HYDROGEN STORAGE









HYDROGEN VISION MEETING

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Hydrogen Storage Alternatives

Compressed Fuel Storage

- Cylindrical Tanks
- Quasi-Conformable Tanks

Liquid Hydrogen Storage

- Cylindrical Tanks
- Elliptical Tanks

Solid State Conformable Storage

- Hydride storage material
- Carbon adsorption
- Glass microspheres









Compressed Fuel Storage Evolution



Compressed Fuel Storage (Example)





Compressed Hydrogen Conformable Tanks

- Construction:
 - Polymer 'D-Cell' liner
 - Composite shell
- Advantage: Improved space utilization

NGV2 validation completed for CNG





Compressed Fuel Storage: Validation Testing













Compressed H2 Storage

Validation Testing Requirements

Regulatory Agency

- ISO 15869 International
- NGV2 US/Japan/Mexico/Argentina
- FMVSS 304 United States
- NFPA 52 National Fire Protection
- ♦ KHK Japan
- CSA B51 Canada
- TUV Germany
- Drire France
- Bureau Veritas Argentina

Validation Tests

- Hydrostatic Burst
- Extreme Temperature Cycle
- Ambient Cycle
- Acid Environmental
- Bonfire
- Gunfire Penetration
- ✤ Flow Tolerance
- Accelerated Stress
- Drop Test
- Permeation
- Hydrogen Cycle
- Softening Temperature
- Tensile Properties
- Resin Shear
- Boss End Material



Liquid Hydrogen Storage

- Cryogenic storage of hydrogen @ -253°C (-423°F)
- Advantages
 - Low pressure
 - High storage density
- Disadvantages
 - Energy required for liquefaction
 - Evaporative losses during fueling
 - Evaporative losses during periods of inactivity, i.e. when parked
 - Consumer Acceptance
- Future developments to improve packaging and reduce evaporative losses
 - Linde AG
 - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory





Metal Hydride Storage

- Current metal hydride systems = 1.5 – 5 wt.% H₂
 - Operate @ 300 400 C and 20 bar
 - Primary challenge is thermal management
- Low-temperature hydrides under development
 - Goal: 5.5 wt.% H₂ @ <100 C</p>
 - U of Hawaii Alanates
 - Sandia National Laboratory
 - United Technologies

ECD/Ovonic Onboard Solid Hydrogen Storage System





Advanced Solid-State Storage

Carbon nanotubes

- High surface area carbon structures for adsorption
- Goal > 6 wt. % hydrogen
- Challenges: synthesis, processing, hydrogen absorption/desorption
- Carbon fullerenes
 - High surface area carbon structures for adsorption
 - Status feasibility study underway
- Glass microspheres
 - Proof-of-principle demonstrated with > 10 wt % H₂
 - Potential for low cost, high-capacity conformable storage
 - Challenges: synthesis, processing, thermal/pressure management of absorption/desorption



DOE Hydrogen Program Strategic Goals



On-Board H₂ Storage Alternatives

Short-term Goal: 3 kg H₂ (215 km)

Technology	Storage System Volume	Storage System Weight	Technology Readiness
5,000 psi Compressed Hydrogen Tanks	145 L	45 kg	
10,000 psi Compressed Hydrogen Tanks	100 L	50 kg	
Low Temperature Metal Hydrides	55 L	215 kg	
Liquid Hydrogen	90 L	40 kg	



On-Board H₂ Storage Alternatives

Long-term Goal: 7 kg H₂ (700 km)

Technology	Storage System Volume	Storage System Weight	Technology Readiness
5,000 psi Compressed Hydrogen Tanks	320 L	90 kg	
10,000 psi Compressed Hydrogen Tanks	220 L	100 kg	
Alanate Hydrides	200 L	222 kg	
Carbon Nanotubes	~ 130 L	~ 120 kg	



OEM Fuel Strategies

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	Compressed H2	Liquid H2	Gasoline Reformer	Methanol Reformer
GM				
DaimlerChrys				
Ford				
Toyota				
Honda				
Hyundai				
Opel				
BMW				
Volkswagon				
Nissan				
Renault				
Suzuki				QUANTU

Early Adopters













How do we get there from here?

- Automakers need
 - Hydrogen storage solution (vehicle range, weight, volume, safety, and cost)
 - Assurances that refueling infrastructure will be there
- Suppliers need
 - Production volume to reduce costs through economies of scale
 - Demand sufficient to justify capital expenditures
- Consumers need
 - Vehicles that are transparent to own and operate (cost, vehicle range, comfort, convenience, refueling ease, reliable, ...) compared to today's conventional gasoline ICE vehicles
 - Convenient refueling and cost-competitive fuel



H₂ Storage Commercialization Pathway

Building economies of scale

- Stationary premium power (e.g. UPS, emergency back-up)
 - 2002 2005 PEM fuel cell product introduction
- Infrastructure
 - High pressure storage for fast-fill refueling
 - Bulk transport and distribution
- Fuel cell automobiles
 - 2003 2005 introduction
 - 2008 2010 start of mass production
- Transit buses
 - Near-term production
- Personal mobility
 - Expected to follow fuel cell automobiles













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Consumer Acceptance



Three Keys To Success

 Vehicle must offer same or better features, performance ad pricing as gasoline vehicles

Refueling interface must be simple and easy to use

The storage system must be transparent; i.e., vehicle designed around the storage system

