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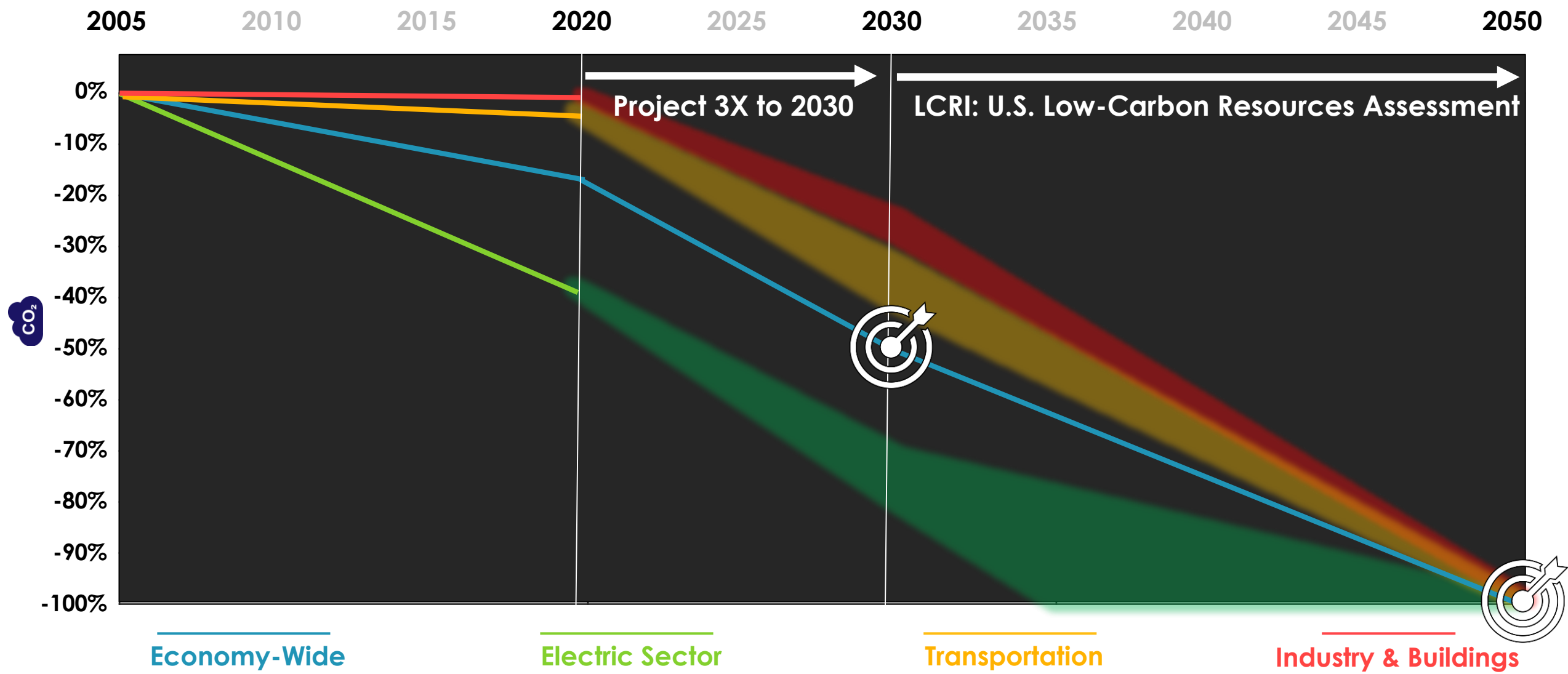
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LCRI Motivation



Examining U.S. Carbon Reduction Goals



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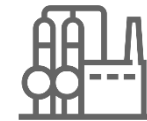
Two Major Decarbonization Trends are Emerging Worldwide

Commitments from electric & gas sectors to significantly reduce CO₂ emissions by 2050



- Renewables and nuclear power generation, battery/grid storage, and energy efficiency to achieve significant reductions
- Pathways may include carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS); hydrogen (and other energy carriers); and negative carbon approaches

Decarbonizing the energy economy may require significant deployment of low-carbon fuels



- Transitions are underway to incorporate bioenergy and renewable fuels, replace fossil fuels with alternate molecules, and deploy CCUS
- Consumers want options -- integrated primary and final energy systems could support the transition to a future energy economy

Achieving economy-wide net zero emissions will require low-carbon energy resources



LCRI Research Areas



The **Low-Carbon Resources Initiative** (LCRI) is a five-year R&D commitment focused on the advancement of low-carbon technologies for large-scale deployment across the energy economy. This initiative is jointly led by **EPRI** and **GTI**.

FOCUS

Multiple options and solutions to establish viable low-carbon pathways

Technologies for hard-to-decarbonize areas of the energy economy

Affordable, reliable, and resilient integrated energy systems for the future

RESEARCH AREAS

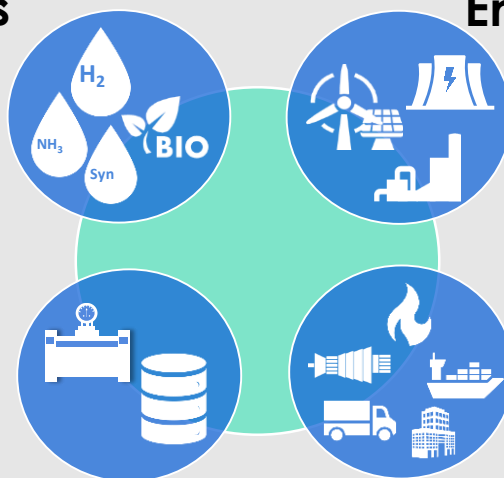
Hydrogen **Ammonia** **Synthetic/
Derivative Fuels** **Biofuels**

**Production
Pathways**

**Integrated
Energy Systems**

**Storage &
Delivery**

**End Use
Applications**



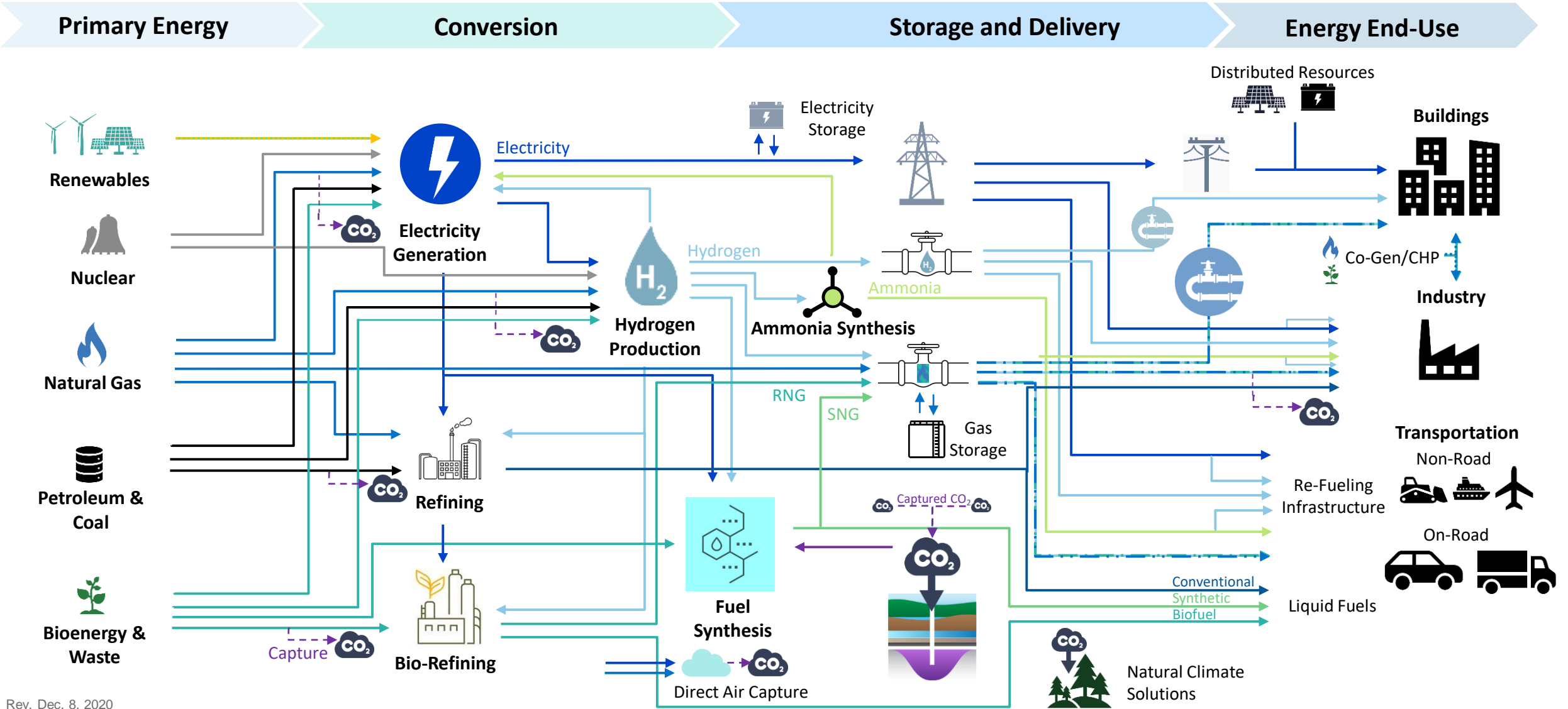
VALUE

Independent, objective research leveraged by global engagement and collaboration

Comprehensive value chain approach across adjacent sectors

High-impact results that accelerate technology time to market

Low-Carbon Energy Ecosystem



LCRI Technical Subcommittees

PRODUCTION



Electrolytic Processes

- ▶ Power-to-X technologies
- ▶ Technology integration with renewable and nuclear energy systems



Hydrocarbon-Based Processes

- ▶ Hydrogen production from steam-methane reformation, gasification
- ▶ Hydrogen production from methane cracking
- ▶ Fischer Tropsch and Haber-Bosch low-carbon alternatives
- ▶ Carbon capture and utilization, DAC



Renewable Fuels

- ▶ Biochemical processes
- ▶ Renewable natural gas
- ▶ Biofuel feedstocks and conversion
- ▶ Methane capture, Green Hydrogen

DELIVERY & END USE



Storage & Delivery

- ▶ Gas and liquid fuel infrastructure, storage and distribution (e.g., pipeline blending)
- ▶ Metal hydrides, liquid organic hydrogen carriers
- ▶ Safety and codes/standards
- ▶ Underground & aboveground storage



Power Generation

- ▶ Low-carbon fuels (pure or blended forms)
- ▶ Gas turbines, boilers, RICE, fuel cells
- ▶ Integrated plant impacts



Transportation, Industrial & Buildings

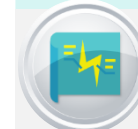
- ▶ Light duty, medium/heavy duty, off-road, aviation, maritime, rail
- ▶ Combustion and heating applications
- ▶ Feedstocks for chemicals and processing

CROSS-CUTTING



Safety and Environmental Aspects

- ▶ Lifecycle environmental impact assessments
- ▶ Safety standards and protocols
- ▶ Decision support tools



Integrated Energy Systems Analysis

- ▶ Economic model to understand decarbonization pathways across the energy ecosystem
- ▶ Impact assessment of low-carbon energy on reliability
- ▶ Scenarios and sensitivities covering energy usage, economic considerations, environmental aspects, and consumer preferences

Current Status

46 Sponsors

Electric & Gas Utilities
Energy Producers
Equipment Manufacturers

\$124M Funding

80:1
Avg Sponsor
Leverage

14
Active R&D
Projects

40+
Technology
Reports &
Assessments

20+
Preliminary
Techno-Economic
Cases

Sponsorship Goals



50 Sponsors



Value Chain Diversity



Global Perspectives



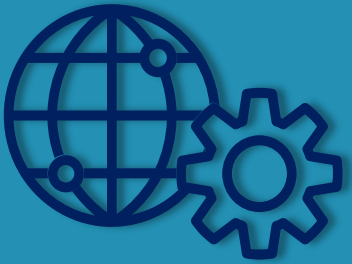
Relationship Expansion



LCRI Research Vision



Low-Carbon Resources Initiative Research Vision



Addressing the
challenges and gap in
achieving deep
decarbonization across
the energy economy

Living Document

annual
updates



real-time
learnings

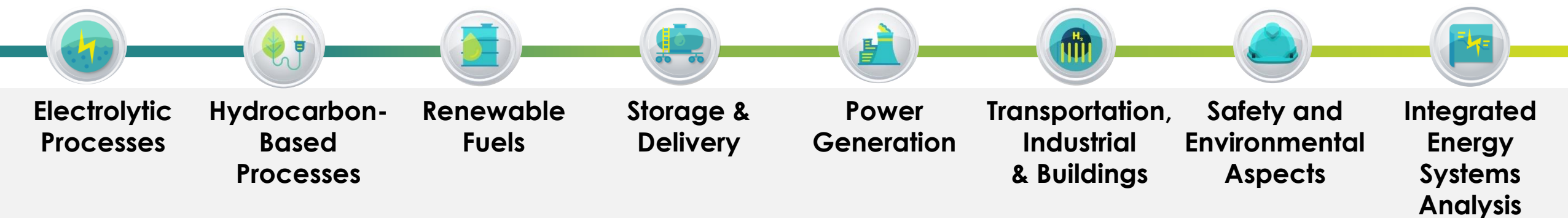
Focused on technologies
that will be commercially
deployed beyond 2030 to
scale through 2050



Input & Development

- 500+ ADVISORS
- TECHNOLOGY LANDSCAPING
- LCRI REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
- GLOBAL INSIGHTS
- EXISTING AND EMERGING ROADMAPS

Low-Carbon Resource Value Chain



R,D&D Approach

Goals – Strategies – Actions

Technology Spectrum

Track – Participate – Lead

TRACK

PARTICIPATE

LEAD



TECHNOLOGY WATCH

Substantial efforts underway outside of LCRI, early stage and/or unlikely to make scaled impact by 2050

No significant funding commitments are anticipated

Opportunistic project participation only

Up to 10%

Project Cost Share Guidelines



PROJECT ENGAGEMENT

High interest to LCRI with shorter term impacts and established engagement across the global R&D community

Engagement through R&D activities either designed by LCRI or through contribution to other efforts

Up to 20%

Project Cost Share Guidelines



PROJECT LEADERSHIP

Substantial interest to LCRI and of critical importance to the initiative's goals/targets

LCRI intends to lead efforts and design R&D activities that align to the initiative's goals/targets

Up to 25%+

Project Cost Share Guidelines



Work To-Date



Integrated Hydrogen, Battery, and Gas Turbine Feasibility Study

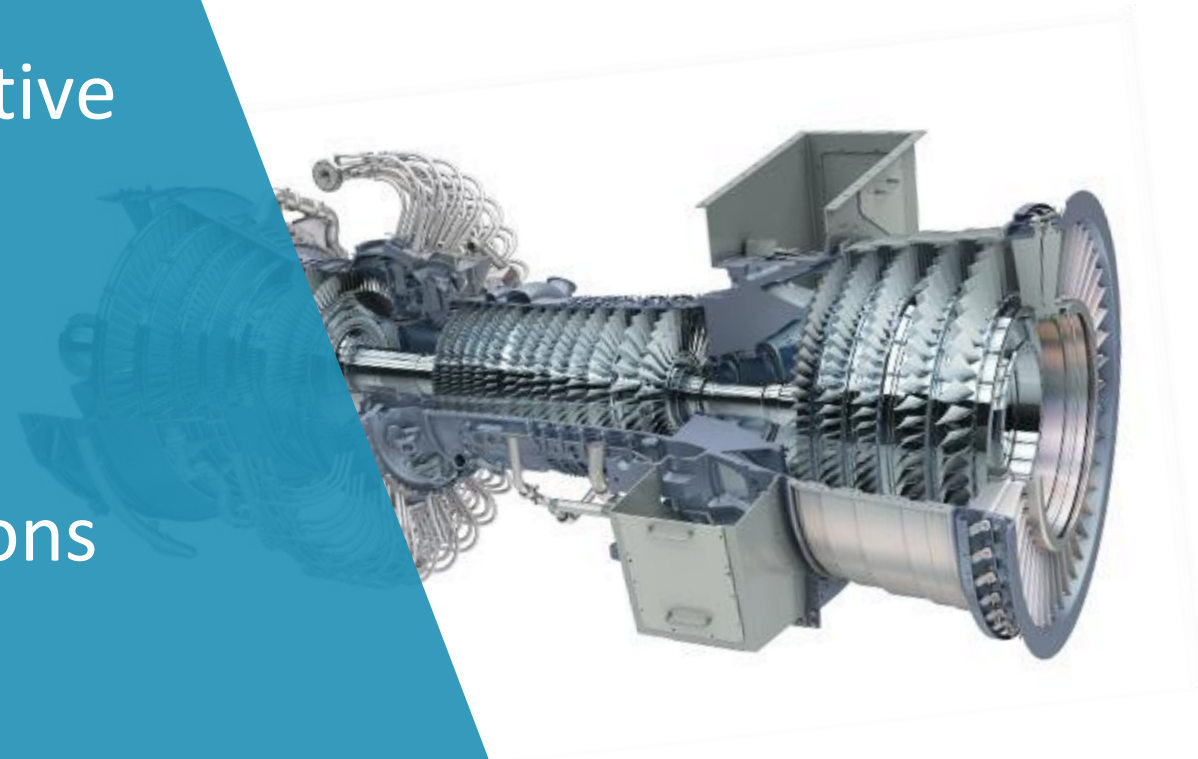
- Evaluate on-site electrolysis process integrated with grid and battery storage
- Investigate modifications of aeroderivative gas turbine to support 30%v hydrogen blend
- Perform feasibility study to develop conceptual design and budgetary cost estimates

Study Complete, Final Report Pending



Gas Turbine Operational Flexibility Using Hydrogen Fuel Mixtures

- Blend up to 35%v H₂ in aeroderivative gas turbine
- Evaluate gas turbine performance and operational flexibility
- Investigate impacts on NO_x emissions



Anticipate completion by December 2021

Government Awards

- HyBlend Collaborative Research Partnership: **Blending hydrogen into the natural gas infrastructure** (\$15.3M)
- Integrated **Hydrogen Energy Storage System** (IHES) for Power Generation (DOE FOA 2332)
- **Hydrogen Storage** for Load-Following and Clean Power (DOE FOA 2332)
- **Hydrogen Storage** for Flexible Fossil Fuel Power Generation (DOE FOA 2332)
- Sierra Northern **Hydrogen Locomotive**
- Characterizing Emissions from **Biomethane Facilities**: Quantitative pre- and post-implementation
- Developing a **Workforce for a Hydrogen Technology** Economy DOE FOA 2229 – (\$2.65M)
- Flexible Gasification to **Generate Electric Power and a Carbon-Free Hydrogen Co-Product** (\$11.7M) DOE FOA 2180
- Engineering-Scale Test of a **Water-Lean Solvent** for Post-Combustion Capture (\$5.2M) DOE FOA-2187
- Wabash **Hydrogen Negative Emissions** Technology Demonstration (\$55M) DOE FOA 2180 –
- Texas **Hydrogen Demonstration** Project H2@Scale
- UK Demo of **Compact Hydrogen** Generator HYPER*
- Performance Testing of a Moving-Bed Gasifier Using Coal, Biomass, and Waste Plastic Blends to Generate **White Hydrogen**, DOE FOA-2376 (\$625k)
- Carbon Capture R&D: Bench Scale Testing of **Direct Air Capture** (DE-FOA-0002402) – 2 separate awards for novel direct air capture technology with Silicon Kingdom and University of Kentucky)



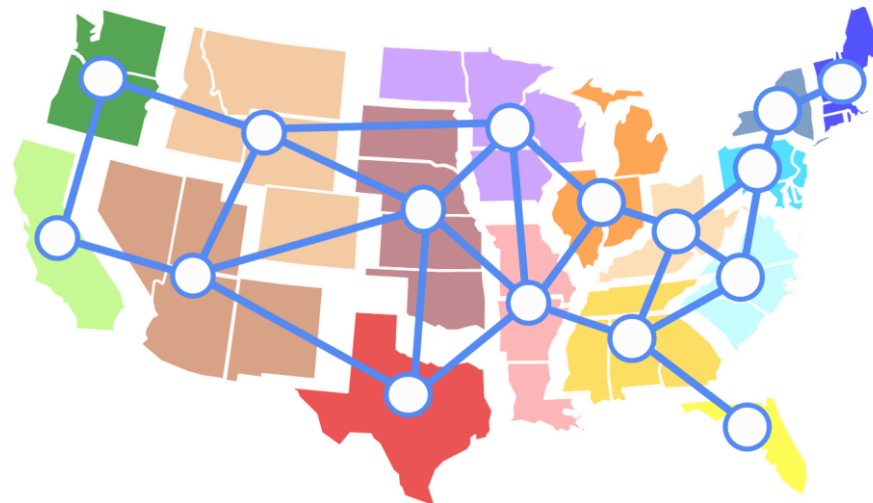


Framework for understanding drivers of change across the energy ecosystem

Energy-Economy Model US-REGEN

MODEL FEATURES

- » Integrated modeling of electric generation, fuels production, infrastructure, & energy end-use
- » Spatial, temporal, sectoral, & technology detail
- » State & federal policy targets
- » Economic trade-offs



More information at <https://esca.epri.com>

Model Outputs

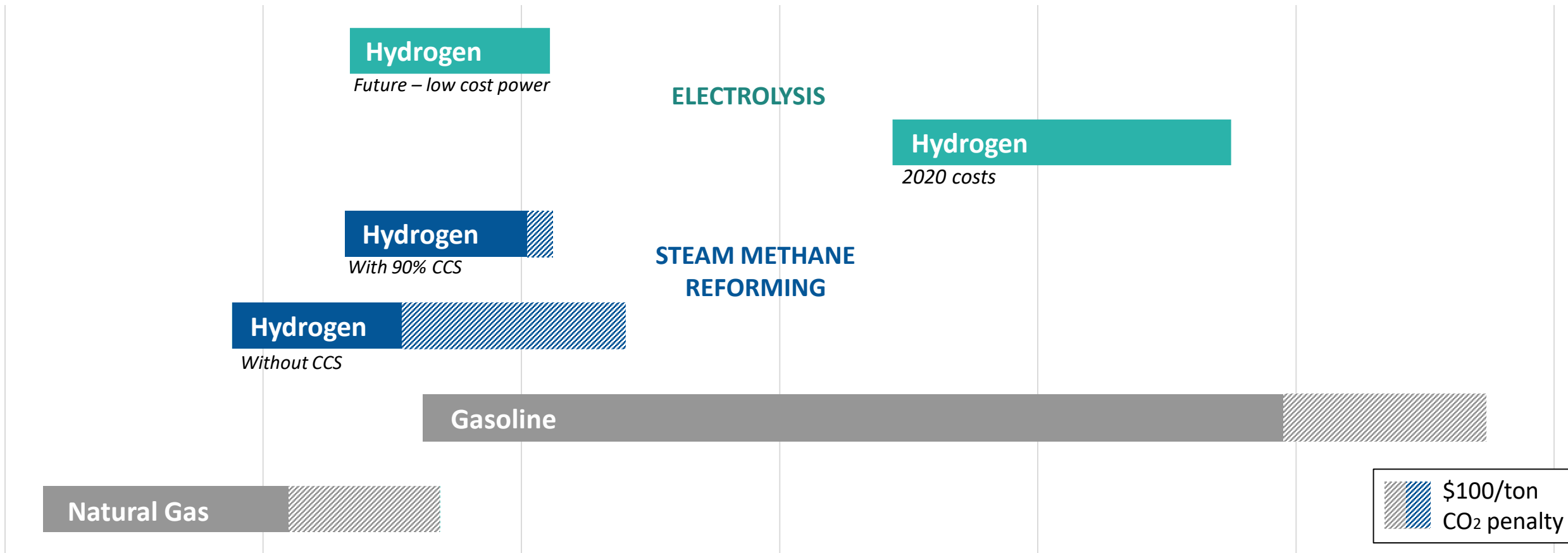
- » Economic equilibrium for energy production, capacity, & end-use
- » Emissions (GHG, CO₂, etc.), air quality, water & land use
- » Least-cost deployment mix of energy subject to inputs & constraints

Example Technology Cost Insight

Energy Cost (USD/MMBTU and USD/kg_{H₂eq.})

For discussion purposes only.

\$/MMBTu



\$/kg_{H₂} equivalent

Source: EPRI analysis, based on data from: IEA, “The Future of Hydrogen” (2019); EPRI, “Prospects for Large-Scale Production of Hydrogen by Water Electrolysis” (2019); commodity price data.

In-Progress State of Technology Reports

Low-Carbon Fuels Production

- Electrolyzer Technology
- [PUBLISHED: Naturally Occurring Hydrogen Technology Update](#)
- Synthetic fuels produced from green H₂ and captured CO₂
- Blue Hydrogen Production using natural gas feedstock
- Methane Pyrolysis
- Low-Carbon Ammonia Production using Haber-Bosch process at different scale

Transport & Storage

- Current State of Natural Gas and Hydrogen Gas Storage

Power Generation

- Fuel Cell for Utility Scale Low-Carbon Power Generation
- Gas Turbines for Carbon-Free Power Generation
- Hydrogen Fuel Conversion for Power Generation and Industrial Steam Boilers
- [PUBLISHED: Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines for Low-Carbon Power Generation](#)
- Hydrogen Fuel Conversion for Heat Recovery Steam Generators

Cross-Cutting Topics

- Post and pre-combustion capture technologies applied to all energy processes
- Environmental, Health and Safety Aspects of the Introduction of Alternative Energy Carriers for Decarbonization

End-Use

- Low-Carbon Fuels for Light-Duty Transport
- Low-Carbon Fuels for Medium and Heavy-Duty Transport
- Rail Applications
- Marine Applications
- Petroleum and Chemical Sector Applications
- Residential and Commercial Space Heating & Cooling Primary Metals
- Warehousing, Logistics, Construction and Agriculture Applications

Technology Insights

- Technology Insights: The Role of Water in Hydrogen Production
- Technology Insights: Critical Aspects of Hydrogen Blending in Gas Transmission and Distribution
- Technology Insights: Ammonia and Hydrogen Fuel Blends for Gas Turbines
- Technology Insights: Cost Considerations for Low-Carbon Resources

Executive Summary

- [PUBLISHED: Executive Summary: Naturally Occurring Hydrogen](#)
- [PUBLISHED: Executive Summary: Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines for Low-Carbon Power Generation](#)

PUBLISHED: Electrolysis Technology Assessments

- [Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Electrolysis – ThyssenKrupp](#)
- [Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Electrolysis – Haldor Topsoe](#)
- [Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Electrolysis – Sunfire](#)
- [Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Electrolysis – Siemens](#)
- [Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Electrolysis – Nel](#)
- [Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Electrolysis – McPhy](#)
- [Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Electrolysis – ITM Power](#)
- [Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Electrolysis – Fuel Cell Energy](#)

In Progress: Technology Insight Briefs

- Technology Insights: The Role of Water in Hydrogen Production
- Technology Insights: Critical Aspects of Hydrogen Blending in Gas Transmission and Distribution
- Technology Insights: Cost Considerations for Low-Carbon Resources
- Technology Insights: Evaluation of High Removal Rate for CO₂ Capture Using Aqueous MEA
- [PUBLISHED: Technology Insights: Ammonia and Hydrogen Fuel Blends for Today's Gas Turbines – Combustion Considerations](#)

In Progress: Global Insights

- European Alternative Fuels Landscape
- Australian Alternative Fuels Landscape
- Japanese Alternative Fuels Landscape

In Progress: Carbon Negative Technology Assessments

- Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Carbon Negative Technology – Climeworks
- Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Carbon Negative Technology – Carbon Engineering
- Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Carbon Negative Technology – Svante
- Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Carbon Negative Technology – Newlight
- Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Carbon Negative Technology – Blue Planet
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- Low-Carbon Technology Assessment: Carbon Negative Technology – Skytree

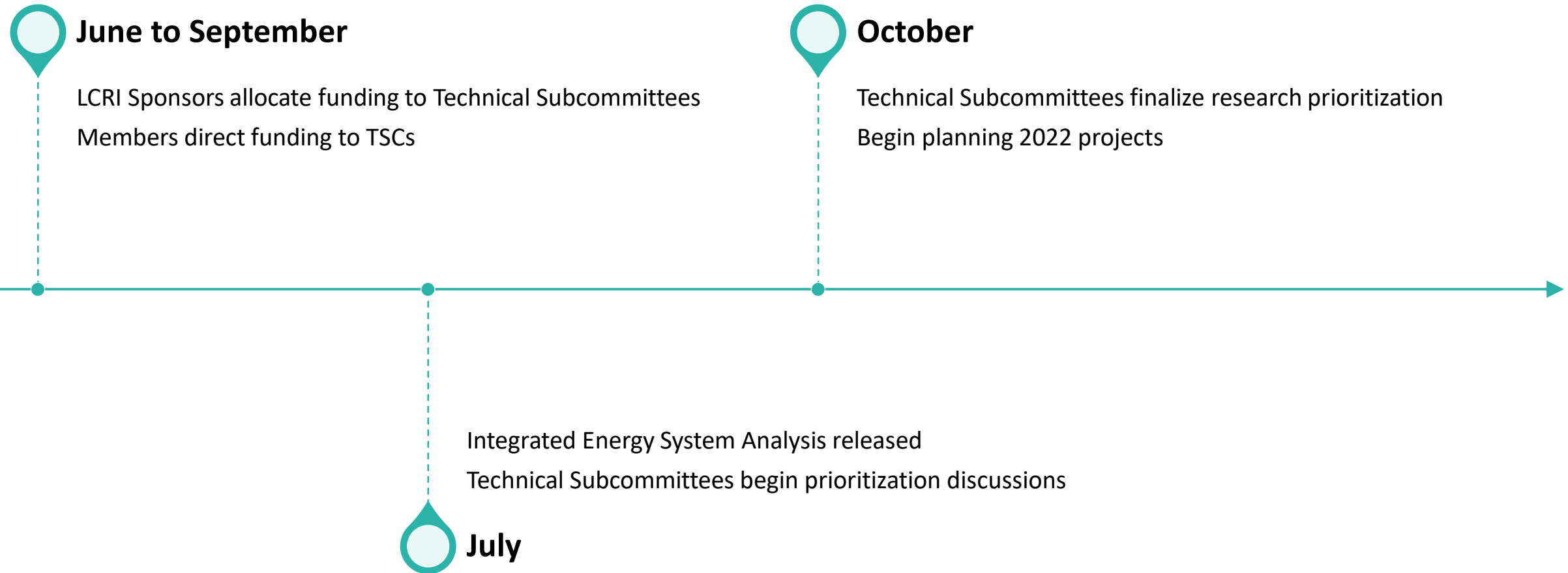
Other

- [An Introduction to Low-Carbon Fuels](#)
- [LCRI Research Vision](#): An Outline for Research, Development, and Demonstration Activities to Enable Economy-Wide Decarbonization by Midcentury
- [LCRI Research Vision](#): Executive Summary — An outline for research, development, and demonstration activities to enable economy-wide decarbonization by midcentury
- [LCRI Digital Portal](#)
- [Low-Carbon Resources Initiative: Enabling the Pathway to Economy-Wide Decarbonization](#)
- [Low-Carbon Resources Initiative: Advancing Technologies that Enable a Low-Carbon Future](#)
- [Low Carbon Resource Initiative: Accelerating Technologies that Enable Deep Carbon Reductions](#)
- *In Progress*: U.S. Low-Carbon Resources Assessment (Integrated Energy System Analysis Report)
- *In Progress*: 4 Alternative Fuels Briefings: Hydrogen, Ammonia, Synthetic Fuels, Biofuels
- *In Progress*: Design Considerations for Co-Firing Hydrogen in an Aeroderivative Gas Turbine

Visit the [LCRI Digital Library](#) to view all publications or [subscribe](#) to LCRI's monthly newsletter to stay up-to-date

Important LCRI Dates

2021 Remaining Calendar





Global Collaboration



Strategic and Technical Engagement

Industry Consortia



Hydrogen Council | Green Ammonia Consortium | World Energy Council – Hydrogen Global Initiative | Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association

Global Research Community



Part of LCRI Technical Collaboration Network

Universities – MIT Energy Institute, GT Strategic Energy Institute | National Labs | Research Institutes – GTI, Fraunhofer Institute

Leveraging Knowledge through Strategic and Technical Engagement

Regional and National Networks



Hydrogen Europe | Australian Hydrogen Council | Hypos East Germany | Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (EU)

Other Stakeholder Groups



EU Turbines | European Turbine Network | HYBRIT | SALCOS

LCRI Technical Collaboration Network

Establishing connections with laboratory communities, other research organizations, academia, federal/stat/local government agencies, international energy ministries, and non-governmental organizations



Knowledge sharing
through technical
meetings



Journal
publication
opportunities



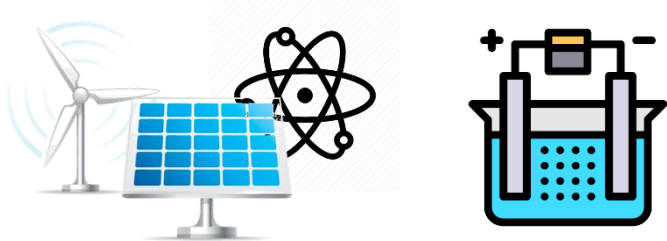
Future LCRI
conference
participation

Learn more about the LCRI TCN [here](#), formal relaunch webcast will be **Tuesday, Oct. 26th @ 11AM ET.**

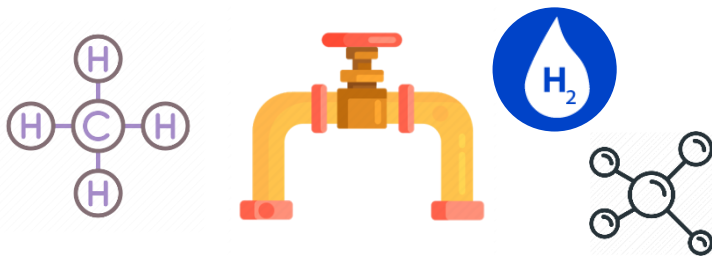
Building a network of broad, diverse set of expertise for idea sharing and collaboration

Potential Pilot & Demonstration Projects

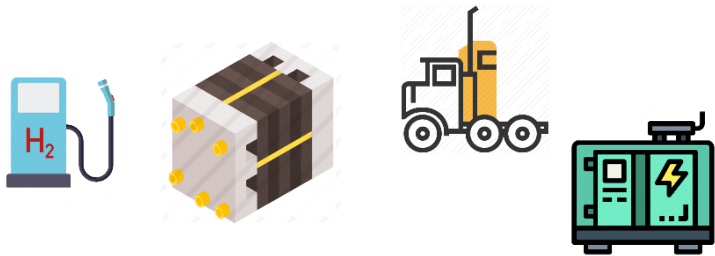
“Green” Hydrogen Production



Natural Gas Pipeline Integration/Conversion



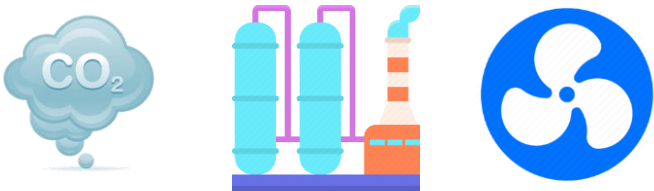
Transportation and Stationary Fuels Use



Power Generation and Industrial Fuels Use



Power Generation and Industrial Carbon Capture



Pilot & demonstration project opportunities will be determined by research area

Learn More About LCRI

Technical Areas

Integrated Energy Systems Analysis

Renewable Fuels

Hydrocarbon-Based Processes

Electrolytic Processes

Storage, Delivery, & Transport

End Use Applications

Power Generation

Safety

Environmental Aspects

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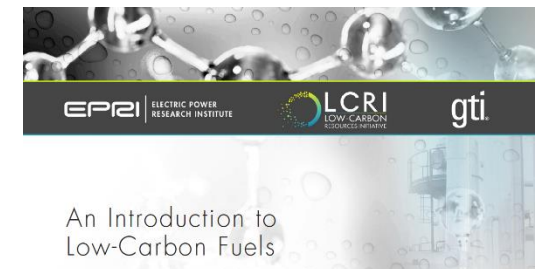
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- [LCRI Roadmap Approach](#)
- [LCRI Technology Pipeline](#)
- [LCRI Roadmap Reviews](#)
- [Colors of Hydrogen](#)
- [Who is EPRI – Who is GTI](#)

LCRI References

[LCRI Launch Document](#)



[Low-Carbon Fuels White Paper](#)





LCRI

LOW-CARBON
RESOURCES INITIATIVE

Enabling the Pathway
to Economy-Wide Decarbonization

LCRI Sponsorship



LCRI Advisory Structure

Governance & Oversight

Executive Council

Technical Scope & Execution

Technical Advisory Group

Technical Subcommittees

Electrolytic
Processes

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BOARD
WORKING
GROUP



BOARD
OF
DIRECTORS

Technical Input



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