

Forecourt Storage and Compression Options

- > **DOE and FreedomCAR & Fuel Partnership Hydrogen Delivery and On-Board Storage Analysis Workshop**
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Overview

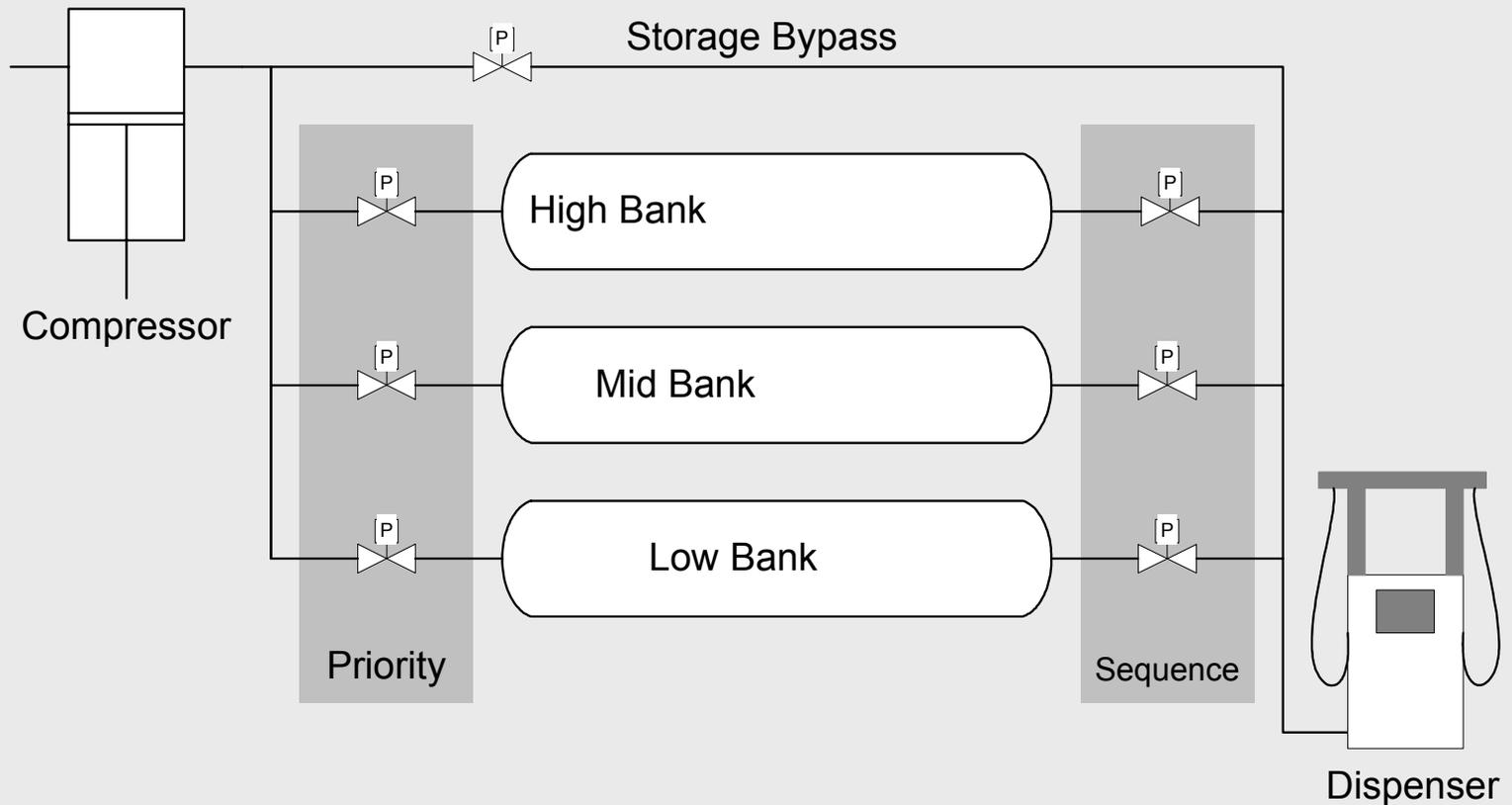
- > Project objectives
- > Gaseous delivery configurations
- > Analysis tool: CASCADE H2 Pro
- > Station demand profiles
- > Operational analysis results
 - Compressor-storage relationships
 - Vehicle fueling times
 - Temperature effects
- > Cost profiles
- > Considerations for 70 MPa
- > Next steps

Project Objective

- > Examine technical feasibility and cost implications of a wide variety of forecourt compression and storage configurations

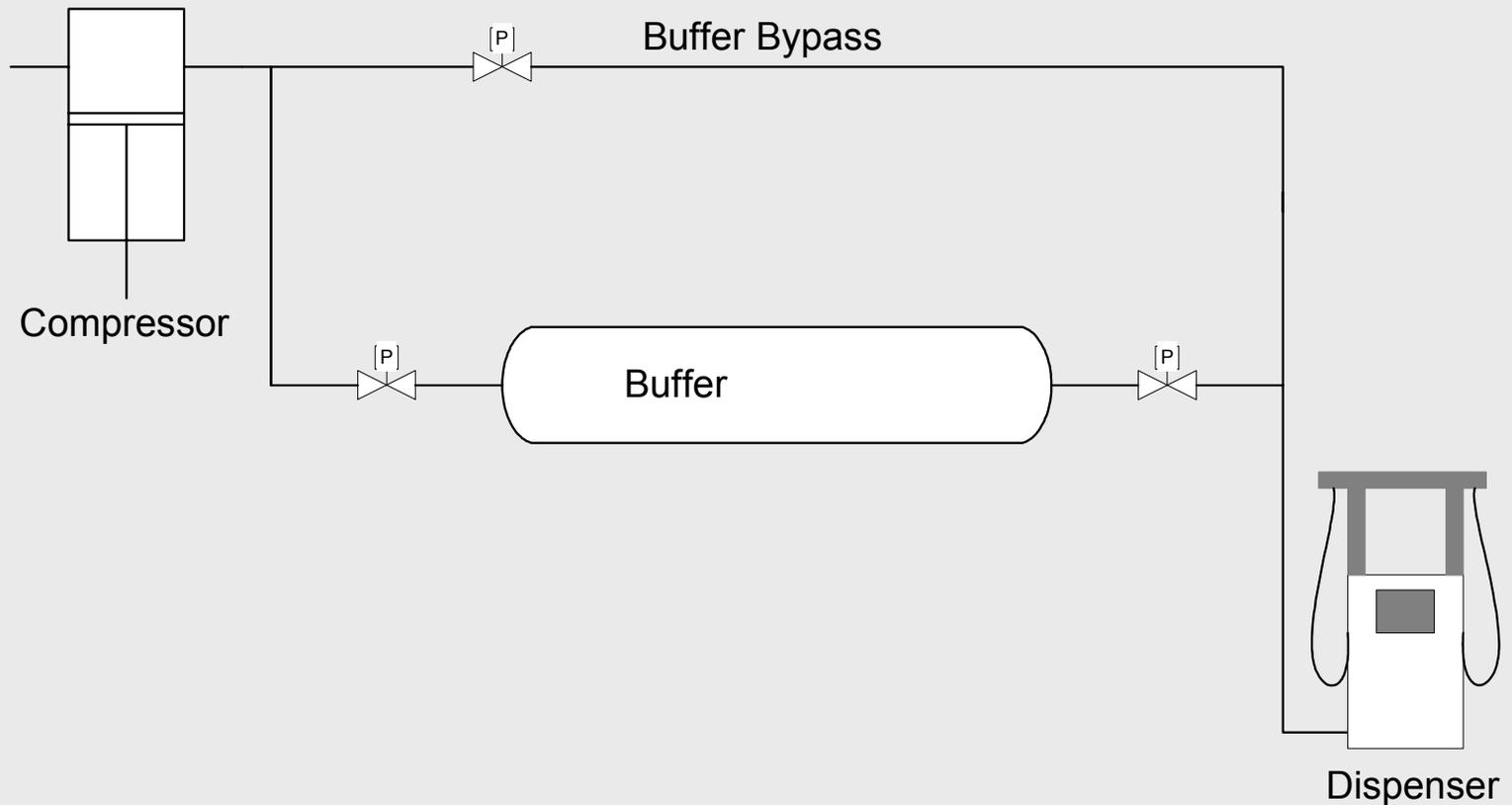
Cascade Fill

- > Uneven demand from smaller vehicles
- > Sporadic demand from larger vehicles



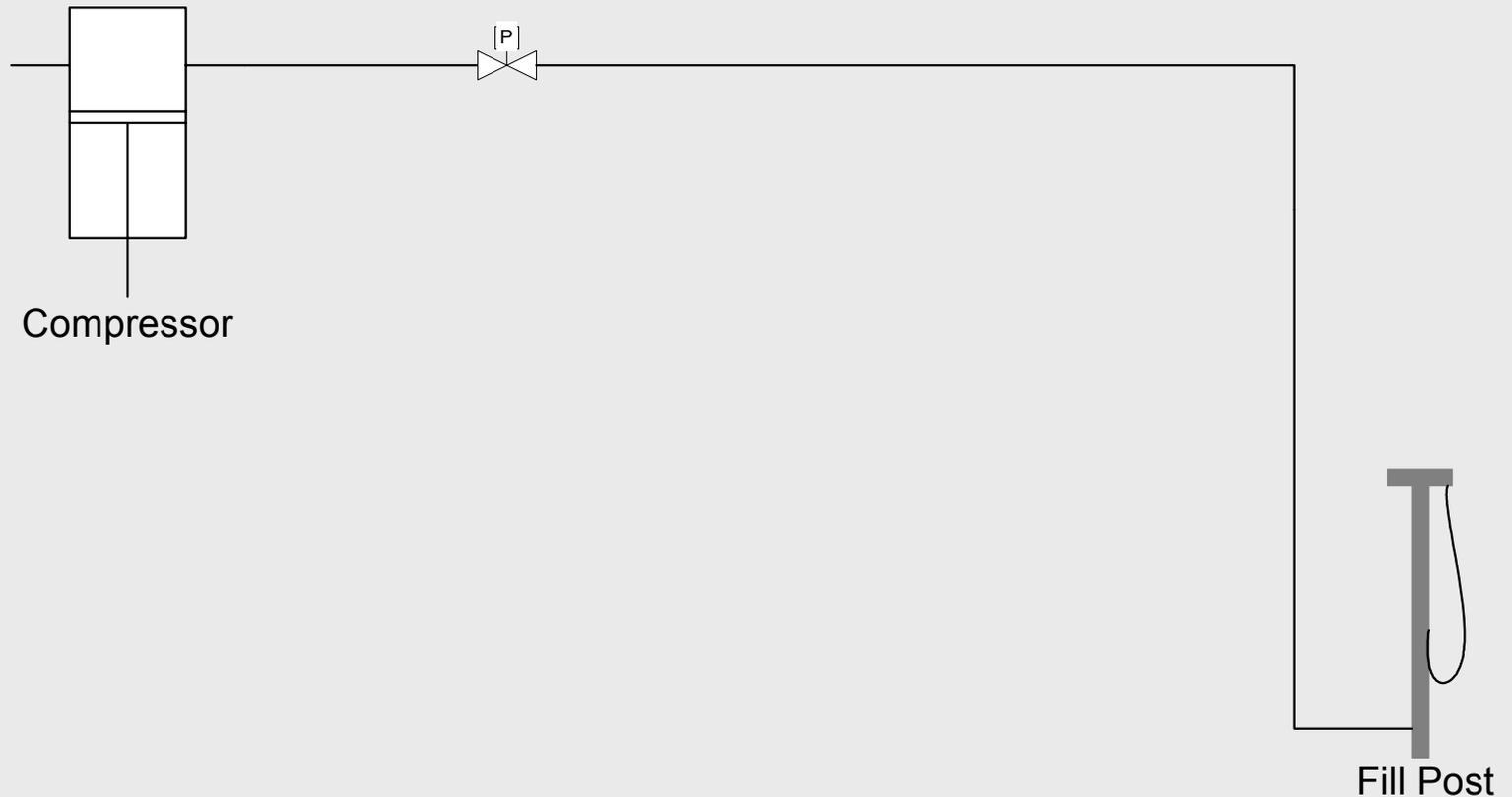
Buffer Fill

- > Large vehicles fueling continuously
- > Most fueling directly from compressor(s)



Time Fill

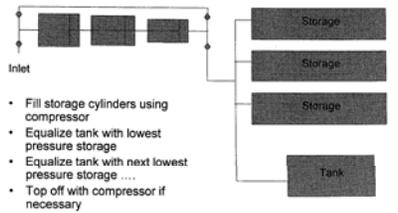
- > Vehicles return to property for several hours
- > Total fill cycle will usually requires 8+ hours



Potential Configurations

Fueling Strategies

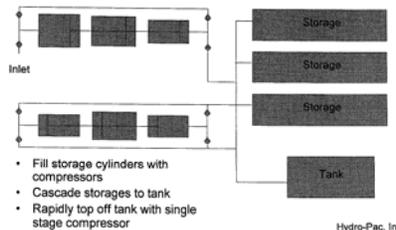
Cascade Fill – With Multi-Stage Compressor and Multiple Storage Cylinders



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Fueling Strategies

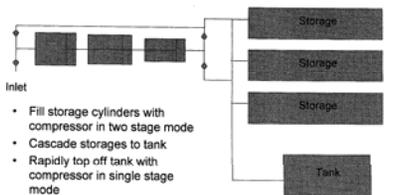
Rapid Fill – With Multiple Intensifiers and Multiple Storage Cylinder



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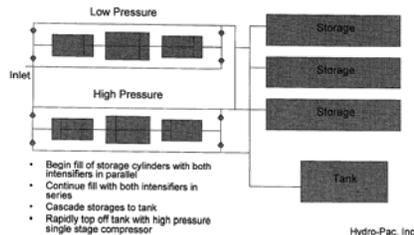
Rapid Fill – With Hybrid Intensifier and Multiple Storage Cylinders



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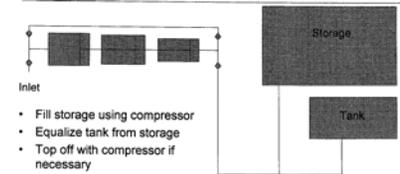
Rapid Fill – With Two Single Stage Intensifiers in parallel and/or Series



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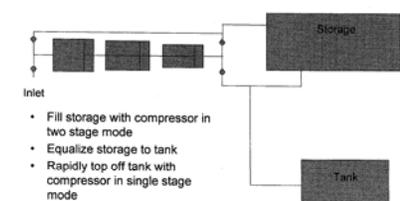
Slow Fill – With Multi-Stage Compressor and Large Storage



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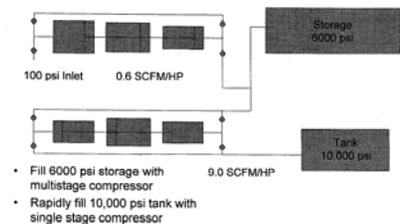
Rapid Fill – With Hybrid Intensifier and Single Storage



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Fueling Strategies

High Pressure Fill – With Medium Pressure Storage



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Hydrogen Station Sizing: CASCADE Program

- > Simulate compressed gaseous fuel station operation
 - Facilitates quick system sizing and tradeoff analysis
 - System compression and storage sizing
 - Matching station fuel supply to demand
 - Models peak fuel demand periods
 - Helps minimize capital costs and maximize utilization



NATURAL GAS & HYDROGEN
FUELING STATION SIZING

The screenshot shows the CASCADE software interface with the following settings:

- Fuel:** Natural Gas (selected), Methane, Hydrogen (radio buttons); Equivalency ratio: 416 scf/gge
- Fleet/Vehicle Characteristics:** Fleet Size: 45 vehicles/day; Vehicle Fuel Efficiency: 30 mpg; Daily Vehicle Route: 150 miles; Dual Fuel Operation?: NO
- Vehicle Storage/Refueling Characteristic:** Total Storage Volume: 7 cu. ft. water volume; Max. Storage Pressure: 5000 psig @70 °F; Refueling Min. Diff. Pressure: 100 psi
- Ground Storage Characteristics:** Number of Storage Banks: 3; Bank Storage Volume: 14 cu. ft. water volum; Bank Maximum Storage Pressure: 7000 psig
- Fleet Refueling Characteristics:** Maximum Allowable Refueling Time: 5 minutes/vehicle; Time for Switching Between Vehicles: 5 minutes; Refueling Operation Time: 20 hours per day; Number of Dispensers: 1; Run compressor during fueling?: YES
- Temperature:** Vehicle Storage: 60 °F; Ground Storage: 60 °F

CASCADE H2 Pro Enhancements

- > Improved system flow representation
- > Multiple, simultaneous vehicle fueling
- > User selectable maximum dispenser flow rate
- > Multiple vehicle types and flexible scheduling
- > User definable compressor characteristics
 - Power consumption, volumetric efficiency
- > Compressor electric power and demand calculation
 - Time of day and seasonal rates
- > Station life cycle cost analysis
- > Improved charting and reporting features

CASCADE H2 Pro Inputs

- > Variable configuration parameters
 - Vehicles (type and quantity), storage capacities and pressures, dispensers, peak flow
- > Variable cost elements
 - Peak and off peak electricity (seasonally), time dependent costs (per year), usage dependent costs (per kg)
 - Economic life, cost of capital, taxes, inflation, depreciation methods

CASCADE Results

> Performance

- Cascade pressure, capacity
- Compressor output, power, electric demand
- Station and dispenser load profiles
- Vehicles fully served (or not), maximum fill pressure, filling times

> Economic

- Net present value
- Payback (simple and discounted)
- Rate of return solver

CASCADE H2 PRO File: C:\Burn Folder\cascade tests\DOEm1.mdb

File Unit: I-P (English) Next Help

Vehicle Storage/Refueling Characteristic

A	B	C	D
Total Storage Volume:	<input type="text" value="8.5"/>	cu. ft. water volume	Vehicle Description: <input type="text" value="Description for A.."/>
Rated Storage Pressure:	<input type="text" value="5075"/>	psig @ 59°F	
Max. Allowable Storage Pressure:	<input type="text" value="6344"/>	psig	
Min. Allowable Storage Pressure:	<input type="text" value="50"/>	psig	
Capacity Before Refueling:	<input type="text" value="12.5"/>	% of Full	

Ground Storage Characteristics

Number of Storage Banks:

	Bank #1	Bank #2	Bank #3
Bank Storage Volume: cu. ft. water volume	<input type="text" value="30"/>	<input type="text" value="20"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Bank Maximum Storage Pressure: psig @ 59°F	<input type="text" value="7000"/>	<input type="text" value="7000"/>	<input type="text" value="7000"/>

Fueling Station Characteristics

Time for Switching Between Vehicles: minutes

Dispenser Rating Point Pressure: psig

Dispenser Rating Point Flow Rate: lb/min

Dispenser Min. Diff. Pressure: psi

Number of Dispensers:

Run compressor during fueling?

Unit Selection

I-P (English)
 SI (Metric)

Fuel

Hydrogen
Equivalency ratio: scf/gge

Temperature

Vehicle Storage
 °F

Ground Storage
 °F

Fueling with 3 storage banks.

Economic Analysis

Electric Rates

Summer Starts:

	From	Hour	To	Rates
Demand On Peak	9:00		17:00	14.24 \$/kW
Energy On Peak	9:00		17:00	0.05022 \$/kWh
Energy Off Peak				0.02123 \$/kWh

Tax: %

Winter Starts:

	From	Hour	To	Rates
Demand On Peak	9:00		17:00	11.33 \$/kW
Energy On Peak	9:00		17:00	0.05022 \$/kWh
Energy Off Peak				0.02123 \$/kWh

Life Cycle Parameters

Study Period: years
 Depreciation Period: years
 Finance Period: years
 % Financed: %
 Fin. Interest Rate: %
 Cost of Capital: %
 Tax Rate: %

Inflation Rate

Electric Rates: %
 H2 Costs: %
 O_M Costs: %

Depreciation Book Method

SL
 DDB
 SUM

Depreciation Tax Method

SL
 DDB
 SUM

Economics

Available Equipment:

- Compressor -Equip1
- Equip1
- Equip2
- Other
- Install

Station Equipment:

- Compressor -Equip1
- Equip1
- Equip2
- Other
- Install

Compressor -Equip1

Installed Cost, \$:
 O_M Cost:

Fix: \$/year
 Variable: \$/lb

Annual Electric Consumption, kwh:
 Annual H2 Consumption, lb:
 Annual Fix Salary Cost, \$:

Total Installed Cost, \$:
 Annual O_M Cost, \$:

H2 Rates

Cost: \$/lb
 Tax: %
 Sell Price: \$/lb

IRR Optimization

Target of Internal Rate of Return, %:
 Sell Price: \$/lb

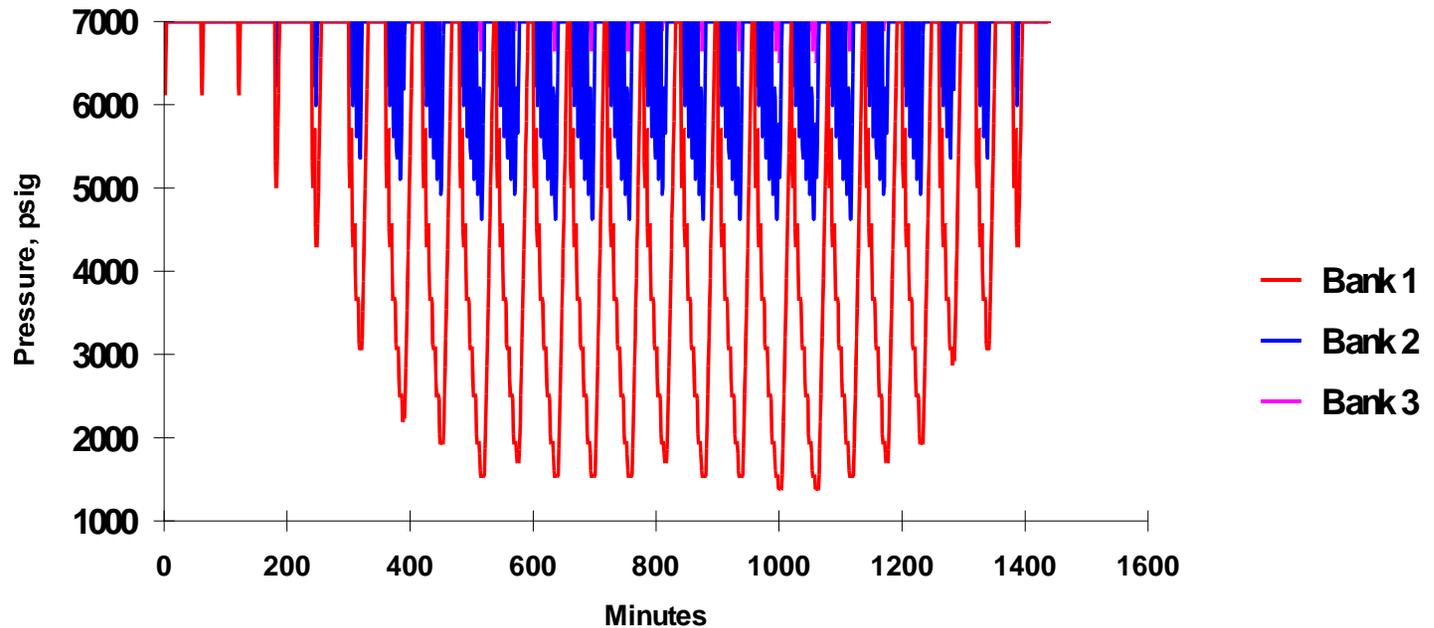
Results

Net Present Value*, \$
Simple Payback, year
Internal Rate of Return, %
Life Cycle Payback, year**

* Life cycle present value cumulative cash flow.
 ** Years needed to achieve positive present value cumulative cash flow.

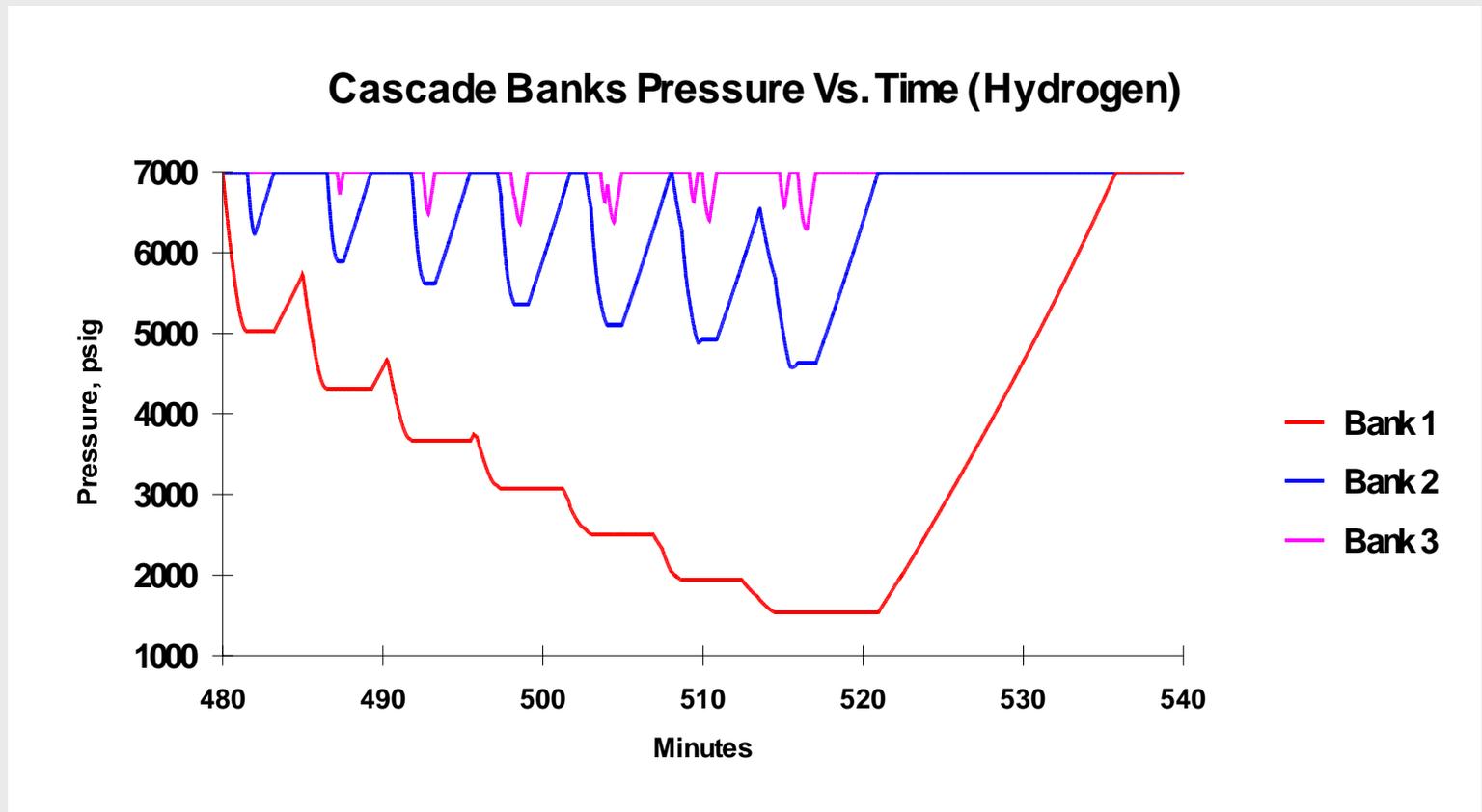
Cascade Pressure

Cascade Banks Pressure Vs. Time (Hydrogen)



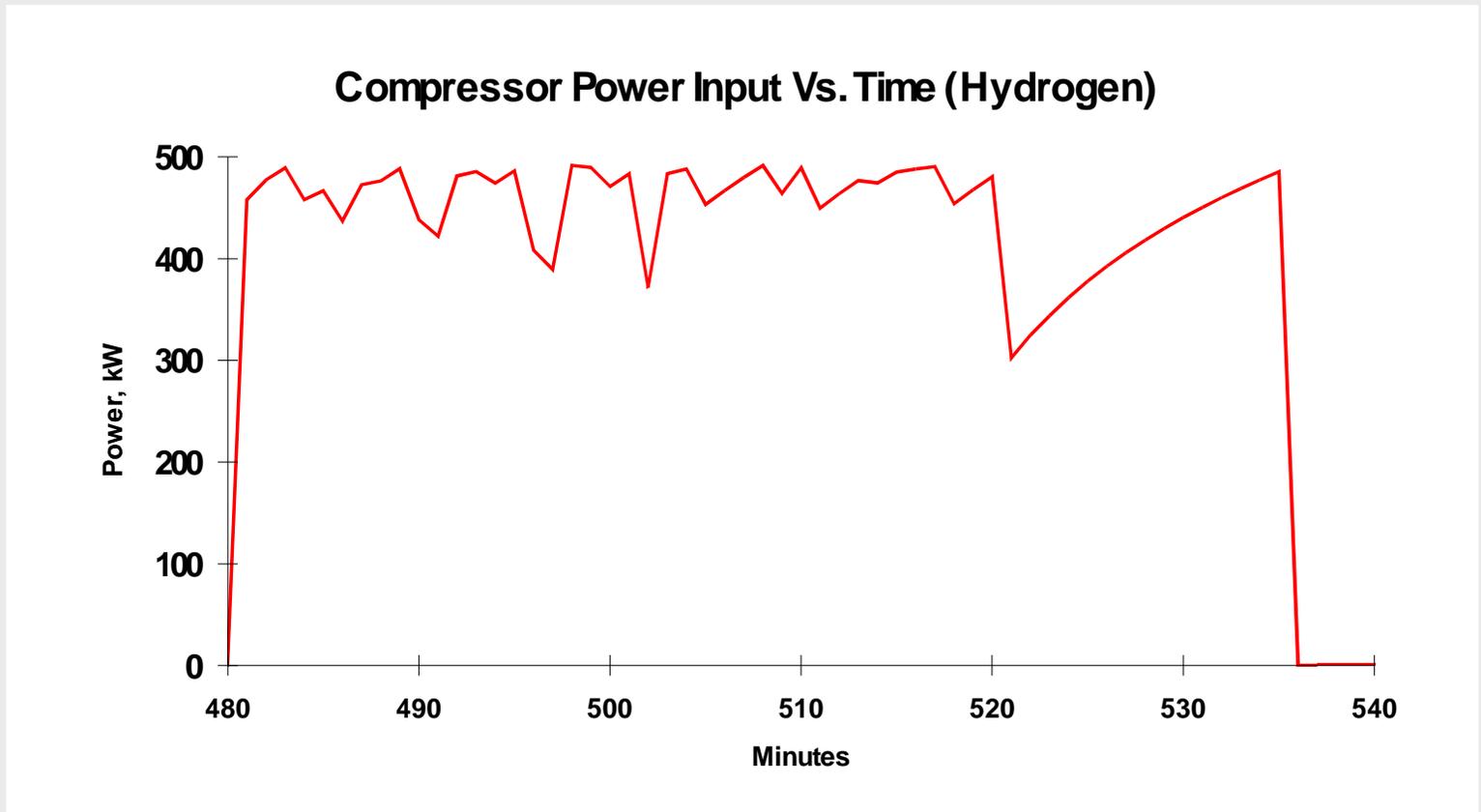
Cascade Pressure

One Hour



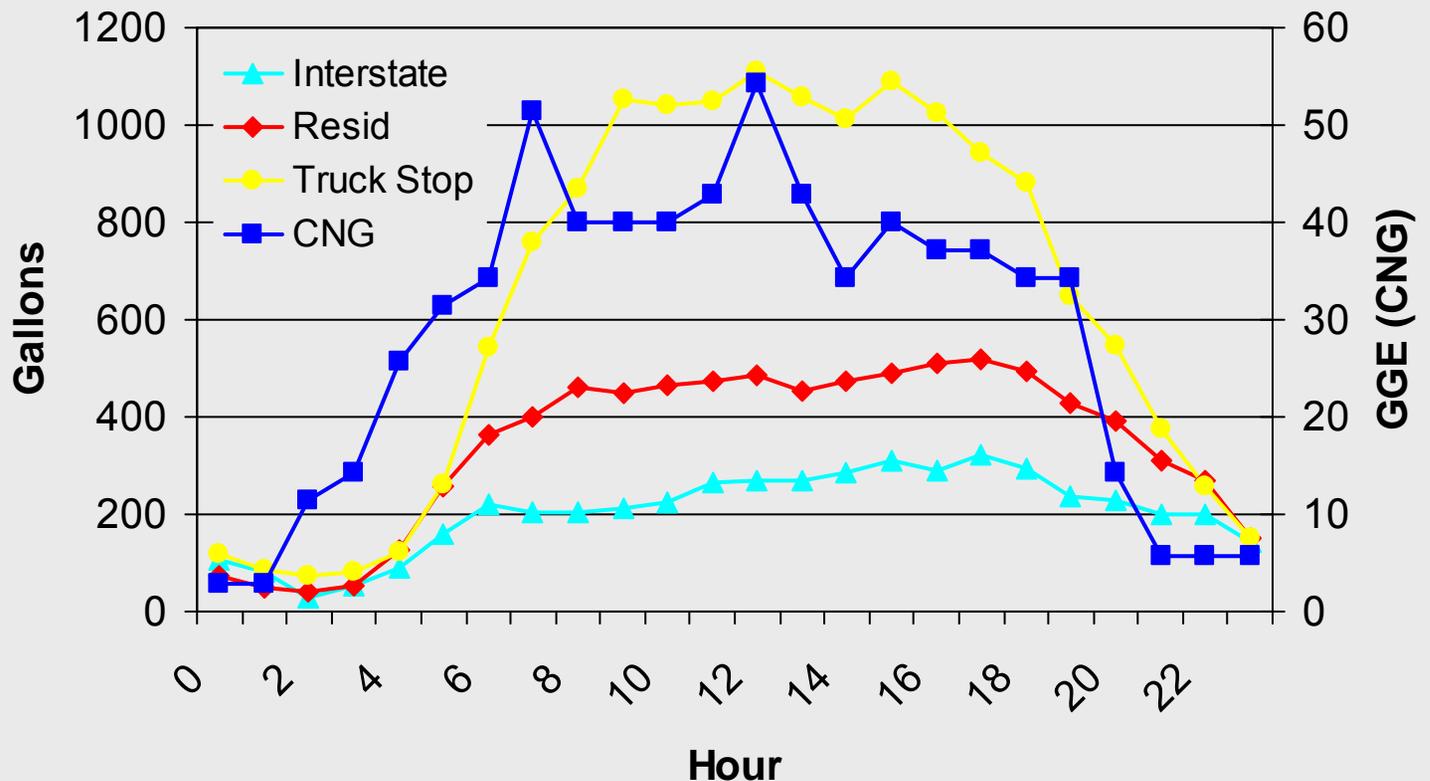
Compressor Power

One Hour



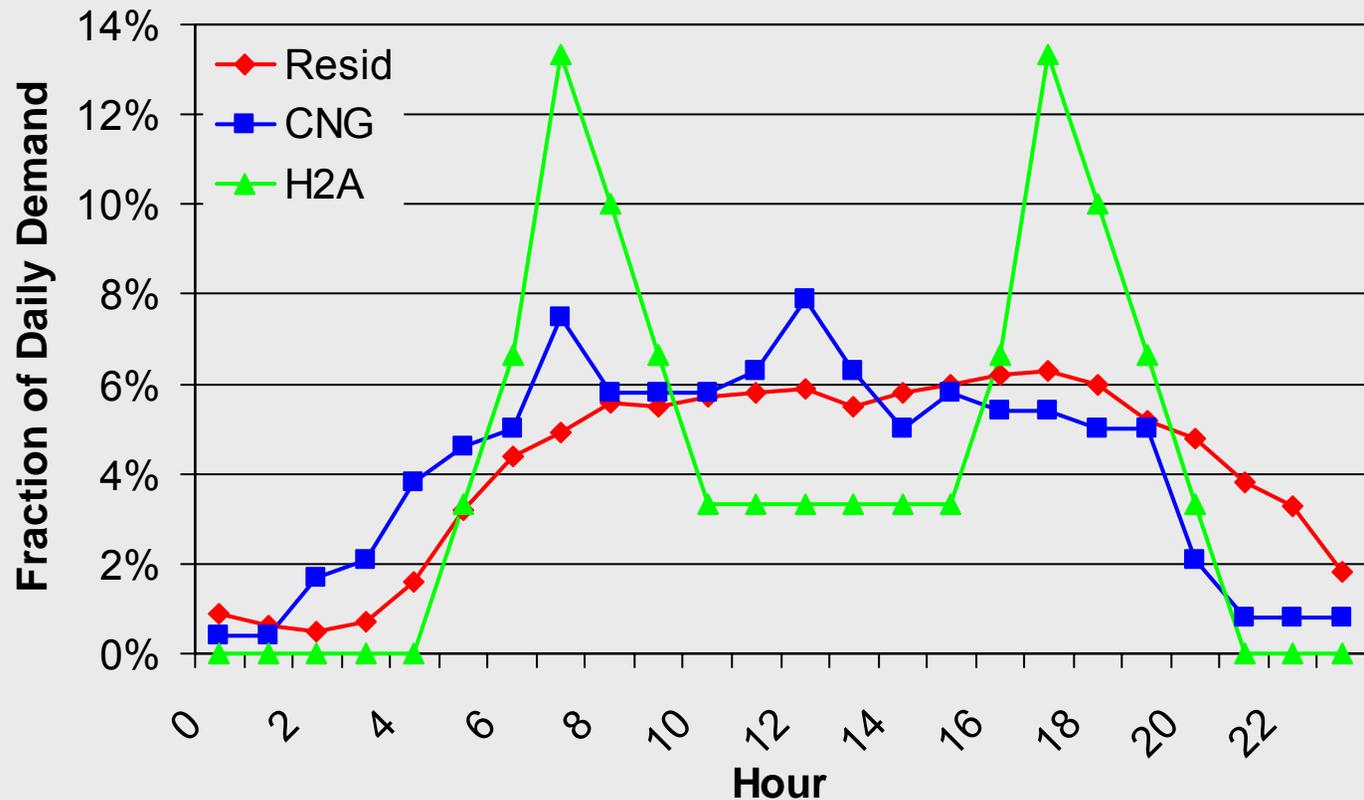
Station Demand Profile

- > Gasoline: 5000 to 15000 gal/day
 - Average station is about 3300 gal/day
- > CNG: 700 gal/day



H2 Station Demand Profile

- > Normalized Residential, CNG, and H2A profiles

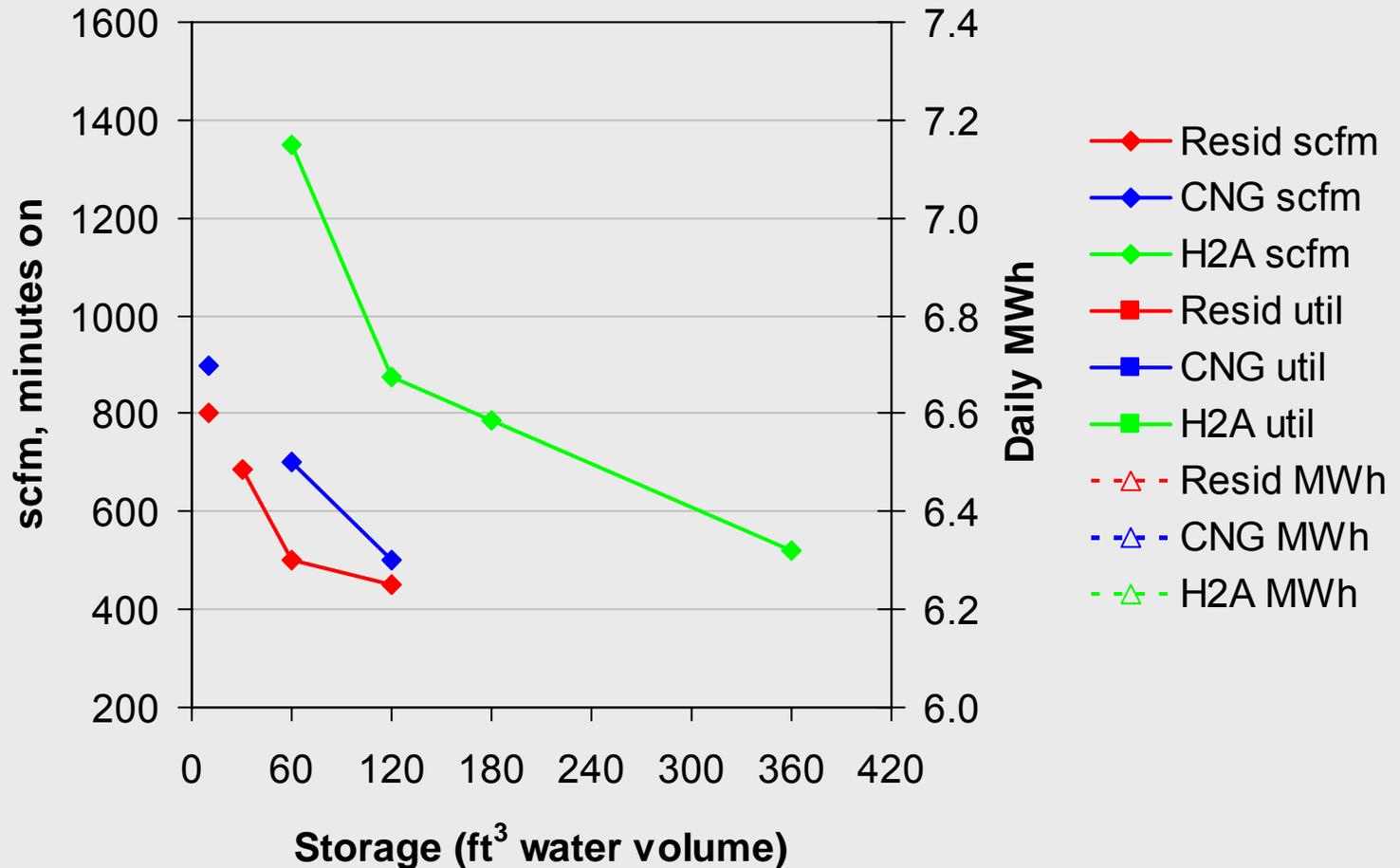


H2 Station Sizing

- > Used CASCADE to determine required compressor output for various cascade capacities for each load profile
 - Single bank cascade (10 ft³ water volume)
 - Three bank cascades
 - > 30 to 360 ft³ water volume
- > All simulations used 3-2-1 capacity ratios
 - Low bank (first used by vehicle) the largest
 - Marginal performance improvement relative to 1-1-1 ratio

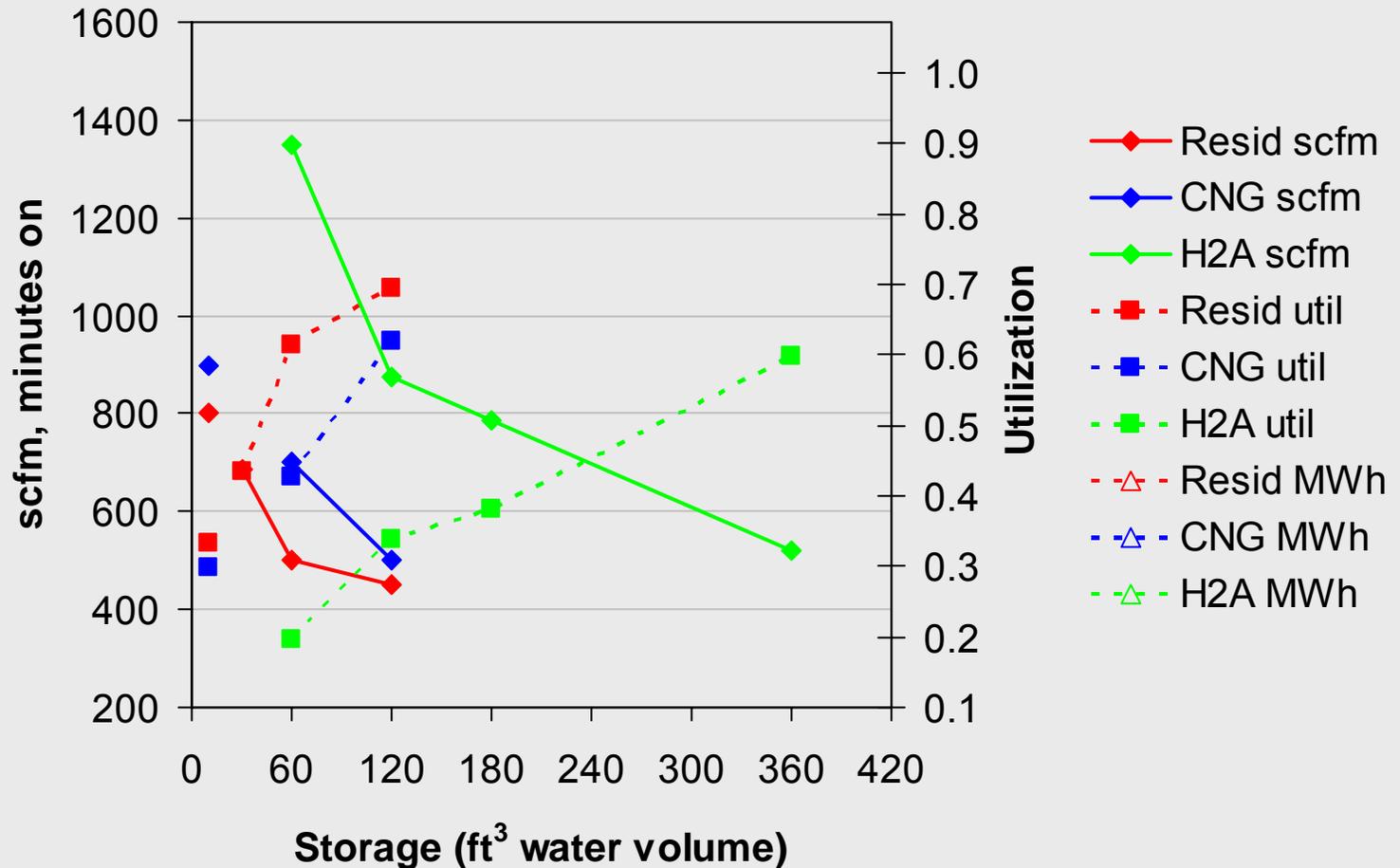
Compressor-Storage Relation

Compressor Size



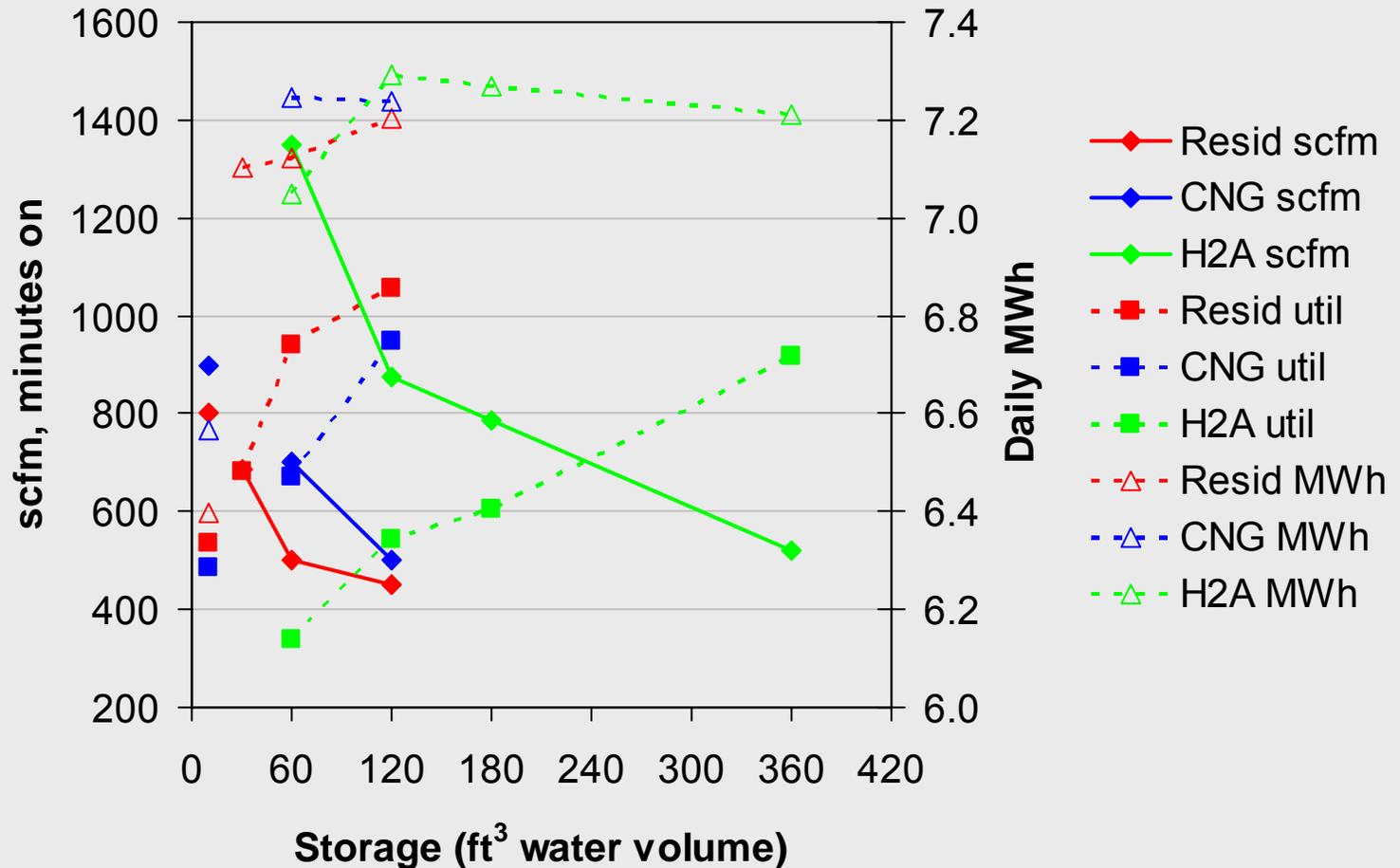
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Compressor Utilization



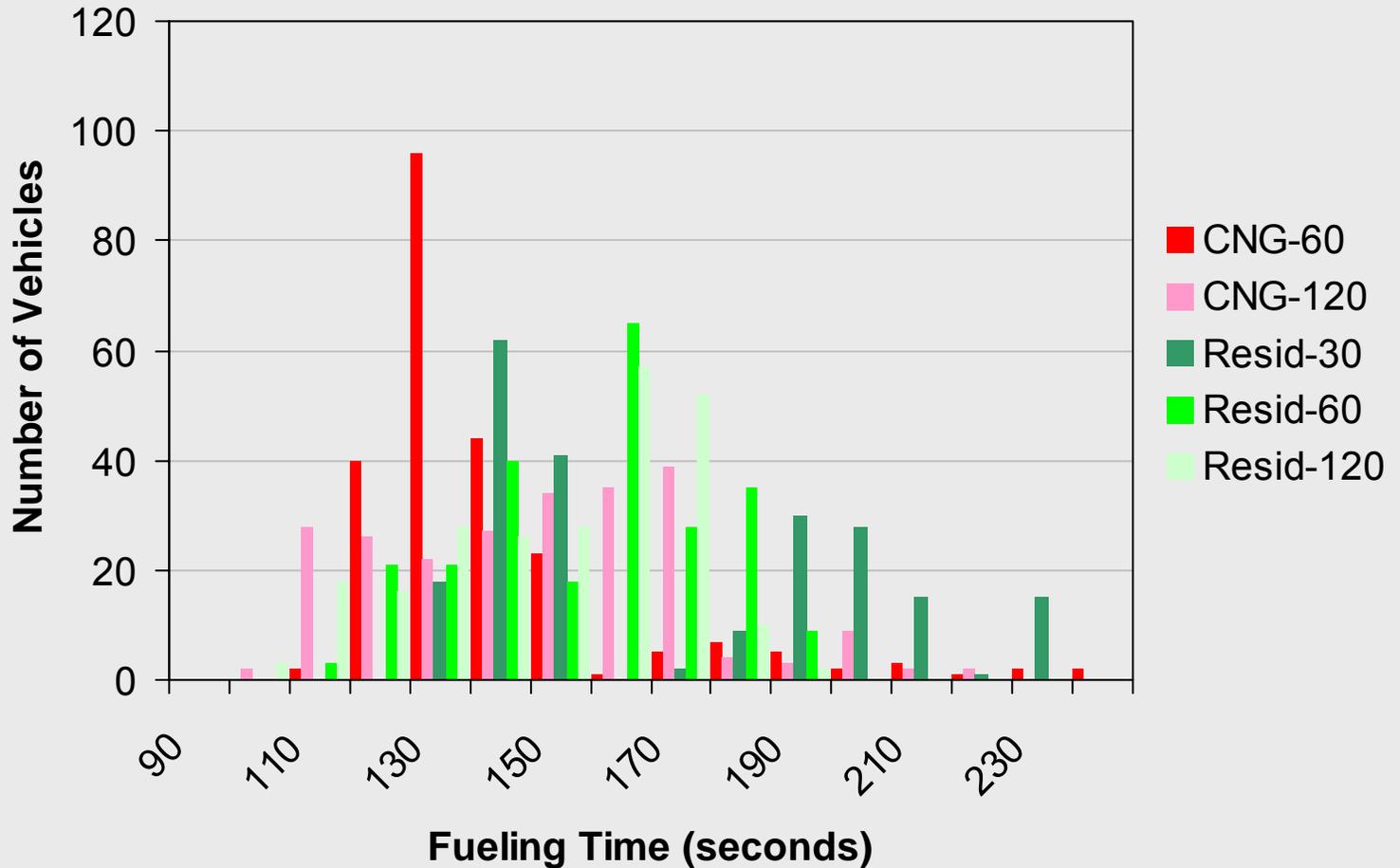
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Compressor Energy



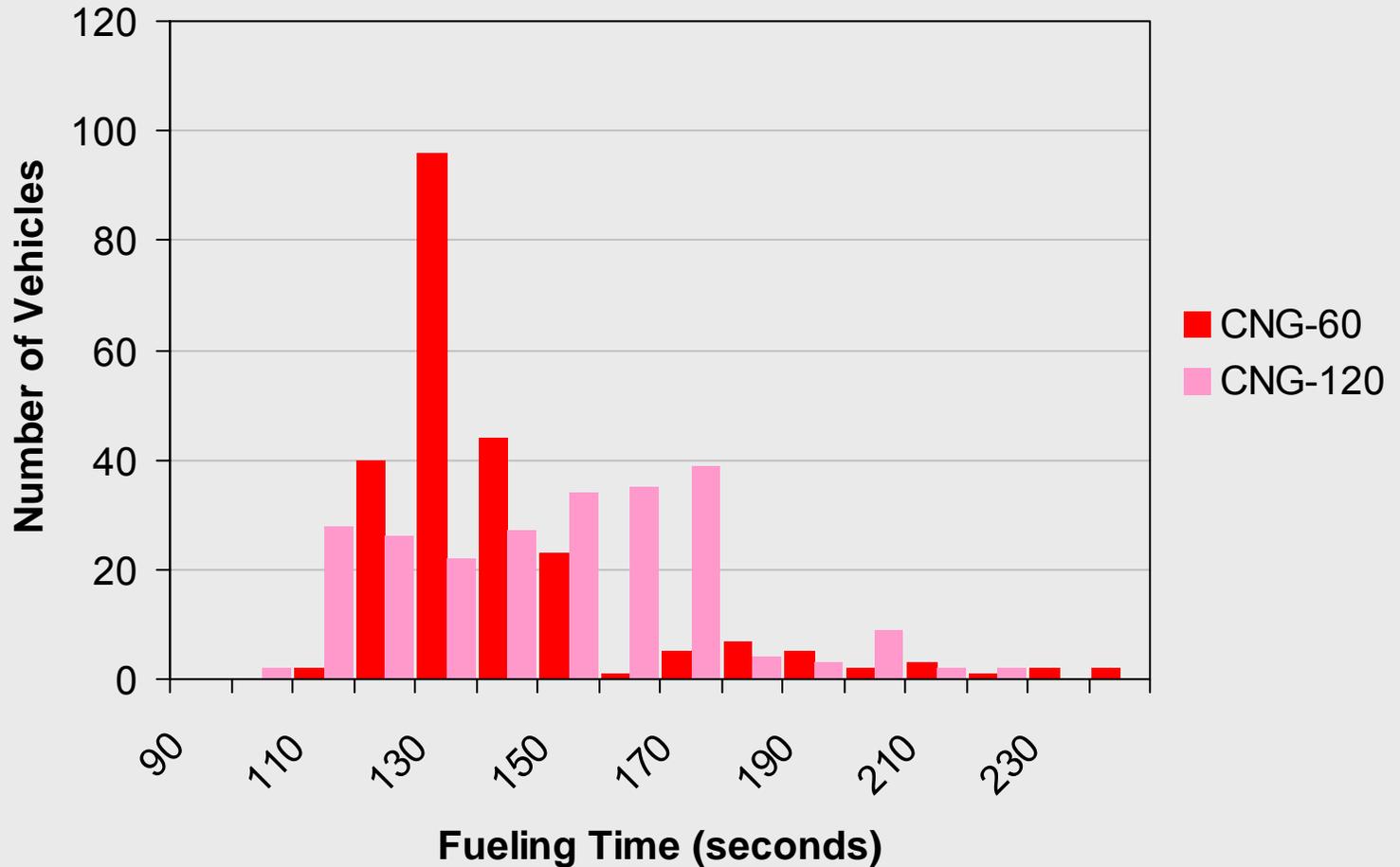
Vehicle Fueling Times

Cascades



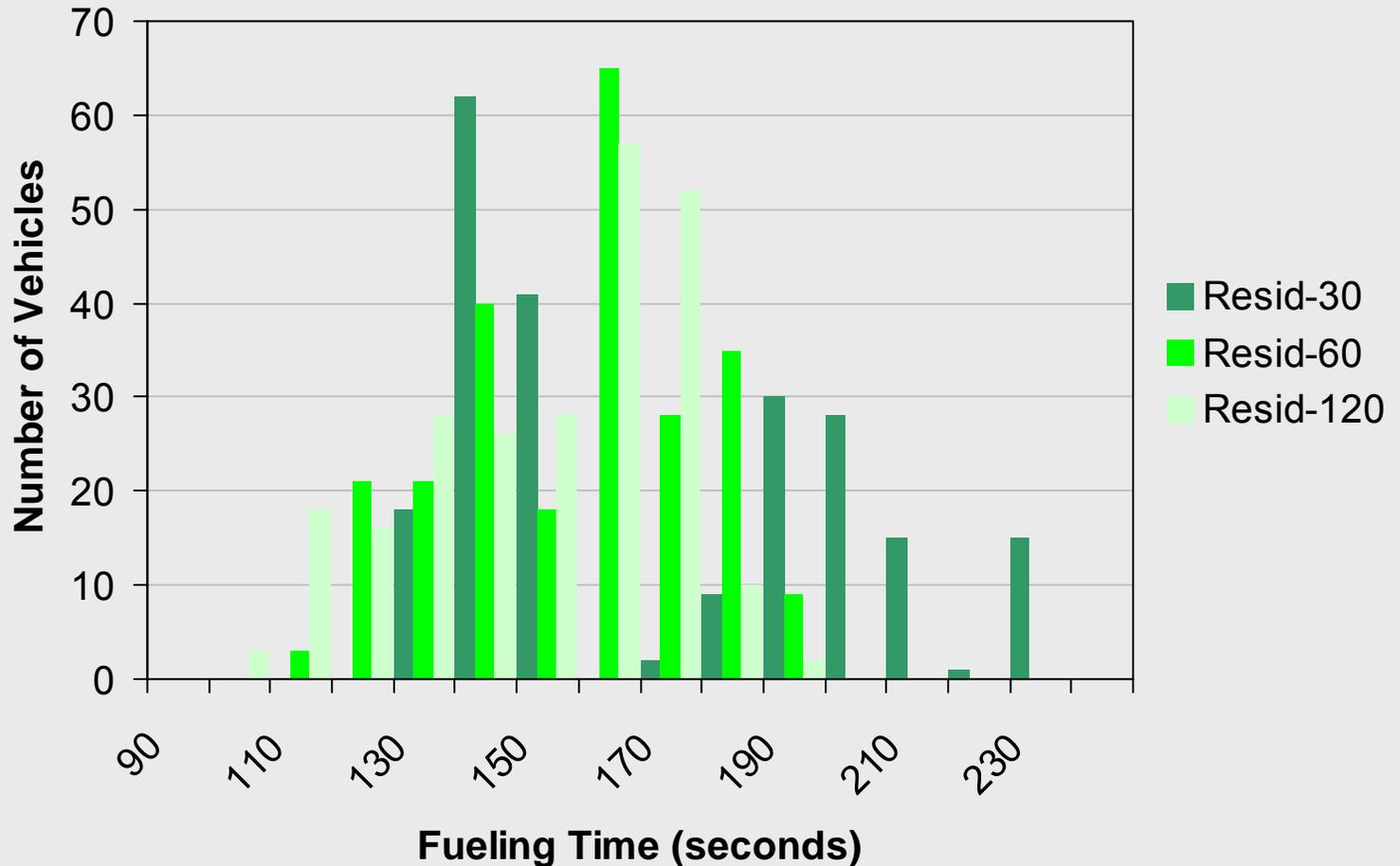
Vehicle Fueling Times

Cascades, CNG Profile



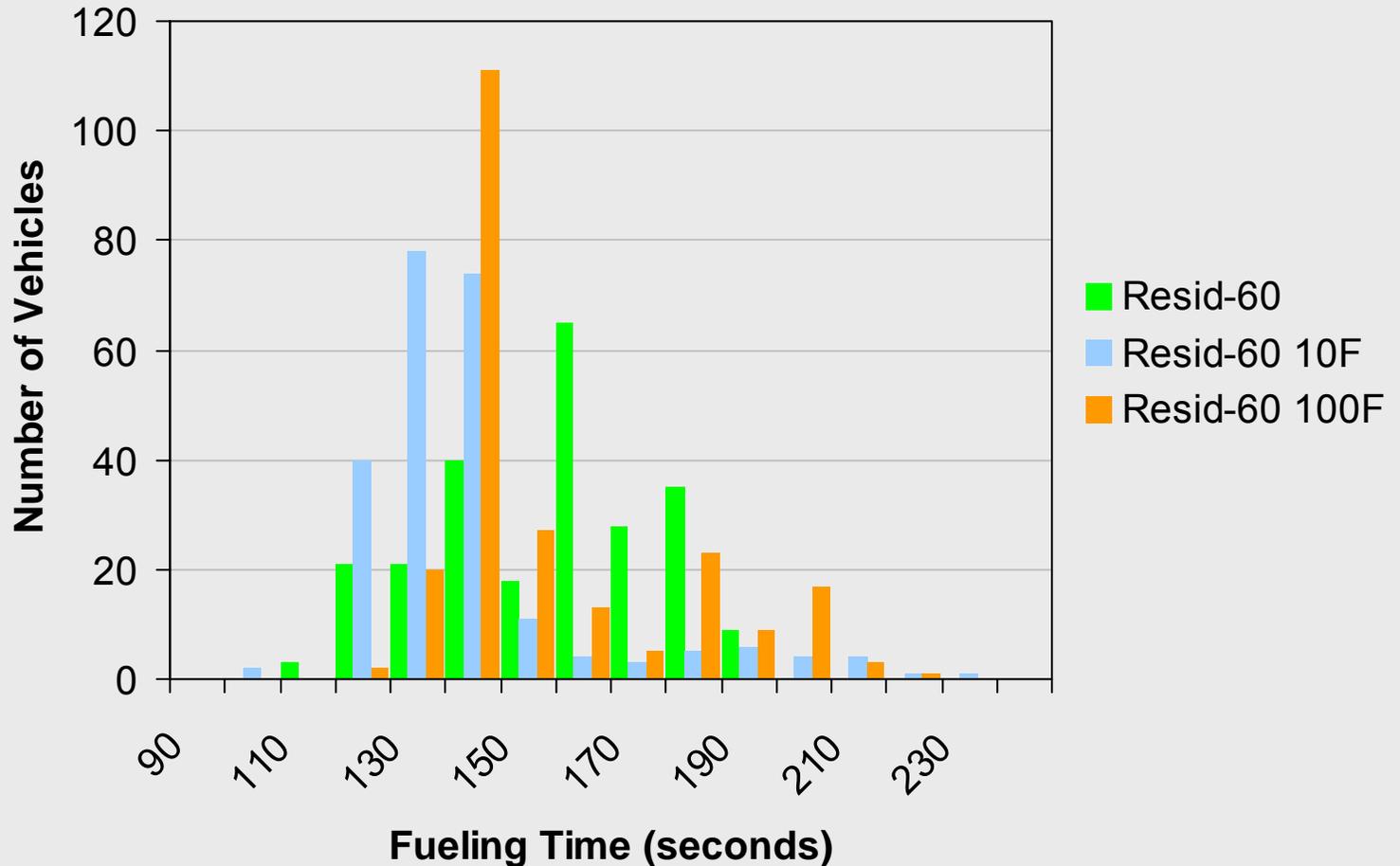
Vehicle Fueling Times

Cascades, Resid Profile



Vehicle Fueling Times

Cascades, Resid Profile, Ambient T Effects



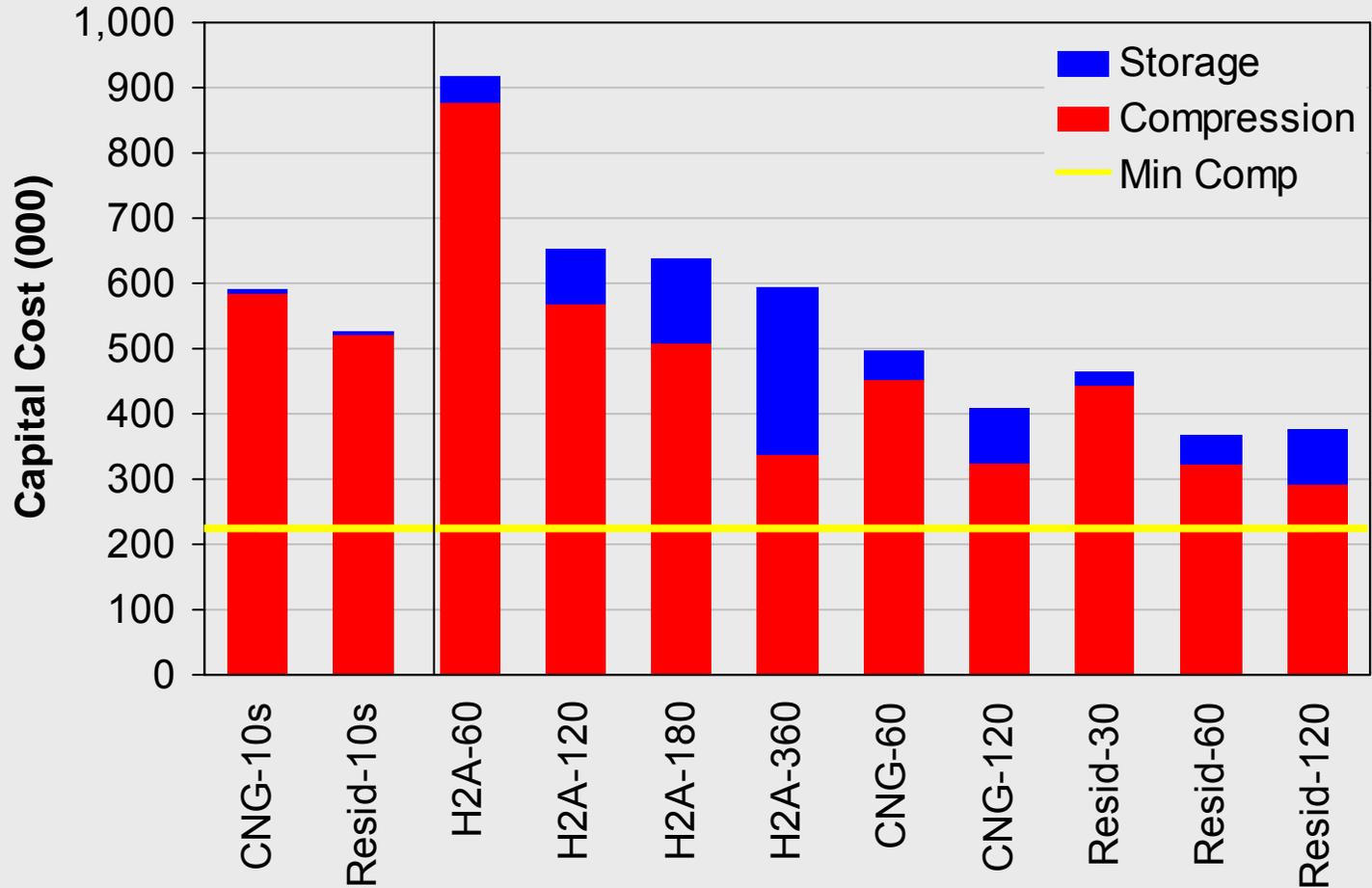
Vehicle Fueling Times

	CNG 10s	Res 10s	CNG		Resid		
			60	120	30	60	120
Mean	243	264	136	144	173	149	145
σ	34	28	22	24	42	19	20

	CNG		
	60	60: 10F	60: 100F
Mean	136	134	148
σ	22	21	23

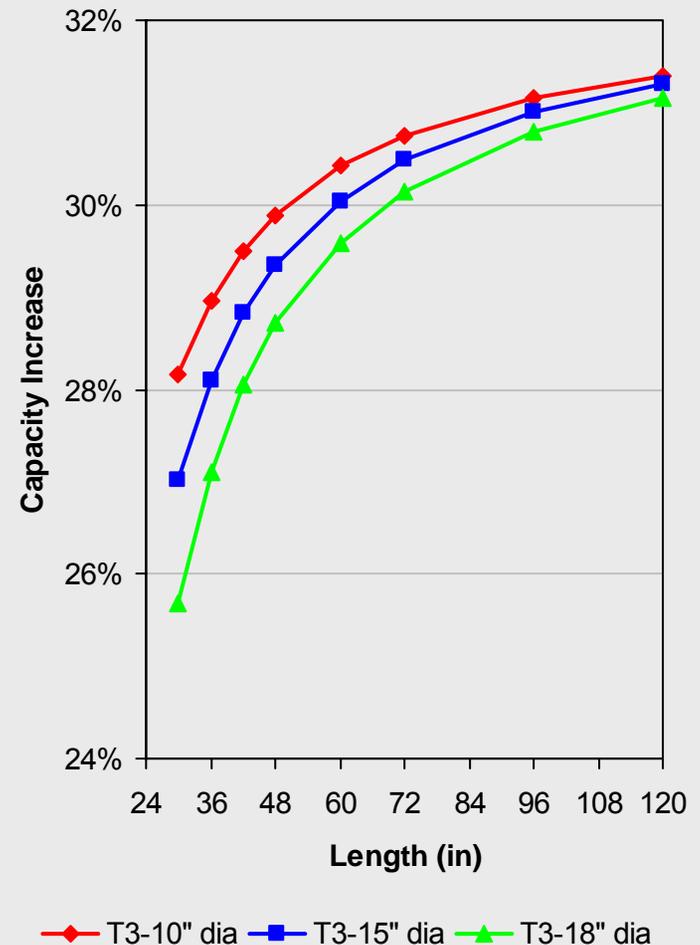
Compressor-Storage Costs

H2A Assumptions: \$4500/(kg/hr), \$818/kg



70 MPa Considerations

- > Diminishing returns for vehicle storage
 - 35 to 70 MPa yields 67% increase for gas properties
 - Same outer volume constraint: 25 to 31%
- > Increased specific costs of fueling equipment
- > Difficulties in limiting vehicle tank temperature during fueling



Next Steps

- > Complete configuration analyses
- > Complete cost data collection
- > Perform economic analyses
- > Examine additional tradeoffs
 - Cryo pump vs. compressor
 - Under ground vs. above ground
 - Advanced composites vs. steel