

Energy Storage Analysis

Michael Penev, Chad Hunter National Renewable Energy Laboratory April 30, 2019

DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program 2019 Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting

Project ID # SA173

This presentation does not contain any proprietary, confidential, or otherwise restricted information.

Overview

| Timeline | Barriers |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Start: October, 2018 | 4.5B Stove-piped/Siloed Analytical Capability |
| End: September, 2019* | 4.5C Inconsistent Data, Assumptions and Guidelines |
| * Annual direction determined by DOE | 4.5E Unplanned Studies and Analysis |
| Budget | Partners |
| FY19 Planned DOE Funding: \$155K | CollaboratorsDOE, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable |
| Funds Received to Date: \$155K | Energy (EERE), Fuel Cell Technologies Office DOE, EERE, Vehicle Technologies Office Xcel Energy Southern Company Services Argonne National Laboratory National Renewable Energy Laboratory |

Energy storage analysis assesses market relevance and competitiveness for hydrogen.

Analysis assesses hydrogen system competitive space and valuation in the landscape of energy storage technologies.

NREL: H2FAST

Relevance/Impact 1



<u>Acronyms</u>

H2FAST: Hydrogen Financial Analysis Scenario ToolHDSAM: H2A Delivery Scenario Analysis ModelH2@Scale: Hydrogen at Scale

Analysis Framework

- H2FAST
- Cost estimation
- Competitive market analysis
- Financial analysis
- Data: HDSAM, MYRD&D, H2A, VTO targets, AMO targets

Market Segmentation of Energy Storage

Relevance/Impact 2



Integrated Hydrogen Energy Storage + Coproduction

Current and emerging energy market trends can be met using integrated hydrogen energy storage while also co-producing hydrogen for high value uses

Energy Storage Needs Examples



Relevance/Impact 3

Diurnal "Duck Curve":

- hours of storage is needed
- this happens daily

Wind gaps:

- days of storage is needed
- this happens few times a year
- long distance transmission does not address such gaps

source: https://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/tracking_progress/documents/resource_flexibility.pdf

http://www.pfbach.dk/

Global Energy Storage Market Inventory, 2018

Relevance/Impact 4



Global Energy Storage Inventory:

- 96% is pumped hydro serving diurnal operation
- Batteries typically provide few hours of storage
- Thermal storage is predominantly molten salt for concentrated solar
- Fly wheels provide very short duration storage (frequency regulation)

Source: DOE Global Energy Storage Database

Landscape of Energy Storage Technologies



Figure 19. Positioning of Energy Storage Technologies

Source: DOE/EPRI Electricity Storage Handbook, 2015

Modeling Approach: Subsystem Boundaries



Hydrogen systems also can co-produce hydrogen.

Other System Configurations

Approach 3



H2 storage technology can have other economic activity once storage is full.

Hydrogen Co-Production

Approach 4



Simple diurnal cycle:

- ✓ 4 hours power generation
- ✓ 8 hours storage recharge
- ✓ 12 hours hydrogen co-production

 H_2 co-production would improve economics if H_2 price exceeds variable operating costs.

System Sizing Assumptions

Accomplishments 1

| | | ESS only | ESS+ELZR | ELZR only |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Peak power production (h/day) | h/day | 4 | 4 | |
| Recharge time (h/day) | h/day | 8 | 8 | |
| H2 production (h/day) | h/day | | 12 | 24 |
| | | | | |
| Power generation (MW) | MW | 10 | 10 | |
| Power for recharging (MW) | MW | 11.6 | 11.6 | 11.6 |
| Power consumption (MWh/y) | MWh/y | 33,977 | 84,943 | 101,932 |
| Power production (MWh/y) | MWh/y | 14,600 | 14,600 | |
| H2 production (kg/day) | kg/day | | 2,530 | 5,061 |

ESS: Energy Storage System ESS + ELZR: Energy Storage System + Electrolyzer Hydrogen Production ELZR: Electrolyzer Hydrogen Production

Above system sizing allows meaningful unit capacity for grid support and hydrogen production volume. Approximately 2x installed capacity can provide sufficient hydrogen volume for large heavy duty stations.

Component Cost & Performance Assumptions

Accomplishments 2

| Subsystem | Technology Staus & Targets, all costs in 2016\$ | Current status |
|---------------|--|----------------|
| Rectifiers | Rectifier efficiency | 98.4% |
| P | Rectifier cost (\$/kW AC) | \$ 196 |
| | Total installation cost factor (% of equipment capital) | 57% |
| | System O&M (% of capital cost) | 1.0% |
| Electrolyzers | Electrolyzer power use (kWh DC/kg) | 54.3 |
| | Electrolyzer cost (\$/kW DC) | \$ 737 |
| | System life (years) | 20 |
| | Total installation cost factor (% of equipment capital) | 57% |
| | System O&M (% of capital cost) | 7.8% |
| Compressors | Power use (kWh AC/kg) | 1.42 |
| - | Compressor cost factor A (equation form c=A*p^B; where p is power) | 2290 |
| | Compressor cost exponent B (equation form c=A*p^B; where p is power) | 0.8225 |
| | Cost factor for inclusion of oxygen compression | 50% |
| | Total installation cost factor (% of equipment capital) | 187% |
| | System O&M (% of capital cost) | 4.0% |
| Storage | Terrestrial storage installed cost (\$/kg) | 1,168 |
| | Terrestrial storage installed cost (\$/kWh LHV) | 35 |
| | Terrestrial storage O&M (% of capital cost) | 1.0% |
| | Cushion gas (%) | 17.1% |
| Fuel cells | Fuel cell power production (kWh DC/kg) | 20.0 |
| | Fuel cell cost (\$/kW DC) | 507 |
| | Total installation cost factor (% of equipment capital) | 20% |
| | System O&M (% of capital cost) | 6.0% |
| Inverters | Inverter efficiency (%) | 98.6% |
| | Inverter cost (\$/kW) | \$ 384 |
| | Total installation cost factor (% of equipment capital) | 20% |
| | System O&M (% of capital cost) | 1.0% |
| Feedstock | Electricity cost (\$/kWh) | 0.033 |

Cost and performance inputs have been peer reviewed by all stakeholders.

Feedstock electricity cost of 3.3¢/kWh is used.

H2FAST Model Used For Levelized Cost Analysis

Accomplishments 4



- Energy Costs
- Financial Assumptions

https://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/h2fast.html

Techno-economic assessment is made based on minimal equipment sizing to achieve benchmark cycle. H2FAST model was used to evaluate financial performance of scenarios.

Financial Assumptions

| Financing Information | |
|---|----------------|
| Total tax rate (state, federal, local) | 27.00% |
| Capital gains tax | 15.00% |
| Are tax losses monetized (tax equity application) | Yes |
| Allowable tax loss carry-forward | 7 year |
| General inflation rate | 1.90% |
| Depreciation method | MACRS |
| Depreciation period | 5 year |
| Leveraged after-tax nominal discount rate | 10.0% |
| Debt/equity financing | 1.50 |
| Debt type | Revolving debt |
| Debt interest rate (compounded monthly) | 4.00% |
| Cash on hand (% of monthly expenses) | 100% |

Accomplishments 3

IRR% Sensitivity Vs. Co-Product Value

Accomplishments 5



- Bubble size is proportional to project internal rate of return IRR (%)
- Depending on value of electricity and hydrogen, ESS, ELZR or ESS+ELZR system yields highest IRR
- ESS +ELZR can lower the price of hydrogen from ~\$3 to ~\$2
- H₂ co-production reduces the cost of produced peak power.

Key Stakeholders

Collaboration

Reviewers

- DOE Fuel Cell Technologies Office
- DOE Vehicle Technologies Office
- Xcel Energy
- Southern Company Services, Inc.
- Argonne National Laboratory
- H2@Scale stakeholders

Remaining Challenges and Barriers

Challenges

Valuation of long duration storage is uncertain

- Most storage projects serve diurnal needs (<24h)
- Function of long-duration storage is currently served by fossil peaking plants

Limited operational data from existing energy storage projects for benchmarking

Inconsistent valuation of ancillary services by region in the US

Evaluate Means of Improving Round Trip Efficiency

Future Work 1

Increased efficiency can be traded for capital expenses

- 1. Increase electrolysis & fuel cell active area
- 2. Consider solid oxide electrolysis (SOEC)
- 3. Consider SOEC with **thermal storage** (store waste heat from power generation and use for thermal needs in electrolysis)
- 4. Consider high pressure electrolysis (reduce compression needs)
- 5. Consider compression energy recovery with **turbo expander**

Round trip efficiency is more important than capital cost. Improving efficiency can be traded for increased capital cost.

Expand Peripheral Analysis

Future Work 2

Incorporation of portfolio of hydrogen technologies

- Reversible solid oxide fuel cell systems with thermal storage
- Use of spinning equipment for power generation
- Use of geologic and isostatic hydrogen storage (deep water) for larger scales

Extend analysis into larger systems in service of H2@Scale applications

Perform select system analysis using RODeO

- Detailed grid model
- Perform near-term simulation of ESS economic performance
- Feed into on-going work for valuation of long duration storage

Summary

- NREL is performing integrated energy storage and hydrogen co-production analysis
 - energy storage system operation can be enhanced with H2 co-production
- Simple analysis framework was used to facilitate conception of integrated systems, and evaluate impact of technology tech. targets.
- Diverse stakeholder input is received
 - DOE Vehicle Technology Office
 - DOE Fuel Cell Technology Office
 - Argonne National Laboratory
 - Xcel Energy
 - Southern Company Services, Inc.
- Further exploration of technology options and grid services may expand the economic viability window of hydrogen technologies

BACKUP SLIDES

List of Acronyms

| AC | Alternating Current (electricity) |
|----------|---|
| AMO | Advanced Manufacturing Office |
| DC | Direct Current (electricity) |
| DOE | United States Department of Energy |
| EERE | Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy |
| ESS | Energy storage system |
| FCTO | Fuel Cell Technologies Office |
| H2 | Hydrogen |
| H2@SCALE | Hydrogen at scale |
| H2A | Hydrogen Analysis model |
| H2FAST | Hydrogen Financial Analysis Scenario Tool |
| HDSAM | Hydrogen Delivery Scenario Analysis Model |
| HTAC | Hydrogen Technology Advisory Committee |
| kW | kilowatt (unit of power) |
| kWh | kilowatt hour (unit of energy) |
| LCOE | Levelized Cost of Energy |
| MACRS | Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (depreciation schedule) |
| MW | megawatt (unit of power) |
| 02 | Oxygen |
| RODeO | Revenue Operation and Device Optimization Model |
| SOEC | Solid Oxide Electrolysis |
| VTO | Vehicle Technologies Office |