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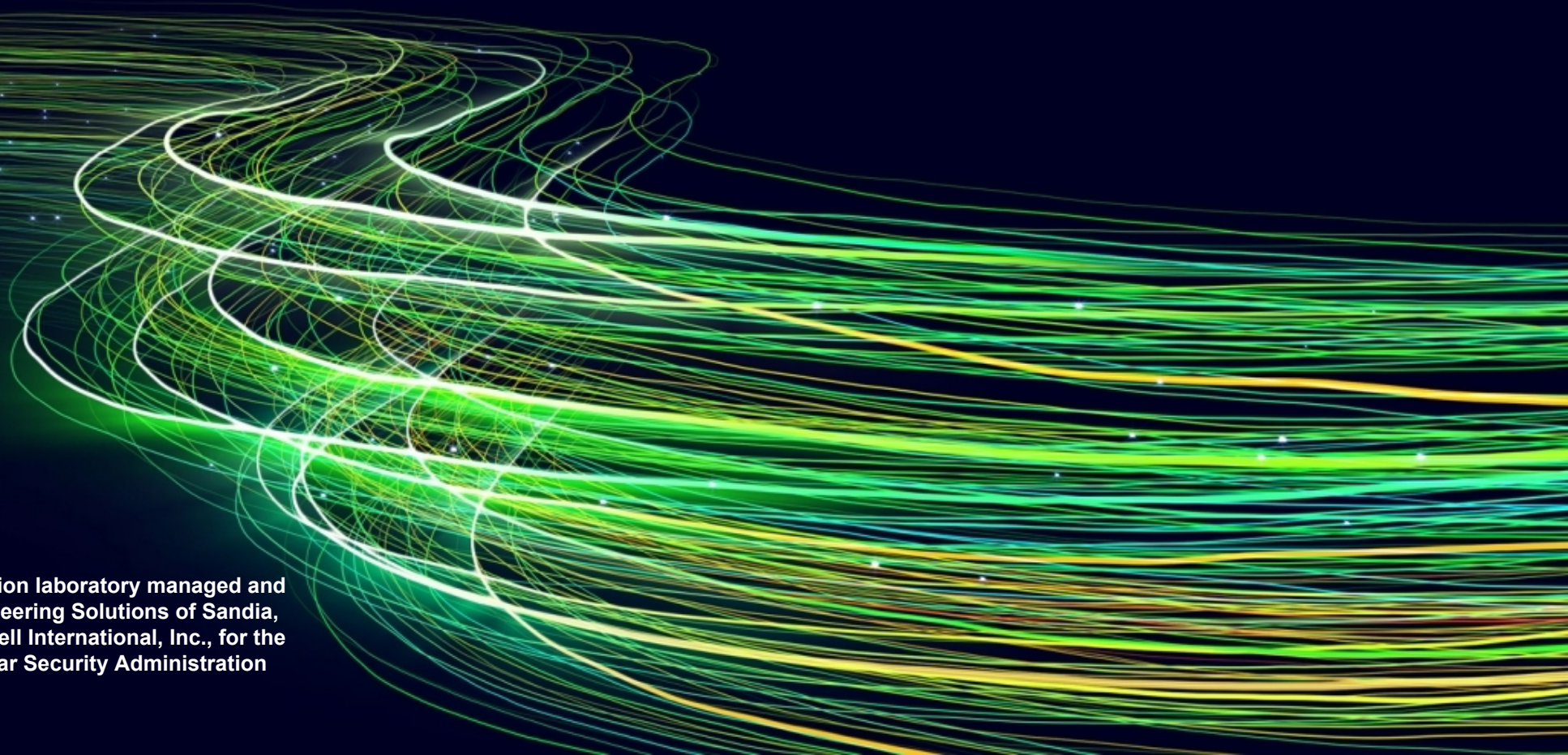
A Net-Zero Energy System for All

# Hydrogen's Role in a Decarbonized Future

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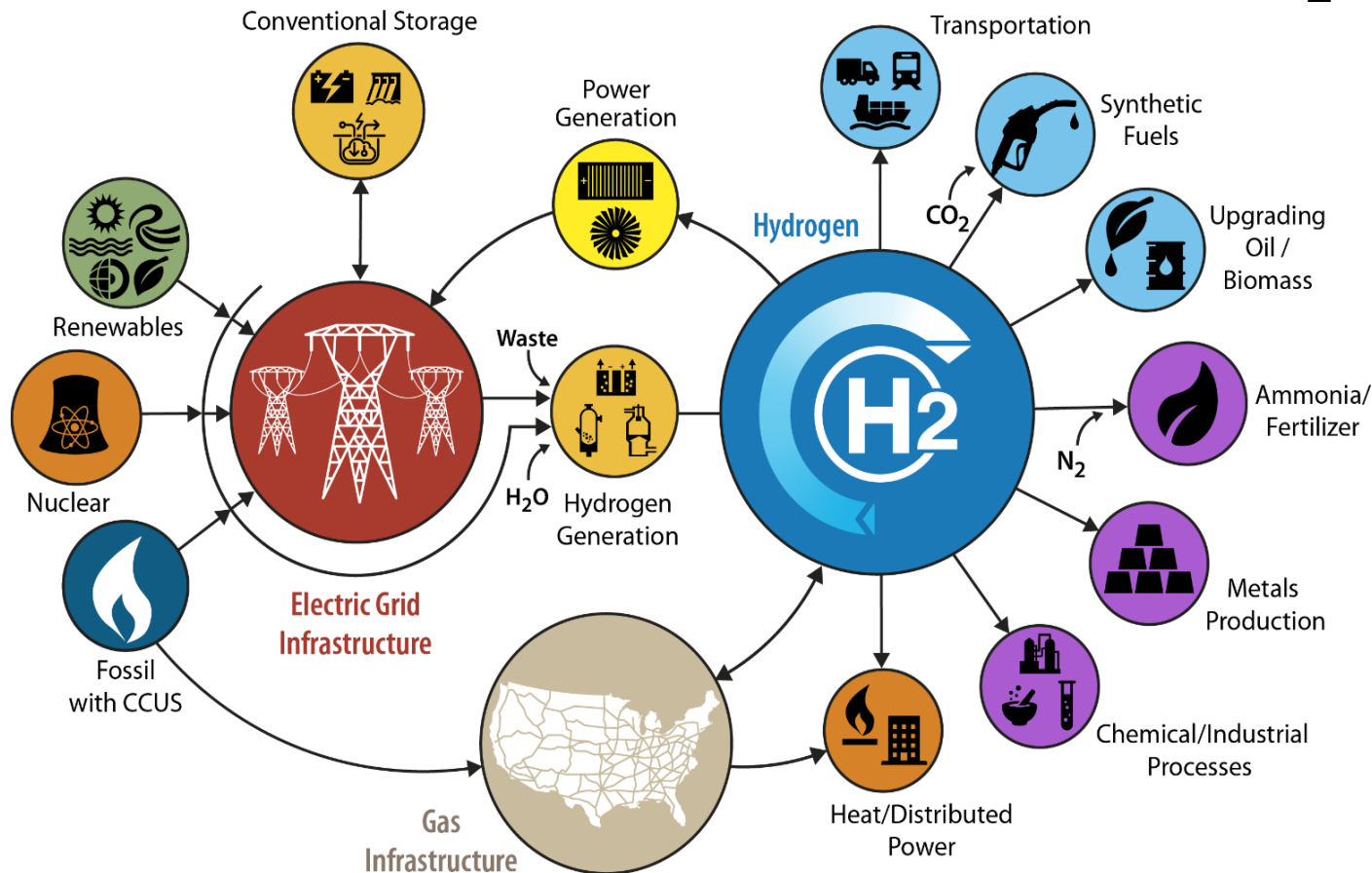
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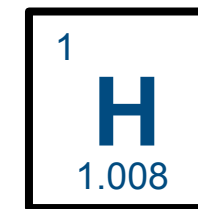
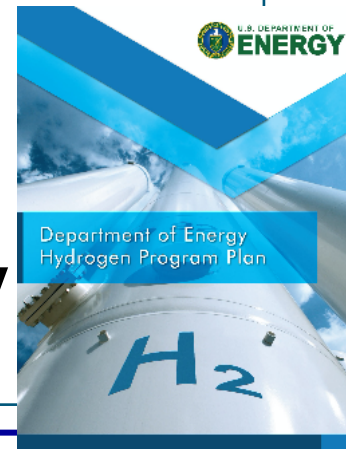
# Hydrogen has utility across sectors

## H2@Scale is the DOE guiding framework to realize potential of H<sub>2</sub>



## Hydrogen Program Plan is a partnership within DOE

- EERE
- Nuclear Energy
- Office of Science
- Fossil Energy
- Office of Electricity
- ARPA-E



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- simple
  - clean
  - flexible



Hydrogen

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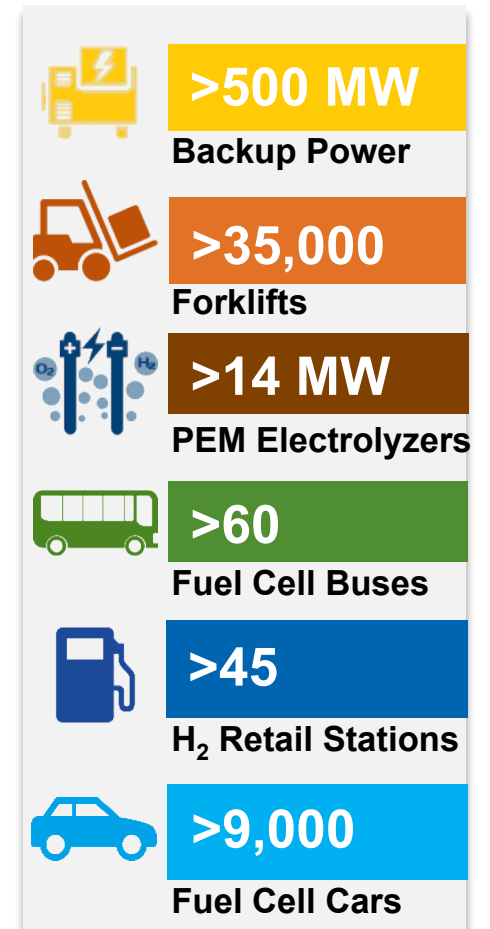
**Hydrogen for  
\$1 per 1 kg in 1 decade**

Announced by DOE Secretary Granholm, June 6, 2021

# What are the challenges of hydrogen?

- Hydrogen technologies are not new
  - Cornerstone of astronautics
  - “Chemical” hydrogen is used extensively (10B kg/yr in US)
  - Hydrogen pipelines exist to serve industry (>1,500 km in US)
- Commercial uses are expanding
  - Fuel cell cars, buses, trains, boats, back-up power, etc.
  - H<sub>2</sub>-powered materials handling equipment
- Non-industrial (green) hydrogen is too expensive
  - Supply chain for non-industrial use is nascent
  - Infrastructure at scale cannot be replaced/developed overnight
- Hydrogen is managed as chemical, not as energy/fuel
  - We need “*non-hardhat*” relationship with hydrogen

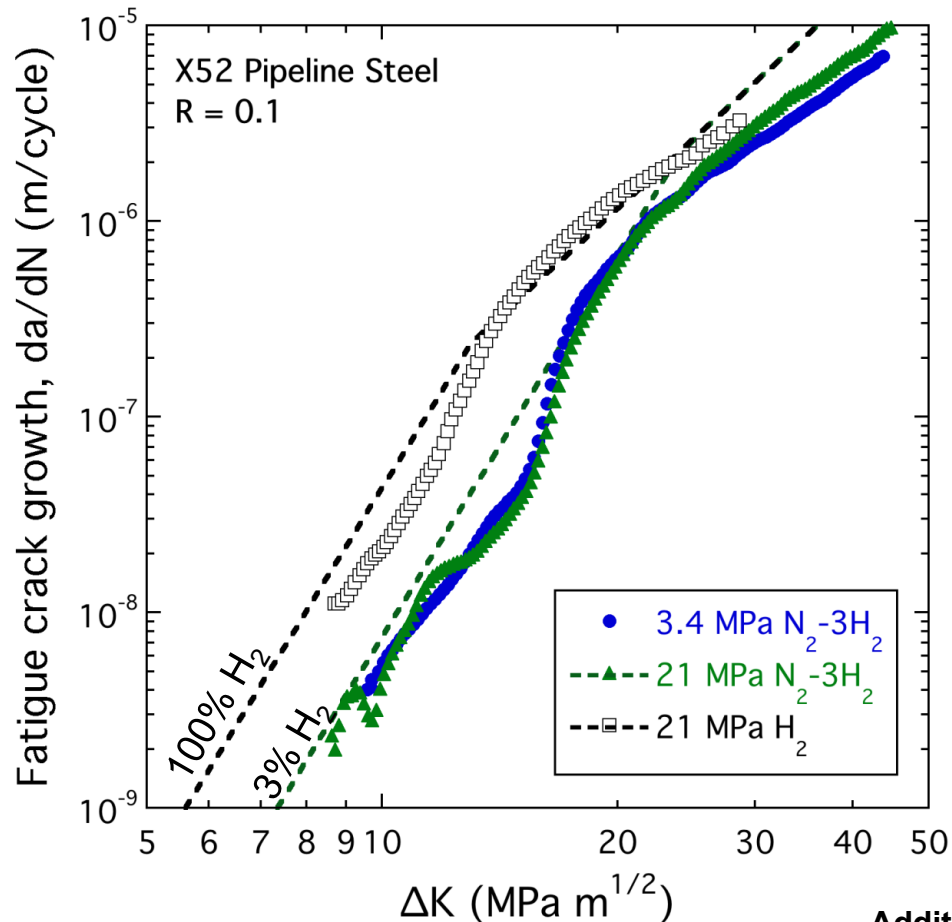
## Example hydrogen technology deployment in the US



Numbers from DOE HFTO Annual Merit Review (June 2021)

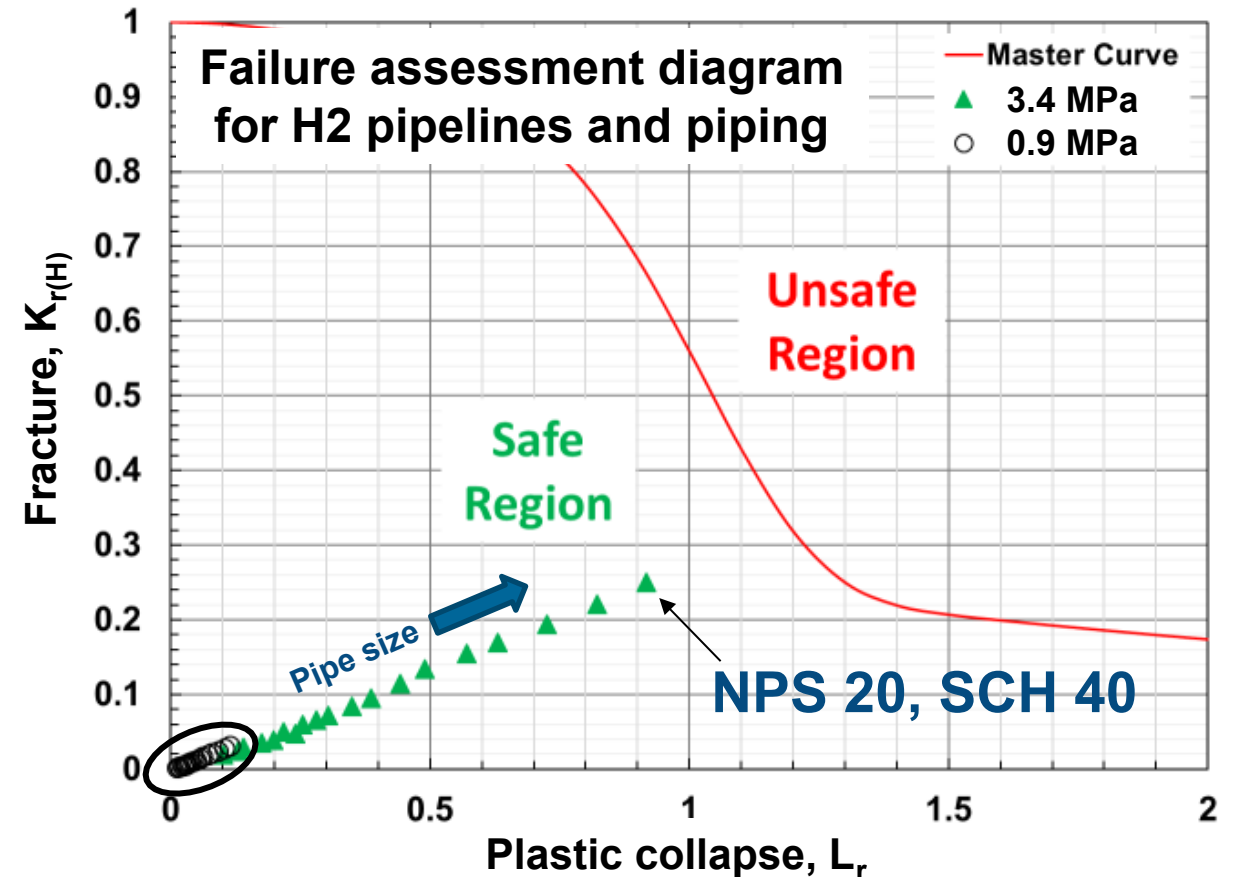
# Hydrogen conveyance @Scale

Materials perspective: H<sub>2</sub> affects steels even at low partial pressure



Additional details: see SAND2021-6869 PE

Structural perspective: Effects of H<sub>2</sub> can be managed in infrastructure



# Hydrogen storage @Scale

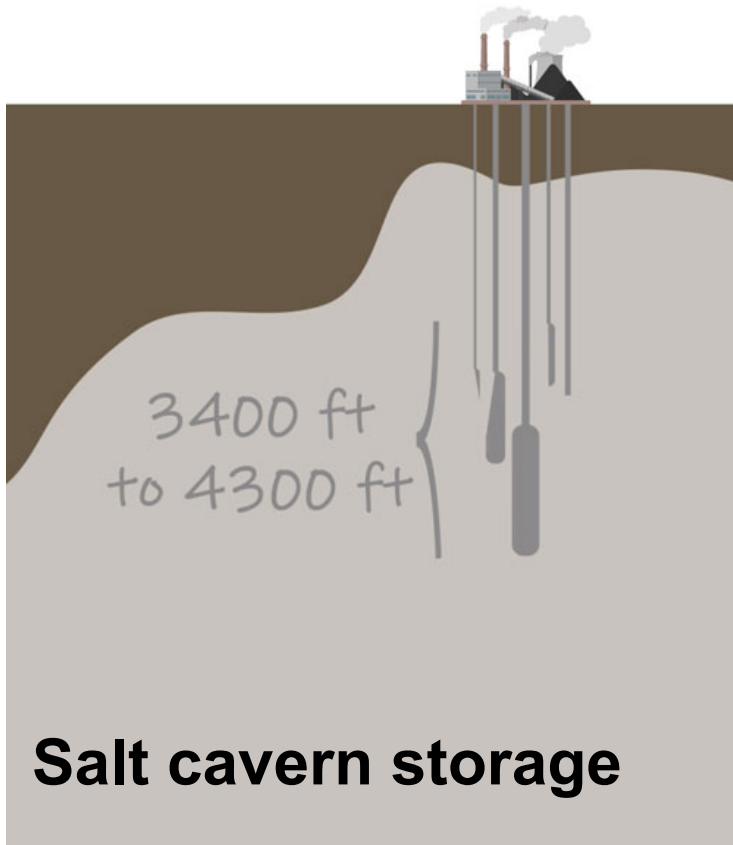


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- How is energy stored @Scale?
- How can hydrogen be stored @Scale?
- H2@Scale will require diverse solutions to store vast amounts of hydrogen
  - Salt caverns
  - Geologic formations (depleted reservoirs, etc)
  - Lined-manufactured caverns
  - Liquefaction (LH2)
  - Hydrogen carriers

**In principle, hydrogen is stored in the same way fossil fuels are stored**