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2014 and 2015
Hydrogen Student
Design Contests

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Hydrogen Education Foundation

- Promotes clean hydrogen energy technologies through educational programs to encourage environmental stewardship, improve energy security, and create green jobs. More info:
www.hydrogeneducationfoundation.org

- Programs include:

- Hydrogen Student Design Contest (www.hydrogencontest.org)
- H-Prize (www.hydrogenprize.org)
- H₂andYou (www.h2andyou.org)
- Washington Fuel Cell Summit
(<http://www.washingtonfuelcellsummit.com/>)



- For timely updates:



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What is the Contest?

- The annual Hydrogen Student Design Contest challenges university students to design hydrogen energy applications for real-world use
- Supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's Fuel Cell Technologies Office and National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Technical, multidisciplinary competition
 - Engineering
 - Architecture/planning
 - Industrial design
 - Economics
 - Business/marketing
 - Environmental science
 - Political science
 - Chemistry

History of Contest

- Started in 2004
- Past themes:
 - Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure Planning
 - Residential Fueling
 - Designing a Hydrogen Community
 - Green Buildings with Hydrogen
 - Hydrogen Applications for Airports
 - Hydrogen Power Park
 - Hydrogen Fueling Station
- Several winning designs were built, e.g. the 2008 winning design is now an active hydrogen fueling station at Humboldt State University





2014 Contest Sponsors and Supporters



2014 Contest Theme: Development of a Drop-in Hydrogen Fueling Station

- Hydrogen infrastructure development is one of the most important challenges for the rapid commercialization of zero-emission fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs)
- Drivers of FCEVs need to know that they can rely on available fueling stations
- Hydrogen fuel suppliers need to be able to react to increasing fueling demand
- Low-cost drop-in fueling stations that require minimal set-up, operation and expense could meet the initial demand for fueling in areas that do not have a well-developed hydrogen fueling infrastructure
- A fueling station module that provides a positive fueling experience while being able to be mass produced could potentially have a game-changing effect on traditional hydrogen fueling station development plans

Theme Details

- Design a hydrogen fueling module that fulfills the requirements of
 - low-cost,
 - easy permitting,
 - low-maintenance,
 - mass-production, and
 - transportability

in order to create a model for a reliable, convenient and reasonably priced refueling experience for all hydrogen fuel cell vehicle customers.

- Use only commercially available technology

2014 Contest Sections

- Design Data and Equipment Drawings
- Cost and Economics
- Safety Analysis
- Regulations, Codes and Standards
- Siting, Operation and Maintenance
- Environmental Analysis
- Interface Design / Customer Education

Who Participated?

- 12 teams from 7 countries submitted abstracts for the 2013-2014 Contest, involving 77 students in total
- Top Teams:

University	Award	Score
Washington State University	Grand Prize	85%
Humboldt University	Honorable Mention	82%
Zhejiang University	Top Five Finisher	72%
Ming Dao University	Top Five Finisher	70%
Kyushu University	Top Five Finisher	68%

Grand Prize Winner

Washington State University

○ Presenters:

- Ian Richardson
- Jake Fisher

Report is available at:

http://www.hydrogencontest.org/pdf/2014/WSU_2014_HEF_CONTEST.pdf

Designing a Drop-in Hydrogen Fueling Station

U.S. Department of Energy Webinar

November 6, 2014



In this presentation...

1. Customer Considerations
2. Liquid H₂ Delivery
3. Station Design
4. User Interface
5. Safety Features
6. Site Logistics
7. Economic Analysis

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Design with the Customer in Mind

**Low Capital
Cost**

**No
Maintenance**

**Low Operating
Cost**

**Minimal
Footprint**

**Public
Safety**

**Public
Appeal**



Why Liquid Hydrogen Delivery?

- Lowest cost
- Low energy demand
- Minimizes equipment
- 4 times the density of delivered gas
- Existing infrastructure
 - Bottom line: 80-90% of all non-pipeline H₂ delivered by cryogenic liquid tankers.¹

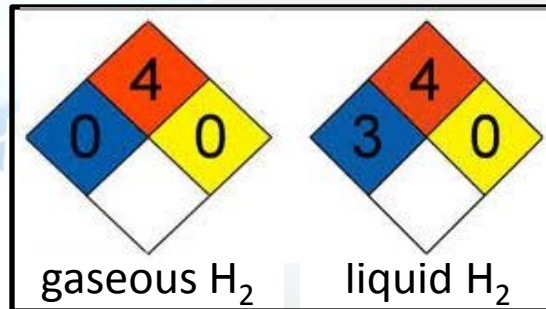


Image from www.worldindustrialreporter.com

¹ Technology Transition Corporation (TTC), Hydrogen and Fuel Cells: The U.S. Market Report, (22 March 2010)

Liquid H₂ Changes the Design Paradigm

- Safety!



- Transportability



- Liquid H₂ Storage



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- Thermal Compression

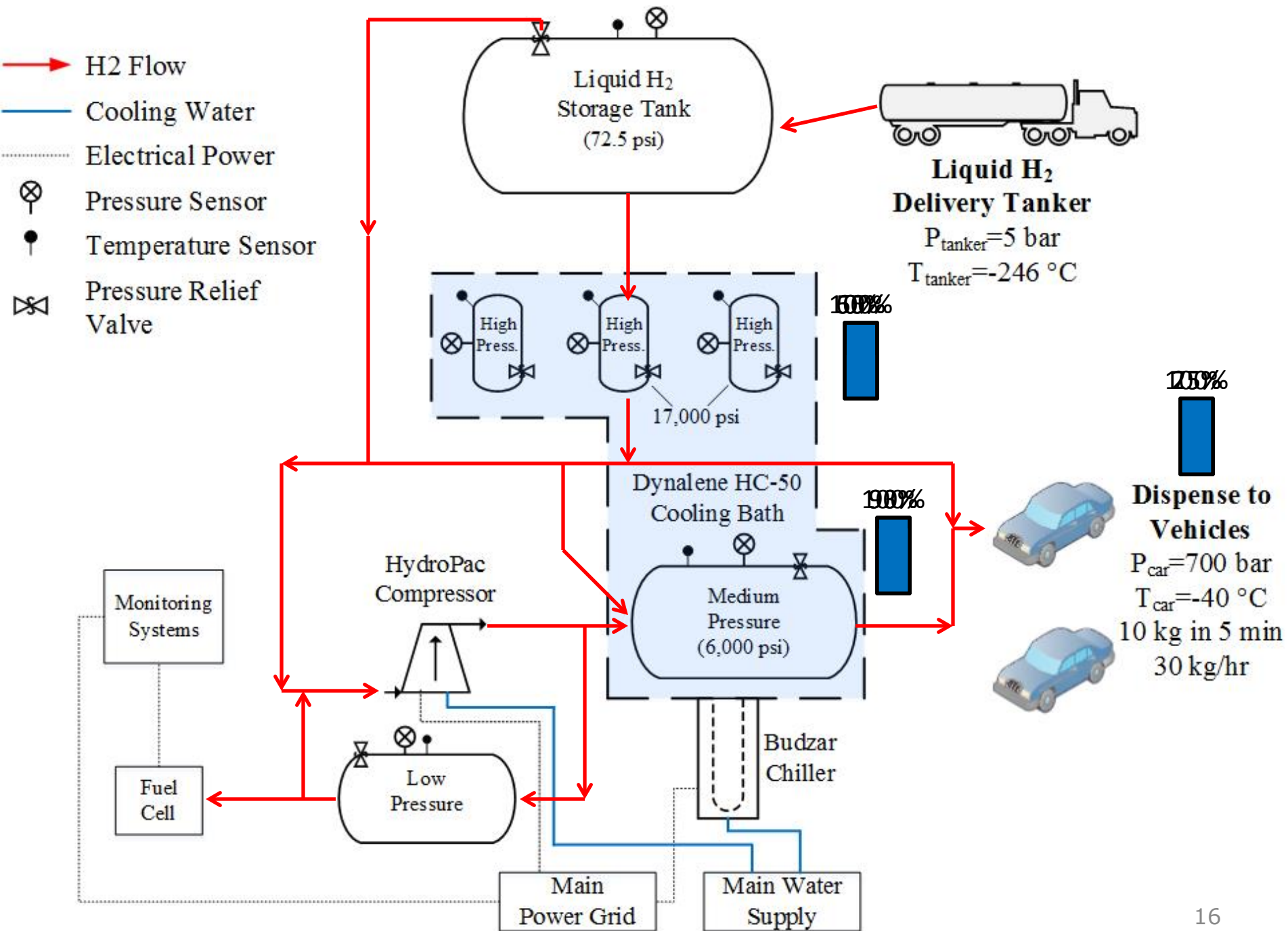


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- Hydrogen Boil-off



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Remote Operator Interface

ON

OFF

Administrator: S. Guo

Remote Access: ON OFF



4:20PM 03/21/14 Friday

Control Panel:



Status Monitor:

Pressure:

Tank #1: 5 bar	Tank #2: 1100 bar
Tank #3: 1100 bar	Tank #4: 5 bar
Tank #5: 400 bar	Tank #6: 100 bar

Temperature:

Tank #1: -261 °C	Tank #2: -40 °C
Tank #3: -40 °C	Tank #4: 40 °C (WARNING)
Tank #5: -40 °C	Tank #6: 10 °C

Valve Status:

#1 ON OFF	#2 ON OFF
#3 ON OFF	#4 ON OFF
#5 ON OFF	#6 ON OFF
#7 ON OFF	#8 ON OFF
#9 ON OFF	#10 ON OFF
#11 ON OFF	#12 ON OFF

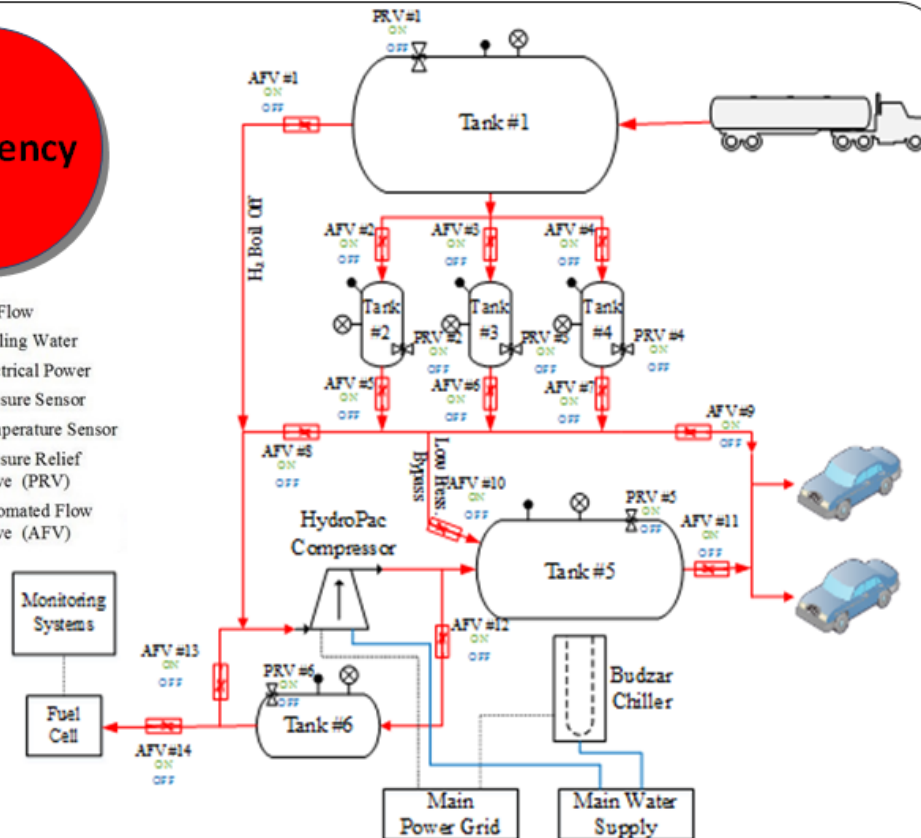
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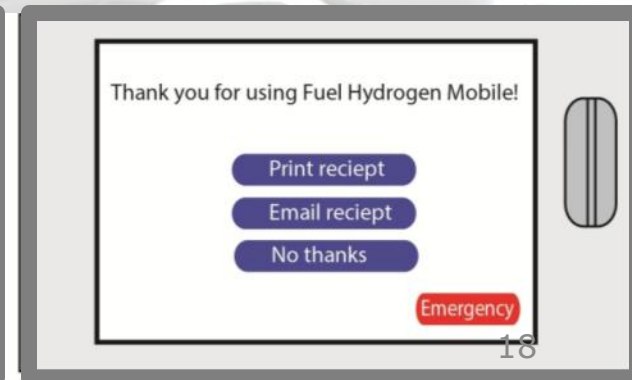
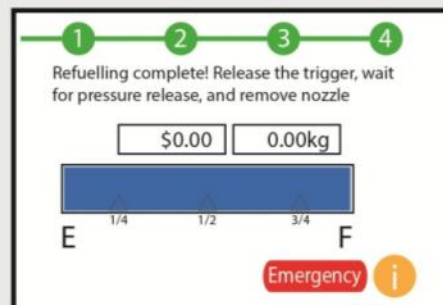
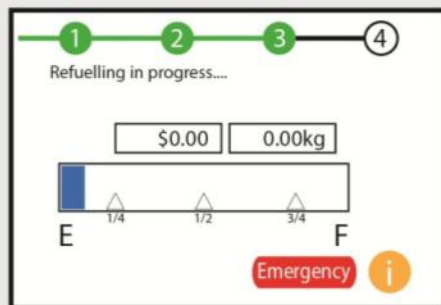
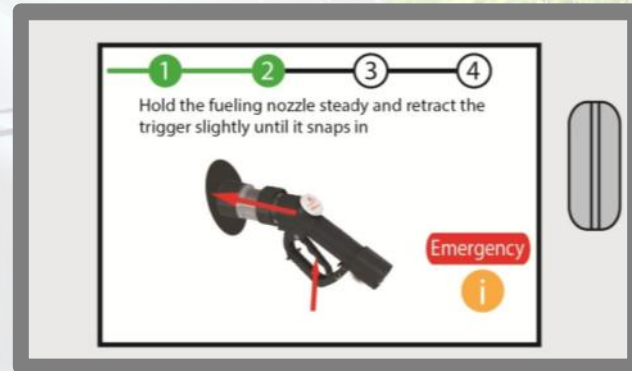
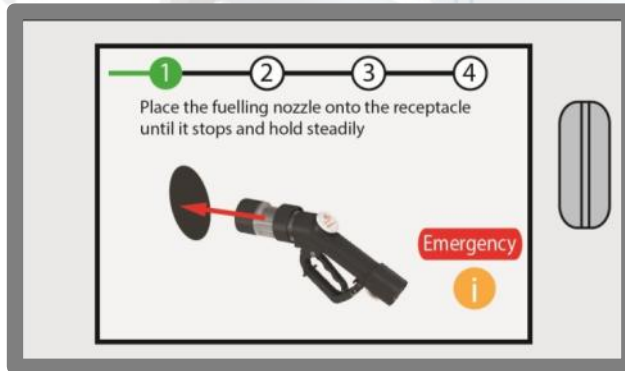
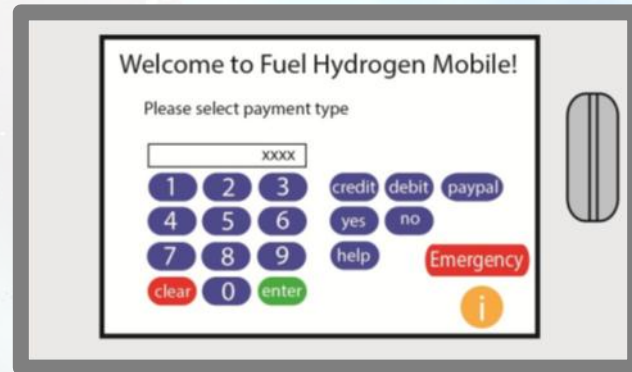
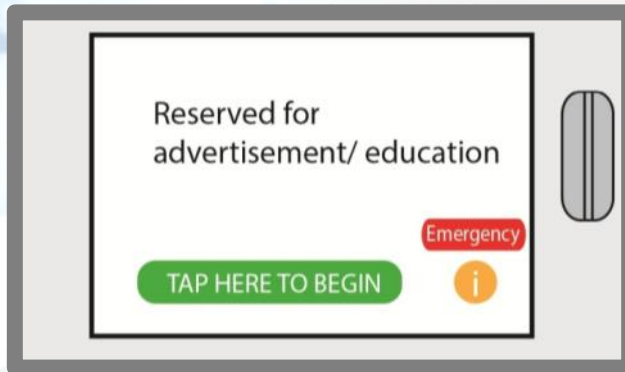
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Emergency

- H₂ Flow
- Cooling Water
- Electrical Power
- Pressure Sensor
- Temperature Sensor
- Pressure Relief Valve (PRV)
- Automated Flow Valve (AFV)



Customer Interface



Intrinsically Safe Design

Pressure
Relief



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Ventilation



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www.industrialfansdirect.com

Continuous Monitoring



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Explosion Relief



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Fire/Emergency Systems



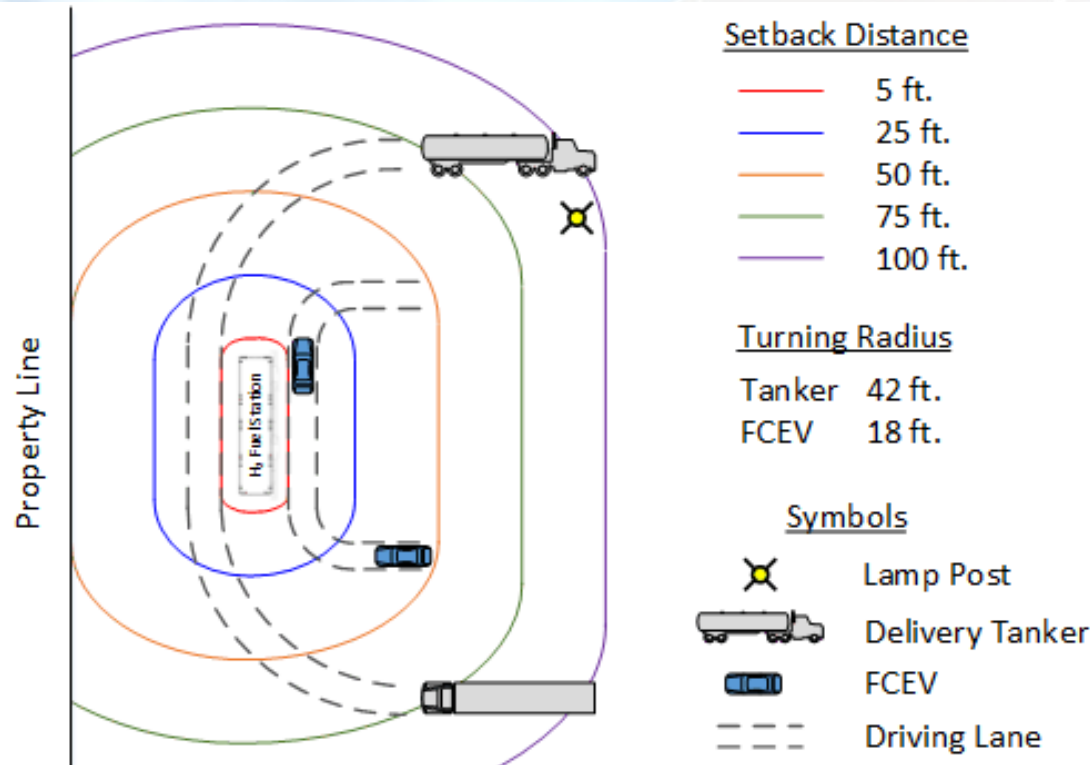
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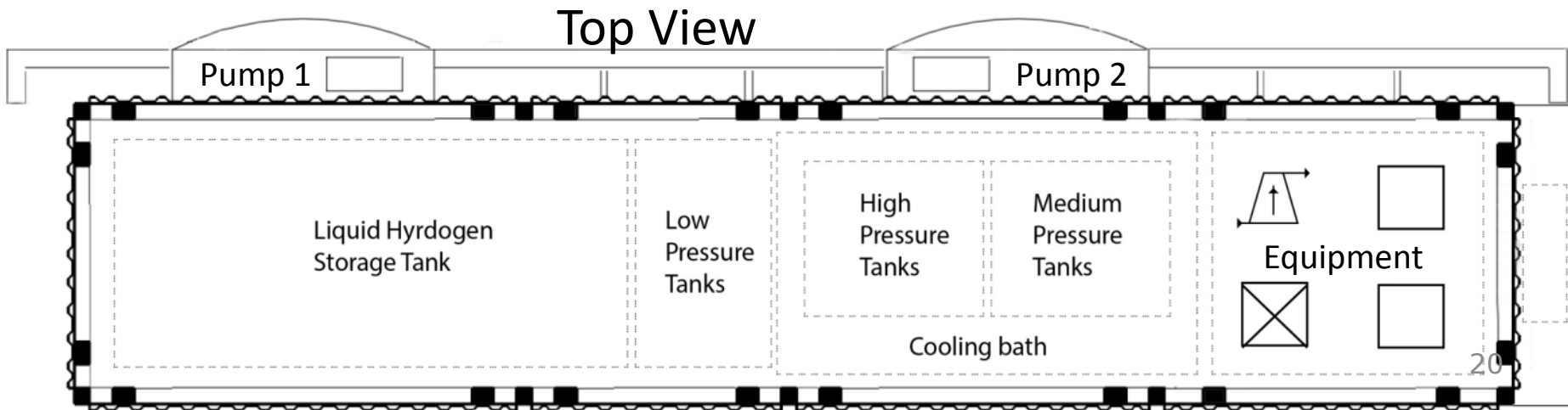
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Station Meets Site Regulations

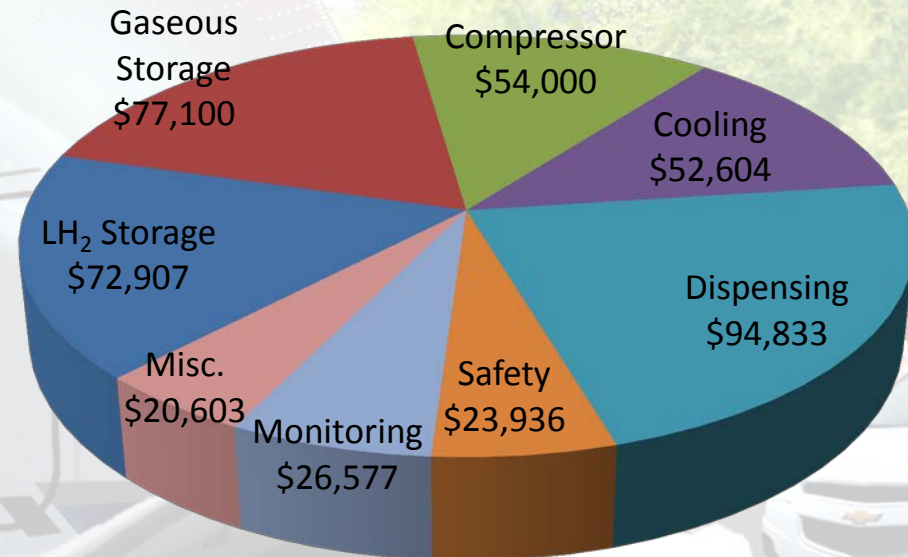


- Located on WSU campus
- Existing gasoline station on-site
- Easy access for vehicles and refuelers
- Meets NFPA codes
- Fire resistant walls reduce setback distances



Economic Analysis

- Explicit and implicit costs considered:
 - Fixed cost = **\$423,000** (all equipment)
 - Monthly costs = \$735 (power, water, maintenance – demand dependent)
 - Discount rate of 6.25%
 - \$7/kg delivery cost
 - 10 year life span
- Price (P) model [\$ /kg]
 - Monthly Demand (D)
 - Rate of Return (R_R)

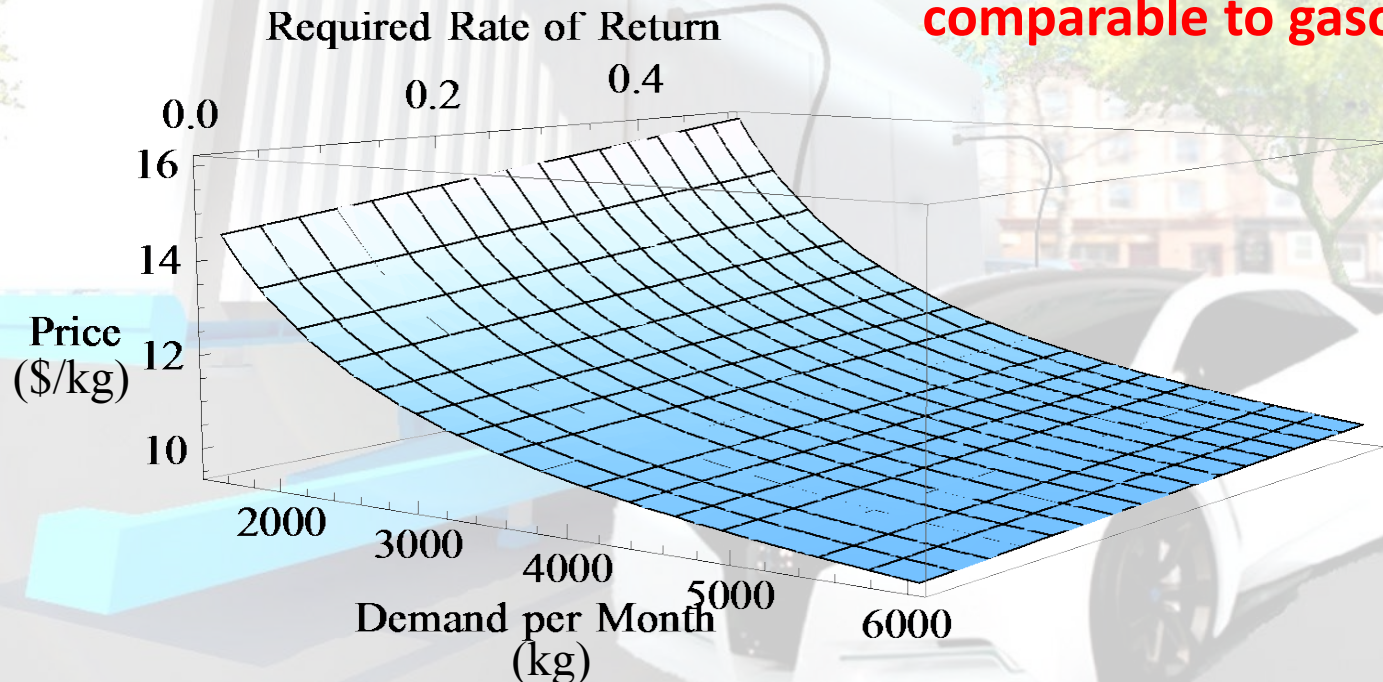


$$P = \frac{10125.9 + 7.77778D + 4695.23R_R}{D}$$

Hydrogen can be Affordable

Required Return	Monthly Demand (kg)	Price (\$/kg)	Price per 5 kg or 300 miles (\$)
10%	3000	11.31	56.55
30%	3000	11.62	58.10
10%	6000	9.62	48.10
30%	6000	9.78	48.90

comparable to gasoline



Development Efforts

- Partnership with GP Strategies on a DOE proposal for Cryogenic Thermal Compressor (CTC) (in review)
 - Provisional patent on CTC
- Designing single dispenser prototype station
 - Could refuel shuttle bus on WSU campus
- In negotiations with other companies to develop prototype station

Conclusion

- Total equipment cost = \$423,000
- Utilizes established liquid hydrogen infrastructure
- Utilizes thermal compression
- System designed to be inherently safe
- **This design could be built today!**

Clean.Safe.Renewable.Efficient

H2mobile
transportable hydrogen
fueling platforms

ZERO
EMISSIONS
AHEAD

Thank You

H2 Mobile Platforms are designed with safety in mind by utilizing liquid H2 storage that has decades of proven safety and reliability by NASA's Space Shuttle program. The fuel provided by these stations is generated locally and powers cars that produce no emissions leading the way to a sustainable future. Dual stage compression makes H2 Mobile Platforms the most efficient hydrogen stations on the market reducing fuel cost. Lower cost, no emissions; savings we can all appreciate!

Honorable Mention Design

Humboldt State University

○ Presenters:

- Solomon Clark
- Anthony Eggink
- Mathew Nyberg
- Julian Quick

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<http://www.hydrogencontest.org/pdf/2014/Humboldt-HEF%20Contest%20Entry.pdf>



Modular Hydrogen Fueling Station Design

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DESIGN GOALS

Objective - Design A Modular Drop-in Fueling Station For Immediate Deployment

- ▶ Modular & Easily Transportable
- ▶ Fast Fill SAE TIR J2601 Compliant
- ▶ Minimal Site Preparation
- ▶ Comprehensive Safety Features
- ▶ Off-the-shelf Components
- ▶ Industry & Consumer Cost
- ▶ California Hydrogen Highway Connection



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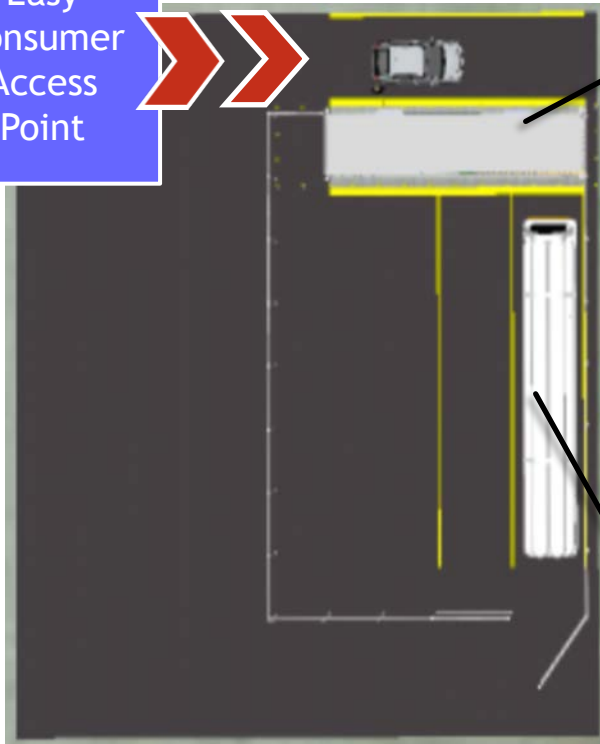


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STATION LAYOUT

40' Container Housing - Trailer Storage - Easy Access - Fuel Source Options

Easy
Consumer
Access
Point



40'
Shipping
Container
Housing

Tube Trailer
Storage or
other Fuel
Source



[Http://Www.Ahasvc.Org/Page123.Html](http://www.ahascv.org/Page123.html)

Optional Fuel Source - Hydrogen
Generation Could be Housed in 40'
Shipping Container

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Pathway For Hydrogen Fuel From Source To Consumer

Two-stage Compression

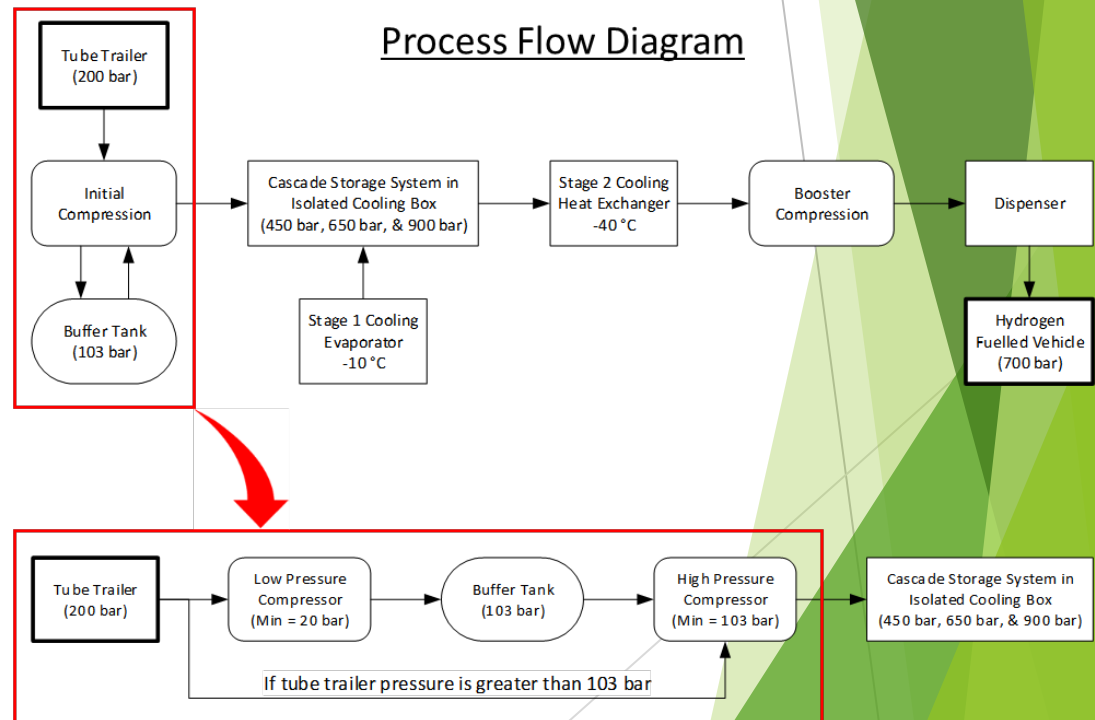
Two-stage Cooling

Flexible Storage For Remote
Or High Traffic Areas

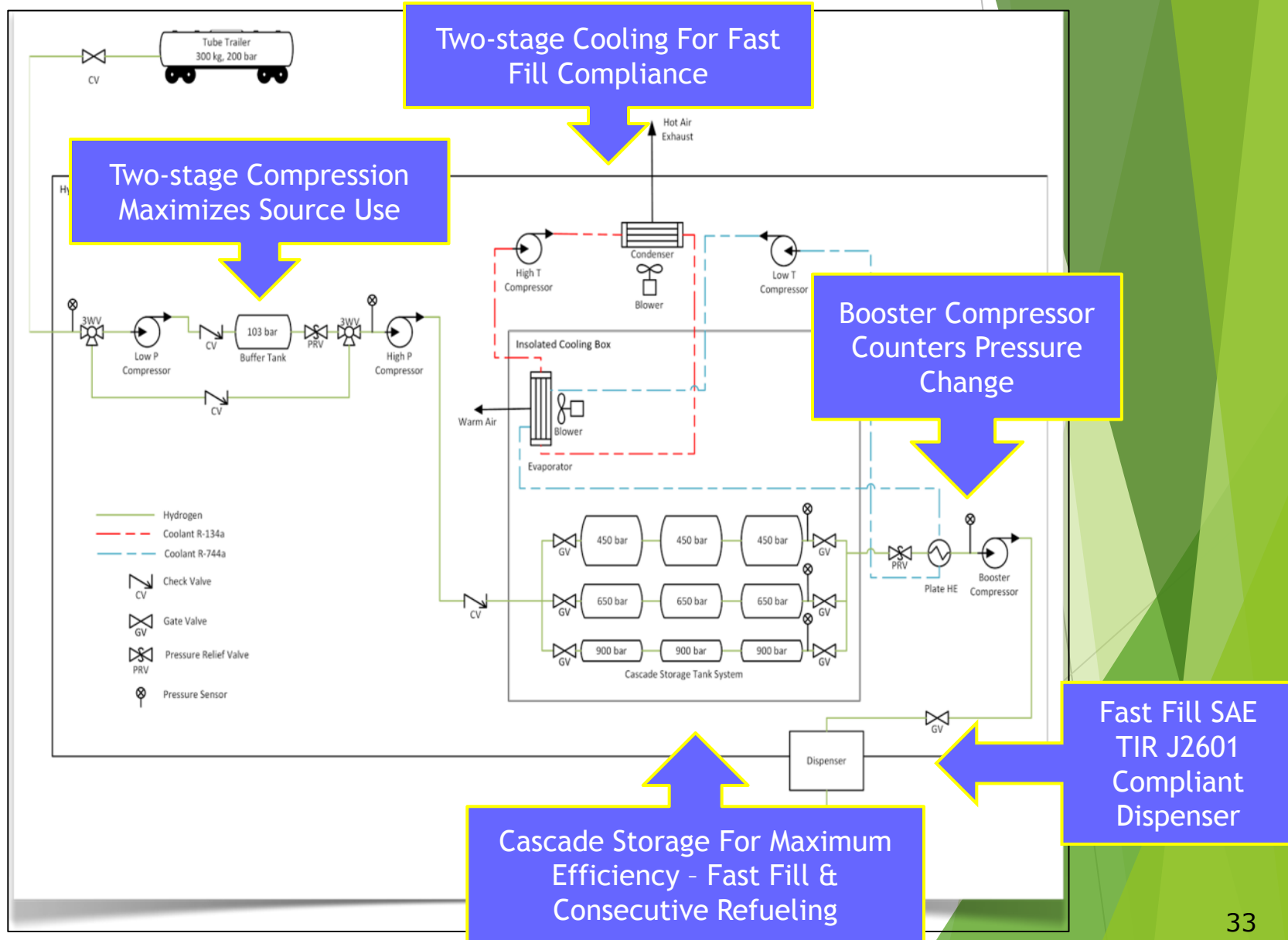
Fast-fill SAE TIR J2601
Compliant

The key components of the design are illustrated in the Process Flow Diagram:

Process Flow Diagram



SYSTEM SCHEMATIC

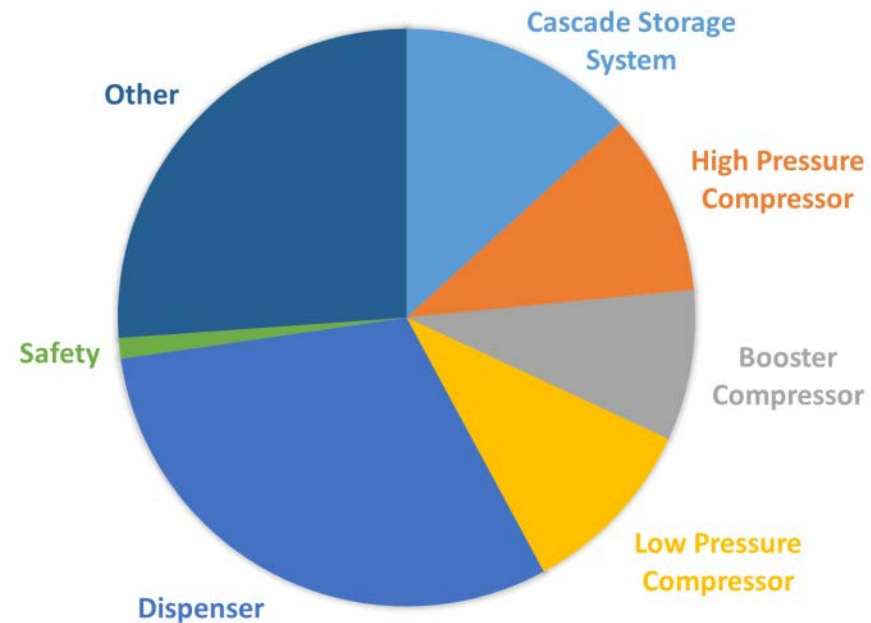


STATION COST

Goal - Low Cost Station Using Off-the-Shelf Components

Key Objective - Station
Cost Below \$1m

COMPONENT	COST
Cascade Storage System	\$130,000
High Pressure Compressor	\$100,000
Booster Compressor	\$82,700
Low Pressure Compressor	\$100,000
Dispenser	\$300,000
Safety Compliance	\$11,196
Other/Installation	\$256,104
Total	\$980,000



STATION ECONOMICS

Goal - Low Cost Station with Short Payback Period

Key Objective - Balanced Retail Fuel Cost and Station Profitability

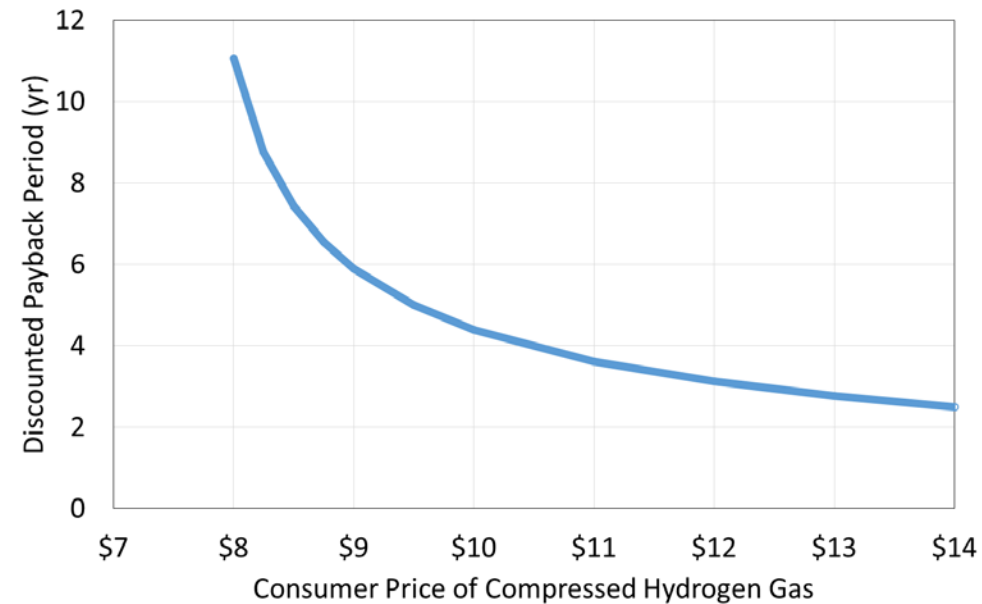
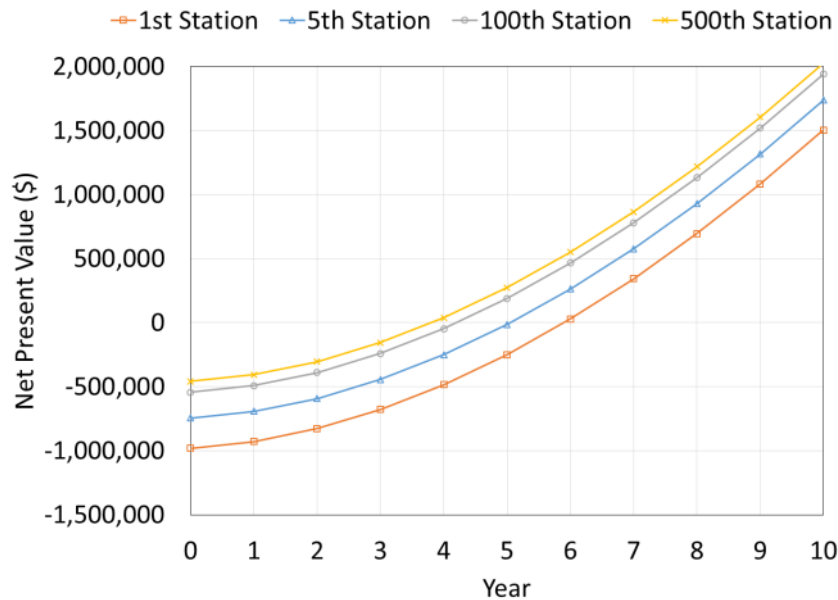
STATIONS PRODUCED	CAPITAL COST PER STATION
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1 ST	\$978,000
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5 TH	\$745,000
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100 TH	\$542,000
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500 TH	\$457,000
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SAFETY COMPLIANCE

Goal - Safe Fueling Interface for Consumers

Key Objective - Meet or Exceed
Safety Compliance Directives



Controls Station
Operation and
Safety - Contacts
Support Technician
Fuel Delivery

<http://www.conrad.com>



Waterless Fire
Suppression
Independent of
Power Supply

<http://www.etapii.com/ceasefire.html>

Hydrogen "Sniffer"
Enacts Station
Shutdown



<http://www.sbsbattery.com>

Pressure Sensor
For Leak
Detection and
Cascade Storage
Operation



www.omega.com

DESIGN SOLUTIONS

Goal - Modular Hydrogen Fueling Station for Immediate Deployment

Market Solutions

Specialization and Expansion of Existing Hydrogen Industry

Gaseous Delivery Allows for Low Cost to Industry

Existing Infrastructure is Utilized

Technical Solutions

Robust Modular Design Allows for Customization, Expansion

“Off-the-shelf” Components Allow the Station to be Built Today

SAE TIRJ2601 Fast Fill Compliant

THANK YOU

Hydrogen Education Foundation

U.S. Department of Energy

California Hydrogen Business Council

Technology Transition Corporation

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Douglas Saucedo, Advisor

Renewable Energy Student Union, HSU

Emanuel Wagner, Program Manager, TTC

Award Ceremony at ACT Expo 2014 in Long Beach, CA





2015 Contest Introduction

The theme of the 2015 Hydrogen Student Design Contest is **“Development Of Innovative Hydrogen Fueling Station Business And Financing Models”**.

Student teams are challenged to conceive business and financing models for hydrogen fueling stations and pitch them to investors.



Theme Overview & Motivation

- Connor Dolan, External Affairs Manager, Fuel Cell & Hydrogen Energy Association/H2USA



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Signatories on the Letter of Understanding



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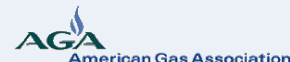
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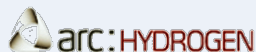
Air Liquide



American Gas Association



American Honda Motor Company



ARC: Hydrogen



Argonne National Laboratory



Association of Global Automakers



California Fuel Cell Partnership



Chrysler Group LLC



Electric Drive Transportation Association



Fuel Cell & Hydrogen Energy Association



General Motors Holding LLC



Hawaii Natural Energy Institute



Hydrogenics



Hyundai Motor America



Intelligent Energy Ltd.



ITM Power



Kobelco Compressors America, Inc.



Linde North America



Massachusetts Hydrogen Coalition



Mercedes-Benz
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC



National Association of Convenience Stores



National Renewable Energy Laboratory



Nissan North America R&D



Nuvera



PDC Machines



Plug Power Inc.



Pacific Northwest National Laboratory



Volkswagen Group of America



Proton Onsite



Sandia National Laboratories



Savannah River National Laboratory



SCRA



Toyota Motor North America



2015 Contest

○ Contest Sections

- Technical Station Design
- SWOT Analysis
- Economic Analysis
 - Develop Innovative Revenue Models
 - Manage uncertainty and risk
 - Define other applications for hydrogen
- Marketing Plan

○ Venture Forum

- Representatives of the top teams will be invited to participate in a venture forum to pitch their idea to a group of investors. In that pitch, the teams need to:
 - Describe market size for product
 - Articulate clear pitch to investors
 - Describe the innovative idea based on reliable numbers, “why should this work vs. what’s done now”
 - Outline their product development effort

○ *Materials to be provided*

- The HEF will provide specific information that enables a comparison of different revenue models by providing identical base assumptions. The information will include:
 - Numbers on vehicles: Showcase scenarios including a potential variance
 - Station Cost: Construction, O&M, Site Work Fuel cost: Credible price for delivered hydrogen

More Info & Timeline

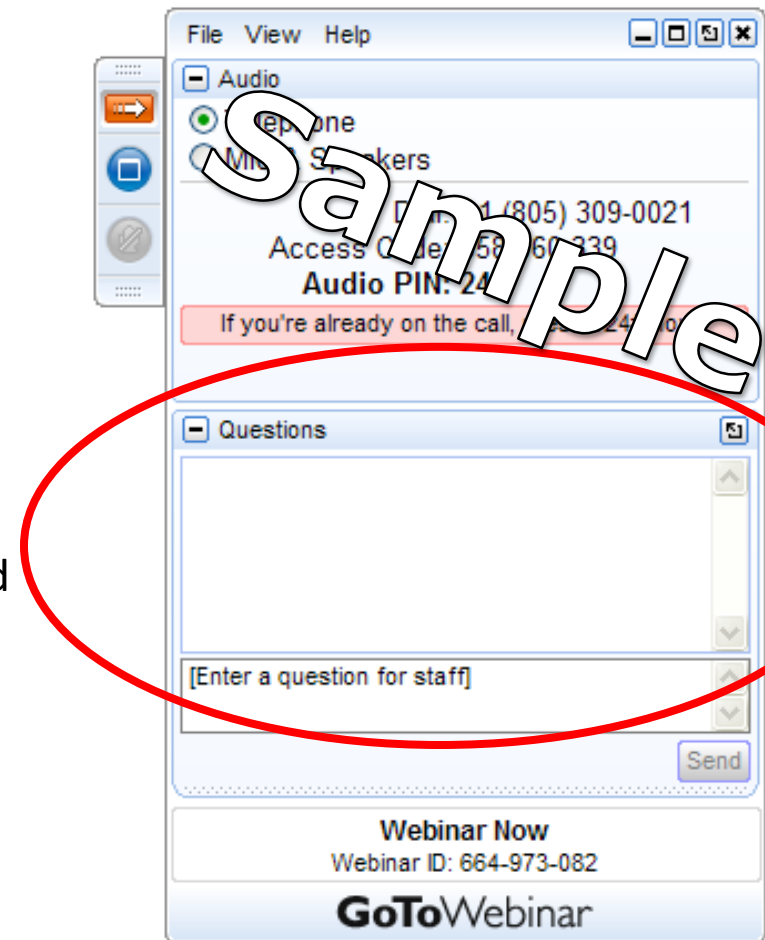
○ Stay tuned for details on the Contest - available at:
www.hydrogencontest.org

○ Proposed Timeline (dates are subject to change)

- December 8, 2014 – Early Registration & Abstract Deadline
- January 16, 2015 – Final Abstract Deadline
- March 2, 2015 – Phase 1 submission
- March 16, 2015 – Phase 1 feedback
- May 4, 2015 – Phase 2 (Final Entry) submission
- May 18, 2015 – Select finalists
- June 1, 2015 – Presentations to judges/investors
- June/July – Award ceremony/Announcement of Winner

Question and Answer

- Please type your question into the question box!
- Check out the Contest website for FAQs, Rules& Guidelines, Past Entries: www.hydrogencontest.org
- Check out the H2 Refuel H-Prize competition: www.hydrogenprize.org
- Stay up to date on industry news and competition info with the Hydrogen Education Foundation's Facebook page
- Please take the survey upon conclusion of this webinar!

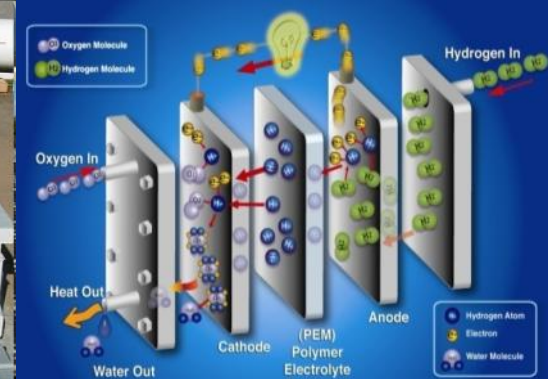


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Thank You for Your
Participation

$$C' = C^0 \left(\frac{Q'}{Q^0} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{V'}{V^0} \right)^\beta$$

Where:

- C' = station capital cost (\$/station)
- C^0 = base station capital cost (\$/station); assumed \$2.80M
- Q' = station capacity (kg/day)
- Q^0 = base station capacity (kg/day); assumed 450 kg/day
- V' = cumulative capacity (kg/day)
- V^0 = cumulative capacity at cost status of base station (kg/day); assumed 20,000 kg/day
- α = scaling factor; assumed 0.707
- β = learning factor; assumed -0.106

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