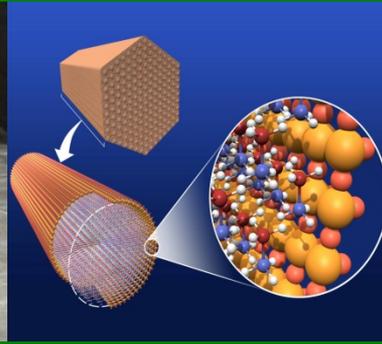




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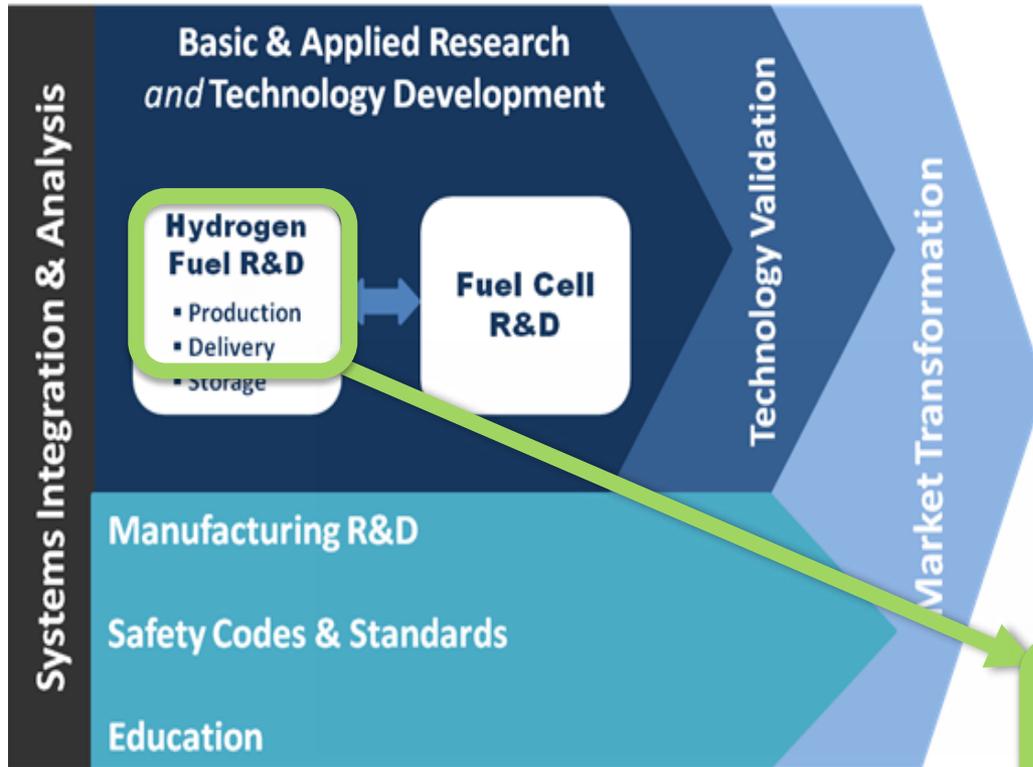
# Hydrogen Production & Delivery Program - Plenary Presentation-

*Eric L. Miller*

*2015 Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting  
June 8 - 12, 2014*

# H<sub>2</sub> Production & Delivery Program Goal

## Integrated Work Areas



## 2020 Targets by Application



Fuel Cell Cost **\$40/kW**

**\$1,000/kW\***  
**\$1,500/kW\*\***

Durability **5,000 hrs**

**80,000 hrs**

H<sub>2</sub> Storage Cost  
 (On-Board)

**\$10/kWh**  
 1.8 kWh/L, 1.3 kWh/kg

\*For Natural Gas  
 \*\*For Biogas

H<sub>2</sub> Cost at Pump **<\$4/gge**

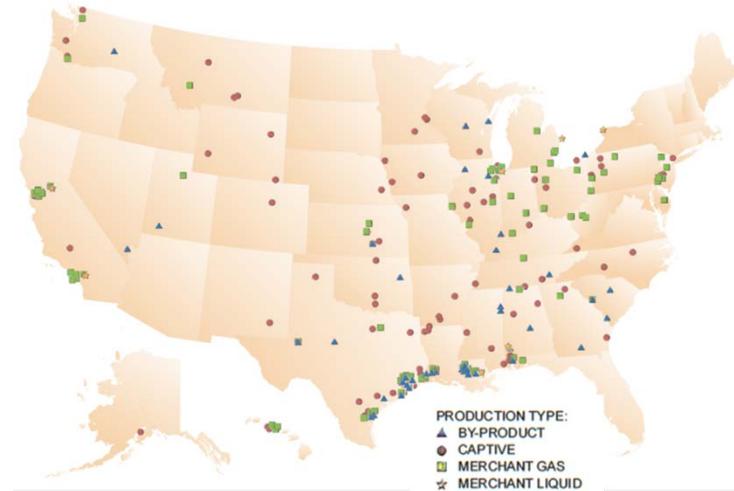
**<\$2 Production and <\$2 Delivery & Dispensing**

*Program MYRD&D includes pathway-dependent technical metrics and targets tied to the cost goal*

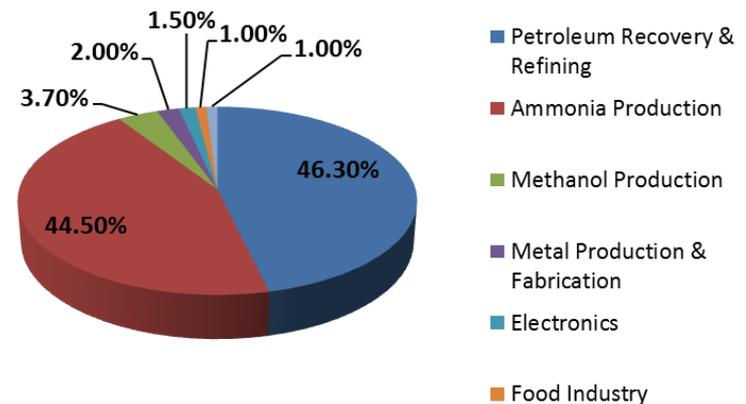
**Develop technologies to produce H<sub>2</sub> from clean, renewable domestic resources for <\$4/gge (delivered & dispensed, but untaxed) by 2020**

# H<sub>2</sub> Production & Delivery: Current Status

- ~10 million tonnes H<sub>2</sub> in US from NG reforming for petroleum refining, ammonia production, etc. today
- NG can provide near-term cost-competitive H<sub>2</sub> at scale:
  - <\$2/gge produced (\$4.50/gge delivered)
- >1,500 miles of H<sub>2</sub> pipeline
- ~50 current H<sub>2</sub> stations (10 public)
- Plans for H<sub>2</sub> stations:
  - 100 in CA; 100 each in Germany & Japan (1,000 each in Germany & Japan by 2025)
- Growing demand for renewable H<sub>2</sub>
  - renewable electrolysis, bio-conversion, etc.



*Existing centralized H<sub>2</sub> production facilities*



*H<sub>2</sub> consumption market share by application*

***Early adoption of H<sub>2</sub> and fuel cell technologies can leverage production and delivery infrastructure associated with low cost NG reforming***

# Growing Transportation Market for Hydrogen

*FCEV Announcements: 2013-2015*



- Fuel cell cars are here today: the Toyota Mirai is the first commercially available fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV) for sale in the USA
- Fueling infrastructure for FCEV is needed in the immediate near-term
- Traditional resources (natural gas in particular) can meet the near term hydrogen demand
- Large-scale production from renewable resources will be needed in the long-term to meet the needs of emerging FCEV markets and other end uses

Number of Fuel Cell Cars Served	Hydrogen Demand (metric tons)	
	Daily	Yearly
1 million	~685	~0.25 M <<10 <i>(USA usage)</i>
250 million	~171 k	~63 M >>10

*See Fuel Cell Technologies Office Program Record # 12014*

*Market penetration of FCEVs can have significant energy-security and environmental benefits, if clean/renewable H<sub>2</sub> can be supplied at scale*

# Hydrogen P&D Needs and Priorities

## *Immediate Needs*

- Utilize existing infrastructure (e.g. NG) to support H<sub>2</sub> production and delivery for growing markets in FCEVs and other end uses
- Improve cost, reliability & efficiency of forecourt components, including compressors, hoses, seals and station storage
- Improve reliability and cost of near-term renewable H<sub>2</sub> options, such as renewable electrolysis and bio-derived feedstock conversion

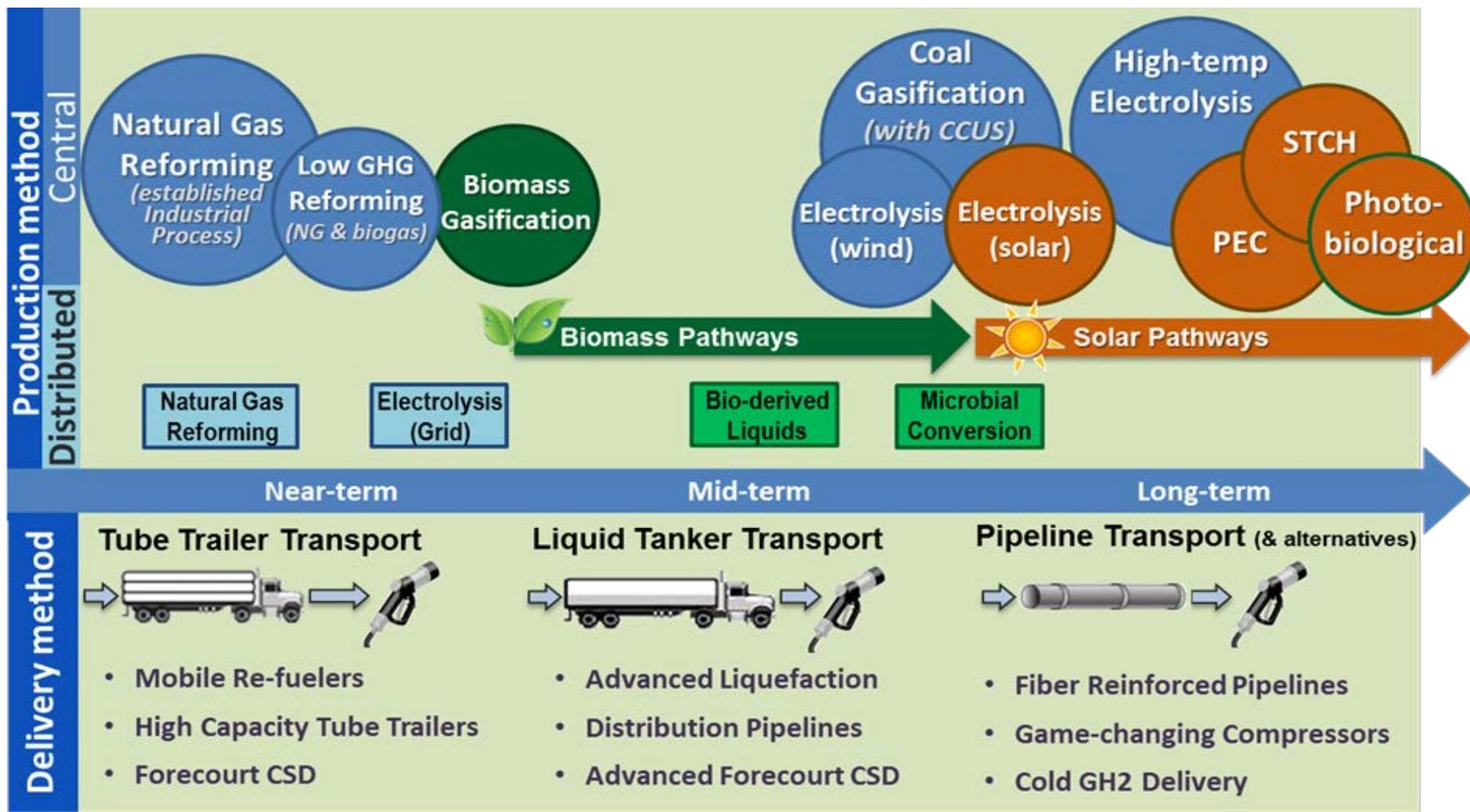
## *Ongoing Priorities*

- Applied RD&D in materials & devices (leveraging basic research) to address efficiencies, performance, durability, cost, and safety in the portfolio of renewable H<sub>2</sub> production and delivery options
- System-level innovations including renewable integration schemes, tri-generation, energy storage, balance-of-plant improvements, etc.
- Continued resource assessments to identify near-term regional solutions and a long-term sustainable portfolio of cost-competitive H<sub>2</sub> production and delivery options



***Large-scale market acceptance of H<sub>2</sub> and fuel cell technologies requires continued cost reductions in hydrogen production and delivery options***

# H<sub>2</sub> Production & Delivery RD&D Portfolio

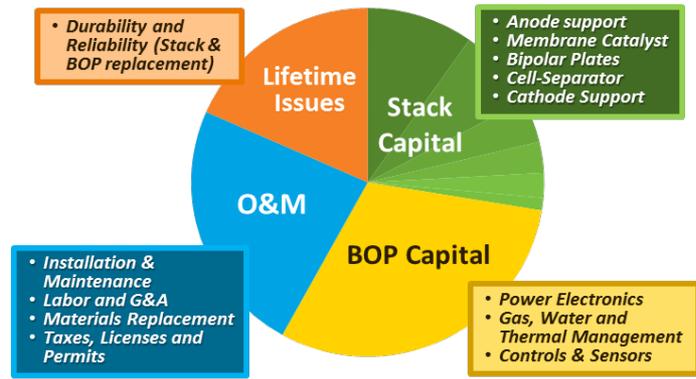
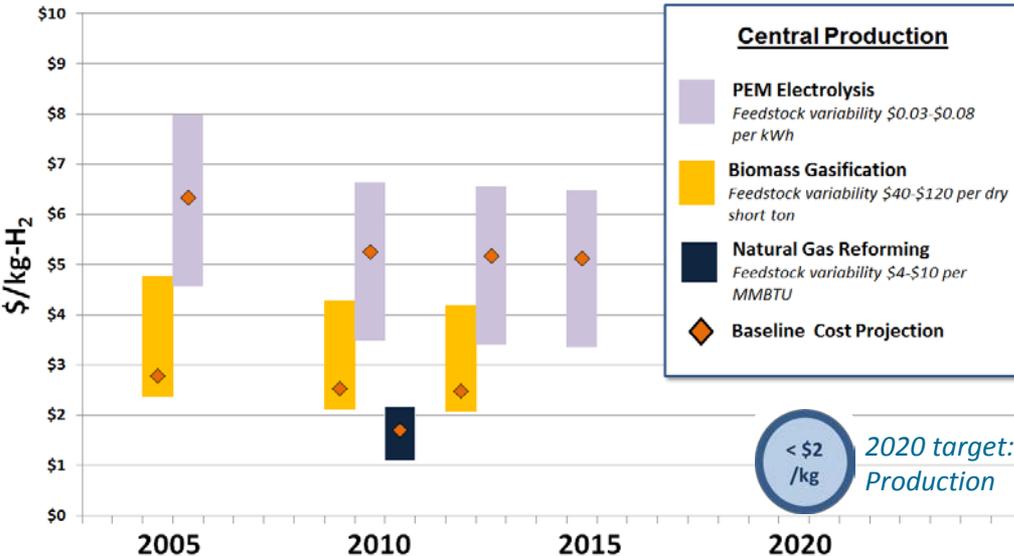
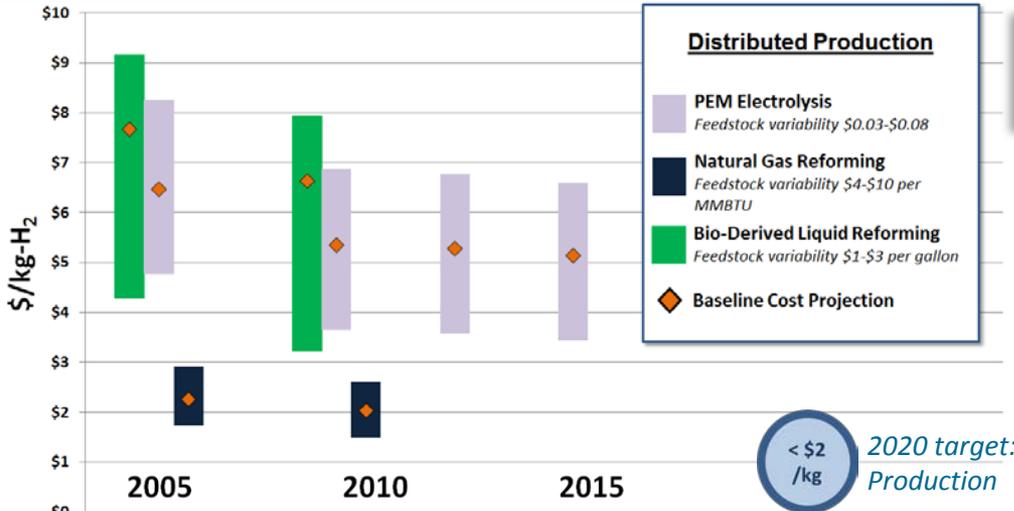
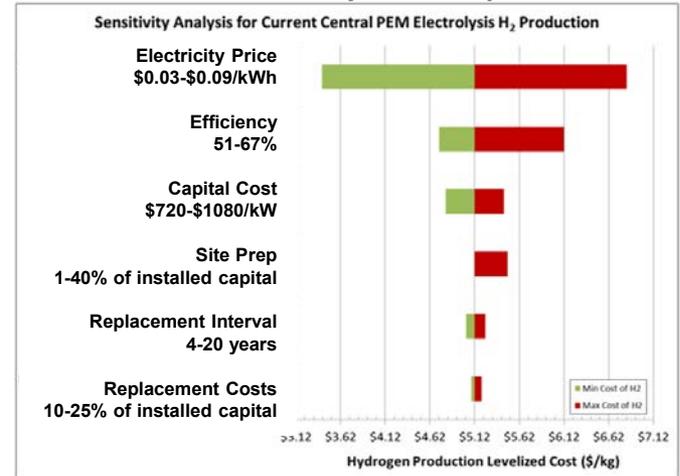


*Addressing the near-term infrastructure rollout needs as well as the longer-term transition to large-scale renewable hydrogen*

# Near-Term H<sub>2</sub> Production Pathways Cost Status

Program uses techno-economic analysis to quantify RD&D cost-reduction opportunities

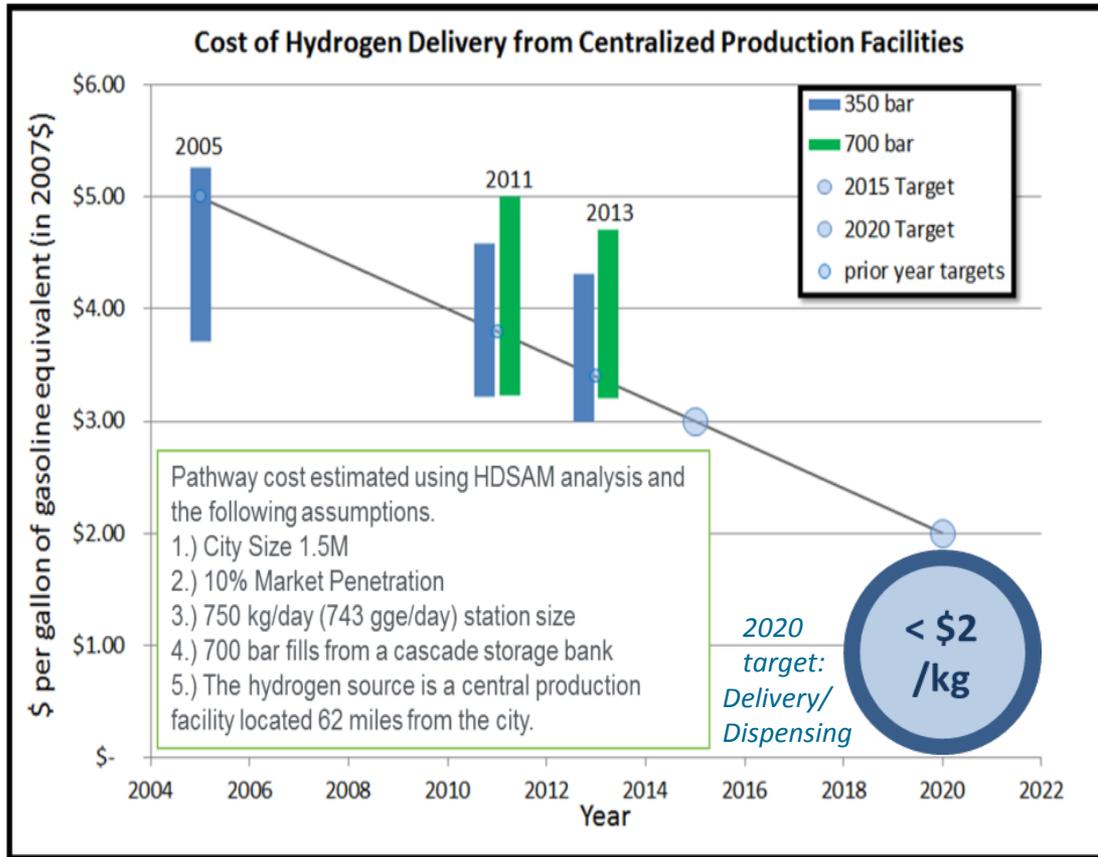
## PEM electrolysis example



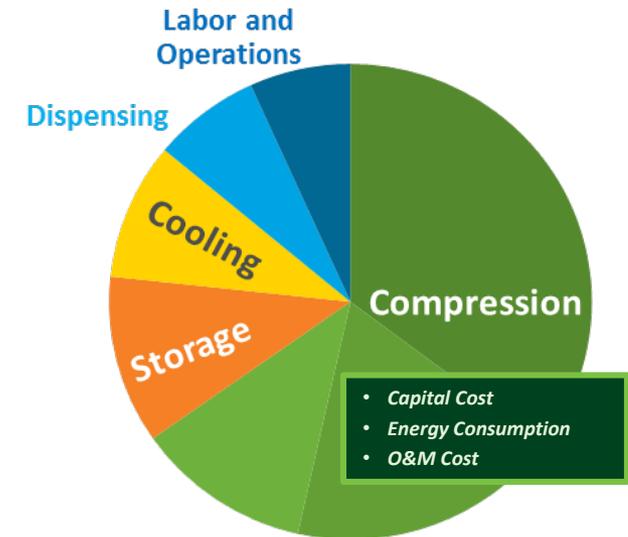
breakdown: non-electricity costs

Feedstock & capital cost sensitivities show that NG reforming meets the DOE H<sub>2</sub> cost target - further RD&D is needed to reduce cost of renewable pathways

# H<sub>2</sub> Delivery and Dispensing Cost Status



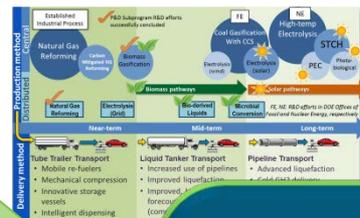
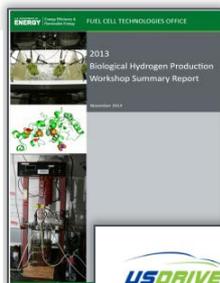
Techno-economic analysis quantifies RD&D cost-reduction opportunities in H<sub>2</sub> delivery & dispensing



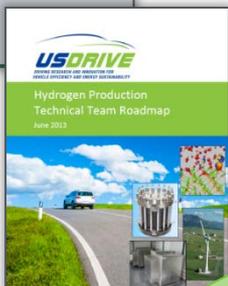
In the pipeline delivery scenario Station CSD costs adds between \$1.00 - \$3.00 to the cost of dispensed hydrogen, ~70% attributed to compression and storage

**H<sub>2</sub> delivery and station compression, storage and dispensing costs remain high; reducing cost of 700 bar refueling stations for FCEV roll-out is a critical priority**

Workshops



U.S. DRIVE Tech Team Roadmaps



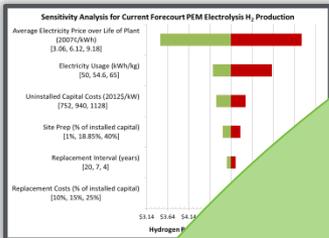
Engineering Directorate  
 Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (CBET)  
**NSF 14-511: NSF/DOE Partnership On Advanced Frontiers in Renewable Hydrogen Fuel Production via Solar Water Splitting Technologies**

**Collaboration & Coordination**

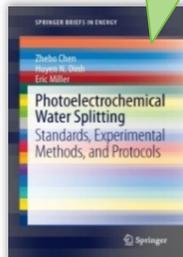
**RD&D Portfolio**  
 priorities, metrics, targets

H2A

**Stakeholder Input**



**H2USA**



Pathway Working Groups

Characteristics	Units	2011 Status	2016 Target	2020 Target	Ultimate Target
Solar-Driven High-Temperature Thermochemical Cycle Hydrogen Cost <sup>b</sup>	\$/kg	NA	14.80	3.70	2.00
Chemical Tower Capital Cost (installed cost) <sup>c</sup>	\$/TPD H <sub>2</sub>	NA	4.18M	2.38M	1.18M
Annual Reaction Material Cost per TPD H <sub>2</sub> <sup>d</sup>	\$/yr-TPD H <sub>2</sub>	NA	1.47M	89K	11K
Solar to Hydrogen (STH) Energy Conversion Rate <sup>e,f</sup>	%	NA	10	20	26
1-Sun Hydrogen Production Rate <sup>g</sup>	kg's per m <sup>2</sup>	NA	8.1E-7	1.6E-6	2.1E-6

FCTO MYRD&D Plan for Meeting Cost Goals

**Analysis & Studies**

HDSAM

**Techno-economic analyses & stakeholder input inform programmatic decisions & priorities for P&D portfolio of pre-competitive RD&D**

## Ongoing Collaborative Activities

- H2USA Station Working Group and H2First Projects (NREL / SNL)
- U.S.DRIVE Tech Teams – *Production, Delivery, Analysis*
- Cross-Office/Agency Collaborations– *BES, ARPA-E, NSF*
- DOE Cross-Cutting Efforts – *AMM/MGI, WBS, CEMI, Grid Integration*
- FCTO H<sub>2</sub> Working Groups – *Electrolysis, PEC, Biological and STCH*
- IEA-HIA – *Tasks in Renewable Hydrogen & Hydrogen and Infrastructure*

Welcome BES,  
ARPA-E and NSF!

H<sub>2</sub> P&D PIs are  
early adopters of  
accelerated  
materials  
development  
approaches

## Recent Workshops and Meetings

- Workshops –*H<sub>2</sub> and Bio-products from Wastewaters (FCTO/BETO); International Workshop on H<sub>2</sub> Infrastructure; Advanced Materials Manufacturing .....*
- Meetings & Symposia– *Spring ECS Meeting on Cross-cutting Technology Metrics; Spring MRS Meeting Session on Photochemical H<sub>2</sub> Production, & others*

**Collaborative activities, workshops and meetings help focus portfolio RD&D priorities**

# Strategies and Key Areas in H<sub>2</sub> P&D Portfolio

## Challenge

*Reduce the cost of sustainable low-carbon hydrogen production & delivery while meeting safety and performance requirements*

- Feedstock costs
- Capital costs
- O&M costs

## Strategies

### Near-term

Minimize cost of 700 bar hydrogen at refueling stations

### Long-term

Improve performance and durability of materials and systems for production from renewable sources

## RD&D Focus

- Techno-economic analysis
- Reliability and cost of compression, storage and dispensing
- Renewable integration
- Advanced materials and systems for H<sub>2</sub> delivery
- Innovations in materials, devices and reactors for renewable H<sub>2</sub> production
- Improved balance of plant for P&D systems

## Key Areas

### Delivery

- Polymers & composites for delivery technologies
- Liquefaction technologies
- Compressor reliability
- Low cost onsite storage

### Production

- Advanced electrolysis
- Biomass/biogas conversion
- Hybrid fossil/renewable approaches
- Solar water splitting: PEC, STCH, biological

## RD&D Support Framework:

FCTO FOA &  
Lab Calls

SBIR/ STTR

NSF/DOE MOU

Incubator  
Projects

Prizes and  
Other

*A balanced portfolio of pre-competitive RD&D addresses the near and longer term needs for widespread acceptance of H<sub>2</sub> & fuel cells*

# H<sub>2</sub> Production & Delivery Analysis Projects

## Advanced H<sub>2</sub> Production Pathways Analysis

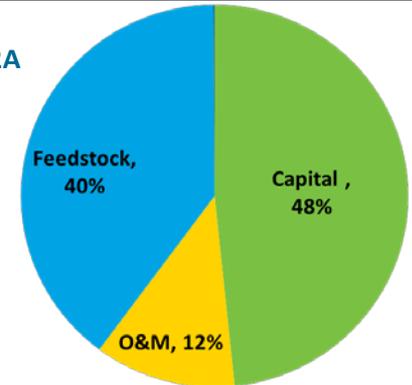
**Strategic Analysis Inc., NREL, ANL**

FOA/Lab

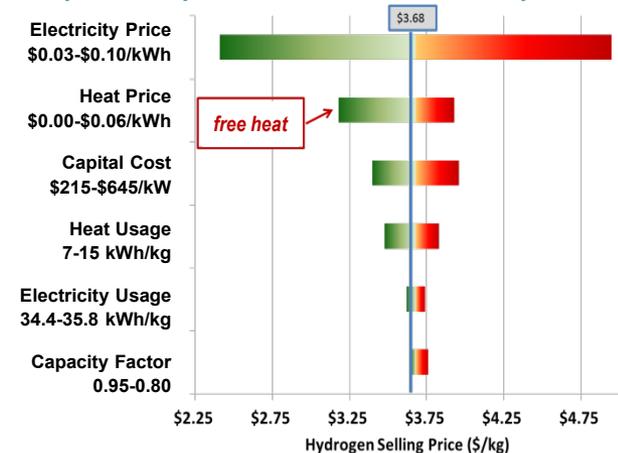
PD102

- **Focus:** Analyze H<sub>2</sub> P&D pathways to determine economical, environmentally-benign, and societally-feasible paths for the P&D of H<sub>2</sub> fuel for fuel cell vehicles
- **Highlight:** Completed case studies for high-temperature electrolysis and fermentation using H2A V3.1

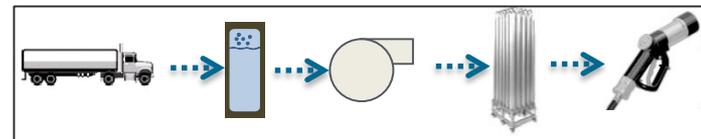
Fermentation H2A case cost breakdown



Hi-Temp electrolysis H2A case cost sensitivity



Hydrogen delivery infrastructure components



## Hydrogen Delivery Infrastructure Analysis

**ANL, NREL, PNNL, LLNL**

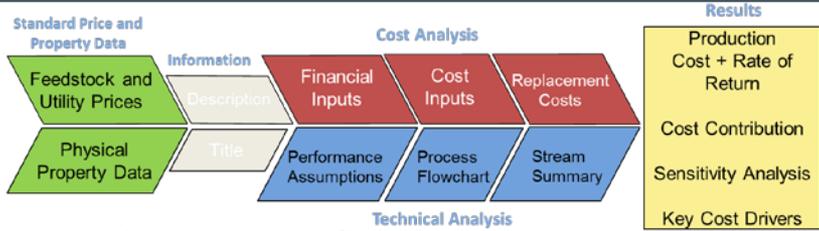
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PD014

- **Focus:** Analyze delivery pathways to assess the impacts of key design and economic parameters, and identify cost drivers of current technologies
- **Highlight:** Developed the Hydrogen Refueling Station Analysis Model (HRSAM), which determines the current low-volume levelized cost of hydrogen fueling stations given user inputs on station design and utilization

*Continued improvements in techno-economic analysis tools and case studies*

# Analysis Accomplishment: H2A Tool Upgrade



- H2A is a discounted cash flow analysis that computes the required price of H<sub>2</sub> for a desired after-tax internal rate of return
- Developed by NREL and DOE EERE-FCTO

## Updated Economic Basis

- H2A Product Cost Estimation
  - Establish a standard format for reporting the production cost of H<sub>2</sub>, to compare technologies in case studies
  - Provide transparent analysis
  - Provide consistent approach
  - Prioritize research and development efforts

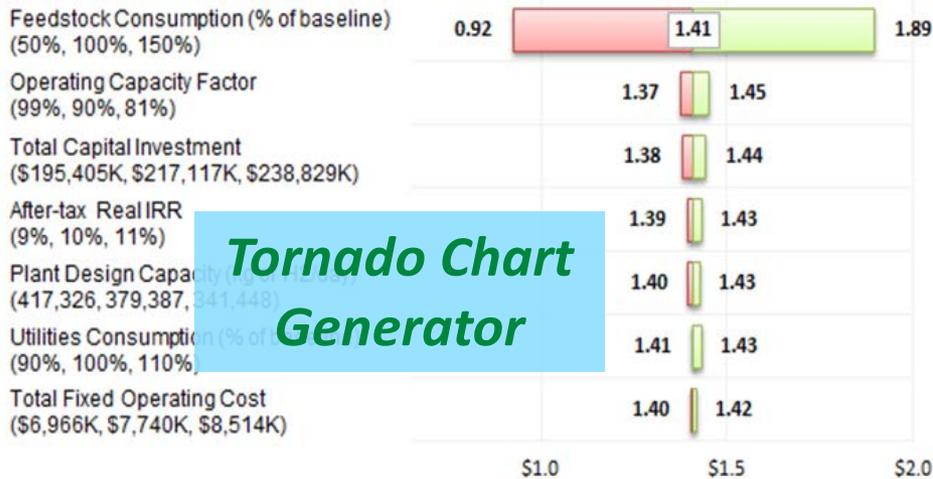
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## Levelized Cash Flows

(per kg H<sub>2</sub>, levelized, projected to first year of operation)

Cost of Hydrogen	\$1.41
Salvage Value	\$0.00
Byproduct Sales	\$0.00
Feedstock Cost	\$0.94
Initial Equity Depreciable Capital	\$0.20
Taxes	\$0.10
Other Variable Operating Costs	\$0.08
Fixed Operating Cost	\$0.06
Cash for Working Capital	\$0.01
Yearly Replacement Costs	\$0.00
Other Non-Depreciable Capital Costs	\$0.00
Decommissioning Costs	\$0.00
Principal Payment	\$0.00
Debt Interest	\$0.00
Other Raw Material Cost	\$0.00

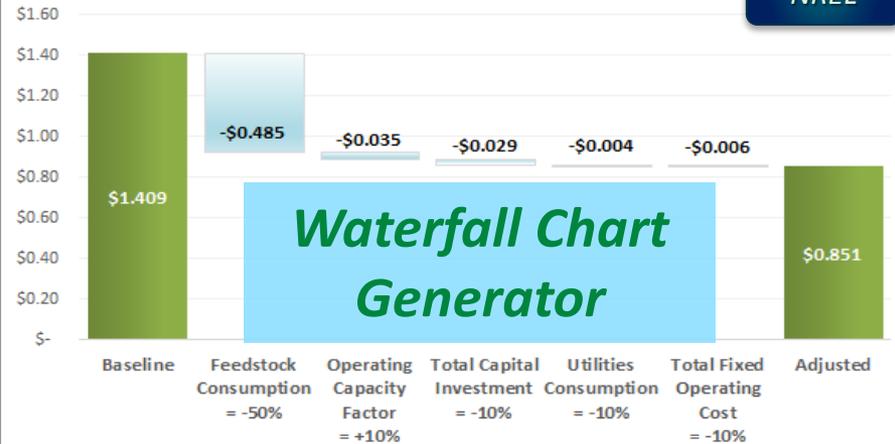
## Instant Results Display on Input Sheet



## Tornado Chart Generator

## Cumulative Effect Hydrogen Cost-Reduction

NREL



## Waterfall Chart Generator

*New and powerful automated features improve the H2A tool and facilitate the development of advanced case studies*



H2FIRST Reference Station Design Task

## Reference Station Design Report

PD/SCS/TV

- ✓ Analyzed 160 station permutations and selected four high-priority, near-term station concepts based on economics, technical feasibility, and market need
- ✓ Produced spatial layouts, bills of materials, and piping & instrumentation diagrams and detailed cost estimates

Profile	Site Type	Delivery	Capacity (kg/day)	Consecutive Fills	Hoses	Station Contribution to Hydrogen Cost (\$/kg)	Capital Cost (2009\$)
High Use Commuter	Gas station or greenfield	Gaseous	300	6	1	\$6.03	\$1,251,270
High Use Commuter	Greenfield	Liquid	300	5	2	\$7.46	\$1,486,557
Low Use Commuter	Gas station or greenfield	Gaseous	200	3	1	\$5.83	\$1,207,663
Intermittent	Gas station or greenfield	Gaseous	100	2	1	\$13.28	\$954,799

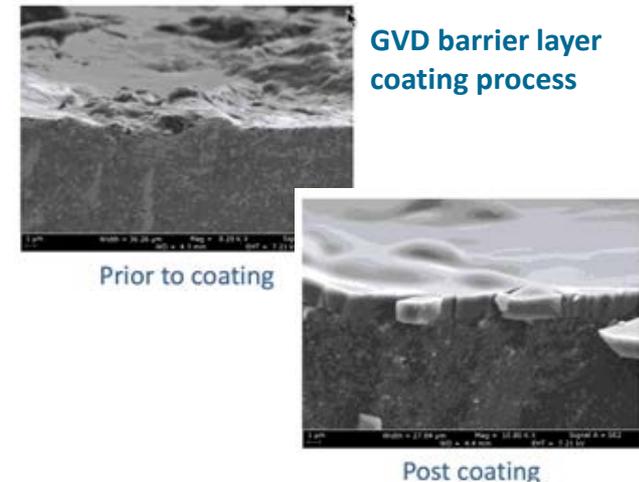
*Determination of top-performing station types that best-match market needs, and initiation of detailed conceptual designs*

## Advanced Barrier Coatings for Seals

**GVD**, *Greene Tweed, ORNL, Hydropac, Praxair*

SBIR/BES

- **Focus:** Develop a novel vapor deposition process for flexible barrier coatings to prevent hydrogen ingress into seals, e.g., in H<sub>2</sub> compressors
- **Highlight:** Successfully optimized the coating process to reduce seal roughness and defects in the barrier layer, reducing hydrogen permeation



## Linear Motor Reciprocating Compressor

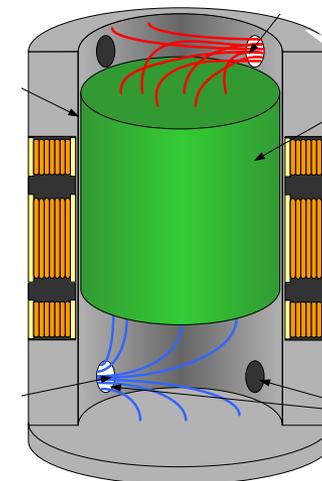
**Southwest Research Institute**, *ACI Services*

FOA/Lab

PD108

- **Focus:** Develop a novel and patented concept of driving a permanent magnet piston inside a hermetically-sealed compressor cylinder through electromagnetic windings to minimize mechanical part count and reduce leakage paths
- **Highlight:** Completed initial design, FEA and thermodynamic analysis of the LMRC

LMRC Concept



*Addressing critical need to improve compressor reliability and cost*

## Steel/Concrete Composite Vessels

*ORNL, Temple U., Wiretough, Hanson Pressure Pipe, Bki*

FOA/Lab

PD109

- **Focus:** Develop and demonstrate novel SCCV designs and fabrication technologies that meet DOE technical and cost targets
- **Highlight:** Identified opportunities for significant cost reductions in the hydrogen permeation barrier, the steel vessel design, the concrete reinforcement design, and in novel sensor technologies

ORNL steel/concrete composite vessel



## Steel Liner & Steel Wire Wrap Vessels

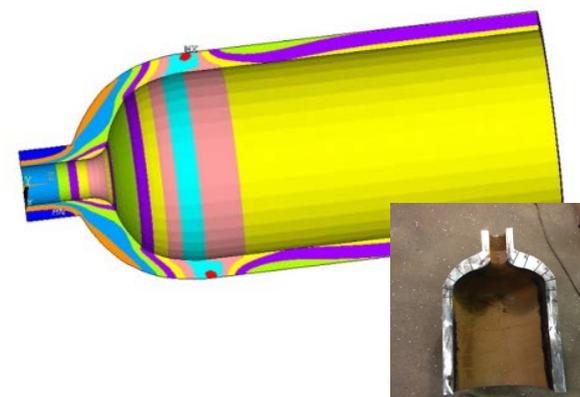
*Wiretough, ORNL, N&R Associates, CP Industries*

FOA/Lab

PD110

- **Focus:** Develop a pressure vessel with a capacity of 765 liters to safely store hydrogen at 875 bar that also meets the DOE storage tank cost target of <\$1000/kg H<sub>2</sub>
- **Highlight:** Completed successful burst test on short wrapped cylinder, including pressures up to 38,100 psi, exceeding the target pressure based on a safety factor of 3

Wiretough steel liner & steel wire wrap vessel



*Addressing near-term need for cost reduction in 875 bar stationary storage*

# CSD Highlights: Dispenser Hoses

## 700 Bar Refueling Hose RD&D

*Nanosonic, CSA, NREL, Swagelok, Lillbacka*

SBIR

PD101

- **Focus:** Develop a flexible, reliable, and cost effective hydrogen dispensing hose for 700 bar service which can survive 25,550 fills/year cycled to pressures of 875 bar and temperatures as low as -50°C.
- **Highlight:** The polymer, fiber reinforced hose successfully passed the cold triple flex test with a predicted burst pressure of >1,700 bar

Polymer fiber reinforced H<sub>2</sub> dispensing hose



Hydrogen dispenser testing apparatus



Hose segment for torsional stress tests



## 700 Bar H<sub>2</sub> Dispenser Hose Reliability RD&D

*NREL, SNL, Spir Star, Colorado School of Mines*

FOA/Lab

PD100

- **Focus:** Assess the performance of state-of-the-art dispensing hoses during simulations of 1 year of service (25,000 cycles).
- **Highlight:** Determined that hose maintains structural integrity under torsional stress from -50°C up to 60°C

*Addressing near-term need for reliable & cost-effective dispensing hoses*

# Delivery Highlights: Pipelines

## Hydrogen Embrittlement of Pipeline Steels

*SNL, ORNL, NIST, ExxonMobil*

FOA/Lab

PD025

- **Focus:** Develop a quantitative, predictive model of hydrogen-assisted fatigue crack growth as a function of steel microstructure, and integrate with models of weld microstructures
- **Highlight:** Determined that pipeline wall thickness required for service in hydrogen does not have to exceed that of service in natural gas

## Fiber Reinforced Composite Pipelines

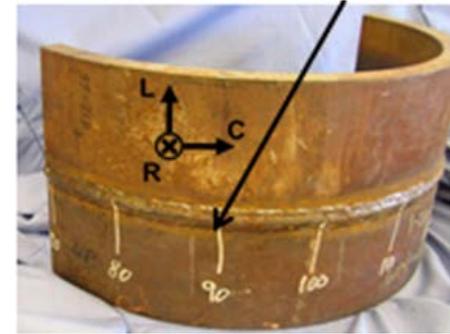
*SRNL, FRP Manufacturers, ASME, U. of Hawaii*

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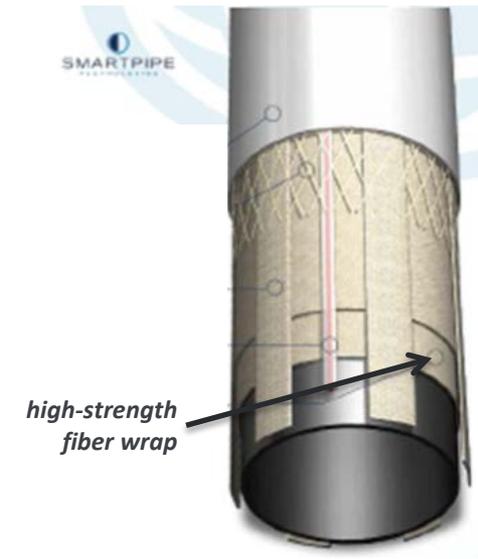
PD022

- **Focus:** Provide data to support a technical basis for fiber reinforced piping in hydrogen service, and support integration of FRP into ASME B31.12
- **Highlight:** Successful codification of fiber reinforced pipelines into the ASME B31.12

Testing pipeline steel for H<sub>2</sub> service



Fiber reinforced composite pipeline design



*Addressing critical longer term need for cost-effective pipeline delivery options*

# Production Highlights: Advanced Electrolysis

## Renewable Electrolysis Integrated Systems

**NREL**, *Xcel Energy, Proton OnSite, Giner, Inc.*

PD/TV

PD031

- **Focus:** Provides independent performance testing of advanced electrolyzer stacks, BOP components, and systems for developing and optimizing stack and sub-system performance using grid and renewable power systems
- **Highlight:** Completed installation of large active area stack electrolyzer test bed (sub-MW scale) and dryer skid, and initiated testing of variable flow drying techniques

NREL electrolysis grid-integration test bed



## High Temperature, High Pressure Electrolysis

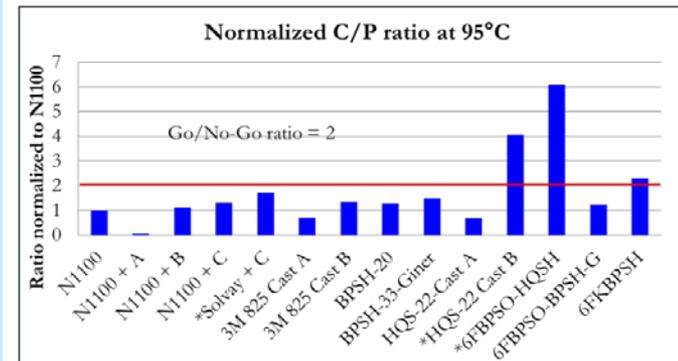
**Giner, Inc.**, *Virginia Tech*

SBIR

PD117

- **Focus:** Develop a PEM water electrolysis process that can provide high-pressure hydrogen at efficiency and durability higher than today's benchmark
- **Highlight:** Demonstrated operation for 1000 h at 95°C and for 500 h at 95°C and 1000 psi in advanced PEM electrolysis membranes

Giner advanced electrolyzer membrane screening



*Exploring new modes of operation and system integration for cost-effectiveness*

# Production Highlights: Advanced PEM Electrolysis

## High Performance, Long Lifetime Catalysts

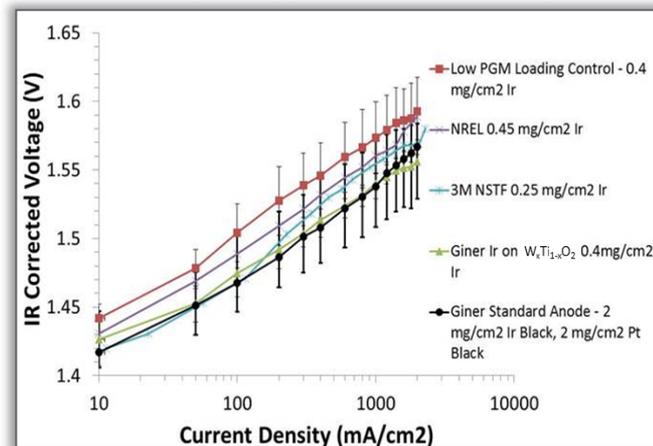
**Giner, Inc., 3M, NREL, ORNL, U. Mass Lowell**

SBIR

PD103

- **Focus:** Develop advanced, low PGM-loading catalysts for high-efficiency and long lifetime PEM water electrolysis with improved mass and specific activity
- **Highlight:** Three different types of low loaded (< 0.5 mg PGM/cm<sup>2</sup>) anode catalysts demonstrated performance similar to Giner's standard anode (4 mg PGM/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Giner testing of 3 types of low PGM catalysts



## Low-Noble-Metal-Content Catalysts/Electrodes

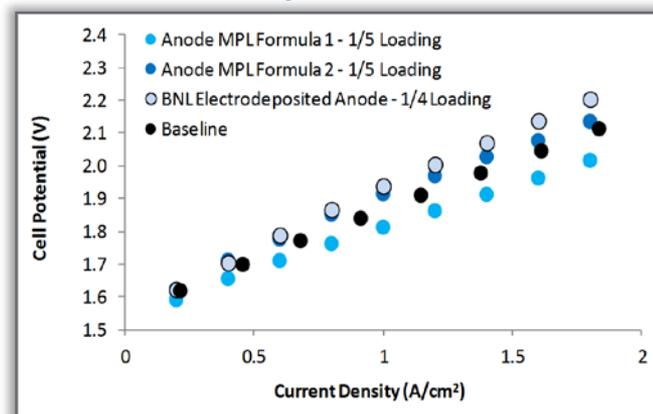
**Proton OnSite, BNL, U. Connecticut**

SBIR

PD098

- **Focus:** Leverage BNL's low PGM-loading core shell catalyst technology originally developed for PEM fuel cells and transfer to electrolysis
- **Highlight:** Developed a manufacturable ultra-low loaded cathode with > 500 hrs durability, and demonstrated anode core shell catalysts with activity advantages for enabling lower loadings at equivalent performance

Performance testing of Proton low-PGM anode



*Reducing cost through advanced low-PGM catalysts, leveraging fuel cell RD&D*

# Production Highlights: Bio-Feedstock Conversion

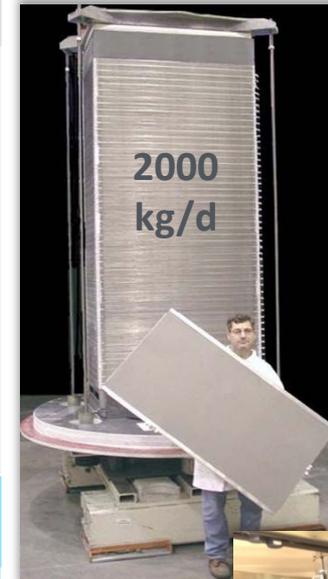
## Reformer-Electrolyzer-Purifier

*FuelCell Energy Inc., UC Irvine*

FOA/Lab

PD112

- **Focus:** Develop a commercial scale REP unit capable of reforming NG or biogas to high purity H<sub>2</sub> with higher efficiency, lower cost and lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to NG SMR
- **Highlight:** Demonstrated single cell performance with >30% increase in H<sub>2</sub> production and >20% increase in H<sub>2</sub> purity achieved through implementation of electrolysis step



FuelCell Energy industrial platform for demonstration of the REP unit

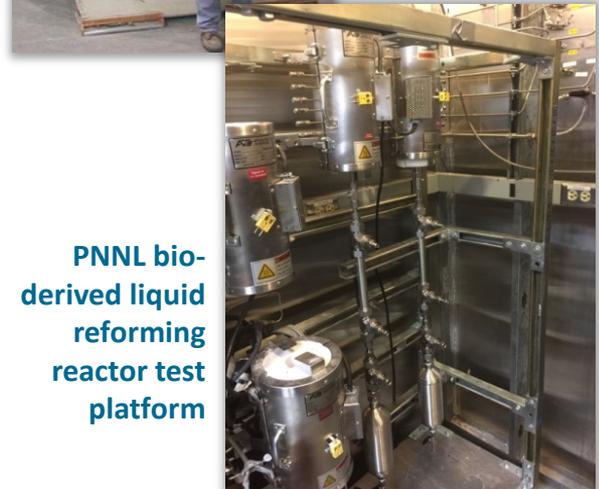
## Rapid Swing Piston Reforming Reactor

*PNNL, Cormetech, Washington State U., Dason Technology*

FOA/Lab

PD111

- **Focus:** Develop a compact reactor unit that can be readily transported and installed for cost-effective distributed H<sub>2</sub> production from biomass-derived liquids
- **Highlight:** Identified two promising CO<sub>2</sub> sorbents for respective low-T and high-T sorption, and two promising low-T reforming catalysts through modeling and bio-oil reforming tests



PNNL bio-derived liquid reforming reactor test platform

*Providing near-term options for low-cost renewable bio-derived feedstocks*

# Production Highlights: Biological Hydrogen

## Fermentative and Electro-hydrogenic H<sub>2</sub>

**NREL, Penn State**

FOA/Lab

PD038

- **Focus:** Develop fermentation and bio-electrochemical technologies to convert renewable biomass to H<sub>2</sub>
- **Highlight:** Demonstrated hydrogen production at an average rate of 757 mL H<sub>2</sub>/L/d from de-acetylated and mechanically refined (DMR) feedstock, which has potential for lower costs

NREL fermentation test reactor



## Cyanobacteria with O<sub>2</sub>-Tolerant Hydrogenase

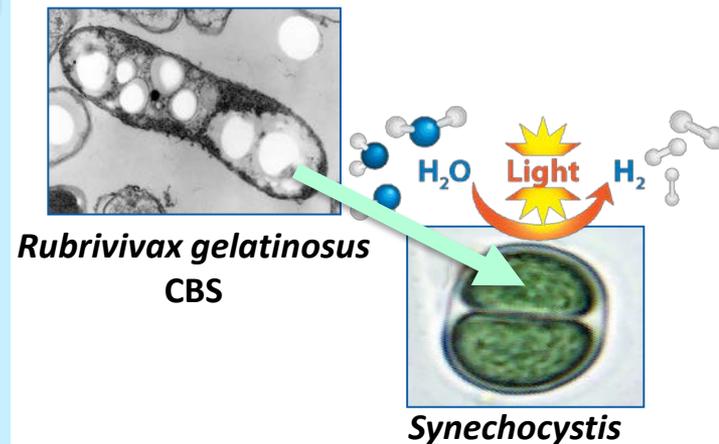
**NREL**

FOA/Lab

PD095

- **Focus:** Develop an O<sub>2</sub>-tolerant cyanobacterial system for sustained light-driven H<sub>2</sub>-production by transferring hydrogenases from *Rubrivivax gelatinosus* Casa Bonita Strain (CBS) to the cyanobacteria *Synechocystis*
- **Highlight:** Confirmed roles of the two different sets of hydrogenase maturation genes, and developed *Synechocystis* strain that expresses the CBS hydrogenase and maturation proteins

Transferring O<sub>2</sub>-tolerant hydrogenase



*Developing new options for sustainable biological hydrogen production*

# Production Highlights: Photoelectrochemical

## High Efficiency Tandem Absorbers

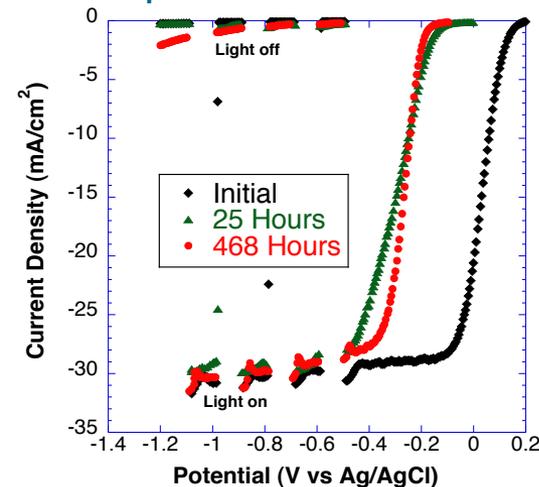
**NREL**, *Stanford, LLNL, UNLV, U. Hawaii, LANL*

FOA/Lab

PD115

- **Focus:** Develop III-V semiconductor-based tandem devices capable of >20% solar-to-hydrogen efficiency with >1000 hr durability to meet DOE solar-H<sub>2</sub> cost targets
- **Highlight:** Demonstrated >460 hr of stabilized device operations using NREL-developed ion bombardment surface passivation process (patent pending)

Stabilized operations in NREL III-V electrode



## Wide Bandgap Chalcopyrite Photoelectrodes

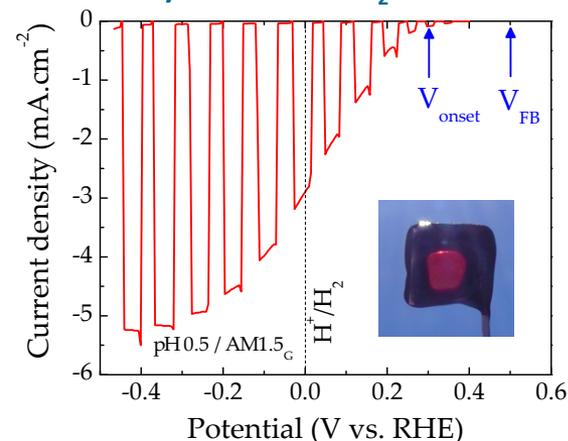
**U. Hawaii**, *UNLV, Stanford, LLNL, NREL*

FOA/Lab

PD116

- **Focus:** Develop efficient, bandgap-tunable thin-film chalcopyrites using an innovative low-cost synthesis process with 1.8-2.4 eV bandgaps optimized for solar H<sub>2</sub> production
- **Highlight:** Successful fabrication of photoactive CuInGaS<sub>2</sub> with controlled composition and tunable bandgap in the 1.5 – 2.4eV range; and initial demonstration of chalcopyrite surface protection with MoS<sub>2</sub>

Photactivity in UH CuInGaS<sub>2</sub> PEC electrode



*Developing advanced materials & interfaces for efficient solar hydrogen*

# Production Highlights: Solar Thermochemical

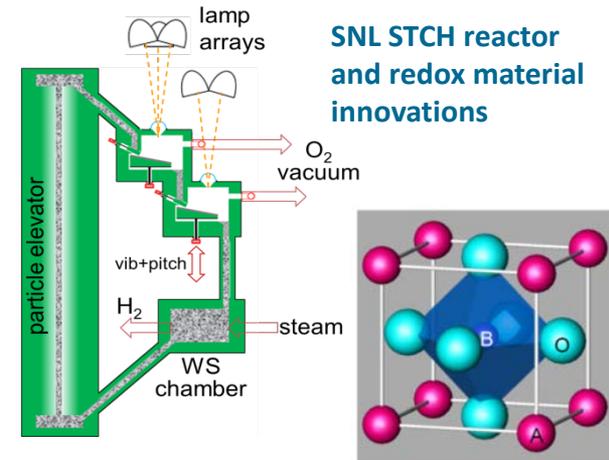
## High Efficiency Redox STCH Reactor

**SNL, ASU, Bucknell, CS Mines, Northwestern, Stanford, DLR**

FOA/Lab

PD115

- **Focus:** Develop novel cascading pressure particle receiver-reactor and new materials for two-step, non-volatile metal oxide thermochemical water-splitting cycles
- **Highlight:** Designed a prototype 3kW cascading pressure reactor/receiver, and extended approach to material discovery and engineering of thermochemical properties



## Solar Hybrid Sulfur Cycle System

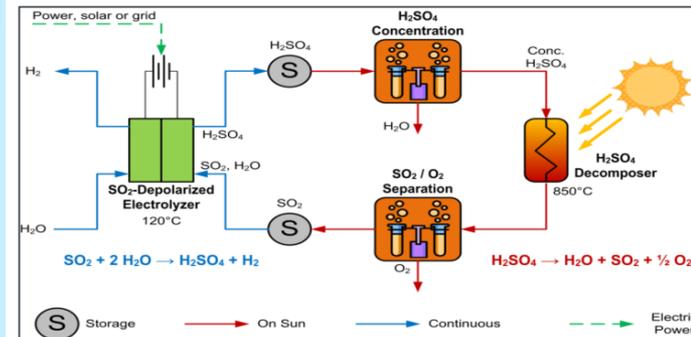
**SRNL**

FOA/Lab

PD096

- **Focus:** Develop efficient process for coupling the hybrid sulfur (HyS) STCH cycle with concentrated solar energy using an advanced high-temperature electrolysis step
- **Highlight:** Designed a Solar HyS process that uses a bayonet acid decomposer and thermal energy storage, including an Aspen Plus™ flowsheet and performance evaluation

Flow diagram of SRNL solar HyS STCH process



*Developing new materials and reactors for high-T solar hydrogen*

# Production Highlights: Solar Thermochemical

## Flowing Particle Bed STCH Redox Reactor

**CU Boulder, NREL**

FOA/Lab

PD114

- **Focus:** Design and test individual components of a novel flowing particle STCH water splitting system capable of producing 50,000 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day at a cost < \$2/kg H<sub>2</sub>
- **Highlight:** Completed flowing particle reactor design, including AspenPlus process modelling; and synthesized >2g Hercynite active material by spray drying, and characterized for composition, particle size, & surface area

## Accelerated Discovery of Redox Materials

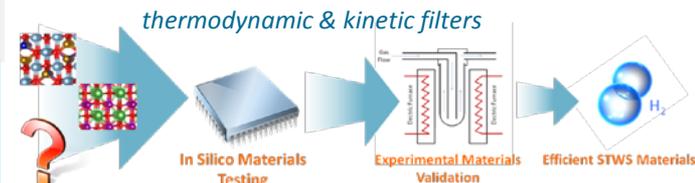
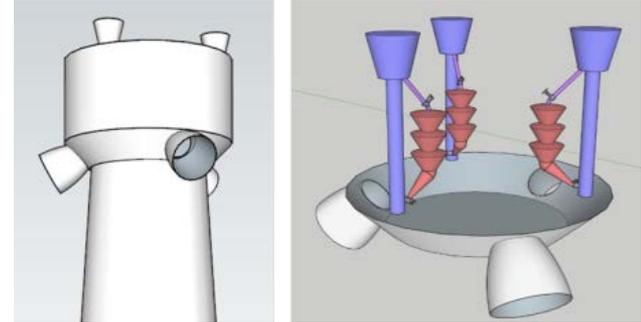
**CU Boulder**

NSF/DOE

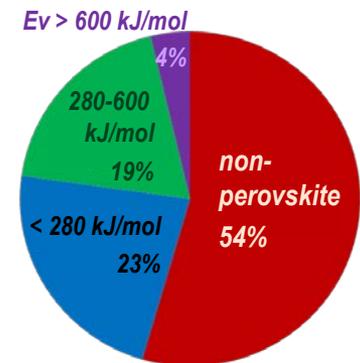
PD120

- **Focus:** Use state-of-the-art electronic structure theory to develop design rules for new materials and develop digital data base for material screening to down-select candidate redox materials with the best performance
- **Highlight:** Screened 1,045 possible binary perovskites, of which 199 materials show potential for use in STCH

### CU Boulder STCH receiver/particle reactor design



1045 materials  
 screened since  
 4/10/2015



*Collaboratively discovering & developing new STCH materials & reactors*

## NSF/DOE MOU



Engineering Directorate  
Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport  
Systems (CBET)

**NSF 14-511: NSF/DOE Partnership On  
Advanced Frontiers in Renewable Hydrogen  
Fuel Production via Solar Water Splitting  
Technologies**

PD118

### **New Metal Oxides for Efficient Hydrogen Production Via Solar Water Splitting**

– *The University of Toledo, Yanfa Yan*

PD119

### **Engineering Surfaces, Interfaces, and Bulk Materials for Unassisted Solar Photoelectrochemical Water Splitting**

– *Stanford University: Thomas Jaramillo*

PD120

### **Accelerated Discovery of Advanced Redox Materials for Solar Thermal Water Splitting to Produce Renewable Hydrogen**

– *The University of Colorado at Boulder: Charles Musgrave*

PD121

### **Tunable Semiconductor/Catalyst Interfaces for Efficient Solar Water Splitting**

– *Rutgers University New Brunswick: Charles Dismukes*

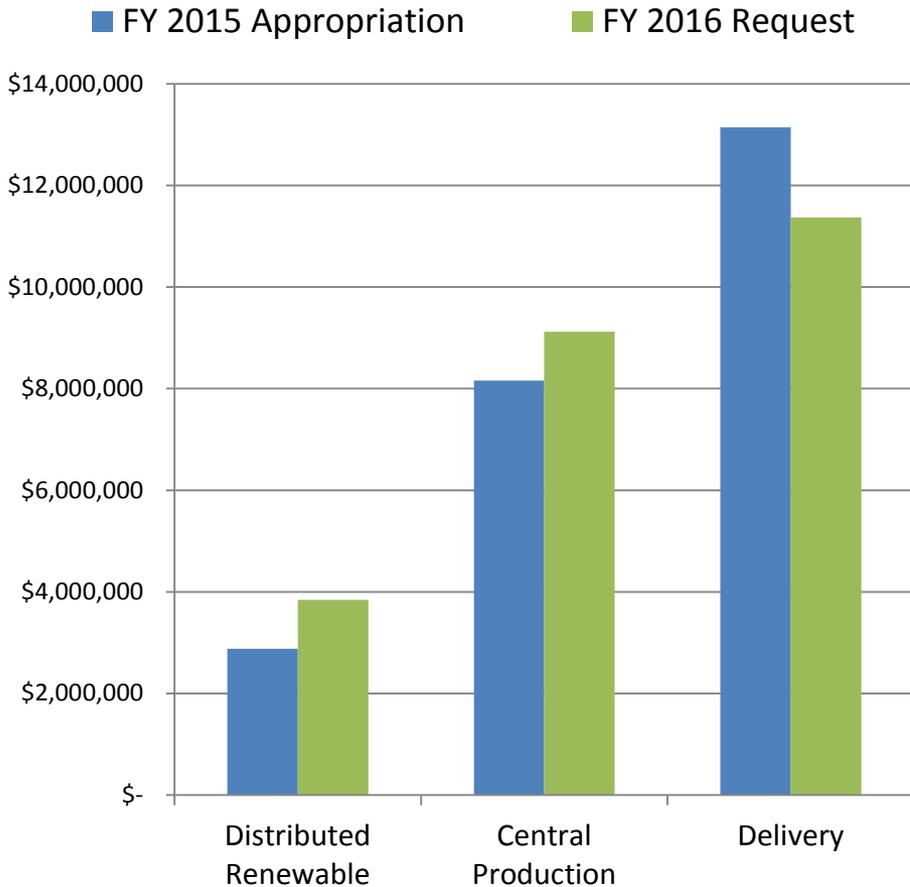
*Investigating the fundamental mechanisms of solar water splitting materials and devices in support of FCTO's applied H<sub>2</sub> production RD&D*

- **Gas Technology Institute**, Des Plaines, Illinois, will assess the technical and economic feasibility of thermal compression for cost-effective pressurization of hydrogen to 700 bar for hydrogen fueling stations, as well as demonstrate the concept in a small-scale test system
- **Proton OnSite**, Wallingford, Connecticut, will advance alkaline exchange membrane-based electrolysis technology by developing durable and efficient PGM-free electrolysis cells
- **Versa Power Systems**, Littleton, Colorado, will develop hydrogen production technologies using high temperature solid oxide electrolysis capable of operating at high current densities (i.e., high hydrogen production rates) and high efficiencies
- **University of California, Irvine**, will develop a novel photocatalyst particle-based slurry reactor with the potential for low-cost renewable hydrogen production via solar water splitting
- **Virginia Tech**, Blacksburg, Virginia, will develop a cell-free biological hydrogen production technology based on an *in vitro* synthetic biosystem composed of numerous thermoenzymes and biomimetic coenzymes

***High-risk / high-reward projects complementing FCTO RD&D in:  
compression, advanced electrolysis, PEC and biological H<sub>2</sub>***

# Hydrogen Production & Delivery Budget

**FY 2016 Request = \$23.6M**  
**FY 2015 Appropriation = \$19.6M**

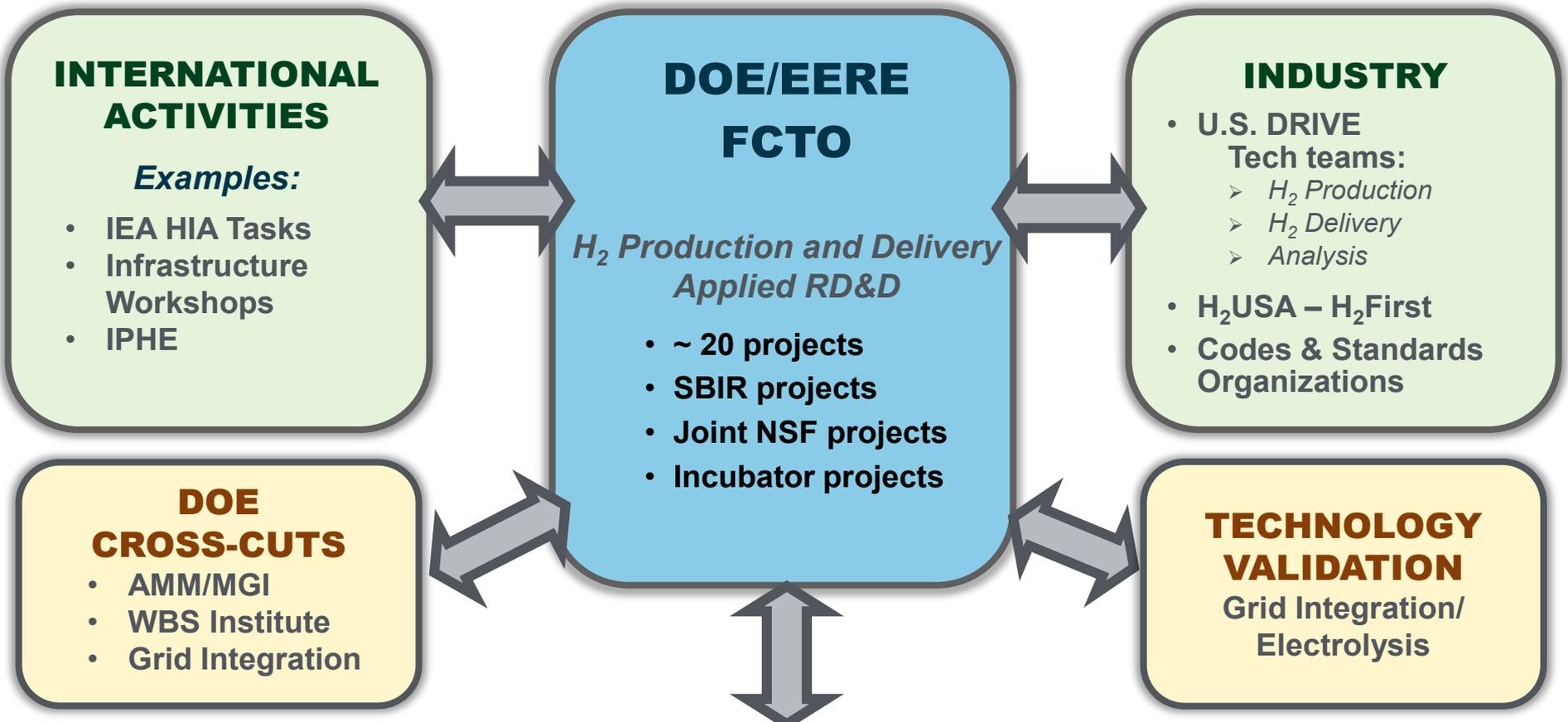


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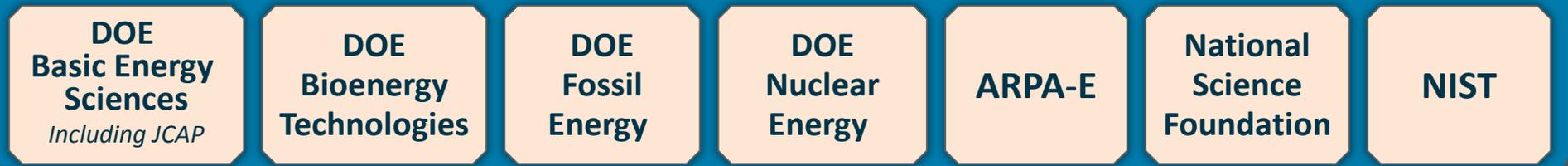
- **Continued Analysis of Production & Delivery Pathways**
  - *Fermentative H<sub>2</sub> Production*
  - *High Temperature Electrolysis*
  - *Integrated Analysis of Project Pathways*
- **Develop Balanced Portfolio of Near-, Mid- and Long-term P&D technologies**
  - *P&D Infrastructure RD&D*
  - *RD&D of Cost-effective Forecourt Components for 700 bar Refueling*
  - *RD&D of Renewable Production from Diverse Pathways*
- **Continued Cross-Office Coordination and Collaboration**
- **Continued International Collaborations and Communications**

***Stabilized budgets are critical to sustaining balanced RD&D portfolio in H<sub>2</sub> P&D;  
 Continued leveraging of broader research resources remains important***

# Hydrogen Production & Delivery Collaborations

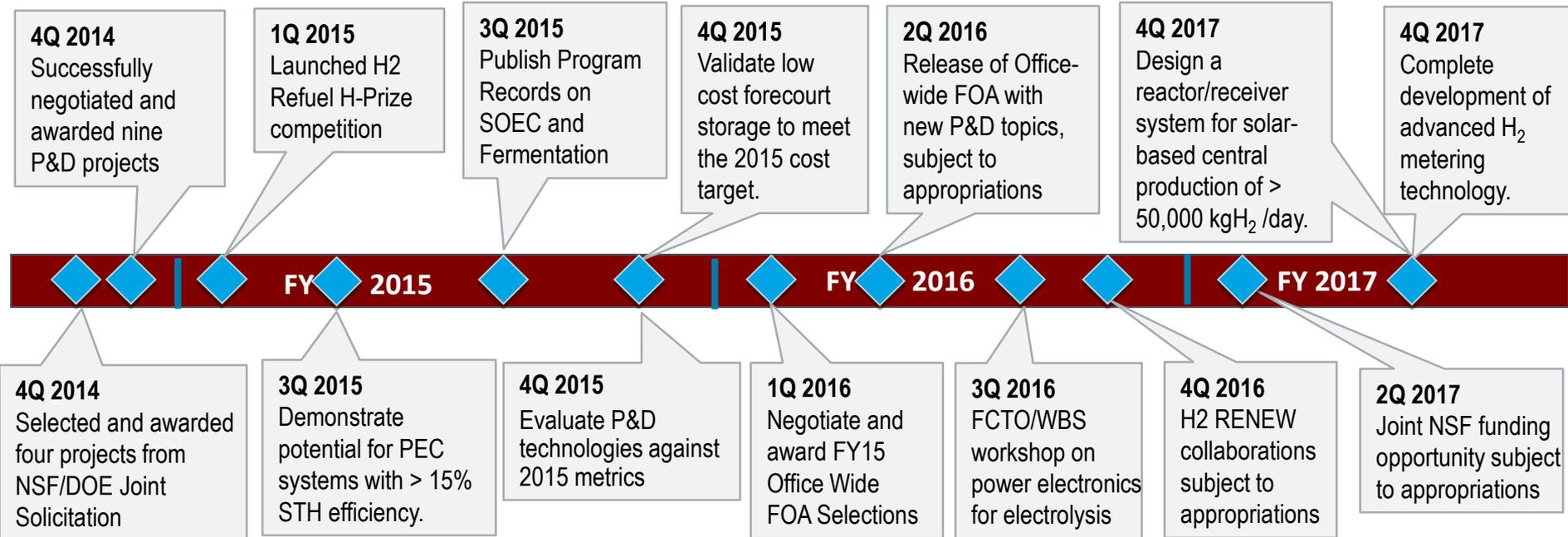


## INTER- AND INTRA-AGENCY COLLABORATIONS



# Recent Activities and Upcoming Milestones

- Workshops, including FCTO/BETO Joint Workshop, International Infrastructure Workshop
- Awarded 9 P&D projects from FY14 Production and Delivery RD&D FOAs, and 5 Incubator selections
- Awarded 4 projects under joint FOA with NSF addressing Solar Water Splitting
- Two topics in FY15 FCTO FOA and 2 areas of interest in FCTO FY15 Lab call to balance portfolio
- Initiated 2 new projects under H2First in support of the H2USA mission
- Cross-office collaborations with AMM/MGI, CEMI, WBS Institute, Grid Integration
- Webinars on topics including infrastructure, AMM/MGI projects, WBS opportunities & H-Prize



# H<sub>2</sub> Refuel H-Prize Announced in 2014



**\$1 million competition  
for on-site home and  
community-scale H<sub>2</sub>  
fueling systems**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year**

**Teams form  
and submit  
designs**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

**Selection of  
finalists and  
testing**

**Late 2016**

**Technical & cost  
analysis to  
select winner**

**Award**

**\$1M**

**Key  
Dates**

**October 22: Contestant registration deadline**

**October 29: Design submission deadline**

To learn more, check out poster **PD128** or visit <http://hydrogenprize.org/>

***Promoting H<sub>2</sub> fueling system development in the community***

FOA Title	Release Date	Topics Included	Due Date
Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Research, Development, and Demonstrations	3/2/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subtopic 1a: Microbial Biomass Conversion</li> <li>• Subtopic 1c: Integrated Intelligent Hydrogen Dispensers for 700 bar Gaseous Refueling of Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles</li> </ul>	6/4/2015

## Hydrogen Production by Microbial Biomass Conversion

- *Fermentation, microbially-aided electrolysis, or hybrid processes that integrate multiple systems*
- *Demonstration of hydrogen production of at least 5 LH<sub>2</sub>/L-reactor/day on average in a system operating for at least 24 hours continuously, at a reactor scale of at least 1 liter*

## Integrated Intelligent Hydrogen Dispensers for 700 bar Gaseous Refueling of FCEVs

- *Improved reliability of state-of-the-art communication equipment to ensure complete fills*
- *Targets dispensing accuracy of at least 4%, and cost reduction in dispensing components*
- *Enabling complete SAE J2601 fills, and adaption of alternative filling methods*

***Continuing to fill gaps in the RD&D portfolio, guided by stakeholder engagements and techno-economic analysis***

With the growing importance of renewable hydrogen to energy security and the environment, experts in all fields of renewable hydrogen have an opportunity to work collaboratively to address key cross-cutting technical challenges in catalysis, separations, material compatibility, systems & grid integration, etc.

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**...a shared resource and repository of expert information on renewable hydrogen**

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Flowing Particle Bed Solarthermal Redox Process to Split Water	All members

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**External Links**

- US DOE EERE Fuel Cell Technologies Office
- US DOE H2 & Fuel Cell Annual Merit Review
- IEA-Hydrogen Implementing Agreement

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*Cross-cutting session of H<sub>2</sub> Production Working groups being held Wednesday at 5:15 PM*

*Bringing together leading experts in electrolysis, STCH, PEC and bio-conversion*

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