

Hydrogen 101

Hydrogen and Analytical Tools Webinar Series

February 7, 2024

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Introduction to Hydrogen and Analytical Tools Workshop Series

Presented by Daniella Rough, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Overview of Workshop Series

Title	Description	Proposed Date
#1: Hydrogen 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hydrogen Considerations Tree - US National Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap - Key considerations and tools used for hydrogen market analysis 	7 February
#2: Hydrogen to Support Climate Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential for hydrogen, and its derivatives to decarbonize domestic, commercial, and hard-to-decarbonize sectors. - Overview of the “Greenhouse gases, regulated emissions, and energy use in technologies” (GREET) Model 	21 February
#3: Technical Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical considerations and challenges of hydrogen production, storage, and transport - Application of the Hydrogen Analysis Production (H2A) tool: Transparent cost analysis methodology for hydrogen production at centralized and distributed facilities 	March
#4: Hydrogen Markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Techno-economic considerations for near- and long-term hydrogen (+ derivatives) markets - Example analysis and tools for demand projections 	March
#5: International Hydrogen Landscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy and regulatory enabling conditions (e.g. standards, certifications, incentives) to support hydrogen markets - Environmental, social, health and safety considerations - Life cycle analysis for certification and compliance purposes (GREET) 	April
#6: Analytical Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analytic tools and datasets to support hydrogen analysis (regional, technical, economic, social), and decision-making - Overview and application of the Revenue, Operation, and Device Optimization (RODeO) tool: Explores optimal system design and operation - Overview and application of the Scenario Evaluation and Regionalization Analysis (SERA) tool: Provides insights that can guide hydrogen infrastructure development and transportation investment decisions (city to national levels). 	April
#7: Applying Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrated exercises to apply acquired knowledge into country-specific structure, roadmap, and prioritization framework - Summary of key takeaways from training program and next steps - Application of the Hydrogen Financial Analysis Scenario Tool (H2FAST) tool: Provides a quick and convenient in-depth financial analysis for hydrogen projects 	May

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Today's Agenda

Speaker	Topic	Duration
Daniella Rough	Introduction to Hydrogen and Analytical Tools Workshop Series	5 minutes
Aaron Ng	Introduction to the Clean Energy Solutions Center	3 mins
Daniella Rough & Omar Guerra	Introduction to the Hydrogen Considerations Tree, developed through the USAID-NREL Partnership	25 mins
Neha Rustagi	U.S. National Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap	20 mins
Campbell Howe	Takeaways from Report "Pathways to Commercial Liftoff - Clean Hydrogen"	20 mins
Misho Penev	Overview of DOE Laboratory Tools for Hydrogen Supply Chain Analysis	30 mins
Wrap-up, final questions, and next steps		Remaining time

Overview of the Clean Energy Solutions Center

Presented by Aaron Ng, U.S. Department of Energy

The Clean Energy Solutions Center

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.

ACTIONS

- **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.
- **Serve** as a first-stop clearinghouse of clean energy policy resources, including policy best practices, data, and analysis tools.

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UPDATES

Website:

www.cleanenergyministerial.org/initiatives-campaigns/clean-energy-solutions-center

Factsheet:

www.nrel.gov/docs/fy22osti/83658.pdf

Requests: Now accepting Ask an Expert requests!

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.
- Responded to **300+** requests submitted by **90+** governments and regional organizations from developing nations since inception



Training and Capacity Building

- Delivered over **300** webinars training more than **20,000** public & private sector stakeholders.



Resource Library

- Over **1,500** curated reports, policy briefs, journal articles, etc.



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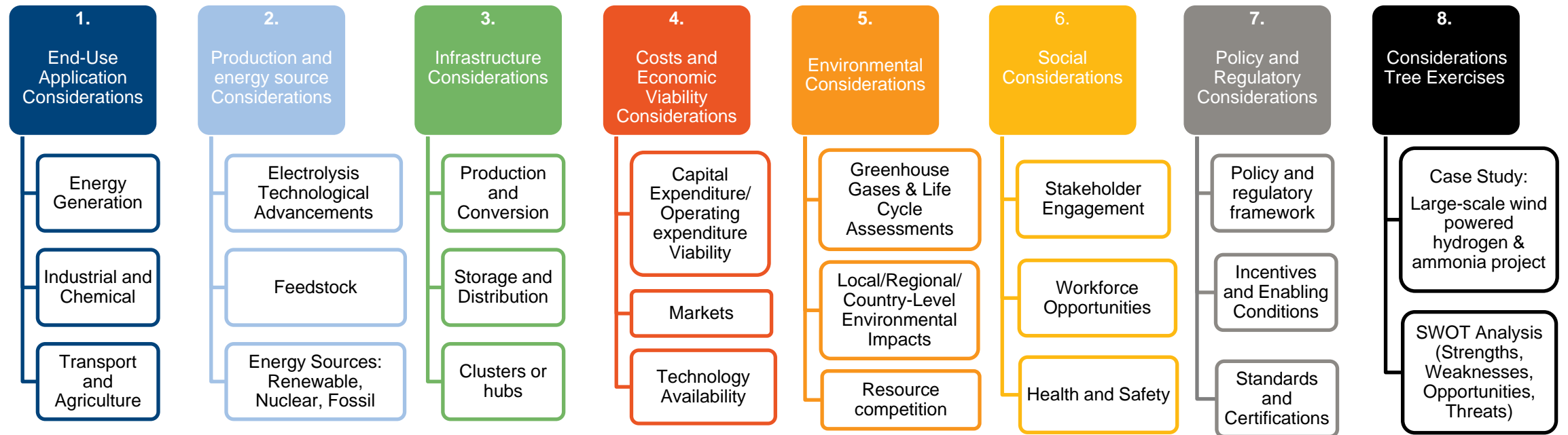
Navigating Key Considerations for Developing a Clean Hydrogen Landscape

7 February 2024



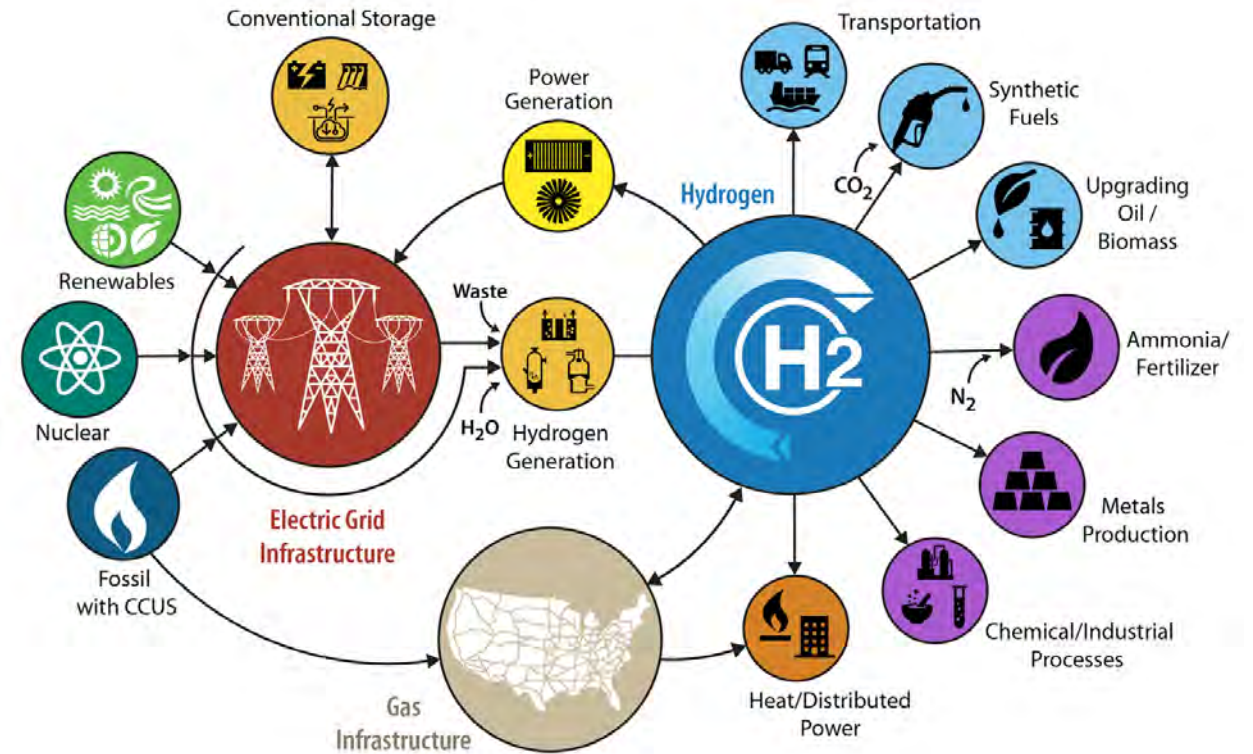
Guiding Sustainable Hydrogen Integration: USAID-NREL Partnership's Capacity-Building Approach

- **Background:** Growing need from Missions and country partners to respond to requests related to hydrogen, and key considerations in costs, benefits and tradeoffs when making strategy, policy and investment decisions.
- **Objective:** Build understanding and capacity of USAID Missions and country partners to make informed decisions, as they look to potentially support hydrogen and its derivatives.
- **Format:** Key topics are organized into a “considerations tree” to help stakeholders think through technical, regulatory, economic, environmental, social, and analytical questions.



Hydrogen is a versatile energy carrier.

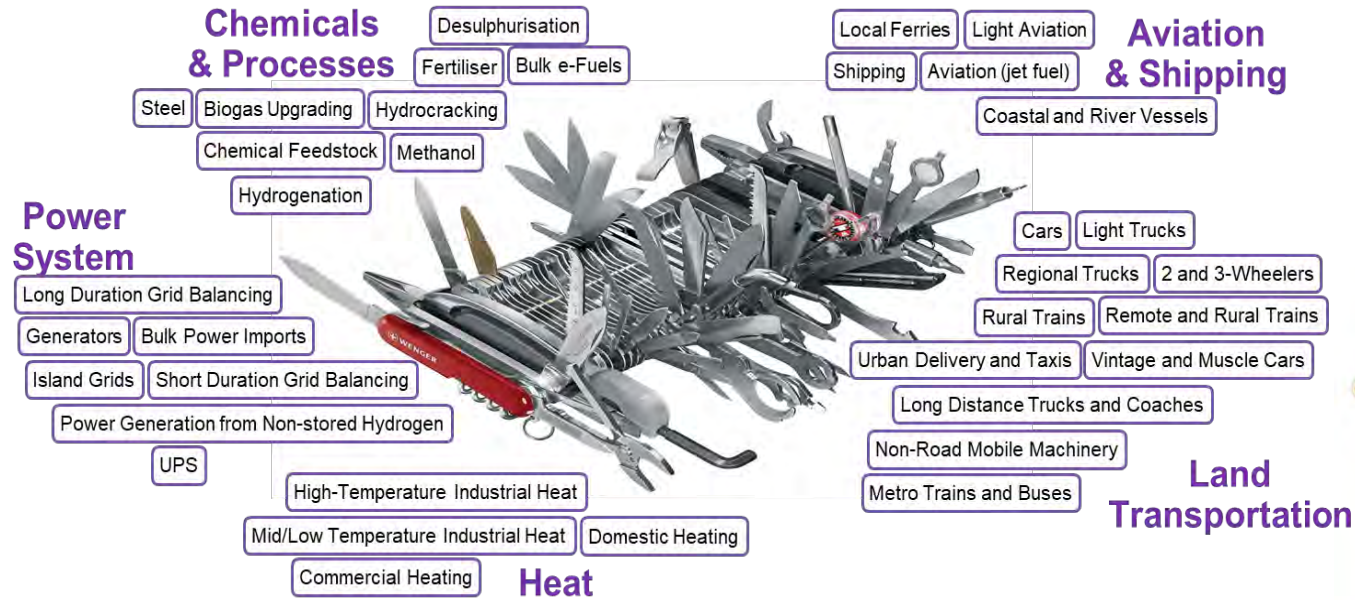
- Hydrogen can be produced via **electrolysis** using electricity from renewable energy (e.g. wind and solar), hydropower, or nuclear energy, it can be found naturally in **geologic reserves**, produced from **gasification** of biomass, or other more conventional production pathways (e.g. **steam methane reformation** from natural gas)
- Electrolysis of water using 100% renewable energy produces **zero direct carbon emissions**
- Hydrogen can be used in different sectors of the economy. For example, the transport sector, **refineries**, **fertilizer** production, **chemical** production, **steel**, **cement kilns**, and other industrial applications



Source: DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office. H2@Scale. <https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/h2scale>.

Hydrogen – Climate’s Swiss Army Knife?

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

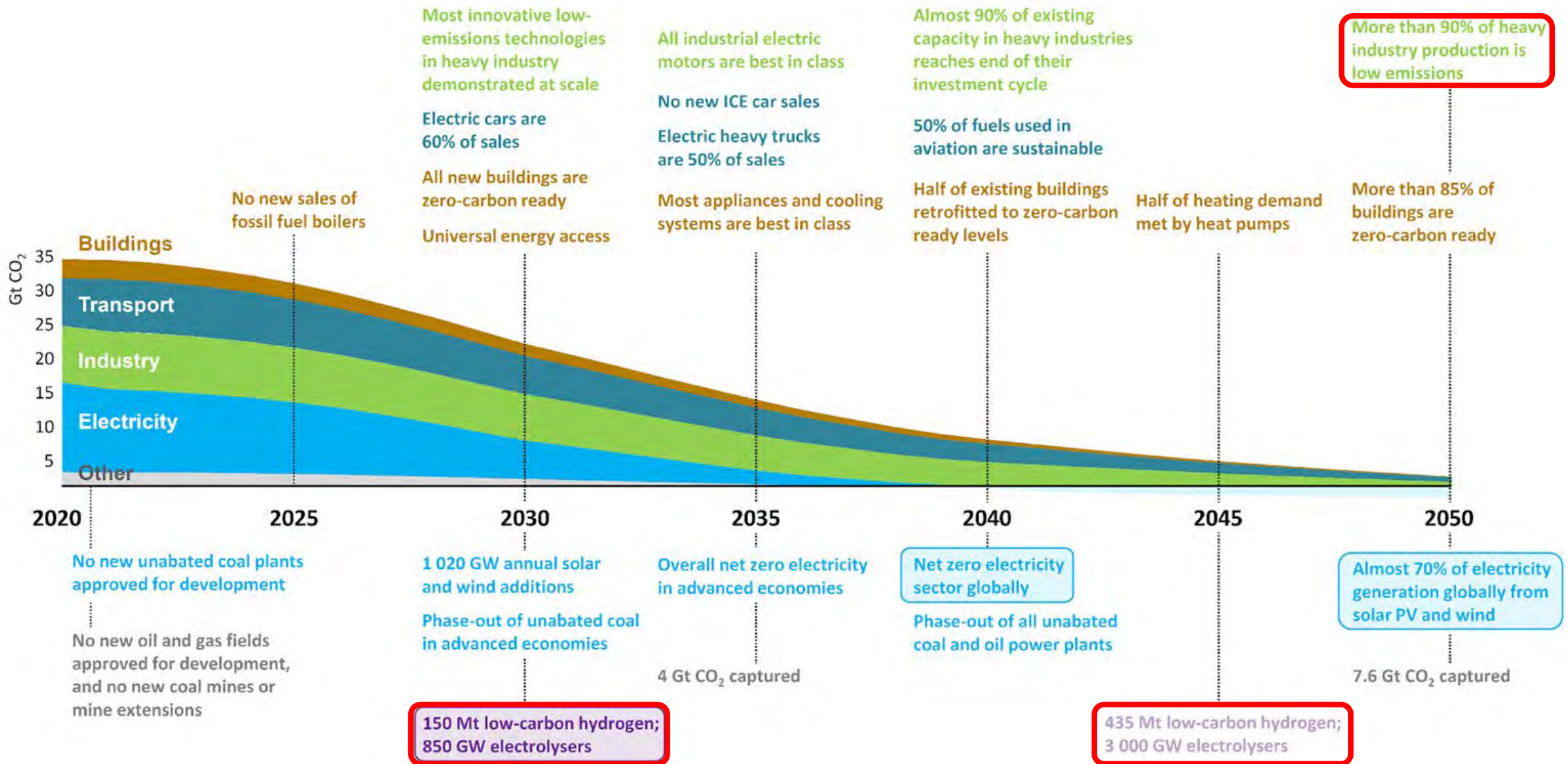


Source: Michael Liebreich/Liebreich Associates, [Clean Hydrogen Ladder, Version 5.0, 2023](#). Concept credit: Adrian Hiel, Energy Cities. Image: Wenger (concept credit: Paul Martin). [CC-BY 4.0](#)

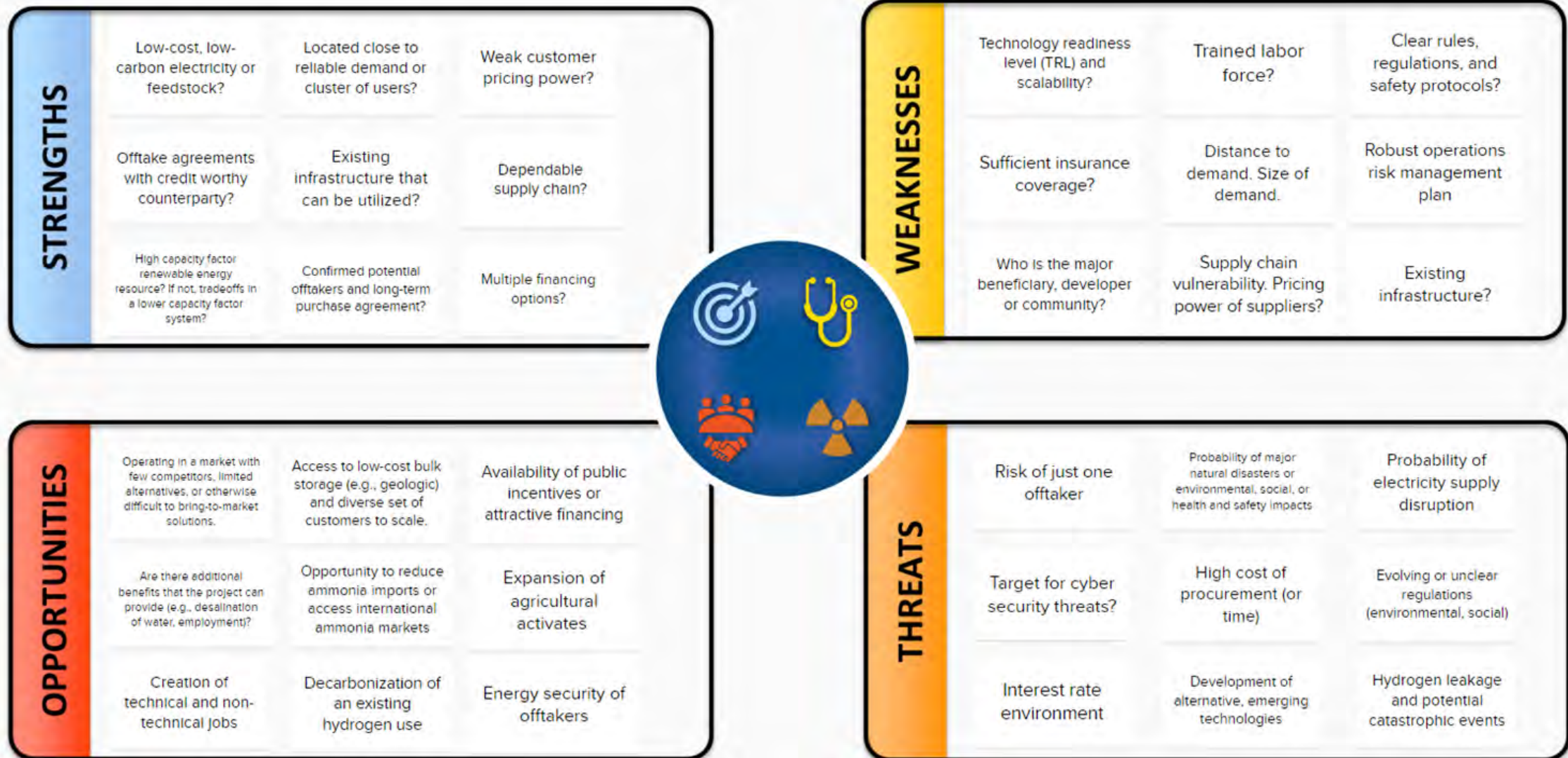
But would you build your house with one?



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

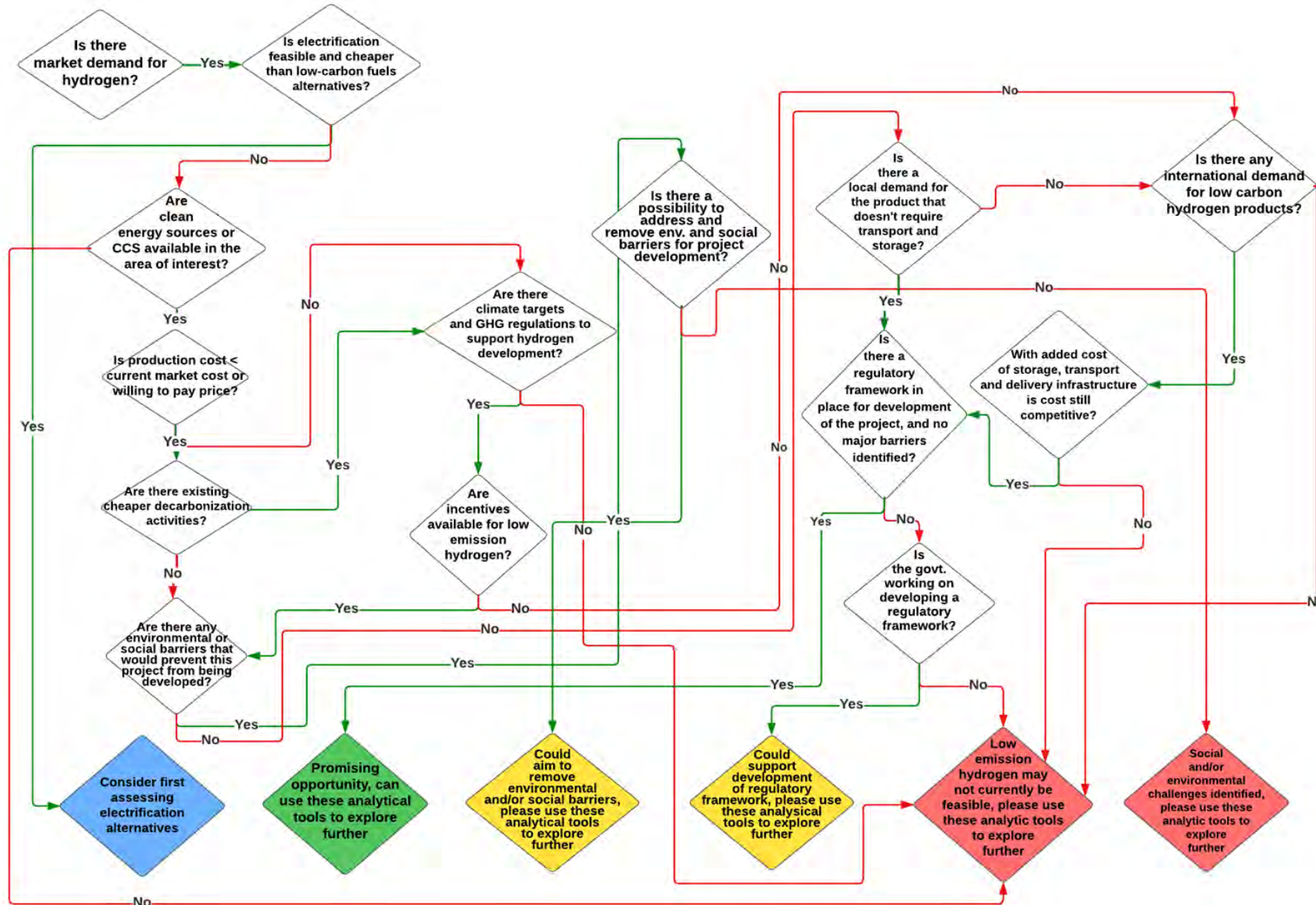


SWOT Analysis - Guiding Questions



Navigating Hydrogen Considerations Tree Flow Chart for Potential Projects

Start Here:



Note: This flow chart is intended to provide a very high-level overview of considerations and questions, to be used for qualitative discussion purposes.

It should not be used to make investment decisions.

Promising Opportunity to Explore Further

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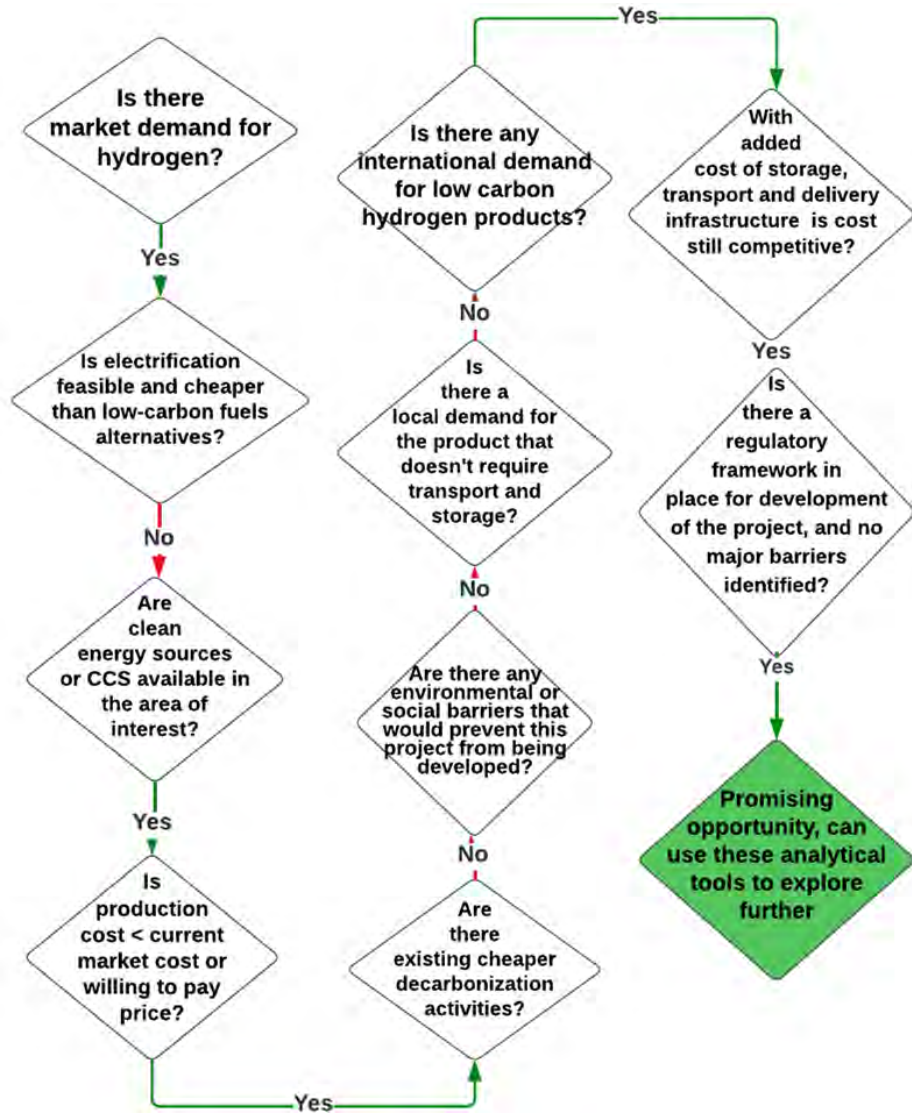
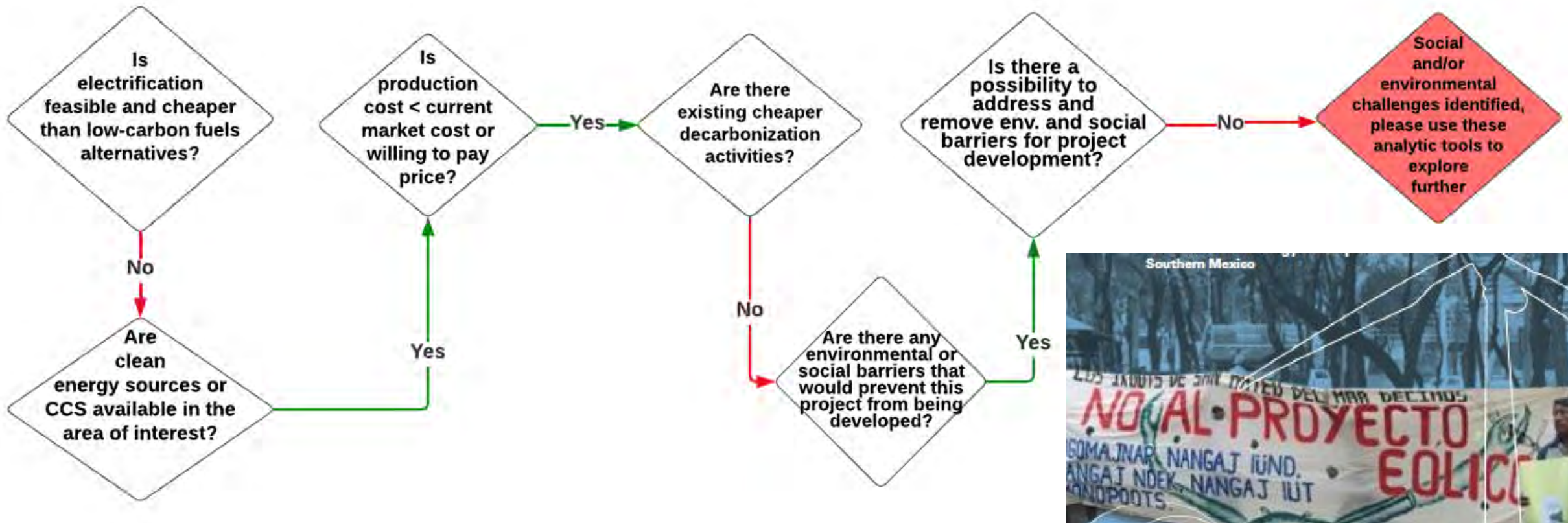


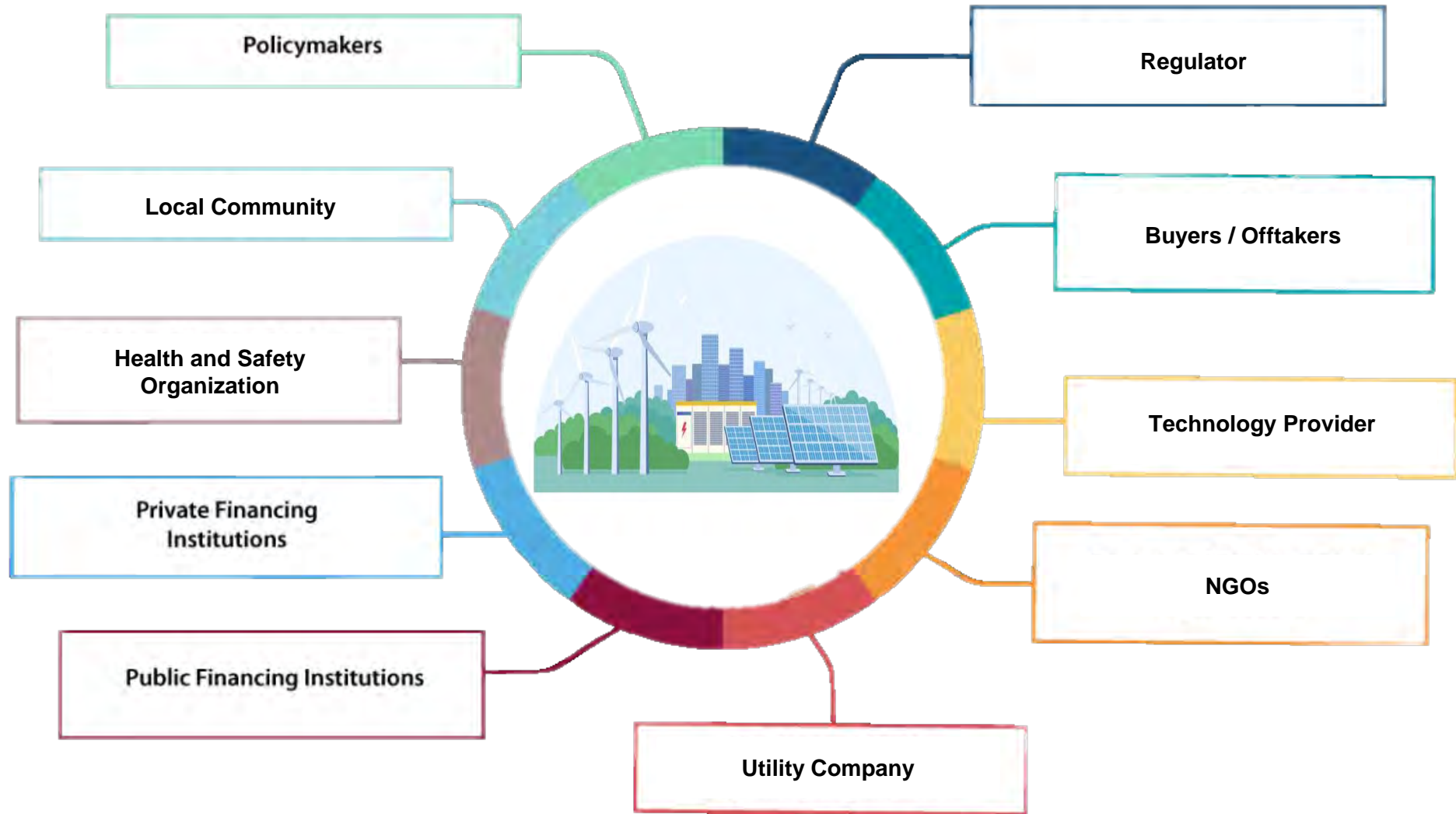
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Significant Barrier(s) Identified

Start here



Integrating Diverse Stakeholders



Hydrogen decision-making requires review of social considerations.

- **Land use and access:**
 - Land ownership models (leasing versus purchasing)?
- **Stakeholder engagement**
 - What is the local perception of the project?
 - Have local workforce opportunities been identified and supported?
 - Value chain & supply chain risks?
- **Water usage:**
 - Is there water competition with agriculture, human consumption, or productive uses?
 - Does the project contribute to fresh water supply with a desalinization plant?
- **Human health and safety:**
 - Have human safety risks been mitigated?
- **Regulatory framework for successful stakeholder engagement:**
 - Existing regulations for stakeholder engagement?



Source: United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>



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Hydrogen decision-making requires review of environmental considerations.

- **Land Use and Access:**
 - Land availability for infrastructure?
 - Resource utilization and land disruption?
- **Water Usage:**
 - Water requirements for hydrogen production considered?
 - Potential impacts on ecosystems and local communities?
- **Waste:**
 - Is there a waste disposal plan in place?
 - How is brine and other discharge being managed?
- **Sustainability:**
 - Are renewable energy resources being utilized where possible?
- **Carbon Emissions and LCA:**
 - Calculated reductions in carbon emissions and air pollutants?
 - 3rd party verification (e.g., LCA and CCUS)?
 - Potential for leakage (GWP of hydrogen >10 x CO₂)?



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Hydrogen decision-making requires a thorough review of end-use applications and considerations.

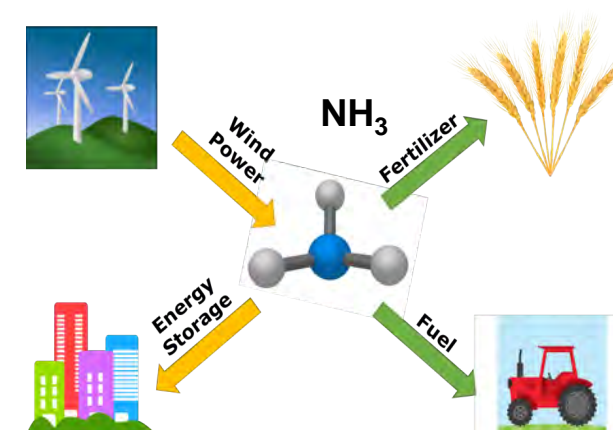
- **Analysis of alternatives:**
 - Hydrogen or e-fuels, versus electrification, biofuels, or other alternative?
- **Transport:**
 - Heavy or long-distance transport fleets?
 - Decarbonizing shipping, aviation, or other specialty and hard-to-abate sectors?
- **Industrial:**
 - Industrial clusters nearby?
 - Are there premiums or incentives? (e.g. for green steel or concrete)
- **Chemical industry:**
 - Proximity to an ammonia market or port?
- **Agriculture:**
 - Proximity to agricultural regions or clusters?
- **Need for storage:**
 - High variable renewable energy (VRE) targets?
 - High seasonal variability of renewable energy resources?



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Green ammonia offers near-term opportunities for the deployment of clean hydrogen.

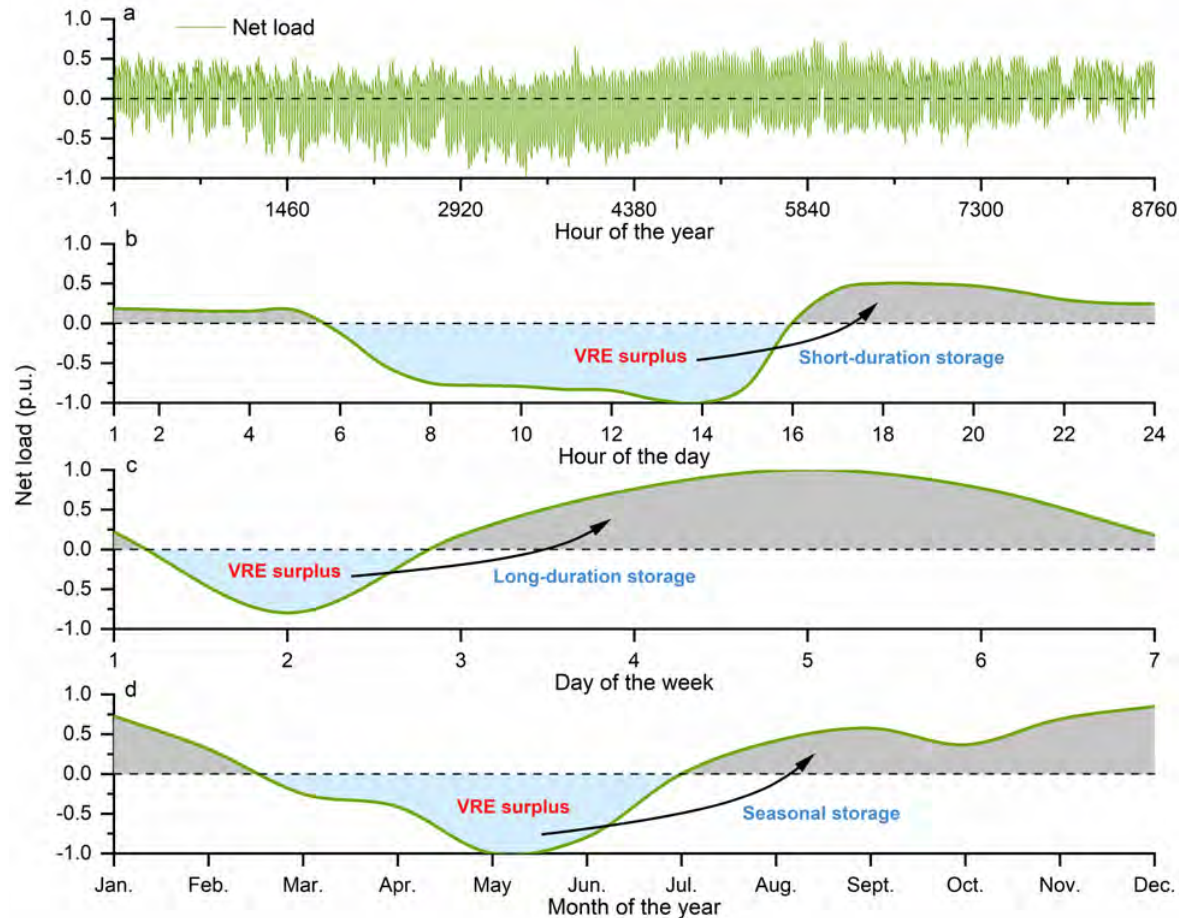
- **Key opportunity:**
 - High energy intensity and hydrogen content
 - Liquefaction at near room temperature (20°C at 7.5 bar)
 - Already produced large-scale and traded globally
 - Near-term domestic market and existing infrastructure
 - Energy security, especially where ammonia is imported
 - Can be used directly in some applications (e.g. fertilizers, power generation, maritime fuel)
 - High economic opportunity for domestic use versus export
- **Co-located systems – multiple benefits:**
 - Desalination plant
 - Renewable energy generation
 - Hydrogen production
 - Ammonia production
- **Key considerations:**
 - Low TRL of dynamic operation and cracking (NH₃ as energy carrier)
 - Not yet competitive with conventional sources
 - Toxic and corrosive gas



Source: UMN, Michael Reese and Jennifer King (NREL)

Seasonal energy storage for the power sector is a potential future application for clean hydrogen, especially with high integration of variable renewable energy.

Multi-scale energy storage needs for 95% carbon-free CAISO power system
(28.4% wind and 51.5% solar PV energy share)

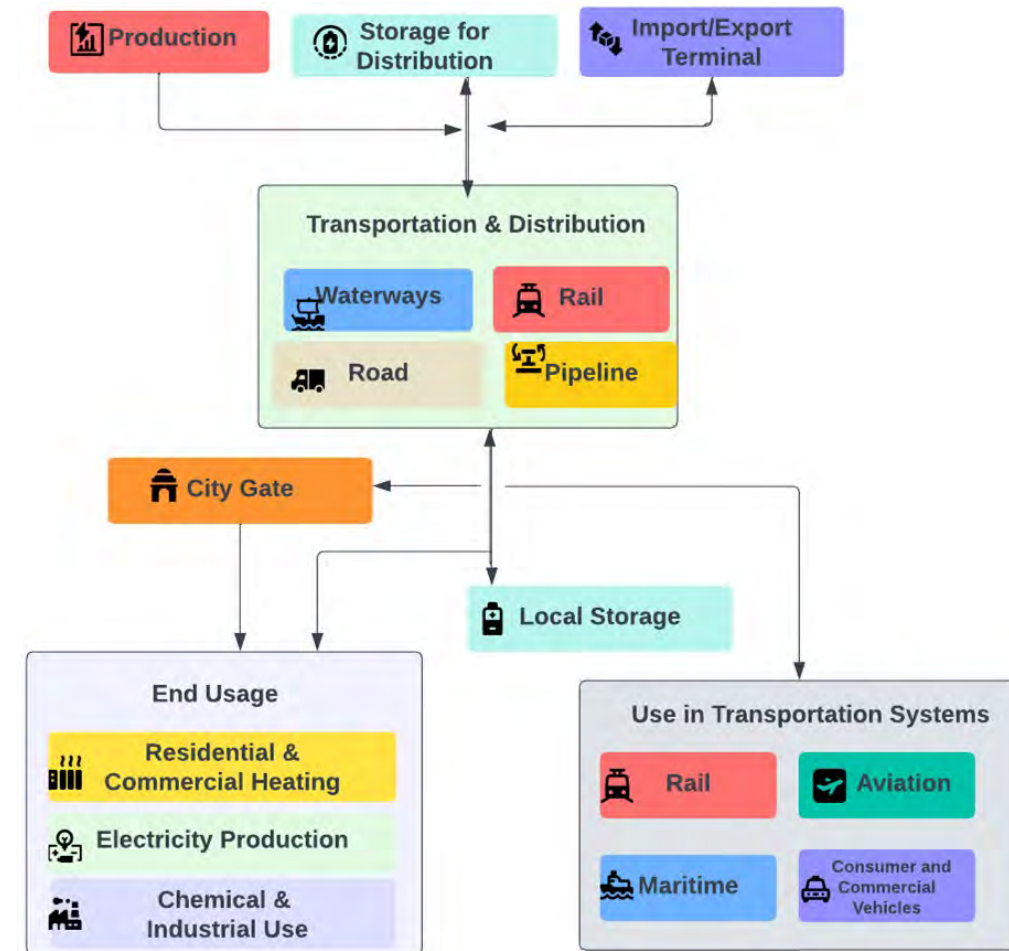


Definitions:

- **Net load:** electricity demand minus variable renewable energy (VRE), e.g., wind plus solar PV power.
- **Short-duration storage:** up to 10 hours of discharge duration at rated power before the energy capacity is depleted (typically lithium-ion batteries)
- **Long-duration energy storage:** discharge duration >10 hours and <100 hours (e.g. compressed air energy storage (CAES), pumped hydro storage (PHS), flow batteries)
- **Seasonal energy storage:** discharge duration >100 hours (e.g. hydrogen, methanol, etc.)

Hydrogen decision-making requires review of policy and regulatory considerations.

- **Policy landscape and regulatory frameworks:**
 - Regulatory framework for production, storage, transportation?
 - Emissions reduction targets that can drive greater adoption?
- **Incentives and Support Programs:**
 - Government incentives or subsidies available for hydrogen?
 - Carbon market or pricing mechanisms available?
- **Regulations:**
 - Safety standards developed?
 - National and/or international certification schemes?
- **Safety and Handling:**
 - Safety protocols and programs for handling, storing, distribution and operation of hydrogen and its derivatives?
- **International Collaboration:**
 - International cooperation supporting the project(s)?
 - Established standardization to enable cross-border trade?



Source: Baird, Austin R., Brian D. Ehrhart, Austin M. Glover, and Chris B. Lafleur. 2021. *Federal Oversight of Hydrogen Systems*. SAND2021-2955. Albuquerque, NM: Sandia National Laboratory. https://energy.sandia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/H2-Regulatory-Map-Report_SAND2021-2955.pdf.

Hydrogen decision-making requires review of costs and economic viability considerations.

- **Capital Costs:**
 - Costs of infrastructure, land, new hydrogen production facilities?
 - High interest rates or costs of capital?
- **Operational Costs:**
 - Costs of energy, maintenance, water, land, insurance?
- **Economic viability:**
 - Available financing options?
 - Attractive revenue streams?
 - Investment and tax incentives available?
- **Market Demand:**
 - Existing market?
 - Domestic demand versus international export?
- **Market dynamics:**
 - Changing regulatory or certification requirements?
 - Reliable pricing projections for products?
 - Supply chain risks?



Hydrogen markets require reliable energy sources and technology readiness.

- **Energy Source:**
 - High local availability and quality of renewable energy?
 - Competitive costs of power generation (\$/MWh)?
 - Climate change risk? (e.g., hydropower)
 - Risk of stranded assets?
- **Feedstock sustainability and supply chain risks:**
 - Sustainable supply of water?
 - Sustainable source of CO₂ for e-fuels?
 - Supply chain limitations, e.g. critical minerals and platinum for PEM electrolyzers?
 - Carbon capture and storage potential for “blue hydrogen”
- **Technological Advancements:**
 - Recent advances in production technologies?
 - High / low technology readiness level (TRL)?
 - Efficiency of production technologies and catalysts?

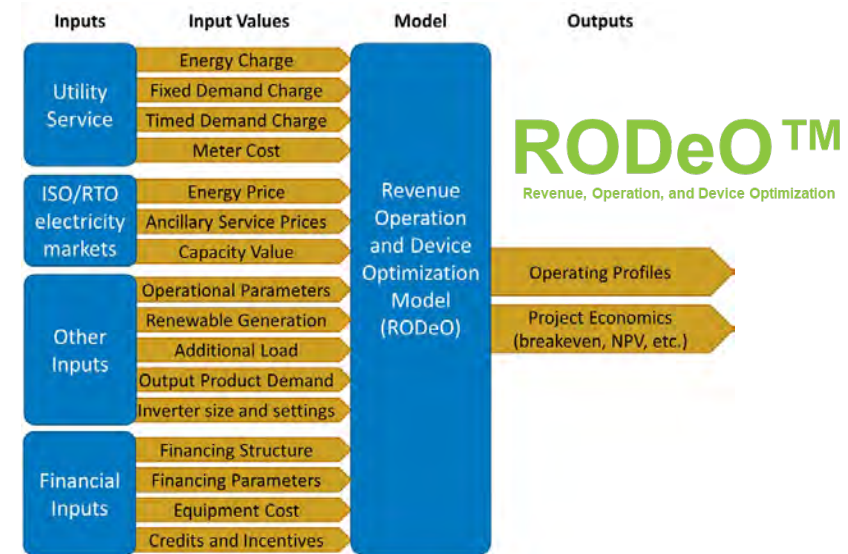


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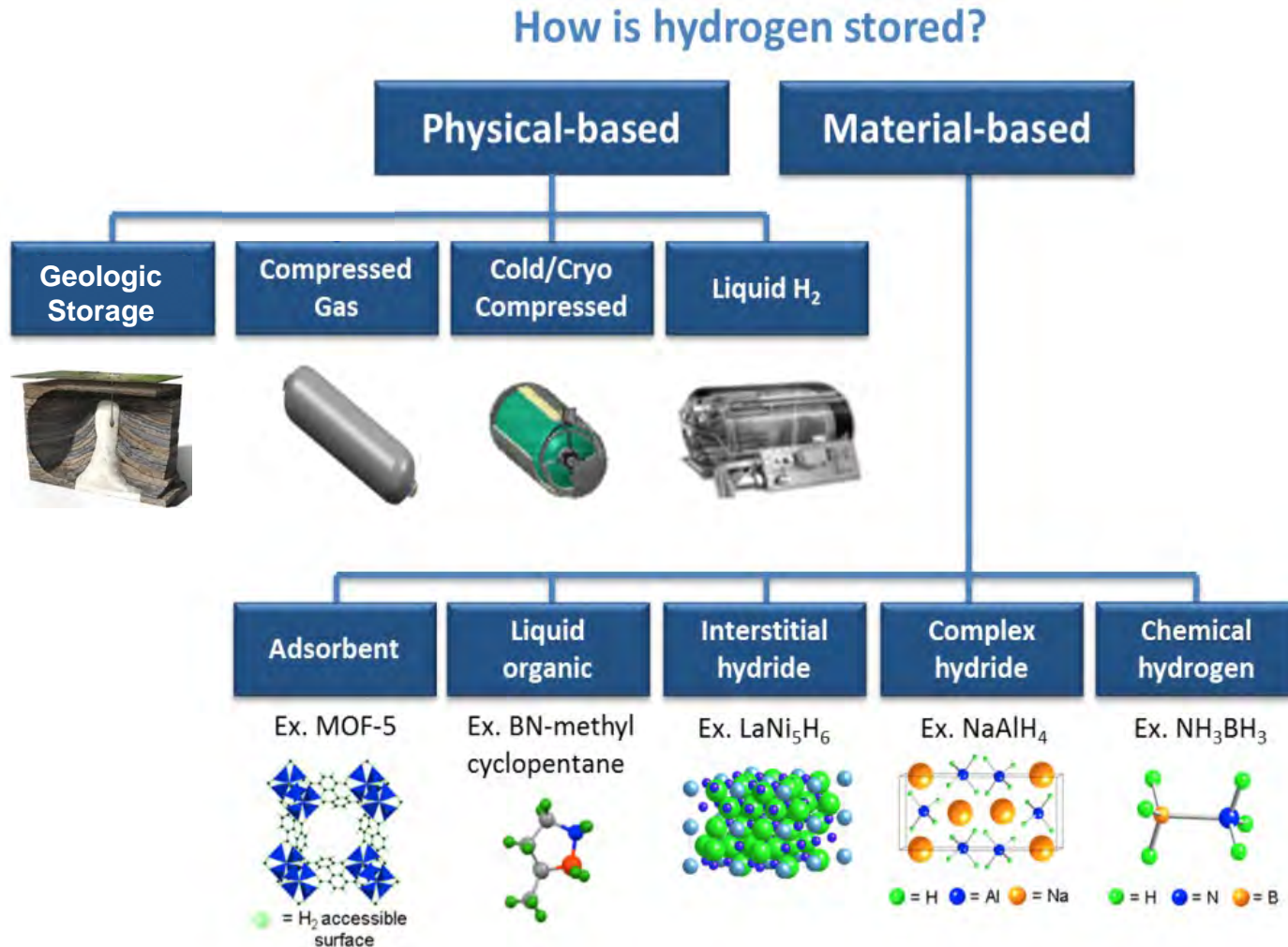
Hydrogen decision-making requires a thorough review of infrastructure considerations.

- **Hydrogen/Derivative Production**
 - Available infrastructure for renewable energy electricity generation?
 - Co-located infrastructure (e.g. desalination plant)?
- **Storage:**
 - Storage opportunities in the area (e.g. underground)?
- **Transportation and Distribution:**
 - Material adequacy of existing pipelines for natural gas blending?
 - Refueling stations, transportation corridors?
- **End-use:**
 - Proximity to clusters or potential hubs?
 - Industrial/chemical sectors, ports, trucking operations, mining nearby?
 - Potential for retrofitting existing production facilities (e.g. ammonia, steel)?



Photo by Dennis Schroeder, NREL 40080

There are various options for hydrogen storage and conversion.

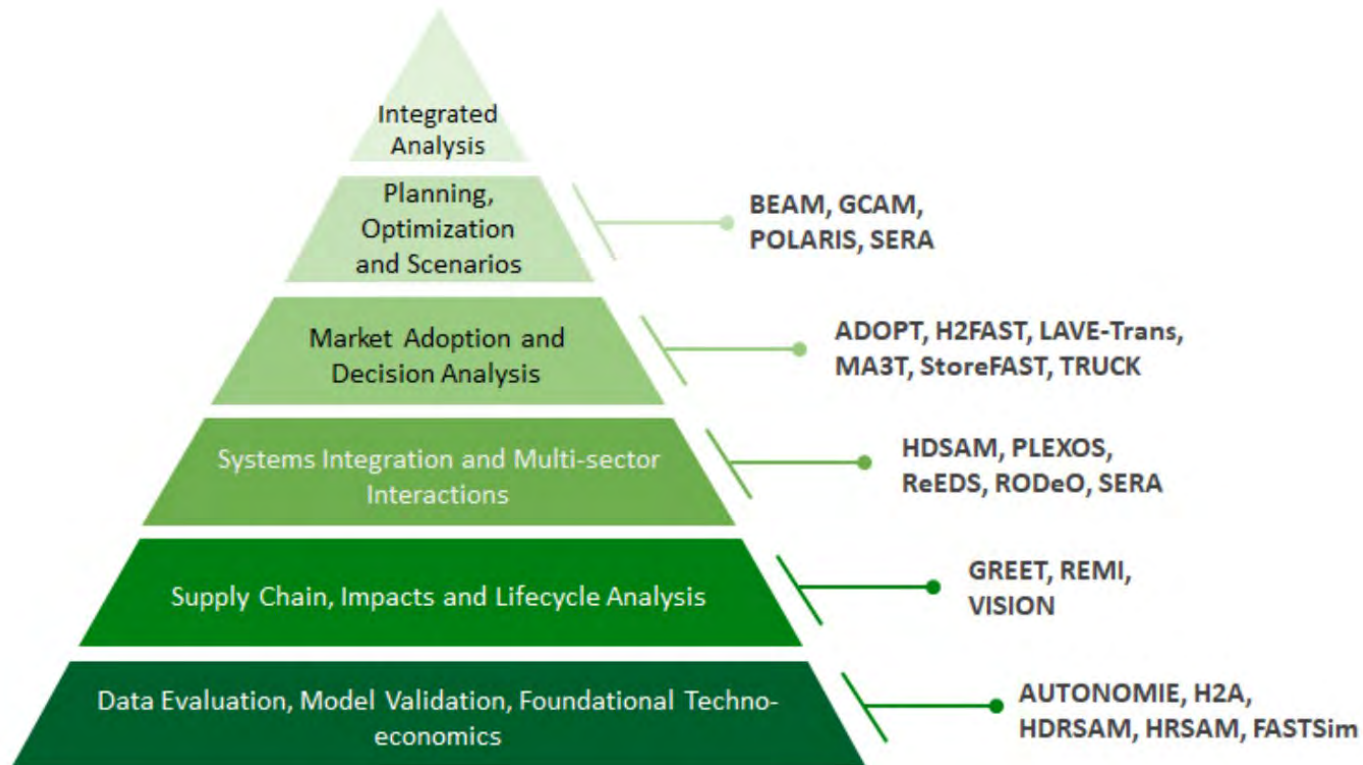


Challenges in Storage:

- Low energy density = **high volume**
- **Leakage** due to small molecular size and **embrittlement** of metal
- **Limited availability** of geological storage sites
- **Additional cost** and **low efficiency** of conversion and reconversion to electricity or hydrogen-based fuels

Tools Spotlight: Supporting decision making

Decision-making workflow for hydrogen deployment



ADOPT: Automotive Deployment Options Projection Tool, Autonomie: (a vehicle system simulation tool), BEAM: Behavior, Energy, Autonomy, and Mobility, FASTSim: Future Automotive Systems Technology Simulator, GCAM: Global Change Assessment Model, GREET: Greenhouse gases, regulated emissions, and energy use in Technologies Model, H2A: The Hydrogen Analysis Project, H2FAST: Hydrogen Financial Analysis Scenario Tool, HDRSAM: Heavy-Duty Refueling Station Analysis Model, HDSAM: Hydrogen Delivery Scenario Analysis Model, HRSAM: Hydrogen Refueling Station Analysis Model, LAVE-Trans: Light-Duty Alternative Vehicle Energy Transitions, PLEXOS: (an integrated energy model), POLARIS: (a predictive transportation system model), ReEDS: Regional Energy Deployment System, REMI: Regional Economic Models, Inc., RODeO: Revenue Operation and Device Optimization Model, SERA: Scenario Evaluation and Regionalization Analysis, StoreFAST: Storage Financial Analysis Scenario Tool, VISION: (a transportation energy use prediction model).

- **Hydrogen Analysis Production (H2A)**: Transparent reporting of process design assumptions and a consistent cost analysis methodology for hydrogen production at central and distributed (forecourt/filling-station) facilities. H2A includes biomass, coal, electrolysis, natural gas, and emerging production pathways.
- **Revenue, Operation, and Device Optimization (RODeO)**: Explores optimal system design and operation considering different levels of grid integration, equipment cost, operating limitations, financing, and credits and incentives.
- **Scenario Evaluation and Regionalization Analysis (SERA)**: Provides insights that can guide hydrogen infrastructure development and transportation investment decisions and accelerate the adoption of hydrogen technologies (city to national levels).
- **Hydrogen Financial Analysis Scenario Tool (H2FAST)**: Provides a quick and convenient in-depth financial analysis for hydrogen fueling stations and hydrogen production facilities.

Explore the Hydrogen Considerations Tree



Executive Deck



Fact Sheet

Reach out if interested in more information for your country or project: daniella.rough@nrel.gov.

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The U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy

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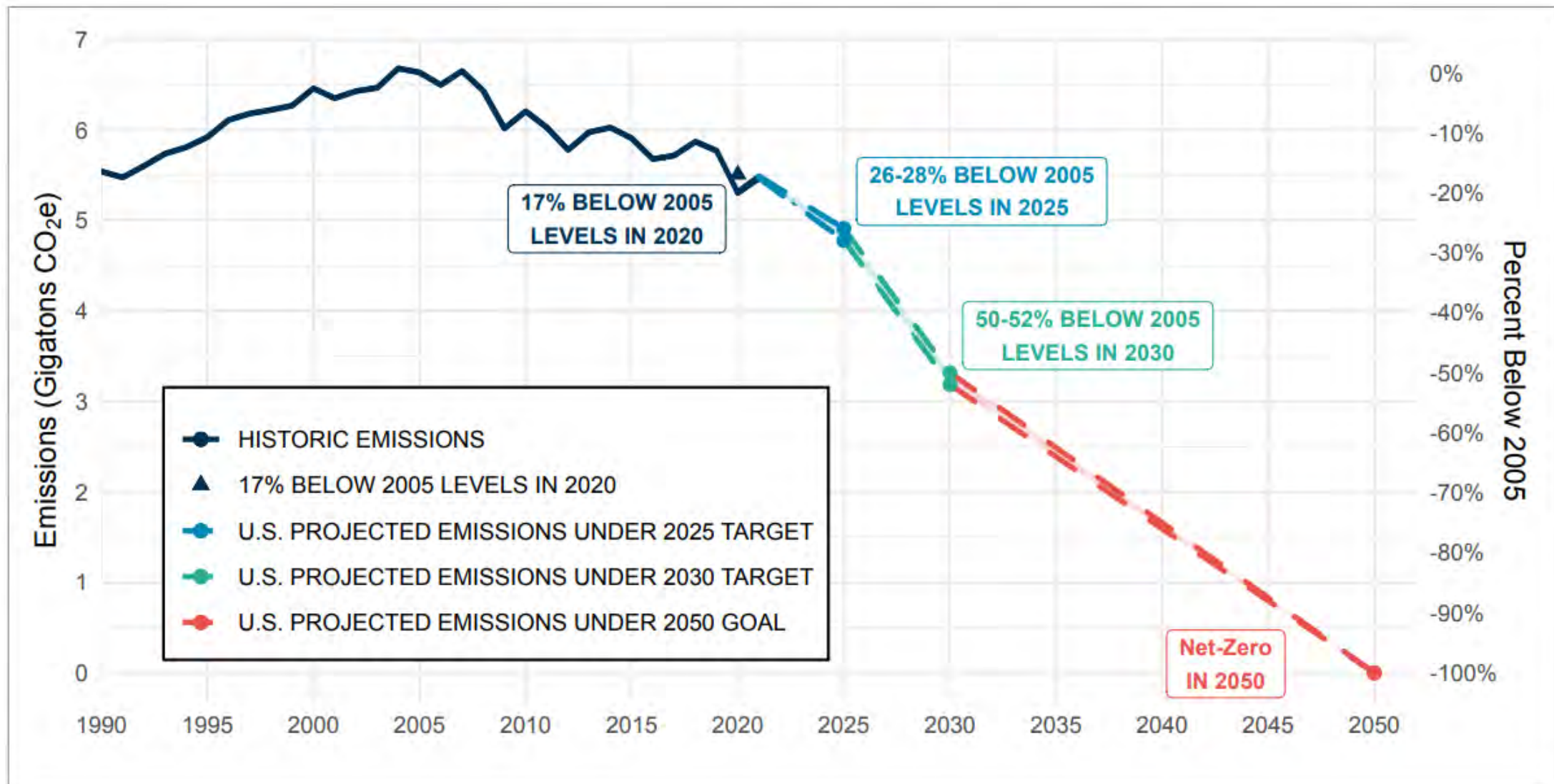
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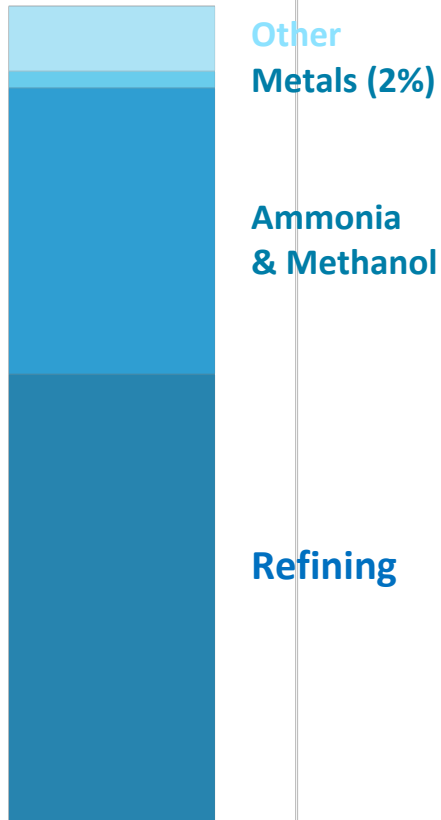
U.S. Decarbonization Goals and Targets vs. Historic Emissions



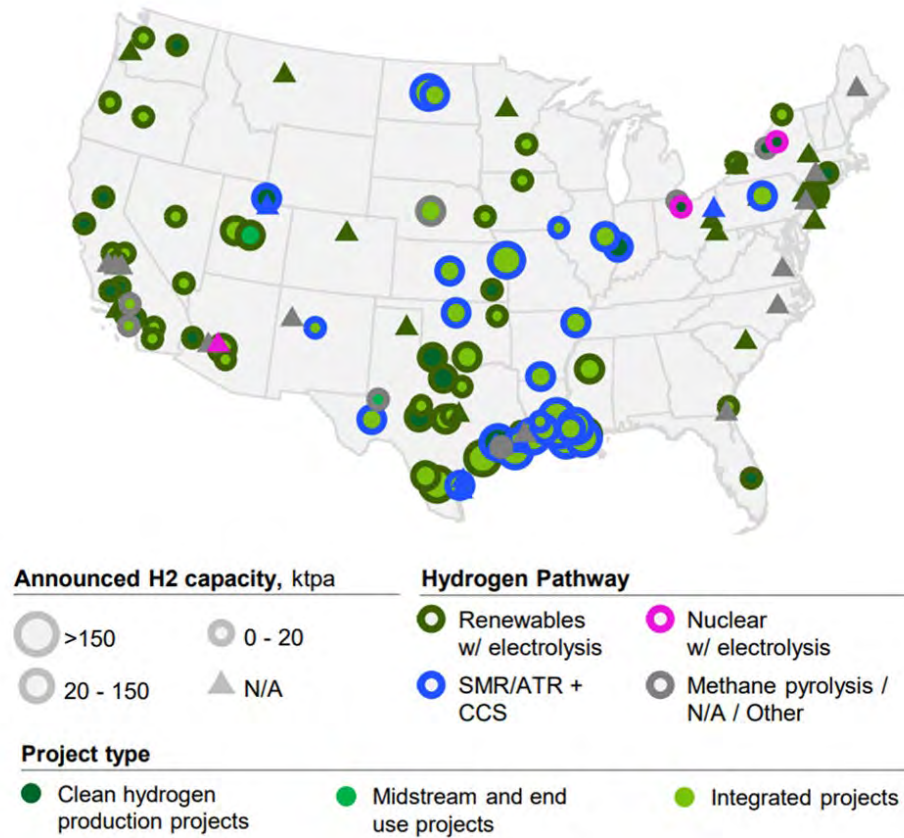
Snapshot of Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the U.S.

- 10 million metric tons produced annually
- More than 1,600 miles of H₂ pipeline
- World's largest H₂ storage cavern

Use of Hydrogen in the U.S. Today

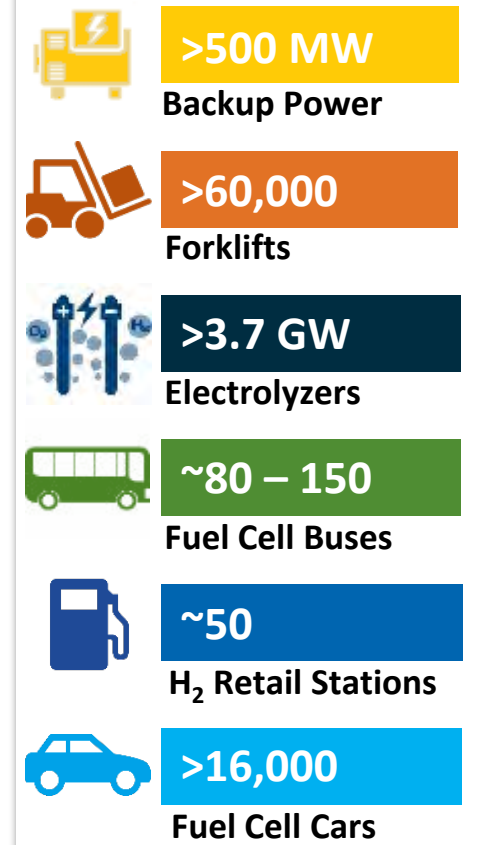


Current publicly announced clean hydrogen production projects*



*as of EOY 2022, DOE Commercial Liftoff Report

Examples of Deployments



Legislation Highlights: BIL and IRA

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- **Includes \$9.5B for clean hydrogen:**
 - \$1B for electrolysis
 - \$0.5B for manufacturing and recycling
 - \$8B for at least four regional clean hydrogen hubs
- **Requires developing a National Clean Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap**

Inflation Reduction Act

- **Includes significant tax credits** (e.g., up to \$3/kg for production of clean hydrogen)



President Biden Signs the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill into law on November 15, 2021. Photo Credit: Kenny Holston/Getty Images

U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy

Strategy



1

Target strategic, high-impact end uses

Achieve 10 MMT/year of clean hydrogen by 2030



2

Reduce the cost of clean hydrogen

Enable \$2/kg by electrolysis by 2026 and \$1/kg H₂ by 2031



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Focus on regional networks

Deploy regional clean hydrogen hubs and ramp up scale

Vision:

Affordable clean hydrogen for a net-zero carbon future and a sustainable, resilient, and equitable economy

Benefits:

Emissions reduction; job growth; energy security and resilience

Work with other agencies to accelerate market lift off

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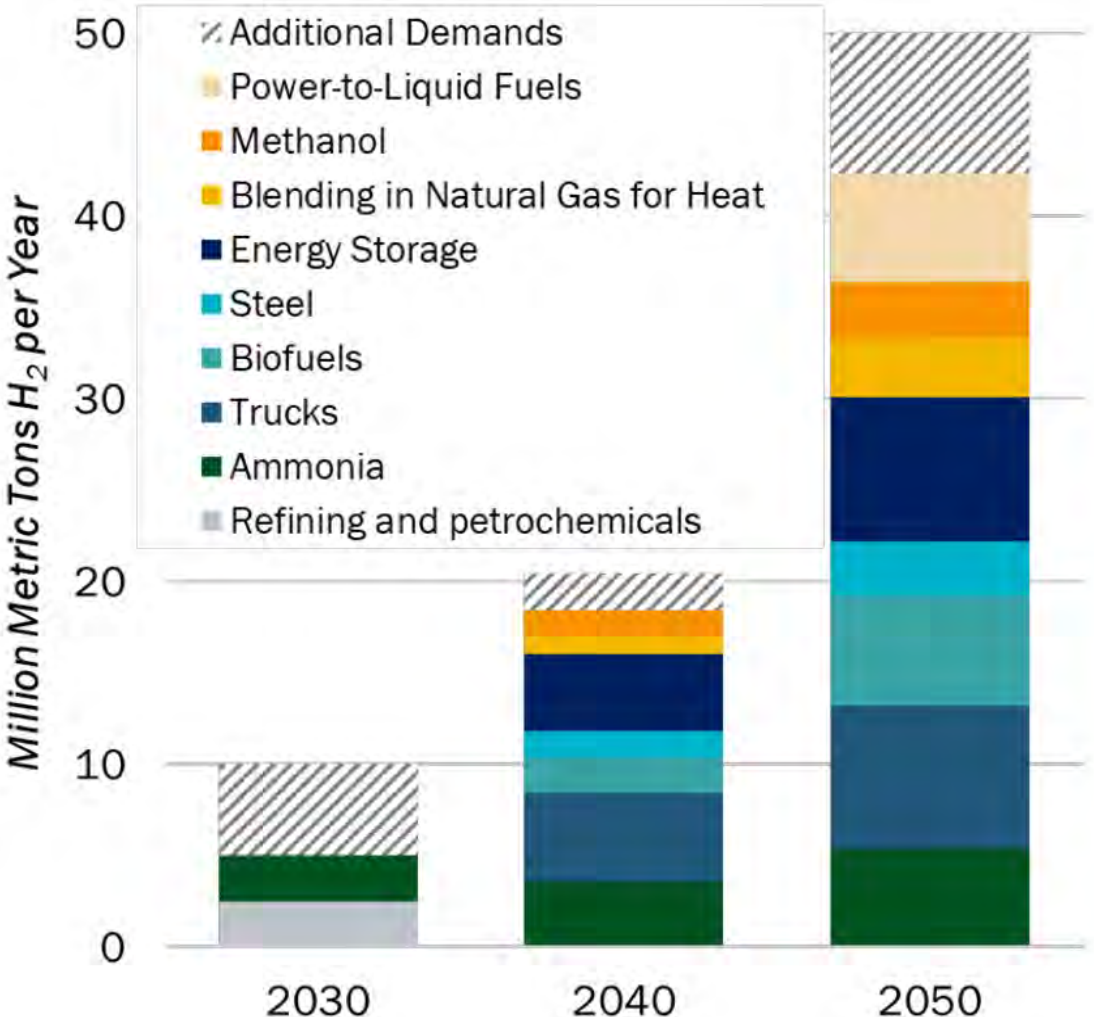
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Strategy 1: Target High-Impact Uses of Hydrogen

Opportunities for Clean Hydrogen Across Applications



- ### Clean Hydrogen Use Scenarios
- Catalyze clean H₂ use in existing industries (ammonia, refineries), initiate new use (e.g., sustainable aviation fuels (SAFs), steel, potential exports)
 - Scale up for heavy-duty transport, industry, and energy storage
 - Market expansion across sectors for strategic, high-impact uses

U.S. Opportunity: 10MMT/yr by 2030, 20 MMT/yr by 2040, 50 MMT/yr by 2050
~10% Emissions Reduction.
~100K Jobs by 2030

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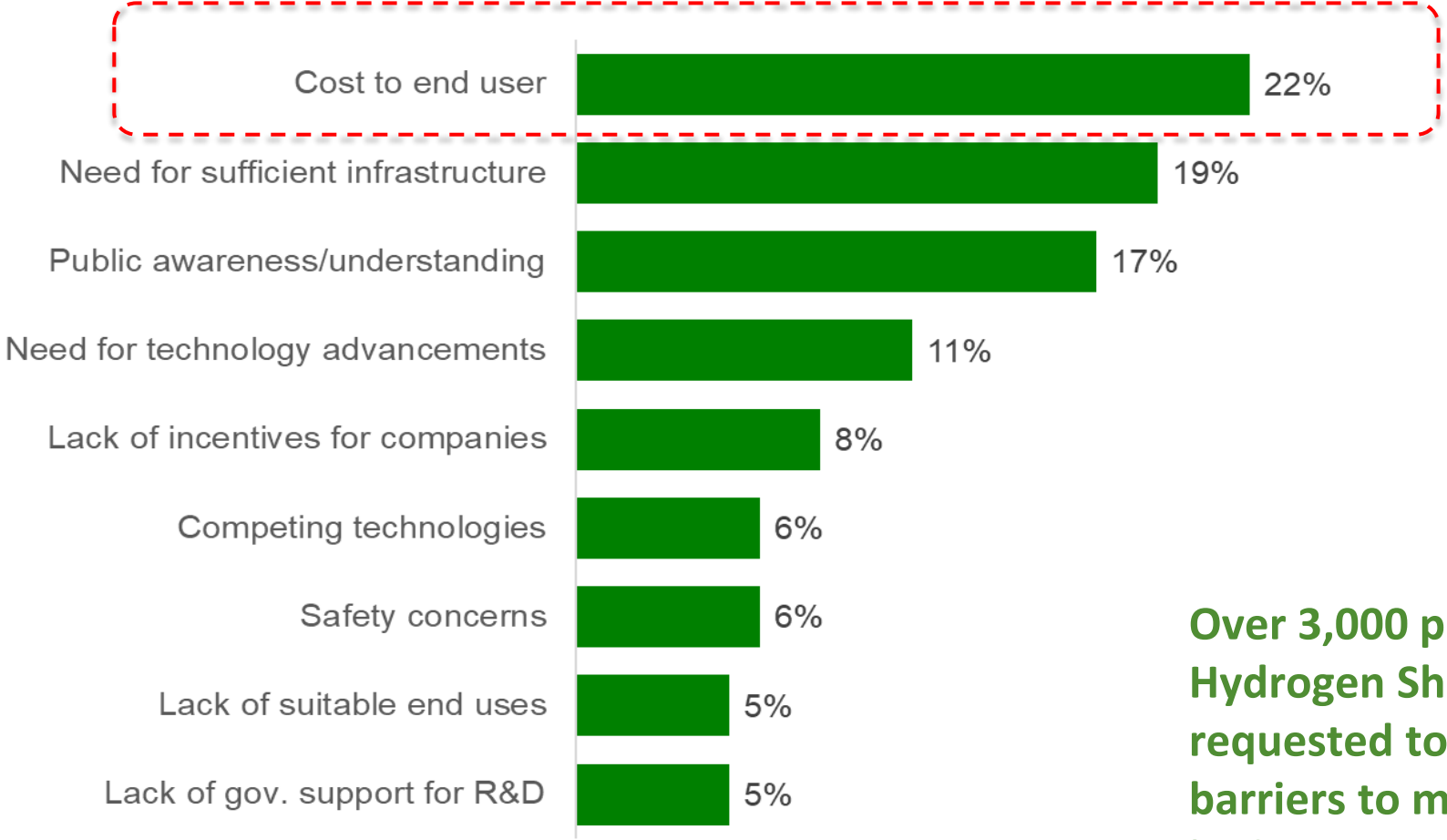
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Strategy 2: Focus on Cost-Reduction

Stakeholder Reported Barriers to Hydrogen Market Adoption



Over 3,000 participants at DOE Hydrogen Shot Summit were requested to provide feedback on key barriers to market adoption of hydrogen

Source: Hydrogen Shot Summit, Sept 2021

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-shot-summit>



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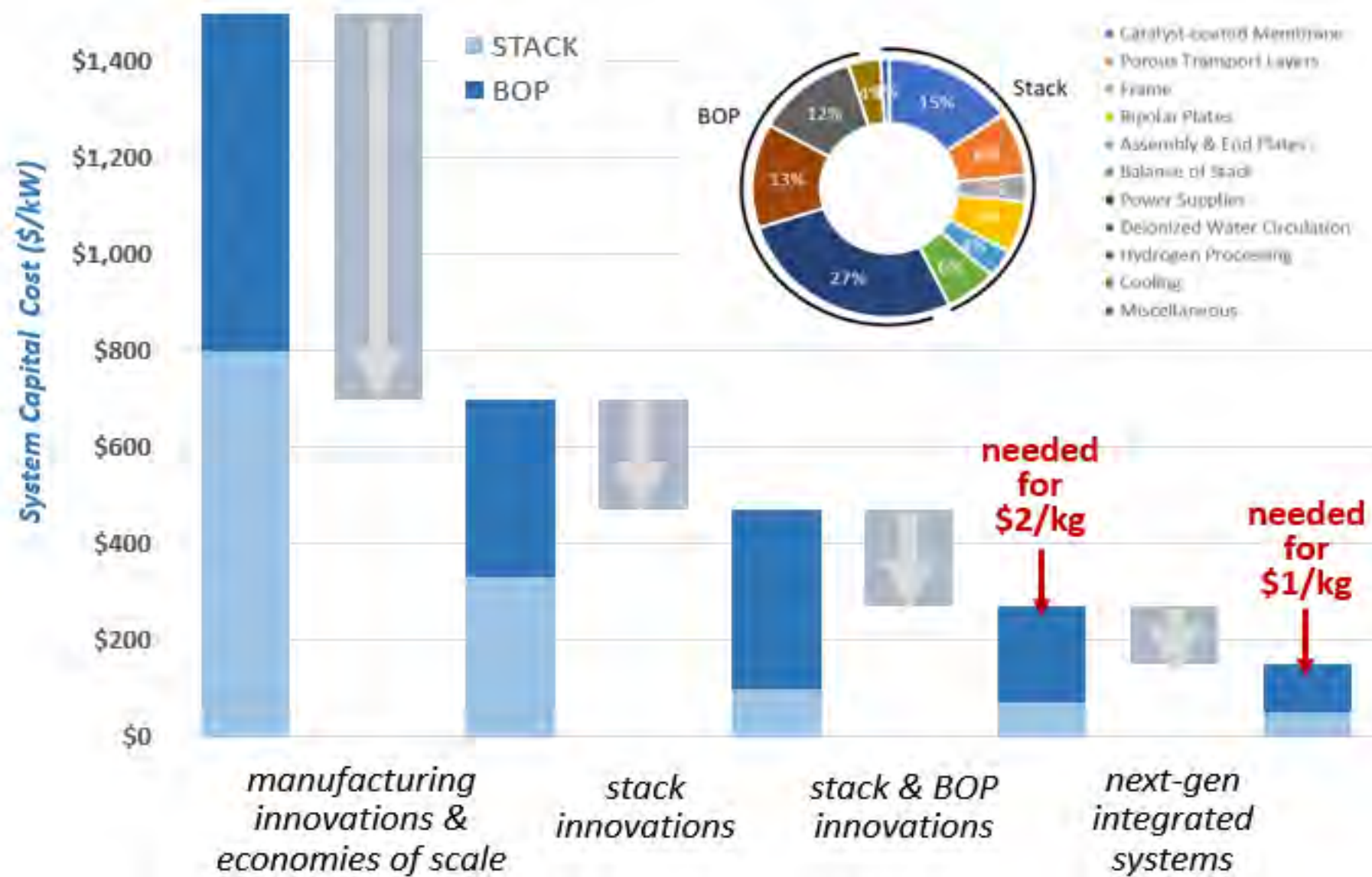
“Hydrogen Shot”

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**\$1 for 1 kg clean hydrogen in 1
decade**

Launched June 7, 2021

How to reduce cost? Examples across multiple pathways



Analysis shows pathways to reduce cost require both manufacturing scale-up and continued R&D

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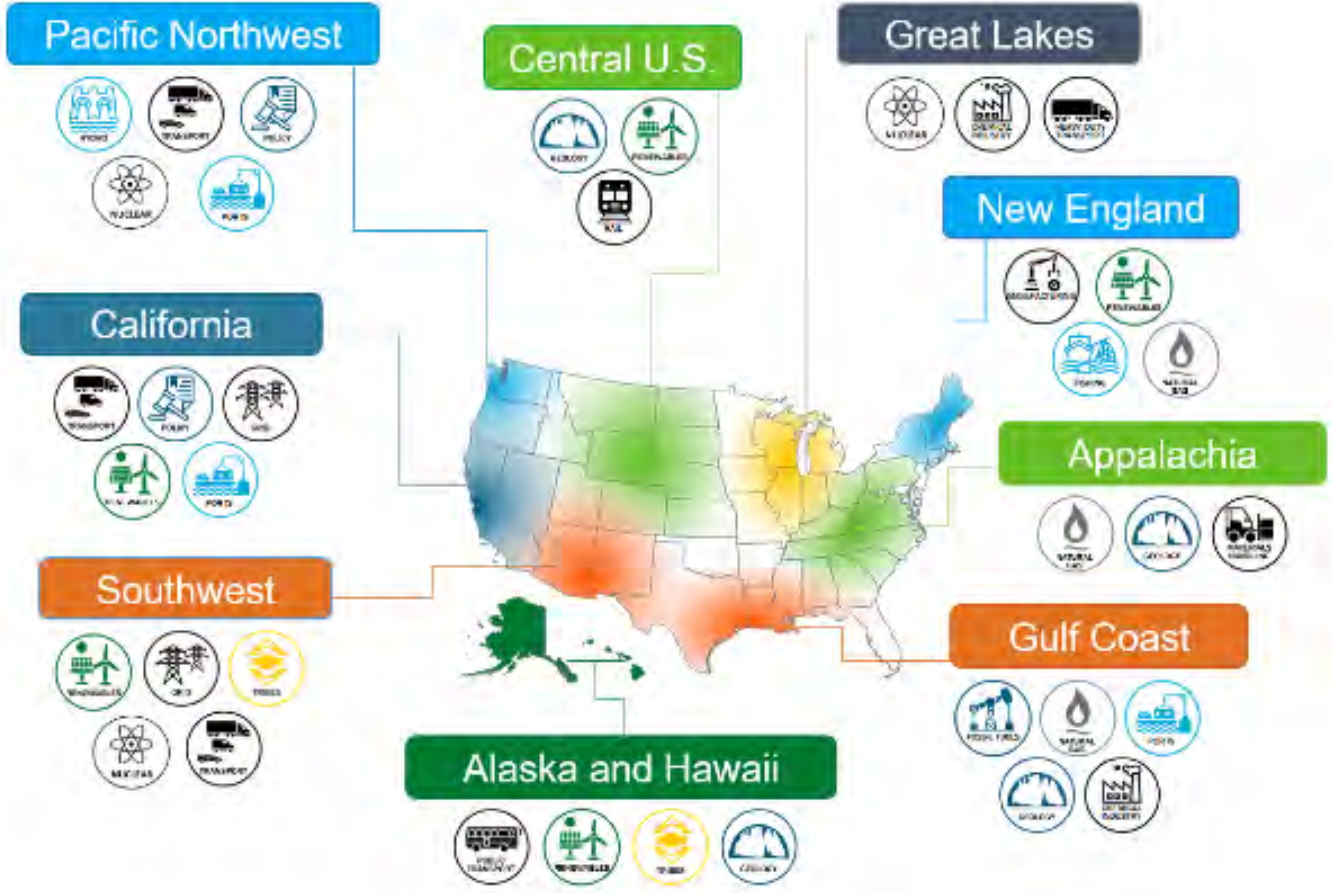
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Strategy 3: Focus on Regional Networks and Ramp up Scale

Build Regional Networks through “Clean Hydrogen Hubs”



Examples of Stakeholder and RFI Input



Seven Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Selected

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Clean H₂ Hubs Leveraging:

- Natural gas resources with carbon management;
- Renewable and nuclear power generation coupled with electrolysis
- Other regional resources supporting H₂ production, distribution, and end use



U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy

Strategy



1

Target strategic, high-impact end uses

Achieve 10 MMT/year of clean hydrogen by 2030



2

Reduce the cost of clean hydrogen

Enable \$2/kg by electrolysis by 2026 and \$1/kg H₂ by 2031



3

Focus on regional networks

Deploy regional clean hydrogen hubs and ramp up scale

Vision:

Affordable clean hydrogen for a net-zero carbon future and a sustainable, resilient, and equitable economy

Benefits:

Emissions reduction; job growth; energy security and resilience

Work with other agencies to accelerate market lift off

Enablers



Good Jobs and Workforce Development



Safety, codes and standards



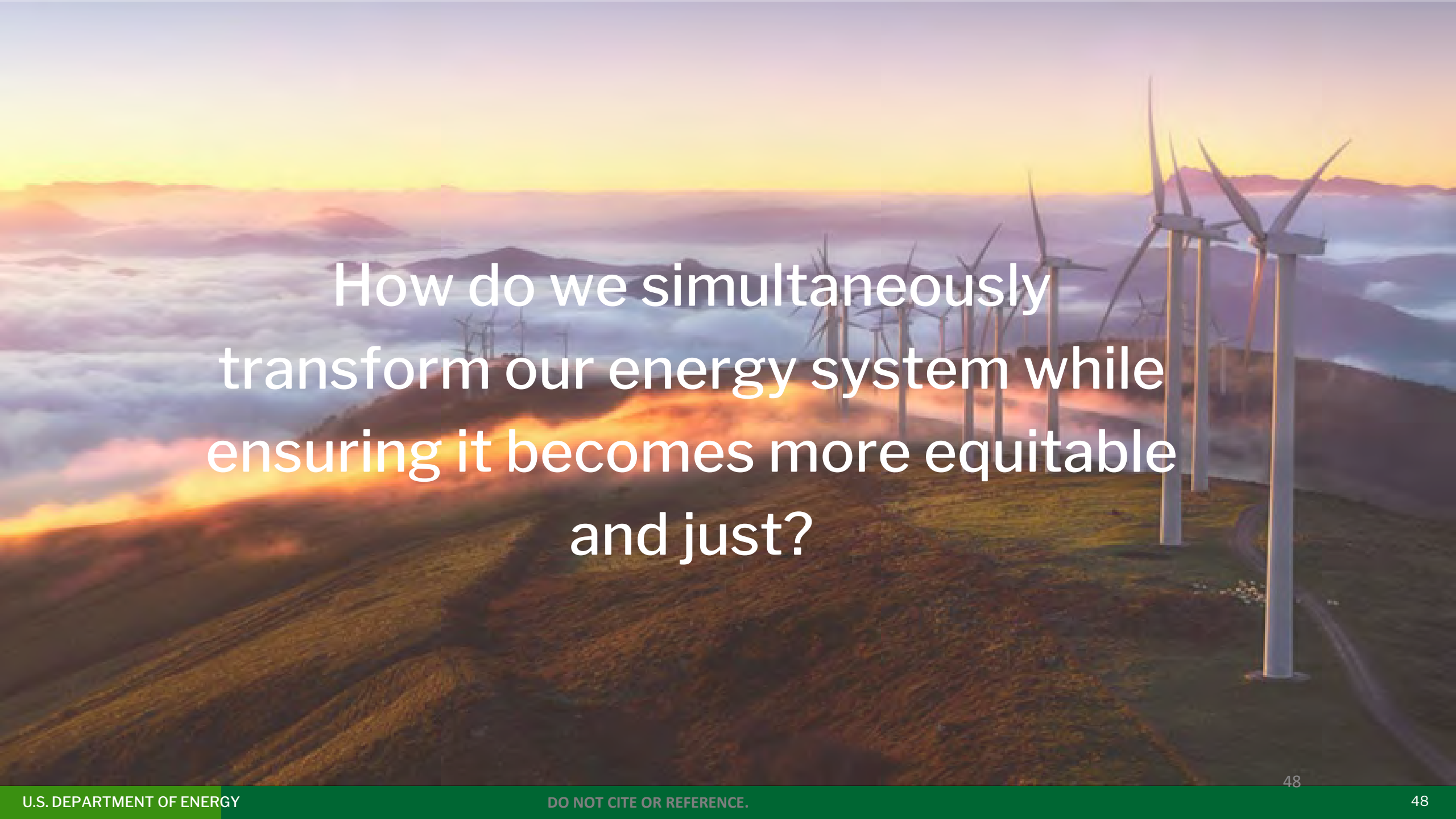
Policies and incentives



Stimulating private sector investment



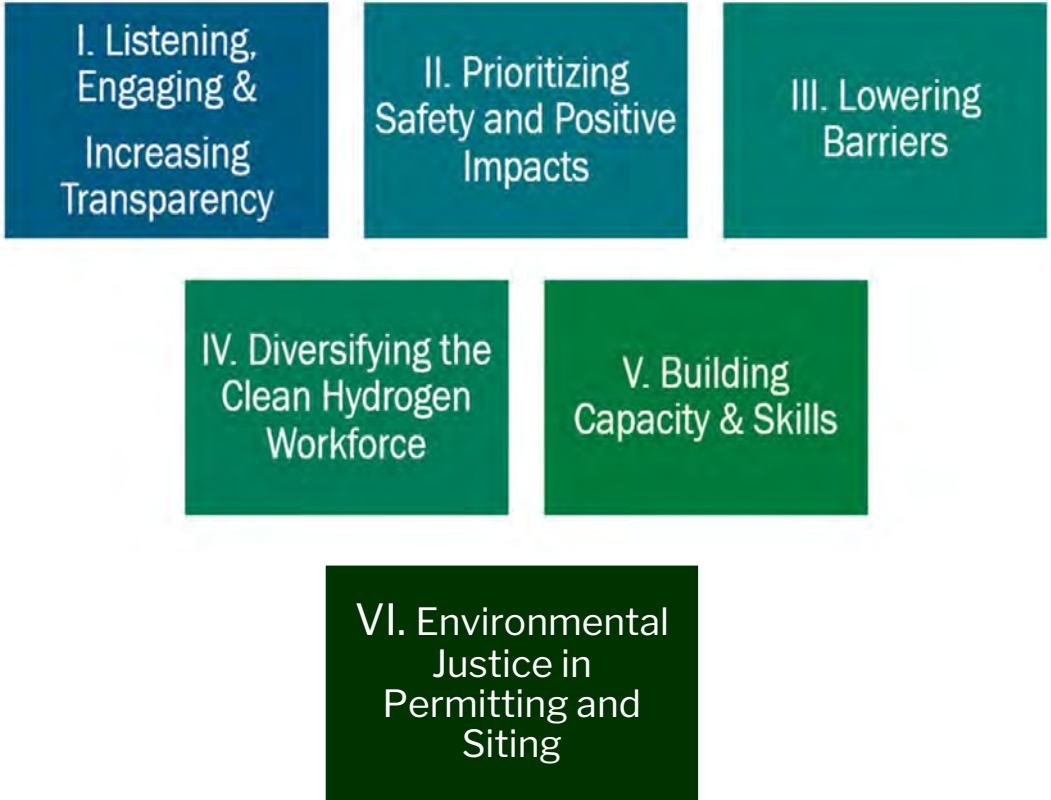
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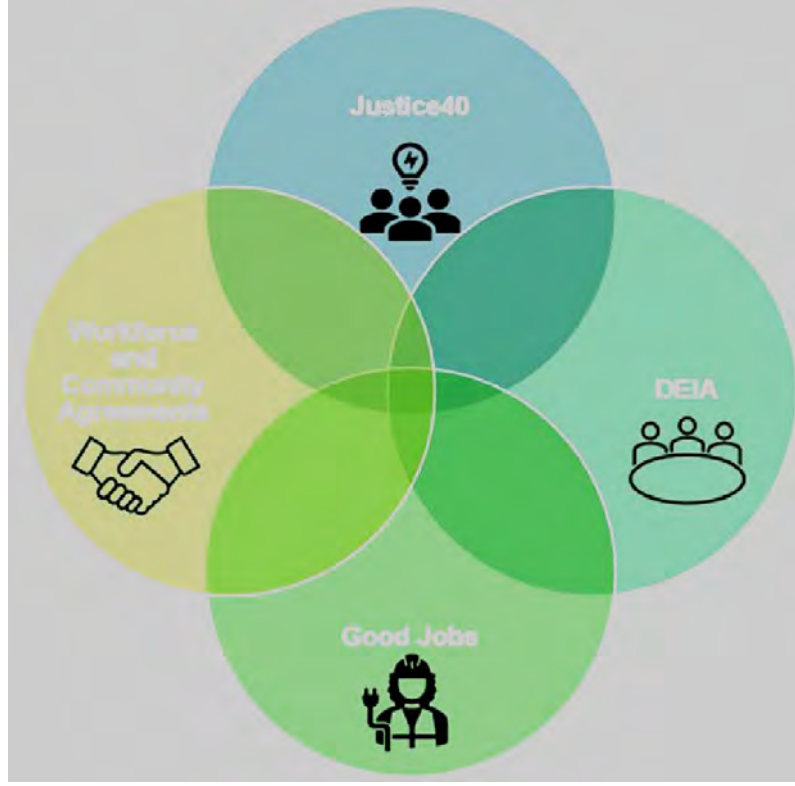
How do we simultaneously
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ensuring it becomes more equitable
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Equity and Environmental Justice in the Hydrogen Office

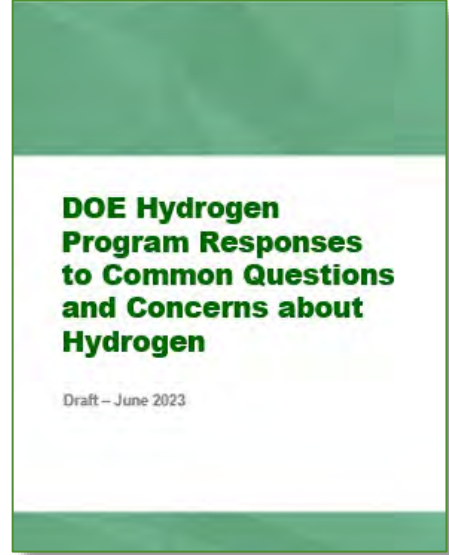
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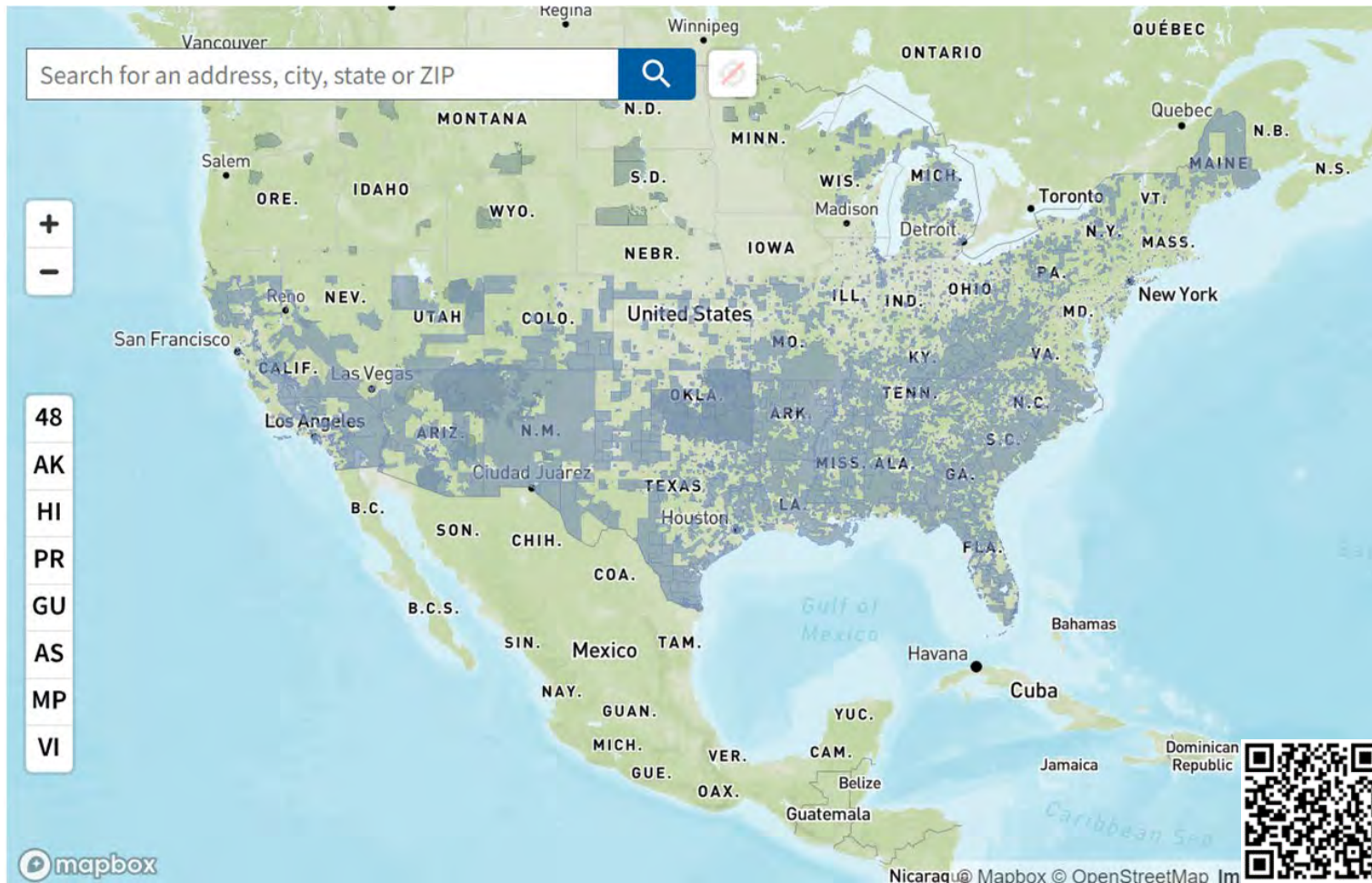


Resources



Justice 40 & Disadvantaged Communities

Distribution of census tracts identified as DACs



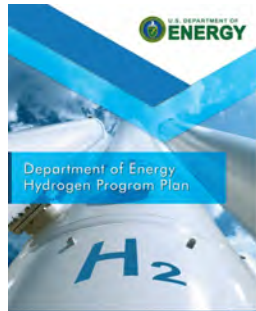
[Explore the map - Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool \(geoplatform.gov\)](https://geoplatform.gov)

- INDICATORS:
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- ENERGY
- WATER & WASTERWATER
- HEALTH
- HOUSING
- TRANSPORTATION
- LEGACY POLLUTION
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Census tracts that are overburdened and underserved are highlighted as being **disadvantaged** on the map. Federally Recognized Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages, are also considered disadvantaged communities.

Resources and Opportunities for Engagement

Key Publications

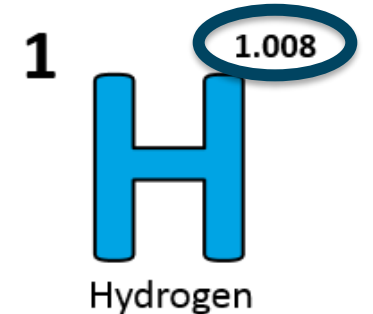


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Pathways to Commercial Liftoff: Clean Hydrogen Takeaways

Campbell Howe

Hydrogen 101 Webinar
February 7, 2024



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Pathways to Commercial Liftoff Overview

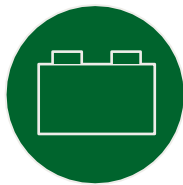
Accelerating the commercialization and deployment clean energy technologies to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050

- The clean energy transition represents an **investment opportunity of ~\$30T in the US and ~\$200T globally**
- The scale up of the technologies to enable this transition in the US will be **private sector-led, government-enabled** centered on **deep & continuous engagement** between the private and public sectors
- Liftoff Reports are **living documents that serve as a common fact base**, pulling information from market data, industry feedback, and progress from DOE investments, **establishing critical signposts and pinpoint both challenges and opportunities for public and private investment**

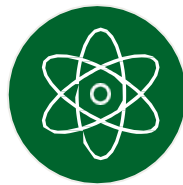
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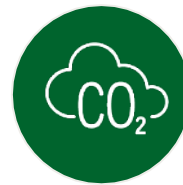
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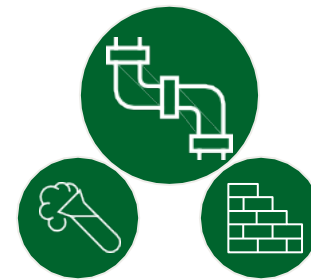
Long Duration Energy Storage



Advanced Nuclear



Carbon Management

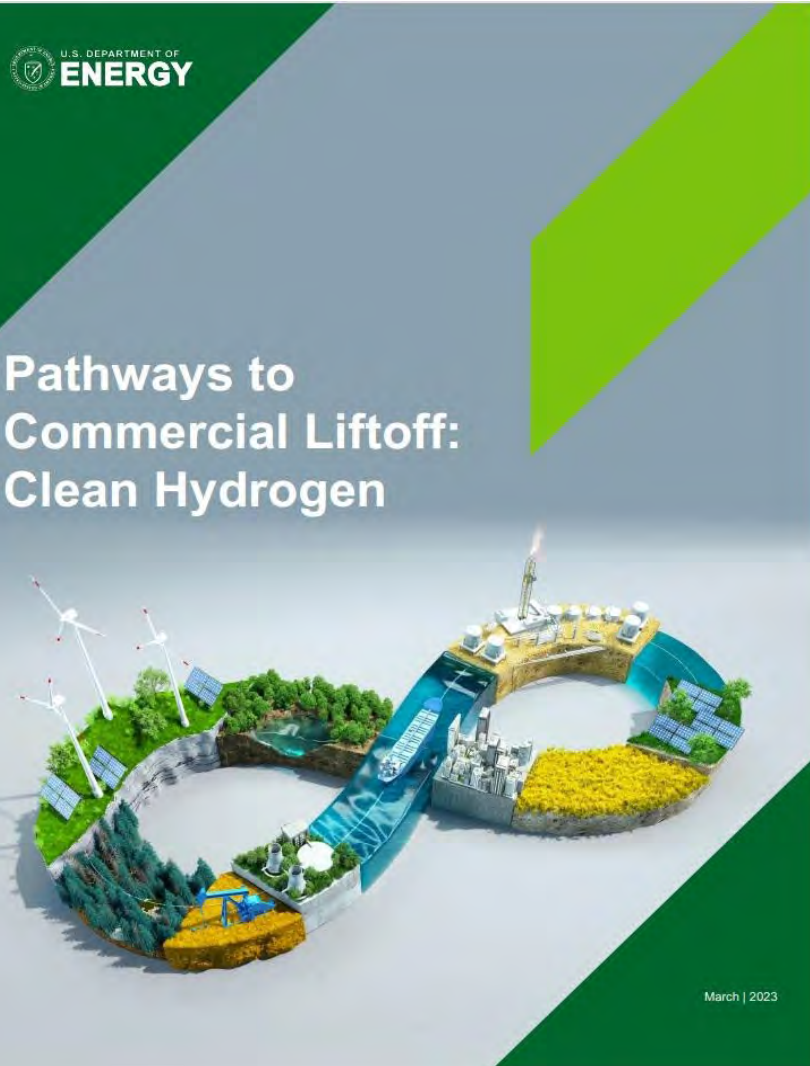


Industrial Decarb
(Chemicals & Refining + Cement)



Virtual Power Plants

Clean Hydrogen Liftoff Overview (March 2023)



- **Clean hydrogen has the potential to decarbonize 10-25% of global emissions**, often in sectors with the fewest other decarbonization options (e.g., ammonia, heavy-duty transport, etc.)
- **\$15B of projects have been announced which could represent up to 12 MMTpa of production capacity by 2030**, but only ~1.5 MMTpa of this capacity has reached final investment decision
- Growing the U.S. clean hydrogen economy to over 10 MMTpa by 2030 **requires \$85-215B**, ~50% of which for midstream and end-use infrastructure, and ~33-50% for the build out net new low carbon energy production
- **Barriers to scale remain** – including off-taker hesitancy, insufficient storage and distribution infrastructure, a nascent trained hydrogen workforce, and constrained supply chains for electrolyzers and renewable energy, etc.
- R&D is needed to bring down the cost of electrolyzer stacks and to improve CCS cost and performance (critical dependency for SMR with CCS)

Recent Developments in the U.S. Clean Hydrogen Economy

Hydrogen production costs have increased driven by increases in capex costs, financing costs, and other factors

Increase in clean hydrogen production plans in the U.S. following the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act and the announcement of the DOE Clean Hydrogen Hubs representing up to 3 MMTpa of clean hydrogen production volume in 7 regions

45V draft guidance was released in December 2023 based on the “three pillars” (time-matching, incrementality, and regionality)

The DOE announced the launch of **demand-side support mechanism with the remaining Hydrogen Hubs funding** to bridge the gap between delivered costs and offtaker willingness to pay

Key Messages from the Original Clean Hydrogen Liftoff Report



PTC reduces production costs to kick-start the transition from high carbon intensity (CI) to low CI hydrogen for existing uses



DOE H2Hubs and open access infrastructure will bolster the project economics for more nascent use cases



In addition to industrial/chemicals use cases, transportation use cases will be critical for market liftoff



Without sustained long-term offtake or merchant markets, domestic market acceleration could slow



Foregrounding energy and environmental justice mitigates project risk, improves health and safety in surrounding communities, and generates social acceptance



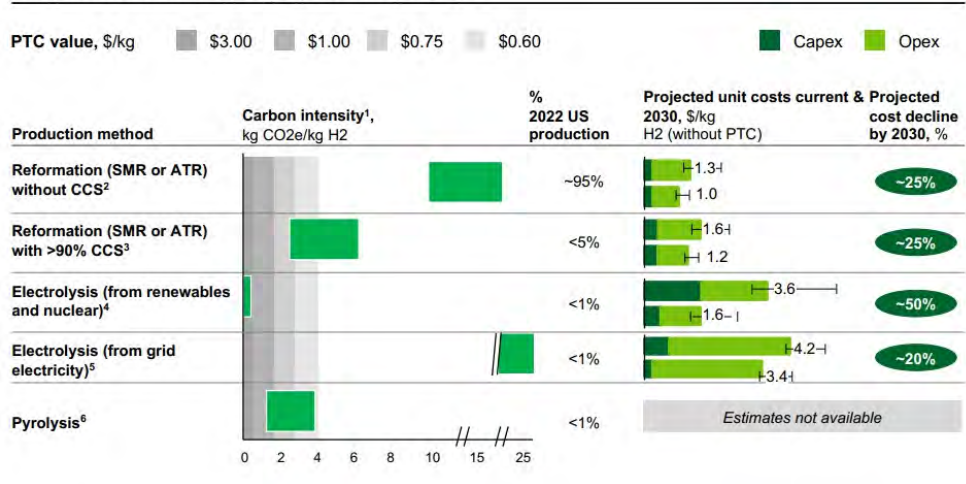
Providing quality jobs and investing in worker development is essential to recruit and retain a sufficient, appropriately skilled hydrogen workforce

Original Liftoff Report Sample Analyses (not exhaustive)

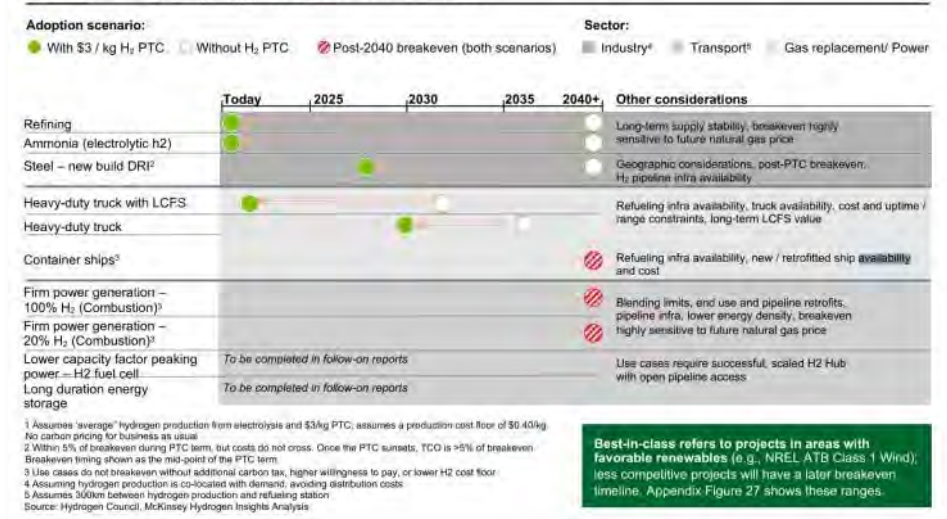
Carbon Intensity

Total Cost of Ownership

Comparison of domestic hydrogen production pathways



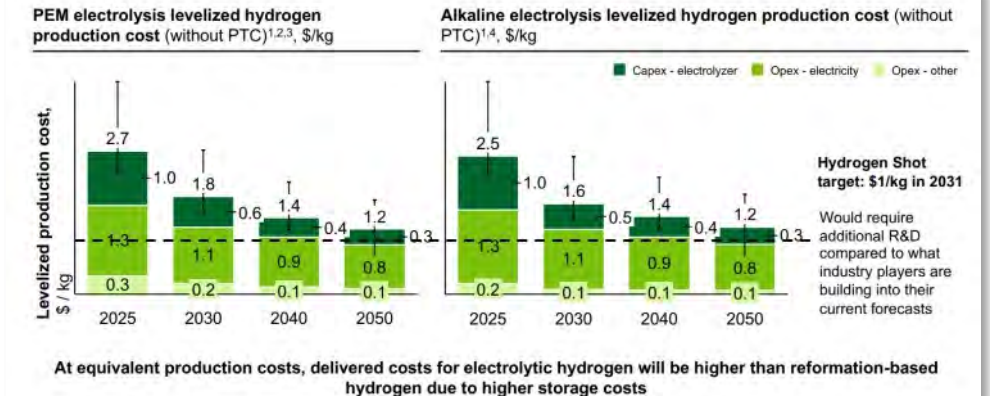
Breakeven timing for hydrogen vs. conventional alternative¹



Project announcements



Production Costs



Midstream: Delivered costs of hydrogen vs. end use willingness to pay (March 2023)

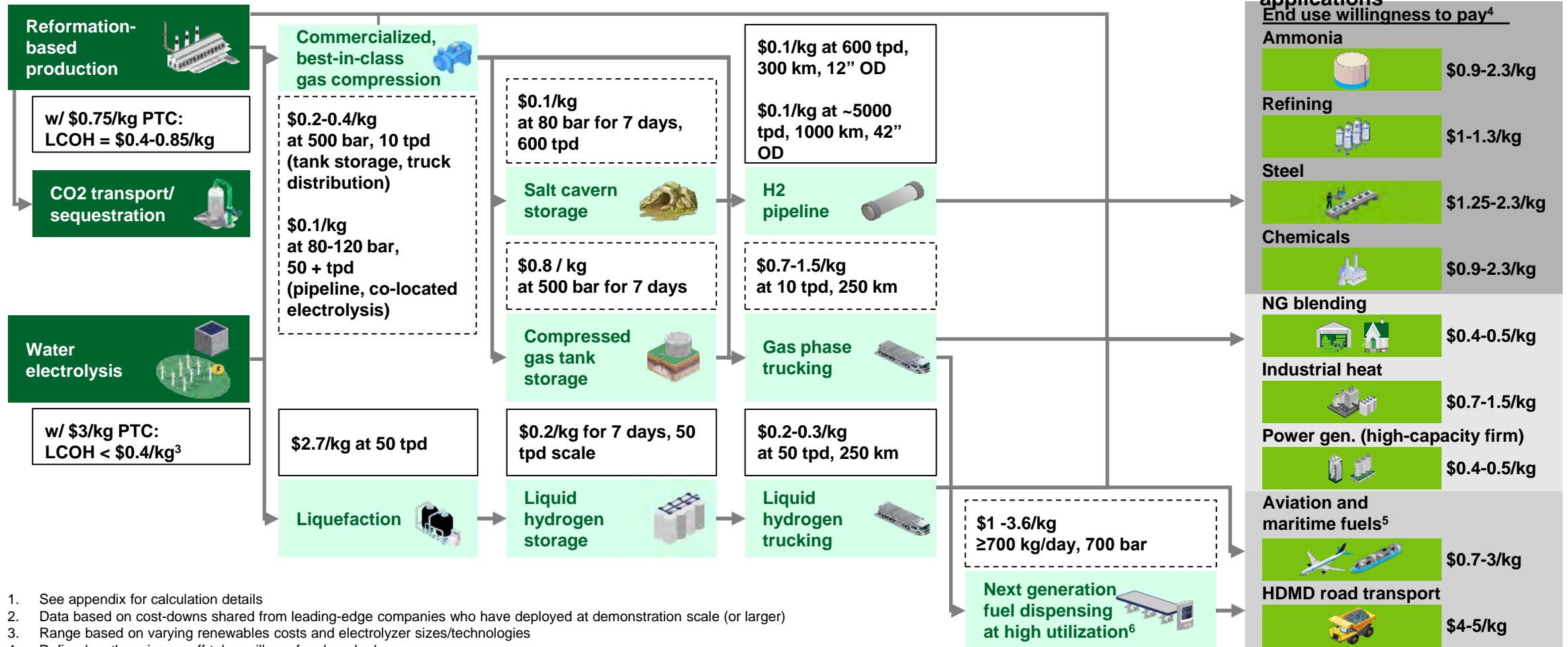
2030 costs across the value chain if advances in distribution and storage technology are commercialized¹

Industry Gas replacement Transport

Upstream: Hydrogen

production Midstream: Hydrogen distribution and storage assuming state-of-art technology at scale²

Downstream: End use



1. See appendix for calculation details
2. Data based on cost-downs shared from leading-edge companies who have deployed at demonstration scale (or larger)
3. Range based on varying renewables costs and electrolyzer sizes/technologies
4. Defined as the price an off-taker will pay for clean hydrogen
5. Represents delivery of hydrogen to aviation and maritime fuel production facilities
6. Greater than or equal to 70% utilization, assumes line fill at high pressure

Sources: HDSAM, Argonne National Laboratory; DOE National Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap, Hydrogen Council

Readers should sum (1) Upstream costs and (2) Midstream costs to arrive at a potential delivered cost of clean hydrogen, based on production pathway and storage/distribution method selected. Hydrogen production costs shown take an upper bound of production costs (~2MW (450 Nm³/h) PEM electrolyzer with Class 9 NREL ATB wind power) and then subtract the PTC at point-in-time. A wider range of LCOH values, without the PTC credit applied, are described in Figures 11 and 12 in the Clean Hydrogen Liftoff report.



Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs

DOE H2Hubs: Building regional clean H2Hubs across the country to create networks of clean hydrogen producers, consumers, and local connective infrastructure to accelerate use of clean hydrogen

H2Hubs Demand-Side Support Initiative

- January 2024: Consortium announced in response to \$1B RFP. Design phase initiated.
- Learn more about the initiative here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgOL_Xg7K1Q

H2Hubs Current Status

- October 2023: DOE announced 7 projects selected for award negotiations.

Hydrogen 101

Hydrogen and Analytical Tools

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February 7, 2024

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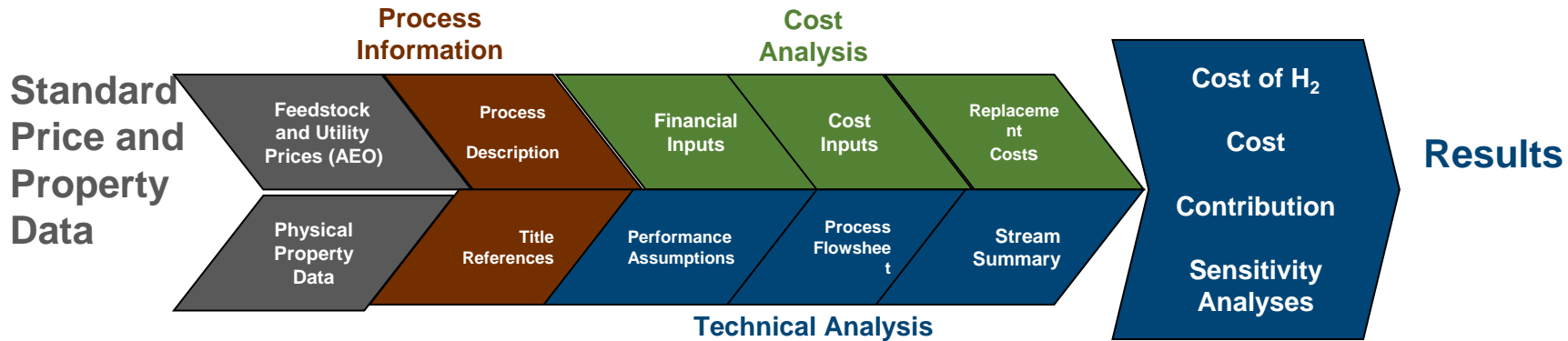
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H2A (H2 Production Analysis Tool)



Central production pathways:

- Biomass gasification
- Coal gasification
- Electrolysis
- Natural gas SMR
- Natural gas SMR+CCS
- Natural gas ATR+CCS

Distributed production pathways:

- Electrolysis
- Ethanol reforming
- Natural gas SMR

Emerging technologies:

- Photo-electrochemical
- Solar thermochemical ferrite cycle

<https://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/h2a-production-models.html>

Spreadsheet Examples

AEO_2017_Reference_Case

Year	Feedstock Type
2016	Residential Natural Gas
2017	Commercial Natural Gas
2018	Industrial Natural Gas
2019	Electric Utility Natural Gas
2020	Woody Biomass
2021	Electric Utility Steam Coal
2022	Commercial Electricity
2023	Industrial Electricity
2024	Residential Electricity

Technical Operating Parameters and Specifications

Operating Capacity Factor (%)	90.0%
Plant Design Capacity (kg of H ₂ /day)	379,387
Plant Output (kg/day)	341,448
Plant Output (kg/year)	124,859,630

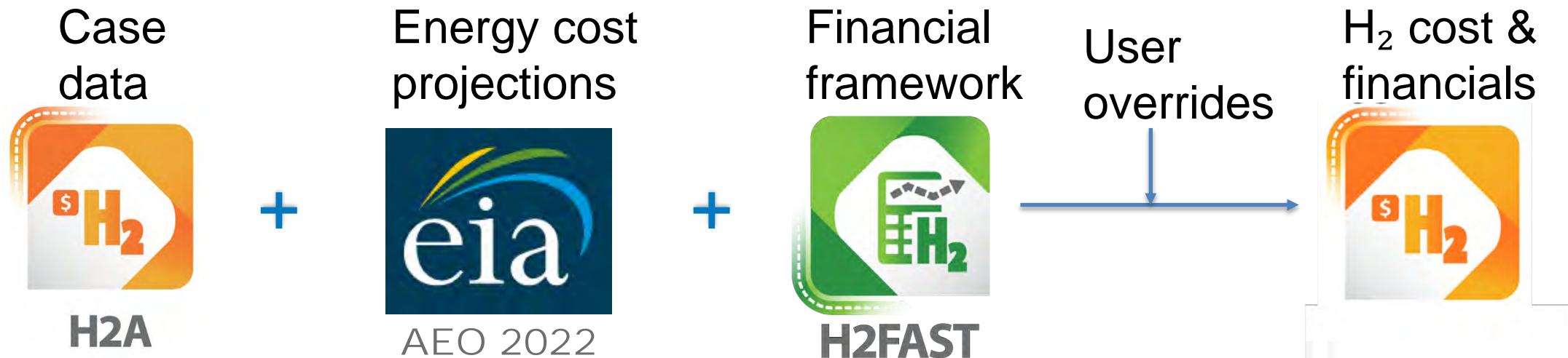
Financial Input Values

Reference year	2016
Assumed start-up year	2015
Basis year	2005
Length of Construction Period (years)	3
% of Capital Spent in 1st Year of Construction	8%
% of Capital Spent in 2nd Year of Construction	60%
% of Capital Spent in 3rd Year of Construction	32%
% of Capital Spent in 4th Year of Construction	
Start-up Time (years)	1
Plant life (years)	40
Analysis period (years)	40
Depreciation Schedule Length (years)	20
Depreciation Type	MACRS
% Equity Financing	40%
Interest rate on debt, if applicable (%)	3.70%
Debt period (years)	Constant debt
% of Fixed Operating Costs During Start-up (%)	75%
% of Revenues During Start-up (%)	50%
% of Variable Operating Costs During Start-up (%)	75%
Decommissioning costs (% of depreciable capital investment)	10%
Salvage value (% of total capital investment)	10%
Inflation rate (%)	1.9%
After-tax Real RRR (%)	8.0%
State Taxes (%)	6.0%
Federal Taxes (%)	21.0%
Total Tax Rate (%)	25.74%
WORKING CAPITAL (% of yearly change in operating costs)	15%

H2A-Lite: Overview

Based on Hydrogen Financial Analysis Scenario Tool (H2-FAST)

- Uses Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) financial analysis
- Also compatible with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- Articulates standard financial reports for duration of analysis
 - Income statements
 - Cash flow statements
 - Balance sheets
- Analysis performed on **real 2020\$ basis** (for consistency with H2A –future methodology)



H2A-Lite Layout

H2A-Lite: Hydrogen Analysis - Lite Real leveled cost → 4.45 [2020\$/kg H₂]

Select H₂ production technology pathway → Biomass Gasification Coal Gasification Electrolysis Natural Gas SMR Natural Gas ATR+CCS

Central Grid Electrolysis (PEM)

Description: This system is a standalone grid powered PEM electrolyzer system with a total hydrogen production capacity of 50,000 kg/day. The system is based on a generic system using input from several key industry collaborators (KIC) with commercial experience. In this configuration, the electrolyzer units use process water, passed through deionizing beds, and grid electricity for electrolysis.

Analysis inputs

H2A default & estimates	56,500	Enter user overrides in yellow cells
Specify production nameplate capacity [kg/d]		
Desired startup year	2015	

Valid capacity range: 1,695 to 56,500 [kg/d]

Technology estimation

Total installed capital cost [2020\$]	\$ 86,495,734	Normalized CapEx	1,531 [\$ /kg-day]
Fixed OpEx w/o replacements [2020\$/year]	\$ 4,305,059		662 [\$ /kW]
Variable OpEx [2020\$/kg H ₂]	\$ 0.024		
System life [years]	40	Production rate	\$4,805 [kg/d]
Utilization [%]	97%		

Refurbishments & replacements

Annualized replacement costs [2020\$/year]	1,545,228
Replacements interval (years)	
Replacements (% of installed CapEx)	

Real leveled cost breakdown of hydrogen (2020\$/kg)

Energy & feedstock use

Energy & feedstock use	Usage per kg H ₂	
	H2A default	User override
Electricity (Commercial)	5.000 [kWh]	
Electricity (Industrial)	55.500 [kWh]	
Electricity (Solar)	0.000 [kWh]	
Electricity (Onshore wind)	0.000 [kWh]	
Natural Gas (Commercial)	0.000 [mmBTU]	
Natural Gas (Industrial)	0.000 [mmBTU]	
Biomass	0.000 [t/ann]	
Coal	0.000 [mmBTU]	
Diesel	0.000 [gal]	
Water Total	3.780 [gal]	

Select regional prices → (AEO 2022 Ref)

Energy & feedstock use	H2A default	User override	US Average
Electricity (Commercial)	0.115 [\$ /kWh]		
Electricity (Industrial)	0.075 [\$ /kWh]		
Electricity (Solar)	0.048 [\$ /kWh]		
Electricity (Onshore wind)	0.034 [\$ /kWh]		
Natural Gas (Commercial)	8.28 [\$ /mmBTU]		
Natural Gas (Industrial)	4.11 [\$ /mmBTU]		
Biomass	52.6 [\$ /t]		
Coal	2.33 [\$ /mmBTU]		
Diesel	2.94 [\$ /gal]		
Water Total	0.0033 [\$ /gal]		

Input Power

Input Power	Input Energy	Efficiency
[kW HHV]	[kWh HHV/kg]	[HHV]
130,656	55,500	71.2%

Select financial time series to plot

Cumulative investor cash flow

Selected region

Central production pathways:

- Biomass gasification
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Cost Breakdown

All yellow cells allow user overrides

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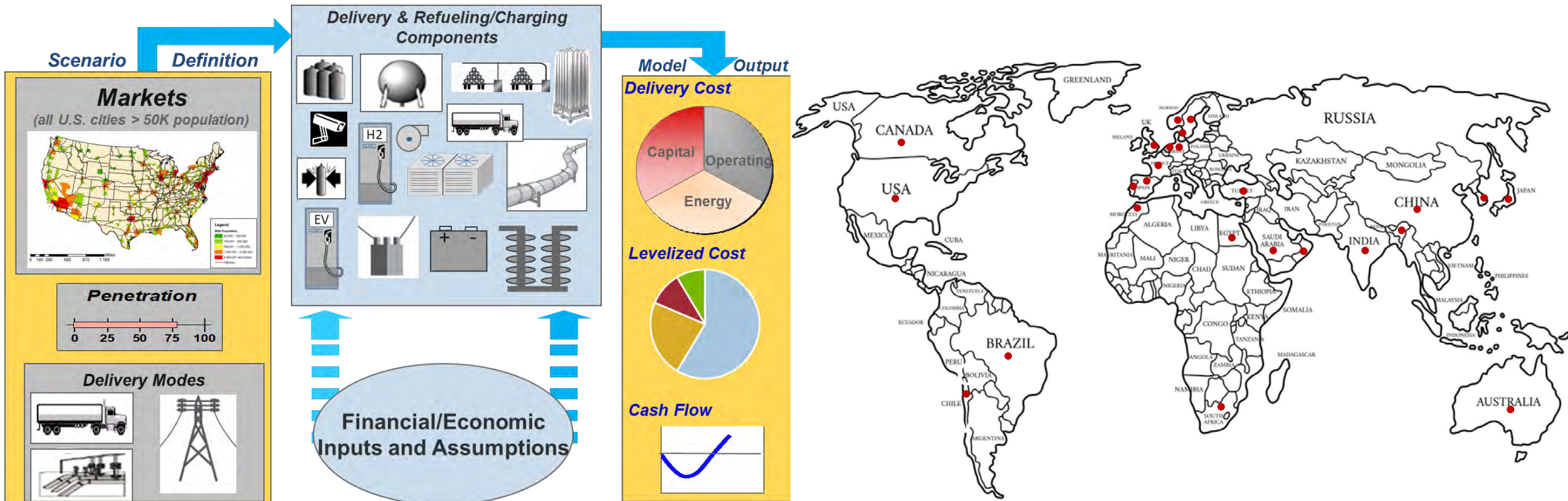
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Hydrogen Delivery Scenario Analysis suite of Models (HDSAM)

Argonne's HDSAM and its derivatives evaluate the economic performance and market acceptance of hydrogen delivery technologies and fueling infrastructure for FCEVs

➤ Publicly available with >5,250 users, including major gas and energy companies, in more than 25 countries

➤ Supported by U.S. Department of Energy's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office (HFTO) since 2004



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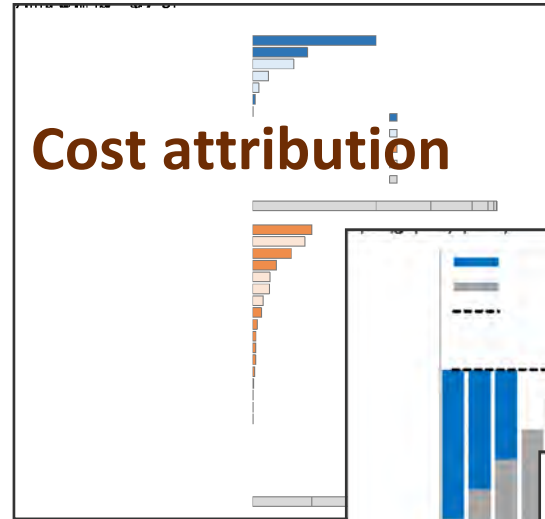
H2FAST – Corporate Finance Framework Analysis



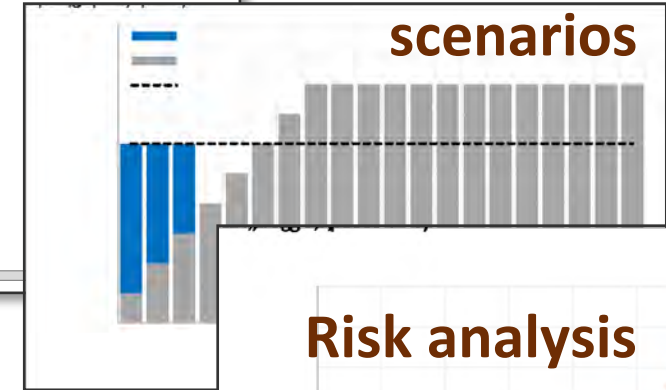
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The *Hydrogen Financial Analysis Scenario Tool* (H2FAST)

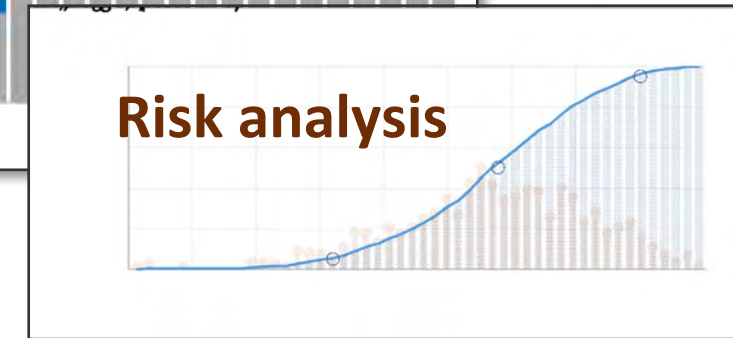
- Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) analysis of individual hydrogen infrastructure projects (production, distribution, retail dispensing stations)
- Compatible with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- Annual computation of income statements, cash flow statements, balance sheets.
- Cost attribution by category
- Incentive policy analysis
- Risk analysis



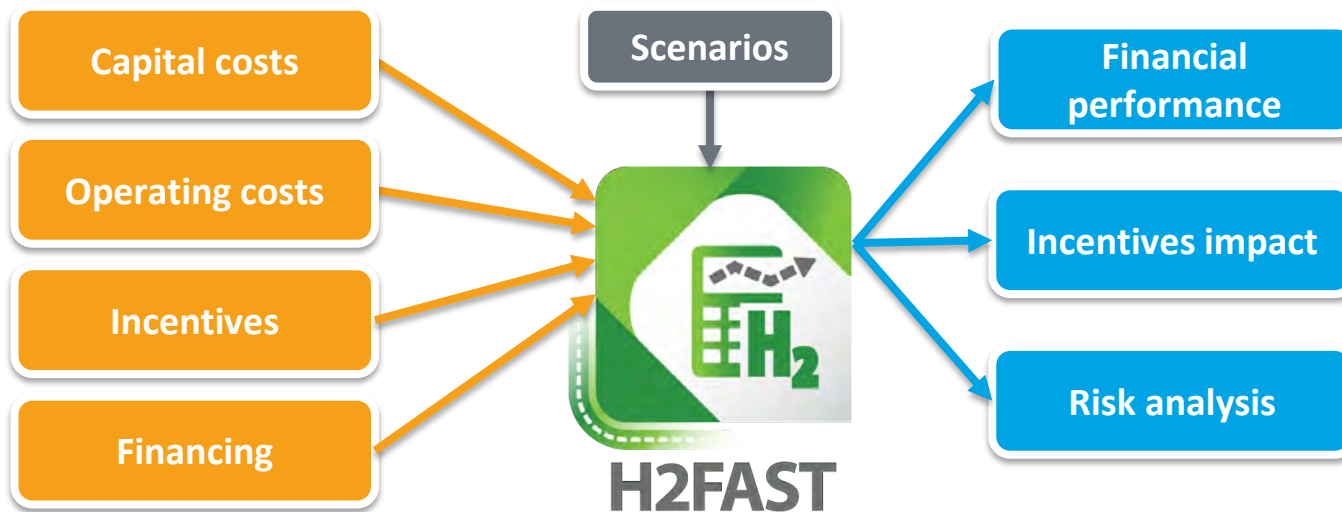
Cost attribution



Incentives scenarios



Risk analysis



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Overview of Hydrogen Supply Chain Modeling In SERA

Energy Resources



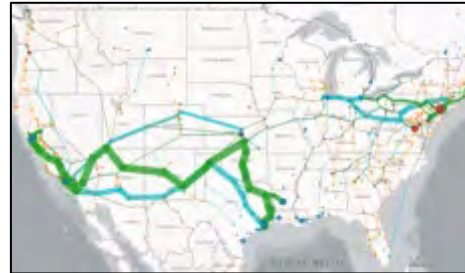
- Energy prices (natural gas, electricity, etc.)
- Renewables (biomass, solar, wind)
- Terrain, rights of way, etc.

Hydrogen Production



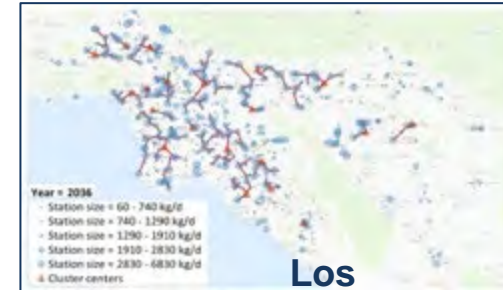
- Central and onsite production facilities
- Capacity sized to meet forecasted demand
- Economies of scale balanced with delivery costs

Storage & Delivery



- Truck delivery, rail, and pipeline.
- Cost is sensitive to volume, distance
- Seasonal and weekly storage
- Networked supply to multiple cities

Retail Station Networks



Los Angeles

- Coverage stations for FCEV introductions
- Station sizes increase with market growth
- Liquid and pipeline delivery networks compete for large stations

The SERA model simulates least-cost hydrogen infrastructure supply systems for industrial & transportation markets

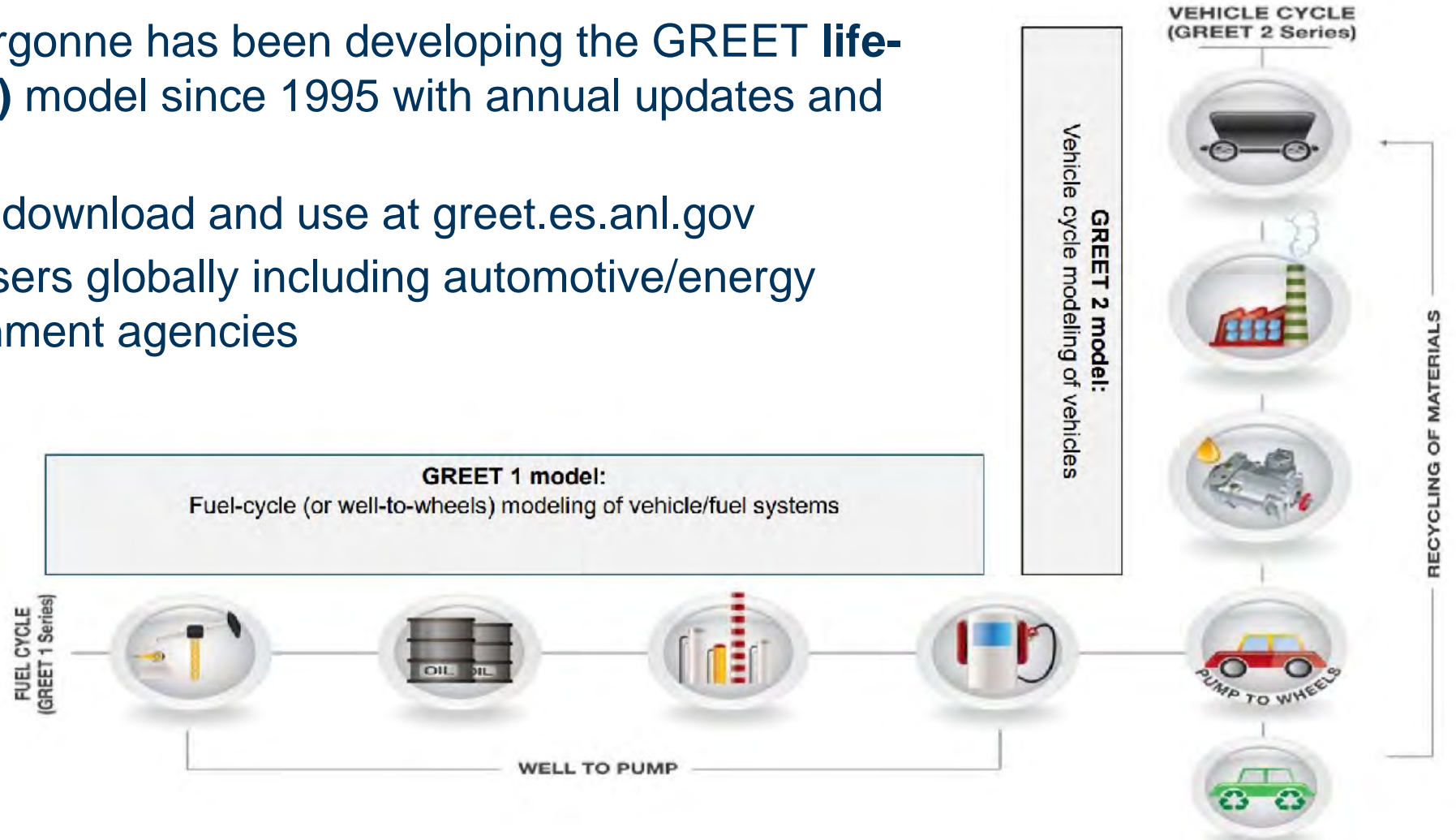
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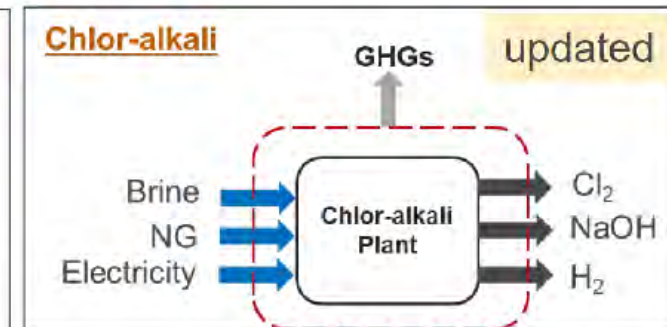
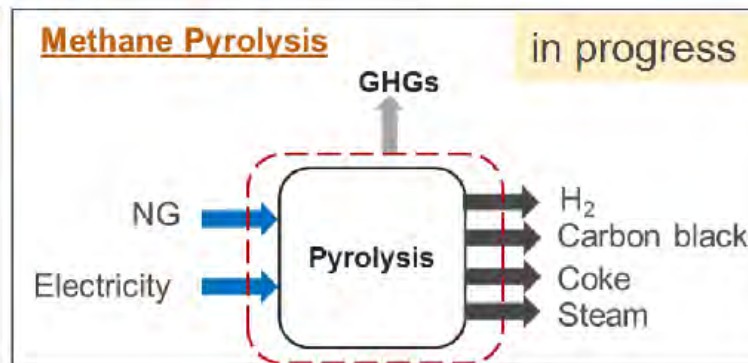
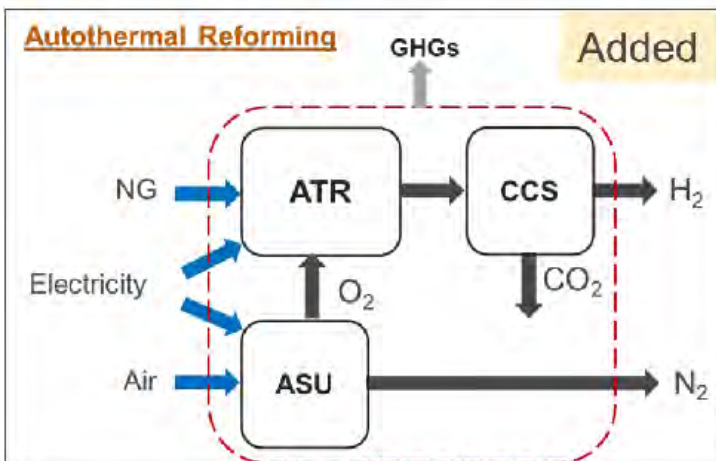
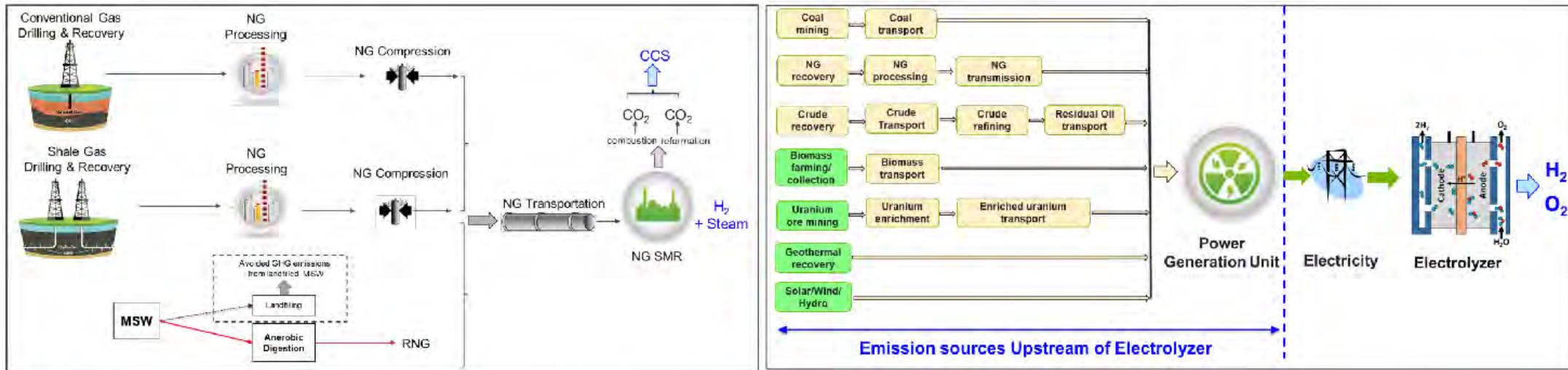
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The GREET® (Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Technologies) model

- 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
- >50,000 registered users globally including automotive/energy industries and government agencies



Conventional and emerging H₂ production technologies in GREET



NG = natural gas
 RNG = renewable NG
 SMR = steam methane reforming
 ATR = autothermal reforming
 MSW = municipal solid waste

Developed a H₂ module user interface with simple process inputs and outputs

	Hydrogen Production Technologies	Process Inputs	Value	Units	Process Outputs	Value	Units																														
Target Year for Simulation	Low Temperature Electrolysis PEM	100%	Low Temperature Electrolysis PEM																																		
2022		Electricity	55	kWh	Hydrogen	1	kg																														
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2024		Oxygen Co-Product Credits	No																																		
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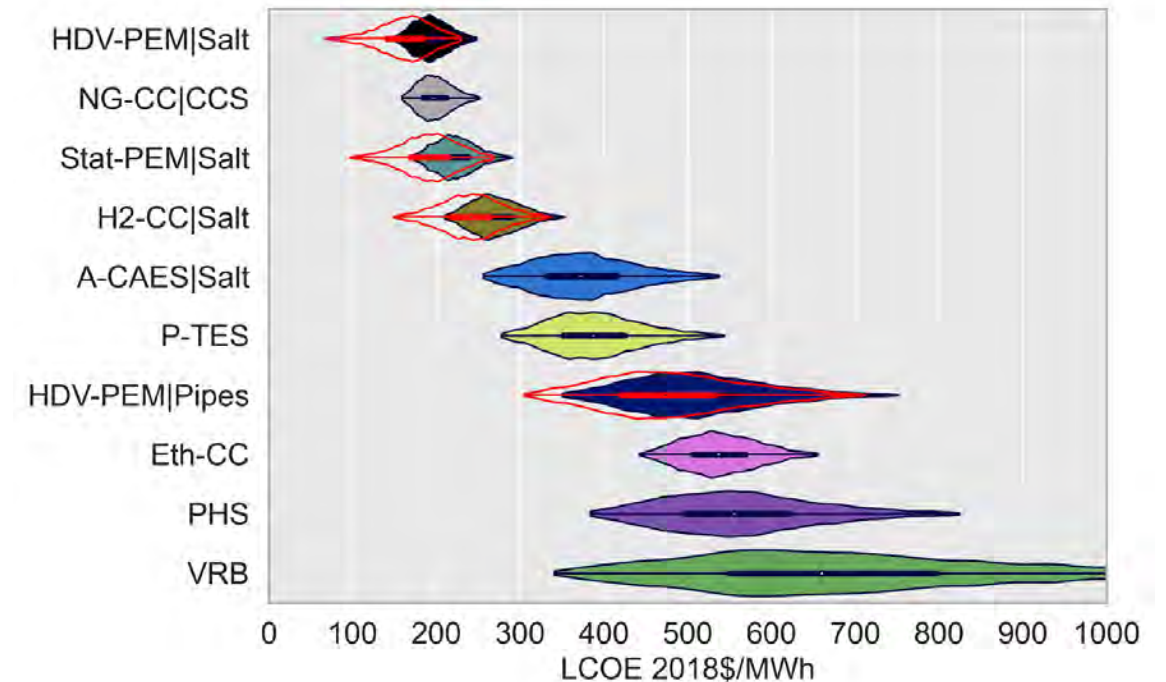
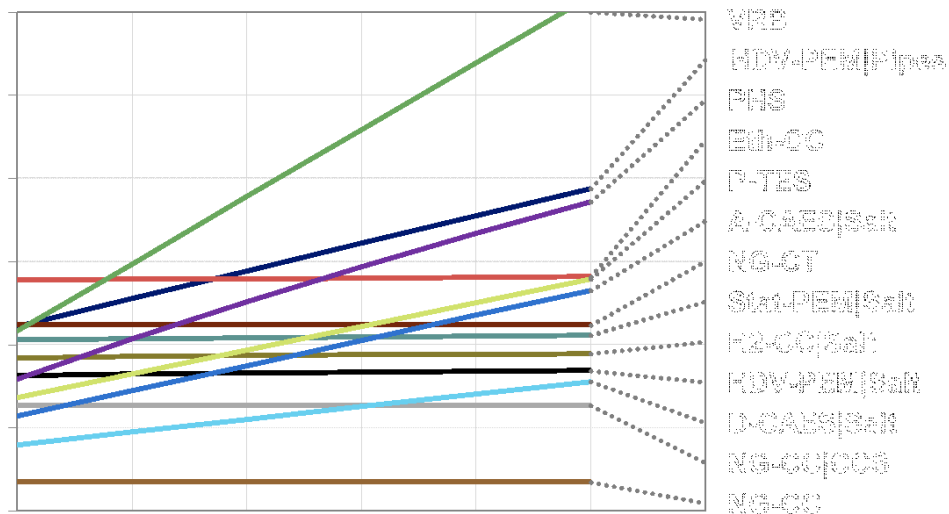
- GREET with H2 Interface model and publication: https://greet.es.anl.gov/greet_hydrogen
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StoreFAST – A tool for techno-economic analysis of energy storage technologies

- **Long-duration energy storage is not well understood** but essential for deep decarbonization of the electricity grid
- NREL created and **published a free spreadsheet tool** for anyone to quickly analyze long-duration and flexible power generation technology systems
- This tool is unique as it **analyzes up to 15 technology systems simultaneously** and uses operating data based on PLEXOS grid modeling done by NREL
- This tool is based on a **Joule publication** [https://www.cell.com/joule/fulltext/S2542-4351\(21\)00306-8](https://www.cell.com/joule/fulltext/S2542-4351(21)00306-8)
- Learn more at: <https://www.nrel.gov/storage/storefast.html>

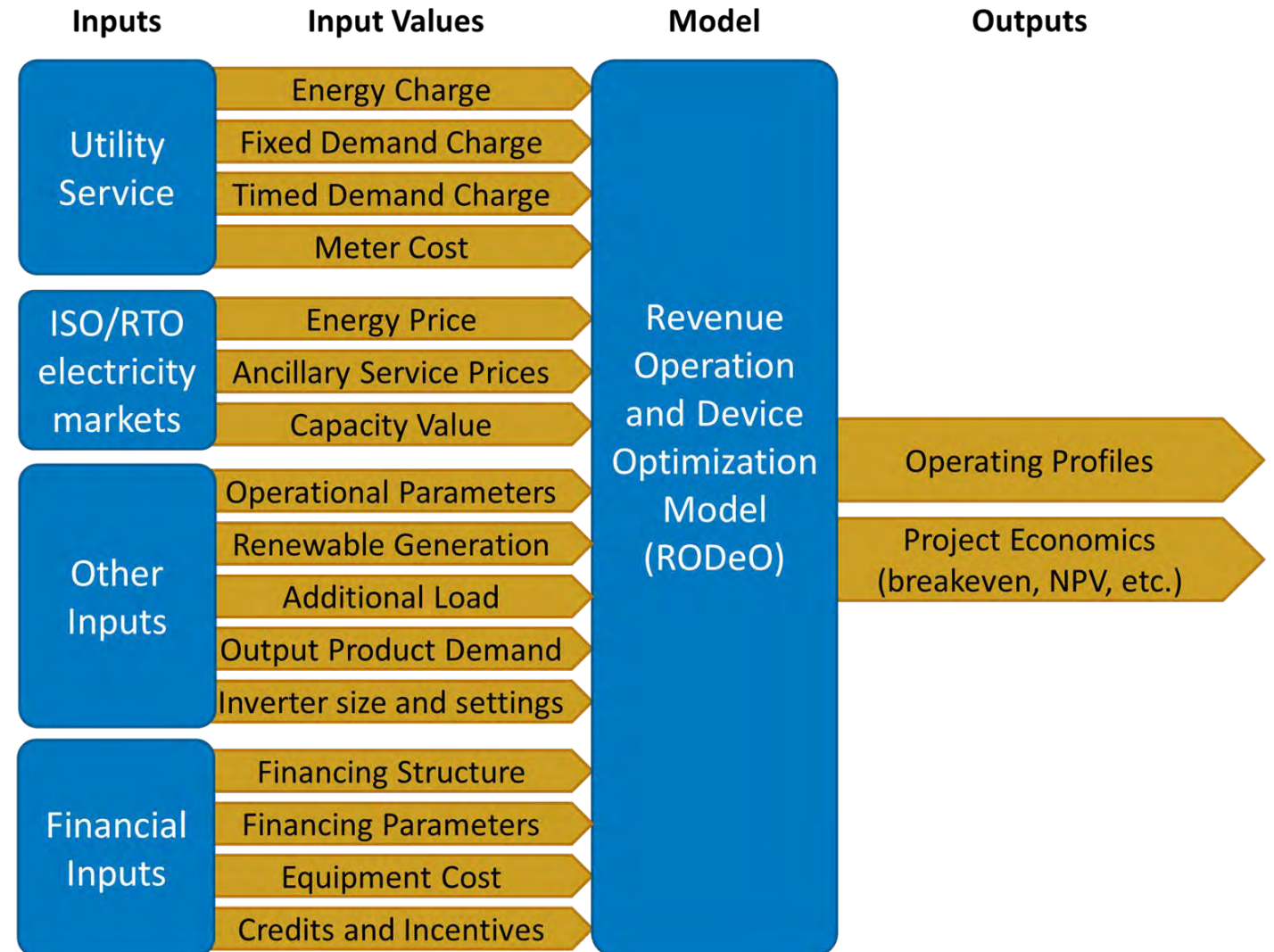


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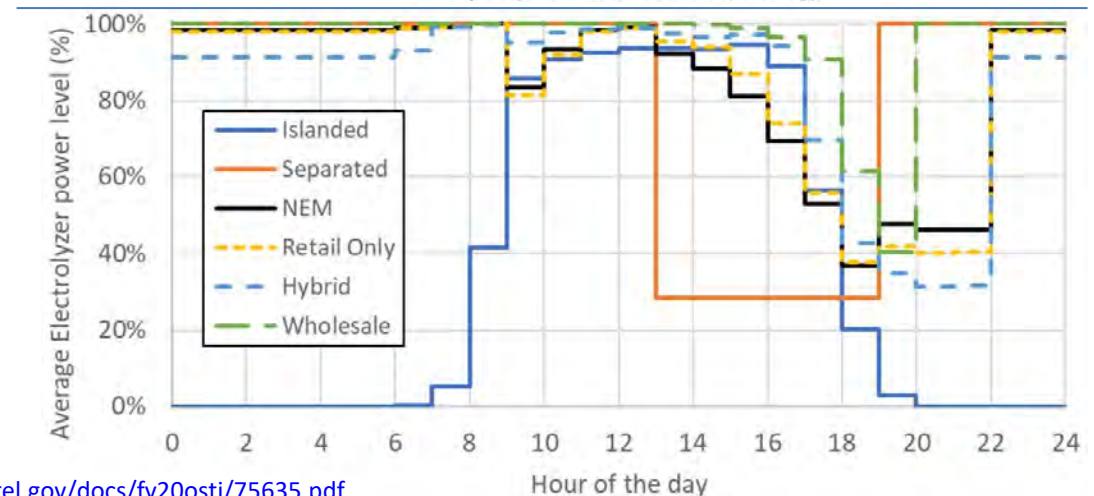
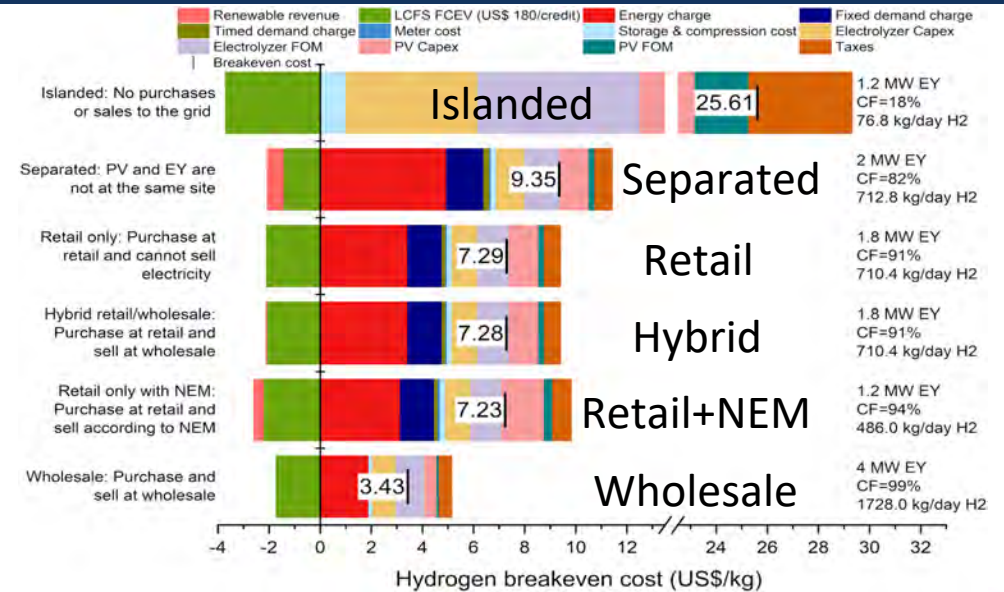
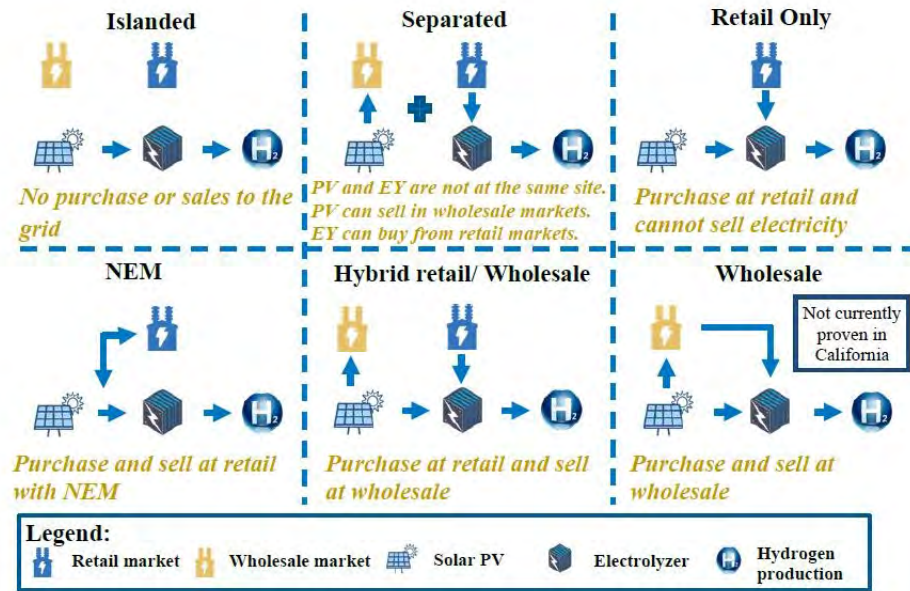
Dispatch optimization using RODEO can determine the best operating strategy for hydrogen production systems

- RODEO is a price-taker model formulated as a mixed-integer linear programming (MILP) model
- Open source; written in Generic Algebraic Modeling Software (GAMS) platform
- Objective: minimize the levelized cost of hydrogen for a collection of equipment at a given site
- Potential equipment
 - Generators (gas turbine, steam turbine, solar, wind, fuel cells, etc.)
 - Storage (batteries, pumped hydro, hydrogen, etc.)
 - Flexible loads (EVs, electrolyzers, buildings)



Optimized Hydrogen Production Cost Analysis with RODEO

- RODEO can be used to estimate the break-even price of hydrogen for different energy input scenarios
- It optimizes the hourly dispatch of the electrolyzer based on renewables output and grid electricity costs
- Can also be used to analyze hydrogen energy storage with tanks/geological caverns and fuel cells/H2 turbines



[7] Eichman et al. "Optimizing an Integrated Renewable-Electrolysis System". NREL/TP-5400-75635. March 2020. <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy20osti/75635.pdf>

Thank you!

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Next Steps

- **Please take our survey! It will surface as soon as the event ends. Your feedback is highly valued!**

- **Register for our next workshop installment:
Hydrogen to Support Climate Targets - February 21, 2024 | 9:00 – 11:00 am EST**



Thank you for joining!

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