



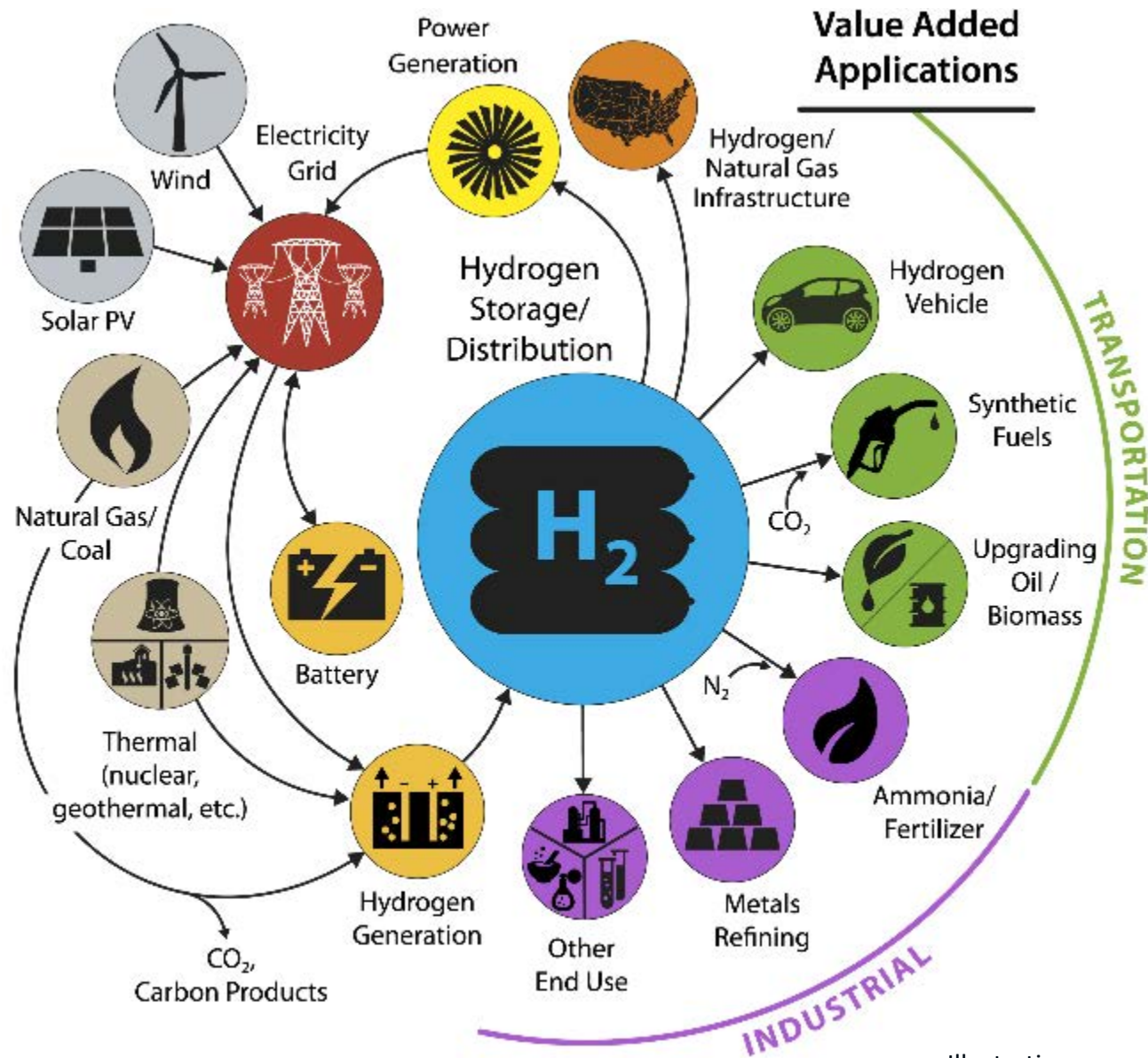
H₂@Scale Analysis and Project Developments

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Conceptual H₂@Scale Energy System

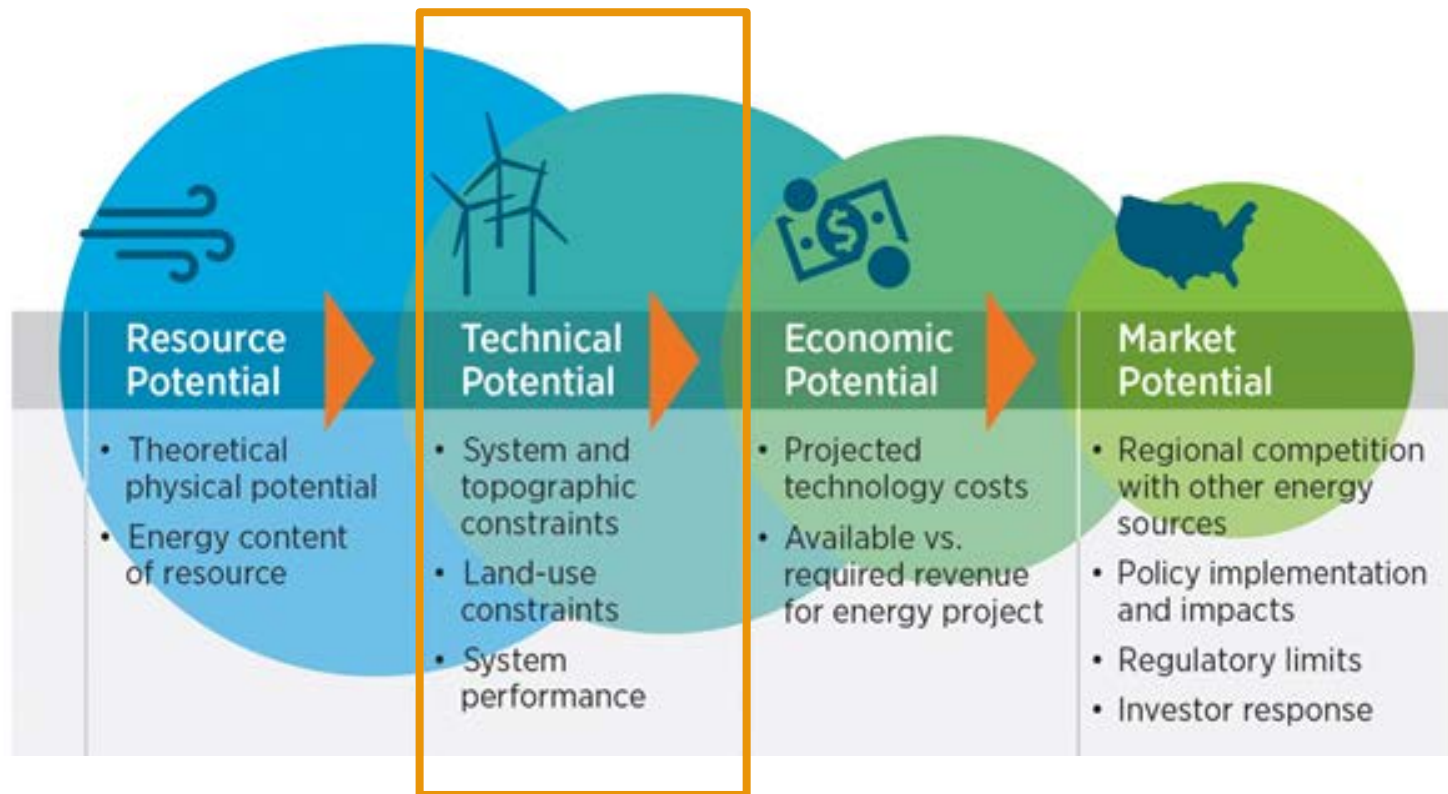


Illustrative example, not comprehensive

Presentation Topics

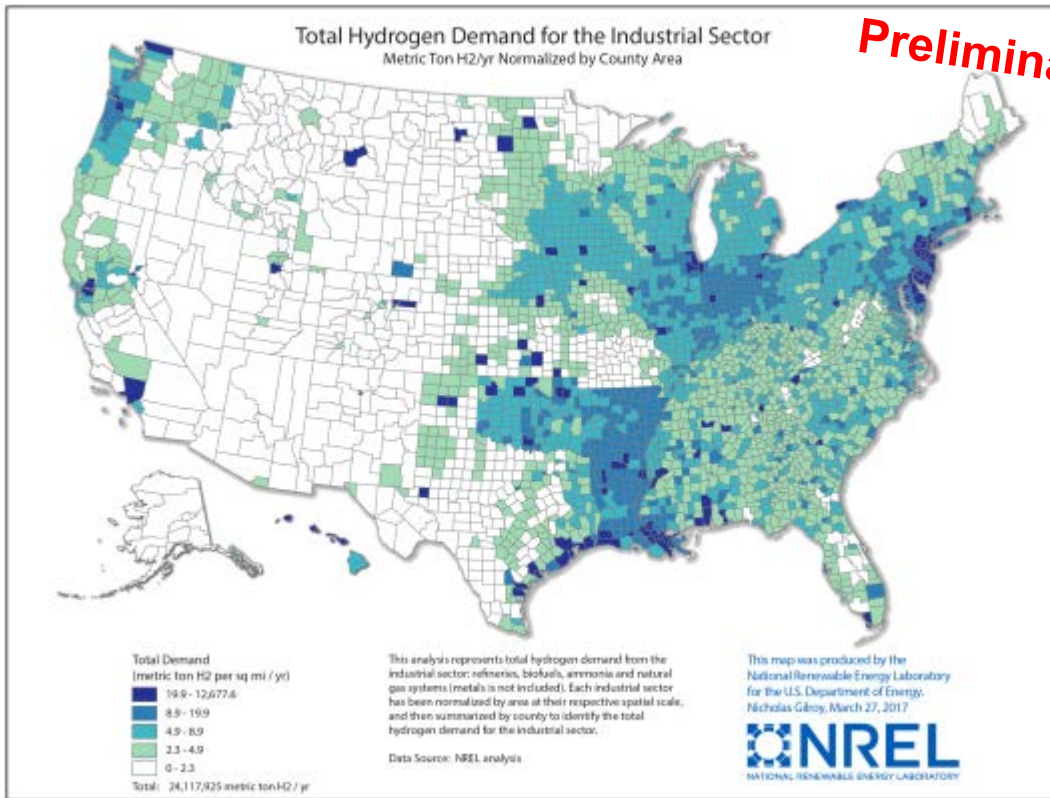
- Technical potential of demand for hydrogen
- National-scale economic potential
- Spatial / temporal analysis initiated

Technical Potential: Definition



Technical potential is the **subset of the available resource potential** that is **constrained by real-world geography and system performance but not economics**

Technical Potential Hydrogen Demand



Total demand potential:
60 MMT/yr

Use	Technical potential (million metric tonne H ₂ / year)
Industrial Use	
Refineries & CPI [§]	8*
Metals	5
Ammonia	5
Natural Gas	7
Biofuels	4
Light Duty Vehicles	28
Other Transport	3
Total	60

Current U.S. market: ≈ 10 MMT/yr

**Near-term Outlook for Hydrogen
Production Volume: 5% CAGR (2014-2019)¹**

[§] CPI: Chemical Processing Industry not including metals, biofuels, or ammonia

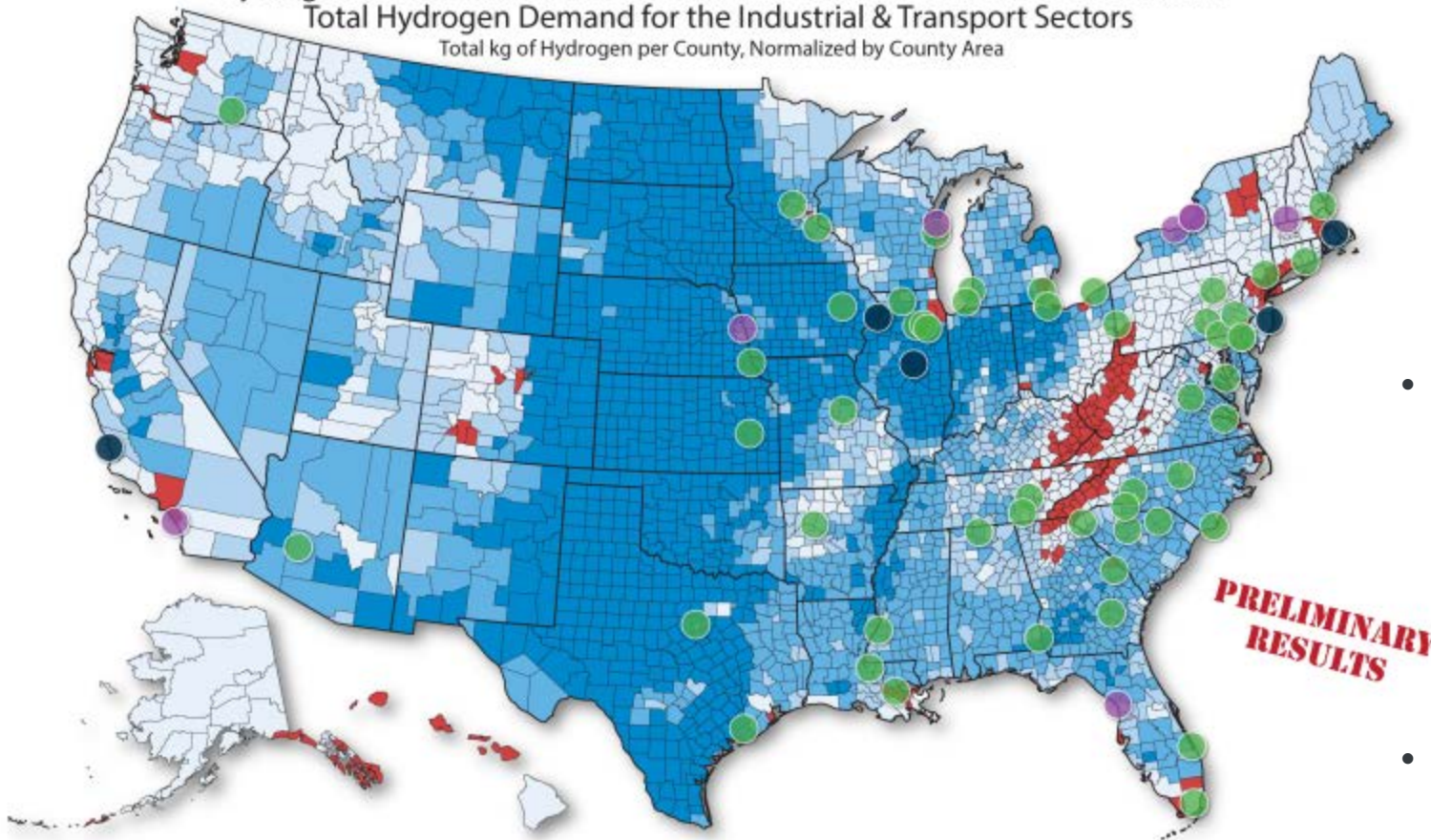
* Current potential used due to lack of consistent future projections

Light duty vehicle calculation basis: 190,000,000 light-duty FCEVs from <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18264/transitions-to-alternative-vehicles-and-fuels>

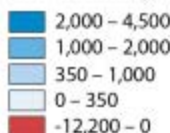
1. Global hydrogen Generation Market by Merchant & Captive Type, Distributed & Centralized Generation, Application & Technology- Trends & Forecasts (2011-2016)

Initial Analysis: Where Resources are Sufficient

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/mi²/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.

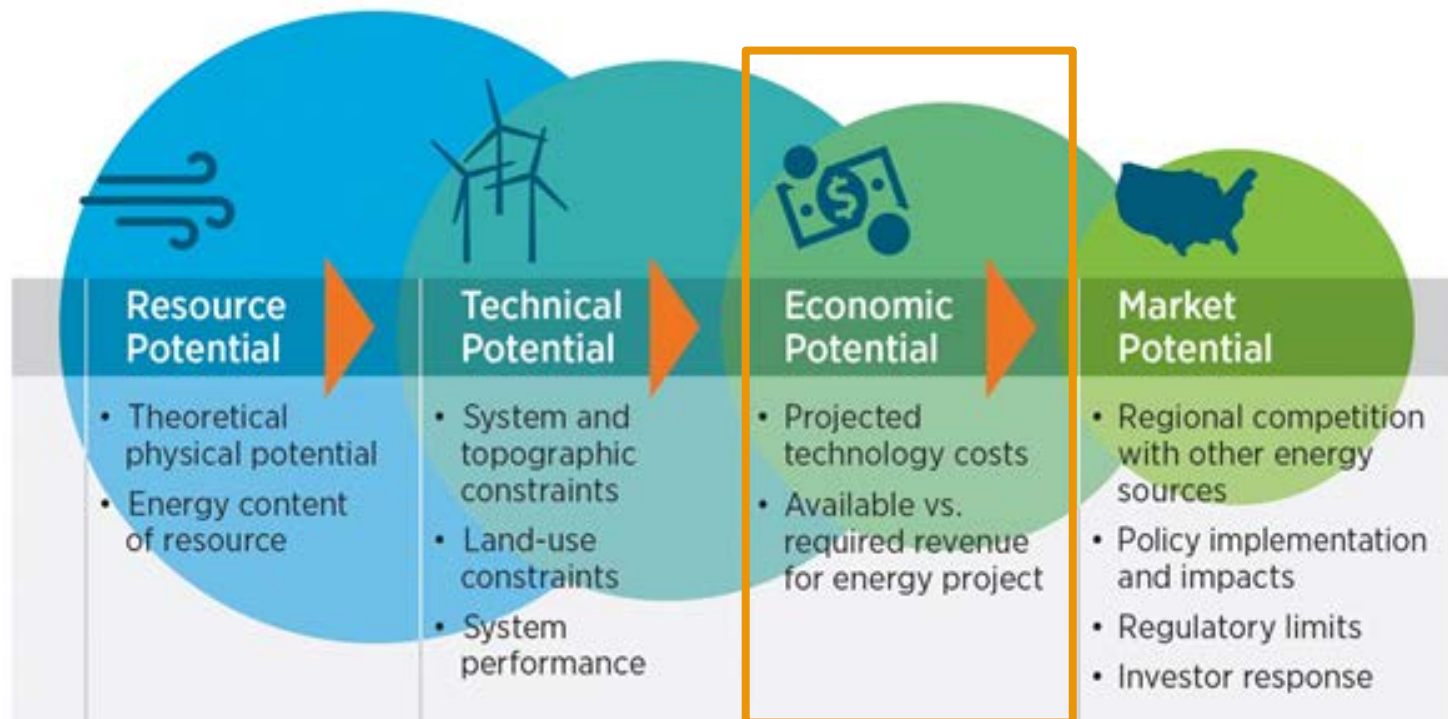
Data Source: NREL analysis
Robson, A. Preserving America's Clean Energy Foundation. Retrieved March 23, 2017, from <http://www.thirdway.org/report/preserving-americas-clean-energy-foundation>

This map was produced by the
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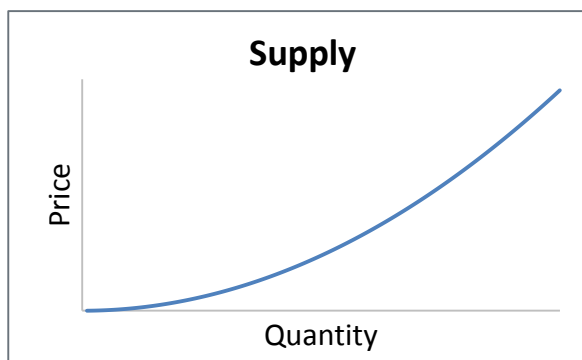
- PV and wind resources exceed industrial + transportation demand (not including metals) in **counties colored blue**
- Industrial + transportation demand is greater than resources **only in counties colored red**
- Nuclear production could provide the necessary additional generation

Economic Potential: Definition

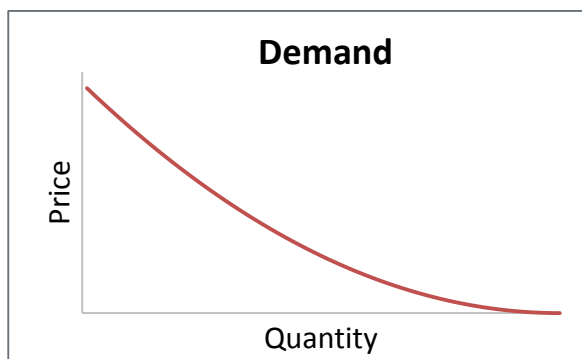


Economic potential is the **subset of the technical potential** where the **cost required** to produce hydrogen **is below** the revenue available

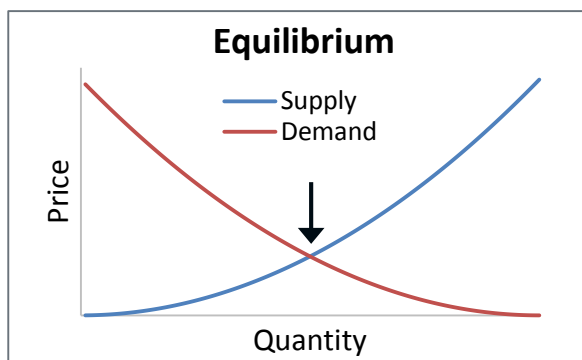
Using National Demand and Supply Curves to Estimate Potential



The relationship between the price of an economic good and the quantity that is **produced**: how much are producers willing and able to produce at a given set of prices?



The relationship between the price of an economic good and the quantity that is **demanded**: how much consumers are willing and able to purchase at a given set of prices?



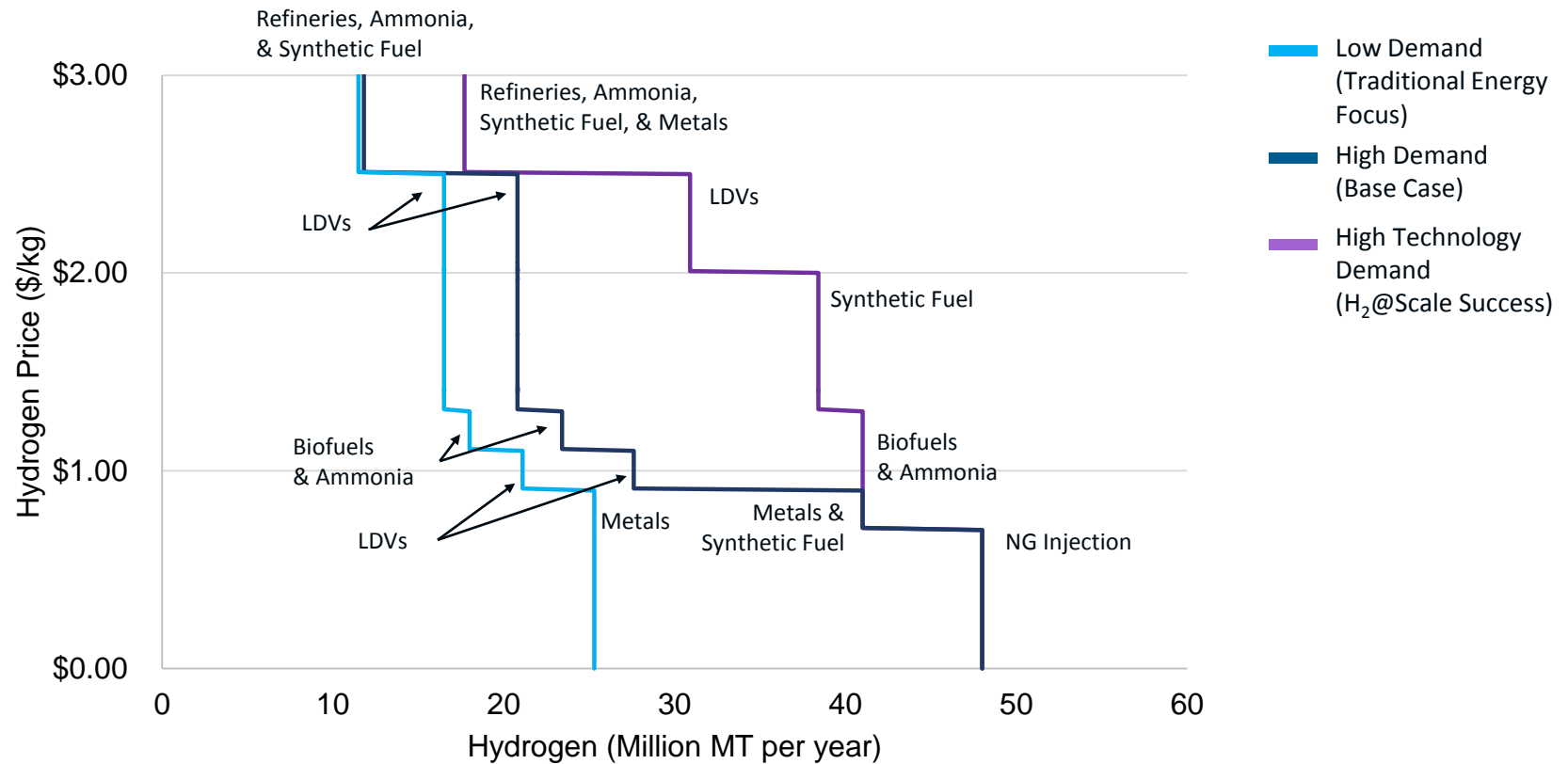
The quantity where the **demand price is equal to the supply price**, which requires that there is no excess supply or demand. The market will push price and quantity to these values.

Schwartz, Robert A. *Micro Markets A Market Structure Approach to Microeconomic Analysis*. Wiley Finance. Chichester: Wiley, 2010.

H₂@Scale Economic Potential Approach

- Develop hydrogen **demand curves** for seven markets
 - Refineries
 - Ammonia
 - Synthetic fuel
 - Light-duty vehicles (LDV)
 - Biofuels
 - Metals
 - Natural gas injection
- Develop hydrogen **supply curves** for three production processes:
 - Low-temperature electrolysis using otherwise-curtailed electricity (OCE)
 - Natural gas steam methane reforming (SMR)
 - Nuclear plants with high-temperature electrolysis (HTE)
- Develop **scenarios** using different combinations of supply and demand curves

Scenario Demand Curves



Demand Curve Scenario Assumptions

Demand	Base Case (High)	H ₂ @Scale Success (High Tech.)	Traditional Energy Focus (Low)
Metals Reshoring	Economically competitive	Willingness to pay for H ₂ for metals	Economically competitive
LDV	Economically competitive	Full potential at \$2.50/kg	Economically competitive
Synthetic Fuels	Economically competitive	Full potential at \$2.00/kg	Economically competitive

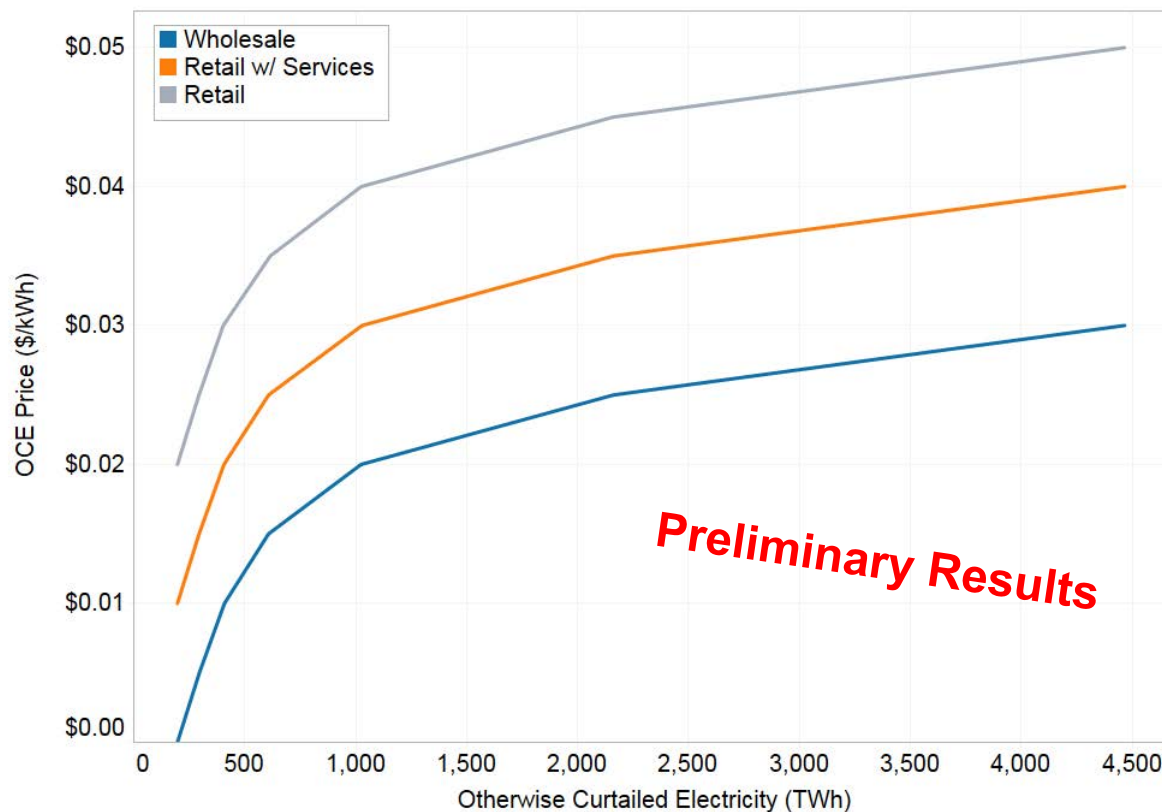
OCE Supply Curve Calculation Methodology

ReEDS Model

- U.S. capacity expansion model
- Competes conventional, renewable, and storage technologies
- Projects capacity, generation, and transmission across 136 balancing areas out to 2050

Assumptions

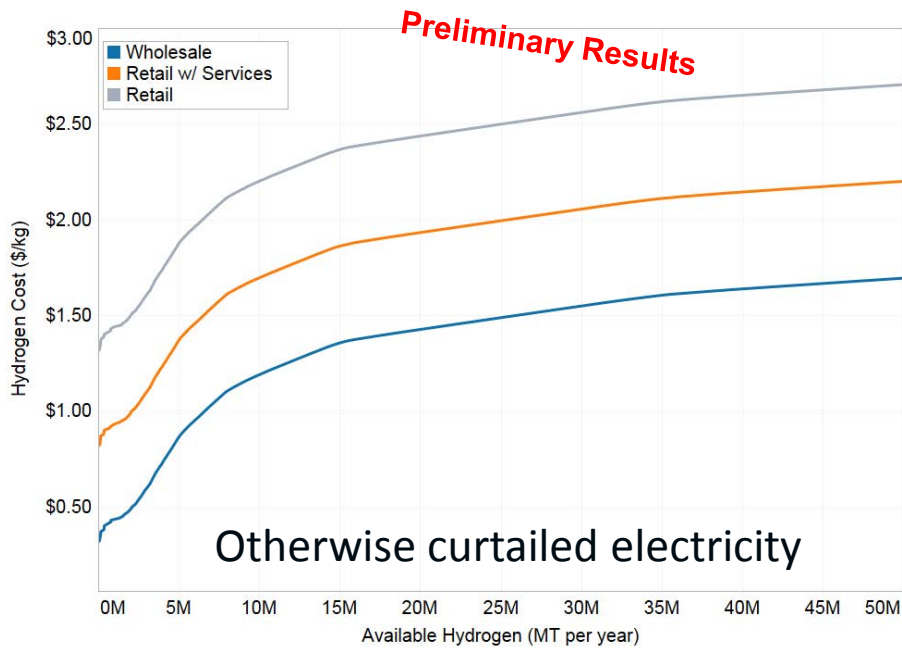
- ReEDS input parameters to achieve high renewable energy penetration
- Higher natural gas prices
- Lower renewable energy technology costs



Supply Curve

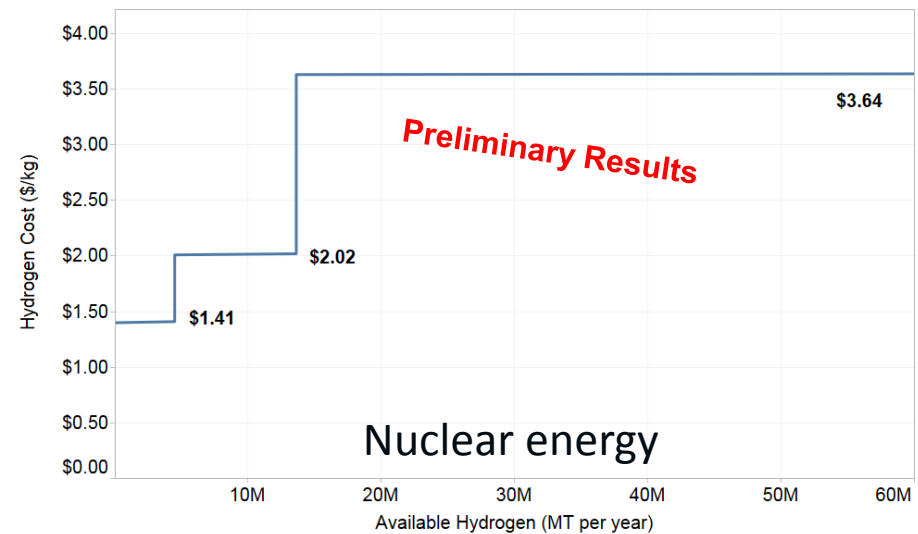
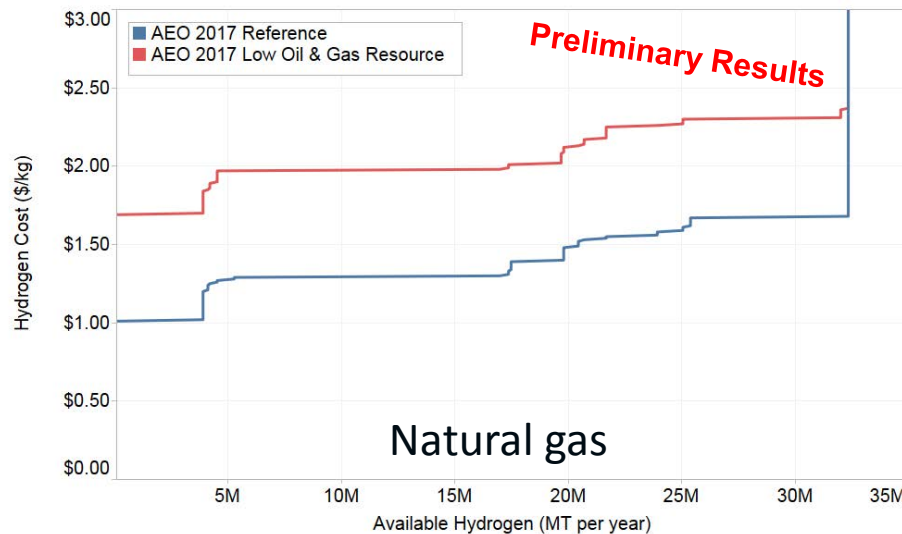
- Curtailed electricity from ReEDS vs. value of otherwise curtailed electricity (OCE)
- H2A model is used to convert this to a low-temperature electrolysis hydrogen supply curve

Hydrogen Supply Curves for Three Production Options



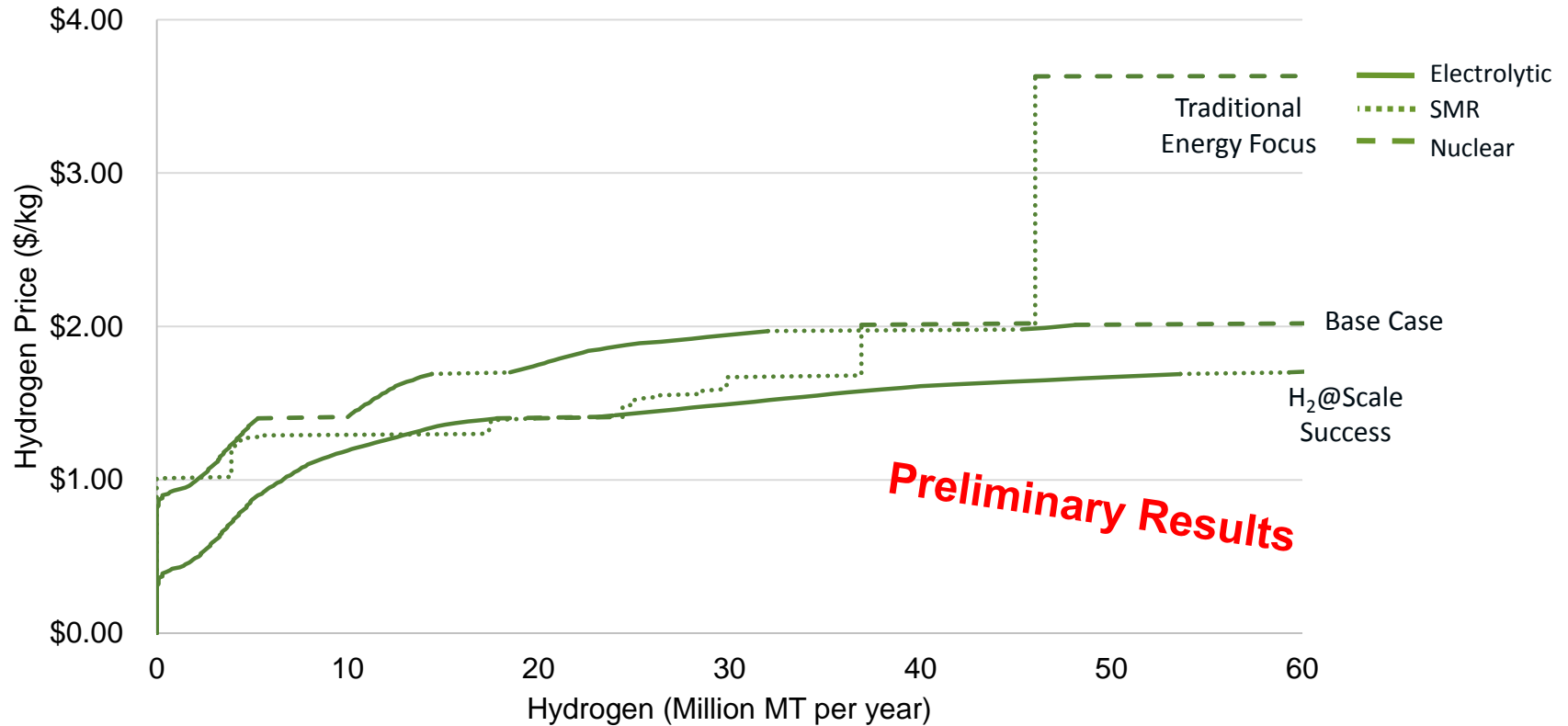
Generated supply curves for hydrogen from three sources:

- Otherwise curtailed electricity from ReEDS results
- Natural gas based on current production and future potential (including a capital cost)
- Nuclear energy based on converting 20%-60% of the current nuclear power fleet to hydrogen production



Aggregated Supply Curves

Independent supply curves combined to create three aggregate supply curves



Key Assumptions for Each Case

Generator	Base Case	H ₂ @Scale Success	Traditional Energy Focus
Electrolytic	Retail w/ services elec. price	Low cost/high availability (Wholesale)	High cost/low availability
Nuclear	20% available at low cost	20% available at low cost	20% available at low cost
SMR	2017 AEO Low Oil & Gas Resource NG prices	2017 AEO Low Oil & Gas Resource NG prices	2017 AEO Reference NG prices

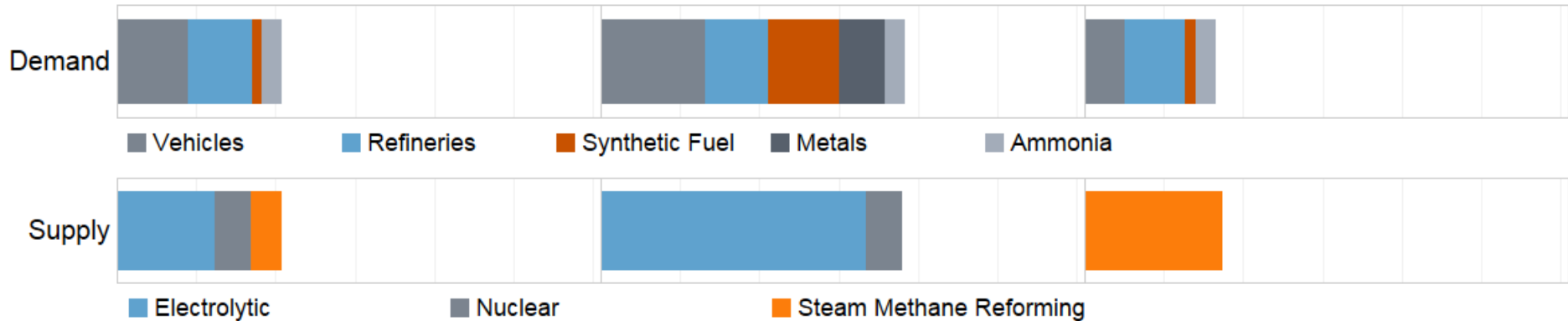
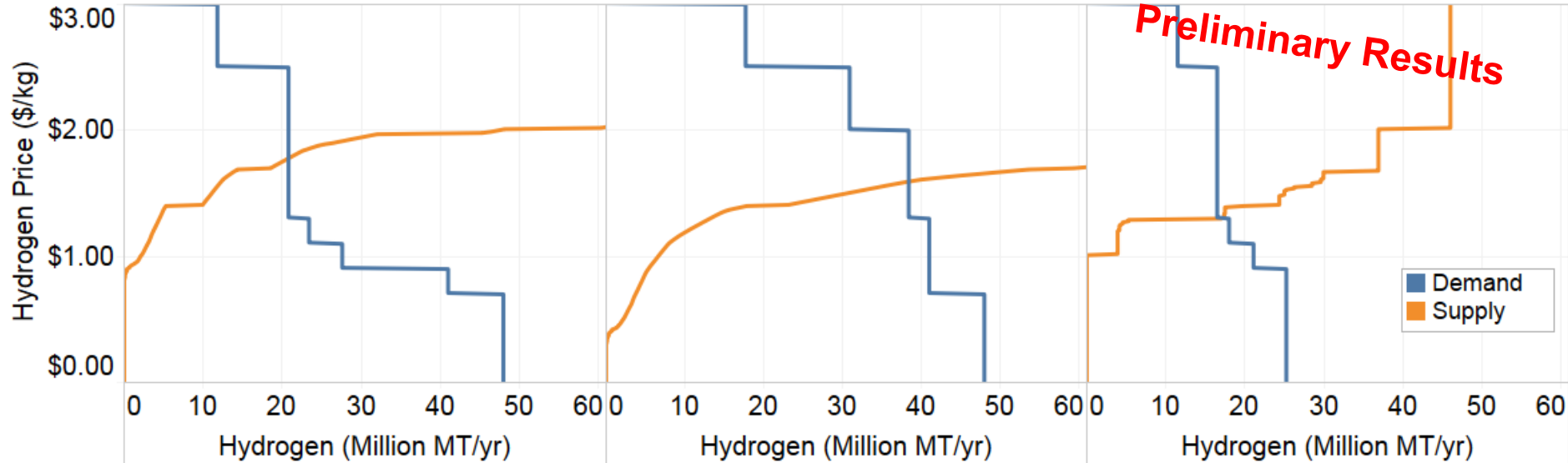
Scenario Summary Chart

Equilibria between supply and demand used to estimate market sizes and prices

Base Case
\$1.78/kg
21M MT/yr

H2@Scale Success
\$1.59/kg
38M MT/yr

Traditional Energy Focus
\$1.31/kg
17M MT/yr



Economic Potential: Scenario Summary

Preliminary Results

	Base Case	H ₂ @Scale Success	Traditional Energy Focus
H₂ Use	21 MMT/yr	38 MMT/yr	17 MMT/yr
H₂ Price	\$1.78/kg	\$1.59/kg	\$1.31/kg
Demand (MMT/yr)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refining (8), Ammonia (3), Synthetic fuel (1), LDVs (9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refining (8), Ammonia (3), Synthetic fuel (9), Metals (6), LDVs (13) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refining (8), Ammonia (3), Synthetic fuel (1), LDVs (5)
Supply (MMT/yr)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-temperature electrolysis (12), Existing nuclear plants (5), Existing NG reforming (4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-temperature electrolysis (33), Existing nuclear plants (5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NG reforming (6 MMT/yr from existing and 11 MMT/yr from new)
Electrolysis	16% curtailment, \$18/MWh wholesale price	33% curtailment, \$24/MWh wholesale price	No grid electrolysis

Economic Potential: Energy Use and Emissions Summary

H2@Scale can reduce emissions by up to 20% on top of baseline electricity sector emission reductions

Preliminary Results

Reduction Metric	Base Case	H2@Scale Success	Traditional Energy Focus
NO_x (Thousand MT)	130 (1%)	230 (2%)	61 (1%)
SO_x (Thousand MT)	33 (1%)	170 (5%)	13 (0%)
PM₁₀ (Thousand MT)	10 (0%)	59 (2%)	4.0 (0%)
Crude Oil (Million Barrels)	470 (7%)	800 (12%)	280 (4%)
CO₂ (Million MT)	280 (9%)	590 (19%)	110 (4%)

H2@Scale can transform our energy system by providing value for otherwise-curtailed electricity and a clean feedstock for numerous industries

- **Technical potential:**

60MMT H₂/ yr can reduce emissions by 15%

- **Economic potential:**

17-38 MMT H₂/ yr can be produced, given R&D advancements and access to low-cost intermittent power

Spatial / Temporal Analysis Initiated

Using the Scenario Evaluation and Regionalization Analysis (SERA) to simulate least-cost hydrogen delivery & storage systems given supply curves, demand locations, and timing

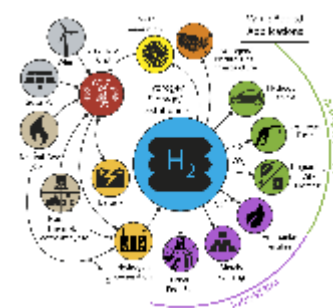
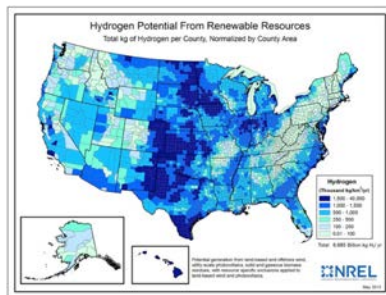


Energy Resources

Hydrogen Production

Storage & Delivery

Bulk Scale Demands



- Prices and availability of multiple resources
- Terrain, available use, etc.

- Capacity sized to meet forecasted demand
- Economies of scale balanced with delivery costs

- Truck delivery, rail, and pipeline with storage
- Tradeoffs (volume, distance) allow networked supply

- Located in 500+ metro areas
- Quantity set by economic potential scenarios

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Questions

- Can you think of additional demand opportunities we should consider?
- Who might be involved in developing infrastructure necessary for hydrogen to be a key energy carrier?
 - Policy-makers
 - Regulators
 - Supply / demand
 - Project developers
 - Others?
- What are the next steps to implementing H2@Scale?

Supporting Slides

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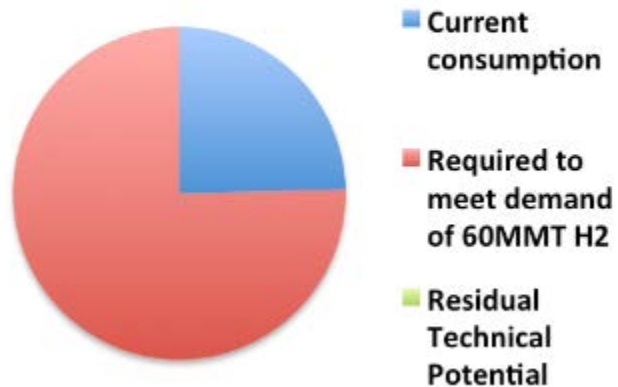


Technical Potential: Impact on Renewable Resources

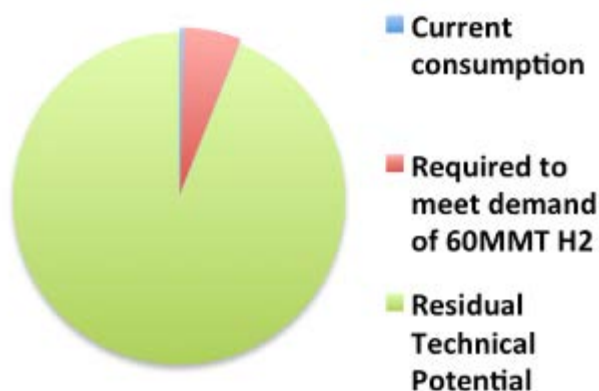
	EIA 2015 current consumption (quads/yr)	Required to meet demand of 60 MMT / yr (quads/yr)	Technical Potential (quads/yr)
Solid Biomass	4.7	15	20
Wind Electrolysis	0.7	9	170
Solar Electrolysis	0.1	9	1,364

Preliminary Results

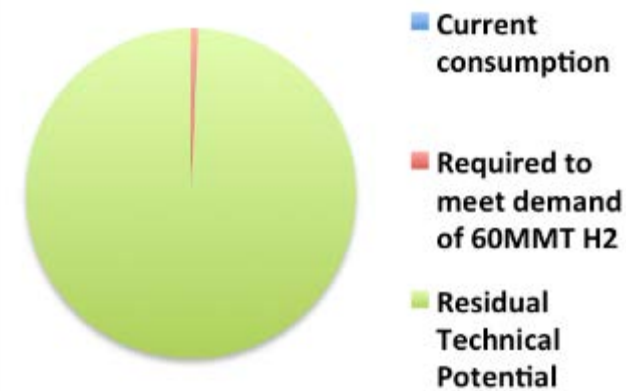
Biomass Technical Potential



Wind Technical Potential

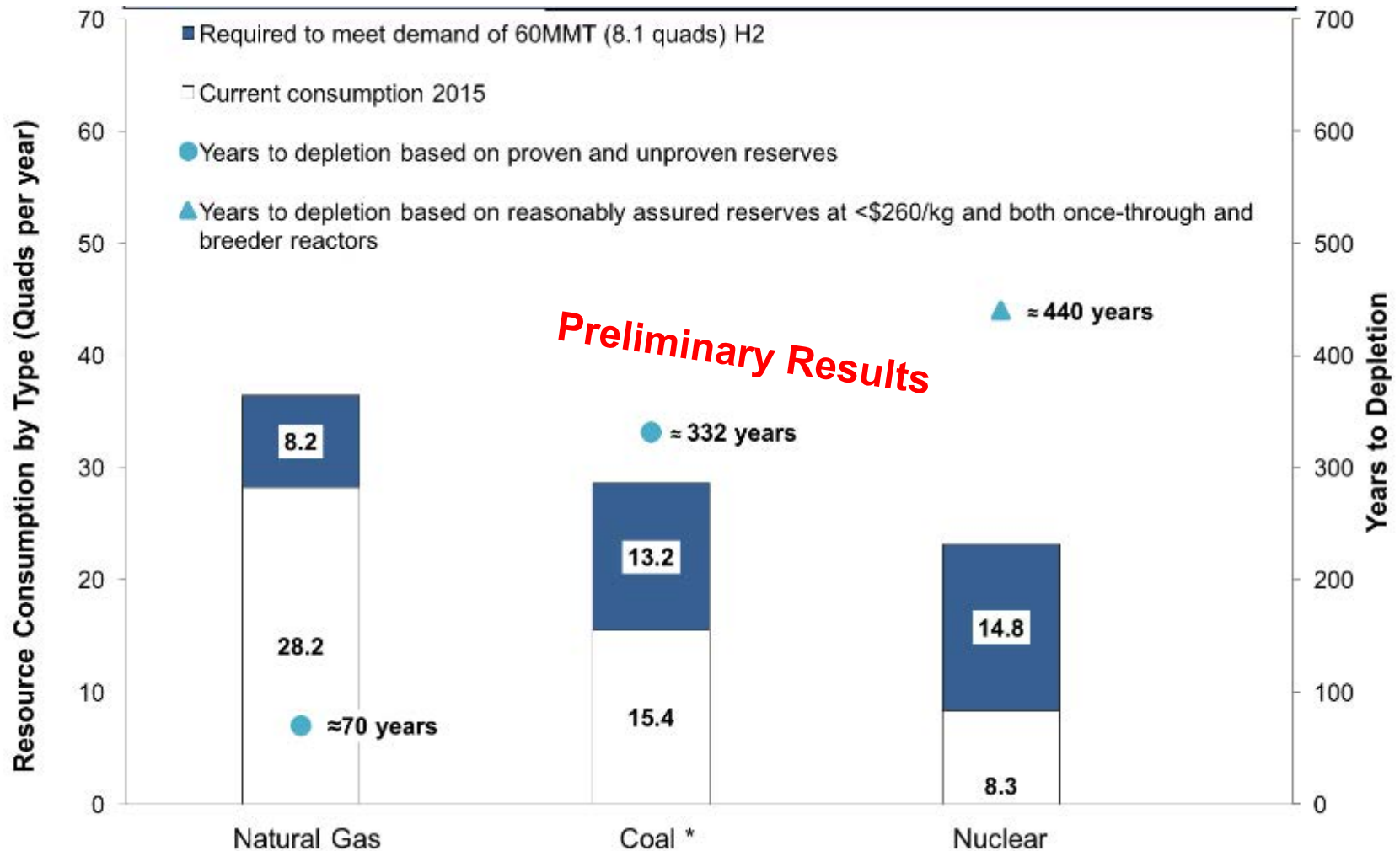


Solar Technical Potential



Total demand including hydrogen is satisfied by $\approx 6\%$ of wind, $<1\%$ of solar, and $\approx 100\%$ of biomass technical potential

Technical Potential: Impact on Fossil & Nuclear Resources



Hydrogen can be produced from diverse domestic resources to meet aggressive growth in demand

* Based on estimated recoverable reserves

Technical Potential: Impacts on Resources

Use	H ₂ Consumed MMT / yr	Resource Savings		Emissions Reduction
		Petroleum (bbl/yr)	Natural Gas (quad btu/yr)	CO ₂ (million metric ton/yr)
Refineries	8	900,000	1.332	87
Metals	5	0	0.365	78
Ammonia	5	500,000	0.833	54
Natural Gas System	7	700,000	0.923	63
Biofuels [§]	4	77,500,000	-0.026*	28
Light Duty Vehicles	28	1,017,600,000	0.629	469
Other Transport	3	113,400,000	0.051	50
Total	60	1.2 Billion bbl	4.1 Quads	830 Million MT

Preliminary Results

↑
~17% of U.S. petroleum consumption in 2016

↑
~14% of U.S. natural gas consumption in 2016

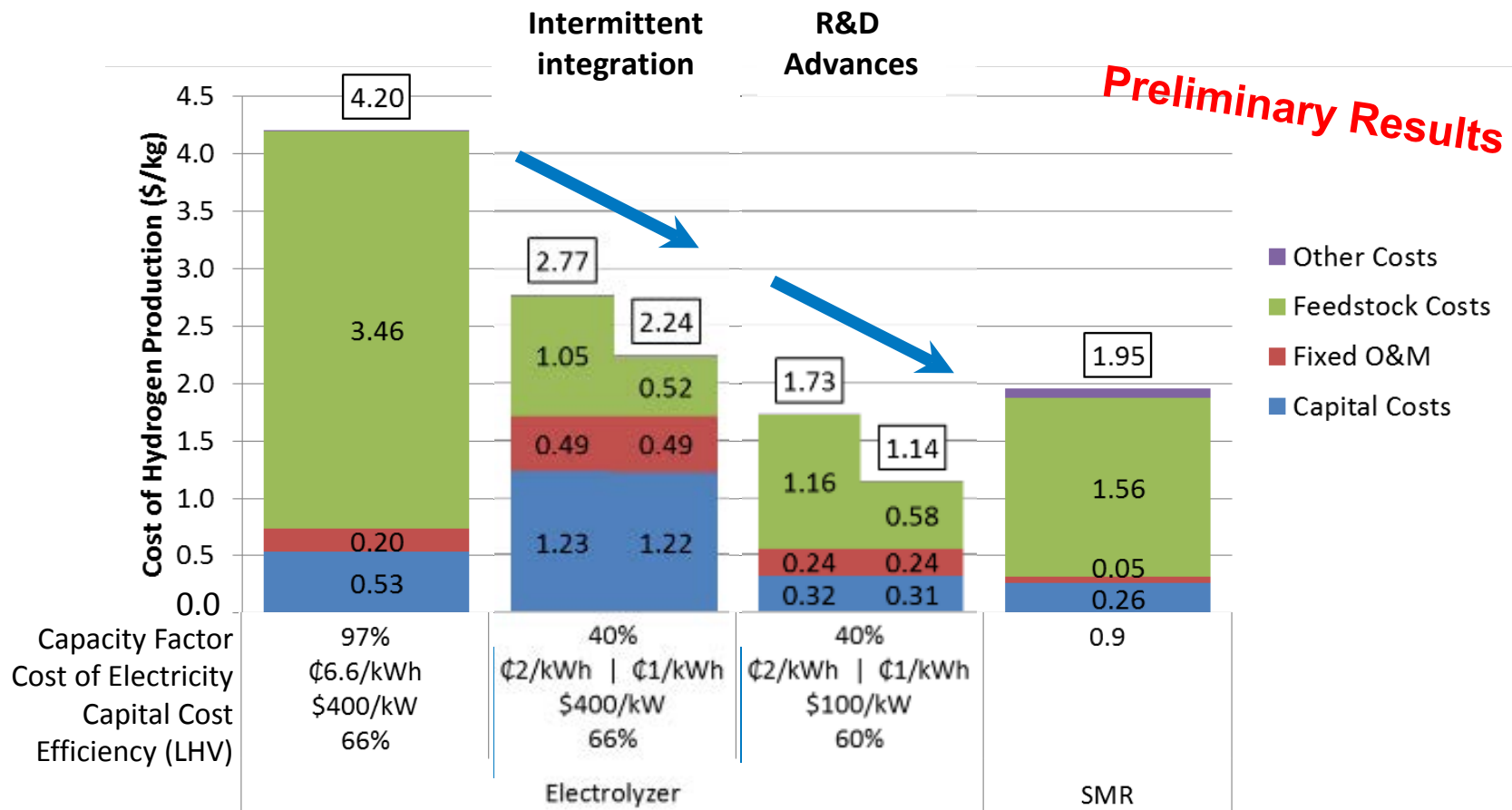
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~16% of U.S. energy-related emissions in 2016

Growth in electrolytic hydrogen using renewable electricity can reduce petroleum and natural gas utilization by $\geq 15\%$

*Negative values represent increase in use due to fertilizer production

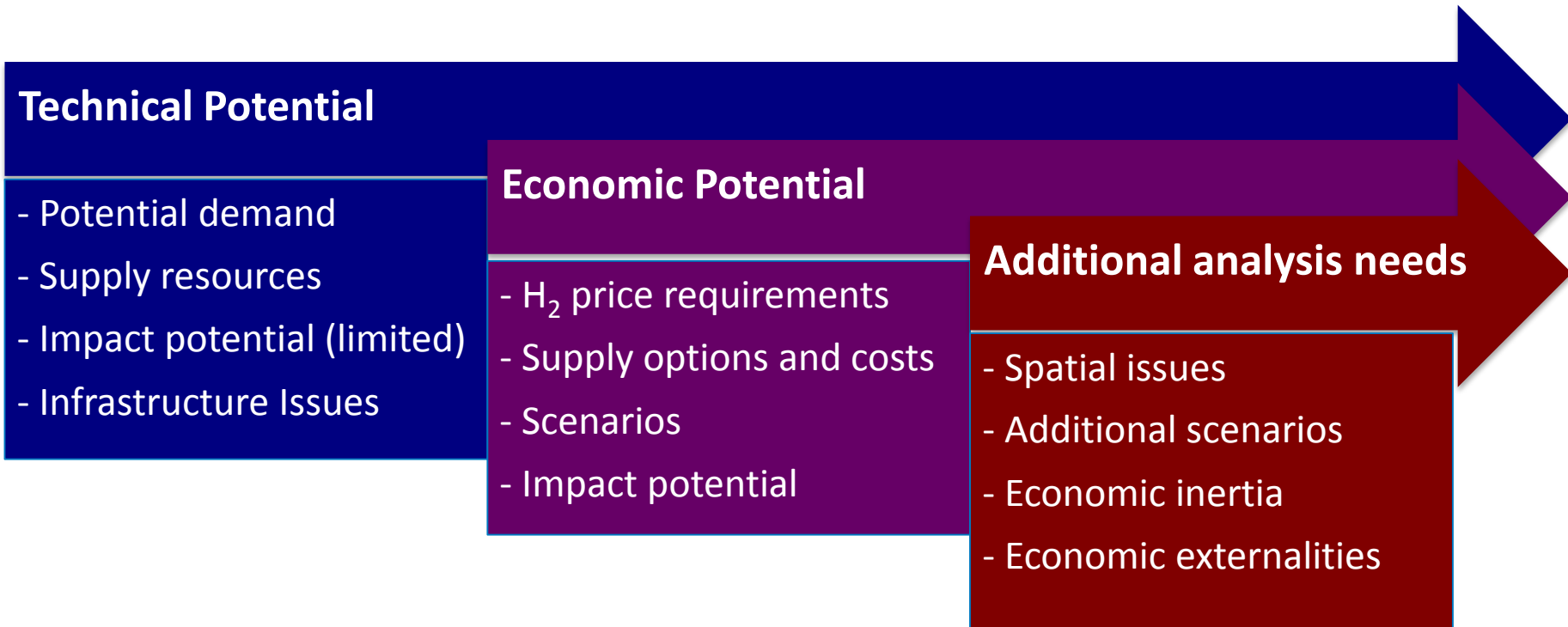
§ 12% of the benefits of hydrogenated biofuels are credited to hydrogen

Improvements Enabling Use of Low-Cost Electricity



Leveraging of intermittent low-cost electricity can enable low-cost hydrogen production and also support grid stability.

Remaining Analysis Challenges and Barriers



- Regional and spatial issues are being analyzed
- Impacts on economics, resources, and emissions at potential market sizes are not known with high fidelity
- Barriers to market entry and growth are poorly characterized

H2@Scale CRADA Call Selections

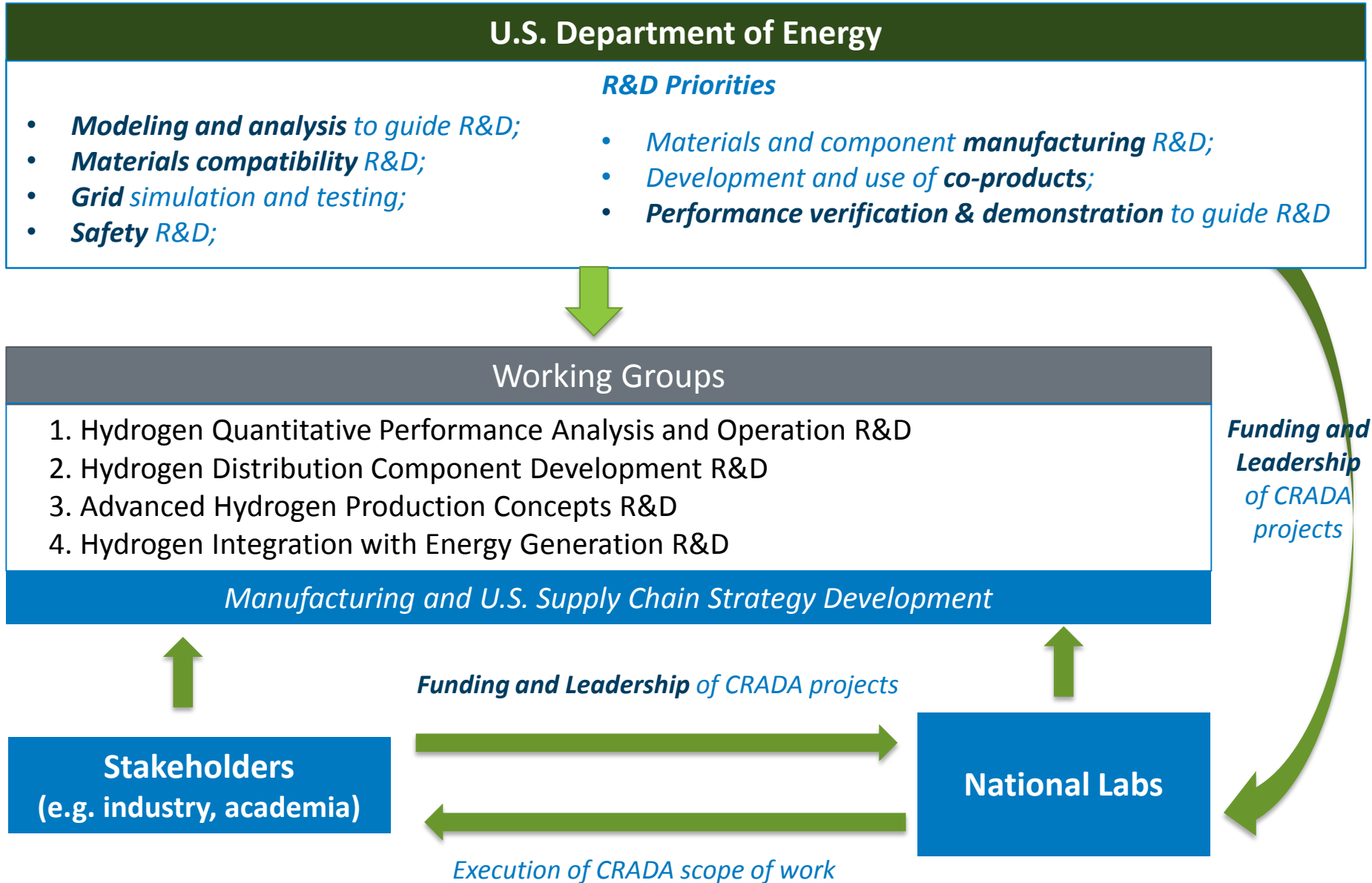
First round of Selections Include 25 Applications from:

- Air Liquide
- Aquahydrex
- California Energy Commission
- California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
- Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology
- C4-MCP, Inc.
- Electric Power Research Institute
- Exelon
- Frontier Energy
- GinerELX
- GTA, Inc.
- Honda
- HyET
- NanoSonic
- Nikola Motor
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- PDC Machines
- Quong & Associates, Inc.
- RIX
- Southern Company
- Tatsuno
- TerraPower

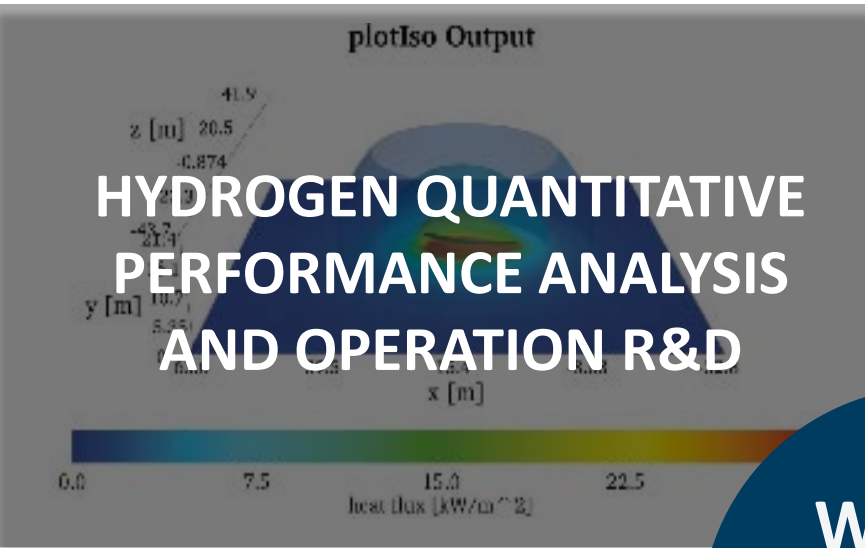


Selections and subsequent working group assignments are subject to negotiation.

H2@Scale Consortium: Structure



H2@Scale R&D Working Groups



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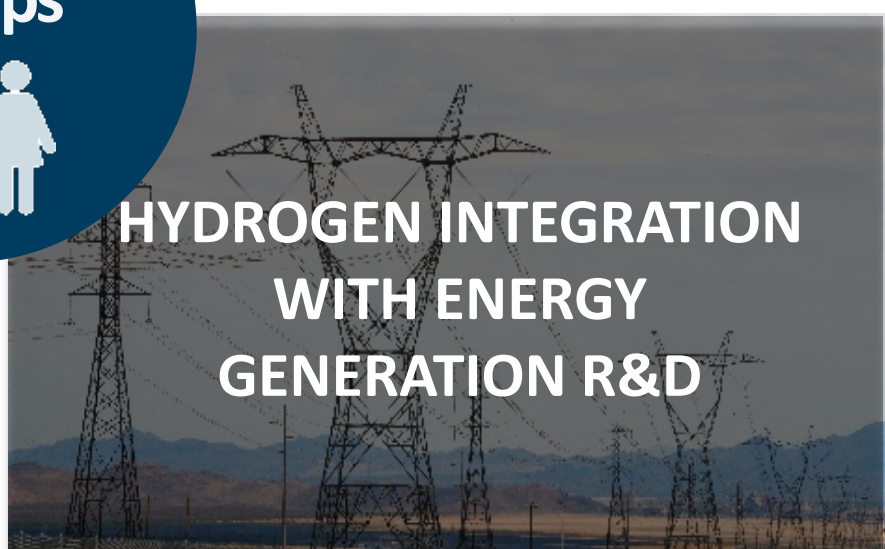


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