



Running the World on Renewables

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1958: NE Iowa Science Fair, SCl, 9th grade



1961

12th grade
NE Iowa
Science
Fair

SCI



**Collins Radio
Field Engineer**

**Vietnam
'68**

MUST Run the World on Renewables – plus Nuclear ?



MUST Run the World on Renewables – plus Nuclear ?

- Climate Change
- Demand growth
- Depletion of Oil and Gas
- Only 200 years of Coal left
- Only Source of Income:
 - Photons, particles from Sun
 - Meteors and dust
 - Spend our capital ?





Earth's only source of income: Solar radiation, dust

MUST Run the World on Renewables – plus Nuclear ?

- Emergencies:
 - Climate change
 - Energy prices
 - Energy security
- Conservation + efficiency
- GW scale renewables
- Beyond Electricity Grid
- Energy: beyond electricity
- “Hydricity”

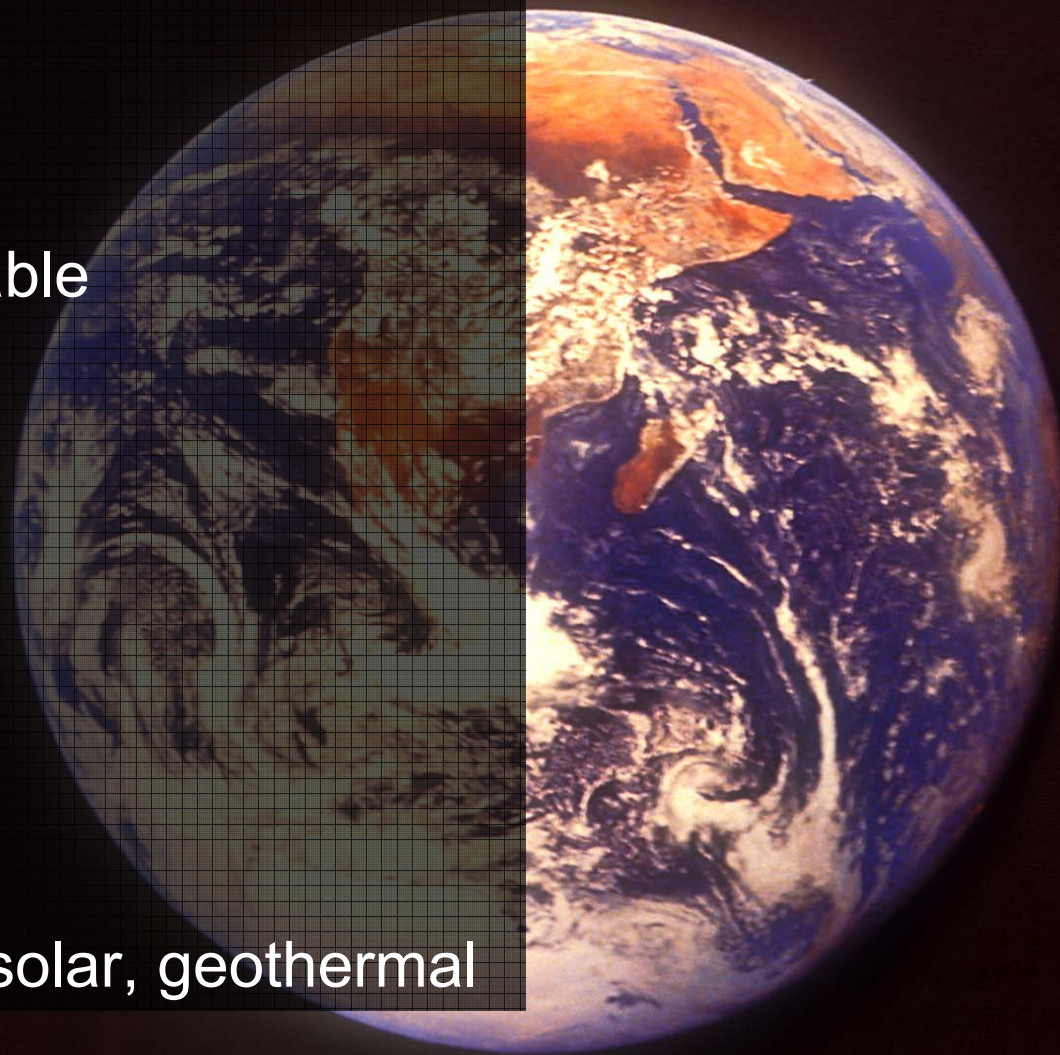




***Mendenhall Glacier
Juneau, Alaska 2005***

MUST Run the World on Renewables – plus Nuclear ?

- Global
- Indigenous
- Firm: available
- C-free
- Benign
- Abundant
- Affordable
- Equitable
- Perpetual: solar, geothermal



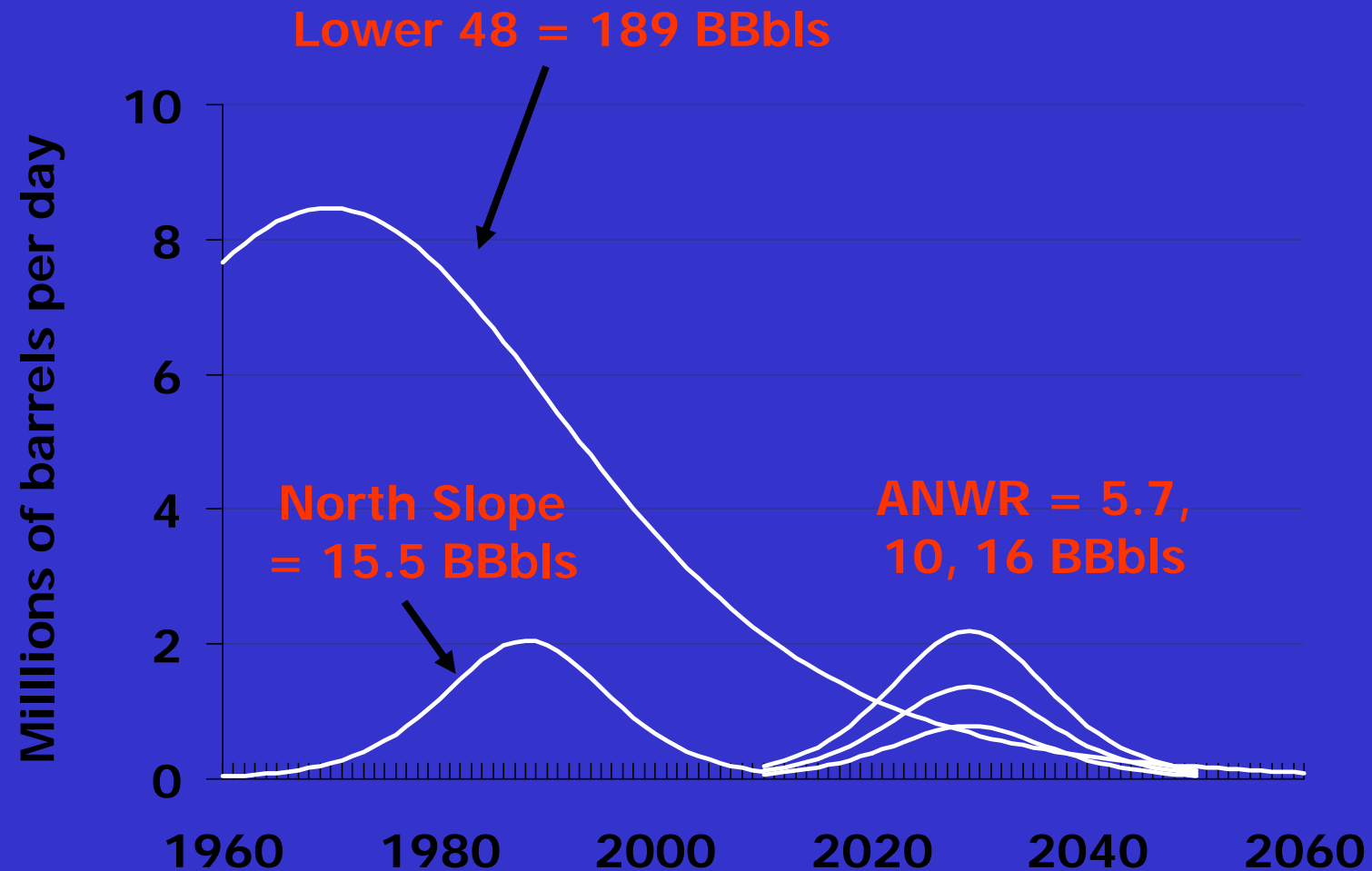


Titusville, PA

1859

*First oil well
in USA*

US total crude oil production





Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)

* 1002 Area



Proposed ANS* Gas Pipeline

“ALCAN” Alaska
Highway Route

TransCanada
Pipelines

* Alaska North Slope

“America is addicted to oil.”

Jan 31, 2006, State of the Union, Pres. Bush

Humanity is addicted to energy



Energy Slaves

2002



Lance Armstrong

2002

Peak 500 Watts

Average 250 Watts

3 kWh per day

(12 hour day)

746 Watts = 1 hp



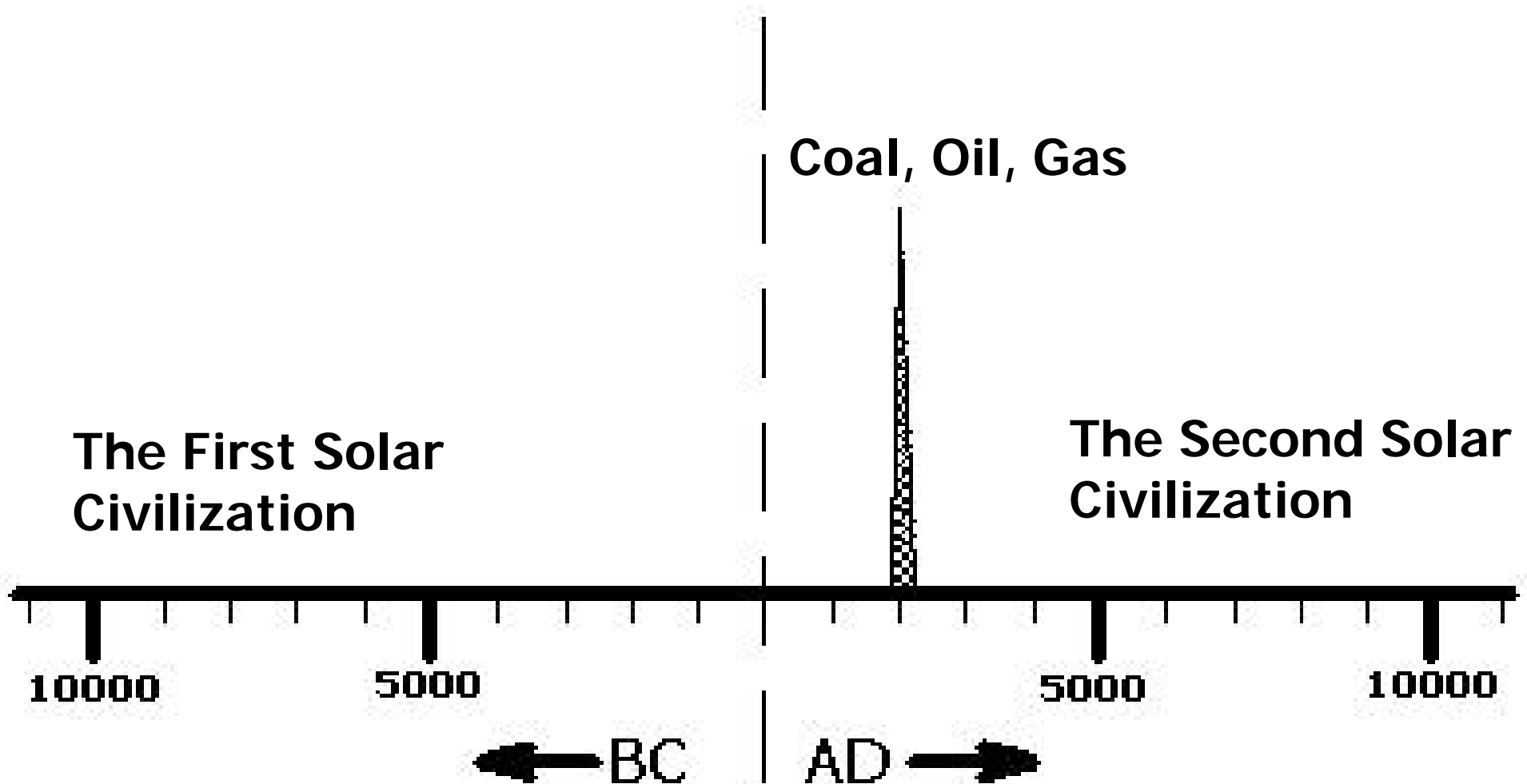
Energy Slaves

USA:

***35 Lance
Armstrongs
per person***

24 / 7

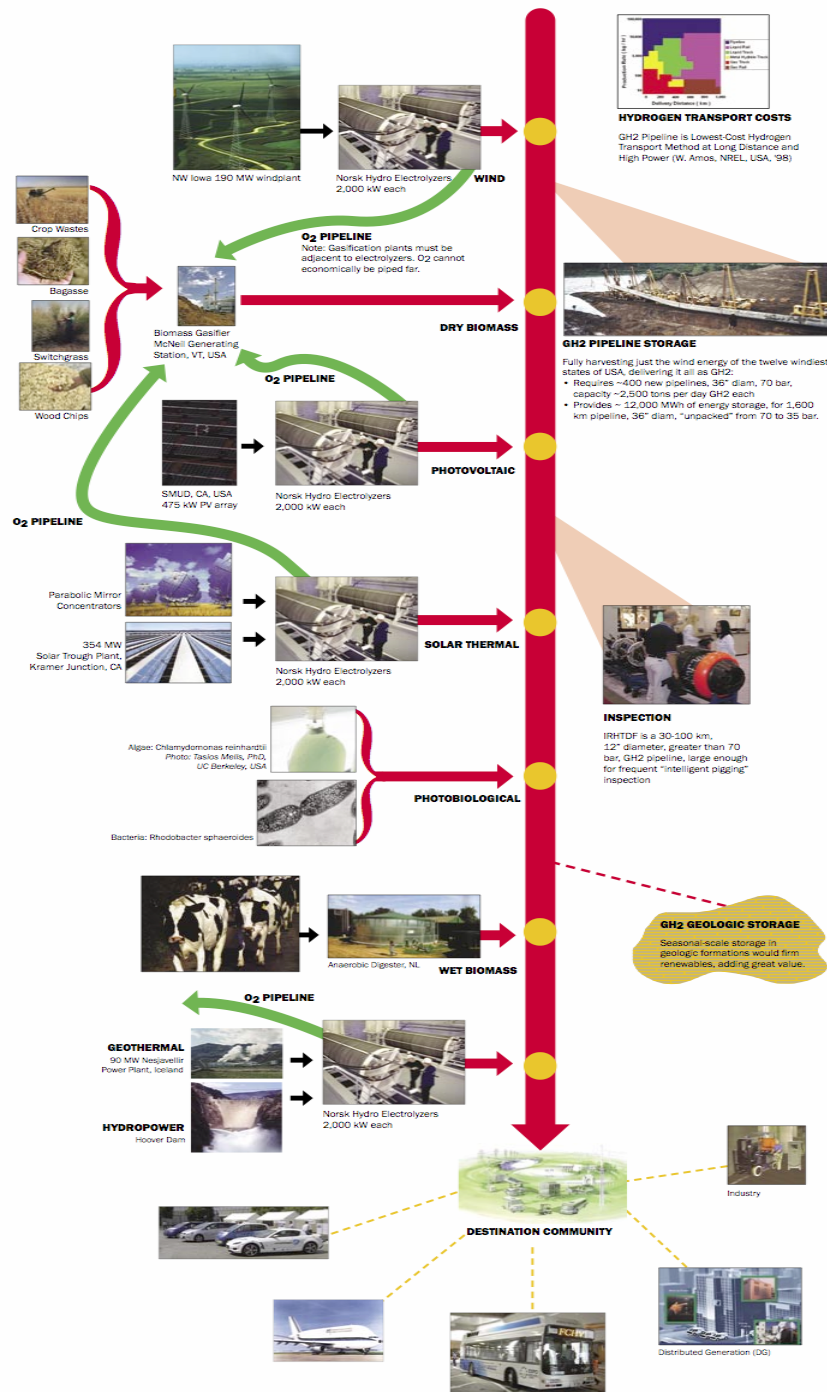
***The Fossil Fuel Age:
a "Blink of an Eye" between the
First and Second Solar Civilizations***



The First Solar Civilization



One-fourth of farm's solar energy harvest goes to the draft animals



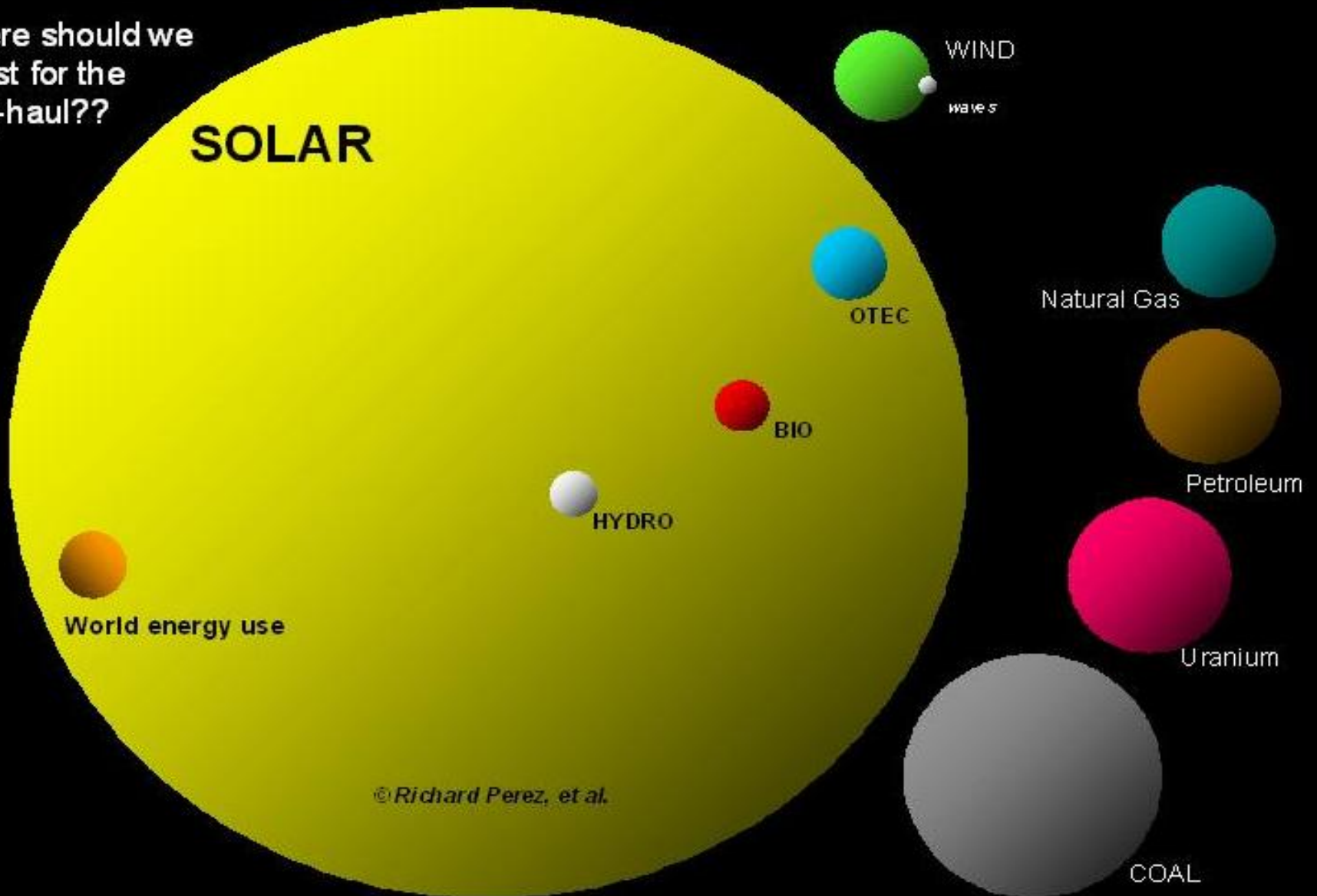
The Second Solar Civilization

- Diverse
- Benign
- Renewable
- Remote

- Electricity
- Hydrogen

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. World energy use is annual.*

Running the World on Renewables



Watch our language !

“Run”

- 6. To move freely and without restraint
- 8. To take part in a race or contest
- 12. To ply between places
- 19. **To operate or function**
- 35. **To perform or accomplish**
- 46. To operate or drive
- 50. To manage or conduct
- ...
- 67.

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)**
- Gaseous hydrogen (GH₂) pipelines
 - Conversion, gathering
 - Transmission
 - Storage: tanks, salt caverns
 - Distribution
- Geologic storage “firms”
- Pilot plants needed:
 - Every major new industrial process
 - IRHTDF

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- Anhydrous Ammonia (NH₃) pipelines, tanks
 - Conversion, gathering
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- Pilot plants needed:
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 - '08 Farm Bill Sec 9003:
“Renewable Fertilizer Research”

4: Hydrogen's principal value

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

5: Pilot plants needed

- **Every major new industrial process**
- **Diverse, large-scale, stranded**
- **Renewables-source systems**
- **IRHTDF**
- **Posters: Japan, Canada, IPHE**

Focus

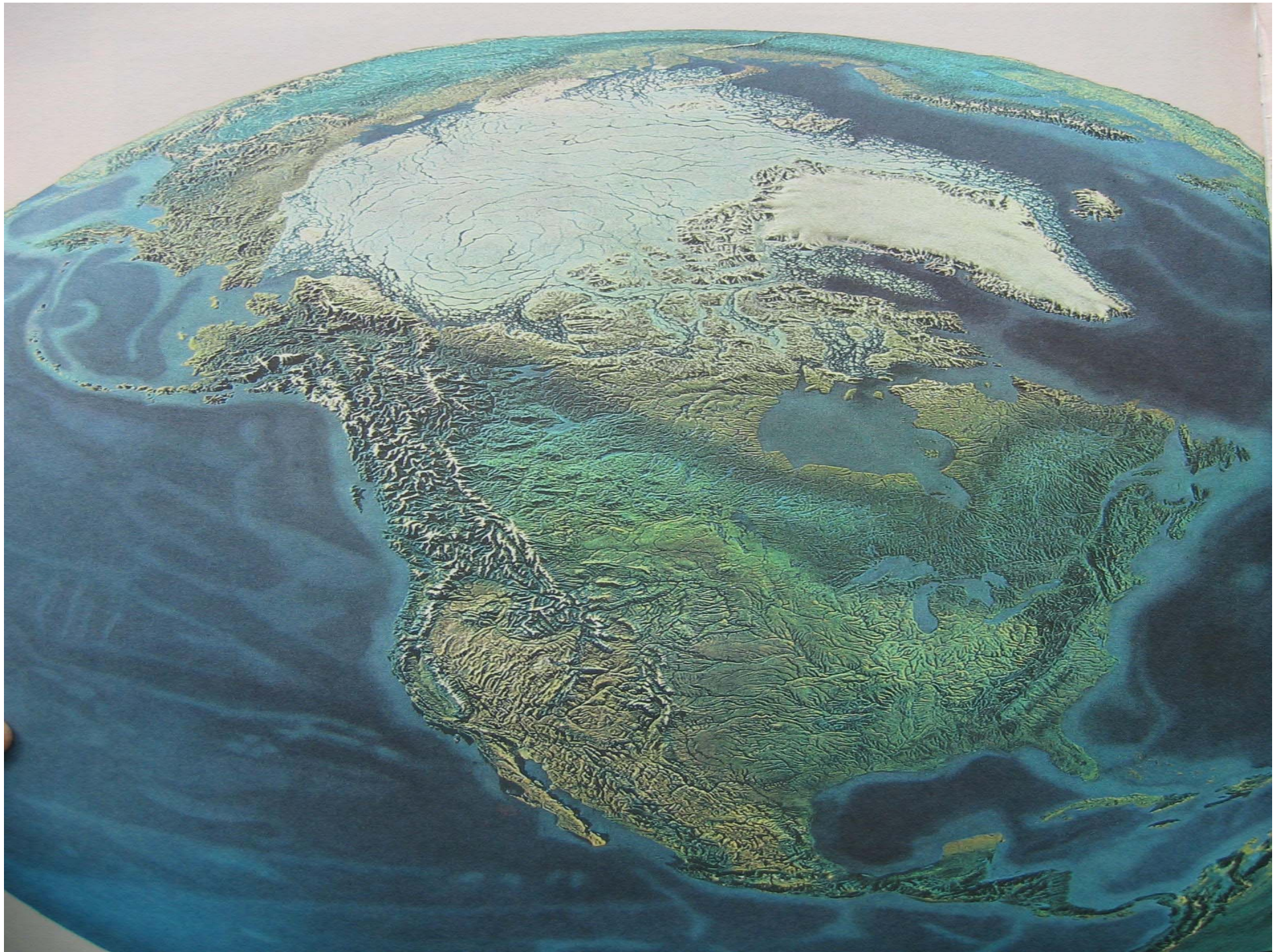
- **All energy – beyond electricity**
- **Centralized**
- **Diverse renewables**
- **GW scale (1,000 MW)**
- **“Firm” at seasonal-scale**
- **Five hypotheses**

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Global Opportunity











Wind Powering America

Diverse !

NW Iowa 190 MW windplant

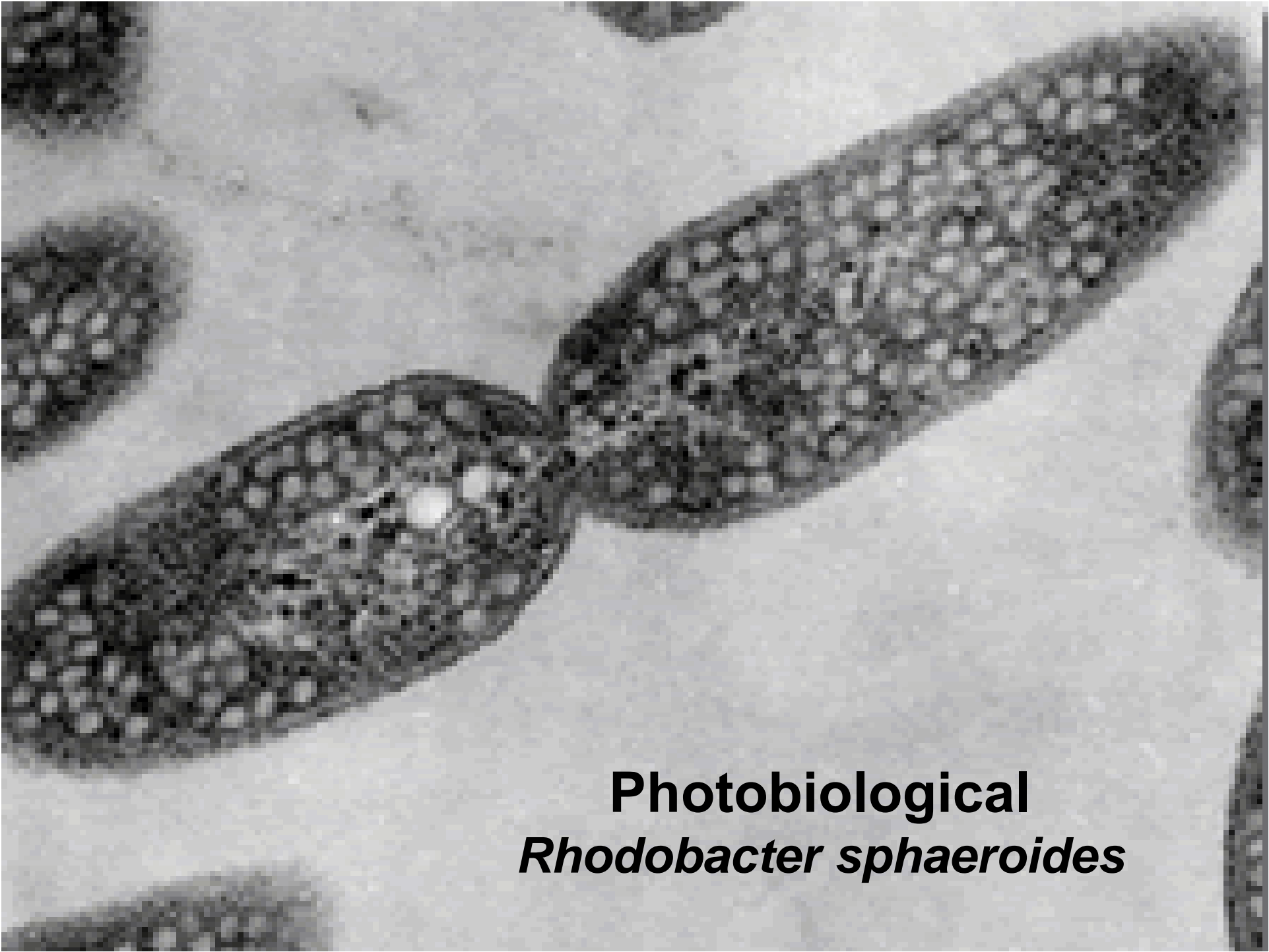


Hydro

Hoover Dam



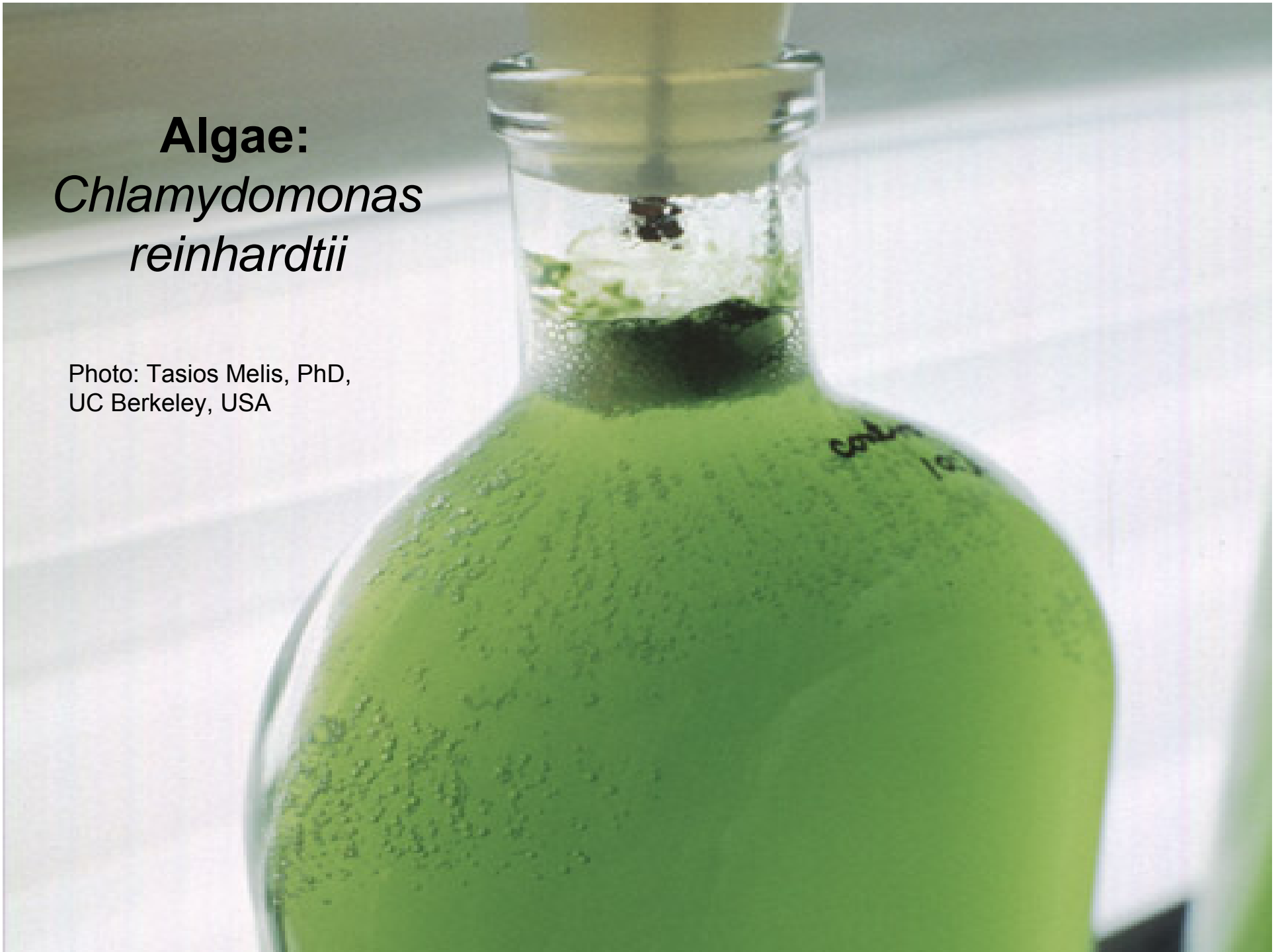
Geothermal:
Nesjavellir Power Plant, Iceland; 90 MW

A black and white electron micrograph showing several rod-shaped bacterial cells. The cells are elongated and have a granular internal structure. One cell in the foreground is particularly prominent, showing a clear internal structure with a darker, more electron-dense region in the center. The background is light and grainy.

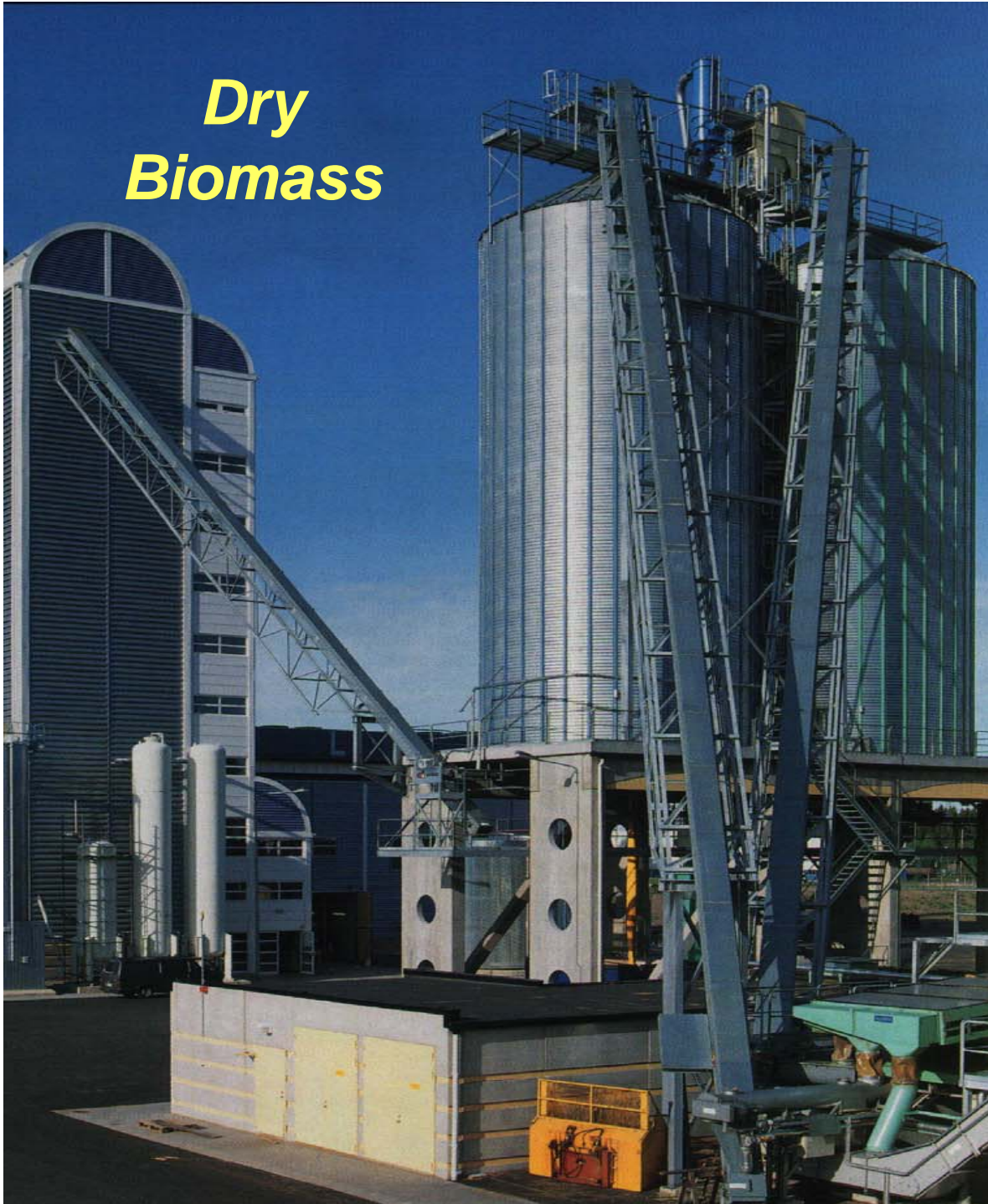
Photobiological
Rhodospirillum rubrum

Algae:
Chlamydomonas
reinhardtii

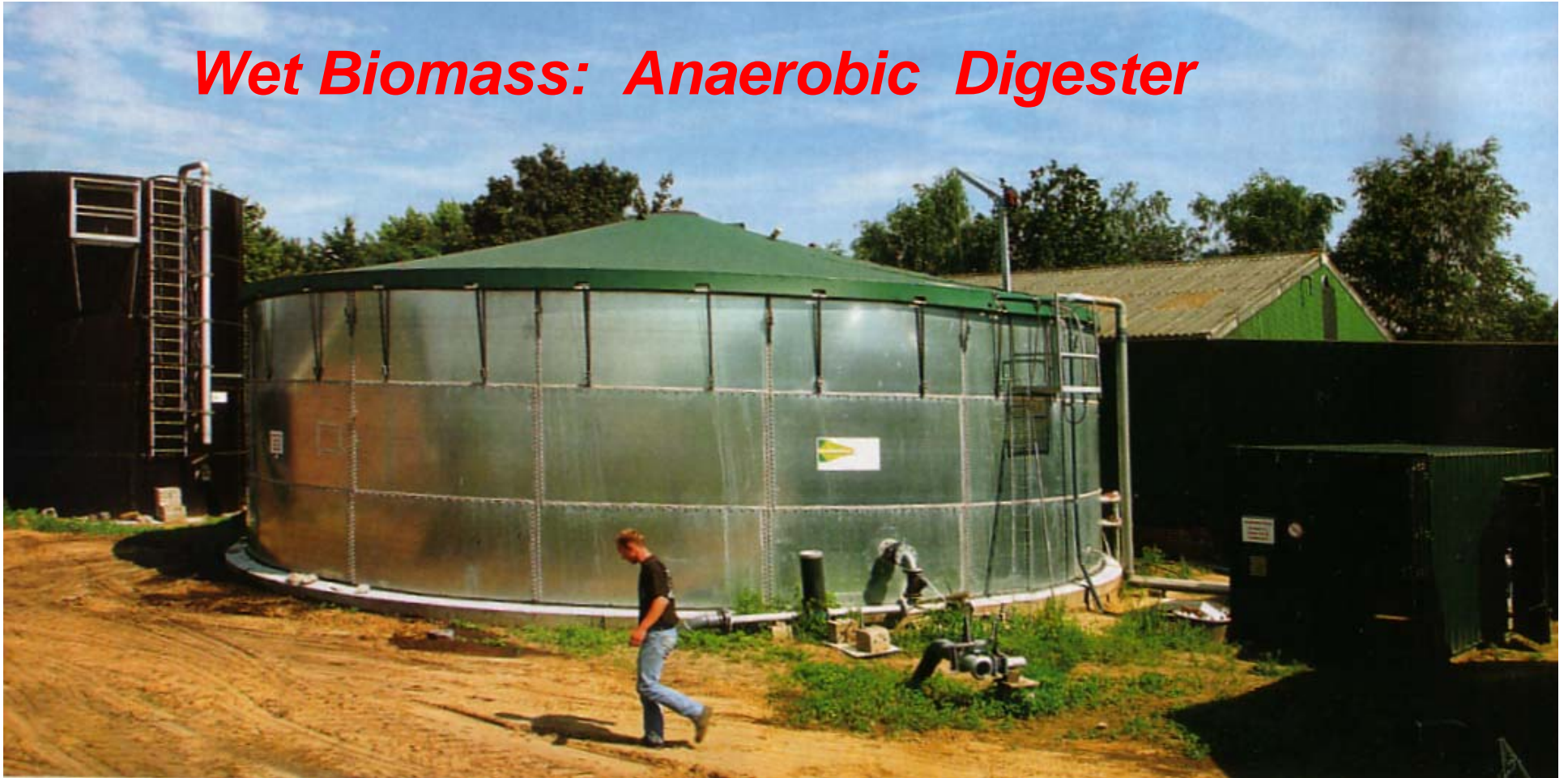
Photo: Tasios Melis, PhD,
UC Berkeley, USA

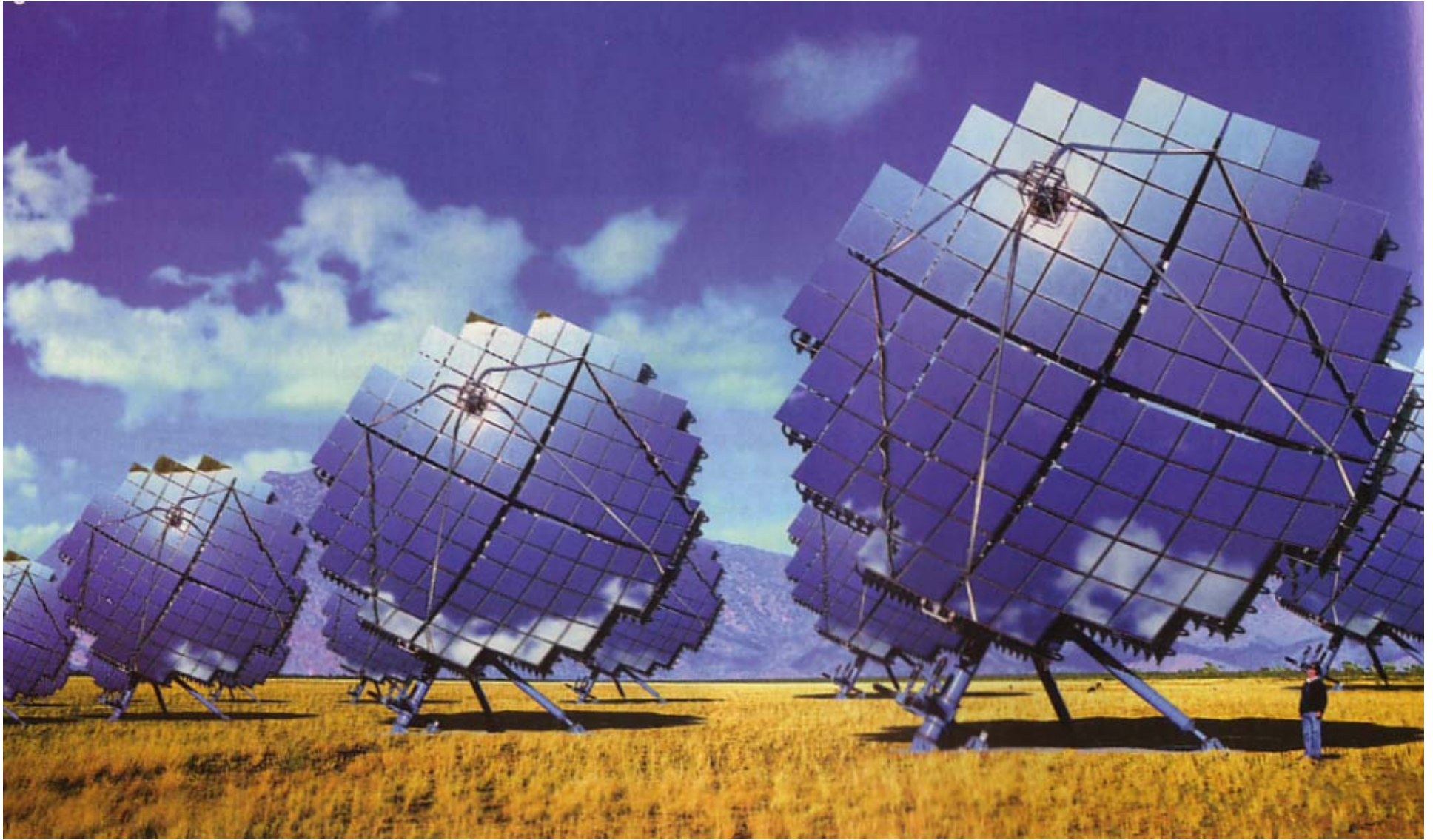


Dry Biomass



Wet Biomass: Anaerobic Digester





Solar thermal

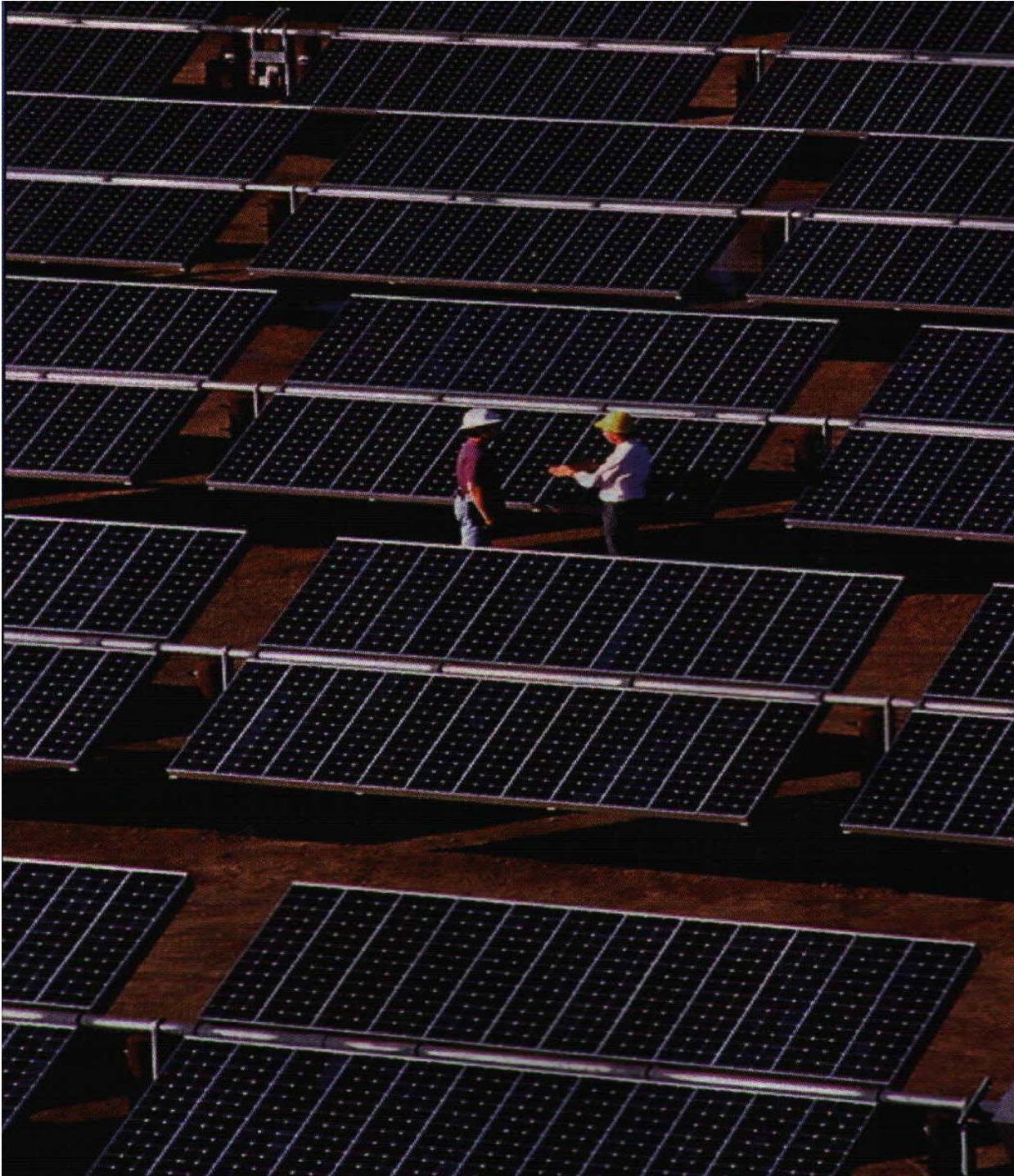


Stirling Energy Systems, Inc.
Model solar thermal power plant, NM Completed May 05

Parabolic Trough Concentrating Solar Power (CSP)

CA, Spain





Photovoltaic

(PV)

Small

Medium

Large

Example: Vision of a bright future

*The Silk Road Genesis Project**

**proposed by Sanyo*



**Vision of solar farms in China along the historic silk road
to cover $\frac{1}{3}$ of China's energy demand in 2030**



Currents: Tidal, River, Ocean

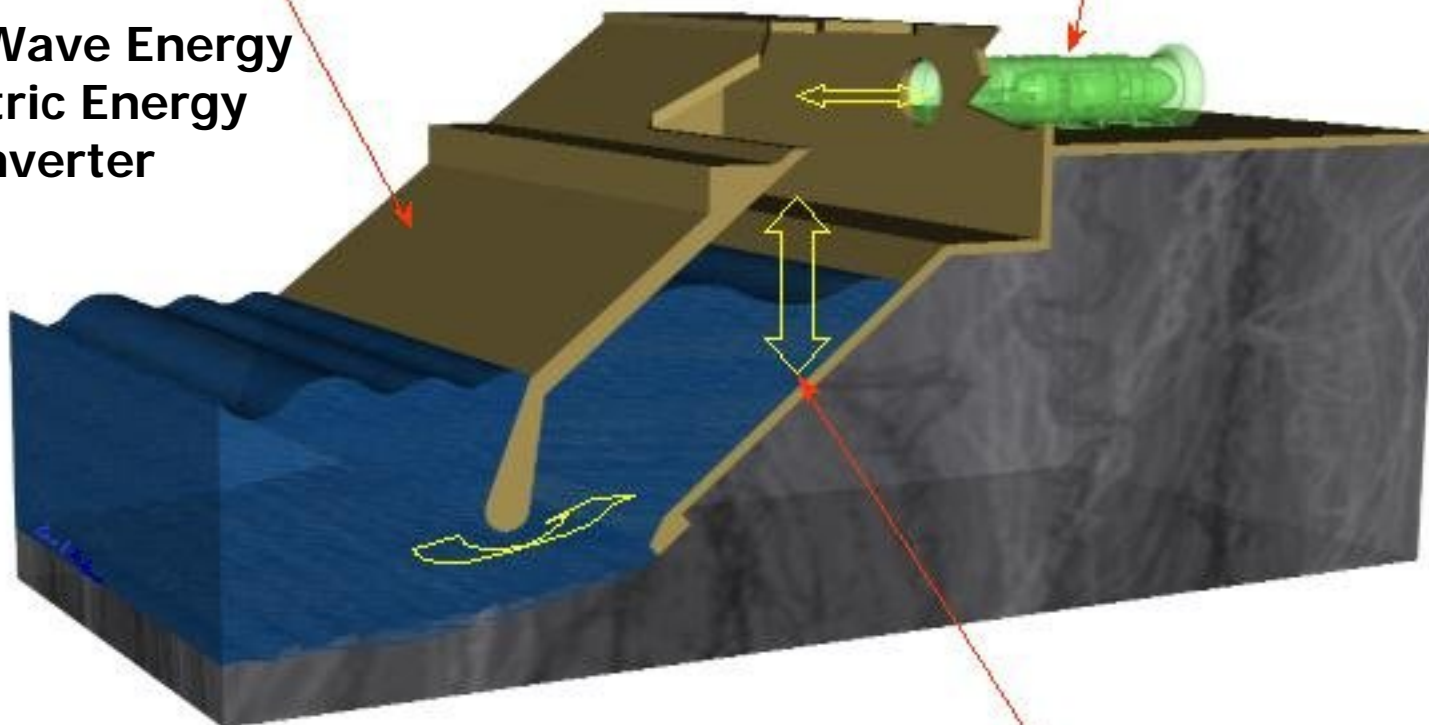


"LIMPET", Island of Islay, off Scotland coast

Reinforced concrete Capture Chamber set into the excavated rock face.

The Wells Turbines rotate in the same direction regardless of the direction of the air flow. Thus generating irrespective of upward or downward movement of the water column.

**500 kW Wave Energy
to Electric Energy
Converter**



UK



**"Limpet": Land Installed
Marine Powered Energy
Transformer**

Air is compressed and decompressed by the Oscillating Water Column (OWC). This causes air to be forced through the Wells Turbine and is then drawn back through the Wells Turbine.

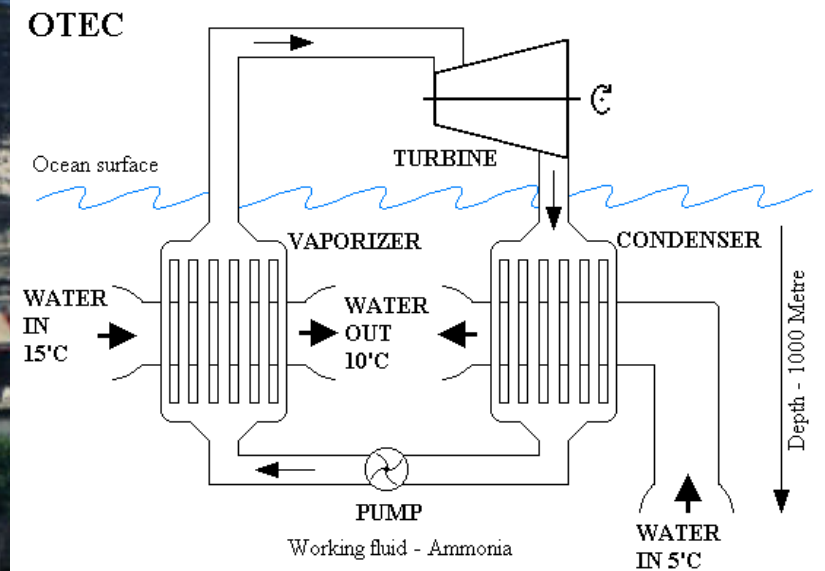


**Pelamis Wave Power is the new name for Ocean Power Delivery.
A new Pelamis Wave Power website is coming soon but if you
would like to visit the Ocean Power Delivery site in the meantime
please follow the link below.**

FURTHER INFORMATION

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OTEC: Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion

The Great Plains Wind Resource

This map illustrates the Great Plains region of the United States, outlined in blue. A red dashed line traces a path from the northern plains, passing through the central states, and extending towards the Gulf of Mexico, likely representing a major wind resource corridor. A small green square is located in the northern part of the Great Plains, near the Canadian border. The map includes a legend for land use types and a scale bar in miles and kilometers.

Legend:

- Urban
- Cropland
- Cropland & Woodland
- Cropland & Grazing Land
- Grazing Land
- Forest, Woodland
- Shrub, Savanna, Grass
- Wetland
- Water

Scale:

0 50 100 200 300 400 Miles
0 125 250 375 500 Kilometers



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

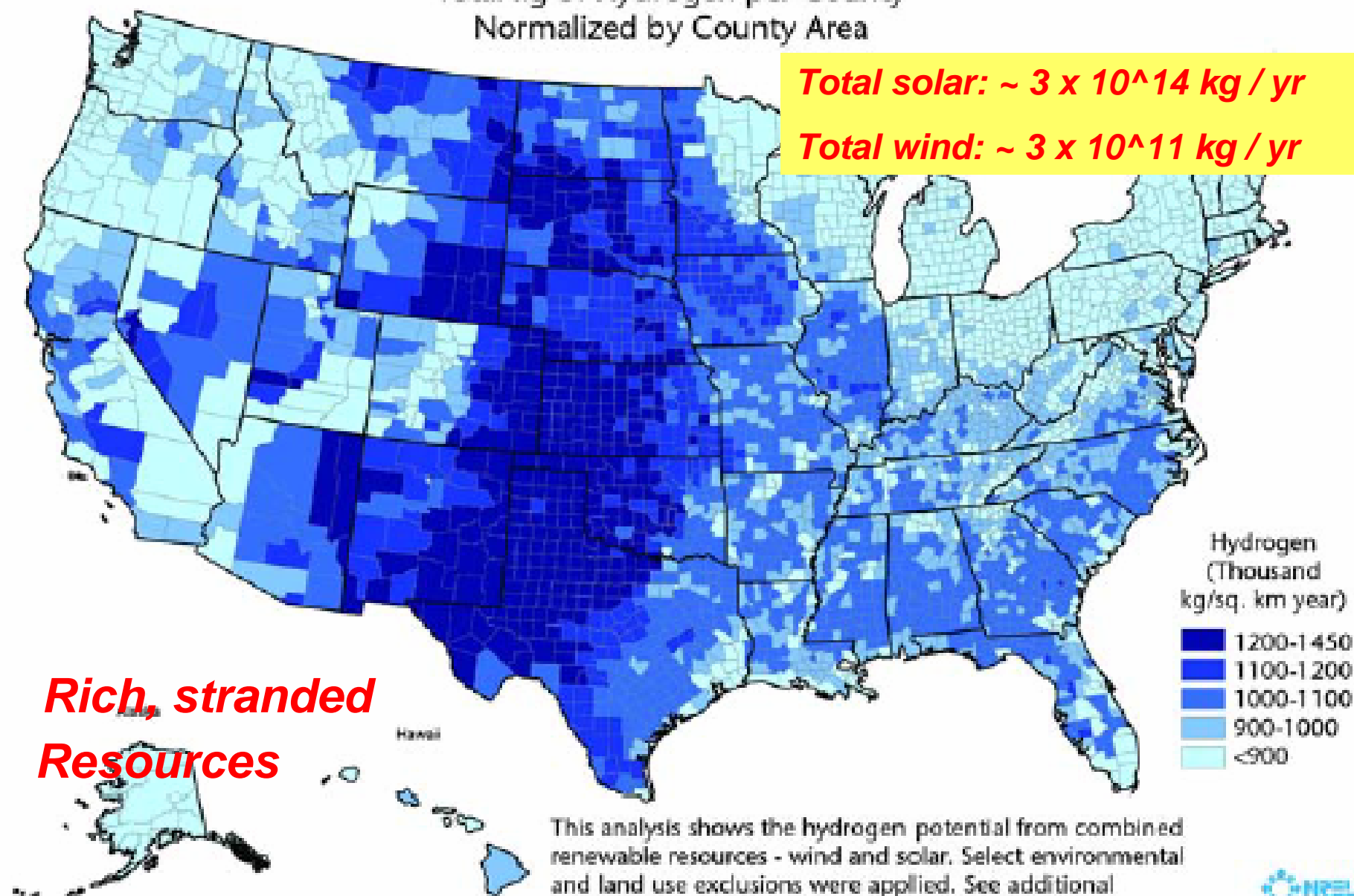
Figure 3

Hydrogen Potential from Solar and Wind Resources

Total kg of Hydrogen per County
Normalized by County Area

Total solar: $\sim 3 \times 10^{14}$ kg / yr

Total wind: $\sim 3 \times 10^{11}$ kg / yr



**Rich, stranded
Resources**

This analysis shows the hydrogen potential from combined renewable resources - wind and solar. Select environmental and land use exclusions were applied. See additional documentation for more information.

Iowa Wind Potential

Annual energy production, TWh	550
Installed wind generation, MW	157,249

Export electric lines	50
Export electric lines cost	\$ 30 billion

Export hydrogen pipelines	20
Export hydrogen pipelines cost	\$ 20 billion

Trouble with Renewables

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

Trouble with Renewables - Electricity Transmission

- **Grid nearly full**
 - **New wind must pay for transmission**
 - **Costly: AC or DC**
- **NIMBY**
- **Low capacity factor or curtailment**
- **No storage: smoothing or firming**
- **Overhead towers vulnerable: God or man**
- **Underground: Only HVDC**

Trouble with GW-scale wind today

- **Lowest-cost renewable ?**
- **Electricity only**
- **Grid nearly full**
 - New wind must pay for transmission
 - Costly: AC or DC
- **No storage: smoothing or firming**
- **“Cherry-picked” windplants, to date**
 - Best wind sites
 - Low-cost transmission access
- **Depend on fed PTC: \$ 0.019 / kWh**

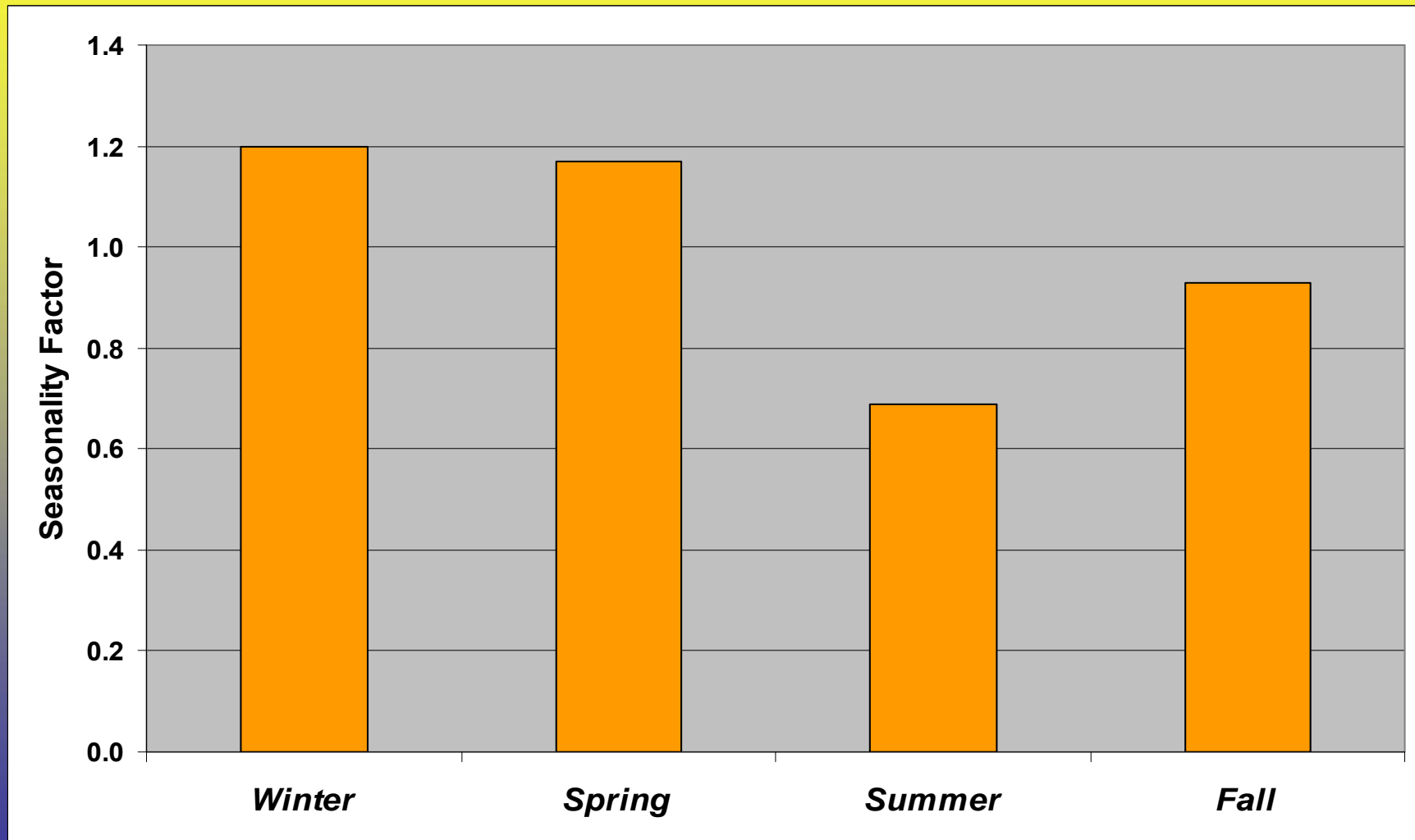
Wind seasonality, Great Plains

- 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



“Firm” energy worth more

- **Every hour, every year**
- **Strategically: indigenous, secure**
- **Market price**
- **Dispatchable**
- **Bankable large projects**
- **Risk avoidance: rapid climate change**

Energy Storage Alternatives

- Batteries
 - Lead-acid
 - Nickel-cadmium
 - Lithium ion
 - Sodium sulfur
- Flow batteries (FBES)
- Pumped hydro (PHS)
- Thermal (TES)
- Compressed air (CAES)
- Chemical
- Flywheel (FES)
- Superconducting magnetic (SMES)
- Supercapacitors
- NEW
 - Hydrogen in caverns: “Hydricity” (FC-HES)
 - Ammonia in tanks

Annual – scale “Firming” Great Plains Wind

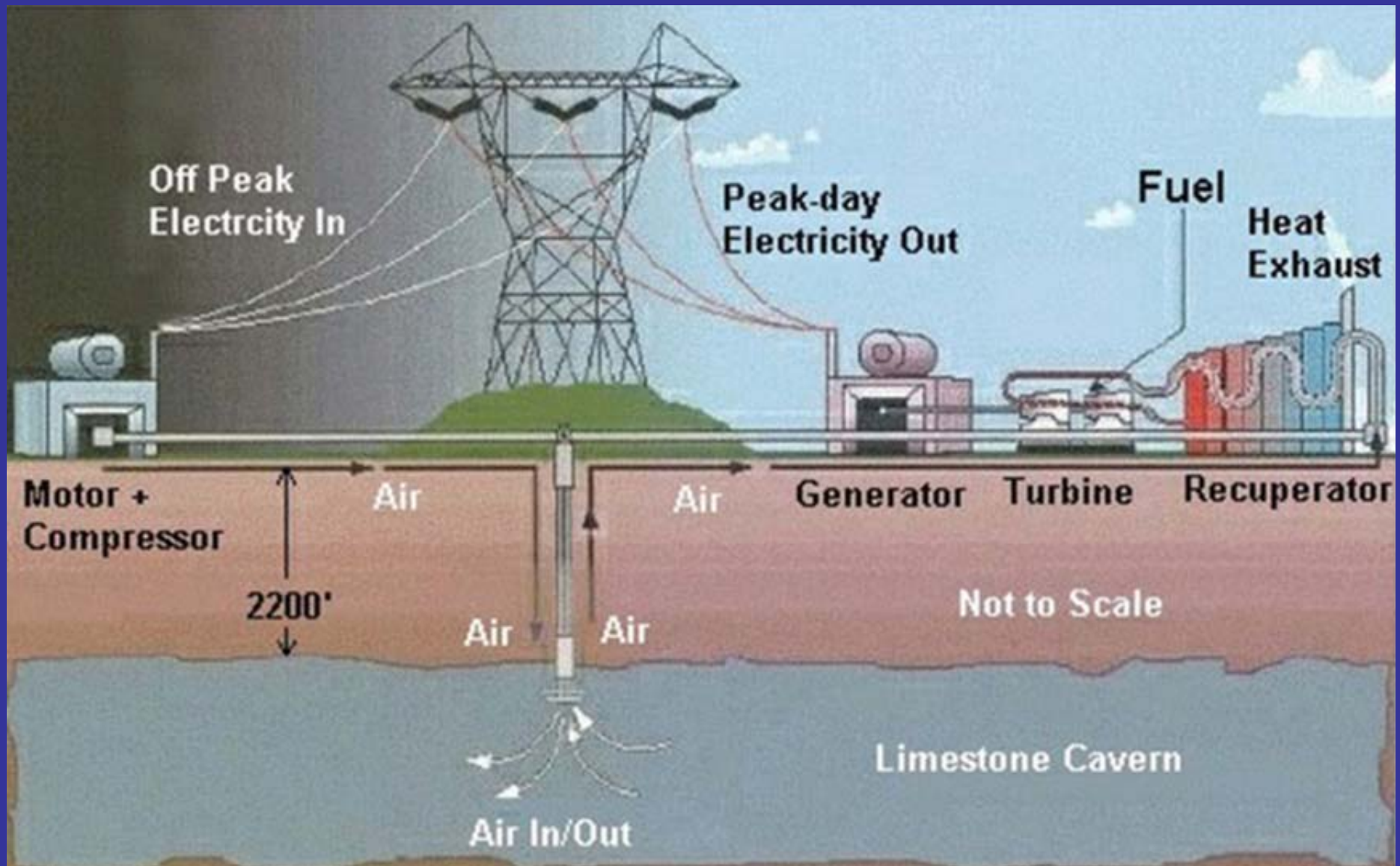
- **Potential, 12 states, ~50% land area:**
 - 10,000 TWh = 100 quads = entire USA energy
 - 2,800,000 MW nameplate
- **Seasonality:**
 - Summer minimum
 - Spring – Summer maximum storage
 - “Firming” energy storage,
per 1,000 MW wind = 450 GWh

***" There's a
better way to
do it... Find it "***



Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)

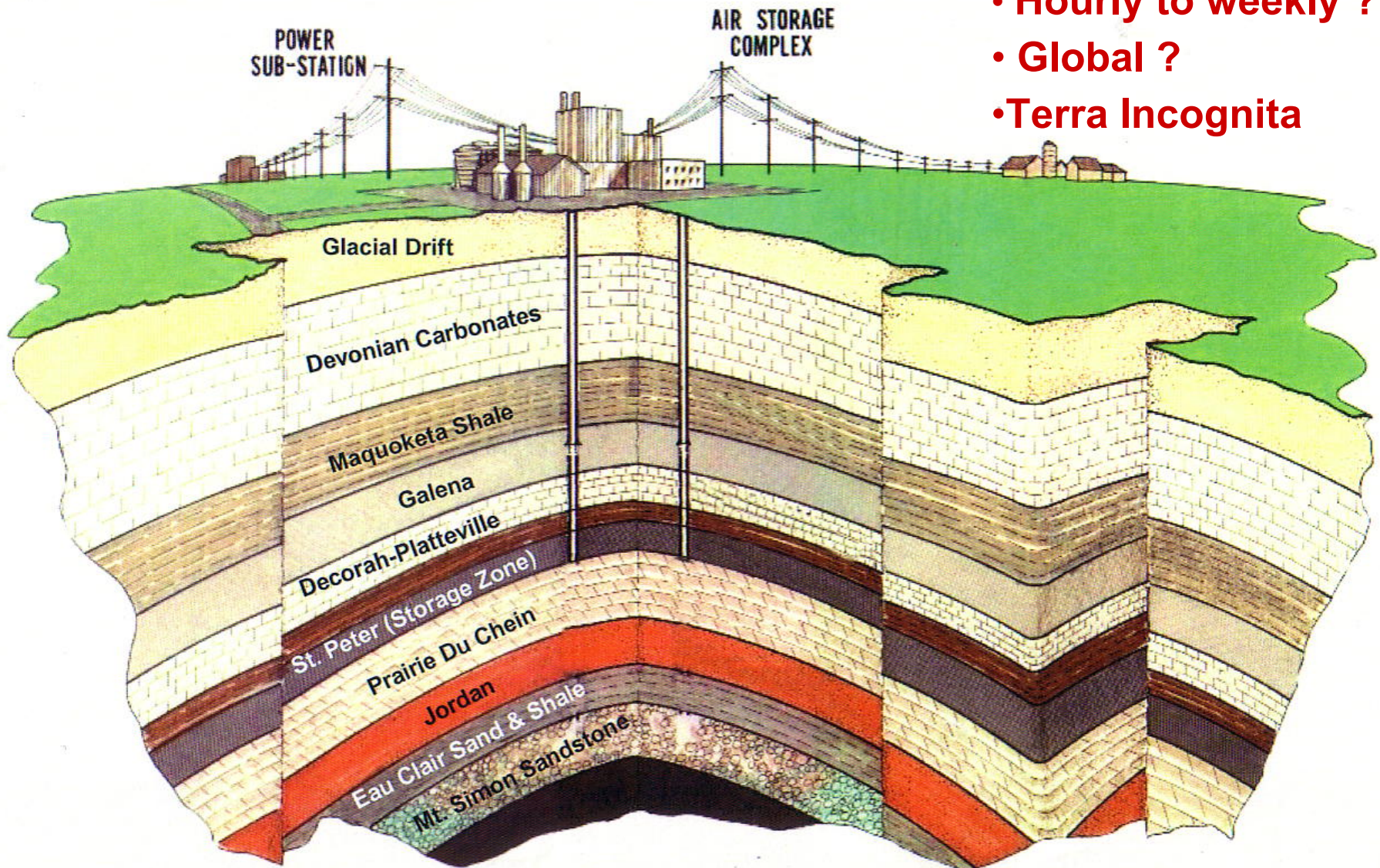
Requires: Right geology + Fuel



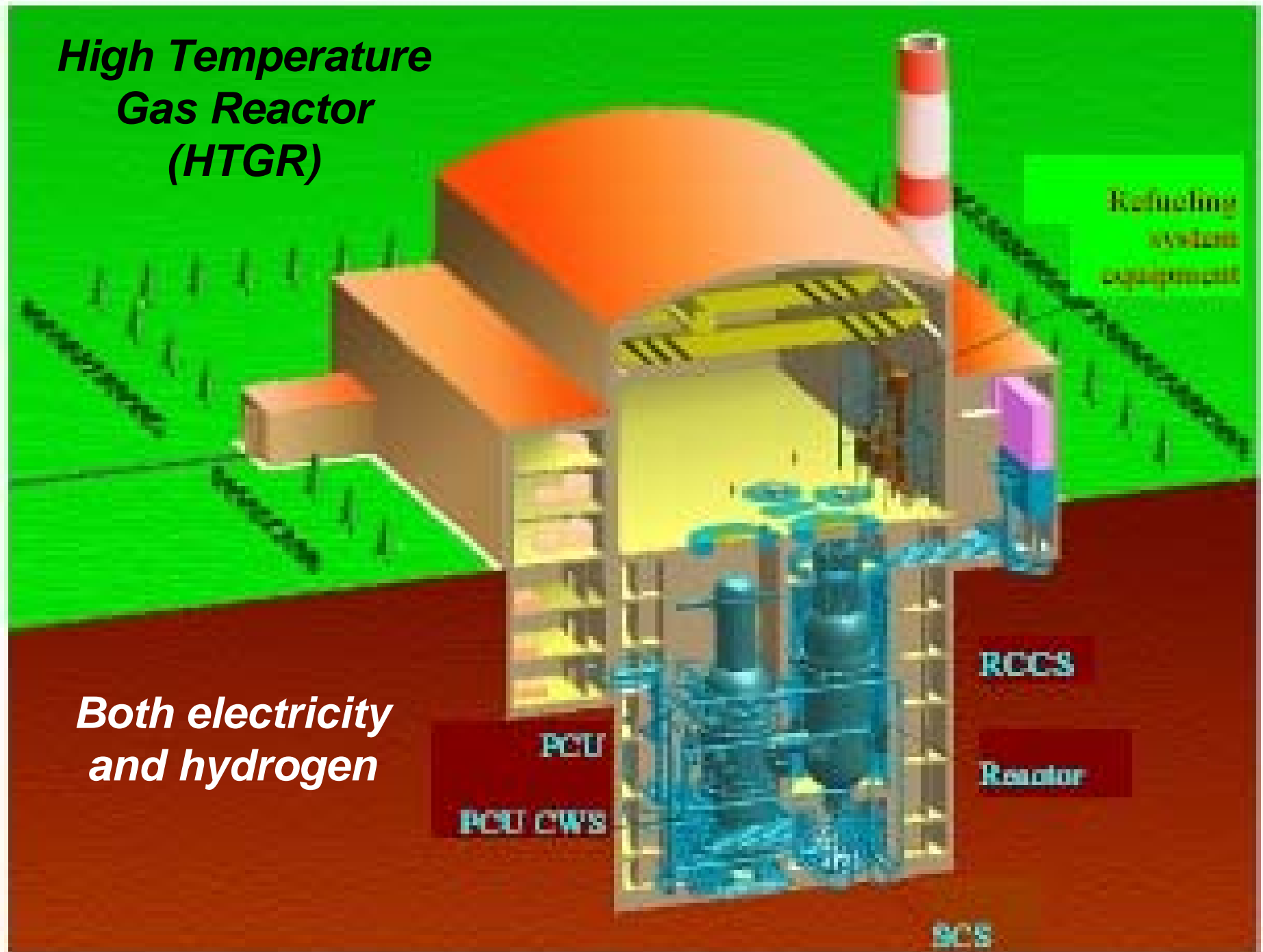
Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)

Iowa Energy Storage Park: Geology

- Hourly to weekly ?
- Global ?
- Terra Incognita



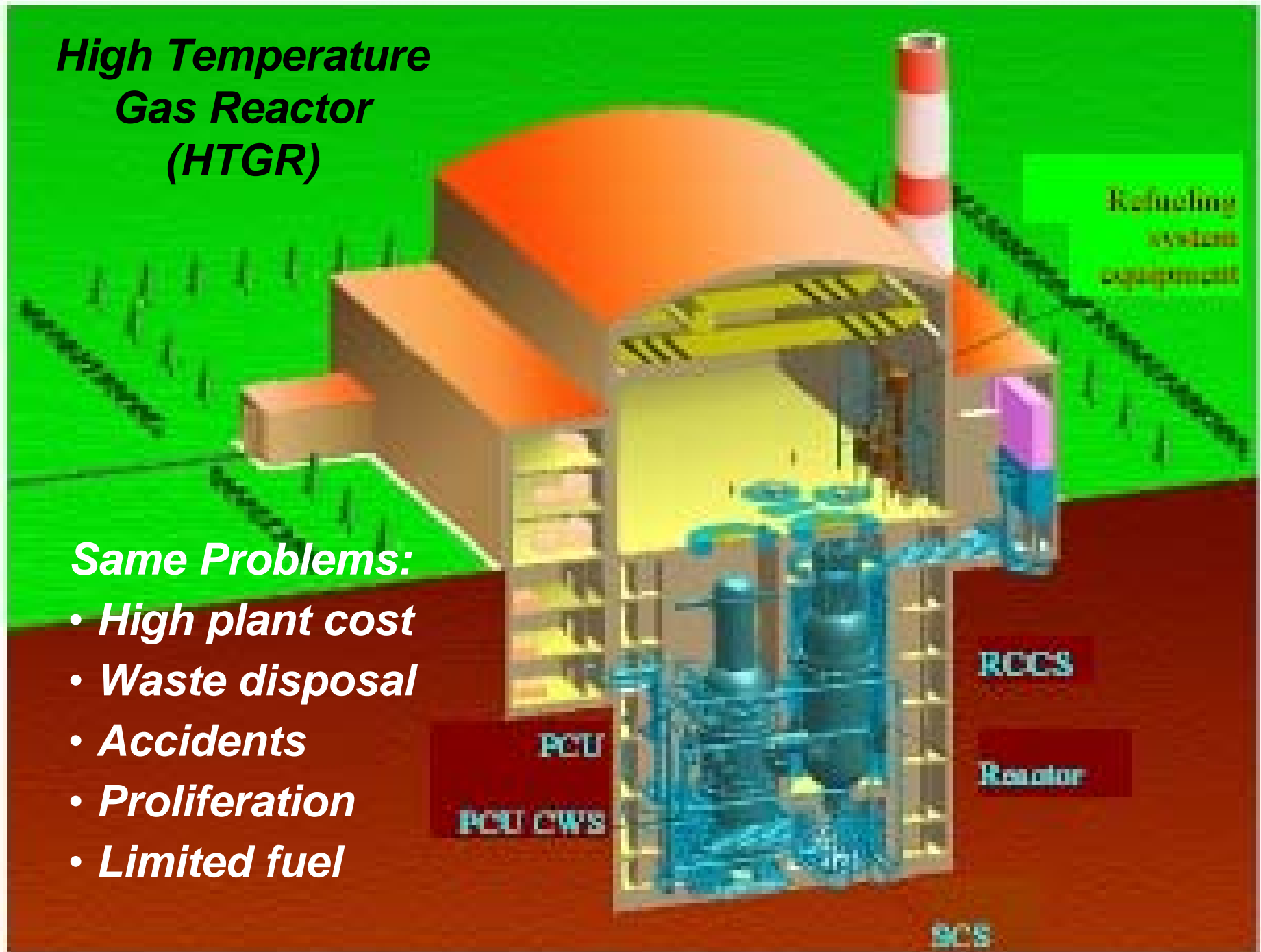
High Temperature Gas Reactor (HTGR)

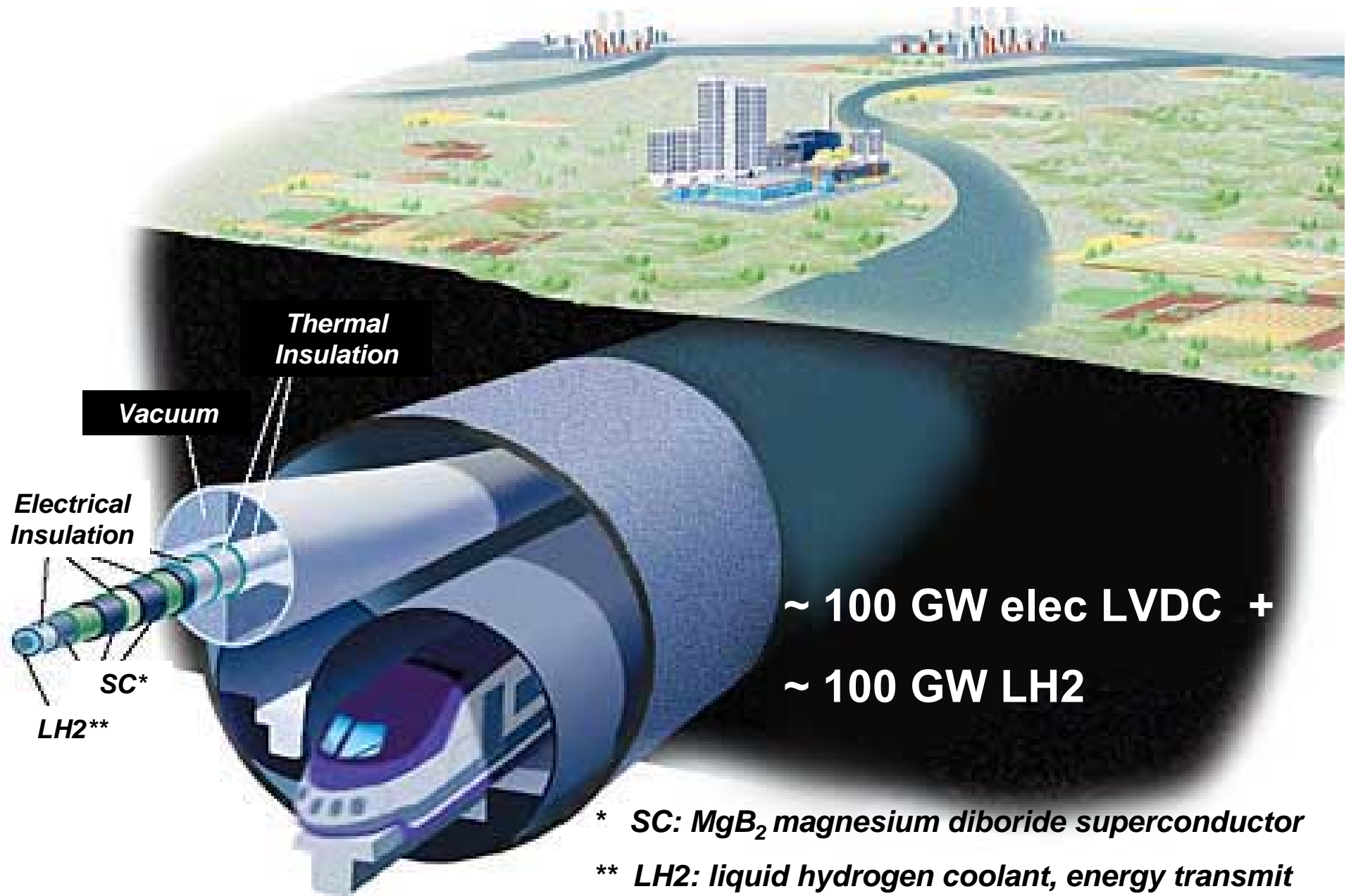


High Temperature Gas Reactor (HTGR)

Same Problems:

- ***High plant cost***
- ***Waste disposal***
- ***Accidents***
- ***Proliferation***
- ***Limited fuel***





Continental Supergrid – EPRI concept “Energy Pipeline”

“Hydrogen and electricity become the primary currencies in the future energy economy”

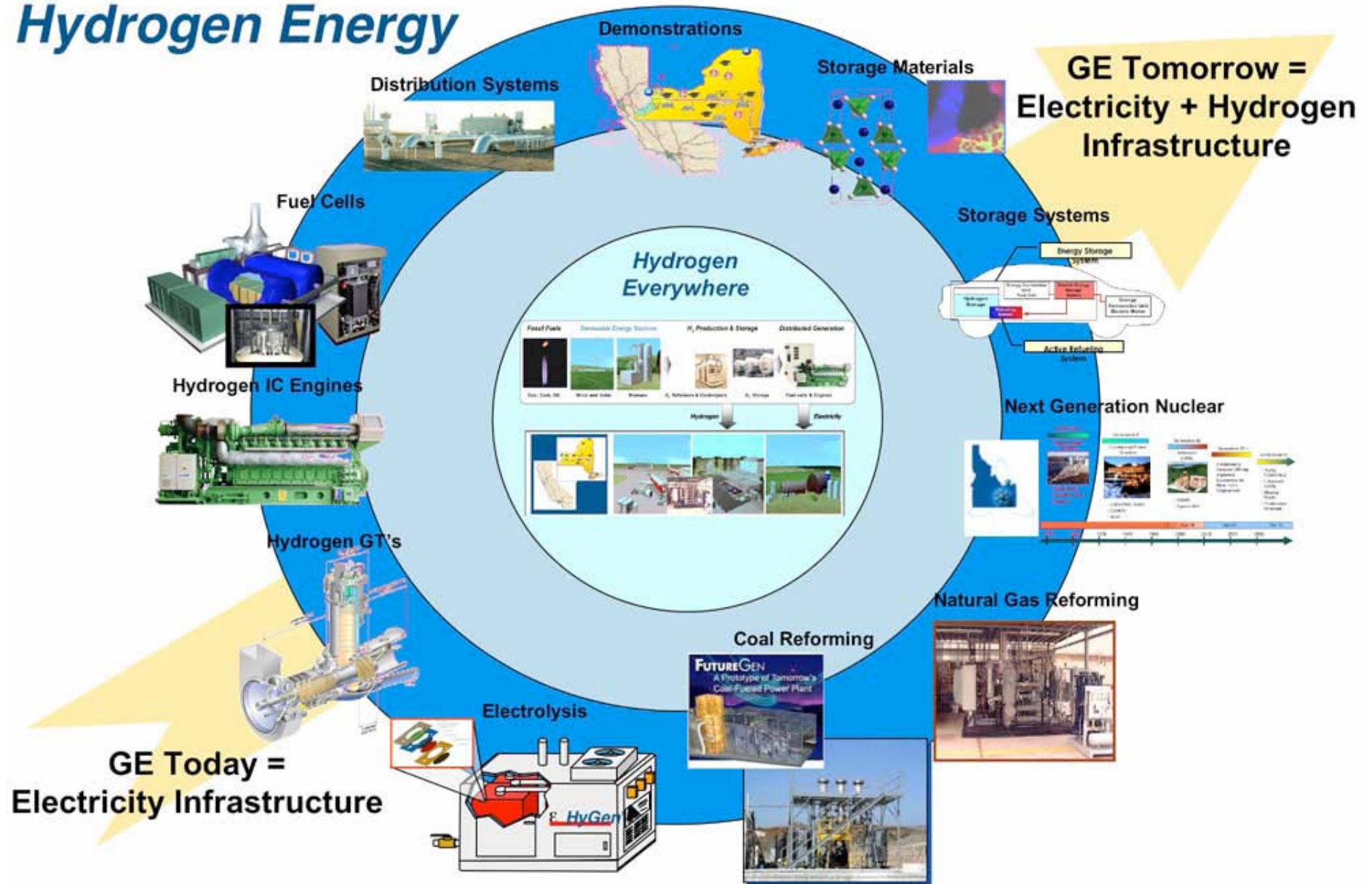
Utility electrolysis vision

- MW-scale utility electrolyzers
- Affordable capital investment:
Total system cost considerations
- Off-peak, wholesale electricity: Operated by utility
- Distributed, substation level operation
- Tightly integrated with electrical grid

Dan Smith

GE Global Research, 2004

Hydrogen Energy



**Sunlight from
local star**

Electricity

O₂

Electricity

H₂

Work

Electrolyzer

Fuel Cell

PEM Electrolyzer
 $2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Energy} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$

Item: 2010
Solar Hydrogen System JuniorBasic
www.h-tec.com

PEM Fuel Cell
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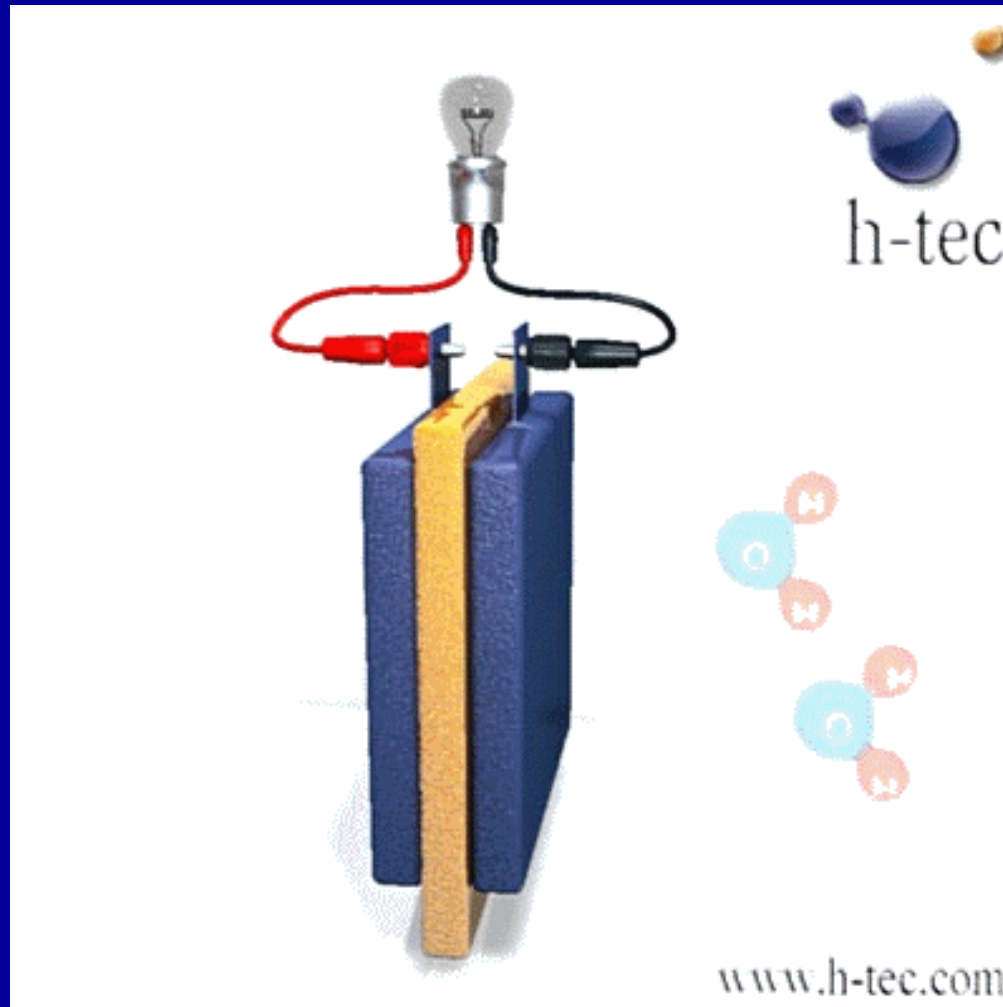


Solar Hydrogen Energy System

Hydrogen Fuel Cell

Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) type

Hydrogen (H_2) combines with Oxygen (O_2) to make electricity + heat + water (H_2O)

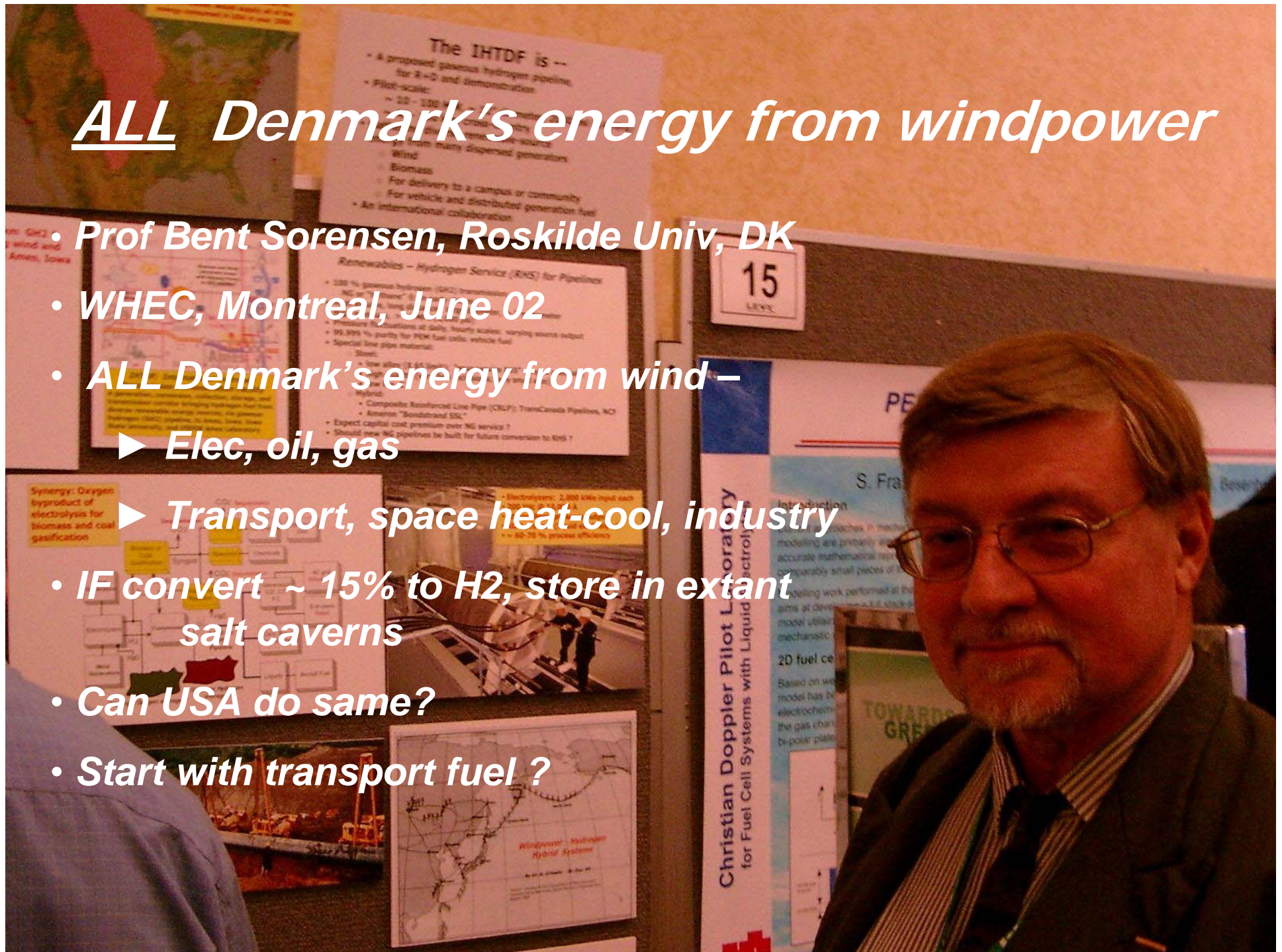


ALL Denmark's energy from windpower

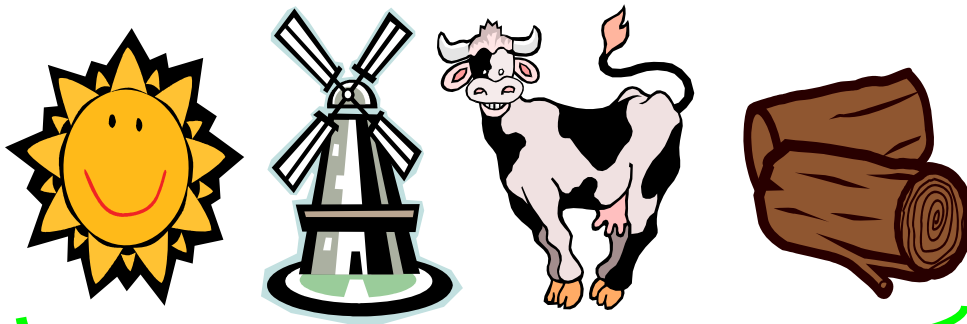
- Prof Bent Sorensen, Roskilde Univ, DK
- WHEC, Montreal, June 02
- ALL Denmark's energy from wind –
 - ▶ Elec, oil, gas

▶ Transport, space heat-cool, industry

- IF convert ~ 15% to H₂, store in extant salt caverns
- Can USA do same?
- Start with transport fuel ?



EC: The NATURALHY concept



H₂

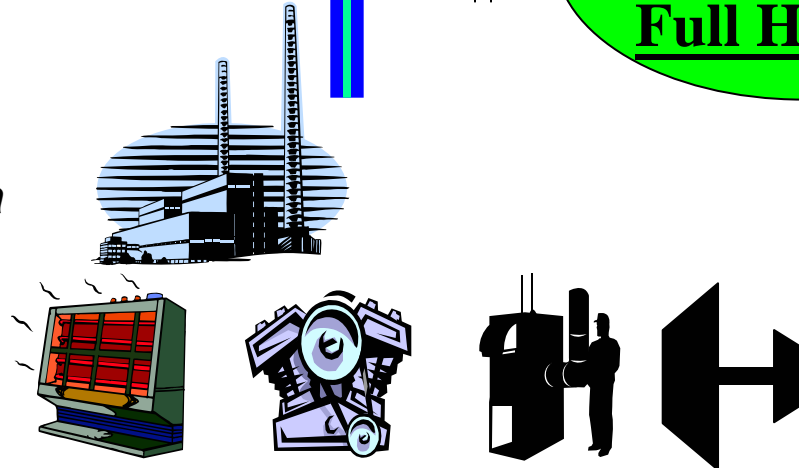


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NATURALHY:

- Breaks “chicken-egg” dilemma
- Bridge to sustainable future





Hydrogen, Fuel Cell

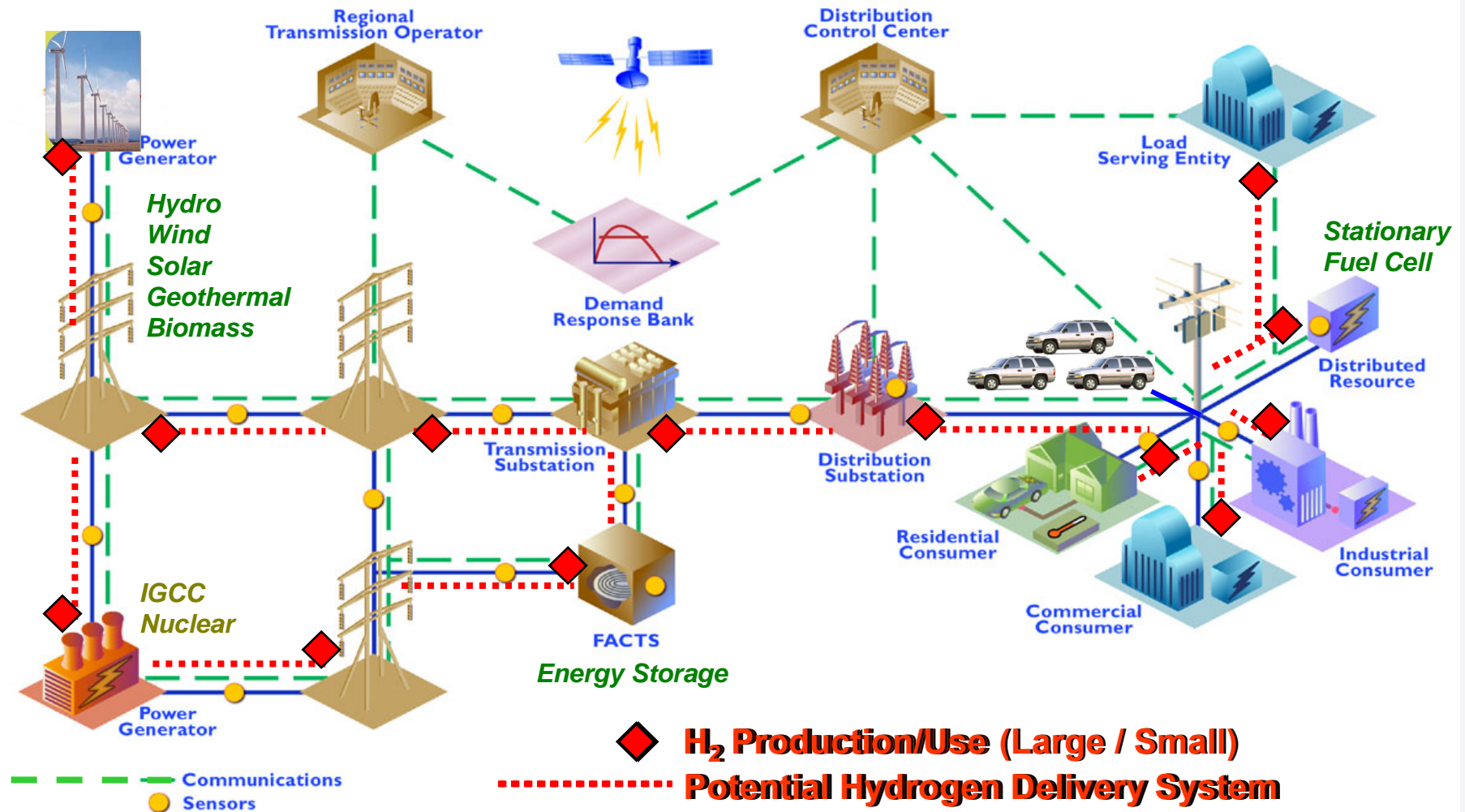
Running on water ?



www.qtw.com

***Hydrogen - fueled
2005 Prius
ICE Hybrid***

Energy System of the Future



Frank Novachek, Director Corporate Planning





Dick Kelly (Xcel) and Dan Arvizu (NREL) shake hands after pushing button to light H₂ sign and dedicate system

National Wind Technology Center

Golden, CO

2006

Xcel – NREL Wind – Hydrogen Demo

DVD available

Mark Udall (US Rep CO) discusses project with Dan Arvizu (NREL), Dick Kelly (Xcel), and John Mizroch (DOE)



Hydrogen Utility Group (HUG)



Frank Novachek, Director Corporate Planning



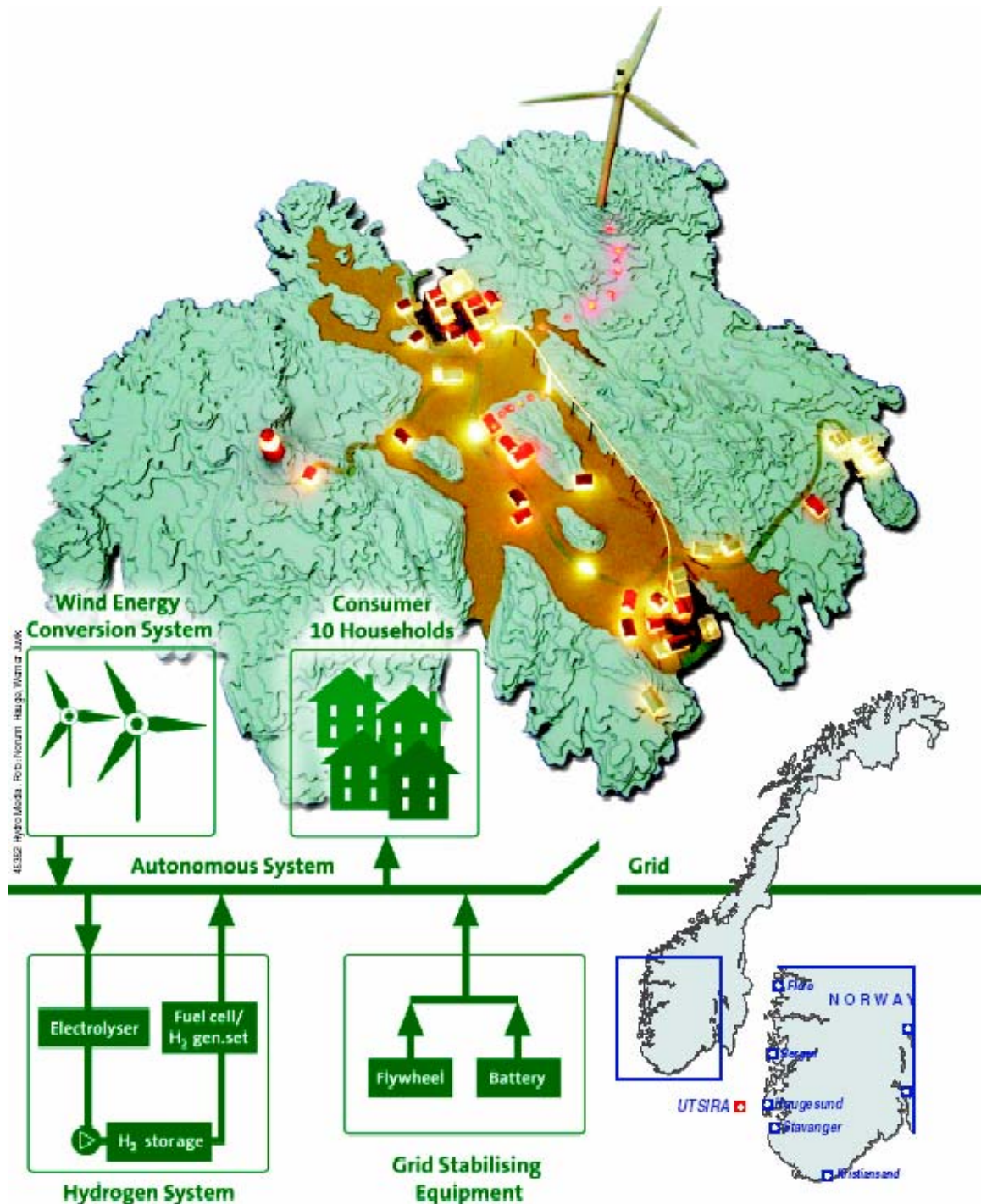
Utsira Island, Norway



Utsira Island *Norway*

Wind – Hydrogen Autonomous System

Replaces aging
electricity cable
from mainland





Utsira Island, Norway. 200 people. Isolated wind – hydrogen.

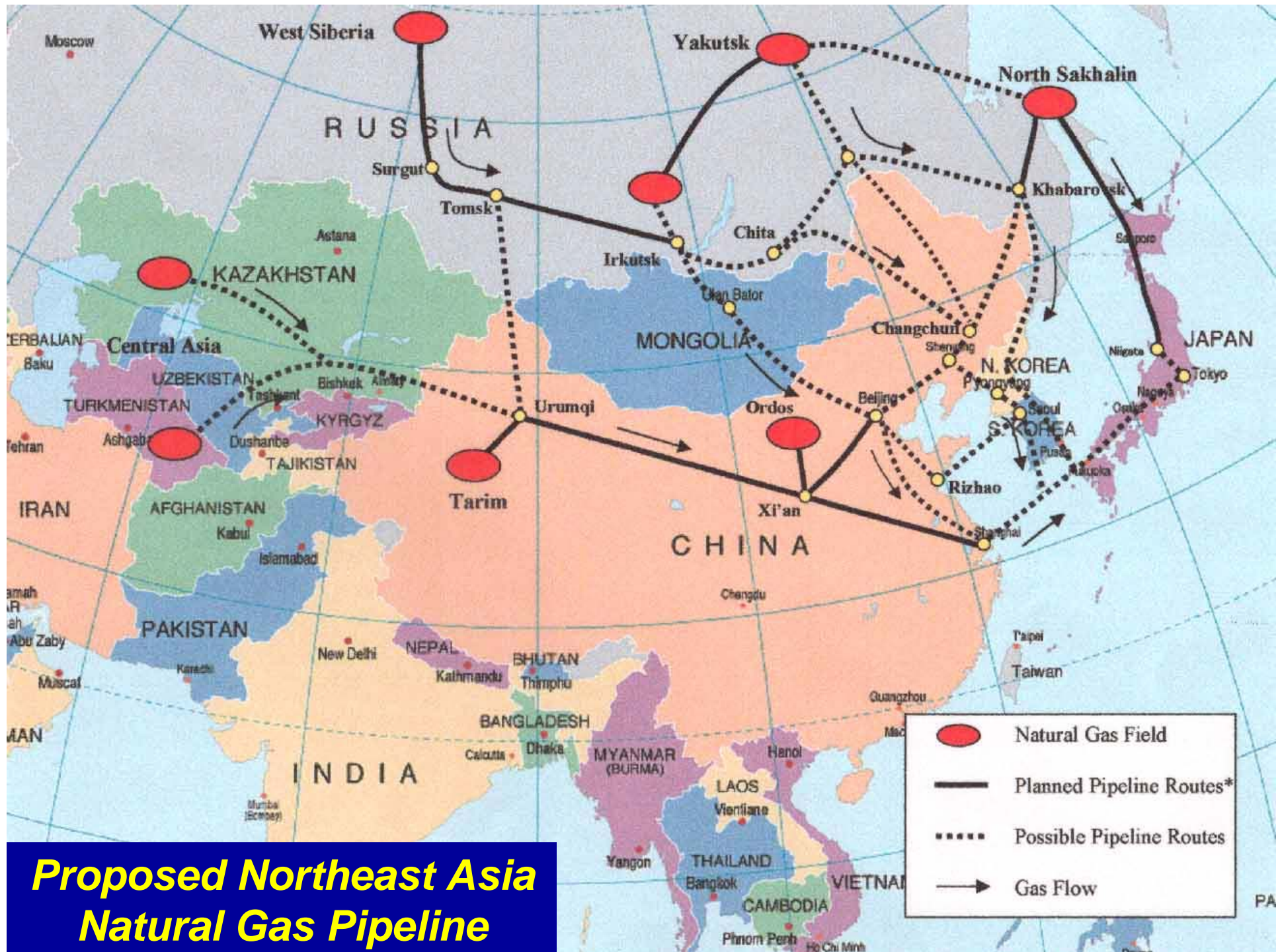
The wind – hydrogen plant at Utsira

A vision becoming reality



Airbus Industrie concept: liquid hydrogen fueled

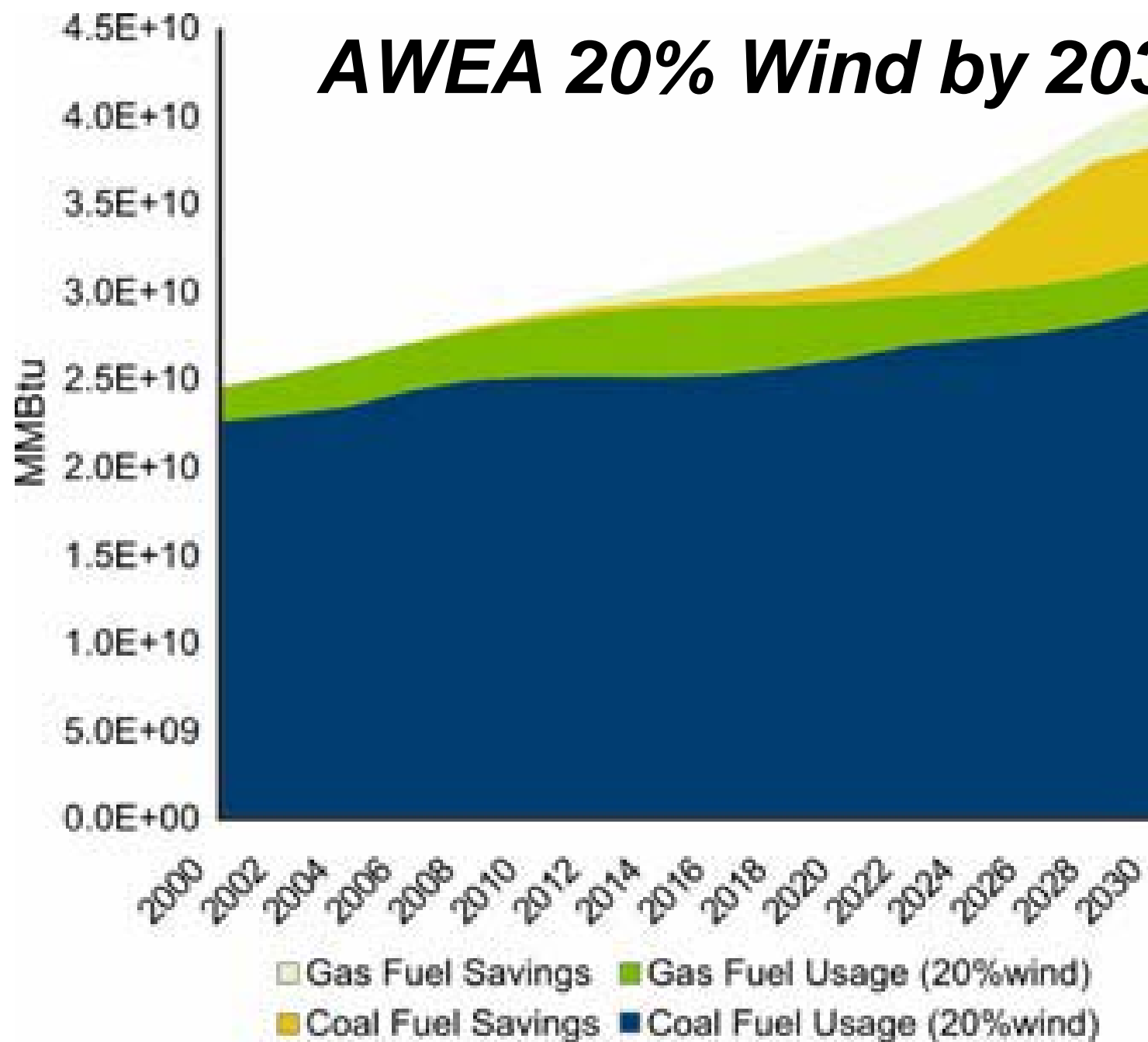




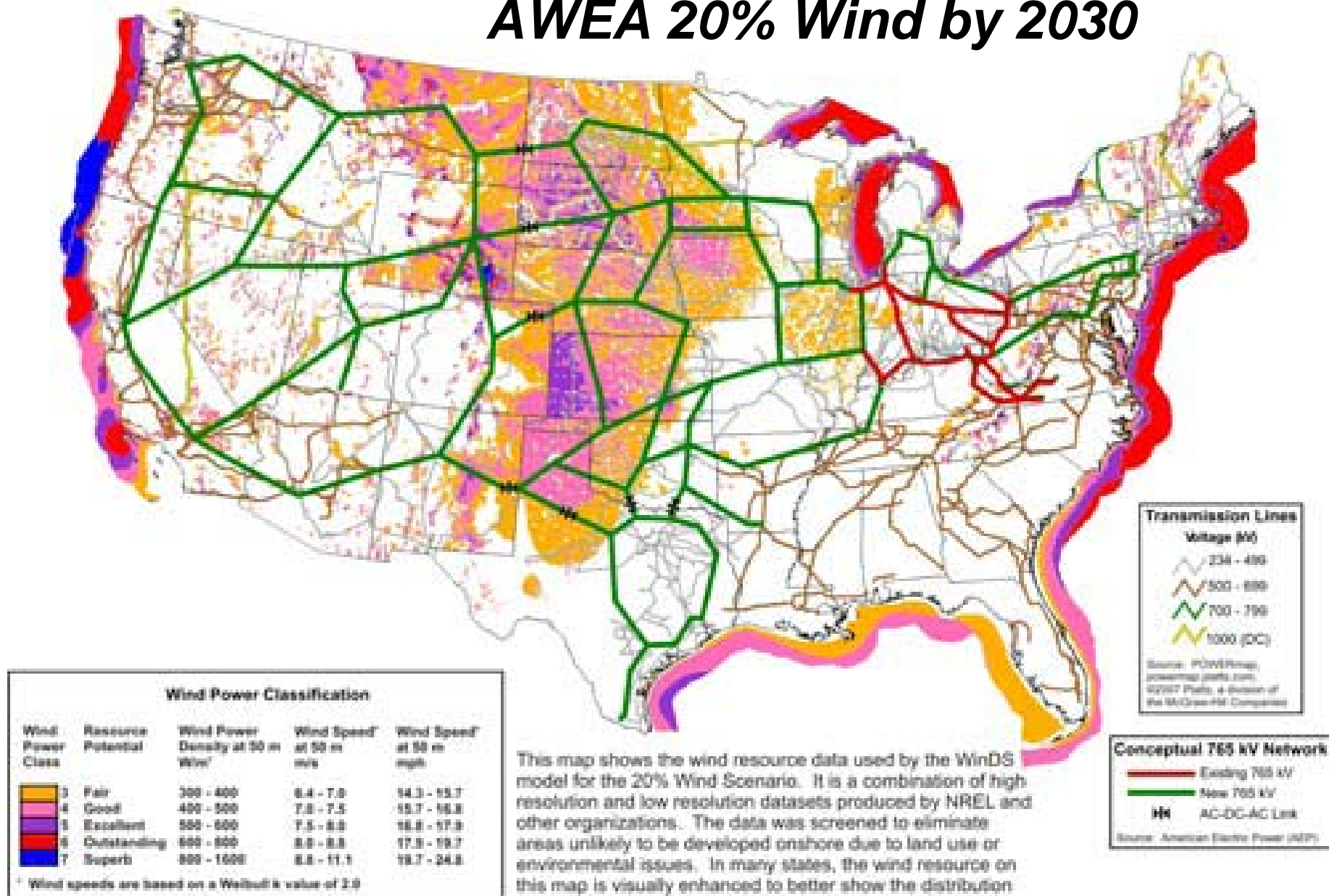
Pickens Plan

- **Bold, large-scale, motivates thinking**
- **GW scale: economies**
- **Underestimates**
 - **Transmission**
 - **Grid integration, thermal plant abuse**
 - **Firming storage needed**
- **Disregards Hydrogen demand**
 - **Gulf Coast refineries**
 - **Transport fuel**
- **New turbine manufacturers, designs ?**

AWEA 20% Wind by 2030

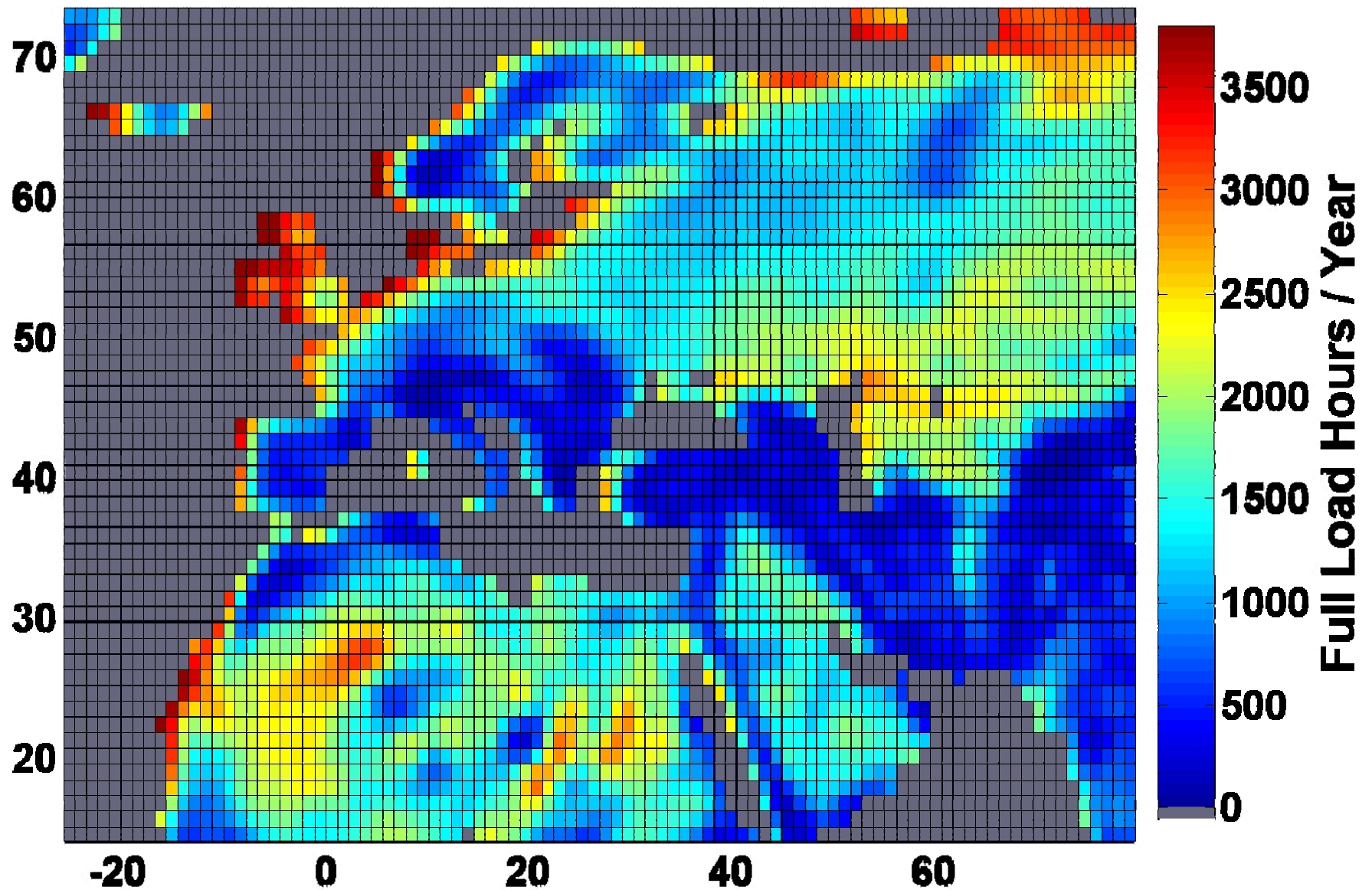


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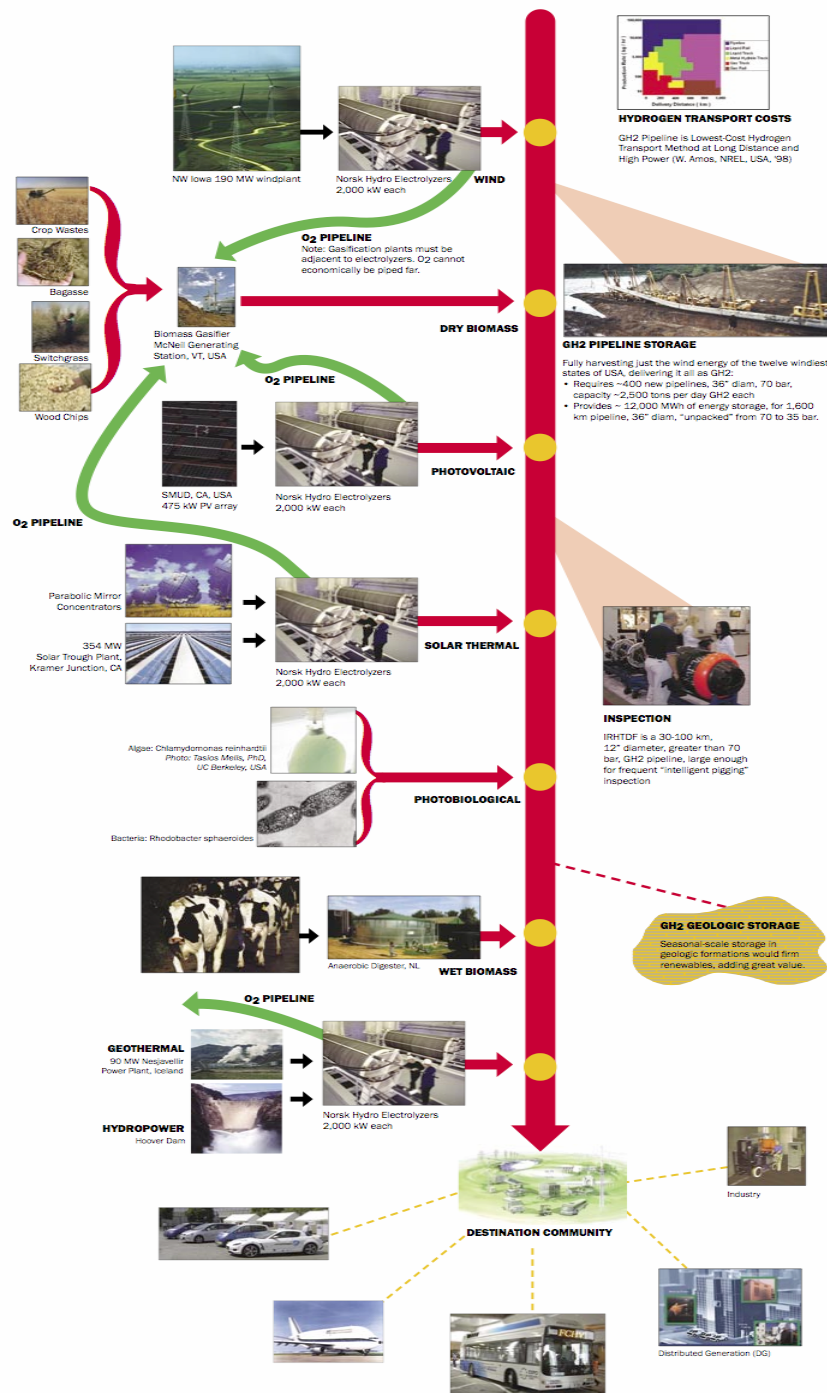
“Wind Huge Catchment Area”

ABB, ISET Kassel, Windpower 01



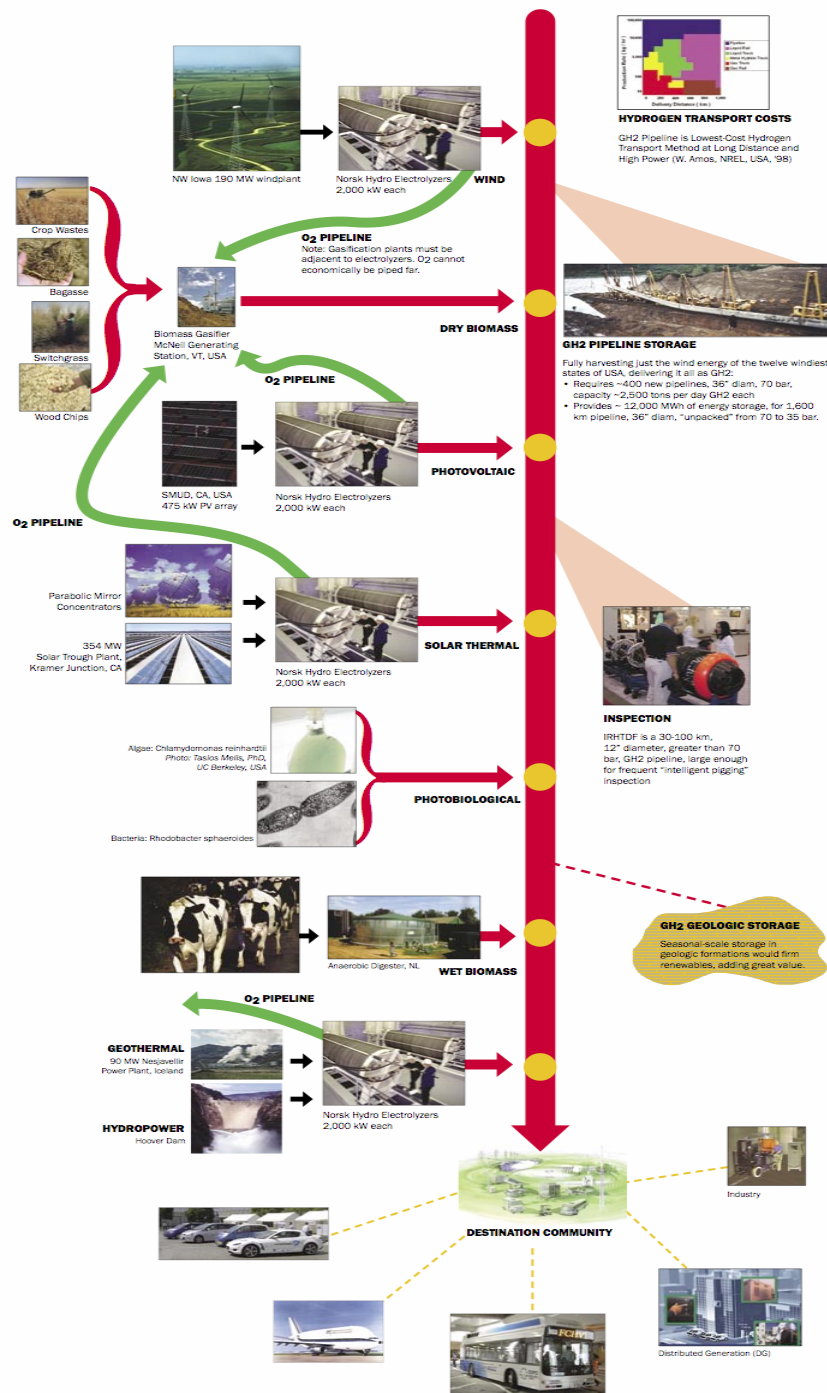
1: Adequate Renewables, IF

- 1. “Efficient” capture + conversion equipment**
 - Technical**
 - Economic**
 - Low “plant gate” COE**
- 2. Transmission**
- 3. “Firming” storage**
- 4. Optimum CF via good system design**
- 5. Competitive delivered COE**



International Renewable Hydrogen Transmission Demonstration Facility (IRHTDF) Pilot plant

Global opportunity: IPHE project

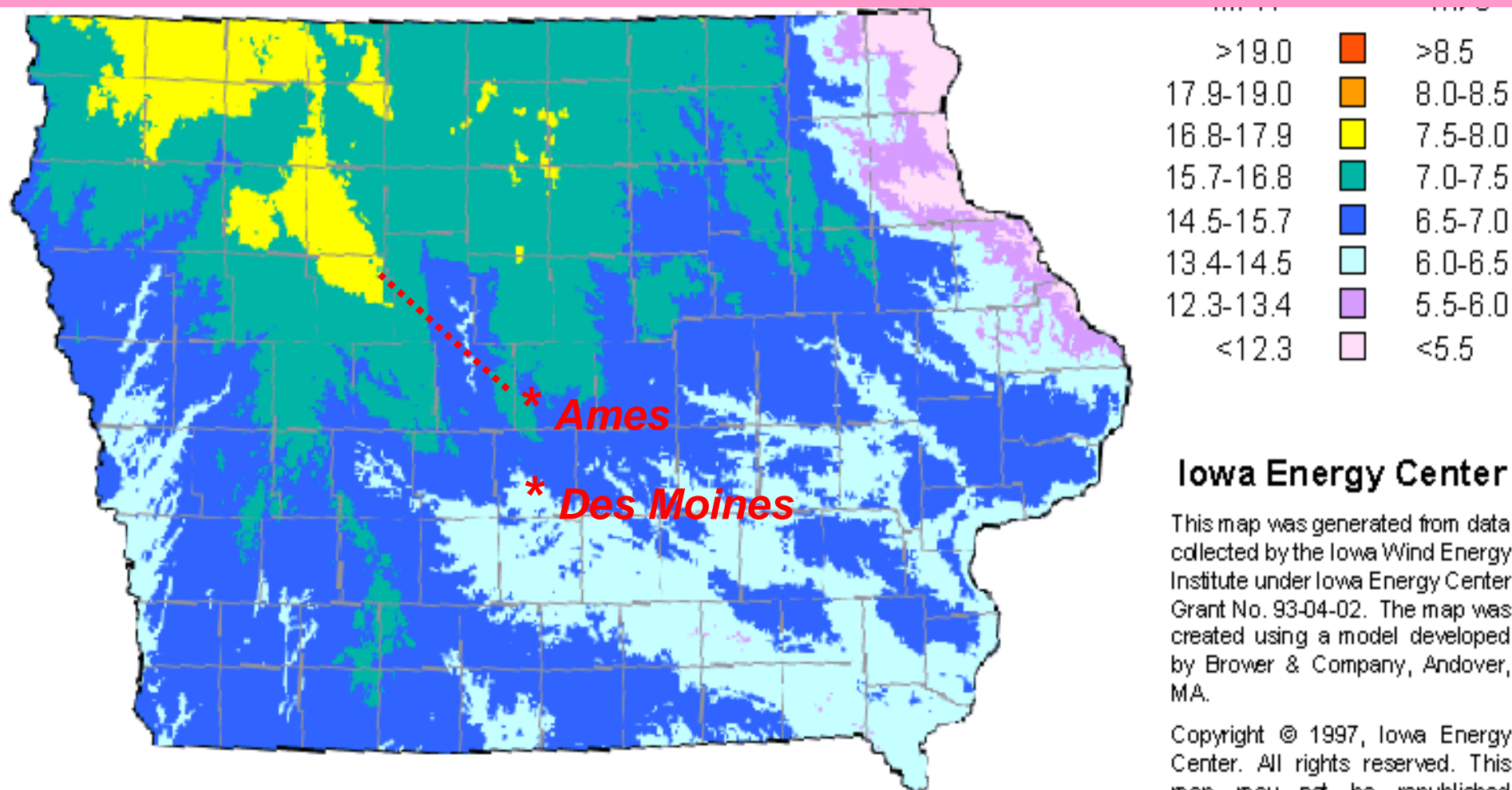


Pilot-scale Hydrogen Pipeline System: Renewables

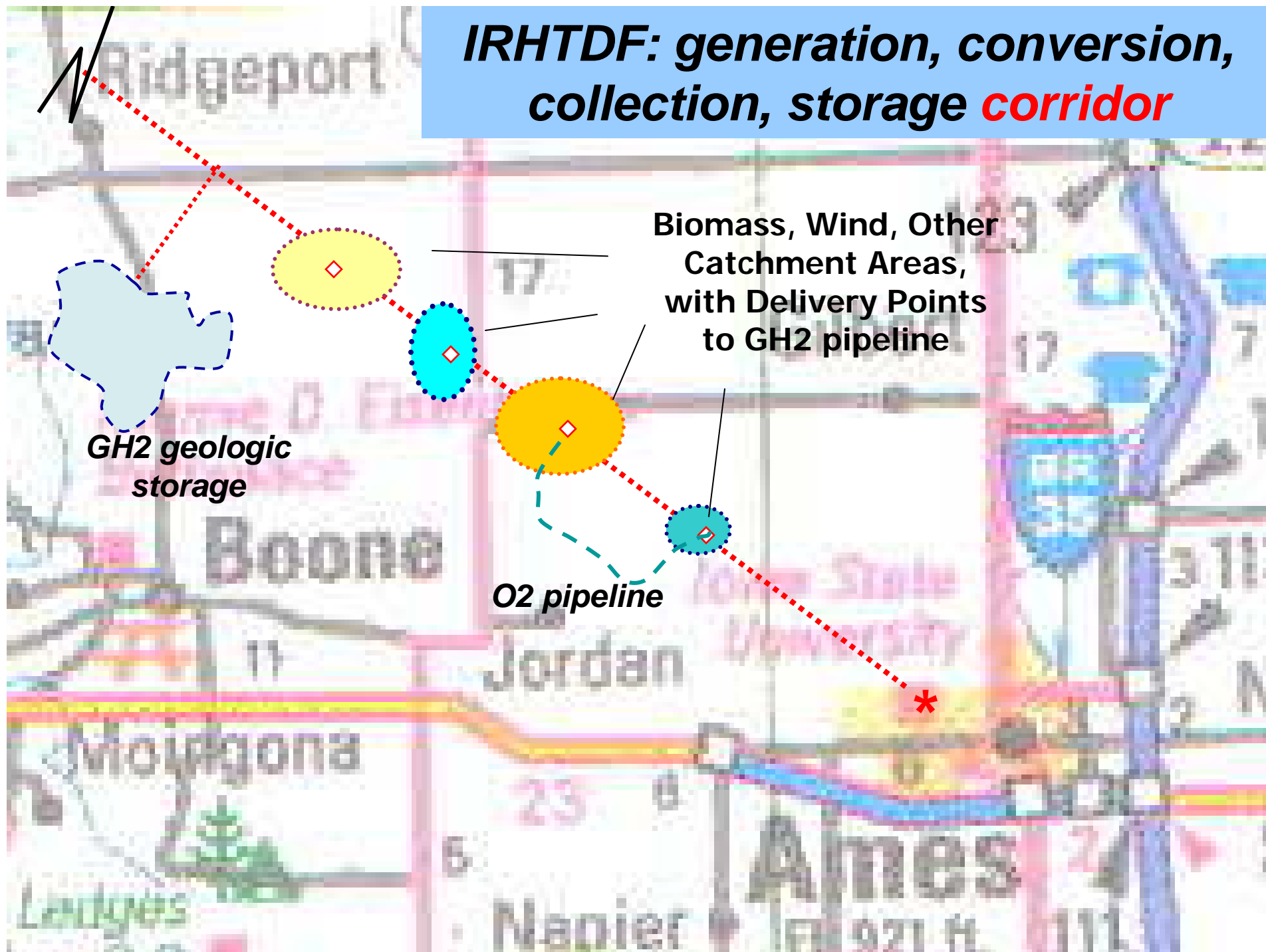
- **Diverse**
- **Dispersed, diffuse**
- **Large-scale**
- **Stranded**
 - **Remote**
 - **No transmission**

IRHTDF

International Renewable Hydrogen Transmission Demonstration Facility



IRHTDF: generation, conversion, collection, storage *corridor*

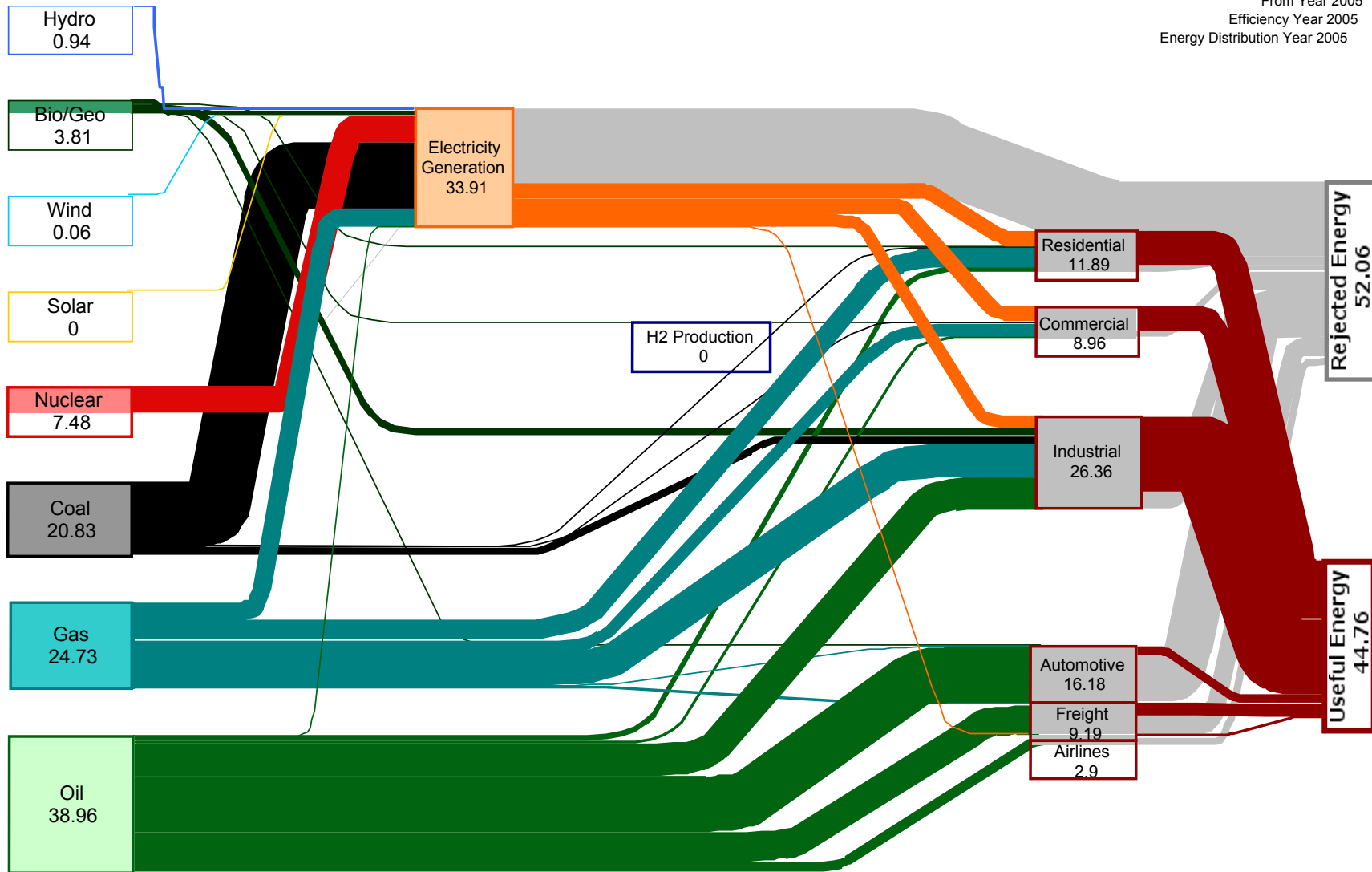




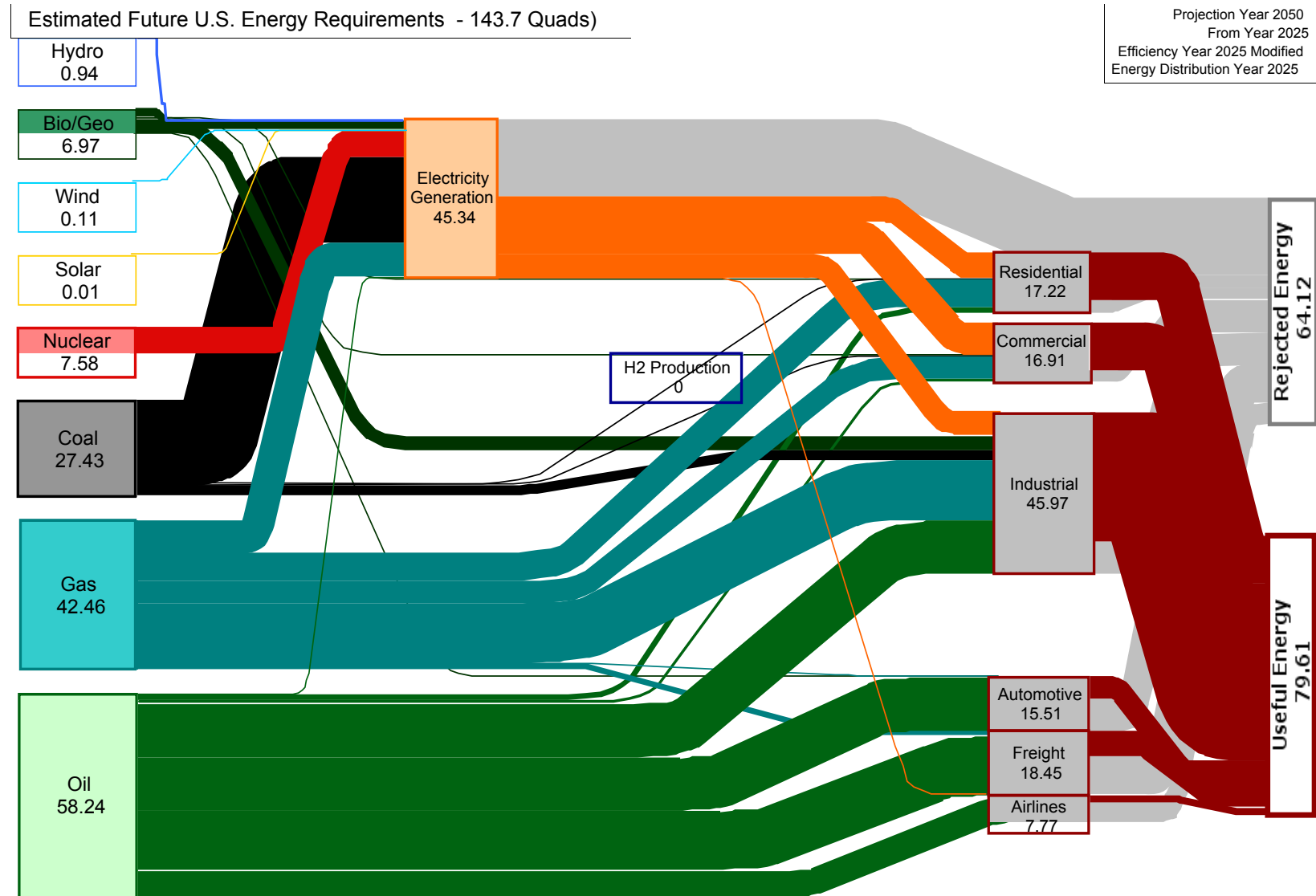
DOE-EIA: Estimated **2005** US energy use

Estimated Future U.S. Energy Requirements - 96.8 Quads)

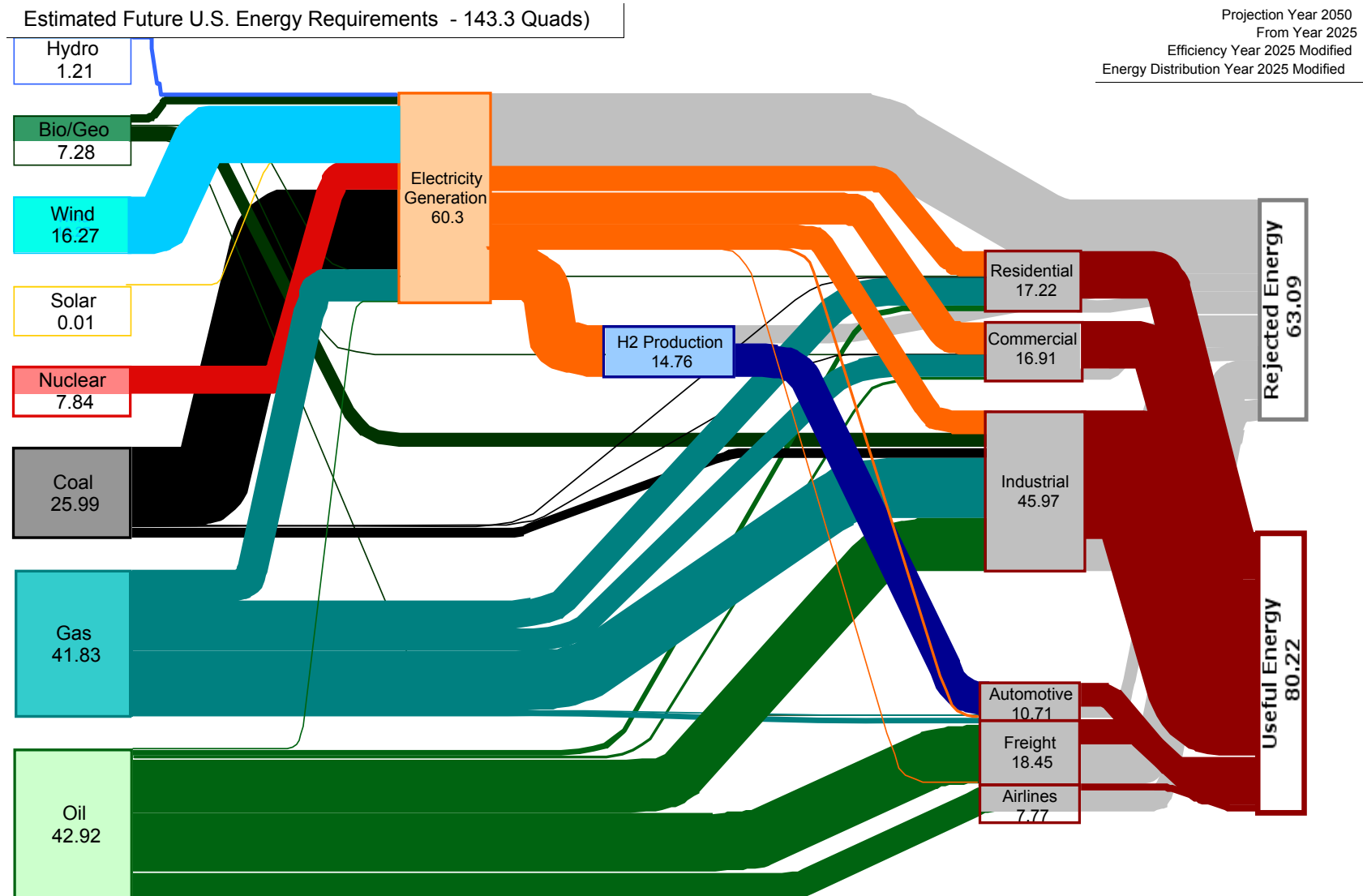
Projection Year 2005
From Year 2005
Efficiency Year 2005
Energy Distribution Year 2005



Estimated **2050** energy use (50 mpg hybrid, 50% efficient grid)



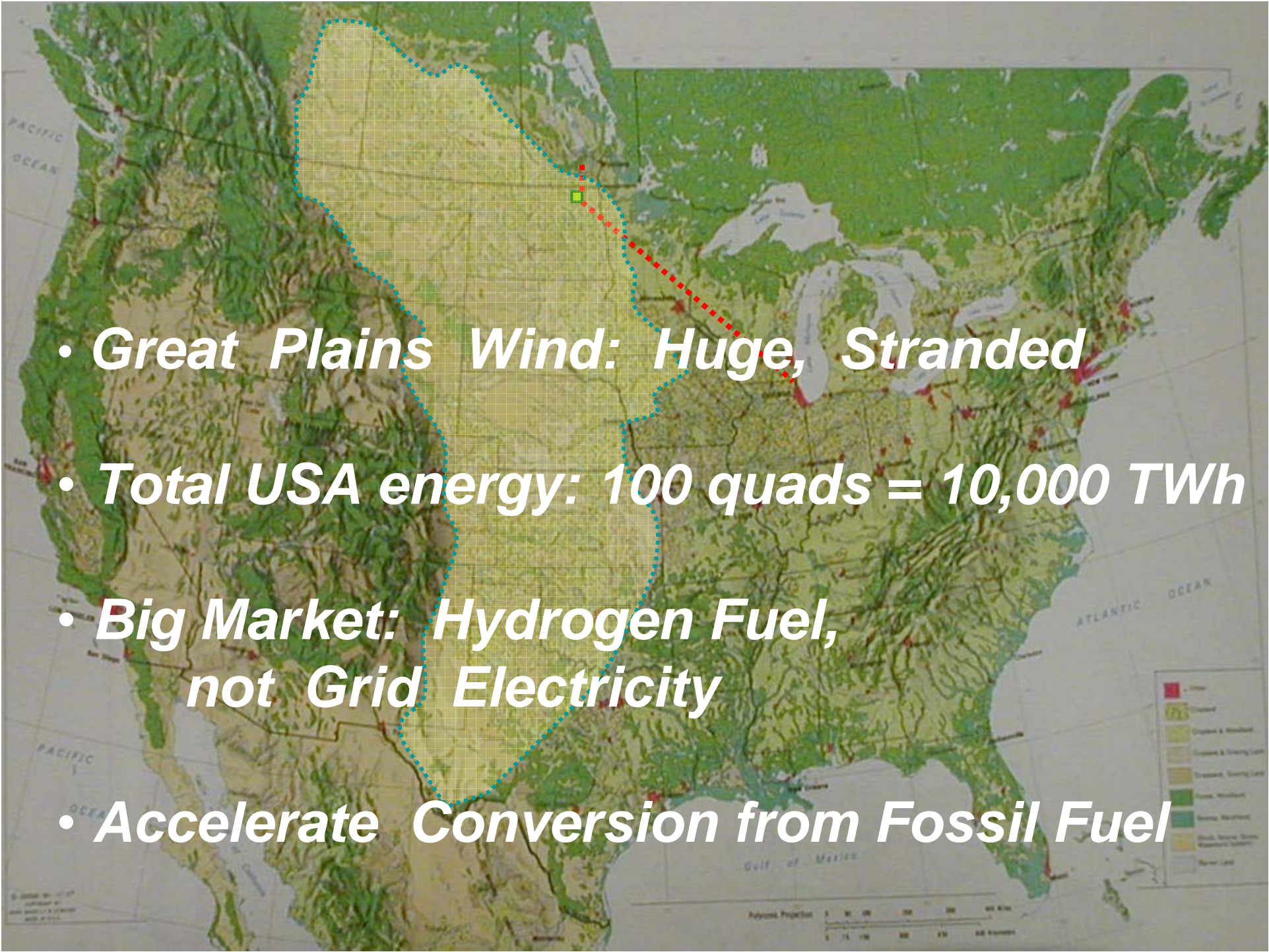
Estimated **2050** energy use (H₂ fleet using wind electrolysis)



The Great Plains Wind Resource

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



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- *Great Plains Wind: Huge, Stranded*
 - *Total USA energy: 100 quads = 10,000 TWh*
 - *Big Market: Hydrogen Fuel, not Grid Electricity*
 - *Accelerate Conversion from Fossil Fuel*

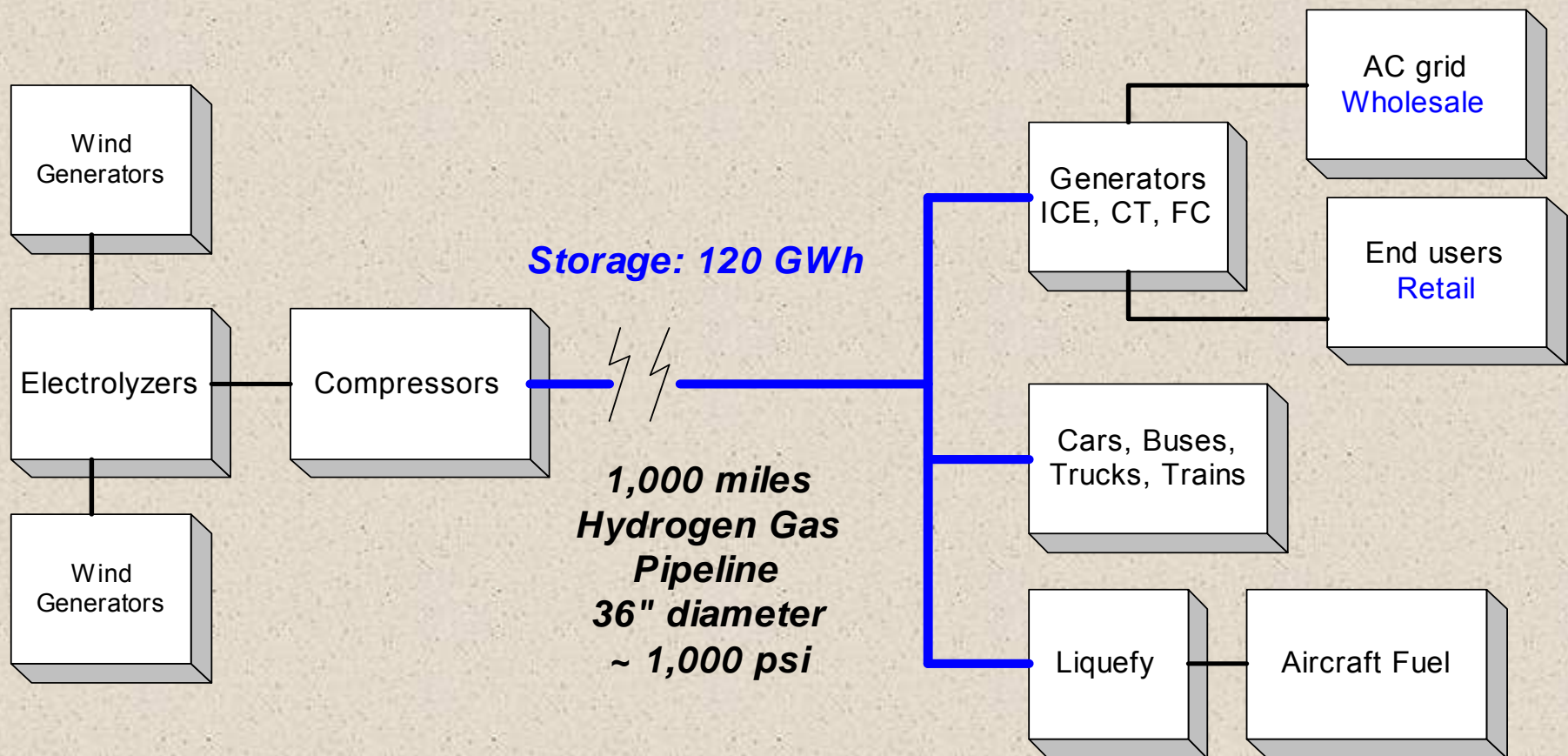
Hydrogen is NOT **a clean, abundant energy** **source.**

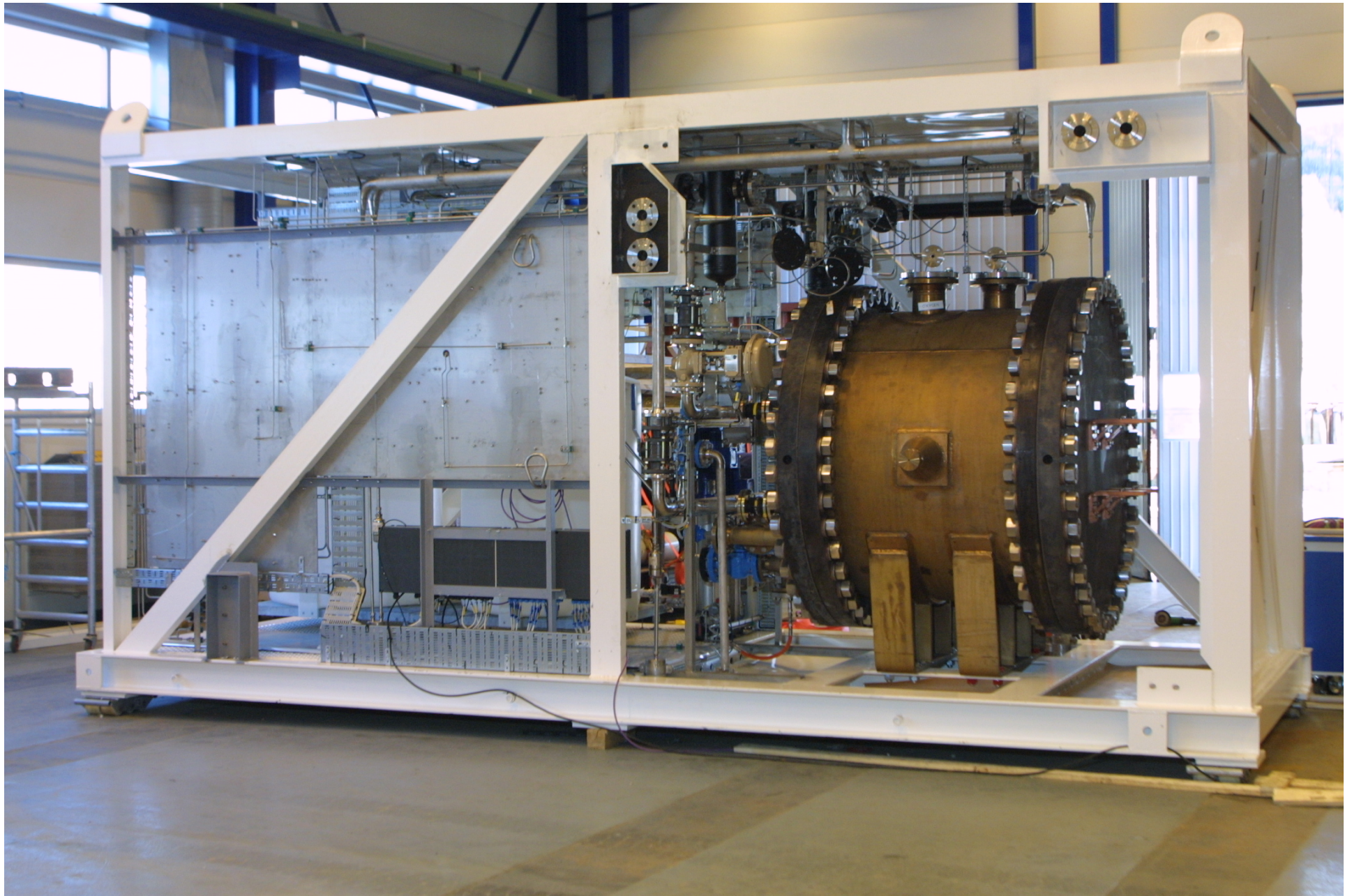
IS:

- **Energy carrier**
 - **Gathering**
 - **Transmission**
 - **Distribution**
- **Storage medium**
- **Fuel**
- **As clean as its source**

Hydrogen Transmission Scenario

- *Low-pressure electrolyzers*
- *“Pack” pipeline: ~ 1-2 days’ storage = 120 GWh*



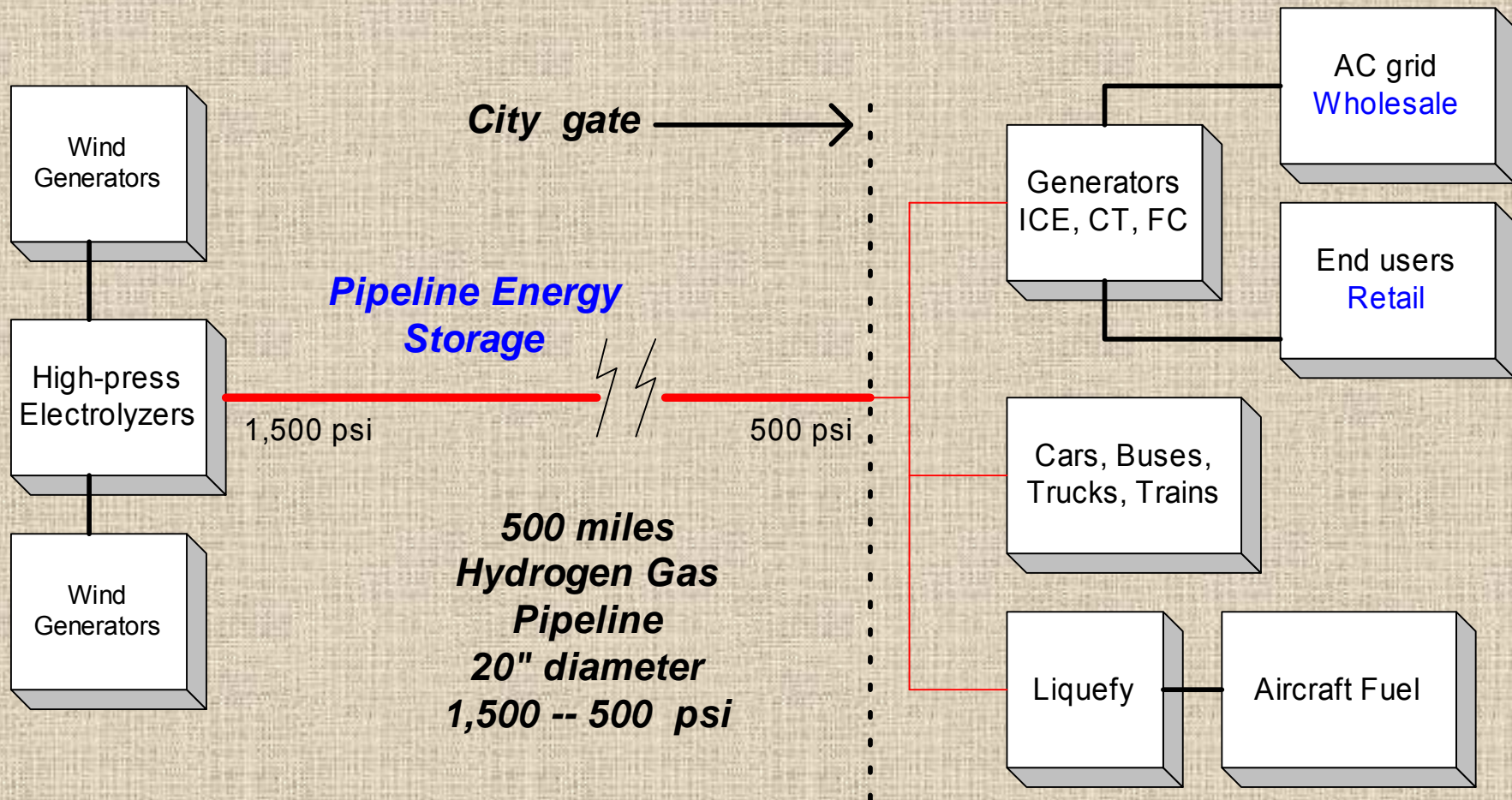


***Norsk Hydro electrolyzer, KOH type
560 kW input, 130 Nm³ / hour at 450 psi (30 bar)***

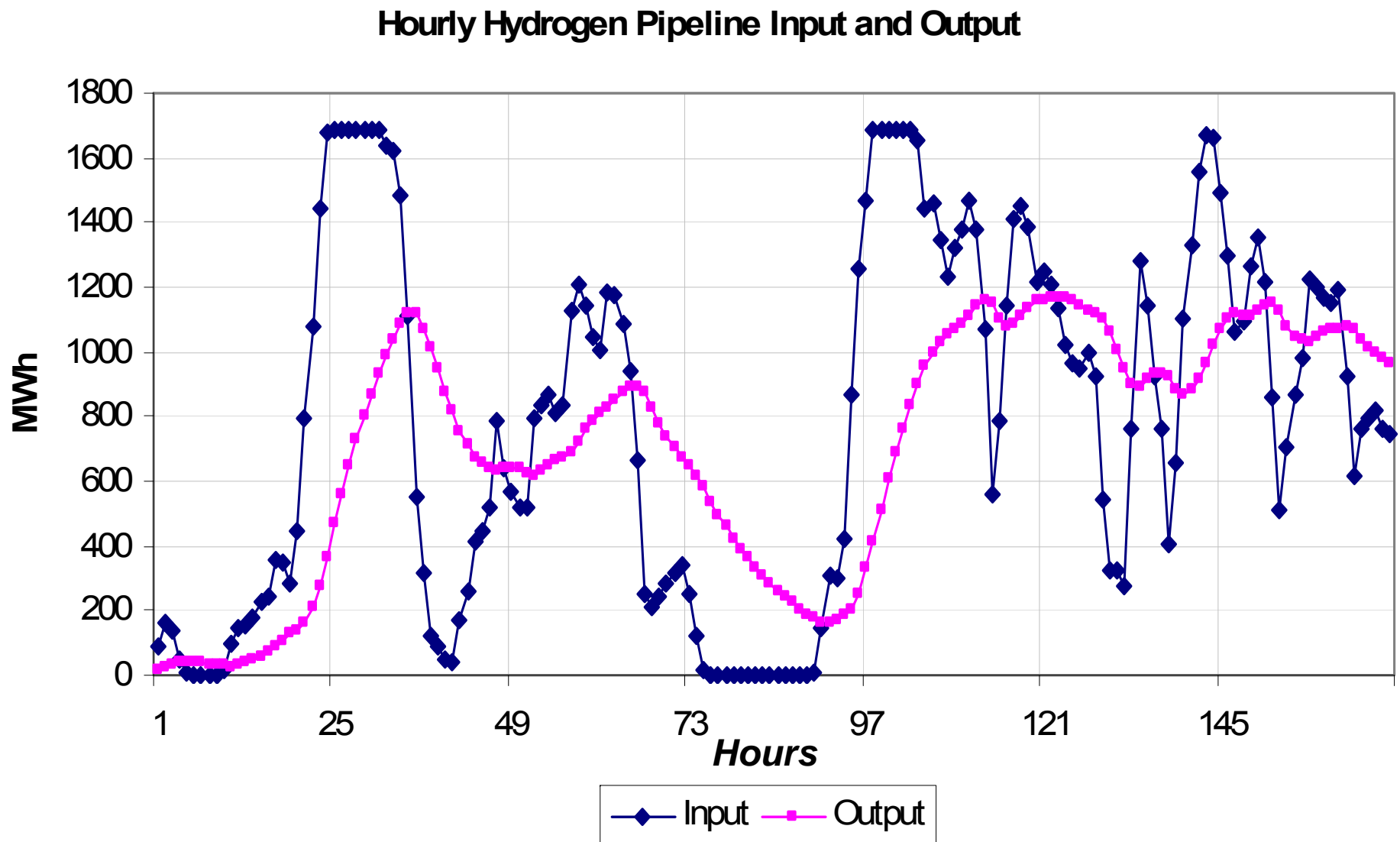
Compressorless system: No firming storage

Transmission

Distribution

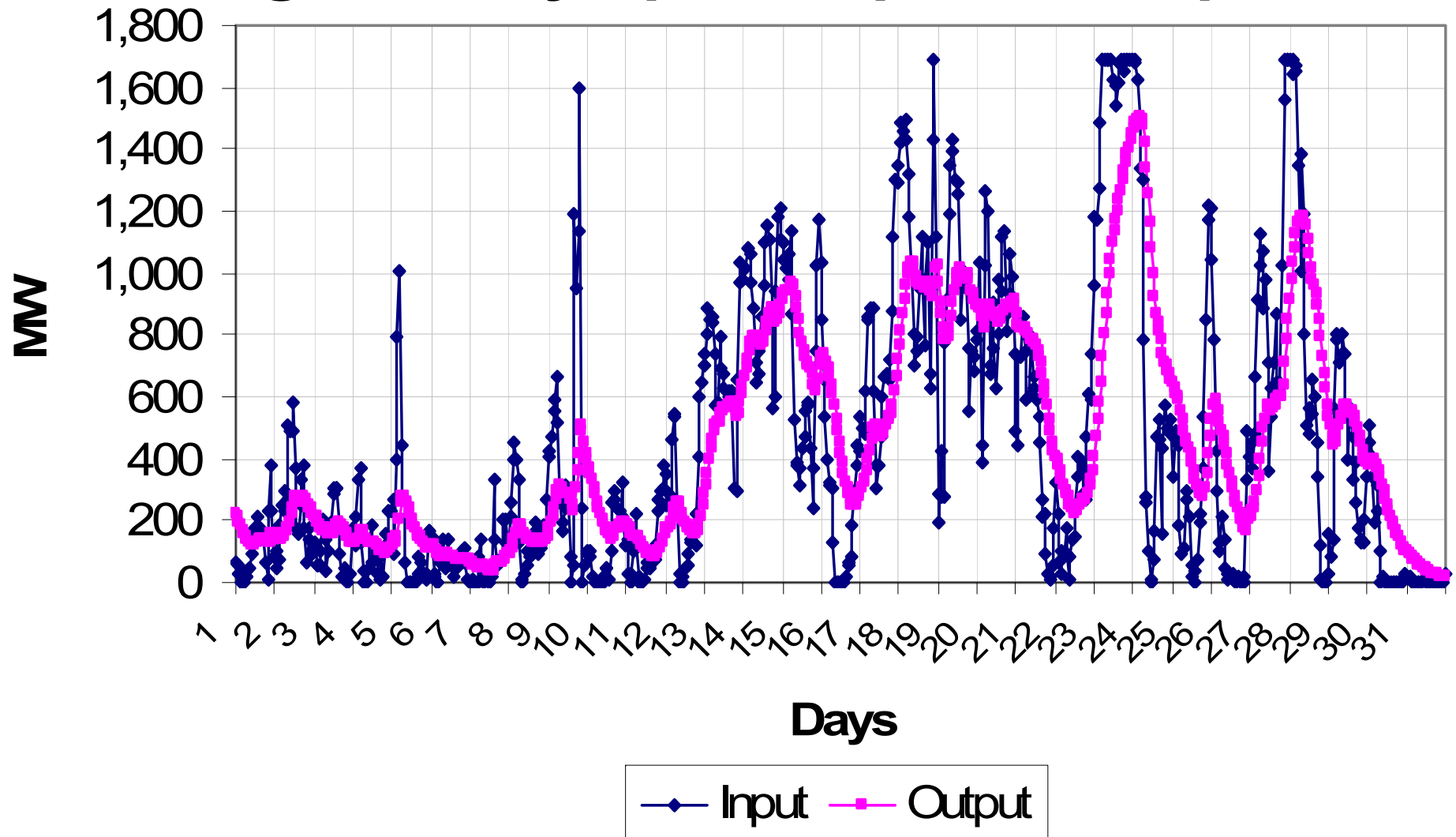


Great Plains Windplant, Pipeline Hourly Output for Typical Week



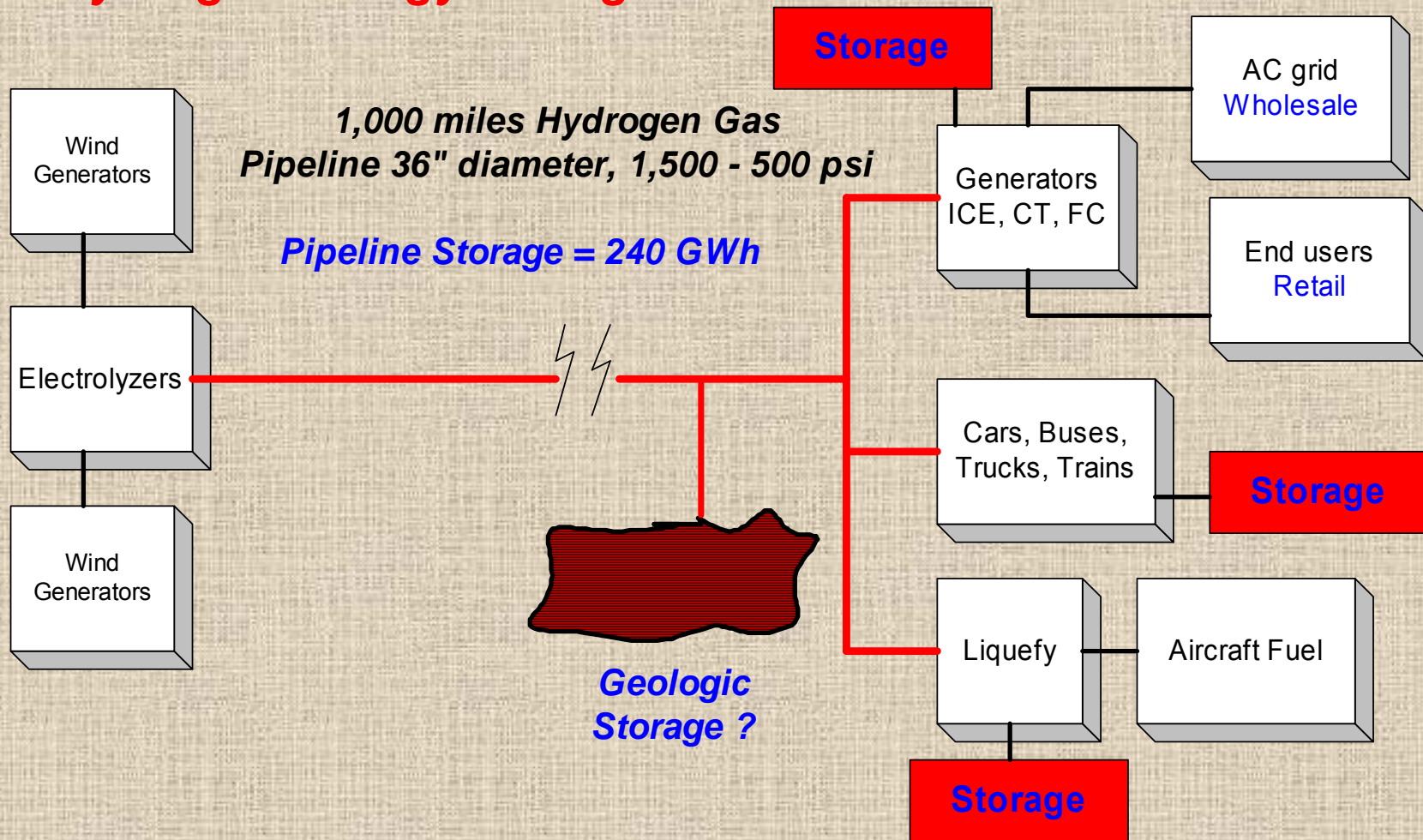
Great Plains Windplant: Actual Hourly Output

August Hourly Pipeline Input and Output



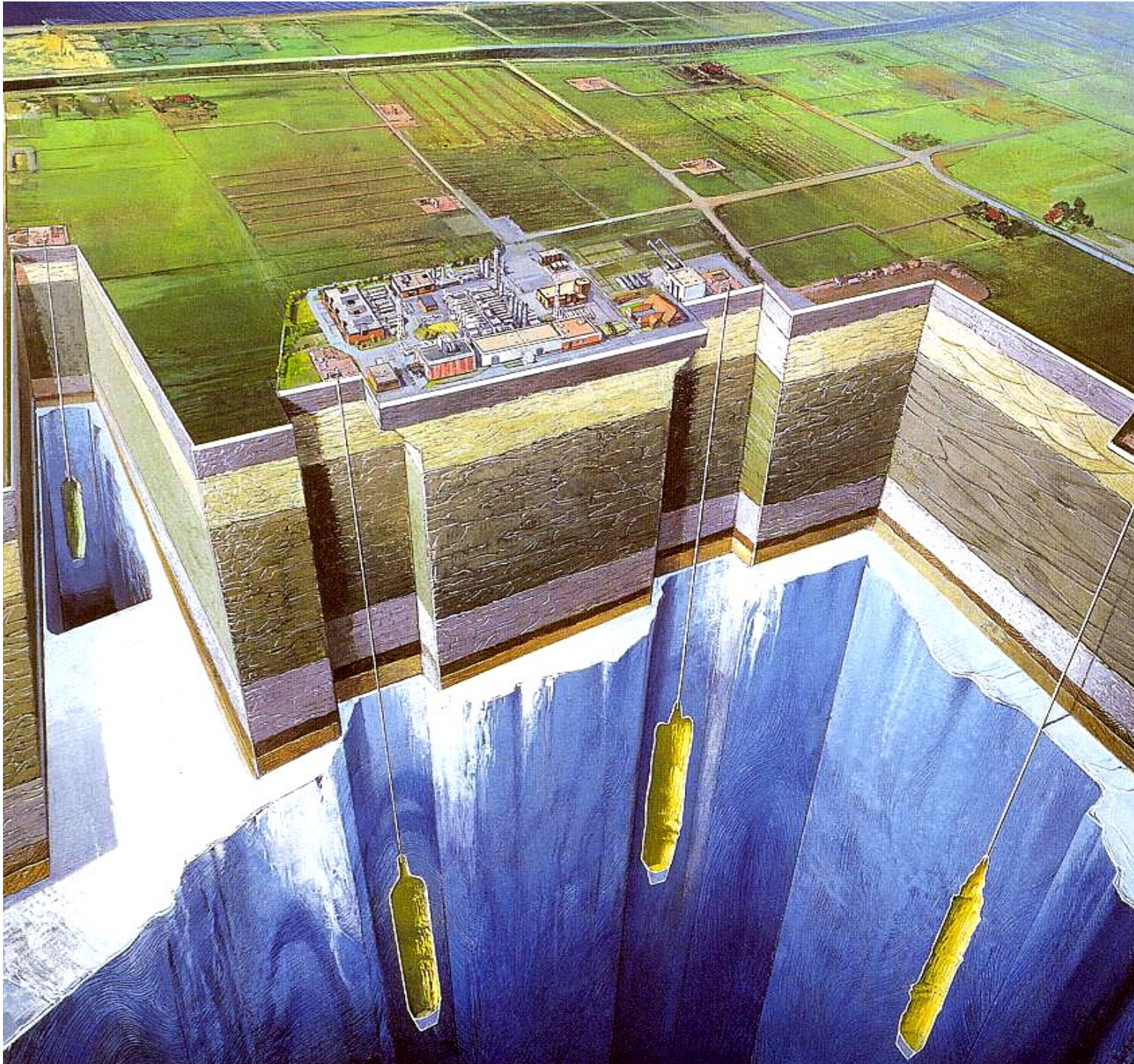
“Firming” Cavern Storage

Hydrogen Energy Storage



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Domal Salt Storage Caverns

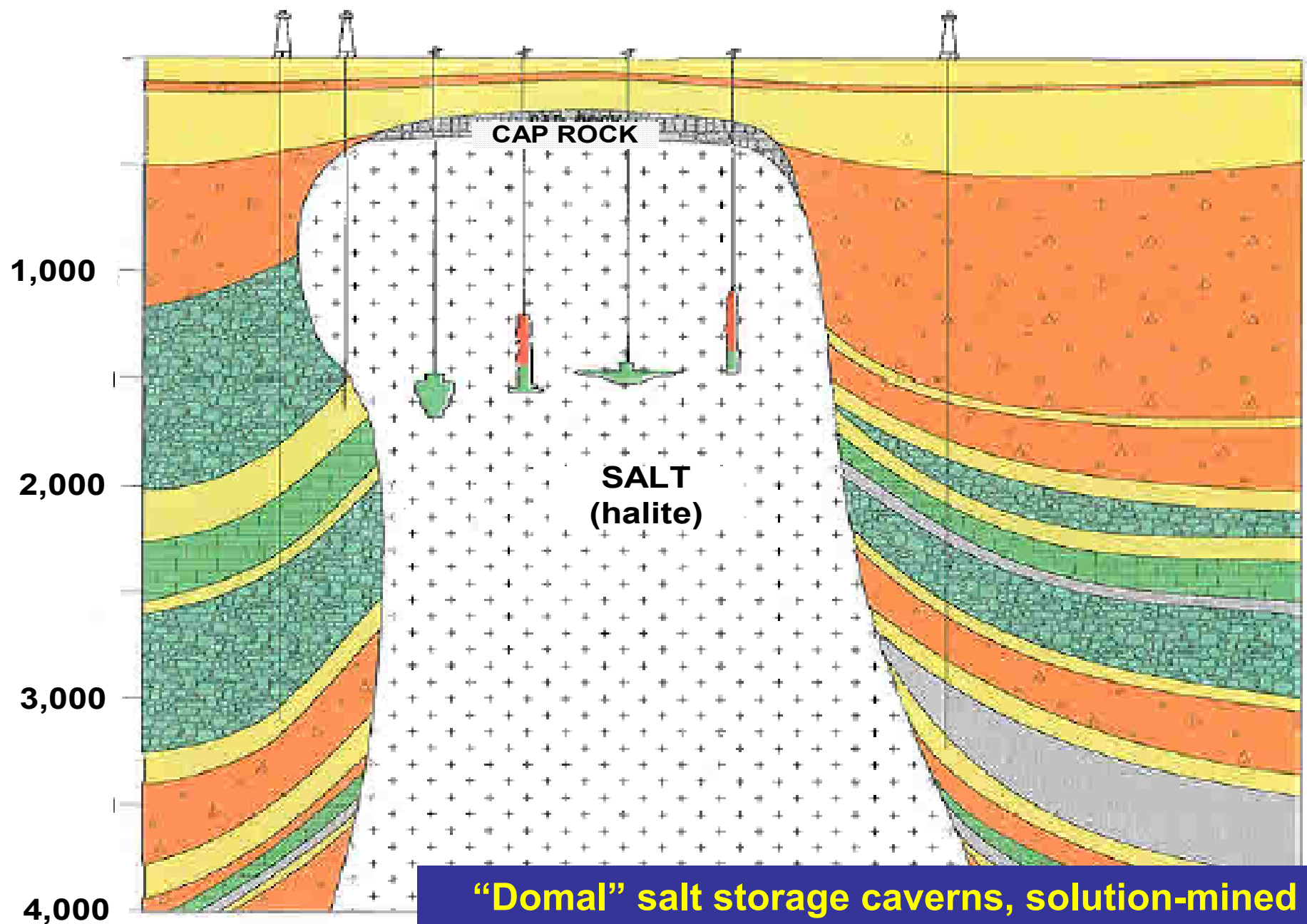
PB ESS

Wellhead, new Gaseous Hydrogen Storage Cavern

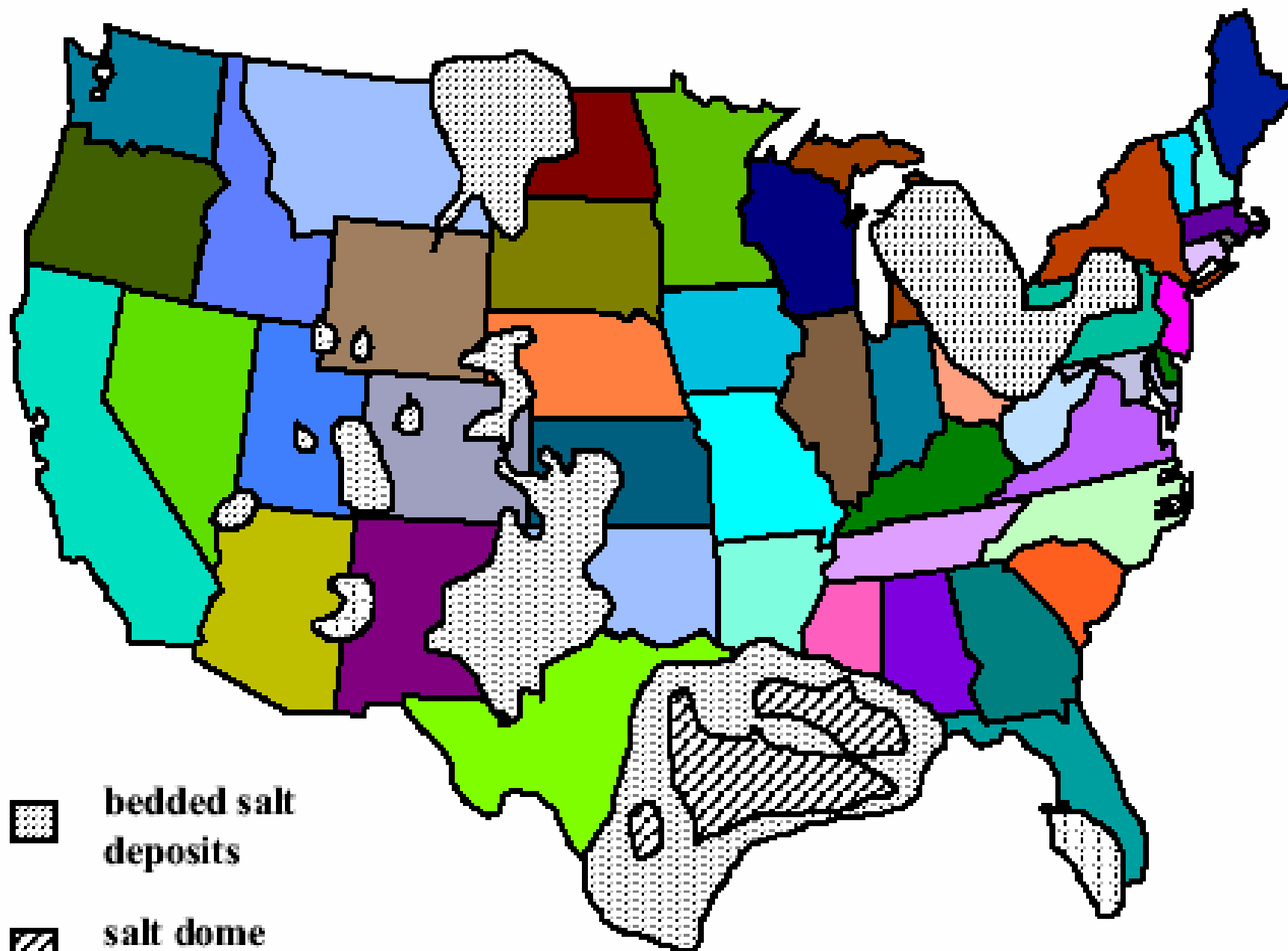
- PRAXAIR
- Commissioned 2007
- In domal salt, in Texas

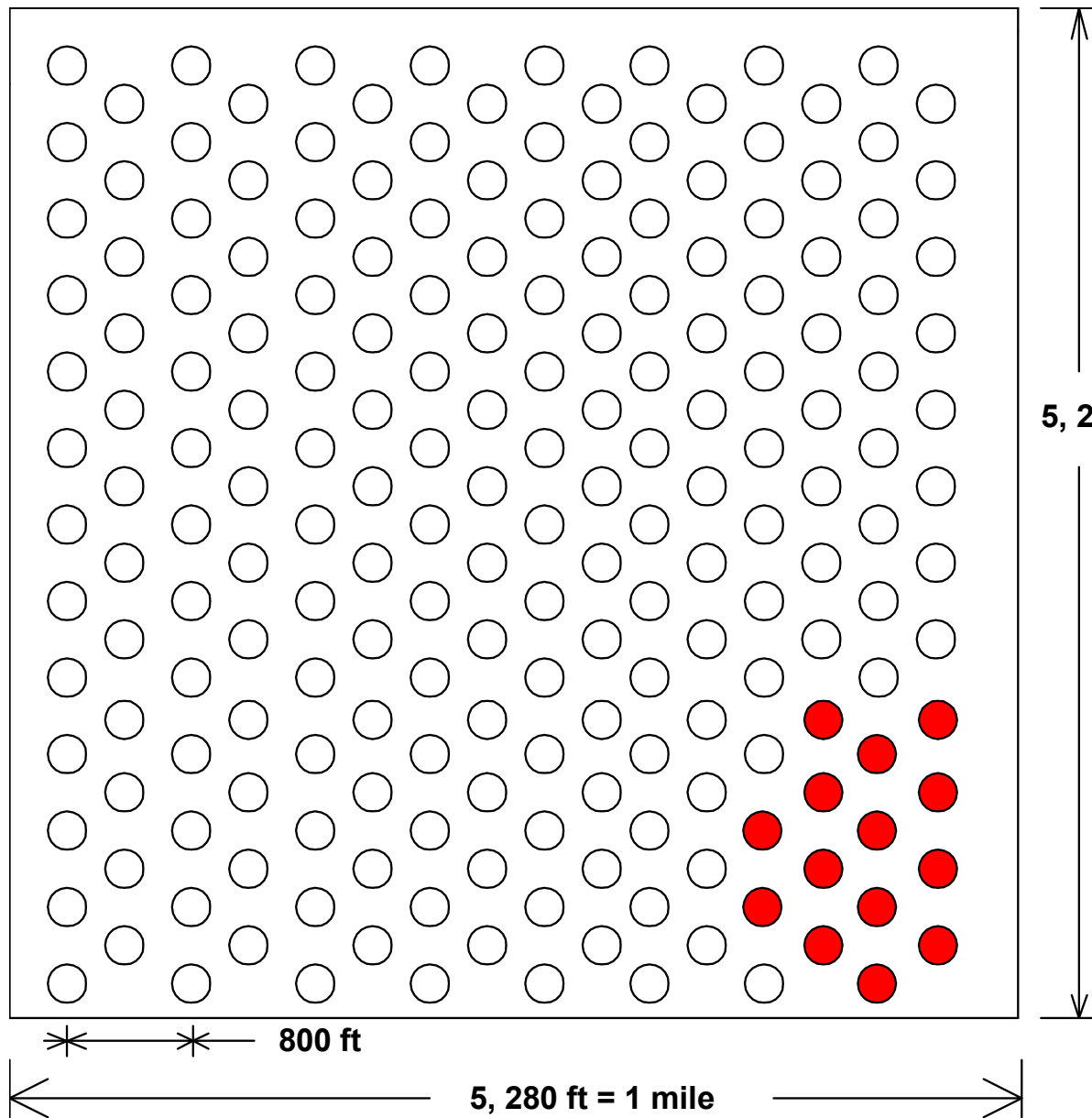
**Instantaneous hydrogen supply
with cavern storage**





“Domal” salt storage caverns, solution-mined
Meters below ground level



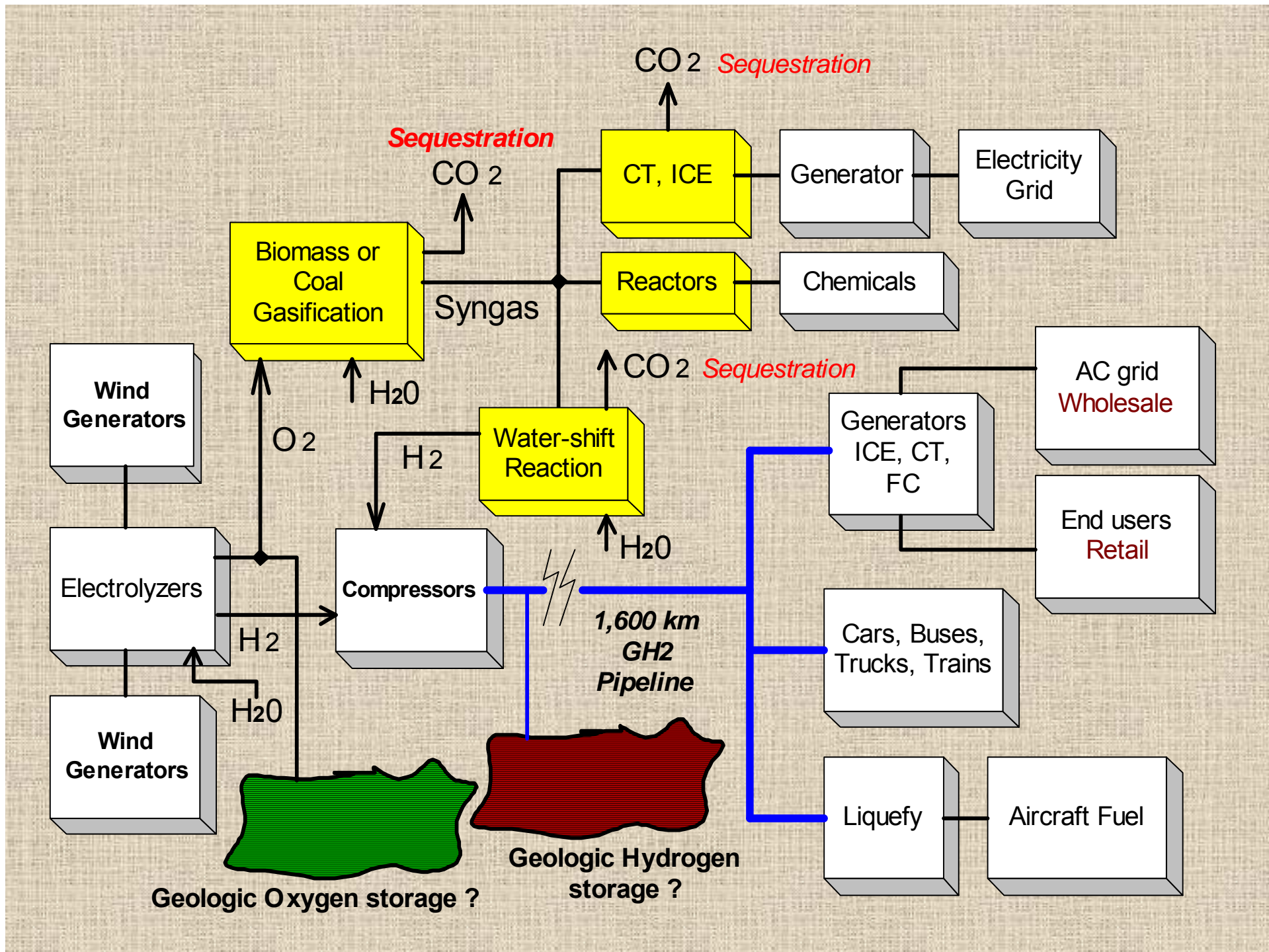


5,280 ft = 1 mile

**“Firm” 4,000
MW Great
Plains wind
14 caverns**

**Maximum Cavern
Packing Density**

$(8 \times 13) = 104 + (8 \times 12) = 96$ Total = 200 caverns per square mile
Each cavern is 200 ft diam, with minimum 200 ft web separation.

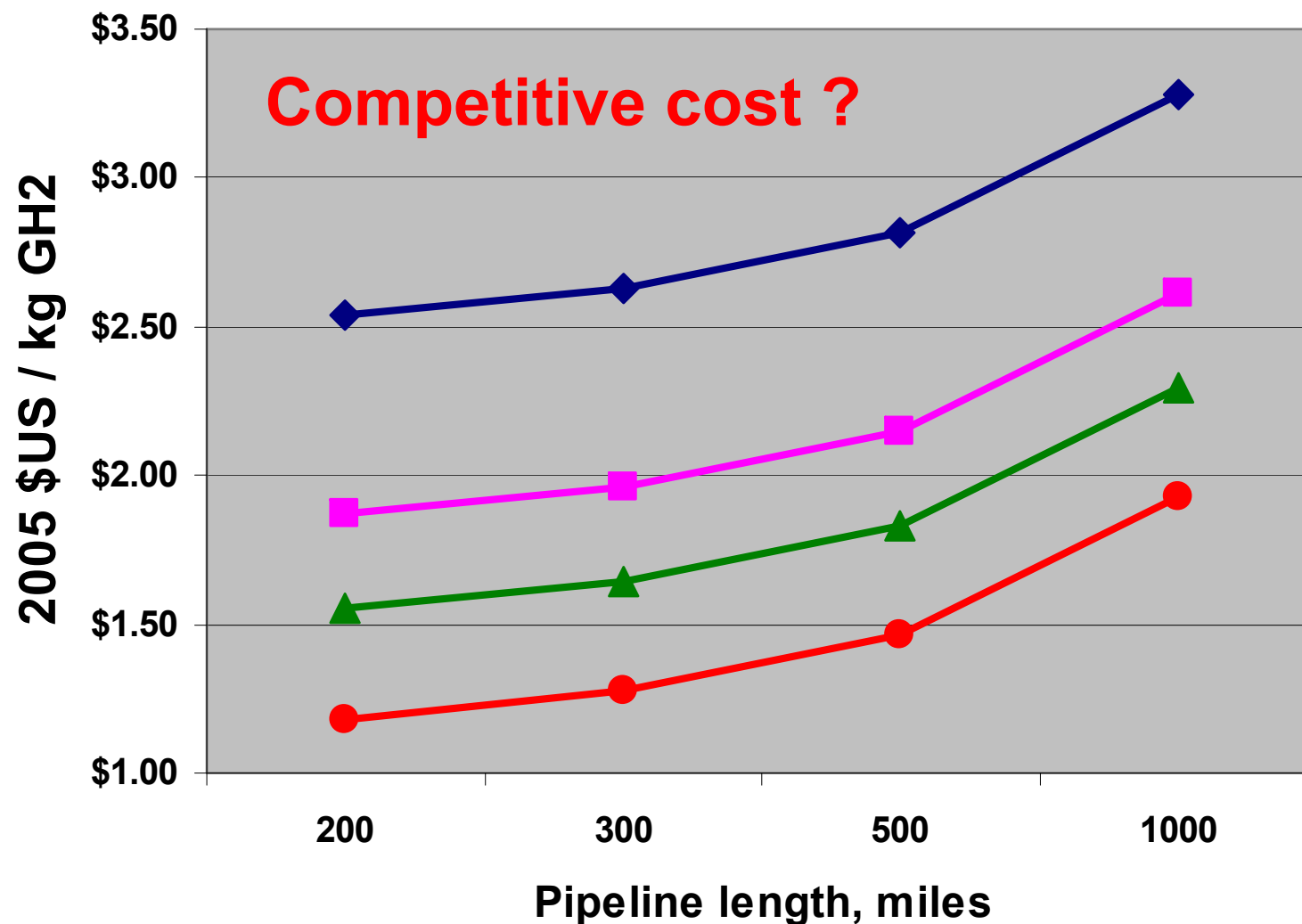


Total Installed Capital Cost 1,000 mile pipeline, \$US million

Windplant size	1,000 MW	2,000 MW
Wind generators	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Electrolyzers	500	1,000
Pipeline, 20" *	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,600	\$ 4,100

* \$ 1.1 M / mile

***City-gate GH2 cost @ 15% CRF, 20" pipeline,
from 2,000 MW Great Plains windplant***



—◆— B1: Unsubsidized —■— B2: US fed PTC only —▲— B3: PTC + Oxygen sales —●— B4: PTC + O2 sale + C-credit

Optimistic: Total Installed Capital Cost
1,000 mile Pipeline
“Firming” GH2 cavern storage

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# storage caverns	[4]	[8]
Caverns @ \$10M ea	40	80
Cushion gas @ \$5M ea	<u>20</u>	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,660	\$ 4,220

Cavern storage: ~ 3 % of total capital cost

***Pessimistic: Total Installed Capital Cost
1,000 mile Pipeline
“Firming” GH2 cavern storage***

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Caverns @ \$50M ea	200	400
Cushion gas @ \$5M ea	<u>30</u>	<u>60</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,830	\$ 4,560

Cavern storage: ~ 10 % of total capital cost

Optimistic: “Firming” Storage Capital Cost for ALL Great Plains Wind

Adds VALUE: strategic, market

- Salt caverns: ~ 17,000
 - Excavate: \$10 M each \$ 170 B
 - Cushion gas: \$5 M each \$ 85 B
 - Total **\$ 255 B**
- NH3 tanks: ~ 5,000
 - Capital \$25 M each **\$125 B**

3: Shortest path to benign, secure, abundant energy

- Anhydrous Ammonia (NH₃) pipelines, tanks
 - Conversion, gathering
 - Transmission
 - Storage: tanks
 - Distribution
- '08 Farm Bill Sec 9003:
 - “Renewable Fertilizer Research”
- “Winds of Change”: IA, \$100K USDA, wind → NH₃
- Iowa Power Fund: 2 R+D applications

Anhydrous Ammonia, NH_3 Fertilizer \rightarrow Fuel

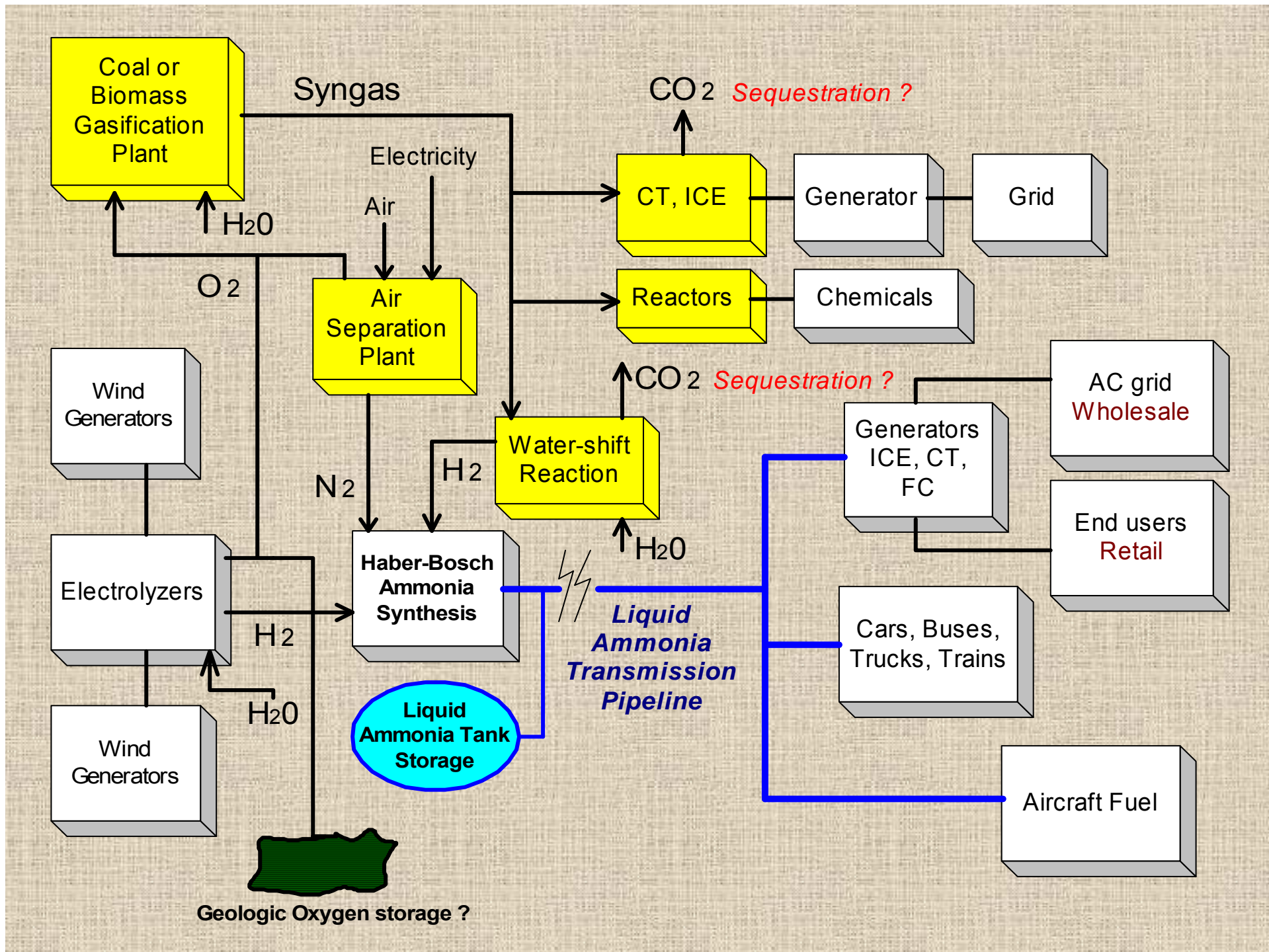
Business case:

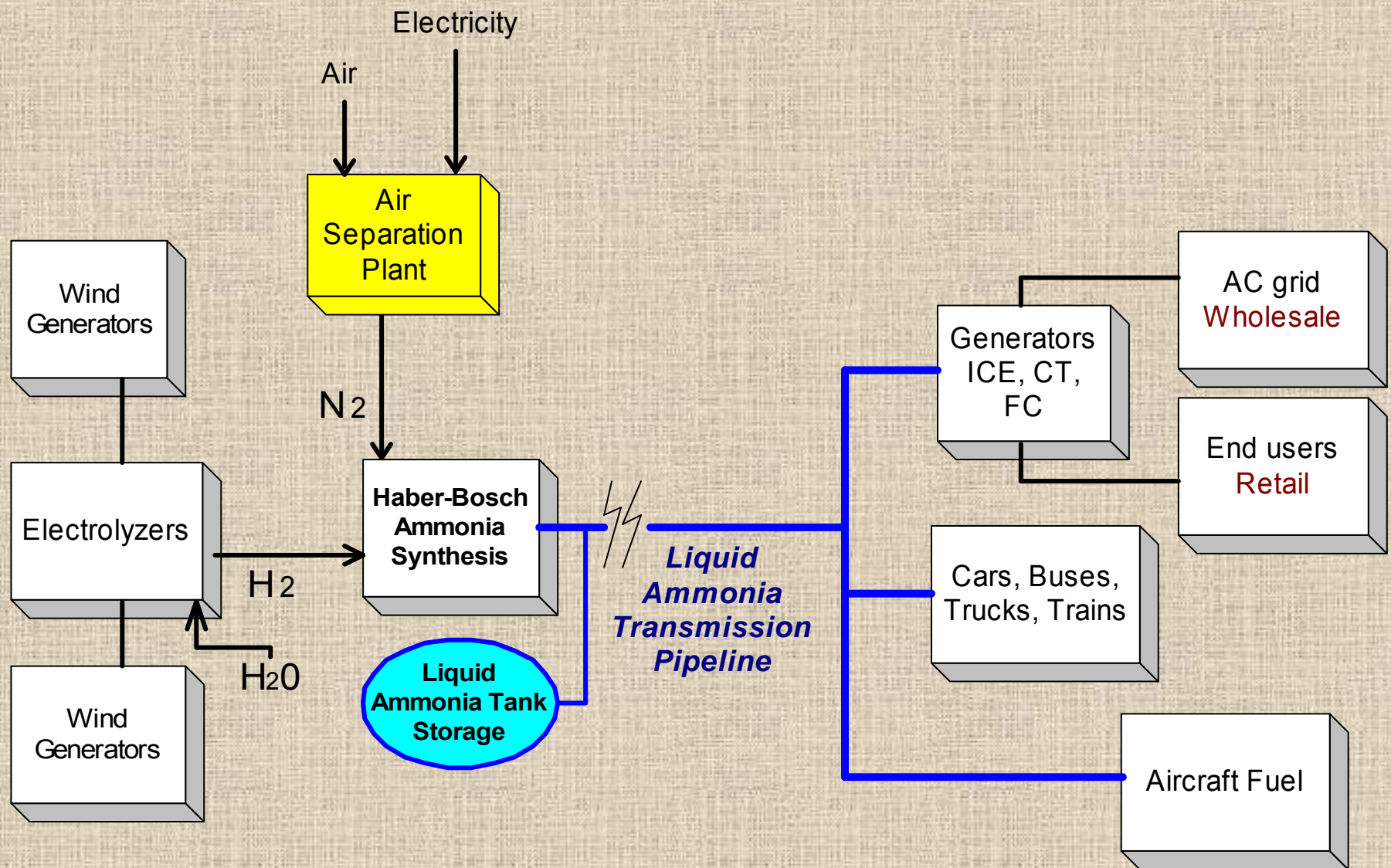
- Market size, share:
 - 15 mt / yr ag fertilizer
 - 5 mt / yr other
 - ? mtT / yr NH_3 fuel
 - ICE, CT, fuel cell
- RE - NH_3 competes with coal, imports

"Ammonia Nation ?"

Anhydrous ammonia (NH₃)

- Low-cost transmission, storage: liquid
- Transportation fuel
- Stationary generation, CHP
- Total USA annual energy '02 - 06
 - 100 quads
 - 10,000 TWh
- More renewables than coal
- Coal limits:
 - Only 200 year supply ?
 - CCS limits: where to put the CO₂ ?

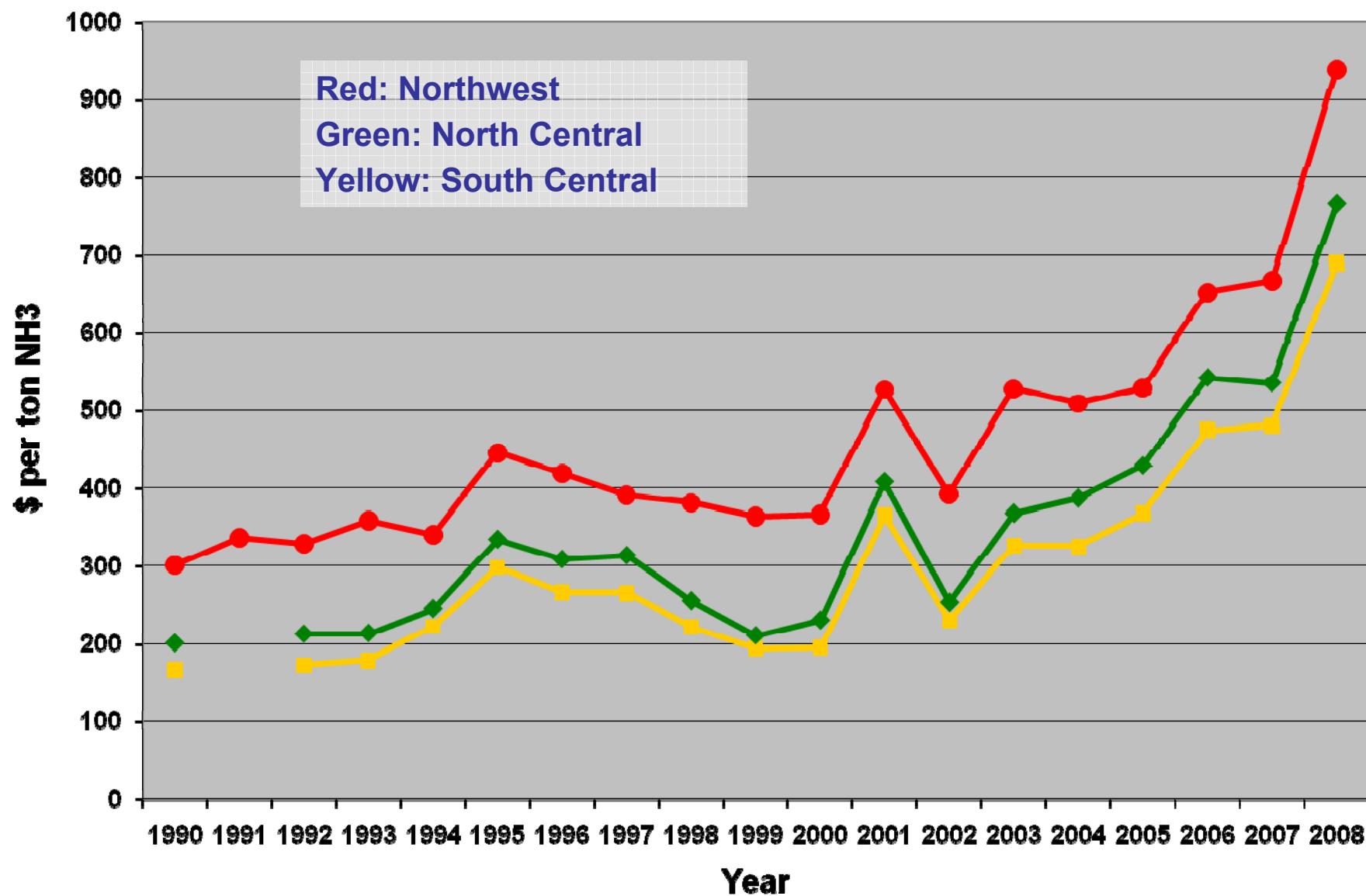




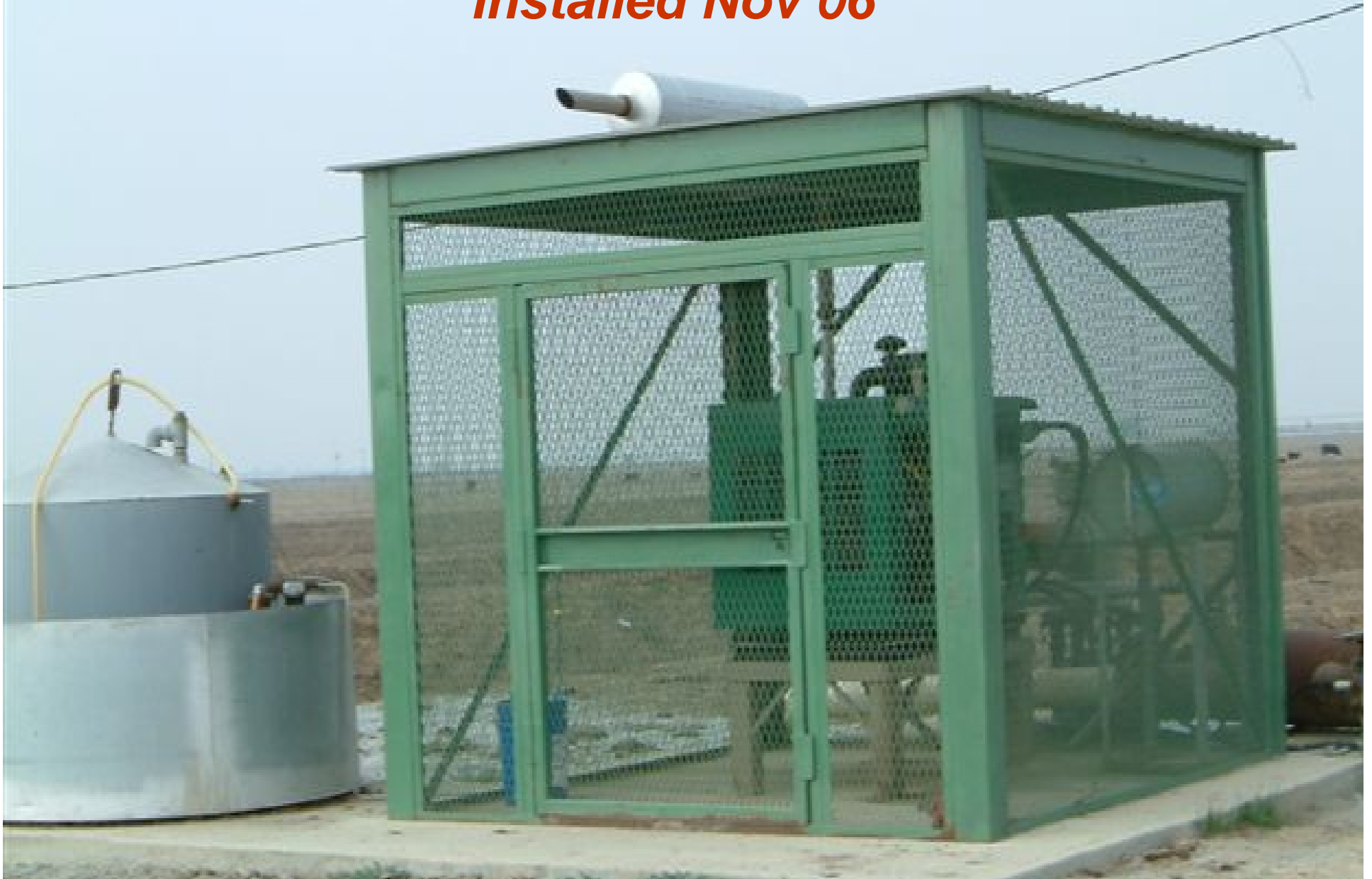
NH₃ Ag Fertilizer Tanks, Wind Generators, NW Iowa



Regional ammonia prices paid by U.S. farmers in April



***Ammonia-fueled ICE, irrigation pump, Visalia, CA
Installed Nov 06***



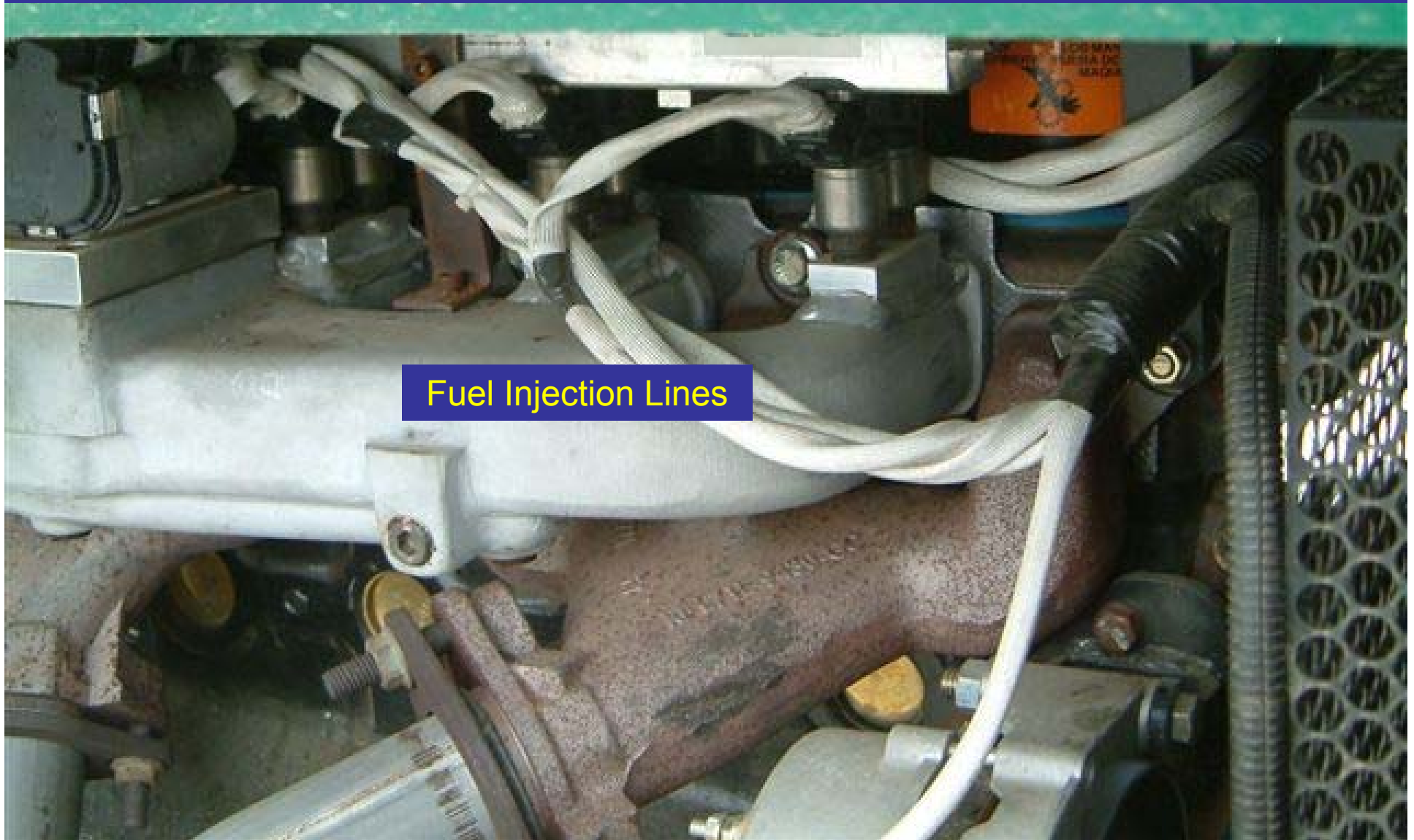
1,000 hours, ICE, 6 cyl, 100 hp
75% ammonia, 25% propane



Hydrogen Engine Center, Algona, IA
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Hydrogen Engine Center, Algona, IA
Fuel Injected ICE, 6 cyl, 100 hp
75% ammonia, 25% propane



Fuel Injection Lines

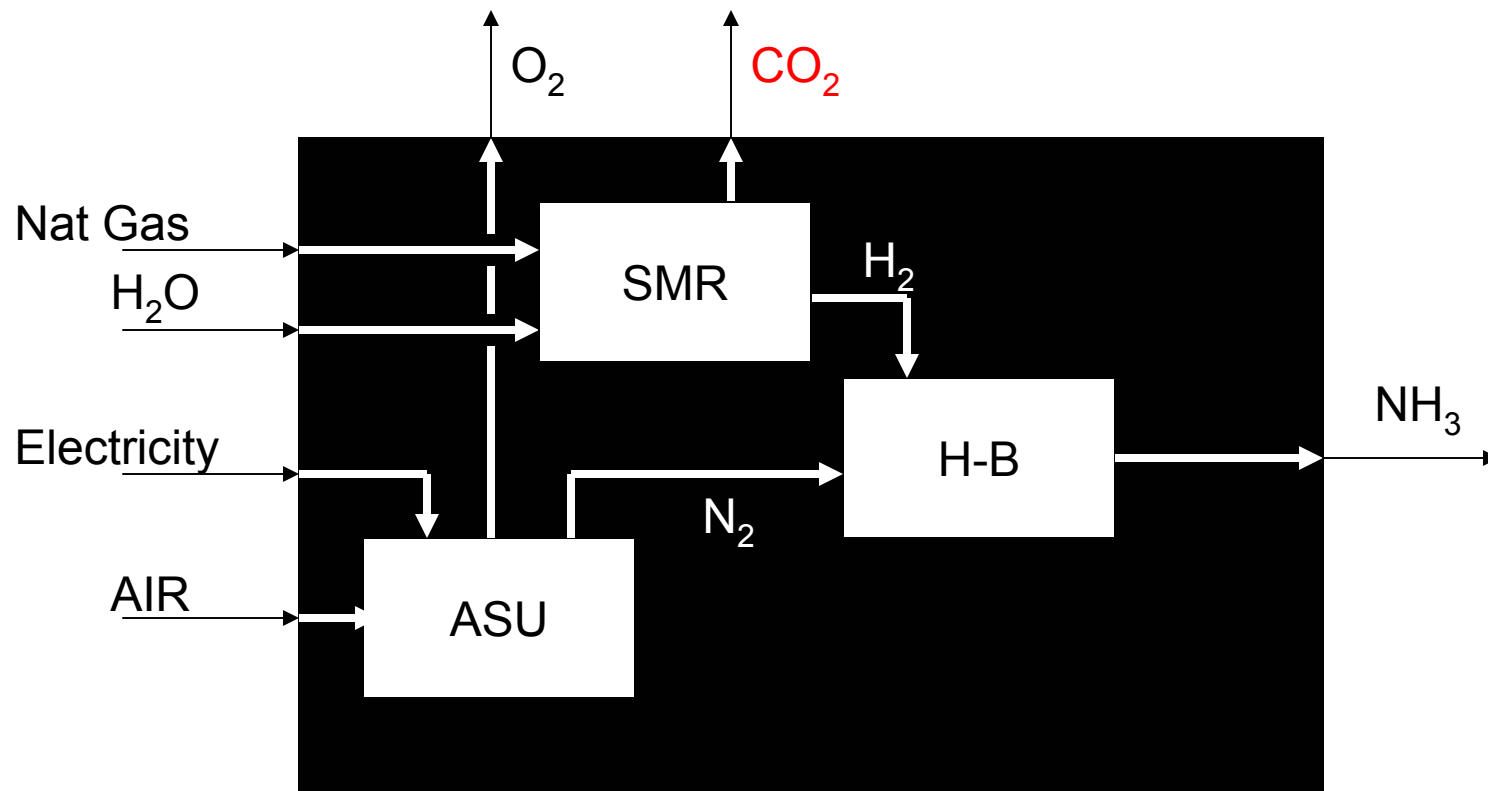


***Ammonia
(NH_3)
Synthesis
Plant
Natural Gas
Feed***

1 – 3,000 tpd

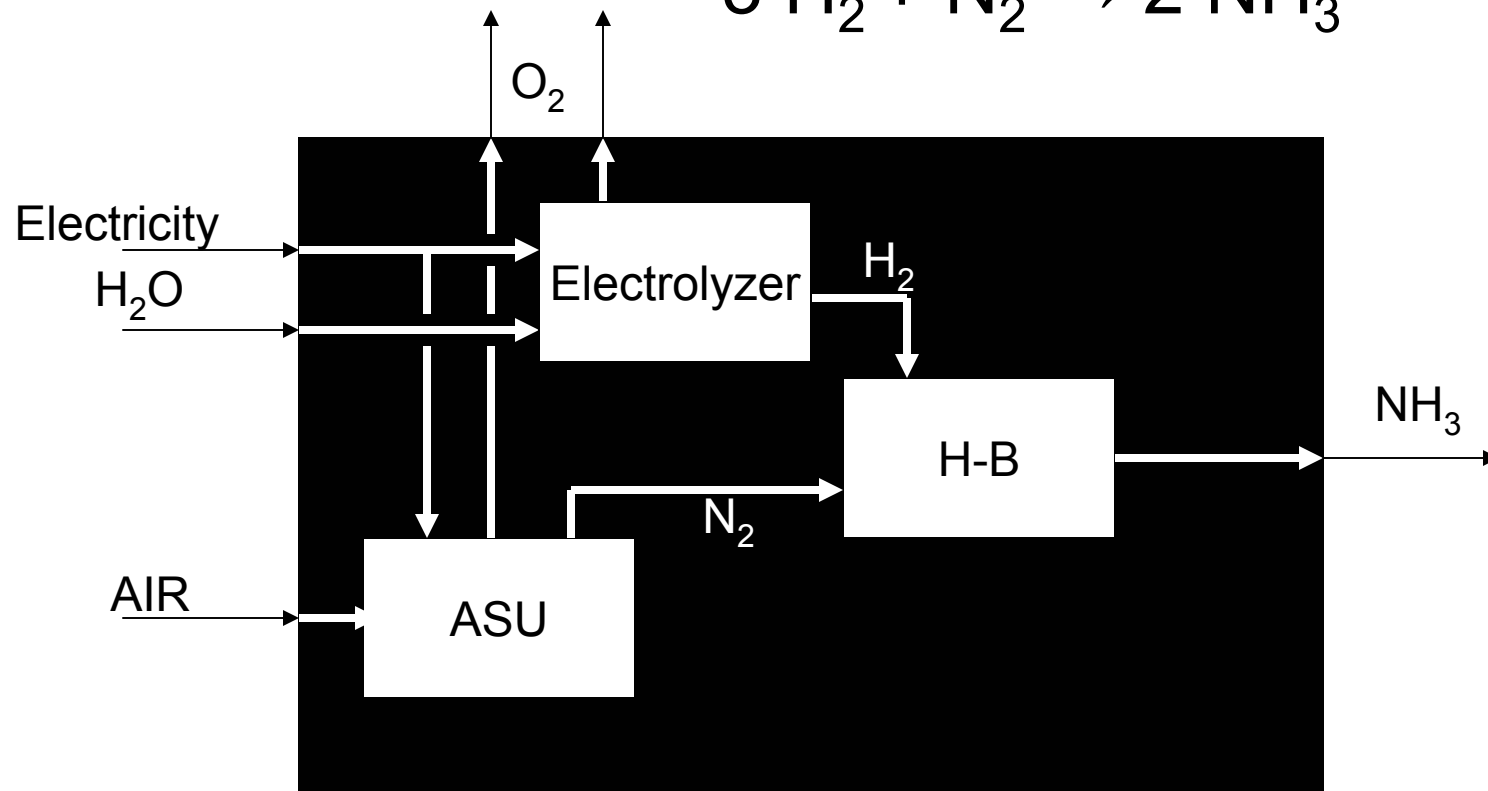
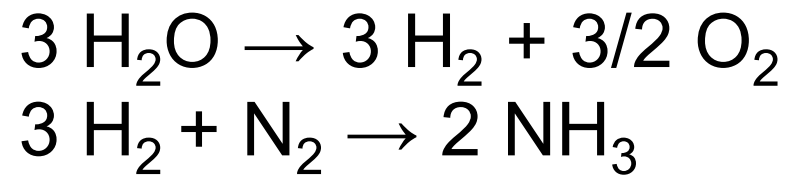
***Haber-Bosch
“Synloop”***

Inside the Black Box: Steam Reforming + Haber-Bosch



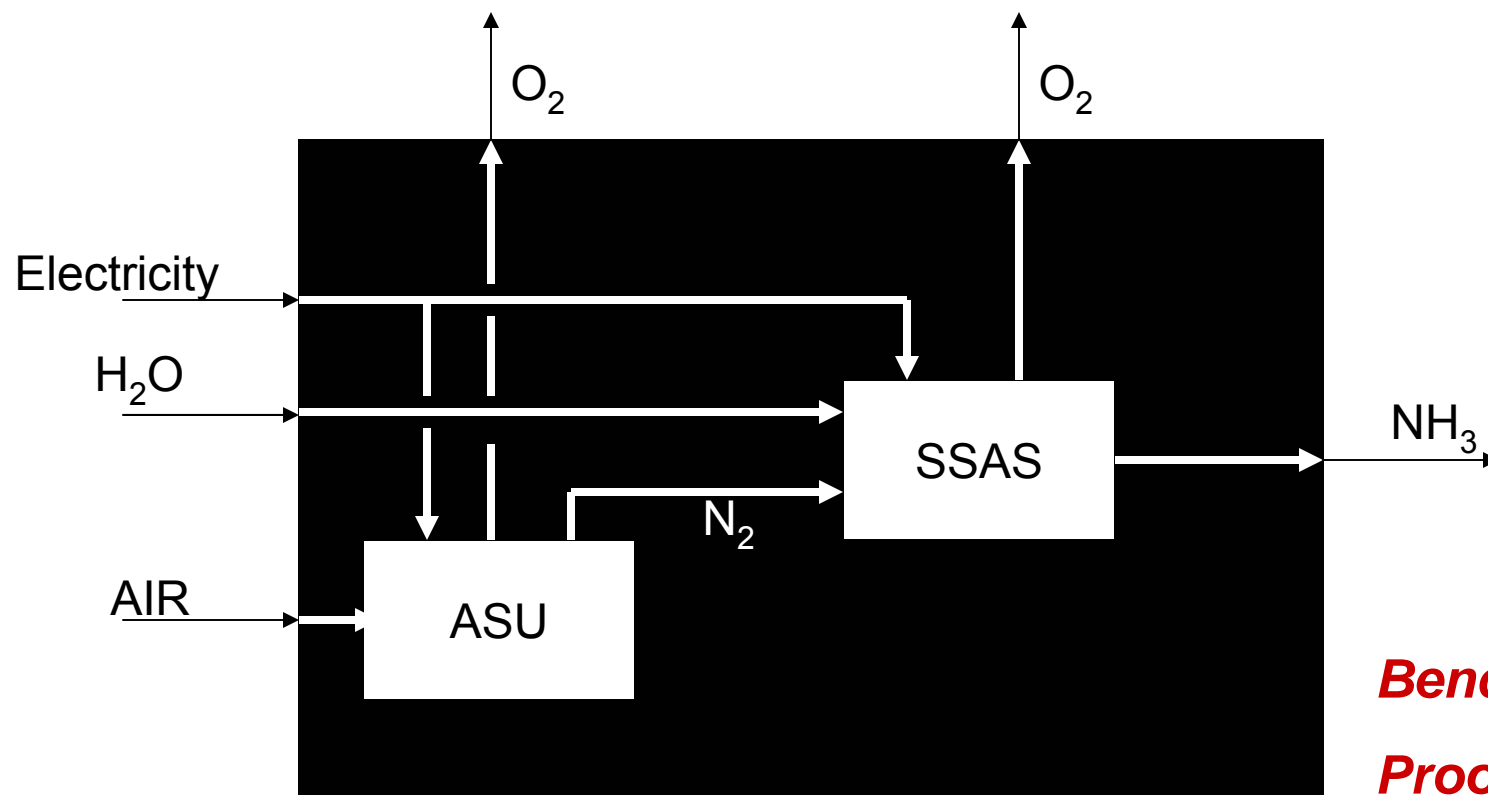
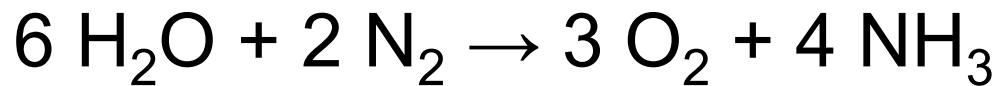
Energy consumption ~33 MBtu (9500 kWh) per ton NH₃

Inside the Black Box: HB Plus Electrolysis



Energy consumption ~12,000 kWh per ton NH₃

Inside the Black Box: Solid State Ammonia Synthesis

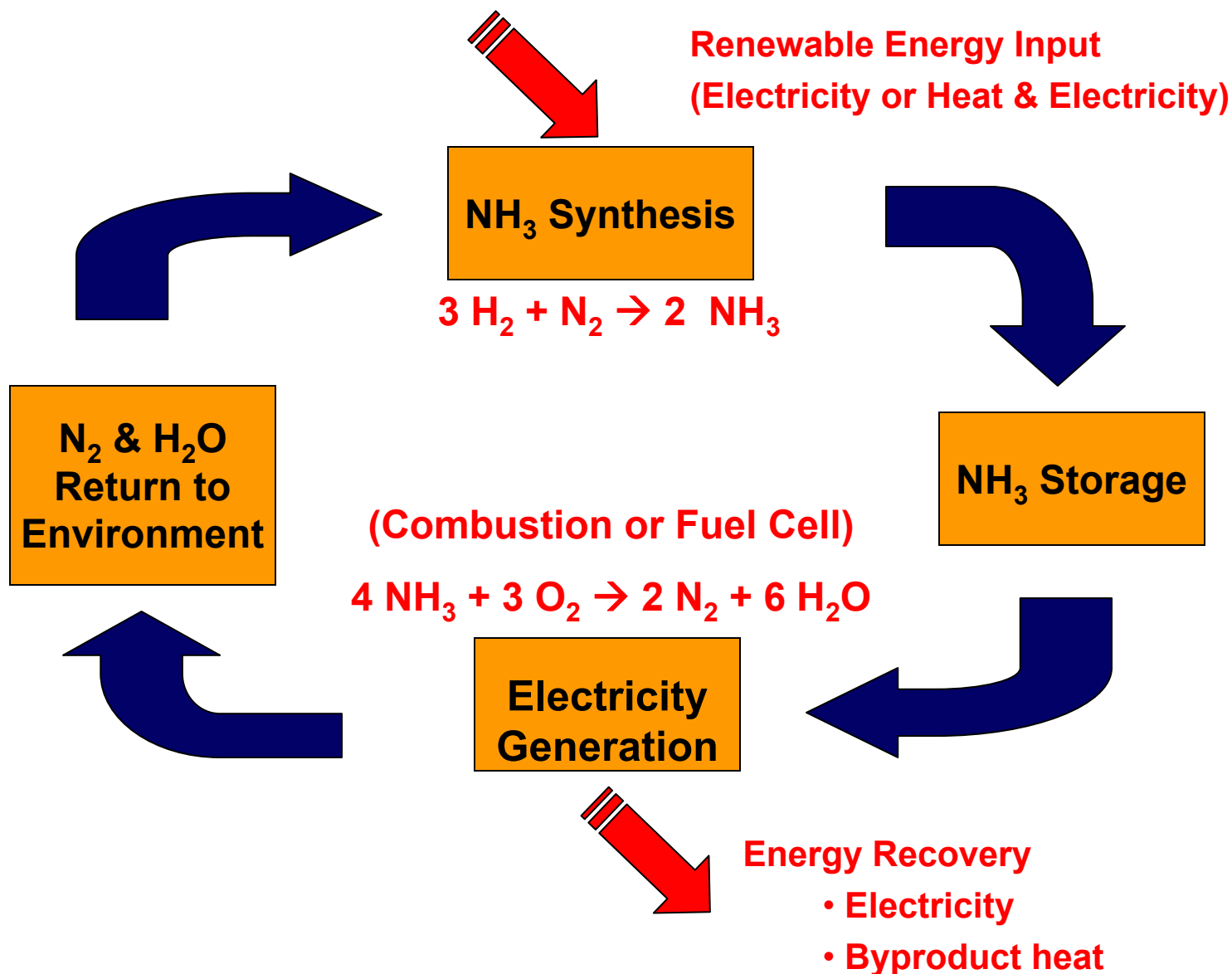


Benchtop
Proof-of-concept

Energy consumption 7000 - 8000 kWh per ton NH₃

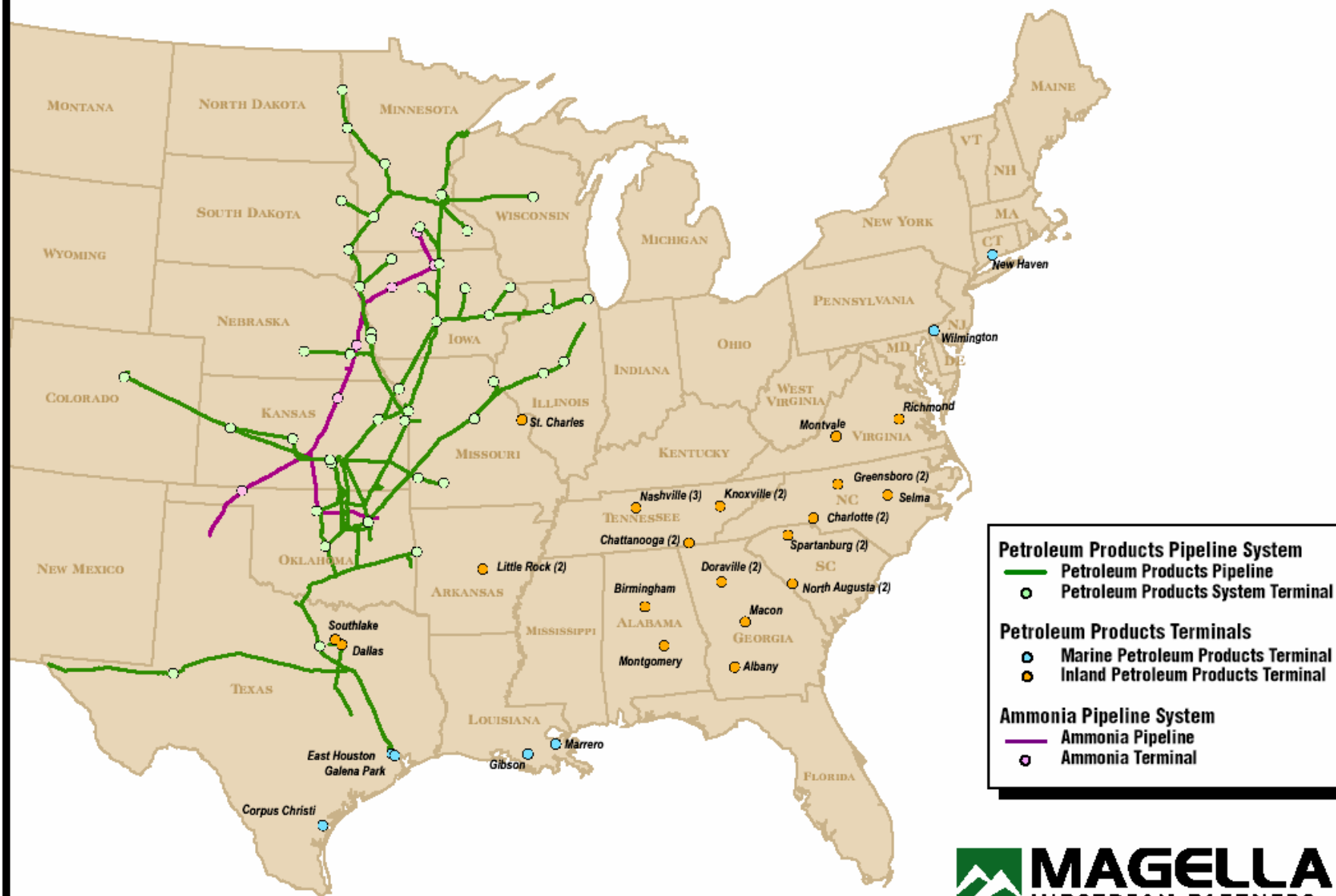
Green Ammonia Cycle

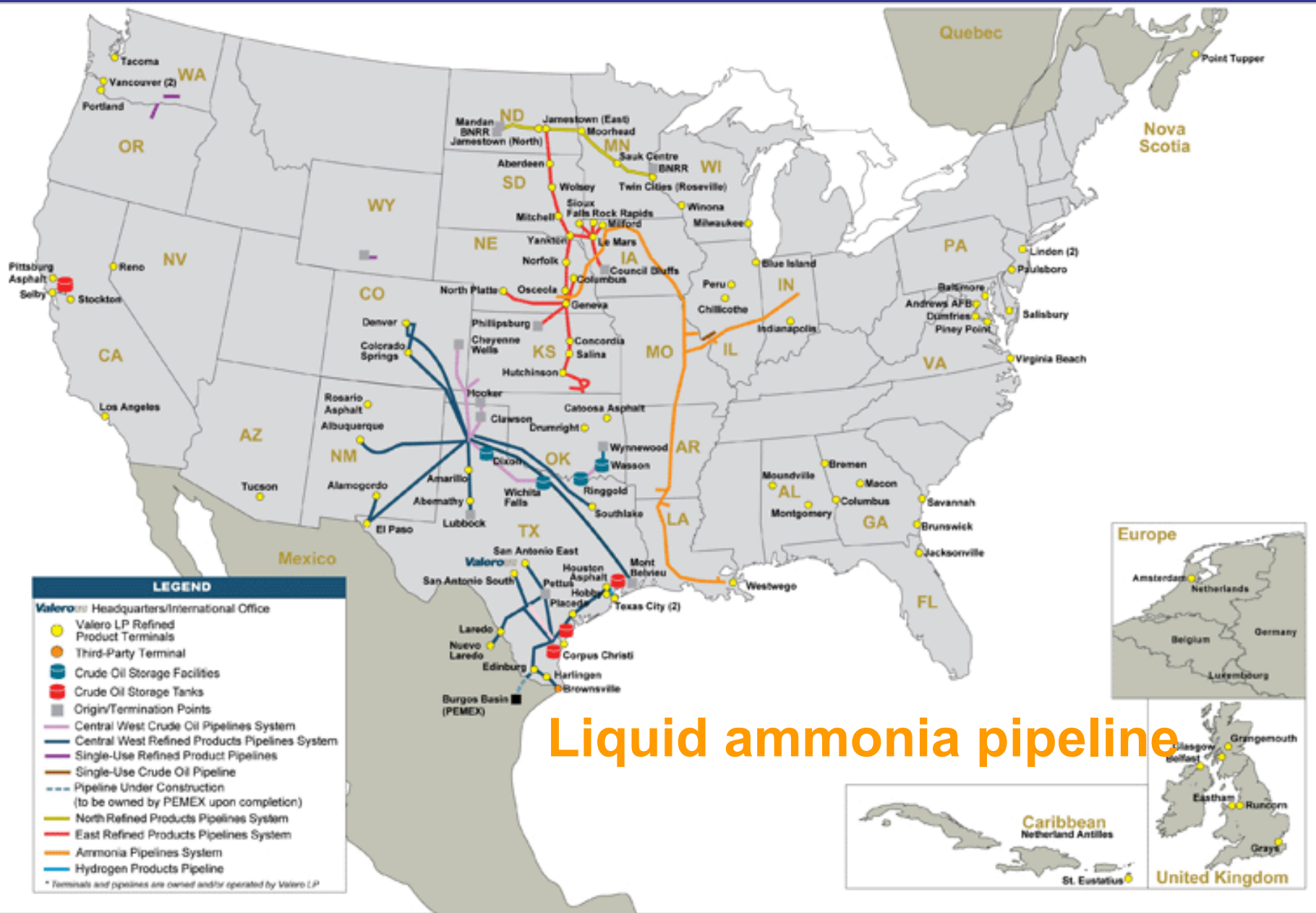
Renewable-source, C-free



Asset Portfolio

Liquid ammonia pipeline





Valero LP Operations



“Atmospheric”

***Liquid
Ammonia
Storage Tank***

30,000 Tons

~\$15M turnkey

-33 C



Ammonia
534 kg H₂

Hydrogen gas
350 kg H₂

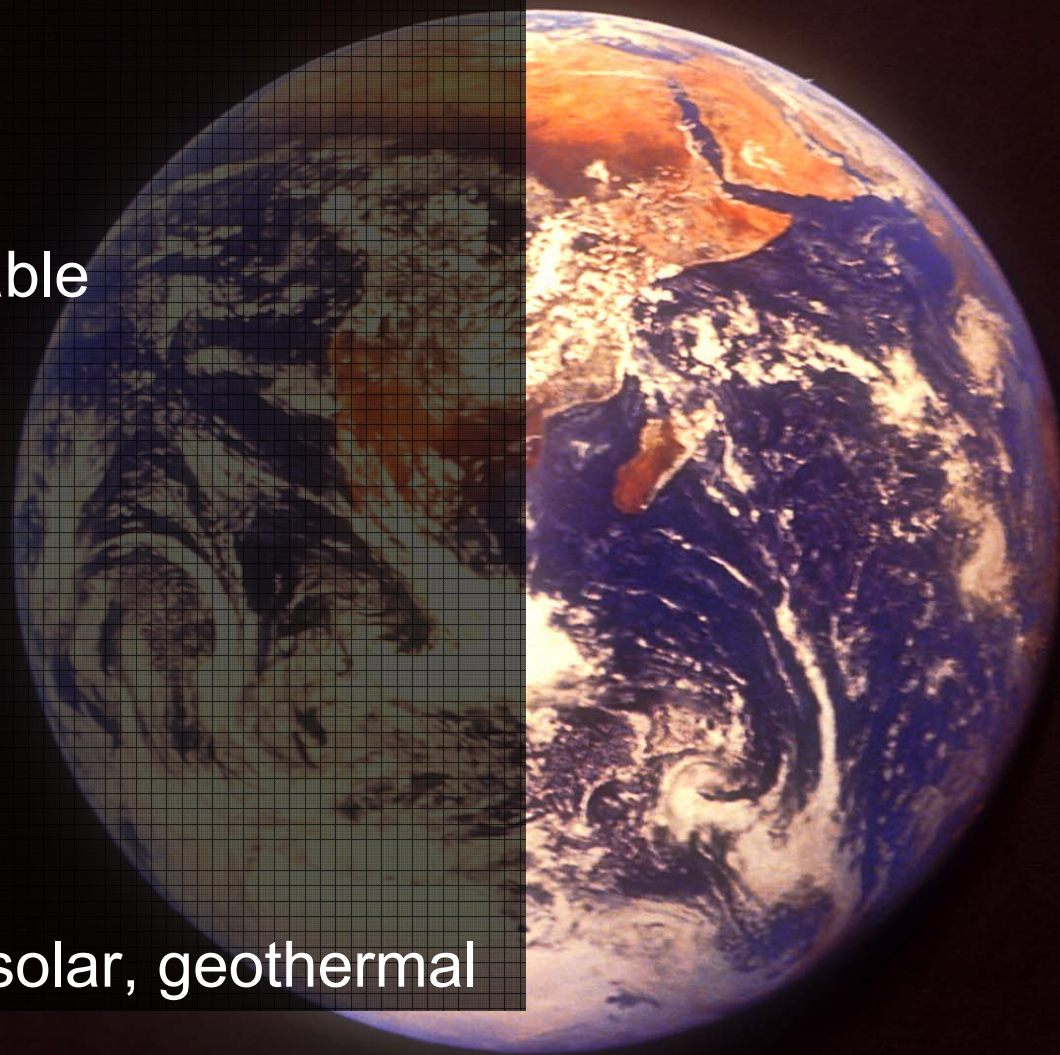


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 - As NH3 = 5,000 tanks @ \$25M each = \$127 billion

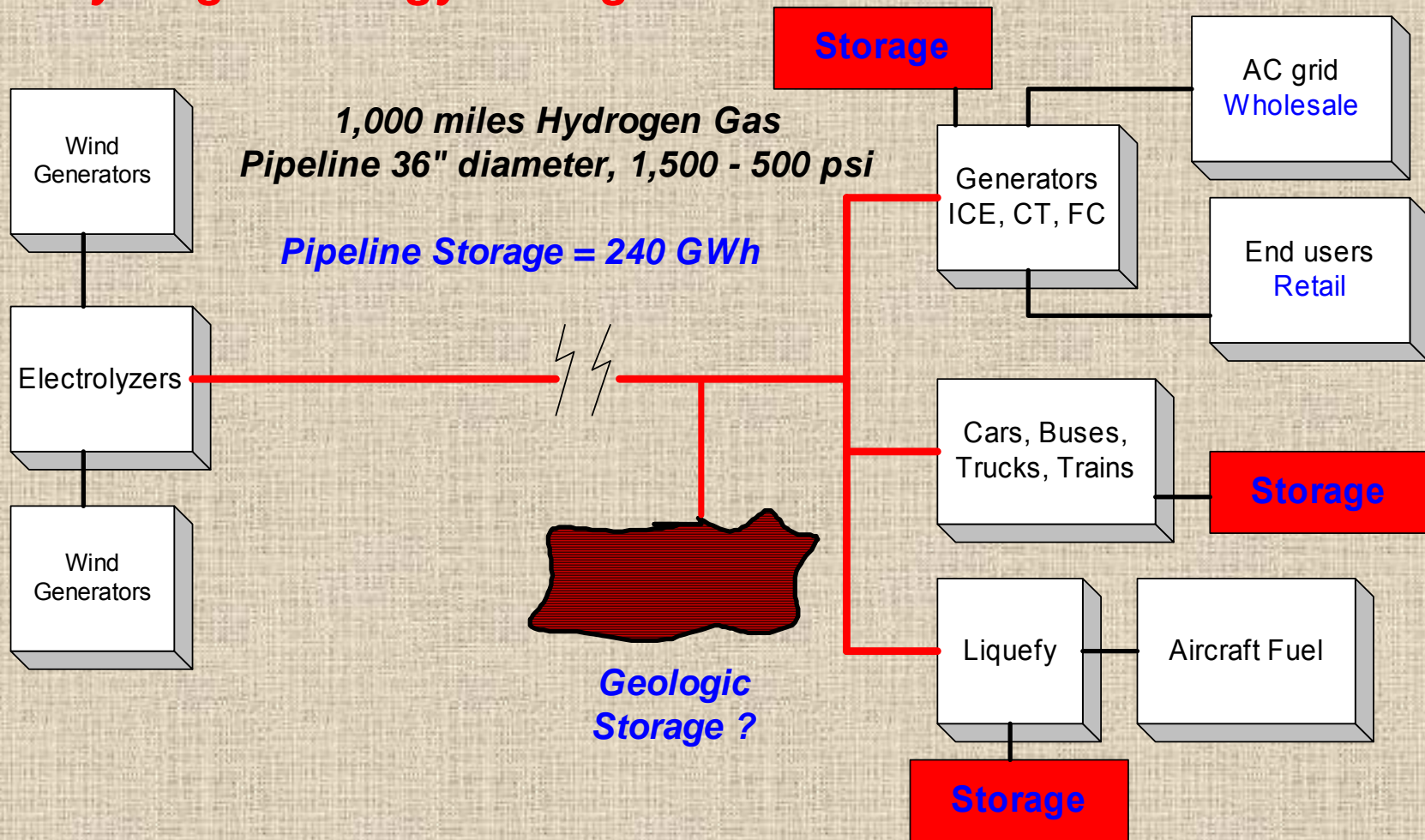
MUST Run the World on Renewables – plus Nuclear ?

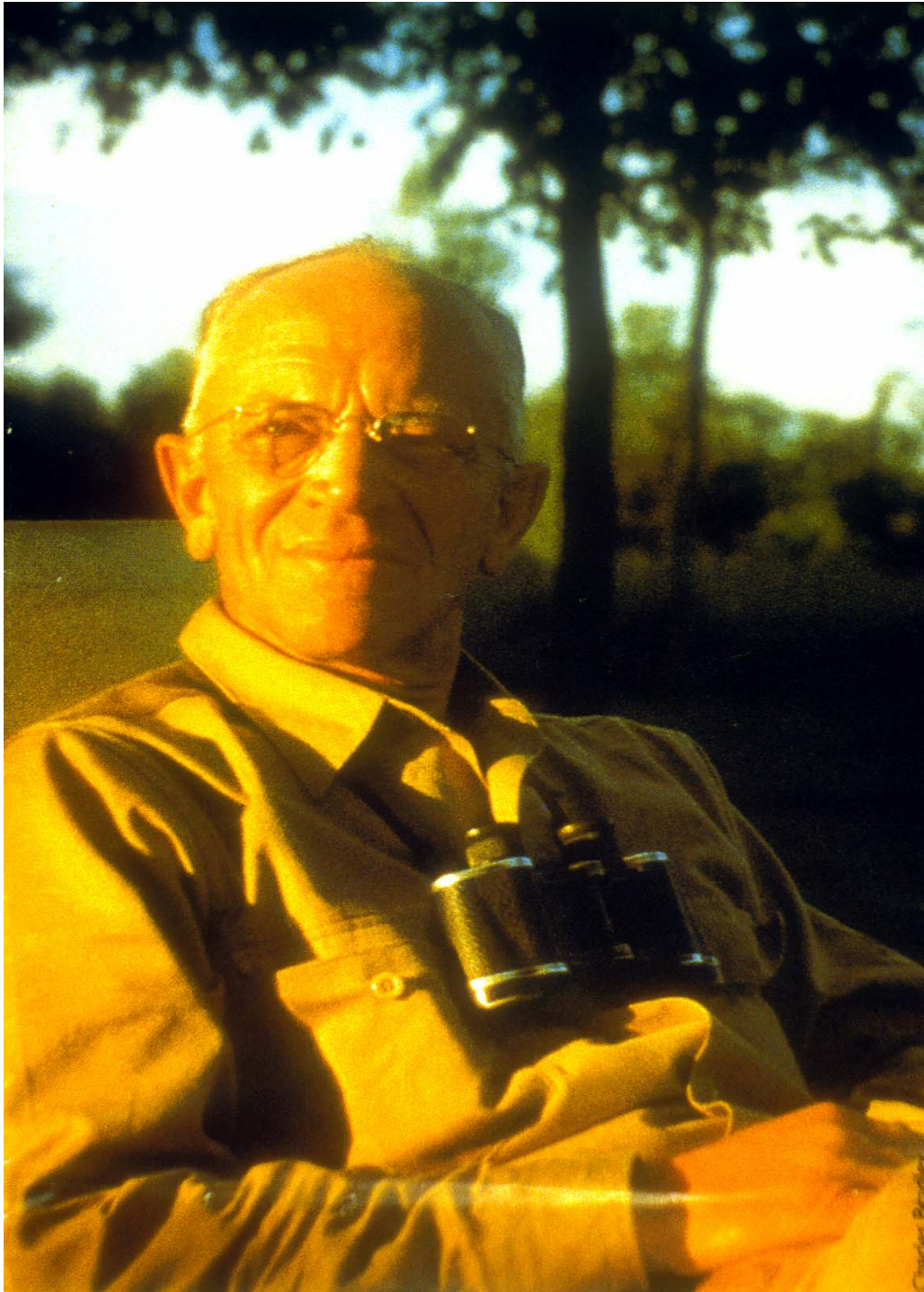
- Global
- Indigenous
- Firm: available
- C-free
- Benign
- Abundant
- Affordable
- Equitable
- Perpetual: solar, geothermal



“Firming” Cavern Storage

Hydrogen Energy Storage





Aldo Leopold

1887 - 1948

**There are two spiritual dangers in not
owning a farm:**

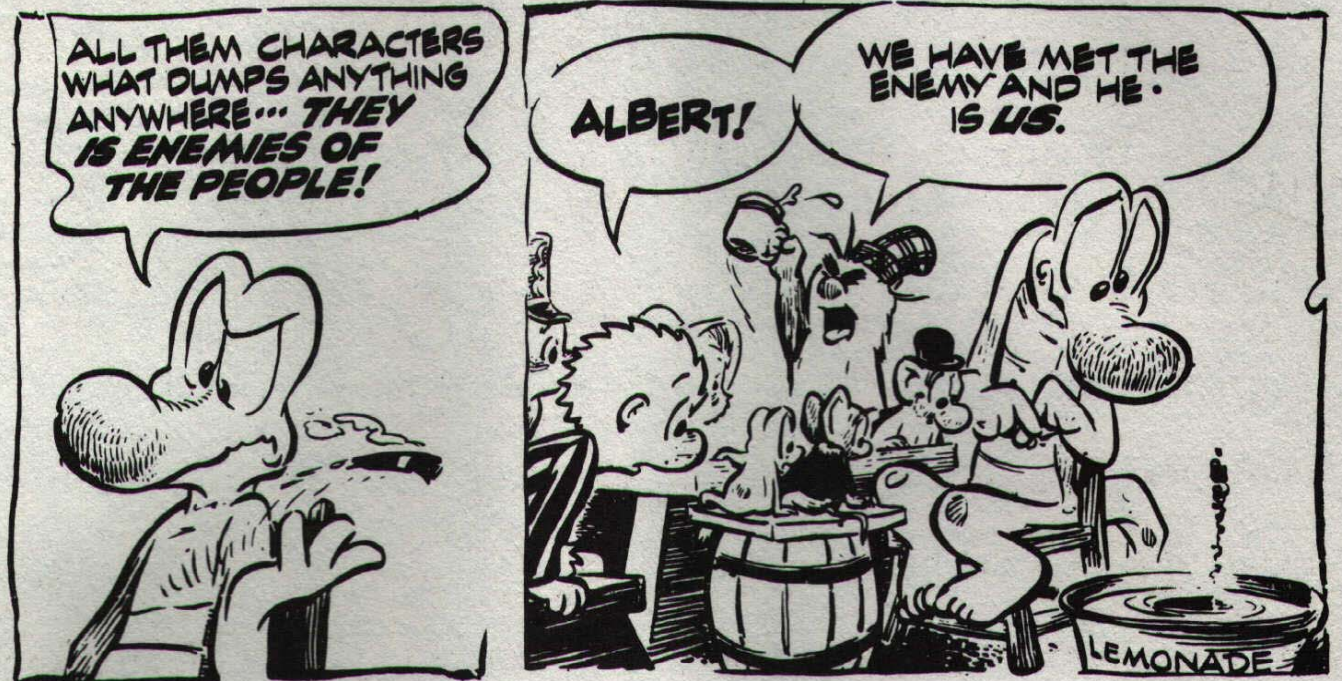
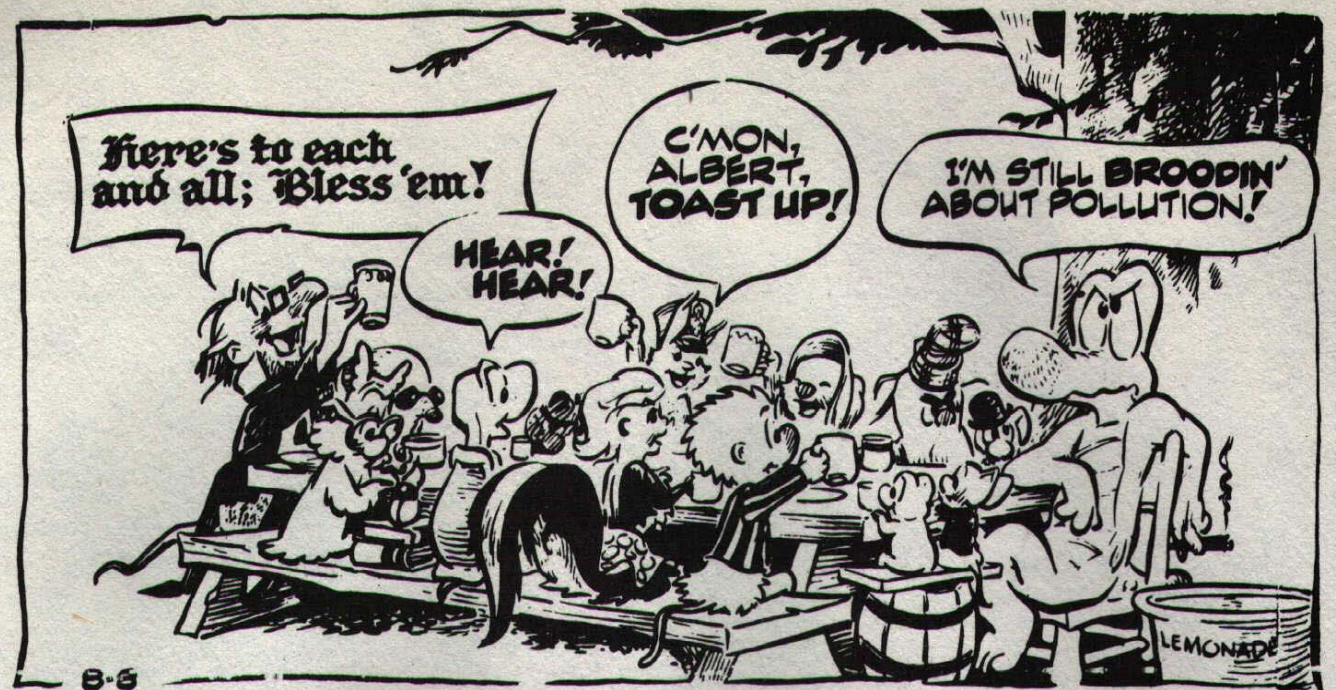
**One is supposing that breakfast
comes from the grocery;**

**The other is supposing that heat
comes from the furnace.**

Aldo Leopold, "A Sand County Almanac"

Pogo

"We have met the enemy..."



You cannot have peace without justice





Running the World on Renewables

DVD's available

*Energy Expo, IRENEW
UNI, CEEE, Cedar Falls, IA
13 Sept 08*

*Bill Leighty, Director
The Leighty Foundation
Juneau, AK
wleighty@earthlink.net*

907-586-1426 206-719-5554 cell



Ammonia as Hydrogen Carrier, Fuel

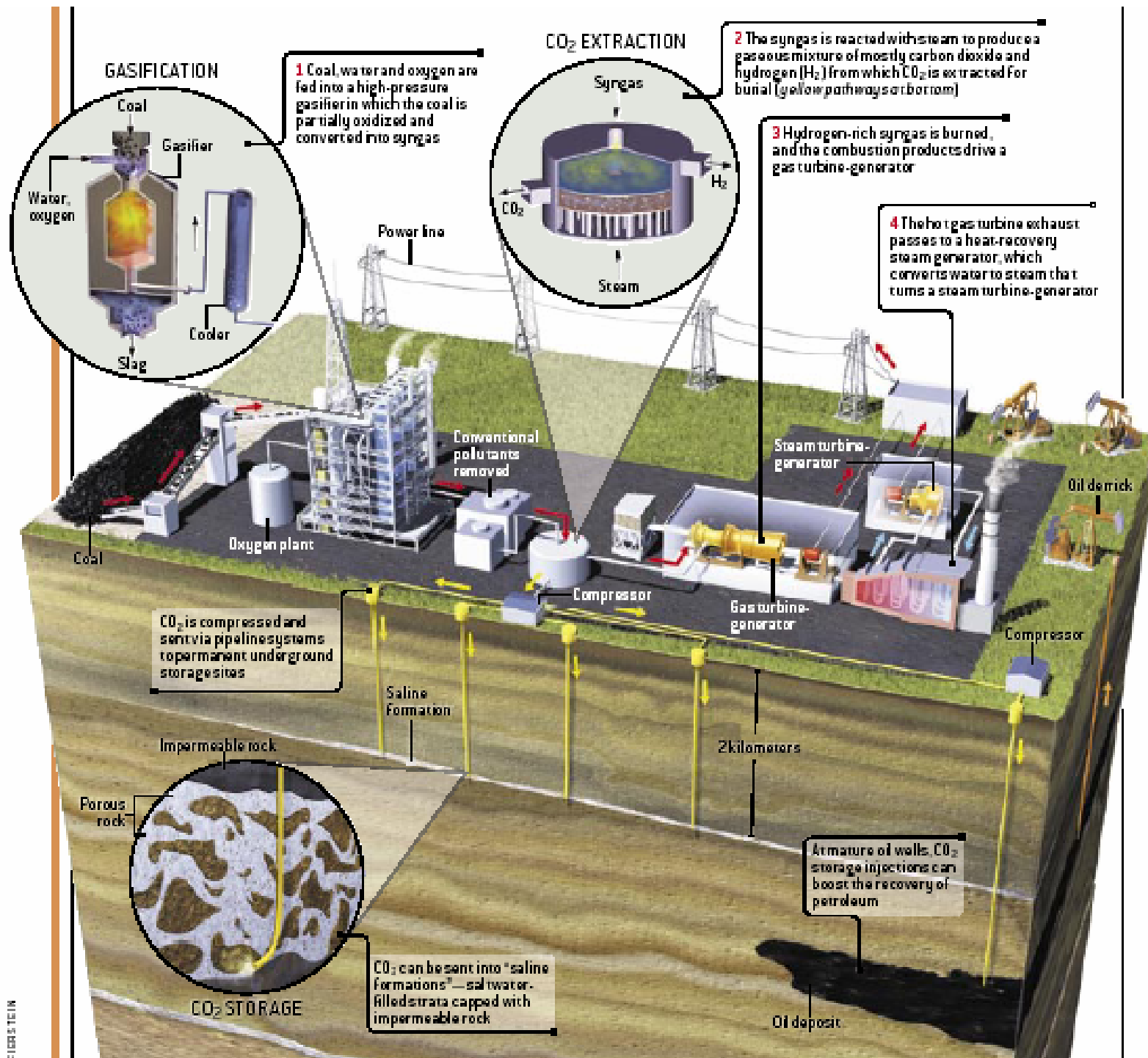
- Anhydrous, NH_3
- C – free; H source ?
- ~ 18% H, weight
- ~ 100 liters = 500 mile range, car
- ~ 15 M tons / year USA, 5 M as NH_3
- Good safety record: ag, industry
- Infrastructure in place
- Liquid storage: -10 C, 1 atm
- 60,000 ton tanks common
- Self-odorized
- ICE operates at 50% efficiency, low emissions
- Toxic

Ammonia Conferences: Anhydrous Ammonia (NH₃) as an energy and hydrogen carrier and energy storage medium

- First two annual conferences archives at:
<http://www.energy.iastate.edu/renewable/>
- 28 Oct 04 Proceedings:
<http://www.energy.iastate.edu/renewable/biomass/AmmoniaMtg.html>
- 13-14 Oct 05 Proceedings:
<http://www.energy.iastate.edu/renewable/biomass/AmmoniaMtg05.html>
- **9-10 Oct 06 -- Denver, Denver West Marriott, Golden, CO:**
<http://www.energy.iastate.edu/renewable/biomass/ammonia2006/Ammonia2006.html>
” Ammonia, the Key to U.S. Energy Independence “

GW-scale Transmission + Storage Options

- **Electricity: HVAC, HVDC**
 - CAES compressed air energy storage
 - Vanadium Redox battery (VRB Power Systems)
 - Sodium-sulfur battery
 - PHEV (distributed)
- **Liquid Hydrogen (LH2)**
 - Pipeline, truck, rail car, ship
 - 1/3 energy to liquefy
- **Gaseous Hydrogen (GH2)**
 - Pipeline
 - Geologic: salt caverns (man-made)
 - Geologic: natural formations
- **Ammonia (NH3) liquid**
 - Tank, refrigerated, 10K – 60K ton
 - Truck, rail car, ship
- **Liquid synthetic HC's – zero net C**
 - Pipeline
 - Tank, truck, rail car, ship
 - Geologic: salt caverns (man made)
- **“Energy Pipeline”, EPRI: LH2 in pipeline, SC LVDC electric**
- **Chemicals**
 - Hydrides
 - Al – Ga ☐ Alumina

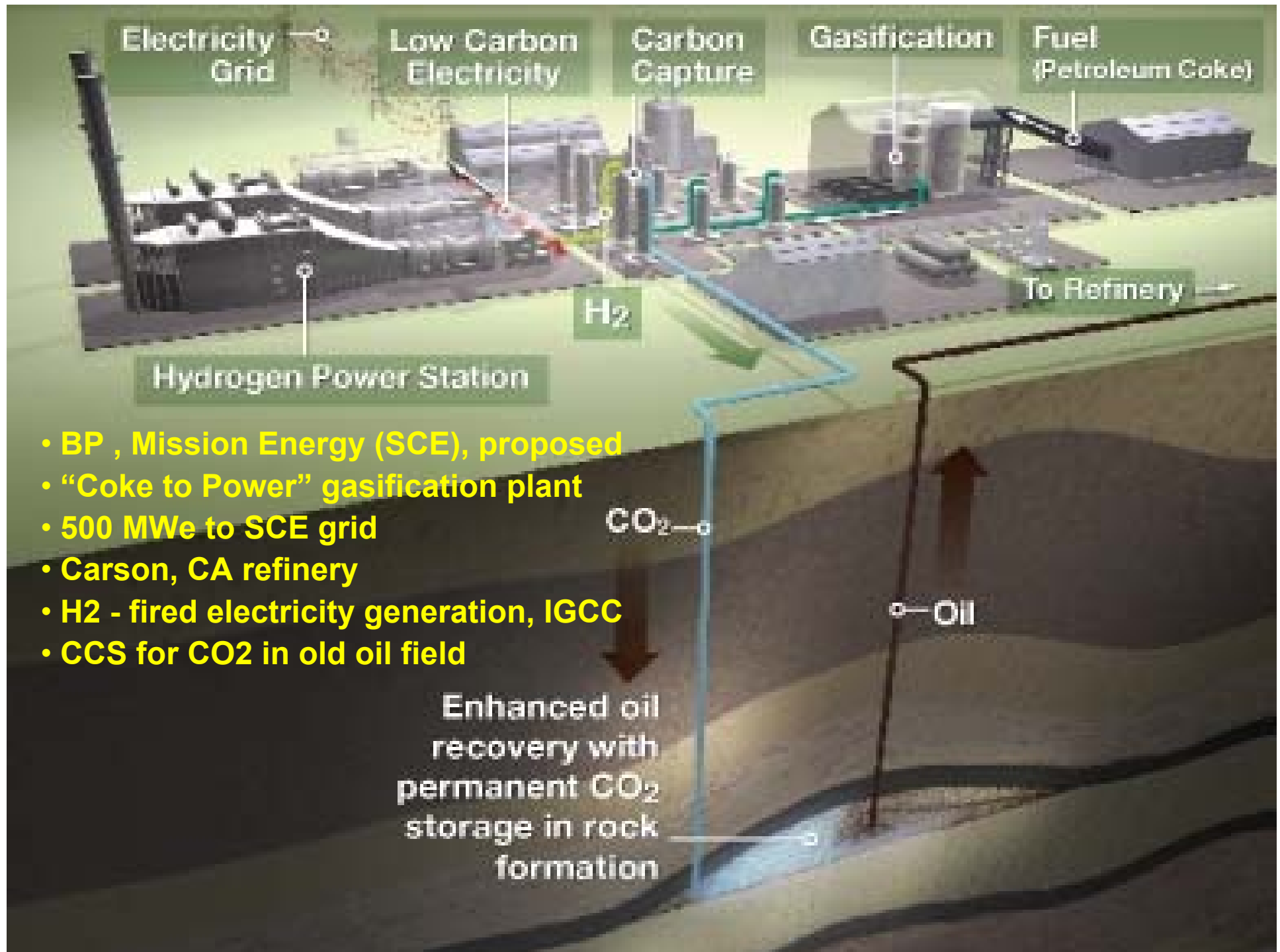


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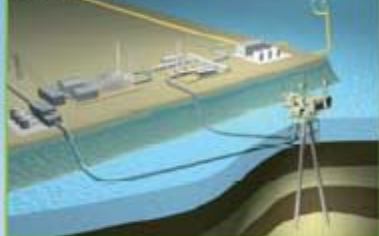
**coal
power
plant**

**with
CCS***

*** Carbon
Capture and
Sequestration**

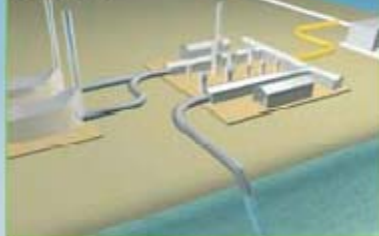


STAGE 1



Gas from North Sea fields is transported to shore to the UK gas grid.

STAGE 2

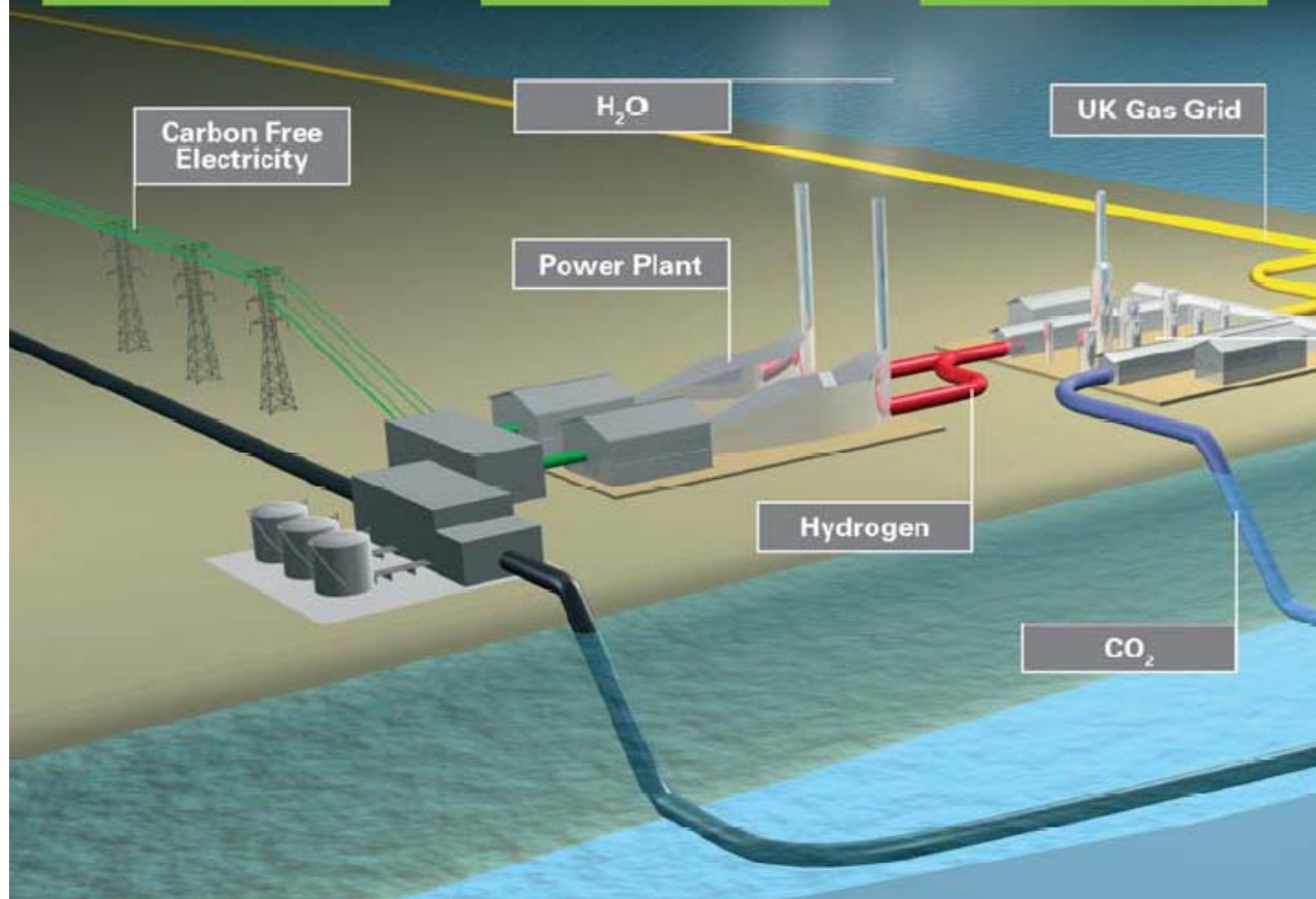


The UK gas grid supplies gas to a new reformer located at the power station near Peterhead.

STAGE 3



At the heart of the project is the natural gas reformer and carbon capture facility where natural gas is converted into Hydrogen and Carbon Dioxide (CO_2).



BP Miller Field, North Sea

$\text{NG} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow$
electricity + CO_2

with CCS* and
enhanced oil
recovery

* carbon capture
and
sequestration

**Alaska Applied
Sciences, Inc.**

560 kW windplant

Palm Springs, CA



Humanity's Goal ?

**A sustainable,
benign-source, equitable,
global energy economy**

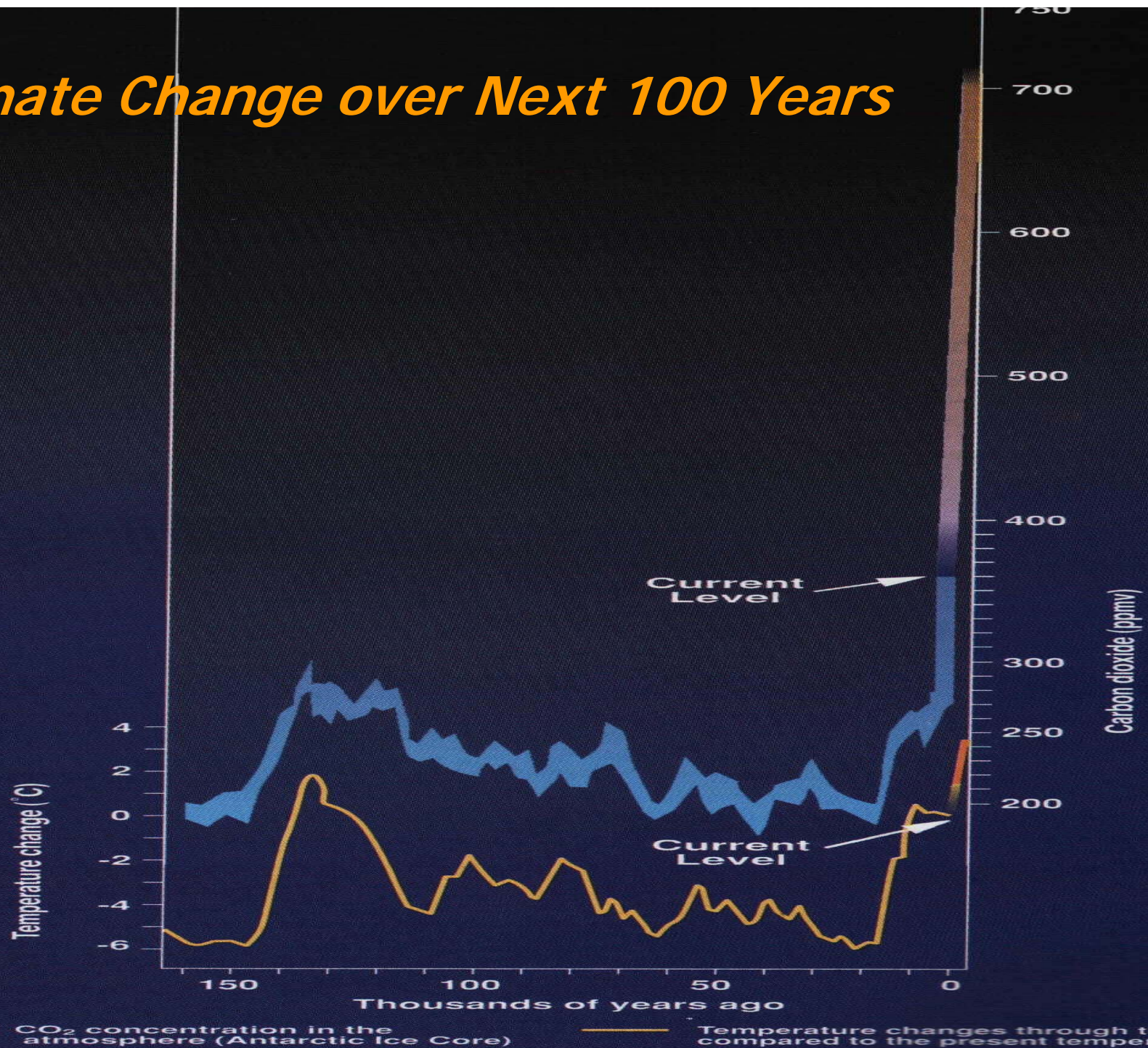
**Rapid Climate Change (GCC)
Global Warming (GW)**

Sustainable

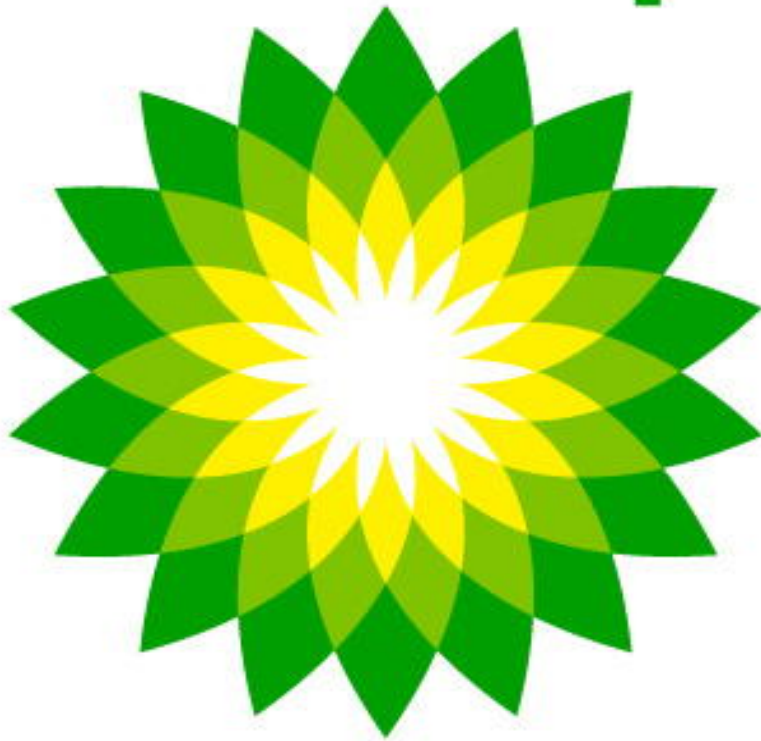
“ Meeting our needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs ”

United Nations Commission on
Environment and Development (UNCED)
“Our Common Future”, 1987

Climate Change over Next 100 Years



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beyond
petroleum