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# Hydrogen Storage

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# Outline

- **Goals and Objectives**
  - Targets & challenges
- **Budget**
- **Progress**
  - Results in the last year
  - R&D examples
- **Future Plans**



# Hydrogen Storage: The “Grand Challenge”

**Goal: On-board hydrogen storage for > 300 mile driving range and meet all performance (wt, vol, kinetics, etc.) , safety and cost requirements.**

These  
Are  
System  
Targets



Material  
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must be  
higher!

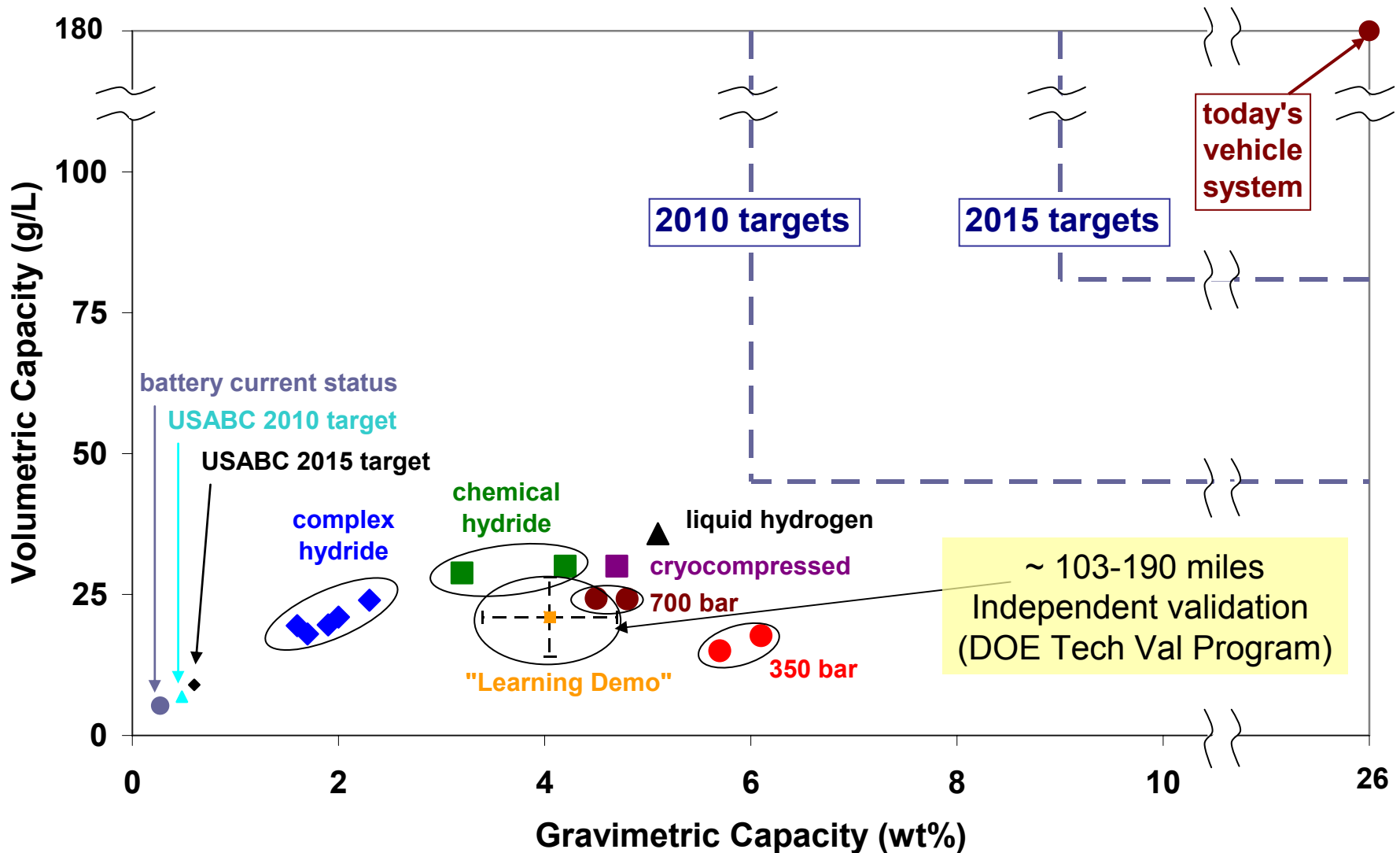
Examples of Targets	2010	2015
System Gravimetric Capacity (net)	<b>6 wt.%</b> <b>(2.0 kWh/kg)</b>	<b>9 wt.%</b> <b>(3.0 kWh/kg)</b>
System Volumetric Capacity (net)	<b>1.5 kWh/L</b> <b>(45 g/L)</b>	<b>2.7 kWh/L</b> <b>(81 g/L)</b>
Storage System Cost	<b>\$4/kWh</b> <b>(~\$133/kg H<sub>2</sub>)</b>	<b>\$2/kWh</b> <b>(\$67/kg H<sub>2</sub>)</b>
Min. Full Flow Rate	<b>0.02 g/s/kW</b>	<b>0.02 g/s/kW</b>
Refueling Time (for 5 kg)	<b>3 min</b>	<b>2.5 min</b>
Cycle Life (Durability)	<b>1000 cycles</b>	<b>1500 cycles</b>





# Current Status vs. Targets

No technology meets targets- results include data from vehicle validation

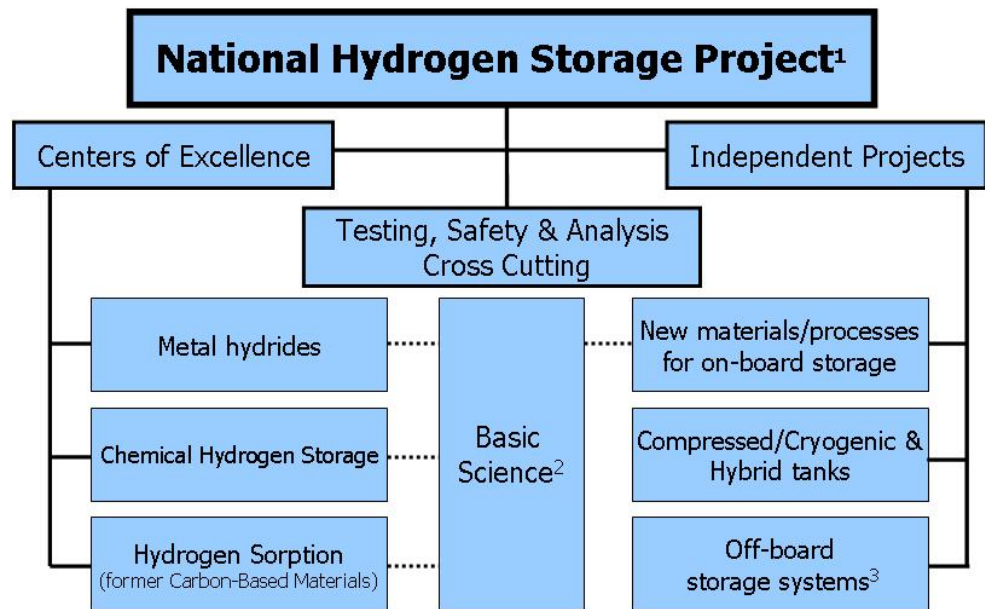


Estimates from developers & analysis results; periodically updated by DOE. "Learning Demo" data is for 63 vehicles.



# Strategy: Diverse Portfolio with Materials Focus

“...DOE should continue to elicit new concepts and ideas, because **success in overcoming the major stumbling block of on-board storage is critical** for the future of transportation use of fuel cells.”<sup>1</sup>



1. Coordinated by DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure Technologies

2. Basic science for hydrogen storage conducted through DOE Office of Science, Basic Energy Sciences

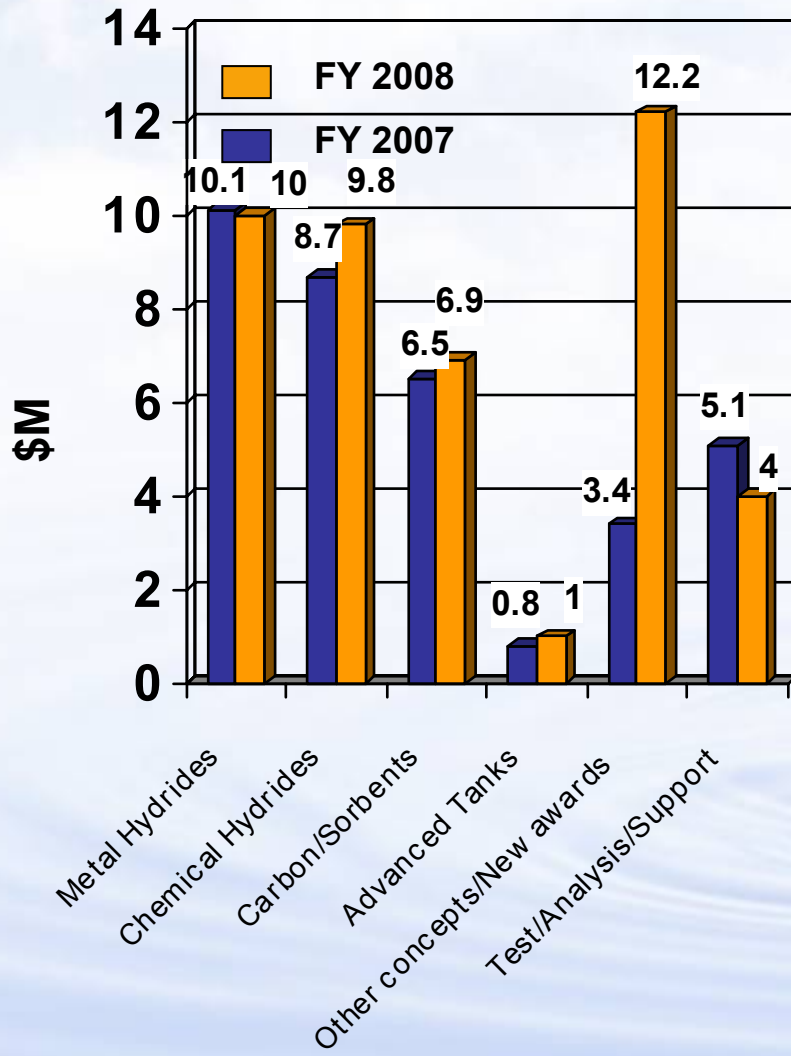
3. Coordinated with Delivery Program element

- **Balanced portfolio**
- **~ 40 universities, 15 companies, 10 federal labs**
- **Aims to address NAS & other peer review recommendations**
- **Annual solicitation for increased flexibility**
- **Close coordination with basic science**
- **Coordination with industry, other agencies & globally**



# Applied R&D Hydrogen Storage Budget

FY2008 Budget Request = \$43.9M  
FY2007 Appropriation = \$34.6M  
(FY2006 Appropriation = \$26.0M)



- **Emphasis:** Ramp up materials R&D through CoE & independent projects
- Tailor materials to focus on T, P, kinetics (as well as capacity)
- New Center of Excellence planned-Engineering Sciences\*

**Close coordination with Basic Science**  
\$36.4M (FY07)  
\$59.5M (FY08)  
**Includes basic science for hydrogen storage, production and use (e.g., catalysis, membranes, etc.)**

\*subject to appropriations



# Selected Examples of Progress: High capacity materials also focused on improving thermodynamics, kinetics, regeneration

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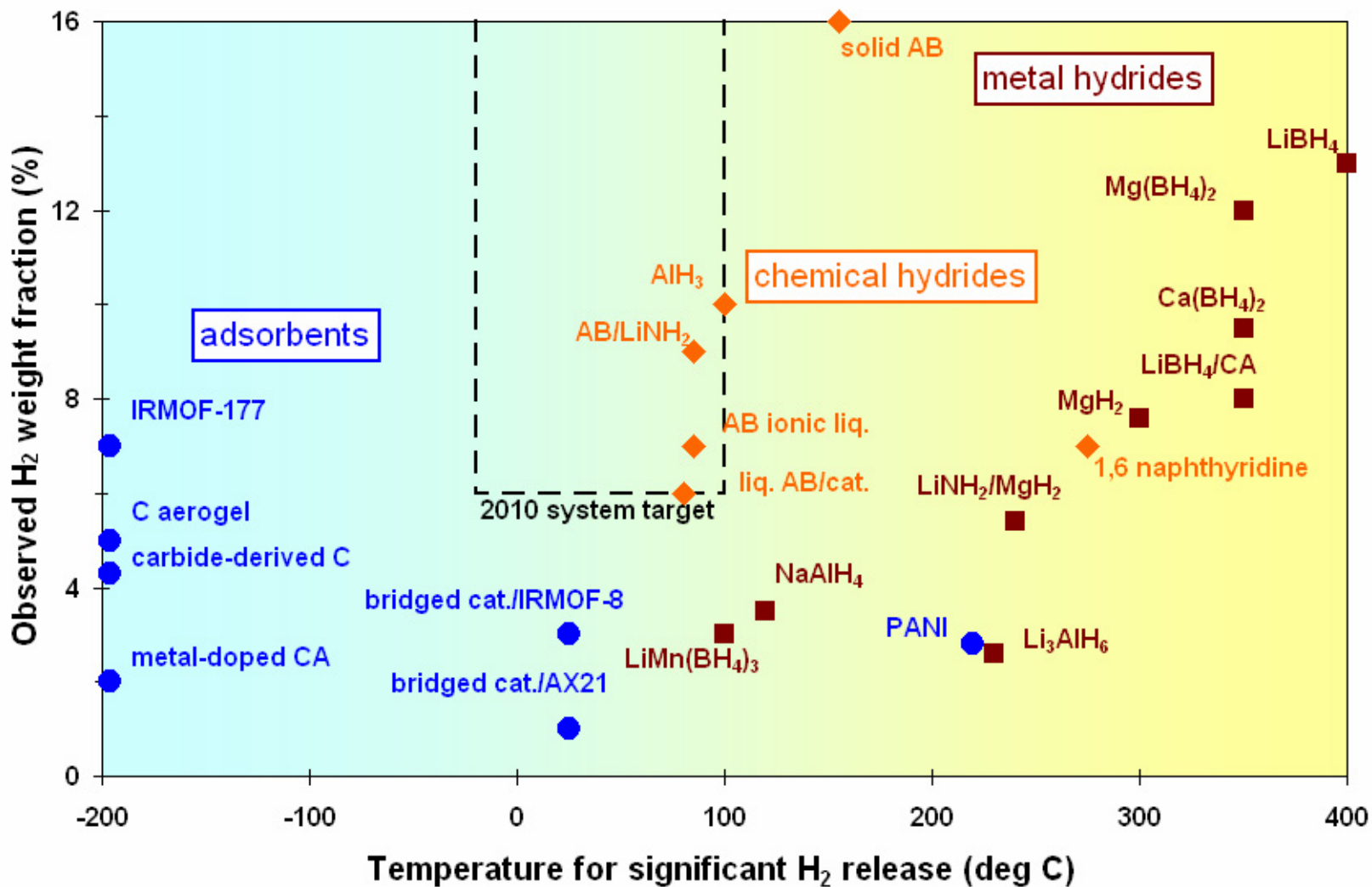
Metal Hydrides	Chemical H <sub>2</sub> Storage	Adsorbents/Carbon
<p>Alane ~8-10 wt%, ~150 g/L (&lt;150 C) Borohydrides &gt;9 wt%, ~100 g/L (~250 - 350 C) Destabilized Binary hydrides ~5-7wt%, ~60-90 g/L (~250 C) Li Mg Amides ~5.5wt%, ~80 g/L (&gt;200 C)</p>	<p>4,7 Phenanthroline (organic liquids) ~7 wt%, ~65 g/L (&lt;225 C) Seeded Ammonia Borane ~9 wt%, ~90 g/L (&gt;120 C) Ammonia Borane/Li amide ~7 wt%, ~54 g/L (~85 C)</p>	<p>Metal-Organic Frameworks IRMOF-177 ~7 wt%, ~30 g/L (77K) Bridged catalysts/IRMOF-8 ~1.8 wt.%, ~10 g/L (room temperature) Metal/carbon hybrids, MetCars (*theory) ~6-8wt%*, ~39 g/L*</p>

2007

<p>Alane (AlH<sub>3</sub>) regeneration Chemical, electrochemical, supercritical fluids</p> <p>LiBH<sub>4</sub>/C aerogels 6-8 wt.%, ~55-75 g/L (~300 C)</p> <p>Reversible Ca(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> ~9.6 wt.%, ~105 g/L (~350 C) Mn(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 9-13 wt.% (&gt;100 C) Mg(BH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 9-12 wt.%, ~110 g/L (~350 C)</p> <p>Destabilized hydrides DFT identified new reactions LiBH<sub>4</sub>/MgH<sub>2</sub>, CaH<sub>2</sub>/LiBH<sub>4</sub>, LiNH<sub>2</sub>/LiH/Si</p>	<p>1,6-Naphthyridine ~7 wt.%, ~70 g/L (275 C) Surface supported catalyst</p> <p>Amine boranes Ionic liquids ~7 wt.%, 39 g/L (85 C) AB/LiNH<sub>2</sub>, AB/LiH ~9 wt.%, ~70 g/L (85 C) Solid AB &gt;16 wt.%, &gt;199 g/L (155 C) (&gt;3g/s/kgAB) Liquid AB/catalyst ~ 6 wt.% (~ 80 C) Regeneration 2 step process, est.&gt;50% eff.</p>	<p>Bridged cat./IRMOF-8 &gt;3 wt.%, 100 bar (25 C) ~20 kJ/mol Bridged cat./AX-21 &gt;1 wt.%, 100 bar (25 C)</p> <p>C aerogels ~5 wt.%, ~30 g/L (77 K) Metal-doped C aerogels ~2 wt.% (77 K) ~7-7.5 kJ/mol</p> <p>PANI 2.8 wt.%, 25 bar (25 C) Release at ~100-220 C</p>
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# Progress: Material Capacity vs. Temperature



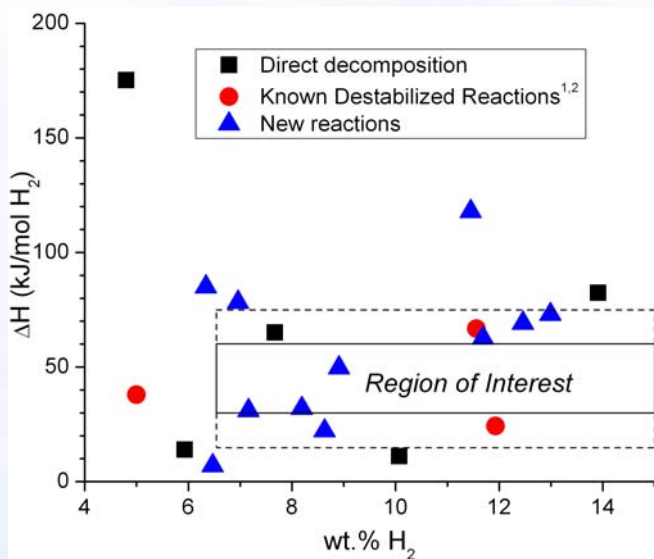




# Results: Theory Guided Materials Discovery

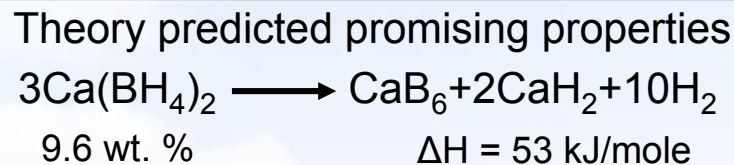
## Theory for rapid screening

- >160 compounds
- >300 reactions
- Energetically favored systems identified

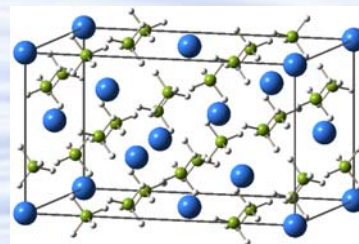
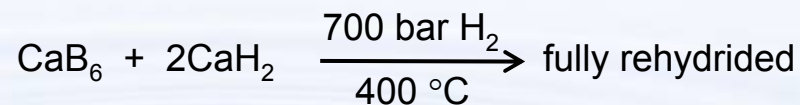
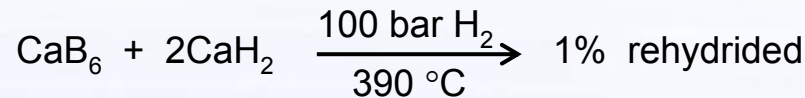


Alapati, Johnson and Sholl,  
*J. Phys. Chem. B* 110 (2006) 8769

## Example: Experimental progress



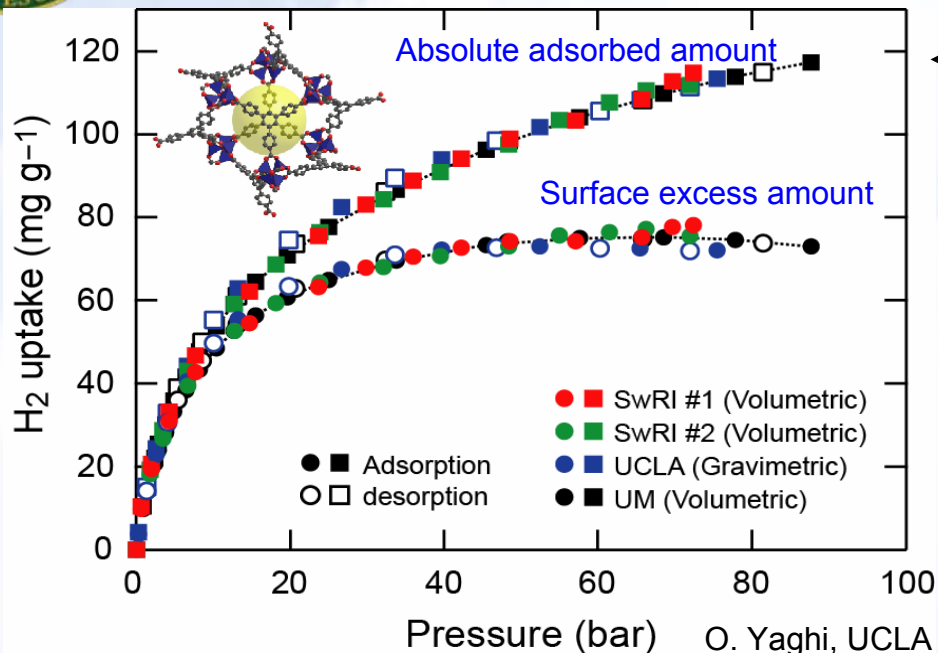
Developed synthesis route (75-80% yield)  
Reversibility demonstrated



E. Ronnebro, E. Majzoub et al. Sandia



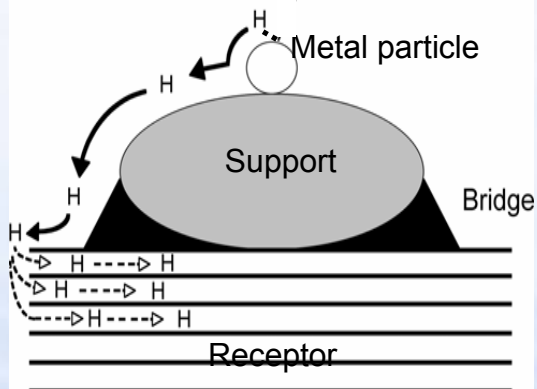
# Results: Sorbent Materials



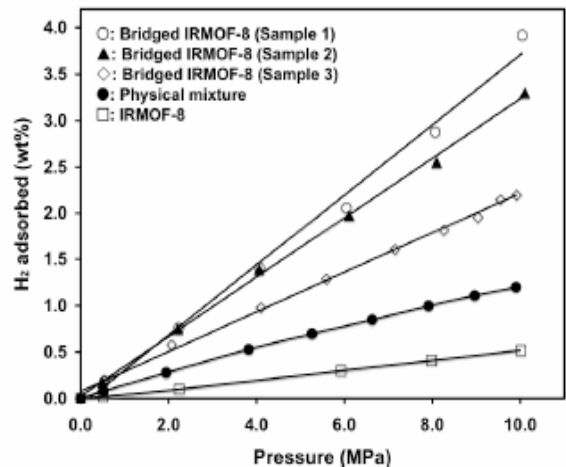
← Independent verification of MOF-177 (O. Yaghi et al.- highest capacity to date worldwide; > 7 wt.%, 77 K)

Independent verification of > 2x increase in capacity due to spillover (R. Yang et al.)

Spillover by Yang, U Michigan

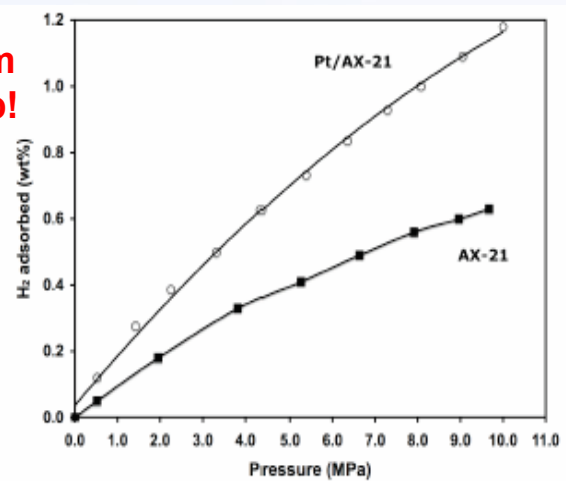


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**Room Temp!**



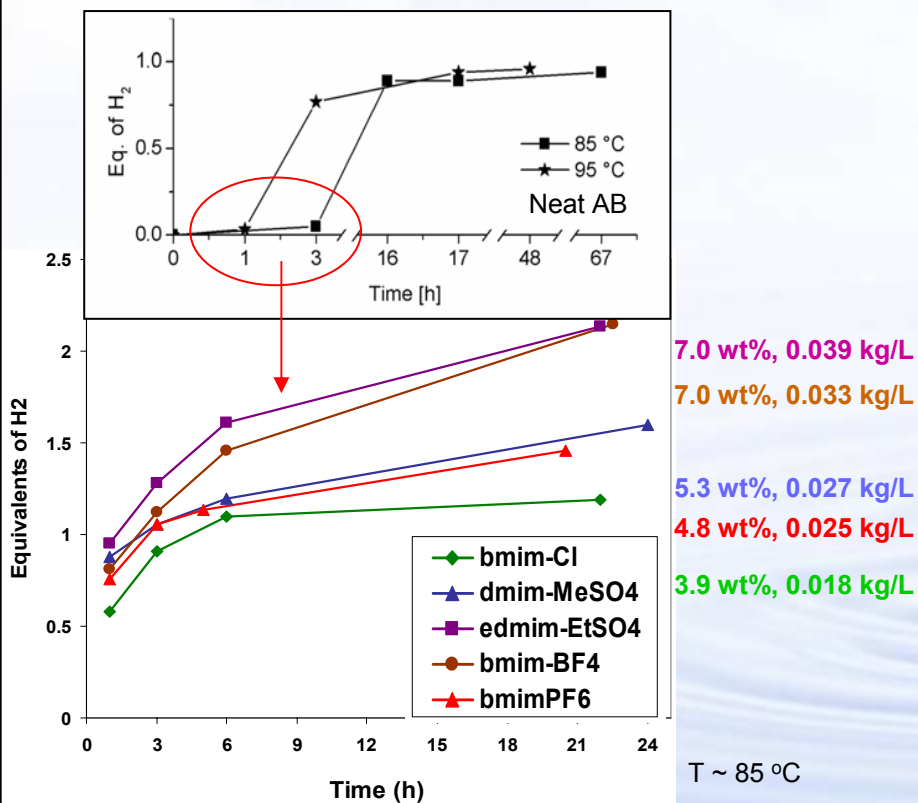
R. Yang, U MI, P. Parilla, et al., NREL & HS Center



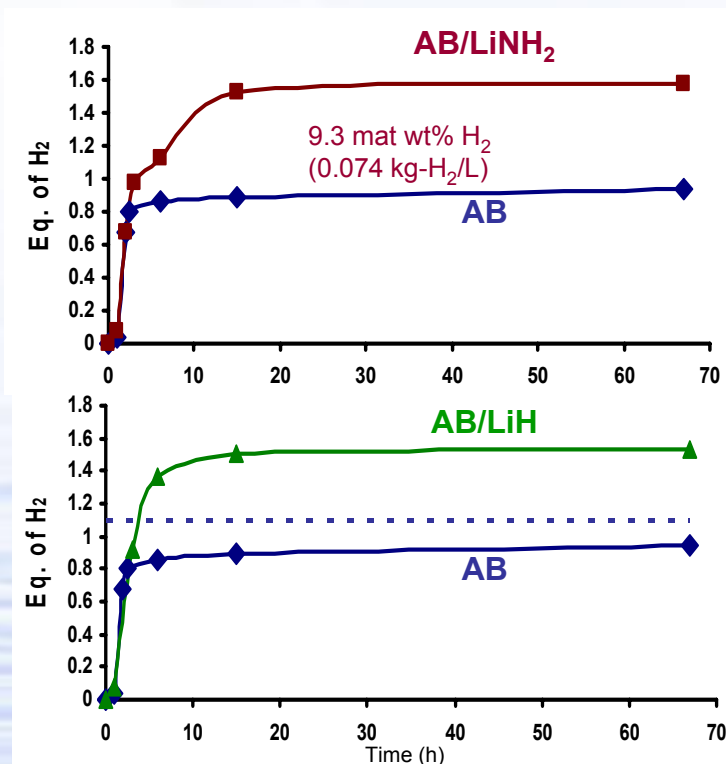
# Results: AmineBoranes- Hydrogen Release



New ionic liquids enhance H release; eliminate induction time



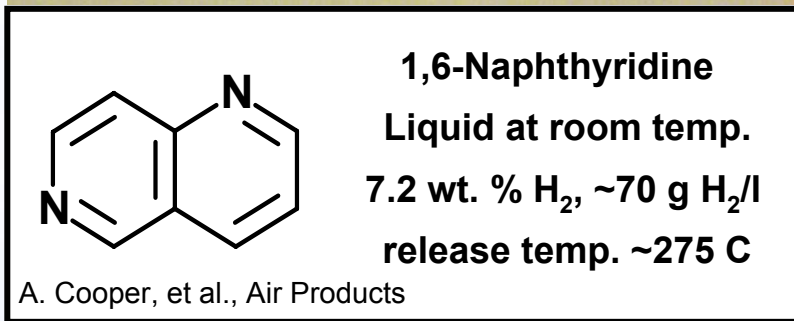
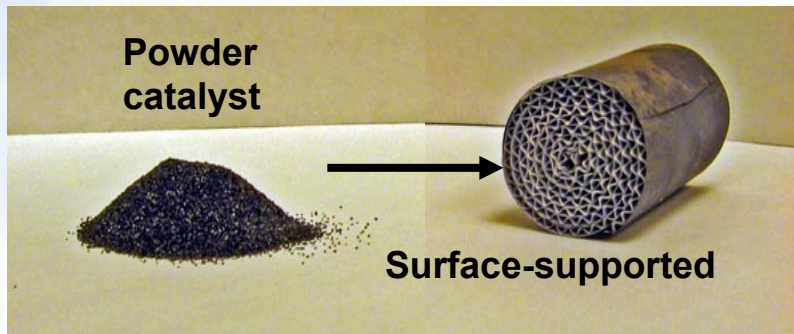
Chemical promoters enhance H release in ammonia borane (AB)



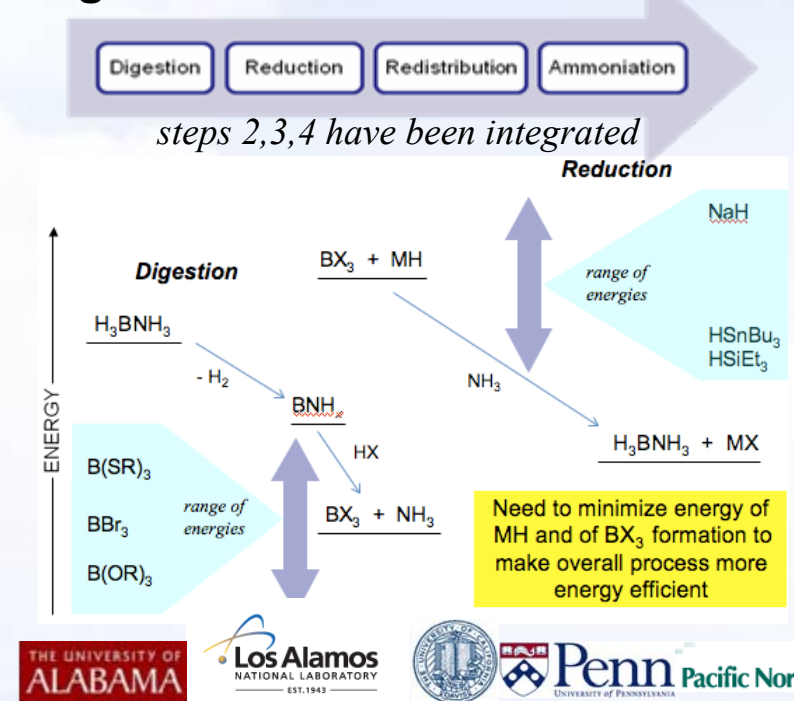


# Results: Liquid Carriers and Systems Analysis

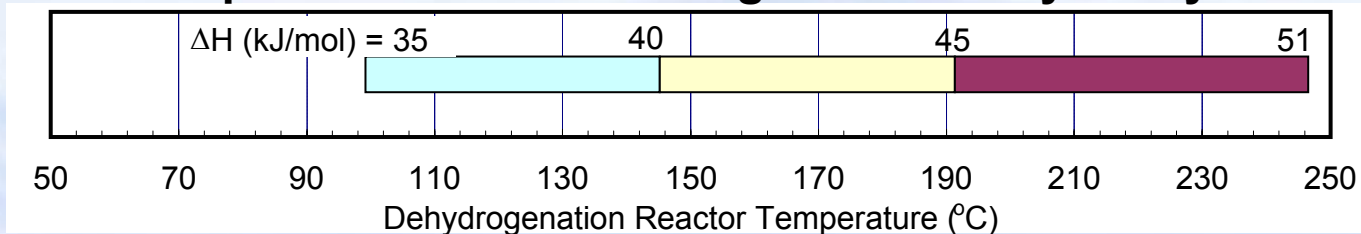
## Organic liquid carriers & catalysts



## Regeneration of Ammonia Borane



## Example of Reactor Modeling & Sensitivity Analysis





# Results: Regeneration Option Assessments

## Example of systematic approach to down-selects

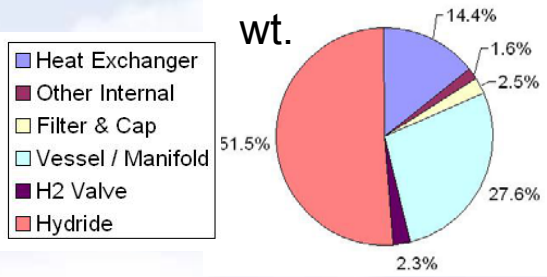
Option Criterion	Weighting	Schlesinger	Metal Reduction					Carbothermal	Elemental	Echem			Borane			Metathesis
			Mg	Al	Ti	Si	Zn			1-stop	2-step	HT melts	BCI3	TMB	M + B2O3	
<b>Chemistry demonstrated</b>	Pref	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Cost/per unit H2 (NaBH4)</b>																
Energy consump (theor efficiency)	25	1	5	7	7	7										
Raw material consump - high conv /yields	25	3	8	7	7	7										
Low operating severity	5	7	8	8	8	8										
Few chemical reactions	5	5	8	8	8	8										
Few separation/processing steps	5	5	8	8	8	8										
<b>Capital cost, \$ per unit H2 (NaBH4)</b>																
Low complexity	10	6	8	8	8	8										
Low technical risk	5	10	7	7	7	7										
<b>EHS (environmental / health / safety)</b>																
Emissions, wastes, CO2	10	10	8	8	8	8										
toxicity, safety, flammability, H2O-reactive other ecological components?	5	8	7	6	7	7										
<b>Logistics (supply / distribution)</b>																
Abundant raw materials	5	10	7	10	7	8	6	10	8	10	10	10	10	10	8	10
<b>Total Score</b>		<b>485</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>560</b>

- Assess efficiency potential & other factors for viable chemical carriers
- Develop & demonstrate chemistry & processes to improve regeneration efficiency



# Results: Systems, Safety, Testing & Analyses

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Prototype Built (Ti-NaAlH<sub>4</sub>)



Estimated 2.0 wt% & 21 g/L  
(Projected 2.3 wt.% and 24 g/L)

Mosher, et al, UTRC

## Cryo-Compressed Tank Concept Demonstrated w/ DOE Tech Val.

4.7 wt. %

30 g/L

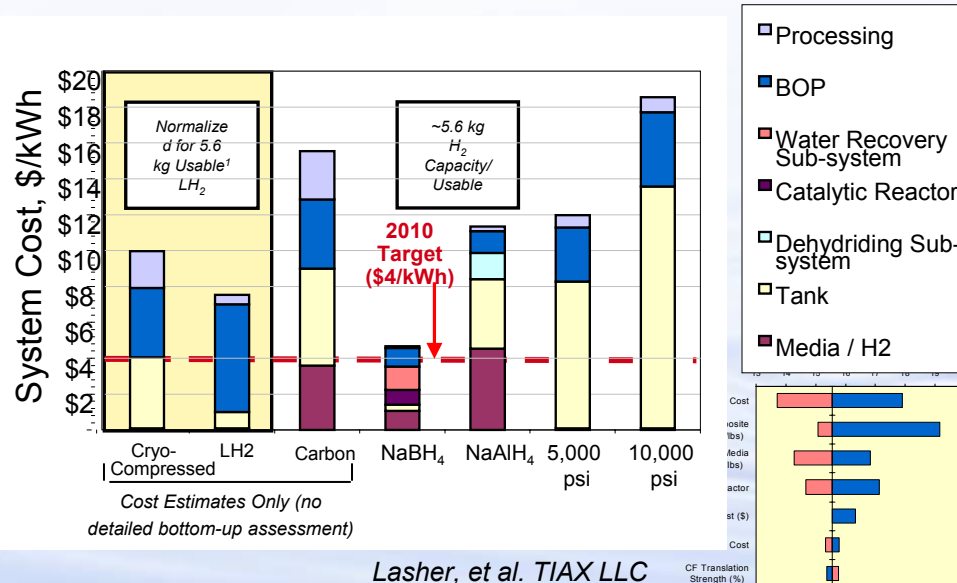
(ANL estimate)



Aceves, Berry, et al, LLNL

## Examples of Storage System Cost Analyses

Sensitivity analysis shows key cost drivers



Lasher, et al. TIAX LLC

## SwRI- Independent testing underway

## New: Storage Materials & Systems Safety (U.S., Japan, Germany, Canada)





# Examples of Hydrogen Storage Collaboration



## IEA – HIA TASK 22

*A total of 43 projects have been proposed for Task 22. This includes participation by 15 countries, 43 organizations, and 46 official experts.*

### Project Types:

- Experimental
- Engineering
- Theoretical Modeling (scientific or engineering)
- Safety Aspects of Hydrogen Storage Materials

### Classes of Storage Media

- Reversible Metal Hydrides
- Regenerative Hydrogen Storage Materials
- Nanoporous Materials
- Rechargeable Organic Liquids and Solids



- **Reversible Solid State Hydrogen Storage for Fuel Cell Power supply system** (*Russian Academy of Sciences*)
- **NESSHY – Novel Efficient Solid Storage for Hydrogen** (*National Center for Scientific Research “Demokritos,” EU*)
- **Hydrodes & Nanocomposites in Hydrogen Ball Mills** (*University of Waterloo, Canada*)
- **Combination of Amine Boranes with  $MgH_2$  &  $LiNH_2$**  (*Los Alamos & Pacific Northwest National Labs, USA*)
- **Fundamental Safety Testing & Analysis** (*Savannah River National Lab, USA*)



### DoD: DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

#### *New Storage Awards (4/07):*

- **High throughput - Combinatorial Screening:** U of Central Florida, UC Berkeley & Symyx, Miami U (Ohio) & NREL
- **Reversible System Dev't & Demonstration:** Energy Conversion Devices, U of Missouri (phase 1 design)

### Interagency Hydrogen R&D Task Force (OSTP)

NSF- proposal review in process (5/07)

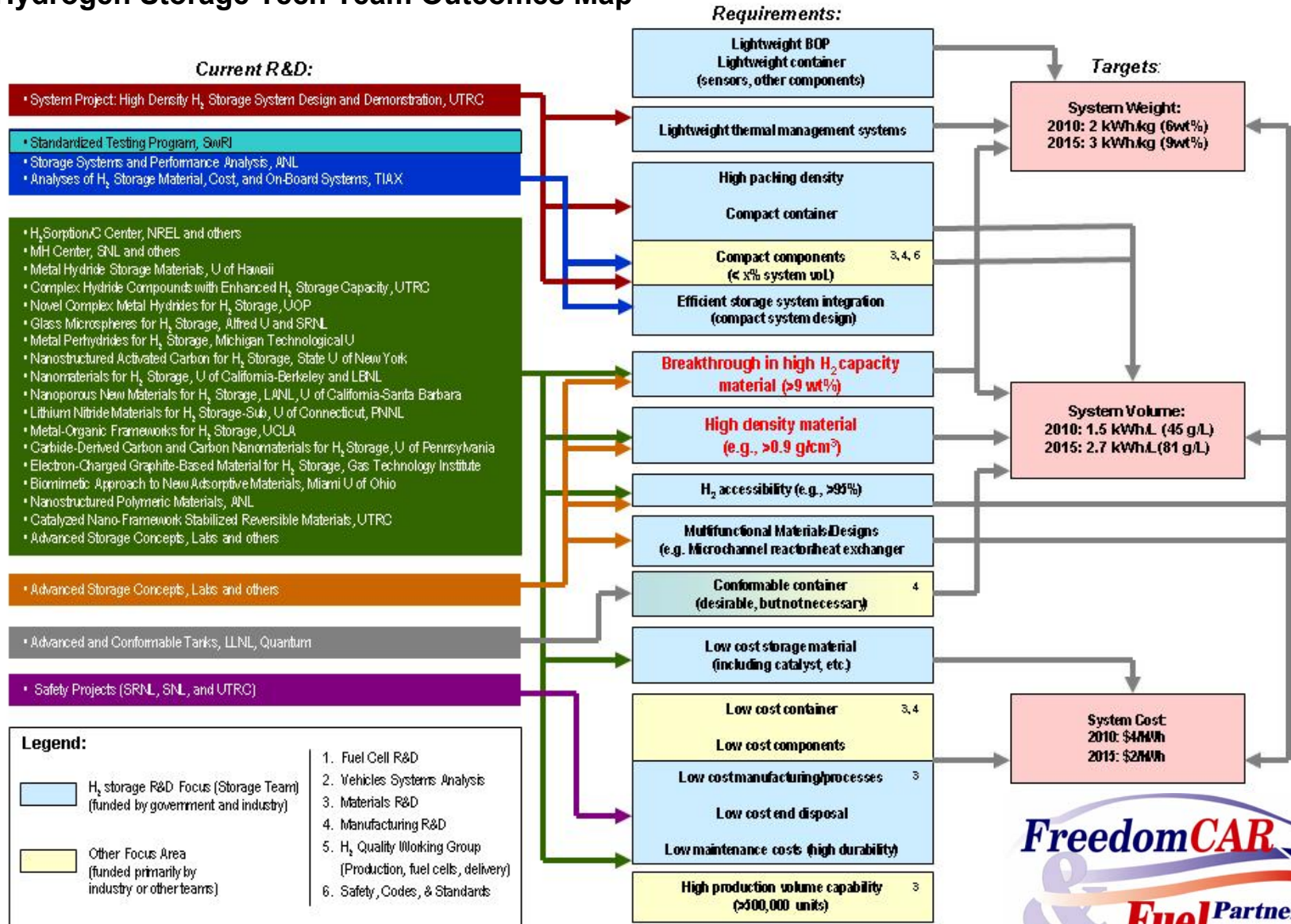
NIST- neutron scattering



# Strategy & Execution

## Example- maps portfolio & requirements to meet targets

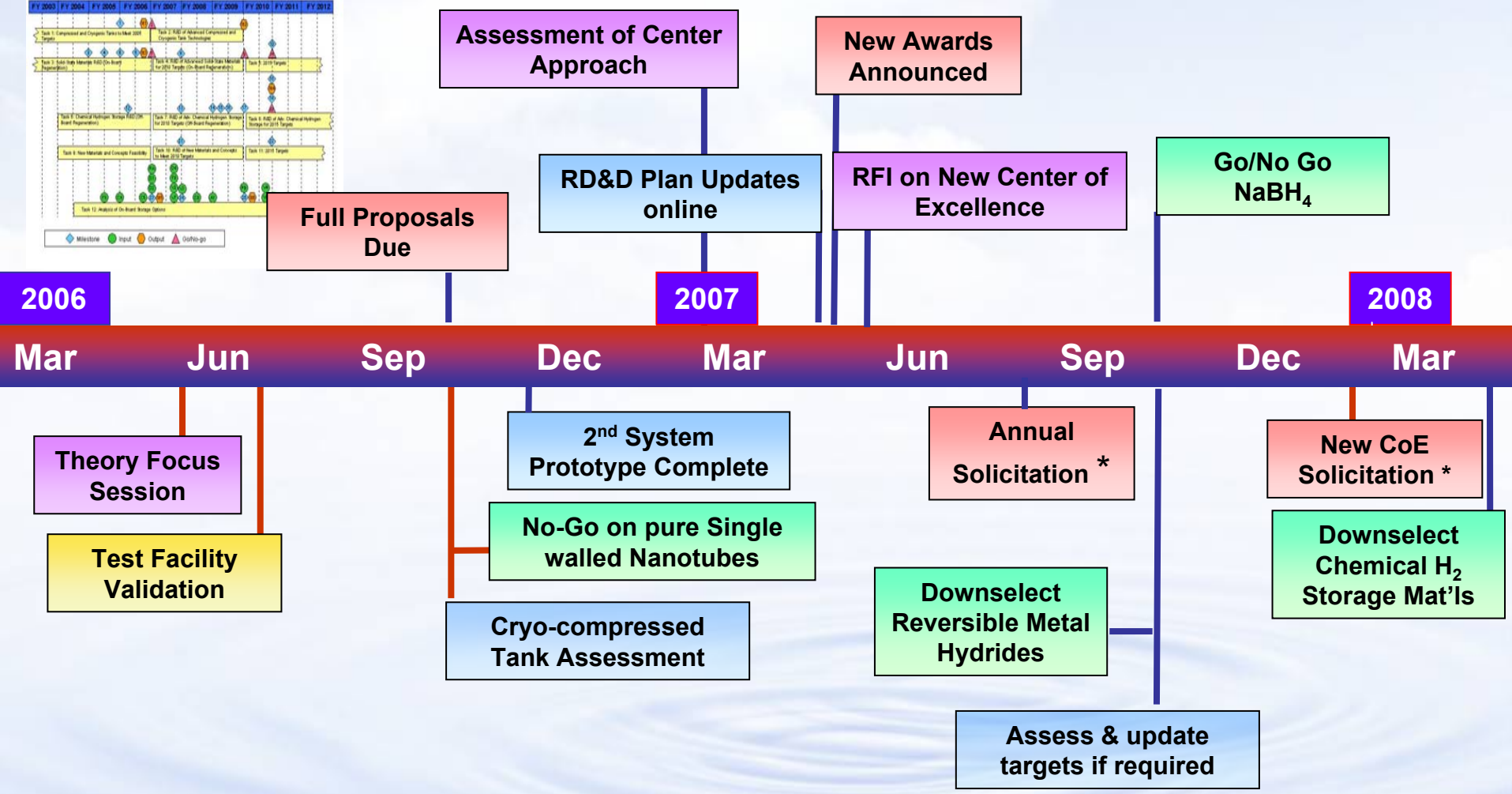
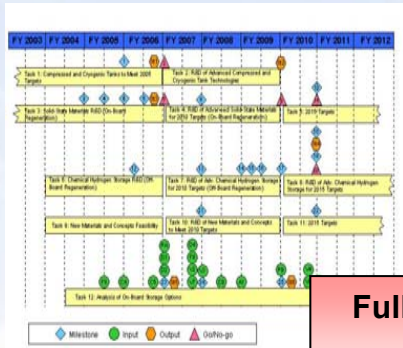
### Hydrogen Storage Tech Team Outcomes Map







# Key Milestones & Future Plans



**Keep up the sustained effort and high technical quality work & be flexible!  
Address volumetric capacity, T, P, kinetics, etc. (not just wt. %!)**

\*Subject to appropriations and direction



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**Professor Alan MacDiarmid\***  
**1927-2007**

\*2000 Nobel Prize in Chemistry (conducting polymers)



**Thank you**



# Additional Information



# Applied R&D Hydrogen Storage “Grand Challenge” Partners: Diverse Portfolio with University, Industry and National Lab Participation

## Centers of Excellence

### Metal Hydride Center

**National Laboratory:**  
Sandia-Livermore

**Industrial partners:**  
General Electric  
HRL Laboratories  
Intematix Corp.

**Universities:**  
CalTech  
Stanford  
Pitt/CMU  
Hawaii  
Illinois  
Nevada-Reno  
Utah

**Federal Lab Partners:**  
Brookhaven  
JPL, NIST  
Oak Ridge  
Savannah River

### Hydrogen Sorption Center

**National Laboratory:**  
NREL

**Industrial partners:**  
Air Products & Chemicals

**Universities:**  
CalTech  
Duke  
Penn State  
Rice  
Michigan  
North Carolina  
Pennsylvania

**Federal Lab Partners:**  
Lawrence Livermore  
NIST  
Oak Ridge

### Chemical Hydrogen Storage Center

**National Laboratories:**  
Los Alamos  
Pacific Northwest

**Industrial partners:**  
Intematix Corp.  
Millennium Cell  
Rohm & Haas  
US Borax

**Universities:**  
Northern Arizona  
Penn State  
Alabama  
California-Davis  
Univ. of Missouri  
Pennsylvania  
Washington

## Independent Projects

### **Advanced Metal Hydrides**

UTRC, UOP  
Savannah River Nat'l Lab  
Univ. of Connecticut

### **Sorbent/Carbon-based Materials**

UCLA  
State University of New York  
Gas Technology Institute  
UPenn & Drexel Univ.  
Miami Univ. of Ohio

### **Chemical Hydrogen Storage**

Air Products & Chemicals  
RTI  
Millennium Cell  
Safe Hydrogen LLC  
Univ. of Hawaii

### **Other New Materials & Concepts**

Alfred University  
Michigan Technological University  
UC-Berkeley/LBL  
UC-Santa Barbara  
Argonne Nat'l Lab

### **Tanks, Safety, Analysis & Testing**

Lawrence Livermore Nat'l Lab  
Quantum  
Argonne Nat'l Lab, TIAX LLC  
SwRI, UTRC, Sandia Nat'l Lab  
Savannah River Nat'l Lab

### Coordination with: Basic Science (Office of Science, BES)

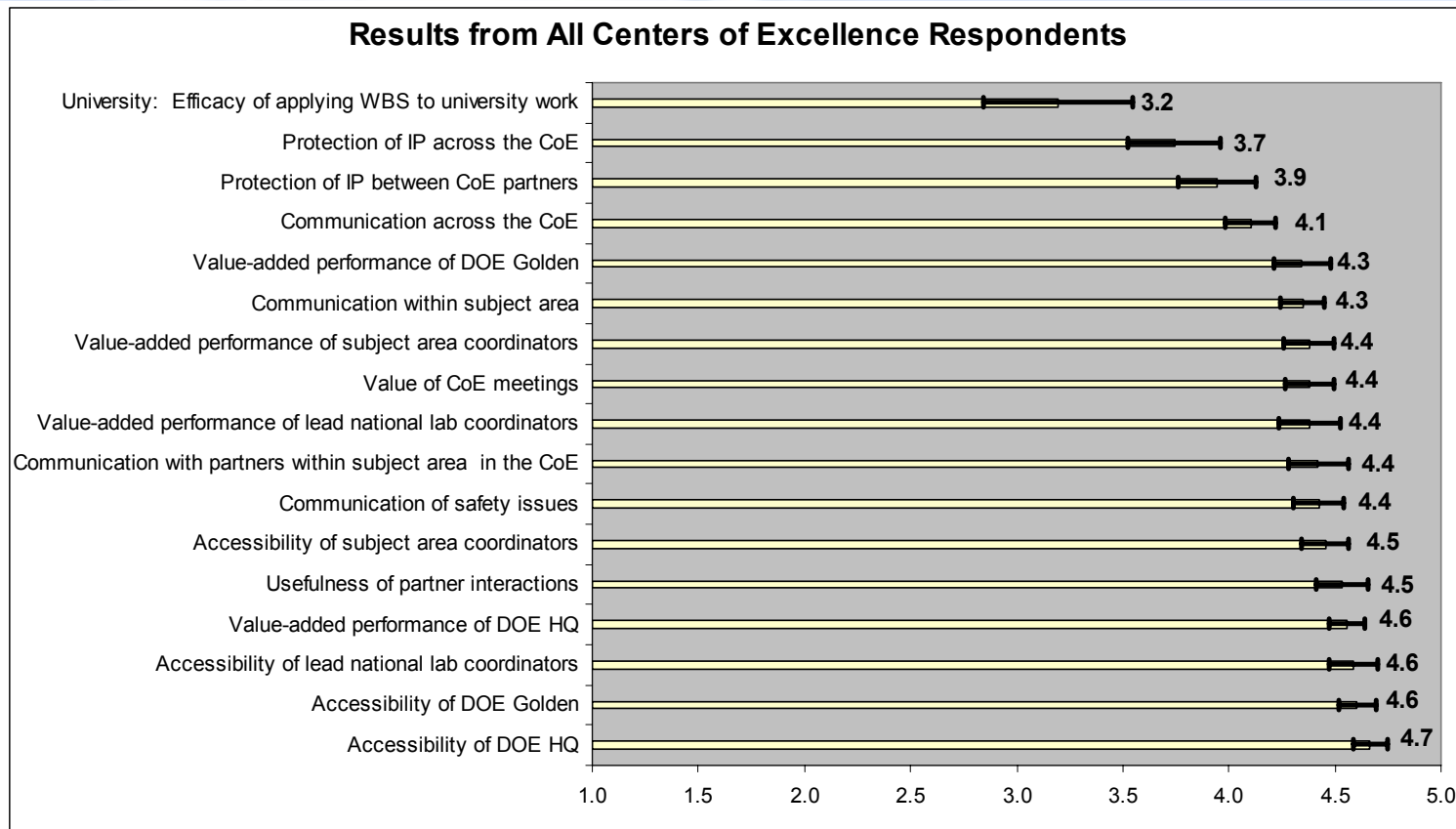
MIT, U.WA, U. Penn., CO School of Mines, Georgia Tech, Louisiana Tech, Georgia, Missouri-Rolla, Tulane, Southern Illinois; Labs: Ames, BNL, LBNL, ORNL, PNNL, SRNL



# Programmatic Results: Focus on strategy & execution

**Assessment of CoE model:**

**Multi-institutional critical mass applied R&D is proving to be effective**

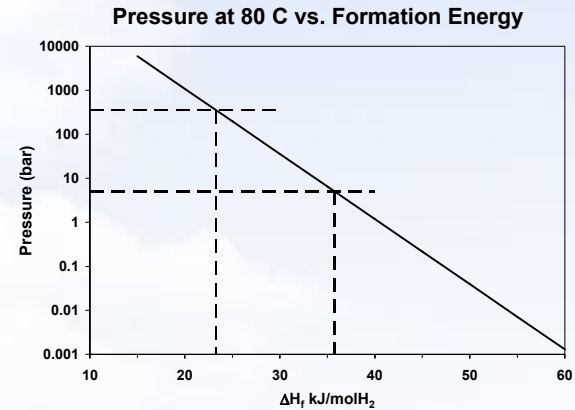
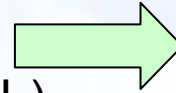


- Annual Solicitation (6 new projects complement portfolio)
- No-go (FY06) on *pure* SWNTs (doped C/basic science still go)
- Assessment of Cryo-compressed tanks complete
- Outcomes maps done & targets revisited through FreedomCAR

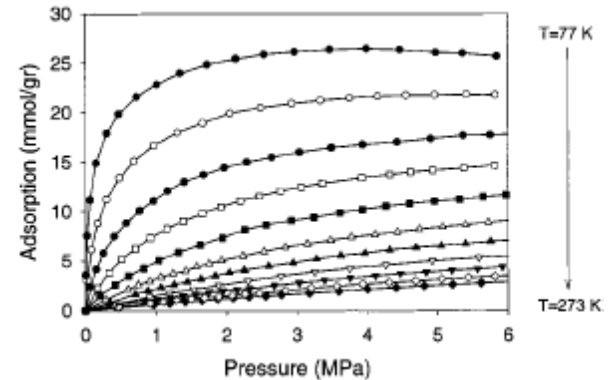
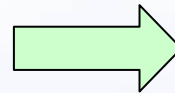


# It's not just about capacity- much research is focused on tailoring kinetics & thermodynamics...

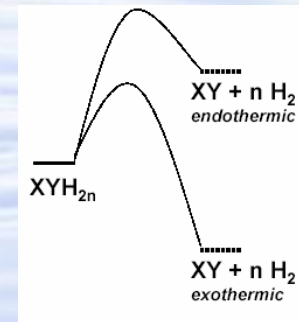
- Hydride heat of formation
  - pressure limits ( $\sim 20\text{-}35 \text{ kJ/molH}_2$ )
  - refueling ( $< 20 \text{ kJ/molH}_2$ )



- Surface heat of adsorption
  - operating temperature
  - release temperature



- Activation barrier for regeneration
  - energy efficiency
  - near thermo-neutral





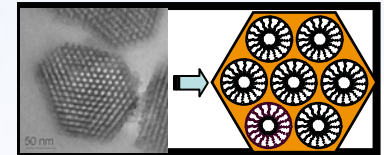
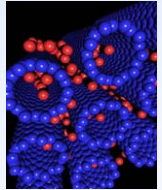
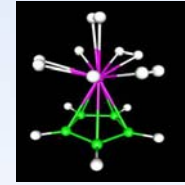


# Synergy between Basic Science and Applied Research, Development and Demonstration

## Basic Research

Develop and use theoretical models & fundamental experimentation to generate knowledge:

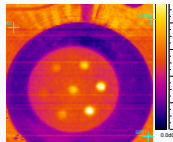
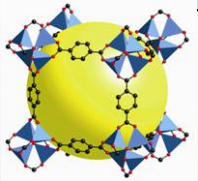
- Fundamental property & transport phenomena
- Novel material structures, characterization
- Theory, modeling, understand reaction mechanisms



## Applied Research & Development

Apply theory & experimentation to design & develop novel, high-performance materials to meet specific performance targets:

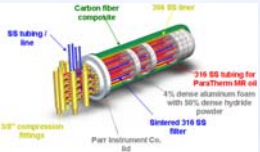
- Develop new materials, leverage knowledge from basic research
- Optimize materials and testing to improve performance
- Design, develop and demonstrate materials, components and prototype systems to meet milestones



## Technology Validation & Demonstration

Test Systems under Real World Conditions

- Demonstrate and validate performance against targets
- Gain knowledge (e.g. fueling time, driving range, durability, cost, etc.) and apply lessons learned to R&D





# Summary

- New Materials & Concepts are critical- address volumetric capacity, T, P, kinetics, etc. (not just wt. %!)
- Basic science is valuable to develop fundamental understanding & complements applied research & development
- Engineering issues need to be considered
  - System issues, thermal mgmt, safety, refueling, testing, etc
- Examples of Essential Capabilities:
  - Modeling & Analysis
  - Combinatorial/high throughput methods
  - Material properties measurements
  - Standardized & accurate testing