

An Update on Toyota's Fuel Cell Vehicle Activities

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Issues that Influence Automobile Business







Hybrid is First Step

TOYOTA MODELS



Prius *Midsize 5 Door*





RX450h Luxury SUV



HS250h *Midsize Sedan*



Averaging over 20,000 hybrids sold per month in 2008

Camry Hybrid Midsize 4 Door



Highlander Hybrid Midsize SUV



GS450h *Premium Sport Sedan*



LS600h Flagship





E-A

The Big Picture



New technologies must be produced in large volumes to make a meaningful impact



Comparison of Energy Efficiency

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	Energy pathway	Well-to-Tank	Tank-to-Wheel	Well-to-Wheel *1	
		50%	50% ^{*1}	20% 40%	
FCHV-adv	Natural gas Reforming with membrane ▼ separation	67% *2	59%	40%	
	Hydrogen (70MPa)				
EV	Natural gas Combined cycle power ∳ generation Electricity	39%	85%	33%	
Gasoline HV (Prius)	Crude oil ↓ Refine ✔ Gasoline	84%	40%	34%	
Gasoline ICE	Crude oil ↓ Refine Gasoline	84%	23%	19%	

*1 Tank-to-Wheel efficiency: measured in the Japanese 10-15 test cycle *2 Difference of Well-to-Tank efficiency between 35MPa and 70MPa: approx. 2%

(Toyota Calculation)

FCs are tough to beat for well-to-wheels efficiency



Toyota FCHV Progress



Toyota is making excellent progress resolving technical challenges



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FCHV-adv



*1 in LA#4 cycle

	Overall length/ width/ height (mm)	4,735/ 1,815/ 1,685	Fuel	Туре	Pure hydrogen
Vehicle	Max. speed (mph)	96		Storage system	High-press. H ₂ tank
	Cruising range (mile)	455 *1		Max. storage pressure (MPa)	70
	Fuel economy (mile/kg H ₂)	72.4 ^{*1}		Tank capacity (kg H ₂)	6.0 (35 degC)



Fuel Cell System Technology





Key Technical Challenges for FC Vehicles





Cruising Range Improvement





FCHV-adv Real-World Range







Rush Hour in Los Angeles

- 2 FCHVs
- Over 400 miles / tank
- 68.3 miles/kg of H2



Fairbanks to Vancouver

- 2300 miles
- Over 300 miles / tank
- No mechanical problems



Key Technical Challenges for FC Vehicles





Demonstrated Cold Start Capability





Yellowknife, Canada

Cold weather performance similar to conventional vehicles



Cold Start Countermeasures

Management of water when starting at subfreezing temperature



Measures important for cold start capability:

- A) Optimum purge to reduce remaining water
- B) Increase of water storage capacity
- C) Accelerating stack temperature rise



Key Technical Challenges for FC Vehicles







Toyota FC Stack Durability



MEA durability is steadily improving under real-world conditions





FC System Durability



Testing indicates linear degradation to the equivalent of 25 years



Degradation During Start-up & Shutdown

1. Degradation due to potential change at starting



Votage at start-up and shutdown must be managed



Cold Start Degradation



Must minimize degradation from cold starts



FC Stack Durability Summary

Confirmed system durability of FCHV-adv:

- > 25-year equivalent durability on crossover
- Approximately 70% of initial performance after the equivalent of 25 years operation

Next steps: Develop countermeasures to enhance durability

- Reduce start/stop and cold start degradation
- Confirm correlation between laboratory and field test data



Key Technical Challenges for FC Vehicles





FCHV Cost Reduction





Approaches to FCHV Cost Reduction



ΤΟΥΟΤΑ FCHV

(1) Design

- 1. Simplify the system
- 2. Downsize and reduce weight of FC stack

(2) Materials:

Reduce the cost of FC-systemspecific materials

=> Important to cooperate with materials manufacturers

(3) Improve production technology



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FC Stack Cost Reduction



TOYOTA FC Stack

Cell Voltage [V]



Current Density [A/cm²]

(1) Design: Downsize & reduce weight

(minimize materials)

- 1. Increase output density
- 2. Reduce number of parts
- 3. Improve joint/seal method
- 4. Decrease Pt catalyst loading

(2) Material: Improve durability & reduce cost

- 1. Electrolyte membrane
- 2. Separator (incl. surface treatment)
- 3. GDL, etc.



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Electrode Catalyst "Trilemma"



Current Density (A/cm²)

Must solve electrode catalyst "trilemma" to achieve FC stack cost targets



Hydrogen Tank Cost Reduction



(for resistance to H₂ gas pressure)

Liner (for H₂ sealing)

Cross-section of tank body



(1) Reduce CFRP used (by making thinner)

Tank dimension

- Optimize laminar structure (hoop winding / helical winding)
- Optimize L/D
- Optimize boss size
- (2) Reduce cost of CFRP
 - Aviation grade => general-purpose grade
 - Develop low-cost CFRP for high-pressure tank



Development of Production Technology

(1) Web handling technology





Progress of FC Technology Development



FC development is more than half way over the "Valley of Death"



Steps for Commercialization





California Infrastructure Concern



By the 2012, the demand for H_2 stations will far exceed supply if station deployment is not accelerated





Conclusions

TOYOTA

- Hydrogen is one of the future fuels Toyota is pursuing
- We continue to devote considerable resources to bringing a FC vehicle to market in the 2015 time frame
 - Cold start & range issues are mostly resolved
 - Durability & cost challenges remain
- "Green" fuels and high volumes are required for meaningful GHG benefit
- Deployment of hydrogen refueling infrastructure must accelerate for fuel cell vehicles to succeed



Thank You!

