

## Part 2. Hydrogen and Related Topics

1. Introduction and hydrogen economy
2. Production of hydrogen from water
3. Hydrogen storage
4. Usage of hydrogen
5. Safety aspects

*The objective of these lectures is to provide the required knowledge of using hydrogen as a medium of energy.*

*Our focus here is energy storage and fuel for transportation in a distributed energy scenario.*

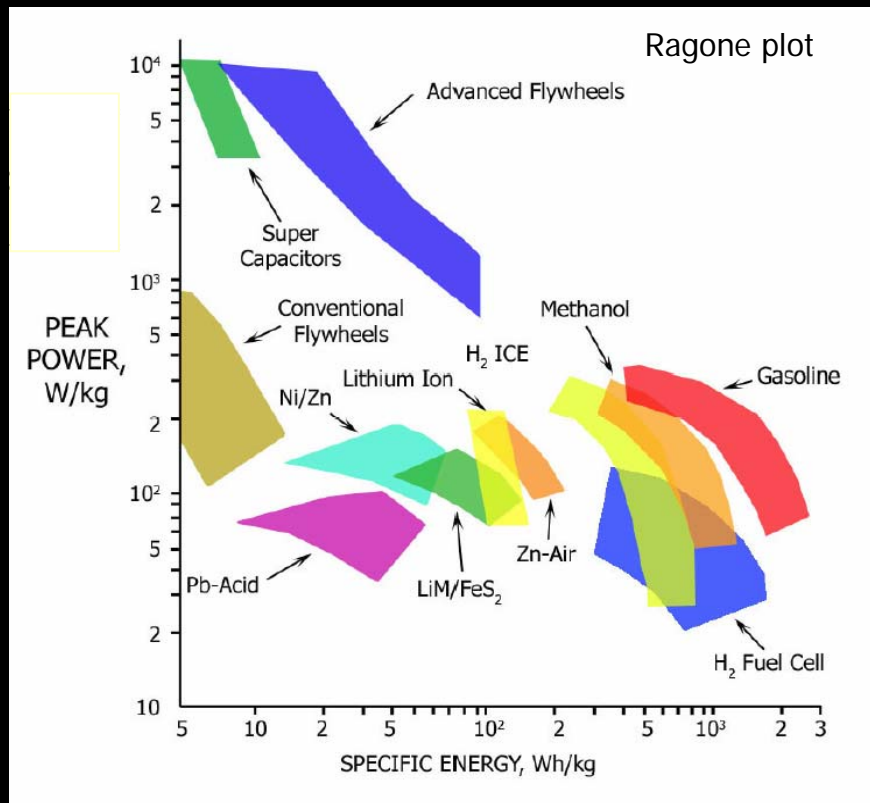




# Renewable Energy Storage

Solar and wind energy sources are **intermittent and regional**.

They will become major sources of power if we find **efficient ways to store and transport their energy**.



Source: J.W. Tester, Sustainable Energy, MIT, 2005



# Renewable Energy Storage and Fuel for Transportation

**Hydrogen**, the simplest molecule, can be used for storing energy and make it available where and when it is needed.

When used as a chemical fuel, it does not pollute

Hydrogen is not an energy *source* , but it is an **energy carrier** that has to be manufactured like electricity.

Hydrogen can be manufactured from many primary sources ( from clean water and solar energy) - reduces the chances of creating a cartel.

Hydrogen Cycle: electrolysis → storage → power conversion



# Hydrogen Properties

Hydrogen has several important chemical properties that affect its use as a fuel:

- \* It readily combines with oxygen to form water, which is absolutely necessary for life on this planet.
- \* It has a high energy content per weight (nearly 3 times as much as gasoline), but the energy density per volume is quite low at standard temperature and pressure. Volumetric energy density can be increased by storing the hydrogen under increased pressure or storing it at extremely low temperatures as a liquid. Hydrogen can also be adsorbed into metal hydrides.
- \* Hydrogen is highly flammable; it only takes a small amount of energy to ignite it and make it burn. It also has a wide flammability range, meaning it can burn when it makes up 4 to 74 percent of the air by volume.
- \* Hydrogen burns with a pale-blue, almost-invisible flame, making hydrogen fires difficult to see.
- \* The combustion of hydrogen does not produce carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ), particulate, or sulfur emissions. It can produce nitrous oxide ( $\text{NO}_x$ ) emissions under some conditions.
- \* Hydrogen can be produced from renewable resources, such as by reforming ethanol (this process emits some carbon dioxide) and by the electrolysis of water (electrolysis is very expensive now).

Source: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)





# Hydrogen Properties

**Energy Content for 1 kg (2.2 lb) of Hydrogen = 424 Standard Cubic Feet  
(Reacting with oxygen to form water)**

## Higher Heating Value

134,200 Btu  
39.3 kWh  
141,600 kJ  
33,800 kCal

## Lower Heating Value

113,400 Btu  
33.2 kWh  
119,600 kJ  
28,560 kCal



# Fuel Properties

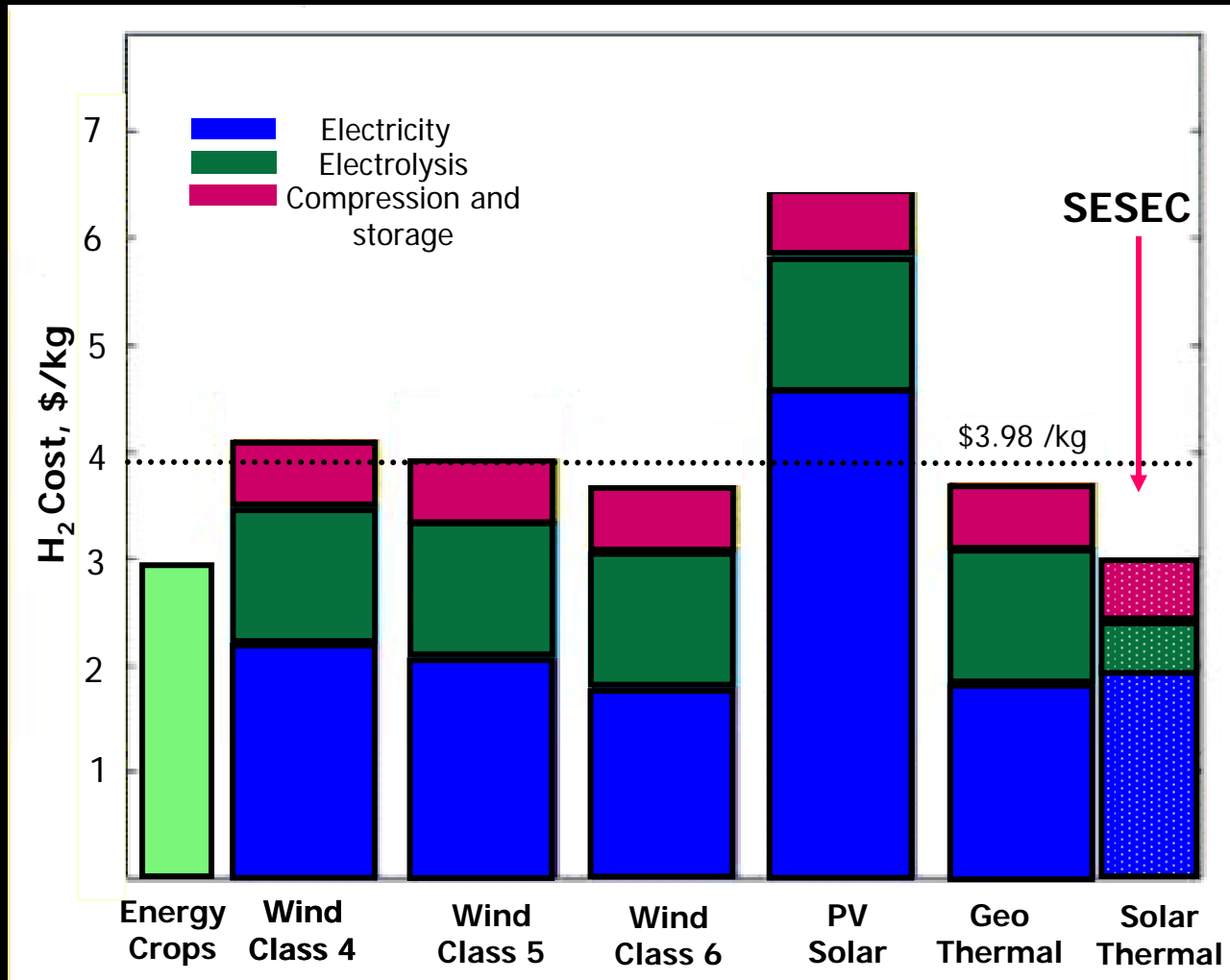
## Comparison with other fuels

Fuel	Energy [kJ/g]	Energy [kJ/l]
Coal	29.3	-
Brown coal	8.1	-
Wood	14.6	-
Gasoline	43.5	30590
Diesel	42.7	29890
Methanol	19.6	15630
Natural gas	50.02	31.7
Hydrogen	119.9	10

- High energy content per unit mass
- Low energy content per unit volume



# Renewable Hydrogen Cost

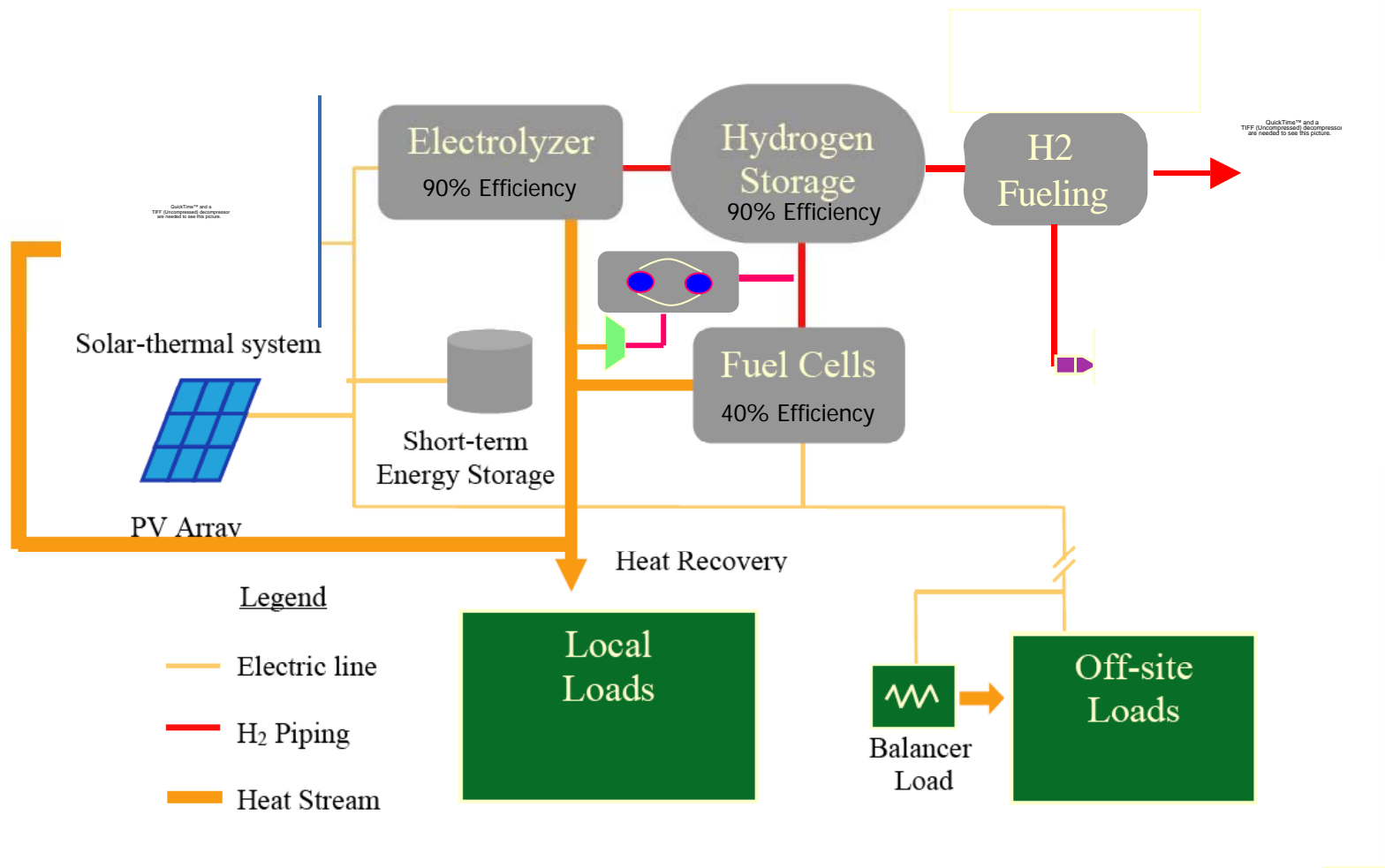


One Kg of hydrogen has roughly the same amount of energy as in one gallon of gasoline





# SESEC Project - \$1000/ kW



## 5 kW Solar-electricity & hydrogen generation System



# Hydrogen Economy

**Production:** sustainable energy like wind, solar or biomass would produce electricity to be used to split water into hydrogen as fuel and oxygen as a valuable by-product. **“Renewable Hydrogen”**

**Storage:** Hydrogen would be used as an energy-storage medium - as a gas under pressure, as a cryogenic liquid, in hydrogen absorbing alloys (hydrides) or in carbon nanostructures.

**Distribution:** As a gas, hydrogen can transport energy in pipelines over long distances.

**Fuel:** As a chemical fuel, hydrogen can be used in a much wider range of energy applications - internal combustion engines, gas turbines and fuel cells etc. When used properly produces no nitrogen oxides and no hydrocarbons.



# Hydrogen Economy

Why did not hydrogen make significant inroads into existing energy systems years ago?

Fossil fuels were cheap and hydrogen was several times more expensive.

Environment degradation was a concern of a tiny minority and environmental health is not high on the list of priorities.

Inadequate technology for routine production, handling and storage of hydrogen.

Societal issues such as replacing an entire technologically advanced energy system of immense infrastructure with something else is huge undertaking.

Society does not yet place value on sustainability.

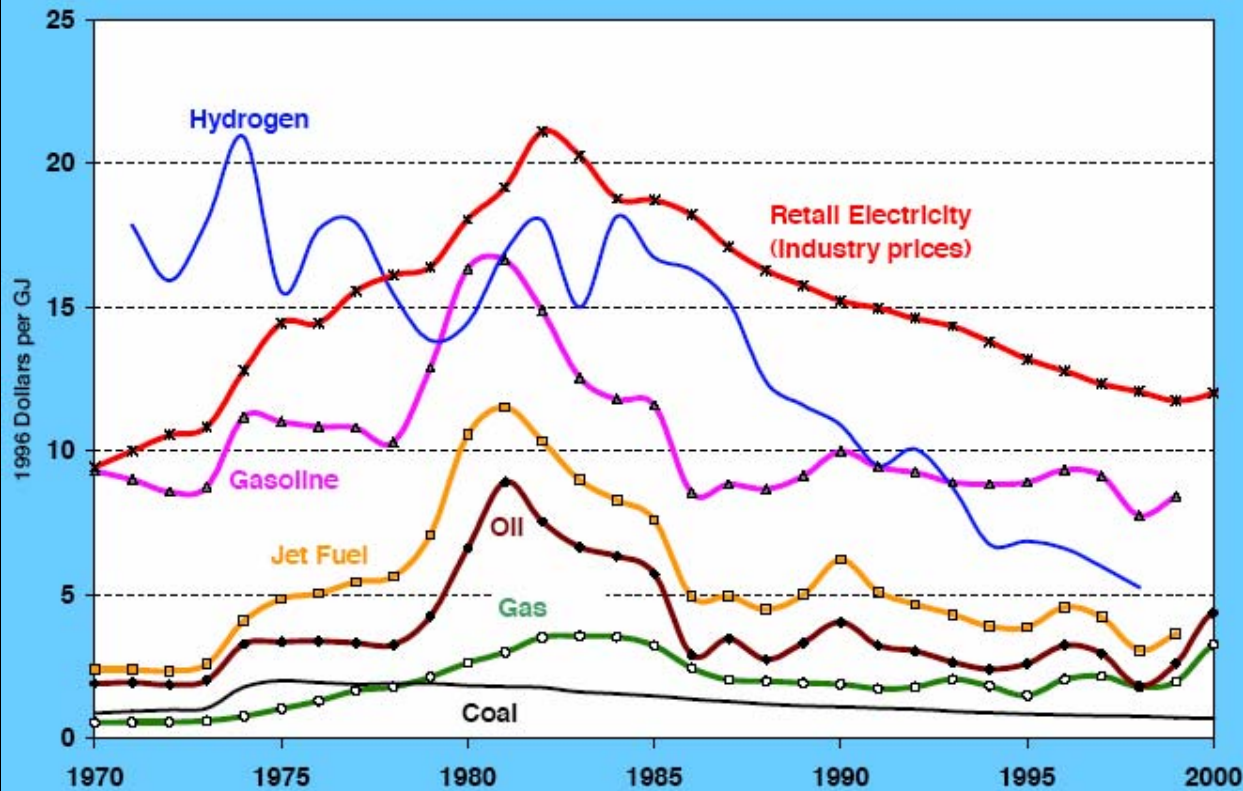




# Hydrogen in our Energy Future

## Hydrogen and Its Competitors

USA: Prices for Major Fuels and Energy Carriers, 1970-1999



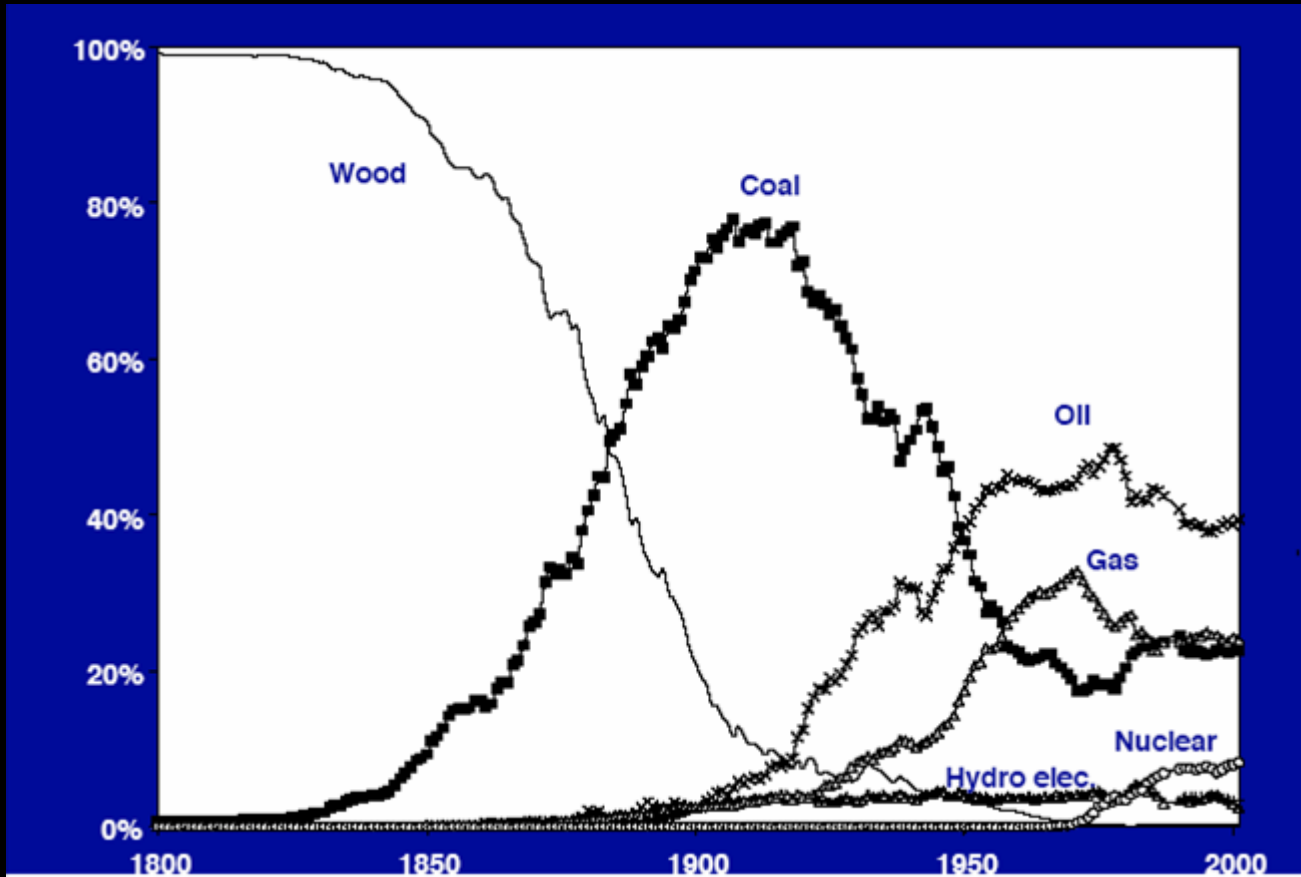
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# Evolution of Primary Energy Systems



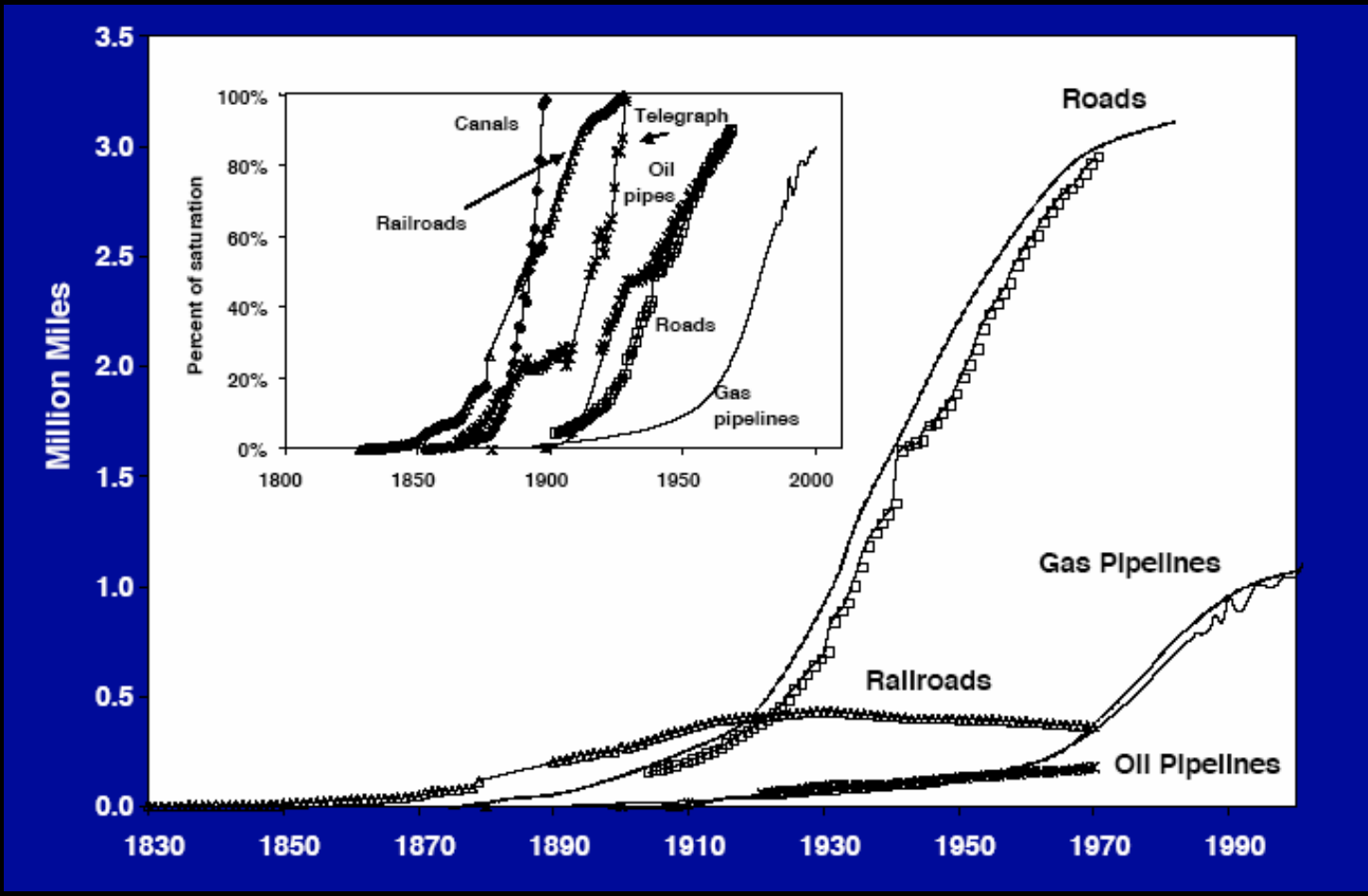
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# Infrastructure Evolution



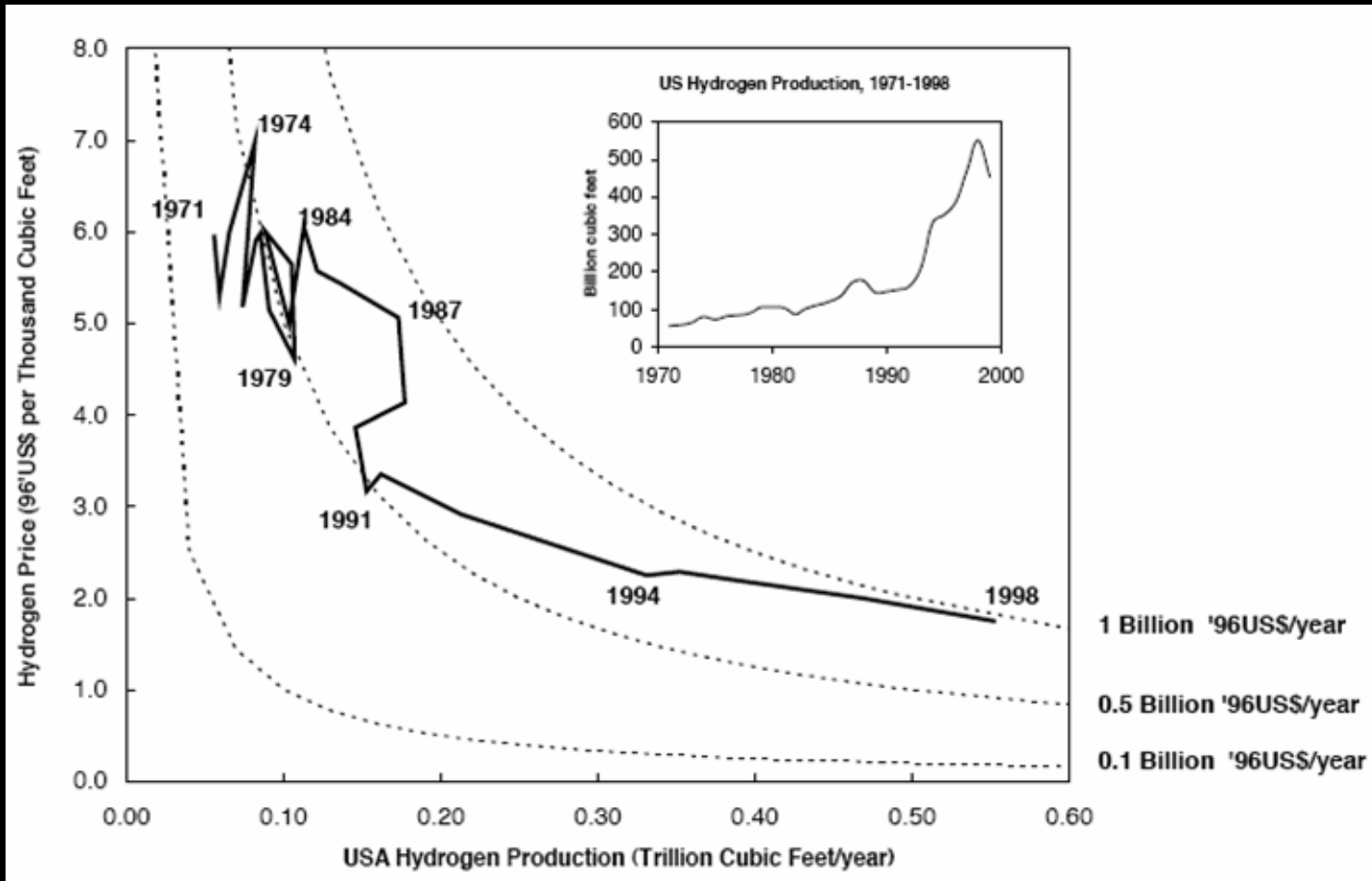
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# US Hydrogen Output and Price

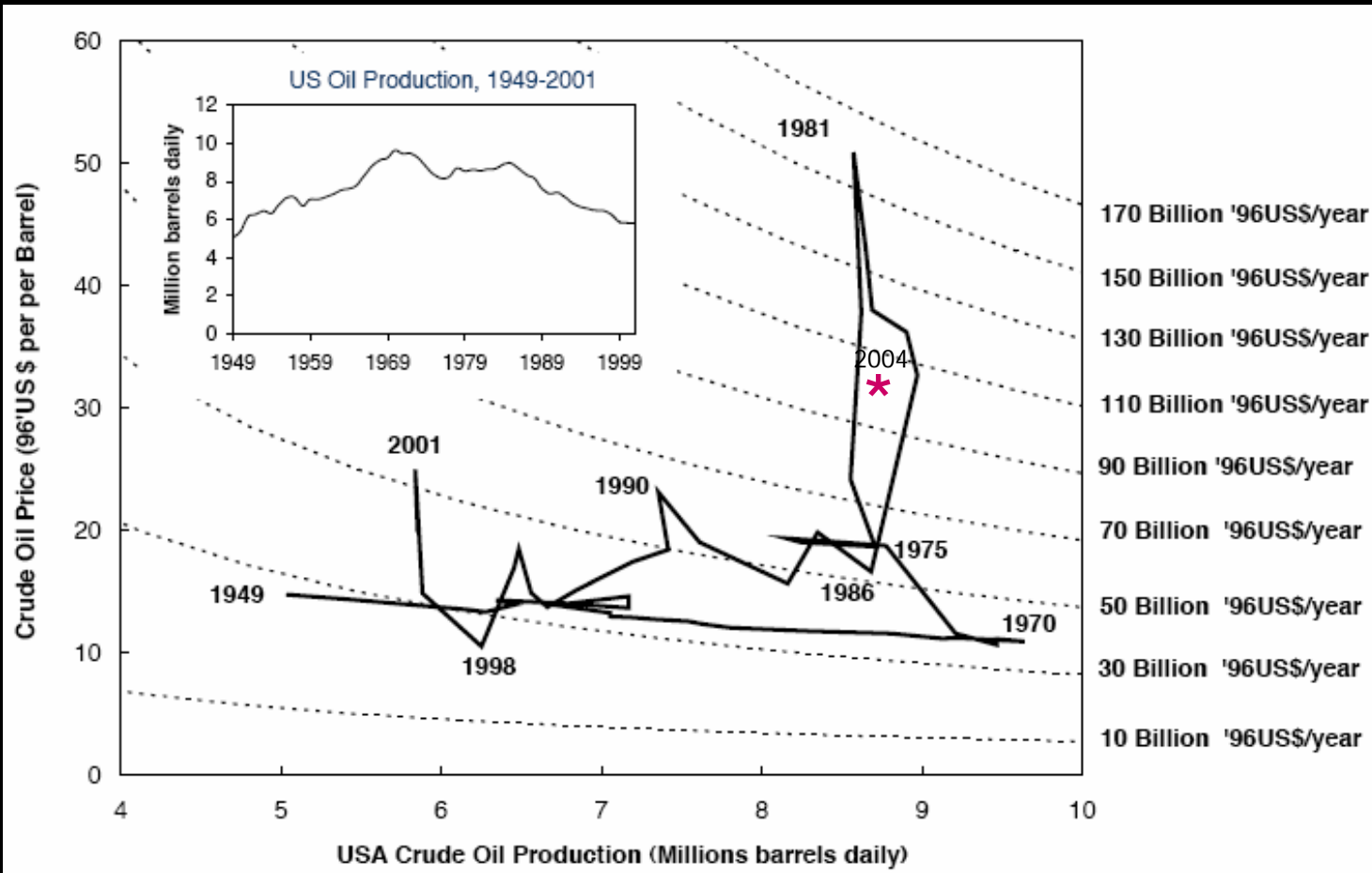


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# US Oil Output and Price

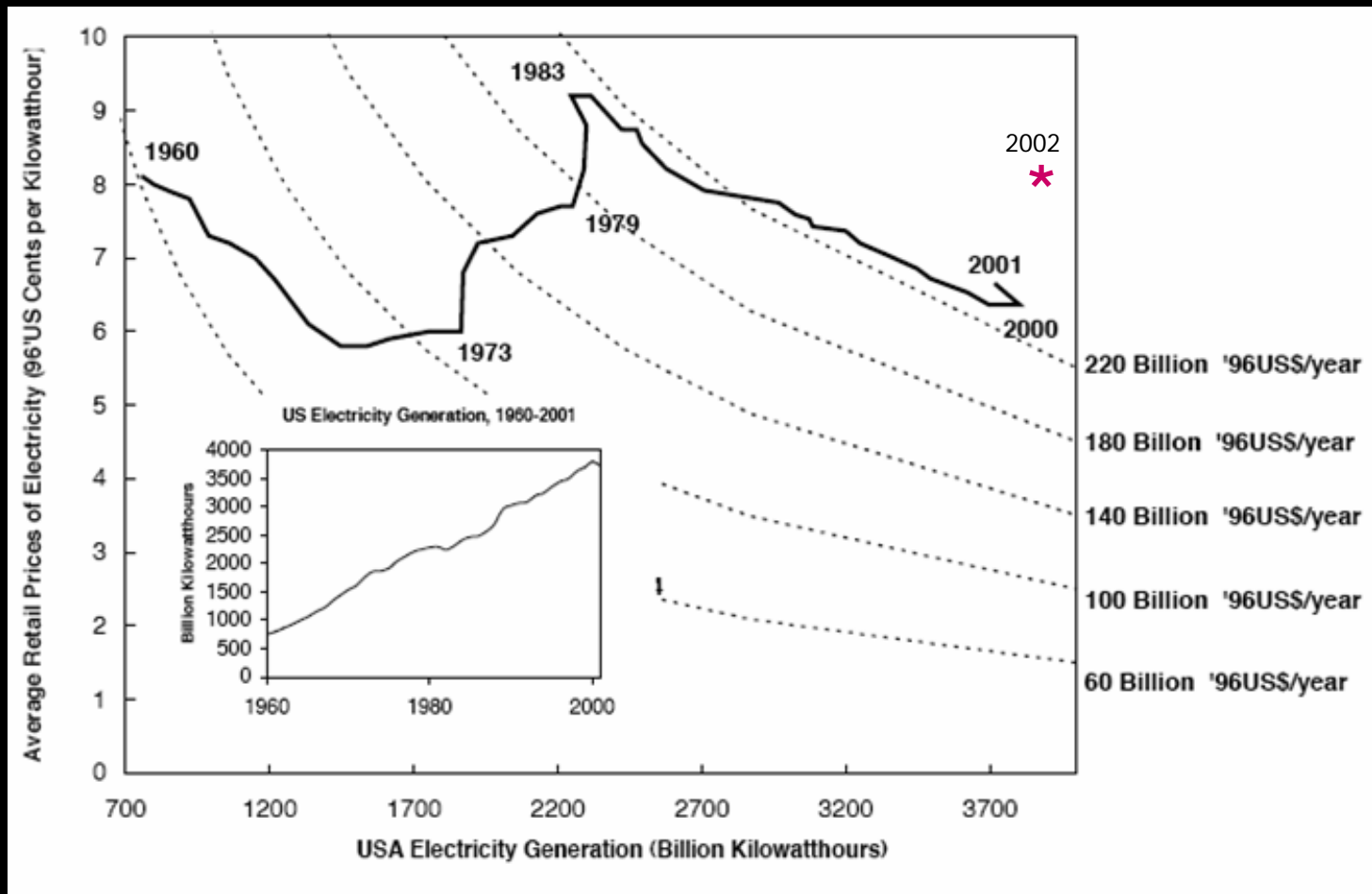


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# US Electricity Output and Cost



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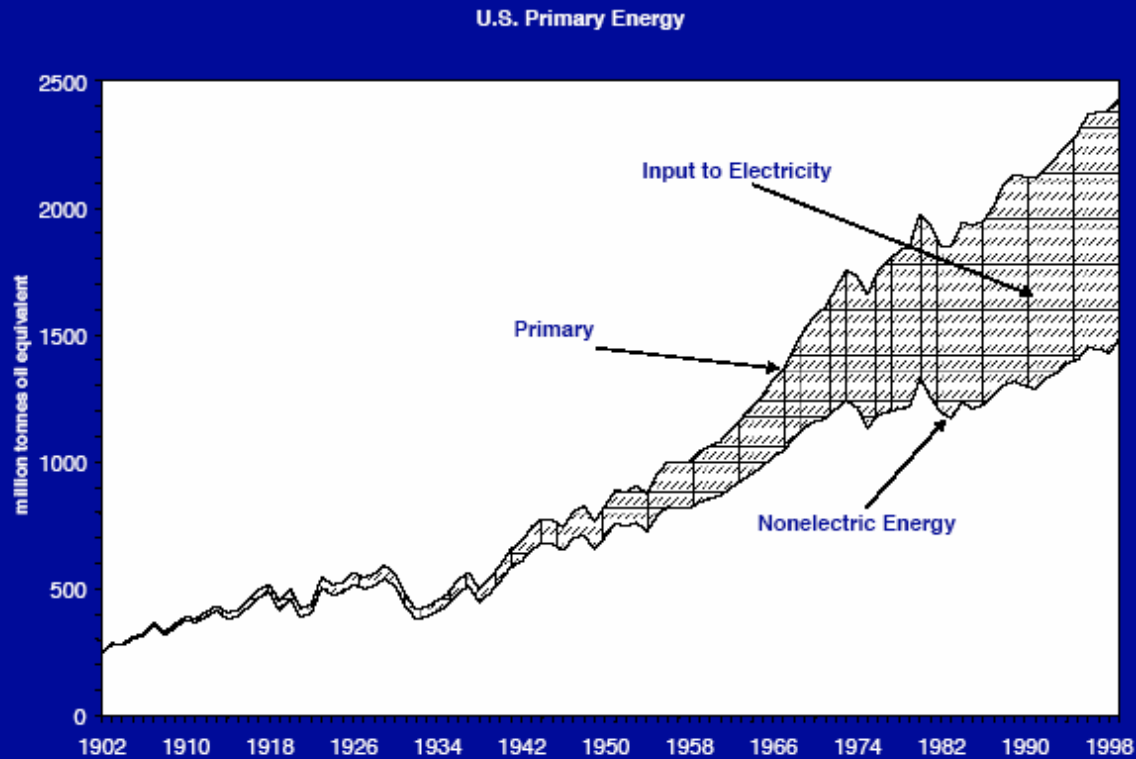






# Electrification

## Electrification of Industrial and Post-Industrial Societies



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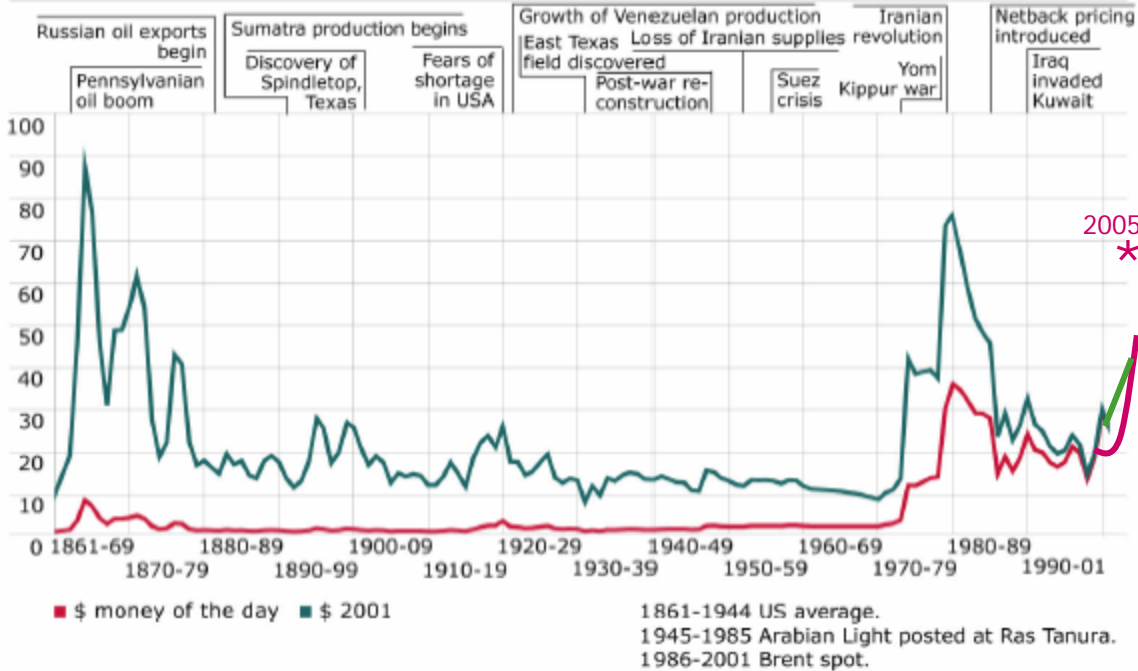


# Crude Oil Prices

chart of crude oil prices since 1861

US dollars per barrel

World events

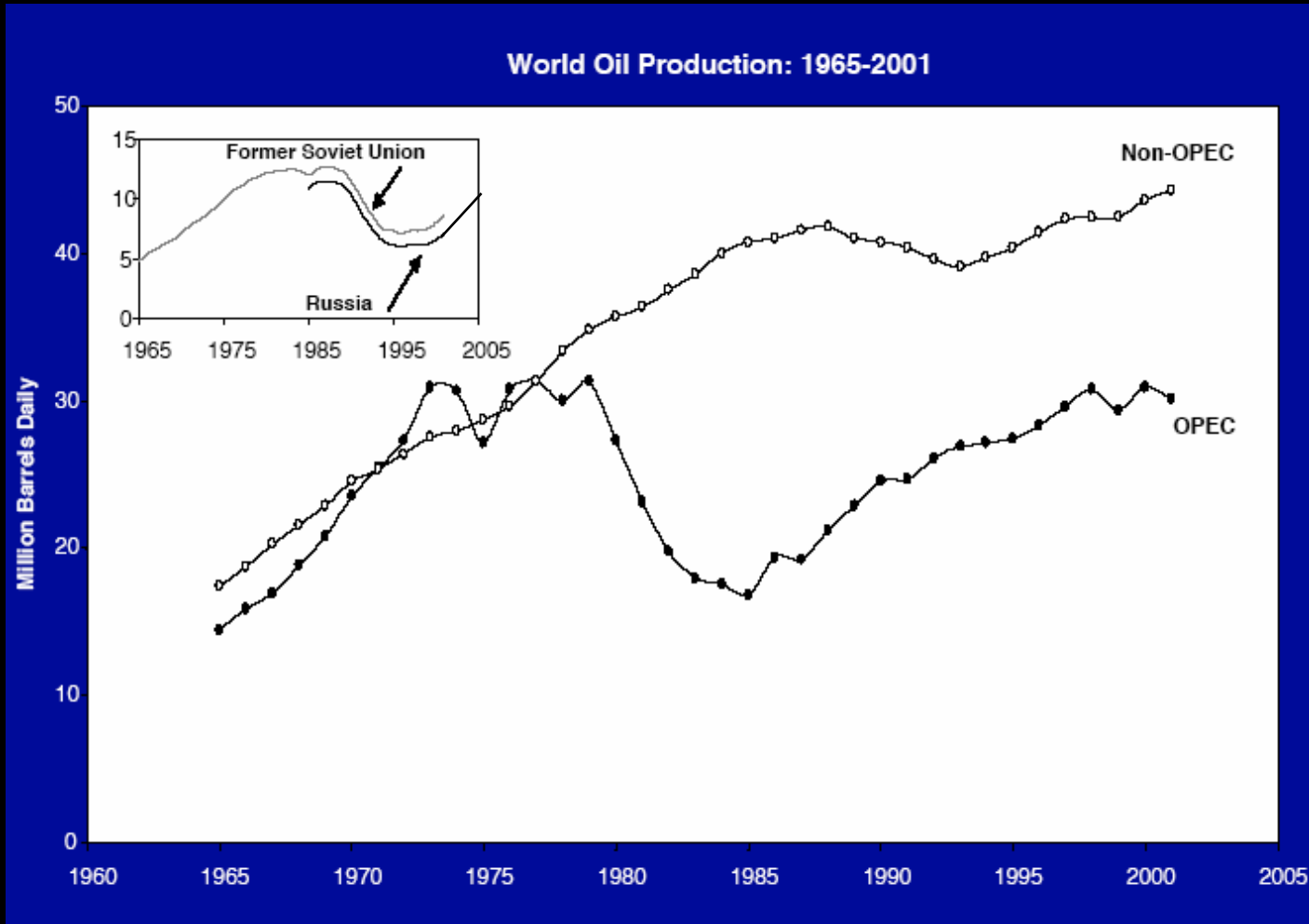


bp statistical review of world energy 2002





# World Oil Production

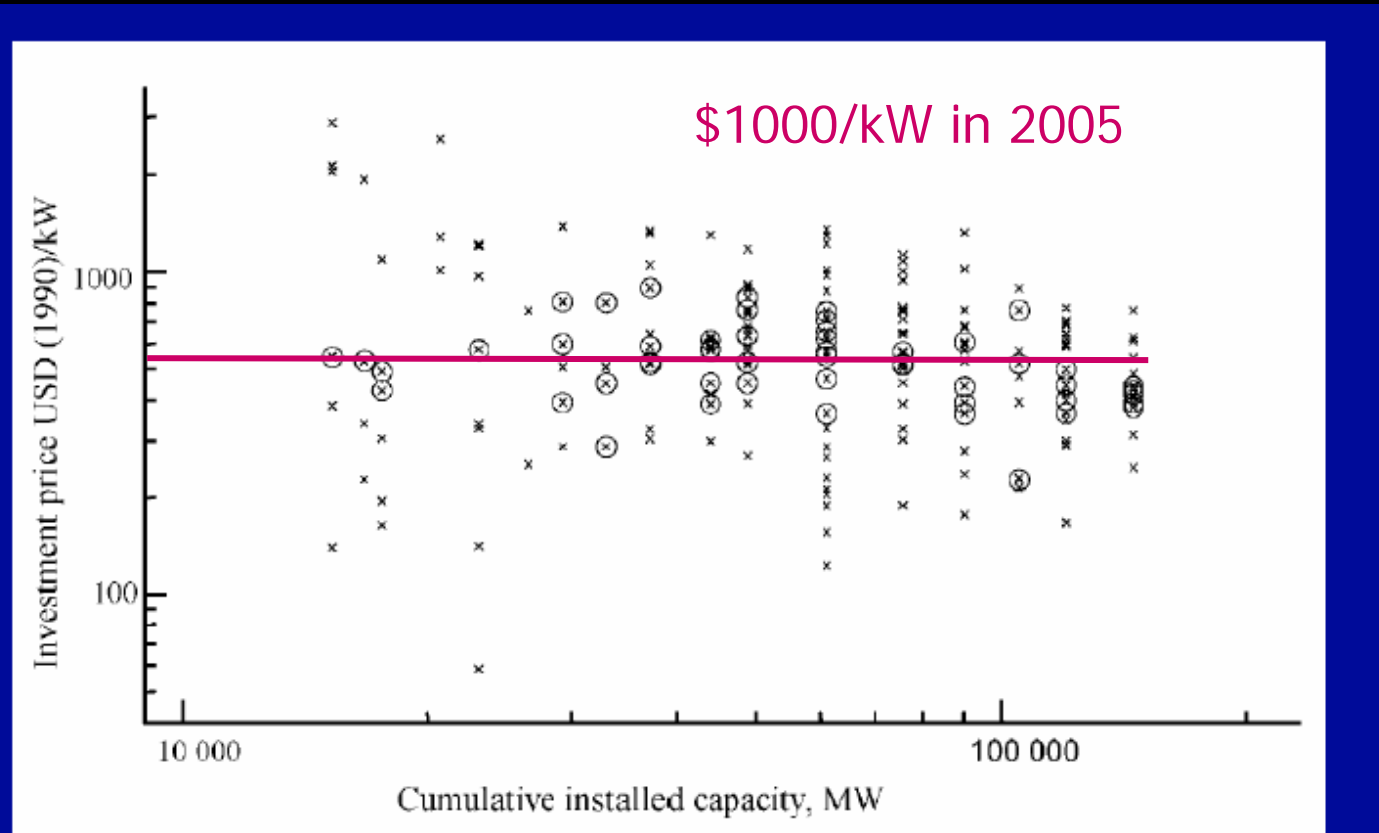


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# Investment Price per kW



Source: Colpier and Cornland. 2002. "The Economics of the Combined Cycle Gas Turbine – An Experience Curve Analysis." *Energy Policy* 30: 309-316.





# Hydrogen Implementation in Iceland



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Iceland has almost no fossil resources but plenty of sustainable energy

Iceland has harnessed about 8TWh out of its potential of more than 55TWh(e1.)

in the form of hydroelectric or geothermal energy



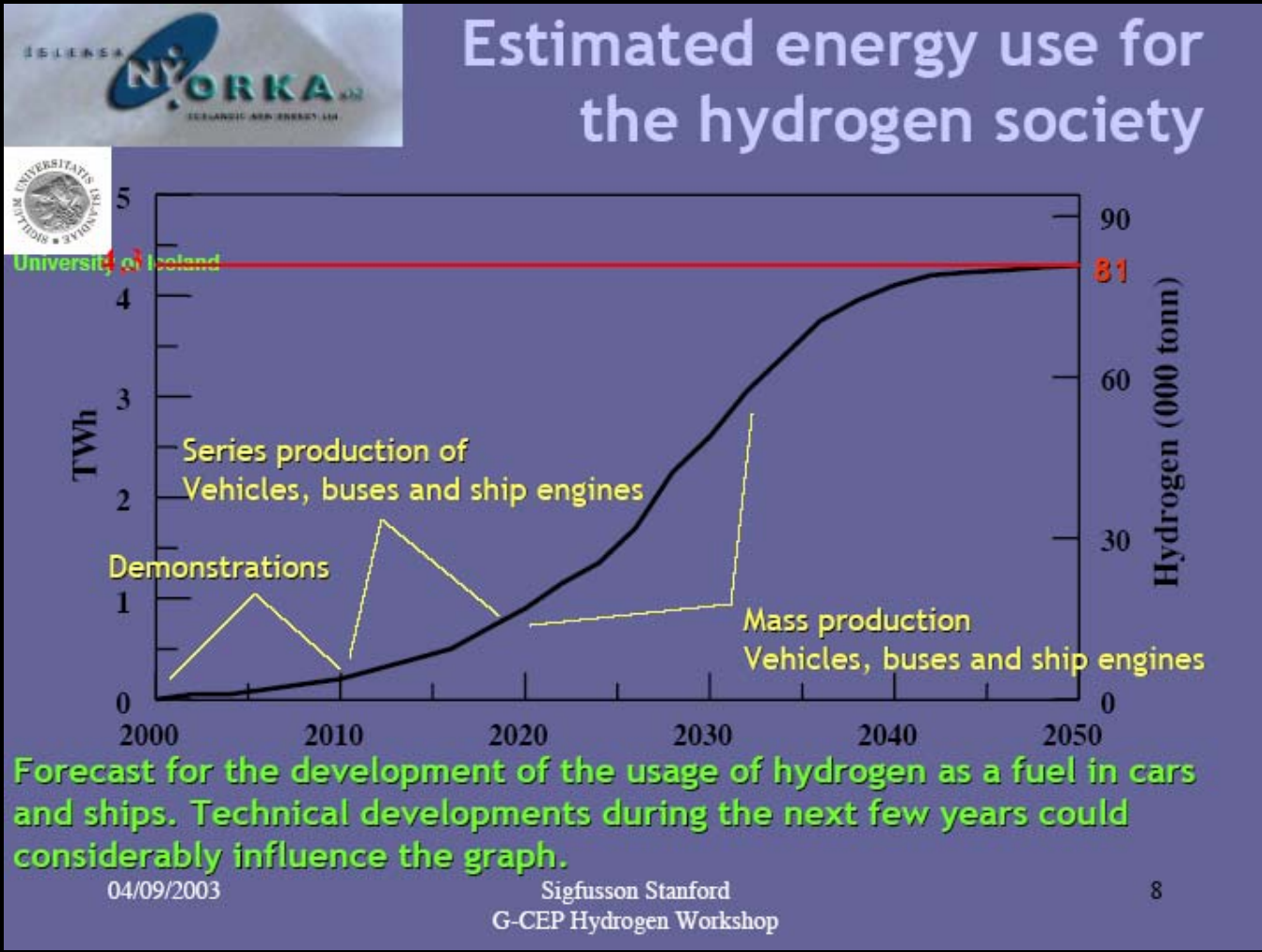
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## Fueling Infrastructure



Inauguration Ceremony Planned April 24th 2003

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## PRODUCTION:



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- Not likely to be a serious implementation barrier in Iceland
- Electrolysis - ample supply of primary renewable energy to provide for transportation hydrogen needs
- Fossil - no indigenous sources of fossil fuels in Iceland
- Geothermal –Steam Turbine Electricity and Hydrogen separation from geothermal gases
- In addition to Thermo-electric production and storage from waste heat of thermal power plants

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## STORAGE



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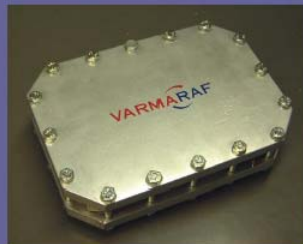
- Potentially large world wide implementation barrier and research opportunity
- Established expertise in liquid and compressed gas storage in other countries/private industry
- Hydride storage remains a relatively nascent field
- University of Iceland/Icelandic New Energy/Varmaraf plan to focus research on hydride storage

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A technology for solid state electricity generation from heat has been developed in Iceland and an interesting merger of this technology and hydrides is emerging



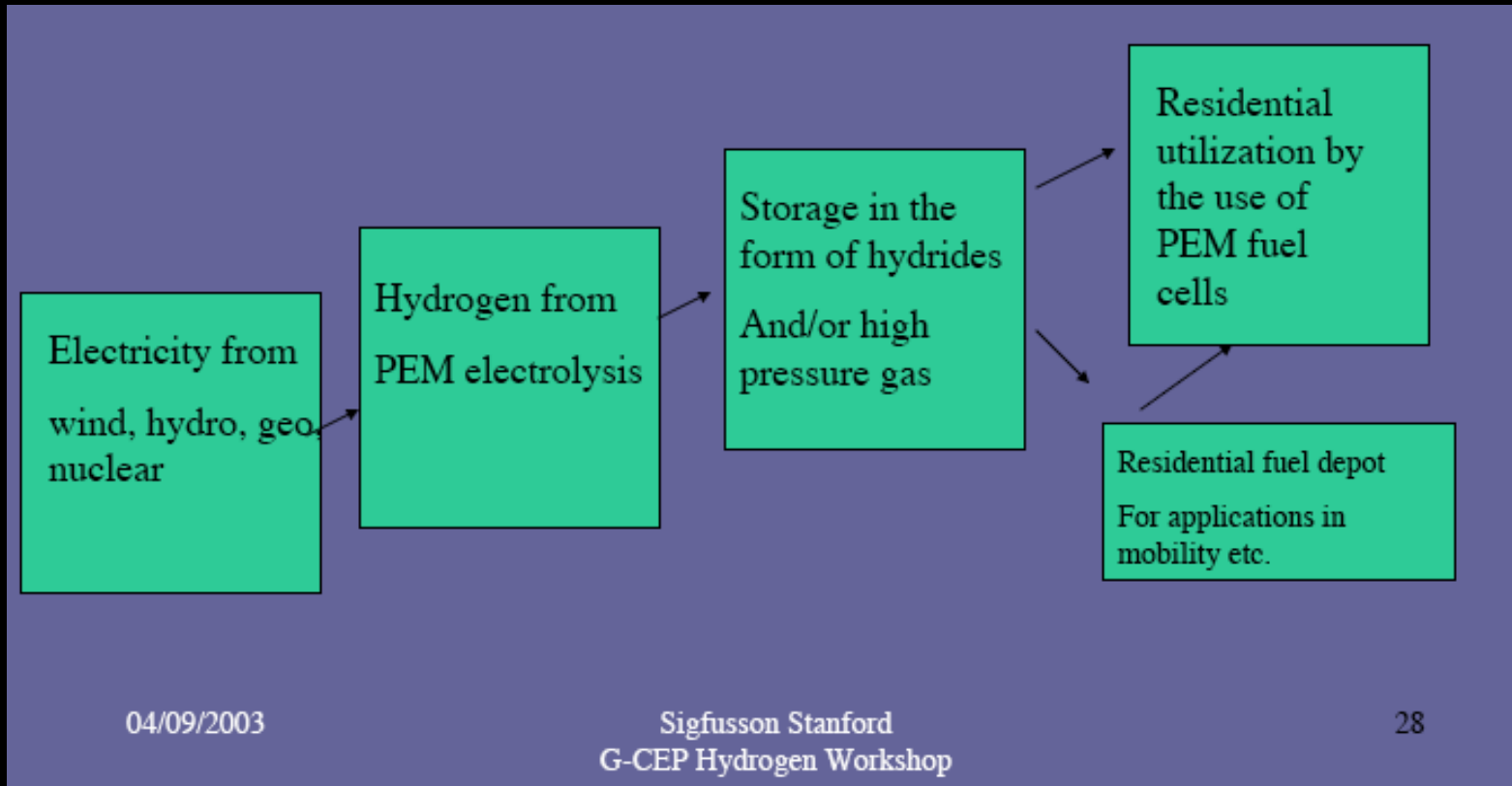
Japan Steel Works, one of the world's foremost producers of metal hydrides is becoming a close partner in this field







# Hydrogen Implementation in Iceland





# Hydrogen Implementation in Iceland

- Being independent of fossil fuel imports is a beautiful vision, which could be partly realised in Iceland during the next decades and finished around mid century
- Major barriers do exist and need appropriate policy and research attention
- Working together in dedicated groups we hope to bring about

**“A HYDROGEN SOCIETY”**

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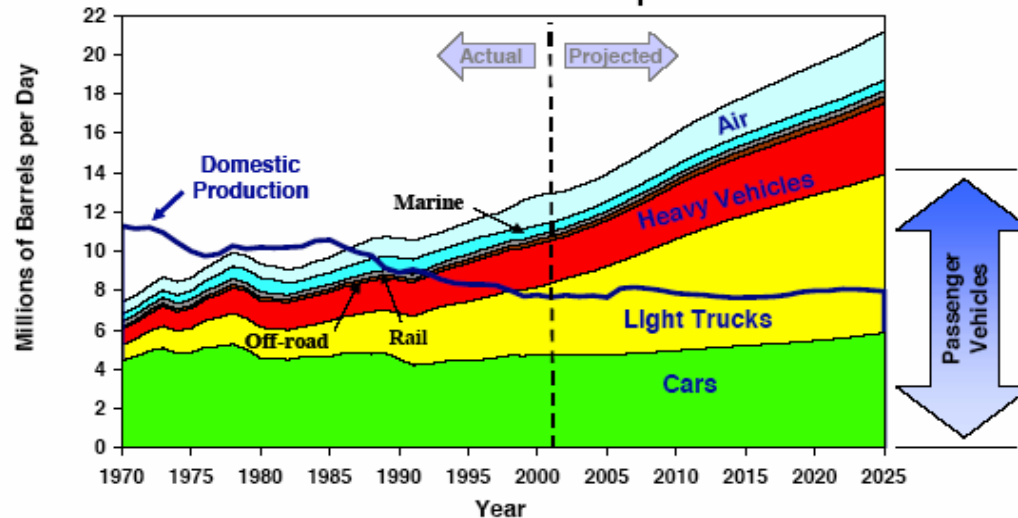




# DOE Hydrogen Roadmap

## *U.S. Energy Dependence is Driven By Transportation*

U.S. Oil Use for Transportation



Source: *Transportation Energy Data Book*, Edition 22, September 2002, and *EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2003*, January 2003

- Transportation accounts for 2/3 of the 20 million barrels of oil our nation uses each day.
- The U.S. imports 55% of its oil, expected to grow to 68% by 2025 under the status quo.
- Nearly all of our cars and trucks currently run on either gasoline or diesel fuel.

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## *President Bush Launches the Hydrogen Fuel Initiative*

"Tonight I am proposing \$1.2 billion in research funding so that America can lead the world in developing clean, hydrogen-powered automobiles.

"A simple chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen generates energy, which can be used to power a car producing only water, not exhaust fumes.

"With a new national commitment, our scientists and engineers will overcome obstacles to taking these cars from laboratory to showroom so that the first car driven by a child born today could be powered by hydrogen, and pollution-free.

"Join me in this important innovation to make our air significantly cleaner, and our country much less dependent on foreign sources of energy."



2003 State of the Union Address  
January 28, 2003





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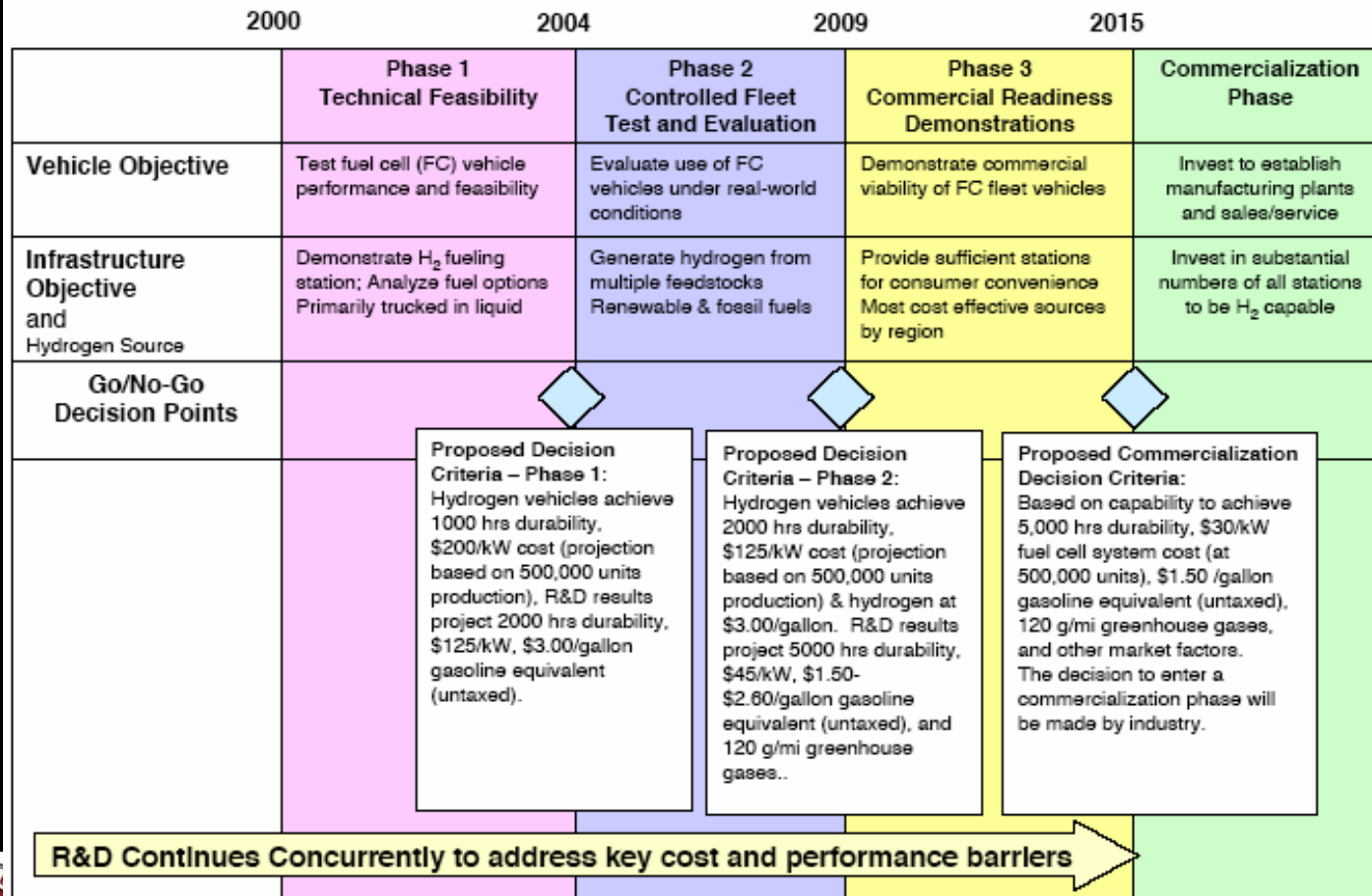
## Stationary and Distributed Generation Partnership Timeline

	2000	2005	2008	2012	2015	
		<b>Phase 1</b> Cost Reduction/ Technology Improvement Small System	<b>Phase 2</b> Cost Reduction/ Technology Improvement/ Limited Commercialization Small System	<b>Phase 3</b> Large Scale Commercialization/ Multiple Applications Small System	Large System Demonstration and Commercialization	
					Fuel Cell/ Turbine Hybrids Distributed Generation	
					Coal Based Central Generation	
<b>Objectives</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Develop stack design</li> <li>•Develop manufacturing methods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Incorporate lower cost, robust materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Optimize system, thermal integration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Use small system technology in larger hybrid and coal based systems</li> <li>•Hybrid efficiency - 60-70%</li> <li>•Coal based efficiency - 60%</li> </ul>	
		R&D to establish initial performance and reliability Limited 3 to 50 kW prototype tests	R&D to improve cost, durability and efficiency Target 2 to 25 MW sited by 2008	R&D to improve cost, durability and efficiency Target: 500 MW sited by 2012	Investment to establish full manufacturing capacity and product warranty to successfully compete in the market	
<b>Go/No Go Decision Points</b>		◆	◆	◆		
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# DOE Hydrogen Roadmap

## Transportation and Infrastructure Partnership Timeline



# DOE Hydrogen Roadmap

## Hydrogen Production

### Key RD&D Needs

Low cost distributed production using natural gas reforming

Prove large scale hydrogen production using nuclear and thermo-chemical processes

Accelerate direct production using biological, photolytic, and other techniques

Improved gasification for greater fuel flexibility

High efficiency and low cost electrolysis

Improved separation and purification methods and materials

Economic, scalable carbon capture and sequestration techniques



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## Hydrogen Production Technical Barriers from HFCIT Multi-Year Plan



**Low cost distributed production using natural gas reforming**

- improved catalysts for reforming and water-gas-shift
- purification

**Economic production using nuclear and thermo-chemical processes**

**Photoelectrochemical production from water– improved materials**

**Biological production**

- photobiological processes (organic substrate & water substrate)
- dark fermentation

**Biomass to hydrogen**

- improved gasification for greater fuel flexibility
- improved catalysts for reforming gasification & pyrolysis product streams
- economic generation of valuable co-products

**High efficiency and low cost electrolysis**

**Improved separation and purification methods and materials**

**Economic, scalable carbon capture and sequestration techniques**







# DOE Hydrogen Roadmap

## Hydrogen Delivery

### Key RD&D Needs

Codes and standards for pipelines and transport

Prove performance of hydrogen delivery infrastructure

Systems and economic analysis tools and data to improve evaluation of alternative delivery technologies

Evaluate efficacy of existing infrastructure for use in hydrogen delivery

Testing and validation of existing and improved delivery systems



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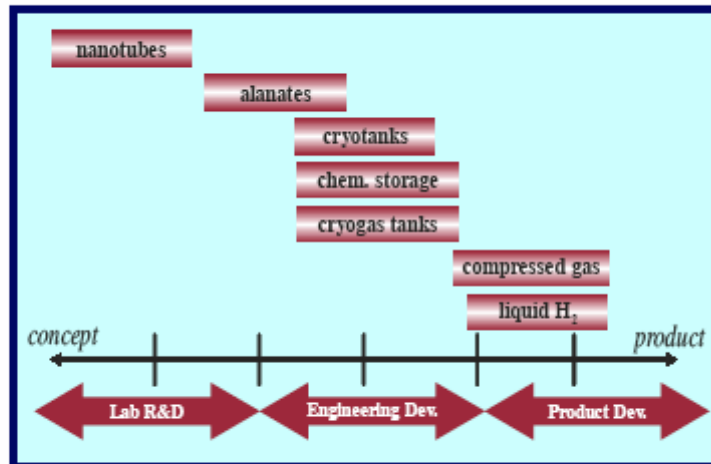


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## Hydrogen Storage

### Key RD&D Needs

- Large scale demonstrations of hydrogen storage devices
- Improved materials for containment of compressed and liquid hydrogen
- Codes and standards development for hydrogen storage devices
- Materials performance evaluation and testing
- Manufacturing scale-up processes
- Novel materials and advanced storage techniques for 9% by weight storage in 2015



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## Hydrogen Conversion

### Key RD&D Needs

Fundamental research on electrochemistry, interface, and advanced materials for fuel cells

Lower cost, more durable, and easier-to-manufacture fuel cells

Optimized hydrogen combustion in engines and turbines for stationary and mobile applications

Demonstrations of fuel cells, engines, and turbines in mobile and stationary applications including distributed power and combined heat & power

Product safety standards for hydrogen based fuel cells, engines, and turbines



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 APUs</li> <li>■ Distributed power</li> <li>■ Combined heat and power</li> </ul>

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## Hydrogen Applications

### Key RD&D Needs

Product safety standards and environmental regulations for vehicles

Large scale demonstrations of existing technologies – vehicles and distributed power

Government as early adopter customer

Infrastructure development

Community-based clustered applications and installations

Publicize existing and future showcase demonstrations



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# DOE Hydrogen Roadmap

## Codes and Standards

### Key Activities

**Hydrogen Codes and Standards Coordinating Committee:** communication across hydrogen community and development of consistent codes and standards

**Proposed amendments to International Code Council model building codes**

**International Standards Organization Technical Committee 197:** development of international standards for hydrogen technologies



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