

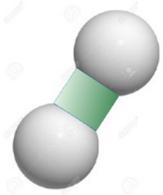


**3G&S Technologies Pte Ltd**

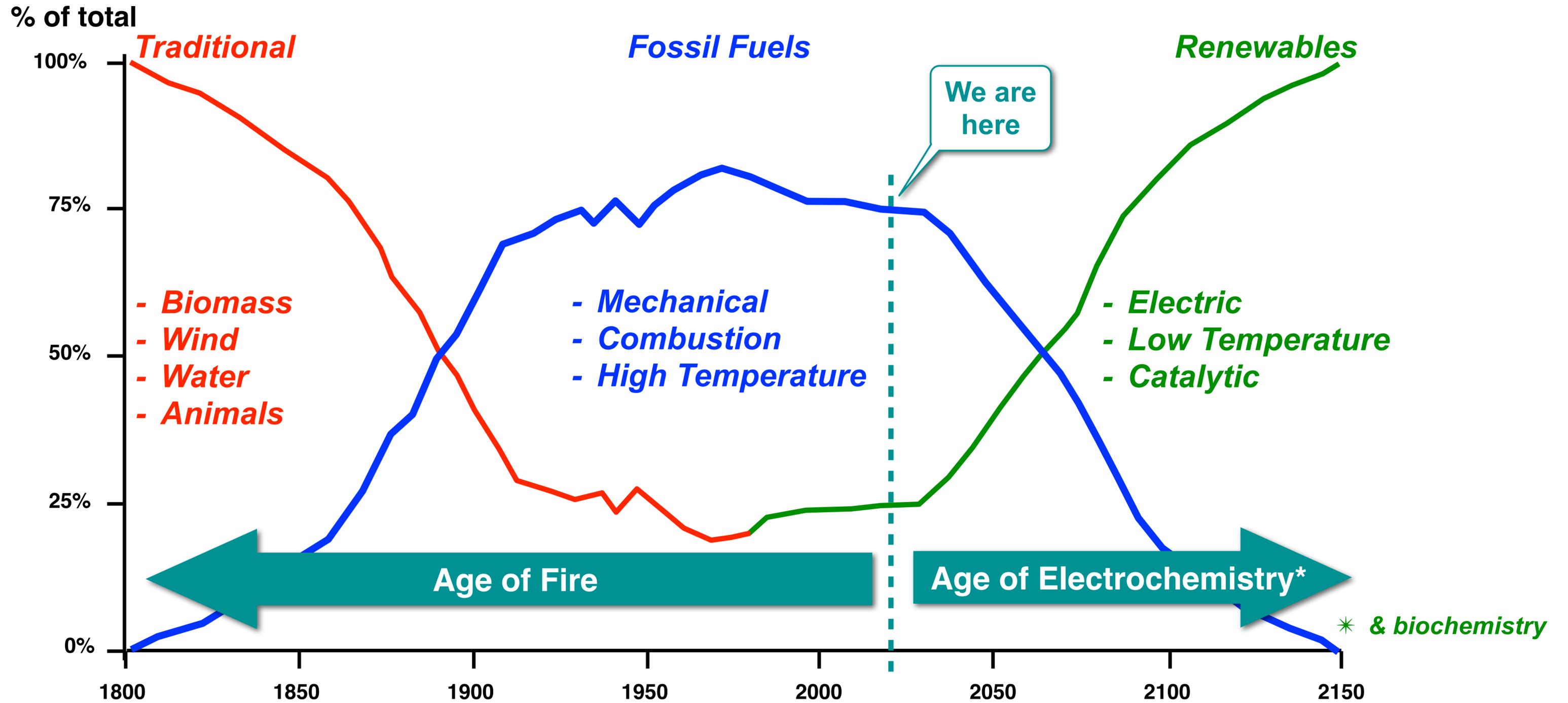
# **Low-Cost Green Hydrogen from Biomass**

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# The History & Future of Energy - according to Shell

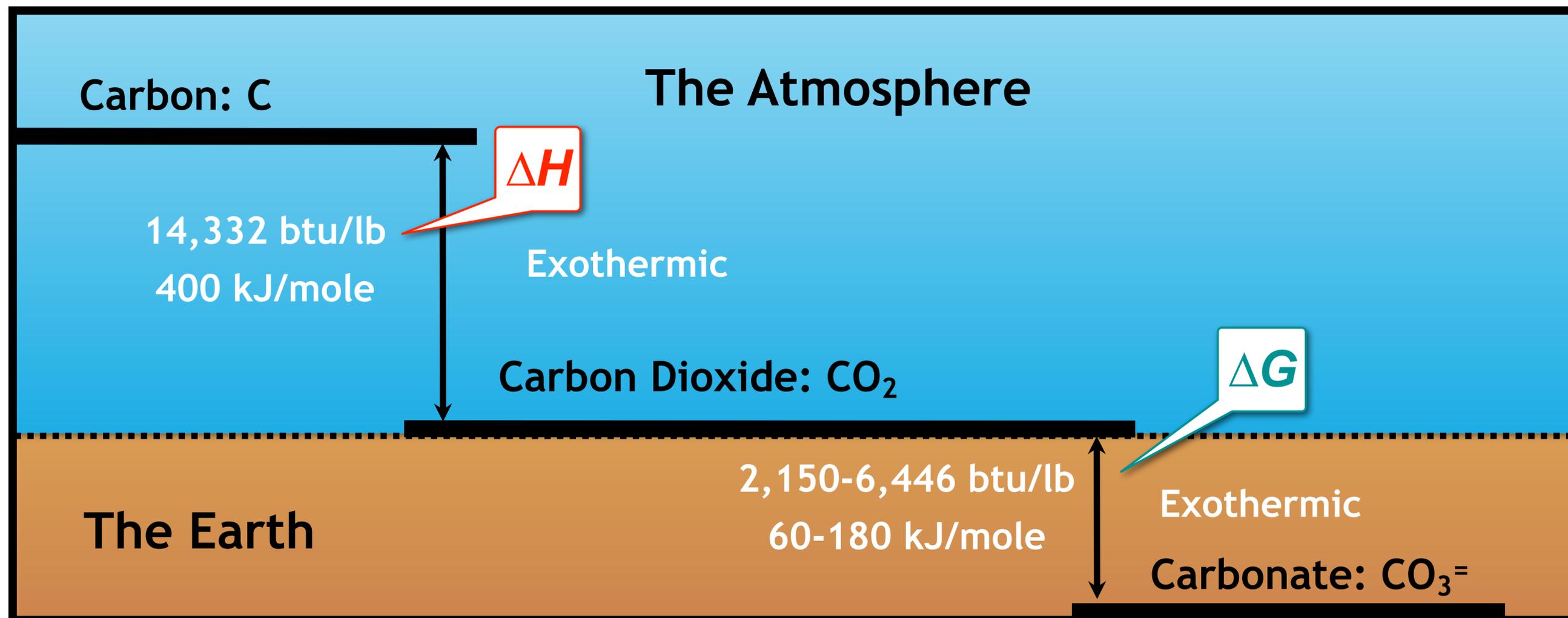


Source: Ewald Breunese, Shell Netherlands, 14th IAMA Conference, Montreux, 14 June 2004

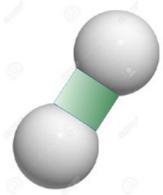


# Pat Grimes observed that...

*... the ground state of carbon is a mineral carbonate...*



*...and Carnot is leaving a lot of energy on the table.*



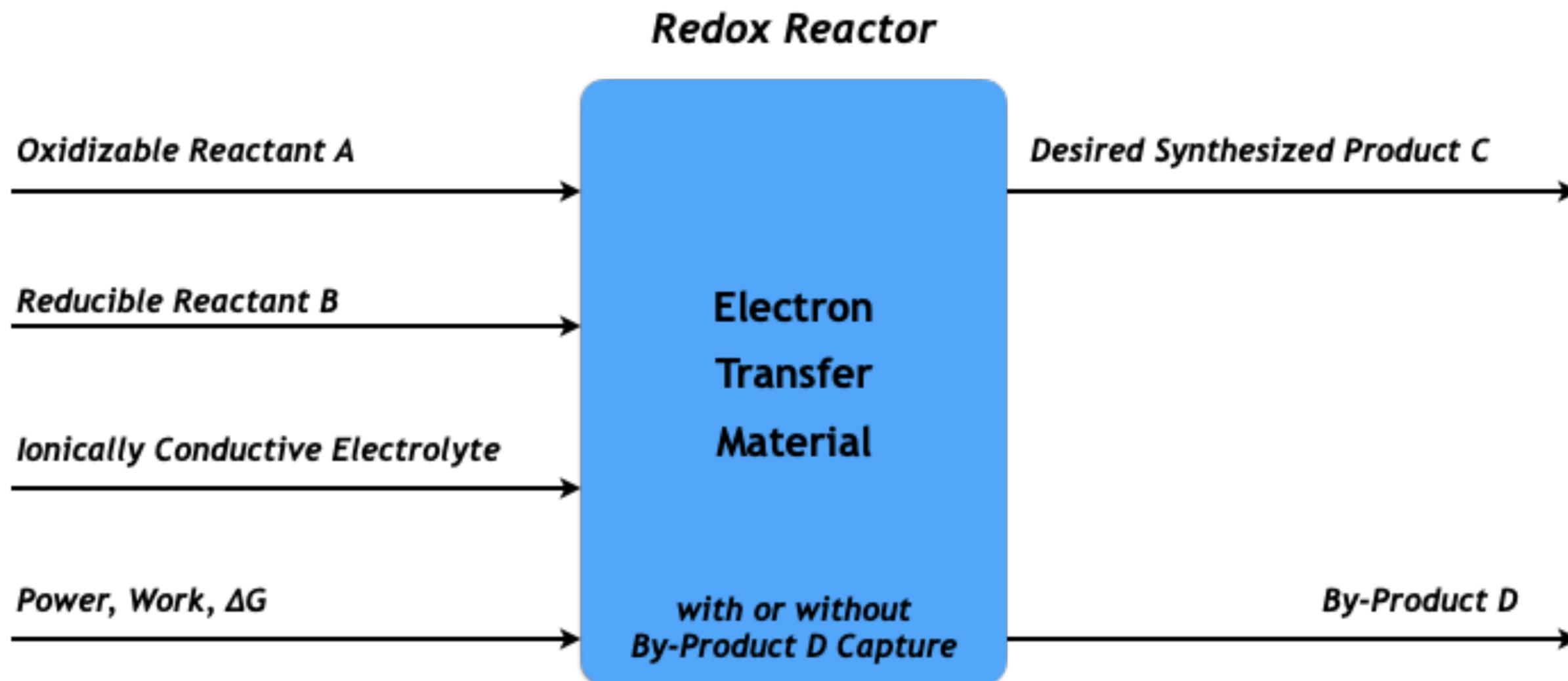
# What are Grimes' Processes ?

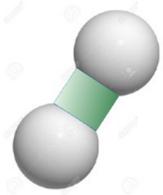
**Free Energy Driven Process**

$$(\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S)$$

**Occurs in Acidic, Neutral & Basic Systems**

**Reactant A + Reactant B + Energy, Power,  $\Delta G \Rightarrow$  Desired Product C + By-Product D**



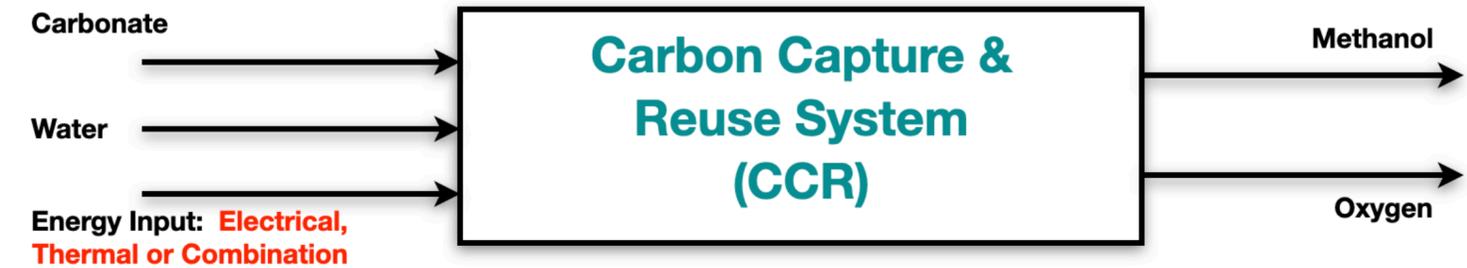


# Grimes industrializes naturally occurring processes



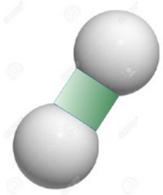
**ECR** – Electrochemical reformer is a proprietary technology that can convert multiple carbonaceous feedstocks into low-cost **Green Hydrogen**

- low-temperature
- liquid-phase
- recover Gibbs Available Energy ( $\Delta G$ )
- built in of pre-combustion carbon capture
- carbon can be captured at its source
- lower energy consumption
- higher efficiency
- captured carbon can be recycled as valuable hydrocarbons and oxygen



**CCR** - Carbon Capture and Reuse system is a proprietary system that can capture atmospheric or post-combustion  $\text{CO}_2$  and convert into **Hydrocarbons**

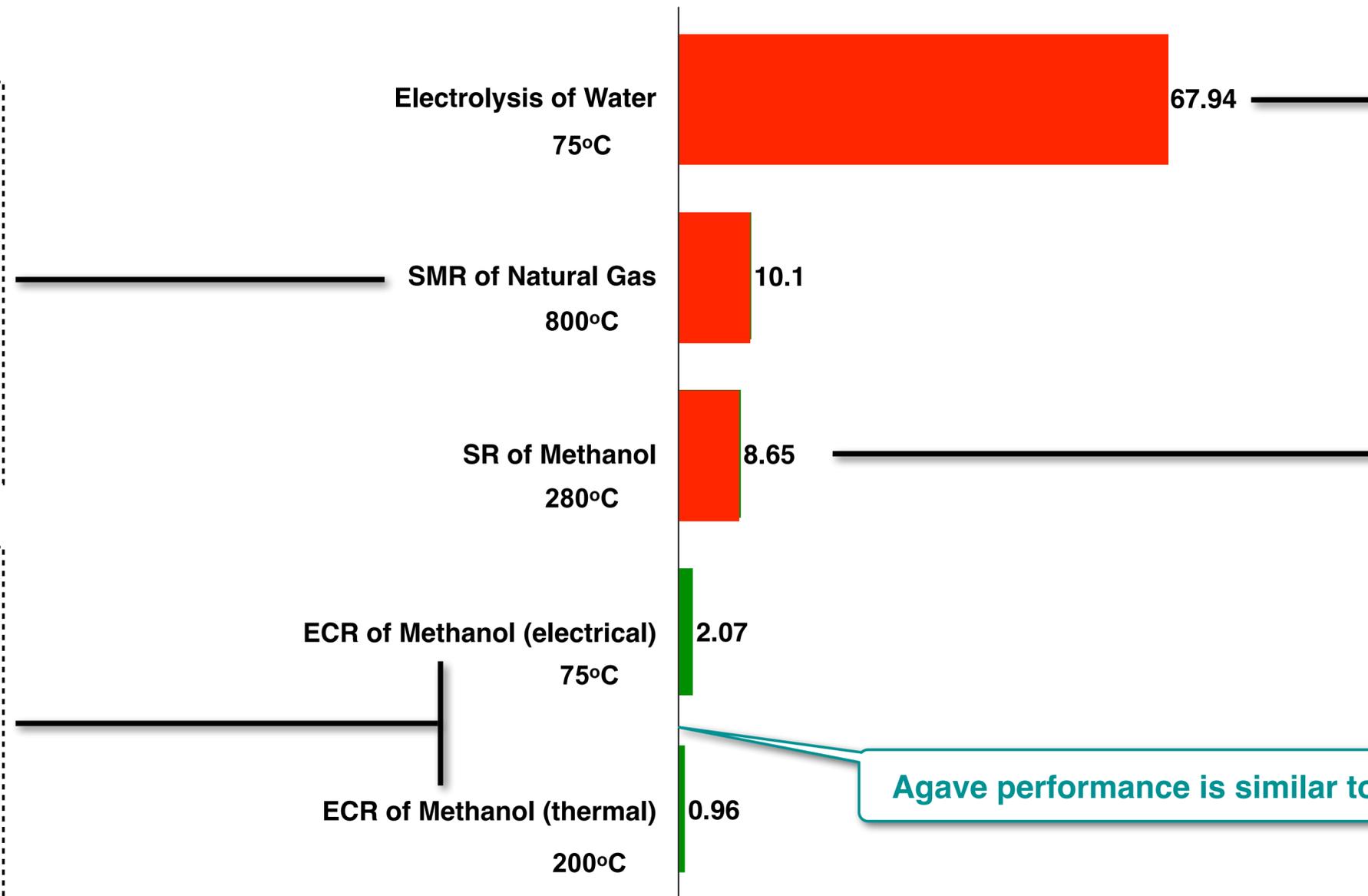
- low-temperature
- liquid-phase
- recover Gibbs Available Energy ( $\Delta G$ )
- capable of atmospheric and post combustion carbon capture
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# Example: Electrochemical Reforming (ECR)

## Energy Required to produce H<sub>2</sub>

(kcal/mole - 1 mole = 2.02 grams)



Fossil industry's "Blue Hydrogen":

- 50% lower yield than ECR
- Energy penalty associated with CCUS
- **1.5x higher delivered costs** in Singapore than ECR of agave juice

Methanol was initial feedstock chosen by COP for ECR development:

- Logistic compatible fuel
- Bio-sourced methanol cost-competitive
- Sugar from agave has similar thermodynamics

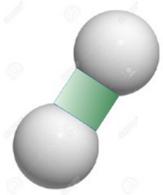
Green Hydrogen through the electrolysis of water:

- Intermittent source (solar & wind)
- 33x more energy than ECR
- **3x higher delivered costs** in Singapore than ECR of agave juice

Lowest cost option - Green Methanol:

- **3x higher delivered costs** in Singapore than ECR of agave juice

Agave performance is similar to Methanol



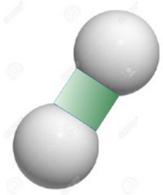
# Problem with Hydrogen

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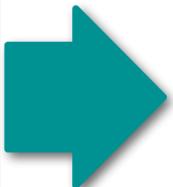
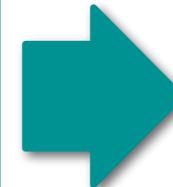
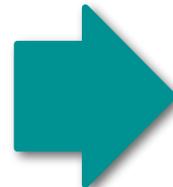
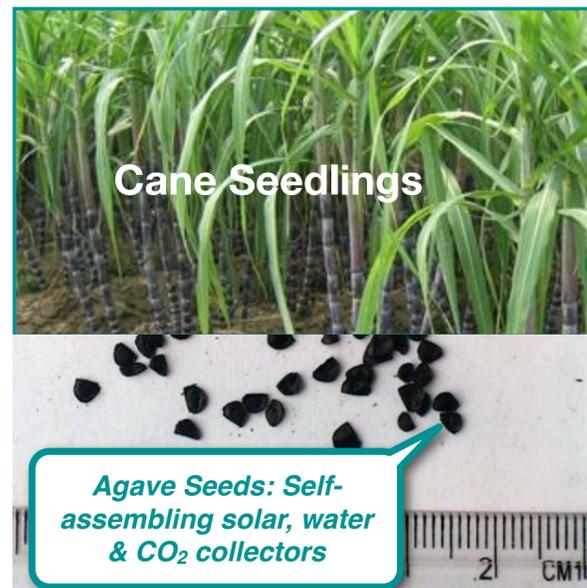
1. Energy intensive to produce
2. Expensive to compress or liquefy
3. Expensive and difficult to transport
4. Storage is hazardous and needs physical security

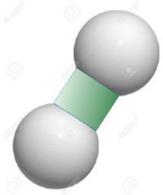
## Solution

1. Never transport or store hydrogen, only produce it on demand
2. Transport and store benign bio-derived sugar juice or methanol instead
3. Use an order of magnitude less energy to produce each kg of hydrogen
4. Distribute such production capacity close to end users

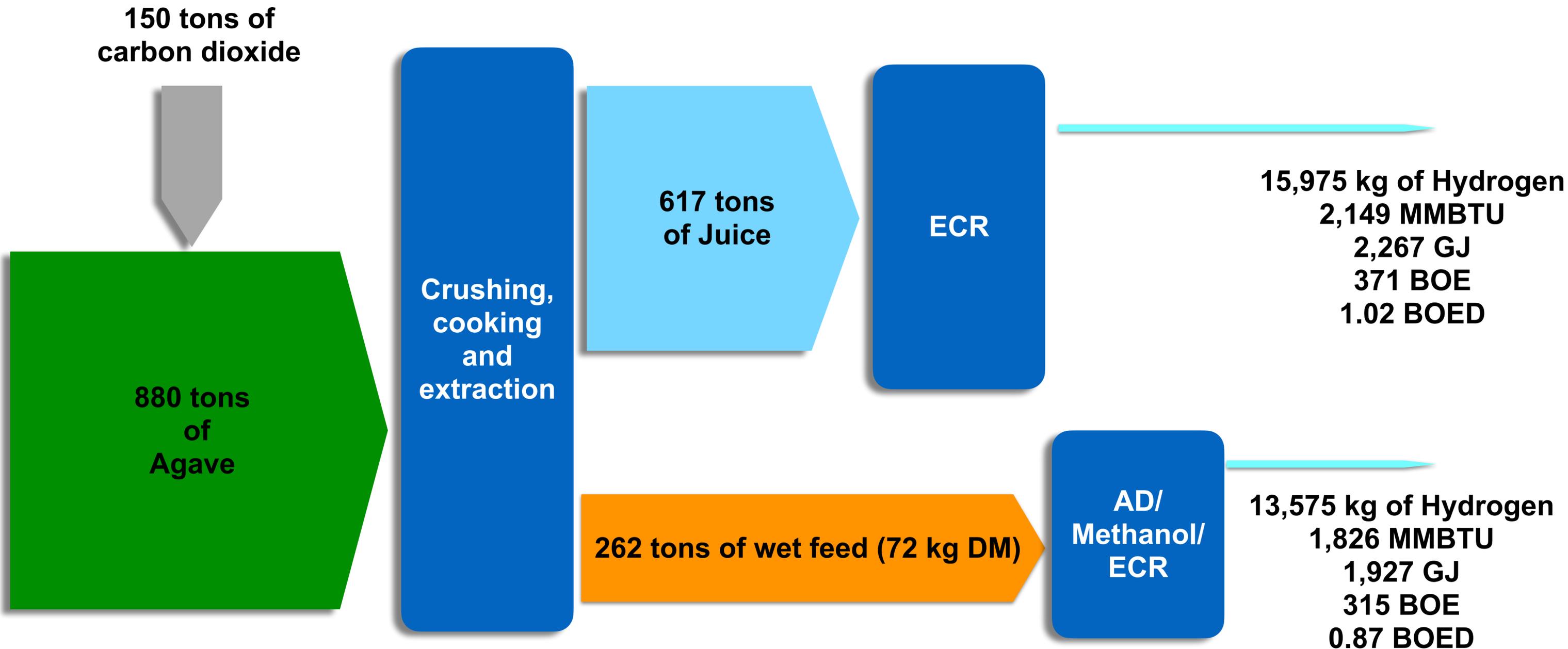


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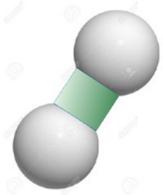




# Products from 1 ha of Agave

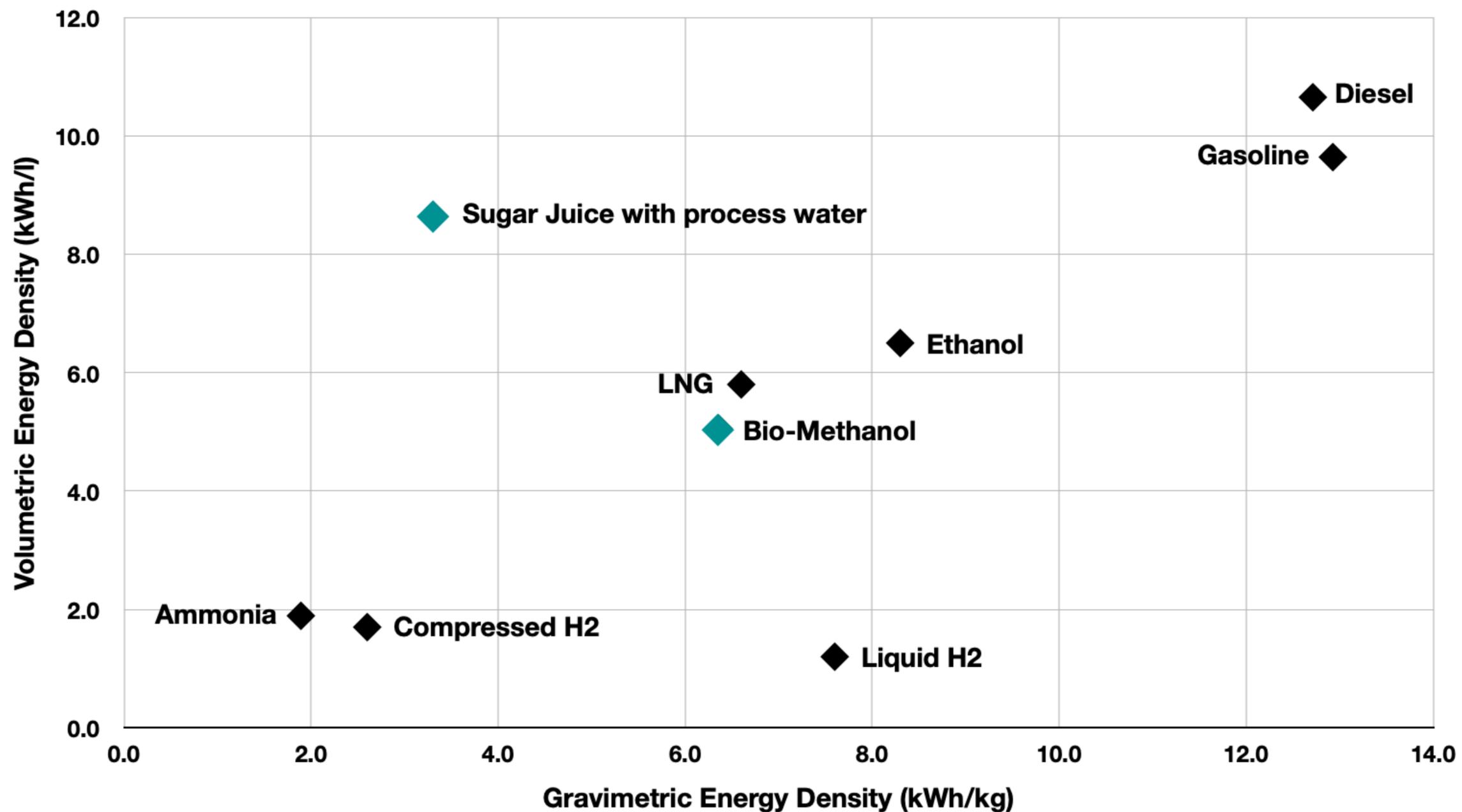


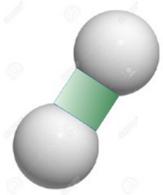
**20% of Singapore's total energy = 5.5x its area**



# Energy Density

### Energy Density of Onboard Hydrogen Storage Media





# Tanker Comparison

## Liquid Hydrogen Tanker

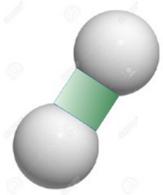


**Capacity: 11,400 tons of Hydrogen**  
**Length: 1,100 feet**  
**Temperature: -253 degrees Celsius**  
**Cost: US\$ 302M (projected 50% reduction)**

## Sugar Juice Tanker

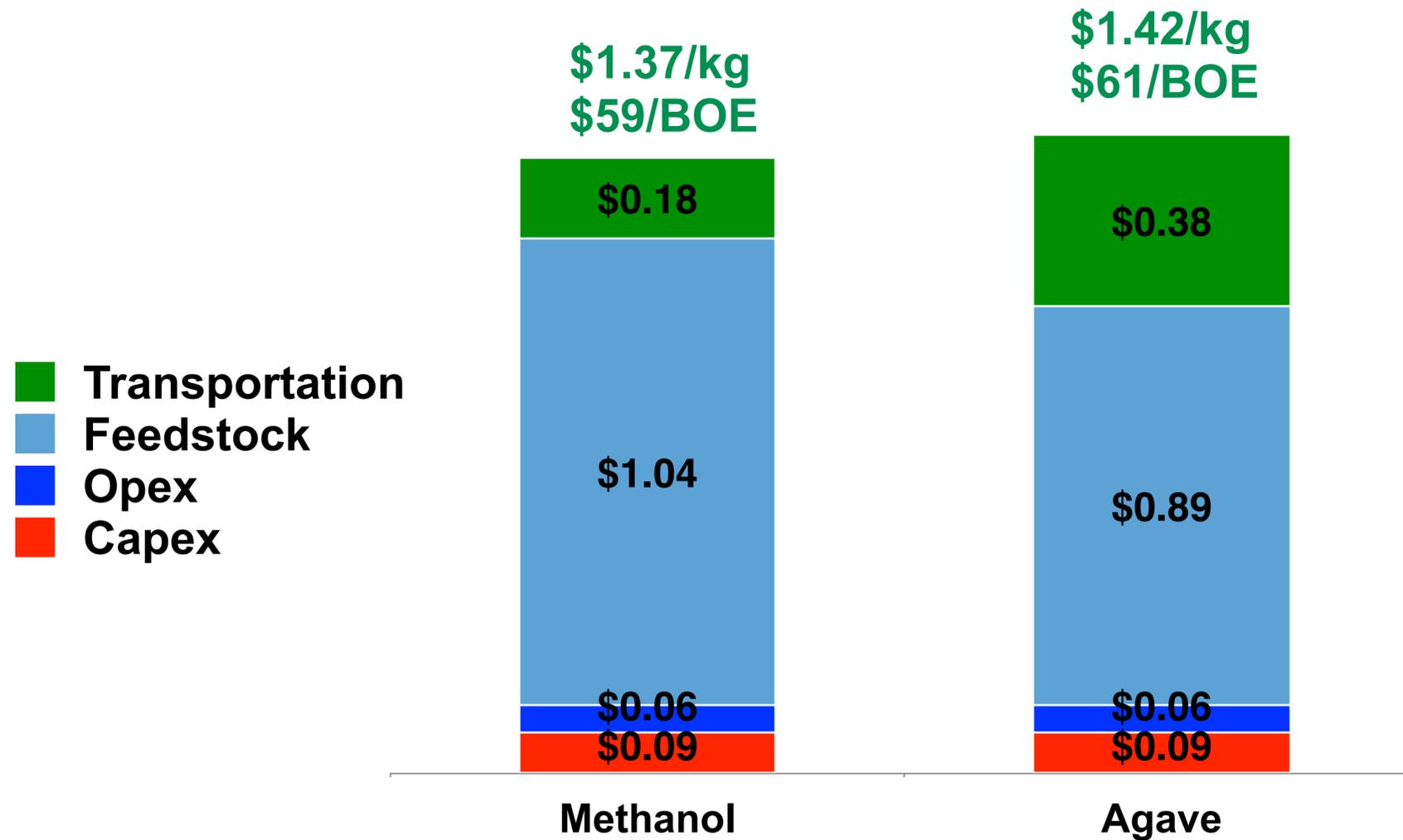


**Capacity: 28,480 tons of Hydrogen**  
**Length: 1,100 feet**  
**Temperature: Ambient**  
**Cost: US\$ 120M**

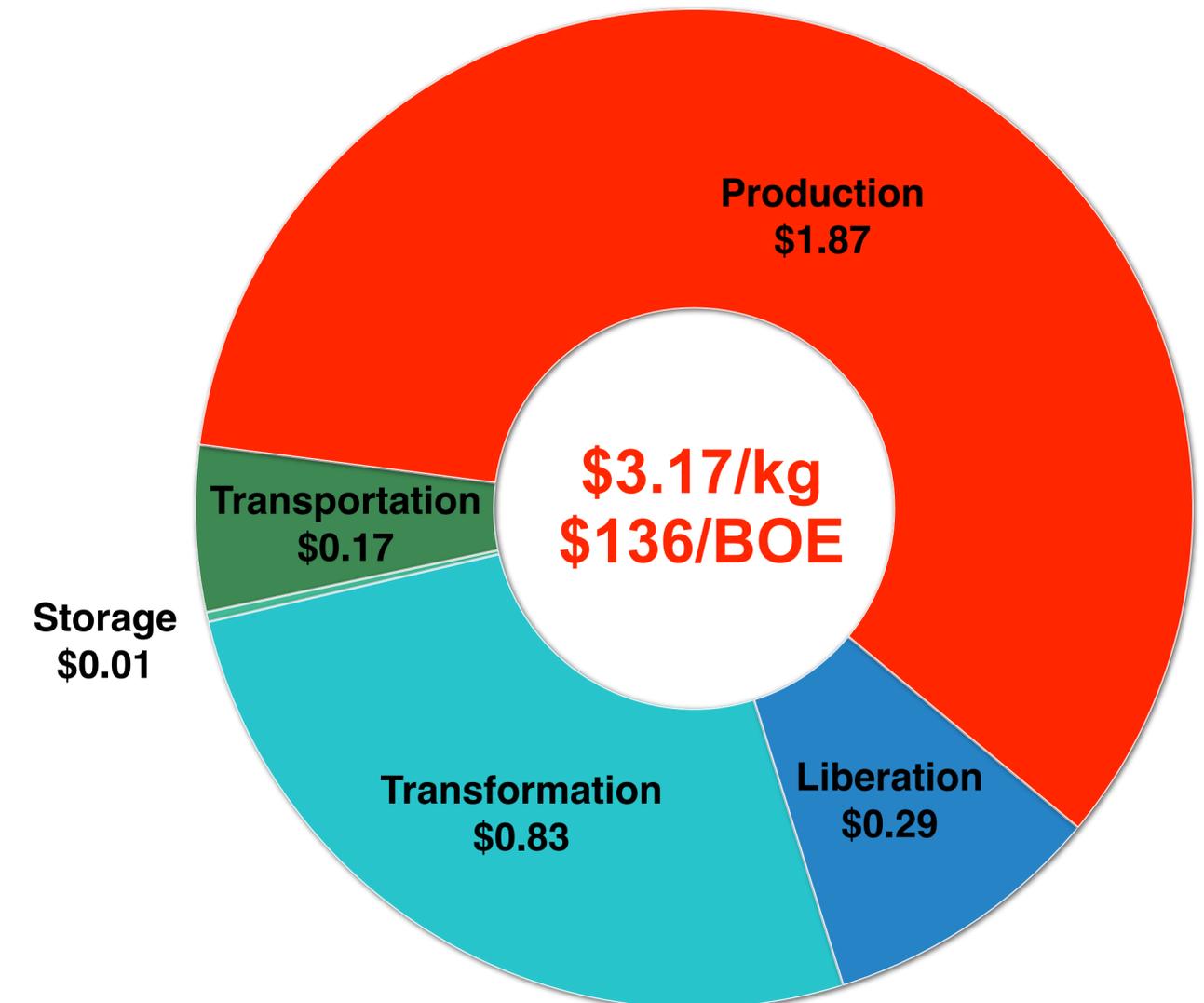


# LCOH Comparison: KBR Singapore 2050 v ECR 2025

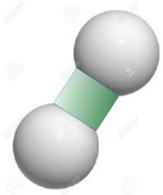
### LCOH ECR - 2025



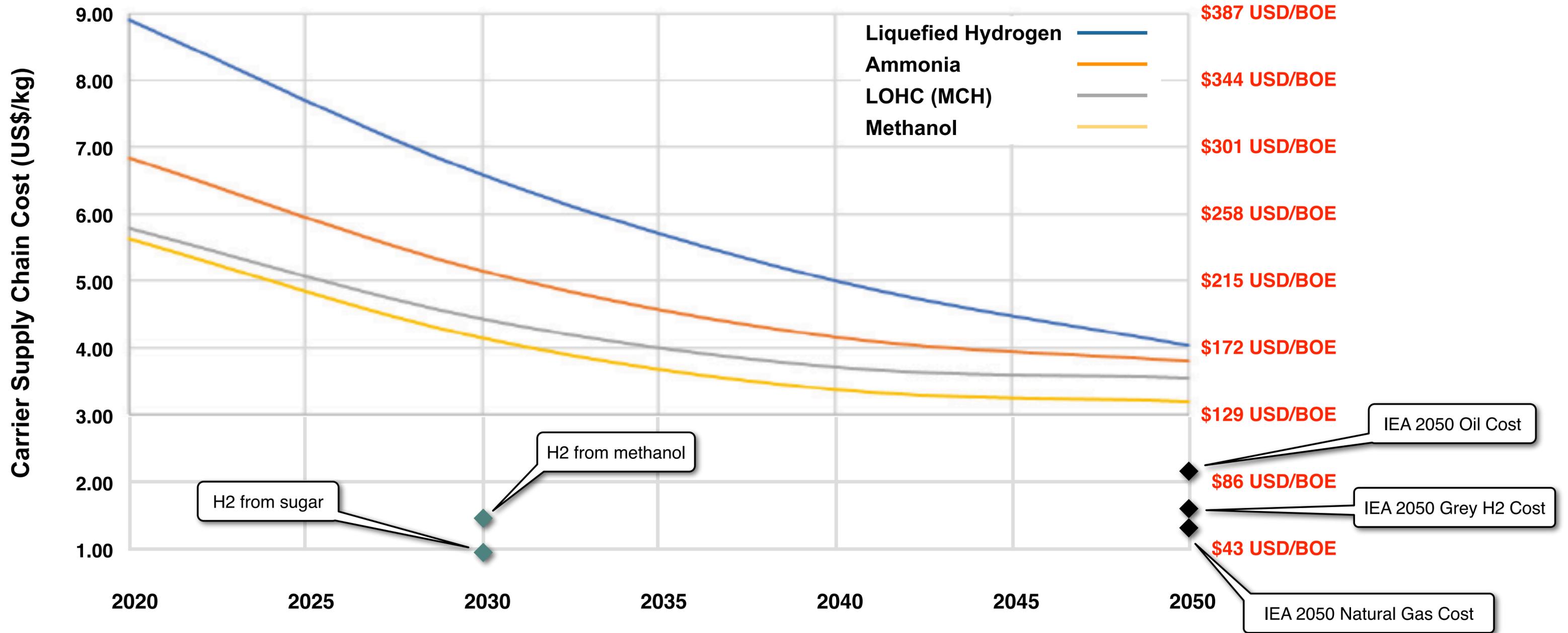
### KBR LCOH Synthetic MeOH - 2050



Notes: Electricity cost = \$0.030/kWh  
Green Methanol cost = \$164/ton

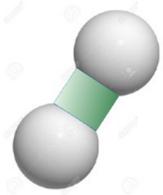


# Comparison of LCOH to Fossil Fuels

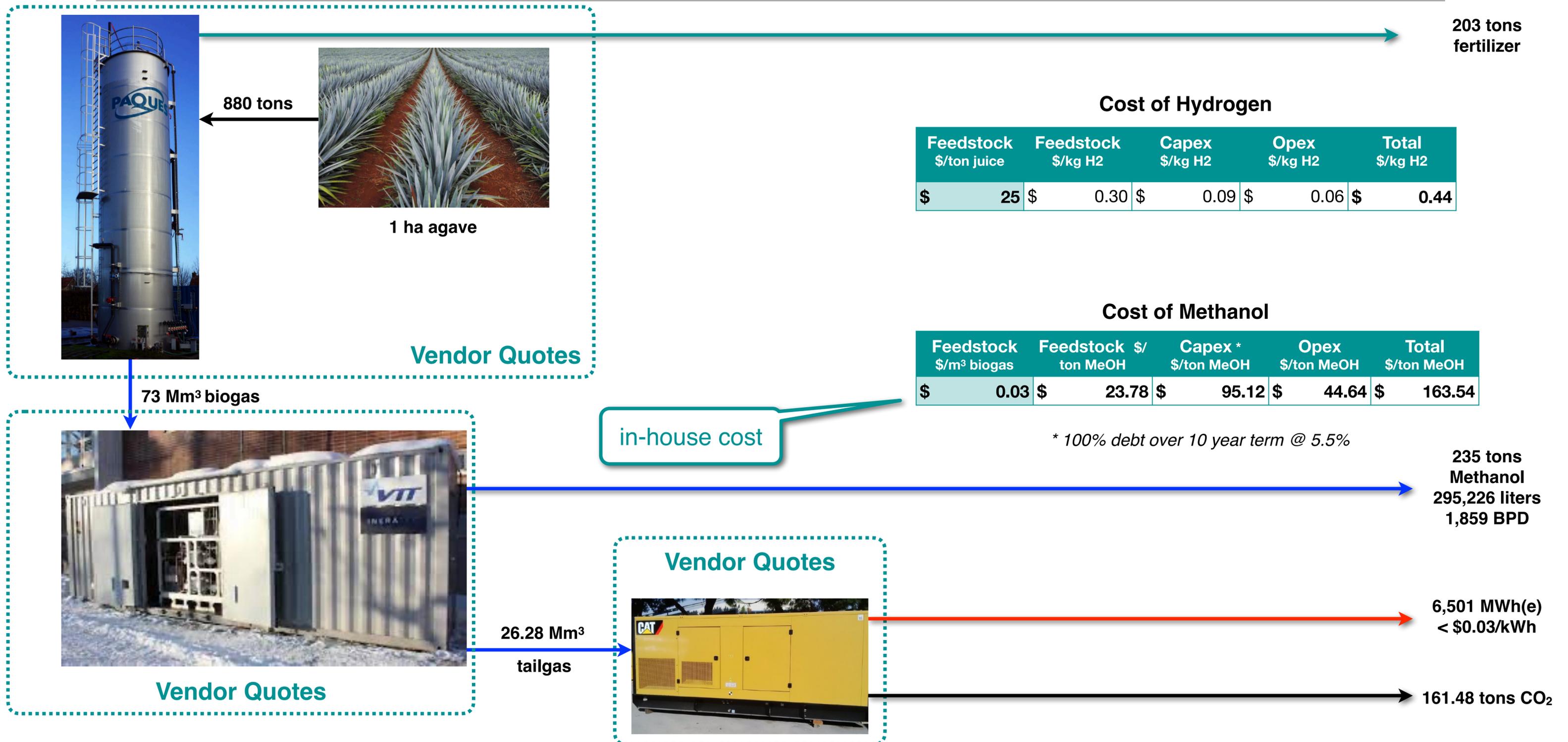


**Predicted Cost Improvements of Each Carrier Supply Chain from 2020 - 2050**

Source: Study of Hydrogen Imports & Downstream Applications for Singapore, Figure 5.14 - KBR - 2020



# Cost of Green H<sub>2</sub> from Agave Juice & Methanol (CI# = 0)



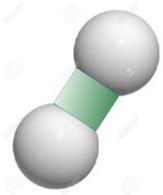
## Cost of Hydrogen

Feedstock \$/ton juice	Feedstock \$/kg H <sub>2</sub>	Capex \$/kg H <sub>2</sub>	Opex \$/kg H <sub>2</sub>	Total \$/kg H <sub>2</sub>
\$ 25	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.44

## Cost of Methanol

Feedstock \$/m <sup>3</sup> biogas	Feedstock \$/ ton MeOH	Capex * \$/ton MeOH	Opex \$/ton MeOH	Total \$/ton MeOH
\$ 0.03	\$ 23.78	\$ 95.12	\$ 44.64	\$ 163.54

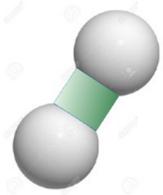
\* 100% debt over 10 year term @ 5.5%



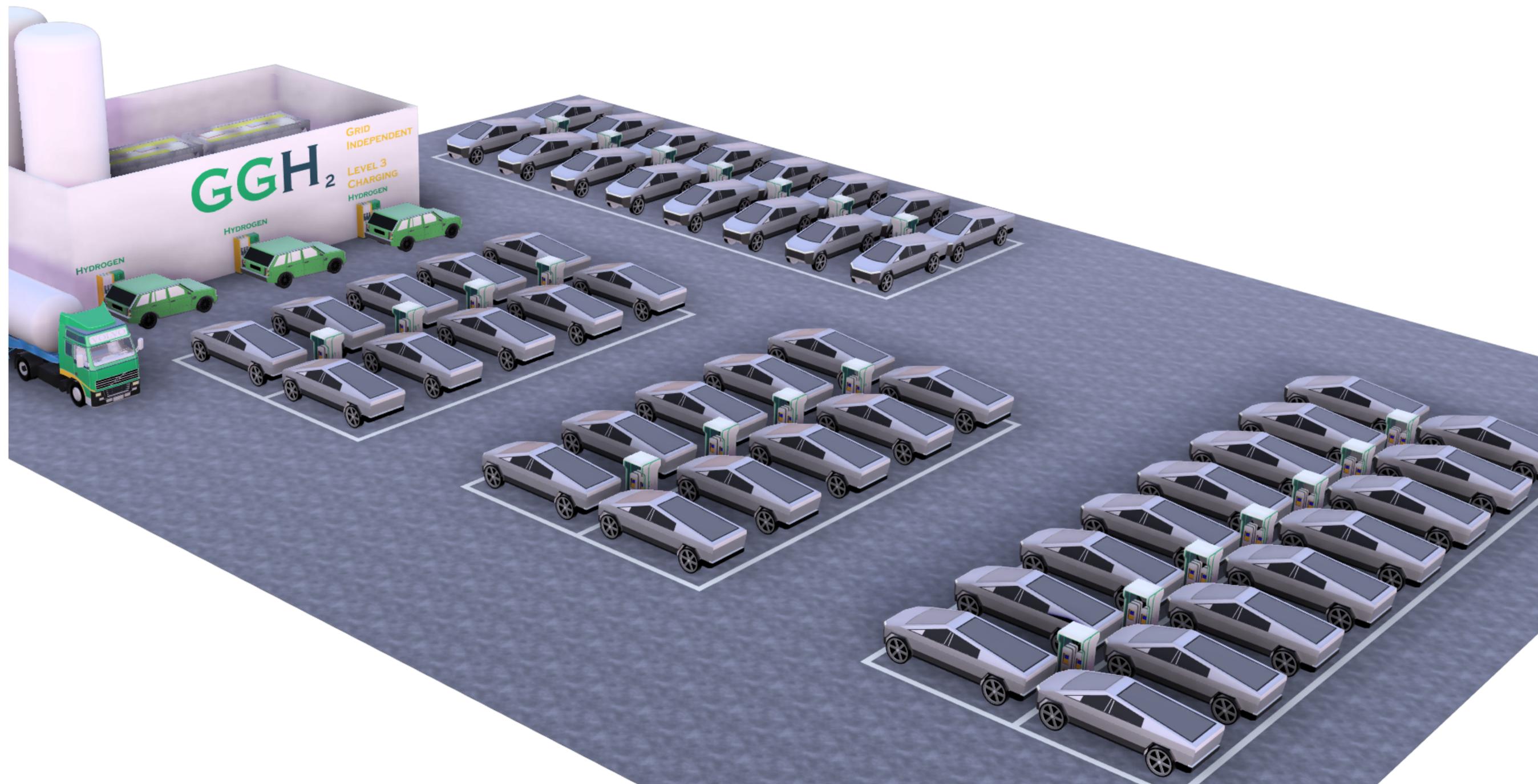
# Market Strategy

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1. Focus on utility users who have already committed to hydrogen in NGCC plants ( from 20% to 70%) and repowering of older thermal plants.
2. Offer green hydrogen that is cost-competitive with fossil fuels for vehicles and make additional hydrogen to power grid-independent charging stations for electric vehicles
3. Options for California,
  - a) import cane juice from the southern US & Caribbean
  - b) grow agave in the southern half of the state and central valley
  - c) ship sugar juice from Australia and other countries to be converted into hydrogen for power generation at a landed cost of ~\$1.25/kg by 2030
  - d) convert bagasse from the sugar juice sources into bio-methanol and ship to Singapore and other countries to produce hydrogen on demand for a cost of \$2.00/kg by 2027.



# First California Market - Grid Independent Charging





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