

# **Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Program Overview**

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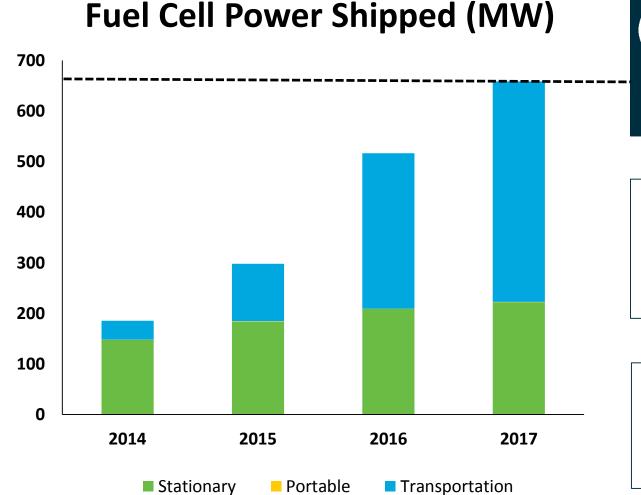
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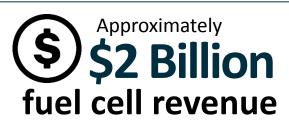


# **Fuel Cell Shipments - Growth by Application**



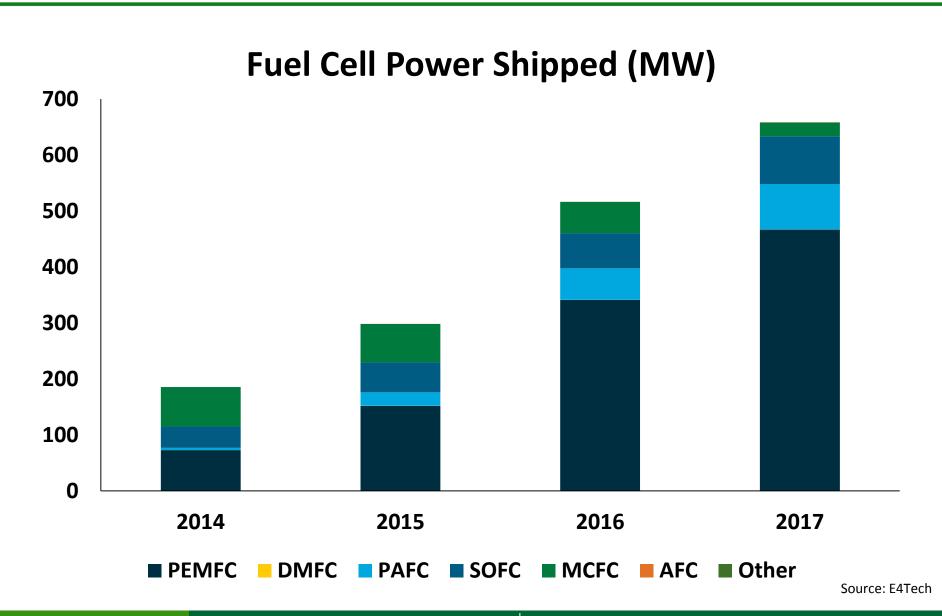


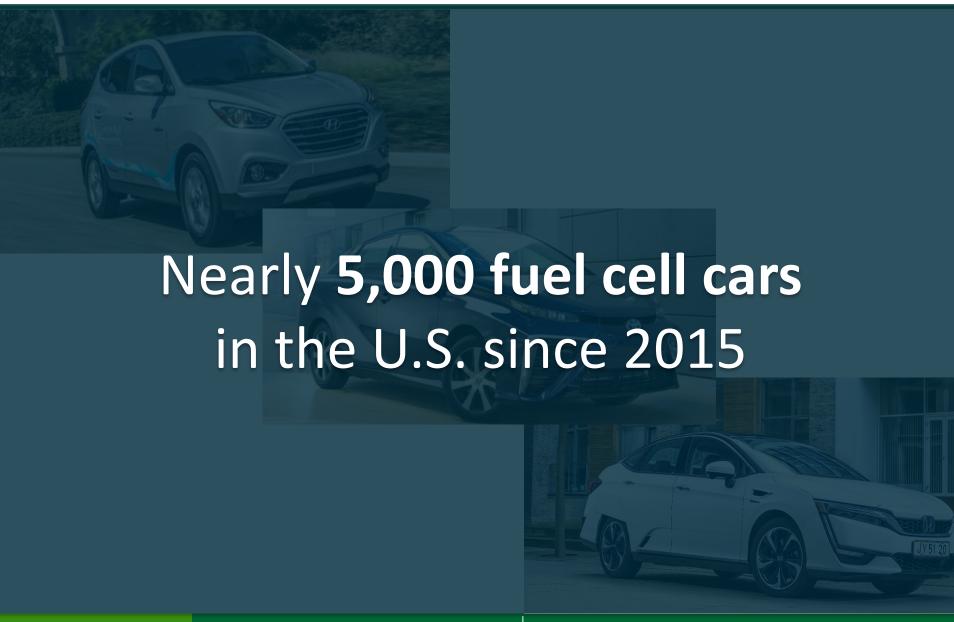




Source: DOE and E4Tech

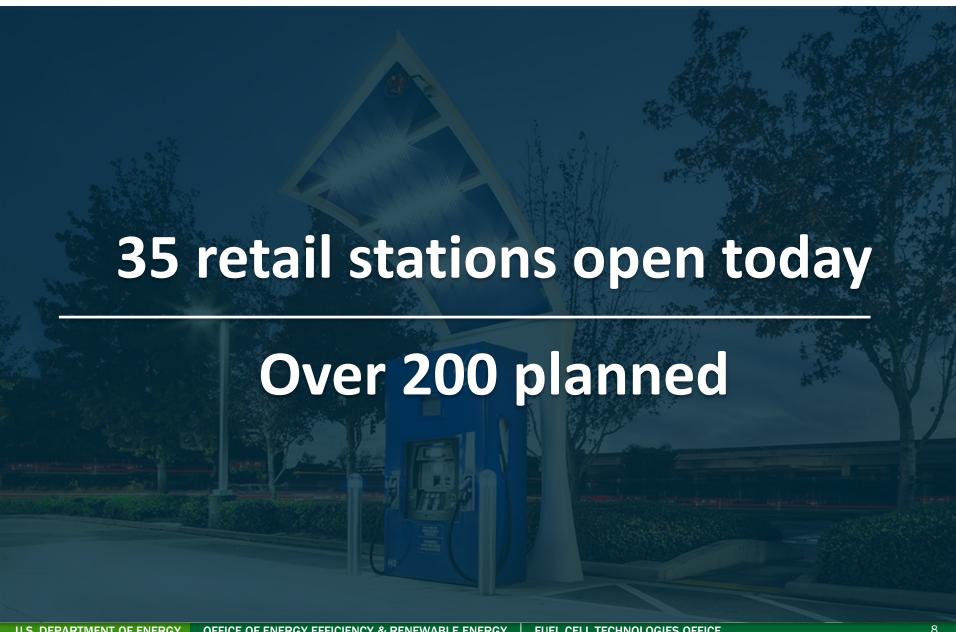
# **Growth by Fuel Cell Type**





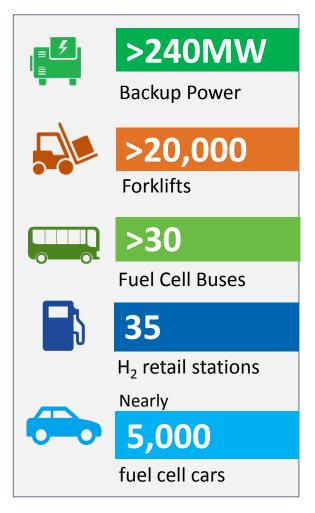


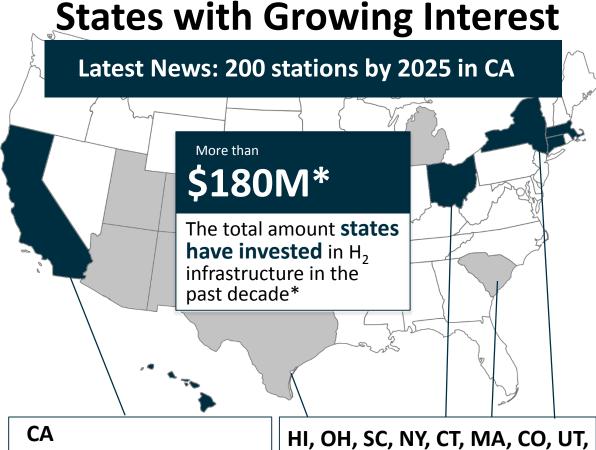




# Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Applications in the U.S.

# **U.S. Snapshot**





#### Over 30 public stations open

- \$150M invested
- \$235M announced in 2018

200 stations planned

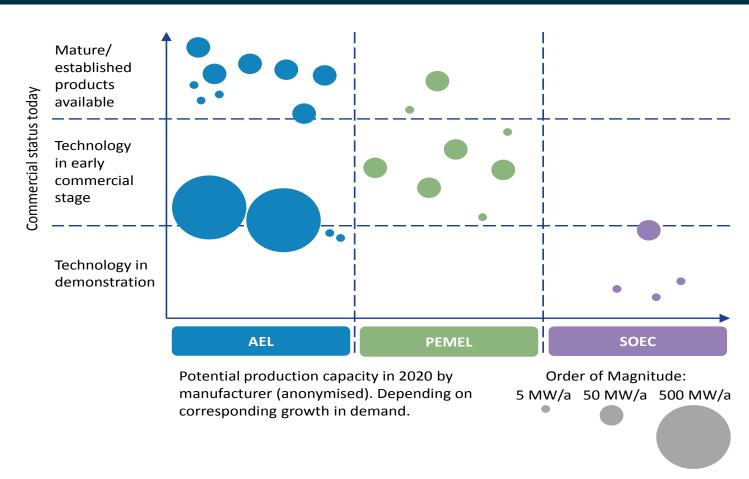
TX, MI, and others with interest

- Over \$27M invested
- 12-25 stations planned in the NE

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes recent announcement from CA to invest \$235M in electric vehicles

# **Electrolyzers**

## Global sales estimated at 100 MW/year\*



\*Courtesy of NOW, E4tech and partners: A collaborative effort to assess electrolyzer market potential

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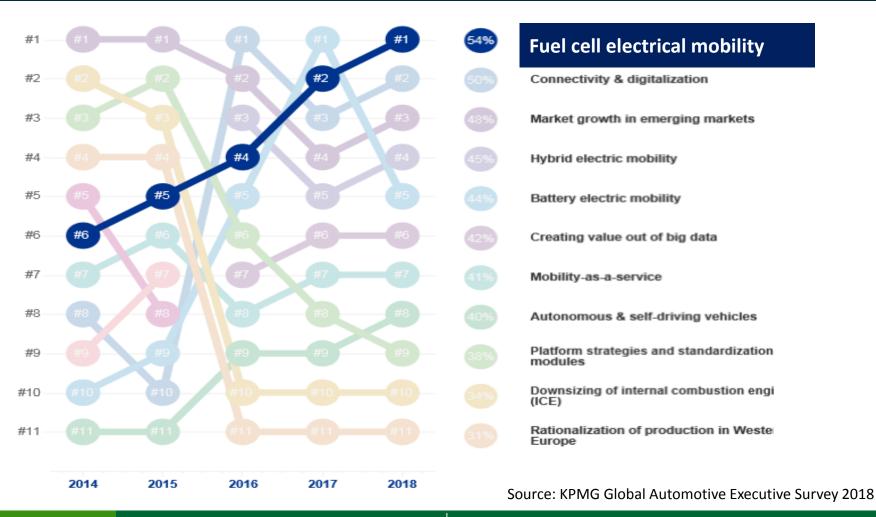






# **Automotive Executives Survey Results**

# First time fuel cell electric mobility ranks #1 trend among automotive executives





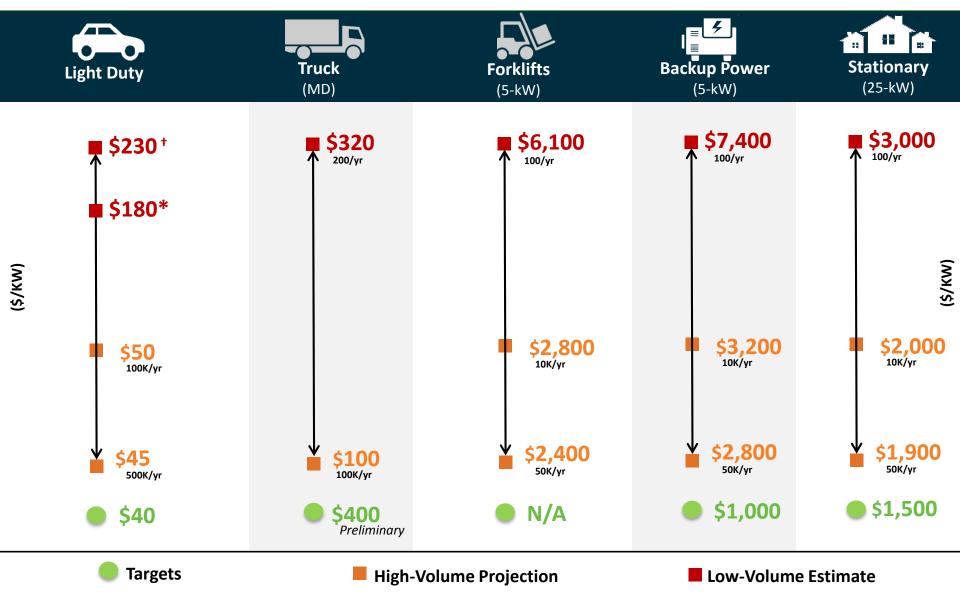
# Strategy

R&D and innovation to enable affordable and reliable hydrogen and fuel cell technologies.

Increase focus on infrastructure.



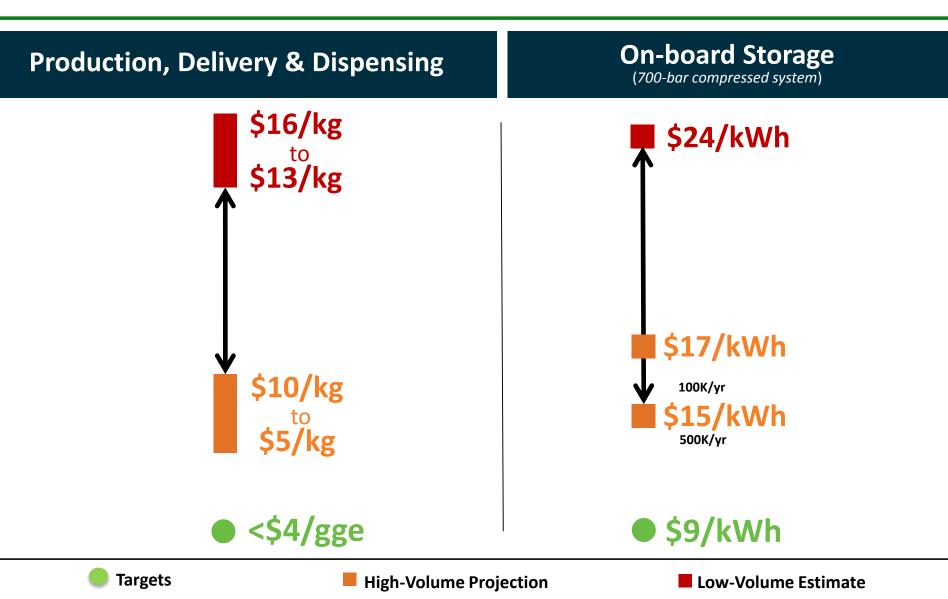
# DOE fuel cell system cost vs. targets



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Based on commercially available FCEVs <sup>†</sup>Based on state of the art technology

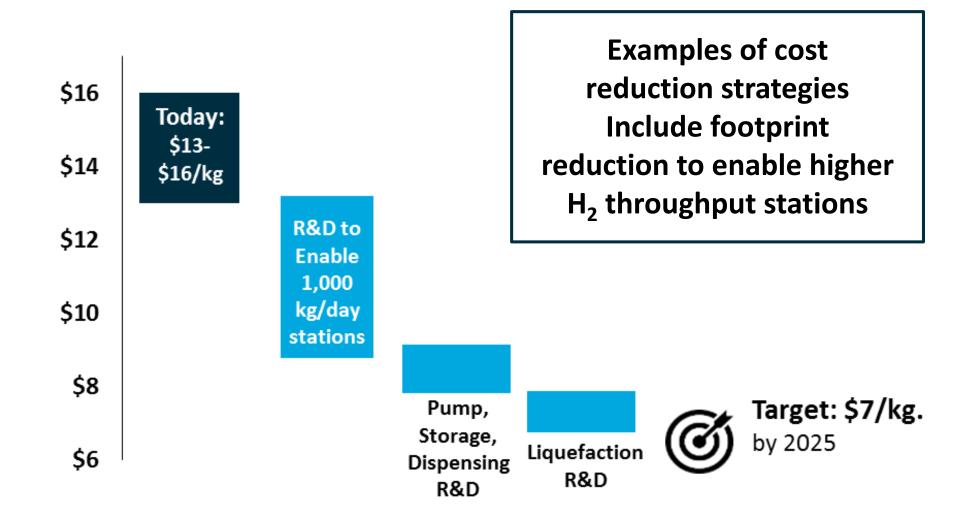
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# Hydrogen fuel cost vs. targets



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# Cost reduction strategies based on analysis



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# **Key Program Early R&D Focus Areas - FY18**





#### **Fuel Cells**

### **Hydrogen Fuel**

- PGM- free catalysts
- Durable MEAs
- Electrode performance

- Production
- Delivery (including dispensing)
- Storage

PGM = Platinum group metals

MEA = Membrane Electrode Assembly

# **Program Mission and Strategies**

## Early R&D **Focus**

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

- **Energy security**
- **Energy resiliency**
- Strong domestic economy

### Early R&D Areas





Hydrogen

**Fuel** 



#### Infrastructure R&D

#### **Fuel** Cells

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- Durable MEAs
- Electrode performance

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- Production **Pathways**
- Advanced materials for storage
- Safety
- Manufacturing
- Delivery components
- Others

**New in FY19 Budget Request** 

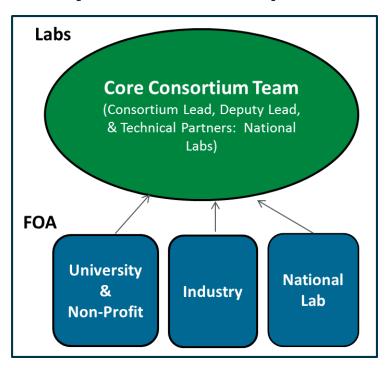
### **Enabling**



# **Strategy: Leveraging National Labs and Partners**

#### **Consortium Approach**

Multi-lab core capabilities with steady influx of new partners





#### **Consortia Launched**

**Improved PEM fuel cells** 



**PGM-free catalysts** 



Advanced H<sub>2</sub> materials storage



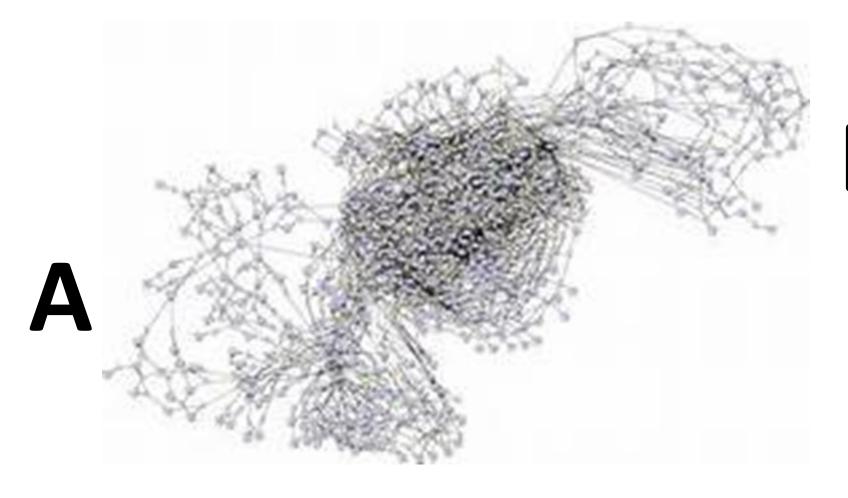
Materials for renewable H<sub>2</sub> production



**New Consortium: H-MAT** 



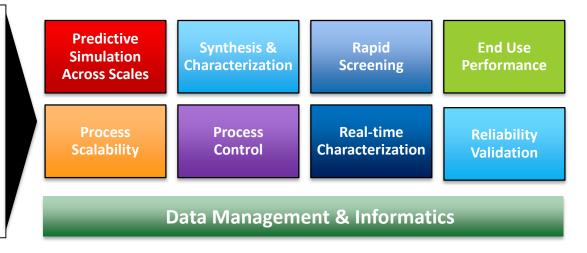
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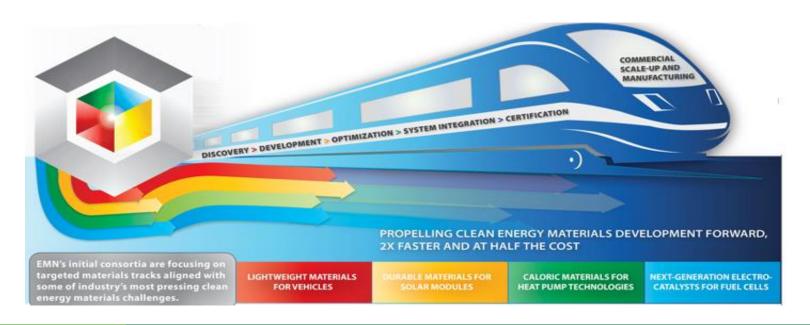


#### **EMN: A Platform for Accelerated Materials R&D**



Research Capabilities
& Core Principles
guiding EMN





# Technical Accomplishments

# **DOE Program Impact - Examples**

#### **Innovation**



Approx. H<sub>2</sub> and fuel cell patents enabled by FCTO funds

Approx.

35% of H<sub>2</sub> and fuel cell patents

come from National Labs

# **Market Impact**

**More than** 

**Technologies** 

commercialized by private industry

with potential

to be commercial in the next 3-5 years

can be traced back to FCTO R&D

# Examples of Progress enabled by DOE FCTO in the last decade



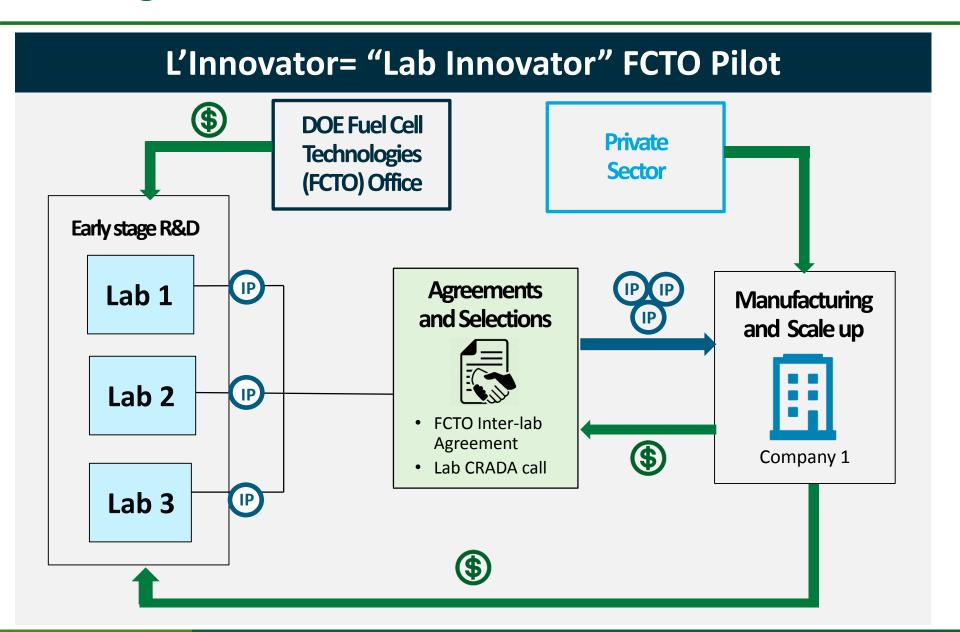
**Reduced cost 60%** 

**Quadrupled durability** 



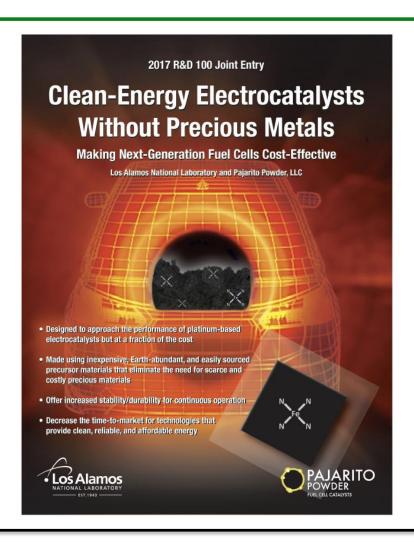
**Cut electrolyzer** costs 80% **H2 Production** R&D

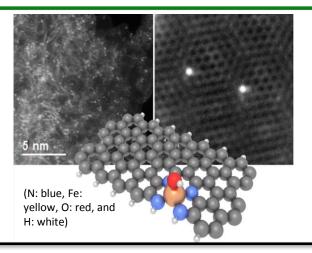
# Leverage Private Sector to Accelerate Lab IP to Market



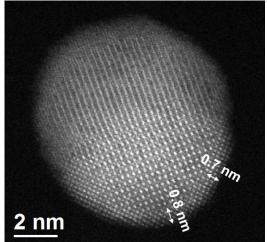
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# **Examples: R&D 100 Awards and more**





Science Paper (LANL, ORNL)
Active site(s) in
PGM-free Fe-N-C



Ordered core (PtCo) remains intact even after 30K cycles (AST) (LANL, Brown University, ORNL)

Journal of the Electrochemical Society: Focus Issue on PEM Fuel Cell Durability
Guest Editors: Jean St-Pierre, Debbie Myers, Rod Borup, over 40 papers, many FC-PAD authors

# Focus Areas

Emphasize highthroughput + modeling for catalyst R&D

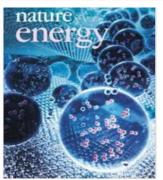
Increase focus on innovative membranes

# HydroGEN: High-Impact Computational Research in Catalysis

nature energy

#### ARTICLES

PUBLISHED: 31 JULY 2017 | VOLUME: 2 | ARTICLE NUMBER: 17127



# Self-optimizing, highly surface-active layered metal dichalcogenide catalysts for hydrogen evolution

Yuanyue Liu<sup>1†‡</sup>, Jingjie Wu<sup>1‡</sup>, Ken P. Hackenberg<sup>1‡</sup>, Jing Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Y. Morris Wang<sup>2</sup>, Yingchao Yang<sup>1</sup>, Kunttal Keyshar<sup>1</sup>, Jing Gu<sup>3</sup>, Tadashi Ogitsu<sup>2</sup>, Robert Vajtai<sup>1</sup>, Jun Lou<sup>1</sup>, Pulickel M. Ajayan<sup>1</sup>, Brandon C. Wood<sup>2</sup>\* and Boris I. Yakobson<sup>1</sup>\*



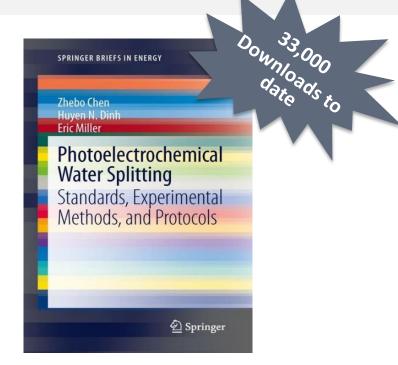
Steering Committee Member (Tadashi) owns a FCEV and chooses a unique license plate

# HydroGEN: High-Impact Research in Photoelectrochemistry

Achieving Record Performance
NREL set new record with III-V
semiconductor PEC tandem cell:
3 Nature Energy publications.

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Addressing Benchmarking Needs
Technology advancement by
publishing standards, protocols
and reviews.



PEC World Record Benchmarked at >16% STH

Technology Standards to Facilitate Research Progress

# Focus Areas

Emphasis on water-splitting

Raising the Tide:
R&D Test Protocols for
Water-Splitting

# **HyMARC Advanced Hydrogen Storage Materials**



Provides **foundational understanding** of thermodynamics and kinetics to advance solid-state hydrogen storage materials

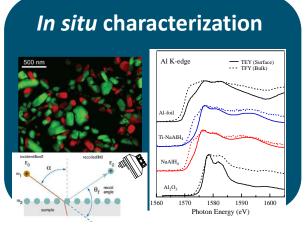
#### Delivers community tools and capabilities:

- High-throughput materials screening
- Surface, bulk, soft X-ray, synchrotron
- Probing nanoscale phenomena



# Theory, simulation, & data

# Controlled synthesis Hoo Hoo Metal hydride narroparticle

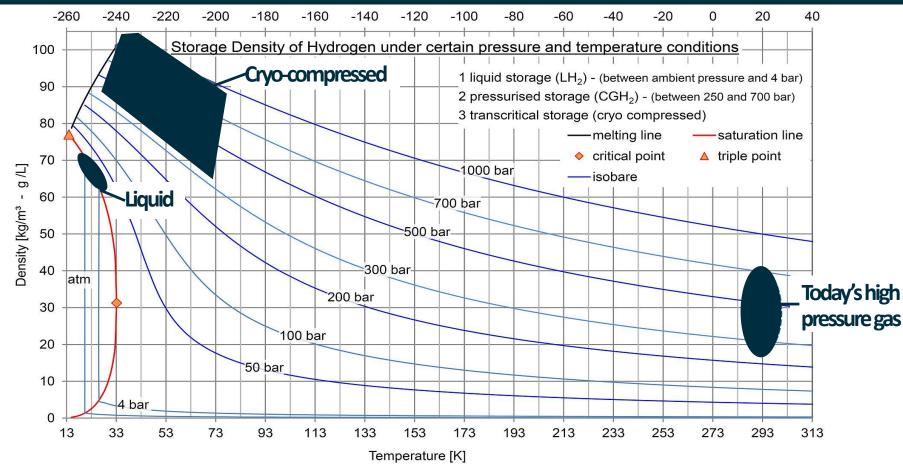


# **Focus Areas**

# Adding H<sub>2</sub> Carriers R&D to HyMARC

# **Example of Innovation- potential for heavy duty?**

#### Cryo-compression can offer densities higher than liquid hydrogen



#### ANL analysis (preliminary) shows potential for:

90-200% storage capacity increase

25% less cost (at 5,000 units/yr)

46% less carbon fiber composite

## Potential Opportunities for Larger Vehicles/Long Range

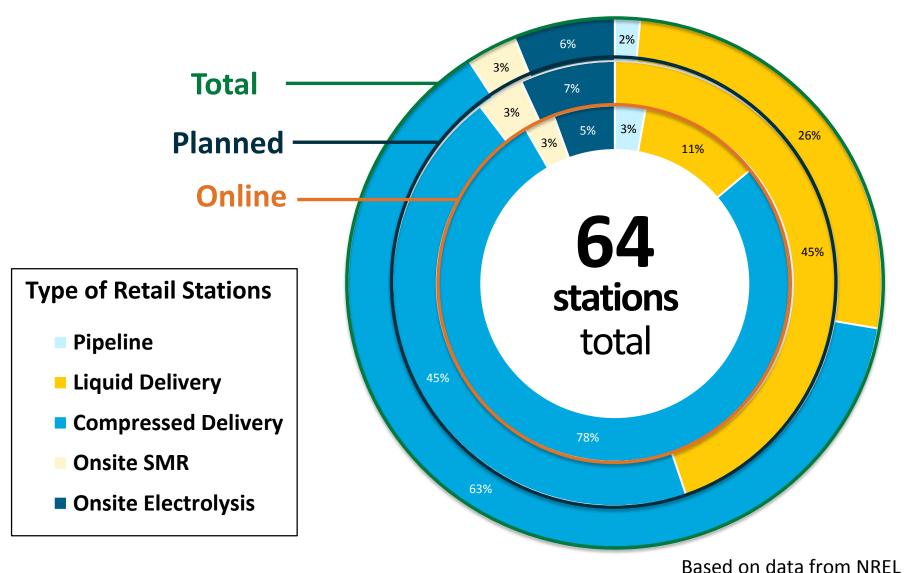
#### FCEVs: Lower cost for large size classes and longer driving range

Year 2040: FCEV minus BEV-X Total Cost of Ownership Green shows where FCEVs are more cost effective

	50 mi.	100 mi.	150 mi.	200 mi.	250 mi.	300 mi.	350 mi.
Two-seaters	\$0.05	\$0.01	-\$0.03	-\$0.07	-\$0.11	-\$0.15	-\$0.19
Minicompacts	\$0.05	\$0.02	-\$0.01	-\$0.04	-\$0.07	-\$0.10	-\$0.13
Subcompacts	\$0.05	\$0.02	-\$0.01	-\$0.04	-\$0.07	-\$0.11	-\$0.14
Compacts	\$0.04	\$0.01	-\$0.02	-\$0.05	-\$0.09	-\$0.12	-\$0.15
Midsize Cars	\$0.05	\$0.01	-\$0.03	-\$0.06	-\$0.10	-\$0.13	-\$0.17
Large Cars Small Station	\$0.04	\$0.01	-\$0.02	-\$0.06	-\$0.09	-\$0.12	-\$0.16
Wagons	\$0.05	\$0.01	-\$0.03	-\$0.07	-\$0.11	-\$0.15	-\$0.19
Pass Van	\$0.03	-\$0.01	-\$0.06	-\$0.11	-\$0.15	-\$0.20	-\$0.24
suv	\$0.03	-\$0.02	-\$0.08	-\$0.14	-\$0.19	-\$0.25	-\$0.30
Small Pickup	\$0.06	\$0.02	-\$0.02	-\$0.07	-\$0.11	-\$0.15	-\$0.19

Preliminary DOE Market Segmentation Study

# More liquid stations planned



#### Safety R&D Accomplishments enabling Infrastructure

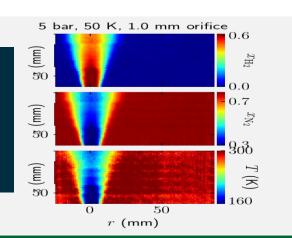
#### **Tunnel Safety R&D and Modeling**

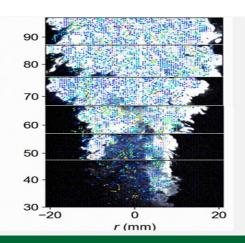


Relief vent fire doesn't have a significant impact on tunnel structure elements

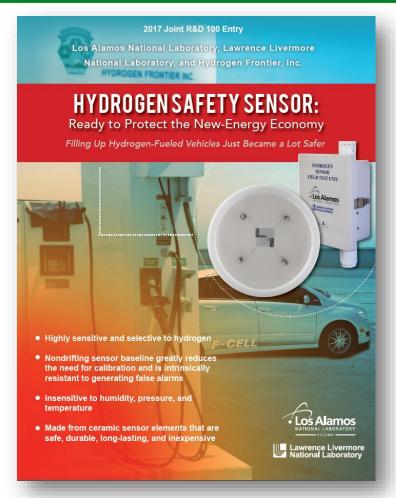
#### Validation of release models

First ever nearfield measurement and validation of temp., concentration and velocity of cryogenic plumes at 50K





#### Infrastructure R&D related progress- Examples





LANL, LLNL, and H2Frontier R&D 100 award for H2 safety sensor (available for commercialization)



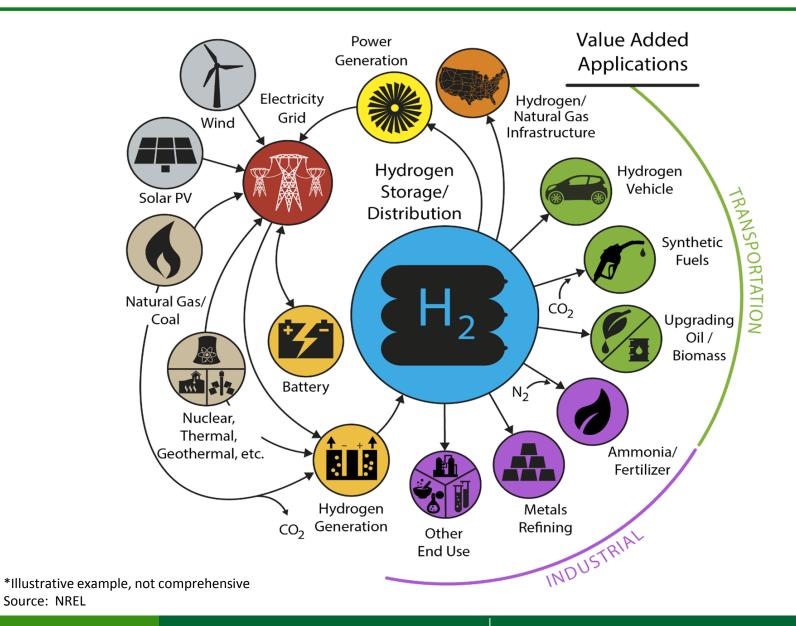
LANL contamination detector (HCD) to alert - in real time - fuel station operator if conditions for potential poor hydrogen fuel quality exist.



## Vision

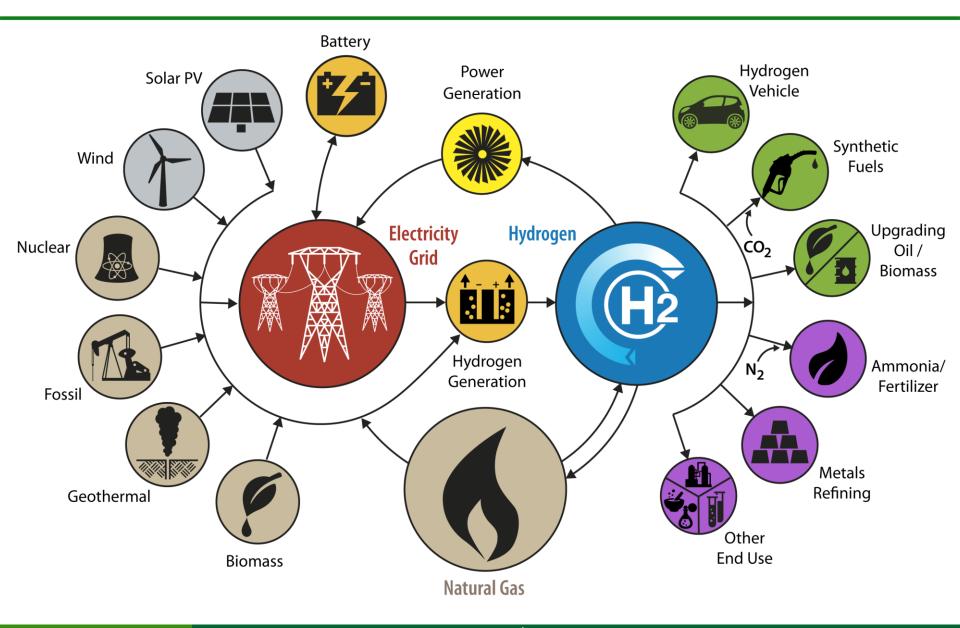
H2@Scale: Enabling affordable, reliable, clean and secure energy across sectors

### H<sub>2</sub>@Scale System



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## H<sub>2</sub>@Scale: Linking Natural Gas, Electric and H<sub>2</sub> Grids

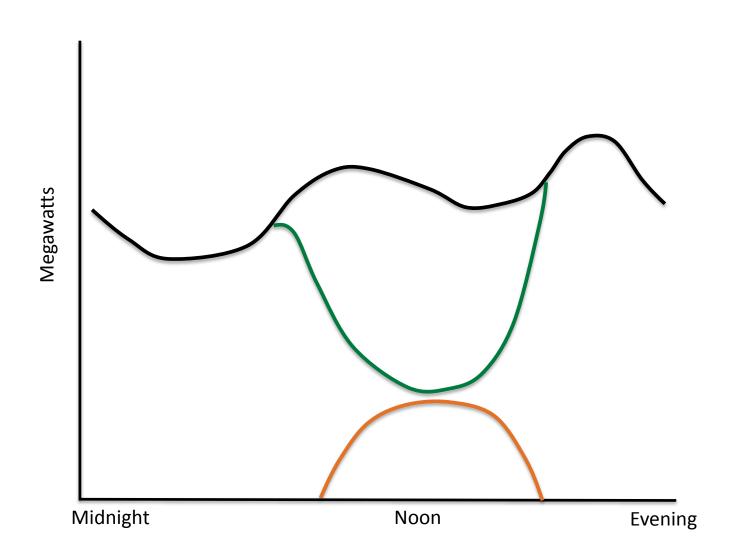


## Versatility

## Volume

## Value Proposition

### The Duck Curve 101 - Example

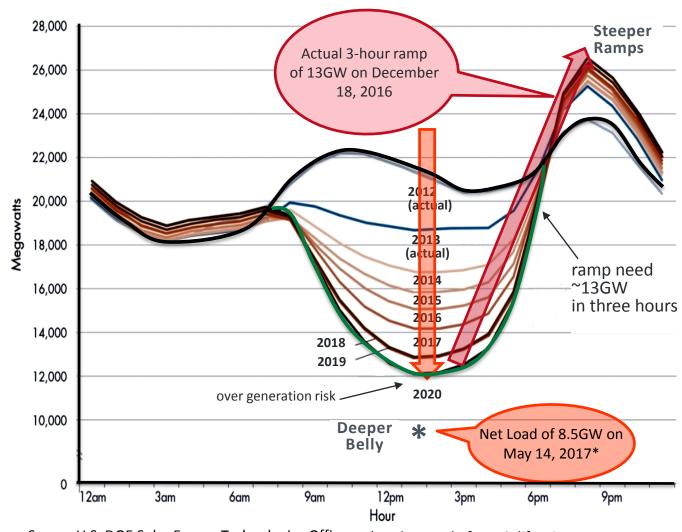


Total Load (demand)

Load (net) on commercial utility grid (duck belly forms)

Solar Production

#### The Duck's belly is getting bigger



#### **Two Concerns:**

- Low Net Load:

   flexibility to reduce
   baseload
   generation
   resources is limited
  - High Ramp Rates

     in Evening:
     flexibility of other
     generation to ramp
     up is limited

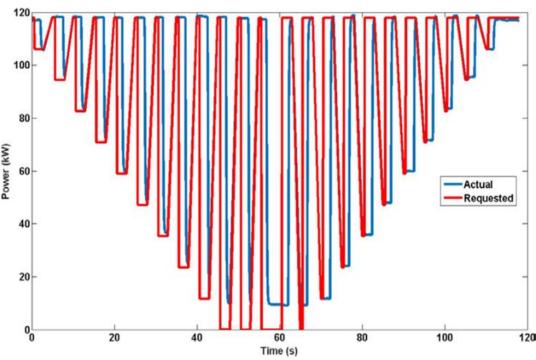
Can be addressed by



## Lab testing shows value of electrolyzers for ancillary services

#### First Ever Validation of Frequency Regulation with Electrolyzers





Lab testing shows dynamic response within seconds and potential for grid services

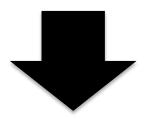
#### **Scale: Simple Example**

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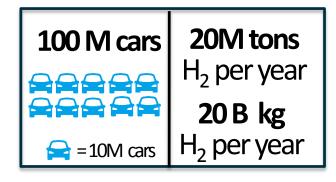
#### How much hydrogen for 1 car?

12,000 miles per year = 200 kg or 0.2 tonnes 60 miles per kilogram

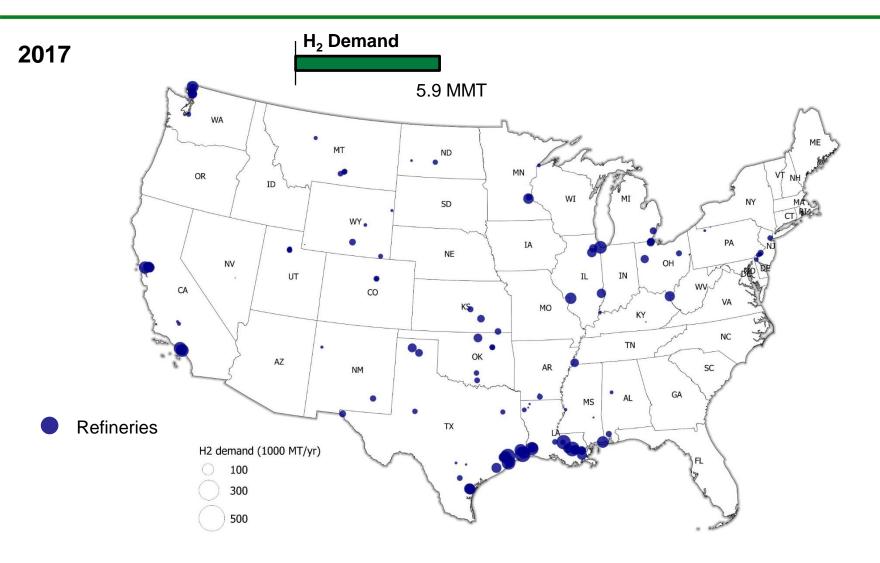
per year per year



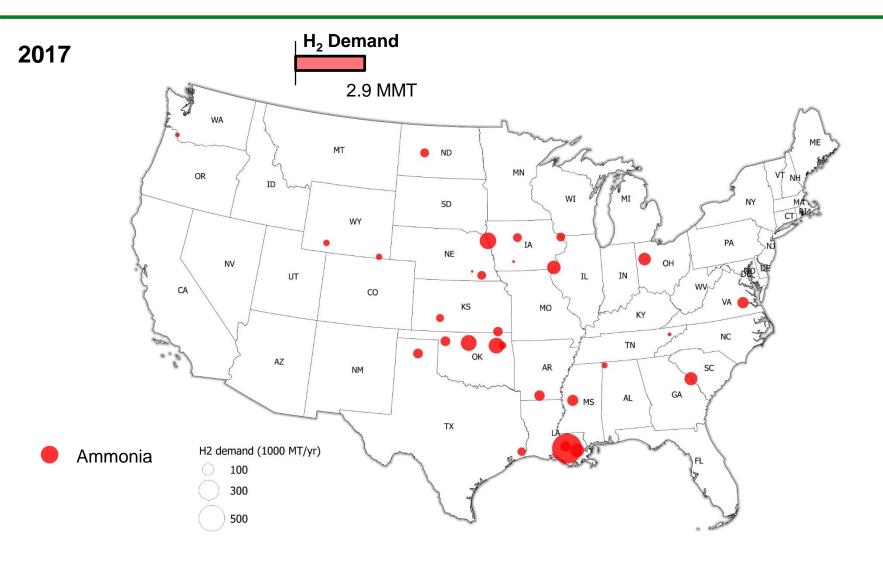
#### How much hydrogen for many cars?



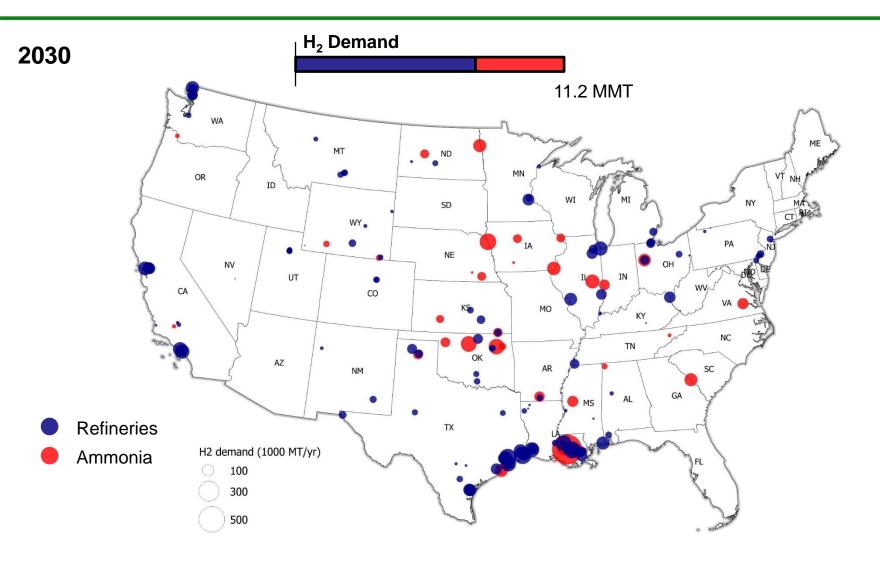
## Refineries: Where is the H<sub>2</sub> demand today?



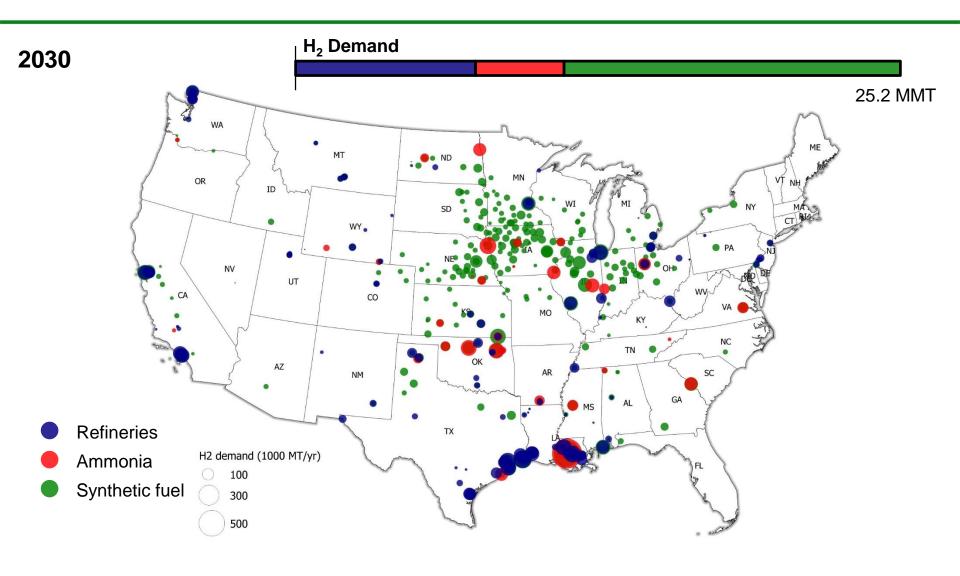
## Ammonia: Where is the H<sub>2</sub> demand today?



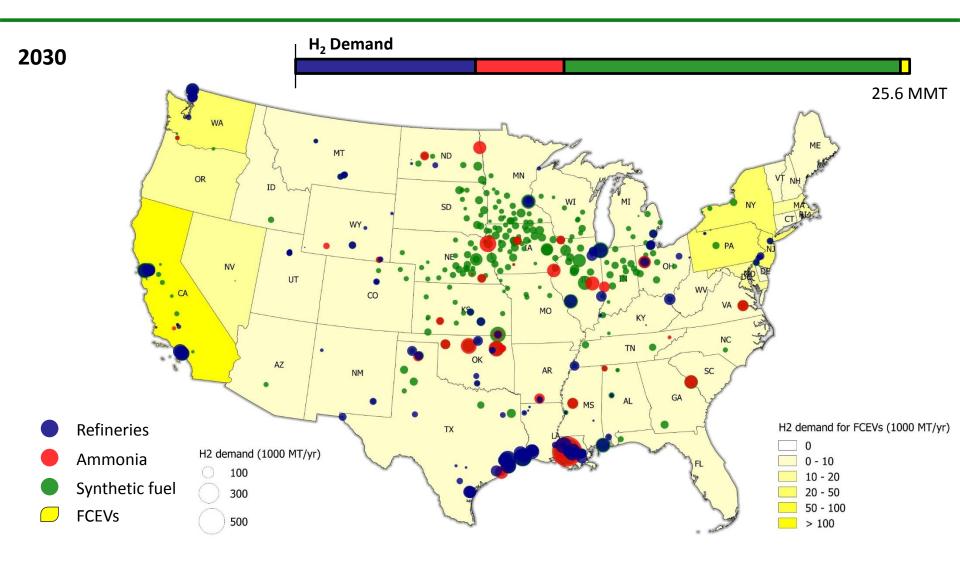
### Ammonia & Refineries and Potential H<sub>2</sub> Demand



#### Plus demand from synthetic fuel production...



#### **Hydrogen Demand Potential**



**Nearly 30 million metric tons** of potential hydrogen demand in the U.S.

### H<sub>2</sub>@Scale: Value to industrial processes?

#### **Electrical power plant cooling**

- Over 16,000 H<sub>2</sub> cooled generators worldwide
- Less delivery logistics, inventory management,
   1-2 yr payback and improved efficiency
- Potential \$2B addressable market

Source: Proton

#### Iron Refining, Steel manufacturing

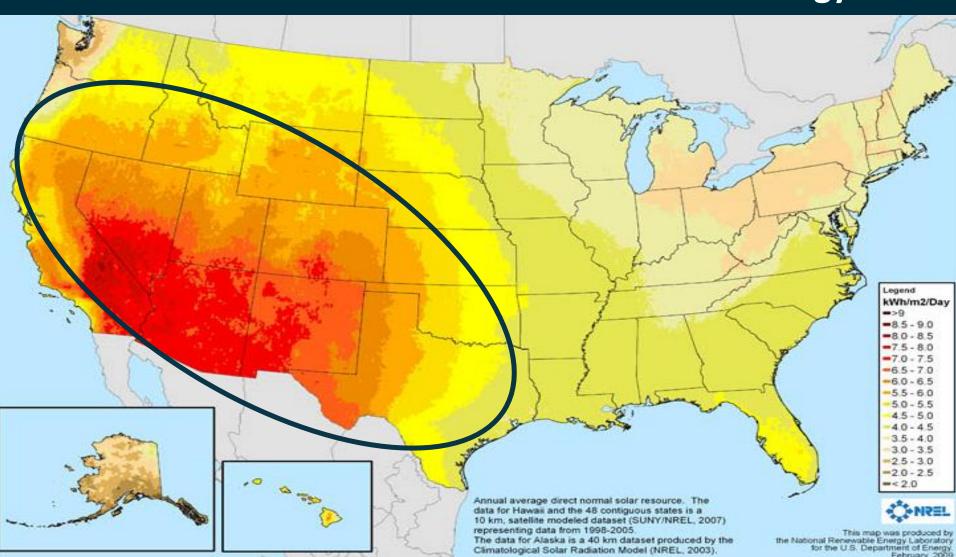
- More energy efficient when hydrogen used as reductant at high temperatures
- Potential annual savings of over \$100,000 for a 100,000 ton/year plant

Source: EERE Advanced Manufacturing Office, Berry Metal



### H<sub>2</sub>@Scale: Enabling renewable energy transport?

#### Where we find abundant solar and wind energy

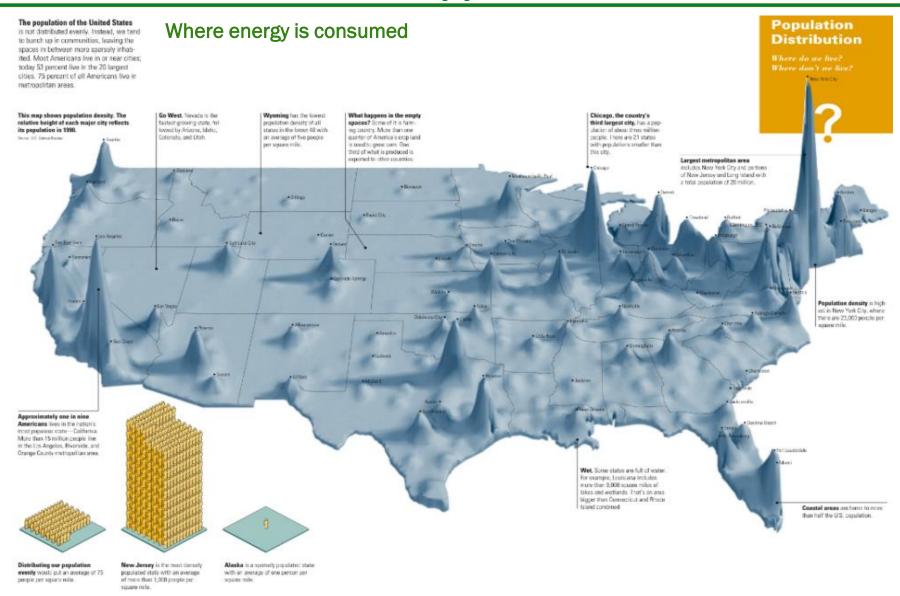


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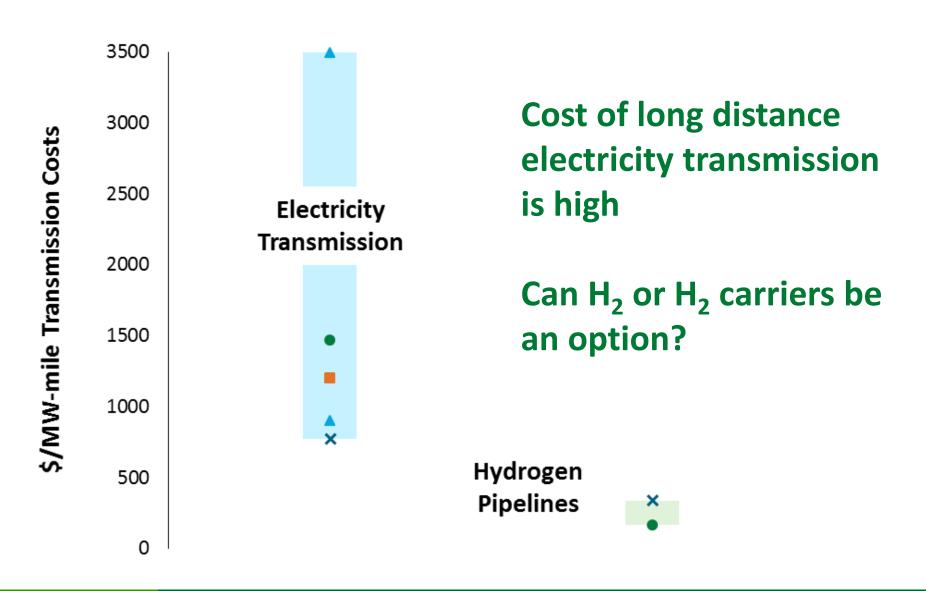
## Where we find abundant solar and wind energy



## ...and deliver it or co-locate distributed generation with demand for certain applications



#### Preliminary analysis underway to guide future plans



## Strategy: Partnerships to enable H<sub>2</sub>@Scale

Early- Stage R&D



Demonstration,
Deployment &
Commercialization





H<sub>2</sub>@Scale Consortium

#### H<sub>2</sub>@Scale Stakeholder Feedback – Examples

2016 Session at Intermountain Energy Summit

Idaho Falls, ID

2017 Session at Fuel Cell Seminar Long Beach, CA

**Examples of additional presentations:** 

- Utah (2017)
- Michigan (2017)
- Minnesota (2017)
- Germany (2017, 2018)
- Japan (2018)

Hundreds of stakeholders engaged 6 DOE Offices engaged

(EERE, FE, NE, OE, SC, ARPA-E)

Planned: 2018 Kickoff Chicago, IL

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Planned: 2018 AMR

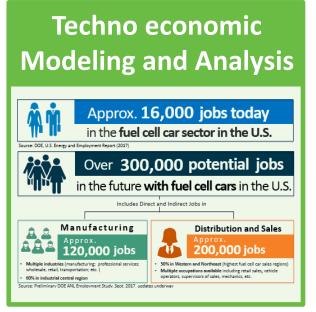
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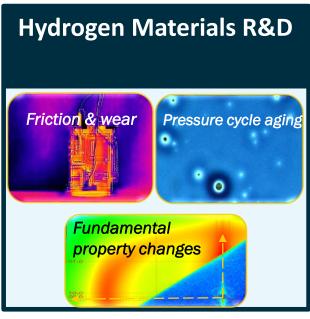
2017 Workshop Houston, TX

2016 Workshop

Golden, CO

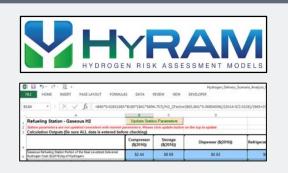
### H<sub>2</sub>@Scale R&D Lab Capabilities – Examples

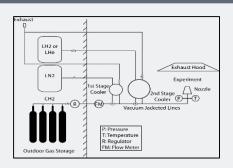






#### Safety and Infrastructure R&D



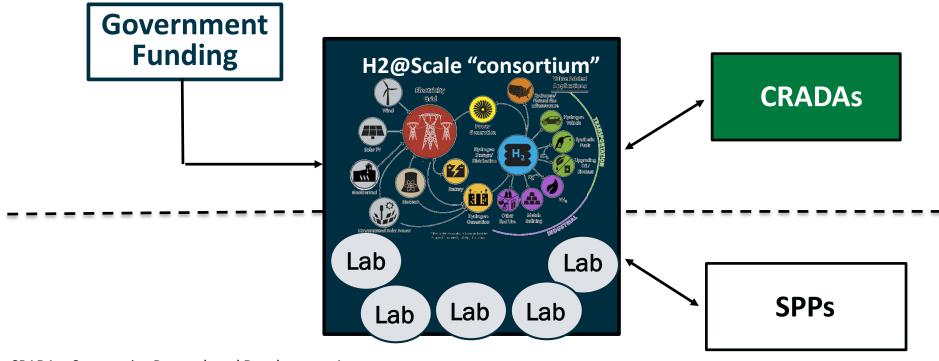






## H<sub>2</sub>@Scale – Lab CRADAs

- Leverages Lab capabilities and expertise to address challenges- materials R&D, analysis, safety R&D, etc.
- Round 1 in 2017.



CRADA = Cooperative Research and Development Agreement SPP- Strategic Partnership Project ('Work for Others')

### H<sub>2</sub>@Scale 2017 CRADA call selections

























**Energy Systems Integration R&D, NREL** Coordinating with INL, SNL and other labs For H2@Scale

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#### **Example of End Use & Industry Partnership with Labs**

#### Production of natural gas using H<sub>2</sub>

- Utilizes H<sub>2</sub>+ CO<sub>2</sub> and salts to generate pipeline quality natural gas (> 97% CH<sub>4</sub>)
- Biocatalyst used in the process -Methanothermobacter thermautotrophicus
- Industry and lab partners:
   Southern California Gas
   Company, NREL and Electrochaea

#### **Biomethanation Process:**

 $CO_2 + 4H_2 \rightarrow CH_4 + 2H_2O$ 



#### **NREL Fuel Cell Data Center**



First time automotive fuel cell is integrated to a data center

#### H<sub>2</sub>@Scale Future Plans: Focus Areas

#### MAKE

Increased Low Cost Hydrogen Production

#### **MOVE**

More Efficient
Hydrogen
Transmission

#### USE

Low Cost Value-added Applications

#### **STORE**

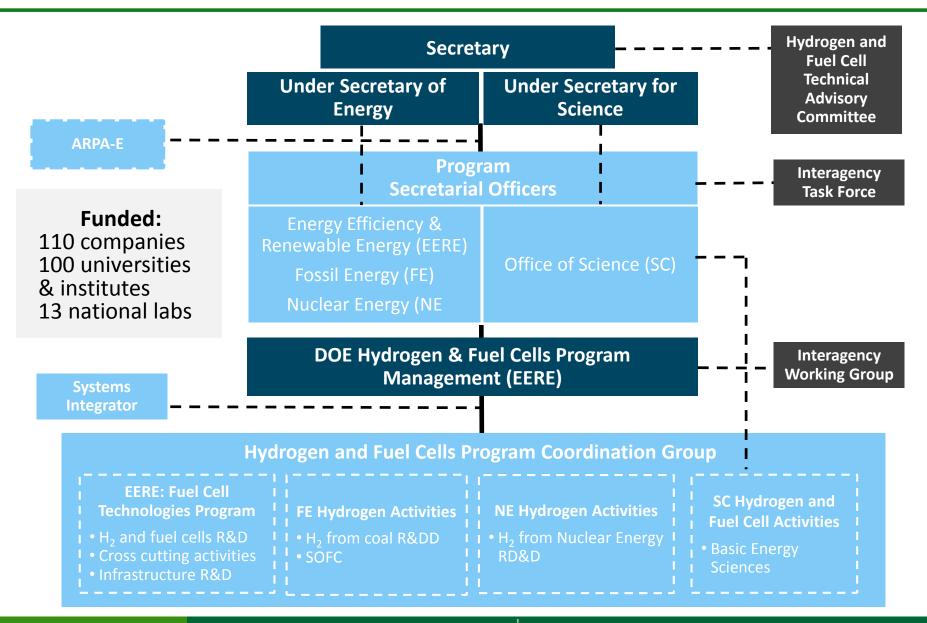
**Improved Bulk Storage Technologies** 

August 1 H2@Scale Kickoff **Meeting Planned** Chicago Roadmap Planned

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#### The H<sub>2</sub> and Fuel Cells Program spans other DOE offices



### **DOE Program Funding**

## DOE-wide Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Funding<sup>1</sup>

Office	FY 2017	
	(\$ in thousands)	
EERE	101,000	
ARPA-E	47,000	
Science	22,000	
Fossil Energy	30,000	
Nuclear	2,000	
Total	202,000	

#### **EERE – Fuel Cell Technologies Office**

Key Activity	FY 2017	FY 2018
	(\$ in thousands)	
Fuel Cell R&D	32,000	32,000
Hydrogen Fuel R&D	41,000	54,000
Systems Analysis	3,000	3,000
Technology Acceleration	18,000	19,000
Safety, Codes and Standards	7,000	7,000
Total	101,000	115,000

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  2017 DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program Annual Progress Report

#### **Coordination across Offices- Examples**

#### DOE/EERE AMO

- Prototyping of emerging NG reforming options
- Innovative manufacturing for electrolyzer systems, R2R
- WBS institute: power electronics for H<sub>2</sub> BOP

#### DOE/EERE BETO

- Bio-waste-stream utilization options for H<sub>2</sub>
- H<sub>2</sub> options for bio-fuel synthesis

#### **DOE/EERE SETO**

- Concentrator BOP for solarthermochemical H<sub>2</sub>
- CSP-based solar NG reforming
- Solar to fuels

#### DOE/EERE Wind

 Wind-electrolysis integration R&D

#### DOE/EERE FCTO

## Foundational Early-Stage R&D and H2@Scale

- Hydrogen production, delivery and storage R&D; fuel cell R&D (PEM, MCFC, PAFC, DMFC, etc.- non SOFC)
- Consortia on hydrogen production, storage, fuel cell catalysts, H2@Scale
- Technology acceleration (manufacturing R&D, technology validation, market transformation, safety codes and standards)
- Infrastructure R&D
- Systems analysis to guide R&D

#### NSF

 Academia-based fundamental research relevant to Hydrogen and Fuel Cell R&D (coordination with FCTO consortia)

#### NIST, DOT DOD, NASA, etc.

Examples: Standards in H<sub>2</sub> materials & services; next-generation military and space, buses, rail, marine, etc. applications

#### DOE/SC

- Fundamental processes of energy & matter relevant to H<sub>2</sub> manipulations
- Synergies with EFRCs & ongoing projects

#### DOE/FE

 Innovative large-scale coal and NG H<sub>2</sub> options + SOFC

#### DOE/NE

 Integrated and hybrid systems for nuclear H<sub>2</sub>

#### DOE/OE

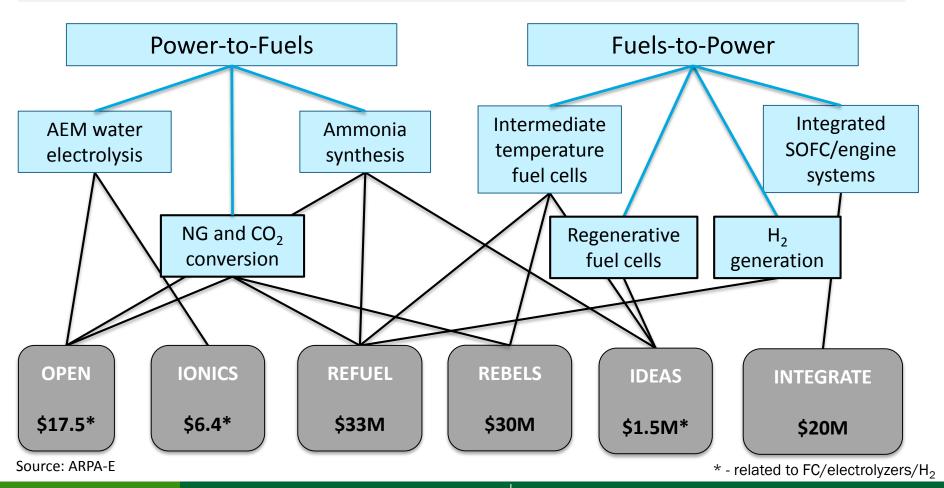
H<sub>2</sub> for energy storage & grid ancillary services

#### DOE/ARPA-E

 Innovative and disruptive concepts related to hydrogen and fuel cells

#### **ARPA-E Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Activities**

## ARPA-E Programs in Fuel Cells/Electrolyzers for Energy Conversion and Storage



#### Online Resources - we need your help!

# Spread the word on H<sub>2</sub> Safety Lessons Learned!

Share at regular team meetings

Provide feedback to FCTO and stakeholders

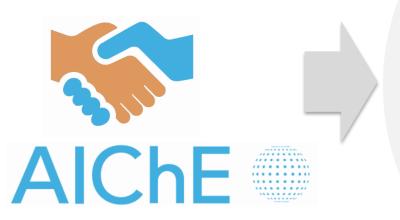


Find lessons learned at H2tools.org

### Collaboration: Announcing New H<sub>2</sub> Safety Partnership

#### Leverages new partnership to promote collaboration on safety









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## IPHE: International Partnership for H<sub>2</sub> and Fuel Cells in the Economy

- Share information on H<sub>2</sub> and fuel cells, lessons learned, best practices
- Increase international collaboration to accelerate progress

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Launched 2003 and includes 18 countries and the European Commission

#### Save the Date



## Thank You

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### DOE Collaboration: H<sub>2</sub> & Fuel Cell Working Group

#### DOE Program Managers collaborate on hydrogen and fuel cell activities

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