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## U.S. Department of Energy Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Perspectives

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### U.S. energy mix covers wide of energy sources



Note: Sum of components may not equal 100% because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Monthly Energy Review*, Table 1.3 and 10.1, April 2017, preliminary data



### Hydrogen is one part of an 'all of the above' portfolio



#### Clean, sustainable, versatile, and efficient energy carrier

# 4 Key Messages

# 1. Progress on multiple fronts, increased industry activity and global interest

### Upward trend with global fuel cell shipments



### Electrolyzers: Over 100MW/year estimated global sales

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

### An exciting time for the transportation sector



# Nearlysold or leased5,000in the United States



## Commercial fuel cell electric cars are here



No petroleum, no pollution
Refuels in minutes
More than 360 mi driving range
Over 60 mpgge

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### Interest in material handling equipment applications

## More than 20,000 forklifts

## **Over 12 million refuelings**

### Long-Range, Heavy Duty Applications Emerging



## Fuel cell delivery and parcel trucks starting deliveries in CA and NY



#### Fuel cell buses in CA surpass 19M passengers



#### Industry demonstrates first heavy duty fuel cell truck in CA



### **Stationary Power for Multiple Applications**

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



Fuel cell power for maritime ports demonstrated in Honolulu, Hawaii



#### Fuel cells used to power new World Trade Center in NYC



Over 240 MW of fuel cell stationary power installed across more than 40 US states



### Multiple H<sub>2</sub> and Fuel Cell Applications in the U.S.



\*Excludes recent announcement from CA to invest \$235M in electric vehicles

# 2. Technical and institutional challenges remain and need to be addressed

### U.S. Dept. Of Energy H<sub>2</sub> and Fuel Cells R&D Focus

Early R&D Focus	Applied research, development and innovation in hydrogen and fuel cell technologies leading to:		<ul><li>Energy security</li><li>Energy resiliency</li><li>Strong domestic economy</li></ul>	
Early R&D Areas				
	K		Enabling	
Fuel Cells	Hydrogen Fuel	Infrastructure R&D	U.S. Department of Energy	
<ul> <li>PGM- free catalysts</li> <li>Durable MEAs</li> <li>Electrode performance</li> <li>PGM = Platinum group metals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Production Pathways</li> <li>Advanced materials for storage</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Safety</li> <li>Manufacturing</li> <li>Delivery components</li> <li>Others</li> </ul>		

### **Technology targets in various applications guide R&D**



### More R&D needed to meet affordability targets



### The Hydrogen Infrastructure Challenge

## • Cost

## • Reliability

• Availability

## Gasoline History: Many diverse options Cans, barrels, home models, mobile refuelers



Source: M. Melaina 2008.



Source: Vieyra, 1979



Source: Milkues, 1978

### **Complementing Retail Stations: H<sub>2</sub>Refuel H-Prize**

## DOE awards \$1M H-Prize to Simple Fuel for winner small-scale H<sub>2</sub> fueling design

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#### simple.fuel.<sup>™</sup>

Email: connect@ivysinc.com More info: www.teamsimplefuel.com Ivys Energy Solutions (MA) McPhy Energy (MA) PDC Machines (PA)

### More liquid stations planned in the U.S.



#### Based on data from NREL

# 3. H<sub>2</sub>@Scale concept: value, volume and versatility

HZ

### 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?



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



### Hydrogen Energy Storage is Scalable

**Overview of Energy Storage Technologies in Power and Time** 



Image: Hydrogen Council

Hydrogen can be used to monetize surplus electricity from the grid, or remote, off-grid energy feedstock (e.g. solar, wind) for days to months.

### **The Duck Curve 101 - Example**



### 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 electrolyzers' value for ancillary services

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



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

### Where we find abundant solar and wind energy

In Male

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



### Analysis underway to guide future plans



Cost of long distance electricity transmission is high

Can H<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub> carriers be an option?

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Hydrogen Pipelines

### H<sub>2</sub>@scale can enable increased renewable penetration





### H2@Scale: Nationwide Resource Assessment



Labs assess resource availability. Most regions have sufficient resources.

Red: Only regions where projected industrial & transportation demand exceeds supply.

Lab Pls: Mark Ruth, Bryan Pivovar, Richard Boardman, et al

# 4. Continued collaboration and information sharing are key moving forward

### H<sub>2</sub> Safety Information Sharing Resources Available

### H<sub>2</sub>Tools.org : A one stop resource for hydrogen safety



#### h2tools.org

 Includes resources on safety best practices, first responder training, and H<sub>2</sub> codes & standards



- Site visit tracking shows a global reach:
  50% of visits have been international after launch
- Over 250,000 site visits
- Training resource translated into
   Japanese. Interest in other languages.

# 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

### **Examples of Brazil and U.S. Collaboration on Energy**





- Fossil energy, energy efficiency, nuclear energy and other technical exchanges (U.S.-Brazil Strategic Energy Dialogue or SED)
- Natural gas energy storage (DOE Fossil Energy Office, Energy Information Administration and Brazil's Energy Planning Authority)
- **Buildings energy efficiency** (DOE Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory and Brazil's Federal University of Santa Catarina)

### **Opportunities for outreach and to increase awareness**

### Celebrate Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Day October 8 or 10/8

(Held on its very own atomic- weight-day)

Information and Training Resources to Increase Awareness



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Download for free at: energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/downloads/ increase-your-h2iq-training-resource

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# Thank You

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