











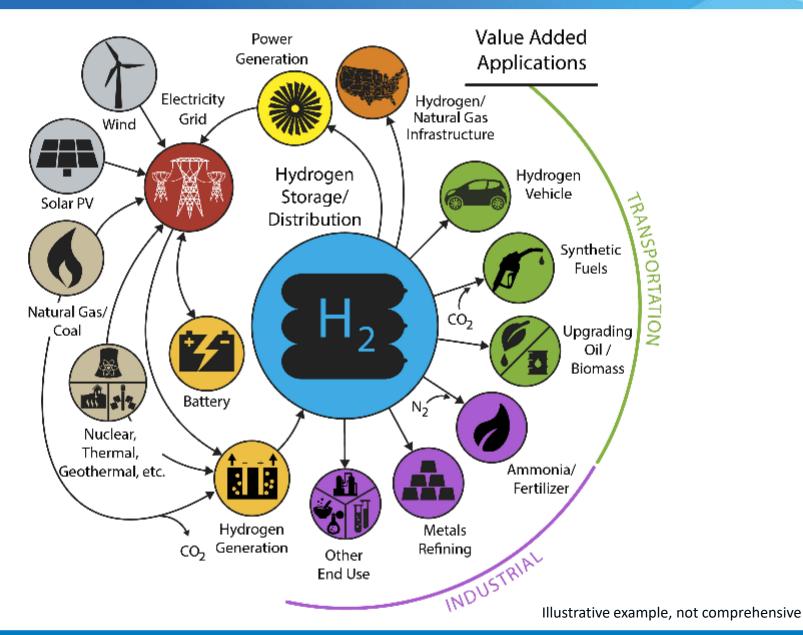
## Potential Size of and Value Proposition for H2@Scale Concept

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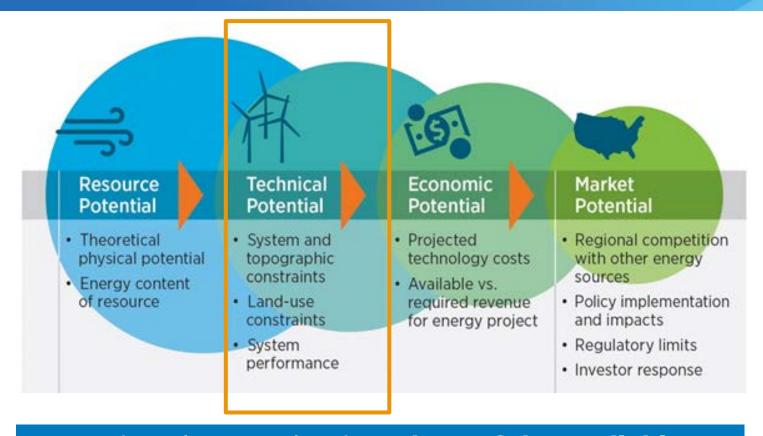
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## H2@Scale Energy System



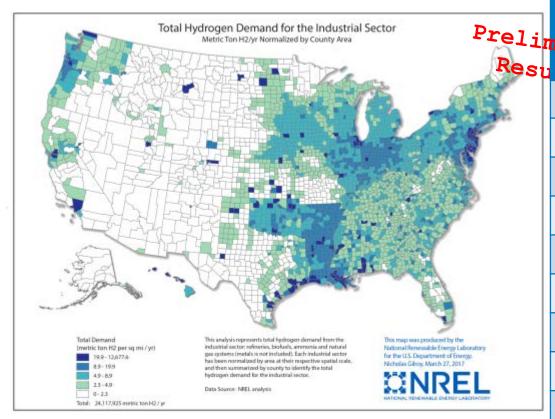
## **Technical Potential: Definition**



Technical potential is the subset of the available resource potential that is constrained by real-world geography and system performance but not economics

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## Technical Potential Hydrogen Demand



## Total market potential: 60 MMT/yr

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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

Near-term Outlook for Hydrogen Production Volume: 5% CAGR (2014-2019)<sup>1</sup>

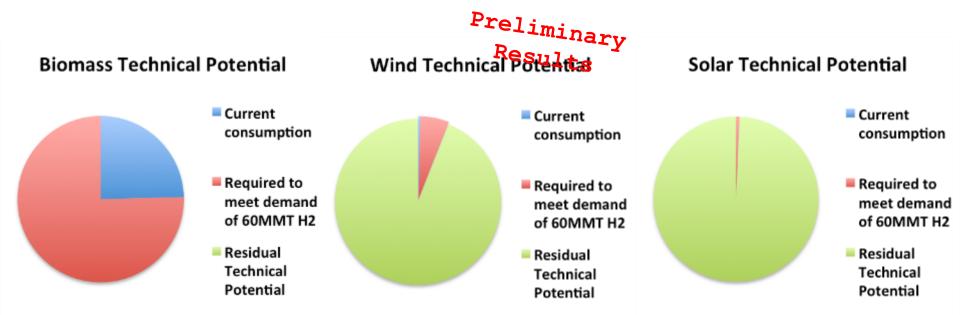
Light duty vehicle calculation basis: 190,000,000 light-duty FCEVs from <a href="http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18264/transitions-to-alternative-vehicles-and-fuels">http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18264/transitions-to-alternative-vehicles-and-fuels</a>
1. Global hydrogen Generation Market by Merchant & Captive Type, Distributed & Centralized Generation, Application & Technology- Trends & Forecasts (2011-2016)

<sup>§</sup> CPI: Chemical Processing Industry not including metals, biofuels, or ammonia

<sup>\*</sup> Current potential used due to lack of consistent future projections

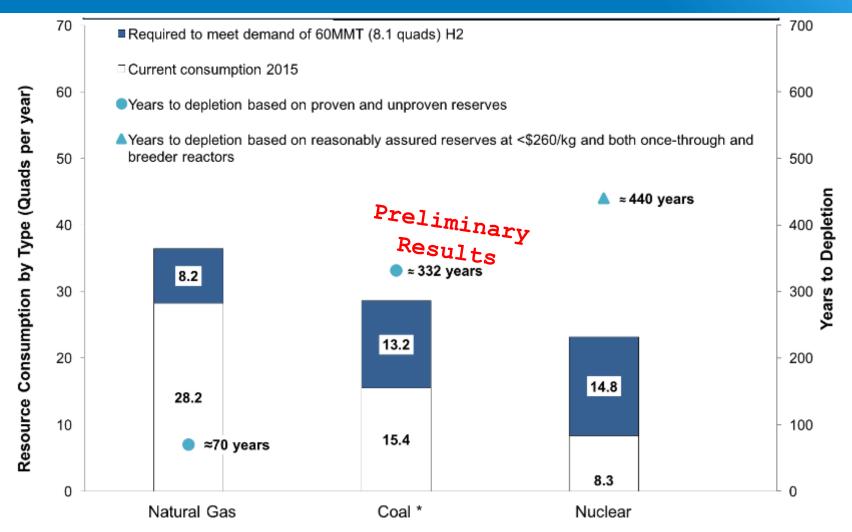
## Technical Potential: Impact on Renewable Resources

	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



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

## Technical Potential: Impact on Fossil & Nuclear Resources



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

<sup>\*</sup> Based on estimated recoverable reserves

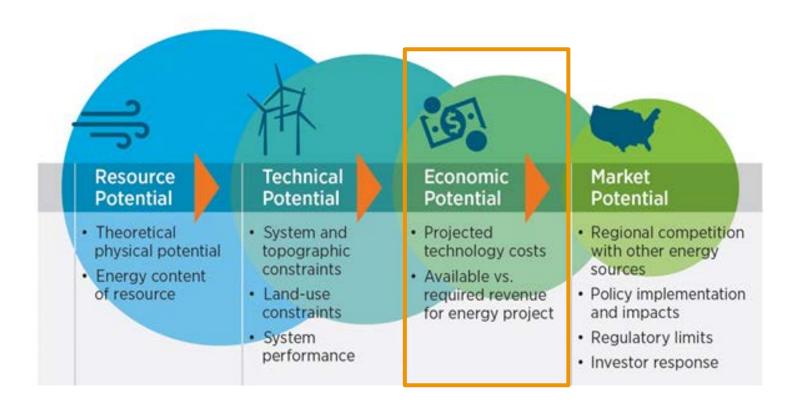
## Technical Potential: Impacts on Resources

Use	H <sub>2</sub> Consumed	Resource Savings		<b>Emissions Reduction</b>
	MMT / yr	Petroleum (bbl/yr)	Natural Gas (quad btu/yr)	CO2 (million metric ton/yr)
Refineries	8	900,000	1.332	87
Metals	5	0	0.365	78
Ammonia	5	500,000	0.833	54
Natural Gas System	7	700,000	0.923	63
Biofuels <sup>§</sup>	4	77,500,000	-0.026*	28
Light Duty Vehicles	28	1,017,600,000	0.629	469
Other Transport	3	113,400,000	0.051	50
Total	60	1.2 Billion bbl	4.1 Quads	830 Million MT
Prelimin Result	ary ~17% o consu		.4% of U.S. natural gas ensumption in 2016	~16% of U.S. energy- related emissions in 2016

Growth in electrolytic hydrogen using renewable electricity can reduce petroleum and natural gas utilization by ≥15%

<sup>\*</sup>Negative values represent increase in use due to fertilizer production § 12% of the benefits of hydrogenated biofuels are credited to hydrogen

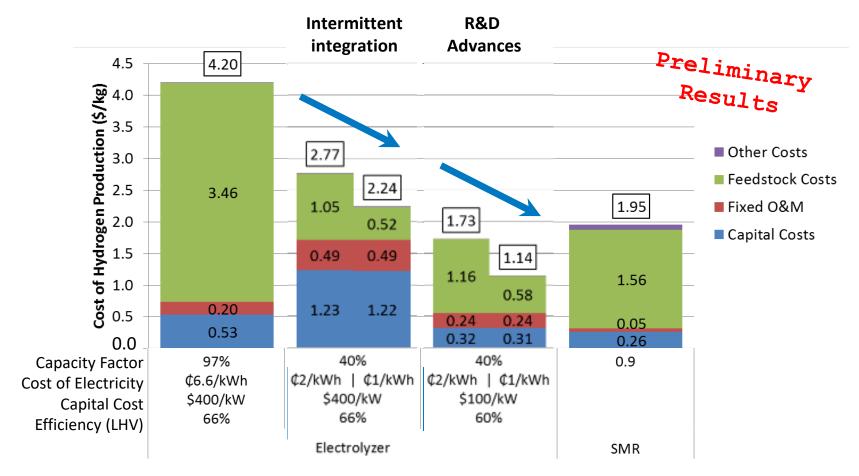
### **Economic Potential: Definition**



Economic potential is the **subset of the technical potential** where the **cost required** to produce hydrogen **is below** the **revenue available** 

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## Improvements Enabling Use of Low-Cost Electricity



Leveraging of intermittent low-cost electricity can enable low-cost hydrogen production and also support grid stability.

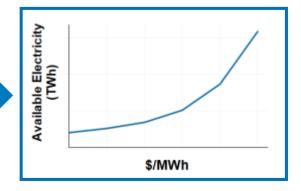
## Methodology for Estimating Otherwise Curtailed Electricity

Value of Otherwise Curtailed Electricity









#### **Key Assumptions**

- ReEDS input
   parameters to achieve
   high renewable
   energy penetration:
  - Lower renewable energy technology costs
  - Higher natural gas prices

#### **ReEDS**

- Capacity expansion model
- Competes conventional, renewable, and storage technologies
- Projects capacity, generation, and transmission portfolio for 136 U.S. balancing areas out to 2050

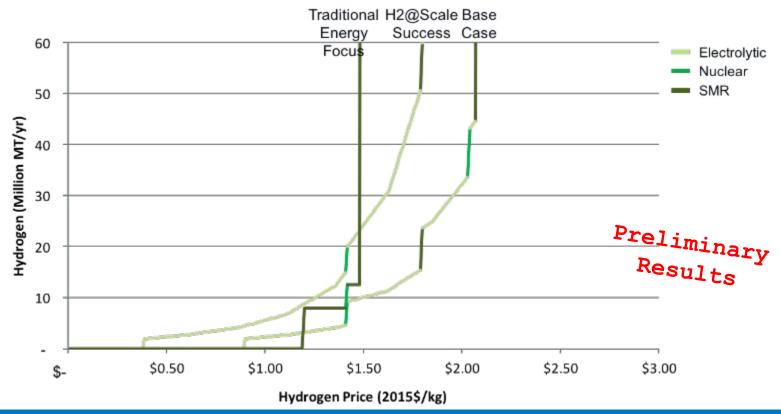
#### **Supply Curve**

- Value of otherwise curtailed electricity vs. amount of curtailed electricity calculated by ReEDS
- Converted to a lowtemperature electrolysis hydrogen supply curve using H2A

## **Economic Potential: Supply Curves**

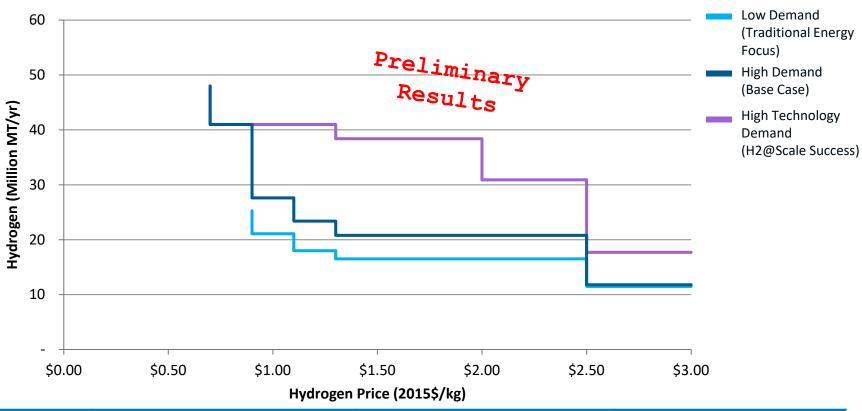
## Developed supply curves using three resources

- Steam methane reforming (SMR)
- Nuclear generation
- Otherwise curtailed electricity with high penetrations of variable renewable generators on the grid and no transmission costs



### **Economic Potential: Demand Curves**

## Developed demand curves under three paradigms



Demand	Base Case (High)	H2@Scale Success (High Tech.)	Traditional Energy Focus (Low)
Metals Reshoring	Economically competitive	Willingness to pay for H2 for metals	Economically competitive
LDV	Economically competitive	Full potential at \$2.50/kg	Economically competitive
Synthetic Fuels	Economically competitive	Full potential at \$2.00/kg	Economically competitive

## **Economic Potential: Scenario Summary**

Preliminary

	Base Case	H2@Scale Success	Traditional Energy Focus
H <sub>2</sub> Use	21 MMT/yr	38 MMT/yr	17 MMT/yr
H <sub>2</sub> Price	\$1.80/kg	\$1.70/kg	\$1.49/kg
Demand (MMT/yr)	<ul><li>Refining (8),</li><li>Ammonia (3),</li><li>Synthetic fuel (1),</li><li>LDVs (9)</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Refining (8),</li> <li>Ammonia (3),</li> <li>Synthetic fuel (9),</li> <li>Metals (6),</li> <li>LDVs (13)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refining (8),</li> <li>Ammonia (3),</li> <li>Synthetic fuel (1),</li> <li>LDVs (5)</li> </ul>
Supply (MMT/yr)	<ul> <li>Low-temperature electrolysis (11),</li> <li>Existing nuclear plants (5),</li> <li>Existing NG reforming (5)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low-temperature electrolysis (33),</li> <li>Existing nuclear plants (5)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Existing nuclear plants (5)</li> <li>NG reforming (8 MMT/yr from existing and 4 MMT/yr from new)</li> </ul>
Electrolysis	10% curtailment, \$19/MWh wholesale price	25% curtailment, \$26/MWh wholesale price	No grid electrolysis

## **Economic Potential: Energy Use and Emissions Summary**

H2@Scale can reduce emissions by up to 20% on top of baseline electricity sector emission reductions

Preliminary

Reduction Metric	Base Case	H2@Scale Success	Traditional Energy Focus
NO <sub>x</sub> (Thousand MT)	130 (1%)	230 (2%)	61 (1%)
SO <sub>x</sub> (Thousand MT)	33 (1%)	170 (5%)	13 (0%)
PM <sub>10</sub> (Thousand MT)	10 (0%)	59 (2%)	4.0 (0%)
Crude Oil (Million Barrels)	470 (7%)	800 (12%)	280 (4%)
CO <sub>2</sub> (Million MT)	280 (9%)	590 (19%)	110 (4%)

## **Conclusions and Future Work**

# H2@Scale can transform our energy system by providing value for otherwise-curtailed electricity and a clean feedstock for numerous industries

- Technical potential:
   60MMT H<sub>2</sub>/yr can reduce emissions by 15%
- Economic potential:
   17-38 MMT H<sub>2</sub> / yr can be produced, given R&D advancements and access to low-cost intermittent power

Further analysis into regional issues and temporal issues is warranted to better quantify H2@Scale potential

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## **Economic Potential Analysis Caveats**

- Ideal markets
- Hydrogen storage and transportation requirements and costs are negligible
- Technology improvement and market assumptions in ReEDS result in a high VRE penetration and quantity of curtailed electricity
- Electrolyzer capacity factors are estimated using coarse temporal resolution of ReEDS (16 time slices representative of entire year)
- Low-temperature electrolyzer system costs achieve a target of \$100/kW
- Nuclear-generated hydrogen costs do not include potential value to the grid in capacity and/or flexibility
- Economic rebound effects are negligible
- Additional hydrogen markets outside of our analysis may develop