



# Hydrogen Delivery Options and Issues

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# Hydrogen Delivery

## Scope

- From the end point of central or distributed production (300 psi H<sub>2</sub>) to and including the dispenser at a refueling station or stationary power site
  - GH<sub>2</sub> Pipelines and Trucks, LH<sub>2</sub> Trucks, Carriers

**<\$1.00/kg of Hydrogen by 2017**





# H2 Delivery Current Status

- Technology
  - GH2 Tube Trailers: ~340 kg, ~2600 psi
  - LH2 Trucks: ~3900 kg
  - Pipelines: up to 1500 psi (~630 miles in the U.S.)
  - Refueling Site Operations (compression, storage dispensing): Demonstration projects
- Cost (Does NOT include refueling Site Operations)
  - Trucks: \$4-\$12/kg
  - Pipeline: <\$2/kg



# H2A Analysis

- Consistent, comparable, transparent approach to hydrogen production and delivery cost analysis
- Excel spreadsheet tools with common economic parameters, feedstock and utility costs, and approach
- Project Team
  - Production: DTI, TIAX, Technology Insights, PNNL, NREL, ANL
  - Delivery: U.C. Davis, ANL, PNNL, NREL

- Key Industrial Collaborators

Eastman Chemical

Ferco

AEP

Thermochem

Entergy

GE

Framatome

Stuart Energy

APCi

Chevron

Praxair

Exxonmobil

BOC

BP



# H2A Delivery Goals

- Develop spreadsheet database on delivery system component costs and performance: [Component Model](#)
- Develop delivery scenarios for set of well defined “base cases” that span major markets and demand levels. [Scenario Model \(HDSAM\)](#)
- Estimate the cost of H<sub>2</sub> delivery for base cases with current (2005 costs) and at Research Targets

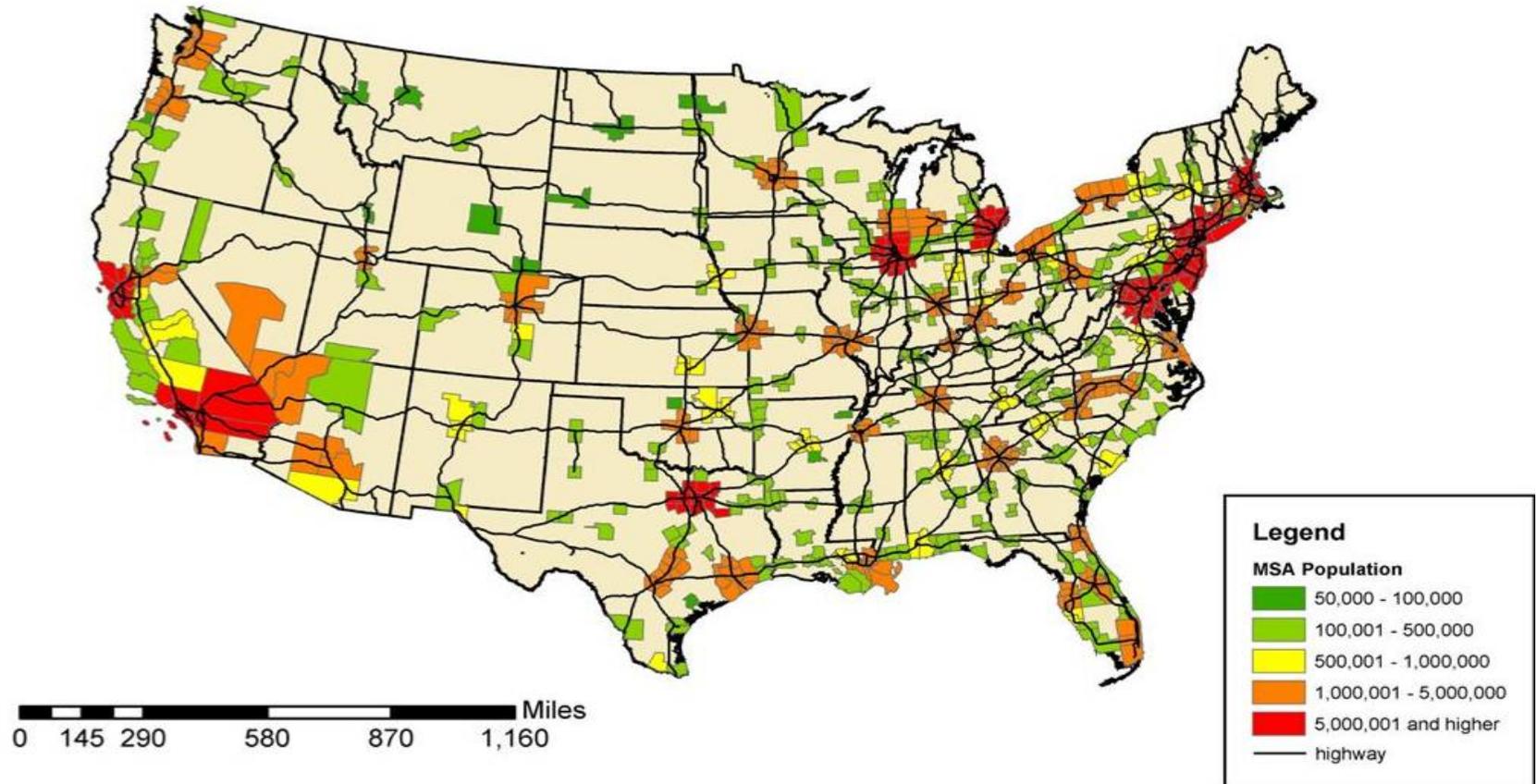


# List of Delivery Components

- Compressed Hydrogen Gas Truck (Tube trailer)
- Compressed Hydrogen Gas Truck Terminal
- Liquid Hydrogen Truck
- Liquid Hydrogen Truck Terminal
- H2 Transmission Compressor
- H2 Forecourt Compressor
- Hydrogen pipelines
- H2 Liquefier
- LH2 Storage Tank
- Gaseous H2 Storage “Tank”
- Gaseous H2 Geologic Storage
- Dispenser
- Forecourt: GH2
- Forecourt: LH2

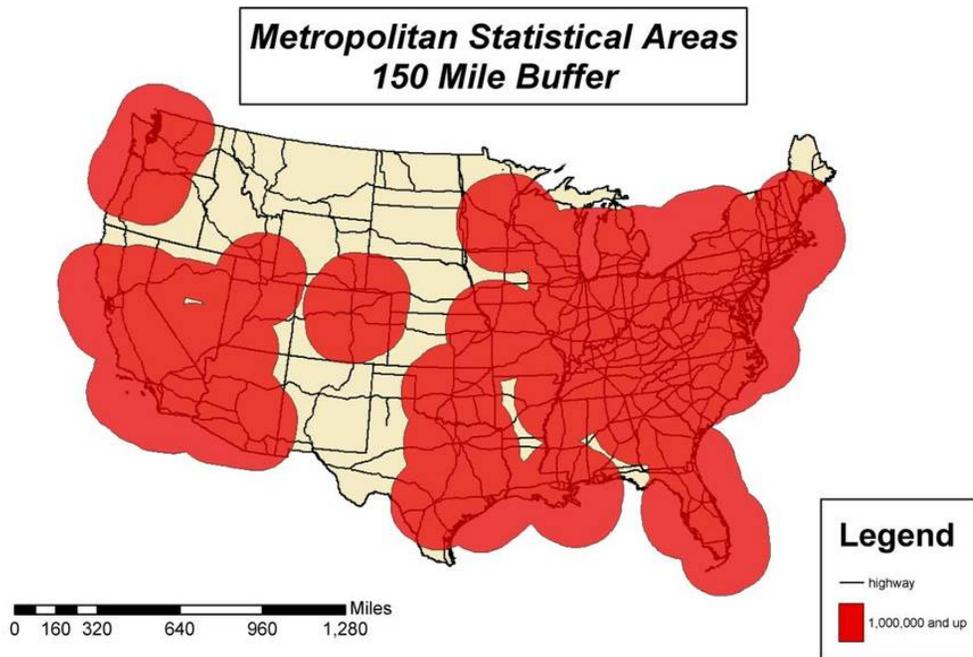


# Three-Quarters of the US Population Reside in Urbanized Areas





# Hydrogen Plants can be Located Relatively Near the Market demand

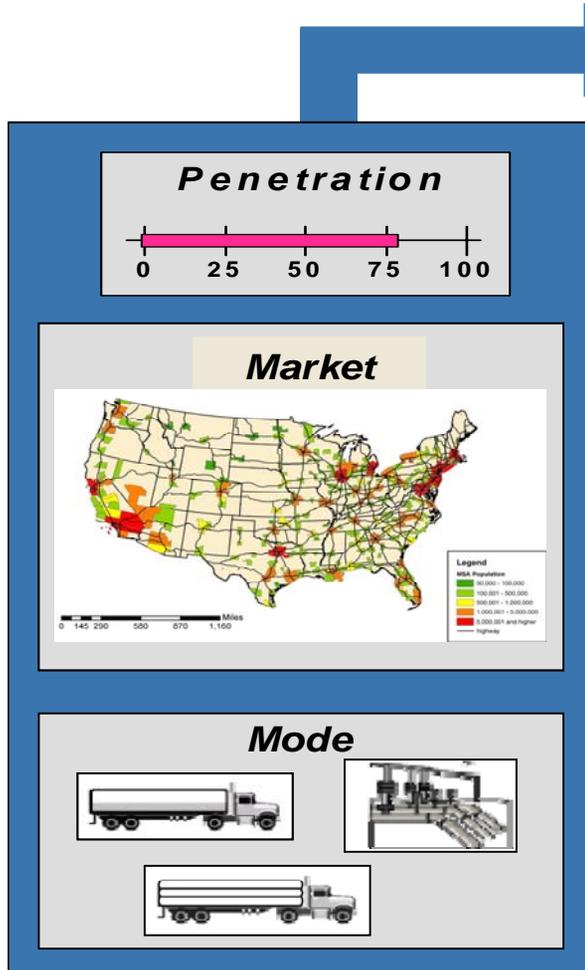


Nearly all areas East of the Mississippi and West of the Rockies are within 200 highway miles (320 km) of large urbanized areas

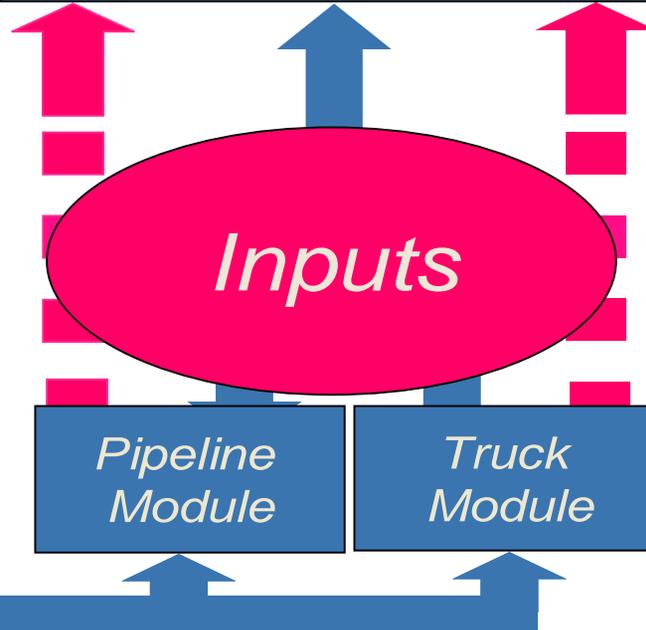
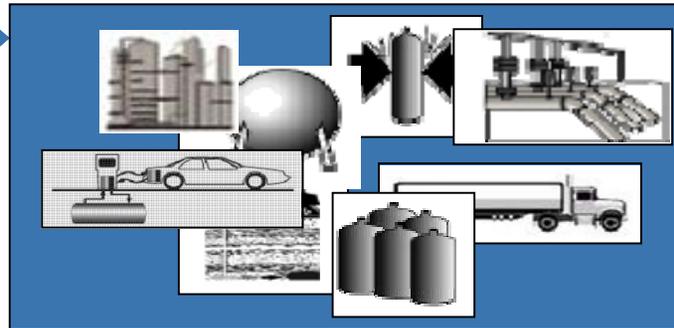


# Overview of the H2A Delivery Scenario Model

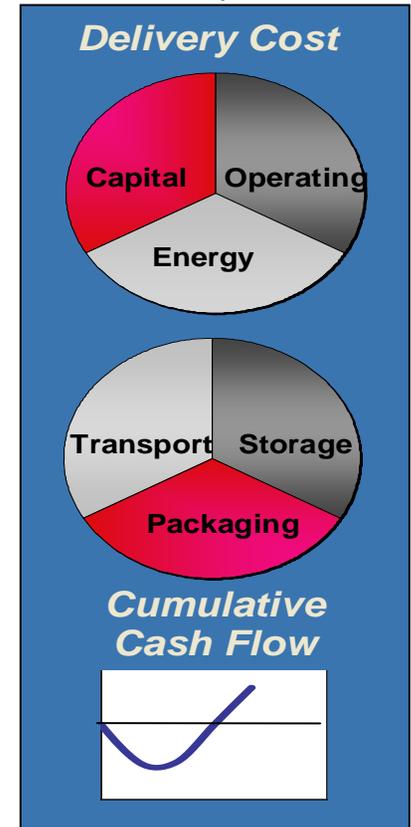
## Scenario Definition



## Components and Other Sub-Models



## Results





# Current Scenario Model

- Predefined demand based on:
  - Market (urban or interstate/rural)
  - Penetration of hydrogen-fueled LDVs (%)
  - Single delivery mode
  - 100 kg/day or 1500 kg/day Forecourts
- Delivery mode defined by user
  - Pipeline with geologic storage
  - Liquid hydrogen (LH<sub>2</sub>) via terminal and truck
  - Compressed hydrogen (CH<sub>2</sub>) truck via terminal and truck (18 MPa and 50 MPa)

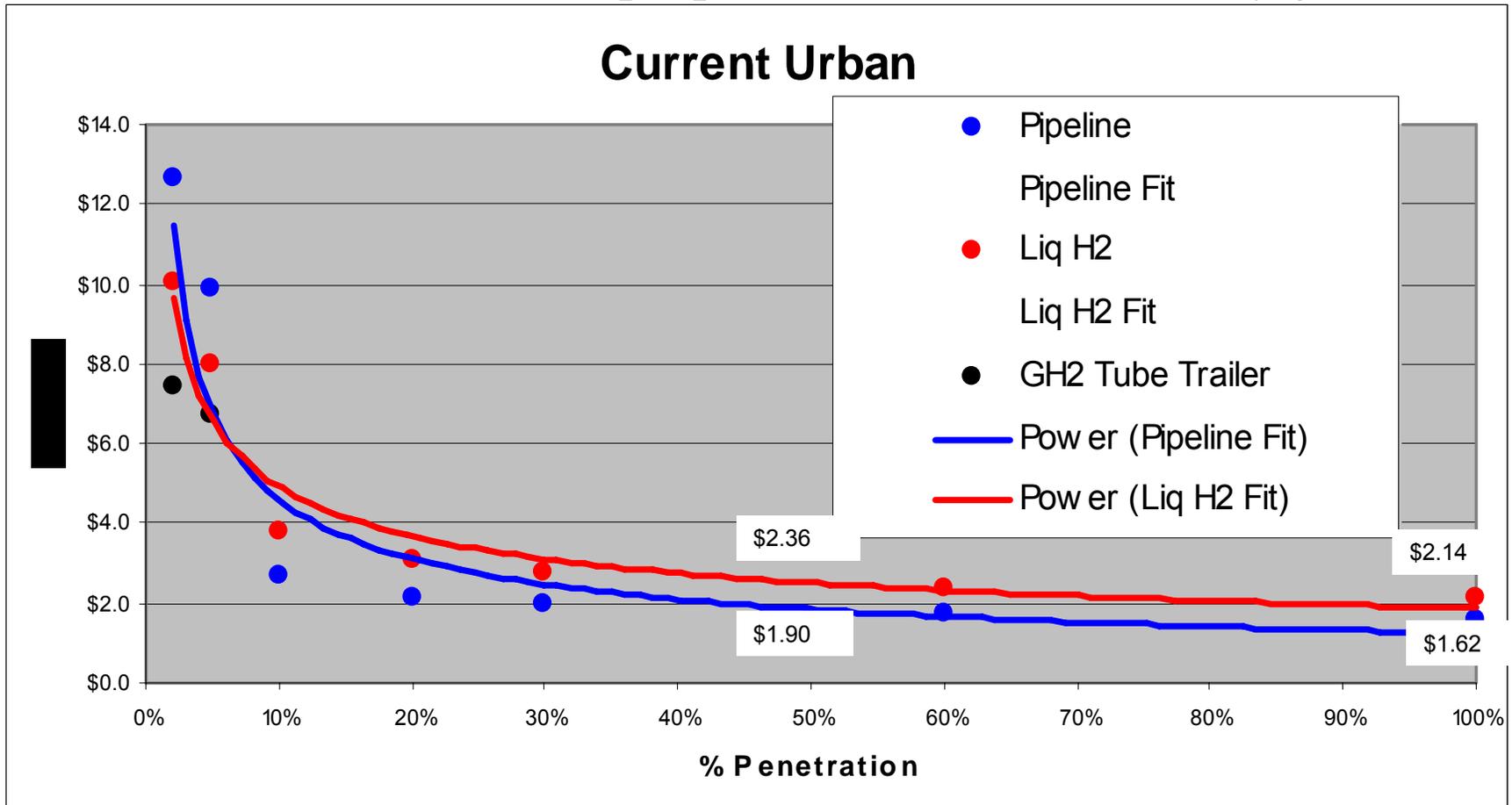
**Components tabs linked so pathway capacities reflect losses and availabilities**



# Current Urban Hydrogen Delivery Costs

Urban: 1 M people, Plant 62 miles from city gate

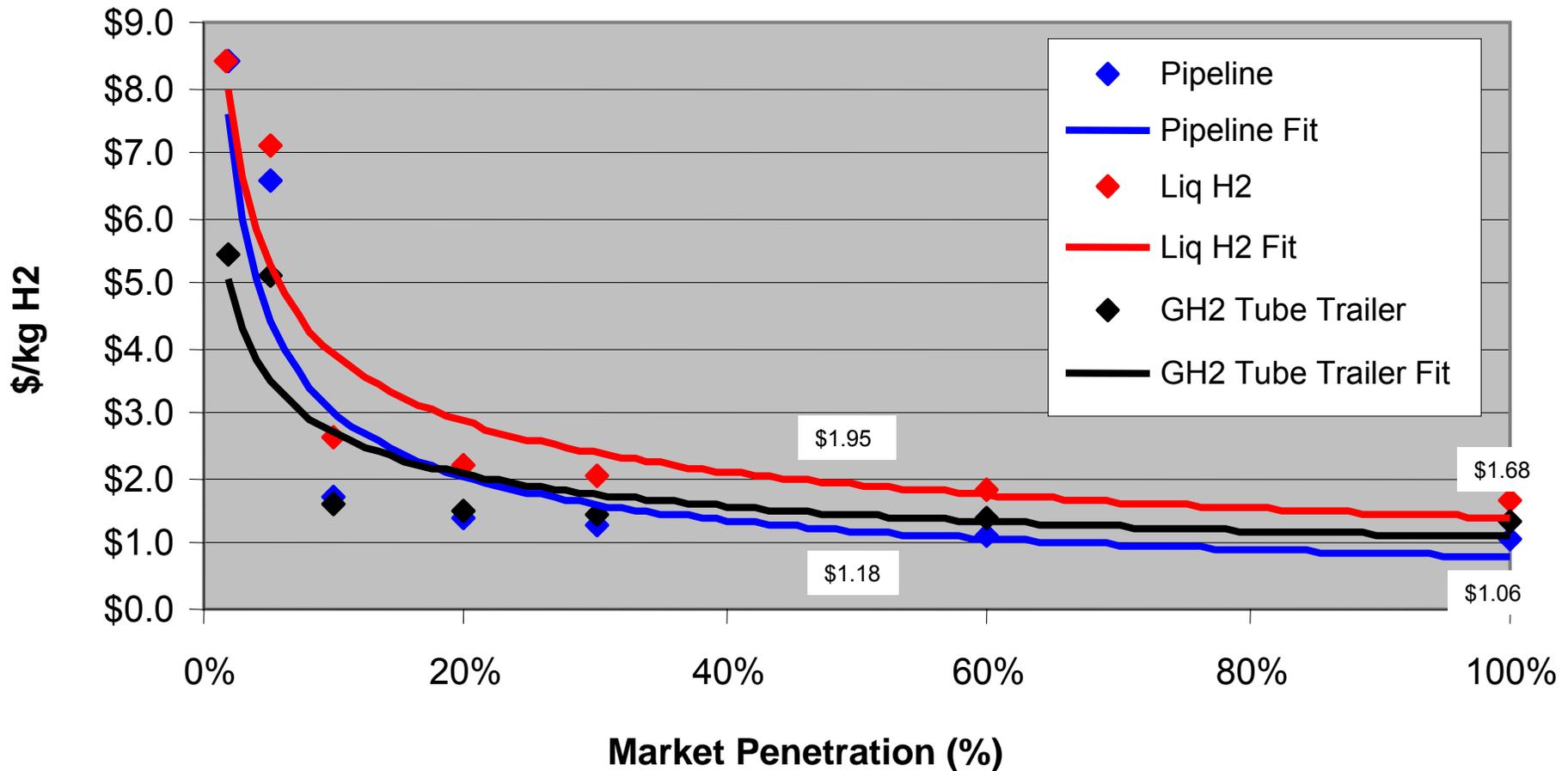
## Current Urban





# Urban Hydrogen Delivery Costs at Research Targets

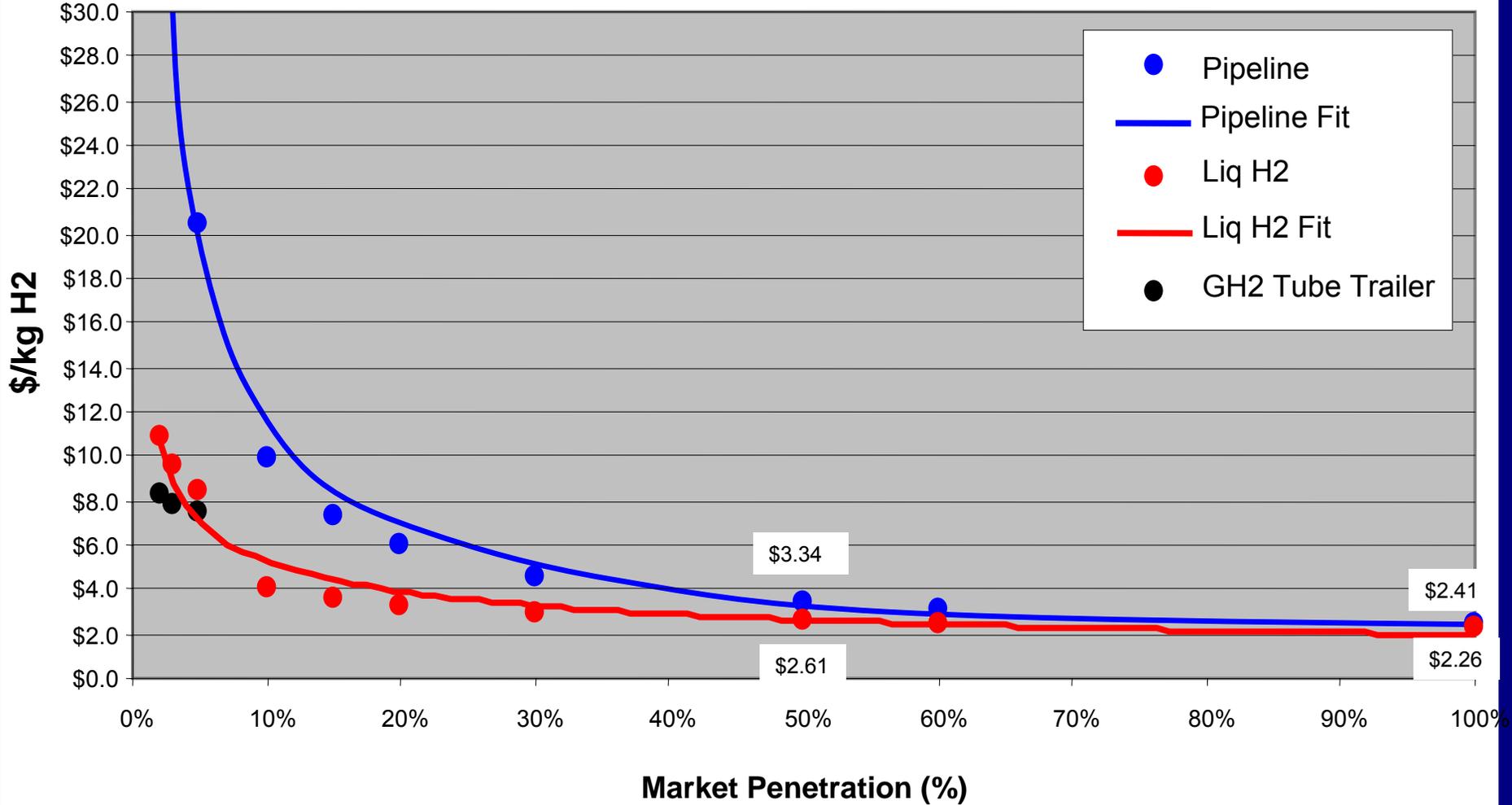
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# Current Rural Hydrogen Delivery Costs

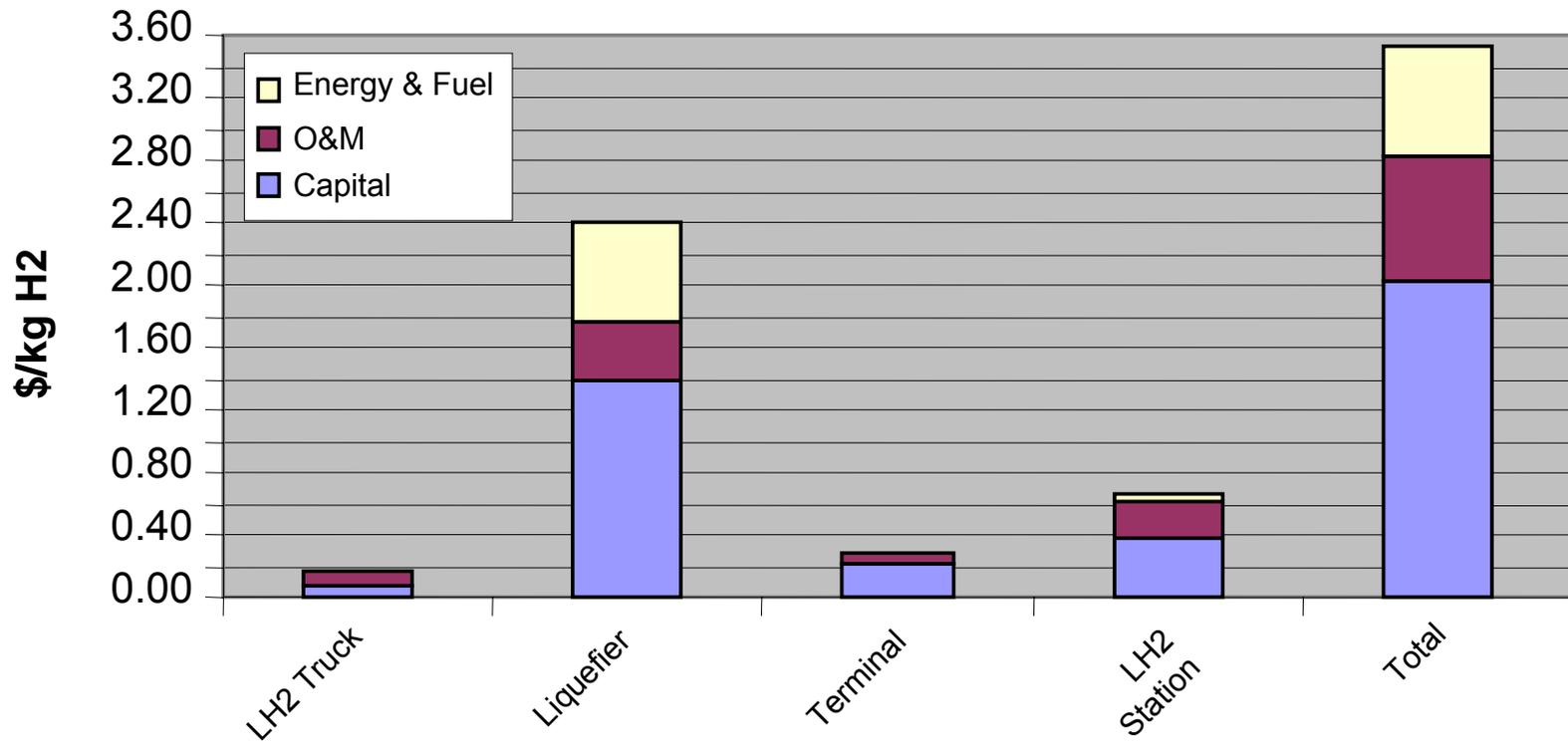
Rural: 300 mile cross





# Current Liquid H2: 50% Market Penetration

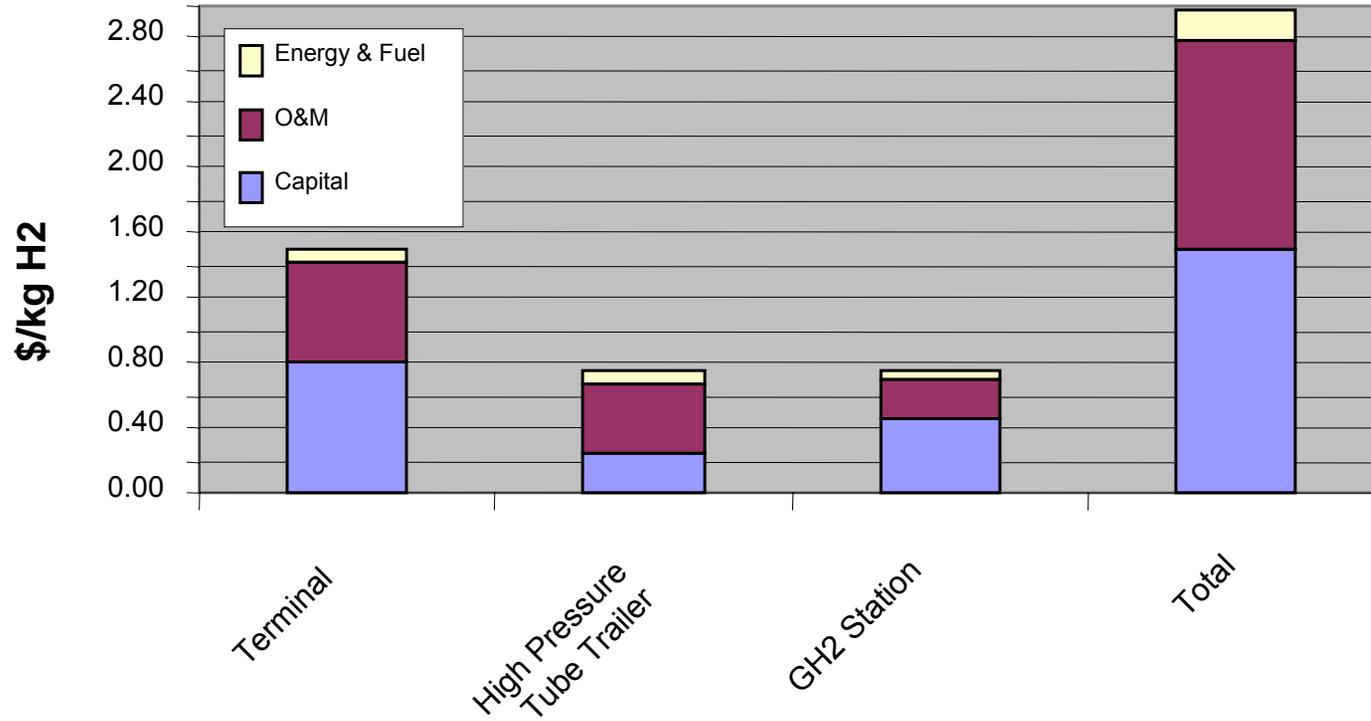
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# Current\* Tube Trailer: 50% Market Penetration

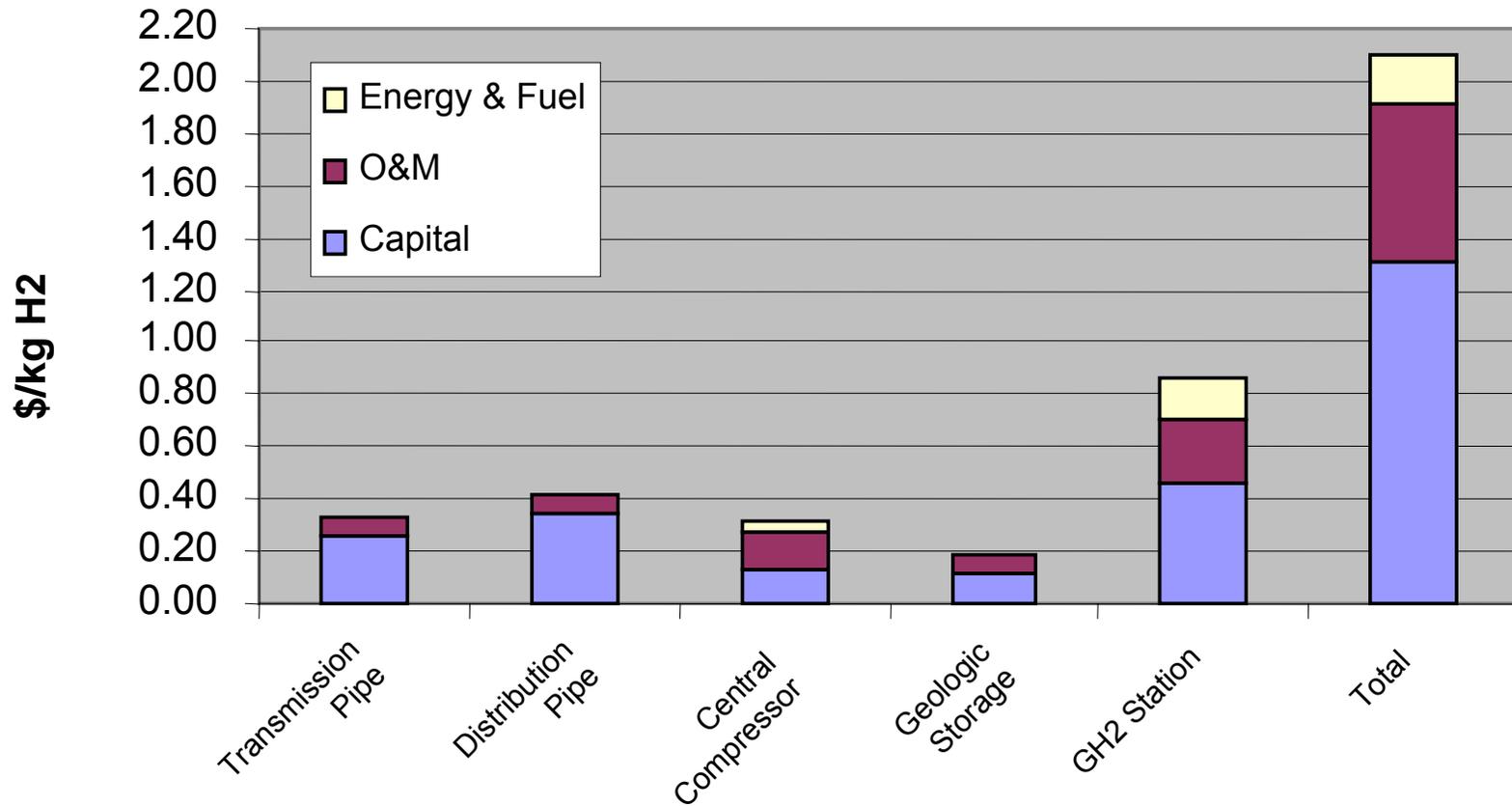
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# Current Pipeline: 50% Market Penetration

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# Current Refueling Site Costs

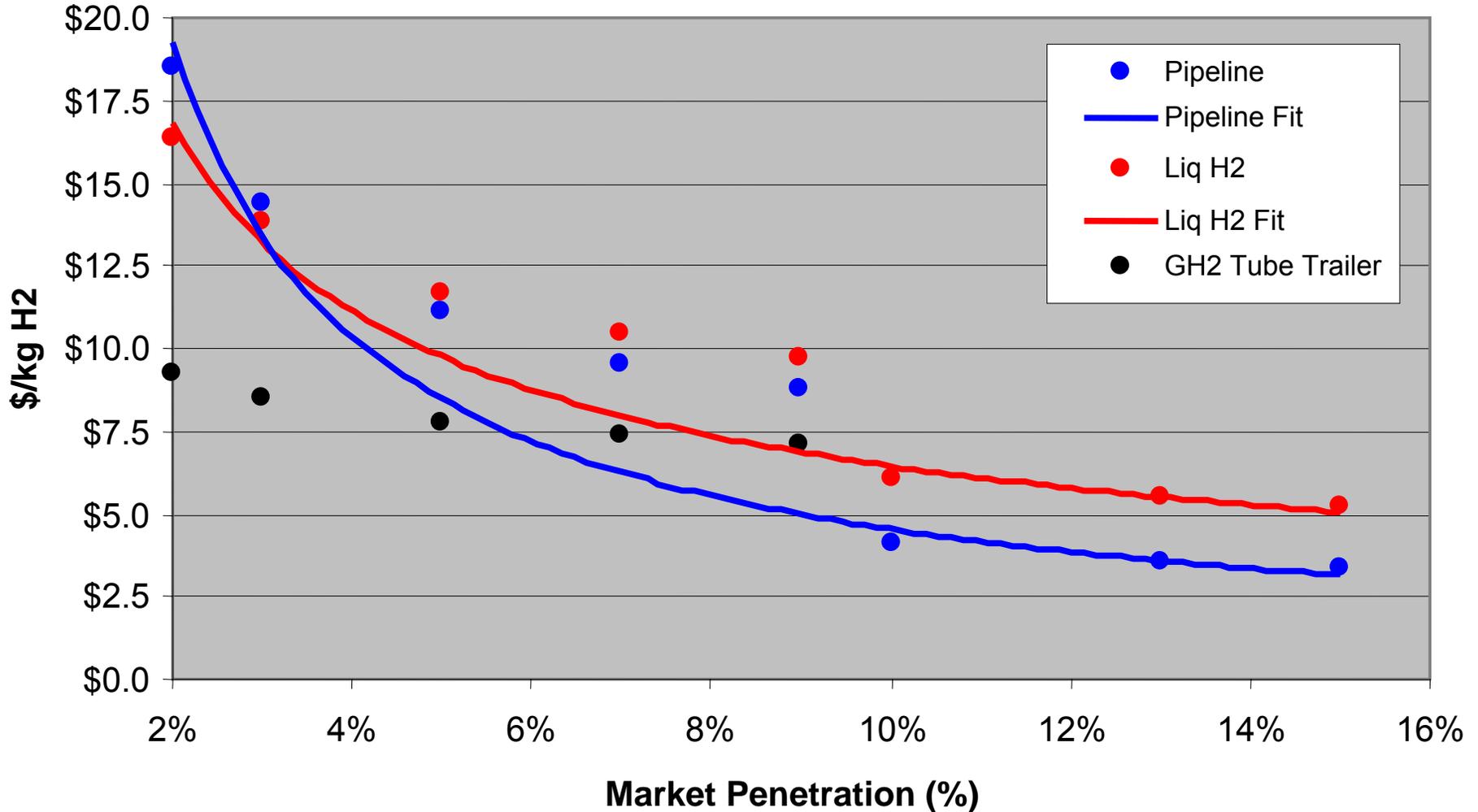
	<b>1500 kg/day Station</b>			
	<b>Compressor</b>	<b>Other (Storage)</b>	<b>Dispenser</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Cost (\$/kg of H2)</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>	<b>\$0.30</b>	<b>\$0.05</b>	<b>\$0.85</b>
<b>Capital Cost Contribution</b>	\$0.26	\$0.13	\$0.05	\$0.44
<b>Energy Cost Contribution</b>	\$0.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.18
<b>Other Costs Contribution</b>	\$0.06	\$0.17	\$0.00	\$0.23
<b>Installed Capital Cost (\$k)</b>	\$460	\$293	\$81	
<b>Total Capital cost (\$k)</b>				\$1,014

	<b>100 kg/day Station</b>			
	<b>Compressor</b>	<b>Other (Storage)</b>	<b>Dispenser</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Cost (\$/kg of H2)</b>	<b>\$0.71</b>	<b>\$1.39</b>	<b>\$0.24</b>	<b>\$2.34</b>
<b>Capital Cost Contribution</b>	\$0.36	\$0.34	\$0.24	\$0.94
<b>Energy Cost Contribution</b>	\$0.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.18
<b>Other Costs Contribution</b>	\$0.17	\$1.05	\$0.00	\$1.22
<b>Purchased Capital Cost (\$k)</b>	\$42	\$31	\$26	
<b>Total Capital cost (\$k)</b>				\$150



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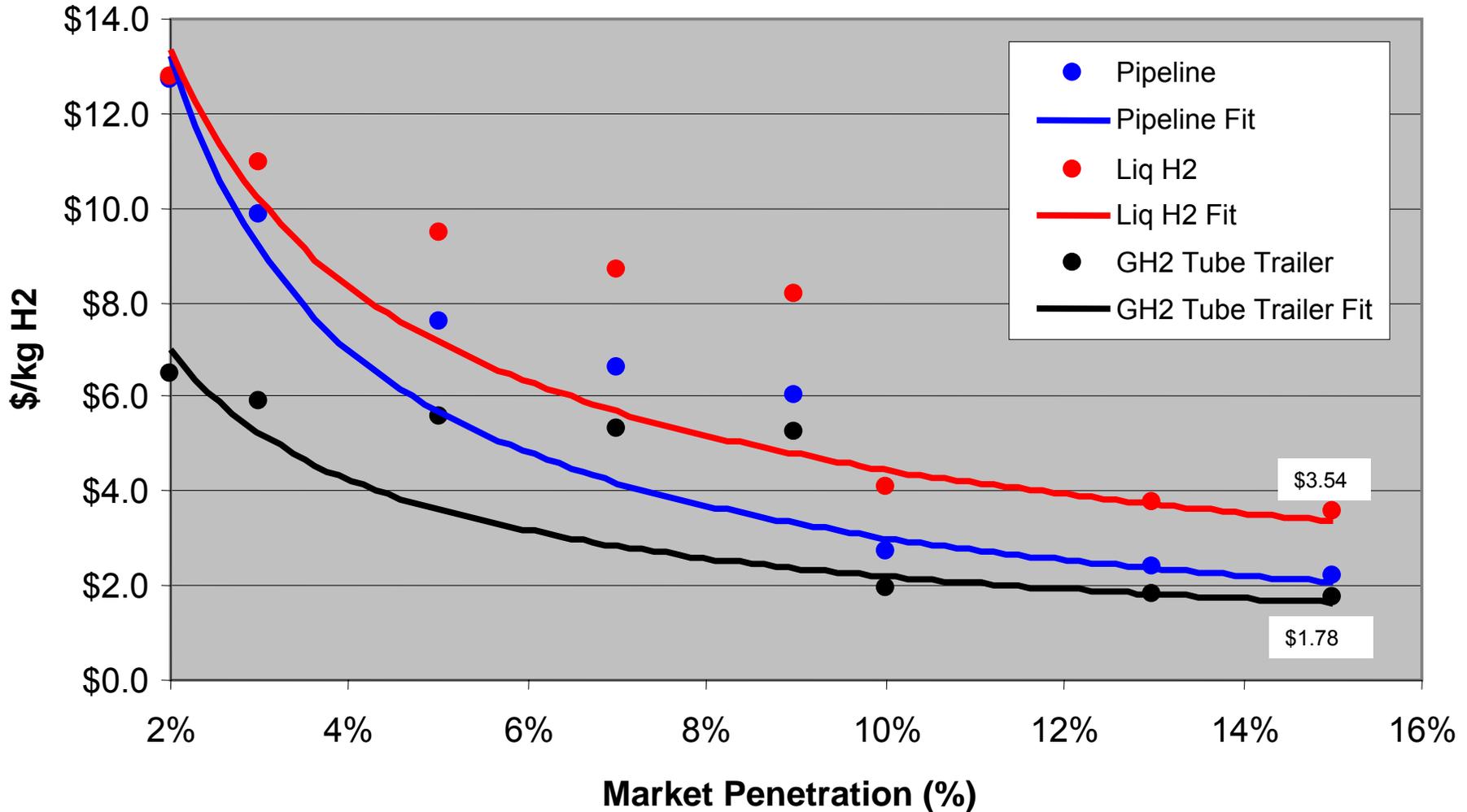
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# Urban Hydrogen Delivery Costs at Research Targets

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# Low Mkt Penetration Current Costs: Tube Trailer Pathway

City: 1M People, Plant 62 Miles from the City

Refueling Station Size (kg/day)	100	100		1500	1500
LDV Market Penetration (%)	2%	4%		2%	4%
City H2 Demand (kg/day)	8,200	16,400		8,200	16,400
# of Stations	118	236		8	16
% of Existing Stations	32%	64%		2%	4%
Distance between Station (miles)	1.6	1.1		6.2	4.4
Total Delivery Cost (\$/kg)	\$7.40	\$6.90		\$4.90	\$4.40
Cost Contributions (\$/kg)					
Terminal	\$2.40	\$1.90		\$2.40	\$1.90
Tube Trailer	\$2.60	\$2.60		\$1.70	\$1.70
Station	\$2.40	\$2.40		\$0.80	\$0.80



# Improvements to Scenario Model

- Mixed delivery pathway (e.g., pipeline to GH2 terminal to HP Tube Trailer)
- Variable sized Forecourts (50-6,000 kg/day)
- Carriers
- Energy efficiencies and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Mixed demands/markets
  - combining urban areas
  - combining urban areas with interstate demand
- Initial overbuilding of delivery infrastructure



# Key Learnings/Challenges

- 70 MPa Refueling
    - Higher compression and storage costs/greater challenge to meet targets
    - May require cooling at the refueling station
  - Other potential needs for cooling at refueling stations
    - Metal hydride on-board storage
    - Cryo-gas on board storage
  - H2 Quality Requirements
    - Will polishing purification be needed?
    - Geologic storage contamination issues?
- **All these issues can increase cost**
- Can Carriers change the Delivery Paradigm?



# Key Learnings/Challenges

- Low Mkt Penetration
  - Low volumes means much higher delivery costs
  - Distributed/City-Gate production could reduce costs significantly
  - Potential breakthroughs: higher H2 content tube trailers, liquefaction, carrier approach?
- Forecourt costs are significant and need to be reduced
  - Larger and fewer forecourts is very beneficial
  - Compression: reliability needs to be improved, capital cost needs to be reduced
  - Storage: Need a breakthrough
- Pipelines are the current low cost pathway for the long term, but:
  - Hydrogen embrittlement concerns
  - How to move to pipelines (at least transmission) earlier?
  - H2 distribution lines in cities ? And at what pressure? At what cost? Odorants/Sensors?
  - High H2 content tube trailers could be cost effective for distribution
- System storage needs drive costs up
  - Need to better understand storage needs and demand cycles
  - Geologic storage feasibility is critical
- Compression Costs need to be reduced



## Additional Information

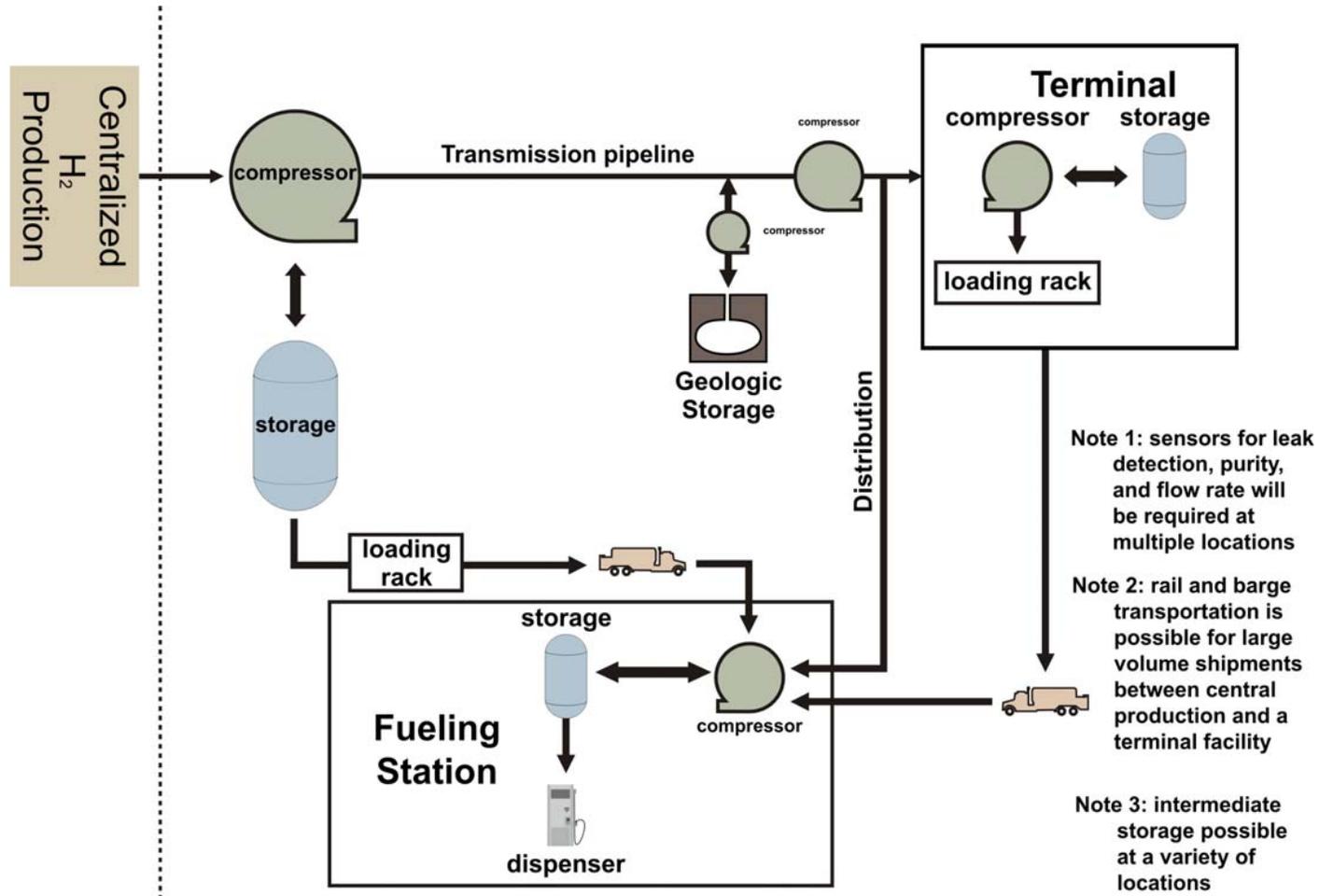
- FreedomCAR and Fuels Partnership Delivery Tech Team
  - Comprehensive Delivery Roadmap
- Websites
  - [www.hydrogen.energy.gov](http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov)
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# Back-Up slides

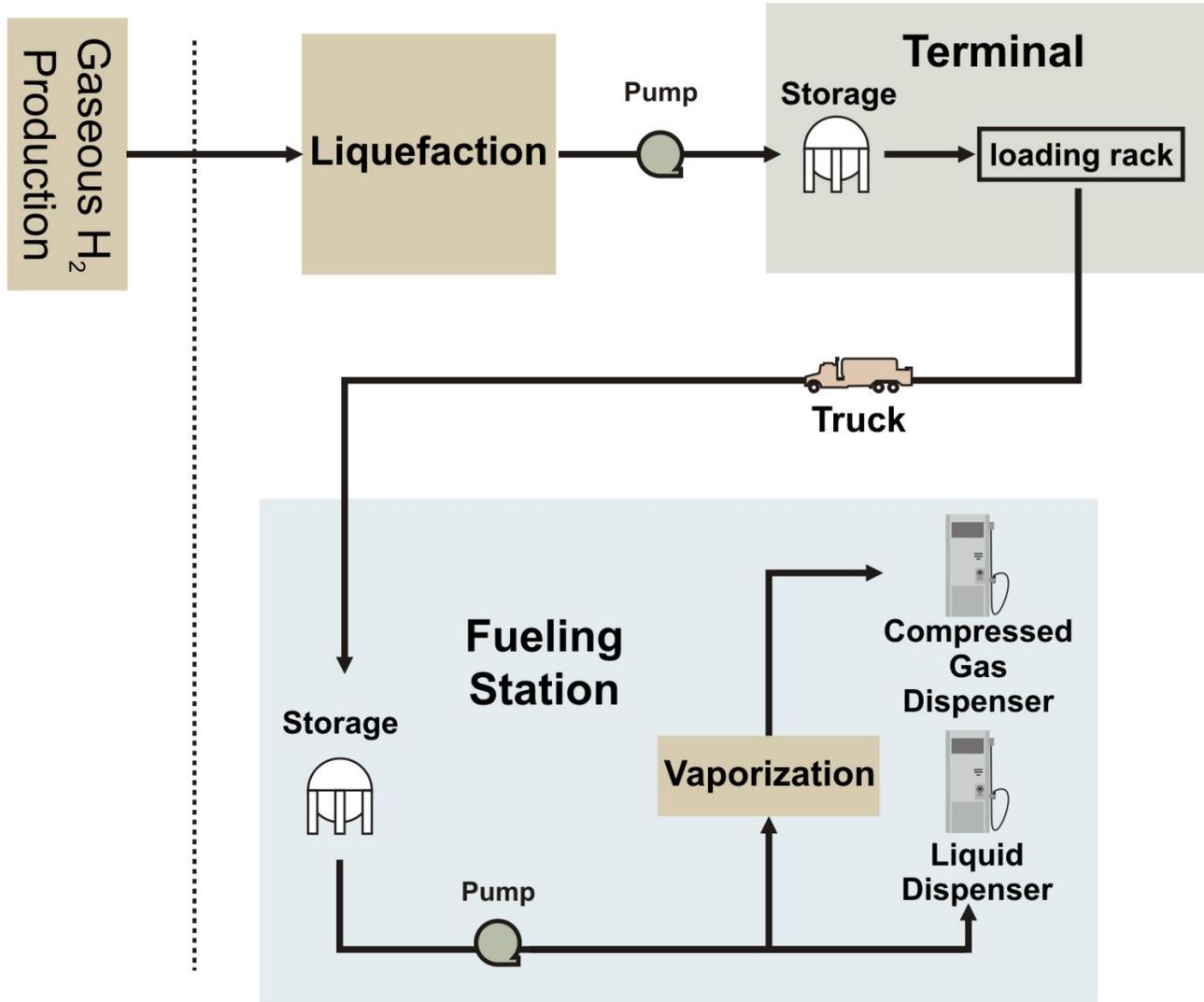


# Gaseous Hydrogen Delivery Pathway



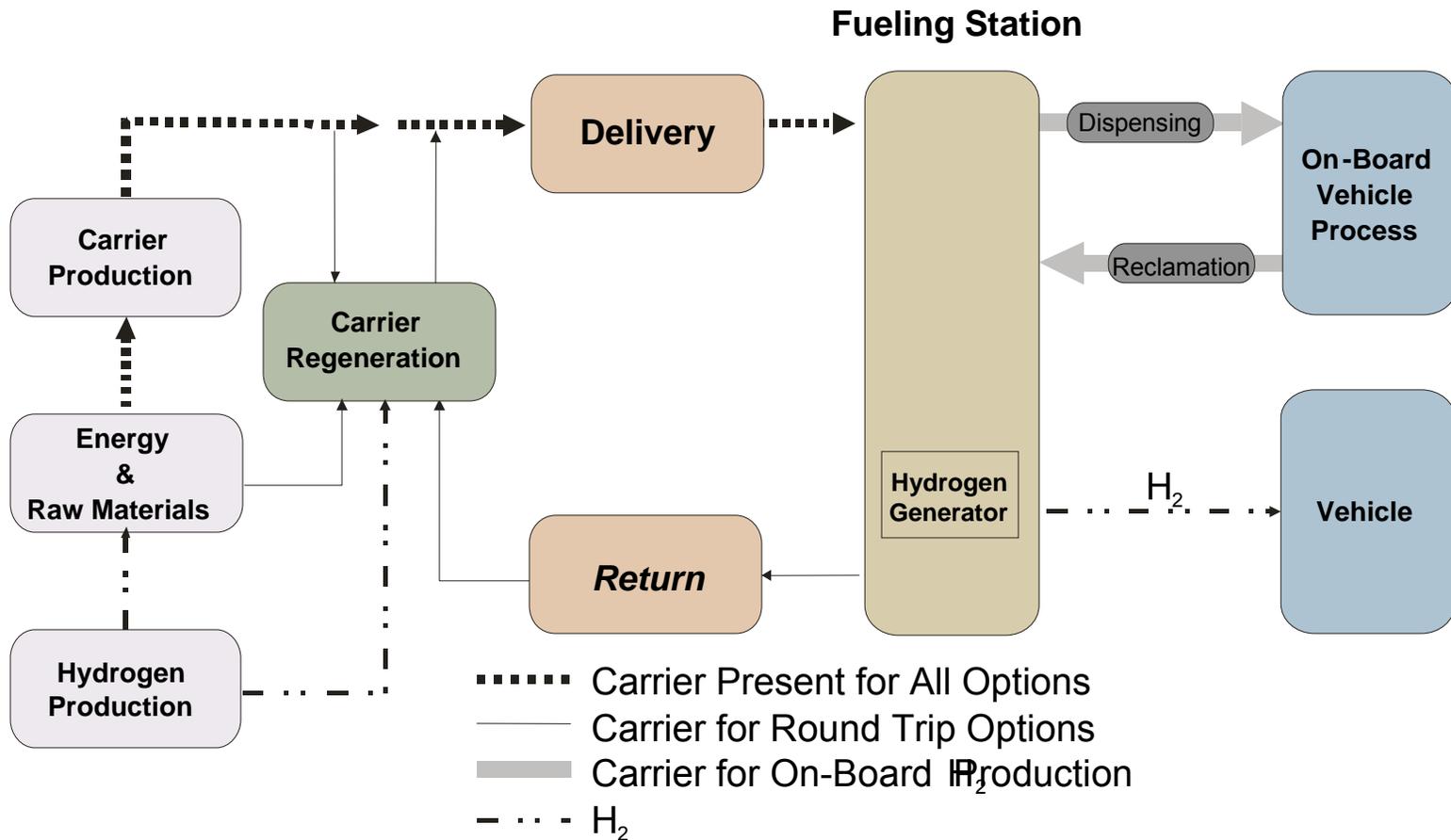


# Liquefaction Distribution Pathway





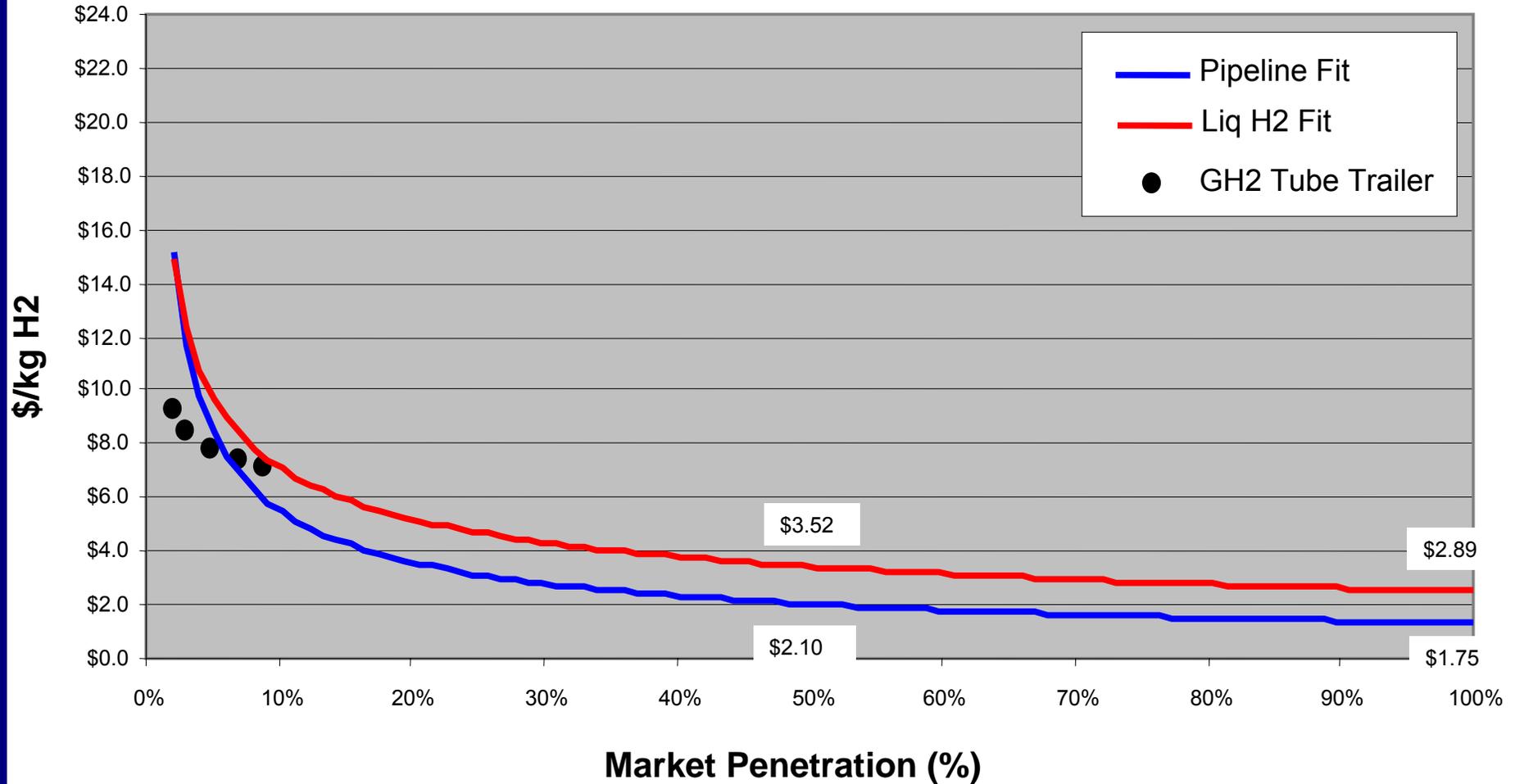
# Hydrogen Carrier Delivery Pathway





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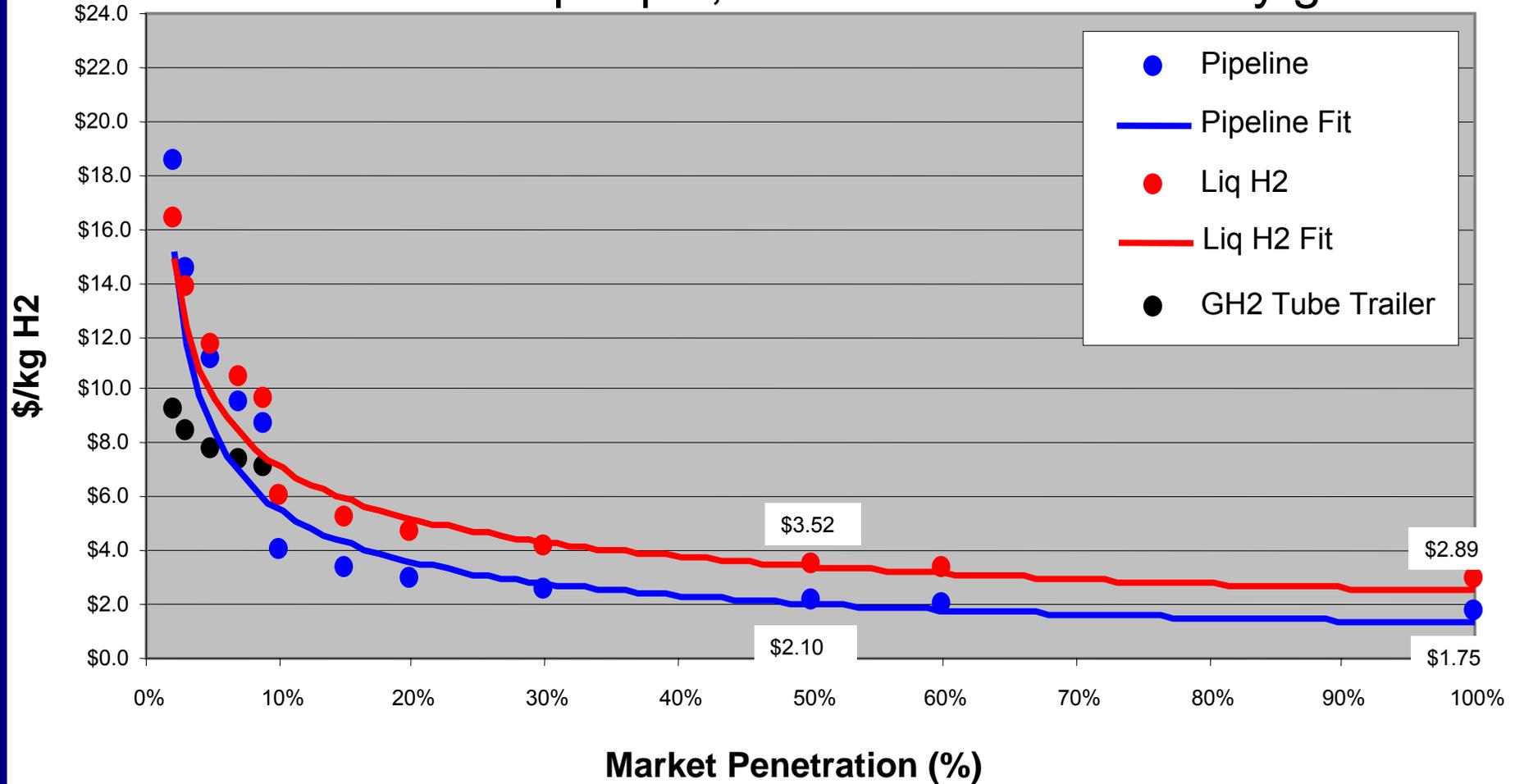
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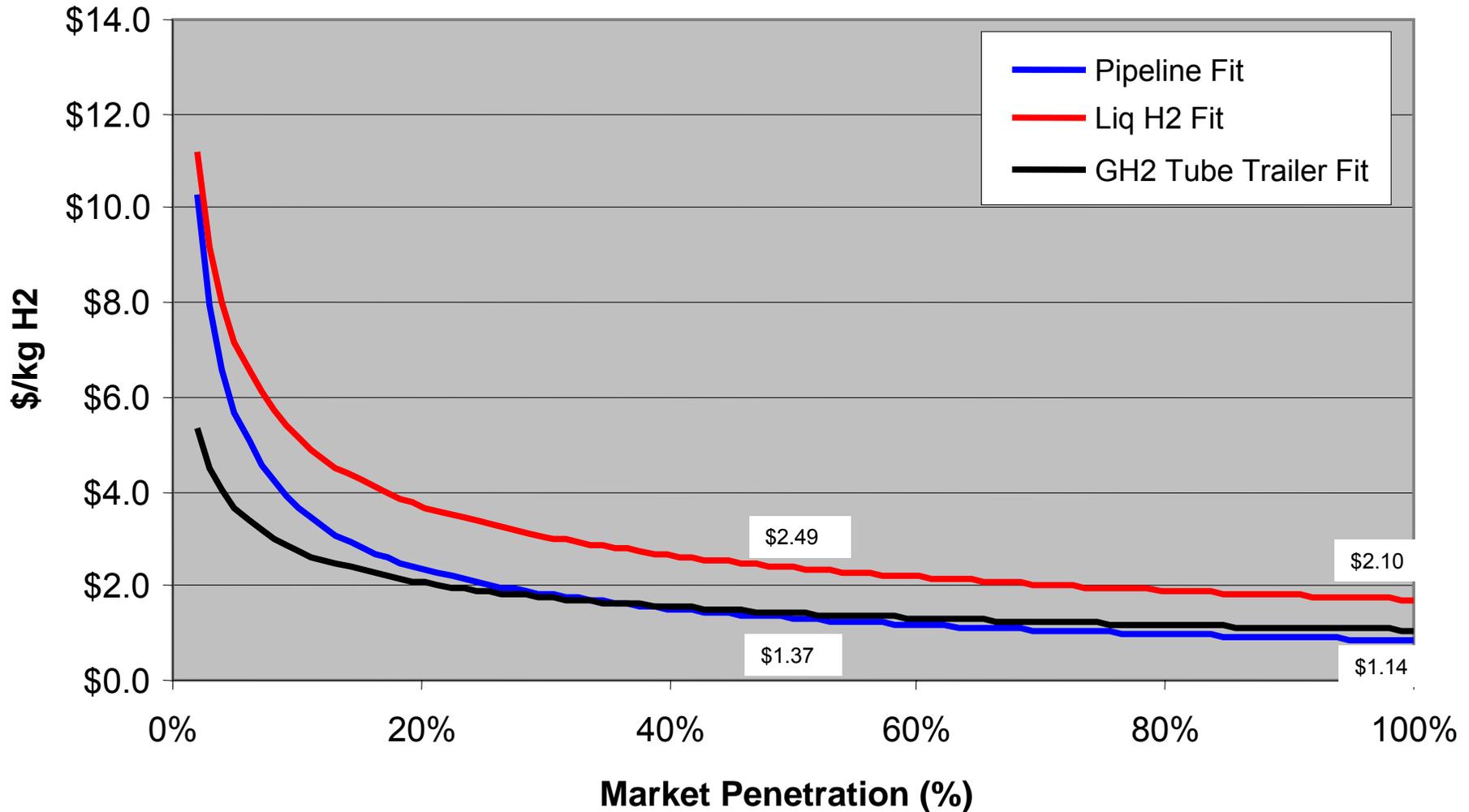
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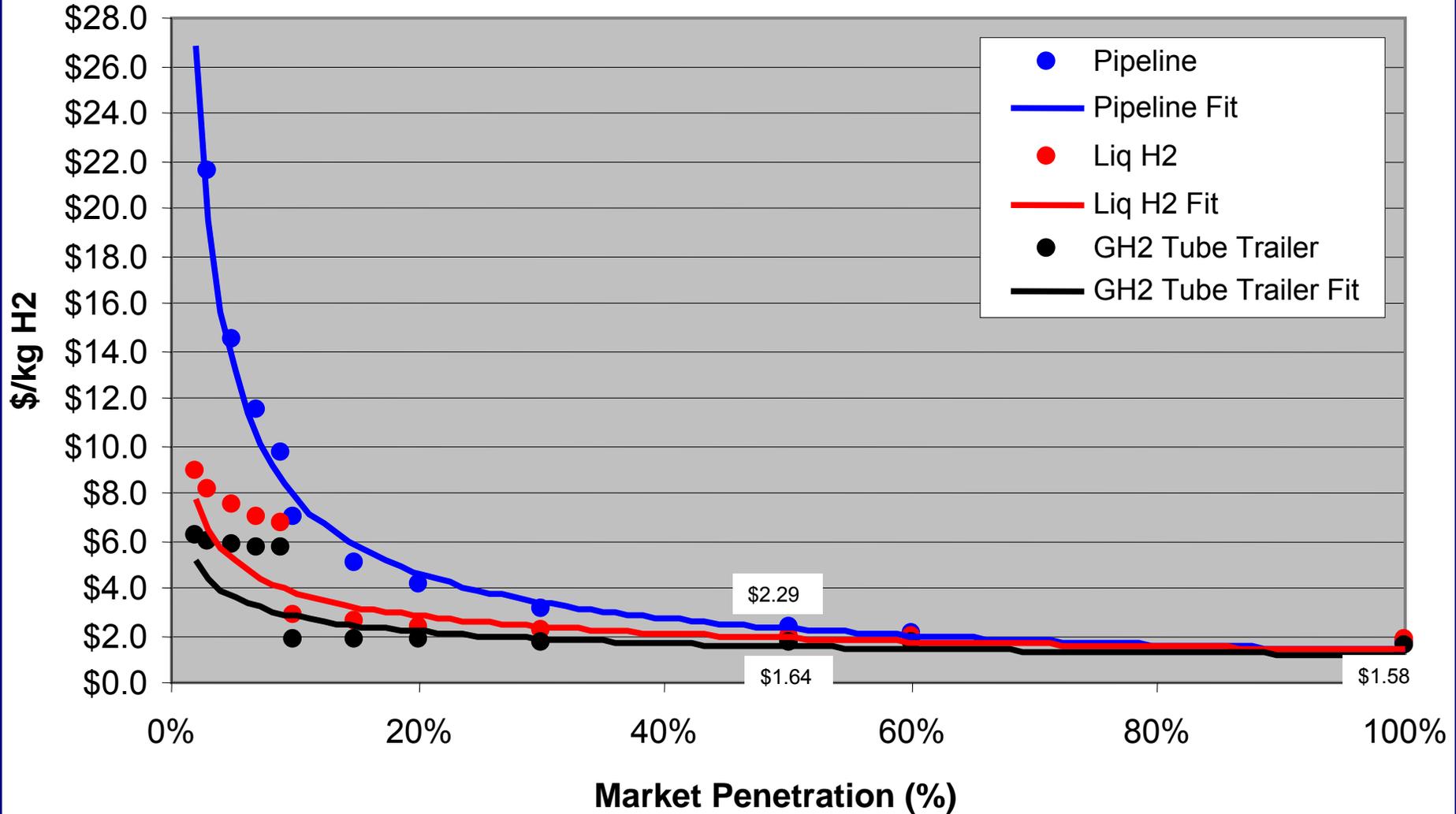
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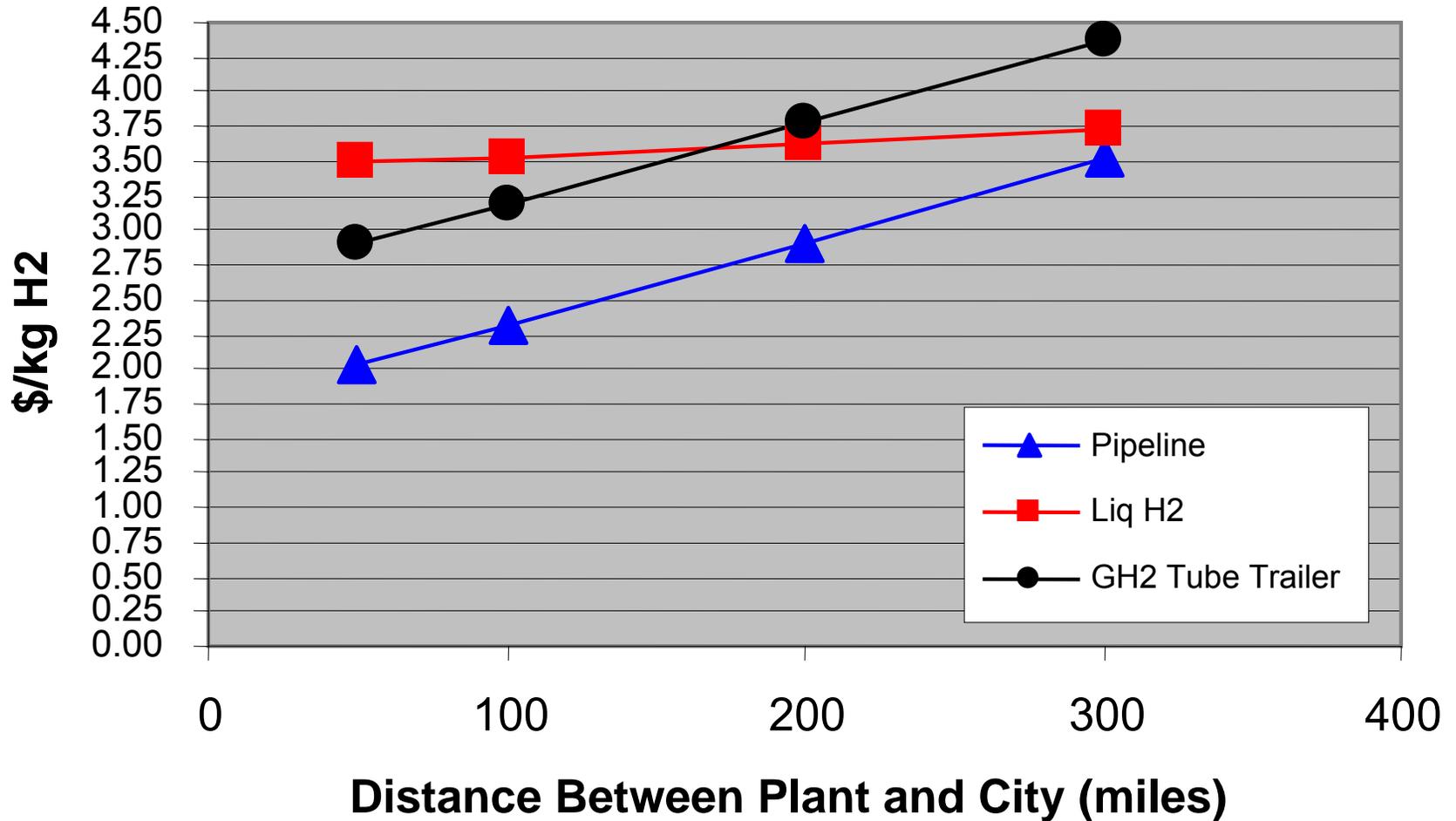
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# Current\* Hydrogen Delivery Costs vs. Distance Between Plant and City

Urban city: 250k people, 50% Market Penetration





# Delivery Targets

Category	Units	2005 Status	2015	2017
<b>Pipelines</b>				
Transmission Capital	\$k/mile	\$700		\$490
Distribution Capital	\$k/mile	\$320		\$190
Reliability (Embrittlement)		Acceptable for current service		Acceptable for H2 as a major energy carrier
<b>Compression</b>				
Large: Reliability		Low		High
Large: Capital Cost	\$M (200k kg/day)	\$15		\$9
Forecourt: Reliability		Medium	High	
Forecourt: Capital Cost	\$k/(kg/hr)	\$4.60	\$3	
Forecourt Fill Pressure	psi	5,000	10,000	
<b>Tube Trailer</b>				
Delivery Capacity	kg of H2	280		1,100
Capital cost	\$	\$165,000		<\$300,000
<b>Storage Tanks</b>				
Capital Cost	\$/kg of H2	\$820	\$300	
<b>Liquefaction</b>				
Small: Capital Cost	\$M (30,000 kg/d)	\$60		\$35
Small: Energy Efficiency	%	73%		84%
Large: Capital Cost	\$M (300,000 kg/d)	\$200		\$120
Large: Energy Efficiency	%	80%		88%
<b>Carriers</b>				
Carrier H2 Content	% by weight	3%		13%
Carrier H2 Content	kg H2/liter			0.027
Energy Efficiency	%	Undefined		85%
System Cost Contribution	\$/kg H2	Undefined		<\$1



# Carriers

## *Liquid Carriers*

- ***Ethanol, Methanol, Bio-oils, Ammonia, etc.***
- ***Liquid Hydrocarbons:*** A liquid hydrocarbon is catalytically dehydrogenated at a station or on a vehicle and “dehydrided” is then returned to a central plant or terminal for rehydridding:





# Carriers

## ***Solid Carriers***

- ***Metal Hydrides***
- ***Nanostructures:*** Single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWNTs). Other Nanostructures

***Flowable Powders, Slurries, “Bricks”***, : Stable solid carriers might be delivered in many different ways. Slurries have been mentioned, but novel systems such as flowable powders or solid “bricks” might also be potential delivery mechanisms.