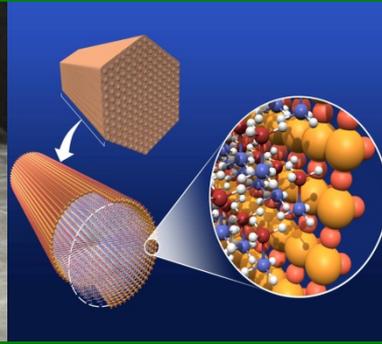




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Electrolytic Hydrogen Production Workshop

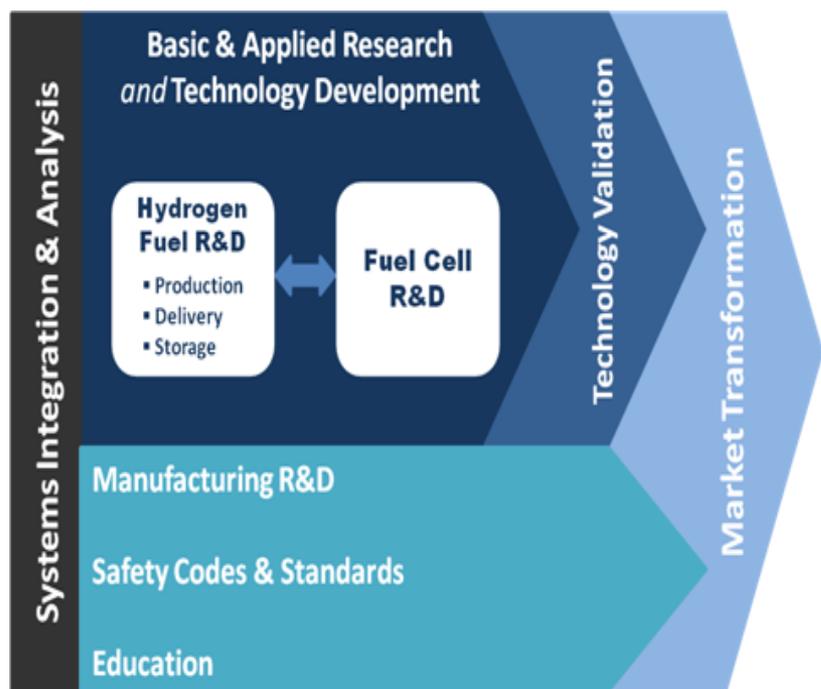
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Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
Fuel Cell Technologies Office*

*National Renewable Energy Laboratory
Golden, Colorado
February 27, 2014*

Mission: Enable widespread commercialization of a portfolio of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies through applied research, technology development and demonstration, and diverse efforts to overcome institutional and market challenges.

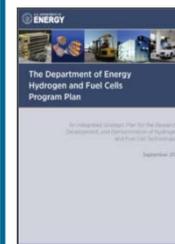
Key Goals : Develop hydrogen and fuel cell technologies for early markets (stationary power, lift trucks, portable power), mid-term markets (CHP, APUs, fleets and buses), and long-term markets (light duty vehicles).



Examples of Key Targets

- **Fuel Cells:**
 - **Transportation: \$30/kW, 5K hours**
 - **Stationary: \$1,500/kW, 60-80K hours**
 - **Hydrogen: < \$4/gge**

DOE H₂ and Fuel Cell Program includes: EERE (Fuel Cell Technologies Office), and DOE Offices of Science, Fossil Energy and Nuclear Energy

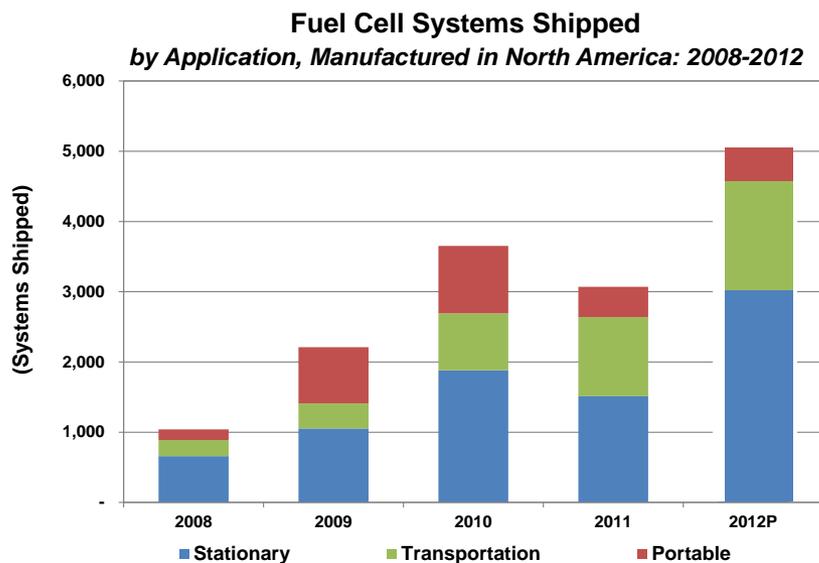
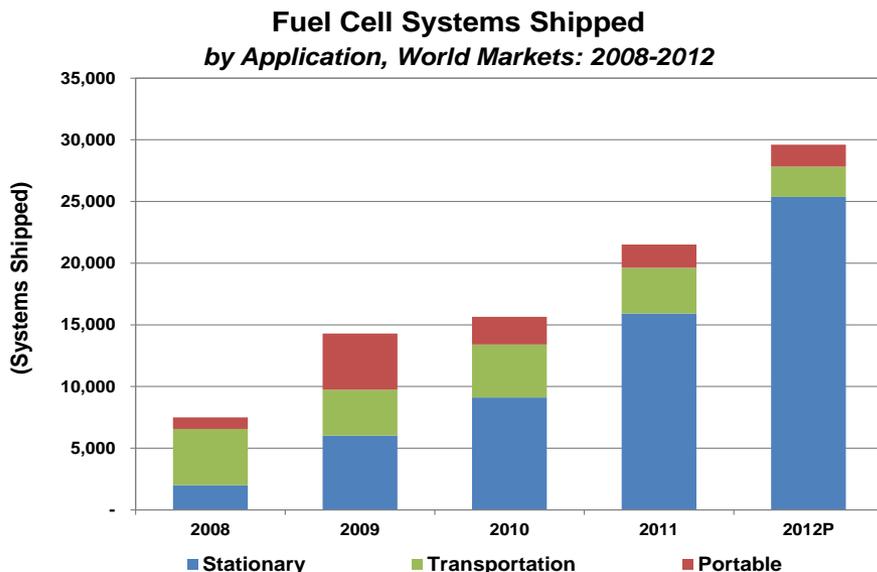


EERE Multi-year RD&D Plan updated

Nearly 300 projects currently funded at companies, national labs, and universities/institutes

Program Plan at: http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/program_plan2011.pdf

Basic research conducted thru Office of Science; Applied RD&D conducted through EERE, FE, NE



Source: Navigant Research

Market Growth

Fuel cell markets continue to grow
48% increase in global MWs shipped
62% increase in North American systems shipped in the last year

The Market Potential

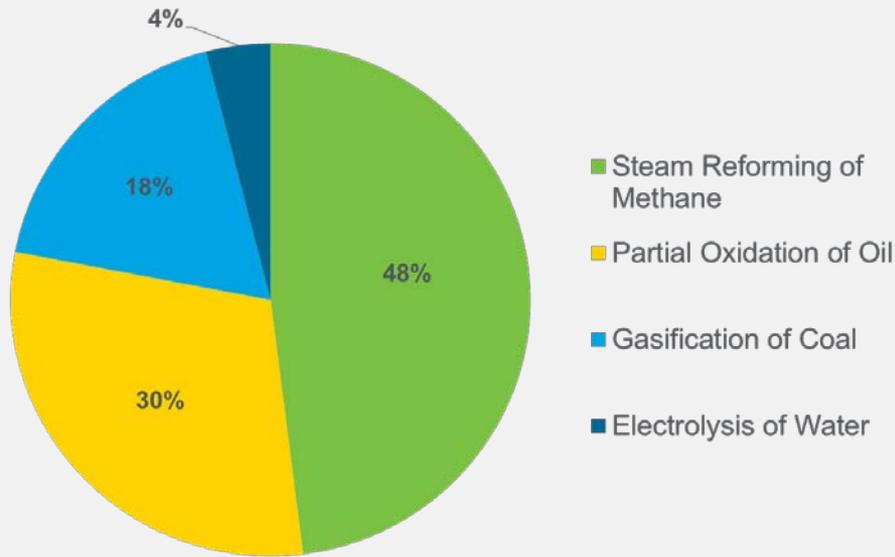
Independent analyses show global markets could mature over the next 10–20 years, producing revenues of:

- \$14 – \$31 billion/year for stationary power
- \$11 billion/year for portable power
- \$18 – \$97 billion/year for transportation

Several automakers have announced commercial FCEVs in the 2015-2017 timeframe.

For further details and sources see: *DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program Plan*, http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/program_plan2011.pdf; *FuelCells 2000, Fuel Cell Today*, Navigant Research

Global Hydrogen Production, by Technology, 2009



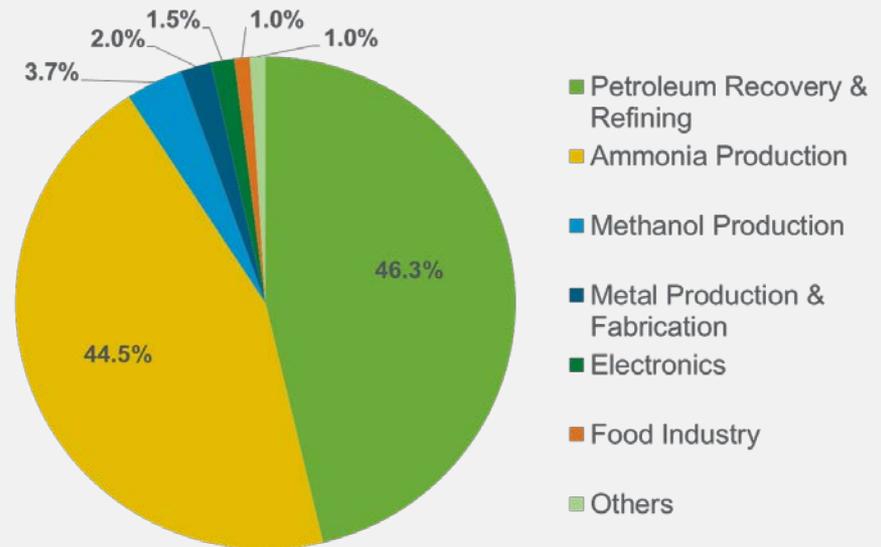
Hydrogen is produced through a variety of technologies, though ~95% of U.S. hydrogen production comes from SMR.

Hydrogen is used in a broad range of applications including electronics and metal production and fabrication in addition to its traditional role in refinery operations and ammonia production.

Major merchant suppliers

- Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
- Airgas, Inc.
- Air Liquide
- BOC India Limited
- Linde AG
- Praxair Inc.
- Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corp.

2010 Hydrogen Consumption Market Share by Application

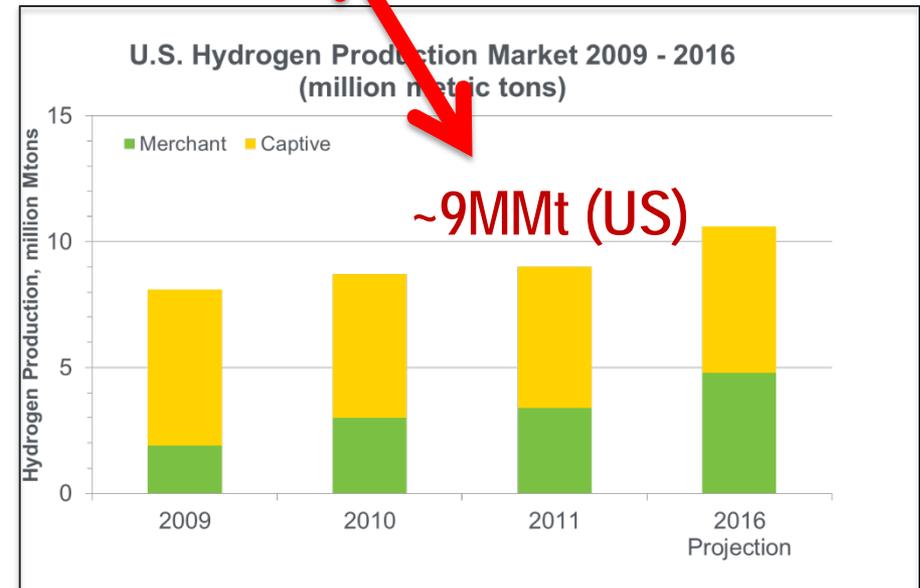
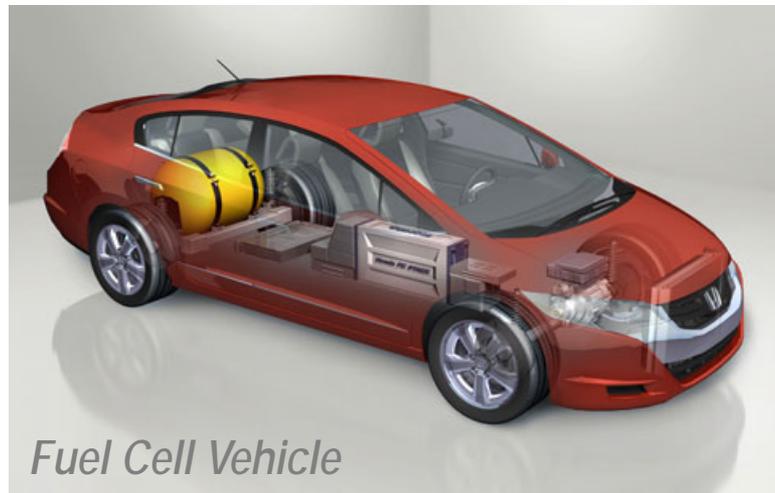


H2 Targets Relate to Auto Market Needs

Number of Fuel Cell Cars Served	Hydrogen Demand (metric tons per day) ¹	Hydrogen Demand (million metric tons per year)
1 million	700	0.25 (<<9)
250 million	175,000	~64 (>>9)

early deployment

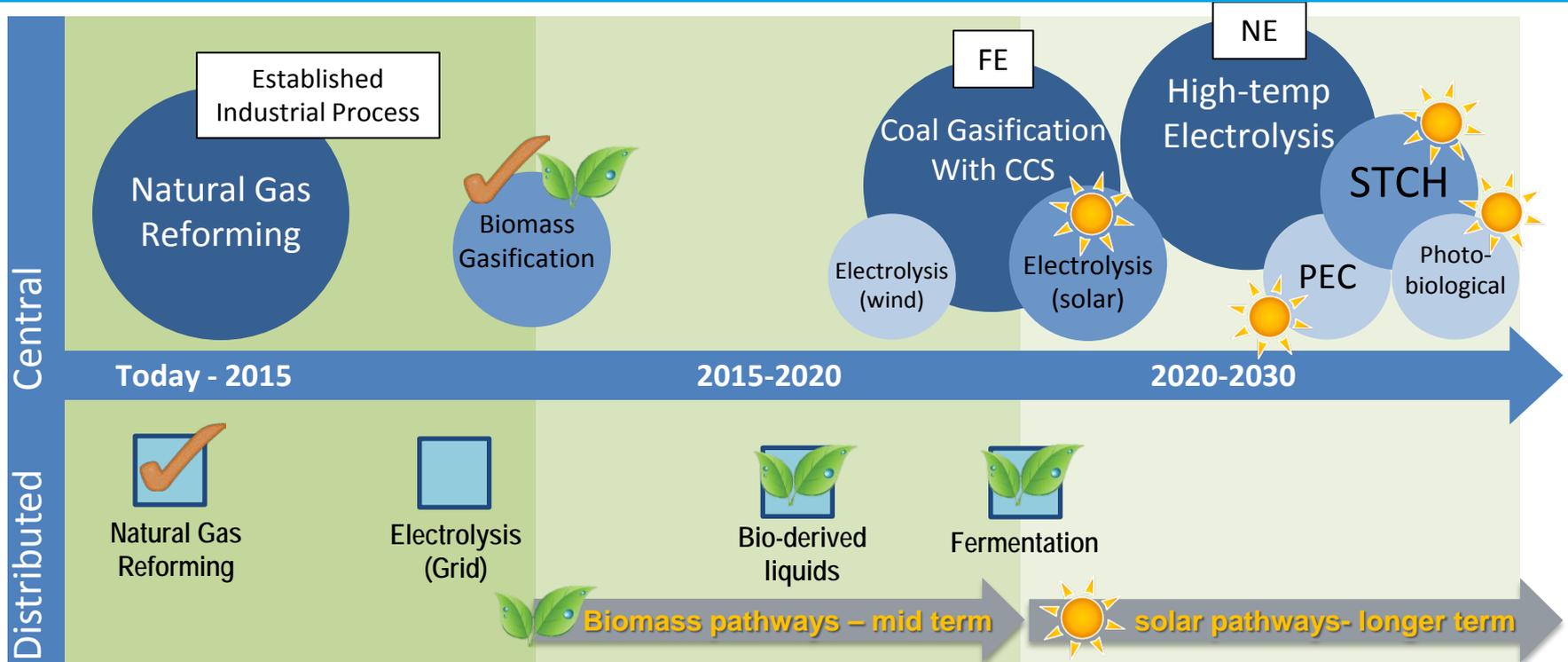
~# cars on US roads



¹Based on "Transitions to Alternate Transportation Technology- A Focus on Hydrogen. National Research Council of National Academies. 2008"

Technology Readiness of DOE Funded Production Pathways

Objective: Develop technologies to produce hydrogen from clean, domestic resources at a delivered and dispensed cost of \$2-\$4/kg H₂ by 2020



Estimated Plant Capacity (kg/day)

Up to 1,500

50,000

100,000

≥500,000

P&D Subprogram R&D efforts successfully concluded

FE, NE: R&D efforts in DOE Offices of Fossil and Nuclear Energy, respectively

Year Ending	Organization	Project
SBIR Phase II		
FY15	Giner Electrochemical Systems	High-Performance, Long-Lifetime Catalysts for PEM Electrolysis
FY15	Proton On-Site	Low Noble Metal Content Catalysts/Electrodes for Electrolysis
FY15	Proton On-Site	High Efficiency Electrocatalysts for Alkaline Membrane Electrolysis
SBIR Phase I *		
FY14	Giner Electrochemical Systems	High Temperature, High Efficiency PEM Electrolysis
FY14	Tetramer Technologies, LLC	New Approaches to Improved PEM Electrolyzer Ion Exchange Membranes
FY14	Amsen Technologies, LLC	High Performance Proton Exchange Membranes for Electrolysis Cells

** Electrolyzer membrane projects recently selected for negotiation from BES topic*

Renewable Electrolysis Integrated System Development & Testing (Co-funded with FCTO Technology Validation Program)

Approach

- Provide independent testing of state-of-the-art electrolyzer stacks and systems
- Quantify stack and system integration with renewable power systems
- Develop and optimize electrolyzer sub-systems, power conversion and test equipment for renewable hydrogen

2013:

- Demonstrated PEM Electrolyzer efficiency for 200 hours of operation
- Completed 10,000 hour performance comparison between variable wind power and constant power operation.



Progress: H₂ Station Data Collection

DOE Awarded \$2.4M for Hydrogen Station Evaluations and Advanced Refueling Components in 2013

350 bar and 700 bar fast-fill capability at all stations.

California State University—Los Angeles (CSULA)

- **Station Location:** Los Angeles, CA (on CSULA campus).
- **Station Characteristics:** Electrolyzer; 30-60 kg H₂/day.

Proton Energy (Proton OnSite)

- **Station Locations:** Wallingford, CT (SunHydro #1) and Braintree, MA (SunHydro #2).
- **Station Characteristics:** 65 kg H₂/day, advanced 57 bar PEM electrolyzer (at SunHydro #1 station); co-located PV array.

California Air Resources Board (CARB)

- **Station Location:** Newport Beach, CA.
- **Station Characteristics:** 100 kg H₂/day; natural gas reforming.

Gas Technology Institute (GTI)

- **Station Locations:** California (North: San Mateo, Cupertino, Mountainview, West Sacramento) & (South: Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano).
- **Station Characteristics:** new 900 bar ionic compression; gaseous or liquid delivered hydrogen.

KEY METRICS

Location/Capacity/Utilization:

Station usage patterns and geographic locations.

Fueling:

Fueling rates, times, amounts, back-to-back fills, communication.

Maintenance/Availability:

Maintenance patterns, reliability and availability of stations.

Cost:

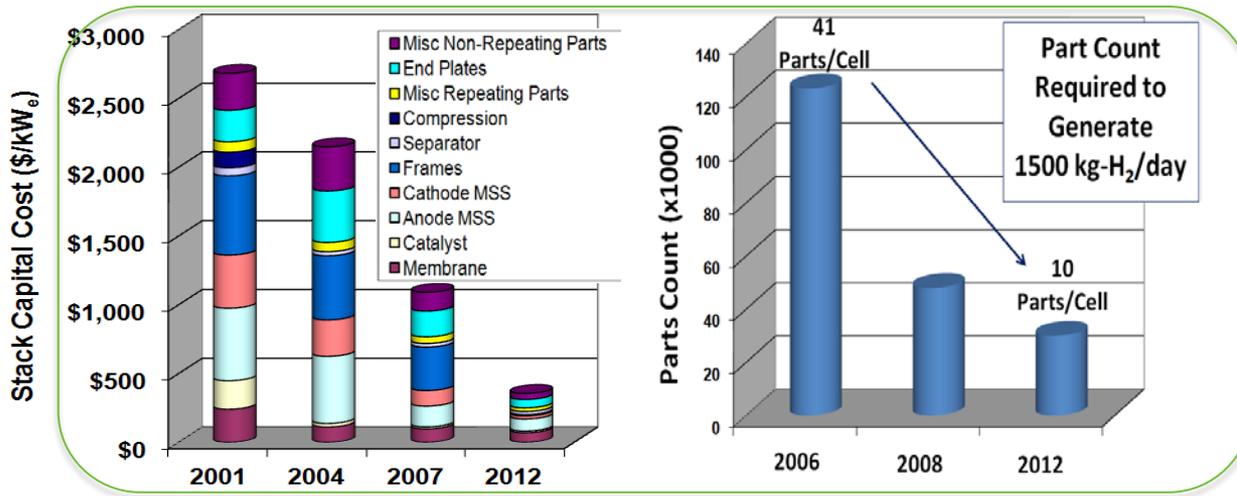
Energy cost, maintenance cost.

Station Timing:

Permitting time, building time, commissioning time.



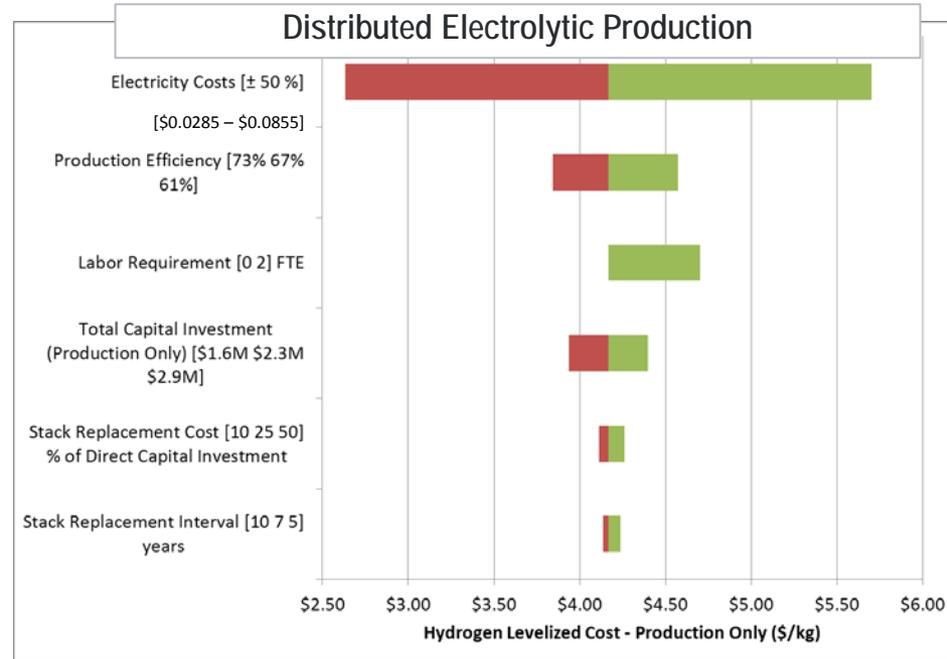
Current Status: Electrolytic H₂ Production



Innovations continue with 3 active SBIR Phase II projects. Three Phase I projects recently selected

Source: Giner, Inc.; 2013 Annual Merit Review
http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/annual_progress13.html

- Key Accomplishments:**
- >80% reduction in stack cost since 2001 to less than \$400/kW . >60% reduction in since 2007
 - >75% reduction in stack part count since 2006 with 50% reduction in manufacturing labor.
 - >10,000 hours of successful reliability testing on wind power profiles independently performed and validated by NREL



broad challenge to maintain broad R&D portfolio of near- to longer-term pathways

Bio-Derived Liquids Reforming

- High capital costs
- High operation and maintenance costs
- Design for manufacturing
- Feedstock availability, quality, and cost

Coal and Biomass Gasification

- High capital costs
- System efficiency
- Feedstock cost and purity
- Carbon capture and storage

Water Electrolysis

- Low system efficiency and high capital costs
- Integration with renewable energy sources
- Design for manufacturing
- Electricity costs

➤ **Meeting H₂ production cost threshold for all near- and longer-term pathways requires improvements in materials efficiency and durability, and reductions in overall capital costs**

Solar Thermochemical

- Cost-effective reactor and system
- Effective and durable reaction and construction materials

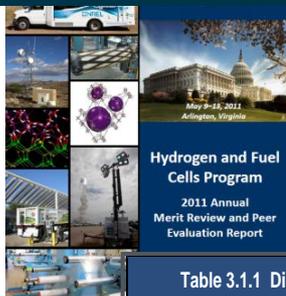
Photo-electrochemical

- Efficient and durable photocatalyst materials
- Innovative integrated devices

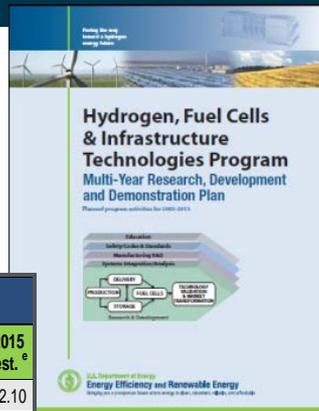
Biological

- Sustainable H₂ production from microorganisms (O₂ tolerance)
- Optimal microorganism functionality (maximize yields and rates)

Technoeconomic analyses inform programmatic decisions



Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program
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H2A Analysis Tool Case Studies
(including feedstock, capital and O&M)

http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/h2a_analysis.html

Table 3.1.1 Distributed Forecourt Natural Gas Reforming ^{a, b, c}

Characteristics	Units	2010 Status ^d	2015 est. ^e
Hydrogen Levelized Cost (Production Only) ^f	\$/kg H ₂	\$2.03	\$2.10
Production Equipment Total Capital Investment	\$M	\$1.5	\$1.2
Production Energy Efficiency ^g	%	71.4	74
Production Equipment Availability ^c	%	97	97
Industrial Natural Gas Price ^h	average \$/mmBtu	\$7.78	\$8.81



Hydrogen Delivery Technology Roadmap

2012

**Informed
Prioritization
of Funding**

Performance Target Analysis

- *Fuel Cell Technologies Program Multi-Year Research, Development and Demonstration Plan (MYRD&D)*

2010
2011

Cost Analysis

- Update of H2A v.3 and HDSAM analysis models
- Apportionment of cost threshold

2009

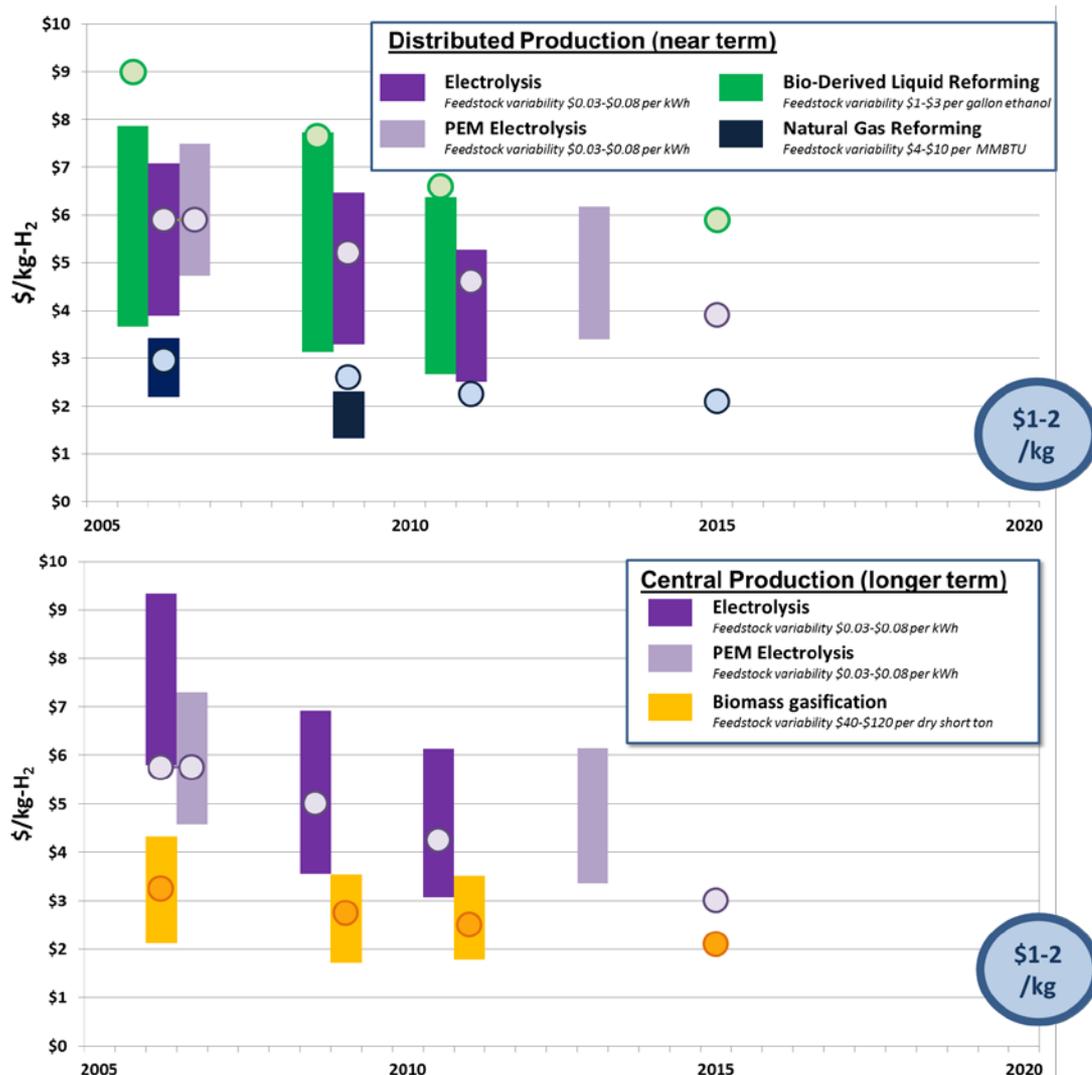
Identification of R&D pathways.

- Develop near-zero emission H₂ production and delivery technologies
- *Hydrogen Production Roadmap*
- *Hydrogen Delivery Roadmap*



Production Cost Status for Near/Mid-Term Pathways

Projected high-volume cost of hydrogen for near-term production pathways



- Status of hydrogen cost (production only, does not include delivery or dispensing costs) is shown in vertical bars, reflecting values based on a range of assumptions (feedstock/capital costs).
- Targets for hydrogen cost are shown in circles.
- Targets shown are normalized for consistency in feedstock assumptions and year-cost basis (2007 dollars)
- *Targets prior to 2015 are extrapolated based on 2015 and 2020 targets in the FCT Office's Multi-year RD&D Plan.*
- Cost ranges are shown in 2007 dollars, based on projections from H2A analyses, and reflect variability in major feedstock pricing and a bounded range for capital cost estimates.
- Projections of costs assume Nth-plant construction, distributed station capacities of 1,500 kg/day, and centralized station capacities of ≥50,000 kg/day.

New project in 2013 initiated to continue refinement of case studies

Team:

Strategic Analysis, Inc.

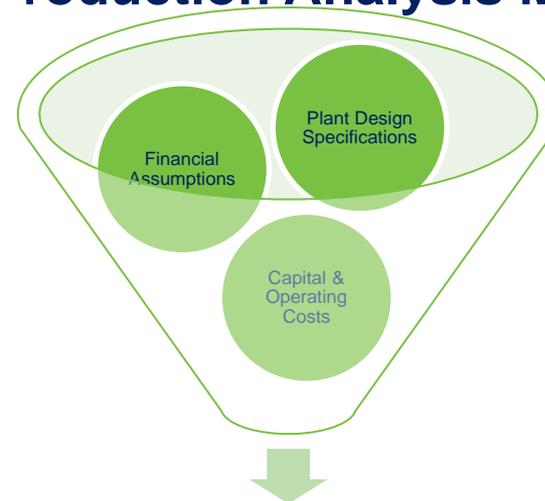
PI: Brian James

Partners: NREL, ANL

Scope:

- Establish cost and performance baselines and track progress for R&D projects (with R&D project teams)
- Update pathway cases and develop new pathway case studies as needed
- Standardize assumptions & metrics for longer term pathways (with DOE and project teams)

H2A Production Analysis Model



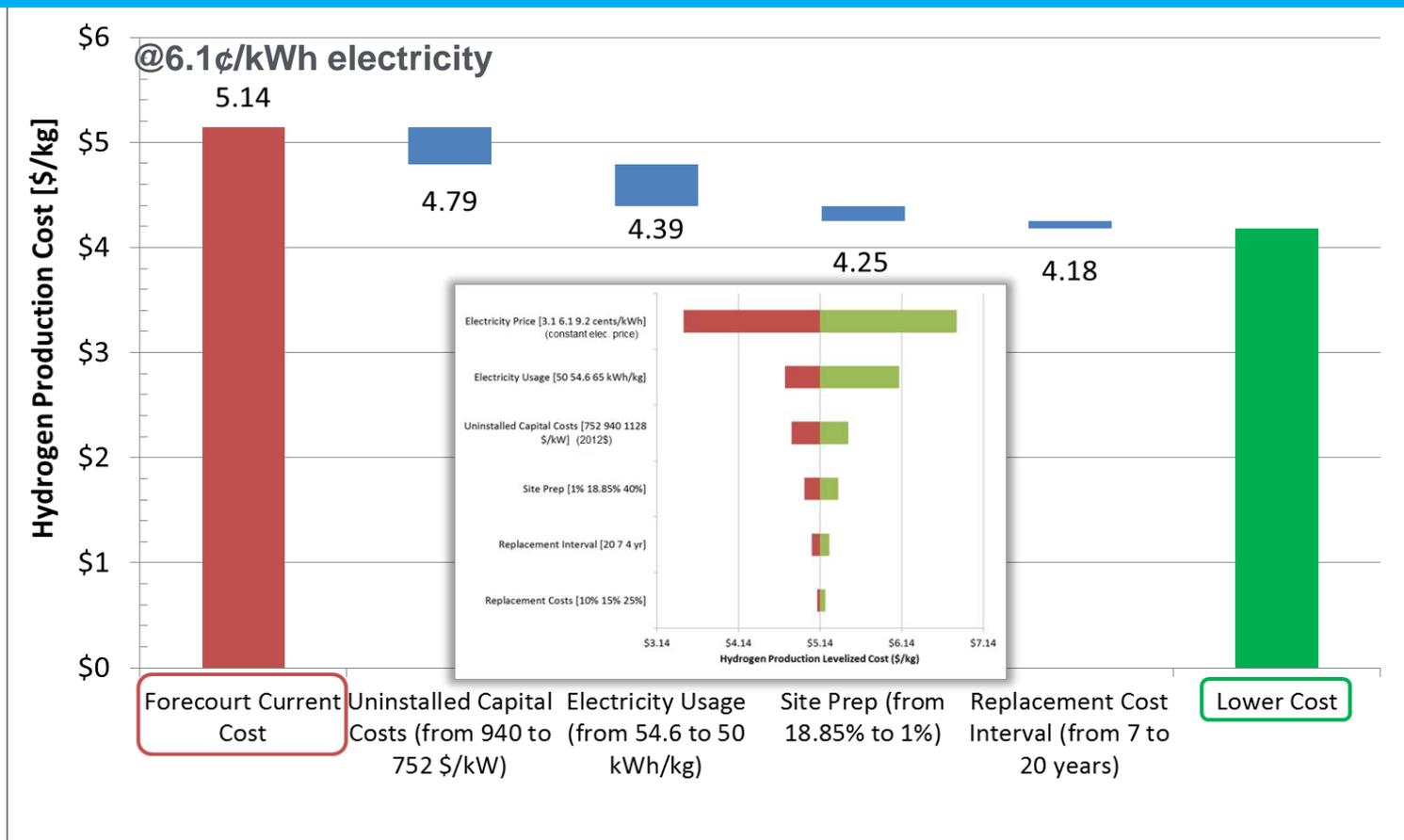
Required Selling Price of
H2 (\$/kg)

	\$/kg (production costs only)	2011 Status	2015 Target	2020 Target	Ultimate Production Target
Distributed	Electrolysis from grid electricity	\$4.20	\$3.90	\$2.30	\$1-\$2
	Bio-derived Liquids (based on ethanol reforming case)	\$6.60	\$5.90	\$2.30	
Central	Electrolysis From renewable electricity	\$4.10	\$3.00	\$2.00	
	Biomass Gasification	\$2.20	\$2.10	\$2.00	
	Solar Thermochemical	NA	\$14.80	\$3.70	
	Photoelectrochemical	NA	\$17.30	\$5.70	
	Biological	NA	NA	\$9.20	

Near Term Technology Case:

Gaps in PEM Electrolysis (Distributed)

*Incremental improvement can be made in efficiency, durability & capital cost.
Largest cost driver is still the cost of the electricity feedstock.*

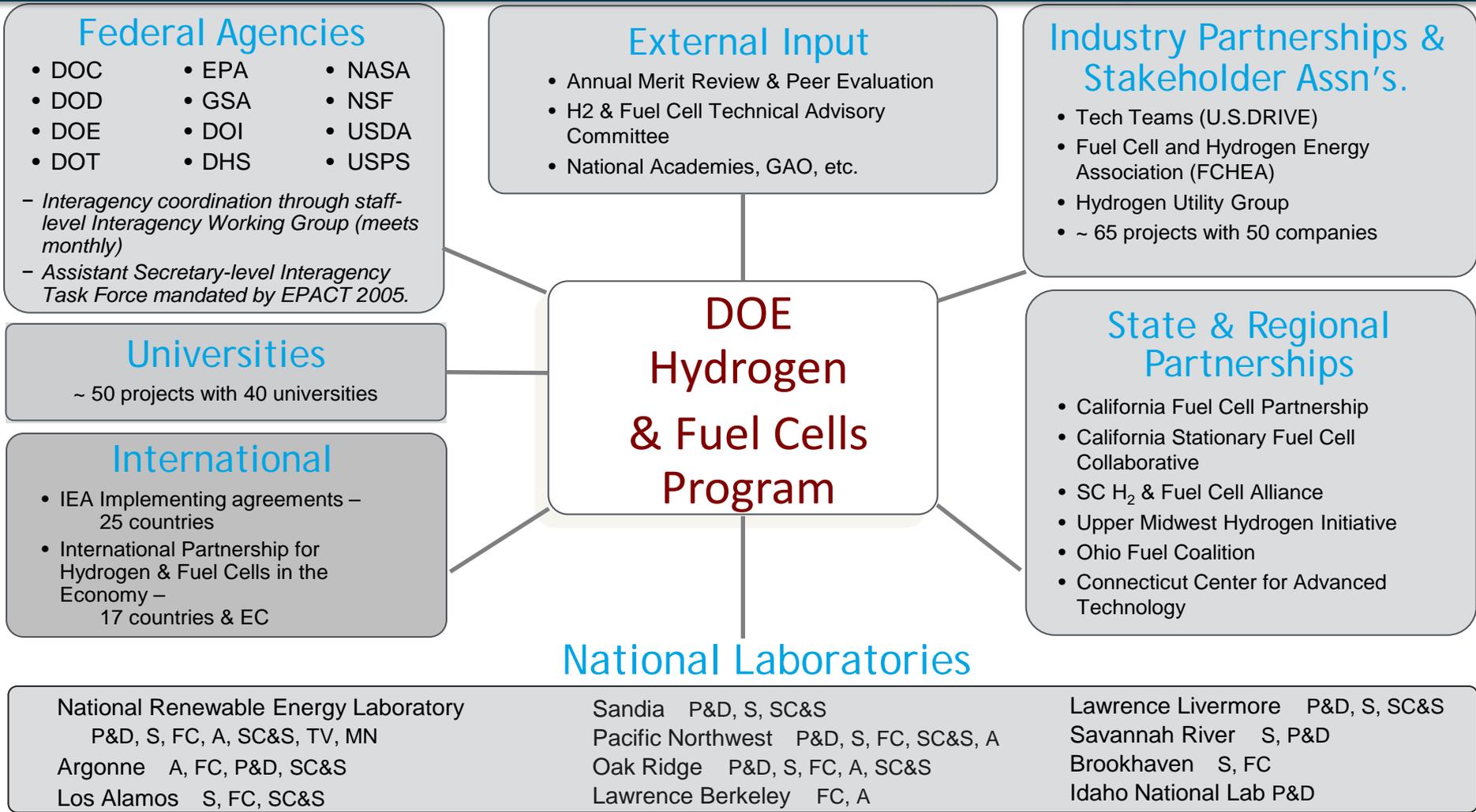


Forecourt analysis with H2a V3.

Source: James, B., et. al., *Techno-Economic Analysis of Hydrogen Production Pathways*, Strategic Analysis, Inc. briefing to DOE 2013.

- An MOU with the National Science Foundation (NSF) allowing joint RD&D funding with FCTO.
- The DOE Photoelectrochemical Hydrogen Production Working Group published the Springer Brief in Energy: “Photoelectrochemical Water Splitting: Standards, Experimental Methods, and Protocols”.
- A Biological Hydrogen Production Workshop (Sept, 2013) was held to identify key R&D needs. Workshop report posted on website.
- HTAC Hydrogen Production Expert Panel Report published with DOE response.
- Developed a comprehensive PEM Electrolysis H2Av3 Case Study based on input from four electrolyzer companies with PEM electrolysis expertise. (SAINC/NREL)
- Funding Opportunity Announcements released for Hydrogen Production Analysis and Hydrogen Production RD&D

New in 2013: H₂USA- Public-private partnership to enable the widespread commercialization of FCEVs and address the challenge of hydrogen infrastructure



Other Federal Labs: Jet Propulsion Lab, National Institute of Standards & Technology, National Energy Technology Lab (NETL)

P&D = Production & Delivery; S = Storage; FC = Fuel Cells; A = Analysis; SC&S = Safety, Codes & Standards; TV = Technology Validation, MN = Manufacturing

Objective:

To identify research, development and demonstration(RD&D) needs to enable DOE cost goals for hydrogen production to be met by the electrolysis of water

Outcomes:

- Summary of key electrolysis production issues, barriers and opportunities
- Summary of key RD&D areas with potential to meet DOE cost and performance goals
- Workshop report for public dissemination



Source: Giner, Inc.

Two Sessions each day

Thursday: Near-Term and Long term Technical Challenges and RD&D Needs

Friday: Markets and Manufacturing

Expert panel discussions and Breakout Sessions to

- Challenges (internal and external) to achieving DOE's cost goals for hydrogen production
- RD&D activities needed to overcome these barriers, including timeframe. When should these start and end?

Key Issues:

- *Development of standard metrics for “apples to apples” comparison of Electrolysis with other production pathways*
 - *Consistent protocols and assumptions for efficiency (e.g., report as a function of current density; consensus on practical limits)*
 - *Identification of game-changing technologies and strategies*
 - *Synergies with respect to energy storage; power to gas*
 - *Market opportunities at various scales*

For More Information on the Hydrogen Production Portfolio

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Hydrogen Production

Hydrogen can be produced using diverse, domestic resources including fossil fuels, such as natural gas and coal (with carbon sequestration), nuclear, biomass, and other renewable energy technologies, such as wind, solar, geothermal, and hydro-electric power.

The overall challenge to hydrogen production is cost reduction. For cost-competitive transportation, a key driver for energy independence, hydrogen must be comparable to conventional fuels and technologies on a per-mile basis in order to succeed in the commercial marketplace. Learn more about [DOE's hydrogen cost goal](#) and the [analysis used in projecting the future cost of hydrogen](#).

The U.S. Department of Energy supports the research and development of a wide range of technologies to produce hydrogen economically and in environmentally friendly ways.

NEWS

Deadline Extended for RFI Regarding Hydrogen Infrastructure and FCEVs
February 4, 2014

You Asked, We're Answering Your Fuel Cell Questions
January 28, 2014

DOE Issues Request for Information on Biological Hydrogen Production
January 23, 2014

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Webinar: Additive Manufacturing for Fuel Cells
February 11, 2014

DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting
June 16-20, 2014

More Events >

Fuel Cell Technologies Office Hydrogen Production website

<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/production/photobiological.html>

Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Technologies Program

Multi-Year Research, Development and Demonstration Plan

Annual program activities for 2010-2015

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Hydrogen Production Technical Team Roadmap

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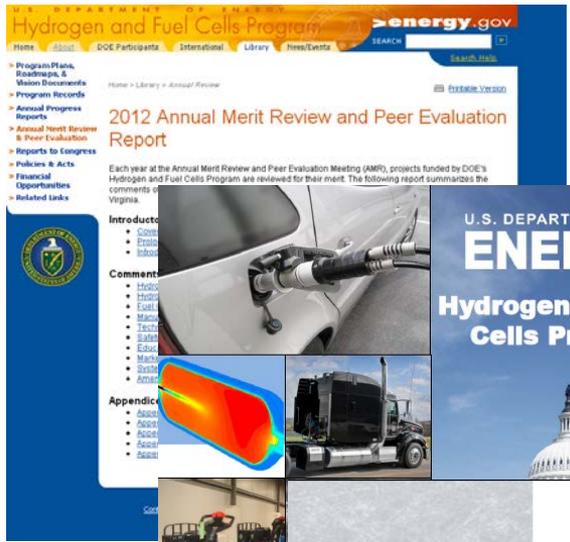
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U.S. Drive Hydrogen Production Technical Team Roadmap

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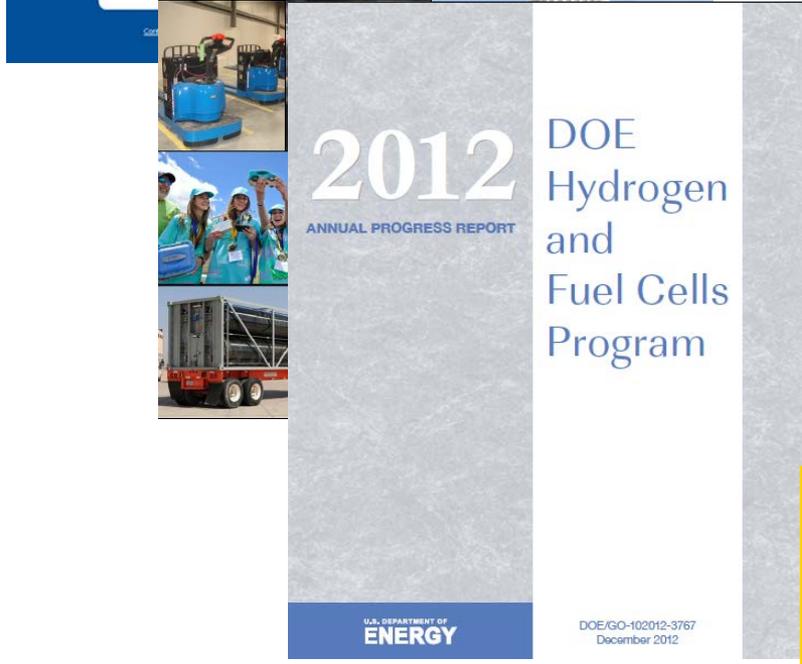
Annual Merit Review & Peer Evaluation Report
Summarizes the comments of the Peer Review Panel at the Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting

http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/annual_review12_report.html

Annual Progress Report

Summarizes activities and accomplishments within the Program over the preceding year, with reports on individual projects

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Save the Date
Next Annual Review: June 16–20, 2014 Washington, DC
<http://annualmeritreview.energy.gov/>

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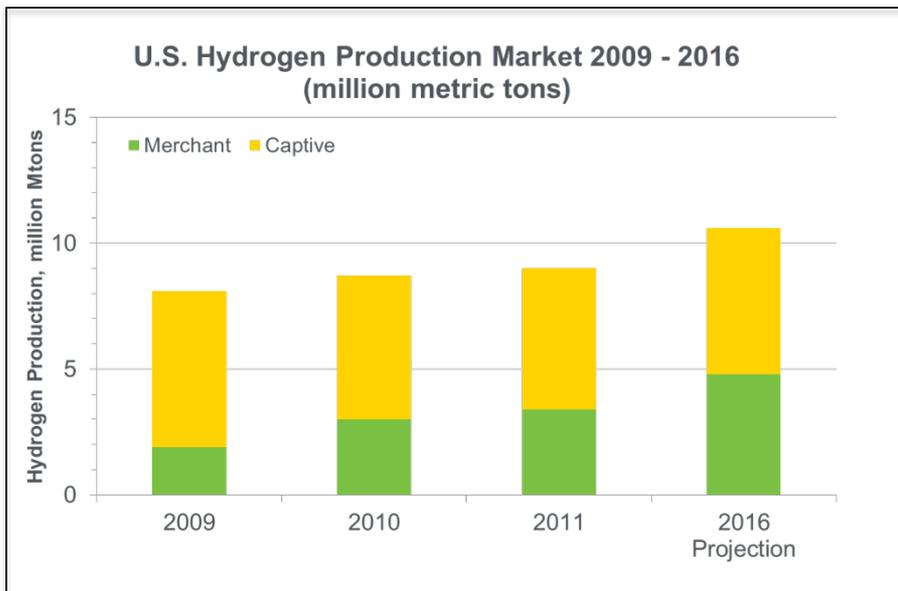
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Hydrogen production markets both in the U.S. and worldwide are expected to increase in the next 5 years, with a ~30% growth estimated for global production.

The expected global hydrogen production market revenue in 2016 is \$118 billion.

