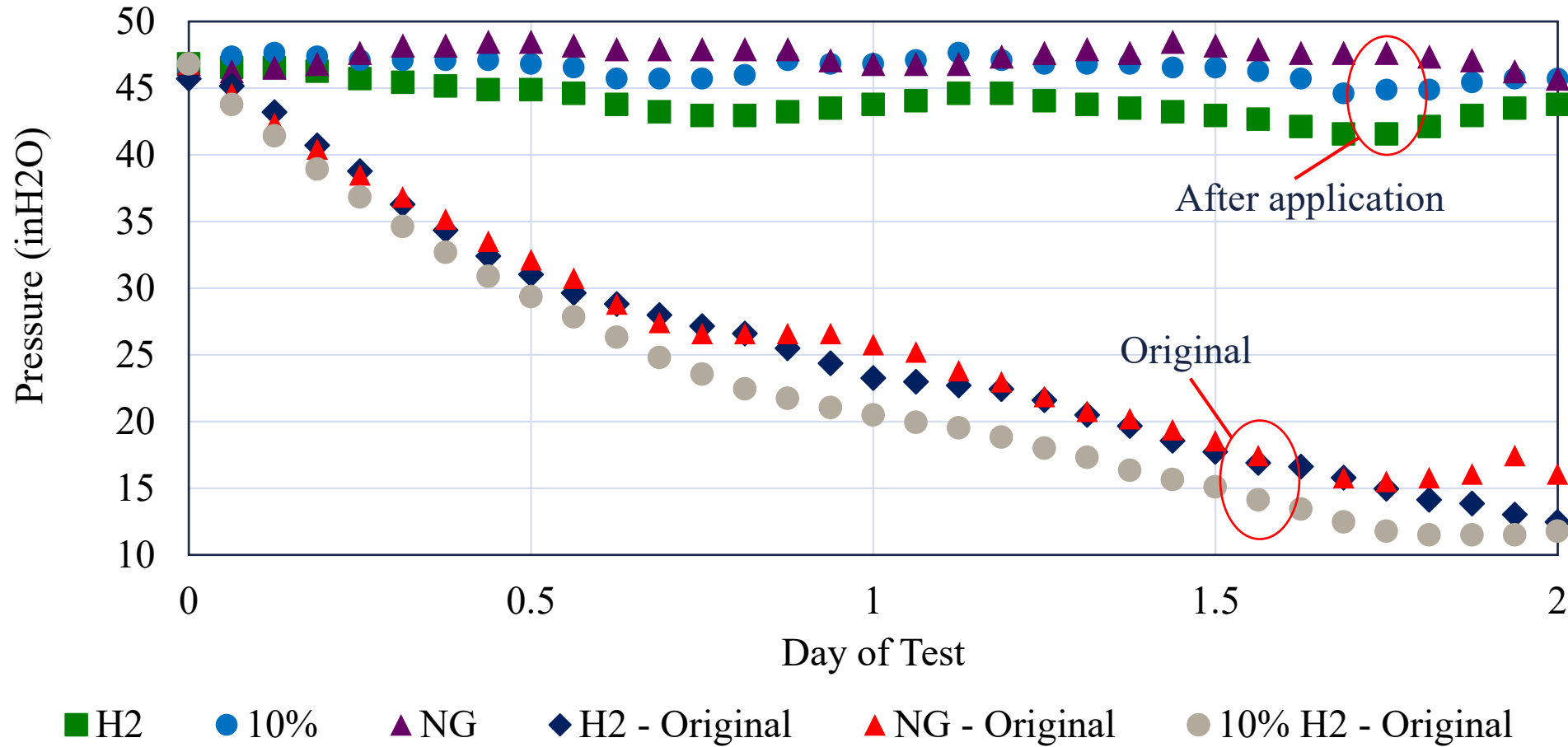
- NG, H₂/NG mixtures, H₂ leak at same rate



RD&D Topic #3: H₂ leakage from NG Infrastructure

H₂ injection into existing natural gas infrastructure (low pressure)

- Copper epoxy applied (Ace Duraflow®) to mitigate H₂ leaks



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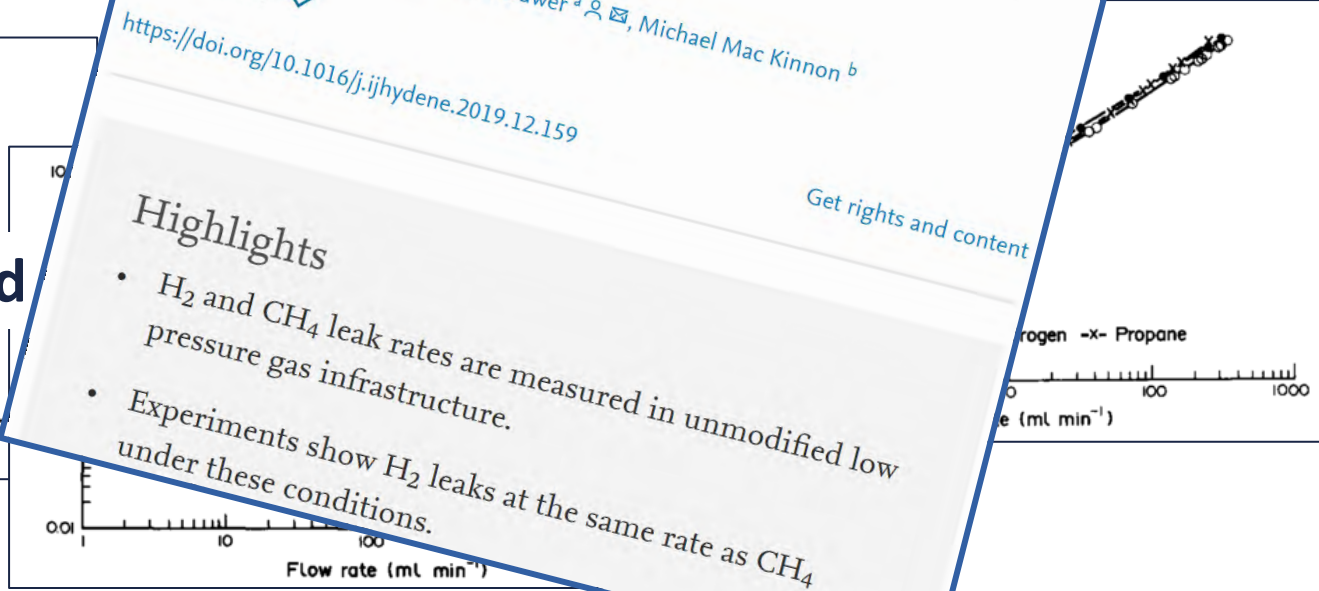
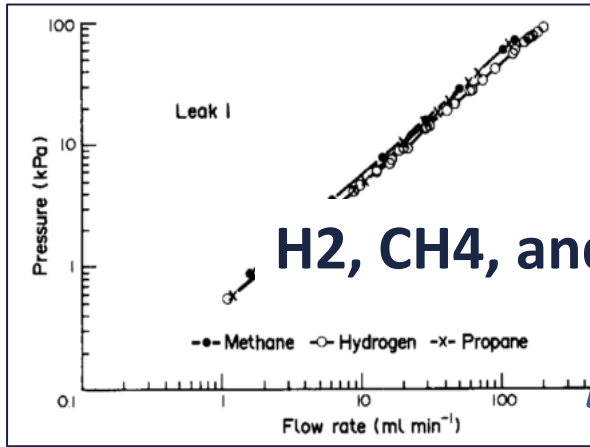
- Results from a previous study (1992) support our recent findings!

Leak
Diffusion
Leak
Flow

Entrance
Component

CH₄

- First publication on this topic: Swartz et al., *Journal of Loss Prevention in the Process Industries*, Vol. 17, pp. 807-815, 1992.



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Hydrogen leaks at the same rate as natural gas in typical low-pressure gas infrastructure

Alejandra Hormaza Mejia^a, Jacob Brouwer^a, Michael Mac Kinnon^b

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhydene.2019.12.159>

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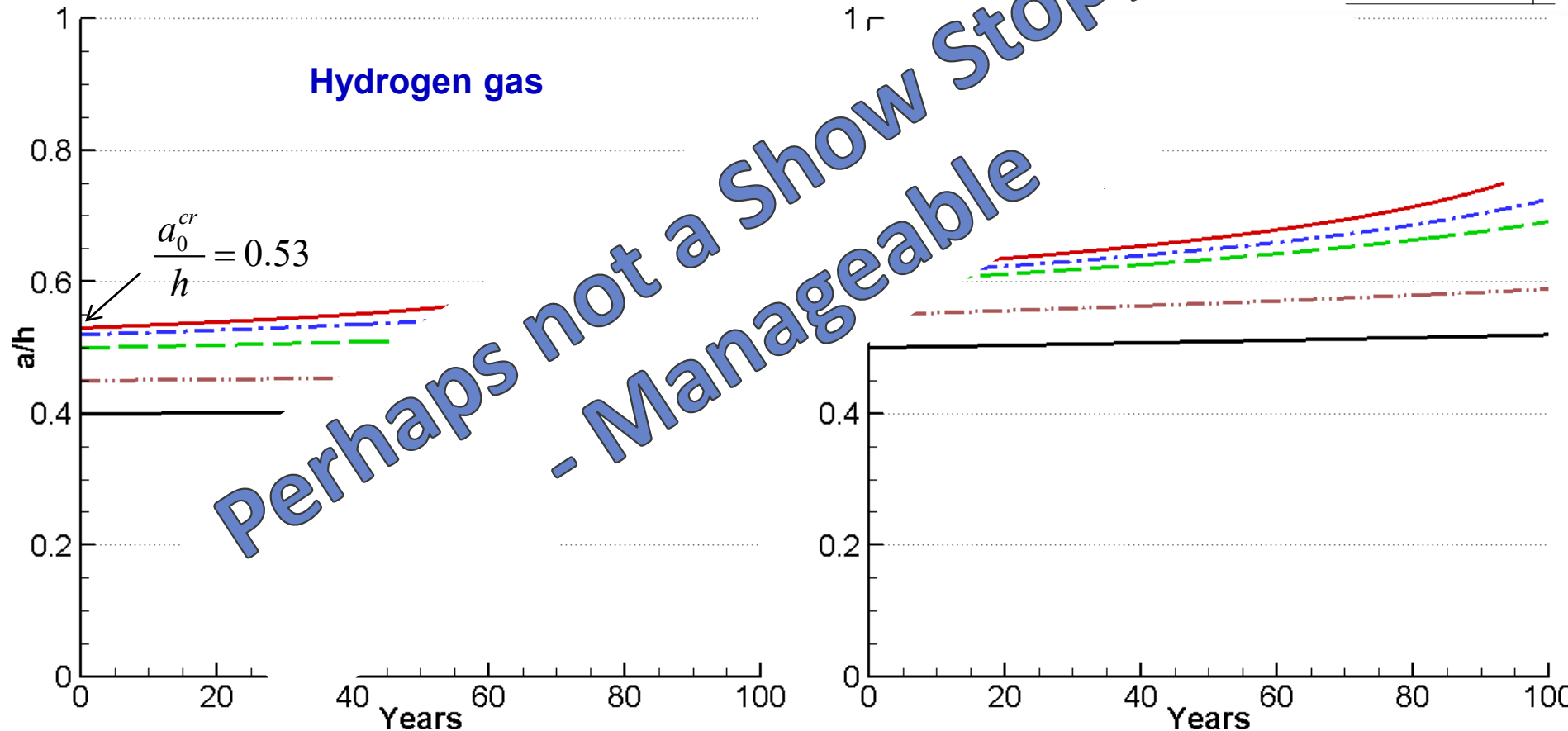
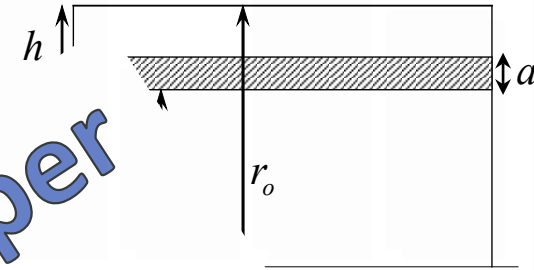
- H₂ and CH₄ leak rates are measured in unmodified low pressure gas infrastructure.
- Experiments show H₂ leaks at the same rate as CH₄ under these conditions.

RD&D Topic #4: Existing Pipeline Embrittlement

Simulation of H2 embrittlement and fatigue crack growth with UIUC

- Fatigue crack growth in 6" SoCalGas pipeline

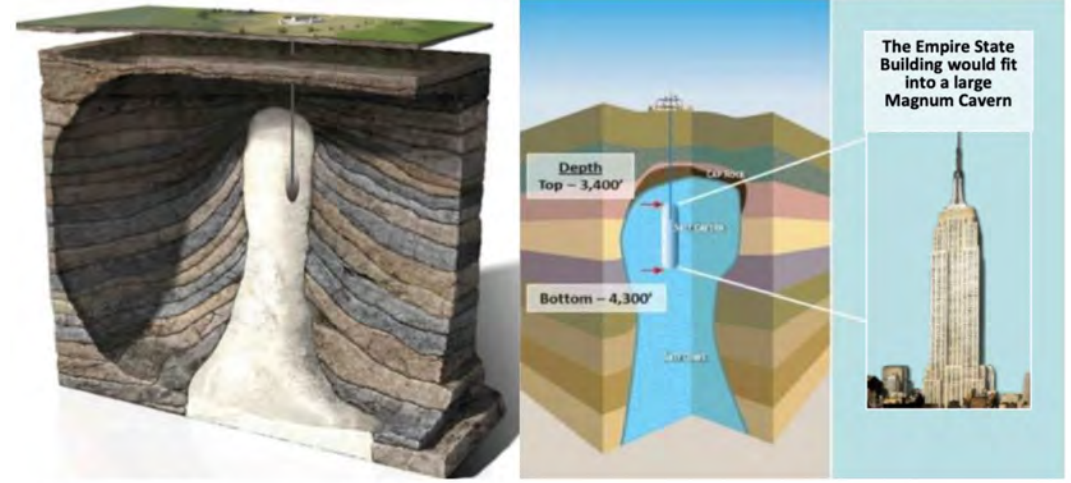
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RD&D Topic #5: Massive Storage Facility Transformation

Salt Caverns already widely used and proven

- Air Liquide & Praxair operating H₂ salt cavern storage in Texas since 2016
 - Very low leakage rate
 - Massive energy storage
 - Safe & Low-cost storage
- Similar success in Europe
- Magnum working with LADWP to adopt similar



Plan for storing hydrogen in Utah salt caverns

Images: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Current CA depleted oil and gas fields not yet used or proven for H₂ use

- Several research and development needs
 - H₂ leakage
 - H₂ reaction with petroleum remnants
 - H₂ biological interactions
 - H₂ storage capacity
 - H₂ safety



**NG utilities
must participate**

RD&D Topic #6: End-Use Impacts of H₂/NG mixtures & variability

Meter-sets

- Physical flow/measurement characteristics
- Heating value and Wobbe Index
- ...



Consumer appliances

- Stove-top, oven, space heater, water heater, ...
 - UCI investigations, European studies exist
 - Up to 20% H₂ in NG likely manageable



Power plants

- Already capable of significant H₂/NG blends (e.g., 30%)
- R&D for higher H₂/NG blends
- Locations where high H₂ (up to 100%) can be evaluated

Industry

- Ammonia, refining, glass, ...



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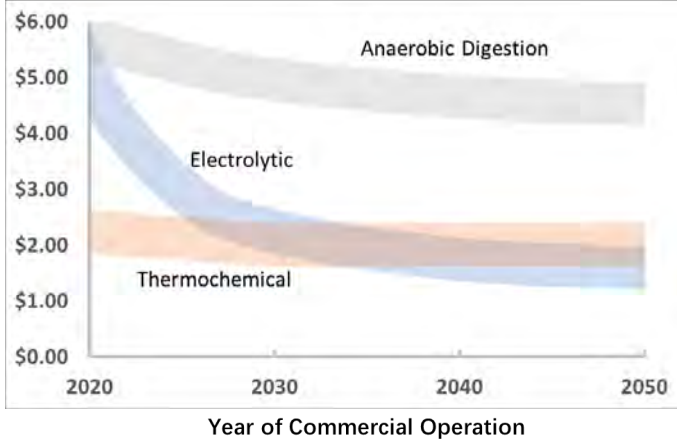


UC Decarbonization

- Most sister campuses deciding to electrify everything & purchase renewable electricity
 - Does not achieve a solution that can scale to all other communities
 - Neglects responsibility for achieving true zero emissions
 - Depends upon current market that is only ~40% decarbonized
 - Inequitably asks all ratepayers to subsidize UC decarbonization
- APEP desires to work with our campus to achieve “true zero” solutions that could be applied to all communities throughout U.S. and world
- APEP research is directly contributing to “true zero” solutions that can scale
- Integration of the research enterprise/solutions with campus infrastructure is essential for demonstrating these solutions to the world
- Grateful/Fortunate for historical and current support of Division of Finance and Administration & especially Facilities Management
 - Best in the world

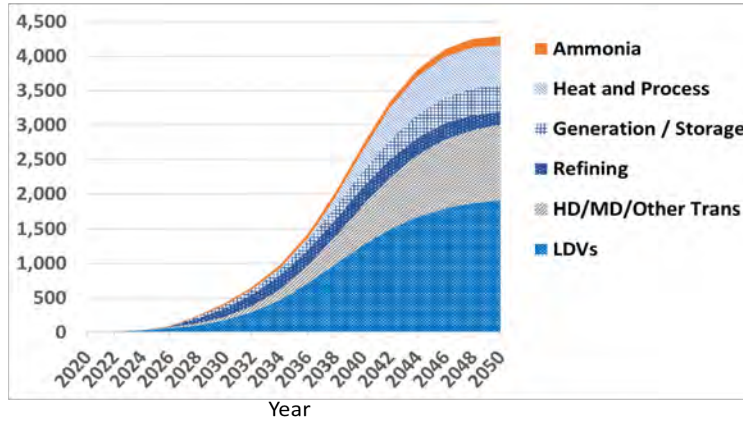
Roadmap for the Deployment and Buildout of Renewable Hydrogen (RH₂) Production Plants in California

Cost per kg RH₂



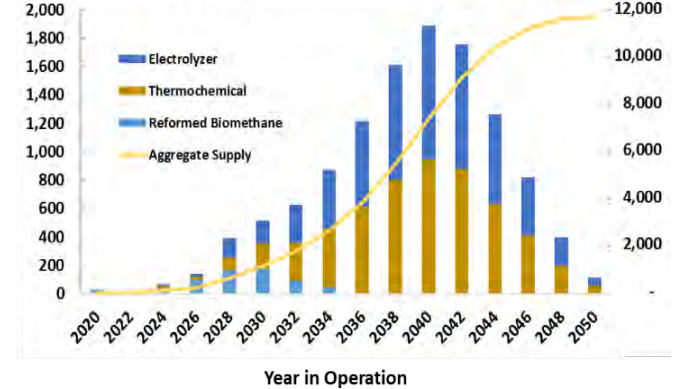
Renewable Hydrogen Cost Evolution

Million Kilograms per Year



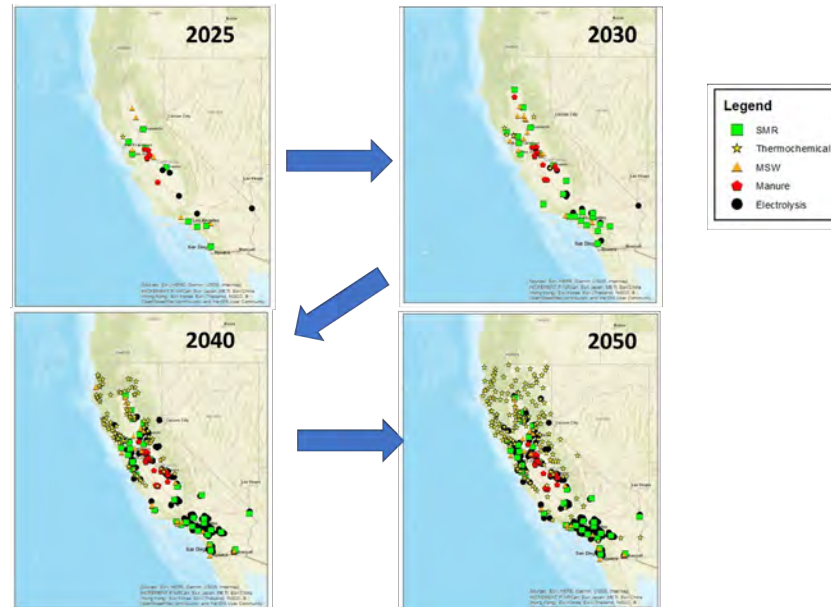
Renewable Hydrogen Demand Growth

Annual Additions
Million Metric Tons per Day

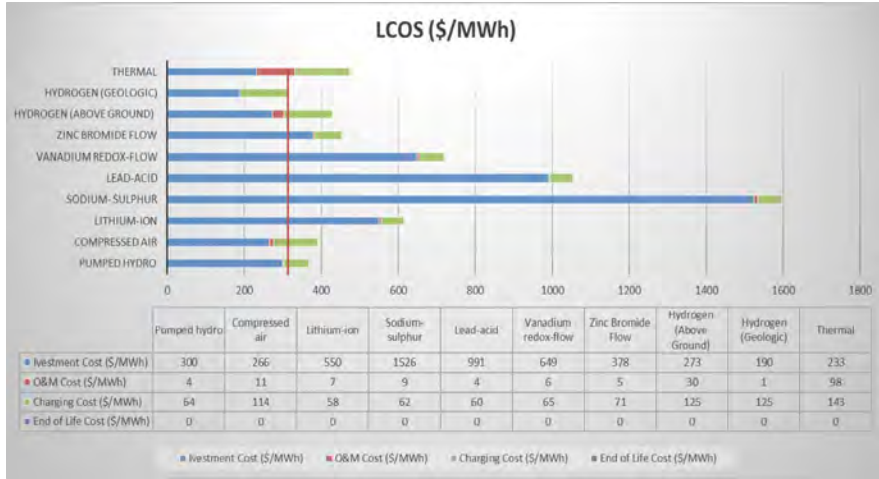


Renewable Hydrogen Production Additions

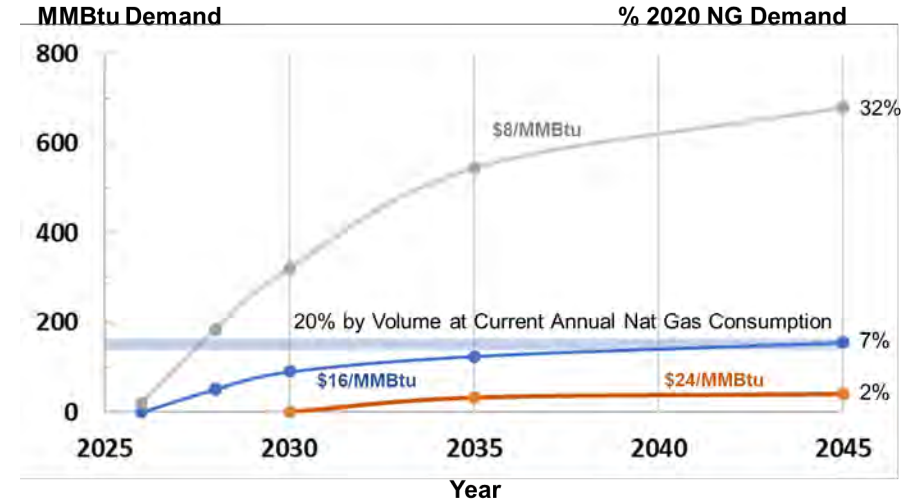
Renewable Hydrogen Production Geospatial Build-out



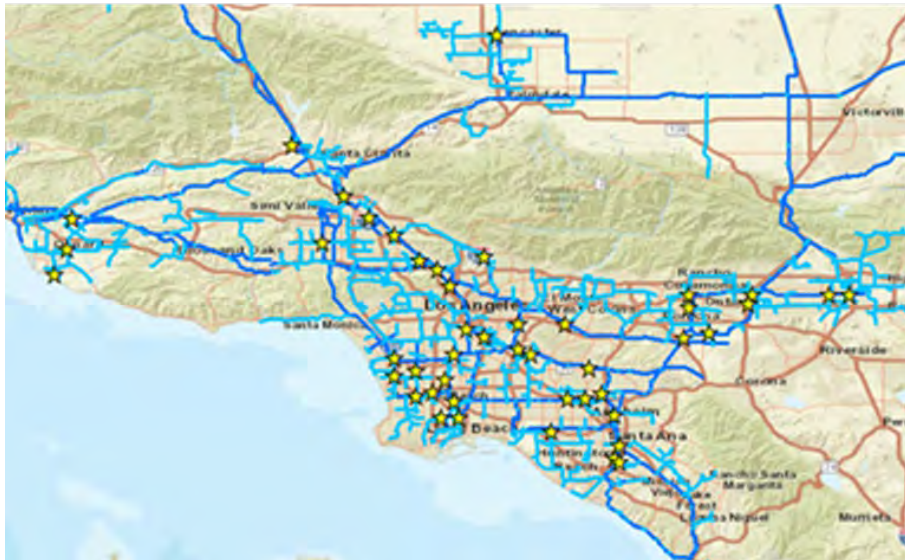
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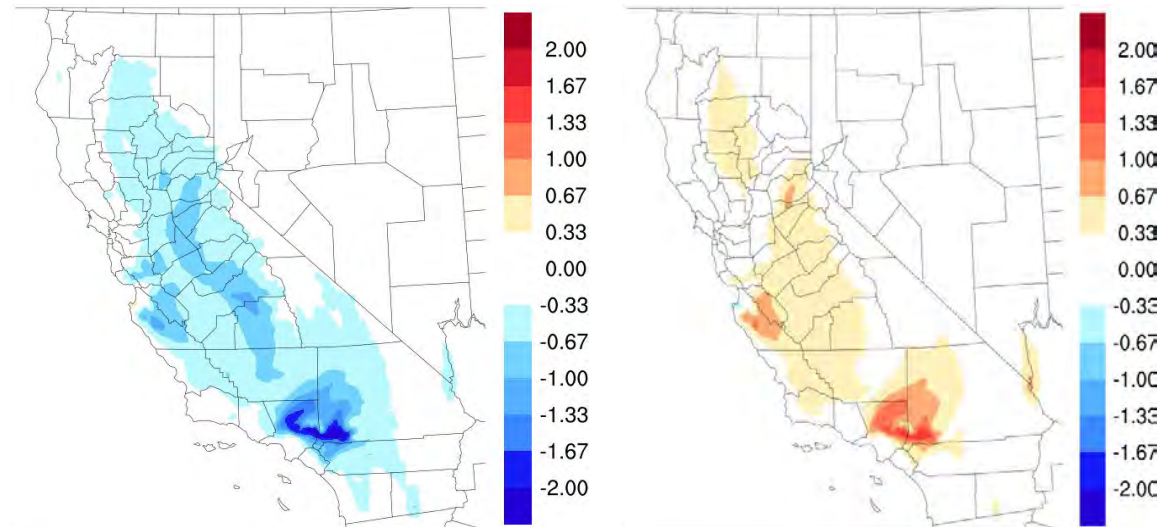
Levelized Cost of Storage – 100 Hours



Demand for Renewable Fuel for Firming



Practical Limits on Hydrogen Injection



Air Quality Impacts

Optimal Strategies for Decarbonizing the Gas Grid – Hydrogen or Renewable Methane?

