

H₂

@Scale:

Energy System-Wide Benefits of Increased H₂ Implementation

Concept Overview & Preliminary Analysis

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November 2016 Workshop Report available at
<http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/68244.pdf>

H2@Scale webinar available at
<http://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/downloads/h2-scale-potential-opportunity-webinar>

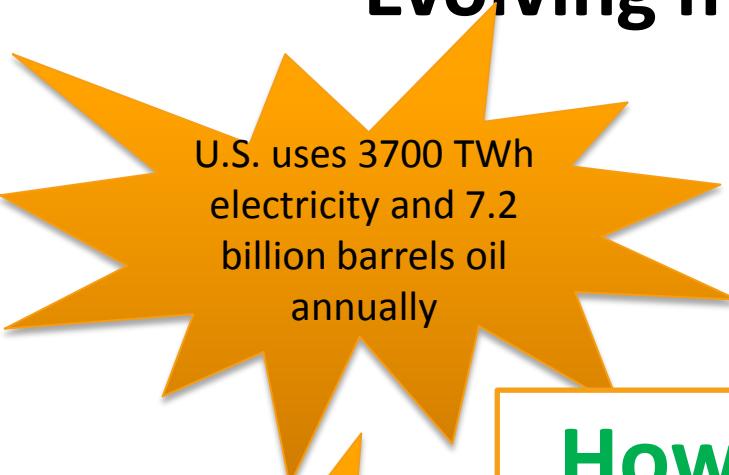


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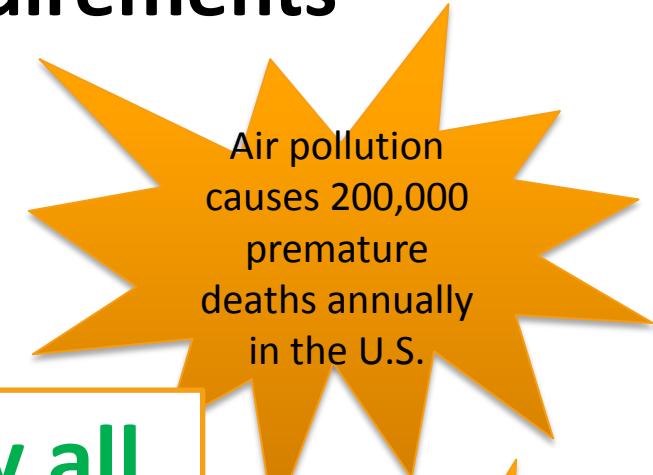
Energy System Challenges

- Evolving multi-sector requirements



U.S. uses 3700 TWh electricity and 7.2 billion barrels oil annually

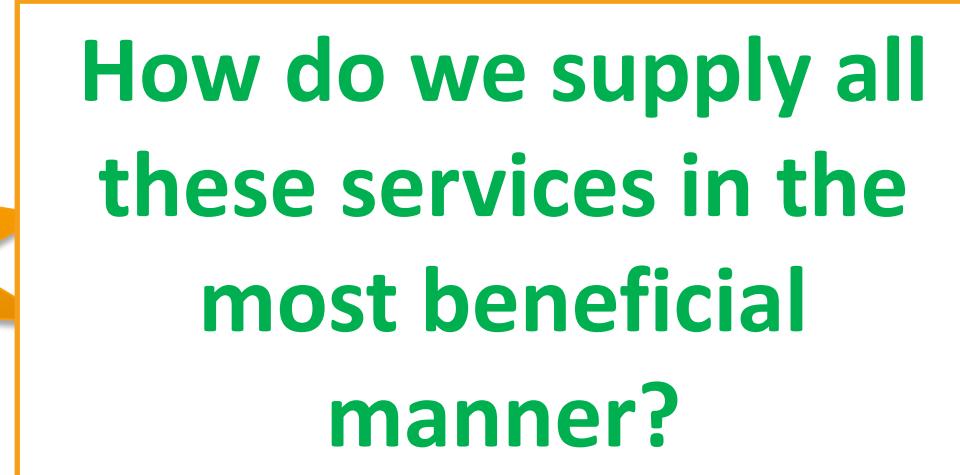
- Transportation
- Industrial
- Electricity



Air pollution causes 200,000 premature deaths annually in the U.S.



Over 6 million Americans work in the energy sector



How do we supply all these services in the most beneficial manner?



U.S. oil Imports in 2016 > \$100 billion

Electricity Use: AEO 2016

Oil Use: <https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=33&t=6>

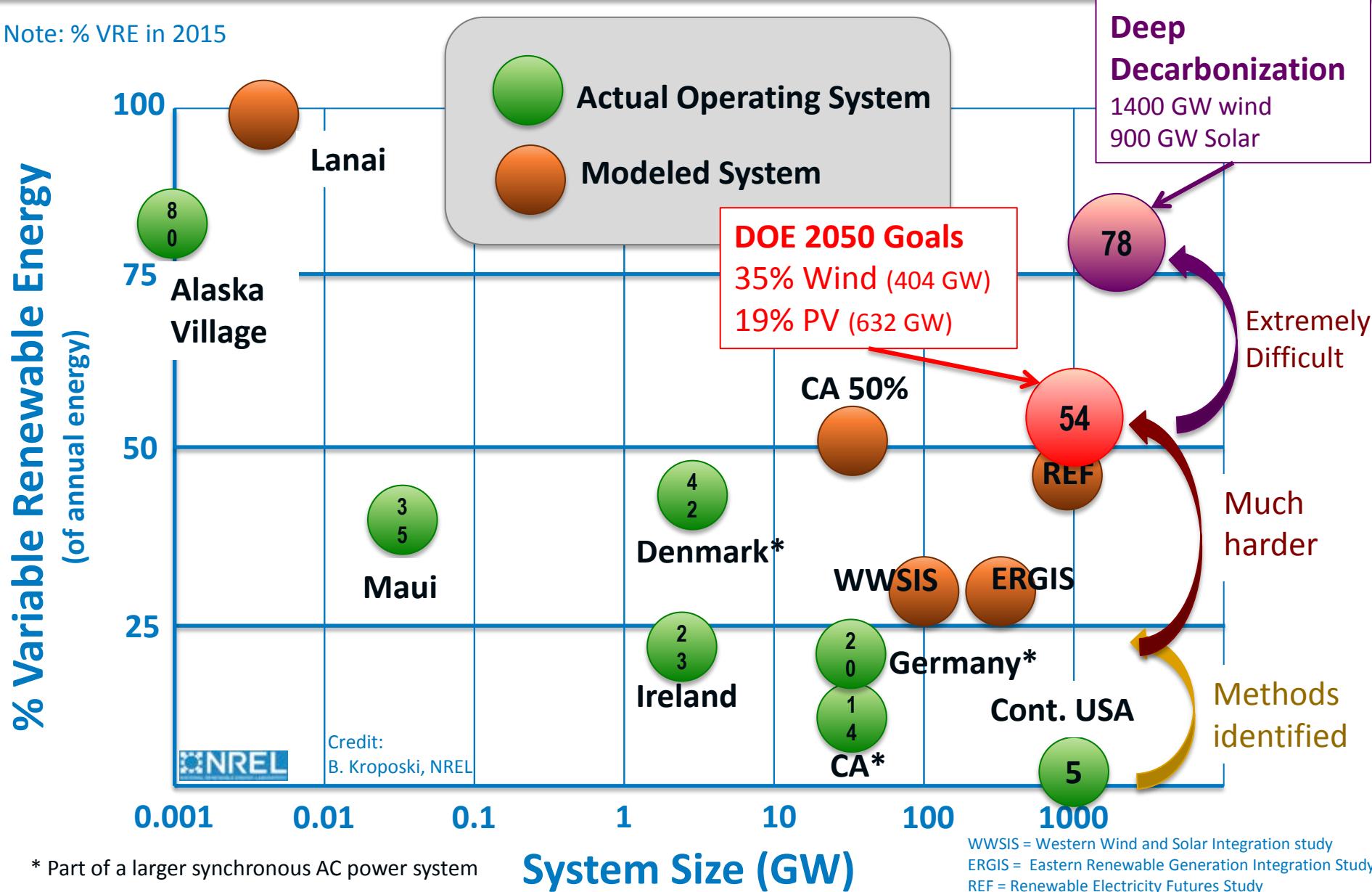
Oil import costs: <https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/historical/petr.txt>

Energy Sector Jobs: https://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/01/f34/2017%20US%20Energy%20and%20Jobs%20Report_0.pdf

Air pollution deaths: Fabio Caiazzo, Akshay Ashok, Ian A. Waitz, Steve H.L. Yim, Steven R.H. Barrett, Air pollution and early deaths in the United States. Part I: Quantifying the impact of major sectors in 2005, *Atmospheric Environment*, Volume 79, November 2013, Pages 198-208

Where is the Grid Headed? How Will It Get There?

Note: % VRE in 2015



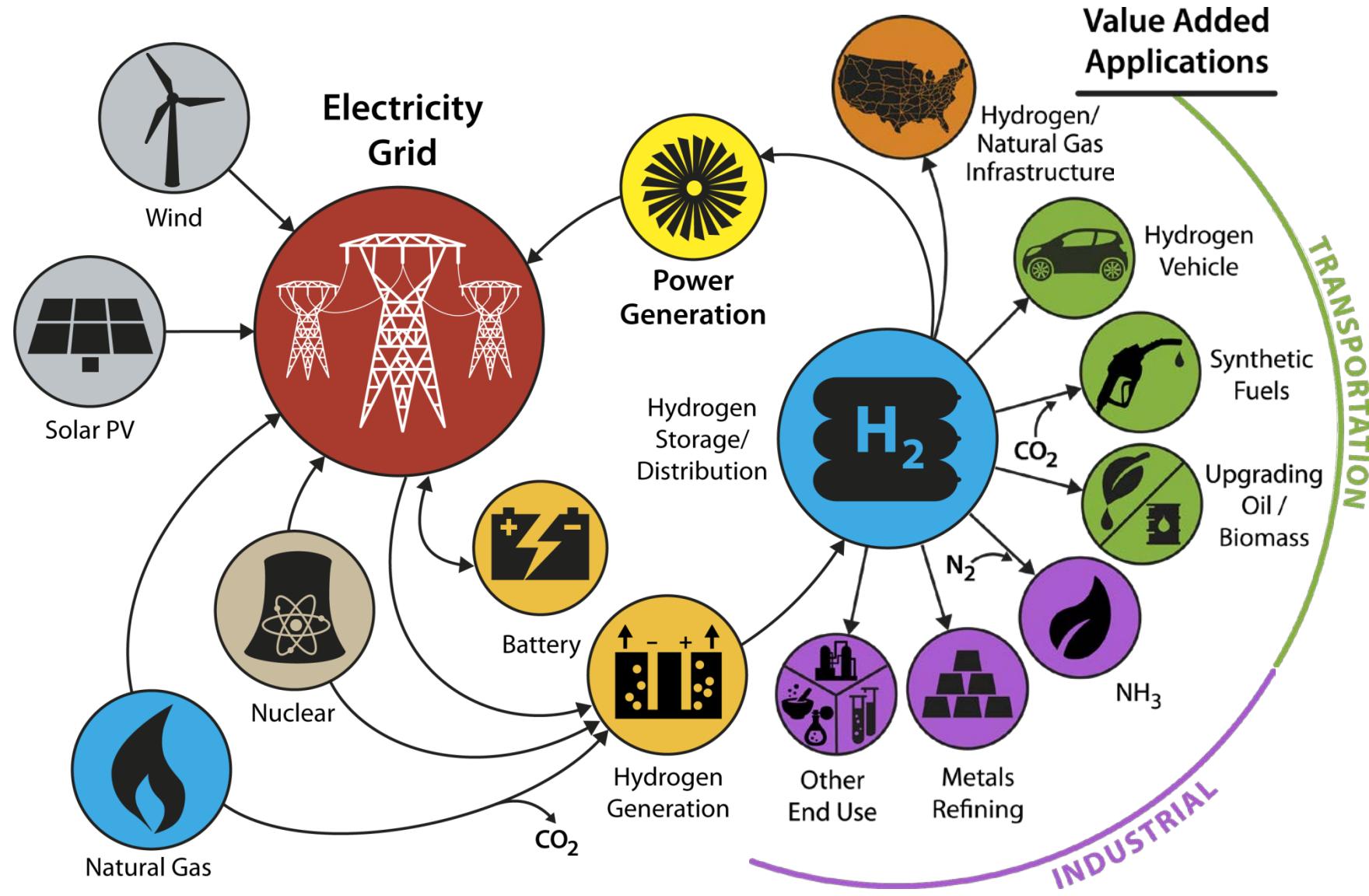
**"If you can't solve a problem,
enlarge it"**



President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Source: https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/images/first-family/34_dwight_d_eisenhower%5B1%5D.jpg

Conceptual H₂ at Scale Energy System*



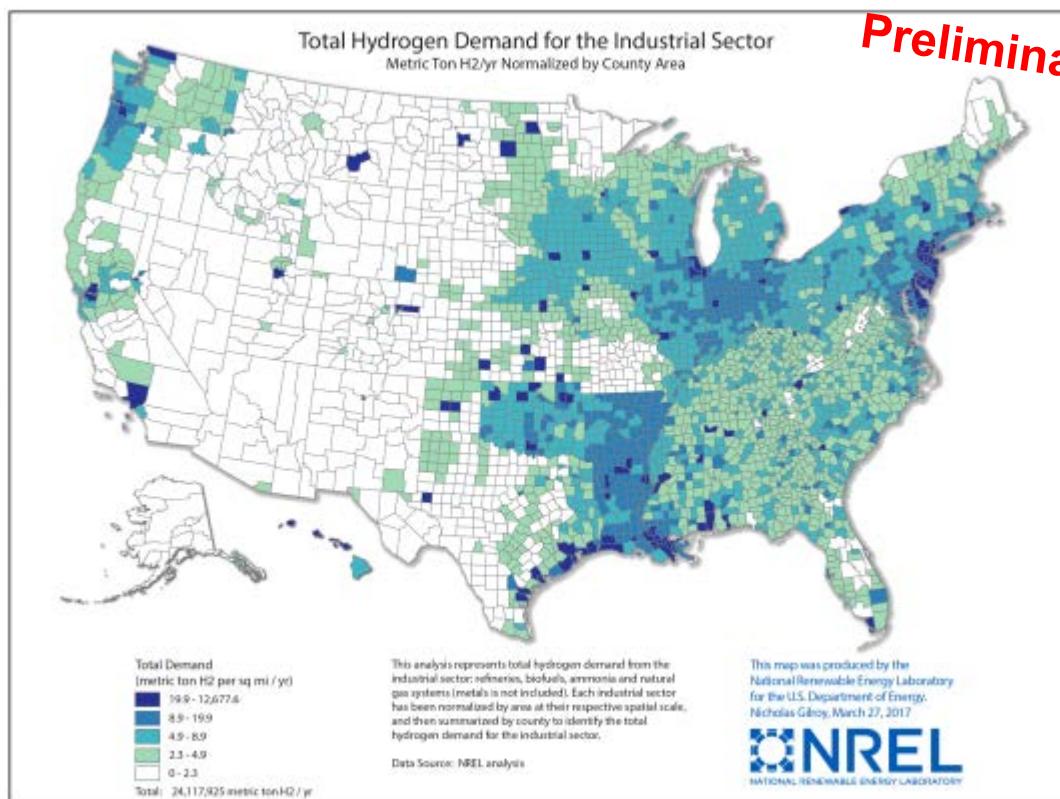
*Illustrative example, not comprehensive

H2@Scale Vision

- **Attributes**
 - Large-scale, clean, energy-carrying intermediate for use across energy sectors
 - Increased penetration of variable renewable power and nuclear generation
 - Improved economics of thermal power generation (nuclear, CSP, geothermal) through hybridization
 - Increased H2 from methane (carbon capture/use potential)
- **Benefits**
 - Increased energy sector jobs (GDP impact)
 - Manufacturing competitiveness (low energy costs)
 - Enhanced energy security (reduced imports, system flexibility/resiliency)
 - Enhanced national security (domestic production (metals), local resources)
 - Improved air(water) quality via reduced emissions (criteria pollutants, GHGs)
 - Decreased energy system water requirements.

Getting all these benefits in a single energy system significantly enhances value proposition.

H₂ Demand Technical Potential



**Total market potential:
60 MMT/yr**

[§] CPI: Chemical Processing Industry not including metals, biofuels, or ammonia

* Current potential used due to lack of consistent future projections

Light duty vehicle calculation basis: 190,000,000 light-duty FCEVs from <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18264/transitions-to-alternative-vehicles-and-fuels>

1. Global hydrogen Generation Market by Merchant & Captive Type, Distributed & Centralized Generation, Application & Technology- Trends & Forecasts (2011-2016)

Use	Market potential (million metric tonne H ₂ / year)
Industrial Use	
Refineries & CPI [§]	8*
Metals	5
Ammonia	5
Natural Gas	7
Biofuels	4
Light Duty Vehicles	28
Other Transport	3
Total	60

Current U.S. market: ≈ 10 MMT/yr

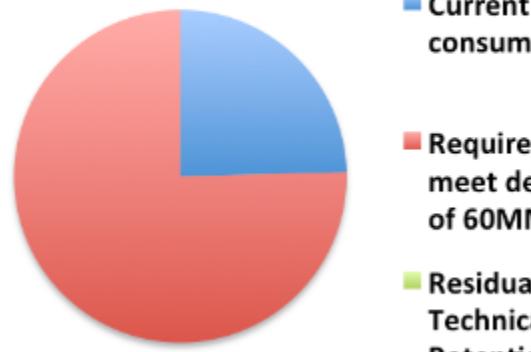
*Global H₂ production revenue:
6% CAGR, 2009-2016¹*

Technical Potential Supply from Renewables

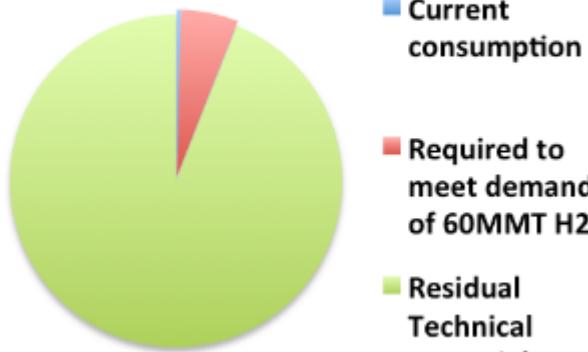
	EIA 2015 current consumption (quads/yr)	Required to meet demand of 60 MMT / yr (quads/yr)	Technical Potential (quads/yr)
Solid Biomass	4.7	15	20
Wind Electrolysis	0.7	9	170
Solar Electrolysis	0.1	9	1,364

Preliminary Results

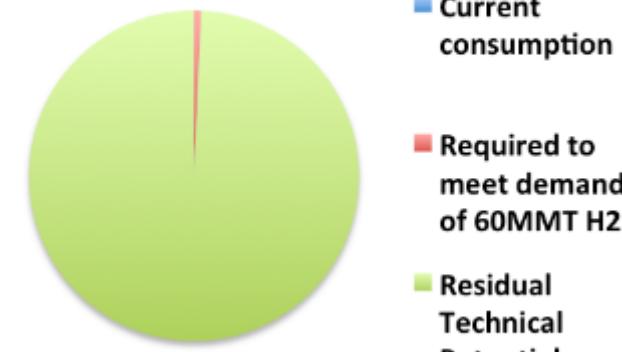
Biomass Technical Potential



Wind Technical Potential

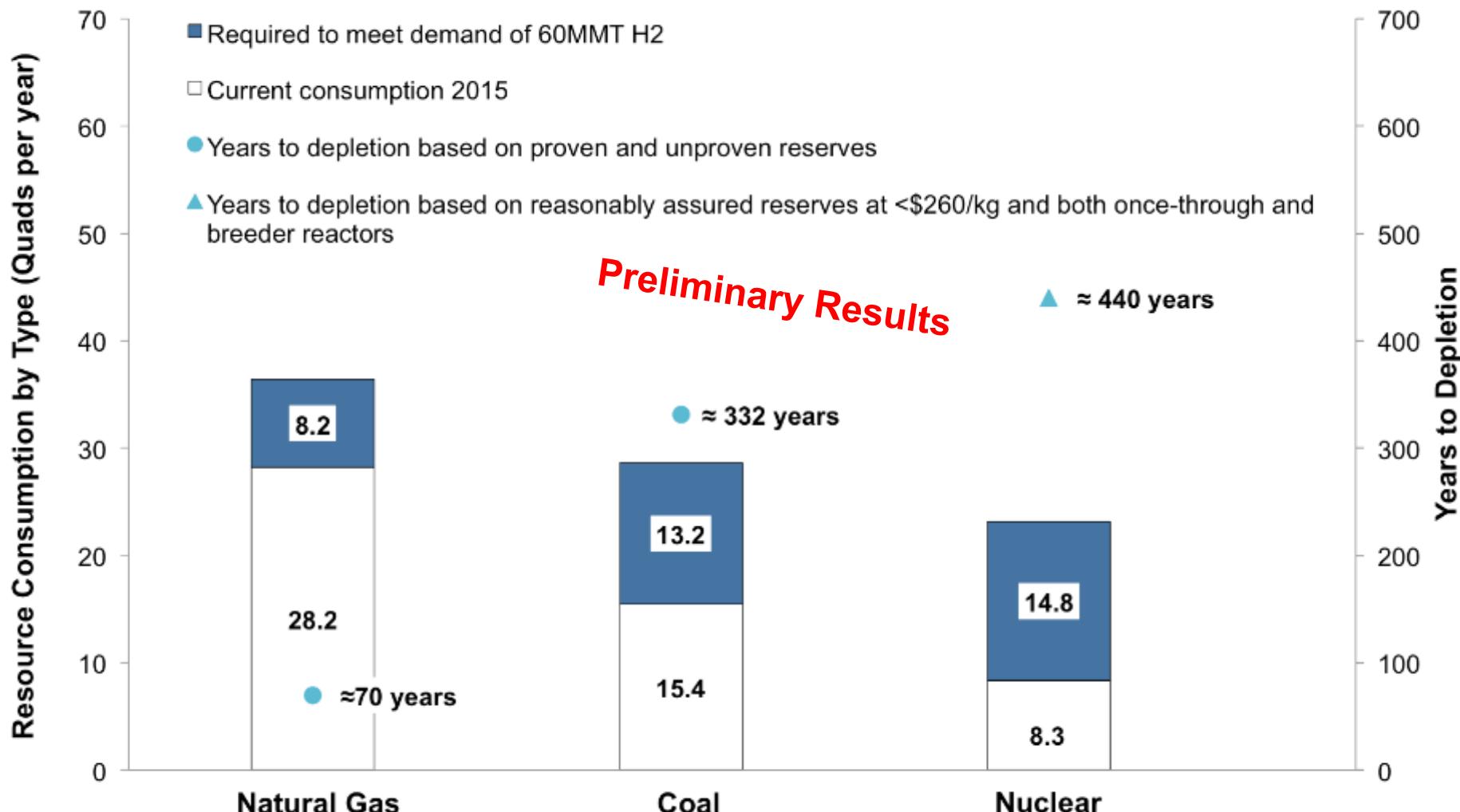


Solar Technical Potential



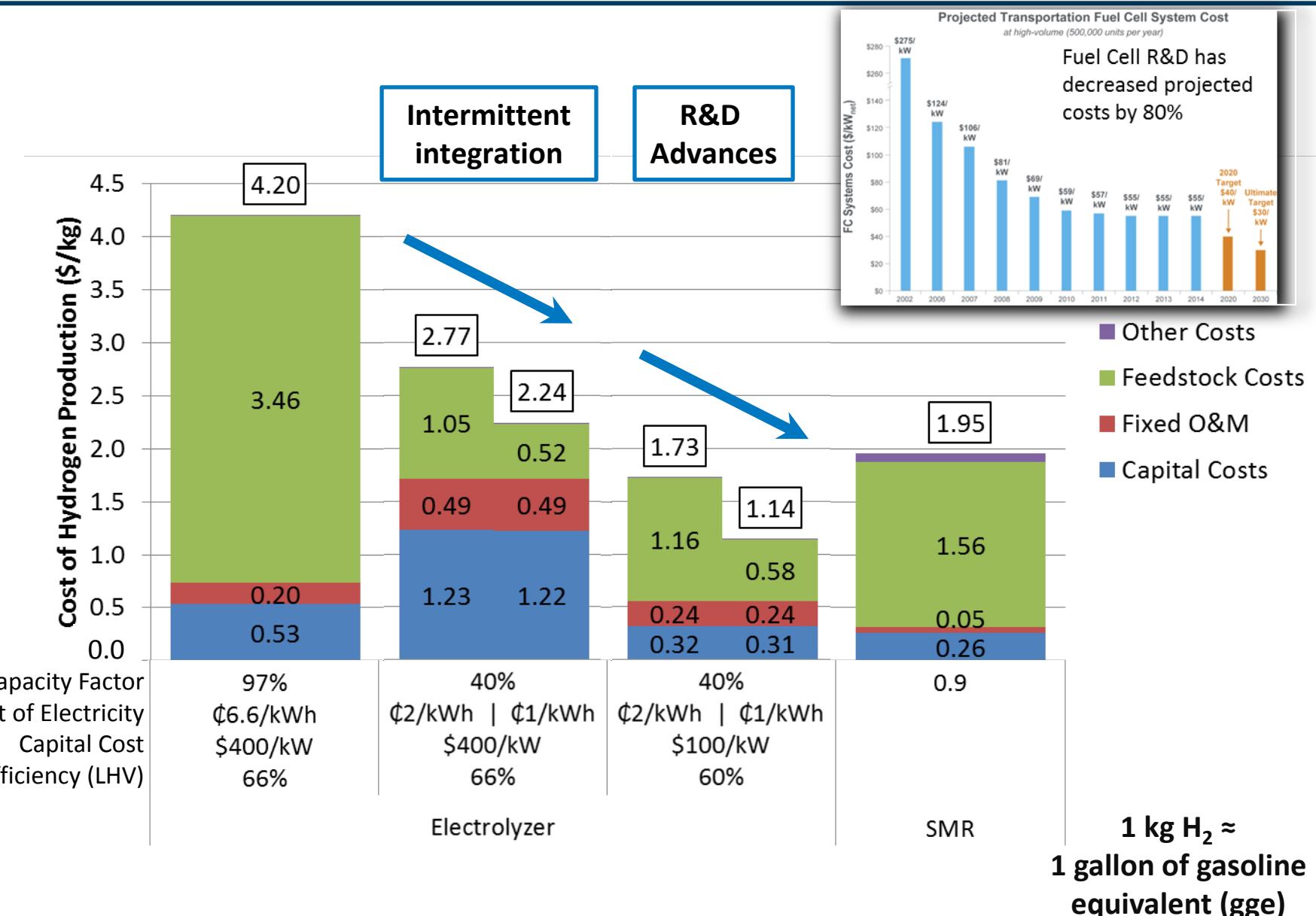
Total demand including hydrogen is satisfied by ≈6% of wind, <1% of solar, and ≈100% of biomass technical potential

Potential Supply from Fossil & Nuclear Resources



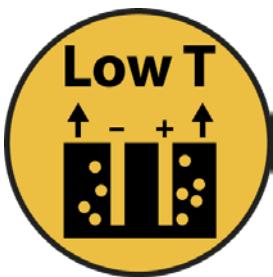
Hydrogen can be produced from diverse domestic resources to meet aggressive growth in demand

Improving the Economics of Electrolytic H₂



What is needed to achieve H₂ at Scale?

Low and High Temperature H₂ Generation



Development of **low cost, durable, and intermittent H₂** generation.



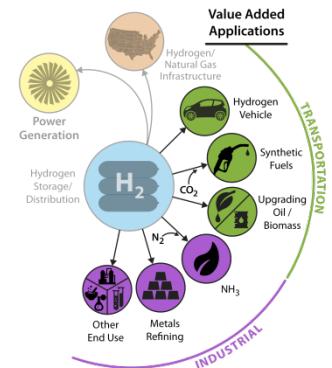
Development of **thermally integrated, low cost, durable, and variable H₂** generation.

H₂ Storage and Distribution



Development of **safe, reliable, and economic storage and distribution systems.**

H₂ Utilization



H₂ as game-changing energy carrier, revolutionizing energy sectors.

Analysis

Foundational Science

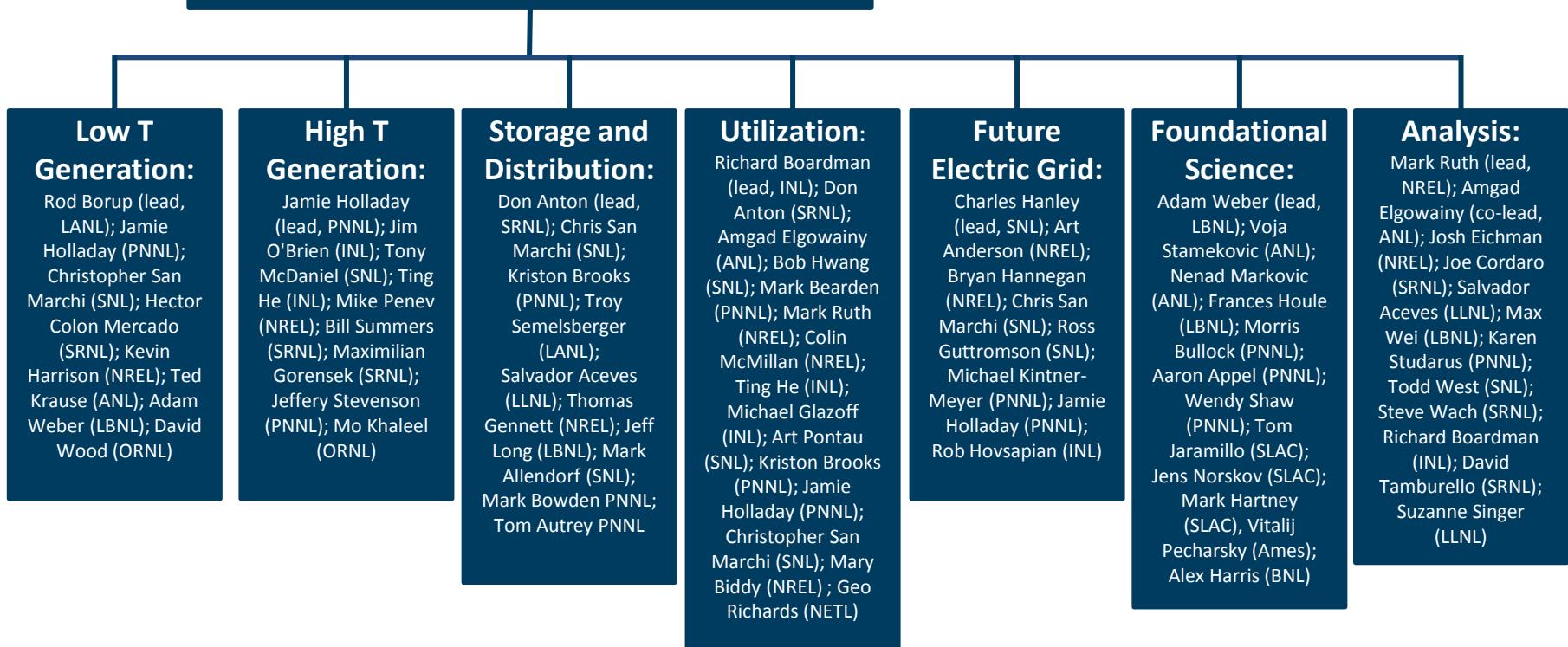
Future Electrical Grid

H₂@Scale Big Idea National Laboratory Team

Steering Committee:

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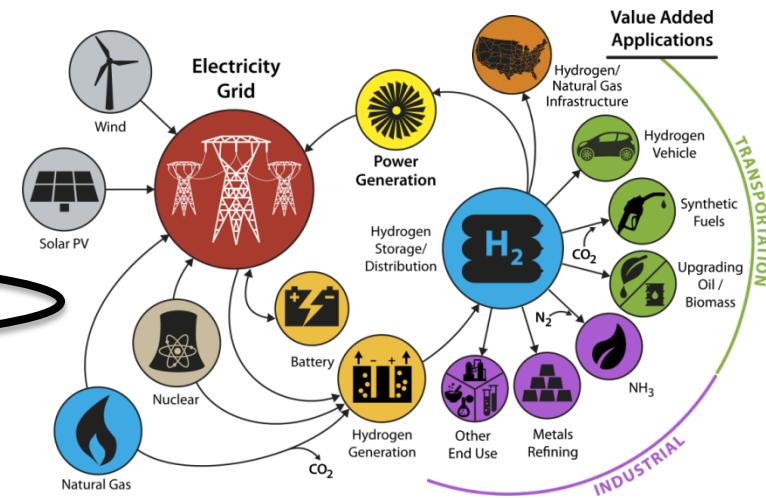
H2@Scale has moved beyond this National Lab team to include DOE offices, and industrial/other stakeholders.



H2@Scale Involves Many Stakeholders

- Nuclear
- Wind
- Solar
- Fossil
- Grid/Utilities
- Electrolysis
- Industrial Gas
- Auto OEMs/supply chain
- Fuels Production (Oil, Biomass)
- Metals/Steel
- Ammonia
- Regulators
- Analysis
- Investors

Blue: High engagement and support
Green: Engaged with interest/support
Orange: Limited engagement
Black: Little engagement



Stakeholder groups presenting at this workshop are identified with ovals.

Motivation for Future Impact

27 September 2016 / GENEVA - A new WHO air quality model confirms that 92% of the world's population lives in places where air quality levels exceed WHO limits.

More than half US population lives amid dangerous air pollution

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/apr/20/dangerous-air-pollution-us-population-report>



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Credit: Bryan Pivoar

Energy and environmental challenges grow as the population grows and economies advance
H2@Scale would help meet challenges