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# Hydrogen fueling cost analysis of various onboard storage technologies

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*H*<sub>2</sub> fuel cell electric vehicles are attractive zero-emission options when daily energy use is high (vehicle cost perspective)



#### Hydrogen Delivery Scenario Analysis suite of Models (HDSAM)

Argonne's HDSAM and its derivatives evaluate the economic performance and market acceptance of hydrogen delivery technologies and fueling infrastructure for FCEVs

- Publicly available with >5,000 users, including major gas and energy companies, in more than 25 countries
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#### Fueling model for fuel cell HDVs is different from LDVs

Hydrogen fueling cost for HDVs is different from LDV
fill amount
fill rate
fill strategy

Requires different design strategies with respect to buffering compressor and refrigeration systems





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## Gaseous hydrogen delivery to HRS requires complex logistics of H<sub>2</sub> supply and station design





### Cost of hydrogen delivery and refueling for FCEVs is strongly driven by onboard storage requirement and H<sub>2</sub> supply chain



✓ HX: Heat	✓ VACD: Variable Area Control Device
Exchange	
✓ J-T: Joule-	✓ CA: California
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## Typical refrigeration system used in HRS requires ~ 15-20kW precooling capacity per each 1 kg/min dispensing



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#### Liquid hydrogen (LH<sub>2</sub>) delivery simplifies station design





#### Versatile refueling configurations with LH<sub>2</sub> delivery: simplifies HRS configuration



Refrigeration unit can be avoided with proper thermal energy recovery

## Liquid H<sub>2</sub> supplied stations can handle faster fills with lower cost compared to gaseous H<sub>2</sub> supply



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Compression and pumping are key cost drivers



#### **700 bar tanks dramatically increase HRS cost, even with LH<sub>2</sub> supply** Class 8, long-haul trucks



Fill Amount: 70 kg, back-to-back fills

> MDVs and buses can benefit from 350 bar fueling due to lower daily VMT and available space for CHSS

#### *H*<sub>2</sub> liquefaction is energy and cost intensive

- Scaling laws based on aggregation of industry input
  - Liquefier CAPEX
  - Specific energy consumption (<u>SEC</u>)
- Modeling and analysis in the literature suggest SEC can potentially be as low as 6 kWh/kg



<u>SLC</u> – Specific liquefaction cost

#### Liquefier Capacity (tonne / day)

Delivered	Liquefier	SLC	SEC	GHG Emissions 2021 (US mix)
	5 tpd	\$4.0 / kg-LH2	11 kWh / kg	4.8 kgCO <sub>2e</sub> / kgH <sub>2</sub>
30 tpd	33 tpd	\$2.8 / kg-LH2	9.4 kWh / kg	4.1 kgCO <sub>2e</sub> / kgH <sub>2</sub>
120 tpd	130 tpd	\$2.1 / kg-LH2	8.2 kWh / kg	3.6 kgCO <sub>2e</sub> / kgH <sub>2</sub>

**Specific Liquefaction Cost** 

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#### Cost associated with boiloff losses can be significant (depends on LH<sub>2</sub> cost)

Example: sLH<sub>2</sub> HRS



#### Conclusions

- Cost of hydrogen fueling depends strongly on H<sub>2</sub> delivery phase (i.e., gaseous vs. liquid) and vehicle's onboard storage design
- Cost and reliability of pump are key cost drivers
- CcH<sub>2</sub> and sLH<sub>2</sub> onboard storage can potentially reduce HRS cost contribution compared to 350 and 700 bar CH<sub>2</sub> onboard storage
  - $\blacktriangleright$  but energy density for CcH<sub>2</sub> > sLH<sub>2</sub> > 700 bar CH<sub>2</sub> > 350 bar CH<sub>2</sub>
- <u>Boiloff losses</u> associated with cryogenic delivery to onboard storage is most impactful but most <u>uncertain</u> parameter
  - $\succ$  Requires careful assessment for CcH<sub>2</sub> and sLH<sub>2</sub> onboard storage fueling
- Liquefaction energy and carbon intensity are important considerations





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### *Our models, tutorials and publications are available at: <u>https://hdsam.es.anl.gov/</u>*