Subsurface Hydrogen Assessment, Storage,

and Technology Acceleration

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DOE's hydrogen program plan

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- Subsurface Hydrogen Assessment, Storage, and Technology Acceleration
- Hydrogen's potential to meet existing and emerging market demands across multiple sectors
- Envisions how innovations to produce, store, transport, and utilize hydrogen can help realize that potential and achieve scale to drive revenue opportunities and reduce costs



https://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/pdfs/hydrogen-program-plan-2020.pdf

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	NEAR-TERM Gasification of coal, biomass, and waste with carbon captur Advanced fossil and biomass reforming/conversion Electrolysis (low-temperature, high-temperature)		LONGER-TERM oture, utilization, and storage Advanced biological/microbial conversion Advanced thermo/photoelectro-chemical H ₂ O splitting	
Production				
Delivery	Distribution from on-site pro Tube trailers (gaseous H ₂) Cryogenic trucks (iiquid H ₂)	duction Widespread pipeline transmission and distribution Chemical H ₂ carriers		
Storage	Pressurized tanks (gaseous H_2) Cryogenic vessels (liquid H_2)	Geologic H ₂ storage (e.g., caverns, depleted oil/gas reservoirs) Cryo-compressed Chemical H ₂ carriers Materials-based H ₂		l oil/gas reservoirs) Materials-based H ₂ storage
onversion	Turbine combustion Fuel cells	Advar Next g	nced combustion eneration fuel cells	Fuel cell/combustion hybrids Reversible fuel cells
pplications	Fuel refining Space applications Portable power	Blending in natura Distributed station Transportation Industrial and che Defense, security,	al gas pipelines nary power Distributed CHP emical processes and logistics applications	Utility systems Integrated energy systems

Figure 2. Key hydrogen technology options





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SHASTA project overview



Objective

Identify and **address key technological hurdles** and **develop tools and technologies** to enable broad public acceptance for **subsurface storage** of pure hydrogen and hydrogen/natural gas mixtures

- Elucidate *operational risks*, quantify the *potential for resource losses*, develop *enabling tools, technologies, recommended practices*, and develop a *collaborative field-scale test* plan in partnership with at least one natural gas storage industrial partner
- Focus on *reservoir performance* and *well component compatibility* in the storage system
 - Pipelines and surface components upstream from the wellhead are covered by separate DOE research activities
- Multi-National Lab Effort: Leverages unique capabilities and demonstrated expertise in subsurface energy systems
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Project impacts

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- Assess and address the operational risks associated with reservoir storage
 - Determine the *technical practicability and quantify operational and production risks associated with* H_2 gas storage in subsurface systems
 - Quantify materials compatibility, elucidating core- and reservoir-scale performance, and characterizing microbial interactions
 - Address key operational uncertainties
 - Potential for well integrity loss from interaction with hydrogen and microbial communities
 - Deleterious near-well biogeochemical reactions
 - · Reservoir-performance issues due to multicomponent flow in porous media
- Develop enabling technologies and tools



- Enable technologies to enhance H₂ subsurface storage success by reducing risks and costs, including advanced real-time sensor technologies, reservoir simulator tools, well surveillance, and facility screening tools.
- Develop a *scientifically informed* field test plan to reduce remaining uncertainties in system performance
 - Efforts will help accelerate and expand the use of H₂ by leveraging existing facilities (e.g., existing natural gas storage facilities) as storage sites across the United States.
 - Fill an important industry need by *accelerating the technology along the development path* (recommended practices) and enabling an industry partner to advance to the critical development step of conducting field-scale tests.





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RISK QUANTIFICATION (EXPERIMENT & SIMULATION)

- ✓ SURVEY STATE OF KNOWLEDGE
- ✓ CAPABILITIES ESTABLISHMENT
- ✓ FUNDAMENTAL WORK
- ✓ RISKS
- ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES TO MANAGE H₂ STORAGE
 - ✓ TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THROUGH SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
 - ✓ Advanced Technology Suite to support H_2 Subsurface Storage System
- **Recommended practices and industry engagement**
- ✓ KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER THROUGH RECOMMENDED PRACTICES
- ✓ Technoeconomics and the Business Case
- ✓ INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT AND PILOT STUDY PREPARATION

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GOAL: Identify and address key technological hurdles and develop tools and technologies to enable broad public acceptance for subsurface storage of hydrogen blended with natural gas and pure hydrogen

