

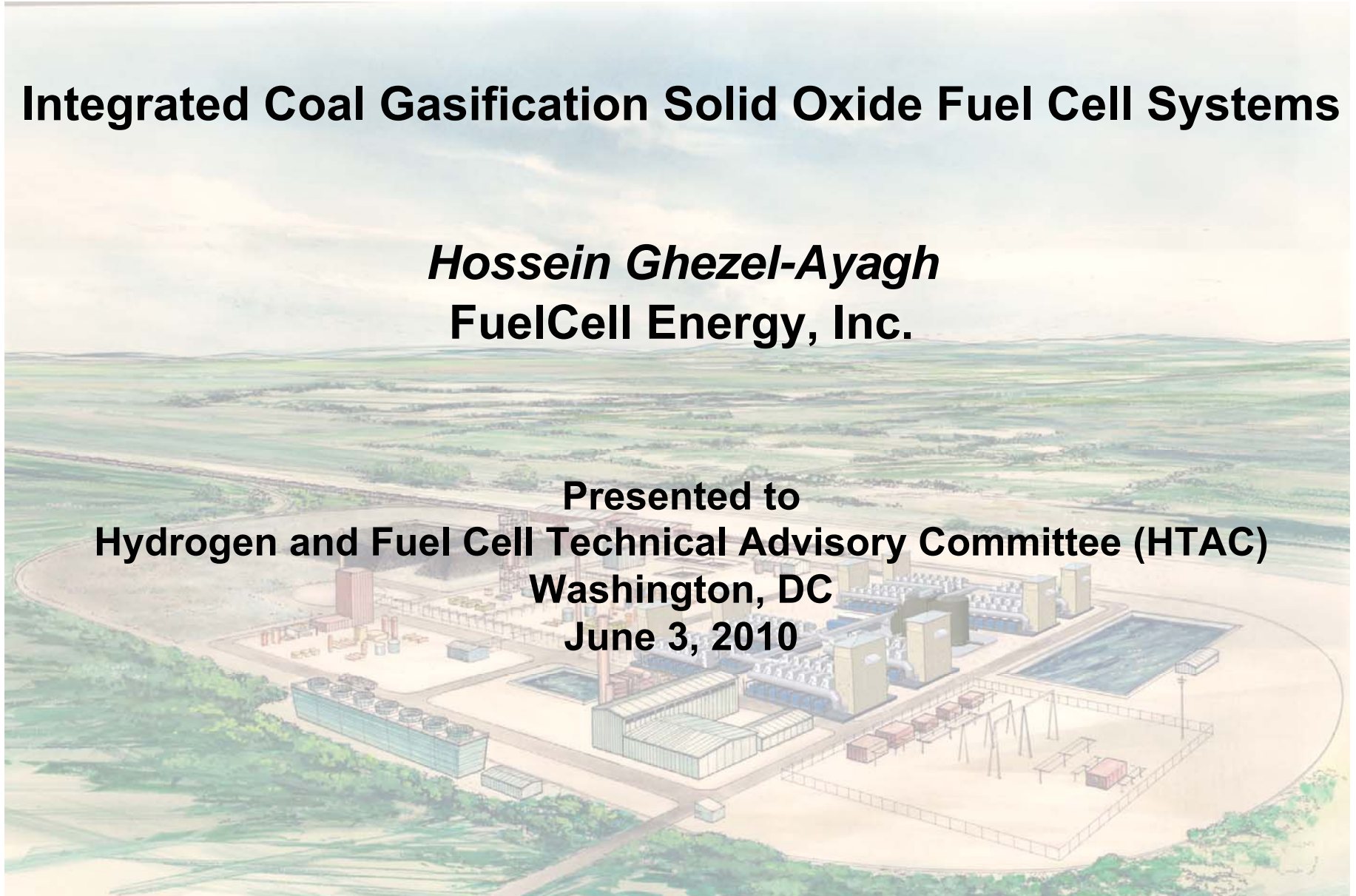


FuelCell Energy

# Integrated Coal Gasification Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Systems

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- Premier developer of stationary fuel cell technology
- Headquarters in Danbury, CT (USA), with 65,000 ft<sup>2</sup> manufacturing facility in Torrington, CT (USA)
- Delivering Direct FuelCell power plants to commercial and industrial customers
- Developing large scale coal-based power plants as well as natural gas distributed generation (DG) systems utilizing planar SOFC
- Established commercial relationships with major distributors in the Americas, Europe, and Asia



Torrington, CT - Manufacturing Facility



MW-Class Fuel Cell Products



## Program Objectives

### **Development of large scale (>100 MWe) coal-based SOFC systems with:**

- At least 50% electrical efficiency from coal (higher heating value)
- Performance to meet DOE specified metrics for power output, degradation, availability, and reliability
- Factory cost <\$400/kW in 2002 USD (\$700/kW, 2007 \$)
- Greater than 90% of carbon capture from coal syngas as CO<sub>2</sub>, for sequestration
- Reduced water consumption as compared to the existing coal power plant technologies

## Program Status

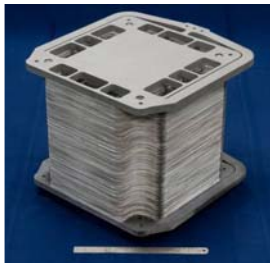
- ❖ FCE team successfully completed Phase I of the Coal Based SECA Program in December 2008.
- ❖ Phase II work is underway to further the development of an affordable, multi-MW size SOFC power plant system to operate on coal syngas fuel, with near zero emissions.



# SECA Coal Based Plan for IGFC Development

- FCE is currently engaged in development of stack tower and SOFC power module configurations suitable for large scale coal based power plants.

**10 kW Stack**



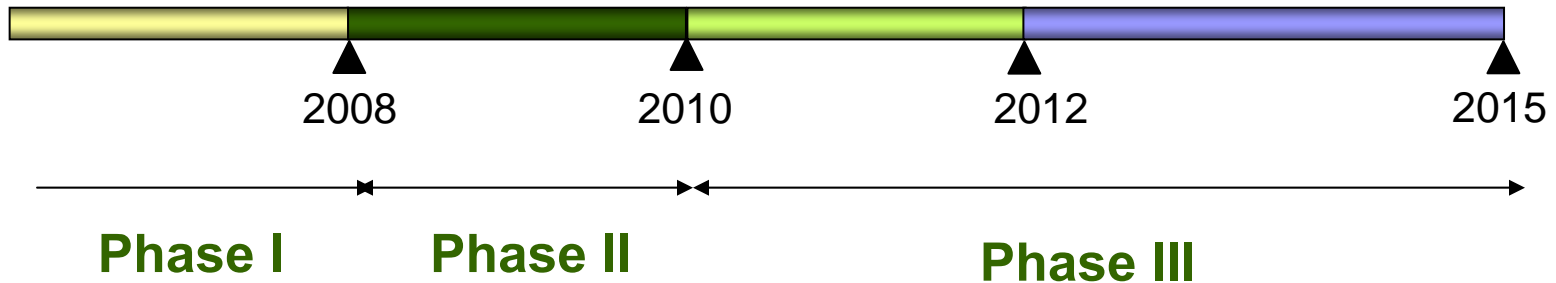
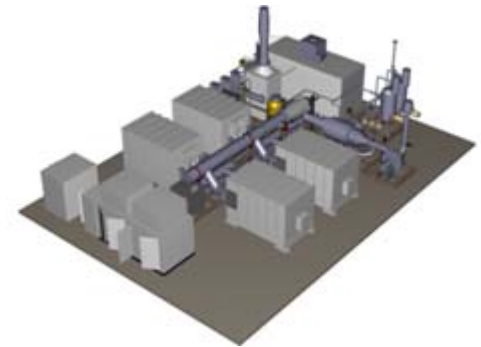
**>25 kW Stack Tower**



**≥ 250 kW Module Demonstration Unit**



**5 MW Proof of Concept**







**The FCE team is comprised of diverse organizations with expertise in key functional areas:**

## **FuelCell Energy Inc. (FCE), Danbury, CT**

- Manufacturing and commercialization of fuel cell power plant systems in sizes ranging from 250kW to Multi-MW.

## **Versa Power Systems Inc. (VPS), Littleton, CO**

- Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) development and manufacturing technologies.



## **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), Richland, WA**

- SOFC cell and stack computational modeling.



## **WorleyParsons Inc. (WP), Reading, PA**

- Design of the power plant, including: integration with gasifier and syngas clean-up technologies, system level costing, and system performance analysis.

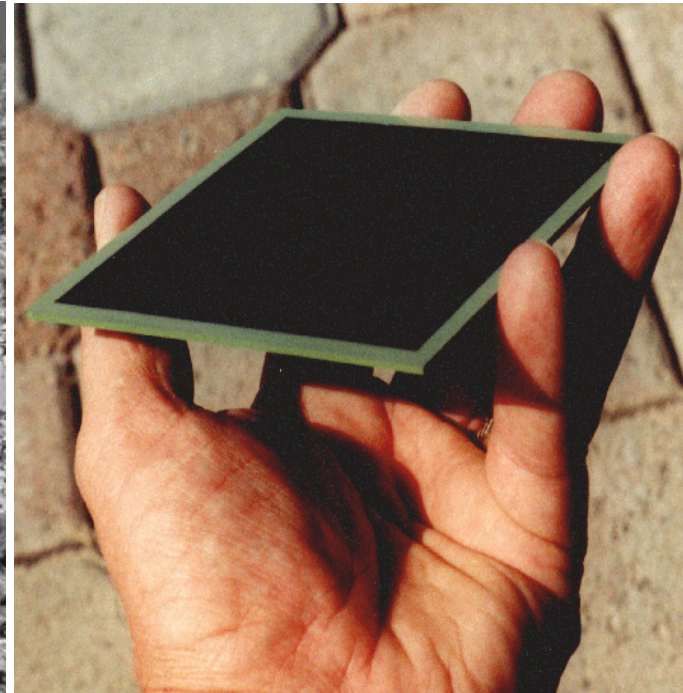
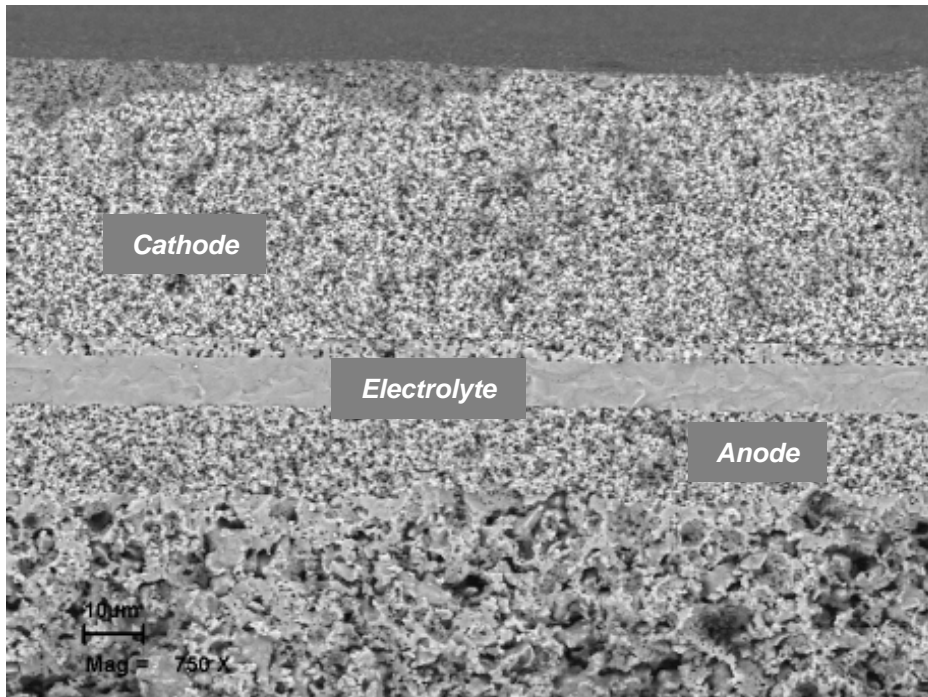


**WorleyParsons**

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- **FCE utilizes cell and stack design of its technology team partner, Versa Power Systems Inc. (VPS), for coal based system development.**



## **ANODE SUPPORTED PLANAR CELL DESIGN:**

**Anode – nickel-zirconia cermet (~1mm thick)**

**Electrolyte – yttria-stabilized zirconia (YSZ) (~10μm thick)**

**Cathode – conducting ceramic (~ 50μm thick)**



# SOFC Manufacturing

VPS has been developing cost effective SOFC manufacturing procedures since 1998 and has well established processes, quality procedures, and equipment for the manufacture of fuel cells and stacks.



Tape Casting  
“T”



Screen Printing  
“S”



Co-Sintering  
“C”

The “TSC” process for SOFC component fabrication has proven to be cost effective with high yields and excellent quality.



- **Cell Scale Up**
  - > Cell process development was conducted and process capability was established for cells up to 33 x 33 cm<sup>2</sup> (largest size that can be made with existing equipment)
- **Cell Fabrication Process Development**
  - > Capital equipment for all major process units was added in order to accommodate increased cell size and volume
- **Cell Manufacturing**
  - > 25 x 25 cm<sup>2</sup> cells with 550 cm<sup>2</sup> active area is the current baseline size for SOFC stack fabrication.
  - > More than 5000 cells (25 x 25 cm<sup>2</sup>) have been fabricated - production yields greater than 90% and volumes of 500 kW (annual) have been demonstrated.

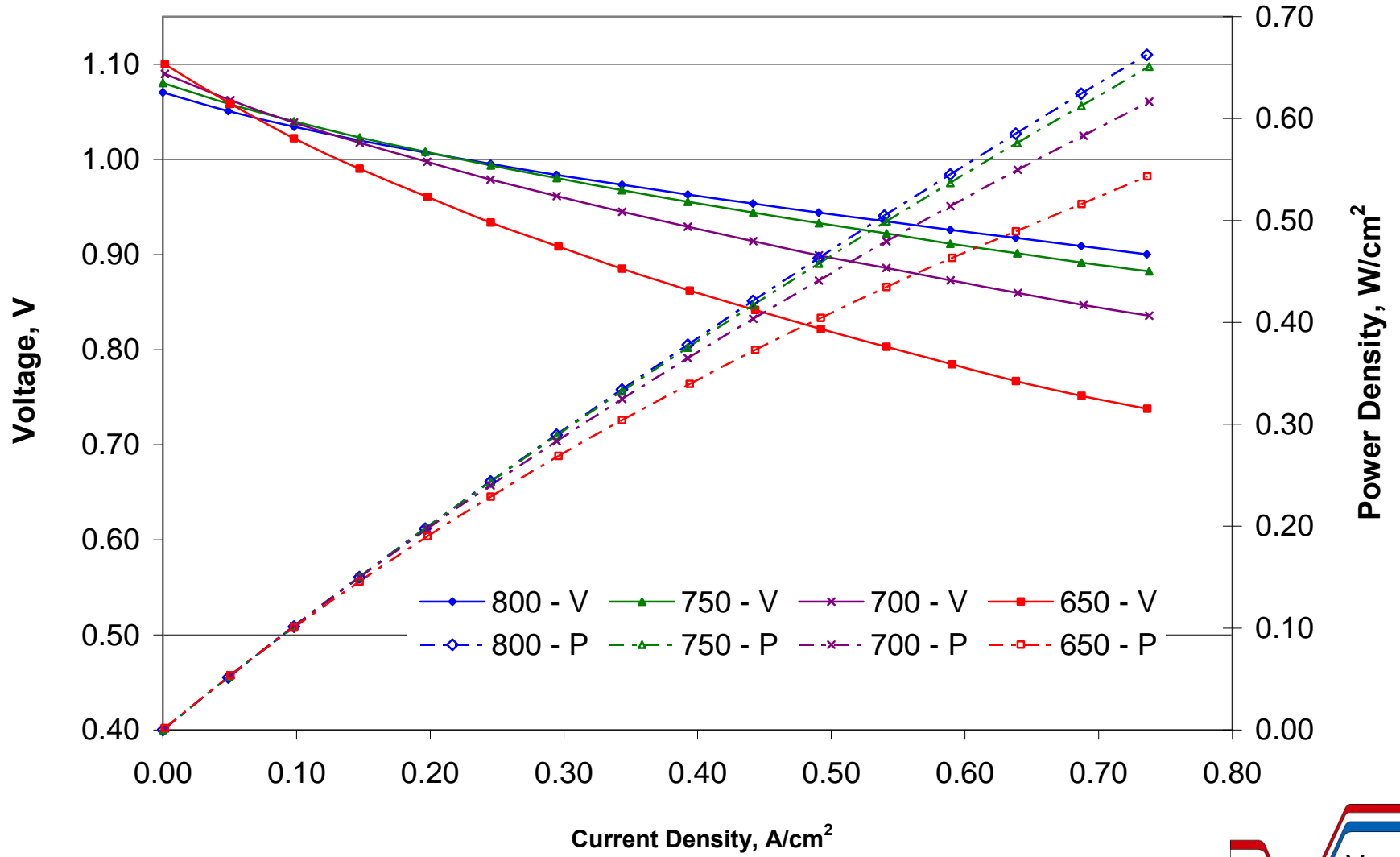






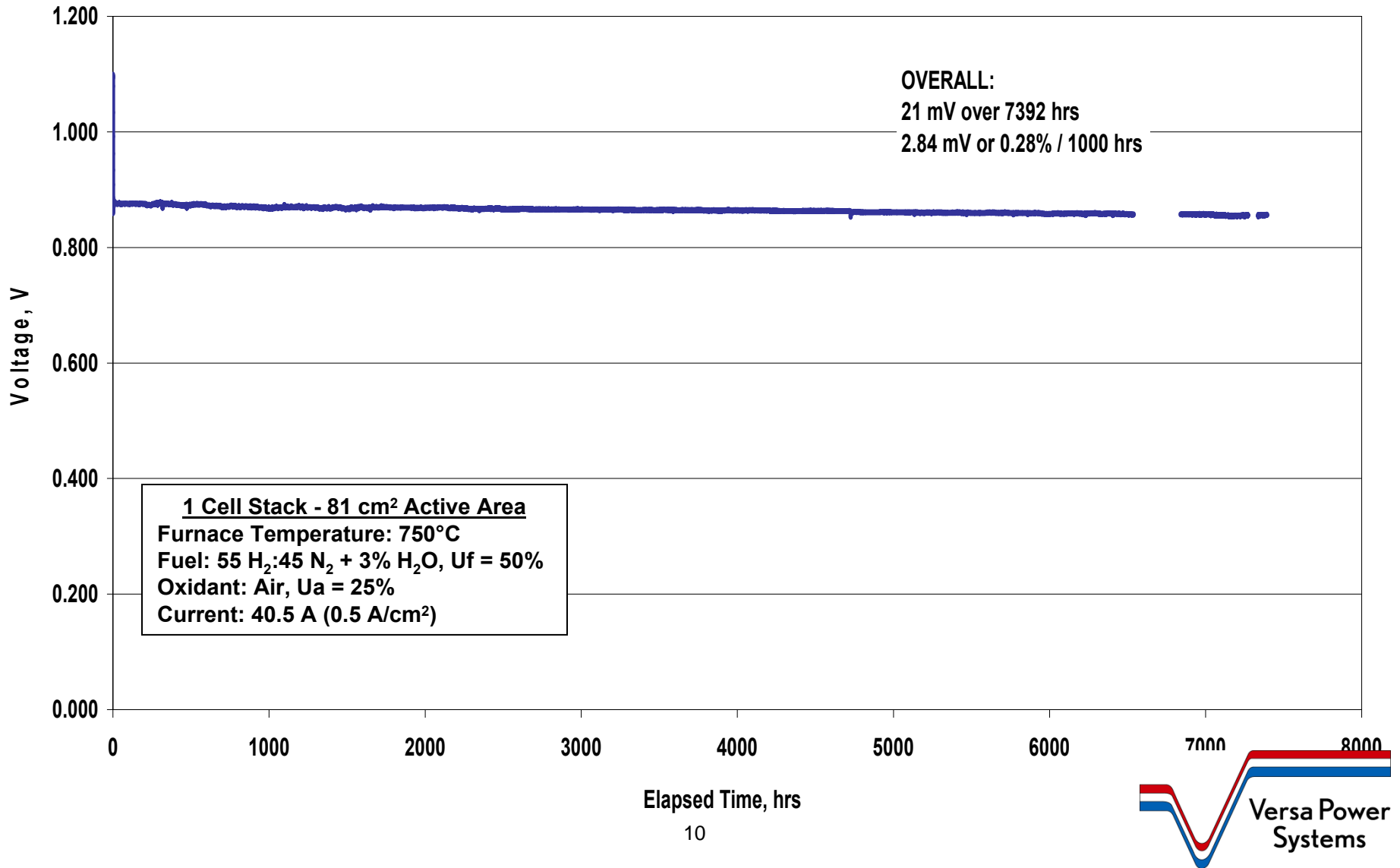
# Single Cell Performance Achievements

Performance Curves



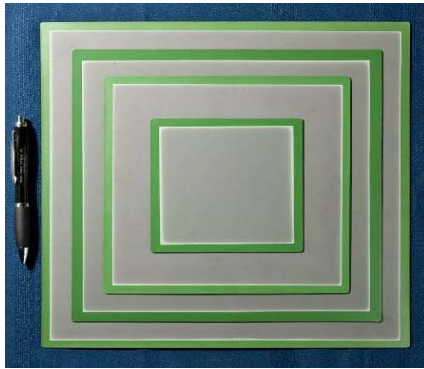


# Cell Stability Achievements

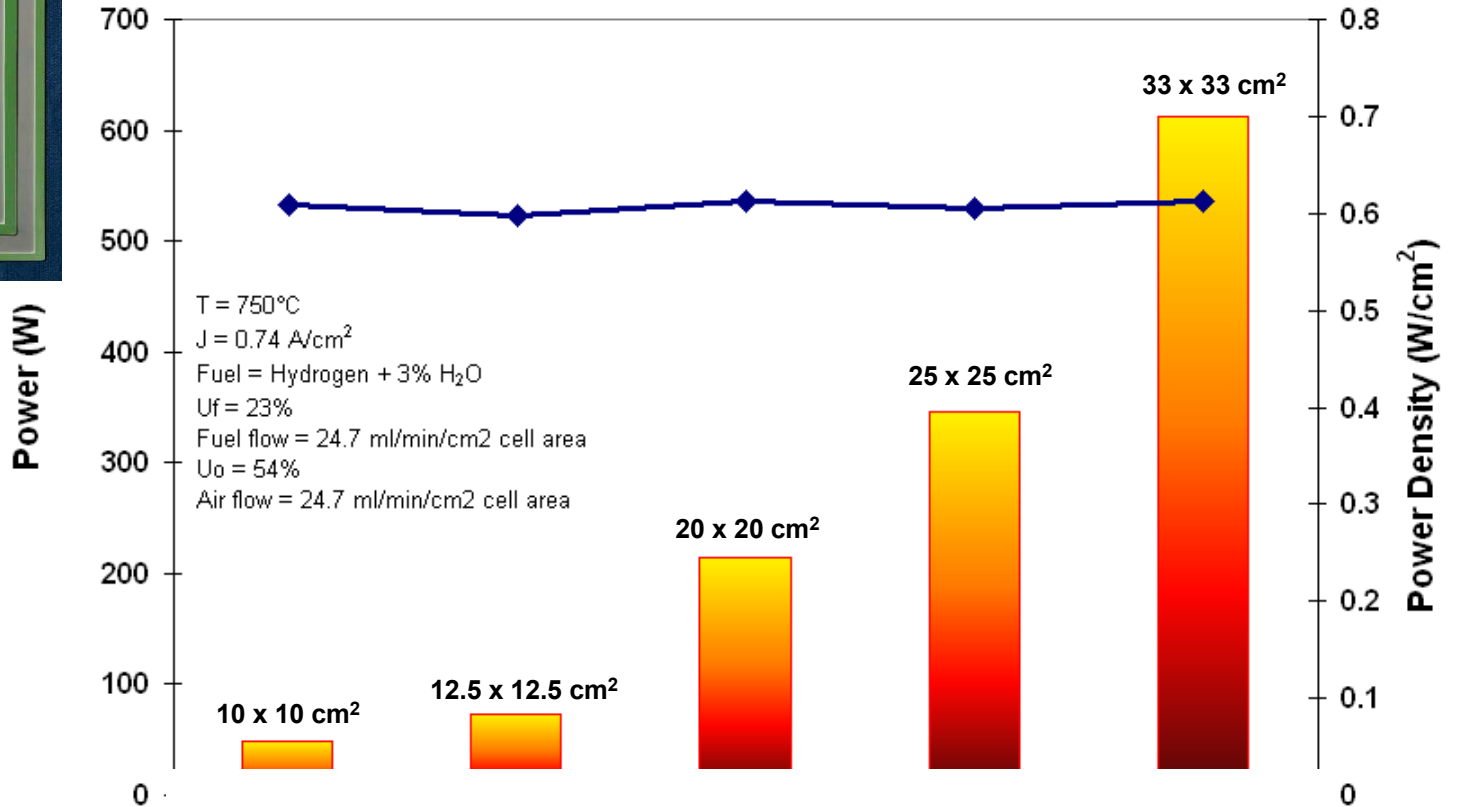




# Cell Scale-Up Progress



## Stainless Steel Current Collectors, Cross-Flow Gas Delivery



Power	49	72	214	340	612
Power Density	0.608	0.598	0.612	0.606	0.612



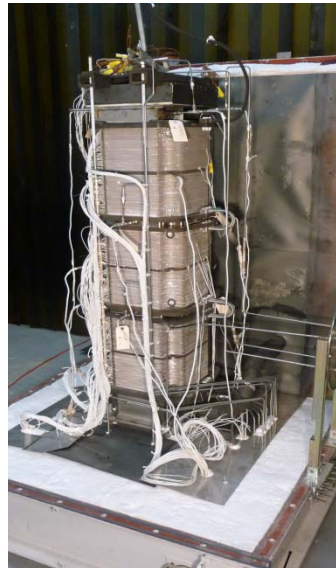
## Single Stack



**Building block  
for stack towers  
30-100 kW**



## Stack Tower



**Building block for  
stack modules of  
 $\geq 250$  kW**



## Stack Module



**Building Block for a  $\geq 100$ MWe  
Integrated Gasification Fuel  
Cell (IGFC) system**





# Stack Scale-up Progression

0.16 kW  
1-cell

1 kW  
6-cell

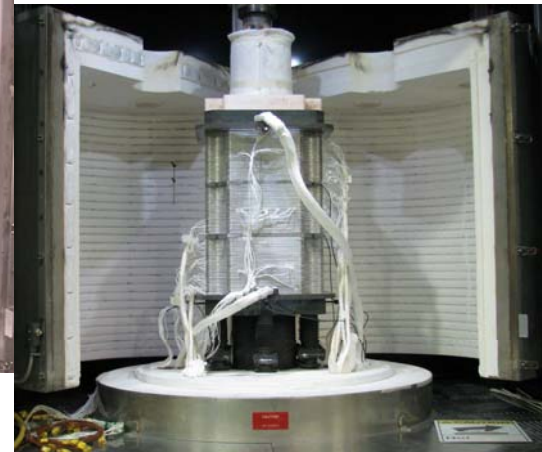
Phase II

2.5 kW  
16-cell

10 kW  
64-cell

18 kW  
92-cell

Stack Design	Power (kW/stack)	Quantity	Total Power (kW)
16 cells	2.5	38	95
32 cells	5	1	5
92 cells	18	6	108
Total		45	208



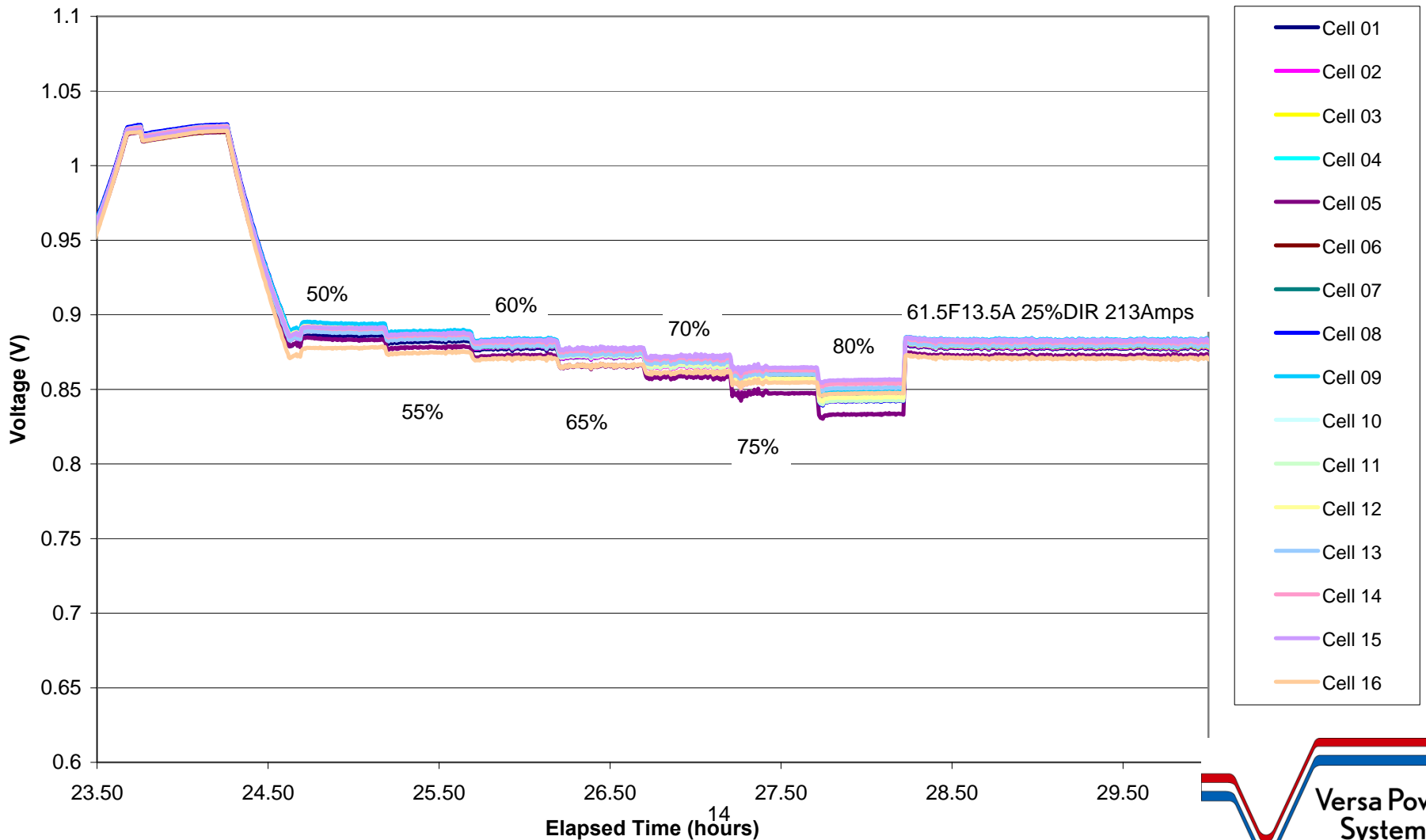
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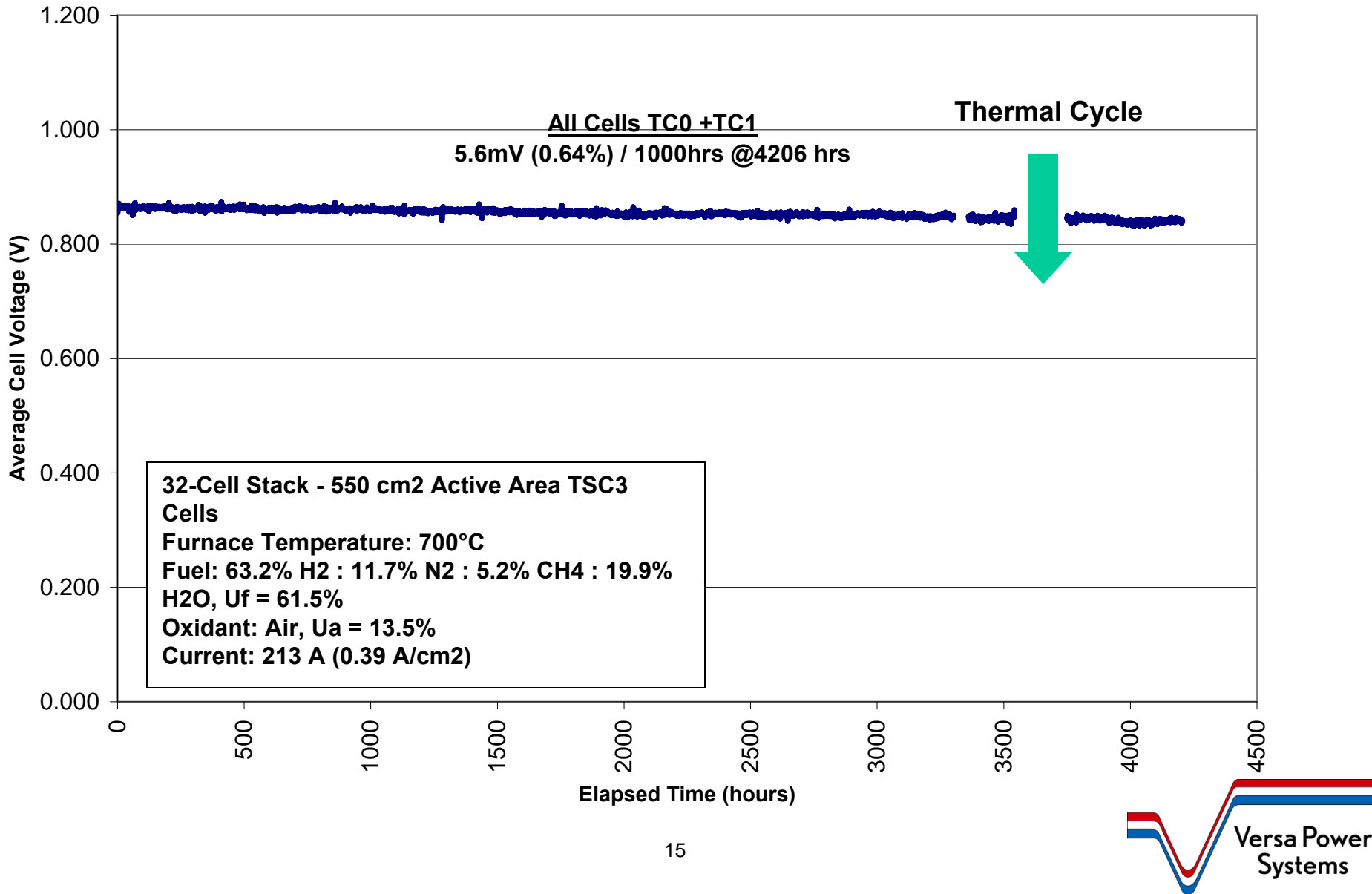
Stack Design	Power (kW/stack)	Quantity	Total Power (kW)
6 cells	1	21	21
16 cells	2.5	18	45
64 cells	10	6	60
Total		45	126



# 16-Cell Stack with TSC3 Thin Cell

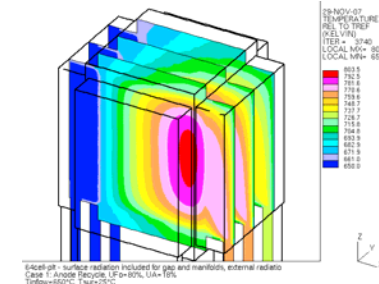
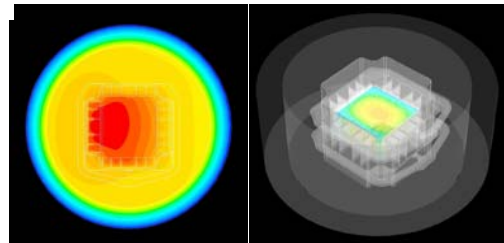
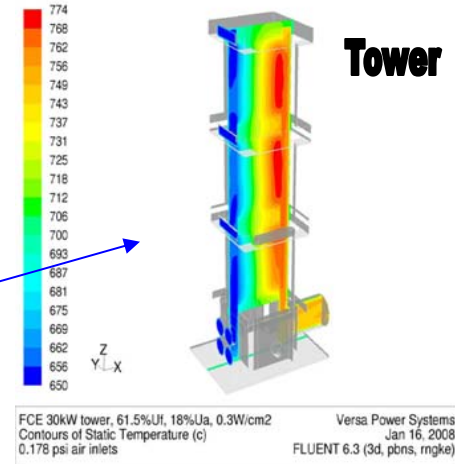
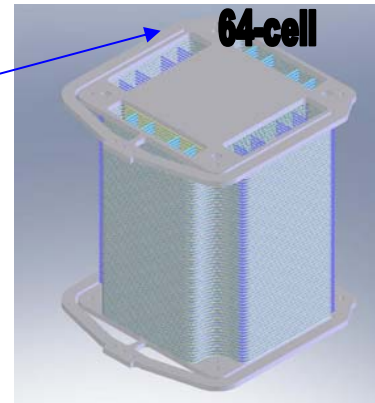
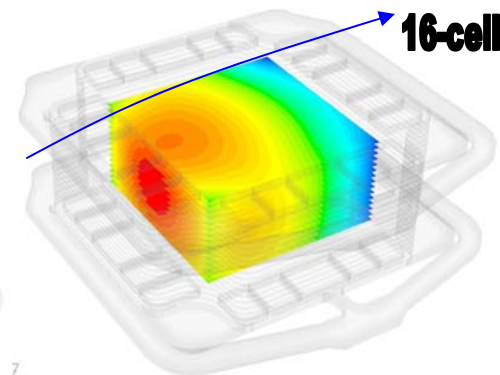
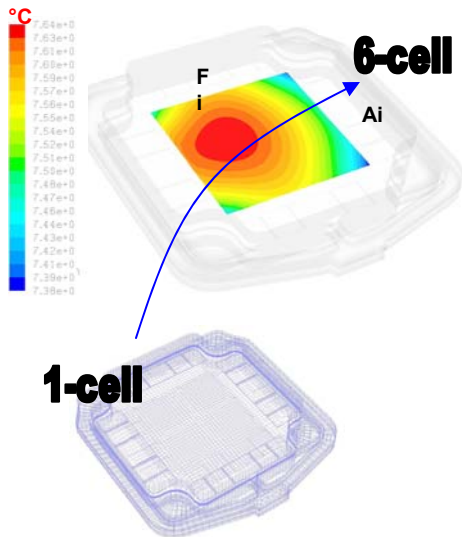
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- A modeling-driven design approach for thermo-mechanical challenges has been adopted
- Progressively increased from single cell, short stack, full size stack block to tower modeling
- Modeling has provided guidance to engineering design and component development using both CFD and FEA







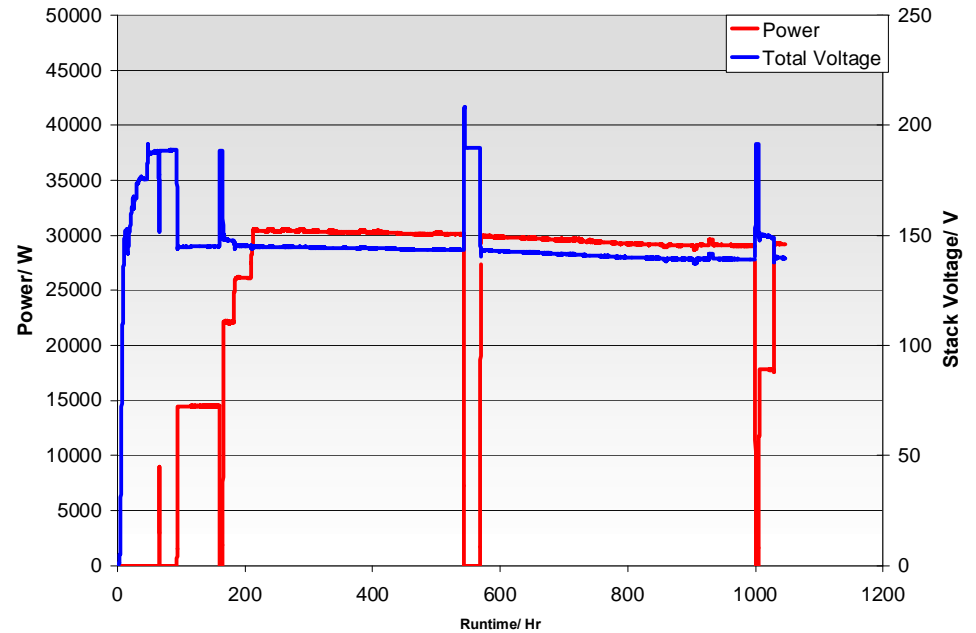
<b>Cell Size</b>	<b>25 x 25 cm<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Active Area</b>	<b>550 cm<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Number of Cells</b>	<b>92</b>

<b>Operating Conditions</b>	
<b>Fuel Utilization</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>Air Utilization</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>In-Stack Reforming</b>	<b>25 – 70%</b>
<b>Stack Current</b>	<b>250 A (455 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)</b>
<b>Gross DC Electrical Power</b>	<b>~18 kW</b>





# Stack Tower (SO-30-3) Test



- Demonstration of a stack tower operation in a simulated power plant environment was performed using 2x92-cell fuel cell blocks.
- A Power Rating of 30 kW was established during the operation.



### POWER GENERATION SUMMARY

	kW	% Q input	% MW gross
Fuel Gas Expandors Gross Power @ 20 kV	52,307	5.15%	8.49%
Fuel Cell Inverter AC Gross Power @ 20 kV	515,126	50.76%	83.57%
WGPU Off Gas Expander Gross Power @ 20 kV	9,361	0.92%	1.54%
Steam Turbine Gross Power at Generator Terminals @ 20 kV,	39,599	3.90%	6.42%
<b>Total Gross Power Generation @ 20 kV</b>	<b>616,393</b>	<b>60.74%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Total Auxiliary Load</b>	<b>56,152</b>	<b>5.53%</b>	<b>9.11%</b>

<b>Net Power Output at 230 kV</b>	<b>560,241</b>	<b>55.21%</b>	<b>90.89%</b>
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### Net Efficiency Excluding CO2 Compression & Thermal Input

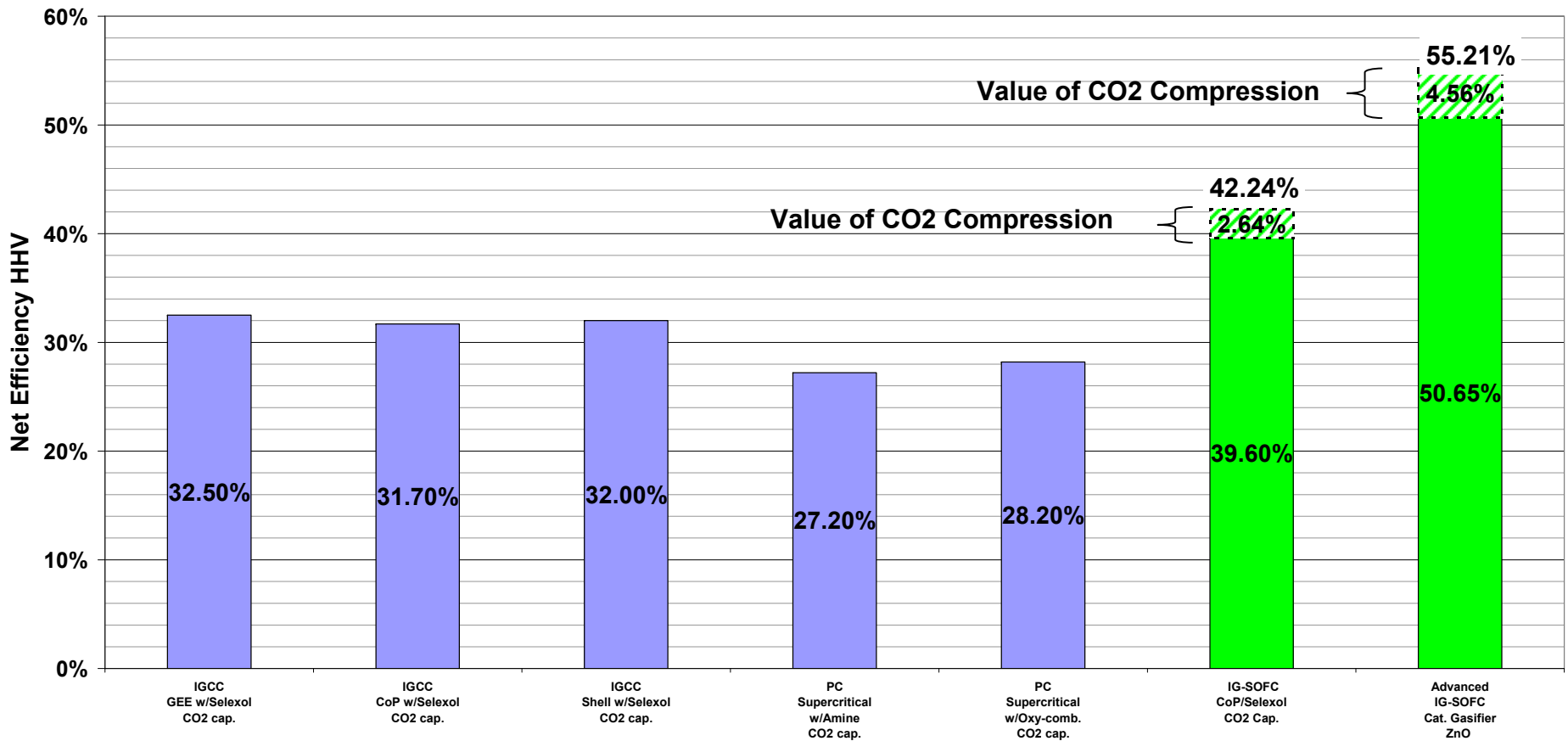
As Fed Coal feed, lb/h	291,667		
HHV (AF), Btu/lb	11,872		
Thermal Input, kWth	1,014,809	100.00%	164.64%
<b>Net Plant Efficiency (HHV)</b>	<b>55.21%</b>		

**Combined with high methane producing gasification, coal based SOFC systems are capable of achieving ~ 55% efficiency and 98% carbon capture.**





# Baseline SOFC Power Plant Efficiency vs. Competing Technologies



**➔ Baseline coal based SOFC system is >18 percentage points more efficient than IGCCs and Pulverized Coal (PC) Steam Turbine power plants.**

References for Competing Technologies:

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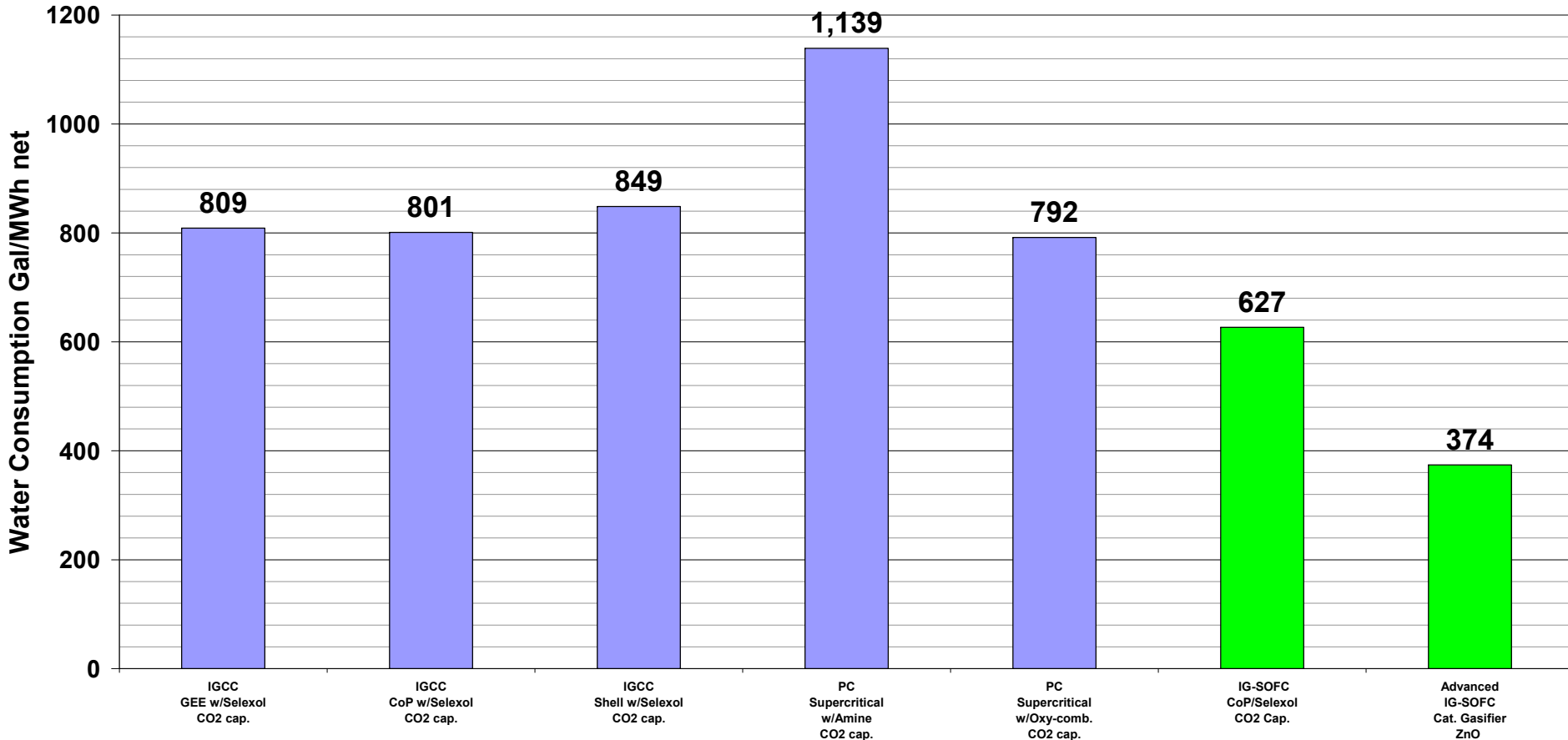
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# Baseline SOFC Power Plant Water Consumption vs. Competing Technologies



**➔ Baseline coal based SOFC system requires significantly less water than IGCCs and Pulverized Coal (PC) Steam Turbine Power Plants.**

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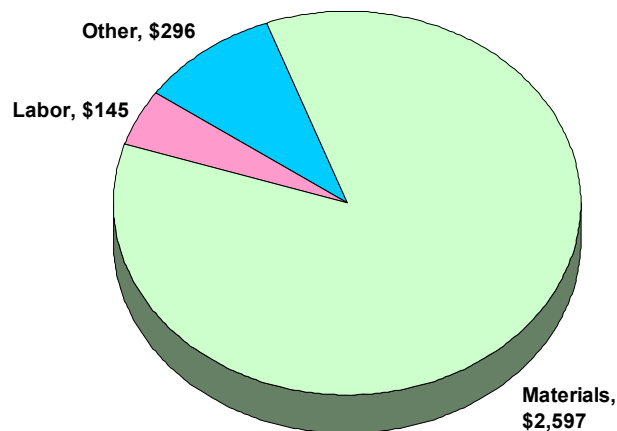
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- **92-cell stack block**
  - > 18 kW nominal, 19.87 peak
  - > 0.393 W/cm<sup>2</sup>
- **Cell dimensions**
  - > 550 cm<sup>2</sup> active area
  - > 645 cm<sup>2</sup> cell substrate
  - > 1.0 mm thick
- **1036 MW/yr production volume**
  - > 57,600 stack blocks
  - > 5,299,200 cell repeat units
  - > 341,900 m<sup>2</sup>
  - > 1,711,000 kg, cells



**Stack Block Cost by Category (Phase II Interim)**



\$197/  
kWac

Higher Power Density

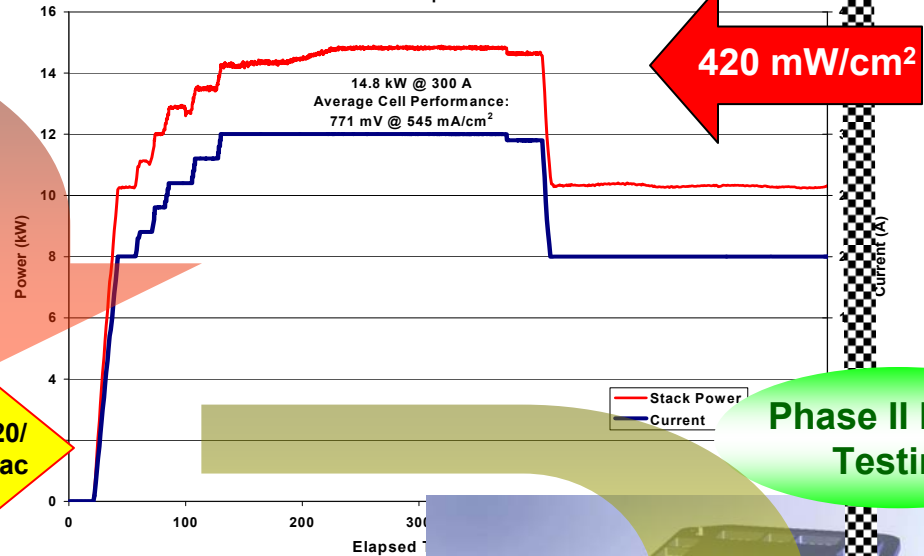
\$120/  
kWac

Stack Block Scale Up

Thin Cell Development

Stack Materials Reduction

Stack GT057382-0004  
64-Cell Stack Block  
Furnace Temperature = 705°C



\$100/  
kWac



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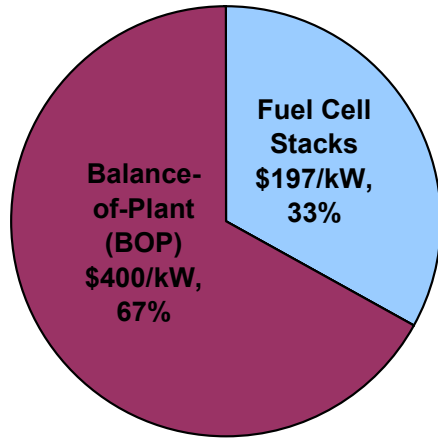
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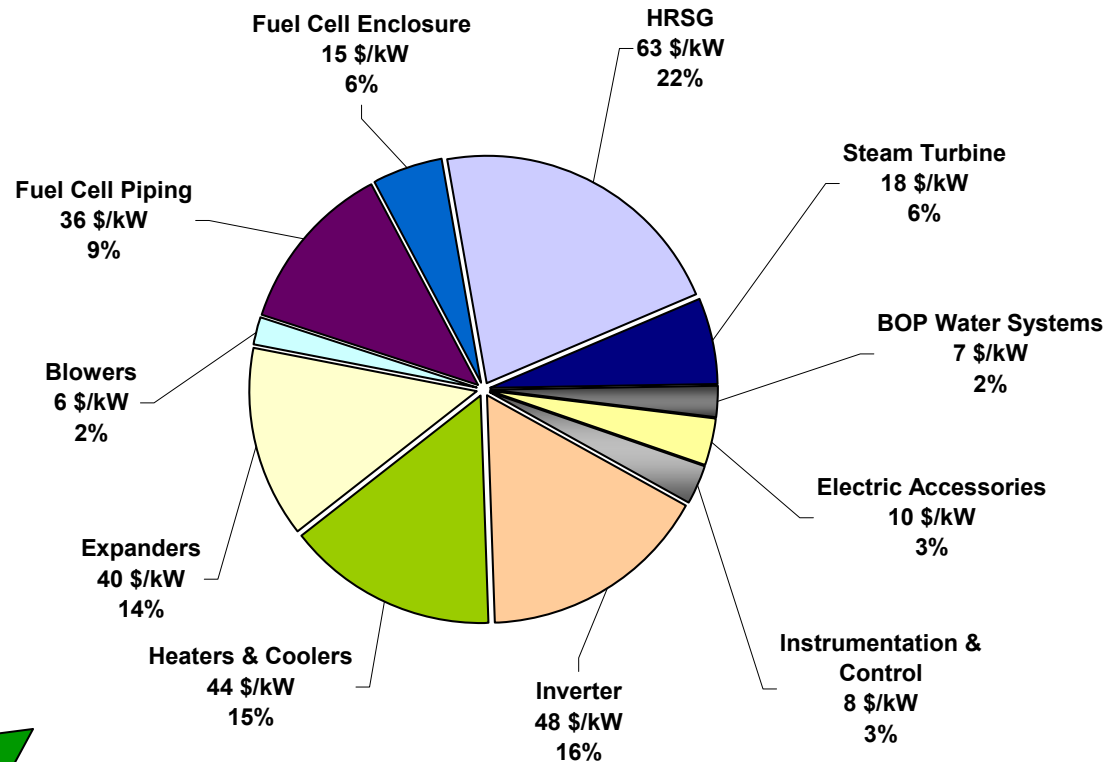
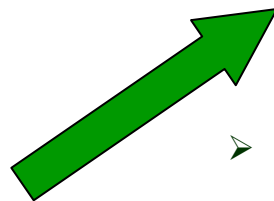
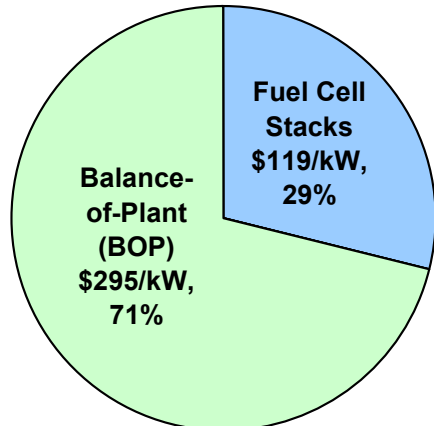


# Factory Equipment Cost Estimate

## Phase I Cost Estimate = 597 \$/kW



## Phase II Interim Cost Estimate = 414 \$/kW

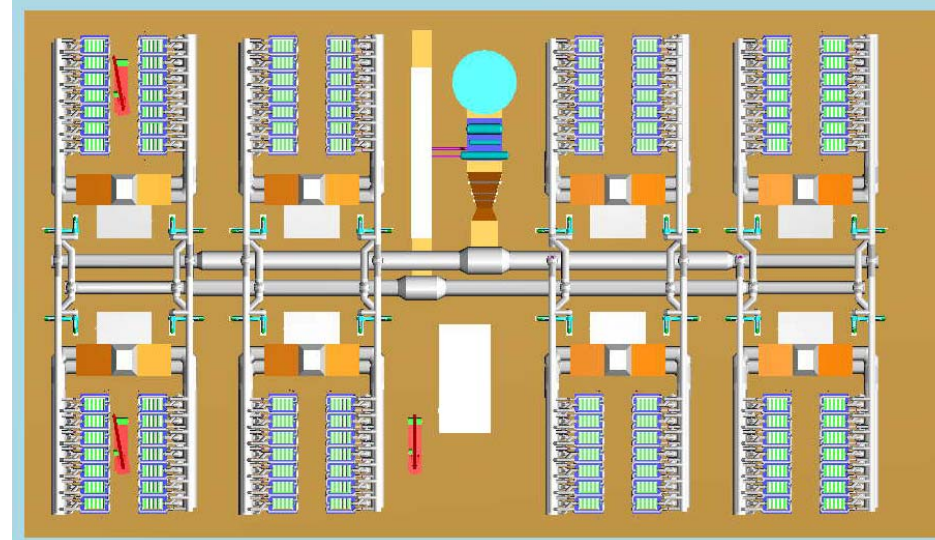
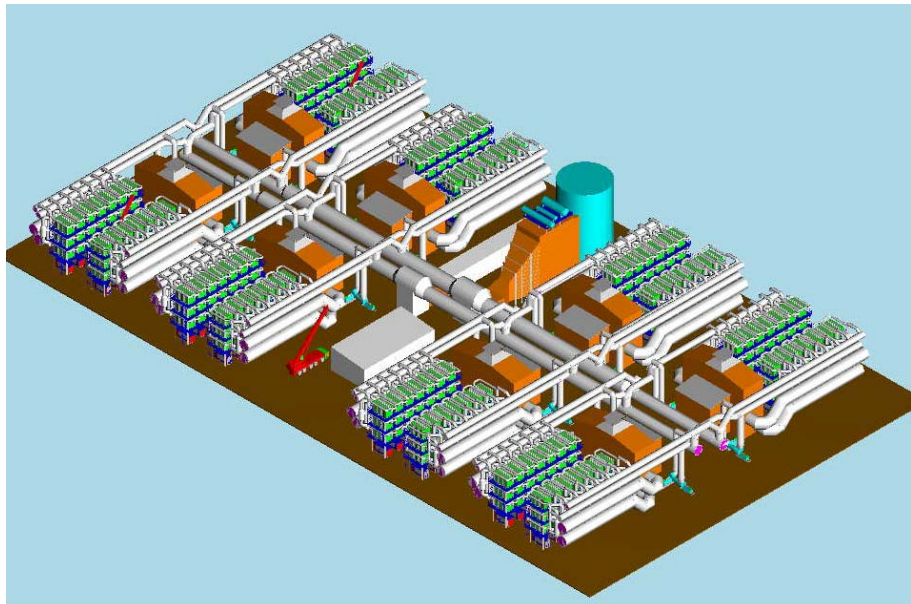


- Cost estimation is based on two nominal 560 MW power plants manufactured per year (2002 USD).
- Estimate includes Factory Equipment costs for the Power Island, exclusive of gasification, syngas cleanup, and CO<sub>2</sub> separation/compression systems.



# FuelCell Energy **Baseline System Power Island Layout**

- ➔ SOFC power island includes:
- > 8 Sections of 42 fuel cell stack modules
  - > Steam turbine
  - > Two syngas expanders

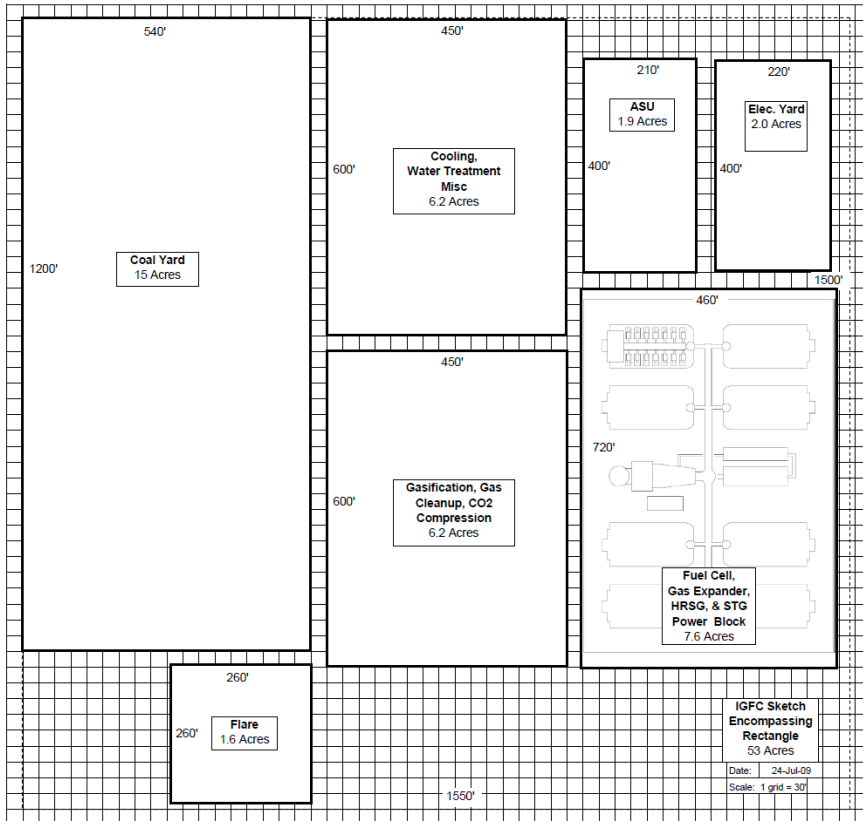




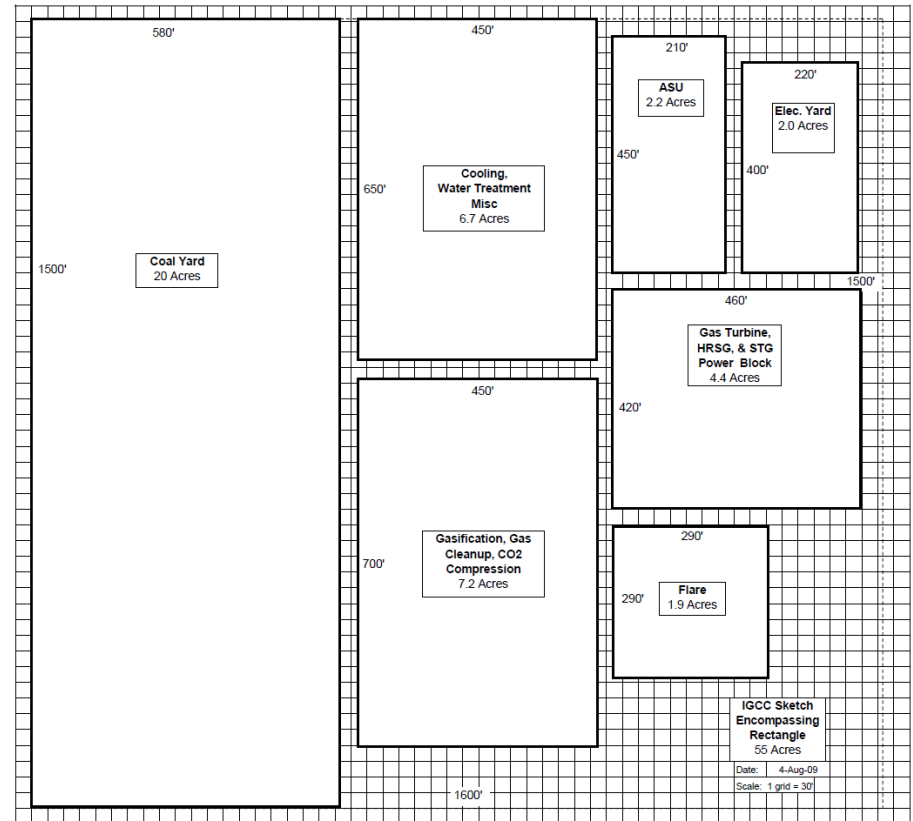


# Representative Foot Print Comparison: IGFC & IGCC

IGFC

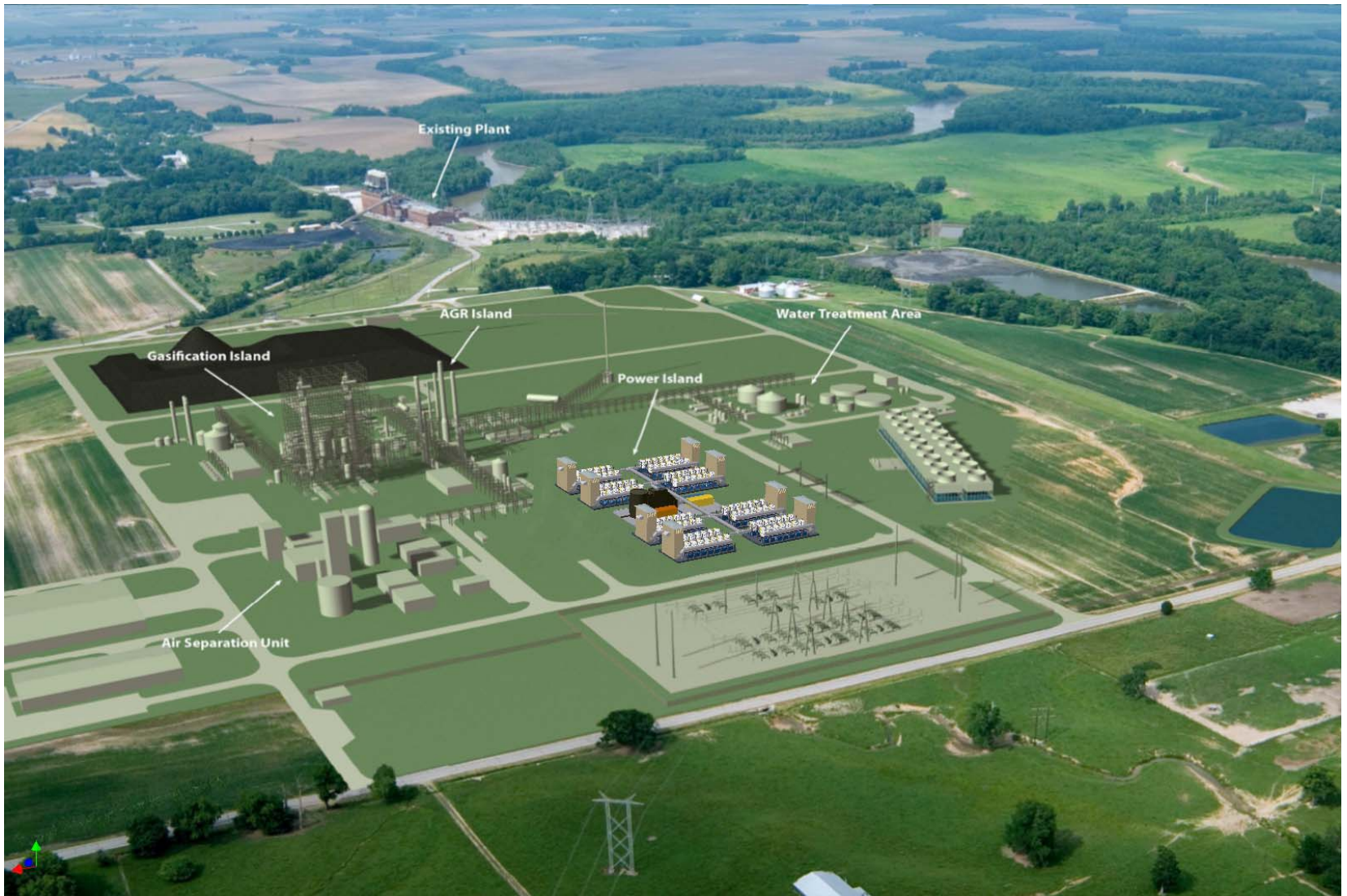


IGCC



- A similarly sized (MW) IGCC and IGFC will be comparable in real estate requirement.







## ⇒ Cell Technology:

- Fuel cell manufacturing processes were developed to achieve the new scaled-up cell (33 cm x 33 cm).
- Cell materials development continued to improve performance and endurance.

## ⇒ Scale-up of stack size:

- Manufacturing of the scaled-up stack blocks was accomplished to establish the building blocks for multi-MW power plants.
- Improved stack design and component advancements resulted in high power densities suitable for large scale coal plants.

## ⇒ Baseline IGFC System:

- A Baseline System with Catalytic Gasifier was developed which could achieve efficiency (HHV) of >55% and be able to remove greater than 98% carbon from syngas.
- Baseline 560MW IGFC power plant layout and factory cost estimates were developed resulting in a cost estimate of ~\$400/kW (in 2002 dollars) for the SOFC power island.
- The developed IGFC system showed significantly lower water consumption as compared to IGCC and other coal fueled power plants.



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