Impacts of Combining Hydrogen ICE with Fuel Cell System Using PSAT

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### **Study Goal**

- Use both Hydrogen ICE and fuel cell system for propulsion to evaluate
  - Fuel economy
  - Range
  - Cost
- Perform a sensitivity analysis to assess the impact of
  - Hybridization degree
  - Battery size



#### **Modeling Assumptions**

- Simulations based on compact platform (Ford Focus)
- Vehicle performance was kept constant
  - 0-60mph ~10s
  - 6.5% grade at 55 mph
- Pre-transmission parallel HEVs
- UDDS driving cycles
- Fuel Cell System always ON (idling)
- 4kg H2 stored
- Component technologies considered:
  - Proprietary Ford H2 ICE engine (2.3L)
  - Pressurized direct hydrogen fuel cell system
  - Saft HP6 Li-ion battery

Only Hydrogen is used in this study (e.g., Conventional Reference ICE uses H2)



#### **Component Main Assumptions**

H2 ICE*	W/kg	Proprietary
	\$/kW	35
Fuel Cell*	W/kg	650
	\$/kW	45
H2 Storage	kgH2/kg	0.06
Motor	W/kg	5000
Motor Controller	W/kg	1000
Motor + Controller	\$/kW	12
Battery	\$/kW	30

\* Includes cost of storage

Most assumptions based on FreedomCAR 2010 goals



#### **Battery Sized for Specific Regenerative Braking** Percentage



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#### Methodology Focused on Encompassing the Largest Number of Cases





#### Fuel Economy Increases with Fuel Cell Peak Power



#### **Percent Recovered Regenerative Energy Decreases Abruptly at Low Battery Power**

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### Increase in Fuel Economy Leads to Greater Driving Range



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#### High Degree of Hybridization Leads to Cost Reduction when Using FreedomCAR Goals



### Fuel Economy Trends Are Similar when Maintaining the Battery Power Constant



# Increased Fuel Cell Power Leads to a Decrease in H2-ICE and Battery Usage

29-kW Battery – 5-kW Fuel Cell



# With increased fuel cell power, H2-ICE is not used to recharge the battery

29-kW Battery – 5-kW Fuel Cell

29-kW Battery – 20-kW Fuel Cell

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**Energy Distribution during Battery Charging** 

**Constant Battery** 



#### Comparative Fuel Economy Impact of Constant Hybridization vs. Battery Power



#### Large Batteries with 15- to 20-kW Fuel Cell Offer a Viable Compromise



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## Using Fuel Cell for Propulsion in a H2-ICE HEV can be Beneficial

- Addition of low power fuel cell allows both fuel economy and range increases.
- Adding a 10kW fuel cell system increases the range by more than 20% and 30% for a 20kW fuel cell.
- Similar fuel economy can be achieved with 20 kW FC combined with H2-ICE than Fuel Cell HEV.
- The fuel economy is more sensitive to the fuel cell power than the battery power.
- Maintaining constant battery size prevents the drop off in fuel economy that occurs due to reduced regenerative braking.

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 Based on FreedomCAR goals, H2 ICE will be more cost effective when used in a hybrid vehicle vs. conventional.

