Review of DOE Hybrid Systems Activities

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Definition of Hybrid System

- Not a Combination of Reciprocating and Electrical Engines
- Is a Combined Cycle Containing a High-Temperature Fuel Cell +
 - Gas Turbine
 - Reciprocating Engine
 - Another Fuel Cell



Drivers for Hybrid Systems

Optimized System 70%+ Efficient
 Can be Environmentally Pristine
 Attractive COE
 Near-Term Components



Early Work

Initially Conceived in Late 1980s - Early 1990s
 Workshops in Morgantown in 1995 & 96
 Hybrid PRDA Solicitation 4/97
 Westinghouse FC Contract Signed on 8/22/97



FETC Internal Activities

In-house

- Integration of Fuel Cells and Gas Turbines
- Dynamic Performance of Hybrid Systems

Process Engineering Division

- Comparison of Hybrid Concepts
- Framework Convention for Consistent Evaluations



Siemens Westinghouse - 1st Generation Hybrid System



Projected Performance: 57% Efficiency (LHV)

Less than 1 ppm NOx



220 kWe Pressurized SOFC/GT Power System Cycle





Siemens Westinghouse 1st Generation

Established Fuel Cell Design:

- More than 8 Years of Development and Testing at Atmospheric Pressure
- More than 6,000 Hours of Commercial Performance at 100 kW and Atmospheric Pressure
- More than 5,000 Hours of Pressurized Testing up to 15 Atmospheres Pressure



Siemens Westinghouse 1st Generation Status

- Process and Control Test of Turbine and Fuel Cell Volume in Progress
- Factory Acceptance Test 12/99
- Site Acceptance Test at NFCR Center 2/16/2000
- Proof-of-Concept Test (1,000 hrs) 2/23/2000
- Initial Commercial Offering 2002



PRDA Selection Guidelines (FE and EE Funding)

20 MW

70% Efficient

Near-Term Components

Must Contain a High-Temperature Fuel Cell

Operate on Natural Gas

Cost of Electricity at Least 10% Less Than Conventional Systems



Awards for Fuel Cell/Gas Turbine Systems PRDA

Fuel Cell Manufacturer	Turbine Supplier	Type of Fuel Cell
Siemens Westinghouse	Allison Engine Company	Tubular Solid Oxide
Siemens Westinghouse	Caterpillar/Solar Turbines	Tubular Solid Oxide
Energy Research Corporation	Allison Engine Company	Molten Carbonate
M-C Power	Allison Engine Company	Molten Carbonate
McDermott/SOFCO	Northern Research and Engineering Corp	Planar Solid Oxide



Pressurized SOFC/Reheat Gas Turbine Power System Cycle (SWPC)





Siemens Westinghouse/Allison Results

- 67% Efficient as Developed
- 70% Efficiency Achievable with Improvement in Component Design
- COE is Comparable to Present-Day Alternatives
- NOx Less Than 1 ppm



Pressurized SOFC/ATS Gas Turbine Power System Cycle (SWPC)



Notes

Pressure = 9 ATM

Fuel added to combustor to raise the turbine inlet temperature

Power Split FC/GT 55/45



Siemens Westinghouse/Caterpillar Results

- 2 x 10 MWe-Class PSOFC/ATS-GT Power Systems
- System Efficiency Near 60%
- Low COE Relative to Conventional Power Generation
- NOx Similar to Solar Mercury 50



Fuel Cell / Micro-turbine Combined Cycle

Recuperated Combined Cycle (McDermott)



McDermott/SOFC/NREC Results

- COE is Comparable to Present-Day Alternatives
- 70% Efficiency Possible
- Economics May Favor Lower Efficiency Systems



HIGH EFFICIENCY HYBRID DFC / TURBINE POWER PLANT

(ERC)

Compressed Air is Heated with Fuel Cell Waste Heat, Expanded, and then Used as the Fuel Cell Oxidant



Energy Research Corp/Allison Results

- COE is Comparable to Present-Day Alternatives
- 65% Efficiency With Off-The-Shelf Turbomachinery
- ~72% With Cycle-Specific Turbomachinery
- NOx Less Than 1 ppm



M-C Power Hybrid System



M-C Power Results

70% Efficient
NOx Less Than 1 ppm
COE is Comparable to Present-Day Alternatives



Issues

Tradeoffs

Cost vs. Efficiency vs. Emissions
 Fuel Cell - Turbine Integration
 Turbine Optimization

