

Hydrogen Storage System Modeling: Public Access, Maintenance, and Enhancements



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Overview

Timeline

- **Start: October 1, 2015**
- **End: September 30, 2021***

Budget

- **Total Project Funding: \$1,630,000***
 - **FY16 Funding: \$336,000**
 - **FY17 Funding: \$389,000**
 - **FY18 Funding: \$375,000**
 - **FY19 Funding: \$275,000**
 - **FY20 Funding: \$255,000**

Barriers

- A. System Weight and Volume**
- B. System Cost**
- C. Efficiency**
- E. Charging/Discharging Rates**
- I. Dispensing Technology**
- K. System Life-Cycle Assessment**

Partners



***Project continuation and direction determined annually by DOE.**

Relevance

Collaborative effort to **manage, update, and enhance** hydrogen storage system models developed under the Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence (HSECoE)

- Transfer engineering development **knowledge from HSECoE on to future materials research.**
- Manage the **HSECoE model dissemination** web page.
- Manage, update, enhance, and validate the **modeling framework and the specific storage system models** developed by the HSECoE.
- Develop models that will **accept direct materials property inputs** and can be measured by materials researchers.
- **Ultimate Goal: Provide validated modeling tools that researchers will use to evaluate the performance of their new materials in engineered systems relative to the DOE Technical Targets.**

Relevance – Addressing Barriers with Models

Barriers	Model Addressing Barrier
A. System Weight and Volume	System Estimator
B. System Cost	Tank Volume/Cost Model
C. Efficiency	Framework Model <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Onboard Efficiency- Fuel Economy
E. Charging/Discharging Rates	Framework Model <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Drive Cycles
I. Dispensing Technology	Framework Model <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Initial and Final System Conditions
K. System Life-Cycle Assessment	All Models

Relevance – Improving Model Utilities for Materials Researchers

Materials Research

H₂ Capacity
Thermodynamics
Kinetics
Adsorption Isotherms

Isotherm Fitting Tool

DA Parameters

Available at www.hsecoc.org

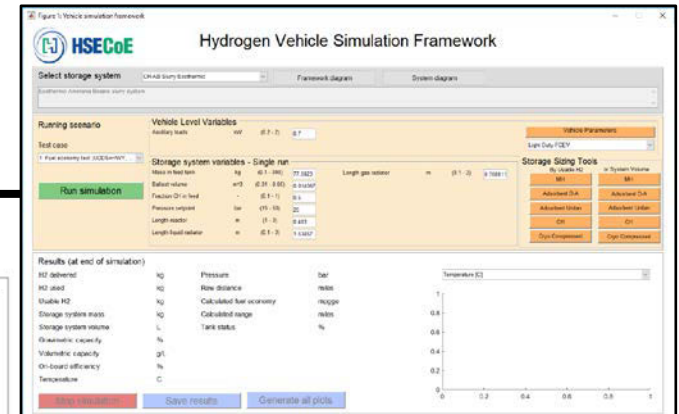
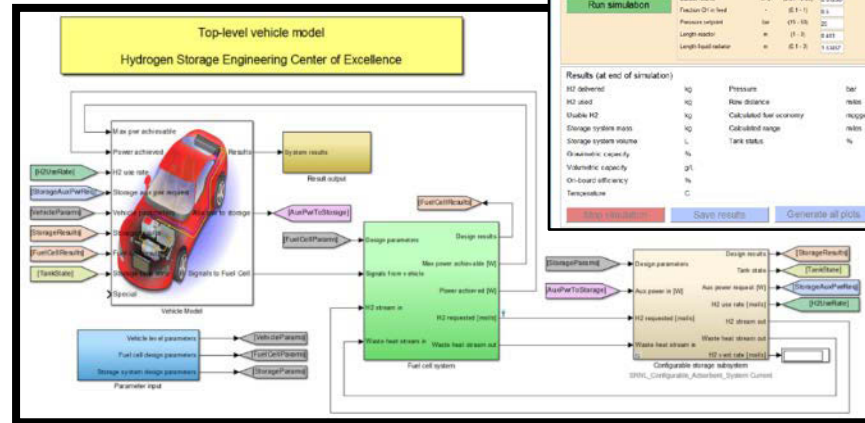
Stand-Alone System Design Tools

Component and System Mass and Volume

Stand-Alone Values

Estimated Gravimetric and Volumetric Capacity

Modeling Framework



DOE Technical Targets

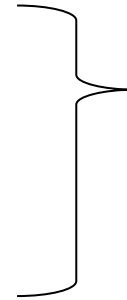
- Gravimetric and Volumetric Capacity
- Durability and Operability
- Operating Temperature and Pressure
- Onboard Efficiency
- Charging/Discharging Rates
- Start-up
- Refueling

Modeling Tools Available or In Progress

Framework Model with:

- Physical Storage
- Compressed/Cryo-Compressed H₂
- Chemical Hydrogen (CH)
- Adsorbent (AD)
- Metal Hydride (MH)

UTRC/NREL
SRNL/NREL
PNNL/NREL
SRNL/NREL
PNNL/NREL



Estimate performance of light-duty vehicles with four drive cycles for each storage system

Stand-Alone System Design Tools:

- Adsorbent (AD)
- Chemical Hydrogen (CH)
- Metal Hydride (MH)
- Compressed/Cryo-Compressed H₂

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New MS Excel-based tool
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Additional Tools/Models:

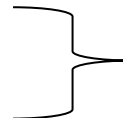
- MH Acceptability Envelope (MHAЕ)
- Tank Volume/Cost Model
- AD Isotherm Fitting Tool

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Finite Element Models:

- Metal Hydride (MH) Finite Element (MHFE)
- Adsorbent (AD) – HexCell and MATI

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Tank heat and mass transfer models

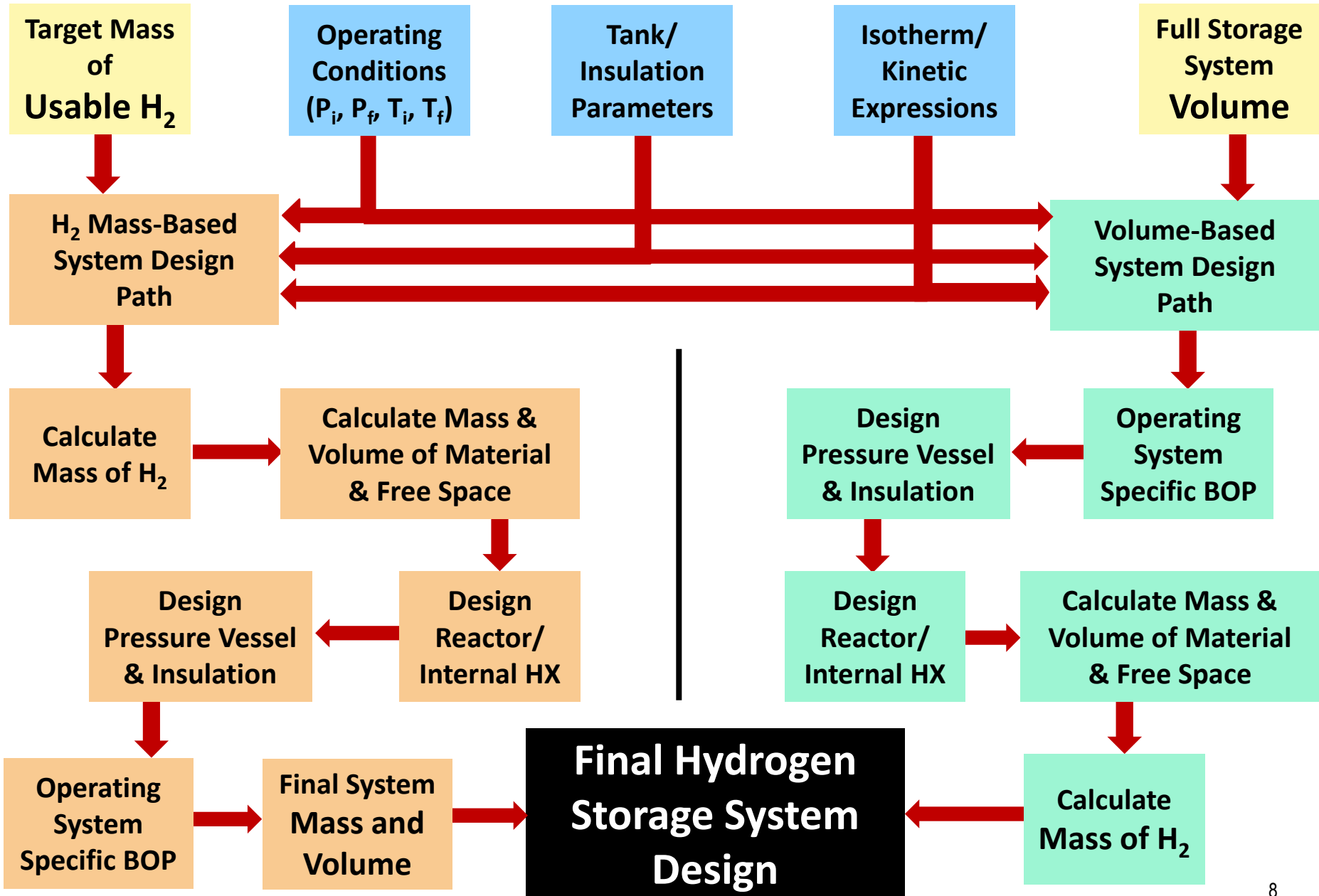
Accomplishments and Progress – Design Tools and Framework

Estimate Allow Evaluation of Hydrogen Storage Systems

Capabilities:

- **Stand-alone design tools now available in Microsoft Excel** for adsorbents, metal hydrides, chemical hydrogen storage, and pure hydrogen storage
- **Usable-H₂-mass-based** and **full storage-system-volume-based** capabilities for each design tool
- **Multiple kinetics/isotherm expressions** available in the stand-alone tools and framework for each storage method
- **All models allow material-specific** property inputs measured by materials researchers to design material-specific storage systems

Accomplishments and Progress – Design Tools Flowchart



Accomplishments and Progress – Model Improvements

Original Model	Updated Model
Adsorbent Model	
Balance of plant (BOP) for cryogenic operation only	BOP options for room temperature, cold, and cryogenic operations
Insulation thickness hard-coded to 1 inch	Insulation thickness is user controlled
LN ₂ tank cooling channel always included	LN ₂ tank cooling channels user controlled
D-A isotherm model used only	D-A and UNILAN isotherm model options
MOF-5 material properties hard-coded	User-defined adsorbent material properties (with MOF-5 default values)
Mass of usable H ₂ is the starting point of the calculation	Mass of usable H ₂ or maximum total storage system volume starting point
Metal Hydride Model	
Single step irreversible reaction	Single step irreversible or two step reversible models selectable
Hard-coded reaction rate and enthalpy (30 kJ/mol)	Reaction parameters and material properties as inputs
Mass of usable H ₂ is the starting point of the calculation	Mass of usable H ₂ or maximum total storage system volume starting point

Excel-Based Chemical Hydrogen Storage Stand-Alone Tool

MS Excel-based tools allow universal availability without cumbersome downloads of MATLAB products

- Usable-H₂-mass-based and system-volume-based tools available
- Downloads available for ammonia borane and alane can be downloaded and modified for other liquid/slurry-based chemical hydrogen storage materials

ExoEndo	1	--	Exothermic/Endothermic Flag (Exo = 1, Endo = 0)
Kinetic_Model	1	--	Kinetic Model Flag (Avrami Kinetics = 1, nth Order Kinetics = 2)
MW_CH	30.8	g/mol	molecular weight Chemical Hydrogen Material
slurry	1	--	Fluid Properties Flag (Slurry (1) or Liquid (0))
x_H2	0.152	--	Wt Fraction H2 in the CHS Material
n_rxn	1	--	Number of Reactions to Model (1 or 2)
DH_rxn_1	-17981	J/mol H2	Reaction Enthalpy Rxn 1 (negative=exothermic)
Beta1	2.355	mol H2/mol CH	Molar Ratio H2 maximum for CH material Rxn 1
A1	244	sec-1	Pre-exponential factor for Rxn 1
E1	29900	J/mol H2	Activation Energy for Rxn 1
n1	3.1	--	Exponent for Avrami or Reaction Order for Rxn 1
DH_rxn_2	0	J/mol H2	Reaction Enthalpy Rxn 2 (negative=exothermic)
Beta2	0	mol H2/mol CH	Molar Ratio H2 maximum for CH material Rxn 2
A2	0	sec-1	Pre-exponential factor for Rxn 2
E2	0	J/mol H2	Activation Energy for Rxn 2
n2	1	--	Exponent for Avrami or Reaction Order for Rxn 2
x_inert	0.5	--	Weight fraction inert with CHS Material to Slurry
Cp_CH	2694	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity CHS Material
Cp_i	1846	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity inert slurrying agent
Cp_p	774	J/kg/K	Heat Capacity CHS Material Product
rho_CH	780	kg/m3	Density CHS Material
rho_i	1000	kg/m3	Density inert slurrying agent
rho_P	1640	kg/m3	Density CHS Material Product
ppm_imp	500	ppm	Concentration of impurity 1
A_imp	0.1	g impurity/g adsorbent	Adsorbent maximum loading impurity 1
MW_imp	17	g/mol	molecular weight impurity 1
ppm_imp2	2000	ppm	Concentration of impurity 2
A_imp2	0.35	g impurity/g adsorbent	Adsorbent maximum loading impurity 2
MW_imp2	80.5	g/mol	molecular weight impurity 2
Usable H2	0	kg	Mass of usable hydrogen required
Total Volume	0.144	m3	Total system volume required
Max Power	25	kW	Maximum Hydrogen Storage H2 Production Required
Ave Power	15	kW	Average Hydrogen Storage H2 Production Required
Pset	25		Ballast Tank Pressure Initial Condition and Setpoint
Q_heater	8000		Reactor heater per length
Tmax	400	°C	Maximum acceptable reactor temperature
vol_flag	1		Flag for either volume or usable H2 constrained design: 1 = volume, 0 = usable H2

Input

Output



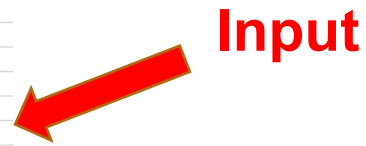
Name	Value	Units	Description
System Mass and Volume			
TotalMass	131.7338405	kg	Total Estimated System Mass
TotalVolume	144	L	Total Estimated System Volume
Usable H2	5.63829624	kg	Estimated Usable H2 for System
DOE_Mass_Target	0.042800667	kg H2/kg sys	DOE Gravimetric Target 2020
DOE_Vol_Target	0.039154835	kg H2/L sys	DOE Volumetric Target 2020
Design Parameters			
ReactorLength	0.403	m	Reactor Length
Vballast	0.014067745	m3	Ballast Tank Volume
MFeed	78.09274571	kg	Mass Chemical Hydride Required
LiqRadLength	1.534666617	m	Slurry Radiator Length
GasRadLength	0.708811328	m	Hydrogen Gas Radiator Length
RecupLength	0	m	Recuperator Length (if endothermic)
Startup Time	75.96206604	sec	Time to Reach 30% Conversion
Target Temperature	148.9828824	°C	Temperature to Reach 30% Conversion
Maximum Temperature	246.3299437	°C	Maximum Reactor Temperature
End of Parameters			

Flag for volume- or usable-H₂-constrained design

Excel-Based Metal Hydride Stand-Alone Design Tools

Hydrogen Mass-Based Metal Hydride Storage Design Tool Input Sheet

Material Properties			
Name	Value	Units	Description
f_H2	0.1	decimal fraction	Hydride Carrying capacity of metal hydride
f_inert	0	decimal fraction	Fraction of inert in metal hydride bed (Enter 0 if f_H2 accurate)
kbed	8	W/m-K	Thermal Conductivity of hydride bed
rho_cry	1000	kg/m^3	Crystalline Density of metal hydride
f_void	0	decimal fraction	Fraction of voids in metal hydride bed (Enter 0 if rho_cry = rho_bed)
rho_inert	0	kg/m^3	Density of inert material in hydride bed (Enter 0 if rho_cry = rho_bed)
dH_rxn1	37000	J/mol	Enthalpy per mole H2 rxn 1 (Endothermic +)
dS_rxn1	125	J/mol-K	Entropy per mole H2 rxn 1
dH_rxn2	0	J/mol	Enthalpy per mole H2 rxn 2 (set to zero if single step rxn)
dS_rxn2	0	J/mol-K	Entropy per mole H2 rxn 2 (set to zero if single step rxn)
beta_rxn1	1	mol/mol	Moles H2 produced per mole feed, Reaction 1 (Enter 0 if no rxn 2)
beta_rxn2	0	mol/mol	Moles H2 produced per mole feed, Reaction 2 (Enter 0 if no rxn 2)
System Parameters			
Name	Value	Units	Description
dmH2	5.6	kg	Mass of useable H2 available in the tank
r	0.005	m	Coolant tube external radius
th_tube	0.00089	m	Coolant tube thickness
dT	45	K	acceptable hydride temperature rise during refueling
PH2hi	100	atm	Upper Hydrogen Operating Pressure
PH2lo	5	atm	Lower Hydrogen Operating Pressure
HemObl	1	option	Hemispherical endcap option
Type	2	option	Material Option 1 = 6061-T6 2 = 316 SS 3 = Composite Type III (AL liner) 4 = Composite Type IV (plastic liner)
L/d	4	decimal fraction	Desired exterior Ltank over dtank Enter Zero to Calculate
L_tank	0	m	Desired tank exterior length Enter 0 to calculate
D_tank	0	m	Desired tank exterior diameter Enter 0 to Calculate
dt	300	seconds	Target Refueling time (300 s = DOE 2020 target)
eff_comb	0.8	decimal fraction	Combustion Efficiency if required



Input

Output



System mass (kg)	225.5653
System volume (m3)	0.112287
Combustor $\gamma > 0/n = 0$	1
Mass H2 Burned (kg)	1.321687
Tank Outer Diameter (m)	0.32275
Tank Length (m)	1.249055
Number of coolant Tubes	101
Total Hydride Mass (kg)	69.21687
Tank Mass (kg)	117.0723
Maximum Temperature (°C)	153.45
Percentage of DOE 2025 Gravimetric Target (%)	45.13911
Percentage of DOE 2025 Volumetric Target (%)	124.6804

- Separate models for mass-of-usable-H₂-constrained and system-volume-constrained design tools
- Models based on thermodynamics and heat transfer only; no kinetics or mass transfer included

Excel-Based Cryo-Adsorbent Stand-Alone Design Tools

VOLUME			RUN UNILAN	Clear Results	Description		
Values	Units	Comments			Name	Units	
Pi	1.00E+07 Pa	Initial/Full tank pressure					Output values
Pf	5.00E+05 Pa	Final/Empty tank pressure			Total hydrogen stored	H2stored	kg_H2
Ti	80 K	Initial/Full tank temperature			Usable hydrogen	H2usable	kg_H2
Tf	160 K	Final/Empty tank temperature			Total H2 Storage System Mass	System_mass	kg
System_Vol	267.6779 L	Target system total volume			Total Projected H2 Storage System Cost	System_Cost	\$
type_Ads	2	Type of adsorbent/HX: 1) None (compressed H2)?, 2) Powder/HexCell, 3) Compact/MATI			System-based gravimetric capacity	Grav_Cap	g_H2/g_sys
Temp_Op	3	Operating Temperature: 1) Room temperature, 2) Cold Operation, 3) Cryogenic Operation			System-based volumetric capacity	Vol_Cap	g_H2/L_sys
Add_Cool	0	Additional Coolant Lines (1) if present			Overall system rank based on mass, volume, and cost (better systems have higher values)"	Rank	
Emax	5040.27 J/mol_H2	UNILAN Parameter -- Maximum isosteric heat					Input values
Emin	1061.55 J/mol_H2/K	UNILAN Parameter -- Minimum isosteric heat			Initial/Full tank pressure	Pi	bar
nmax	67.75003 mol_H2/kg_ads	UNILAN Parameter -- Maximum H2 loading per mass of adsorbent			Initial/Full tank temperature	Ti	K
Va	0.0014039 m³/kg_ads	UNILAN Parameter -- Adsorbed volume per mass of adsorbent			Final/Empty tank pressure	Pf	bar
Vv	0.00725 m³/kg_ads	UNILAN Parameter -- Void volume per mass of adsorbent			Final/Empty tank temperature	Tf	K
rho_ads	130 kg_ads/m³	Bulk Density of the MOF-5			Total H2 Storage System Volume	System_vol	L
k	0.3 W/m/K	Thermal conductivity of the adsorbent			Type of adsorbent/HX: 1) Powder/HexCell, 2) Compact/MATI	type_Ads	
Cp	780 J/kg/K	Specific Heat of the adsorbent			Operating Temperature: 1) Cryogenic Operation, 2) Room Temperature Operation	Temp_Op	
Ads_Cost	11.8 \$/kg_ads	Projected cost of the adsorbent per unit mass			Additional coolant (1) present	Add_Cool	
Therm	0	LN2 chiller (1) if present			UNILAN Parameter -- Maximum isosteric heat	Emax	J/mol_H2
HemDbl	0	Hemispherical (1) or oblate (#1) endcaps			UNILAN Parameter -- Minimum isosteric heat	Emin	J/mol_H2/K
Vessel	1	Vessel only (0) or full sizing (#0)			UNILAN Parameter -- Maximum H2 loading per mass of adsorbent	nmax	mol_H2/kg_ads
TType	4	Type of pressure vessel: 1 = Aluminum Type 1 2 = 316 Stainless Steel Type 1 3 = Aluminum + CF Type 3 4 = SS + CF Type 3 5 = Plastic + CF Type 4			UNILAN Parameter -- Adsorbed volume per mass of adsorbent	Va	m³/kg_ads
					UNILAN Parameter -- Void volume per mass of adsorbent	Vv	m³/kg_ads
					Bulk Density of the MOF-5	rho_ads	kg_ads/m³
					Thermal conductivity of the adsorbent	k	W/m/K
					Specific Heat of the adsorbent	Cp	J/kg/K
					Projected cost of the adsorbent per unit mass	Ads_Cost	\$/kg_ads
					Presence of LN2 pre-chiller	Therm	

Outputs



Inputs



- Separate tabs for Dubinin-Astakhov (D-A) adsorption theory isotherm and UNILAN isotherm
- Models can evaluate mass-of-usable-H₂-constrained and system-volume-constrained design tools
- Can evaluate materials at cryogenic, cold, and room-temperature conditions

Accomplishments and Progress – Vehicle Framework GUI

The screenshot displays the Hydrogen Vehicle Simulation Framework GUI. Key components are highlighted with red circles and arrows:

- Storage Sizing Tools:** A panel titled "Storage Sizing Tools" with sub-headers "By Usable H2" and "or System Volume". It contains buttons for MH, Adsorbent D-A, Adsorbent Unilan, CH, and Cryo Compressed.
- Material Properties:** A table listing properties for the simulation.
- System Parameters:** A table listing system-level parameters.
- Design Parameters:** A table listing design parameters, with "msys" and "Vsys" circled.
- Buttons:** "Run System Design" and "Design Documentation" are circled at the bottom.
- Results Table:** A small table in the bottom-left corner showing simulation results.

Material Properties Table:

f_H2	0.11
f_inert	0.1
kbed	9
rho_cry	851
f_void	0.3
rho_inert	2100
dH_rxn1	-42000
dS_rxn1	-124
dH_rxn2	-51134
dS_rxn2	-134.86
beta_rxn1	1
beta_rxn2	1.5

System Parameters Table:

dmH2	5.6
r	0.01
th_tube	0.00089
dT	45
PH2hi	100
PH2lo	5
HemObl	1
Type	1
Loverd	0
Ltank_in	1.88
dtank_in	0
dt	300
eff_comb	0.7

Design Parameters Table:

msys	202.397
Vsys	0.190415
burn	2
dmburn	2.17697
D_tank	0.348685
L_tank	1.91238
ntubes	27
m_total_HM	77.7697
sysrhofrac	61.4852
volrhofrac	98.0316
flag	Percentage of DOE 2020 Gravimetri
d_pipe_OD	0.02
d_pipe_ID	0.01822
gap_cooltube	0.06
TH2hi	147.778

Results Table (Bottom-Left):

Variable	Value	Unit
Mass in feed tank	77.5623	kg
Datlast volume	0.014067	m³
Fraction CH in feed	0.5	-
Pressure setpoint	25	bar
Length reactor	0.403	m
Length liquid radiator	1.63467	m

Accomplishments and Progress – Adsorbent System Design Tool in the Framework

System Volume Input and Mass Output

Storage Sizing Tools

By Usable H2 or System Volume

MH	MH
Adsorbent D-A	Adsorbent D-A
Adsorbent Unilan	Adsorbent Unilan
CH	CH
Cryo Compressed	Cryo Compressed

Ads_SystemDesignGUI

Load System

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Save

Name: Cryoadsorbent

Description: Cryoadsorbent system based on MOF-5. Cooling during refuel is done either with a microchannel heat exchanger (MATI) or with flow-through of cold gas.

Inputs

Pi	1e+07
Pf	500000
Ti	80
Tf	160
System_Vol	267.678
type_Ads	2
Temp_Op	3
Add_Cool	0
Emax	5040.27
Emin	1061.55
nmax	67.75
Va	0.00140392
Vv	0.0073
rho_ads	130
k	0.3
Cp	780
Ads_Cost	11.8
Therm	0
HemObl	0
Vessel	1
TType	4

Results:

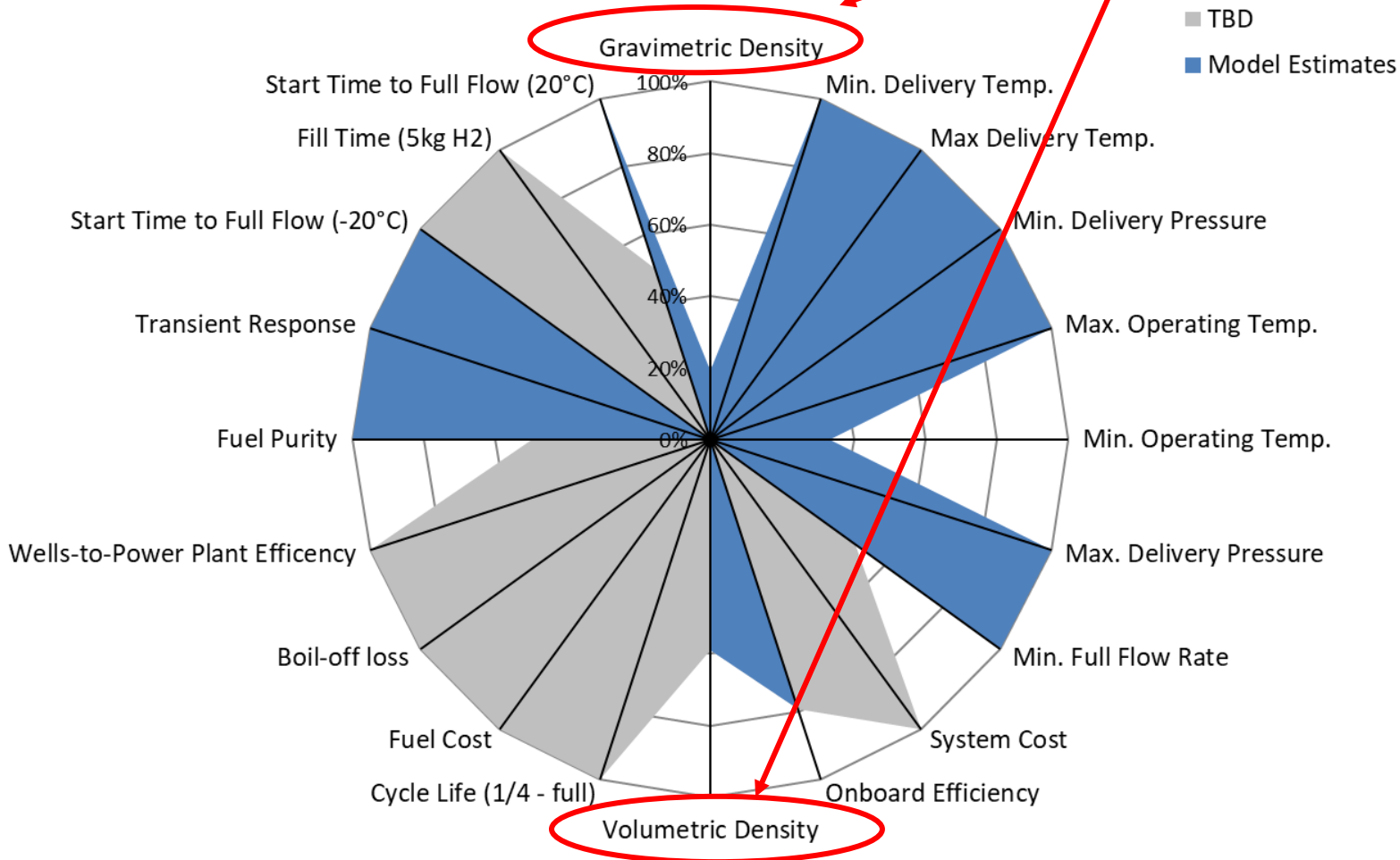
Results:	Output values	
H2stored	5.7187 kg_H2	Total hydrogen stored
H2usable	5.6043 kg_H2	Usable hydrogen
System_mass	151.5204 kg	Total H2 Storage System Mass
System_Cost	3.3600e+03 \$	Total Projected H2 Storage System Cost
Grav_Cap	0.0370 g_H2/g_sys	System-based gravimetric capacity
Vol_Cap	20.9367 g_H2/L_sys	System-based volumetric capacity
Rank	6.5186	Overall system rank based on mass, volume, and cost (better s
Input values		
Pi	100 bar	Initial/Full tank pressure
Ti	80 K	Initial/Full tank temperature
	5.5000 bar	Final/Empty tank pressure
Tf	160 K	Final/Empty tank temperature
System_Vol	267.6779 L	Target H2 Storage System Volume
type_Ads	2	Type of adsorbent/HX: 1) None? 2) Powder/HexCell, 3) Comp
Temp_Op	3	Operating Temperature: 1) Room Temperature Operation, 2) Col
Add_Cool	0	Additional coolant (1) present
Emax	5.0403e+03 J/mol_H2	D.A. Parameter -- Enthalpic contribution to the characeristic free
Emin	1.0616e+03 J/mol_H2/K	D.A. Parameter -- Entropic contribution to the characeristic free
nmax	67.7500 mol_H2/kg_ads	D.A. Parameter -- Maximum H2 loading of the entire adsorption
Va	0.0014 m^3/kg_ads	D.A. Parameter -- Adsorbed volume per mass of adsorbent
Vv	0.0073 m^3/kg_ads	D.A. Parameter -- Void volume per mass of adsorbent
rho_ads	130 kg_ads/m^3	D.A. Parameter -- Bulk Density of the MOF-5
k	0.3000 W/m/K	Thermal conductivity of the adsorbent
Cp	780 J/kg/K	Specific Heat of the adsorbent
Ads_Cost	11.8000 \$/kg_ads	Projected cost of the adsorbent per unit mass

Buttons: Run System Design, Save Results to Excel, Create Model File, System Diagram, Exit, Design Documentation, General Documentation

Accomplishments and Progress – Models Provide Input to Spider Charts

NaAlH₄ Estimates

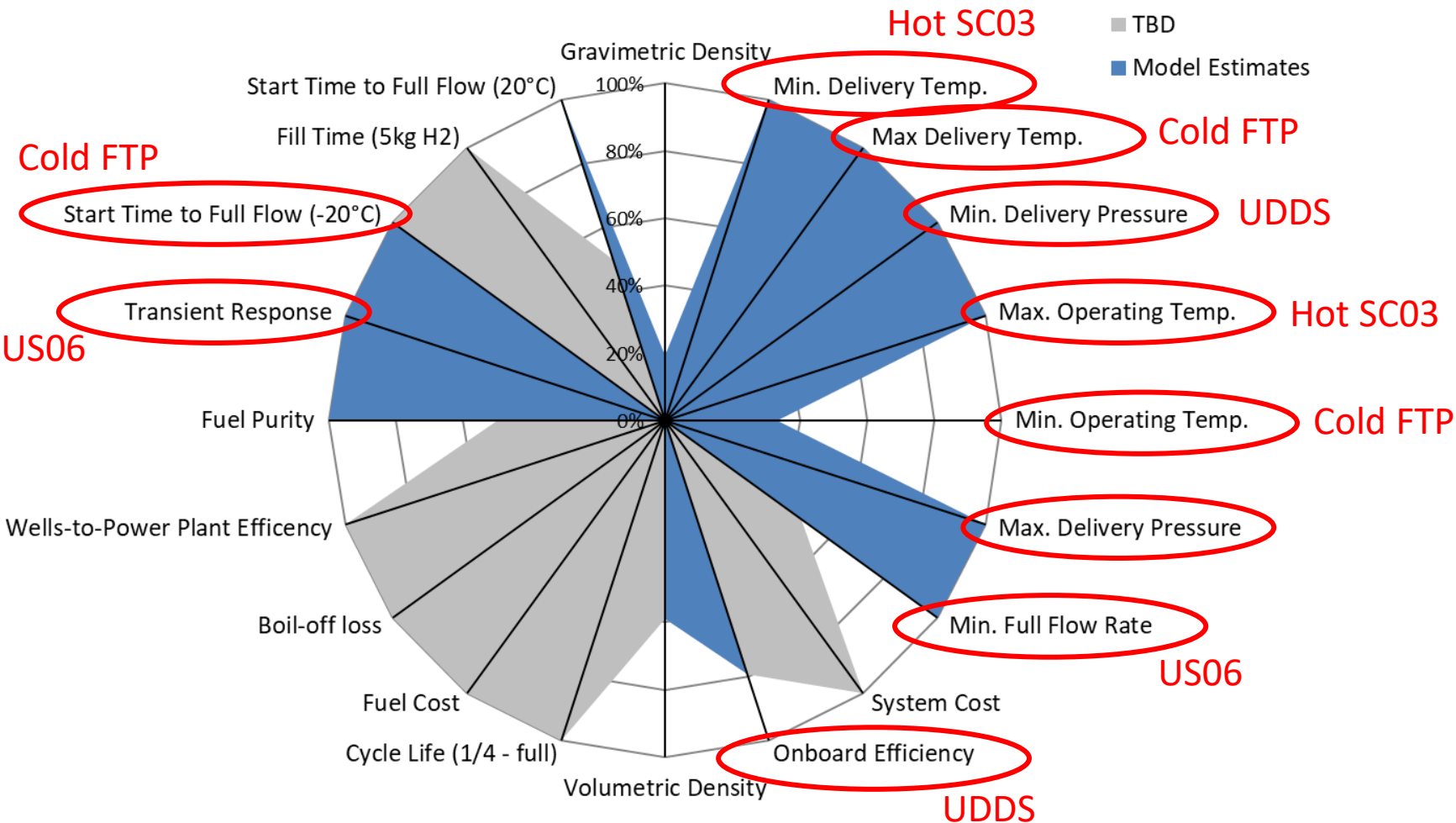
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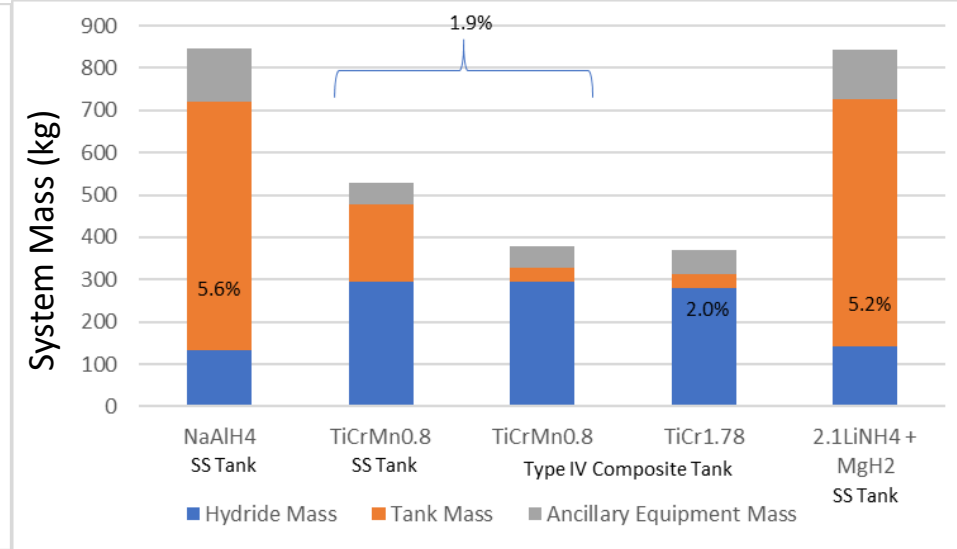
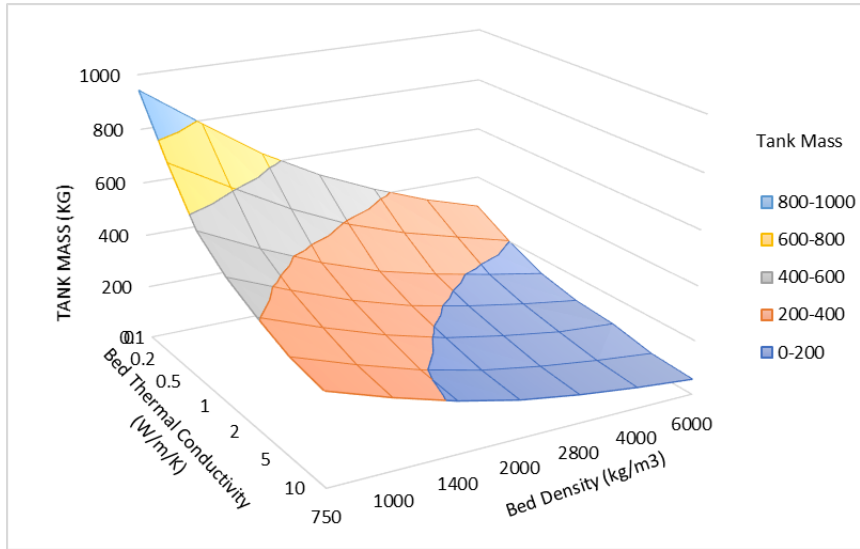
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NaAlH₄ Estimates

Information provided by Framework Model using available drive cycles

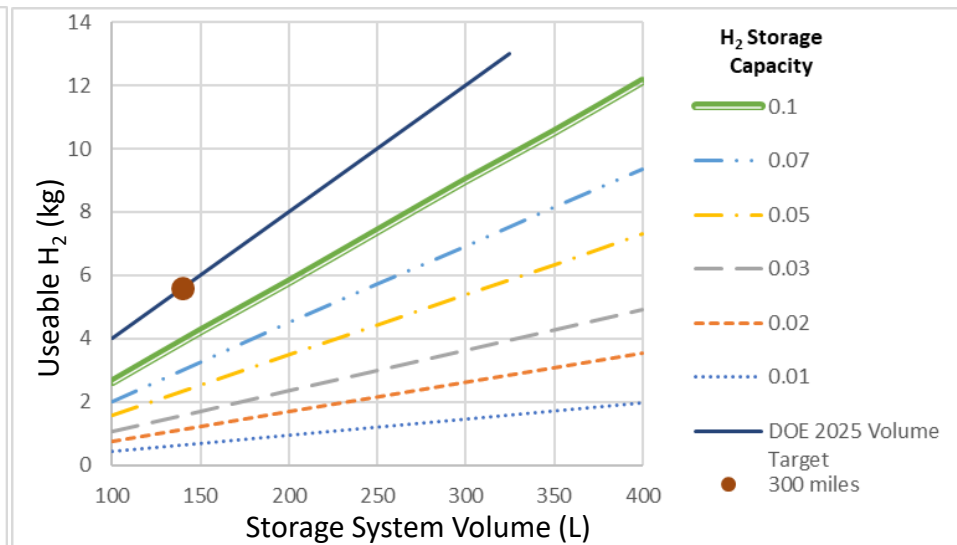
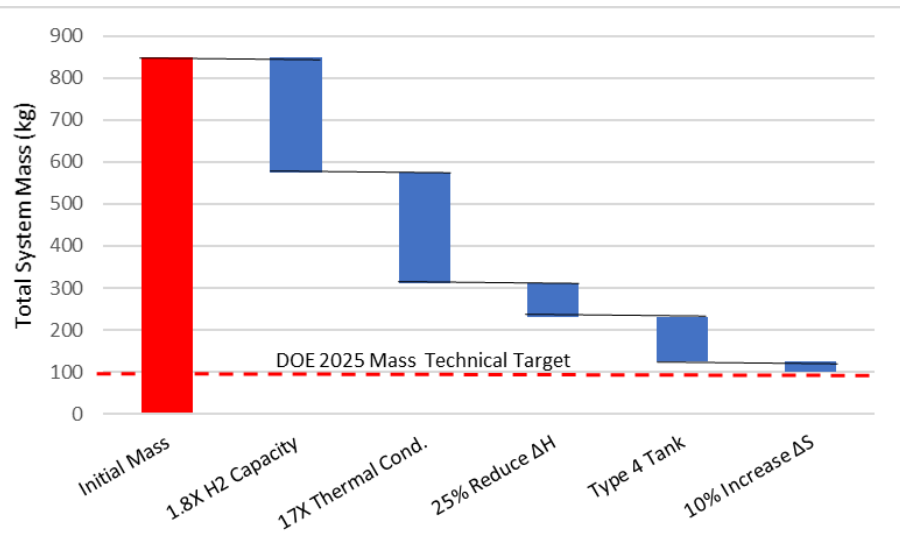


Accomplishments and Progress – Exercise Models



Thermal Conductivity vs. Bed Density on Tank Mass

Impact of Metal Hydrides on System Mass



Approach to Achieving DOE Gravimetric Technical Target

Relationship between Usable H₂ and System Volume

Accomplishments and Progress – Metal Hydride Materials Evaluation

MH Stand-Alone Design Tool Evaluates Promising Materials

Material / Property	Model Input					Model Output							
	hydcap	kbed	rhobed	dH	dS	SysMass	SysVol	Temp	TankMass	HydMass	HydBurn	G-Target	V-Target
ENG Ti-doped NaAlH ₄	0.045	8.96	750	40800	125	612	323	197	400	163	1.77	16.6%	43.2%
TiF ₃ -doped Mg(BH ₄) ₂	0.112	1.43	510	48400	121	566	314	311	415	69.8	2.22	18.0%	44.5%
2LiBH ₄ /MgH ₂	0.097	0.89	550	44200	124	618	348	242	447	78.0	1.97	16.4%	40.1%
Ti-doped LiBH ₄	0.104	0.63	470	73200	120	1297	632	622	1038	93.4	4.11	7.8%	22.1%
KH-doped 2LiNH ₂ -MgH ₂	0.040	2.10	640	39500	119	875	479	216	615	182	1.69	11.6%	29.2%
KH-doped Li ₃ N	0.082	0.96	710	67300	126	897	448	493	665	112	3.60	11.3%	31.2%
6nm-Mg(BH ₄) ₂ @C	0.059	7.33	570	45800	109	666	354	374	483	130	2.06	15.3%	39.5%
6nm-LiBH ₄ @C	0.057	7.06	550	57900	106	904	439	581	694	148	2.86	11.3%	31.9%
6nm-Li ₃ N@C	0.061	8.32	740	42100	114	507	262	283	337	122	1.84	20.1%	53.4%
KH-6nm-Li ₃ N@C	0.064	9.61	760	41700	117	466	241	256	304	116	1.82	21.9%	58.1%

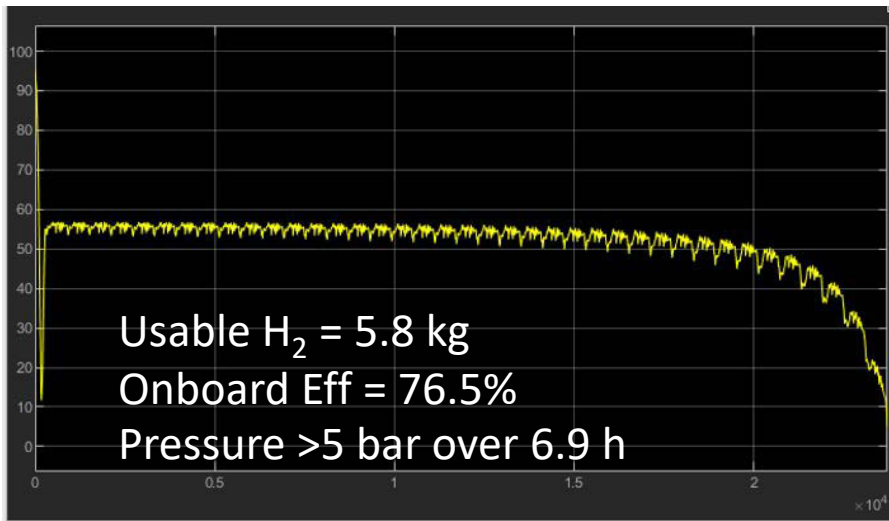
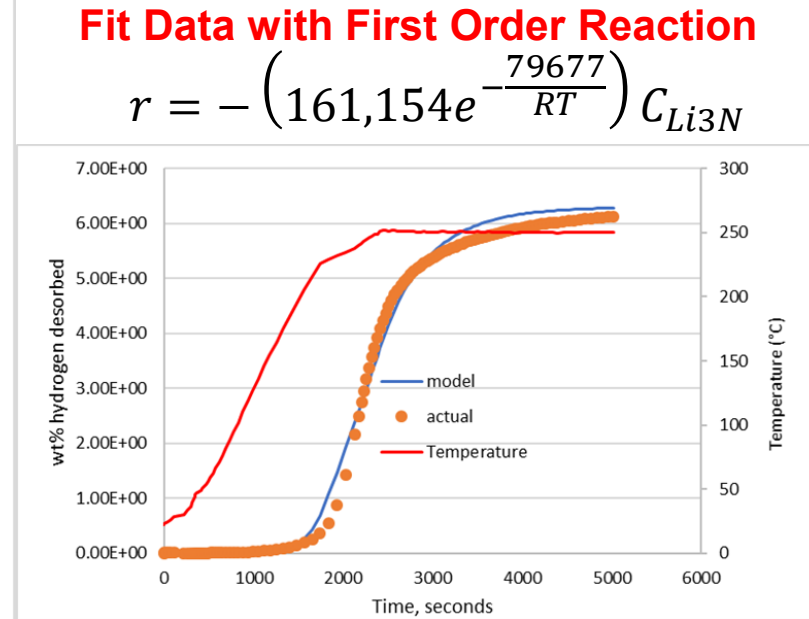
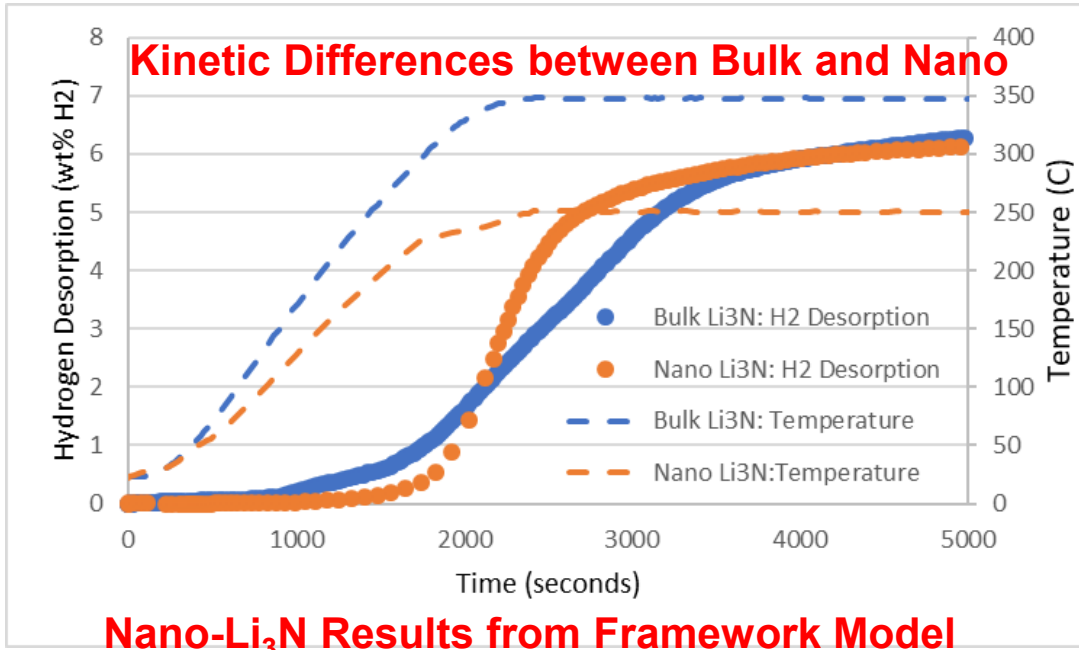
Bulk Materials Nano Materials

Learning: Nanoscale materials have higher system gravimetric and volumetric capacity in spite of lower hydrogen storage capacity

- Improved ΔH and ΔS result in significantly reduced operating temperature, reducing tank mass and hydrogen burned
- Improved thermal conductivity improves heat transfer during refueling and reduces the number of coolant tubes required

Accomplishments and Progress – Metal Hydride Materials Evaluation

Framework Model Compares Nanoscaled vs. Bulk Materials

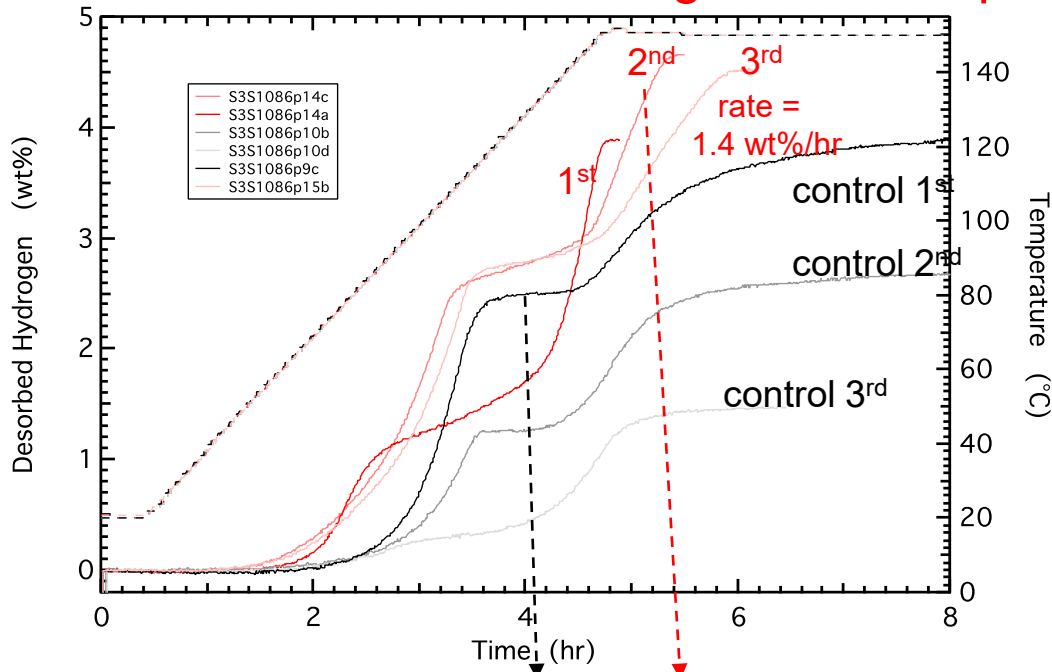


Learning: Nanoscaled Li₃N has fast enough kinetics and low enough temperatures to allow all drive cycles to be met; bulk Li₃N does not

- *Bulk Li₃N reaction does not initiate for any of the drive cycles*

Accomplishments and Progress – Metal Hydride Materials Evaluation

MH Stand-Alone Design Tool Compares Two Forms of NaAlH_4



- HRL is evaluating NaAlH_4 milled with 0.03TiCl_3 mixed 50:50 wt % with diglyme.
- This mixture has faster kinetics and reaches complete conversion sooner than the control without diglyme.

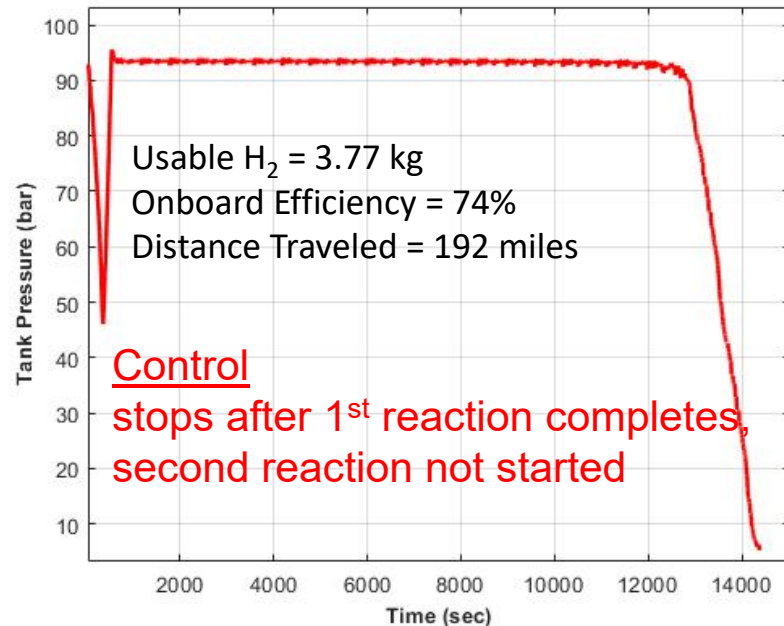
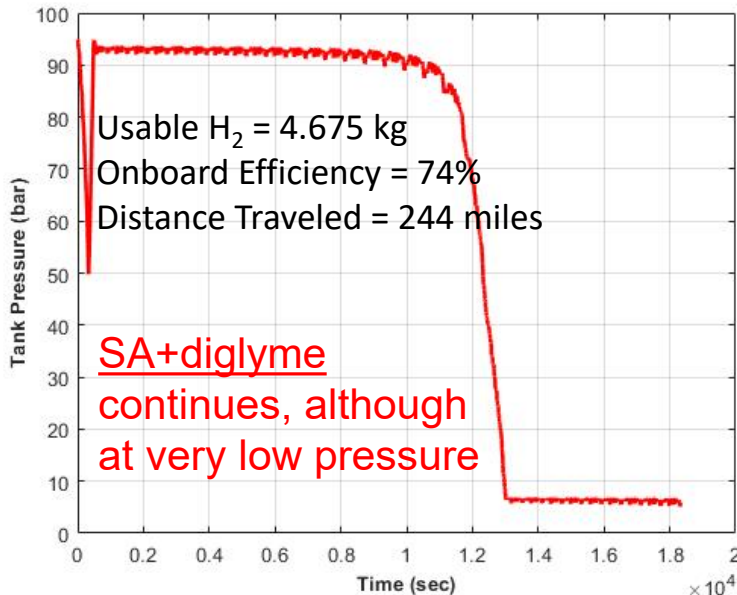
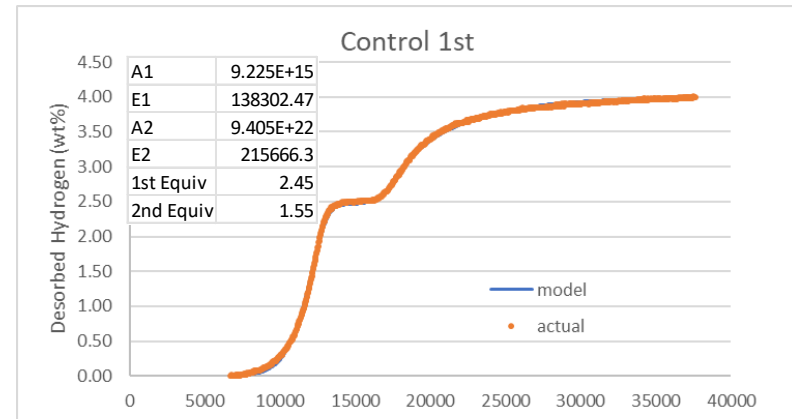
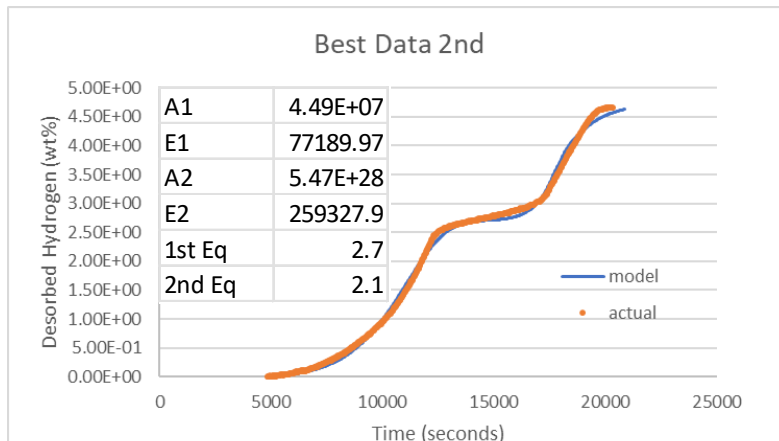
	Control	Best 2 nd	Best 2 nd with higher k
Useable Hydrogen Capacity	0.04	0.048	0.048
Inert Fraction	0	0.2	0.2
Bed Thermal Conductivity (W/m/K)	1	1	2
System mass (kg)	678	680	622
System volume (m ³)	0.315	0.317	0.290
Mass H ₂ Burned (kg)	1.63	1.66	1.66
Tank Outer Diameter (m)	0.475	0.476	0.461
Tank Length (m)	1.83	1.83	1.77
Total Hydride Mass (kg)	181	181	181
Tank Mass (kg)	408	409	372

2nd: Assuming 20% diglyme and the higher usable H_2 capacity result in nearly the same tank size as Control 1st

An assumed doubling of thermal conductivity reduces system mass and volume by 8.5%

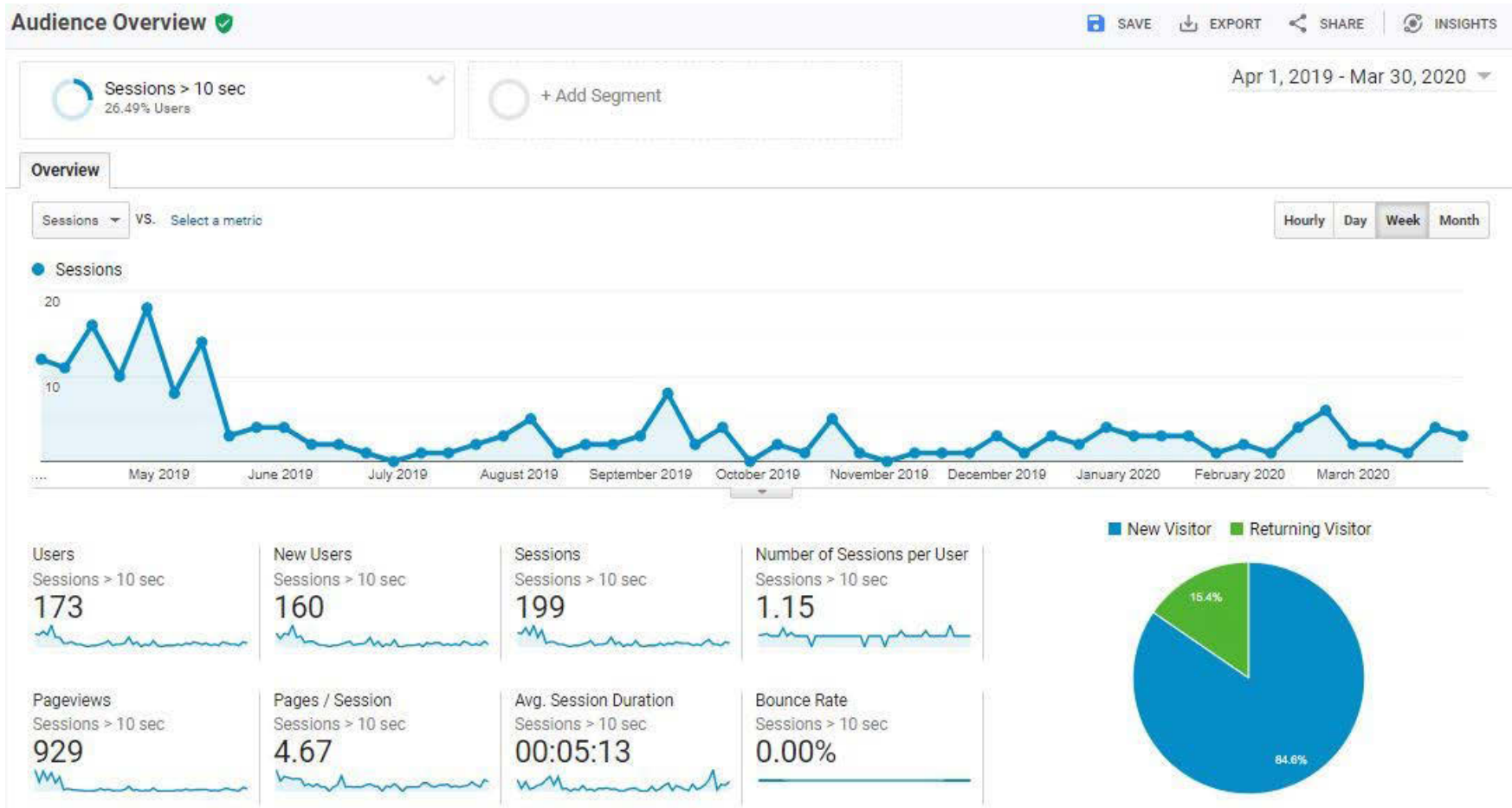
Accomplishments and Progress – Metal Hydride Materials Evaluation

Framework Compares Two Forms of NaAlH_4 , Maximum $T = 160^\circ\text{C}$



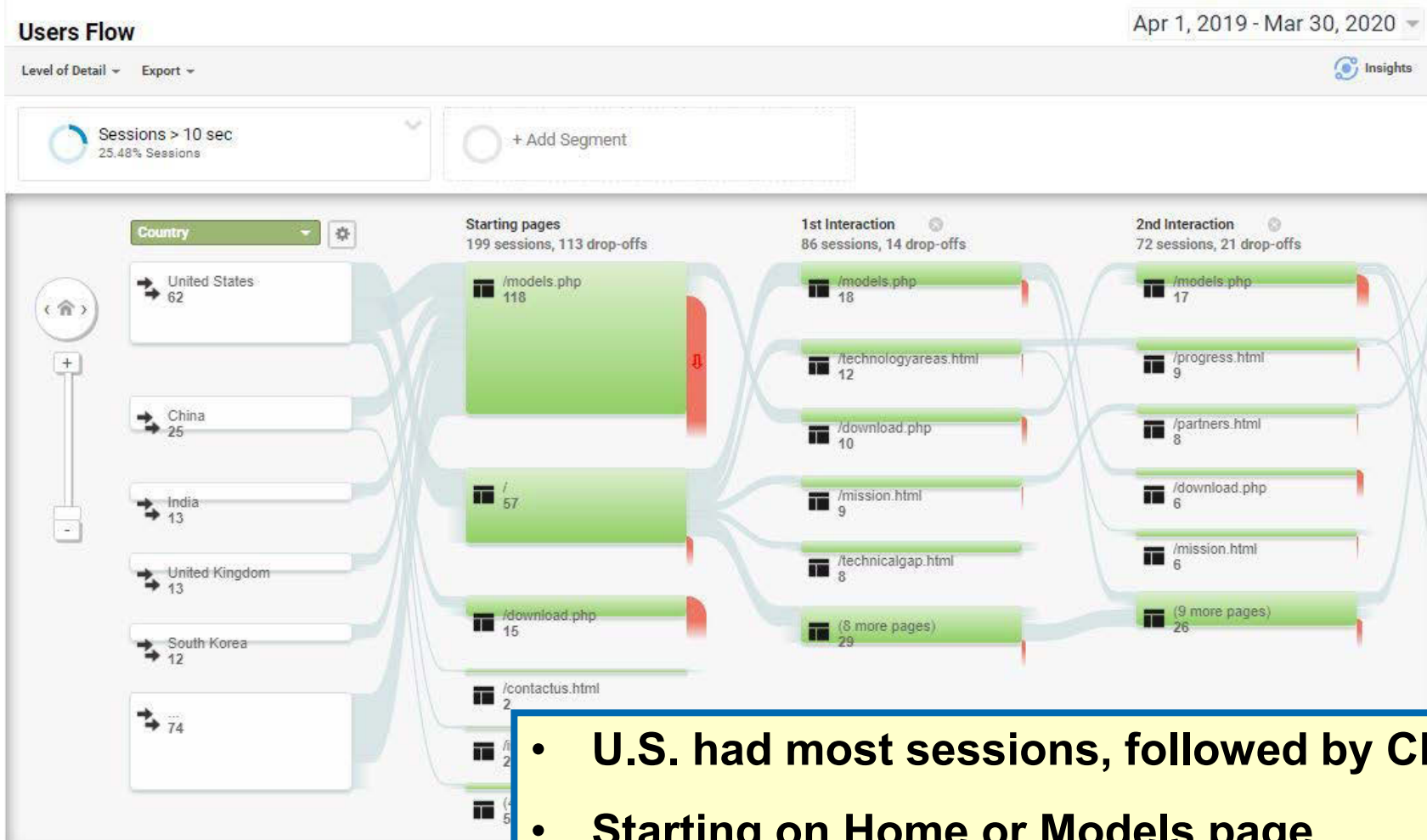
Enhanced material decreases the maximum possible operating temperature with the drive cycles by $5^\circ\text{--}10^\circ\text{C}$

Accomplishments and Progress – Model Website Analytics: Weekly Activity (April 1, 2019–March 30, 2020)



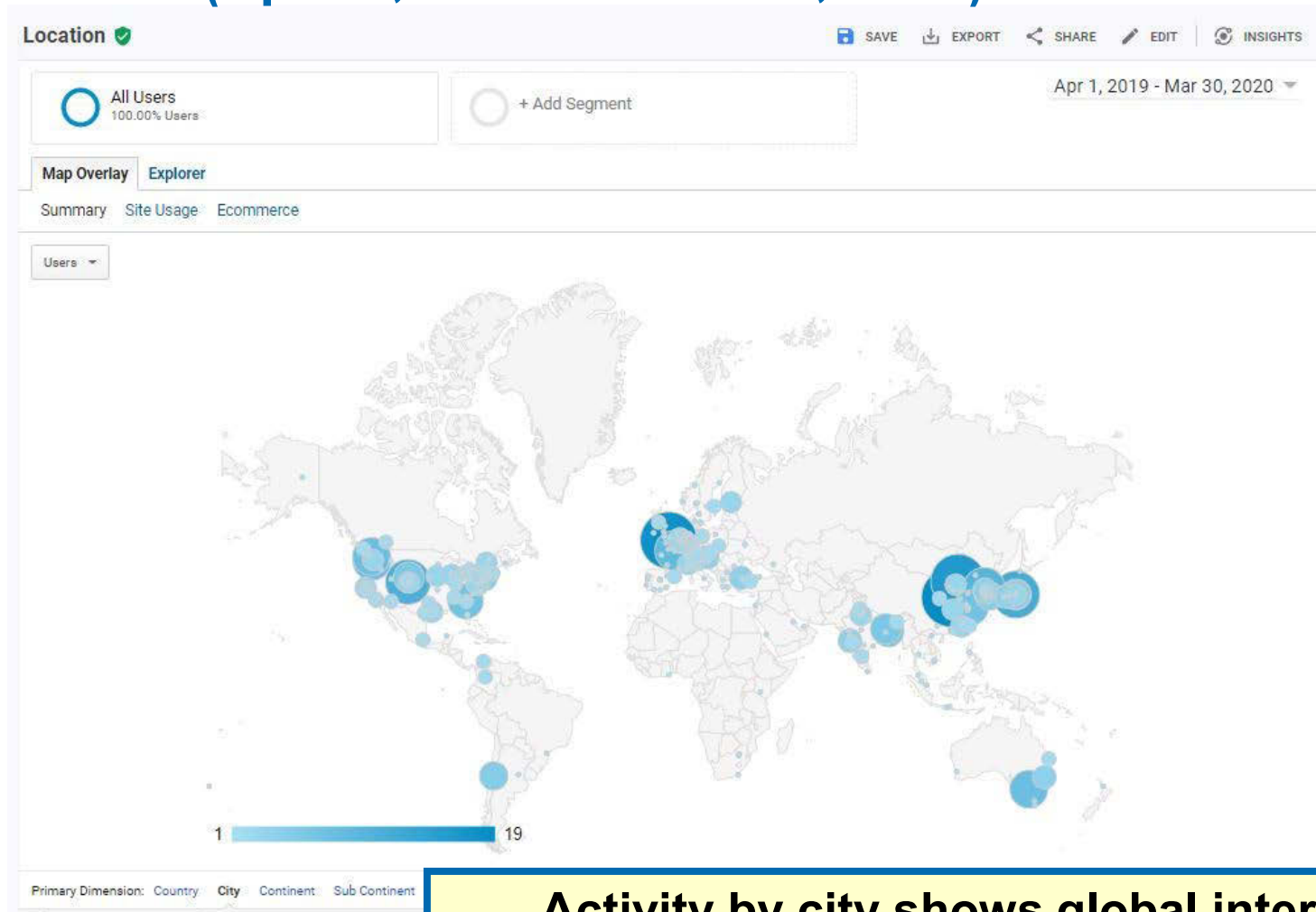
Activity almost every week; 85% of sessions were by new visitors

Accomplishments and Progress – Model Website Analytics: Web Flow (April 1, 2019–March 30, 2020)



- U.S. had most sessions, followed by China
- Starting on Home or Models page
- 1st interaction is mostly on Models page followed by Technology Areas; 2nd interaction is mostly on Models page

Accomplishments and Progress – Model Website Analytics: Locations (April 1, 2019–March 30, 2020)



Activity by city shows global interest in countries and regions including China, Australia, Japan, EU, and others

Accomplishments and Progress – Model Downloads (through March 30, 2020)

MODEL	Total	Totals AMR2019	Additional through 2020Q2
H ₂ Storage Tank Mass and Cost Model	268	241	27
MHAE Model	75	66	9
MHFE Model	121	107	14
Vehicle Simulator Framework Model	192	165	27
CH System Design Stand-Alone	44	31	13
Adsorbent System Design Stand-Alone	56	30	26
MH System Design by Usable H ₂	5	-	5
MH System Design by System Volume	4	-	4

Most downloads are for *Tank Mass and Cost Model* and *Vehicle Simulator Model*

Collaboration and Coordination

Organization	Relationship	Type	Responsibility
NREL	Team Member	National Lab	Update website and framework
SRNL	Team Member	National Lab	Adsorbent and compressed gas modeling
PNNL	Team Member	National Lab	Chemical hydrogen and metal hydride modeling
Ford	Consultant	Industry	Beta testing, fuel cell model, adsorption data
University of Michigan	Material Developer	Academia	Adsorption data
University of California Berkeley	Material Developer	Academia	Adsorption data
HyMARC Seedling—Liox	Material Developer	National Lab/ Collaboration	Metal hydride data
HyMARC—Sandia	Material Research	National Lab/ Collaboration	Metal hydride data

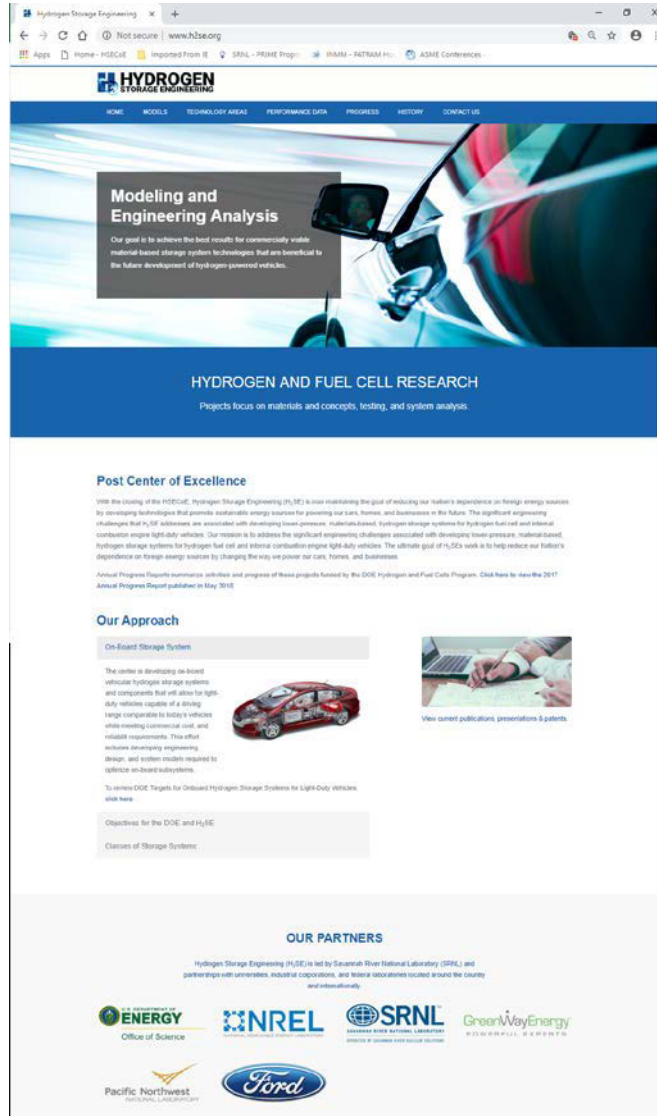
Proposed Future Work – FY20 Milestones and Next Steps

Deliverable	Due	
FY20-Q1	Provide update related to HyMARC collaboration and application of models and post new Framework Model version, including Excel version for all Stand-Alone Models.	Complete
FY20-Q2	Provide update on web portal activity—website hits and time on site, website use locations, and model downloads.	Complete
FY20-Q3	SMART Milestone: Update framework storage, fuel cell, and vehicle models to accommodate medium-duty (vocational, class 4–6) and heavy-duty (line-haul, class 8) vehicle platforms in addition to the existing midsize passenger car option. This will also include the modification of the Framework Model test cases to include up to three additional cases based on representative medium- and heavy-duty drive cycles (e.g., heavy-duty UDDS, HHDDT, HTUF-4, NY Comp. or CBD).	6/30/2020
FY20-Q4	Submit at least two of the following three journal articles: (1) New framework paper—demonstrate models by exercising them using available HyMARC material data, (2) paper related to the sensitivity analysis and develop hierarchy of parameters to adjust to assist material developers, and (3) paper on the tank mass and volume estimator (i.e., Tankinator).	9/30/2020

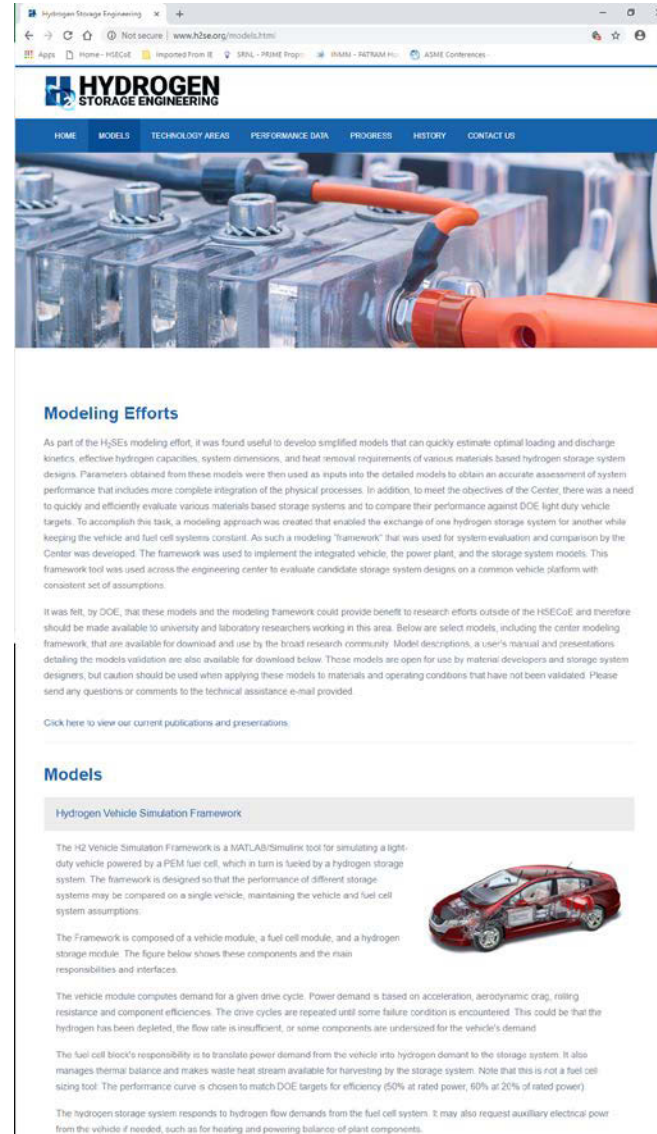
Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels

Technology Transfer Activities – Updated HSECoE Model Website

HSECoE website: <http://hsecoe.org/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Hydrogen Storage Engineering website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: HOME, MODELS, TECHNOLOGY AREAS, PERFORMANCE DATA, PROGRESS, HISTORY, CONTACT US. The main banner features the text "Modeling and Engineering Analysis" and "HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL RESEARCH". Below the banner, there is a section titled "Post Center of Excellence" and "Our Approach". The "Our Approach" section includes a sub-section for "On-Board Storage System" with a small image of a car and a person working on a laptop. At the bottom, there is a "OUR PARTNERS" section listing various organizations like NREL, SRNL, GreenWayEnergy, and Ford.



The screenshot shows the "Modeling Efforts" page of the Hydrogen Storage Engineering website. The header is identical to the homepage. The main content area is titled "Modeling Efforts" and contains several paragraphs of text. The first paragraph discusses the development of simplified models for estimating optimal loading and discharge kinetics. The second paragraph describes the modeling approach used for system evaluation. The third paragraph mentions the use of the modeling framework for research efforts outside the HSECoE. The fourth paragraph provides contact information for technical assistance. Below the text, there is a section titled "Models" with a sub-section for "Hydrogen Vehicle Simulation Framework" and a small image of a car.

Summary

Relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide materials-based hydrogen storage researchers with models and materials requirements to assess their material's performance in an automotive application.
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve stand-alone model and framework utility by bridging the gap between the information generated by the materials researcher and the DOE Technical Targets.
Technical Accomplishments and Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stand-alone tools have been developed in Microsoft Excel as a replacement for MATLAB and placed on the modeling website. These models allow easier use by the hydrogen storage community.• Stand-alone tools and framework have been used to evaluate materials for HyMARC and help better understand the benefits (or not) of new materials.
Collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project team includes NREL, SRNL, and PNNL.• Consultants from industry participate in team meetings and provide input.• Material developers from HyMARC and academia provide new material properties.
Proposed Future Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand the use of models by demonstrating their utility with other storage materials and vehicle class options.

Remaining Challenges and Barriers

- Increase the use of the models by material developers
 - *Expand the researcher base that uses the models*
 - *Simplify the model use for nonmodelers*
- Increase the use of the models by systems engineers
 - *Potential expansion of the model capabilities to other vehicle classes and system platforms*
- Demonstrate the models' utility to other researchers
 - *Applying the models to their applications*
- Find available data to validate the models
- Reverse engineering—using the models to better inform materials developers of what properties are most important

Publications and Presentations

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Responses to Previous Year Reviewers' Comments

- ***This project was not reviewed last year***

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