

# Powering Long-Haul Trucking with Cryo-Compressed Hydrogen



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**40% of heavy duty trucks are  
long-haul or weight limited**



# Hydrogen is a zero-emission solution

All major truck companies have hydrogen pilots



Leading fleets support hydrogen



according to industry leaders



# Compressed H<sub>2</sub> storage is available today and has allowed early deployments

## Kenworth Toyota in LA



- **300-mile** range and 60 kg of H<sub>2</sub>
- 700 bar storage and refueling
- 10 trucks

## Hyundai in Switzerland



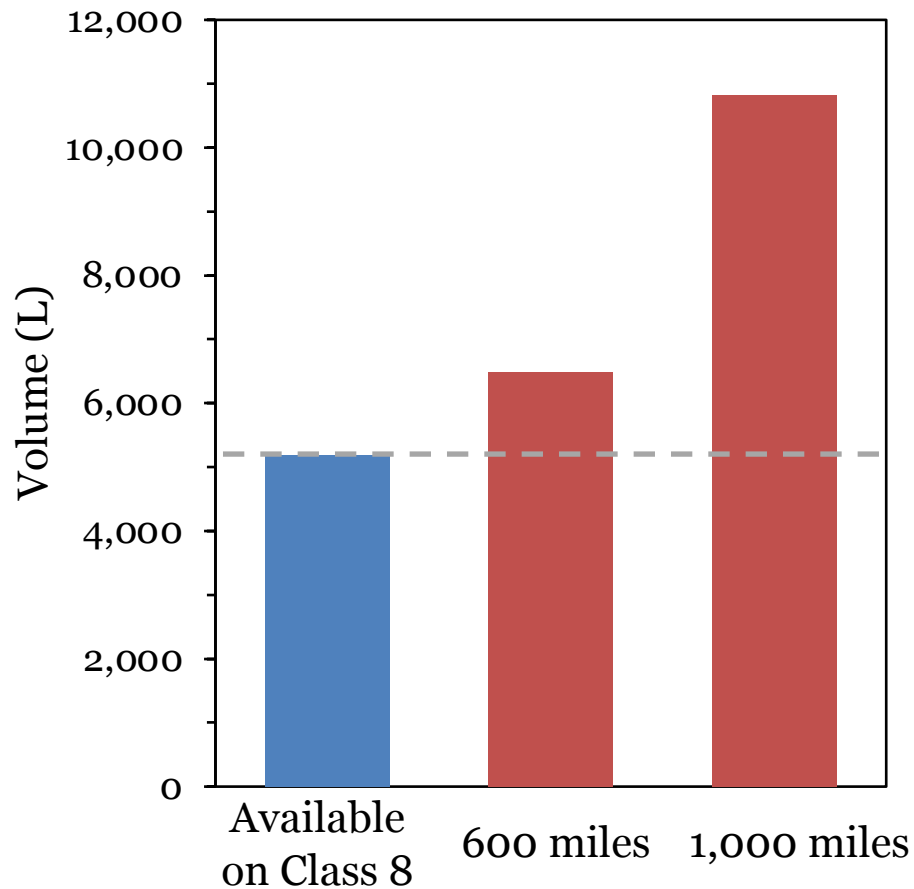
- **250-mile** range and 31 kg of H<sub>2</sub>
- 350 bar storage and refueling
- 50 trucks

**Early demonstrations have not met long-haul needs**



# 700 bar doesn't meet volumetric energy densities for long-haul trucking

Volume available and volume needed



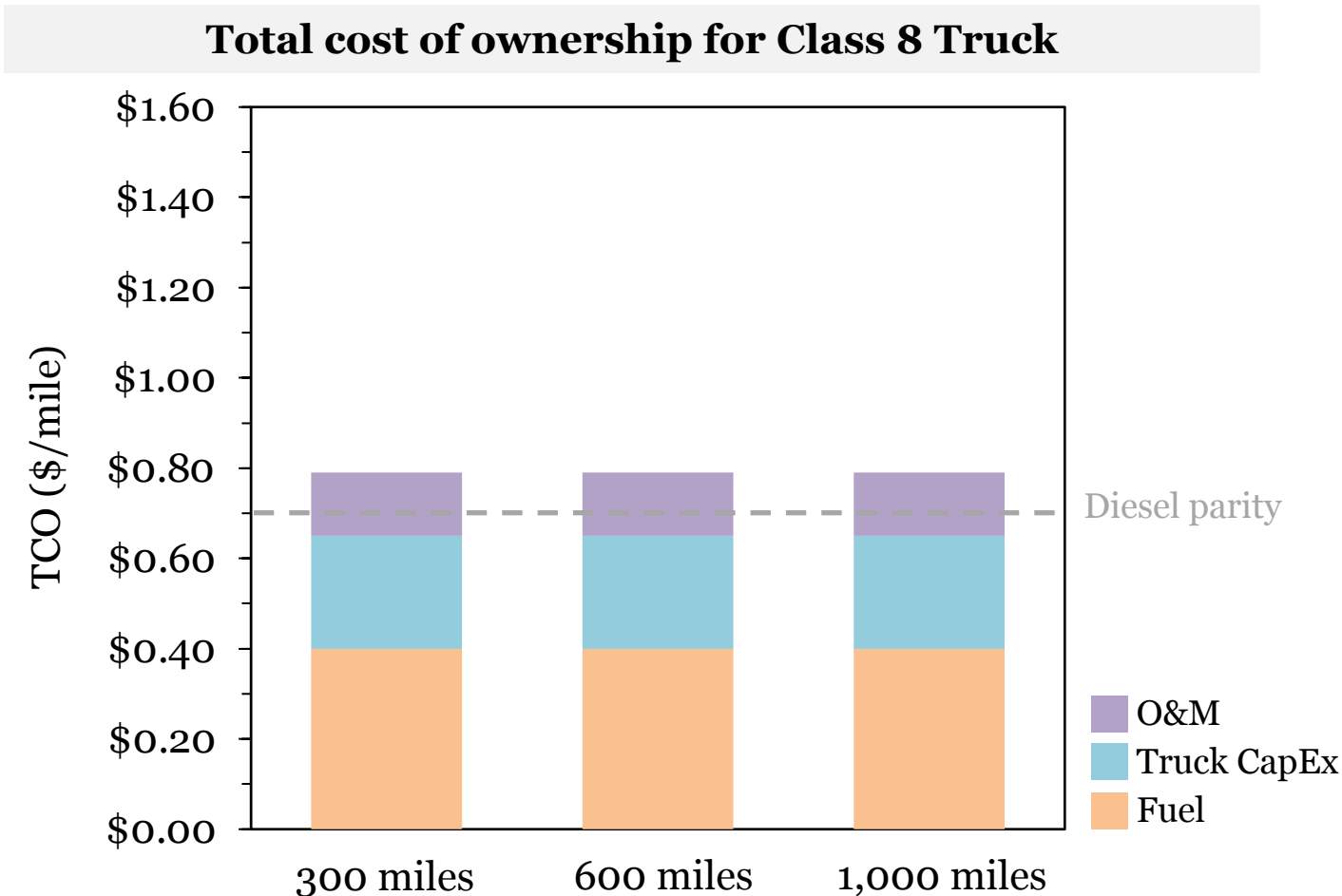
Back-of-cab 700 bar storage system



**700 bar storage does not meet 500+ miles range for long-haul**

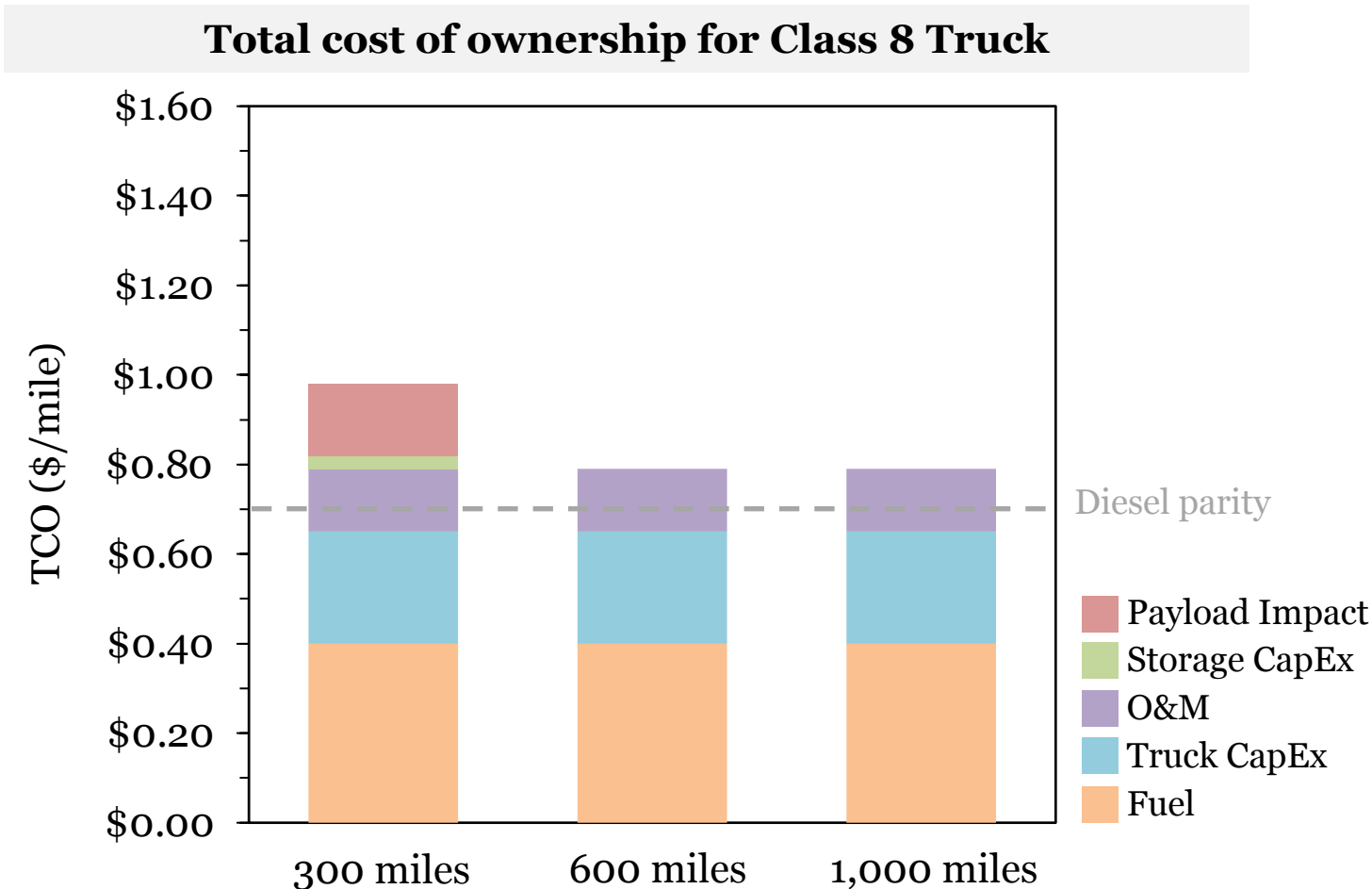


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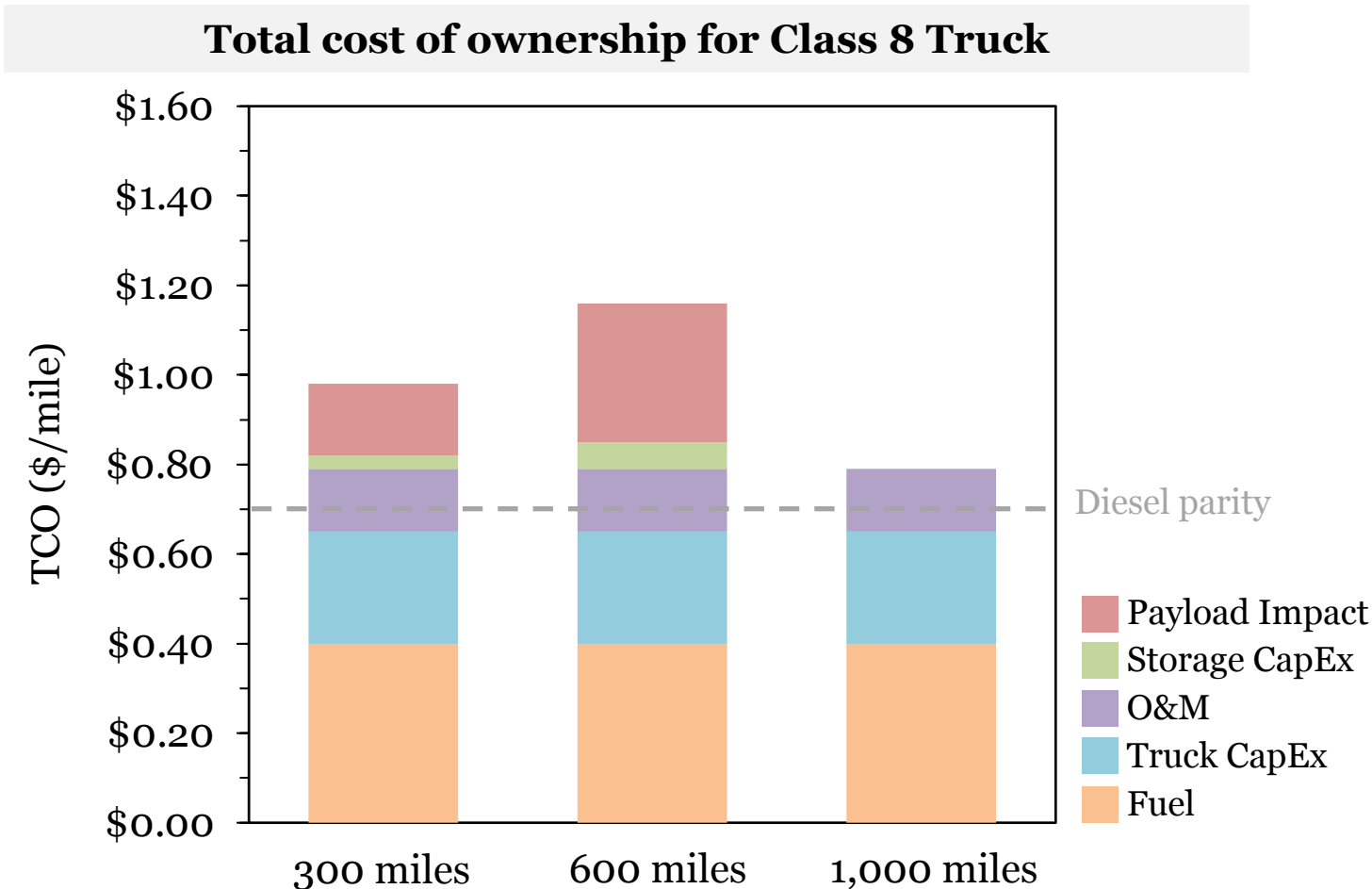


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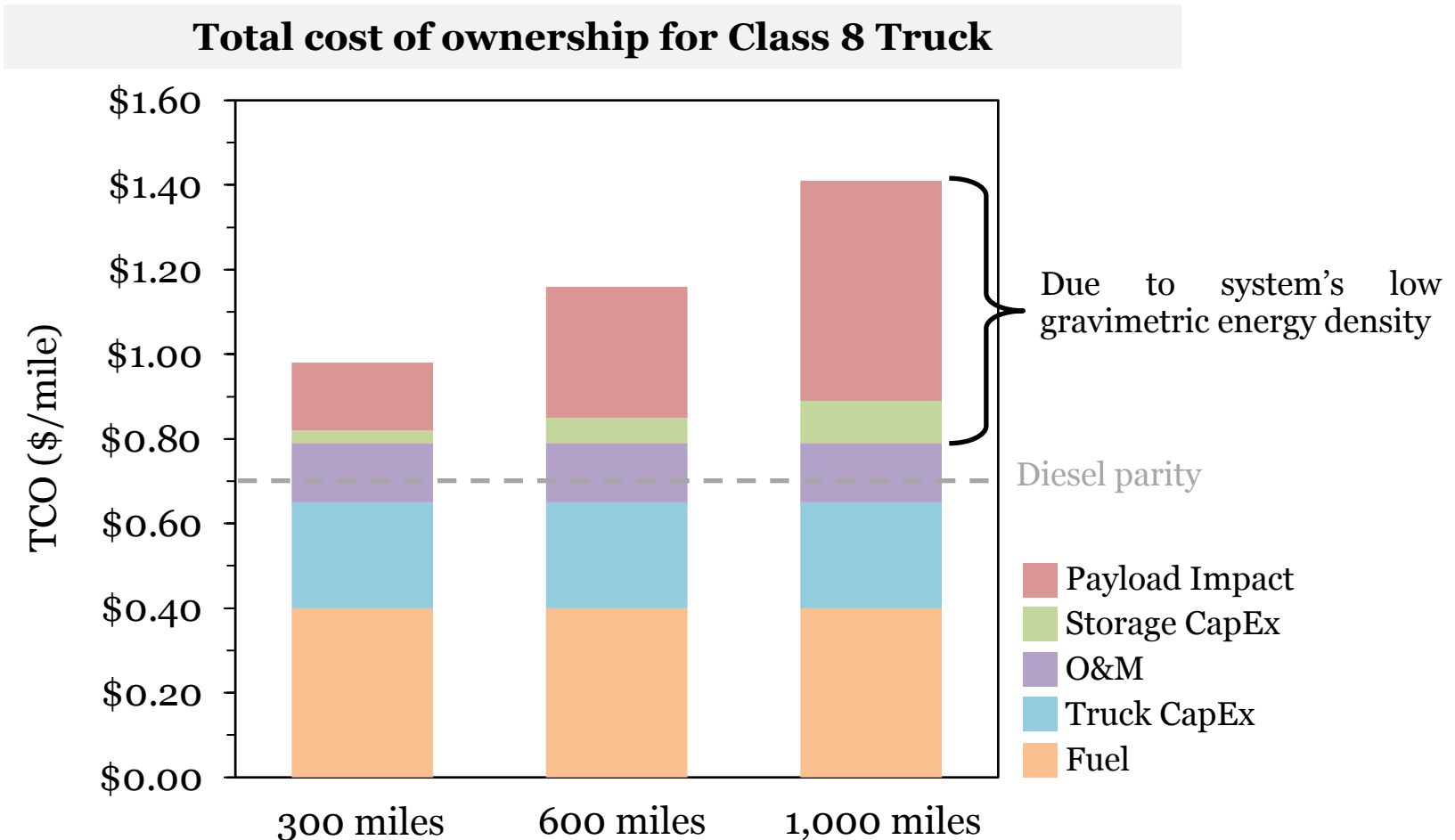




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**Green premium remains prohibitively high for long-haul (<100%)**

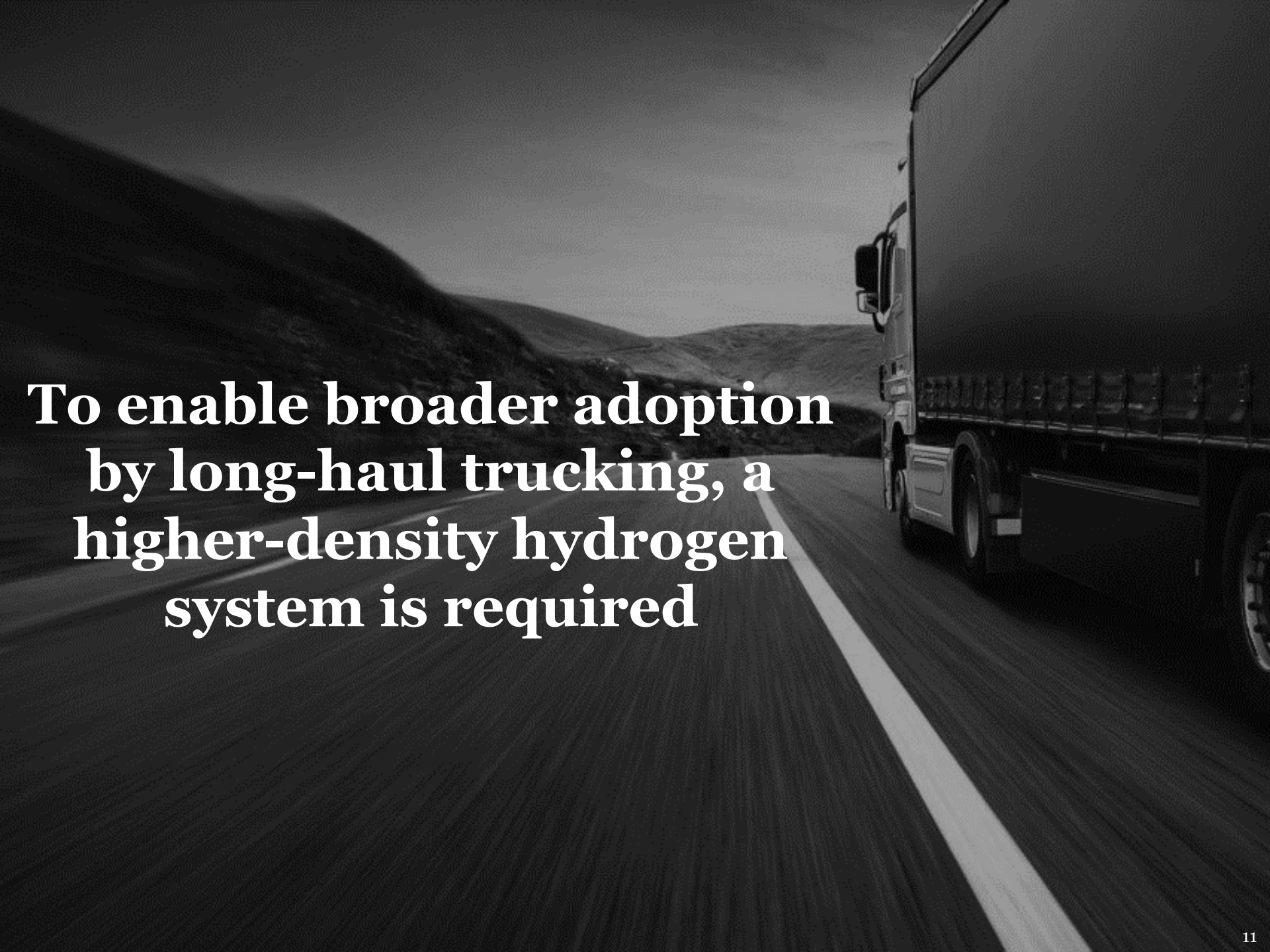


# 700 bar technology does not meet long-haul needs

Storage & refueling options	
	700 bar
Long Range	✗
High Payload	✗
Quick Refueling	✓
Low Fuel Cost	✓
Many Fuel Locations	✓

**Low volumetric energy density** prevents long-haul applications

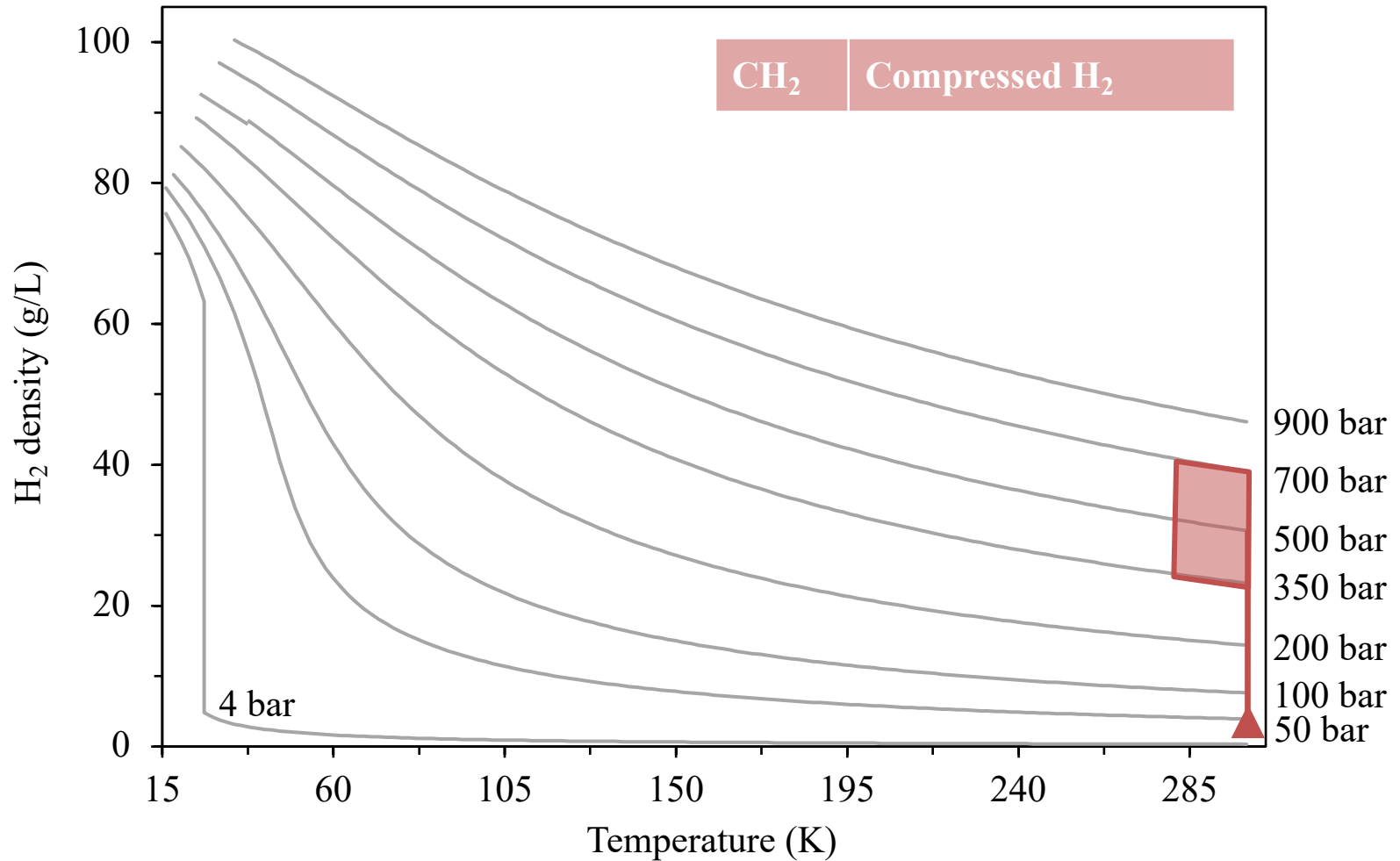
**Low gravimetric energy density** increases TCO and slows adoption



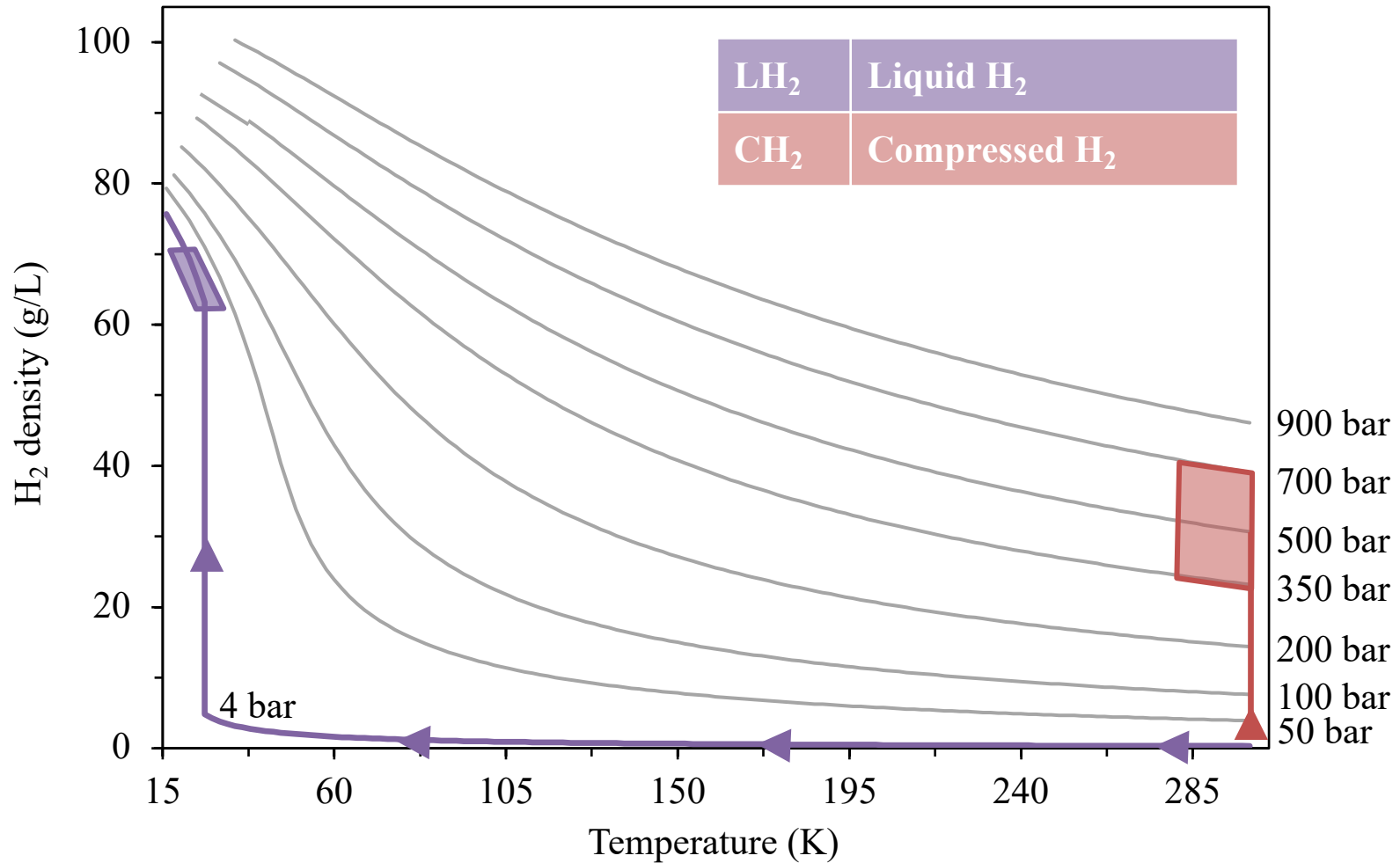
**To enable broader adoption  
by long-haul trucking, a  
higher-density hydrogen  
system is required**



# Cryogenic hydrogen is required for higher densities



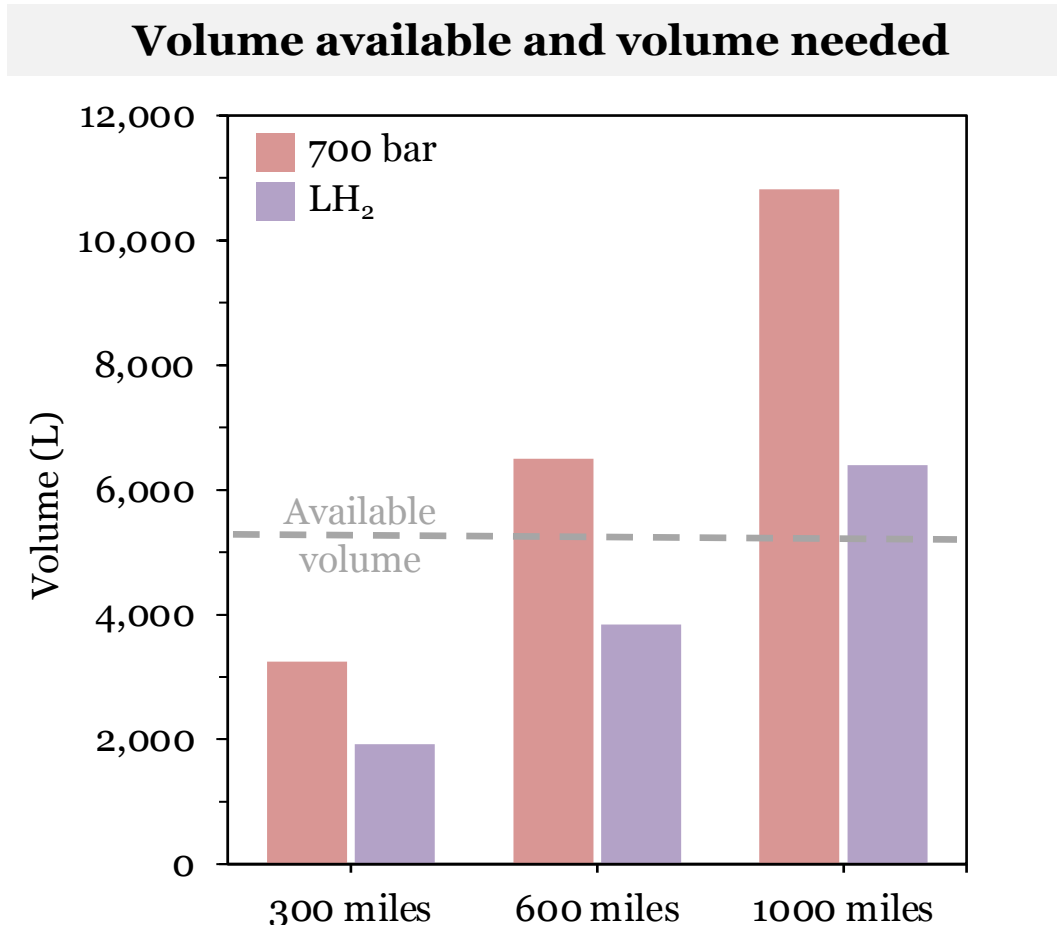
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Liquid hydrogen can enable higher densities than 700 bar



# LH<sub>2</sub> storage offers higher volumetric density, enabling long haul applications

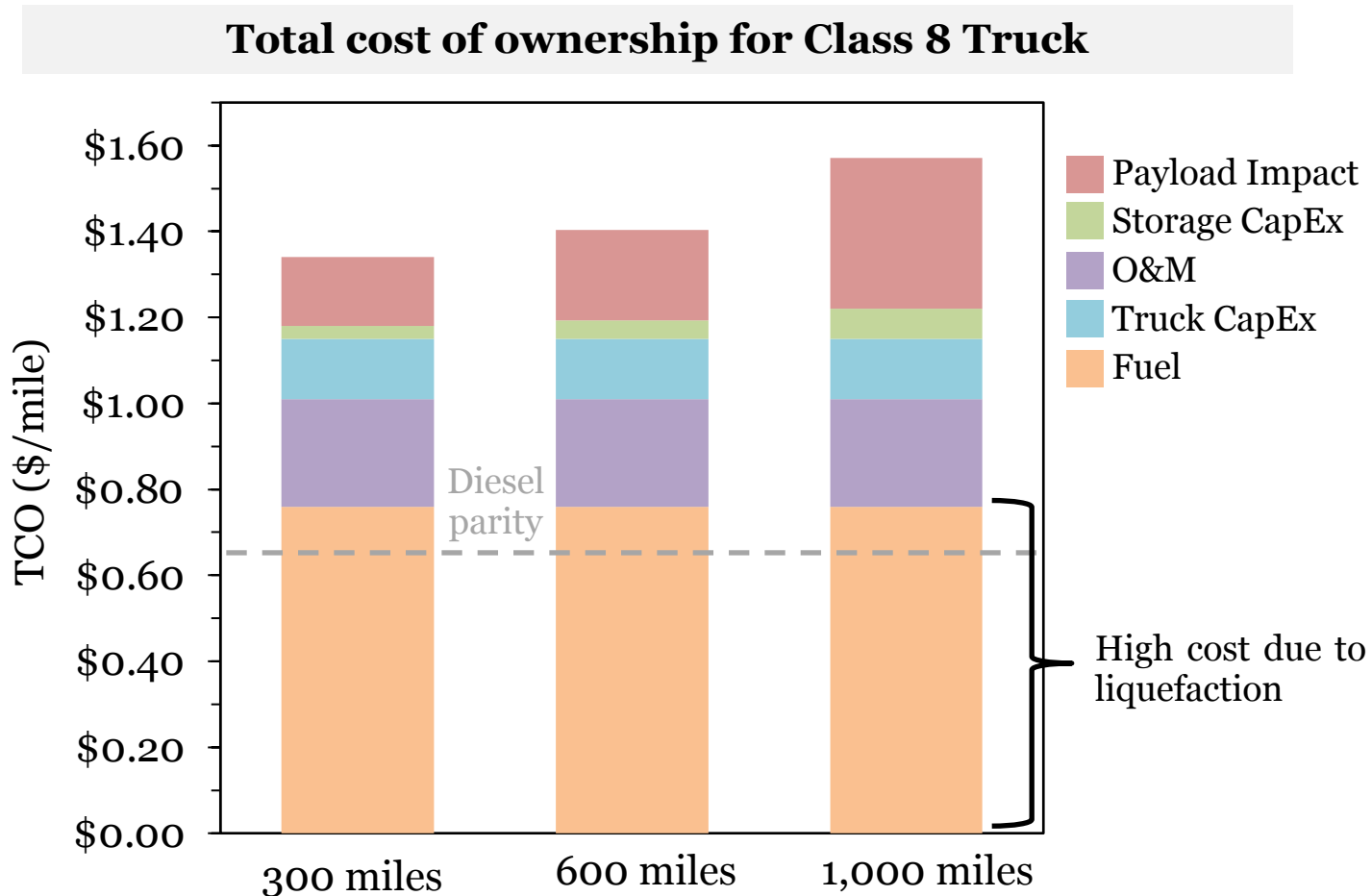


## Back-of-cab system



- LH<sub>2</sub> storage tanks offer system densities of 40 g/L
- These densities can enable long haul truck applications (500+ miles)

# While long haul is possible, green premium is very high due to fuel cost



- Liquefaction adds **\$0.16/mile** relative to 700 bar fuel cost
- Massive impact considering profit margin is **\$0.05/mile**

# LH<sub>2</sub> faces boil-off issues and overall thermal complexity



- LH<sub>2</sub> refilling can require pre-cooling and venting
- Diphasic conditions increase complexity and cost



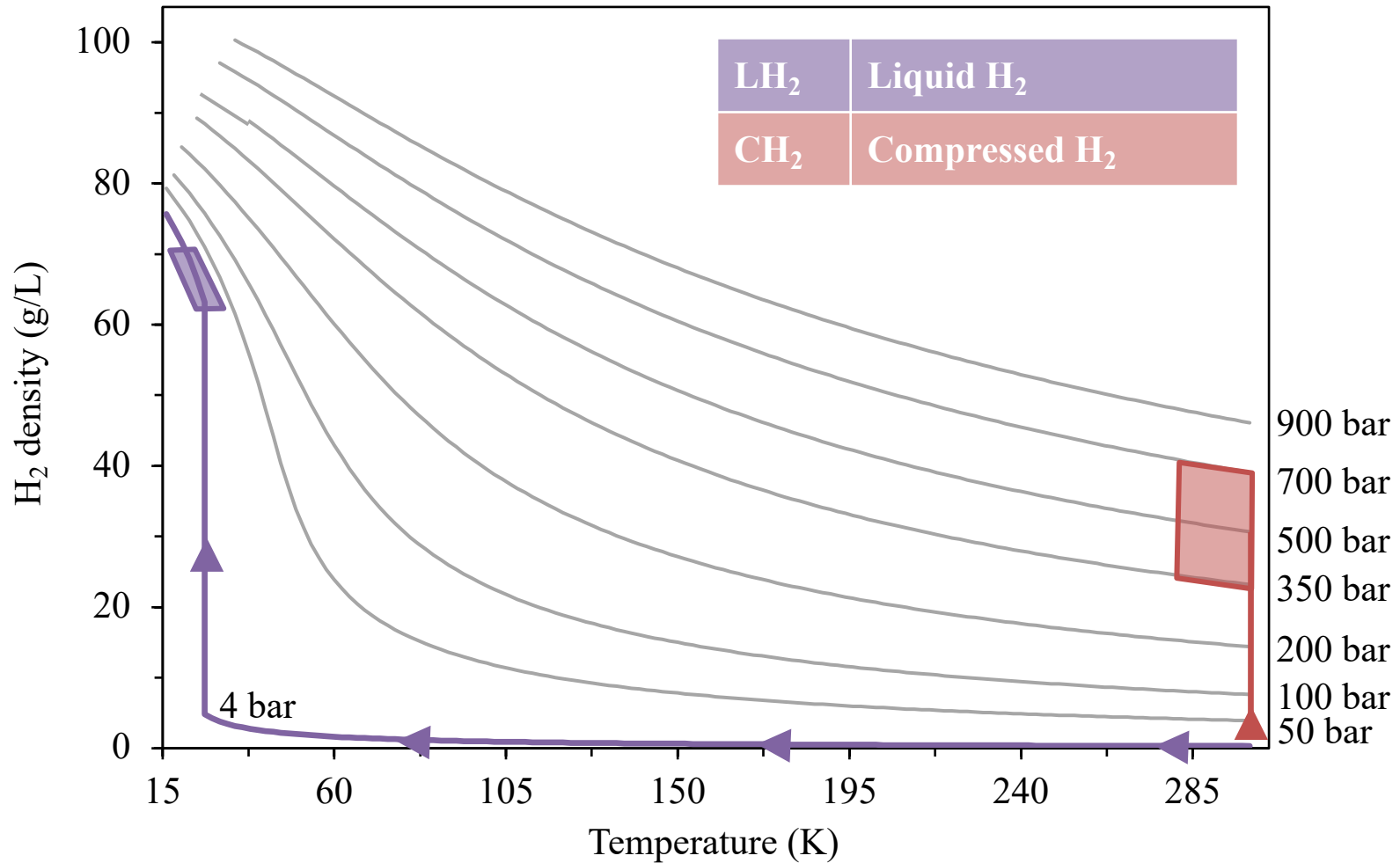
# LH<sub>2</sub> enables long range but limited by cost and supply

Storage & refueling options		
	700 bar	LH <sub>2</sub>
Long Range	✗	✓
High Payload	✗	✓
Quick Refueling	✓	✓
Low Fuel Cost	✓	✗
Many Fuel Locations	✓	✗

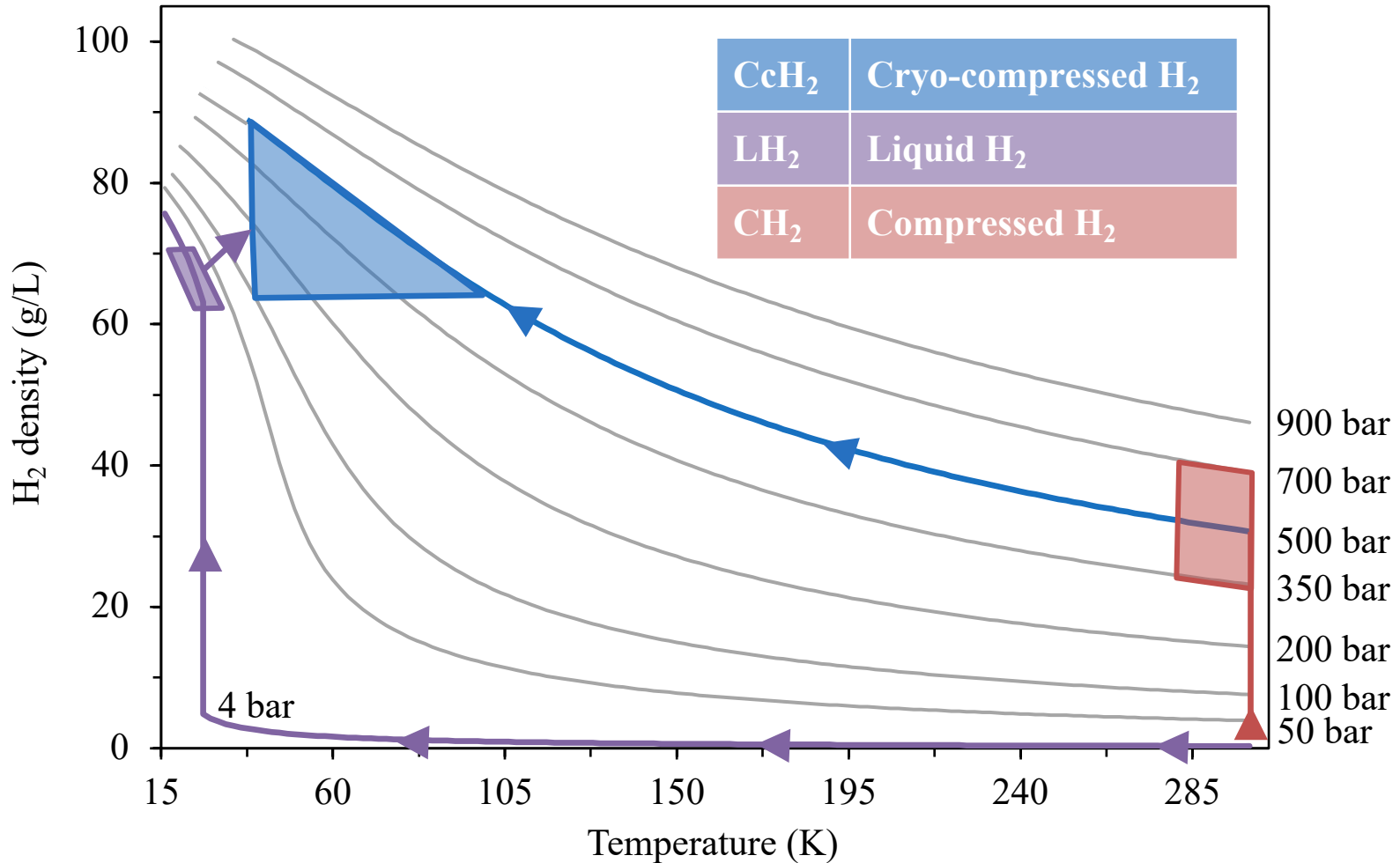
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Global LH<sub>2</sub>  
production could  
hypothetically power  
**6,000 trucks/day**

# Cryogenic hydrogen is required for higher densities



# Cryo-compressed hydrogen offers high density with minimal complexity and supply flexibility



**Higher than LH<sub>2</sub> densities from LH<sub>2</sub> or GH<sub>2</sub> source and monophasic operations**

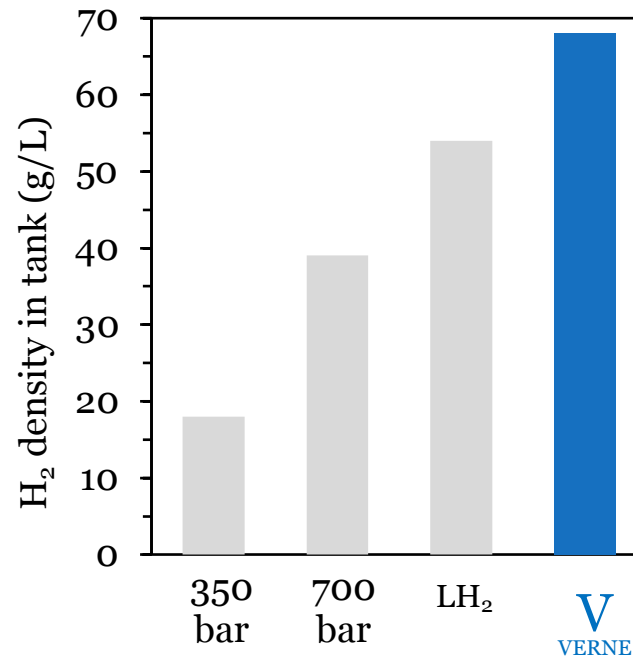
# Verne's approach with CcH<sub>2</sub>: high-density & supply flexibility

## Long-range storage



100+ kg system

## Highest density



20% higher density than  
LH<sub>2</sub>

## Supply flexibility

Liquid  
hydrogen

or

Compressed  
hydrogen

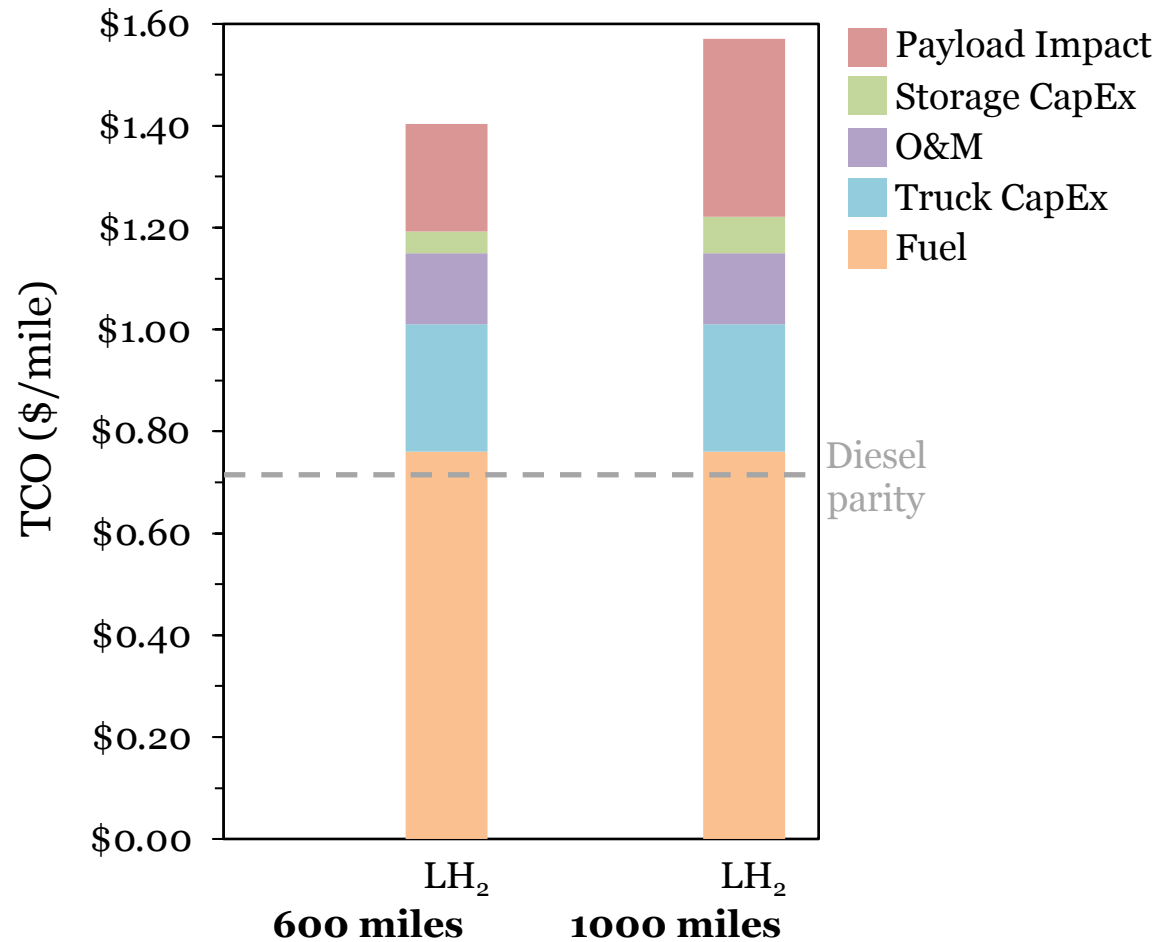


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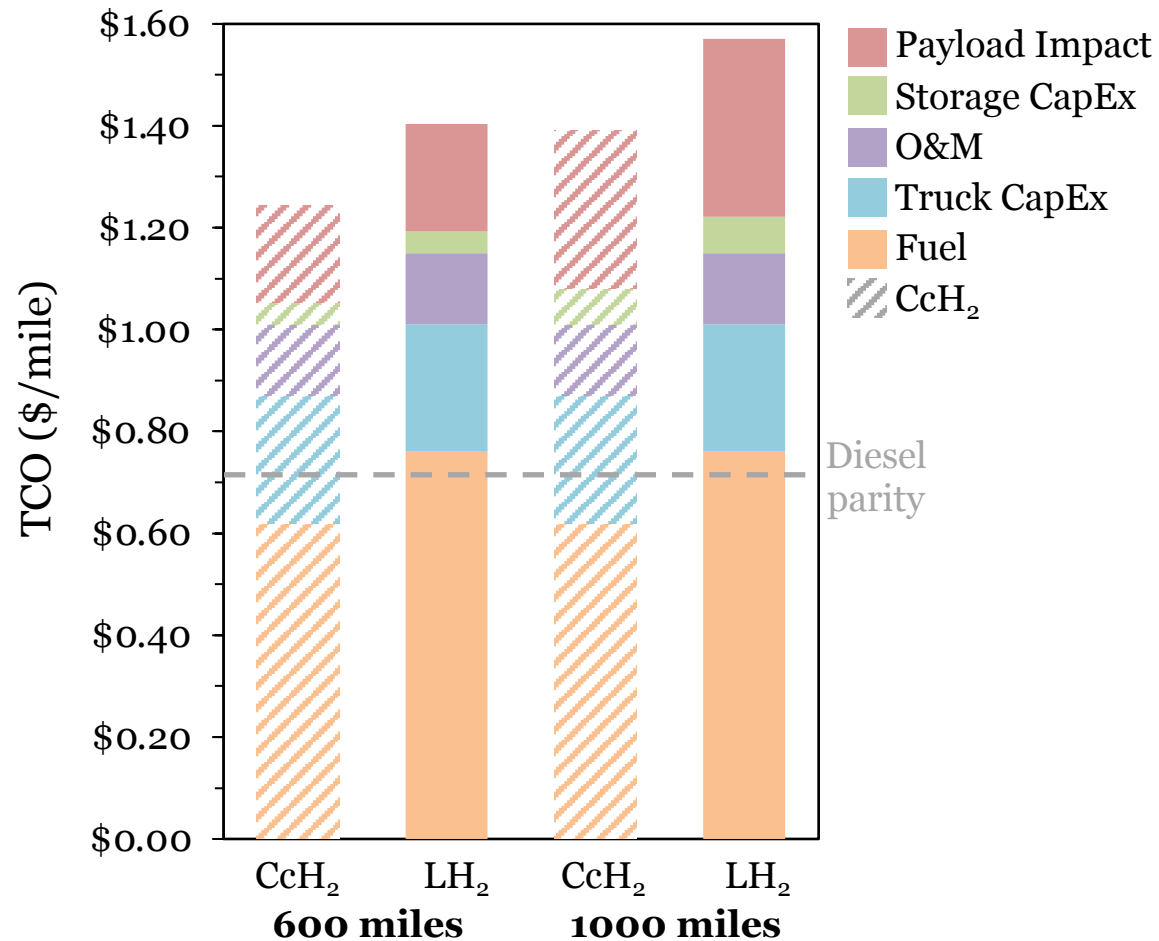
Refuel with the lowest cost  
source of hydrogen



# CcH<sub>2</sub> offers long range at lower cost than LH<sub>2</sub>



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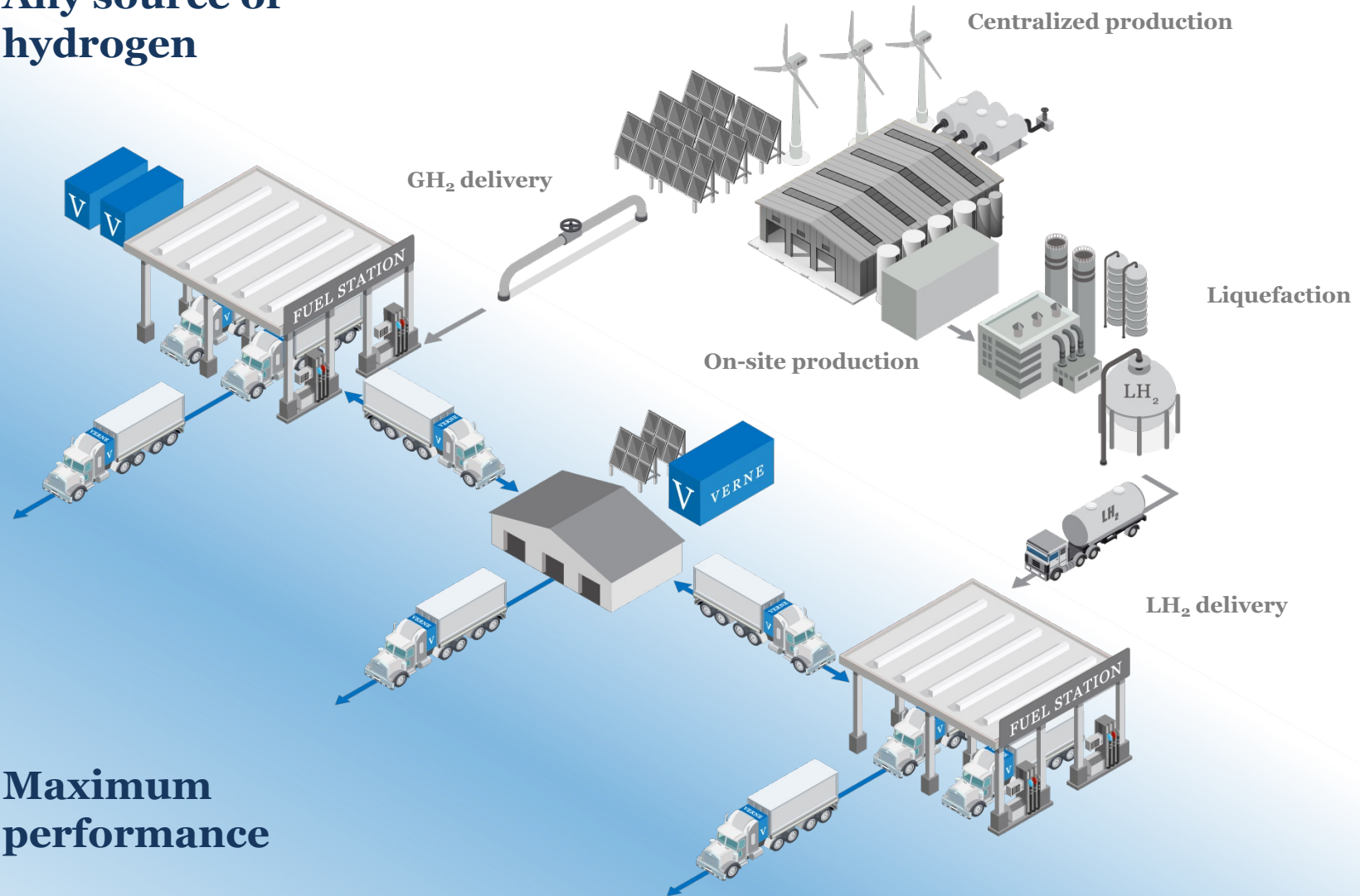
- CcH<sub>2</sub> enables ~\$0.20/mile savings
- Massive saving considering profit margin is \$0.05/mile

# CcH<sub>2</sub> offer high density with supply flexibility

Storage & refueling options			
	700 bar	LH <sub>2</sub>	CcH <sub>2</sub>
Long Range	✗	✓	✓
High Payload	✗	✓	✓
Quick Refueling	✓	✓	✓
Low Fuel Cost	✓	✗	✓
Many Fuel Locations	✓	✗	✓

# CcH<sub>2</sub> can accelerate the entire hydrogen ecosystem

Any source of hydrogen





# Summary

1. Performance: Cryogenic  $H_2$  ( $CcH_2$  or  $LH_2$ ) is necessary to hit long-haul requirements
2. Cost:  $CcH_2$  is lowest TCO vs.  $LH_2$  due to avoided liquefaction
3. Supply flexibility:  $CcH_2$  is independent of hydrogen supply chain development



# Challenge for the CcH<sub>2</sub> trucking industry: refueling component development and standardization

## ISO 197 and CcH<sub>2</sub> standards



**WG 5:** Gaseous hydrogen  
land vehicle refueling  
connection devices

## US DOE: world class CcH<sub>2</sub> test site

 Lawrence Livermore  
National Laboratory



- Participation needed to shape Standards that can enable an open market
- LLNL and US have capabilities to help lead these efforts
- Verne is open to collaborate to accelerate market adoption



# Verne's trajectory for commercializing CcH<sub>2</sub>



10 kg system  
demonstrated

2022

Closed Seed Round



Full-scale storage system  
built (10x scale up)

2023

Multi-tank system  
tested for durability



Truck demonstration

2024

Refueling demonstration





# The Verne team



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CEO



**David Jaramillo**  
CTO



**Bav Roy**  
COO



**+12**

Full-time engineers

**+8**

Technical consultants  
& contractors

## Key technical leaders, advisors & contractors



**Salvador Aceves**



**Kaushik Mallick**



**Vincent Heloin**



**Markus Kampitsch**



**Rob Pahl**



**Bob Boyd**



## Funding

Grants



Private





An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A light-colored, winding road or path cuts through the center of the forest, curving from the left towards the right. The trees are tall and closely packed, with varying shades of green indicating different types of foliage or perhaps the play of light and shadow. The overall scene is serene and natural.

# Thank you! Questions?

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