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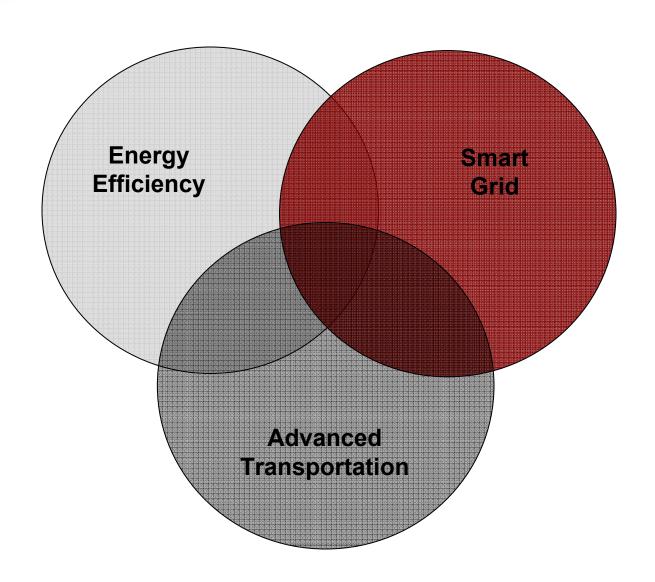


## Technology Assessment

- ▶ Is it technically feasible?
- Does it work in real applications?
- Can it work with other technologies?
- Does it have value to utilities or consumers?
- Does it demonstrate advanced services and products?



## Cross section of needs





## Energy Efficiency/Demand Response

- Measures that can be affected by real-time communications (prices and reliability)
- Direct load control (HVAC, water heating, etc.)
- Smart load control in response to price signals
- Distributed generation (solar, fuel cells, CHP)
- Curtailable load for manufacturing
- Energy storage (thermal and electric)



### Smart Grid

- ▶ End-to-end real-time communications
- Prices to devices
- Open architecture; standard protocols
- Plug and play connectivity
- Self diagnostics and self healing
- ► AMI



## Advanced Transportation

- Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs)
- Charging station monitoring and control
- Carbon impacts
- Grid connectivity with communications
- Multiple platforms (passenger, light-duty and heavy duty)



## Variable Speed Pool Pumps

- Estimated savings from converting pumps for approximately 5,000,000 in-ground pools to variable speed.
  - National
    - 8,434 MW peak demand
    - 9,466 GWh annually
  - Per Unit
    - □ 1.54 kW<sup>1</sup>
    - 2,000 kWh annually<sup>1</sup>
  - > 1.9 million tons of coal avoided annually<sup>2</sup>
  - > 7.2 million tons of CO<sup>2</sup> avoided annually<sup>2</sup>





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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated by utility using DEER methodology

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated using national average fuel mix 62% coal



## ▶ Incentive Programs

- Variable speed pool pump incentive programs
  - > SCE\*
  - > PG&E\*
  - > SDG&E
  - > Various CA Municipalities
  - > Austin Energy
  - > Nevada Power\*
    - \* Offer third-party outsourced programs













## Hybrid Plug-In Electric School Buses

#### ▶ Facts

- > Initiated by Advanced Energy in 2002
- > The most viable plug-in platform to commercialize at the time
- > Available for purchase today
- > Built by International Corporation
- > Lifecycle savings expected in full production volumes
- > U.S. EPA helped many districts with Clean School Bus USA funds





## Nationwide plug-in deployment

#### **Delivered**

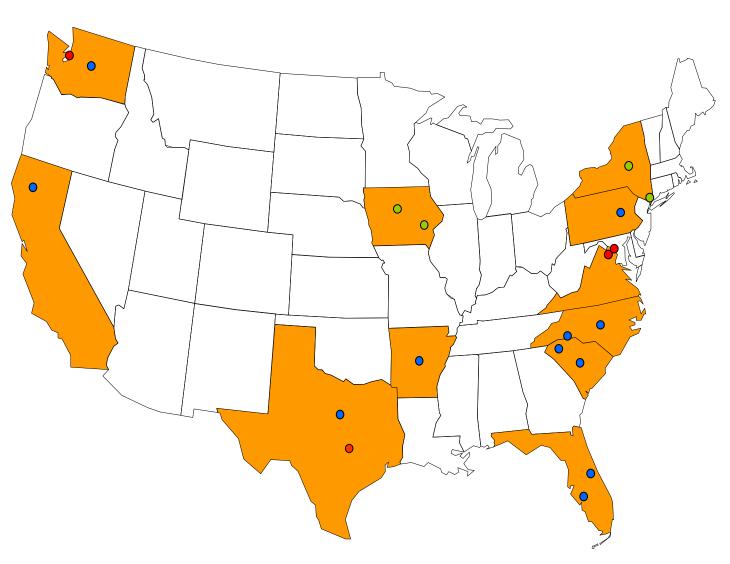
- Arkansas (1)
- California (1)
- Florida (2)
- North Carolina (2)
- Pennsylvania (1)
- ▶ South Carolina (2)
- Texas (1)
- Washington (1)

#### Funded / Ordered

- ▶ lowa (2)
- ► New York (2)

#### **Pending**

- Texas (1)
- Virginia (1)
- Washington (1)
- Washington DC (1)





## Hybrid Plug-In Electric School Buses

- ▶ 50-100% estimated improvement in fuel economy
- ~30% carbon reduction when recharged with normal power generation





## Solar Energy – MegaWatt Solar

- Concentrating
- Two axis tracking
- Based in Hillsborough, N.C.
- Motto
  - > "Solar without subsidies"
- Production costs significantly lower than existing solar
- 3.5 kW test unit operating



## Current "Plate & Frame" Technology Fuel Cell Stack





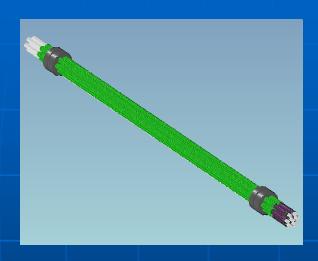
## How is Microcell's fuel cell different?



## Technology – Microcell Assembly



- 1-1.5 Watts per cell
- Mass produced on high speed extrusion line



- Replaceable Unicell (10-15W)
- Fuel, air and thermal management incorporated
- Inserted into module and sealed
- About the size of a pencil



- Building block for larger systems (25 or 50kW)
- Currently 1-2kW module is 4" in diameter and contains 120 Unicells
- Separate chambers to feed fuel, air and coolant
- End caps contain "quick connect" electrical connections



## Significant Competitive Advantages

Lower/ Product/on Cost

- Continuous automated extrusion process
- Derived from raw materials compared to purchasing components
- Elimination of expensive bipolar flow field plates
- Reduced auxiliary and control equipment requirements; no humidification equipment
- Simplified design and fabrication processes = lower labor costs

High Power Density

- Simplified design and no humidification system = compact and lightweight
- Cylindrical shape provides the ideal fibrous geometry, resulting in the highest possible surface area / volume ratio
- Power density results exceed 1kW/L

Ease of Repair, Serviceability

- Individual Microcell cores are inserted into a fuel cell module
- Individual cores can be replaced without replacing the entire module

High Thermal Efficiency

- Heat removal occurs from every inch of every single cell
- Design allows for optimal heat removal to reduce cell degradation

Quick Start Operation

- Metallic current collectors heat up much faster than graphite plates
- Reach operating temperature quickly; essential for operating effectively in cold weather conditions





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