

# The U.S. Hydrogen Program

*Working Toward a Hydrogen Future*

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# **Drivers, Benefits, Timeline**

# 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."

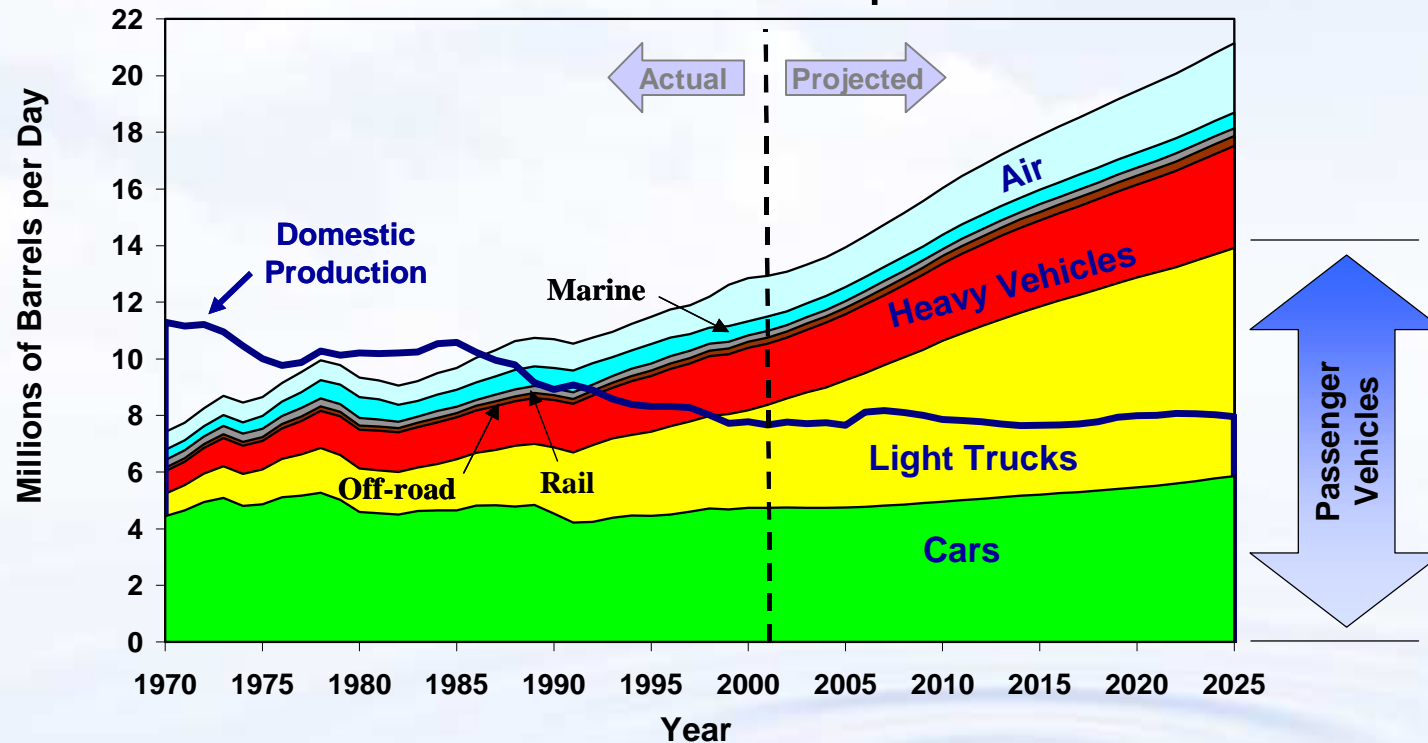
"Join me in this important innovation to make our air significantly cleaner, and our country much less dependent on foreign sources of energy."

**President George W. Bush  
2003 State of the Union Address  
January 28, 2003**



# U.S. Energy Dependence is Driven By Transportation

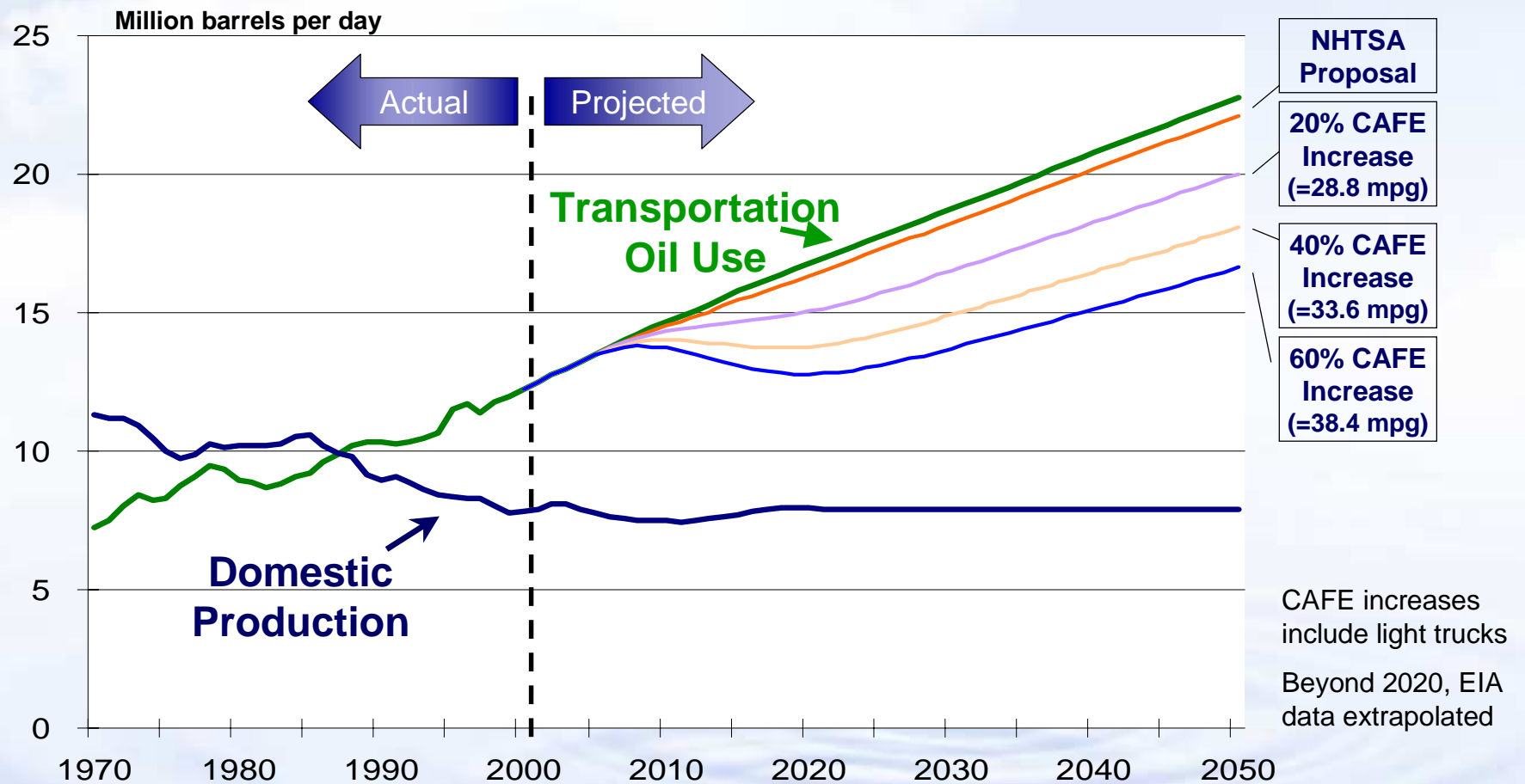
## US Oil Use for Transportation



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.

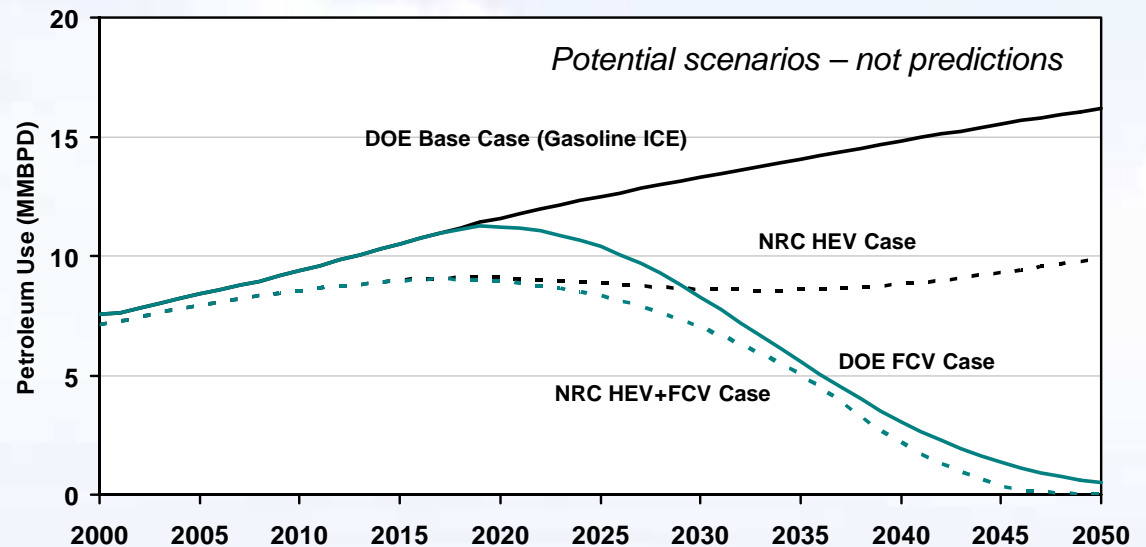
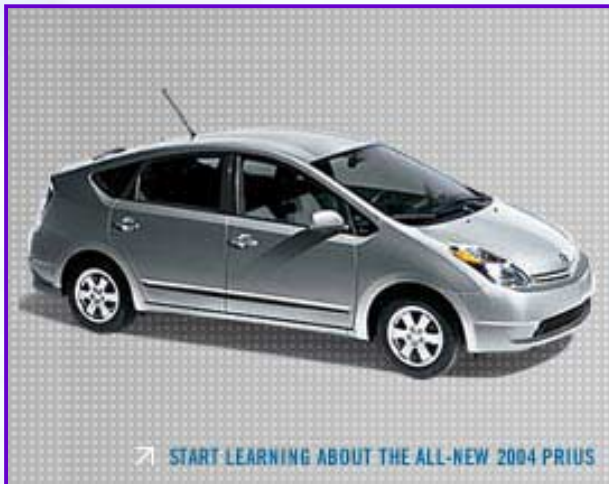
# Increasing Fuel Economy Helps Reduce Oil Use in Near Term, but Substitution for Petroleum is Required for Long-term Energy Independence



**DOE is promoting hybrid vehicles in near-term and hydrogen research for long-term.**

# Hybrids are a Bridge

***Hybrid vehicles are a bridge technology that can reduce pollution and our dependence on foreign oil until long-term technologies like hydrogen fuel cells are market-ready.***



## Hybrid/Hydrogen FCV Strategy

- Near-term focus on hybrids
- Transition Phase to Hydrogen - decentralized H<sub>2</sub> production from distributed natural gas
- Long-term hydrogen fuel production from diverse domestic carbon-free sources such as renewables, nuclear, and coal with sequestration.

# Hydrogen is the Key to a Secure and Clean Energy Future

## •Energy Security

Can be produced from a variety of domestic sources

## •Environmental

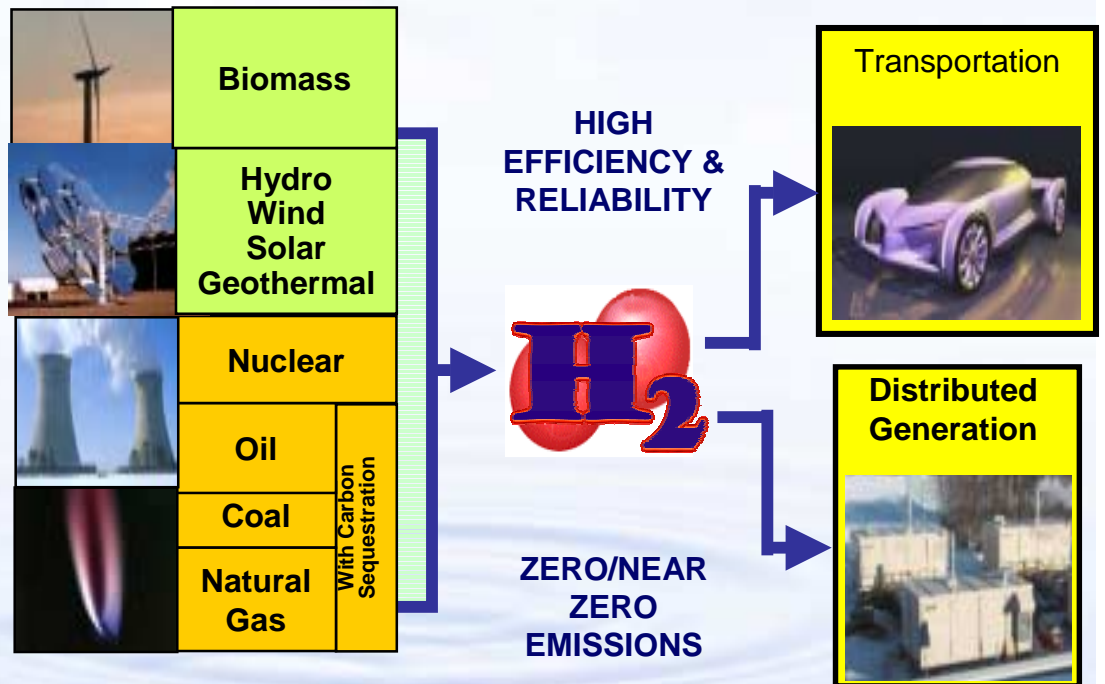
Criteria pollutants from mobile sources eliminated

Emissions from stationary H<sub>2</sub> production sites easier to control

Greenhouse gas emissions significantly reduced

## •Economic Competitiveness

Abundant, reliable, and affordable energy is an essential component in a healthy, global economy.



# Hydrogen Infrastructure and Fuel Cell Technologies put on an Accelerated Schedule

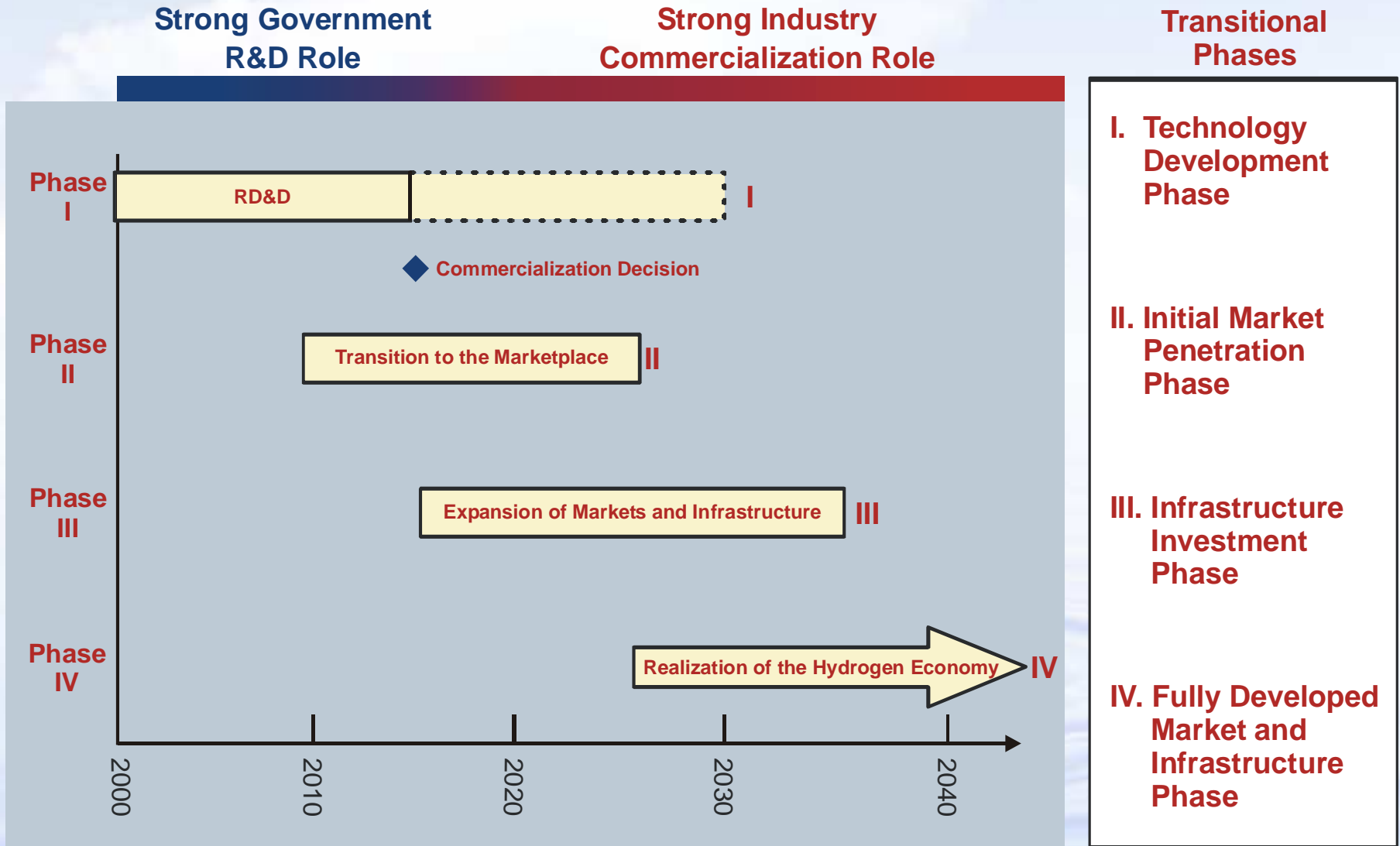
- **President Bush commits a total \$1.7 billion over first 5 years:**
  - ❖ \$1.2 billion for hydrogen and fuel cells RD&D (\$720 million in new money)
  - ❖ \$0.5 billion for hybrid and vehicle technologies RD&D
- **Accelerated, parallel track enables industry commercialization decision by 2015.**

***Fuel Cell Vehicles in the Showroom  
and Hydrogen at Fueling Stations  
by 2020***





# Timeline for the Hydrogen Economy





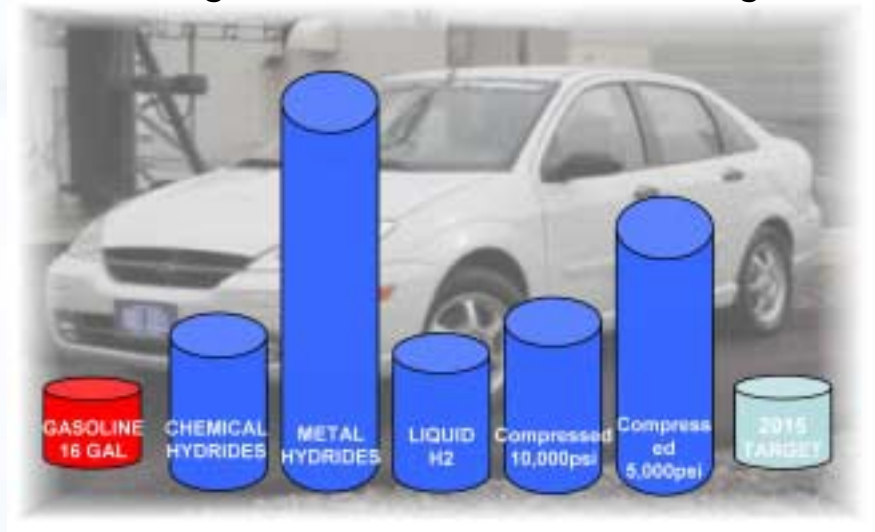
# Challenges

# Barriers to a Hydrogen Economy

## Critical Path Technology Barriers:

- Hydrogen Storage (>300 mile range)
- Hydrogen Production cost (\$1.50 - 2.00 per gge)
- Fuel Cell cost (<\$50 per kW)

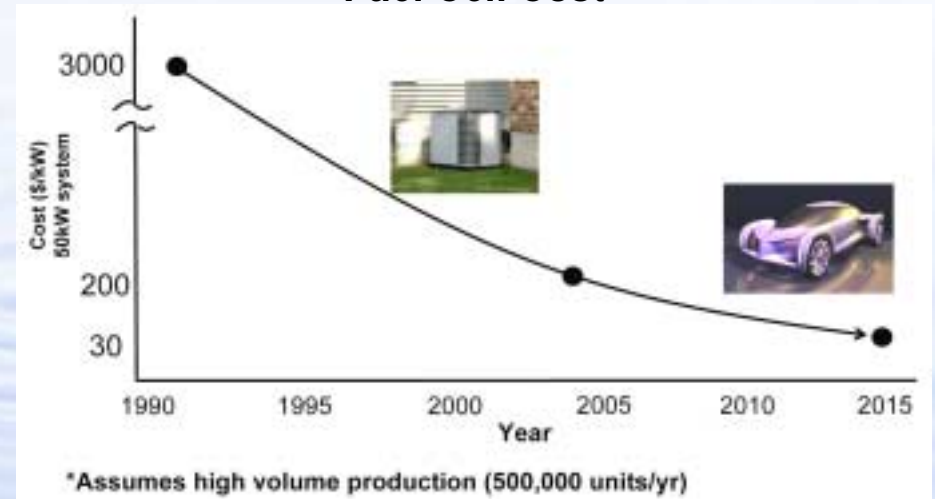
Storage Volume for >300 Mile Range



## Economic/Institutional Barriers:

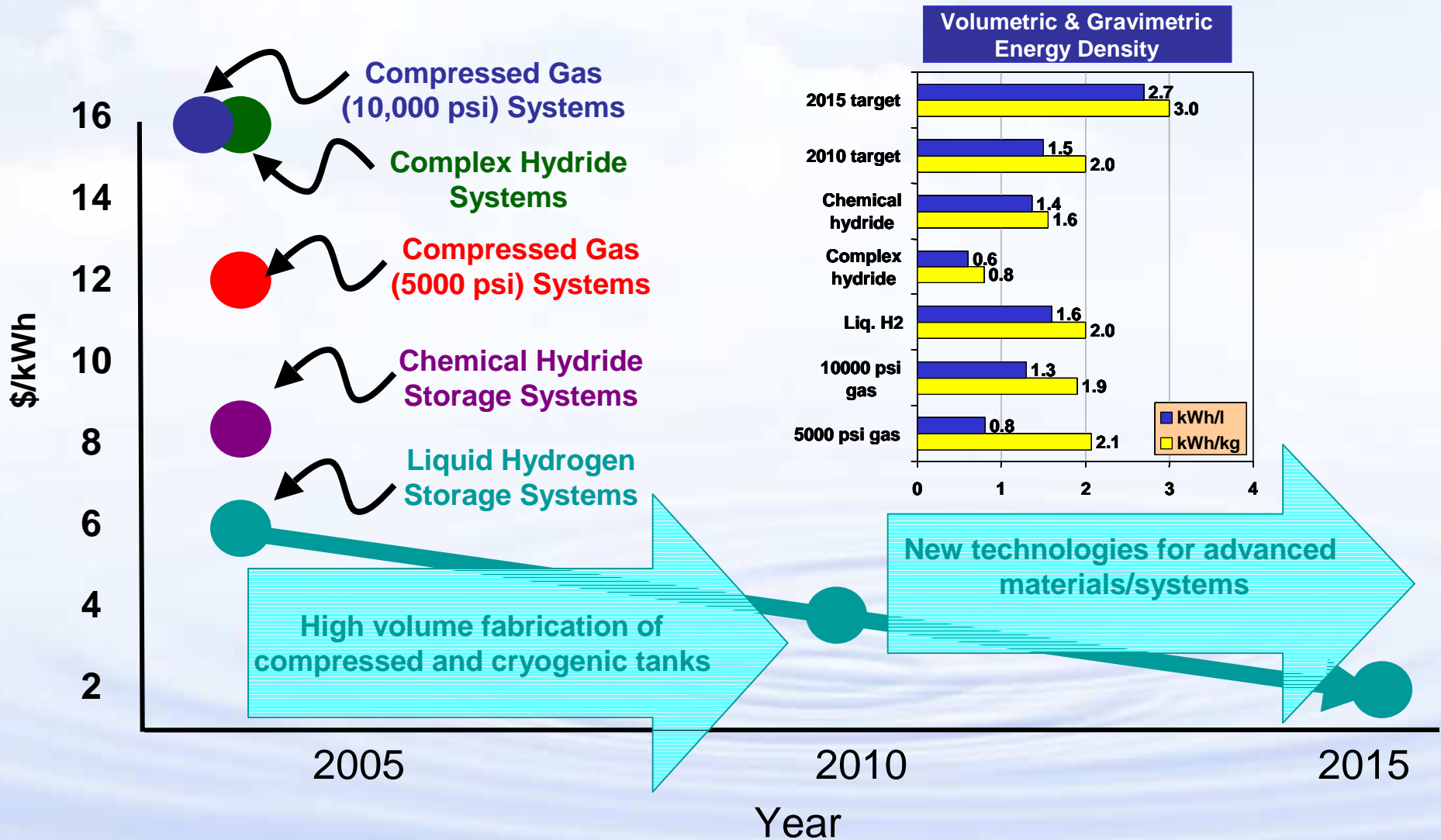
- Safety, Codes and Standards (Safety and global competitiveness)
- Hydrogen Delivery (Investment for new distribution infrastructure)
- Education

Fuel Cell Cost



# Hydrogen Storage

3-8X gap between today's storage system cost and target

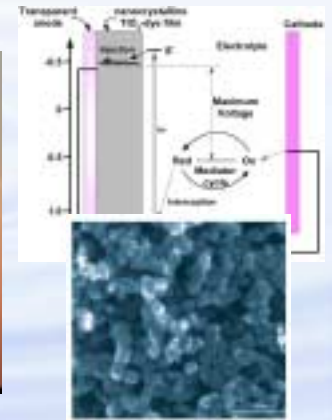


# H<sub>2</sub> Production Strategies

**Distributed natural gas and electrolysis economics are important for the “transition”**

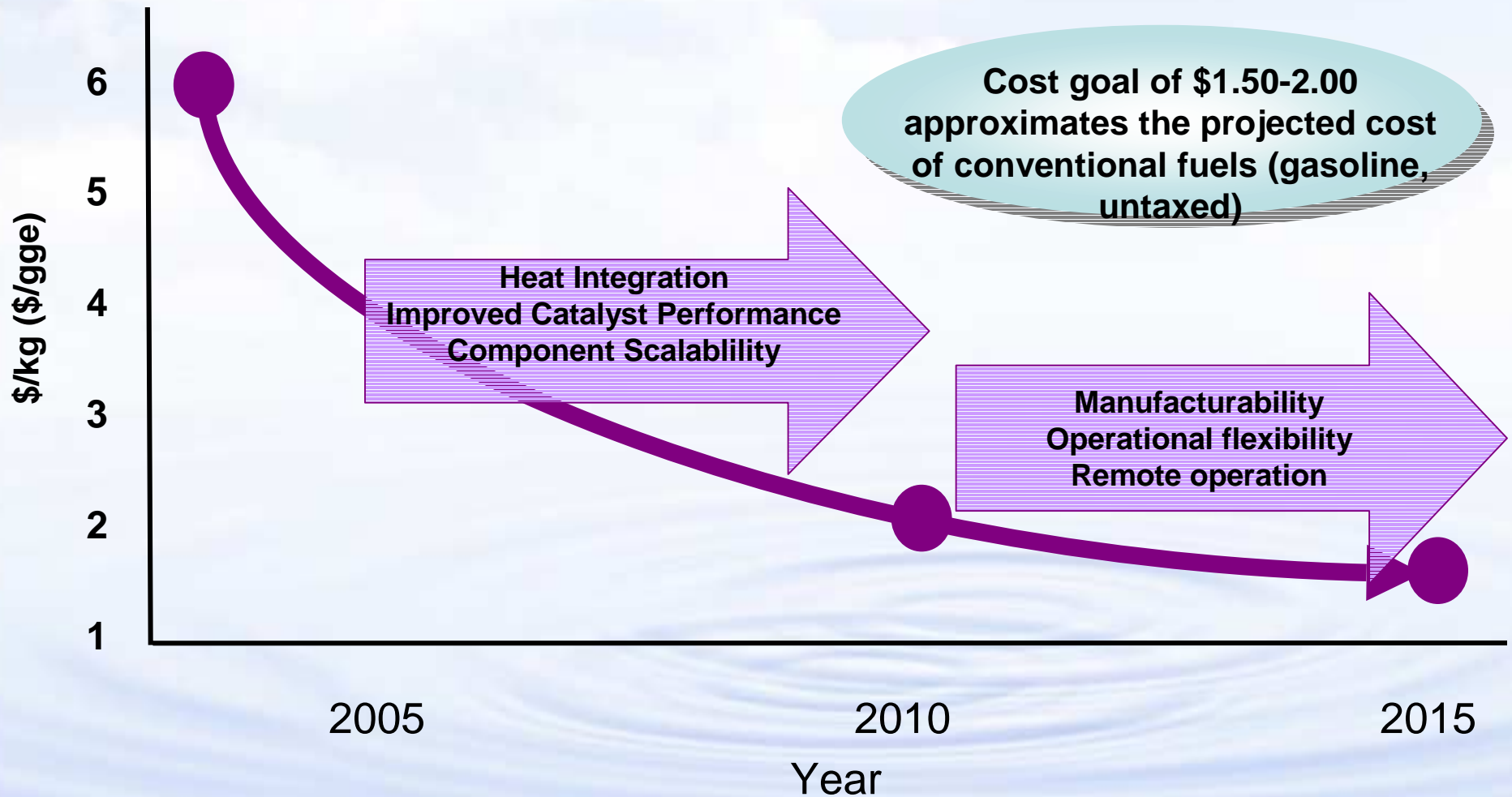


**Energy resource diversification is important for the long-term**



# Hydrogen Production

*3-4X gap between today's high volume cost and target*



# Distributed Hydrogen Production From Natural Gas On Target

- APCI validated \$3.60/gge hydrogen – delivered, untaxed, co-producing electricity at 8¢ per kWh.
- \$3.00/gge target in 2005 within reach
- Reformer research
  - Optimized desulfurization, reformer, and shift catalysts
  - Improved heat recovery system
- PSA research
  - 99.999% pure H<sub>2</sub>
  - 3x cost reduction compared to commercial units
  - Decreased size
  - 82% efficiency (64% in 2003)



Las Vegas station

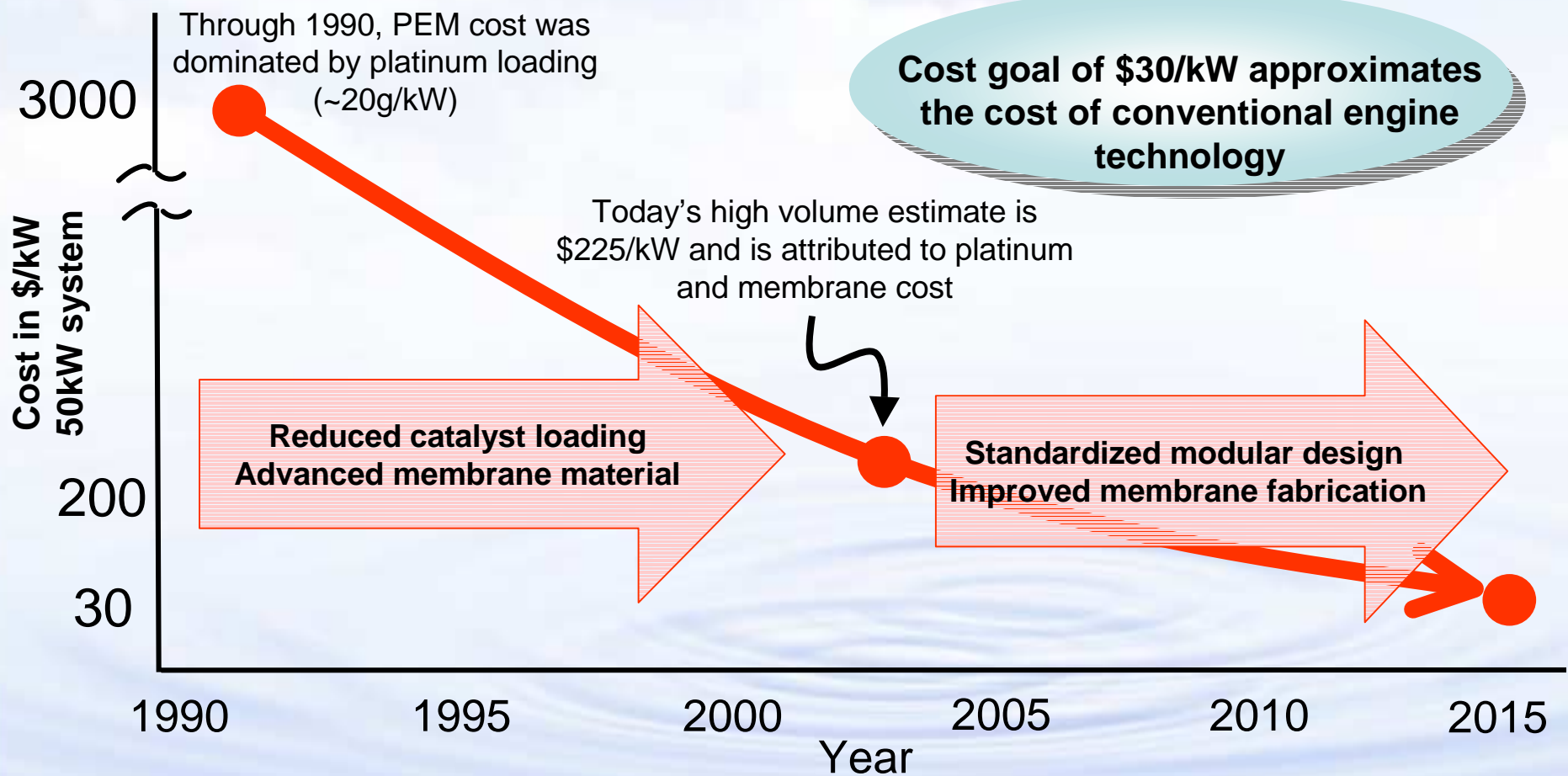


PSA Unit

*In 2025, assuming FCVs represent 12% of LDV inventory, EIA estimates only 2.8% increase in natural gas demand compared to reference case*

# PEM Fuel Cells

**7X gap between today's high volume cost and target**



1. High volume production defined as 500,000 units per year
2. Cost estimated by TIAX with enhanced hydrogen storage.

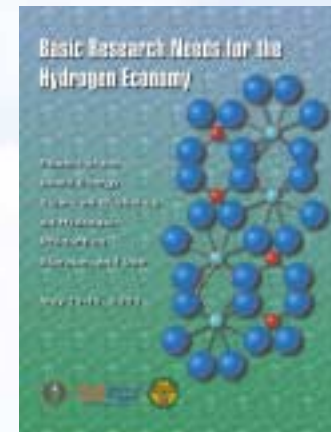


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**Progress**

# Summary of U.S. Planning and Implementation

President's Hydrogen  
Fuel Initiative  
**H<sub>2</sub>**



Jan'02

Nov'02

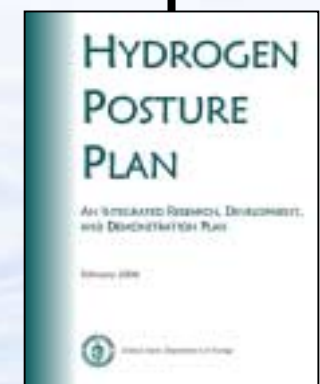
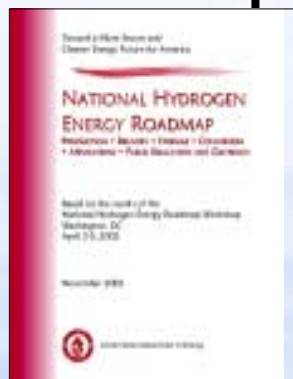
Jan'03

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International Partnership  
for the Hydrogen Economy

# FreedomCAR and Fuel Partnership Established



**ChevronTexaco**

**ConocoPhillips**

**ExxonMobil**



**DAIMLERCHRYSLER**



**GM**



## New Energy Company/DOE Technical Teams

- Production
- Delivery
- Fuel Pathway Integration

## New Joint Auto/Energy/DOE Technical Teams

- Codes and Standards
- Storage

# Complementary Strategies



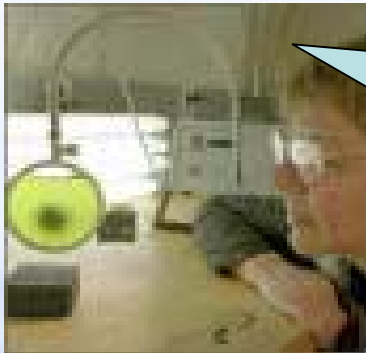
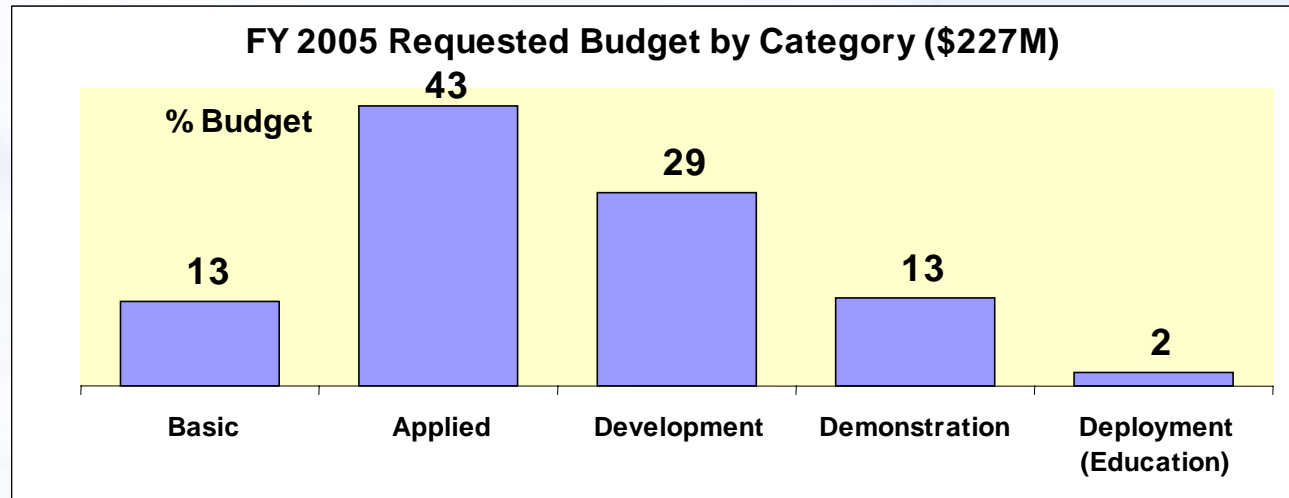
**FutureGen** is an initiative to build the world's first integrated sequestration and hydrogen production research power plant. The \$1 billion dollar project is intended to create the world's first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant. When operational, the prototype will be the cleanest fossil fuel fired power plant in the world.

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DOE sponsors a broad portfolio of activities, including promoting **energy efficiency** in buildings & industrial processes, and supporting development of **renewable energy** including wind, solar, and geothermal. Because most forms of renewable energy are intermittent, hydrogen actually could make renewables more attractive for peak power.

# Balanced program is being implemented



**Basic & Applied  
Research**



**Technology Validation through  
“Learning Demonstrations”**

# Participation of Labs, Academia, and Commercial Sector on New Hydrogen Projects

## **Hydrogen Storage - \$150M over 5 years**

- Three Consortia for exploratory research; individual projects to explore new materials for hydrogen storage (\$25M in cost share)

## **Vehicle and Infrastructure “Learning” Demonstration - \$190M over 5 years**

- Automobile/energy company teams will demonstrate integrated systems in real world environments (\$190M in cost share)

## **Fuel Cell Research - \$13M over 2 years**

*\*in addition to \$75M awarded in FY2003*

- Consumer electronics, fuel cells for auxiliary power generation, and off-road fuel cell R&D (\$9.5M in cost share)

## **Hydrogen Education - \$4.5M over 5 years**

- Curricula and teacher professional development, education materials, co-sponsorship of events (\$800K in cost share)

## **Production and Delivery- \$77.3M over 4 years**

- Recent announcement of projects



“Today, the Department of Energy has selected recipients for \$350 million of research grants...the administration is now acting upon the Congress' appropriation. ... We want to be the country that leads the world in innovation and technological change.”

- President George W. Bush  
April 26, 2004

Note: Private sector cost share amounts are in addition to government amounts

# Vehicle Infrastructure “Learning Demonstrations”

- Ford Motor Co./BP
- FC: Ballard
- Stations in
  - Detroit, MI
  - Orlando, FL
  - Sacramento, CA

- General Motors/Shell
- FC: GM
- Stations in
  - Washington, DC/Fort Belvoir, VA
  - Detroit, MI
  - New York, NY
  - Los Angeles, CA

- DaimlerChrysler/BP
- FC: Ballard
- Stations in
  - Los Angeles, CA
  - Detroit, MI
  - Sacramento, CA

- Air Products, Conoco-Phillips, Toyota, Honda, Nissan, BMW
- FC: UTC, others
- Stations in
  - Northern CA
  - Southern CA
  - Las Vegas, NV

- Texaco Energy Systems/Hyundai
- FC: UTC Fuel Cells
- Stations in
  - Northern CA
  - Southern CA



**International Partnership  
for the Hydrogen Economy**



# IPHE Ministerial

The IPHE Ministerial was held November 19-21, 2003 in Washington DC, USA.

- Signing of the Terms of Reference
- 700+ delegates and participants representing approximately 30 countries
- Public-Private Dialogue Sessions
- IPHE Committee meetings
  - ❖ Steering Committee
  - ❖ Implementation-Liaison Committee

# IPHE Partners



Russian Federation



USA



Canada



Iceland



## IPHE Partners' Economy:

- Over \$35 Trillion in GDP, 85% of world GDP
- Nearly 3.5 billion people
- Over 75% of electricity used worldwide;
- > 2/3 of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and energy consumption



Japan



Republic of Korea



China



India

United Kingdom



France



Germany



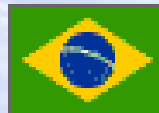
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