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# High-density hydrogen for heavy-duty trucking

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# Compressed H<sub>2</sub> storage is available today and has enabled 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

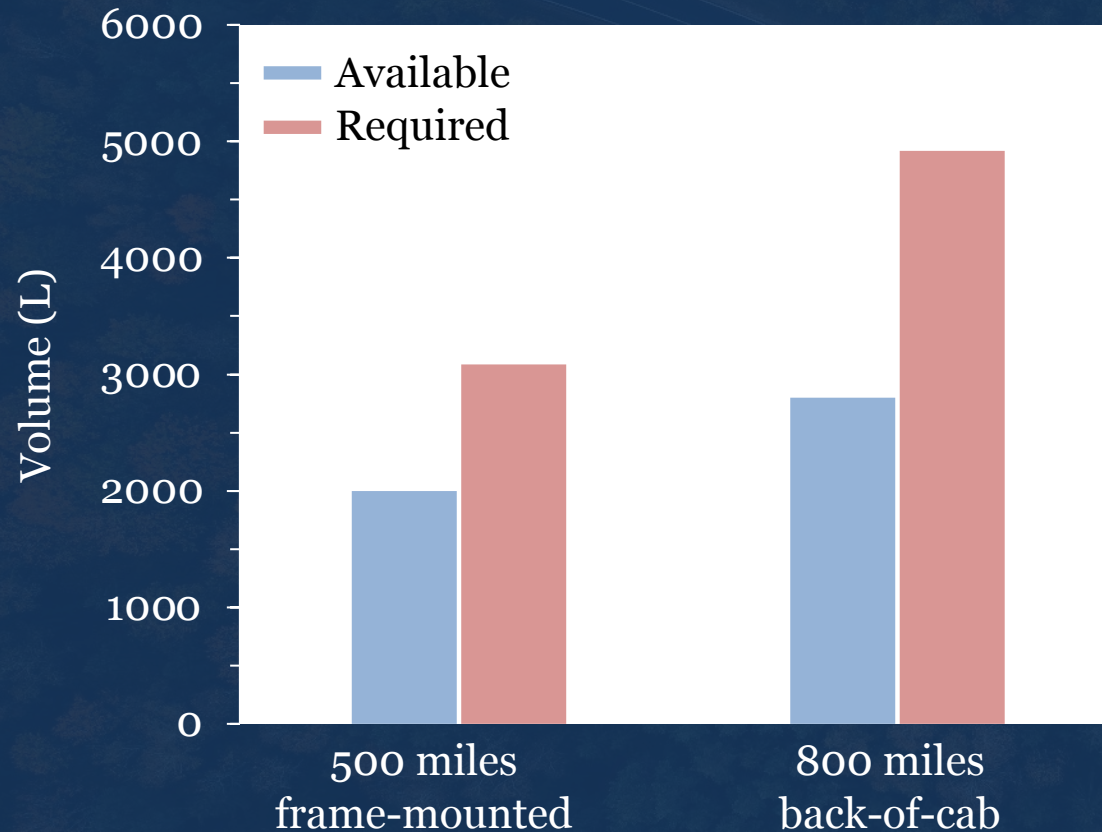


- **250-mile** range and 31 kg of H<sub>2</sub>
- 350 bar storage and refueling
- 50 trucks

Early demonstrations have not met long-haul needs

# 700 bar storage does not meet volumetric requirements for long-haul

Volume available and required with 700 bar storage



Back-of-cab 700 bar storage system



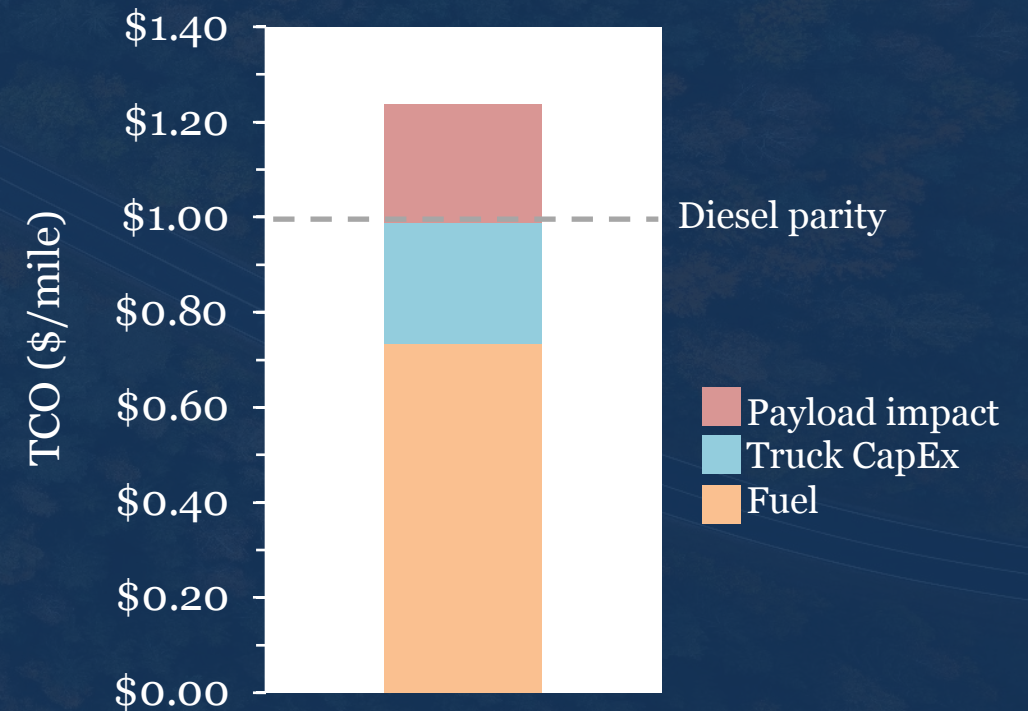
Low volumetric density of 700 bar limits range for two Class 8 truck configurations

# Low gravimetric density has high impact on total cost of ownership

**Maxing out back-of-cab volume with 700 bar enables 450 miles of range**



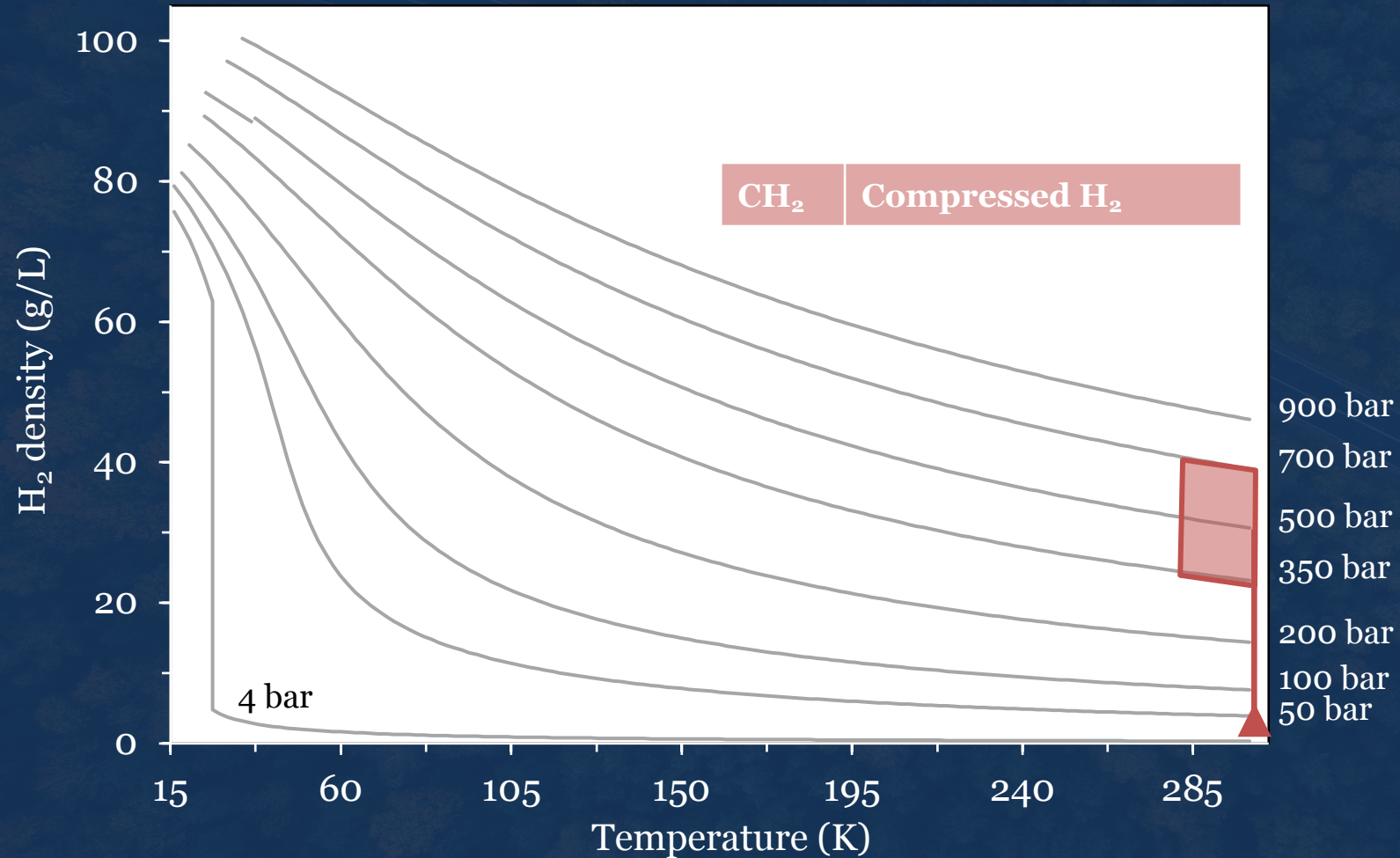
**Main contributors to total cost of ownership for 450-mile range truck**



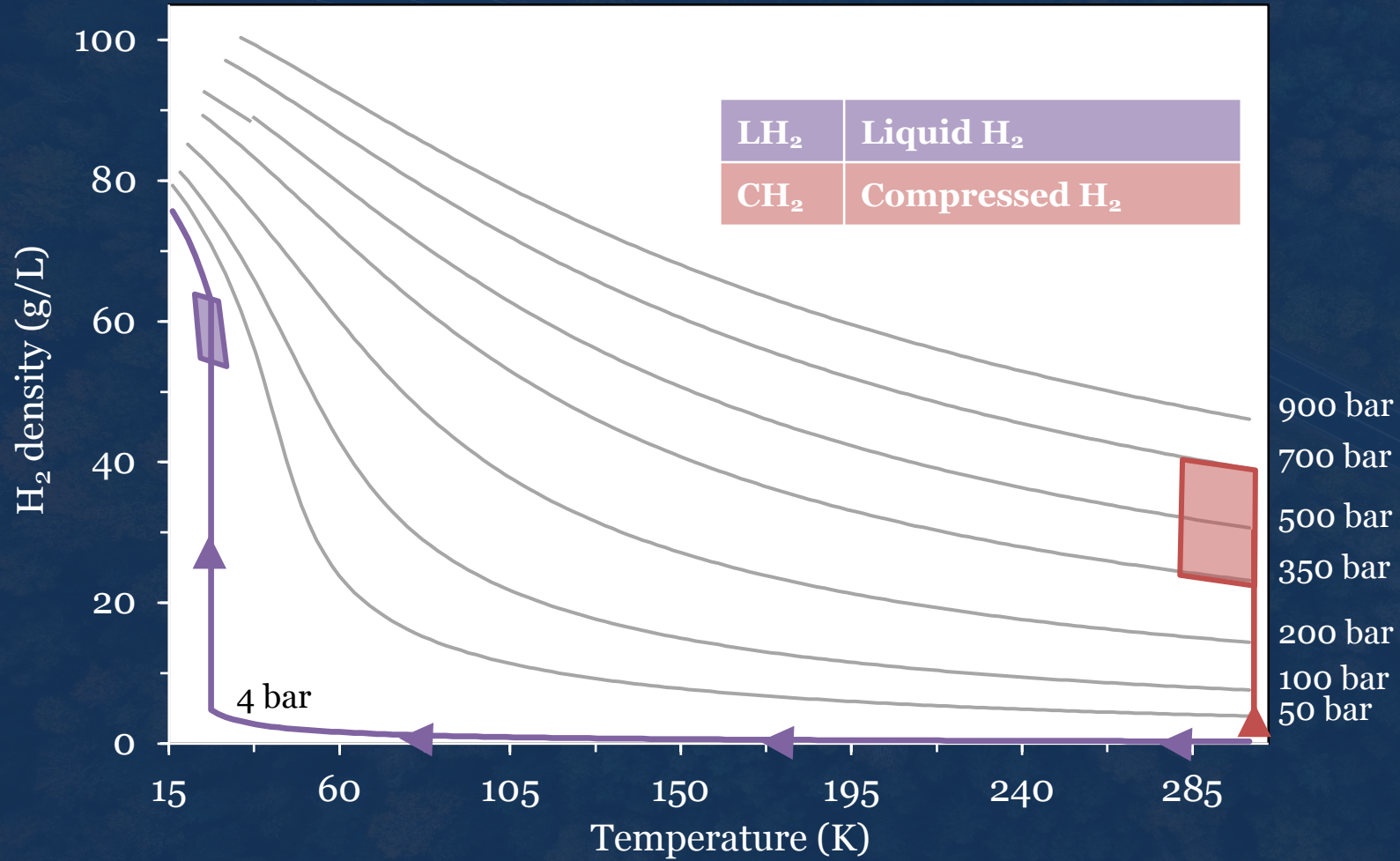
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**To enable broader adoption by long-haul trucking, a higher-density hydrogen system is required**

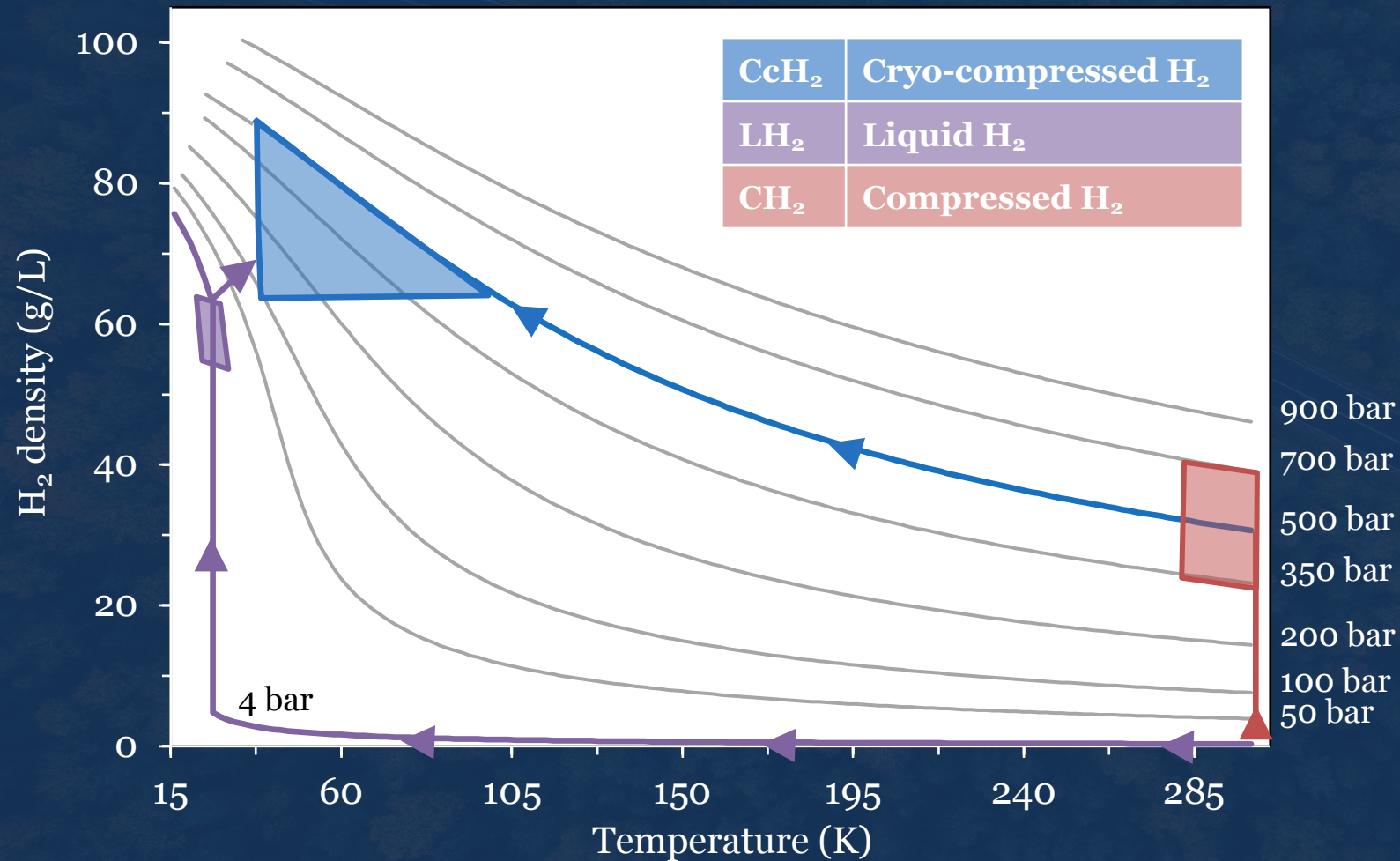
# Compressed hydrogen covers one narrow space of the hydrogen phase diagram



# Liquid hydrogen enables higher densities than 700 bar



# Cryo-compressed hydrogen enables the highest density solution with supply flexibility



Two routes to reach the CcH<sub>2</sub> state:

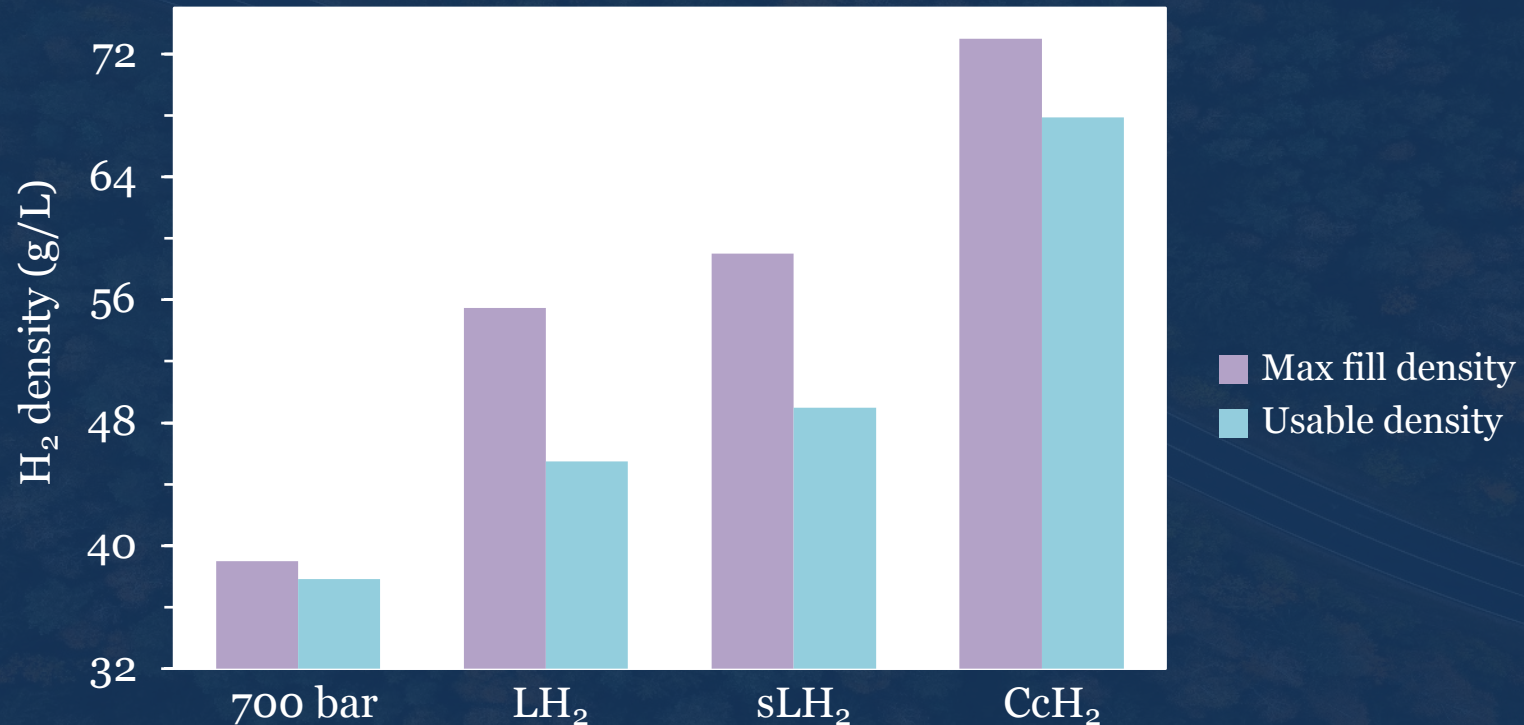
1. From a liquid, using a cryo-pump (purple path)
2. Compressing and cooling a gas, using a cryo-compressor (blue path)

# Verne develops cryo-compressed hydrogen storage and refueling solutions



# $\text{CcH}_2$ exhibits 40% greater usable densities than $\text{sLH}_2$

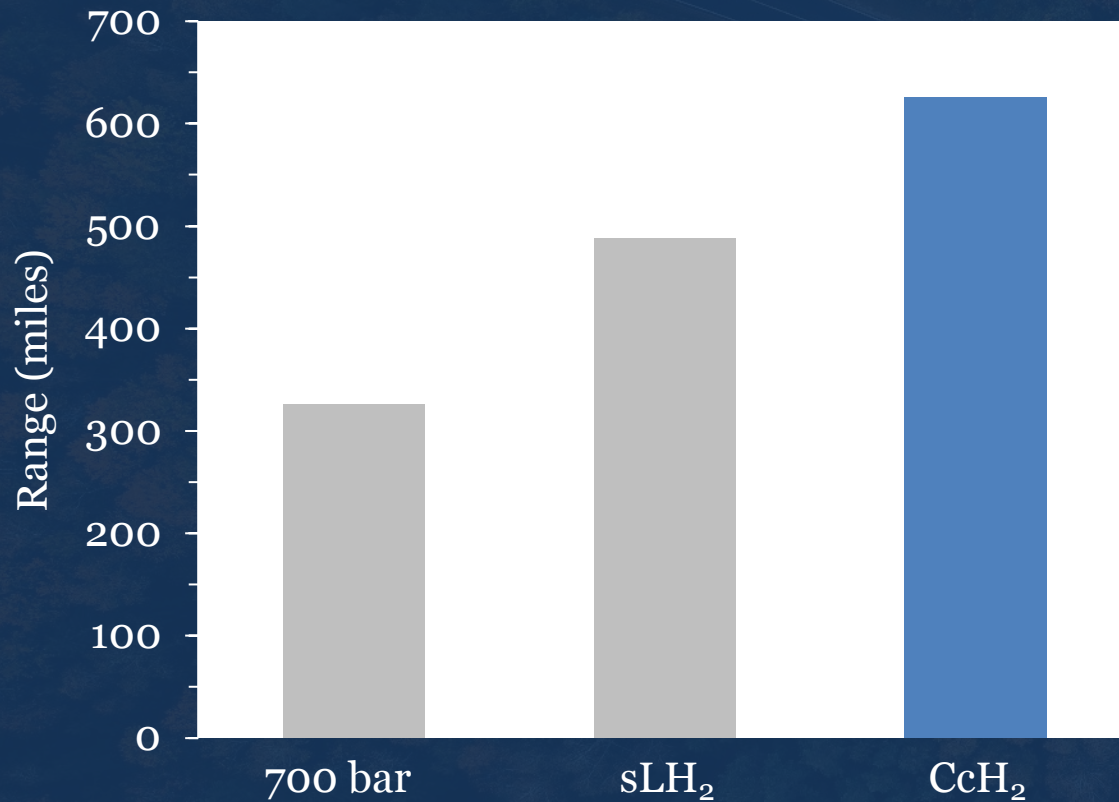
Max density and usable density comparison



- $\text{CcH}_2$  exhibits 80% higher usable density relative to 700 bar
- $\text{CcH}_2$  exhibits 50%, and 40% higher usable densities relative to  $\text{LH}_2$  and  $\text{sLH}_2$ , respectively

# Given the same frame volume, CcH<sub>2</sub> system reaches 600+ miles

Range for frame-mounted systems



Frame-mounted CcH<sub>2</sub> system



Long-haul range and frame-mounted system is possible with CcH<sub>2</sub>

# Various options to take advantage of high-density

## Current hydrogen



6 tanks: back-of-cab

450 mi

Diesel-equivalent weight

## Verne: ultra-light



2 tanks: saddle mount

450+ mi

1,250+ lbs lighter

## Verne: long-range



4 tanks: back-of-cab

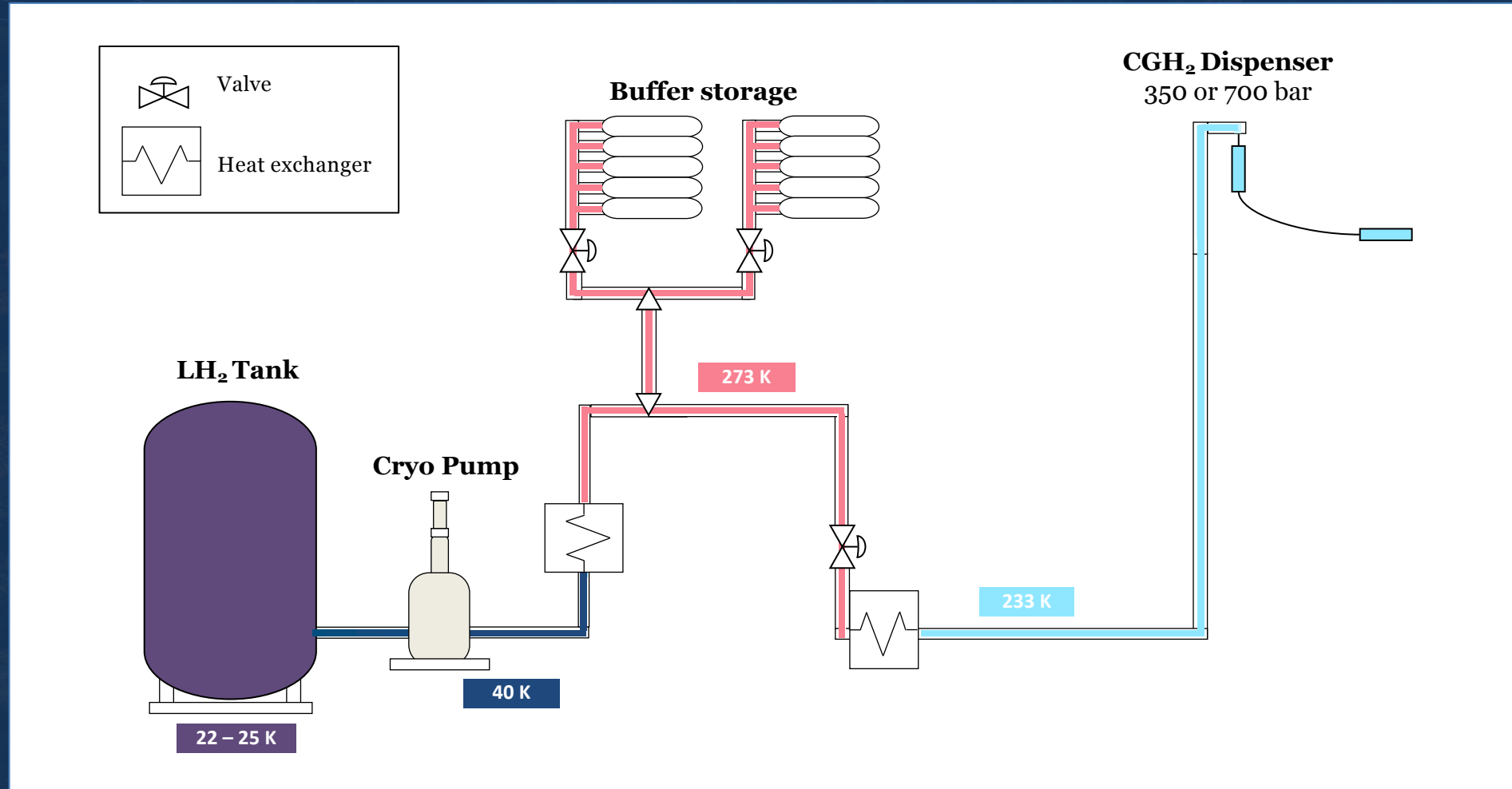
900+ mi

Diesel-equivalent weight

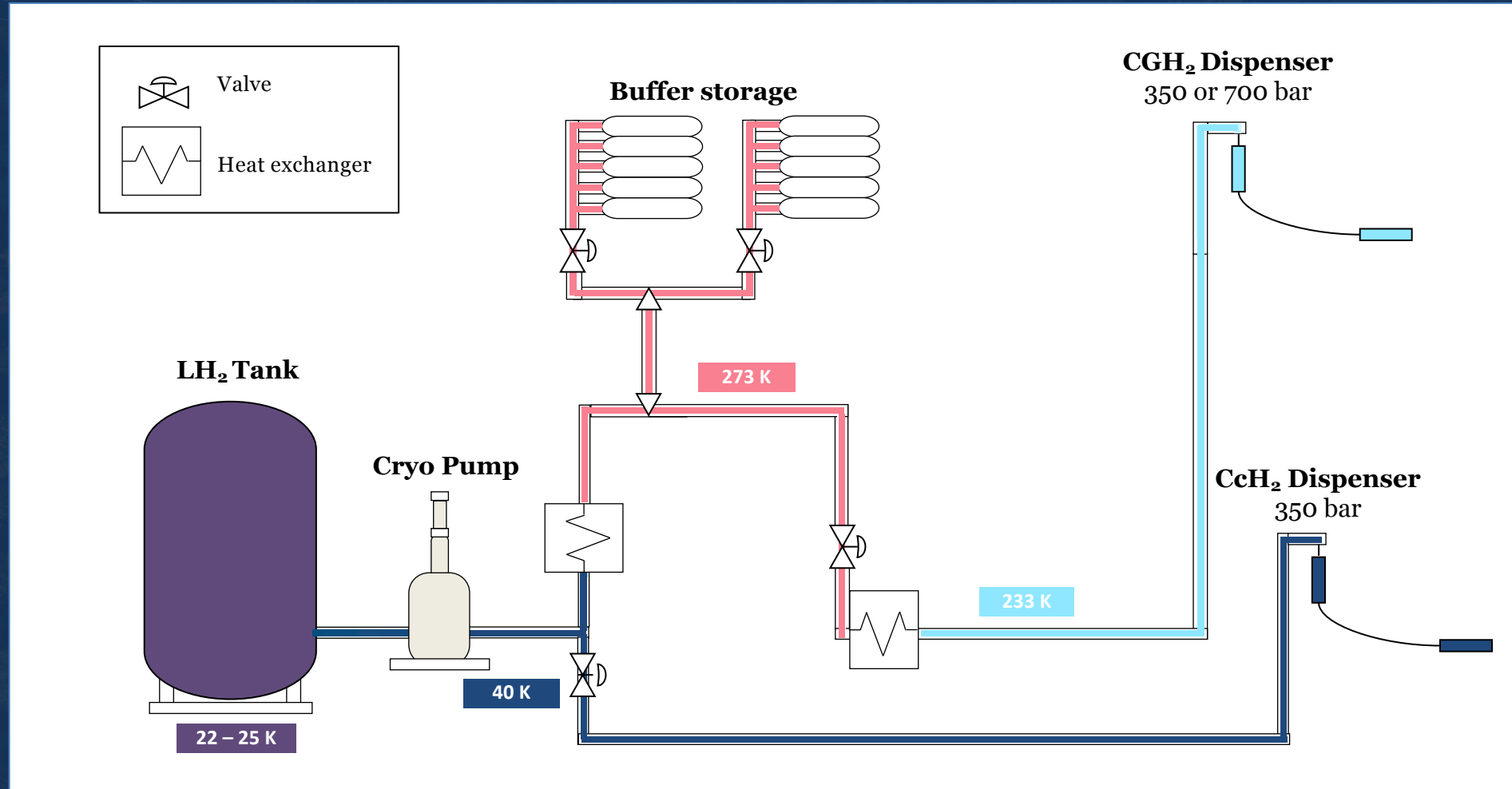
**Double Profit Margins**

**Travel Full Routes and  
Half Infrastructure**

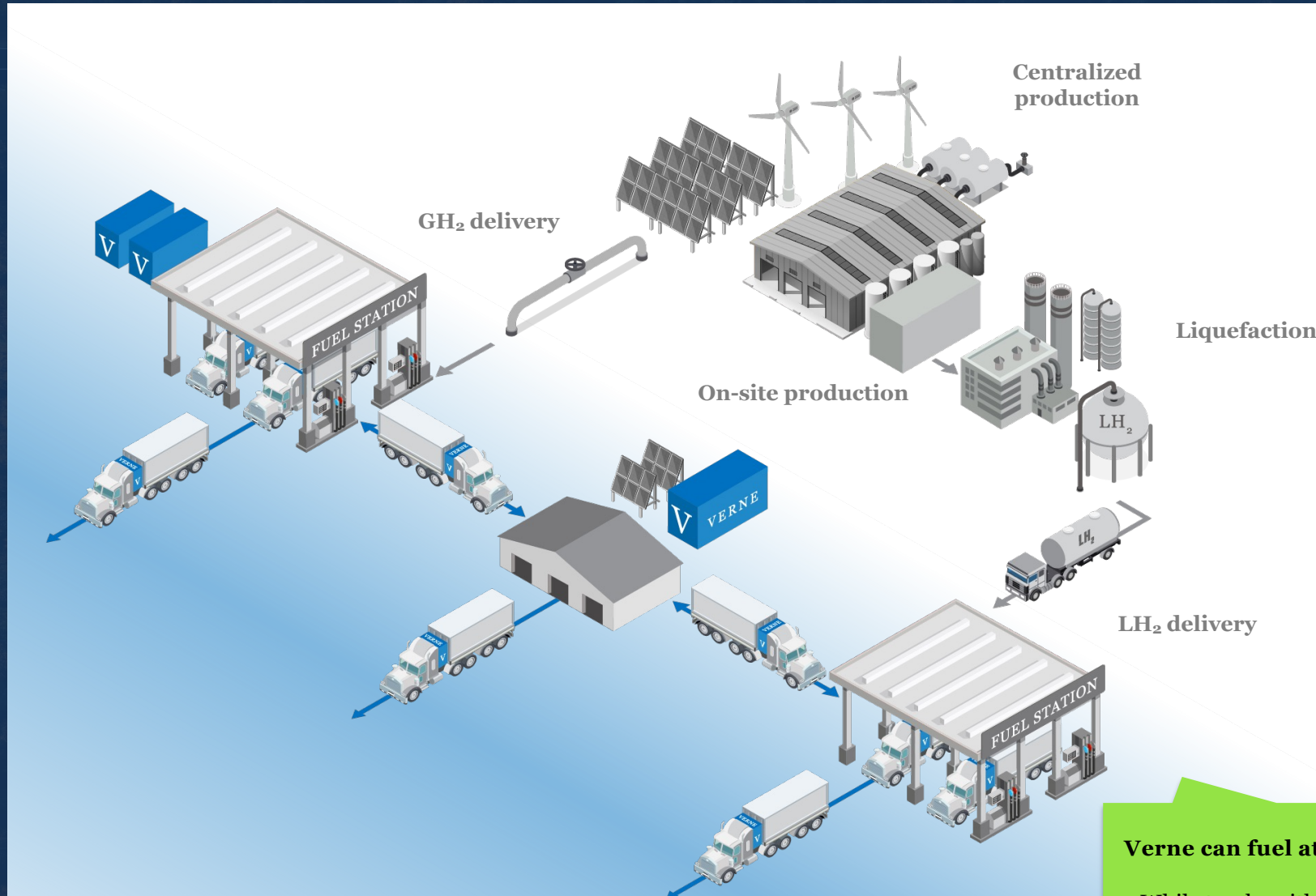
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# High-density with supply flexibility



**Performance**  
Range and payload

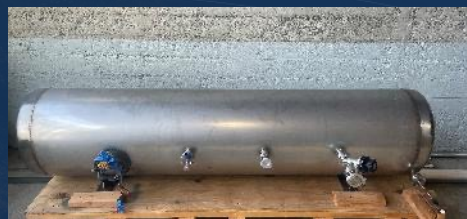
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**Supply optionality**  
no liquefaction cost

Verne can fuel at any H<sub>2</sub> station.

While trucks with LH<sub>2</sub> storage can only fuel at stations with LH<sub>2</sub> delivery

# Commercialization and development progress



10 kg system  
demonstrated



Full-scale storage systems built  
and testing



Lawrence Livermore  
National Laboratory



Initial Class 8 truck testing  
with fleet and OEMs



2022

Closed Seed Round

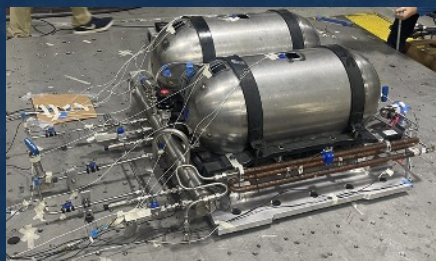


DOE Project  
started



2023

Multi-tank system  
tested for durability



Fleet LOI 's for >150  
trucks with Verne storage  
systems

Multiple Class  
8 Truck Fleets

2024

Refueling demonstrations



Mobile refueler  
commissioning

# We have built a team of global experts

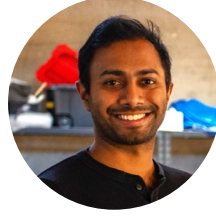
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