

# Hydrogen to Support Climate Targets

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February 21, 2024

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Presented by Jal Desai, Clean Energy Solutions Center

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## OBJECTIVE

To accelerate the transition of clean energy markets and technologies.

## RATIONALE

Many developing governments lack capacity to design and adopt policies and programs that support the deployment of clean energy technologies.

## AMBITION/TARGET

Support governments in developing nations of the world in strengthening clean energy policies and finance measures

## ACTORS

### Leads:



### Operating Agent:



### Partners:

More than 40 partners, including UN-Energy, IRENA, IEA, IPEEC, REEEP, REN21, SE4All, IADB, ADB, AfDB, and other workstreams etc.

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- **Deliver** dynamic services that enable *expert assistance, learning, and peer-to-peer sharing of experiences. Services are offered at no-cost to users.*
- **Foster** dialogue on emerging policy issues and innovation across the globe.
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### Factsheet:

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# The Clean Energy Solutions Center



## **Ask an Expert Service**

- Ask an Expert is designed to help policymakers in developing countries and emerging economies identify and implement **clean energy policy** and finance solutions.
- The Ask an Expert service features a network of more than **50** experts from over **15** countries.
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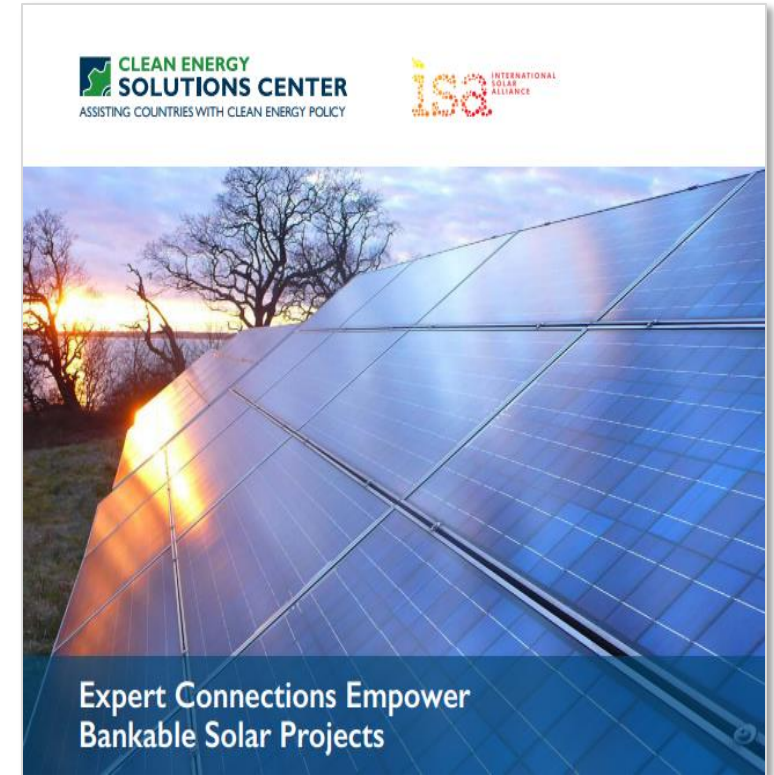
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- Delivered over **300** webinars training more than **20,000** public & private sector stakeholders.



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# Hydrogen to Support Climate Targets

Presented by Daniella Rough, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

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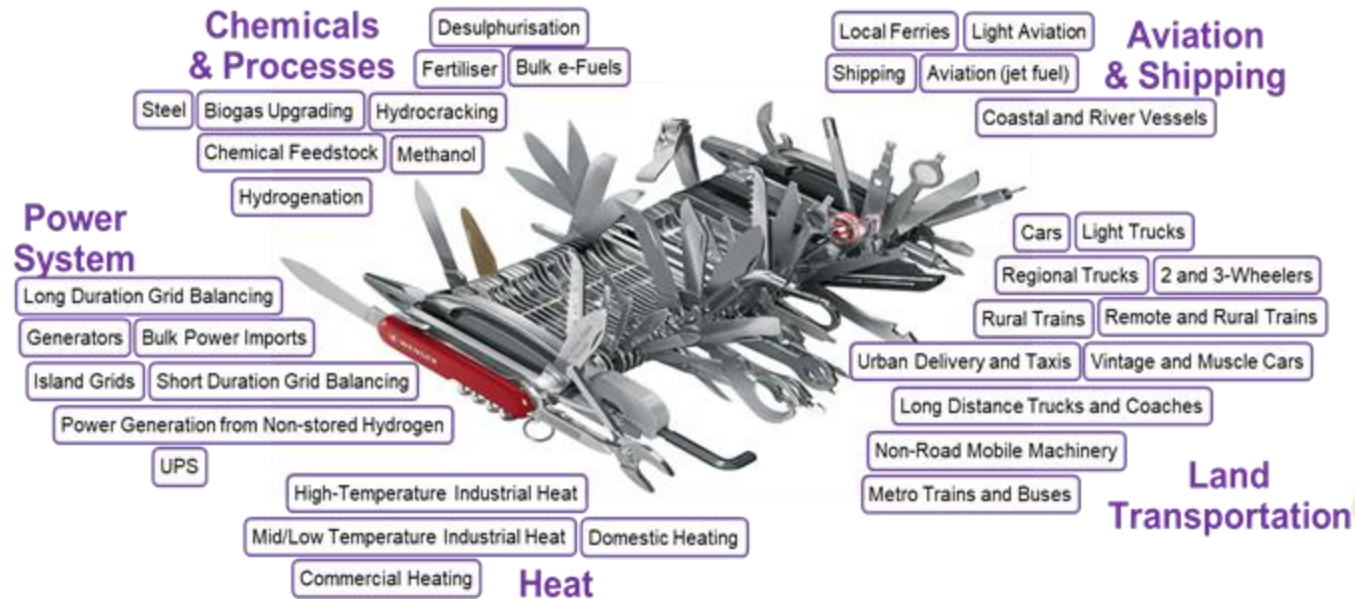
# Agenda

Speaker	Topic	Duration
Daniella Rough	Hydrogen for Climate Targets	10 mins
Steve Hammond	Potential for hydrogen, and its derivatives, to decarbonize domestic, commercial, and hard-to-decarbonize sectors	20 mins
Daniella, Steve, Pingping	Q&A	20 mins
Pingping Sun	Overview and demonstration of the greenhouse gases, regulated emissions, end energy use in technologies (GREET) model	30 mins
Daniella, Steve, Pingping	Q&A	25 mins



# Hydrogen – Climate’s Swiss Army Knife?

You can do almost anything with a Swiss Army Knife...



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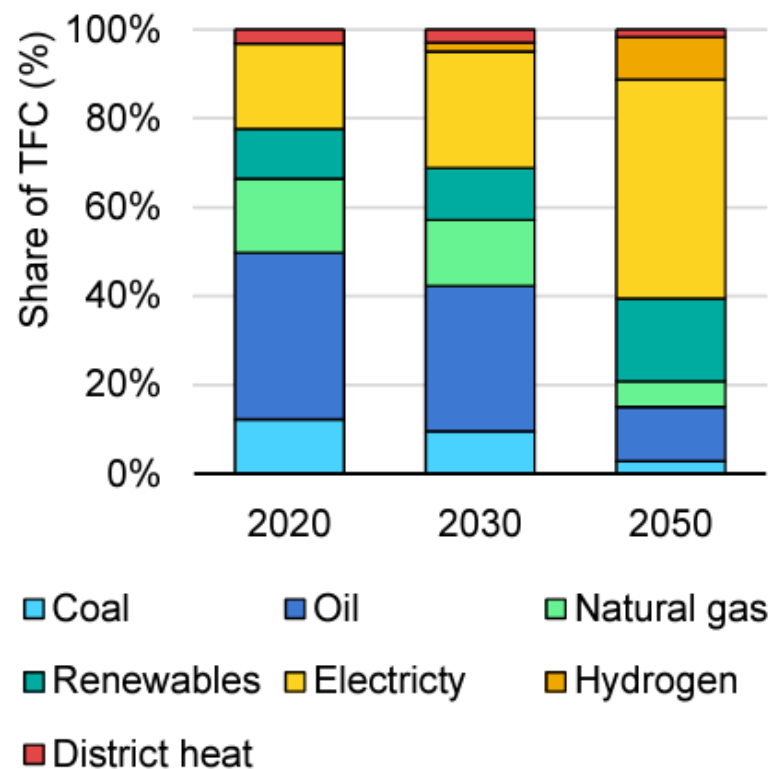
But would you build your house with one?



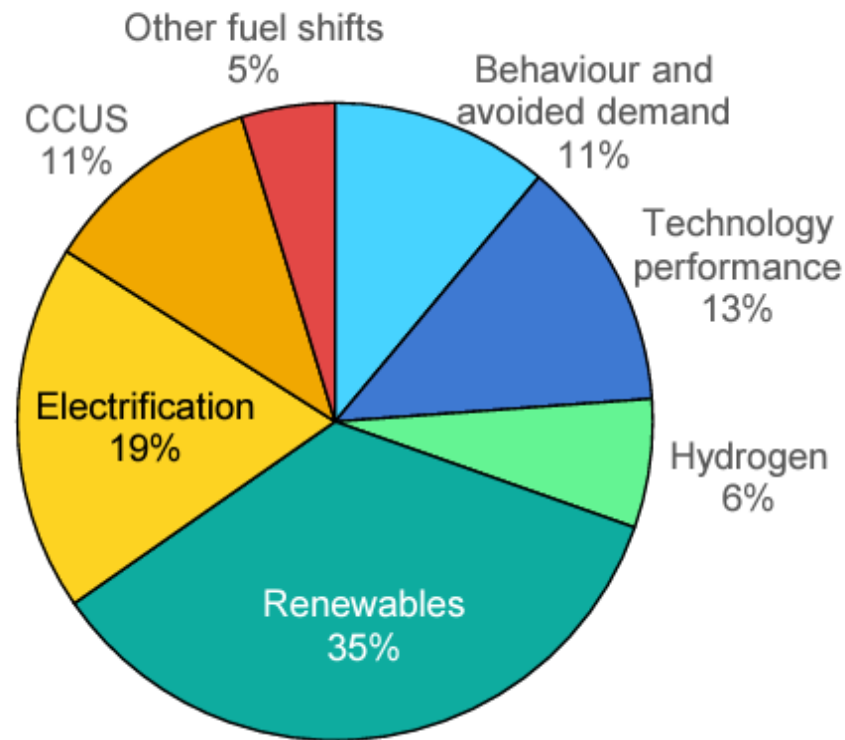
# Global Emissions Abated by Hydrogen by 2050

Hydrogen is an important part of the Net zero Emissions Scenario, but is only one piece of the puzzle

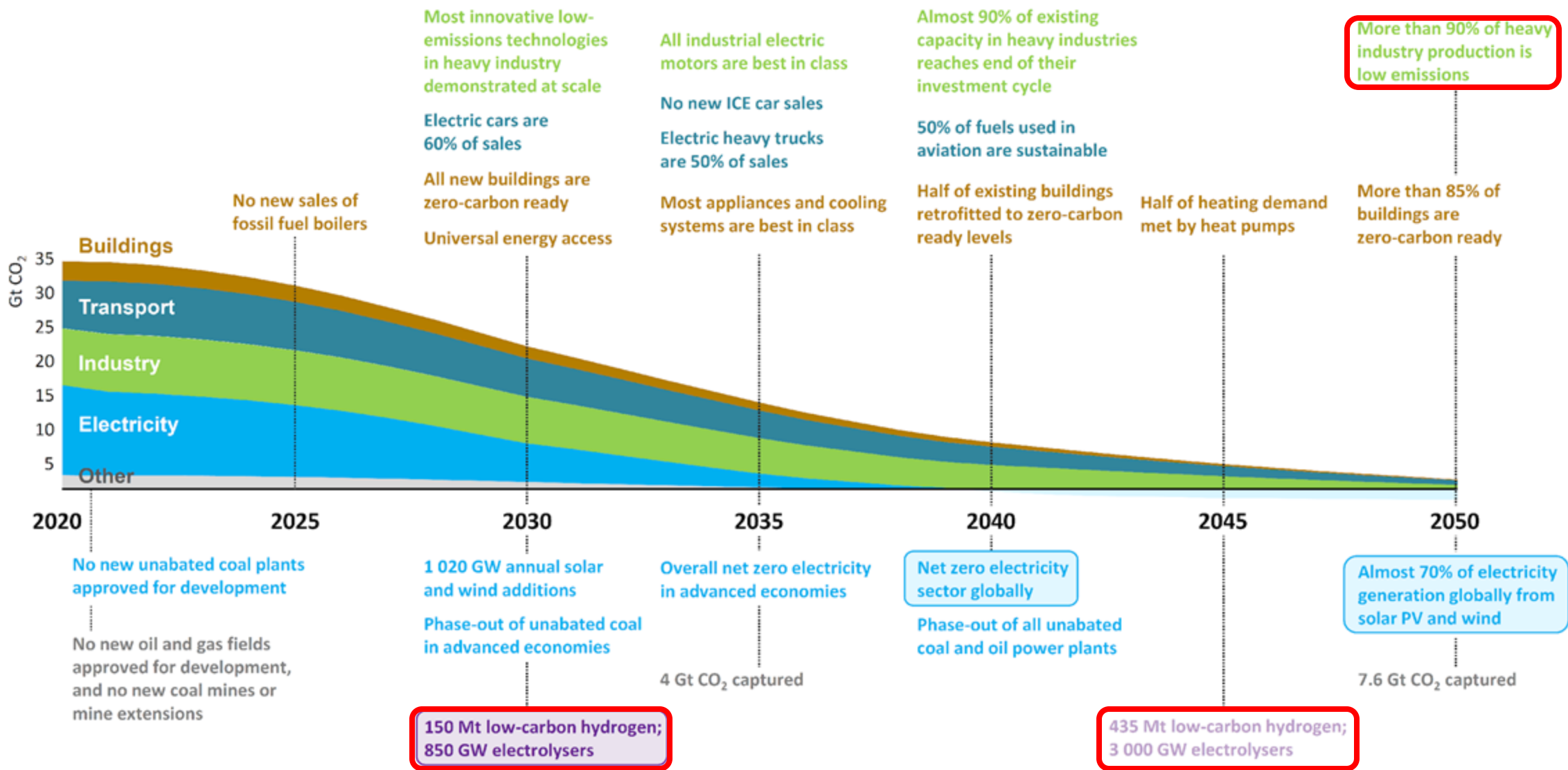
Share of total final energy consumption by fuel in the NZE, 2020-2050



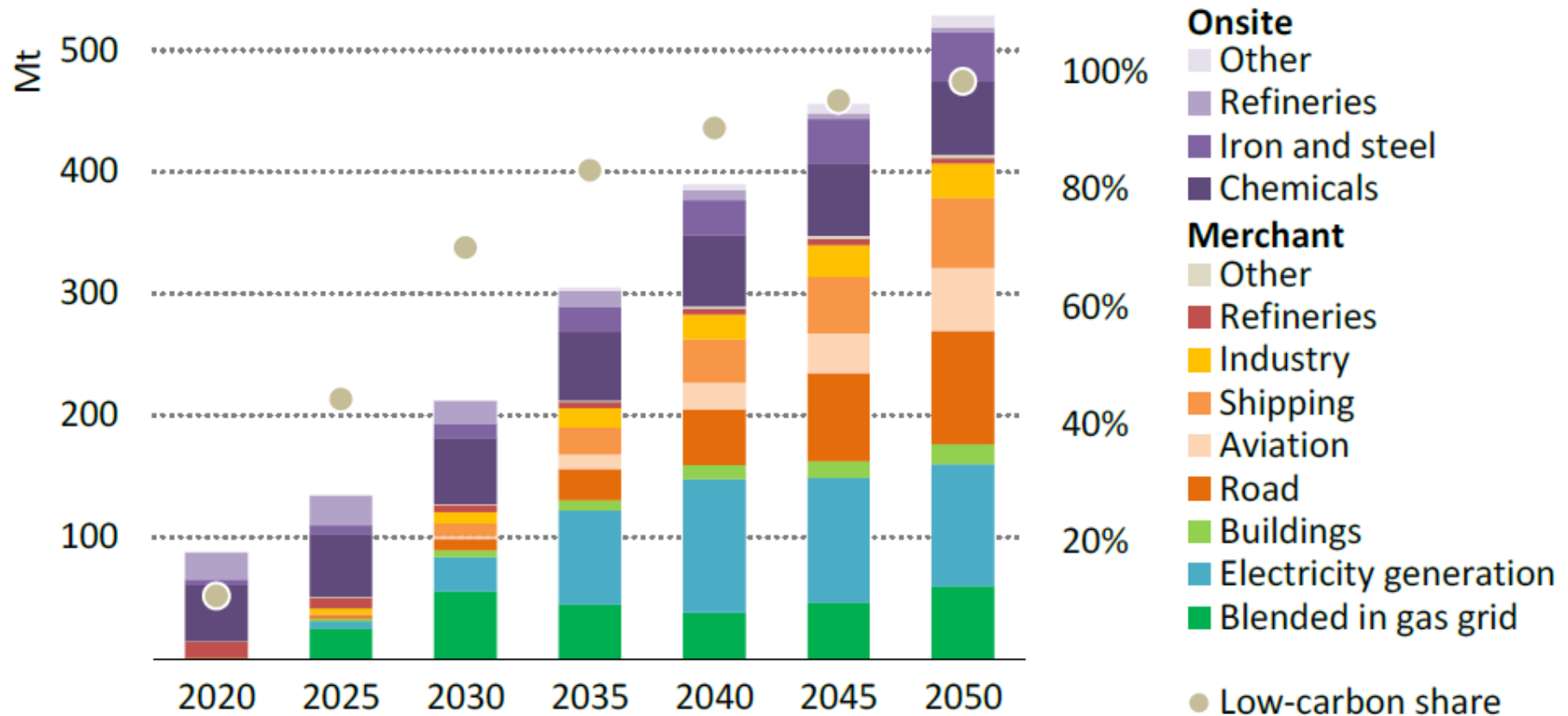
Cumulative emissions reduction by mitigation measure in the NZE, 2021-2050



# The Path Toward a Net-Zero Emissions Energy Sector by 2050



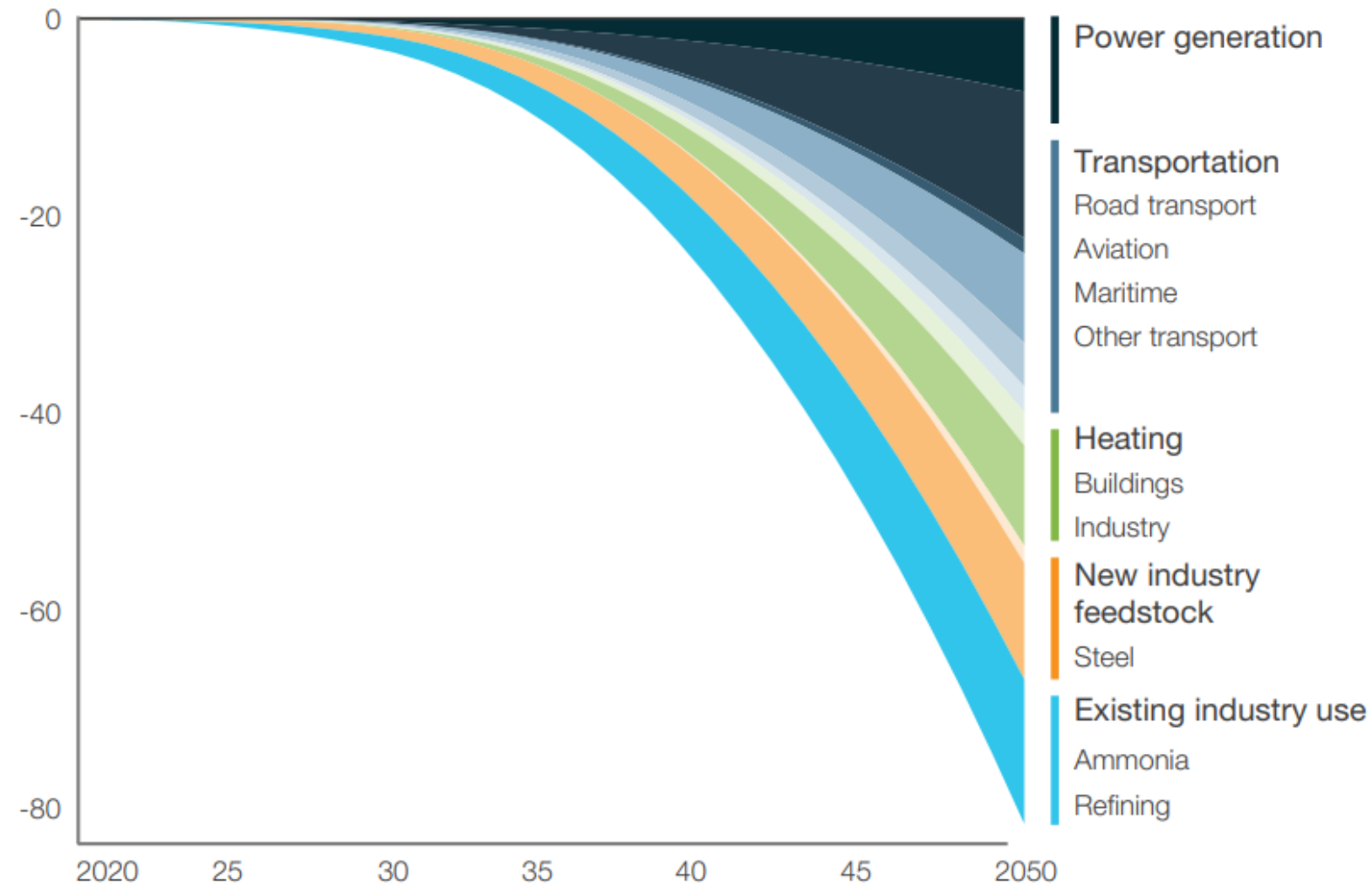
# Hydrogen Deployment Pathway for a Net-Zero Emissions



- Hydrogen demand is projected to grow (> 5-fold increase from 2020 to 2050)
- Diversified hydrogen demand (new applications, e.g., e-fuels, hydrogen blending, seasonal storage, etc.)
- Increase in decarbonized hydrogen production (new technologies, e.g., renewable-driven water electrolysis)

# Global Emissions Abated by Hydrogen by 2050

CO<sub>2</sub> abated from hydrogen end-use, GT CO<sub>2</sub> cumulative until 2050





# Hydrogen in Industrial Decarbonization

Steve Hammond, Jen King and “green  
steel” team  
February 21, 2024



# Outline

**1** Industrial Decarb Challenge

**2** Iron / Steel

**3** E-Fuels

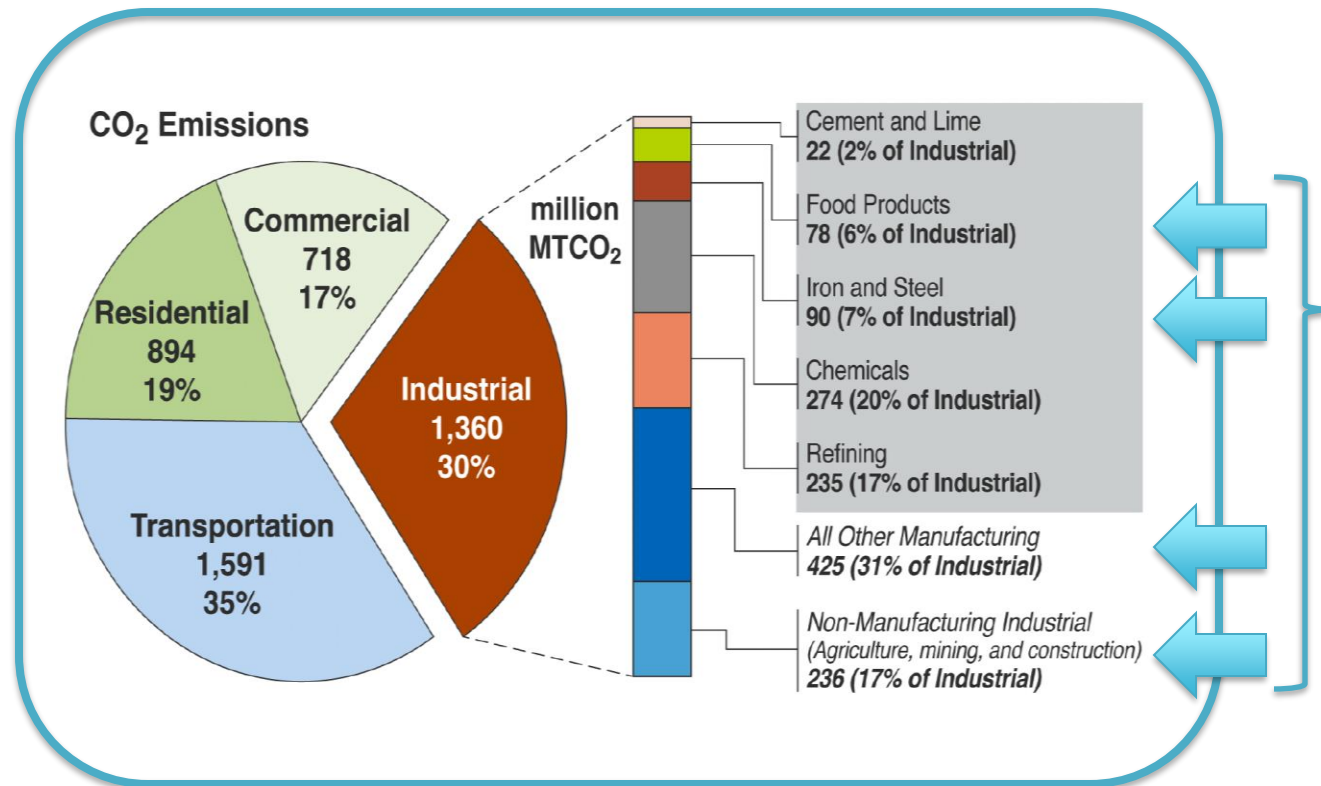
**4** Wrap up





# Industrial Decarbonization Grand Challenge

U.S. goal: net zero GHG emissions economy-wide by 2050.



Over 50% of industrial emissions come from a disparate range of industries and applications.

## CREATING NEW SOLUTIONS FOR HARD-TO-ABATE SECTORS

SHARE OF GLOBAL YEARLY CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS:

7%

Iron & Steel



6%

Chemical & Petrochemicals



2%

Aviation



3%

Cement



2%

Shipping



Source: Climate Watch, the World Resources Institute (2020)

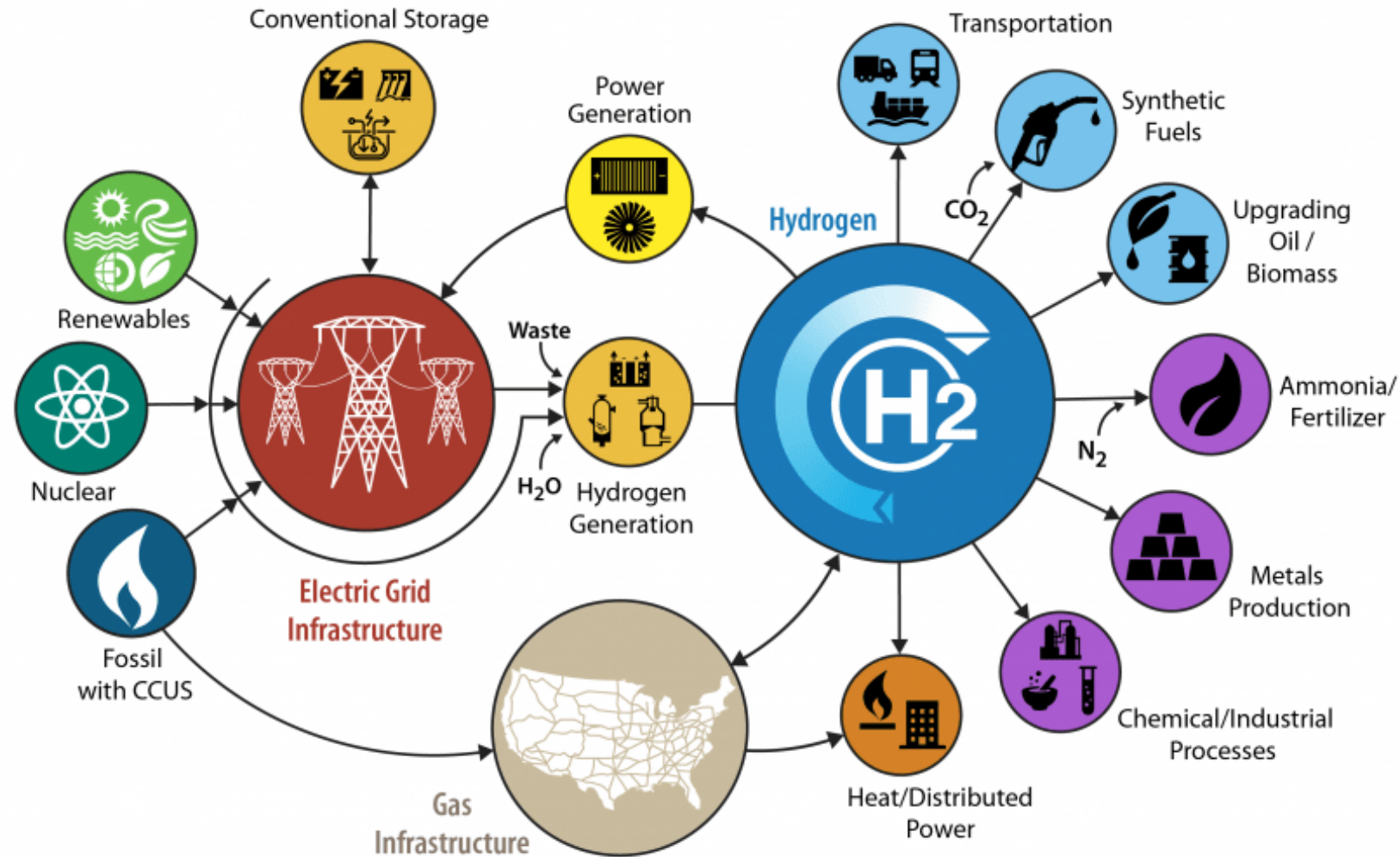


Decarbonizing hard-to-abate sectors cannot be achieved directly thru electrification.... They need fuels.

Success requires a **holistic** approach, integrating **multiple diverse technologies** and processes that have not previously worked together.

# H2@SCALE

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) initiative that brings together stakeholders to advance affordable hydrogen production, transport, storage, and utilization to enable decarbonization and revenue opportunities across multiple sectors.



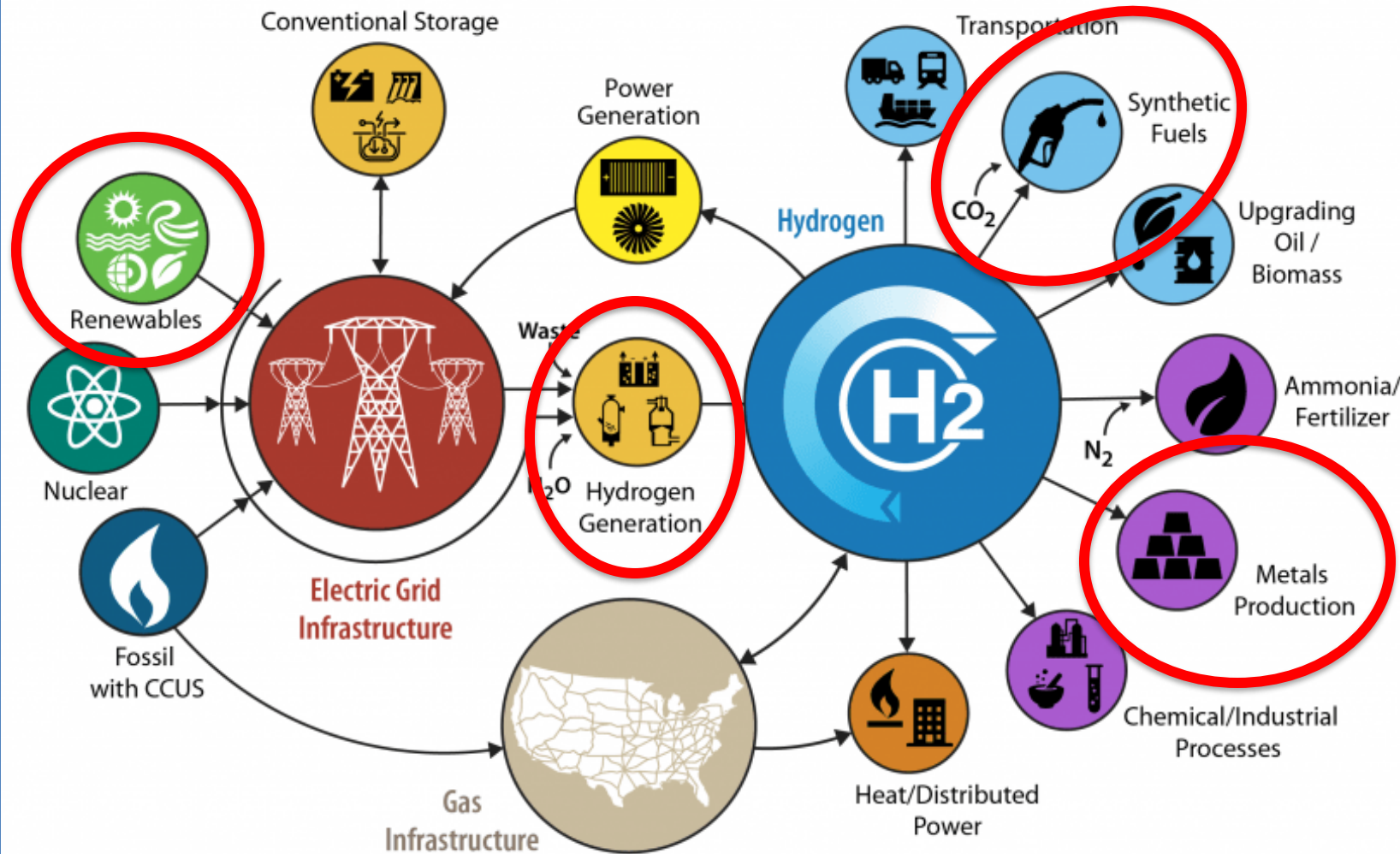


# H2@SCALE

U.S. produces ten million metric tons of hydrogen annually.

Most of this hydrogen is produced via centralized reforming of natural gas.

Deployments of clean alternatives, such as electrolysis, are rapidly increasing.



# Iron and Steel 101

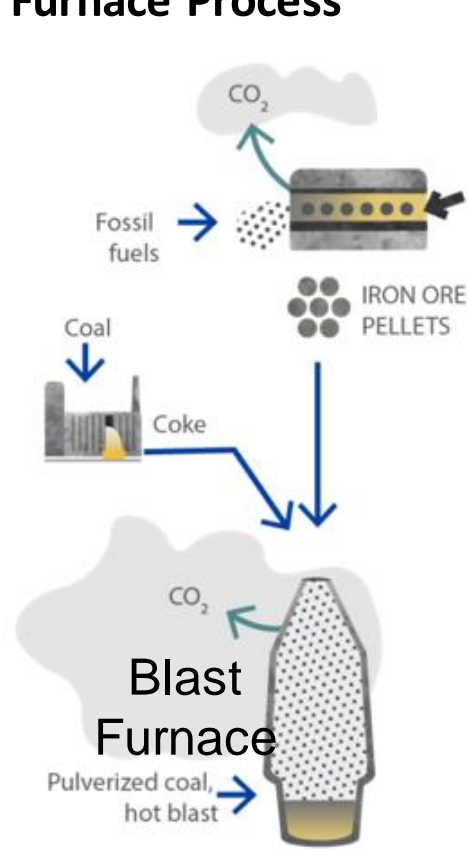
**Today:** ~8% of global GHG emissions.

2 Routes for U.S. Steel Production:

- Blast Furnace (BF) and
- Electric Arc Furnace (EAF)

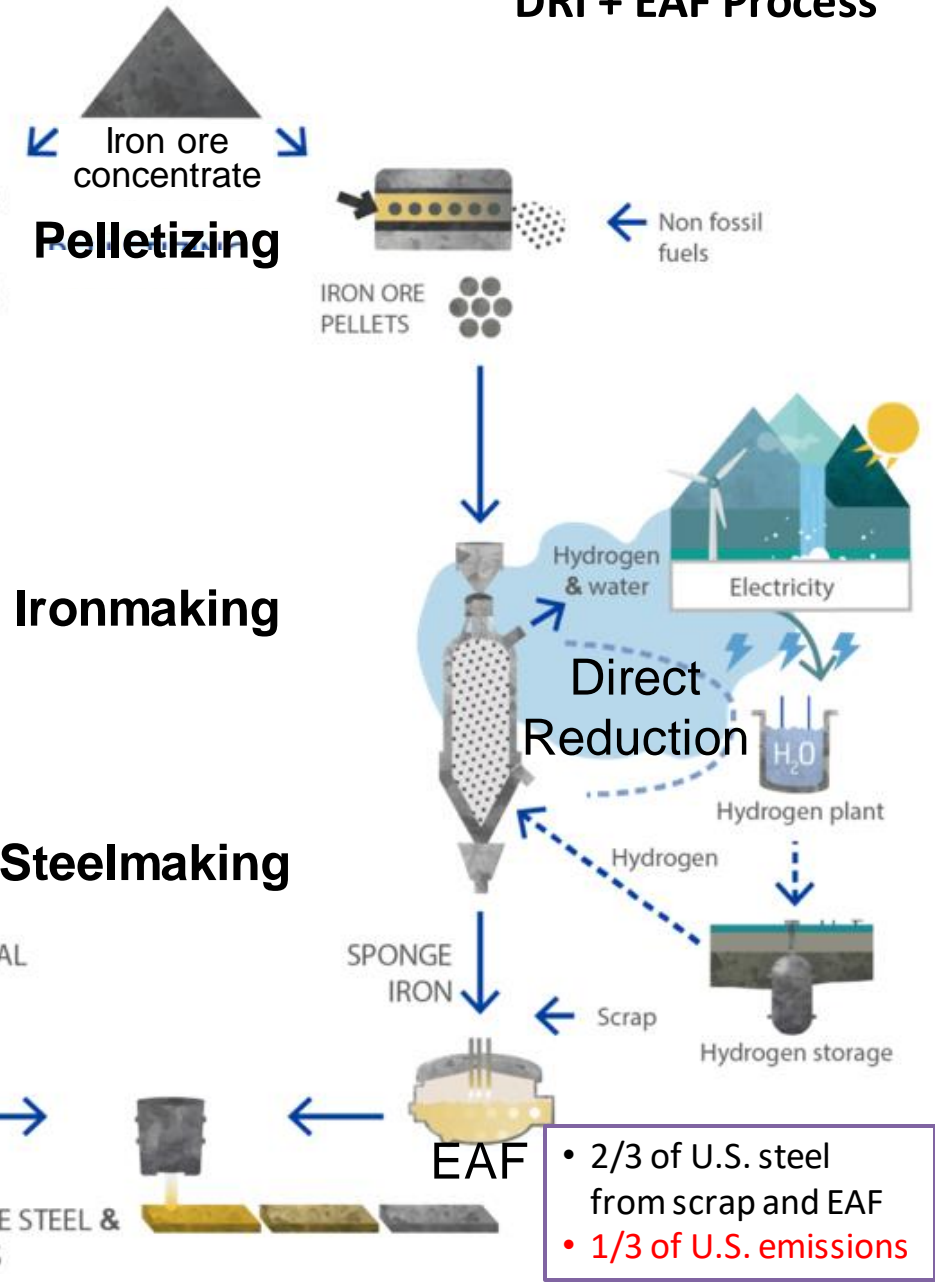
**Challenge:** Develop cost competitive, zero emission technologies and infrastructure appropriate for U.S. feedstocks and full spectrum of steel end use products.

## Blast Furnace Process

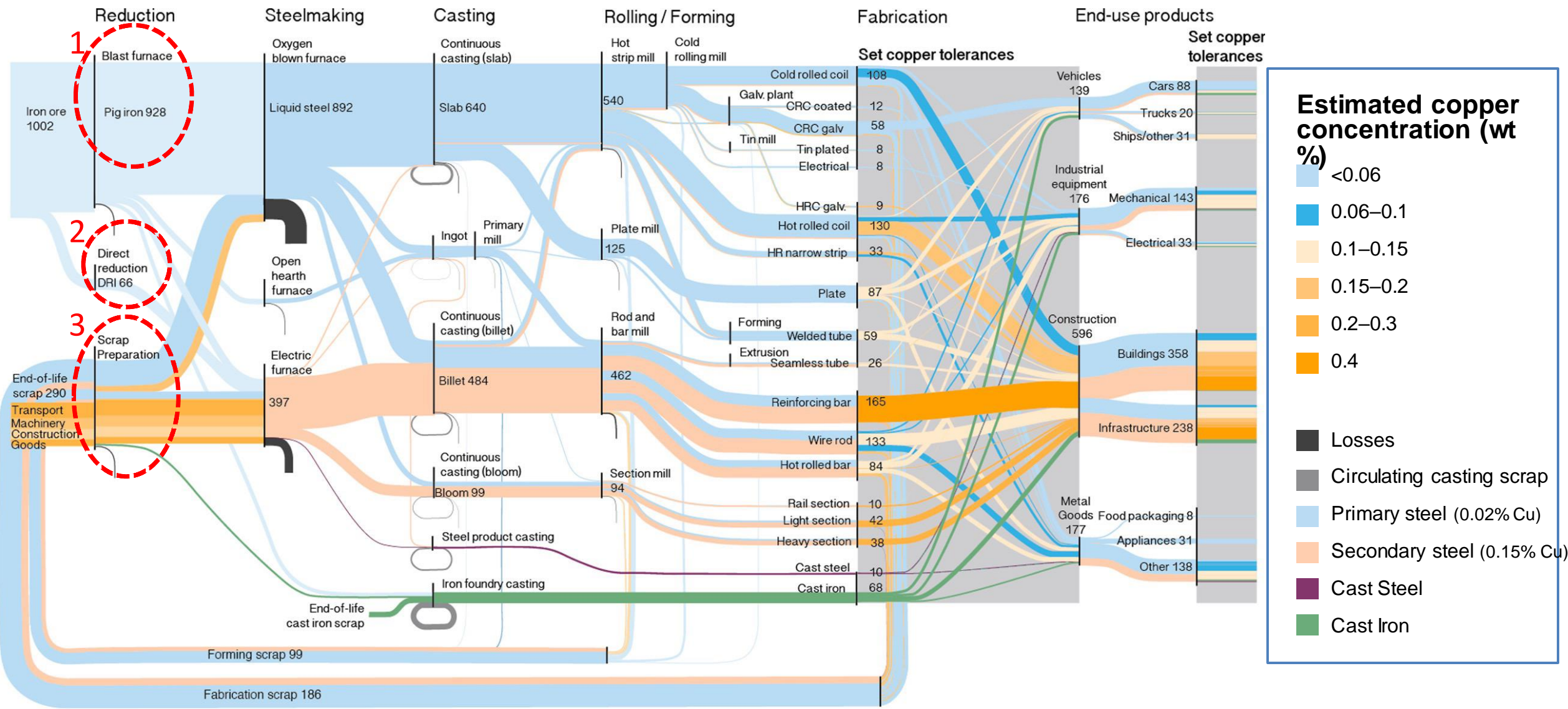


• 1/3 of U.S. steel from BF / BOF  
 • 2/3 of U.S. emissions

## DRI + EAF Process



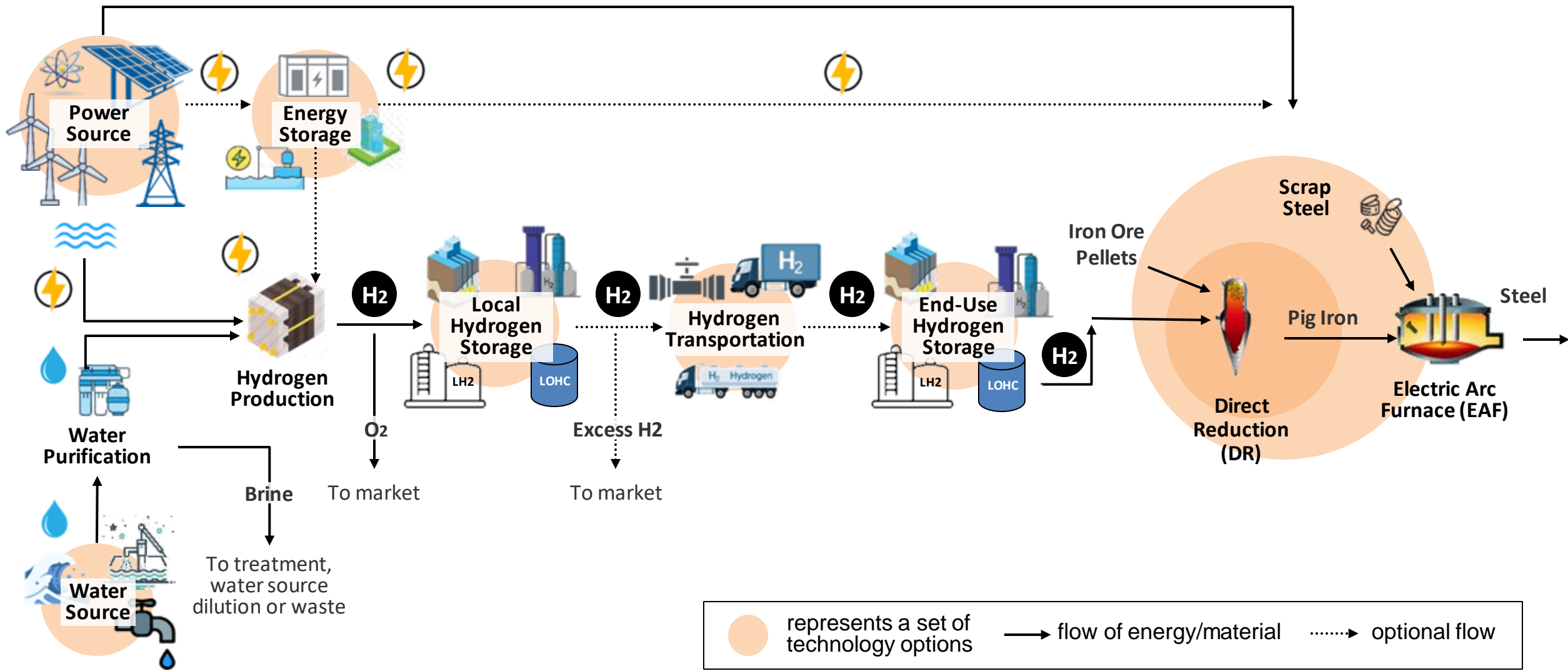
• 2/3 of U.S. steel from scrap and EAF  
 • 1/3 of U.S. emissions



# High-Level View of Iron/Steel

1. Develop alternatives to the ~30 U.S. Blast Furnaces
2. Scale up the use of Direct Reduction, using H<sub>2</sub> rather than methane.
3. Improve approach to scrap preparation to remove impurities (mostly copper).





# Full Integrated System

## Renewables to H<sub>2</sub> to Steel

- END-USE:**
- Simplified diagram
  - Ancillary equipment not depicted



# Big Picture: Water, Electricity, H<sub>2</sub>, and Iron

- It takes about 9L of DI water and 55kWh of electricity to produce 1 kg of H<sub>2</sub> in a PEM electrolyzer.
- It takes about 80-120kg of H<sub>2</sub> to produce 1 tonne of metallic iron from iron ore.



**To replace one blast furnace that produces 1M Tonne metallic iron per year, it takes:**

- About 80,000 – 120,000 tonnes of H<sub>2</sub> per year,
- 4,400,000,000 to 6,600,000,000 kWh electricity (about 1 GW), and
- 720,000,000L to 1,080,000,000L DI water (about 2,000 acre-feet)

*Iron/Steel production is a “**steady-state**” industrial process, 7x24x365.*

Pipelines and storage provide **essential infrastructure** to get H<sub>2</sub> to where it is used and buffer between variable generation and steady state end use.

\* Note that the numbers here are not exact, +/- 10%, meant to give a sense of scale

# H2 and Iron

The DOE Industrial Decarbonization Roadmap discusses the important role H2 plays in decarbonizing iron and steel.

The Roadmap is largely silent on the critical role that H2 storage plays.

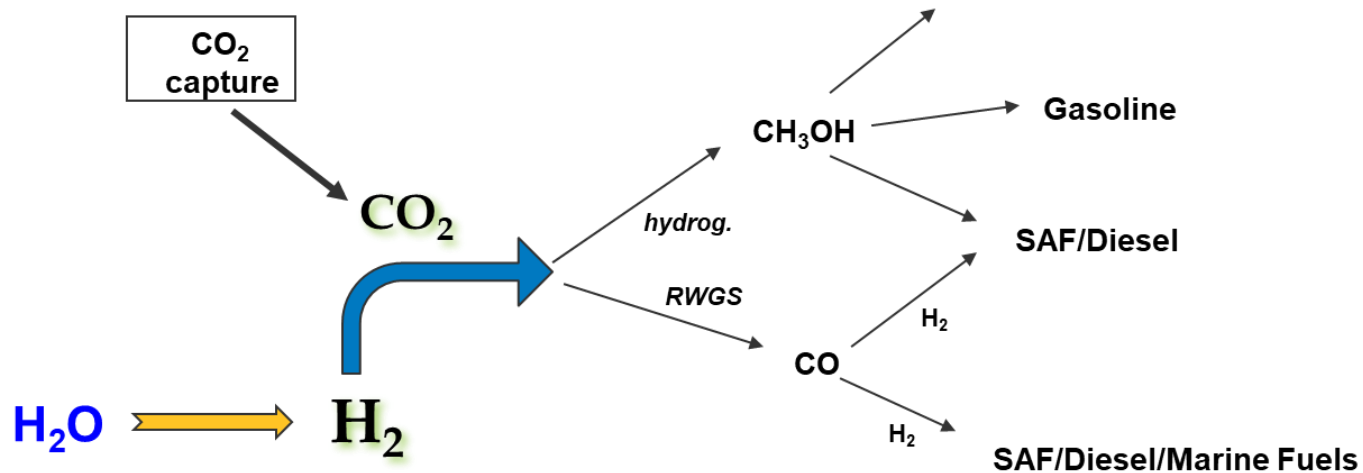


Using H2 for iron ore reduction, economic viability is reached at an H2 procurement cost of \$1.70 per kg, while achieving a CO2 emission reduction of 76% at the plant site\*.

To account for lower quality U.S. iron ores, increased energy for beneficiation, and reduced EAF yields, getting the LCOH delivered closer to \$1/kg will be needed to spur industry change and rapid adoption of low/no carbon processes using clean H2.

\* Rosner, Papadias, Brooks, Yoro, Ahluwalia, Autrey, and Breunig, "Green steel: design and cost analysis of hydrogen-based direct iron reduction" ChemRxiv, March 2023.

# E-Fuels - First Generation Technologies



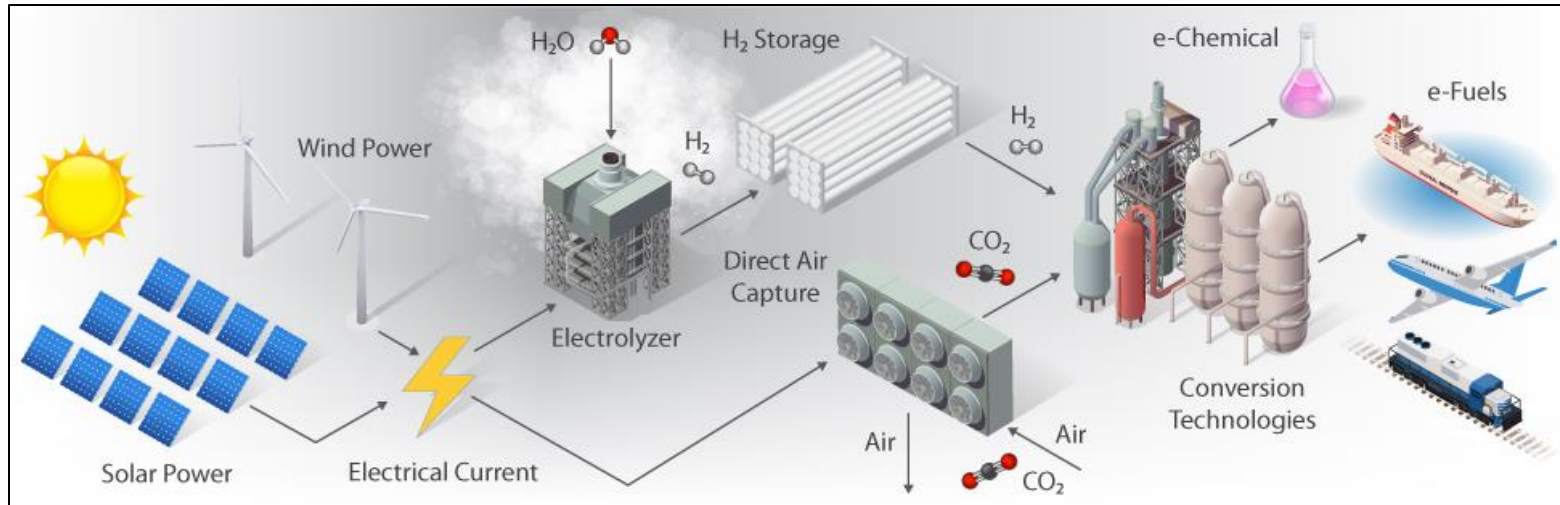
**First Generation DAC Technologies** – Based on either solid adsorbents or liquid absorbents. Relatively high capital expense and operation expense due to non-optimal materials and process configurations.

**Established Conversion Technologies** – Based on either methanol conversion technologies or Fischer Tropsch technologies. Require multiple process steps and separations to generate on-spec fuels.

**Lack of Integration** - No real integrated demonstration projects utilizing renewable electrons, DAC technologies, and conversion technologies to final fuels such as Jet Fuel.

# Conceptual E-fuels Production

- Integrated System: Green Electrons, H<sub>2</sub> from water, captured CO<sub>2</sub> captured, to generated Fuels and Chemicals.
- E-fuels demonstration system would advance direct air capture technologies of CO<sub>2</sub>, green hydrogen generation technologies, and emerging conversion technologies.



## E-Fuels

Initial e-fuels demand could be driven by aviation. e-fuels will also be used for shipping and rail.

## E-chemicals

Potential long-term sink for CO<sub>2</sub>.



# E-fuels Production Basics

- Depending on the product it is approximately 0.35 kg of H<sub>2</sub> and 2.5 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> to generate 1 liter of e-fuels.
- Almost all the electricity draw will be at the electrolyzer.... Splitting water takes effort!
- There will of course be electrical demand for pumps and compressors, but they pail in comparison to the electrolyzer..

System Component	Proportion of Electrical need
DAC Unit	7.46%
Electrolyzer	91.40%
RWGS	0.72%
Fischer Tropsch	0.49%

## Aviation

Approximately 55% of current U.S. electricity production needed to displace 100% of U.S. jet fuel consumption with e-fuels

## Shipping

IEA estimates that around 70 million tonnes of either ammonia or methanol — requiring between 12.6 million and 14 million tonnes of H<sub>2</sub> — would be required to make up a 10% share of fuels in the maritime sector by 2030\*

# Conclusions and Key Insights

U.S. IRA policy is a game changer for H<sub>2</sub> production.

- Behind the meter, integrated H<sub>2</sub> systems qualify for the full clean 45V H<sub>2</sub> \$3/kg credit.
- Absent H<sub>2</sub> pipelines...
- H<sub>2</sub> storage cost is a potential barrier to industrial decarbonization.



H<sub>2</sub> storage plays the key role to buffer between low-cost, clean H<sub>2</sub> production from renewables and steady state industrial end uses (iron/steel, e-fuels, etc.)

Renewable resource and industry end use drive required H<sub>2</sub> storage capacity.

Current bulk H<sub>2</sub> storage costs range between ~\$0.02/kg (salt caverns) and ~\$2.93/kg (pressure vessel storage).

Low-cost, bulk H<sub>2</sub> storage technologies that are ~4x salt caverns is needed for regions that don't have access to geological storage.

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# Open Discussion

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# **GREET® Environmental Analysis of Current and Future Hydrogen Production and Utilization in the United States**

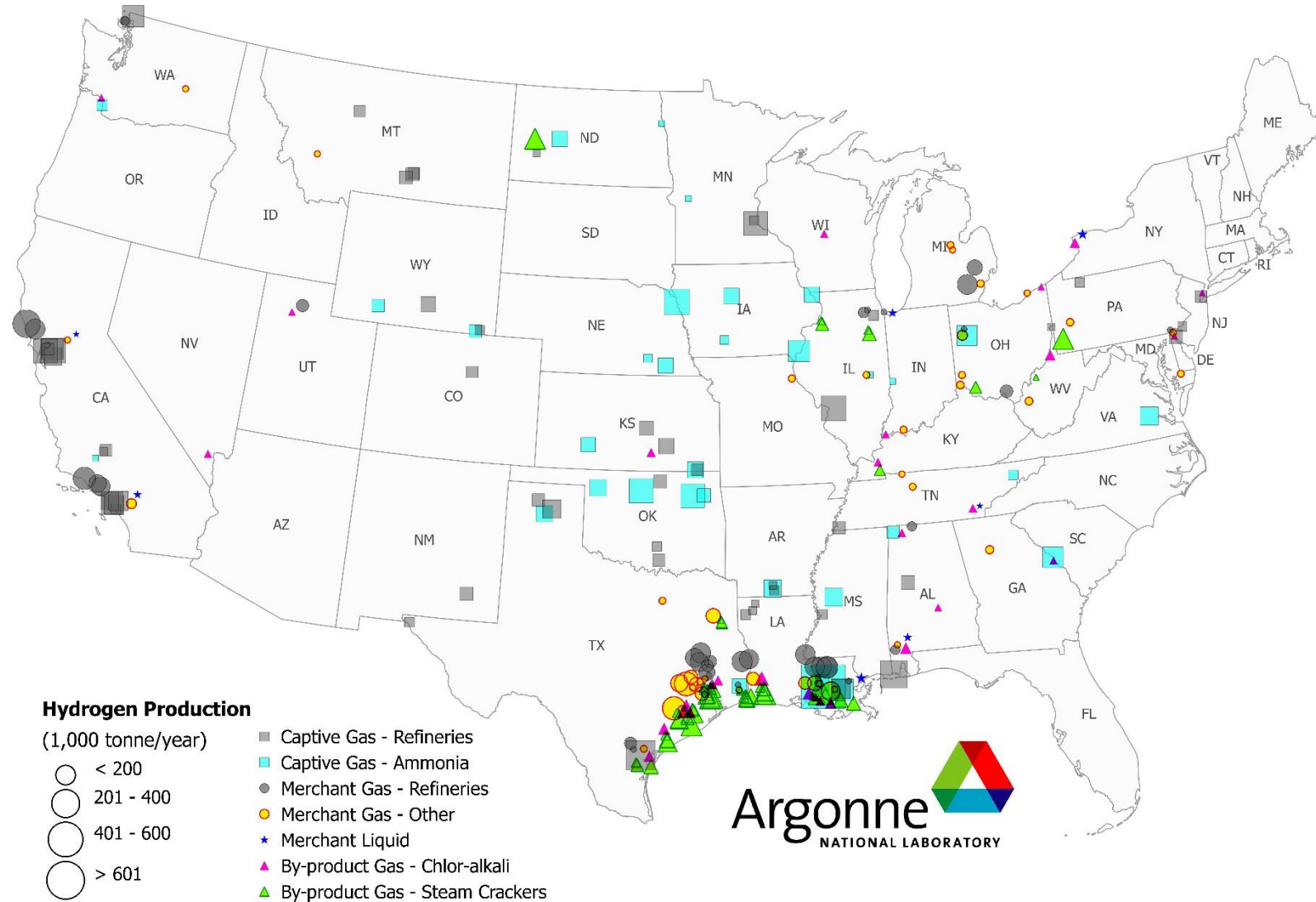
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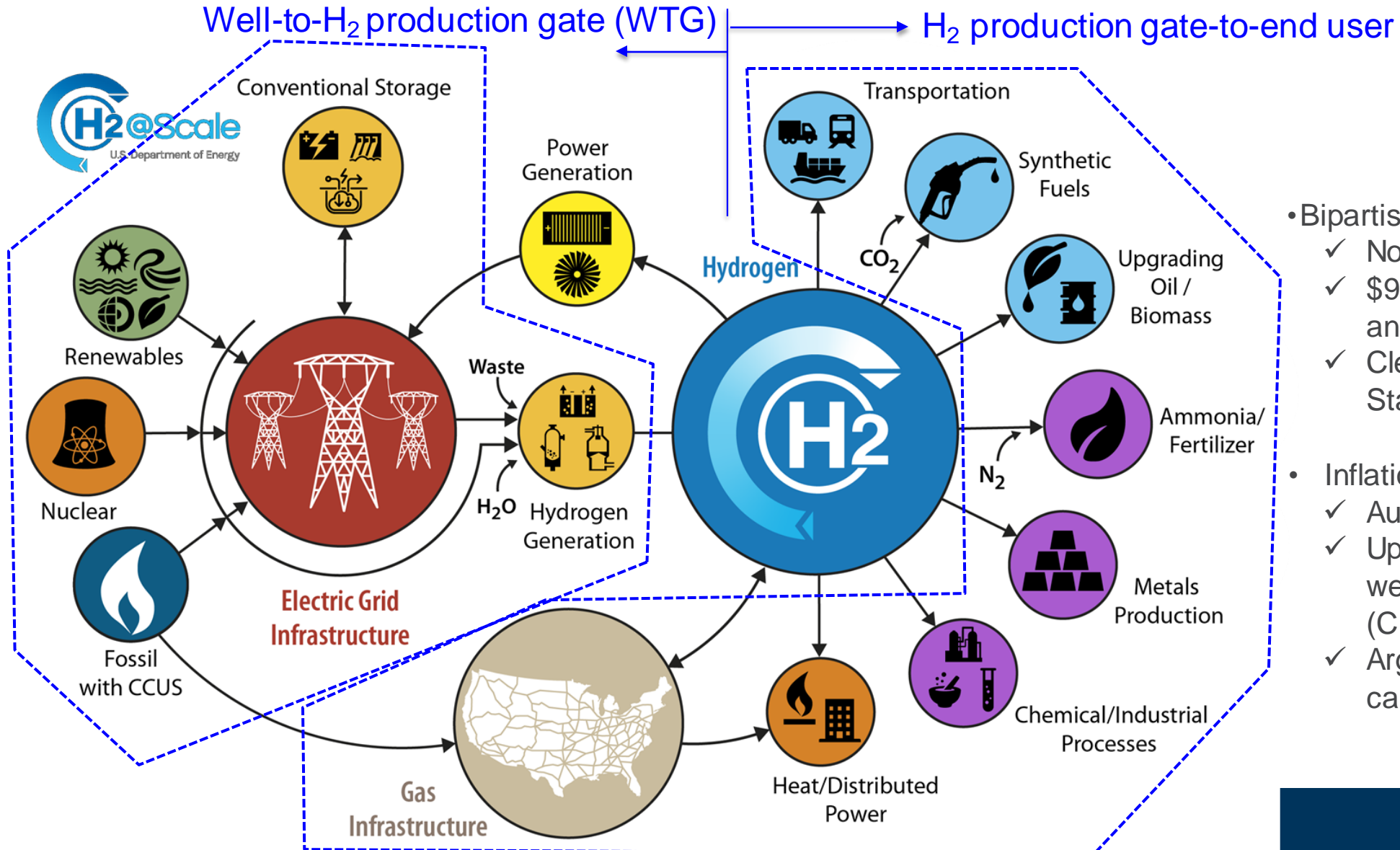
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# Today, more than 10M metric tons of hydrogen are produced in the U.S. annually, mainly from steam methane reforming of natural gas

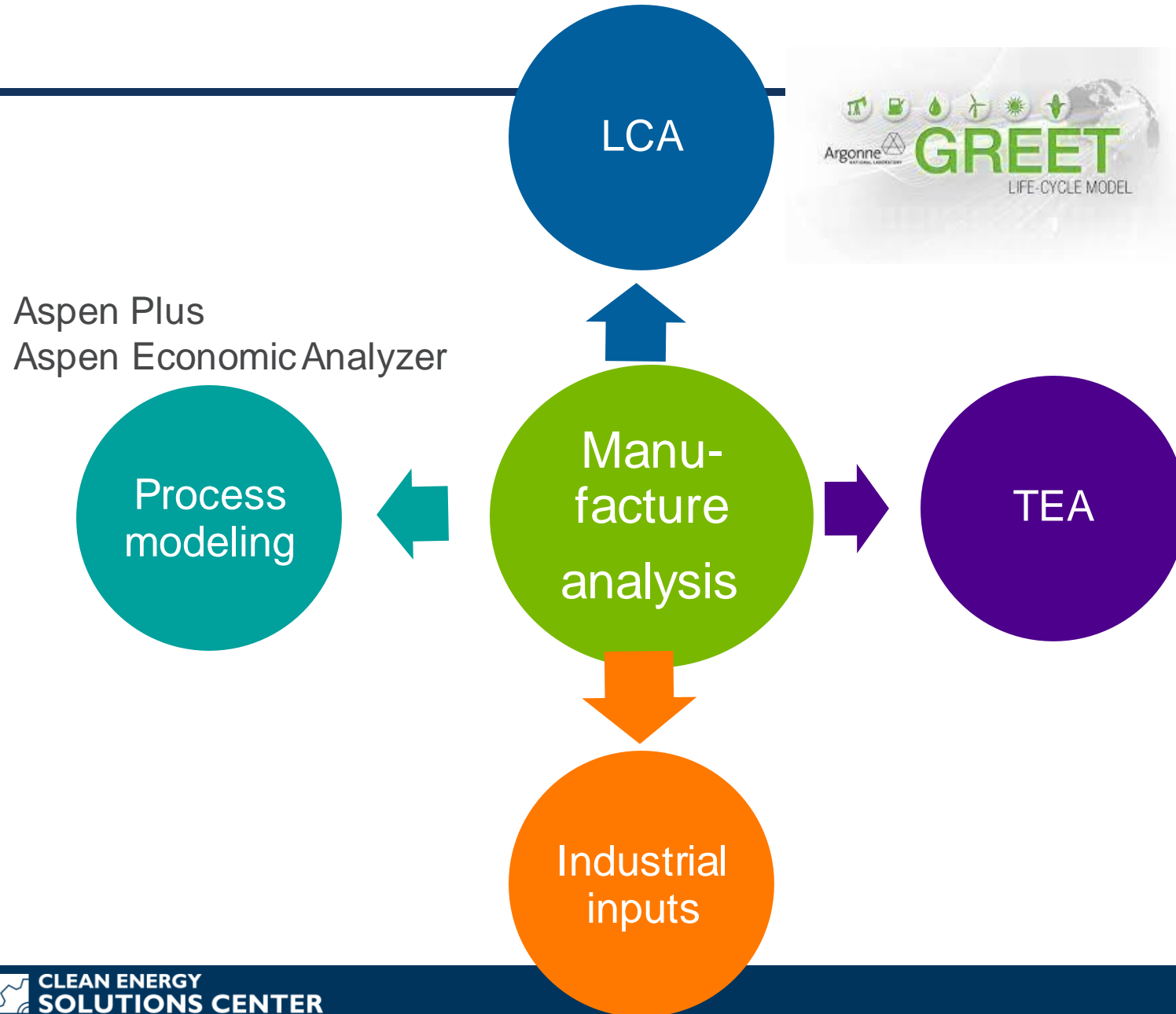


# H2@Scale is a DOE initiative that identifies pathways for production and utilization of clean H<sub>2</sub>



- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
  - ✓ November 2021
  - ✓ \$9.5B for clean H<sub>2</sub> production and deployment
  - ✓ Clean Hydrogen Production Standard (<4 kgCO<sub>2e</sub>/kgH<sub>2</sub>)
- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
  - ✓ August 2022
  - ✓ Up to \$3/kg credit based on H<sub>2</sub> well-to-gate carbon intensity (CI)
  - ✓ Argonne GREET model for CI calculations

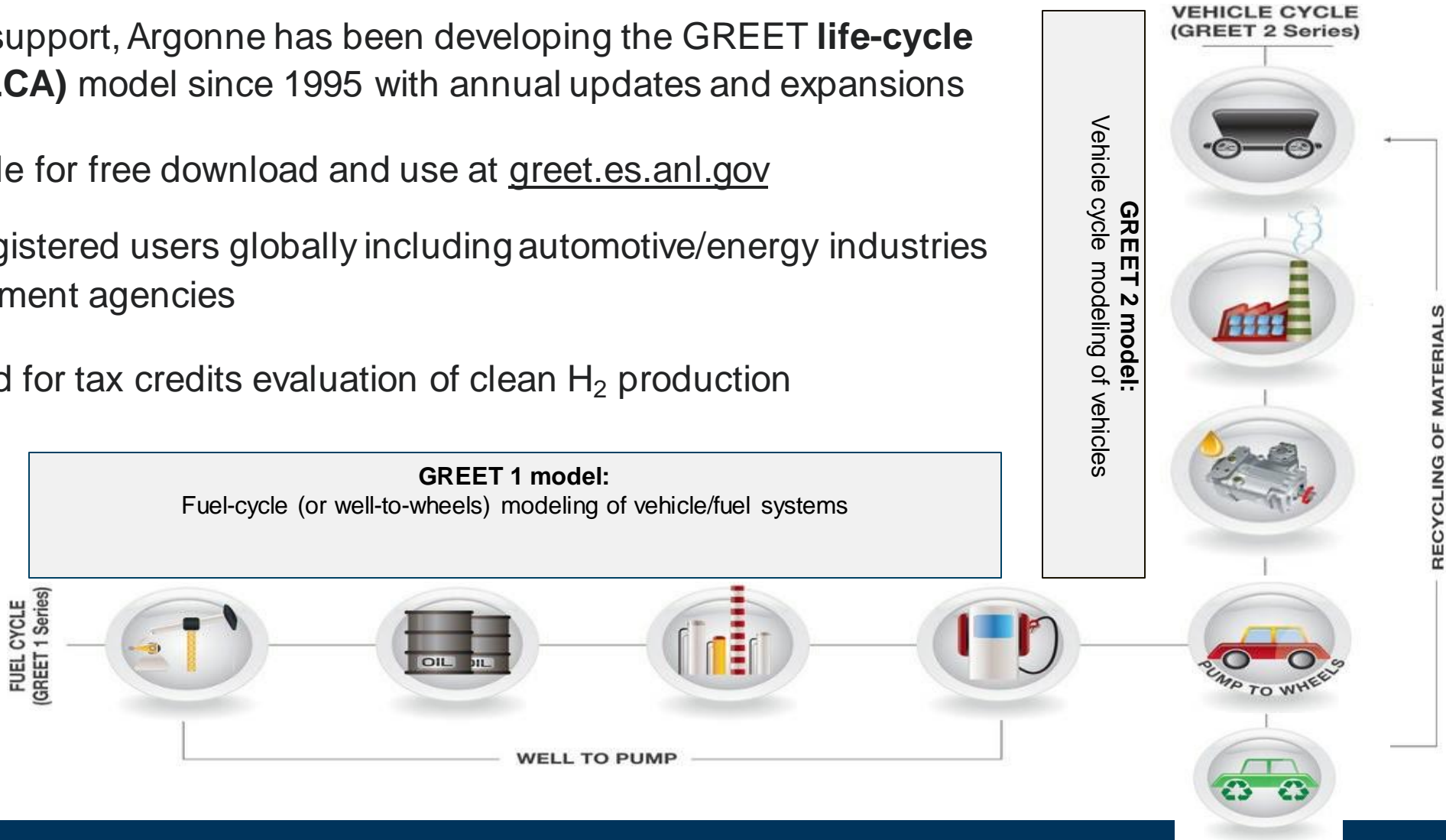
# Decarbonization analysis tool



- Industrial decarbonization is analyzed TEA and LCA, based on process modeling and industrial inputs.
- Process modeling provides energy and emission profiles based on thermodynamics, kinetics, engineering principals, etc.
- Deep understanding of manufacture process and technology is the key to identify decarbonization potential with the consideration of feasibility and economics.

# The GREET® (Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Technologies) model

- With DOE support, Argonne has been developing the GREET **life-cycle analysis (LCA)** model since 1995 with annual updates and expansions
- It is available for free download and use at [greet.es.anl.gov](http://greet.es.anl.gov)
- >55,000 registered users globally including automotive/energy industries and government agencies
- Will be used for tax credits evaluation of clean H<sub>2</sub> production



# ***REET sustainability metrics include energy use, criteria air pollutants, GHG, and water consumption***

## **Energy use**

- Total energy: fossil energy and renewable energy
- Fossil energy: petroleum, natural gas, and coal
- Renewable energy: biomass, nuclear energy, hydro-power, wind power, and solar energy



*Resource availability and energy security*

## **Air pollutants**

- VOC, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and SO<sub>x</sub>
- Estimated separately for total and urban (a subset of the total) emissions



*Human health and environmental justice*

## **Greenhouse gases**

- **CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O**, black carbon, and albedo
- CO<sub>2e</sub> of the five (with their global warming potentials)



*Global warming impacts*

## **Water consumption**

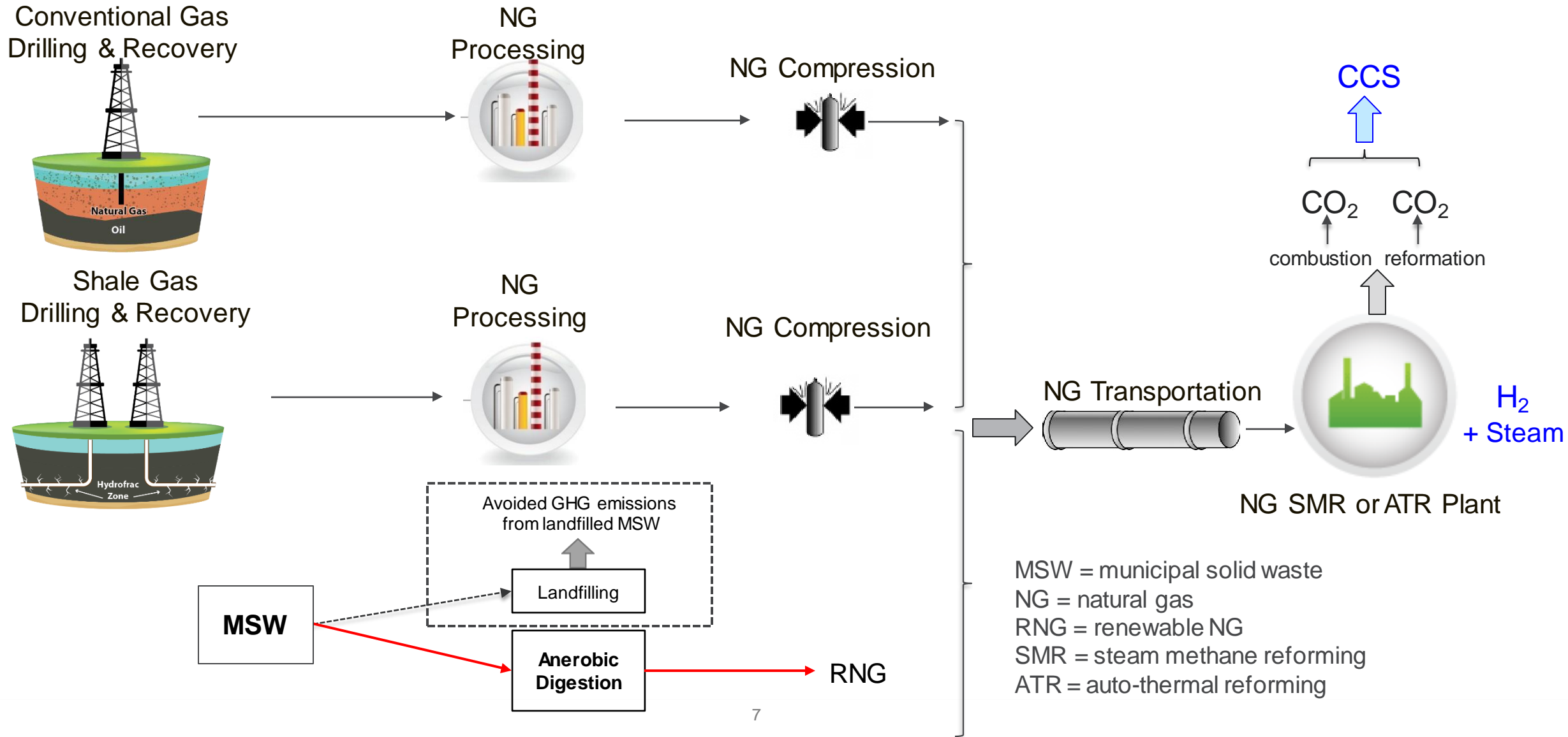
- Addressing water supply and demand (energy-water nexus)



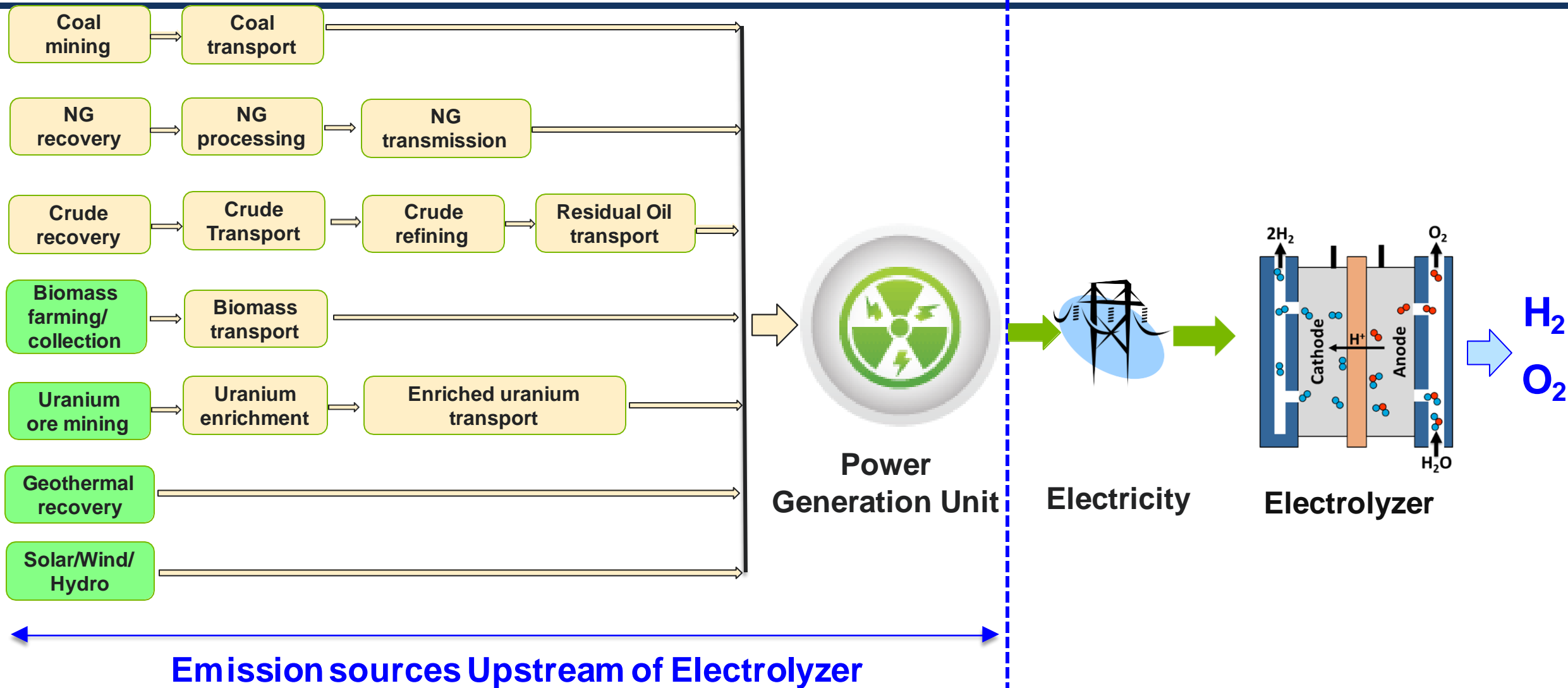
*Regional/seasonal water stress impacts*



# Hydrogen production via CH<sub>4</sub> reforming, w/ and w/o CCS

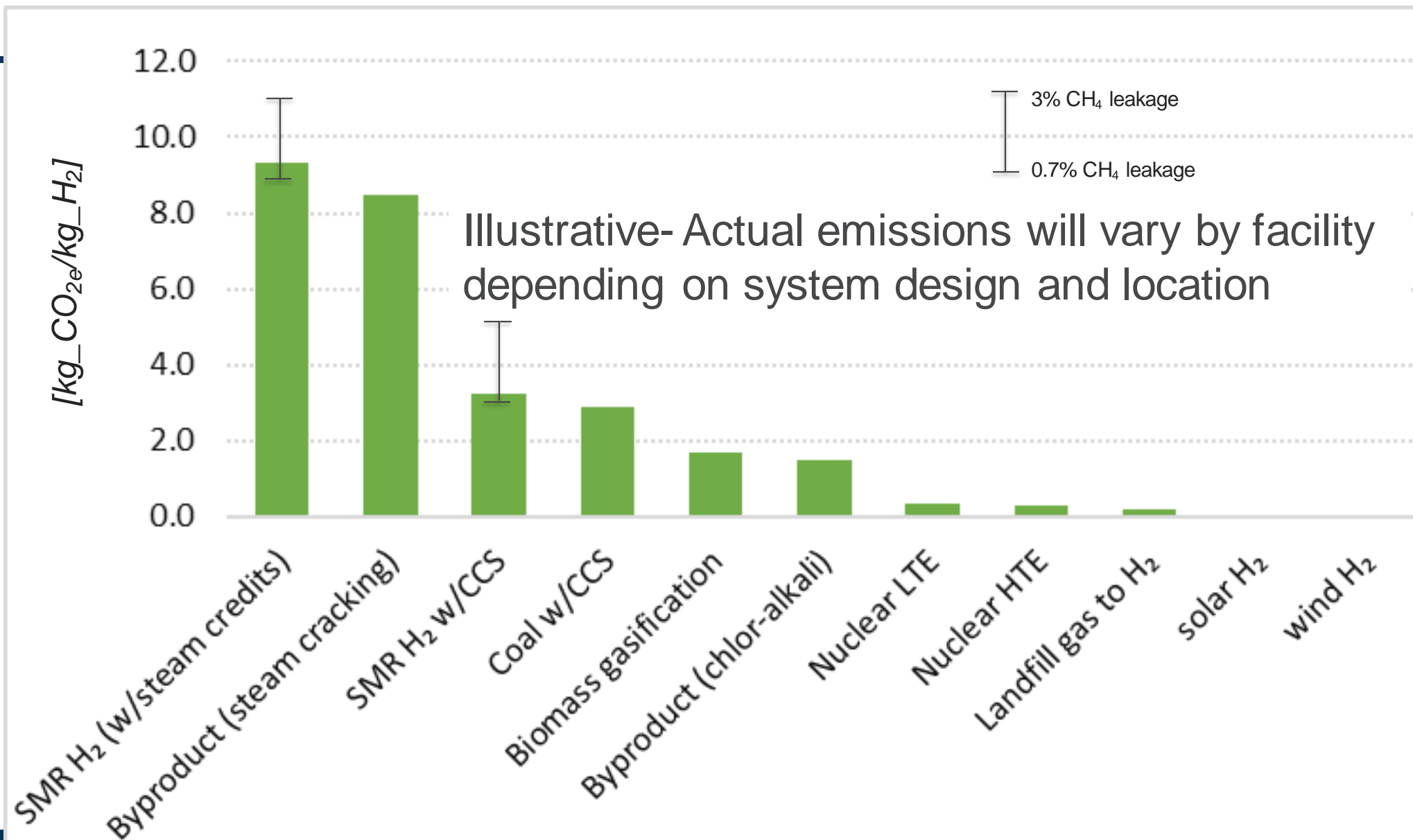


# Hydrogen production via water electrolysis



# Well-to-gate (WTG) GHG emissions of hydrogen production pathways

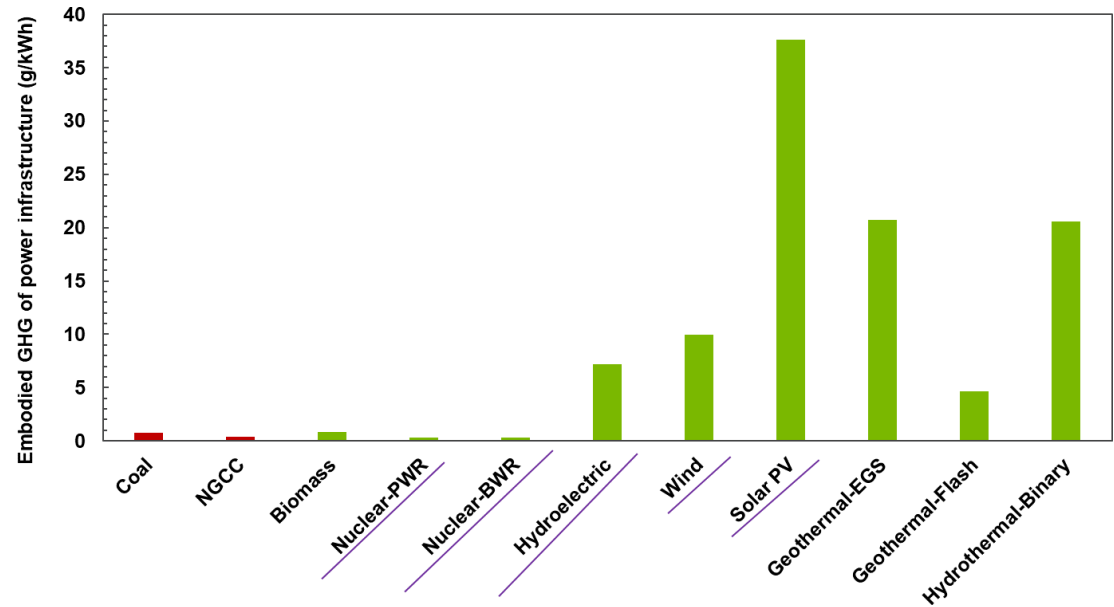
SMR= Steam Methane Reforming;  
 CCS=Carbon Capture and Sequestration;  
 LTE=Low-Temp Electrolysis;  
 HTE=High-Temp Electrolysis;  
 LFG=Landfill Gas



# Embodied emissions of power generation CapEx is important for H<sub>2</sub> production via electrolysis

- **Analyze emissions from renewable and nuclear power infrastructure manufacturing and construction, and associated upstream material production**

- Reflect recent progress in renewable power technologies
- Analyze key parameters affecting lifetime electricity generation
- Compare embodied emissions of different power generation technologies (in functional unit of per kWh electricity generated)

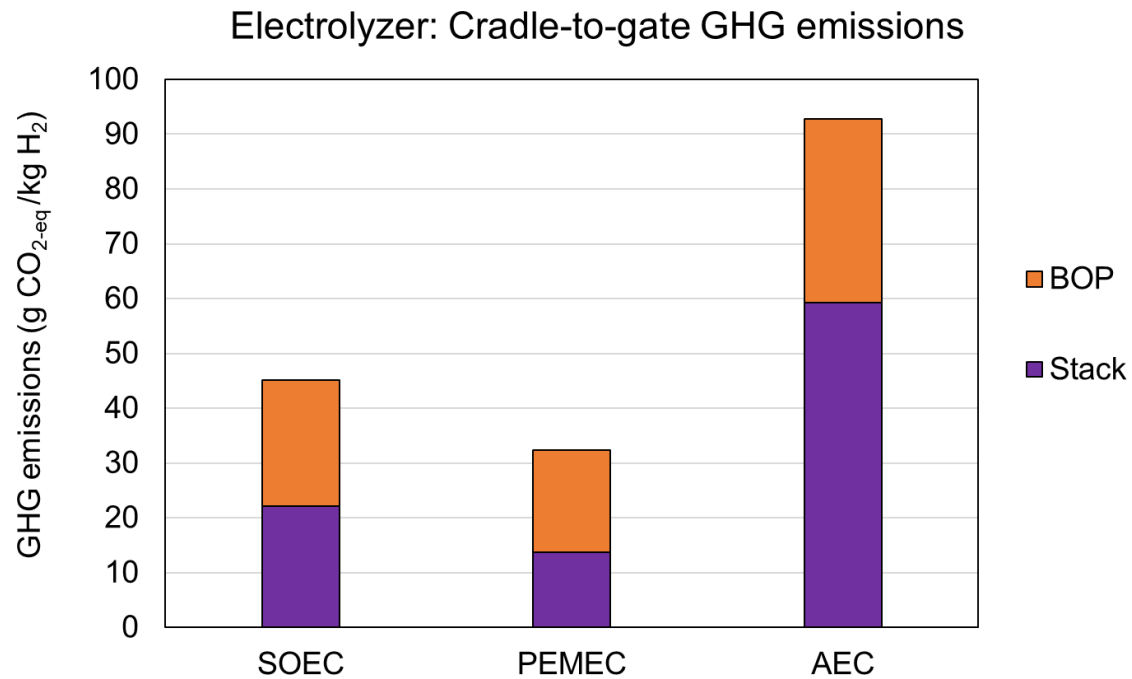


- **Incorporate embodied emissions analysis of power infrastructure in GREET**



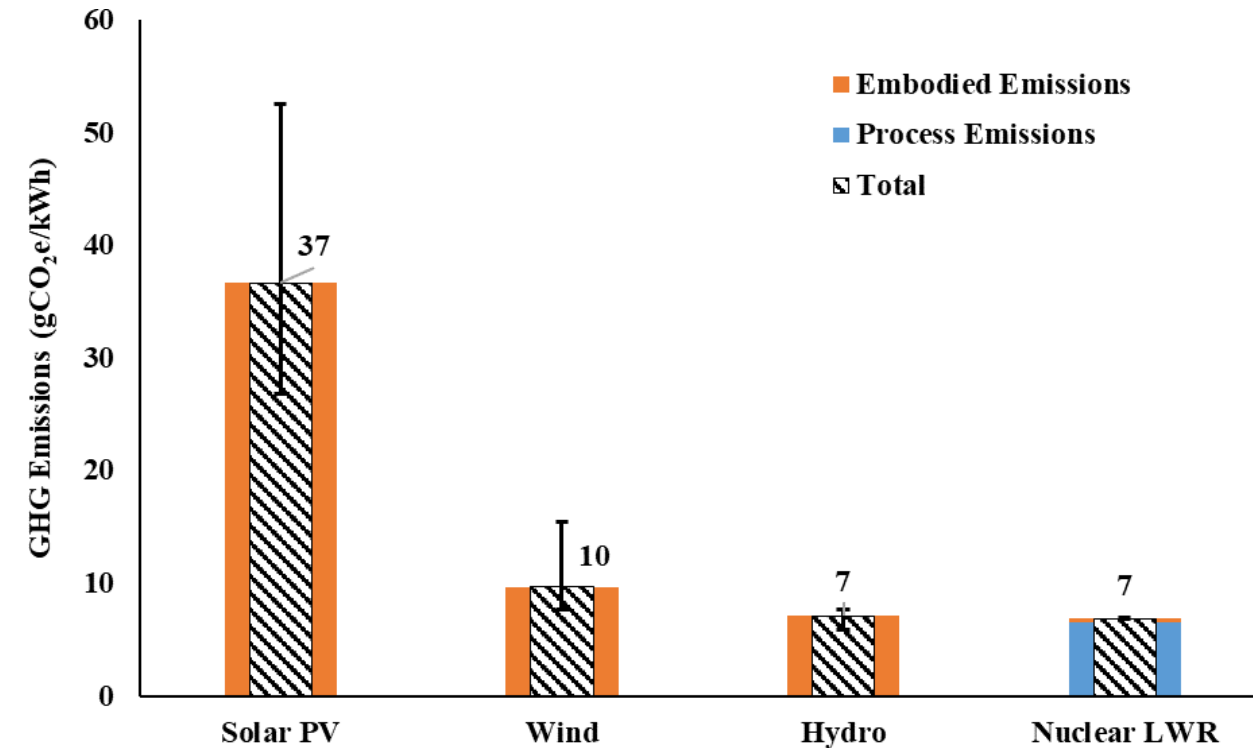


# CapEx embodied GHG emissions of low-carbon power generators and water electrolyzers

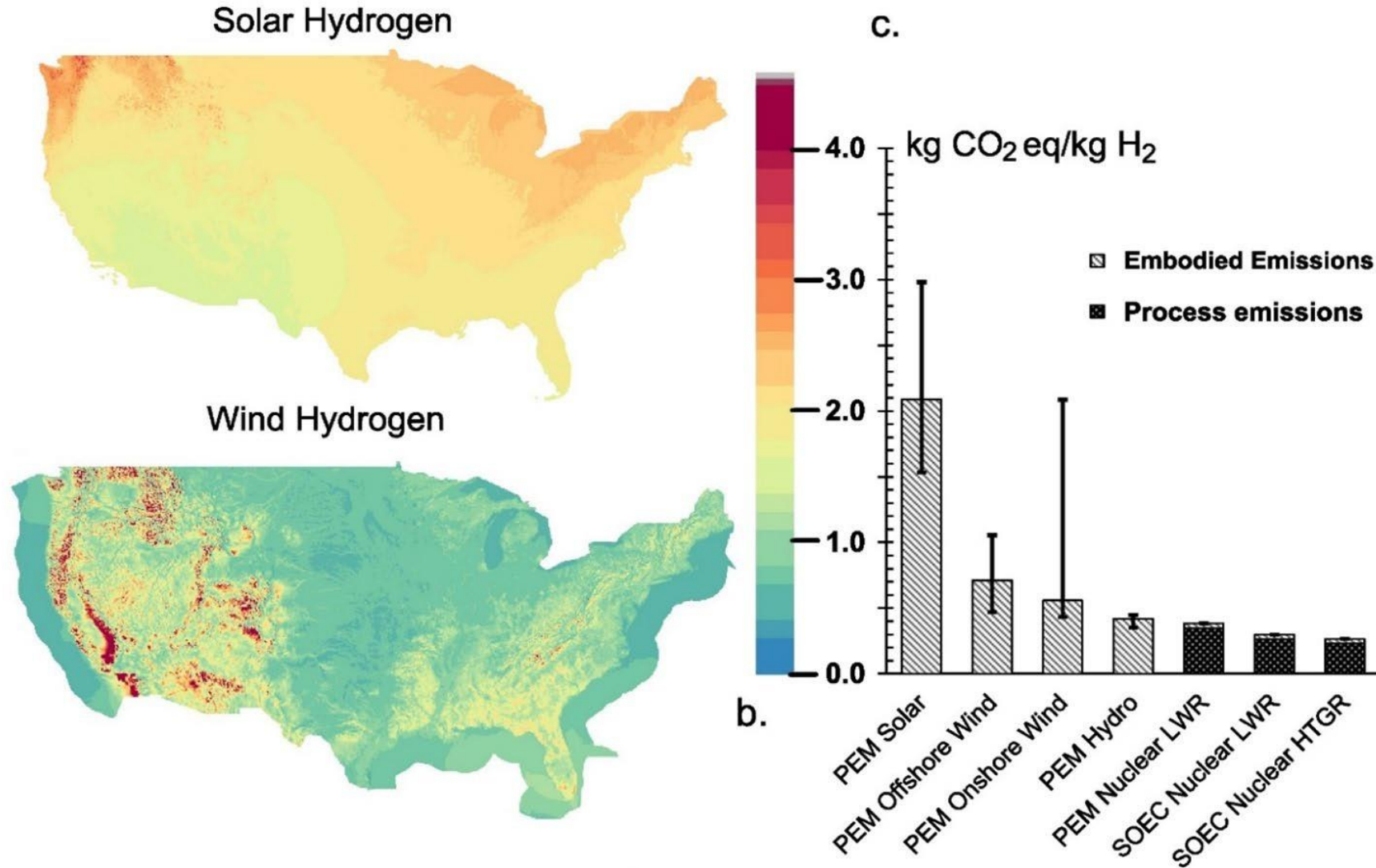


SOEC=Solid Oxide Electrolysis Cell  
PEMEC=Polymeric Exchange Membrane Electrolysis Cell  
AEC=Alkaline Electrolysis Cell

Embodied GHG emissions of different electricity infrastructure (per kWh of electricity)

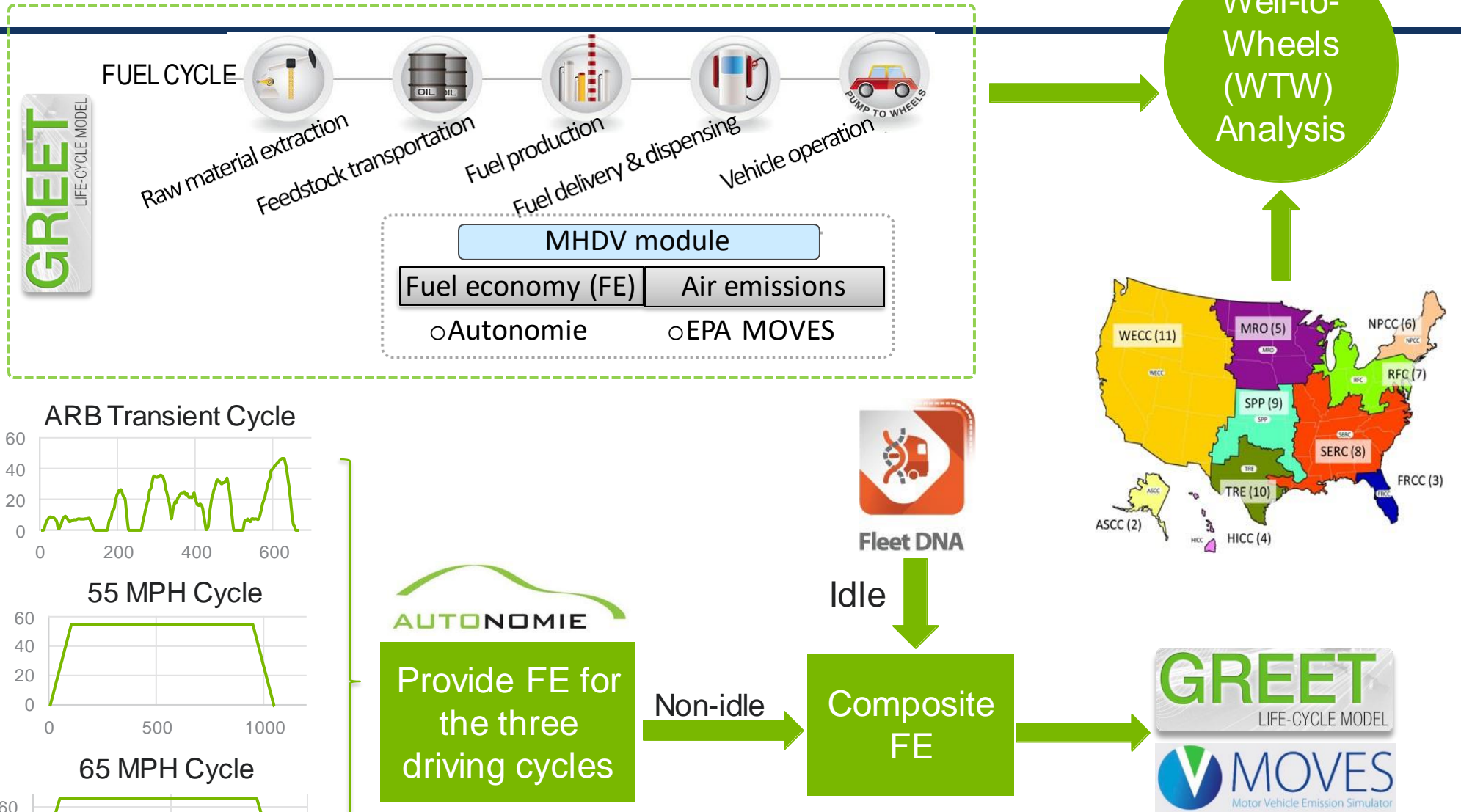


# Impact of CapEx embodied GHG emissions on renewable H<sub>2</sub> production

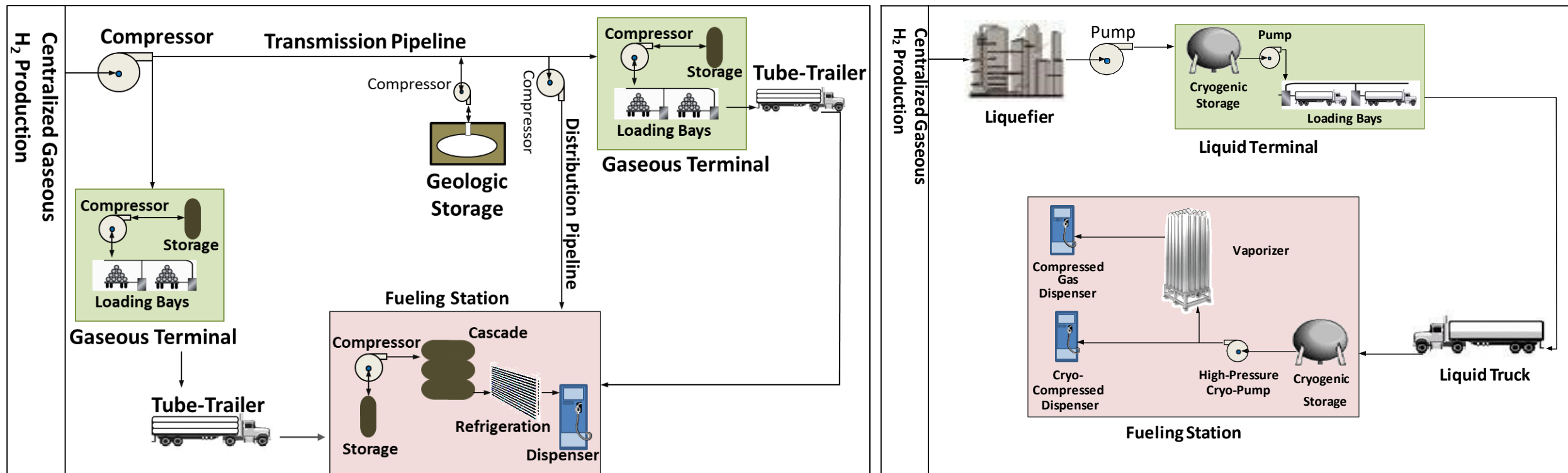


Publications forthcoming

# REET evaluates heavy-duty trucks Well-to-Wheels (WtW) emissions for various vehicle classes and powertrain technologies

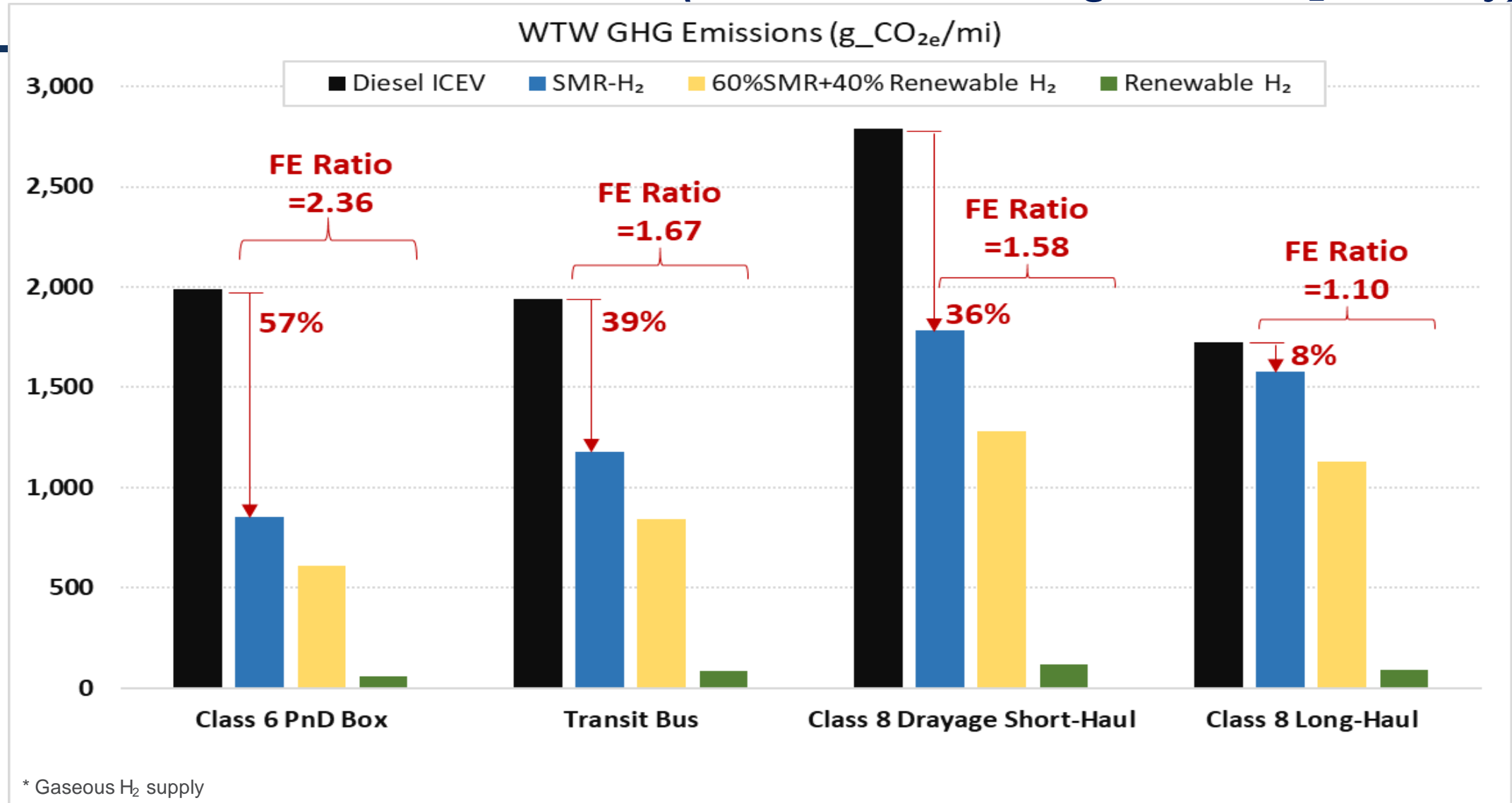


# Hydrogen delivery involves energy intensive processes such as compression, liquefaction and trucking





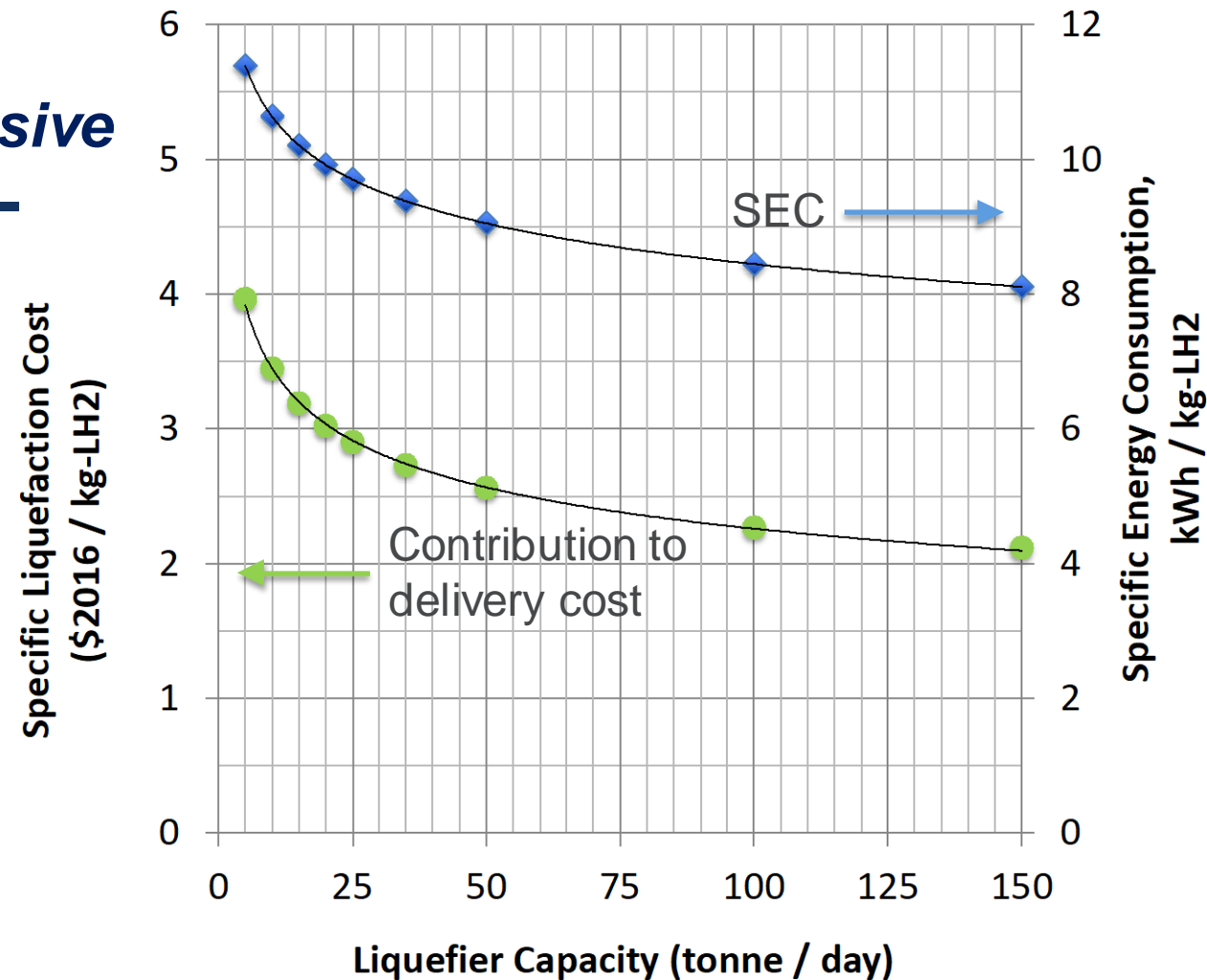
# WtW GHG emissions of SMR-H<sub>2</sub> relative to diesel varies by fuel economy ratio of FCEVs with conventional ICEVs (results shown for gaseous H<sub>2</sub> delivery)



✓ WTW: Well-To-Wheels    ✓ GHG: Greenhouse Gas    ✓ FE: Fuel Economy    ✓ SMR: Steam Methane Reforming

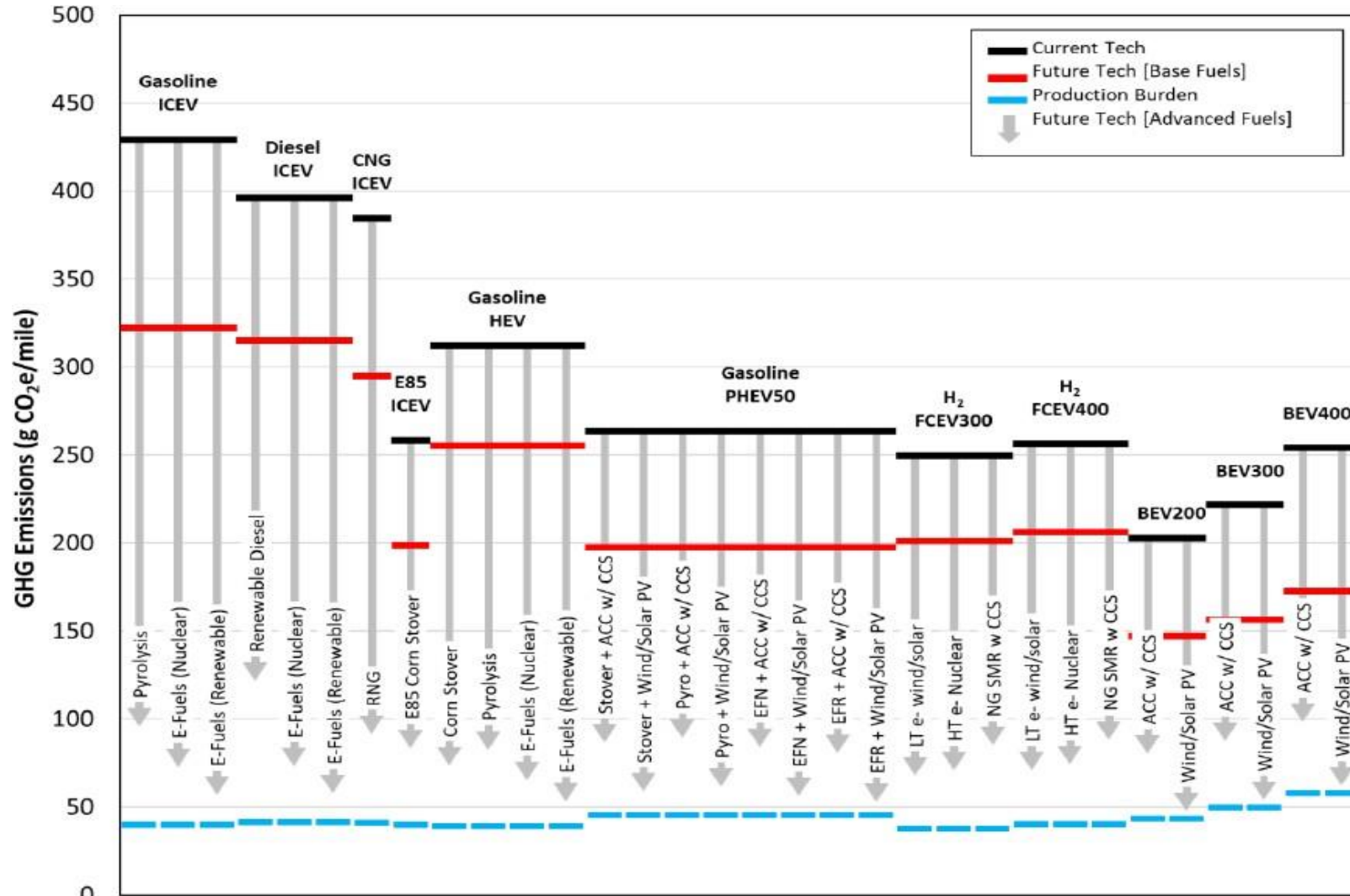
## *H<sub>2</sub> liquefaction is energy and cost intensive*

- Scaling laws based on aggregation of industry input
  - Liquefier CAPEX
  - Specific energy consumption (SEC)
- Modeling and analysis in the literature suggest SEC can potentially be as low as 6 kWh/kg
- SLC – Specific liquefaction cost



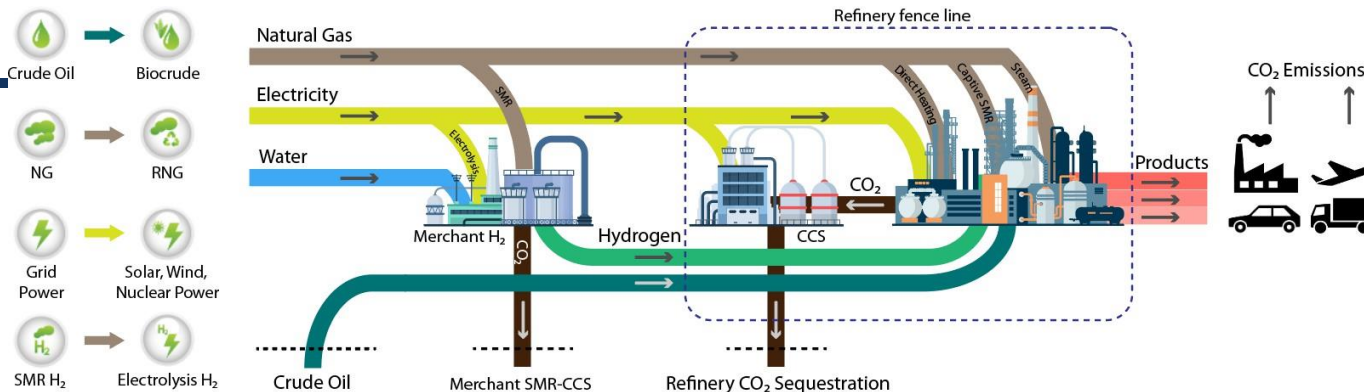
Delivered	Liquefier	SLC	SEC	GHG Emissions 2021 (US mix)
	5 tpd	\$4.0 / kg-LH2	11 kWh / kg	4.8 kgCO <sub>2e</sub> / kgH <sub>2</sub>
30 tpd	33 tpd	\$2.8 / kg-LH2	9.4 kWh / kg	4.1 kgCO <sub>2e</sub> / kgH <sub>2</sub>
120 tpd	130 tpd	\$2.1 / kg-LH2	8.2 kWh / kg	3.6 kgCO <sub>2e</sub> / kgH <sub>2</sub>

# Cradle-to-Grave (C2G) includes both WtW and vehicle manufacturing emissions



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# Refinery CO<sub>2</sub> reduction opportunities



- Refinery CO<sub>2</sub> emission is intensive, owing to extensive combustions at various supply stages.
- Decarbonization opportunities exist for onsite emission, WTG and WTW.
- Switching fossil-based energy sources to renewable or low carbon sources, e.g. switching NG and grid electricity to RNG and clean electricity.
- Implementing CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage.
- Replacing or blending crude oil with fungible biocrude or low carbon crude oil.



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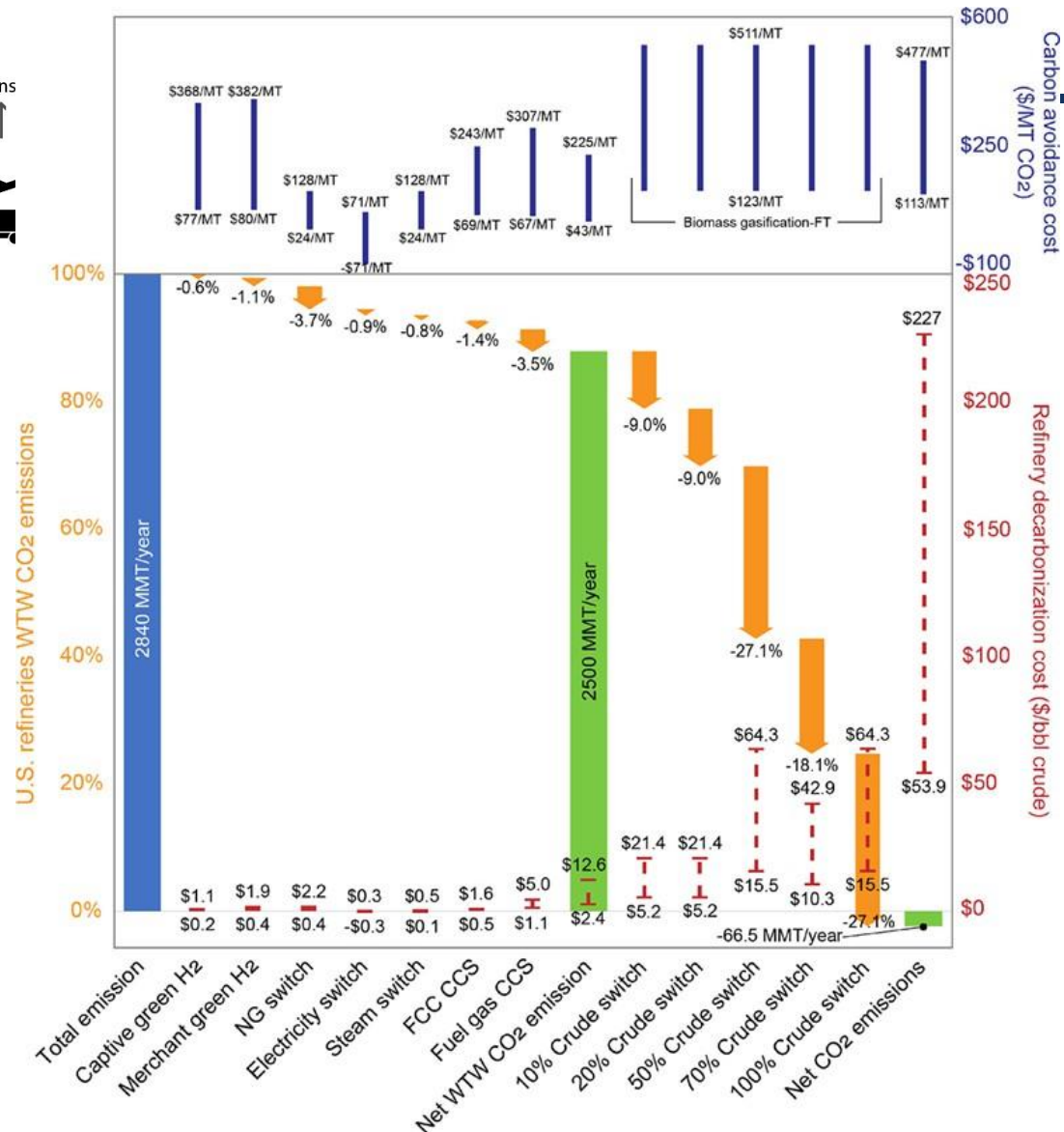
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## An Analysis of the Potential and Cost of the U.S. Refinery Sector Decarbonization

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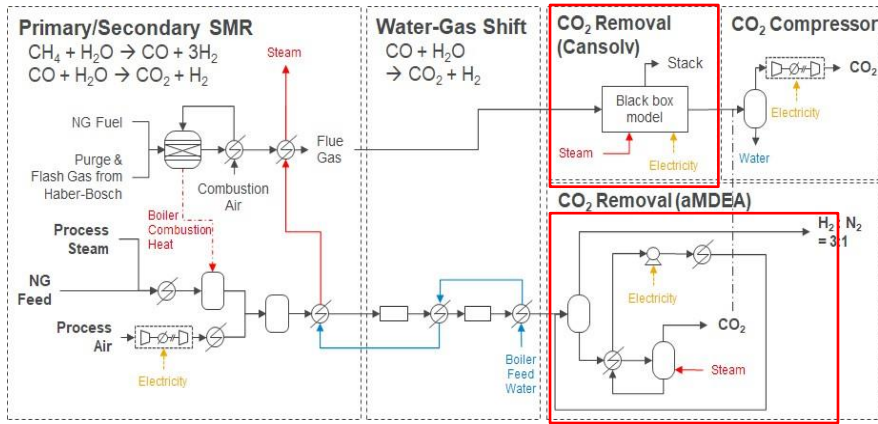


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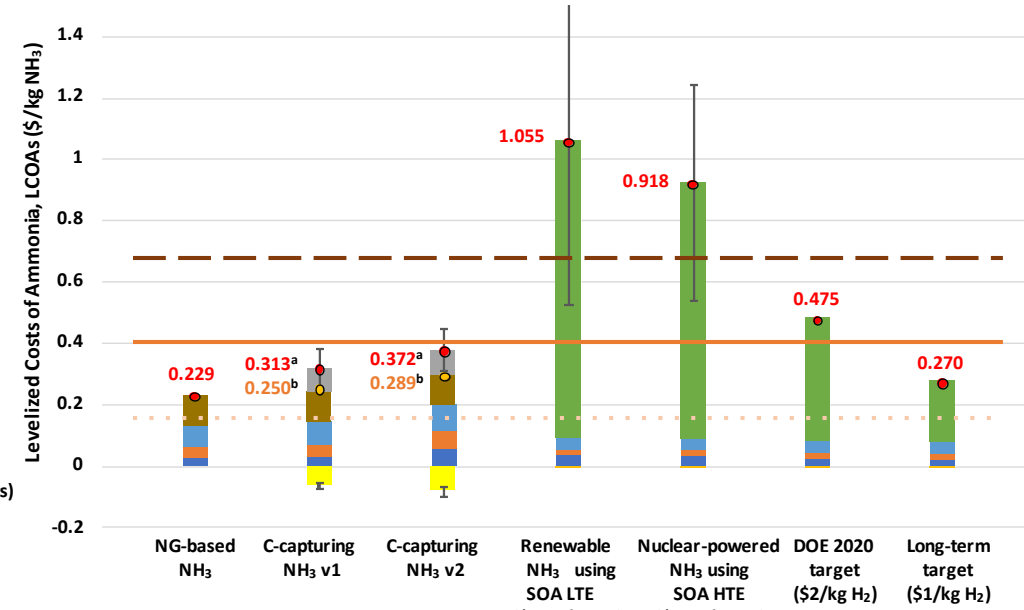
# Ammonia as fertilizer, fuel and H<sub>2</sub> carrier

## Ammonia production process modeling

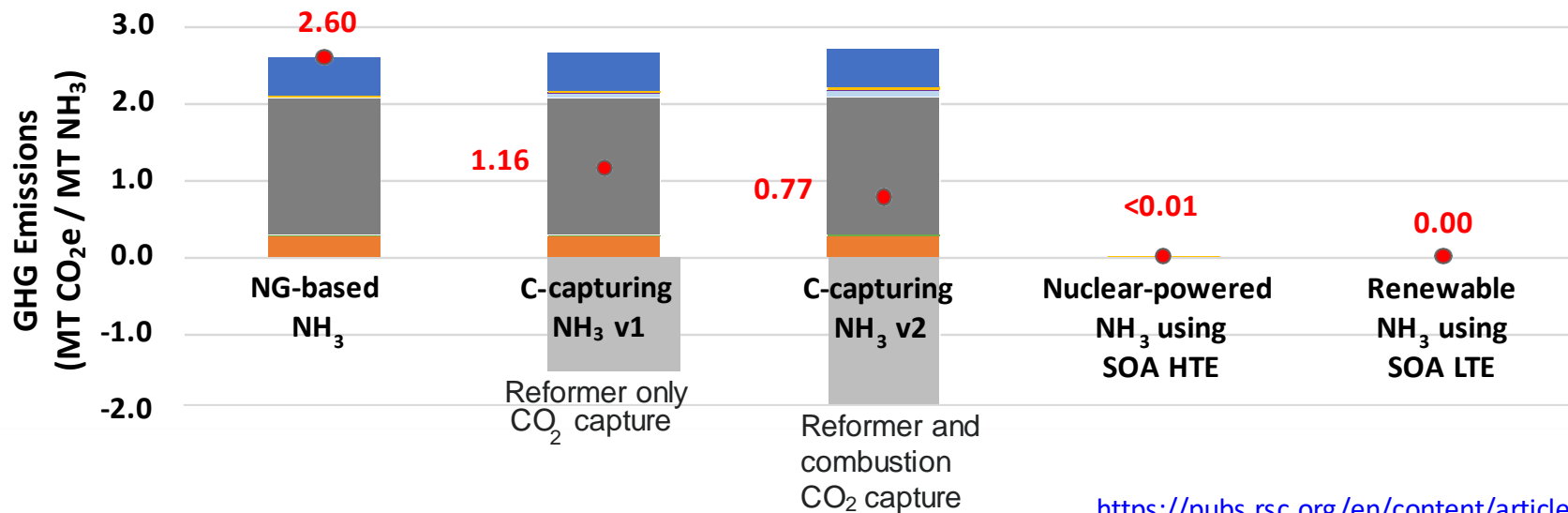


- CO<sub>2</sub> Transport Costs
- H<sub>2</sub> Feedstock Costs
- NG Feedstock Costs
- Other Variable Costs
- Fixed O&M
- Capital Costs
- 45Q CO<sub>2</sub> Tax Credits
- Byproduct Credits (O<sub>2</sub>)
- Maximum NH<sub>3</sub> Spot Price
- Average NH<sub>3</sub> Spot Price
- Minimum NH<sub>3</sub> Spot Price
- Baseline LCOA (no Tax Credits)
- Baseline LCOA (with Tax Credits)

## Techno-economic analysis

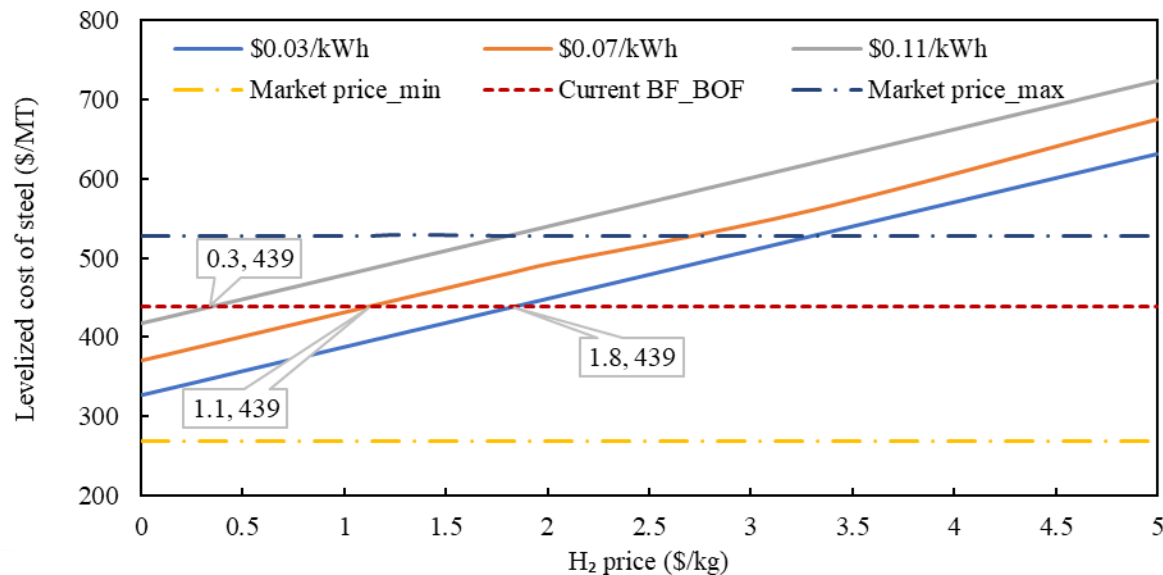
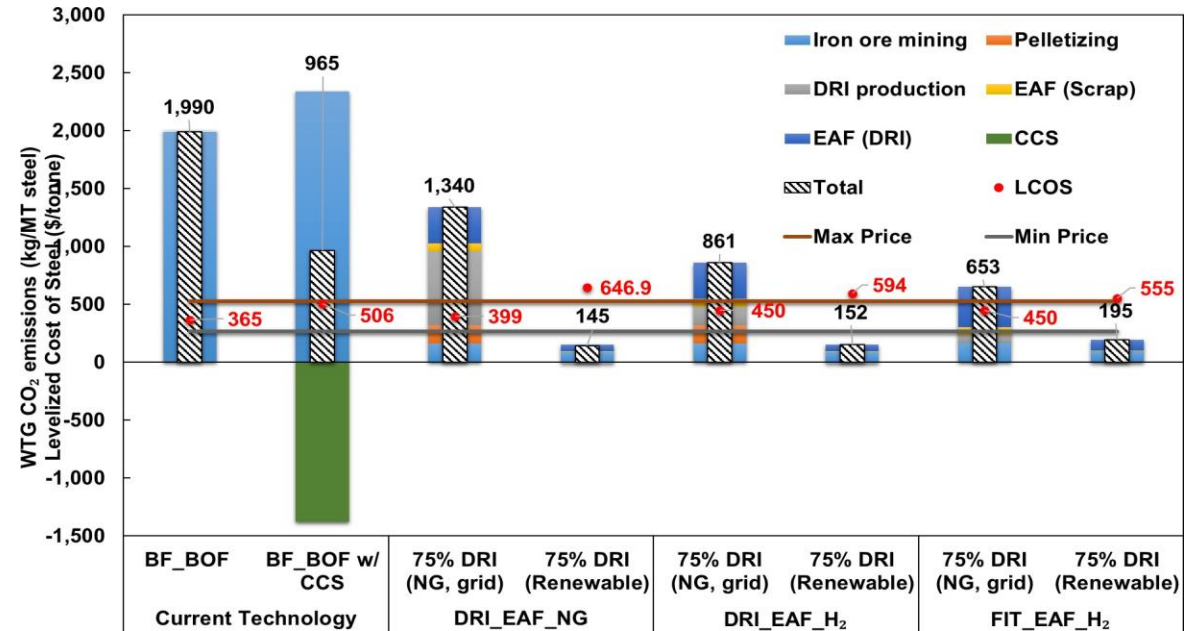
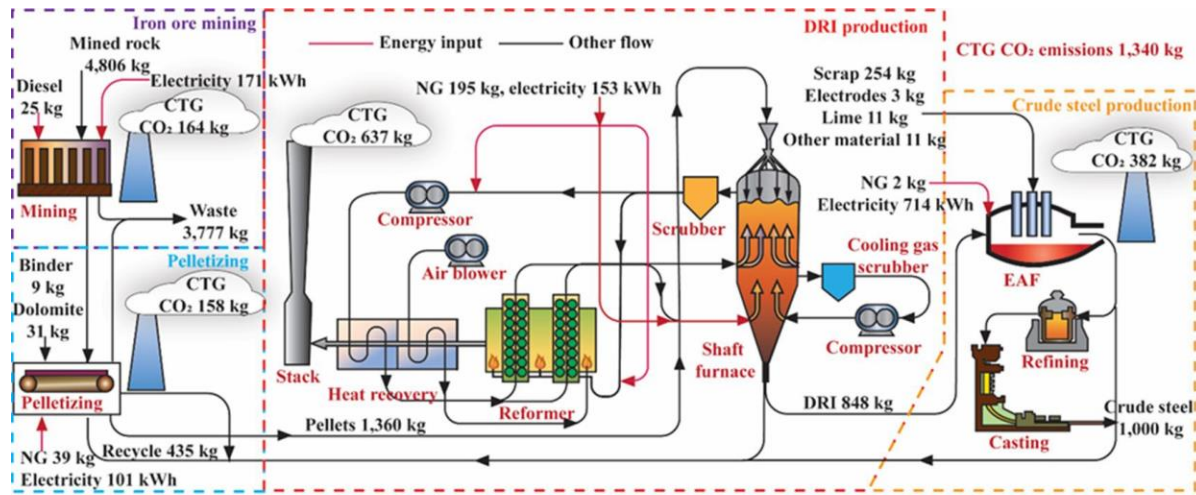


## Well-to-gate emissions



- H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> Production Upstream Emissions for NG Use
- H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> Production Upstream Emissions for Electricity Use
- H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> Production Onsite Emissions
- HB Loop Upstream Emissions for Electricity Use
- Boiler Flue Gas Onsite Emissions
- CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Compression Upstream Emissions for Electricity Use
- CO<sub>2</sub> Transport Upstream Emissions for Electricity Use
- Captured Onsite CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions
- Net WTG GHG Emissions

# Steel production using hydrogen in DRI technology

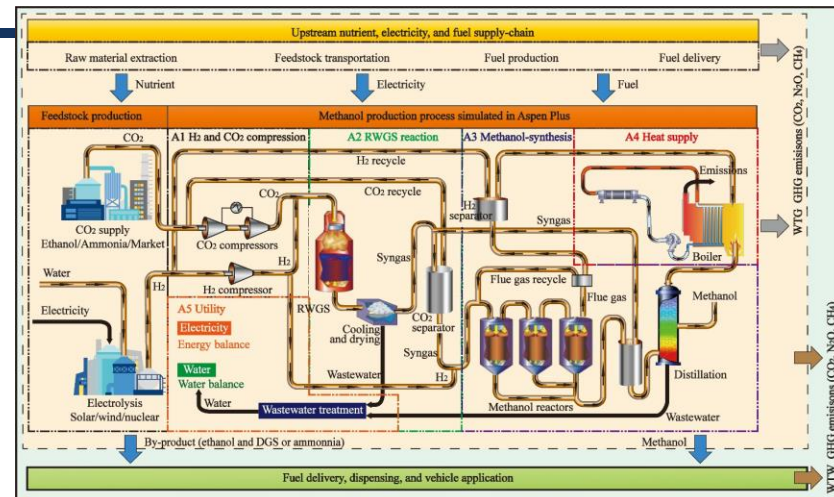


- NG=\$3.7/GJ, Elec =\$0.07/kWh, H<sub>2</sub>=\$1.3/kg
- The production cost with DRI-NG-EAF is similar with that of BF-BOF
- DRI-H<sub>2</sub> is more costly, and sensitive to H<sub>2</sub> price
- For DRI-H<sub>2</sub> steel to reach price parity with market price, H<sub>2</sub> cost needs to be \$1-2/kg H<sub>2</sub>
- IRA 45V incentivize DRI with H<sub>2</sub>

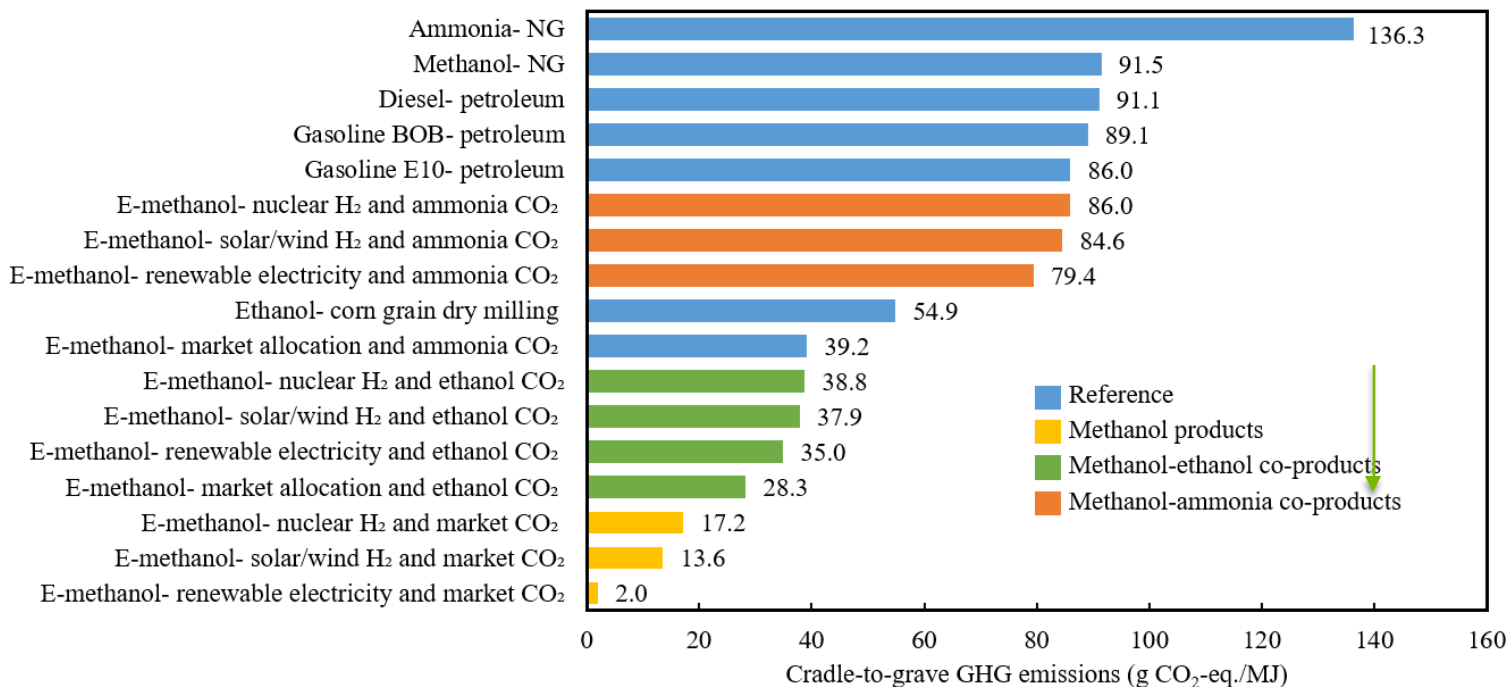
# e-methanol as chemical, fuel, H<sub>2</sub> carrier

- Methanol can be synthesized by using CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> via RWGS and methanol reaction
- CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub> → syngas → methanol

## Conversion process modeling

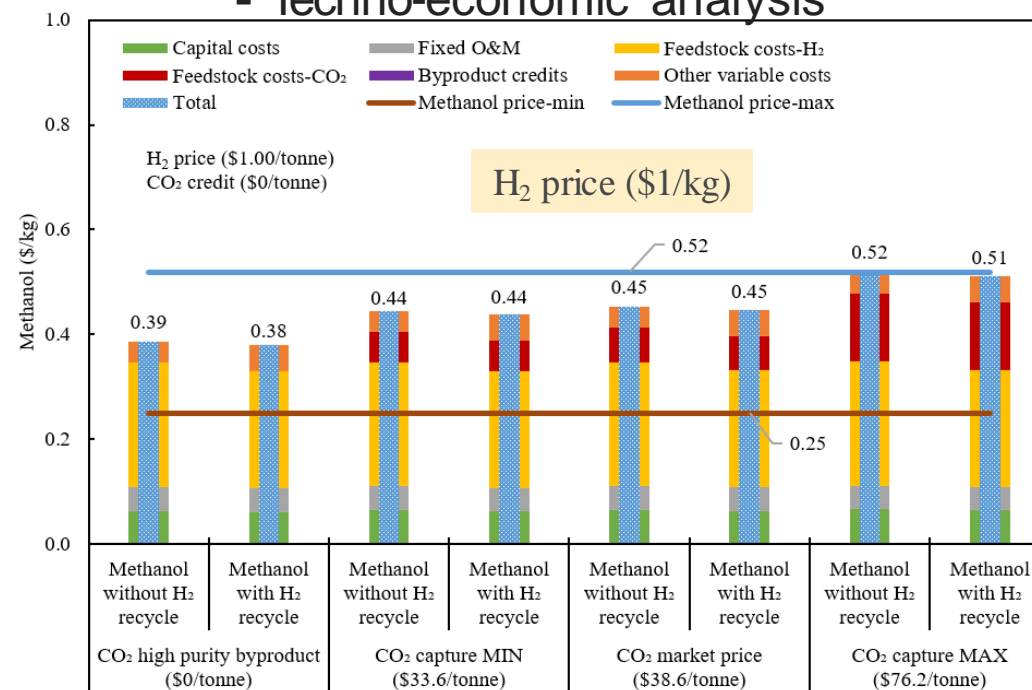


## Well-to-gate GHG emissions



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## Techno-economic analysis

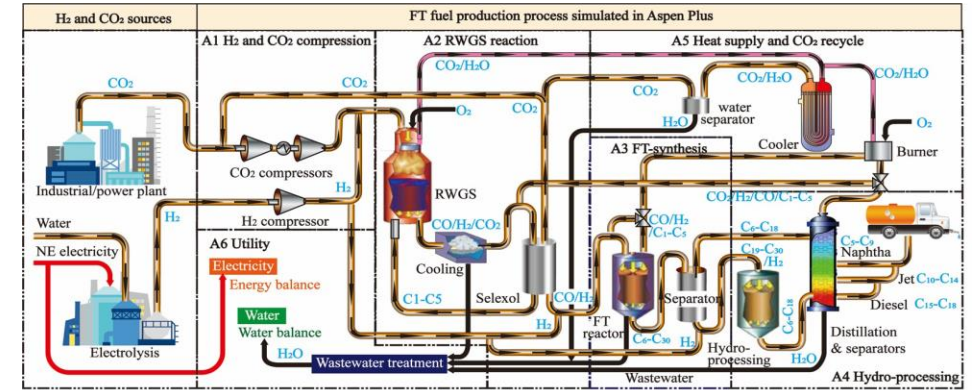




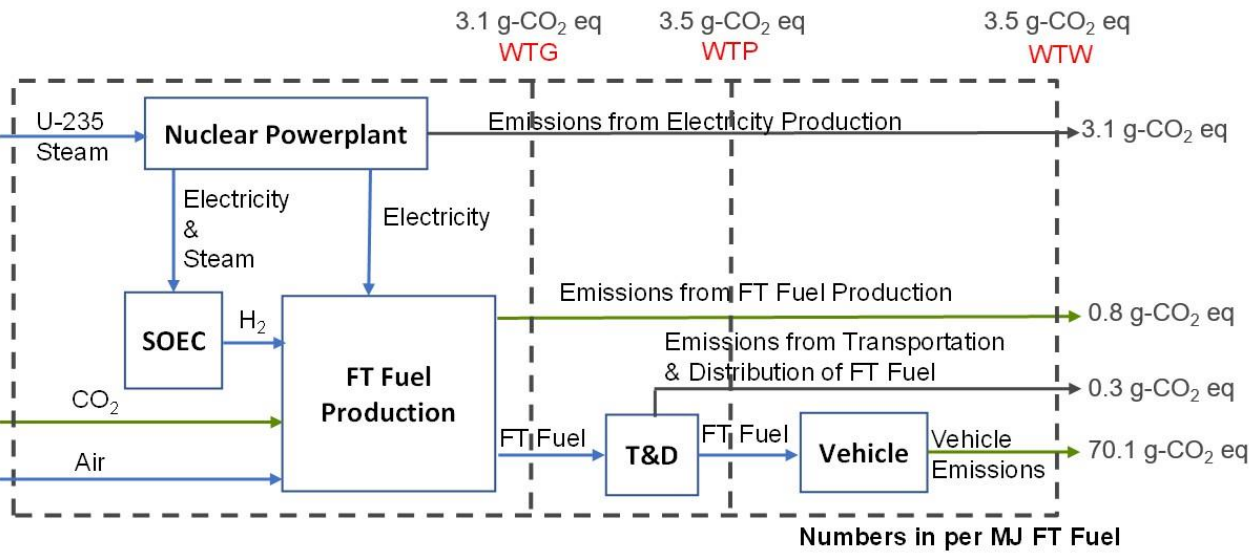
# e-fuels via Fischer-Tropsch (FT) process using $H_2 + CO_2$

- Conversion process modeling

- FT fuels can be synthesized by using  $CO_2$  and  $H_2$  via RWGS and FT reaction



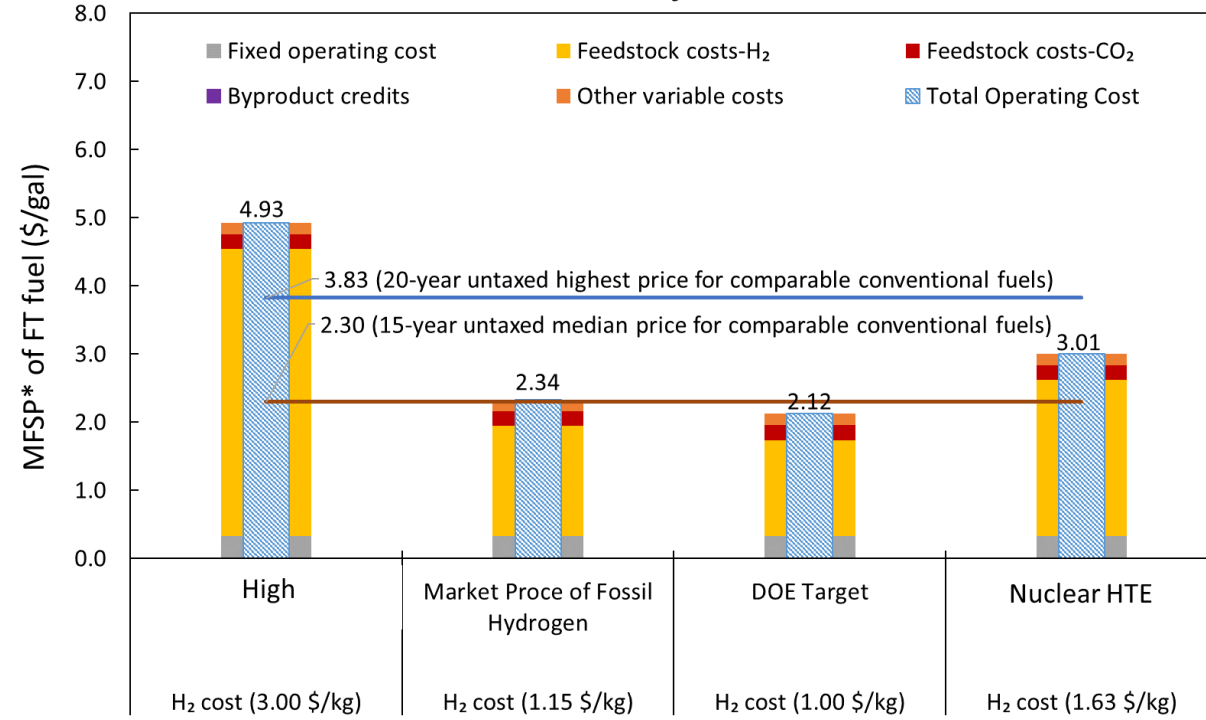
## Well-to-gate emissions of FT fuels



\*MSFP=minimum fuel selling price

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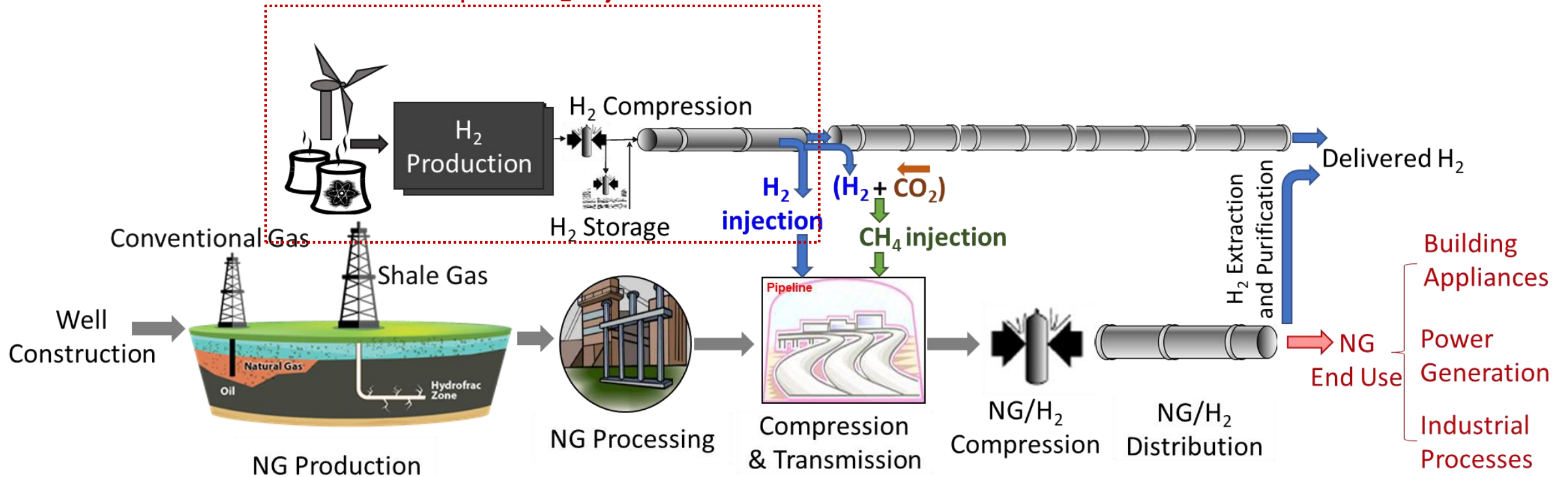
## Techno-economic analysis





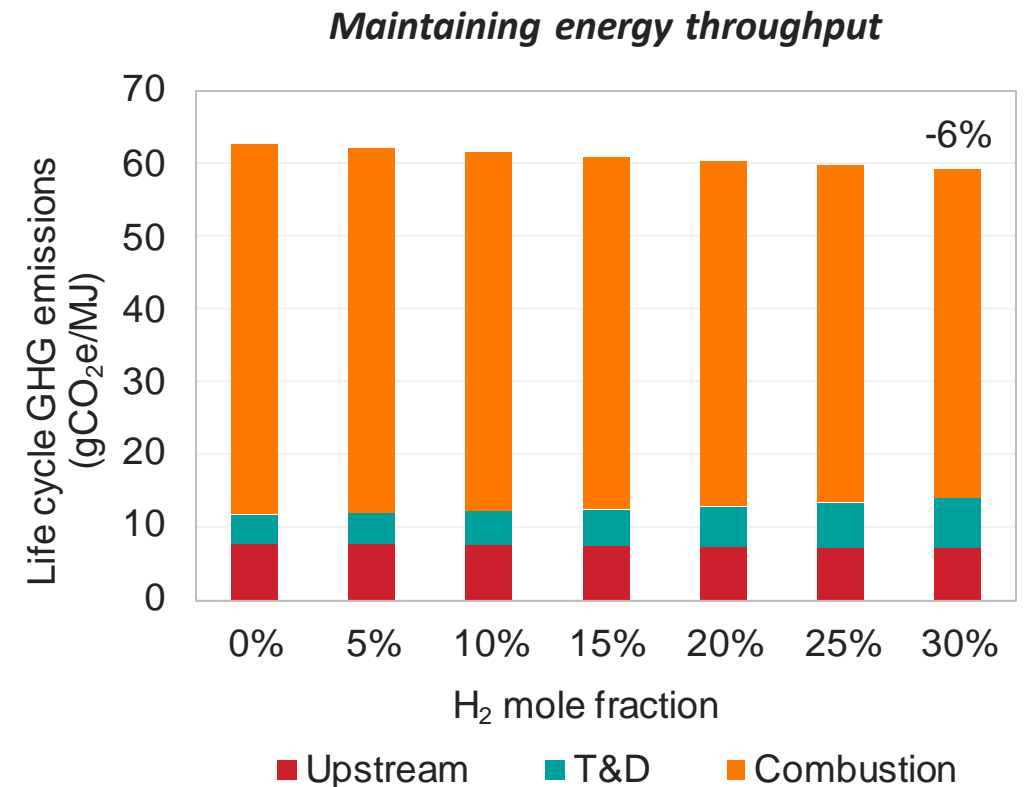
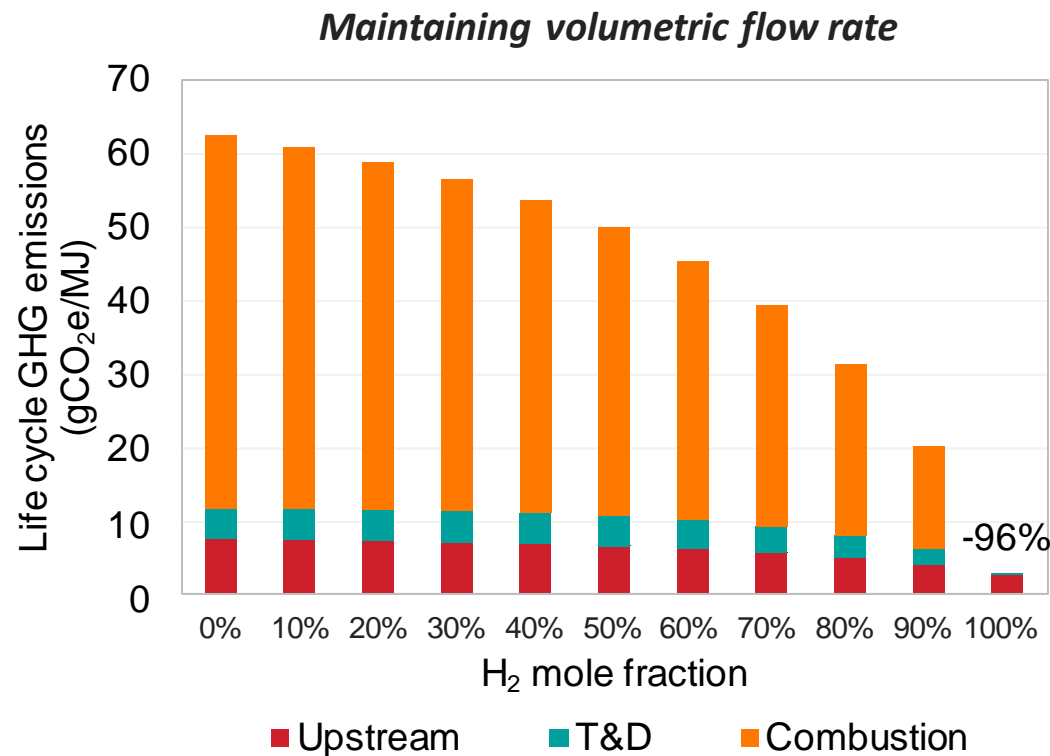
# H<sub>2</sub> Blending with natural gas: Energy, Environmental and economic Implications

Scope of H<sub>2</sub> injection



# Life cycle GHG emissions – Low-carbon H<sub>2</sub> (LTE with nuclear power)

- For a **constant energy delivery scenario**, T&D emissions increased with the H<sub>2</sub> content due to higher compression energy demand and fugitive emissions partially offsetting the benefit of blending zero carbon H<sub>2</sub>
- The net life cycle emissions are still reduced (-6%) at  $x_{H_2}=30\%$  due to lower H<sub>2</sub> upstream and combustion emissions of blend



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