

# Hydrogen and Fuel Cells: Progress and Opportunities

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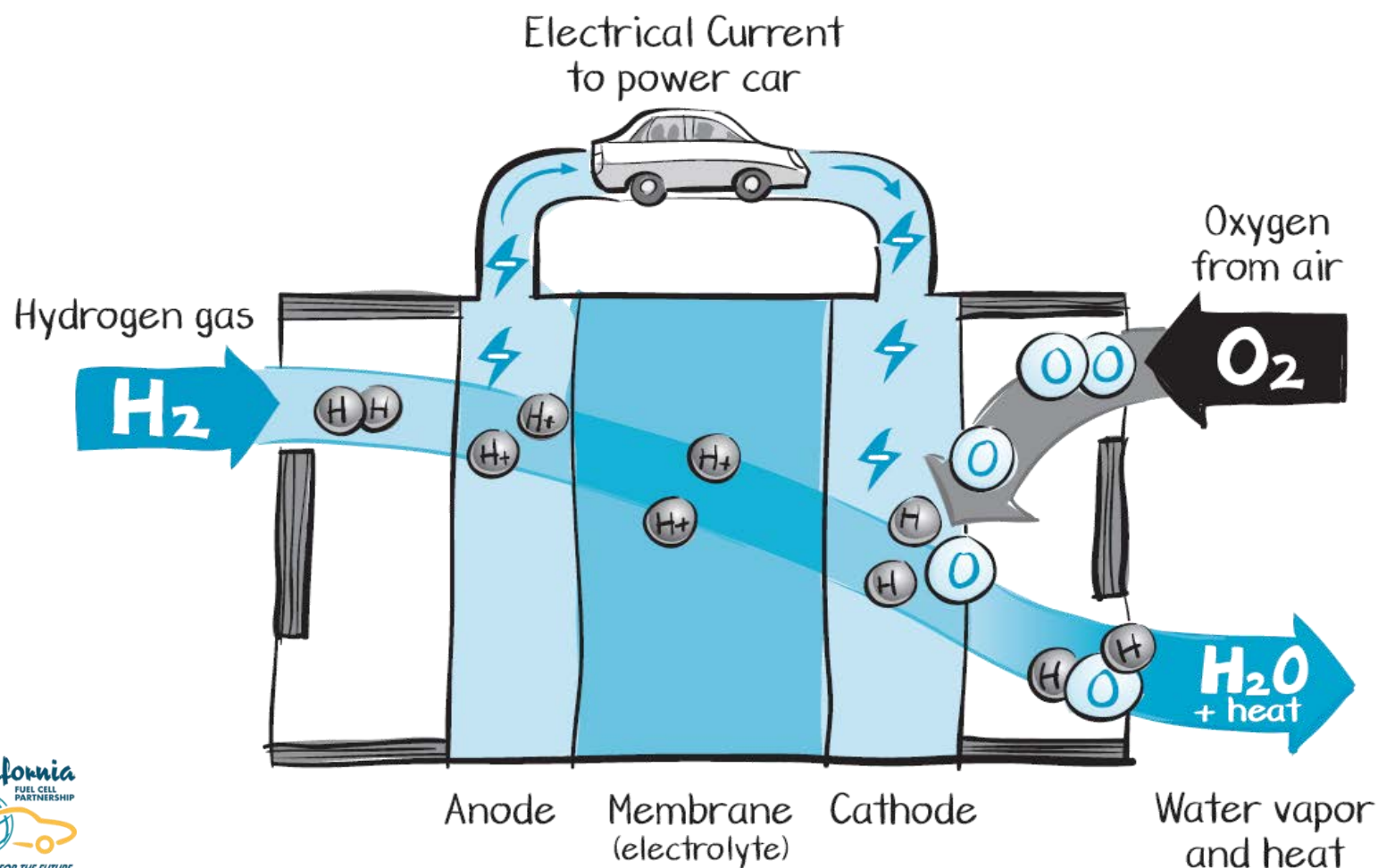
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# Basics

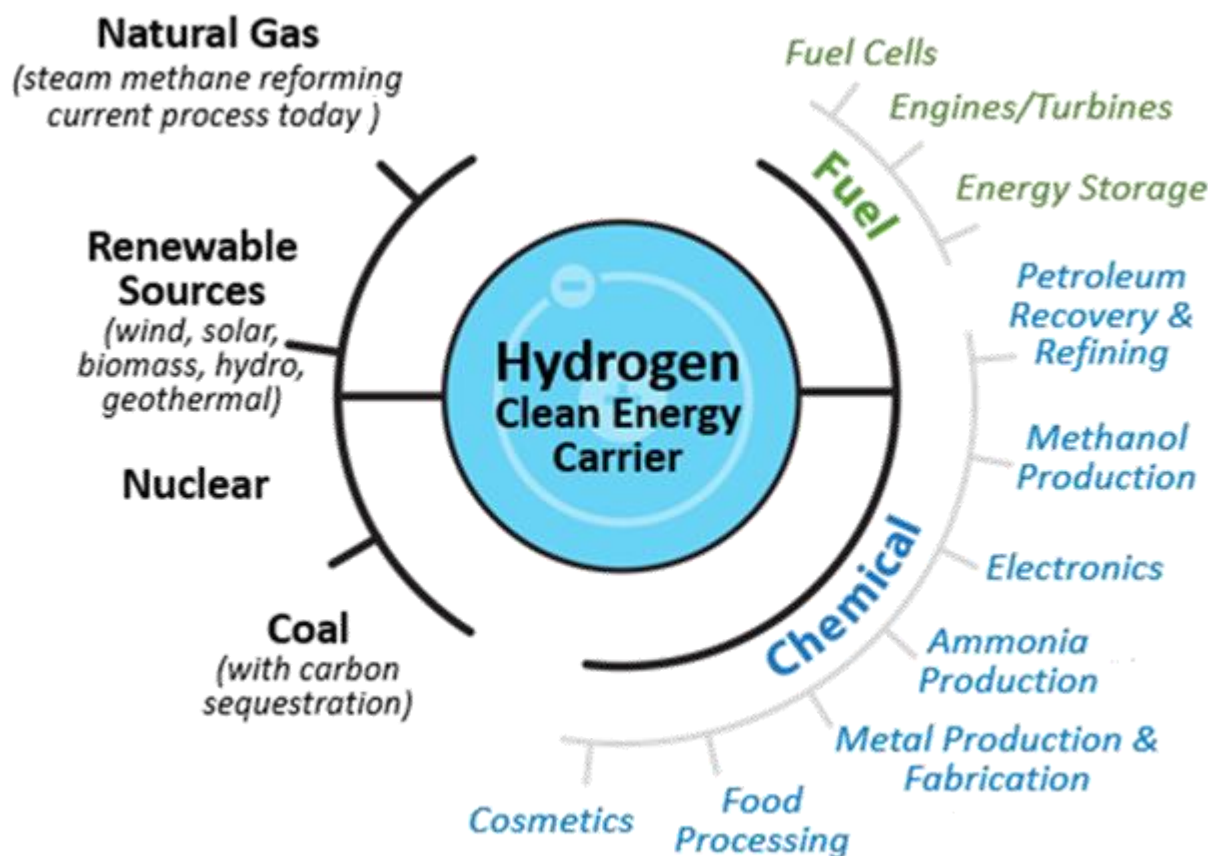
# What is a fuel cell?

Takes hydrogen in and puts electricity and water vapor out



# What is Hydrogen?

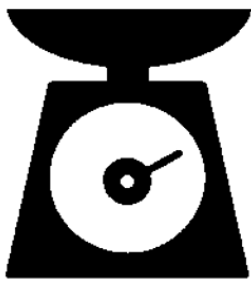
Hydrogen is an energy carrier: Used as fuel or feedstock



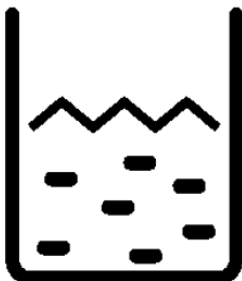
Produced from diverse domestic resources and used in many applications

# Hydrogen's Energy Content

## High Energy by Mass, Low Energy by Volume

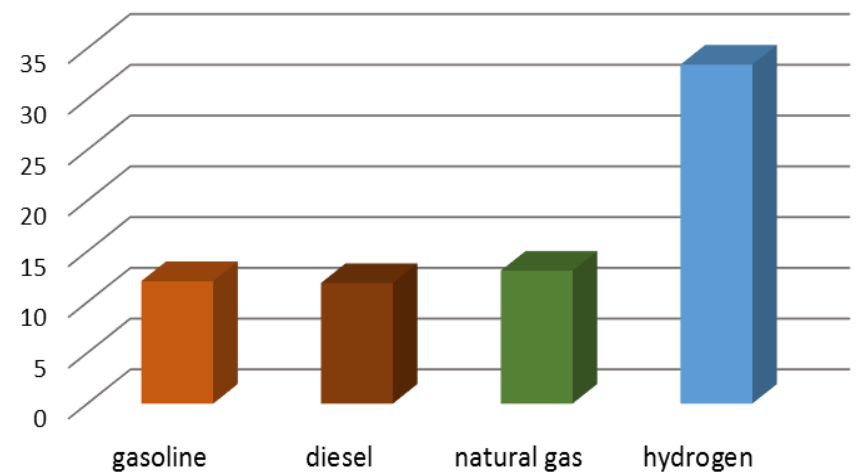


Approx.  
**3X more**  
energy content  
**by mass**  
than gasoline

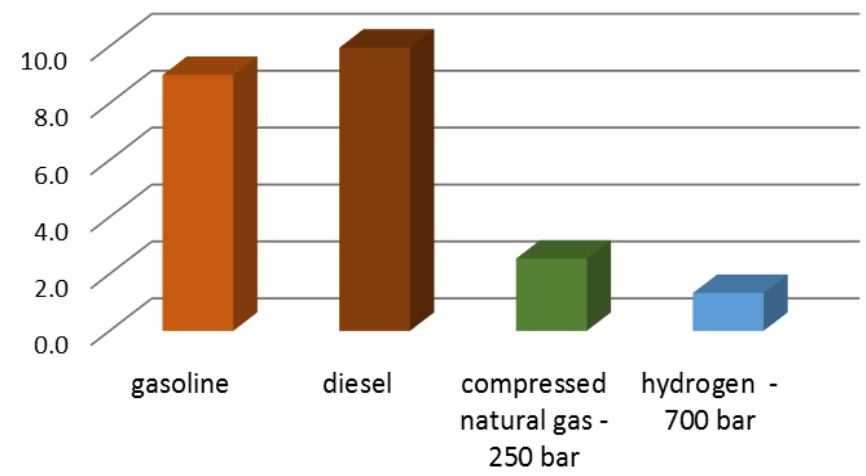


Approx.  
**4X less**  
energy content  
**by volume**  
than gasoline

Specific Energy Comparison (kWh/kg)



Energy Density Comparison (kWh/L)



# Why Hydrogen and Fuel Cells?



## Efficient

Internal combustion engine in a car

20% - 30%

Fuel cell in a car

60%

Efficiency



## Uses domestic fuels



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



## Convenient



Refuels in minutes



## Quiet



No noise in operation



## Clean



Zero tailpipe emissions



## Versatile and easily scalable



Transportation



Stationary



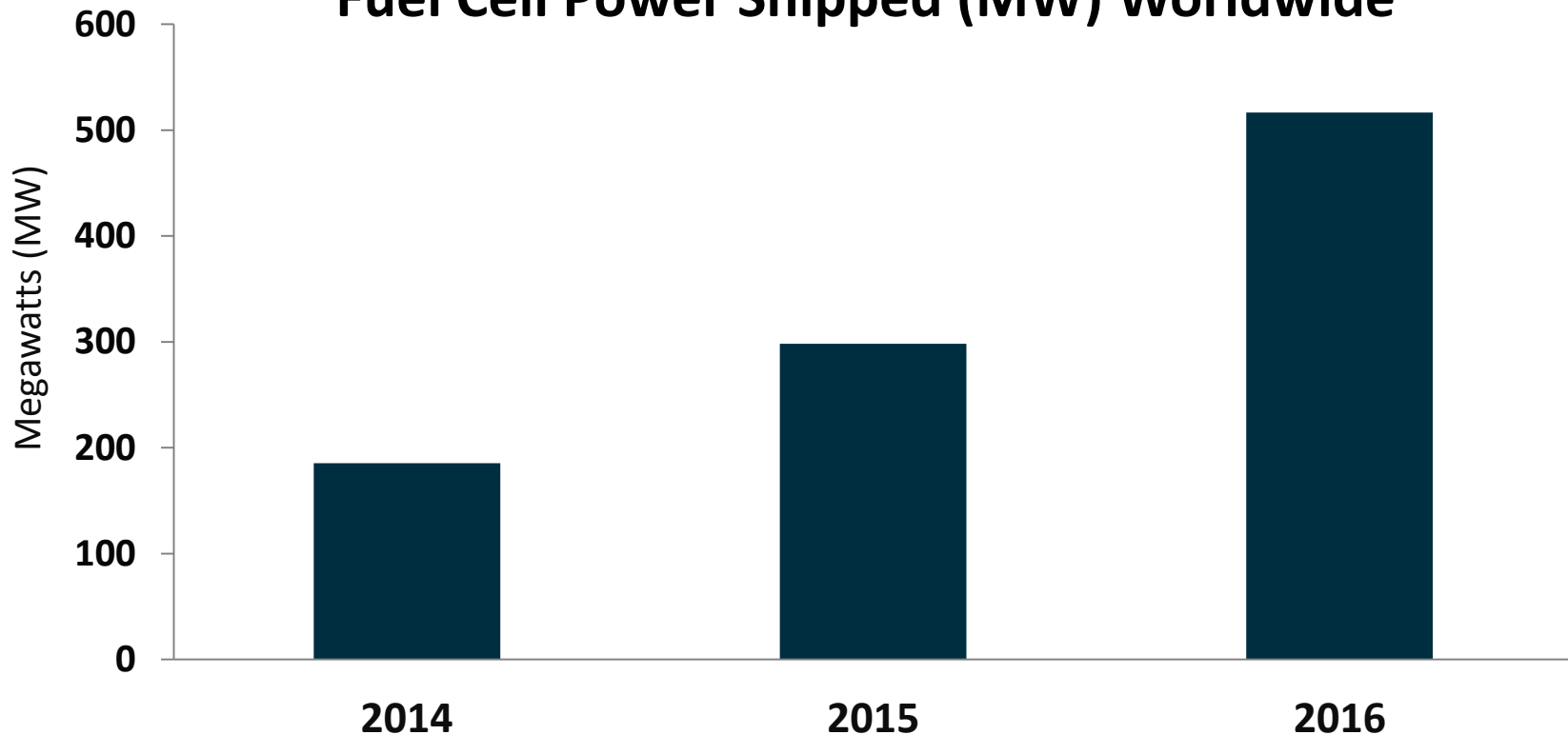


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# Progress

# Consistent Fuel Cell Market Growth Continues

## Fuel Cell Power Shipped (MW) Worldwide



**500 MW**  
fuel cell power  
shipped worldwide



**62,000**  
fuel cell units  
shipped worldwide



Approximately  
**\$1.6 Billion**  
fuel cell revenue

Source: DOE and E4Tech



# For the first time in history....



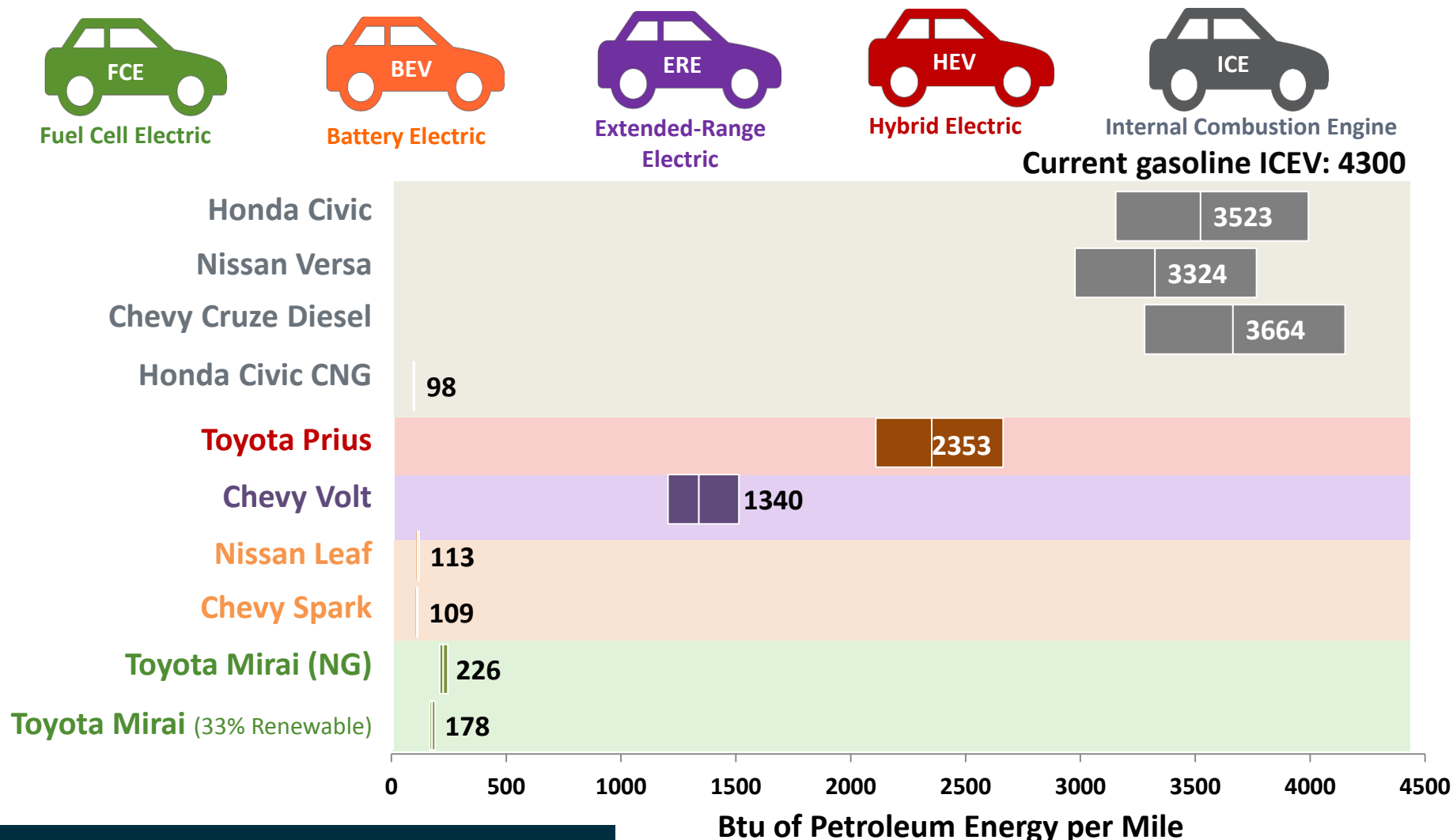
## Commercial fuel cell electric cars are here!

Nearly **3,000** | **sold or leased**  
in the United States

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

# Life-Cycle Petroleum Use- Today's Cars

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



Joint VTO-FCTO Analysis Example

Source: Program Record 16004 ([https://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/16004\\_life-cycle\\_ghg\\_oil\\_use\\_cars.pdf](https://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/16004_life-cycle_ghg_oil_use_cars.pdf))

# Life-cycle Emissions- Today's Cars

## Low, Medium & High Emissions/Mile for 2015 Technology



Fuel Cell Electric



Battery Electric



Extended-Range  
Electric

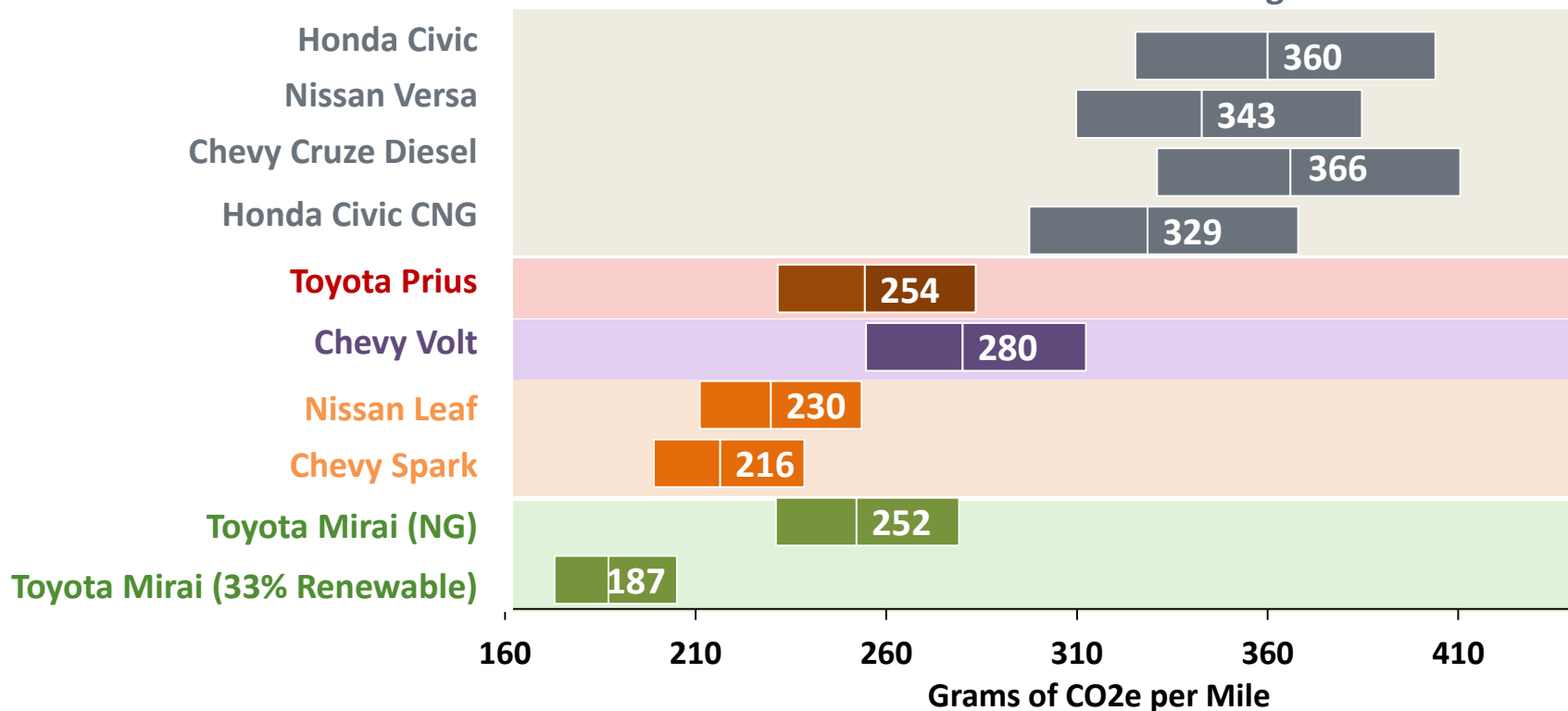


Hybrid Electric



Internal Combustion Engine

Current gasoline ICEV: ~450

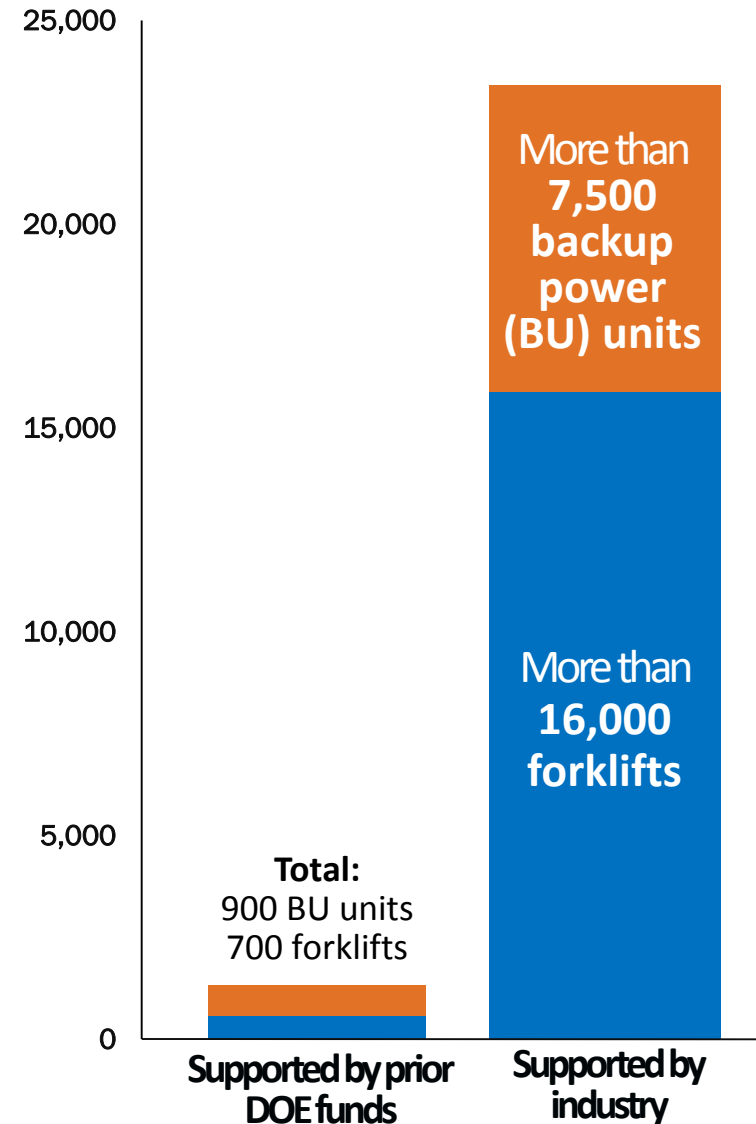


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# Catalyzing Early Markets for Fuel Cells





# Heavy Duty Vehicle Applications Emerging- Examples



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



Industry demonstrates first heavy duty fuel cell truck in CA





# Stationary Power Applications Emerging – Examples

**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 235 MW of fuel cell stationary power installed across more than 40 US states**

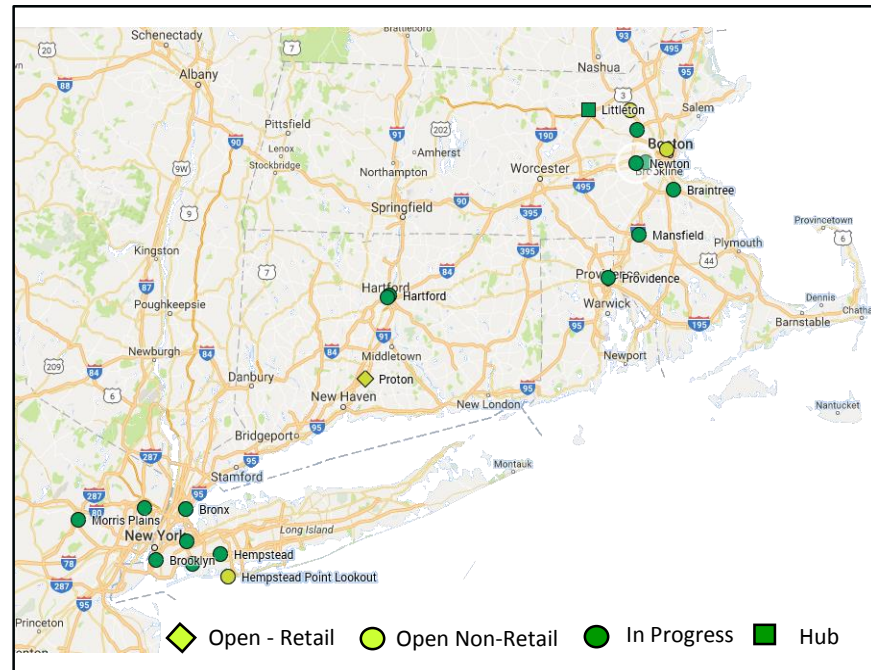
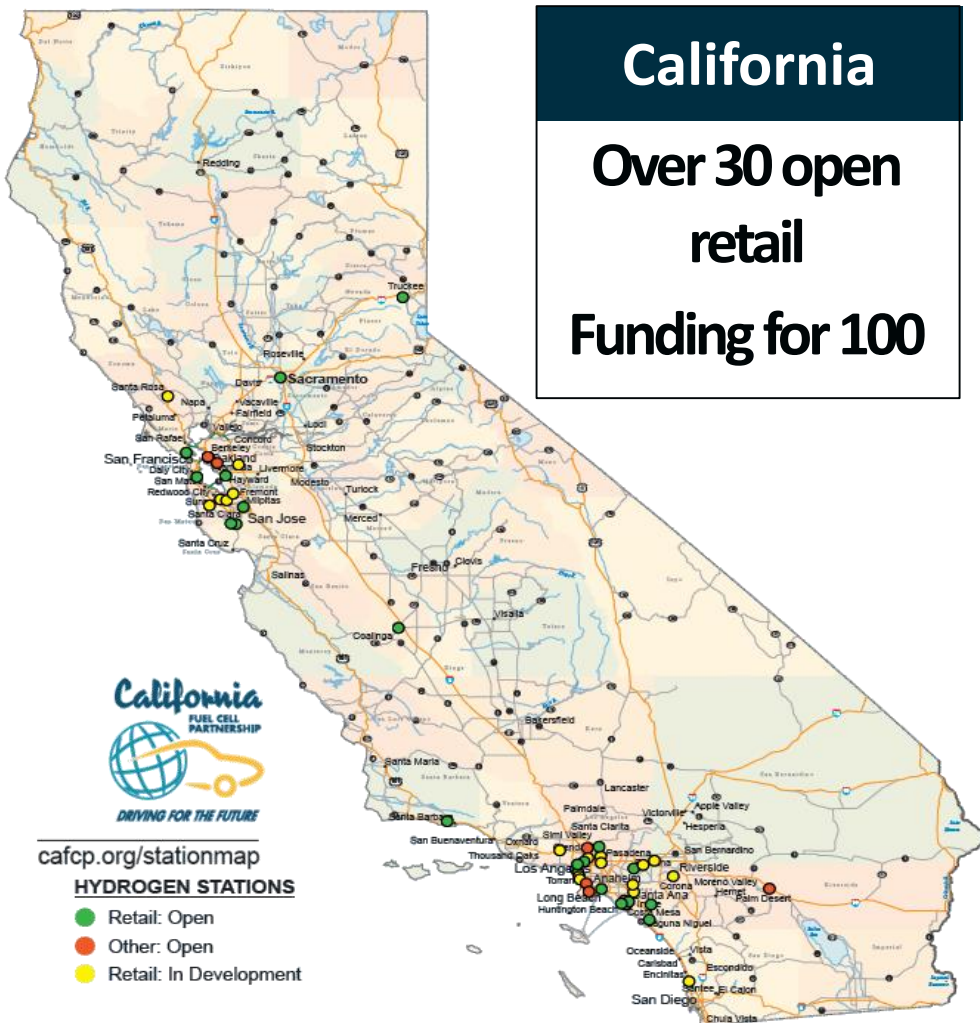




# U.S. Hydrogen Refueling Stations

## California

Over 30 open  
retail  
Funding for 100



## Northeast

Approx. 12 to 25  
stations planned

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

# Global Expansion of Infrastructure

## Examples:

- U.S. and Canada
- Japan
- Germany
- South Korea
- Sweden, Norway  
Denmark, Netherlands
- France, UK
- China... just starting





A silhouette of a person pushing a large, round rock up a hill against a sunset sky with clouds. The word "Challenges" is overlaid in large white text.

# Challenges

**What can we learn  
from history?**

# Henry Ford's Quadricycle in 1896 to Model T in 1908



## FORD CARS

### 1909 MODELS

The enormous demand for the new 4-cylinder Model "T" touring car makes it impossible for us to get these cars on short notice; deliveries will be made strictly in the order given. If you want one of these cars, see us soon.

\$850 f. o. b. factory

**Colorado Auto Supply Co.**  
Distributors

8-10 E. BIJOU STREET

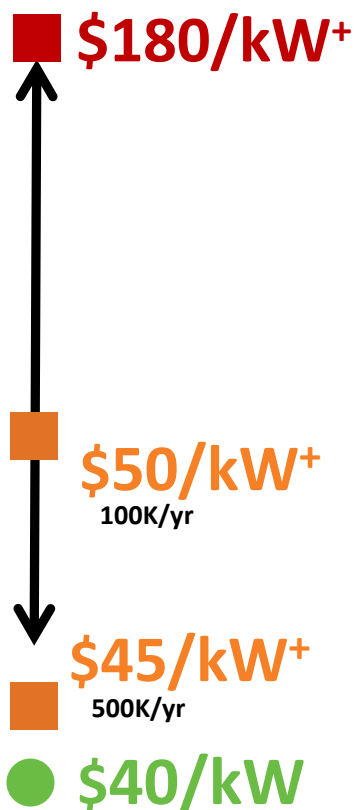
Three or four splendid second-hand cars for sale cheap.



# DOE Cost Status and Targets for R&D

## Fuel Cell R&D

### System

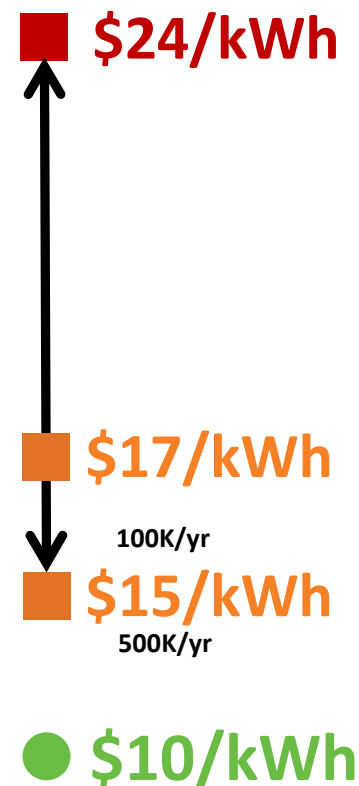


## Hydrogen R&D

### Production, Delivery & Dispensing



### Onboard Storage (700-bar compressed system)



● 2020 Targets

■ High-Volume Projection

■ Low-Volume Estimate

\*Based on Electrolysis \*\*Based on NG SMR + Preliminary, updates underway  
Onboard storage cost status from DOE Program Record 15013

Note: Graphs not drawn to scale and are for illustration purposes only.



# Market Segmentation Analysis- DOE Study Underway

**FCEV costs: favorable in larger size classes and higher driving range**

## Year 2040: FCEV minus PEV-X Cost

	50 mi.	100 mi.	150 mi.	200 mi.	250 mi.	300 mi.	350 mi.
Two-seaters	\$0.04	\$0.00	-\$0.04	-\$0.07	-\$0.11	-\$0.15	-\$0.19
Minicompacts	\$0.05	\$0.02	-\$0.01	-\$0.04	-\$0.07	-\$0.10	-\$0.13
Subcompacts	\$0.04	\$0.01	-\$0.02	-\$0.04	-\$0.08	-\$0.11	-\$0.14
Compacts	\$0.03	\$0.00	-\$0.03	-\$0.06	-\$0.09	-\$0.12	-\$0.15
Midsize Cars	\$0.03	\$0.00	-\$0.04	-\$0.06	-\$0.10	-\$0.13	-\$0.17
Large Cars	\$0.03	\$0.00	-\$0.03	-\$0.06	-\$0.09	-\$0.12	-\$0.16
Small Station Wagons	-\$0.01	\$0.00	-\$0.04	-\$0.06	-\$0.11	-\$0.15	-\$0.19
Pass Van	\$0.03	-\$0.01	-\$0.06	-\$0.11	-\$0.15	-\$0.20	-\$0.24
SUV	\$0.02	-\$0.03	-\$0.09	-\$0.14	-\$0.19	-\$0.25	-\$0.30
Std Pickup	\$0.14	\$0.10	\$0.07	\$0.04	\$0.01	-\$0.03	-\$0.06
Small Pickup	\$0.06	\$0.01	-\$0.03	-\$0.07	-\$0.11	-\$0.15	-\$0.19

# The Hydrogen Infrastructure Challenge

- Cost
- Reliability
- Availability

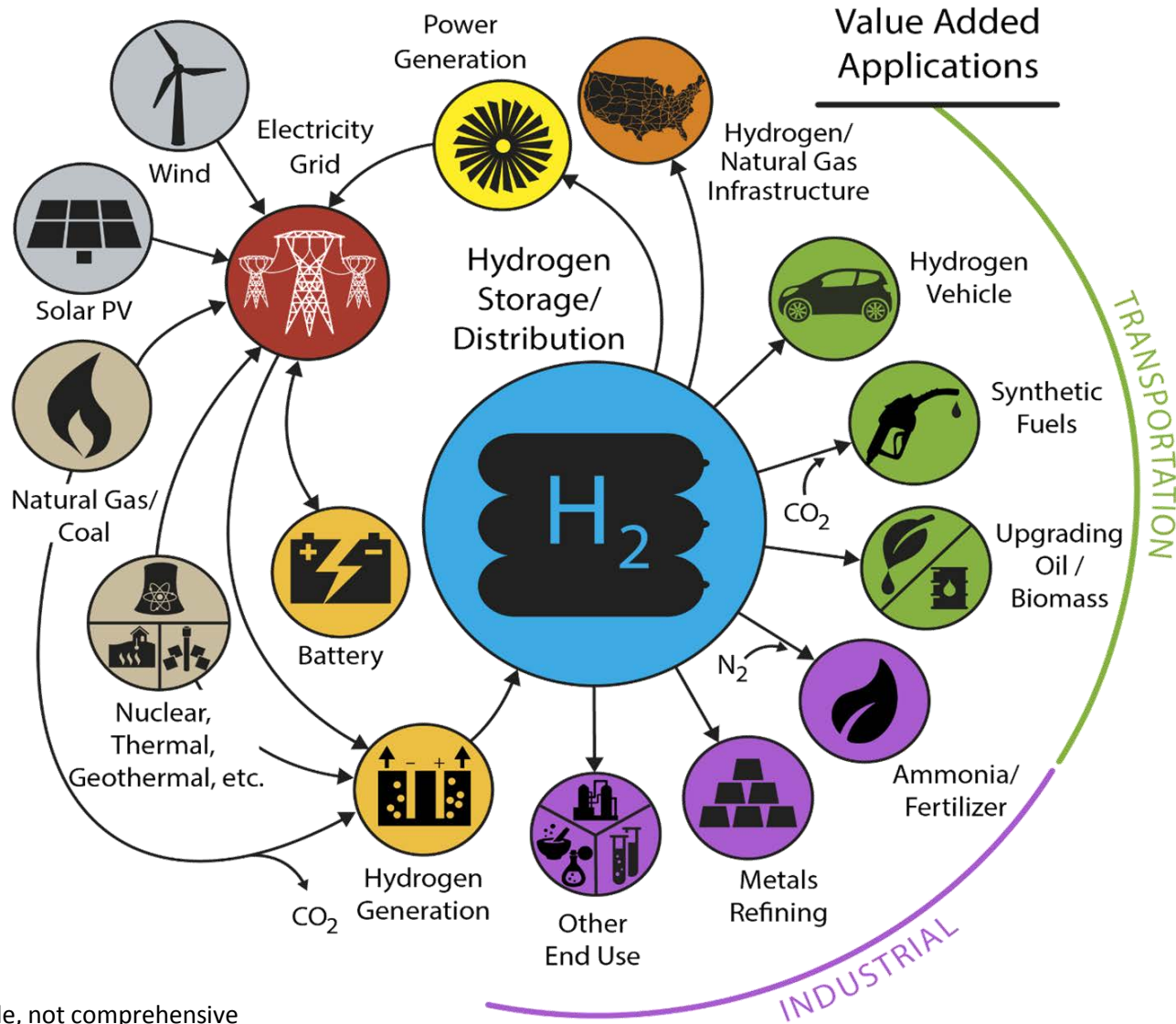


A hydrogen fueling station in San Francisco, CA. | Photo courtesy of the California Fuel Cell Partnership

# Opportunities

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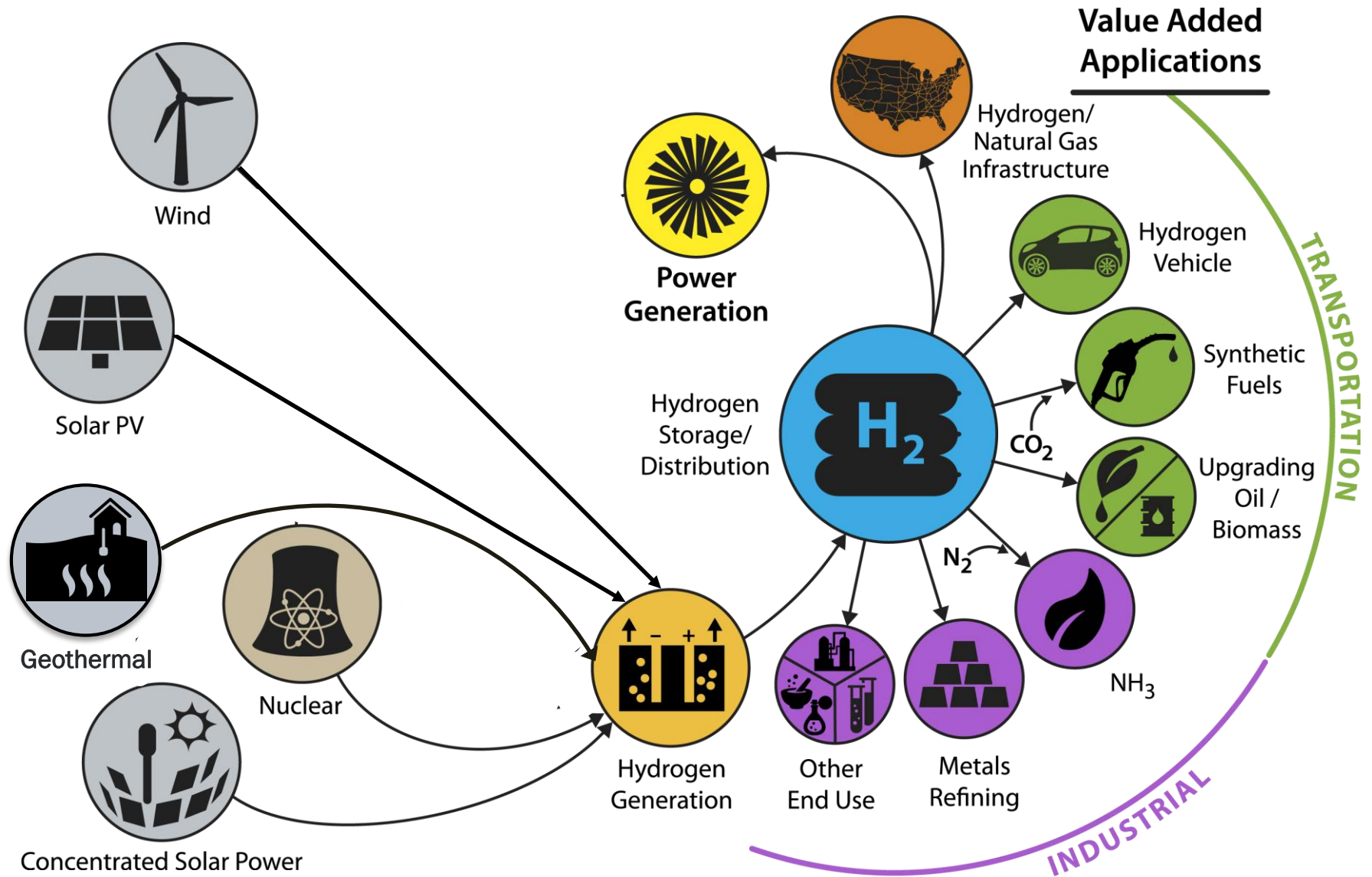
# H<sub>2</sub> at Scale Energy System



\*Illustrative example, not comprehensive  
Source: NREL

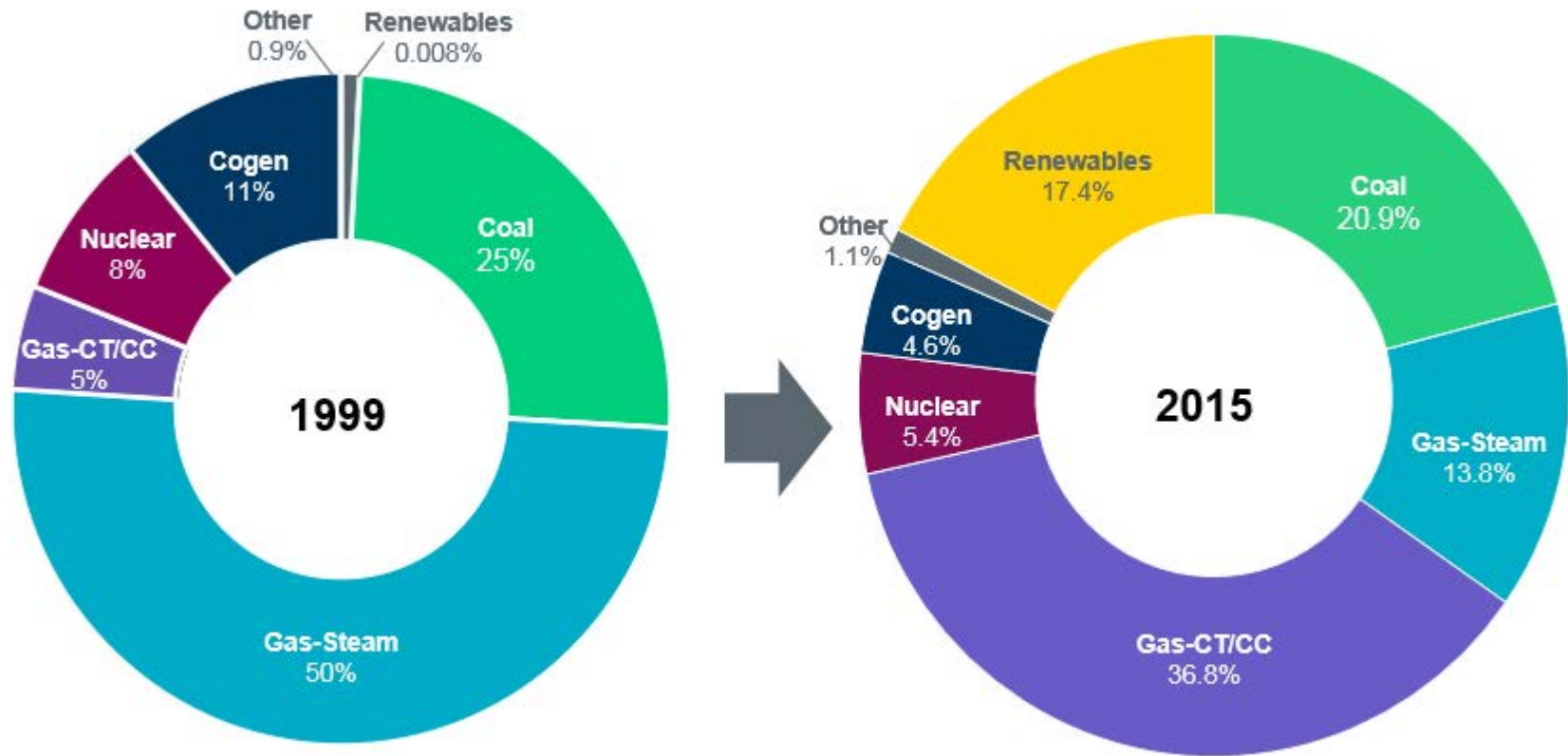


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# Changing Energy Resource Mix for Electricity - Example

## Installed Capacity in Texas

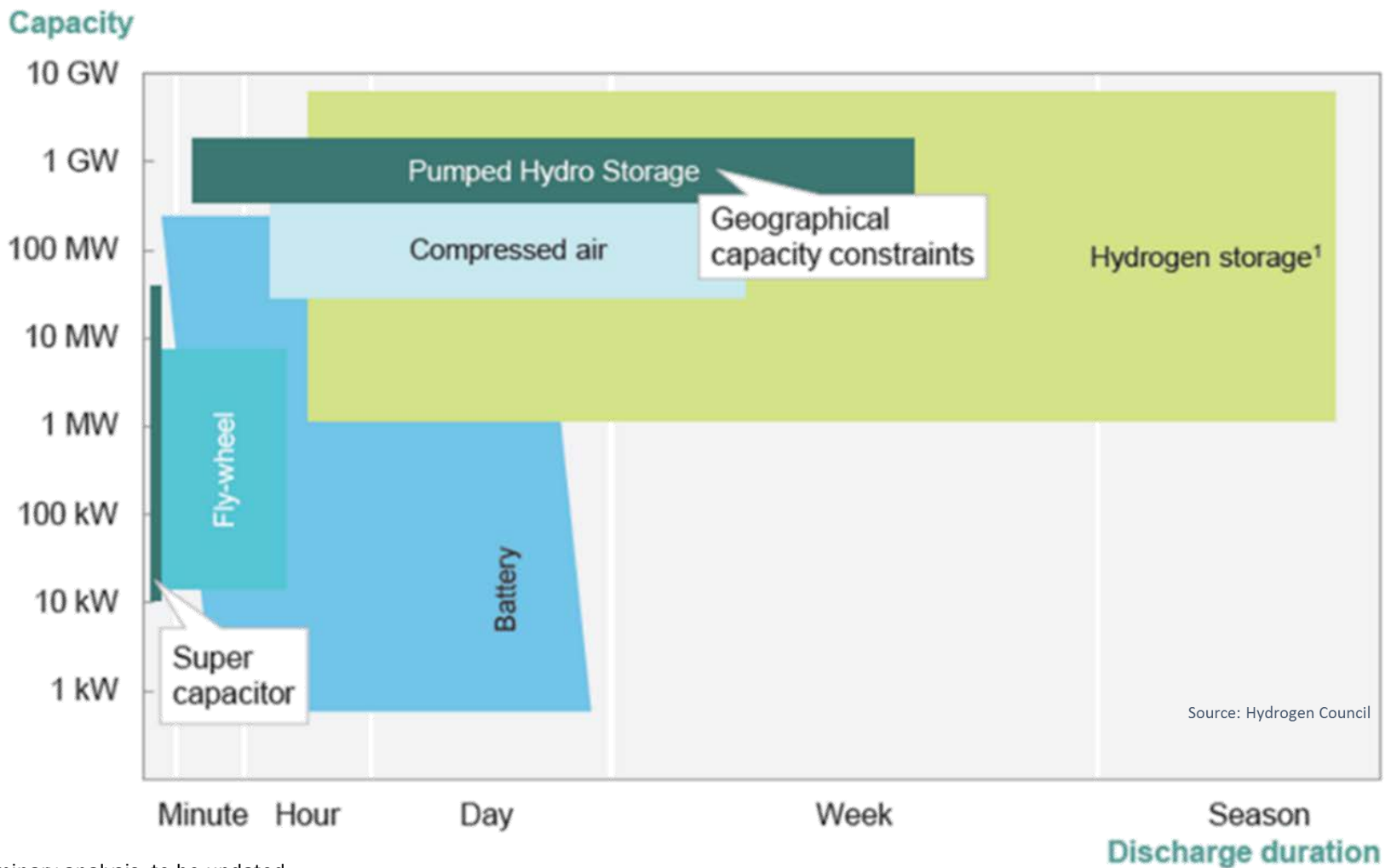


Source: ERCOT



# Hydrogen as a medium for storing intermittent energy

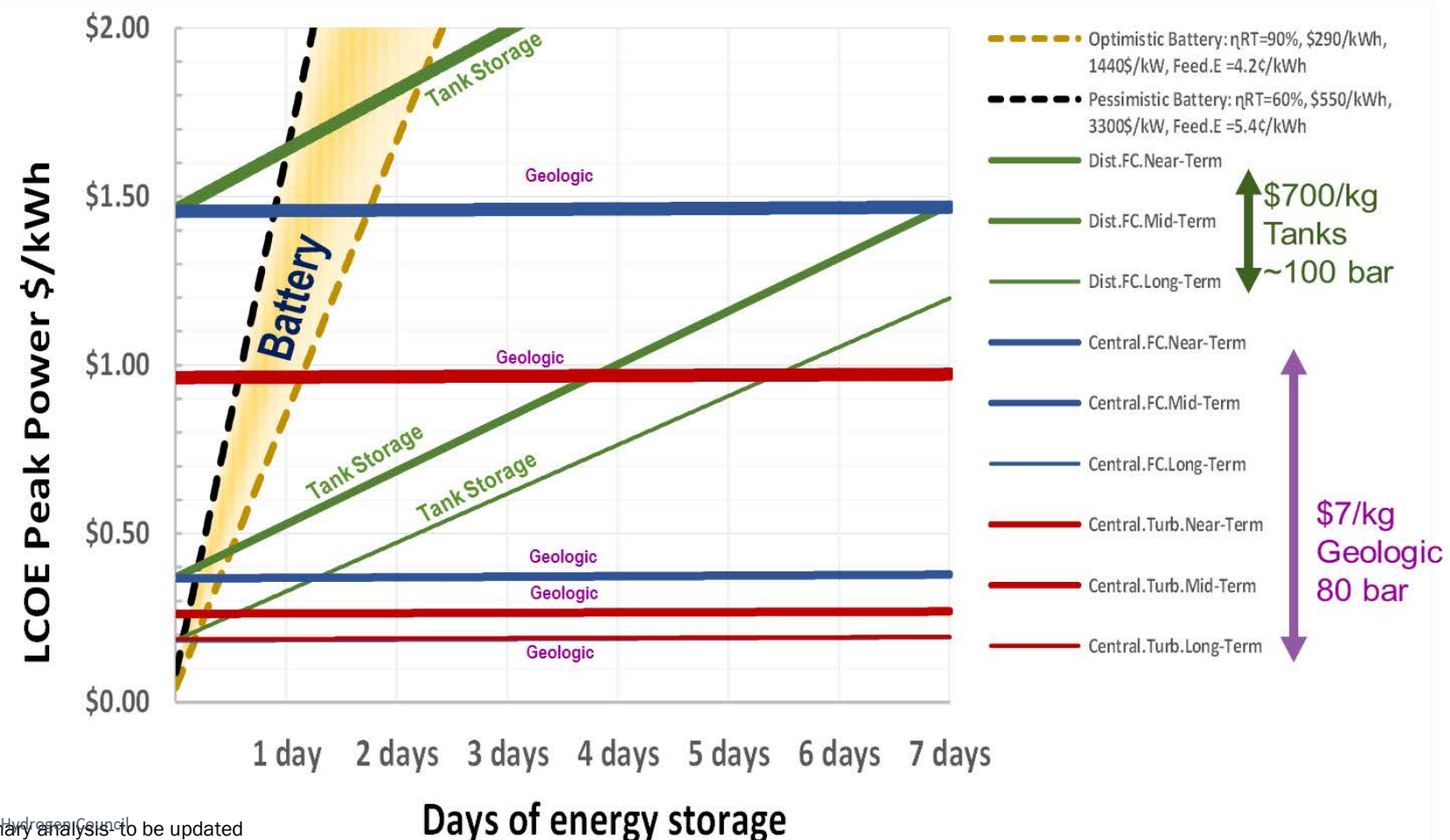
## Gigawatt-scale energy storage and long discharge duration



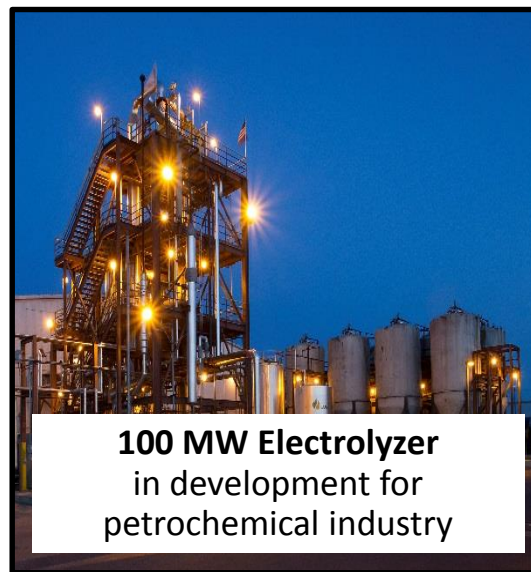
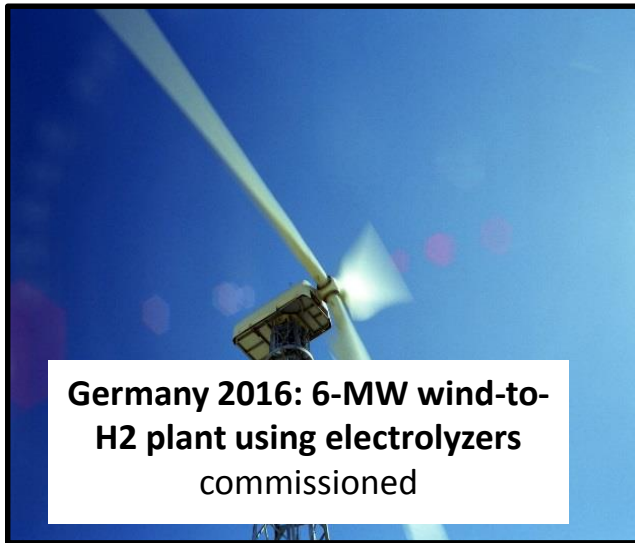
Preliminary analysis- to be updated

# Example of H<sub>2</sub> and Electrolyzer Benefits

## H<sub>2</sub> can be cost effective for long duration storage



# Examples: Large-scale Hydrogen Projects Worldwide



# A Global Initiative Supporting H<sub>2</sub>

## The Hydrogen Council



**Investment**

**Over \$10B**

towards  
**hydrogen and  
fuel cells**



**Members**

**Over 20 companies**

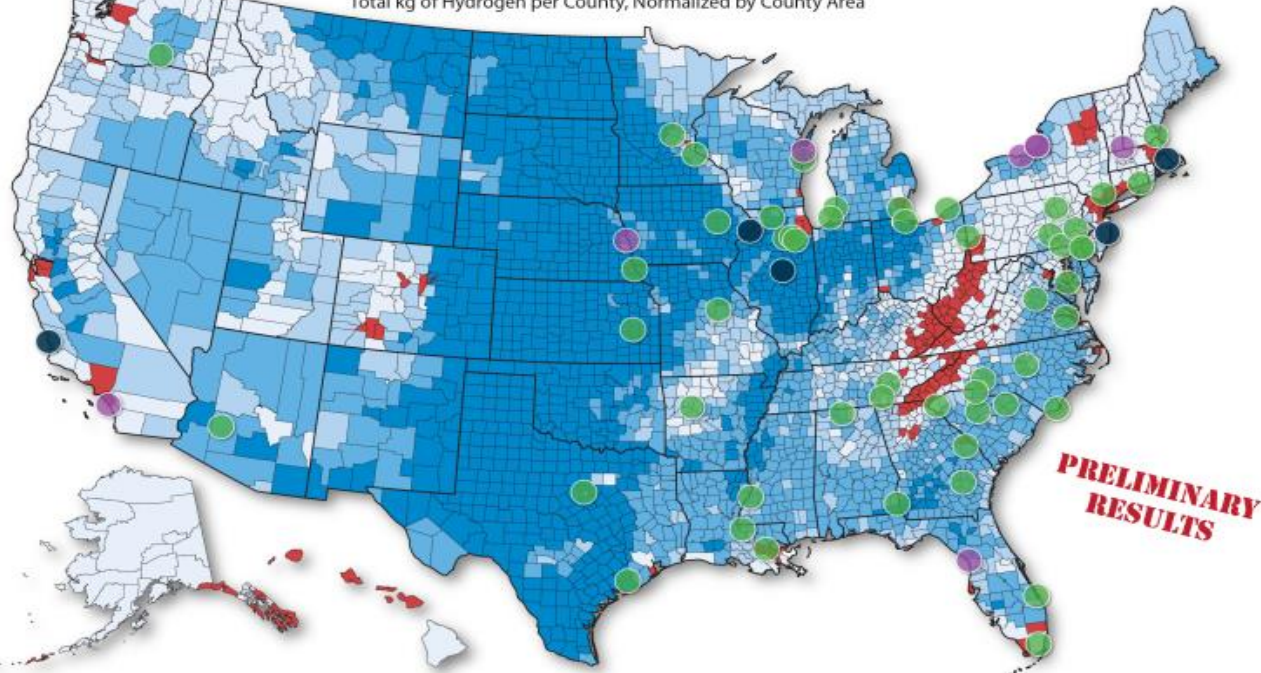
representing  
**Over \$1.3T in revenues  
and 2.06M jobs**

More information: [hydrogeneurope.eu](https://hydrogeneurope.eu)

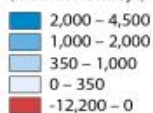


# H2@Scale: Nationwide Resource Assessment

Hydrogen Potential From Photovoltaic and Onshore Wind Resources Minus  
Total Hydrogen Demand for the Industrial & Transport Sectors  
Total kg of Hydrogen per County, Normalized by County Area



Hydrogen  
(metric ton/mi<sup>2</sup>/yr)



Nuclear Energy Plants



This analysis represents potential generation from utility-scale photovoltaics and onshore wind resources minus total hydrogen demand from the industrial sector: refineries, biofuels, ammonia and natural gas systems (metals are not included) and the transport sector: light duty vehicles and other transport. The data has been normalized by area at their respective spatial scales, and then summarized by county.

Data Source: NREL analysis  
Robson, A. Preserving America's Clean Energy Foundation. Retrieved March 23, 2017, from <http://www.thirdway.org/report/preserving-americas-clean-energy-foundation>

This map was produced by the  
National Renewable Energy Laboratory  
for the U.S. Department of Energy.  
Nicholas Gilroy, March 27, 2017



Labs assess  
resource  
availability. Most  
regions have  
sufficient  
resources.

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

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

A photograph of a freight train with orange and yellow shipping containers on tracks, viewed from a low angle. The text "Opportunities: Rail" is overlaid in white.

# Opportunities: Rail



# Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in Rail Sector

- **Examples- RD&D projects over the years:**

- **Asia:** Japan, Taiwan, China, Dubai
- **Europe:** Spain, Germany
- **Africa:** South Africa
- **North America:** U.S. and Canada

**See: International Hydrail Conferences**

- **Three segments: Application dependent**

- **Long distance freight and inter-city** (over 3MW systems)
- **Intra-city and regional rail systems** (light and commuter rail)
- **Short distance industrial** (mining, railyard shunters)

# Demonstrations – Examples

## China



### Several Fuel Cell Trams Planned

Capacity: 285 passengers  
Maximum speed: 70 km/hr.

## Germany

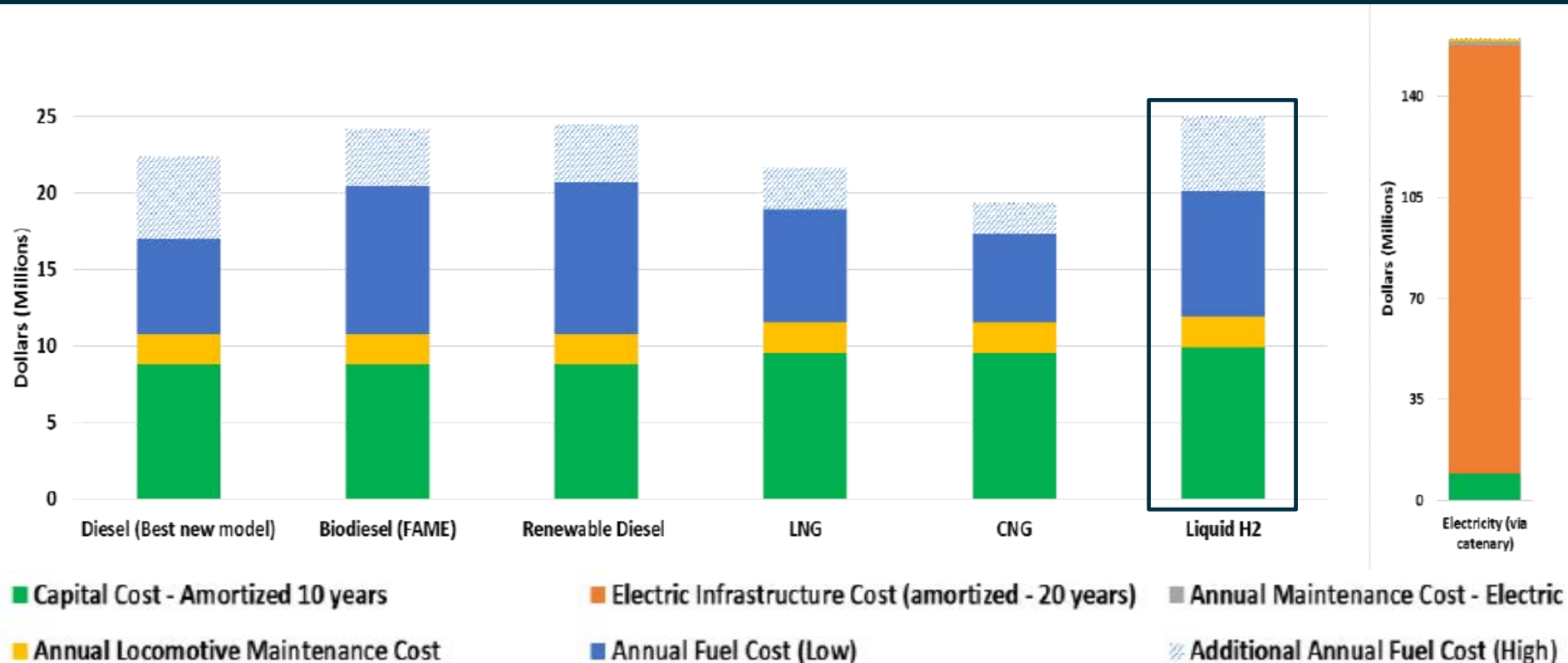


### Trains to operation in early 2018

Capacity: 300 passengers  
Maximum speed: 140 km/hr.

# Annual Costs – Passenger Rail – UC Davis Study

Hydrogen fuel technology cost is slightly higher than the diesel, LNG, and biodiesel, but much less than catenary electric technology



## Assumptions:

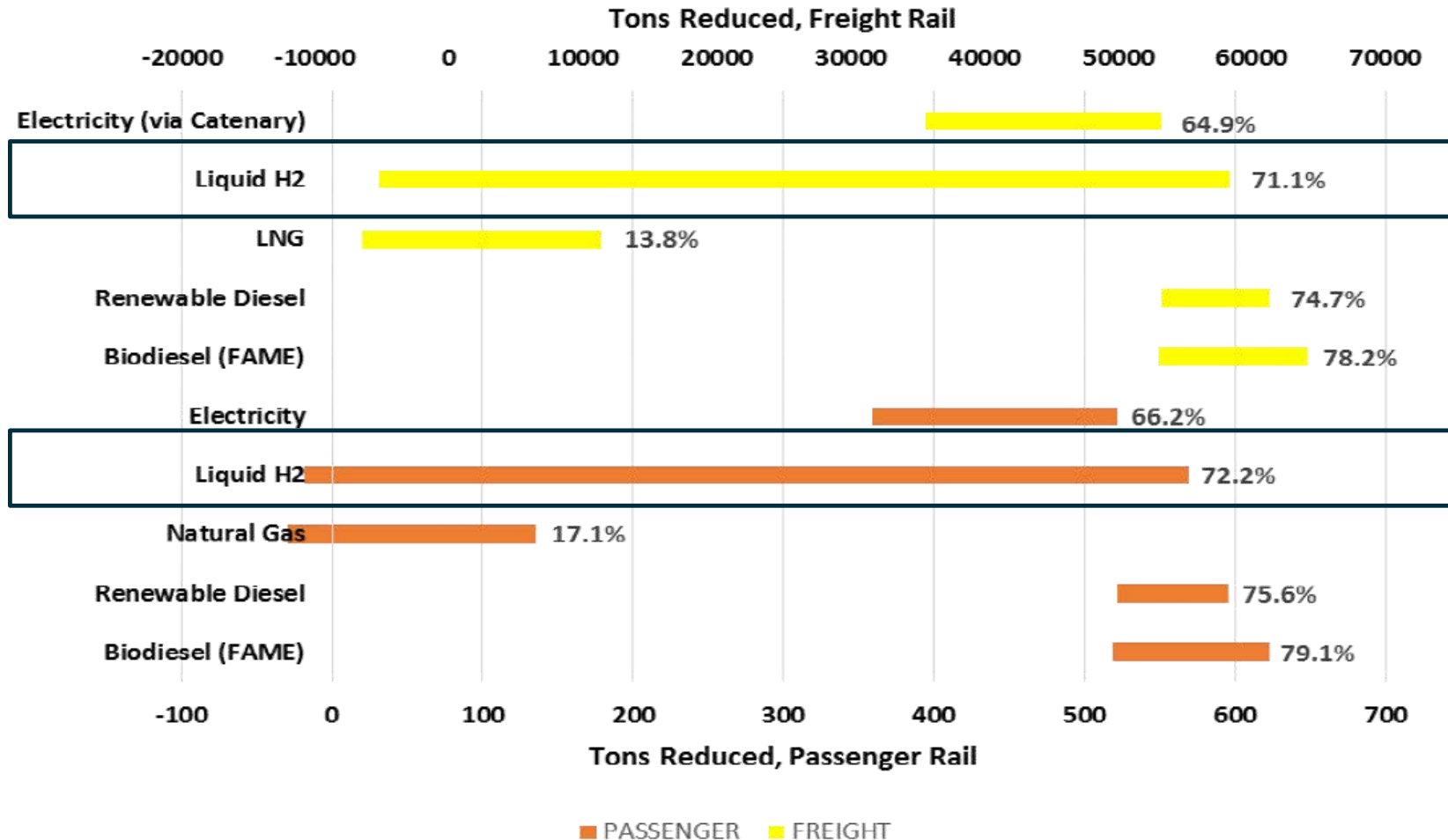
Liquid Hydrogen Cost: \$5.16-\$9.03/gallon

Vehicle Cost: \$8.05-\$9.95 million/locomotive + Tender car

Source: Isaac, Raphael et al. UC Davis (2016)


# Emissions Reduced - Passenger and Freight Rail

Potential: 70% reduction with hydrogen via electrolysis with CA grid mix



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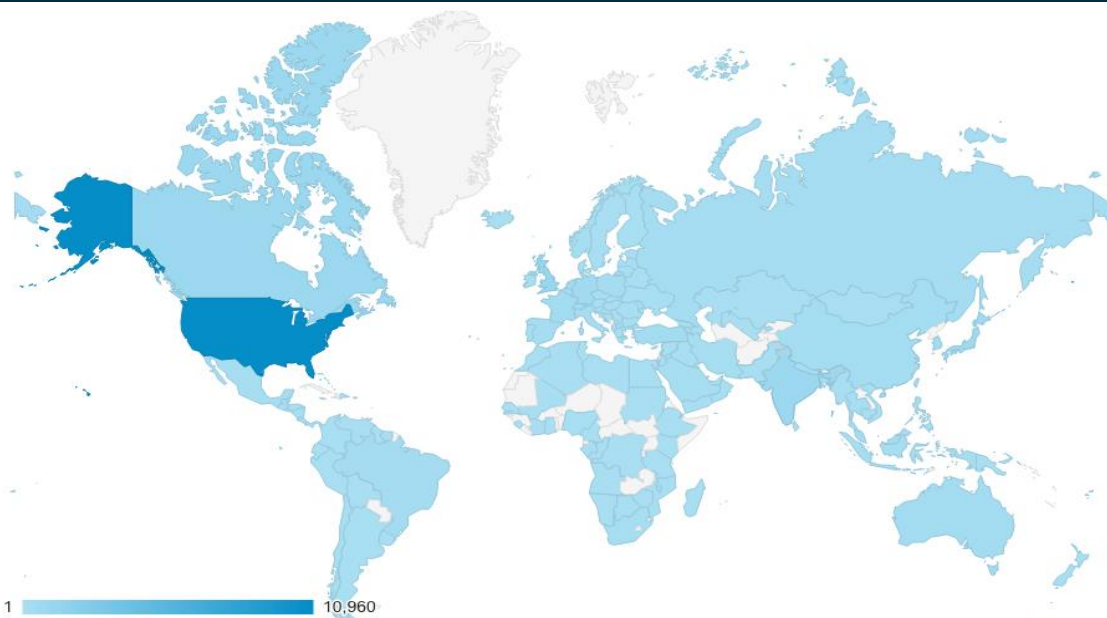
# Collaboration and Resources

# DOE Resources: H<sub>2</sub> Safety Information Sharing

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



h2tools.org



- Site visit tracking shows a **global reach: 50% of visits are international!**
- Over **31,000 site visits** in the first year alone
- Training resource **translated into Japanese**

# Collaboration Opportunities: Data Sharing

## Data Validation of Real World Applications through the NREL's NFCTEC

- Data products provide insights on technology improvements, issues and gaps



NFCTEC: The National Fuel Cell Technology Evaluation Center

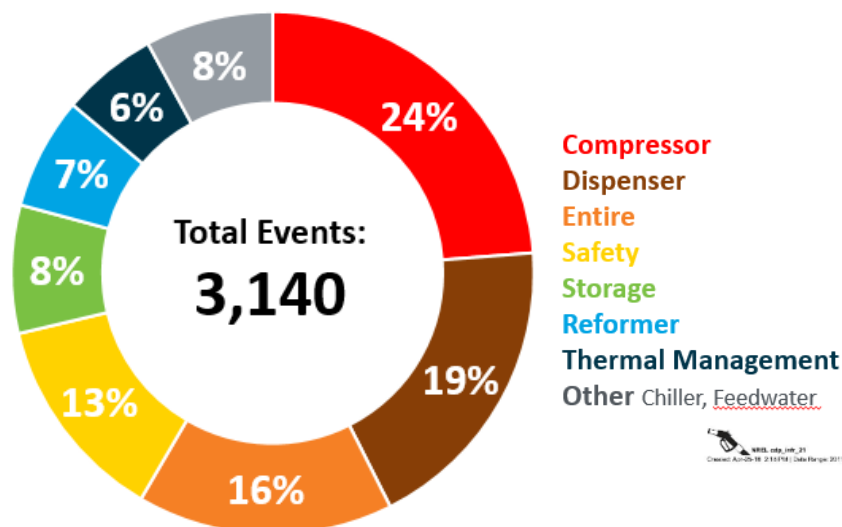
To Participate

[techval@nrel.gov](mailto:techval@nrel.gov)

### Models “Toolbox” Online

- Financial, technical and economic models covering H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure, jobs, and more.
- Visit:  
[energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-analysis-toolbox](https://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-analysis-toolbox)

### Example: Sources of H<sub>2</sub> Infrastructure Maintenance

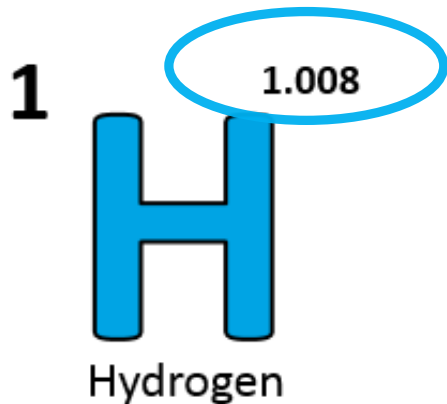


Most maintenance related to **compressors** and **dispensers**

# Collaboration Tools: Increasing Awareness

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

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



Learn more:  
[energy.gov/eere/fuelcells](https://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells)

Share Information  
using ready-to-use H<sub>2</sub>  
and fuel cell training  
resources

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# Thank You

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