

Hydrogen Energy Storage Policy Considerations

Hydrogen Storage Workshop

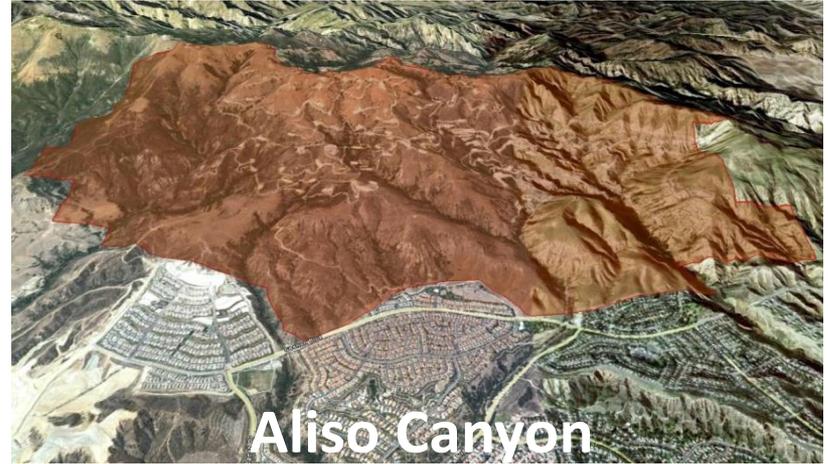
Jeffrey Reed

Southern California Gas Company

May 15, 2014

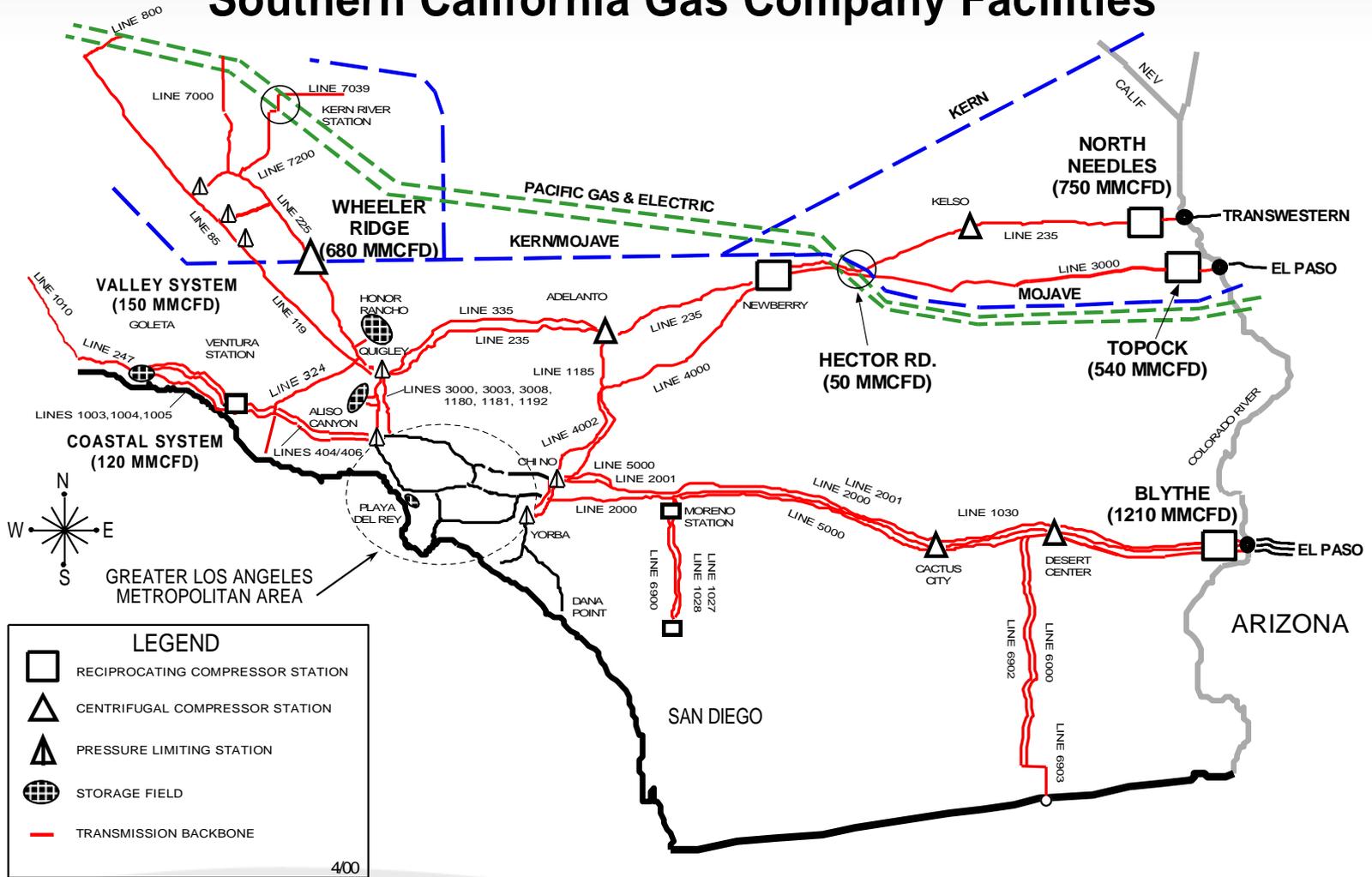
Methane is a Great Storage Medium

SoCalGas' storage fields are the largest energy storage resource in the region



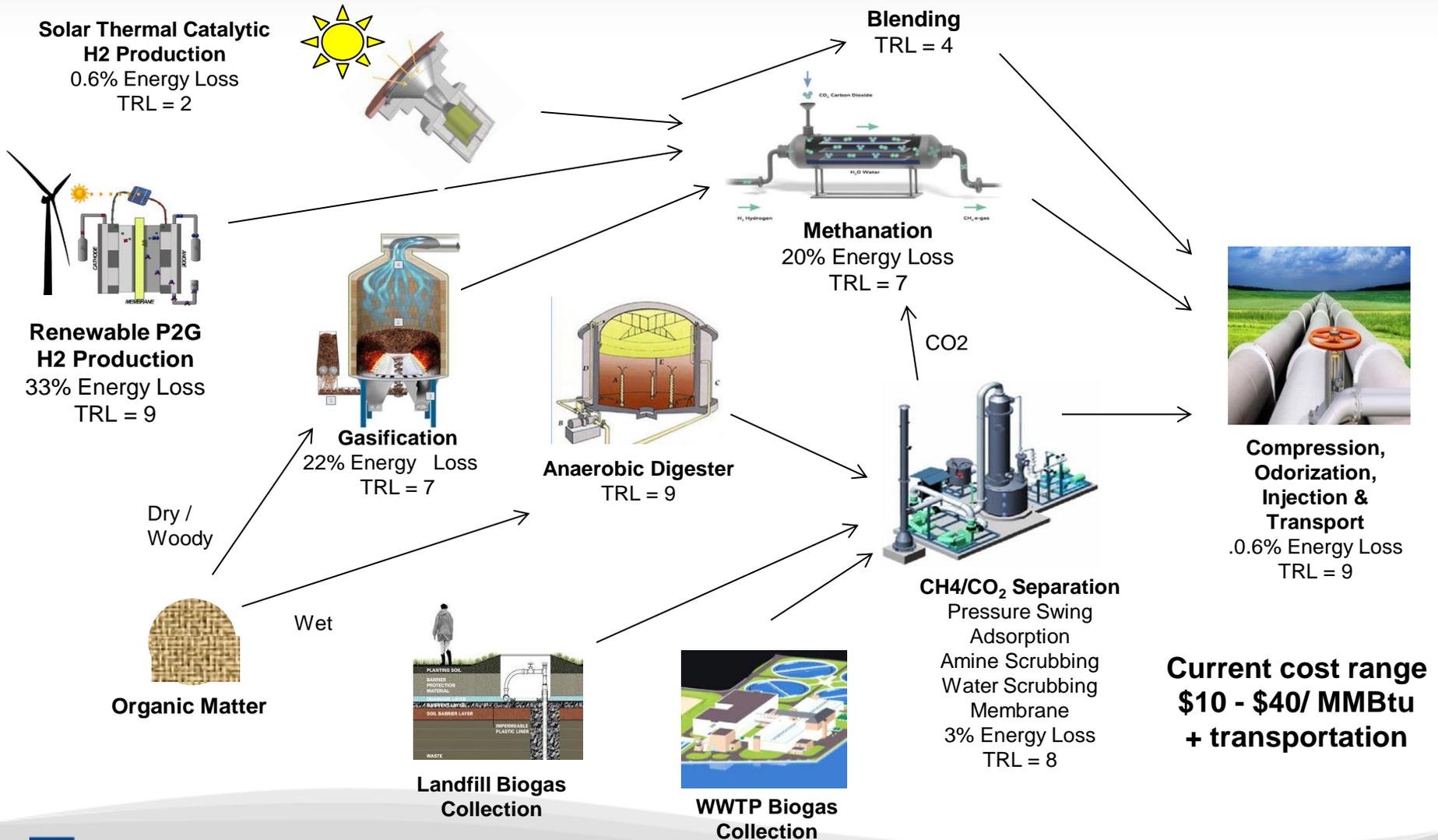
And There's a Fully Built Delivery System

Southern California Gas Company Facilities



NOT TO SCALE

RNG Pipeline and Storage Pathways

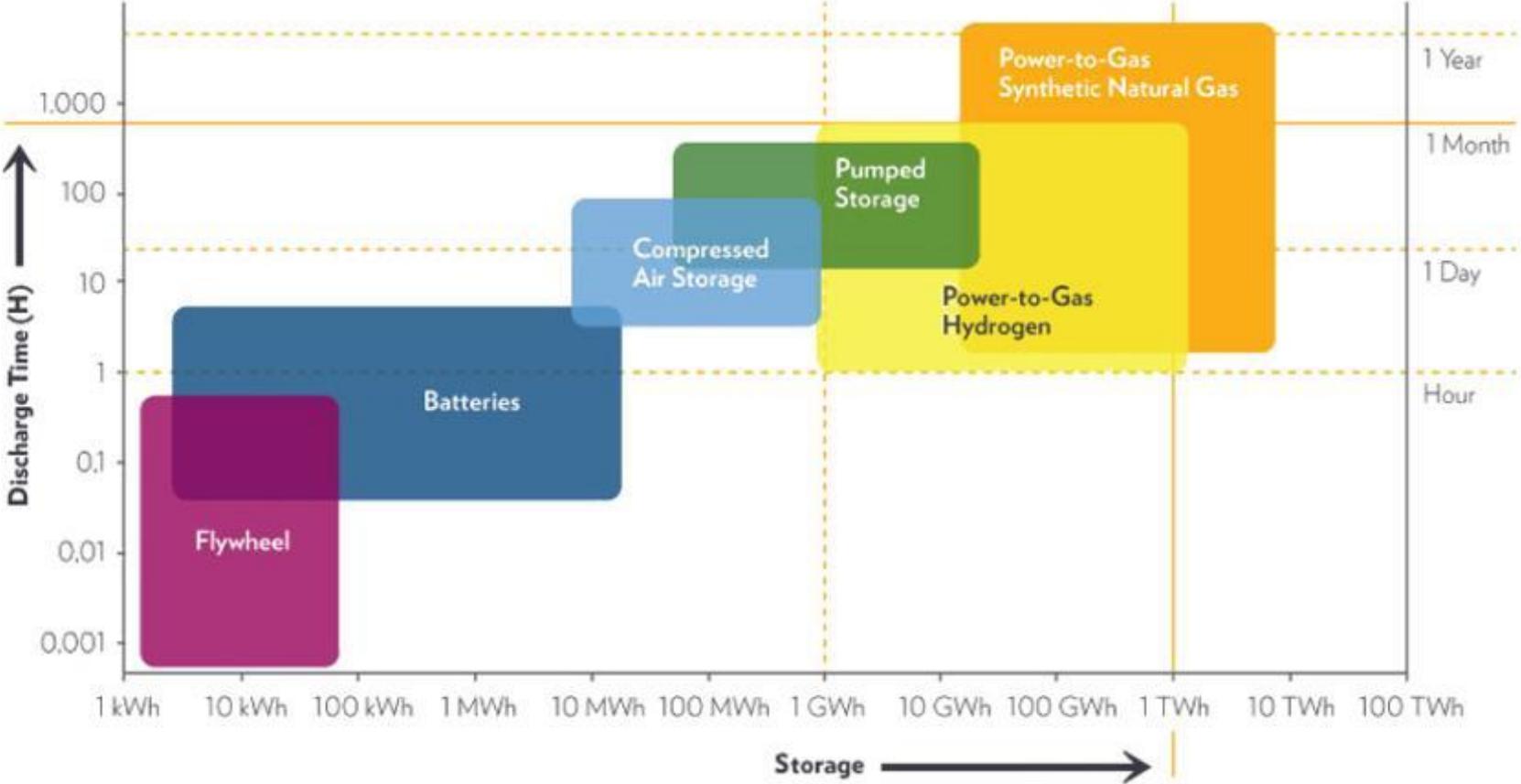


“Dispatch” of Low-Carbon Gaseous Fuel Resources

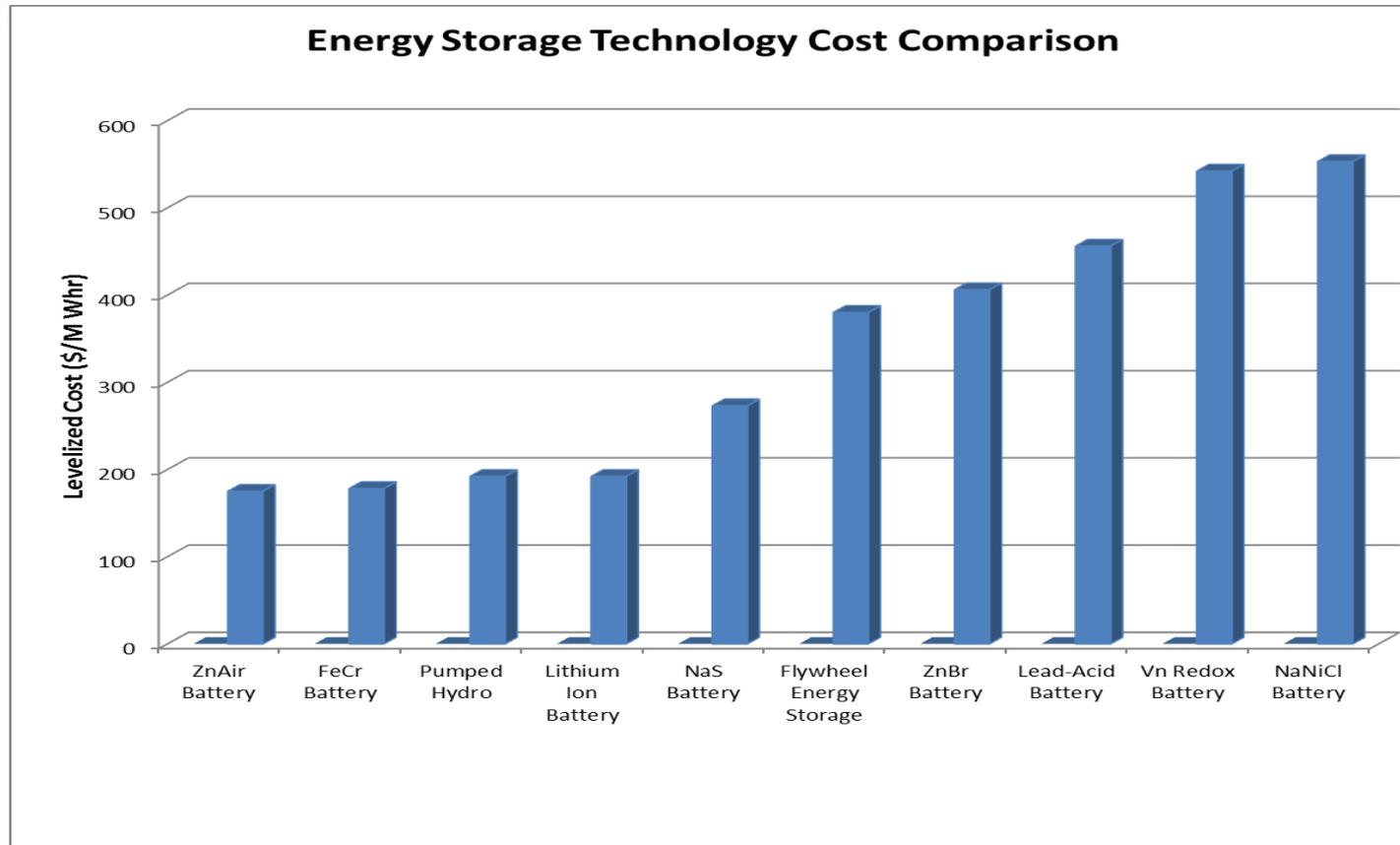
- Vehicle Fuel
- Generation / Storage
- End Use

Delivered Cost
Mandates / Incentives
Consumer Preference

Gaseous fuels provide unique storage functionality



Energy Storage Costs

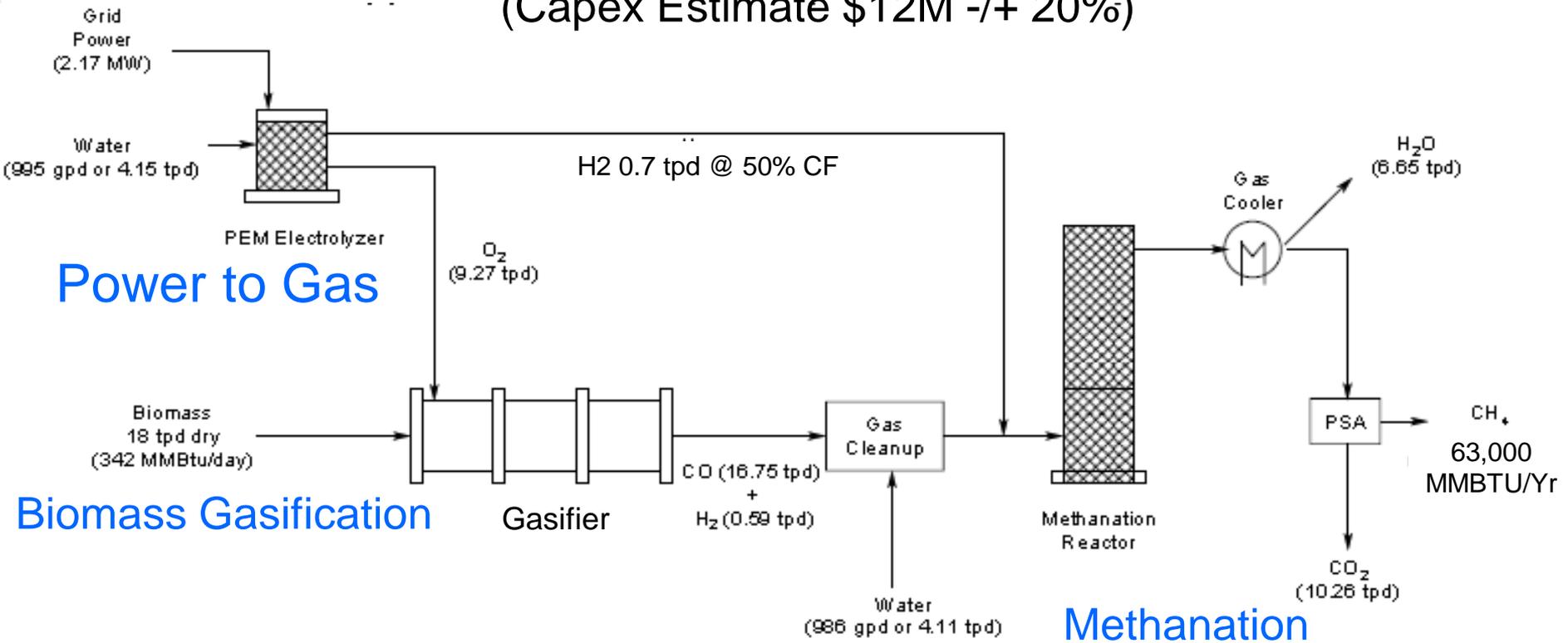


Sources: D. Steward, G. Saur, M. Penev, and T. Ramsden, "Lifecycle Cost Analysis of Hydrogen Versus Other Technologies for Electrical Energy Storage", NREL/TP-560-46719, November 2009

A. Akhil, G. Huff, A. Currier, B. Kaun, D. Rastler, S. Bingqing, A. Cotter, D. Bradshaw, W. Gauntlett, "DOE/EPRI 2013 Electricity Storage Handbook in Collaboration with NRECA", Sandia Report, SNAD2013-5131, July 2013

Power-to-Gas Demonstration Concept

Power-to-Gas Integrated with
Biomass Gasification/Methanation
(Capex Estimate \$12M +/- 20%)



Some Rough Arithmetic for Demo Cost Recovery

Revenue depends on market value of the product

- Storage = \$0.20/kwh based on battery alternatives ~ \$30/MMBTU
- RPS resource = ~\$0.07 - 0.12/kwh (intermittent) ~ \$12 -\$20/MMBTU
- RCNG = \$4/gallon provides ~\$15/MMBTU for RNG to the pipe

	SNG Revenue Contribution to Fixed Cost ¹	
	\$10 / MMBTU	\$15/MMBTU
Project Cost \$10M	Simple Payback = 16 yrs Lending Capacity ² = \$5.6M	Simple Payback = 11 yrs Lending Capacity = \$8.0M
Project Cost \$15M	Simple Payback = 24 yrs Lending Capacity = \$5.6M	Simple Payback = 16 yrs Lending Capacity = \$8.4 M

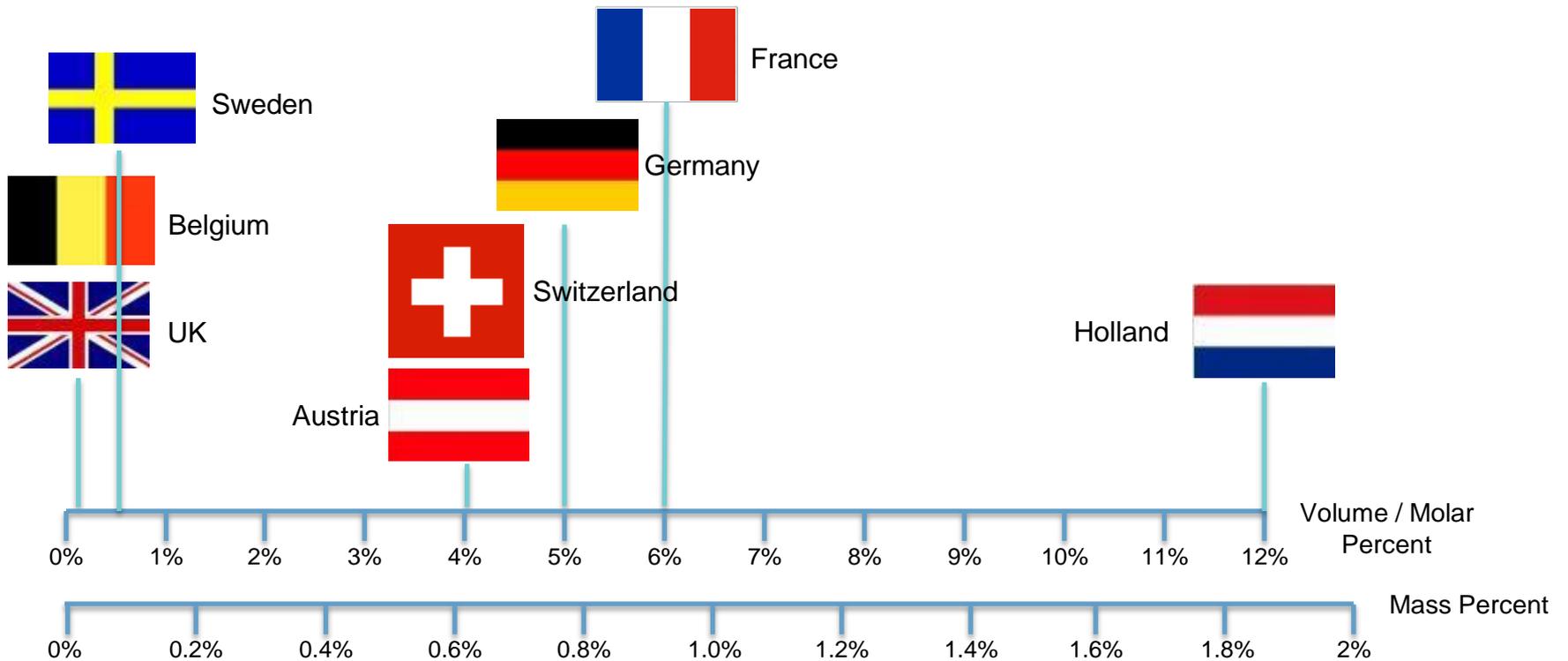
¹ Revenue available to cover fixed cost net of variable production costs.

² Coverage Ratio of 1.4 after tax @ 3.75% (DoE Loan Guarantee) (max 80% D/E)

Policy Considerations

- Storage Definitions
 - CA PU Code broad and incorporates virtually all types of storage
 - Procurement mandate is technology neutral but valuation of different use cases tbd
 - Withdrawal and injection of electricity at different locations could pose an issue
- Bookkeeping for renewable attribute (input power, feedstock) is not fully defined for P2G and for non-biogas pathways
- NEPA/CEQA review
- Incentives / funding eligibility for multi-purpose facilities (transportation fuel, power generation, power storage, other grid services...) – securing revenue streams to support project finance
- H2 concentration limits specified in gas quality standards

European Union H2 Blending Limits



Source: ITM Power

SoCalGas Biogas Standards Development

2007 -- Initiated evaluation and analysis

2009 -- Issued biogas conditioning guidance document for biogas feedstocks other than landfill gas (health concerns)

2010 – Initiated GTI study of landfill gas constituents

2012 -- Assembly Bill 1900 directs public utility commission to institute a rulemaking for landfill gas

2014 – Commission decision issued on landfill gas monitoring and control requirements and removes prohibition