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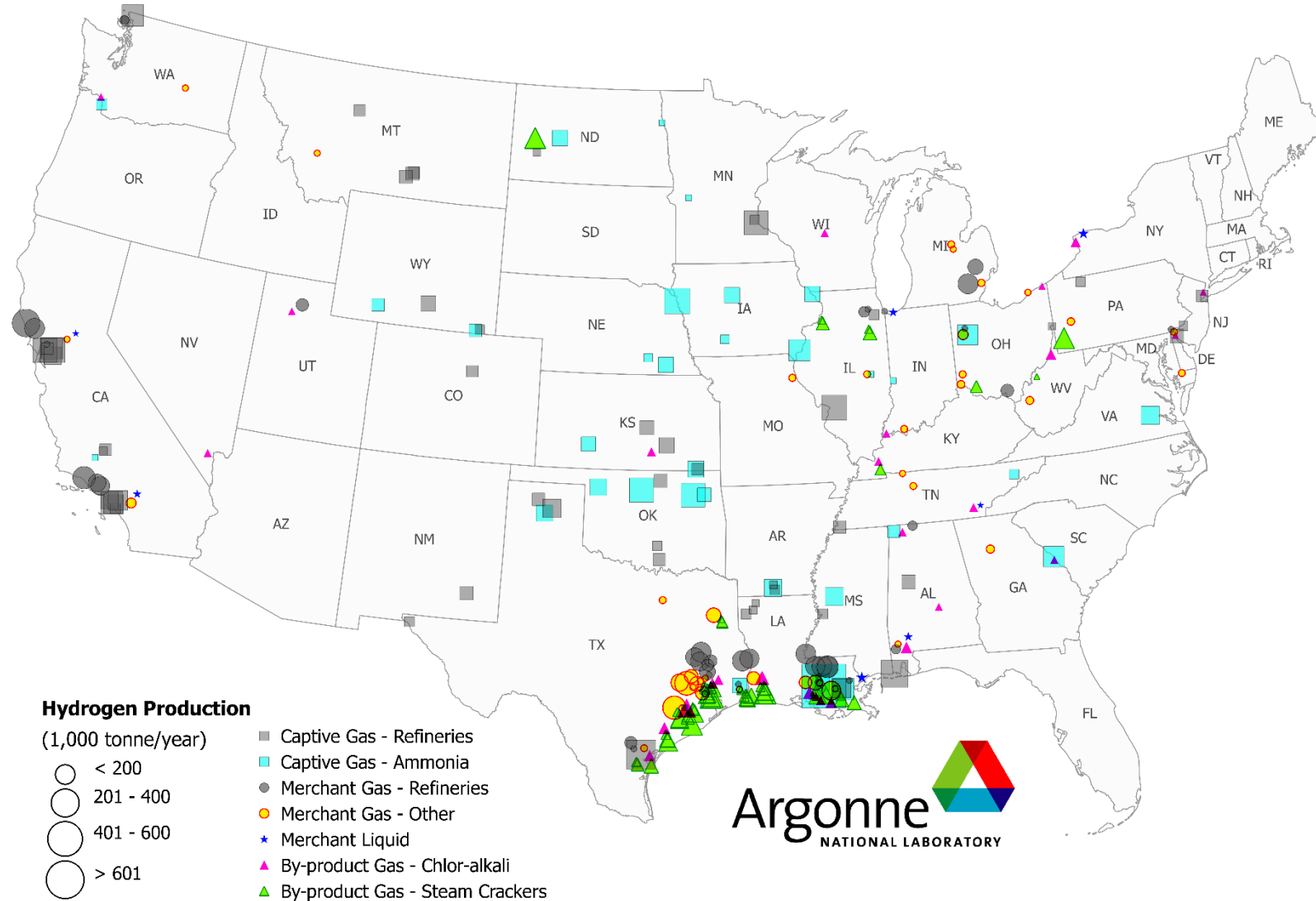
# Analysis of Current and Future Hydrogen Production and Utilization in the United States

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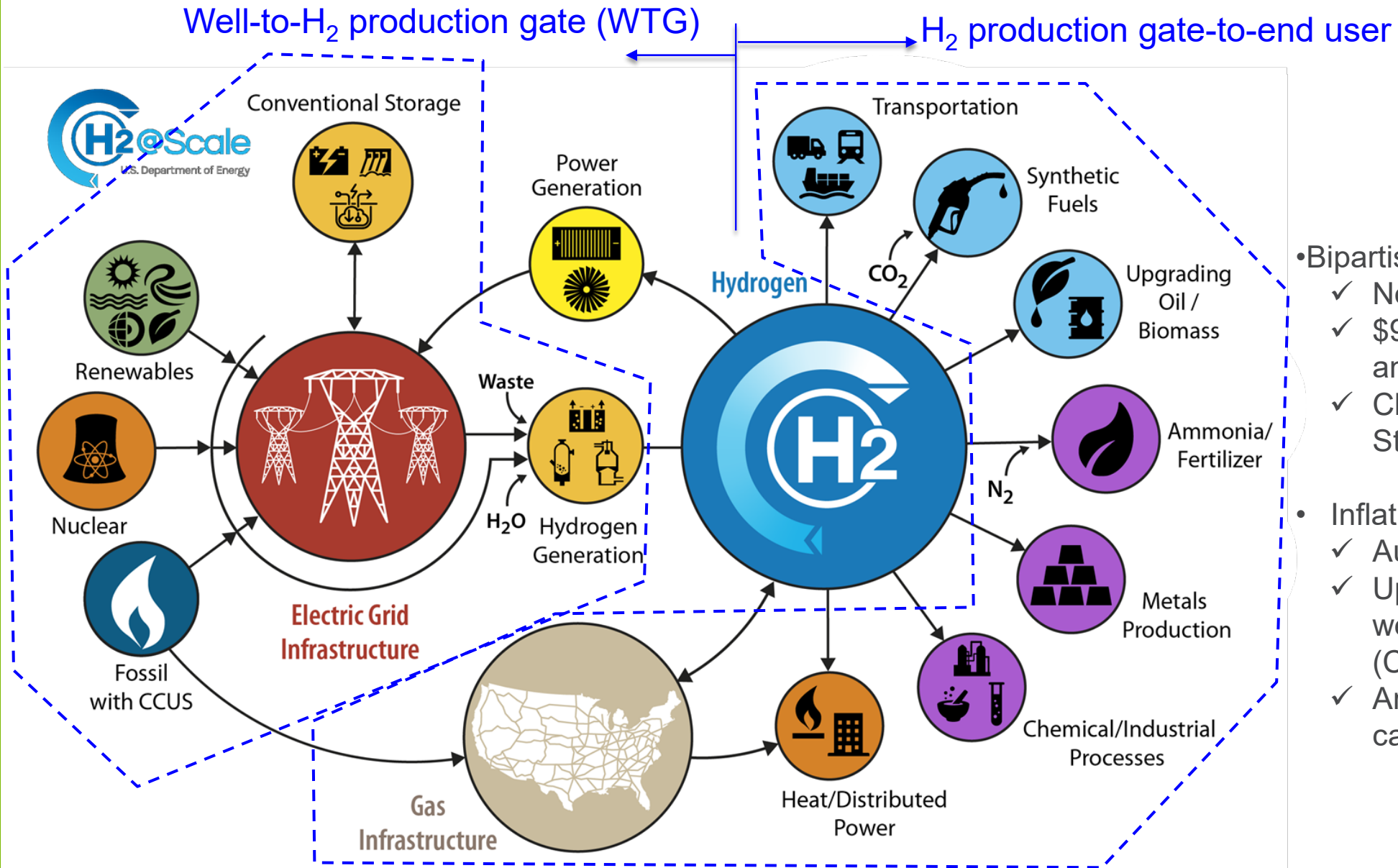
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# Today, more than 10M metric tons of hydrogen are produced in the U.S. annually, mainly from steam methane reforming of natural gas



# H2@Scale: a DOE initiative for a hydrogen economy



- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
  - ✓ November 2021
  - ✓ \$9.5B for clean H<sub>2</sub> production and deployment
  - ✓ Clean Hydrogen Production Standard (<4 kgCO<sub>2e</sub>/kgH<sub>2</sub>)
- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
  - ✓ August 2022
  - ✓ Up to \$3/kg credit based on H<sub>2</sub> well-to-gate carbon intensity (CI)
  - ✓ Argonne GREET model for CI calculations

# Current status and trends of hydrogen deployment in the USA

## Hydrogen Program

Coordinated across DOE on research, development, demonstration, and deployment (RDD&D) to address:

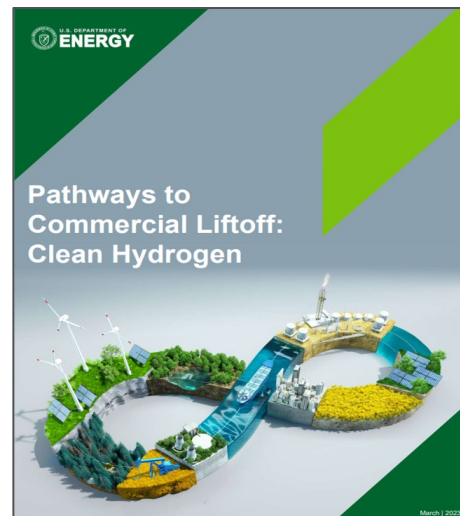
- The entire H<sub>2</sub> value chain from production through end use
- H<sub>2</sub> production from all resources (renewables, nuclear, and fossil + CCS)

U.S. clean hydrogen market is poised for rapid growth

Annual clean hydrogen production for domestic demand has the potential to scale from < 1 to ~10 M metric tons by 2030

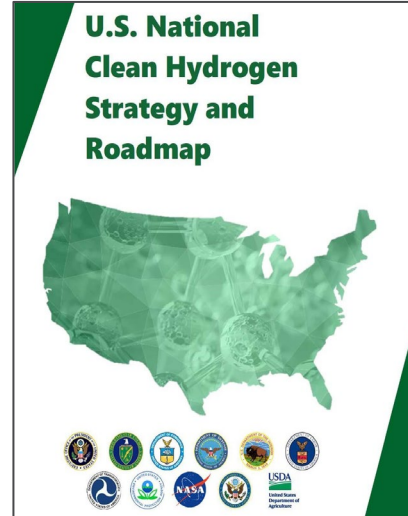
Scaling the market will require continuing work to address demand-side challenges

March 2023: Market Liftoff of Clean Hydrogen



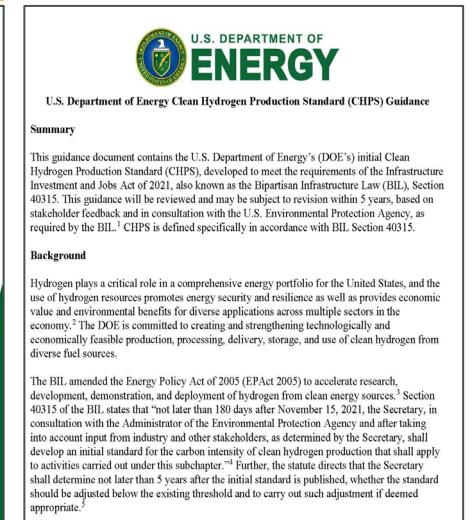
<https://liftoff.energy.gov/clean-hydrogen/>

June 2023: Multiagency strategy and roadmap



<https://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/clean-hydrogen-strategy-roadmap.html>

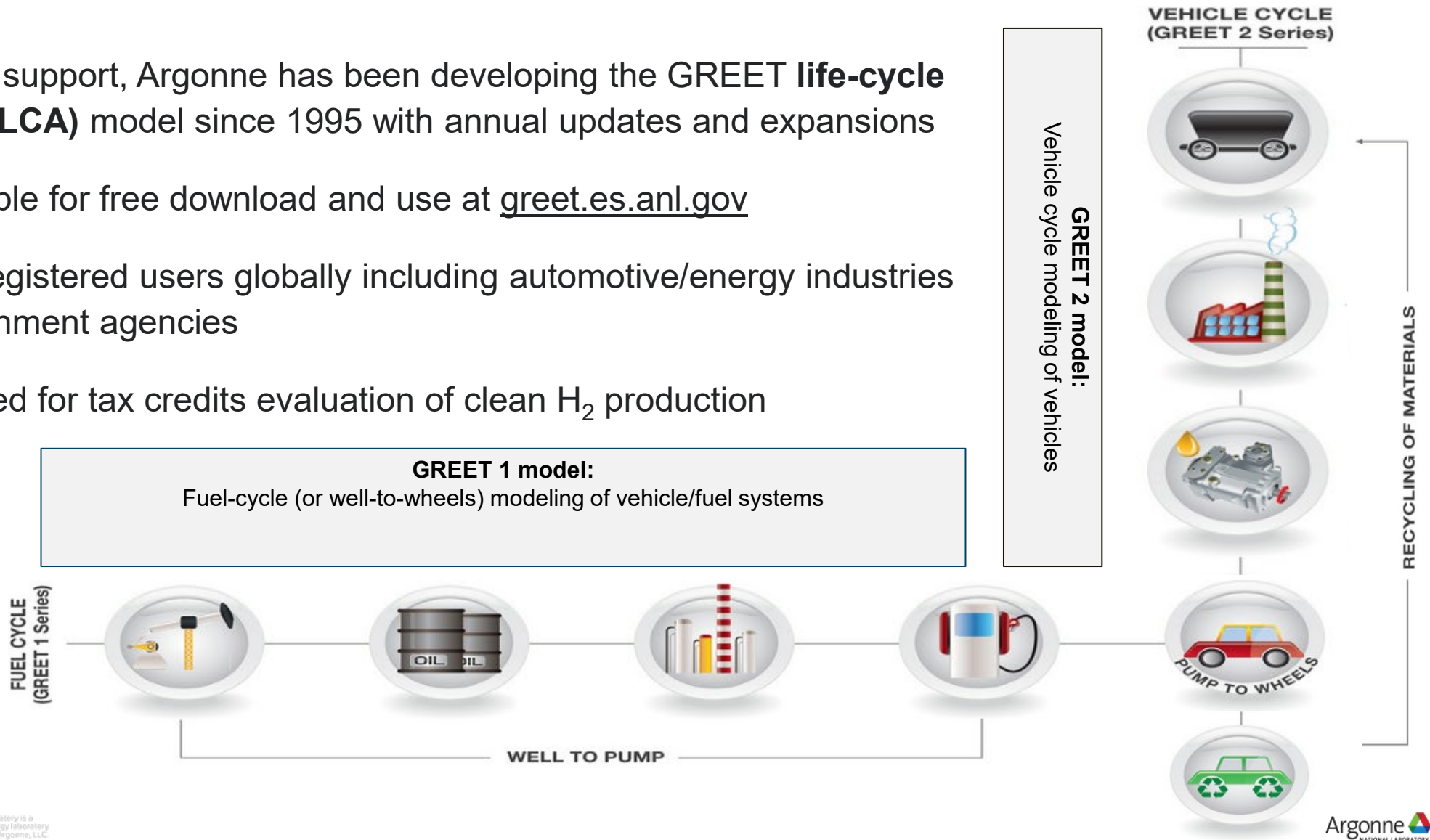
June 2023: DOE Production standard guidance



<https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/articles/clean-hydrogen-production-standard>

# The **GREET**<sup>®</sup> (**Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Technologies) model**

- With DOE support, Argonne has been developing the GREET **life-cycle analysis (LCA)** model since 1995 with annual updates and expansions
- It is available for free download and use at [greet.es.anl.gov](http://greet.es.anl.gov)
- >55,000 registered users globally including automotive/energy industries and government agencies
- Will be used for tax credits evaluation of clean H<sub>2</sub> production



# ***GREET sustainability metrics include energy use, criteria air pollutants, GHG, and water consumption***

## **Energy use**

- Total energy: fossil energy and renewable energy
- Fossil energy: petroleum, natural gas, and coal
- Renewable energy: biomass, nuclear energy, hydro-power, wind power, and solar energy



*Resource availability and energy security*

## **Air pollutants**

- VOC, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and SO<sub>x</sub>
- Estimated separately for total and urban (a subset of the total) emissions



*Human health and environmental justice*

## **Greenhouse gases**

- **CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O** black carbon, and albedo
- CO<sub>2e</sub> of the five (with their global warming potentials)



*Global warming impacts*

## **Water consumption**

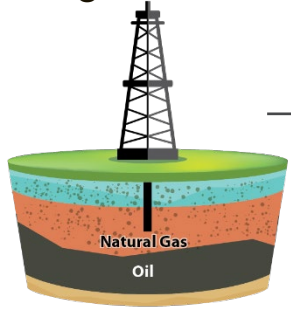
- Addressing water supply and demand (energy-water nexus)



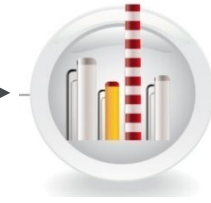
*Regional/seasonal water stress impacts*

# Hydrogen production via CH<sub>4</sub> reforming, w/ and w/o CCS

Conventional Gas Drilling & Recovery



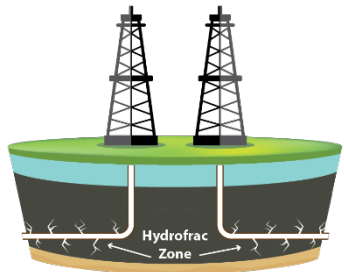
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NG Compression



Shale Gas Drilling & Recovery



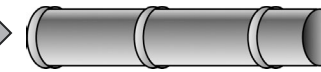
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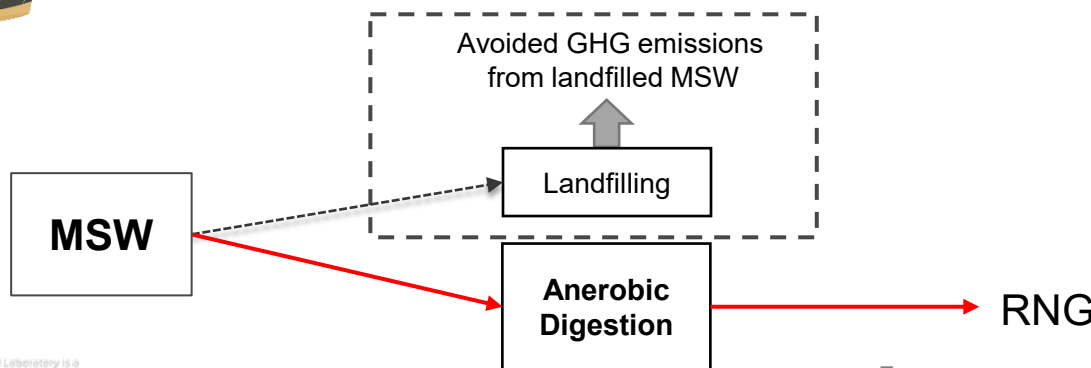
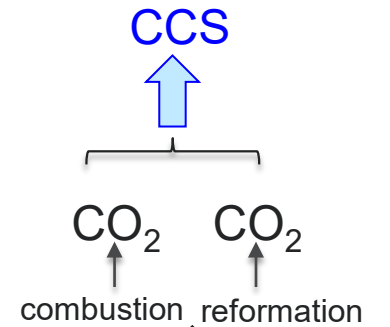
NG Transportation



NG SMR or ATR Plant

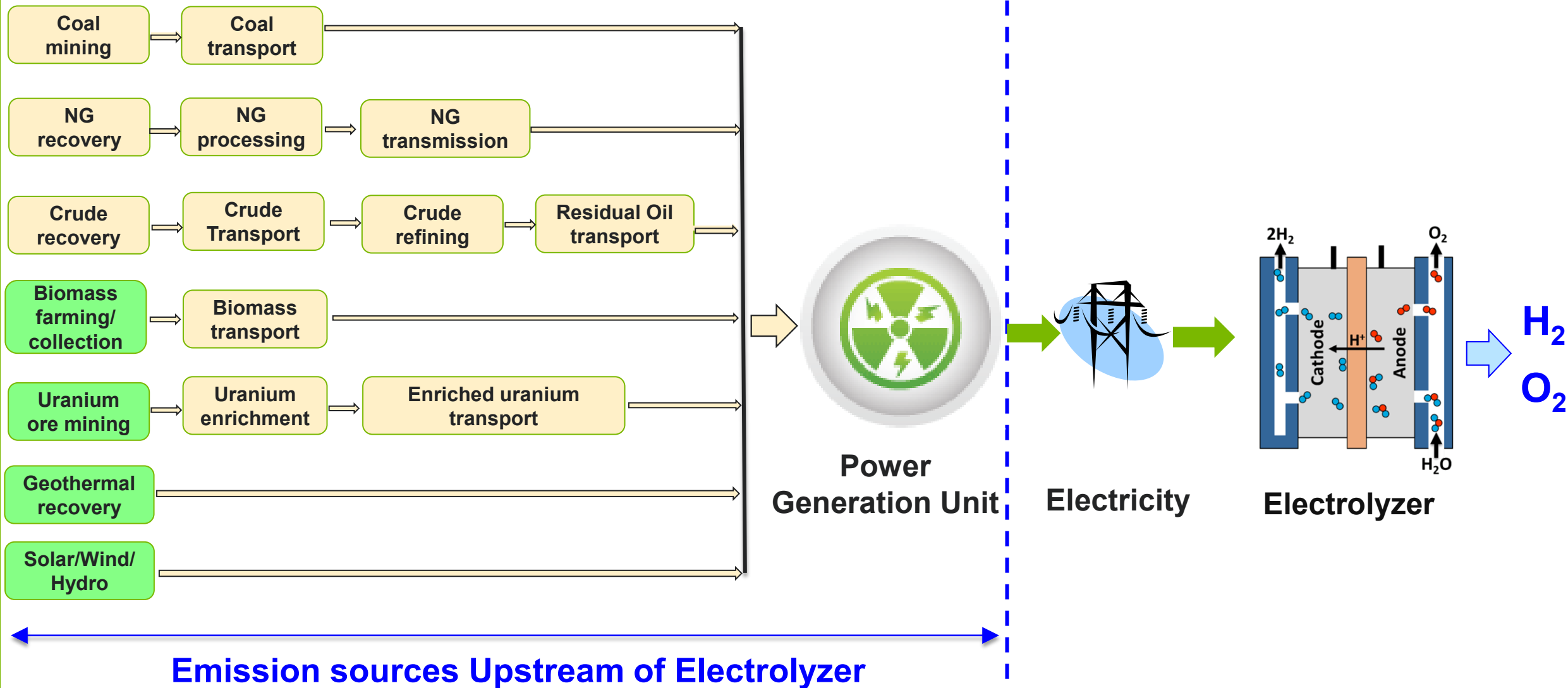


H<sub>2</sub> + Steam



MSW = municipal solid waste  
 NG = natural gas  
 RNG = renewable NG  
 SMR = steam methane reforming  
 ATR = auto-thermal reforming

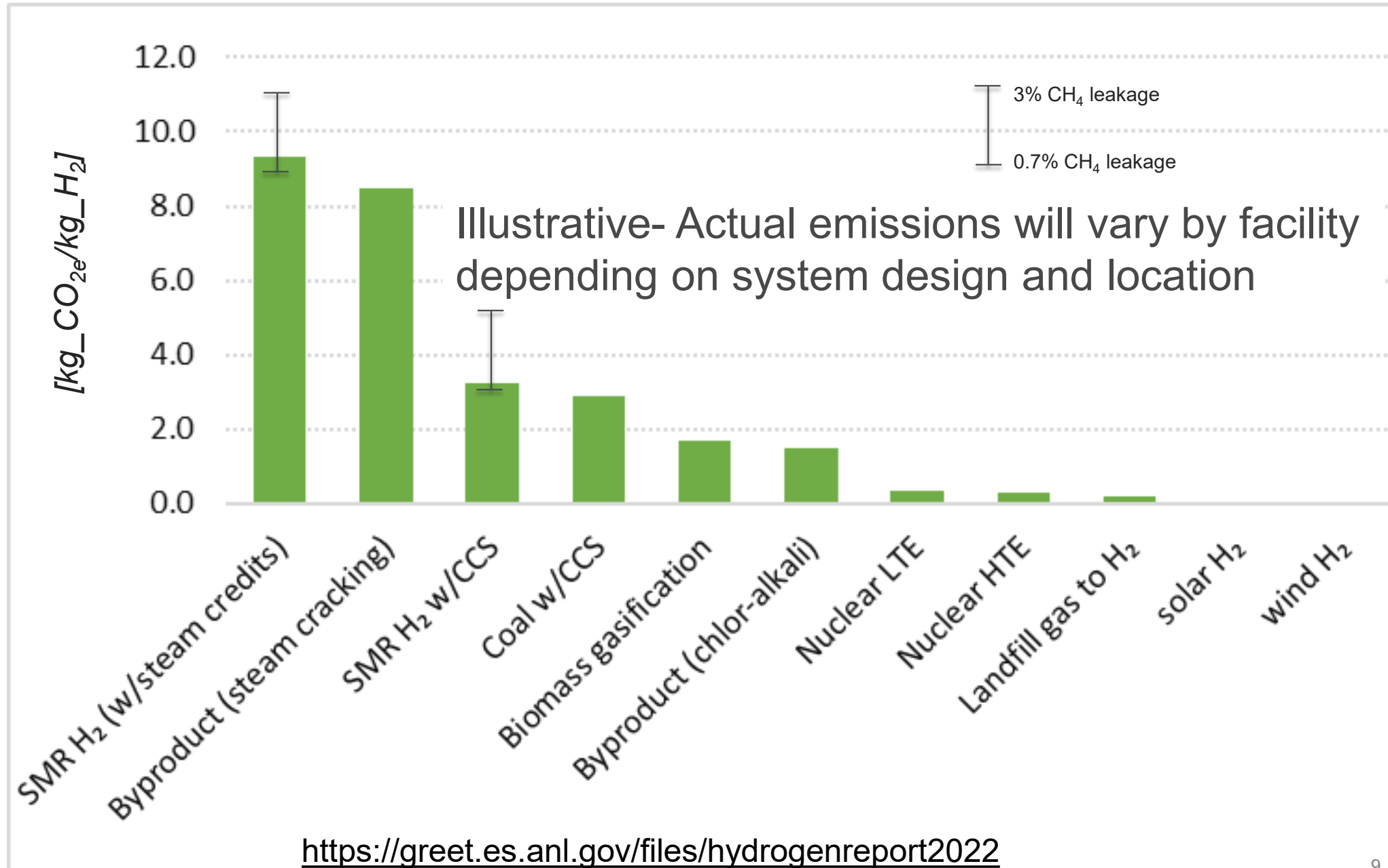
# Hydrogen production via water electrolysis



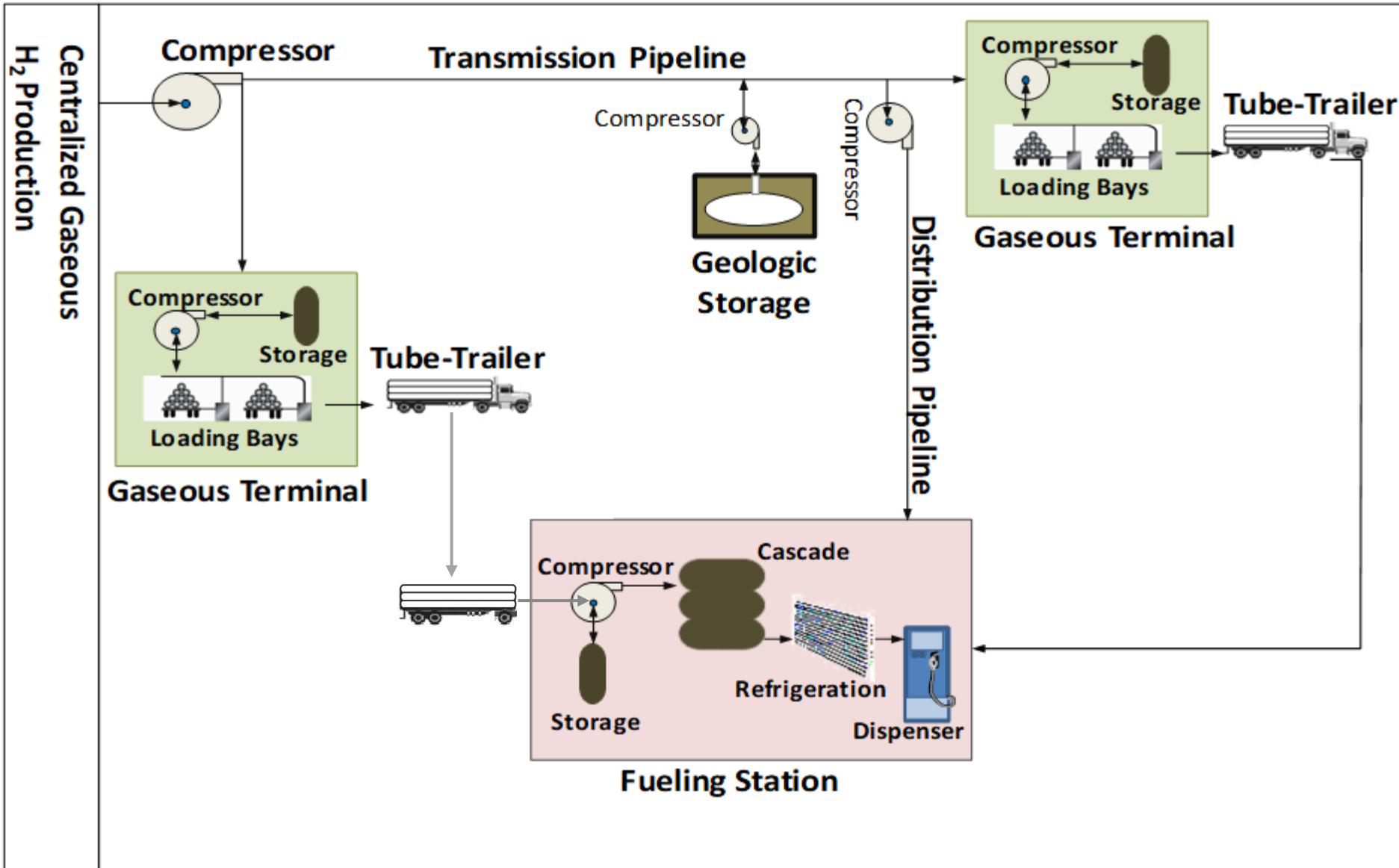


# Well-to-gate (WTG) GHG emissions of hydrogen production pathways

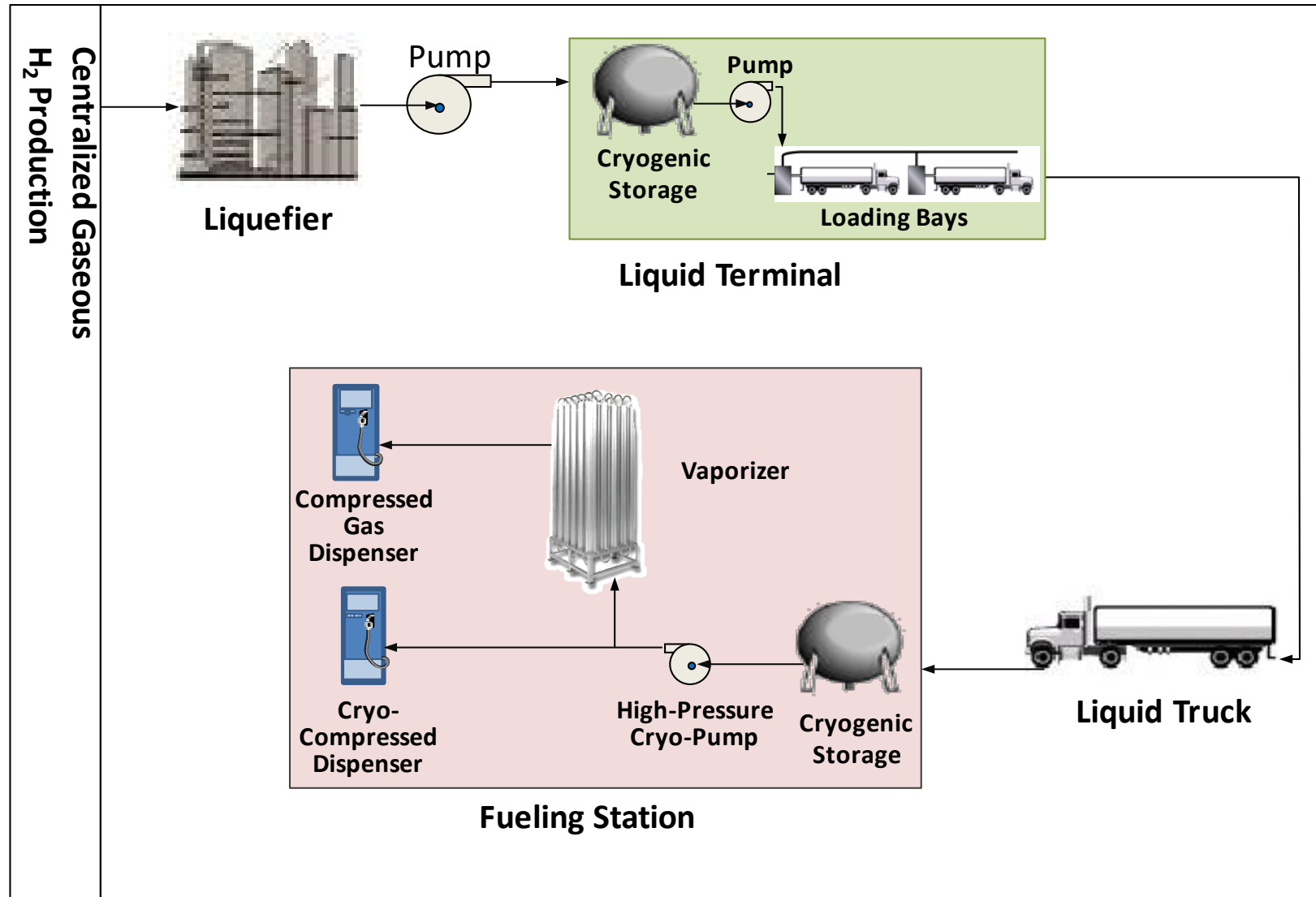
SMR= Steam Methane Reforming;  
 CCS=Carbon Capture and Sequestration;  
 LTE=Low-Temp Electrolysis;  
 HTE=High-Temp Electrolysis;  
 LFG=Landfill Gas



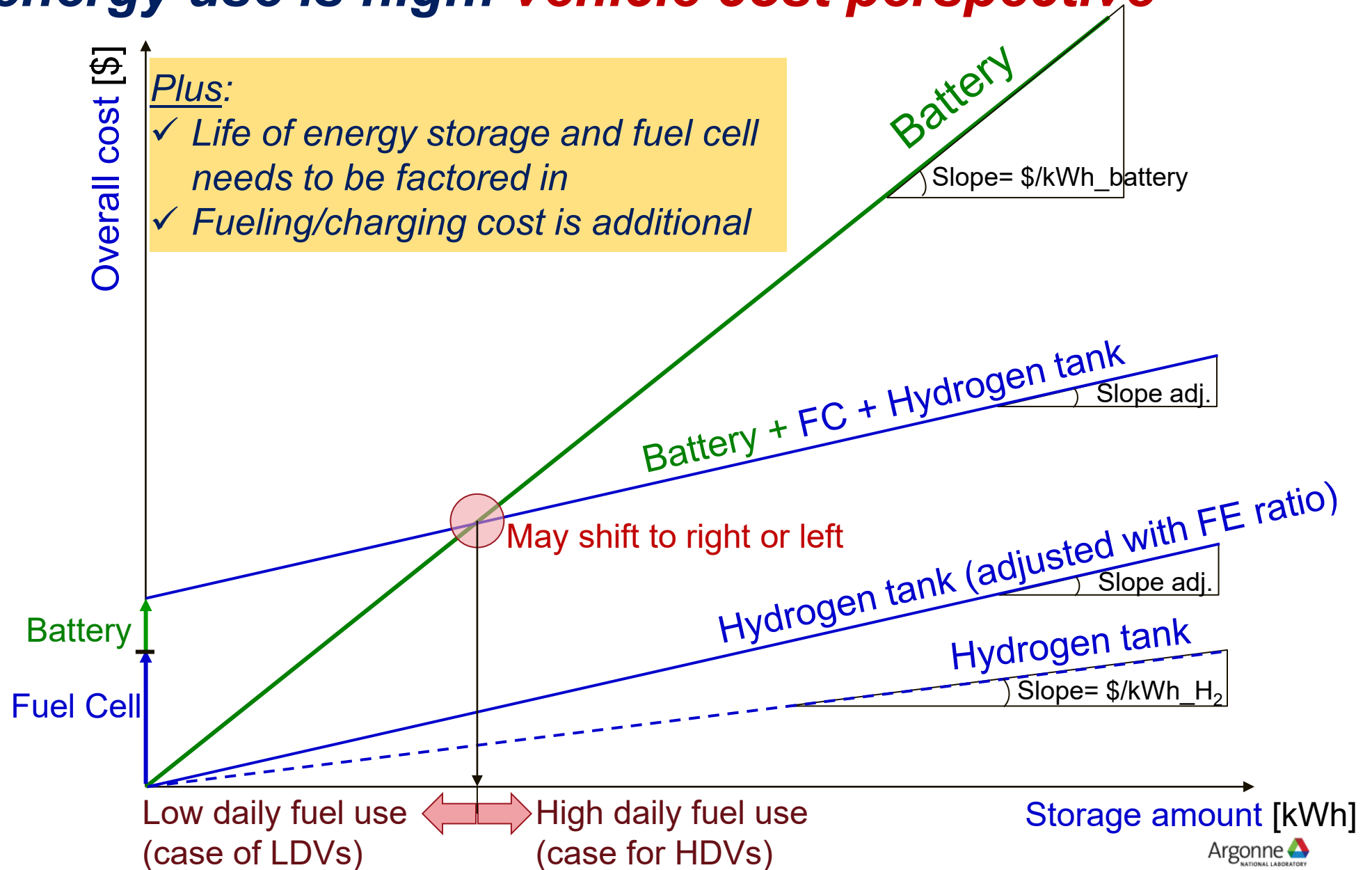
# Infrastructure options for gaseous hydrogen (GH2) delivery



# Infrastructure of liquid hydrogen (LH2) delivery



# H<sub>2</sub> fuel cell electric vehicles are attractive zero-emission options when daily energy use is high: **vehicle cost perspective**



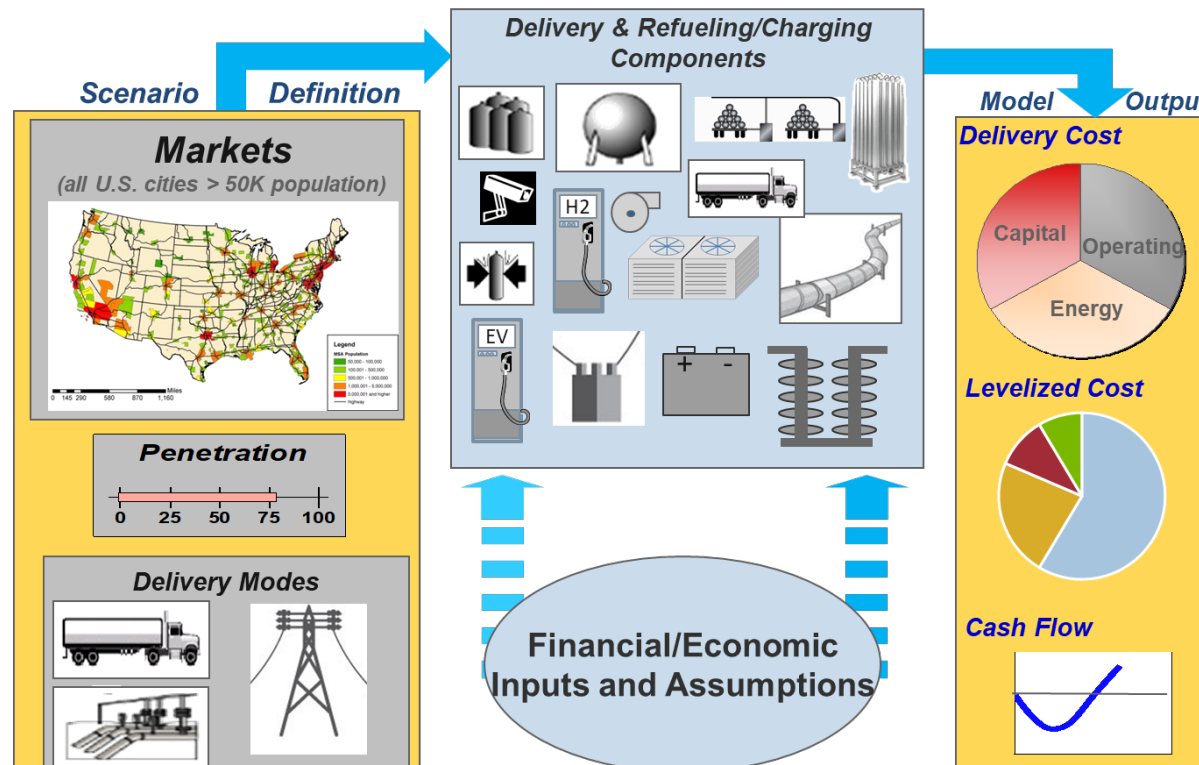
✓FC: Fuel Cell
✓FE: Fuel Economy
✓LDV: Light-Duty Vehicle
✓HDV: Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicle

# Hydrogen Delivery Scenario Analysis suite of Models (HDSAM)

Argonne's HDSAM and its derivatives evaluate the economic performance and market acceptance of hydrogen delivery technologies and fueling infrastructure for FCEVs

➤ Publicly available with >5,000 users, including major gas and energy companies, in more than 25 economies

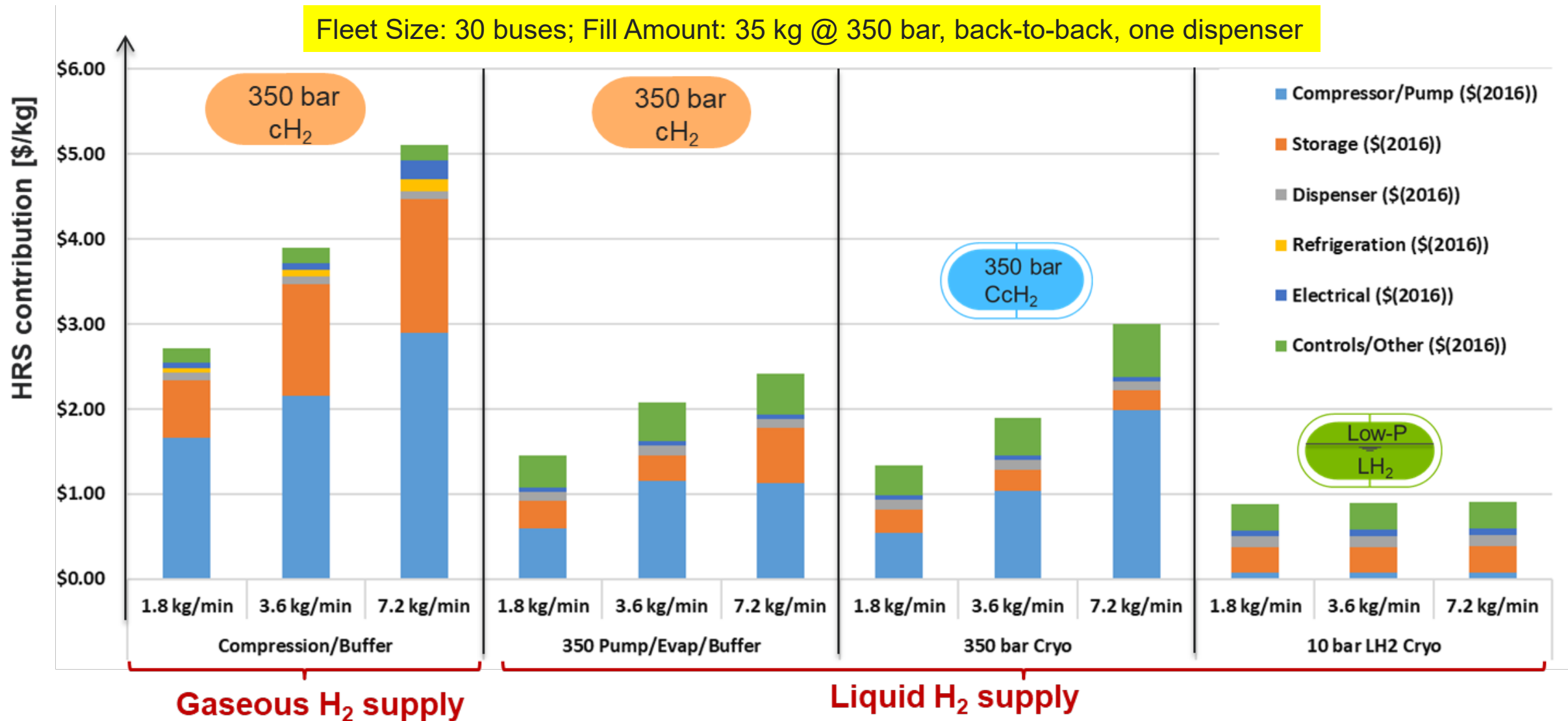
➤ Supported by U.S. Department of Energy's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office (HFTO) since 2004



<https://hdsam.es.anl.gov/>

# *H<sub>2</sub> supply form and onboard storage technology strongly impact H<sub>2</sub> refueling station (HRS) cost*

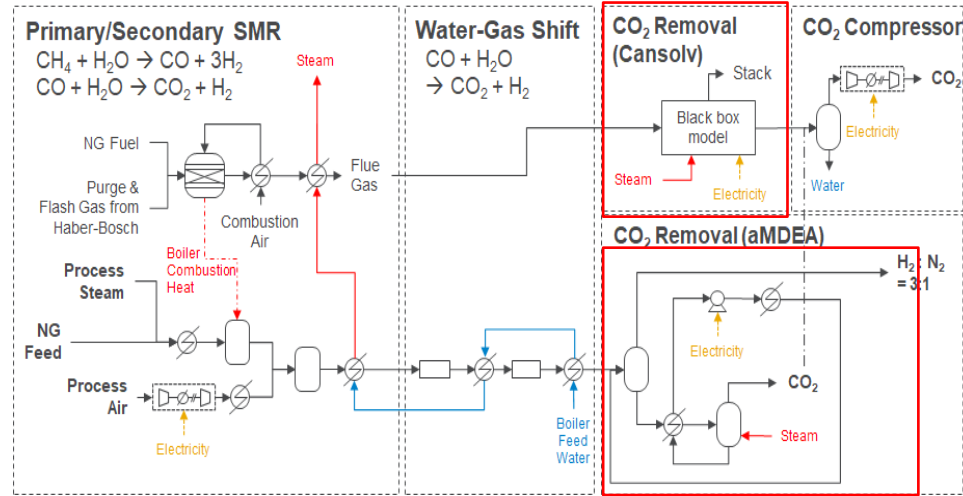
Fleet Size: 30 buses; Fill Amount: 35 kg @ 350 bar, back-to-back, one dispenser



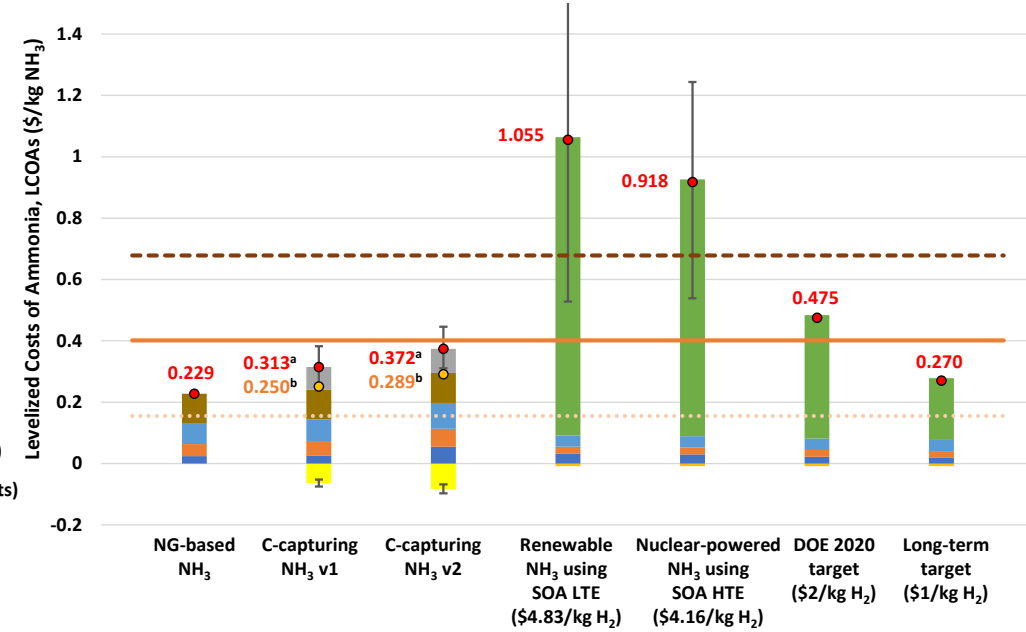
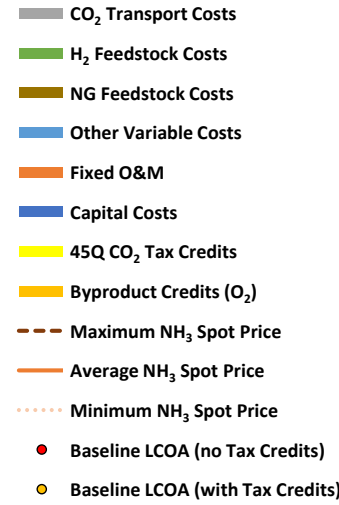
➤ Cost of H<sub>2</sub> delivered to the station is additional

# Ammonia as fertilizer, fuel and H<sub>2</sub> carrier

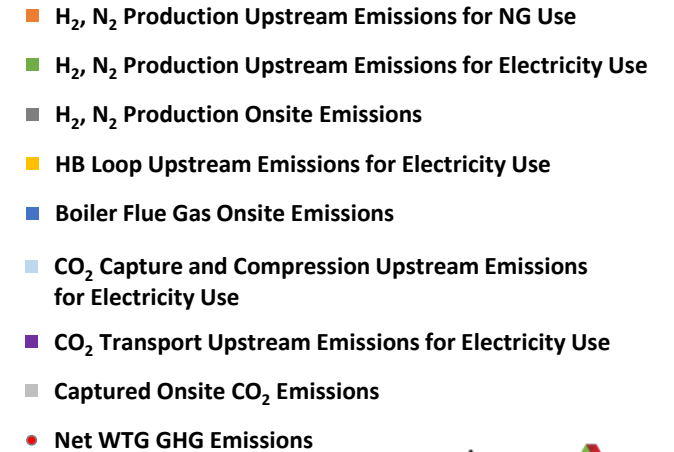
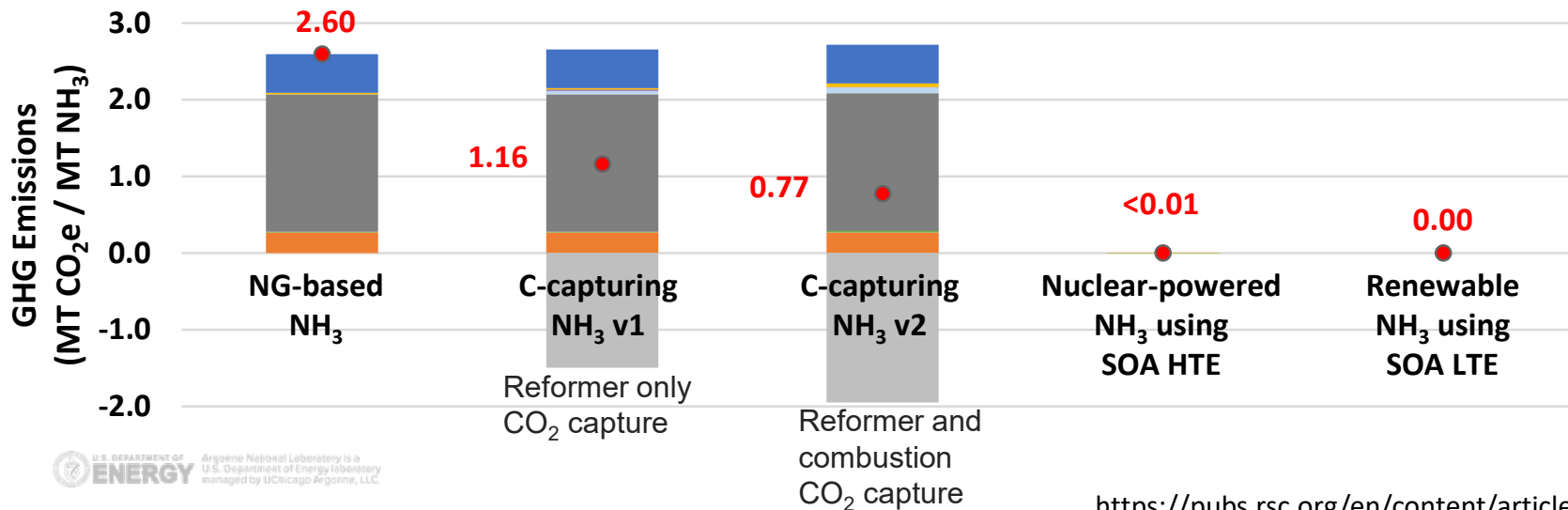
## Ammonia production process modeling



## Techno-economic analysis

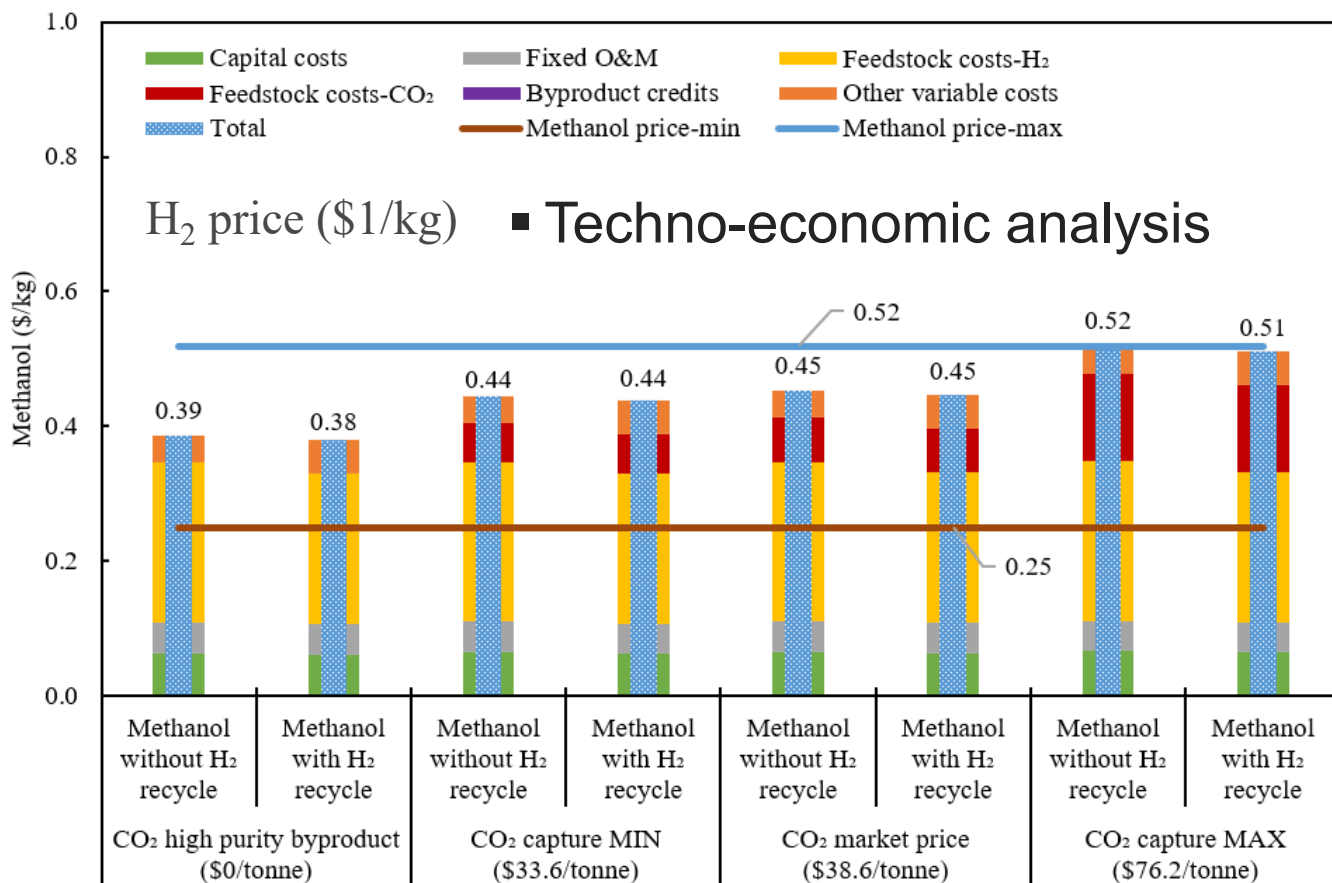


## Well-to-gate emissions

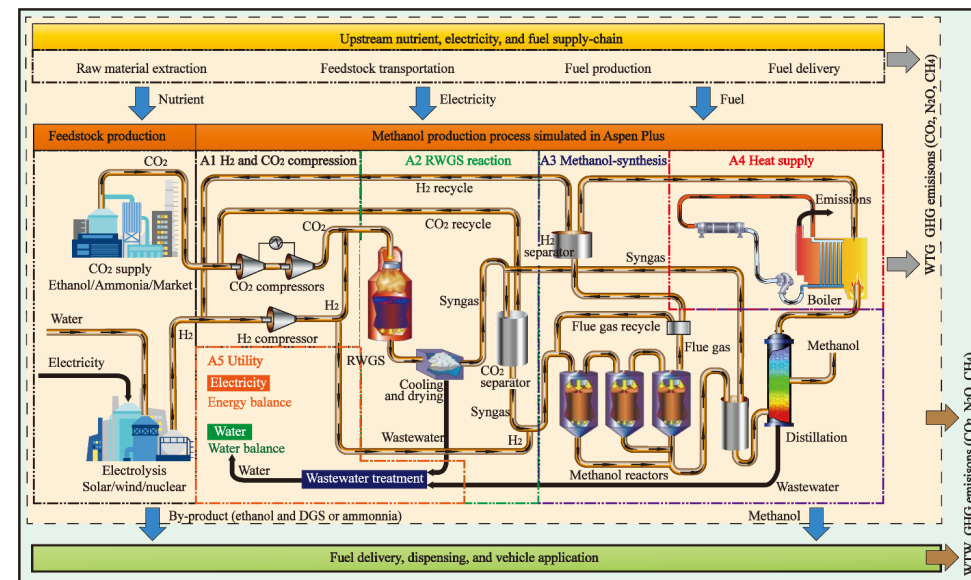


# e-methanol as chemical, fuel, H<sub>2</sub> carrier

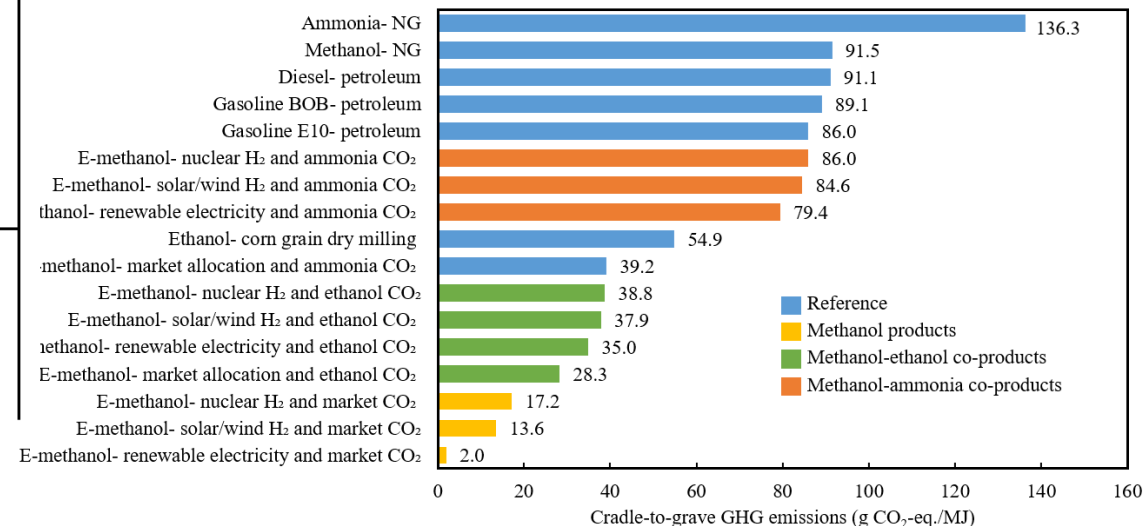
- Methanol can be synthesized by using CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> via RWGS and methanol reaction
- CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub> → syngas → methanol



## Conversion process modeling



## Well-to-gate GHG emissions

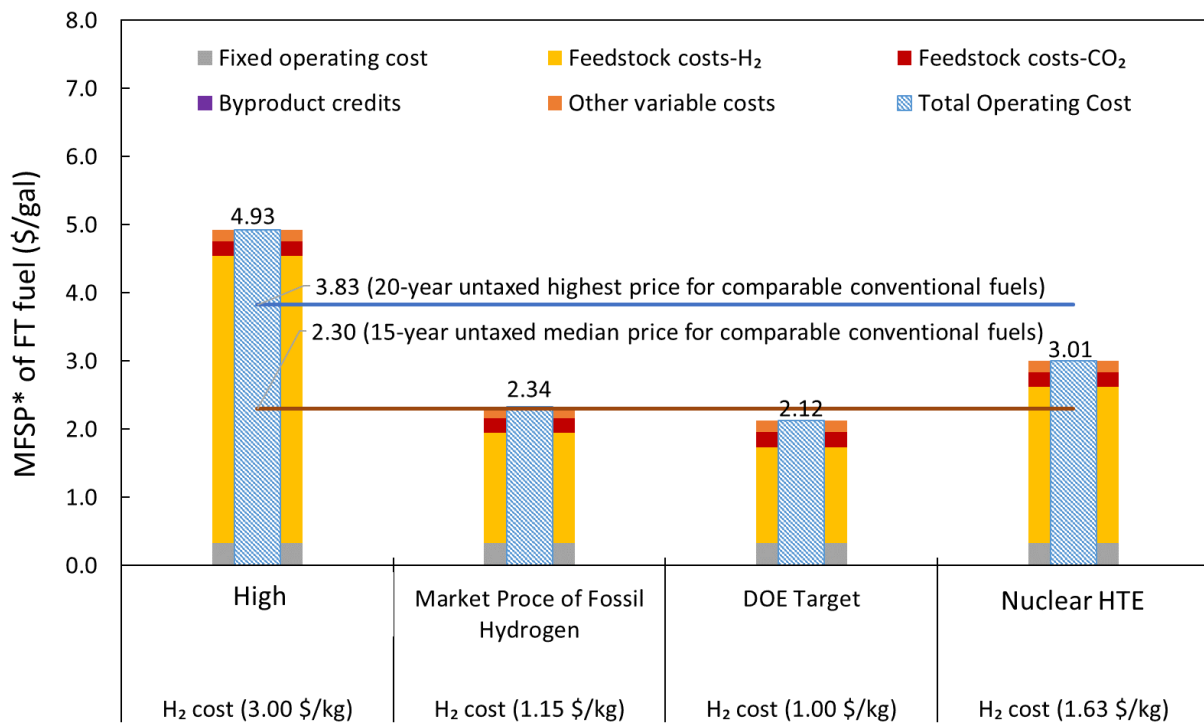




# E-fuels via Fischer-Tropsch (FT) process using $H_2 + CO_2$

- FT fuels can be synthesized by using  $CO_2$  and  $H_2$  via RWGS and FT reaction
- $CO_2 + H_2 \rightarrow \text{syngas} \rightarrow \text{FT fuels}$

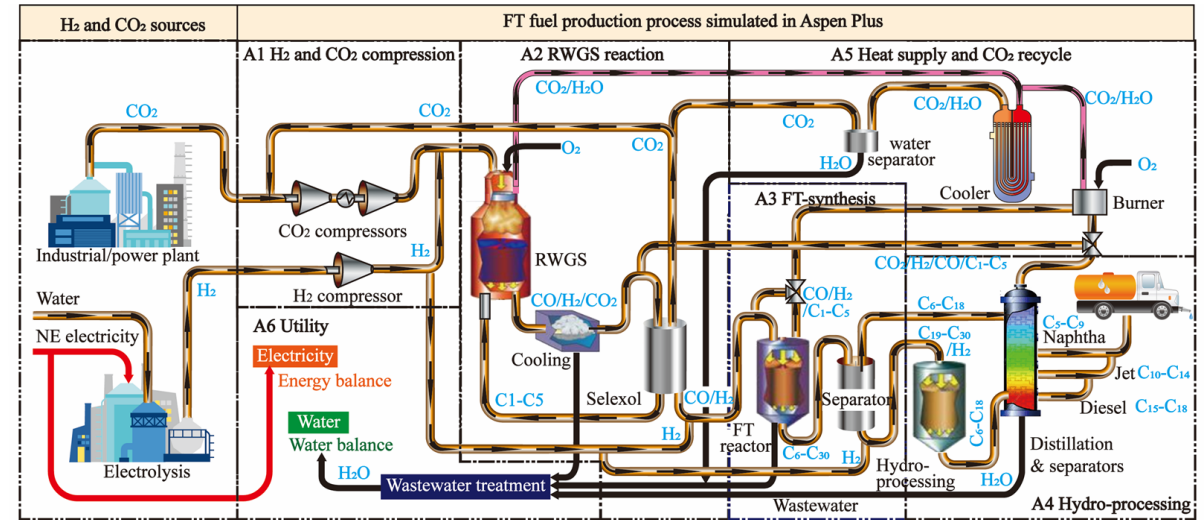
## Techno-economic analysis



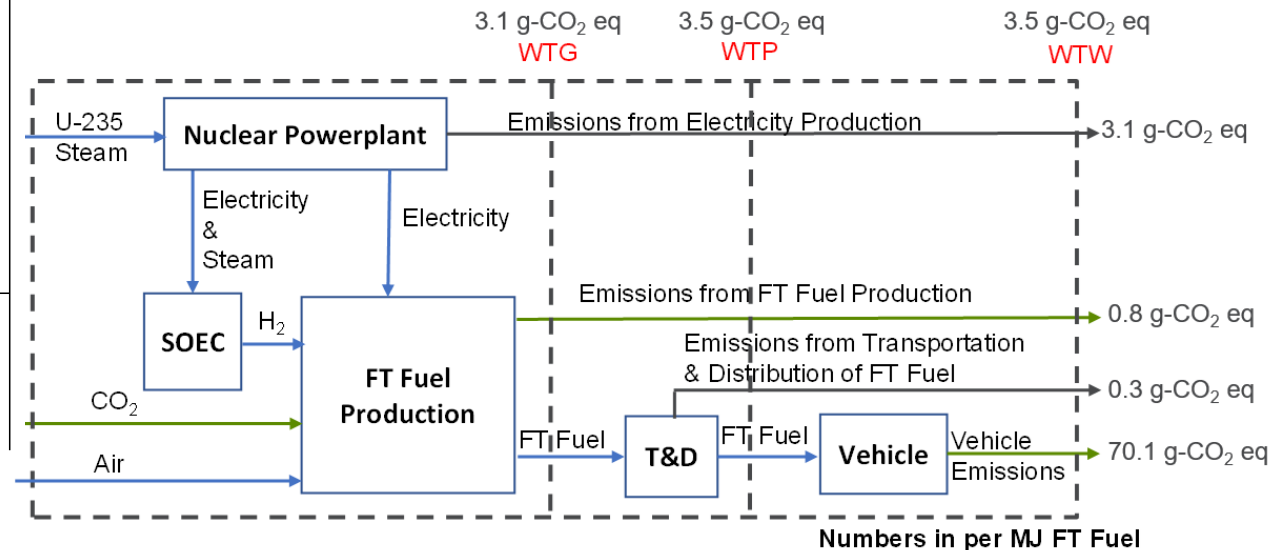
\*MSFP=minimum fuel selling price

<https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1868524>

## Conversion process modeling



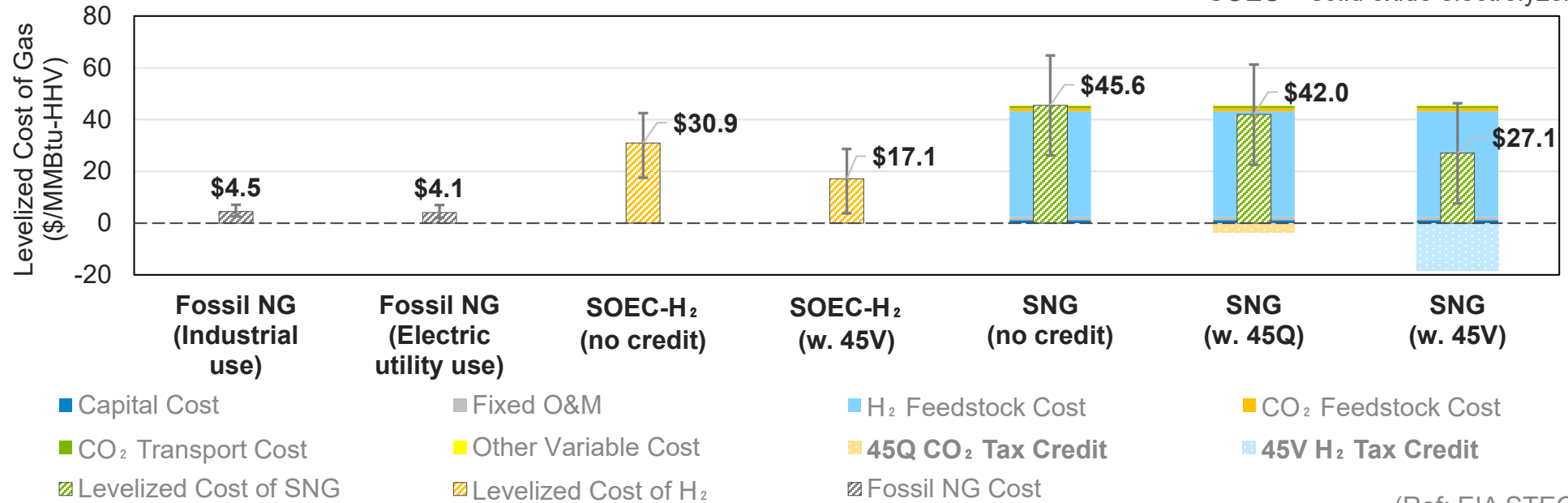
## Well-to-gate emissions



# SNG Production Cost – w/ and w/o IRA Tax Credits

- Ethanol-CO<sub>2</sub> supply

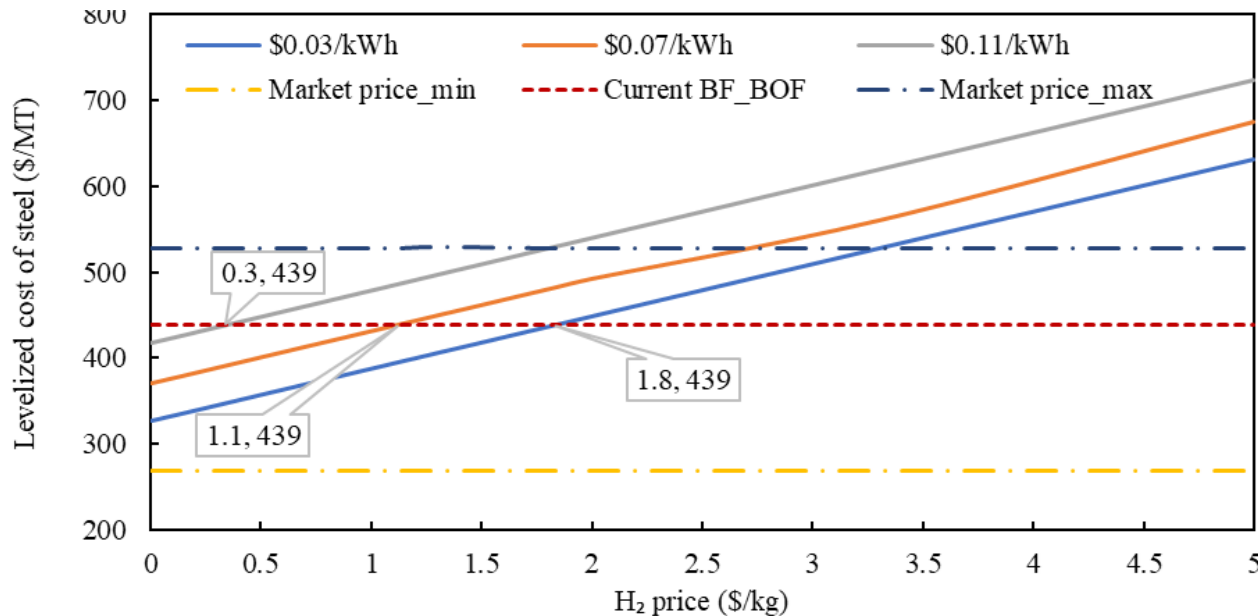
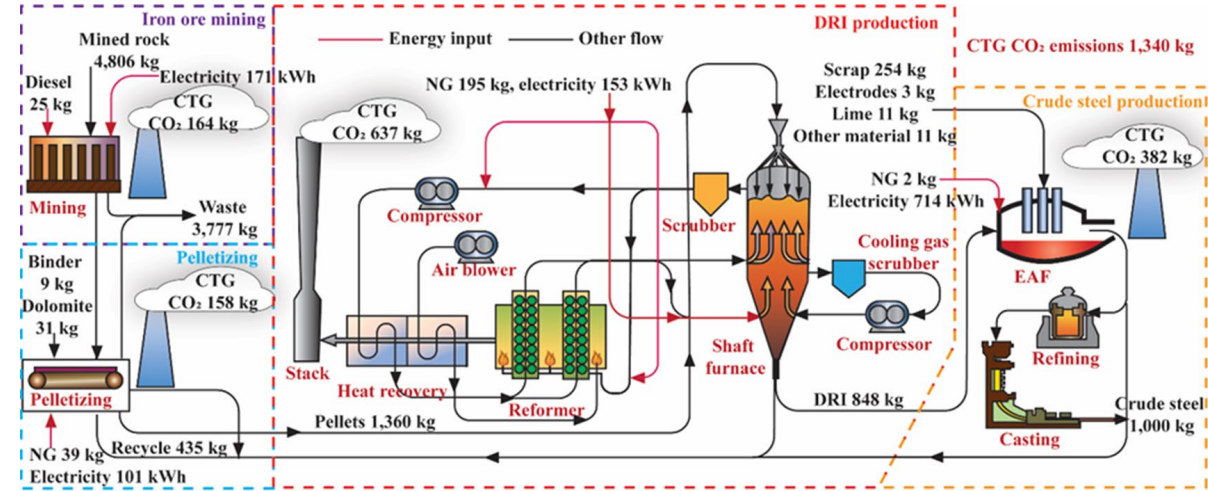
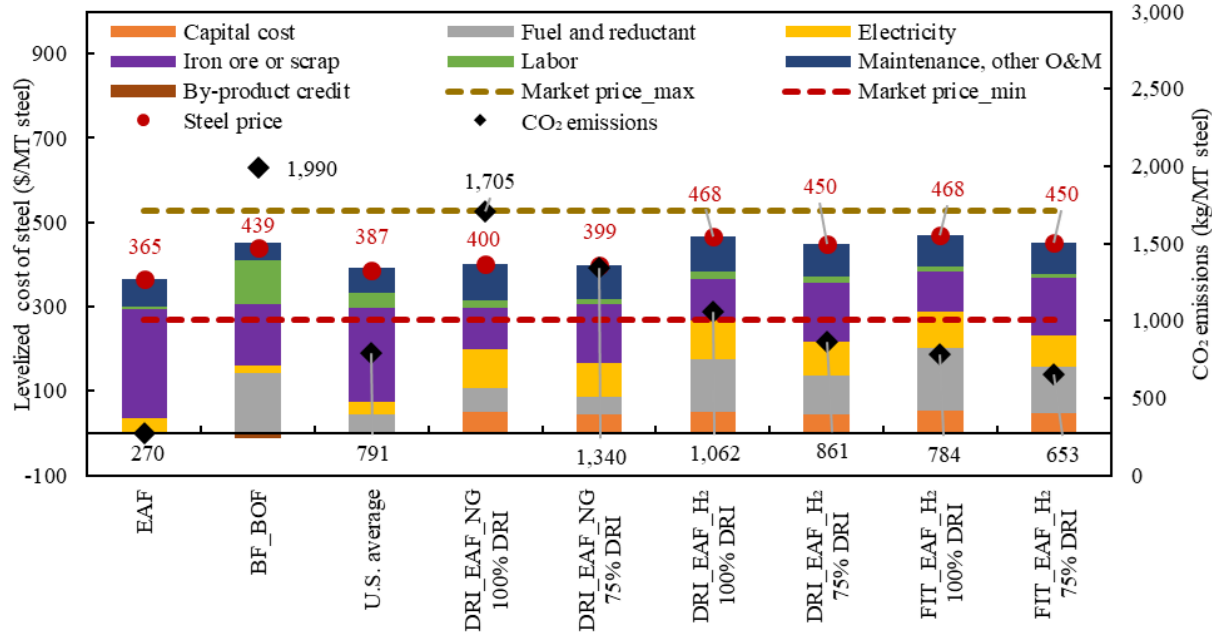
• SOEC = solid oxide electrolyzer cell



(Ref: EIA STEO 2022)

TEA Parameter	Unit	Low-Cost Value	Baseline Value	High-Cost Value	Reference
Nuclear electricity price	¢/kWh	3	7	11	DOE 2020 Record
SOEC-H <sub>2</sub> price (no credit)	\$/kg-H <sub>2</sub>	2.4	4.2	5.7	DOE 2020 Record
SOEC-H <sub>2</sub> price (with 45V PTC)	\$/kg-H <sub>2</sub>	0.5	2.3	3.9	This work
Ethanol-CO <sub>2</sub> price	\$/MT-CO <sub>2</sub>	17.7 (minimum)	25.2 (weighted average)	33.4 (maximum)	This work and NETL, 2014
CO <sub>2</sub> transport distance	mi	50	100	500	This work
Byproduct steam	-	Export	No export	No export	This work

# Steel production using hydrogen in DRI technology



- NG=\$3.7/GJ, Elec =\$0.07/kWh, H<sub>2</sub>=\$1.3/kg
- The production cost with DRI-NG-EAF is similar with that of BF-BOF
- DRI-H<sub>2</sub> is more costly, and sensitive to H<sub>2</sub> price
- For DRI-H<sub>2</sub> steel to reach price parity with market price, H<sub>2</sub> cost needs to be \$1-2/kg H<sub>2</sub>
- IRA 45V incentivize DRI with H<sub>2</sub>

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