

Energy Storage with Anhydrous Ammonia: Comparison with other Energy Storage

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Energy Storage Alternatives

“Electricity”

- Batteries
 - Lead-acid
 - Nickel-cadmium
 - Lithium ion
 - Sodium sulfur
- Pumped hydro (PHS)
- Compressed air (CAES) (large and small scale)
- Natural gas - coupled (NGS)
- Flow batteries (FBES)
- Flywheel (FES)
- Superconducting magnetic (SMES)
- Supercapacitors

Energy Storage Alternatives

Other

- **Natural gas**
- **Chemical**
- **Synthetic hydrocarbons (HC's) (FTL's)**
- **Thermal energy (TES)**
- **NEW**
 - **Compressed hydrogen (35 – 70 bar typical) → ICE or fuel cell (FC-HES)**
 - **“Hydricity”**
 - **Conversion from / to electricity**
 - **Hydrogen in caverns and pipelines**
 - **LH2: liquid hydrogen**
 - **Ammonia liquid in tanks**

Energy Storage System Characteristics - A

- **Storage capacity (Mwh, scf, nM3, Mt, gallons)**
- **Power (kW, MW, scfm, tpd, gpm)
In / out rate**
- **Costs**
 - **Capital**
 - **O&M**
- **Efficiency**
- **Response time**
- **Durability (cycling capacity, lifetime)**
- **Depth of discharge**
- **Self-discharge**

Energy Storage System Characteristics - B

- **Reliability**
- **Autonomy**
- **Adaptation to the generating source**
- **Mass and volume energy density**
- **Monitoring and control equipment**
- **Operational constraints**
- **Feasibility**
- **Environmental**
- **Safety**

Benefit / Cost Perspective

- **This presentation:**
 - Analytical framework
 - Not all answers
- **Must think long-term**
- **Benefits: aggregate; external**
- **Costs: aggregate; external**
- **Systems thinking → tech, econ analysis**

Pickens Plan

- **Bold, large-scale, motivates thinking**
- **GW scale: economies**
- **Underestimates**
 - **Transmission cost, obstacles**
 - **Grid integration, thermal gen plant abuse**
 - **Firming storage needed**
- **Disregards Hydrogen demand**
 - **Gulf Coast refineries**
 - **Transport fuel**
- **Disregards Ammonia demand**
 - **Fertilizer**
 - **Fuel**
- **Attract new turbine manufacturers, designs ?⁷**

The Great Plains Wind Resource



Exporting From 12 Windiest Great Plains States

Number of GH2 pipelines or HVDC electric lines necessary to export total wind resource

Wind energy source: PNL-7789, 1991

* at 500 miles average length

State	AEP, TWh	Wind Gen MW (nameplate) (40% CF)	6 GW 36" GH2 export pipelines	\$ Billion Total Capital Cost *	3 GW export HVDC lines	\$ Billion Total Capital Cost *
North Dakota	1,210	345,320	50	50	100	60
Texas	1,190	339,612	48	48	100	60
Kansas	1,070	305,365	43	43	100	60
South Dakota	1,030	293,950	41	41	100	60
Montana	1,020	291,096	41	41	90	54
Nebraska	868	247,717	35	35	80	48
Wyoming	747	213,185	30	30	70	42
Oklahoma	725	206,906	29	29	60	36
Minnesota	657	187,500	26	26	60	36
Iowa	551	157,249	22	22	50	30
Colorado	481	137,272	19	19	40	24
New Mexico	435	124,144	17	17	40	24
TOTALS	9,984	2,849,316	401	\$ 401	890	\$ 534

Wind seasonality, Great Plains

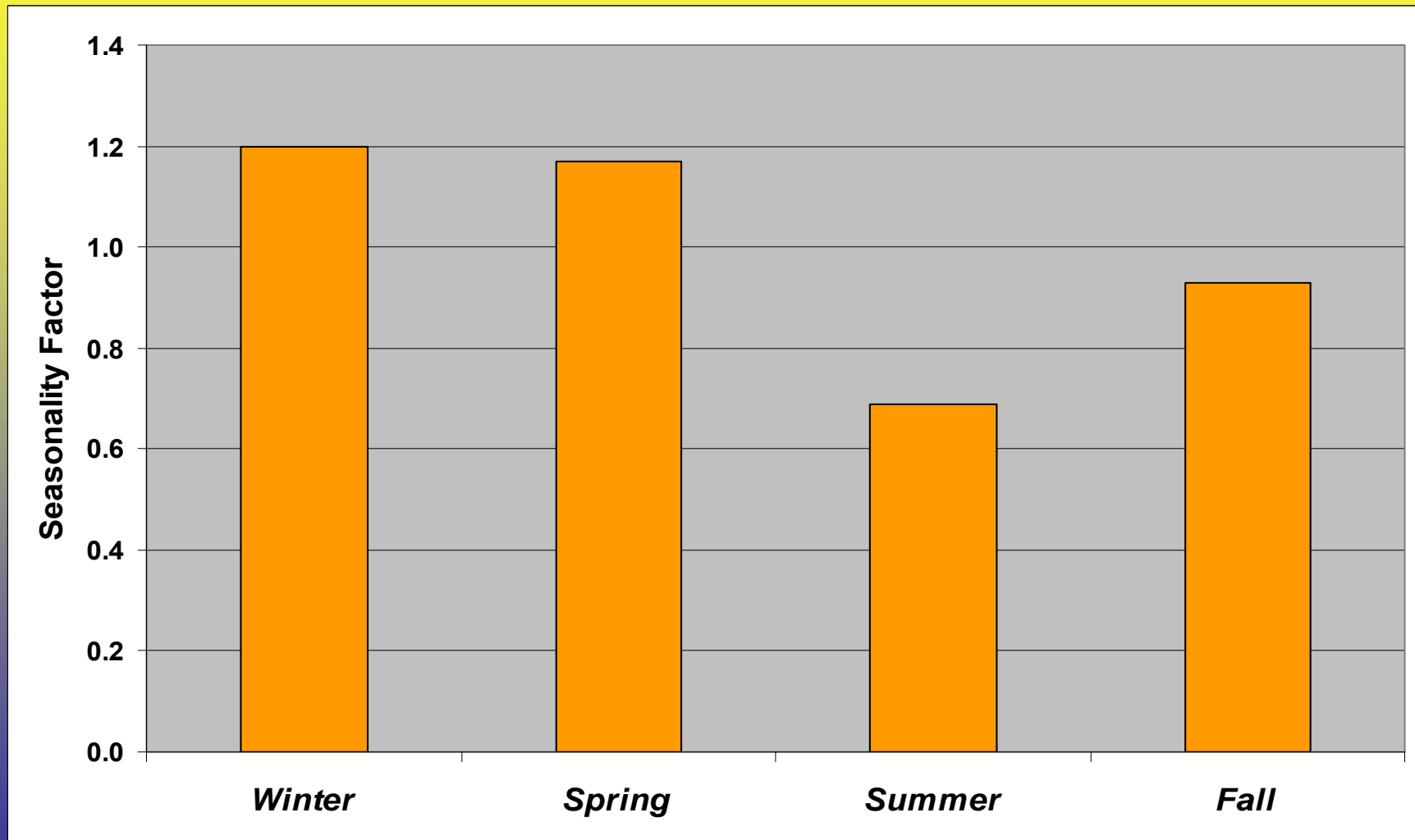
Normalized to 1.0 per season

- **Winter = 1.20**
- **Spring = 1.17**
- **Summer = 0.69**
- **Autumn = 0.93**

Source: D. Elliott, et al, NREL

Wind Seasonality, Northern Great Plains

Normalized to 1.0 per season



Annual – scale “Firming” Great Plains Wind

- **Potential, 12 states, ~50% of land area:**
 - 10,000 TWh = 100 quads = entire USA energy, all sources, all uses
 - 2,800,000 MW nameplate
- **Seasonality:**
 - Summer minimum
 - Spring – Summer maximum storage
 - “Firming” energy storage need
per 1,000 MW wind = 450 GWh

NH₃ Ag Fertilizer Tanks, Wind Generators, NW Iowa



“Nurse tanks”

- Cost 1,000 gallon \$ 6,321
- Cost 1,450 gallon \$ 9,502
- Usually owned by Co-ops



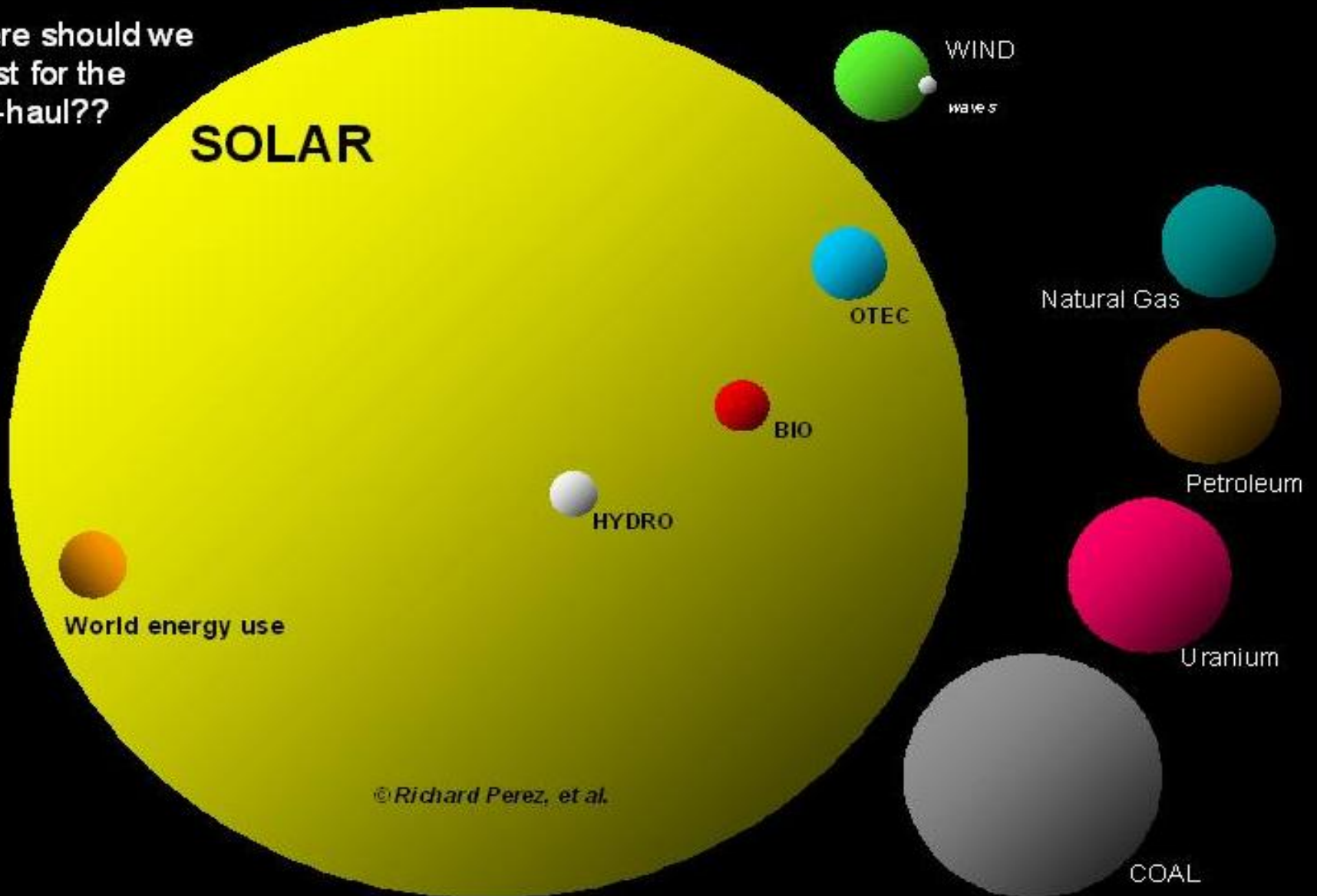
Ammonia
620 kg H_2

Hydrogen gas
350 kg H_2



Comparing the world's energy resources*

Where should we
invest for the
long-haul??

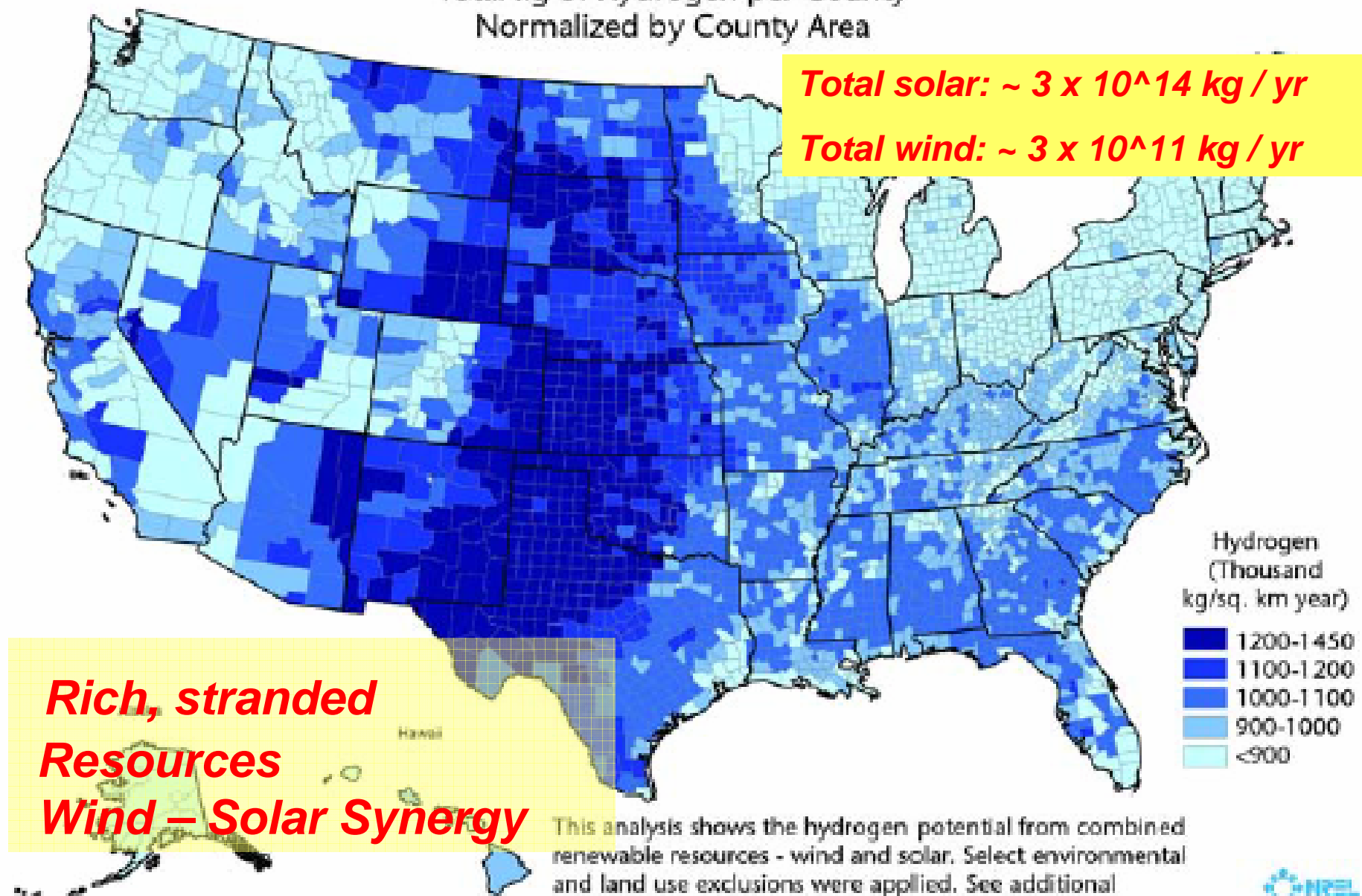


**yearly potential is shown for the renewable energies. Total reserves are shown for the fossil and nuclear "use-them, lose-them" resources. Word energy use is annual.*

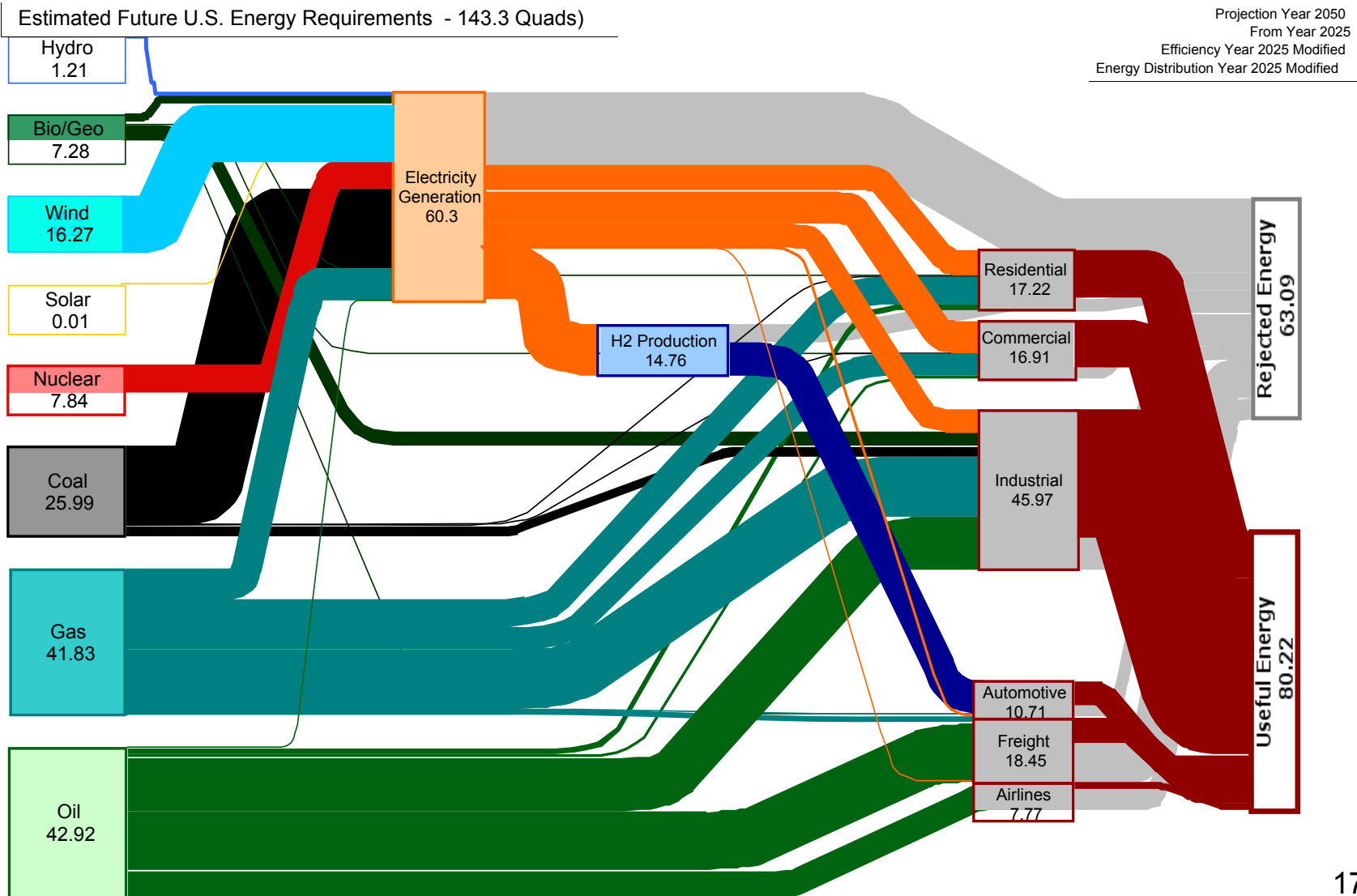
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Hydrogen Potential from Solar and Wind Resources

Total kg of Hydrogen per County
Normalized by County Area



USDOE-EIA: Estimated 2050 energy use (All auto fleet using H₂ from wind electrolysis)

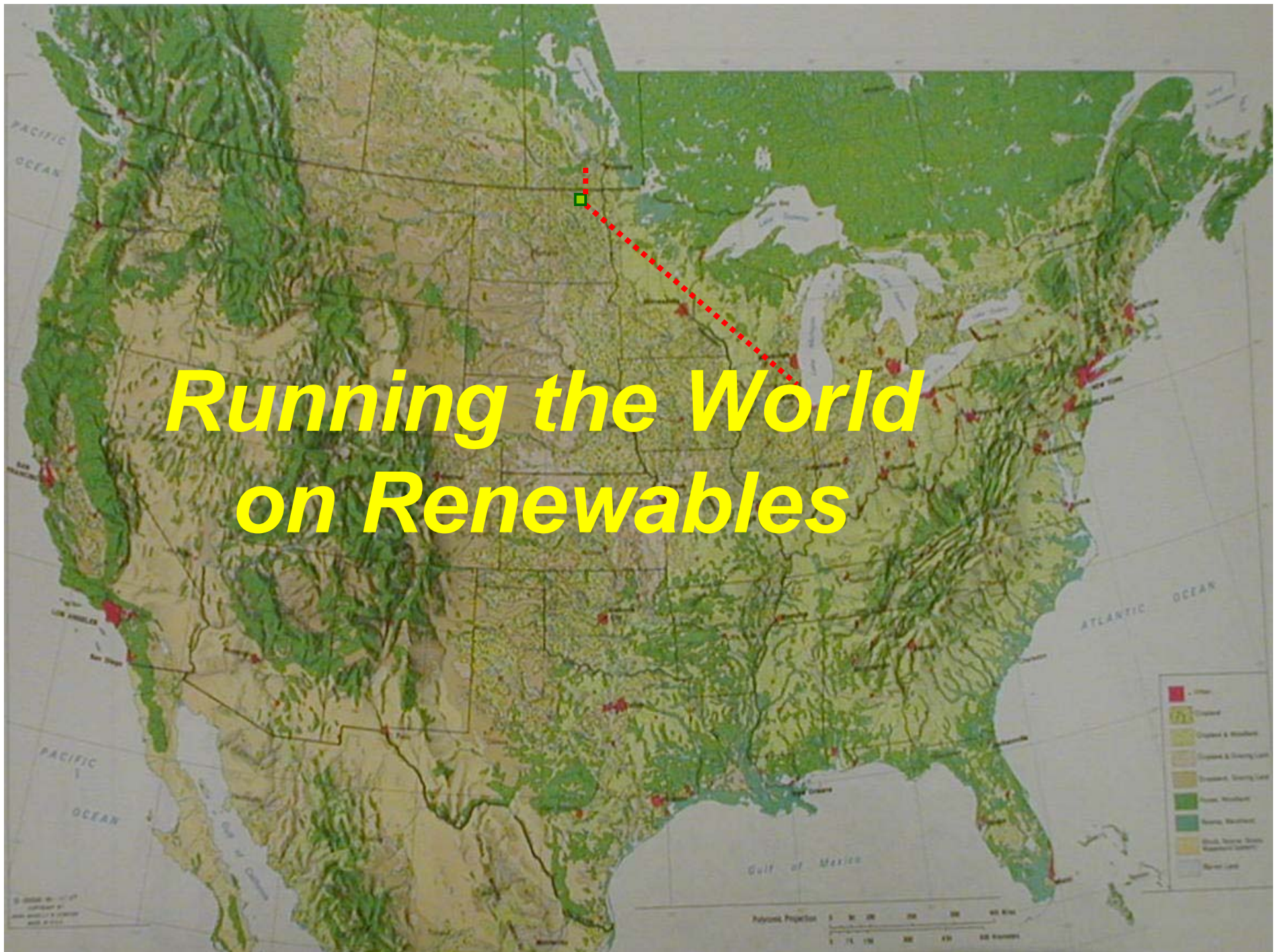


The Great Plains Wind Resource

*How shall we bring the
large, stranded, Great
Plains renewables
to market?*



Running the World on Renewables

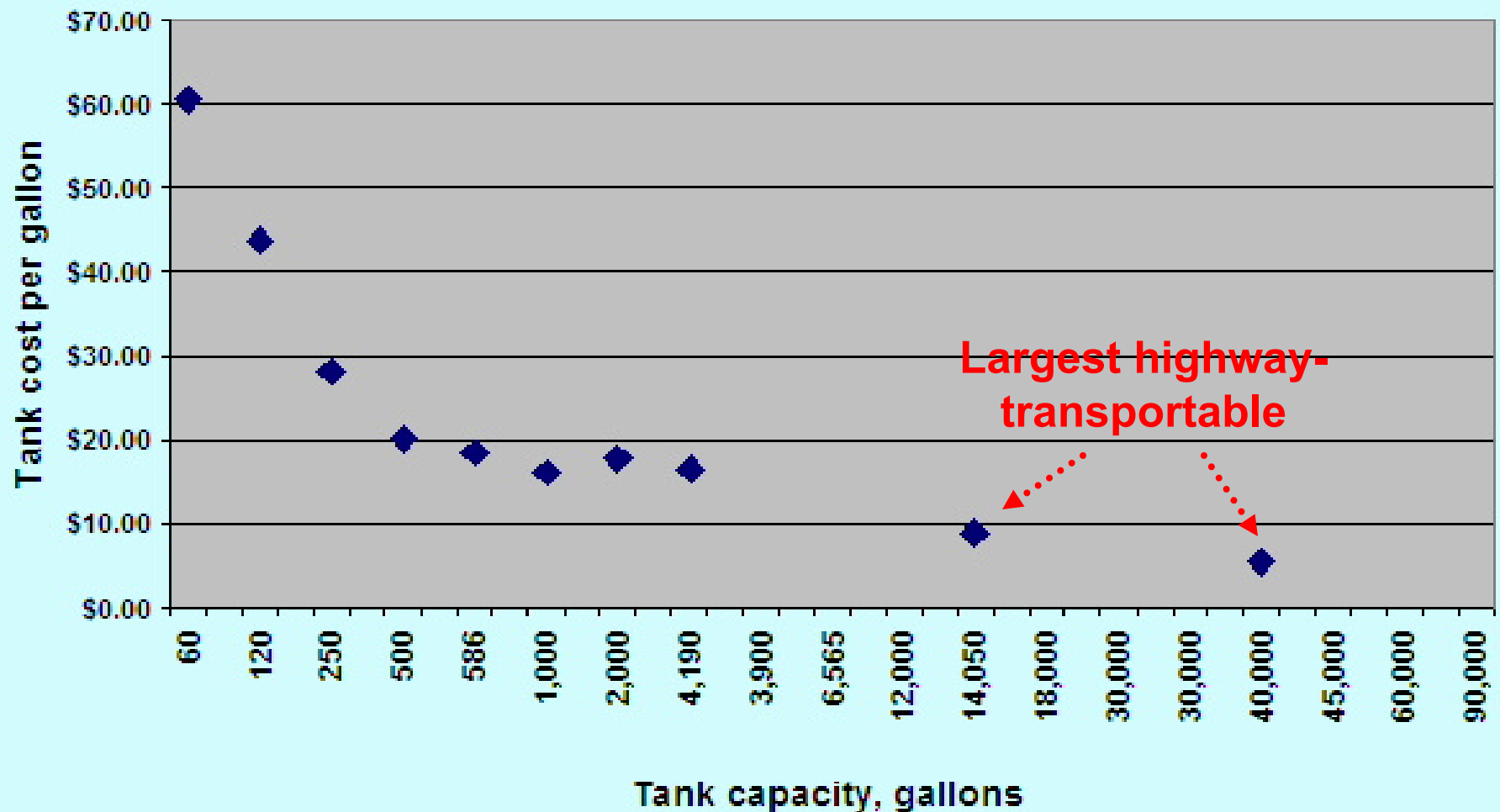


The Trouble with Renewables

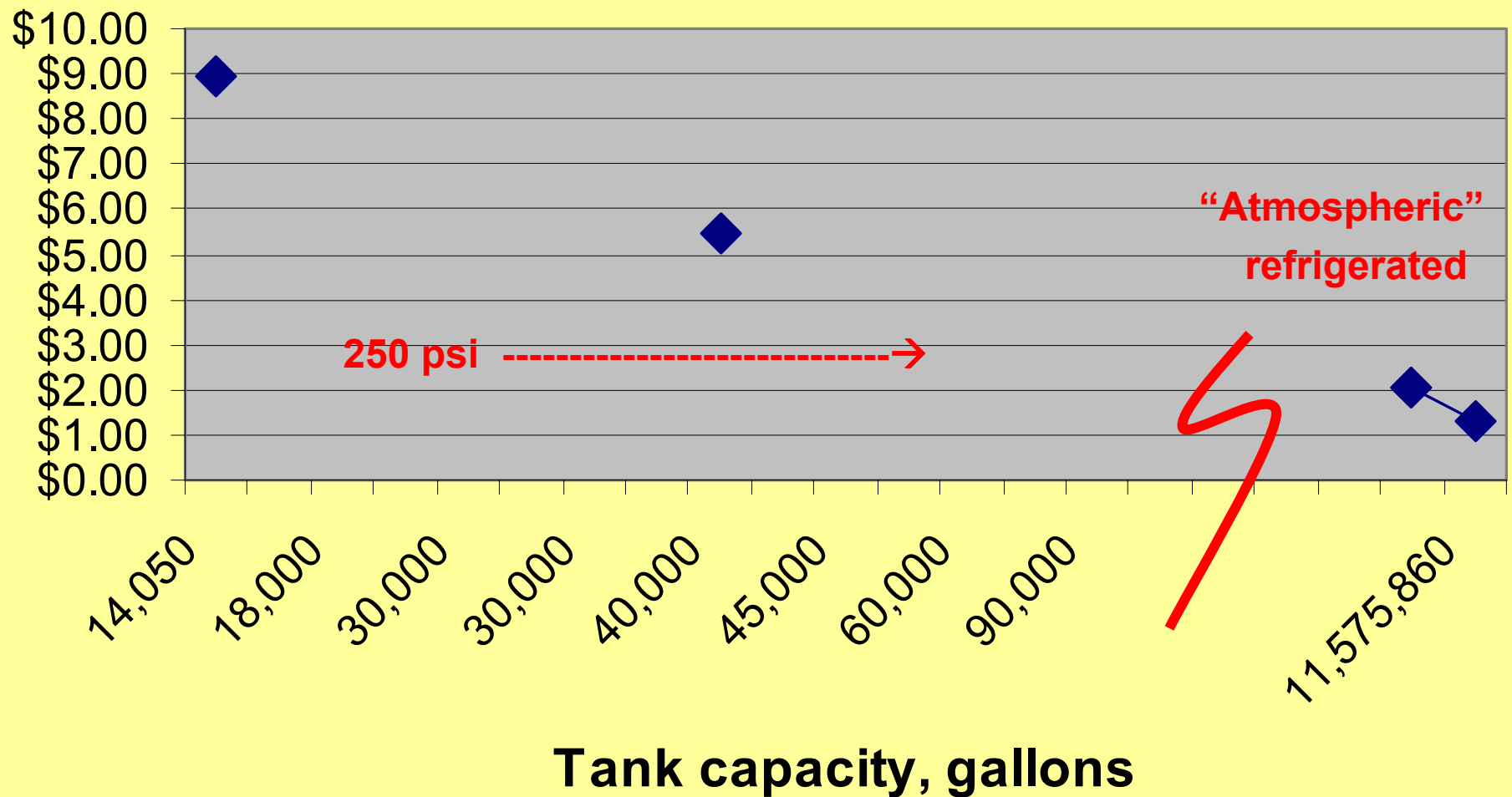
- Diffuse, dispersed: gathering cost
- Richest are remote: “stranded”
- Time-varying output:
 - “intermittent”
 - “firming” storage required
- Transmission:
 - Costly: \$B
 - Low capacity factor (CF) or curtailment
 - NIMBY
- Distributed or centralized ?

Liquid Ammonia Tank Storage

Cost per Gallon: 250 psi Ammonia Tanks



Cost per Gallon: 250 psi vs "Atmospheric"





“Atmospheric”

***Liquid
Ammonia
Storage Tank***

30,000 Tons

\$15M turnkey

-33 C

1 Atm

Hydrogen vs Ammonia Storage: Large-scale, capital cost per MWh

GH2 salt cavern: **\$ 120 → \$ 55**

- 150 bar, 200,000 m³ physical
- \$70 → \$30 per m³ physical
- Alton project, Nova Scotia: new, bedded, 5-15 caverns

NH3 tank **\$ 60**

- 30,000 Mt optimal economic size
- “Atmospheric” refrigerated

Diesel, large surface tanks **\$??**

***Personal Vehicle On-board Storage
300 mile range:
estimated OEM cost per vehicle***

	<u>Storage cost</u>	Hybrid <u>drive train efficiency</u>	<u>Storage capacity</u>
Gasoline, diesel	\$ 100	25 %	10 gal
Electricity: batteries	\$ 10,000	90 %	? kWh
CNG	\$ 300	25 %	? scf
H2 (70 bar) ICEHV	\$ 4,000	35 %	5 kg
H2 (70 bar) FCHEV	\$ 3,000	60 %	3 kg
Ammonia (20 bar)	\$ 300	45 %	15 gal

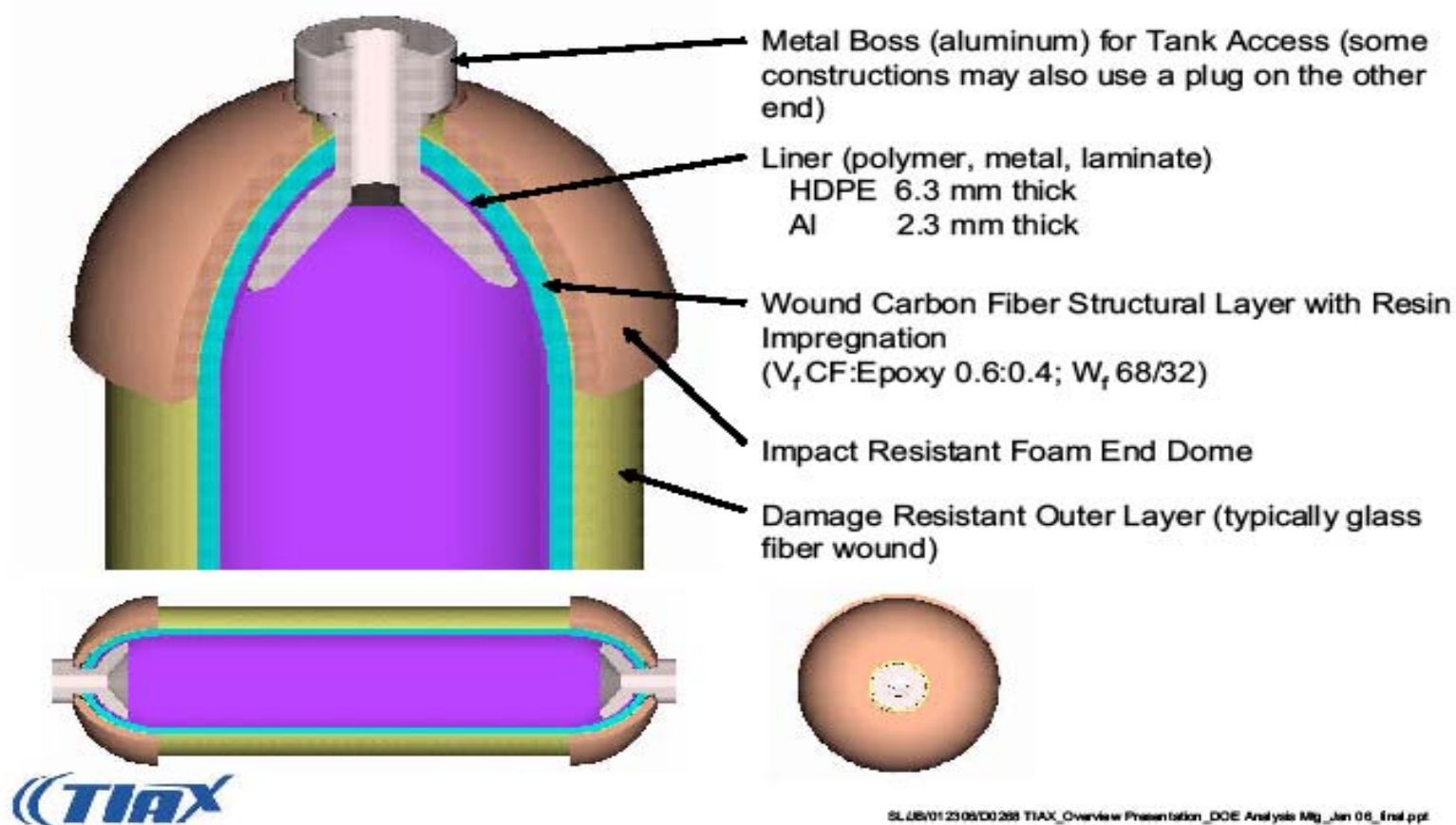
35 – 70 bar Gaseous Hydrogen On-board Vehicle Storage: ~ \$ 3,000

Preliminary Results – Do Not Cite

Hydrogen Storage Compressed Hydrogen

Tank Design

Under a previous DOE contract, we evaluated the cost of compressed H₂ tank systems designed to accommodate 5,000 and 10,000 psi pressures.

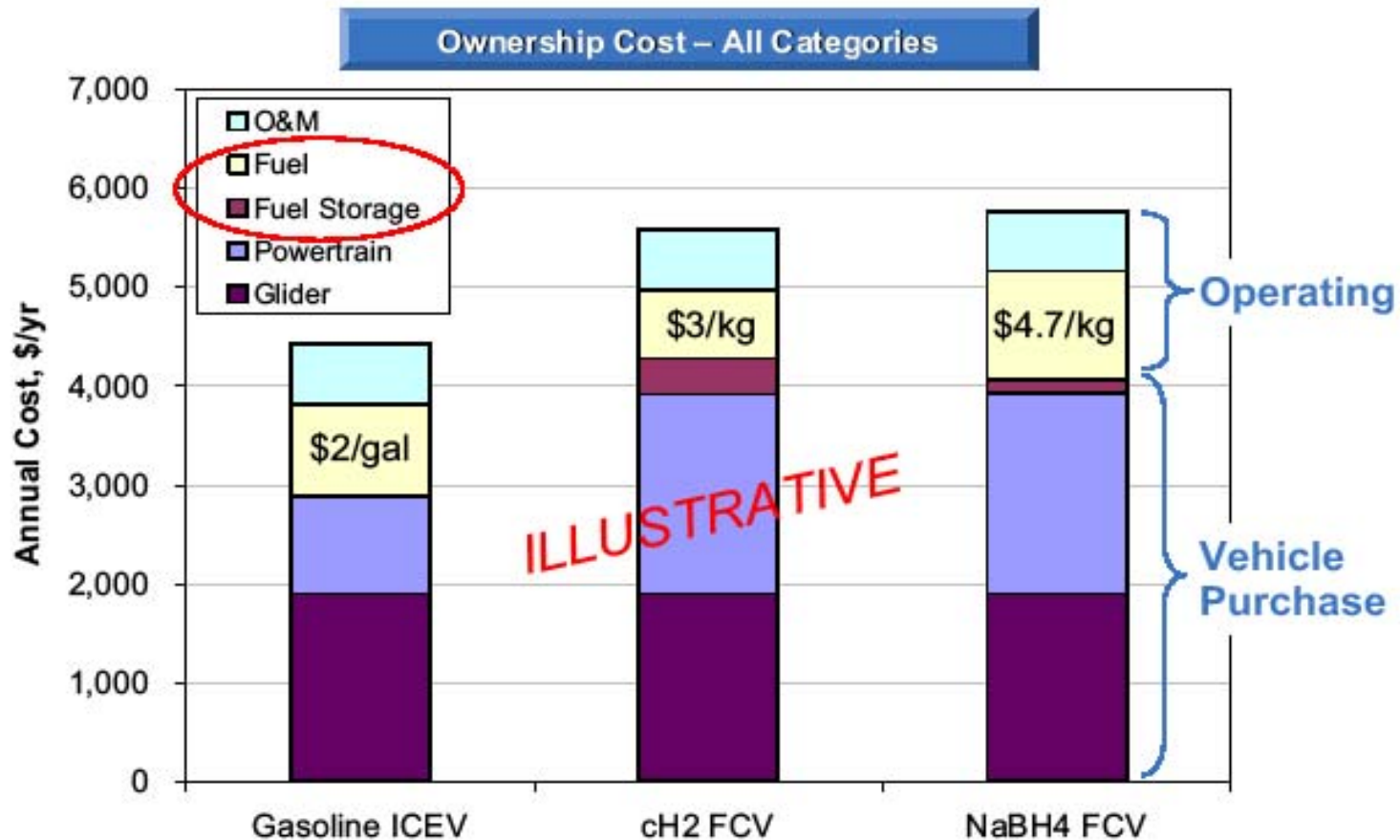


Car Ownership Cost – GH2 fueled

Hydrogen Storage Next Steps

Ownership Cost Example

A complete ownership cost assessment will require that both vehicle purchase cost and operating costs be considered.



Benefit / Cost Perspective

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1: Adequate Renewables

- **Run the world; humanity's needs**
- “Distributed” and “Centralized”
- Affordable, benign
- Diverse, synergistic
- Richest are “stranded”
 - Far from markets
 - No transmission

2: When we realize these as emergencies:

- Global Warming, Rapid Climate Change
- Energy Security and Cost
- Peak Oil and Natural Gas

We must quickly invest in:

- Energy conservation, efficiency
- Large, new energy supplies:
 - CO₂ – emissions - free
 - Indigenous
 - Both distributed, centralized

3: Shortest path to benign, secure, abundant energy

- Renewables
 - Diverse
 - Diffuse
 - Dispersed
- Centralized:
 - Large, rich; lower cost than distributed ?
 - **But stranded (no transmission)**
- Ammonia and Gaseous hydrogen (GH2) pipelines
 - Conversion, gathering
 - Transmission
 - Storage: tanks, salt caverns
 - Distribution
- Affordable annual-scale firming:
 - Ammonia: surface tanks
 - GH2: salt caverns – large, deep, solution-mined, geology-limited
- Pilot plants needed:
 - Every major new industrial process
 - IRHTDF

3: Shortest path to benign, secure, abundant energy

- Anhydrous Ammonia (NH₃) pipelines, tanks
 - Conversion, gathering
 - Transmission
 - Storage: tanks
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- Pilot plants needed:
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 - '08 Farm Bill Sec 9003:
“Renewable Fertilizer Research”
- Gaseous Hydrogen (GH₂) also candidate

4: Ammonia's principal value

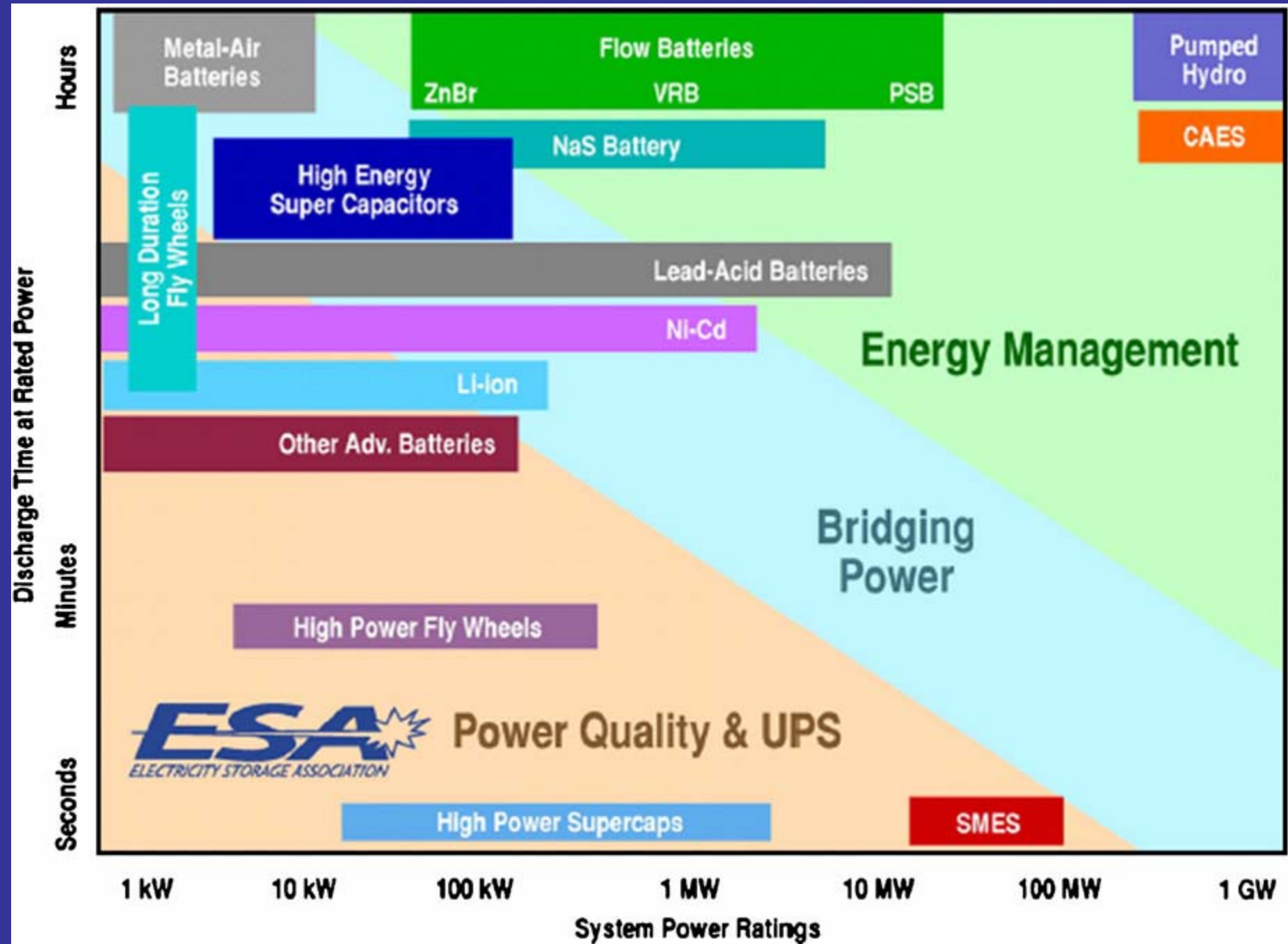
- NOT fuel or fertilizer
- Gather, transmit, store:
 - Large-scale, diverse, stranded renewables
 - FIRM time-varying-output renewables
 - Pipeline transmission, storage
 - “Renewables – nuclear Synergy ...”, C. Forsberg
- Benign, if from renewables
- Global opportunity
- Ammonia “sector”, not “economy”
 - Transportation fuel: ground, air
 - DG electricity, CHP, retail value
 - Fertilizer

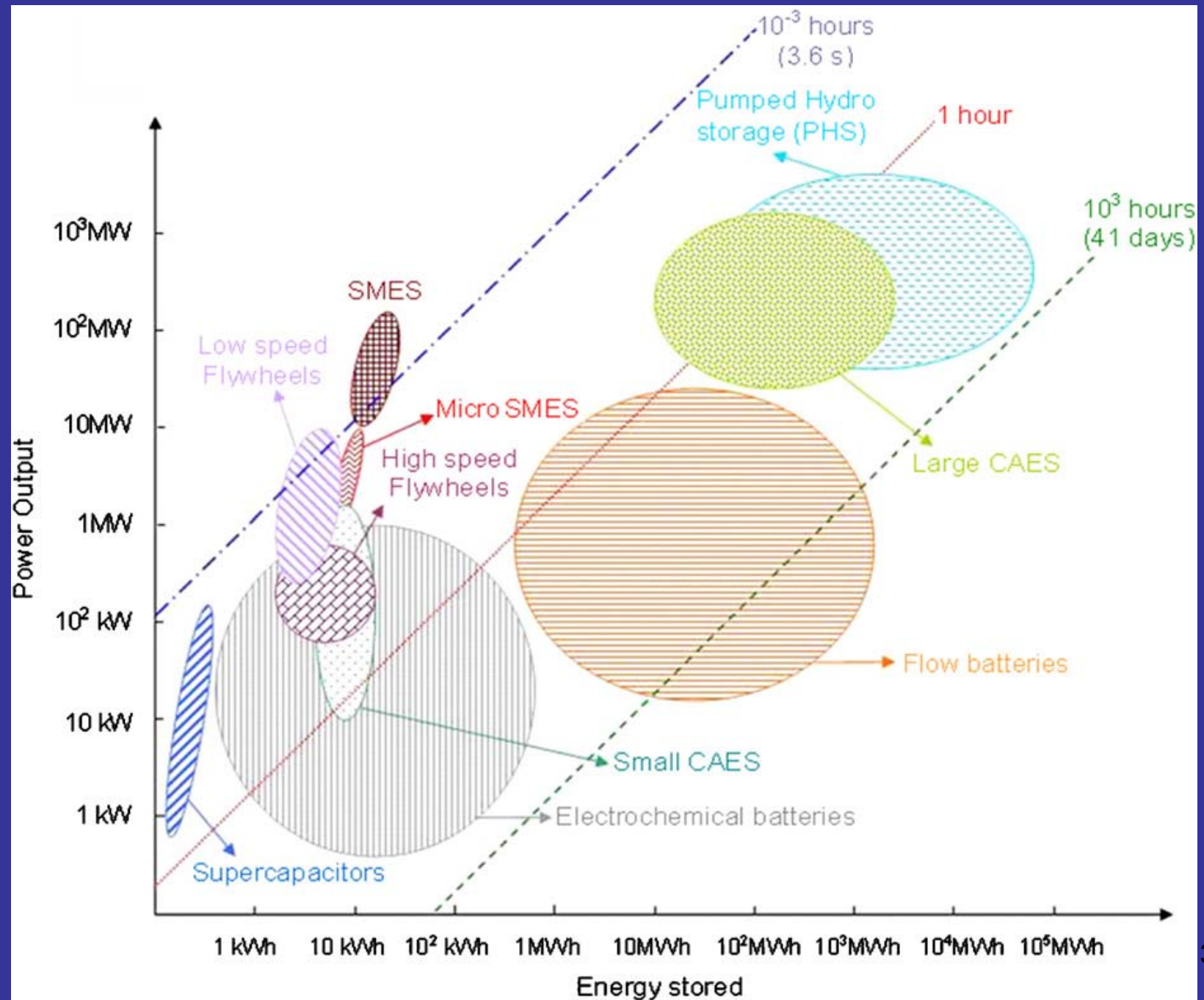
5: Pilot plants needed

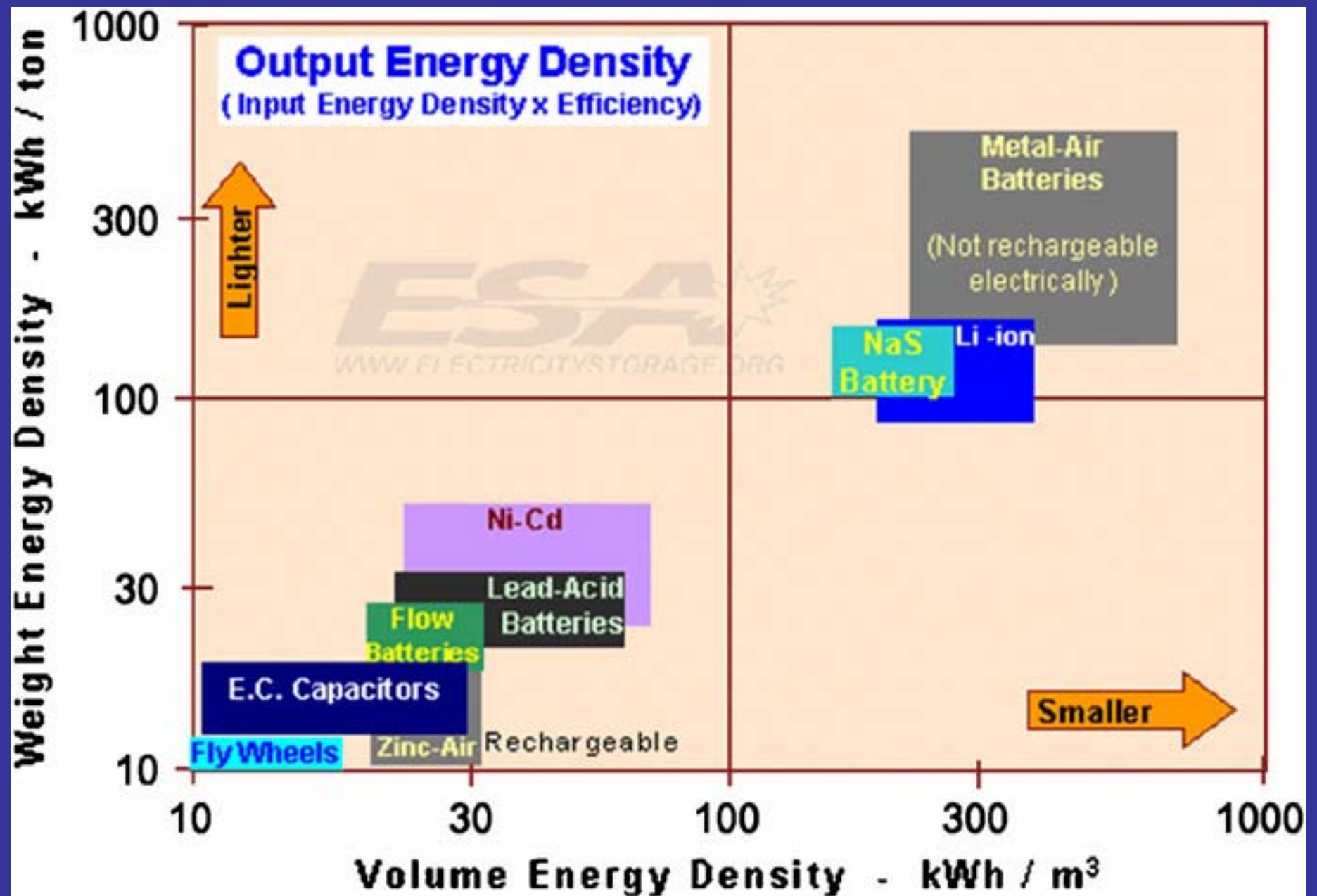
- **Every major new industrial process**
- **Diverse, large-scale, stranded**
- **Renewables-source systems**
- **IRHTDF ? International Renewable Hydrogen Transmission Demonstration Facility: include ammonia ?**

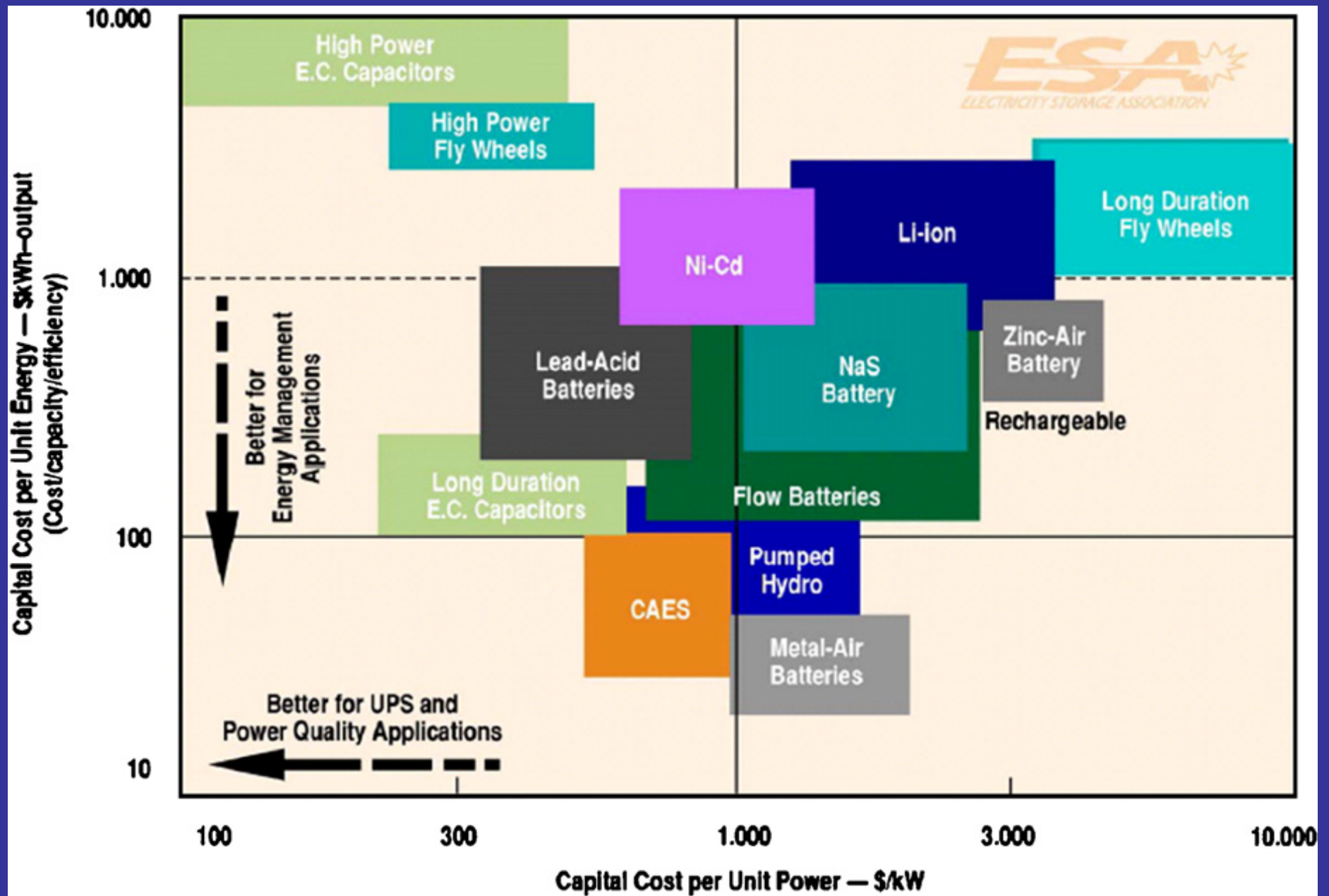
Energy Storage System Characteristics -- Ammonia off the charts ?

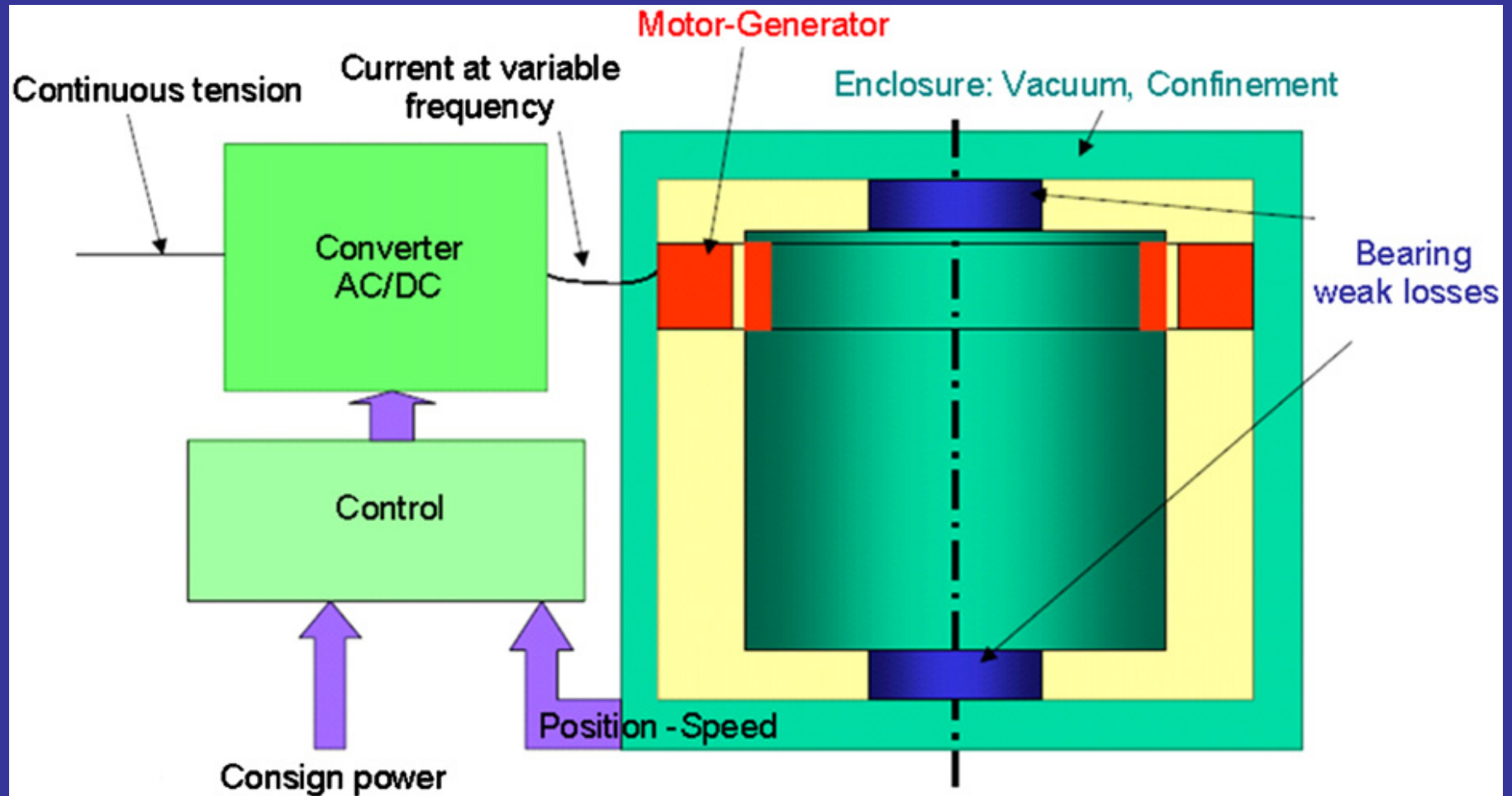
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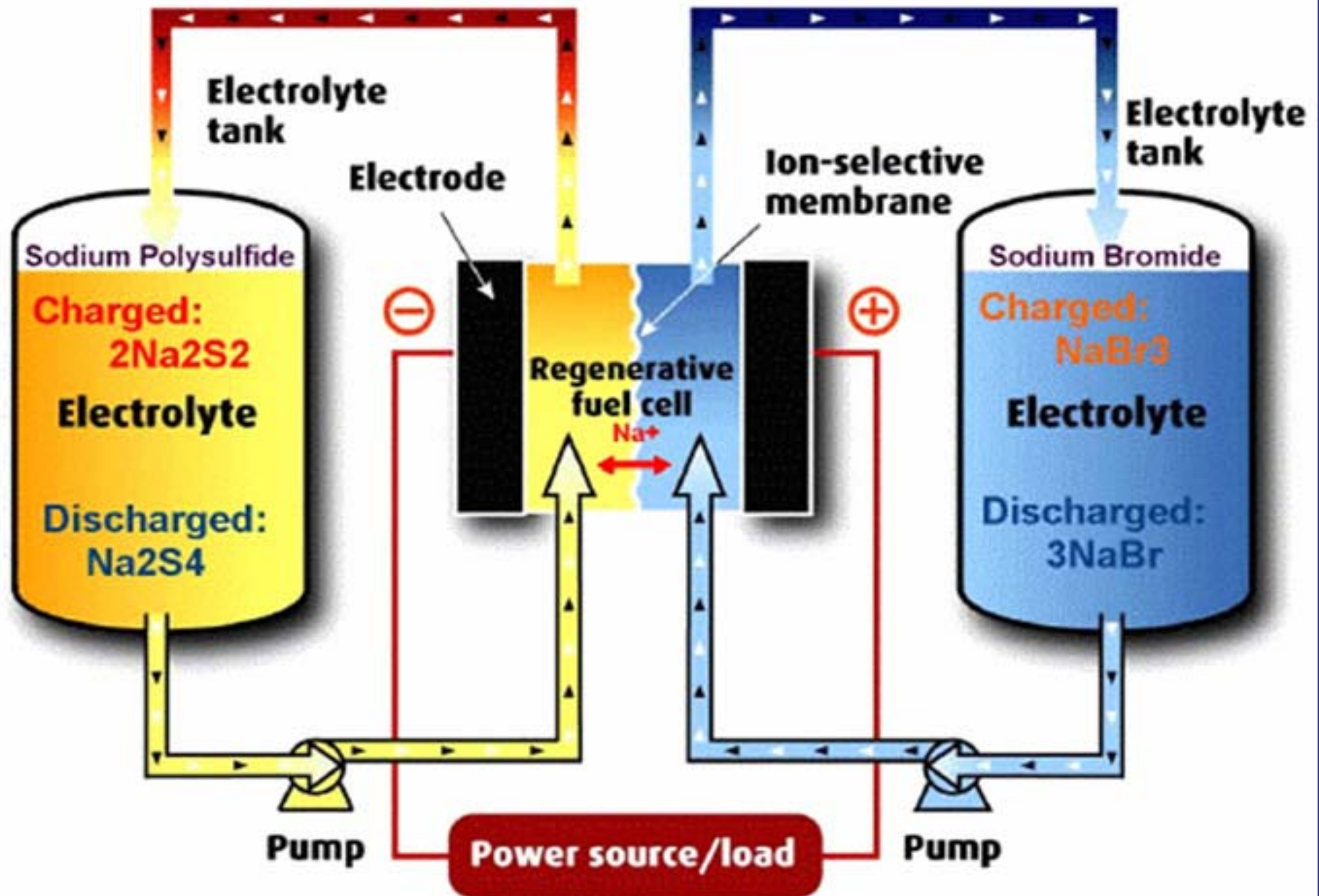


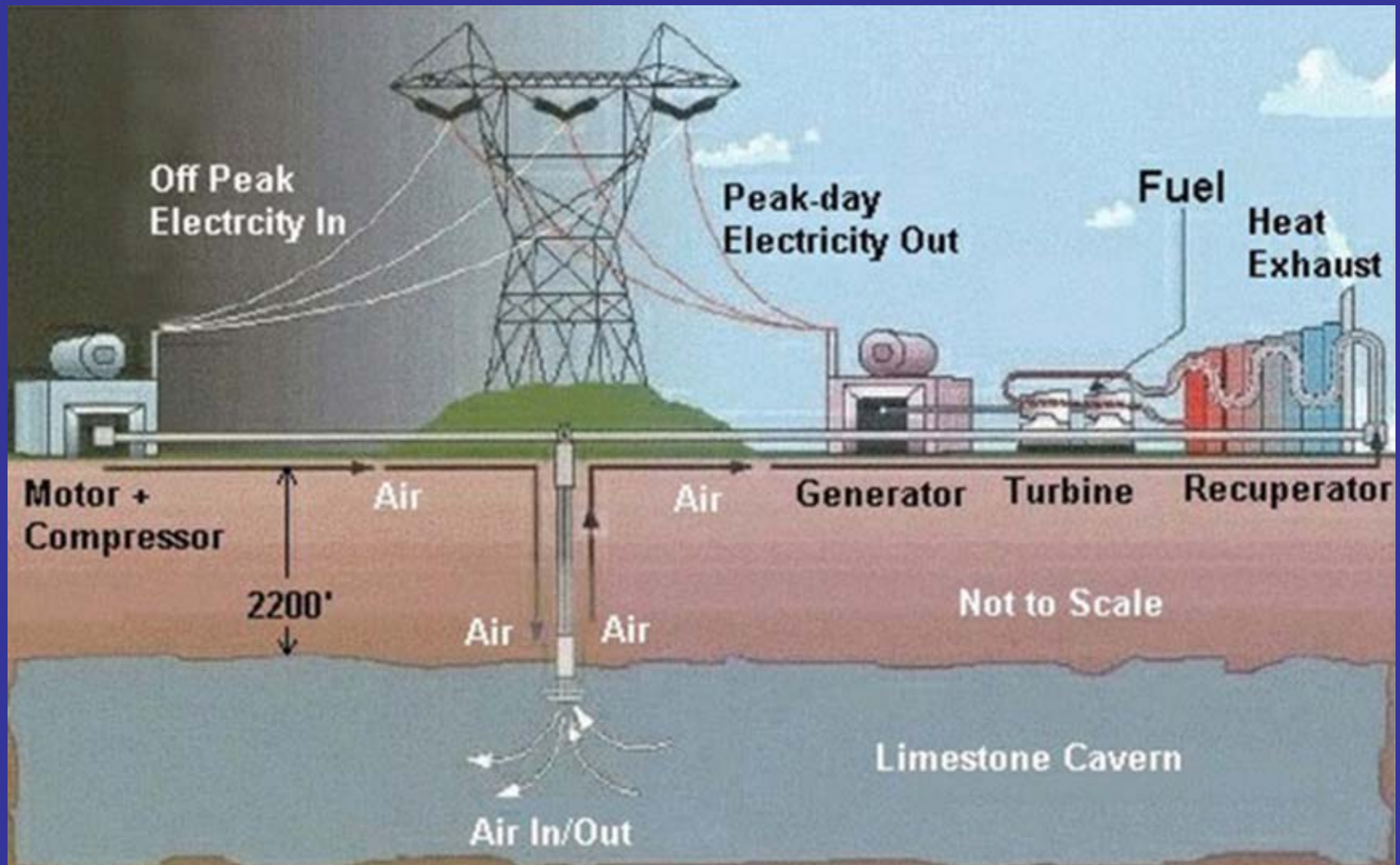


Flywheel:

- ***“Electricity” example***
- ***Fast out, slow in***
- ***Short-term: millisecond – minute***
- ***High volume energy density***
- ***High cost / MWh***

Flow Battery: Electrochemical





Compressed Air Energy Storage - CAES

CAES

Compressed Air Energy Storage

- **Lowest-cost “electricity” storage**
- **Geology-dependent**
- **Requires generation fuel: NG**
- **Hours to days storage capacity;
not seasonal renewables**

CAES

- McIntosh Unit 1, AL , began '91 110 MW
- Bremen, Germany, began '78 290 MW
- Iowa Energy Storage Park 268 MW
 - Capital cost ~ \$220M = enrg + construction
(Nov 06 estimate)
 - Construction cost @ 268 MW @ \$800 / kW = \$214M
 - Mt. Simon site, Dallas Center; several others rejected
 - DOE, via SNL = \$2.9M, mostly geology
 - Completion May '11
 - Energy storage capacity ??

Storage Projects, Manufacturers

WIND ENERGY STORAGE PROJECTS (minute to weekly scale)

- California Wind Integration
- Huxley Hill
- Iowa Stored Energy Park
- Minwind
- Palmdale MicroGrid
- Sorne Hill
- Windy Harbour

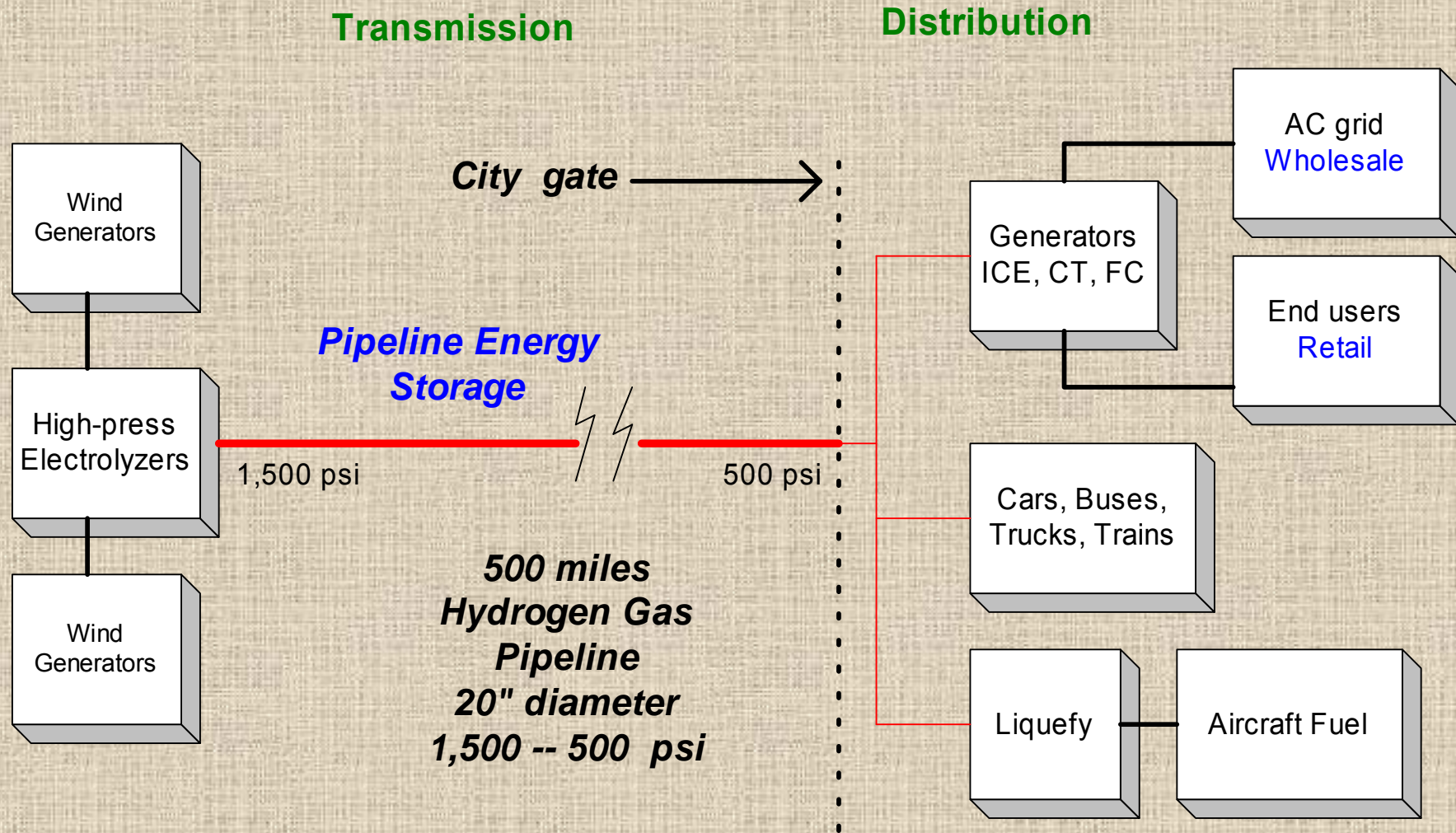
MAJOR ENERGY STORAGE MANUFACTURERS

- Beacon Power
- General Compression
- Maxwell Technologies
- NGK Insulators
- Ridge Energy Storage
- Sumitomo Electric
- Flow: VRB-ESS, VRB Power Systems
- Flow:

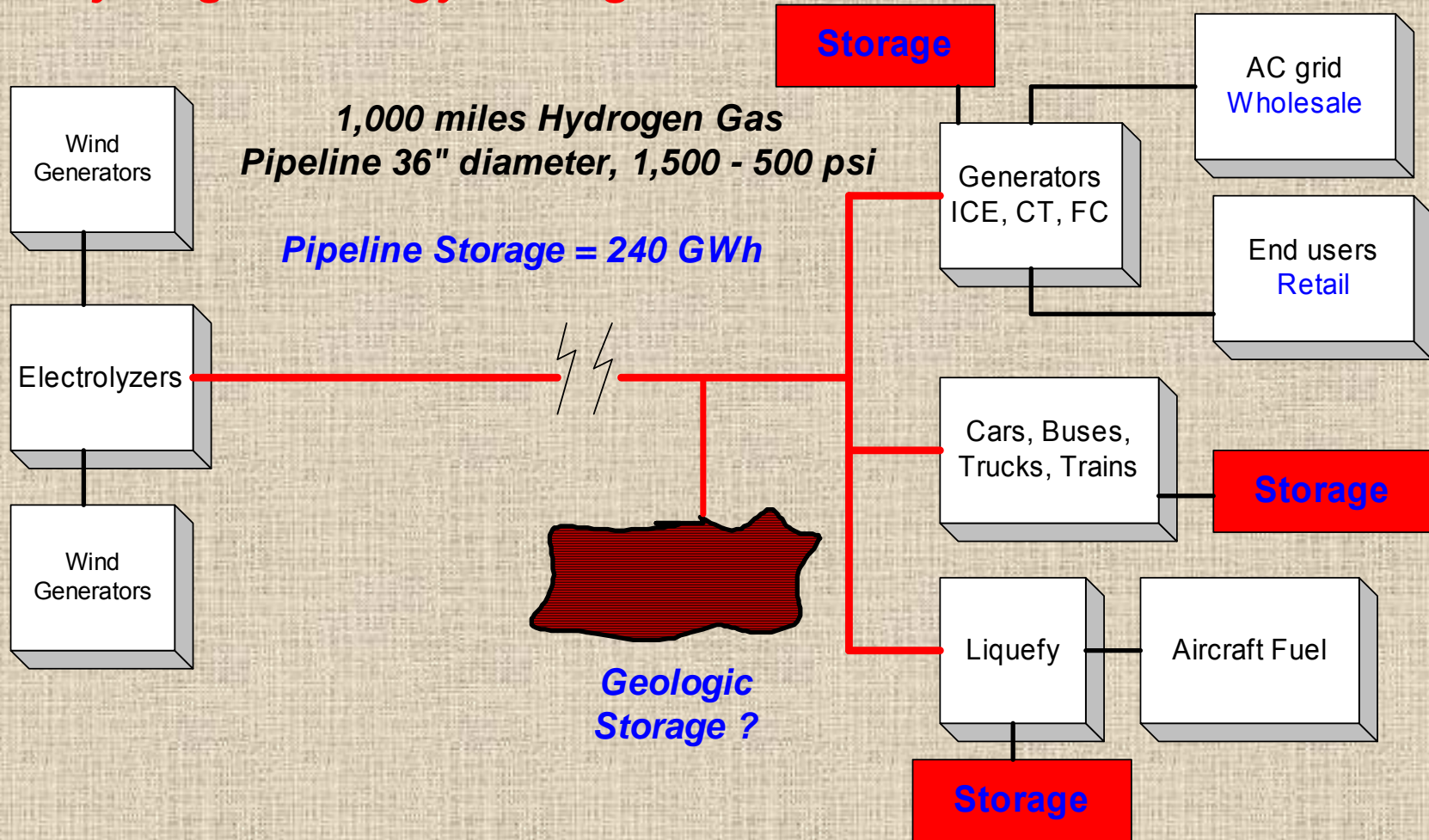
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 - **Whence the hydrogen ? Conversion cost, loss ?**
 - **Whence the ammonia ? Conversion cost, loss ?**

Hydrogen Transmission Scenario



Hydrogen Energy Storage





Alton, Nova Scotia Natural Gas Cavern Storage

Alton, Nova Scotia Natural Gas Storage

4 salt caverns, each:

- 1- 1.5 bcf gas @ 150 bar
- 700 m deep
- Physical volume 225,000 m³

Total project cost \$60M CDN

Cost per m³ = \$60

Expandable to 15 caverns:

- Total physical volume = 4 M m³
- Incremental cost per cavern = \$3M
- Total project cost \$93M CDN
- Cost per m³ = \$24

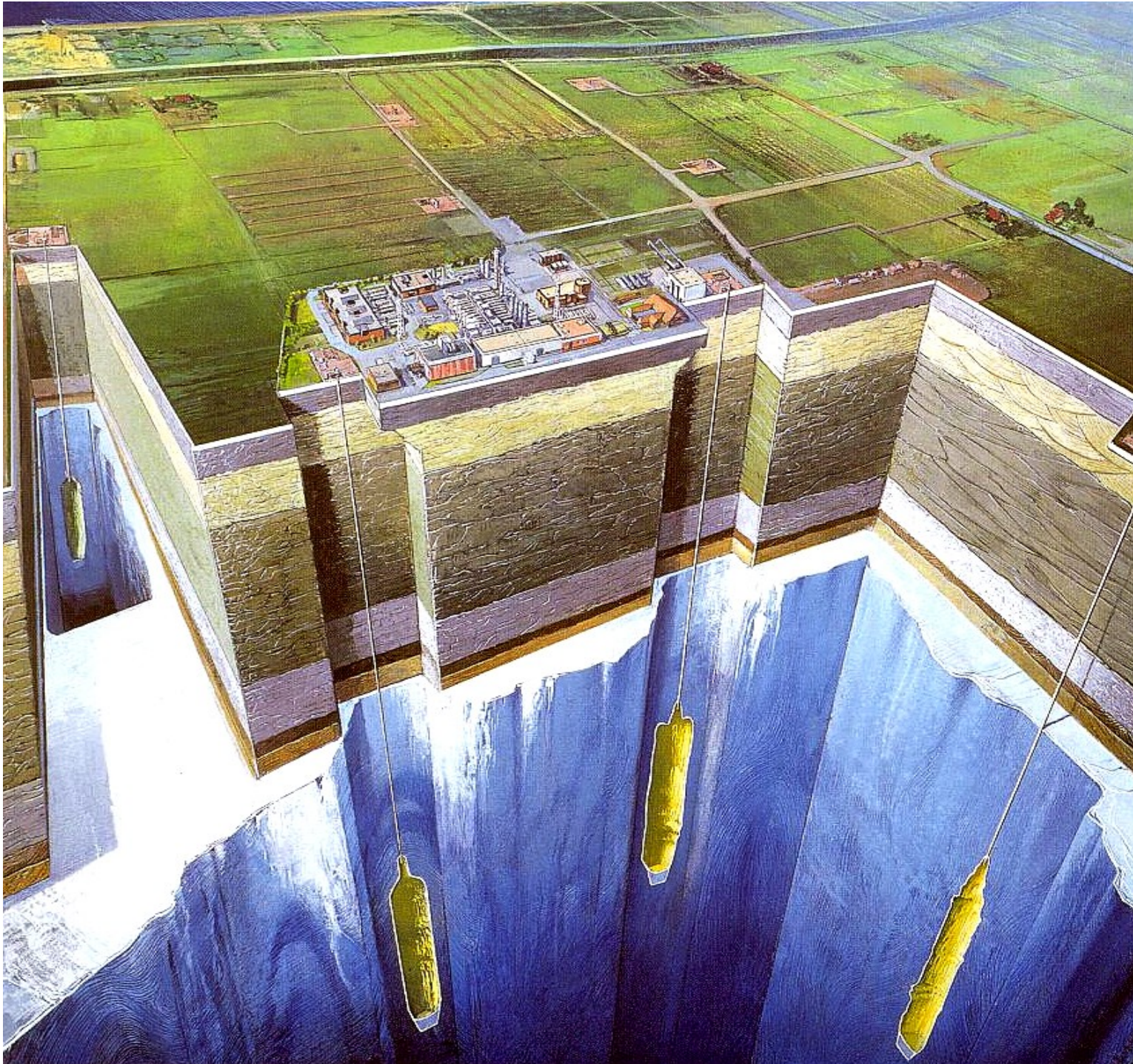


Alton Gas Storage: Hydrogen Example

Expandable to 15 caverns:

- **Total physical volume = 3.6M m³**
- **Incremental cost per cavern = \$3M**
- **Total gas storage @ 150 bar = 540M Nm³ ***
- **Hydrogen = 3.36 kWh / Nm³ ***
- **Total energy storage as hydrogen =
1,920 MWh**
- **Total project cost \$93M CDN**
- **Cost per m³ = \$27**
- **Cost per MWh = \$120 → \$55**

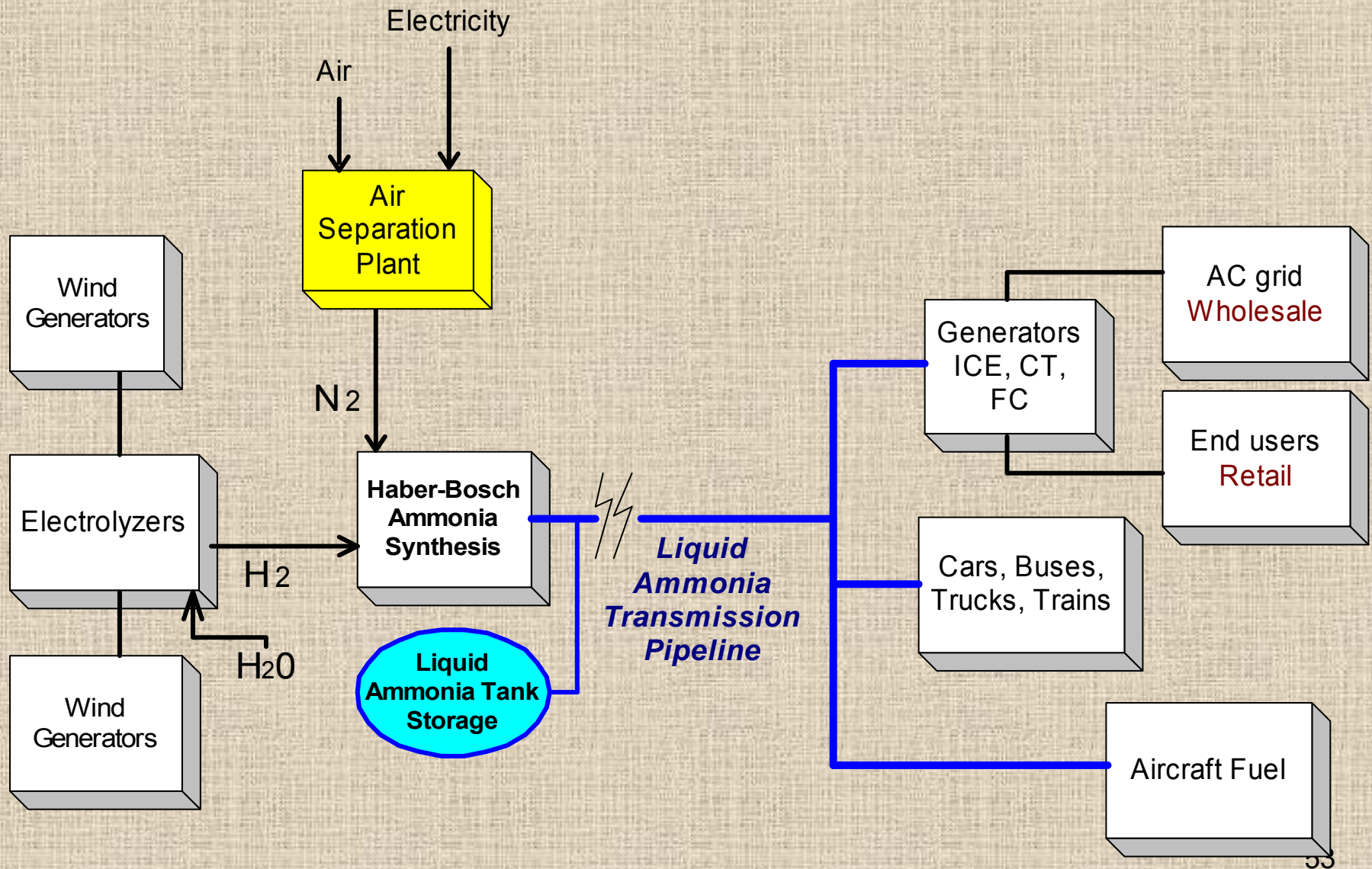
*** Normal cubic meter**

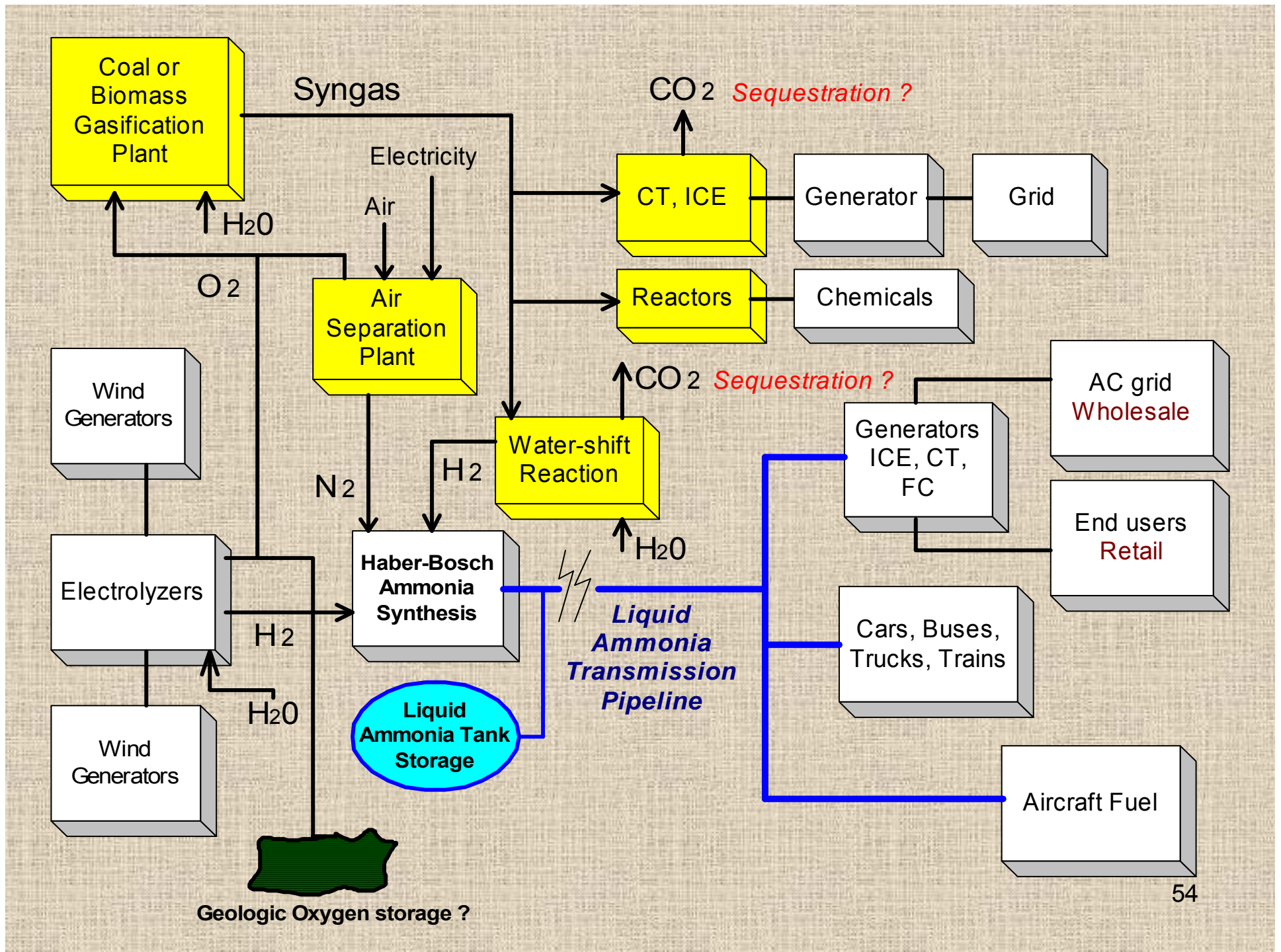


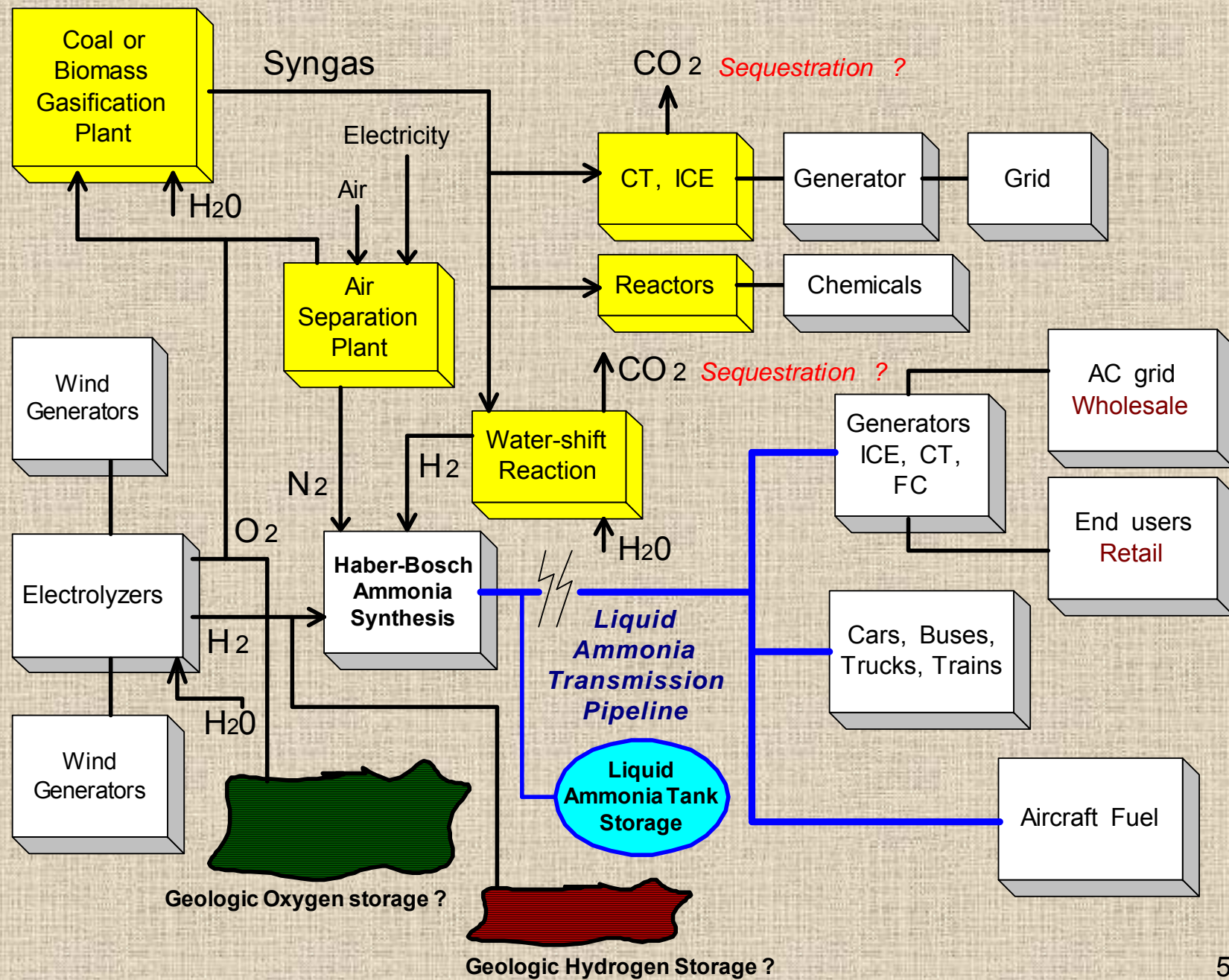
Domal Salt Storage Caverns

*Natural gas
Hydrogen*

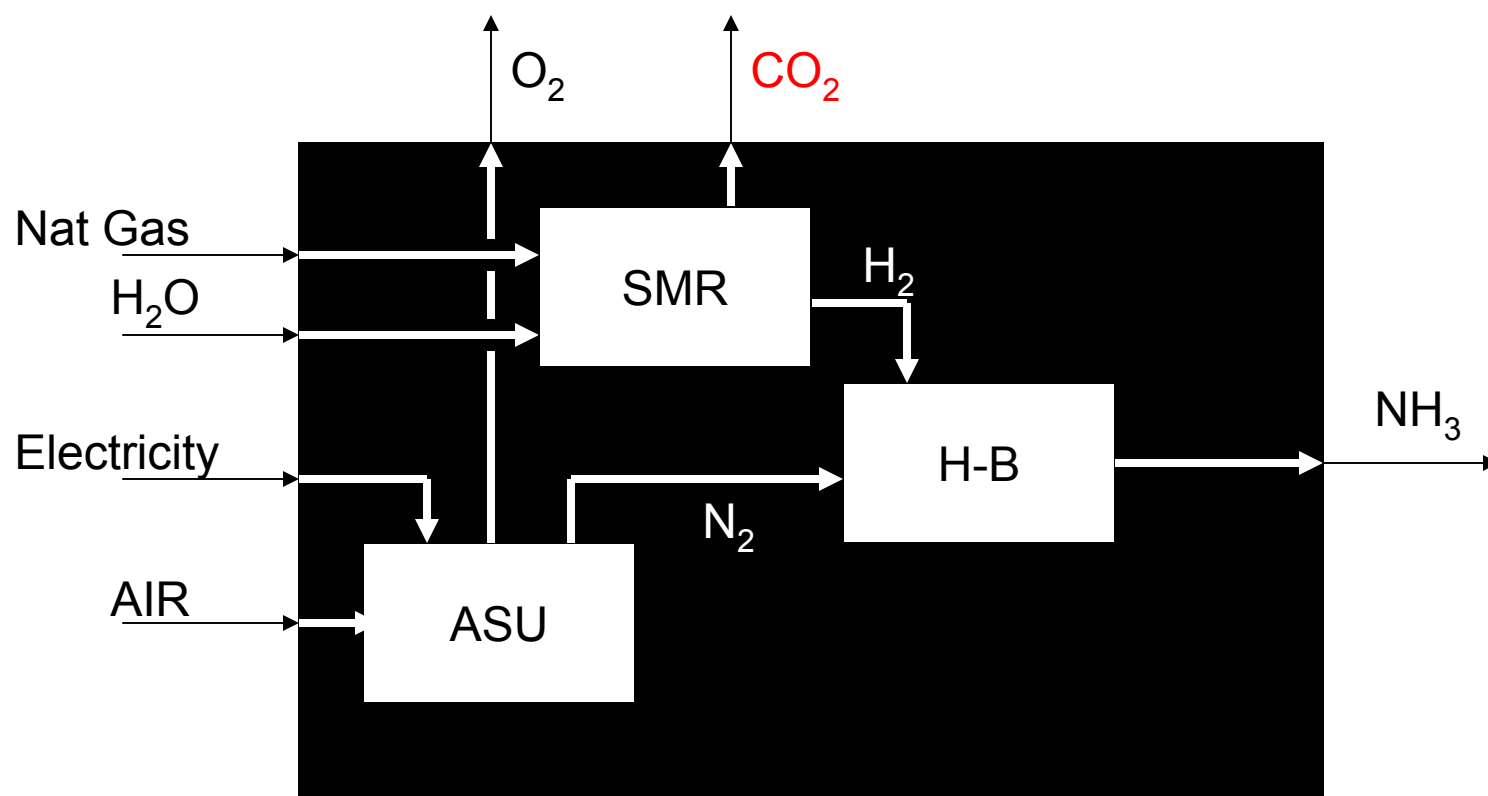
Ammonia Transmission Scenario





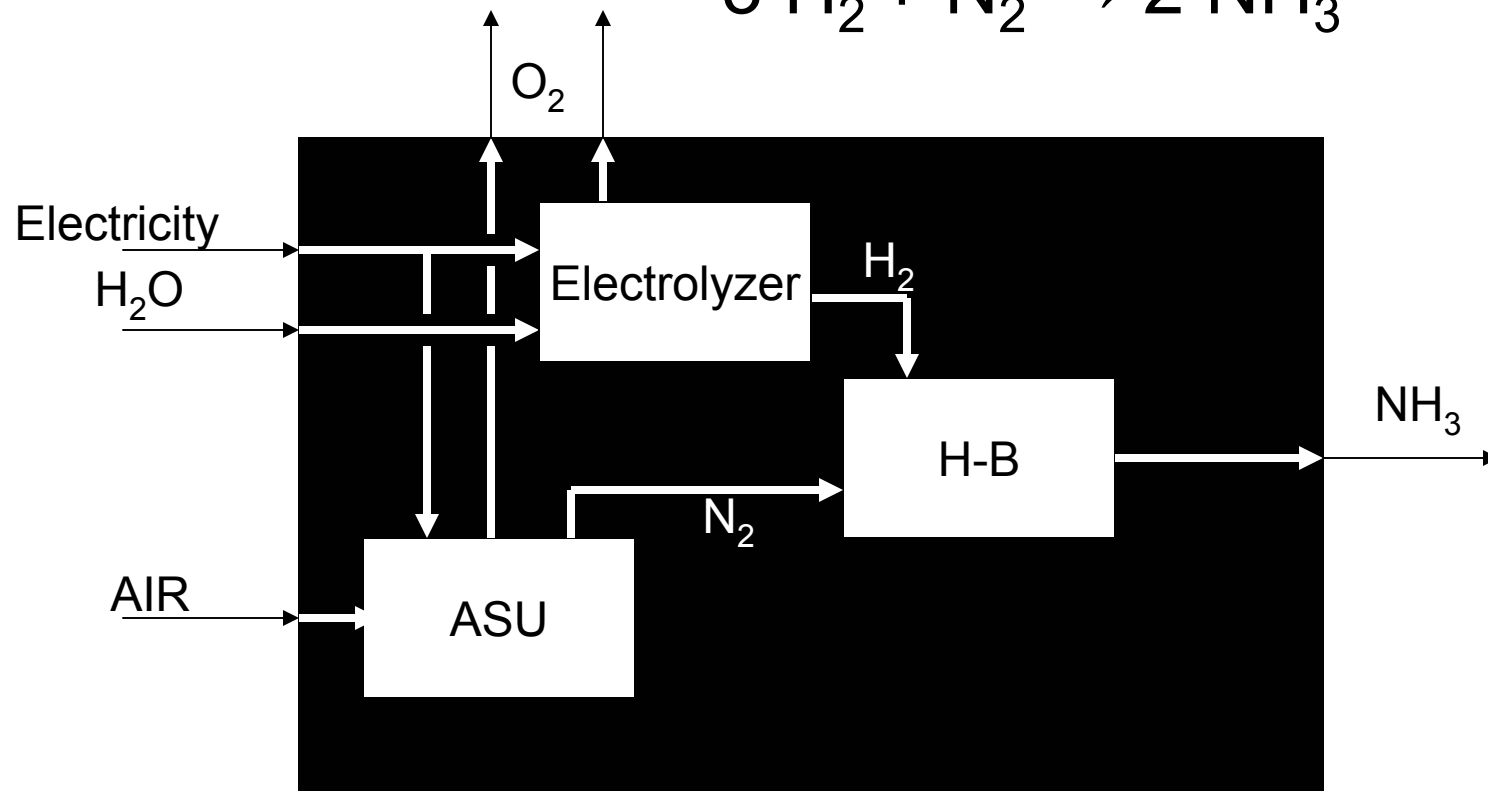
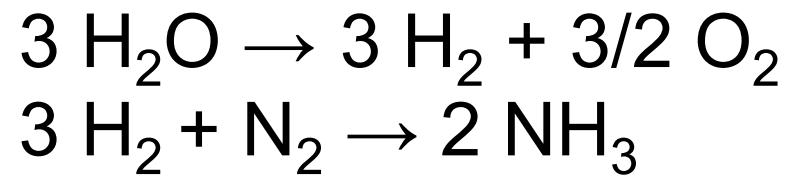


Inside the Black Box: Steam Reforming + Haber-Bosch



Energy consumption ~33 MBtu (9500 kWh) per ton NH₃

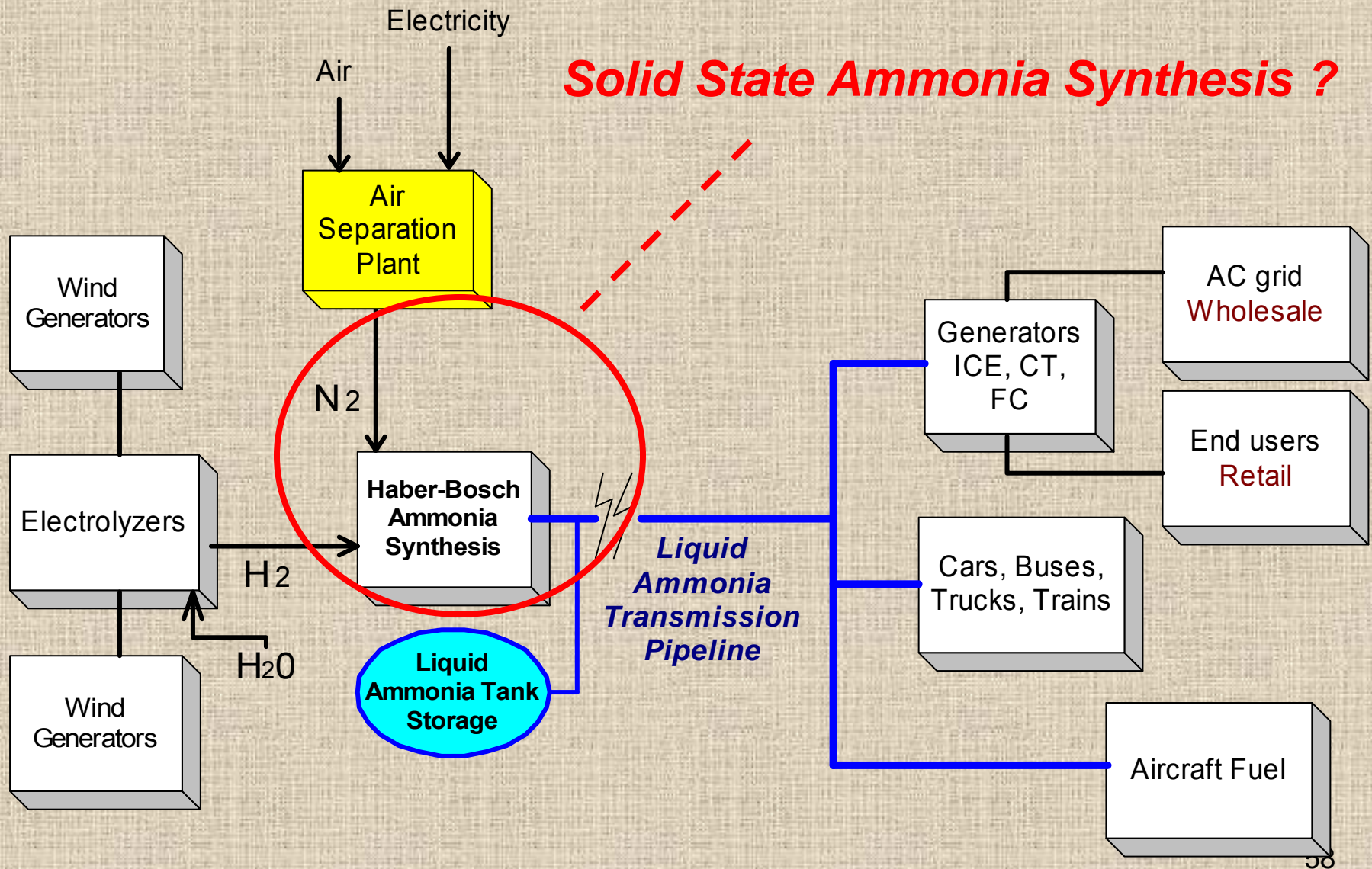
Inside the Black Box: HB Plus Electrolysis



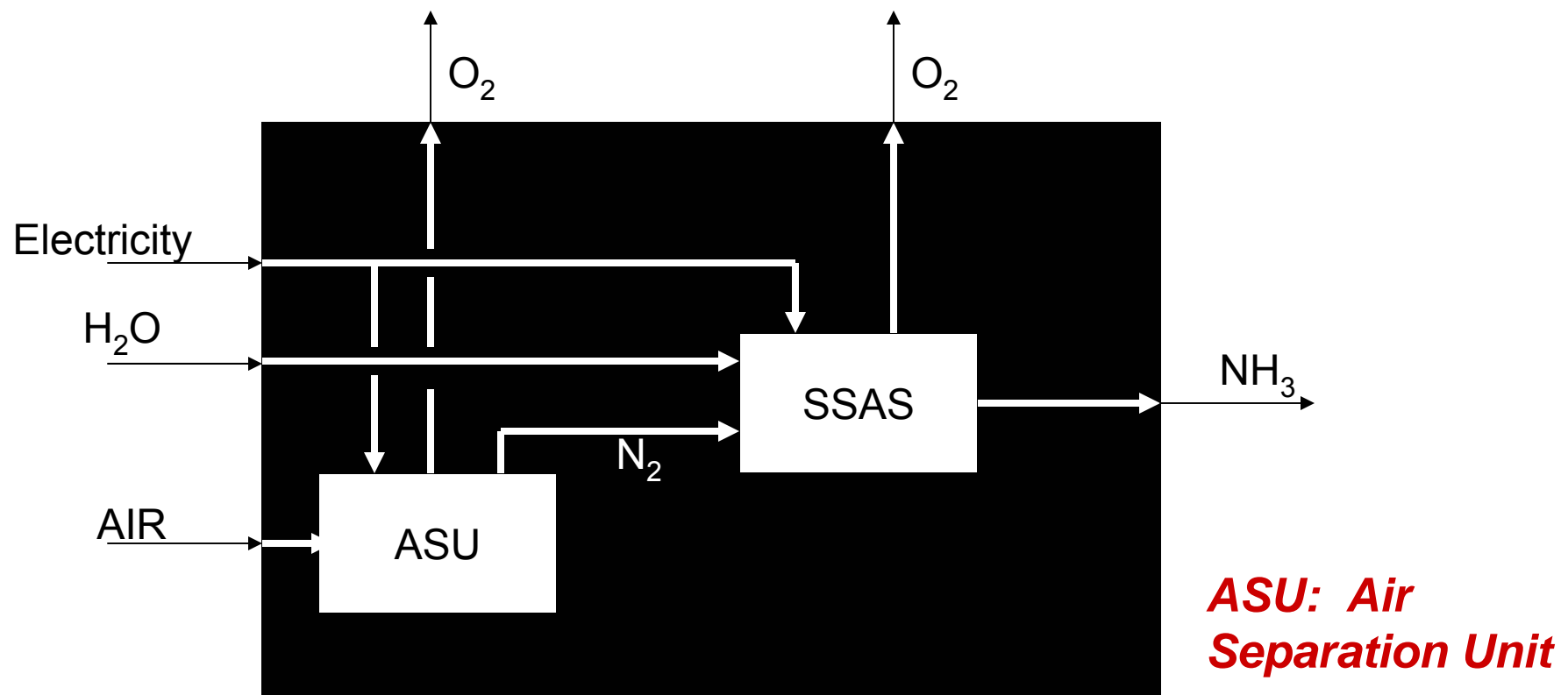
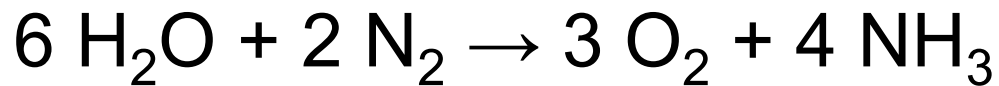
Energy consumption ~12,000 kWh per ton NH₃

Ammonia Transmission Scenario

Solid State Ammonia Synthesis ?



Inside the Black Box: Solid State Ammonia Synthesis



Energy consumption 7,000 – 8,000 kWh per ton NH₃

SSAS vs H-B NH₃ Synthesis

(Solid State Ammonia Synthesis vs Haber – Bosch)

- **H-B**
 - \$1.5 M per MWe input
 - 2 tons / day output per MWe input
 - O&M cost / ton: ??
- **SSAS**
 - \$650 K per MWe input
 - 3.2 tons / day output per MWe input
 - O&M cost / ton: lower ?

Incremental Capital Cost Analysis: With and without Annual-scale Firming Storage

- From “Ammonia ’06 ...” presentation
- Simple capital recovery factor (CRF) method
- Novel system: no experience
- Rough estimates of NH₃ system components
- Many other cases to consider

2,000 MW (nameplate)

Great Plains Windplant Output

Energy production at windplant 40 % Capacity Factor:

As electricity: **19,200 MWh / day**
 7,000,000 MWh / year

	tons/hr	tons/day	tons/yr
As H2 @ 80% electrolysis efficiency	16	390	142,350
As NH3 @ 70% conversion efficiency	97	2,321	847,321
10" NH3 pipeline capacity as H2	11	264	96,360
10" NH3 pipeline capacity as NH3	60	1,440	525,600

Case 4a: Capital costs, no firming

2,000 MW Great Plains windplant

Elec → GH2 → NH3 → Liquid Pipeline → “Terminal” or “City gate”

Capital costs:

– Wind generators, 1.5 MW @ \$1,500 / kW	\$ 3,000 M
– Electrolyzers, 450 psi out @ \$350 / kWe	\$ 700 M
– Electrolyzer power electronics saving	\$ 0 M
– H2 compressors	\$ 10 M
– NH3 synthesis plants (2)	\$ 750 M
– Pipeline	\$ 800 M
– Pipeline pumping	\$ 8 M
– Pipeline infrastructure	\$ 2 M

Total, without firming storage	\$ 5,270 M
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Case 4a: Annual costs, no firming

Elec → GH2 → NH3 → Liquid Pipeline → “Terminal” or “City gate”
Unsubsidized ¹

Production capital costs @ 15% CRF @ \$ 5,270 M \$ 790 M

Conversion and transmission losses

–	Electrolyzer conversion loss @ 20% AEP ²	\$ 80 M
–	Compression energy	\$ 1 M
–	NH3 synthesis plant	\$ 80 M
–	Pipeline pumping energy	\$ 2 M
–	Pipeline misc O&M	\$ 1 M

Total annual costs \$ 954 M

Total cost per mt NH3 = \$ 1,126

Total cost per kg NH3 = \$ 1.13

¹ Subsidies, value-adders: PTC, O₂ sales, REC

² Annual Energy Production @ \$US 0.057 / kWh

Case 4b: Capital costs, Firming storage tanks

2,000 MW Great Plains windplant

Elec → GH2 → NH3 → Liquid Pipeline → Firming tanks → “Terminal” or “City gate”

Capital costs

– Wind generators, 1.5 MW @ \$1,500 / kW	\$ 3,000 M
– Electrolyzers, 450 psi out @ \$350 / kWe	\$ 700 M
– Electrolyzer power electronics saving	\$ 0 M
– H2 compressors	\$ 10 M
– NH3 synthesis plant	\$ 750 M
– Pipeline	\$ 800 M
– Pipeline pumping	\$ 8 M
– Pipeline infrastructure	\$ 2 M
– Tanks: 4 tanks @ \$ 25 M	\$ 100 M
Total, with firming storage	\$ 5,370 M

Incremental capital cost of NH3 tanks = \$ 100 / 5,370 = ~ 0.2 %

Case 4b: Annual costs, Firming storage tanks

2,000 MW Great Plains windplant

Elec → GH2 → NH3 → Liquid Pipeline + tanks → City gate

•	Capital costs @ 15% CRF @ \$ 5,370	\$ 805 M
•	Conversion and transmission losses	
–	Electrolyzer conversion loss @ 20% AEP	\$ 80 M
–	Compression	\$ 1 M
–	NH3 synthesis plants (2)	\$ 80 M
–	Pipeline pumping energy	\$ 2 M
–	Pipeline misc O&M	\$ 1 M
–	Tank in / out	<u>\$ 0 M</u>
	Total annual costs	\$ 969 M
	Total cost per Mt NH3 = \$ 1,144	

Case 4c: Annual costs, Firming storage, tanks, reform to H2

Elec → GH2 → NH3 → Liquid Pipeline +Tanks → Reform to H2

Unsubsidized

Production capital costs @ 15% CRF @ \$ 5,370 M \$ 806 M

Conversion and transmission losses

- Electrolyzer conversion loss @ 20% AEP \$ 80 M**
- Compression energy \$ 1 M**
- NH3 synthesis plant \$ 80 M**
- Pipeline pumping energy \$ 2 M**
- Pipeline misc O&M \$ 1 M**
- Reformer conversion loss @ 15% AEP \$ 60 M**

Total annual costs \$ 1,030 M

Total cost per Mt H2 = \$ 7,253

Total cost per kg H2 = \$ 7.25

Alaska Renewable Energy Grant Program

- **\$50M + \$50M this FY for “commercialization” projects**
- **Some left for R&D&D**
- **Next session: new R&D&D program ?**
- **Apply now for SSAS, R+D+D project**
 - **Alaska Electric Light & Power (AEL&P), Juneau**
 - **Applicant**
 - **Manage**
 - **Host on-site**
 - **Goal: Alaska village energy independence via RE-NH3**
 - **Annually-firm**
 - **All energy needs**
 - **Must have RE resources**
- **System:**
 - **RE electricity source: Juneau hydro**
 - **SSAS module ~ 10 kWe input**
 - **NH3 storage tank**
 - **NH3-fueled ICE genset ~ 50 kW: return to grid**
 - **Village energy system prototype**

1,000 hours, ICE, 6 cyl, 100 hp
75% ammonia, 25% propane



Hydrogen Engine Center, Algona, IA
1,000 hours, ICE, 6 cyl, 100 hp
75% ammonia, 25% propane



Alaska Renewable Energy Grant Program

Budget:

– SSAS R&D from AEL&P to NThree, LLC	\$ 500K
– Build 5-50 kW RE-NH3 system for AEL&P	\$ 100K
– Build identical system for co-applicant	\$ 100K
– Management + system integration + contingency	<u>\$ 200K</u>
Total	\$ 900K

Applications due 8 Oct, 10 Nov 08

Potential co-applicants:

- Iowa Power Fund: preliminary app → “Diligence Committee”
- Other states
- Industry

'08 Farm Bill

“Renewable Fertilizer Research”

- **Section 9003, Congress passed May 08**
- **RE – NH₃ concept, commercialize**
- **Report to Secy USDA: 18 months**
- **\$1M authorized**
 - **No appropriation**
 - **Next admin, congress ?**

'08 Farm Bill

“Renewable Fertilizer Research”

Genesis: collaboration

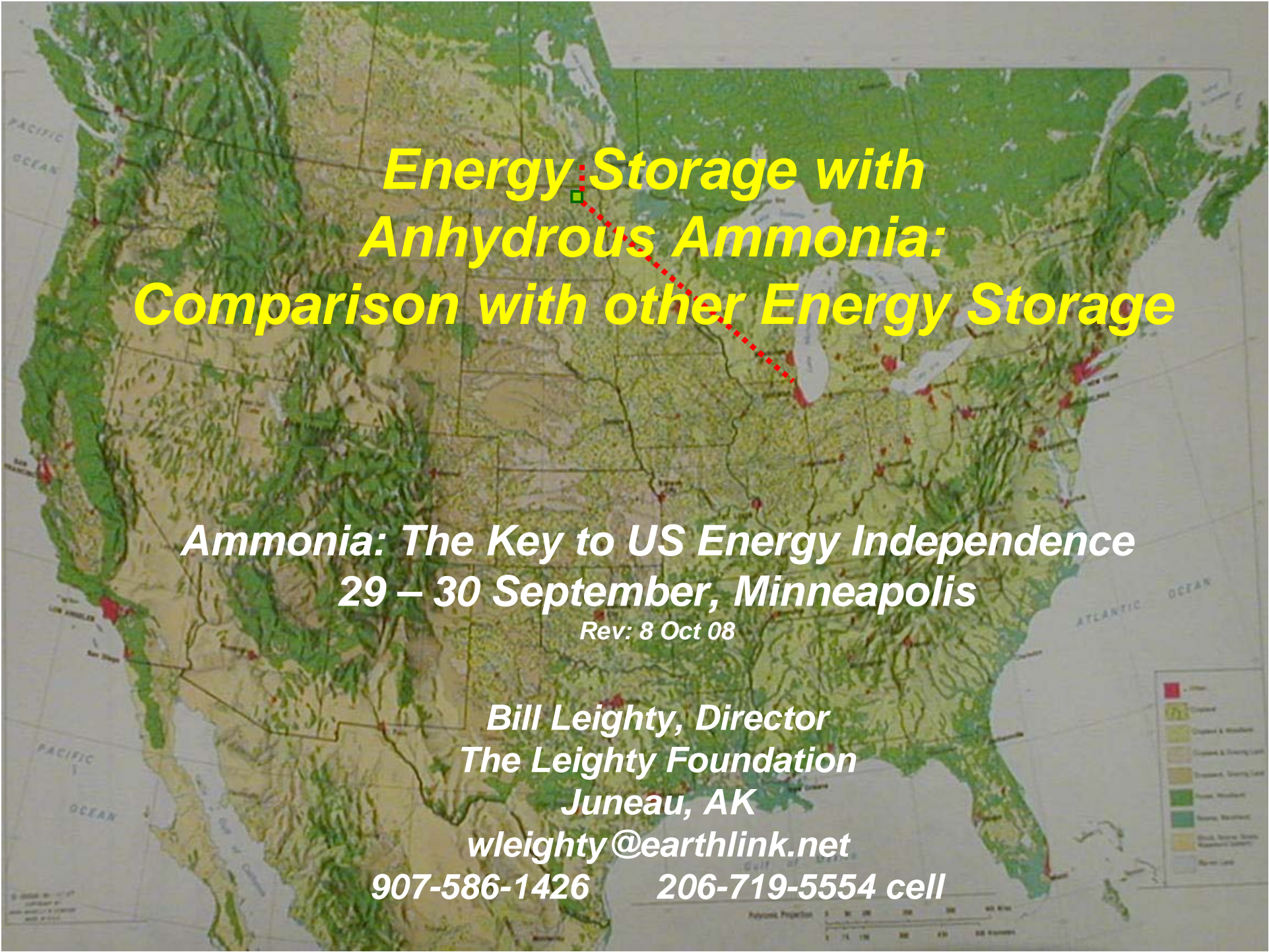
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- “Farm Energy Backgrounder”
- “Ammonia Q+A”
- Proposed Farm Bill language
- Proposed appropriation at \$950 K

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