



Hydrogen (H₂) in Decarbonization and Economic Development

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Collaborates with **like-spirited people** and organizations to realize a shared vision

Why Solar: It is highly **scalable** and **democratic**
Distributed much more **Equitably** than Other Natural Resources, especially
compared to Oil, Natural Gas, and some Critical Elements



A FEW HYDROGEN (H₂) BASICS



From Coal
Current project
in Australia
500M AU\$ project
for export to Japan
started production
March 2021

Steam
Reforming of
Natural Gas
➤ **95% today**
~10 kg CO₂ per
kg H₂

Produced from
Natural Gas
with carbon
capture and
sequestration

Produced from
clean energy
and no net
carbon
emissions

- Hydrogen is very abundant, lightest element on the periodic table, most versatile in its binding to other elements and is only bound to other elements.
- Molecular H₂ is a clean fuel that, when consumed in a fuel cell, produces only water.
- Hydrogen can be produced from a variety of domestic resources, such as natural gas, nuclear power, biomass, and renewables like solar and wind.
- H₂ can be used in cars, in houses, for portable power, and in many more applications.
- Hydrogen is an energy carrier that can be used to store, move, and deliver energy produced from other sources.
- Today, hydrogen fuel can be produced through several methods. The most common method today is steam reforming of natural gas reforming



GLOBAL DEMAND FOR H₂ IS GROWING RAPIDLY

100

75

50

25

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Pure H₂ in Mt/yr

1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2018e

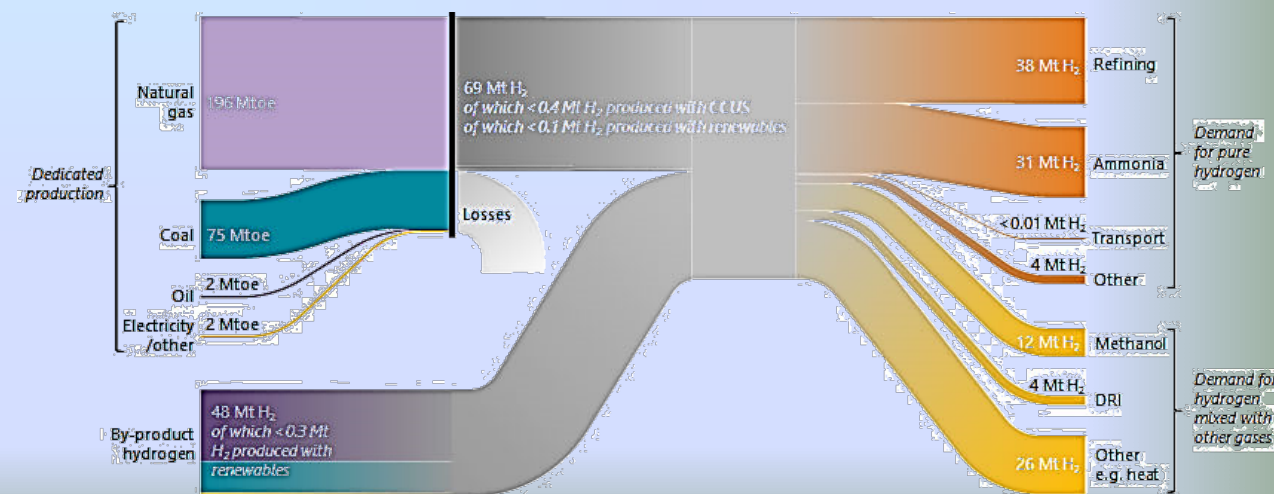
● Refining ● Ammonia ● Other

Today – refineries and ammonia production dominate

Grown more than threefold since 1975

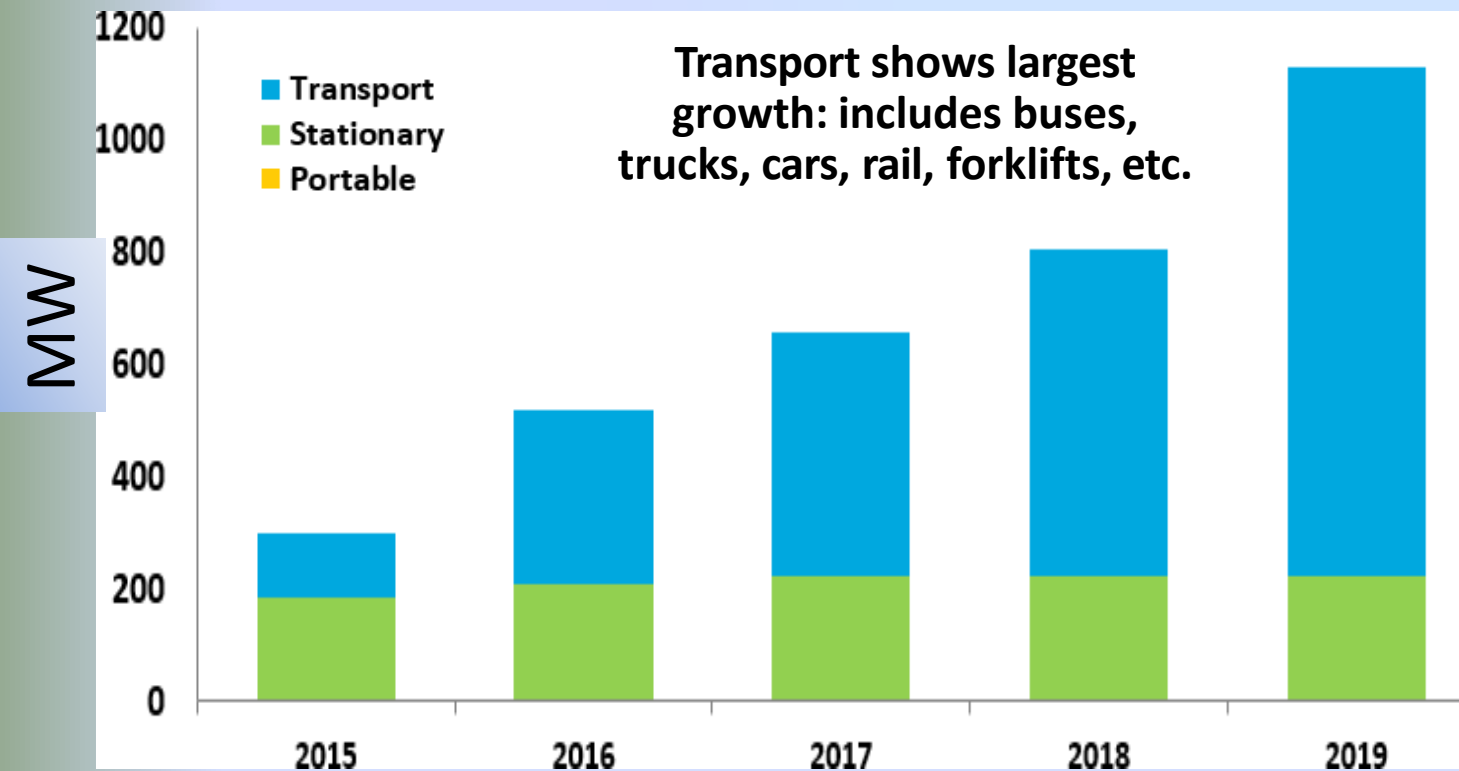
Continues to rise – almost entirely supplied from fossil resources (grey and brown H₂)

6% of global natural gas and 2% of global coal for hydrogen production





GLOBAL FUEL CELL SHIPMENTS SURPASSED 1 GW



25-fold increase in electrolyzers deployed in the last decade

< 1 MW in 2010 to >25 MW by the end of 2019

Global FCEVs doubled to >25,200 > 12.3K sold in 2019 vs. 5.8K in 2018

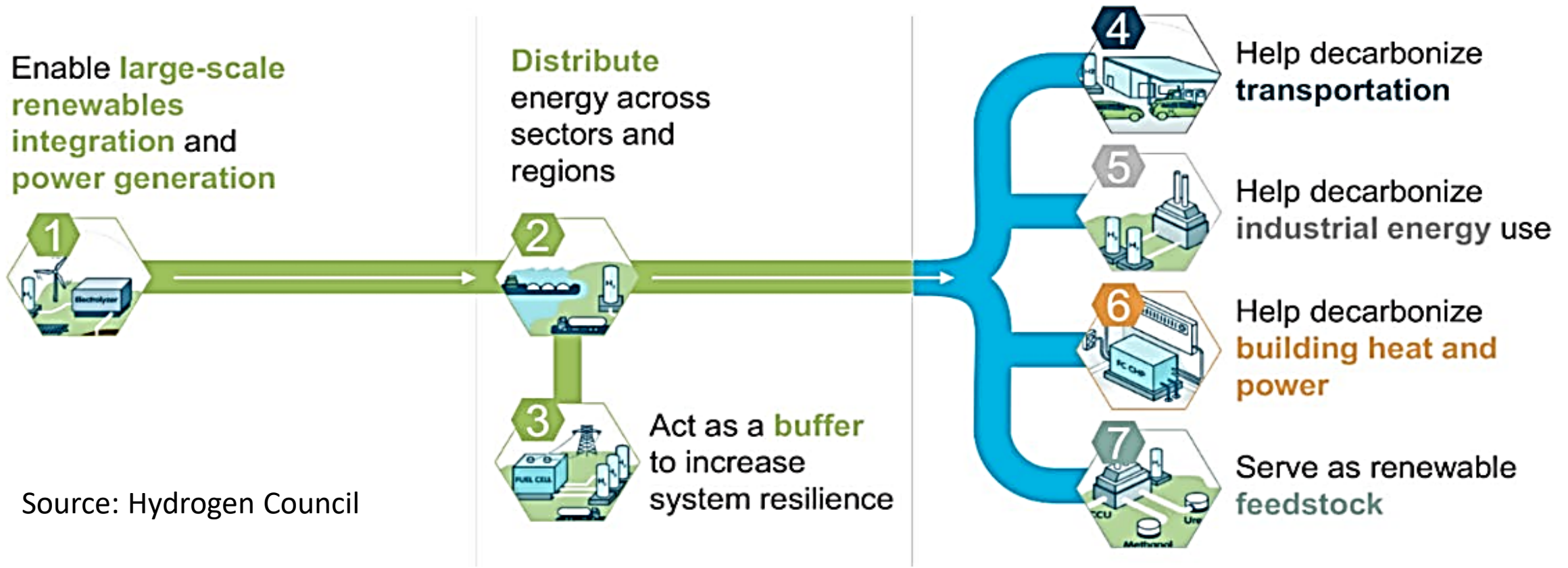
470 H₂ fueling stations worldwide > 20% increase from 2018

Source: E4tech for DOE analysis project

Source: IEA (2020), *Hydrogen*, IEA, Paris, <https://www.iea.org/reports/hydrogen>



H₂ IS A CLEAN, VERSATILE ENERGY CARRIER



H₂ can contribute to a broad range of difficult to decarbonize applications



HYDROGEN OPPORTUNITIES



EXAMPLE: CO-FUNDED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, CA STATE AGENCIES AND INDUSTRY



Project impact per year: savings of

- 285 metric tons of CO_{2e}
- 280,000 grams of criterial pollutants
- 56,000 gallons of diesel

Could enable 8.8 million gallons savings per year if 1% of California's 253,000 Class 3-8 urban work trucks adopt

Goal:

Demonstrate hybrid electric delivery vans with fuel cell range extenders (up to 125-mile range)

- 5 trucks built, undergoing testing, 10 more in assembly
- Trucks to operate in disadvantaged community in CA



Examples of Applications



>500MW

Stationary Power



>35,000

Forklifts



>60

Fuel Cell Buses



>45

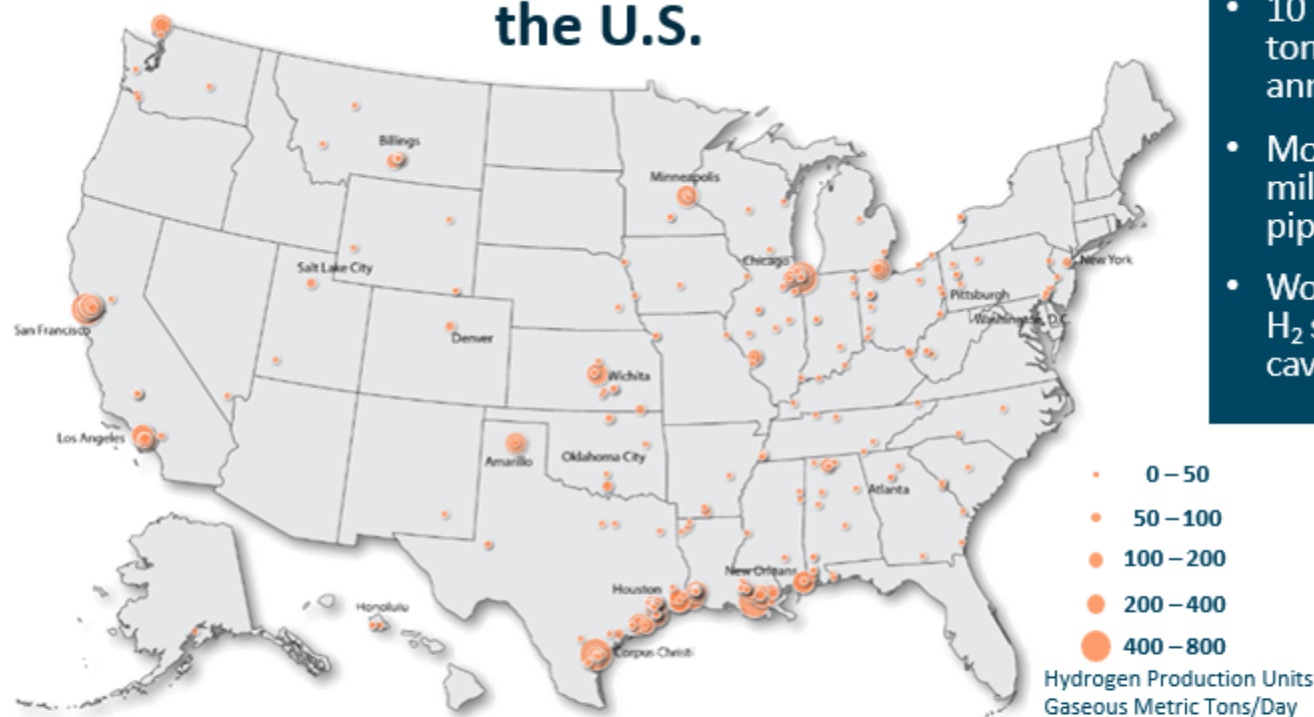
H₂ Retail Stations



>8,800

Fuel Cell Cars

Hydrogen Production Across the U.S.



- 10 million metric tons produced annually
- More than 1,600 miles of H₂ pipeline
- World's largest H₂ storage cavern

Hydrogen Stations: Examples of Plans Across States

California

200 Stations Planned
CAFCP Goal

Northeast

12 – 20
Stations Planned

HI, OH, SC, NY, CT, MA, CO,
UT, TX, MI
And Others

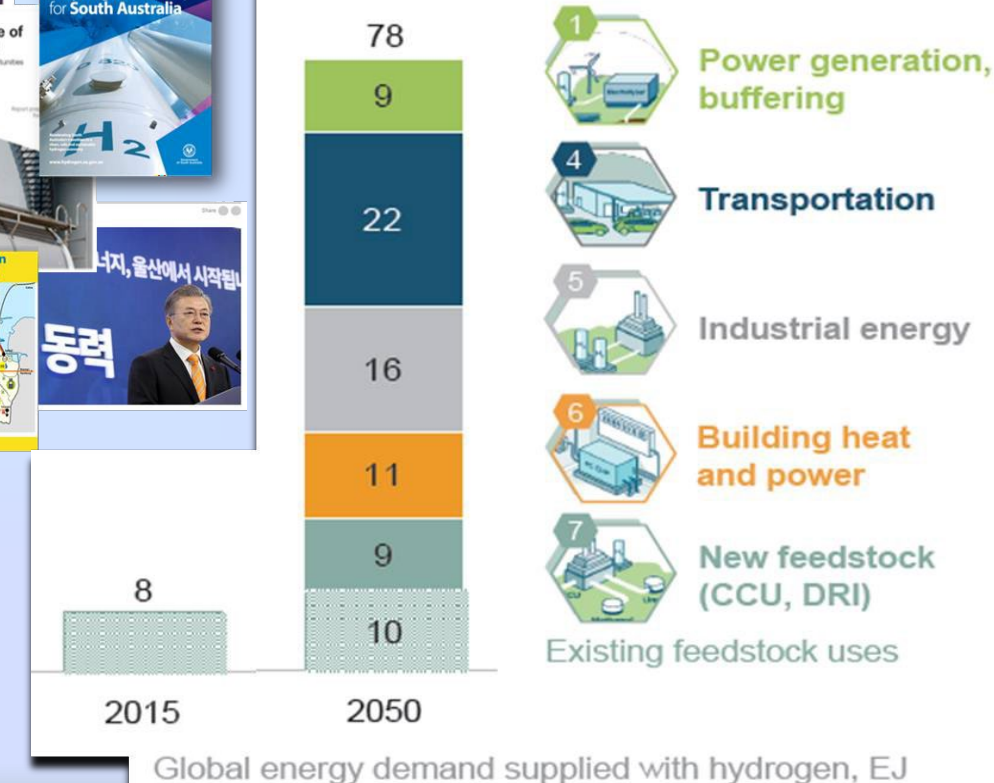


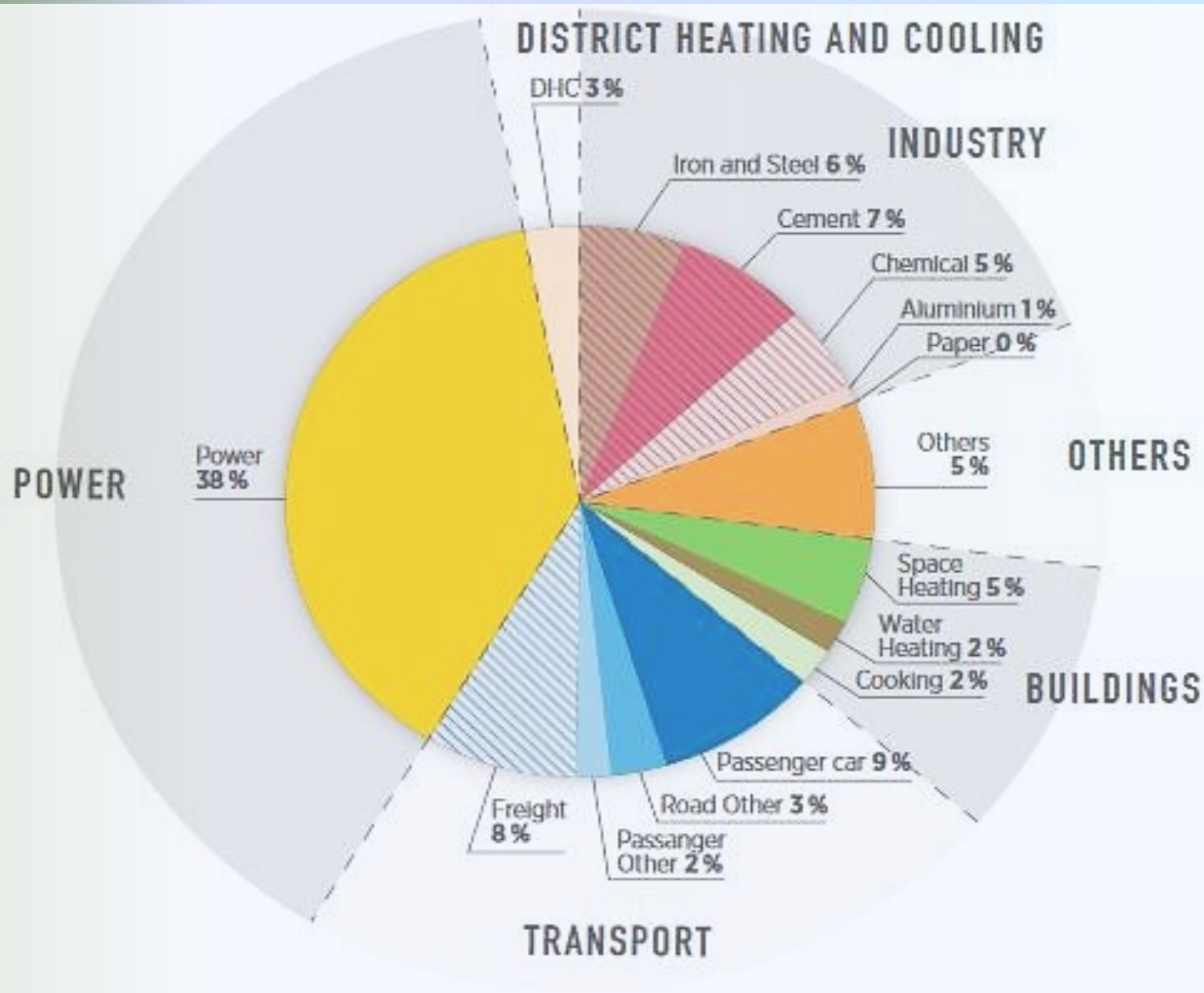
GLOBAL ACTION AGENDA GOALS: “10, 10, 10” 10M SYSTEMS, 10K STATIONS, 10 YEARS

Hydrogen Council: Global industry partnership projects up to 10 x increase in H₂ demand by 2050



78 EJ/yr = 2.5 TW





GLOBAL ENERGY RELATED CARBON EMISSIONS BY SECTOR

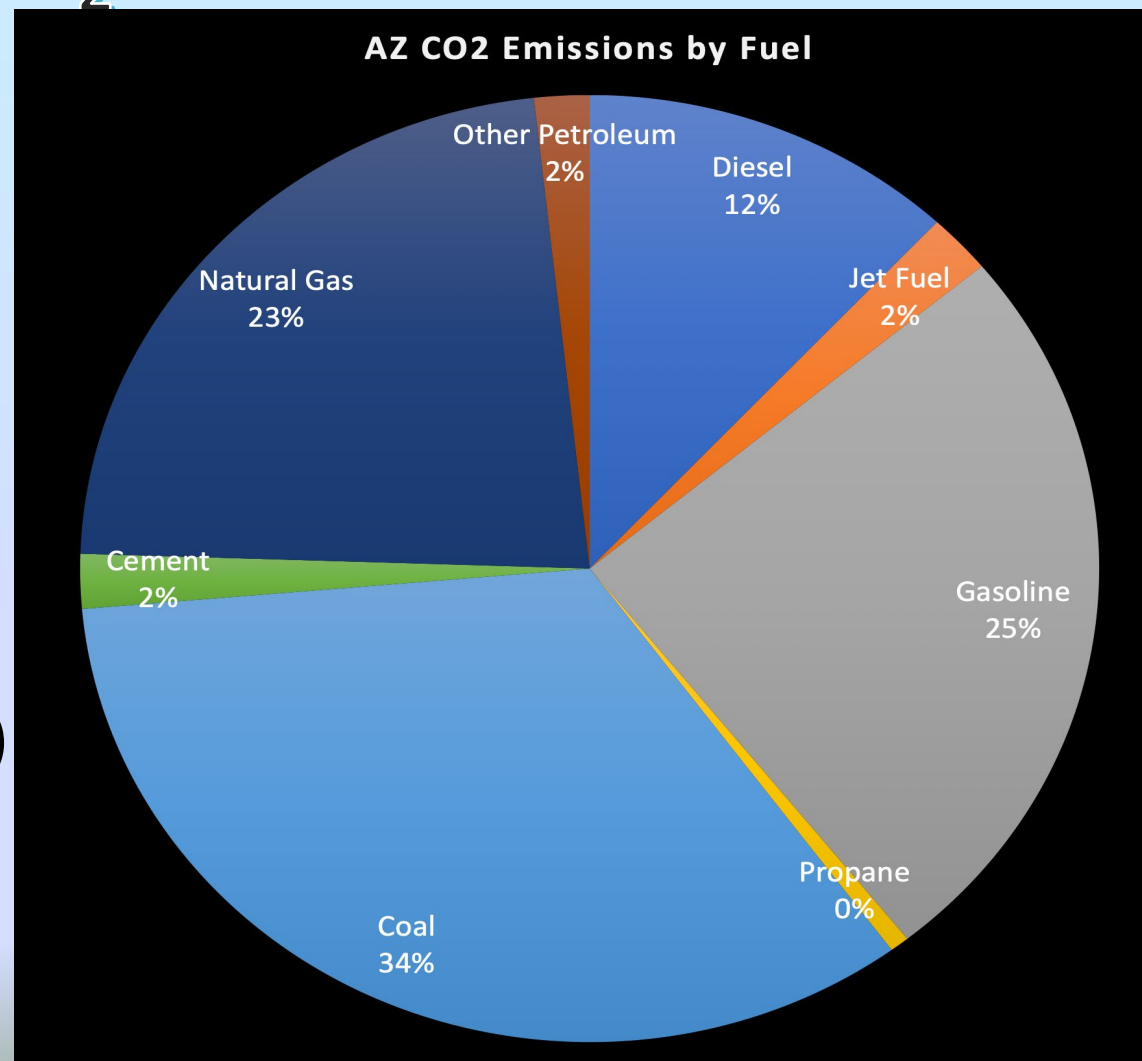
Sectors today with no economically scalable option for deep CO₂ emissions reductions

Role for H₂ in all sectors



ARIZONA CO₂ EMISSIONS INVENTORY

- **Coal: 31.5 mmt (34%)**
- **Natural Gas: 21.3 mmt (23%)**
 - NG (electricity): 15.7 mmt
 - NG (other): 5.6
- **Transport: 36.7 mmt (39%)**
 - Motor Gasoline: 23.7 mmt (25%)
 - Diesel: 11.1 mmt (12%)
 - Jet Fuel: 1.9 mmt (2%)
- **Other Petroleum: 2.2 mmt (2%)**
 - Propane: 0.6 mmt
 - Other: 1.6 mmt
- **Cement: 1.74 mmt (2%)**



**2018 US Energy
Information
Administration**

**Annual CO₂
Emissions =
93.45 mmt**

Prepared for ASU-
SRP "last20%"
workshop Nov
2020



CHALLENGES





WHAT ARE SOME H₂ BARRIERS OR CHALLENGES?

Main challenges for “clean” hydrogen (blue or green)

Affordable distribution and infrastructure

Affordable generation

Affordable storage

Safety

Global standards



Over 500 miles
of hydrogen
pipeline exists
in the U.S. today

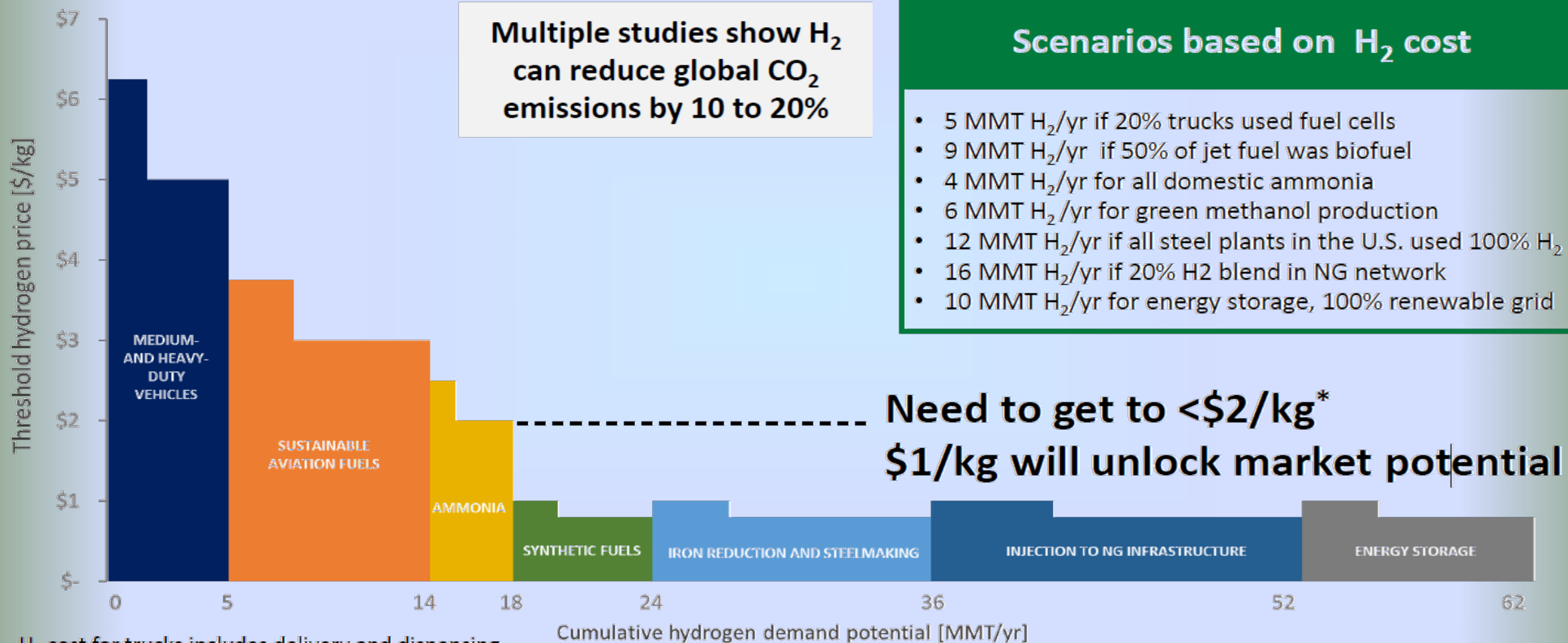
More than 300
miles in Europe

2 salt caverns in
Texas



ADOPTION







Hydrogen Energy Earthshot

“Hydrogen Shot”

1 for 1 in 1
\$1 1 kg H₂ 1 decade

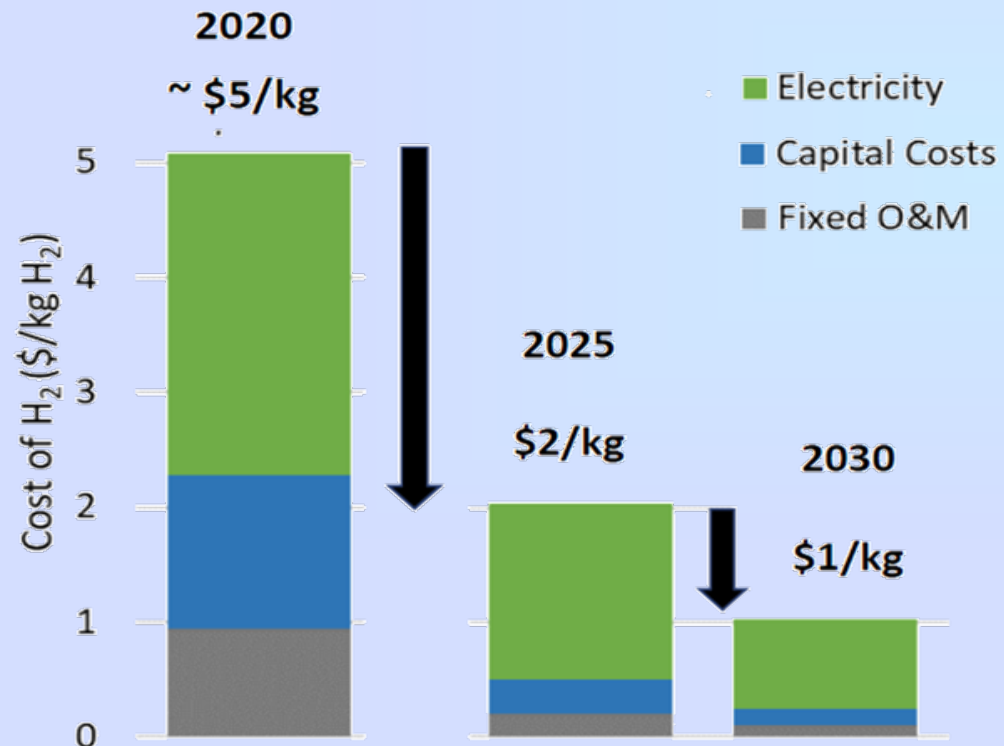
Launched June 7, 2021



Is Hydrogen Shot Achievable? How can we get there?



Cost of Clean H₂ from Electrolysis



- Reduce electricity cost from >\$50/MWh to

- \$30/MWh (2025)

- \$20/MWh (2030)



- Reduce capital cost >80%

- Reduce operating & maintenance cost >90%

2020 Baseline: PEM low volume capital cost ~\$1,500/kW, electricity at \$50/MWh. Need less than \$300/kW by 2025, less than \$150/kW by 2030 (at scale)



BENEFITS



CLEAN, VERSATILE ENERGY CARRIER OR VECTOR: COUPLING THE SECTORS

Adds diversity (**grid may only need 5-10%**)

Can contribute to resilience; Disaster recovery

Can export or import (lessons from LNG)

Reductant (can pull oxygen out, e.g., steel – 65-75 kg H₂/t) or from biomass to make biofuels)

Can be a co-product from making O₂, Cu mining

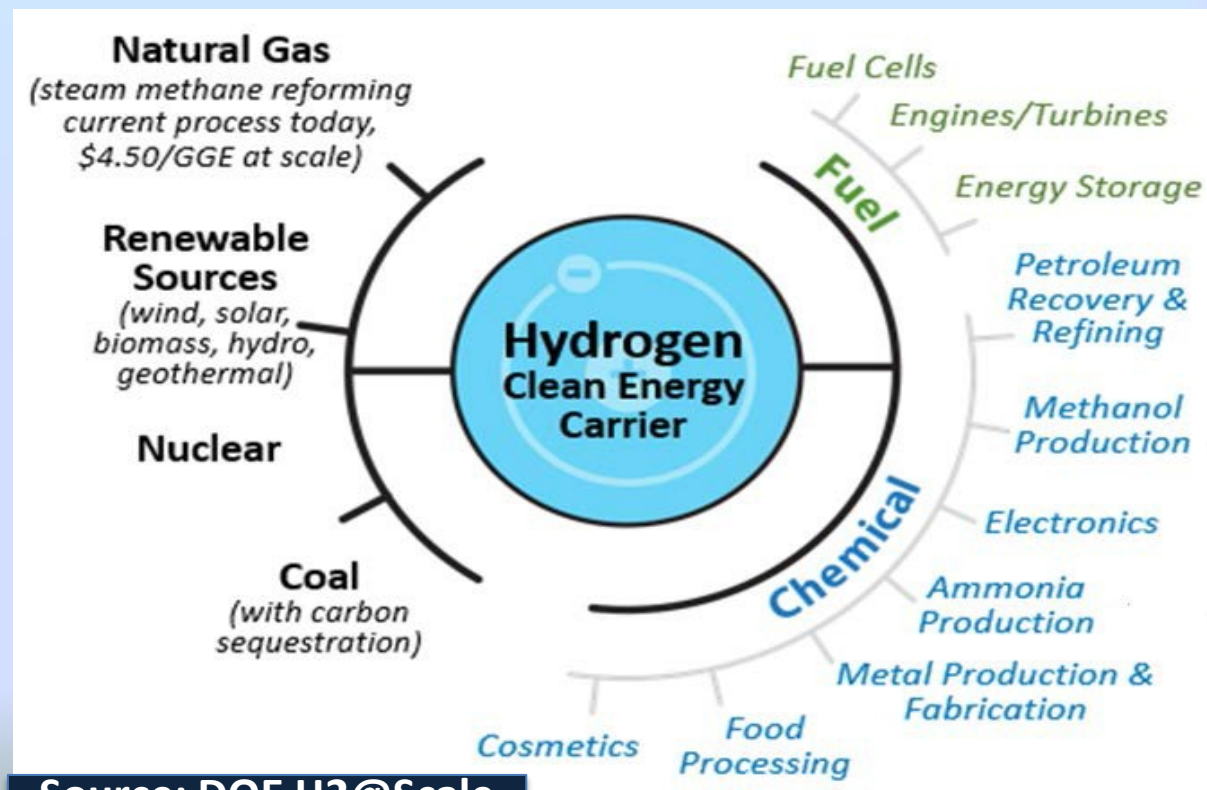
React with CO₂ and make synthetic hydrocarbons, e.g., liquid fuels, SNG, DME

2050 Hydrogen Council projections

- ~18% **of energy system**
- \$2.5 T annual sales of H₂ + equipment

Diverse domestic sources can produce H₂

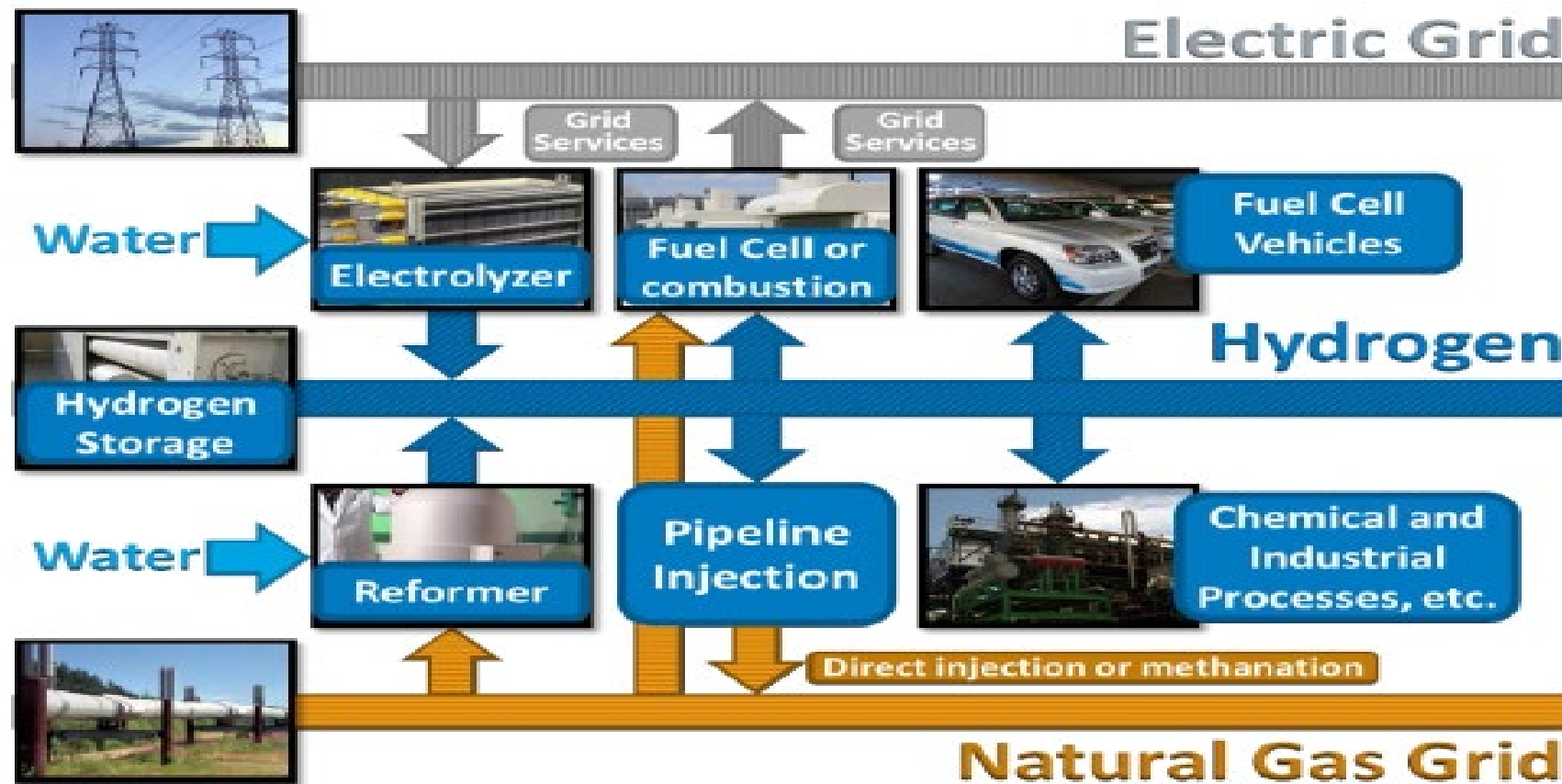
Many applications could benefit from H₂



Source: DOE H2@Scale



H₂ CAN INTEGRATE WITH THE ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS GRIDS



Source: Hydrogen Europe

- 2.44 million miles of NG distribution pipelines in the U.S.
- 400 underground storage facilities, and 1,400 compressor stations
- ~977 GW of NG energy in US 2019 (4.5 TW global)
- 5% H₂ is significant



20% H₂ BLENDS COULD DOUBLE U.S. RENEWABLES CONSUMPTION

Cross-sectoral emissions reductions
Grid resiliency
Terawatt hours of energy storage

U.S. Projected Renewable Energy Consumption in Power Generation in 2019
702.7 TWh (Source: AEO 2020)

20% hydrogen blend in the U.S. by volume = 16 MMT/year,
~750 TWh of electricity if produced via electrolysis. (Source: Elgowainy, et al, 2020)



ELECTRICITY FROM H₂ IN TURBINES COULD SMOOTH THE TRANSITION

Big players are developing 100% hydrogen-fueled gas turbines

- Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems (MHPS)
- GE Power
- Siemens Energy, and
- Ansaldo Energiato)



Vattenfall's Magnum, Netherlands.

Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems (MHPS) has verified that conversion to H₂-fired power generation is possible on these units

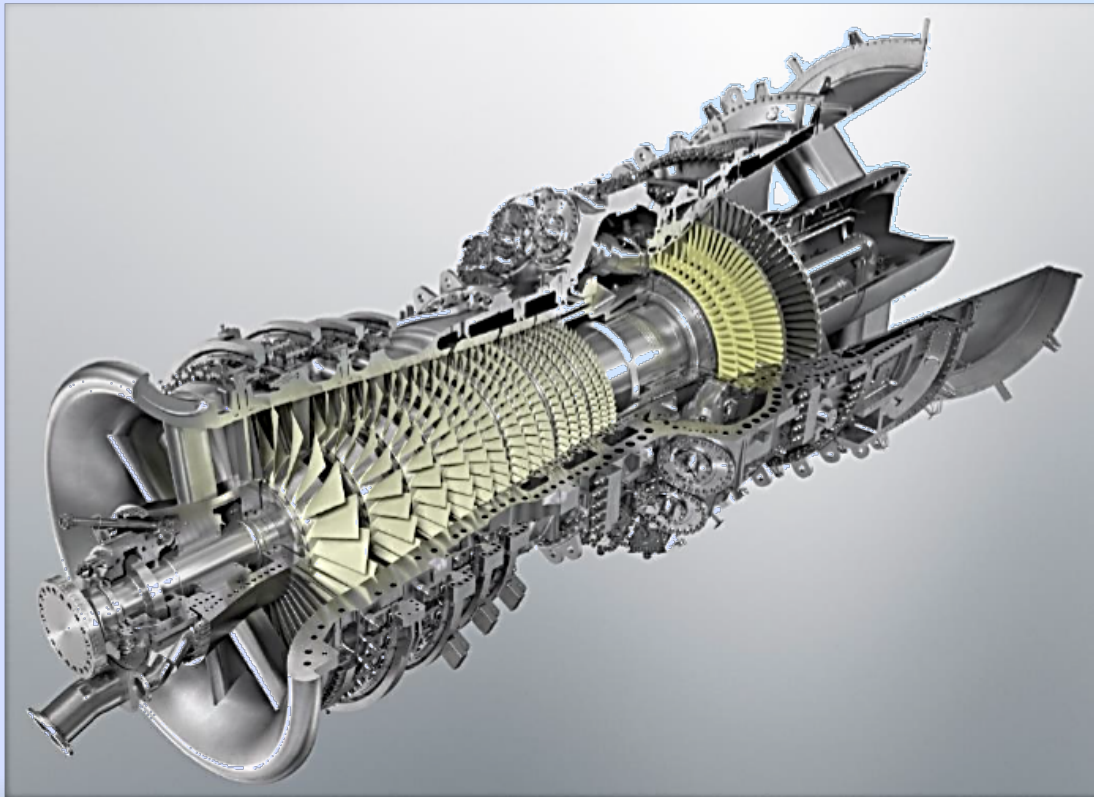
High-Volume Hydrogen Gas Turbines Take Shape 05/01/2019,
SonalPatel <https://www.powermag.com/high-volume-hydrogen-gas-turbines-take-shape/>



State of the Art: MHPS J-Series

**Gas Turbines
already operate on
high levels of H₂**

- **Advanced Technology—M501 JAC**



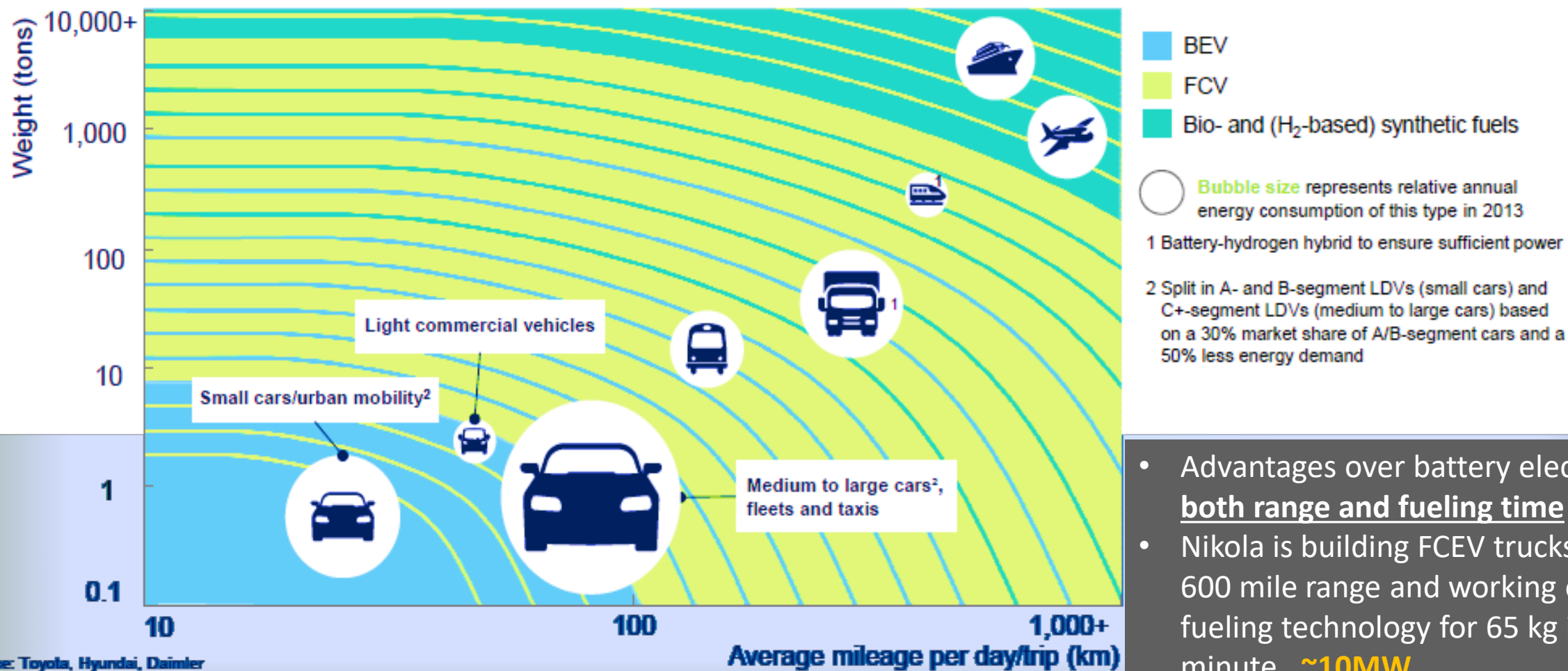
- 425 MW
- 44.0% Simple Cycle (SC) Efficiency
- ~64% Combine Cycle (CC) Efficiency
- 2 ppm NOx at the Stack
- 50% turndown
- 42 MW/min ramp rate
- 30 min cold start
- Air Cooled

- MHPS: (>1.0 million AOH* experience on the J Class equipment)
- MHPS: (>3.5 million AOH* of experience with hydrogen containing fuels)

* - AOH = Actual Operating Hours



MOBILITY: A LARGE MARKET FOR PRODUCED H₂



Source: Toyota, Hyundai, Daimler

- Advantages over battery electric in **both range and fueling time**
- Nikola is building FCEV trucks for 600 mile range and working on fueling technology for 65 kg in 15 minute. **~10MW**



UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV) RUNNING ON CLEAN H₂



Faster refueling for less down time
No battery or cable jumble
Better cold weather endurance
Better high altitude performance
Quiet operation

- e.g., Ballard is marketing their FCair™ UAV Power Systems
- 3x more run-time than the best batteries
- UAV market is projected to grow dramatically



BENEFITS OF H₂ PRODUCTION AND REFUELING



- Fast refuel time – similar to diesel engines
- H₂ fuel can be produced without CO₂ emissions (blue and green H₂)
- H₂ production can serve to load balancing mechanism
- H₂ can provide an effective form of storage for intermittent energy sources



RESEARCH FRONTIER



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AT DOE

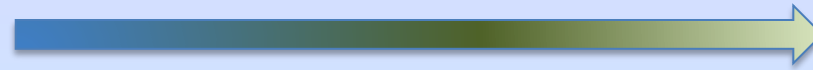
- 1) Accelerate R&D to reduce cost
- 2) De-risk demonstration and enable deployments
- 3) Strategic scale up
 - **Clusters:** co-locate supply and demand (e.g., at ports) and enable infrastructure
 - **RFI feedback** and regional analysis will guide activities





THERE ARE MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO PRODUCE H₂

GREY → BLUE (CCS)



GREEN

FOSSIL RESOURCES

BIOMASS/WASTE

ADVANCED WATER SPLITTING

Coal
Gasification
with CCUS

Natural Gas
Conversion
with CCUS



Biomass
Conversion

Waste to
Energy



Low and
High Temp
Direct Solar

High Temp.
Electrolysis



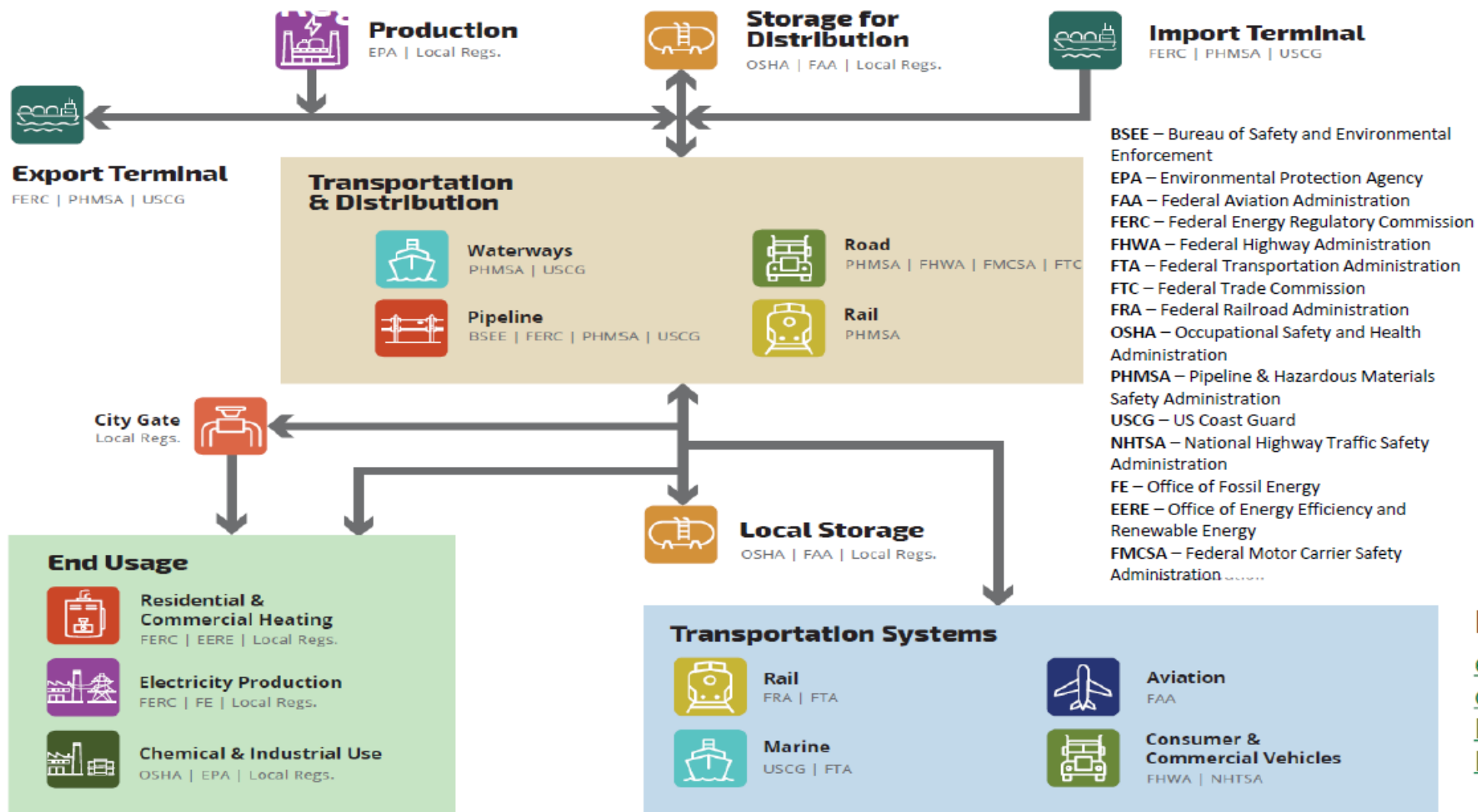
Low Temp.
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THERE IS REGULATORY COMPLEXITY





BSEE – Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
FAA – Federal Aviation Administration
FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FHWA – Federal Highway Administration
FTA – Federal Transportation Administration
FTC – Federal Trade Commission
FRA – Federal Railroad Administration
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PHMSA – Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
USCG – US Coast Guard
NHTSA – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
FE – Office of Fossil Energy
EERE – Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
FMCSA – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Gaps Identified

- FERC for pipeline transmission, electricity production, and heating
- FHWA for bridges and tunnels
- FRA, USCG, and FAA for rail, maritime, and aviation use

Final Report Available:

energy.sandia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/H2-Regulatory-Map-Report_SAND2021-2955.pdf



I skate to where the puck is going to be and not where it has been.

Wayne Gretzky



Thank you for your kind attention

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