



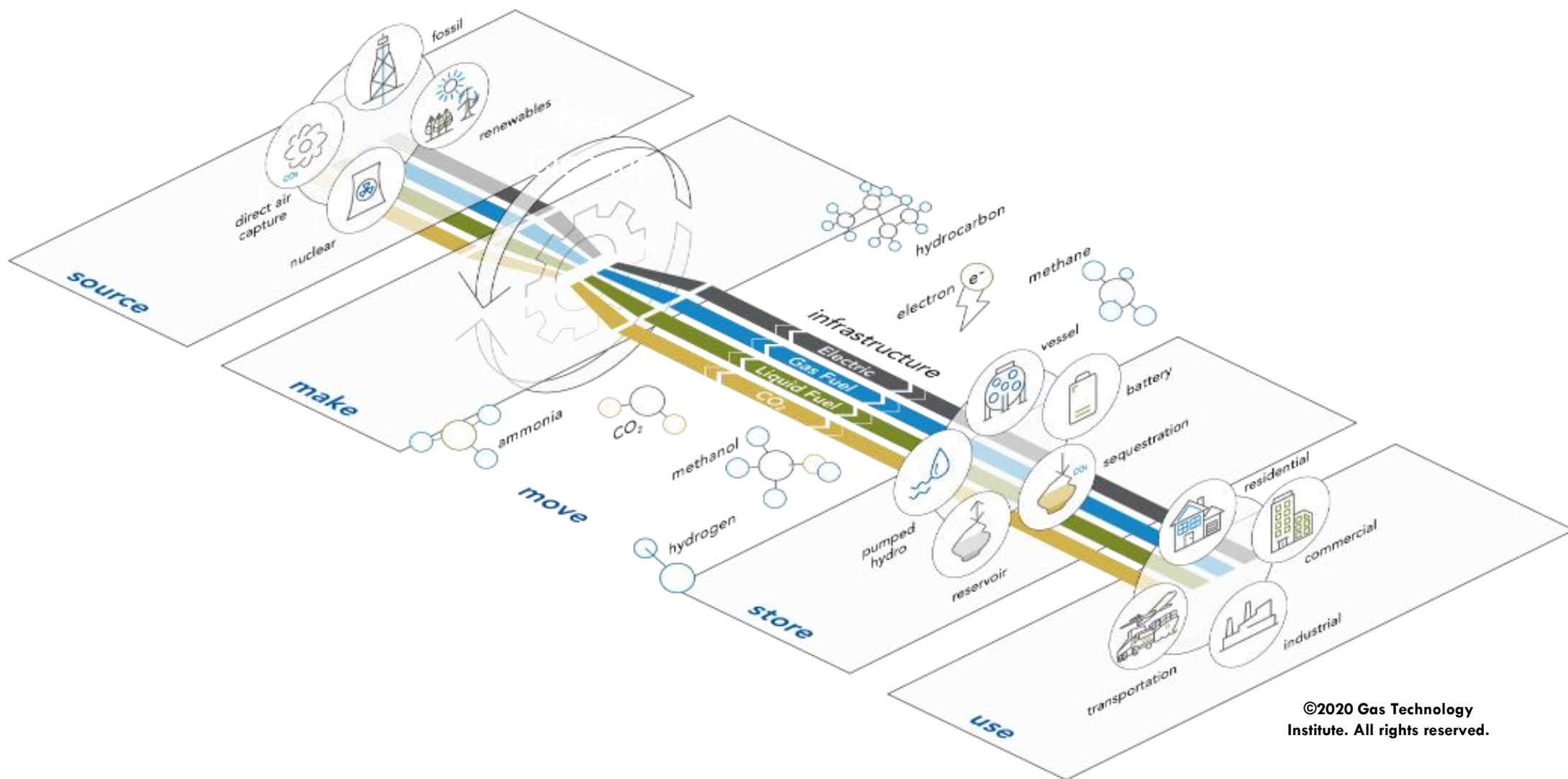
# ADVANCING DECARBONIZATION FOR LDCs

## Role of Hydrogen and Low Carbon Resources

*September 14, 2021*

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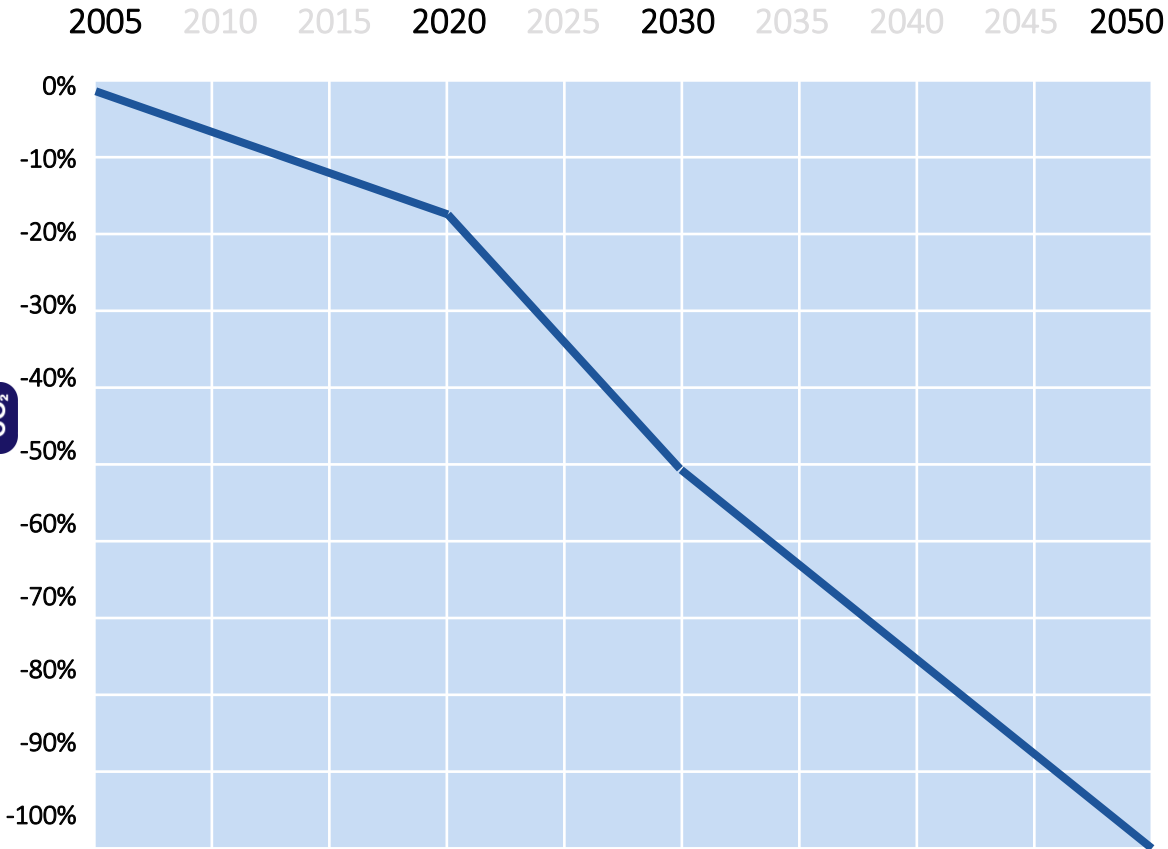
# INTEGRATED ENERGY SYSTEMS



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# THE ECONOMY WIDE NET ZERO CHALLENGE...

## Gas Will Play a Critical Role



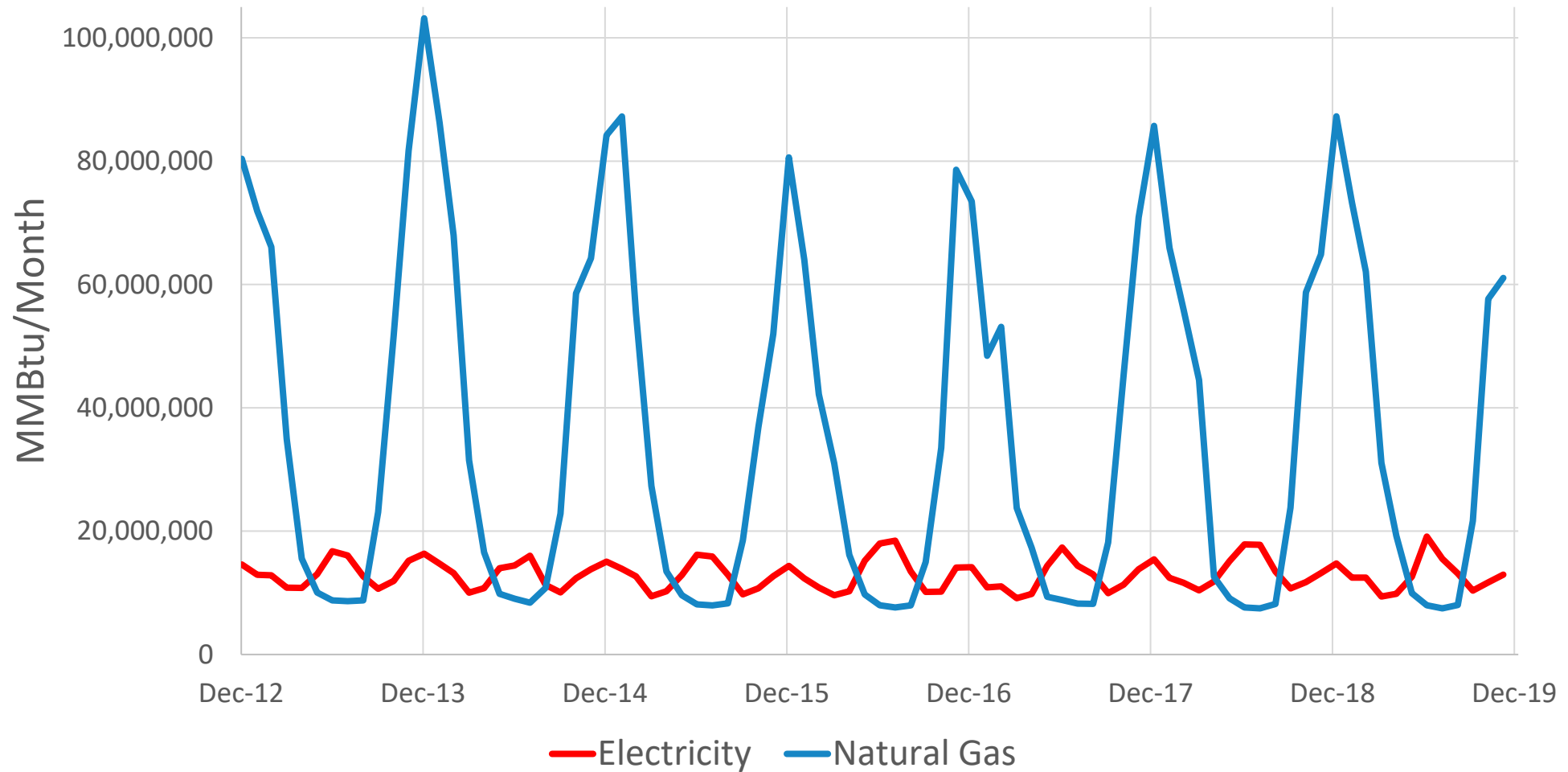
U.S. Economy-Wide

- Significant 2005-2020 reductions through EE, renewables, and switching to natural gas power generation
- Future gains will require addressing “hard to abate” applications
  - Long-haul heavy transportation
  - Heavy industry
  - Heating in cold climates
- Long duration, large scale energy storage will be key
- Increasing needs for resilient energy systems

# PEAK ENERGY COMPARISON

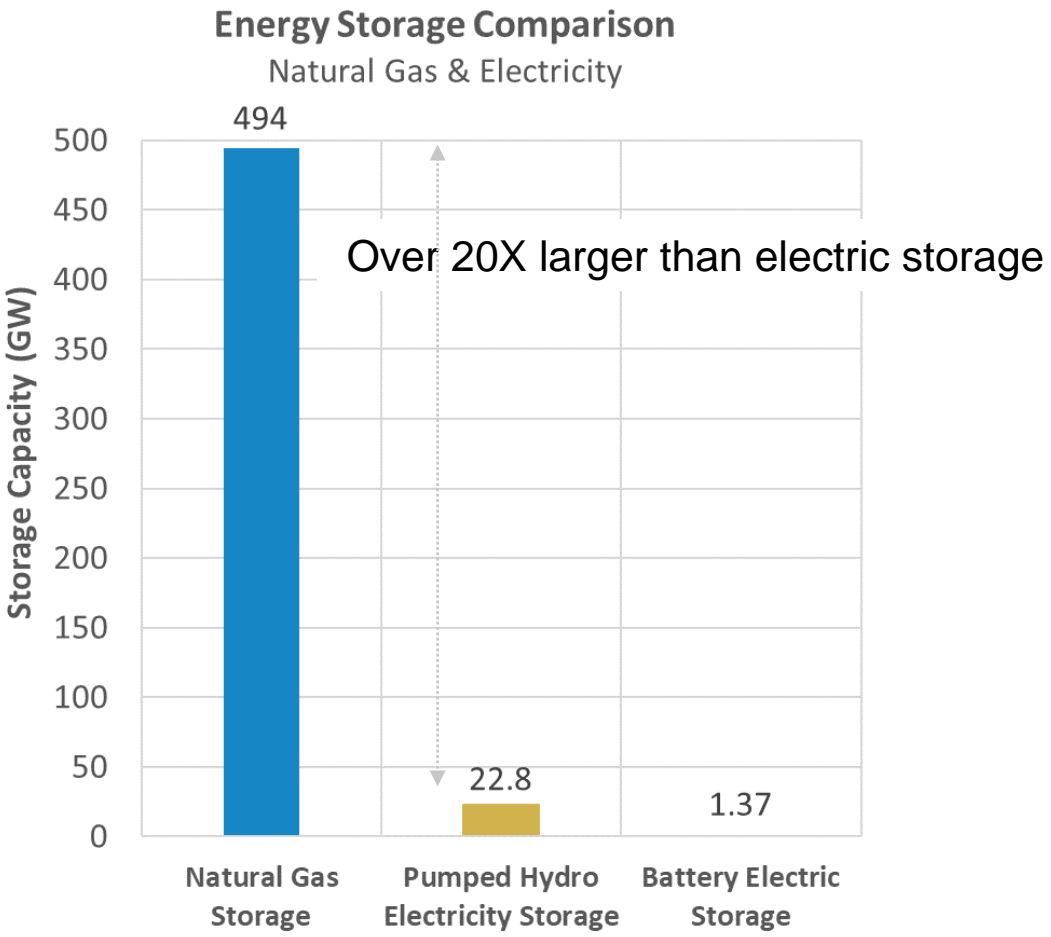
## Illinois Monthly Residential Energy Use

# Role of Gas Molecules

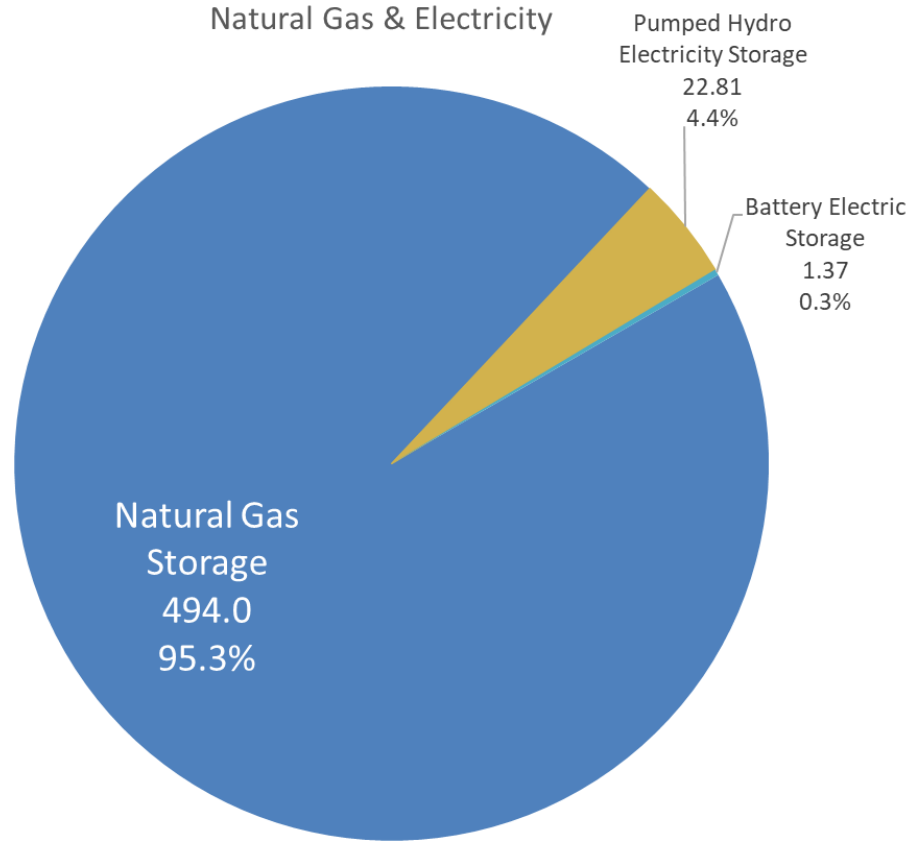


## ENERGY STORAGE CAPABILITIES

### Comparison of Natural Gas & Electricity



### U.S. Utility Energy Storage Comparison (GW)

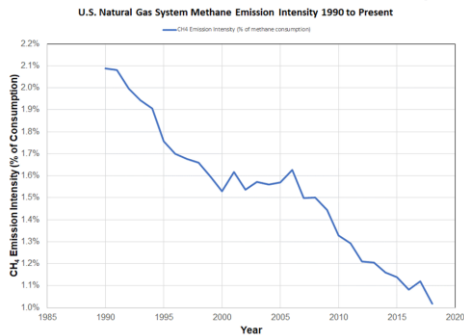


Natural gas underground storage comprises >95% of U.S. utility energy storage capacity. During peak cold spells, gas storage can flex up to 600 GW of sustained energy delivery capacity for a week or more.

# KEY ACTIONS FOR DECARBONIZATION IN NATURAL GAS SECTOR

## Methane Leak Detection & Mitigation

Detection and mitigation to reduce full-cycle natural gas methane emissions



**Lower Methane Emissions (5-10%)**

## Energy Efficiency



Expanded use of high-efficiency gas equipment



Hybrid natural gas furnace/boilers and electric heat pump systems



Building envelope improvement

**Near Term (25-50+%)**



Natural gas heat pumps for space & water heating



Micro CHP systems



Deep building retrofits

**Next-Gen (40-60+%)**

## Renewables & Low Carbon Fuels

Bio-methane/RNG, Clean hydrogen



Solar thermal & geothermal / clean gas space & water heating



**Renewables (Added 10-30%)**

## Hydrogen ...

- is an energy carrier that can be used to **store energy** over long periods of time and to transport energy over large distances
- provides a zero-carbon emissions fuel
- offers a beneficial use of excess electricity produced by renewables

# HYDROGEN MOMENTUM CONTINUING TO BUILD

*R&D Collaboratives, Public-Private Partnerships, Industry Coalitions, Project Investments*



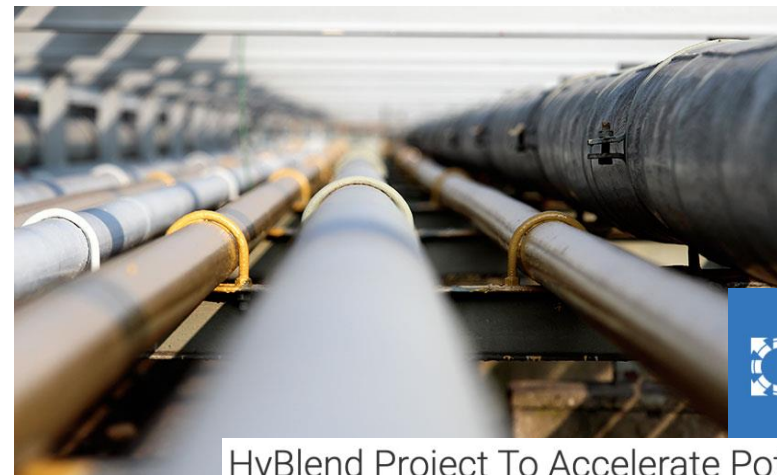
Hydrogen



Department of Energy

## DOE Announces \$52.5 Million to Accelerate Progress in Clean Hydrogen

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Projects Support DOE's Recently Announced Hydrogen Energy Earthshot to Lower Cost, Advance Breakthroughs for Clean Hydrogen Technology

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced \$52.5 million to fund 31 projects to advance next-generation clean hydrogen technologies and support DOE's recently announced Hydrogen Energy Earthshot initiative to reduce the cost and accelerate breakthroughs in the clean hydrogen sector. Clean hydrogen is a form of renewable energy that—if made cheaper and easier to produce—can have a major role in supporting President Biden's commitment to tackling the climate crisis.

"Part of our path to a net-zero carbon future means investing in innovation to make clean energy sources like hydrogen more affordable and widely adopted so we can reach our goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050," said Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm. "These projects will put us one step closer to unlocking the scientific advancements needed to create a strong

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Hydrogen Deployment Accelerating with More Than \$300 Billion in Project Pipeline; Including \$80 Billion in Mature Projects

### Big money for hydrogen plans

€430B Hydrogen investment needs to 2030 + €145B Hydrogen support needs to 2030

6 GW EU 2024 green hydrogen electrolyzer target → 40 GW EU 2030 green hydrogen electrolyzer target



Data accessed July 2021. Support needs include grants and subsidies. Investment and support needs cover hydrogen production, infrastructure and storage, and applications. Source: Hydrogen Europe, European Commission

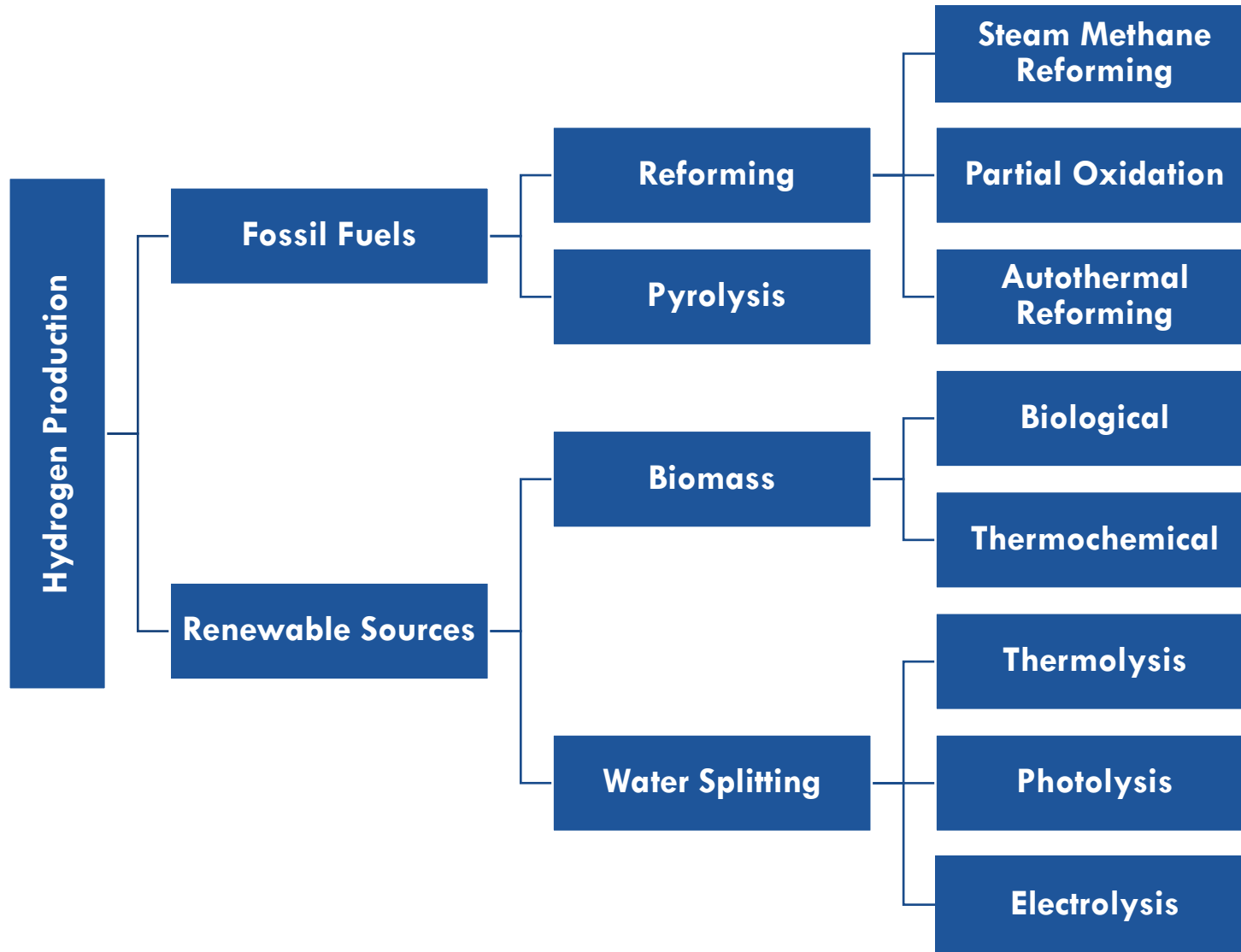
HyBlend Project To Accelerate Potential for Blending Hydrogen in Natural Gas Pipelines

NREL Will Lead Multi-Lab, Multi-Industry R&D Effort To Overcome Technical Challenges

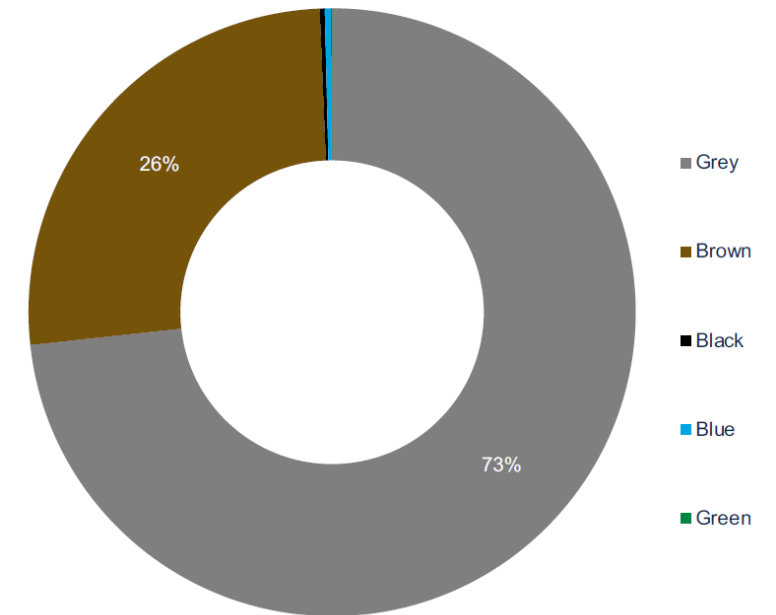




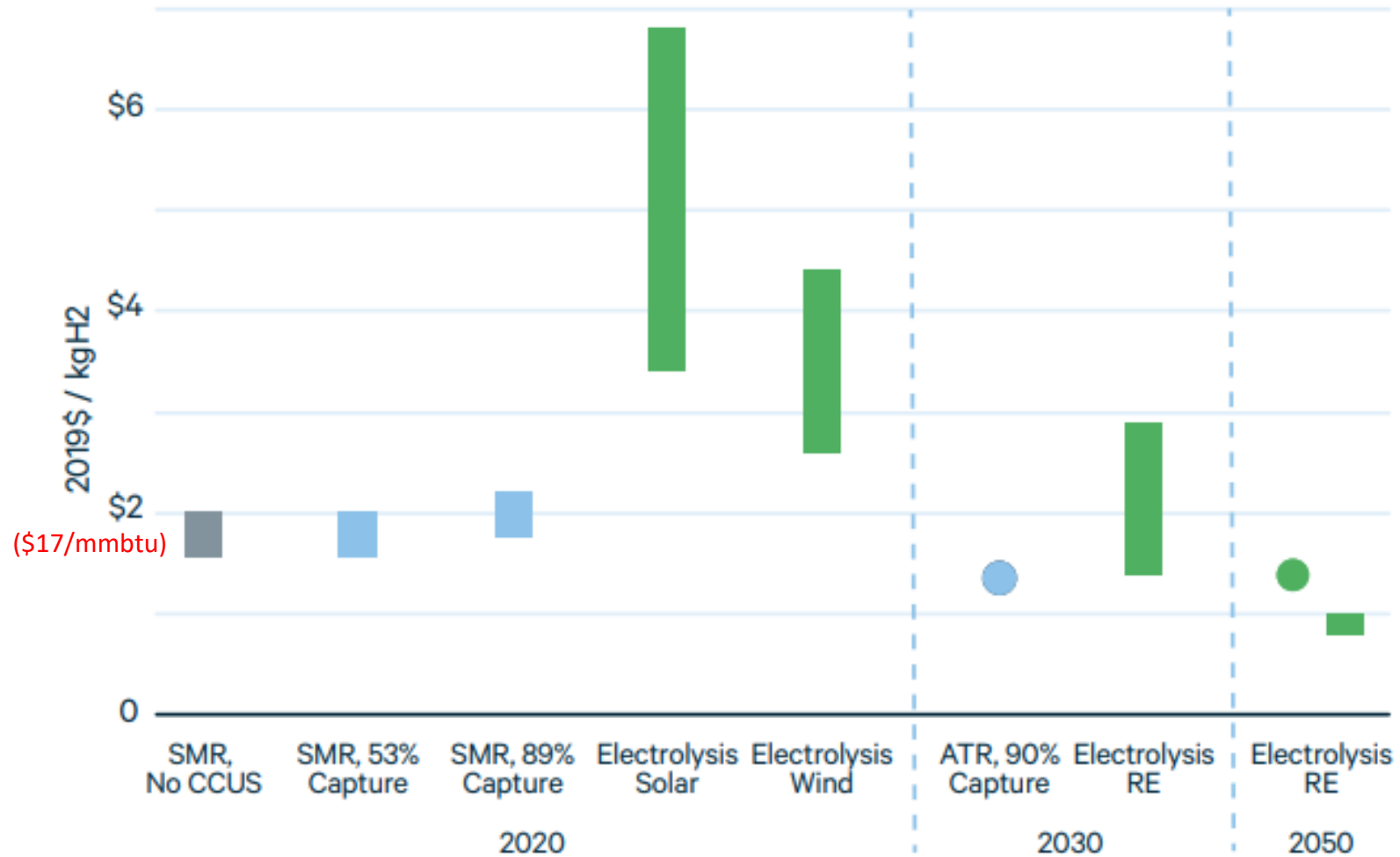
# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION PATHWAYS



- Global hydrogen demand is about 70 million metric tons per year
- 98% of hydrogen is produced from fossil fuels

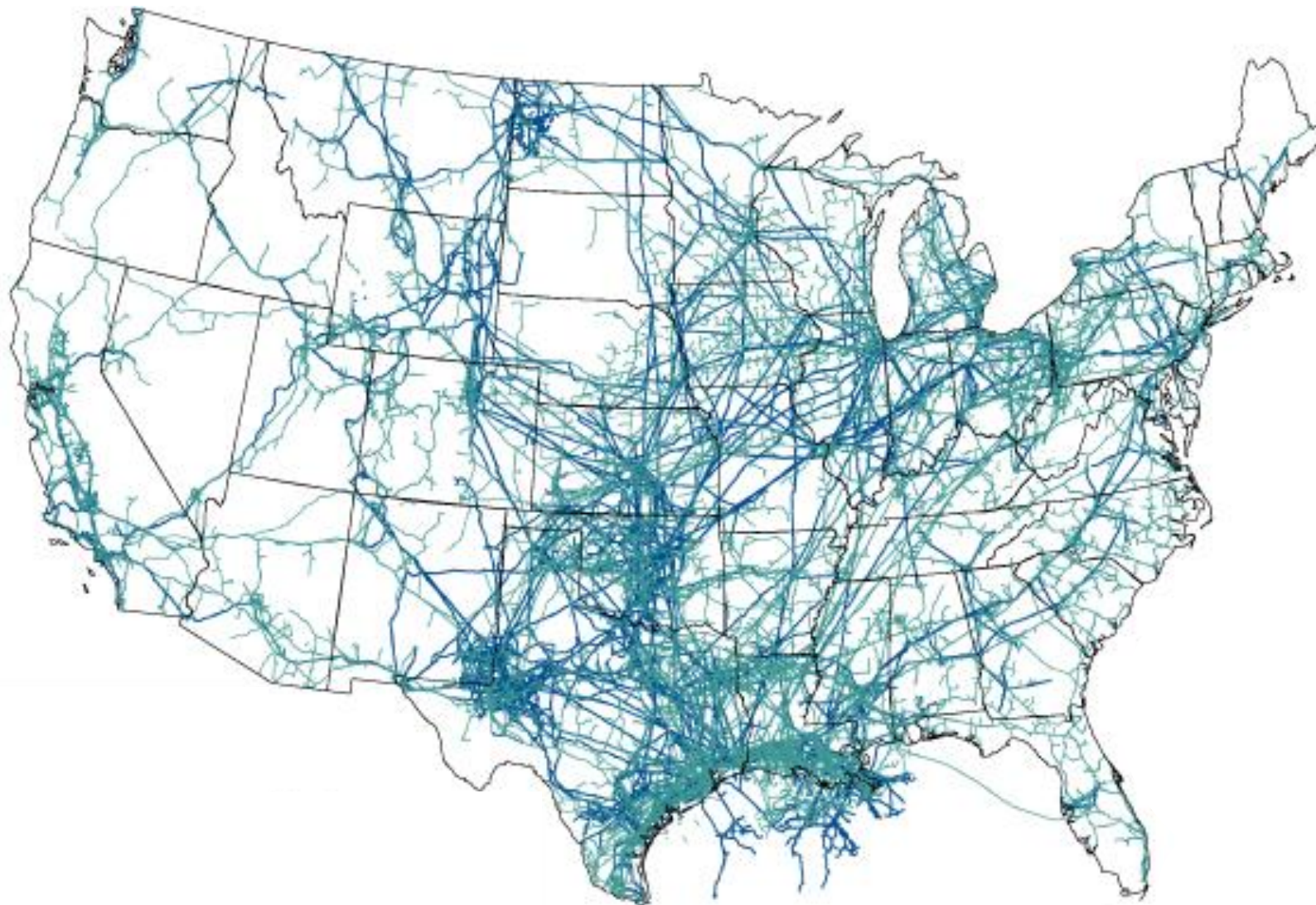
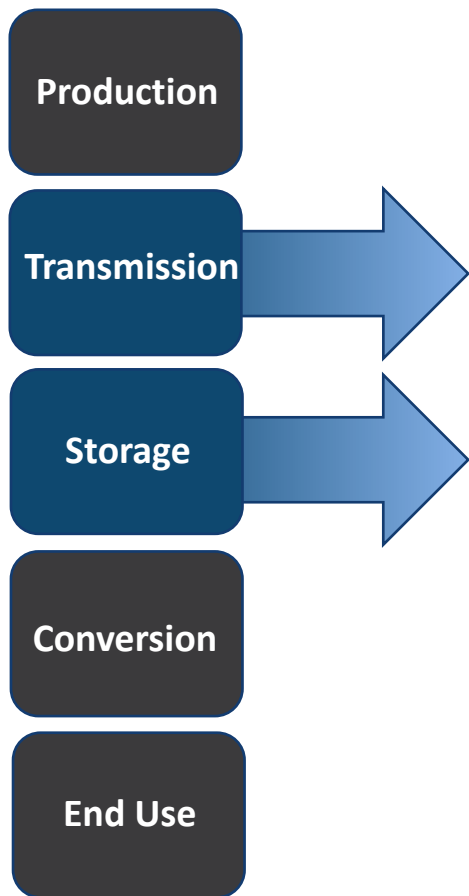


# HYDROGEN PRODUCTION COSTS



# INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDES UNPARALLELED DELIVERABILITY

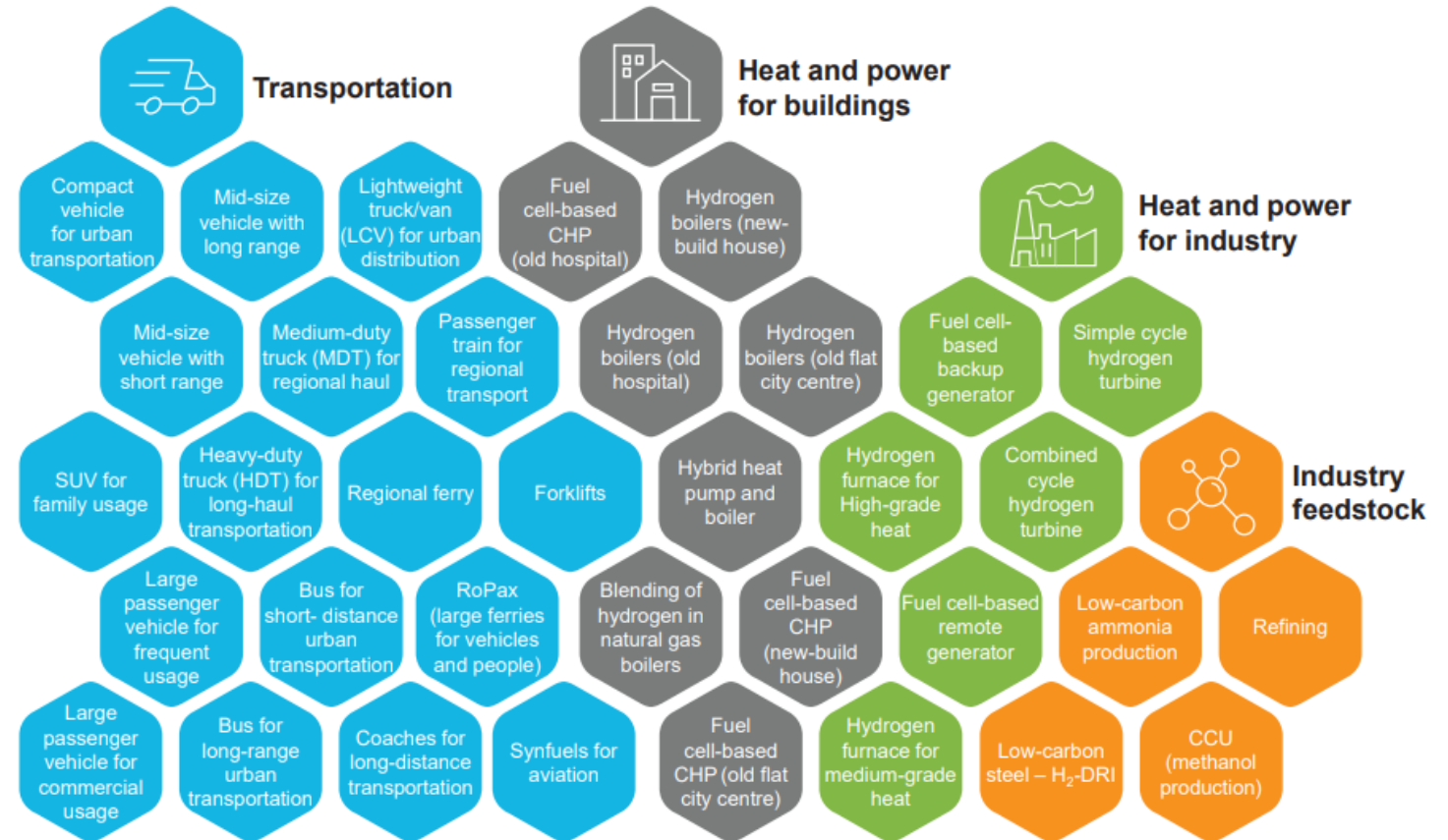
*Enabling Energy Transitions*



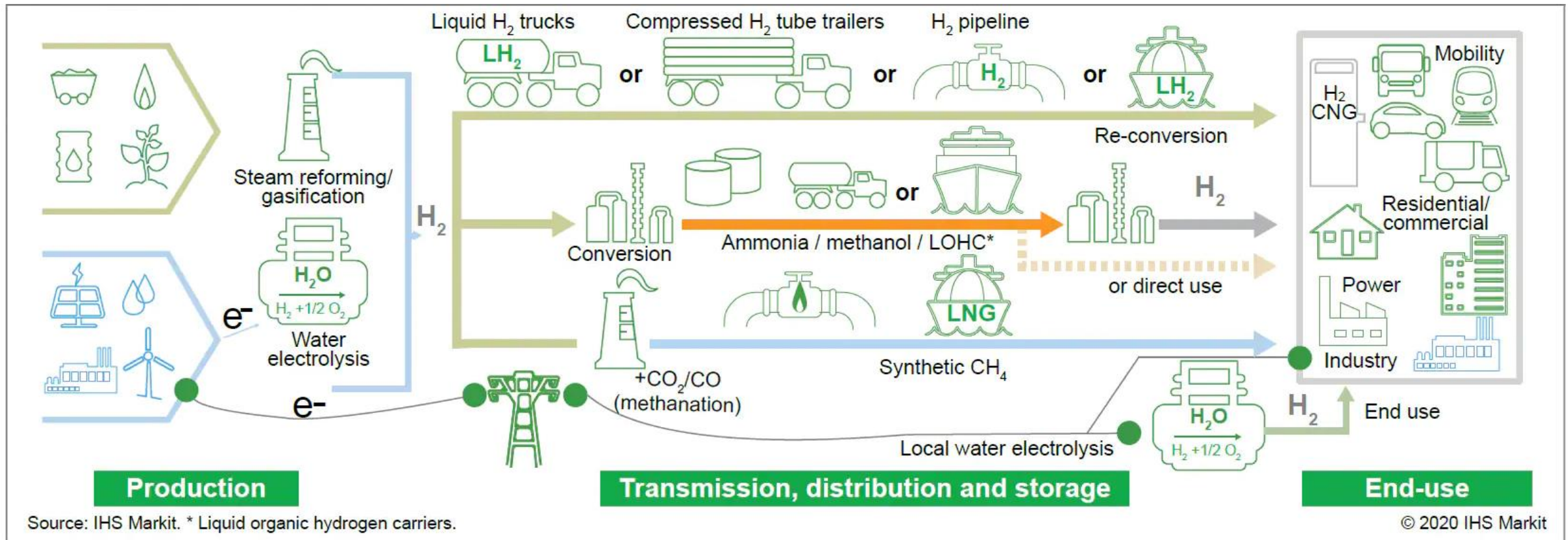
# EXPANDING USES OF HYDROGEN

## Challenges and R&D Needs

- Lower cost of low carbon hydrogen production
- Overcome technical barriers to using gas infrastructure for hydrogen transport and deliver
- Modify equipment, appliances, processes for the use of hydrogen as an energy source for power generation, buildings, industry, transportation



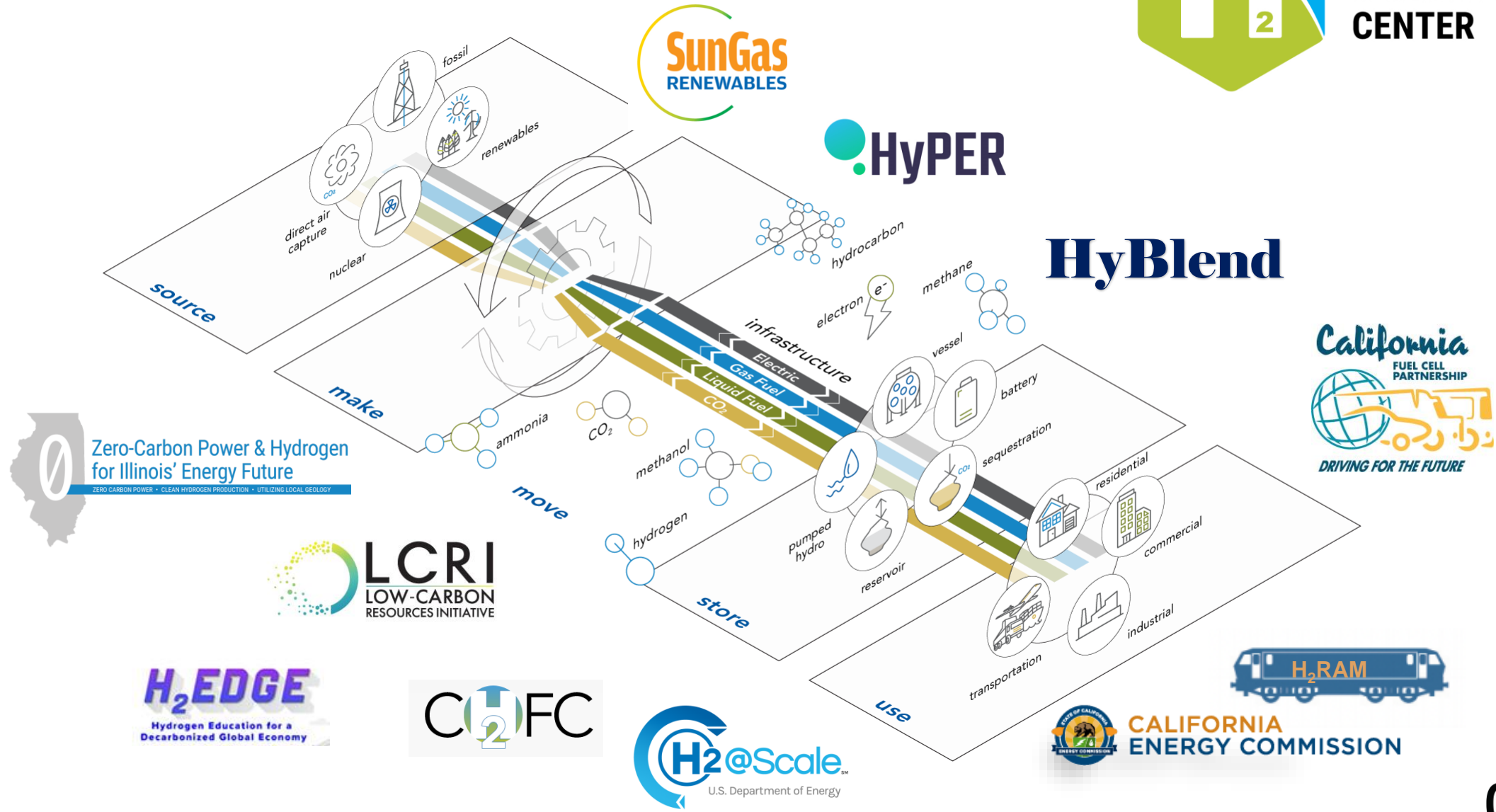
# HYDROGEN SUPPLY CHAIN



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# ASSESSING COMPATIBILITY WITH NATURAL GAS DELIVERY INFRASTRUCTURE

## Current GTI research

- Evaluated effects of a 5% hydrogen-natural gas blend on non-metallic material properties and operational safety
- Determine safety factors for hydrogen gas systems need to be established based on materials tests
- Develop **engineering tools** to allow an integrity assessment and a safety margin determination of hydrogen blended gas use
- Determine operational impacts of a hydrogen blend in pipelines, such as leak detection, surveys, emergency response



### Factors on Hydrogen Embrittlement Susceptibility

Environmental Factors

Role of Microstructure

Hydrogen Traps

Inclusions and Precipitates

Texture and Grain Boundary

Effects of Alloying Elements

### Material Properties most affected by HE

Toughness

Reduction in Area

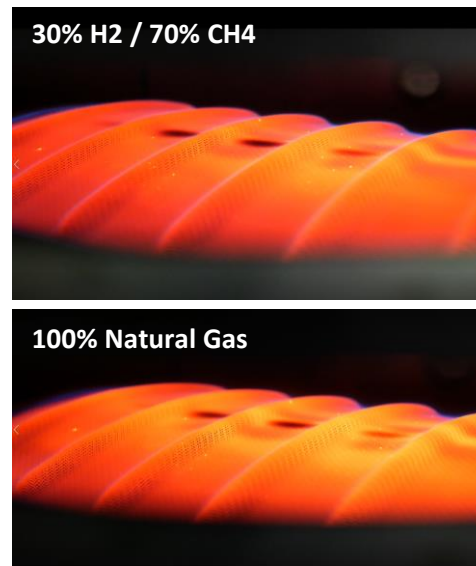
Crack Growth Resistance

# ENABLING HYDROGEN USE FOR RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS

## Engagement with Industry

### Current GTI Projects

- Demonstrate solutions to utilize high hydrogen blends in residential and commercial combustion equipment
- Performance testing of appliances with varying hydrogen blends
- Quantify the ability of appliances to retain normal operations (emissions, efficiency, cycling)
- Hydrogen sensor development for “behind the meter” applications and in-situ sensing





# HYDROGEN USE IN TRANSPORTATION

## Current GTI Projects

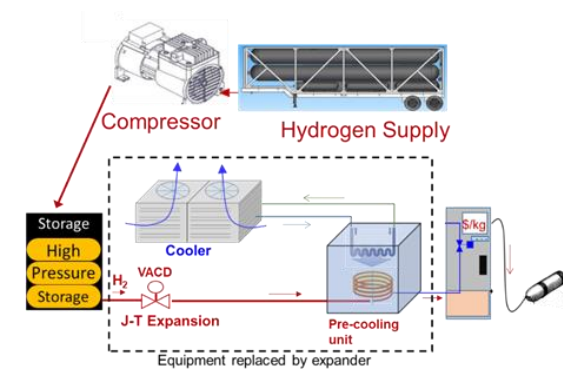
### Reducing Air Pollution With FAST TRACK Fuel Cell Truck Project for Zero-Emission Heavy-Duty Vehicles

- Deploying heavy-duty fuel cell-electric hybrid trucks in Southern California near Ports of Los Angeles and San Diego
- Extensive performance data and analysis from real-world conditions to determine the impact of broadly deploying zero-emission Class 8 trucks on local air quality
- Training and local community outreach



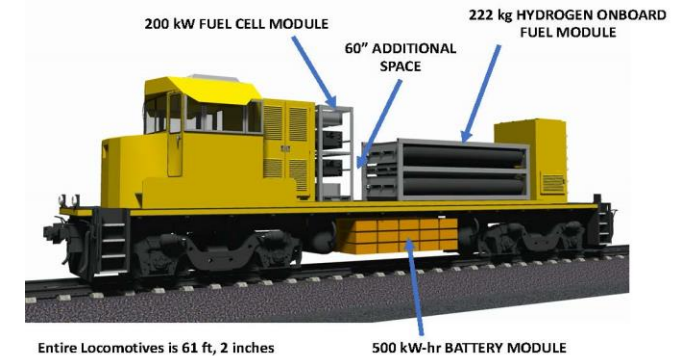
### Improving Cost and Efficiency of Hydrogen Vehicle Fueling Infrastructure

- Free-piston linear drive expander for H<sub>2</sub> cooling counteracts heating effects that occur when fuel cell vehicles are fueled
- Substantial capital and operating cost savings anticipated



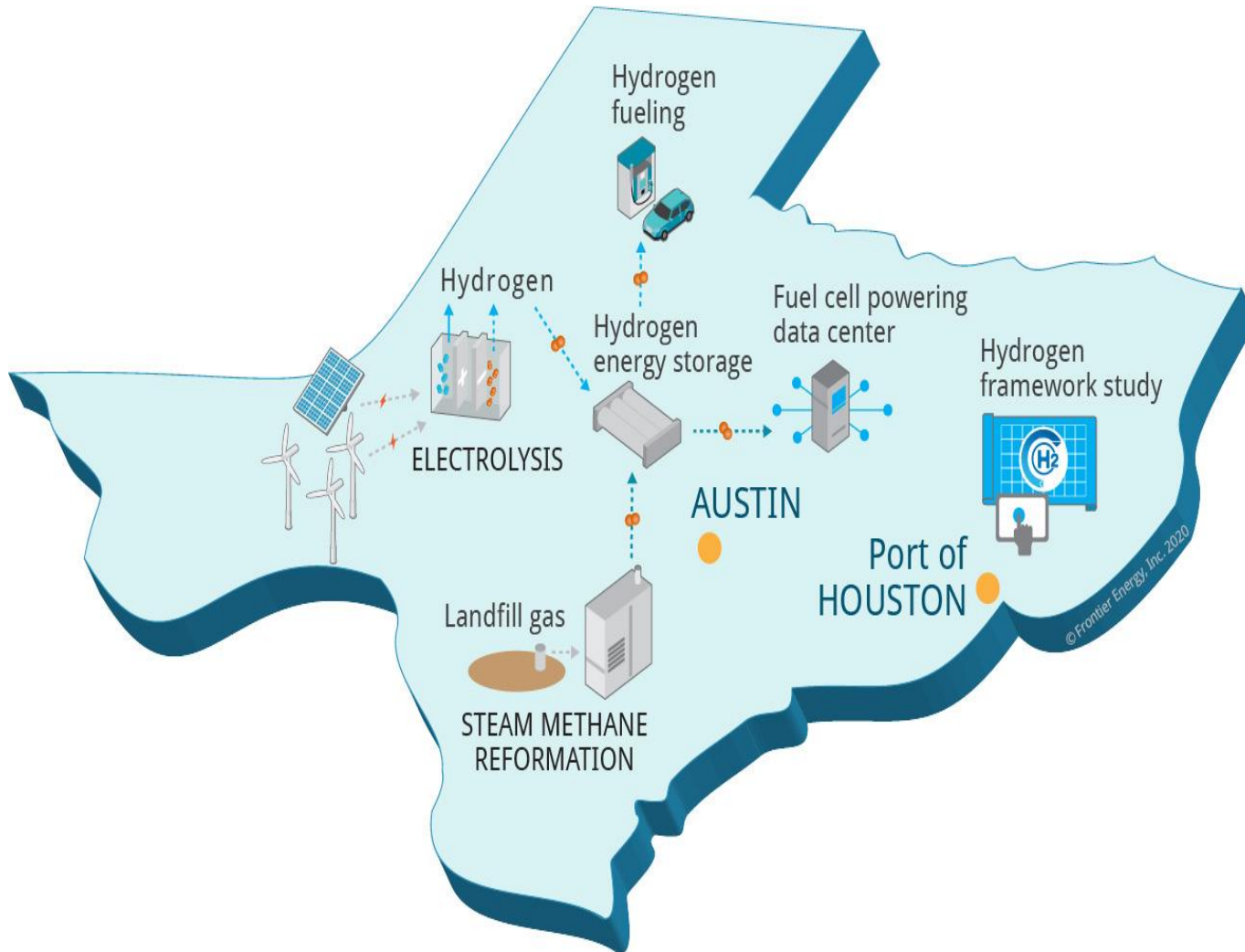
### Hydrogen Fuel Cell Locomotive for Port Operations

- Design, build, and demonstrate a hydrogen-fueled, zero-emissions switcher locomotive at the Port of Sacramento.



# H2@SCALE

## Demonstration



### ~100% renewable H<sub>2</sub> generation

- 75 kg/day SMR: GTI, OneH2, ONE Gas, Waste Management
- 20 kg/day PEM electrolyzer in H70 SimpleFuel:
  - MHI, SoCalGas, TACC
  - Emulated wind and solar power through UT CEM microgrid

### Large scale, industry H<sub>2</sub> user

- 100kW fuel cell powering Texas Advanced Computing Center

### Vehicle refueling

- Published SAE J2601-4 fueling of 7-10 Toyota Mirai's
- Drones included

# Advancing a Clean Energy Future in Illinois

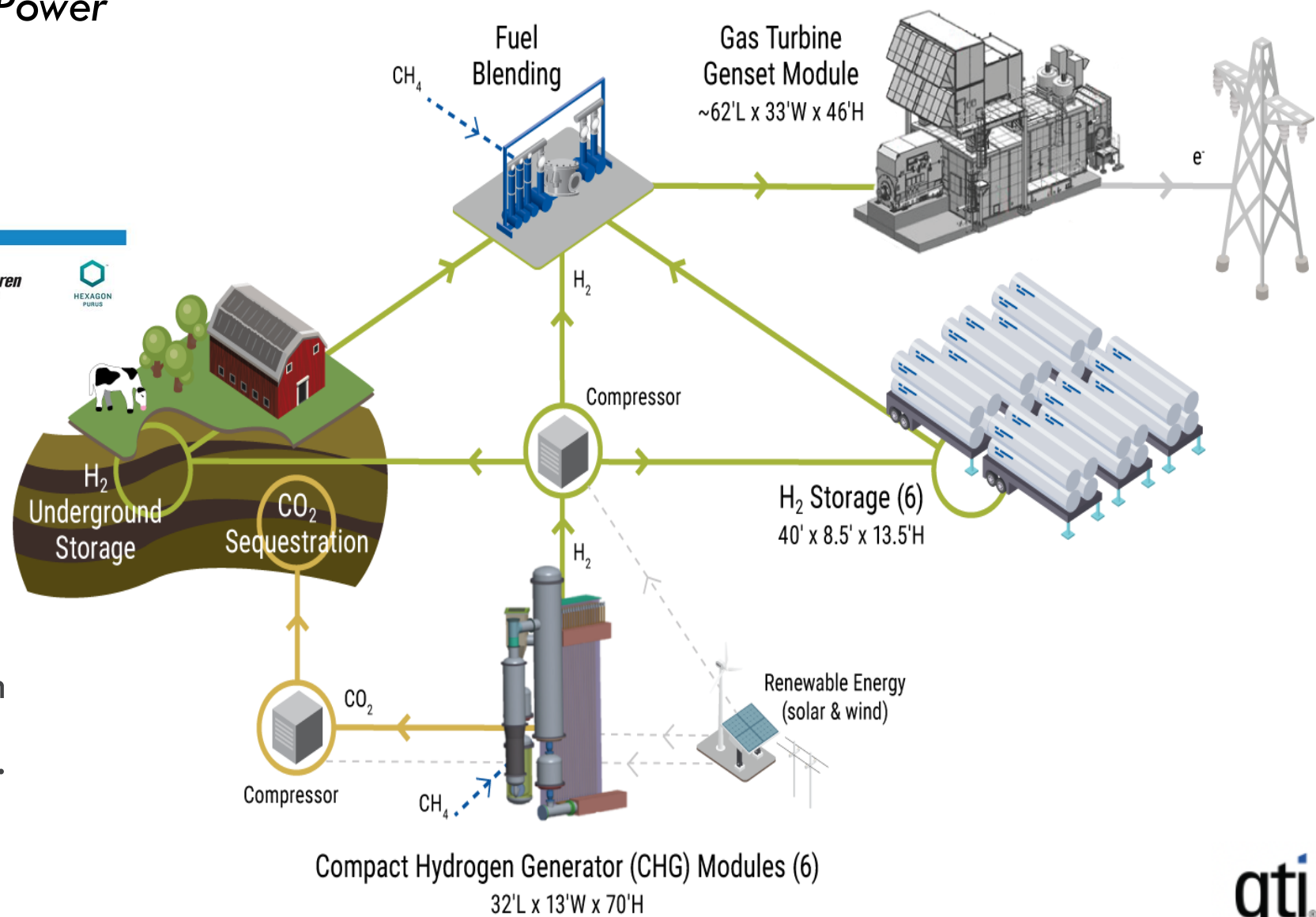
## Hydrogen for Zero Carbon Power



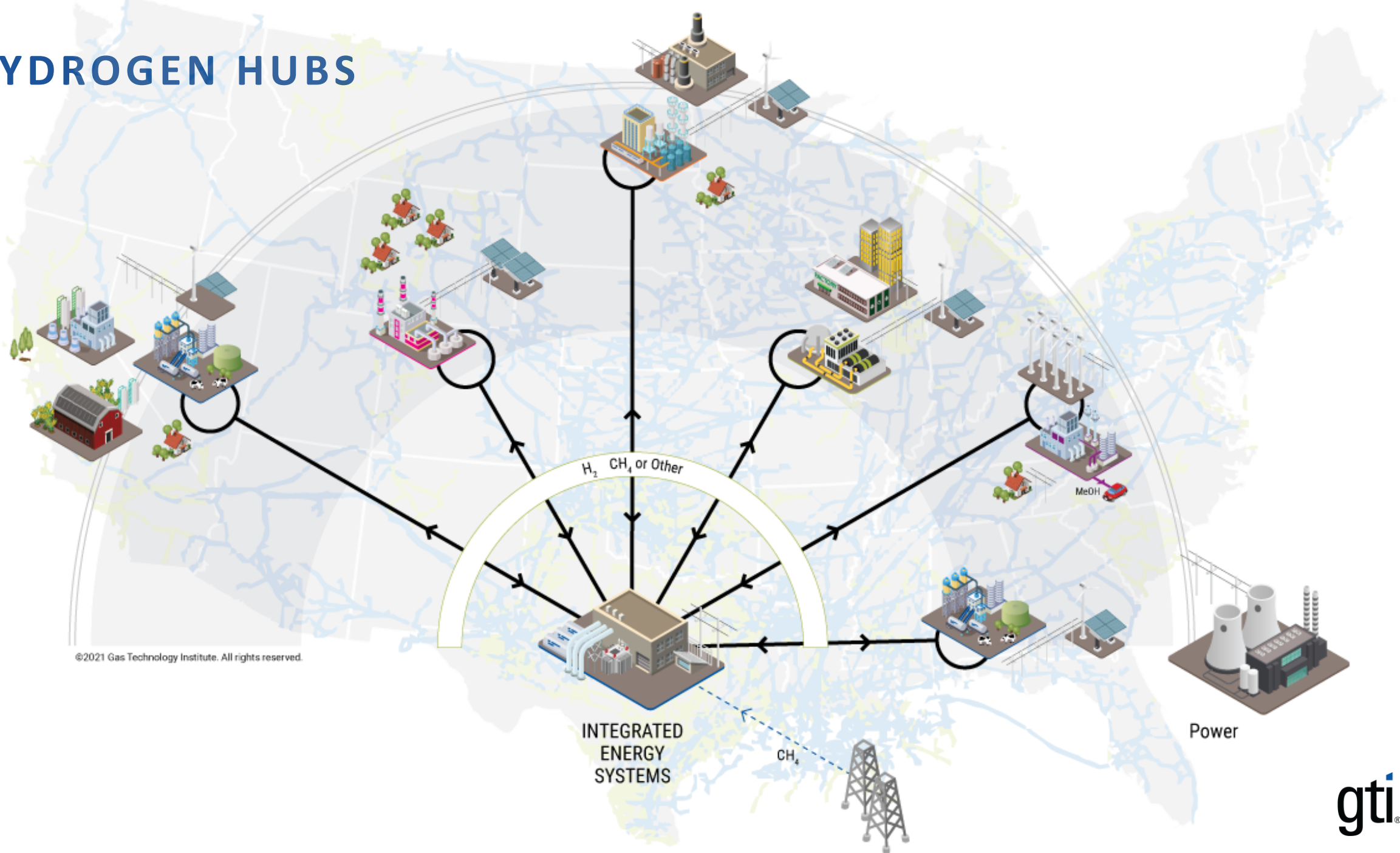
**Zero-Carbon Power & Hydrogen for Illinois' Energy Future**  
ZERO CARBON POWER • CLEAN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION • UTILIZING LOCAL GEOLOGY

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This **pilot and test facility** will support development of commercial zero-carbon power and hydrogen to help industry in Illinois lower its carbon footprint.



# HYDROGEN HUBS



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# LOW CARBON, LOW COSTS ENERGY SYSTEMS – POST 2030

- **Expand the supply of affordable energy,**
- **Ensure a safe and reliable energy delivery infrastructure, and**
- **Achieve deep decarbonization.**

The **Low-Carbon Resources Initiative** (LCRI) is a five-year R&D commitment focused on the advancement of low-carbon technologies for large-scale deployment across the energy economy. This initiative is jointly led by **EPRI and GTI**.

## FOCUS

**Multiple options and solutions** to establish viable low-carbon pathways

**Technologies for hard-to-decarbonize** areas of the energy economy

**Affordable, reliable, and resilient** integrated energy systems for the future

## RESEARCH AREAS

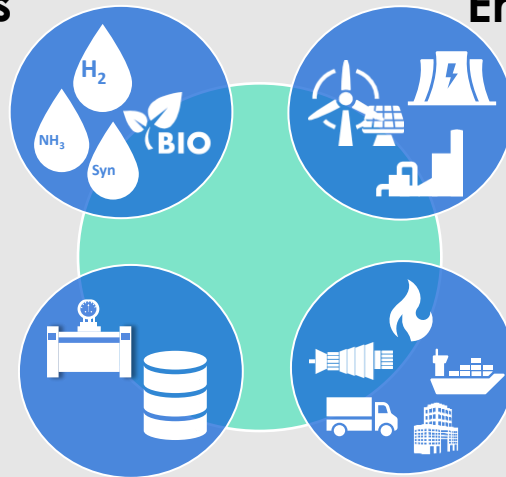
Hydrogen    Ammonia    Synthetic/  
Derivative Fuels    Biofuels

**Production Pathways**

**Integrated Energy Systems**

**Storage & Delivery**

**End Use Applications**



## VALUE

**Independent, objective research** leveraged by global engagement and collaboration

**Comprehensive value chain approach** across adjacent sectors

**High-impact results** that accelerate technology time to market

# LCRI Sponsorship | By Fuel Type

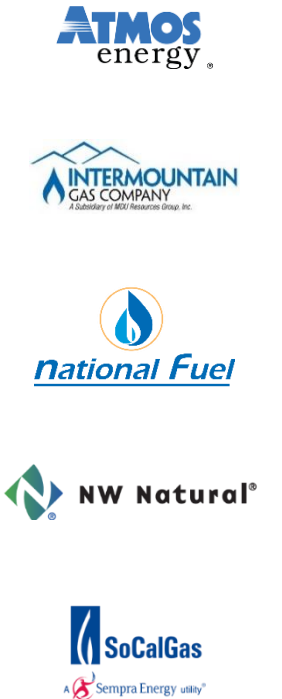


## Electric

## Gas

## Dual Fuel

## OEMs



## EPC



2020

2030

2050+

# Beyond 2030



How might value chains incorporate low-carbon energy carriers?



Hydrogen



Ammonia



Synfuels



Biofuels



CCS



Renewable Fuels



Hydrocarbon-Based Processes



Electrolytic Processes



Delivery & Storage



Power Generation



Transportation, Industry, & Buildings



Safety and Environmental Aspects



Integrated Energy System Analysis



# Current Priority Research Areas

## PRODUCTION



### Electrolytic Processes

- ▶ Power-to-X technologies
- ▶ Technology integration with renewable and nuclear energy systems



### Hydrocarbon-Based Processes

- ▶ Hydrogen production from steam-methane reformation, gasification
- ▶ Hydrogen production from methane cracking
- ▶ Fischer Tropsch and Haber-Bosch low-carbon alternatives
- ▶ Carbon capture and utilization, DAC



### Renewable Fuels

- ▶ Biochemical processes
- ▶ Renewable natural gas
- ▶ Biofuel feedstocks and conversion
- ▶ Methane capture, Green Hydrogen

## DELIVERY & END USE



### Storage & Delivery

- ▶ Gas and liquid fuel infrastructure, storage and distribution (e.g., pipeline blending)
- ▶ Metal hydrides, liquid organic hydrogen carriers
- ▶ Safety and codes/standards
- ▶ Underground & aboveground storage



### Power Generation

- ▶ Low-carbon fuels (pure or blended forms)
- ▶ Gas turbines, boilers, RICE, fuel cells
- ▶ Integrated plant impacts



### Transportation, Industrial & Buildings

- ▶ Light duty, medium/heavy duty, off-road, aviation, maritime, rail
- ▶ Combustion and heating applications
- ▶ Feedstocks for chemicals and processing

## CROSS-CUTTING



### Safety and Environmental Aspects

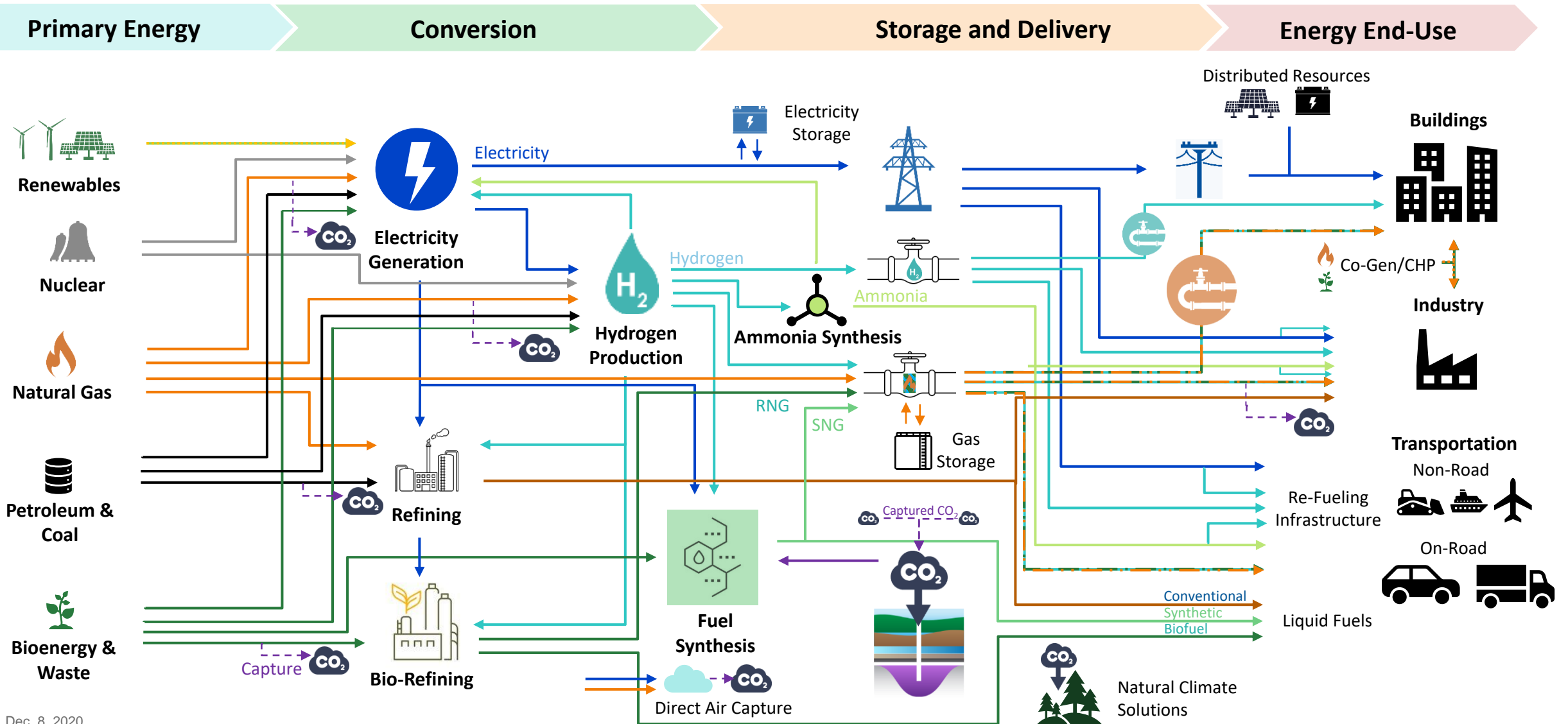
- ▶ Lifecycle environmental impact assessments
- ▶ Safety standards and protocols
- ▶ Decision support tools



### Integrated Energy Systems Analysis

- ▶ Economic model to understand decarbonization pathways across the energy ecosystem
- ▶ Impact assessment of low-carbon energy on reliability
- ▶ Scenarios and sensitivities covering energy usage, economic considerations, environmental aspects, and consumer preferences

# LCRI Integrated Energy System Modeling



# LCRI Resources

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## The Low-Carbon Resources Initiative (LCRI)

Developing and Demonstrating Technologies to Enable a Low-Carbon Future

The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) are together addressing the need to accelerate development and demonstration of low- and zero-carbon energy technologies.

The Low-Carbon Resources Initiative (LCRI) will focus on large-scale deployment to 2030 and beyond. Fundamental advances in a variety of low-carbon electric generation technologies and low-carbon chemical energy carriers – such as clean hydrogen, bioenergy, and renewable natural gas – are needed to enable affordable pathways to economy-wide decarbonization.

### This five-year initiative will:

- Identify and accelerate development of promising technologies from around the world
- Demonstrate and assess the performance of key technologies and processes and identify possible improvements
- Inform key stakeholders and the public about technology options and potential pathways to a low-carbon future.

### Learn about LCRI and how to get involved



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### LCRI Research Vision

The LCRI Research Vision will provide an outline for research, development, and demonstration activities to enable economy-wide decarbonization through eight technology pathways.

Join us for interactive sessions where we will explore research priorities for this five-year initiative, a joint partnership between EPRI and GTI.

[EVENT RECORDINGS](#)



### Low-Carbon Resources Initiative: Advancing Technologies to Enable a Low Carbon Future

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### Low-Carbon Resources Initiative Surpasses \$100 Million in Funding

The Low-Carbon Resources Initiative (LCRI) surpassed a major milestone of \$100 million in funding, adding its 33rd sponsor, Xcel Energy.

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# WHAT'S NEXT

*The Future – an Integrated Energy Systems Approach*



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## Planning, investment, and R&D must consider:

- **the whole energy SYSTEM**

not just a particular energy product, sector, or source

- **gas and liquid fuels will evolve and play a vital role**

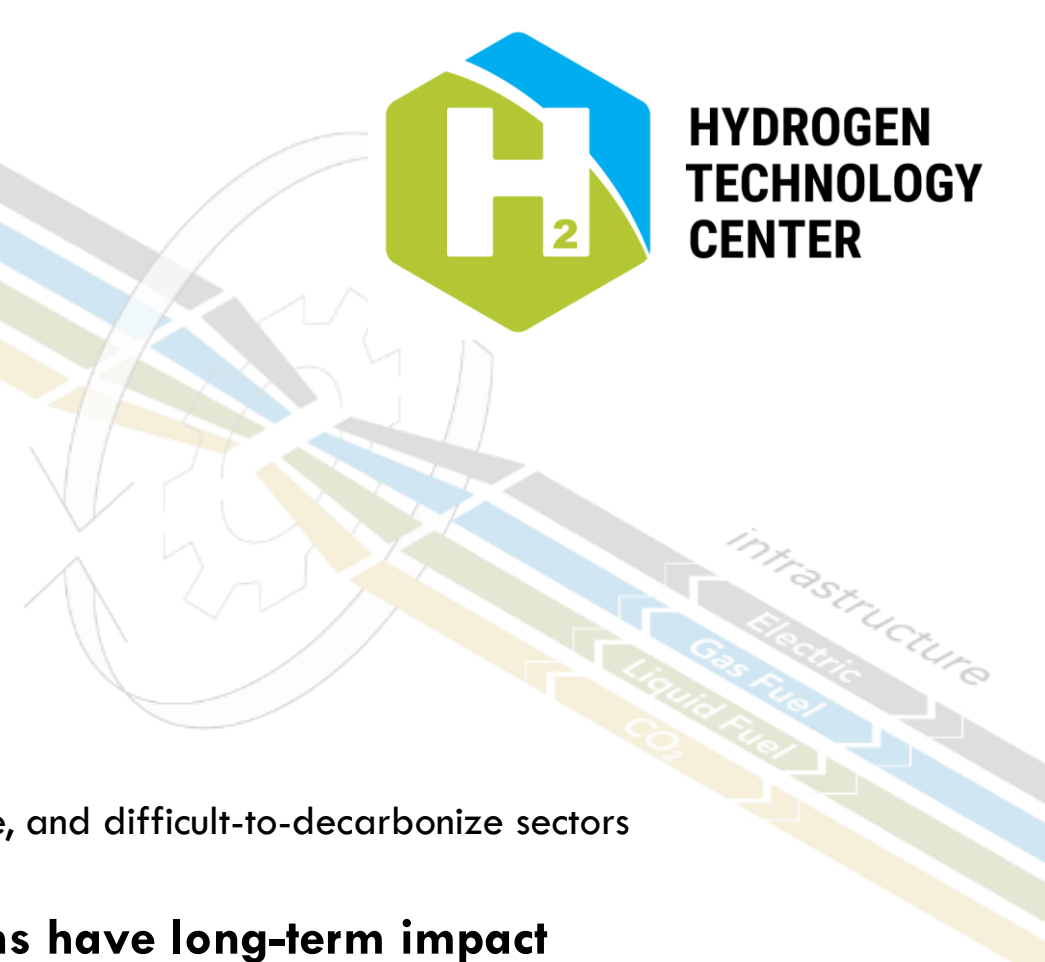
grid-scale, long-duration storage, long-distance energy transport, resilience, and difficult-to-decarbonize sectors


- **INFRASTRUCTURE is fundamental and near-term decisions have long-term impact**

enable energy systems integration to deliver energy where we need it, when we need it

- **storage must balance both demand and supply**

address seasonal variations, reliability, resiliency, and price volatility





GTI envisions low-carbon, low-cost integrated energy systems which leverage gases, liquids and infrastructure.

**Ambition. Innovation. Scale. Collaboration.**

**All Required.**