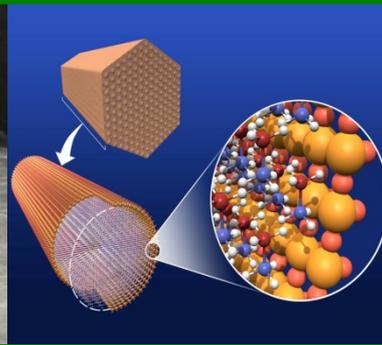




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# Hydrogen Storage Overview

*Ned T. Stetson*

*2012 Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting  
(May 15, 2012)*

*Goal: Develop and demonstrate viable hydrogen storage technologies for transportation, stationary, material handling, and portable power applications*

Develop storage systems that meets **all** DOE system targets simultaneously.

- **System Engineering / Systems Analysis**

- Demonstrate the technologies required to achieve the 2017 DOE on-board vehicle hydrogen storage goals
- Continue storage system analysis/projections for advanced storage system capabilities & development of system models for on-board storage systems
- Roll-out performance and cost targets for early market applications
- Initiate projects through SBIR on early market applications

- **R&D on materials for breakthrough storage technologies**

- Increased focus on carbon fiber to reduce the cost of physical storage systems
- Continue new hydrogen storage material discovery R&D for advanced storage systems
- Strengthen coordination between basic & applied research within DOE and across agencies

# Challenges: Light duty Vehicles

*Storage to enable a driving range of greater than 300 miles, while meeting vehicular packaging, cost and performance requirements across all vehicle platforms to achieve significant market penetration*

## Near-term Option

**Compressed gas storage offers a near-term option for initial vehicle commercialization\* and early markets**

- **Cost** of composite tank is challenging
- **> 75%** of the cost is projected to be due to the carbon fiber layer with 50% of the CF cost due to the precursor
- Other applications are being commercialized now where H<sub>2</sub> storage is a barrier

## Long-term Options

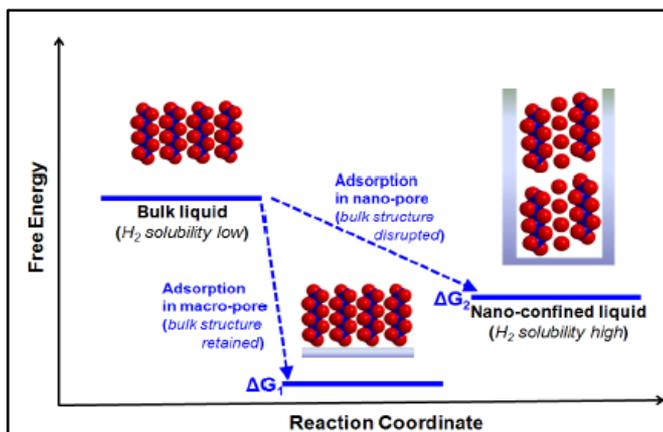
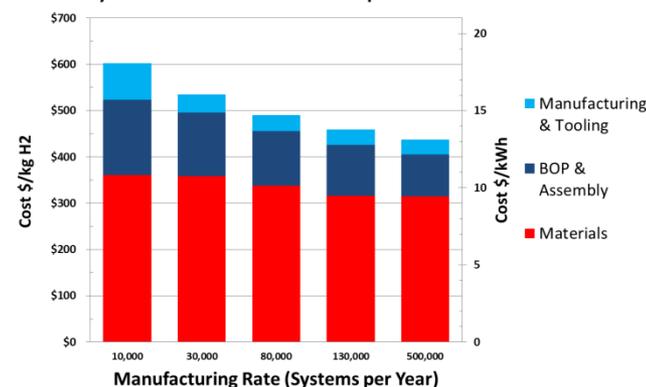
**Materials-based solutions targeted to meet all on-board storage targets simultaneously**

- Improving gravimetric and volumetric capacities
- Having sufficient kinetics within appropriate temperature and pressure ranges
- Lowering cost of overall engineered systems

## Cost is in the CF Matrix!

Type IV 700 bar

System Cost Breakdown for Multiple Manufacture Rates



\*: Greater than a 400 mile driving range independently validated for a Toyota Advanced FCEV with 700 bar Type IV composite cylinders, [http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/pdfs/toyota\\_fchv-adv\\_range\\_verification.pdf](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/pdfs/toyota_fchv-adv_range_verification.pdf)

# Current Status

*Analyses show 2017 onboard vehicle gravimetric and volumetric targets are within reach of some H<sub>2</sub> Storage technologies!*

Storage Targets	Gravimetric kWh/kg (kg H <sub>2</sub> /kg system)	Volumetric kWh/L (kg H <sub>2</sub> /L system)	Costs* \$/kWh net (\$/kg H <sub>2</sub> )
2010	1.5 (0.045)	0.9 (0.028)	TBD (TBD)
2017	1.8 (0.055)	1.3 (0.040)	TBD (TBD)
Ultimate	2.5 (0.075)	2.3 (0.070)	TBD (TBD)

Current Status	Gravimetric (kWh/kg sys)	Volumetric (kWh/L sys)	Costs (\$/kWh)
700 bar compressed (Type IV) <sup>a</sup>	1.7	0.9	18.9
350 bar compressed (Type IV) <sup>a</sup>	1.8	0.6	15.5
Cryo-compressed (276 bar) <sup>a</sup>	1.9	1.4	12.0
Metal Hydride (NaAlH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>b</sup>	0.4	0.4	11.3
Sorbent (MOF-5, 200 bar) <sup>b</sup>	1.7	0.9	18.0
Off-board regenerable (AB) <sup>b</sup>	1.4	1.3	NA

\* Cost targets are being finalized and are expected to be released soon.

<sup>a</sup> based on TIAX/ANL projections, <sup>b</sup> based on Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence projections

# Challenges: Preliminary Targets for MHE

*Hydrogen fuel cells are finding acceptance in material handling applications (e.g., forklifts), however high-pressure H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure limits deployment*

<b>Storage Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>
System Gravimetric Capacity:	kWh/kg	NA	NA
Usable, specific-energy from H <sub>2</sub> (net useful energy/max system mass)	(kg H <sub>2</sub> /kg system)	NA	NA
System Volumetric Capacity:	kWh/L	0.7	1.3
Usable energy density from H <sub>2</sub> (net useful energy/max system volume)	(kg H <sub>2</sub> /L system)	(0.02)	(0.04)
Storage System Cost (based on LHV of delivered H <sub>2</sub> ):	\$/kWh (\$/kg H <sub>2</sub> )	20 667	15 500
Durability/Operability:			
· Operational cycle life (1/4 tank to full)	Cycles	5000 (5 yr)	10000 (10 yr)
· Min delivery pressure from storage system;	bar (abs)	3	3
Charging / Discharging Rates:	H <sub>2</sub> capacity	2 kg	
· System fill time	min	5	3
	(kg H <sub>2</sub> /min)	0.4	0.7
· Minimum full flow rate	(g/s)/kW	0.02	0.02
Shock and Vibration	g	3	15

**Preliminary H<sub>2</sub> storage targets developed for Material Handling Equipment, RFI issued to gather input from stakeholders on appropriateness of targets.**

# Challenges: Targets for Portable Power

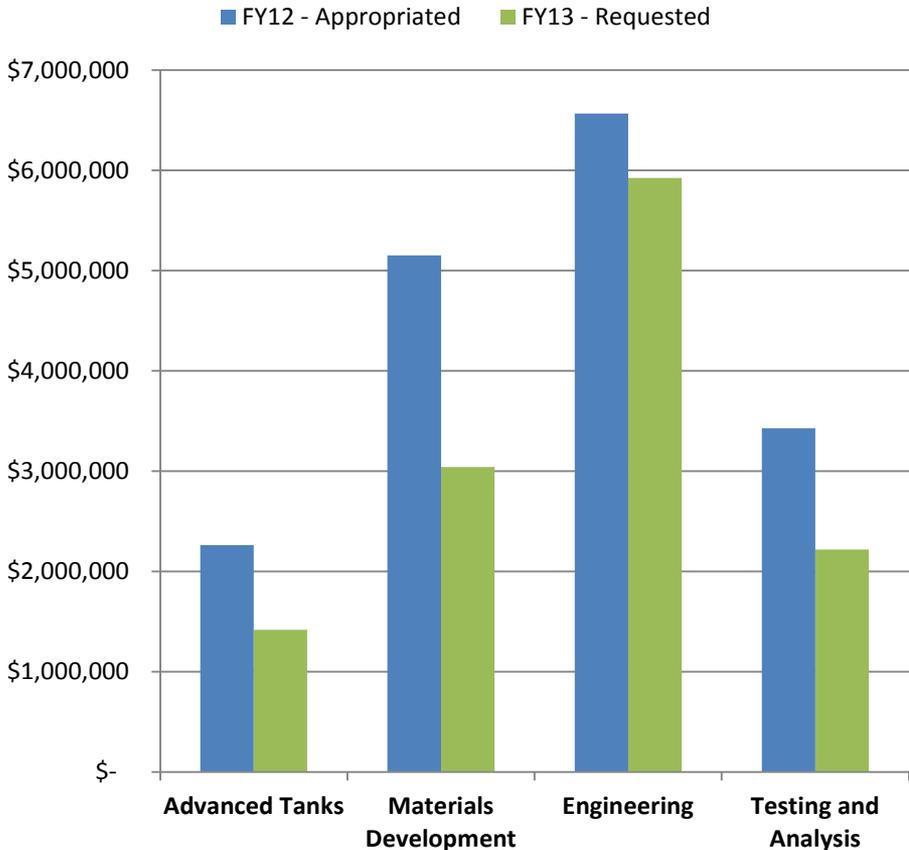
*Portable Hydrogen Fuel Cell appliances are coming to market, hydrogen storage is a key for their successful commercialization*

<b>Storage Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>
System Gravimetric Capacity: <i>Usable, specific-energy from H<sub>2</sub> (net useful energy/max system mass)</i>	kWh/kg <i>(kg H<sub>2</sub>/kg system)</i>	0.3 <i>(0.01)</i>	1.0 <i>(0.03)</i>
System Volumetric Capacity: <i>Usable energy density from H<sub>2</sub> (net useful energy/max system volume)</i>	kWh/L <i>(kg H<sub>2</sub>/L system)</i>	1.0 <i>(0.03)</i>	1.7 <i>(0.05)</i>
Storage System Cost (based on LHV of delivered H <sub>2</sub> ):	\$/Wh <i>(\$/g H<sub>2</sub>)</i>	2.0 67	1.0 33
Durability/Operability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Operational cycle life (1/4 tank to full)</li> <li>· Min delivery pressure from storage system;</li> <li>· Max delivery pressure from storage system</li> </ul>	Cycles <i>bar (abs)</i> <i>bar (abs)</i>	Single use / Rechargeable NA / 25 1.5 3	NA / 100 1.5 3
Environmental Health & Safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Permeation &amp; leakage</li> <li>· Toxicity</li> <li>· Safety</li> </ul>		Meets ISO-16111:2008; IEC 62282; or other applicable standards	

**Preliminary H<sub>2</sub> storage targets developed for Portable Power, RFI issued to gather input from stakeholders on appropriateness of targets.**

# Hydrogen Storage Budget

**FY 2013 Request = \$13M**  
**FY 2012 Appropriation = \$17.4M**



## EMPHASIS

- Systems approach through the Engineering CoE, in collaboration with independent materials development projects, to achieve light-duty vehicle targets
- Continued close coordination with Basic Energy Science in 2012 & 2013 and improve coordination with National Science Foundation, ARPA-e, and Energy Frontier Research Centers activities
- Focus on cost reduction for high pressure tanks
- Increased analysis efforts for low to high production volumes
- Increased emphasis on early market storage applications

# 2012 Progress: Output from the Materials CoEs

*Getting the word out on the progress made in developing and understanding hydrogen storage material properties!*



Publically available, searchable database on Hydrogen Storage Materials Properties launched:  
<http://hydrogenmaterialssearch.govtools.us/>

*Still looking to populate it with more data!*

Final reports and Executive Summaries from the 3 Hydrogen Storage Materials CoEs available through the DOE website:  
[http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/hydrogen\\_publications.html#h2\\_storage](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/hydrogen_publications.html#h2_storage)



# 2012 Progress: Getting tools out for public use

Making the models developed by the HSECoE publically available!



List of Models Available



Description of Model



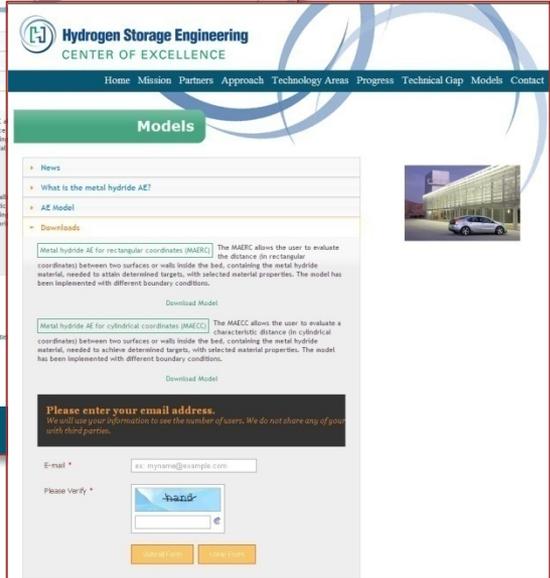
Outline of Analysis



Model Download



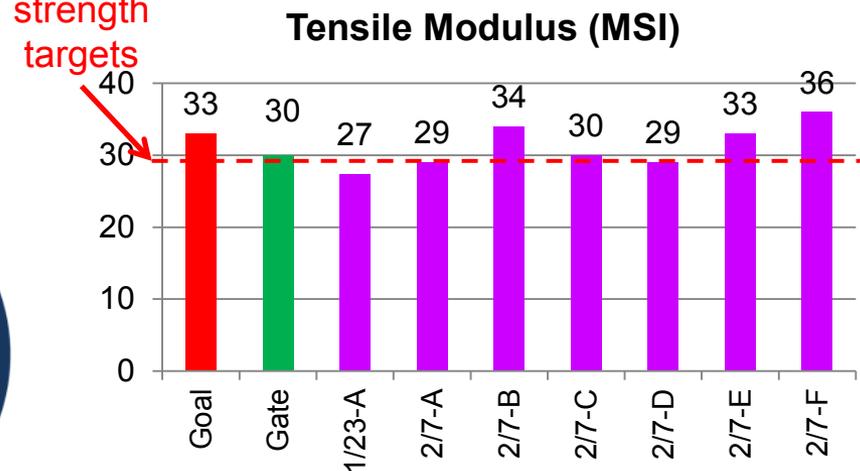
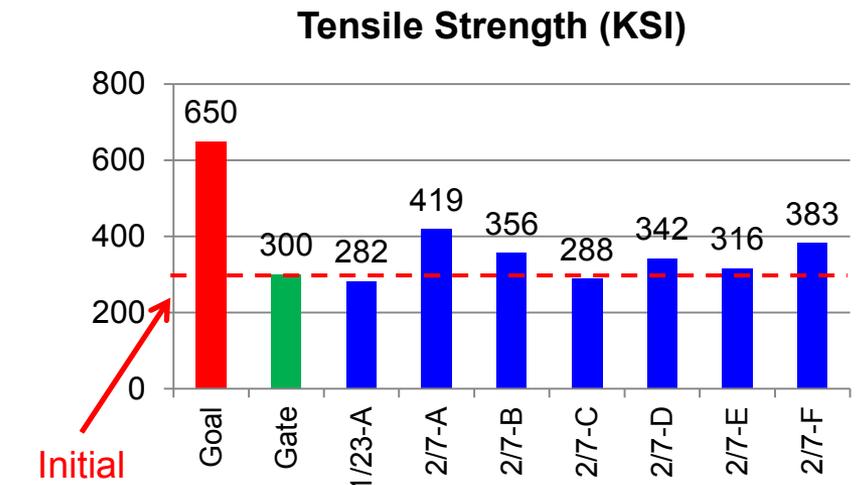
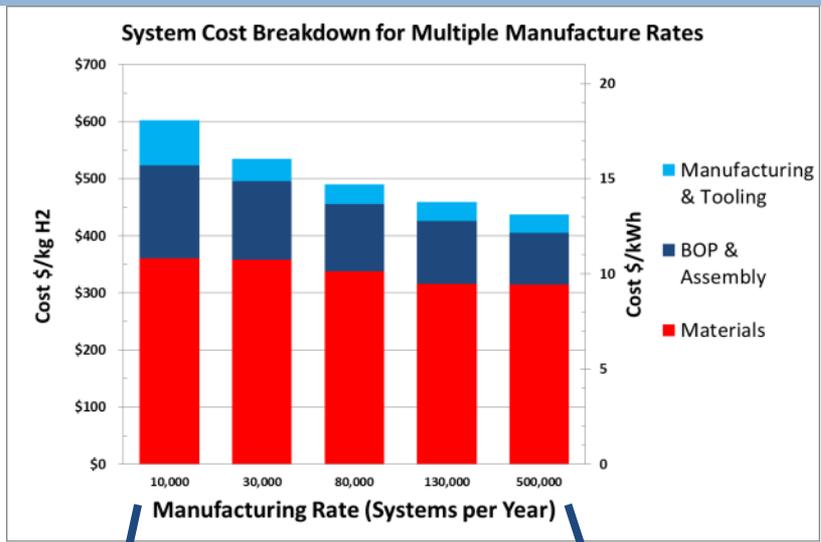
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[www.HSECoE.org](http://www.HSECoE.org)

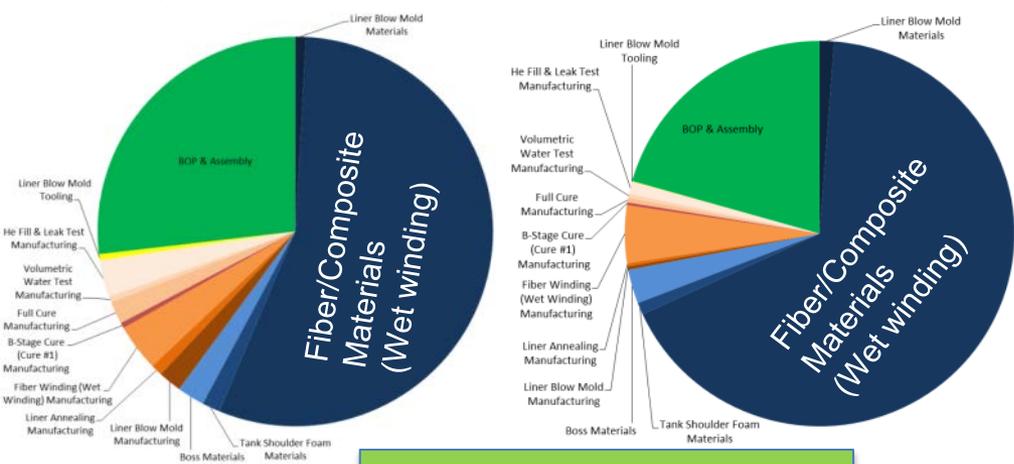
# Tanks: Cost Analysis & Progress

*Tank costs come down with high volume manufacturing, but still too high!  
Low-cost PAN precursors offer opportunity to reduce CF costs by up to 30%.*



System Cost @ 10,000 Systems/Year

System Cost @ 500,000 Systems/Year



**Carbon fiber costs dominate!**

*Initial trial conversions of first batch of textile PAN/MA fibers look very promising - met initial strength targets!*

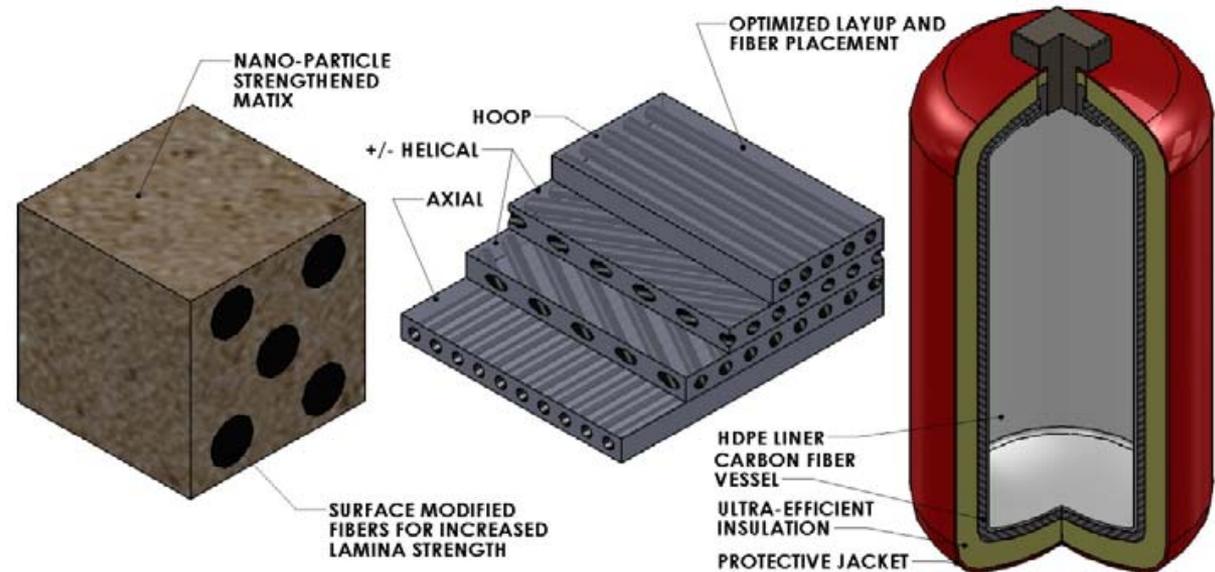
# 2012 Progress: *New Advanced Tank Project*

## *Synergistically Enhanced Materials and Design Parameters for Reducing the Cost of Hydrogen Storage Tanks*

Project Lead: **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory** – PI: Kevin Simmons

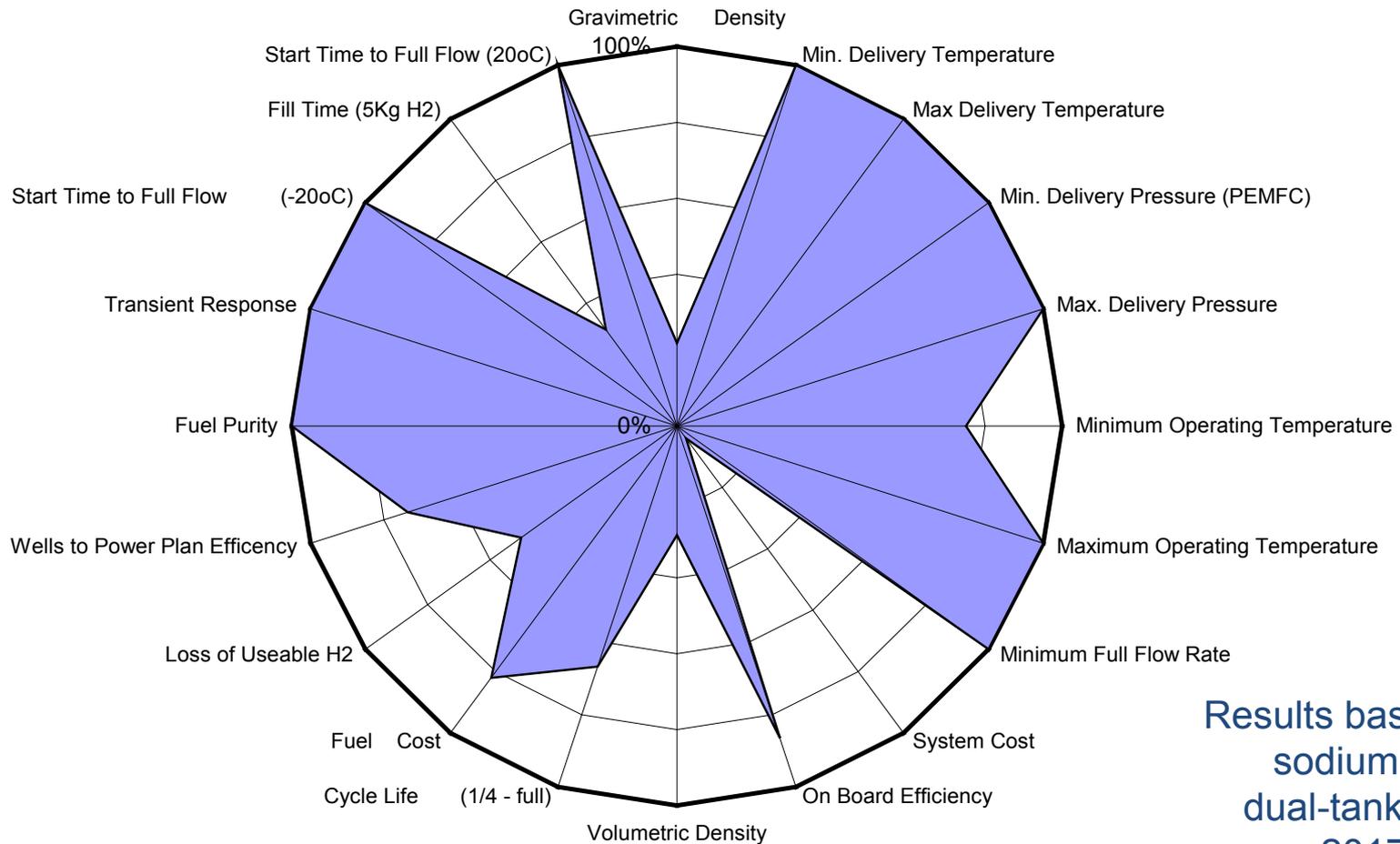
Partners: Ford Motor Company, Lincoln Composites, Toray Carbon Fibers America, Inc. and AOC Inc.,

- Coordinated approach for compressed H<sub>2</sub> tank costs reduction focuses on:
  - improved carbon fiber composite materials; design and manufacture of hydrogen storage tanks;
  - investigates use of “cold” hydrogen, including impact on the infrastructure;
  - targets cost reduction by more than 1/3 compared to current projections.



# 2012 Progress: HSECoE – Status of Metal Hydride Systems

*No metal hydride material currently exists that will allow a complete system to meet all key DOE system performance targets for onboard vehicle applications*



Results based on a sodium alanate dual-tank system versus 2017 targets



**No-Go Decision made for Metal Hydride system within the HSECoE, this does not preclude further metal hydride materials development.**

## - effect of reaction enthalpy

### ❖ Attributes

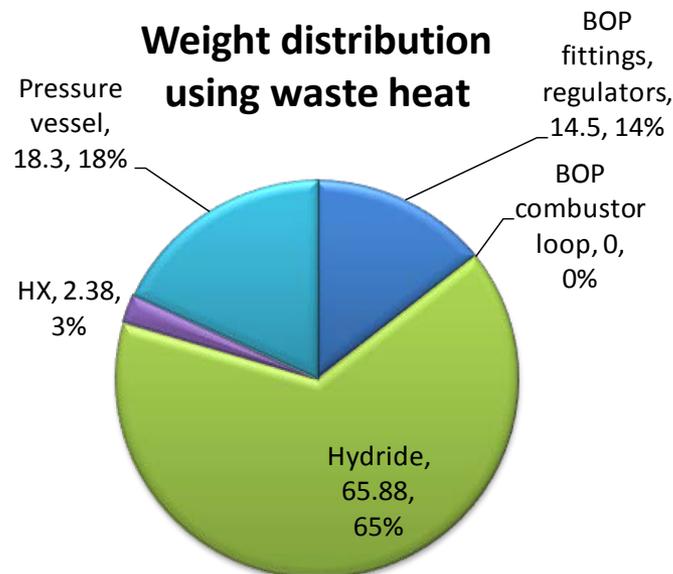
- Very simple system.
- Fuel cell waste heat stream used
- No separate buffer tank: use H<sub>2</sub> in pores.

### ❖ Media Characteristics

- $\Delta H = 27 \text{ kJ/mol-H}_2$  ( $T_{5 \text{ bar}} = 20.7 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )
- 11 wt.% material capacity

### ❖ Results

- Satisfies all targets.
- On-board efficiency: ~100%
- System: 101 kg, 124 liters



### ❖ Attributes

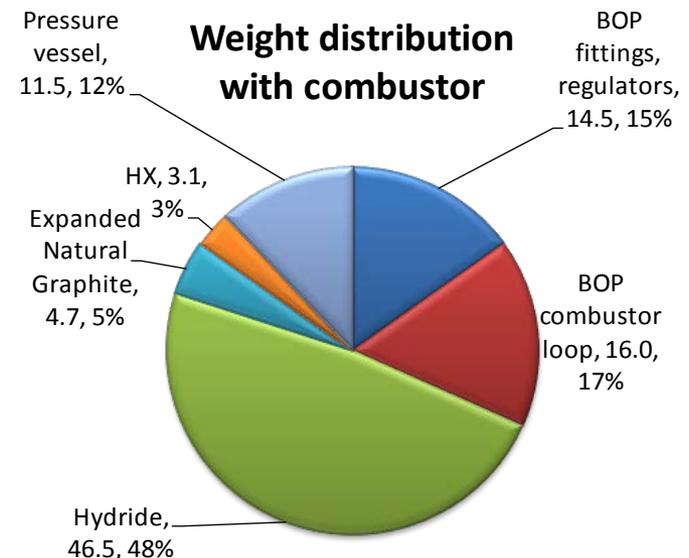
- Mix of fuel cell coolant and recycled fluid used for warm-up and to maintain  $T_{\text{tank}}$ .

### ❖ Media Characteristics

- $\Delta H = -40 \text{ kJ/mol-H}_2$  ( $T_{5 \text{ bar}} = 122.8 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )
- 17 wt.% pure material capacity

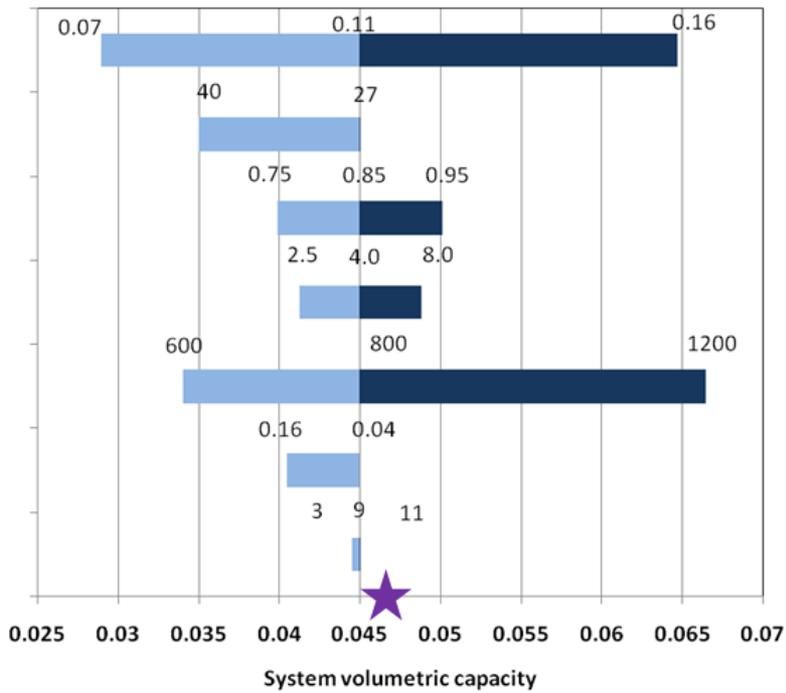
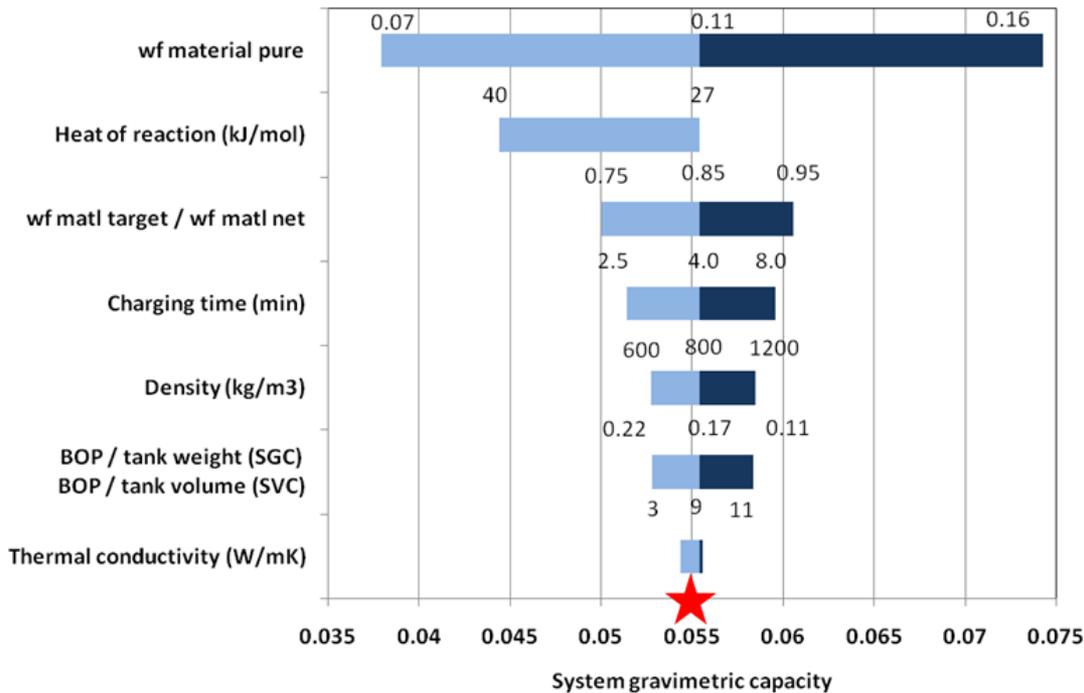
### ❖ Results

- Satisfies targets except system efficiency.
- On-board efficiency: ~81%
- System: 103 kg, 126 liters
- Operating at 130°C delivers 5.4 kg-H<sub>2</sub> (delivered + combusted: 6.6 kg-H<sub>2</sub>)



## System Gravimetric Capacity

## System Volumetric Capacity



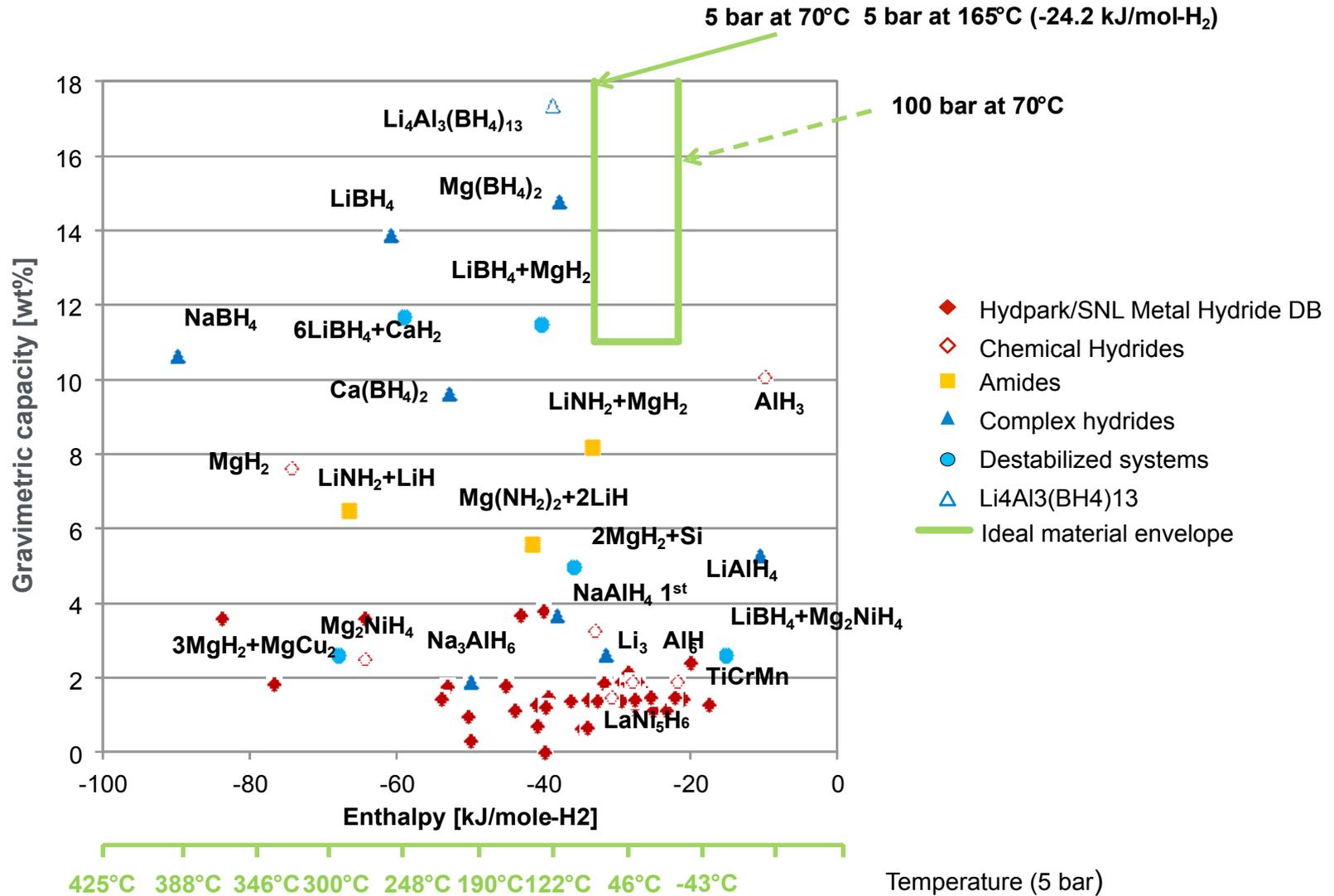
★ ★ DOE 2017 targets, gravimetric and volumetric capacity, respectively

### Sensitivity Parameters (Baseline case)

- Wf matl = 11%
- Heat of reaction = 27 kJ/molH<sub>2</sub>
- Wf matl target / wf matl net = 85% \*
- Charging time = 4 min
- Bulk density = 800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- BOP weight / tank weight = 17%
- BOP volume / tank volume = 4%
- Thermal conductivity = 9 W/mK \*



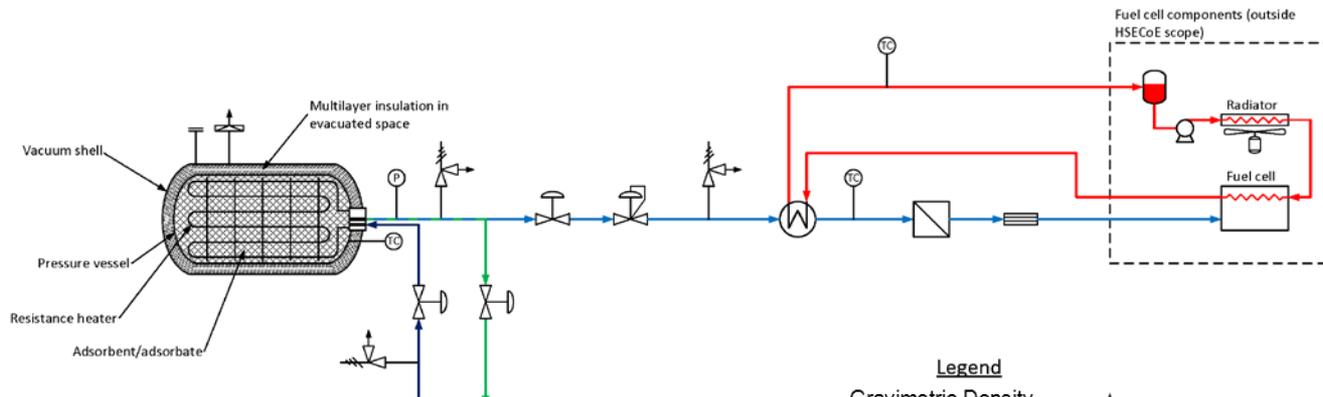
# 2012 Progress: Status of MH materials to meet onboard storage requirements



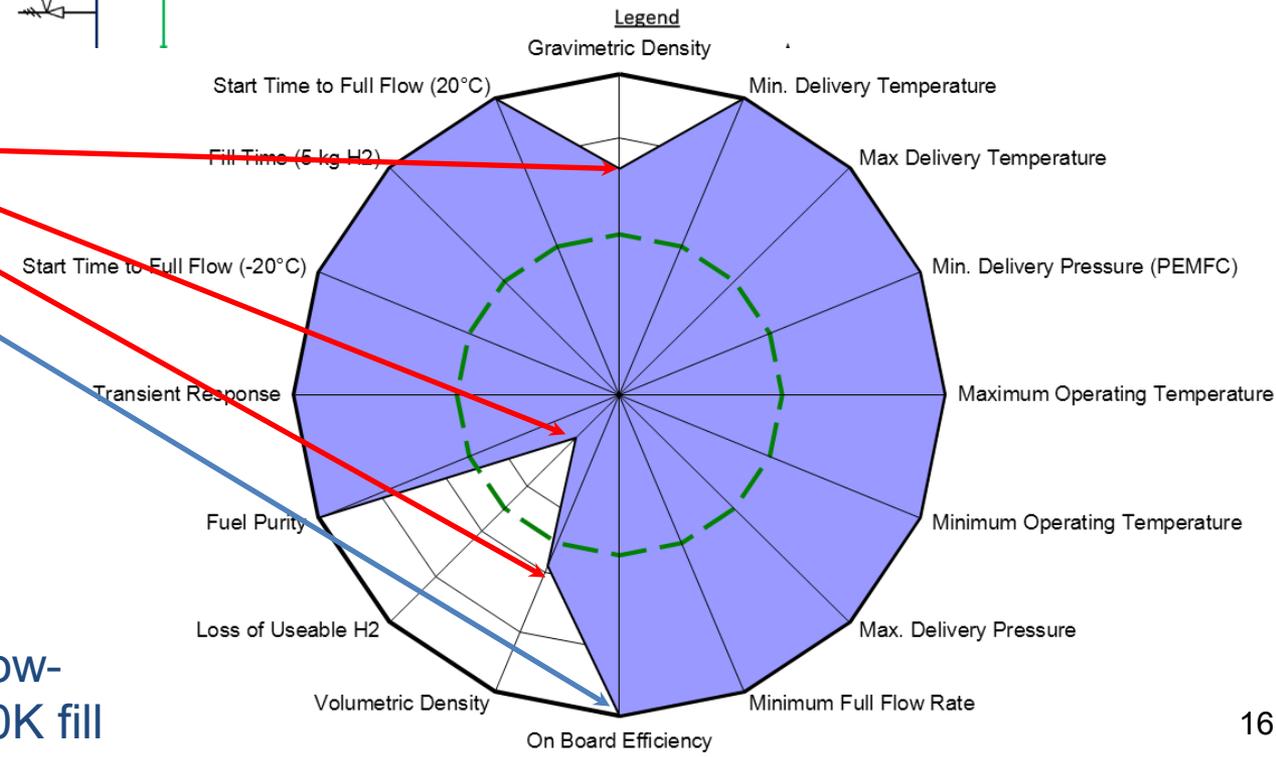
**Material property requirements can be determined to focus material discovery efforts**

# 2012 Progress: HSECoE – Cryo-sorbent Systems

*Current cryo-sorbent system designs are projected to meet most DOE 2017 performance targets for onboard vehicle applications*



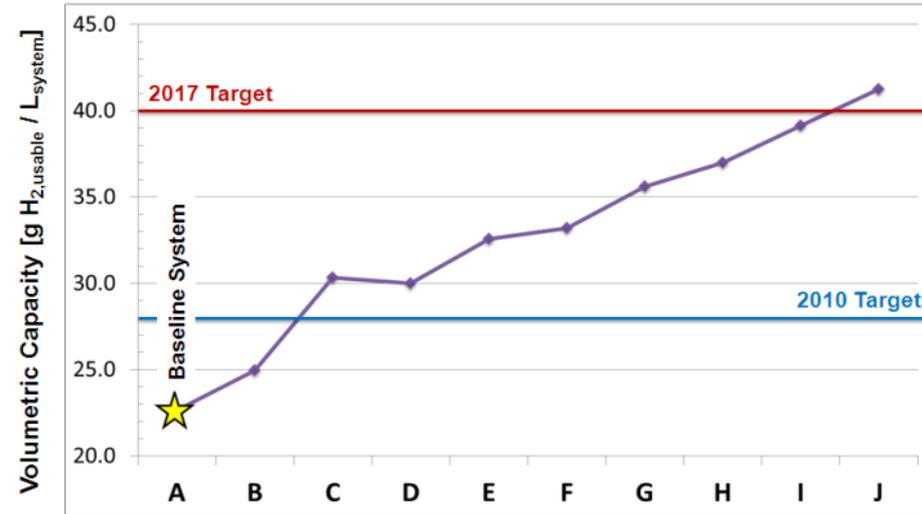
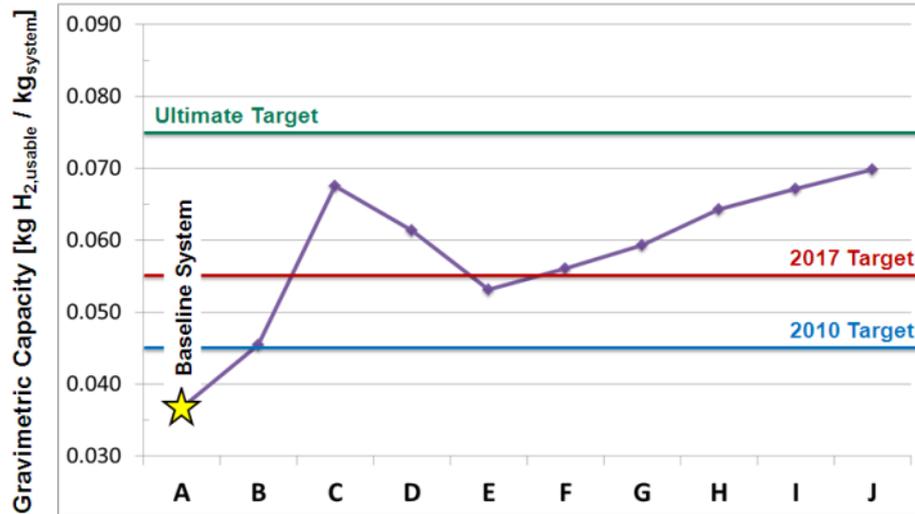
1. Gravimetric Density
2. Loss of Usable H<sub>2</sub>
3. Volumetric Density
4. On-Board Efficiency
5. System Cost



AX-21, 200 bar, flow-through design, 80K fill

# 2012 Progress: HSECoE – Sorbent System Improvement Pathways

*Combined system and material improvements show potential path to exceed 2017 onboard performance targets.*



Step	Description
A	Phase 1 Baseline – Activated Carbon in a Composite Tank; Flow-Through Cooling with a Resistance Heater; Full Conditions of 80 K, 200 bar
B	Change Material to Powdered MOF-5
C	Change Full Tank Conditions to 40 K, 60 bar
D	Change Tank to Type I Aluminum (lower cost)
E	Change to Compacted MOF-5 (0.32 g/cc)
F	Increase Compacted MOF-5 thermal conductivity by an order of magnitude
G	Change from Flow-Through Cooling with a Resistance Heater to the M.A.T.I.
H	Reduce mass and volume of BOP components by 25%
I	Improve material capacity by 10%
J	Improve material capacity by 20%



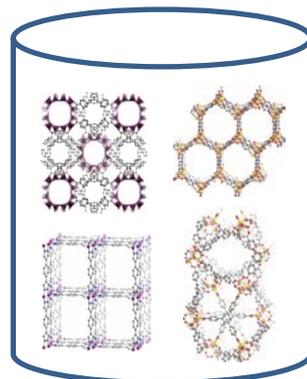
# 2012 Progress: 2 New Projects – Sorbents

*Hydrogen Storage in engineered MOFs and nano-confined liquids optimized for onboard hydrogen storage applications*

Project Lead: **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory** –  
PI: Jeffery Long

Partners: NIST and GM

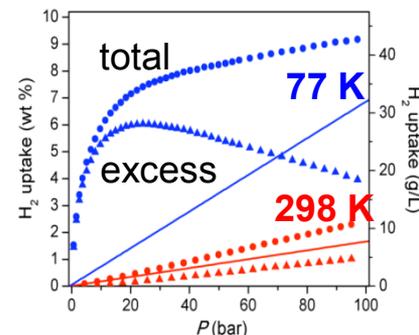
Description: a theory-guided approach to synthesize novel materials with high hydrogen adsorption capacities



structural database



opposing surface algorithm

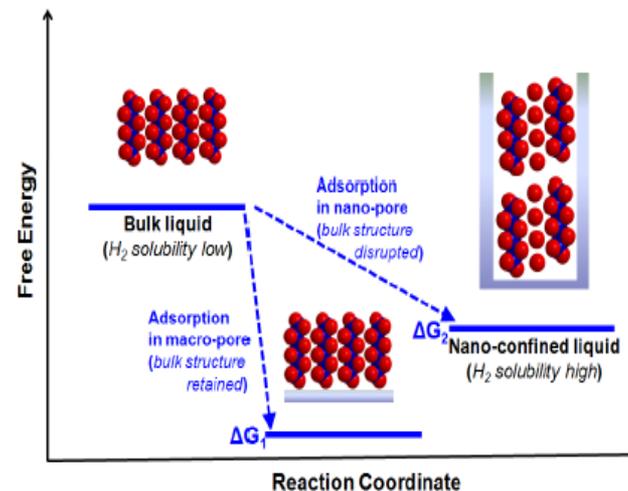


experimental isotherms



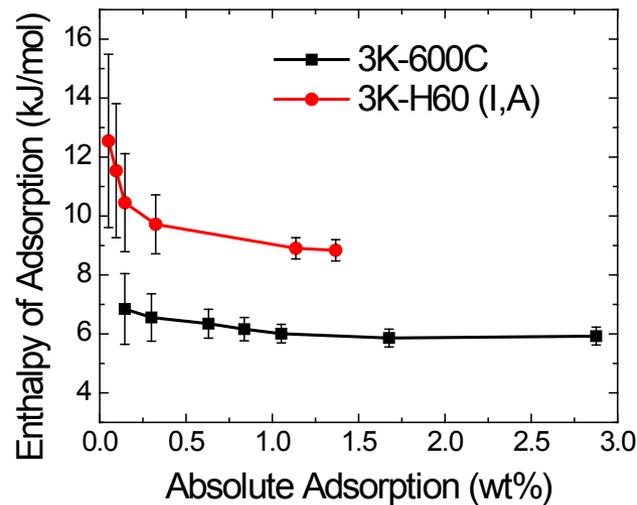
Project Lead: **HRL Laboratories, LLC** –  
PI: John Vajo

Description: Investigates engineered liquids to efficiently absorb and release hydrogen gas;

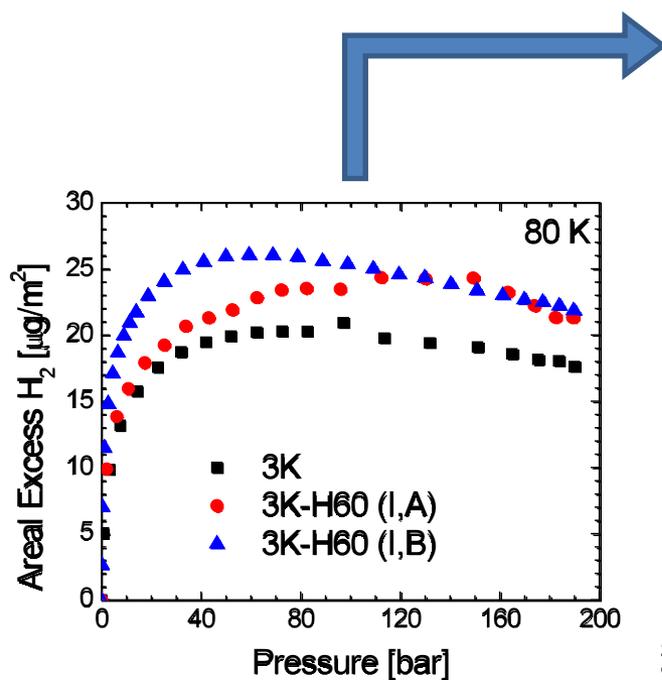


# 2012 Progress: Improving Sorbents

*Achieved ~9% Boron Doping with <15% Reduction in Surface Area  
Leading to Higher Hydrogen Binding Energies and Uptake*

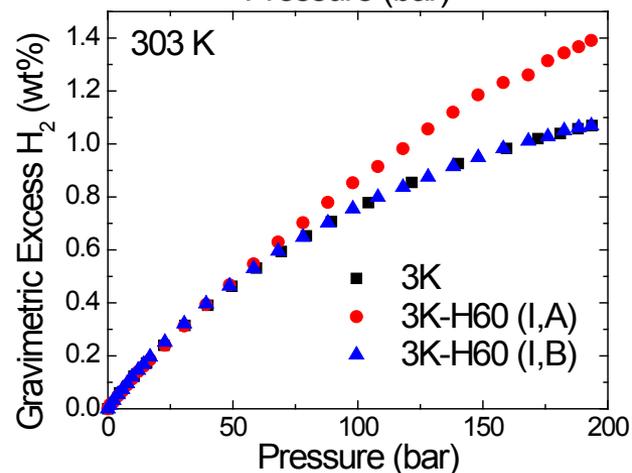
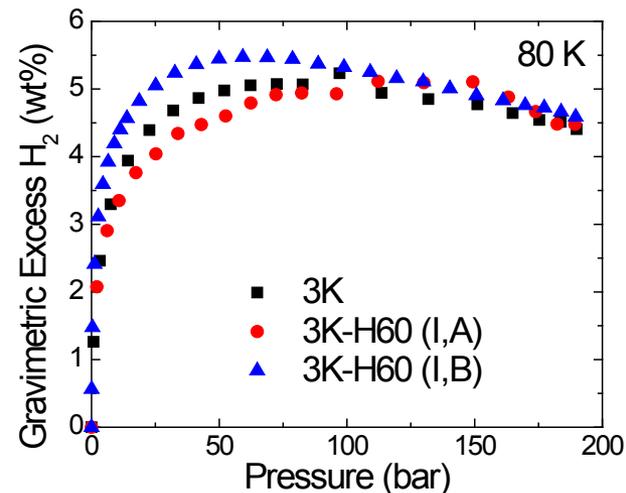


Increases Binding Energy as Predicted by Theory



Leads to Increase in Uptake per Unit Surface Area

Results in Increase in Gravimetric Capacity (80 K and 303 K)



Sample	B:C %	$\Sigma_{\text{N}_2}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /g)
3K-600C, undoped	0.0	2500
3K-H60 (I,A), 1-step doping, annealed at 600 C	8.6	2100
3K-H60 (I,B), 1-step doping, annealed at 1000 C	6.7	2100

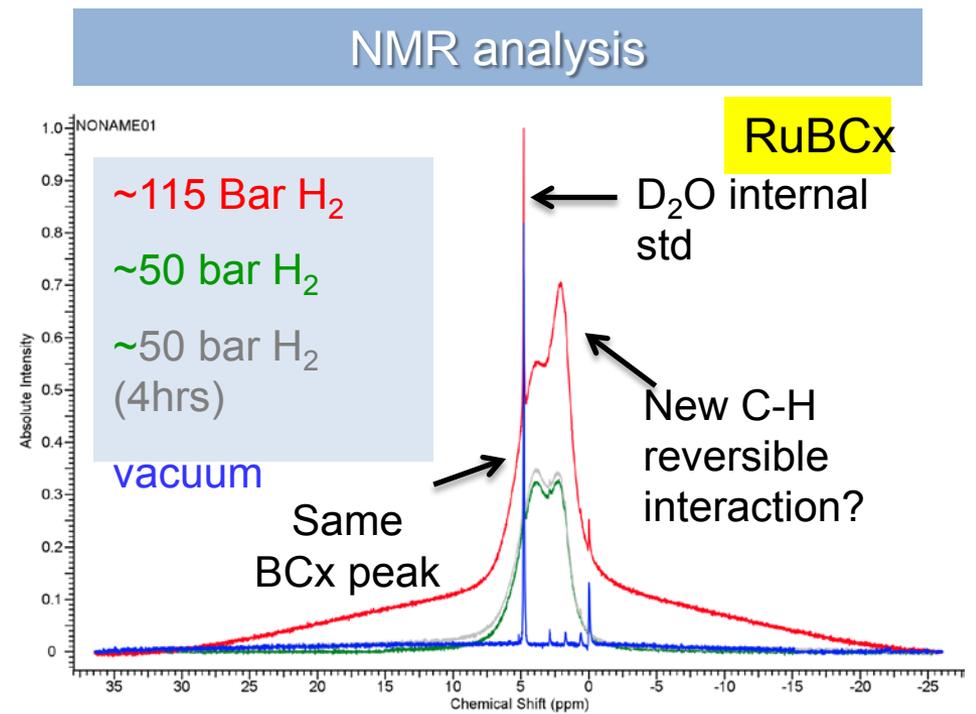
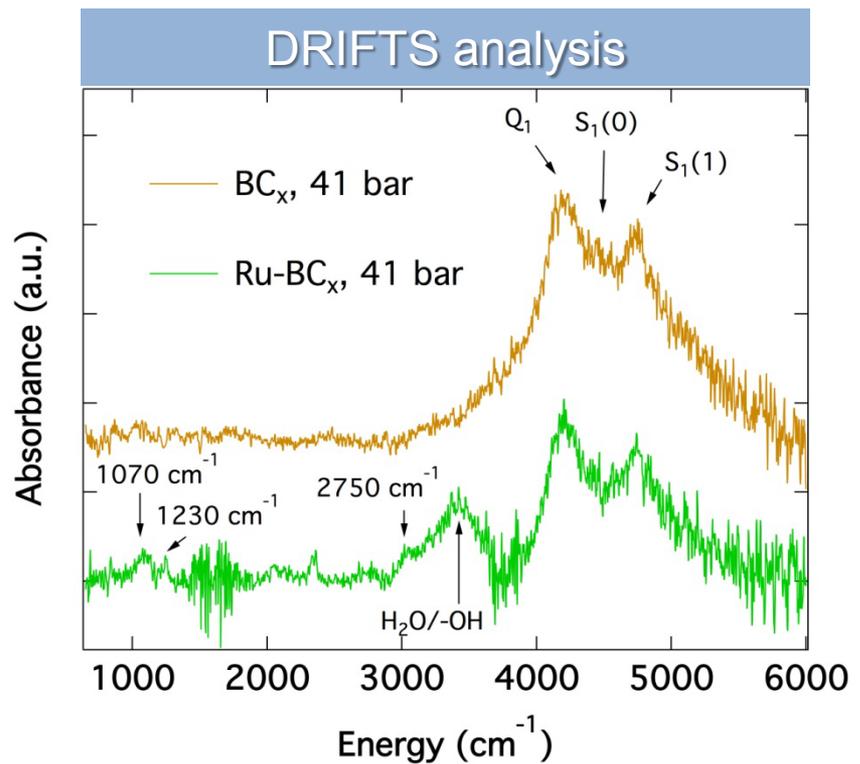


# 2012 Progress: *Spillover Taskforce Update*

*International taskforce confirms excess adsorption at room temperature can be increased by spillover effect*

## Achievements:

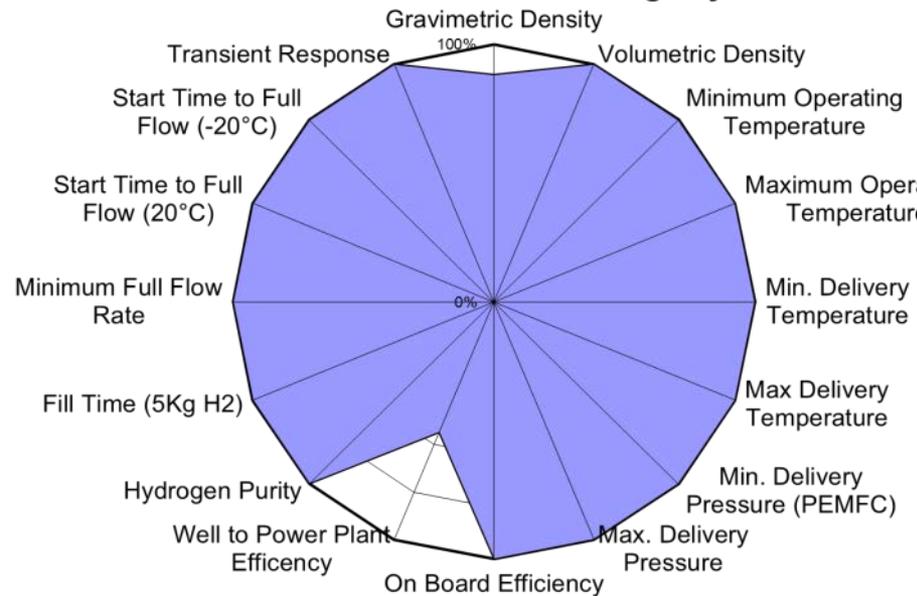
- Demonstrated reproducibility between laboratories – synthesis and measurements
- Demonstrated > 15% enhancement in room-temperature adsorption on metal-doped sorbents – RuBC<sub>x</sub> and Pd-TC
- Demonstrated spectroscopic evidence of reversible substrate-hydrogen interactions – DRIFTS, NMR and Inelastic Neutron Scattering



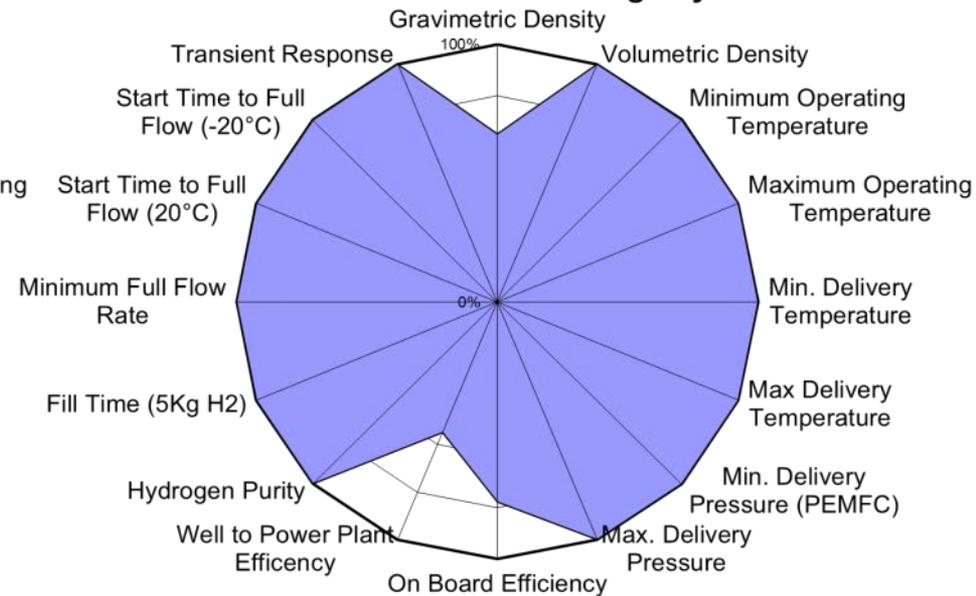
*Endo- and Exothermic release material systems can meet most key DOE system performance targets for onboard vehicle applications*

### Projections for Exothermic (Ammonia Borane) and Endothermic (Alane) Hydrogen Release Systems – 50% mass loaded fluids

**DOE 2017 Targets for Liquid Ammonia Borane Flow Through System**



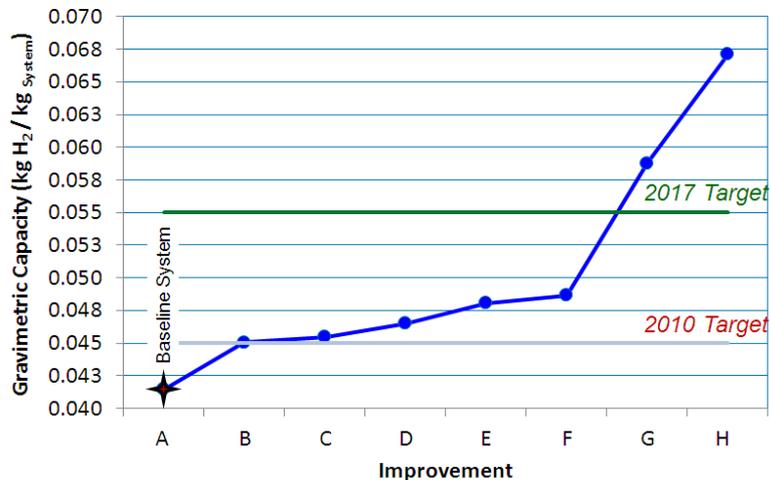
**DOE 2017 Targets for Liquid Alane 50 wt% Flow Through System**



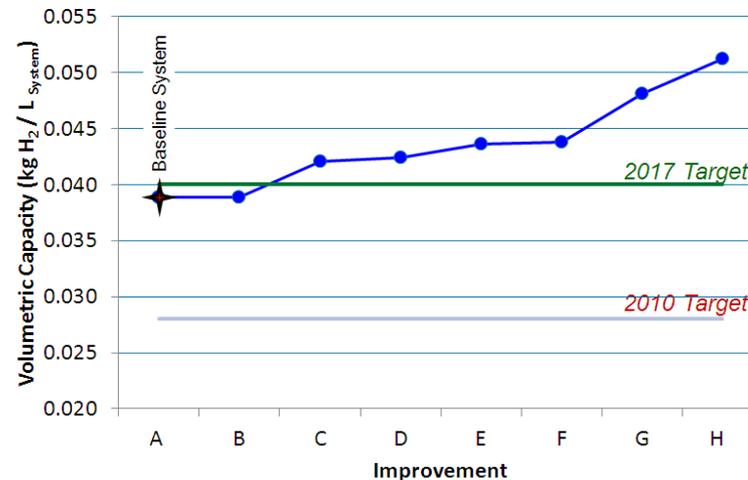
**Off-board regeneration efficiency is still an issue**

*Combined system and material improvements show potential path to exceed DOE 2017 onboard performance targets.*

AB Fluid Phase System: Potential Improvements to System  
Gravimetric Capacity



AB Fluid Phase System: Potential Improvements to System  
Volumetric Capacity



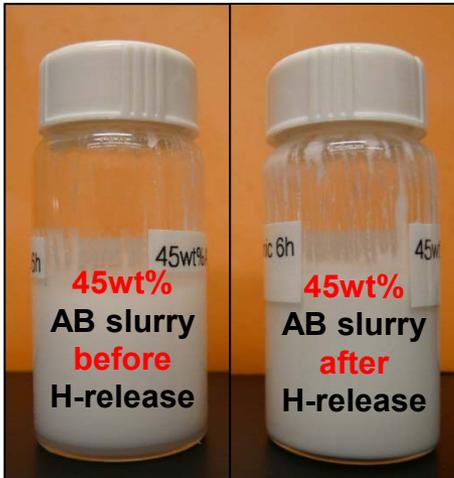
Step	Description
A	Phase 1 Baseline: 50:50 Fluid composition
B	Change from steel shell ballast tank to aluminum
C	Reduce HX from 76 kW to 38 kW
D	Reduce H <sub>2</sub> Wetted Tubing
E	Low Mass Borazine Scrubber
F	Low Mass Ammonia Scrubber
G	Increase AB loading from 50 to 65 wt. %
H	Increase AB loading from 65 to 80 wt. %



# 2012 Progress: Development of fluid AB materials

## Liquid-Slurry Chemical Hydrogen Storage Development (AB Slurry)

Down-select to AB silicone oil slurry  
45wt% AB slurry: ~7wt% H<sub>2</sub>

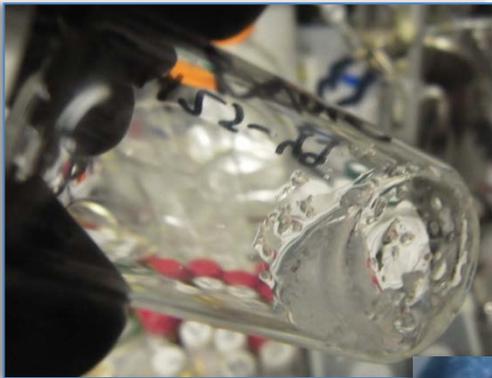


Source: PNNL

Material remains a liquid-slurry before and after H-release  
Fresh slurry no settling/flocculation for 3+ months  
Spent slurry settling within several hours

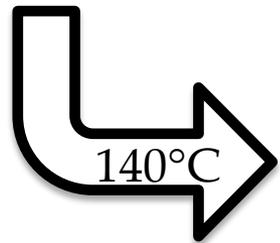
	AB slurry before H-release	AB slurry after H-release	Measured Temp. (°C)
Plastic viscosity (cP)	~ 617	~ 442	25
Yield stress (Pa)	~ 48	~ 3.7	25

## Fluid Phase H<sub>2</sub> Storage Material Development (Liquid AB)



New Additives Synthesized

Additive amine-boranes have 3-4 wt. % usable H<sub>2</sub> and maintain fluid phase.



Picture @ Room Temperature

20 wt. %AB in hexylAB (6.0 wt. % H<sub>2</sub>) transforms from a slurry to liquid upon dehydrogenation

Source: LANL 



# Summary

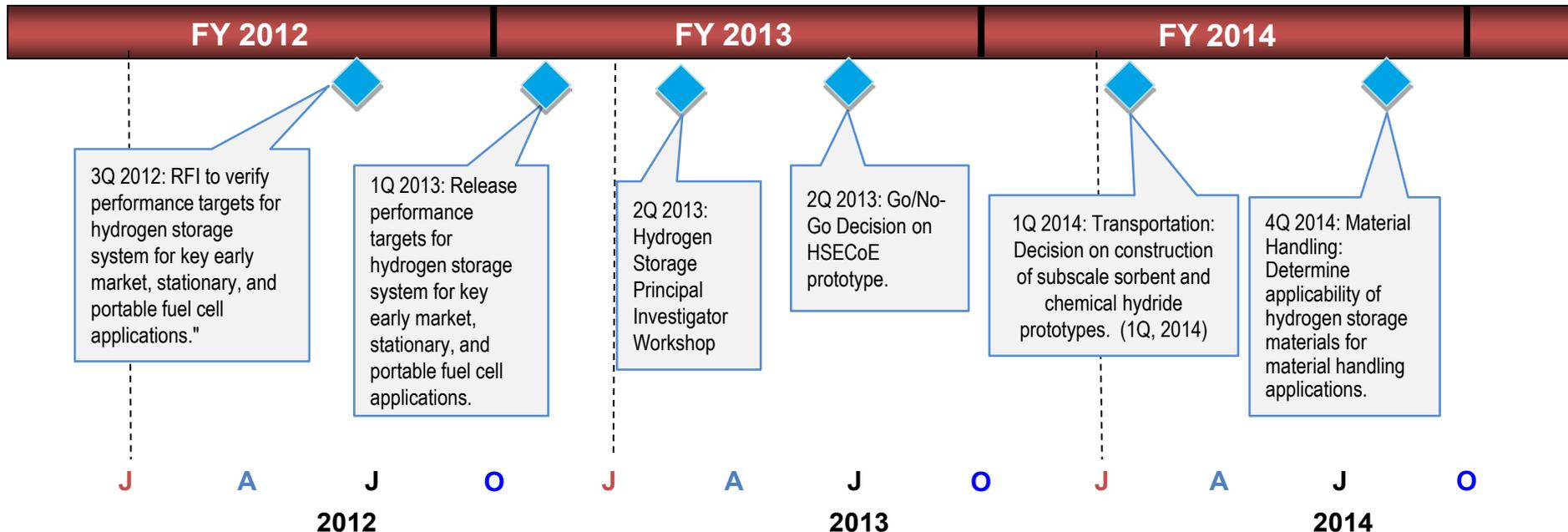
## Summary of activities and upcoming milestones

### Physical Storage

- Projects underway to reduce the cost of carbon fiber precursors
- Initiated new efforts through SBIR and Funding Opportunity Announcement topics

### Material-based Storage

- Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence is validating their modeled projections and identifying improvements over the current baseline materials-based systems
- Continued to improve materials-based performance through independent projects
- Finalizing performance targets for material handling equipment and portable power



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  - **Reviewer Lab Hours:** Tuesday – Thursday, 7:30 am – 8:30 pm; Friday 7:30 am – 1:00 pm.
  - **Reviewer Lab Locations:**
    - Crystal Gateway Hotel—*Rosslyn Room* (downstairs, on Lobby level)
    - Crystal City Hotel—*Roosevelt Boardroom* (next to Salon A)
- Reviewers are invited to a brief feedback session — at 3:45 pm Thursday (after last storage talk), in this room.