

# **System Level Analysis of Hydrogen Storage Options**

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# Overview

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## Timeline

- Project start date: Oct 2009
- Project end date: N/A
- Project continuation and direction determined annually by DOE

## Budget

- FY14 DOE Funding: \$480 K
- FY15 DOE Funding: \$480 K

## Barriers

- H<sub>2</sub> Storage Barriers Addressed:
  - A: System Weight and Volume
  - B: System Cost
  - C: Efficiency
  - E: Charging/Discharging Rates
  - J: Thermal Management
  - K: Life-Cycle Assessments

## Partners/Interactions

- Storage Systems Analysis Working Group (SSAWG)
- PNNL, Tank OEMs
- Delivery Team
- Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence (HSECoE): SRNL, LANL
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## Objectives and Relevance

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Develop and use models to analyze the on-board and off-board performance of physical and material-based automotive hydrogen storage systems

- Conduct independent systems analysis for DOE to gauge the performance of H<sub>2</sub> storage systems
- Provide results to material developers for assessment against system performance targets and goals and help them focus on areas requiring improvements
- Provide inputs for independent analysis of costs of on-board systems.
- Identify interface issues and opportunities, and data needs for technology development
- Perform reverse engineering to define material properties needed to meet the system level targets

Impact of FY2015 work

- Evaluated relationship between HDPE liner properties and liner failure at cryogenic temperatures to support cryo/cold H<sub>2</sub> storage work
- Proposed lower and upper limits to free energy of decomposition ( $\Delta G^0$ ) for energetic off-board regeneration of chemical hydrogen materials
- Established desired range of  $\Delta H$  and decomposition temperature to satisfy on-board storage system targets with chemical hydrogen materials



# Approach

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- Develop thermodynamic and kinetic models of processes in physical, complex metal hydride, sorbent, and chemical H<sub>2</sub> storage systems
  - Address all aspects of on-board and off-board storage targets, including capacity, charge/discharge rates, emissions, and efficiencies
  - Perform finite-element analysis of compressed hydrogen storage tanks
  - Assess improvements needed in materials properties and system configurations to achieve storage targets
- Select model fidelity to resolve system-level issues
  - On-board system, off-board spent fuel regeneration, reverse engineering
  - Conduct trade-off analyses, and provide fundamental understanding of system/material behavior
  - Calibrate, validate, and evaluate models
- Work closely with DOE technology developers, HSECoE and others in obtaining data, and provide feedback
- Participate in SSAWG meetings and communicate approach and results to foster consistency among DOE-sponsored analysis activities



# Summary: FY2015 Tasks and Accomplishments

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## 1. Physical storage

- ABAQUS simulations of HDPE liners at 150-200 K (in progress)
- On-board cold gas H<sub>2</sub> storage system and off-board WTT efficiency
- Validate ABAQUS models for tanks with advanced materials and winding techniques (pending)

## 2. H<sub>2</sub> storage in metal hydrides

- Published paper in IJHE on reverse engineering to determine material properties needed to meet system targets with low-temperature metal hydrides

## 3. H<sub>2</sub> storage in sorbents

- Publishing paper in IJHE on reverse engineering to determine material properties needed to meet system targets including well-to-tank (WTT) efficiency
- Validate and update sorbent model utilizing HSECoE data (pending)

## 4. Chemical hydrogen storage

- Reverse engineering to determine material properties needed to meet system targets including well-to-tank efficiency
- Validate and update reactor and BOP models utilizing HSECoE data (ongoing)



# Technical Accomplishments: Stress and Strain Behavior in HDPE

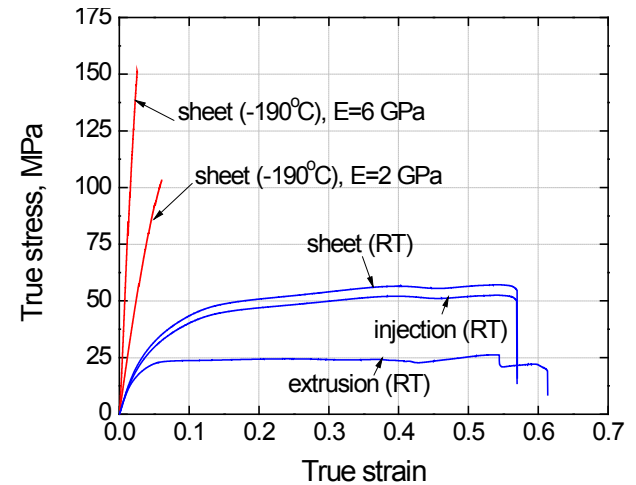
Collaborating with PNNL to determine the relationship between HDPE liner properties and liner failure at cryogenic temperatures in support of work on cryo/cold hydrogen storage in Type 4 tanks

Liner behavior at room temperature

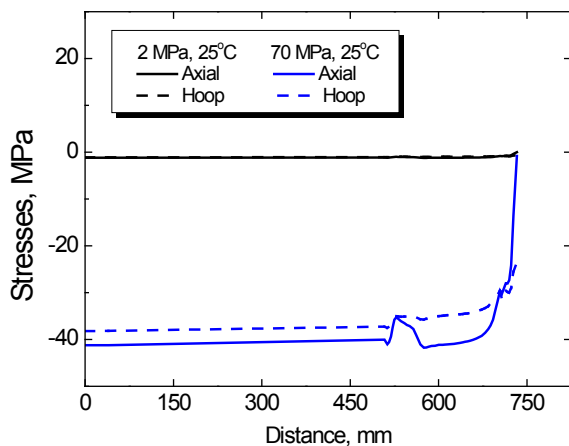
- Small compressive stresses at 2 MPa, increasing to -41 MPa (axial), -38 MPa (hoop) at 70 MPa
- No failure anticipated

At -190°C, liner is in tension

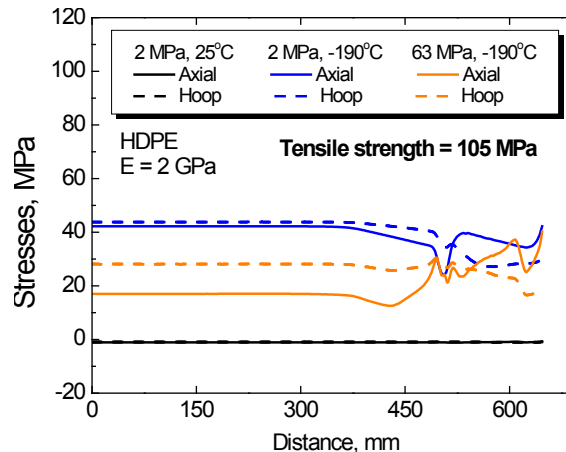
- For HDPE with  $E = 2 \text{ GPa}$ , tensile stress in the liner is below the tensile strength
- For HDPE with  $E = 6 \text{ GPa}$ , tensile stress in the dome is well above the 150-MPa tensile strength, tank failure is predicted



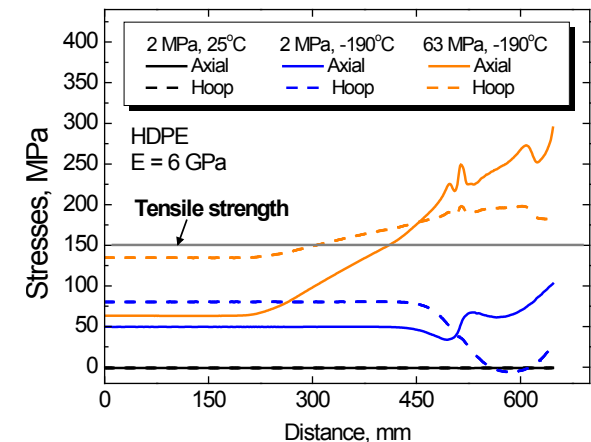
PNNL Data (David Gotthold)



T = 25 °C



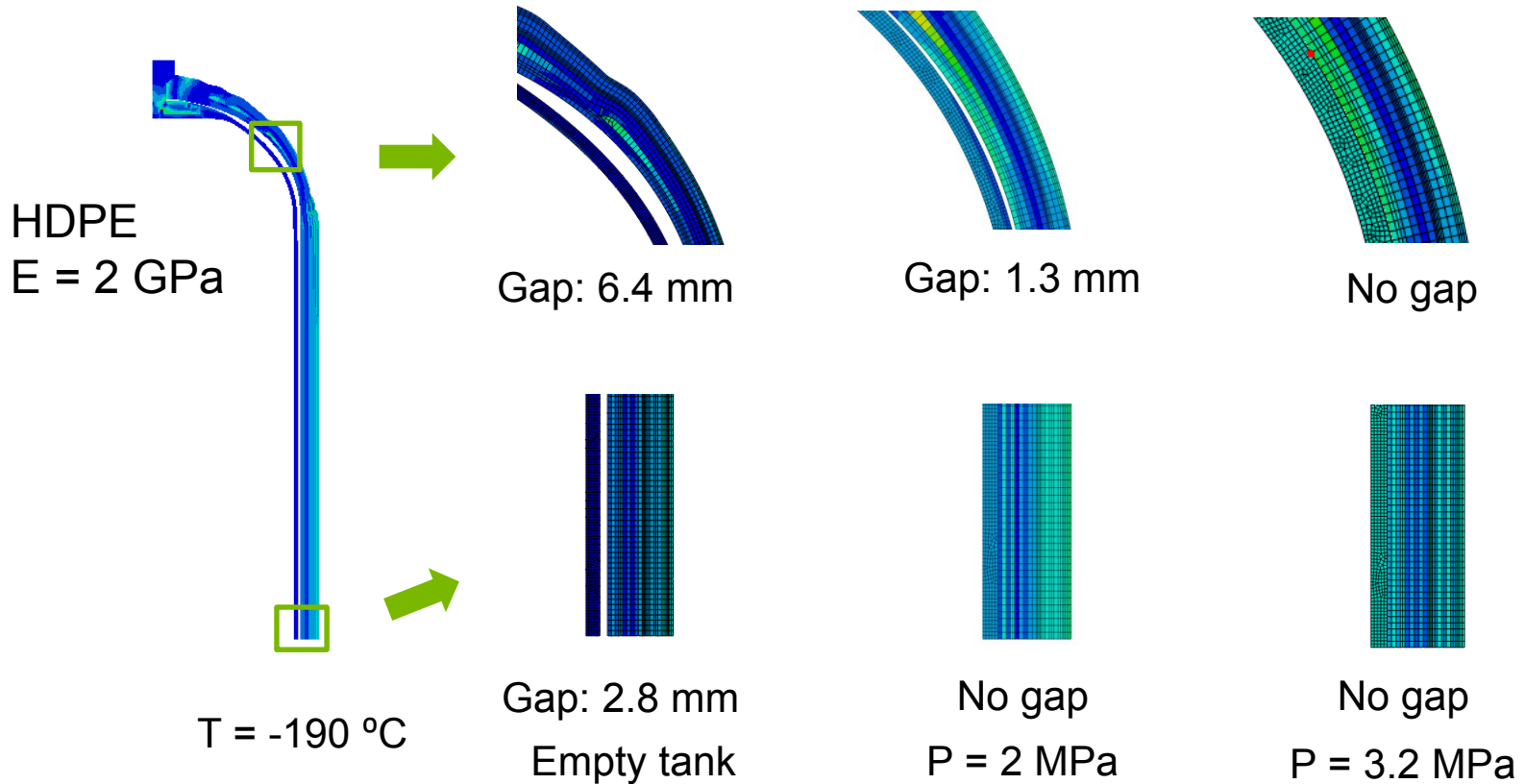
T = -190°C, E = 2 GPa



T = -190°C, E = 6 GPa

# Liner Separation at Low Temperature

- Minimum internal pressure needed to avoid liner separation at near LN<sub>2</sub> temperatures (-190°C)
  - Gaps exist between the liner and CF in the cylinder and dome sections of the tank as a result of differential CTEs if the internal pressure is <2 MPa
  - Gap exists in the dome if the tank internal pressure is <3.2 MPa

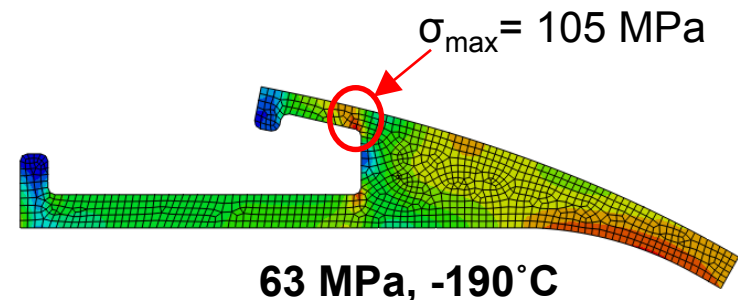
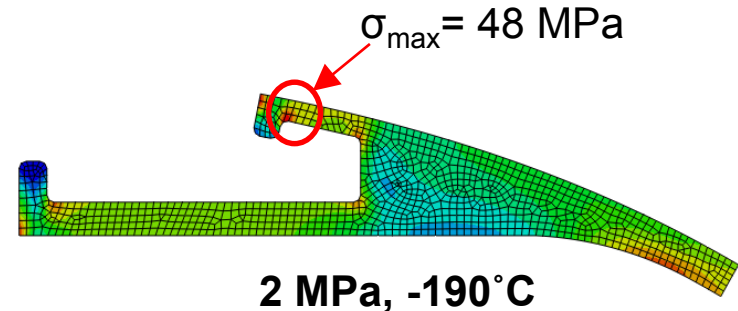
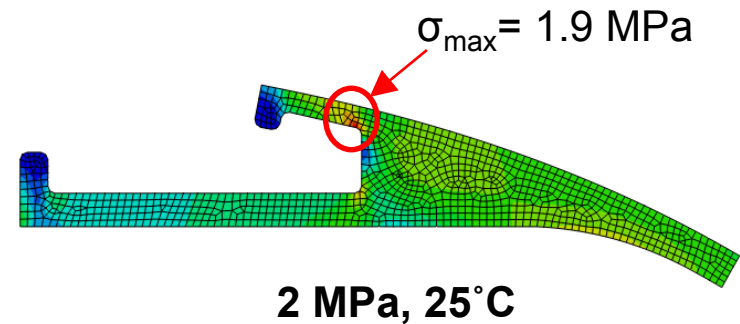


# Stress Concentration at Liner/Boss Interface

ABAQUS simulations of a full-sized tank with HDPE liner ( $E = 2 \text{ GPa}$ ) reveal high stress concentration region at the interface corners

- Simulation results at  $P = 2 \text{ MPa}$ 
  - Compared to peak stress at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , 25-fold increase at  $-190^\circ\text{C}$  due to CTE mismatch between HDPE liner and Al-6061
  - Peak stress is below 105-MPa tensile strength of liner
- Simulation results at  $P = 63 \text{ MPa}$ 
  - Peak stress at  $-190^\circ\text{C}$  approaches the tensile strength of liner
- For comparison, testing of two Type-4 tanks at  $\text{LN}_2$  temperature by Hexagon Lincoln showed that both tanks leaked at  $<28 \text{ MPa}$  and cracks occurred at the liner/boss interface

## von Mises Stress Contours



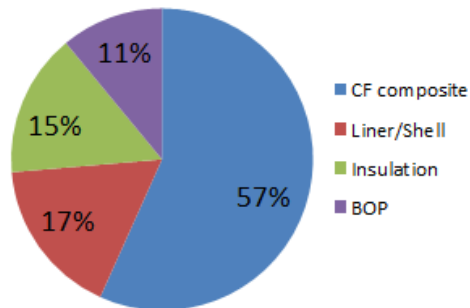


# Cold Gas Storage Option: Off-Board Analysis

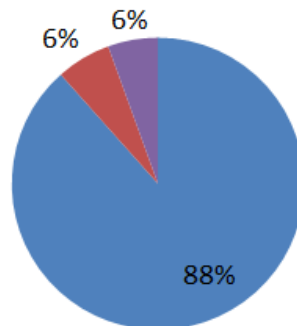
- Netting analysis calibrated with ABAQUS model to determine weight and volume for 2.25 safety factor and 5500 pressure cycles, and constrained by ISO container dimensions and trailer payload
- Onboard conditions: baseline (700 bar, 300K), cold gas (400 bar, 200 K)
- Baseline tubes require significantly more CF than cold gas tubes

|                               | Unit           | Trailer Tube |            | Cascade Storage Tube |            |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
|                               |                | Base Case    | Cold Gas   | Base Case            | Cold Gas   |
| Type                          |                | 4            | 3          | 3                    | 3          |
| Nominal Storage Pressure      | bar            | 340          | 340        | 945                  | 534        |
| Nominal Storage Temperature   | K              | 300          | 83         | 300                  | 116        |
| H <sub>2</sub> Stored         | kg             | 116          | 137        | 46                   | 45.3       |
| H <sub>2</sub> Volume         | m <sup>3</sup> | 5.1          | 2.25       | 0.96                 | 0.77       |
| Carbon Fiber Composite Weight | kg             | <b>1148</b>  | <b>425</b> | <b>712</b>           | <b>278</b> |
| Total Tube Weight             | Kg             | 1421         | 1483       | 958                  | 856        |

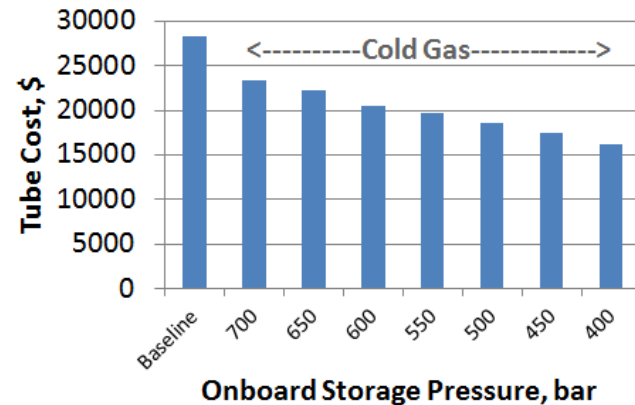
Trailer tube, cold gas  
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Trailer tube, base case  
\$41,588

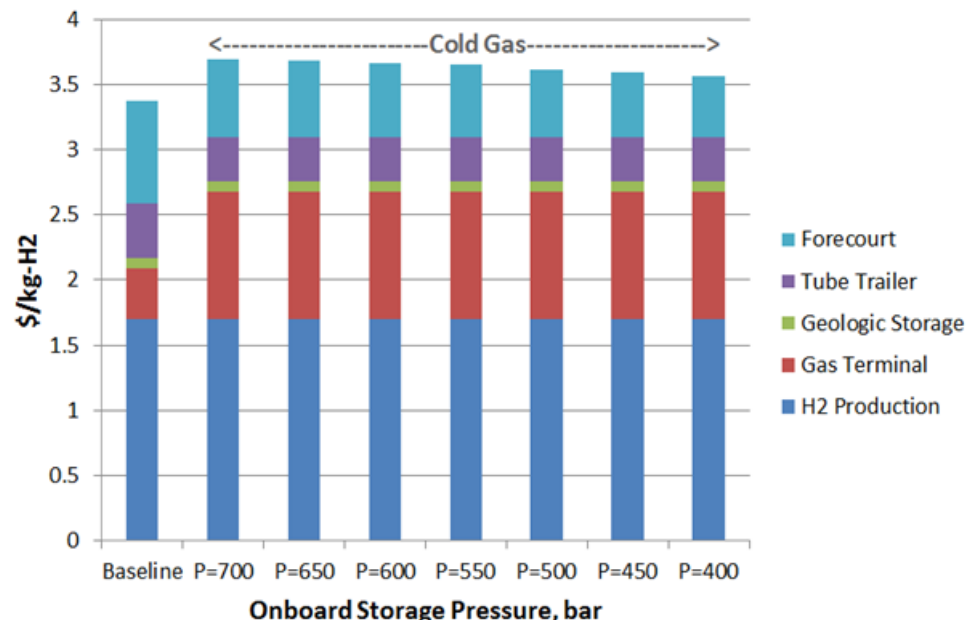
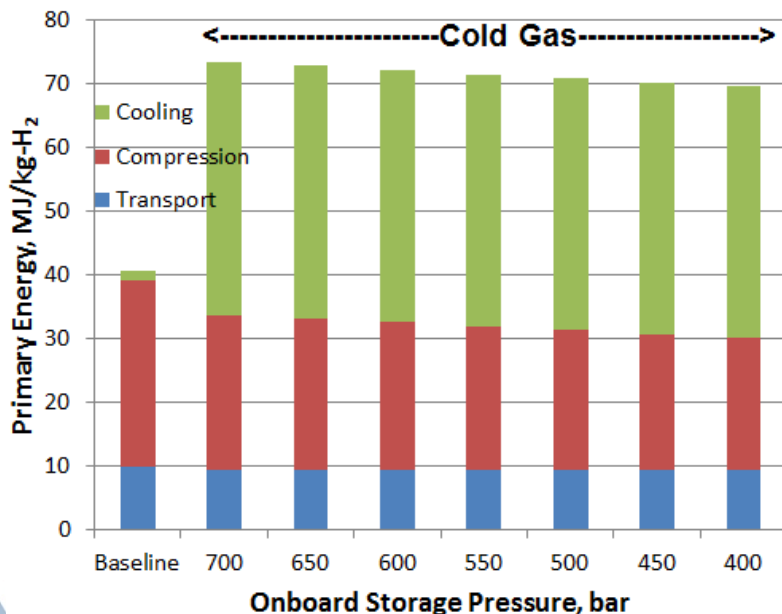


Cascade tubes



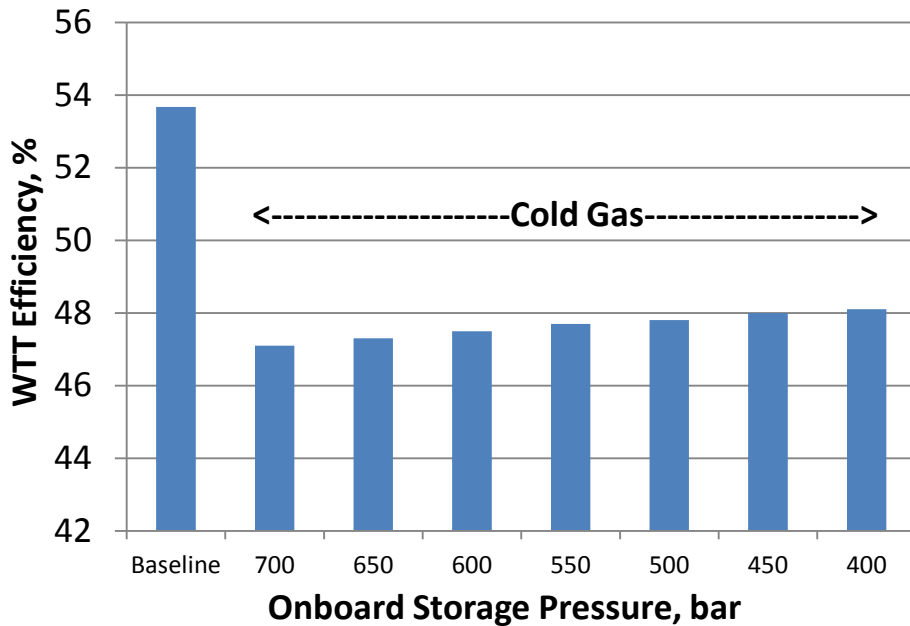
# Off-Board Analysis: Energy Consumption and Fuel Cost

- Off-board primary energy consumption for cold gas option is equivalent to ~60% of H<sub>2</sub> LHV, and is ~73% higher than for baseline
  - Cooling with LN<sub>2</sub>, GCtool analysis: 7 kg LN<sub>2</sub> is needed per kg H<sub>2</sub>
  - Compression energy is lower because of lower gas temperature
- Off-board cost for cold gas is \$0.18 - \$0.31/kg-H<sub>2</sub> higher than baseline
  - Significantly higher at the gas terminal
  - Lower costs at forecourt and tube trailer
- Storage pressure of cold gas has only small effect on off-board energy consumption and fuel cost (<7% variation between 400 and 700 bar)



# WTT Efficiency

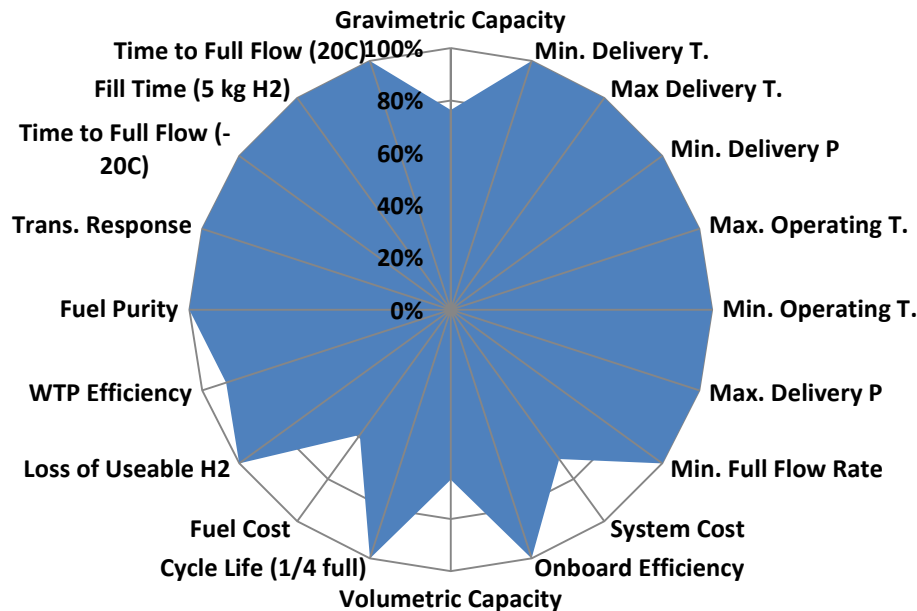
- WTT efficiency for cold gas storage < 50%, ~6 percentage points lower than baseline because of cooling requirement
- WTT efficiency can improve by 1.3 percentage points for baseline and 0.2 – 0.7 percentage points for cold gas if Linde ionic compressor is used at forecourt



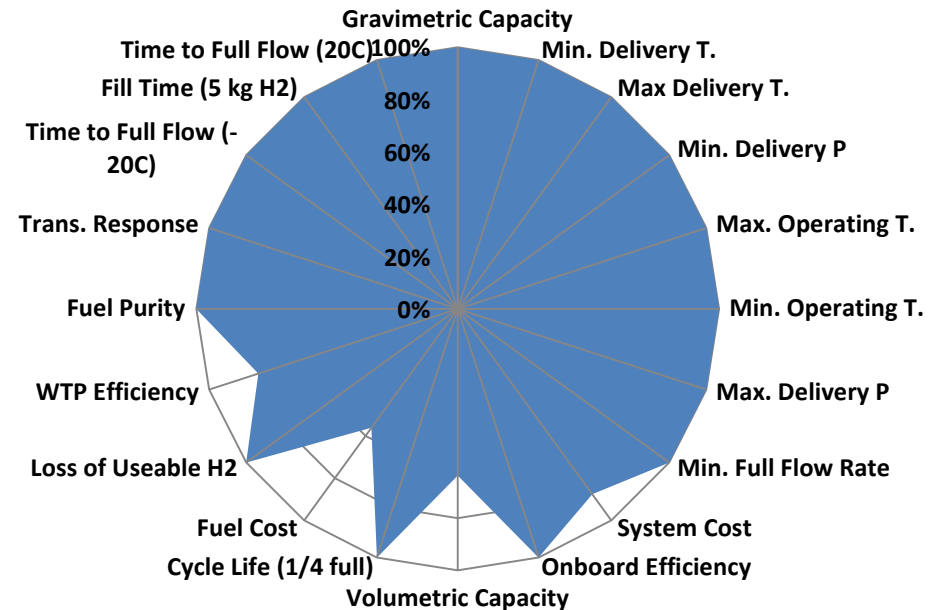
| Process/Process Fuels                           | Nominal Value                | Source/Comments   |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Electricity production                          | 35.1% thermal efficiency     | EIA projected U.S. grid 2015, inclusive of 6.5% transmission loss |
| North American natural gas production           | 93.5 % efficiency            | GREET   |
| H <sub>2</sub> production by SMR                | 73% efficiency               | Advanced industrial SMR plant                                     |
| Pipeline transmission                           | 50 bar                       | Pressure drop   |
| H <sub>2</sub> compressor isentropic efficiency | 88% central<br>65% forecourt | HDSAM   |
| H <sub>2</sub> cooling with LN <sub>2</sub>     |                              |   |
| - LN <sub>2</sub> production                    | 0.55 kWh/kg                  | Large plants  |
| H <sub>2</sub> delivery by tube trailers        | up to 9 tubes/trailer        | Weldship  |
| - Tube pressure                                 | 340 bar                      | CF overwrap for reinforcement                                     |
| - Temperature                                   | 83 K                         | Requires insulation   |
| - Water volume                                  | 2.254 m <sup>3</sup>         | Weldship  |
| - H <sub>2</sub> capacity per tube              | 135 kg                       |   |
| - RT distance/fuel economy                      | 100 km/ 6 mpg                | HDSAM   |

# Summary of Cold Gas Storage Option

- Cold gas storage option has the potential to meet the gravimetric capacity target but unlikely to meet the volumetric capacity target (little change versus baseline)
- Fuel cost is ~5% higher than baseline, but onboard system cost is ~20% lower (50% savings in CF requirement, offset by added insulation and shell costs)
- WTP efficiency for cold gas storage is ~6 percentage points lower than baseline and is unlikely to meet DOE target



700 bar, 300 K



400 bar, 200 K

# Chemical Hydrogen Storage Materials

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Class of storage materials that release hydrogen through a non-equilibrium process and, therefore, cannot be regenerated by reacting the dehydrogenated product with H<sub>2</sub> gas.

- Require off-board regeneration using electrochemical or catalytic processes
1. Negative free energy of decomposition
    - Thermodynamically unstable at room temperature and are stabilized by extremely slow kinetics (alane, ammonia borane) or by other chemical means (addition of 3% NaOH to aqueous NaBH<sub>4</sub>)
  2. Positive free energy of decomposition
    - Stable at room temperature but can be decomposed at elevated temperatures
    - Require a catalyst for adequate kinetics at low temperatures
    - APCI patent identifies many cyclic hydrocarbons including perhydrogenated n-ethyl carbazole
    - On-board storage system efficiencies may be low since  $\Delta H > T\Delta S$ , i.e.,  $\Delta H > 38.8 \text{ kJ/mol}$  for  $\Delta S = 130.2 \text{ J/mol.K}$
    - High off-board efficiencies may be possible since the regeneration reaction is exothermic



# Off-Board Regeneration of Chemical Hydrogen Storage Materials

Well-to-tank efficiency ( $\eta_{WTT}$ )\*

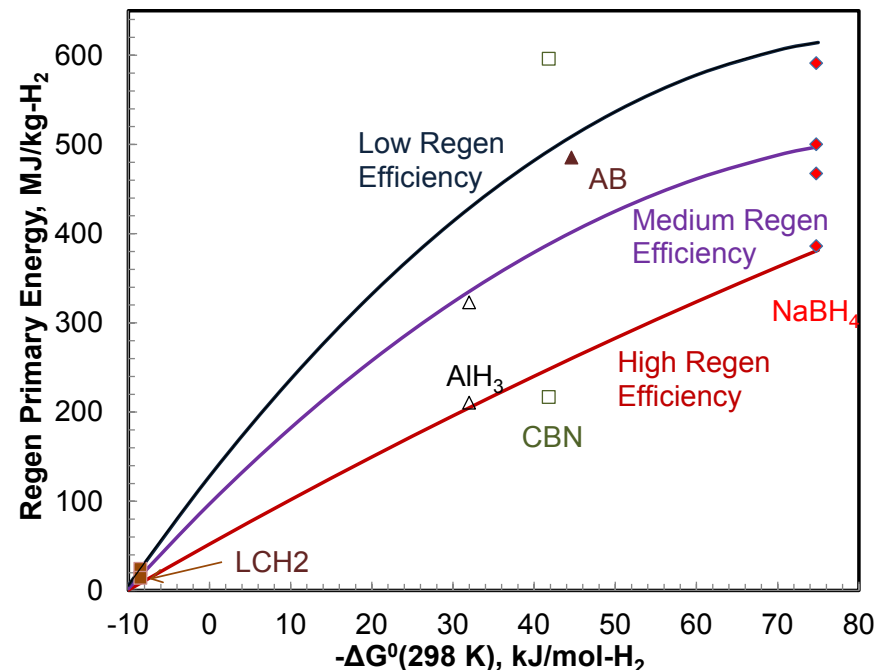
- Ratio of LHV of H<sub>2</sub> produced to the primary energy ( $Q^f$ ) consumed in producing (subscript  $p$ ), delivering (subscript  $d$ ) and storing (subscript  $s$ ) H<sub>2</sub>

$$\eta_{WTT} = \frac{\Delta H_{LHV}}{Q_p^f + Q_d^f + Q_s^f} \quad Q_r^f = Q_d^f + Q_s^f$$

$\Delta G$  determines the off-board regeneration efficiency. Materials with large negative  $\Delta G$  require elaborate regeneration processes with high demands for primary energy.

- WTT efficiency: 16-21% for NaBH<sub>4</sub> (-75 kJ/mol), 8-18% for AB (-45 kJ/mol), 24-31% for AlH<sub>3</sub> (-32 kJ/mol), 60-63.2% for n-ethyl carbazole

|                   | $\Delta G^0$<br>(298 K)    | $\Delta H^0$<br>(298 K) | $\Delta S^0$<br>(298 K) | Regen<br>Primary<br>Energy | WTT<br>Efficiency | Comments                |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                   | kJ/mol-H <sub>2</sub>      | kJ/mol-H <sub>2</sub>   | J/mol.K                 | MJ/kg-H <sub>2</sub>       | %                 |                         |
| NaBH <sub>4</sub> | -74.75                     | -57.75                  | 57                      | 386                        | 21.3              | AnH-AqH                 |
|                   | Hydrolysis Reaction        |                         |                         | 467                        | 18.6              | AqH-AqH                 |
|                   |                            |                         |                         | 500                        | 17.7              | An-Aq                   |
|                   |                            |                         |                         | 591                        | 15.6              | Aq-Aq                   |
| AlH <sub>3</sub>  | -32                        | 6.6                     | 131                     | 323                        | 24.0              | TMAA no waste heat      |
|                   | Thermolysis Reaction       |                         |                         | 210                        | 31.0              | 50% waste heat          |
| AB                | -44.6                      | -33                     | 39                      | 485                        | 18.1              | Benzophenone            |
|                   | Thermolysis Reaction       |                         |                         | 1319                       | 8.0               | Bayer                   |
|                   |                            |                         |                         | 789                        | 12.4              | PCUK                    |
| CBN               | -41.8                      | -18.97                  | 77                      | 596                        | 15.5              | MeOH/NaAlH <sub>4</sub> |
|                   | Thermolysis Reaction       |                         |                         | 217                        | 30.5              | Formic acid             |
| LCH2              | 8.5                        | 47.3-53.6               | 130.2                   | 24                         | 60.0              | Trickle bed reactor     |
|                   | Perhydro N-ethyl Carbazole |                         |                         | 14                         | 63.2              | Electricity production  |



# WTT Efficiency Correlation

Analyzed a H<sub>2</sub> production, delivery and regeneration fuel cycle for NA NG and US electric grid: 68% SMR efficiency without credit for steam co-production, 77% with steam export.

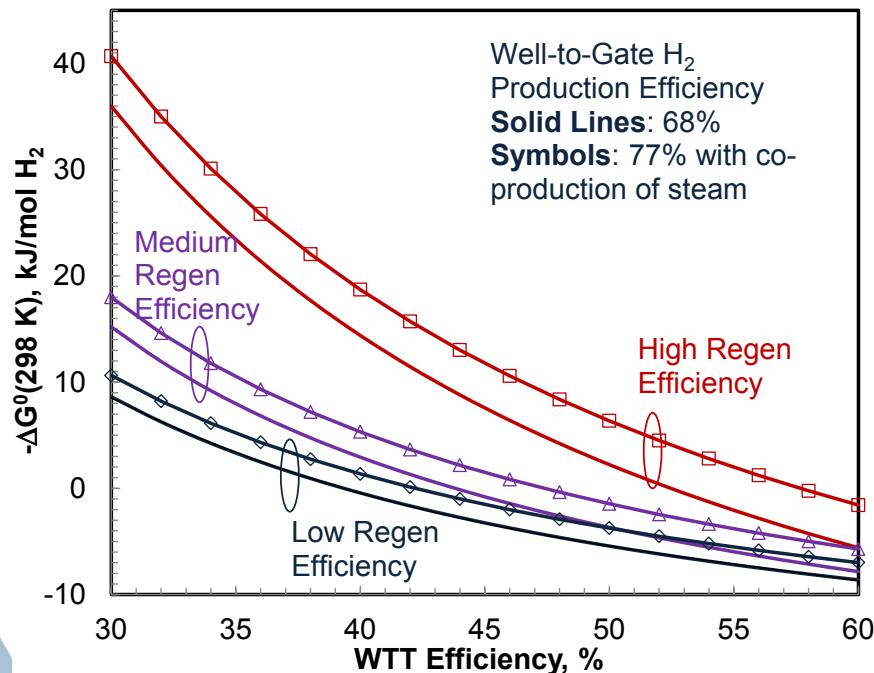
- WTT correlations for high, medium and low regeneration efficiencies

Materials with positive free energy of decomposition

- May meet the 60% WTT efficiency target if  $\Delta G^0(298\text{ K}) > 1.6\text{ kJ/mol}$ .

Materials with negative free energy of decomposition

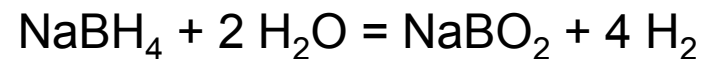
- Even with steam export, 60% WTT efficiency not possible
- With steam export, minimum  $\Delta G^0(298\text{ K})$  limited to -1.5 kJ/mol for 55% WTT efficiency and -6.4 kJ/mol for 50% WTT efficiency



Definitions of Free Energy and Enthalpy of Decomposition

$$AH_m = AH_n + (m-n)/2 H_2$$

$$\Delta G = \left(\frac{2}{m-n}\right)[\Delta G_f(AH_n) - \Delta G_f(AH_m)]$$



$$\Delta G = 1/4[\Delta G_f(\text{NaBO}_2) - \Delta G_f(\text{NaBH}_4) - 2\Delta G_f(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$$

\*60% efficiency target is for well-to-engine (WTE) efficiency, not WTT efficiency

# Bounding Thermodynamic and Kinetic Properties

Desired thermodynamic properties of materials for which the WTT efficiencies may be between 50 to 60%

- Over the narrow range of desired  $\Delta G^0(298\text{ K})$ , exothermic materials are unsuitable if  $\Delta S$  is between the expected range 80 – 130 J/mol.K
- Materials that decompose above the FCS coolant temperature and require a burner may not be acceptable since the on-board system efficiency is quite low for  $\Delta H$  between 20 and 40 kJ/mol- $\text{H}_2$

Desired kinetic properties of materials that decompose at 60 – 80°C

- Likely a catalytic process, otherwise the material would have short shelf life and may not meet the 0.05 g- $\text{H}_2$ /h/kg stability target at room temperature
- Non-equilibrium decomposition kinetics that is independent of back pressure, otherwise the buffer tank would need to be refueled with gaseous  $\text{H}_2$

|                                     |        | $\Delta S = 130\text{ J/mol.K}$ |       |       | $\Delta S = 105\text{ J/mol.K}$ |      |       | $\Delta S = 80\text{ J/mol.K}$ |      |       |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|------|-------|--------------------------------|------|-------|
| WTT Efficiency                      |        | 60%                             | 55%   | 50%   | 60%                             | 55%  | 50%   | 60%                            | 55%  | 50%   |
| $\Delta G^0(298\text{ K})$          | kJ/mol | 1.6                             | -1.5  | -6.4  | 1.6                             | -1.5 | -6.4  | 1.6                            | -1.5 | -6.4  |
| $\Delta H$                          | kJ/mol | 40.3                            | 37.2  | 32.3  | 32.9                            | 29.8 | 24.9  | 25.4                           | 22.3 | 17.4  |
| $P_{\text{H}_2}(60^\circ\text{C})$  | atm    | 2.9                             | 8.9   | 52.1  | 2.1                             | 6.5  | 38.0  | 1.5                            | 4.7  | 27.7  |
| $P_{\text{H}_2}(70^\circ\text{C})$  | atm    | 4.4                             | 13.2  | 73.3  | 3.0                             | 8.9  | 49.4  | 2.0                            | 6.0  | 33.3  |
| $P_{\text{H}_2}(150^\circ\text{C})$ | atm    | 64.3                            | 155.3 | 625.2 | 26.5                            | 63.9 | 257.2 | 10.9                           | 26.3 | 105.8 |



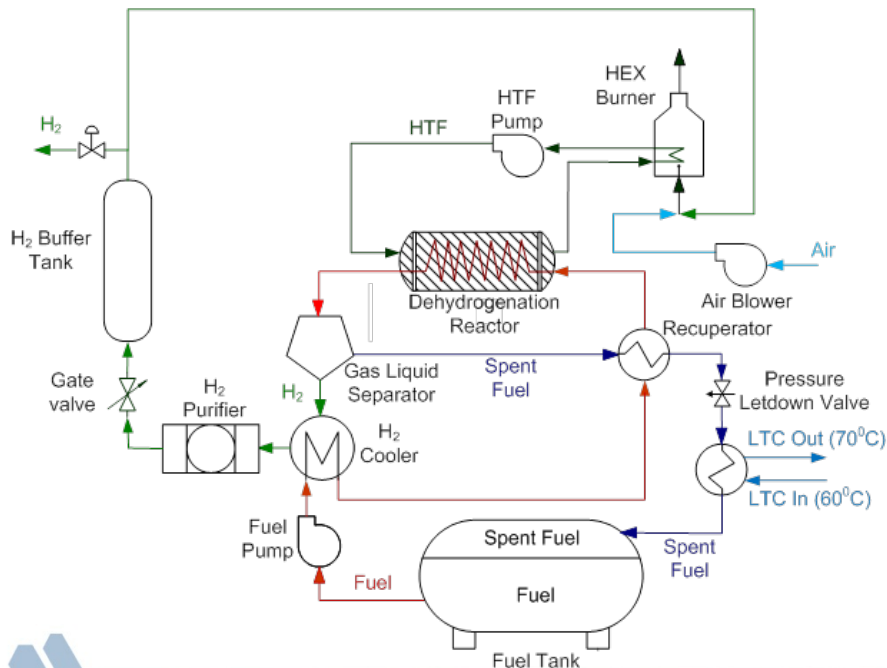
# On-Board Chemical Hydrogen Storage System

Flow system to enable refueling of partially empty tanks

- Volume exchanged tanks for compactness
- Hydrogen buffer for start-up and fast transients
- Reactor operates at elevated pressure, reaction kinetics independent of back pressure, reactor size determined by reaction kinetics and heat transfer
- Fuel may be liquid, slurry or solution

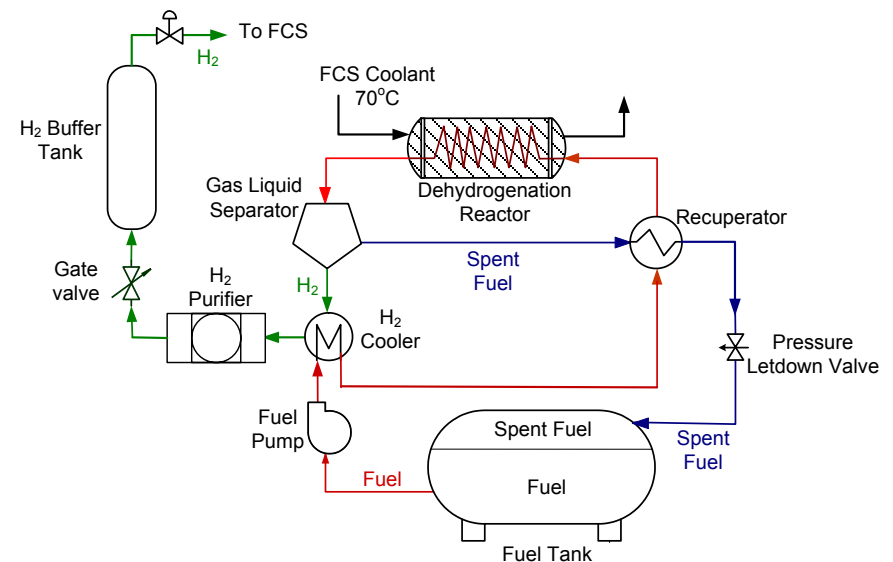
## System with burner\*

- 50-kW microchannel HEX burner
- HTF coolant separates burner & reactor



## System without burner

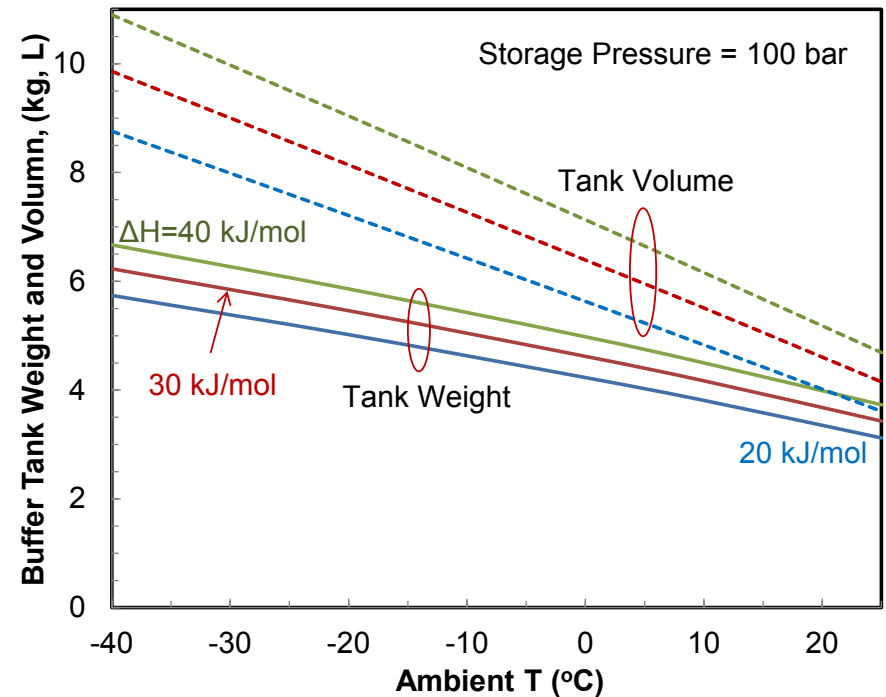
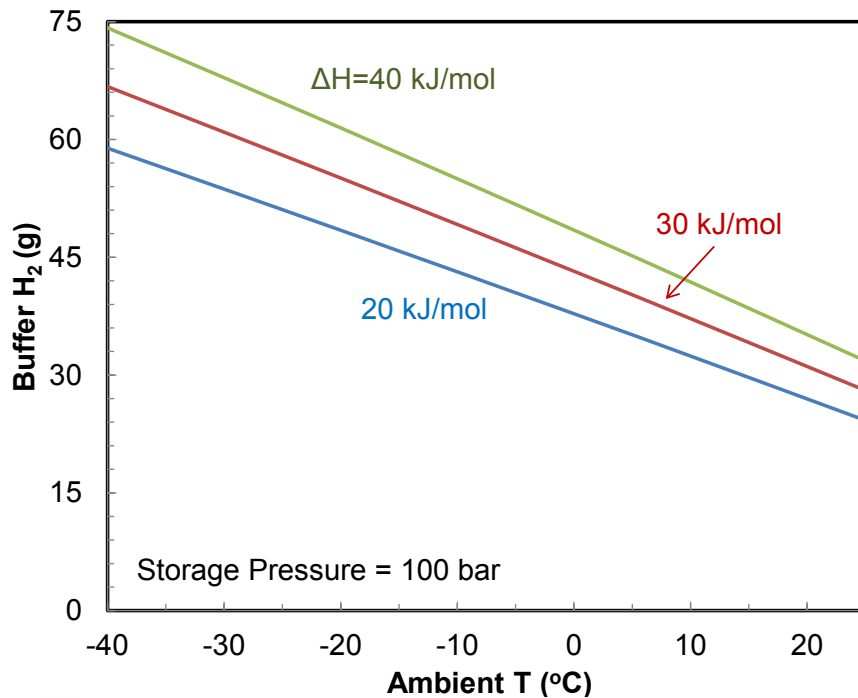
- Thermally integrated with FCS
- Mitigates FCS heat rejection problem



# Storage System without Burner: Buffer H<sub>2</sub> Requirements

H<sub>2</sub> buffer capacity for FCS startup from -40°C\*

- Buffer to supply H<sub>2</sub> until the fuel cell and the reactor reach the fuel decomposition temperature (70°C)
- Buffer replenished with excess H<sub>2</sub> released from fuel during normal operation when the stack coolant is at its peak temperature (80°C)
- Stack: 2 kW/kg specific weight, 0.5 kJ/kg.K average C<sub>p</sub>
- Reactor: Thermal mass during startup includes weights of HX tubes, reactor walls, and coolant, 0.5 kJ/kg.K average C<sub>p</sub>



# Storage System without Burner: Baseline Material Targets

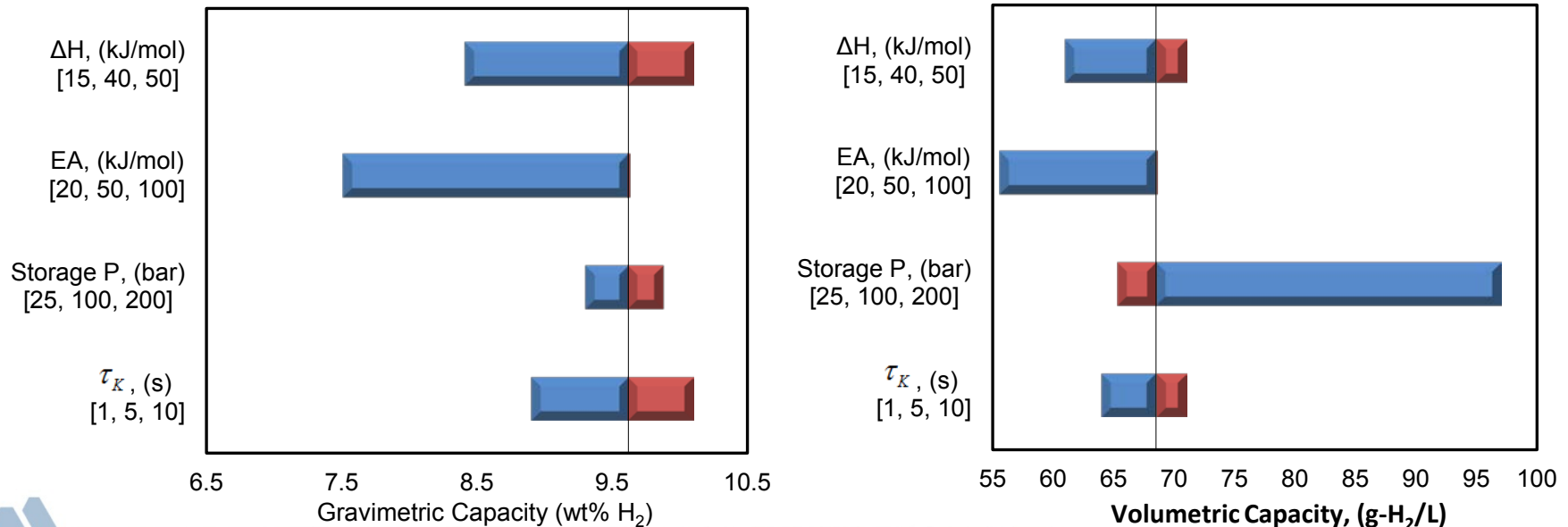
Thermodynamically mildly stable or unstable materials at room temperature that decompose at 70-80°C, 100 bar backpressure

|                                     |                              | Units                 | Reference Values | Range of Values | Comments and Relevant Targets               |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Chemical Storage Material</b>    | Free Energy of Decomposition | kJ/mol                | 1.6              | -6.4 to 1.6     | 60% WTE efficiency                          |
|                                     | Enthalpy of Decomposition    | kJ/mol                | 40.0             | 20 to 40        | 90% on-board system efficiency              |
|                                     | Fuel Hydrogen Capacity       | wt% H <sub>2</sub>    | 9.6              | 8.4 - 9.6       | 5.5 wt% system gravimetric capacity         |
|                                     | Fuel Volumetric Capacity     | g-H <sub>2</sub> /L   | 68.5             | 61 - 71.5       | 40 g/L system volumetric capacity           |
|                                     | Decomposition Kinetics       | s                     | 5                | TBD             | Time for 95% conversion at 70°C             |
|                                     | Fuel Stability               | g/h/kg-H <sub>2</sub> | 0.05             |                 | H <sub>2</sub> loss target                  |
| <b>Operating Temperatures</b>       | Dehydrogenation Reactor      | °C                    | 70               | TBD             | 1.6 g/s minimum full flow of H <sub>2</sub> |
|                                     | Heat Transfer Fluid (HTF)    | °C                    | 70               | 70 - 80         |   |
|                                     | Spent Fuel Cooler            | °C                    | 50               | 25 - 50         |   |
| <b>Operating Pressures</b>          | Storage Pressure             | bar                   | 100              | 50 - 200        |   |
|                                     | Minimum Delivery Pressure    | bar                   | 5                |                 | DOE target                                  |
| <b>H<sub>2</sub> Flow Rates</b>     | Refueling Rate               | kg/min                | 1.5              |                 | Not relevant for liquid fuels               |
|                                     | Minimum Full Flow Rate       | g/s                   | 1.6              |                 | DOE target                                  |
| <b>Buffer H<sub>2</sub> Storage</b> | Storage Pressure             | bar                   | 100              | 50 - 200        | Start-up from -40°C                         |
|                                     | Buffer Storage Capacity      | g-H <sub>2</sub>      | 74               | 59 - 74         |   |

# Storage System without Burner: Sensitivity Analysis

On-going model testing and validation. As such, results are subject to uncertainties in shell-side heat transfer correlation

- $\Delta H$ : Determines reactor heat transfer area and fuel residence time. Reduces heat load on the FCS radiator (advantageous).
- Storage pressure: Determines the volume of the buffer. Volumetric material capacity target increases greatly if material decomposes at 25 bar back pressure.
- Activation energy ( $E_A$ ): Fitting parameter.
- Isothermal conversion time ( $\tau_K$ ): Actual decomposition rate may be controlled by mass transfer (not yet considered in model) and heat transfer as  $\tau_K$  is reduced.



## FY2015 Collaborations

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Physical Storage                | PNNL Team: Liner properties at cryogenic temperatures (ST101)   |
| Metal Hydrides                  | SRNL, UTRC: Material properties of metal hydrides, reverse engineering, acceptability envelope                              |
| Sorbents                        | SRNL, UM: Material properties of sorbents, reverse engineering, acceptability envelope (ST044, ST010)                       |
| Chemical Hydrogen               | LANL, PNNL: Material properties of chemical hydrogen storage materials, reverse engineering, acceptability envelope (ST007) |
| Off-Board Fuel Cycle Efficiency | ANL (H2A Group), ANL (HDSAM)  |
| Off-Board Cost                  | ANL (H2A Group), ANL (HDSAM)  |
| On-Board Cost                   | SA  |
| SSAWG                           | DOE, HSECoE (LANL, PNNL, SRNL, UM), OEMs, Tank Manufactures, UH, SA   |

- Argonne develops the storage system configuration, determines performance, identifies and sizes components, and provides this information to SA for manufacturing cost studies



## Physical Storage

- Apply ABAQUS model to support the on-going tank projects (graded carbon fiber composite structure, non-geodesic winding, alternate winding patterns and fibers, low-cost glass fibers, CF composites at cryogenic temperatures)
- Validate ABAQUS finite element model against experimental and field data for cold gas storage (collaboration with PNNL led project)
- Renew collaboration with LLNL to extend and validate ANL models to thin-walled high fiber fraction 700-bar pressure vessels at cryogenic temperatures (120 K)

## Material Based Storage

- Analyze decomposition behavior and reactor heat transfer of chemical storage materials using LANL and PNNL data for  $\text{AlH}_3$  and AB slurries as model fuels
- Analyze uptake and reactor heat transfer in powder and compacted sorbents using HSECoE data for Hex-Cell and MATI prototypes
- Determine favorable properties of unstable room-temperature metal hydrides
- Provide system-level support to new projects on material discovery

Document models and publish papers on material properties in IJHE

# Project Summary

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Relevance:      | Independent analysis to evaluate on-board and off-board performance of materials and systems  |
| Approach:       | Develop and validate physical, thermodynamic and kinetic models of processes in physical and material-based systems<br>Address all aspects of on-board and off-board targets including capacities, rates and efficiencies   |
| Progress:       | Determined the minimum pressure (32 bar) to avoid liner separation at near LN <sub>2</sub> temperatures (-190°C) in Type-4 tanks<br>Evaluated liner failure modes at -190°C: stress concentration at liner/boss interface, pressure cycling induced fatigue failure<br>Determined the WTT efficiency (48%), fuel cost penalty (5%), system cost reduction (20%) with cold gas storage option<br>Reverse engineering to determine the desired properties of chemical storage materials: $\Delta G^0(298\text{ K}) > -6.4\text{ kJ/mol}$ , $\Delta H$ between 20 and 40 kJ/mol-H <sub>2</sub> , 9.6 wt% H <sub>2</sub> and 68.5 g-H <sub>2</sub> /L material capacities, decomposition temperature below 80°C |
| Collaborations: | SSAWG, HSECoE, Ford, LANL, PNNL, SA, SRNL   |
| Future Work:    | Propose, analyze and validate methods of reducing cost of CF wound storage tanks<br>Validate AlH <sub>3</sub> and AB decomposition models using LANL and PNNL data, and sorption model using data for Hex-Cell and MATI prototypes from HSECoE  |

## Reviewer Comments

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Generally favorable reviews with the following comments/recommendations

- Additional assumption justifications and sensitivity analysis would be useful, such as recognizing tolerance band.
- Continue to pursue opportunities to validate results based on empirical testing and existing hardware.
- Emphasis should be placed on providing guidance on the requirements of future materials to meet the overall system targets
- Modeling of composite impact damage for compressed hydrogen storage tanks is encouraging and should be especially useful.
- Keep publishing results in appropriate peer-reviewed journals in a timely manner.

FY15 work scope consistent with above recommendations

- ✓ Assumption justifications and sensitivity analysis were included in recent work on sorbent and chemical hydrogen storage materials
- ✓ Ongoing work to validate sorbent and chemical hydrogen storage model results with test data being acquired by the HSECoE.
- ✓ Guidance on material requirements of future materials was the main focus of reverse engineering work on chemical hydrogen, sorbents, and metal hydrides.
- ✓ Results of compressed hydrogen storage tanks (liner, CF usage, impact damage) were discussed with PNNL for potential testing to address key issues.
- ✓ Published two journal papers and another one being reviewed for publication.





# Technical Back-Up Slides



## Journal Publications

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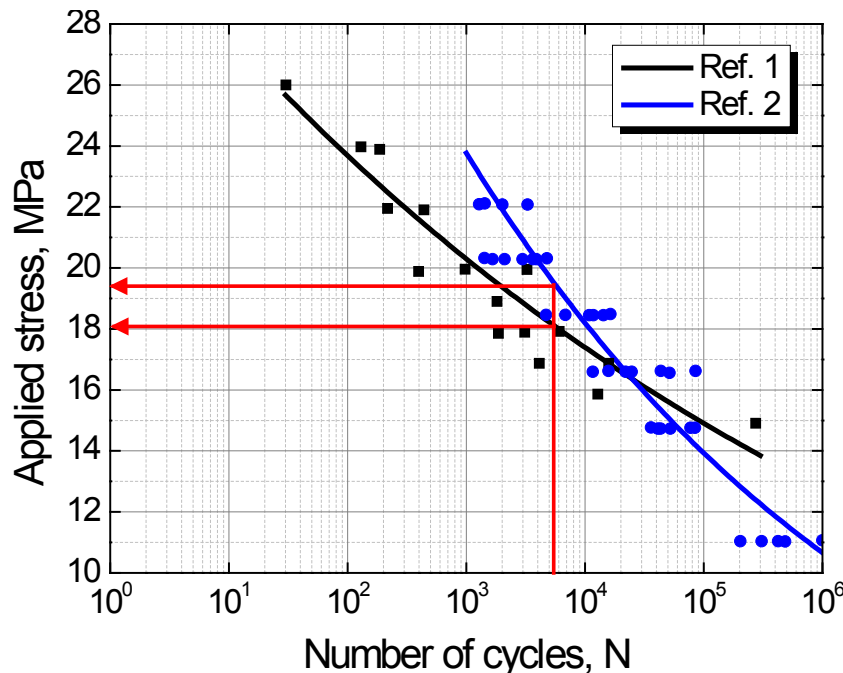
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# Fatigue Considerations

- In ambient temperature Type 4 tanks, the HDPE liner experiences compressive stress during pressure cycling, therefore fatigue is not an issue.
- At -190°C, pressure cycling induces tensile stress in the liner
- Fatigue load ( $\sigma$ ),  $\sigma_{\text{mean}} = (\sigma_{\text{max}} + \sigma_{\text{min}})/2 = 30 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $R = \sigma_{\text{min}}/\sigma_{\text{max}} = 0.4$
- Need SN curves for HDPE at low temperatures to determine if fatigue is a concern
- For 5500 pressure cycles at RT, maximum allowable stress for HDPE PE-100 grade is ~20 MPa



## Test Conditions

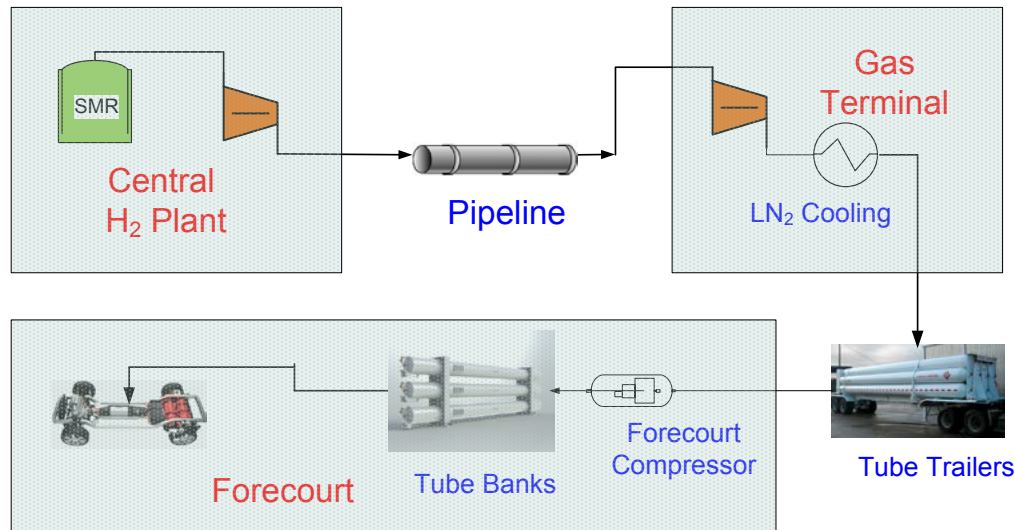
### Ref. 1

$\sigma_{\text{max}} = 15 - 26 \text{ MPa}$  (9 stress levels)  
 $R=0$ , Frequency = 2 Hz

### Ref. 2:

$\sigma_{\text{max}} = 11 - 22 \text{ MPa}$  (6 stress levels)  
 $R=0.1$ , Frequency = 5 Hz

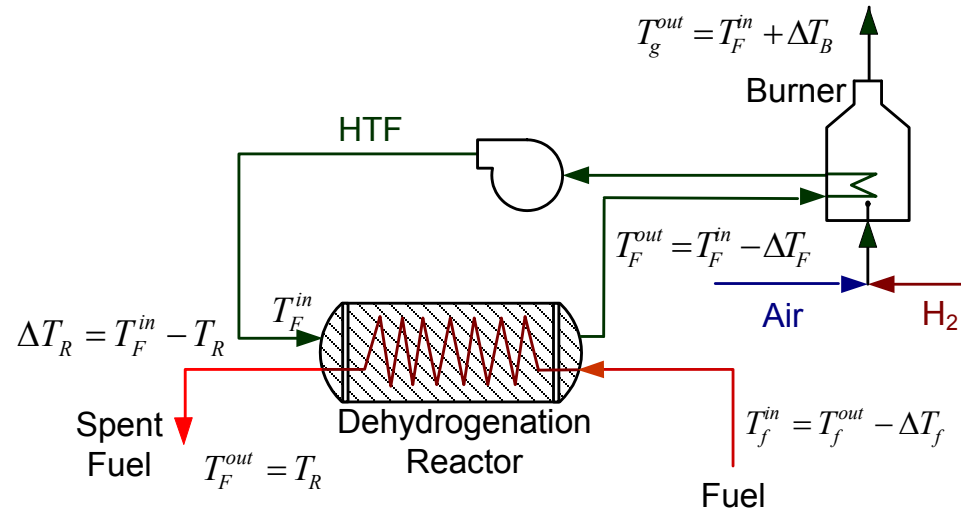
# Off-board H<sub>2</sub> Cold Gas Delivery Analysis



- H<sub>2</sub> produced by SMR, transmitted via pipeline to gas terminal at city gate
- Compressed to 340 bar at gas terminal, cooled nominally to 90 K\* using LN<sub>2</sub> and transported to forecourt by insulated Type 3 tube trailers
  - LN<sub>2</sub> production plant co-locates with gas terminal
- Compressed to 1.35X nominal storage pressure and stored in insulated Type 3 tube banks at forecourt
- HDSAM (2020 delivery scenario) analysis
  - Sacramento, 15% FCEV share, 115 stations, 1000 kg-H<sub>2</sub>/day/station

\*83 K actual temperature to account for heat gain in off-board storage tanks

# System with Burner: Operating Temperatures and Efficiencies



## Operating Temperatures

- $T_R$ : Reactor temperature ( $T_R = T_{f,out}$ )
- $\Delta T_f$ : Fuel temperature rise ( $\Delta T_f = T_{f,out} - T_{f,in}$ )
- $\Delta T_F$ : Drop in HTF temperature across the reactor ( $\Delta T_F = T_{F,in} - T_{F,out}$ )
- $\Delta T_R$ : Reactor approach temperature ( $\Delta T_R = T_{F,in} - T_{f,out}$ )
- $\Delta T_B$ : Burner approach temperature ( $\Delta T_B = T_{g,out} - T_{F,in}$ )

## Efficiencies

- $\eta_R$ : Reactor efficiency,  $1 - (Q_R / \text{LHV of } H_2 \text{ released})$
- $\eta_B$ : Burner efficiency
- $\eta_d$ : Drive cycle efficiency
- $\eta_{su}$ : Start-up efficiency
- $\eta_s$ : Storage system efficiency

## Additional Material Targets

- Fuel should remain liquid and be pumpable over the range of operating temperatures (-40°C to  $T_{FC}$ ).
- No solid phases should form as the fuel is decomposed.
- No gaseous products of decomposition other than H<sub>2</sub>.

|                                 | Parameter             | Reference Value | Comments   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Physical Properties</b>      | Freezing Point        | Below -40°C     |  |
|                                 | Boiling Point         | Above 120°C     | Vapor pressure should be <1 mPa at 95°C                              |
|                                 | Viscosity             | TBD             | Fuel pumpable to 100 bar at -40°C                                    |
| <b>Stability</b>                | Shelf Life            | TBD             |  |
|                                 | Toxicity and Safety   | Non toxic       | Compliant with applicable ES&H standrads                             |
|                                 | H <sub>2</sub> Purity |                 | SAE J2719 and ISO/PDTS 14687-2 specifications                        |
| <b>Material Compatibility</b>   |                       |                 | Be compatible with materials rotinely used in automtive fuel systems |
| <b>Off-Board Regenerability</b> | WTT Efficiency        | 60%             | Practcal industrial methods for regeneration                         |
|                                 | Cycle Life            | TBD             |  |
|                                 | Cost                  | TBD             | As per DOE targets   |