

# Physical Hydrogen Storage and Distribution: Technology Status and Research Activities





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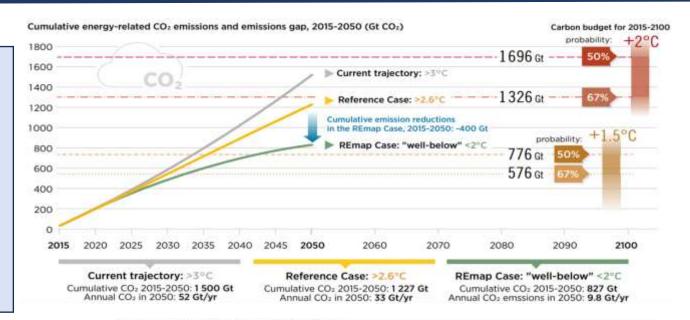
# Climate Change Acceleration

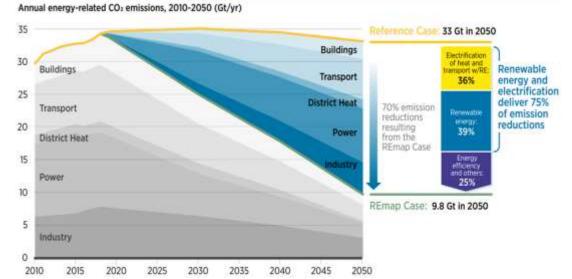
# Climate change is accelerating

- CO<sub>2</sub> emission increased 1.5%/year for last 5 years
- Paris agreement: temperature rise less than 2°C, preferably 1.5°C

## Ways to achieve net zero

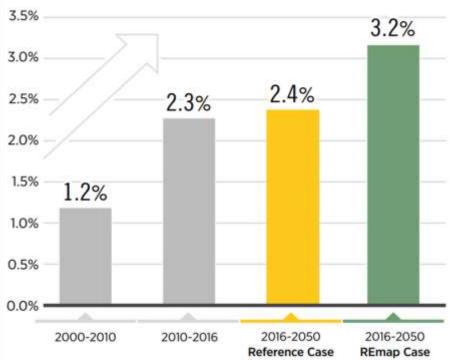
- Energy Intensity/efficiency
- Structural Changes
- Deployment of Renewable Solutions





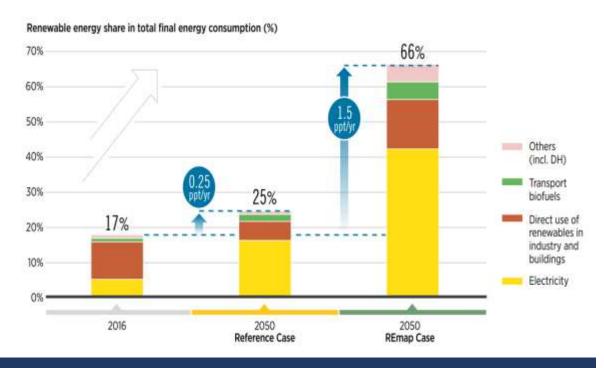
# Projected energy intensity and renewable energy share





Renewables share in total final end-use consumption needs to 66%

The energy intensity improvement rate would need to increase to 3.2% per year. This is higher than the improvements in recent years (2.3%) or projected in the Reference Case (2.4%).



Hydrogen as renewable energy can catalyse disruptive technology to combat global warming

# Why Hydrogen?

#### **Energy Efficient**

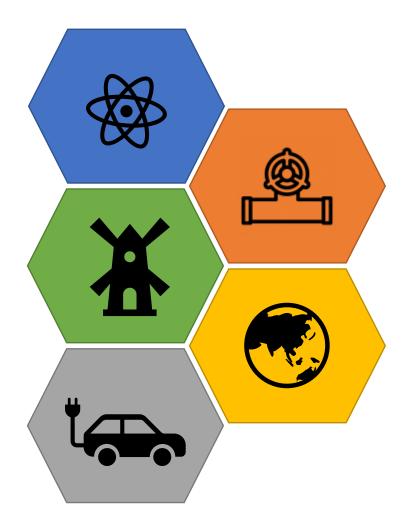
 Gaseous hydrogen contains nearly three times more energy per unit mass than gasoline: 141.90MJ/Kg of H<sub>2</sub> vs 47.40MJ/Kg of gasoline

#### **Zero Emissions fuel**

- Leaves no carbon footprint
- Ideal for future zero-carbon power supply demands.

#### **Fast Charging and Long Usage**

 Hydrogen fuel cells can be recharged in under five minutes, in contrast to electric vehicles takes 30 to several hours for same driving range.



#### Versatile

 Hydrogen fuel cells will be able to supply power for:

Mobile

**Stationary** 

**Transportation**: Pipelines and Tube trailers

#### **Energy self-reliance**

Reduce the nation's reliance on fossil fuels.

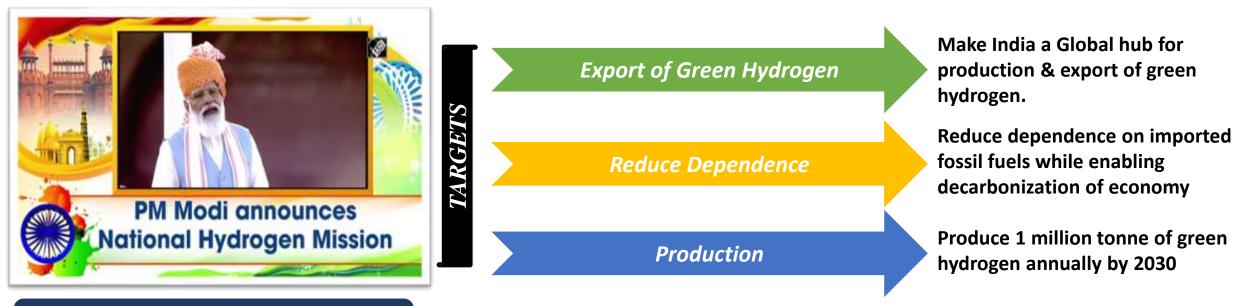


One of the prime objective of the **Nation Hydrogen Energy Mission** 

#### **NHEM**

(National Hydrogen Energy Mission)

#### Launched on 15th August, 2021 by PM of India

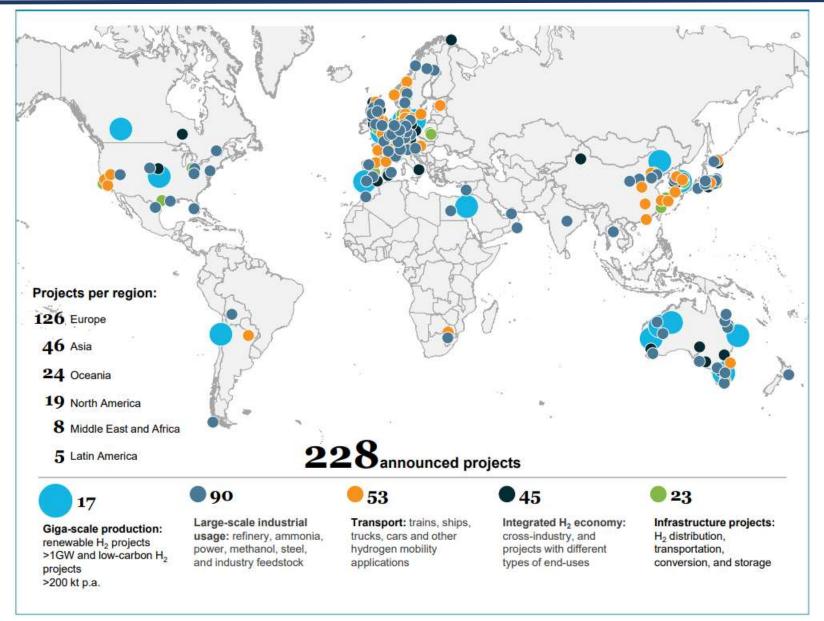


#### **Current Scenario**

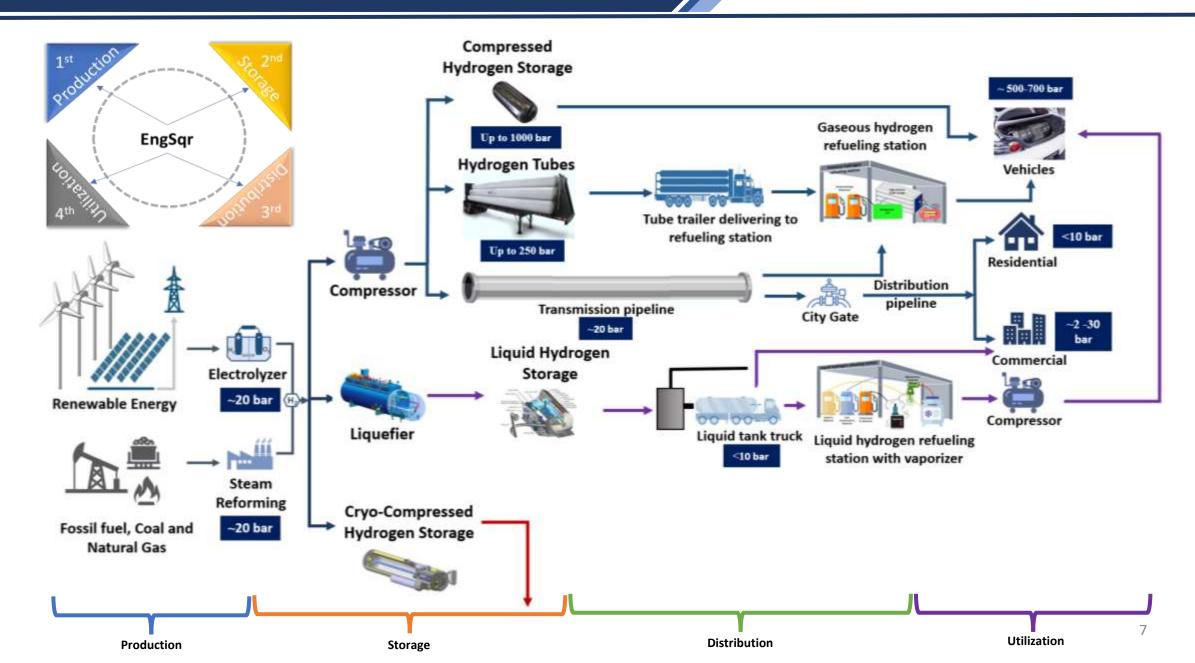
- India's first pure green hydrogen plant commissioned in Jorhat, Assam by IOCL.
  - https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1818482
- A Green Hydrogen plant was inaugurated at L&T's A M Naik heavy engineering complex at Hazira in Gujarat's Surat.

  https://www.larsentoubro.com/pressreleases/2022-08-20-lt-commissions-green-hydrogen-plant-at-its-manufacturing-complex-in-hazira/
- NTPC starts India's first green hydrogen blending operation in PNG network.
  - https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1888334
- Other projects are under progress

# Global Hydrogen Projects



# **Energy Square: Hydrogen Pathways**



# Hydrogen Storage & Distribution: Technical Challenges

**Molecular Size** 

- Smallest in size
- Easily pass through metallic and non-metallic material

**Diffusivity** 

- Four-time higher diffusion coefficient compared to natural gas
- Rapid gas escape forming flammable gas in air

Reactivity

- Highly reactive
- Combines with most elements to form hydride

**Density** 

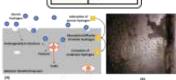
- Seven times lighter than natural gas
- Low volumetric energy density

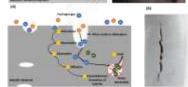
**Flammability** 

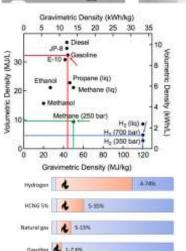
- Highly flammable gas
- Flammability range of 4-74 vol% in air

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Hydrogen Permeation

Fire Safety Issue

Hydrogen Blistering

Hydrogen Embrittlement

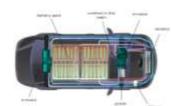
High gravimetric but low volumetric density

Flammable hydrogen clouds formation

# Physical vs Material Hydrogen Storage

Physical Hydrogen Storage

**Easy Thermal Management System** 



**Thermal Management Systems** 

Material Hydrogen Storage

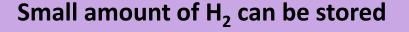
**Complex Thermal Management System** 

**No Catalysts Required** 

**No Chemical Reactions** 

Easy rate of extraction of hydrogen fuel

Safety Problems, High Pressure Storage





**Catalyst** 



**Chemical Reaction** 



**Extraction the hydrogen fuel** 



**Storage** 



**Expensive Catalysts** 

**Unwanted Chemical Reactions** 

Low rate of extraction of hydrogen fuel

**Low Pressure Storage** 

Comparatively higher amount of H<sub>2</sub> stored

# Physical Hydrogen Storage Solutions

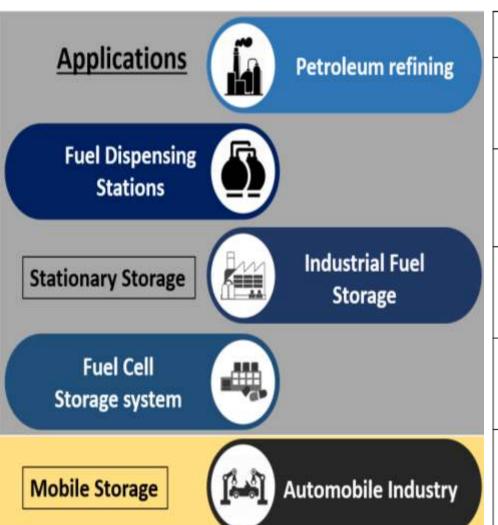


## **Compressed Hydrogen Storage: Pressure Vessels**

Single phase (Gaseous)

Operating pressure: up to 1000 bar **Operating temperature: -40 to 85°C** 

### Pressure vessels are the containers for storing energy fluids under high pressure.



Туре	Vessel Geometry	Description	Material of construction	Operating Pressure	History
I		Metallic vessel	Stainless-Steel, Aluminium, Iron	upto 300 bar	1880 for military use
п	4	Metallic vessel/liner + Composite hoop wrapped	Liner material: Stainless- Steel, Aluminium, Iron Composite Material: Glass, carbon, Kevlar.	No limit	
III		Metallic liner + Composite over wrapped	Liner material: Stainless- Steel, Aluminium, Iron Composite Material: Glass, carbon, Kevlar.	Upto 700 bar	
IV		Polymeric liner + Composite over wrapped	Liner material: Stainless- Steel, Aluminium, Iron Composite Material: Glass, carbon, Kevlar.	Upto 1000bar	2001, 1 <sup>st</sup> prototype demonstration
v		Linerless, Fully composite vessel	Liner material: No liner Composite Material: carbon, other material may be used	Upto 10.3 bar	2010 Developed by Composite Technology Development Inc

# Tank size of hydrogen-powered different sub-sectors of the transportation industry



- Compressed hydrogen gas-powered aircraft for long-duration journeys; Pathfinder and Helios (Curry, 2003)
- Aircraft powered using hydrogen fuel cells; by Boeing, Airbus, etc (<u>Waddington et al., 2021</u>; Y. Zhang, 2022)

https://www.nasa.gov/centers/armstror

g/news/FactSheets/FS-068-DFRC.html

- Public transportation using hydrogen; Chicago, Vancouver, London, and Beijing, etc. (Das et. al., 2023)

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/ar ticles/2022-02-14/hydrogen-cars-andbuses-seize-the-spotlight-at-beijing-swinter-plympic-games

➤ Hydrogen-powered police fleet vehicles; **United States**. (Police, 2022)

> Fuel cell-powered taxis; Europe.



https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy/ news/hydrogen-taxis-could-be-the-nextbig-thing/

# **Break Through Applications of Compressed Gaseous Hydrogen**



https://www.autonews.com/mobilityreport/hyundai-launches-us-hydrogen-fuel-celltruck-strategy

Carrier vehicles operating on hydrogen for lifting purposes; Nikola motors, Hyundai Toyota, Kenworth Truck Company, etc. (Pedrazzi et al., 2022)



https://www.metrorailnews.in/hydrogen-powered-trains/

Hydrogen-powered trains; Germany, under its Hydrail project (Palmer, 2022)



https://www.nrl.navy.mij/Media/News/Article/24981 2/nrls-hybrid-tiger-uav-soars-atdemonstration/#:~:text=Group%202%20UAVs%20are% 20typically,its%20longest%20flight%20to%20date.

Gaseous hydrogen powered air vehicle; Hybrid Tiger, 26hr endurance in 2008 in developed nations like the US, Germany, etc. (Stroman et al., 2018)

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# **Compressed Hydrogen**

Туре	Manufacturer	Mass of gas (Kg)	Working Pressure (bar)	Applications
Type III	Dynetek (Canada) Faber (Italy) SteelHead Nissan Luxfer (UK) Dynetek Worthington Industries Dynetek (Canada, Germany) Catalina composites Vinjamuri Innovations LLC	- 0.39 - 5 - 1.64 - 4.93 - - 230 - 0.46 - 1.71	700 700 700 700 350 350 310 450 -	Heavy duty Transportation Car fuel (FC/ internal combustion vehicles) Industrial gas storage Transport heavy duty
Type IV	Quantum Technologies Lincoln composites Ullit (France) MAHYTEC Hexagon Lincoln	6 1.6 - 1.5 7.5	700 700 700 700 350	Toyota Mirai Light Duty - Light duty vehicles Heavy duty

## **Liquid Hydrogen Storage: Cryo tanks**

#### **Traditional Problems**

- Cryo temperature cause most material to become Brittle.
- Traditional material have higher thermal conductivity.
   Therefore, required more super insulation.
- Heavy in weight
- Low fatigue resistance

#### **CRYOLOR** developed innovative solutions:

- A wide range of sizes: from 20 to 75m<sup>3</sup>
- •High performance, with a Normal Evaporation Rate (NER) < 1 % per day
- •Dedicated design for LH<sub>2</sub> transfer pumps



Single phase (Liquid), Higher storage density than compressed

Operating pressure: <10 bar Operating temperature: -253°C

#### Heat Inleak

Spherical storage tanks to minimize interaction between the tank and outside world.

#### Vacuum insulation

Consists of two walls, with a layer of high-vacuum in between. Provides extremely high insulation value and also help contain leak.

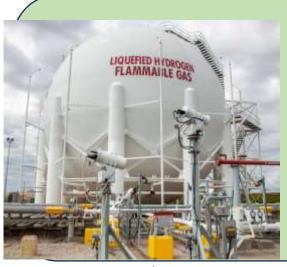
#### • Boil-off Losses

Pre-cooling the cryogenic tank with liquid nitrogen. (Ghaffari-Tabrizi et. al., 2022)

Toray Advanced
Composites developing a long-life, fully composite liquid hydrogen tank for civil aviation.



https://www.innovationintextiles.com/composite-project-for-liquid-hydrogen/



- Super-insulated tanks; manufactured by Air Liquide, Linde, etc.
- Signature fuel for many space programs and satellite launching (Gomez & Smith, 2019; Kang et al., 2022).

Liquid Hydrogen Tank at NASA's Kennedy Space Center since 1966



- ➢ Hydrogen powered commercial rockets; United Launch Alliance, Blue Origin, Boeing, etc.
- ➤ Liquid oxygen and hydrogen as their rocket propulsion fuel; European rocket Ariane 5, Atlas, Boeing's Delta III, and Delta IV (Cecere et. al., 2014)

https://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Liquid\_Hydrogen\_Tank at NASA%27s Kennedy Space Center.png



https://www.esa.int/Enabling Support/Space Transportation/Launch vehicles/Ariane 5

# **Break Through Applications of Liquid Hydrogen**

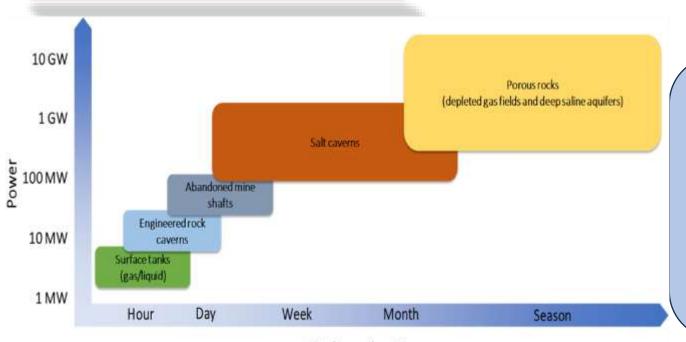
- ➤ Liquid hydrogen powered aircraft for longduration journeys; **Upgraded Pathfinder and Helios** (Turk et al., 2022)
- ➤ Liquid hydrogen powered air vehicle; **Hybrid Tiger,** 48hr endurance in 2010 (Stroman et al., 2018)

Powering non-vital parts of the aircraft using liquid hydrogen; Hycarus project, a coalition between Air Liquide, Zodiac Aerospace, Dassault Aviation, and the CEA (Sparano et. al., 2023)



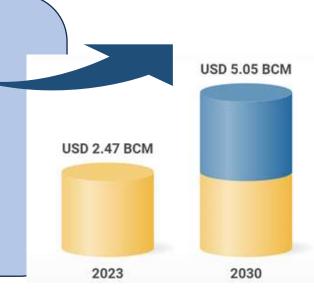
### **Underground Storage**

Excess hydrogen is stored such that it is readily available for its sudden demand or can be set aside without too much processing.



The global underground hydrogen storage market size; expected to reach-5.05 billion cubic meter by 2030.

Market expansion; compound annual growth rate of 10.7% from 2023 to 2030.



Discharge duration

Geological storage options of hydrogen with their corresponding storage power and https://www.globenewswire.com/en/news-release/2023/05/19/2672604/28124/en/Global-Undergrounddischarge time. Ranges for each option reflect variations in storage site size and operational management (e.g. number of production wells). (Miocic et. al., 2023)

Hydrogen-Storage-Market-Report-2023-Players-Include-Linde-Engie-Uniper-and-Texas-Brine.html

- An average cavern is of 60 m in diameter, 300 m in height, and filling pressure of 175 bar can contain 100 million Nm<sup>3</sup> of working gas which is equal to 300 GWh of energy produced by hydrogen (NEA, 2022)
- > Till 2010, there were 642 underground hydrogen storages, most of them were located in North America, including 399 in the US and 50 in Canada.
- Europe was in second place with 130, followed by the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries (50), Asia and Oceania (12), and one facility in South America and one in Argentina (Haratian et al., 2022; Tarkowski, 2019)



Construction of the first green hydrogen storage demonstrator in a salt cavern is underway in **France**.

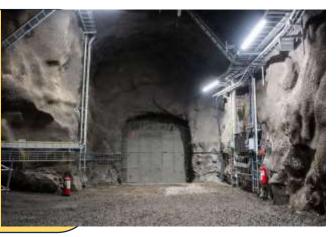
https://hydrogencouncil.com/en/first-eu-supported-large-scale-green-hydrogen-underground-storage-demonstrator-takes-shape/

# Break Through Applications of Underground Hydrogen Storage

The Chevron Phillips
Clemens Terminal in
Texas has stored
hydrogen since the
1980s in a solutionmined salt cavern.



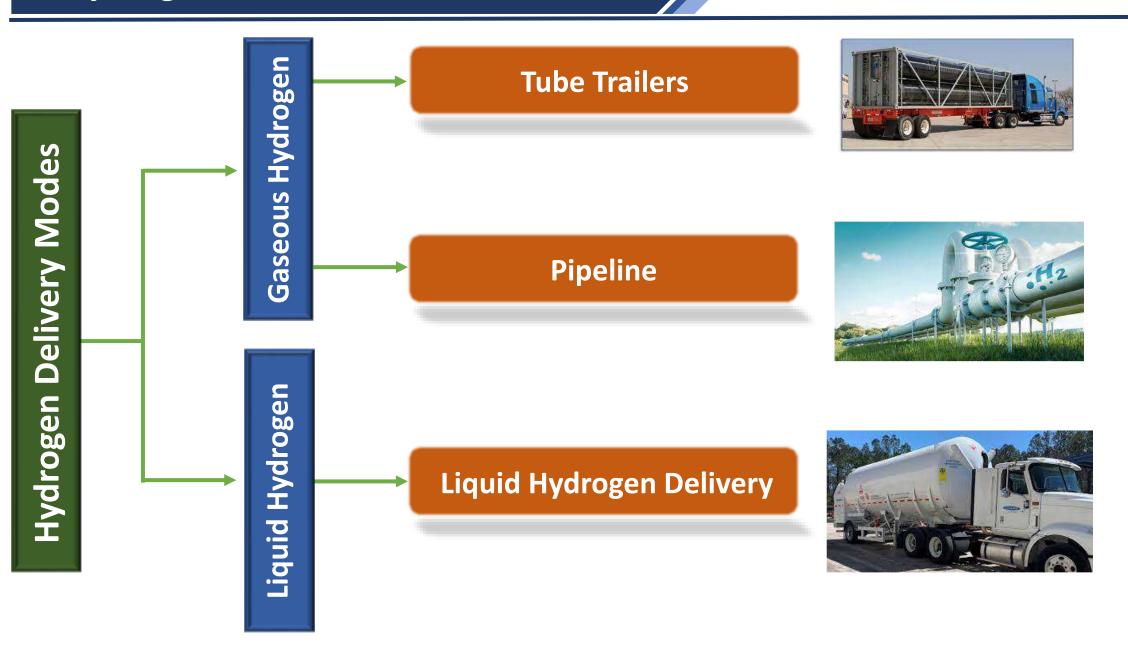
Rock cavern hydrogen gas storage facility; HYBRIT's pilot facility at **Svartöberget in Luleå, Sweden** which will test run until 2024.



https://www.cpchem.com/locations/north-america/brazoria-county-texas

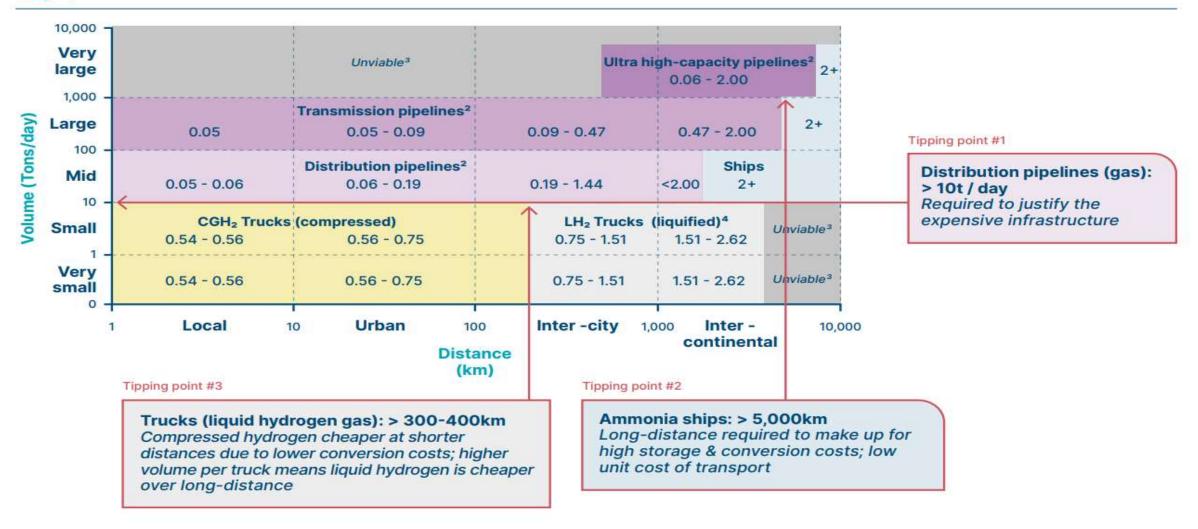
https://www.ssab.com/en/news/2022/06/hybrit-a-unique-underground-fossilfree storage-facility-is-being-inaugurated-in-lule

# **Hydrogen Distribution Solutions**



# Different Modes of Hydrogen Transportation, (EUA, 2021)

Lowest cost form of hydrogen transportation<sup>1</sup> based on volume and distance \$/kg H<sub>2</sub>

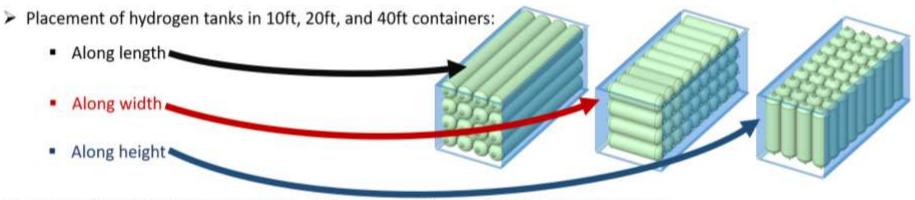


NOTE: 1 Including conversion and storage; 2 Assumes salt cavern storage for pipelines; 3 Ammonia assumed unsuitable at small scale due to its toxicity; 4 While LOHC (liquid organic hydrogen carrier) is cheaper than liquid hydrogen for long distance trucking, it is unlikely to be used as it is not commercially developed.

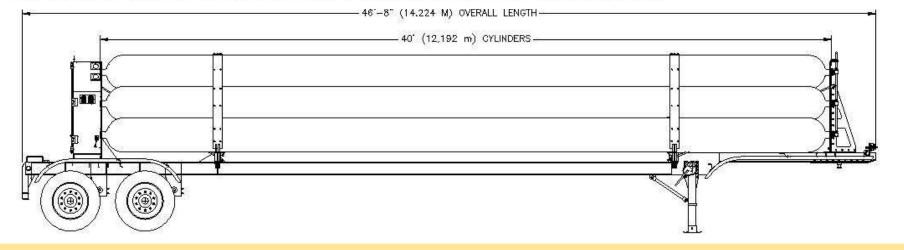
#### **Tube Trailers**

Tube trailers are used for distance up to 350 kms, 142-300 kg H<sub>2</sub>/trailer

Operating pressure: up to 250 bar Operating temperature: -40 to 85°C



#### Tanks attached with valves, manifolds, and necessary fixtures for dispensing hydrogen

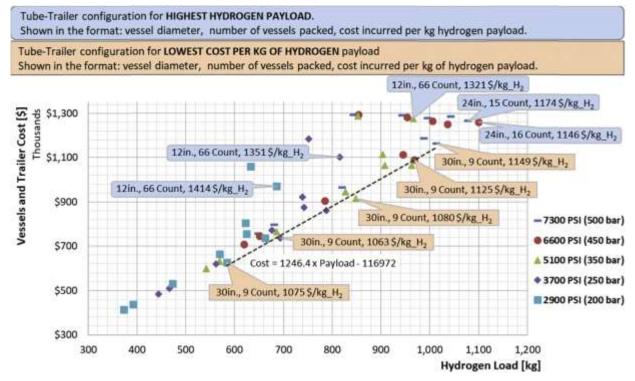


#### **Leading Companies**

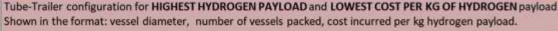
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- •Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc.
- Calvera
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- •Zhejiang Rein Gas Equipment Co., Ltd.
- •FIBA Technologies, Inc
- Matar Srl.
- Weldship Corporation

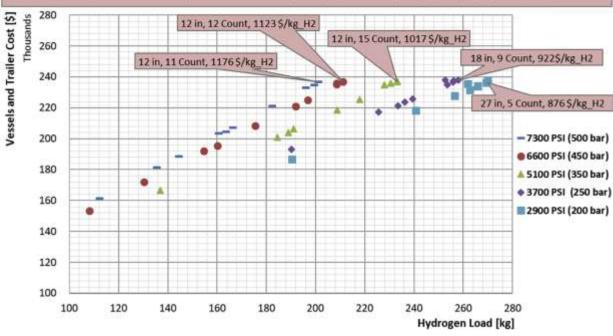
According to Fairfield Market Research, the global hydrogen tube trailer market was valued at US\$ 276.3 Mn in 2020 and is anticipated to be worth US\$498.6 Mn in 2026, registering a CAGR of 10.3% between 2021 and 2026.

# **Tube Trailers cost comparison**



Deliverable hydrogen payload and resulting cost of the trailer and composite vessels for various combinations of working pressures and vessel outer diameters.



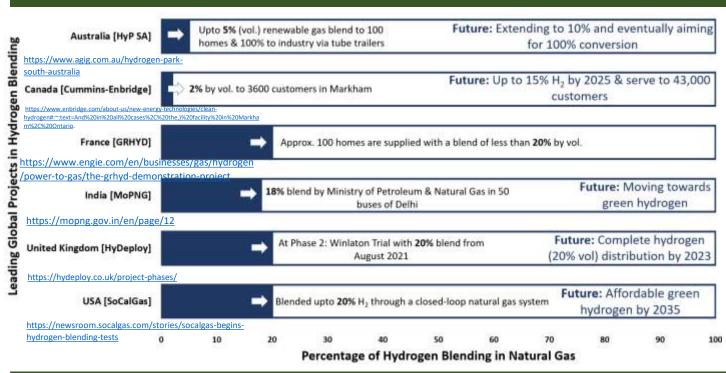


Deliverable hydrogen payload and resulting cost of the trailer and steel vessels for various combinations of working pressures and vessel outer diameters.

- > Composite tube trailers can transport large hydrogen payloads, up to 1100 kg at 500 bar working pressure.
- Steel tube trailer may transport a maximum hydrogen payload of approximately 270 kg. (Reddi et. al., 2018)

# **Pipeline Hydrogen Distribution** through pipeline **Pure Hydrogen** Hydrogen blended in natural gas **Direct Applications** Directly Separated or

#### Global Status of Hydrogen Blending Projects in Natural Gas



#### Indigenous Scenario of Hydrogen Blending Projects in Natural Gas

 GAIL had commenced India's first-of-it's-kind project of mixing Hydrogen into Natural Gas system.

https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1794428

NTPC starts India's first green hydrogen blending operation in PNG network.

https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1888334

**Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL)** plans to conduct testing of natural gas pipelines nationwide for their ability to carry hydrogen.

https://www.projectstoday.com/News/IOCL-to-test-gas-pipelines-for-hydrogen-carrying-potential-soon

## **Pipeline**

#### Transport of gaseous hydrogen over long distances

Operating pressure: up to 20 bar

Operating temperature: -40 to 85°C

- ➤ More than 4,500 km of hydrogen pipelines are already in use worldwide (Capurso et al., 2022), mostly for moving hydrogen between facilities in the chemical process industry.
- The United States' Louisiana and Texas have the longest operating pipelines, followed by Belgium and Germany (Sircar, et. al., 2022).

All-in delivered cost of hydrogen including production, transport and storage, 2050 S/kg H<sub>2</sub> See technical Annex for further information





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https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2017/09/f37/fctowebinarslides\_lowering\_costs\_h2\_pip

Fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) pipelines for the distribution of hydrogen are one possible remedy. The installation costs for FRP pipelines are around 20% lower than those for steel pipelines.

https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-pipelines

Today's research focuses on technical pipeline transmission issues, such as

- the potential for hydrogen to embrittle the steel and welds used to construct the pipelines
- the need to stop hydrogen leaks and permeation and
- the demand for more affordable, dependable, and long-lasting hydrogen compression technology. (Kar et. al., 2022).

## **Liquid Hydrogen Delivery**

LH2 tanks can be used for delivery up to 4000 kms.

Operating pressure: <10 bar Operating temperature: -253°C

- For longer distances, hydrogen is transported as a liquid in super-insulated, cryogenic tanker trucks to distribution sites where it is vaporized to a high-pressure gaseous product for dispensing.
- ➤ Over long distances, trucking liquid hydrogen is more economical than trucking gaseous hydrogen because a liquid tanker truck can hold a much larger mass of hydrogen than a gaseous tube trailer can.

https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/liquid-hydrogen-

delivery#: ":text=Hydrogen%20is%20most%20commonly%20transported,temperatures%20through%20a%20liquefaction%20process."

#### Examples of Liquid Hydrogen Delivery (Ustolin et.al., 2020)

Transportation method	Transport distance (km)	Pressure (bar)	Hydrogen content	Hydrogen amount	Tank volume (m³)	Example
Road	Mid-range distance	Up to 7	100%	4 tons per truck	<64	Air Products delivers LH <sub>2</sub> by means of semitrailer with a capacity of 17,000 gal (64 m <sup>3</sup> ).
Railway	> 103	Up to 7	100%	7 ton per rail car	105	In 2009,  NREL estimated that hydrogen railway delivery might be a more efficient method compared with CGH <sub>2</sub> and LH <sub>2</sub> trucks and pipelines for long distances and large H <sub>2</sub> amount
Maritime	Transoceanic delivery	Up to 7	100%	60 ton per tank	900	LH <sub>2</sub> was transported in 900 m <sup>3</sup> containers onboard of barges to the NASA Space Center during the Apollo space program

Advantages	<ul> <li>Higher volumetric storage capacity than compressed gas.</li> <li>Fewer evaporation losses than typical compression mechanisms</li> </ul>
Disadvantages	<ul> <li>Liquefaction requires complex technical plant.</li> <li>Liquefied hydrogen incurs boil-off losses.</li> </ul>

The world's first liquid hydrogen tanker; launched on the **Suiso Frontier** in **Kobe, Japan**, 2019. (Lloyd'sRegister, 2020).



https://www.hydrogenenergysupplychain.com/supply-chain/the-suiso-frontier/

# Research Activities at IITKGP: Hydrogen Storage

# Type-IV CNG Gas Storage Pressure vessel: Manufacturing and Testing of Developed Prototype Completed

#### Type-IV (CNG)

Sponsored by: GAIL India Ltd. (Gas Authority of India Limited)

Vessel Type : Type-IV (CNG)

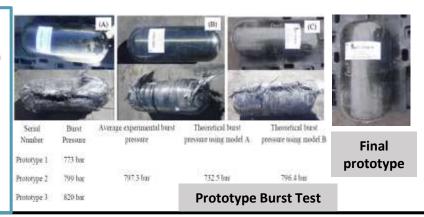
Liner : Nylon-6 Composite : carbon-epoxy

Volume : 70Lt

Operating pressure: 350 bar Burst Pressure : >750 bar

Driving Range : 149Km

Patent granted: 2020



# Type-III H<sub>2</sub> Gas Storage Pressure vessel: Manufacturing and Testing of Developed Prototype Ongoing

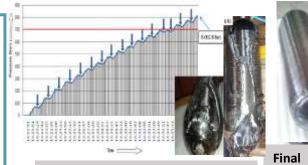
#### Type-III (H<sub>2</sub>)

Sponsored by: IOCL (Indian Oil Corporation Ltd)

Vessel Type : Type-III (H<sub>2</sub>)
Liner : Aluminium Alloy
Composite : carbon-epoxy

Volume : 57Lt
Operating pressure: 350 bar
Burst Pressure :>700 bar
Driving Range : 177Km

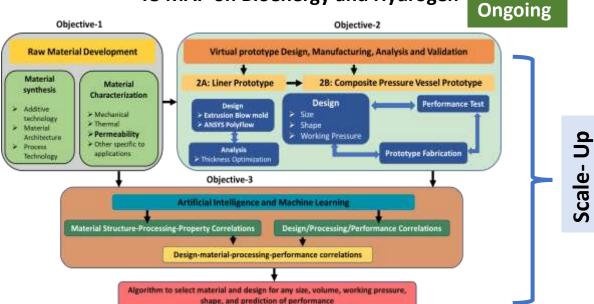
Patent filed : 2021 (Under revision)



Prototype Burst Test prototype

**Ongoing** 

**IC-MAP** on Bioenergy and Hydrogen



#### Liner Development Technology: Type-IV



- HDPE/PA6/PET are common materials for liner.
- HDPE and PA6(Ube nylon 1218IU and DSM FEL 40HP\* are commercialised materials.
- Low hydrogen gas permeability (ISO 15869/ISO 15105/ASTM 1434)
- Manufacturing
- Blow mold [A]
- Roto mold [B]
- Injection mold







Blow mold in ANSYS

Roto molded

# Research Activities at IITKGP: Hydrogen Distribution

Ongoing

#### **H<sub>2</sub> Distribution System: Composite Tube trailer**

#### **Composite Tubes**

Vessel Type : Type-IV  $(H_2)$ 

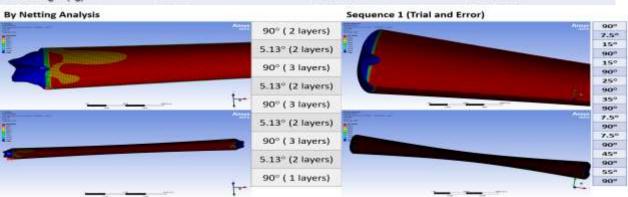
Liner : HDPE

Composite : carbon-epoxy

Volume : 3257 m<sup>3</sup> Operating pressure : 175 bar

Burst Pressure : >412 bar

	Simulated Composite Tube Trailer	Designed By Netting Analysis	Commercial Metallic Tube Trailer		
Maximum Allowable Working Pressure (bar)	175	175	175		
Tube Length	10.97 m	10.97 m	10.97 m		
Tube Diameter	22 in	22 in	22 in		
Capacity (m³)	2643	2643	3257		
Number of Winding Layers	18	20	•		
Tube Weight (kg)	374.97	413.65	1945.911		



#### H<sub>2</sub> Distribution System: Composite Pipeline

Parameters	Glass-fiber reinforced pipes		
Inner Diameter	110 mm		
Length	450 mm		
Wall Thickness	3.8 mm		
Composite	E-glass fiber and Epoxy		

Ongoing

FEA Simulation of Pipe	Winding Angles	Experimental Burst Pressure (Mpa)	Simulated Burst Pressure(Mpa)
	[±45] <sub>3s</sub>	-	30.78
	[±55] <sub>3s</sub>	5.6	34.44
-	[±63] <sub>3s</sub>	3.4	36.19
Analysis	[±63/±45/±55]	2.3	29.37

- Burst Performance
- Tensile and compressive characteristics
- Fatigue behavior
- Impact response

# Knowledge Base and Infrastructure Developed at CAL, IITKGP

#### **Composite material characterisation facility**

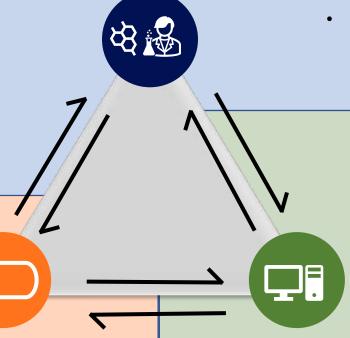
technology

- Density (ISO 1183)
- Fiber volume fraction (ASTM D2584)
- Hoop tensile strength: NOL ring (ASTM D2290)
- Tensile strength with thermal condition (ASTM D3039)
- Poisson's ratio
- Compressive strength (ASTM D14126)
- Flexural strength (ASTM D14125)
- Resin cure kinetics: DSC
- Fracture toughness (ASTM D15024)

#### Manufacturing technology

- Filament winding
  - Winding speed
  - Winding band width Manufacturing
  - Winding tension
  - Fiber volume fraction
- Liner forming technology
  - Roto mold: polymeric liner
  - Spinning: metallic liner

# Material characterisation /methodology



#### Liner material characterisation facility

- High pressure hydrogen gas permeability test (up to 200 bar)
- Molecular weight: GPC
- Rheological properties: DMTA

#### Virtual platform for design and performance

- Optimisation of winding layers: hoop and helical layers
- Optimisation of winding parameters
  - Winding angle/tension/band width
- Optimisation of liner geometry

# Virtual processing /testing platform

- Burst pressure analysis/ Fatigue analysis/ Fracture analysis
- Al & ML to create correlation among material, design, and performance.
- Resin flow out mold
- Polymeric liner forming technique

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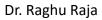


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