

# OPEN HYDROGEN INITIATIVE

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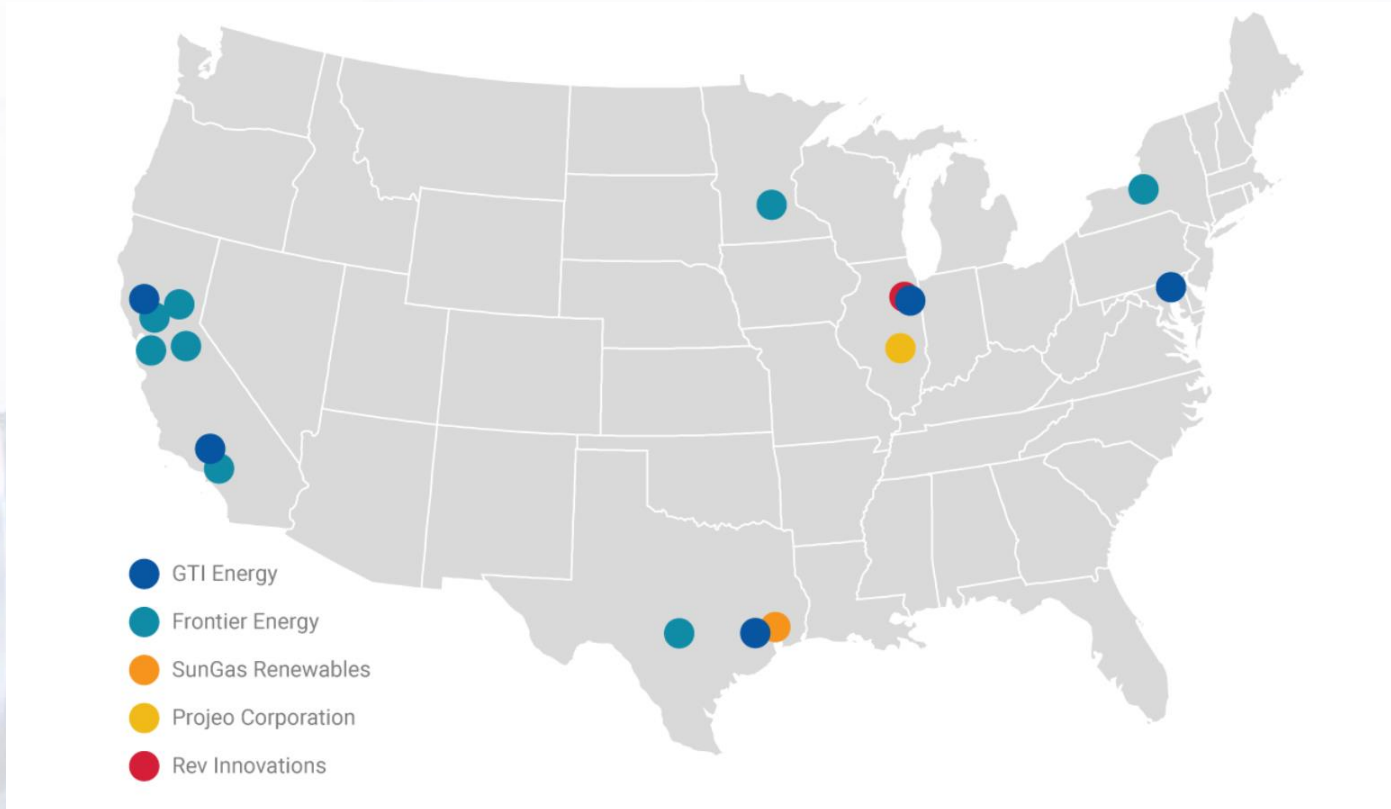
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# Que es GTI Energy?

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# What is GTI Energy?



- **Not-for-profit R&D** organization in the liquids/gases space
- Mission driven for **low carbon, low cost** energy transition, **leverage existing infrastructure** and knowledge resources.
- 75 years **legacy**
- **GRI founded in 1976** in response to the Federal Power Commission (FPC) encouraging increased gas research and development (R&D).
- **IGT founded in 1941** to train graduate engineers, in affiliation with the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)
- GRI/IGT merge and become **GTI in 2000**
- Name changes to **GTI Energy in 2022**
- **400+ Employees**
- Mostly **Engineers and PhDs**
- Recognized for **rigor and technical expertise**

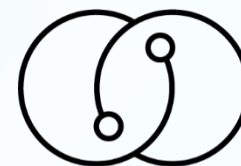


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Working with utilities to address critical challenges

# A Highly Collaborative Organization

Leveraging expertise and funding to address common challenges and opportunities for utilities



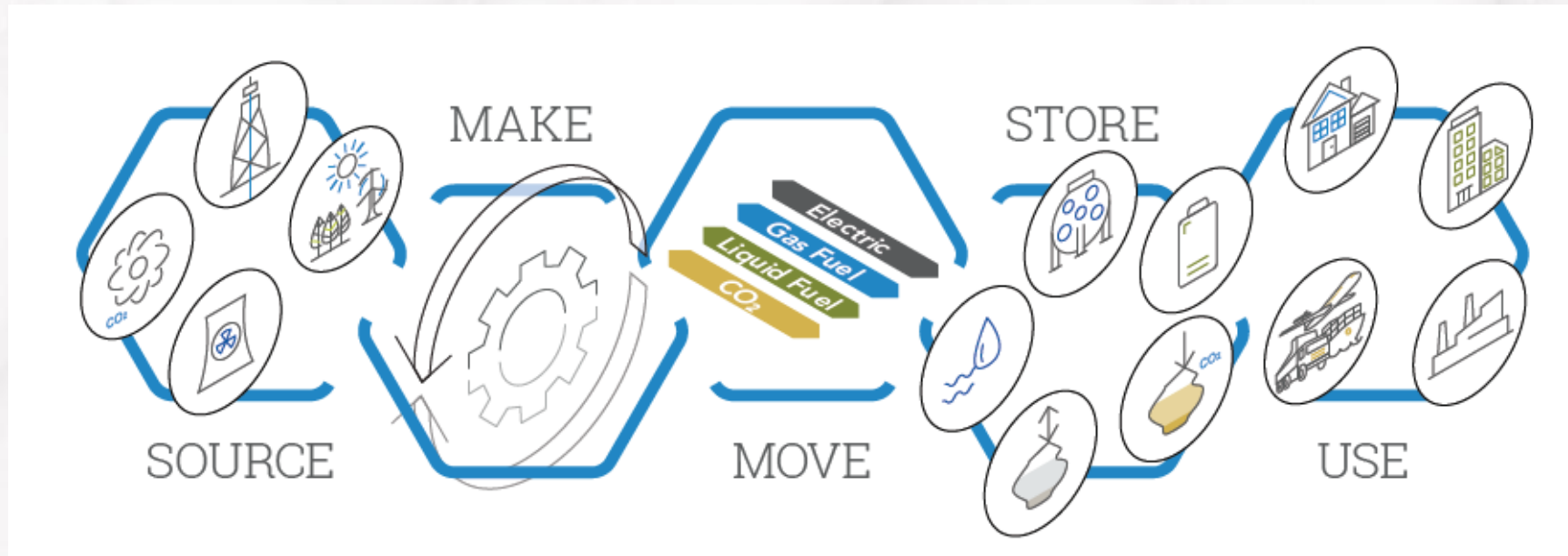
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# Hydrogen Technology Center

*Creating Low Cost, Low Carbon Energy Systems through Integrated Hydrogen Solutions*



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# Hydrogen Hubs



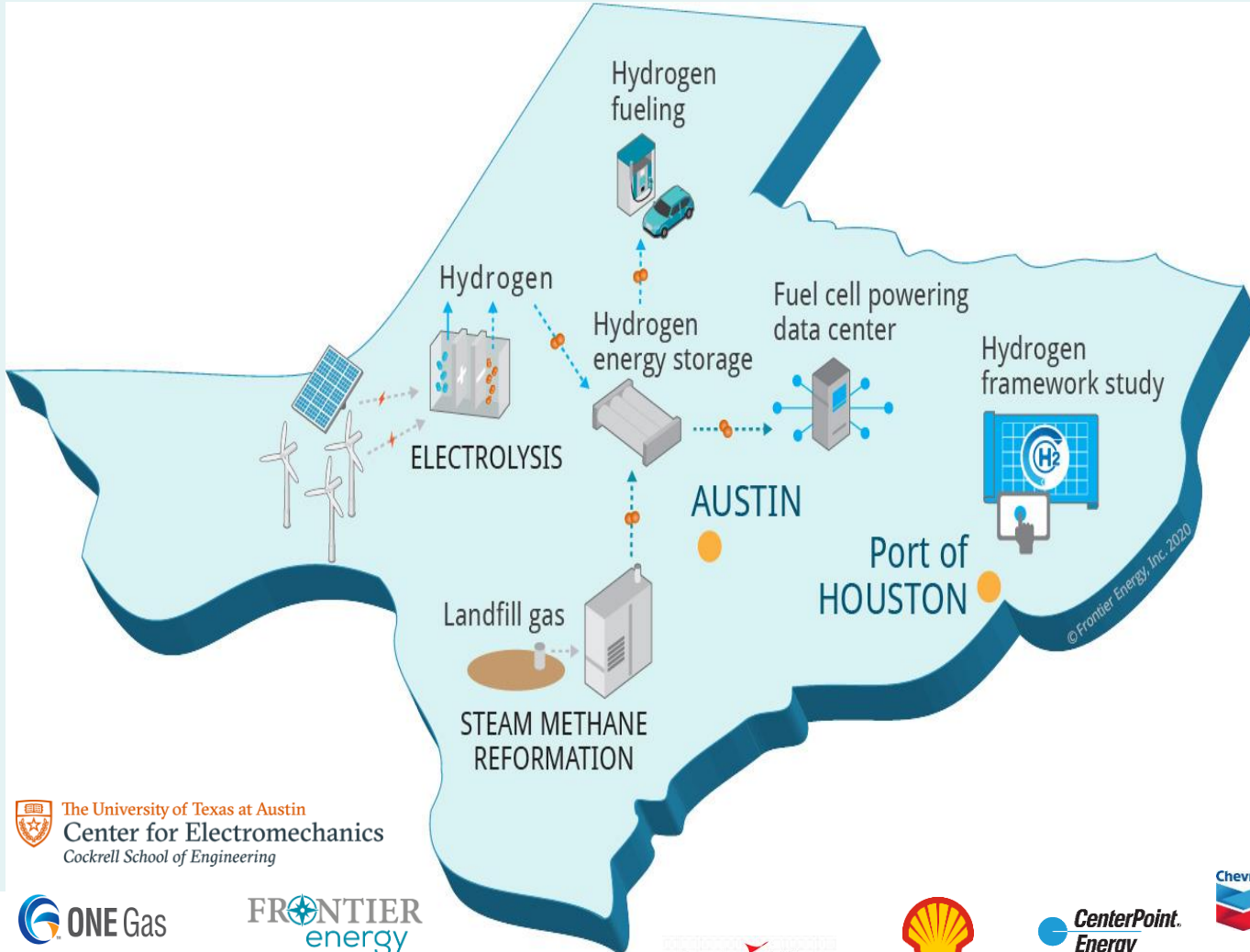
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# H2@Scale TX Demo



## ~100% renewable H<sub>2</sub> generation

- 75 kg/day SMR: GTI, OneH2, ONE Gas, Waste Management
- 20 kg/day PEM electrolyzer in H70 SimpleFuel: MHI, SoCalGas, TACC
  - Emulated wind and solar power through UT CEM microgrid

## Large scale, industry H<sub>2</sub> user

- 100kW fuel cell powering Texas Advanced Computing Center

## Vehicle refueling

- Published SAE J2601-4 fueling of 7-10 Toyota Mirai's
- Drones included

The University of Texas at Austin  
Center for Electromechanics  
Cockrell School of Engineering





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# Current uses of H2



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- **Petroleum Refining**
- **Ammonia Production**
- **Methanol Production**
- **Electronics and Semiconductor Industry**
- **Metal Production**
- **Food Industry**
- **Rocket Propulsion**
- **Chemical Manufacturing**
- **Glass Industry**
- **Energy Storage**
- **Power Generation**

# Current sources of H<sub>2</sub>



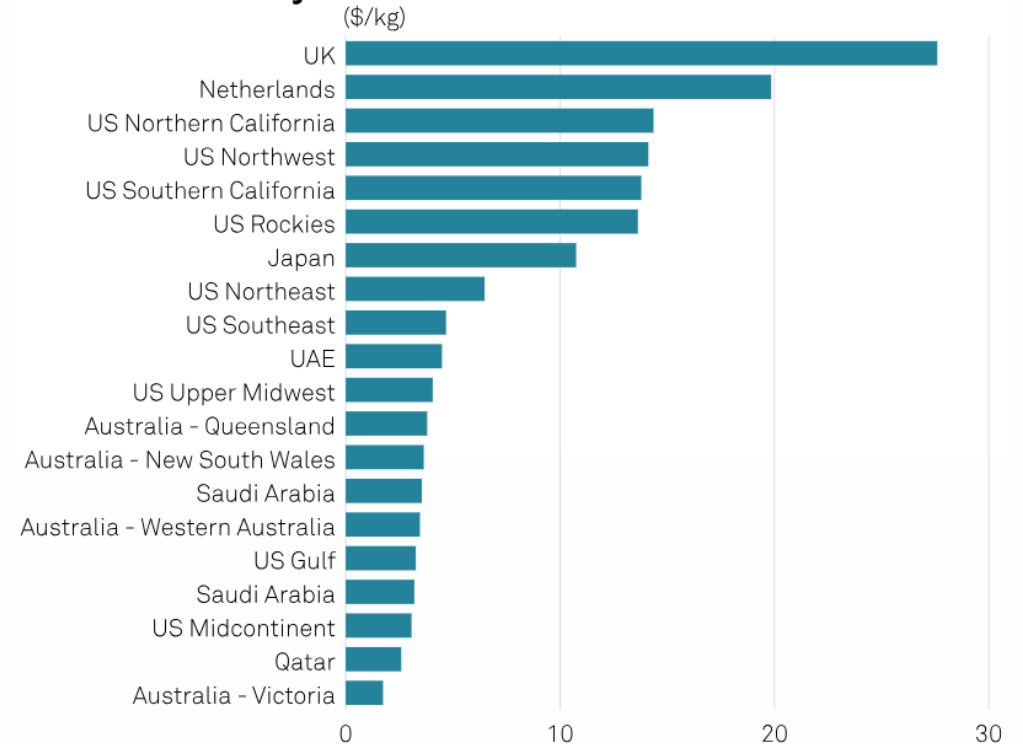
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- **Natural Gas Reforming (Steam Methane Reforming - SMR)**
- **Partial Oxidation (POX) of Natural Gas**
- **Autothermal Reforming (ATR)**
- **Methane Pyrolysis**
- **Coal Gasification**
- **Biomass Gasification**
- **Electrolysis**
- **Biological Production**
- **Geologic Hydrogen**

# Production Costs

- Hydrogen production via unabated (no CCS) SRM for US Gulf Coast was the cheapest globally for December 2022 at **\$1.27/kg**.
- Southern California alkaline electrolysis more than doubled over November, averaging **\$13.79/kg in December**.
- UK PEM electrolysis remained the most expensive production pathway globally, averaging **\$32.41/kg**, up over 30% on the month.

Average December 2022 hydrogen production costs, alkaline electrolysis



Note: Includes capex

Source: S&P Global Commodity Insights

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# A plethora of Incentives inversely proportional to the Carbon Intensity of Hydrogen



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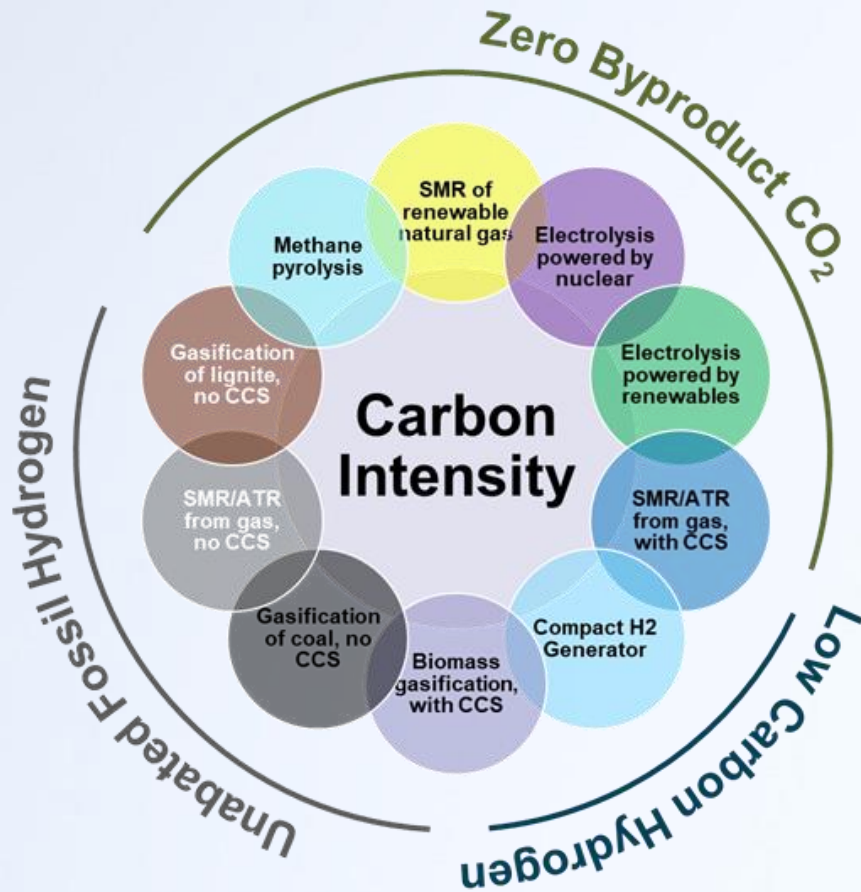
- LCFS
- IRA (45V, 45Q, 45B, 45Z)
- RED II
- Others

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*CI of H<sub>2</sub> production has significant variability among 'colors'*



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## Risks of Reliance on the Color Wheel Include:

- Fracture hydrogen markets along color boundaries
- Stifle innovation by boxing out alternatives
- Lack of standardization and transparency around color nomenclature
- Deeply inaccurate

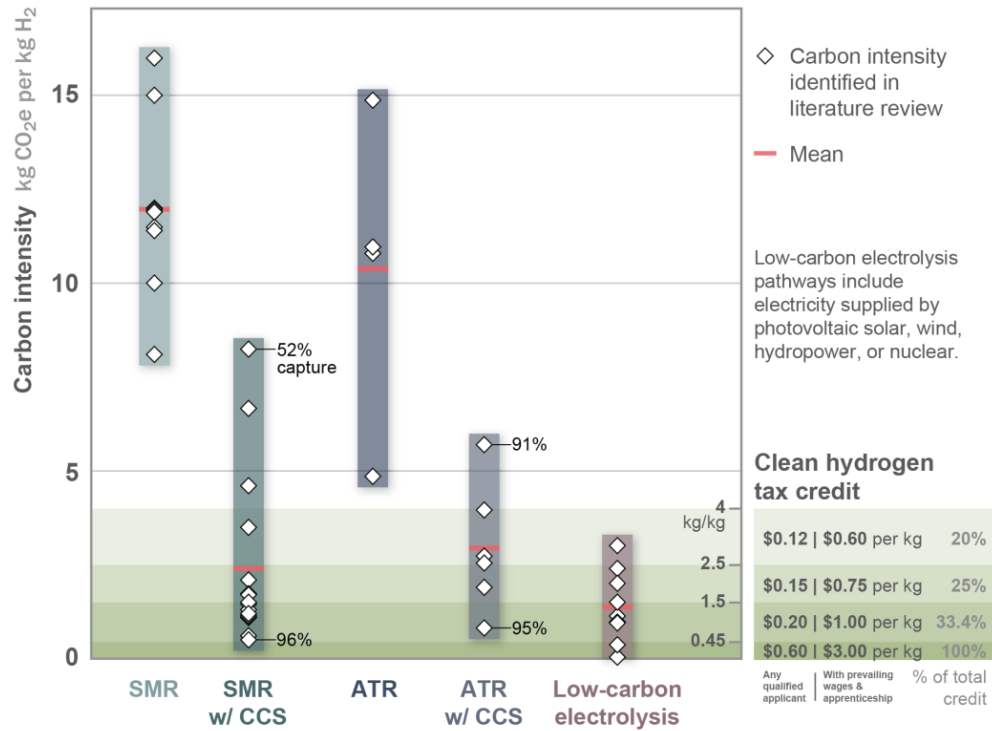
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## Hydrogen lifecycle carbon intensity in published literature



Elizabeth Abramson, Daniel Rodriguez & Dane McFarlane, Carbon Solutions LLC, 2022.

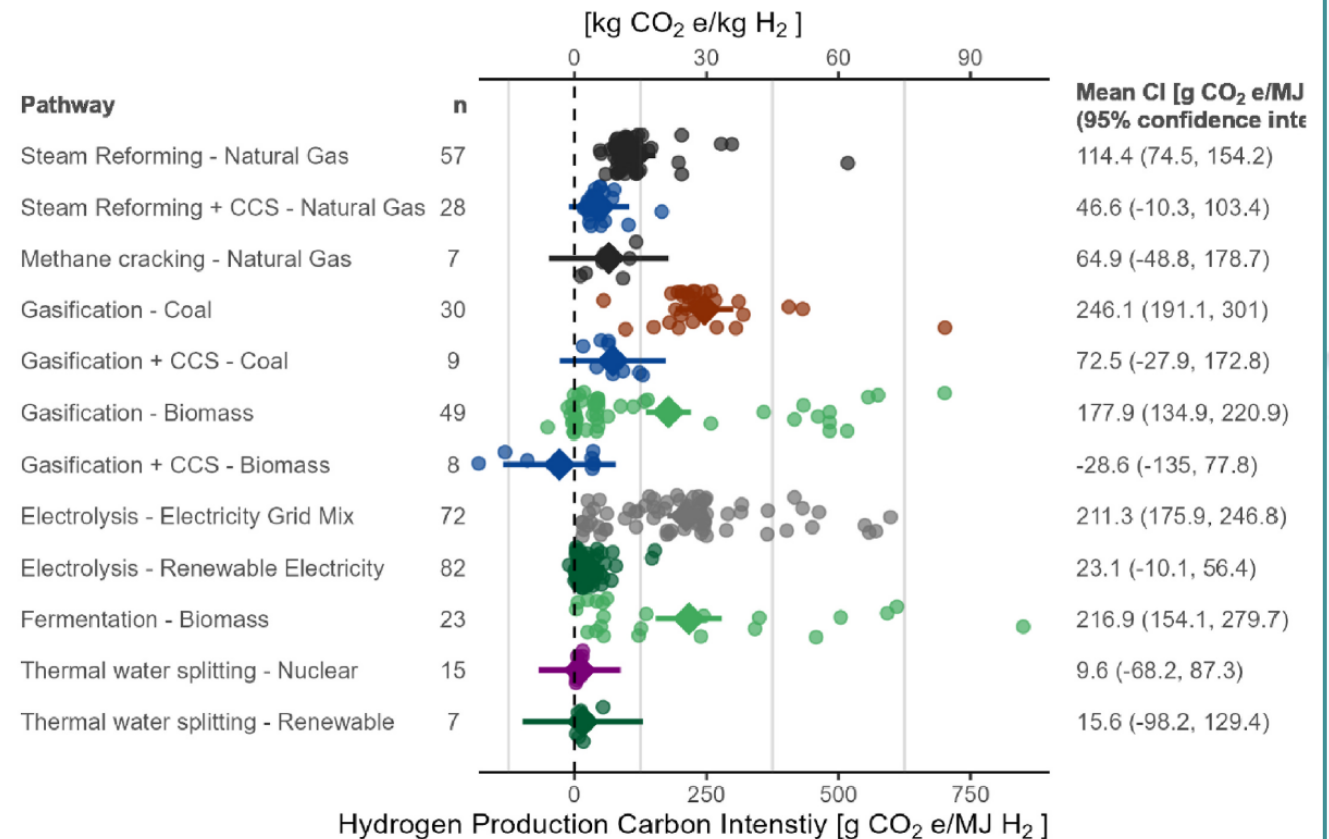


Fig. 2. Summary of the CI for the main Hydrogen production pathways. n = 387. The large diamond shows the average value with their respective 95% estimated confidence interval (for the mean) through a linear regression model using the hydrogen production pathways as categorical variables [121]. One CI for biomass gasification with a very high value of 1972 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ H<sub>2</sub> is omitted from the chart.

Source: Kendall et al. 2023




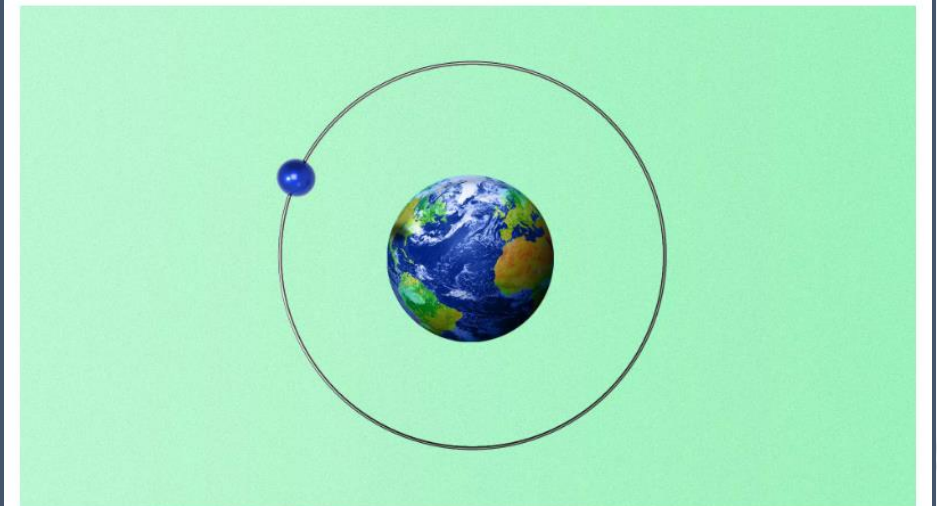
# ONE TOOL TO HARMONIZE THE WAY WE CALCULATE THE CARBON INTENSITY OF H2

**Figure 5** Map of organisations working on hydrogen certification



## One hydrogen rubric to rule them all

 Alan Neuhauser, author of [Axios Pro: Climate Deals](#)  
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*A Fragmented System of Regional Standards*

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# Sobre OHI

# WHAT IS THE OPEN HYDROGEN INITIATIVE?

## The Mission

The **Open Hydrogen Initiative** is laying the foundation for low-carbon hydrogen marketplaces

## The Objective

OHI will develop an analytical toolkit to assess the carbon intensity of hydrogen production

- **Versatile (customizable for Facility Level)**
- **Cradle-to-Gate (use agnostic)**
- **Compatible with International Norms & Best Practices**
- **Comprehensive Stakeholder Engagement**
- **Open Sourced**



# STAKEHOLDERS & SPONSORS

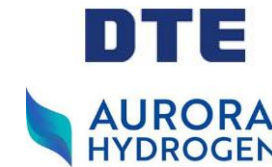
## OHI Leadership



## Foundational Sponsors



## Technical Sponsors







## NGOs, Academic Partners, and Observers





# OHI PILLARS OF SUCCESS

CREDIBLE | COMPATIBLE | TRANSPARENT | OPEN SOURCE | PRAGMATIC

## Benefits and Motivation

-  **Regionally sensitive** technology deployment
-  A **consolidated** hydrogen marketplace
-  Greater incentive to **innovate** and **invest**
-  Less barriers to **financing** new projects
-  **Faster** and **cheaper** hydrogen adoption
-  **Technology-agnostic** policy and regulation

## Technical Solution

-  **State of the Science**
-  **Cradle-to-Gate** Life Cycle Analysis
-  **Data Quality Confidence Metric**
-  Best practices for **data collection, tracking, traceability,** and **reporting**
-  Full suite of **industry demonstrations**



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# TECHNICAL TEAM

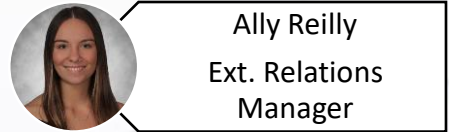
## Key Leadership & Research Teams



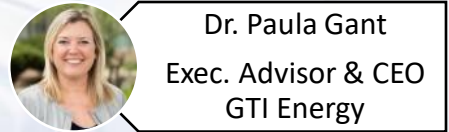
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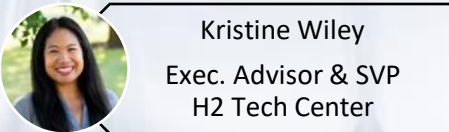
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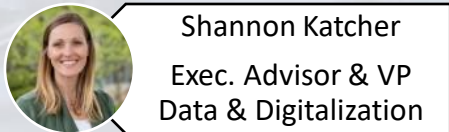
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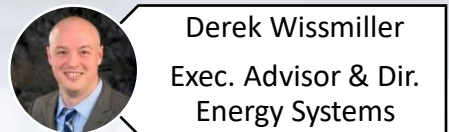
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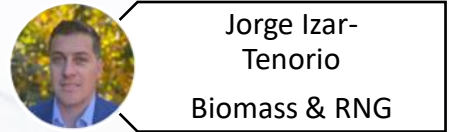
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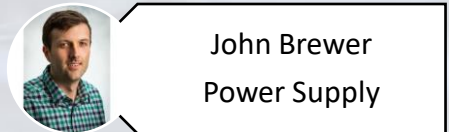
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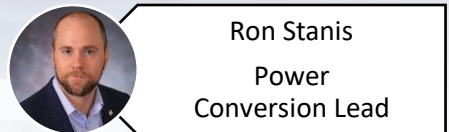
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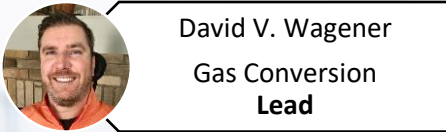
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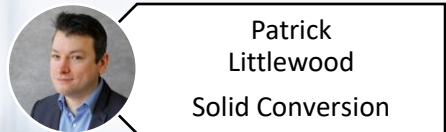
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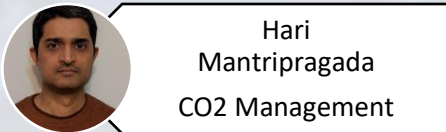
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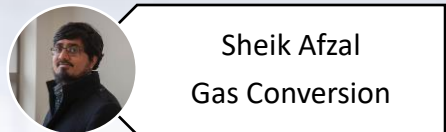
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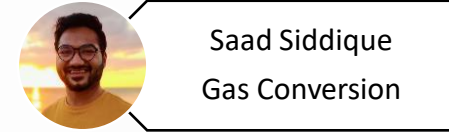
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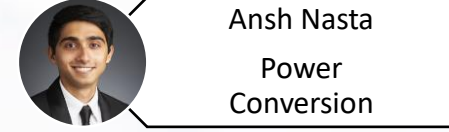
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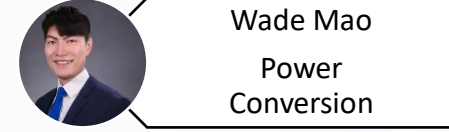
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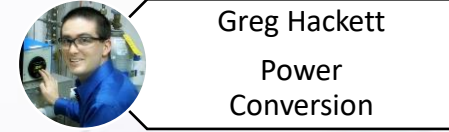
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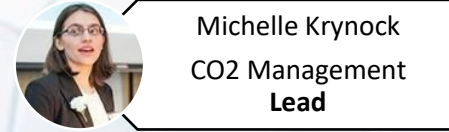
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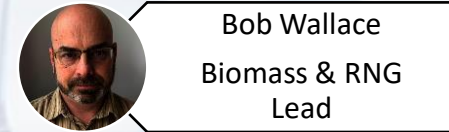
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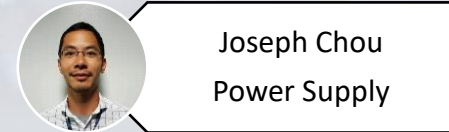
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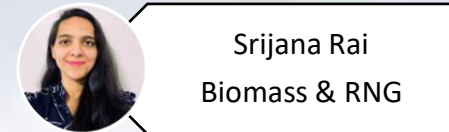
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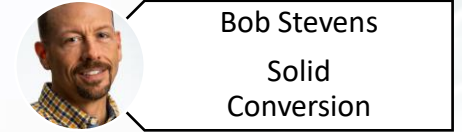
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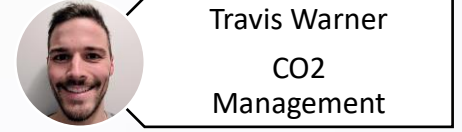
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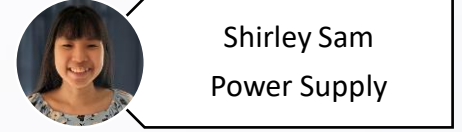
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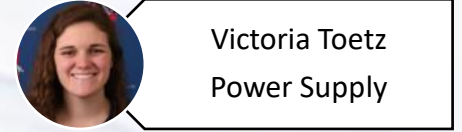
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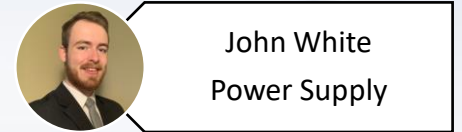
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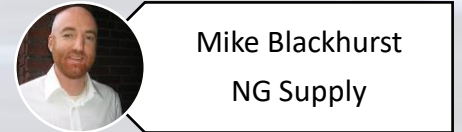
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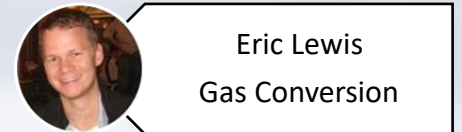
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# Selection of Hydrogen Production Technologies



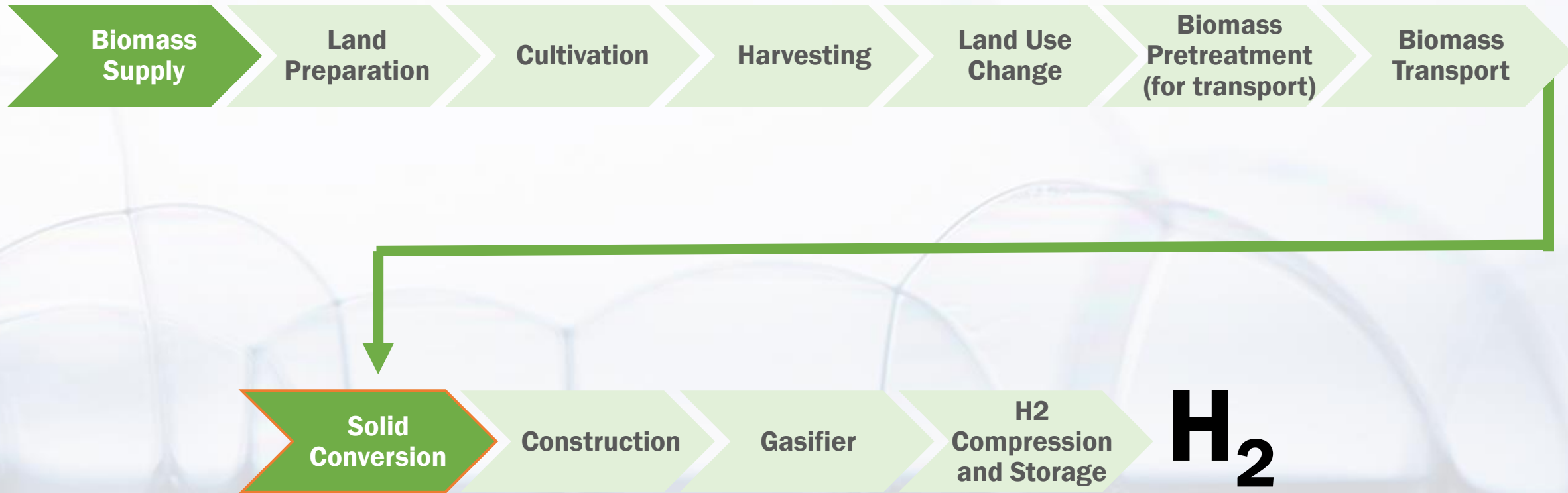
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- **Hydrogen Production Technologies**
  - **Solid Conversion** – biomass pretreatment (sizing, treatment specific to the plant), ASU, Hydrocarbon gasification, pressure swing absorption, sulfur recovery, particulate controls, NOx controls, CO<sub>2</sub> separation, cooling systems
  - **Gas Conversion** – SMR, ATR, POX, Pyrolysis, water gas shift, PSA off-gas treatment, pre-reforming treatment
  - **Power Conversion** – PEM, ALK, SOEC, AEM
- **Feedstock Supply:**
  - **Biomass & RNG** – biomass supply (various sources considered), collection, dehydration, pelletizing, digestion, sulfide removal, biogas upgrading, transportation & compression, gas refining, solid biomass processing
  - **Feedstock Supply: Natural Gas** – well exploration and development, oil and gas separation, NGL separation, gas processing plant, non-hydrocarbon gas removal, venting/flaring, storage, compression, transmission, distribution,
  - **Feedstock Supply: Power Generation** – Infrastructure manufacturing (solar & wind), primary energy supply, prime mover, step-up transformer, transmission, distribution
- **CO<sub>2</sub> Management** – carbon separation, electric and thermal carbon capture, purification, compression, subsurface site development, transmission, storage, leakage

# Solid Conversion Route



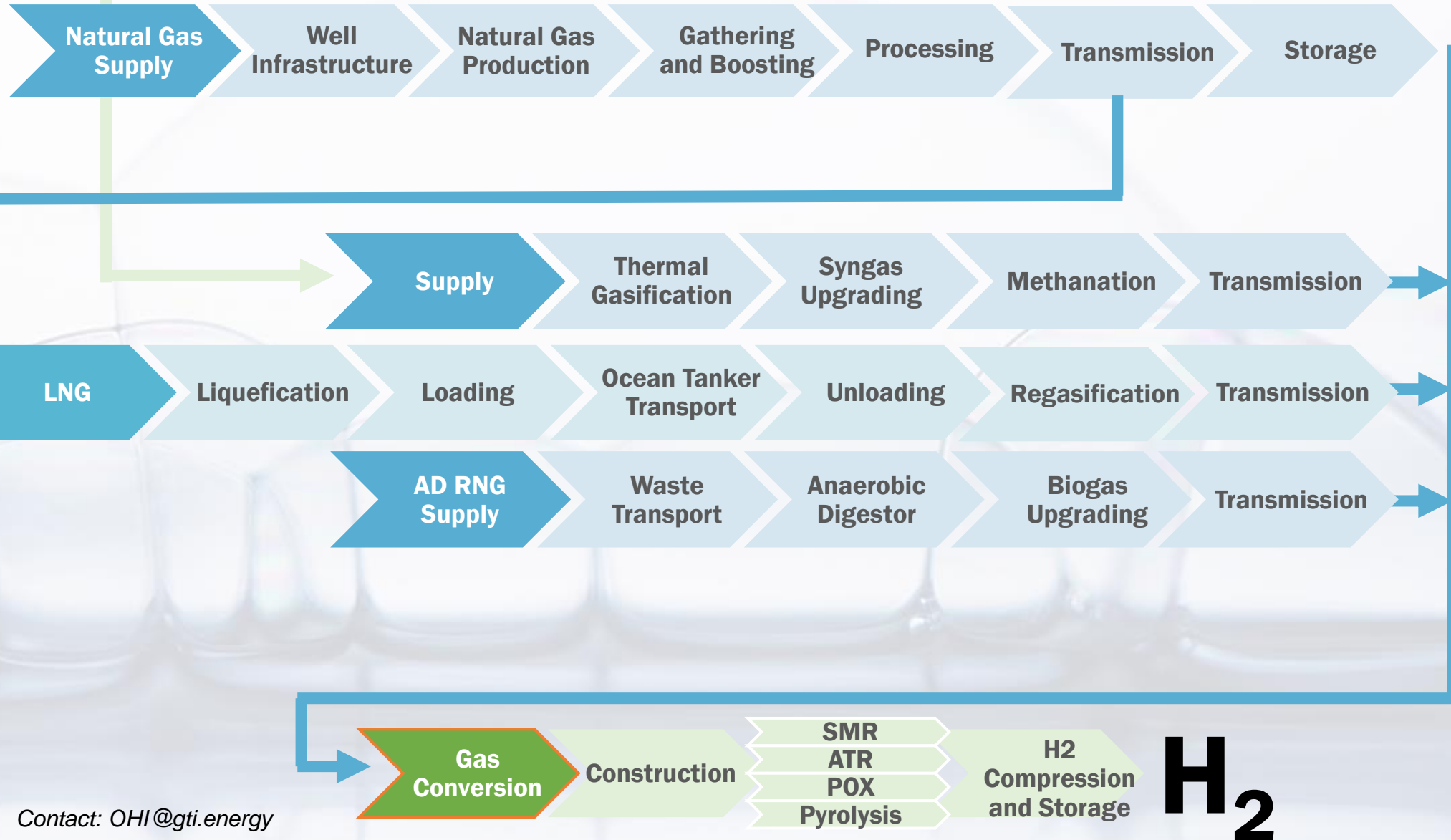
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# Gas Conversion Route



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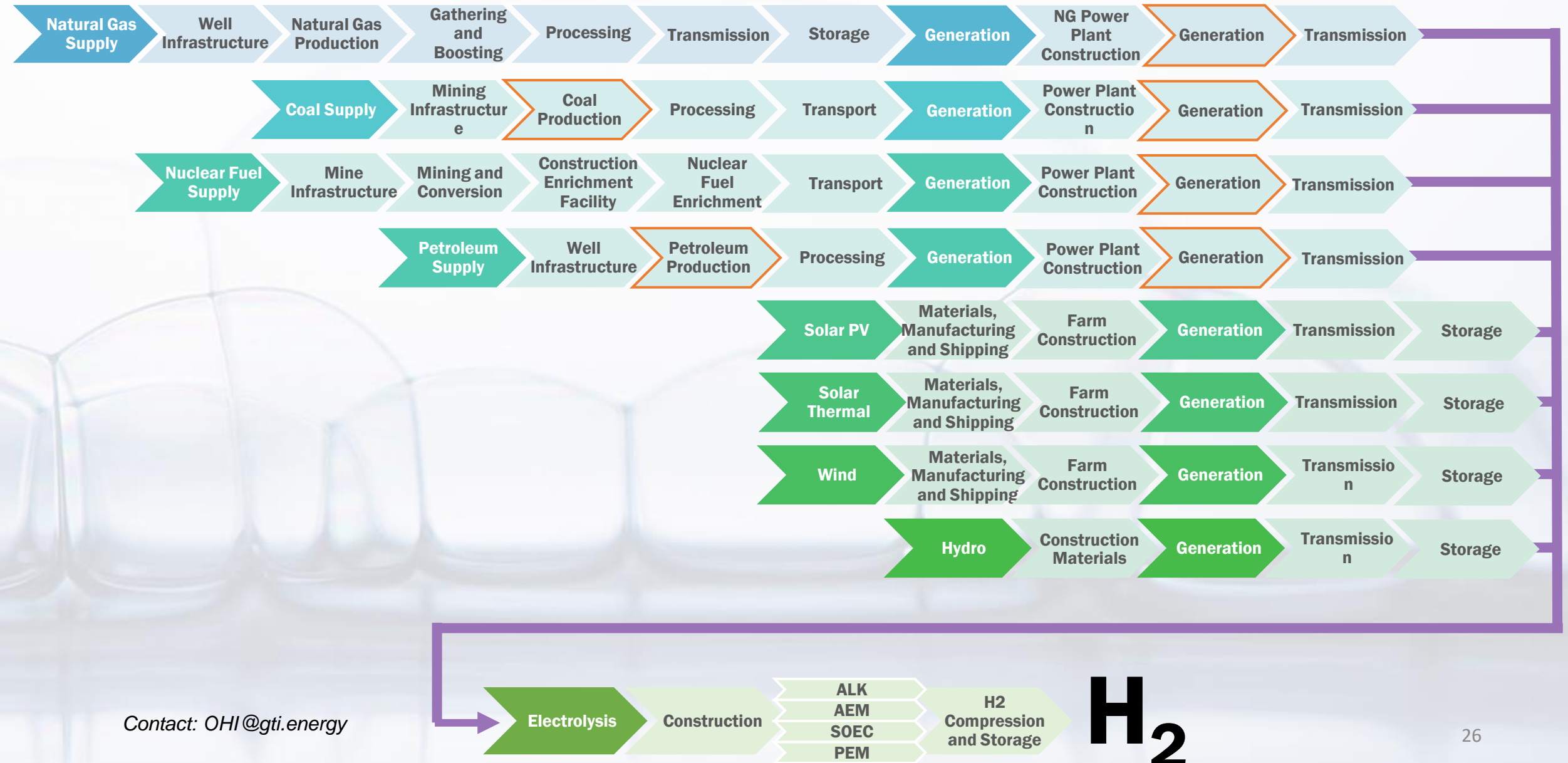


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# Power Conversion Route



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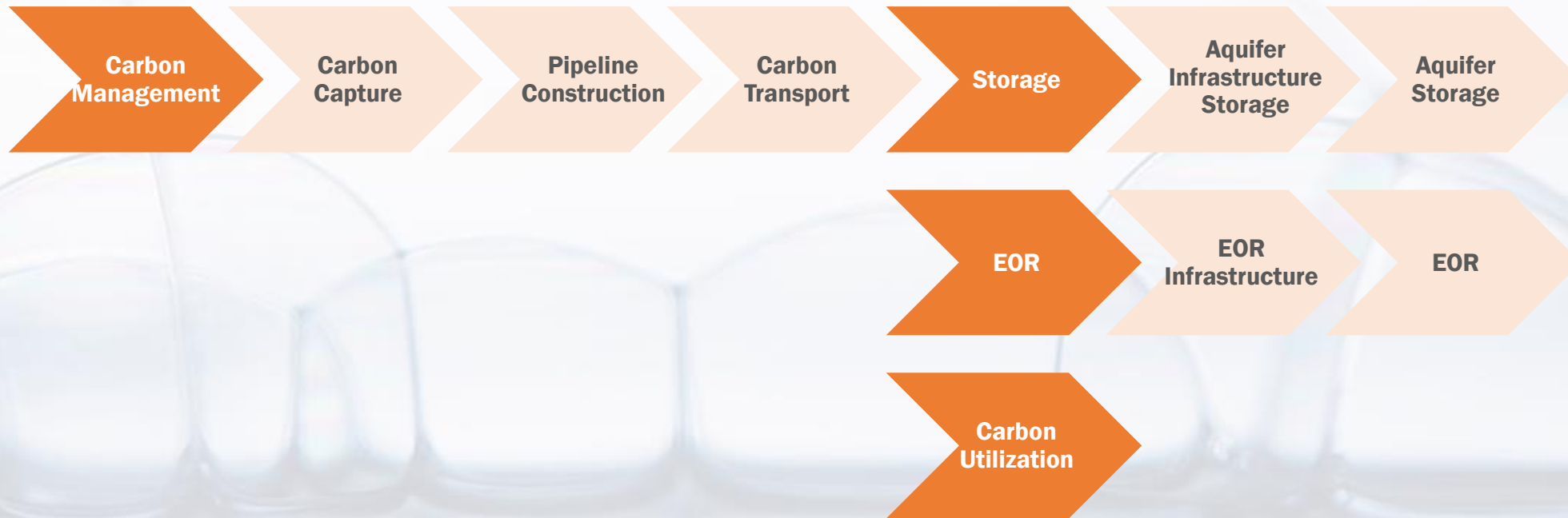
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# Carbon Management



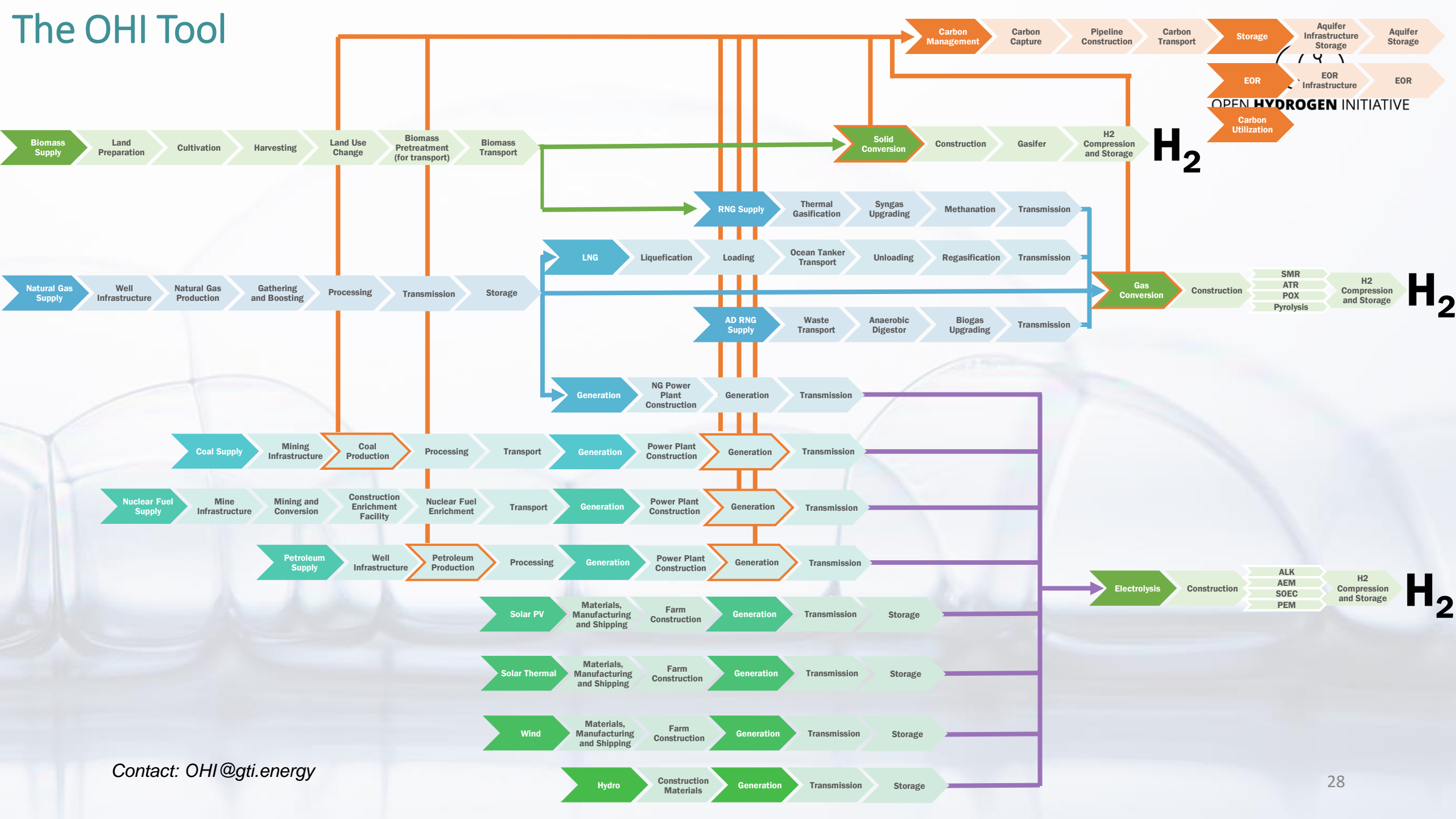
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# The OHI Tool



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# Unit Process Library

- Lists **materials and heat flows, parameter scenarios, references, calculations and assumptions, and initial data quality assessment**
- Thorough **documentation**

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# Unit Process Example



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<b>Geographical Coverage:</b>	United States
<b>Region</b>	N/A
<b>Year Data Best Represents:</b>	2018
<b>Process Type:</b>	Basic Process (BP)
<b>Process Scope:</b>	Gate-to-Gate Process (GG)
<b>Allocation Applied:</b>	No
<b>Completeness:</b>	Individual Relevant Flows Captured
<b>Flows Aggregated in Data Set:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Use <input type="checkbox"/> Energy P&D <input type="checkbox"/> Material P&D

**Goal and Scope:**  
Reference Flow: 1 kg of Hydrogen, 100 vol-%, 290 psia (1.99 MPa)

This unit process provides a summary of relevant input and output flows for hydrogen. This process occurs in a series of SOECs fueled by electricity Hydrogen (H2), 100 vol-%, 290 psia.

Note: All inputs and outputs are normalized per the reference flow (e.g., 1 kg H2).

Calculations		[Yellow-highlight cells are carried to data summary]				Calculations	References
Flow	Value Poplar	Value Corn Stover	Value Loblolly Pine	Units	Notes	Assumptions	
Biomass,	20.9	28.8		18.6 kg biomass / kg H2			5
Air Demand, kg O2 / kg H2	95.7	127.6		88.4 kg air / kg H2			5
Natural gas demand, kg CH4 / kg H2	0.542	0.747		0.482 kg CH4 / kg H2	For biomass drying		5
Pure CO2 produced, kg CO2 / kg H2	29.8	38.1		28.8 kg CO2 / kg H2			5
Sulphur acid gas produced, kg / kg H2	0.0027	0.0036	0.000119801	kg / kg H2			5
Ash produced, kg Ash / kg H2	0.54	2.12		0.34 kg Ash / kg H2			5
Electricity requirement, H2 compression	2.34	2.34		2.34 MJ / kg H2	Quadratic approximation, accurate +/-5% between 300 and 1500 psi		5
Electricity generation, Tail Gas Utilization	7.10	8.70		7.70 MJ / kg H2			5
Net electricity import, MJ / kg H2	30.24	37.10		26.56 MJ / kg H2	Net requirement, (total, minus steam turbine, plus H2 compression)		5
CO2 flue produced from biomass drying	1.49	2.06		1.32 kg CO2 / kg H2	Fossil CO2 flue from natural gas burning to dry feed		5
CO2 flue from tail gas utilization (biogenic)	5.27	6.50		5.26 kg CO2 / kg H2	Biogenic CO2 flue from tail gas utilization from PSA		5
CO2 flue gas (total), kg CO2 / kg H2	6.76	8.56		6.58 kg CO2 / kg H2			5
Ammonia produced, kg NH3 / kg H2	0.0099	0.00739	0.0077	kg NH3 / kg H2			5
VOC emissions from drying, kg/kg H2	0.0167	0.023	0.0149	kg VOCs / kg H2			5
PM solids handling, kg / kg H2	1.476E-05	2.128E-05	1.304E-05	kg PM / kg H2 (<30 microns)	Estimated based on ash and solid feed, 5 m/s		5,6
Hydrogen purity factor	1.09	1.09	1.09	N/A	Factor accounting for additional feed, power etc. required for higher purity		H2
Hydrogen purity factor toggle	1.00	1.00	1.00	N/A	Toggle for hydrogen purity factor (toggled on Data Summary tab)		
<b>Fugitive emissions:</b>				Assumes all gas leaks are syngas			
# of valves in plant	160	160	160				
# of flanges in plant	1200	1200	1200				
# of compressors in plant	8	8	8				
Syngas CO content	34%	34%	34%				
Syngas H2 content	33%	33%	33%				
Syngas CO2 content	33%	33%	33%				
Fugitive emissions, kg/hr	1.258445645	1.258445645	1.258445645	kg/hr	lb/hr converted to kg / hr		7

**SECTION II: PARAMETER**  
This section includes adjustable parameters, calculations needed to support adjustable parameters, and flow calculations based upon adjustable parameters. Hover over "Mean" for details.

Parameter Name	Formula	Value	Uncertainty	Mean or Min	Std Dev or Max	Flow Type	Unit	Refer
h2_out		1.00E+00				Technosphere	kg/kg	1
process_withdrawn		1.20E+01				Technosphere	kg/kg	1
cooling_withdrawn		1.28E+02				Elementary	kg/kg	1
o2_out		7.94E+00				Elementary	kg/kg	1
electricity_net		3.98E+01				Technosphere	kWh/kg	2
natural_gas_in		4.32E-01				Technosphere	kg/kg	2
h2o_discharged		1.25E+02				Elementary	kg/kg	1
End of List	<select this entire row, then insert new row>							

**SECTION III: INPUT FL**  
This section includes all input flows considered for this unit process. Hover over "Tracked" for description.

Parameter	Flow Name	Value	Units	Parameter	Unit	Total	Units per RF	Trac
process_withdrawn	Technosphere Flows/Water, purified	1	kg	1.20E+01	kg/kg	11.99	kg	X
cooling_withdrawn	Elementary Flows/resource/water/Water, fresh	1	kg	1.28E+02	kg/kg	127.50	kg	X
electricity_net	Technosphere Flows/Electricity, AC, 120 V	1	kWh	3.98E+01	kWh/kg	39.76	kWh	X
natural_gas_in	Technosphere Flows/Natural gas, combusted	1	kg	4.32E-01	kg/kg	0.43	kg	X
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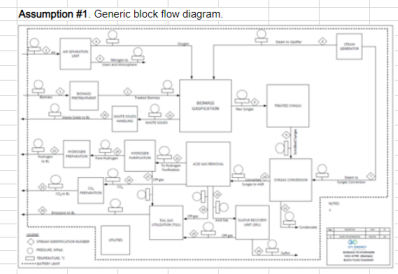
**SECTION IV: OUTPUT FLOWS**  
This section includes all output flows considered for this unit process. Hover over "Tracked" for description.

Parameter	Flow Name	Value	Units	Parameter	Unit	Total
h2_out	Hydrogen, 100 vol-%, 290 psia (1.99 MPa)	1	kg	1.00E+00	kg/kg	1.0
o2_out	Elementary Flows/emission/air/Oxygen	1	kg	7.94E+00	kg/kg	7.9
h2o_discharged	Elementary Flows/emission/water/Water, fresh	1	kg	1.25E+02	kg/kg	125.0
End of List	<select this entire row, then insert new row>	Factor				

Note: Inventory items not included are assumed to be zero based on best engineering judgment or assumed to be zero because no data was available to categorize.

**Assumptions**

Assumption #	Description	References
1	Biomass gasification follows a generic process as described by the block flow diagram to the right.	5
2	The plant production capacity is 50,000 kg H2/day	1,2,3,4
3	Ammonia, sulphur, ash, VOC byproducts are removed for further treatment/disposal (technosphere)	5
4	Natural gas is used to dry the incoming biomass	5
5	Syngas conversion is done by sour shift, acid gas treatment by a Selsol-type process	5
6	H2 purification is done by PSA, tail gas is burned to make steam	5
7	Excess steam is used to make electricity in a turbine	5
8	The CO2 product leaves the battery limit but is not emitted; CO2 emitted in flue is accounted for separately	



## Data Quality Index

Data quality is determined using the EPA pedigree matrices for process-level and flow-level scores.

**Process-Level DQI Determination**

	Process Review	Process Completeness
Biomass gasification	4	2

Indicator	1	2	3	4	5 (default)
Process review	Documented reviews by a minimum of two types* of third party reviewers	Documented reviews by a minimum of two types of reviewers, with one being a third party reviewer	Documented review by a third party reviewer	Documented review by an internal reviewer	No documented review
Process completeness	>80% of determined flows have been evaluated and given a value	60-79% of determined flows have been evaluated and given a value	40-59% of determined flows have been evaluated and given a value	<40% of determined flows have been evaluated and given a value	Process completeness not scored

**Reviewer documentation checklist**

Type of review	Internal or external
Goal and scope definition	
Raw data	
Unit process, single operation (unit process inventory)	
Aggregated process inventory	
LCI results or partly terminated system	
LCIA methods that are applicable	
Dataset documentation	
*Track of the data quality indicators (DQIs)	

Flow Type	Point Value	Flows Expected	Flows Evaluated	% Complete	Calculated Score	Notes	Definition
Reference product	6.8	1	1	100%	6.8		Primary functional process output to which all values are scaled
Co-products	13.5	1	1	100%	13.5	Captured CO2	Secondary functional process outputs
Intermediate inputs	27.0	4	3	75%	20.3	Construction is not included in this process	All purchased inputs, including non-durables, durables, and infrastructures
Land occupied/transformed	0.0	0	0	100%	0.0		Land occupied or converted
<b>Raw material/energy inputs</b>							
Raw material inputs	5.4	1	1	100%	5.4	Air	Includes fossil resources, minerals and metals, biomass, and carbon dioxide sequestered
Raw energy inputs	0.0	0	0	100%	0.0		Energy from wind, sunlight, geothermal, waves, etc. captured in unit process
Water inputs	6.8	1	0	0%	0.0	Process water (e.g. cooling, cooling tower, etc.) not accounted for	Treated or untreated water input
<b>Waste to treatment</b>							
Solid and hazardous waste	6.8	3	2	67%	4.5	Ash, captured VOCs; not accounted for VOC capture bed material	Solid and hazardous waste sent to a treatment facility or reclaimed/recycled
Liquid waste	6.8	1	1	100%	6.8	Ammonia in wastewater	Wastewater
<b>Emissions to air</b>							
GHGs	6.8	1	1	100%	6.8	CO2 in flue	e.g. CO2, CH4, N2O, SF6

# OPEN HYDROGEN INITIATIVE

## Unit Process Library



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<b>RNG &amp; Biomass Supply</b>	<b>Power Generation</b>	<b>Natural Gas Supply</b>
Anaerobic Digestion of Animal Manure	Battery Storage	LNG Liquification
Anaerobic Digestion of MSW	Coal Power Gen	LNG Loading
Anaerobic Digestion of Wastewater	Hydro Power Gen	LNG Ocean Transportation
Biogas Upgrading via Water Scrubbing	Natural Gas Power Gen	LNG Unloading
Biogas Upgrading via MDEA Scrubbing	Nuclear Power Gen	LNG Regasification
Biogas Upgrading via MEA Scrubbing	Oil Power Gen	Natural Gas Compression
Biogas Pretreatment	Solar PV	Gathering & Boosting
Methanation for Thermal Gasification	Solar Thermal	Pipeline Transportation
Biomass Cultivation	Uranium Mining	Natural Gas Processing
Biomass Harvesting	Wind	Natural Gas Production
Land Preparation	Transmission & Distribution	Natural Gas Storage
Land Use Change		Transmission Station
Syngas Cleanup for Thermal Gasification	<b>Power Conversion</b>	<b>Carbon Management</b>
Thermal Gasification	AEM Electrolysis	CO2 Utilization
	Alkaline Electrolysis	CO2 Capture
<b>Gas Conversion</b>	Solid Oxide Electrolysis	CO2 EOR
Autothermal Reforming	PEM Electrolysis	CO2 Saline Aquifer Storage
Methane Pyrolysis		CO2 Transport
POX	<b>Solid Conversion</b>	CO2 Utilization
Steam Methane Reforming	Thermal Gasification	





# Important LCA questions:

- What is the Functional Unit?
  - H2 purity
  - H2 compression level
- What is the appropriate scale of the facilities?
- LCA Scope: Well-to-gate (not including transport)
  - Should we CAPEX emissions? (materiality principle)
  - Should we include LUC and iLUC?
  - Include H2 fugitive emissions?
- What kind of feedstocks are appropriate?
- How do we treat biogenic products?
- How to treat process waste in the LCA?
- What CCU types are we including?
- Market mechanism: RECS, PPA
- Policy mechanism: Avoidance credit
- Materiality according to ISO
- Allocation methods
- How do we deal with regionality and globality?
- Block flow diagrams
  - Flows to be included/excluded
  - Wastes and byproducts
- CAPEX emissions
- H2 fugitive emissions



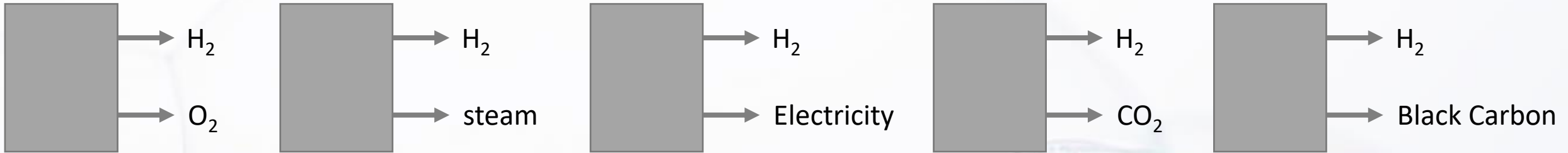
"In any pathway,  
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must be **apportioned**  
to the different **coproducts**"



# What kind of by-products in each route?



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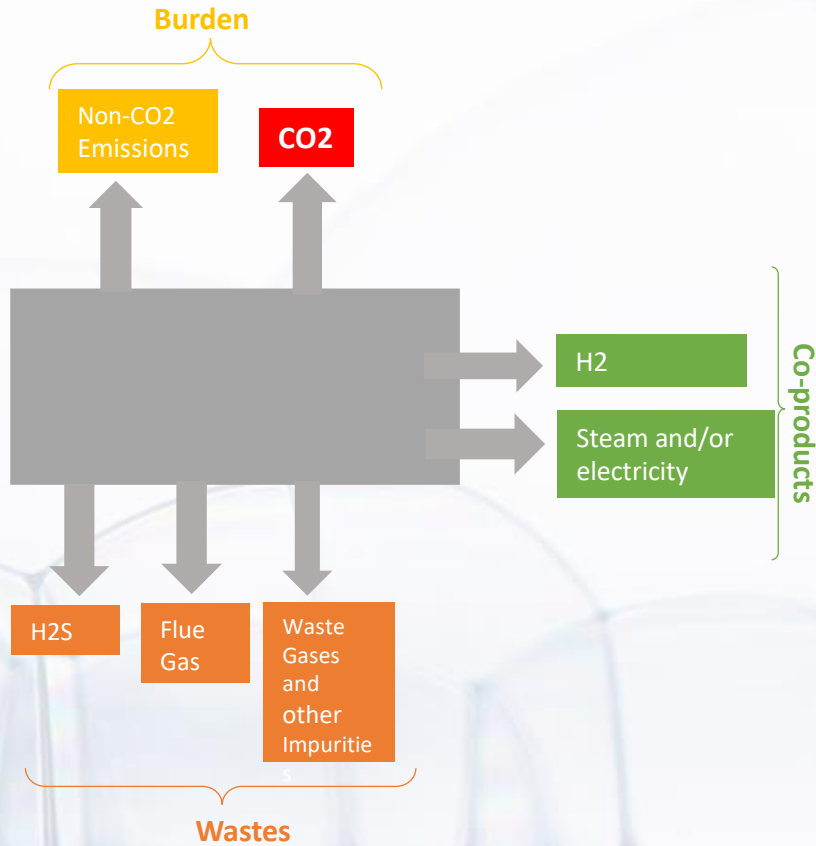
## Allocation methods:

- Partition
- System expansion with displacement or substitution
- Energy
- Mass
- Molar
- Enthalpy
- Market

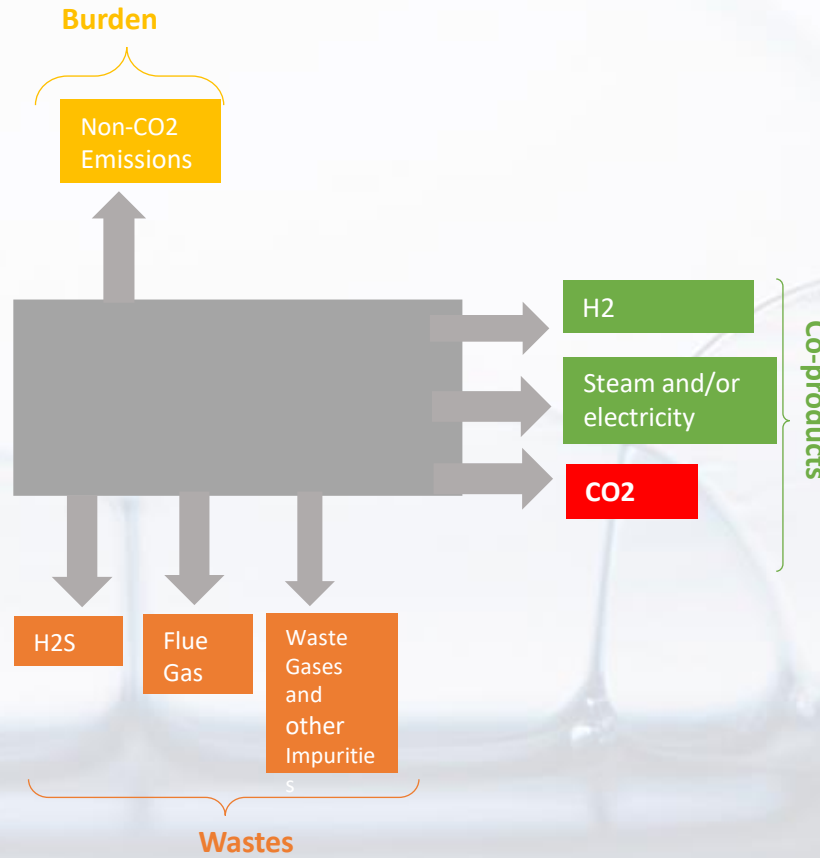
## Hierarchy of Allocation methods:

- Physical
- Displacement
- Market

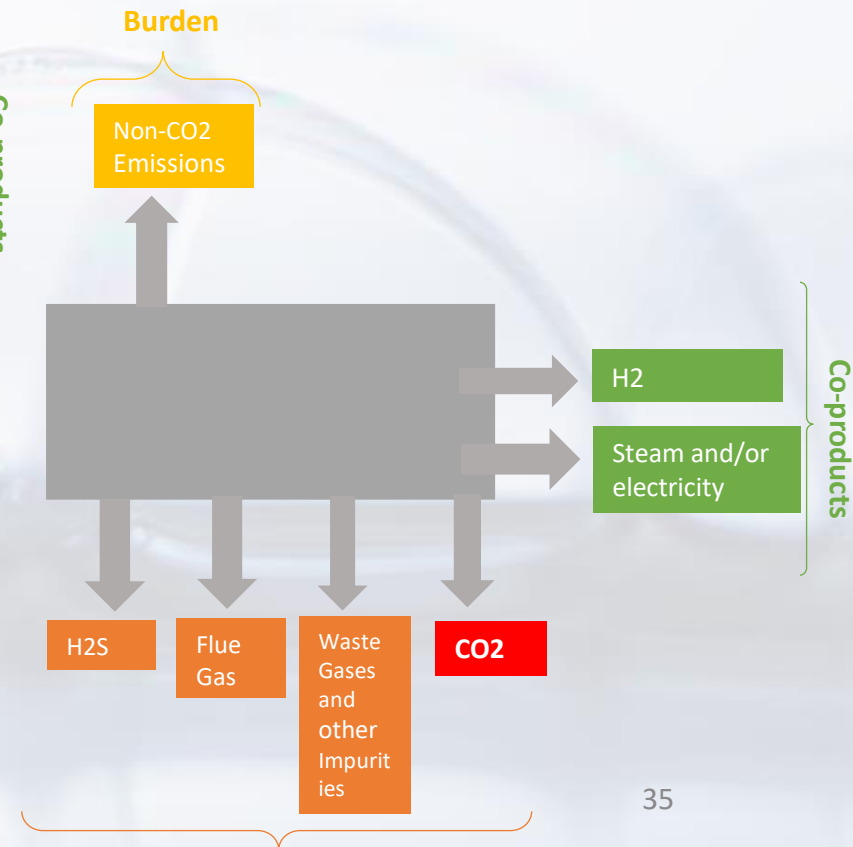
# CO2 is an emission



# CO2 is a co-product

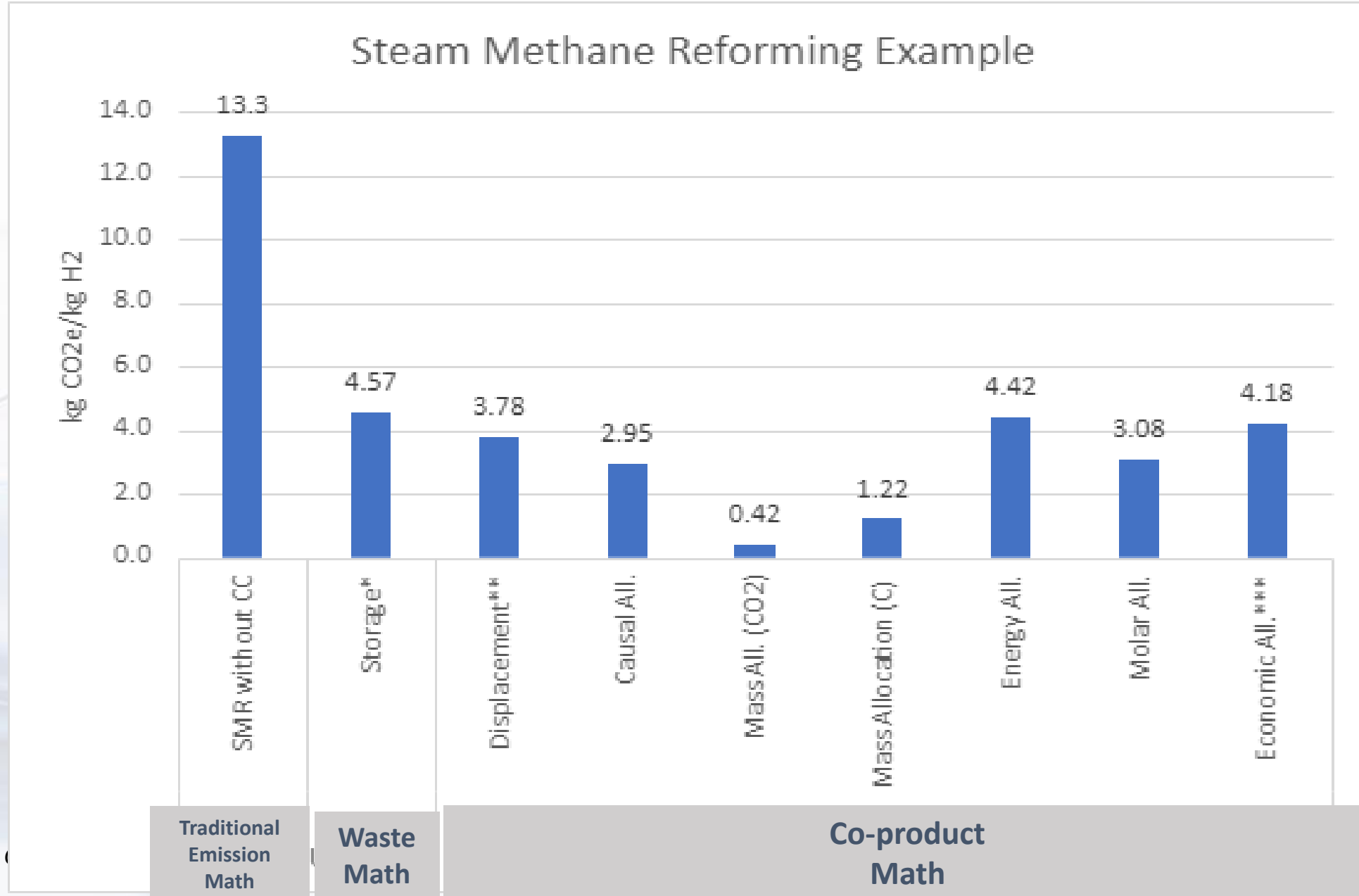


# CO2 is a waste



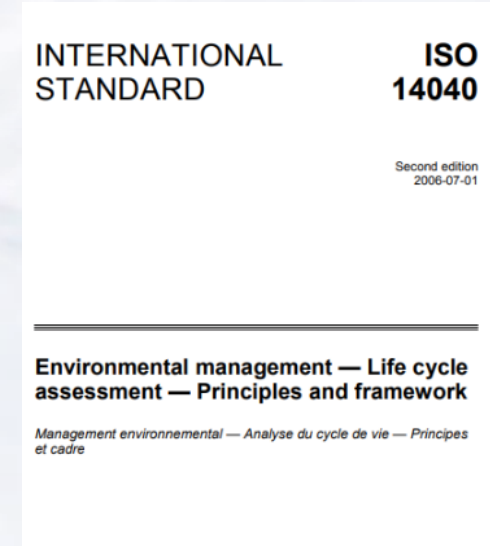
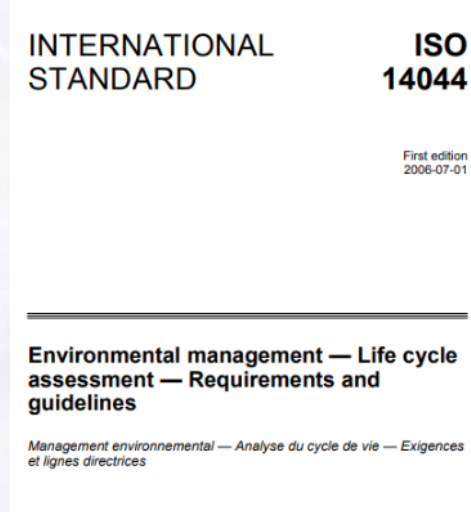
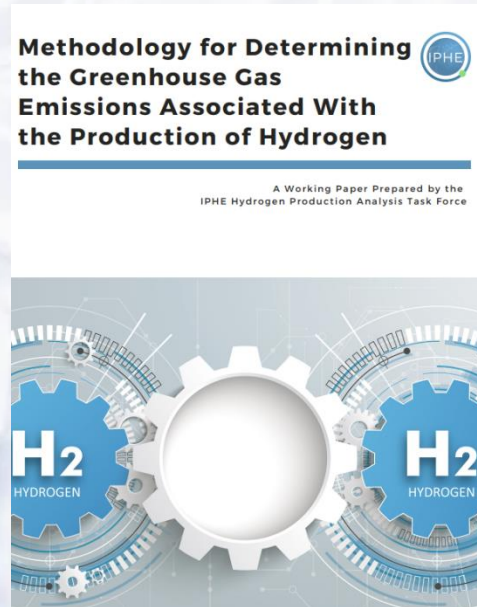
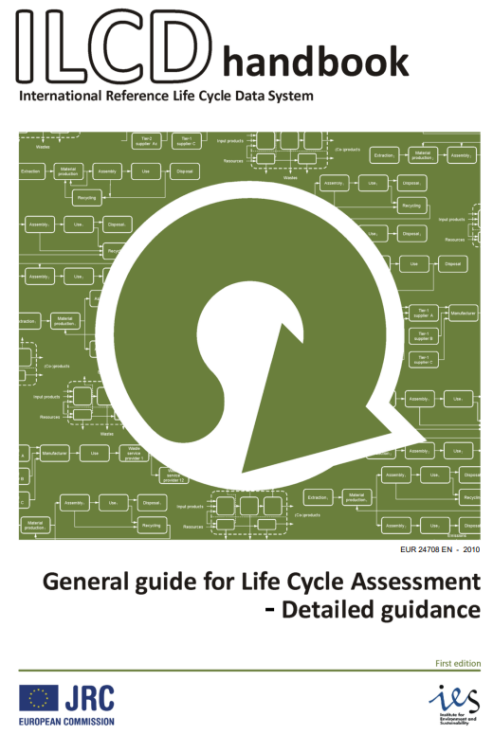


## Steam Methane Reforming Example





# Adopting best practices



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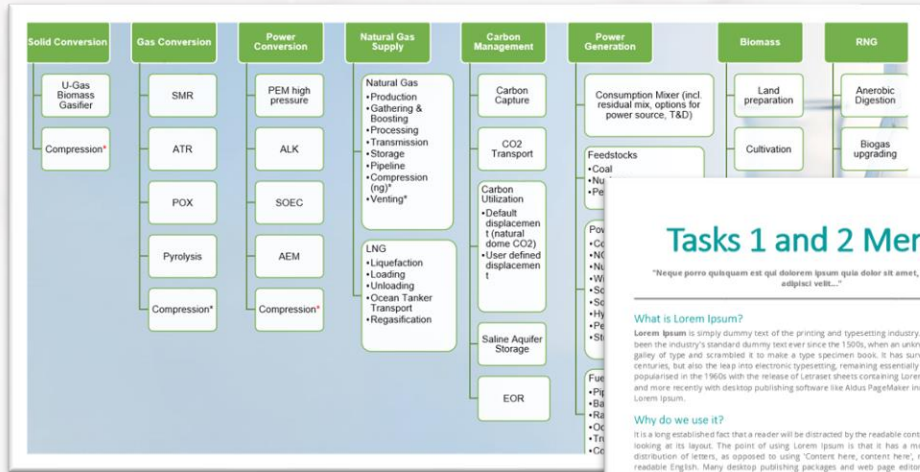


# Unit Process Files + Memo

# LCA Tool + Protocols



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### Tasks 1 and 2 Memo

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**What is Lorem Ipsum?**  
 Lorem Ipsum is simply dummy text of the printing and typesetting industry. Lorem Ipsum has been the industry's standard dummy text ever since the 1500s, when an unknown printer took a galley of type and scrambled it to make a type specimen book. It has survived not only five centuries, but also the leap into electronic typesetting, remaining essentially unchanged. It was popularized in the 1960s with the release of Letraset sheets containing Lorem Ipsum passages, and more recently with desktop publishing software like Aldus PageMaker including versions of Lorem Ipsum.

**Why do we use it?**  
 It is a long established fact that a reader will be distracted by the readable content of a page when looking at its layout. The point of using Lorem Ipsum is that it has a more-or-less normal distribution of letters, as opposed to using 'Content here, content here', making it look like readable English. Many desktop publishing packages and web page editors now use Lorem Ipsum as their default model text, and a search for 'Lorem Ipsum' will uncover many web sites still in their infancy. Various versions have evolved over the years, sometimes by accident, sometimes on purpose (injected humour and the like).

**Where does it come from?**  
 Contrary to popular belief, Lorem Ipsum is not simply random text. It has roots in a piece of classical Latin literature from 45 BC, making it over 2000 years old. Richard McClintock, a Latin professor at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, looked up one of the more obscure Latin words, consectetur, from a Lorem Ipsum passage, and going through the cites of the word in classical literature, discovered the undoubtable source. Lorem Ipsum comes from sections 1.10.32 and 1.10.33 of 'de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum' (The Extremes of Good and Evil) by Cicero, written in 45 BC. This book is a treatise on the theory of ethics, very popular during the Renaissance. The first line of Lorem Ipsum, 'Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet...', comes from a line in section 1.10.32.

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## Tasks 1-2

7 working groups:  
 Different subject matter expertise

**Category Activity by Month**

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Food & Beverage	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Chemicals	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Pharmaceuticals	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Metals & Mining	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Automotive	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Textiles	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Plastics	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
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**Customer Activity by Month**

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## Tasks 3-5

1 working group:  
 LCA expertise

Contact: OHI@gti.energy



# Extremely versatile



- Unit process data serving as defaults, but users can **customize** their process.
- Most influential parameters will be visible on this sheet for user adjustment.

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# Main Inputs Interface

## Example: Data Selection



Location:	United States of America (the)	
Balancing Authority:	USA-PJM Interconnection, LLC	
<b>Define your process:</b>	Default	
Biomass	0.6%	<select from list>
Coal	16.9%	Default
Geothermal	0.0%	Custom Mix
Hydroelectric	1.3%	User Override
Natural Gas	41.1%	
Nuclear	35.8%	
Oil	0.1%	
Solar Photovoltaic	0.8%	
Solar Thermal	0.0%	
Storage		
Wind	3.4%	
Other	0.0%	

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*How do we embrace complexity while still creating an operable tool?*



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- **Contribution Analysis**
- Systematic procedures for estimating the effects of the choices made regarding methods and data on the outcome of a CFP study
- Identify top parameters that contribute to the majority of the LCA number
- Focus on getting the most accuracy for those



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*Data Quality Index: Dealing with Data Uncertainty*



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50 – 59	D	Barely acceptable
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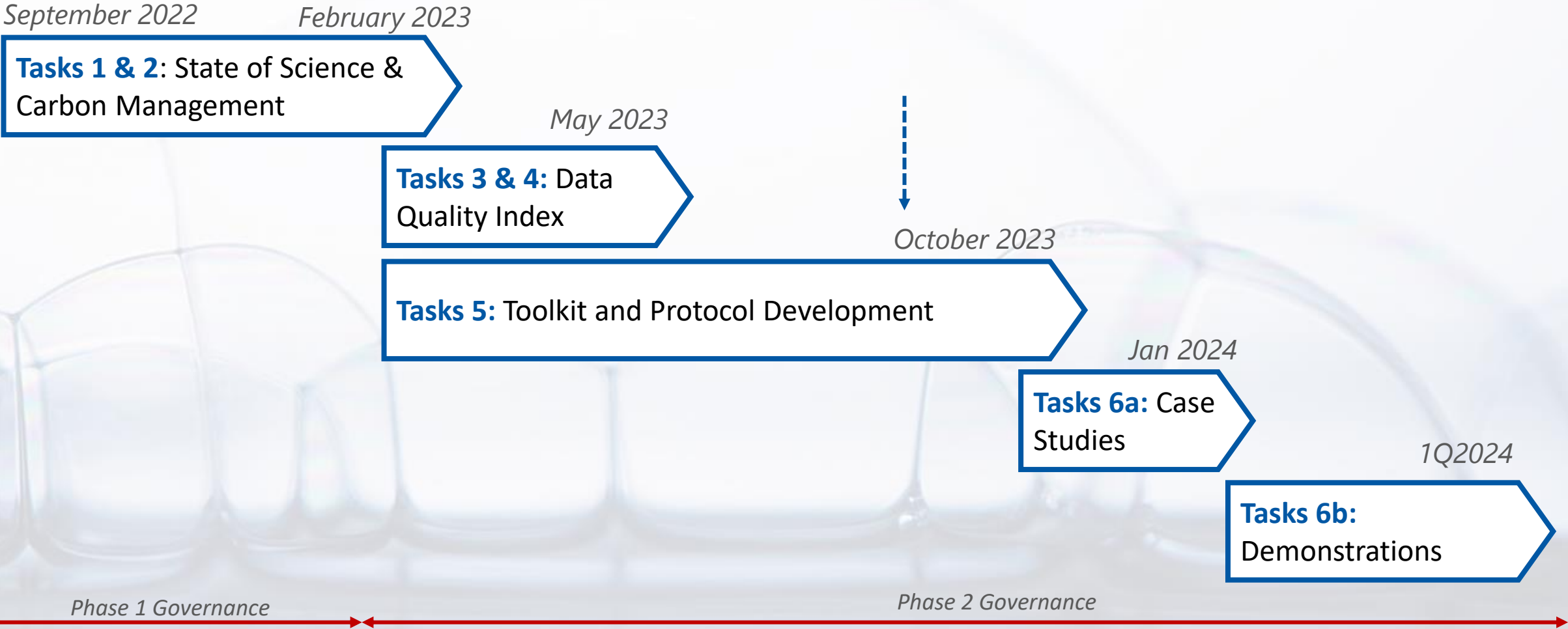
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## Project Schedule



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# CASE STUDIES



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- Case studies
  - Biomass gasification with CCS in Australia,
    - Which biomass?
    - From Australia?
  - ATR w/CC in UK with LNG imports from US
  - PEM electrolysis in Argentina with solar
- Demos
  - Shell, Enbridge, National Grid, Aurora, ExxonMobil



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## *OHI Toolkit Demonstrations*



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### **FOR DEMONSTRATIONS:**

- **Mid-summer:** Demonstration Charter and request for volunteers
- **October 2023:** Final deadline for volunteering
- **Nov & Dec 2023:** Stage-setting, coordination, information sharing
- **January 2024:** Demonstrations begin
- **March 2024:** Demonstrations conclude
- **April 2024:** Public Launch

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# OHI will develop Protocols

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A single static value will always be incorrect when assessing the carbon intensity of individual hydrogen production at the facility level.

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Instead of attempting to identify a standard value, governments and market participants should be collaborating to develop agreed-upon structures and methodologies for identification of high-fidelity measured values representative of real-time operation and supply-chain characteristics.

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In doing so, carbon intensity calculations become reflective of the **real-world operations of a single facility at a single point in time.**

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This approach not only increases accuracy, but also creates a structure that incentivizes the rapidly growing industry to implement incremental, facility-level decarbonization solutions that would otherwise not be captured in a less granular approach.

