



# Fuel Cell Technologies Program Overview

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# The Administration's Clean Energy Goals



- ✓ Double Renewable
  Energy Capacity by
  2012
- Invest \$150 billion over ten years in energy R&D to transition to a clean energy economy
- ✓ Reduce GHG emissions 83% by 2050



# Fuel Cells Address Our Key Energy Challenges

#### **Increasing Energy Efficiency and Resource Diversity**

 $\rightarrow$  Fuel cells offer a highly efficient way to use diverse fuels and energy sources. Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollution:

→ Fuel cells can be powered by emissions-free fuels that are produced from clean, domestic resources.



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# State of the Industry: Where are we today?



#### Fuel Cells for Stationary Power, Auxiliary Power, and Specialty Vehicles

The largest markets for fuel cells today are in stationary power, portable power, auxiliary power units, and forklifts.

~75,000 fuel cells have been shipped worldwide.

~*24,000* fuel cells were shipped in 2009 (> 40% increase over 2008).

Fuel cells can be a cost-competitive option for critical-load facilities, backup power, and forklifts.





# Production & Delivery of Hydrogen

In the U.S., there is currently:

- 2,296 kg-H<sub>2</sub>/day installed electrolyzer capacity
- 4,772 kg-H<sub>2</sub>/day installed SMR capacity



## Fuel Cells for Transportation

In the U.S., there are currently:

- > 150 fuel cell vehicles
- ~ 15 active fuel cell buses
- > 50 fueling stations

Sept. 2009: Auto manufacturers from around the world signed a letter of understanding supporting fuel cell vehicles in anticipation of widespread commercialization, beginning in 2015.











# State of the Industry: Growing Markets and Capacity

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The hydrogen and fuel cell industry is growing steadily, serving key near-term markets.









# Key Challenges



The Program has been addressing the key challenges facing the widespread commercialization of fuel cells.

# Fuel Cell Cost & Durability

Targets\*:

Stationary Systems: \$750 per kW, 40,000-hr durability Vehicles: \$30 per kW, 5,000-hr durability

# Hydrogen Cost

Proposed target: ±\$6/gge (dispensed and untaxed)

# Hydrogen Storage Capacity

Target: > 300-mile range for vehicles—without compromising interior space or performance

#### Technology Validation:

Technologies must be demonstrated under real-world conditions.

#### Market Transformation

Assisting the growth of early markets will help to overcome many barriers, including achieving significant cost reductions through economies of scale.



echnolog) Barriers<sup>\*</sup>

Safety, Codes & Standards Development

**Domestic Manufacturing & Supplier Base** 

Public Awareness & Acceptance

Hydrogen Supply & Delivery Infrastructure

\*Metrics available/under development for various applications

# Funding History for Fuel Cells

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# Funding for Fuel Cells and Hydrogen DOE FY11 Budget Request

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# Total Requested Funding: ~\$256 Million



# Hydrogen Cost Target Revision Reasons

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Previous target was set in 2005 with a target of  $2-3 / kg-H_2$  (dispensed) by 2015. The new cost target accounts for adv. technologies & new EIA gasoline price projections

## Reasons for Cost Target Update

- •The current target is - \$3 / kg H<sub>2</sub> (dispensed, untaxed) by 2015
- •The gasoline cost and reference vehicle have changed from original cost target derivation
  - EIA projections of gasoline price increased from \$1.29/gal in 2015 to \$4.57/gal (2007\$) in 2020
  - New baseline technology instead of gasoline ICEs
  - FCEVs will be compared to
    HEVs and PHEV-10

	Current Case	Proposed Case					
Reference Yr	2015	2020					
EIA AEO source vr./ case	2005/Hi Oil Case	2009/Hi Oil Case					
Comparative vehicles	Gasoline ICE/HEV	Gasoline HEV/PHEV 10					
Gasonne Cost (untaxed), \$/gal.	\$1.30/gai	\$4.57/gai					
Reference year dollars	2005	2007					
H <sub>2</sub> FCEV to ICE fuel economy ratio	2.40	Notused					
H <sub>2</sub> FCEV to gasoline HEV fuel economy ratio	1.67	1.41					
H <sub>2</sub> FCEV to PHEV 10 fuel economy ratio	Notapplicable	Simple ratio not applicable					
H <sub>2</sub> cost target, \$/gge	\$2.00-\$3.00/gge	± \$6.00/gge					



# Hydrogen Cost Target Revision Methodology



The fuel cost per mile for a hydrogen vehicle is set equivalent to the cost of competing vehicles using the following methodology

#### H<sub>2</sub> FCV to Gasoline HEV:



#### H<sub>2</sub> FCV to Gasoline PHEV 10:



Technologies compared on a \$ / mile basis

# Hydrogen Cost Target Revision Fuel Costs of Competing Technologies



New Hydrogen Cost Target is recommended to be ±\$6.00/gge or \$0.10/mile (untaxed, \$2007)

Hydrogen costs that are equivalent to competitive technologies were calculated by multiplying competing technologies' fuel cost per mile by the hydrogen FCEV's projected fuel economy (59 mile / gge)



AEO 2009 High Energy Price projections for 2020 were used for this analysis. Gasoline is \$5.04/gal with U.S. average gasoline fuel taxes - \$4.57 without. The projected residential electricity rate is \$0.1152 / kWh. (both in 2007\$). Fuel economies were provided by VTP based on PSAT model runs (details in appendix).



# Hydrogen Cost Target Revision Status vs. Targets



Revising the hydrogen cost target will result in an assessment of Hydrogen Production and Delivery R&D priorities. Projections of high-volume / n<sup>th</sup> plant production and delivery of hydrogen meet the targets for most technologies.



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# Fuel Cell R&D 2010 Progress & Accomplishments



# We've reduced the cost of fuel cells to \$61/kW<sup>\*</sup>

- More than 35% reduction in the last two years
- More than 75% reduction since 2002
- 2008 cost projection was validated by independent panel<sup>\*\*</sup>
- As stack costs are reduced, balance-of-plant components are responsible for a larger % of costs.

\*Based on projection to high-volume manufacturing (500,000 units/year).

\*\*Panel found \$60 – \$80/kW to be a "valid estimate": <u>http://hydrogendoedev.nrel.gov/peer\_reviews.html</u>



Cost as a Function of Manufacturing Volume



#### Annual Production Rate based on 2009 Projection (systems/year)

# Fuel Cell R&D 2010 Progress & Accomplishments



Progress has been made in many components and systems

## **Advances in SOFC Technology**

 Acumentrics demonstrated 24% increase in SOFC power density, enabling 33% reduction in stack volume and 15% reduction in stack weight

-Low degradation rate of 0.86% / 1000 hours during 1500 hours of testing

## **Advances in Non-PGM Catalysts**

 Non-PGM catalysts by LANL improved fuel cell performance by more than 100x since 2008, exceeding DOE 2010 target of 130 A / cm<sup>3</sup> at 0.80 V





#### SOFC Performance Progress

# Hydrogen Production R&D 2010 Progress & Accomplishments



The key objective is to reduce cost of  $H_2$  (delivered, dispensed & untaxed)

#### **Electrolysis**

 > 20% reduction cost of electrolyzer cell via a 55% reduction in catalyst loading from new process techniques (Proton Energy)



#### <u>Algae</u>

Continuous fermentative / photobiological  $H_2$  production of potato waste achieved a maximum molar yield of 5.6  $H_2$  / glucose (NREL)



# H<sub>2</sub> Delivery R&D 2010 Progress & Accomplishments





# **RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Testing demonstrated Cryopump flow rates up to 2 kg / min exceeding targets (BMW, Linde, LLNL)
  - Provides lowest cost compression option for a station and meets the challenges of sequential vehicle refueling
  - Demonstrated manufacturability and scalability of glass fiber wrapped tanks through sequential prototypes (3 to 24 to 144 inches in length) (LLNL)
  - Completed design criteria and specifications for centrifugal compression of hydrogen which are projected to meet or exceed DOE targets. Compressor designed using off-the-shelf parts is in testing (Concepts NREC)

# H<sub>2</sub> Storage 2010 Progress & Accomplishments



In just *five years* of accelerated investment, DOE has made significant progress in near- and long-term approaches.

# **RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Centers of Excellence
  - Developed "one-pot" hydrazine method to regenerate spent material from ammoniaborane (H<sub>3</sub>NBH<sub>3</sub>) dehydrogenation (CHSCoE)
  - Demonstrated 2 methods to rehydrogenate alane (AIH<sub>3</sub>) under mild conditions (MHCoE)
  - Confirmed experimentally that boron-doped carbon has increased hydrogen binding energies (HSCoE)
- Systems Analysis
  - Finalized performance and cost projections for 350 & 700 bar compressed storage
  - Completed preliminary analysis of MOF-177 sorbent-based material system
  - Completed preliminary analysis of a cryocompressed system with potential to meet 2015 targets

Gravimetric and volumetric capacities continue to show year-to-year improvements



# Manufacturing R&D 2010 Progress & Accomplishments



## **RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Developed process model for controlling GDL coating conditions (Ballard)
- Significant improvement in quality yields and GDL cost reduction estimated at 53% to-date
- Manufacturing of Low-Cost, Durable MEAs Engineered for Rapid Conditioning (GORE)
- Cost model results indicate that a new three layer MEA process has potential to reduce MEA cost by 25%
- Adaptive process controls and ultrasonics for high temp PEM MEA manufacturing allows for more than 95% energy savings during the sealing process (RPI)
- Developed an innovative online XRF for high-speed, low-cost fabrication of gas diffusion electrodes (BASF)



#### Cost Reduction of Gas Diffusion Layer



This is the first time a scanning XRF has been used on GDEs – BASF

# **Technology Validation** 2010 Vehicles Progress & Accomplishments



Demonstrations are essential for validating the performance of technologies in integrated systems, under real-world conditions.

# **RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### Vehicles & Infrastructure

- Fuel cell durability
- 2,500 hours projected (nearly 75K miles)
- Over 2.5 million miles traveled
- Over 106,000 total vehicle hours driven
- Fuel cell efficiency 53-59%
- Vehicle Range: ~196 254 miles
- Over 150,000 kg- H<sub>2</sub> produced or dispensed<sup>\*</sup>
- 144 fuel cell vehicles and 23 hydrogen fueling stations have reported data to the project

#### <u>Buses</u>

- DOE is evaluating real-world bus fleet data (DOD & DOT collaboration)
- H<sub>2</sub> fuel cell buses have a range of 39% to 141% better fuel economy when compared to diesel and CNG buses

#### Forklifts

• ~100 Forklifts at Defense Logistics Agency site have completed more than 10,000 refuelings

#### Recovery Act

 NREL is collecting operating data from deployments for an industry-wide report







# Education and Safety, Codes, & Standards 2010 Progress & Accomplishments

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## Safety & Code Officials

 Trained >90 first responders in 3 advanced-level first responder training courses in 18 states and deployed an Intro to Hydrogen web course for code officials

### Schools & Universities

 Working with 5 universities to finalize & teach over 25 university courses and curriculum modules specializing in H<sub>2</sub> and fuel cells

### • End Users

 Provided day-long educational seminars to lift truck users, including hands-on forklift demos and real-world deployment data

#### State & Local Governments

 Conducted >19 workshops and seminars across the country to educate decision-makers on fuel cell deployments

#### • CNG H<sub>2</sub> Fuels Workshop

 Brazil, Canada, China, India and U.S. identified critical gaps and lessons learned from CNG vehicles.

#### • H<sub>2</sub> Fuel Quality Specification

 Technical Specification published and harmonized with SAE J2719

#### • Separation Distances

 Incorporated Quantitative Risk Assessment for separation distances into codes (NFPA2)

#### Materials & Components Compatibility

- Completed testing to enable deployment of 100 MPa stationary storage tanks
- Forklift tank lifecycle testing program underway to support the development of CSA HPIT1

# Early Market Deployments Interagency Collaboration



The Program is facilitating the adoption of fuel cells across government and industry.

## **RECENT DEPLOYMENTS**

Warner-Robins, GA -20 forkliftsNew Cumberland, PA -40 forkliftsFort Louis, WA -19 forkliftsLos Alamitos, CA -PAFC 200

20 forklifts - 40 forklifts 19 forklifts PAFC 200kW Prime Power Fuel Cell

NREL -

1 Ford H<sub>2</sub> Bus

# **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

#### Hawaii Installation

PEM electrolyzer produces  $65kg-H_2$  / day from Geothermal-Wind power to fuel two H<sub>2</sub> buses

### South Carolina Landfill Gas

Landfill gas reformation generates H<sub>2</sub> that powers onsite material handling equipment

#### Ford H<sub>2</sub> Bus Deployments

Six to go to DOD / DLA sites & five to National Labs

#### **CERL Backup Power**

More than 250 kW of emergency backup fuel cell power at 14 federal facilities across the DOD, DOE, NASA, GSA, and the National Park Service





# Recovery Act Funding for Fuel Cells



DOE announced more than \$40 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund 12 projects, which will deploy up to 1,000 fuel cells — to help achieve near term impact and create jobs in fuel cell manufacturing, installation, maintenance & support service sectors.

#### FROM the LABORATORY to DEPLOYMENT: DOE funding has supported R&D by all of the fuel cell suppliers involved in these projects. Auxiliary Residential Power and Small Commercial CHP \$2.4M \$3.4M Portable Power Backup Power \$5.5M \$20.7M Specialty Vehicles \$9.7M

Approximately \$51 million in cost-share funding from industry participants—for a total of about \$93 million.

COMPANY	AWARD	APPLICATION
Delphi Automotive	\$2.4 M	Auxiliary Power
FedEx Freight East	\$1.3 M	Specialty Vehicle
GENCO	\$6.1 M	Specialty Vehicle
Jadoo Power	\$2.2 M	Backup Power
MTI MicroFuel Cells	\$3.0 M	Portable
Nuvera Fuel Cells	\$1.1 M	Specialty Vehicle
Plug Power, Inc. (1)	\$3.4 M	СНР
Plug Power, Inc. (2)	\$2.7 M	Backup Power
Univ. of N. Florida	\$2.5 M	Portable
ReliOn Inc.	\$8.5 M	Backup Power
Sprint Comm.	\$7.3 M	Backup Power
Sysco of Houston	\$1.2 M	Specialty Vehicle

# **Recovery Act Fuel Cell Units in Operation**



ARRA established the advanced energy manufacturing tax credit to encourage the development of a US-based renewable energy manufacturing sector.

ARRA authorizes the Department of the Treasury to issue \$2.3 billion of credits under the program.

The investment tax credit is equal to 30 percent of the qualified investment that establishes, re-equips, or expands a manufacturing facility.

#### The specified review criteria included:

- Greatest domestic job creation (direct and indirect)
- Greatest net impact in avoiding or reducing air pollutants or emissions of greenhouse gases; lowest levelized cost of energy
- Greatest potential for technological innovation and commercial deployment
- Shortest project time from certification to completion

#### Results

- 160 applications out of over 500 were selected
- 2 fuel cell manufacturers were selected (very few fuels cell applications were submitted)
- New legislation being proposed to extend the program adding an additional \$5 billion in new tax credits

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# Systems Analysis



We are assessing the costs and benefits of various technology pathways and identifying key technological gaps, by conducting:

Life-cycle analysis, Emissions analysis, Environmental analysis, Systems integration analysis

#### Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are being introduced in the U.S. over the next 5 years



#### Industry Survey Results<sup>\*</sup> from the CA Fuel Cell Partnership

	Phase 1 (hundreds) 2011	Phase 2 (thousands) 2012-14	Phase 3 (tens of thousands) 2015-17					
Pass. vehicles	710	4,300	49,600					
Buses	15	20-60	150					

# Assessing Novel Pathways for H<sub>2</sub> Production



In cases where there is a low demand for hydrogen in early years of fuel cell vehicle deployment, CHHP may have cost advantages over on-site SMR production.

# Assessing the Program Independent Assessments of R&D Progress



NREL convened independent experts to provide rigorous, unbiased analyses for the technology status, expected costs and benefits, and effectiveness of the Program.

## 2009 Independent Assessment of Electrolysis Cost

- Delivered H<sub>2</sub> costs:
  - ~\$4.90 \$5.70/gge from distributed electrolysis
  - ~\$2.70 \$3.50/gge from centralized electrolysis
- Electrolysis conversion efficiency is 67% (just below the DOE 2014 target of 69%)
- Distributed electrolyzer capital cost is expected to fall to \$380/kW by 2015 (vs. DOE target of \$400/kW)
- Centralized electrolyzer capital cost is expected to fall to \$460/kW by 2015 (vs. DOE target of \$350/kW)

# 2010 Independent Assessment of Stationary Fuel Cell Status & Targets

•Confident that by 2015, LT-PEM & HT-PEM can achieve 40,000h to 60,000h, respectively

•45% electrical efficiency for 1-10kW systems is feasible for HT-PEM, but depends on improved catalysts and higher operating temps for LT-PEM

•SOFC systems are likely to achieve DOE targets for electrical and CHP efficiencies. 90% CHP efficiency is likely to be attainable by SOFC systems

•Confident that by 2020, LT-PEM & HT-PEM can achieve \$450-\$750/kW, while SOFC can achieve \$1000-2000/kW

Independent Review of Hydrogen Production Cost Estimate Using Biomass Gasification Expected in Late 2010

#### National Research Council of the National Academies

3<sup>rd</sup> Review of the FreedomCAR and Fuel Partnership

# Assessing the Program Commercialized Technologies



<u>Close to 30</u> hydrogen and fuel cell technologies developed by the Program entered the market.

# **Accelerating Commercialization**



143 PATENTS resulting from EERE-funded R&D:

- 73 fuel cell
- 49 H<sub>2</sub> production
  and delivery
- 21 H<sub>2</sub> storage

50% are actively used in:1) Commercial products2) Emerging technologies3) Research

Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/pdfs/pathways success hfcit.pdf

# Federal Interagency Coordination

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## **U.S. PARTNERSHIPS**

- FreedomCAR & Fuel Partnership: Ford, GM, Chrysler, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Shell, Southern California Edison, DTE Energy
- **Hydrogen Utility Group:** Xcel Energy, Sempra, DTE, Entergy, New York Power Authority, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Nebraska Public Power Authority, Southern Cal Edison, Arizona Public Service Company, Southern Company, Connexus Energy, etc.
- **State/Local Governments:** California Fuel Cell Partnership, California Stationary Fuel Cell Collaborative, co-coordinators of Bi-Monthly Informational Call Series for State and Regional Initiatives with the National Hydrogen Association and the Clean Energy Alliance
- Industry Associations: US Fuel Cell Council, National Hydrogen Association
- Federal Interagency Partnerships: Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Interagency Task Force and Working Group, Interagency Working Group on Manufacturing, Community of Interest on Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Manufacturing

# **INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**



International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy— A partnership among 16 countries and the European Commission



#### International Energy Agency — Implementing Agreements

- Hydrogen Implementing Agreement 21 countries and the European Commission
- Advanced Fuel Cells Implementing Agreement 19 countries

# For More Information ...



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#### **Fuel Cell Program Plan**

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Outlines a plan for fuel cell activities in the Department of Energy

- → Replacement for current Hydrogen Posture Plan
- → To be released in 2010

#### **Annual Merit Review Proceedings**

Includes downloadable versions of all presentations at the Annual Merit Review → Latest edition released June 2009

www.hydrogen.energy.gov/annual\_review09\_proceedings.html

#### **Annual Merit Review & Peer Evaluation Report**

Summarizes the comments of the Peer Review Panel at the Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting

→ Latest edition released October 2009

www.hydrogen.energy.gov/annual\_review08\_report.html

#### **Annual Progress Report**

Summarizes activities and accomplishments within the Program over the preceding year, with reports on individual projects

→ Latest edition published November 2009

www.hydrogen.energy.gov/annual\_progress.html

Next Annual Review: May 7 – 13, 2011 Washington, D.C.

<u> http://annualmeritreview.energy.gov/</u>

#### Hydrogen Posture Plan An Integrated Research, Development

and Demonstration Plan





# Thank you



NREL has collected data for DOE and FTA on 8 FCBs in service at 4 sites:

AC Transit SunLine CTTRANSIT VTA

Traveled:

~ 368,000 miles

Dispensed: 72,931 kg H<sub>2</sub>

NREL Hydrogen Bus Evaluations for DOE and FTA																						
Site/Location	State	Eval.	1	20	009	4	1	20	010	4	1	20	011	4	1	20	012	4				
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# Fuel economy results: 39% to 141% better than diesel and CNG buses

#### www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj\_tech\_validation.html

Estimate of data collection/evaluation - schedule subject to change based on progress of each project