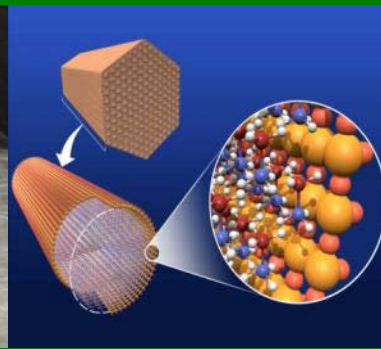




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Fuel Cells

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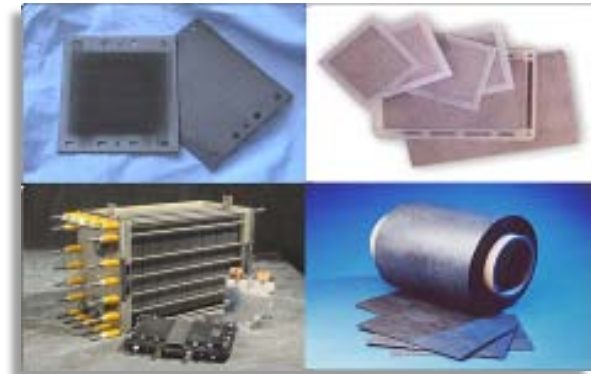
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May 14, 2012*

Goal and Objectives

GOAL: Develop and demonstrate fuel cell power system technologies for stationary, portable, and transportation applications

Objectives

- By 2015, a fuel cell system for portable power (<250 W) with an energy density of 900 Wh/L.
- By 2017, a 60% peak-efficient, 5,000 hour durable, direct hydrogen fuel cell power system for transportation at a cost of \$30/kW.
- By 2020, distributed generation and micro-CHP fuel cell systems (5 kW) operating on natural gas or LPG that achieve 45% electrical efficiency and 60,000 hours durability at an equipment cost of \$1500/kW.
- By 2020, medium-scale CHP fuel cell systems (100 kW–3 MW) with 50% electrical efficiency, 90% CHP efficiency, and 80,000 hours durability at an installed cost of \$1,500/kW for operation on natural gas, and \$2,100/kW when configured for operation on biogas.
- By 2020, APU fuel cell systems (1–10 kW) with a specific power of 45 W/kg and a power density of 40W/L at a cost of \$1000/kW.



The Fuel Cells sub-program supports research and development of fuel cell and fuel cell systems with a primary focus on reducing cost and improving durability. Efforts are balanced to achieve a comprehensive approach to fuel cells for near-, mid-, and longer-term applications.

Fuel Cell MYRD&D Plan recently updated:
<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/mypp/index.html>

FOCUS AREAS

Stack Components

Catalysts
Electrolytes
MEAs, Gas diffusion media, and Cells
Seals, Bipolar plates, and Interconnects

Operation and Performance

Mass transport
Durability
Impurities

Systems and Balance of Plant (BOP)

BOP components
Stationary power
Fuel processor subsystems
Portable power
APUs and emerging markets

Barriers

Cost
Durability
Performance

Strategy

Materials, components, and systems R&D to achieve low-cost, high-performance fuel cell systems

Fuel Cell R&D

Testing and Cost/Technical Assessments

R&D portfolio is technology-neutral and includes different types of fuel cells.

Application-driven targets for commercial viability (in terms of cost and performance) were recently revised and updated.

- Targets revised for the complete portfolio guiding R&D for transportation, stationary, and portable applications
- Revised targets in recently released *MYRD&D Plan*
<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/mypp/index.html>

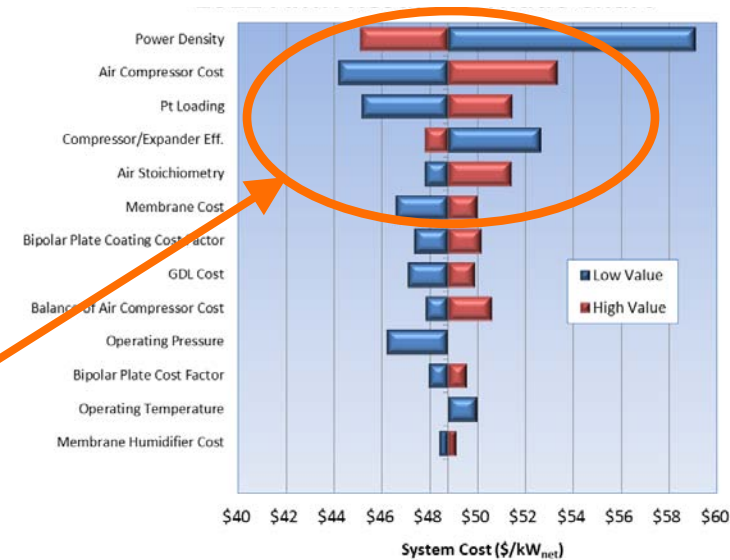
Examples of system-level targets:

Technical Targets: 1–10 kW _e Residential Combined Heat and Power and Distributed Generation Fuel Cell Systems Operating on Natural Gas			
Characteristic	2011 Status	2015 Targets	2020 Targets
Electrical efficiency at rated power	34-40%	42.5%	>45%
CHP energy efficiency	80-90%	87.5%	90%
Equipment cost, 2-kW _{avg} system	NA	\$1,200/kW _{avg}	\$1,000/kW _{avg}
Equipment cost, 5-kW _{avg} system	\$2,300 - \$4,000/kW	\$1,700/kW _{avg}	\$1,500/kW _{avg}
Equipment cost, 10-kW _{avg} system	NA	\$1,900/kW _{avg}	\$1,700/kW _{avg}
Transient response (10 - 90% rated power)	5 min	3 min	2 min
Start-up time from 20°C ambient temperature	<30 min	30 min	20 min
Degradation with cycling	<2%/1,000 h	0.5%/1,000 h	0.3%/1,000 h
Operating lifetime	12,000 h	40,000 h	60,000 h
System availability	97%	98%	99%

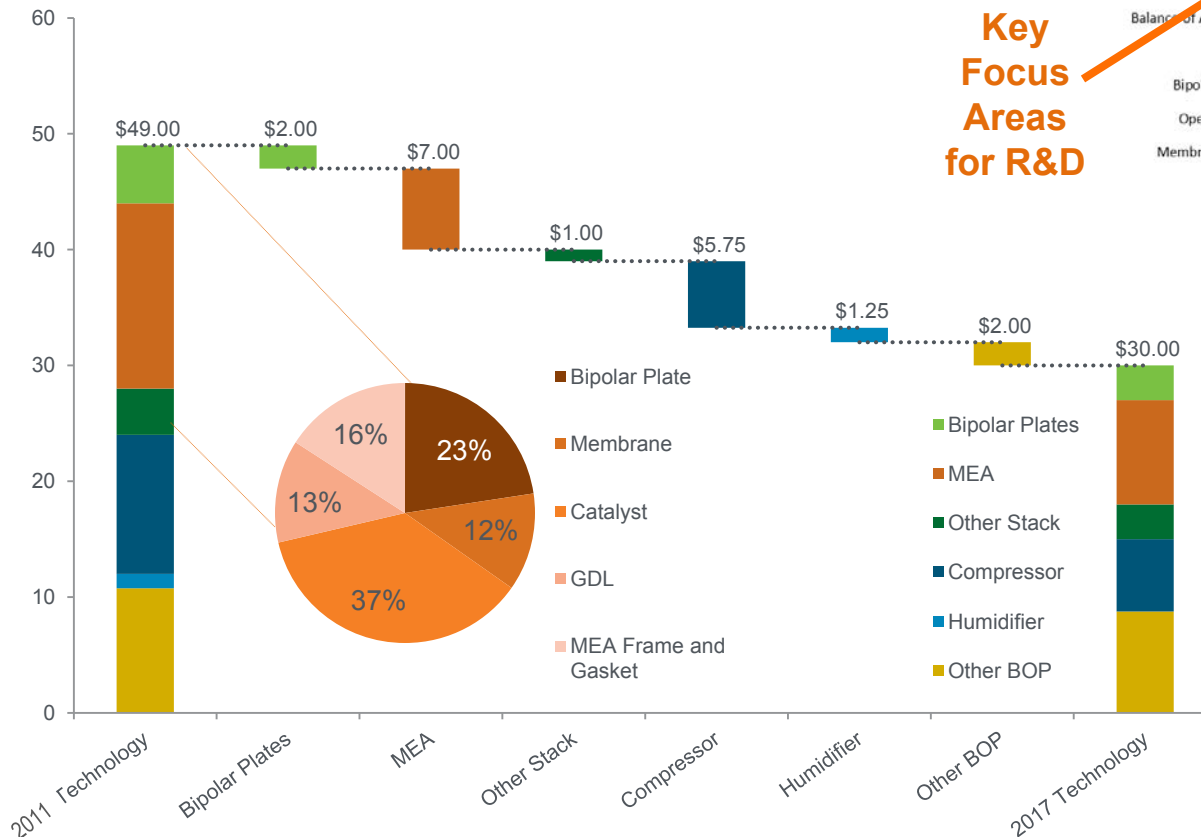
Challenges and Strategy: Automotive Applications

- *Strategic technical analysis guides focus areas for R&D and priorities.*
- *Need to reduce cost from \$49/kW to \$30/kW and increase durability from 2,500 to 5,000 hours*
- *Advances in PEMFC materials and components could benefit a range of applications.*

Sensitivity Analysis helps guide R&D



Key Focus Areas for R&D



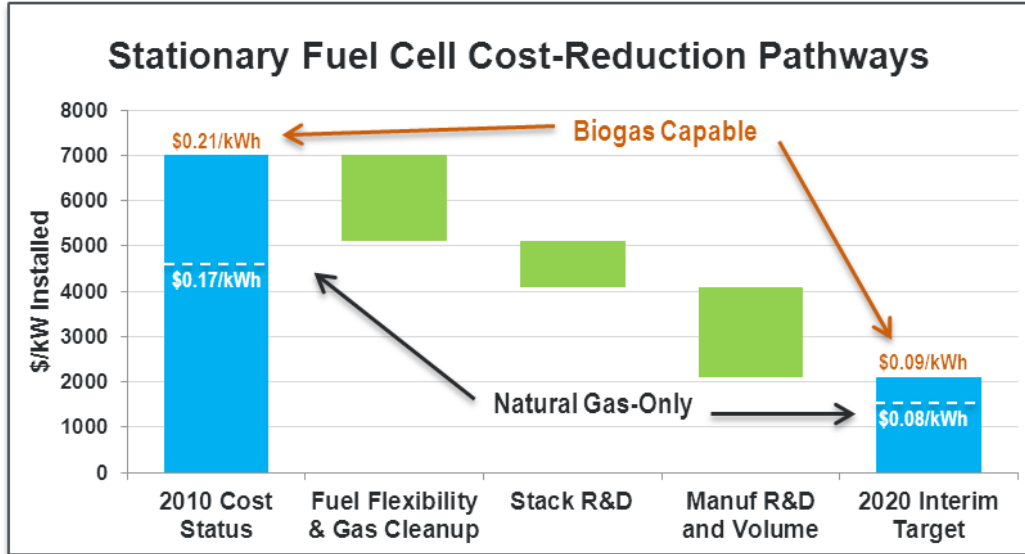
Strategies to Address Challenges – Catalyst Examples

- Lower PGM Content
- Pt Alloys
- Novel Support Structures
- Non-PGM catalysts

Targeted 80 kW PEM fuel cell system cost: \$30/kW at 500,000 units/yr

Challenges and Strategy: Stationary Applications

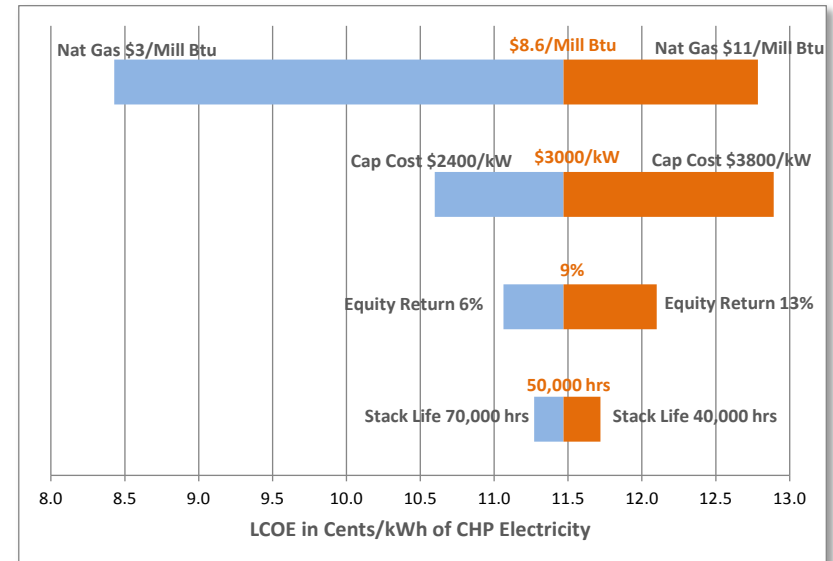
Further reduction in capital cost of medium scale DG/CHP(100kW-3 MW) and natural gas availability will facilitate commercialization.



- Natural gas availability and fuel cell performance (efficiency) gains will enhance the technology's market attractiveness.
- Further reduction of fuel cell system cost required to expedite commercialization
- Development of a cost-effective process for removing fuel contaminants would allow for fuel flexibility.

Sensitivity analysis around 2015 targets assesses impact of fuel cell system cost and durability on commercialization prospects

Technical Parameters (2015)	
Electric Efficiency (LHV)	45.0%
Combined Efficiency (LHV)	87.5%
Size, MWe	1
Operating Life, years	20
Equipment, \$/kWe	2,300
Engineering & Installation, \$/kWe	700
Fixed O&M, \$/MWh	13
Variable O&M, \$/MWh	8.0



Analysis highlights need for fuel processor cost reduction.

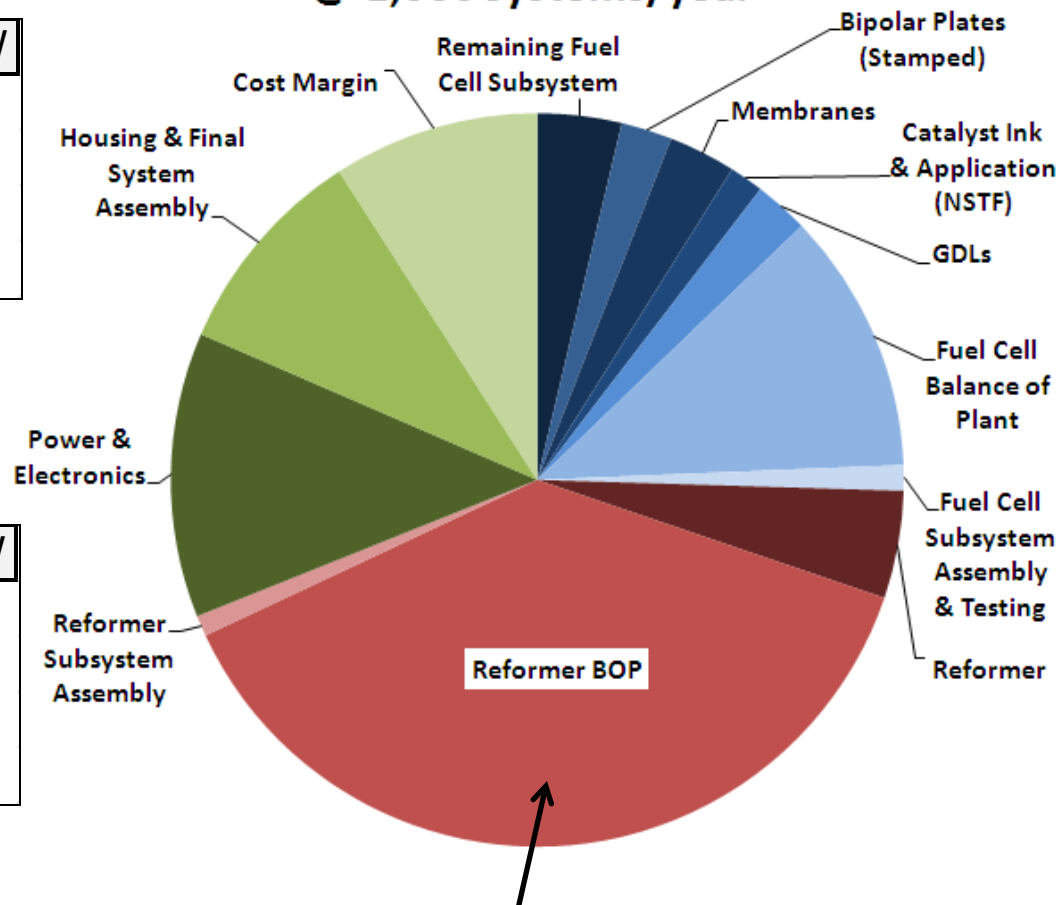
LT-PEM (~ 80 °C)

Sys/yr	1 kW	5 kW	25 kW	100 kW
100	\$12K	\$3.9K	\$1.7K	\$1.1K
1,000	\$9.3K	\$3.1K	\$1.4K	\$0.9K
10,000	\$7.9K	\$2.6K	\$1.1K	\$0.7K
50,000	\$7.2K	\$2.4K	\$1K	\$0.6K

HT-PEM (~ 160 °C)

Sys/yr	1 kW	5 kW	25 kW	100 kW
100	\$11K	\$4.2K	\$1.7K	\$1.3K
1,000	\$8.8K	\$3.3K	\$1.5K	\$1.1K
10,000	\$7.5K	\$2.8K	\$1.2K	\$0.8K
50,000	\$6.9K	\$2.5K	\$1K	\$0.7K

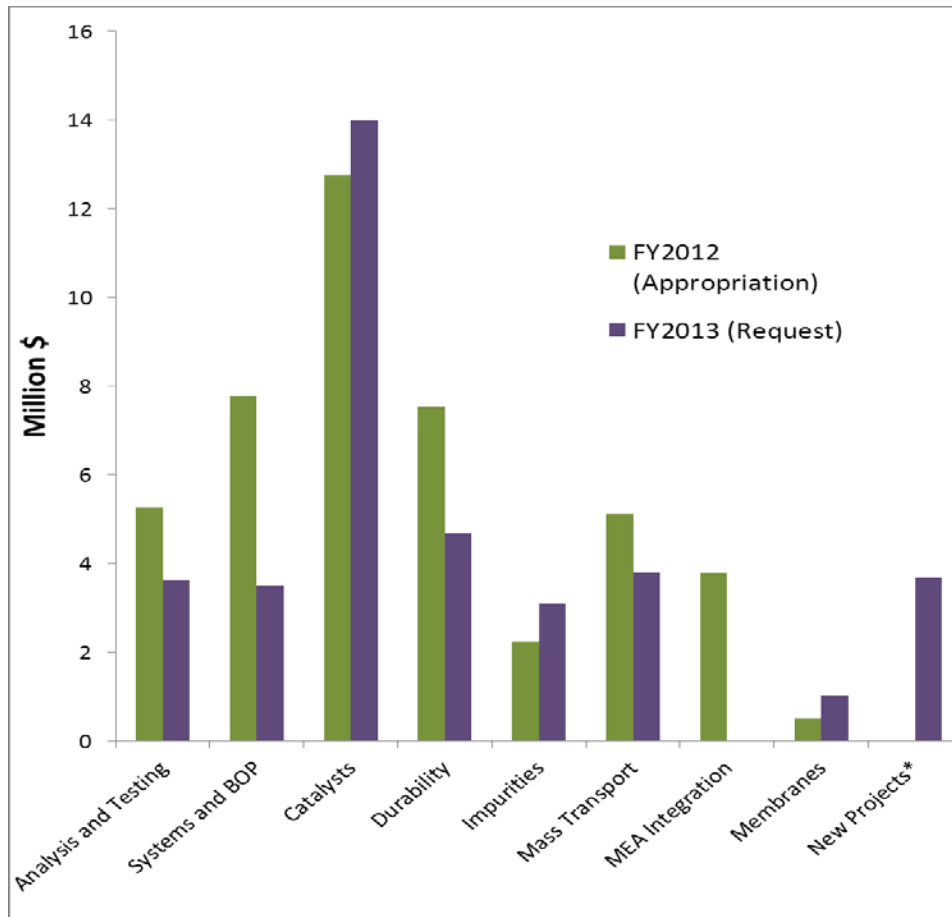
Cost Breakdown, 5 kW LT PEM @ 1,000 systems/year



Fuel processor is largest cost component for LT PEM and HT PEM

Fuel Cells Budget

FY 2012 Appropriation = \$45.0 M
FY 2013 Request = \$38.0 M



Systems and BOP includes projects related to portable and stationary power

New projects in FY2012 for BOP and MEA Integration were fully funded up front

**Subject to appropriations*

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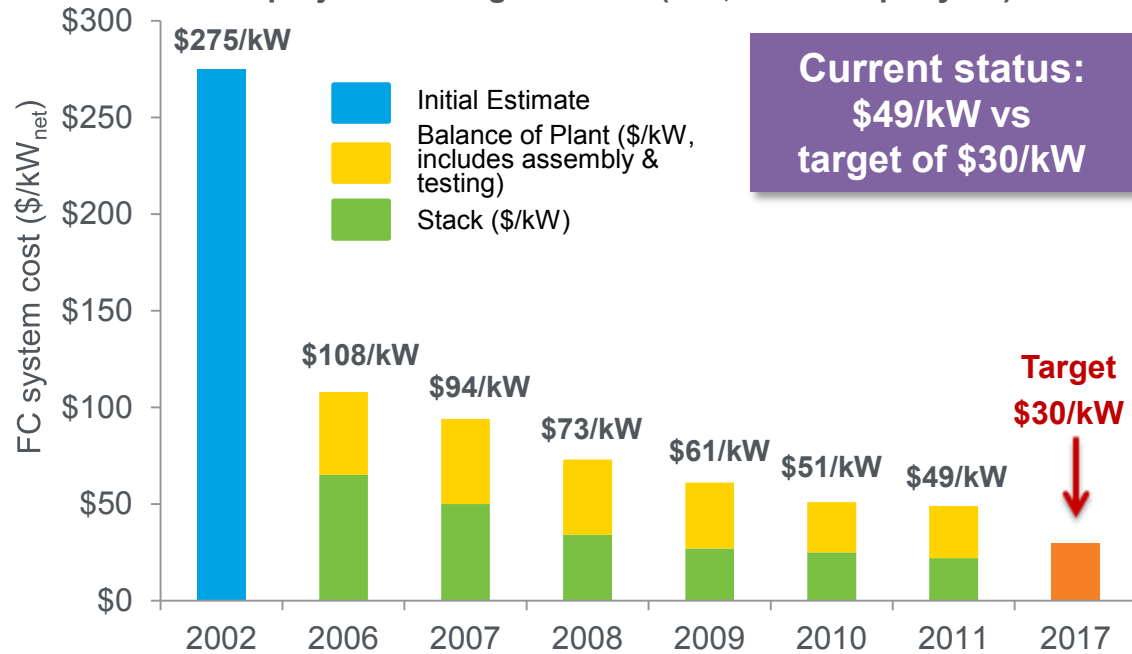
- Develop improved ultra-low PGM and non-PGM fuel cell catalysts and membrane electrolytes
- Improve PEM-MEAs through integration of state-of-the-art MEA components
- Identify degradation mechanisms and approaches for mitigating the effects
- Characterize and optimize transport phenomena improving MEA and stack performance
- Investigate and quantify effects of impurities on fuel cell performance
- Develop low-cost, durable, system balance-of-plant components
- Maintain core activities in components, subsystems and systems specifically tailored for stationary and portable power applications

Projected high-volume cost of fuel cells has been reduced to \$49/kW (2011)*

• More than 30% reduction since 2008

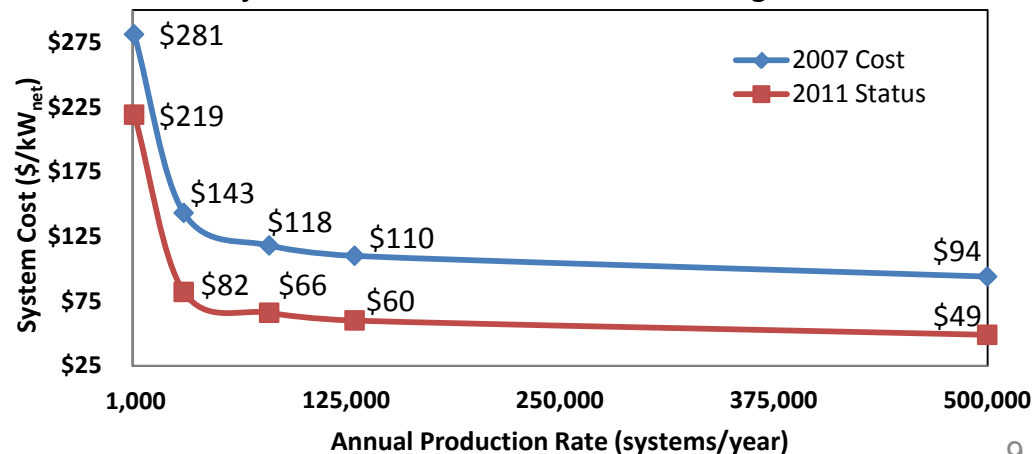
• More than 80% reduction since 2002

Projected Transportation Fuel Cell System Cost
-projected to high-volume (500,000 units per year)-



**Current status:
\$49/kW vs
target of \$30/kW**

Projected Costs at Different Manufacturing Rates



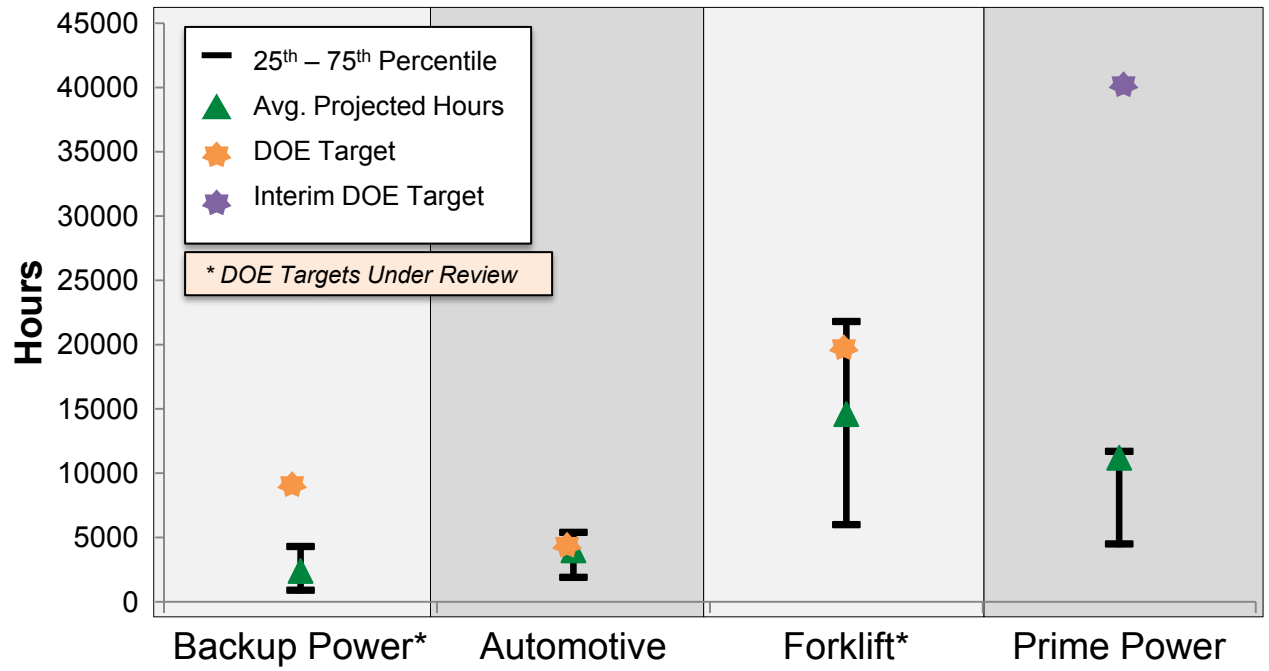
**Based on projection to high-volume manufacturing (500,000 units/year). The projected cost status is based on an analysis of state-of-the-art components that have been developed and demonstrated through the DOE Program at the laboratory scale. Additional efforts would be needed for integration of components into a complete automotive system that meets durability requirements in real-world conditions.*

Progress – Durability Assessment

Aggregated results provide a benchmark in time of state-of-the-art fuel cell durability.

NREL is analyzing and aggregating durability results by application, providing a benchmark of state-of-the-art fuel cell durability (time to 10% voltage degradation). Results include 82 data sets from 10 fuel cell developers.

Application	Avg Projected Time to 10% Voltage Drop	Avg Operation Hours
Backup power	2,400	1,100
Automotive	4,000	2,700
Forklift	14,600	4,400
Prime	11,200	7,000

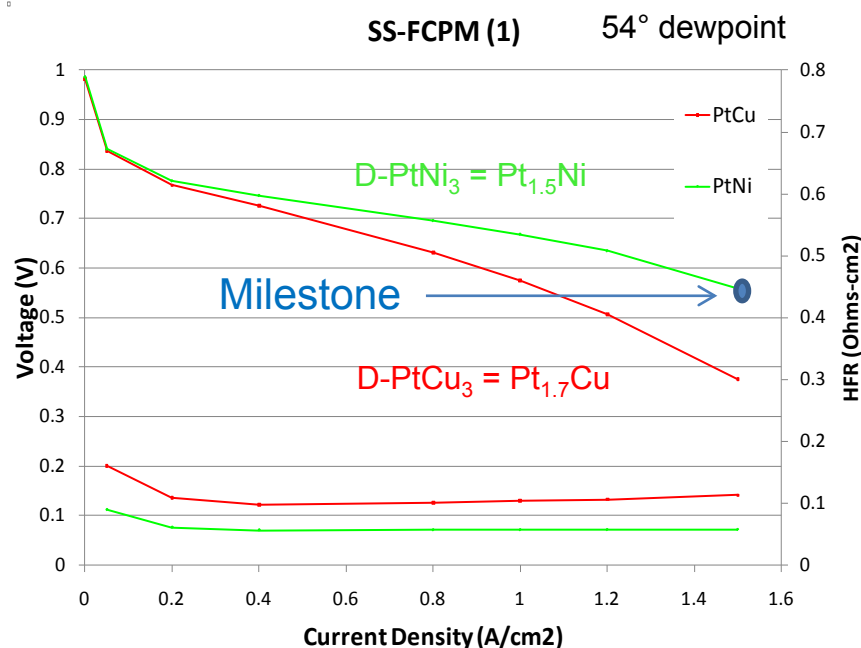


PEM & SOFC data from lab-tested, full active area short stacks and systems with full stacks. Data generated from constant load, transient load, and accelerated testing.

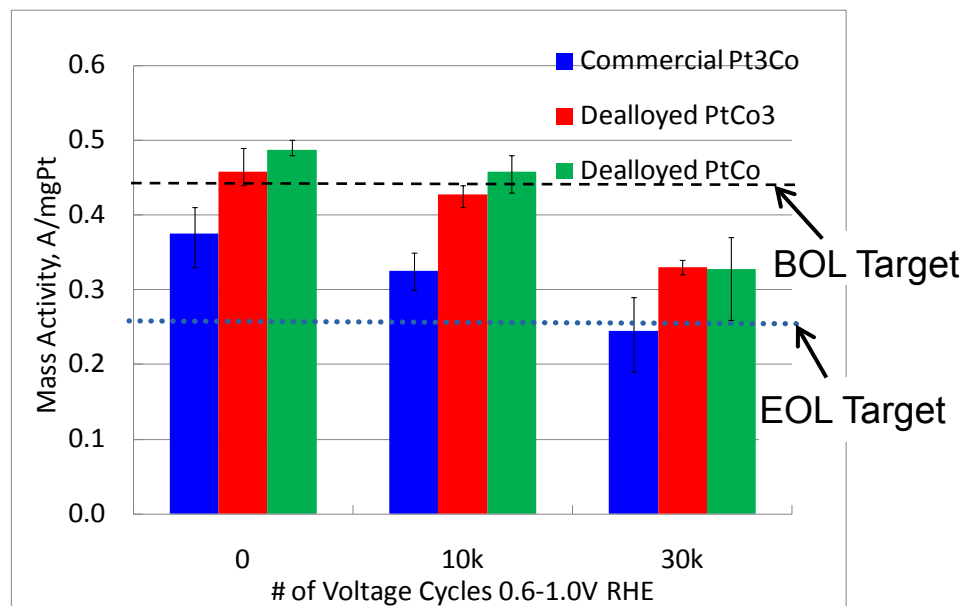
Please send inquires to Fuelcelldatacenter@ee.doe.gov

Low-PGM de-alloyed catalysts meet mass activity and durability targets.

GM 50 cm² MEAs, at 0.1 mg_{Pt}/cm²
H₂/air, 80° C, 170 kPa_{abs}, stoichs 2/2



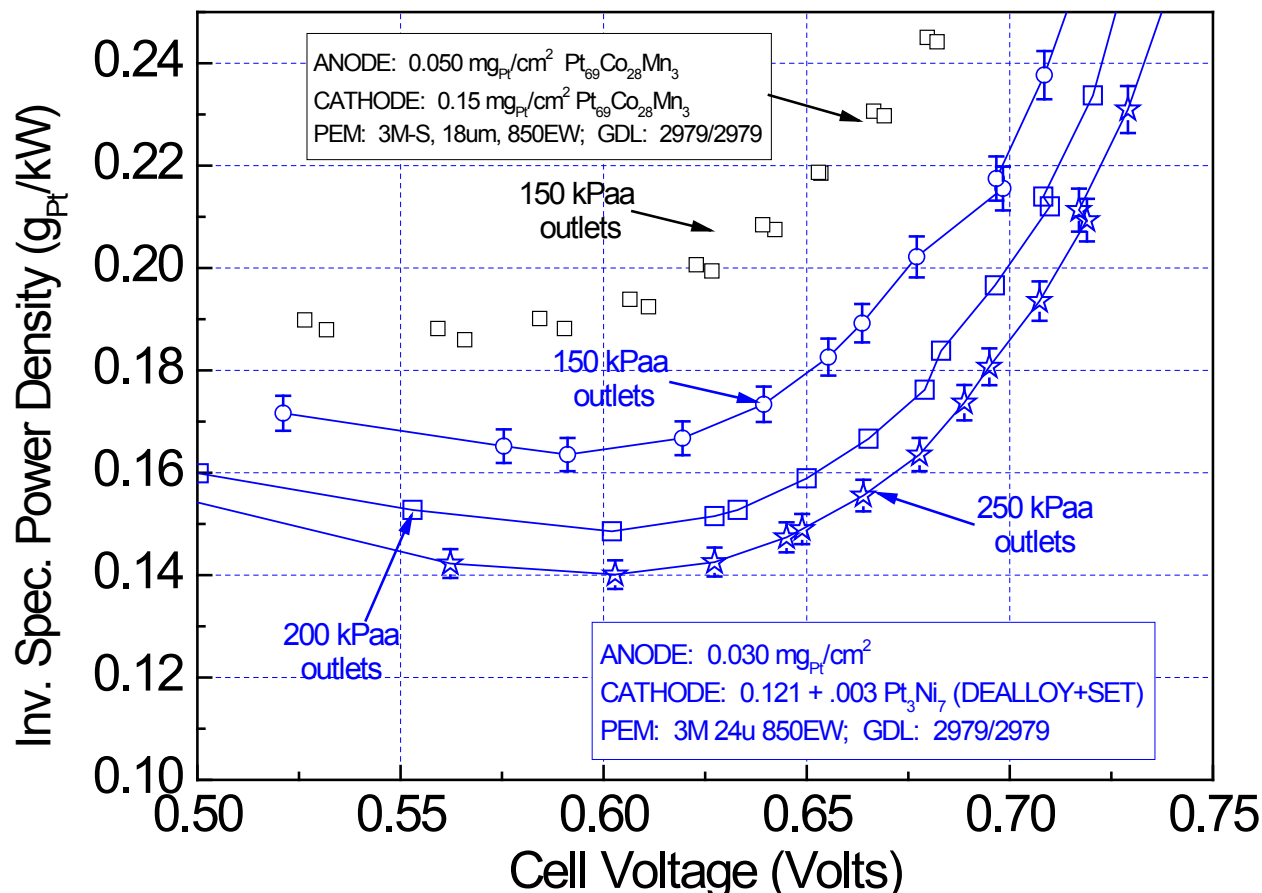
GM 50 cm² MEAs, 0.2 mg_{Pt}/cm²



- PtCo₃ and PtNi₃ meet 0.44 A/mg_{PGM} mass activity target
- PtCo₃ meets 30,000 cycle durability target
- PtNi₃ meets 0.56 V @ 1.5 A/cm² milestone

0.46 A/mg_{PGM} for PtCo₃,
0.52 A/mg_{PGM} for PtNi₃ in 50 cm² MEA testing

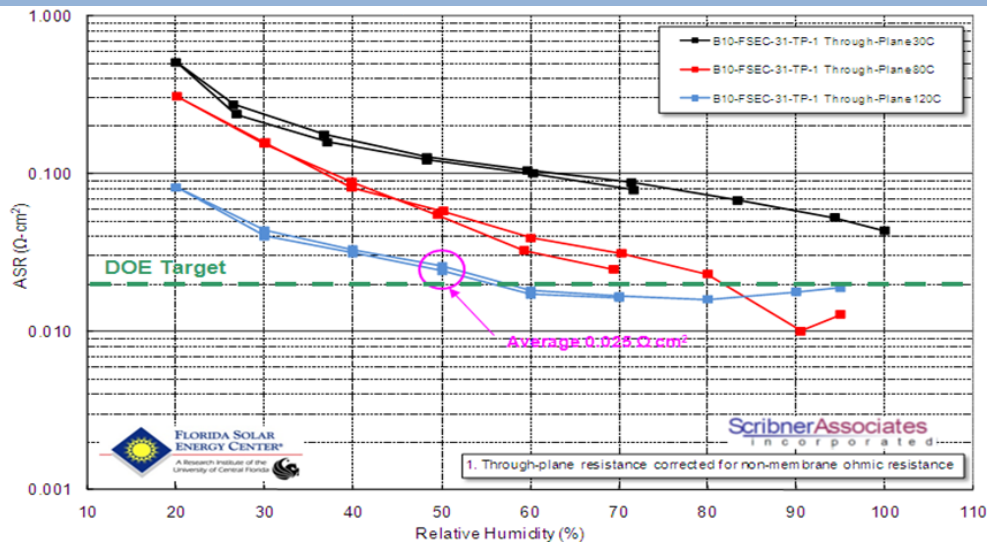
Roll-to-roll PtNi NSTF catalyst meets 0.44 A/mg_{PGM} mass activity target.



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- **Achieved 0.44 A/mg_{PGM} target** on roll-to-roll produced MEAs through improvements in Pt₃Ni₇ catalyst processing techniques
- **Reduced PGM total content to 0.14 – 0.18 g/kW**, with 0.15 mg/cm² (2017 targets: 0.125 g/kW, 0.125 mg/cm²)
- Progress in improving high-current performance of Pt₃Ni₇; still opportunity for further improvement

Membranes containing multi-acid side chains or additives demonstrate conductivity higher than 0.1 S/cm under hot, dry conditions.



FuelCell Energy: mC² membranes use short side chains and additives to reach high conductivity

L. Lipp et al., FuelCell Energy

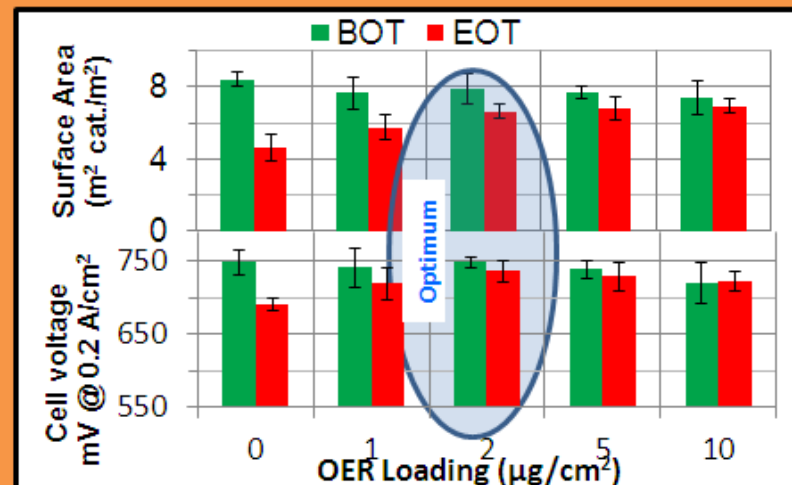
		3M PFIA Status	DOE 2017 Target
ASR at 120°C (p _{H2O} 40-80 kPa)	Ohm cm ²	0.023 (40 kPa) 0.012 (80 kPa)	≤0.02
ASR at 80°C (p _{H2O} 25-45 kPa)	Ohm cm ²	0.013 (25 kPa) 0.006 (44 kPa)	≤ 0.02
ASR at 30°C (p _{H2O} 4 kPa)	Ohm cm ²	0.02 (3.8 kPa)	≤ 0.03
ASR at -20°C	Ohm cm ²	0.1	≤ 0.2
O ₂ Crossover	mA/cm ²	<1.0	≤ 2
H ₂ crossover	mA/cm ²	<1.8	≤ 2
Mechanical Durability	RH Cycles	>20,000	≥20,000
Chemical Durability (OCV)	Hours	2,025	≥ 500

3M: multi-acid side chain polymers have met most membrane targets

S. Hamrock et al., 3M

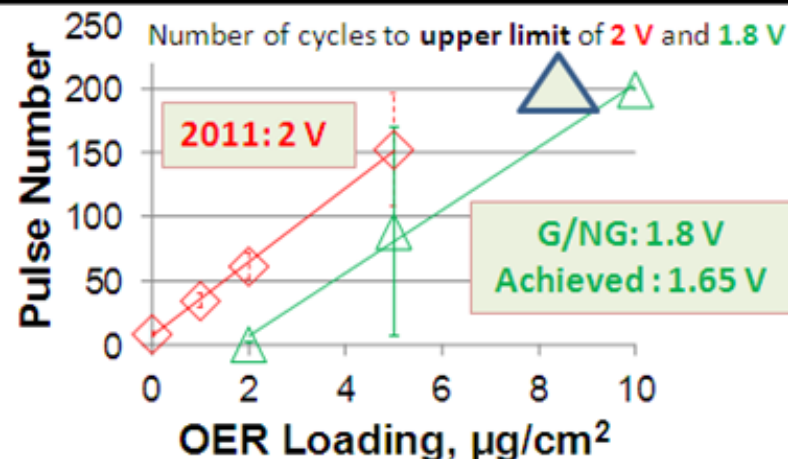
3M catalysts demonstrate durability under startup, shutdown, and cell reversal.

Start up/Shut down: 5,000 cycles; < 90 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ PGM



IrRu-modified cathodes have achieved the SU/SD Go/No Go requirement: 5,000 cycles with end voltage < 1.60 V, ECSA loss < 10% with < 0.09 mg/cm² PGM

Cell Reversal: 200 x 0.2 A/cm² w/ 45 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ PGM

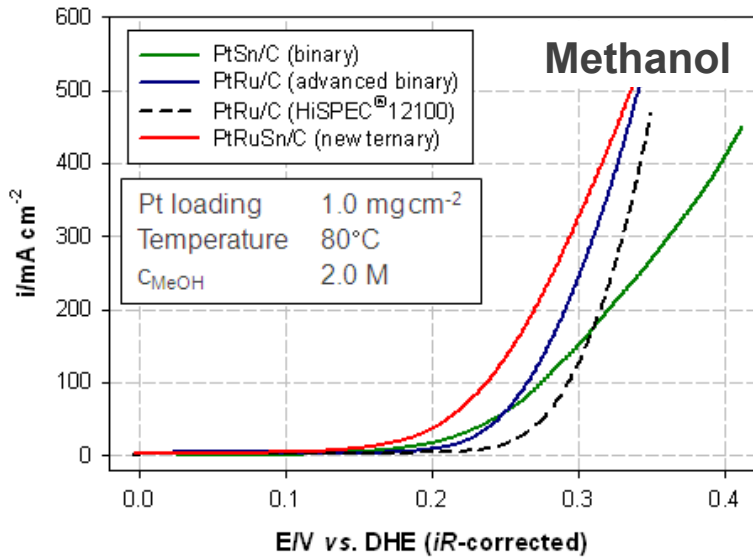


IrRu-modified anodes have achieved the cell reversal Go/No Go requirement: 200 cycles with end voltage < 1.80 V, with < 0.045 mg/cm² PGM

All Go/No-go milestones surpassed at:

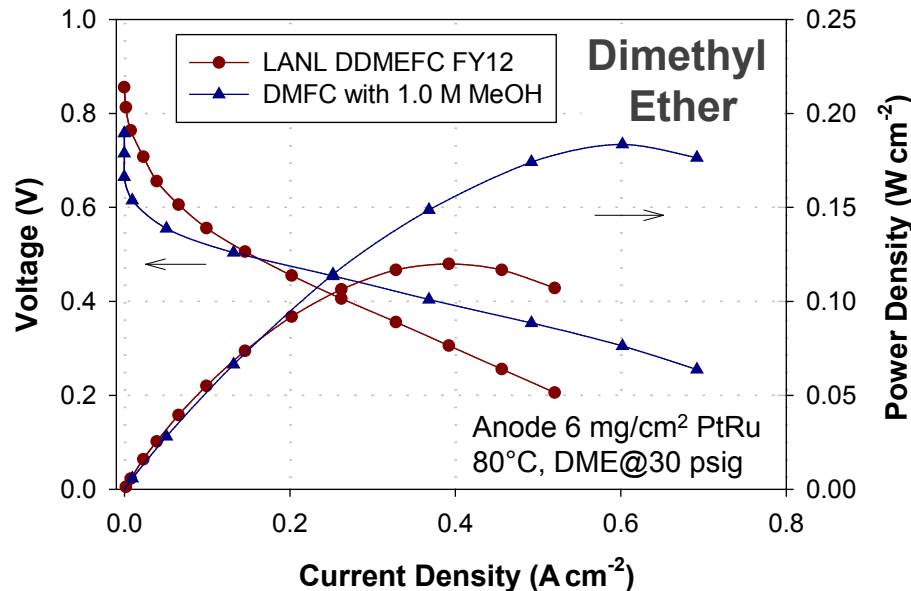
- PGM loading < 0.135 mg/cm² total
- Voltages meet the set goals

High-activity catalysts developed for liquid fuels



- JMFC's ternary PtRuSn/C DMFC catalyst combines advantages of PtSn at low overpotentials and PtRu at high overpotentials
- PtRuSn/C outperforms the best thrifed PtRu/C catalyst

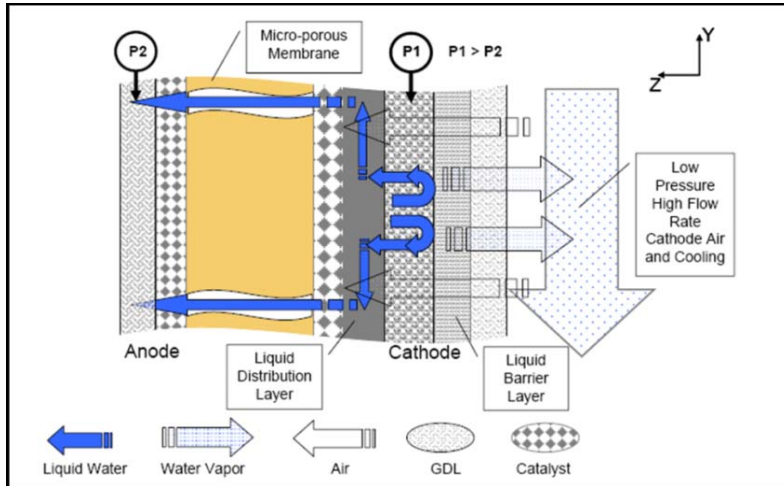
PtRuSn/C methanol mass activity exceeds **500 mA/mg_{Pt}** at 0.35 V, **150% higher than FY12 milestone**



- DME fuel cell outperforms DMFC at low current due to **low DME crossover**

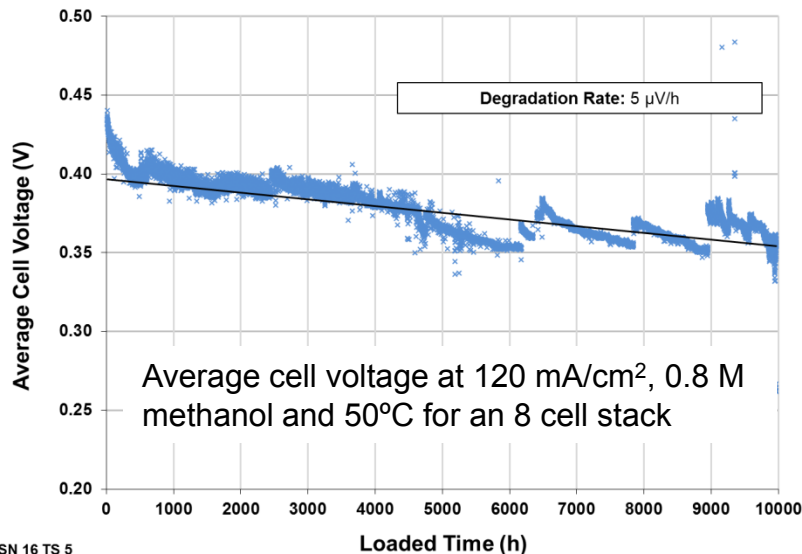
DME fuel cell achieves **150 mA/cm²** at 0.5 V – **60% higher than FY11, 130% higher than best published data**

Passive water recovery DMFC enables BOP reduction.



- **>10,000 hour stack durability demonstrated in steady-state testing**
- **Startup/shutdown durability improvements still needed**

Cathode liquid barrier layer retains water; passive recirculation returns water to anode

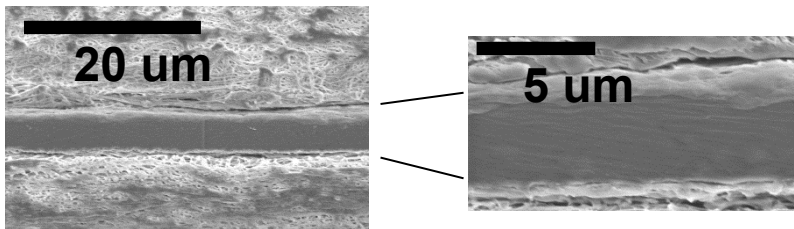


DOE Technical Targets: Portable Power Fuel Cell Systems (10-50 Watts)					
Characteristic	Units	DOE 2011 Status	UNF Status (25 W Net) ¹	2013 Targets	2015 Targets
Specific Power	W/kg	15	26.3	30	45
Power Density	W/l	20	28.0	35	55
Specific Energy	(W-hr)/kg	150	263	430	650
Energy Density	(W-hr)/l	200	280	500	800

1. Values based on 10 hour operation duration.

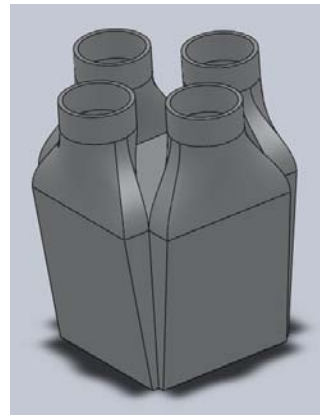
Compact, low-cost humidifier module projected to meet \$100/unit 2017 cost target

High performance, cost-effective humidification membranes developed



Scale-up of these materials is underway.

Flow field, pleat geometry and module design optimization to take advantage of very high transport rate materials, while maintaining low-cost assembly process.



Membrane pocket over plate assembly concept selected

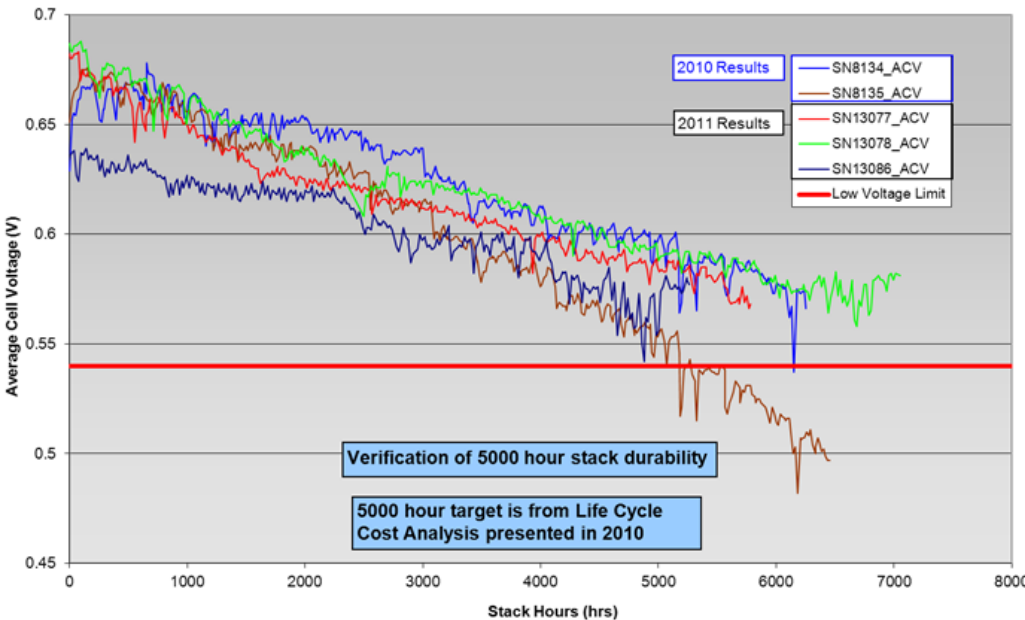


- **Module performance consistent with single cell and *ex situ* testing shows loss of performance of 20-30% over 5500 hours.**
- **Developed understanding of source of durability loss – chemical changes in PFSA**
- **Sub-scale module design complete; sub-scale prototypes built and under test**
- **Final full scale module to be built**

Module cost estimated to be ~\$100 at high volumes.

Progress: Stack technology for material handling

Increased freeze-tolerance and durability for material handling applications



- Air cooled stack technology enabled reduction in projected order picker cost by 57%, life cycle cost by 32%.
- Minimal degradation seen from freeze start-ups from -10 °C
- Substantial operation at -30 °C possible with system mitigation strategies

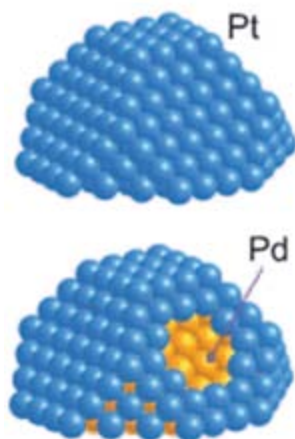
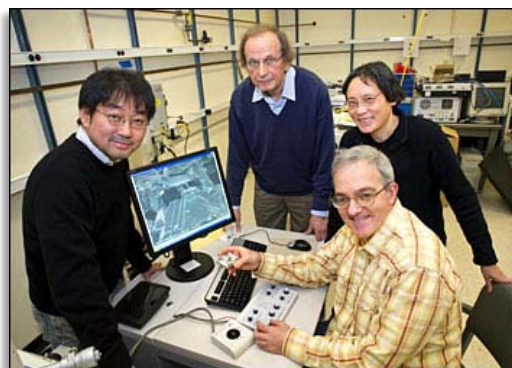


- Next Generation Order Picker based on technology developed in this project, with over 100 units shipped to at least 4 customers in Q4 2011
- Units can operate in a freezer environment; operating range -30°C to +40°C

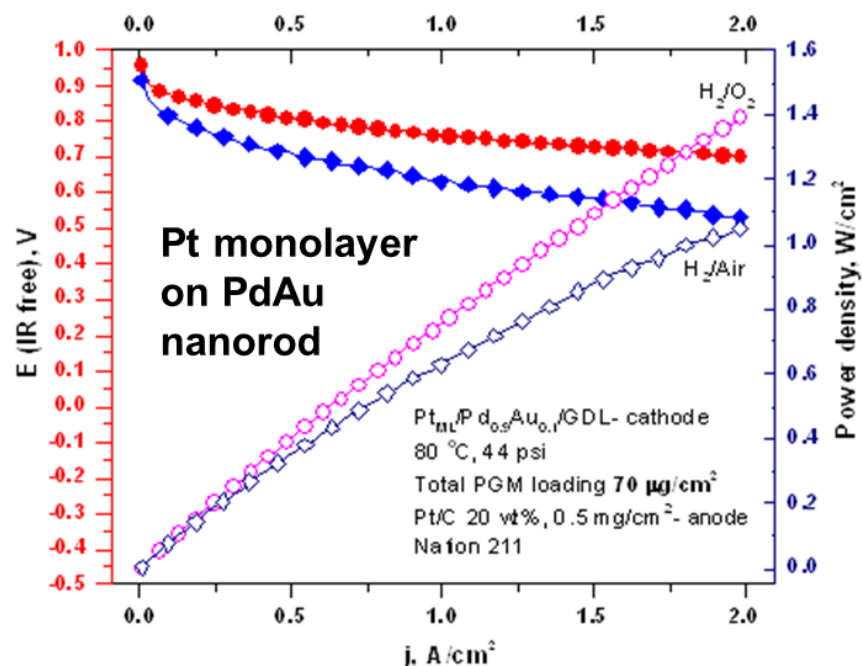


Brookhaven core-shell catalyst technology licensed by leading catalyst manufacturer

- Jan. 3, 2012 – N.E. Chemcat Corporation, a leading catalyst and precious metal compound manufacturer, licensed core-shell electrocatalysts developed by BNL under previous EERE project.
- Includes catalysts with Pd or Pd-alloy cores, Pt shells
- N.E. Chemcat also licensed innovative methods for making the catalysts and an apparatus design used in manufacturing them.

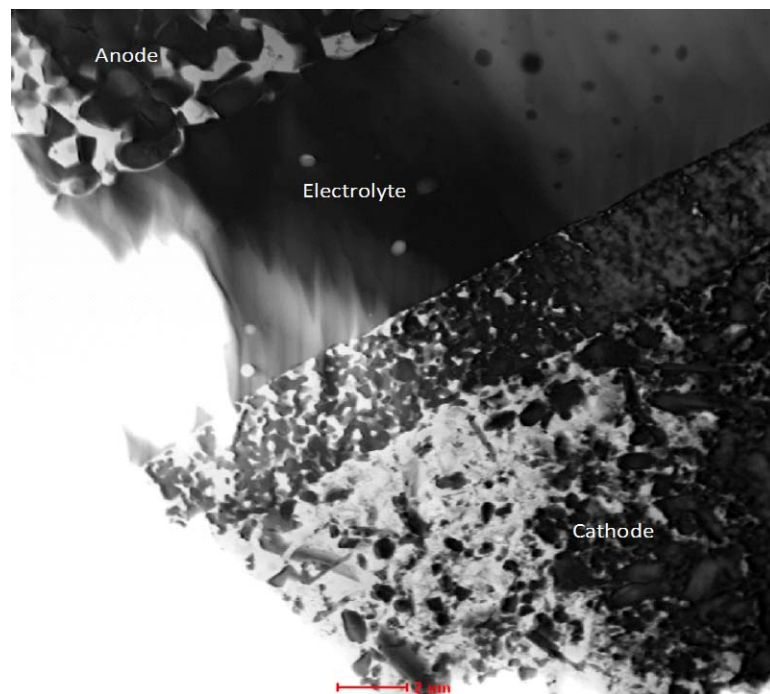


Current BNL project is developing new core-shell structures and improving performance and durability.

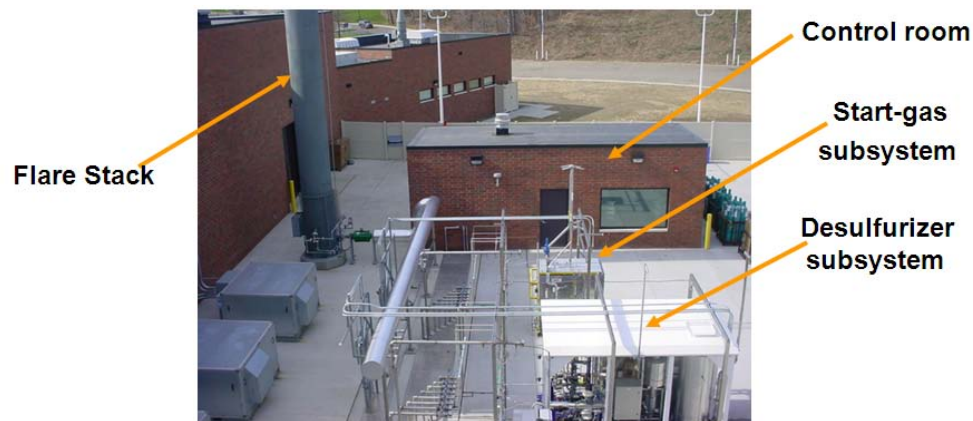


SOFCs developed for distributed generation and energy storage

Demonstrated a kW-scale reversible SOFC stack with daily cycling between fuel cell and electrolysis mode, with SOFC degradation rate of ~1.6% per 1,000 hours



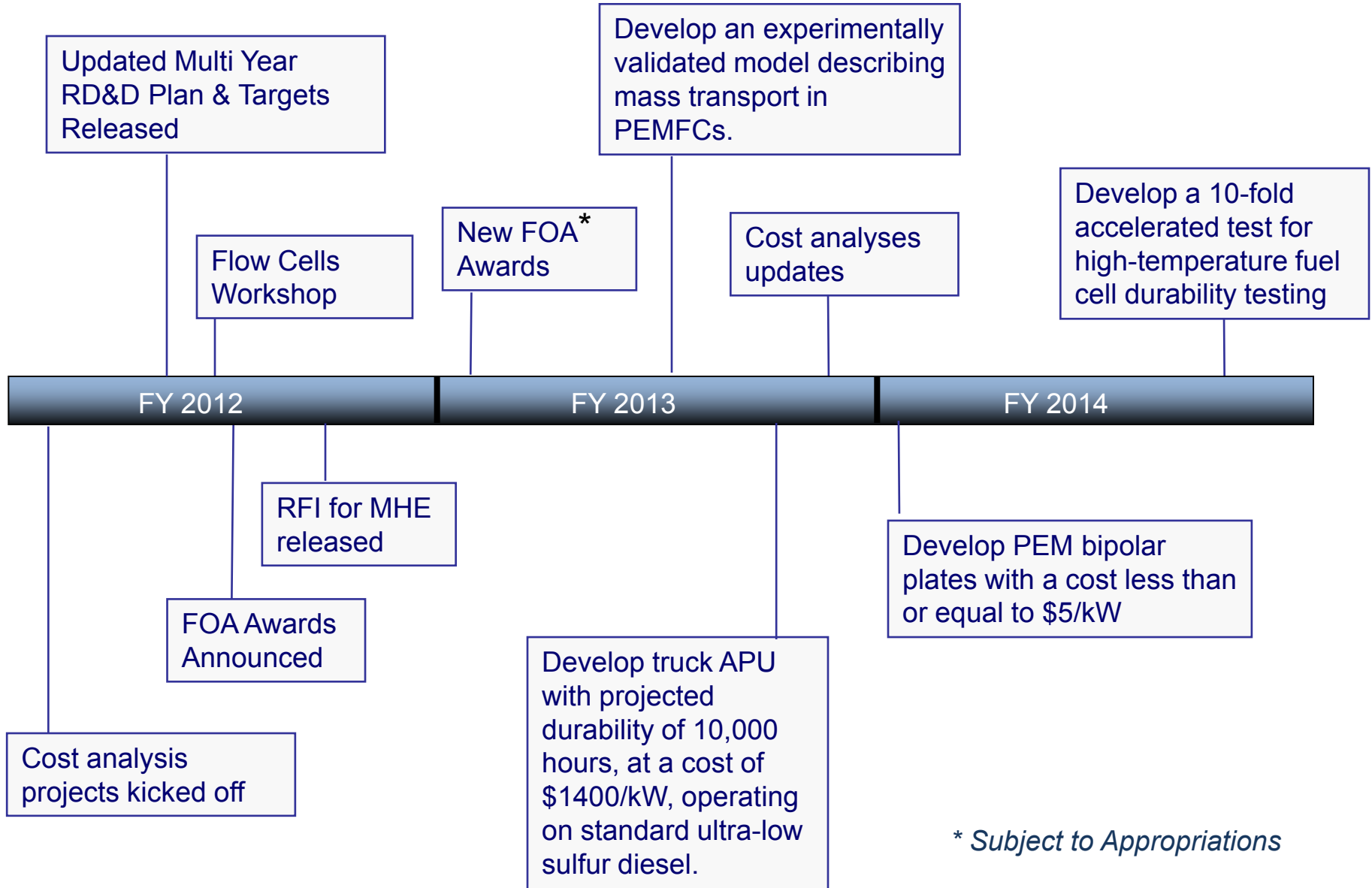
R. Petri et al., Versa Power Systems



Successfully completed 8,000 hrs desulfurizer testing and 1,000 hrs catalytic partial oxidation (CPOX) reformer testing as part of 1 MW SOFC powerplant concept running on pipeline natural gas

M. Perna et al., Rolls Royce Fuel Cell Systems

Key Milestones and Future Plans



* Subject to Appropriations

*5 new projects announced in FY 2011 (cost analysis) and
FY 2012 (R&D) — total award of ~\$10M*

Cost Analysis

Transportation (Strategic Analysis)

- Analyze and estimate the cost of transportation fuel cell systems for use in vehicles including light-duty vehicles and buses

Stationary and Emerging Markets

(Battelle, LBNL)

- Develop total cost models and provide cost assessments for stationary and emerging market fuel cell system technologies

Research & Development

MEA Integration (3M)

- Approach is based upon integration of 3M's state-of-the-art nanostructured thin film catalyst technology platform with other components of the MEA

System BOP (Eaton)

- Develop and demonstrate an efficient and low-cost fuel cell air management system

Commercialization targets have been established for fuel cell buses.

Technical Targets: Fuel Cell Transit Buses Operating on Direct Hydrogen			
Characteristic	Units	2012 Status	Targets
Bus Lifetime	years/miles	5/100,000	12/500,000
Power Plant Lifetime	hours	12,000	25,000
Bus Availability	%	70	90
Fuel Fills	per day	1	1 (< 5 min)
Bus Cost	\$	2,000,000	600,000
Power Plant Cost	\$	700,000	200,000
Hydrogen Storage Cost	\$	100,000	50,000
Road Call Frequency (All/Fuel Cell System)	miles between road calls	2,500/10,000	4,000/20,000
Operation Time	hours per day/ days per week	19/7	20/7
Scheduled and Unscheduled Maintenance Cost	\$/mile	1.24	0.38
Range	miles	300	300
Fuel Economy	miles per gallon diesel equivalent	6.5	8

- Targets were developed through a joint workshop and a joint RFI with the Department of Transportation.
- Status information was supplemented with data from the NREL Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Evaluations.

Preliminary cost, performance, and durability targets for backup power and for class I, II, and III lift trucks proposed; feedback from stakeholders requested.

Preliminary targets based on input from ARRA projects and NREL analysis

Questions and RFI responses may be addressed to MHBPTargets@go.doe.gov



**Request for Information
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

Material Handling and Backup Power Targets for Early Market Fuel Cell Applications
DE-FOA-0000738

Date: 05/10/2012

Subject: Request for Information on performance, durability, and cost targets for fuel cells designed for backup power and material handling applications.

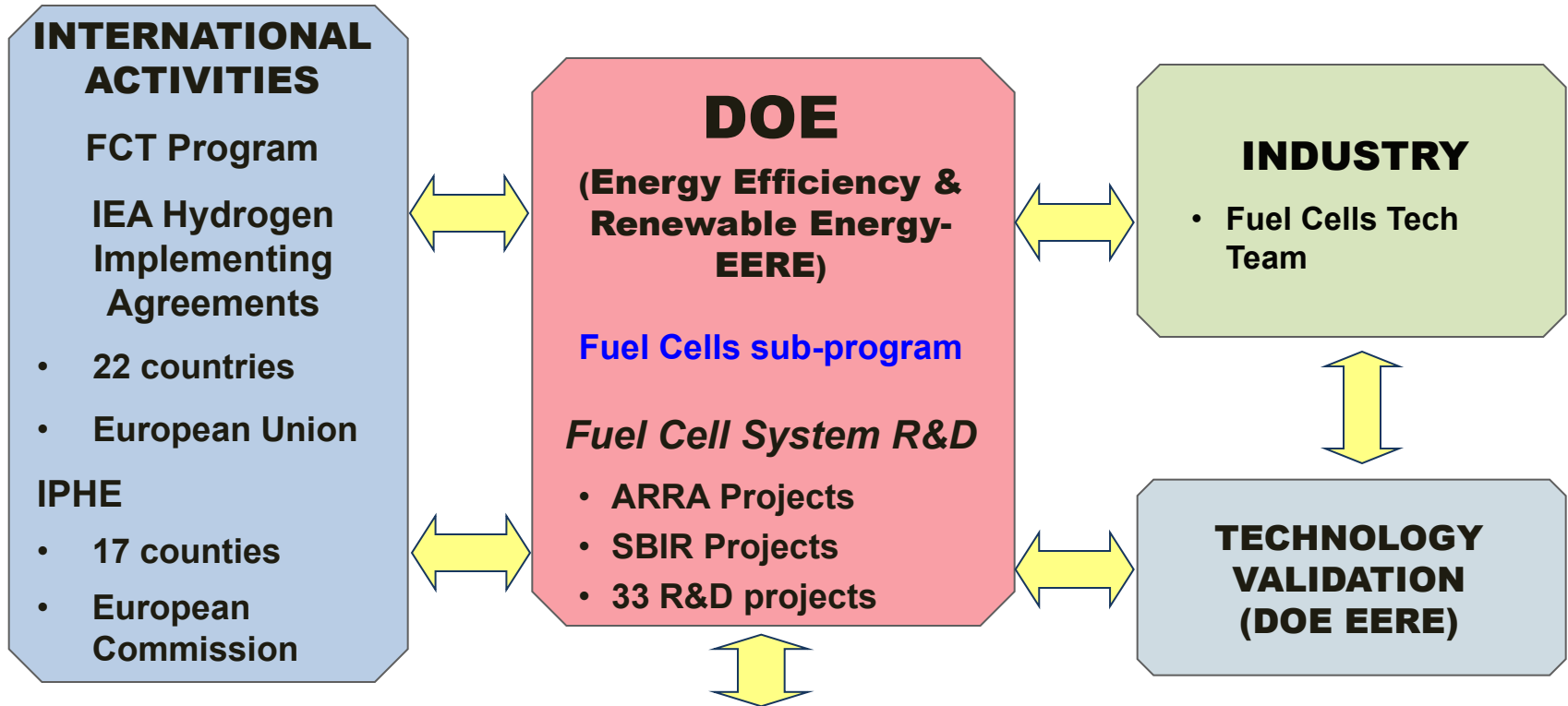
Description: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input from stakeholders on proposed technical and cost targets for fuel cells designed for backup power and material handling applications. This RFI is not and will not lead directly to a Funding Opportunity Announcement; therefore the DOE is not accepting applications at this time.

Program Manager / Area: Dr. Sunita Satyapal, Program Manager / Fuel Cell Technologies (FCT) Program; Dr. Dimitrios Papageorgopoulos, Team Lead / Fuel Cells Subprogram

Background: The DOE FCT Program, in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), seeks to advance the development and deployment of fuel cells for power generation in a variety of applications. In support of this goal, EERE funds a broad range of fuel cell research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) activities. A detailed description of the program, including technical and cost targets, can be found in the 2011 update of the Multi-Year Research, Development and Demonstration Plan at:

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/mypp/pdfs/fuel_cells.pdf

Material handling equipment, including lift trucks and other industrial trucks, represents a major early market opportunity for fuel cells. Fuel cell lift trucks offer better performance, more streamlined operation, lower infrastructure requirements, higher productivity, and lower lifecycle cost than the incumbent lead acid battery lift truck technology. Driven by these advantages, significant progress in fuel cell lift truck commercialization has already been achieved, especially in the most demanding applications with the highest productivity requirements. More than 690 fuel cell lift trucks have been deployed through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Market Transformation (MT) activities, which has led to substantial private investment in the technology, with more than 3,400 lift trucks now ordered or deployed without DOE support. According to National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) analysis, fuel cell material handling equipment has logged more than one million operating hours to date.



National Collaboration (*inter- and intra-agency efforts*)

DOE – Basic Energy Sciences
~30 Projects

NSF
New projects in basic science

NIST
• Neutron imaging facility

DOT
Bus Applications

Fossil Energy
• Solid Oxide Fuel Cells

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