

System Level Analysis of Hydrogen Storage Options

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Overview

Timeline

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

Budget

- FY18 DOE Funding: \$500 K
- FY19 DOE Funding: \$500 K

Barriers

- H₂ 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

- HyMARC: PNNL, NREL, LBNL
- Delivery Team, Hydrogen Interface Taskforce (H2IT), ANL-H2A, ANL-HDSAM
- HMAT, TARDEC, BMW, LLNL
- Ford, ORNL, UM
- Strategic Analysis, PNNL, Ford

Relevance and Impact

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 H₂ 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 FY2019 work

- Determined the scenario for which methanol as hydrogen carrier can be cost competitive with the incumbent technology
- Proposed initial targets for production, transmission and decomposition of hydrogen carriers for overall \$2/kg H₂ production cost
- Established the cost of storing 1-3000 tonnes of H₂ in underground tubes, lined rock caverns, and salt caverns
- Determined carbon fiber requirements, gravimetric capacities, volumetric capacities and dormancy for 350-bar, 700-bar and cryo-compressed hydrogen
- storage on-board medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks

Approach

- Develop thermodynamic and kinetic models of processes in physical, complex metal hydride, sorbent, and chemical H₂ 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, national labs and others in obtaining data, and provide feedback
- Participate in meetings and communicate approach and results to foster consistency among DOE-sponsored analysis activities

FY2019 Tasks and Progress

- 1. Hydrogen Carriers (FY2019 Q1 and Q4)
 - Completed initial analysis of three hydrogen carriers. Identified a carrier and scenario that is cost competitive with the baseline gaseous hydrogen scenario
- 2. Bulk Storage (FY2019 Q2)
 - Determined levelized cost of 500 t-H₂ bulk storage in underground pipes, lined rock caverns, and salt caverns
- 3. Hydrogen Storage for Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks (FY2019 Q3)
 - Completed preliminary analysis of 10-150 kg hydrogen storage for medium and heavy-duty trucks.

			Date Completed	% Complete
1	Complete initial analysis of at least three one-way and two-way hydrogen carriers relative to the 2020 targets of \$2/kg hydrogen production and \$2/kg delivery cost	12/18	12/18	100
2	Prepare a report on technology and economics of bulk storage of hydrogen in different quantities (equivalent to 10-30 days storage), solicit feedback from area experts, and make the report publically available	03/19	03/31	75
3	Prepare a report on hydrogen storage for medium and heavy-duty trucks and invite feedback from stakeholders	06/19		50
4	Prepare case studies on hydrogen carriers for specific hydrogen supply and demand scenarios. Document results of reverse engineering analysis for carrier and process requirements to meet efficiency and cost targets (\$4/kg hydrogen)	09/19		25

Task 1: Approach

Baseline Gaseous Hydrogen (GH₂) Pathway: 50 tpd-H₂

3.0

2.5

2.0

1.5

1.0

0.5

Cost, \$/kg-H₂

H₂ Production

Transmission

Distribution

2.30

GH₂Terminal & Storage

Total

4.95

1.25

0.30

1.10



Why hydrogen carriers

- Transmission over long distances
- Bulk storage at different scales and duration ^{0.0}

Financial Assumptions	City annual average daily use = 50 tpd-H_2 ;					
	Operating capacity factor $= 90\%$;					
	Internal rate of return $(IRR) = 10\%$;					
	Depreciation (MACRS)=15 yrs;					
	Plant life=30	yrs; Construct	ion period=3 yrs			
	NG Electricity Water					
Feedstock and Utilities	6.80 \$/MBtu	5.74 ¢/kWh	0.54 ¢/gal			
SMR Consumption, /kg-H ₂	0.156 MBtu	0.569 kWh	3.35 gal			
GH ₂ Terminal	HDSAM v 3.	1, Compressed	l Gas H ₂ Terminal			
H ₂ Storage	10-days geolo	ogic storage of	H ₂ for plant outages			
H ₂ Distribution	400 kg/day H ₂ dispensing rate at refueling static					
Tube Trailers	Payload	Volume				
	1042 kg	36 m^3				

DOE record: 13-16 \$/kg-H₂ dispensed for very low production volume

0.34

2.0

1.8

1.5

H-4000 H

0.5

0.3

0.0

Capital

M&O =

Fuel

Total

4.95

1.10

0.85

Utilities

2.66

Fuel

Fuel+Electricity

1.42

1.71

- GH₂ scenario includes 10-d (500 t-H₂) geologic storage which is not available at all sites
- Future liquid carrier scenarios will consider options to circumvent geologic storage

tpd: tonnes/day t: tonne = 1000 kg;

Baseline GH₂ scenario: Central SMR; GH₂ terminal: H₂ compression & storage; truck distribution;

Hydrogen Carrier Pathways – Large Production Plants

Scenario: Large hydrogenation plant for economy of scale

- Methanol Production: 10,000 tpd; syngas production by ATR
- Location: Gulf of Mexico; low NG price outlook; diverse sources; plethora of critical energy infrastructure
- Transmission: Unit train (once every 10 days) to storage terminal in California (3250 km); local transmission by truck (150 km) to city gate



2.62

8.04

2.65

3.11

7.47

5.73

6.80



 MCH pathway includes a transmission leg for return of toluene to the production plant

EIA: Industrial NG \$/MBtu (2017 average), See slide 30 for references

2.43

Capital Cost of Methanol Plants

Capital cost minimized depending on scale

- ATR (auto-thermal reforming) for capacity >3000 tpd
- Two-step reforming for capacity >1800 tpd
- SMR (steam methane reforming) below 1500 tpd

Reformer, ASU and/or CO_2 removal account for ~50% of total capital costs

 Storage (30 days) of methanol accounts for a small fraction of total capital costs





Accomplishment

Capital Cost of Ammonia Plants





Capital Cost of Toluene Hydrogenation Plant

- Reactor operated at 240°C and 10 atm for nearly complete conversion. Conversion is kinetically limited. No side-reactions are considered.
- Allowing for 0.5 atm pressure drop, 98.5% of MCH condenses at 9.5 atm and 45°C
- Excess H₂ and MCH vapor recycled (H₂/Toluene ratio = 4/1)
- Plant Sizes Toluene makeup = 0.84% (due to dehydrogenation losses) •H₂: 350 tpd •MCH: 6,764 tpd Compression Capital Cost (\$M 0.067/tpd-MCH Recycle H₂/MCH Storage 2 Makeup Toluene Storage Storage 1 Hydrogenation MCH Tank **Toluene Tank** Plant Heat 16% Rejection C₇H₁₄(I) condenset From Dehydrogenation C7H14/H2 H₂ Plant 51% Toluene Η, 44 26% (\bullet) C₇H₈(I) 220 °C Nap Equilibrium Conversion 2.0 8.0 6.0 C₇H₈(g) Heat Rejection H₂ 200 °C (High Grade) $H_2/TOL = 3$ Cooling Hydrogenation System Boundary 0.6 WCH H2 T = 250 °C 2 6 8 Pressure, atm Lindfors, L.P. et. al. (1993). Kinetics of Toluene Hydrogenation on Ni/Al₂O₃ Catalyst. Chem. Eng. Sci., 48, 3813 10

Hydrogen Carriers Levelized Cost of H₂ Distributed to Stations (50 tpd-H₂)



Large methanol scenario is competitive with the baseline GH₂ scenario

Compared to 350-tpd small plant scenario, \$2.13 \$/kg-H₂ lower production cost, offset by 0.50 \$/kg-H₂ higher transmission cost

As a carrier, ammonia is more expensive than methanol

Advantage of economy of scale partially offset by higher transmission cost

Centralized MCH production scenario (6,700 tpd) does not scale well

 1.54 \$/kg-H₂ saving in H₂ and LCH production cost < 1.73 \$/kg-H₂ added transmission cost

Hydrogen Carriers: Outlook

H₂ Production Cost at Different Demands

 Methanol as hydrogen carrier may be attractive in the transition phase, <50-tpd H₂ demand



Energy Efficiency (50 tpd-H₂)

 Fuel plus electricity data assume 33% efficiency in generating electrical power



Proposed LHC Targets for \$2/kg H₂ Production Cost

- \$1/kg-H₂ LHC production: compare with \$1.22 for methanol and \$0.89 for fuel cell quality H₂
- \$0.50/kg-H₂ LHC transmission: compare with \$0.63 for methanol
- \$0.50/kg-H₂ LHC decomposition and H₂ purification: compare with \$0.61 for methanol Current Status: \$2.63 for methanol, \$4.13 for ammonia, \$4.29 for MCH/toluene
 Next Step: Translate LHC cost targets to LHC material property targets

Bulk H₂ Storage Methods

Task 2: Approach



NG Spherical Pressure Vessel, Germany



NG Pipe Storage, Erdgas, Switzerland



FY 2019 Work

 Pipe storage, salt cavern, lined rock cavern

Future Work

Forecourt, cryogenic

		Pressure Vessels			Cryogenic	Geologic Storage		
	Spherical Vessels	Pipe Storage	Pre-stressed Concrete	WireTough		Aquifer	Salt Cavern	Lined Rock Cavern
Pressure, bara	1-10.4	7-100	7-875	7-875	20	150-170	55-152	10-230
Diameter, m	39.5	1.4	2.2	0.43	20			35
Wall Thickness, mm	34		110					6-12
Length, m		200 (13x15)		9.2				
Depth, m						1,500	1,200	115
Height, m			5.3					52
Water Volume, m ³	32,000	6,100	22	0.77	3400	4,141,000	566,000	40,000
Net Volume (STP), m ³	273,664	500,556	10,979	428	2,558,399	211,346,012	41,379,324	7,119,024
H ₂ Stored, t	27	50	1	0.0389		54,000	6,000	672
Working Capacity, t	24.6	45	0.987	0.0385	230	19,000	3,720	640
Application		City Gate	Forecourt	Forecourt	City Gate		City Gate	City Gate

Salt Cavern, H₂ Storage, Praxair, Texas



Rock excavation (dome), Skallen,



Aquifer, Stenlille, Denmark (NG storage)



See slide 30 for references

Bulk H₂ Storage in Underground Pipes

500 t-H₂ storage needed for 10-d outages of 50 tpd-H₂ capacity H₂ plants

- Delivered pipe costs: API 5L Grade X52 tubes (18"-36" O.D. variable schedule, 40 ft.); 3 layer polyethylene coating; shipping (1000 miles by rail, local 100 miles by trailer to site)
- Site preparation costs: Excavation and backfilling (pipes covered by 1.2 m of soil, 80 cm clearance between pipe strings); Above ground facilities (pipes, valves, compressor)
- Pipe installation costs: Shielded metal arc welding, radiographic weld inspection & joint coating; Hydrostatic pressure test and drying.



See slide 30 for references

Cost of 500 t-H₂ Underground Pipe Storage Facility

Underground storage facility using 24" O.D. schedule 60 (0.968" wall thickness) pipe incurs lowest overall capital cost ($516/kg-H_2$ stored). 50% of cost due to pipe manufacturing.

- Sch. 60: Cost increase: Number of pipes, surface coating, pressure test, excavation site
- Sch. 60: Cost increase: Pipe mass, welding costs, shipping costs
 - Sch. 60: Working pressure (8-100 bara); 300 parallel pipe strings, 3150 ft. total length (180-miles equivalent length); 110 acres of land requirement

Levelized cost of hydrogen storage (50 tpd basis): \$2.17/kg-H₂ (95% CAPEX)

Cost sensitivity: 1.87-2.39 \$/kg-H₂ based on historic swings in line prices (Δ\$359/t)



Bulk H₂ Storage in Underground Lined Rock Caverns (LRC)

 H_2 plant capacity: 50 tpd- H_2 , 10 days of H_2 storage for plant outages (500 t- H_2 storage)

- Design Case: Base case design adapted from demonstration plant for natural gas storage at Skallen (south-west of Sweden)¹. Surrounding rock absorbs forces; concrete layer acts as load transfer medium; thin liner encloses cavern for gas tightness
- Base Parameters: 150 m rock cover, 150 atm storage pressure, 90% working gas, 800 m access tunnels, 15 mm thick liner (mild steel), 2 m thick concrete layer, 1 mile of pipeline to outcrops
- Main costs: Cavern excavation > Tunnel excavation > concrete layer ≈ liner



LRC Main Cost Factors

Cost of 500 t-H₂ Underground Lined Rock Cavern Facility

Overall capital cost of underground LRC facility decreases as the storage pressure (P_{max}) increases. Minimum pressure is kept constant at 20 atm.

- P_{max}<150 atm: Significant cost increase due to cavern excavation, liner and concrete</p>
- P_{max}>150: Modest cost decrease: Underground tunnel, survey and land costs remain fixed; Increase in costs for above ground facility (compressor and piping)
- Levelized cost of hydrogen storage (50 tpd basis): \$0.36/kg-H₂ (85% CAPEX)
 - $_{\odot}$ Cost sensitivity: 0.31-0.43 \$/kg-H_{2} based on 100-250 atm P_{max}



Bulk H₂ Storage in Underground Salt Cavern

 H_2 plant capacity: 50 tpd- H_2 , 10 days of H_2 storage for plant outages (500 t- H_2 storage)

- Cavern construction : Geological survey -> bore and install production tubing -> solution mining -> de-brine and mechanical integrity test (MIT)
- Associated costs: Brine transport (10 miles) and disposal (Class II wells), Gas drying
- Base Parameters: 800 m cavern roof depth, 120 atm storage pressure, 30% cushion gas, 80,000 m³ cavern water volume, 1 mile of pipeline to facility
- Main costs: Cavern construction> Brine disposal ~ Above ground facility
- Sensitivity: Cavern roof depth 500-1200 m (70-190 atm storage pressure)



Underground salt cavern main costs

Cost of 500 t-H₂ Underground Salt Cavern Facility

Overall capital cost of underground salt cavern facility remains constant as the storage pressure (P_{max}) increases. Minimum cushion gas¹ is kept constant at 30% of storage capacity.

- P_{max}>70 atm: Cost increases due to compressor size, bore and production tubing installation (increase in depth)
- P_{max}>70 atm: Cost decreases due to brine disposal and leaching (smaller cavern volume)
- Levelized cost of hydrogen storage (50 tpd basis): \$0.21/kg-H₂ (75% CAPEX)
 - $\,\circ\,$ Cost sensitivity: 0.19-0.27 \$/kg-H_2 based on brine disposal cost 0-2 \$/bbl



Bulk H₂ Storage: Outlook

- Underground pipes more economical than geological storage for <20-t usable stored H₂
- At large scale, salt caverns generally more economical than lined rock caverns
- Storing >750-t usable H₂ may require multiple caverns



Hydrogen Storage for Medium and Heavy-Duty Trucks







Packaging Options^{1,2,3}













¹Gangloff, Kast, Morrison, and Marcinkoski, JEECS 2017 (14) 021001-1 ; ²http://www.a1autoelectric.com/; ³Strategic Analysis

H₂ Storage for MD and HD Trucks: Carbon Fiber Requirement

			Carbon Fiber Composite (kg)			
Layout	Tank	Number of	cH ₂ 350-bar		cH ₂ 700-bar	CcH ₂
	Volume (L)	Tanks	Туре 3	Type 4	Type 4	500 bar
BTC	246 - 415	2, 3, 4	122 - 429	136 - 447	314 - 1030	188 - 611
FM	301 - 968	2	159 - 489	165 - 506	382 - 1168	225 - 687
RM	172 - 298	4	200 - 294	201 - 327	434 - 731	272 - 453

Carbon fiber composite

requirement for same usable $\rm H_2$

- ABAQUS/WCM FEA and FE-SAFE simulations
- 2.25 burst safety factor
- 15,000 pressure cycles
- CcH₂ << 350 bar Type-3 cH₂
 ~ 350 bar Type-4 cH₂
 < 700 bar Type-4 cH₂

Future work

- In collaboration with HMAT, verify fatigue life of SS 316 liner in CcH₂
- In collaboration with HMAT, verify fatigue life of Al 6061-T6 alloy liner in cH₂



H₂ Storage for MD and HD Trucks: Gravimetric Capacity

			Gravimetric Capacity (%)				
Layout	Tank	Number of	cH ₂ 350-bar		cH ₂ 700-bar	CcH ₂	
	Volume (L)	Tanks	Туре З	Type 4	Type 4	500 bar	
BTC	246 - 415	2, 3, 4	4.7 - 5.2	5.5 - 6.3	5.0- 5.3	8.8 - 10.0	
FM	301 - 968	2	4.7 - 5.4	5.8 - 6.7	5.1 - 5.6	9.2 - 11.0	
RM	172 - 298	4	4.0 - 5.0	5.1 - 5.8	4.9 - 5.2	7.8 - 9.2	



H₂ Storage for MD and HD Trucks: Volumetric Capacity

				Volumetric Ca	pacity (g-H ₂ /L)	
Layout	Tank	Number of	cH ₂ 350-bar		cH ₂ 700-bar	CcH ₂
	Volume (L)	Tanks	Туре 3	Type 4	Type 4	500 bar
BTC	246 - 415	2, 3, 4	18.6 - 18.9	18.4 - 18.9	26.6 - 27.1	49.0 - 51.7
FM	301 - 968	2	18.6 - 19.0	18.6 - 19.1	26.7 - 27.4	51.0 - 53.2
RM	172 - 298	4	18.1 - 18.8	18.2 - 18.6	26.4 - 26.9	46.5 - 49.5



Cryo-compressed Tanks – Dormancy and Heat Gain



- > 7-d dormancy for 95% initially-full tank with 40 layers of MLVSI and 3-millitorr vacuum pressure
- Effective conductivity¹ modeled using Hastings correlations (NASA/TM-2004-213175) for gas radiation, solid conduction and gas conduction
- Dormancy scales with the amount of hydrogen stored and depends on para-to-ortho conversion













¹Data from DE-EE0007649 - Integrated Insulation System for Cryogenic Automotive Tanks (iCAT), Vencore Services and Solutions, Inc.

FY2019 Collaborations

Hydrogen Carriers	HyMARC: PNNL, NREL, LBNL
Bulk Storage	ANL (H2A Group), ANL (HDSAM), H2IT Taskforce
Compressed Hydrogen Storage for Trucks	SA Team: SA, ANL, PNNL Ford
Cryo-Compressed Hydrogen Storage for Trucks	HMAT: PNNL, SNL TARDEC LLNL, BMW
Off-Board Cost	ANL (H2A Group), ANL (HDSAM), H2IT Taskforce
On-Board Cost	Strategic Analysis Inc (SA)

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

Future Work

- 1. Hydrogen Carriers
 - Scenarios that favor hydrogen carriers such as by-product H₂
 - Case studies with different demand and supply scenarios
 - Carriers that are particularly suitable for renewable hydrogen production and energy storage
 - Reverse engineering to determine desirable properties of liquid carriers including ease of dehydrogenation and H₂ purification
 - Coordination with HyMARC consortium to analyze emerging materials
- 2. Bulk Storage of Hydrogen
 - Complete analyses of different storage methods (geological and nongeological), storage capacities (1-10 days), and storage locations (city gate vs. forecourt)
- 3. Hydrogen Storage for Medium and Heavy-Duty Trucks
 - Continue to conduct finite element simulations to verify cycle life and carbon fiber requirements
 - Mounting of BTC, FM and RM tanks, structural reinforcement, safety

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 Address all aspects of on-board and off-board targets including capacities, rates and efficiencies
Progress:	Determined the scenario for which methanol as hydrogen carrier can be cost competitive with the incumbent technology Proposed initial targets for production, transmission and decomposition of hydrogen carriers for overall \$2/kg H ₂ production cost Established the cost of storing 1-3000 tonnes of H ₂ in underground tubes, lined rock caverns, and salt caverns Determined carbon fiber requirements, gravimetric capacities, volumetric capacities and dormancy for 350-bar, 700-bar and cryo-compressed hydrogen storage on-board medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks
Collaborations:	Ford, HyMARC, LLNL, PNNL, SA, Delivery Team
Proposed Future Work:	Determine desirable material properties and analyze scenarios that favor hydrogen carriers Complete analysis of stationary hydrogen storage for different scales, duration and applications Validate results for hydrogen storage on-board HDVs and MDVs

Reviewer Comments

Generally favorable reviews with the following comments/recommendations

- The approach is straightforward and rational. This project continues to serve a valuable role
- Excellent progress was achieved in FY 2017 and 2018 in all four focus areas
- Excellent interactions and collaborations
- Essential to augment collaborations with HyMARC
- Add specific activities on carriers that favor transition to large-scale renewable resources
- FY19 work scope consistent with above recommendations
- ✓ Fostered closer interactions with HyMARC on hydrogen carriers. Presented work at HyMARC meeting and jointly with PNNL at FCTO webinar. Collaborating to define targets and needs for material development and characterization.
- ✓ Started a new interaction with TARDEC to promote work on cryo-compressed storage for heavy-duty vehicles
- V Closely coordinating the task on on-board storage for medium-duty and heavyduty vehicles with Strategic Analysis
- ✓ Extended expertise and knowledge to bulk hydrogen storage at different scales and for different applications
- Transitioning work to maintain relevance and address critical issues as DOE
 focus shifts to H2@Scale

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Technical Back-Up Slides

Methanol Production Plant Configurations



Capital Cost of Methylcyclohexane Dehydrogenation Plant

- Reactor operated at 350°C and 2 atm. Conversion is 98% with 99.9% toluene selectivity. No side-reactions considered.
- Allowing for 0.5 atm pressure, 80% of toluene condenses at 1.5 atm and 40°C, remaining during the compression cycle (4 stages) and chiller
 - H₂ separation by PSA at 20 atm, 90% recovery (ISO/SAE H₂ quality)



MeOH Pathway Levelized Cost of H₂ Distributed to Stations (50 tpd-H₂)

Liquid carrier option can be competitive with the baseline GH₂ scenario.

Large (10,000 tpd) vs. small (350 tpd) methanol production plants

- 2.13 \$/kg-H₂ lower LHC production cost
 - > 0.97 \$/kg-H₂ lower fuel (\$2.65/MBtu vs. \$6.80/MBtu NG cost) + utilities cost
- 0.50 \$/kg-H₂ higher transmission cost



Ammonia Pathway Levelized Cost of H₂ Distributed to Stations (50 tpd-H₂)

As a carrier, ammonia is a more expensive option than methanol

Advantage of economy of scale partially offset by higher transmission cost

Large (2,500 tpd) vs. small (370 tpd) ammonia production plants

- 1.29 \$/kg-H₂ lower H₂ production cost (\$2.65/MBtu vs. \$6.80/MBtu NG cost)
- 0.82 \$/kg-H₂ lower LHC production cost
- 1.17 \$/kg-H₂ higher transmission costs



MCH/Toluene Pathway Levelized Cost of H₂ Distributed to Stations (50 tpd-H₂)

Advantage of producing MCH at large scale more than completely offset by higher transmission cost

Investigate alternate transmission modes: barges, tankers, train ownership

Large (6,700 tpd) vs. small (890 tpd) MCH production plants

- 1.41 \$/kg-H₂ lower H₂ production cost (\$2.65/MBtu vs. \$6.80/MBtu NG cost)
- 0.13 \$/kg-H₂ lower LHC production cost
- 1.73 \$/kg-H₂ higher transmission cost



Hydrogen Carriers: Summary



	Leve	lized Cost at	Station (\$/k	(g-H ₂)	
	Methanol	Ammonia	MCH / Toluene	GH ₂	Comments
H ₂ Production		0.96	0.89	2.30	Ammonia more expensive to produce than MCH from toulene
LHC Production	1.22	1.24	0.46		Methanol produced directly from NG under mild conditions
LHC Transmission	0.63	1.32	2.19		Refrigerated rail cars needed for ammonia
LHC Decomposition	0.78	0.61	0.75		H-capacity of MHC is only 47 g/L
GH ₂ Terminal & Storage	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	Ideally, LCH should decompose at PSA operating pressure
Distribution	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.40	GH ₂ distributed from production site to refueling station
Total	4.98	6.48	6.65	4.95	

Next Step Reducing H₂ Bulk Storage Requirement with Liquid Carriers

Parallel dehydrogenation steps



- Desirable to have a carrier (low ΔG and ΔH) that can be dehydrogenated under mild operating conditions
- Liquid phase decomposition at high pressures to ease compression requirements
- Minimal or no side products, simple purification steps

Underground Storage



U.S. Salt Deposits



Source: Applied Energy, 217 (2008)

Underground Geological Storage Potential¹



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Hydrogen Carrier Pathways – Small Plants

