

# Hydrogen Storage System Modeling: Public Access, Maintenance, and Enhancements

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# Overview

## Timeline

- **Start: October 1, 2015**
- **End: September 30, 2018**
- **50% Complete (as of 4/1/17)**
  - **\$461,839 Spent (as of 4/1/17)**

## Budget

- **Total Project Funding: \$1,100,000**
  - **FY16 Funding: \$336,000**
  - **FY17 Funding: \$389,000**
  - **FY18 Funding: \$375,000**

## Barriers

- A. System Weight and Volume**
- B. System Cost**
- C. Efficiency**
- E. Charging/Discharging Rates**
- I. Dispensing Technology**
- K. System Life-Cycle Assessment**

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# Relevance

**Collaborative effort to manage, update, and enhance hydrogen storage system models developed under the Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence (HSECoE).**

- Transfer engineering development **knowledge from HSECoE on to future materials research.**
- Manage the **HSECoE model dissemination** web page.
- Manage, update, and enhance the **modeling framework and the specific storage system models** developed by the HSECoE.
- Develop models that will **accept direct materials property inputs** and can be measured by materials researchers.
- **Ultimate Goal: Provide modeling tools that will be used by researchers to evaluate the performance their new materials in engineered systems relative to the DOE Technical Targets.**

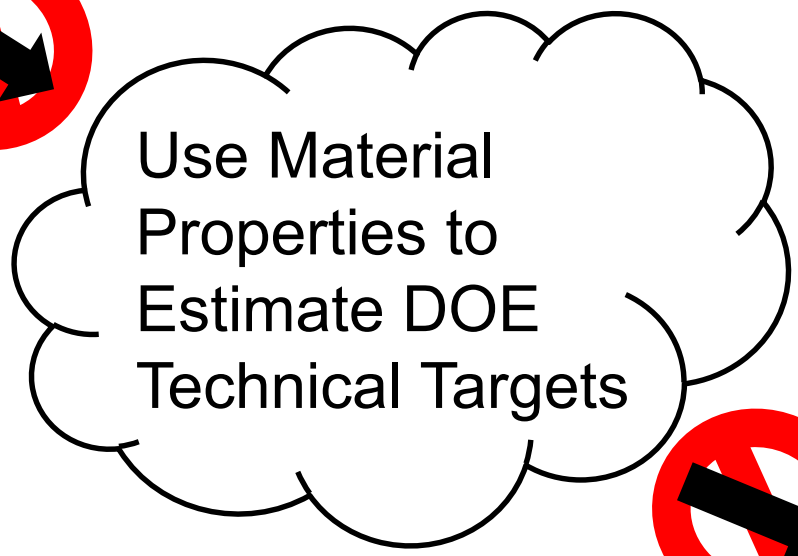
## Barriers Addressed with Models

Barrier	Model Addressing Barrier
A. System Weight and Volume	System Estimator
B. System Cost	Tank Volume/Cost Model
C. Efficiency	Framework Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On-Board Efficiency</li><li>- Fuel Economy</li></ul>
E. Charging/Discharging Rates	Framework Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Drive cycles</li></ul>
I. Dispensing Technology	Framework Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Initial and Final System Conditions</li></ul>
K. System Life-Cycle Assessment	All Models

# Challenge to Materials Researchers: Evaluating Material Relative to DOE Technical Targets

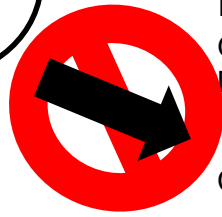
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- H<sub>2</sub> Capacity
- Thermodynamics
- Kinetics
- Adsorption Isotherms



## DOE Technical Targets

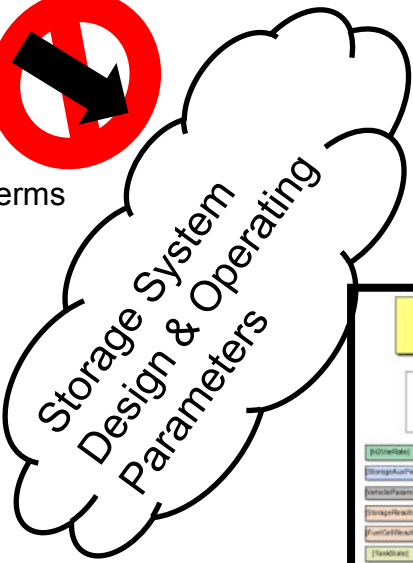
- Gravimetric & Volumetric Capacity
- Durability & Operability
  - Operating Temperature and Pressure
  - On-Board Efficiency
- Charging/Discharging Rates
  - Startup
  - Refueling



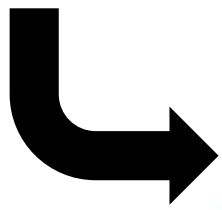
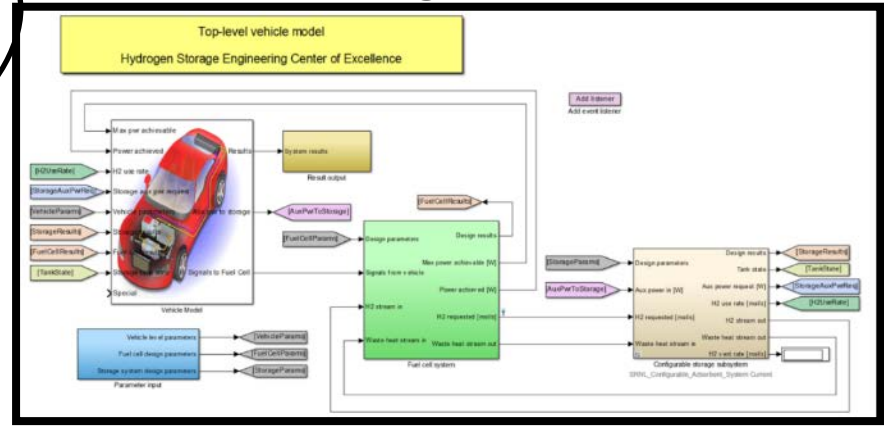
# Original Framework Does Not Provide Entire Solution

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## Modeling Framework



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## Focus: Improve Framework Utility for Materials Researchers

### Materials Research

H<sub>2</sub> Capacity  
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Kinetics  
Adsorption Isotherms

New Isotherm Fitting Tool

DA Parameters

Improved Website

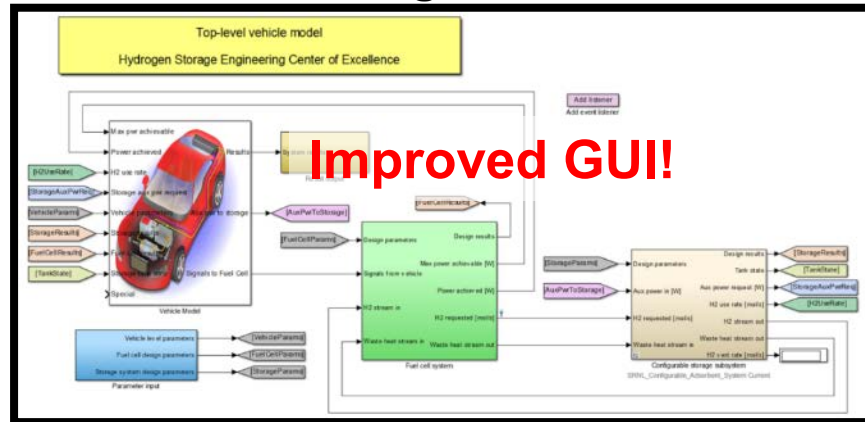
New System Estimator Tool

Component and System Mass & Volume

Stand-Alone Values

Estimated Gravimetric & Volumetric Capacity

### Modeling Framework



### DOE Technical Targets

- Gravimetric & Volumetric Capacity
- Durability & Operability
- Operating Temperature and Pressure
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- Refueling

# Modeling Tools Available

**MH Acceptability Envelope**

**SRNL**

{ Evaluate Material Properties

**Tank Volume/Cost Model**

**PNNL**

{ Estimate tank material, design and cost

**Finite Element Models**

**Metal Hydride (MH)**

**SRNL**

{ Tank Heat and Mass Transfer Models

**Adsorbent (AD)**

**SRNL**

**Framework Model with**

**Physical Storage**

**UTRC/NREL**

**Metal Hydride (MH)**

**UTRC/SRNL/NREL**

**Chemical Hydride (CH)**

**PNNL/NREL**

**Adsorbent (AD)**

**SRNL/NREL**

{ Estimate light-duty vehicle performance for each storage system with four drive cycles

**AD/CH System Estimator**

**PNNL/SRNL**

**This Year's Work**

**AD Isotherm Fitting Tool**

**SRNL**

**This Year's Work**



## Improved Website Access and Support

HSECoE website:

<http://hsecoe.org/>

Model Support and Feedback:

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## Improved model access/description

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The Center addresses the significant engineering challenges associated with developing lower-pressure, materials-based hydrogen storage systems for hydrogen fuel cell and internal combustion engine light-duty vehicles.

This project is incorporated into the DOE's Fuel Cell Technology Program, which consists of applied research and development activities, conducted through Center of Excellence materials and engineering teams, and independent projects focusing on materials and concepts, testing, and system analysis.



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# Improved Website Access and Support

## Model documentation and downloads

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**Publications**

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## Publications (now with links)

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## User's manual

### H<sub>2</sub> Vehicle Simulation Framework

MODEL DESCRIPTION AND USER MANUAL

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# Automated Isotherm Fitting Simplifies Model Use for Material Developers

- **Excess Adsorption Data Fitting Script**
  - Written in MathCad™ and I/O in Microsoft Excel
  - Push Button Solution
- **Preliminary Model Evaluation:**
  - Powder MOF-5
  - Compacted MOF-5 (0.32 g/cc, **0.4 g/cc**, and 0.52 g/cc)
  - Activated Carbon



# Accomplishments and Progress

## Output Table Provides DA Parameters and Error

The spreadsheet displays the following data columns:

T	P	$n_{ex}$	c	$n_{ex,fit}$	%-diff	$n_{ex,fit}$	%-diff
[K]	[Pa]	[mol/kg <sub>ads</sub> ]	[mol/m <sup>3</sup> ]	[mol/kg <sub>ads</sub> ]	$\frac{ n_{ex}-n_{ex,fit} }{n_{ex}}$	[mol/kg <sub>ads</sub> ]	$\frac{ n_{ex}-n_{ex,fit} }{n_{ex}}$

**Fitted D-A Coefficients**

**First pass solution (Red):**

- $n_{max} = 144.95 \text{ mol/kg}_{ads}$
- $\alpha = 2031.12 \text{ J/mol}$
- $\beta = 21.36 \text{ J/mol/K}$
- $P_0 = 2.1269E+09 \text{ Pa}$
- $V_s = 0.002425 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}_{ads}$
- $V_v = 0.001950 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}_{ads}$
- $R = 8.3144621 \text{ J/mol/K}$

**Second pass solution (Green):**

- $n_{max} = 93.09 \text{ mol/kg}_{ads}$
- $\alpha = 2482.89 \text{ J/mol}$
- $\beta = 16.36 \text{ J/mol/K}$
- $P_0 = 1.0056E+09 \text{ Pa}$
- $V_s = 0.001658 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}_{ads}$
- $V_v = 0.001950 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}_{ads}$

**Final Calculation Results:**

- Original Excess Adsorption
- Calculated Excess Adsorption (x2)
- %-difference (x2)

Annotations include: "Maximum Error = 96.89%", "Average Error = 0.52%", "Sum of Squares Error = 1.703951" for the first pass; and "Maximum Error = 54.74%", "Average Error = 7.38%", "Sum of Squares Error = 1.97285" for the second pass. A note states: "← If  $V_s > V_v$ , NOT A SOLUTION!!!! Use green D-A Parameters".

# Accomplishments and Progress

## Output Table Provides DA Parameters and Error

**Errors Calculated for First pass solution**

**Fitted D-A Coefficients**

- $n_{max} = 144.95 \text{ mol/kg}_{ss}$
- $\alpha = 2031.12 \text{ J/mol}$
- $\beta = 21.36 \text{ J/mol/K}$
- $P_g = 2.1269E+09 \text{ Pa}$
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**Errors Calculated for Second pass solution**

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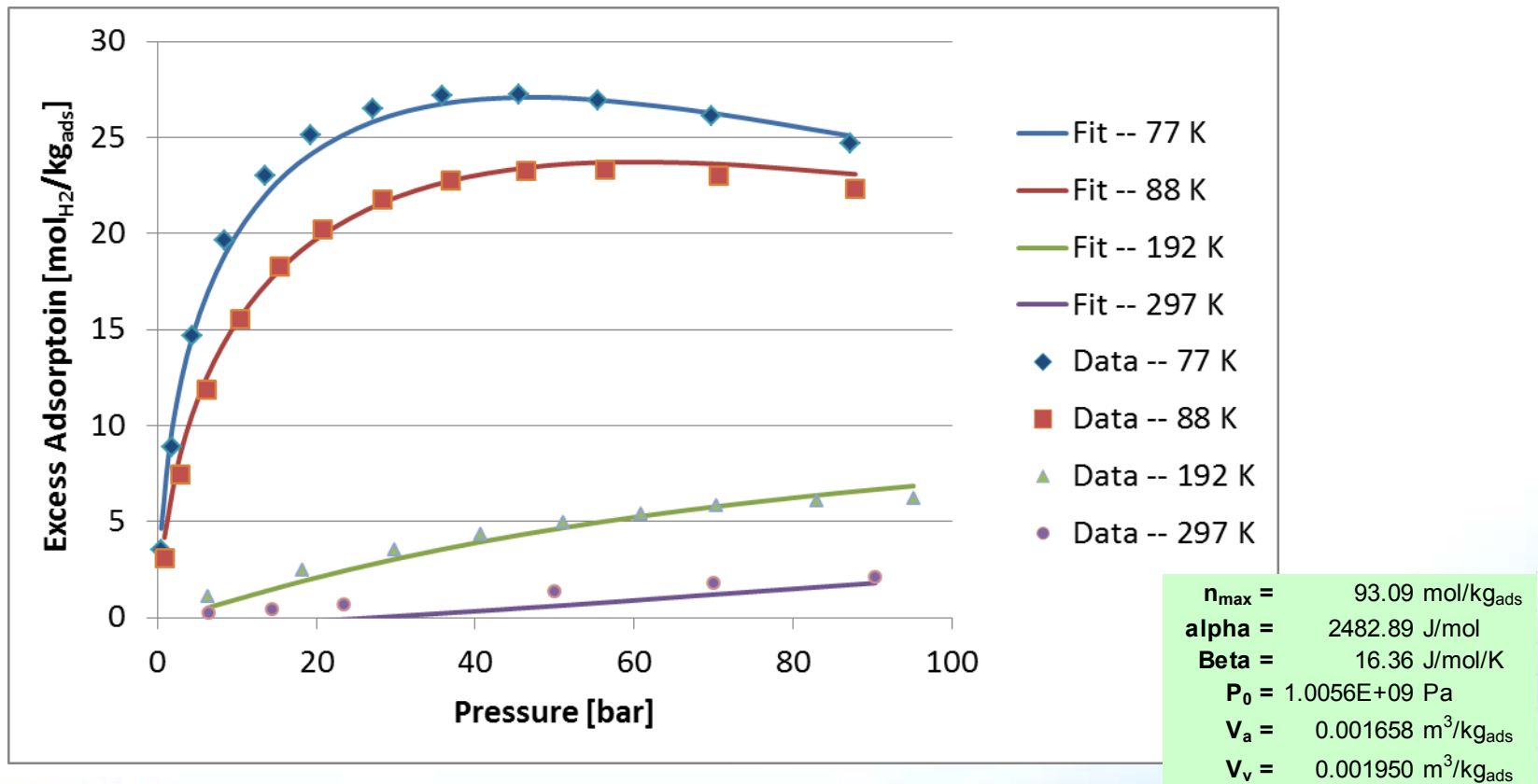
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Equations shown in the spreadsheet:

- $naH2 = n_{max} \exp(-(R \cdot T) / (\alpha + \beta))$
- $n_{ex} = naH2 - c \cdot Va$
- $n_{ex} = (n_{max} \exp(-(R \cdot T) / (\alpha + \beta)))$

## Isotherm Fitting Results

- All fitting results performed had a sum of squares error less than 5.0
- All but one had a sum of squares error of less than 2.0
- **Sample Result:** 0.4 g/cc Compacted MOF-5



## Sizing Routine Estimates All Input Parameters Needed for Framework

- **Benefit**

- **Availability (No Simulink license required)**
- **Uses inputs measured by materials researchers to calculate Framework parameters**
- **Estimates system mass and volume for preliminary comparison to the DOE Technical Targets**
- **Can be run separate or can be run as a GUI within the framework**



## Executable Sizing Routine – Chemical Hydrogen Input File

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
		Values	Units	Comments						
1										
2	ExoEndo	1	--	Exothermic/Endothermic Flag (Exo = 1, Endo = 0)	Reaction Parameters					
3	Kinetic_Model	1	--	Kinetic Model Flag (Avrami Kinetics = 1, nth Order Kinetics = 2)						
4	MW_CH	30.8	g/mol	molecular weight Chemical Hydrogen Material						
5	slurry	1	--	Fluid Properties Flag (Slurry (1) or Liquid (0))						
6	x_H2	0.152	--	Wt Fraction H2 in the CHS Material		Weight Fraction H <sub>2</sub>				
7	n_rxn	1	--	Number of Reactions to Model (1 or 2)						
8	DH_rxn_1	-17981	J/mol H2	Reaction Enthalpy Rxn 1 (negative=exothermic)						
9	Beta1	2.355	mol H2/mol CH	Molar Ratio H2 maximum for CH material Rxn 1						
10	A1	244	sec-1	Pre-exponential factor for Rxn 1						
11	E1	29900	J/mol H2	Activation Energy for Rxn 1						
12	n1	3.1	--	Exponent for Avrami or Reaction Order for Rxn 1						
13	DH_rxn_2	0	J/mol H2	Reaction Enthalpy Rxn 2 (negative=exothermic)		Heat Capacity & Density				
14	Beta2	0	mol H2/mol CH	Molar Ratio H2 maximum for CH material Rxn 2						
15	A2	0	sec-1	Pre-exponential factor for Rxn 2						
16	E2	0	J/mol H2	Activation Energy for Rxn 2						
17	n2	1	--	Exponent for Avrami or Reaction Order for Rxn 2						
18	x_inert	0.5	--	Weight fraction inert with CHS Material to Slurry						
19	Cp_CH	2694	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity CHS Material	Heat Capacity & Density					
20	Cp_i	1846	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity inert slurrying agent						
21	Cp_p	774	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity CHS Material Product						
22	rho_CH	780	kg/m3	Density CHS Material						
23	rho_i	1000	kg/m3	Density inert slurrying agent	Heat Capacity & Density					
24	rho_P	1640	kg/m3	Density CHS Material Product						
25	ppm_imp	500	ppm	Concentration of impurity 1		Impurities				
26	A_imp	0.1	g impurity/g adsorbent	Adsorbent maximum loading impurity 1						
27	MW_imp	17	g/mol	molecular weight impurity 1						
28	ppm_imp2	2000	ppm	Concentration of impurity 2						
29	A_imp2	0.35	g impurity/g adsorbent	Adsorbent maximum loading impurity 2	Impurities					
30	MW_imp2	80.5	g/mol	molecular weight impurity 2						
31	Useable H2	5.6	kg	Mass of usable hydrogen required		Operating Conditions				
32	Power	40	kW	Average Hydrogen Storage H2 Production Required						
33	Pset	25		Ballast Tank Pressure Initial Condition and Setpoint						
34	Q_heater	8000		Reactor heater per length						
35	Tmax	400	°C	Maximum acceptable reactor temperature						
36										
37										

## Executable Sizing Routine – Chemical Hydrogen Output

Name	Value	Units	Description
<b>System Mass and Volume</b>			
TotalMass	218.8343	kg	Total Estimated System Mass
TotalVolume	236.6091	L	Total Estimated System Volume
DOE_Mass_Target	0.02559	kg H2/kg sys	DOE Gravimetric Target 2020
DOE_Vol_Target	0.023668	kg H2/L sys	DOE Volumetric Target 2020
<b>Framework Input Parameters</b>			
ReactorLength	1.574	m	Reactor Length
Vballast	0.092683	m3	Ballast Tank Volume
MFeed	128.1465	kg	Mass Chemical Hydride Required
x_CH	0.5	kg/kg	Fraction chemical Hydride in Slurry or Liquid
LiqRadLength	3.671969	m	Slurry Radiator Length
GasRadLength	0.961873	m	Hydrogen Gas Radiator Length
ppm_imp	0	ppm	Impurity 1 Conc.
ppm_imp	0	ppm	Impurity 2 Conc.
Recup	1	--	Recuperator Flag (1 = endothermic)
RecupLength	1.78423	m	Recuperator Length (if endothermic)
<b>Intermediate Values</b>			
Startup Time	187.6743	sec	Time to Reach 30% Conversion
<b>Framework Values: Reactor Parameters</b>			
reactparam.A1	1.2E+10	1/sec	Arrhenius Parameter Reaction 1
reactparam.E1	102200	J/mol	Activation Energy Reaction 1
reactparam.n1	2	--	Exponential Factor Reaction 1
reactparam.beta1	1.5	mol H2/mol CH	Ratio H2 to CH Produced Reaction 1
reactparam.DH1	-7600	J/mol	Reaction 1 Enthalpy
reactparam.A2	0	1/sec	Arrhenius Parameter Reaction 2
reactparam.E2	1000	J/mol	Activation Energy Reaction 2
reactparam.n2	1	--	Exponential Factor Reaction 2
reactparam.beta2	0	mol H2/mol CH	Ratio H2 to CH Produced Reaction 2
reactparam.DH2	0	J/mol	Reaction 2 Enthalpy
reactparam.rxntyp	1	--	Type of Reaction(1=Avrami, 2=nth Order)
reactparam.D	0.0444	m	Reactor Diameter
reactparam.thick	0.0017	m	Reactor Wall Thickness
reactparam.rhoslur	1244.147	kg/m3	Density Slurry
reactparam.MW	30	g/mol	Chemical Hydride Molecular Weight
reactparam.Cpslur	1423	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity Slurry
reactparam.rhome	8000	kg/m3	Density Steel
reactparam.Cpmet	470	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity Steel
reactparam.CpH2	14400	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity H2
<b>Framework Values: Liquid Radiator Parameters</b>			
slurradiat.d.liq	0.005	m	Slurry Radiator Diameter

System Mass & Volume

Key Design Parameters used in Framework

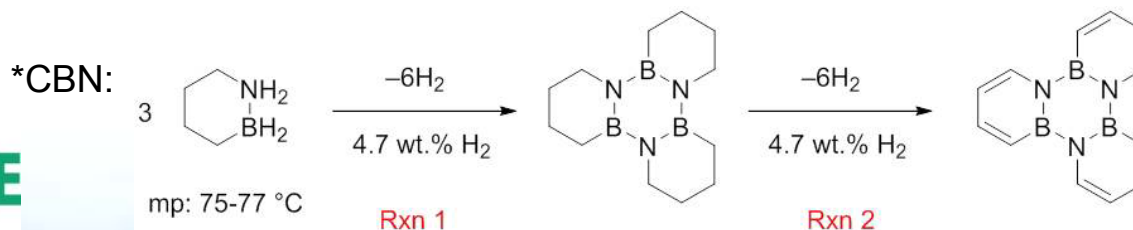
Intermediate Values

Other Framework Values For each Unit Operation

Output: Provides all parameters needed for full Chemical Hydrogen storage system.

## Executable Sizing Routine – Representative Results for CHS

Calculated System Parameter	Ammonia Borane	Alane	CBN*
Total System Mass (kg)	133	188	117
Total System Volume (L)	146	161	135
System Gravimetric Capacity (kg H <sub>2</sub> /kg system)	0.042	0.029	0.048
System Volumetric Capacity (kg H <sub>2</sub> /L system)	0.038	0.035	0.041
Reactor Length (m)	0.64	1.28	2.3
Ballast Tank Volume (L)	14	22	32
Mass Chemical Hydride (kg)	77	128	70
Fraction Chemical Hydride	0.5	0.5	1
Liquid Radiator Length (m) (3 tubes)	2.4	1.6	0.9
Gas Radiator Length (m) (1 tube)	1.2	1.0	1.4
Recuperator Length (m) (3 tubes)	0	3.22	0.8
Startup Temperature (°C)	178	202	279
Ballast Time (s)	75	117	176



# Accomplishments and Progress

## Executable Sizing Routine – Adsorbent Input File

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1		<b>Values</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Comments</b>							
2	Pi	1.00E+07 Pa		Initial/Full tank pressure	}	<b>Operating Conditions</b>					
3	Pf	5.00E+05 Pa		Initial/Full tank pressure							
4	Ti	80 K		Final/Empty tank pressure							
5	Tf	160 K		Final/Empty tank pressure							
6	H2usable	5.6 kg <sub>H2</sub>		Target usable hydrogen							
7	type_Ads	1		Type of adsorbent/HX: 1) Powder/HexCell, 2) Compact/MATI	}	<b>Adsorbent condition and Dubinin-Astakhov (D.A.) Parameters</b>					
8	alpha	2895.12802 J/mol <sub>H2</sub>		D.A. Parameter -- Enthalpic contribution to the characteristic free energy of adsorption							
9	beta	15.29117 J/mol <sub>H2</sub> /K		D.A. Parameter -- Entropic contribution to the characteristic free energy of adsorption							
10	m	2		D.A. Parameter -- Exponential constant for absolute adsorption							
11	nmax	96.43165 mol <sub>H2</sub> /kg <sub>Ads</sub>		D.A. Parameter -- Maximum H2 loading of the entire adsorption volume							
12	P0	1.39E+09 Pa		D.A. Parameter -- Pseudo-saturation pressure (pressure of the gas phase)							
13	rho_ads	130 kg <sub>Ads</sub> /m <sup>3</sup>		D.A. Parameter -- Bulk Density of the MOF-5							
14	Va	0.00169712 m <sup>3</sup> /kg <sub>Ads</sub>		D.A. Parameter -- Adsorbed volume per mass of adsorbent	}	<b>Thermal properties</b>					
15	Vv	0.00725 m <sup>3</sup> /kg <sub>Ads</sub>		D.A. Parameter -- Void volume per mass of adsorbent							
16	k	0.3 W/m/K		Thermal conductivity of the adsorbent							
17	Cp	780 J/kg/K		Specific Heat of the adsorbent	}	<b>Pressure vessel design considerations</b>					
18	Ads_Cost	11.8 \$/kg <sub>Ads</sub>		Projected cost of the adsorbent per unit mass							
19	th_ins	0.026 m		Pressure vessel insulation thickness							
20	th_LN2	0 m		Pressure vessel LN2 chiller channel thickness (minimum value of 1/4" if present)							
21	TType	4		Type of pressure vessel:							
22				0 = Aluminum Type 1							
23				1 = 316 Stainless Steel Type 1							
24				2 = Aluminum + CF Type 3							
25				3 = SS + CF Type 3							
26				4 = Plastic + CF Type 4							

Operating Condition Limits:  $5.0 \text{ bar} < P < 700 \text{ bar}$   
 $40 \text{ K} < T < 400 \text{ K}$

Calculations should be limited to the adsorbent excess adsorption data range

# Accomplishments and Progress

## Executable Sizing Routine – Adsorbent Output File

Name	Value	Units	Description
----- Output values -----			
H2stored	5.714285714	kg_H2	Total hydrogen stored
System_mass	113.3458877	kg	Total H2 Storage System Mass
System_vol	281.2933333	L	Total H2 Storage System Volume
System_Cost	2664.635557	\$	Total Projected H2 Storage System Cost
Grav_Cap	0.049406292	g_H2/g_sys	System-based gravimetric capacity
Vol_Cap	19.9080438	g_H2/L_sys	System-based volumetric capacity
Rank	7.455876711		Overall system rank based on mass, volume, and cost (better systems have higher values*)
----- Input values -----			
Pi	100	bar	Initial/Full tank pressure
Ti	80	K	Initial/Full tank temperature
Pf	5.5	bar	Final/Empty tank pressure
Tf	160	K	Final/Empty tank temperature
H2usable	5.6	kg_H2	Target usable hydrogen
type_Ads	1		Type of adsorbent/HX: 1) Powder/HexCell, 2) Compact/MATI
alpha	2895.12802	J/mol_H2	D.A. Parameter – Enthalpic contribution to the characteristic free energy of adsorption
beta	15.25117	J/mol_H2/K	D.A. Parameter – Entropic contribution to the characteristic free energy of adsorption
m	2		D.A. Parameter – Exponential constant for adsolute adsorption
nmax	96.43165	mol_H2/kg_ads	D.A. Parameter – Maximum H2 loading of the entire adsorption volume
PO	1387070830	Pa	D.A. Parameter – Pseudo-saturation pressure (pressure of the gas phase)
rho_ads	130	kg_ads/m^3	D.A. Parameter – Bulk Density of the MOF-5
Va	0.00169712	m^3/kg_ads	D.A. Parameter – Adsorbed volume per mass of adsorbent
Vv	0.00725	m^3/kg_ads	D.A. Parameter – Void volume per mass of adsorbent
k	0.3	W/m/K	Thermal conductivity of the adsorbent
Cp	780	J/kg/K	Specific Heat of the adsorbent
Ads_Cost	11.8	\$/kg_ads	Projected cost of the adsorbent per unit mass
th_ins	0.026	m	Pressure vessel insulation thickness
th_LN2	0	m	Pressure vessel LN2 chiller channel thickness (minimum value of 1/4" if present)
TType	4		Type of pressure vessel: 0 = Type 1 AI, 1 = Type 1 SS, 2 = Type 3 AHCF, 3 = Type 3 SS+CF, 4 = Type 4 Plastic+CF
----- Intermediate Calculations -----			
ntotal	0.259938979	kg_H2/kg_ads	Mass of H2 stored per mass of adsorbent
mass_inHX	10.12628399	kg	Mass of the internal Heat Exchanger
vol_inHX	3.750475553	L	Volume of the internal Heat Exchanger
Cost_inHX	67.59294565	\$	Projected cost of the internal Heat Exchanger
mass_ads	21.98318138	kg_ads	Mass of the adsorbent material
vol_ads	174.035335	L	Volume of the adsorbent material
Cost_ads	11.8	\$	Projected cost of the adsorbent material
m_H2	5.714285714	kg_H2	Total mass of hydrogen stored
m_H2_ads	5.714285714	kg_H2	Mass of hydrogen associated with the adsorbent
m_H2_gas	0	kg_H2	Mass of hydrogen in the free space (outside of the adsorbent)
vol_gas	0	L	Volume of gas in the free space (outside of the adsorbent)
Cost_H2	15.42857143	\$	Projected cost of the hydrogen
mass_tank	58.79413661	kg	Total mass of the tank (pressure vessel, insulation, etc.)
vol_tank	264.7503333	L	Outer volume of the tank
Cost_tank	1330.759166	\$	Projected cost of the tank
N_tank	1		Total number of tanks (pre-set to 1 tank)
L_tank	1800.328516	mm	Outer length of the tank
D_tank	446.2418486	mm	Outer diameter of the tank
L-to-D	4.03442331		Length-to-Diameter ratio of the outside of the tank
L_cyl	1477.74755	mm	Length of the cylinder section of the tank
L_int	1725.066316	mm	Internal length of the tank
D_int	370.9826486	mm	Internal diameter of the tank
R1	185.4913243	mm	Radius of the tank interior
R2	189.4913243	mm	Outer radius of the tank pressure vessel (type 1) or the pressure vessel liner (type 3 or 4)
R3	197.7209243	mm	Outer radius of the tank pressure vessel (carbon fiber of type 3 or 4)
R4	197.7209243	mm	Outer radius of the LN2 chilling channels (if present)
R5	221.1209243	mm	Outer radius of the tank insulation
R6	223.1209243	mm	Outer radius of the outer shell of the tank (outer shell thickness pre-set to 2mm)
m_BOP	16.728	kg	Mass of the balance of plant of the H2 storage system
vol_BOP	16.543	L	Volume of the balance of plant of the H2 storage system

System level outputs

Repeat of the calculation inputs

Intermediate calculation results:  
 -- Pressure vessel description  
 -- Internal heat exchanger  
 -- hydrogen storage breakdown

Output: Details needed for a full adsorbent H<sub>2</sub> storage system.

## Executable Sizing Routine – Representative Results for ADS

	Gravimetric Capacity [g <sub>H2</sub> /g <sub>sys</sub> ]	Volumetric Capacity [g <sub>H2</sub> /L <sub>sys</sub> ]	Source
MOF-5 Powder [130 kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	0.0338 g <sub>H2</sub> /g <sub>sys</sub>	18.6 g <sub>H2</sub> /L <sub>sys</sub>	HSECoE
MOF-5 Compact [406 kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	0.0314 g <sub>H2</sub> /g <sub>sys</sub>	21.3 g <sub>H2</sub> /L <sub>sys</sub>	HSECoE
DUT-23 (Co) Powder* [200 kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	0.0348 g <sub>H2</sub> /g <sub>sys</sub>	20.7 g <sub>H2</sub> /L <sub>sys</sub>	Ford / University of Michigan
IRMOF-20 Powder* [200 kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	0.0341 g <sub>H2</sub> /g <sub>sys</sub>	20.3 g <sub>H2</sub> /L <sub>sys</sub>	Ford / University of Michigan
MOF-5 Powder [200 kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	0.0332 g <sub>H2</sub> /g <sub>sys</sub>	19.6 g <sub>H2</sub> /L <sub>sys</sub>	HSECoE

\*Special thanks to Ford and the University of Michigan for sharing their data

### System Design Assumptions:

- Operating Conditions: 80 K, 100 bar to 160 K, 5 bar
- 5.6 kg of usable hydrogen (~5.714 kg of actual hydrogen storage)
- Type 1 aluminum pressure vessel
- LN<sub>2</sub> pressure vessel chiller channel thickness of 9.525 mm
- Uniform insulation thickness of 23 mm, with a 2 mm outer aluminum shell

# Accomplishments and Progress

## GUI Improvements: Storage System Design Tool Incorporated into Framework

- Input user specified parameters for new material/design
- Design tool calculates framework inputs for new material/design
- New material/design can then be added to future vehicle simulation

**Figure 1: Vehicle simulation framework**

**Hydrogen Vehicle Simulation Framework**

Select storage system: CH\_UserSpecified

Running scenario: 1 Fuel economy test (UDDS)

Storage system variables - Single run

Auxiliary loads	kW	(0.2 - 2)	0.7	Pressure setpoint	atm	(15 - 50)	25
Ballast volume	m <sup>3</sup>	(0.1 - 0.05)	0.0240				
Fraction CH in feed	-	(0.1 - 1)	0.5				
Length gas radiator	m	(0.1 - 3)	1.0775				
Length liquid radiator	m	(0.1 - 3)	0.711				
Length reactor	m	(1 - 3)	1.28				
Mass in feed tank	kg	(0.1 - 300)	81.871				

**CH\_SystemDesign**

**Material Properties**

MW_CH	30.8	x_inert	0.5
slurry	1	Molecular Weight of CH (g/mol)	694
x_H2	0.152	Cp_i	1000
n_rxn	1	Cp_r	774
DH_rxn_1	-17981	rho_CH	780
Beta1	2.355	rho_i	1000
A1	244	rho_P	540
E1	29900	ppm_imp	500
n1	3.1	A_imp	0.1
DH_rxn_2	0	MW_imp	17
Beta2	0	ppm_imp2	2000
A2	0	A_imp2	0.35
E2	0	MW_imp2	80.5
n2	1	Prandtlnum	7000

**Operating Conditions**

UsableH2	5.6
Power	40
Pset	25
Q_heater	4000
Tmax	300

**Design Parameters**

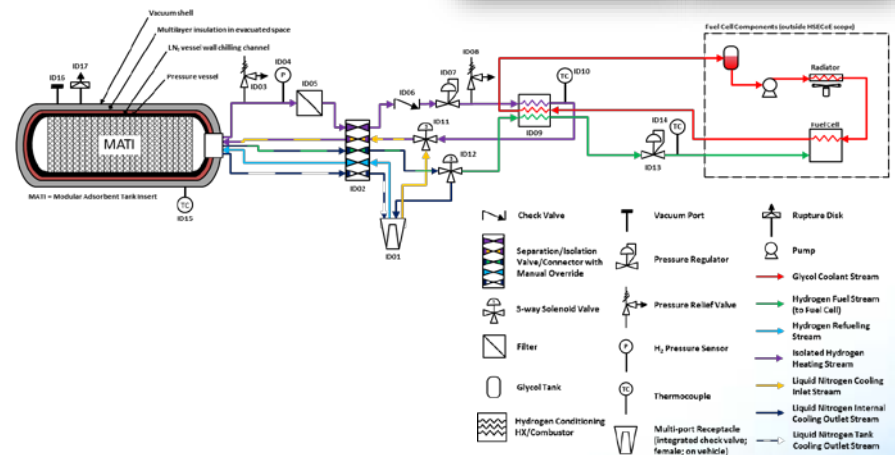
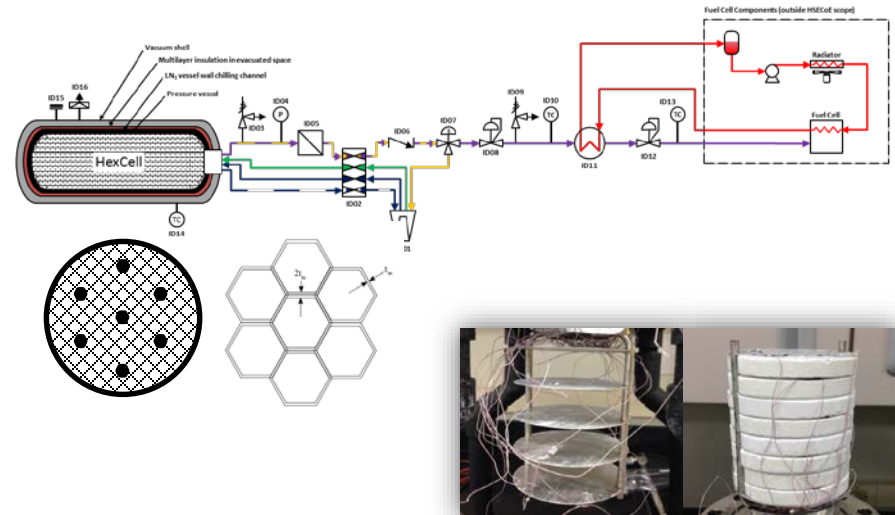
Ambient Temperature	0
Liquid Radiator Length (m)	0.709133
Reactor Length (m)	1.28
Ballast Tank Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	0.0240627
Mass Chemical Hydride (kg)	81.8713
Fraction Chemical Hydride	0.5
Pressure Set Point (bar)	25
Gas Radiator Length (m)	1.07752
Impurity 1 Conc. (ppm)	500
Impurity 2 Conc. (ppm)	2000
Endothermic Flag (1=yes)	0
Recuperator Length (m)	0
TotalVolume	0.168065
TotalMass	145.413

**Buttons:** Run simulation, Stop simulation, Save results, Run System Design, Create Model Files, Design Documentation, General Documentation, Exit, Change Material/Design.

**Annotations:** Red arrows point from the 'Change Material/Design' button in the top window to the 'Run System Design' and 'Create Model Files' buttons in the bottom window. A red circle highlights the 'TotalVolume' and 'TotalMass' values in the Design Parameters table. A red box highlights the 'Storage Volume and Mass Outputs' section. A red box highlights the 'Design Documentation' button.

## AD Model Improvements: Expand Model Capability

- Adsorbent model updates:
  - Improved hydrogen properties calculations for **faster time steps / improved solution convergence.**
  - **Validated the adsorbent model** estimates using powder MOF-5 and 0.32 g/cc, 0.4 g/cc, and 0.52 g/cc compacted MOF-5 excess adsorption.
- System model updates:
  - Updated tank design controls to **include Type 1, Type 3, and Type 4 pressure vessels.**
  - **Included insulation thickness control** to the design space to account for cryogenic to room temperature operation.





## CH Model Updates/Improvements (Kriston)

- Remove unneeded complexity to **decrease model computation time**

- Radiator, Recuperator, Ballast Tank

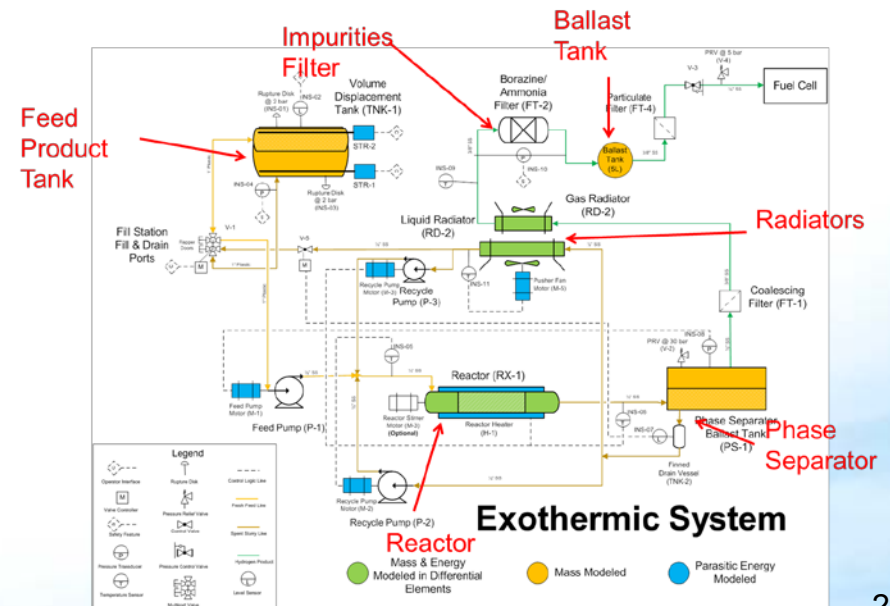
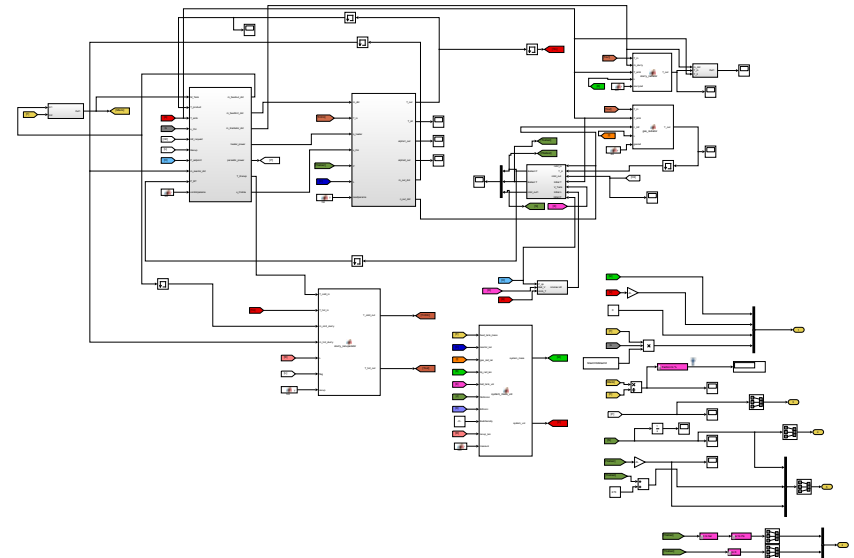
- Added  $n^{\text{th}}$  order reaction kinetics** with two series reactions as an alternative to two parallel Avrami reactions

- $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial t} \right|_{kinetics} = k_1 [C_0 (1 - \alpha_1)]^{n_1} \quad \left. \frac{\partial \alpha_2}{\partial t} \right|_{kinetics} = k_2 [C_0 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)]^{n_2}$$

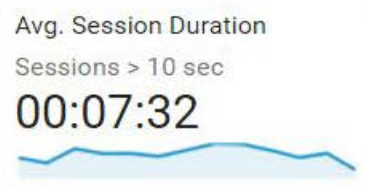
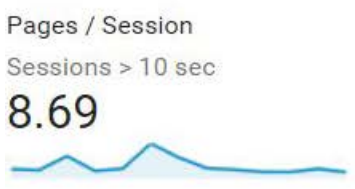
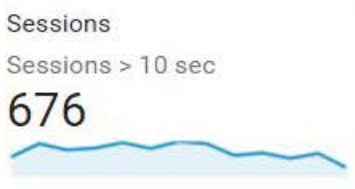
- Eliminate need for separate C++ Compiler**

- Use MatLAB functions rather than S-Functions
- New version of MatLAB require importing separate C++ compiler

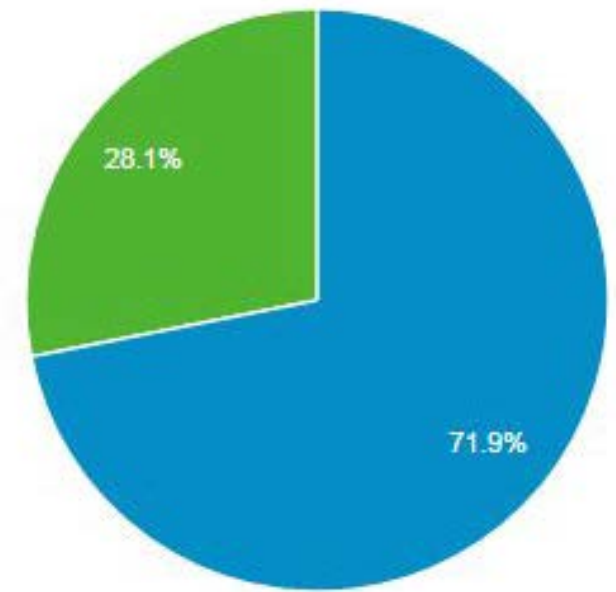


# Accomplishments and Progress

## Model Website Analytics (through April 2017)



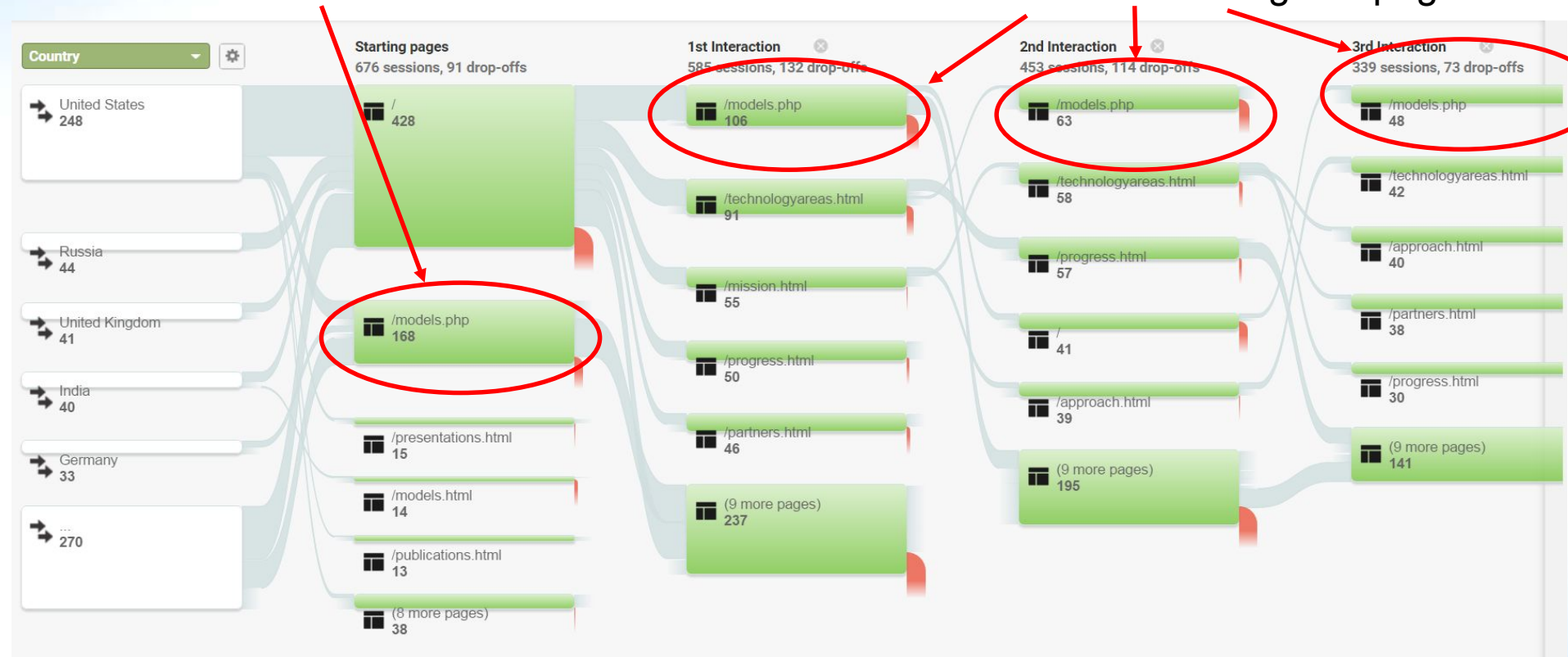
New Visitor Returning Visitor



## Model Website Analytics Web Flow

25% of users go directly to modeling webpage

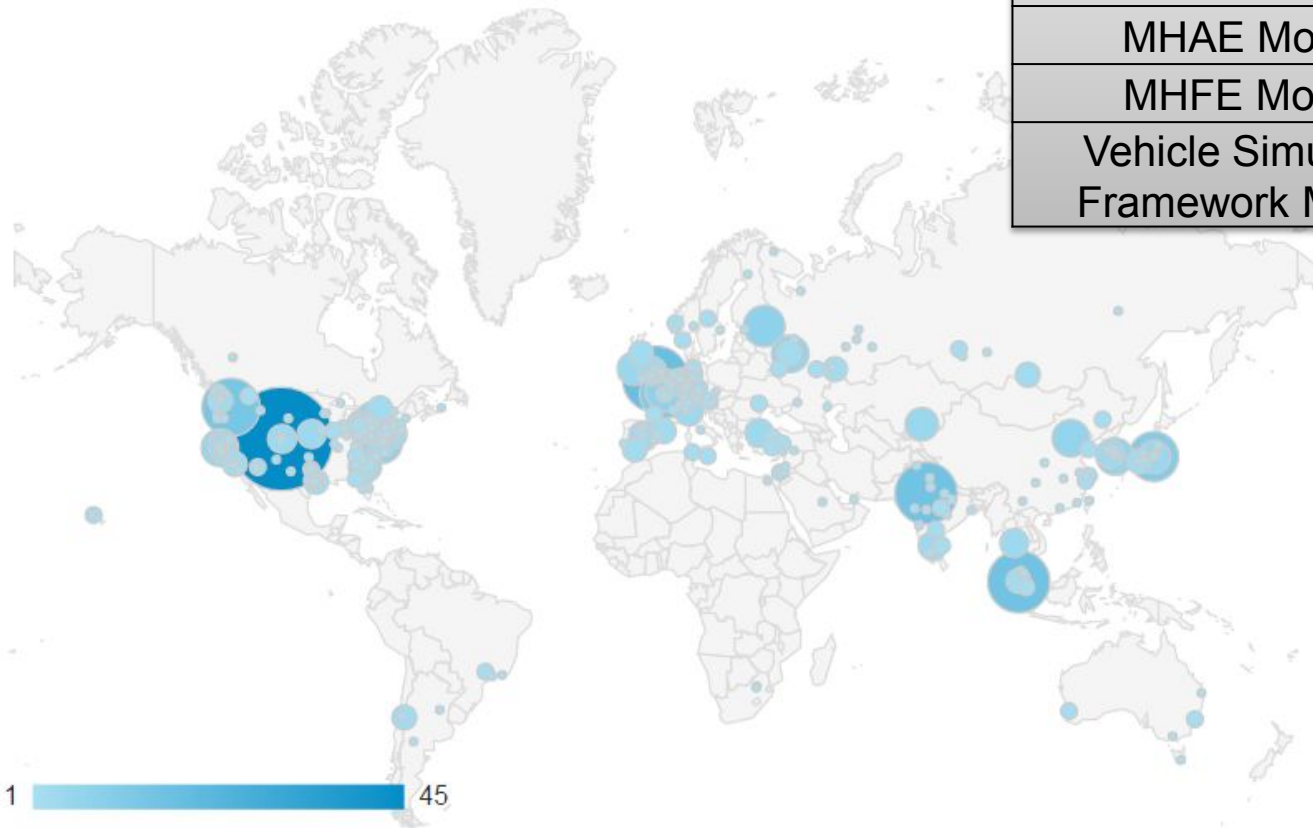
Largest fraction of subsequent interactions are to the modeling webpage



**Website users are going to the model webpage**

## Model Website Analytics

MODEL	DOWNLOADS (Since AMR16)
H <sub>2</sub> Storage Tank Mass and Cost Model	150 (49)
MHAE Model	46 (17)
MHFE Model	74 (33)
Vehicle Simulator Framework Model	107 (39)



***39 new downloads of the Vehicle Simulator Framework Model since April, 2016.***

# AMR Comments

2016 AMR Comment	2017 Response/Approach
Models written in MatLAB/Simulink may not be utilized by material researchers	Have developed executable sizing routines that do not require MatLAB/Simulink
Outside materials developers would find it useful to have access to the source codes.	Source code is available on the website and can be modified (user beware)
Make accommodations for RT Adsorbents	Model currently can accommodate RT adsorbents but BOP not yet accounted for properly.
Documentation of the instructions for the models should be provided--including specific software requirements and critical assumptions	User manual provides specific software requirements and critical assumptions. Journal articles provide documentation of approach.
The project should obtain feedback from “outside” users that are not HSECoE members and then make adjustments based on their input—users workshop	Evaluating materials from others, including non-HSECoE members: -- Mike Veenstra, Ford Motor Co. -- Don Siegel, University of Michigan -- Jeff Long*, UC Berkeley

\*New collaboration – the team is altering the codes to accommodate Jeff’s room temperature adsorbent material.

# Collaborations

Organization	Relationship	Type	Responsibility
<b>NREL</b>	Team Member	Federal Lab	Update Website and Framework
<b>SRNL</b>	Team Member	Federal Lab	Adsorbent and Compressed Gas Modeling
<b>PNNL</b>	Team Member	Federal Lab	Chemical Hydrogen and Metal Hydride Modeling
<b>Ford</b>	Consultant	Industry	Beta Testing, Fuel Cell Model, Adsorption Data
<b>RCB Hydrides LLC</b>	Consultant	Industry	Beta Testing, H <sub>2</sub> Storage Expertise
<b>University of Michigan</b>	Material Developer	Academia	Adsorption Data
<b>University of California Berkeley</b>	Material Developer	Academia	Adsorption Data

# Remaining Challenges and Barriers

- Increase the use of the models by material developers
  - *Expand the capability of the models to include other kinetic and thermodynamic expressions*
  - *Simplify the model use for non-modelers*
- Increase the use of the models by systems engineers
  - *Potential expansion of the model capabilities to other vehicle classes*
- Demonstrate the model's utility to other researchers
  - *Applying the models to their applications*
- Find available data to validate the model

# Model Path Forward – Next Steps

- Convert isotherm fitting routine into MatLAB and stand-alone executable file
- Update Adsorbent model to address room temperature BOP
- Develop stand-alone system executable for MH and Compressed Gas Storage
- Develop volume-based design to target specific vehicle volume limitations/designs and/or, potentially, additional vehicle classes
- Update Adsorbent model with Unilan (or the 2-state Langmuir) models in addition to the D-A model.
- Expand model to other vehicle classes (beyond light duty)
- Work with Material Based H<sub>2</sub> Storage Developers to Apply model to their materials
- Maintain and enhance exiting framework models and track web activity and downloads.



## Proposed Future Work

# Past and Proposed Future Deliverables

	<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Date</b>
3	Develop storage system sizing pre-processor (CH storage system).	Complete
4	<b>SMART milestone</b> – Develop a stand-alone isotherm data fitting routine to convert raw excess adsorption H <sub>2</sub> data into its D-A parameters.	Complete
5	GUI Update for user input capability and documentation.	Complete
6	<b>SMART milestone</b> - Stand-alone System Estimator: Executable version of the sizing functions for Adsorbent and CH models to create first-order storage system estimates based on material properties.	Complete
7	Update web models: Executable System Estimators, Isotherm Fitting Tool, GUI/framework.	6/2017
8	Develop MH and compressed gas storage system estimators	9/2017
9	Provide update on web portal activity—web site hits and time on site, web site use locations and model down loads.	12/2017
10	Update Adsorbent and CH models with volume-based design to target specific vehicle classes	3/2018
11	Alternative Storage System Formulations: Update the hydrogen storage equations for additional theoretical formulations. (i.e. Unilan or 2-state Langmuir)	6/2018
12	Update models with expanded vehicle class options and newly available data from other DOE programs	9/2018 <sub>33</sub>

# Technology Transfer Activities

- Tracking model downloads
- Requesting feedback from users
- Utilizing Beta Testers from industry to evaluate the utility of the models and suggest improvements

# Summary

<b>Relevance</b>	Provide materials based hydrogen storage researchers with models and materials requirements to assess their material's performance in an automotive application.
<b>Approach</b>	Improve framework utility by bridging the gap between the information generated by the materials researcher and the parameters required for the framework model.
<b>Technical Accomplishments and Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed system estimator for CH and Adsorbents.</li><li>• System estimator used with framework GUI and as stand-alone executable.</li><li>• Developed a stand-alone isotherm data fitting routine for D-A parameters.</li><li>• Improved website and model accessibility.</li></ul>
<b>Collaborations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project team includes NREL, SRNL, and PNNL.</li><li>• Consultants from industry participate in team meetings and provide input.</li></ul>
<b>Proposed Future Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expand the use of models by demonstrating their utility with other storage materials, theoretical formulations, and vehicle class options.</li></ul>

## Questions?

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