Fuel Cell Demonstration with Onsite Generation of Hydrogen

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Objectives

- Education and outreach
- Baseline demonstration of hydrogen fuel with zero emissions from source to sink
- Supplemental and backup electrical power for operational purposes
- Core facility for hydrogen-related research at NC State University.





Budget

- DOE Contribution: \$100K
- Project Partners' Contribution: \$100K





Technical Barriers and Targets

- Educational barriers
 - A. Lack of <u>awareness</u>
 - B. Lack of demonstrations or examples of real-world use
 - C. Institutional barriers and access to audiences
- Educational targets
 - 3. Build presence of hydrogen in K-12 education programs
 - 7. Develop public education campaign





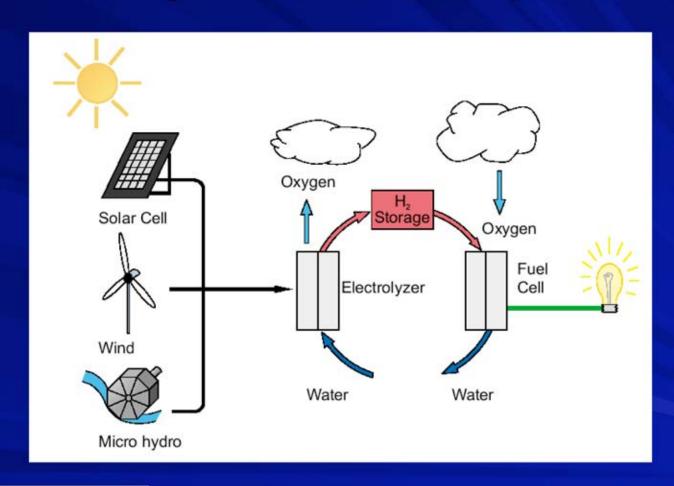
Approach

- Photovoltaic-powered electrolysis of water
- Low-pressure storage of hydrogen
- 3 kW PEM fuel cell: electricity on demand
 - Charging electric vehicles
 - Backup power for AFV garage





System Concept







Hydrogen Demonstration

- Building-integrated PV panels
- Hogen 40 RE Electrolyzer
- Low-pressure storage tank
- Avista Labs Independence 1000 Fuel Cell







Project Safety

- Contract is not yet in place
- Developing the safety plan will be the first task of the project
- NC Solar Center will develop the plan in consultation with the Safety Office of NC State University
- The safety plan will follow DOE guidelines





Project Timeline

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Phase 1 Design	
- Safety plan	1
- Systems design	2
- Facility design	3
Phase 2 Purchase and Install	4, 5
Phase 3 Outreach	
- Performance monitoring	6
- Education programs	7





Technical Accomplishments/Progress

As of 23 April 2004, contract was not yet in place





Interactions and Collaborations

- Avista Labs provides fuel cell, engineering time
- Proton Energy Systems provides electrolyzer, engineering time, equipment cost share





Future Work

- Sign contract
- Develop safety plan
- Purchase and integrate system components
- Perform education and outreach
- Log and analyze system performance



