

# Wrap-Up/An Ammonia Fuel Business Plan

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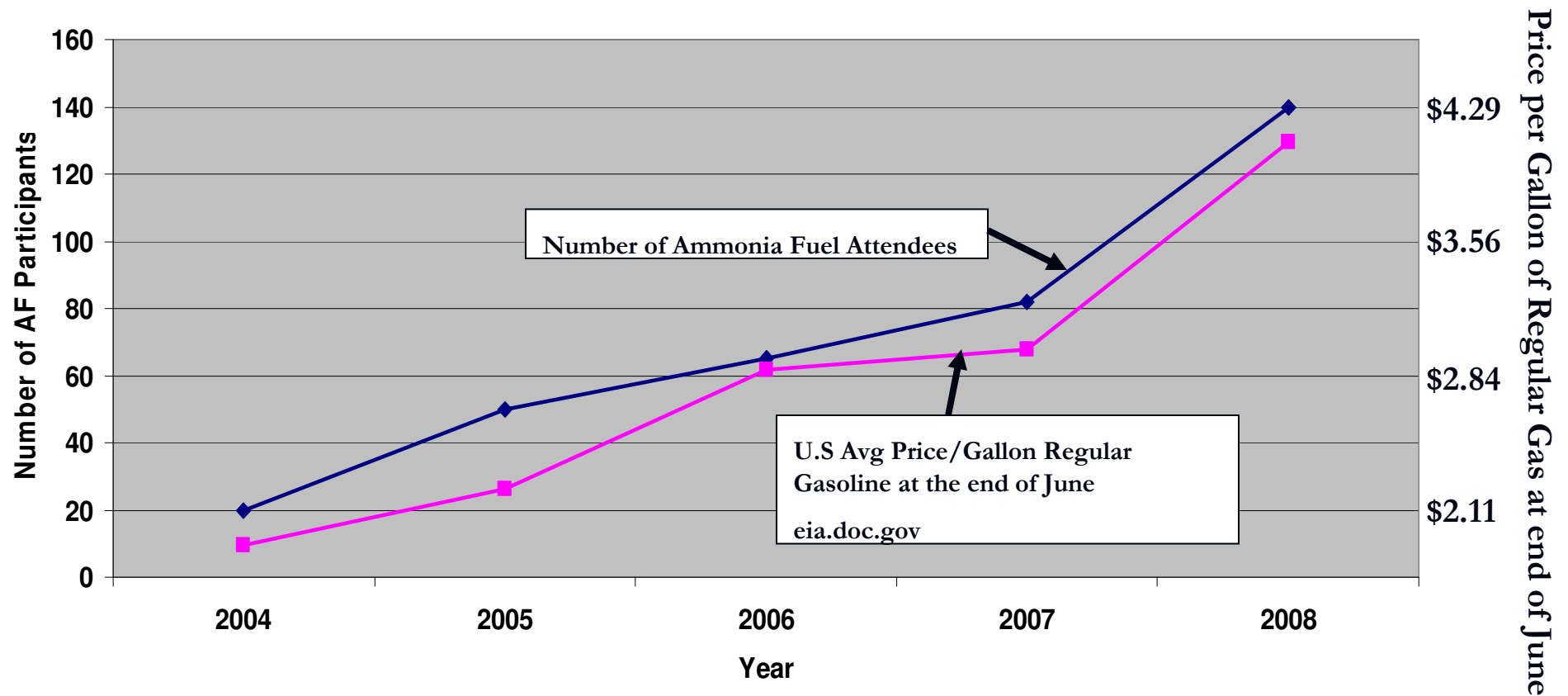
# Overview

- Re-cap of meeting
- News
- Ammonia Fuel Network
- An Ammonia Fuel Business Plan

# Conference Re-Cap

- Excellent attendance and participation (75% more than 2007)
- Ammonia transport in NG pipelines w/ carbon sequestration
- Validation of low-emission, powerful performance in SI and CI ICEs
- Partial “cracking” to H<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> may offer benefits
- NH<sub>3</sub> from OPEC promising
- NH<sub>3</sub> is potential excellent energy storage medium for RE, especially stranded RE
- Progress in direct-ammonia fuel cells
- Safety issues with storage and use of NH<sub>3</sub> understood, and largely manageable
- Several avenues for clean, high-volume NH<sub>3</sub> production, particularly from various RE sources, coal, and nuclear

# Ammonia Conference Attendance Driver



# News

- Iowa Energy Center Grants
- Ammonia highlighted in Edwin Black's "*The Plan*"
- Article in thecuttingedgenews.com on ammonia will reach 1.4 million viewers
- Motor Trend article
- Alaska Renewable Energy Fund

# Ammonia Fueled Vehicles

**Rjukan 1933**



**Ann Arbor 2007**



# 1959 Fuel Cell Tractor



# Ammonia Fuel Network

- Established in WA state in 2007
- Web site [www.ammoniafuelnetwork.org](http://www.ammoniafuelnetwork.org) – over 2000 visits since July
- Need Board of Directors
- Need By-Laws
- Need to formalize membership
- Need to determine how best to serve membership



# Possible Functions of AFN

- Library
- Forum
- News service
- R&D/feasibility
- Political Action
- Education
- Other?

# **An Ammonia Fuel Business Plan**

## Relevant quote 1 –

There are three kinds of ball players –  
those who make something happen,  
those who watch it happen, and those  
who wonder what happened.

- Tommy Lasorda, LA Dodgers

## Relevant quote 2 –

Mr. Holtz, there are lots of people who don't know what is going on. But, you don't even suspect something is going on.

- High school guidance counselor  
To Lou Holtz, future football coach

# An Ammonia Fuel Business Plan

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# AFBP Mission

The ammonia fuel industry will replace 70% of U.S. diesel generators, 80% of farm and industrial diesel and gasoline use, and 19.4% of highway transportation petroleum-based fuels by 2030.

# Mission Qualifiers

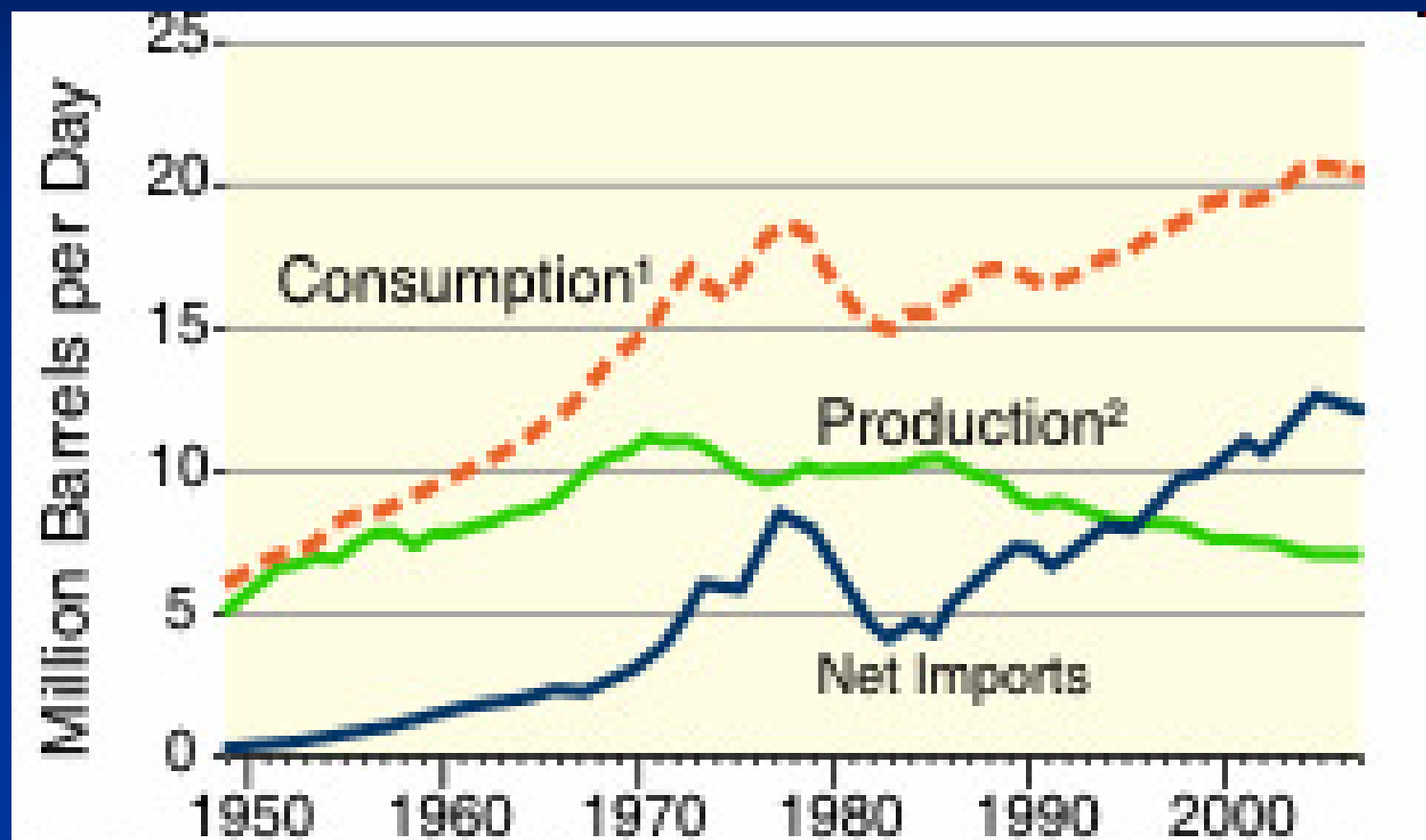
- The U.S. will not import any additional off-shore, fossil-fuel-based  $\text{NH}_3$  to accomplish the mission; that would be exchanging an oil dependency for an ammonia dependency.
- The U.S. will cease all foreign oil imports by 2030.
- Green incentives and carbon limits will be in place to incentivize clean alternative fuel production and usage.
- The U.S. will pursue a portfolio approach (“fuel democracy”) to solving the fuel problem; numerous fuels, including electricity, will be used to meet the U.S. need. There will be no Fuel King.



# Competitor Analysis

- Electric
- Hydrogen
- Biofuels
- CNG
- Coal to Liquids
- Domestic Oil

# U.S. Oil Consumption



Petroleum products supplied is used as an approximation for consumption.  
Crude oil and natural gas plant liquids production.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2007*—Table B.1. (June 2008)

# Top 5 U.S. Oil Imports

**Daily imports (% of U.S. consumption):**

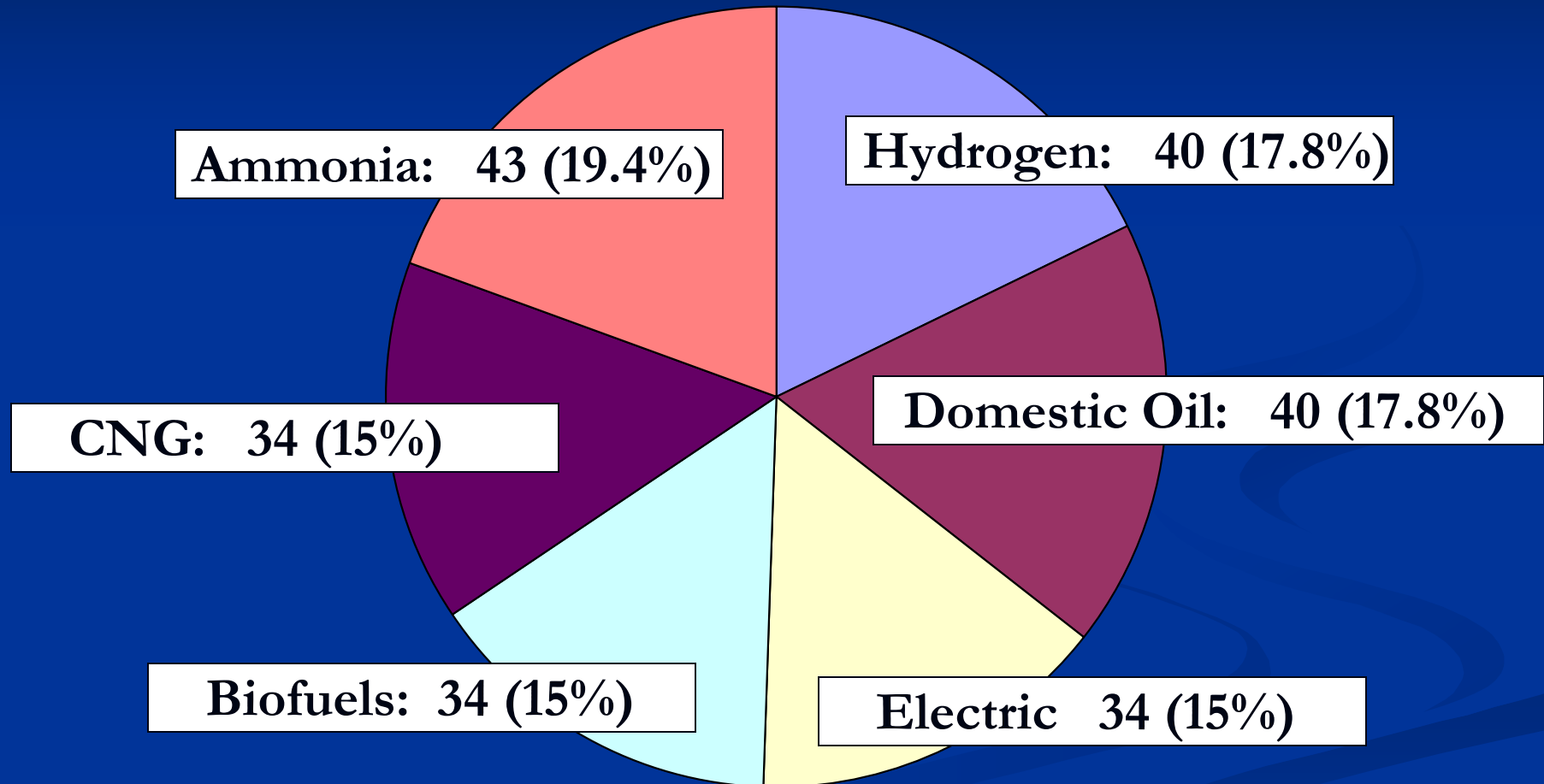
1. **Canada -- 2 million barrels (9.1%)**
2. **Saudi Arabia -- 1.5+ million barrels (6.8%)**
3. **Mexico -- 1.4 million barrels (6.4%)**
4. **Venezuela – 1.2 million barrels (5.5%)**
5. **Nigeria -- 1.2 million barrels (5.5%)**

# 2030 Assumptions

- The U.S. will use 25% more total energy for transportation than it does today (180 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel per year)
- CNG, biofuels, and electric energy will each have a 15% share of the transportation energy market
- DOE's goal of 40 MT of hydrogen production/consumption will be achieved
- Domestic U.S. oil production will drop to 5 million barrels per day
- Oil imports will be zero by 2030

# 2030 Transportation Energy

(in billions of gallons gasoline equivalent)



**Total = 225 billion gge**

# Market Analysis

Successful completion of the mission will require:

- Additional annual U.S. production of ~300 million tons of NH<sub>3</sub> (current world production is ~130 million tons)
- Additional renewable or nuclear electric power of 250 to 400 GW to synthesize the NH<sub>3</sub> or equivalent amount of natural gas or coal
- ~50 million NH<sub>3</sub> vehicle conversions or new NH<sub>3</sub> vehicles by 2030 [many of these can be direct ammonia fuel cell vehicles]
- Additional distribution and delivery infrastructure—pipelines, rail, trucks, barges—roughly 50X what currently exists
- Large amounts of water, ~420 gallons for each ton of NH<sub>3</sub> produced with electricity [collect water exhaust?]

# So, What Will This Cost?

Using Wind-to-Ammonia as an example (i.e. all 19.4% ammonia transportation energy comes from wind energy converted to ammonia):

- Capital costs for wind turbines to produce electricity for  $\text{NH}_3$  = ~ \$700B+.
- Capital equipment costs for domestic wind-powered  $\text{NH}_3$  synthesis of 300 million tons/year = \$160B to \$350B
- 50 million vehicle conversions at \$5K @ would be ~\$250B, or a few dollars less.
- 50X additional delivery infrastructure, figure ~\$200 million

# Organizational Plan

The ammonia fuel industry will require a concerted and coordinated effort (a subsidized effort?), including:

- Renewable, nuclear, and clean coal/NG sources
- Ammonia production facilities
- Storage and delivery infrastructure
- Converted and new vehicles, farm and commercial equipment, and generators
- Codes and regulations
- Other?



# Financial Plan

- Who will pay for this?
  - Public
  - Private investors
  - Banks
  - Companies
  - Federal subsidies
- Answer—not sure, at present.
- Comparisons
  - Value of annual 300 million tons NH<sub>3</sub> (43 billion gges) is \$175B to \$300B
  - Annual total oil usage of 22 million tons/day is about \$1 trillion
  - Current annual U.S. oil imports ~\$700B
- Plenty of opportunity for all.

# Thank You

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# Back-up Slides

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# U.S. Ammonia Pipeline

3000 Miles  
Total

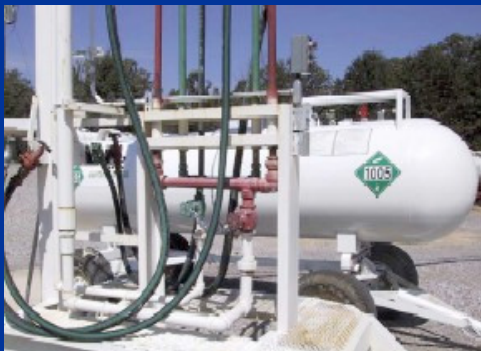
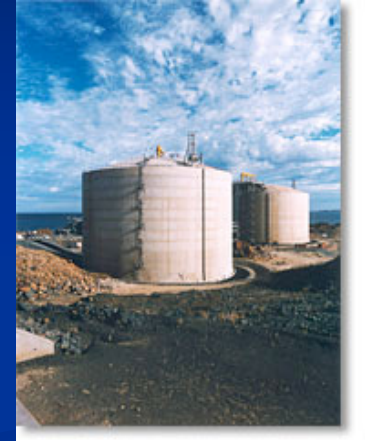


# Ammonia Is Easy To Store





# Ammonia Delivery Infrastructure



# Ammonia is easy to crack

	Cracking Reaction to Produce Hydrogen	Energy Lost (or Cost)
Ammonia	$2\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow 3\text{H}_2 + \text{N}_2$	12-15%
Methane	$\text{CH}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$	25-30%
Methanol	$\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 3\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$	~45%
Ethanol	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 6\text{H}_2 + 2\text{CO}_2$	~60%
Water	$2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$ [electrolysis]	25-35 %