Approaches for Selecting Locations for the Hydrogen Infrastructure Network

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1. Supply Chain Options for Hydrogen Fueling Stations
2. Optimal Siting for Hydrogen Fueling Stations

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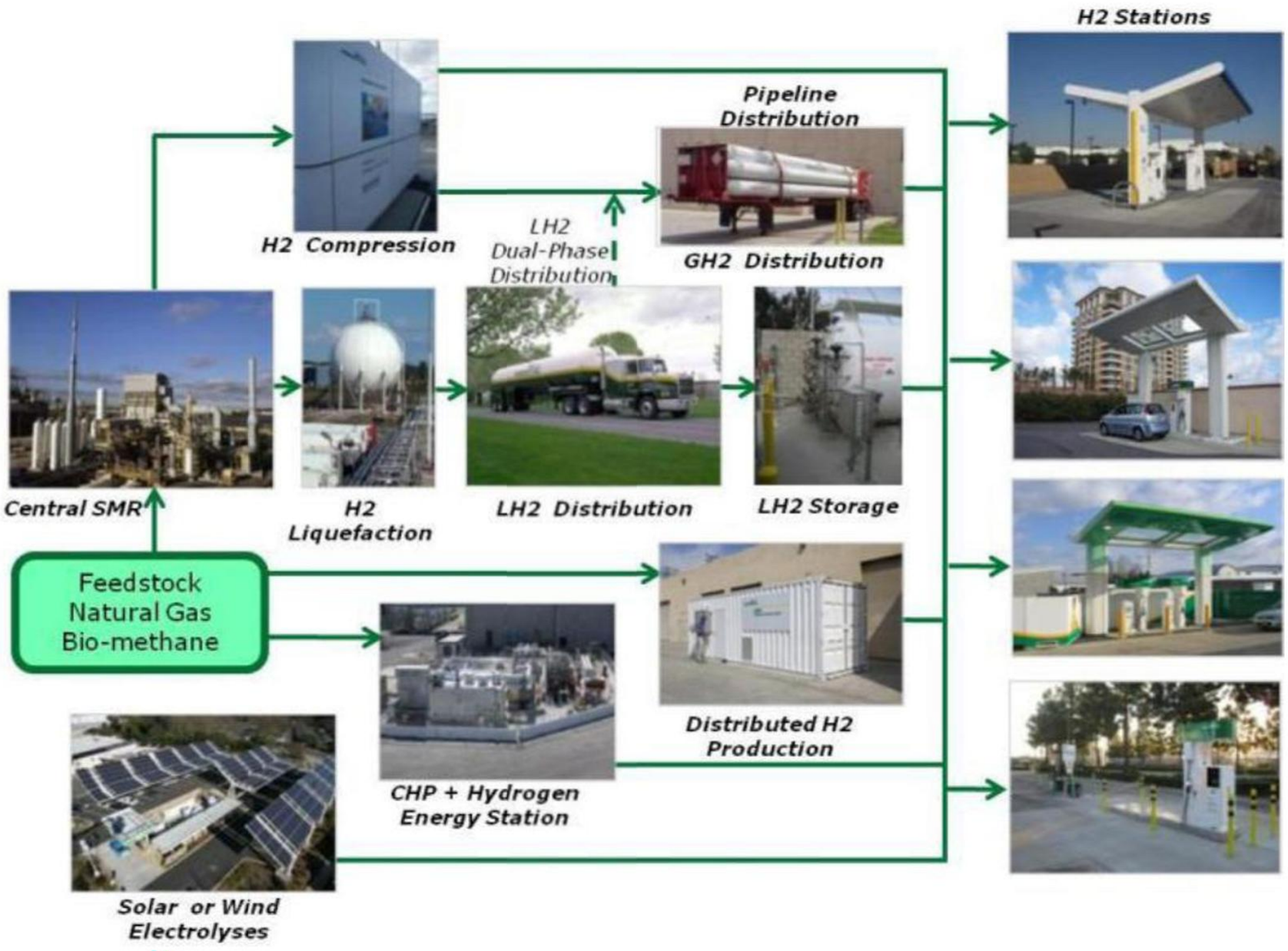
Supply Chain Options for Hydrogen Fueling Stations



Definition of Terms Related to Siting of Hydrogen Fueling Stations

- Infrastructure is supported in specific regions which consist of one or more clusters and is served by a common mode of:
  - supply,
  - distribution, and
  - maintenance services
- A single region (for example, southern California) with a number of clusters (concentrated early market communities) can provide sufficient information to allow for rollout of infrastructure to follow-on areas
- Connector stations enable travel outside clusters and regions, can be the starting point for a future cluster and require time to achieve a self-sustaining business case
- Destination stations are located outside of a region and will have little to no fuel sales volume for a significant period of time

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Key Criteria for Selection of Hydrogen Fueling Stations

- Rely on experience from past (1) programs and (2) analysis as basis for technology selection
- Sources of Information:
  - US Dept. of Energy (DOE) Technology Validation Program
  - Recommendations of the Expert Panel of Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Advisory Committee (HTAC)
  - National Academy of Sciences study
  - National Petroleum Council - Future Transportation Fuels study
- The above resources indicate the need to take advantage of existing infrastructure (production, distribution) to reduce cost barrier and be competitive to gasoline
- Commercially viable and mass deployable today!

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Critical Elements for Initial Station Rollout

- Need best information on sales potential of fuel cell electric vehicles to select location for fueling stations
  - Automakers have best information on early adopter markets via market research and sales history. Their participation is vital.
  - Commercial station success is completely dependent on OEM ability to sell vehicles in large numbers and where.
- Need to consider cost of infrastructure investment in making decisions on number of clusters and communities within clusters
  - "Build-it and they will come" is not a viable business proposition
  - A major statewide initial build out is not a prudent investment
  - Prove the fueling business case within a single region for sustainable success
  - Operating support is needed for stations with throughput below the point where self-sustaining economics take over
    - Site stations where earliest markets are expected
    - Investments in secondary markets and destination locations should be deferred without guaranteed loading or long-term financial support

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Optimization of Hydrogen Fueling Network

- Models from UC Irvine and UC Davis provide assessment on driving habits which help identify early fueling needs within key early clusters
  - Important to complete coverage within a single region first before considering addition of either second region or capacity/redundancy within any cluster
    - Consider model results in selecting between stations within community (consideration of proximity to freeway or to residential areas)
    - Expandable stations can provide early market coverage, follow demand growth with time, and limit initial investment

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