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### **Selecting Locations for Hydrogen Infrastructure**

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### **Hydrogenics in Brief**

- Electrolyzer and Fuel Cell manufacturer
- Delivering hydrogen systems since 1948
- Over 10 fueling stations in California and 40 worldwide
- Office in California servicing 10 stations
  - On site electrolysis
  - On site SMR
  - Delivered Hydrogen





### **Today's Workshop Questions**

- What defines the optimal hydrogen station location?
- What is the best approach for selecting site locations for stations in the future?



### **Optimal Hydrogen Fueling Station Location**

Location Criteria		
Supply Chain	Centralized or On-Site Production	
Customer Reach	<ul> <li>Major Cities and Interstate Links</li> </ul>	
Delivered Hydrogen Price	• \$/kg	
Low Carbon Footprint	Green Hydrogen	
Scalable	<ul> <li>Expand station capacity to accommodate larger Fuel Cell vehicle fleet in future</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Integrate Renewable Generation</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Fast Frequency Regulation</li><li>Energy Storage</li></ul>	



### **Alternative Hydrogen Fueling Station Supply Chains**

### SMR Plant Supply Chain

Steam Methane Prepare to Reforming Distribution	Fueling Station Storage	>
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### Electrolysis Plant Supply Chain

On-Site Electrolysis
(water+electricity)

Fueling
Station
Storage



## Hydrogen Stations using Electrolyzers have excellent customer reach...

- Have a retail feel
- Are compact
- Are safe and meet SAE and local standards
- Can be located in highly densely populated urban areas



Electrolysis 260 kgpd Oslo, Norway



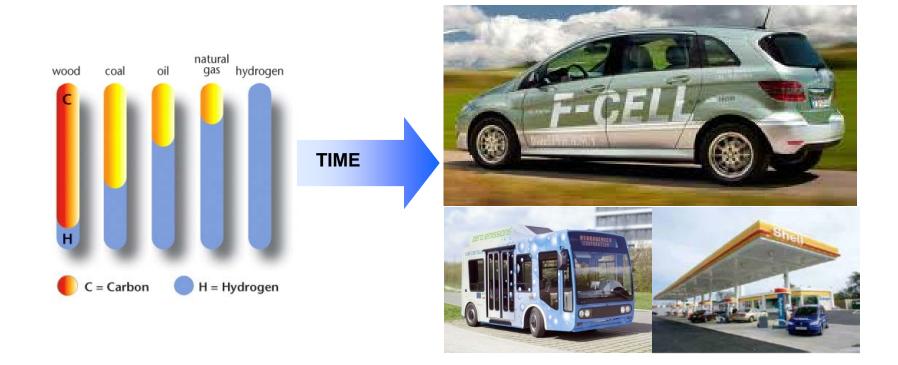
Electrolysis 260 kgpd + LH2 (500 kgpd) Hamburg, Germany



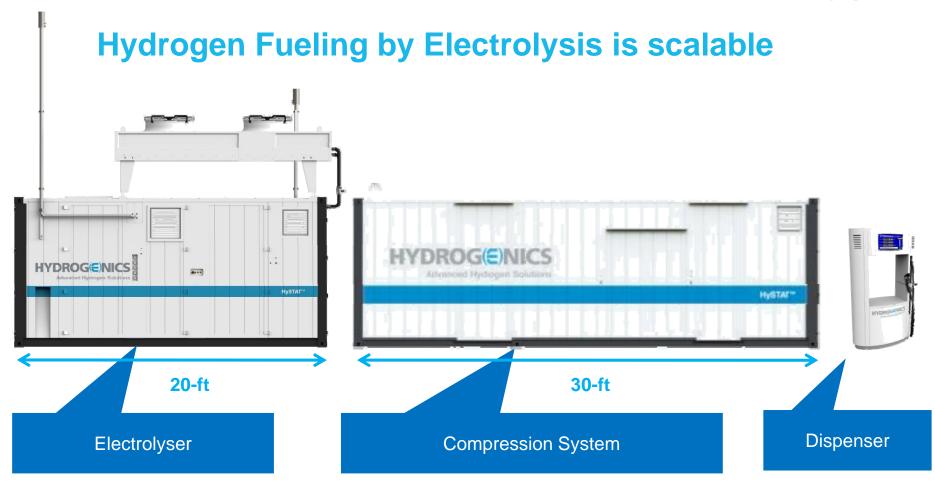
Electrolysis 65 kgpd Santa Monica, CA



# ...and produce green hydrogen at the fueling station giving the lowest carbon footprint







- Electrolyzer: up to 130 kgpd in a 20ft container
- ■99.999% clean hydrogen
- ■5,000 and 10,000 psi fill pressure



# Another capability of an electrolyzer is as a dynamic load which can be used to provide fast frequency regulation to help balance the variability of intermittent RE generation



Hydrogenics has successfully demonstrated signal tracking in a test with the ISO in Ontario for the Study of Distributed Loads for Regulation in 2011



## During its June 11<sup>th</sup> workshops, the California Energy Commission explored ways to minimize RE integration costs



## **Integrating Renewables**June 11<sup>th</sup> Workshop

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- What is the role of energy storage in supporting renewables integration?



### What if you could address both challenges at once?

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Power-to-Gas
Hydrogen
Fueling
Station

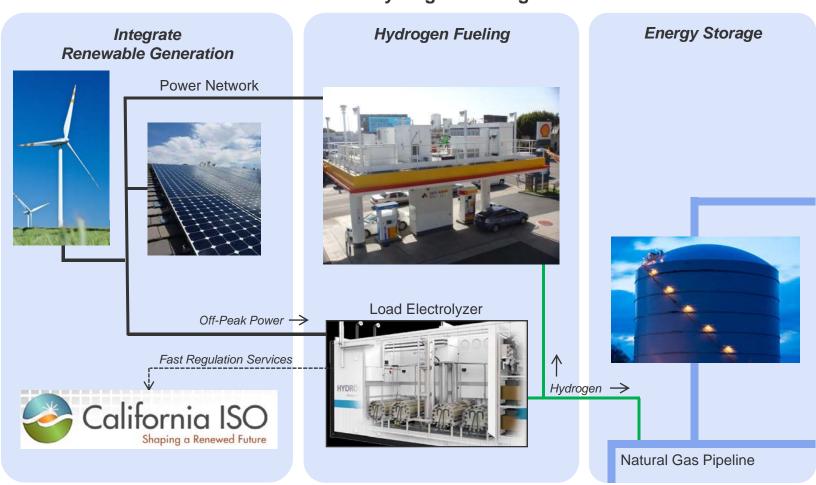
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Distributed Power-to-Gas Hydrogen Fueling Stations would convert surplus renewable generation to hydrogen, provide fueling for fuel cell electric vehicles, and provide energy storage in the existing natural gas infrastructure

#### **Power-to-Gas Hydrogen Fueling Station**





# In summary, California is well positioned to capture all of the value of hydrogen that electrolysis can deliver

Location Criteria	Power-to-Gas Hydrogen Fueling Stations
On-Site Supply Chain	
Customer Reach	
Delivered Price	
Green Hydrogen	
Scalable	<b>✓</b>
<ul> <li>Fast Frequency Regulation</li> </ul>	
Energy Storage	