Running Iowa, and the World, on Firm Renewables via GW-scale Transmission and Storage

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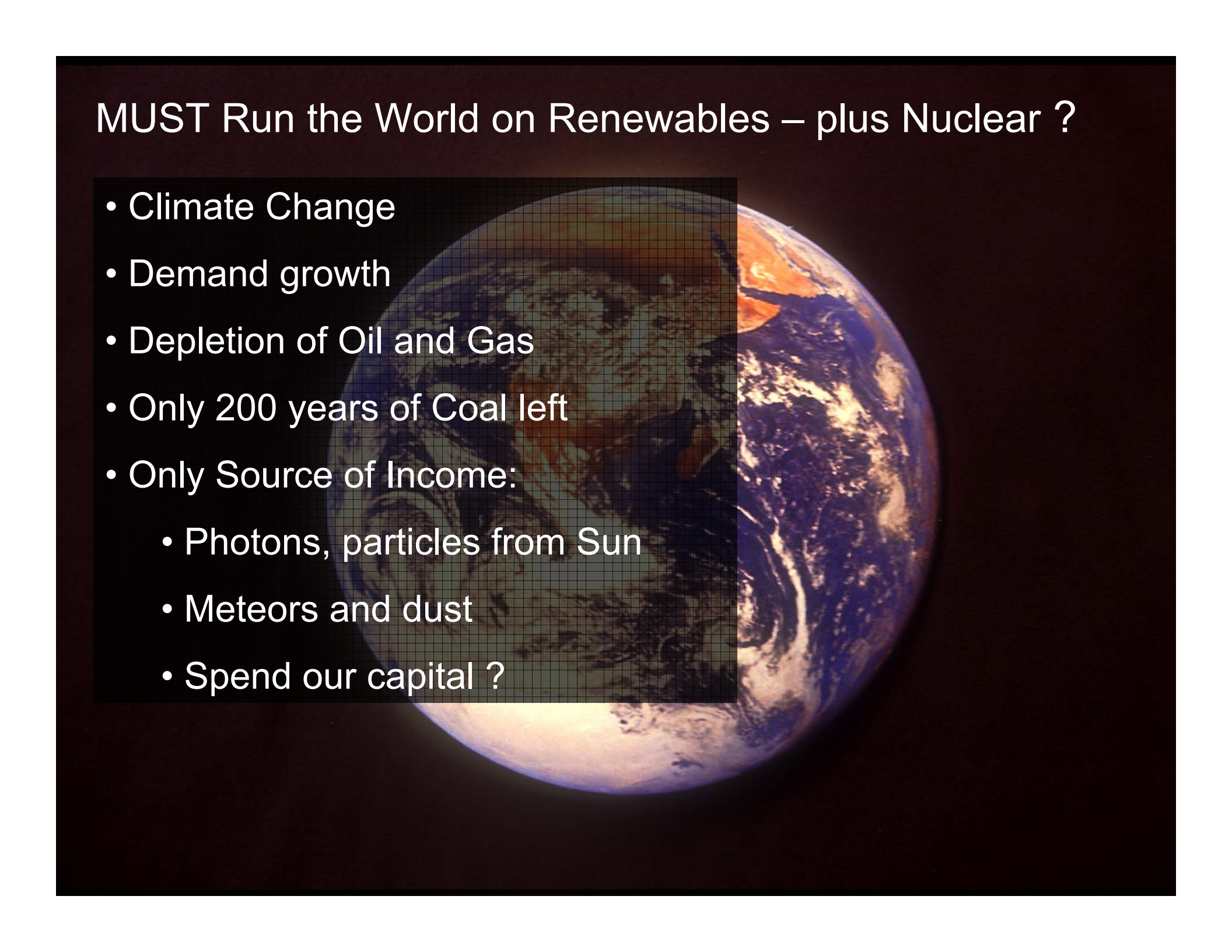
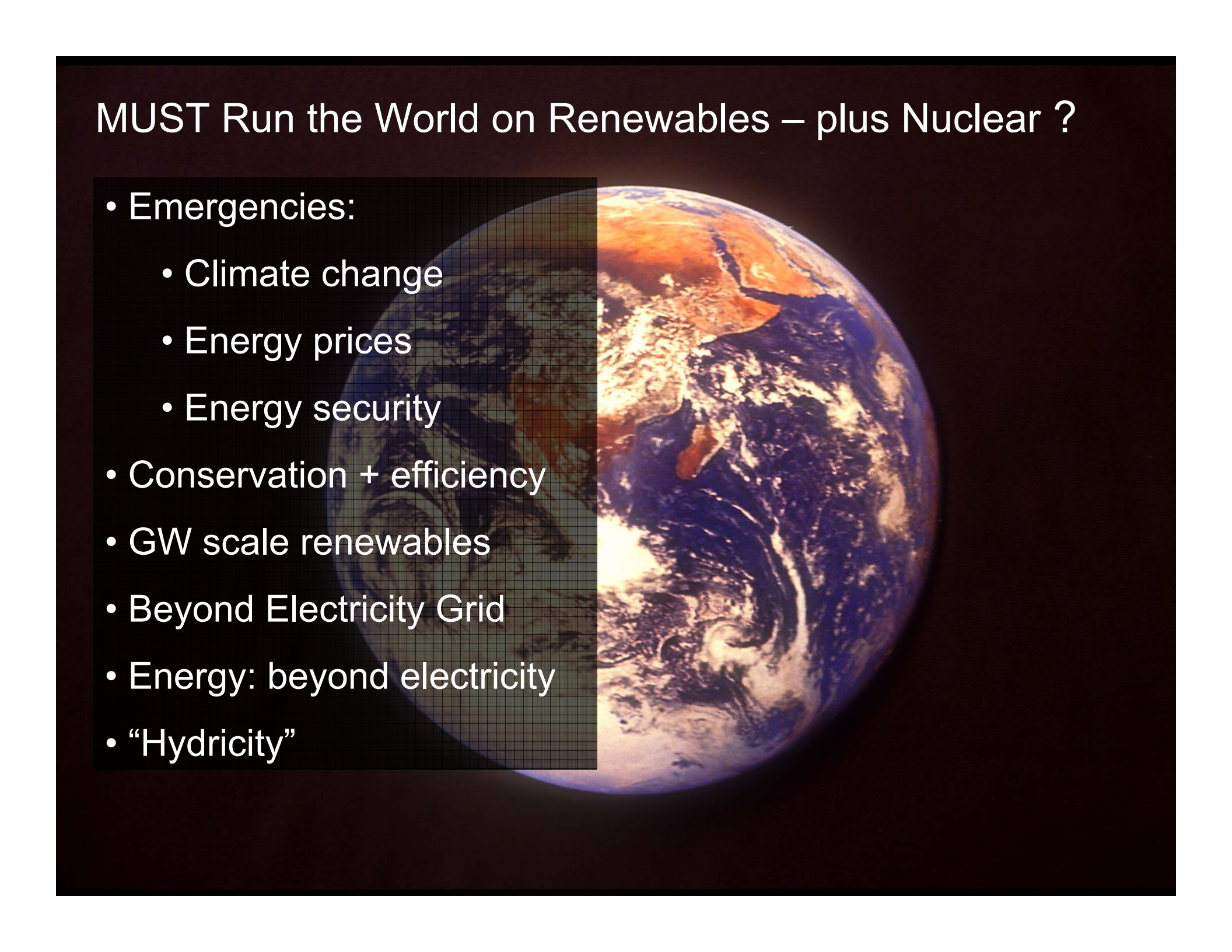


- Climate Change
- Demand growth
- Depletion of Oil and Gas
- Only 200 years of Coal left
- Only Source of Income:
  - Photons, particles from Sun
  - Meteors and dust
  - Spend our capital ?

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

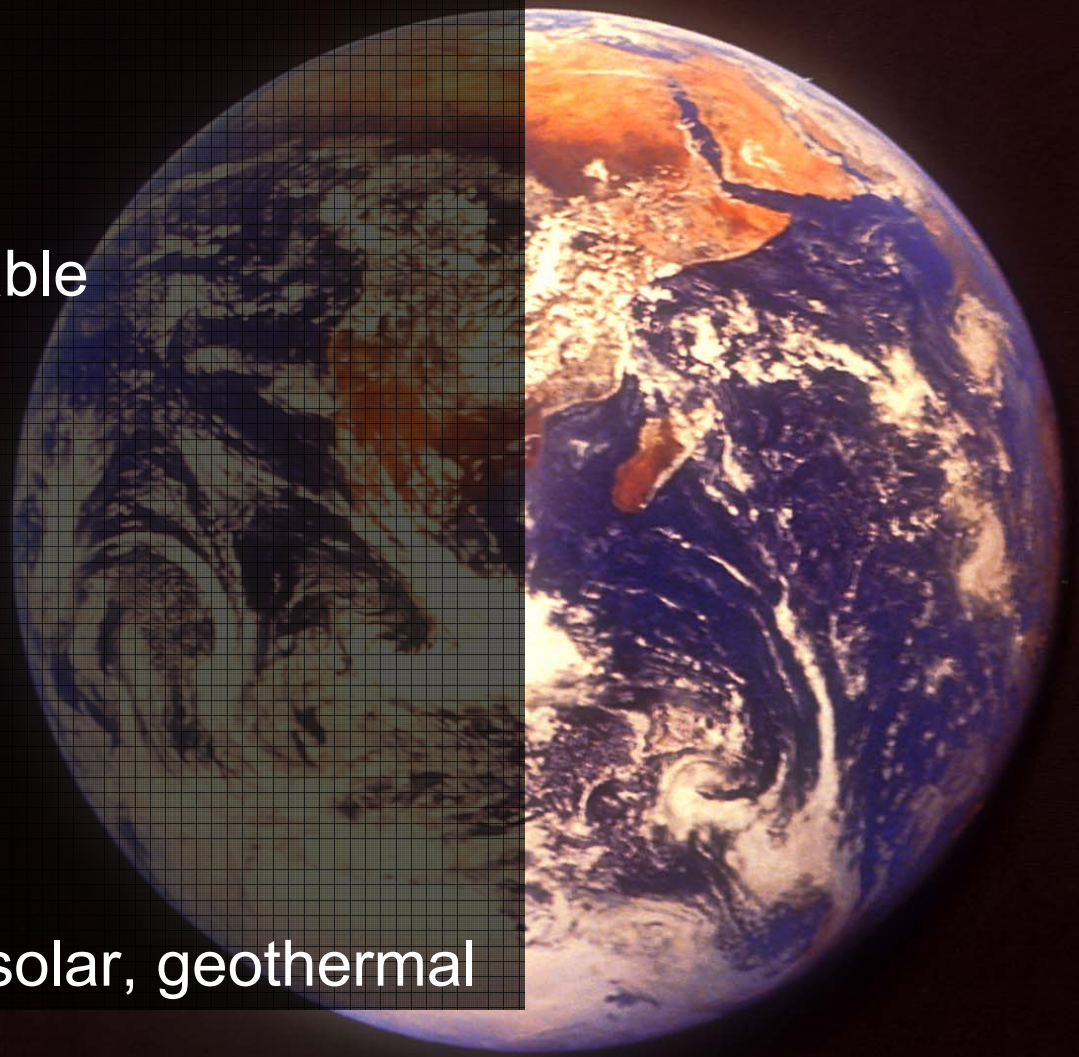
MUST Run the World on Renewables – plus Nuclear ?

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



MUST Run the World on Renewables – plus Nuclear ?

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



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New USA power plants in some stage of planning or construction

• 785 Wind	109,000 MW
• 105 Solar	11,000 MW
• 41 Biomass	1,800 MW
• 51 Geothermal	2,550 MW
• 233 Hydro and Pumped Storage	33,000 MW
• 174 Natural Gas	59,000 MW
• 94 Coal	48,000 MW
Total	264,350 MW

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

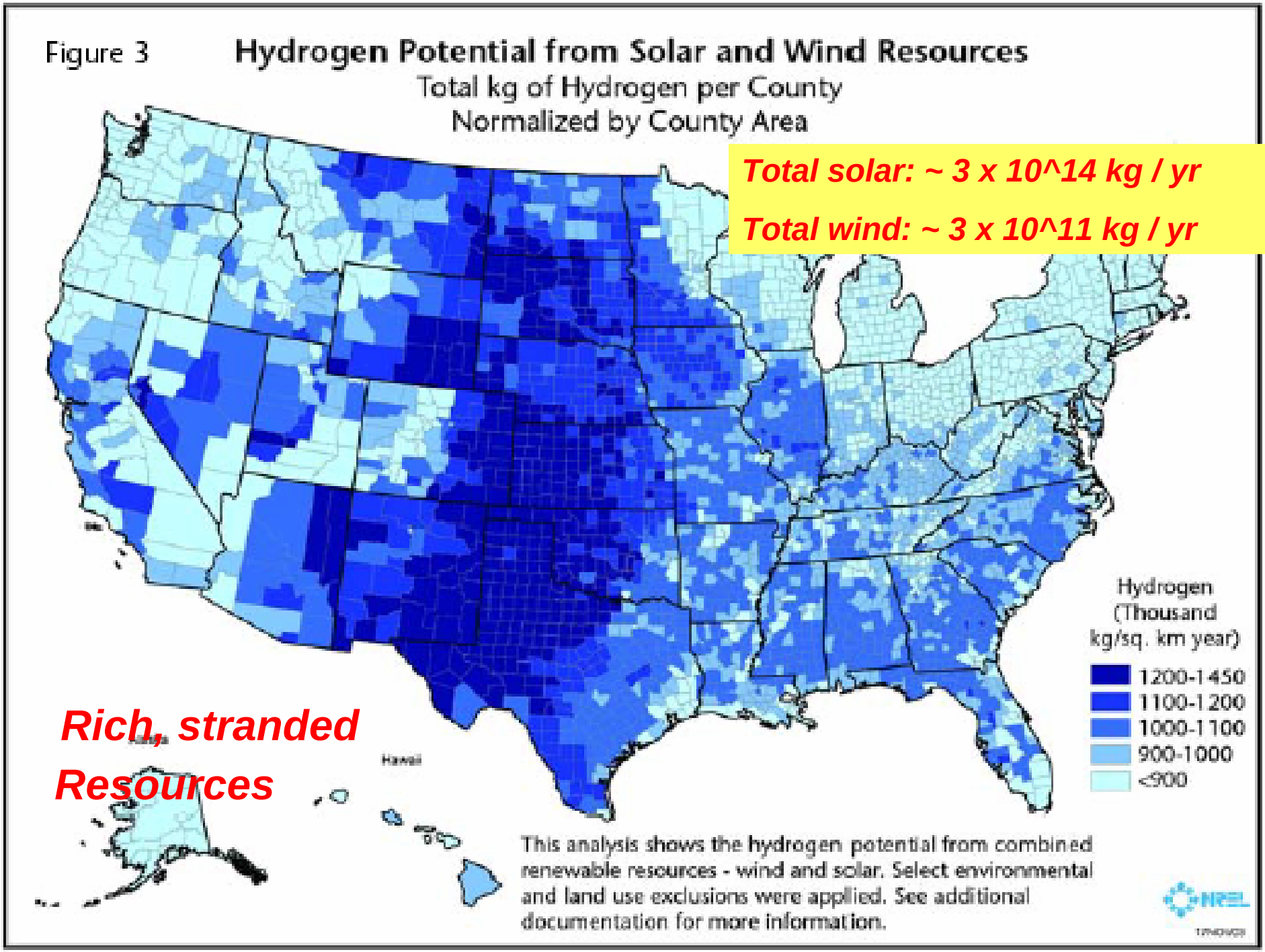


Figure 3
Hydrogen Potential from Solar and Wind Resources
Total kg of Hydrogen per County
Normalized by County Area
Total solar: ~ 3 x 10^14 kg / yr
Total wind: ~ 3 x 10^11 kg / yr
Rich, stranded Resources
Hydrogen (Thousand kg/sq. km year)
1200-1450
1100-1200
1000-1100
900-1000
<900
Hawaii
This analysis 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.
NREL

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**

GW-scale Transmission + Storage Options

- **Electricity**
  - **Vanadium Redox battery (VRB Power Systems)**
  - **Sodium-sulfur battery**
  - **PHEV (distributed)**
- **Gaseous Hydrogen (GH2)**
  - **Pipeline**
  - **Geologic: salt caverns (man-made)**
  - **Geologic: natural formations**
- **Liquid Hydrogen (LH2)**
  - **Pipeline, truck, rail car, ship**
- **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**
- **Chemicals**
  - **Hydrides**
  - **Al – Ga ← → Alumina**

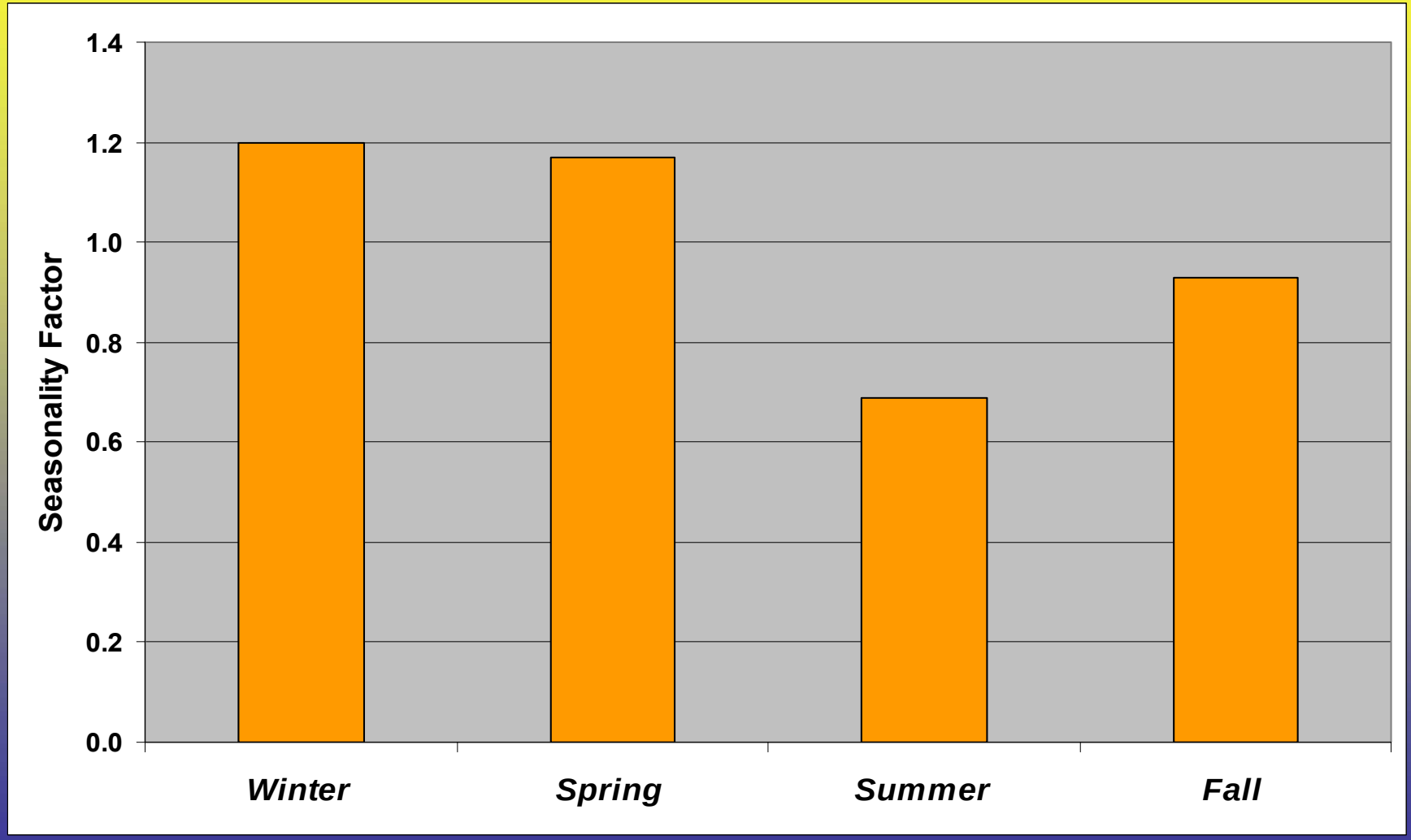
Wind seasonality, Great Plains

- 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



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:**
    - **as electricity = 450 GWh**
    - **as GH2 = 15,712 tons, metric @ 2,500 tons / cavern = 6 caverns**
  - **"Firming" energy storage, all great Plains wind:**
    - **as GH2 = 17,000 caverns @ $15M each = $264 billion**

Iowa Wind Potential

- Wind Powering America, NREL, 2000

  172 TWh / year 104,300 MW CF = 19 %

- PNL-7789, 1991

  551 TWh / year 157,000 MW CF = 40 %

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  412 TWh / year 157,000 MW CF = 30 %

Iowa installed capacity @ 12 Sept 09:

About 3,500 MW = 2.2 % of PNL-7789 potential

= 3.3 % of Wind Powering America

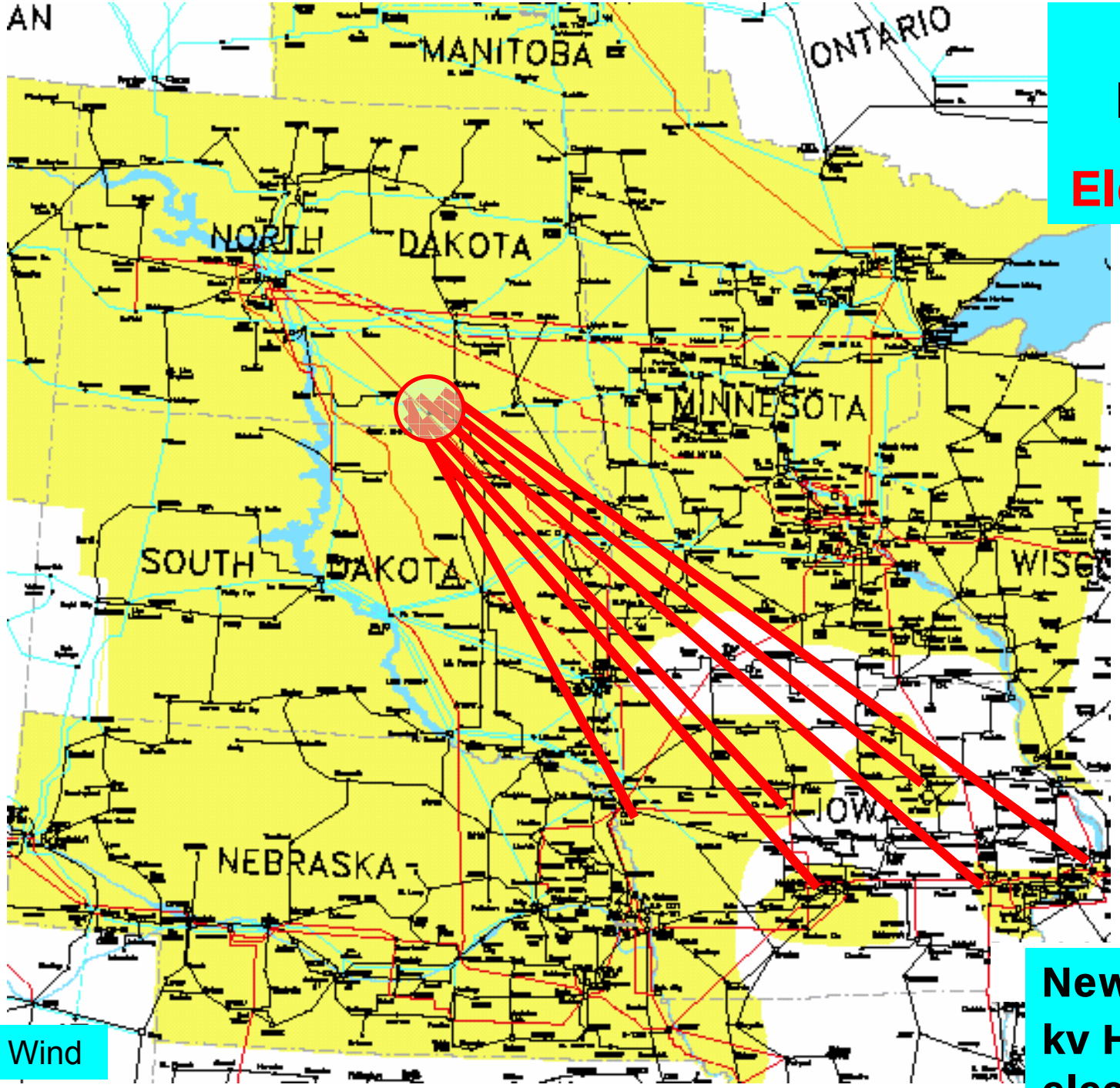
TWh = billion kWh

Iowa Wind Potential

- **Sept 09:**
  - **Installed wind capacity ~ 3,500 MW**
  - **% total electricity from wind ~ 18%**
- **100% total electricity from wind: 5.5 x 3,500 MW = 17,500 MW**
  - **If grid could gather, transmit, deliver**
  - **If "firmed" at annual scale**
  - **Seasonal-firming storage need: 430,000 MWh / 1,000 MW**
- **17,500 MW = 11% of PNL-7789 potential: Other 89%**
  - **IA heating fuel**
  - **IA transportation fuel**
  - **Export: to East ?**
- **Need transmission and firming storage:**
  - **Electricity**
  - **Hydrogen, gaseous (GH2)**
  - **Ammonia, anhydrous (NH3)**
  - **Other ?**

Iowa Wind Potential

- **Stanford, M.Z. Jacobson, et al**
- **80m hub height**
- **USA wind resource greater than previous:**
  - **0.3 – 0.5 m/s higher windspeed than previous**
  - **“Windy” =~ 7 m/s @ 80m**
  - **+ 0.5 m/s = (7.5 / 7) = 1.07**
  - **(1.07) ^3 = 1.31**
  - **31 % more AEP**
  - **1/5 USA land: wind competes with new coal or gas**



All of Iowa's Electricity

New + / - 500 kv HVDC ---- electric line

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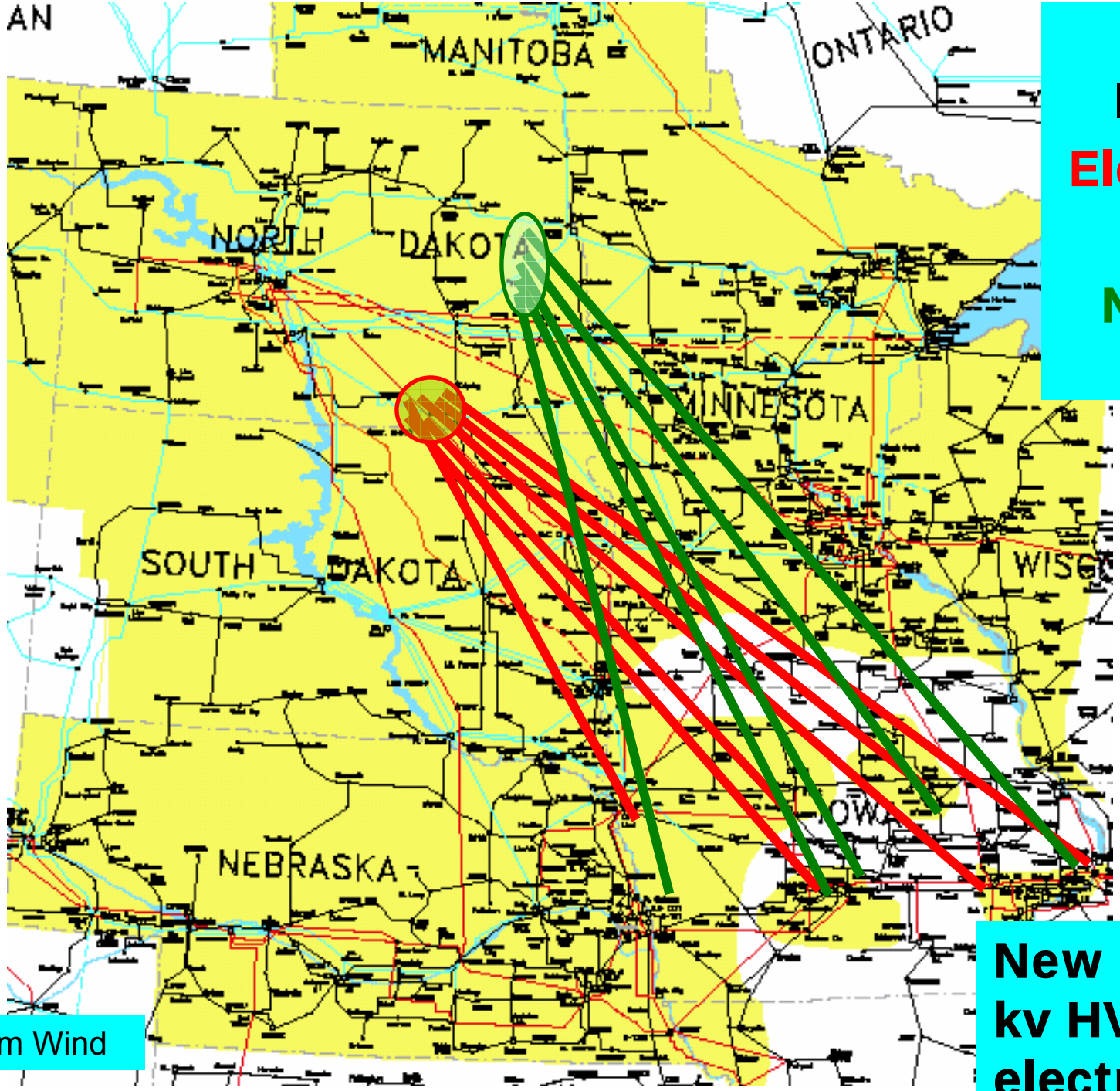

All of Iowa's Electricity + Natural Gas

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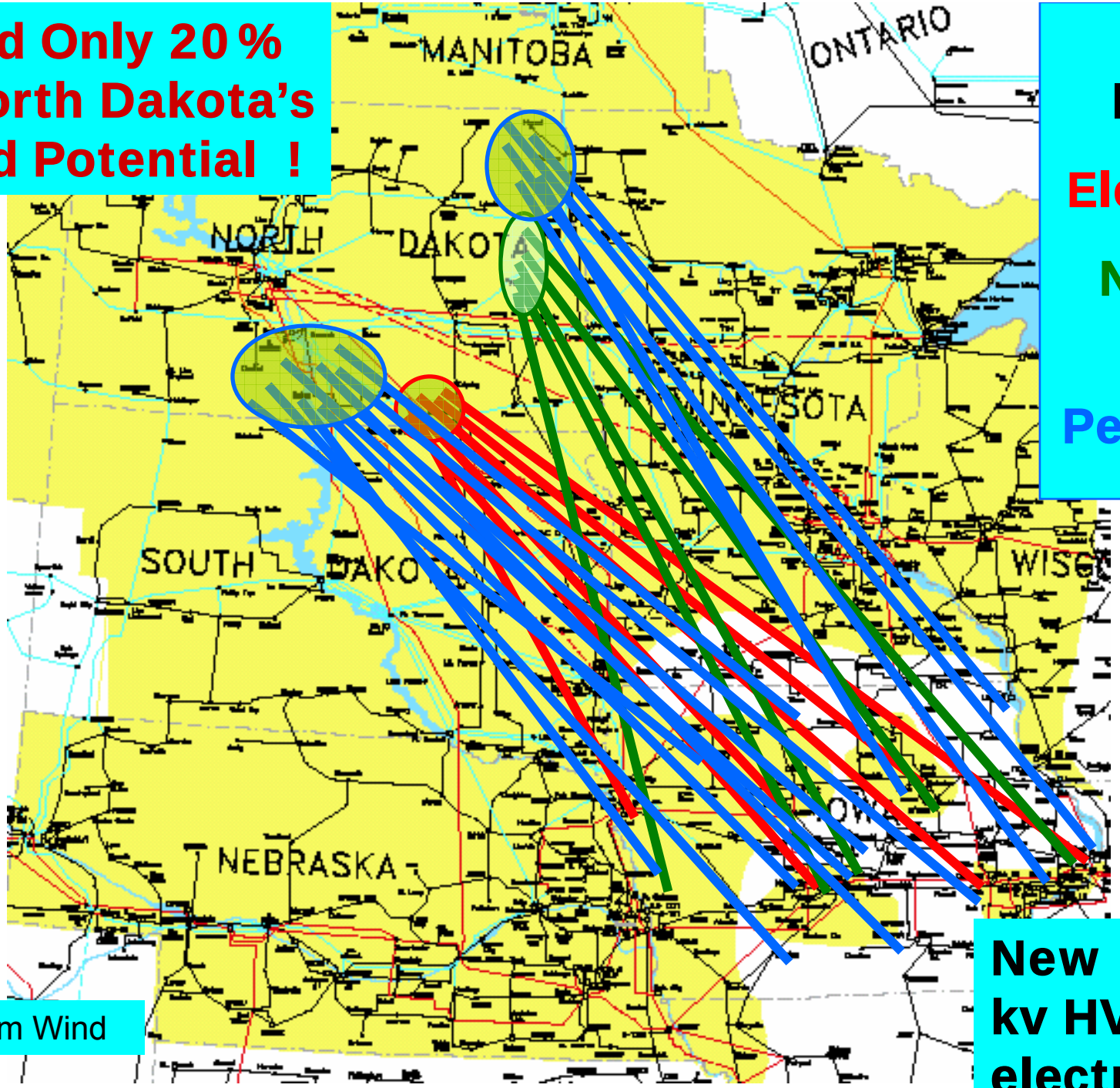
Used Only 20 % of North Dakota's Wind Potential !



All of Iowa's

Electricity

Natural Gas

Petroleum

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New + / - 500 kv HVDC ---- electric lines

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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**
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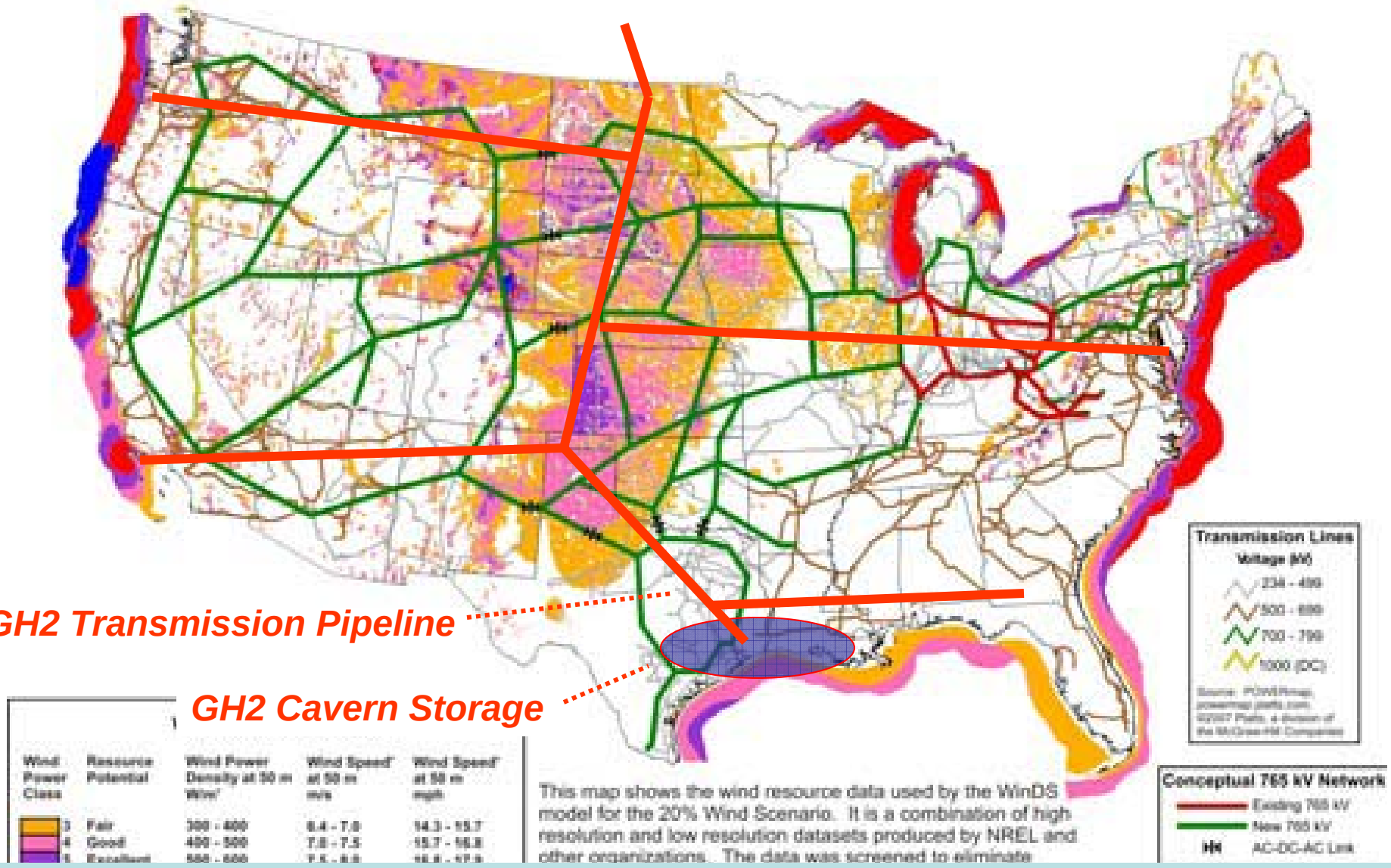
AWEA 20% Wind by 2030



Wind Potential ~= 3,000 GW

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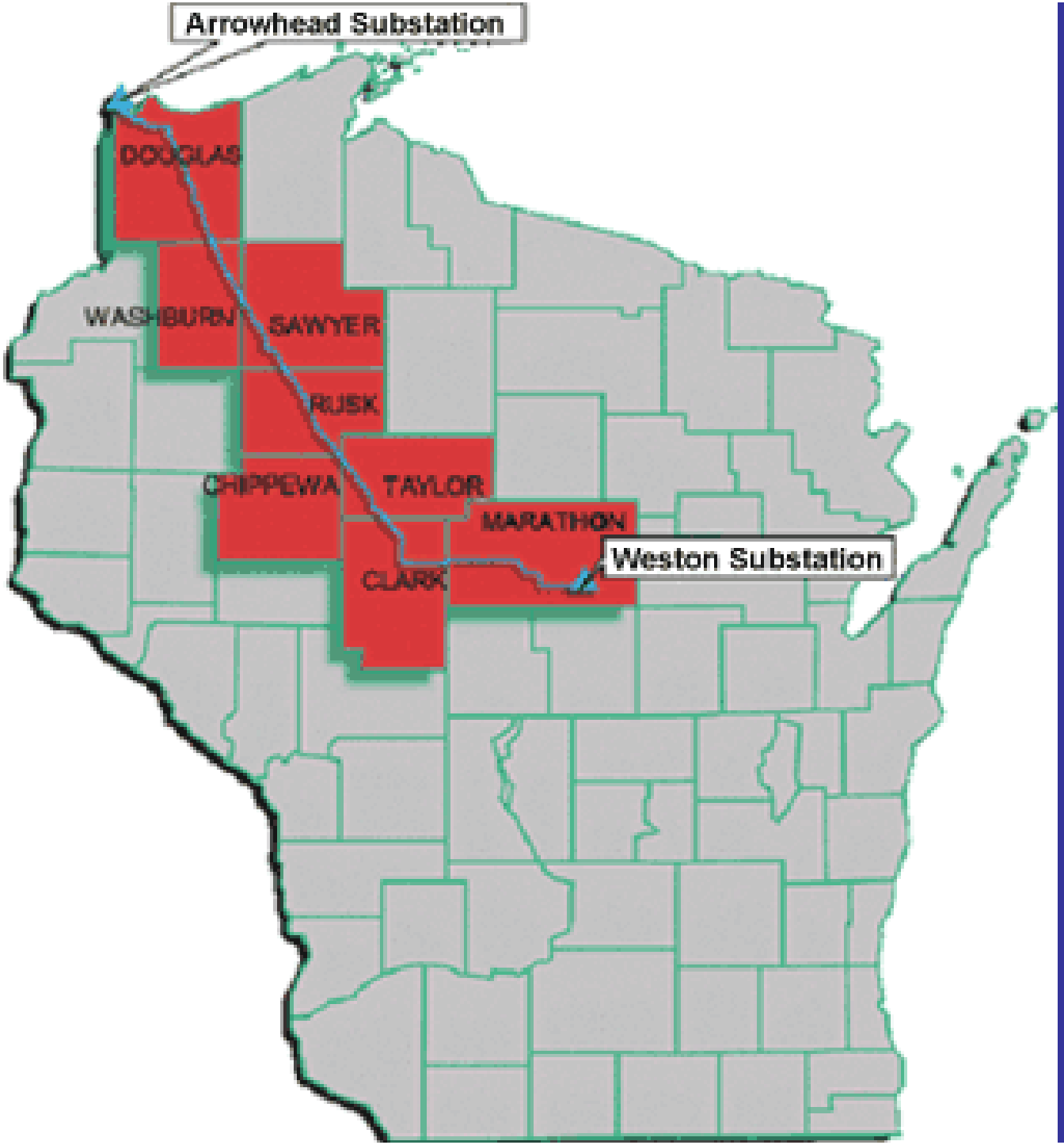


Arrowhead – Weston Line

$321M

total capital cost

220 miles

Nov '07

Total Direct Spending on the Arrowhead-Weston Line

Materials and Equipment	$ 66,635,968
Construction and Other Services	$ **179,518,991**
Real Estate Payments and Fees	$ 19,410,722
Sales and Use Taxes	$ 8,107,689
WPSC Costs and ATC Line Costs	$ 28,028,291
Environmental Impact Fees	$ 19,285,381
TOTAL	$ **320,987,041**

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF POWER TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

	Arrowhead-Weston
Jobs Generated / Supported	2,560
Tax Revenue Generated	$9,542,256
Total Economic Impact	$464,402,302
Return on Investment (Per $1.00 spent)	$1.45

ITC Holdings

Dec ’07

Alliant

IPL

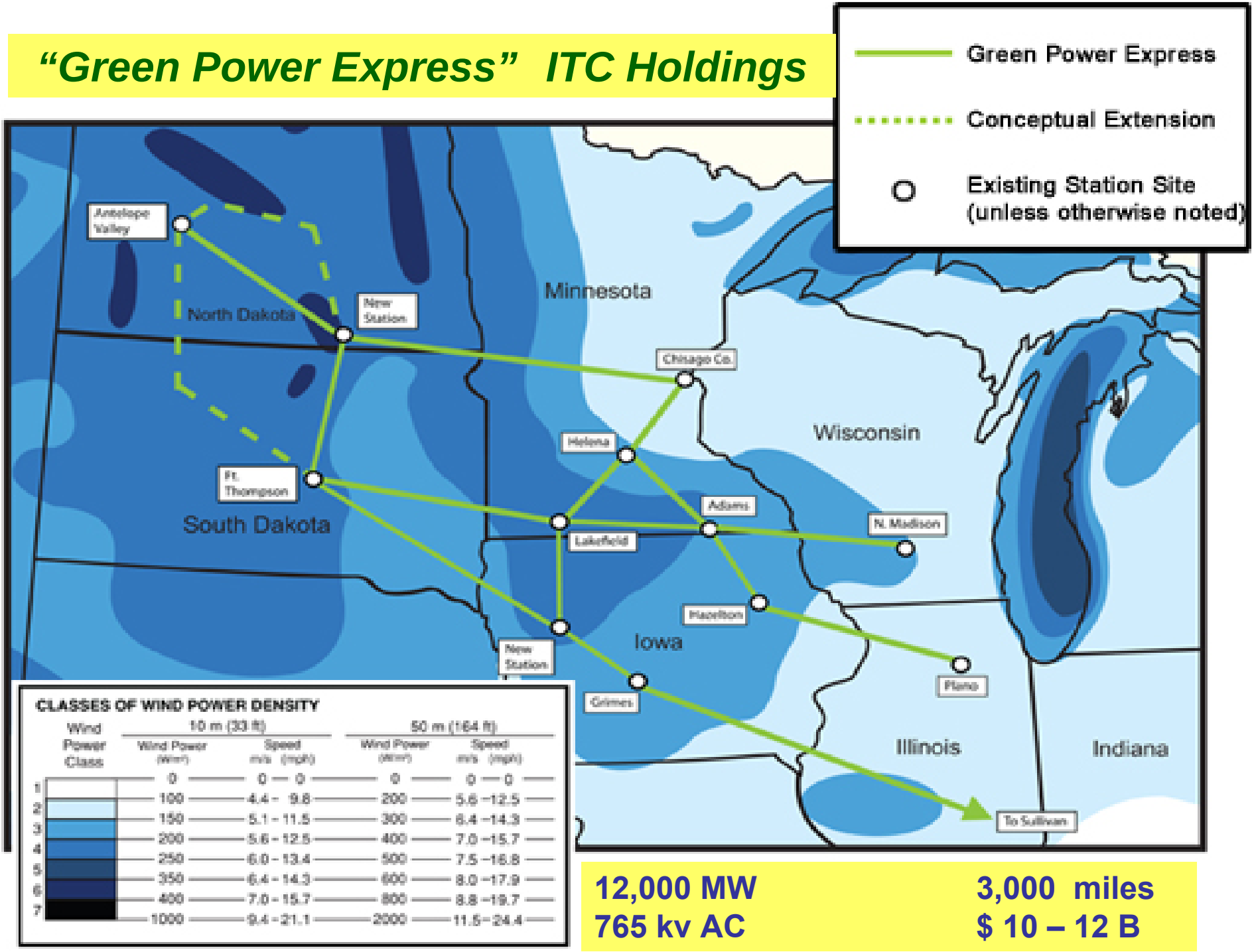
6,800 miles 34.5 kv +

170 substations

700 communities

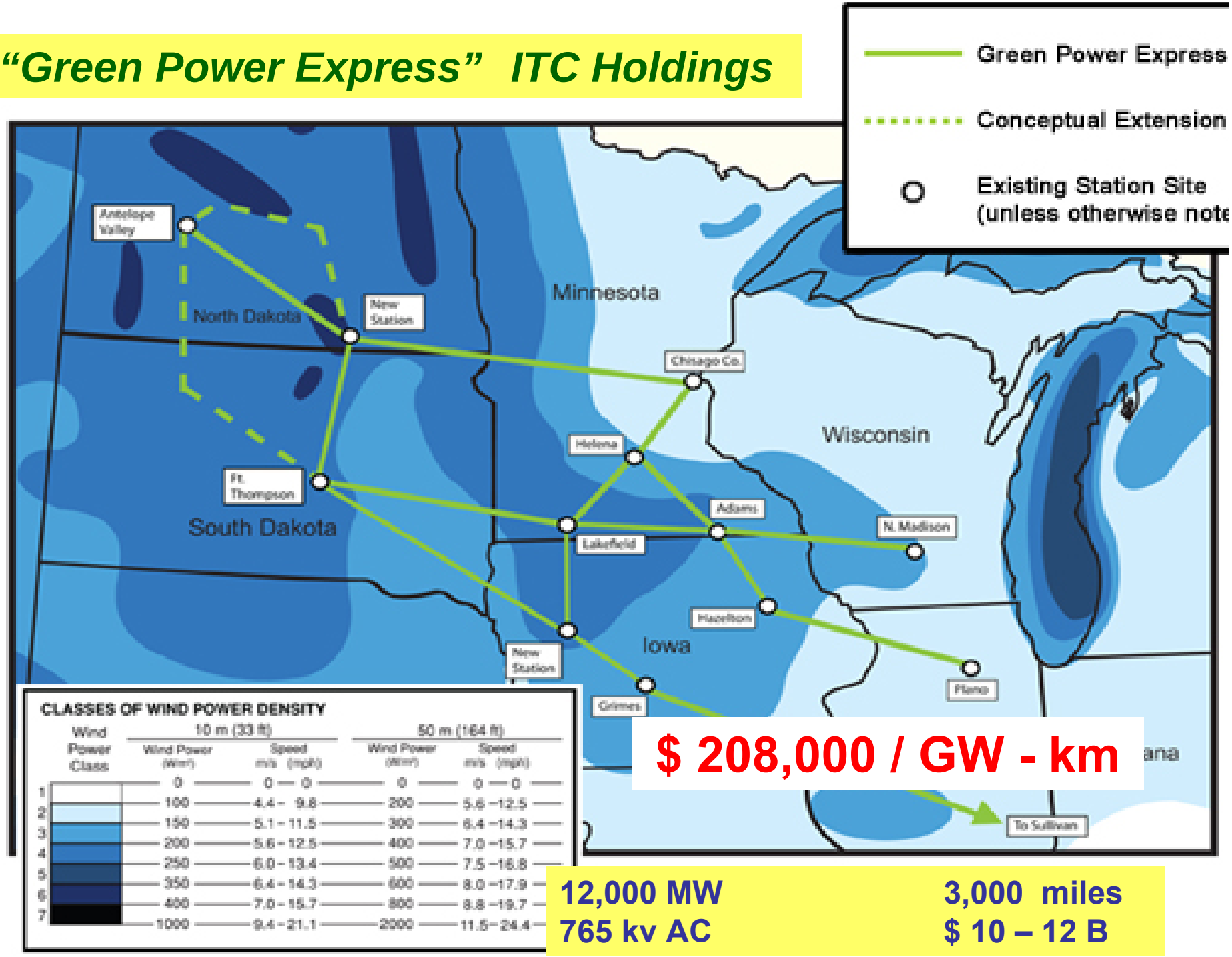
4 states

"Green Power Express" ITC Holdings



12,000 MW **3,000 miles**
765 kv AC **$ 10 – 12 B**

"Green Power Express" ITC Holdings



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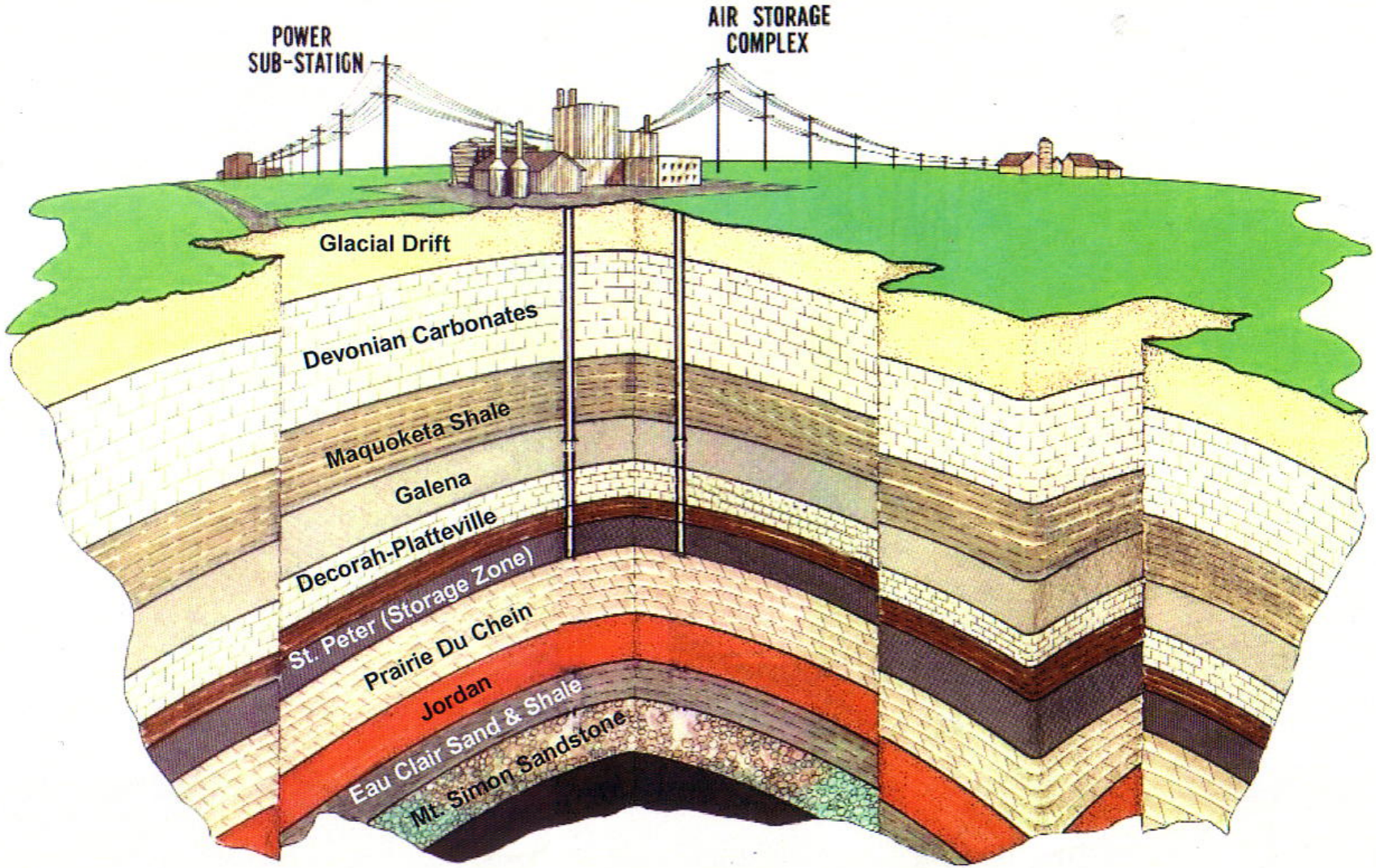
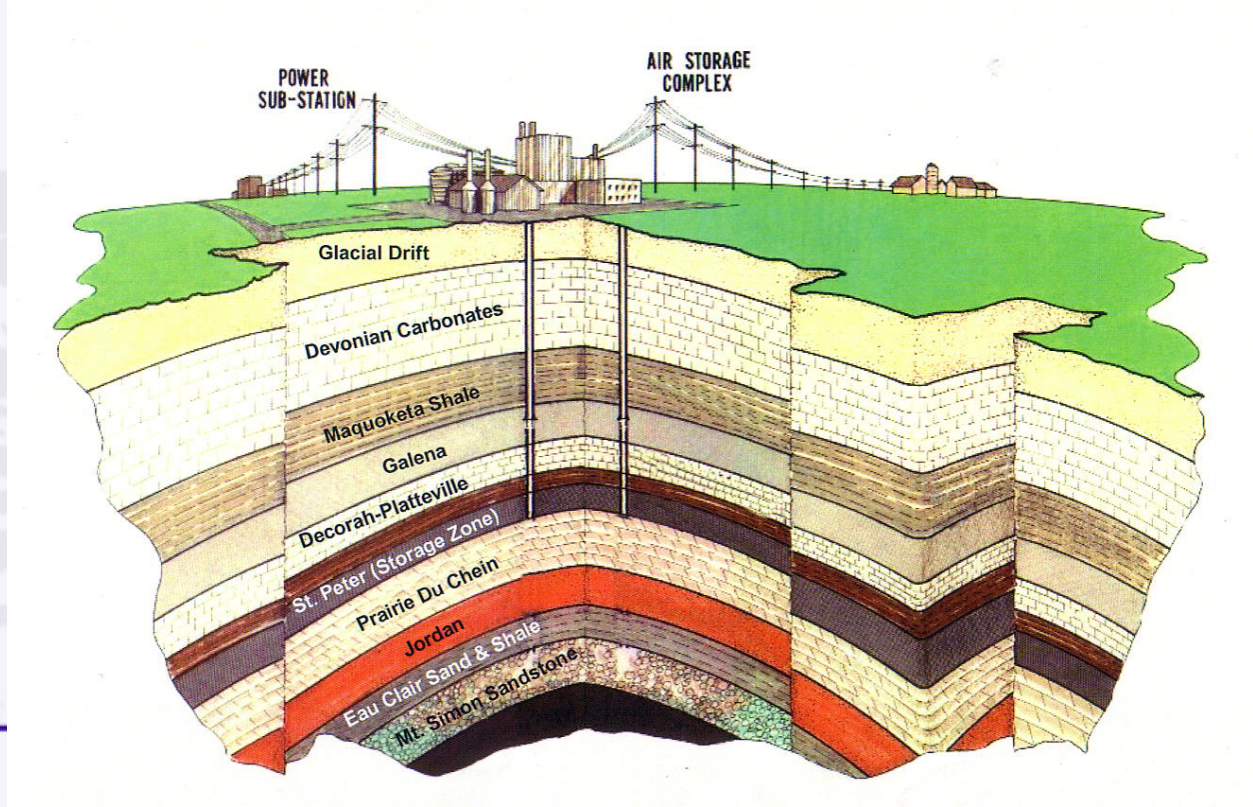
Compressed air energy storage (CAES)

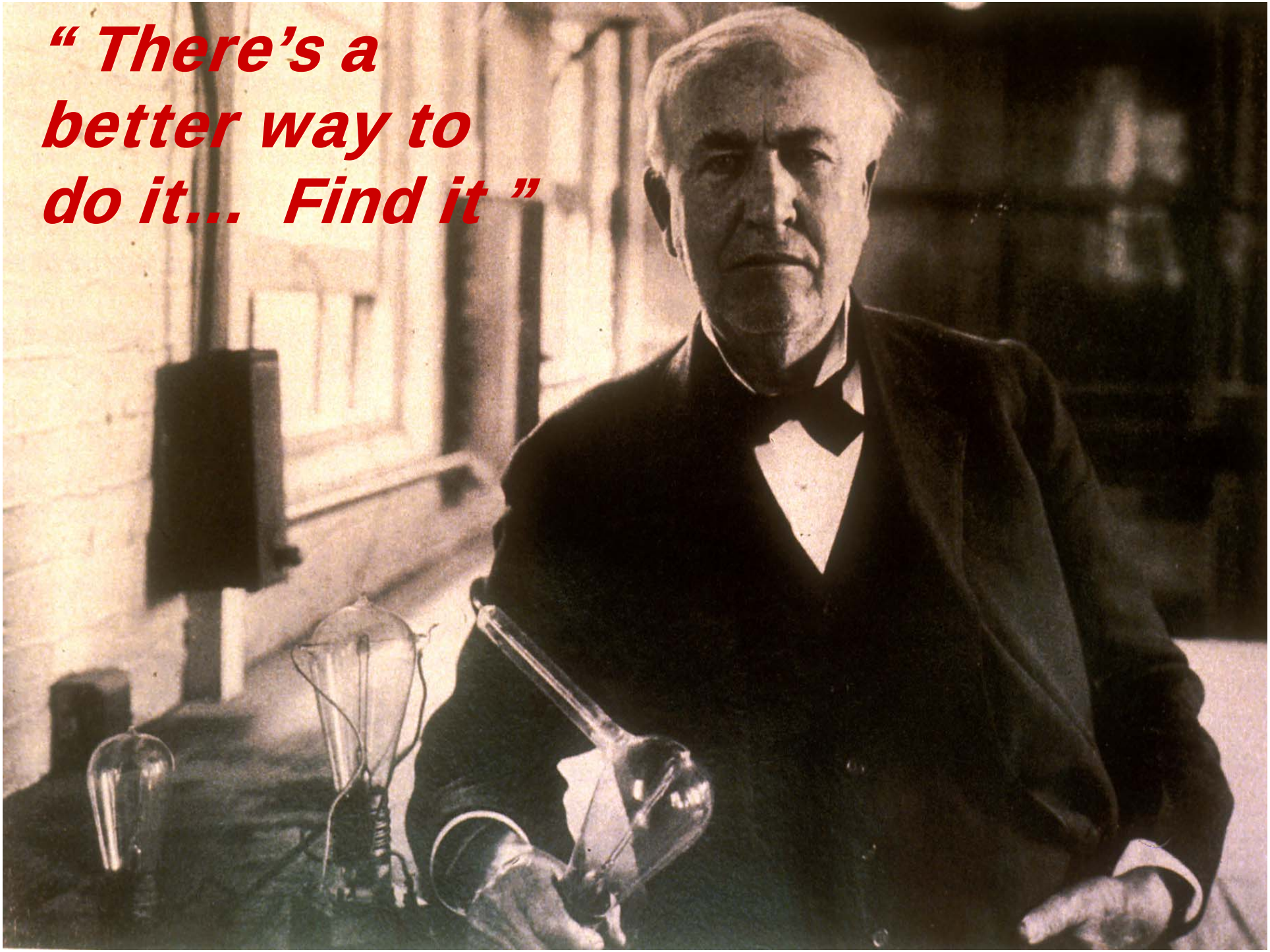
Iowa Energy Storage Plant: Geology



Hourly to Weekly Storage

- *Compressed air energy storage (CAES)*
- *Sodium – sulfur battery*
- *VRB: vanadium redox battery*
- *Pumped hydro*




“ There’s a
better way to
do it… Find it ”

Green Jobs in Renewable Energy: Energy Systems

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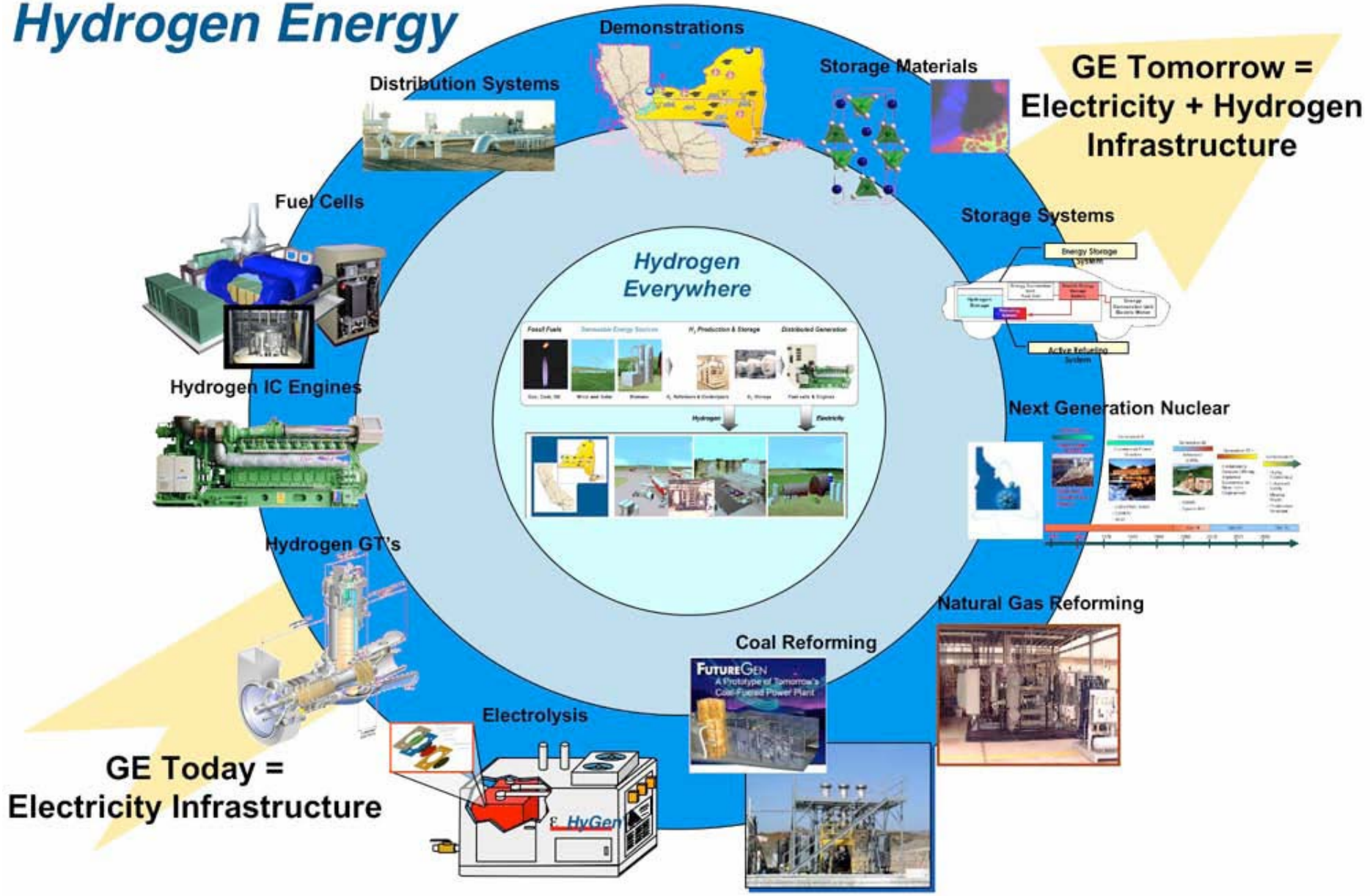
"Hydrogen and electricity become the primary currencies in the future energy economy"

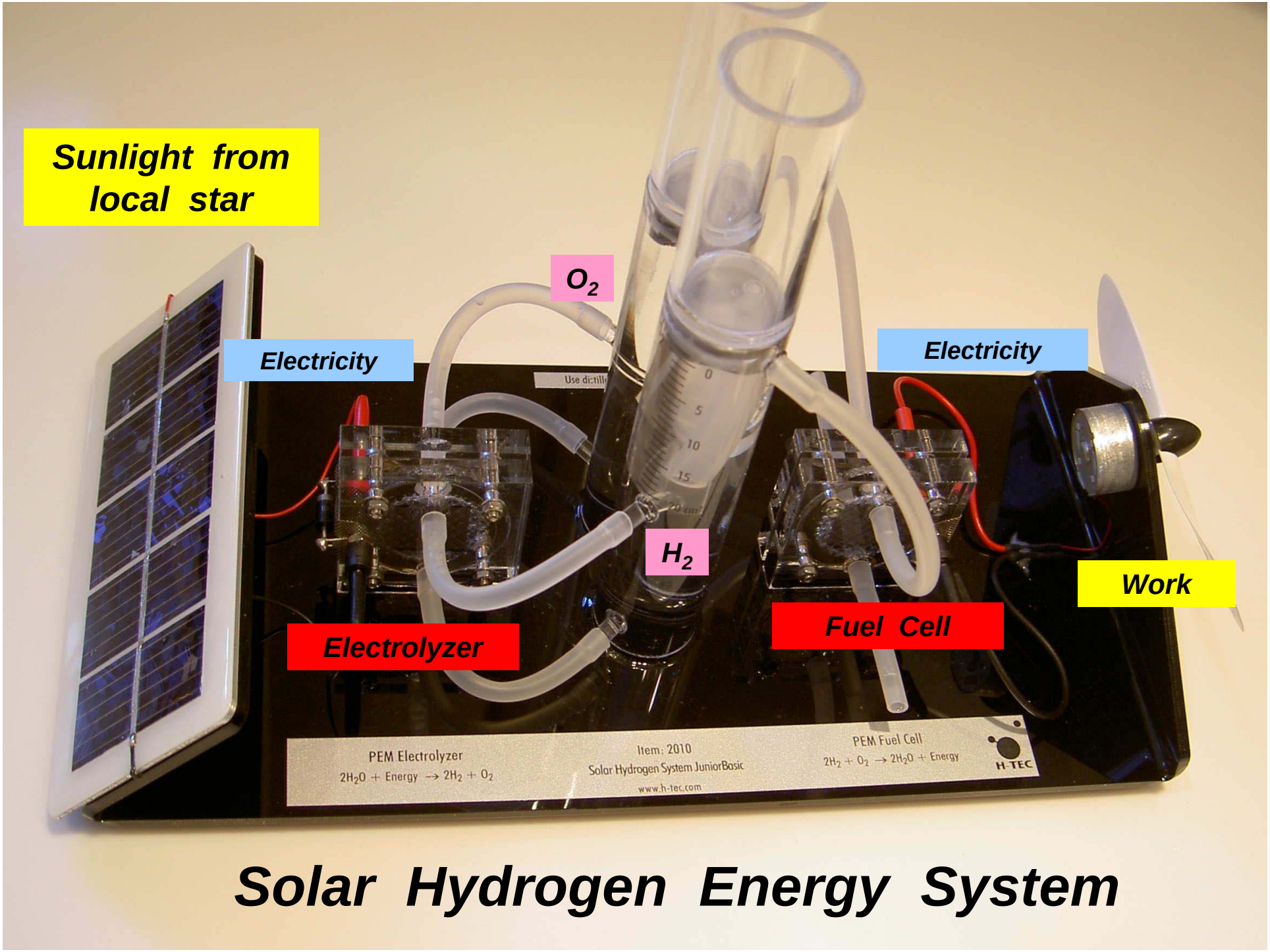
Utility electrolysis vision

- 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



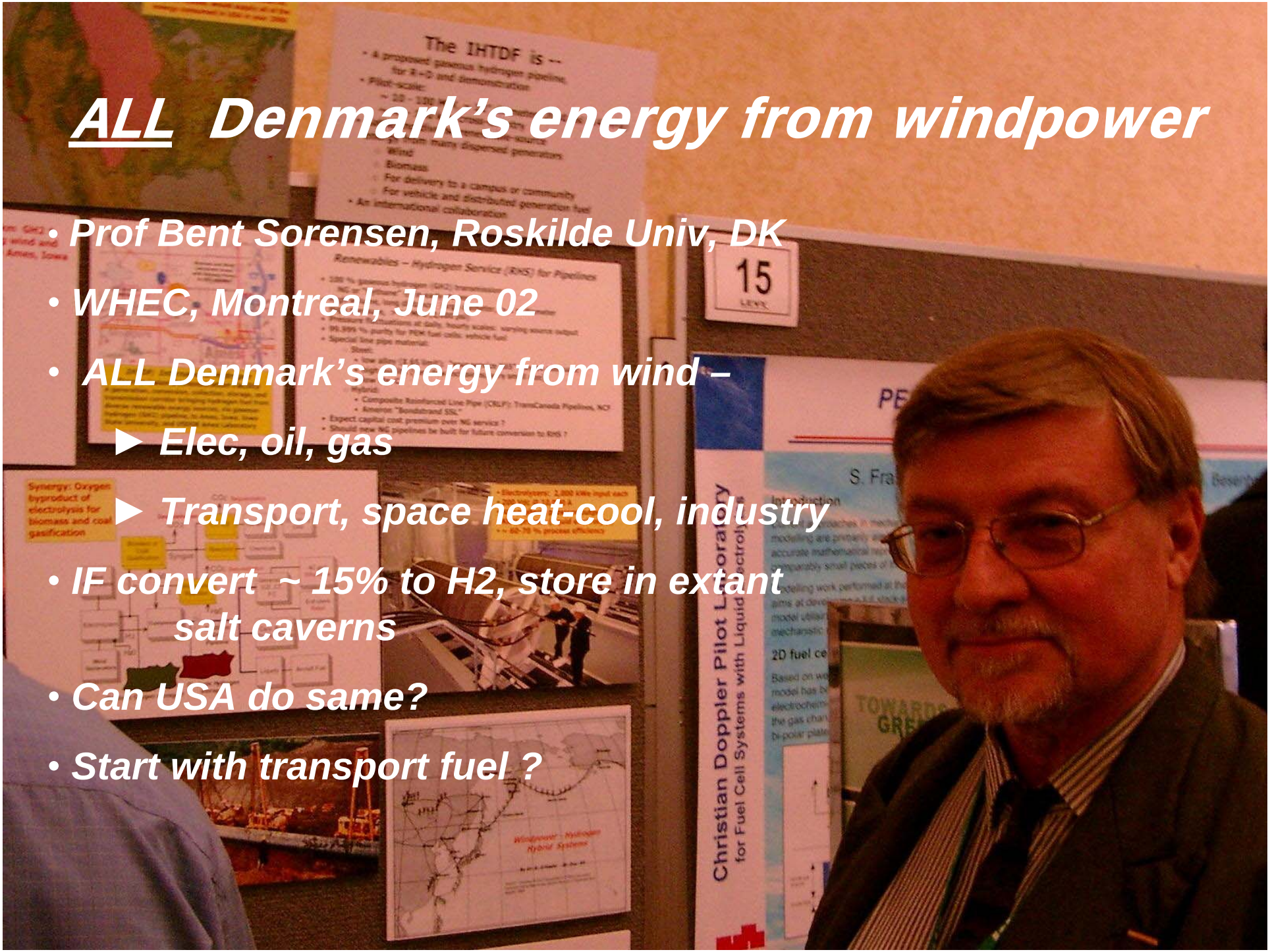


Solar Hydrogen Energy System

Hydrogen Fuel Cell

Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) type

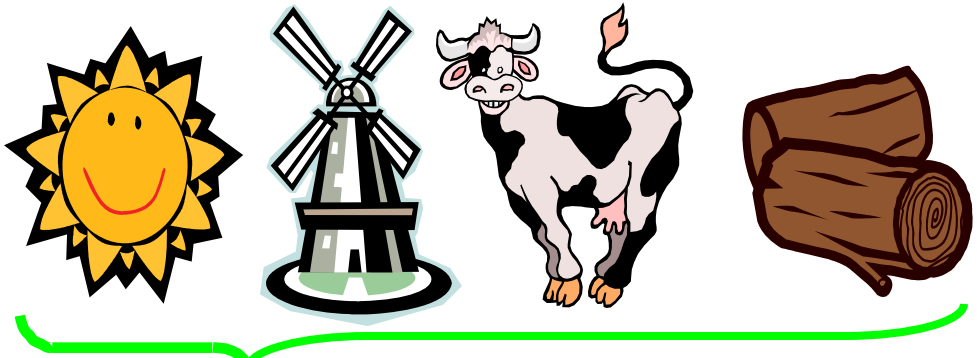
Hydrogen (H2) combines with Oxygen (O2) to make electricity + heat + water (H2O)



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



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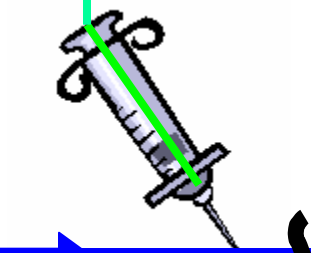

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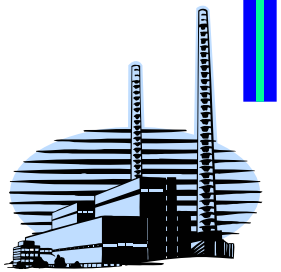
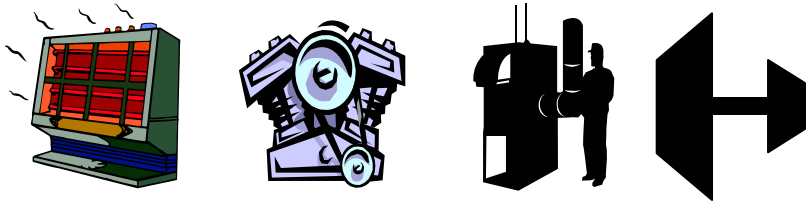
Full H2-area

NATURALHY:

- ***Breaks "chicken-egg" dilemma***
- ***Bridge to sustainable future***





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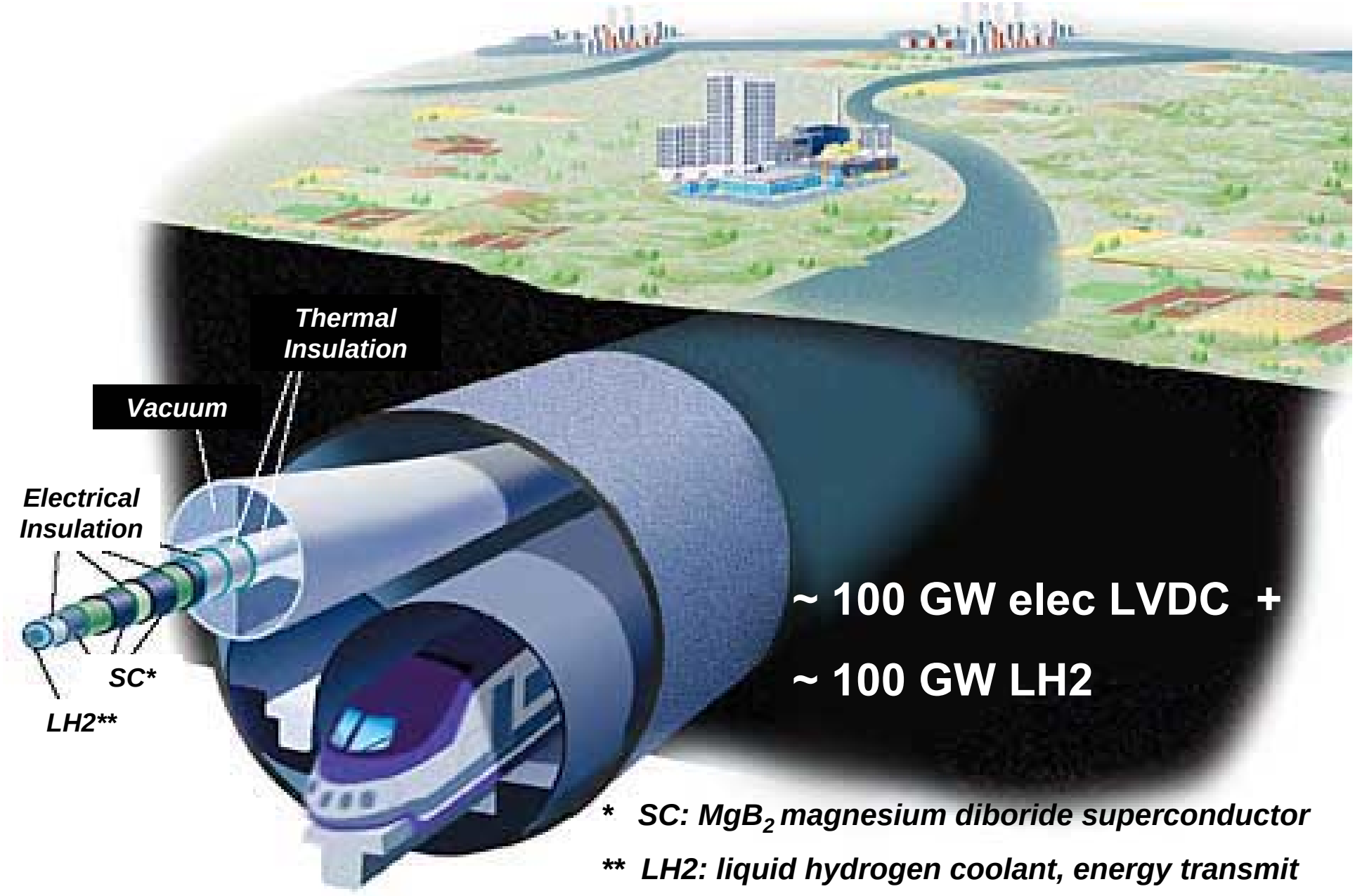


* SC: MgB_2 magnesium diboride superconductor

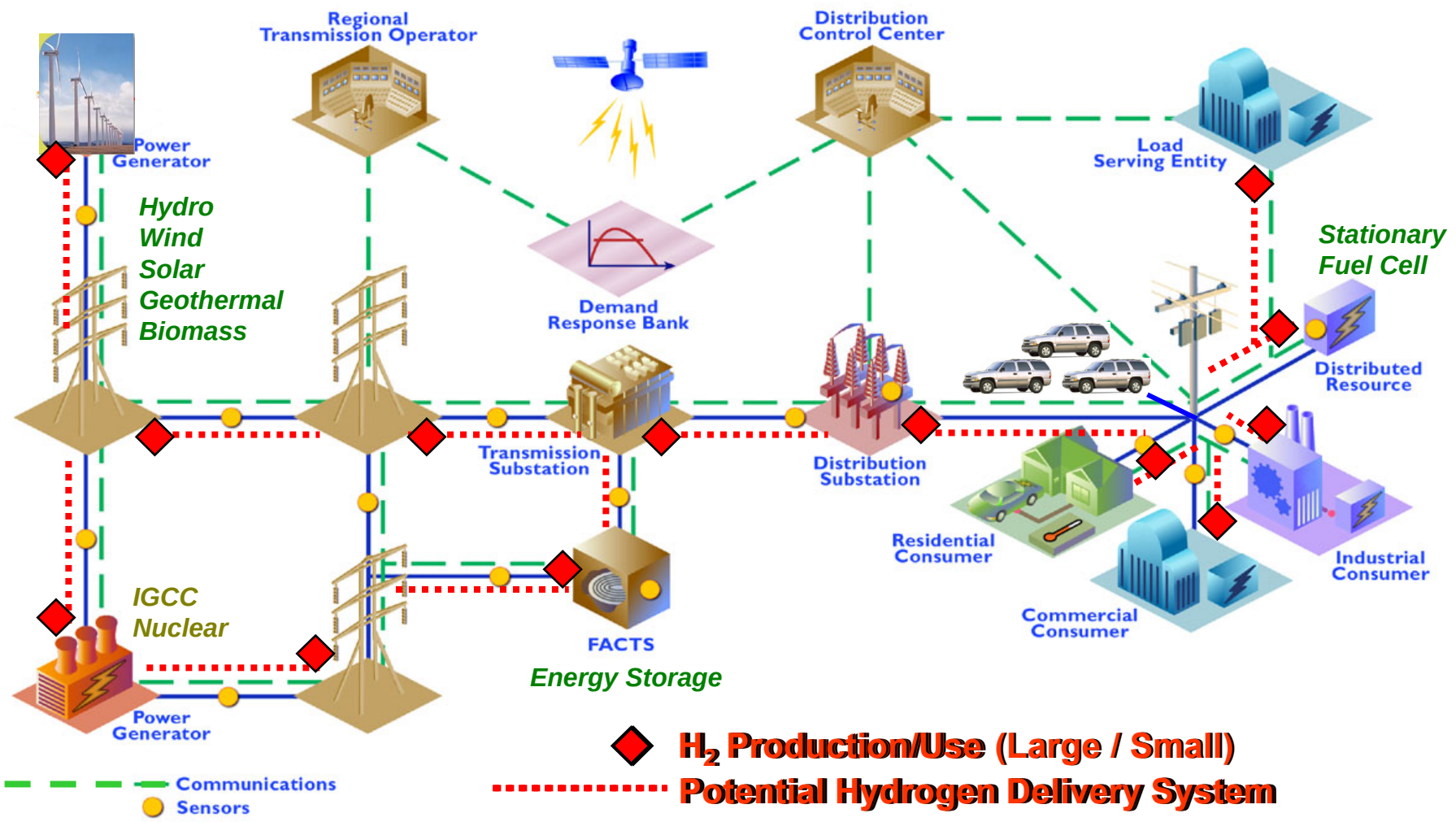
** LH2: liquid hydrogen coolant, energy transmit

Continental Supergrid – EPRI concept "Energy Pipeline"

Hydrogen, Fuel Cell Running on water ?


www.qtww.com
Hydrogen - fueled
2005 Prius
ICE Hybrid

Energy System of the Future



Frank Novachek, Director Corporate Planning

EPRI

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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)

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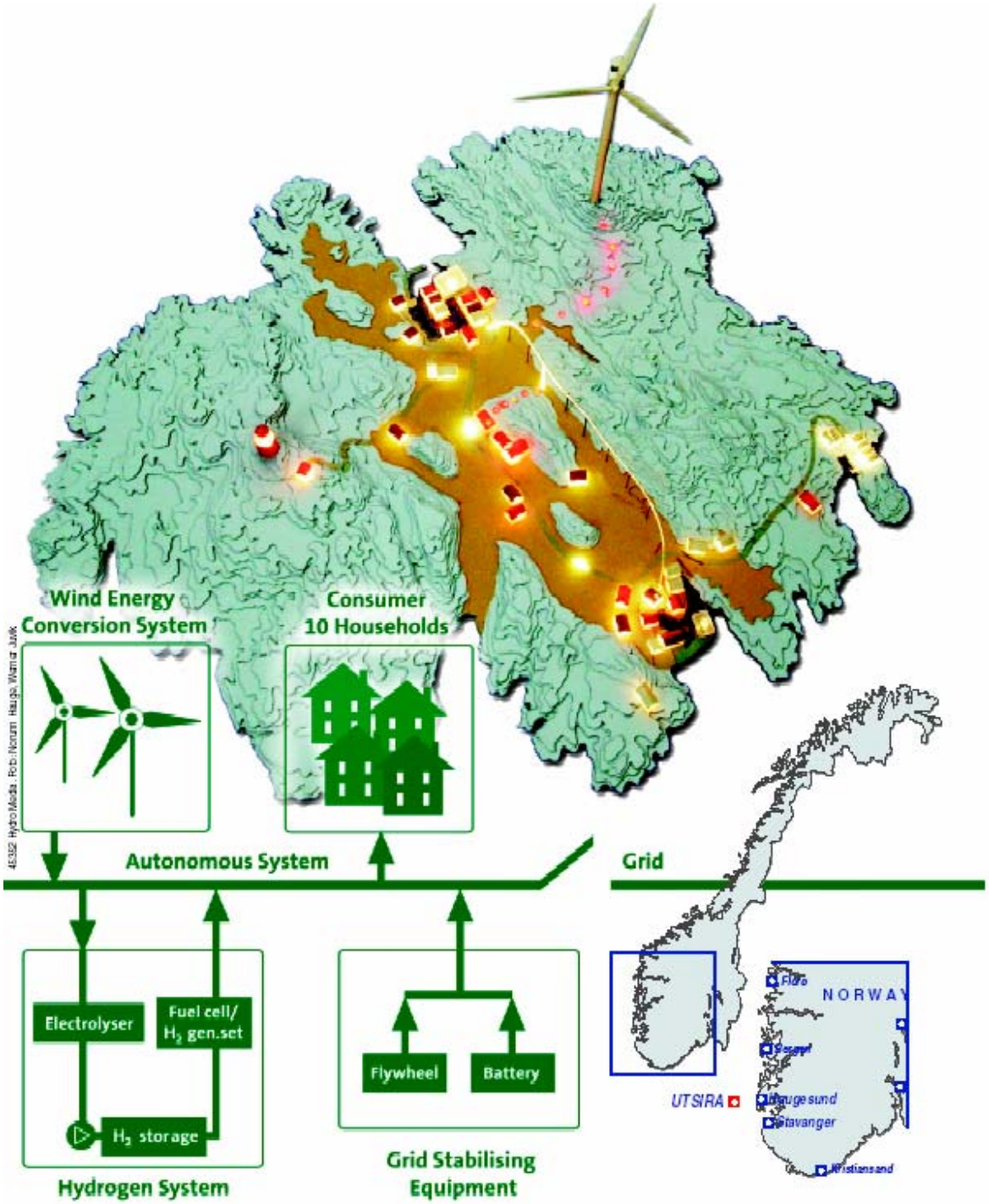
Hydrogen Utility Group (HUG)

Utsira Island, Norway



Utsira Island

Norway

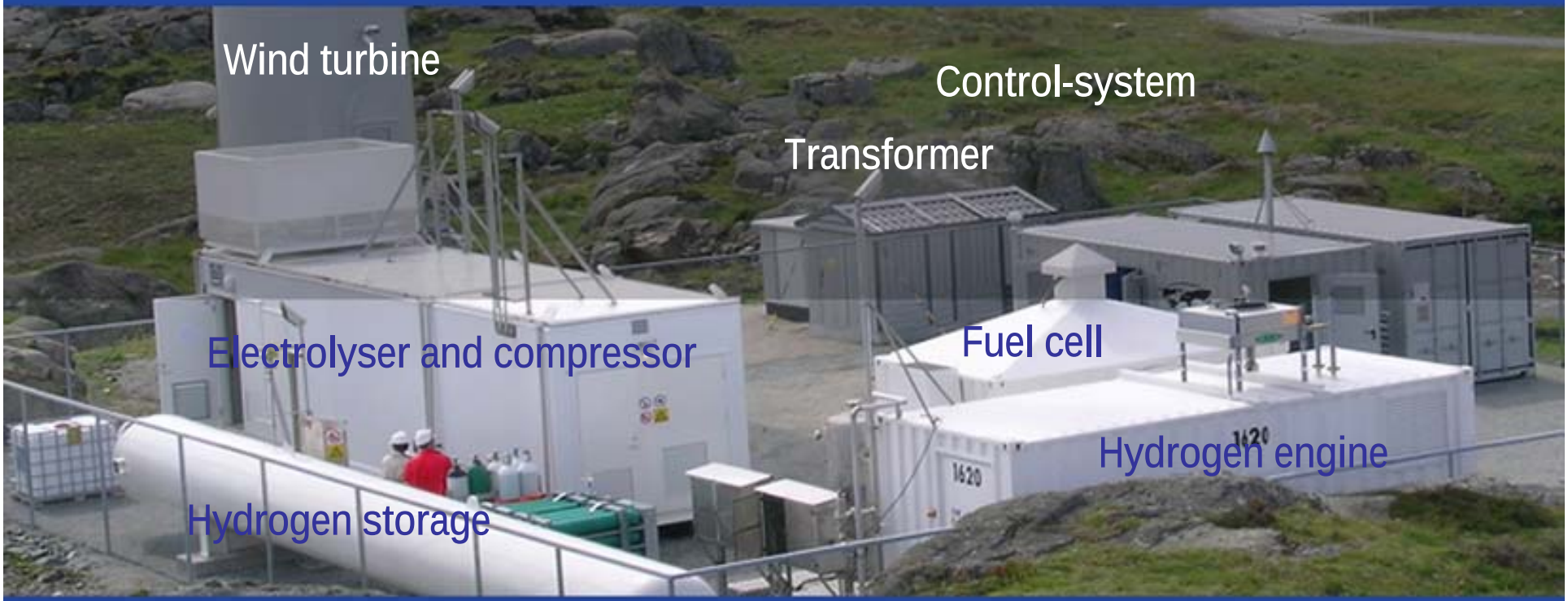
Wind – Hydrogen Autonomous System

Replaces aging electricity cable from mainland

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

The wind – hydrogen plant at Utsira

A vision becoming reality



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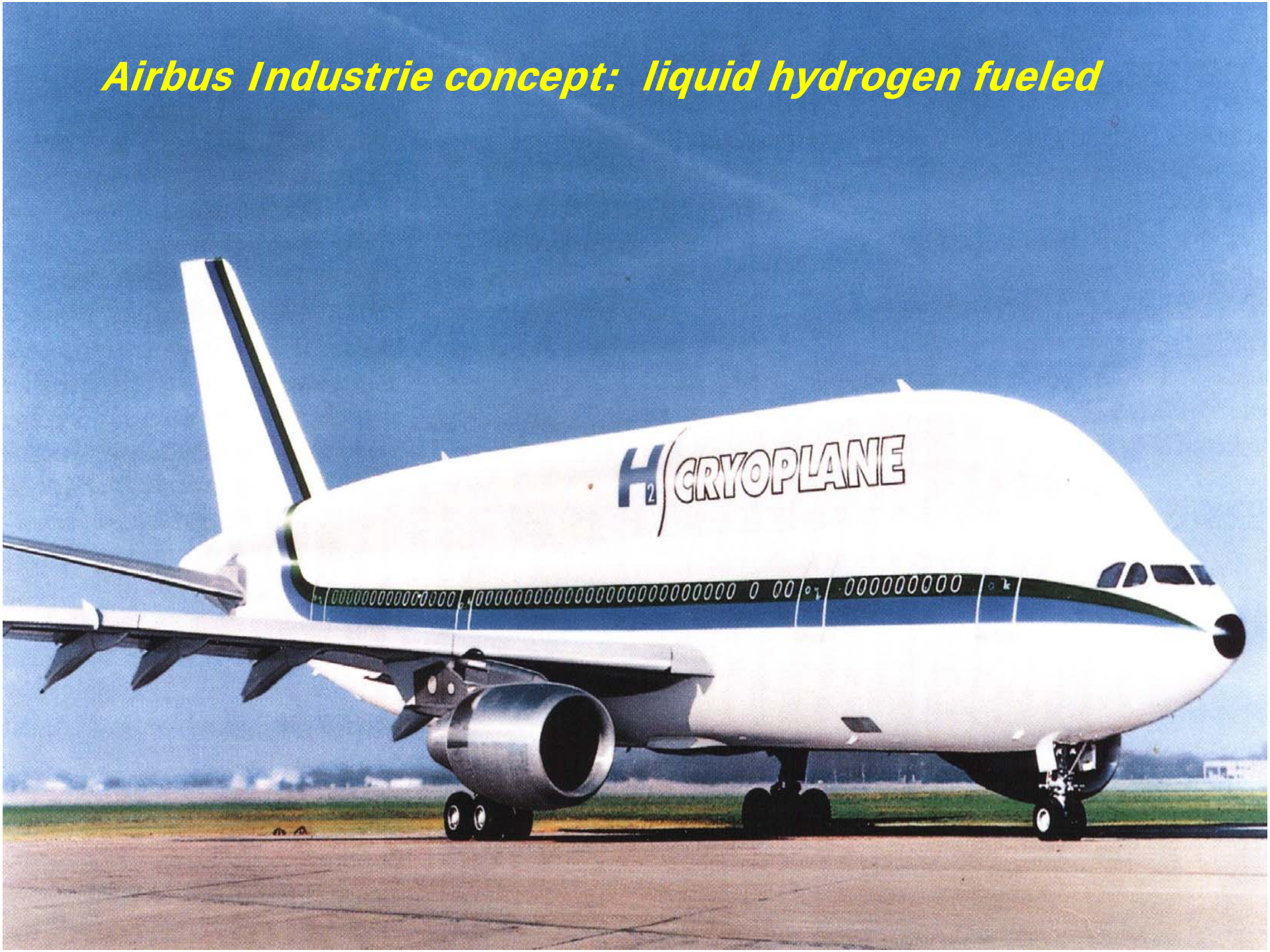
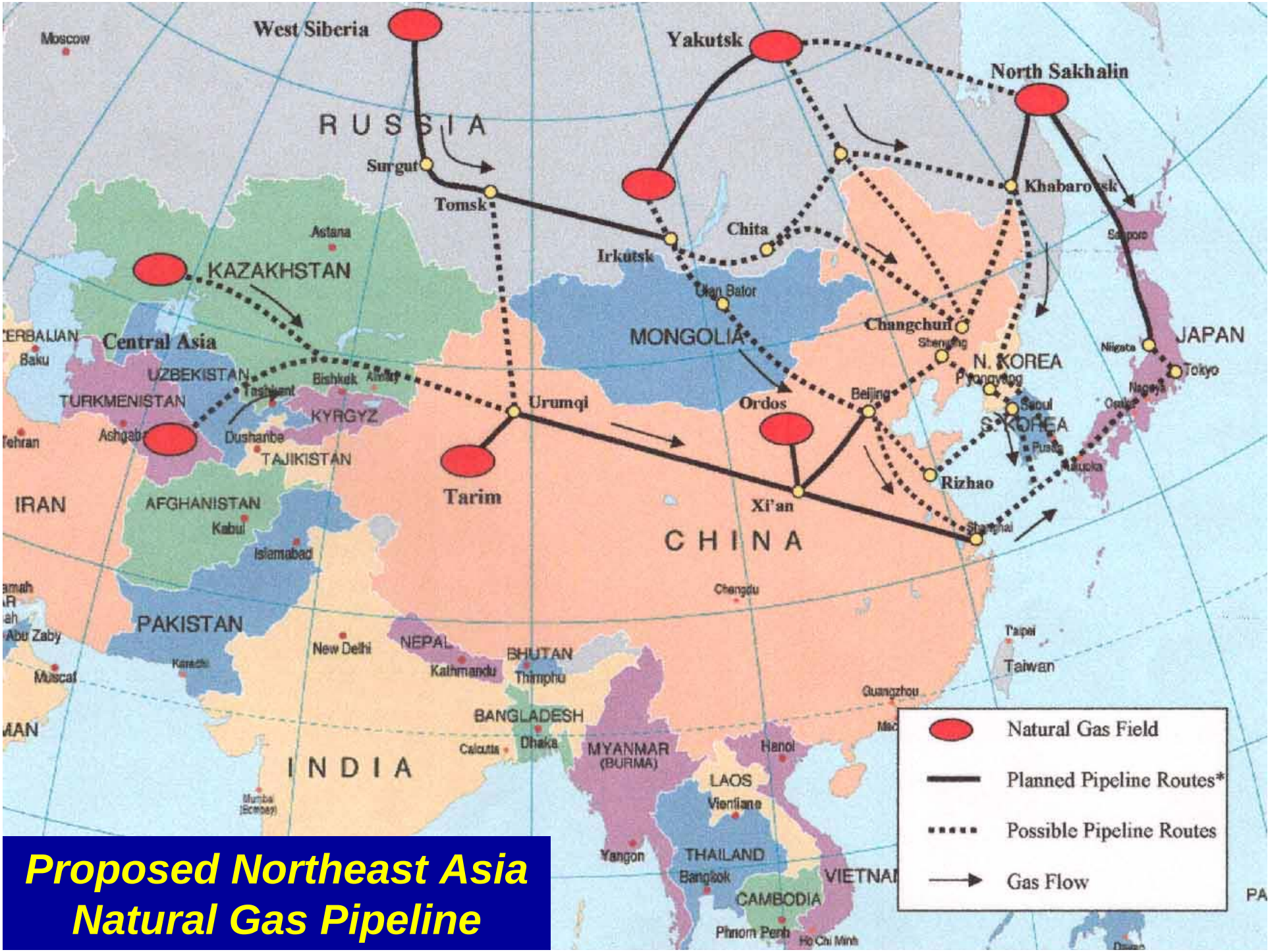
Airbus Industrie concept: liquid hydrogen fueled

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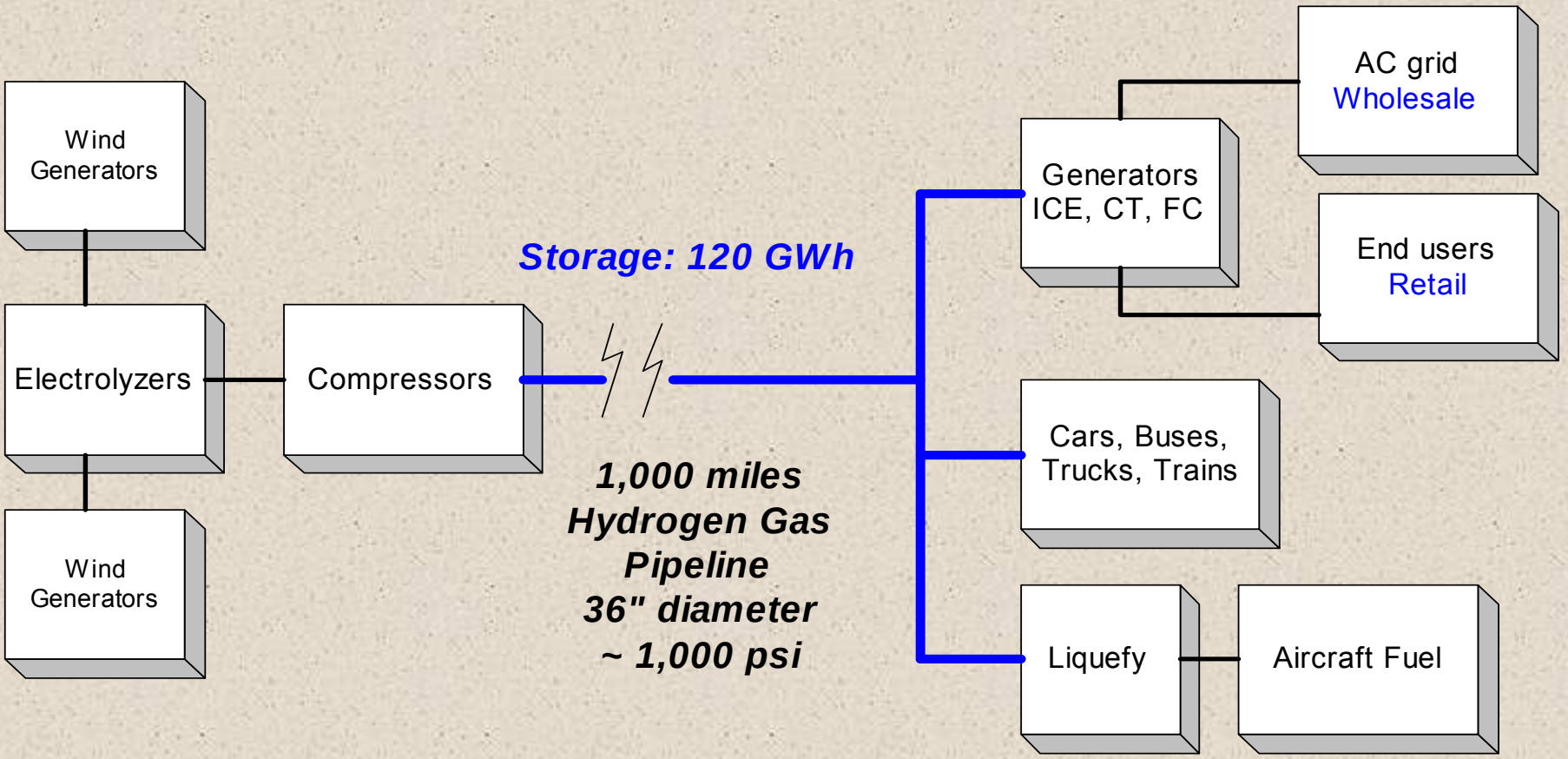
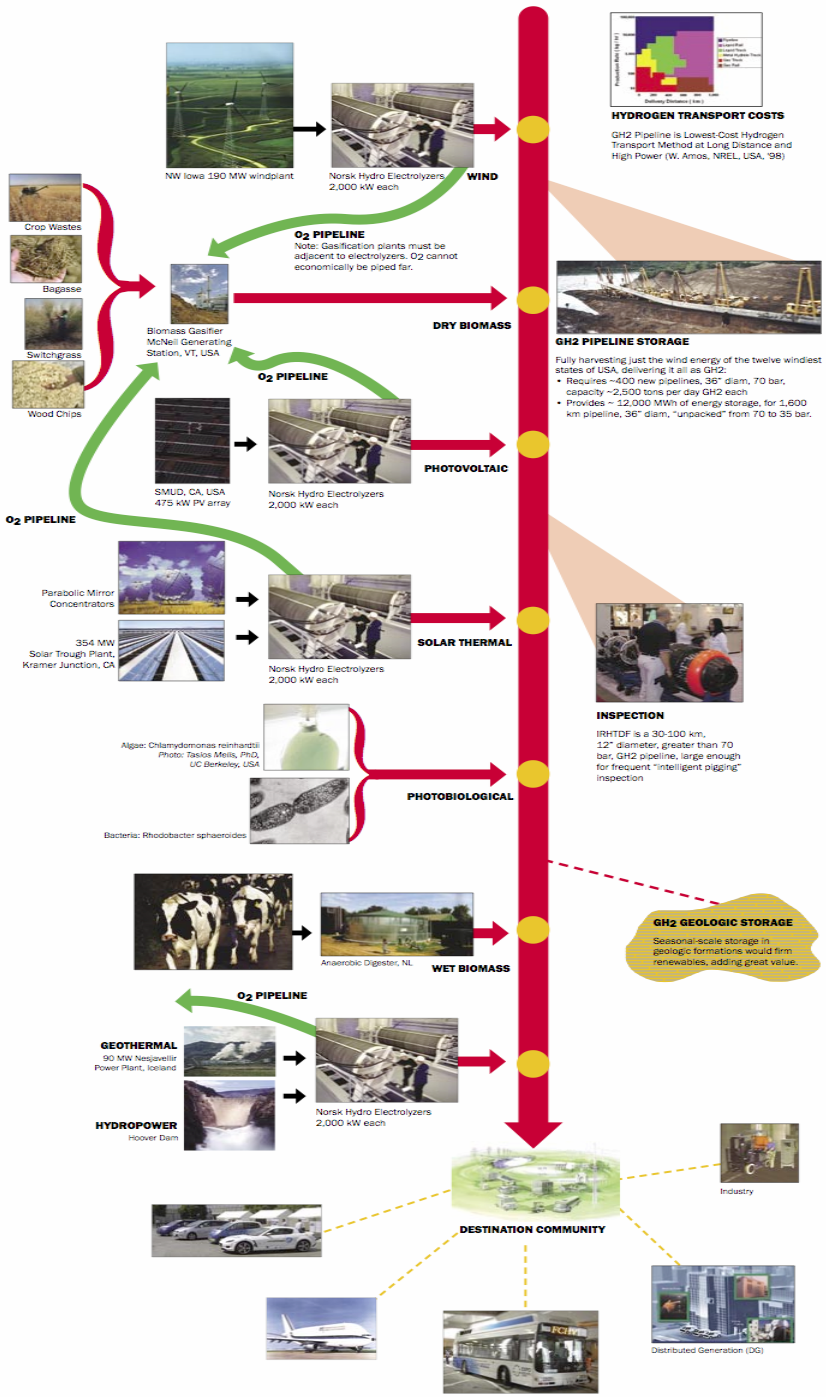
Hydrogen Transmission Scenario

- *Low-pressure electrolyzers*
- *"Pack" pipeline: ~ 1-2 days' storage = 120 GWh*



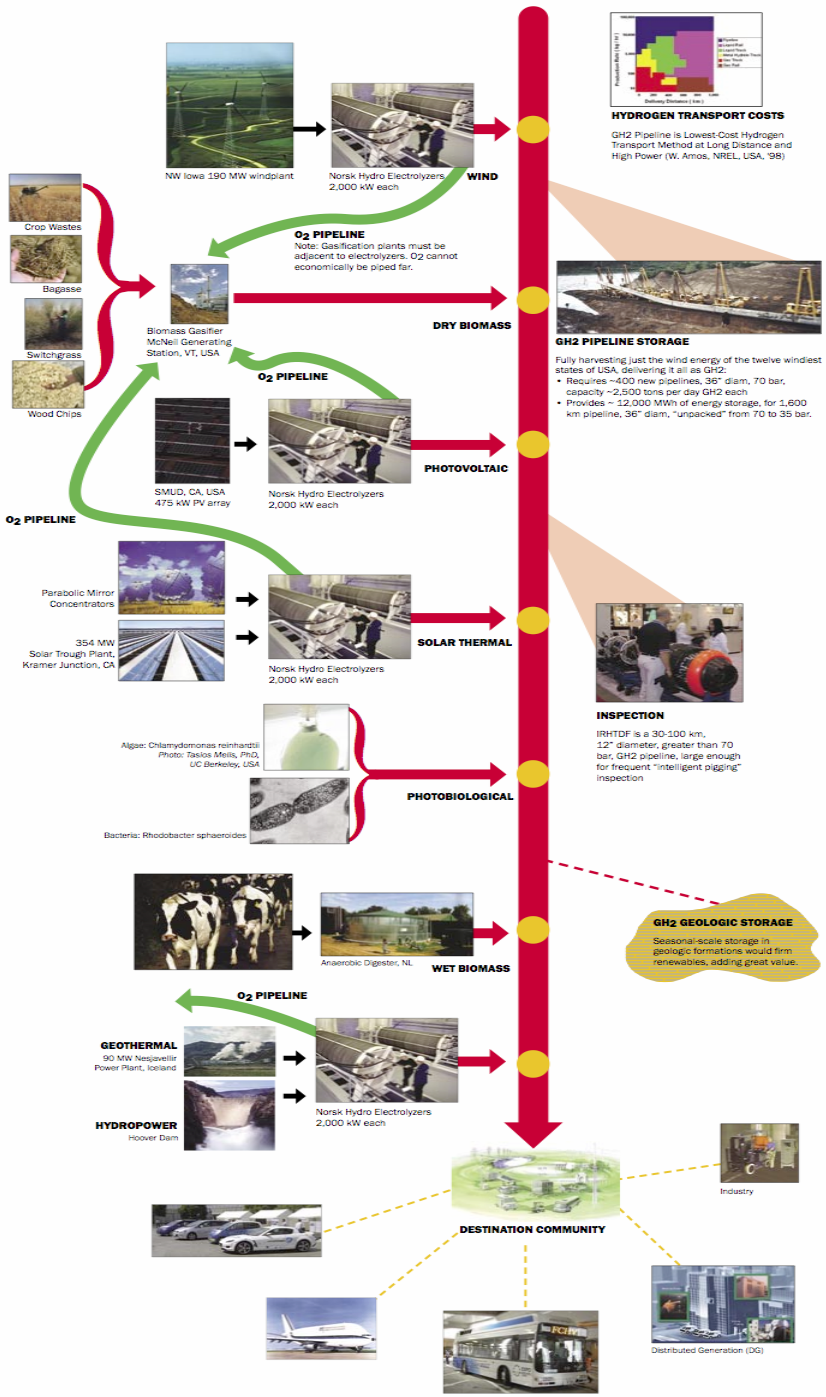


International Renewable Hydrogen Transmission Demonstration Facility

(IRHTDF)

Pilot plant

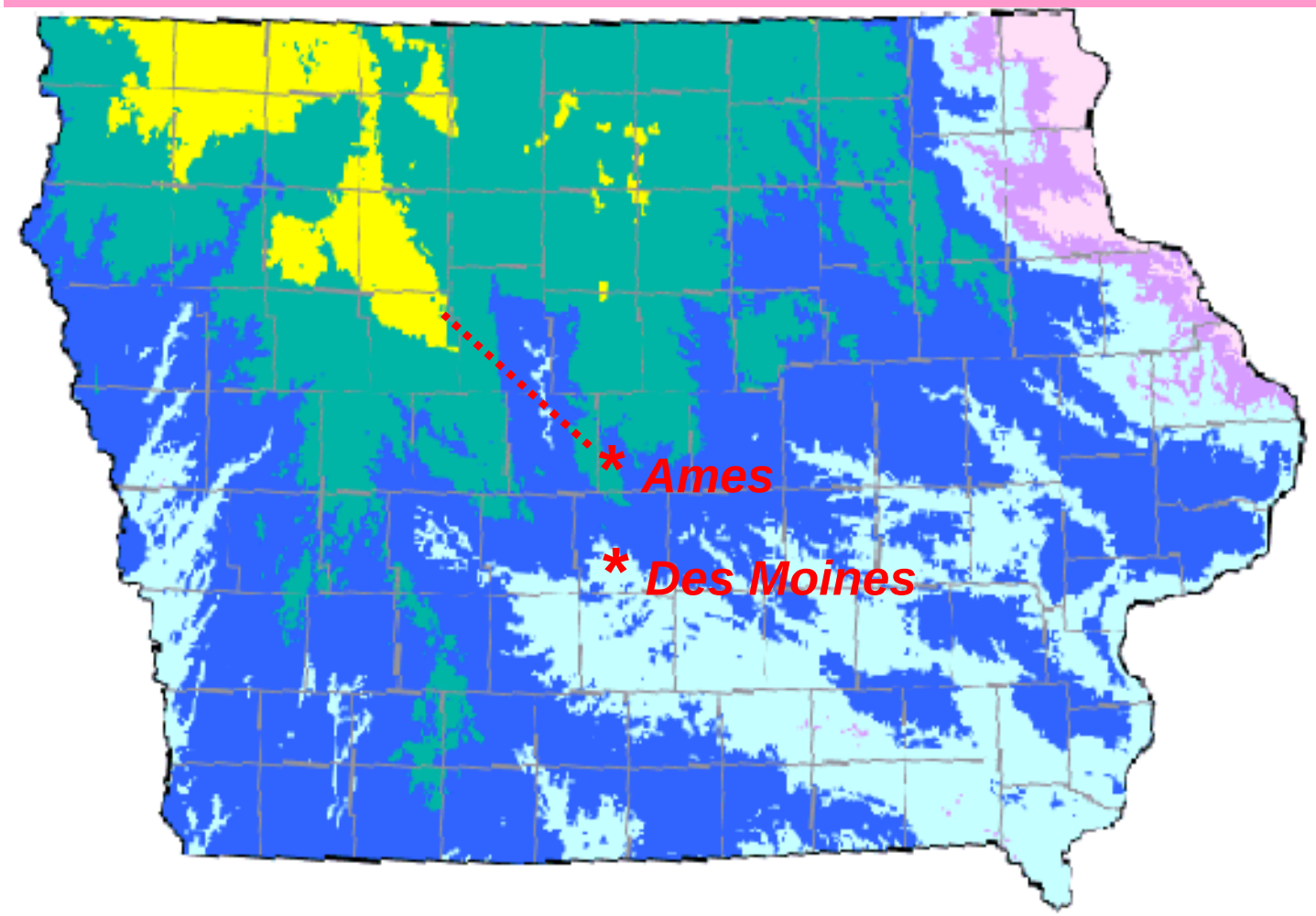
Global opportunity: IPHE project



Pilot-scale Hydrogen Pipeline System: Renewables

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

IRHTDF
International Renewable Hydrogen Transmission Demonstration Facility



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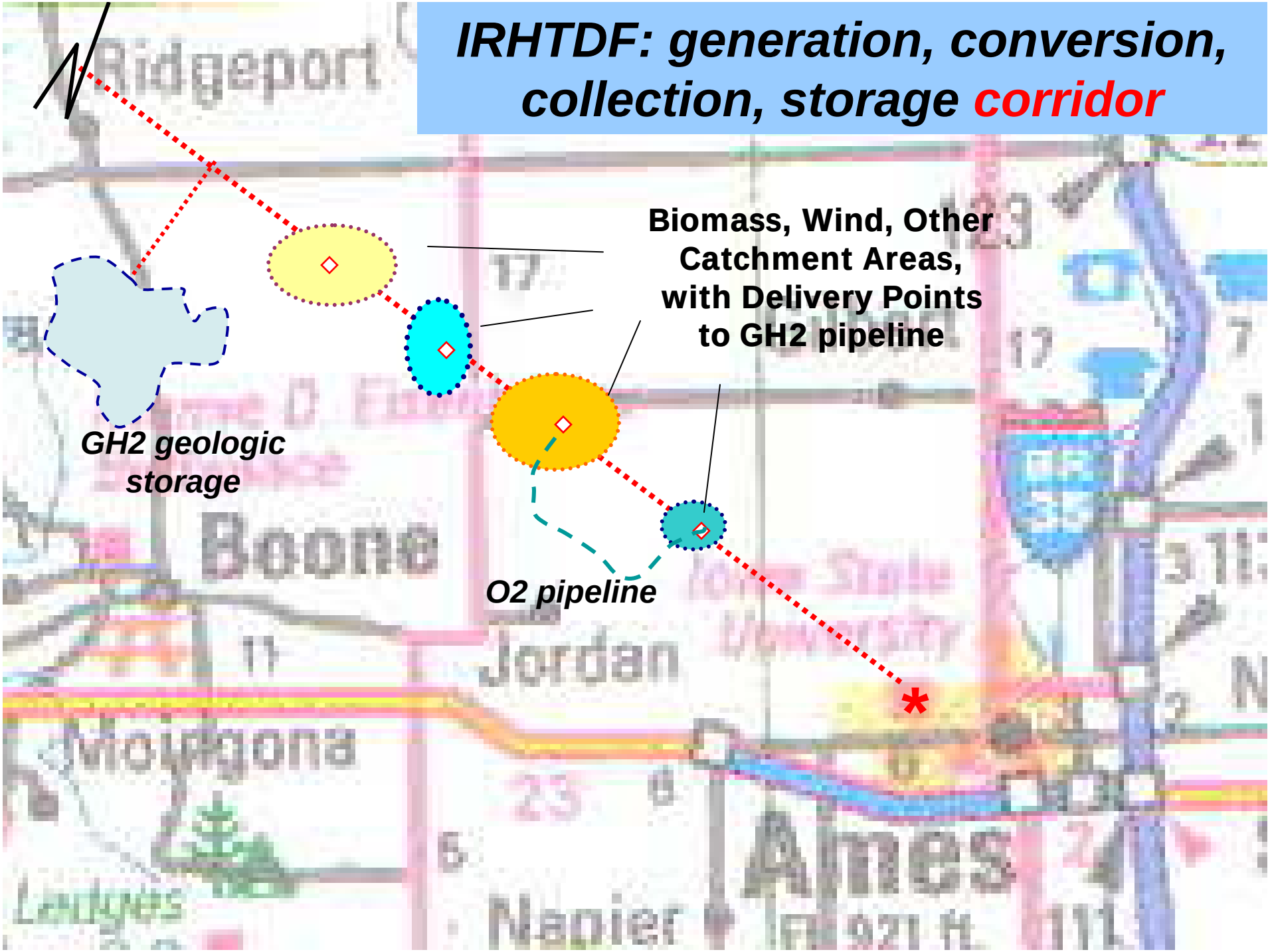
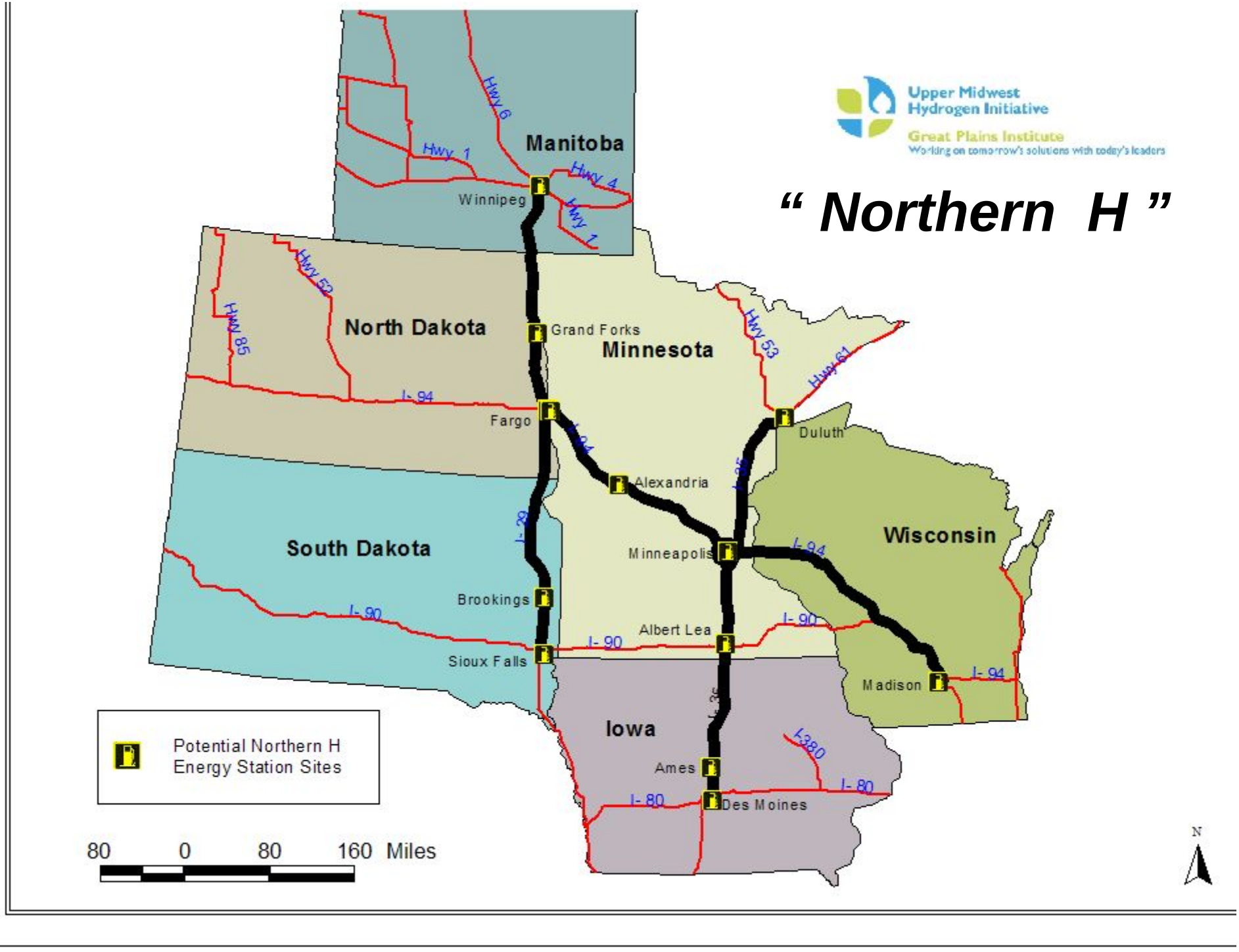
IRHTDF: generation, conversion, collection, storage corridor

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Great Plains Institute
Working on tomorrow's solutions with today's leaders
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Back-up Power System
Fleet Fueling
Community Fueling
Home Fueling
ACME ELECTRONICS
Industrial Application
Primary Electricity
Hydrogen
Hydrogen-Generated Electricity
H_2 Generation Module
H_2 Storage Module
Power Module
Fuel Dispensing Module
Personal Energy Station (PES)
PES Storage Module
Hydrogen Tank

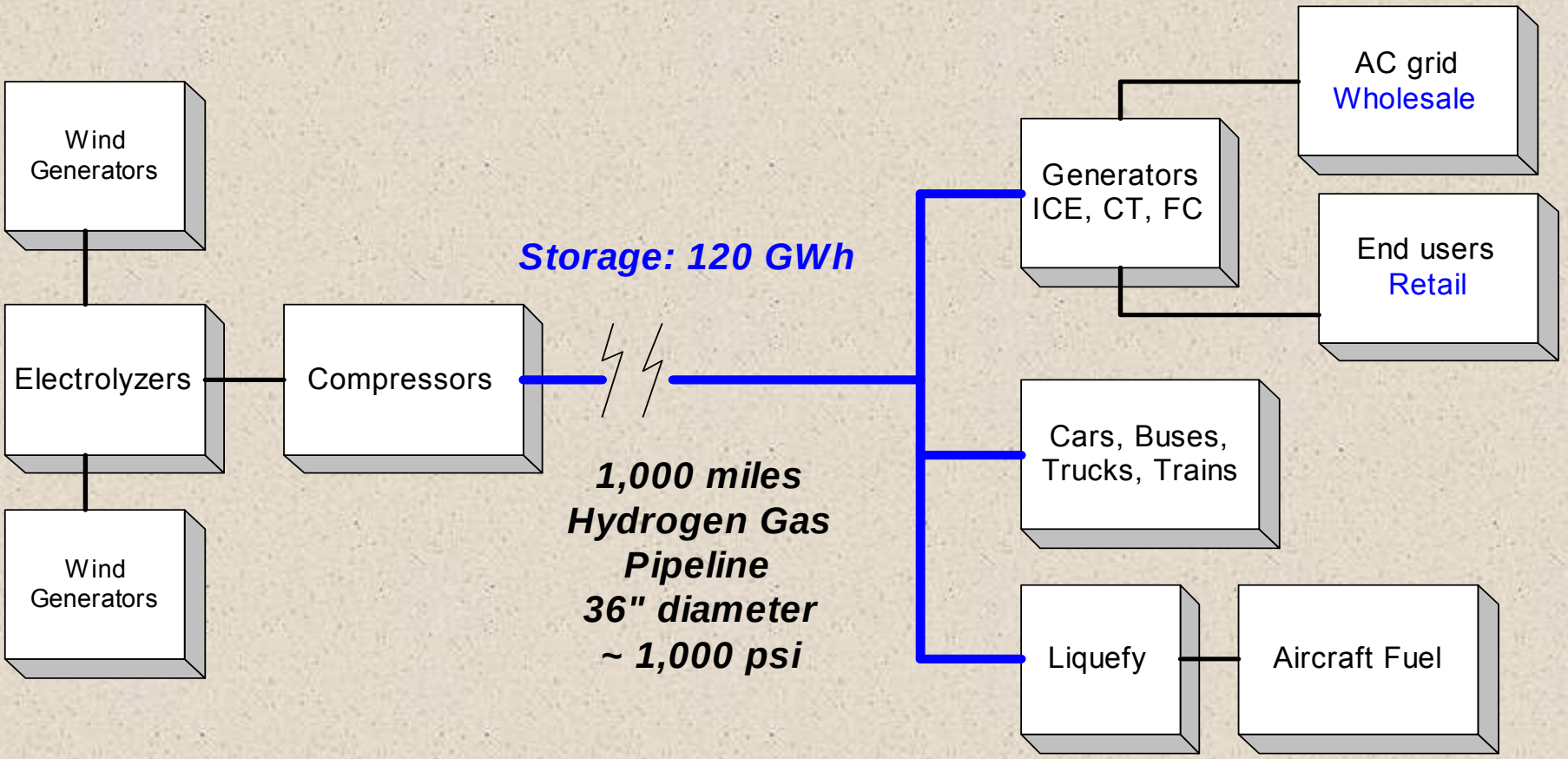
250 hydrogen "gas stations"

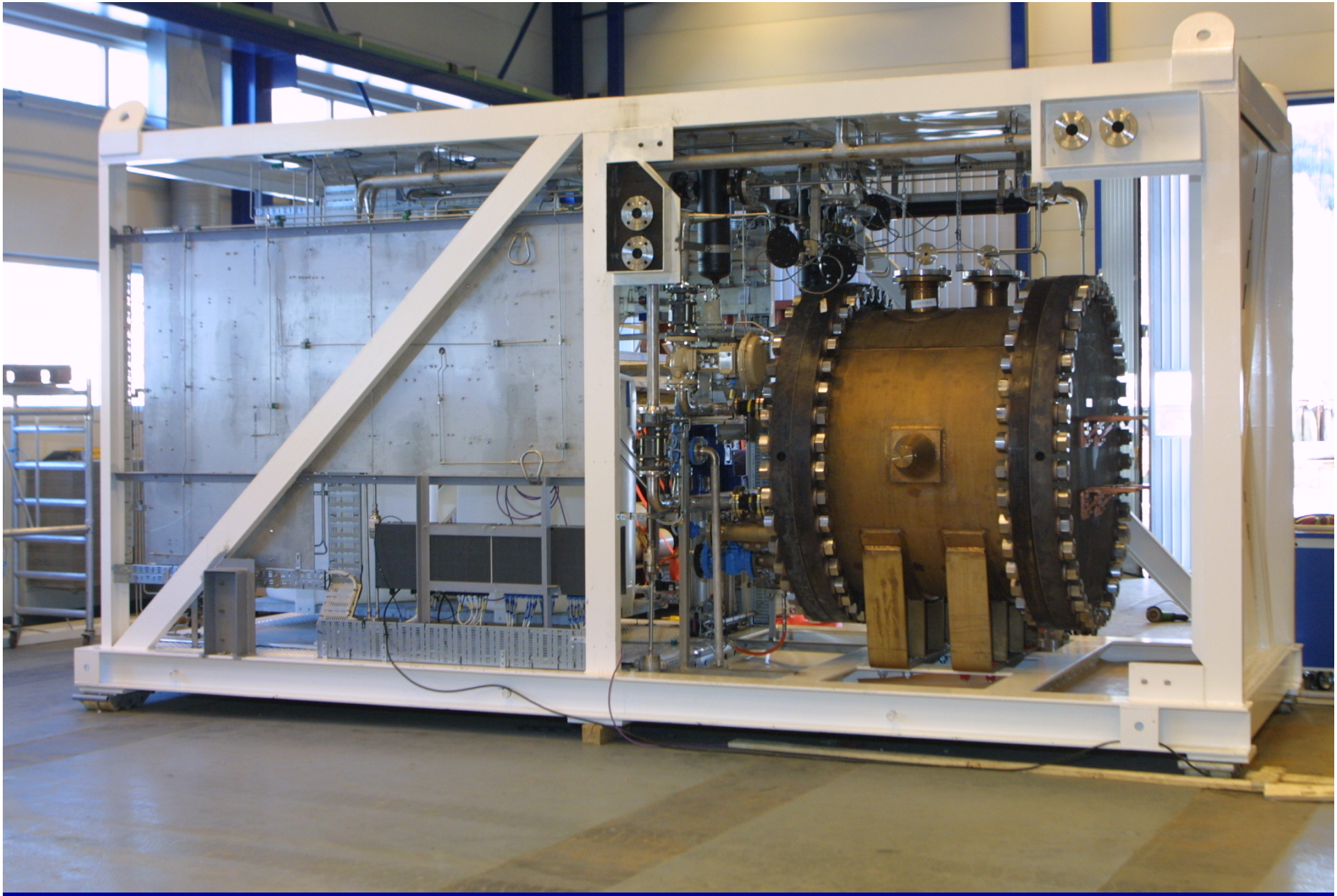
Of 10,000 CA total

Whence the hydrogen ?

Hydrogen Transmission Scenario

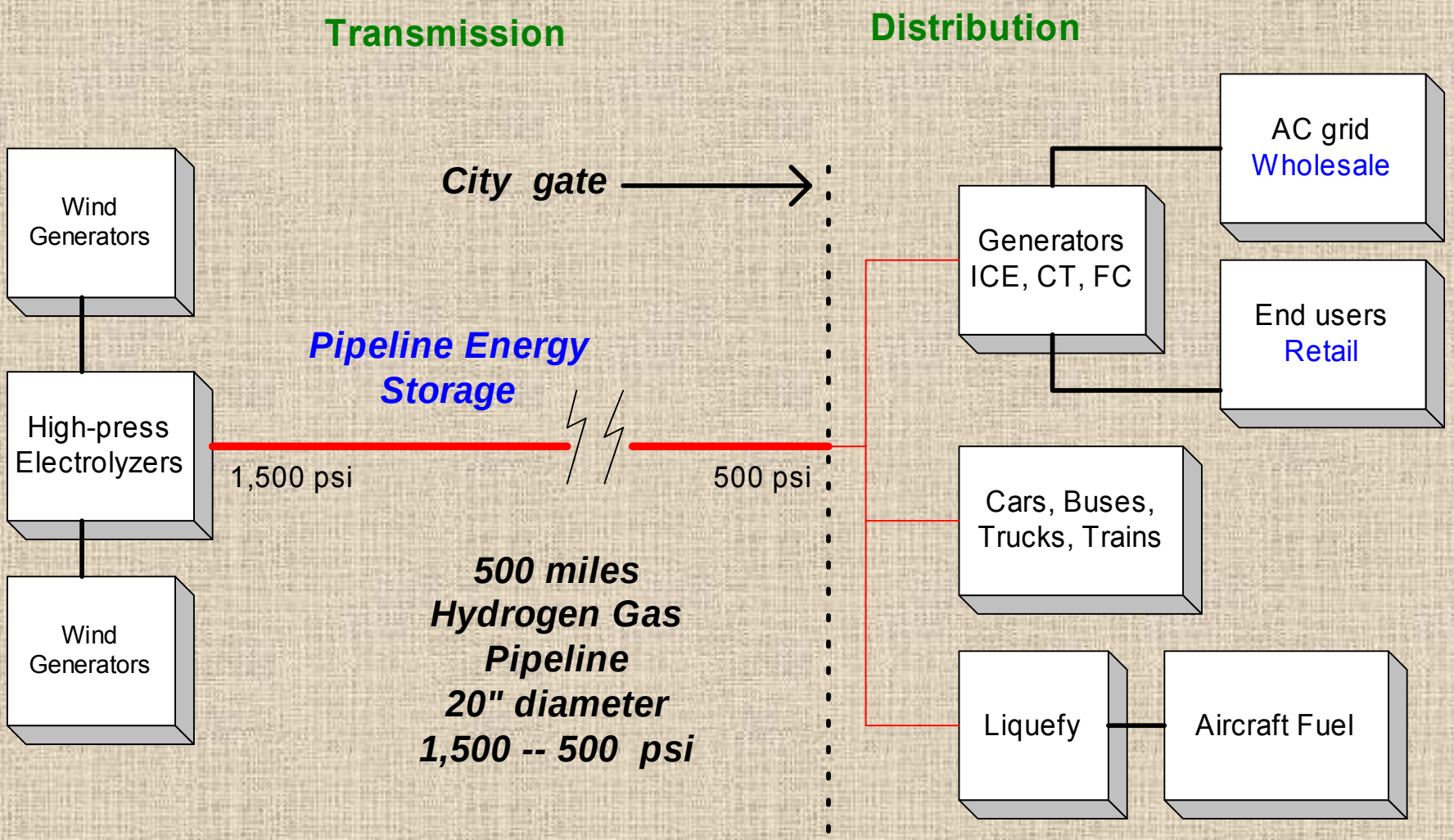
- *Low-pressure electrolyzers*
- *"Pack" pipeline: ~ 1-2 days' storage = 120 GWh*



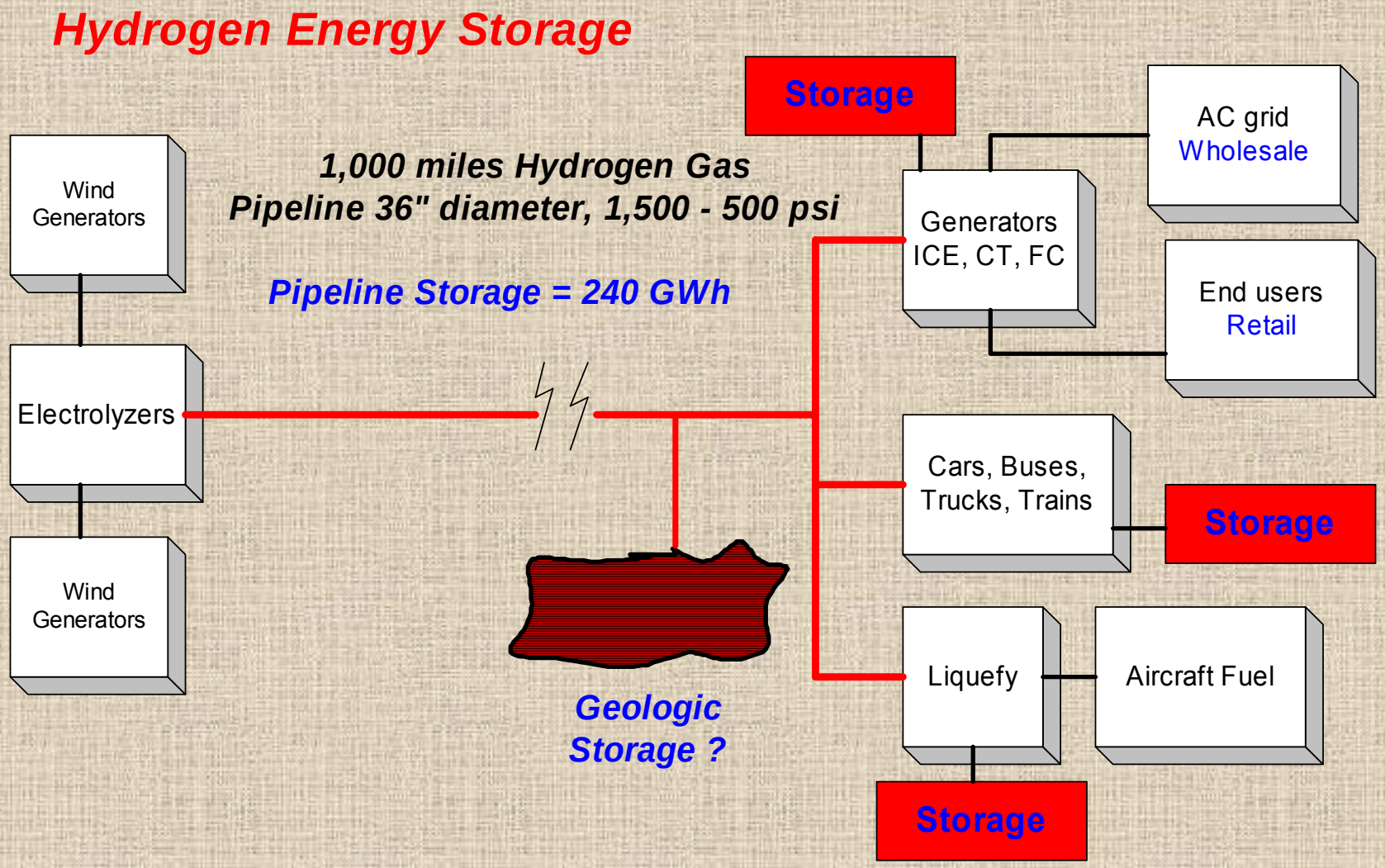


Norsk Hydro electrolyzer, KOH type
560 kW input, 130 Nm3 / hour at 450 psi (30 bar)

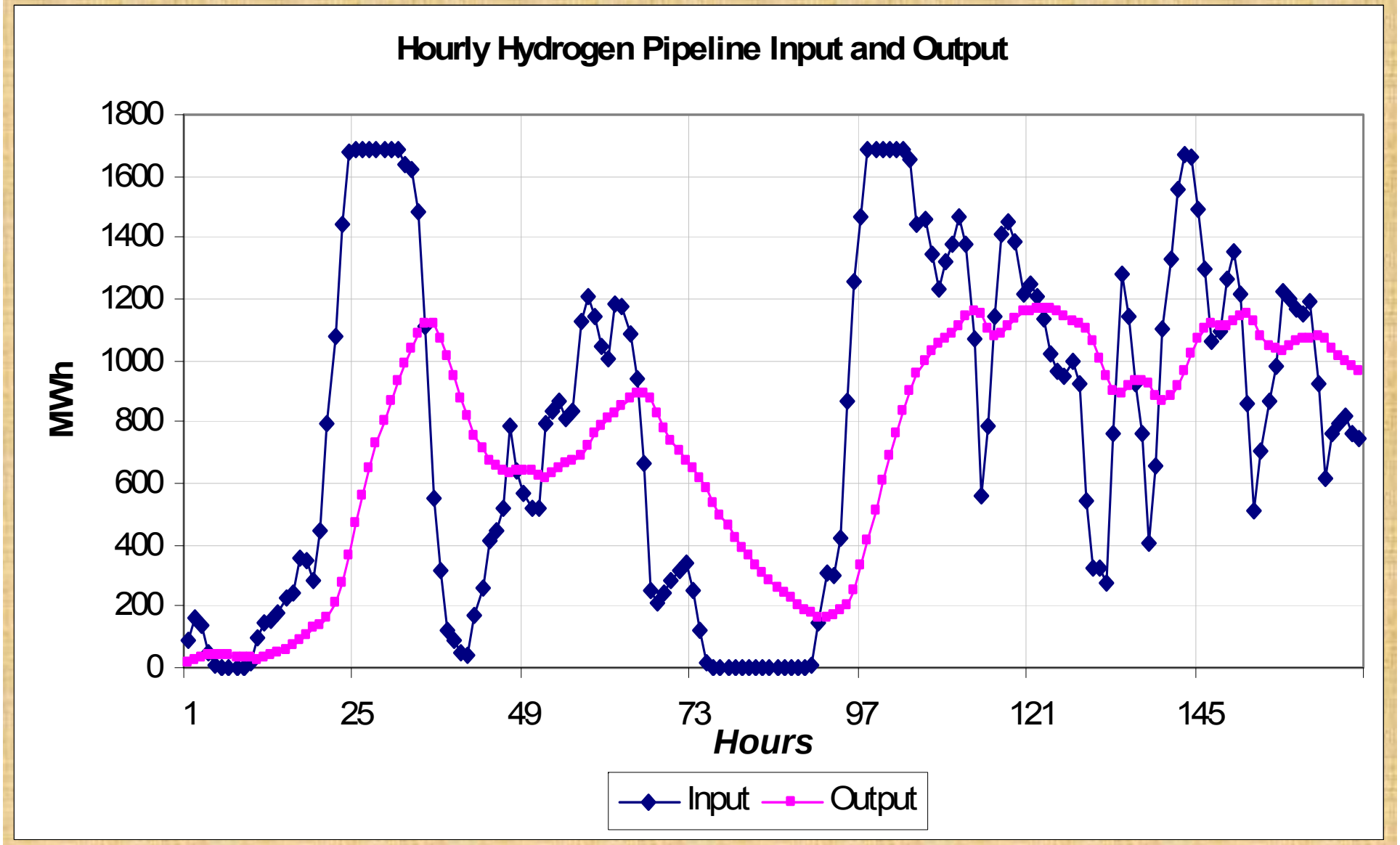
Compressorless system: No firming storage



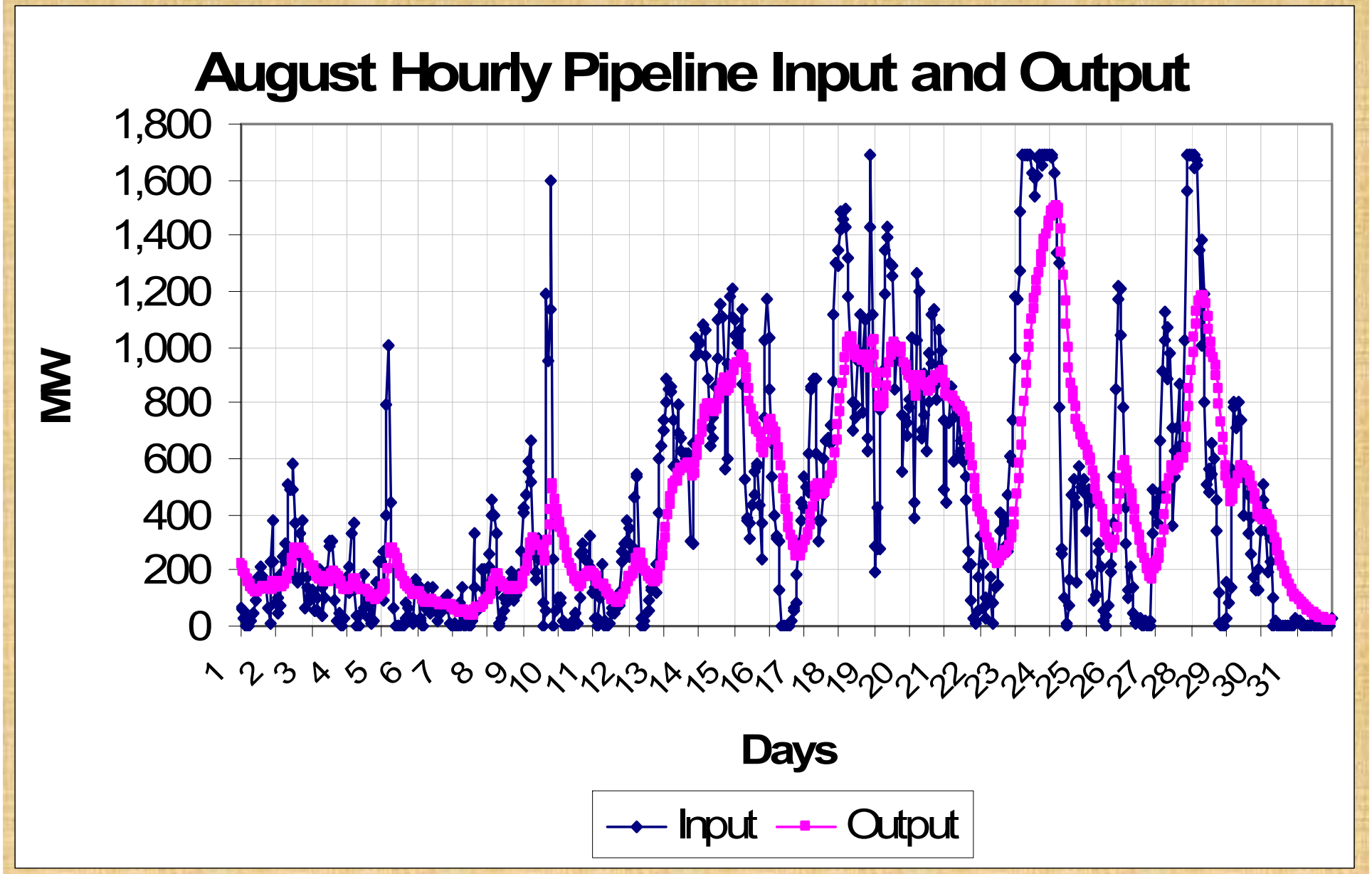
"Firming" Cavern Storage

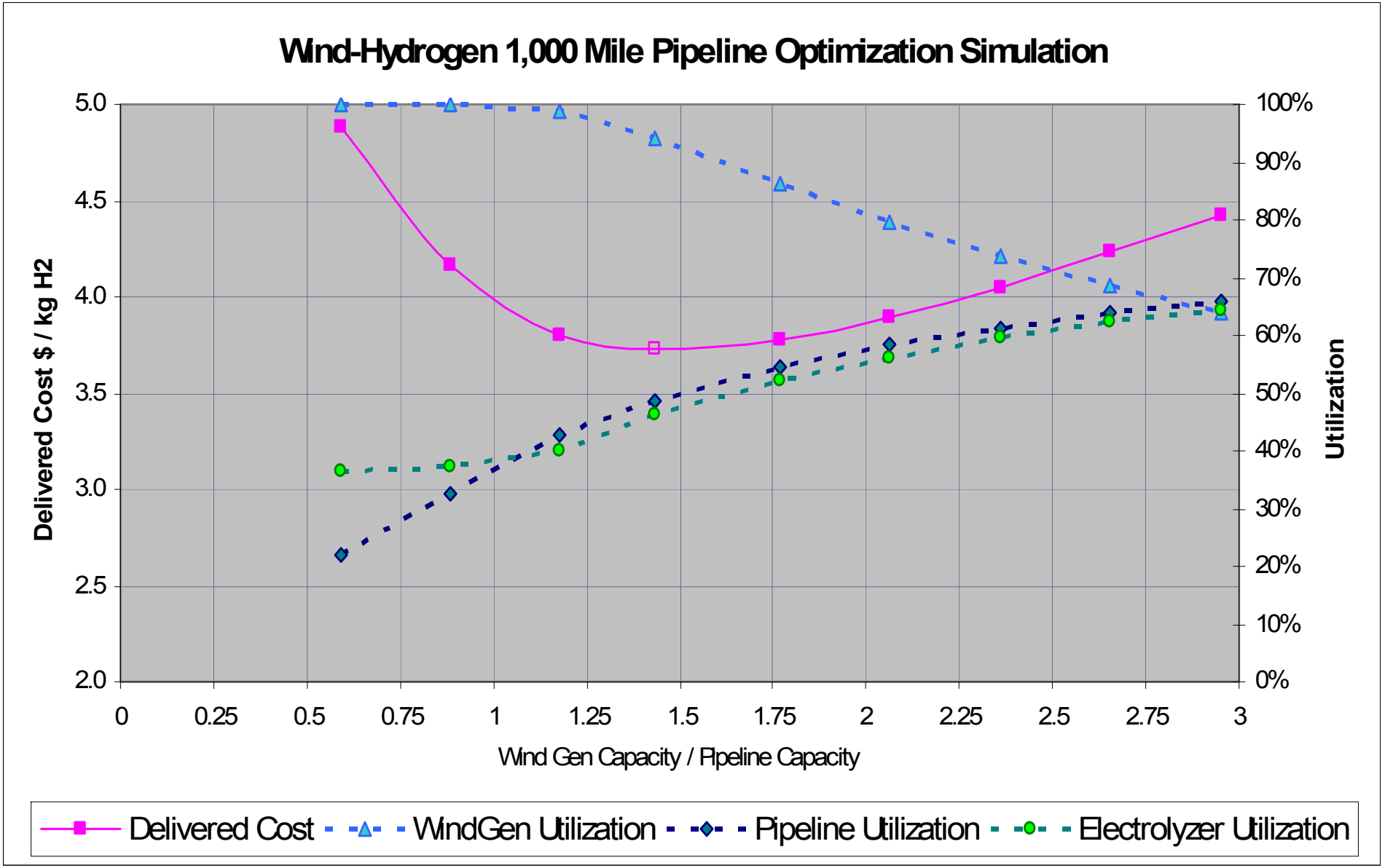


Great Plains Windplant, Pipeline Hourly Output for Typical Week



Great Plains Windplant: Actual Hourly Output




Wind-Hydrogen 1,000 Mile Pipeline Optimization Simulation
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90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
Utilization
0
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0.5
0.75
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1.5
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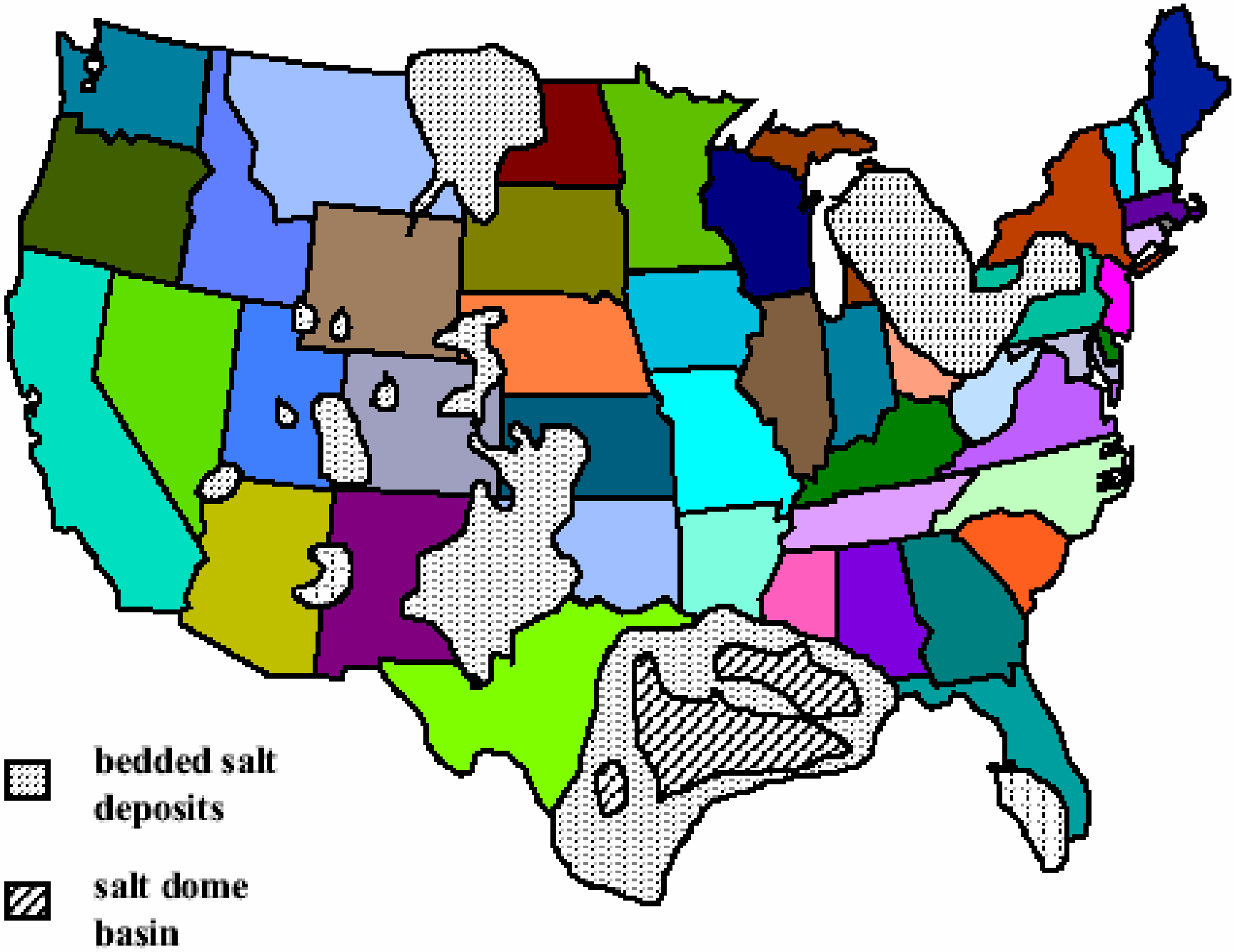
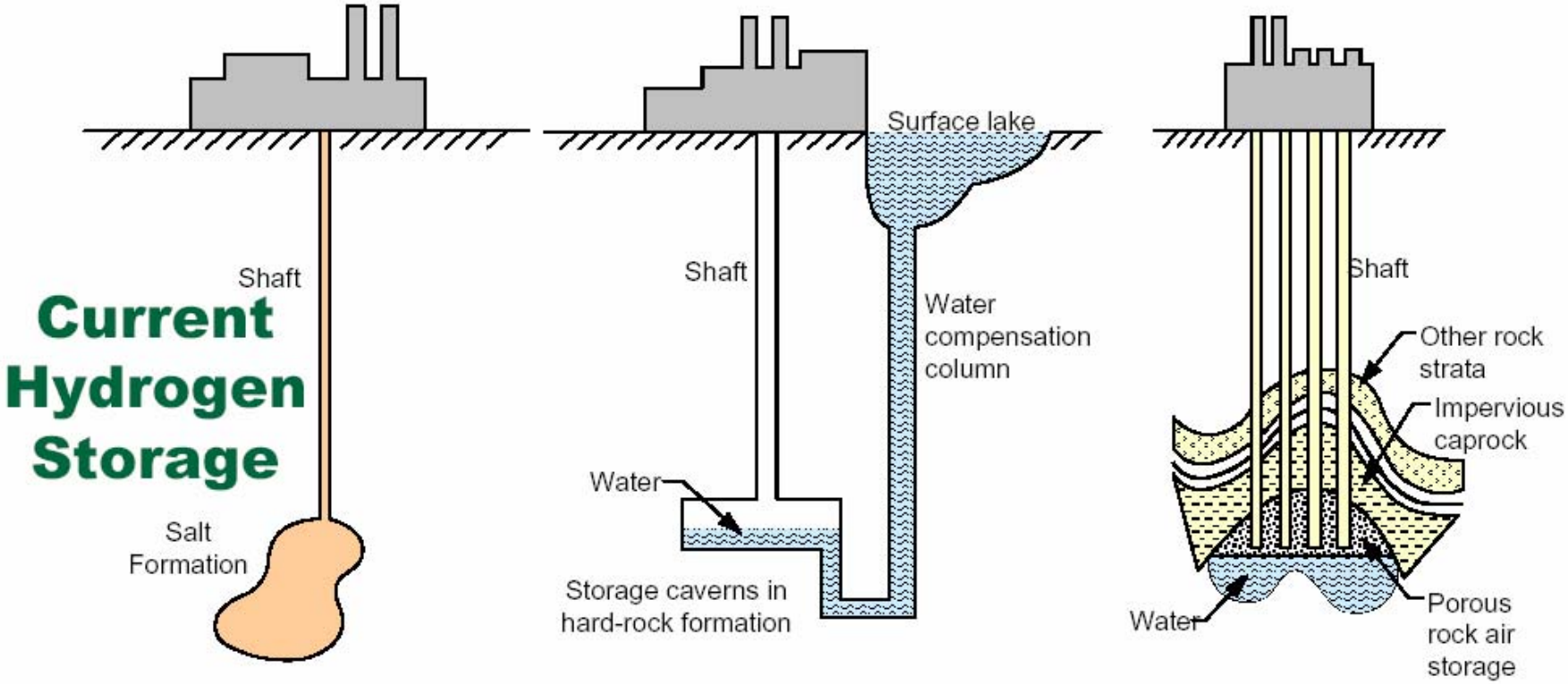
Wind Gen Capacity / Pipeline Capacity
Delivered Cost
WindGen Utilization
Pipeline Utilization
Electrolyzer Utilization

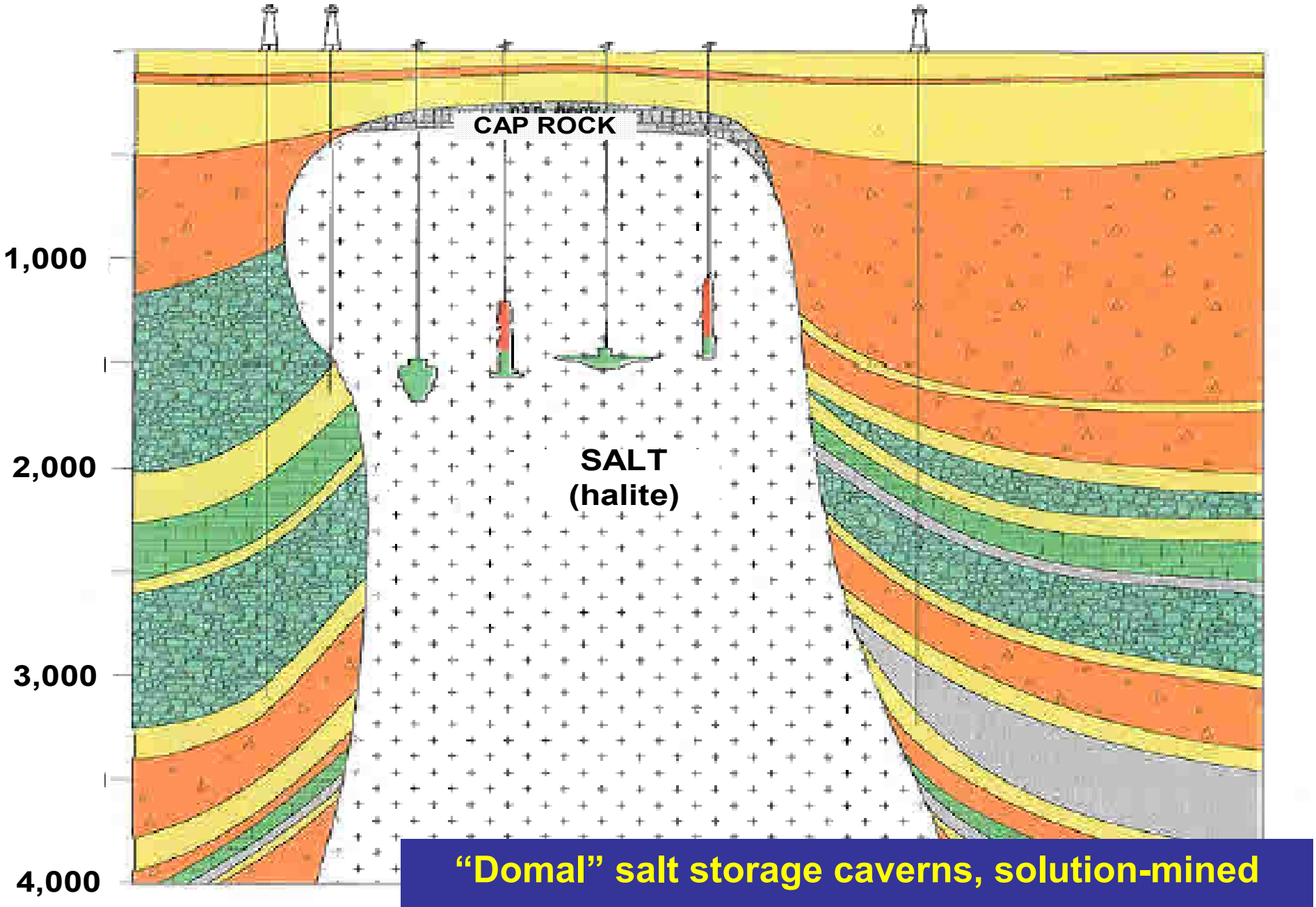

bedded salt deposits
salt dome basin

From: Charles W. Forsberg, ORNL, 17th NHA Conference, 12-16 Mar 06

Hydrogen Can Be Stored Underground At Low Costs

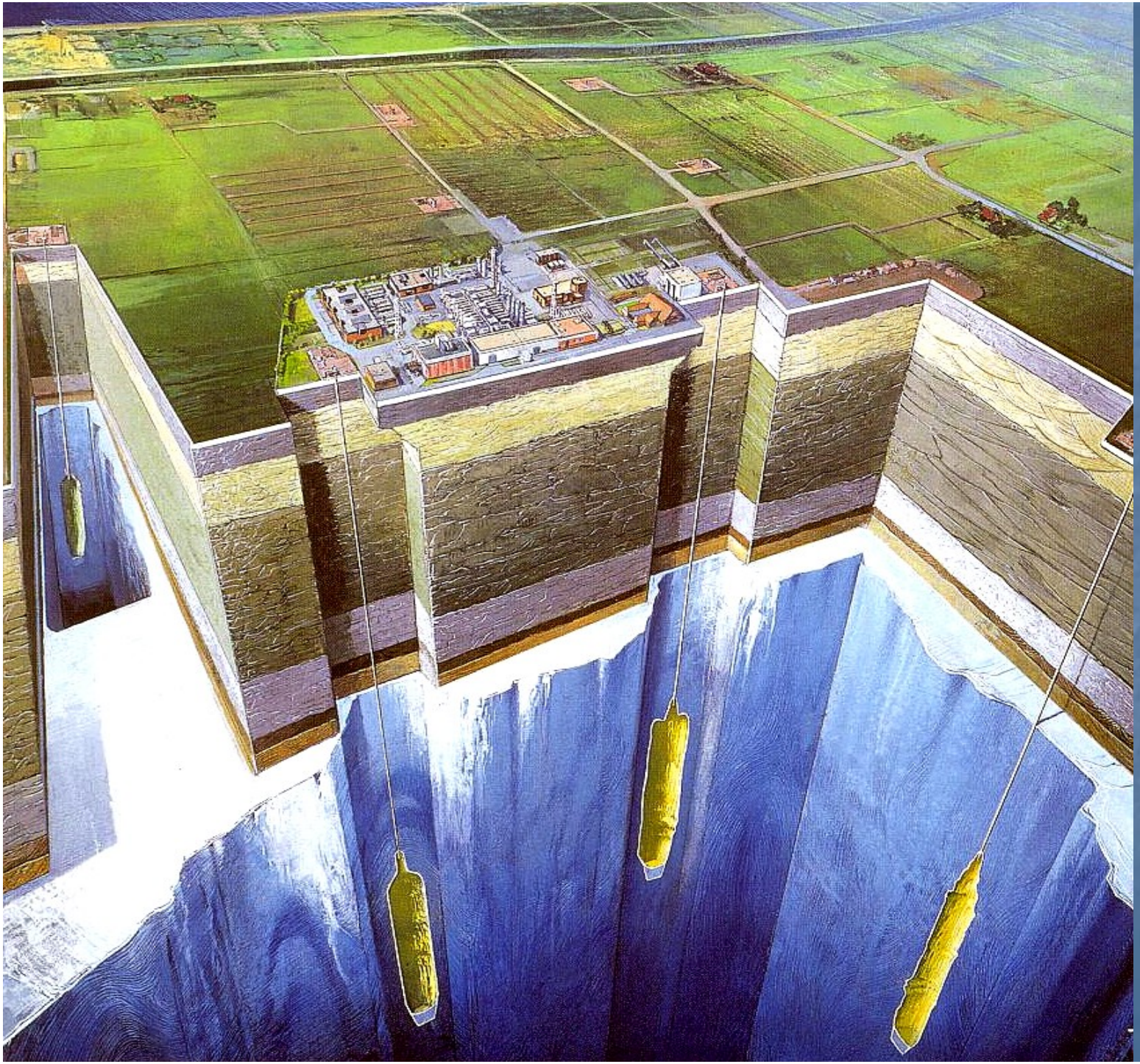


Natural Gas Stored Underground



"Domal" salt storage caverns, solution-mined

Meters below ground level



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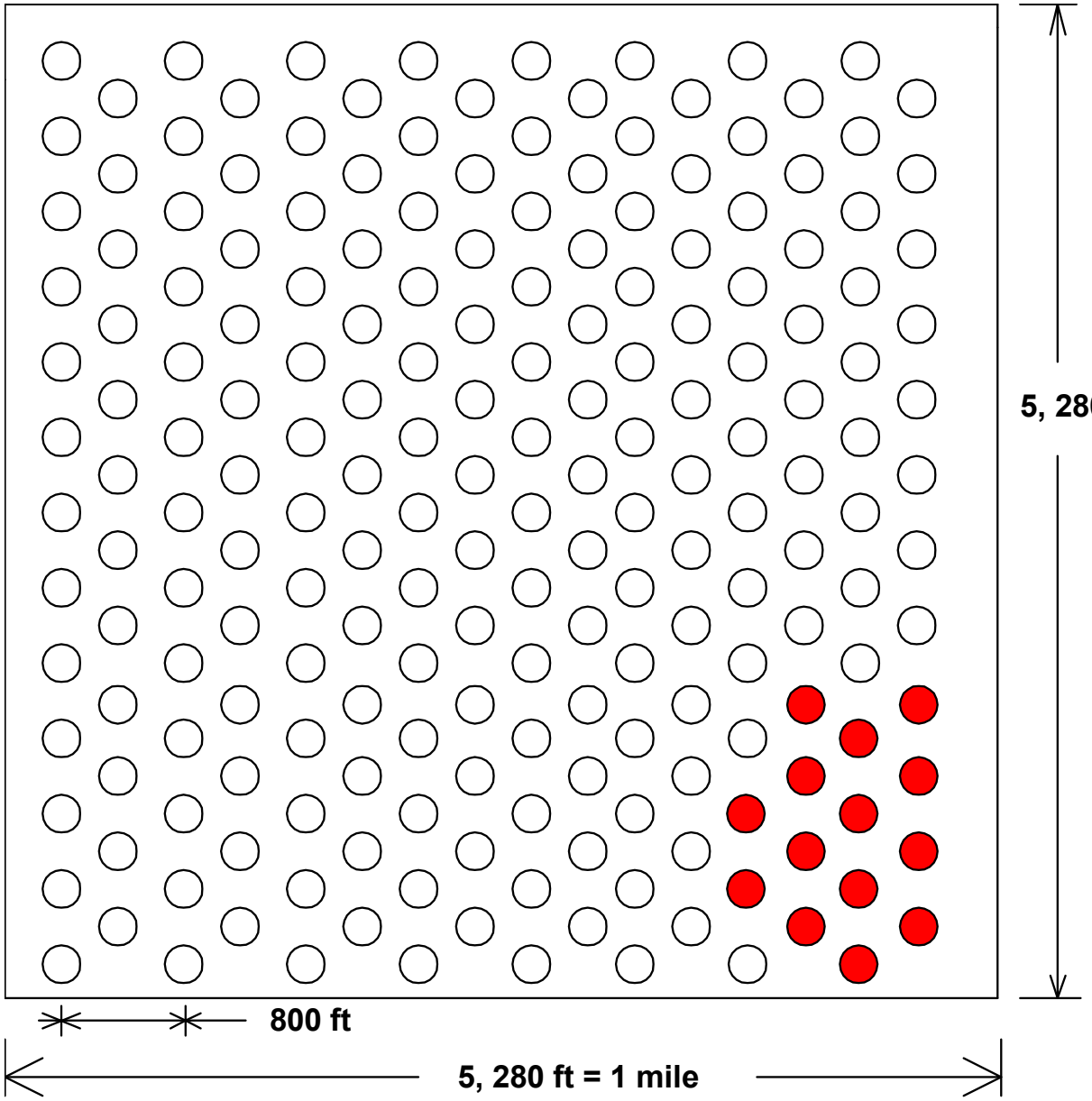


“Firm” 4,000 MW Great Plains wind

14 caverns

Maximum Cavern Packing Density

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

Wellhead, new Gaseous Hydrogen Storage Cavern

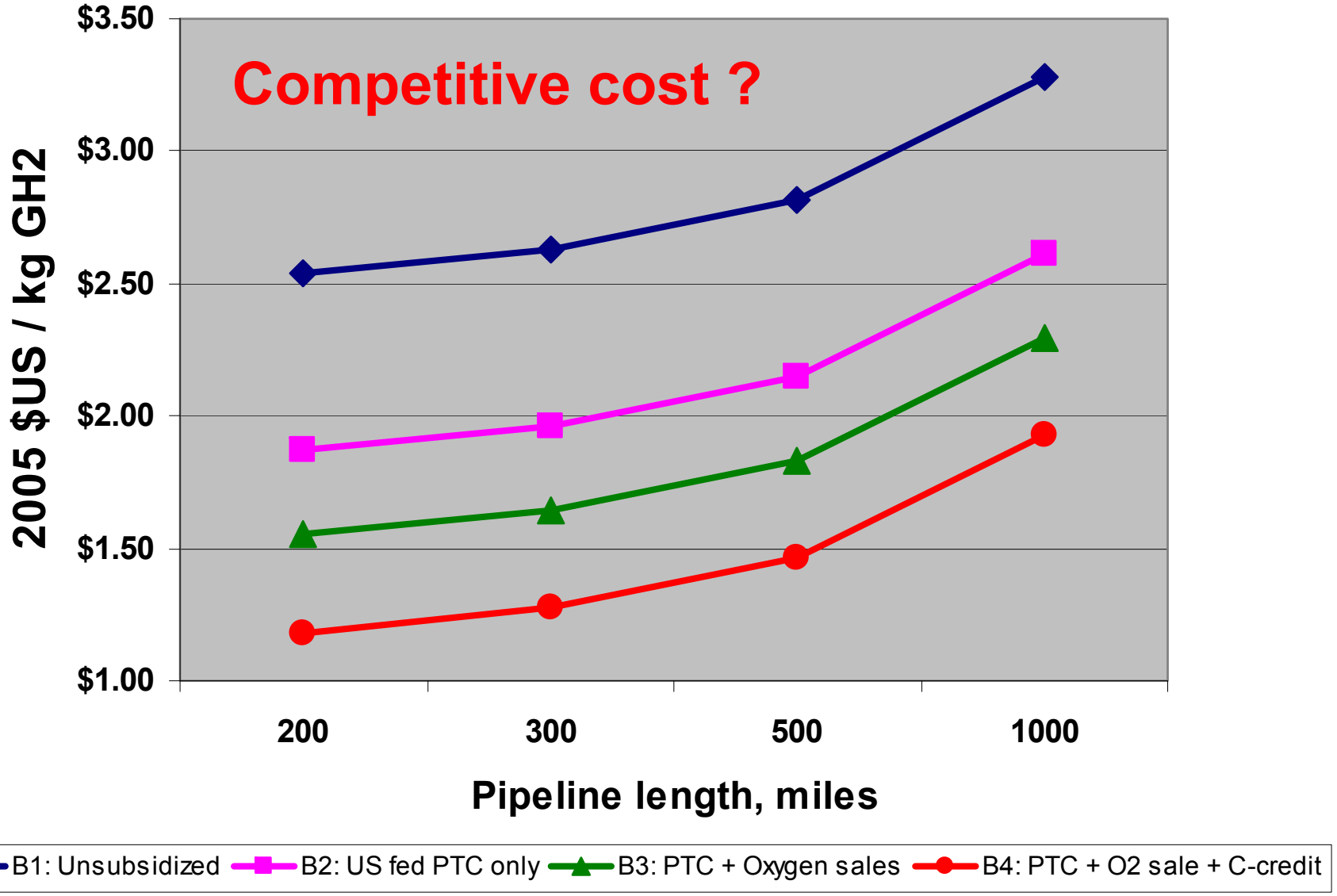
- PRAXAIR
- Commissioned 2007
- In domal salt, in Texas

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” *	1,100	1,100
TOTAL	$ 2,600	$ 4,100

* $ 1.1 M / mile

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



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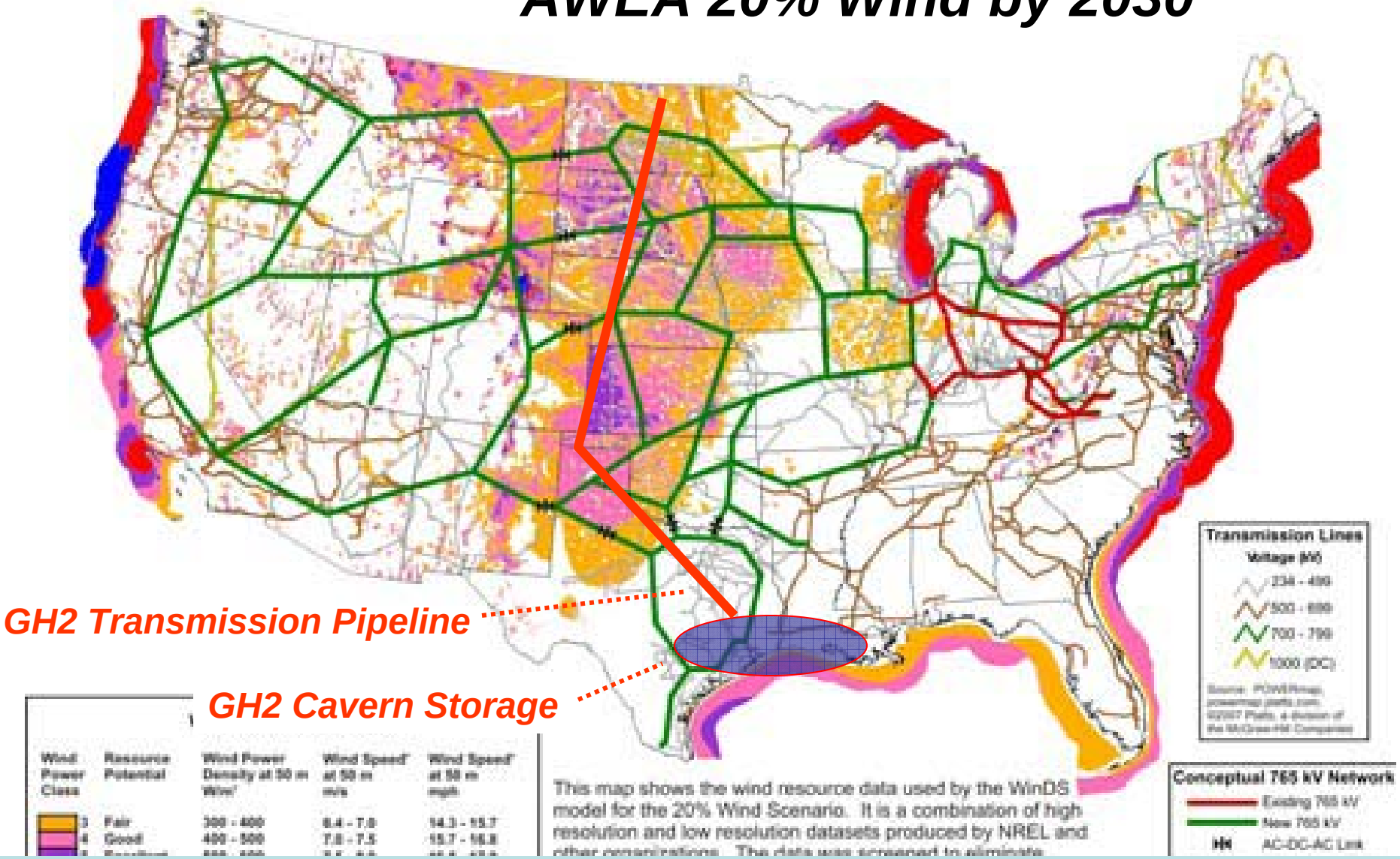

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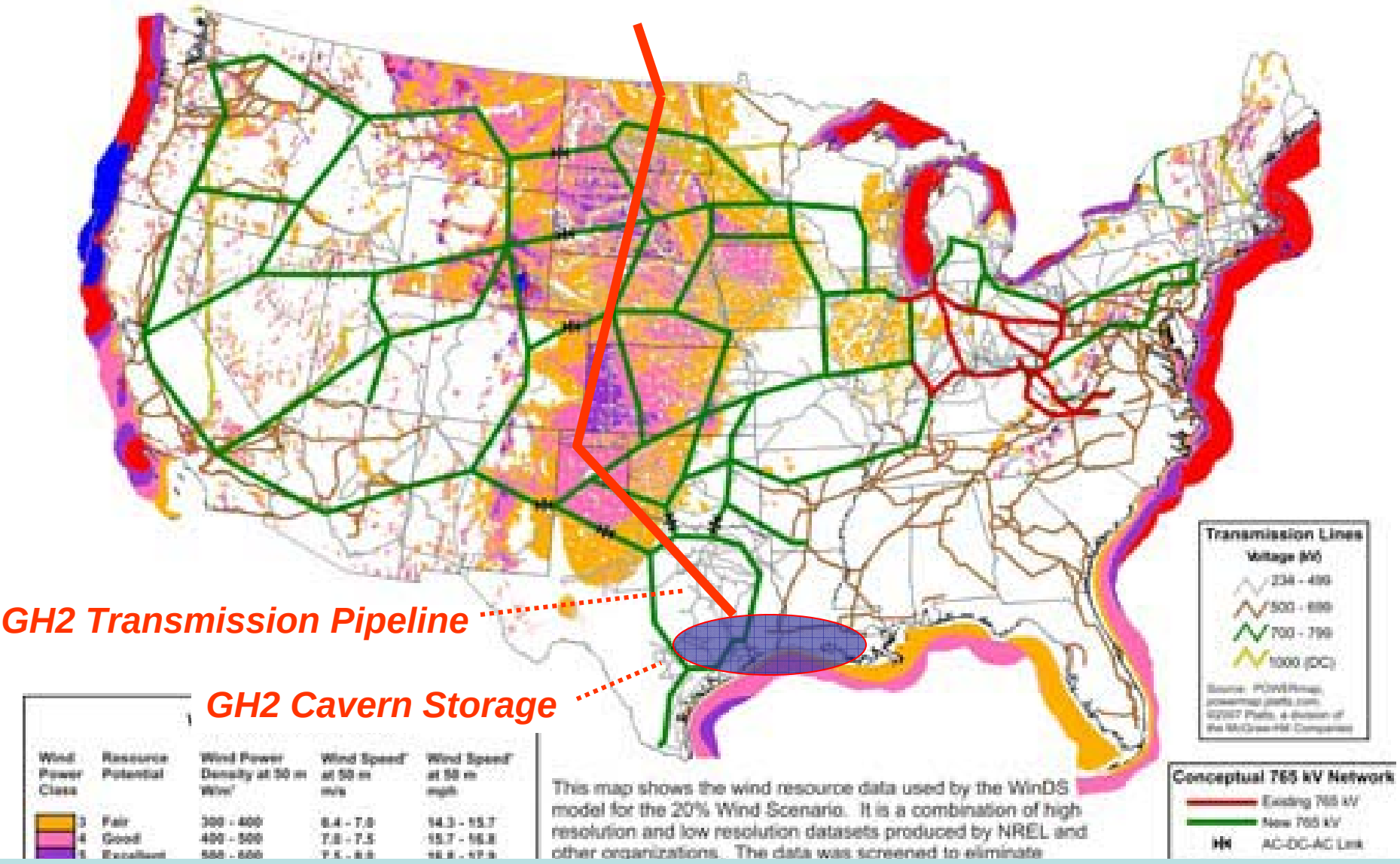

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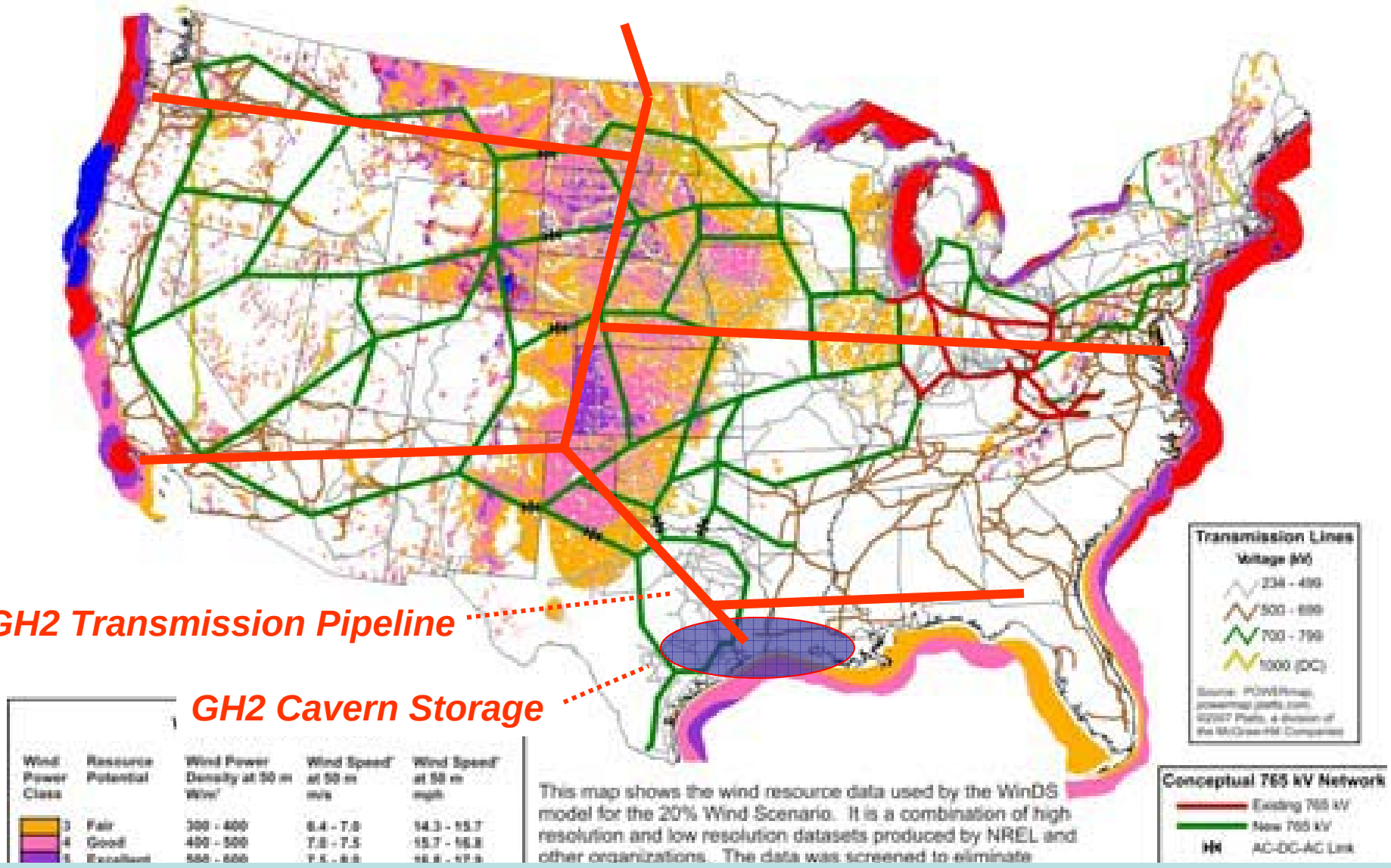

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Optimistic: Total Installed Capital Cost
1,000 mile Pipeline
"Firming" GH2 cavern storage

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Wind generators	$ 1,000	$ 2,000
Electrolyzers	500	1,000
Pipeline, 20"	1,100	1,100
# storage caverns	[4]	[8]
Caverns @ $10M ea	40	80
Cushion gas @ $5M ea	20	40
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

Windplant size	**1,000 MW** [million]	**2,000 MW** [million]
Wind generators	$ 1,000	$ 2,000
Electrolyzers	500	1,000
Pipeline, 20"	1,100	1,100
# storage caverns	[4]	[8]
Caverns @ $50M ea	200	400
Cushion gas @ $5M ea	30	60
TOTAL	$ 2,830	$ 4,560

Cavern storage: ~ 10 % of total capital cost

Optimistic: "Firming" Storage Capital Cost for ALL Great Plains Wind

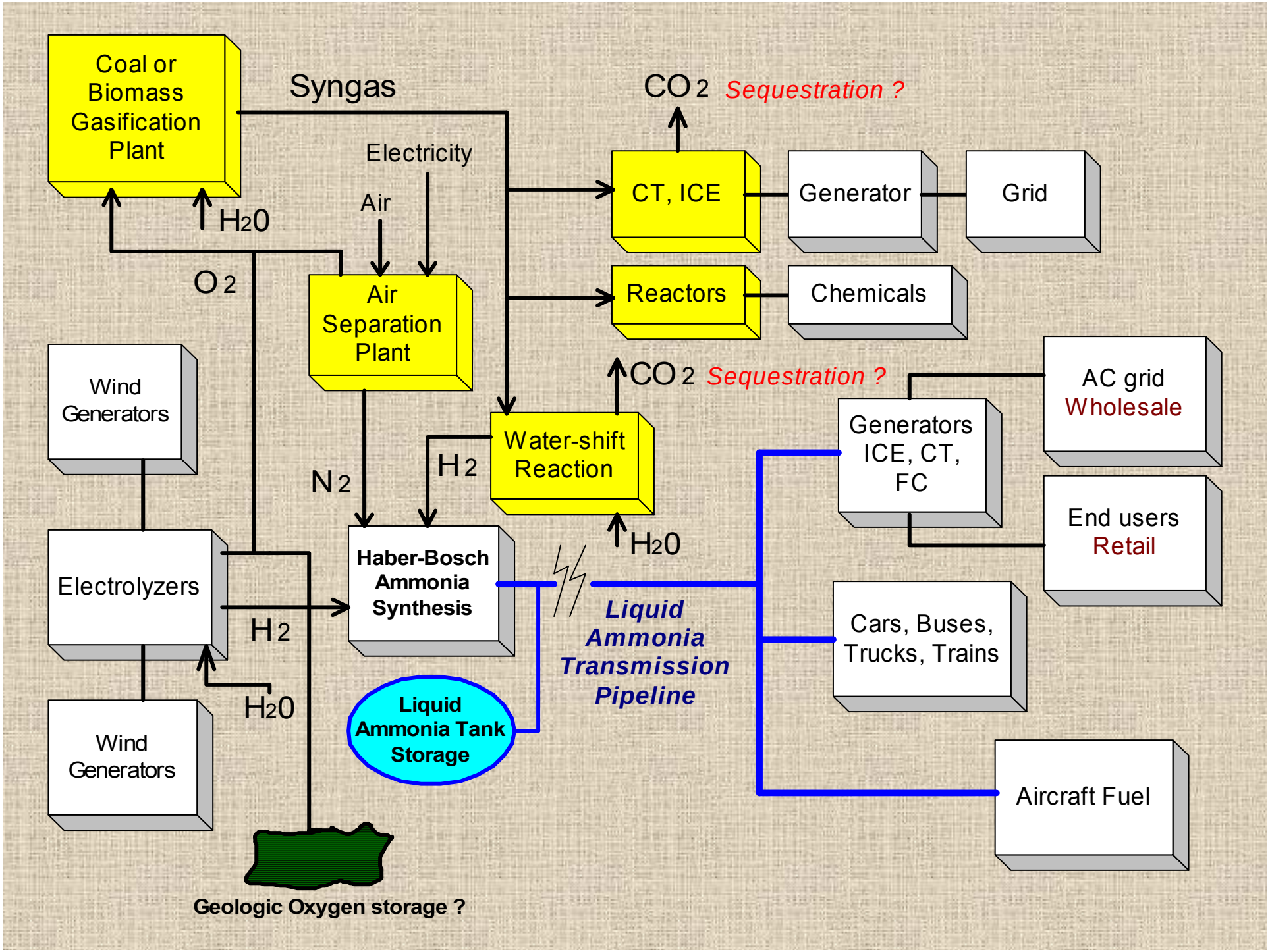
Adds VALUE: strategic, market

- 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**

Anhydrous Ammonia, NH_3 Fertilizer → Fuel

Business case:

- Market size, share:
  - 15 mt / yr ag fertilizer
  - 5 mt / yr other
  - ? mtT / yr NH3 fuel
  - ICE, CT, fuel cell
- RE - NH3 competes with coal, imports


Coal or Biomass Gasification Plant
Syngas
CO2 Sequestration ?
Electricity
Air
H20
CT, ICE
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O2
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Reactors
Chemicals
Wind Generators
CO2 Sequestration ?
AC grid Wholesale
Generators ICE, CT, FC
Water-shift Reaction
N2
H2
End users Retail
H20
Electrolyzers
Haber-Bosch Ammonia Synthesis
Liquid Ammonia Transmission Pipeline
Cars, Buses, Trucks, Trains
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H20
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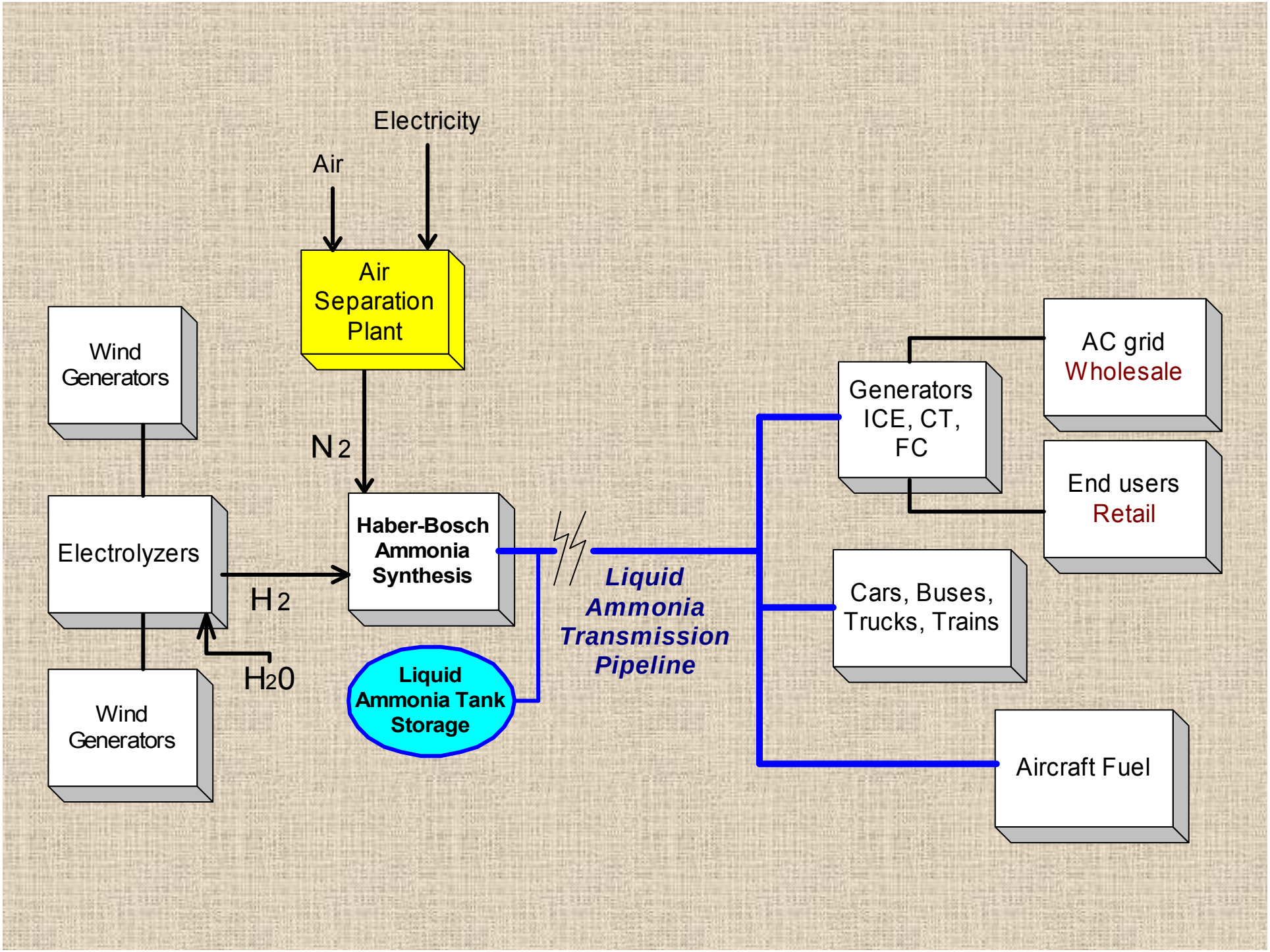
Liquid Ammonia Tank Storage
Aircraft Fuel
Geologic Oxygen storage ?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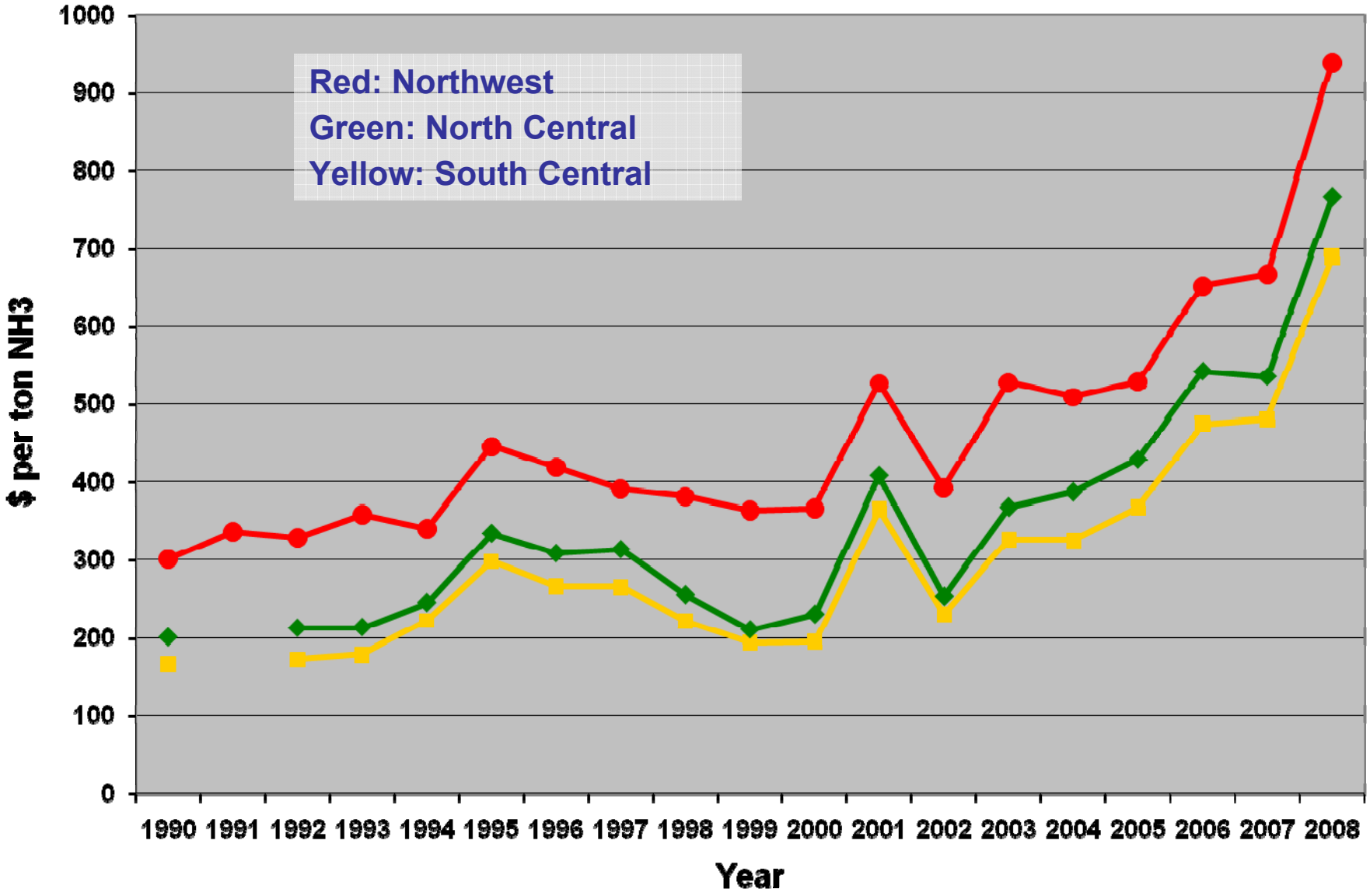
NH_3 Ag Fertilizer Tanks, Wind Generators, NW Iowa

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



"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 ?

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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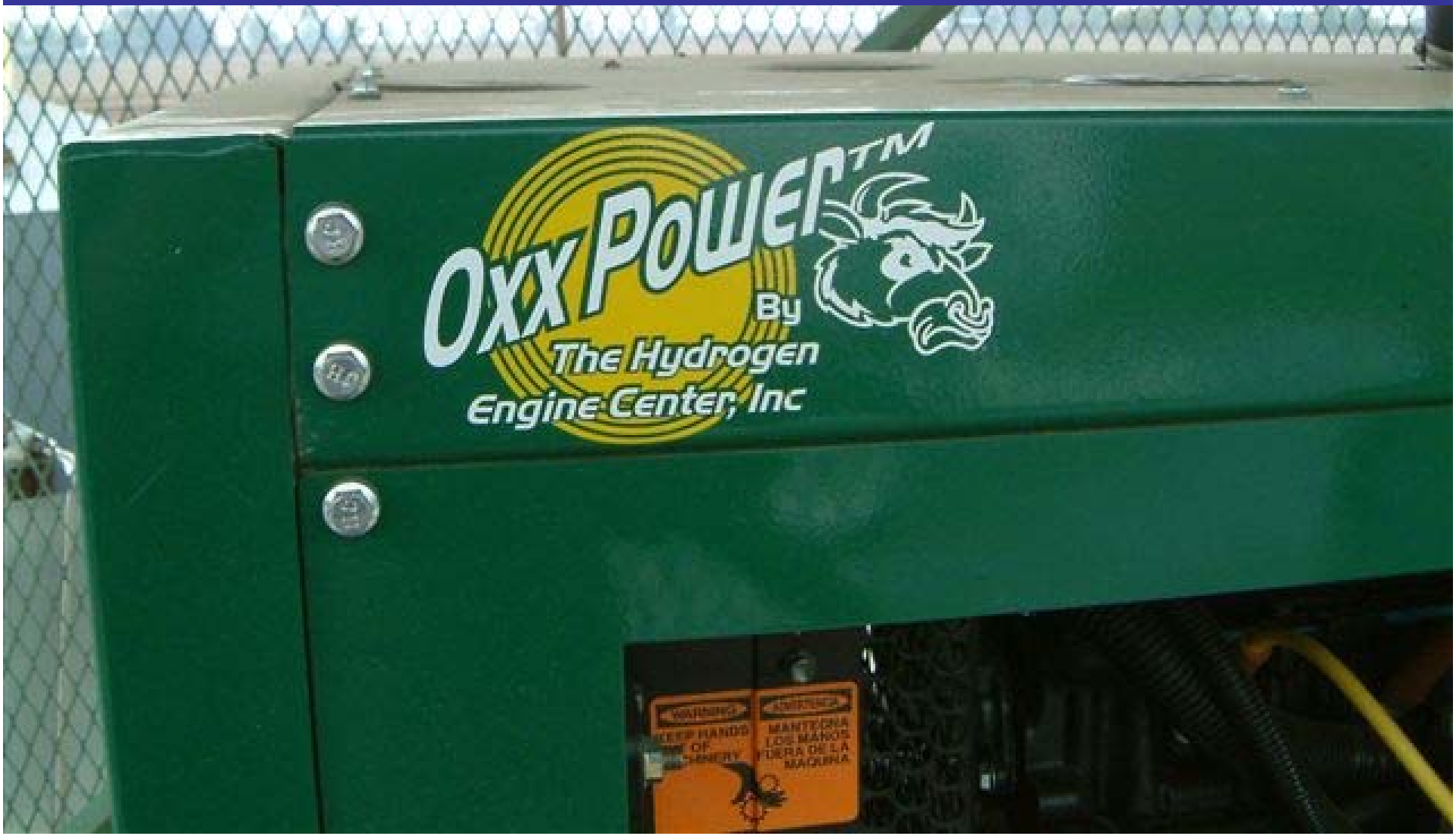

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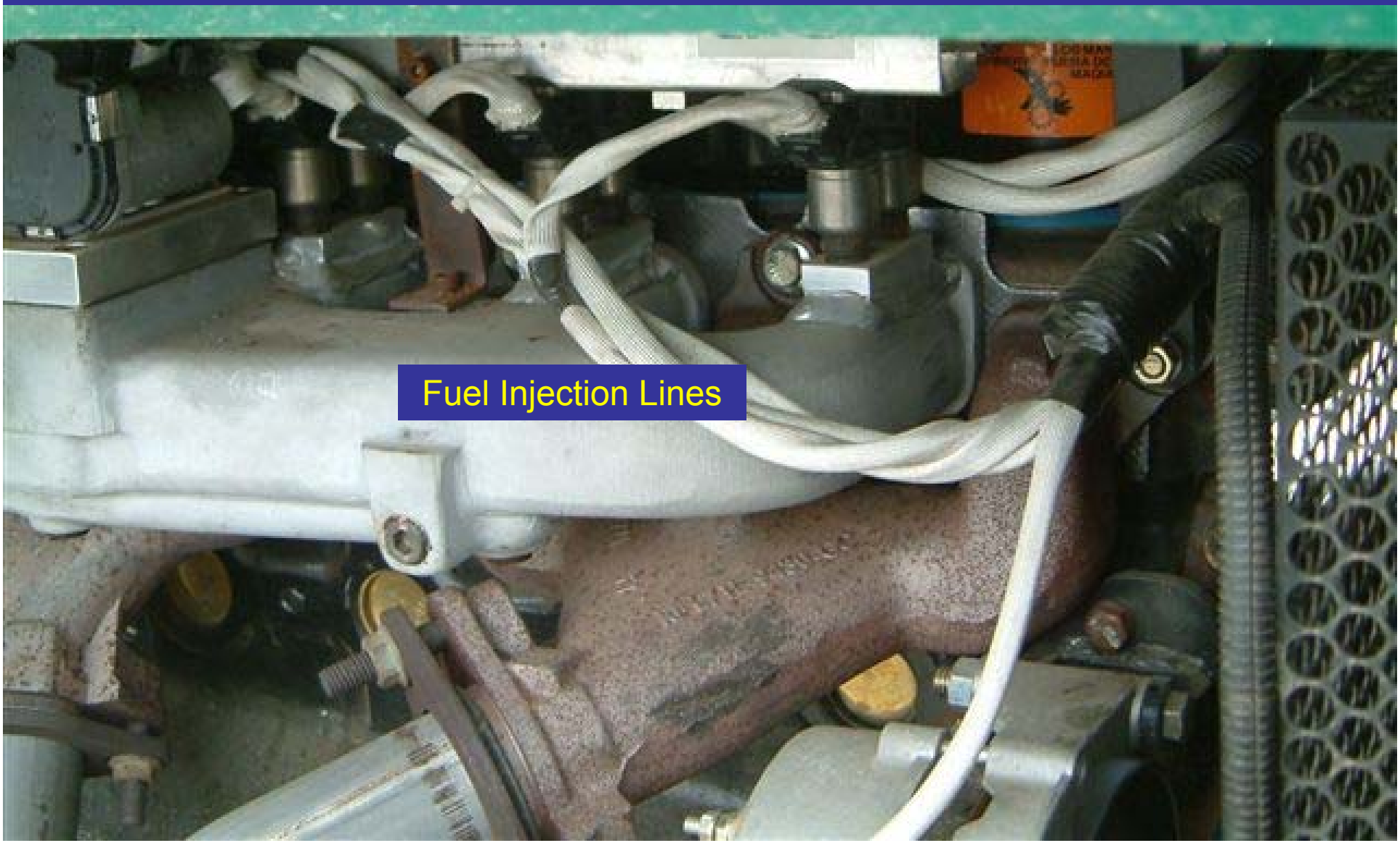
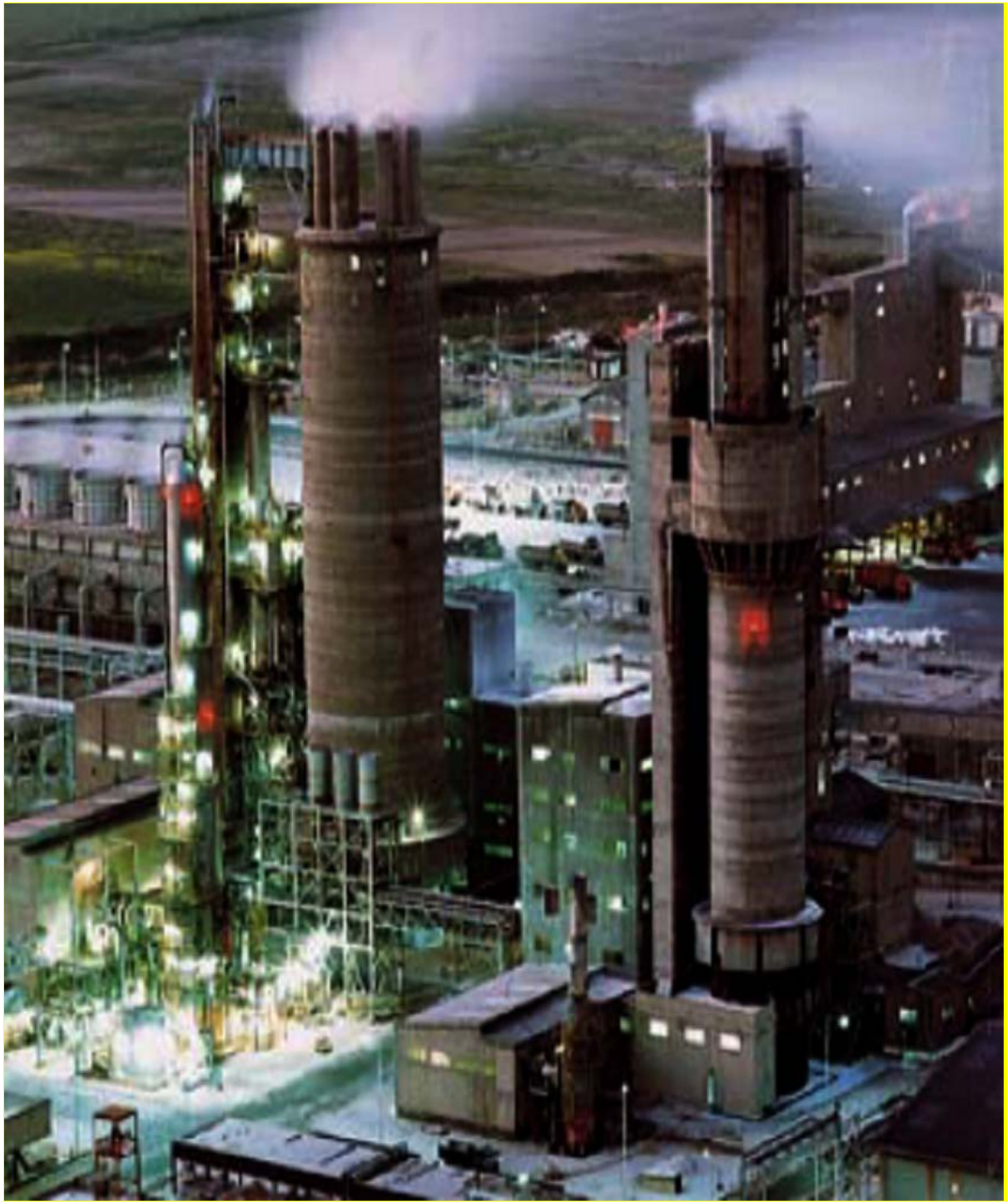




Ammonia
(NH_3)
Synthesis
Plant

Natural Gas

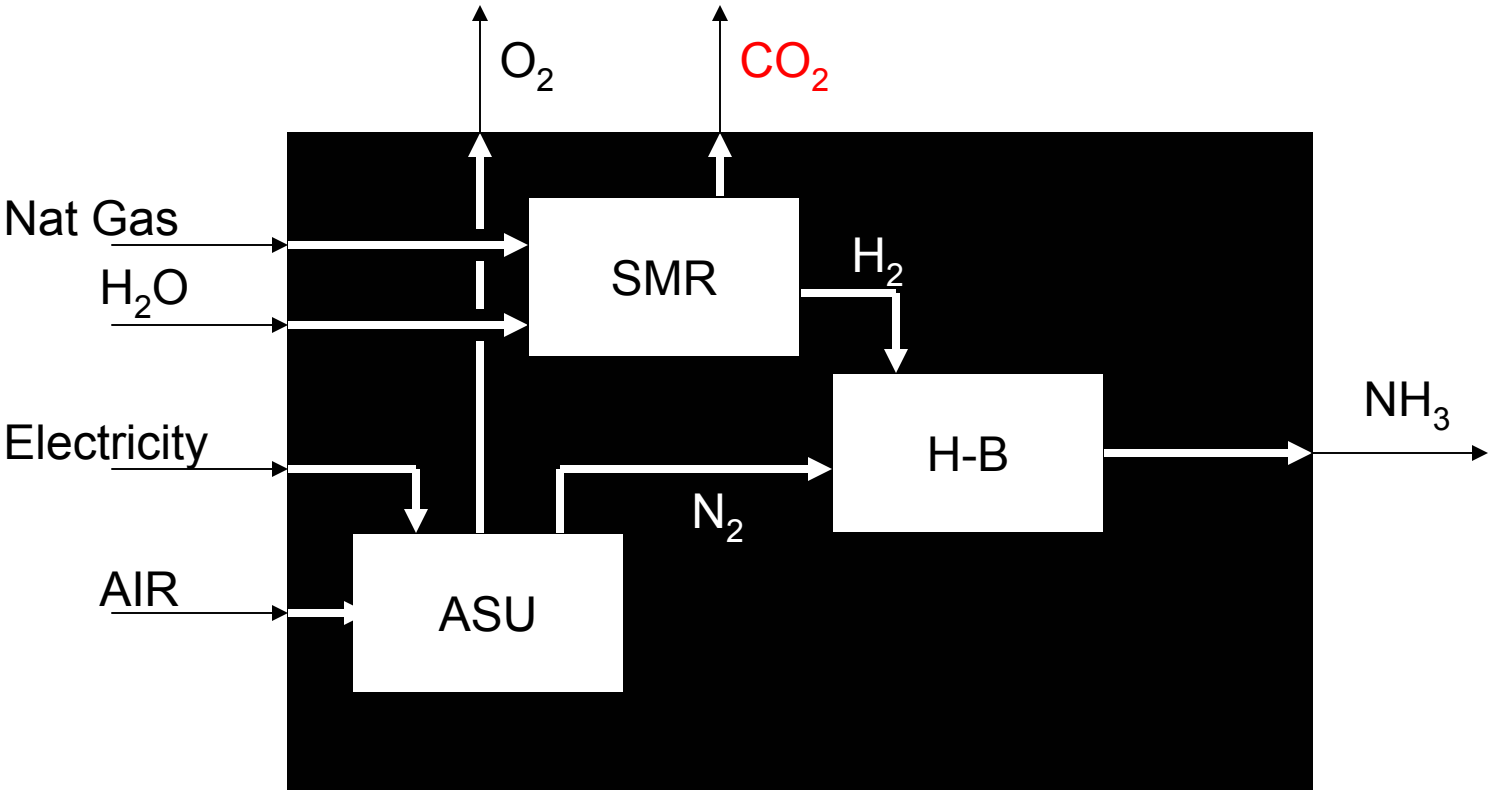
Feed

1 – 3,000 tpd

Haber-Bosch
“Synloop”

Inside the Black Box: Steam Reforming + Haber-Bosch

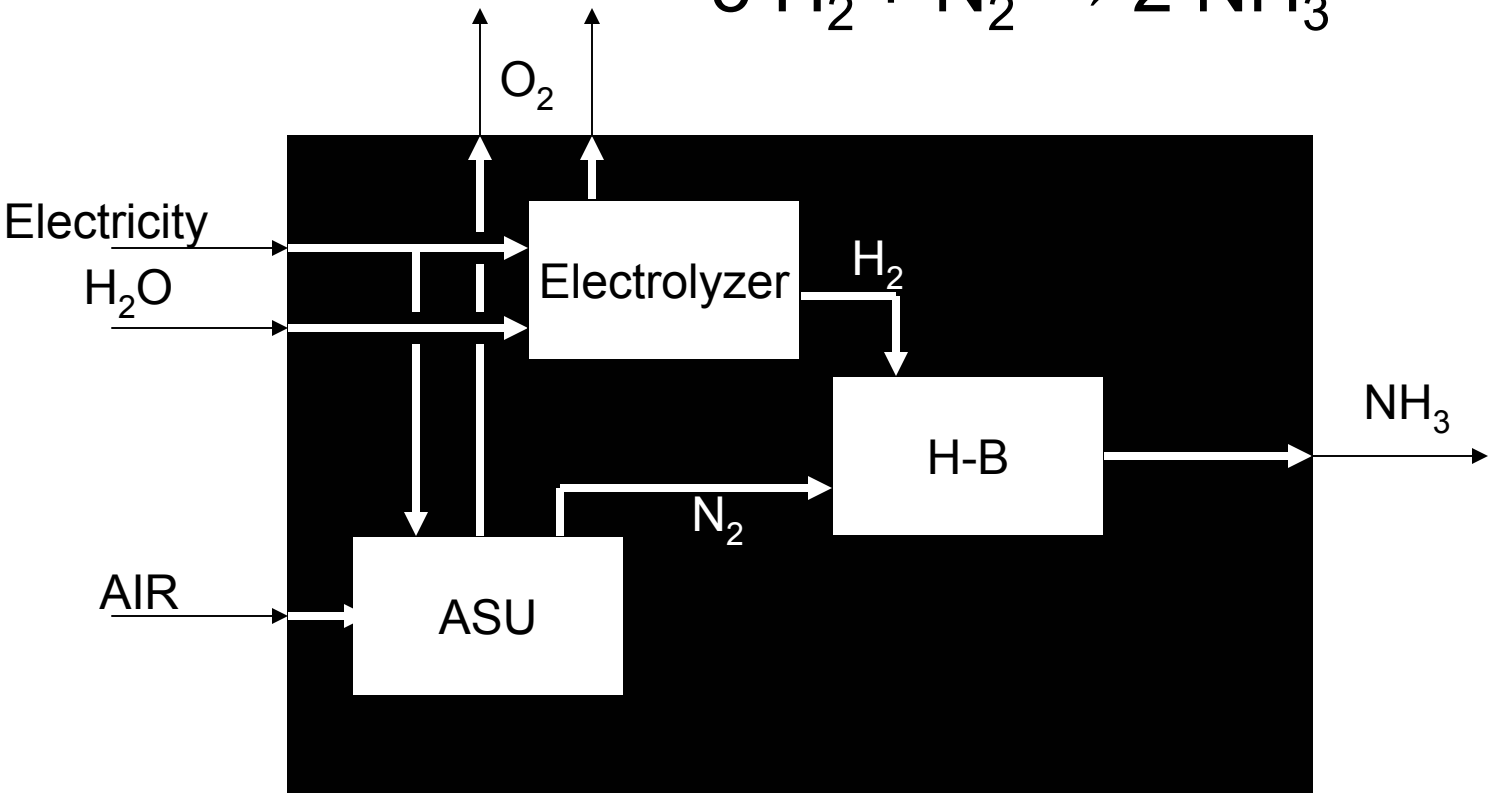
$$3\ CH_4 + 6\ H_2O + 4\ N_2 \rightarrow 3\ CO_2 + 8\ NH_3$$



Energy consumption ~33 MBtu (9500 kWh) per ton NH_3

Inside the Black Box: HB Plus Electrolysis

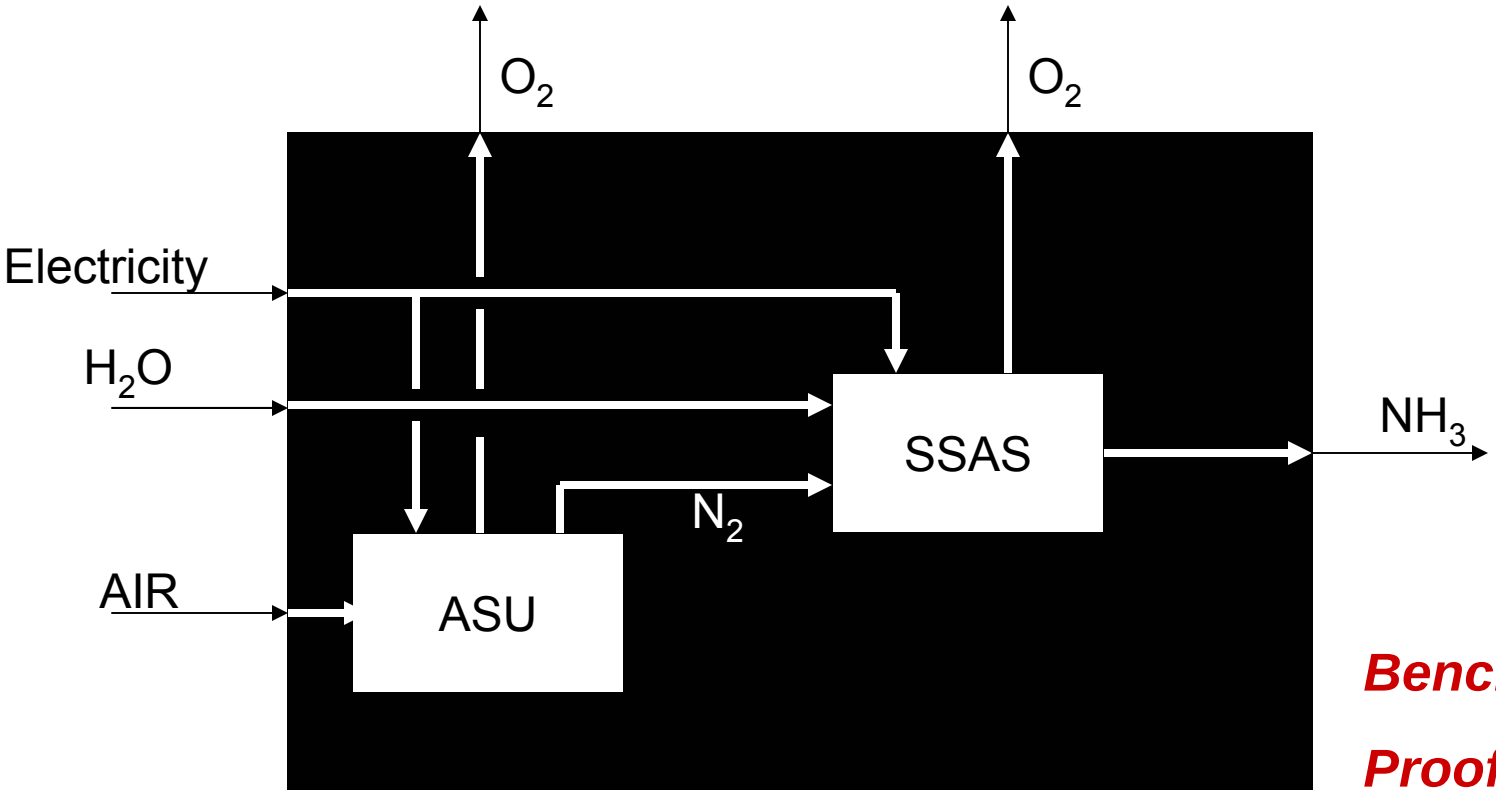
$$3\ H_2O \rightarrow 3\ H_2 + 3/2\ O_2$$
$$3\ H_2 + N_2 \rightarrow 2\ NH_3$$



Energy consumption ~12,000 kWh per ton NH_3

Inside the Black Box: Solid State Ammonia Synthesis

$$6\ H_2O + 2\ N_2 \rightarrow 3\ O_2 + 4\ NH_3$$

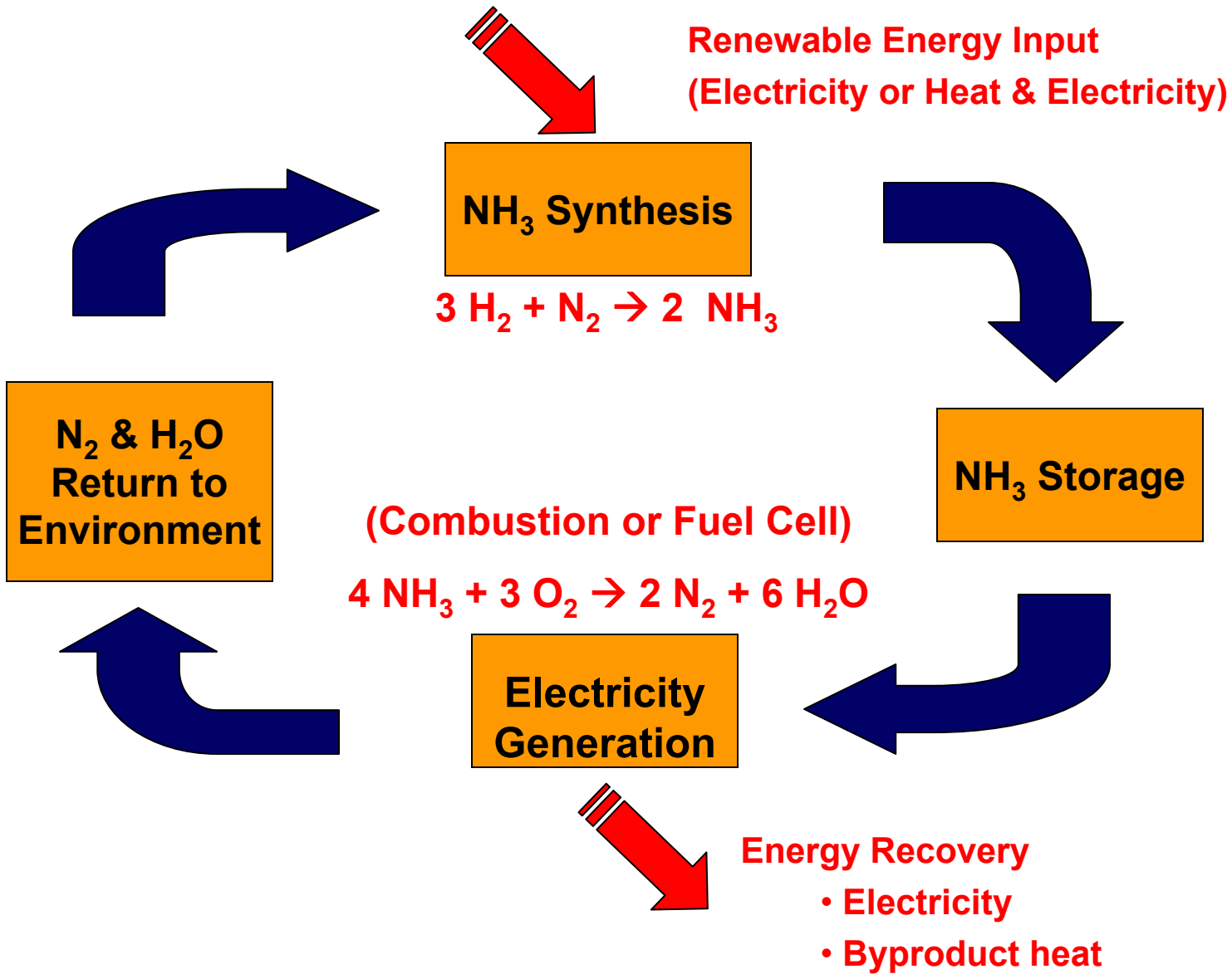


Benchtop

Proof-of-concept

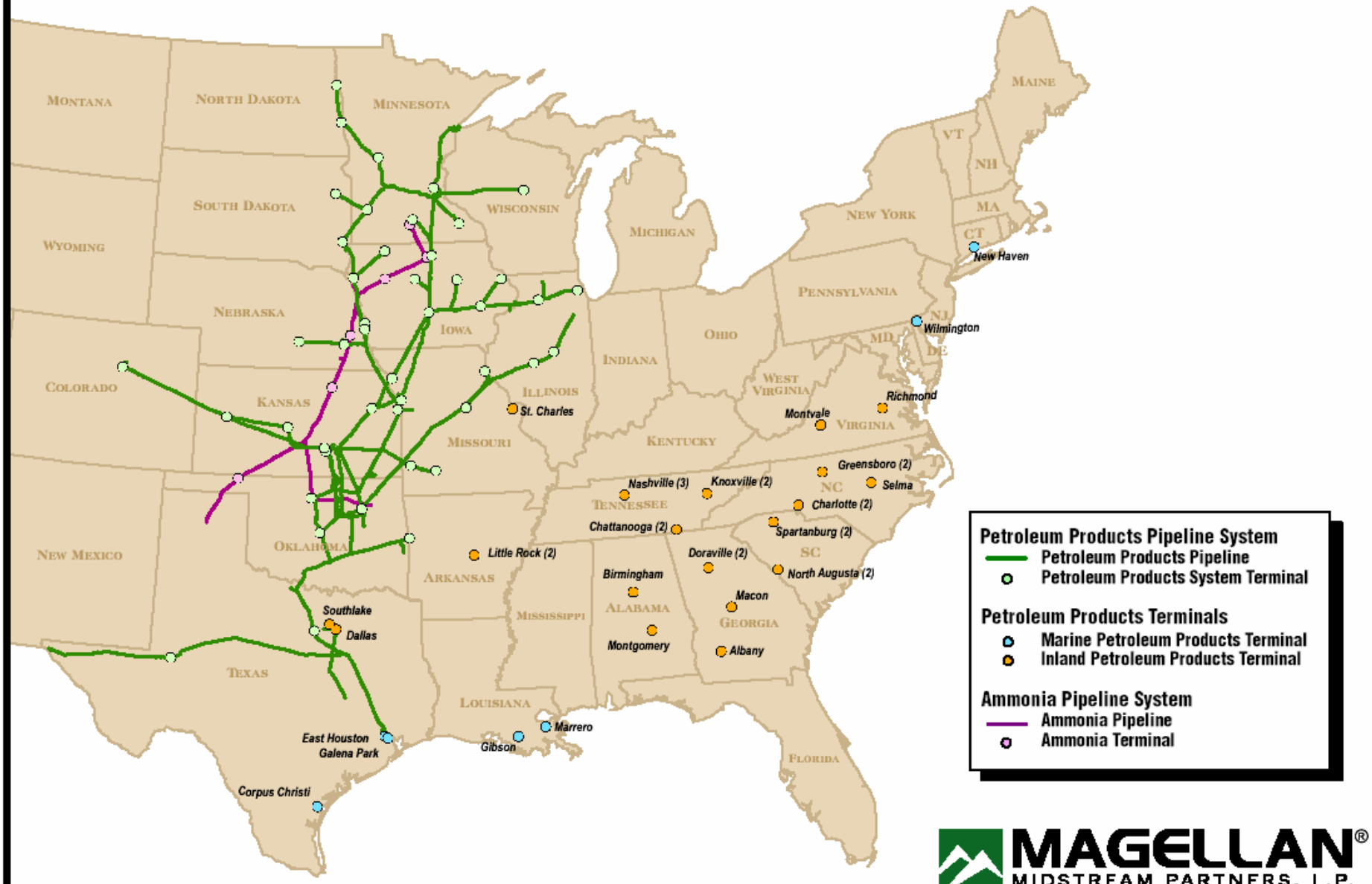
Energy consumption 7000 - 8000 kWh per ton NH_3

Green Ammonia Cycle
Renewable-source, C-free



Asset Portfolio

Liquid ammonia pipeline



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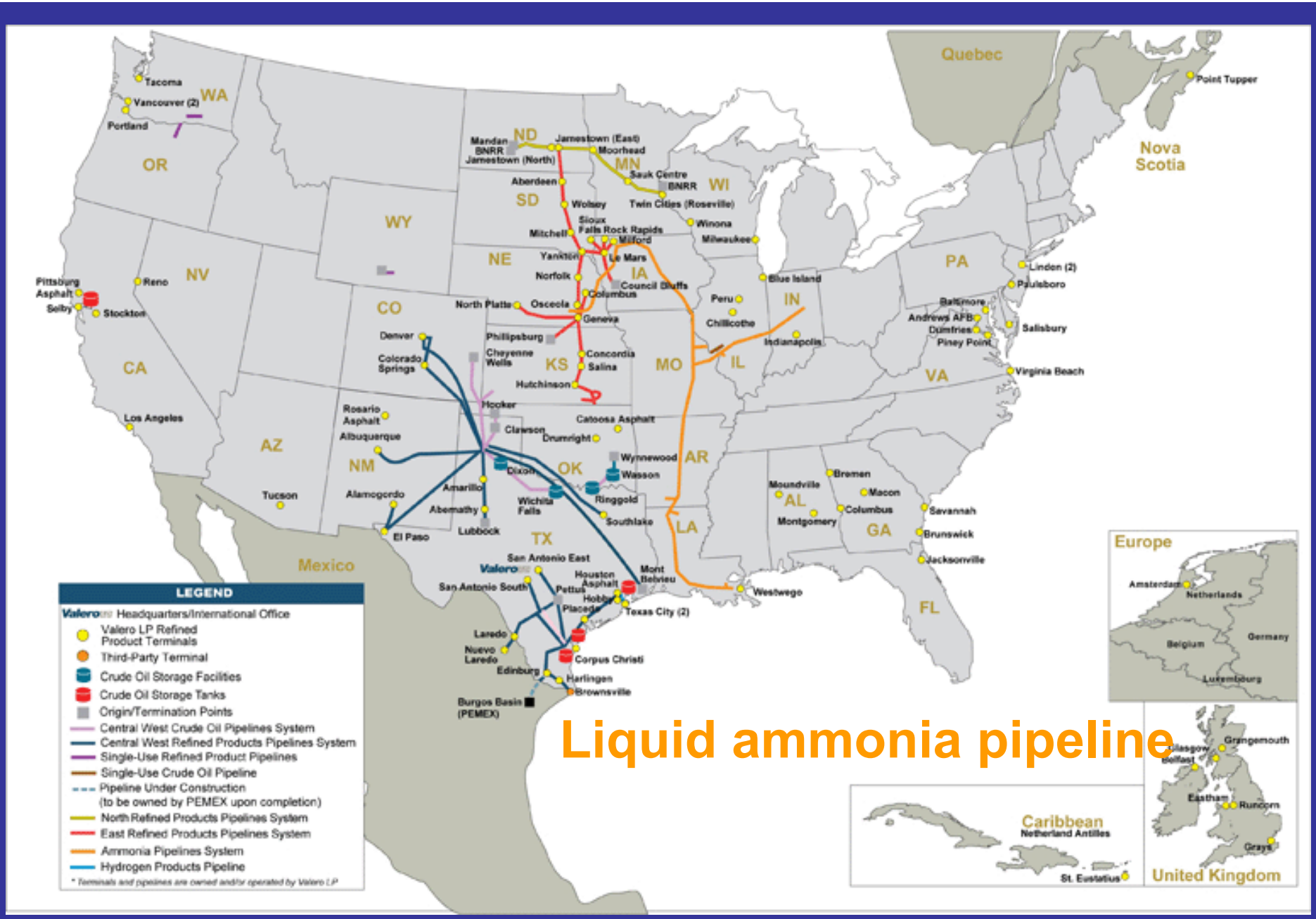


Valero LP Operations

“Atmospheric”

Liquid Ammonia Storage Tank

30,000 Tons

~$15M turnkey

-33 C

Ammonia
534 kg H2

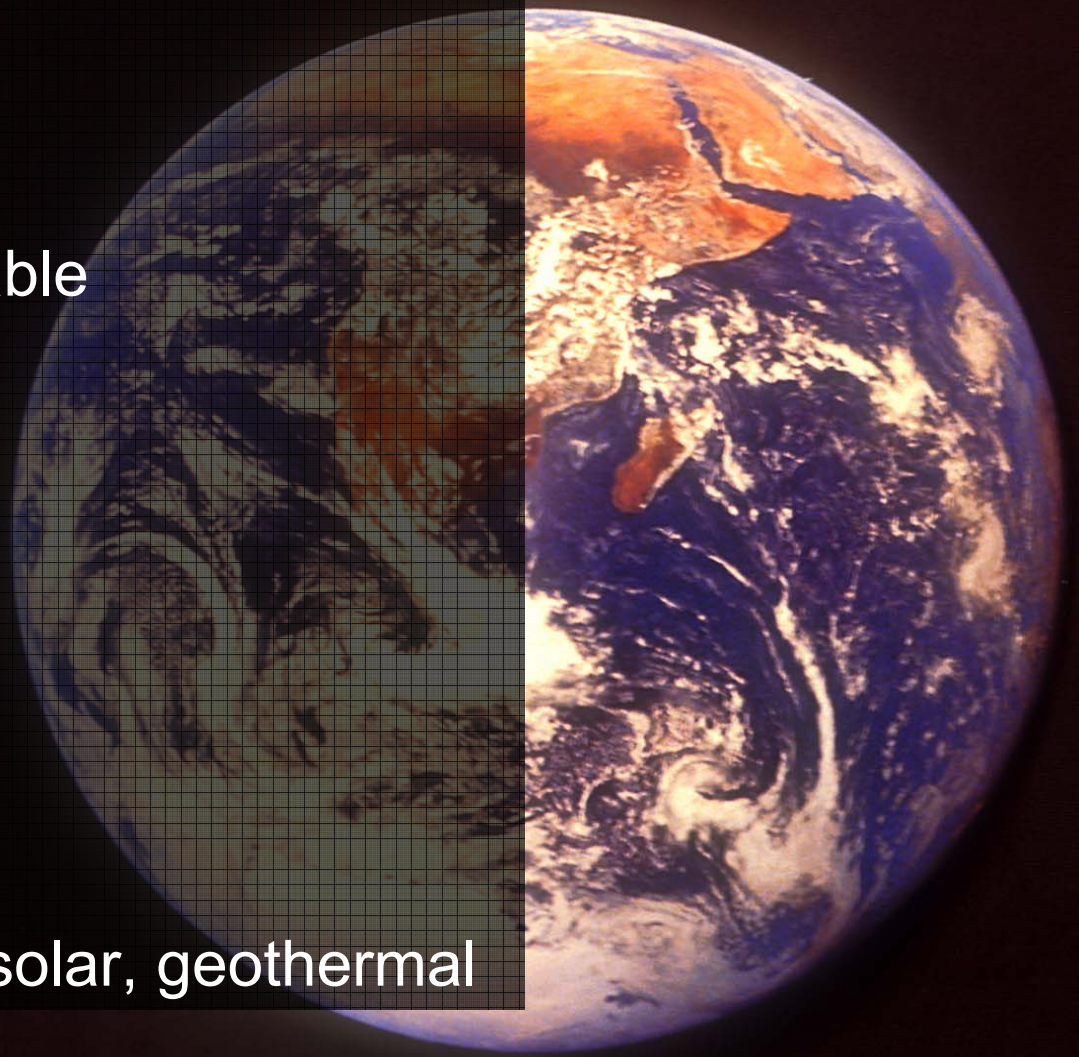
Hydrogen gas
350 kg H2

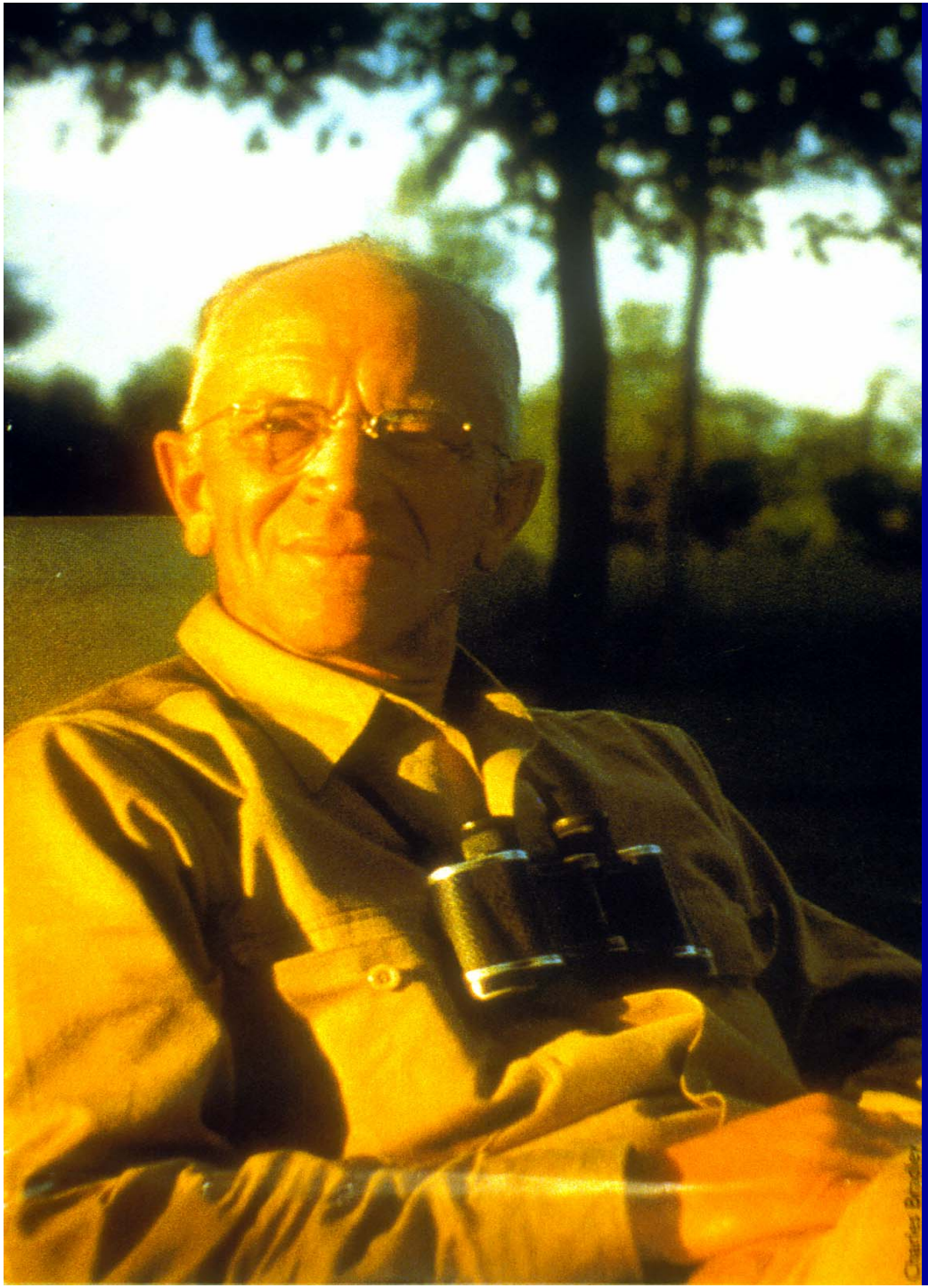
Annual – scale "Firming"
Great Plains Wind

- **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:**
    - **As electricity = 450 GWh**
    - **As GH2 = 15,712 tons, metric @ 2,500 tons / cavern = 6 caverns**
    - **As NH3 = 87,291 tons, metric @ 60,000 tons / tank = 1.4 tanks**
  - **"Firming" energy storage, all great Plains wind:**
    - **As GH2 = 17,000 caverns @ $15M each = $264 billion**
    - **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





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 Iowa, and the World, on Firm Renewables via GW-scale Transmission and Storage

Handouts, DVD's

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END PRESENTATION

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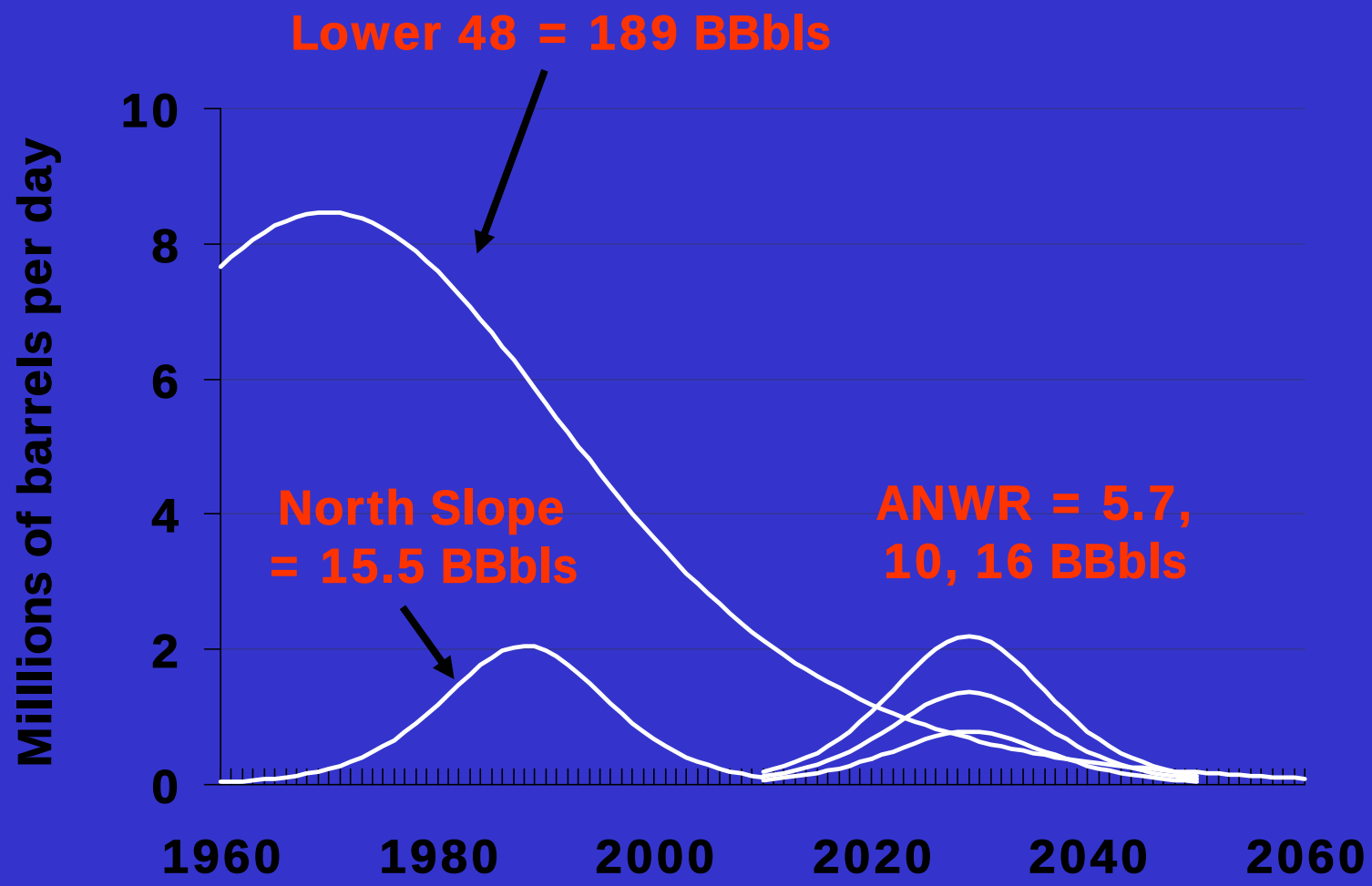
Titusville, PA

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

Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd.

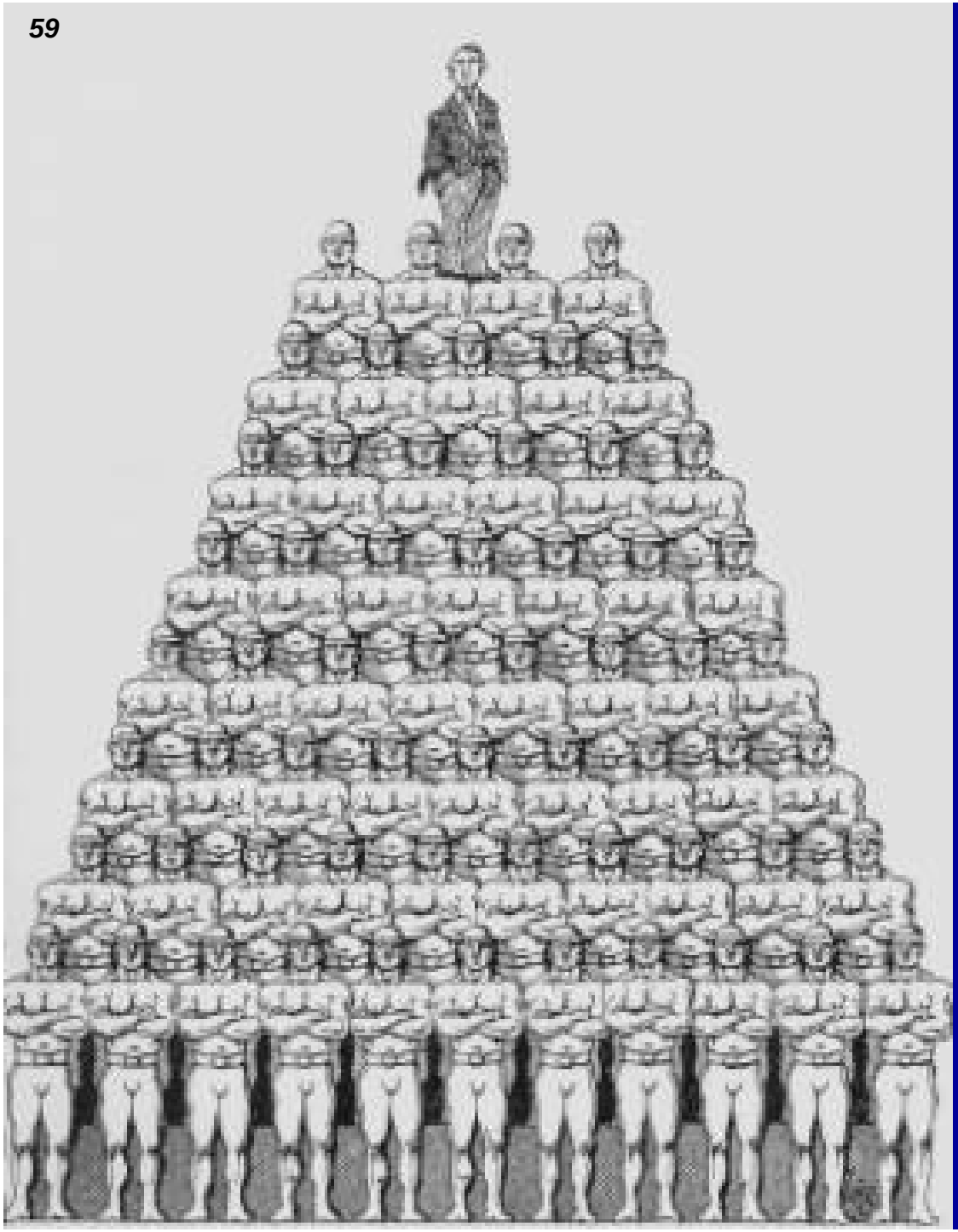
Canada

* Alaska North Slope

"America is addicted to oil."

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

Humanity is addicted to energy



Energy Slaves

Lance Armstrong

2002

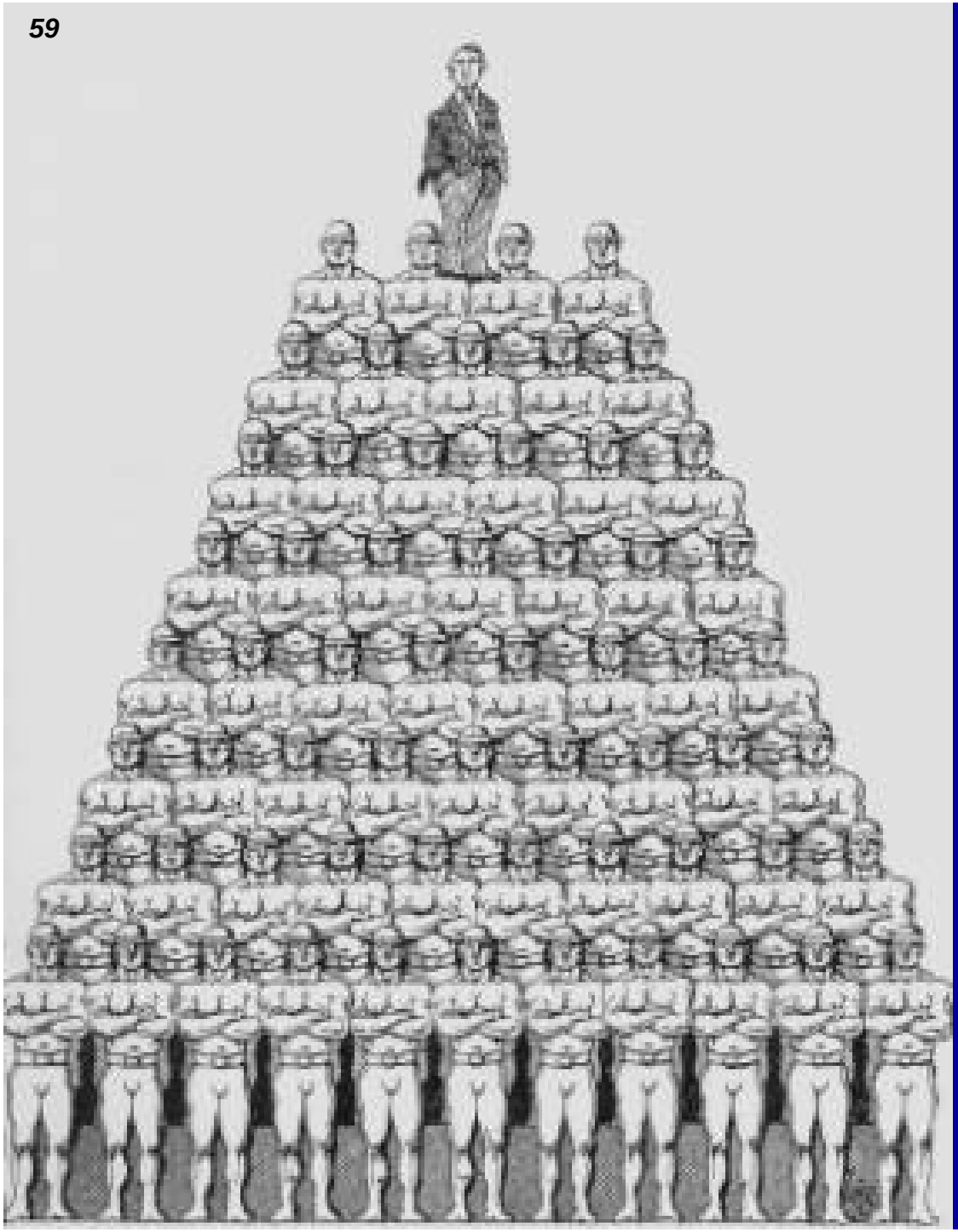
Peak 500 Watts

Average 250 Watts

3 kWh per day

(12 hour day)

746 Watts = 1 hp



Energy Slaves

USA:

35 Lance Armstrongs per person

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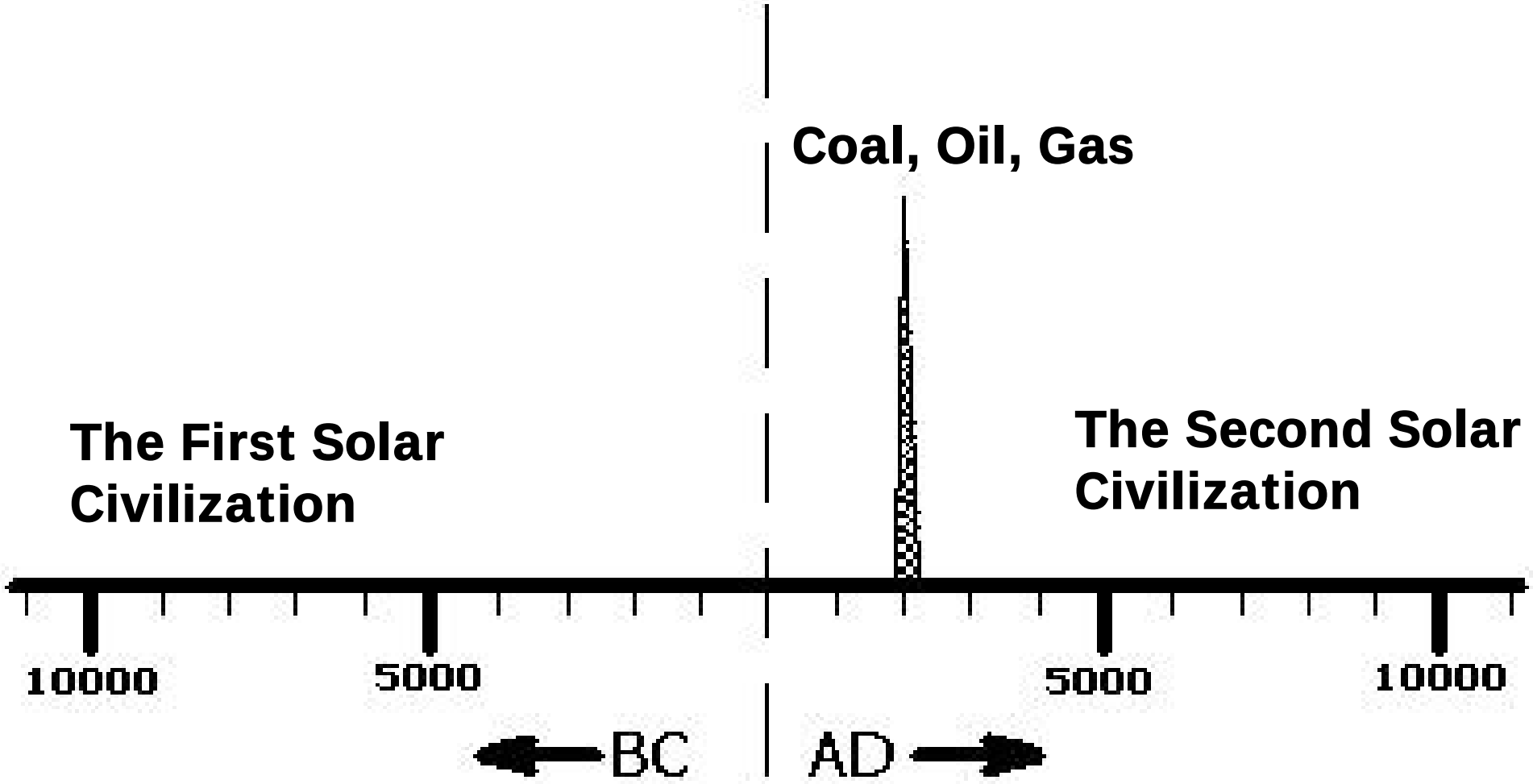
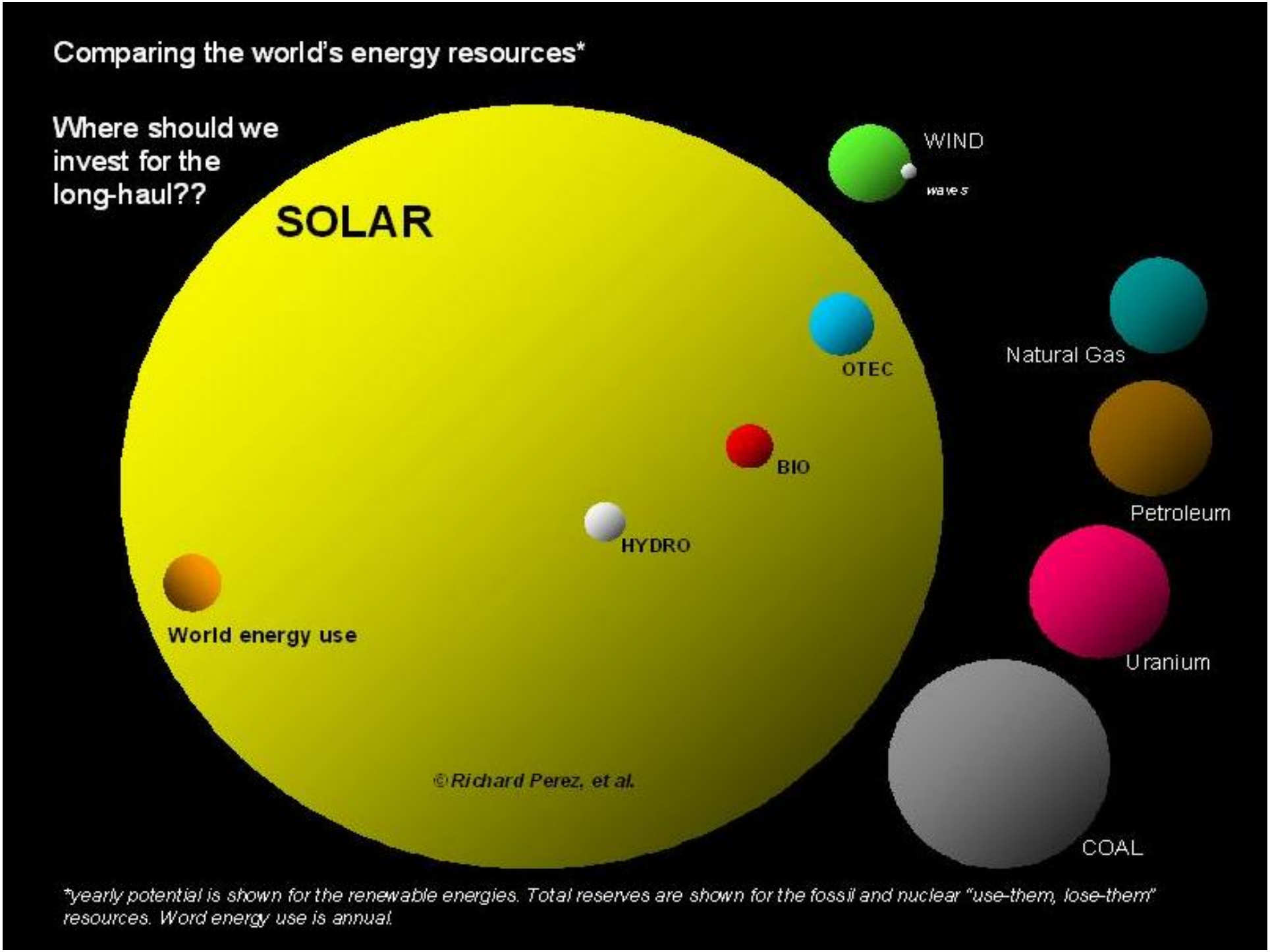
The Fossil Fuel Age: a "Blink of an Eye" between the First and Second Solar Civilizations



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

The First Solar Civilization

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


Comparing the world's energy resources*
Where should we invest for the long-haul??
SOLAR
WIND
waves
OTEC
BIO
HYDRO
World energy use
Natural Gas
Petroleum
Uranium
COAL
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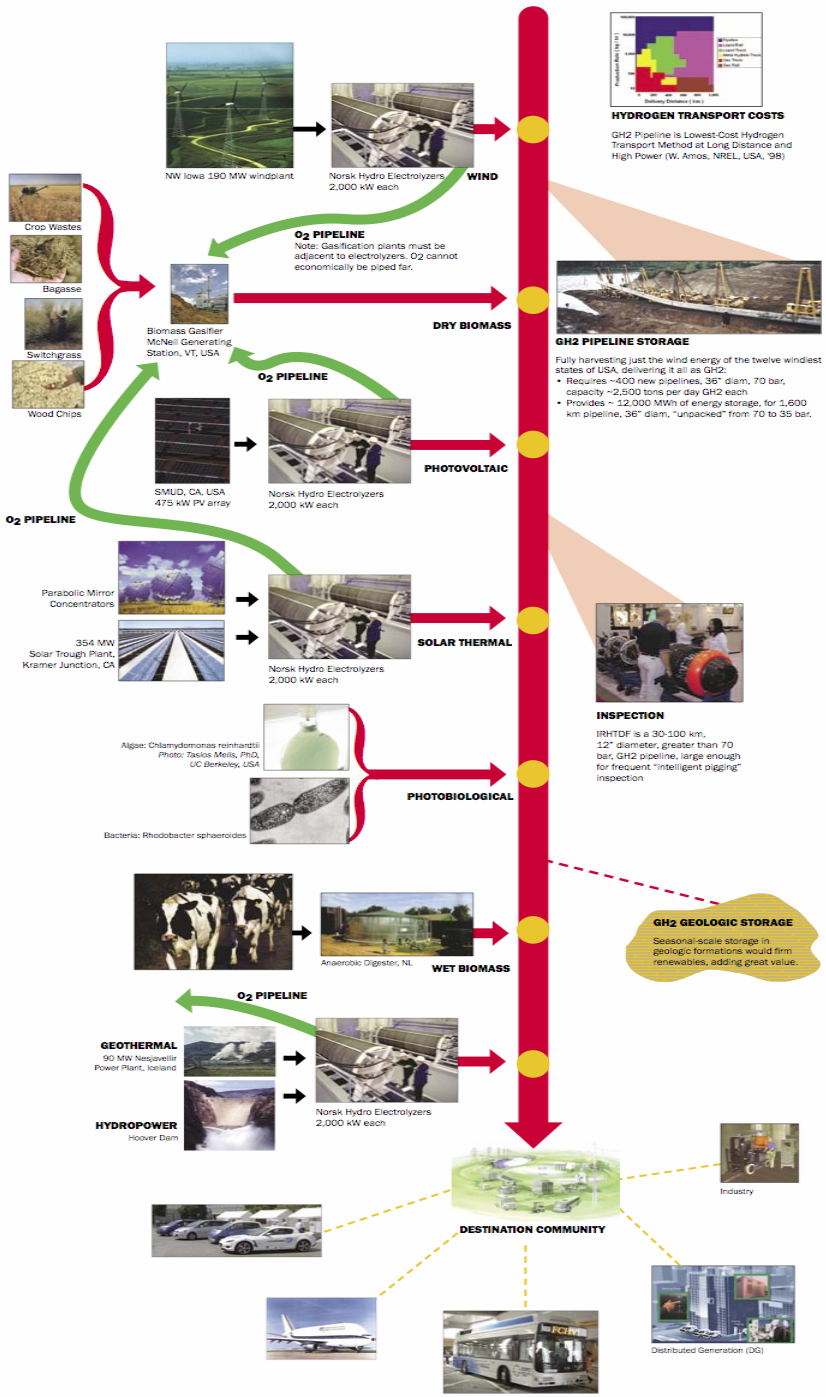
*yearly potential is shown for the renewable energies. Total reserves are shown for the fossil and nuclear "use-them, lose-them" resources. Word energy use is annual.



The Second Solar Civilization

- Diverse
- Benign
- Renewable
- Remote
  - Electricity
  - Hydrogen


Running the World
on Renewables

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:
  - CO_2 – 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

3: Shortest path to benign, secure, abundant energy

- Anhydrous Ammonia (NH3) pipelines, tanks
  - Conversion, gathering
  - Transmission
  - Storage: tanks
  - Distribution
- Pilot plants needed:
  - every major new industrial process
  - ’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 plant needed

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

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

Focus

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

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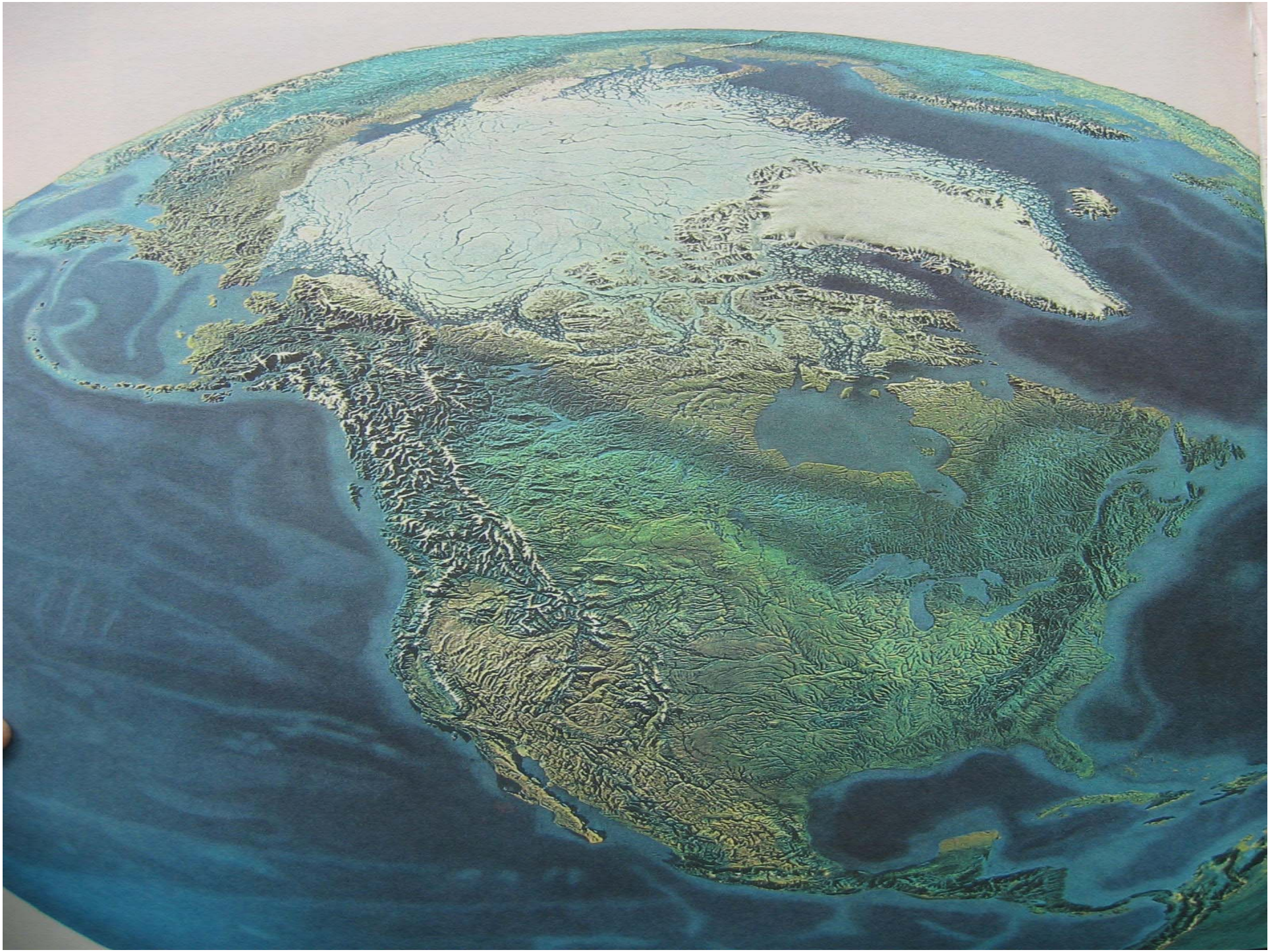
Global Opportunity



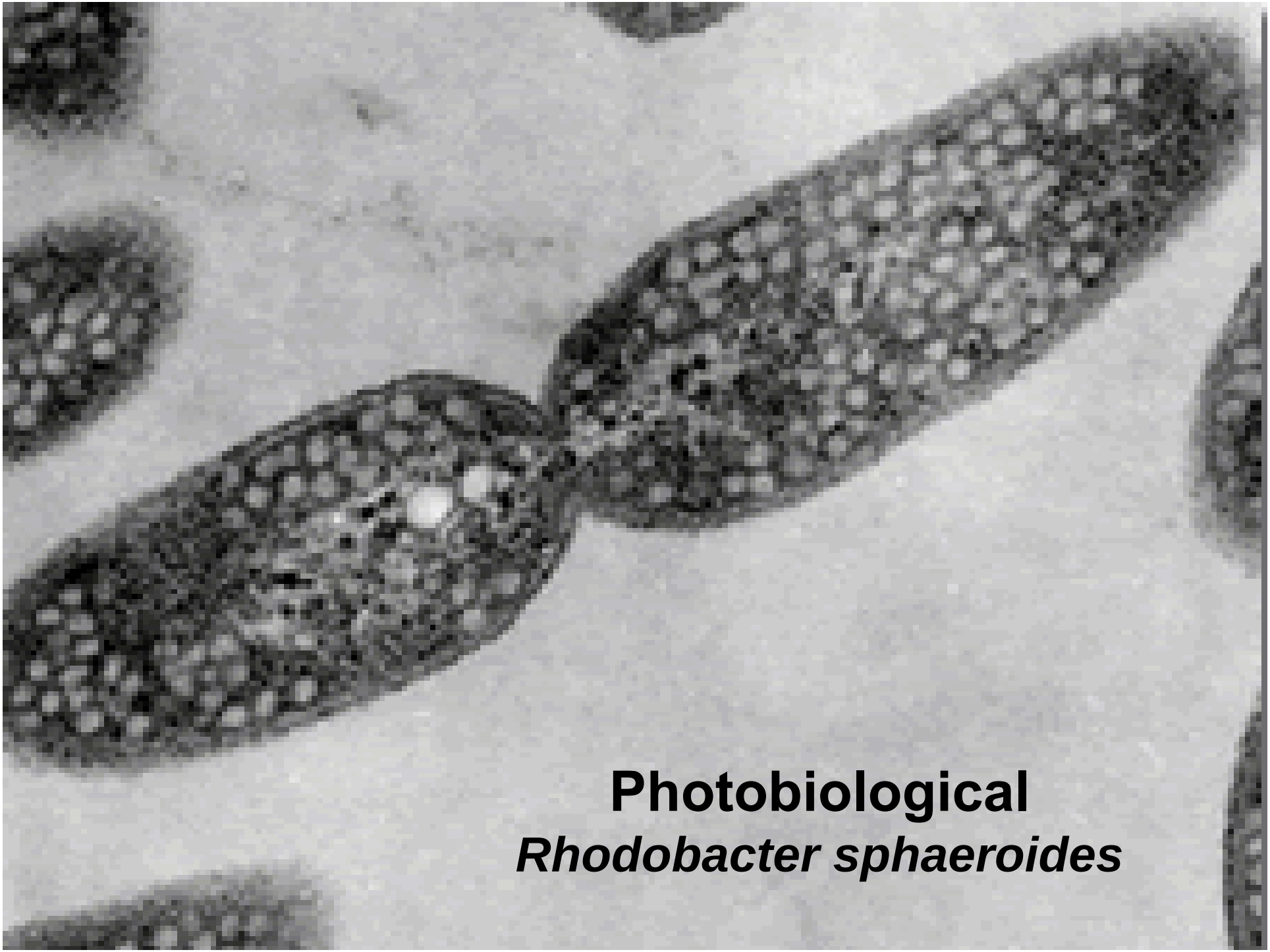

Wind
Powering
America
Diverse !
NW Iowa 190 MW windplant

Hydro

Hoover Dam

Geothermal:

Nesjavellir Power Plant, Iceland; 90 MW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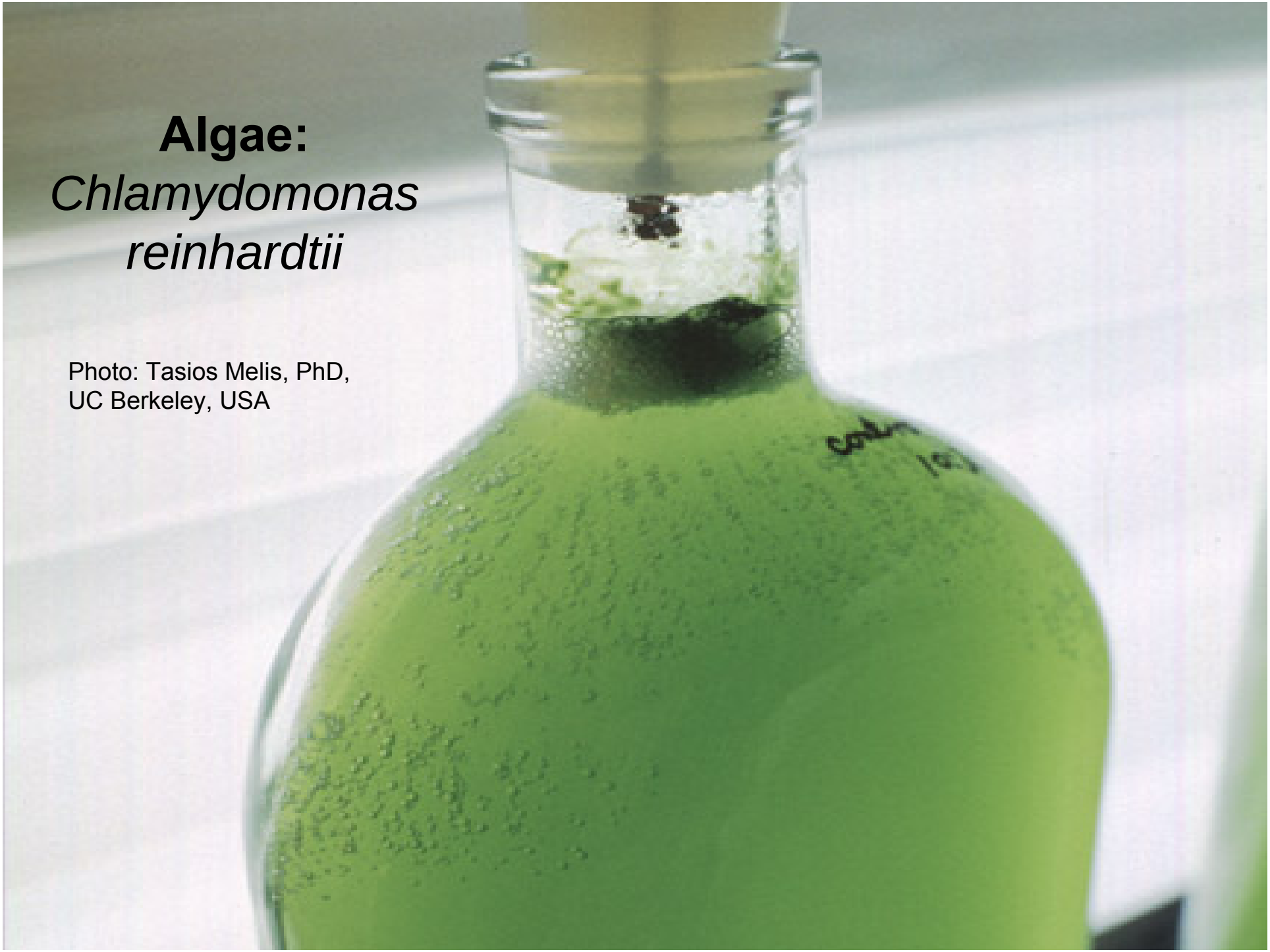
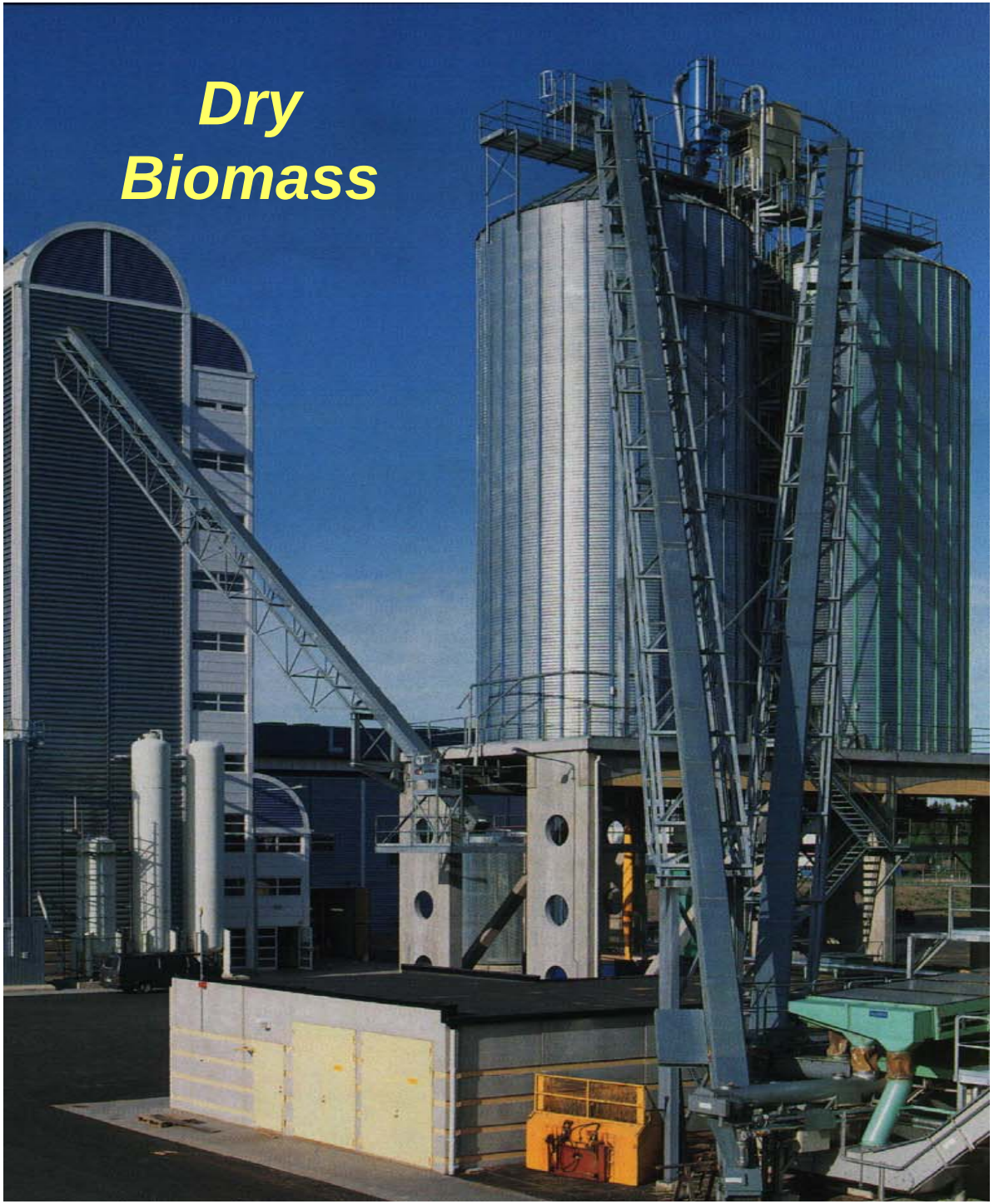
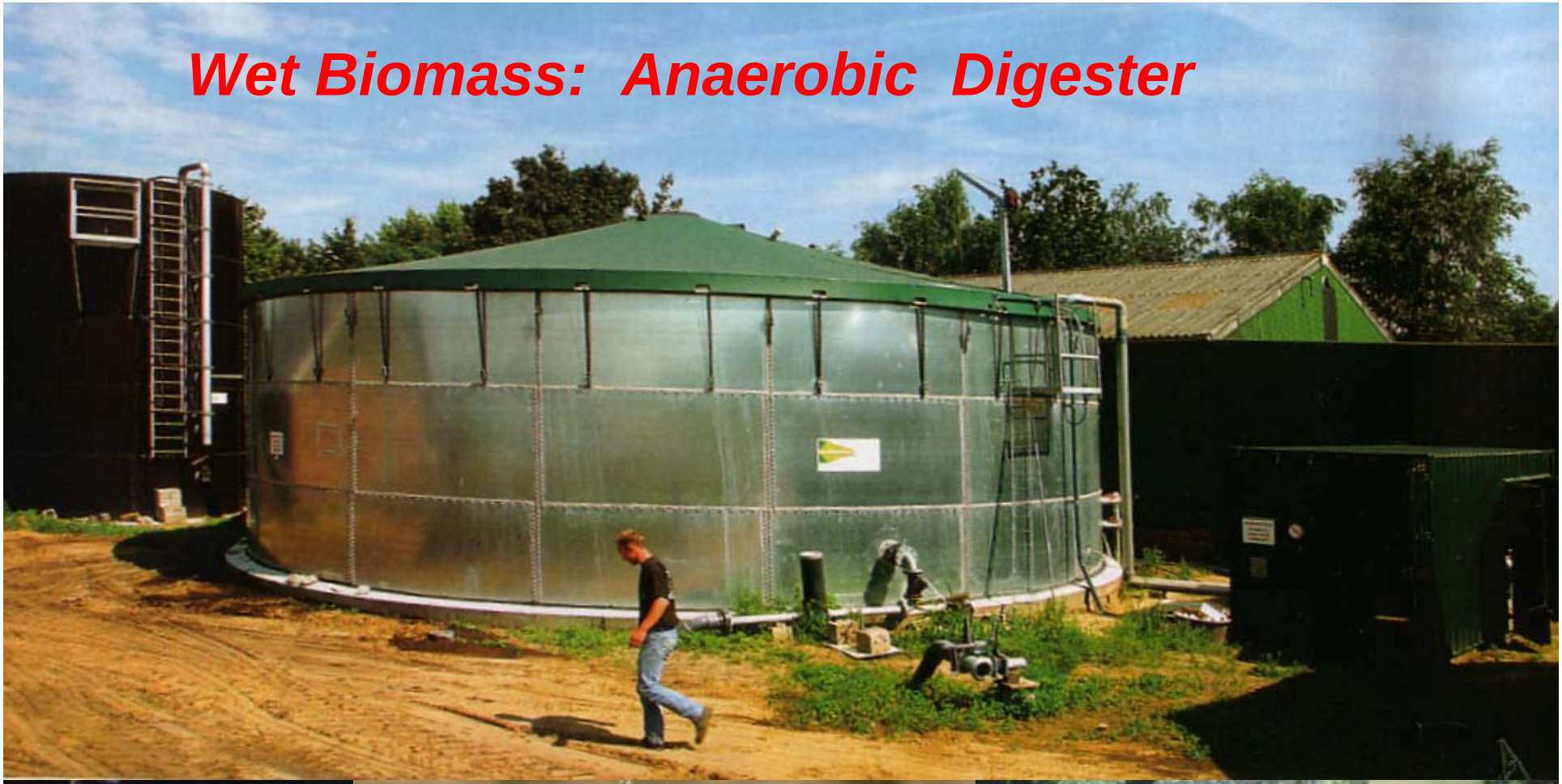
Rhodobacter sphaeroides

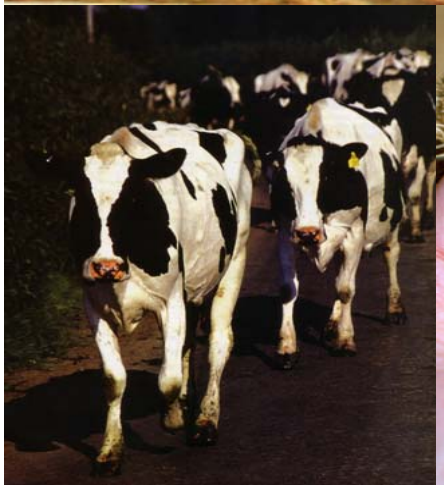

Algae:
Chlamydomonas reinhardtii
Photo: Tasios Melis, PhD,
UC Berkeley, USA

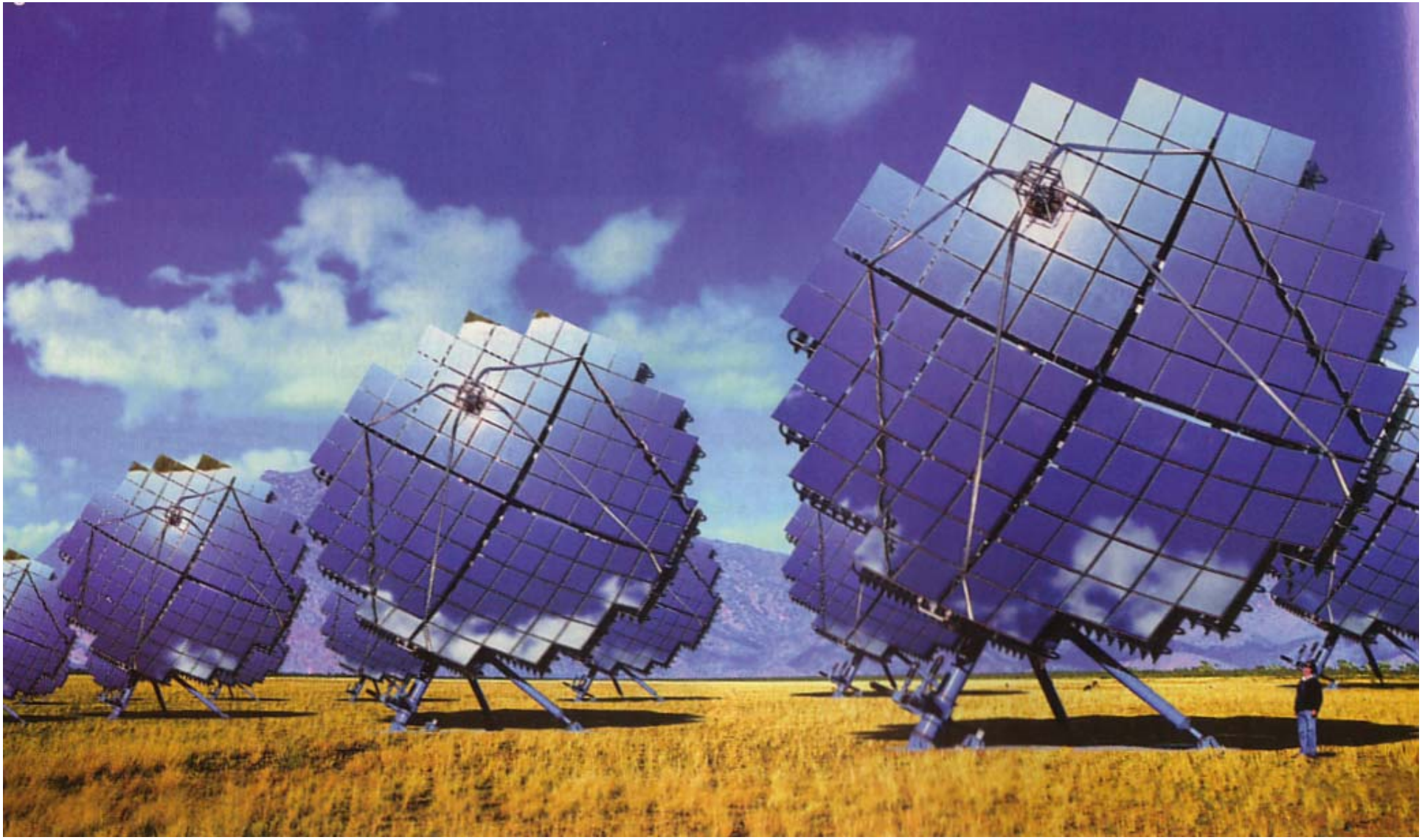
Dry Biomass



Wet Biomass: Anaerobic Digester







Solar thermal

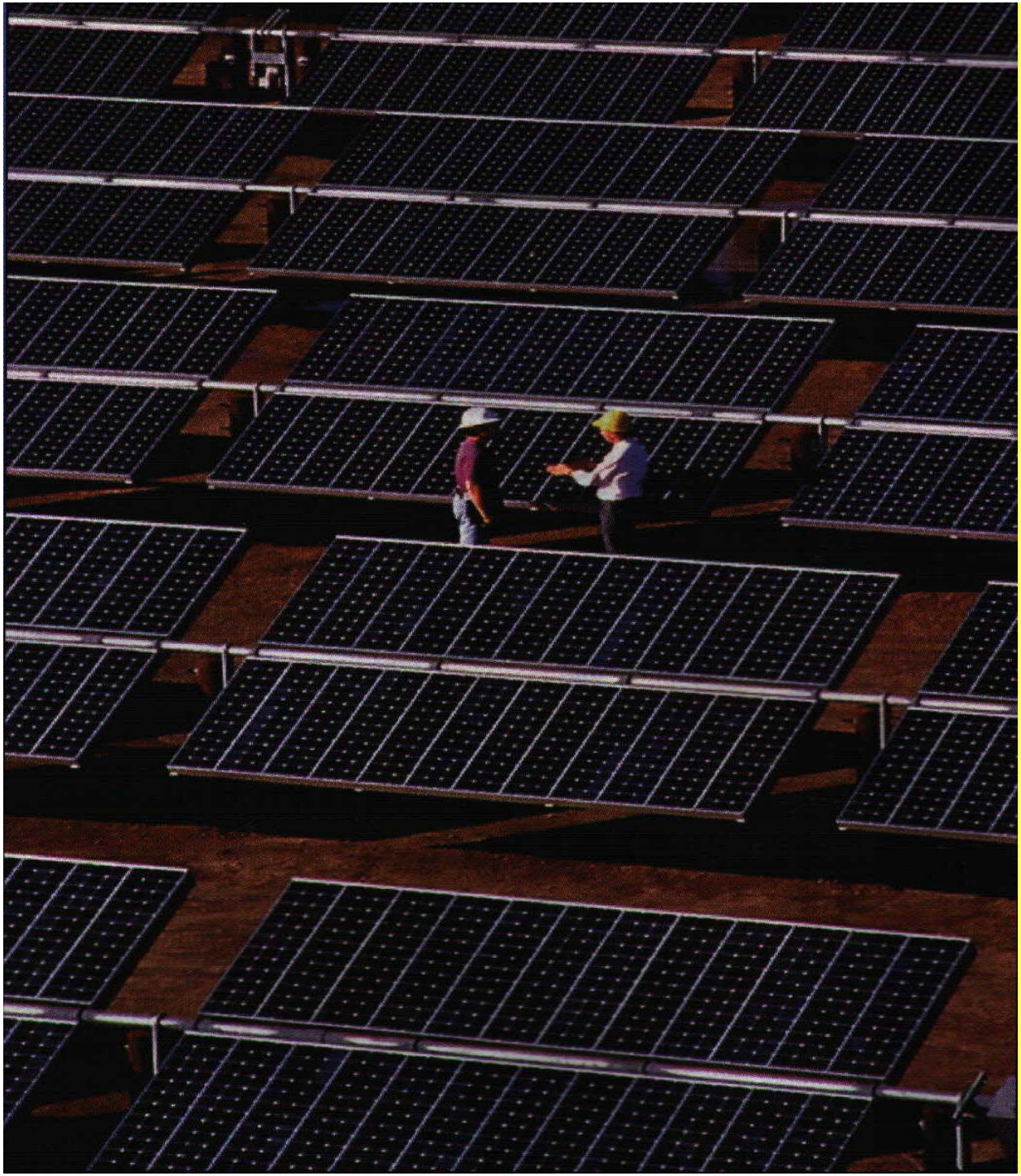
Stirling Energy Systems, Inc.

Model solar thermal power plant, NM Completed May 05

Parabolic Trough

Concentrating Solar Power (CSP)

CA, Spain



Photovoltaic

(PV)

Small

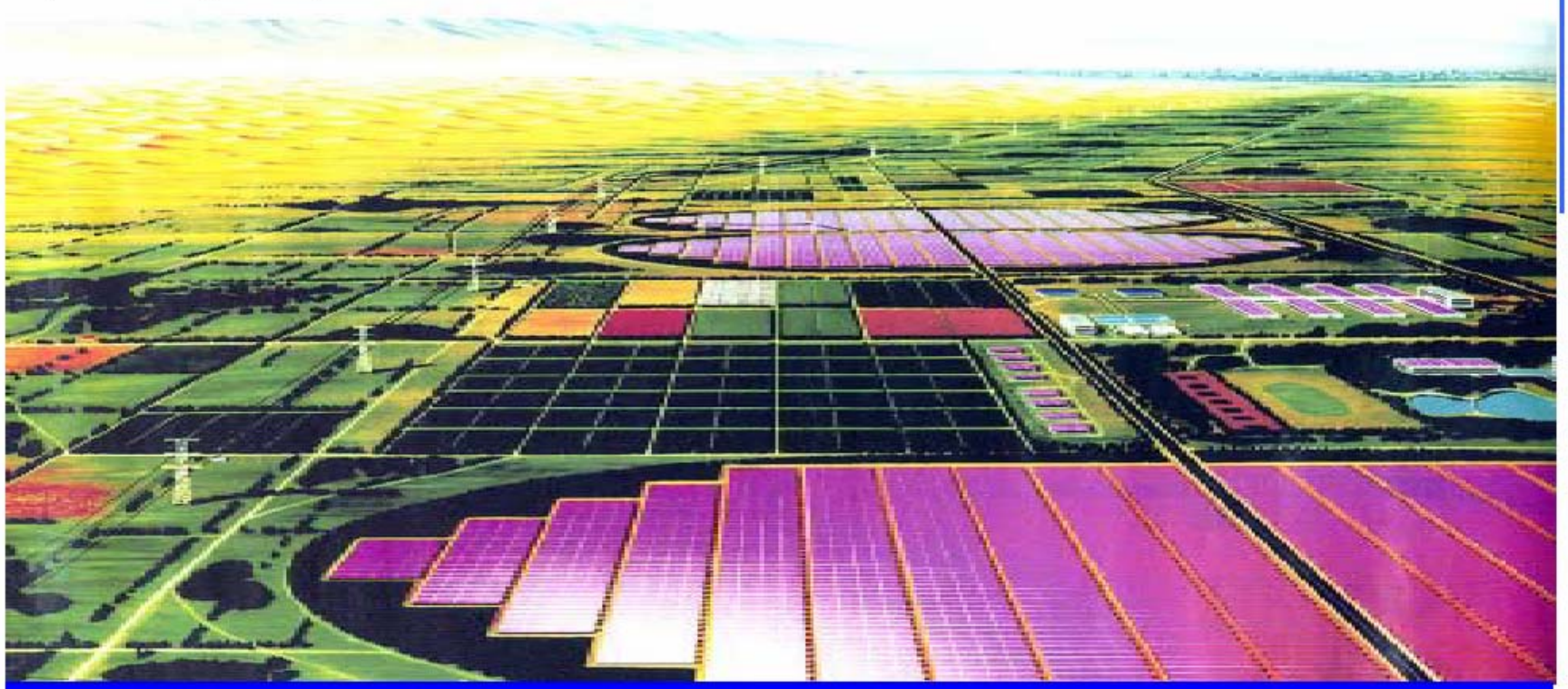
Medium

Large

Example: Vision of a bright future

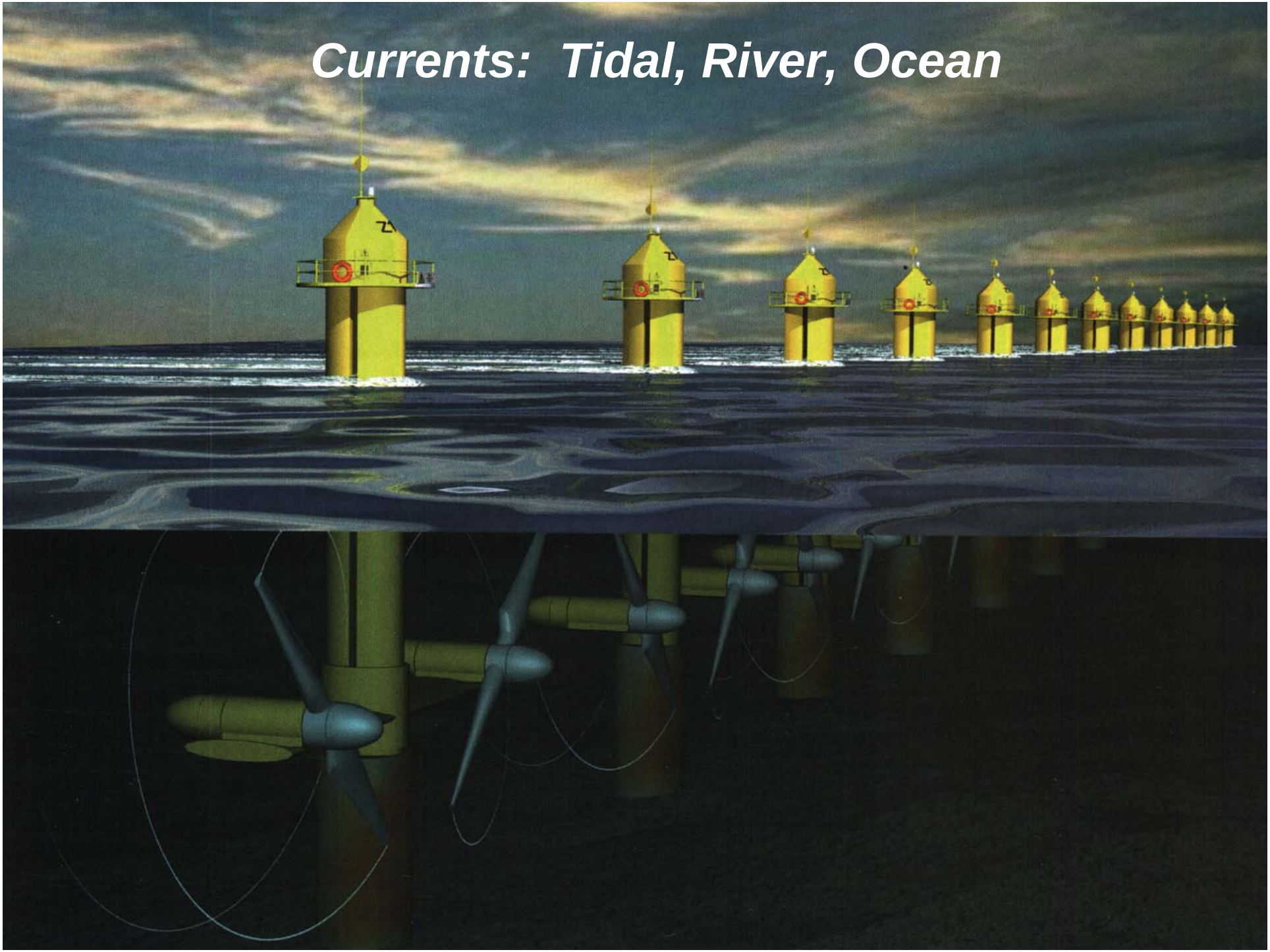
*The Silk Road Genesis Project**

**proposed by Sanyo*



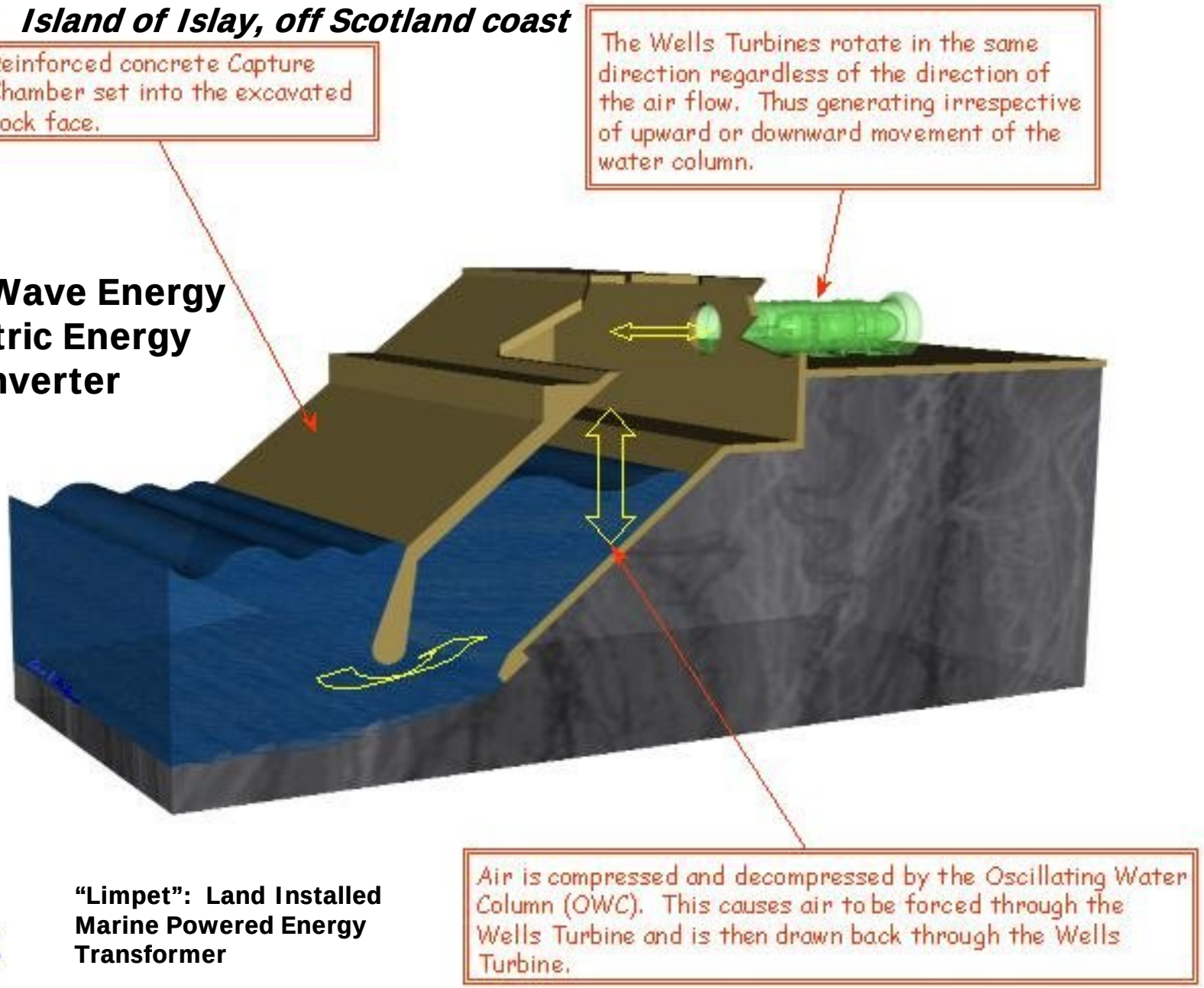
Vision of solar farms in China along the historic silk road to cover $^{1}/_{3}$ of China's energy demand in 2030

Currents: Tidal, River, Ocean



"LIMPET", Island of Islay, off Scotland coast

500 kW Wave Energy to Electric Energy Converter



UK

Wavegen

"Limpet": Land Installed Marine Powered Energy Transformer

pelamis wave power





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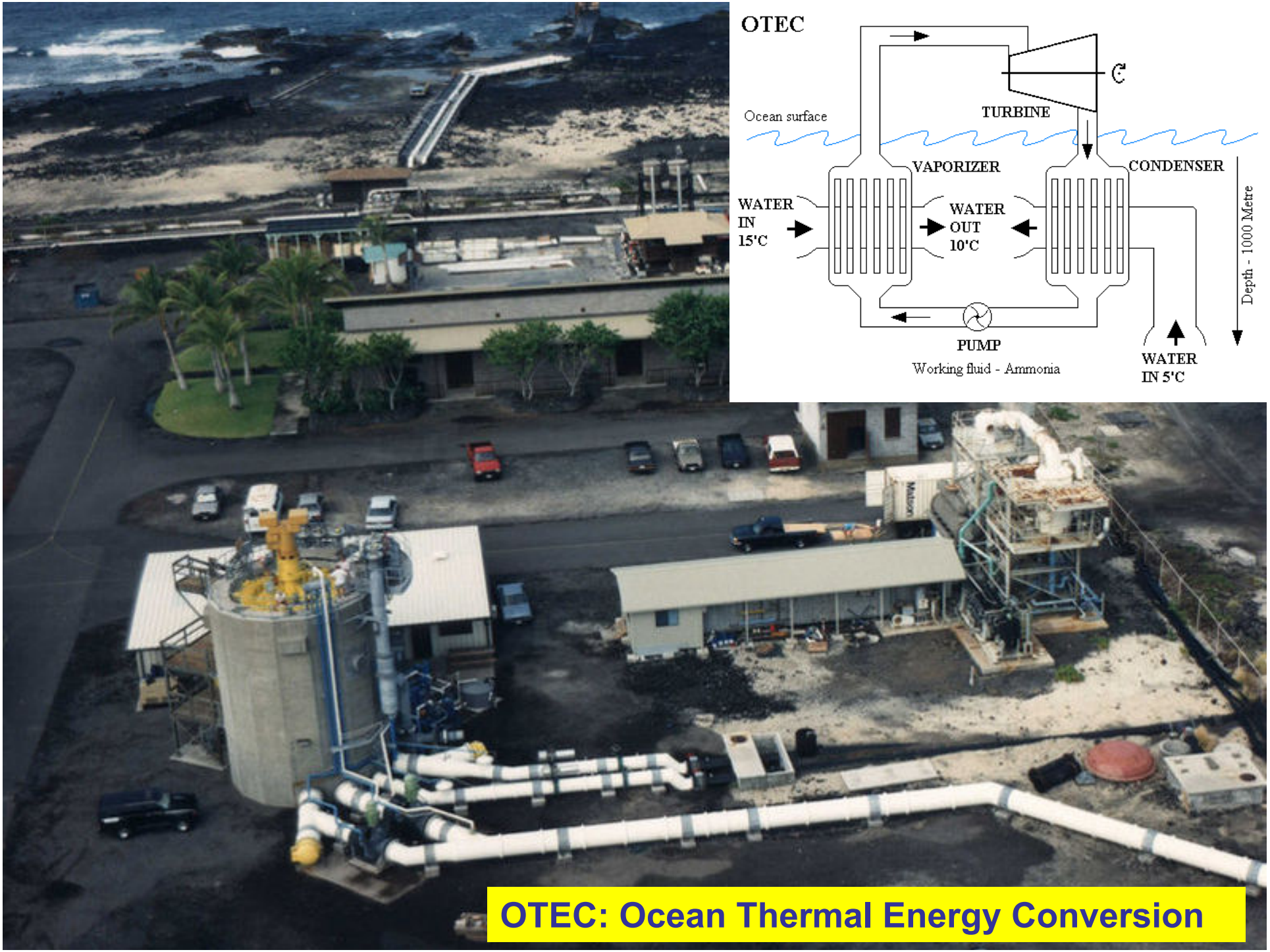
OTEC
Ocean surface
TURBINE
VAPORIZER
CONDENSER
WATER IN 15'C
WATER OUT 10'C
Depth - 1000 Metre
PUMP
Working fluid - Ammonia
WATER IN 5'C
OTEC: Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion

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