

# Technologies for Hydrogen Economy

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# Outline

- ❖ The World Energy Picture and Issues
- ❖ Hydrogen Economy
- ❖ Challenges and Opportunities
- ❖ Hydrogen Production
  - ❖ Photolysis H<sub>2</sub>
  - ❖ Bio-catalysts H<sub>2</sub>
  - ❖ Thermochemical H<sub>2</sub>
- ❖ Hydrogen Storage
  - ❖ Chemical Storage
- ❖ Hydrogen Conversion
- ❖ Conclusions

# Humanity's Top Ten Problems for next 50 years

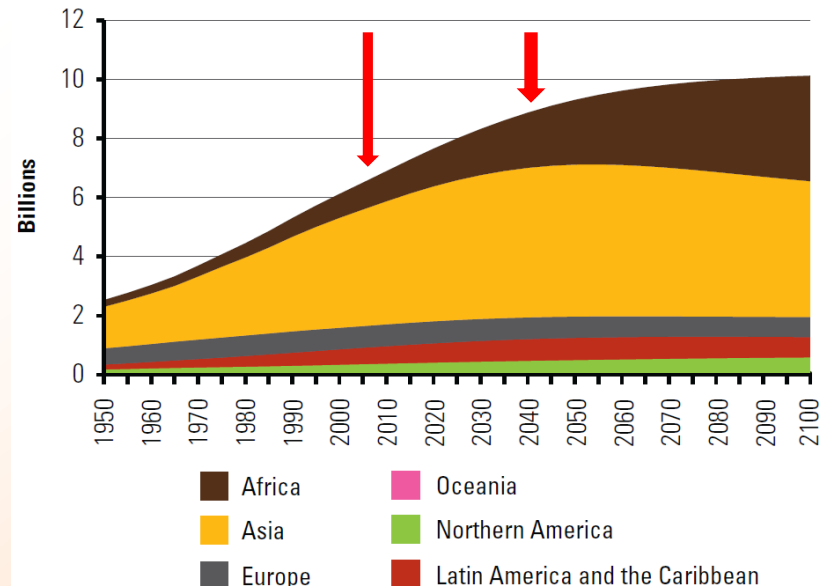
1. ENERGY
2. WATER
3. FOOD
4. ENVIRONMENT
5. POVERTY
6. TERRORISM & WAR
7. DISEASE
8. EDUCATION
9. DEMOCRACY
10. POPULATION

Source: *R. E. Smalley, Rice University, 2004, Presented at Purdue University*

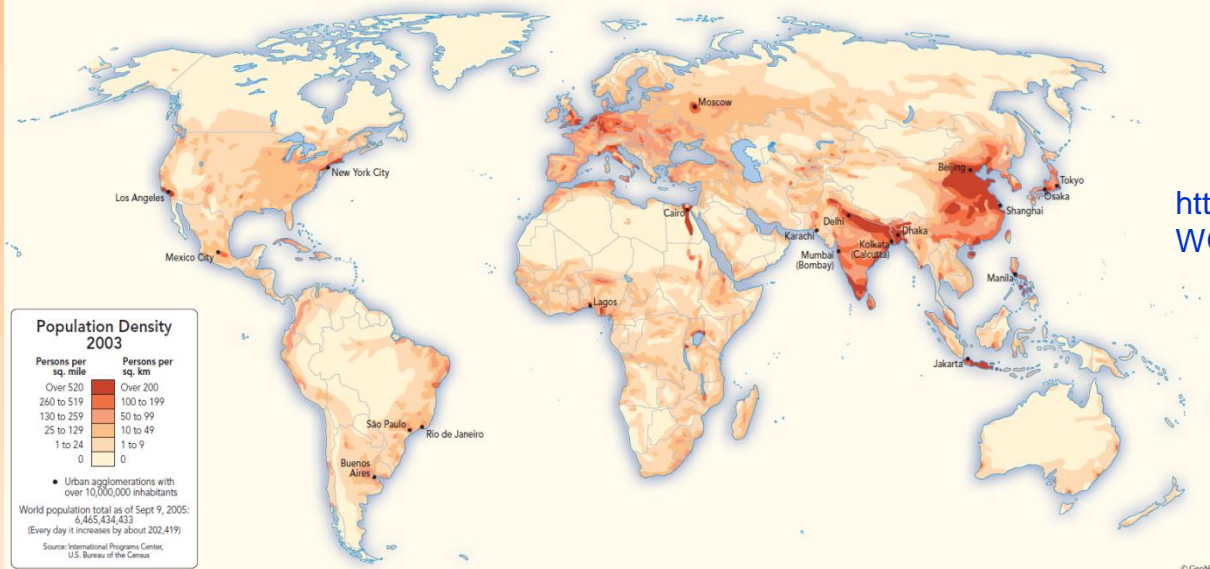
**2012**      **7**      **Billion People**  
**2050**      **8-10**      **Billion People**



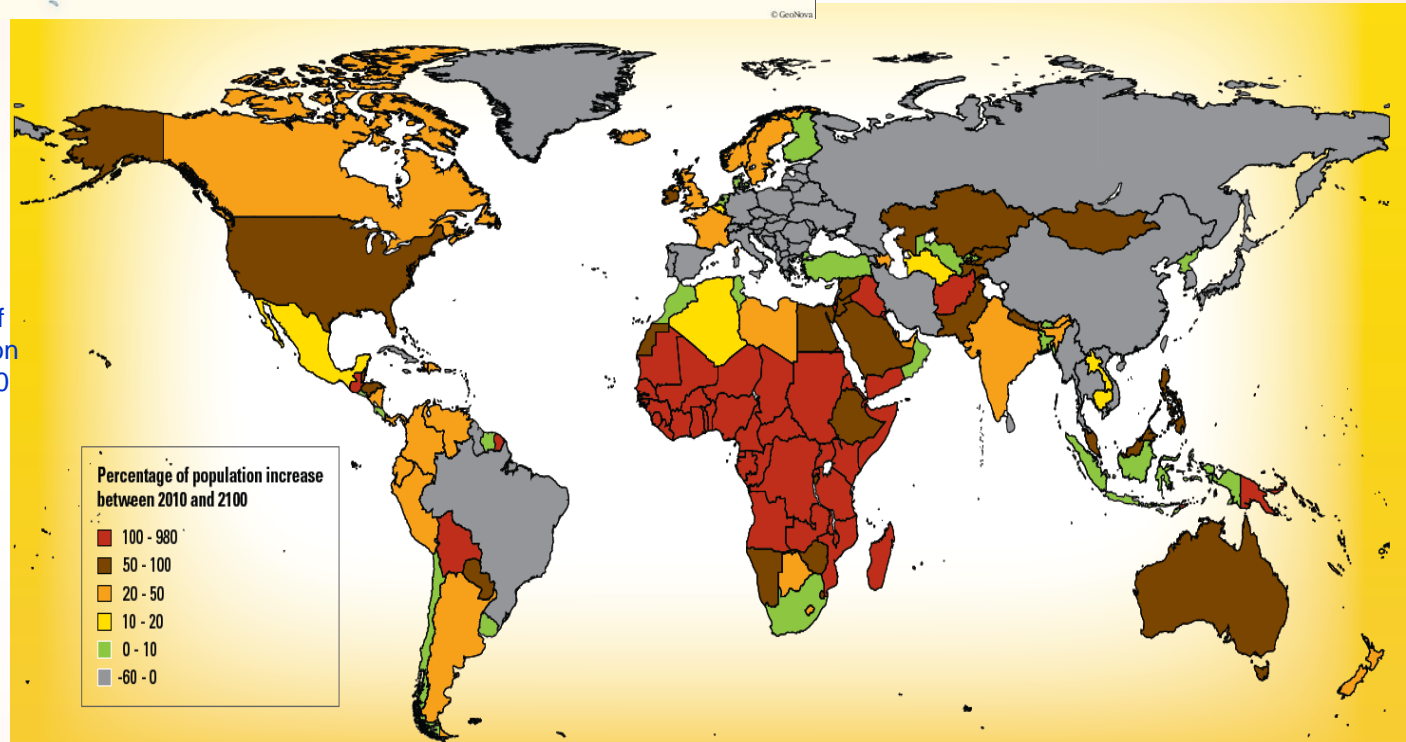
Total population by major area



# World Population Density and Growth

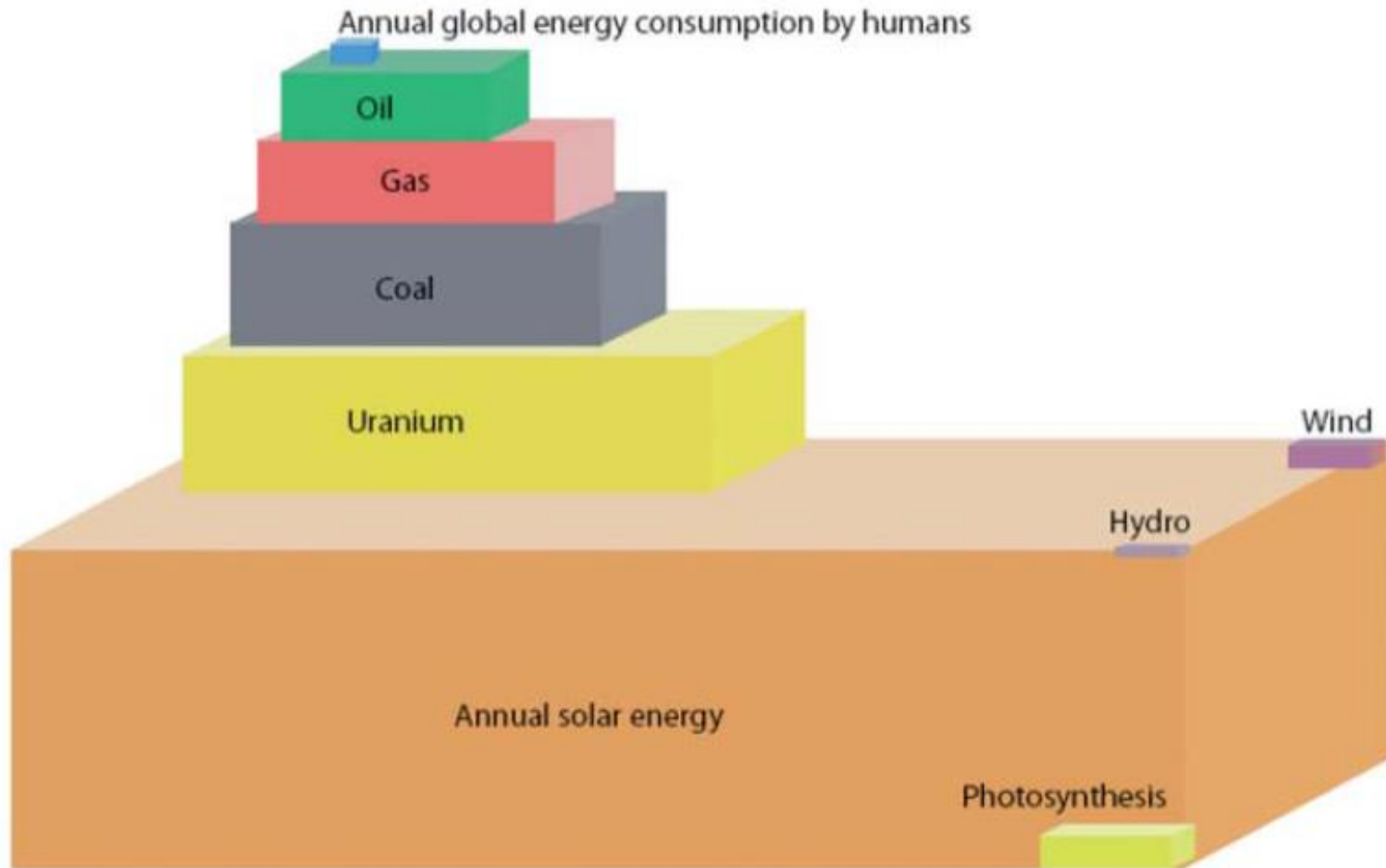


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Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2011). World Population 2010 (Wall Chart). ST/ESA/SER.A/307.

# Global Energy Resources



Graph 1 - Theoretical Potential conventional and non-renewable energies reserves<sup>5</sup>

Source: National Petroleum Council, 2007 after Craig, Cunningham and Saigo

# World Primary Energy Consumption by Fuel Type

Figure 15. World energy consumption by fuel, 1990-2035 (quadrillion Btu)

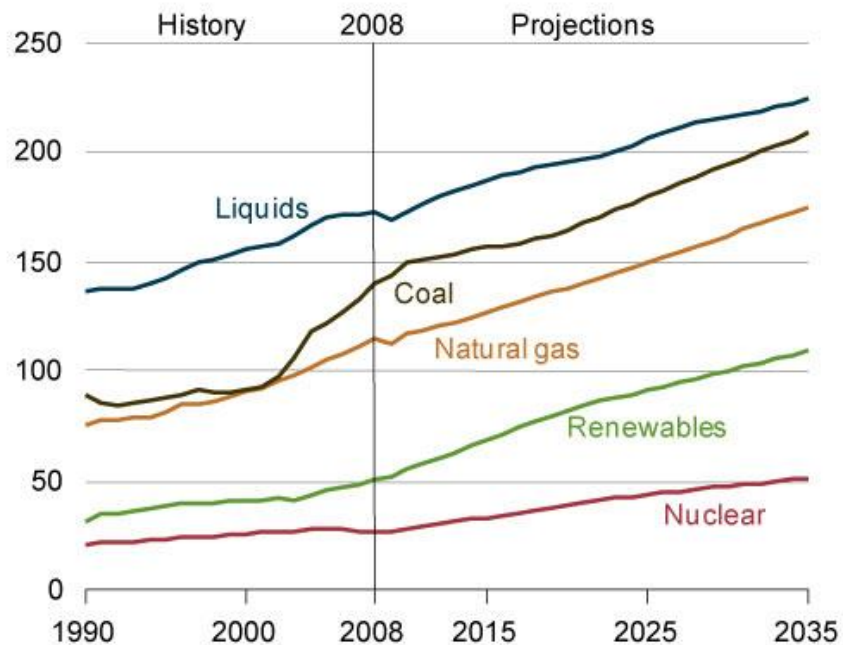
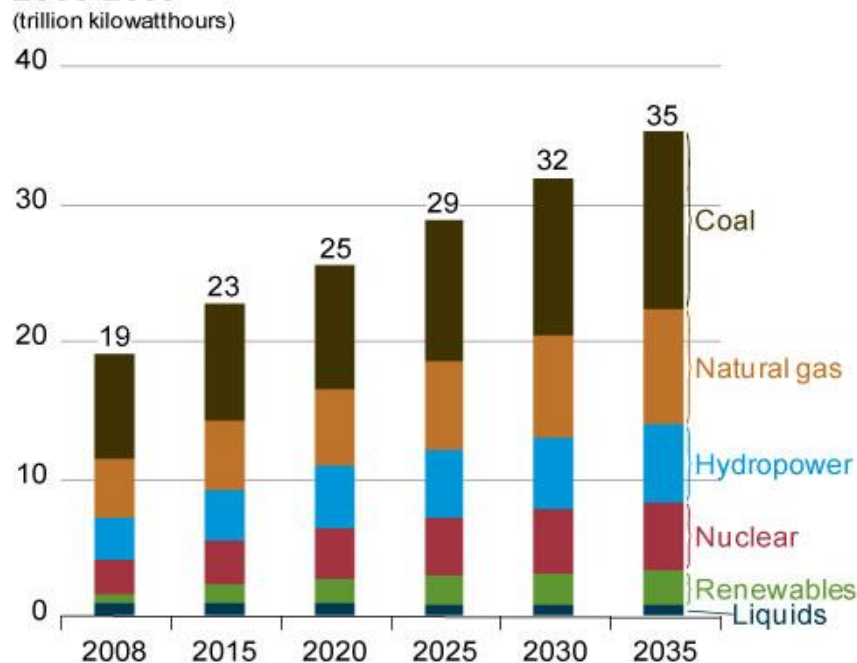


Figure 17. World net electricity generation by fuel type, 2008-2035 (trillion kilowatthours)



Quadrillion Btu ( $10^{15}$  BTU), = Exajoule ( $1.055 \times 10^{18}$  J)

Source: Energy Information Administration / Annual Energy Outlook 2008

# Energy Supplies – Demand, Oil Example

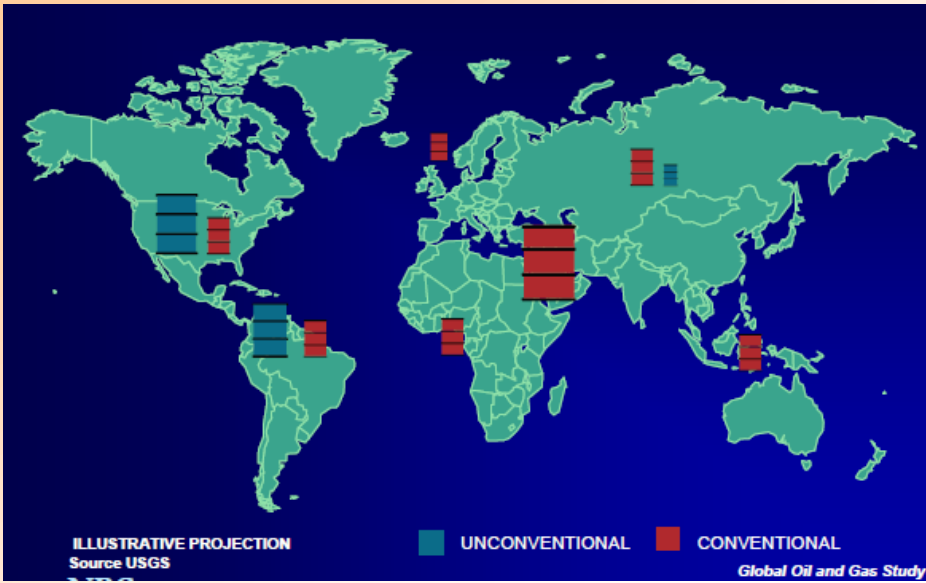
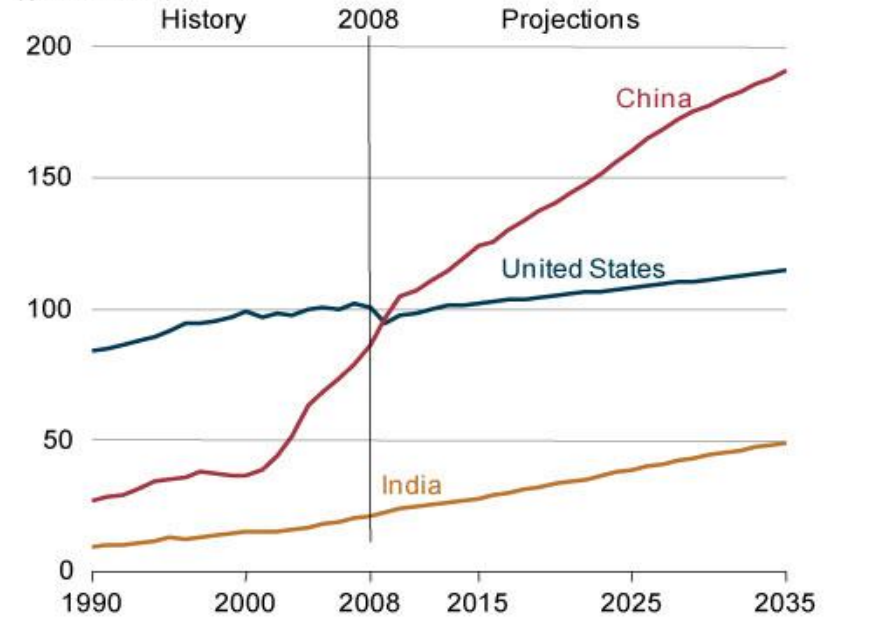
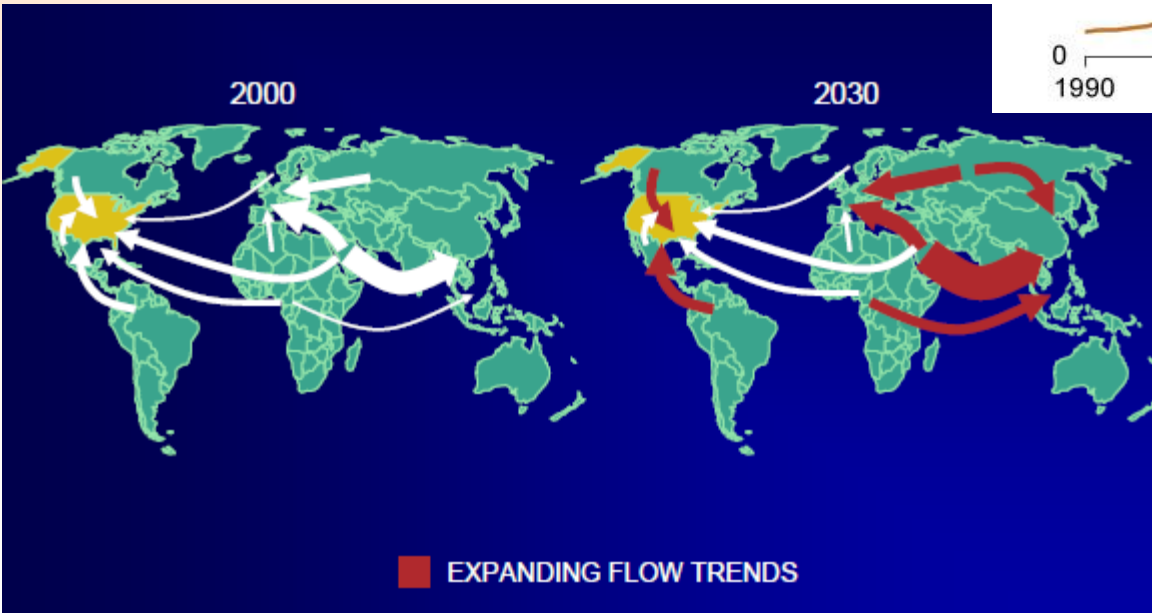


Figure 13. Energy consumption in the United States, China, and India, 1990-2035 (quadrillion Btu)

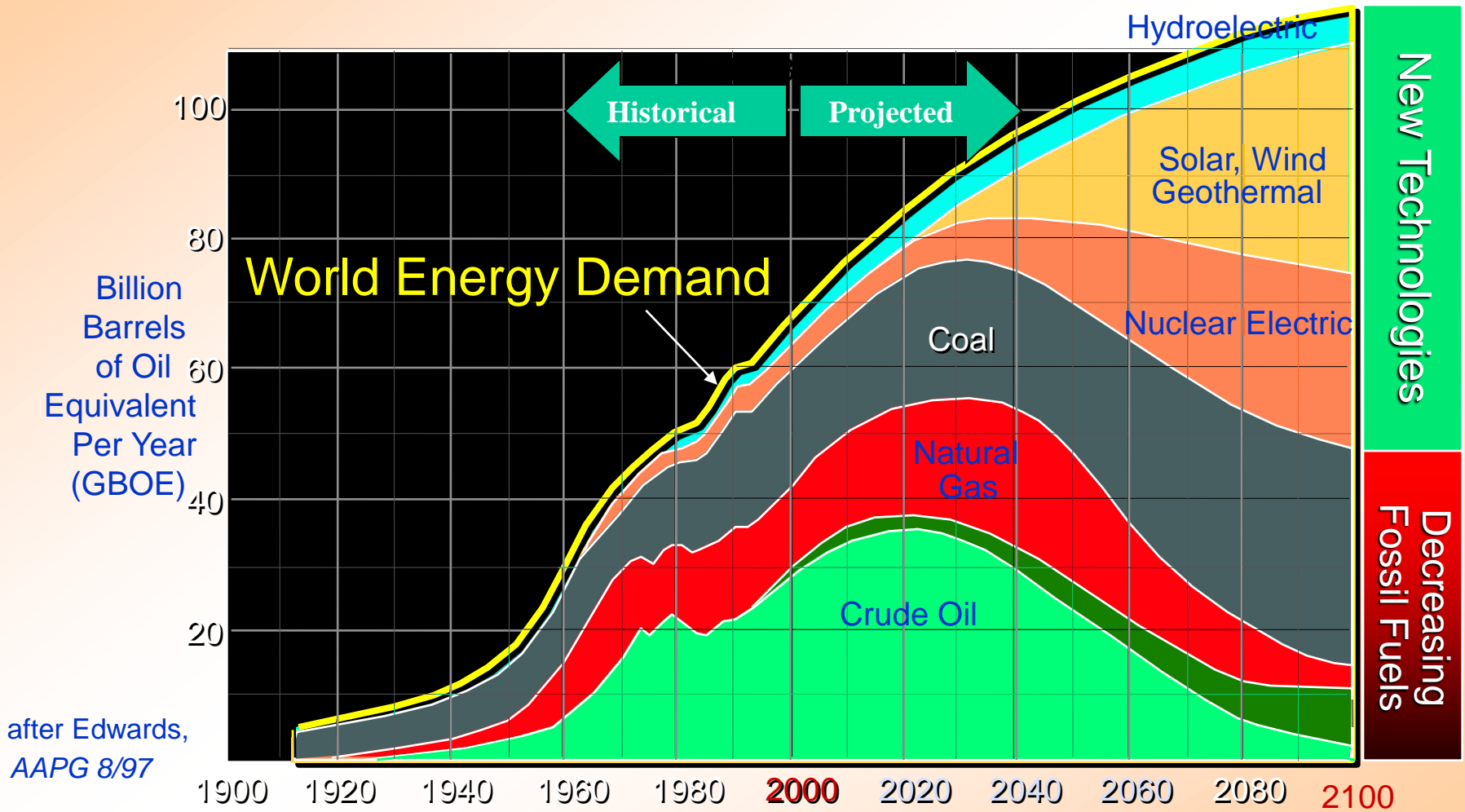


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# World Energy Supplies: One Vision



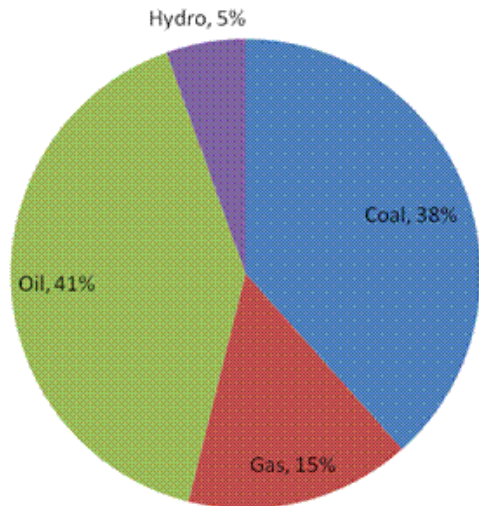
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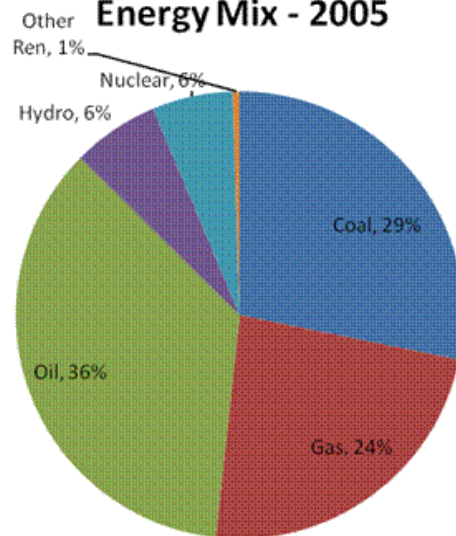
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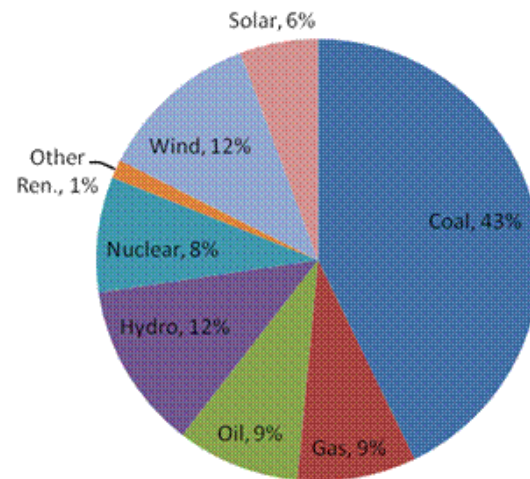
## Energy Mix - 1965



## Energy Mix - 2005



## Energy Mix - 2050

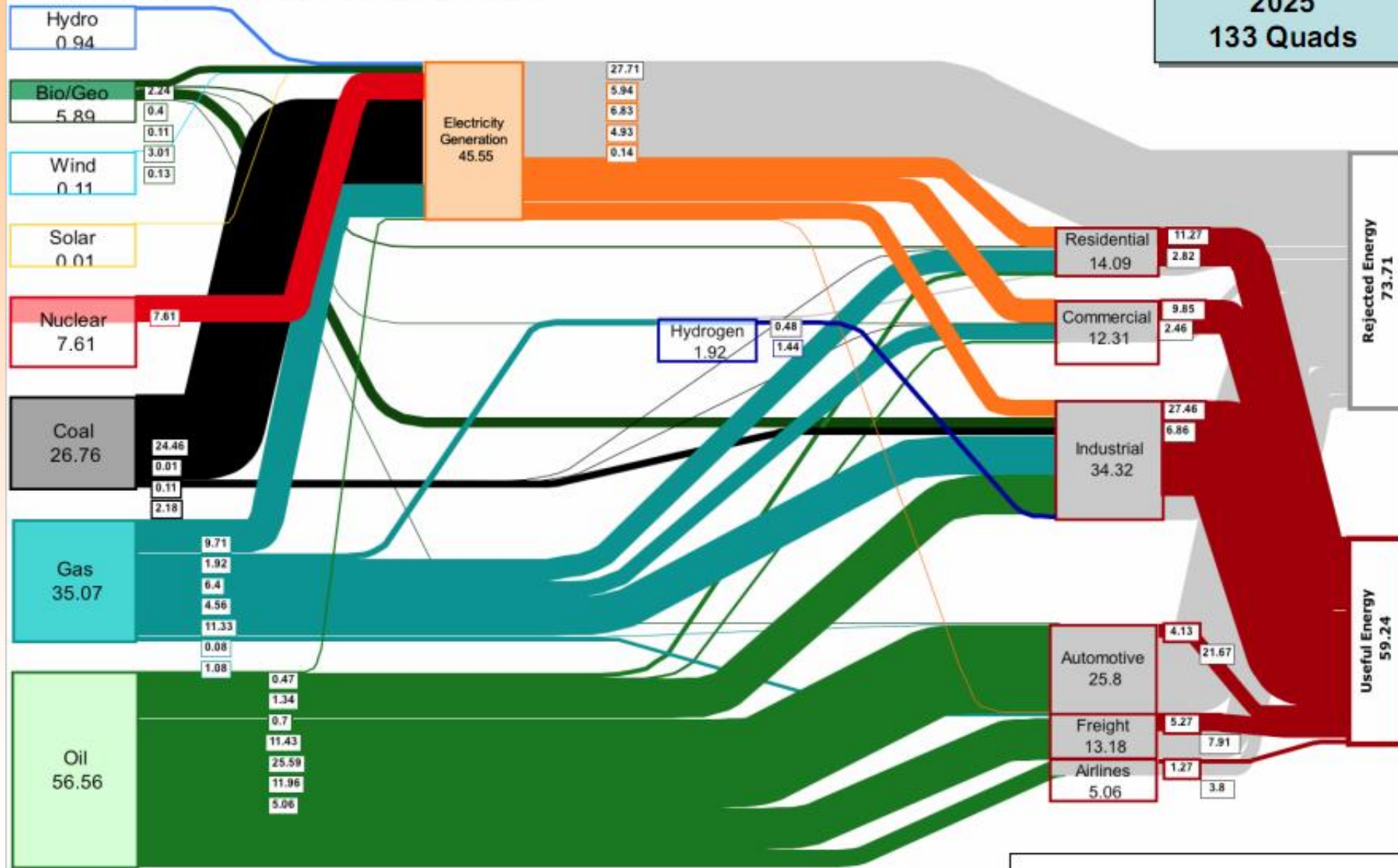


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# World Energy Flow Map

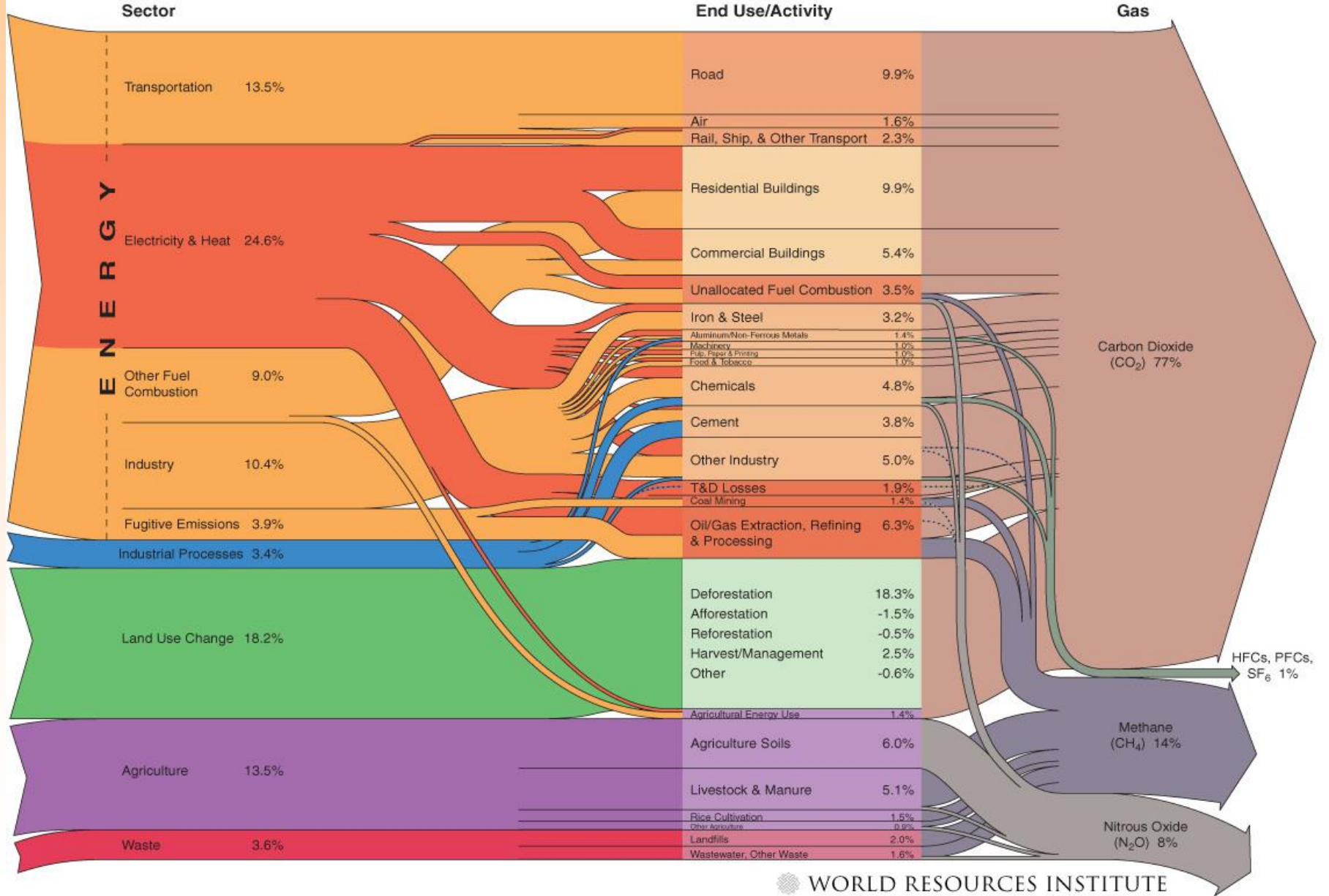
Estimated Future Energy Flows ( $\approx 133$  Quads/Year)

2025  
133 Quads



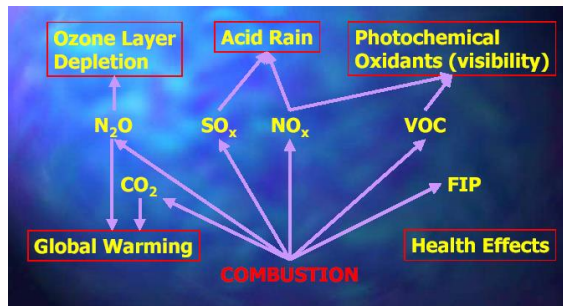
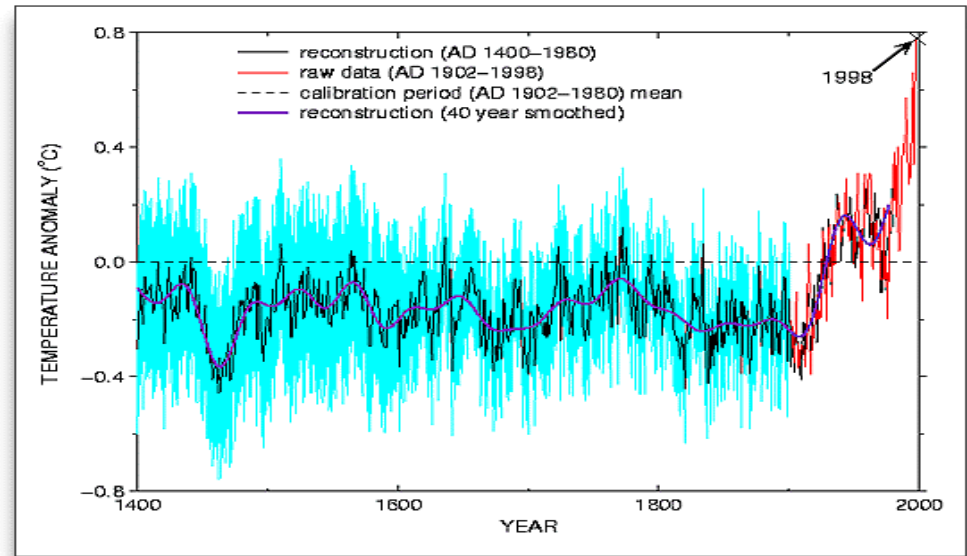
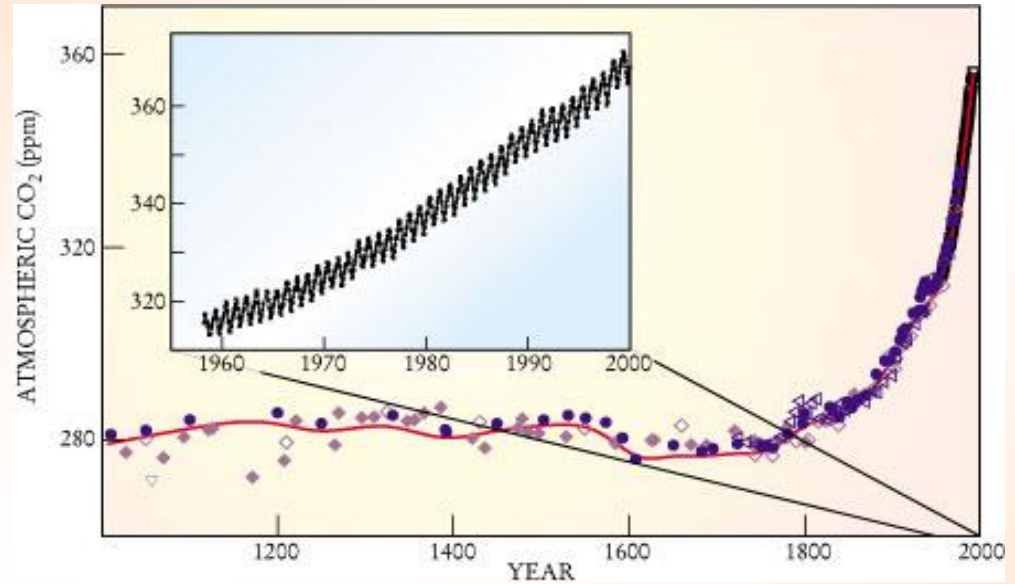
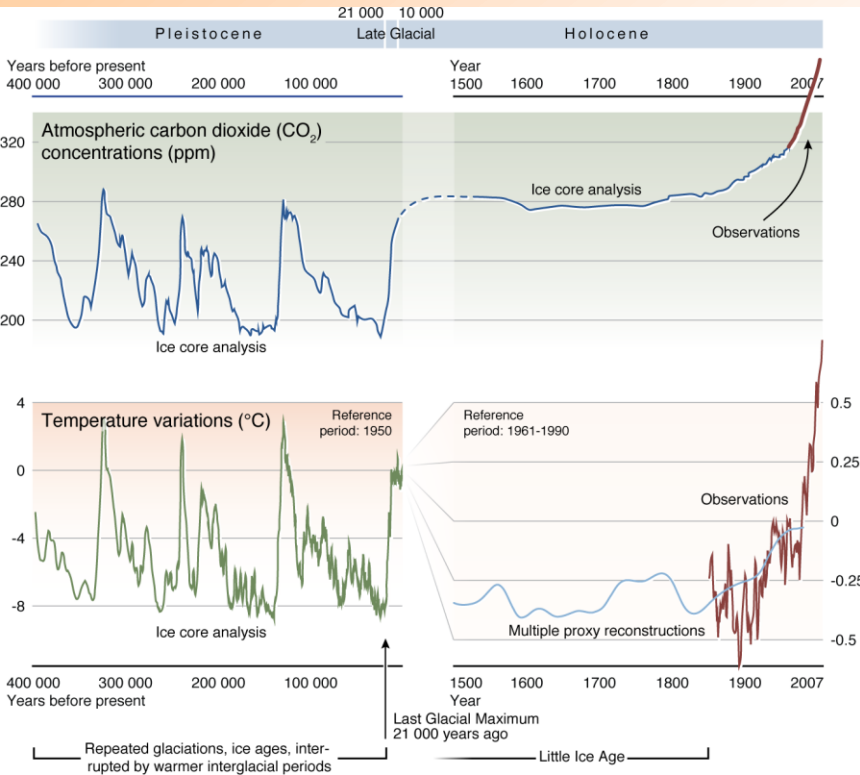
# World Green House Gas Emissions

## World GHG Emissions Flow Chart



# Environmental Issues

- CO<sub>2</sub> Buildup
- Global Temperature
- Pollution



# Hydrogen as Energy Carrier

Best investment potential in terms of

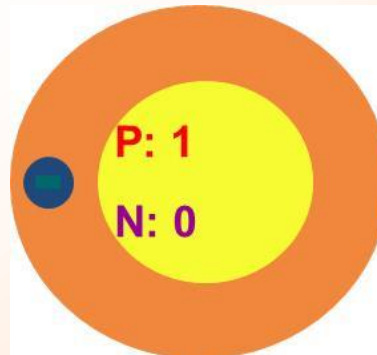
Reduced Emission  
Carbon Free Cycle

Energy Diversification  
Different Sources

Expands domestic sources  
Energy Security

- Petroleum diesel
  - Gasoline
  - Biodiesel
  - Ethanol
  - Hydrogen
  - Electrical
- But electricity is not suitable for all of our fuel requirements

**Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>)**  
Green Fuel



# Hydrogen as Energy Carrier

## ✓ Why do we need it as an alternative fuel?

- Environment

Global warming, local urban air quality

- Energy reserves

Increasing consumption vs. decreasing reserves

- Global political

Energy security and energy access, independency

- Hydrogen value proposition

New technology for transportation, clean conversion

## ✓ H<sub>2</sub> Can be produced from

- Renewables –solar, wind, biomass, wave

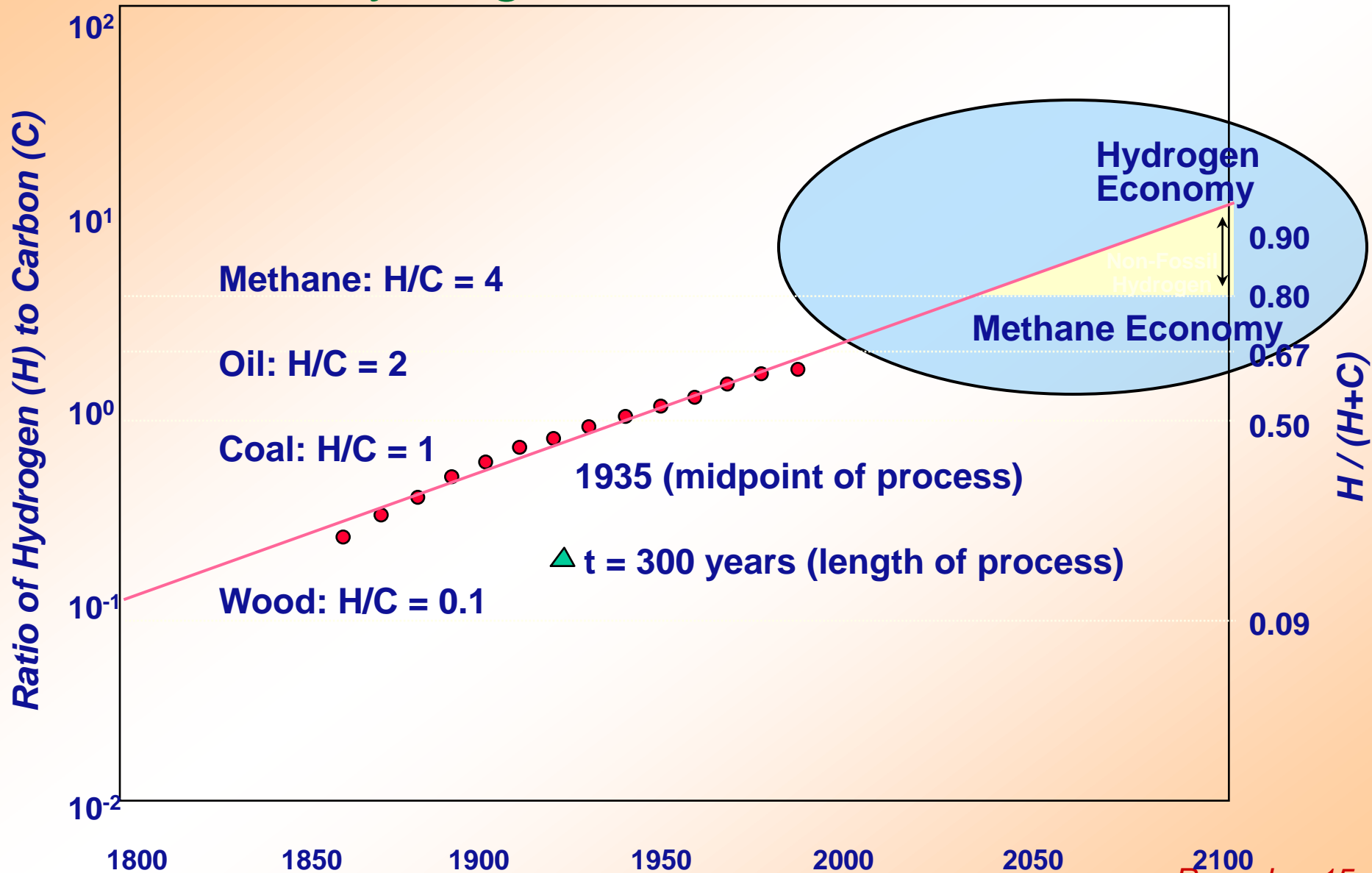


- Any fossil fuel

- Nuclear energy



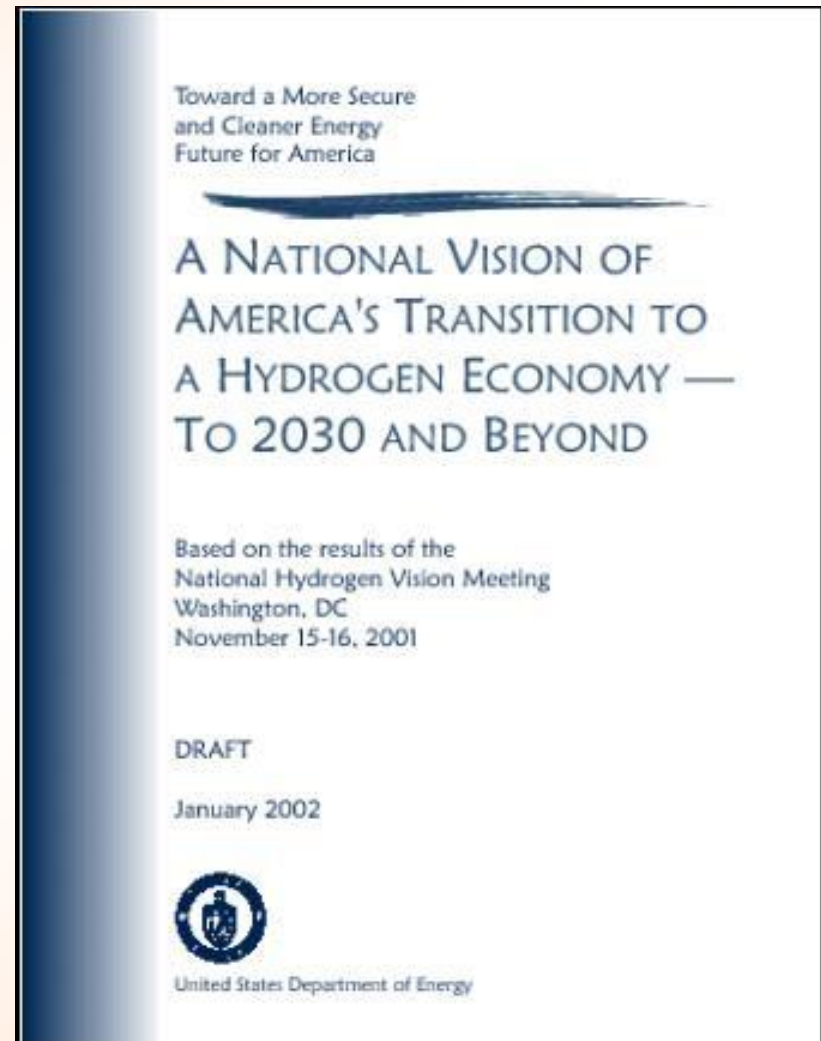
# Ratio of hydrogen to carbon



# Vision for the Hydrogen Economy

**“Hydrogen is America’s clean energy choice. Hydrogen is flexible, affordable, safe, domestically produced, used in all sectors of the economy, and in all regions of the country.”**

Available at: [www.eren.doe.gov/hydrogen/](http://www.eren.doe.gov/hydrogen/)





# Characteristics of the H<sub>2</sub> Economy

- Buildings use hydrogen for heat and power
- Vehicles are powered by hydrogen and are integrated with the heat and power system for homes, offices, and factories
- Hydrogen is produced economically from sources that release no carbon dioxide
- The distribution infrastructure is well developed
- Storage and use of hydrogen is safe

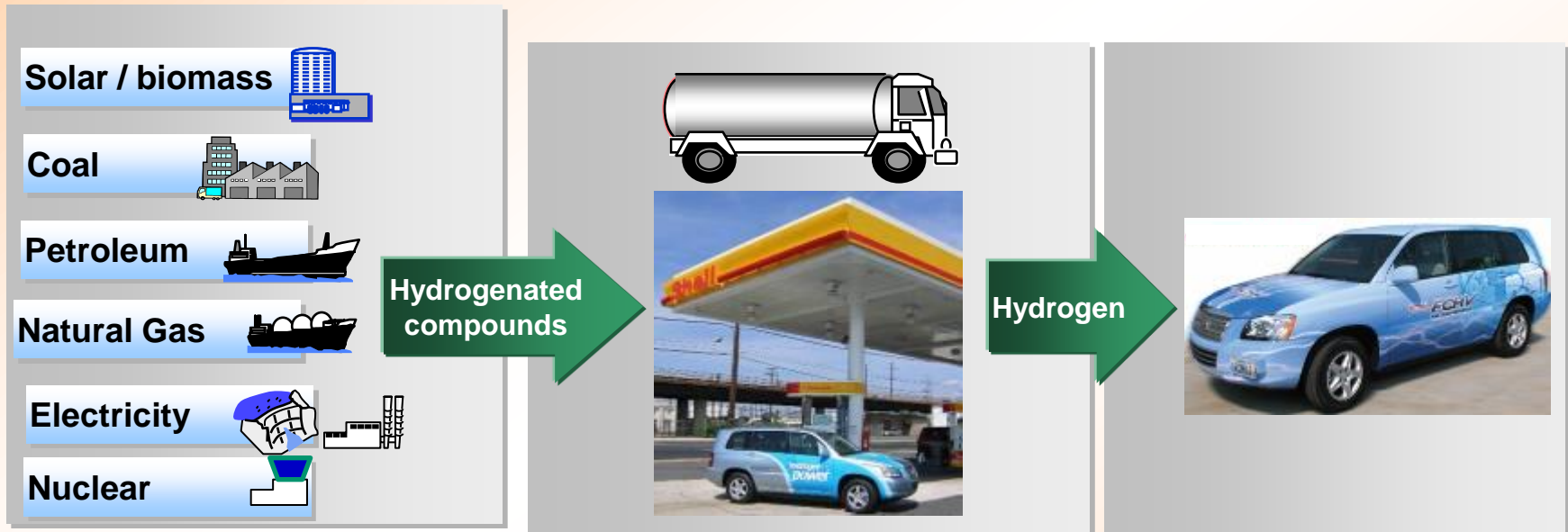


# Challenges and Opportunities

Production

Delivery, Supply

Usage/Application



- Issues**
- Production
  - Storage method
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Stabilization
  - Cost

- Issues**
- Transportation Method
  - Infrastructure Development
  - Codes & Standards
  - Hydrogen Delivery Cost

- Issues**
- Stack Durability
  - Power Density
  - Freeze Start Capability
  - Driving Range
  - Vehicle Cost

Government, Energy Suppliers Car makers

# Hydrogen Production

- ✓ World Production 50 Million Tons/year
  - Equivalent to 2% of current world energy demand (if used in fuel cell)
  - 12 million tons of hydrogen are currently produced by US each year
- ✓ Hydrogen Sources
  - Natural Gas Reforming (over 80%)  
 $\text{CH}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO} + 3\text{H}_2$  -Reformation  
 $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2$  - Shift
  - By-Product Recovery (20%)
- ✓ About 95% is produced for use in
  - Ammonia
  - Oil Refining
  - Methanol

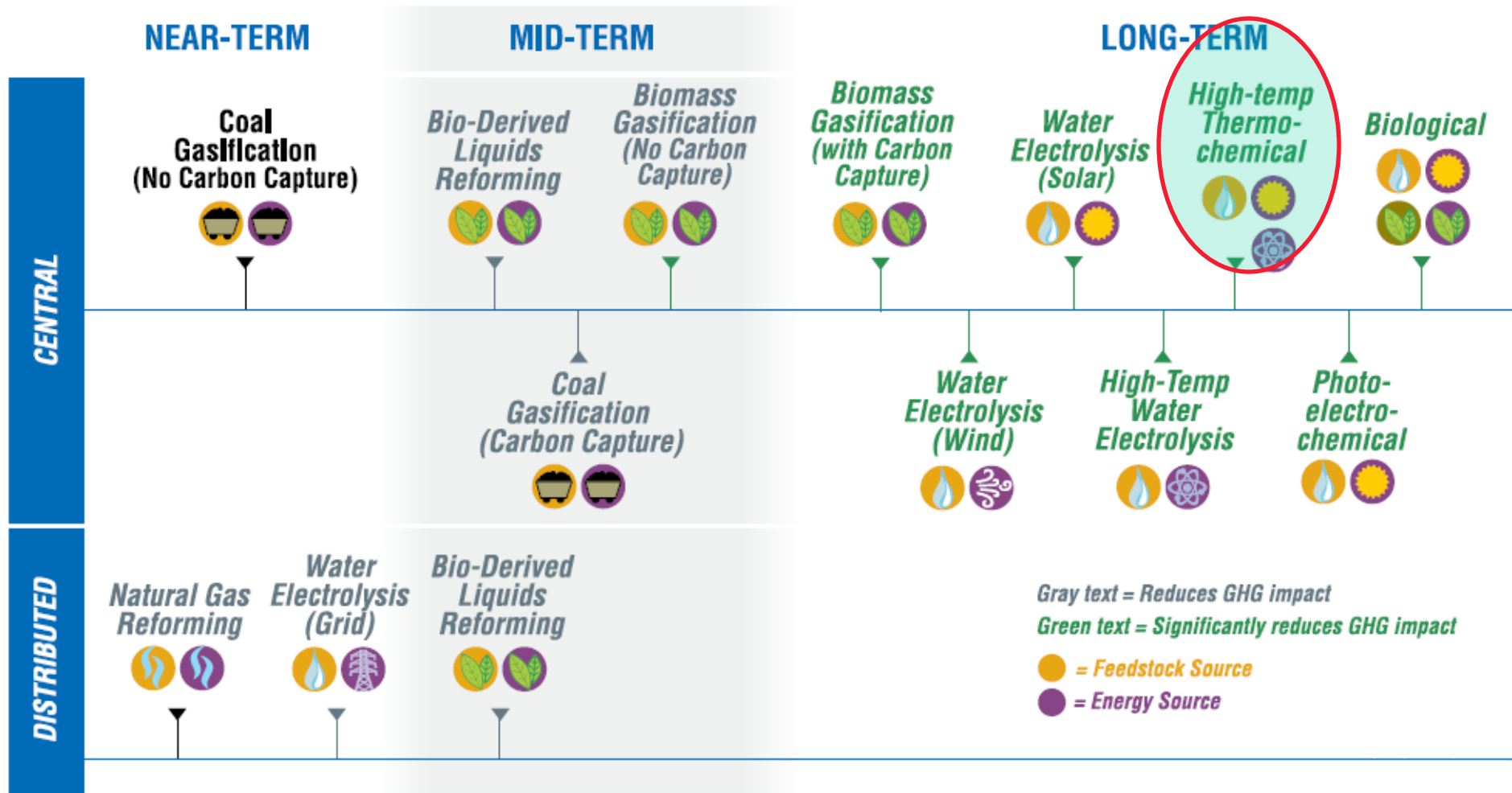


# Hydrogen Production Methods

<b>Method Of Hydrogen Production</b>	<b>Inefficiencies</b>
<b>Electrolysis</b>	<b>Requires electricity, expensive</b>
<b>Thermo-chemical water splitting</b>	<b>Requires outside energy and storage</b>
<b>Photolysis (photoelectrochemical processes)</b>	<b>sunlight as the input energy, storage,</b>
<b>Biological &amp; photobiological (sunlight-assisted) water splitting</b>	<b>These methods are still in experimental stages</b>
<b>Thermal water splitting</b>	<b>organic compounds release pollutants into the earths atmosphere.</b>
<b>By-product of petroleum refining and chemical production</b>	<b>Detrimental environmental and health problems this process may cause.</b>

# Timing of R&D for Hydrogen production technology

Production Technology Icon and Color Key:



# Production: Challenges

- ✓
- Hydrogen production costs are high relative to conventional fuels ( 1 gallon Gasoline  $\equiv$  1 kg H<sub>2</sub>)
- Current technologies produce large quantities of carbon dioxide and are not optimized for making hydrogen as an energy carrier.
- Advanced hydrogen production methods need development.
- Public-private production demonstrations are essential.

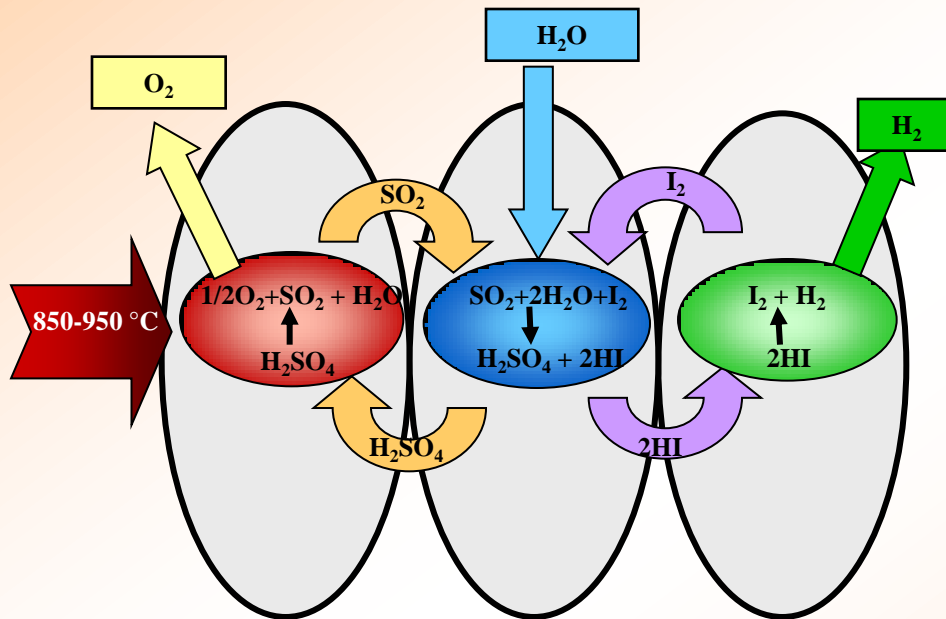
# Production: Nuclear and Solar Hydrogen

## Scientific Challenges and Opportunities

- ✓ New materials for photo-catalysts Cost/efficiency (duty cycle) for solar thermo-chemical (TC)
- ✓ Separations and materials performance
- ✓ H<sub>2</sub> from direct thermolysis (>2500°C) and radiolysis
- ✓ Thermodynamic data and modeling for TC
- ✓ High temperature materials in oxidizing environments at ~900°C
  - Solid oxide materials and membranes
  - TC heat exchanger materials
- ✓ High temperature gas separation
- ✓ Improved catalysts for reactions

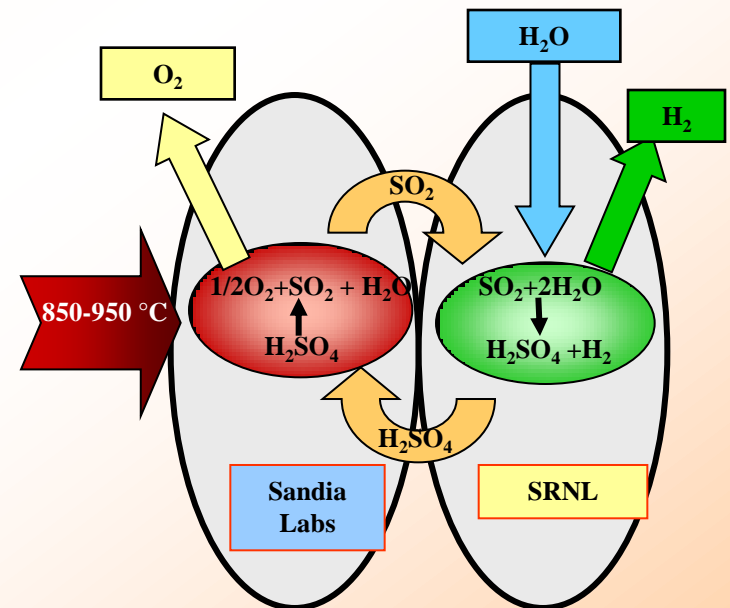
# Nuclear Hydrogen Technology: Thermochemical Cycles (TC)

TC cycles require high temperatures, extensive thermal management, and cycle optimization



## Sulfur Iodine

- (1)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SO}_2 + 1/2\text{O}_2$
- (2)  $2\text{HI} \rightarrow \text{I}_2 + \text{H}_2$
- (3)  $2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SO}_2 + \text{I}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{HI}$



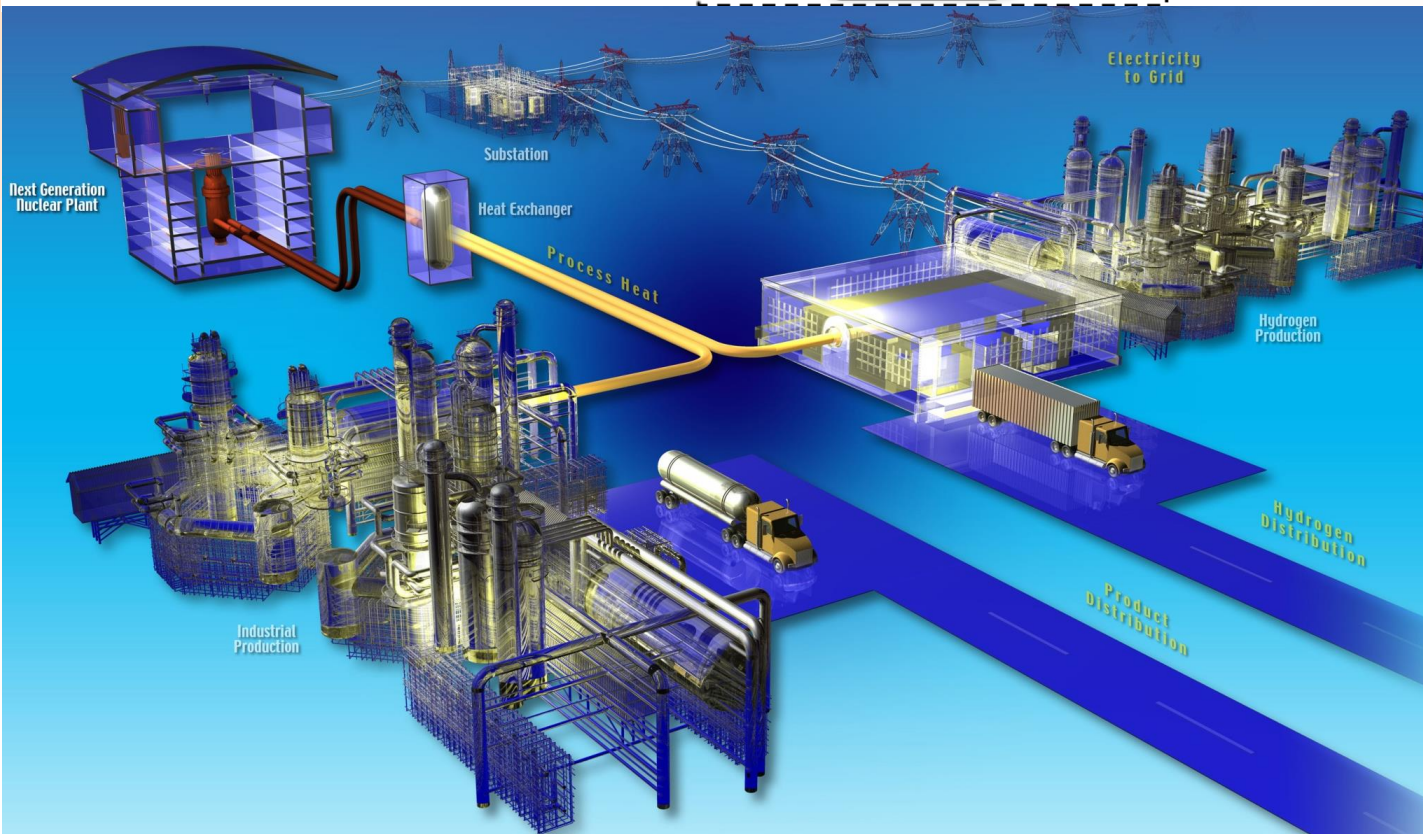
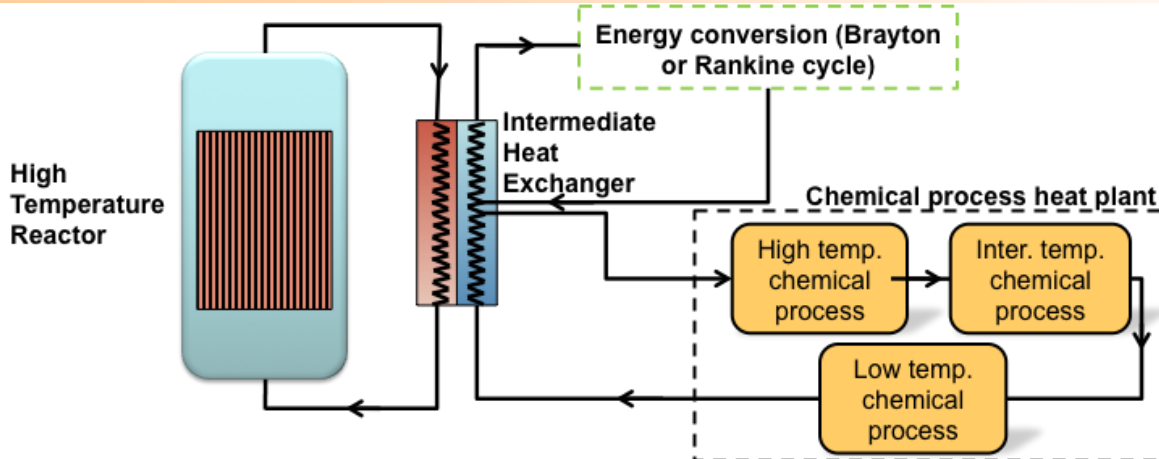
## Hybrid-Sulfur

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# Modeling Studies: Coupled H2-HTR System

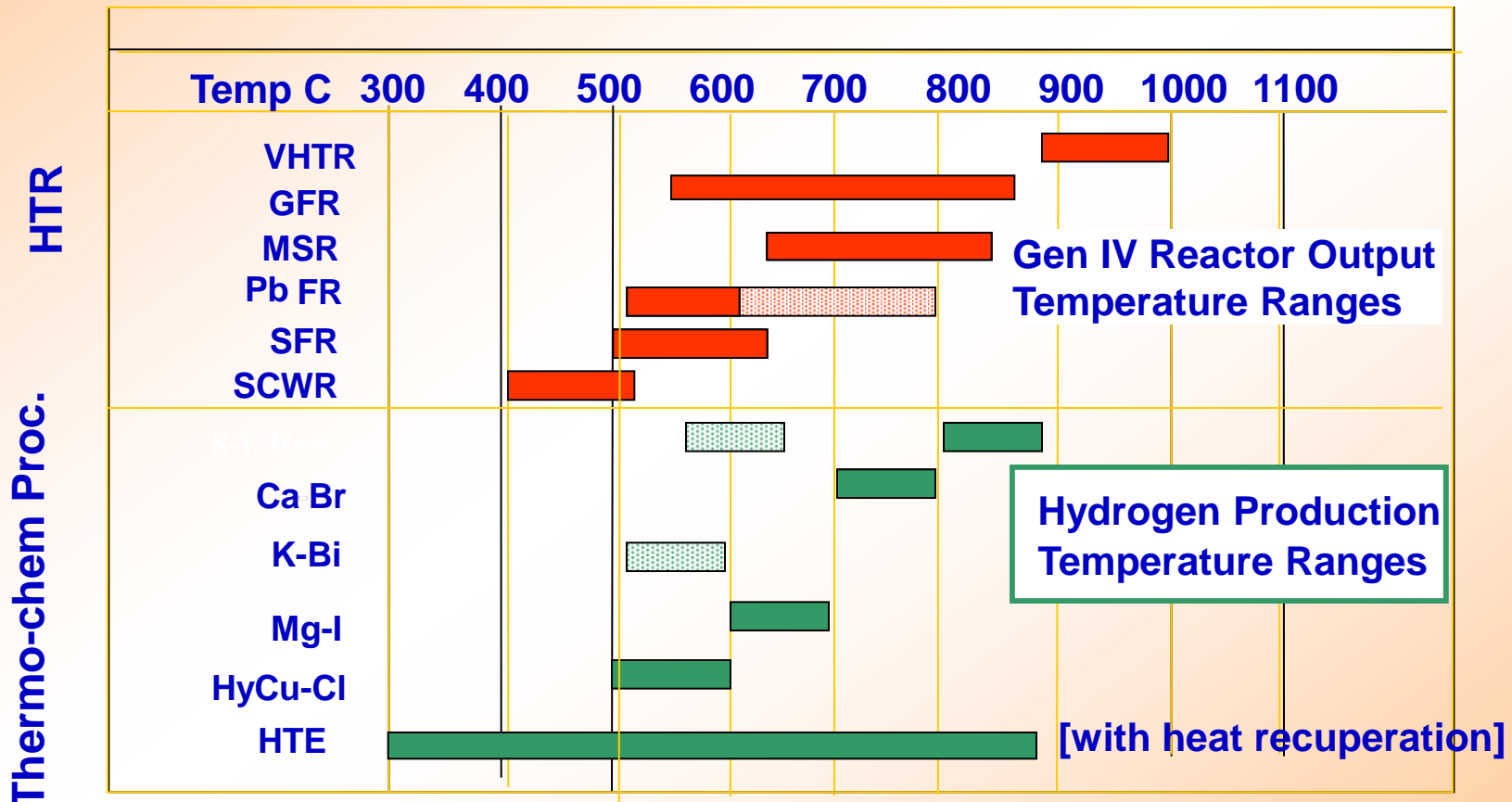
*Generation IV Initiative  
and Nuclear Hydrogen  
Initiative*



*Use nuclear  
heat to drive  
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# HTR Energy Conversion

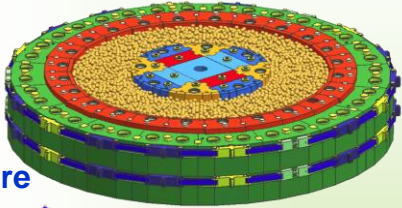
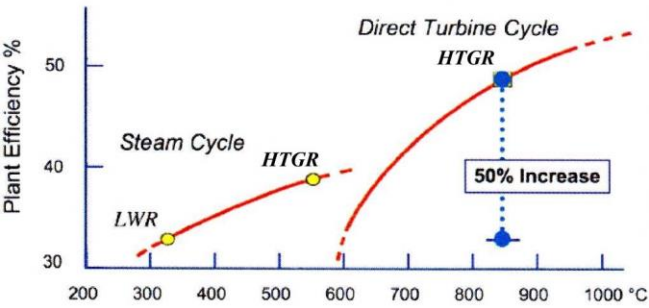
- Electrical generation - *Gen IV Energy Conversion Program*
- Hydrogen production - *Nuclear Hydrogen Initiative (NHI)*



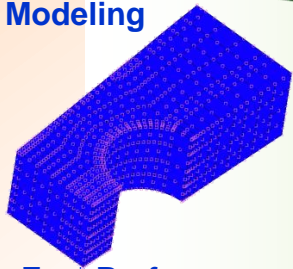
# Emerging Technologies in High Temperature

## Gas Cooled Reactor

High thermal efficiency

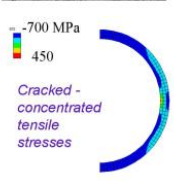


Whole Core Modeling

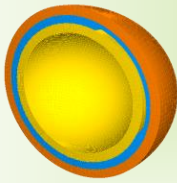
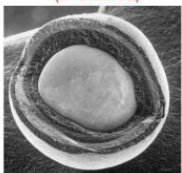


Fuel Performance Modeling

Particle with cracked IPyC layer

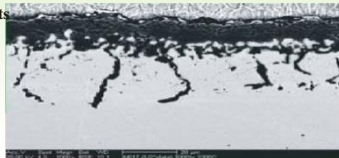


Intact Particle (uncracked)

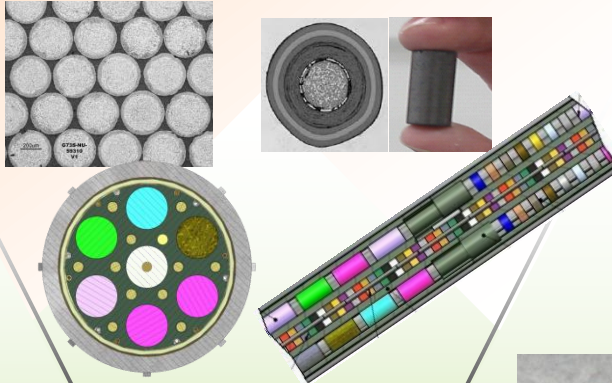


Material Characterization

Ni from Watts by plating surface layer Al Oxide intergrowth

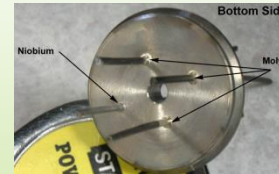


Fuel Studies



- Coated Particle Fuel and irradiation
- Analysis Methods Development & Validation Structural
- Graphite Development
- Material Properties

Fuel and Materials Irradiation



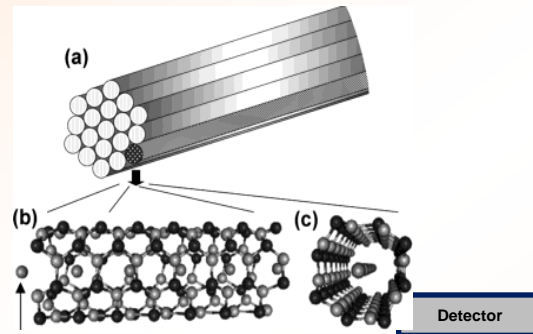
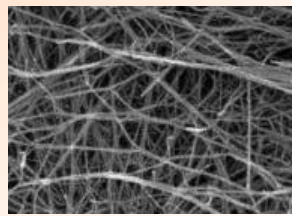
Post Irradiation Examination & Safety Testing



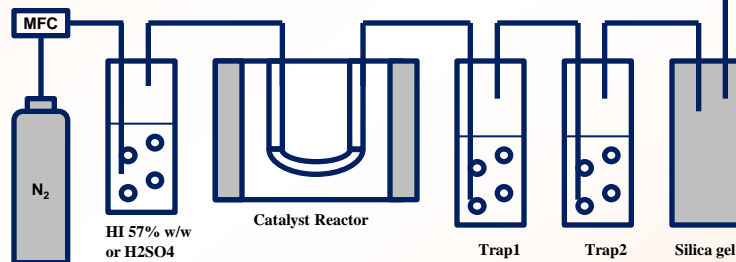
# Emerging Technologies in Nuclear Hydrogen Generation

- ❖ New high temperature reactor systems
- ❖ Efficient and stable catalytic decomposition of HI and SO<sub>3</sub>
- ❖ Develop flowsheet analysis of the SI cycle with advances techniques
- ❖ Develop models for coupled system VHTR and SI cycle H<sub>2</sub> plant,

- Catalyst development
- Design catalytic reaction conditions
- Catalyst characterization
- Evaluation of catalyst activation

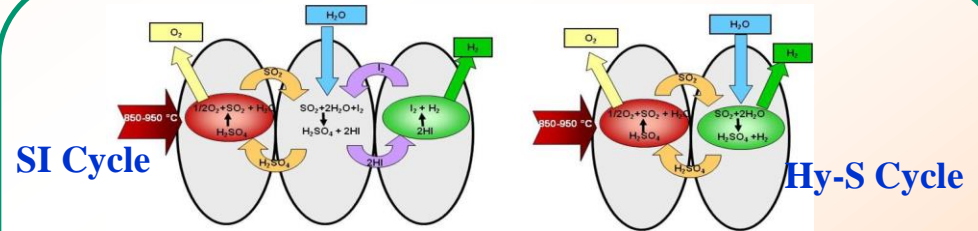


SEM image of Catalyst

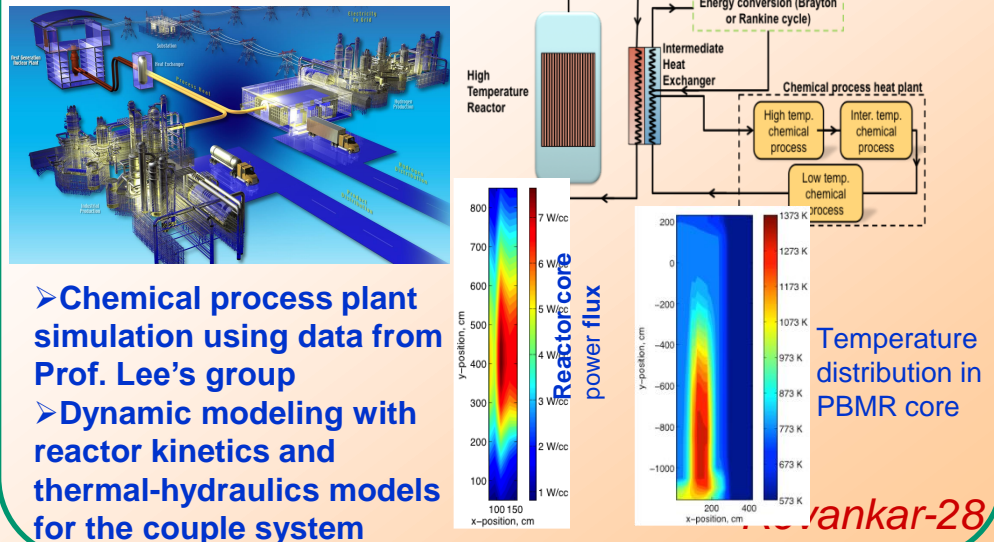


System of catalyst reaction

## Optimized Flowsheet for SI Cycle and Hy S Cycle



## Integrated VHTR & SI Cycle Hydrogen Plant Analysis



- Chemical process plant simulation using data from Prof. Lee's group
- Dynamic modeling with reactor kinetics and thermal-hydraulics models for the couple system

Temperature distribution in PBMR core

# SI-Thermochemical cycle

✓ Extensive literature review of 70+ TC cycles:

1. Sulfur Iodine (SI) Cycle
2. Hybrid Sulfur (HyS) Cycle

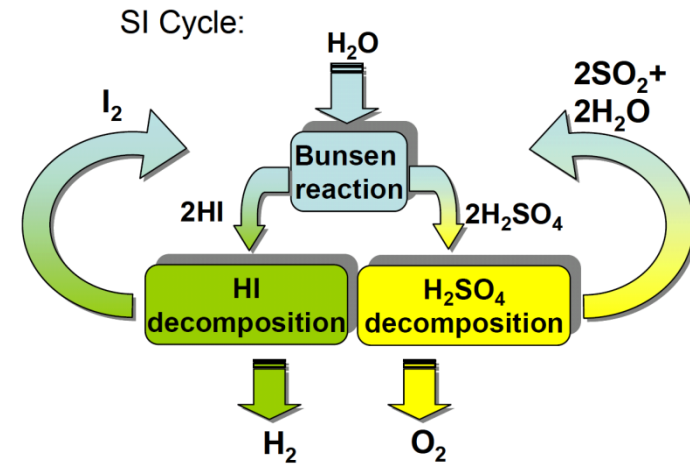
✓ SI cycle was developed and flow-sheeted by General Atomics in the 1970s

## Integrated SI loops:

- 1980s GA, (US)
- 2004 JAERI, (Japan)
- 2009 INERI (DOE/CEA), (France)
- 2010 Tshingua (China)
- 2011 KAERI-KIER-RIST-POSTECH

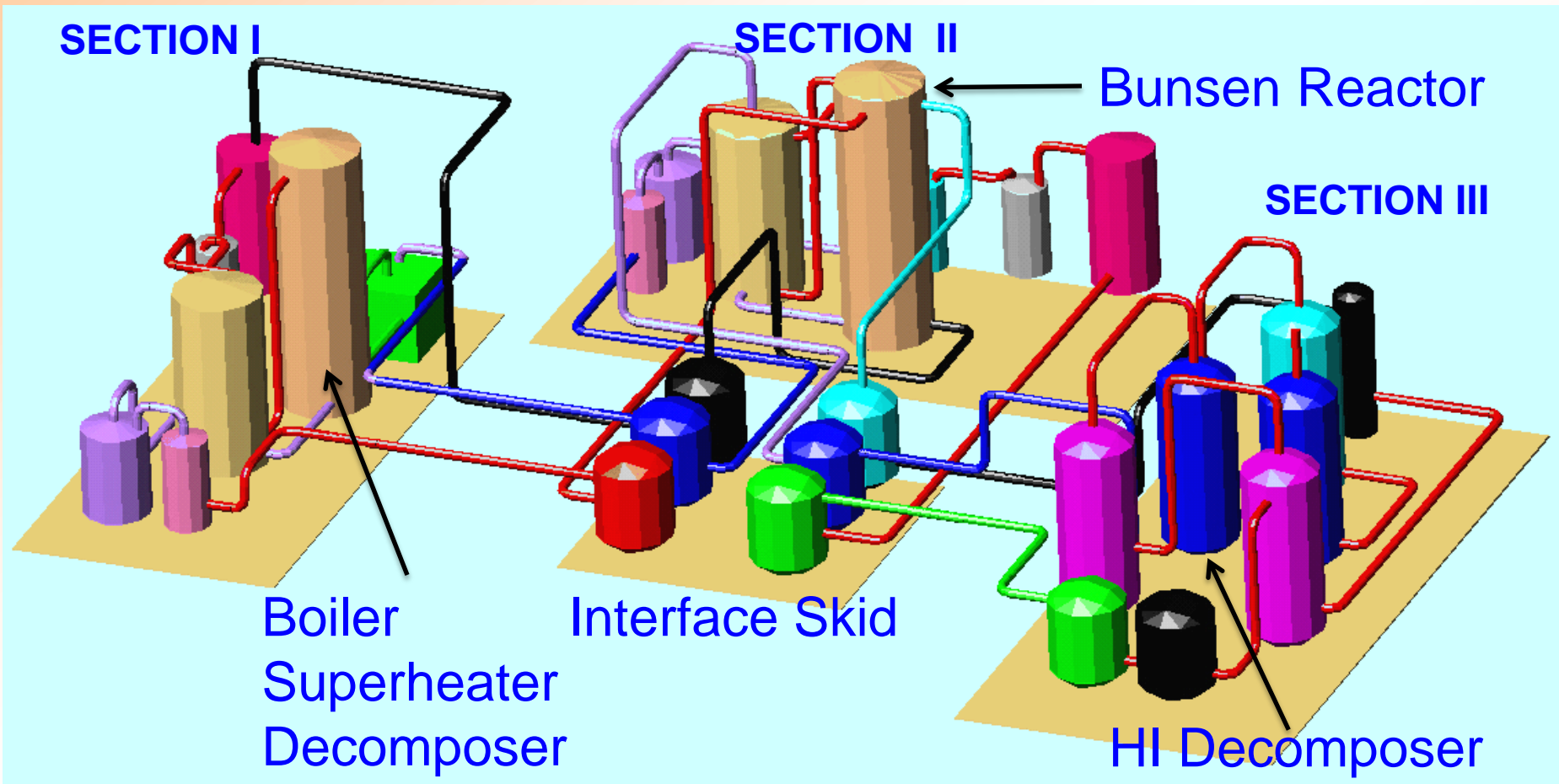
## Separate Effects Tests

GA, SNL, CEA, JAERI, KAIST, POSTECH

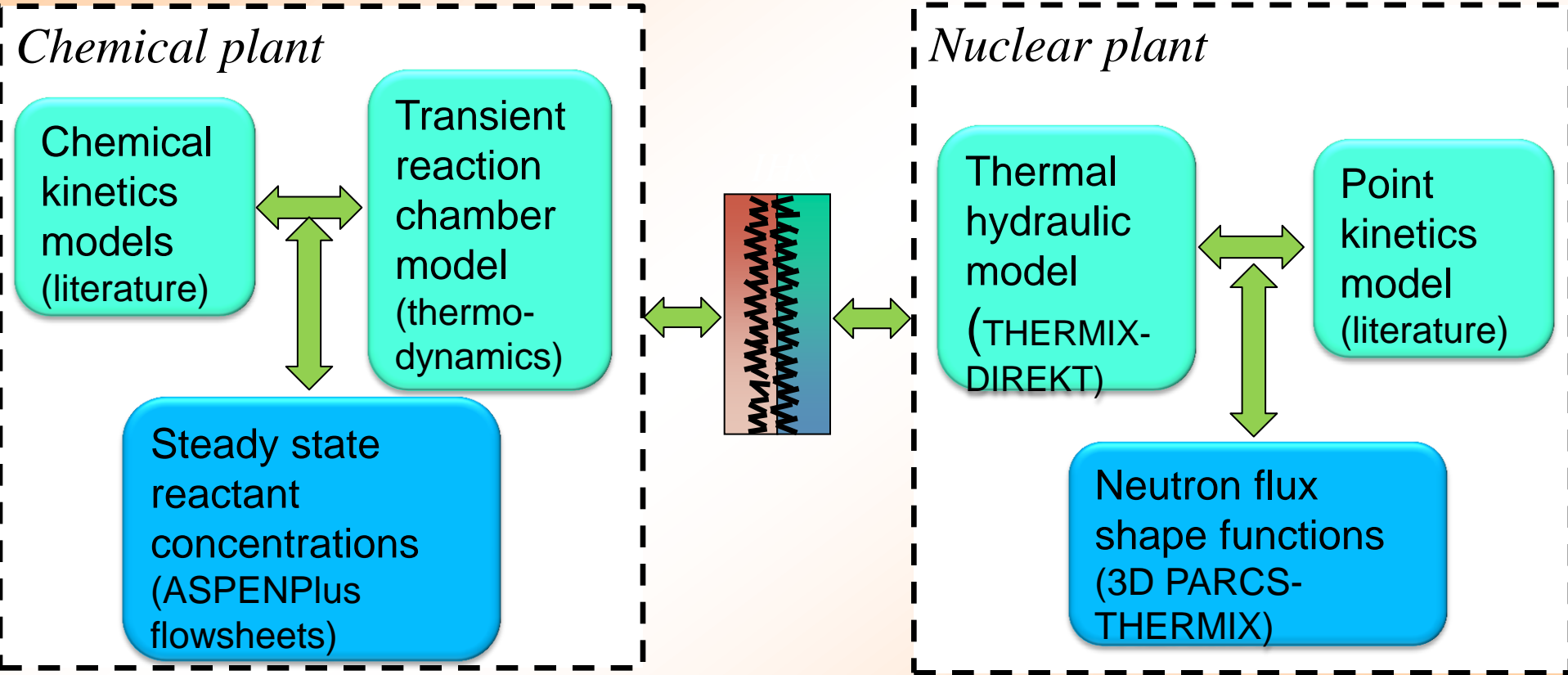


$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  decomposer unit installed at GA ILS experiment site

# GA-CEA-SNL Sulfur-iodine Integrated Laboratory Scale Demonstration

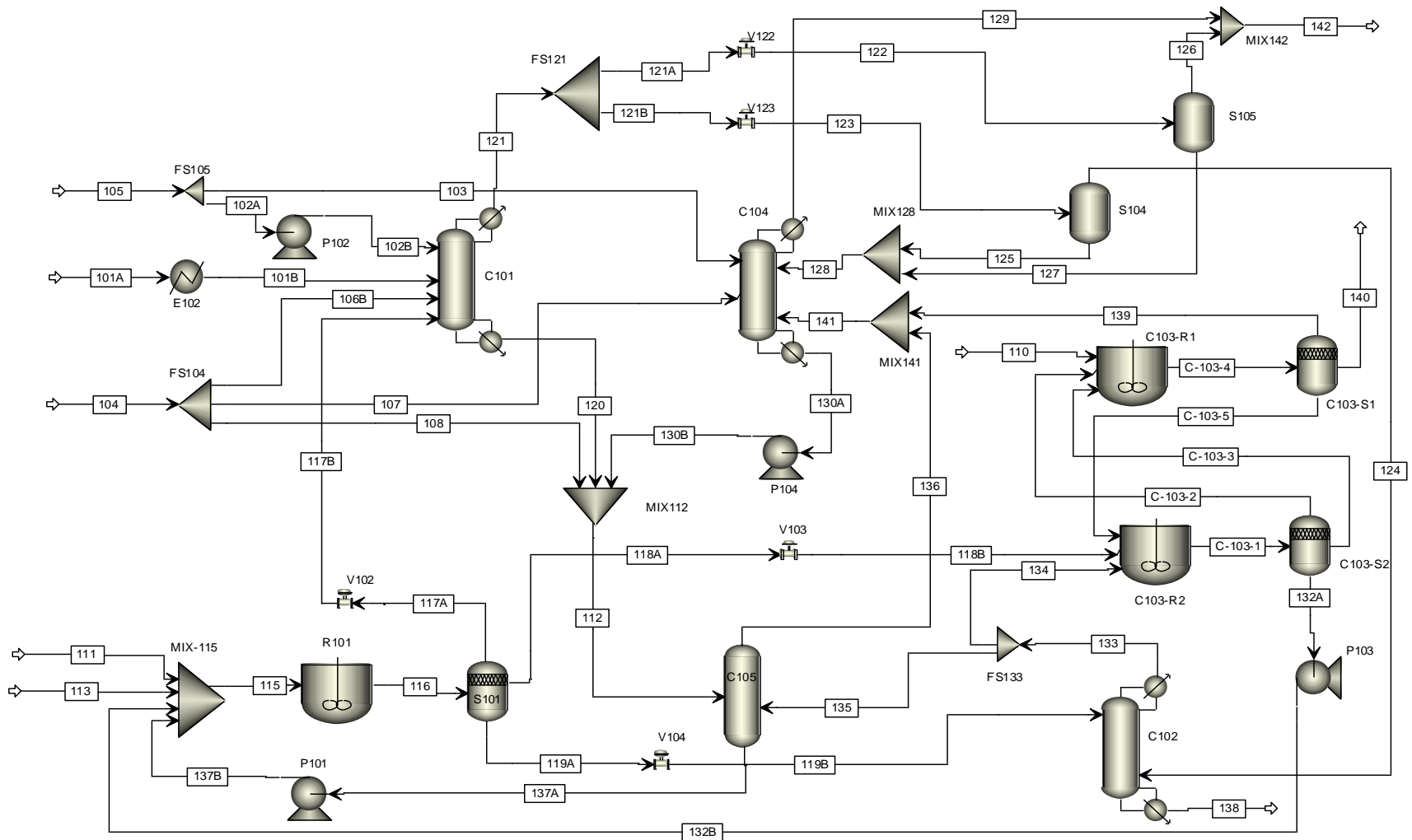


# Modeling Work



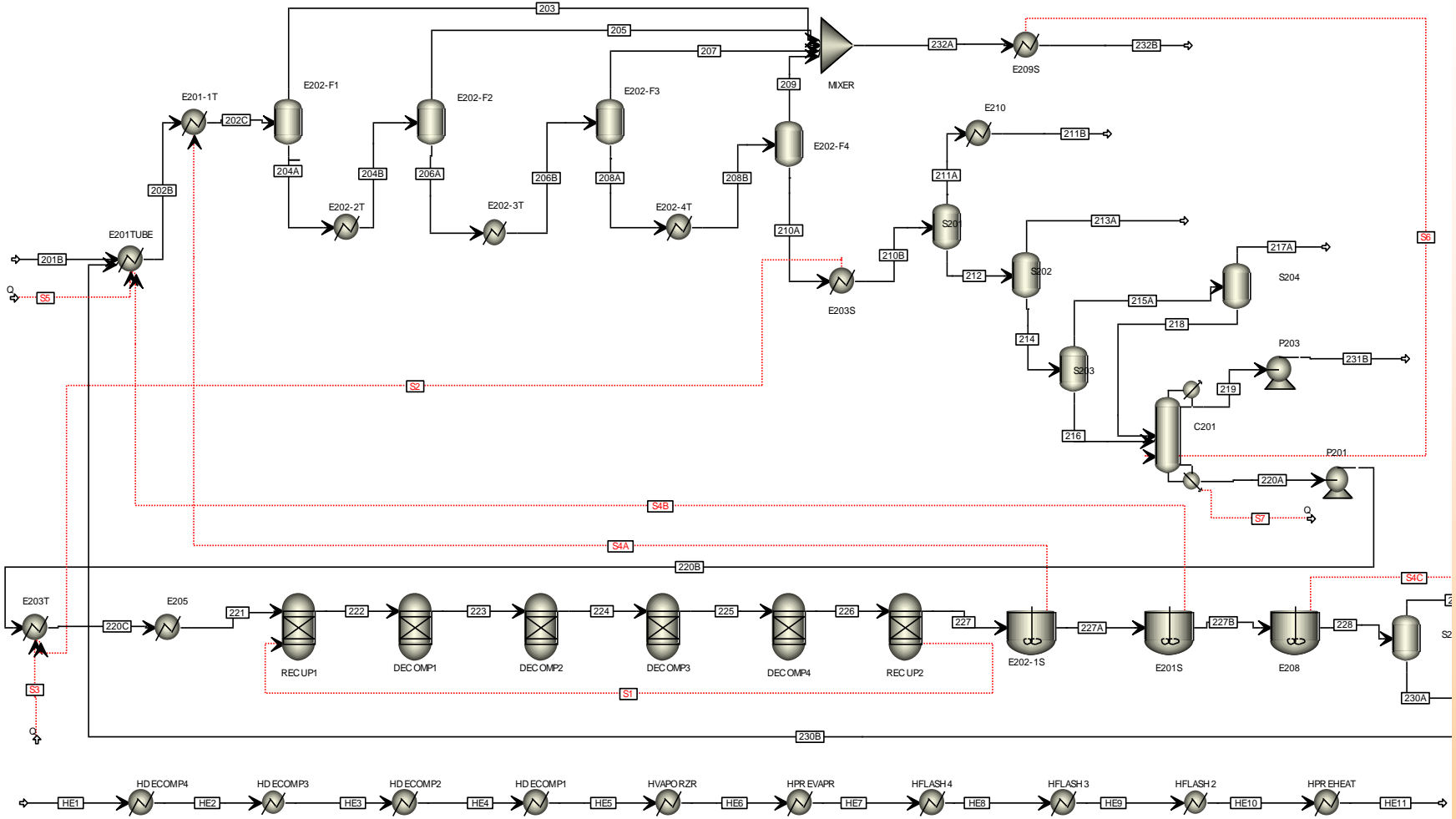
# Section I-

If the inlet stream of S-101 is disconnected to the outlet stream of the Bunsen reactor (116), and appropriate inlet flow condition is specified for S-101, converges

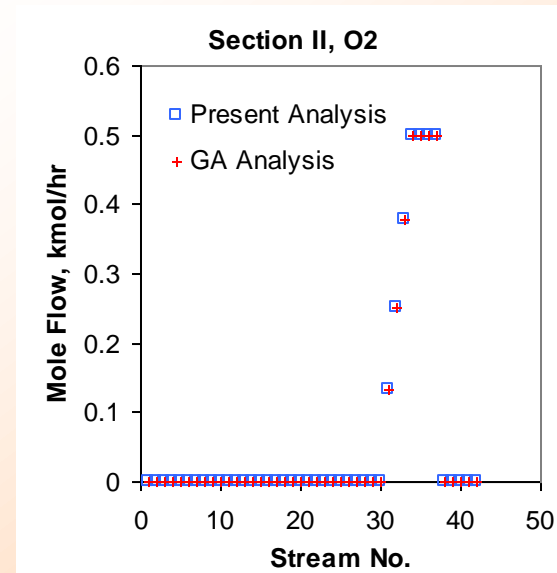
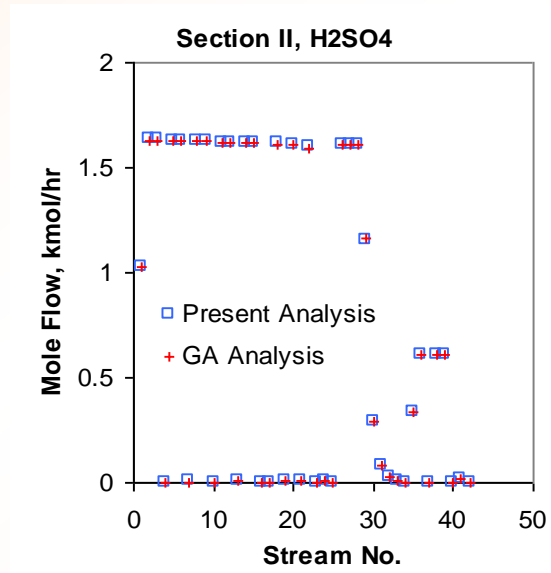
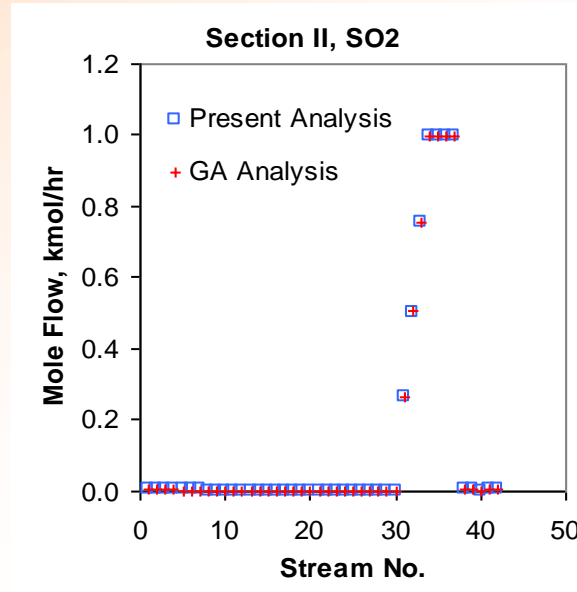
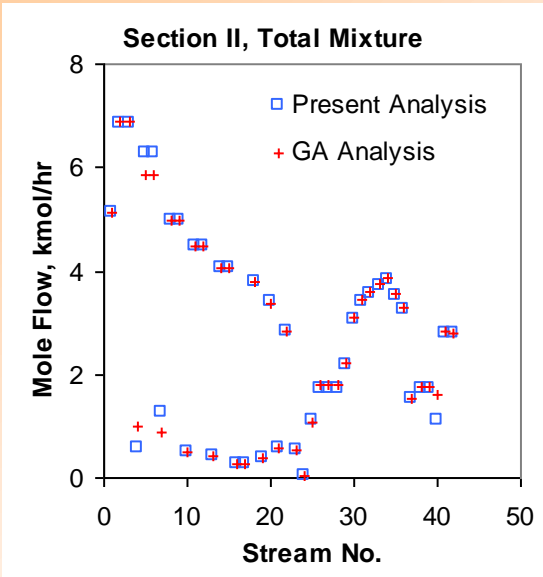




# Section II : H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> decomposition

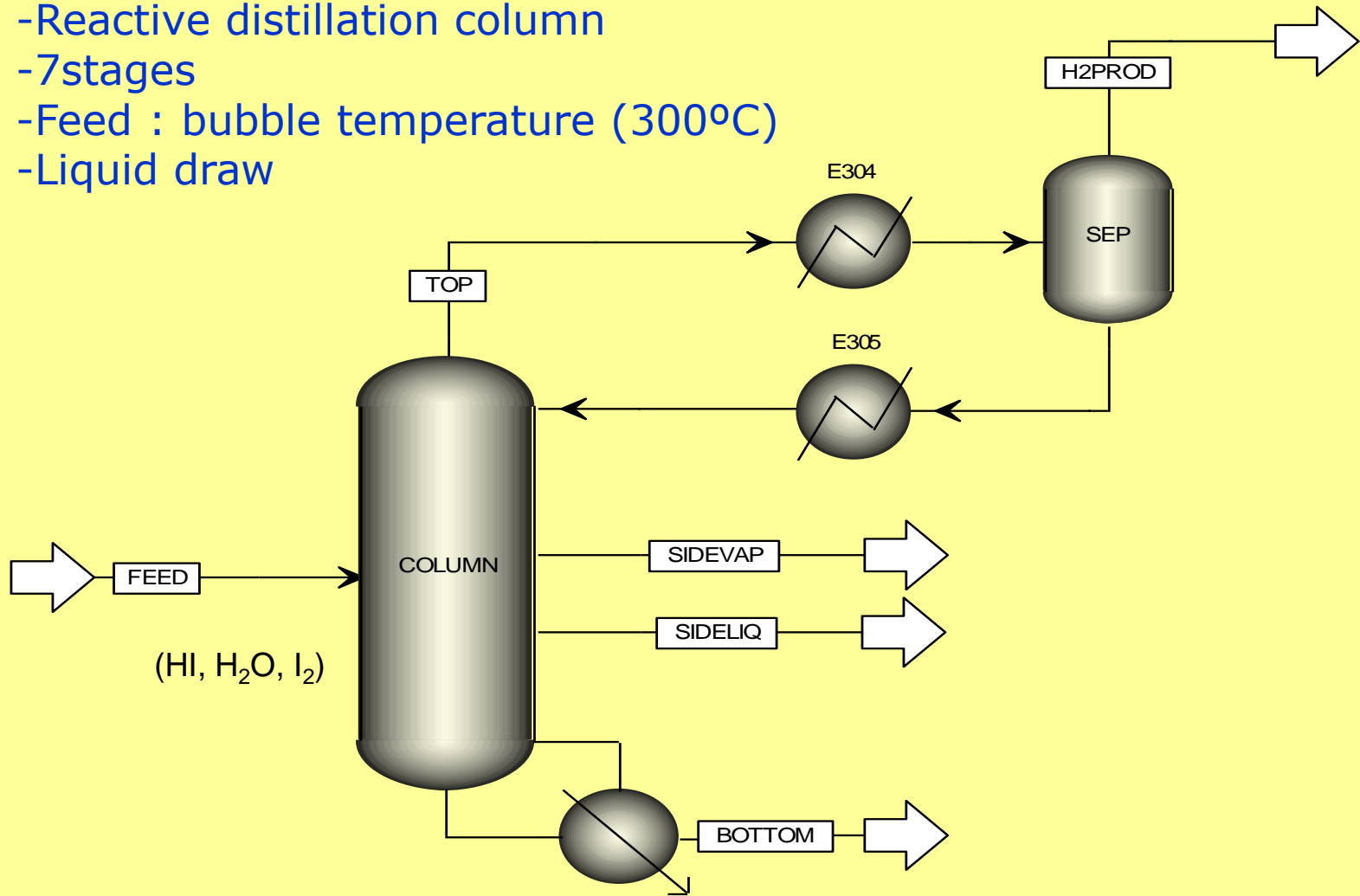


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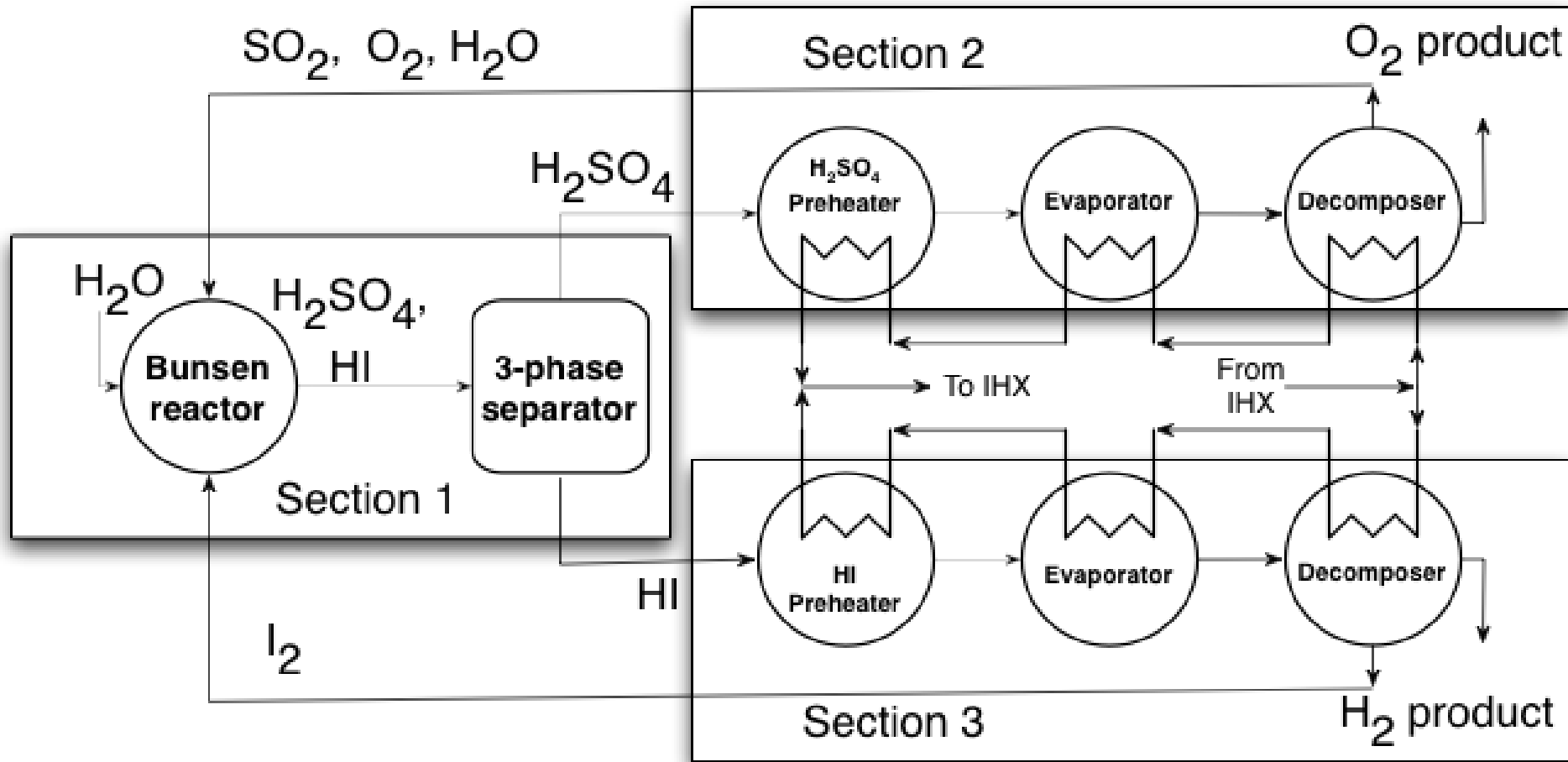


# Section III : HI decomposition

- Reactive distillation column
- 7stages
- Feed : bubble temperature (300°C)
- Liquid draw

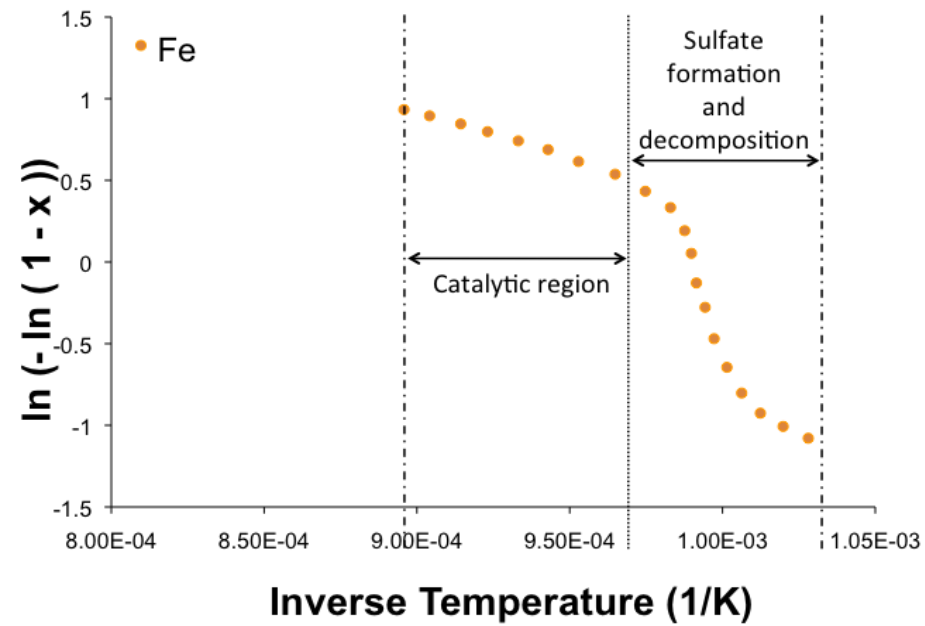
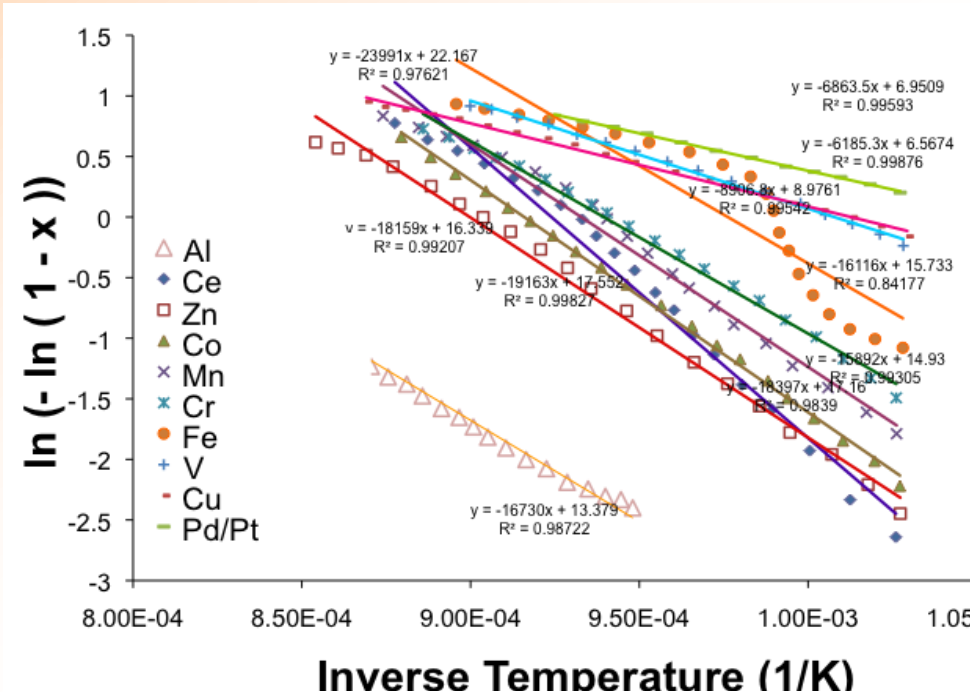


# Simplified Chemical plant modeling



# Catalytic H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/SO<sub>3</sub> decomposition

- ✓ Rate limitation of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> decomp. is SO<sub>3</sub> decomposition
- ✓ Temperature, energetic limiting step of the SI cycle
- ✓ Maximum temperature – safety margin for HTR
- ✓ Extracted data (20+ papers) suggests Pt or Fe-oxides



# Chemical plant models

- ✓ S.S. flow rates & concentrations: ASPENPlus flowsheets
- ✓ Chemical kinetics models for each reaction (literature)
- ✓ Simplify or neglect reactant separation and concentration processes, focus on the fundamental physics



(Bunsen reaction, Kinetics rate constants: Brown 2003)



(Sulfur trioxide decomp., rate const: Spewock 1976)



(Hydrogen iodide decomp., rate const: Laidler 1965/NIST)

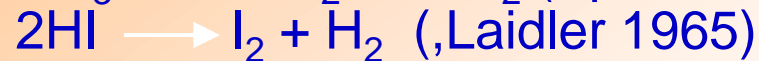
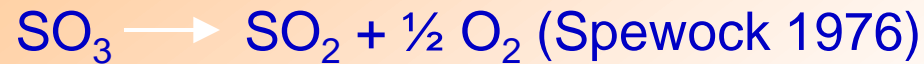
Enthalpies, reaction heat,  
heat of vaporization, and  
specific heat from:  
(NIST, ChE Handbook)

$$\frac{d[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4]}{dt} = -\frac{d[\text{SO}_3]}{dt} = k_2 \cdot [\text{SO}_3]$$

# Chemical Plant Models



(Bunsen reaction, Brown 2003)



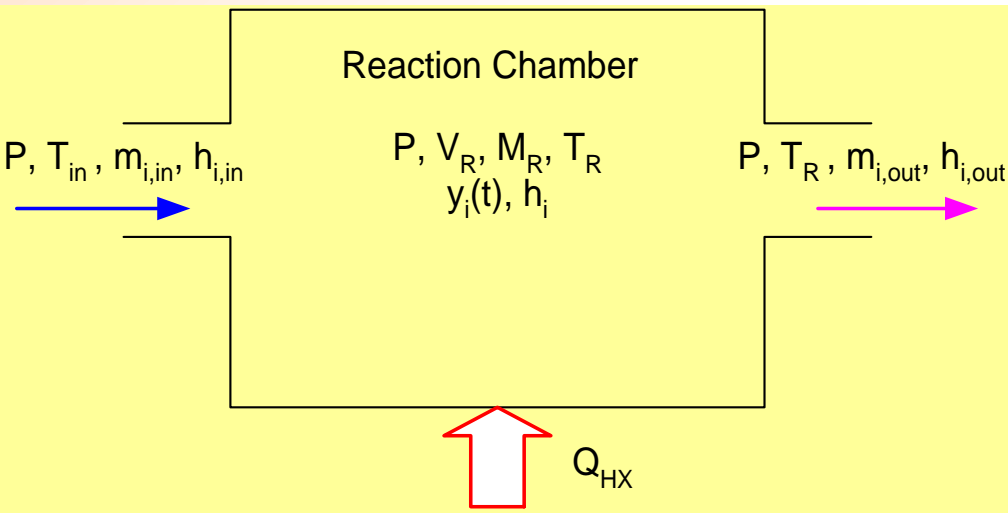
Reverse reaction rate is non-negligible

Molar balance, energy balance for each species within the chemical plant

$$\frac{d[\text{H}_2]}{dt} = k_3 \cdot [\text{HI}]^2 - k_{-3} \cdot [\text{H}_2] \cdot [\text{I}_2]$$

$$\frac{d[\text{H}_2]}{dt} = \frac{d[\text{I}_2]}{dt}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[\text{HI}]}{dt} = -k_3 \cdot [\text{HI}]^2 + k_{-3} \cdot [\text{H}_2] \cdot [\text{I}_2]$$



## Assumptions

- Ideal gas mixture
- Negligible kinetic and potential energy
- No works, no heat loss
- Constant reactor volume
- Well mixed in the reaction chamber

# Governing Equations in the Reaction Chamber

✓ **Species molar balance**

$$M_R \frac{dy_i}{dt} + y_i \left( m_{in} + \Delta v \frac{dX}{dt} \right) = m_{i,in} + v_i \frac{dX}{dt} \quad i=1,2,,n$$

✓ **Global molar balance**

$$\frac{dM_R}{dt} = m_{in} - m_{out} + \Delta v \frac{dX}{dt}$$

✓ **Energy balance**

$$M_R c_P \frac{dT_R}{dt} = \sum_i m_{i,in} (h_{i,in} - h_i) - \Delta h_{RXN} \frac{dX}{dt} + \dot{Q}_{HX} + V_R \frac{dP}{dt}$$

✓ **Chemical reaction**

$$X = X(T_R, C_i)$$

✓ **HX energy balance**

$$\dot{Q}_{HX} = U \cdot A \cdot \Delta T = m_{He} (h_{He,in} - h_{He,out})$$

✓ **Equation of state**

$$PV_R = M_R RT_R$$

(n+5) Equations vs. (n+6) Unknowns:  $M_R$ ,  $X$ ,  $y_i$  ( $i=1,2,,n$ ),  $m_{out}$ ,  $P$ ,  $T_R$  and  $T_{He,out}$

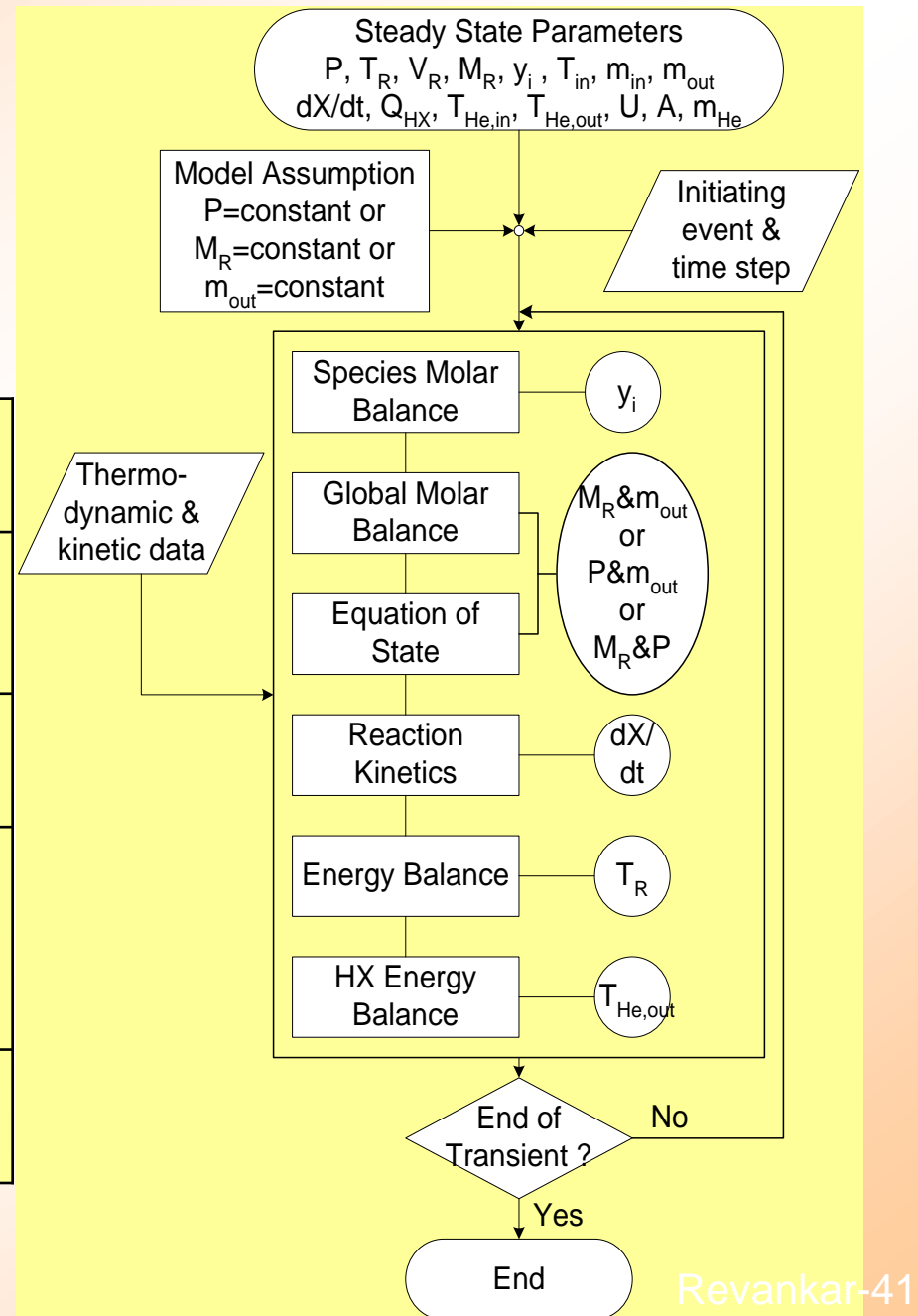
- Recycling considered within each chemical plant section
    - $H_2O$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $HI$
  - Section 2 is essentially Plug flow reactor (PFR), section 1 and 3 Continuously stirred tank reactors ( CSTR)
- Molar flow rate out of section 3 varies with reaction rate



# Flowchart-Transient

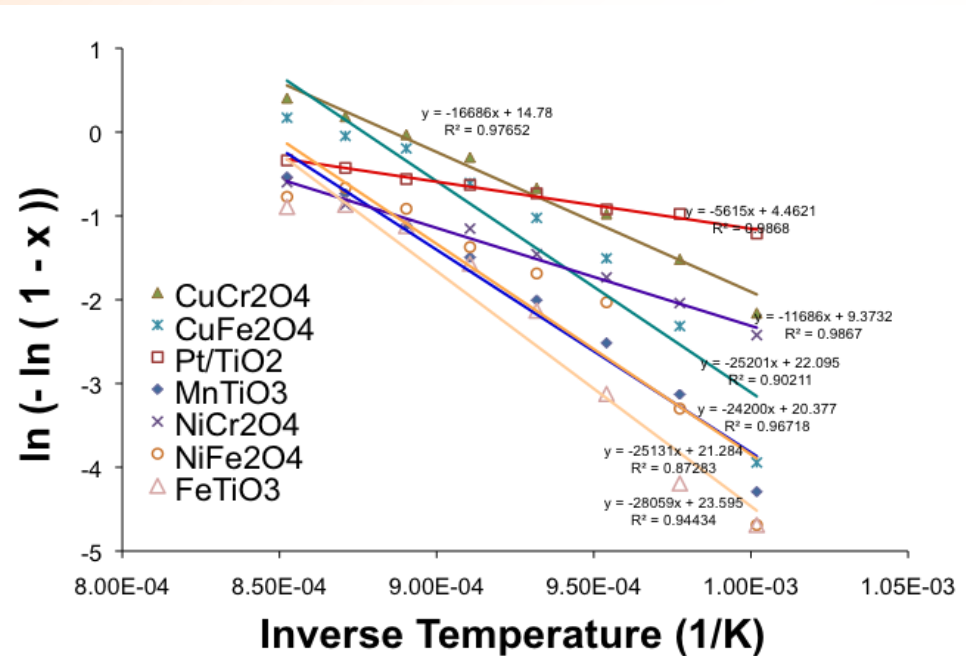
## Input values

Reaction Chamber	1	2	3
Reactor Volume, m <sup>3</sup>	6.79	1.66	57.32
HX Heat Load, kJ	N/A	417	46.6
HX HTC*Area (UA), W/K	N/A	2193	120
Helium Flow, mol/s	N/A	44.57	4.99

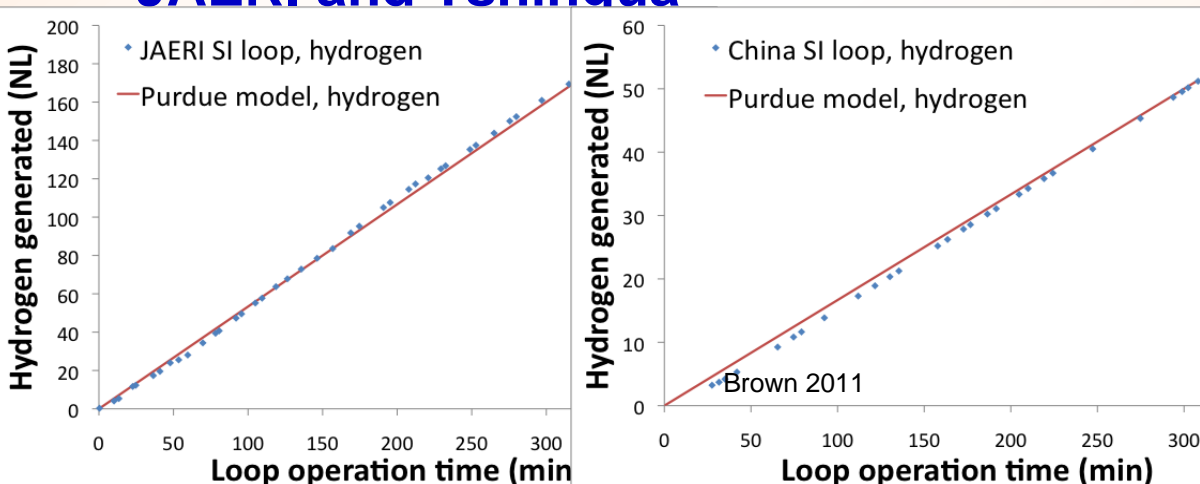


# V & V: Chemical plant models

- ✓ Chemical kinetics to data from 20+ examples in bench scale
- ✓ ASPENPlus: benchmarked to GA flowsheets
- ✓ Reaction chamber model valid. to SNL ILS  $H_2SO_4$  decomp.
- ✓ Entire SI loop validated to available data from ILS at JAERI and Tshingua



Rodriguez, et al. 2009

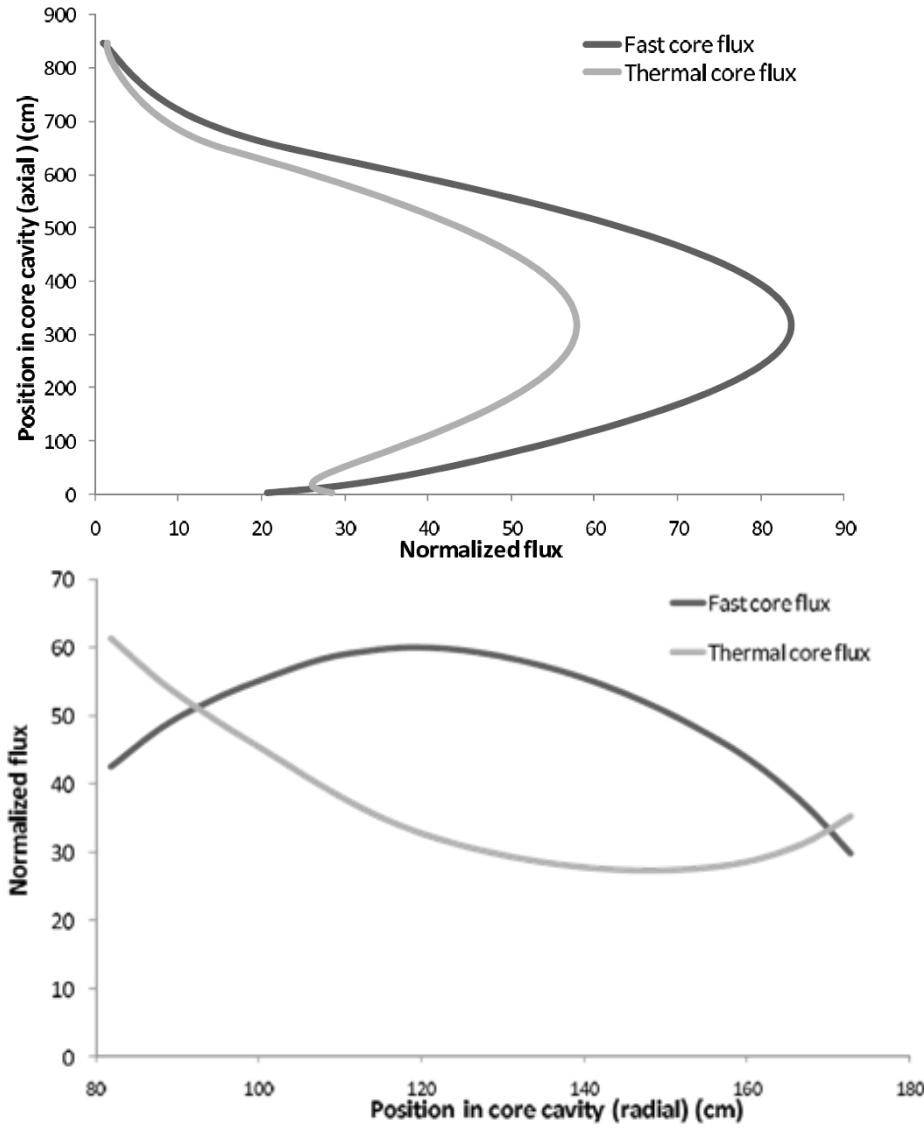


Acid flow rate (mol/hr)	Experiment conversion	Calculated conversion	Error (percent)
3.41	0.771	0.800	3.6
6.27	0.600	0.588	-2.0
12.0	0.381	0.375	-1.6
3.10	0.787	0.838	6.5
5.50	0.608	0.648	6.6
5.86	0.608	0.618	1.6
3.18	0.758	0.830	8.7
5.27	0.648	0.654	0.92
11.9	0.440	0.377	-14.3

# Modeling PBMR-268

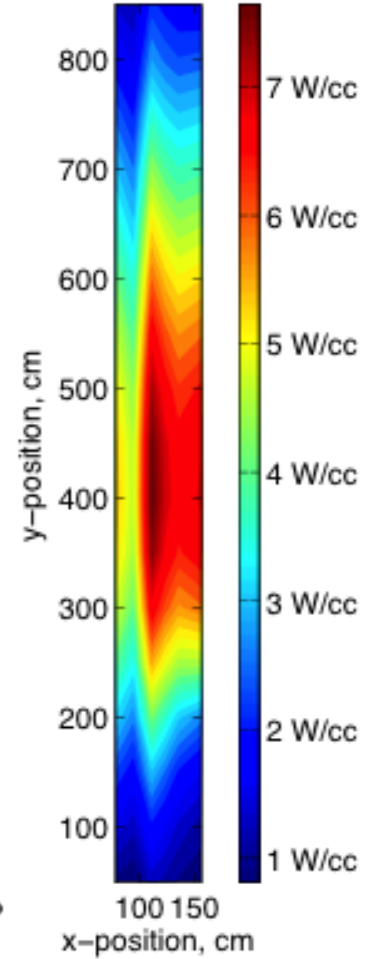
- ✓ THERMIX-Direkt is used to model the reactor thermal-hydraulics
  - THERMIX models the solid portions of the core via mesh-averaging
  - Direkt models the time dependent equations for convective heat transfer and Helium flow in the core
  - Includes models for decay heat
- ✓ PARCS-THERMIX PBMR-268 benchmark model is used to provide flux distributions in the core at steady state
- ✓ Point kinetics model is used to solve for the reactor behavior during transient
- ✓ Point kinetic model used was benchmarked to PARCS-THERMIX

# Core flux profiles and point kinetic model



$$\dot{P}(t) = \frac{(\rho(t) - \beta(t))}{\Lambda(t)} P(t) + \frac{1}{\Lambda_0} \sum_i \lambda_i C_i(t) + \frac{1}{\Lambda(t)} s(t)$$

$$\dot{C}_i(t) = -\lambda_i C_i(t) + \frac{\Lambda_0}{\Lambda(t)} \beta_i(t) P(t)$$



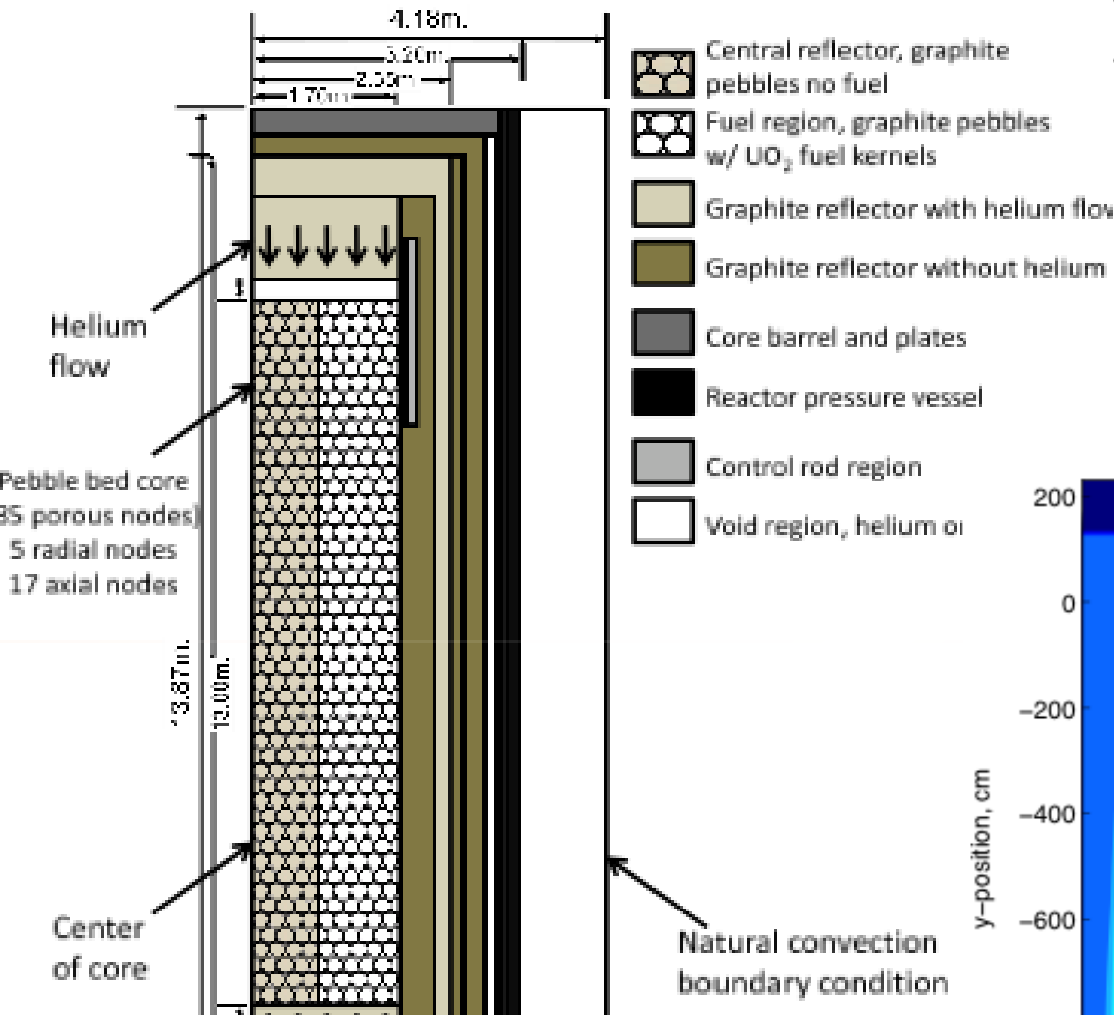
Group, i	$\lambda_i (s^{-1})$	$\beta_i$
1	0.013	0.0001807
2	0.032	0.001237
3	0.128	0.001192
4	0.304	0.001972
5	1.35	0.0006925
6	3.63	0.00001314

PARCS: US NRC best estimate code for neutronics analysis

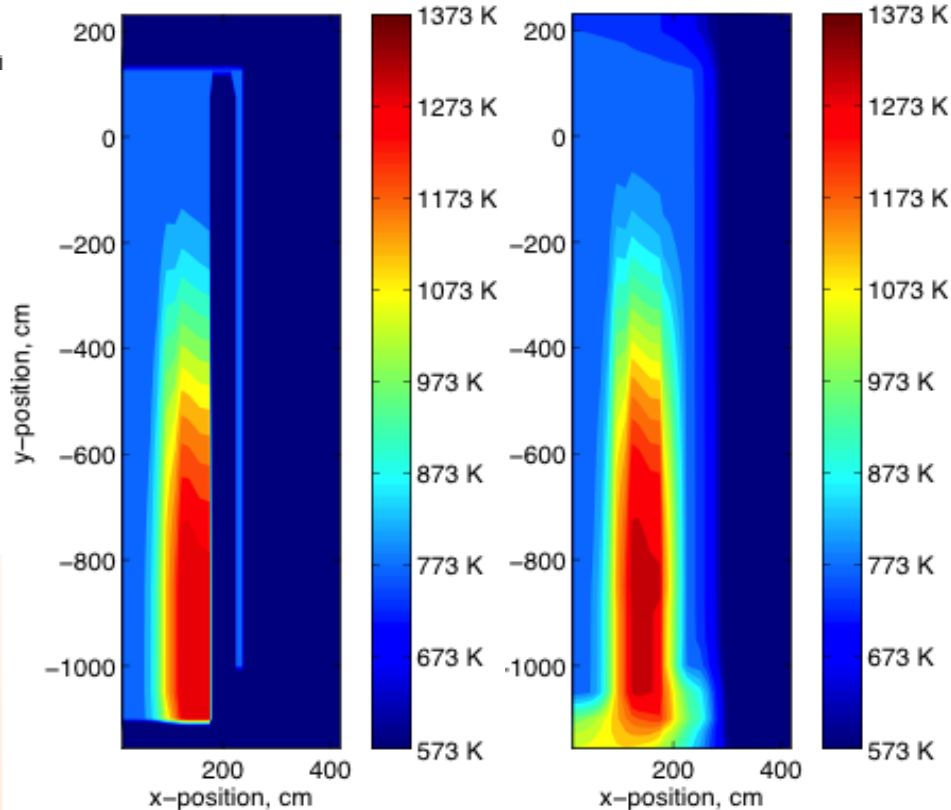
PARCS 3-D flux profile used as shape function (Seker 2007)

# PBMR-268 - Steady state THERMIX-Direkt result

Simulation parameters and results for PBMR-268, 110



Category	Value
Reactor thermal power	268 MWt
Mass flow rate	129.0 kg/s
Helium inlet temperature	773 K
Helium exit temperature	1172.1 K
Maximum fuel temperature	1385.1 K
Average fuel temperature	1044.9 K



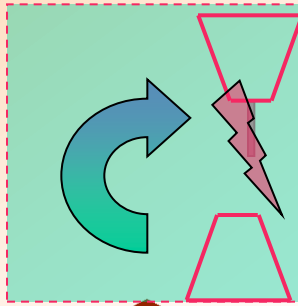
# Safety -Coupled HTR and Hydrogen Production Facilities

## Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT)

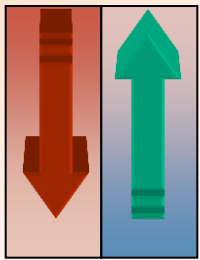
1. Accidents at the chemical plant –Chemical release (H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, corrosive toxic, flammable, suffocating)
2. Process thermal events (loss of heat load, temperature transients)
3. Failures of the intermediate heat-transport system (IHX , PHX failure, coolant or intermediate fluid loss )
4. Accidents in the nuclear plant (generic power or thermal initiated transients, radiological release through coolant leakage)

# Models in Codes

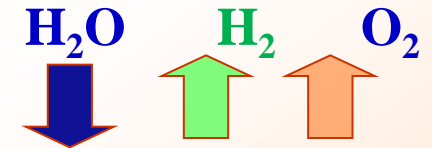
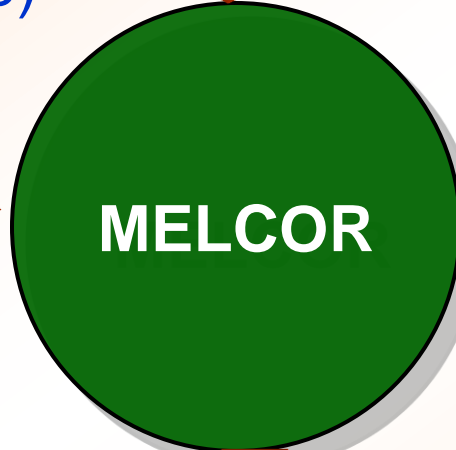
SI Cycle  
Implementation in  
**MELCOR** code  
(Sandia National Lab)



**Power Conversion**



**Intermediate  
Heat Exchanger**

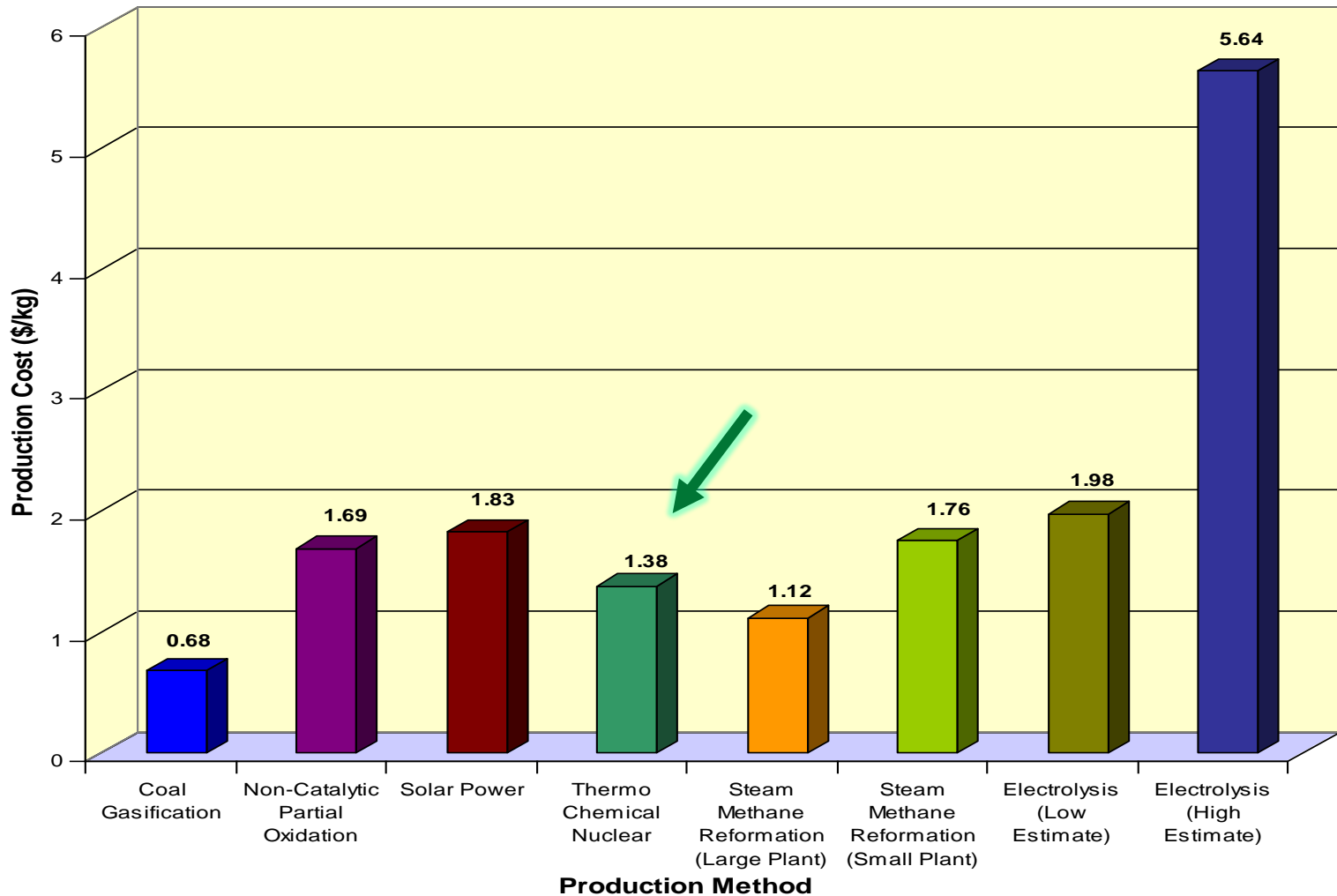


**Thermo-chemical  
Hydrogen  
Production Plant**

**GUI / End User**

# Cost Comparison of Various H<sub>2</sub> Generating Technologies

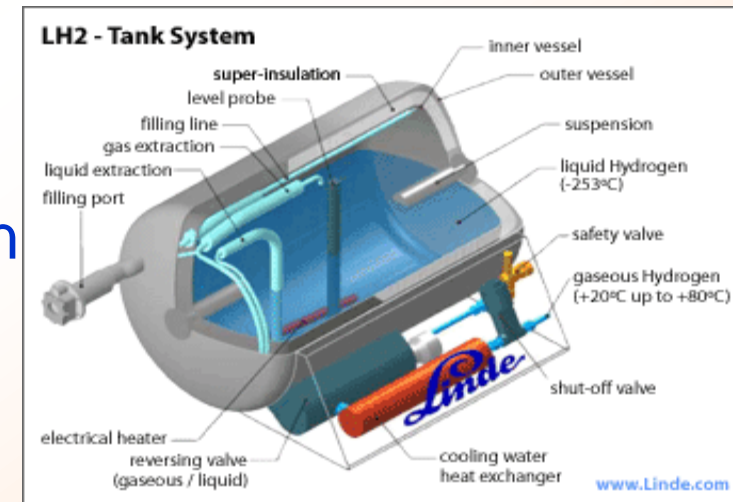
Hydrogen Production Cost for Various Methods



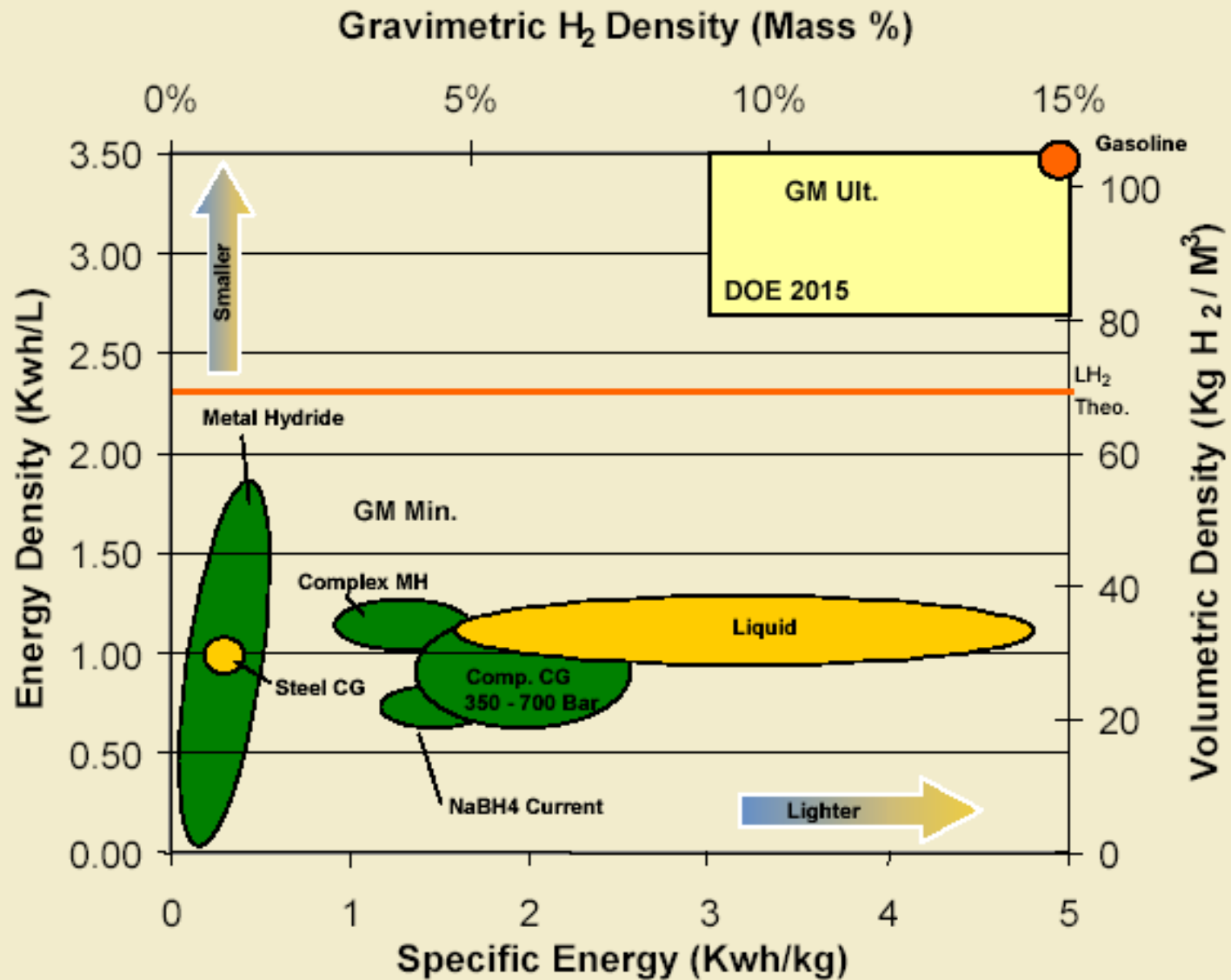


# Hydrogen Storage Today

- ✓ Compressed Fuel Storage → Cylindrical tanks - most mature technology,
- ✓ Liquified H<sub>2</sub> Storage → Cryotanks, HP Liquid Tanks – About one-third of the energy is lost in the process.
- ✓ Solid State Conformable Storage → Hydride material, Carbon Absorption
- ✓ Chemical Hydrides → Off-board Recycling



# Technologies for Hydrogen Storage



# Technology Need for Storage Improvements

Higher Energy Density is Required to Meet Customer Needs

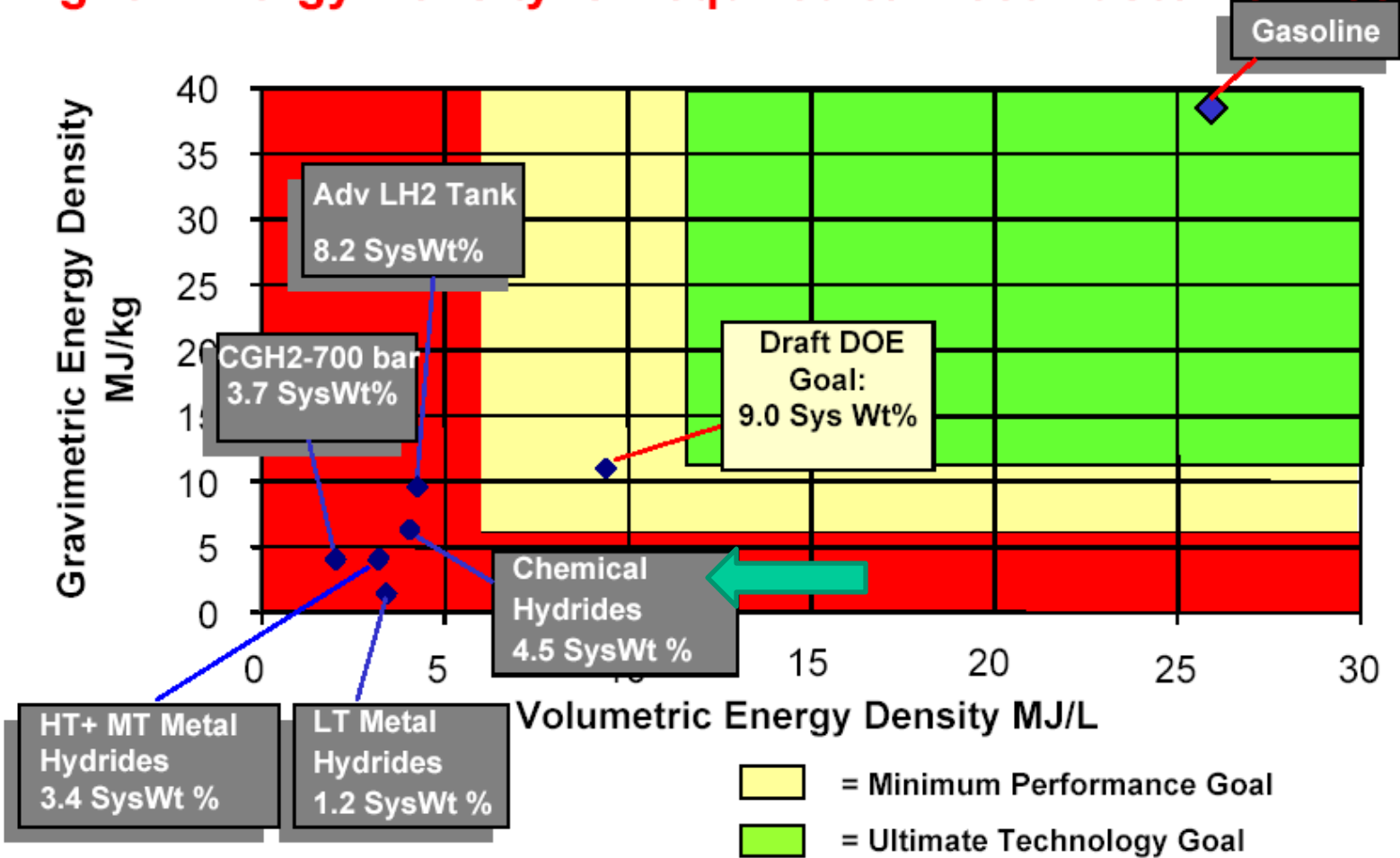
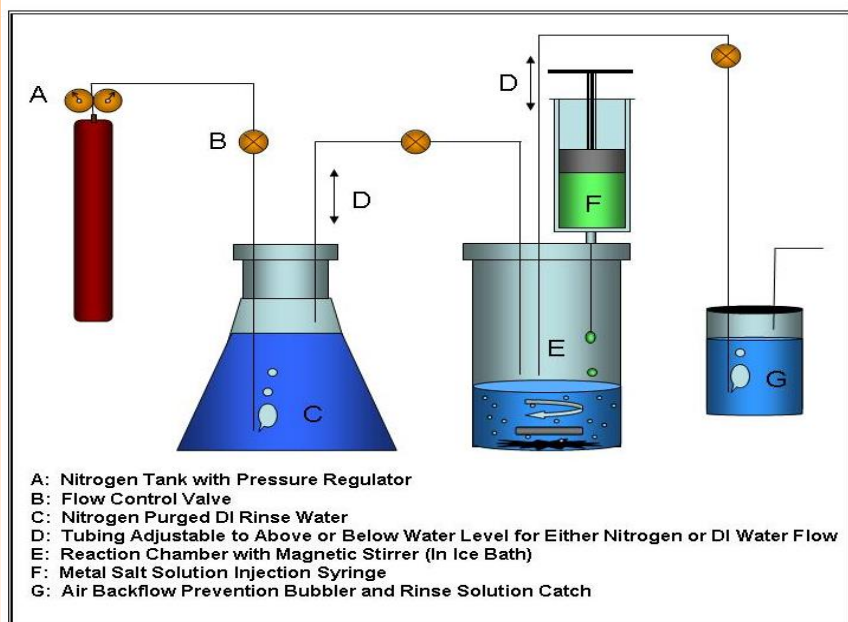


Chart Source: General Motors

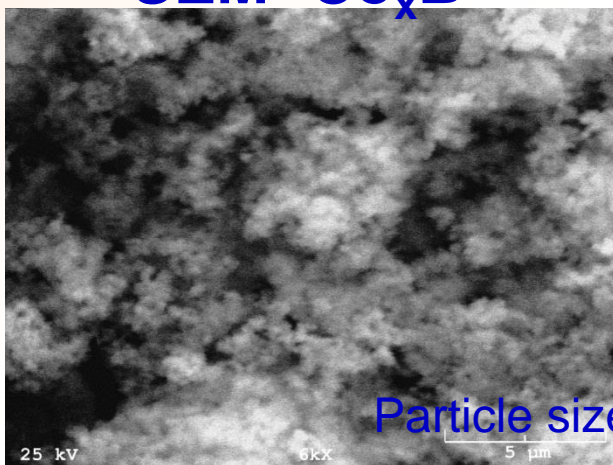
# Catalyst Development for NaBH<sub>4</sub> Hydrolysis



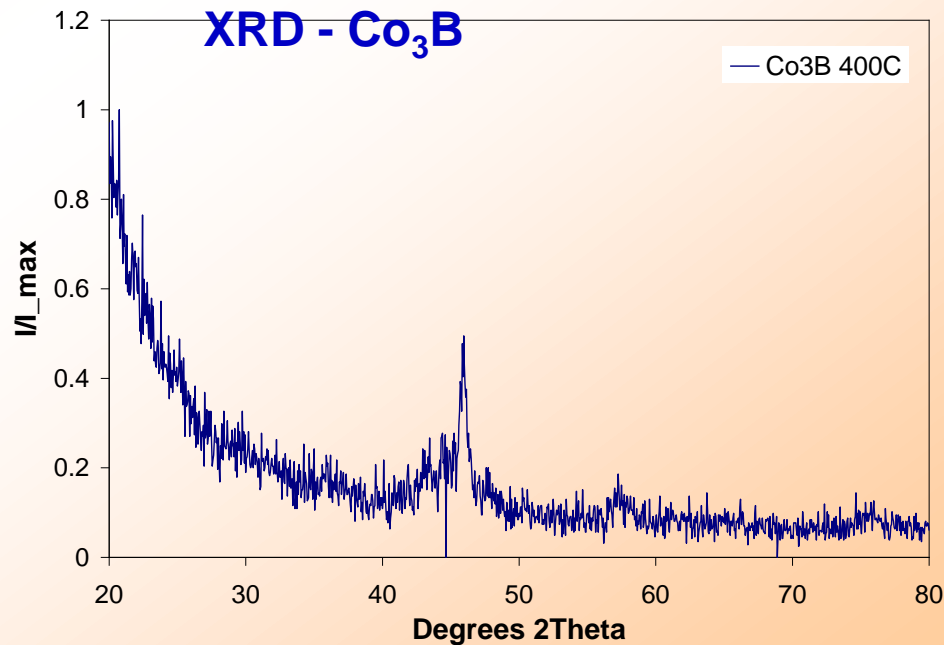
Ni, Cr, Ru



SEM -Co<sub>x</sub>B

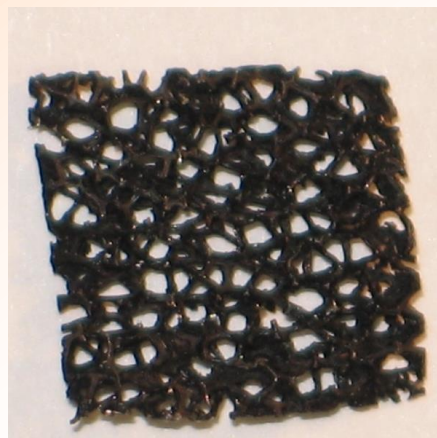
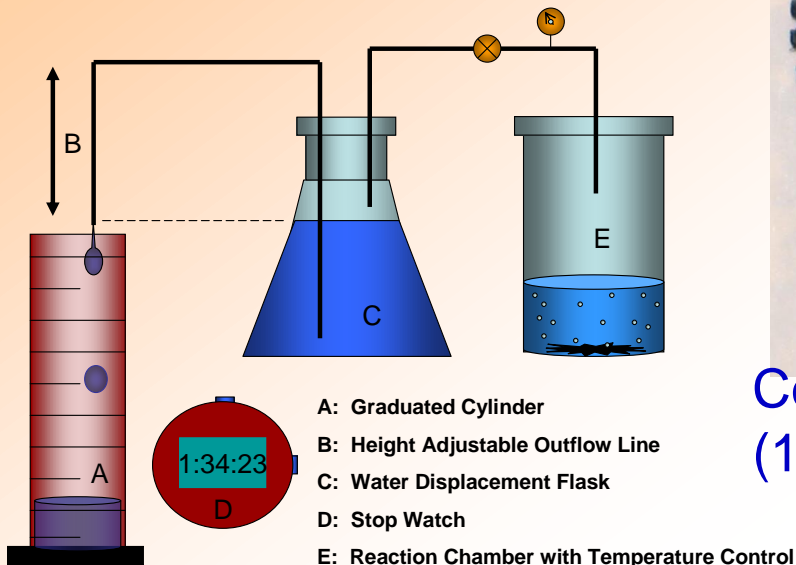


Particle sizes range from 50-300nm

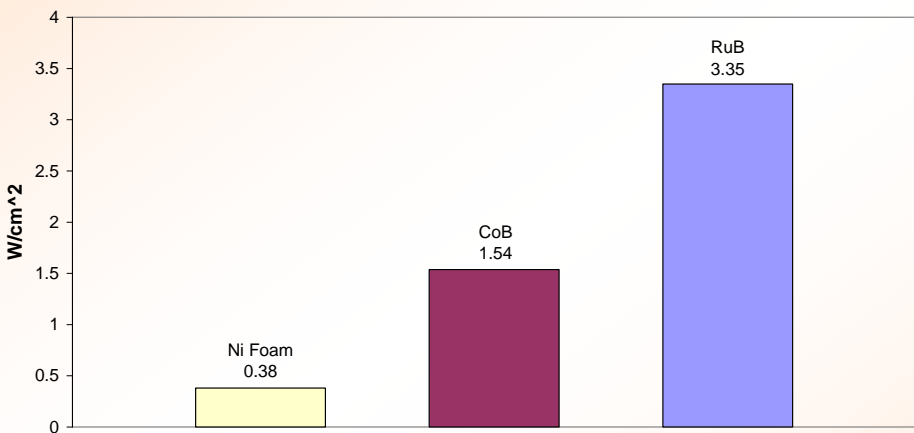
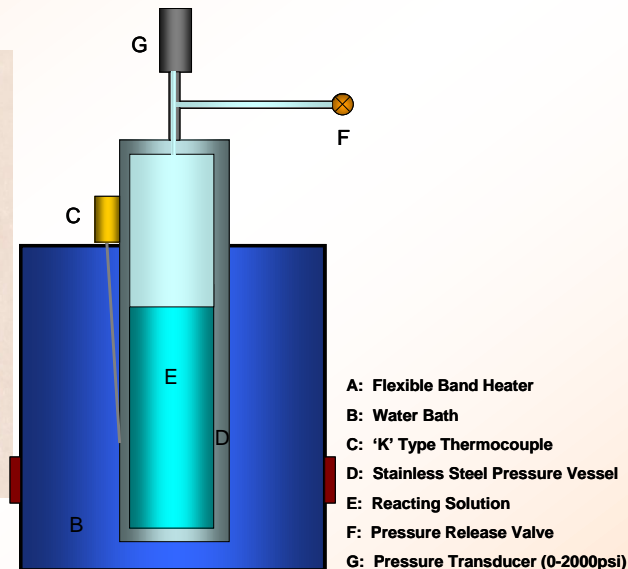


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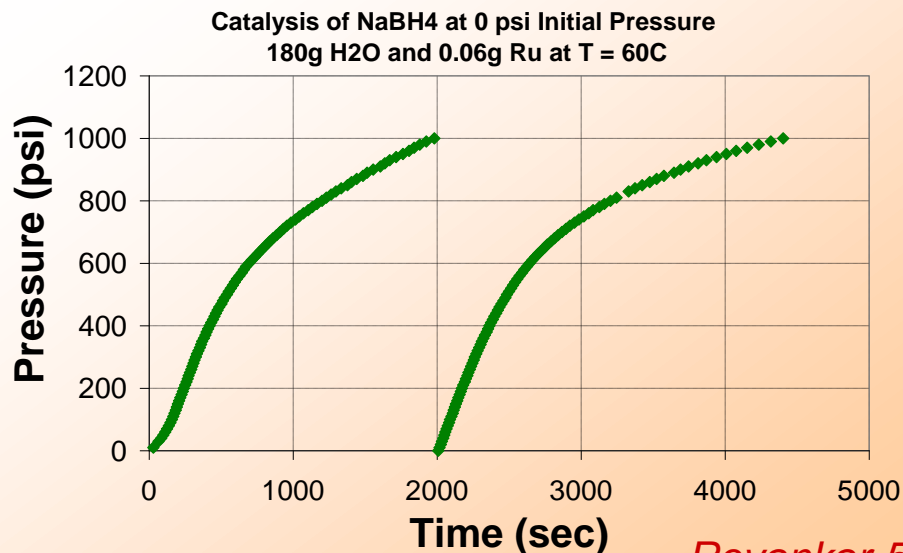
T = 60°C, P = 1 atm



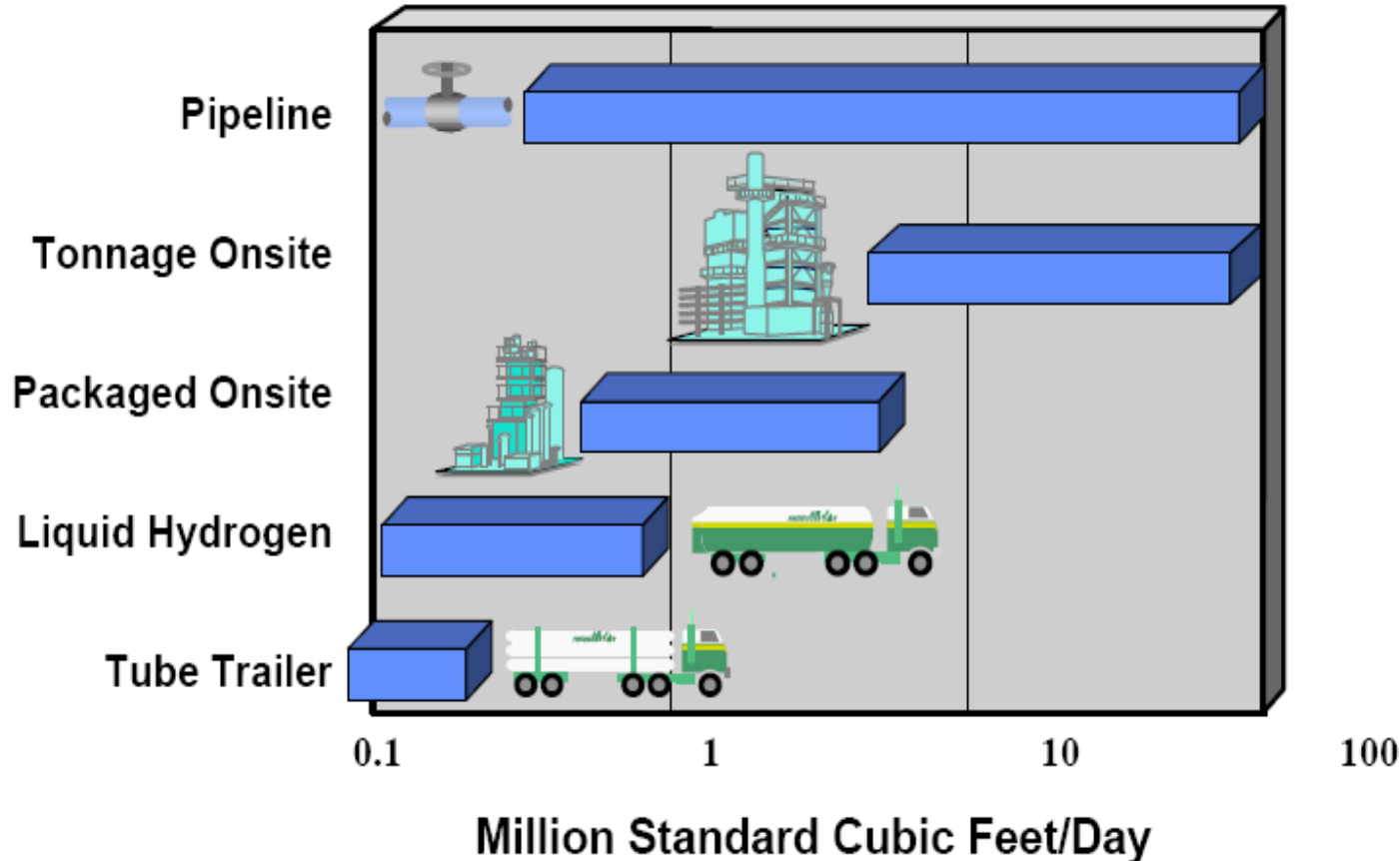
Co<sub>x</sub>B on Ni Foam  
(1cmx1cm)



Hydrogen production power equivalent per unit area for 10 wt% NaBH<sub>4</sub> and 5 wt% NaOH at 60°C.

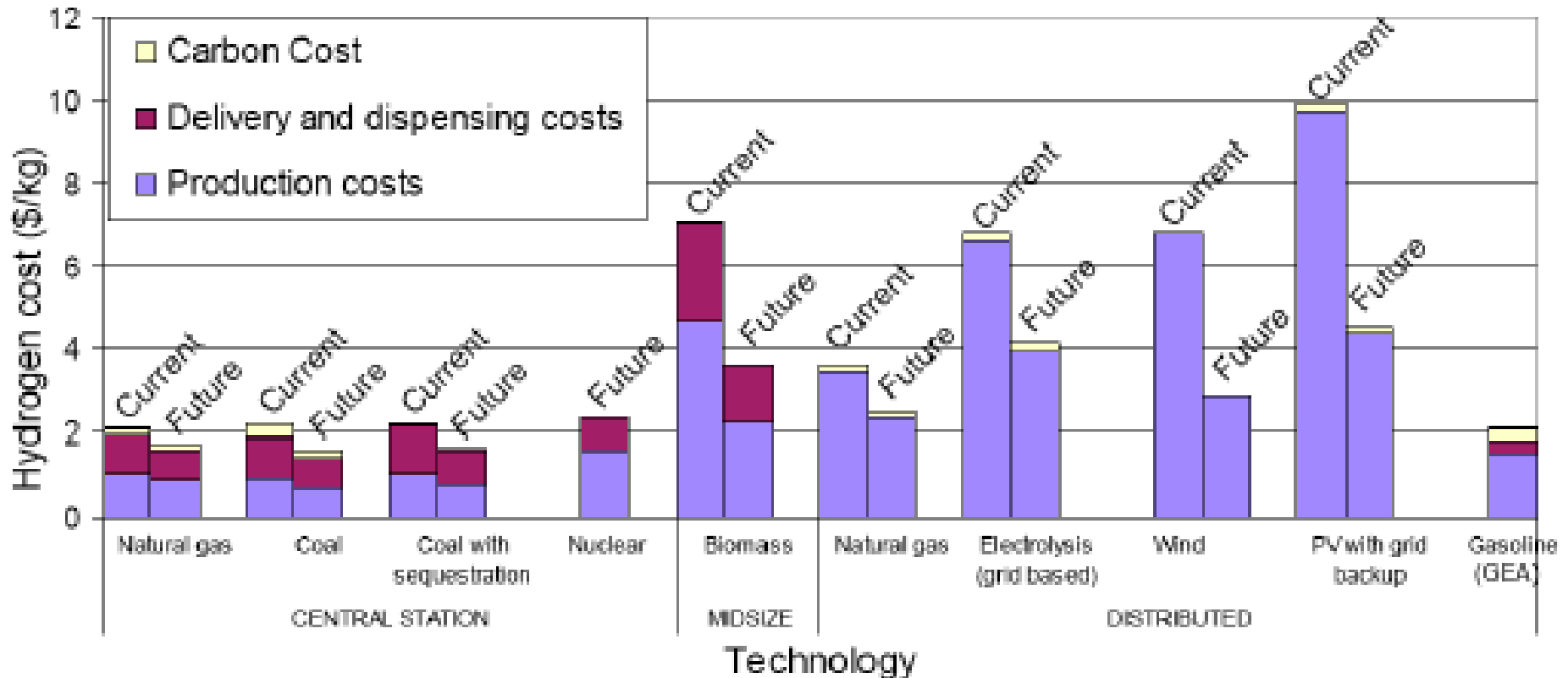


# Hydrogen Delivery Technologies



- An economic strategy is required for the transition to a hydrogen delivery system.
- Full life-cycle costing has not been applied to delivery alternatives.
- Hydrogen delivery technologies cost more than conventional fuel delivery.
- Current dispensing systems are inconvenient and expensive

# Delivered H<sub>2</sub> Cost



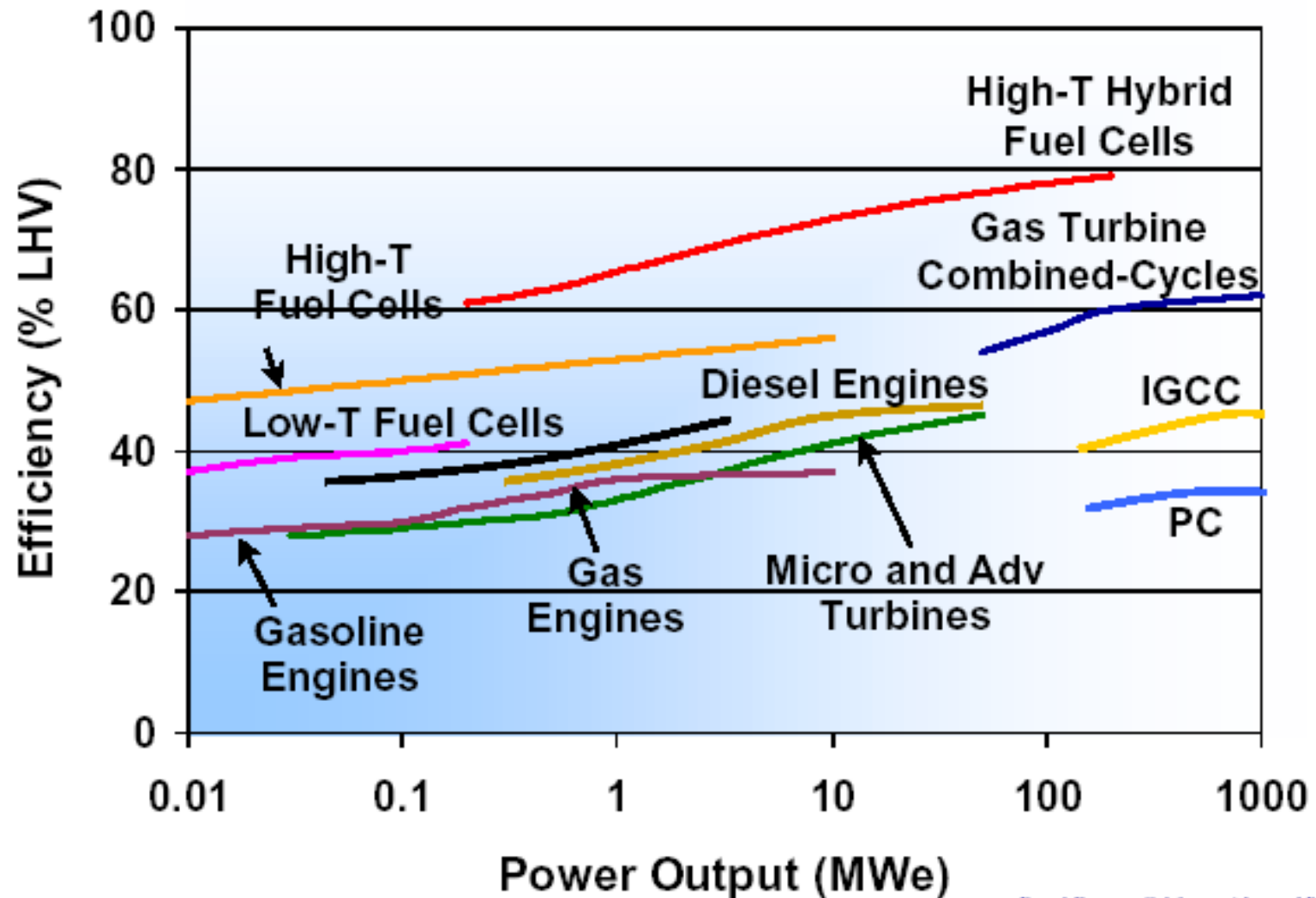
# Hydrogen Conversion Technologies

Technology	Application
<b>Combustion</b>	
Gas Turbines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Distributed power</li> <li>■ Combined heat and power</li> <li>■ Central station power</li> </ul>
Reciprocating Engines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vehicles</li> <li>■ Distributed power</li> <li>■ Combined heat and power</li> </ul>
<b>Fuel Cells</b>	
Polymer Electrolyte Membrane (PEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vehicles</li> <li>■ Distributed power</li> <li>■ Combined heat and power</li> <li>■ Portable power</li> </ul>
Alkaline (AFC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vehicles</li> <li>■ Distributed power</li> </ul>
Phosphoric Acid (PAFC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Distributed power</li> <li>■ Combined heat and power</li> </ul>
Molten Carbonate (MCFC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Distributed power</li> <li>■ Combined heat and power</li> </ul>
Solid Oxide (SOFC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Truck APVs</li> <li>■ Distributed power</li> <li>■ Combined heat and power</li> </ul>



# Nothing Matches Fuel Cell Efficiency

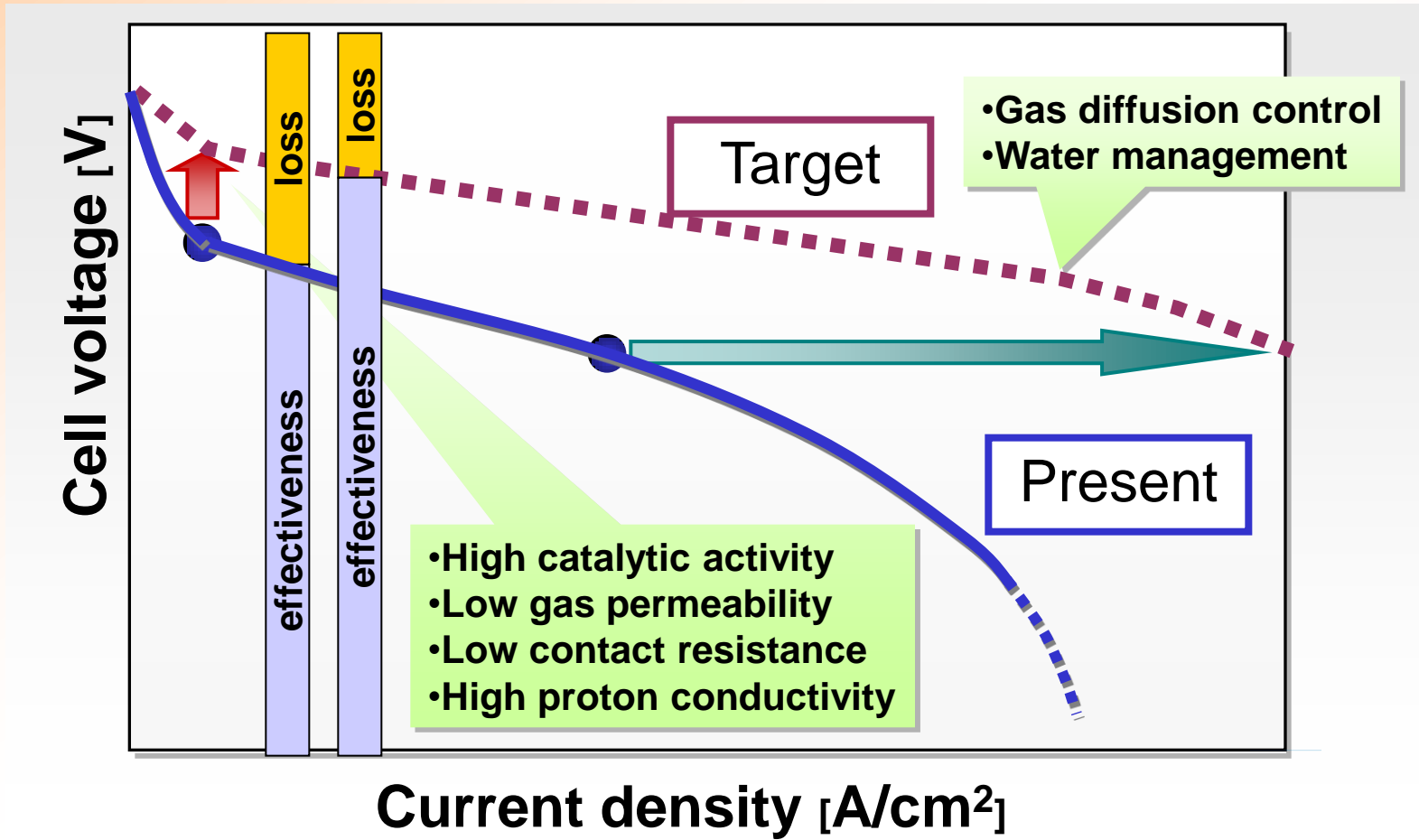
## *Transportation and Stationary Power*



Diesel Engines - California Advanced Power

# PEM FC Research Challenges

Efficiency Improvements  
Increase Range



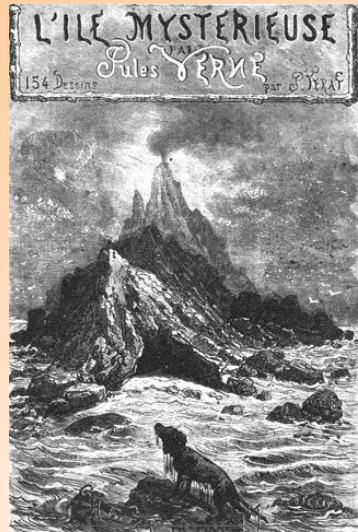
# Fuel Cells and Electrocatalysts : Emerging technologies

- ✓ New materials and synthetic approaches
  - Electrolytes, anodes, cathodes
    - Higher conductivity, chemical stability, improved mechanical properties, exploratory materials synthesis
    - Ceramic proton conductors
    - Improved electrokinetics, nanostructured architecture, functionally graded interfaces
  - Interconnects with 'metallic conductivity, ceramic stability'
  - High strength, thermally shock resistant, chemically compatible materials for seals
- ✓ Modeling ionic and electronic transport processes in bulk, at surfaces and across interfaces
- ✓ New techniques for characterization of electrochemical processes
- ✓ Innovative fuel cell architectures

# Conclusions

- ✓ Future world energy demands, current fossil fuel limitations and environmental concerns -lead to alternate energy carrier. fuel media
- ✓ Hydrogen seems most suitable fuel that meets the environmental, global, and geographical needs.
- ✓ There are technological challenges and opportunities for immediate future and long term on developing infrastructure for hydrogen as an energy carrier
- ✓ Technological advances are being made in hydrogen generation, storage, and conversion.
- ✓ There is great potential in developing new technology to realize hydrogen economy.

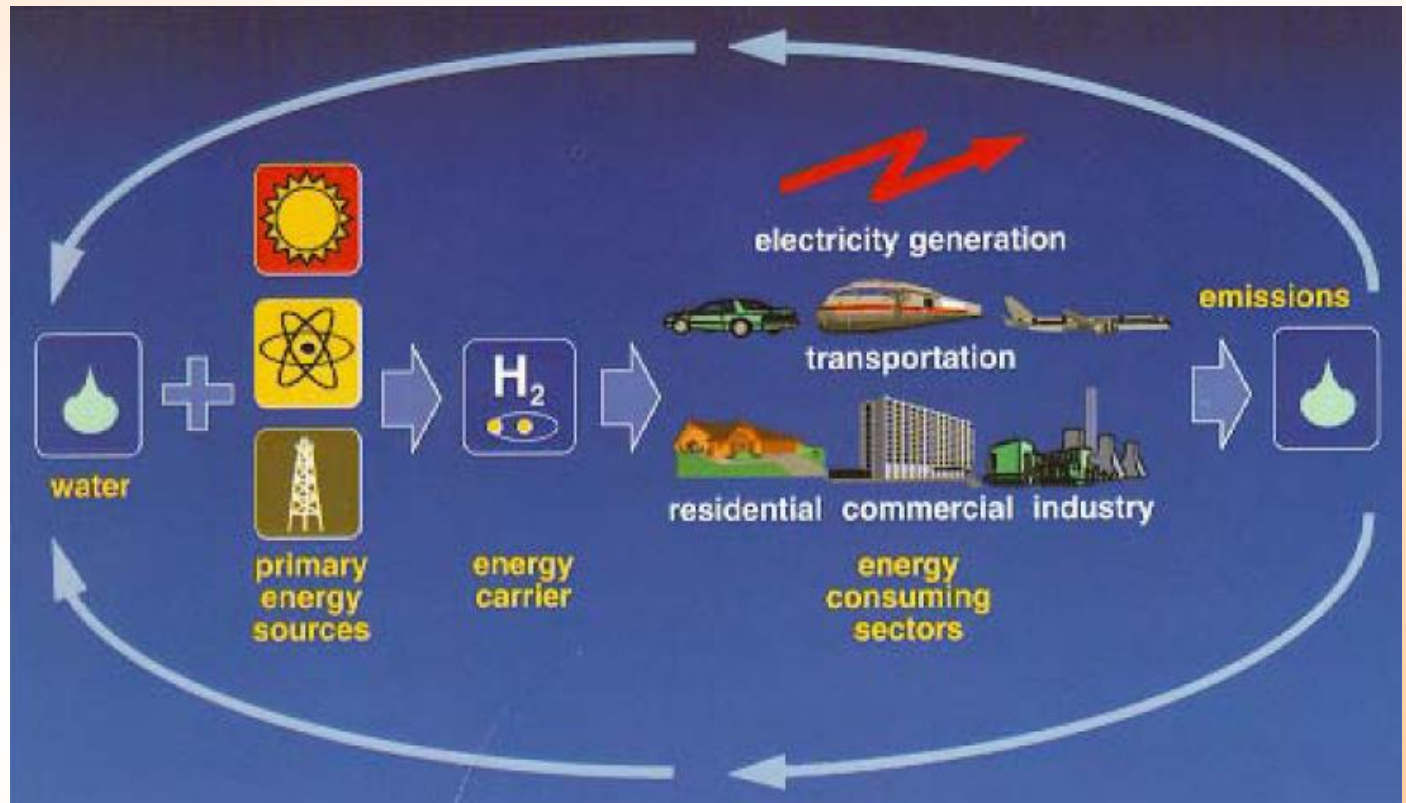
# The Mysterious Island (1874)



Jules Verne  
(1828-1905)



" Yes, my friends, I believe that water will one day be employed as fuel, that hydrogen and oxygen which constitute it, used singly or together, will furnish an inexhaustible source of heat and light. ."



**Questions ?**