Federal Perspective on Opportunities for Hydrogen and Natural Gas for Transportation





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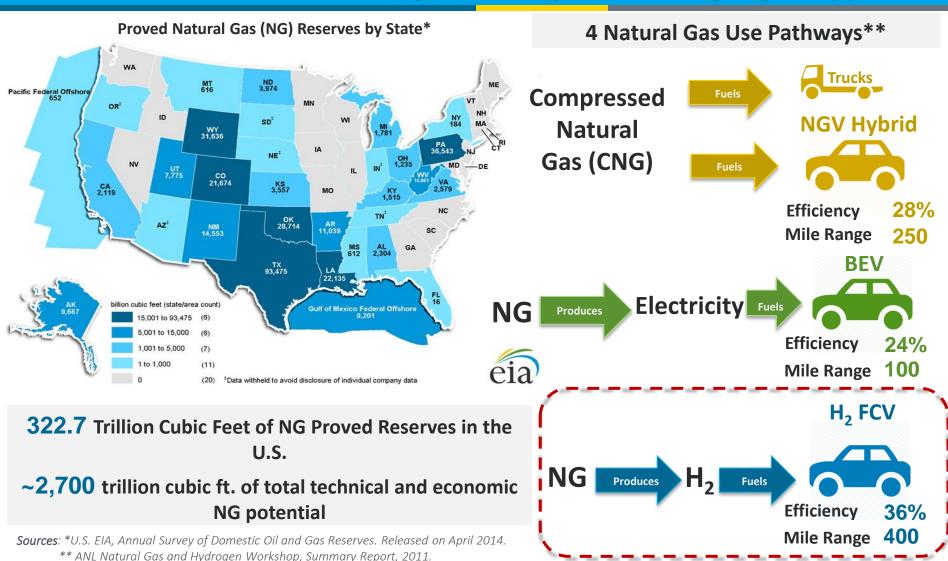
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The Potential for Natural Gas in Transportation

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With ample NG resources available , four potential pathways to incorporate NG in transportation are (1) CNG fueling NGV Hybrids (2) Electricity from NG to charge BEVs (3) $\rm H_2$ produced from NG to fuel FCEVs which offers the highest efficiency and mile driving range and (4) trucks.



Reduced GHG Emissions for H₂ from Natural Gas

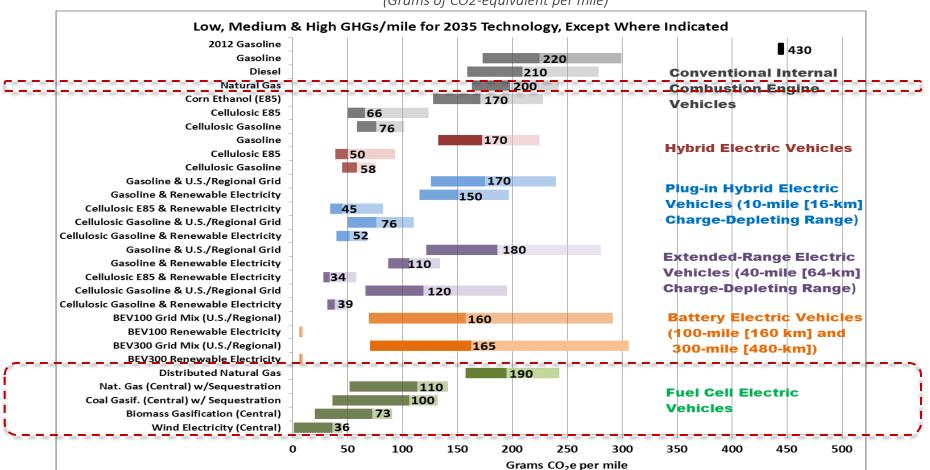


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Analysis by ANL, NREL and EERE shows that FCVs fueled by H₂ from NG can reduce GHG emissions by 50%.

Well-to-Wheels Greenhouse Gases Emissions for 2035 Mid-Size Car

(Grams of CO2-equivalent per mile)



Low/medium/high: sensitivity to uncertainties associated with projected fuel economy of vehicles and selected attributes of fuels pathways, e.g., electricity credit for biofuels, electric generation mix, etc.

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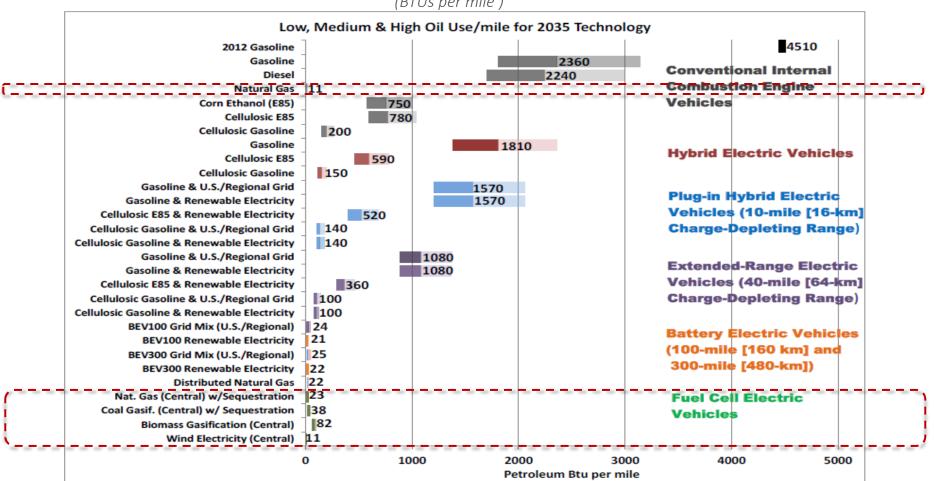
Reduced Petroleum Use for H₂ from Natural Gas



Analysis by ANL, NREL and EERE shows that FCVs fueled by Hydrogen from NG can reduce petroleum use by nearly 100%

Well-to-Wheels Petroleum Energy Use for 2035 Mid-Size Car

(BTUs per mile)



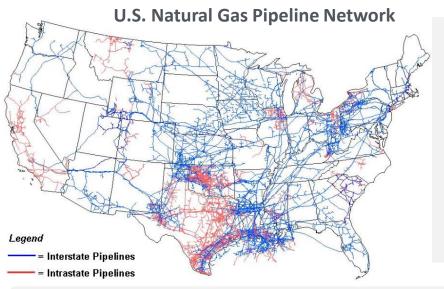
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Options for Early H₂ Infrastructure

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Option for rapidly expanding the H₂ delivery infrastructure is to adapt part of the already existing and robust NG infrastructure to accommodate H₂. Converting NG pipelines to carry a blend of NG and H2 require only modest modifications to pipeline



Current Status

U.S Natural Gas Pipeline Network has **>300,000** mi. of interstate and intrastate transmission lines

Existing 1,200 mi. of H_2 pipelines in use (CA, TX, LA, IL, and IN)

Over **9** MMT of H₂ produced annually

Over **50** fueling stations in the U.S.

Two Main Options for Low-cost Early Infrastructure

• H₂ delivered from central site:

Low-volume stations (2 200-300 kg/day) would cost < 1 1M and provide hydrogen for 1 7/gge (e.g., high-pressure tube trailers, with pathway to 1 5/gge at 1 400-500 kg/day)

Distributed production (e.g. natural gas, electrolysis)

Other options

- Tri-gen
- H₂ from waste (industrial, wastewater, landfills)

Existing H₂ Production Facilities

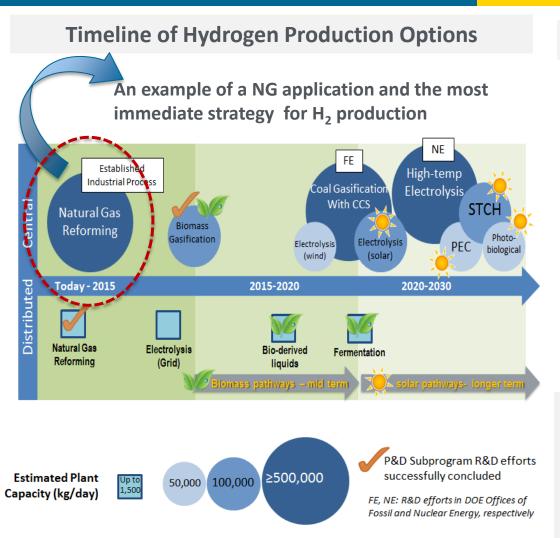


Applications for Natural Gas are Numerous



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NG applications in the transportation sector include NG use in the heavy duty vehicle segment and H₂ production from NG reforming for FCVs. Other applications include NG use for distributed generation and for various cross-cutting areas such as Trigeneration.



The Trigeneration Approach Natural Gas Natural Gas or Biogas Fuel Cell Coproduction of H₂ Excess power generated by the Combined heat, hydrogen fuel cell is fed to and power (CHHP) or the grid Trigeneration

Trigen from NG co-produces power, heat and H₂ and offers fueling/charging opportunities for



and



FCTO R&D Focus and Synergies with Natural Gas



FCTO R&D focus for selected program areas could also be applicable to NG thereby advancing the development of NG technologies and infrastructure

FCTO R&D Efforts

Potential Natural Gas Synergy?

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Storage Lower cost precursors for carbon fiber Improved tanks and cold H ₂ storage Hydrogen Sorbent Systems	Chemical Hydrogen Storage Systems Low-pressure storage for MHE Novel resin manufacturing	√
Technology Validation		
Validation of fueling station data (High-pressure Tube Trailer, Compressor Reliability Testing Cryocompressor testing, etc.) H2FIRST 5 team projects (Station Performance Testing, Dispenser/Components, Reference Station Design,		\checkmark
Hydrogen Station Research Team, Hydrogen Contamination Detector) Validation of world's first Tri-Generation station		
Safety Codes and Standards		
Impact of fast fueling (SAE standard J2601) on hydrogen station requirements Performance-based design and liquid release tasks to impact the deployment hydrogen fueling stations Widespread availability and communication of safety-related information		√
Delivery		
Tube trailer innovations are being deployed in the near term Liquefaction technologies and station Compression and Storage improvements in the mid term New Pipeline materials and technologies and integration of CSD forecourt innovations in the long term		√

H₂ and NG face common entry to market barriers



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Analyzing in parallel both NG and H₂ can be an useful approach given the commonalities in entry to market barriers faced by both options.

Natural Gas

Diminishing benefits of higher storage pressure

NG vehicle supply

Fossil fuel with finite supply

Not renewable fuel

No RFS credit

Tanks

Compressor capital cost

Codes and Standards

Fuel metrics

Distribution network

Station capital and O&M cost

Station placement

Consistent Policies

Manufacturing

Lack of part inventories and standardization

Supply

Fuel economies of

scale

Materials of

construction

Fuel cost

In Conclusion



The complementary nature of H₂ and NG offers opportunities that need to be further explored by relevant stakeholders thereby accelerating the use of both fuels in the transportation sector

- √ H₂ and natural gas have synergies as gaseous energy sources
- √ H₂ and natural gas are complementary as H₂ can be produced from natural gas reforming
- ✓ Given the synergies and common entry to market barriers faced by H₂ and natural gas, there is potential for mapping out strategies/approaches that address common issues in parallel
- ✓ H₂ and NG Public-Private partnerships currently in place could potentially expand the scope of their efforts by including strategies that leverage the synergies of both fuels

Thank You

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