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# 2004 Annual DOE Hydrogen Program Review

## *Hydrogen Storage*

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- Barriers/Targets
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- Technology Status
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## The Challenge of Hydrogen Storage – Compact, Lightweight Systems Enabling Greater than 300-Mile Range.

**Today's Average Vehicle  
370mi-20gal**

**GM Opel Zafira Minivan  
170mi- 26gal- 10,000psi**

**Honda FCX  
235mi-42gal-5000psi**



**Daimler Sprinter  
90mi-26gal-3600psi**



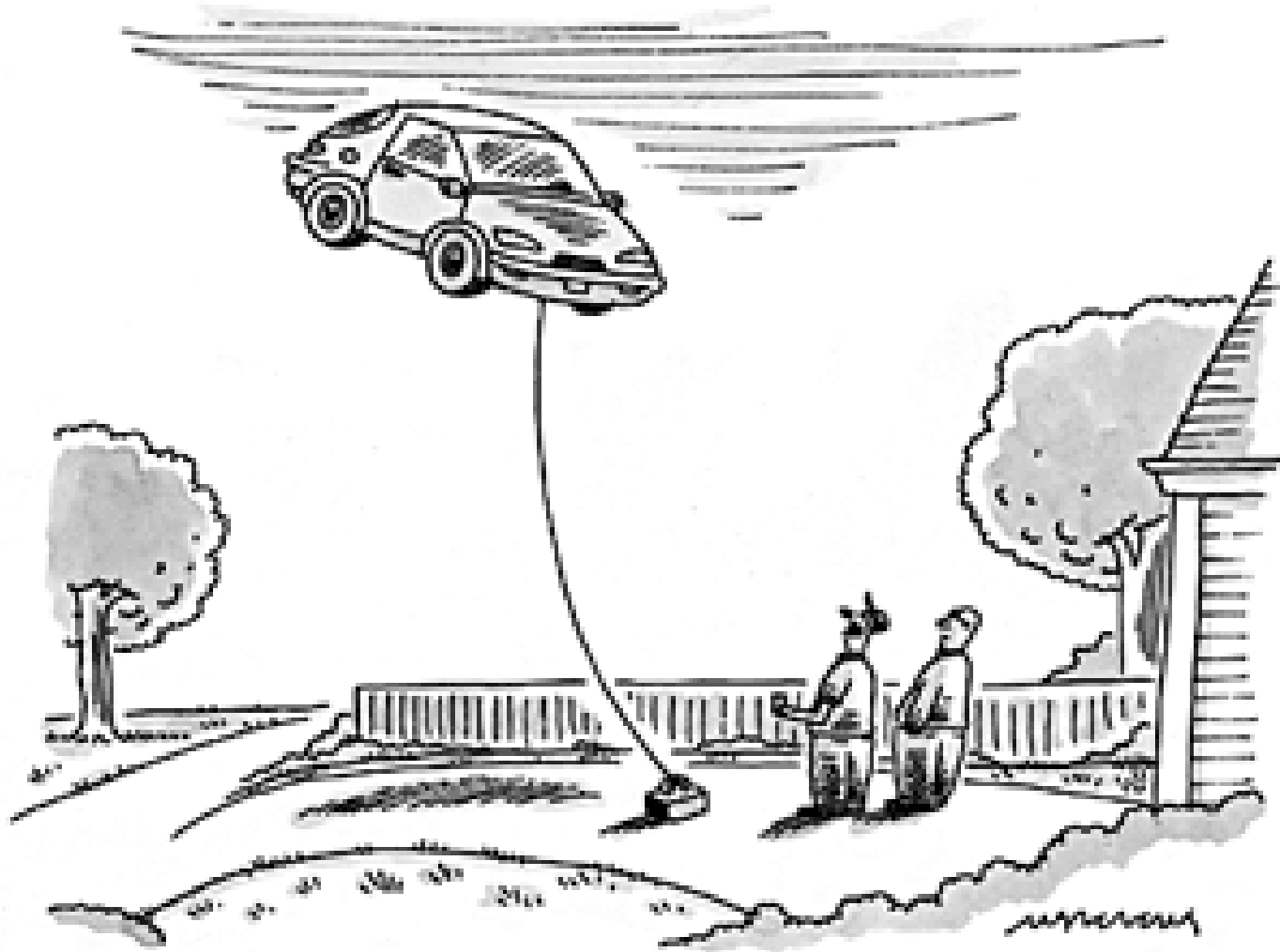
**The State of the Art will help in the near-term, but is impractical for the long-term --- compressed and liquid hydrogen tanks:**

- Will enable vehicle/infrastructure learning demonstrations & initial market penetration
- Have limited range & high energy penalty (liquid), preventing full market penetration
- Are approaching their weight & volume limits
- May have off-board storage applications

**→ DOE R&D focus is on materials-based storage technologies.**



# Unacceptable Hydrogen Storage Option



*"It runs on hydrogen."*



# On-Board Hydrogen Storage System Barriers/Targets

**Main Barriers are Weight, Volume, Cost, and Refueling Time**

**What do these targets mean? For a 5-kg H<sub>2</sub> system...**

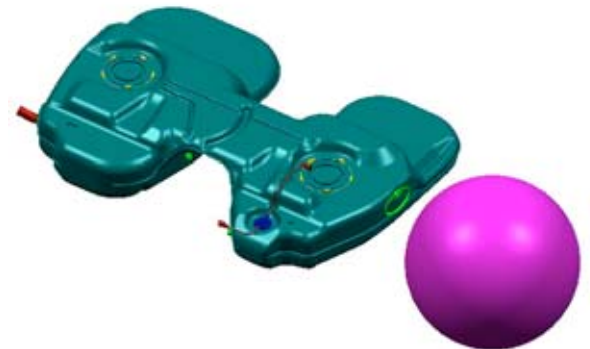
Storage Parameter	2005	2010	2015
Gravimetric Capacity (Specific energy)	1.5 kWh/kg 0.045 kg H <sub>2</sub> /kg	2.0 kWh/kg 0.060 kg H <sub>2</sub> /kg	3.0 kWh/kg 0.090 kg H <sub>2</sub> /kg
<b>System Weight:</b>	<b>111 Kg</b>	<b>83 Kg</b>	<b>55.6 Kg</b>
Volumetric Capacity (Energy density)	1.2 kWh/L 0.036 kg H <sub>2</sub> /L	1.5 kWh/L 0.045 kg H <sub>2</sub> /L	2.7 kWh/L 0.081 kg H <sub>2</sub> /L
<b>System Volume:</b>	<b>139 L</b>	<b>111 L</b>	<b>62 L</b>
Storage system cost	\$6 /kWh	\$4 /kWh	\$2 /kWh
<b>System Cost:</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$666</b>	<b>\$333</b>
Refueling rate	.5 Kg H <sub>2</sub> /min	1.5 Kg H <sub>2</sub> /min	2.0 Kg H <sub>2</sub> /min
<b>Refueling Time:</b>	<b>10 min</b>	<b>3.3 min</b>	<b>2.5 min</b>



## ***Basis for Targets***

**FreedomCAR On-Board Hydrogen Storage Targets are based on vehicle requirements --- NOT on what storage technologies can achieve.**

- The baseline is today's vehicles and customer expectations of them, e.g. 370 mile weighted average range
- Fuel economy gains of 2.5X - 3.0X were assumed for fuel cell vehicles
- Today's fuel systems are assumed to include "conformable" components, shaped to fill in available space under the vehicle floorboard and within the chassis
- Some allowance – approximately 20% - can be provided in the capacity targets for fully-conformable storage systems

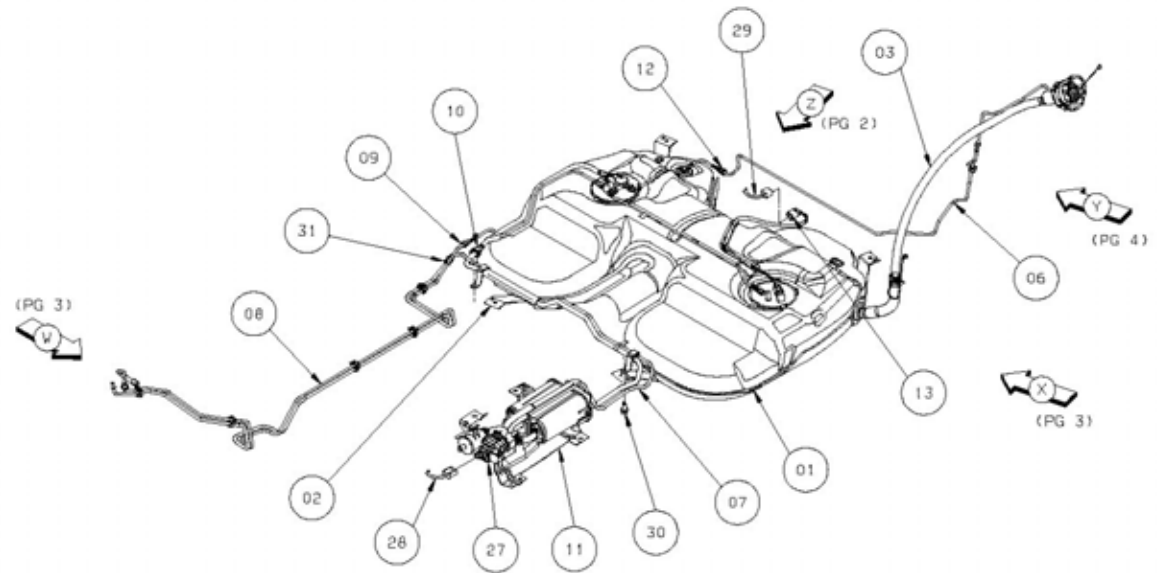




# The Fuel Storage System

Storage calculations used real volumes and weights of gasoline fuel storage systems in current production vehicles, including:

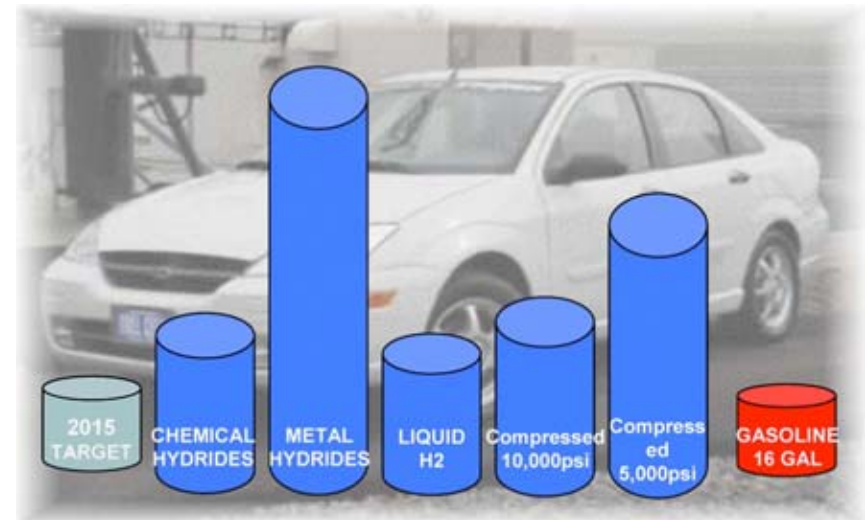
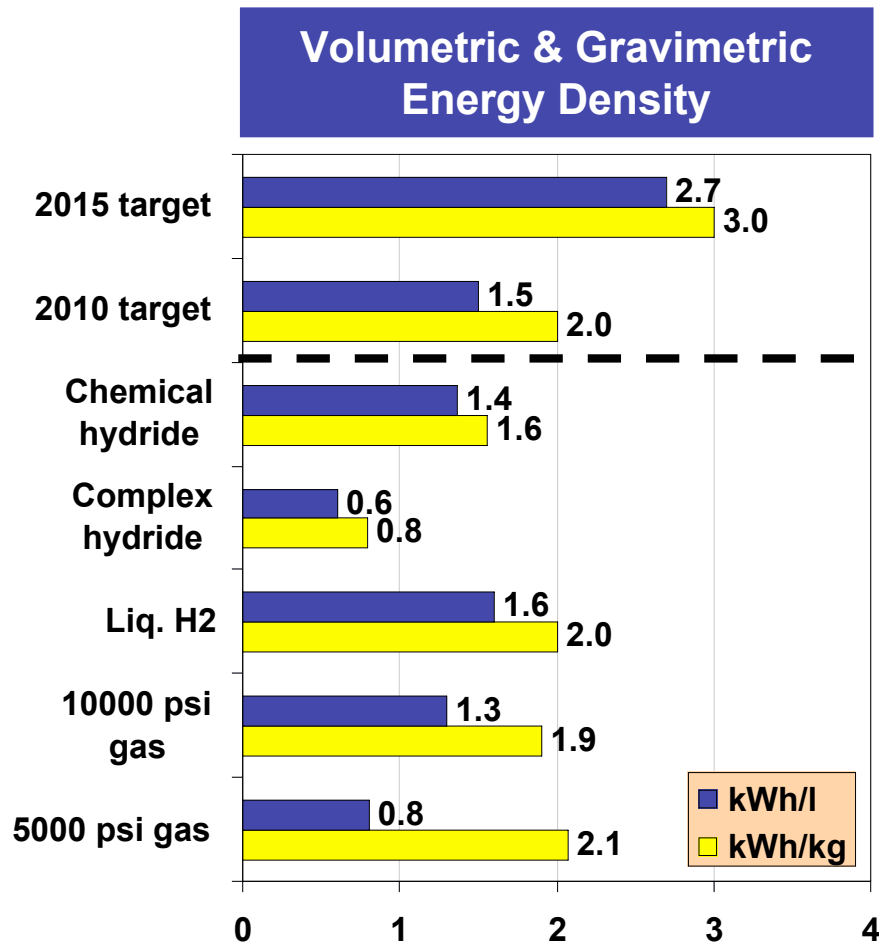
- Fuel tank
- Fuel filler tubes
- Gas cap
- Hoses
- Fuel lines
- Fuel pump
- Fuel filter
- Carbon vapor canister
- Leak detection device
- Purge control solenoid
- Rollover check valve
- Tank hanger straps, clips, & other fasteners





# Technology Status - Capacity

No current H<sub>2</sub> storage technology meets the 2015 targets.



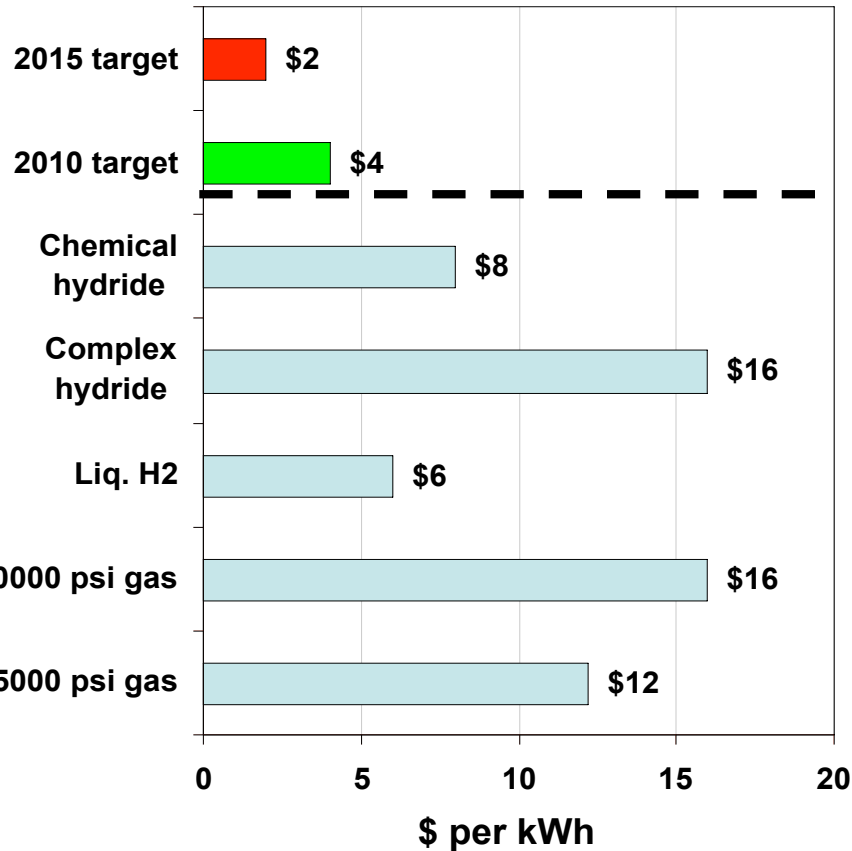




# Technology Status – Cost

No current H<sub>2</sub> storage technology meets the cost targets.

Cost per kWh, \$/kWh



For valid comparison, storage system cost must include the cost of the “first charge” so that any “pre-conditioning,” i.e. compression, liquefaction, or off-board regeneration cost is considered.



**Some improvement in system energy density may be achieved by improving the balance of plant.**

<u>Storage Approach</u>	<u>Current System Densities</u> (relative to fuel)
Compressed hydrogen	~70%
Liquid hydrogen	~55 - 60%
Solid state	~40 - 50%

***Greatest potential for improvement is with solid state systems.***



# Hydrogen Storage R&D – Planning and Implementing



H<sub>2</sub> Storage  
Materials  
Workshop



H<sub>2</sub> Storage  
“Think Tank”



Draft R&D Plan  
Published

International Conference on  
Hydrogen Storage Materials  
Lucca, Italy

Grand Challenge  
Issued

Aug '02

Oct '02

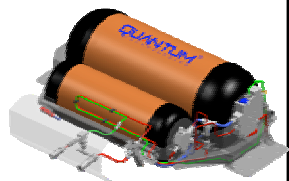
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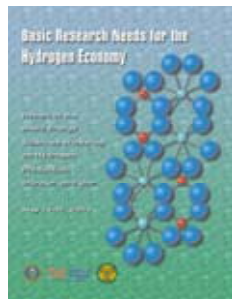
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Compressed/Liquid  
Hydrogen Workshop

Basic Energy Sciences  
Workshop



Grand Challenge  
Selections  
Announced





Complex Metal Hydrides  
SNL Metal Hydride **Center**  
UTRC  
UOP  
SNL (Livermore)  
U. Hawaii

Chemical Hydrogen Storage  
LANL/PNNL Chem. Hydride Ctr  
Millennium Cell  
Safe Hydrogen  
Air Products  
INEEL  
**Research Triangle Institute**

Carbon-Based Materials  
NREL Carbon-Based **Center**  
University of Pennsylvania  
Gas Technology Institute  
SUNY - Syracuse

Testing  
SwRI  
Analysis  
**TIAX**

New Materials & Concepts  
Cleveland State University  
**Alfred University**  
**Carnegie Institute**  
**Michigan Tech University**  
**UC Berkeley**  
**UC Santa Barbara**  
**University of Michigan**  
**University of Missouri**  
**University of Connecticut**  
**TOFTEC**

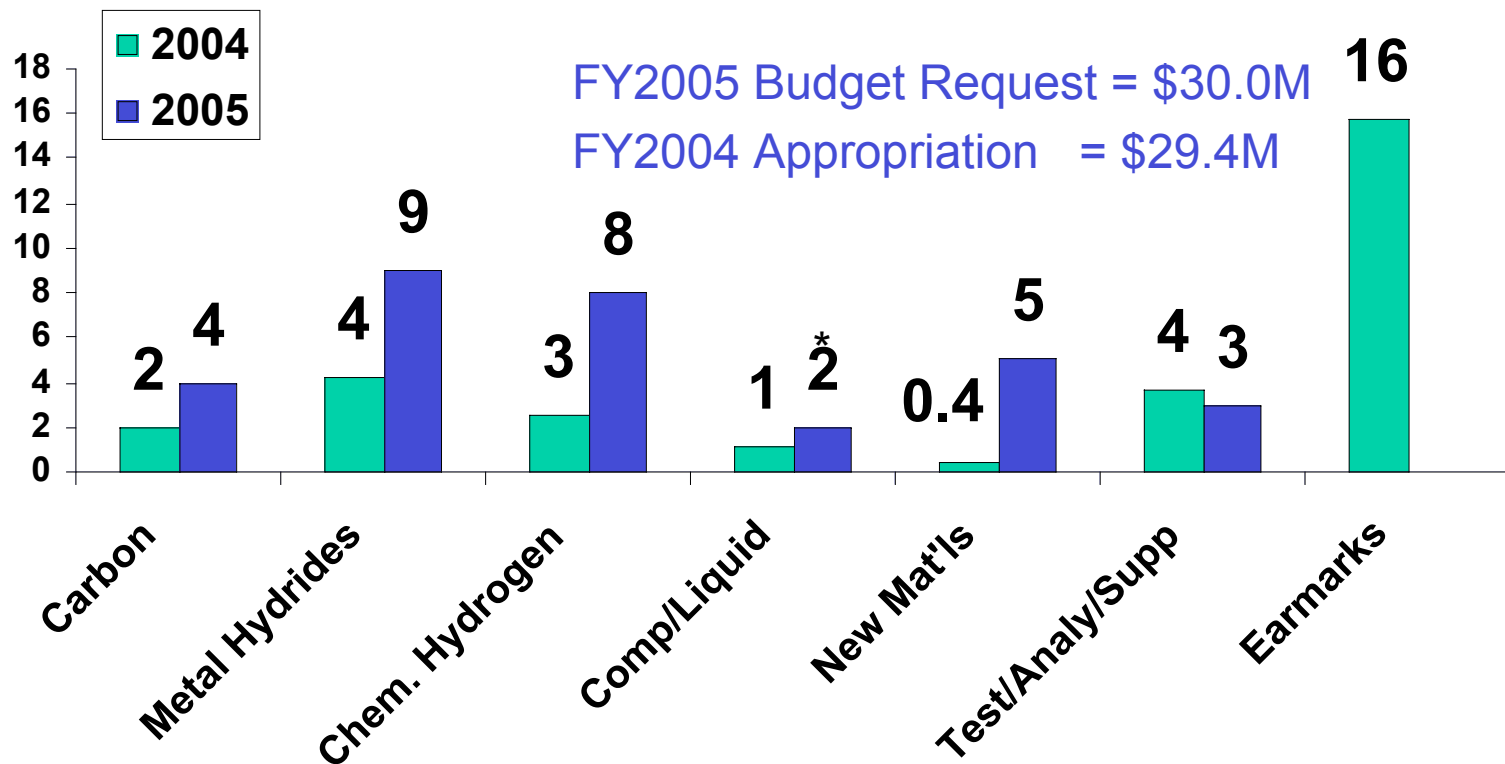
Compressed/ Liquid Tanks  
Quantum  
LLNL  
**Gas Technology Institute**



# Hydrogen Storage R&D – Funding Distribution

**Emphasis:** Centers of Excellence and new materials projects  
to focus on 2010 hydrogen storage goals:

– 2.0 kWh/kg, 1.5 kWh/liter, \$4/kWh

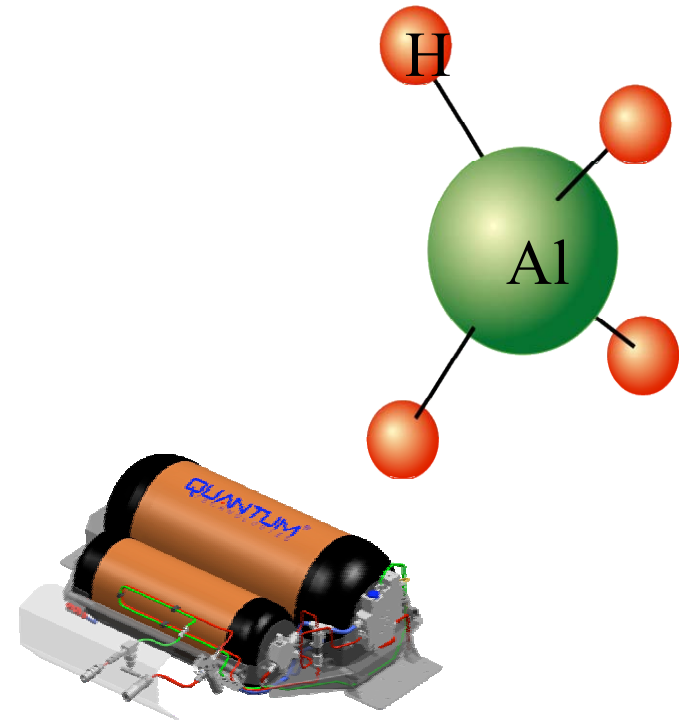


\* Focus of compressed and liquid hydrogen R&D is cost reduction and off-board storage.



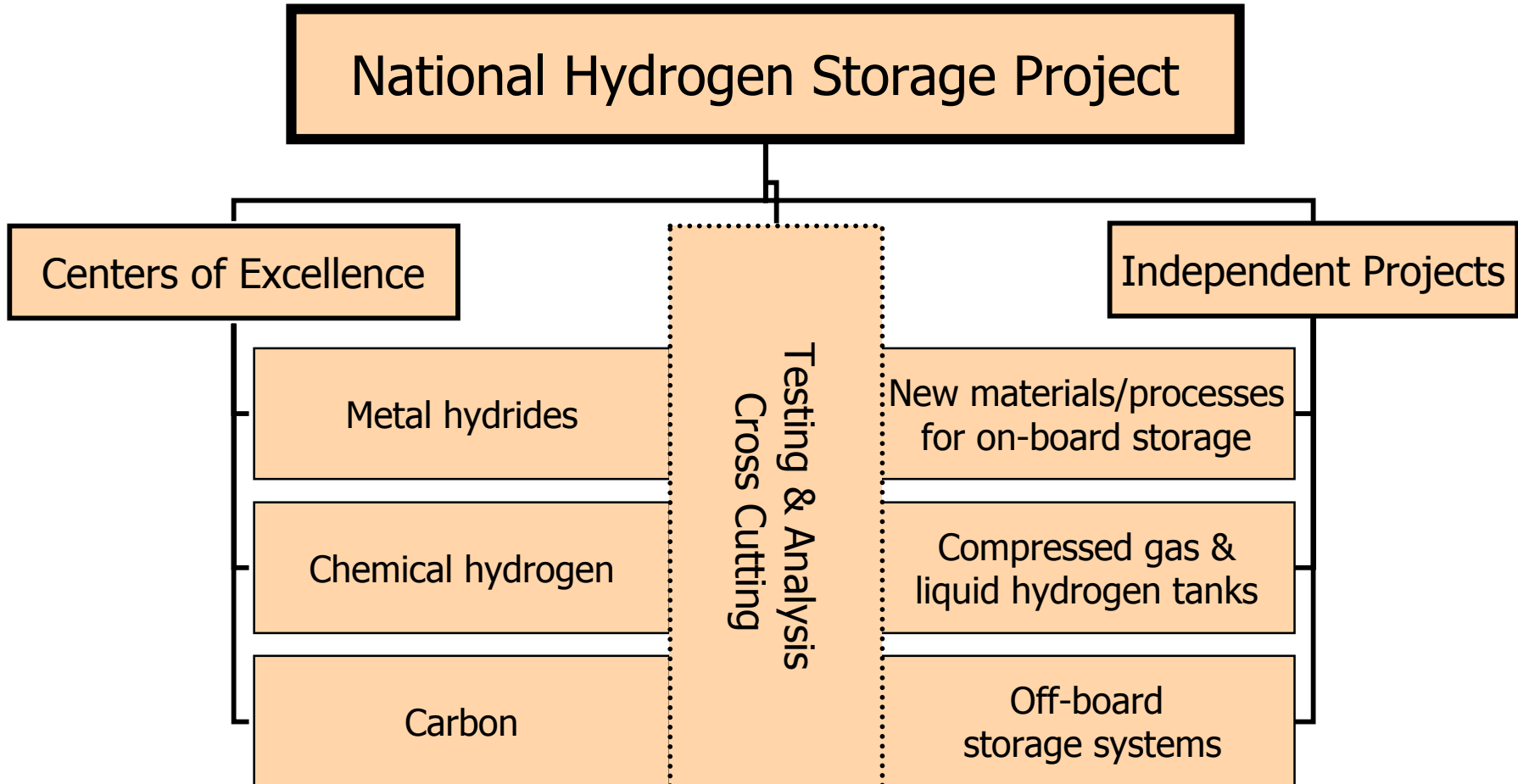
# 2003 Technical Accomplishments

- Identified methods to improve kinetics in solid-state materials & pathways to greater capacity (U. Hawaii, SNL)
- Demonstrated 10,000-psi tanks with improved energy density, 10X greater cycle life, & fast-fill capability (Quantum)
- Developed and tested novel 5000-psi cryo-compressed tank demonstrating good performance after cryogenic temperature cycling (LLNL)





The DOE “Grand Challenge” will form the basis of the National Hydrogen Storage Project.





## Sandia National Laboratory - Livermore

- Light element advanced complex hydrides
- Destabilized binary hydrides
- Intermetallic hydrides
- Lithium amides
- Other reversible hydrides

General Electric

Hughes Research Labs

Intematix Corp.

BNL

JPL

NIST

ORNL

CalTech

Stanford

Univ. of Hawaii

Univ. Illinois-UC

Univ. Nevada-Reno

Univ. of Pittsburgh

University of Utah





## Los Alamos National Laboratory in partnership with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

- Novel boron chemistry (boron hydrides, aminoboranes, polyborane anions)
- Regeneration chemistry & life cycle analysis
- Nanoparticles & light elements

Intematix Corp.

Millennium Cell

Rohm and Haas

Penn State

Univ. Alabama

UC-Davis

UCLA

Univ. of Pennsylvania

Univ. of Washington



## National Renewable Energy Laboratory

- Activated/hybrid carbon nanotubes
- Conducting polymers

- Metal organic frameworks
- Hybrid carbon aerogels
- Other novel carbon-based materials

Air Products & Chemicals

LLNL

NIST

ORNL

CalTech

Duke

Penn State

Rice Univ.

Univ. Michigan

Univ. NC - CH

Univ. of Pennsylvania



# Independent Projects

Fourteen independent projects will address new materials and/or processes.

Lead Institution	Area of Research
Alfred University	Glass microspheres – Photo enhanced diffusion
Michigan Technological University	Metal perhydrides
SUNY-Syracuse	Nanostructured activated carbon
UC-Berkeley	Magnesium nanomaterials
UC-Santa Barbara	Organic/inorganic framework materials, metal hydrogen complexes
University of Connecticut	Lithium nitride
University of Michigan	Metal organic frameworks
University of Missouri - St. Louis	Clathrates
University of Pennsylvania	Carbon based nanomaterials- carbide derived carbon
Carnegie Institute	Clathrates
Research Triangle Institute	Amine borane complexes
Gas Technology Institute	Electron charged graphite; Off-Board Storage
TOFTEC, Inc.	Carbon and boron nitride
TIAX LLC	System analysis on fuel chain efficiency, environmental impact and cost



# Key Milestones



Complete construction of materials test facility (4Q, 2004)

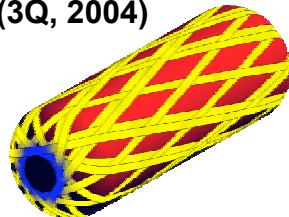
Validate compressed and liquid tanks in complete system achieving 2005 targets (3Q, 2006)

Complete chemical hydride life-cycle analysis (3Q, 2006)



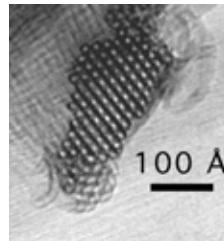
2004

Complete assessment of composite materials and design parameters for 10K psi compressed tank (3Q, 2004)



2005

Demonstrate 4 wt% storage capacity on carbon nanotubes (4Q, 2005)



2006

Down-select from chemical hydrides (4Q, 2006)

Down-select complex hydride materials (4Q, 2006)

Down-select new materials / concepts (4Q, 2006)

Go/no-go decision on carbon nanotubes (4Q, 2006)

2007



### DOE Hydrogen Storage Team

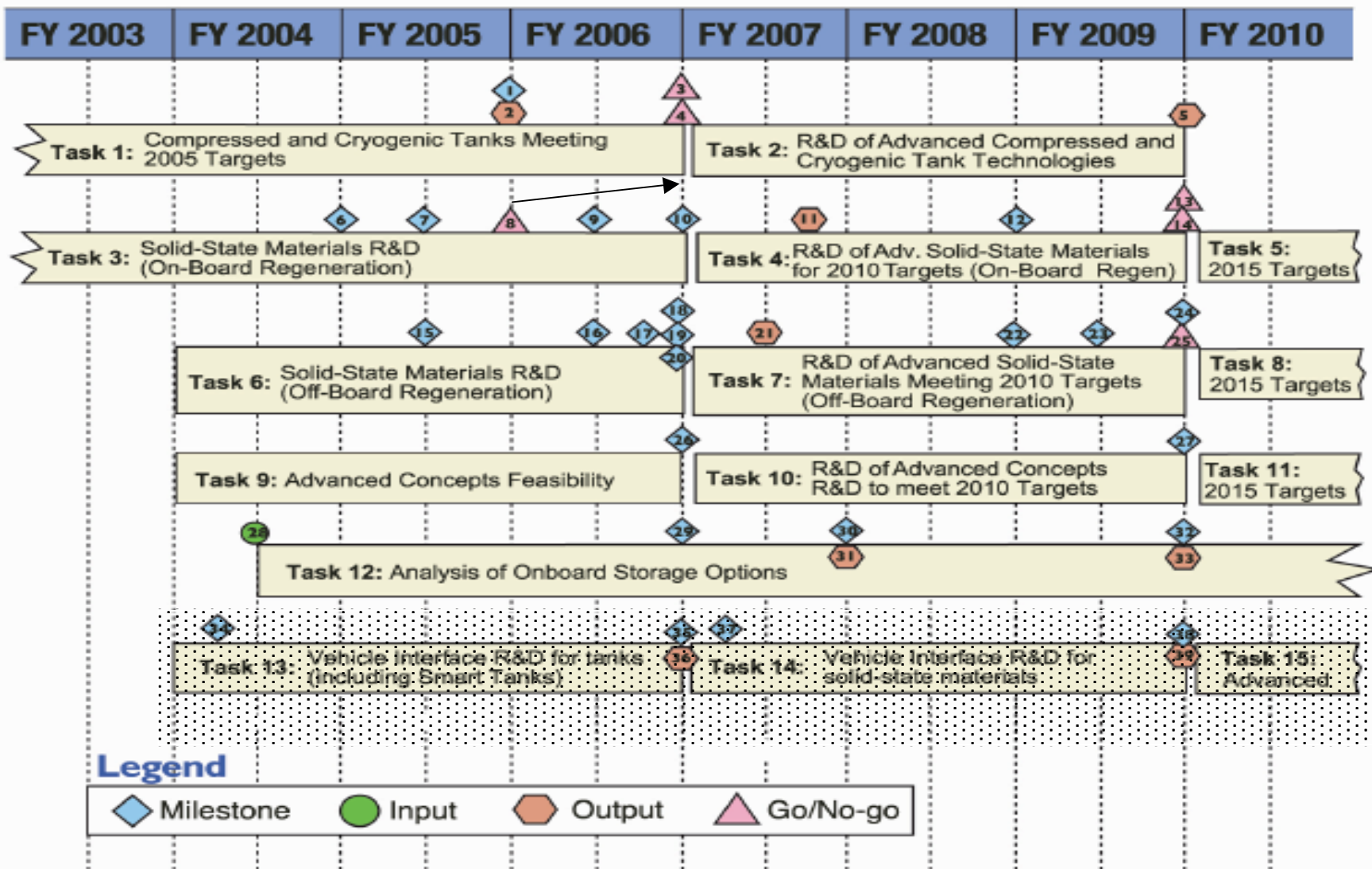
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# *Detailed R&D Timeline/Milestones*



# Hydrogen Storage R&D





## Compressed/Liquid Tanks

1. Complete feasibility study of hybrid tank concepts (4Q, 2005)
2. **Compressed and cryogenic liquid storage tanks achieving the 2005 targets to Tech Val (3Q, 2006)**
3. Go/no-go decision on insulated pressure vessels for cryogenic tanks with minimum evaporative losses (4Q, 2006)
4. Go/No-Go decision on liquid and compressed tank technologies (4Q, 2006)
5. Advanced compressed/cryo tank technologies to Tech Val (4Q, 2009)

## Reversible Solid-State Materials

6. **Complete construction of materials test facility (4Q, 2004)**
7. Complete verification of test facility (2Q, 2005)
8. **Go/no-go decision point on carbon nanotubes (4Q, 2006) (Reproducibility plan in place)**
9. Complete prototype complex hydride integrated system meeting 2005 targets (2Q, 2006)
10. **Downselect complex hydride materials (4Q, 2006)**
11. Complex hydride integrated system meeting 2005 targets (3Q, 2007, to fuel cells and technology validation)
12. Complete prototype complex hydride integrated system meeting 2010 targets (4Q, 2008)
13. Go/no-go decision on continuation of complex hydride R&D (4Q, 2009)
14. Go/no-go decision point on other carbon nanostructures (4Q, 2009)

## Chemical Storage

15. Downselect from hydride regeneration processes (2Q, 2005)
16. Demonstrate efficient hydride regeneration laboratory process (2Q, 2006)
17. **Complete chemical hydride life-cycle analysis (3Q, 2006)**
18. Demonstrate scaled-up hydride regeneration process (4Q, 2006)
19. Complete prototype hydride integrated system (4Q, 2006)
20. Downselect from chemical storage approaches for 2010 targets (4Q, 2006)
21. Full-cycle, integrated chemical hydride system meeting 2005 targets (2Q, 2007, to fuel cells and technology validation)
22. Demonstrate advanced hydride regeneration laboratory process (4Q, 2008)
23. Complete prototype advanced chemical storage integrated system (2Q, 2009)
24. Demonstrate scaled-up advanced hydride regeneration process (4Q, 2009)
25. Go/no-go decision point on chemical storage R&D for 2015 targets (4Q, 2009)





## Milestones, cont'd

### New Materials/Concepts

26. **Downselect from new materials/concepts (4Q, 2006)**
27. Downselect the two most promising new materials/concepts for continued development (4Q, 2009)

### Analysis

28. Safety requirements/protocols for onboard storage (3Q, 2004, from safety)
29. Update onboard storage targets (4Q, 2006)
30. Complete analysis of best storage option for 2010 targets (4Q, 2007)
31. Analysis results to delivery (4Q, 2007)
32. Complete analysis of best storage option for 2015 targets (4Q, 2009)
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