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Decarbonizing Navy's Operations: Large-Scale Hydrogen Storage and Production On-Demand



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- 2002– Professor, Chemical Engineering 2018– Inaugural Director: I–GIT
- 2011-2017-U.S. Department of State Jefferson Science Fellow ENR/EB
- 2008–2015 Director, NSF I/UCRC- CBERD
- 2008-09: AIT- Thailand AIT, Thailand (ASEAN Countries)
- 2002–15: Joint Appointment

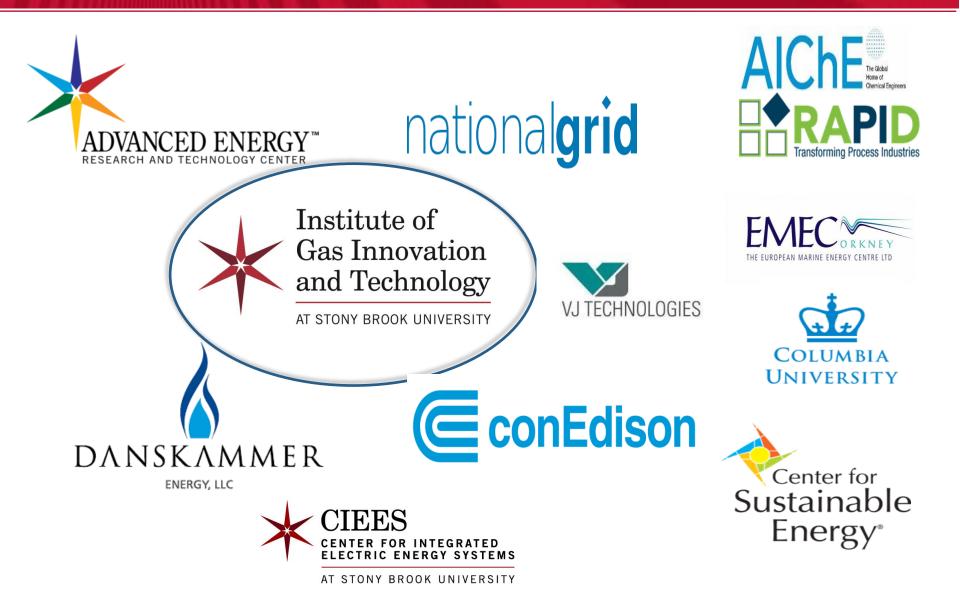








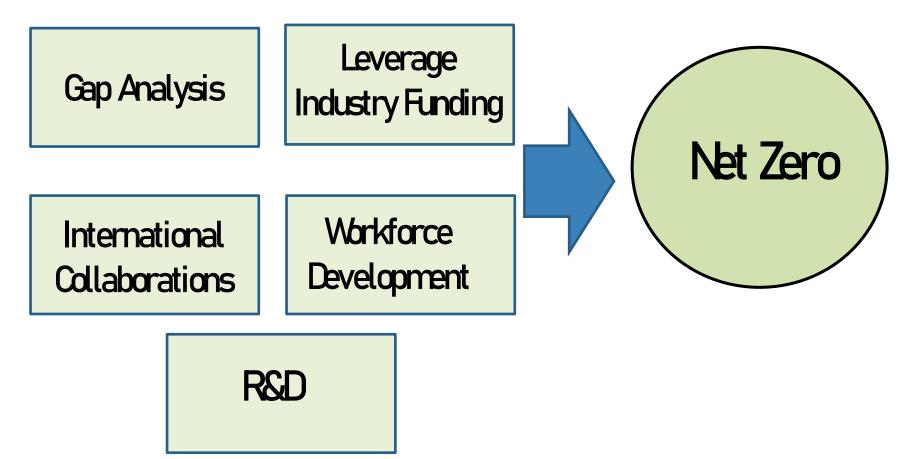
I-GIT: Established 2018



I-GIT Mission: Five-Pillars

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<u>Mission</u>: Use Academic-Industry platform to accelerate deployment of advanced energy technologies and infrastructure for gas to benefit customers.



SBU Hydrogen Team



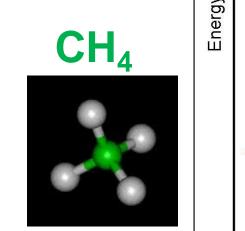
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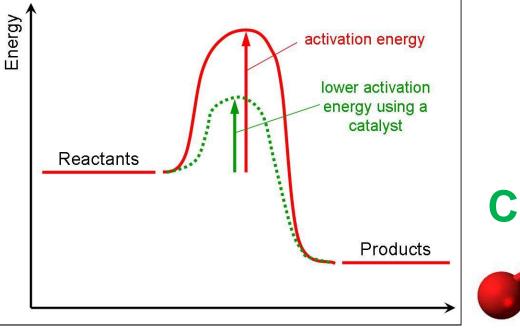
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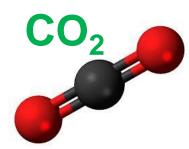
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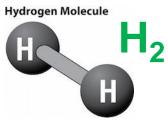
Molecules of Interest











Interplay between three molecules

I-GIT Stats



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Active Projects: 12 Personnel (Faculty/Students/Collaborators): 41 Funding Sources: [\$20 million]



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Road to Decarbonization



- Global Effort: UN Coordination to manage Greenhouse Gases (GHGs). Among GHGs, Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) and Methane (CH₄) are two key gases (atmospheric concentrations are 420 ppm and 1.7 ppm, respectively). However, CH₄ is up to 84 times (over 20-year period) more potent than CO₂.
- CO₂ Management. There is need not only to reduce future CO₂ concentrations, we need to reduce existing atmospheric CO2 by recycling– Utilization. The challenge is that over 70% of the CO₂ emissions are locked in the existing infrastructure.
- United States Goal. Achieve net zero carbon by 2050 by substituting renewable energy sources for fossil fuels. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) included funding for this effort. [Close to \$10 billion for H₂ alone]

DOEGoal to make H₂ competitive: [111]

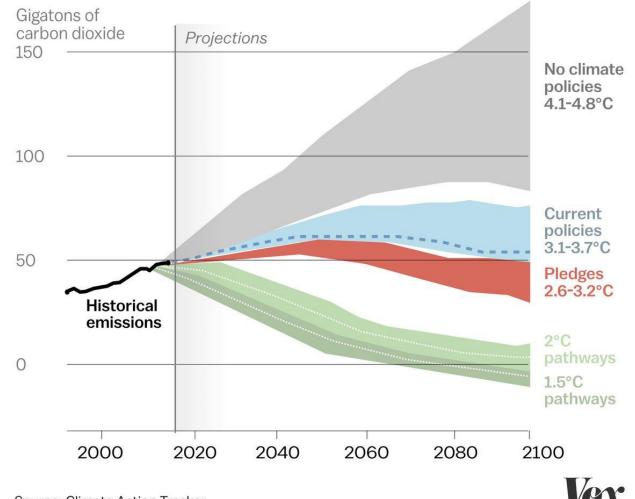
Global GHGs and Policies



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Effect of current pledges and policies

Global greenhouse gas emissions



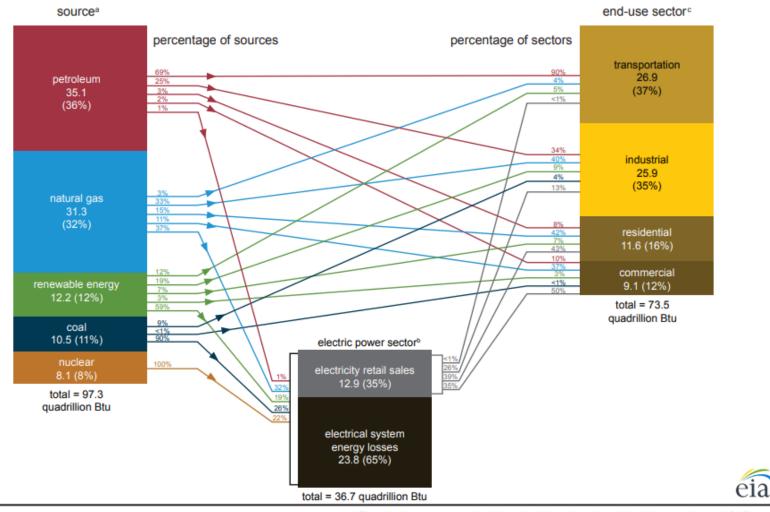


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U.S. energy consumption by source and sector, 2021

guadrillion British thermal units (Btu)



Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Energy Review (April 2022). Tables 1.3 and 2.1-2.6.

^b The electric power sector includes electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public.

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Renewable Energy- Output Variability Issue



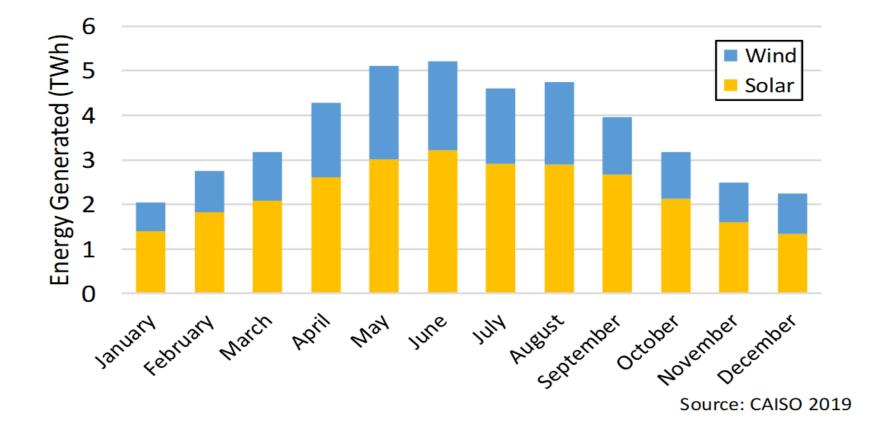


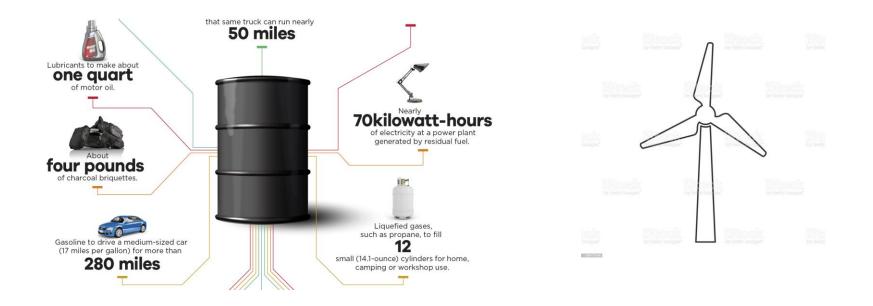
Figure. Seasonal variation of wind and solar output in California, 2018

Energy Density Issue



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- Typical natural gas fired plant = 500 MW = 16 Tonnes H2
- 1 Barrel of Oil = 1,700 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of energy
- 3 kW Solar system = 8100Ah batteries
- Wndmill: 2.5 3 megawatts can produce in excess

of 6 million kWh every year. Need 200 windmills.

Energy variability and low energy density are two key challenges to implement renewables sources.

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Periodic Table

Ac

Actinium

227.03

Alkali Metal

Th

Thorium

232.04

Alkaline Earth

Ра

Protactinium

231.04

Transition Metal

U

Uranium

238.03

Np

Neptunium

237.05

Basic Metal

Pu

Plutonium

244.06

Metalloid

Am

Americium

243.06

Nonmetal

Cm

Curium

247.07

Bk

Berkelium

247.07

Halogen

Cf

Californium

251.08

Noble Gas

Es

Einsteinium

[254]

Fm

Fermium

257.10

Lanthanide

Md

Mendelevium

258.10

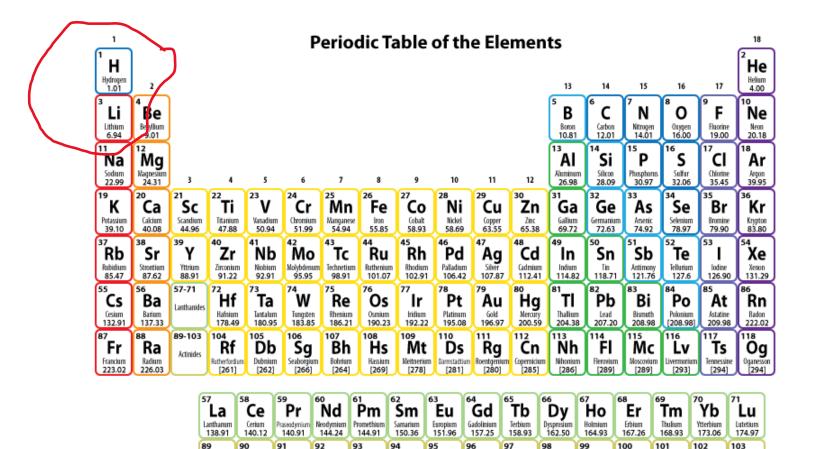
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No

Nobelium

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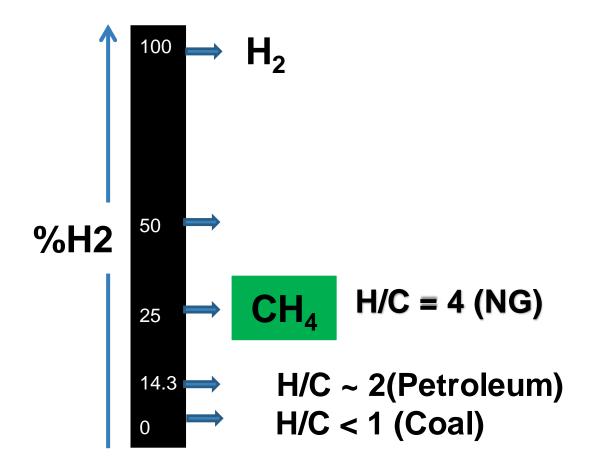
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Transition to Hydrogen Economy

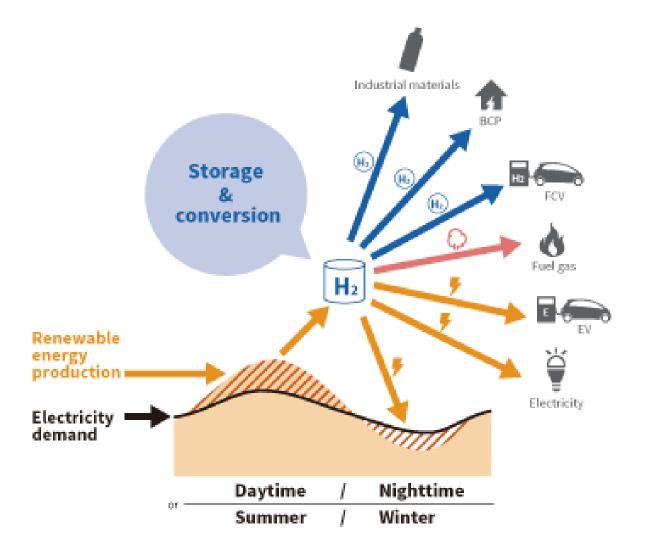
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Scale is relative to H/C

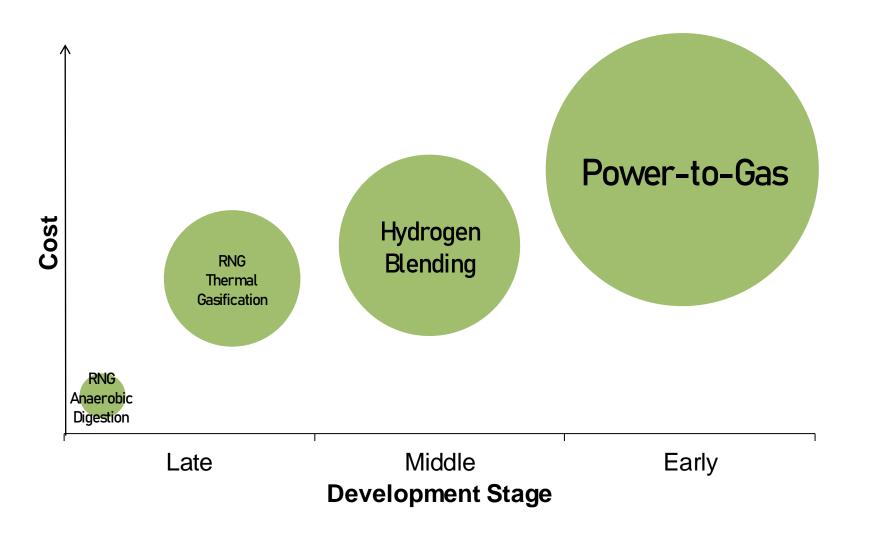
Renewable Energy-Output Variability Issue





Decarbonization: Gaseous Pathways

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Storage



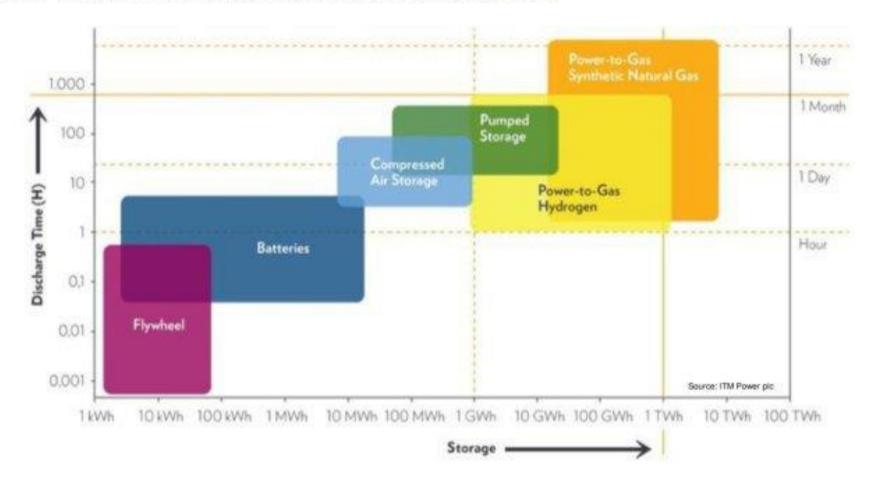
Gas	d, Kg/m3	B. pt., oC	
CH4	0.657	- 160	
H2	0.08375	- 252.9	

Energy Storage Potential of Various Options

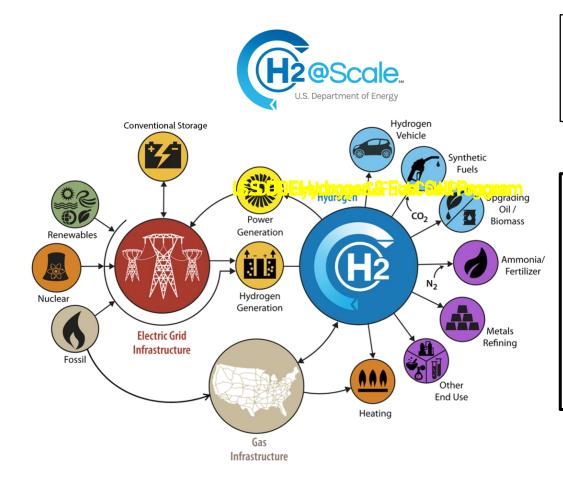


ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES

Power-to-gas is efficient | long term | low energy cost



U.S. DOE Hydrogen@Scale Program



Large-scale, low-cost H2 from diverse domestic sources

Materials innovations are key to enhancing performance, durability, and cost of hydrogen generation, storage, distribution, and utilization technologies key to H2@Scale



https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/h2scale

Cost Comparison: Batteries vs P2G



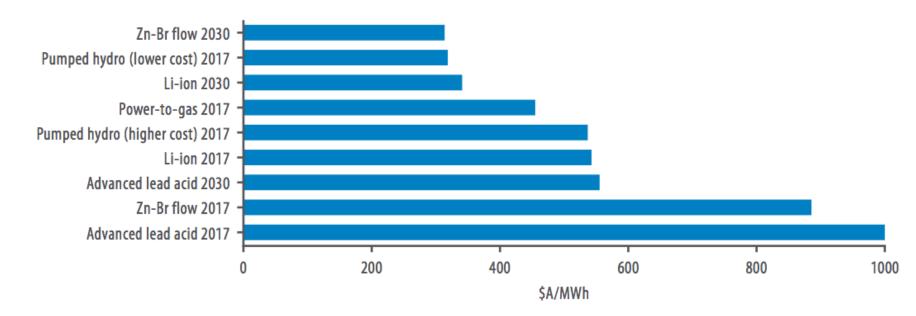


Figure 8: Indicative levelised cost of energy storage for bulk energy storage by technology (\$A/MWh)

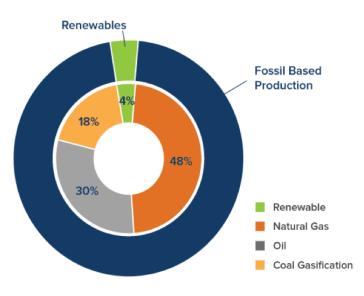
Note: Only those batteries where sufficient evidence exists of future trends have been included in this figure. The assumed electricity price is \$A100/MWh. A full list of input assumptions used to calculate the levelised cost of energy is provided at Appendix 2.

Hydrogen Production: Market and Scale-up

Fossil fuels based:

- 1. Oxidation
- 2. Gasification
- 3. Steam methane reforming (SMR)
- Grey H2
- Blue H2 (with CCS)
- Electrolysis (Green H2)





<u>Challenges</u>:

- Market volume, MT/Yr: 60 (2017) to 650 in 2050
- USD: 1 Trillion
- Production, Storage, Transport



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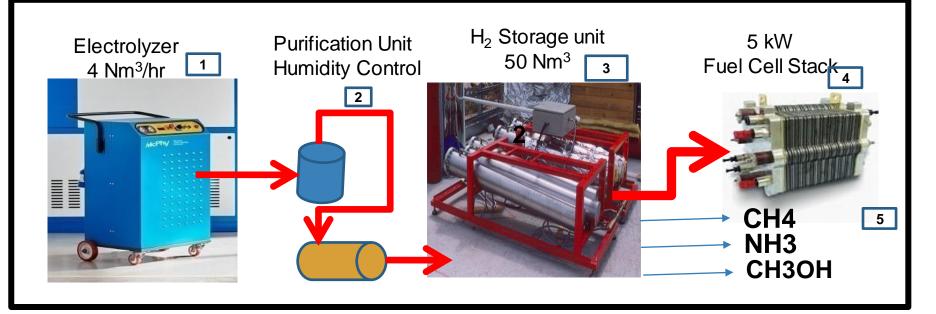
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P2X: Existing and Under Development





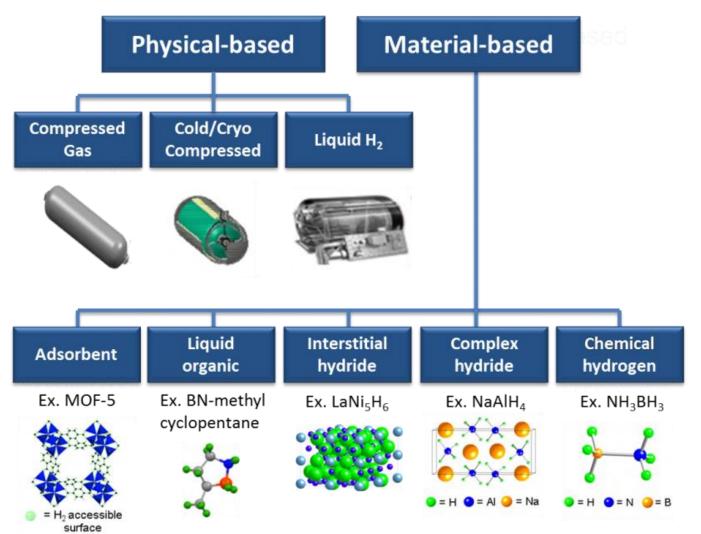
- 1. Electrolyzer: Novel Membranes/Heat Management; novel wastewater as feed
- 2. Purification Unit: Membrane H2-water vapor separation
- 3. Hydrogen Storage-
- 3a. Absorption/Desorption kinetics in metal hydrides
- 3b. Methanol synthesis-Liquid energy carrier
- 3c. Renewable methane from CO2-H2.
- 4. Fuel Cell- Membranes /Catalyst/Heat Management
- 5. P2G Unit integration- HEAT Management

Hydrogen Storage Options

U.S. DOE



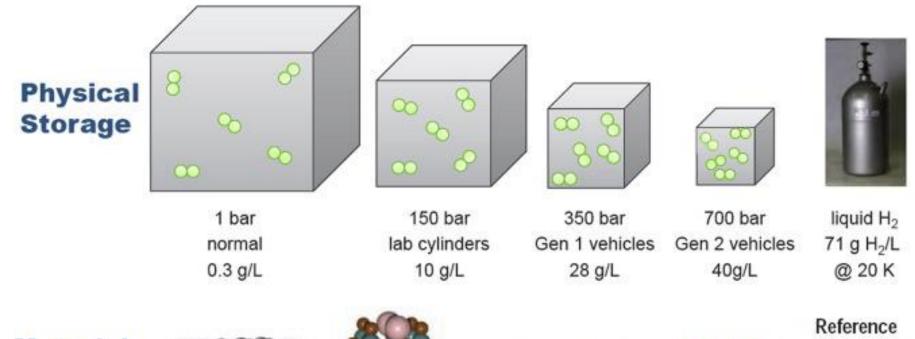
How is hydrogen stored?



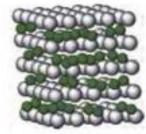
Hydrogen Storage and Transport Options



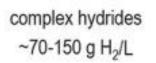
Ren et al., IJHE 42 (1), 289-311 (2017)

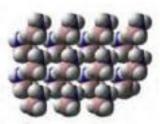


Materials -based Storage

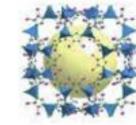


interstial hydrides ~100-150 g H₂/L





chemical storage ~70-150 g H₂/L

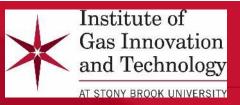


sorbents ≤ 70 g H₂/L

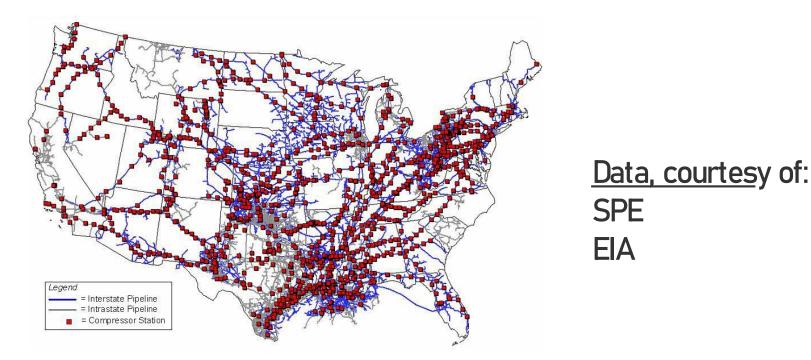


water 111 g H2/L

U.S. Pipeline Network

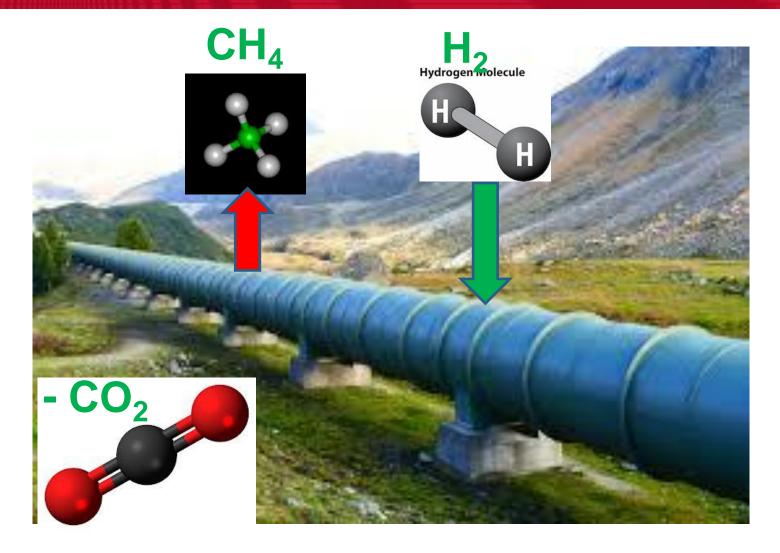


- A highly integrated network– 3 million miles of main and other pipelines.
- Delivered 28.3 Tcf gas in 2019.
- Replacement value of outdated pipeline: \$570 billion.
- Can we repurpose this infrastructure for H_2 ?



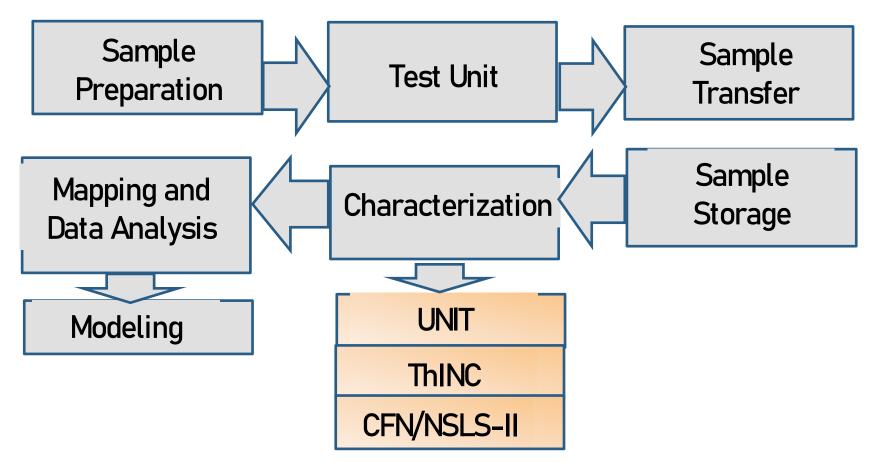
Decarbonization in Pipeline





Sample Testing Plan





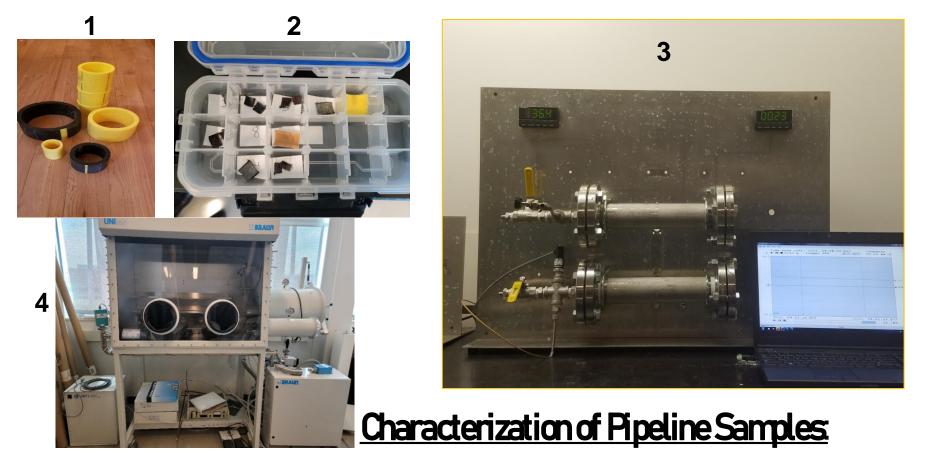
Outcome:

Data mapping to establish pipeline lifetime based on pipe integrity

Pipeline Mimic Unit: : Effect of Hydrogen in Natural Gas Pipelines



1) Samples, 2) Sample preparation, 3) Treatment with hydrogen, 4) Sample Storage



Facilities at AERTC/BNL: Measure both Physical and Chemical effects of hydrogen.

Testing Techniques and Standards



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		Hydrogen Pressure			
		None	Low	High	
Hydrogen Hold time	None	Reference Material			
			Structural Characterization (SBU/CFN)	Mechanical Characterization (SBU/Sandia)	
	Low		SEM TEM XRD XPS	Stress-Strain (ASTM E8) Fracture Toughness (ASTM E399) Hardness Fatigue (ASTM E466, E647)	
	High				

CH4-H2 Blends in Gas Pipelines – A Review

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Hydrogen Blending in Gas Pipeline Networks—A Review

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Abstract: Replacing fossil fuels with non-carbon fuels is an important step towards reaching the ultimate goal of carbon neutrality. Instead of moving directly from the current natural gas energy systems to pure hydrogen, an incremental blending of hydrogen with natural gas could provide a seamless transition and minimize disruptions in power and heating source distribution to the public. Academic institutions, industry, and governments globally, are supporting research, development and deployment of hydrogen blending projects such as HyDeploy, GRHYD, THyGA, HyBlend, and others which are all seeking to develop efficient pathways to meet the carbon reduction goal in coming decades. There is an understanding that successful commercialization of hydrogen blending requires both scientific advances and favorable techno-economic analysis. Ongoing studies are focused on understanding how the properties of methane-hydrogen mixtures such as density, viscosity, phase interactions, and energy densities impact large-scale transportation via pipeline networks and end-use applications such as in modified engines, oven burners, boilers, stoves, and fuel cells. The

NSF DMREF Project – Goals and Outcomes





<u>Goals:</u>

- Review hydrogen blending projects
- Conduct techno-economic analysis of blended gas flow in pipelines
- Advance fundamental knowledge of crack tip processes that control damage accumulation and propagation under fatigue loading

Outcomes:

- Framework for assessing energy costs for transporting blended gases
- Multi-scale model for hydrogen effects on fatigue evolution in ferritic steels
- Engineering roadmaps for life prediction and risk assessment for hydrogen storage and transport structures

Techno-Economic Analysis for CH4-H2 Blends

MRS Advances https://doi.org/10.1557/s43580-022-00243-0

ORIGINAL PAPER





Computational fluid dynamic modeling of methane-hydrogen mixture transportation in pipelines: estimating energy costs

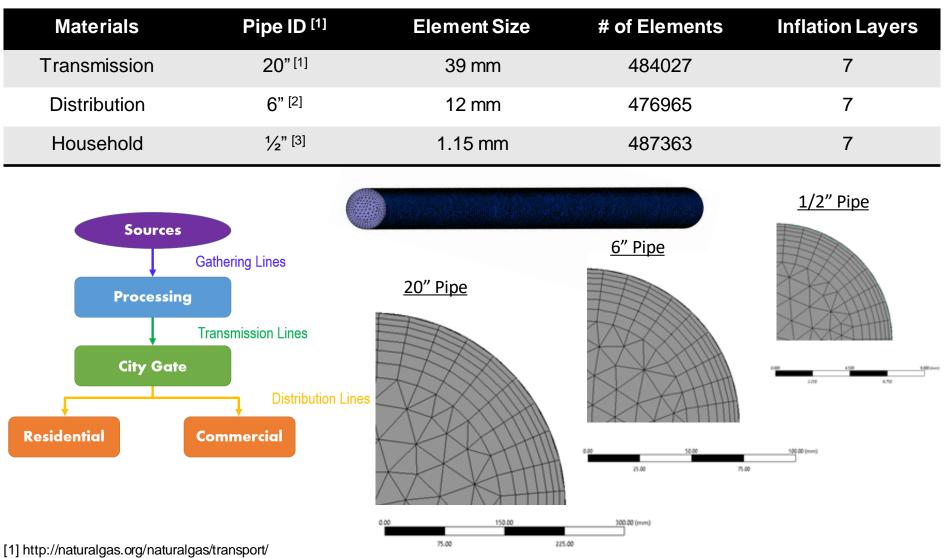
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Abstract

Replacing fossil fuels and natural gas with alternative fuels like hydrogen is an important step toward the goal of reaching a carbon neutral economy. As an important intermediate step toward utilizing pure hydrogen, blending hydrogen in an existing natural gas network is a potential choice for reducing carbon emissions. A computational fluid dynamic model is developed to quantify frictional losses and energy efficiency of transport of methane-hydrogen blends across straight pipe sections. It is observed that, in general, an increase in the energy costs is expected when hydrogen, with its lower density, is transported along with methane (which has higher density) in various blend ratios. However, the amount of increase in energy costs depends on the volume fraction of hydrogen and the nature of the flow conditions. The lowest energy costs are projected for transporting pure hydrogen under the conditions where the inlet velocity flow rates are similar to that used for transporting pure methane while the highest energy costs are expected when hydrogen is transported at the same mass flow rate as methane.

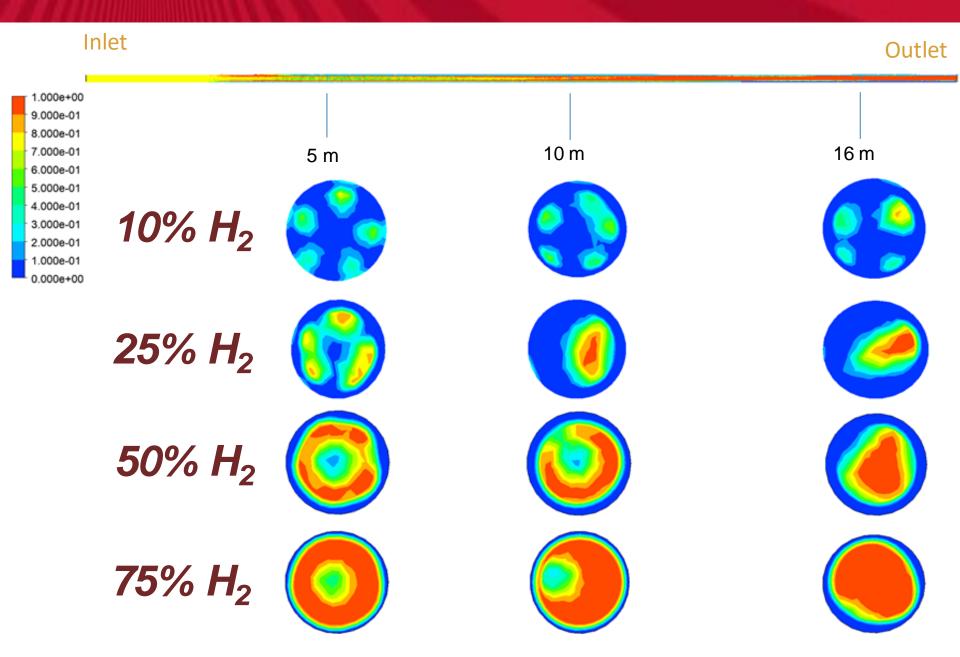
CFD Model for the Flow of CH4-H2 Blends



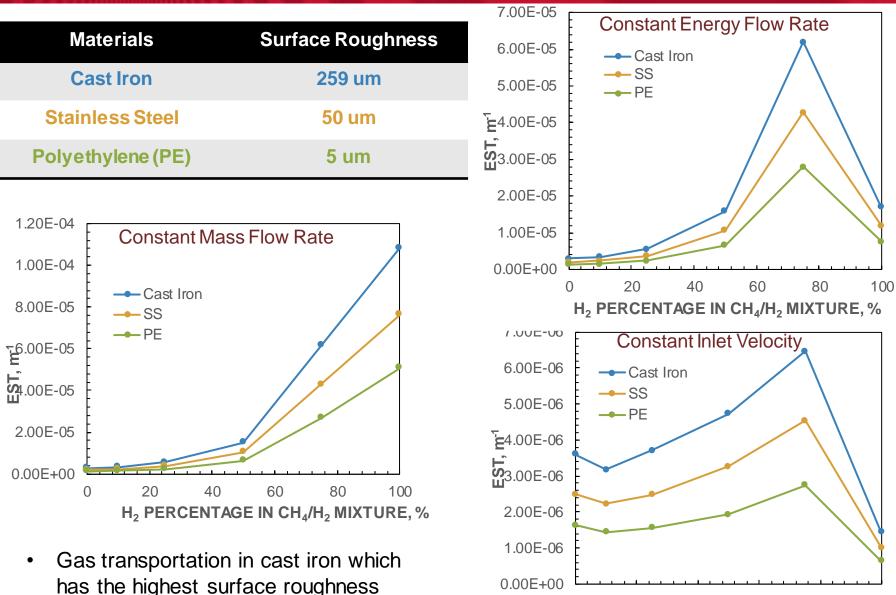
[2] https://www.aga.org/natural-gas/delivery/how-does-the-natural-gas-delivery-system-work-/

[3] https://inspectapedia.com/plumbing/Gas_Pipe_Specifications.php

Flow Characteristics of CH4 – H2 Blends



Energy Costs Due to Pipe Roughness



H₂ PERCENTAGE IN CH₄/H₂ MIXTURE, %

will incur the highest energy cost.

Metal Samples Inventory





9 7 8 2

14

4



3 4 15 1

Plastic Samples Inventory

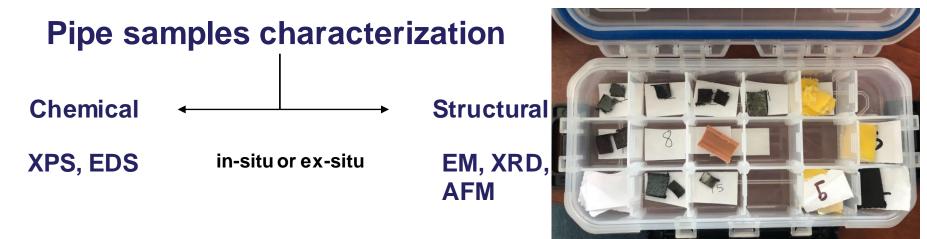


5A 6A 7A 8A 9A 10A 11A 12A 13A

Samples Tested



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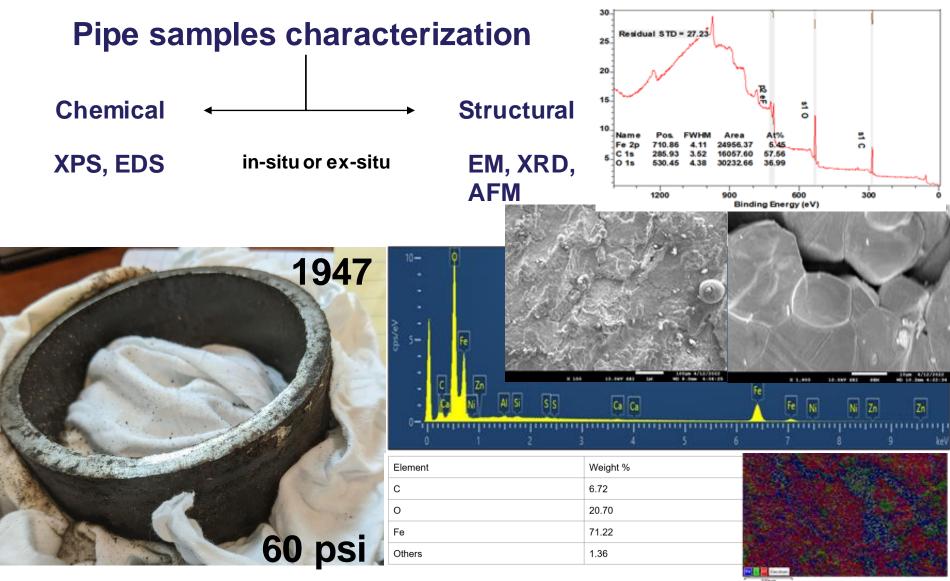


XPS-EDS Data- Sample #8



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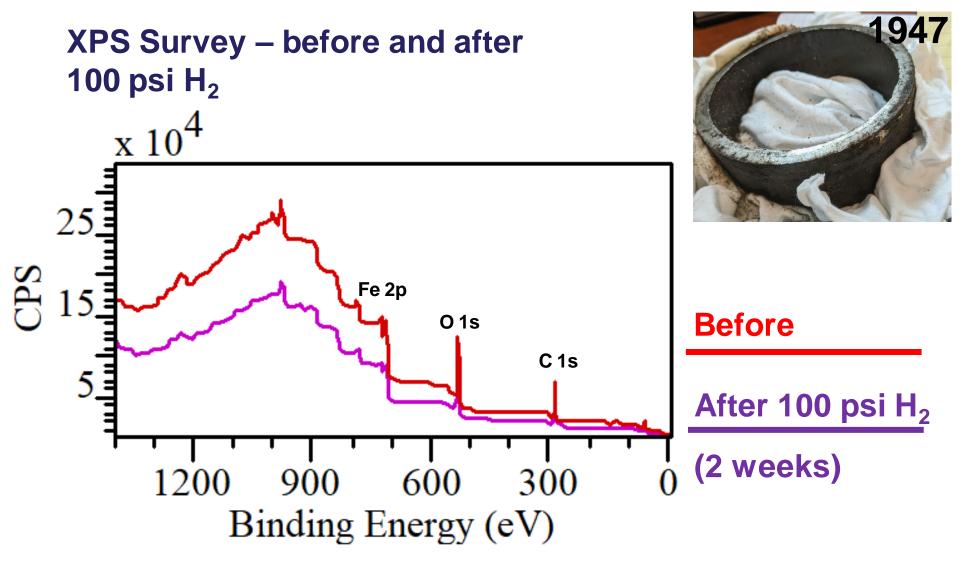


XPS Data- Before and After H2 Exposure (#8)

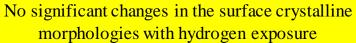


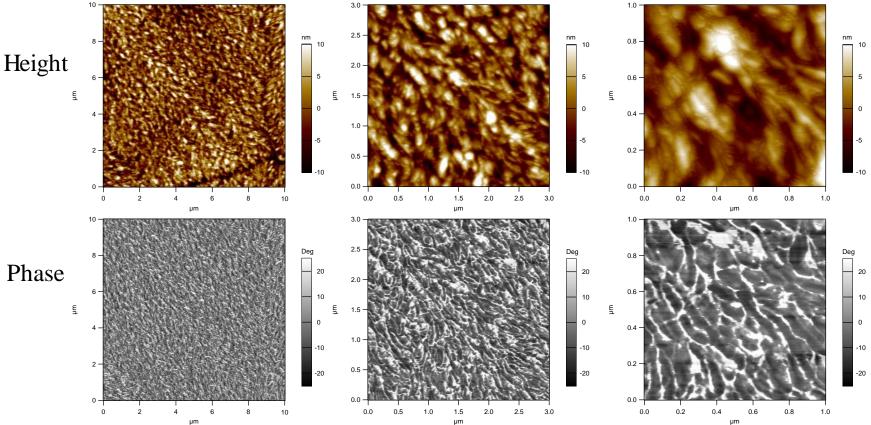
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Atomic Force Microscopy Data for H2 exposed HDPE Samples





Large Scale H2 Storage and On-Demand Production: Ammonia vs Methanol



US. DOE H2 Price Goals: \$2/Kg (2026); \$1 Kg (2031)

Parameter	Ammonia	Methanol
State	Liquid at -33.6 oC	Liquid up to +65oC
Safety	Pungent odor Toxic gas	Lesstoxic liquid
Energy Density, MJ/Kg	20.1	18.6
H2 Storage Density	~18 wt%	18.75 wt% (with Reforming)
500 MWe Natural Gas fired plant	88,890 Kg NHB	16,000 Kg H2 = 85,333 Kg Methanol

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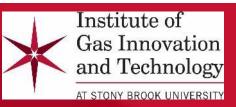
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Net-Zero Fuels and Sectors Served

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SAF NHB, CH₃CH RNG Н

Ongoing R&D



<u>Material Characterization</u>: Materials that are resistant to H2 for long-termstorage <u>Kinetics</u>: To Understand heat management in H2 adsorption and Desorption. <u>SystemIntegration</u>: Integration of unit operations to implement Power-to-Products (P2X). <u>SystemModeling</u>.

□ Test a system that combines solid absorbent (2 wt% H2 limit) with Methand storage (18.75 wt%) for large scale applications.

Summary: SBU H2 Focus

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US_DOEH2 Price Goals: \$2/Kg (2026); \$1 Kg (2031)

RD&D to IP	Workforce Training	Industry Collaboration
IP Generation– H2 Value Chain	DEI Training (OSWII)	Pilot Projects 20+ Partners- (in the H2-Hub)

I-GIT Organized Events

<u>P2X</u>

- Transatlantic Power-to-Gas (TAP2G) Workshop, Aberdeen, Scotland [October 3–4, 2019] Co-organizers: EMEC and I-GT and Scottish Hydrogen and Fuel Association
- Scale-Up Strategies to Monetize Power-to-Products (P2X). December 9, 2020 Co-Organizers: I-GT/RAPID/AIChE
- Power2XImplementationStrategiesWebinar.

Co-Organizes: I-GT and Food & Bo Quster, Denmark. November 18, 2020

<u>RNG</u>

2nd Annual Scientific Summit on Dairy Methane Management Research
 Virtual 2020, December 3–4, 2020.
 Convenience L. OTT/Offe & D. Devie / OST/Depresed / Trade Conversion

Co-Organizers: I-GT/Cdfa/UC Davis/CSE/Denmark Trade Council

1st Annual Scientific Summit on Dairy Methane Management Research

UCDavis, CA June 3-4, 2019. Co-Organizers: I-GT/UCDavis/Cdfa/CSE/

• 3rd RNG Summit, December 13–14, 2021

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Key Publications

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2. Stephanie Taboada, Lori Clark, Jake Lindberg, David J Tonjes and Devinder Mahajan. Quantifying the Potential of Renewable Natural Gas to Support a Reformed Energy Landscape: Estimates for New York State. Energies. Published June 2021

3. Devinder Mahajan, Christopher Cavanagh, Arie Kaufman, Rong Zhao,, Shawn Jones, Gozde Ustuner, Jeff Hung. 2020 NY-BEST Energy Storage Technology and Innovation Conference. Mode: Virtual. New York BEST. Session: Topic: New Developments in Non-Battery Energy Storage Technology. Session: "Super long duration storage: Hydrogen and Power-to-gas. December 8-9, 2020.

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 Stephanie Taboada, Devinder Mahajan, Christopher A. Cavanagh, McKenzie Schwartz. Hydrogen injection in natural gas pipelines for decarbonization of power sector in New York State. Symposium: Fuel Processing for Hydrogen Production, Transforming the Future through Chemical Engineering.
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I-GIT In The News



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- Hydrogen Heats up in New York, March 17, 2021.
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- National Grid sees hydrogen as a lynchpin, joins utilities targeting net zero carbon by 2050 | Utility Dive.

https://www.utilitydive.com/news/with-hydrogen-as-lynchpin-strategy-national-gridjoins-other-utilities-i/586386/

 Natural Gas Goes to College. AGA Magazine- August/September 2019 issue. https://read.nxtbook.com/aga/american_gas_magazine/american_gas_aug_sept_2019/natur_al_gas_goes_to_college.html

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