



# 2005 Annual DOE Hydrogen Program Merit Review

## *Hydrogen Storage*

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# Hydrogen Storage: Challenges & Targets



**Challenge:** How to store hydrogen on-board to meet performance (wt, vol, kinetics, etc.) , safety and cost requirements and enable > 300 mile range, without compromising passenger/cargo space.

**Targets:** Developed through



These  
Are  
System  
Targets



Material  
capacities  
must be  
higher!

	2010	2015
<b>System Gravimetric Capacity= Specific Energy (net)</b>	<b>2.0 kWh/kg</b> (7.2 MJ/kg) (6 wt%)	<b>3.0 kWh/kg</b> (10.8 MJ/kg) (9 wt%)
<b>System Volumetric Capacity=Energy Density (net)</b>	<b>1.5 kWh/L</b> (5.4 MJ/L) (0.045 kg/L)	<b>2.7 kWh/L</b> (9.7 MJ/L) (0.081 kg/L)
<b>Storage system cost</b>	<b>\$4/kWh</b>	<b>\$2/kWh</b>



# Focus is on capacity: but many other requirements...



Primary 2005 targets achieved with high P/LH<sub>2</sub>

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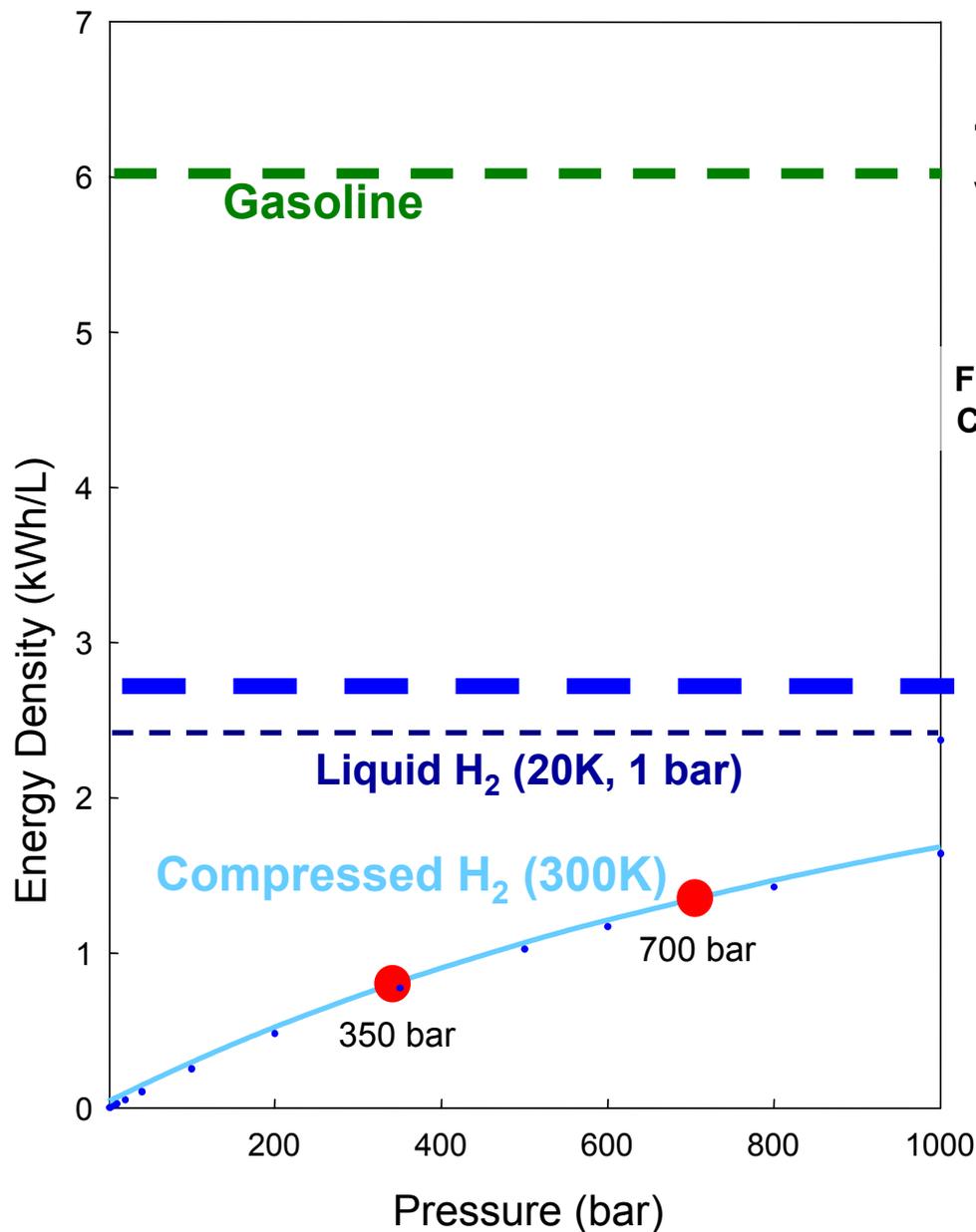
For materials-based systems

Parameter	Units	2005(7)	2010	2015
Specific energy net	kWh/kg	1.5	2.0	3.0
Energy density net	kWh/L	1.2	1.5	2.7
Storage system cost	\$/kWh	6	4	2
Cycle life (25-100%)	cycles	500	1000	1500
Cycle life variation	% of mean (min) @ % confidence	N/A	90/90	99/90
Max delivery temp.	°C	85	85	85
Minimum delivery pressure of H <sub>2</sub> from tank, FC=fuel cell, I=ICE	atm (abs)	8 FC 10 ICE	4 FC 35 ICE	3 FC 35 ICE
Start time to full flow @ 20 °C	sec	4	4	.5
System fill time (for 5 kg)	min	10	3	2.5
Loss of useable hydrogen	(g/h)/kg H <sub>2</sub> stored	1	0.1	0.05
Permeation and leakage	Sc/h	Federal enclosed-area safety standard		
Toxicity		Meets or exceeds applicable standards		
Safety		Meets or exceeds applicable standards		

Current Focus



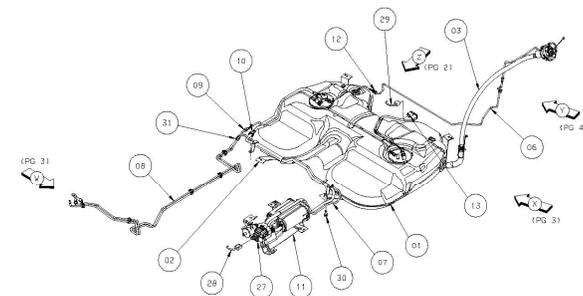
# Energy Density is Critical



Today's Vehicles

Fuel Cell Efficiency, Conformable Tanks

2015 Target



Today's gasoline "tank": fuel tank, fuel filler tubes, gas cap, hoses, fuel lines, fuel pump, fuel filter, carbon vapor canister, leak detection device, purge control solenoid, rollover check valve, tank hanger straps, clips, and other small fasteners

For Hydrogen Systems: Also include insulation, sensors, regulators, first charge, any byproducts/reactants, etc.



# Research Areas



**Focus**

Novel Concepts  
Chemical Storage  
Carbon-based  
Materials/high  
surface area  
sorbents  
Metal Hydrides

Cryo-compressed  
Hybrid Approaches  
Conformability

High P Tanks  
Liquid H<sub>2</sub>

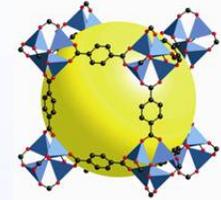
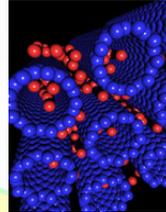
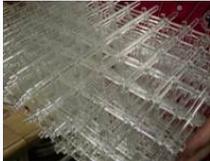
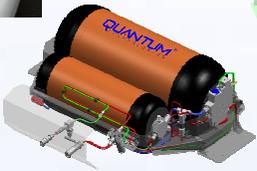
Risk

Time frame

Portfolio stresses longer-term solutions but continues some R&D on viable options for the transition phase

Storage Technologies

Storage Capacity



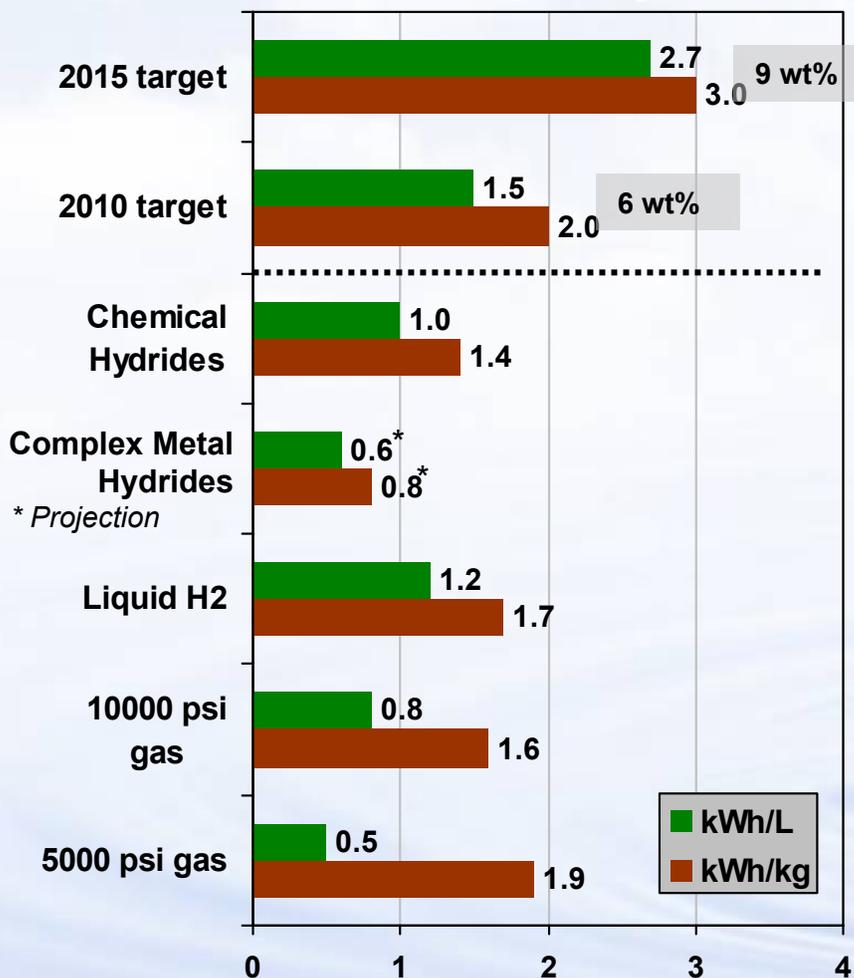


# Status Relative to Targets

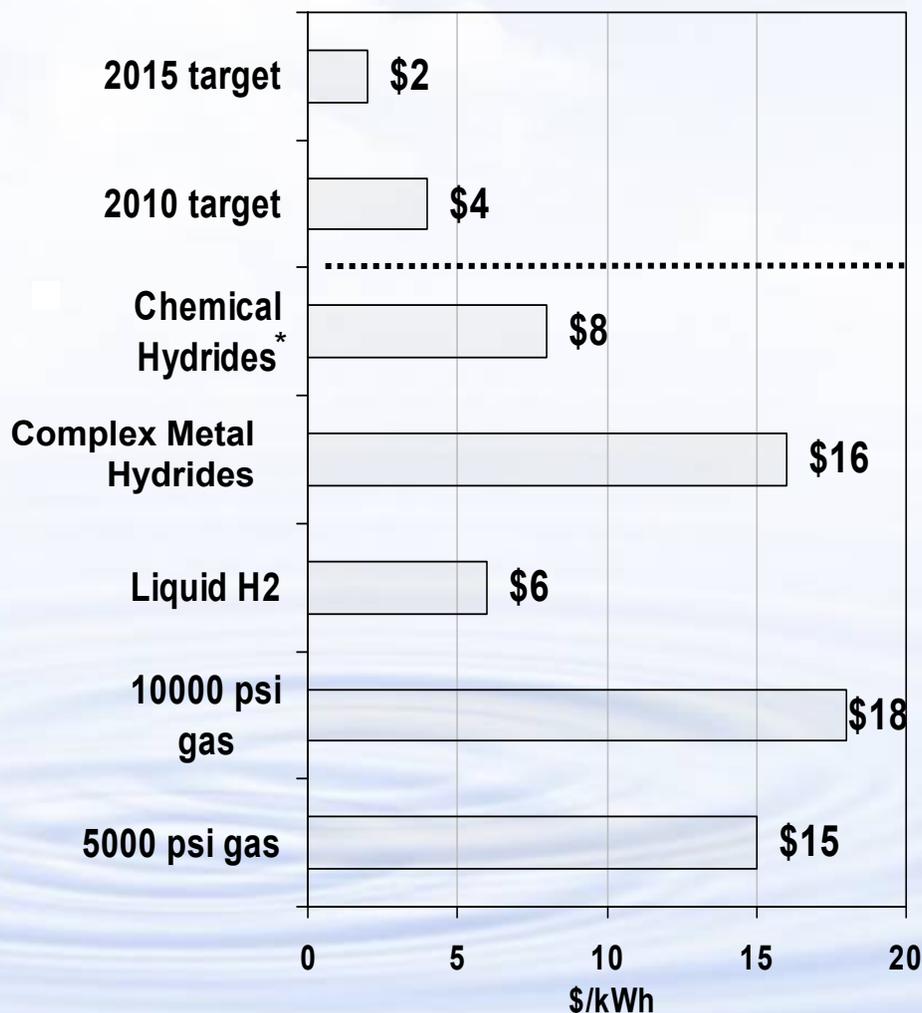


No current hydrogen storage technology meets the targets.

## Volumetric & Gravimetric Energy Capacity



## System Cost, \$/kWh



Estimates from developers- to be continuously updated

\* Regeneration costs excluded



# National Hydrogen Storage Project<sup>1</sup>

**Centers of Excellence**

**Independent Projects**

**Testing & Analysis  
Cross Cutting**

**Metal hydrides**

**Chemical Hydrogen Storage**

**Carbon-Based Materials**

**Basic  
Science<sup>2</sup>**

**New materials/processes  
for on-board storage**

**Compressed/Cryogenic  
& Hybrid approaches**

**Off-board  
storage systems<sup>3</sup>**

1. Coordinated by DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure Technologies
2. Basic science for hydrogen storage conducted through DOE Office of Science, Basic Energy Sciences
3. Coordinated with Delivery program element



# Hydrogen Storage "Grand Challenge" Partners



## Centers of Excellence

### Metal Hydride Center

**National Laboratory:**  
Sandia-Livermore

**Industrial partners:**  
General Electric  
HRL Laboratories  
Intematix Corp.

**Universities:**  
CalTech  
Stanford  
Pitt/Carnegie  
Mellon  
Hawaii  
Illinois  
Nevada-Reno  
Utah

**Federal Lab Partners:**  
Brookhaven  
JPL  
NIST  
Oak Ridge  
Savannah River

### Carbon Materials Center

**National Laboratory:**  
NREL

**Industrial partners:**  
Air Products &  
Chemicals

**Universities:**  
CalTech  
Duke  
Penn State  
Rice  
Michigan  
North Carolina  
Pennsylvania

**Federal Lab Partners:**  
Lawrence Livermore  
NIST  
Oak Ridge

### Chemical Hydrogen Center

**National Laboratories:**  
Los Alamos  
Pacific Northwest

**Industrial partners:**  
Intematix Corp.  
Millennium Cell  
Rohm & Haas  
US Borax

**Universities:**  
Northern Arizona  
Penn State  
Alabama  
California-Davis  
UCLA  
Pennsylvania  
Washington

### Independent Projects

#### **New Materials & Concepts**

Alfred University  
Carnegie Institute of Washington  
Cleveland State University  
Michigan Technological University  
TOFTEC  
UC-Berkeley  
UC-Santa Barbara  
University of Connecticut  
University of Michigan  
University of Missouri

#### **High-Capacity Hydrides**

UTRC  
UOP  
Savannah River NL

#### **Carbon-based Materials**

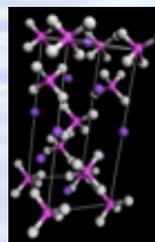
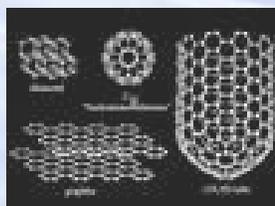
State University of New York  
Gas Technology Institute  
UPenn & Drexel Univ.

#### **Chemical Hydrogen Storage**

Air Products & Chemicals  
RTI  
Millennium Cell  
Safe Hydrogen LLC

#### **OffBoard, Tanks, Analysis & Testing**

Gas Technology Institute  
Lawrence Livermore  
Quantum  
Argonne Nat'l Lab & TIAX LLC  
SwRI





# Continuum of Knowledge Transfer Across Stages of Development



## Basic Research

**Use theory & fundamental experimentation to generate knowledge:**

- Fundamental property & transport phenomena
- Novel material structures, effect of morphology.
- Understand reaction mechanisms

## Applied Research & Development

**Use theory & experimentation to design & develop high-performance materials**

- Leverage knowledge from basic research, develop new materials
- Optimization of materials and testing to improve performance
- Use engineering science to design system packaging & balance of plant components

## Technology Validation & Demonstration

**Test Systems in Real World Conditions**

- Gain knowledge on integration with power plant with fuel delivery infrastructure
- Apply lessons learned back to R&D



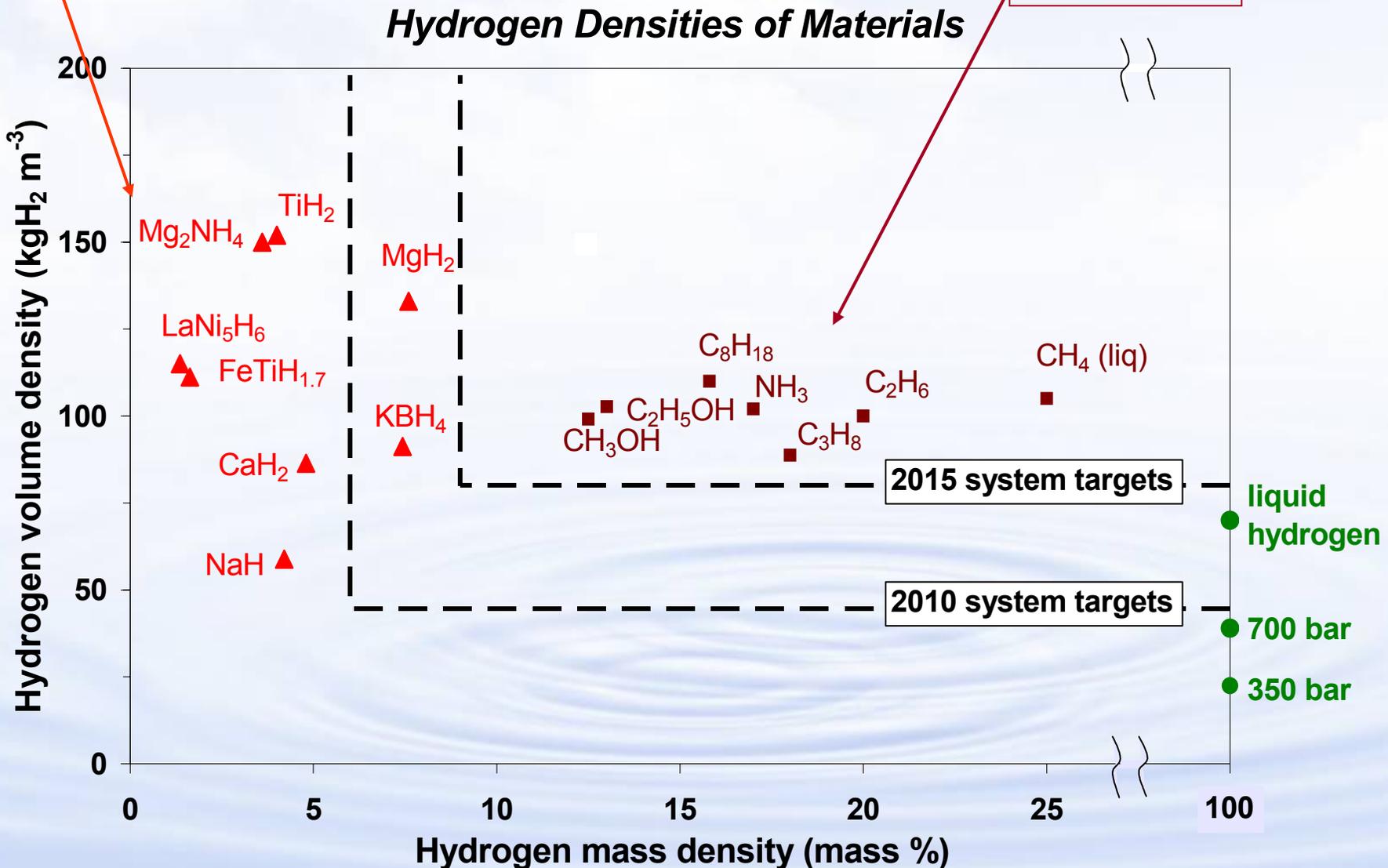
# Basic Science for Hydrogen Storage



Basic material properties are a key issue in hydrogen storage.

intermetallic hydrides  
too heavy

liquid fuels

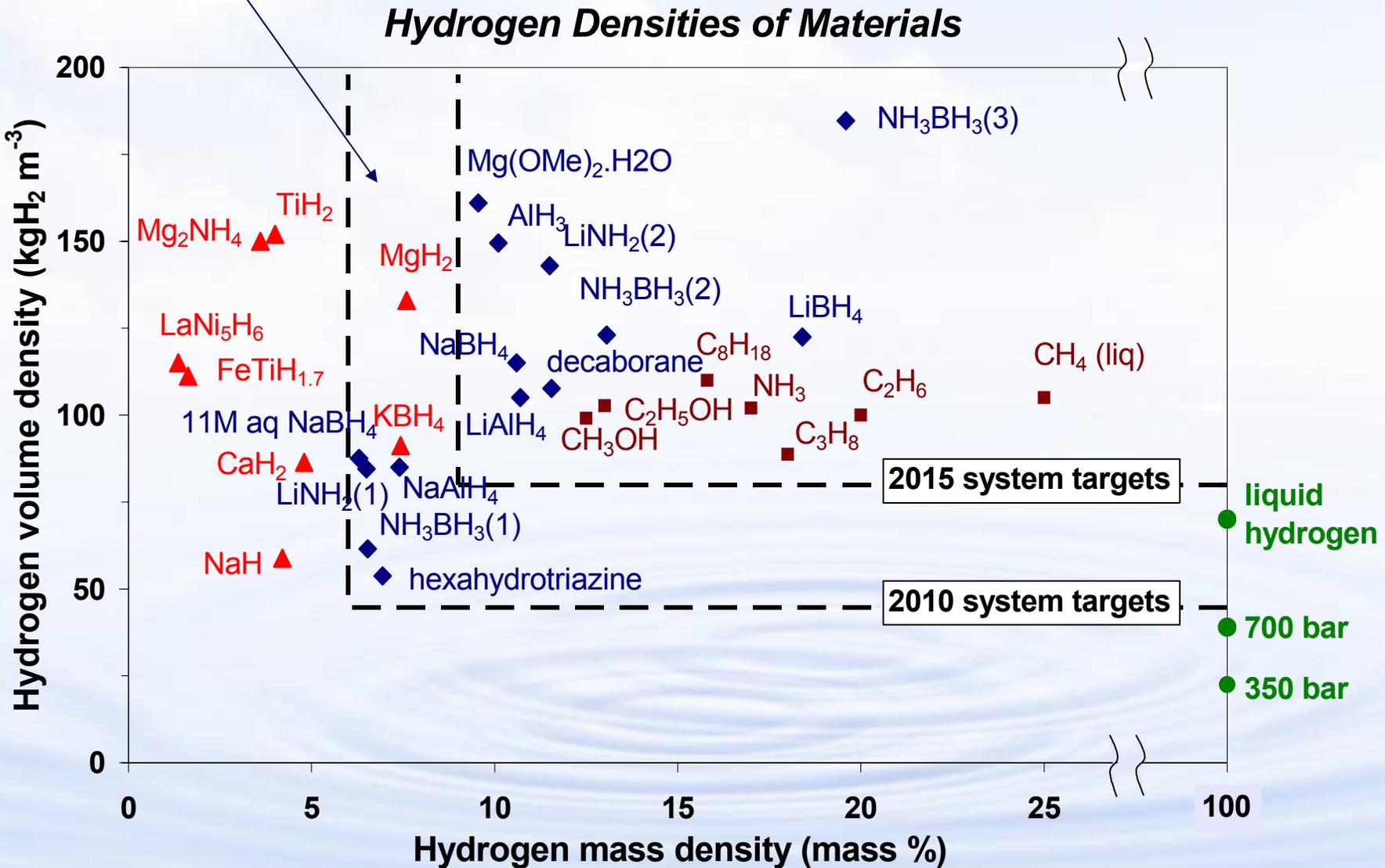




Program focus is on high energy density materials.



Some of the materials under study in CoE's

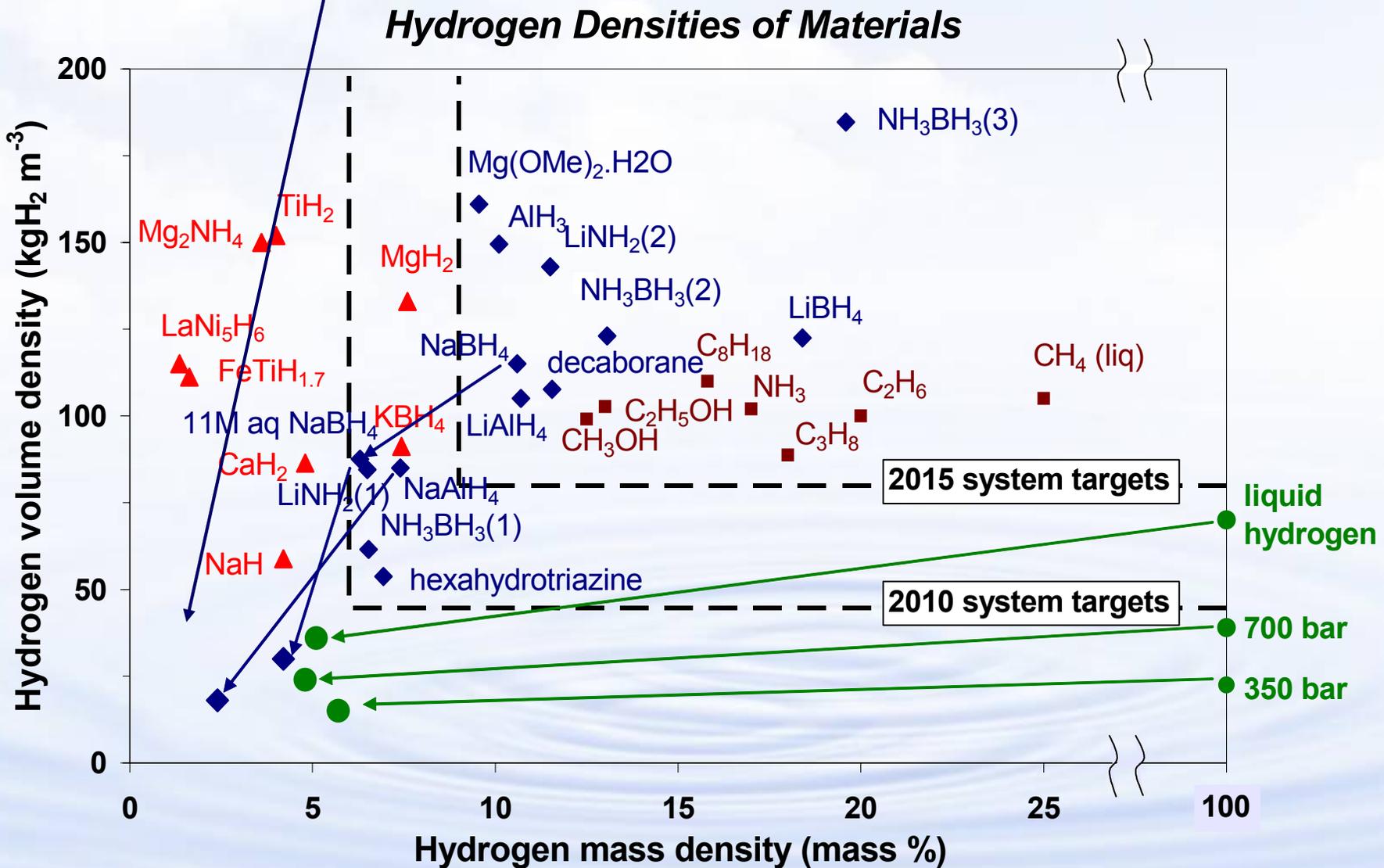




# Storage system adds weight and volume



No current material meets system requirements





# Need to determine & tune material properties



## Other material property issues include thermodynamic properties.

For reversible systems, equilibrium between gas and solid given by:

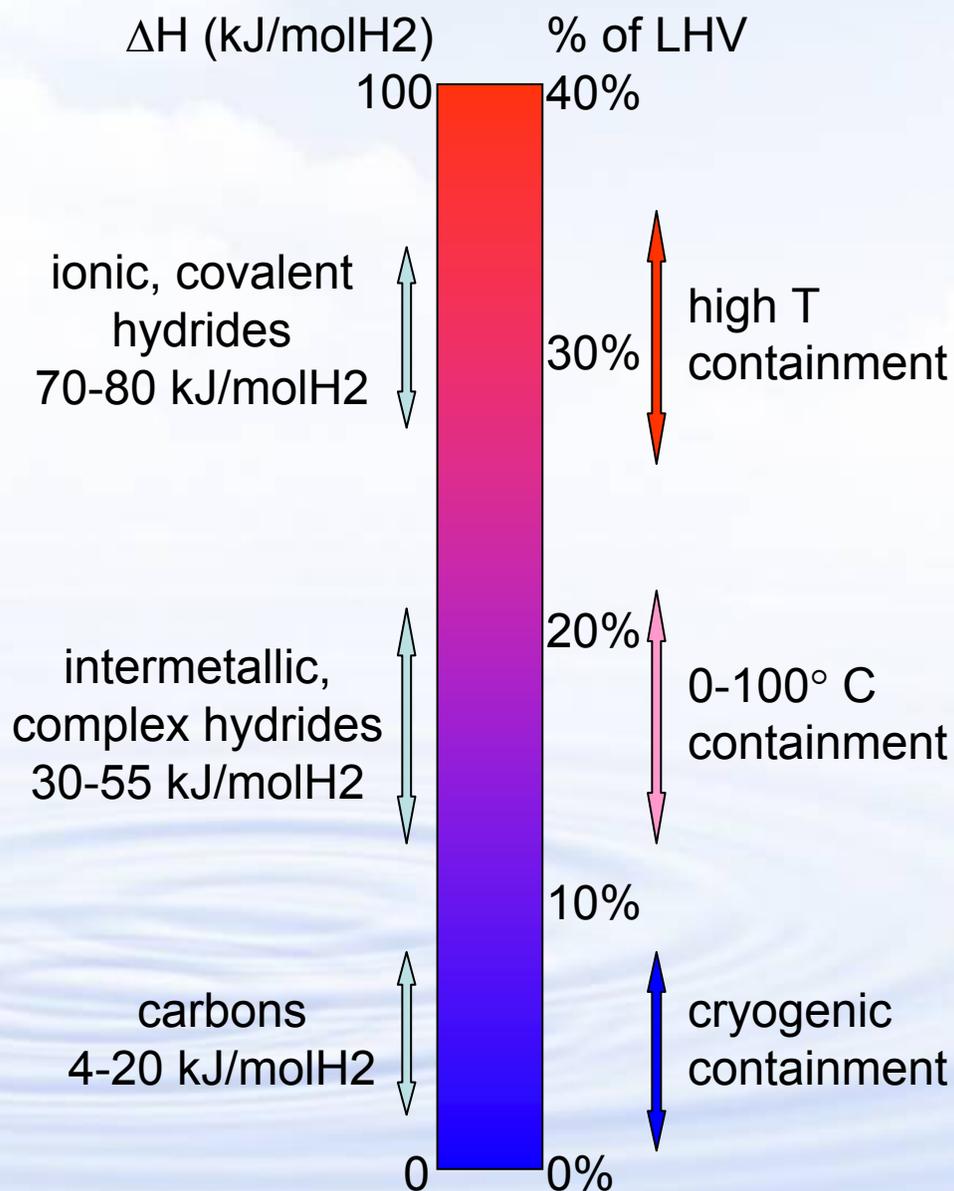
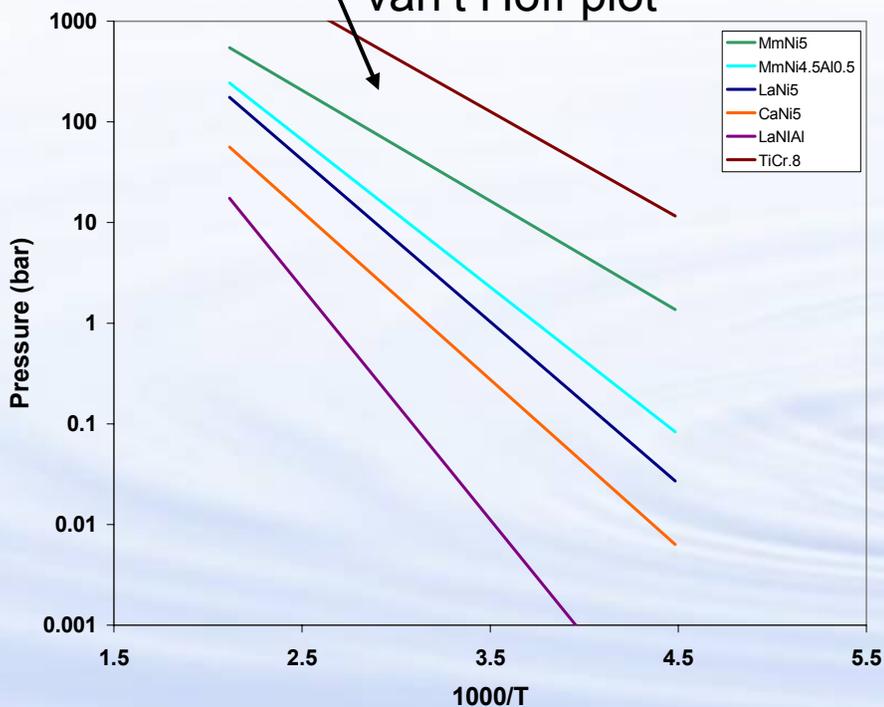
$$P = \exp(-\Delta H/RT + \Delta S/R)$$

$$\text{or } \ln P = -\Delta H/RT + \ln P_{\text{Tinf}}$$

$\Delta H$ =enthalpy (kJ/mol  $H_2$ ),

$$d(\ln P)/d(1/T) = \Delta H/R$$

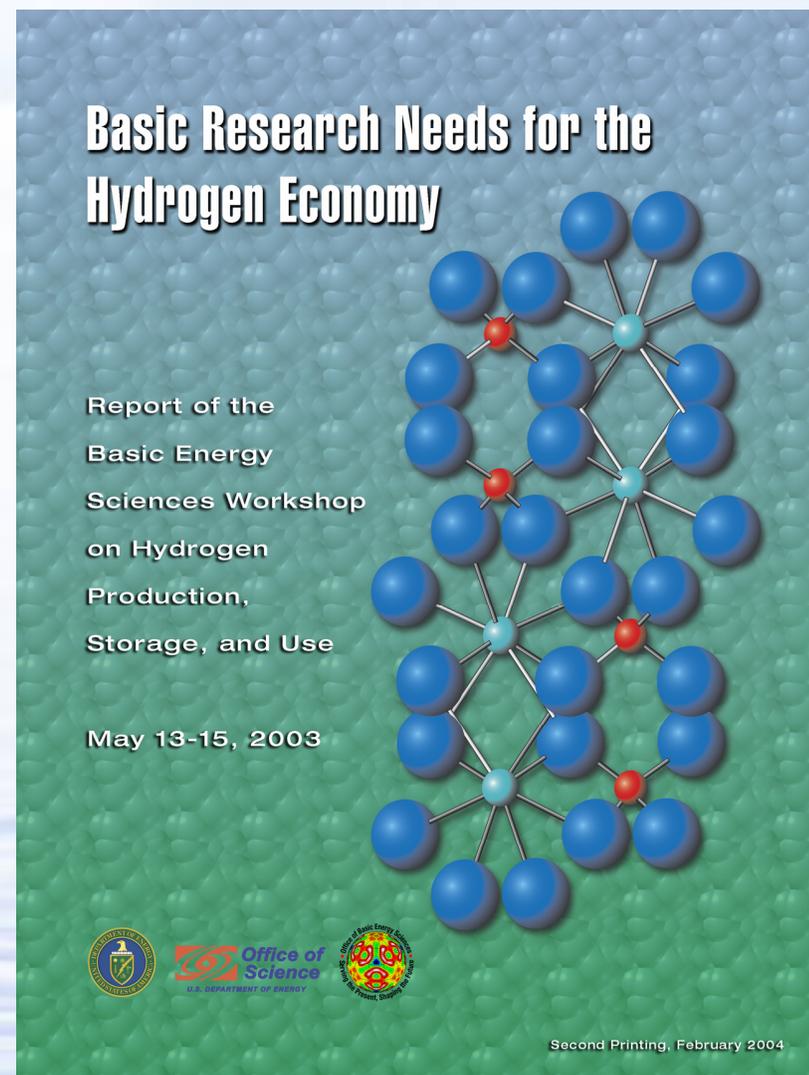
van't Hoff plot





## BES workshop was held to identify basic research needs.

- Understanding the fundamental factors governing material behavior
- Applying these principles to modify material performance
- Identifying new materials and new classes of materials
- Designing of new materials at the nanoscale
- Theory, modeling and simulation of materials and molecular processes





## Workshop laid foundation for 2005 BES solicitation.

- 227 full proposals were received
- Five technical focus areas:
  - Novel materials for hydrogen storage (50 proposals)
  - Membranes for separation, purification and ion transport (52 proposals)
  - Design of catalysts at the nanoscale (56 proposals)
  - Solar hydrogen production (49 proposals)
  - Bio-inspired materials and processes (20 proposals)

***Stay tuned for further announcements!***



# Tanks- Accomplishments & Status

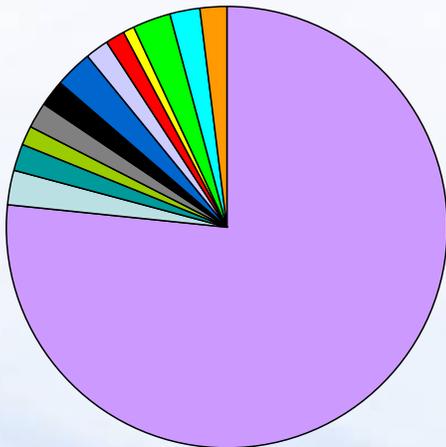


Tanks: Performance close to targets - Next steps are cost and hybrid approaches.

	Specific Energy	Energy Density	Cost
<b>2015 Targets (2010)</b>	<b>3.0 kwh/kg (2.0)</b>	<b>2.7 kwh/L (1.5)</b>	<b>\$2/kWh (4)</b>
<b>5,000 psi System</b>	1.9 kwh/kg	0.5 kwh/L	\$15/kWh
<b>10,000 psi System</b>	1.6 kwh/kg	0.8 kwh/L	\$18/kWh

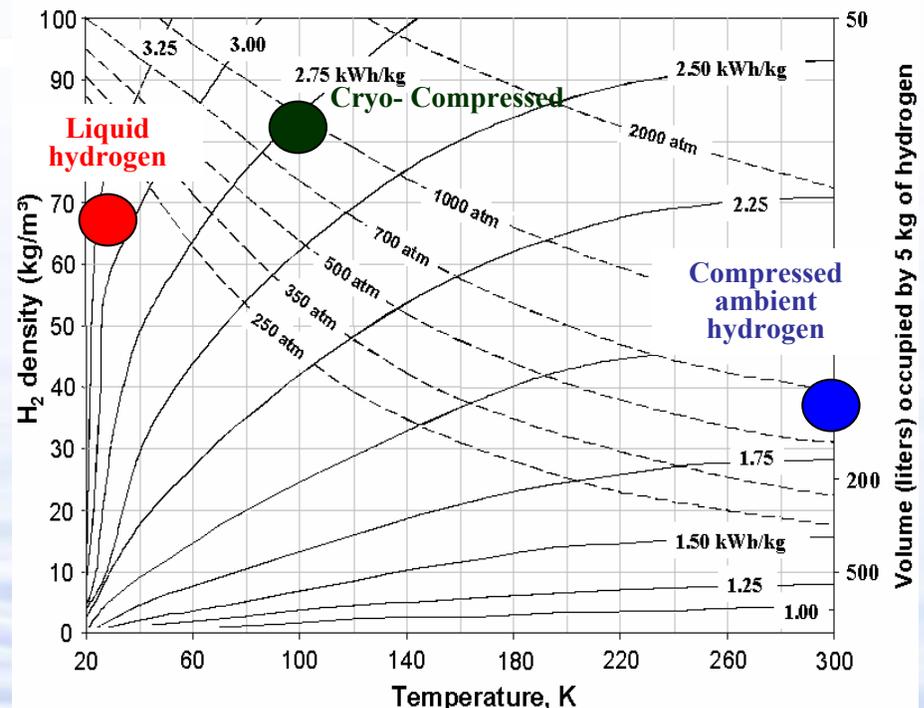
Status\*  
(Quantum)

Primary driver is material cost  
40 - 80% is carbon fiber cost



- Carbon Fiber
- Glass Fiber
- Epoxy
- Curatives
- Liner Polymer
- Foam Dome
- Front Boss
- Aft Boss
- 1-1/8 Adapter
- Seals
- Valve
- PRD
- Miscellaneous

Future focus: Cost reduction, advanced concepts, conformability



Density improvements possible with cryo-compressed H

Aceves, et al, LLNL

\* 5 kg storage using one tank; volume of 500,000 tanks/year



# Storage Accomplishments- Metal Hydrides



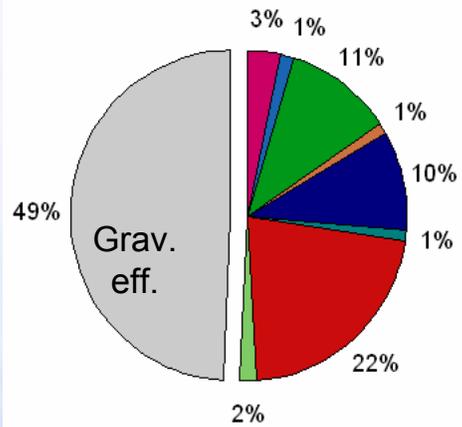
## System Engineering:

- Preliminary 1-kg hydrogen system prototype developed (*Anton, et al, UTRC*)
- With composite vessel, ~50% of system is balance of plant

## Materials Development:

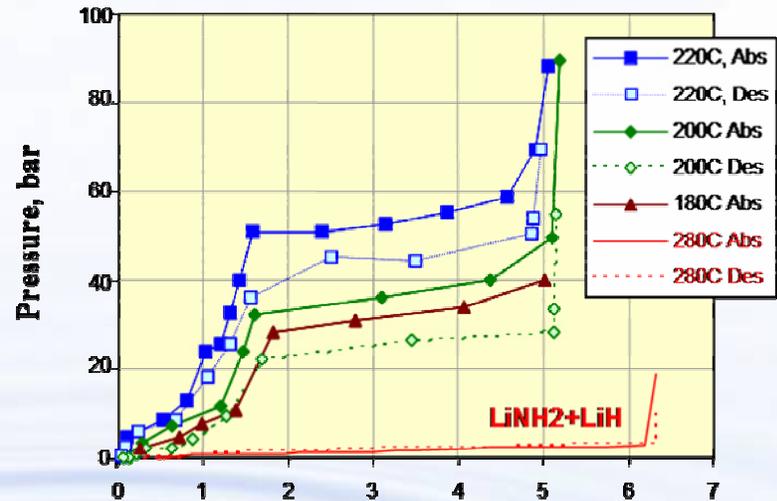
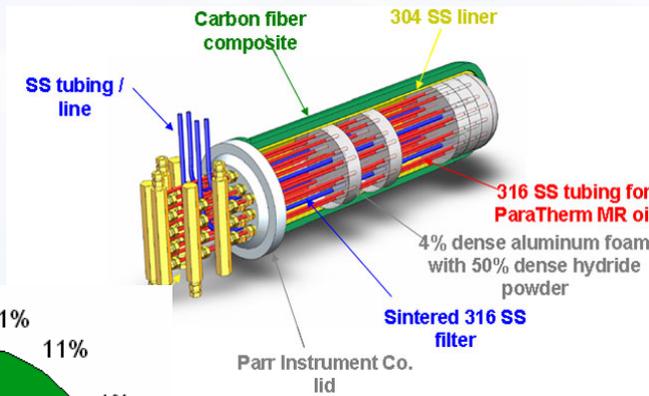
- Mg modified Li-amides demonstrate 5 wt% materials-based capacity, reversible with potential up to 10 wt% (*Luo, Wang, et al, SNL*)
- Absorption demonstrated down to 180C with Mg substitution
- Over 100 cycles demonstrated for Li/Mg amide system (*Luo, Gross, et al, SNL*)

UTRC



660 Wh / kg

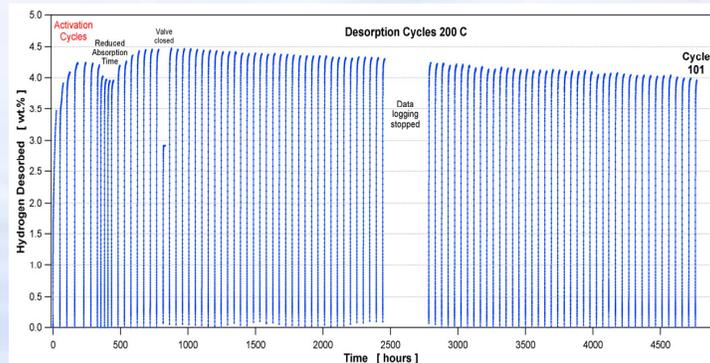
530 Wh / L



H wt.% (material only)

SNL

← 0.005 wt% loss/cycle



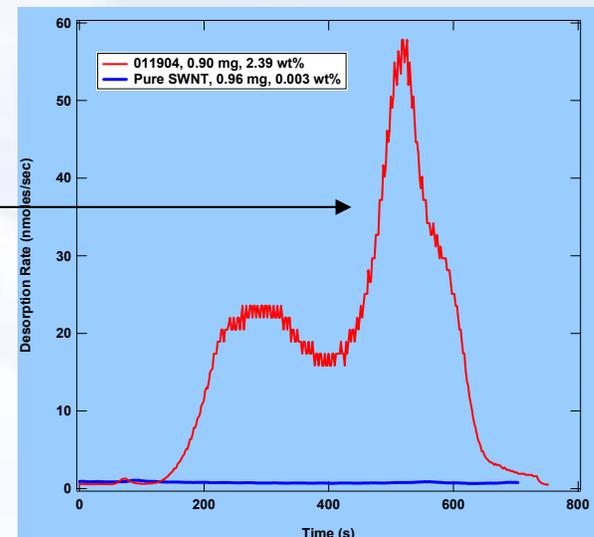
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# Storage Accomplishments- Carbon Materials

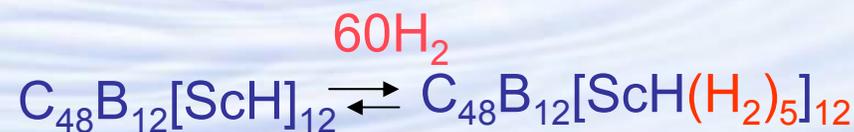
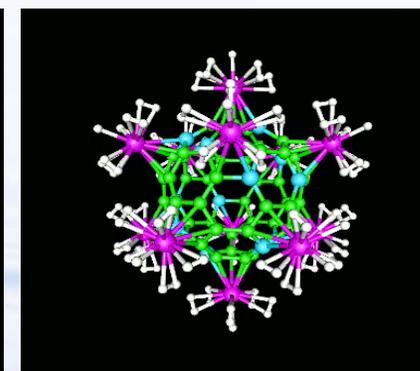
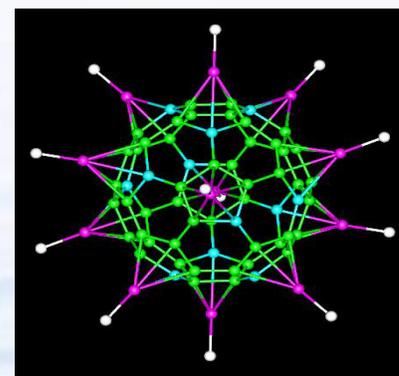
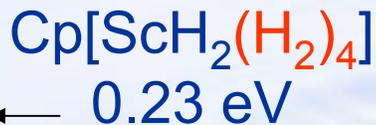
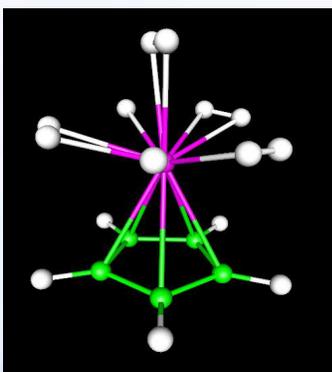
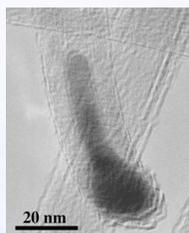


- Doped single-wall nanotubes (SWNTs) synthesized and capacity measured to be ~2.5 - 3 wt.% hydrogen storage
- Binding energies calculated and optimum compounds theoretically predicted for potential storage materials



H<sub>2</sub> Desorption

Iron in nanotube



Potential for 8.8 wt%

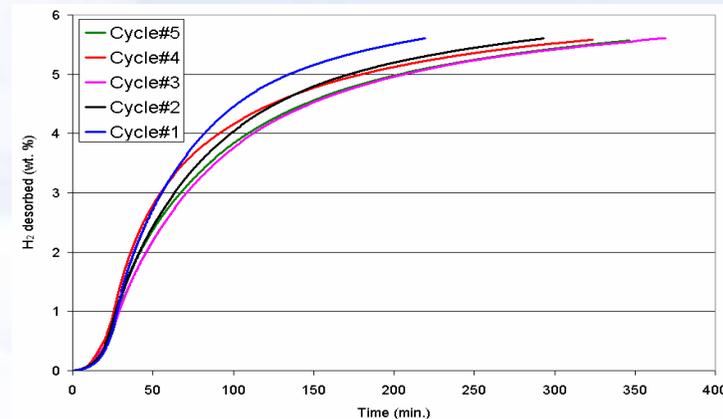
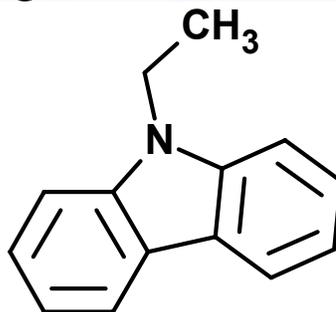


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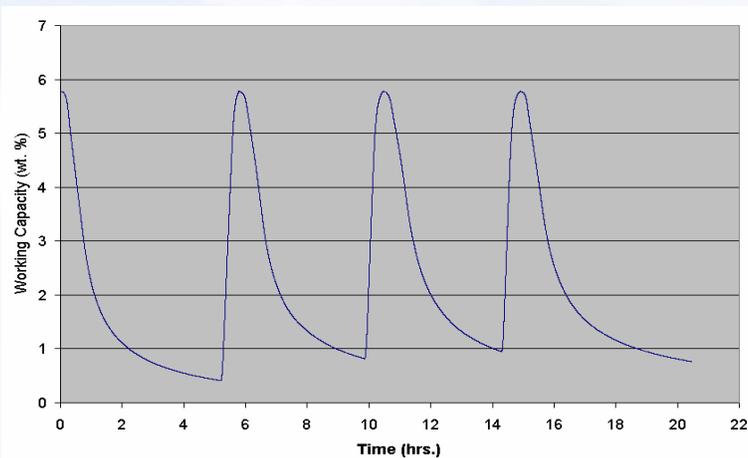
- Identified chemical hydride with 5.5 wt% materials-based H<sub>2</sub> storage capacity

N-ethylcarbazole

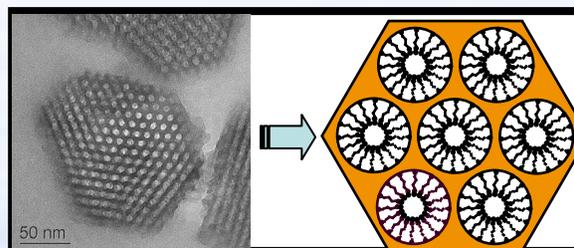


Cooper, Pez, et al, Air Products

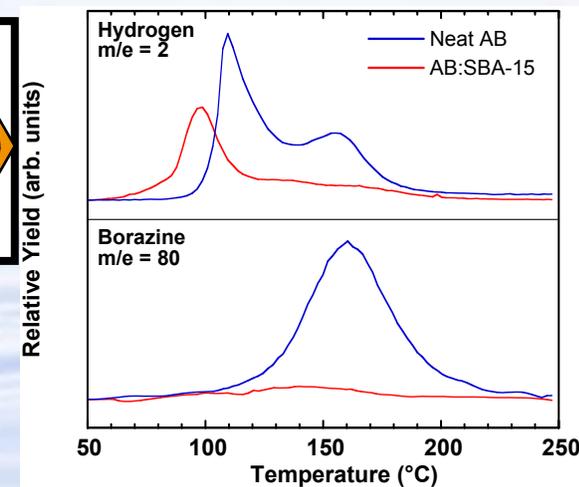
- Demonstrated several cycles
- 40 catalysts screened for dehydrogenation



- Mesoporous scaffolds internally coated with ammonia borane show hydrogen release at < 100 C and reduce borazine formation



Autrey, et al, PNNL





# Independent Testing and Analysis

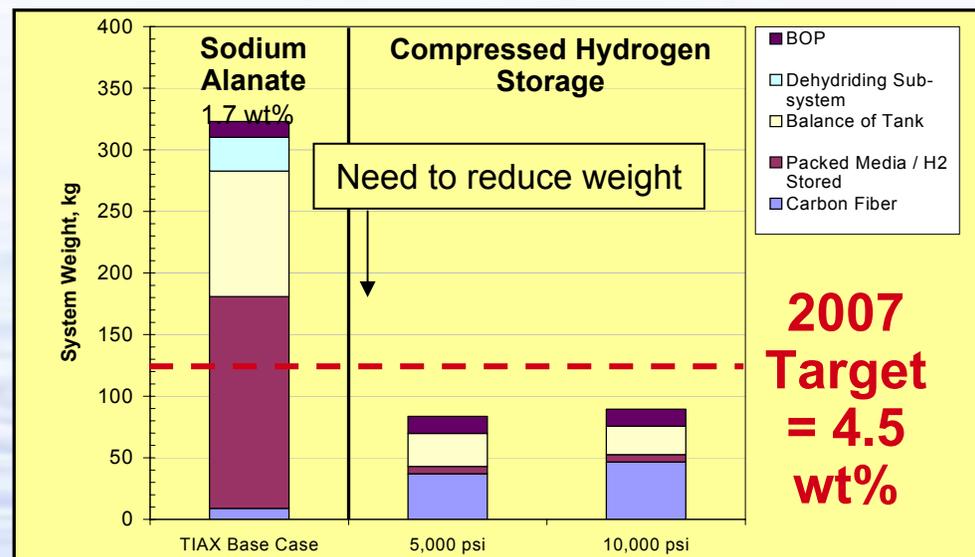


- Standardized Test Facility
  - Independent laboratory, SwRI
  - Construction complete
  - Test protocols developed
  - Website planned
  - Validation underway (double-blind testing)



SwRI

- Storage Systems Analyses
  - Storage Systems Analysis Working Group formed (March, '05)
  - Need for independent analyses: Performance, cost, life cycle energy & environmental impact, toxicity, safety
  - Breakdown of system into components (TIAX, ANL, Quantum, UTRC, Safe H2, Millennium Cell)



TIAX



# Key Activities and Outputs (2005-2006)



## IPHE Hydrogen Storage Technology Conference June 20-22, 2005, Barga, Lucca, Italy



- Forum for Technical experts in hydrogen storage worldwide
- Track global progress- inventory of projects & expertise
- Objectives: Promote leveraging of global R&D
  - Identify and reduce duplication
  - Create and strengthen partnerships
  - Initiate process, identifying clear guidelines for IPHE projects
  - Gather feedback from global technical community on issues to be addressed by IPHE
  - Accelerate collaborative research projects
  - Recommendations to IPHE Committees



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European  
Commission



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### Key Organizers:

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M. Steen, G. Sandrock, M.  
Conte, C. Filiou, S. Satyapal

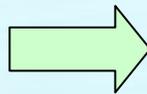
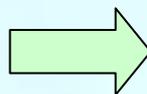
Limited Attendance: [www.iphe.net](http://www.iphe.net) or <http://www.engconfintl.org/5ar.html>



# Key Activities and Outputs (2005-2006)



- Water Availability Model
- Position Paper on Ammonia
- Review Targets & Update
- Purity Specification Guidelines
  - Input to storage systems
  - Output from storage systems

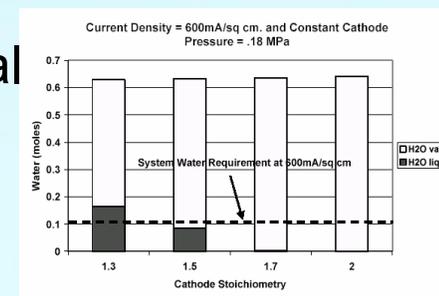


Help guide chemical hydrogen storage researchers

Draft for public comment, June 2005

June-August 2005

Tolerance of storage materials to various contaminants  
Coordination with Fuel Cell, Production & Delivery Program Elements

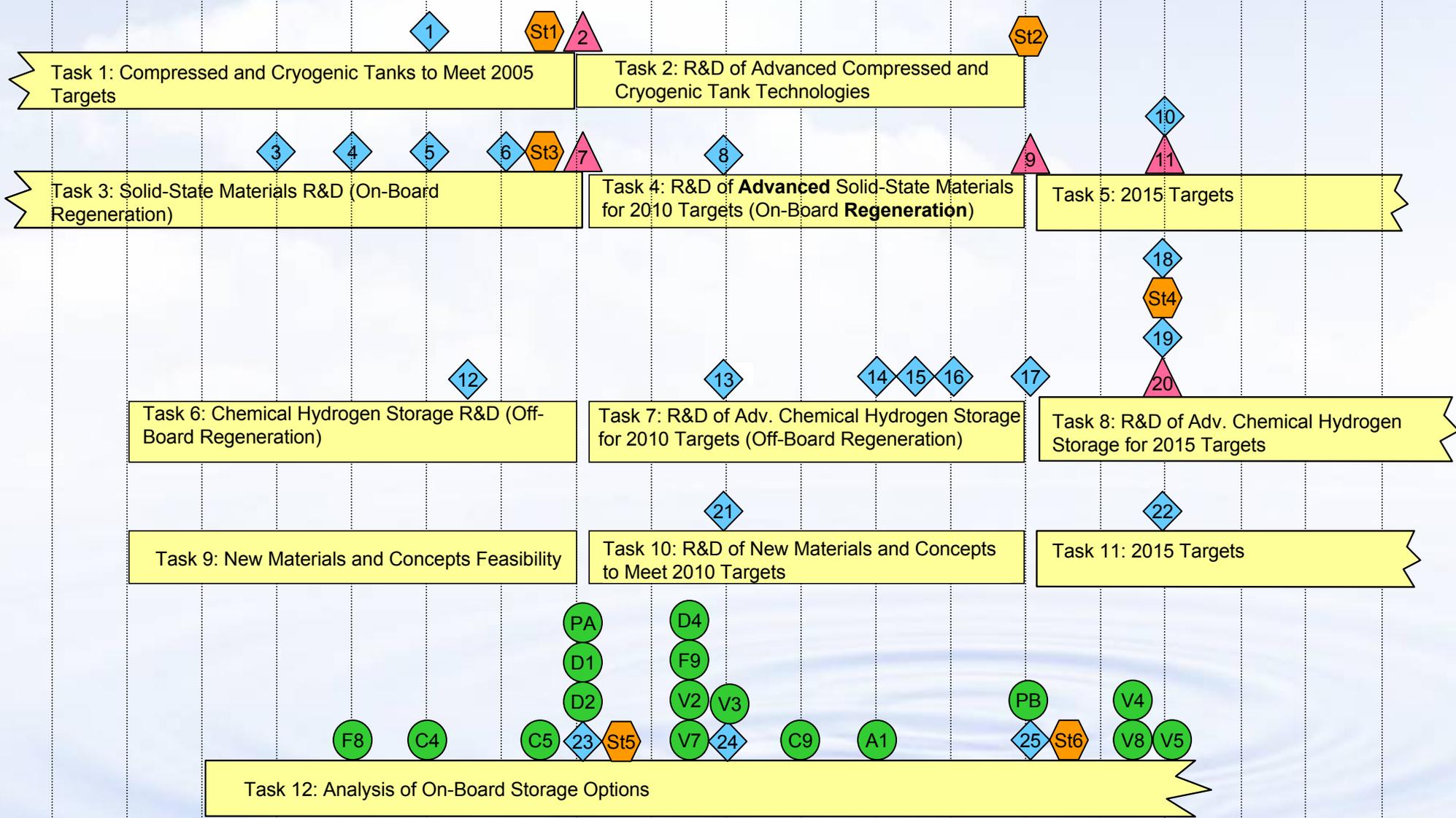




# RD&D Plan- Tasks, Milestones



FY 2003    FY 2004    FY 2005    FY 2006    FY 2007    FY 2008    FY 2009    FY 2010    FY 2011    FY 2012



Milestone   
 Input   
 Output   
 Go/No-go

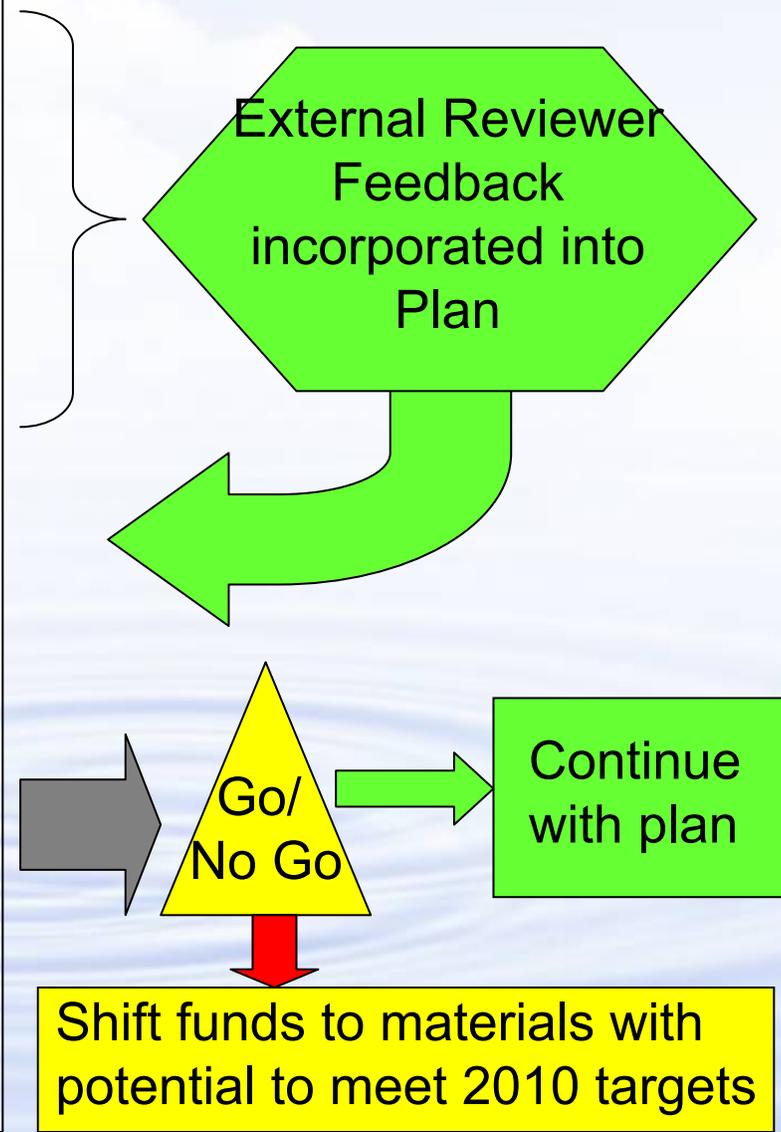


# Go/No-Go Decision on Carbon Nanotubes (4Q FY 06)



## Decision Planning & Implementation

- **Measurement Technique Validation**
  - ✓ Verify storage capacity measurement with 2 different techniques
  - ✓ Verify accuracy with standards
  - ✓ On-site peer review to inspect & verify measurement techniques (Jan. '04)
- **Interim Milestone:**
  - ✓ Demonstrate 3 wt % (materials-based storage capacity - Aug. '04)
- **Interim Milestone:**
  - o Demonstrate 4 wt % (materials-based storage capacity)
- **Milestone:**
  - o Reproducibly demonstrate 4 wt% in external laboratory (4Q FY 2005)
- **Go/no go Point:**
  - o Reproducibly demonstrate 6 wt% (materials-based storage capacity) in *external laboratory* (4Q FY 2006)

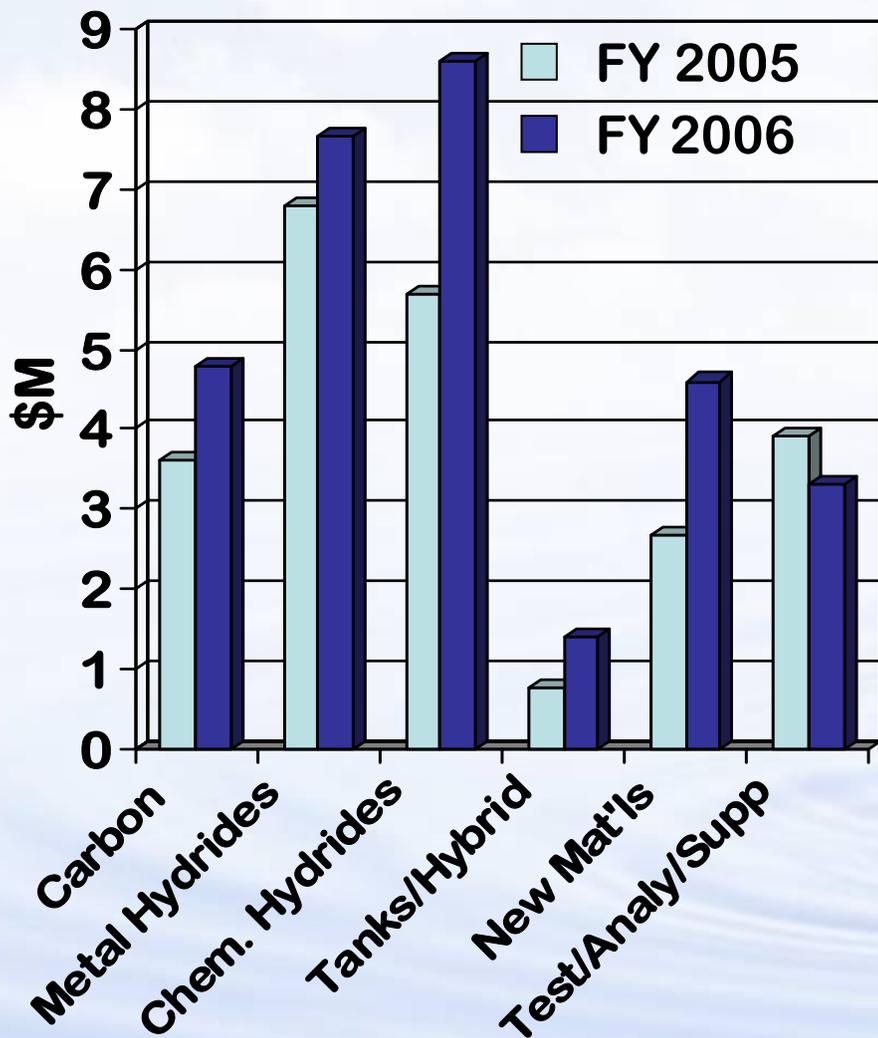




# Budget: FY 2005 vs. FY 2006 Request



**FY2006 Budget Request = \$29.9M**  
**FY2005 Appropriation = \$24.4M**



- **Emphasis:**

- Continue Centers of Excellence and new materials projects to focus on 2010 hydrogen storage goals of 2.0 kWh/kg, 1.5 kWh/liter, \$4/kWh
- Independent Testing & Analysis

- **Budget Distribution:**

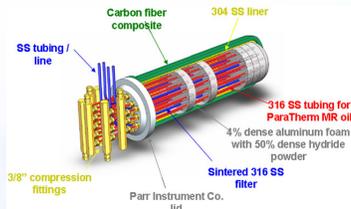
Centers of Excellence	\$16.7M
Independent Projects & Support	<u>\$13.2M</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29.9M</b>



# Key Milestones



**Complete construction of materials test facility (4Q, 2004)**



**Complete prototype complex metal hydride system (2Q, 2006)**

**Go/no go based on 6 wt% storage capacity on carbon nanotubes (4Q, 2006)**

**Down-select reversible metal hydrides (4Q, 2007)**

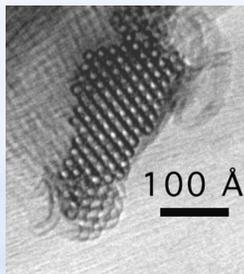
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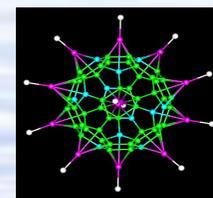
2007

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**Demonstrate 4 wt% storage capacity on carbon nanotubes (4Q, 2005)**



**Down-select regeneration processes for chemical hydrides (4Q, 2007)**



**Down-select new materials / concepts (4Q, 2006)**



# Hydrogen Storage – Future Plans



**Centers of Excellence Kick-off Meetings**

**IPHE Hydrogen Storage Conference Lucca, Italy**

**Storage Systems Analysis WG**

Fuel Cell Seminar, Palm Springs

**Announce new Solicitation Plans (“Grand Challenge” Solicitation\* cont’d)**

**Release Solicitation\***

**Full Proposals Due**

**2005**

**2006**

**Jan Mar Jun Sep Nov Jan Mar Jun Oct Dec**

**Storage Systems Analysis Working Group Launched**

**Annual Program Review**

**Testing Workshop**

**Complete Safety Plans Storage Projects**

**Preproposals Due**

**Annual Program Review**

**Basic Science Theory/Modeling Workshop**

\*Subject to appropriations



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