



Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Overview

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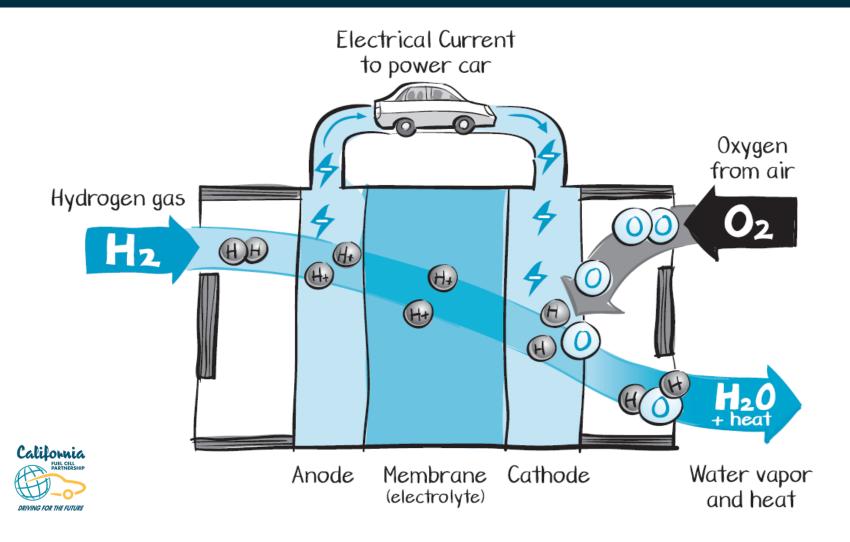
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What is a fuel cell?



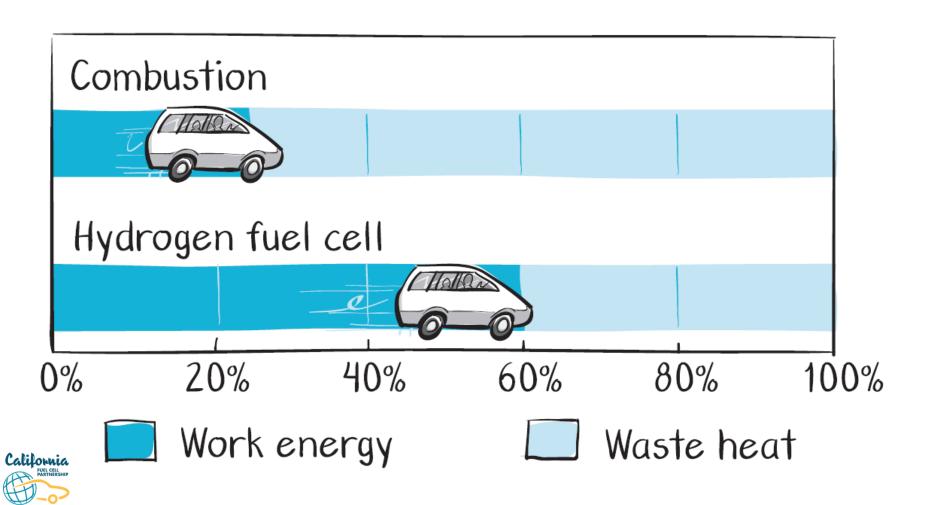
Takes hydrogen in and puts electricity and water vapor out



Fuel Cells are more energy efficient



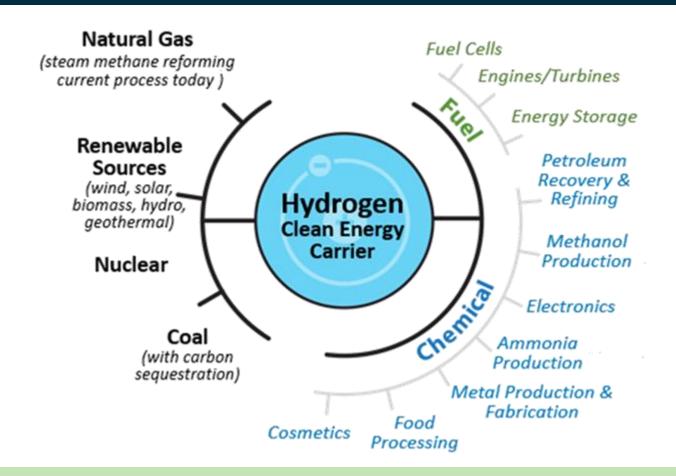
Twice as efficient as a gasoline car and water out of tailpipe



What is hydrogen?



Lightest of all gases and a versatile, clean and flexible energy carrier

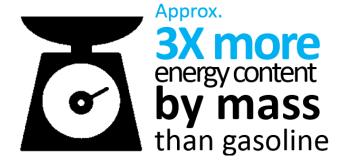


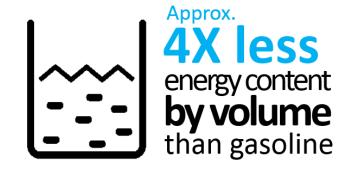
Produced from diverse domestic resources and used in many applications

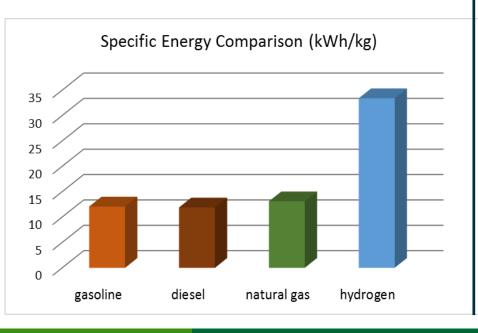
Hydrogen's Energy Content

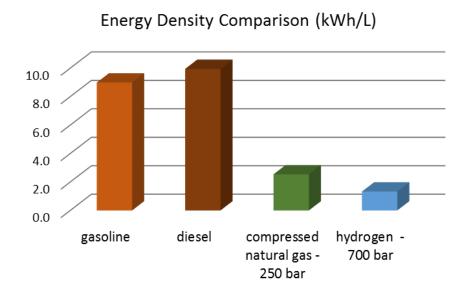


High Energy by Mass, Low Energy by Volume







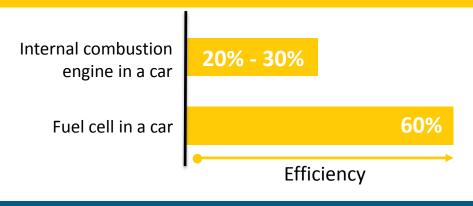


Why Hydrogen and Fuel Cells?





Uses domestic fuels





- Natural gas
- Renewable sources (wind, solar, biomass, etc.)
- Nuclear
- Coal

















Zero tailpipe emissions



Versatile and easily scalable















Real World Applications – In the U.S.







Photo Credit: Sandia National Laboratories

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Fuel cell buses in California surpass 19M passengers



Photo Credit: NREL

ZH2: U.S. Army and GM collaboration First of its kind



Photo Credit: General Motors

Real World Applications – In the U.S.



Fuel cells provided backup power during Hurricane Sandy in the U.S. Northeast



Increasing orders of fuel cell forklifts by warehouses and stores in the U.S.



Photo Credit: BMW Manufacturing

Fuel cells used to power World Trade Center in NYC



Backup power installed all over the country for cell phone towers, railroads and utilities

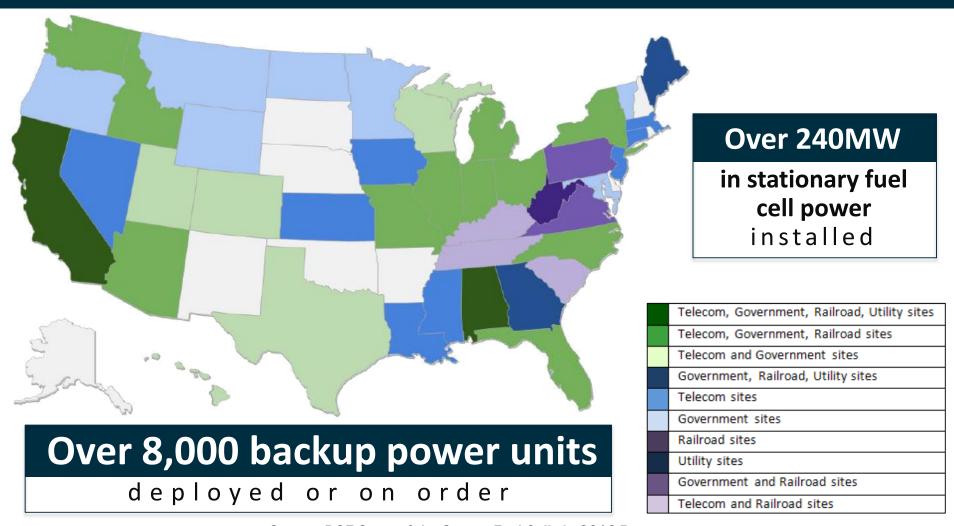


Photo Credit: NREL

Fuel cells operating all over the U.S.



Fuel cells used for backup power in more than 40 states



Source: DOE State of the States: Fuel Cells in 2016 Report

Real World Applications – Abroad







Photo Credit: Fukuoka Pref.



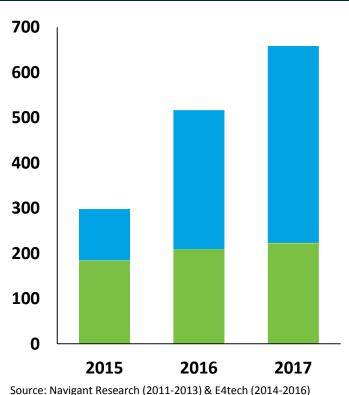
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Fuel Cell Market Growth





Fuel Cell Power Shipped Worldwide (MW)





Transportation













650 MW fuel cell power shipped worldwide



70,000 fuel cell units shipped worldwide



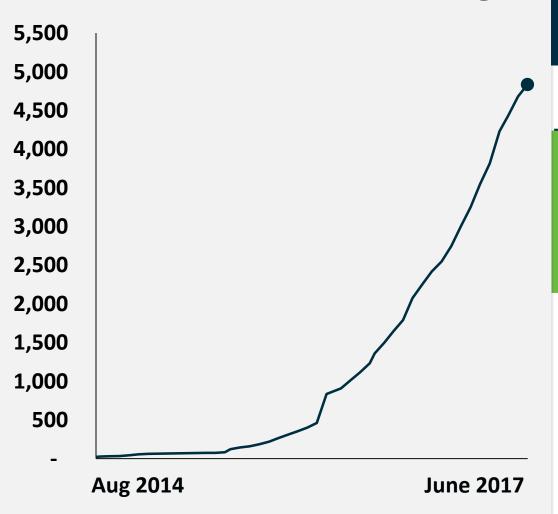
Approximately \$2 Billion fuel cell revenue

Source: DOE, E4tech

U.S. Fuel Cell Car Sales



Fuel Cell Car Sales Growing





sold or leased in the U.S.

First time fuel cell electric mobility ranks

#1 trend

in 2018 automotive executives survey

KPMG, Global Automotive Executive Survey 2018

Note: Cumulative number of vehicles sold/leased. Source: hybridcars.com

A Simple Example: Gasoline vs. Fuel Cell Car Hol





$$20 \frac{Miles}{Gallon}$$

$$X 15 \frac{Gallon}{Tank} = 300 \text{ miles}$$

$$X \quad 4 \quad \frac{\text{Dollars}}{\text{Gallon}} = $60$$

Note: Illustrative example, does not reflect current gasoline prices



$$60 \frac{\text{Miles}}{\text{Kg (gge)}}$$

$$\frac{\mathsf{Kg}\;(\mathsf{gge})}{\mathsf{Tank}} \quad \vdots$$

$$5 \frac{Kg}{Tank} \quad \chi \quad 10 \quad \frac{Dollars}{Kg (gge)}$$

GGE: gallon of gasoline equivalent

Note: 1 kg of hydrogen has the same amount of energy as 1 gallon of gasoline

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DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program



Early R&D Focus

Applied research, development and innovation in emerging hydrogen and fuel cell technologies leading to:

- Energy security
- Energy resiliency
- Strong domestic economy

Early R&D Areas





Fuel Cells

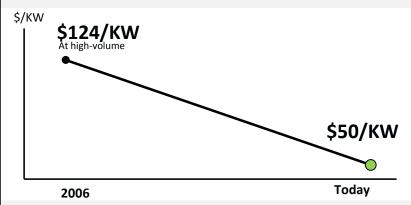
Hydrogen

- PGM- free catalysts
- Durable MEAs
- Electrode performance

- Production pathways
- Delivery components
- Advanced materials for storage

Early R&D Impact

60% Lower Fuel Cell Cost



Greater Fuel Cell Durability

4X more hours



of fuel cell lifetime since 2006

80% Lower Electrolyzer Cost

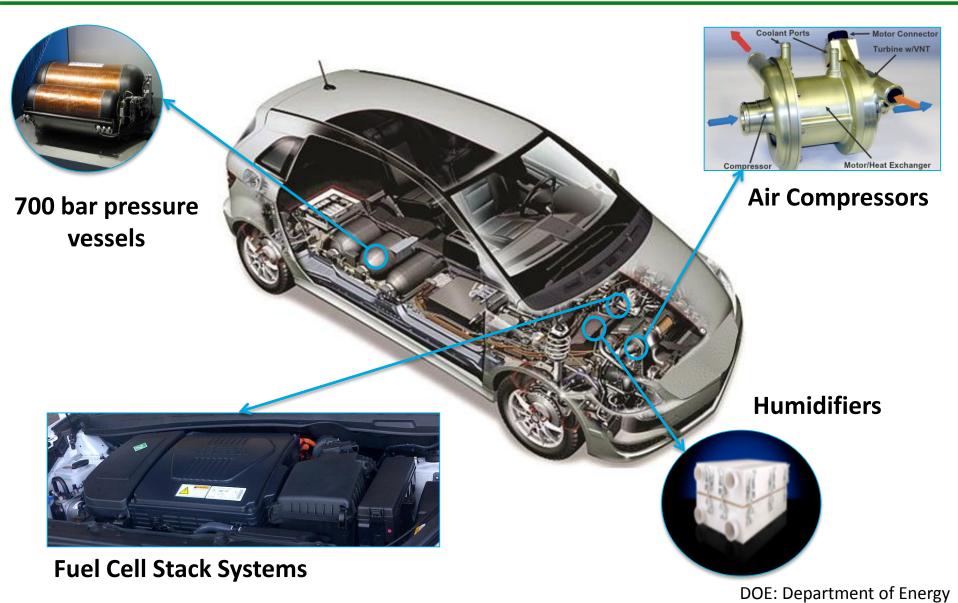
for H₂ production since 2002

PGM = Platinum group metals

MEA = Membrane Electrode Assembly

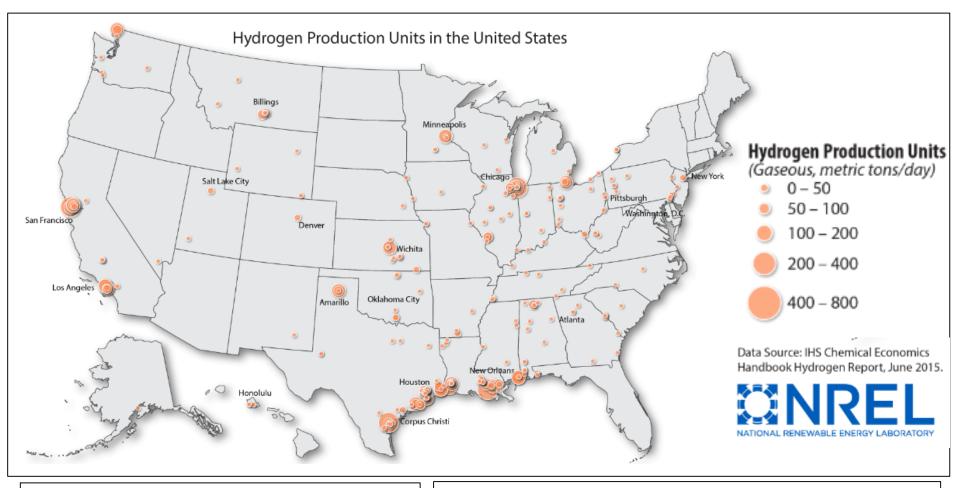
Examples of Technology Enabled by DOE





Hydrogen is an industrial commodity





U.S. annual hydrogen production

10 million metric tons

Largest Users in the U.S.

Petroleum Processing

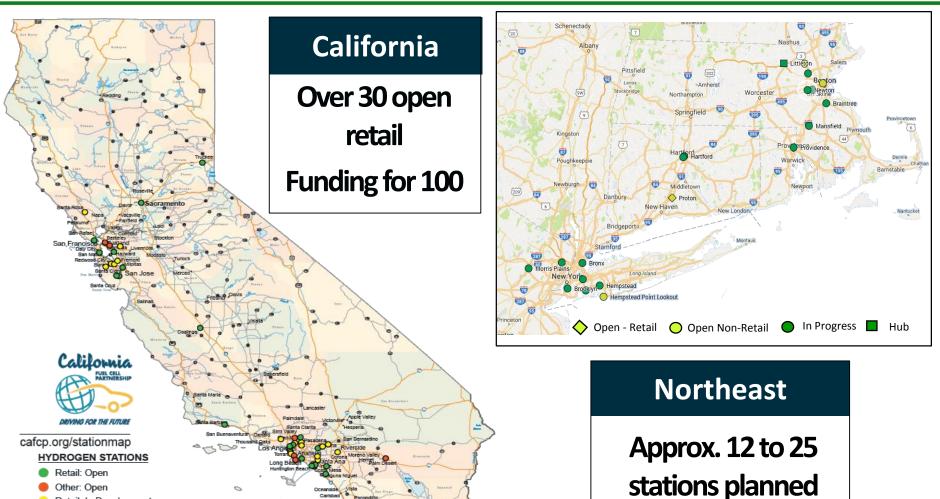
68%

Fertilizer Production

21%

H₂ stations now open in selected U.S. regions





Others with interest: Hawaii, Ohio, Texas, Colorado, South Carolina, and others

Retail: In Development

H₂ stations look similar to regular gas stations H₂IQ



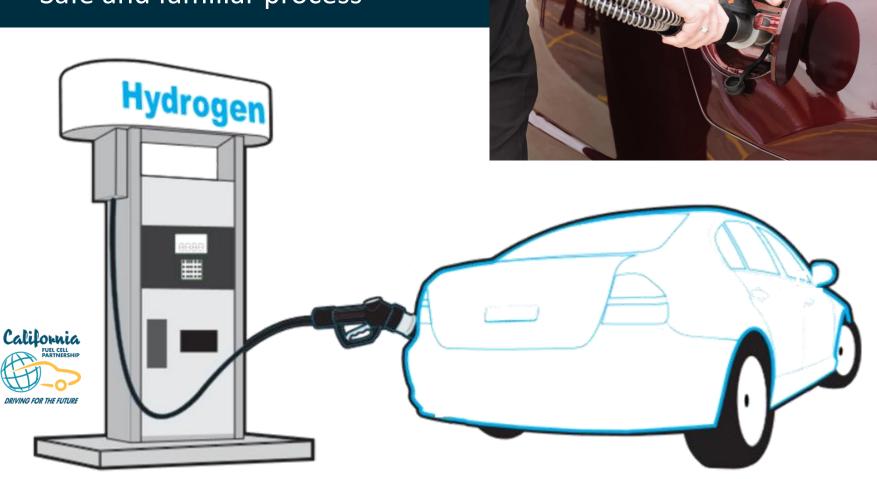


Photo courtesy: CaFCP

What does hydrogen refueling look like?



- Takes minutes
- Similar dispenser to gasoline
- Safe and familiar process

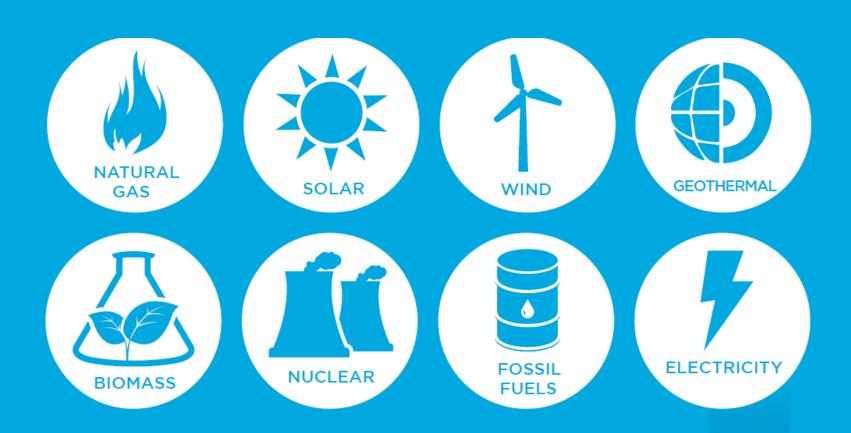


Many Energy Sources for Hydrogen



Domestic energy sources can be used to produce hydrogen

Most of today's hydrogen comes from natural gas

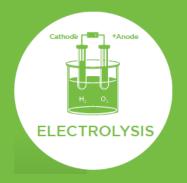


Learn more at: http://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-resources

Many Ways to Produce Hydrogen



Most of today's hydrogen is produced through Steam Methane Reforming









Electricity
separates water
into oxygen and
hydrogen

Microbes or enzymes break down plants and produce hydrogen

Energy from direct sunlight and sun heat splits molecules

Steam and hydrocarbons come together under high temperature

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Multiple Uses for Hydrogen



Hydrogen can be used in many sectors

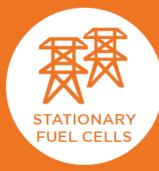
throughout the economy



Including other mobile applications like buses, trucks and forklifts



Good for limiting renewable power curtailing and stabilizing grid



Interest from cell phone towers, data centers, hospitals and supermarkets



Largest use of hydrogen produced today



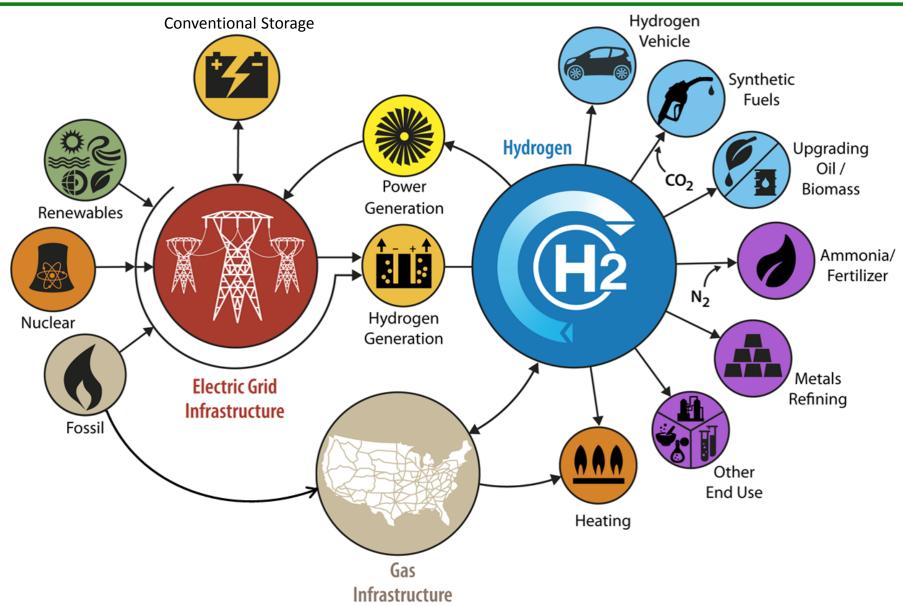
Second
largest use
of hydrogen
produced
today

Learn more at:

https://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/fuel-cell-technologies-educational-publications

Putting it all together: H₂@Scale Vision





H₂@Scale: Enabling a reliable, affordable, secure and clean energy future



Hydrogen for Education - Resources



Sign up to receive news and latest developments

https://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/fuel-cell-technologies-office-newsletter

Learn more with DOE's educational resources, videos and more!

- http://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/students-and-educators
- http://energy.gov/eere/videos/energy-101-fuel-cell-technology

Share the knowledge and give an *Increase your H2IQ* presentation!

- https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/increase-your-h2iq
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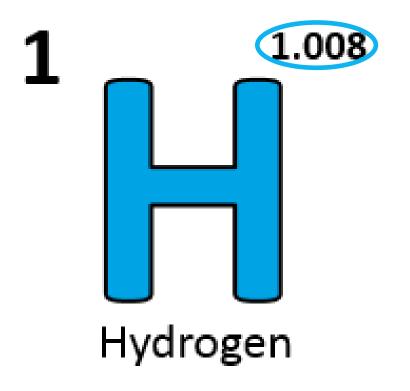
Examples of STEM outreach in the DMV area HolQ





Take part in it!





Celebrate **Hydrogen & Fuel** Cell Day on 10/8 or October 8 (Held on its very own atomicweight-day)

Learn more: energy.gov/eere/fuelcells



Thank You

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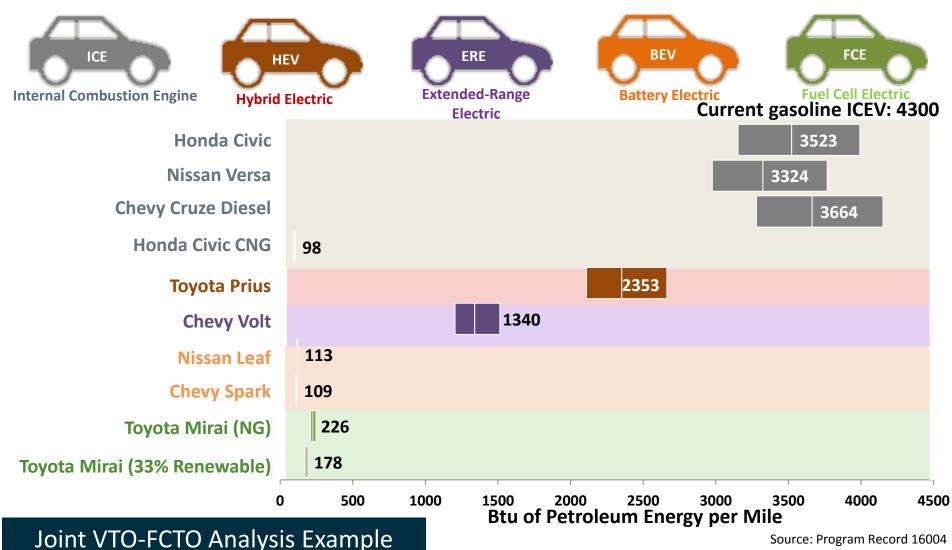


Additional Information

Life-Cycle Petroleum Use- Today's Cars



Low, Medium & High Petroleum Energy/Mile for 2015 Technology



(https://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/16004 life-cycle ghg oil use cars.pdf)

Life-cycle Emissions- Today's Cars



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