

Hydrogen Infrastructure Analysis for Port Applications

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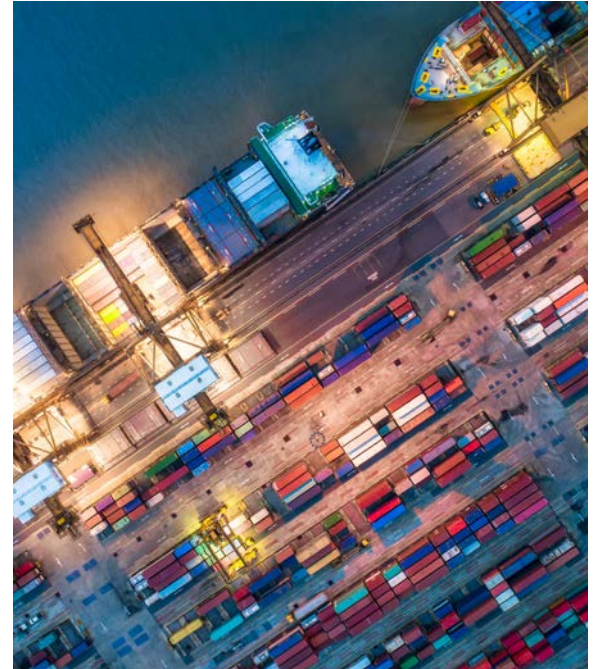
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Introduction

Objectives

- To perform an energy analysis on the port system
- To take a holistic approach and view the port as an entire ecosystem that functions as a transportation and energy node
- To address existing data gaps by evaluating five representative port types, determining the potential for using hydrogen in each of them, and developing a comprehensive view for future analysis efforts
- To classify the ports into reference cases with scaling factors for the relative size of port operations and applications
- To provide reference port data to the U.S. Department of Energy for future use, potentially as baselines for analysis and the development of demonstration programs



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Tasks

Task 1: Reference ports and technology readiness of equipment	Task 2: Energy and infrastructure analysis	Task 3: Model development and validation linking equipment inventory with energy demand and capacity metrics	Task 4: Zero and near-zero emission fuel supply at ports
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify reference ports• Access technology and commercial readiness levels of each piece of equipment for conversion to hydrogen-battery hybrids or battery electric equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand inventory of equipment at ports to apply to reference ports• Advance hydrogen integration and electrification strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and validate an adaptive model linking equipment inventory with energy demand and capacity metrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate zero and near-zero emission fuel production and bunkering (refueling of cargo vessels) at ports

Task 1: Reference Ports and Technology Readiness of Equipment

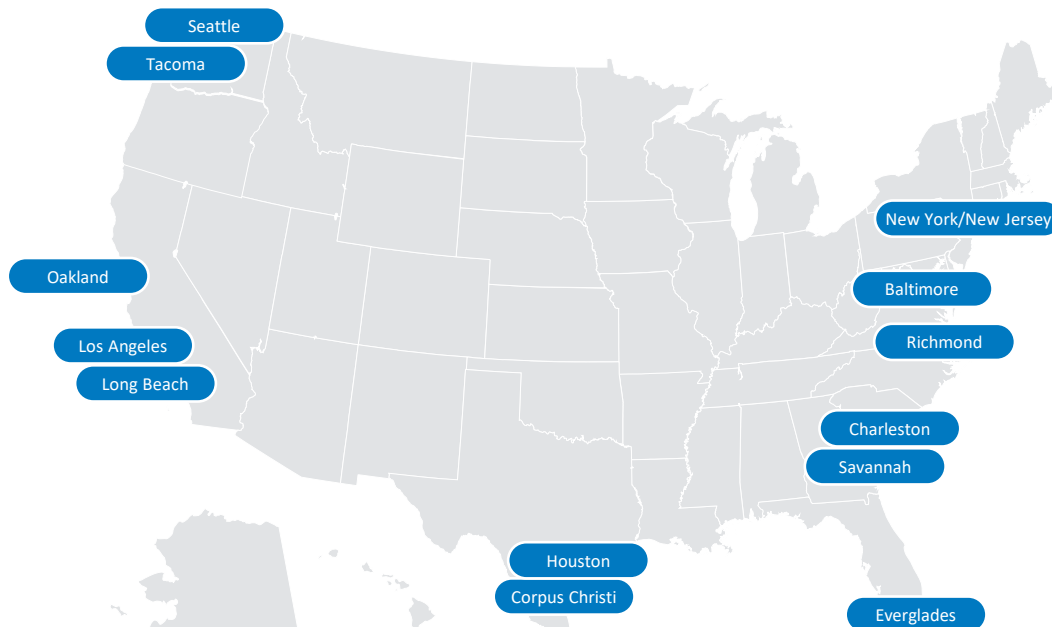
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Selection Process

Screening criteria for identifying the reference ports:

- Recently published emissions inventory reports
- Cargo handling inventory
- Inventory of ocean-going vessels visiting the port (shore power)
- Data on cargo throughput by type

U.S. ports with published emissions inventories



Source: EPA. Best Port-wide Planning Practices to Improve Air Quality.

<https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative/best-port-wide-planning-practices-improve-air-quality#clean-air>

Bulk Handling Terminals

A bulk handling port specializes in efficiently managing large quantities of unpackaged, homogeneous cargo like grains and ores. These ports are equipped with specialized machinery, such as conveyor systems and bulk cargo cranes, along with streamlined processes to facilitate the rapid loading and unloading of bulk materials.

Dry bulk

Cargo types handled

- Major: Iron ore, coal, grain
- Other: Alumina, phosphate, fertilizers, cement, sand

Equipment used for bulk handling

- Ship loaders/unloaders
- Stacker reclaimers
- Conveyor systems
- Grain elevators
- Yard and warehouse vehicles (tractors, forklifts)
- Auxiliary services: washing, screening, blending, dust control

Liquid bulk

Cargo types handled

- Crude oil, oil products, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas

Equipment used for bulk handling

- Moved mainly by pipeline connected to storage tanks or directly to petrochemical or chemical sites



Bulk handling terminal at the Port of Houston
Figure: Google Earth

Bulk Handling Examples

Port	Twenty-foot equivalent unit, 2022	Cargo, metric tons, 2022	Numbers of terminals	Terminals by cargo type	Key commodities (public and private terminals)	Percentage of CHE* emissions	Percentage of OGV* calls by type
Port Houston	3.3 million	47.7 million	8 (public) 200 (private)	Public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General cargo—3 • Container—2 • Bulk—2 • Multi-modal—1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrochemical exports • Agricultural exports • Steel products • Petcoke, coal, aggregate 	11%	Public 29%—tanker 15%—bulk Private 80%—tanker 7%—bulk
Port Corpus Christi	n/a	170.5 million	38 (public and private)	Public and private <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquid cargo—18 • Dry cargo—9 • Bulk materials—5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude oil, petroleum • Bulk grain (Sorghum) • Iron ore pellets, pet coke, hot briquetted iron, aggregate) • Project cargo, steel pipe, wind turbines 	0.5%	81%—tanker 10%—bulk

*Five mobile source sectors are responsible for the total emissions at a port: cargo-handling equipment (CHE), heavy-duty vehicles, ocean-going vessels (OGV), harbor craft, and locomotives.

Sources: Martin Associates. 2023. *Economic Impact of Houston Ship Channel Activity*. Starcrest Consulting Group & Kristiansson. 2021. *2019 Goods Movement Emissions Inventory*, Starcrest Consulting Group. 2021. *Port of Corpus Christi Authority 2020 Air Emissions Inventory*. , Cargo Report by Commodity. 2022. *Port of Corpus Christi*.

Breakbulk Handling Terminals

A breakbulk handling port specializes in managing diverse cargo with varying shapes and sizes, using versatile equipment like forklifts and cranes. This ensures the effective handling and transfer of individually packed shipments.

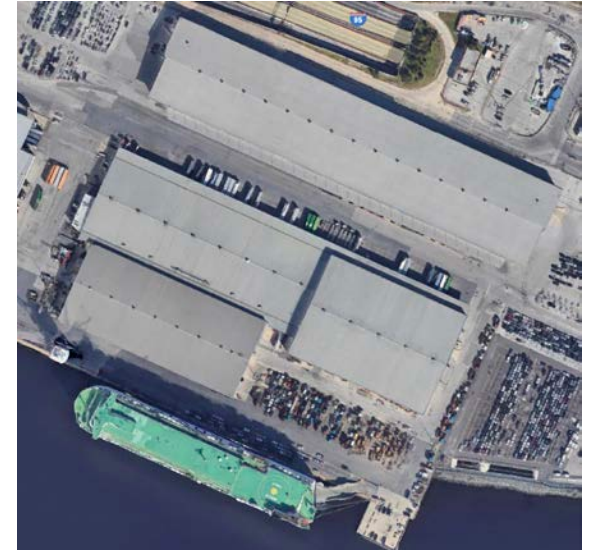
Cargo types handled

- Project cargo, heavy machinery and equipment, steel, and forest products

Equipment used for bulk handling

- Cranes: Quay, floating, level-luffing, mobile cranes, ship's cargo gear
- Forklifts
- Pallet jacks
- Top loaders

Breakbulk terminals are often configured to handle multiple categories of cargo, such as roll-on/roll-off and containers.



Breakbulk terminal at the Port of Baltimore specializing in forest products
Figure: Google Earth

Breakbulk Handling Examples

Port	Twenty-foot equivalent unit, 2022	Cargo, metric tons, 2022	Numbers of terminals	Terminals by cargo type	Key cargo	Percentage of ocean-going vessel calls by type
Port Charleston	2.8 million	n/a	6 (public) 14 (private)	Public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Container—3 • Breakbulk, Ro/Ro—1 • Breakbulk, cruise—1 • General cargo—1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment (brewery tanks, military tanks, wind turbines) • Containerized (furniture sporting, machinery parts, fibers, textiles) 	Public 75%—container 13%—auto carrier 3%—breakbulk
Port of Baltimore	1.1 million	10.9 million	5 (public) 6 (private)	Public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General cargo—2 • Container—1 • Ro/Ro—1 • Forest products—1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autos, roll-on/roll-off • Containers • Forest products • Project cargo 	n/a*

*This information is not included in the emissions report. As of 2015, general cargo calls accounted for 52% of total port calls at the Port of Baltimore.

Greenhouse gas emissions are excluded from the scope of emissions reports for both ports.

Sources: Maryland Port Administration. 2023. General Cargo Monthly Data for the MPA's public terminals. South Carolina Ports Authority. 2023. TEU History. <https://scspa.com/wp-content/uploads/teu-history.pdf>, AECOM. 2018. South Carolina Ports Authority 2017 Air Emissions Inventory, Bureau of Transportation Statistics. 2015. Top 50 U.S. Ports by Port Calls and Vessel Type.

Container Handling Terminals

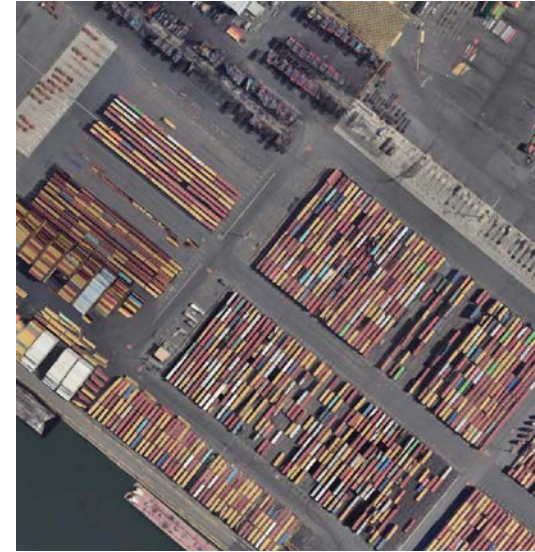
Container handling ports feature well-organized logistics systems for the seamless loading and unloading of shipping containers, using dedicated equipment such as container cranes, reach stackers, and straddle carriers. Standardized containers further enable easy integration with various transportation modes.

Types of containers

- Dry containers (20-foot, 40-foot, 40 high cube)
- Refrigerated containers
- Special dimensioned containers (open top, flat rack)

Equipment used for container handling

- Rubber-tired gantry cranes
- Yard tractors
- Straddle carriers
- Reach stackers
- Top handlers
- Forklifts



Container storage and cargo handling equipment area at the Port Newark Container Terminal within the Port of New York/New Jersey

Figure: Google Earth

Source: Notteboom, T., Pallis, A. and Rodrigue, J.P., 2022. *Port economics, management and policy*. Routledge., MAERSK, A guide to shipping container sizes and types. <https://www.maersk.com/logistics-explained/transportation-and-freight/2023/08/28/freight-container>

Container Handling Examples

Port	Twenty-foot equivalent unit, 2022	Numbers of terminals	Terminals by cargo type	Numbers of pieces of cargo-handling equipment	Major equipment types	Percentage of cargo-handling equipment emissions	Percentage of ocean-going vessel calls by type
Port of Los Angeles	9.9 million	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Container—7 • Liquid bulk—7 • Break bulk—4 • Dry bulk—3 • Passenger—2 • Auto—1 • Multi-use—1 	1,915	Yard tractors (48%)	15%	54%—container 17%—cruise 13%—tanker
Port of Long Beach	9.1 million	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break bulk—5 • Container—6 • Dry bulk—6 • Liquid bulk—5 	1,221	Yard tractors (44%)	12%	43%—container 21%—tanker
Port of New York/New Jersey	9.5 million	6	All 6 are container terminals with capabilities to handle dimensional cargo, breakbulk, in some cases roll-on/roll-off	1,498	Yard tractors (28%), straddle carriers (26%)	20%	75%—container 13%—auto

- Port of Los Angeles—90% of cargo-handling equipment emissions from container terminals
- Port of Long Beach—96% of cargo-handling equipment emissions from container terminals
- Port of New York/New Jersey’s inventory excludes bulk cargo-handling equipment

Sources: Port of Long Beach. 2023. Port of Long Beach Closes 2022 with Second-Busiest Year., Port of Los Angeles. N.d. Interactive Map of Port of Los Angeles Cargo Facilities., Starcrest Consulting Group. 2022. The Port of New York and New Jersey Port Department 2021 Multi-Facility Emissions Inventory, Starcrest Consulting Group. 2023. Port of Los Angeles 2022 Air Emissions Inventory., Starcrest Consulting Group. 2023. Port of Los Beach 2022 Air Emissions Inventory.

Inland Waterway Terminals

Inland waterway ports, which typically receive cargo via barges, feature streamlined logistics systems designed for the efficient transfer of goods along water routes. With specialized infrastructure like lock systems and handling equipment, these ports play a crucial role in connecting coastal ports with inland markets.

Commodities transported domestically via inland waterways

- 14% of crude oil, 3% of coal, 16% of other fuel oils (coal corridor—Ohio River, petrochemical corridor—Mississippi River)
- 60% of grain exports are connected to coastal ports by inland waterways (key routes—Mississippi, Columbia rivers)

Characteristics of an inland port:

- Intermodal terminal
- Connection with a coastal terminal
- Logistical activities



Inland and intracoastal waterways system

Inland Waterway Example

Port	Twenty-foot equivalent unit, 2022	Cargo, metric tons, 2022	Numbers of terminals	Facilities by cargo type	Key cargo handled
Richmond Marine Terminal	73,138	559,912	Satellite port, part of the six terminals within the Port of Virginia	General cargo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Containers (consumer goods)• Reefers (frozen seafood)• Breakbulk (forest products, machinery, project cargo)• Bulk (agriculture)

Sources: The Virginia Port Authority. 2023. *The Fiscal Year 2022 Virginia Economic Impacts of the Port of Virginia*. The City of Richmond. Nd. Richmond Marine Terminal. <https://www.portofvirginia.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/FY-2022-VIRGINIA-ECONOMIC-IMPACTS-042823-2.pdf>, Port of Virginia. 2021. 2065 Master Plan.

Representative inventory of equipment

Representative inventory for each port category (container, bulk, breakbulk handling, inland waterway port) has been developed based on communication with the port authorities, published emissions reports, and mapping programs.

Reference Ports and Respective Mobile Equipment Inventory

Legend



	Container handling	Inland waterway port	Bulk handling port	Breakbulk handling
Representative port	Port of Tacoma	Port of Virginia	Port of Corpus Christi	Port of Charleston
Terminal tractor	✓	✓	✓	
Top handler	✓	✓		
Side handler	✓			
Rubber-tired gantry crane	✓			
Mobile harbor crane		✓	✓	
Heavy-duty forklift	✓	✓	✓	✓
Medium/light-duty forklift		✓	✓	
Reach stacker	✓			
Straddle carrier	✓			
Wheel/skid steer loader			✓	
Backhoe, sweeper			✓	
Crane truck				✓

Framework for powertrain comparison

The following section provides a framework for comparing the fuel cell and battery electric vehicle alternatives based on five characteristics: technology readiness level, refueling time, continuous operational range, energy savings, and energy cost savings compared to baseline diesel equipment.

Framework for Powertrain Comparison

The following characteristics and their value ranges are used to compare the technology status, refueling time, and operational ranges of fuel cell electric (FCE), battery electric, and diesel cargo handling equipment, where:

- Technology readiness level (TRL) (as [defined by Department of Energy office](#)) is based on a literature review
- Refueling/charging for fuel cell/battery electric is based on values reported by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)
- Refueling for diesel is based on fuel tank capacity and average fuel flow rate (gallons per minute)
- Operational range is based on values reported by OEMs or based on battery/storage tank capacity and hourly energy consumption

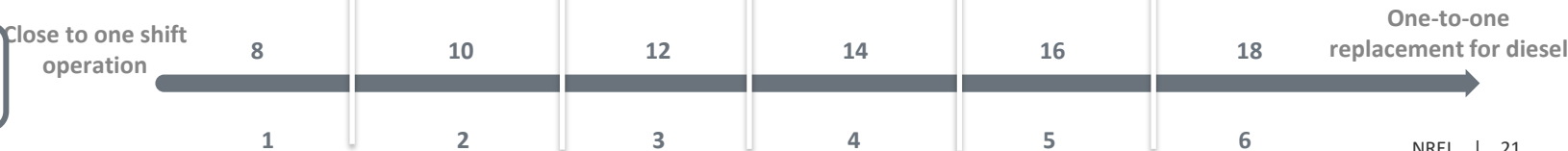
Technology readiness level



Refueling/charging opportunity times per day, hours



Operational range, hours



Powertrain Efficiency and Cost Assumptions

Assumption	Value	Comment
Battery electric powertrain efficiency	94%	Reported peak system efficiency by manufacturers of electric powertrain systems, such as Dana TM4 [1]
Fuel cell powertrain efficiency	60%	Peak proton-exchange membrane fuel cell efficiency, lower heating value [2]
Diesel powertrain efficiency	42%	Brake efficiency of the internal combustion engine used in heavy-duty transportation [3]
Daily operational hours	8	Reference ports' daily operational hours vary from 8 hours to 18 hours; lower bound of 8 hours is used in equipment comparison [4]
Electricity price, \$/kWh	\$0.15, \$0.25, \$0.35*	Low, medium, and high electricity prices, respectively [8]
Hydrogen fuel price, \$/kg	\$4, \$7, \$10	Low, medium, and high hydrogen prices, respectively [5]
Diesel fuel price, \$/gallon (\$/kWh)	\$3.72	Average U.S. ultra low sulfur diesel price in 2024 with subtracted on-road taxes [6]
Refueling time and operational range	n/a	For fuel cell electric and battery electric, we used values reported by original equipment manufacturers. For diesel units, we calculated values based on tank capacity and an assumed refueling rate of 10 gallons per minute

Sources:

[1] Dana TM4, n.d. TM4 Sumo direct-drive electric powertrain systems.

[2] Fuel Cell Technologies Office, 2015. Fuel Cells.

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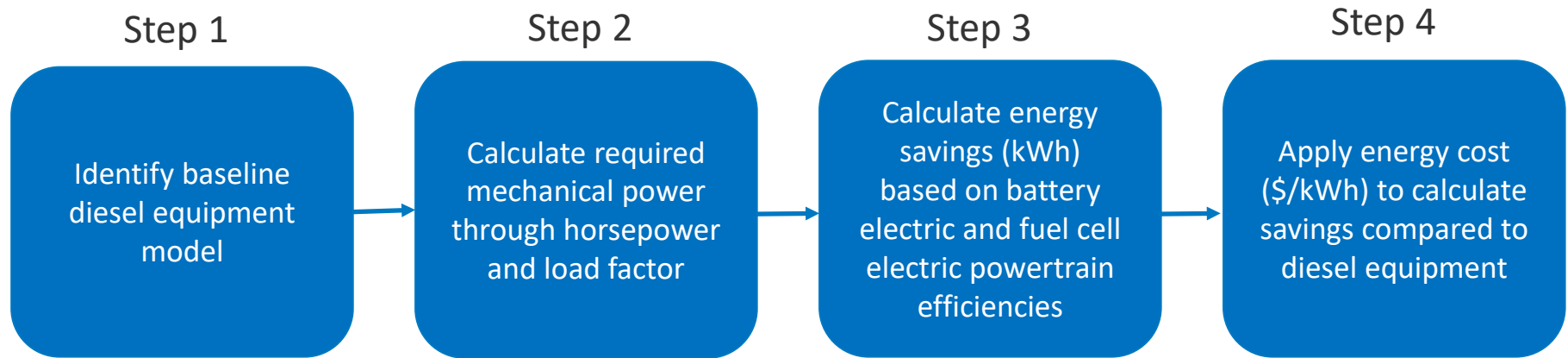
[7] U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2024. Weekly U.S. No 2 Diesel Ultra Low Sulfur (0-15 ppm) Retail Prices (Dollars per Gallon).

[8] Consistent with NL TEA analysis

*as per DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office request

Framework for Powertrain Comparison cont'd

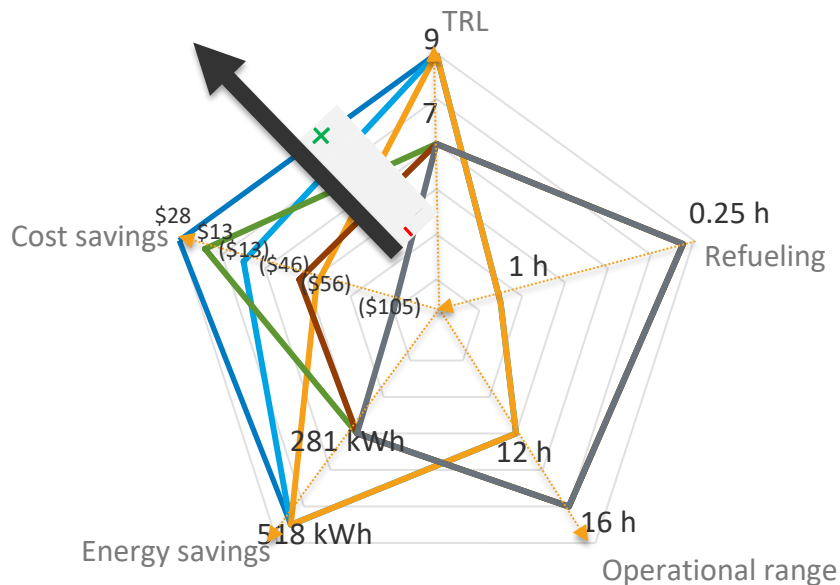
The following steps are used to estimate and compare the energy and fuel cost savings per shift for fuel cell electric, battery electric, and diesel cargo handling equipment.



Interpreting Powertrain Trade-Off Graphic

- Strengths and weaknesses of each powertrain technology are represented on a radar chart
- The graph reflects the sensitivity of cost savings based on low, mid, and high scenarios for both battery electric (BE) and fuel cell electric (FCE) relative to diesel, as shown in legend. Please refer to low, medium and high energy and hydrogen associated costs in slide 22. Note that upfront cost differences are not considered.
- **The further away from the center the variable is, the more competitive it is with diesel.**

Legend: BE - low BE - mid BE - high
 FCE - low FCE - mid FCE - high



Interpretation of sample graphic:
 FCE has a competitive refueling and operational range, while BE technology is commercialized and provides significant cost savings.

Sample Graphic

Legend	Container handling	Inland waterway port	Bulk handling port	Breakbulk handling
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Legend



Technology and commercial readiness of equipment types

The following section provides the summary of operational characteristics for each powertrain, as well as an overview of equipment functions and relevant hydrogen projects. The section concludes with an overview of the hydrogen refueling infrastructure required to support equipment operations.

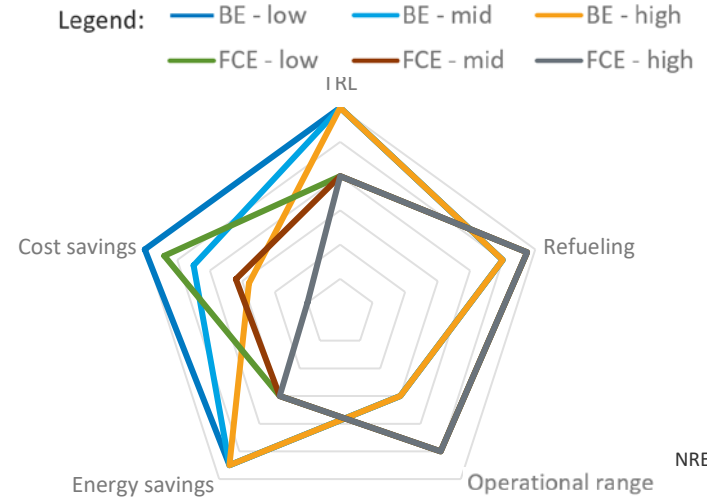
Terminal Tractor



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Powertrain	Technology readiness level	Charging/refueling time, hours	Operational range, hours	Approximate energy consumption, kWh/shift	Approximate energy cost— <u>low</u> , \$/shift	Approximate energy cost— <u>mid</u> , \$/shift	Approximate energy cost— <u>high</u> , \$/shift
Diesel	9	0.08	20	936		\$92	
BE	9	1	12	418	\$64	\$105	\$147
FCE	7	0.25	17	655	\$79	\$138	\$197

- Port-side terminal tractors are used to move containers and semitrailers within the cargo yard.*
- Hydrogen demonstrations at the Port of Los Angeles (GTI Energy, two units, 2019–2022), ongoing project at the Port of Valencia (ATENA, one unit, 2023–2024) and future demonstration at the Port of Hamburg (Hyster-Yale, 2024)
 - Units are typically battery-dominant where fuel cells act as “range extenders,” hydrogen storage onboard <16 kg
- Port category applicability





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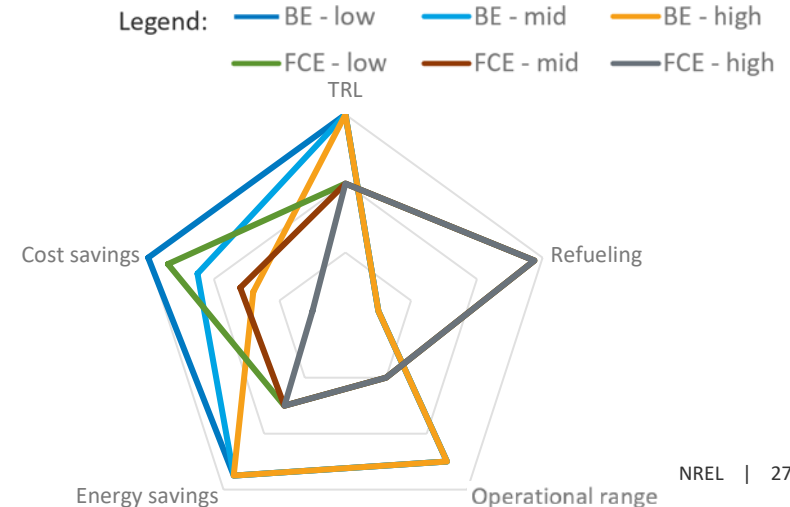
Loaded container handler



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Powertrain	Technical readiness level	Charging/refueling time, hours	Operational range, hours	Approximate energy consumption, kWh/shift	Approximate energy cost—low, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—mid, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—high, \$/shift
Diesel	9	0.3	42	2,168	\$214		
Battery electric	9	5	8**	969	\$145	\$242	\$339
Fuel cell electric	7	0.25	8-10	1,518	\$182	\$319	\$455

- Loaded container handlers use an overhead attachment on a straight mast to move and stack heavy containers within a terminal.*
- Hydrogen demonstration includes a 52-ton top-pick delivered by Hyster-Yale to the Port of Los Angeles (one unit, 2018–2022)
 - Powered by two 45 kW fuel cells and a 130 kWh Li-ion battery, 28 kg of onboard storage @350 bar
 - Performed successfully in lighter applications
- Port category applicability  



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Hyster-Yale Materials Handling. Transforming the way the world moves materials from Port to Home. 2022 Annual Report. 2023.

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**OEM defines the range as two-full shift run time (under normal work cycles). One full shift given.

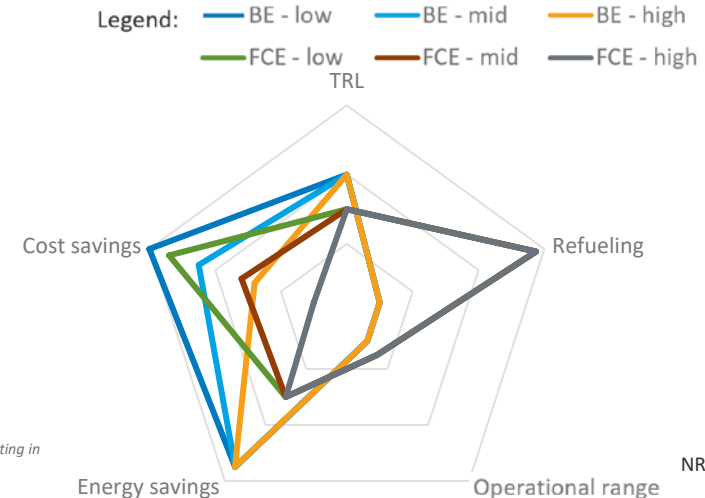
Empty Container Handler



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Powertrain	Technical readiness level	Charging/refueling time, hours	Operational range, hours	Approximate energy consumption, kWh/shift	Approximate energy cost—low, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—mid, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—high, \$/shift
Diesel	9	0.17	41	1,392	\$137		
Battery electric	7	8	5–6	622	\$93	\$156	\$218
Fuel cell electric	6	0.16 - 0.25	>9	975	\$117	\$205	\$292

- Empty container handlers use an overhead telescopic boom to lift and move cargo containers sideways by “grabbing” the sides or top and bottom of the longest side of a container.*
- Future hydrogen demonstration includes one unit delivered by Hyster-Yale at the Port of Hamburg
 - Powered by a 60 kW fuel cell and 130 kWh Li-ion battery, 16 kg of onboard storage @350 bar
 - Average expected energy consumption 2.2 kg/h (34 kWh/h)
 - Refueling station on-site is completed, unit delivery expected in 2024
- Port applicability 



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Straddle Carrier

Powertrain	Technical readiness level	Charging/ refueling time, hours	Operational range, hours	Approximate energy consumption, kWh/shift	Approximate energy cost—low, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—mid, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—high, \$/shift
Diesel-electric	9	0.6	71	2,334	\$230		
Battery electric	8	0.75	4	1,043	\$256	\$261	\$365
Fuel cell electric	5	-	-	1,634	\$196	\$343	\$490


- Straddle carriers move a container by straddling it and lifting from the top. They can stack up to four containers.*
- Fuel cell demonstrations planned at the Port of Hamburg
- Ongoing testing is limited to the dual fuel unit at the Port of Antwerp, with hydrogen replacing diesel up to 70%
 - Part of the Green Straddle Carrier Program, which evaluated four straddle carrier technologies
- Port applicability 



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Port of Hamburg Magazine 4/23. Energy Hub. Access: https://www.hafen-hamburg.de/assets/files/magazin/poh42023_en/index.html#p=18

CMB.TECH. Antwerp Terminal Services (ATS) and CMB.TECH launch World's First Hydrogen Dual Fuel Straddle Carrier 2023.

*Argonne National Laboratory, n.d. Cargo Handling Equipment at Ports

Rubber-Tired Gantry Crane

Powertrain	Technical readiness levels	Charging/ refueling time, hours	Operational range, hours	Approximate energy consumption, kWh/shift	Approximate energy cost—low, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—mid, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—high, \$/shift
Diesel	9	0.13	72	2,006	\$198		
Grid-connected	9	n/a	n/a	896	\$134	\$224	\$314
Fuel cell electric	6	-	16	1,404	\$169	\$295	\$421


- Rubber-tired gantry cranes use a cross beam supported on vertical legs that move on rubber tires to move and stack loaded containers.*
- Future hydrogen demonstration by PACECO at the Port of Los Angeles (one unit, 2024–2028)
 - Started in May 2024, scheduled for 4 years
 - 60 kW FC, 64 kg usable hydrogen tank capacity @700 bar
 - Technology can be applied to new cranes or retrofits, helps to maintain yard flexibility
- Port applicability 



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Reach Stacker



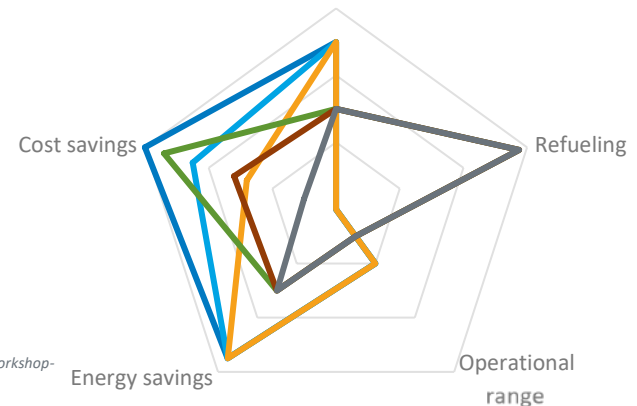
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Diesel	9	0.25	39	2,269	\$224		
Battery electric	8	-	4–10	1,014	\$152	\$253	\$355
Fuel cell electric	6	0.16–0.25	8–10	1,588	\$191	\$334	\$476

- Reach stackers use an overhead attachment on a telescopic boom to move and stack loaded containers. They can reach over multiple rows to load containers.*
- Ongoing hydrogen demonstration of a unit by Hyster-Yale (1 unit, 2023–2024) at the Port of Valencia
 - Powered by two 45 kW fuel cells and a 130 kWh Li-ion battery, 32 kg of onboard storage @350 bar
 - Average expected energy consumption 3.2 kg/h (55 kWh/h)
 - Planned testing for 5,000 hours
- Port applicability:



Legend: BE - low (blue), BE - mid (light blue), BE - high (orange), FCE - low (green), FCE - mid (brown), FCE - high (grey)



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Other Equipment Types

Equipment type	Powertrain	Technical readiness level	Charging/refueling time, hours	Operational range, hours	Approximate energy consumption, kWh/shift	Approximate energy cost—low, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—mid, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—high, \$/shift
Heavy-duty forklift (>10 tons lifting capacity)	Diesel	9	0.18	24	2,978	\$294		
	Battery electric	8	3	28.5	1,331	\$200	\$333	\$466
	Fuel cell electric	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

We have not found any demonstrations of hydrogen-powered heavy-duty forklifts at ports.

- Heavy-duty forklift port applicability

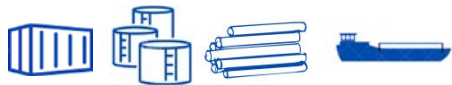


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Other Equipment Types cont'd

Equipment type	Powertrain	Technical readiness level	Charging/refueling time, hours	Operational range, hours	Approximate energy consumption, kWh/shift	Approximate energy cost—low, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—mid, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—high, \$/shift
Mobile harbor crane	Diesel electric	9	1	220	7,330	\$723		
	Grid connected	8	n/a	n/a	3,275	\$491	\$819	\$1,146
	Fuel cell electric	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

We have not found any demonstrations of hydrogen-powered mobile harbor.

- Mobile harbor crane port applicability



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Other Equipment Types cont'd

Equipment type	Powertrain	Technology readiness level	Charging/refueling time, hours	Operational range, hours	Approximate energy consumption, kWh/shift	Approximate energy cost—low, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—mid, \$/shift	Approximate energy cost—high, \$/shift
Medium-duty forklift (5–10 tons lifting capacity)	Diesel	9	0.03	16	765	\$75		
	Battery electric	9	2	4–6*	341	\$51	\$85	\$120
	Fuel cell electric	5	0.08	5	535	\$64	\$112	\$160
Light-duty forklift (<5 tons lifting capacity)	Diesel	9	0.03	26	371	\$37		
	Battery electric	9	1	3.3–13.45*	166	\$25	\$41	\$58
	Fuel cell electric	9	0.03	8	260	\$31	\$55	\$78

* Range varies based on the battery size and application

- We have not found any hydrogen demonstrations at ports for medium-duty forklifts; Hyundai plans to demonstrate a prototype in various environments until 2026.
- Light-duty hydrogen forklifts are commercially available and typically used in material handling applications in indoor settings. Doosan Bobcat is demonstrating a 3-ton fuel cell forklift (20 kW) in a Korean refinery.
- Port applicability



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Bulk Handling Equipment Types



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Equipment type	Hydrogen technical readiness level	Battery electric technical readiness level	Fuel cell electric status
Wheel loader	5	9	Nuvera demonstration unit (2023), which is now operational in China. The unit is equipped with E-Series Fuel Cell Engines with a rated peak engine efficiency of 58%. Develon DL250 fuel cell electric vehicle 15-ton prototype (2024) with up to 8 hours of operation. The unit is capable of switching between fuel cell pack and battery pack powertrains.
Skid steer loader	-	6	No hydrogen fuel cell pre-commercial demonstrations were identified. Model development is underway by Doosan Bobcat.

Bulk Handling Equipment Types cont'd



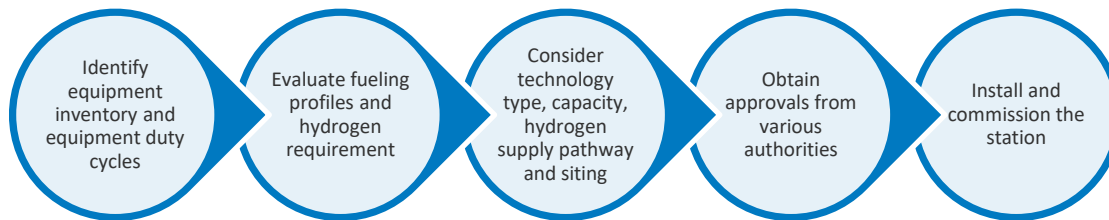
Equipment type	Hydrogen technical readiness level	Battery electric technical readiness level	Fuel cell electric status
	5	9	JCB developed a new hydrogen internal combustion engine in 2023 and incorporated it into the backhoe unit. The unit has the same shape and form as the diesel-powered version but incorporates five carbon-fiber storage tanks @ 350 bar, including one auxiliary tank for extending the range. Depending on range and size, the machine would consume between 6–10 kg of hydrogen daily. Low-temperature, low-pressure combustion limits nitrogen oxide, and the combustion output is dry steam. JCB designed a mobile hydrogen bowser to refuel vehicles with ~100 kg @500 bar.
	7	8	Global M4 ZE-Series 11-ton Street Sweeper with 80 kW fuel cell, 20 kg onboard storage, and up to 10 hours of continuous operation (2018), the unit has been deployed by Caltrans in urban settings. Other light-duty sweepers are available.

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Hydrogen fueling infrastructure

Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure for Medium- and Heavy-Duty equipment



Refueling station configuration

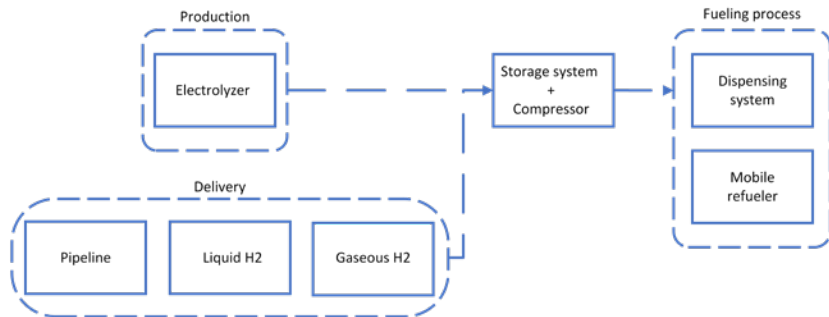


Figure adapted from hydrogen (H₂) station capacity (HyCap) model configuration. NREL, 2023.

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Challenges and opportunities

- High capital costs
 - Specific costs may decrease with economies of scale and high use rates
- Price of fuel is highly variable by location
- Large footprint required for heavy-duty/medium-duty station and fuel storage
- Siting limitations (e.g., setback requirements) and potentially lengthy permitting process
- Station reliability; unscheduled maintenance of compressors and dispensers
- On-site electrolysis could be limited by the power that ports can bring in
- Port can expand into neighboring real estate for industrial-scale hydrogen production and staging (e.g., hydrogen export)

Demonstrations at Ports

- Refueling operations at ports use tanker trucks providing mobile refueling services directly to parked equipment at the terminal (wet hosing)
- Existing hydrogen cargo handling equipment demonstrations at ports have used:
 - Cascade fill mobile fueling system at the Port of Los Angeles (2019–2022)
 - Cost-effective standalone unit that requires no permanent infrastructure
 - System characteristics: 180 kg capacity @450 bar—sequential refueling—2 vehicles/day
 - Terminal feedback indicates logistic issues and delays attributed to the static nature of fueling stations and manual switching of banks
 - Hydrogen refueling station at the Port of Valencia (2023–2024)
 - Hydrogen refueling station with a fixed part dedicated to the reception, storage, and compression of hydrogen up to delivery pressure and a mobile part that travels to the terminals to refuel hydrogen units
 - System characteristics: up to 60 kg of gaseous hydrogen/day @350 bar, max flow rate 3.6 kg/min
 - Hydrogen refueling station at the Port of Hamburg (2023–2025)
 - High pressure ionic compressor with hydrogen up to 450 bar, cascade storage system
 - Incorporates options for expansion

Companies offer mobile refueling stations with fully automated cascade fills designed to support 1–5 units @350 bar.

Shell Heavy-Duty Fueling Serving Port of Los Angeles



- The demonstration station served 10 fuel cell electric Class 8 drayage trucks at the Port of Los Angeles
- Design throughput: four trucks per hour
- Estimated electrical maximum power need: ~290 kW
- On-site hydrogen storage capacity of 1,500 kg @450 bar
- Storage vessels and station modules have a footprint of ~750 ft²
- Additional Shell heavy-duty station based at Toyota Logistics Services Terminal, Port of Long Beach



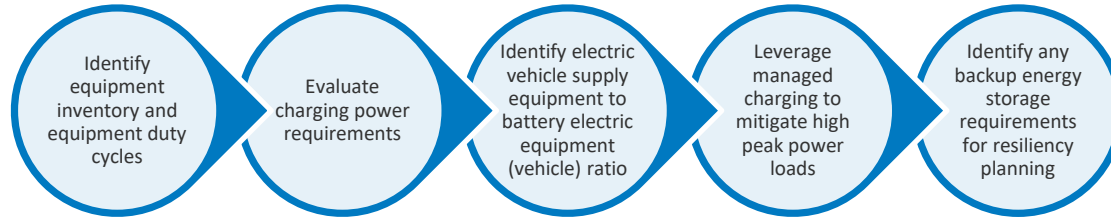
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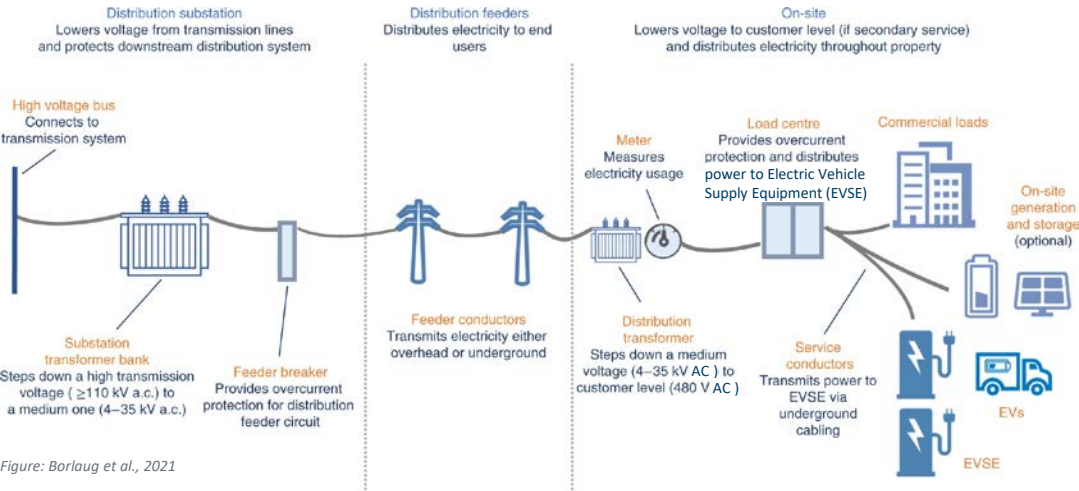
Fueling station in Wilmington, California
Photos: Andrew Kotz/NREL

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure

Charging Infrastructure—Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment and Grid Integration



Grid integration



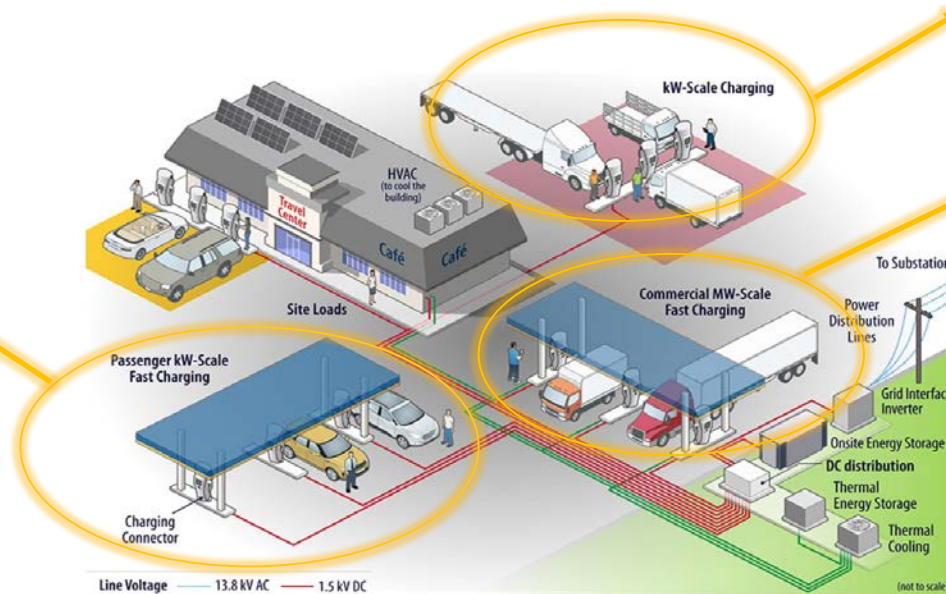
Challenges of charging infrastructure

- Availability of energy at the site
- Initial capital cost required
- Length of vehicle charging time
 - APM Terminal servicing New York/New Jersey has 3-shift operation, with yard tractor engine run times up to 24 hours.
 - Great opportunity for hydrogen-fueled tractors due to minimal down time during duty cycle

High-Power Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Charging

Graphic shows an example of a grid-connected direct current electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including chargers providing varying power levels for different equipment types. Annotations include comparable applications for port electric vehicle supply equipment.

- Electric vehicle supply equipment for light-/medium-duty equipment
- kW fast charger, technology readiness level 8/9 (e.g., light duty forklifts)



- Electric vehicle supply equipment for medium-/heavy-duty equipment
- kW charging, technology readiness level 8/9 (e.g., medium-/heavy-duty forklifts)
- Electric vehicle supply equipment for heavy-duty equipment
- MW charging, technology readiness level 3 (e.g. top handlers / reach stackers / straddle carriers)

Illustration by Al Hicks, NREL

Figure: <https://www.nrel.gov/transportation/medium-heavy-duty-vehicle-charging.html>

Task 1 Takeaways

- Trade-offs
 - Battery electric technology readiness level higher than fuel cell electric for all equipment
 - Fuel cell electric equipment currently favored for high persistence operations (24-hour operations, for example) where operational range/charging downtime is a concern
 - Need for onboard energy (fuel cell electric has faster fuel times with less need for onboard energy storage and long ranges; battery electric has longer charge times with more need for onboard storage and longer ranges)
- Synergies
 - With full equipment electrification, both battery electric and fuel cell electric technologies will likely coexist. Fuel cell electric may be prioritized for multi-shift operations and in areas with limited grid capacity. Battery electric could be initially prioritized due to higher technology readiness levels and is suitable for equipment that can accommodate charging downtime. For stationary equipment, a direct grid connection is preferred.
- Fuel operating expense analysis
 - Theoretical power train analysis—fuel operating expense for hydrogen cargo handling equipment 2.5 times more than diesel
 - Real-world demonstrations—hydrogen/electric powertrain performing better than theory
- Most fuel cell electric cargo handling equipment demonstrations target assets with the highest use hours at ports with the largest impact on emissions.
- As of Spring 2024—hydrogen refueling solutions at ports cater to the small-scale gaseous demonstrations(1–2 units).
- Insight: Scaling options for fueling infrastructure is crucial for future deployment.

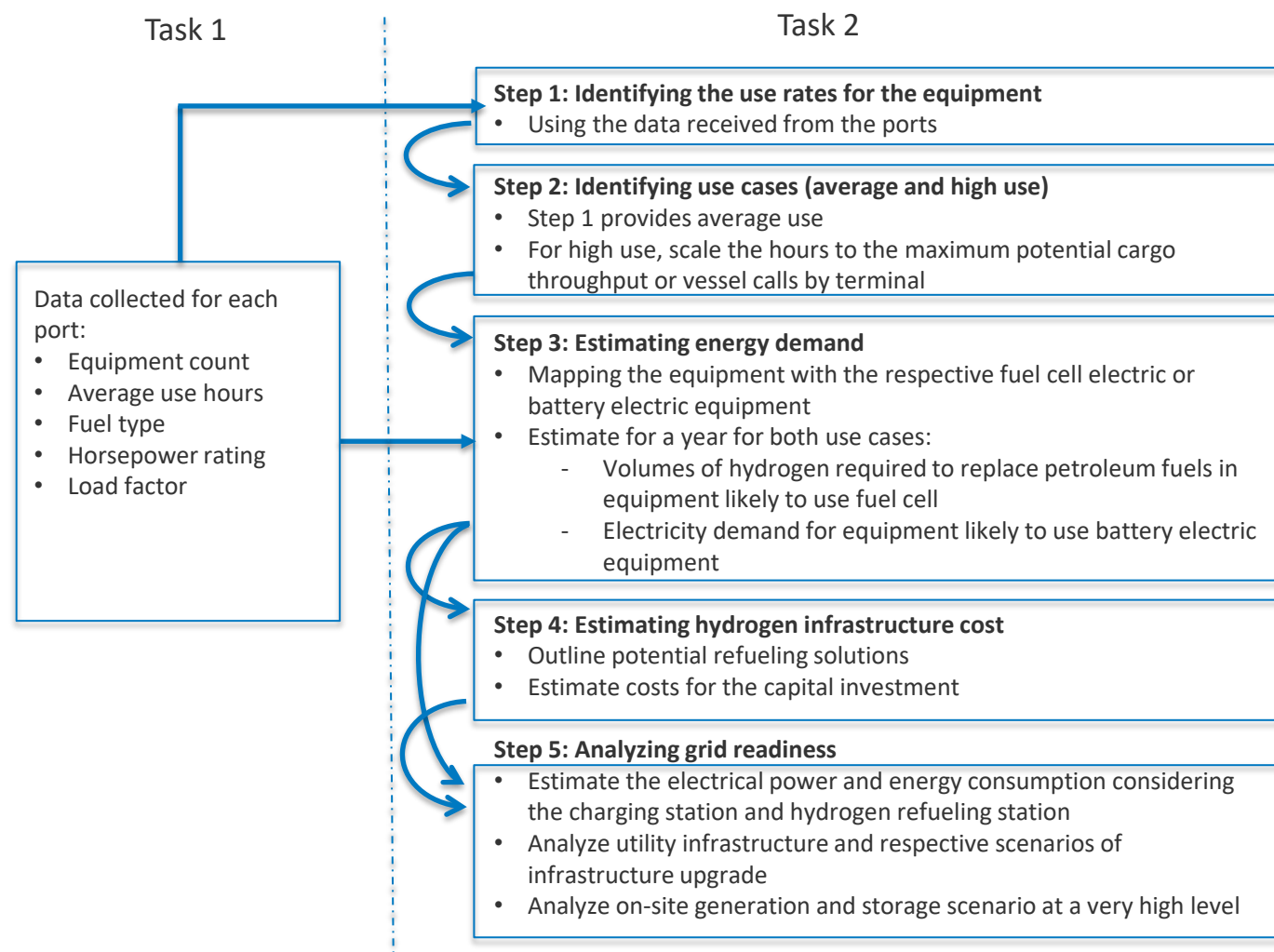
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Task 2: Energy and Infrastructure Analysis

- Expand inventory of equipment at ports to apply to reference ports
- Advance hydrogen integration and electrification strategies

Task 2: Methodology Block Diagram



Steps 1 and 2: Equipment use hours

This section compares the average annual use hours of cargo-handling equipment and the shift patterns reported by the ports. Additionally, it estimates the maximum annual use hours for each port.

Average Equipment Use Hours

Approach

- Extract annual use hours mainly from published air emissions inventories by ports
- Ports of Tacoma, Charleston, and Virginia (by terminal)
- Port of Corpus Christi (port-wide)

Summary of operational characteristics by port

	Port of Virginia (Inland Waterway)	Port of Corpus Christi (Bulk)	Port of Tacoma (Container)	Port of Charleston (Breakbulk)
Terminal	Richmond Marine Terminal	Bulk Terminal	Pierce County Terminal	Columbus Street Terminal
Cargo	Container, bulk, breakbulk	Dry, liquid bulk	Container	Breakbulk, roll-on/roll-off
Daily operating hours	Variable	24	18	8
Shift patterns	Limited from 9 a.m. until sunset	3 shifts x 8 hours	1 shift x 10 hours, 1 shift x 8 hours	1 shift x 8 hours
Use hours data source	Communication with Virginia Port Authority	Port of Corpus Christi Authority 2020 Air Emissions Inventory	2021 Puget Sound Air Emissions Inventory	2021 Air Emissions Inventory

Data Limitations and Mitigation

Ports generally do not report use hours for stationary equipment and cranes such as ship-to-shore cranes, mobile harbor cranes, and ship loaders.

Use hours estimation

Port	Equipment	Available data	Assumptions	Calculation
Virginia	Mobile harbor crane	Barge trips per year: 158	Use: 10 hours/day	$158 \times 10 = \mathbf{1,580 \text{ hours/year}^1}$
Corpus Christi ²	Mobile harbor crane	Cargo throughput at Dock 1 in 2021: 745,109 tons Rated capacity: 1,500 tons/hour	Average capacity: 60%	$745,109 / (1500 \times 60\%) = \mathbf{827 \text{ hours/year}}$
	Ship loader ²	Cargo throughput at Dock 2 in 2021: 796,816 tons Rated capacity: 1,500 tons/hour	Average capacity: 60%	$796,816 / (1500 \times 60\%) = \mathbf{885 \text{ hours/year}}$
Tacoma	Ship-to-shore cranes	Max operating hours: 18 hours/day	Working days: 250 days/year Sustainable capacity: 80% Adjustment for actual use: 60%	$(18 \times 250 \times 80\%) \times 0.6 = \mathbf{2,160 \text{ hours/year}}$

¹ Rounded to 1,600 as port indicates crane has the highest use among cargo handling equipment.

² Conveyor system connecting the ship loader with the stockpiles not in-scope for Task 2.

Average Annual Use Hours per Unit by Equipment Type

Equipment type	Port of Virginia (Inland Waterway)	Port of Corpus Christi (Bulk)	Port of Tacoma (Container)	Port of Charleston (Breakbulk)
Terminal tractor	Not publicly available		249	
Loaded container handler			254	
Pickup truck				
Mobile harbor crane		827		
Light-duty forklift				
Medium-duty forklift		621		
Heavy-duty forklift				198
Backhoe		100		
Ship loader		885		
Wheel loader		472		
Skid steer loader		65		
Sweeper		472		
Tractor		57		
Crane			2,160	
Empty container handler			562	
Straddle carrier			1,244	
Truck crane				1,454

High Usage Hours: Port of Richmond, Virginia Inland Waterway

Approach

Scaled annual cargo throughput (based on normal operation) to maximum possible throughput to calculate high use hours

Normal operation of port:	Barge service 3 times a week, combined capacity 500 forty-foot equivalent unit
Normal operation annual throughput:	73,138 ten-foot equivalent unit (36,569 forty-foot equivalent unit)
High use operation:	Barge service 6 times a week (1,000 forty-foot equivalent unit)
Average annual usage hours scaling factor: (to scale to high use hours)	$[1,000 \text{ forty-foot equivalent unit per week} \times 52 \text{ weeks}] \div [36,569 \text{ annual forty-foot equivalent unit}]$

Results

Equipment type	AVERAGE Usage, hours/year	HIGH Scaled based on increase to 6 days/ week service forty-foot equivalent unit
Terminal tractor	1,400	1991
Heavy forklift	120	171

Notes

All hours calculated on annual basis; if looking at hours on a daily basis, ensure that the caps for maximum daily use are as follows: ~12 hours in summer, ~8 hours in winter
Also estimated average and high usage hours for other equipment such as loaded container handler, pickup truck, mobile harbor crane, light and medium forklifts.

High Usage Hours: Port of Corpus Christi, Texas

Bulk (Docks 1 and 2)

Approach

Scaled 3-year average annual dry bulk throughput to 3-year maximum for high usage hours

Crane hours: only scaled based on cargo throughput at Dock 1, because crane sits at Dock 1

- Ship loader hours: only scaled based on cargo throughput at Dock 2, because ship loader sits at Dock 2
- All other equipment: scaled on cargo throughput at Dock 1 and Dock 2 because they are mobile and operate at both docks

Baseline annual throughput (3-year average):

All docks: 1,828,612 tons

Dock 1: 1,031,796 tons

Dock 2: 796,816 tons

High use throughput (3-year maximum):

All docks: 2,464,910 tons

Dock 1: 1,534,146 tons

Dock 2: 930,764 tons

Scaling Factors:

Crane: 1.49 ($1,534,146 \div 1,031,796$)

Ship loader: 1.17 ($930,764 \div 796,816$)

All other equipment: 1.35 ($2,464,910 \div 1,828,612$)

Results

Equipment type	AVERAGE Usage, hours/year	HIGH Usage, hours/year
Backhoe	100	135
Crane	828	1,231
Ship loader	885	1,034
Forklift	621	837
Wheel loader	472	636
Skid steer loader	65	88
Sweeper	472	636
Tractor	57	77

Notes

Cargo handling equipment will be predominantly used for dry bulk (refined liquid petroleum products normally loaded through hydraulic loading arm at dock)

High Usage Hours: Port of Tacoma Container (Pierce County Terminal)

Approach

Scaled current vessel during normal operation to maximum possible vessel capacity at terminal

Vessel calls	Ever Smile/Ever Superb 6,944 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) capacity
Average time in port per vessel call	40 Shift hours (10-hour day shift, 8-hour night shift)
Pierce county terminal max capacity	14,000 TEU
Average annual usage hours scaling factor from current vessel capacity to maximum capacity	$14,000 \text{ TEU} \div 6,944 \text{ TEU} = \sim 2$

Results

Equipment type	AVERAGE	HIGH
	Usage, hours/year	Usage, hours/year
Crane	2,160	4,355
Forklift	186	375
Forklift	211	425
Side handler	562	1,133
Straddle carrier	1,244	2,508
Yard tractor	249	502
Top handler	254	512

Notes

- Assumed that while vessels are at berth, the cargo-handling equipment is being used (during shift hours). Otherwise, vessel will go to anchorage to wait for crew changes/schedule delays.
- Only scaling on increase in vessel capacity and not the number of vessel calls, because increase in cargo throughput also increases time in port by double. Port would not have space for more vessel calling.

High Usage Hours: Port of Charleston Breakbulk (Columbus Street Terminal)

Approach

Scaled current vessel during normal operation to maximum possible vessel calls

Vessel calls, normal operation:	2/3 berths used at a time
Average time in port per vessel call:	8 shift hours (1 day shift)
Number of available berths:	5
Average annual usage hours scaling factor from current number of berths used simultaneously to maximum available berths	5 Berths ÷ 3 Berths

Results

Equipment type	AVERAGE Usage, hours/year	HIGH Usage, hours/year
Forklift 55 K	303	505
Crane truck	1,454	2,423

Notes

- Assumed that while vessels are at berth, the cargo-handling equipment is being used (during shift hours). Otherwise, vessel will go to anchorage to wait for crew changes/schedule delays.
- High use hours assumed that all berths are in use.
- Cargo type not taken into consideration as it is too variable. Note that vehicle carriers would probably have lower cargo-handling equipment usage.

Step 3: Energy demand estimation

This section provides estimates of current fuel and energy consumption and estimates future hydrogen and electricity demand for a reference year, assuming full conversion to zero-emission cargo handling equipment.

Cargo Handling Equipment Energy Demand Estimation

Approach

Assign cargo-handling equipment types at each terminal to the respective battery electric or fuel cell electric powertrain.

- Conversion to fuel cells is prioritized for:
 - Untethered equipment
 - Higher use hours
 - Larger fleets
 - Moderate to high fuel cell electric system technology readiness level

Equipment conversion calculation

Step 1: Inputs

Equipment inventory data:

- Equipment count
- Use hours (average and high)
- Fuel type
- Horsepower rating or kW
- Load factor

Step 2: Calculations

- Calculate diesel, gasoline, liquid petroleum gas consumption (gal) based on powertrain efficiencies
- Calculate electricity (kWh) and hydrogen (kg) demand based on powertrain efficiencies

Step 3: Results

Baseline fuel and electricity consumption for average and high use

Projected electricity and hydrogen demand for average and high use

Powertrain Conversion Spreadsheet

- Spreadsheet has four tabs with the analysis of each port
- Each tab is divided into three sections:
 - Equipment inventory inputs
 - Powertrain conversion inputs
 - Fuel/energy baseline consumption and future demand
- By assigning checkmarks for each type of equipment to indicate its powertrain (fuel cell electric or battery electric), the spreadsheet allows for sensitivity analysis

Note: “Port of Tacoma” tab includes data for two terminals for comprehensive analysis

Equipment inventory

Equipment type	Count	Make/Model (provided by port)	Utilization, hours/year	Fuel	Power (kW)	Assumed make/model	Load factor
Terminal tractor	10	TICO	1400	Diesel	118		0.39
Loaded container handler	6	HOIST/Kalmar	1600	Diesel	265		0.43
Pickup truck	9	Various mode	365	LPG			
Mobile harbor crane	1	Liebherr (in use)	1600	Diesel	400		0.43
Mobile harbor crane	1	Manitowoc (b)	0	Diesel	325		0.43
Light forklift	5	6 or 8k hyster	356	Diesel or LPG	44	6k: 44 kW Diesel 15.5k: 82 kW	0.59
Medium forklift	2	15k hyster	365	Diesel or LPG	82	Diesel	0.59
Heavy forklift	1	HOIST 52k	120	Diesel	279		0.59



Powertrain conversion

Equipment Type	Count	Utilization	FCE system TRL	BE system TRL	Likely conversion to FCE	Likely conversion to BE
Terminal tractor	High	High	7	9	✓	
Loaded container handler	Medium	High	7	9	✓	
Pickup truck	High	Low	-	-		
Mobile harbor crane	Low	High	-	8		✓
Light-duty forklift	Medium	Low	9	9		✓
Medium-duty forklift	Low	Low	5	9		✓
Heavy-duty forklift	Low	Low	-	8		✓



Outputs

Equipment type	Fuel consumption, gal/year		Electricity demand at port, MWh/year		Hydrogen demand at port, tons/year	
	Average hours	High hours	Average hours	High hours	Average hours	High hours
Terminal tractor	40,737	57,927	-	-	32	46
Loaded container handler	69,167	98,354	-	-	55	78
Pickup truck	5,866	8,341	3	4	-	-
Mobile harbor crane	16,241	23,094	293	416	-	-
Light forklift	2,922	4,155	49	70	-	-
Medium forklift	2,233	3,175	38	53	-	-
Heavy forklift	1,249	1,776	21	30	-	-

Energy Demand Estimation: Formulas and Assumptions

Assumptions

Battery electric powertrain efficiency	94%	Reported peak system efficiency by manufacturers of electric powertrain systems, such as Dana TM4 [1]
Fuel cell powertrain efficiency	60%	Peak proton-exchange membrane fuel cell efficiency @ lower heating value [2]
Diesel powertrain efficiency	42%, 45%	Brake efficiency of the internal combustion engine used in heavy-duty transportation, brake efficiency of the internal combustion engine used for in large gensets [3]
Diesel energy content	128,488 Btu-low heating value (LHV)/gal	Energy content of low sulfur diesel [4]
Hydrogen energy content	33.3 kWh-LHV/kg	Energy content of hydrogen

Note: The calculations assume peak powertrain efficiency. In real-world settings, efficiency should be informed by specific duty cycles. For example, diesel engines have high efficiency at peak load but low efficiency at part load operations.

Sources:

[1] Dana TM4, n.d. TM4 Sumo direct-drive electric powertrain systems.; [2] Fuel Cell Technologies Office, 2015. Fuel Cells.; [3] Edwards KD, Wagner R, Briggs Jr. T, Theiss T. Defining engine efficiency limits 2011.; [4] ANL. Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Transportation (GREET) Model, version 1. 2013. Input Fuel Specifications. 2013.

Energy Demand Estimation: Formulas and Assumptions

Formulas

1
$$P_r = \left(\frac{HP}{1.34} \right) \times LF$$

Where P_r is the average required mechanical power (kW), HP is the average rated engine power, LF is the engine load factor, and 1.34 is the conversion factor from HP to kW. Load factor is a portion of available power at which the type of engine typically operates.

2
$$D_D = \frac{P_r \times 3.6 \times 10^6}{\eta_{bth} \times 1055.058 \times D_{LHV}}$$

Where D_D is the diesel demand in gal/hour, P_r is the required mechanical power in kW, η_{bth} is the diesel brake engine thermal efficiency, and D_{LHV} is the diesel lower heating value in Btu/gal.

3
$$H_{2D} = \frac{P_r}{\eta_{FC} \times H_{2LHV}}$$

Where H_{2D} is the hydrogen demand in kg/hour, P_r is the required mechanical power in kW, η_{FC} is the fuel cell powertrain efficiency, and H_{2LHV} is the lower heating value of hydrogen in kWh/kg.

4
$$E_D = \frac{P_r}{\eta_{FC}}$$

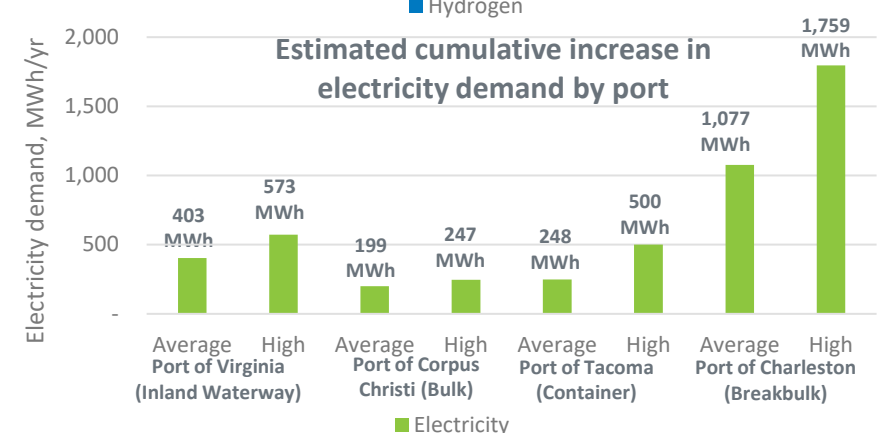
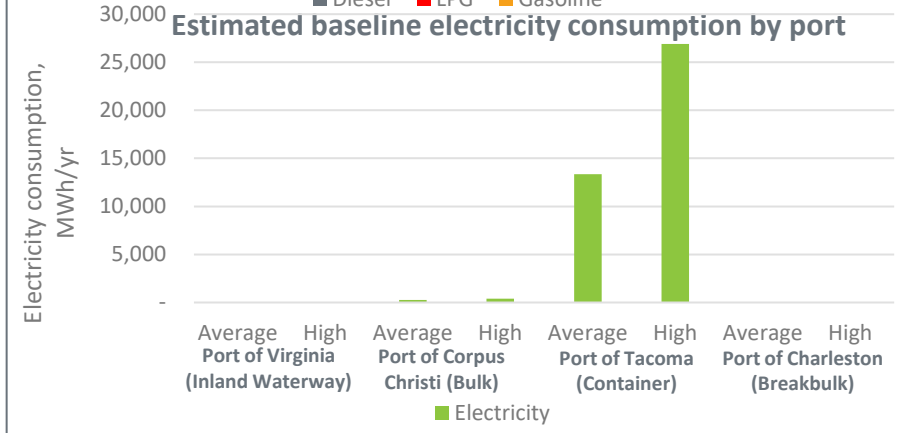
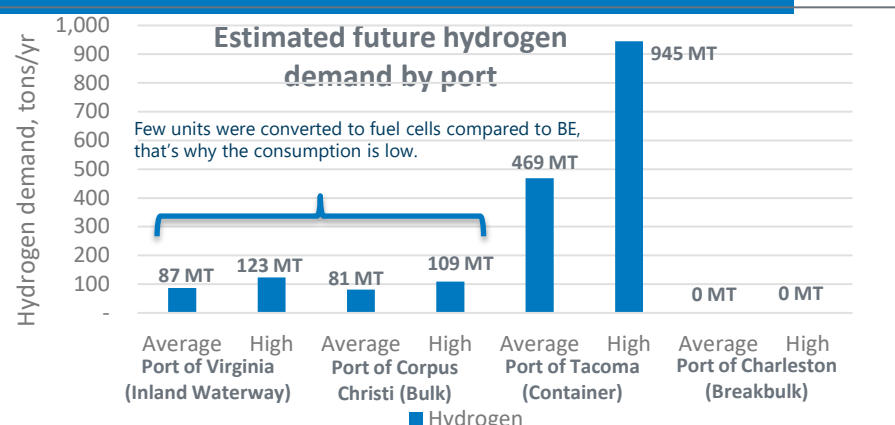
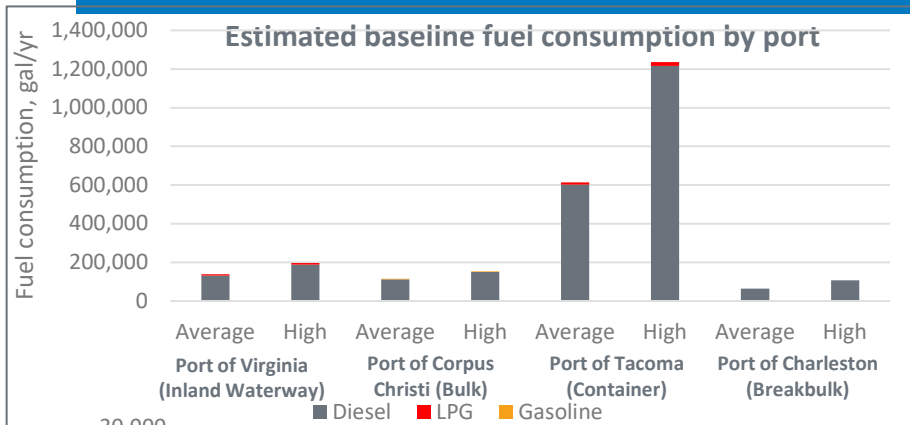
Where E_D is the electricity demand in kWh/hour, P_r is the required mechanical power in kilowatts, and η_{FC} is the battery electric powertrain efficiency.

Illustration

Kalmar loaded container handler: diesel 365 horsepower engine [1], 0.43 load factor [2]

1	Average required mechanical power	114 kW
2	Diesel demand	7.2 gal/hour
3	Hydrogen demand	5.7 kg/hour
4	Electricity demand	121 kWh/hour

Cargo-Handling Equipment Energy Demand Estimation



Note: The graphs include energy/fuel consumed by the equipment and exclude any energy used for hydrogen refueling or battery charging. Baseline electricity demand is associated with mainly cranes. At the Port of Virginia, it is a diesel-powered crane. At the Port of Corpus Christi, it is an electrified crane with a relatively low throughput capacity. At the Port of Tacoma, there are 7 cranes, all grid-connected and high usage. At the port of Charleston, there are no cranes. Note the analysis considers only at one terminal at each port to capture the difference between different cargo types.

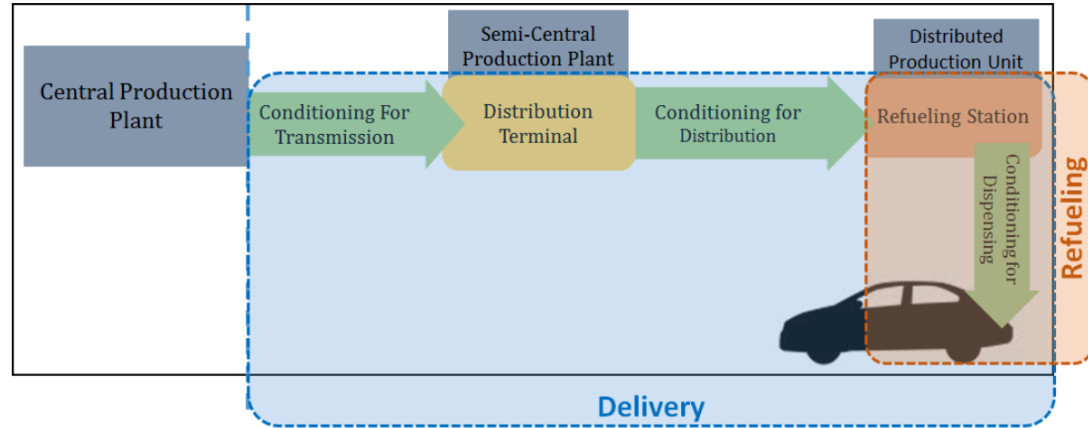
Step 4: Hydrogen refueling station installed cost

This section provides preliminary installed cost estimations for each port for stationary and mobile hydrogen refueling infrastructure to support the transition toward decarbonization goals.

Cost Estimation Overview

- Approach:
 - Use Hydrogen Delivery Scenario Analysis Model (HDSAM) for initial capital costs
 - Base calculations on projected hydrogen demand per port (kg/day)
- Scope:
 - On-site hydrogen storage and refueling infrastructure

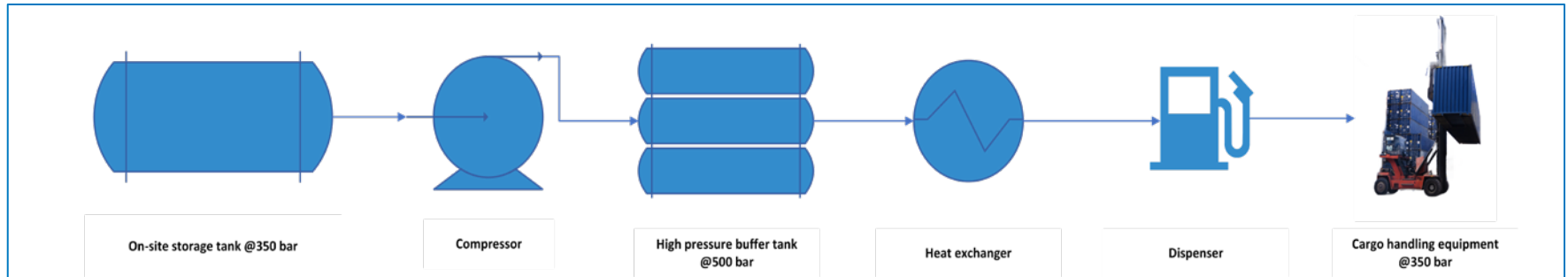
Note: Refer to HDSAM for the rest of operations and maintenance costs and refueling cost per kg



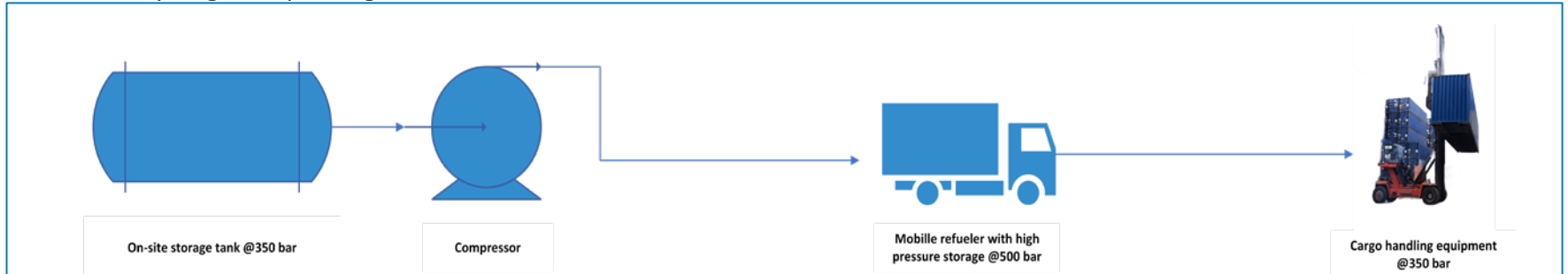
Source: Argonne National Laboratory. Hydrogen Delivery Infrastructure Analysis. <https://hdsam.es.anl.gov/>

Refueling Station Major System Components

Stationary hydrogen dispensing



Mobile hydrogen dispensing



Note: The section examines gaseous hydrogen refueling stations. Gaseous stations have limited expansion capabilities as it would lead to multiple [tube-tailer](#) deliveries per day (unless hydrogen is delivered via pipeline or produced on-site). Thus, liquid hydrogen stations should also be considered, especially for ports with high expected hydrogen demand.

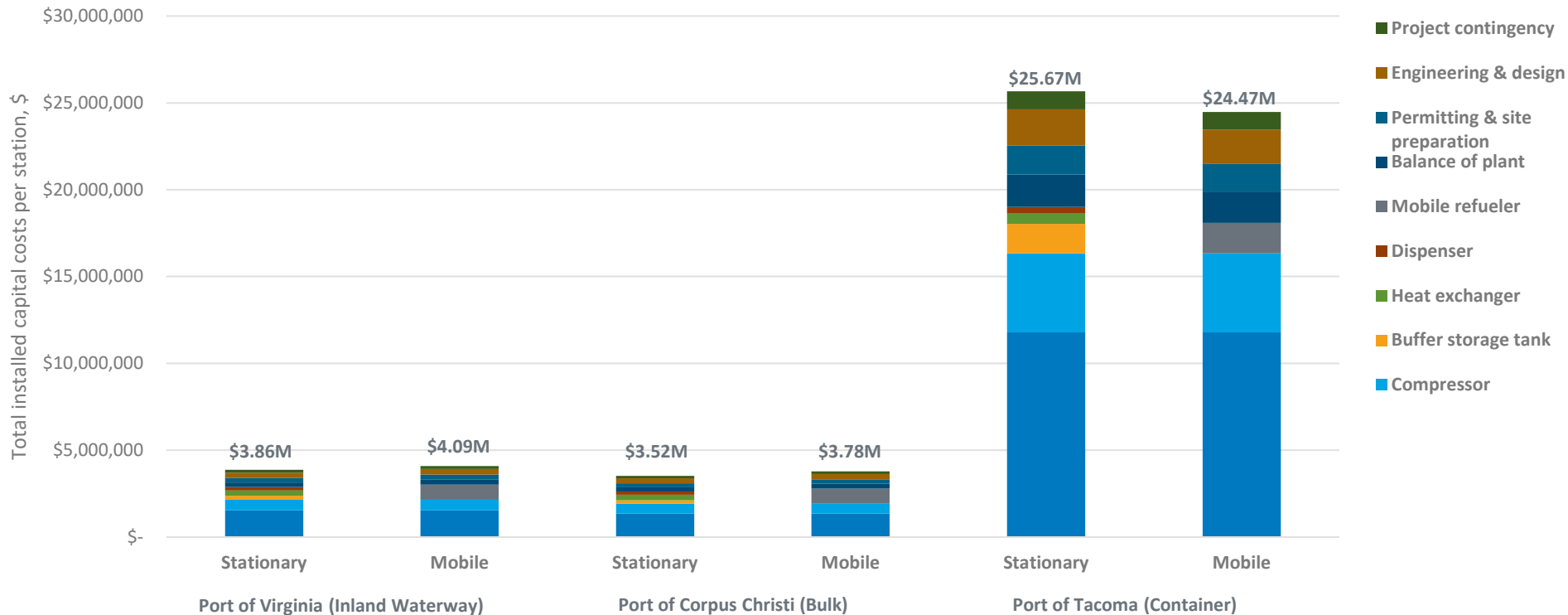
Refueling Station Installed Capital Costs

Major system component	Approximate cost [\$2022]	Comment	Reference
Storage tank	\$1,750/kg	Uninstalled cost of storage @200-350 bar, Type 1	Hydrogen Delivery Scenario Analysis Model (HDSAM) v4.5
Compressor (50 kg/hour)	\$500,871	Varies based on the number of compressor units and main compressor power. Example here refers to one 90 kW compressor.	HDSAM v4.5
High pressure buffer tank	\$1,679/kg	Uninstalled cost of storage @500 bar, Type 1	HDSAM v4.5
Heat exchanger system	\$87,916	Varies based on the number of heat exchangers (HX) and cooling capacity. Example here refers to 1 HX and 16-ton cooling capacity.	HDSAM v4.5
Dispenser (3.6 kg/min)	\$142,089	Uninstalled cost per one dispenser	HDSAM v4.5
Mobile refueler	\$875,432	Integrated refueler trailer with storage at 500 bar and dispensing with 150 kg onboard storage. Based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price of a fuel cell electric short-haul truck (\$214,000), storage and dispenser costs from above, BOP of 20%, and installation factor of 1.2.	Hunter et al., 2021; Air Products, n.d.
Balance of plant (BOP)	10%	Percent of total uninstalled cost of major system components	
Installation cost	Installation factors for compressor, storage tanks, dispenser—1.3. Heat exchanger—2		HDSAM v4.5
Permitting and site preparation	8%	Percent of installed major components and BOP	HDSAM v4.5
Engineering and design	10%	Percent of installed major components and BOP	HDSAM v4.5
Project contingency	5%	Percent of installed major components and BOP	HDSAM v4.5

Refueling Station Component Sizing: High Use Hours

Parameter \ Port	Virginia (Inland Waterway)	Corpus Christi (Bulk)	Tacoma (Container)	Comment	Reference
Hydrogen demand, kg/day	339	299	2,590	Annual demand divided by the number of days, calculated based on high use	
On-site storage tank capacity, kg	677	599	5,180	Storage capacity is twice the daily demand	
Compressor capacity, kg/h	48	37	235	To accommodate peak demand and adjacent hour	HDSAM v4.5
Compressor, units	1	1	7	Maximum flowrate of 50 kg/h per unit	HDSAM v4.5
Buffer storage tank capacity, kg	101	89	777	30% of daily station capacity	
Dispensers, units	1	1	2	Based on assumed refueling time for the fleet and refueling station operating hours	HDSAM v4.5
Heat exchanger, units	1	1	2	One heat exchanger per dispenser	HDSAM v4.5
Mobile hydrogen refueler, units	1	1	2	Equal to the amount of dispensers	

Installed Capital Cost for Each Port



Note 1: For Ports of Virginia and Corpus Christi, the capital cost of a mobile refueling station is higher due to the onboard storage capacity of a mobile refueler exceeding daily hydrogen demand.

Note 2: With high daily hydrogen demand (i.e., Port of Tacoma), hydrogen storage footprint at maritime terminals may present spatial challenges. Mobile refuelers would offer a solution by enabling hydrogen storage in proximity to the port instead.

Step 5: Levelized cost of charging and refueling

This section provides the levelized cost of charging and refueling for each reference terminal based on estimated electricity and hydrogen consumption per shift. Dispensed hydrogen cost and electricity utility rates are specific to the California case.

Levelized Costs of Charging/Refueling, California Case

Cost assumptions

Charging Types	California (CA) Residential \$/kWh	CA Utility \$/kWh	CA Private Company \$/kWh	Applicability \$/kWh
AC Level 1	\$0.37	\$0.46	\$0.30	Light duty vehicles: 120 V, ~1.4 kW peak (plugs in to regular wall outlet)
AC Level 2	\$0.43	\$0.47	\$0.32	Light duty trucks (pickups): 240 V, 80 A, max ~19.6 kW peak power
DC Charging	\$0.78	\$0.85	\$0.76	Medium to Heavy Duty Vehicles: 50 kW—350 kW
Dispensed hydrogen	\$10/kg*			Across all equipment types

Cost of charging and refueling for the reference ports' fleets over an 8-hour shift (all battery electric versus all fuel cell electric scenario)

Inland			Bulk			Container			Breakbulk		
Level 2 Charge Cost	DC Fast Charging (DCFC) Cost	Hydrogen Cost	Level 2 Charge Cost	DCFC Cost	Hydrogen Cost	Level 2 Charge Cost	DCFC Cost	Hydrogen Cost	Level 2 Charge Cost	DCFC Cost	Hydrogen Cost
\$4,690	\$12,458	\$7,779	\$ 9,986	\$ 23,718	\$ 14,569	\$ 40,154	\$ 95,365	\$ 58,884	\$ 2,414	\$ 5,733	\$ 3,261

Sources:

Electricity price - Argonne National Laboratory, 2023. CHECT.

Hydrogen price - Hunter, C., Penev, M., Reznicek, E., Lustbader, J., Birky, A., & Zhang, C. (2021). Spatial and temporal analysis of the total cost of ownership for class 8 tractors and class 4 parcel delivery trucks (No. NREL/TP-5400-71796). National Renewable Energy Lab.(NREL), Golden, CO (United States).

*As per HFTO request.

Charging Cost, California Private Company Electricity Rates

Equipment	Inland terminal			Bulk terminal			Container terminal			Breakbulk terminal		
	Level 2 Charge Cost	DCFC Cost	Hydrogen Cost	Level 2 Charge Cost	DCFC Cost	Hydrogen Cost	Level 2 Charge Cost	DCFC Cost	Hydrogen Cost	Level 2 Charge Cost	DCFC Cost	Hydrogen Cost
Terminal tractor	\$ 1,254.40	\$ 3,332.00	\$1,841				\$ 573.44	\$ 1,361.92	\$ 837			
Top Pick	\$ 1,873.92	\$ 4,977.60	\$2,735				\$ 588.80	\$ 1,398.40	\$ 859			
Pickup Truck	\$ 18.20	\$ 48.35	\$950									
Mobile harbor crane	\$ 468.48	\$ 1,244.40	\$688	\$ 849.92	\$ 2,018.56	\$1,247						
Light Forklift	\$ 358.40	\$ 952.00	\$519									
Medium Forklift	\$ 266.24	\$ 707.20	\$387	\$ 6,809.60	\$ 16,172.80	\$9,955	\$ 1,743.36	\$ 4,140.48	\$ 2,594	\$683.52	\$1,623.36	\$1,003
Heavy forklift	\$ 450.56	\$ 1,196.80	\$658									
Backhoe				\$ 92.16	\$ 218.88	\$131						
Shiploader				\$ 353.28	\$ 839.04	\$516						
Wheel loader				\$ 445.44	\$ 1,057.92	\$645						
Skid steer loader				\$ 243.20	\$ 577.60	\$349						
Sweeper				\$ 261.12	\$ 620.16	\$381						
Tractor				\$ 931.84	\$ 2,213.12	\$1,344						
STS crane							\$ 15,805.44	\$ 37,537.92	\$ 23,215			
Side handler							\$ 1,474.56	\$ 3,502.08	\$ 2,155			
Straddle carrier							\$ 19,968.00	\$ 47,424.00	\$ 29,182			
Crane truck										\$1,730.56	\$4,110.08	\$2,257
Total	\$ 4,690	\$ 12,458	\$4,397	\$ 9,986	\$ 23,718	\$ 14,569	\$ 40,153	\$ 95,364	\$ 58,844	\$ 2,414	\$ 5,733	\$ 3,261

Note 1: Costs shown are for all equipment units, not a per-unit basis; DCFC is DC fast charging

Note 2: Level 2 charging time could be higher and may affect the operation; it is used here for the cost comparison purposes.

Step 6: Grid readiness and power reliability

Estimated Electric Peak Demand by Ports From Hydrogen Refueling Station

	Port of Virginia (Inland)	Port of Corpus Christi (Bulk)	Port of Tacoma (Container)
Hydrogen demand based on high use hours (kg/year)	123,596	152,902	945,421
Electricity consumption of the station based on the high use hours (kWh/year)	128,402	158,847	982,177
Power demand from refueling station (kW)	14.65 kW	18.13 kW	112.13 kW
Order of magnitude peak demand (kW)	44 kW	54 kW	336 kW

Such order of peak demand magnitude shall not impact the existing electrical infrastructure.

- Specific refueling station electricity consumption for each port: 1.04 kWh/kg of hydrogen, on a low heating value basis.

Main assumptions:

- Max compressor pressure—525 bar
- Max storage tank pressure—350 bar
- Minimum storage tank pressure—50 bar
- Precooling temperature—(-30) °C

Electrical Peak Demand by Ports From Electric Vehicles

	Port of Virginia (Inland)	Port of Corpus Christi (Bulk)	Port of Tacoma (Container)	Port of Charleston (Breakbulk)
Battery-electric cargo handling equipment (CHE) peak demand (kW)—sum of EVSE	1,626	3,600	2,760	1,260
Grid-connected CHE peak demand (kW)—sum of kW per hr	183	470	6,174	Not applicable

This peak demand is considered to check the electrical infrastructure impact analysis. Such increase in electrical demand would require upgradation in electrical infrastructure and explained in following slides. Due to unavailability of data from the reference ports, a general considerations are highlighted.

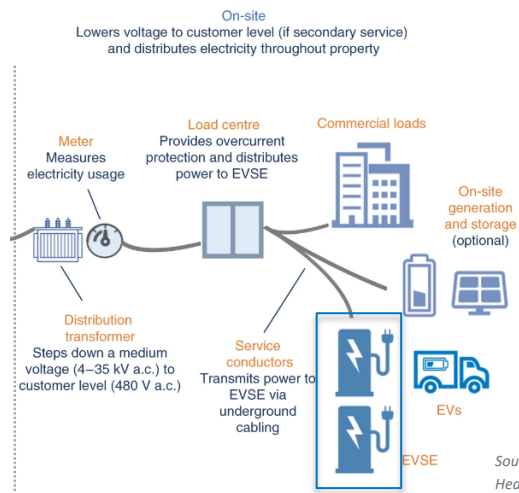
Methodology:

- Use charging and peak demand profile from reference port (Port of Honolulu) to scale estimates of peak demand for each of the following ports
- Categorize each of the equipment into light, medium, and heavy duty-based kWh/hr
- Assign electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) requirement to each piece of equipment (light-duty 24 kW, medium-duty 150 kW, heavy-duty 180 kW) (as per <https://taylorforklifts.com/products/electric-lift-truck/loaded-container-handler>)
- As in reference port data, use most conservative estimate for peak demand: 1:1 equipment to charger ratio, all equipment charging at once

Cost Range: Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment, Based on Study for Heavy-Duty Truck

Scenario	EVSE Unit Power (kW)	EVSE Unit Count	EVSE Cost (\$/kW)	EVSE Unit Cost (\$/unit)	Total EVSE Capacity (MW/site)	Site Total EVSE Cost (\$K)
Low range	150	24	\$299.72	\$44,958	3.60	\$1,079
High range	150	24	\$415.68	\$62,352	3.60	\$1,496

The cost of these units as represented in dollars per kilowatt were developed in agreement with the 21CTP infrastructure working group as informed by market analysis performed by the Electric Power Research Institute and a report developed by Gladstein, Neandross & Associates (GNA) for megawatt charging (GNA 2021) and a report by BNEF (Fisher 2020) for kilowatt charging. To account for variability in these costs, ranges were determined for each electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) unit's power level—50 kW, 150 kW, and 3 MW—with the **low installation cost scenarios accounting for the lower end of the range and the high installation cost scenario accounting for the higher end of the range.**



Scenario	EVSE Unit Power (kW)	EVSE Unit Count	EVSE Maintenance (\$/year)
Low range	150	24	\$76,800
High range	150	24	\$76,800

To facilitate the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) units, the site costs must account for the land requirements for site equipment (Black & Veatch, n.d.), parking, and traffic flow, as well as the regular maintenance of EVSE including both **hardware repairs and the network connection costs necessary for transaction processing.**

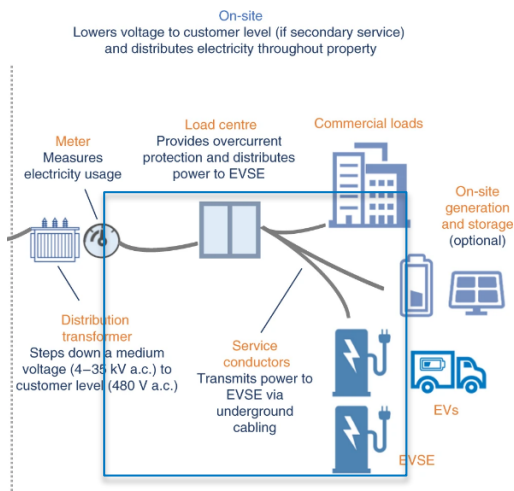
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Note that these costs are very high level, may vary greatly for different projects. Cost numbers are from the published documents and are not site specific.

Cost Range: Load Center to Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment, Based on Study of Heavy-Duty Truck

Scenario	EVSE Unit Power (kW)	Install Cost (\$/kW)	EVSE Install (\$/unit)	EVSE Capacity (MW/site)	Site Install Cost (\$K)
Low range	150	\$750.00	\$112,500	3.60	\$2,700
High range	150	\$1,080.00	\$162,000	3.60	\$3,888

Installation costs for each station configuration, included all **wiring, conduit, protection, and other facility equipment upgrades, as well as construction costs such as trenching that may be required.** Put simply, this metric captures all of the installation and construction costs—**with the exception of the EVSE unit**—for everything on the charging station side of the utility meter.



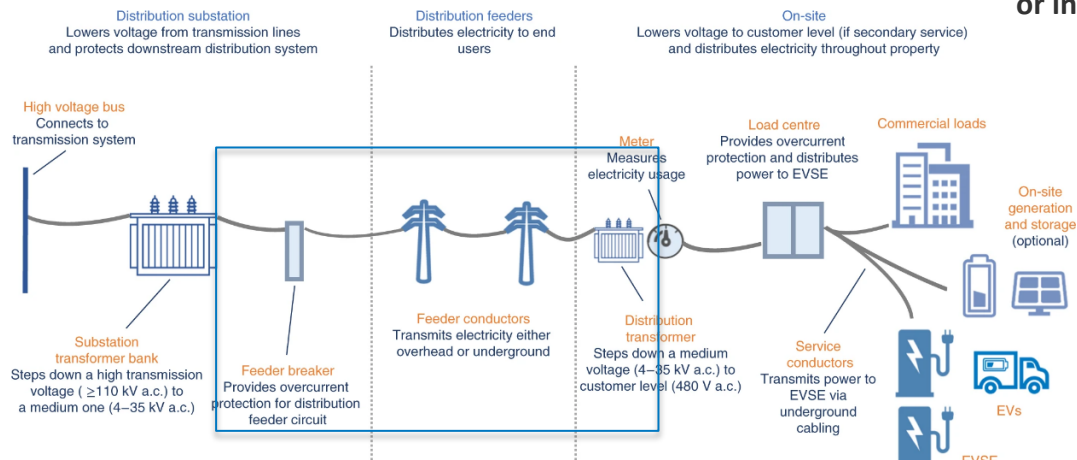
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Note that these costs are very high level, may vary greatly for different projects. Cost numbers are from the published documents and are not site specific.

Cost Range: Utility Upgrade Based on Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Study for Heavy-Duty Truck

Scenario	EVSE Unit Power (kW)	EVSE Capacity (MW/site)	Site Peak Demand (MW)	Utility Upgrade Costs (\$K)
Low range	150	3.60	4.23	945
High range	150	3.60	4.23	2,445

The necessary grid upgrades included **new service drops, distribution transformer upgrades, and, for the larger sites, the costs associated with a reconductoring of the main feeder line.** There is some uncertainty associated with these costs, and therefore a range of upgrade costs was determined with the lower end of the range applying to low installation cost scenarios and the upper end of the range associated with high installation cost scenarios. **Not that these costs are sometimes covered completely or in part by the utility.**



Note that these costs are very high level, may vary greatly for different projects. Cost numbers are from the published documents and are not site specific.

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On-Site Generation and Storage Solution Considerations

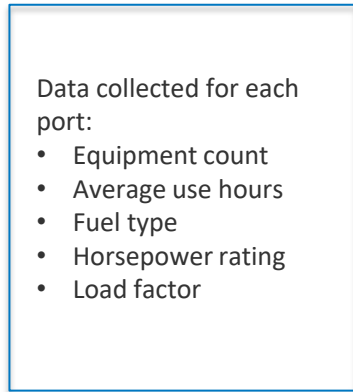
- On-site generation and storage solutions can help the integration of battery electric cargo handling equipment, electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), and the hydrogen refueling station by reducing the peak demand and energy consumption from the utility.
- To determine the optimal distributed energy resource mix and size, a techno-economic analysis can be performed.
- First step is to derive the load profile, considering the EVSE charging demand and hydrogen refueling station electric power consumption for a year with as much granularity as possible.
- Based on the port and area available for solar photovoltaics (PV), PV size constraints can be highlighted.
- For economic consideration, the discount rate, capital expenditures and operating expenditures of distributed energy resources (DERs), and utility tariffs are assumed.
- Operational characteristics for the DERs are considered throughout their life.
- Tools like Renewable Energy Optimization (REopt) can be used to perform the techno-economic analysis.
- The outcome of the analysis will be optimal DER mix, size, dispatch strategy, and potential economic outcomes such as net present value, return on investment, and payback.

Task 2 Key Takeaways

- Equipment conversion and energy demand analysis
 - Use profiles vary across ports for same equipment types (e.g., forklifts)
 - Modern cranes (e.g., ship-to-shore, mobile harbor) often grid-connected or capable
 - Highest hydrogen demand likely to originate from container terminals, depending on the equipment profiles:
 - a. Straddle carriers, container handlers
 - b. Rubber tired gantries, container handlers, terminal tractors, reach stackers
 - c. Container handlers, terminal tractors
- Refueling station analysis
 - On-site storage: significant capital expenditure impact; potential mitigation via tube trailer delivery and storage
 - Mobile refuelers: cost uncertain, potentially effective for large deployment (e.g., Port of Tacoma)
 - Average station use: ~50% to 75%


Task 3: Methodology Block Diagram: Development and Validation of an Adaptive Model Linking Equipment Inventory With Energy Demand and Capacity Metrics

Task 1




Task 3

Step 1: Define variables

- Dependent variable: Energy demand, measured in kWh for storage capacity or kW for power demand
 - Independent variables: Cargo type, cargo handling equipment inventory, cargo throughput (twenty-foot equivalent units [TRUs], volume, or weight)
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Step 2: Data collection and preparation

- Task 1 provides data for four reference ports
 - Associating the data with the variables
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Step 3: Model formulation

Linear regression equation:

$$E = a \times TEU + b \times Weight + c \times Volume + \Sigma(d_i \times Equipment_i) + e$$

- E = Energy demand
 - TEU = container port throughput
 - $Weight$ = cargo weight throughput for bulk / breakbulk
 - $Volume$ = cargo weight for
 - $Equipment$ = number of each type of cargo handling equipment
 - a, b, c, d = coefficients, to be estimated
 - e = offset, to be estimated
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Step 4: Coefficient (a, b, c, d) Estimation

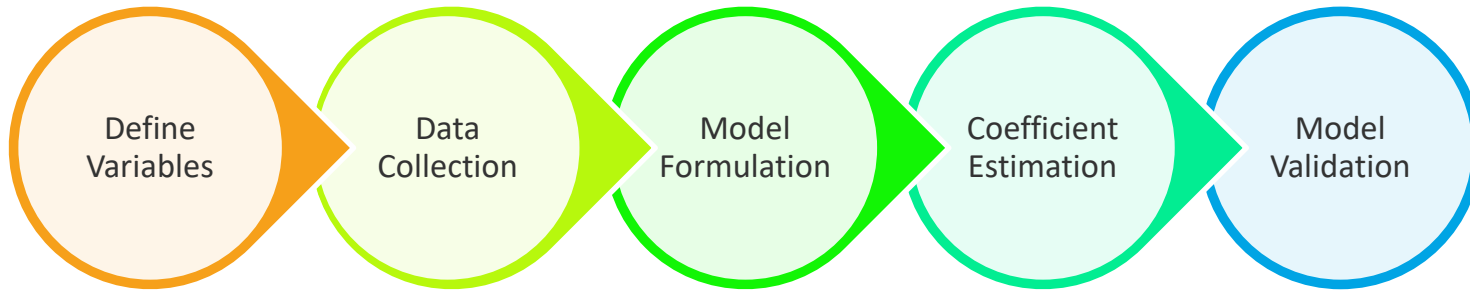
- Using Step 2 data, dataset is prepared to train and validate the model and extract the coefficient
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Step 5: Validating the model

- Model will be validated with untrained data set.
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Model Development Approach

Task: *“Based on the inventory of equipment, the researchers should develop a flexible model that relates capacity factors (twenty-foot equivalent units, weight, volume, etc.) to equipment inventories and energy demand.”*



Variable Definition

Model output (dependent variable)

- Annual energy demand (E), measured in kWh

Model inputs (independent variables)

- Cargo type (bulk, breakbulk, container, Inland Waterway)
- Cargo handling equipment inventory
- Cargo capacity/throughput (measured in twenty-foot equivalent units or tons)

Data Collection

Cargo Handling Equipment

Terminal tractor
Top pick
Pickup truck
Mobile harbor crane
Light forklift
Medium forklift
Heavy forklift
Backhoe
Shiploader
Wheel loader
Skid steer loader
Sweeper
Tractor
Ship-to-shore crane
Side handler
Straddle carrier
Crane truck

Operational Profile

Shift Hours
Number of shifts per day
Equipment usage hours
Equipment downtime hours
Seasonal changes (e.g., Richmond Inland
Waterway port)
Grid connected equipment defined

Port Energy Consumption

Utility bills
Hourly, monthly, annual energy demand

Cargo Throughput

Annual or monthly cargo throughput
Historical throughput and estimated growth
rates

Data Collection

Data was collected for each port type: bulk, breakbulk, container, Inland Waterway

- Cargo handling equipment inventory and usage hours
- Operational profile of port (number of shifts and duration, seasonal variations, vessel calls)
- Cargo throughput (by twenty-foot equivalent unit, weight, or volume)
- Port energy consumption

Note: Too few data points were collected for bulk and breakbulk freight, model was only formed with the container and inland waterway ports (with twenty-foot equivalent unit freight)

Model Formulation

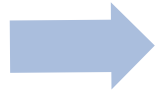
Multivariate linear regression equation:

$$E = a \times TEU + \Sigma(b_i \times Equipment_i) + c$$

- E = Energy demand
- TEU = container port throughput
- $Equipment$ = number of each type of cargo handling equipment
- a & b = coefficients, to be estimated
- c = offset or intercept, to be estimated

Model Formulation

Linear Regression Steps



Data preparation

1. Data cleaning (missing values, duplicates, anomalous values)
2. Splitting dataset into testing and training datasets
3. Dealing with categorical variables (encoding, if applicable)

Fitting data to linear regression model

- Use of Excel for user friendliness
- Least squares method
- Estimate coefficients through minimizing squared difference between observed and predicted energy demand

Extract coefficients

- Using fitted model

Model Formulation

Raw Data Snapshot

Port Type	Equipment Type	Equipment Number	Annual Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units	Annual kWh Demand
Inland	Top pick	6	52000	1171200
	Mobile harbor crane	1		292800
	Light forklift	5		49840
	Medium forklift	2		37960
Container	Ship-to-shore crane	7	1249920	13335840
	Medium forklift	10		270357
	Terminal tractor	4		55776

Regression Model Results

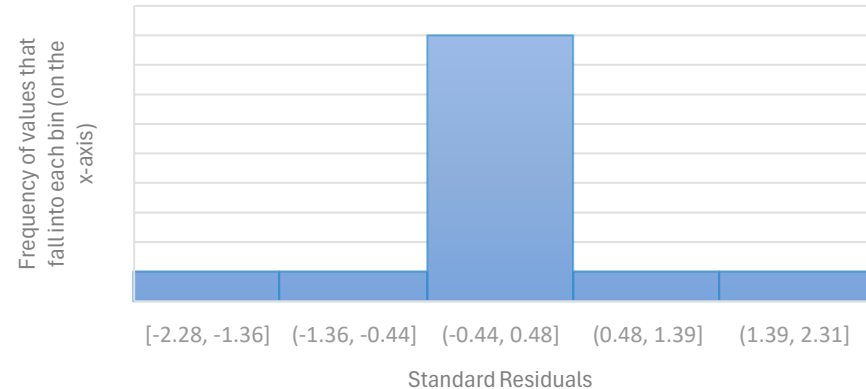
Our initial prediction of a linear relationship between the inputs (equipment inventory and annual throughput) and the annual energy consumption was correct.

The model is a very good fit for the data, meaning that the model explains the relationship between the inputs and the outputs well.

Regression Statistics

- **Adjusted R-Square** value of **0.9997**—more than 99% of variance explained by the model
- Normal distribution of residuals (error terms) around zero: the model captures the patterns in the data we predicted and the sources of error in the model are random and independent. If this was not true, then our model would be biased.

RESIDUAL PLOT (HISTOGRAM)



Model Validation

Model validated on data from the Top 25 United States Container Ports

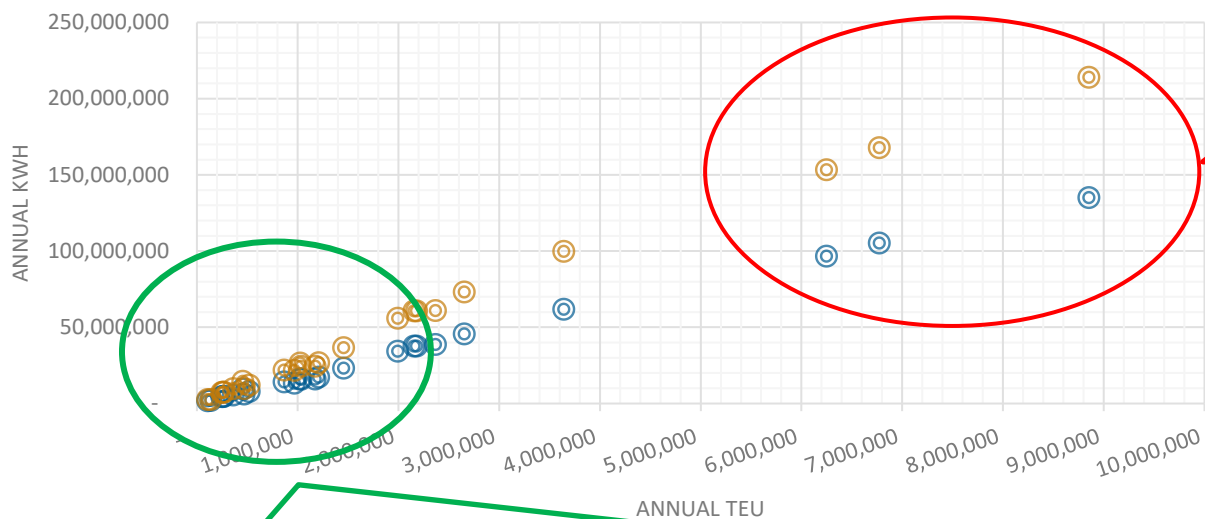


SOURCE: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, based upon 2021 data (latest available) provided by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center. Special tabulation as of November 2023.

Model Validation Discussion

The model was validated using the annual twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) throughput of the top 25 U.S. ports, and estimated equipment inventories and annual kWh consumed for all-electric cargo handling equipment, leveraging our previous DOE port projects work.

Predicted and Actual Annual kWh Consumption



More data from a set of ports with a diverse number of annual TEUs are required to predict the annual kWh at higher tonnages. As the model was trained on smaller ports, the energy consumption of larger ports (tonnage-wise) is not predicted as well. The mean absolute percentage error is 0.6.

Model metrics:

R2: 0.3803

Mean absolute percentage error: 0.5781

The model was trained on data from two ports, with about 52,000 and 1.2 million annual TEU throughput, respectively. Therefore, at lower annual TEUs, the model predicts the annual energy consumption (kWh) better. There is a closer fit between the model predicted data and the validation data. The mean absolute percentage error of 0.57.

Model Results Discussion

Multivariate regression model results

- The model was *trained* on the full data for container freight ports that was collected in this project (13 observations).
- The model helps understand the impact of certain variables on the total energy demand.
- R-Squared (measure of variation) = **0.9997 (very close to 1, meaning that the model is a good fit for the data)**
- Normal distribution of residuals (error terms) around zero

Model validation results

- The model was *validated* on data from the top 25 ports in the United States. The annual twenty-foot equivalent unit throughput was provided by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. The all-electric cargo handling equipment inventory and annual kWh consumed was calculated, leveraging a previous DOE ports project.
- The model statistics demonstrate that this model is a good fit for understanding the energy demand but systematically underestimates energy demand, especially for ports with higher annual throughput.
- R-squared value = 0.3803 (lower value, meaning that the model requires more refinement to predict the data)
- Sources of variation could include different equipment types being used at ports and operational profiles.

Future Work Proposed

- Further data collection on all port types: bulk, breakbulk, inland, and container. This would allow model creation and validation to include all ports types (Note that the model was only trained on the container and inland ports [with twenty-foot equivalent units as freight], because there was relatively little data for bulk and breakbulk ports and no data for validation.)
- Data collection on the footprint of each port, to provide a more accurate energy consumption estimation
- Data collection from a diverse range of port sizes (annual freight throughput) to better predict a spectrum of energy consumption
- Data collection and in-depth analysis of the operational profile of a diverse set of ports

Task 3 Key Takeaways

- Scoping the energy demand model helped identify the main consumers at the port and what variables affect the overall energy demand.
- We developed a model that predicts well the all-electric cargo handling equipment annual energy consumption for ports with annual tonnage of less than 2 million twenty-foot equivalent units
- The model helped us understand the gaps in current data and outline a path forward for future data collection and model refinement.
- The model is a good rubric to follow for further energy demand models that can create a scalable solution to understand the energy needs of cargo handling equipment, whether they are all-electric, hydrogen fuel cell, or powered by another fuel type.

Task 4: Zero and near-zero emission fuel supply at ports

Evaluation of zero and near-zero emission fuel production and bunkering at ports

Alternative Maritime Fuels for Ocean-Going Vessels

	Methanol	Ammonia	Hydrogen
Engine technical readiness level ¹	9	5-6	4
Existing applications in deep-sea shipping	Tankers carrying methanol as cargo have used dual fuel engines since 2017	Tankers carry ammonia as cargo, but engines are still in development	Liquefied hydrogen carrier completed its maiden voyage carrying liquid hydrogen as cargo
Global fleet on order added in 2023 ²	138 vessels, mostly container ships	11 vessels, the first year with orders	5 vessels, hydrogen role limited to auxiliary for deep-sea/main power for short-sea
Fuel properties under ambient conditions	Liquid	Gas	Gas
Fuel energy density under ambient conditions	<u>15.7 MJ/L</u> 19.5 MJ/kg	11.65 MJ/L 22.5 MJ/kg	8.5 MJ/L for liquid hydrogen <u>120 MJ/kg</u>
Fuel safety considerations ¹	Toxic, flammable	Toxic, low flammability range	Nontoxic, wide flammability range
Combustion emissions compared to conventional fuel ³	Lower carbon dioxide (CO ₂), sulfur oxides (SO _x), particulate matter (PM), nitrogen oxides (NO _x)	Lower SO _x and PM, no direct CO ₂ ; higher NO _x and NO ₂ .	No direct CO ₂ , SO _x , lower PM Potentially higher NO _x with internal combustion Zero-emission if using fuel cells

¹ Eirik O, Longva T, S. Hammer L, Hydle Rivedal N, Endresen Ø, S. Eide M. Maritime Forecast to 2050, Energy Transition Outlook 2022. DNV; 2022.

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³ Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore. Alternative Fuels Outlook for Shipping. 2022.

Alternative Maritime Fuels for Ocean-Going Vessels

Particulars	Methanol	Ammonia	Hydrogen
Regulations	Covered by the International Maritime Organization's (IMO's) Interim Guidelines for Low Flash-Point Fuels and interim guidelines for the safety of ships using methyl/ethyl alcohol as fuel	No prescriptive rules. IMO Working item as a fuel, tentative classification rules available	No prescriptive rules. IMO working item, classification rules working item. Current regulations target fuel cells.
On-board storage	Mature solutions for storage, can use established procedures for diesel	Fuel can be compressed or refrigerated to increase volumetric density	Depending on the application, fuel can be compressed or liquified to increase volumetric density.
Bunkering	Bunkering is similar to conventional liquid fuels, but additional procedures are required (TTS, STS, BTS demonstrated)	Solutions will need to be developed based on handling ammonia-as-cargo (STS demonstrated in 2024)	Liquid hydrogen bunkering solutions in development. Experience with liquefied natural gas can be applicable (TTS demonstrated).

Scope

Due to the properties of hydrogen (i.e. energy density by volume), the scope of marine fuels for deep-seas shipping vessels is

limited to:

- Ammonia: bunkering pilots conducted, no regulatory and safety frameworks in place
- Methanol: bunkering validated in various locations, established regulatory guidelines

Hydrogen may be applicable for short-sea shipping (e.g., harbor craft)

Fuel Supply Strategies for Ports

Local production costs

Importing incumbents: high demand, high production costs

Recommended strategy:

- Importing fuels from low-cost production hubs
- Establishing partnerships with production regions and integrations into import/export corridors

Producing incumbents: high demand, low production costs

Recommended strategy:

- Readiest opportunity to become first movers in bunkering by leveraging existing bunkering hub status
- Proactive collaboration to activate demand for new fuels, build infrastructure, develop regulations, permitting

Bespoke players: low demand, high production costs

Recommended strategy:

- Adopt a proactive approach to obtain low-cost imports
- Attract demand to lower last mile costs
- Focus on bunkering one fuel in the near term

Future exporters: low demand, low production costs

Recommended strategy:

- Develop export markets by activating demand from shipping and other sectors to de-risk the investments and high last-mile costs
- Focus on bunkering one fuel in the near term
- Engage with first-mover segments and consider green corridors, partner with importing incumbents

Bunkering demand

Reference Ports: Case Studies

Corpus Christi: Future Exporter

- **Demand:**
 - Small bunkering market (700,000 tons of conventional bunkers per year)
 - Vessel types: tankers
 - 80,000 tons of ammonia required with 5% penetration by 2030
- **Supply/fuel sourcing:**
 - Ammonia in the near-term, potential for methanol in the future
 - Announced projects in the region cover the bunkering quantities
 - Potential constraints: scalable water supply, timing of transmission upgrades
- **Infrastructure:**
 - No existing ammonia storage
 - Opportunities for both new infrastructure and retrofitting liquefied petroleum gas storage
 - Early-stage readiness for bunkering

Ports of Seattle/Tacoma: Bespoke Player

- **Demand:**
 - Medium bunkering market (1.7 million tons of conventional bunkers per year)
 - Vessel types: container
 - 170,000 tons of methanol required with 5% penetration by 2030
- **Supply/fuel sourcing:**
 - Focus on methanol
 - Local production constraints: new solar, wind deployment and low capacity factors
 - No established partnerships with suppliers across the country
 - Likely to face competition to secure low-cost methanol
- **Infrastructure:**
 - No existing methanol storage
 - Green shipping corridors with South Korea and Alaska in development
 - No regulatory authority over bunkering
 - Early-stage readiness for bunkering

Reference Ports: Case Studies

Virginia: Bespoke Player

- **Demand:**
 - Estimated small to medium bunkering market
 - Vessel types: container (60%), dry bulk (22%)¹
- **Supply/fuel sourcing:**
 - Focus on methanol
 - No existing/announced green methanol projects in the region—closest announced e-methanol facility in Texas²
- **Infrastructure:**
 - No existing methanol storage or bunkering²
 - Operating port, but bunkering appears to be provided by third-parties
 - Plans for liquefied natural gas bunkering
 - Early-stage readiness for bunkering

Charleston: Bespoke Player

- **Demand:**
 - Estimated small bunkering market
 - Vessel types: container (70%), other freight (3%)¹
- **Supply/fuel sourcing:**
 - Focus on methanol
 - No existing/announced green methanol projects in the region – closest announced e-methanol facility in Texas²
- **Infrastructure:**
 - Methanol storage, no bunkering²
 - Operating port, but bunkering appears to be provided by third-parties
 - No publicly available plans for alternative fuel bunkering; liquefied natural gas vessel hosted in 2023
 - Early-stage readiness for bunkering

¹ Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 2024. Port Profiles.

² Methanol Institute. E-Methanol & Biomethanol Plants and Ports

Task 4 Key Takeaways

- Hydrogen role as a marine fuel
 - Unlikely for ocean-going vessels due to its properties
 - Potential applications include shore power and harbor craft (e.g., tugboats)
- Port archetypes:
 - Three out of four reference ports classified as Bespoke Player with low bunkering demand and high fuel production cost
 - All reference ports are in early-stage readiness for methanol or ammonia bunkering

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Future Work

- Scope: include other hydrogen applications at ports (e.g., shore power for ocean-going vessels, harbor craft, stationary power, potentially consider drayage trucks)
- Powertrain cost comparison:
 - Account for initial equipment cost and compare equipment on a total cost of ownership basis instead of fuel savings
 - Account for average powertrain efficiency informed by equipment duty cycles
- Hydrogen production/delivery: evaluate hydrogen production/delivery opportunities at or near ports (e.g., on-site electrolysis, industrial production on adjacent land for export, import, pipeline)



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