



## 2004 DOE Hydrogen Fuel Cell And Infrastructure Technologies Program



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# Atmospheric Fuel Cell Power System for Transportation



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# Presentation Agenda

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# Objective

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To determine the feasibility of a on-board gasoline reforming 50 kW fuel cell power plant for commercial transportation applications based on the industry and DOE targets for commercialization.



# Technical Targets and Barriers

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*Develop a 45% efficient reformer-based fuel cell power system for transportation operating on clean hydrocarbon or alcohol-based fuel that meets emissions standards, a start-up time of 30 seconds, and a projected manufactured cost of \$45/kW by 2010 and \$30/kW by 2015\*.*

- Transportation Fuel Processors Technical Barriers (3.4.4.2)\*:

- I. Start-up/Transient operation**
- J. Durability
- K. Emissions**
- L. H<sub>2</sub> Purification/CO clean-up**
- M. Integration/Efficiency**
- N. Cost

\* Excerpts from: "Multi-Year Research, Development and Demonstration Plan, HFCIT, June 3, 2003"

# Approach

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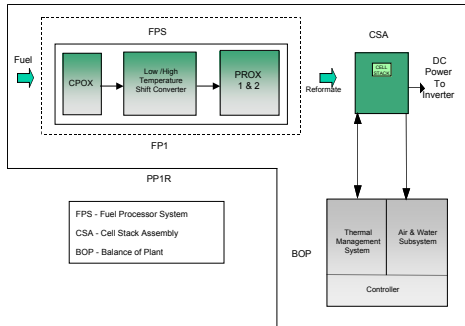
## S400 Gasoline FCPP Phases

- Development in Two Phases (**FY02 - FY04**)
  - Integrated Gasoline Fuel Processor (**FY02 - FY03**)
    - Gasoline in, fuel cell-quality reformat out
    - Development Testing November 2002 – June 2003
    - Data shown here
  - Integrated Fuel Cell Power Plant (**FY03 - FY04**)
    - Assembly completed
    - Started testing in December 2003
    - ANL to conduct verification testing June 2004
    - Available data and projections shown here

# Approach

## Current S400 Development 2001-2004

### System Concept 2001:



PPIR  
2003-2004

### Program Steps

2001: Down-select optimum system

2002: Fuel Processor Focus: Start Time, Controllability & Volume

2003: Power Plant Focus: Start Time Controllability, Emissions & Efficiency

FP1 testing completed  
June 6, 2003



FPS

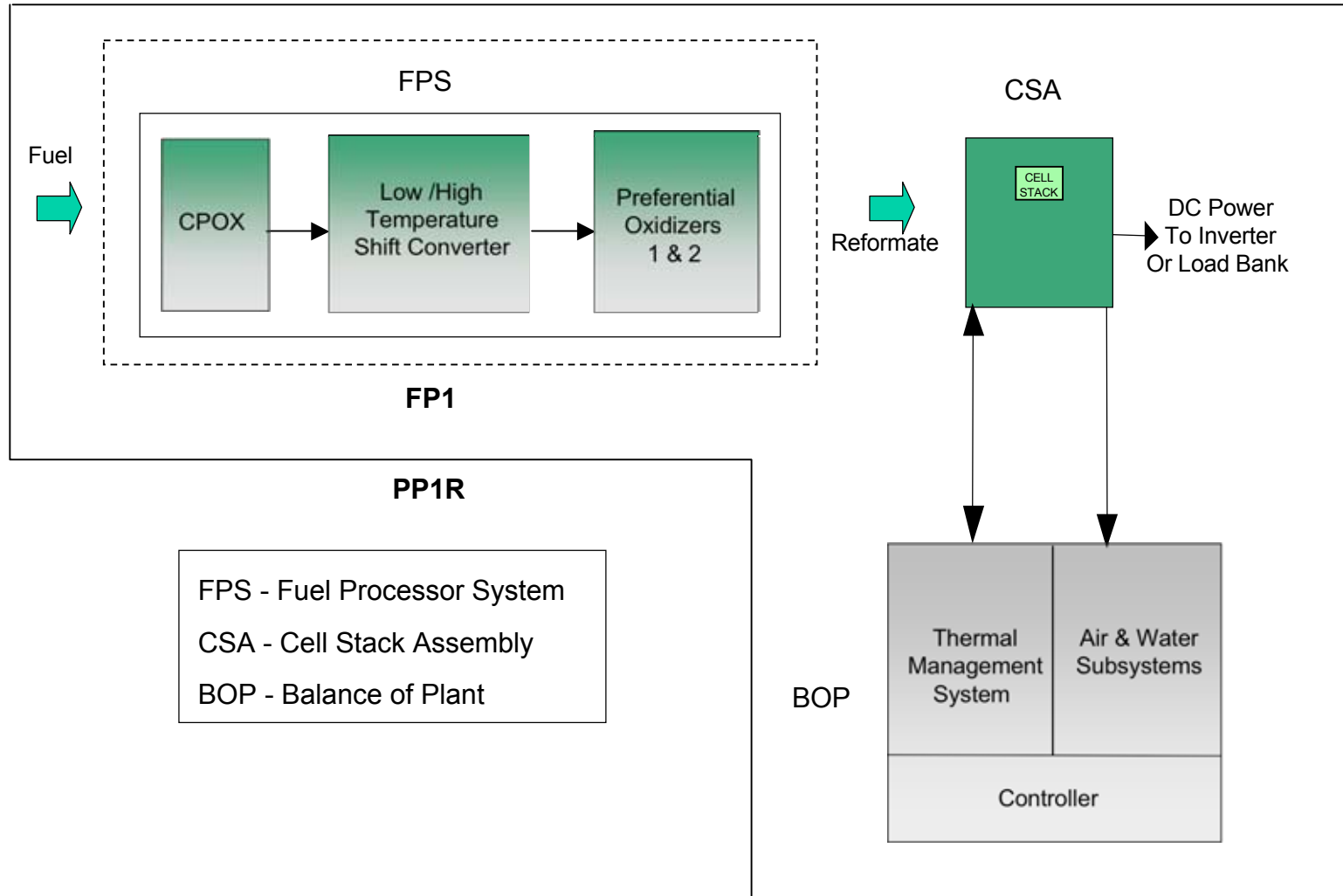


FP1  
2002-2003



# System Overview

## Simple System Schematic



# Project Safety

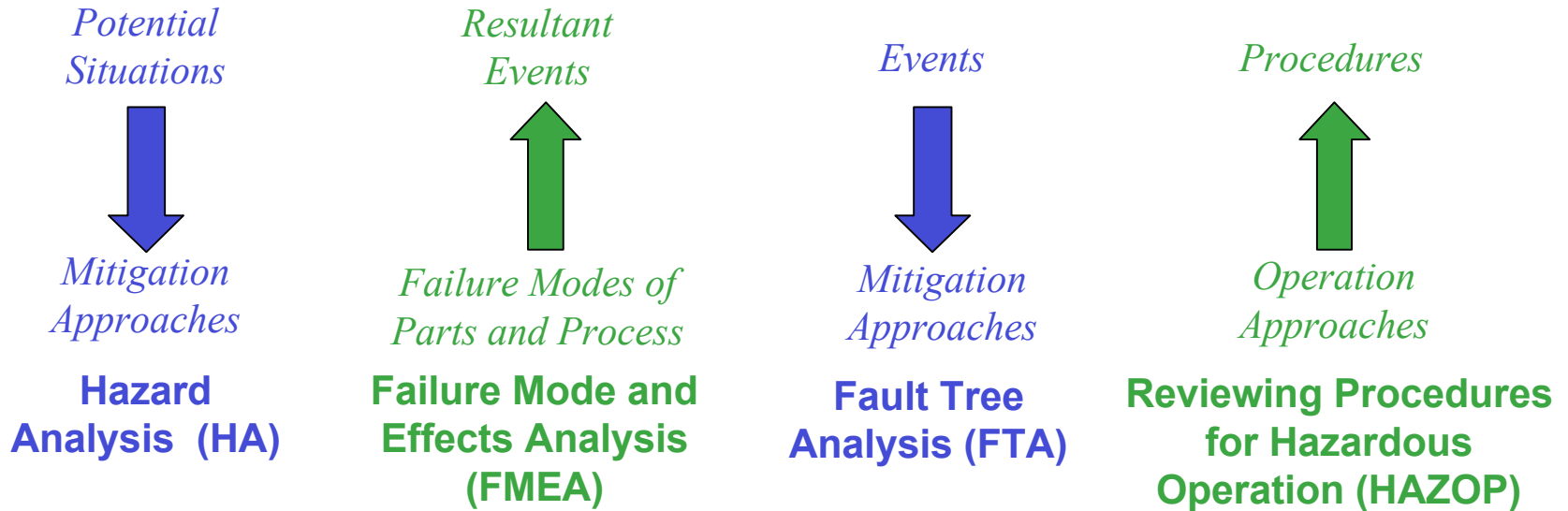
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- Safety reviews of product and test equipment design, and of test processes
  - Codes and Standards, Hazard Analysis, FMEA, FTA, HAZOP
- Standards for Areas with Hazardous Fluids
  - Ventilation and Ventilation Monitoring
  - Gas detection and Fire Suppression
  - Selection of electrical components in potentially hazardous locations
- Out of Limits Conditions
  - Burner and reactor controls
  - Ground fault detection
  - High Temperatures and High Pressures

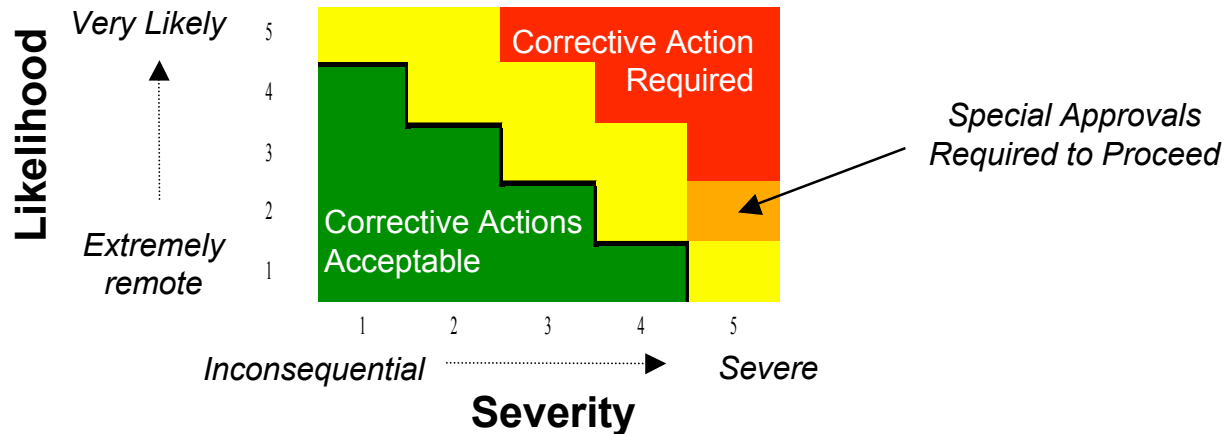




# Project Safety – Safety Analyses



## Analysis Risk Ranking



# Project Safety – Management of Change

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- UTC change process applied to product & test equipment
  - IPD team members review and approve
  - Safety Engineer involvement in IPD
  - Functional checkout of hardware/software changes
- Operating procedures under revision control
- Readiness reviews required for new equipment and chemicals, highlights:
  - Hazards analysis and FMEA
  - Equipment functional checkout
  - Identification of preventative maintenance
  - Procedures and Energy Control
  - PPE assessment, training and communication



# Project Safety – Lessons Learned & Other Insights

## Two Lessons Learned Examples:

- **Gasoline Heater Control Failure:** Failed solid state relay used for primary control of heater, secondary relays were part of sequential control instead of being continuous. Corrective action: change to continuous and adding further over-temperature redundancy
- **Unintended Flow Path:** Failed active component creates unintended flow path, i.e. blower fails to start, other flows find unintended path. Corrective action: improved flow confirmation and backflow prevention

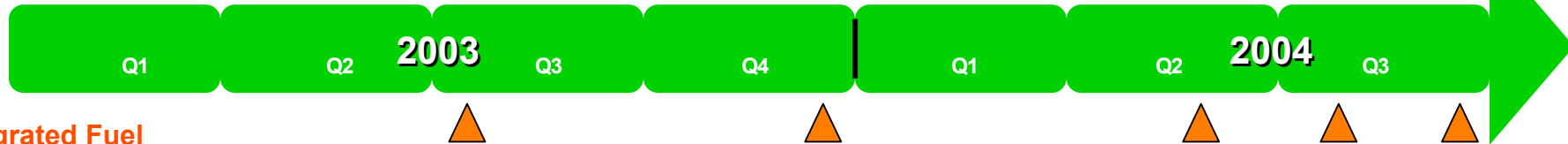
## Other Insights:

- Perform more safety analysis early in project design to identify and resolve safety issues
- Off normal states used for engineering or diagnostic purposes can create challenges. Consideration of all operating states (start-up, shutdown, transitions and off-design) in safety analyses.

# Program Schedule – Current Plan

**Integrated Fuel Processor Milestones:**

Testing Complete  
6/6



**Integrated Fuel Cell Powerplant Milestones:**

7/16  
Design Review Complete

11/30  
Assembly Complete, Begin Test

5/28  
Testing Complete

8/4  
Tear Down Inspection & Reporting

9/30  
Contact Close



**Integrated Fuel Processor**



**Integrated Fuel Cell Powerplant**

# Accomplishments/Progress

## Series 400 CPO-based FPS

- Benefits
  - No steam generator (smaller)
  - Fuel flexibility (Low sulfur gasoline, naphtha, diesel, F-T diesel, CNG, ethanol...)
  - Reformer durability on CA RFG II / III gasoline (desulfurization by UTC FC)
  - Faster start (lower mass) than ATR
- Start Time: 10 sec CPO ignition, ~5 min FPS
- Volume: 78L Packaged FPS
- Emissions: SULEV
- H<sub>2</sub> Production efficiency:  
~75% FPS



# Accomplishments/ Progress – iFPS Results

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## Summary of S400 FP1 Testing Performance Data versus Targets

<b>Data</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>FP1 Test</b>
• FPS Volume, liters	75	78
• Heat up time, s	165	171
• Number of start/stops	500	111
• Duration of operation (total hrs)	2000	232 hrs
– Longest single run, hrs		10 hrs
• Range of equivalent power, kWe	10-50	10-50
• LHV efficiency, % at rated	$\geq 75$	69%
• LHV efficiency, % below rated	$\geq 70$	69-72%



# Accomplishments/ Progress – Powerplant Results

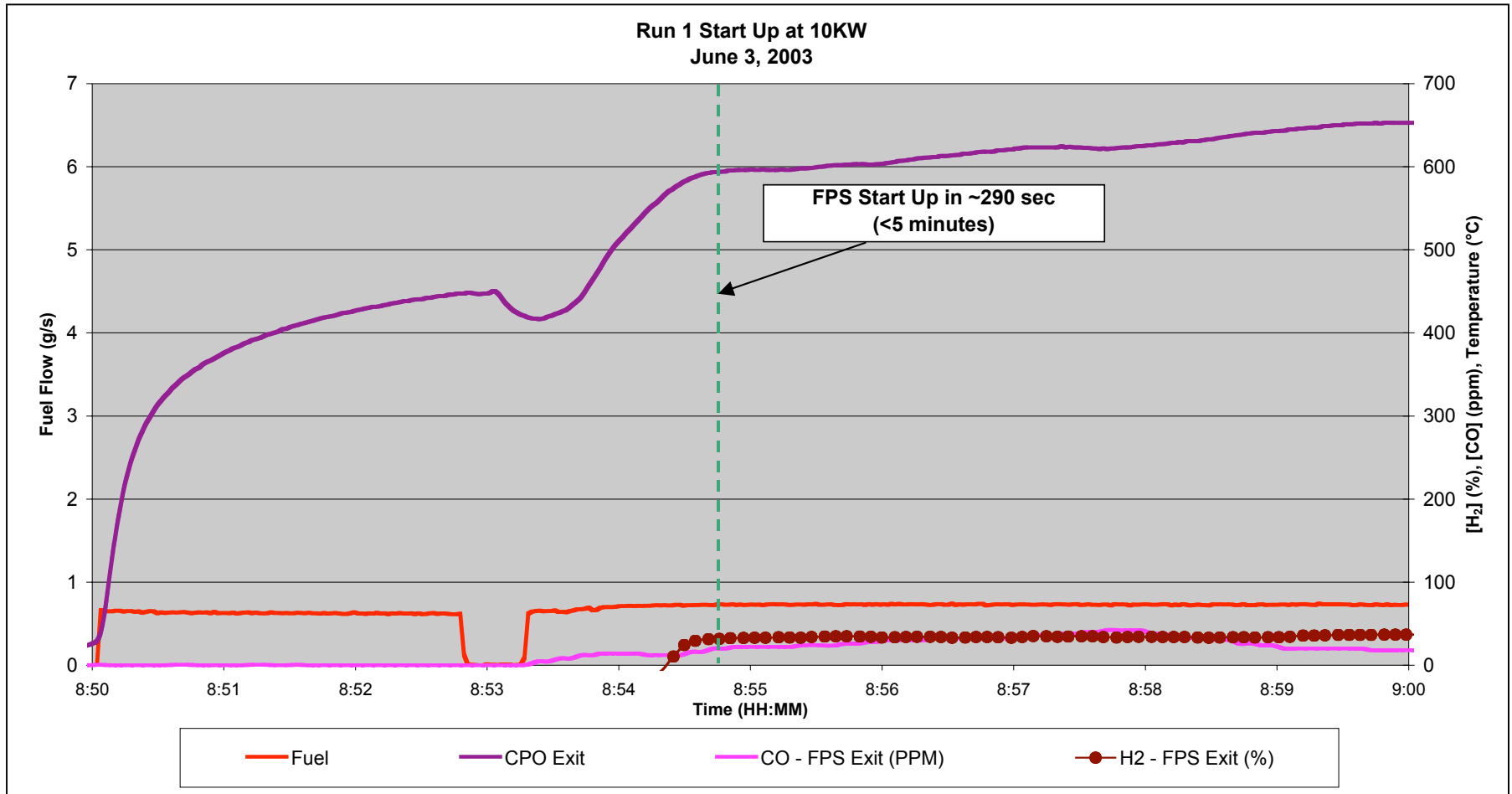
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## Summary of S400 PP1R Testing Performance Data versus Targets

<b>Data</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>PP1R Test</b>
• PP1R Volume, liters	570	582
• PP1R Mass, kg	455	690
• Start Time (to 10kW Power), min	15	TBD
• Number of start/stops	500	TBD
• Duration of operation (total hrs)	1000	TBD
• Maximum Net Power, kW	25-50	TBD
• System Efficiency at 25% of rated (12.5kW)	≥35	TBD
• Ambient Operating Temperature	4 - 40°C	TBD

# FP1 Test Results: Start Time

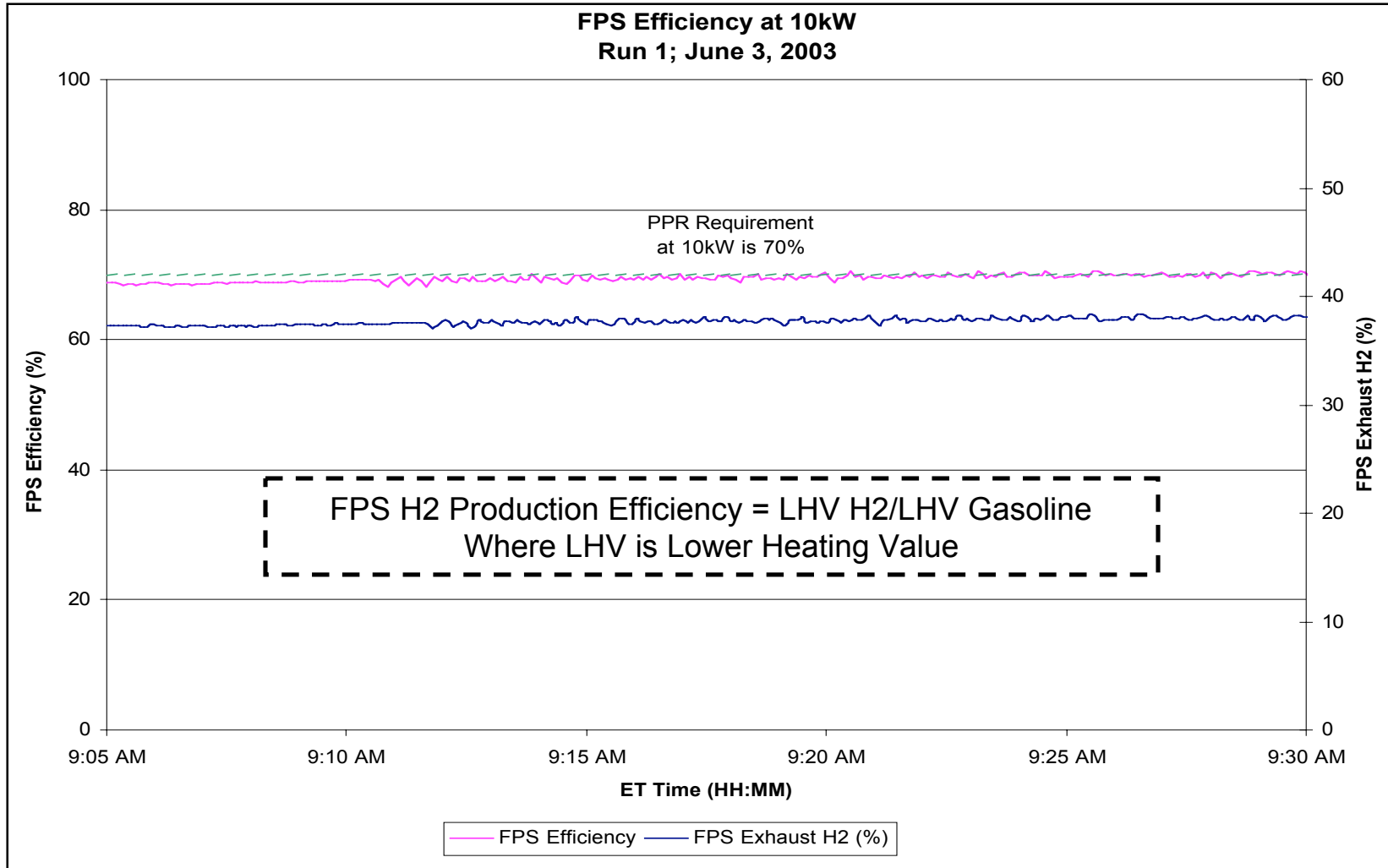
- Start time <5 minutes. Based on stability, H<sub>2</sub> and CO Concentrations





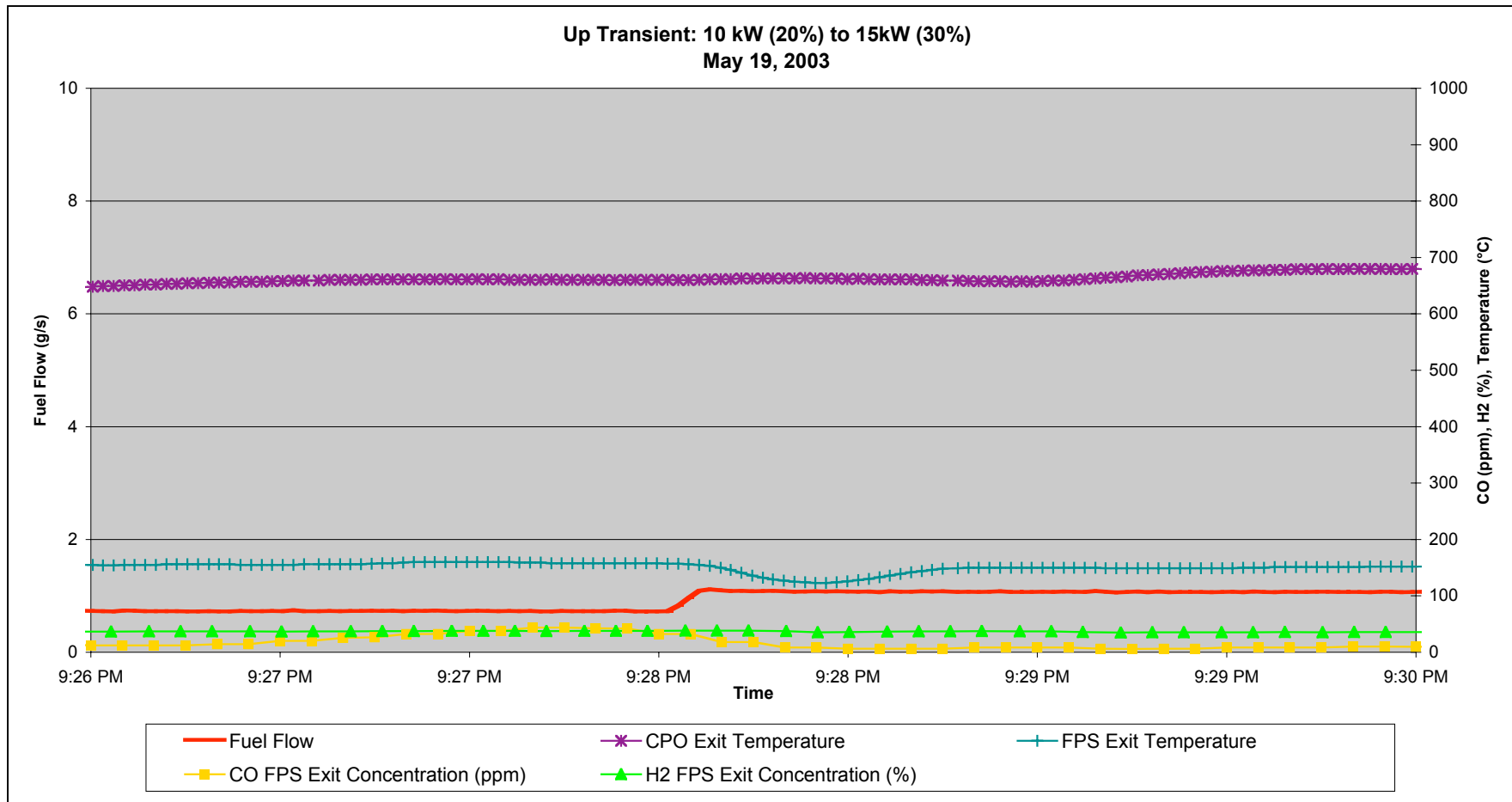
# FP1 Test Results: FPS H<sub>2</sub> Production Efficiency

- H<sub>2</sub> Production Efficiency at 10kWe is ~70%



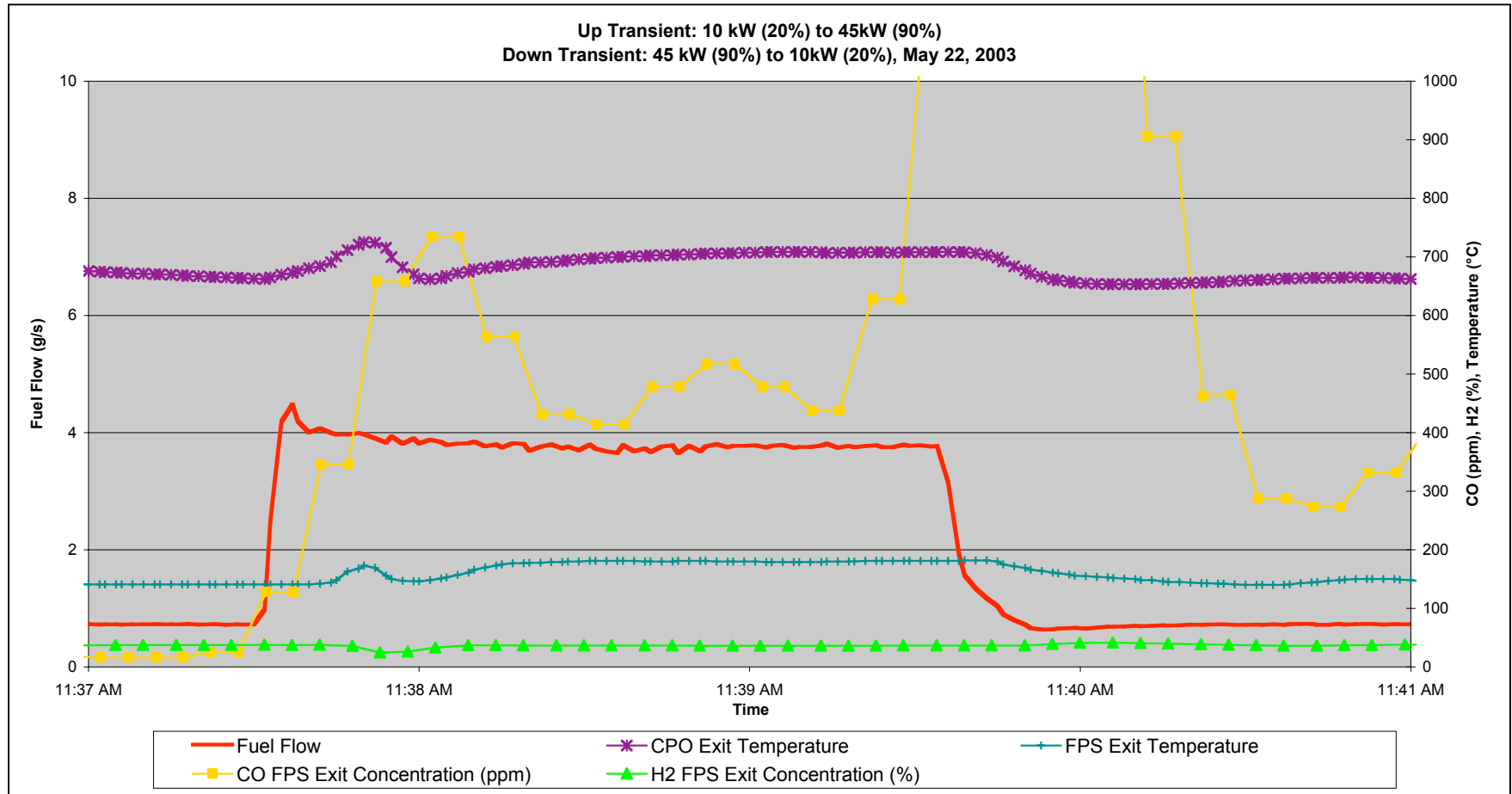
# FP1 Test Results: Small Transient Performance

3.5 kW/s small transient. All stable, CO levels as desired



# FP1 Test Status: Large Transient Performance

3.5 kW/s large transient. All stable, except CO levels high



# FP1 Test Status: SULEV Emissions

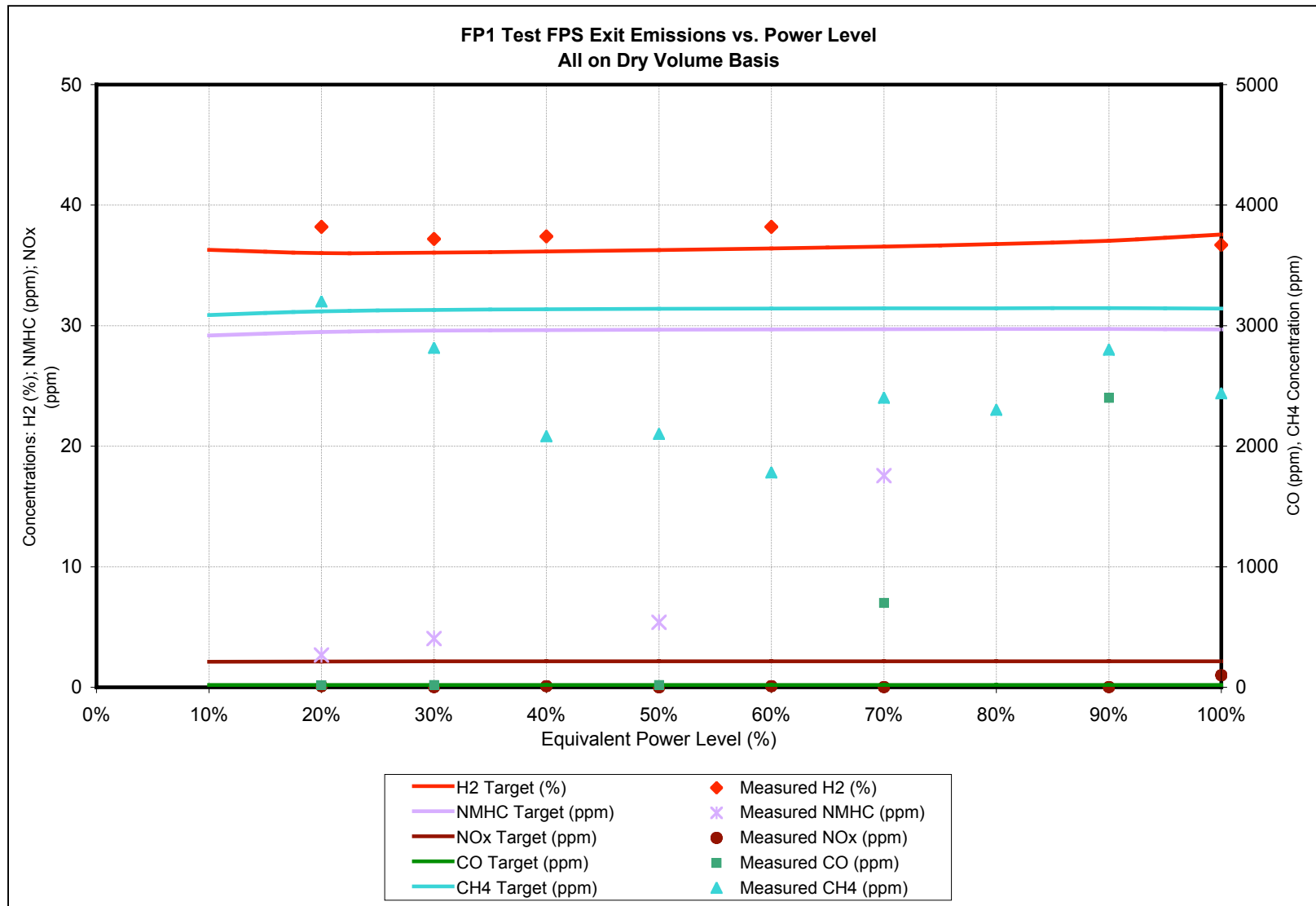
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- Power plant emissions design goal was to be equal to or less than the 2004 Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle (SULEV) standards for vehicles <8500lbs, for CO, NOx and NMHC.
- The SULEV emission limits are specified in terms of g/mile. The emissions for FP1/PP1R were apportioned as total mass amounts for start up, and as concentrations during on-load based on the SULEV limits and the LA4-CH driving mode.
- A methane target of 700 ppm at the powerplant exhaust (3100ppm at FPS exit) and a NMHC target of 1ppm at the FPS exit were additional goals.
- The CSA limit for CO is 20ppm, which is lower than SULEV. The 20ppm target was used herein.

<i>Steady State Goal</i>	<i>Result</i>
NO <sub>x</sub> ≤ 2.1ppm (dry volume)	< 1ppm at all power levels
CO ≤ 20ppm (dry volume)	≤ 20ppm at power levels below 30 kW
CH <sub>4</sub> ≤ 3100ppm (dry volume)	< 3100ppm at all power levels
NMHC ≤ 30ppm (dry volume)	≤ 30ppm at all power levels except 50 kW
Aromatics ≤ 1ppm (dry volume)	Average ~ 2ppm; Range: 0.1 to 10ppm



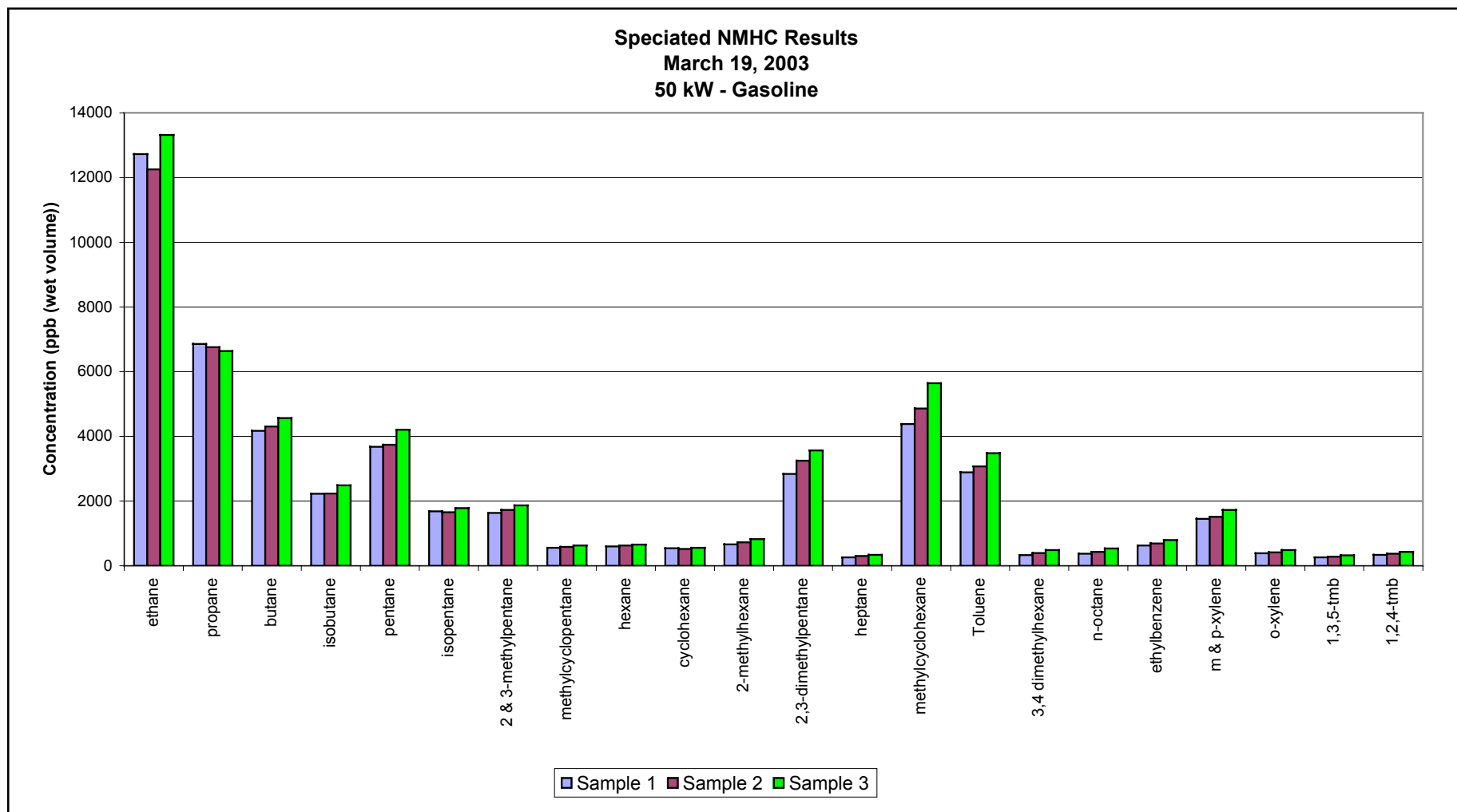
# FP1 Test Results: FPS Exit Emissions and H2



# FP1 Test Status: Speciated Hydrocarbon Emissions

- In addition to the emissions testing was done to determine the unreacted non methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs) in the FPS exhaust.
- The total amount of NMHCs in the exhaust is very low
- Data is shown for three samples at 50 kW equivalent FPS operation. Data from 50 kW was used since the most species were measurable.

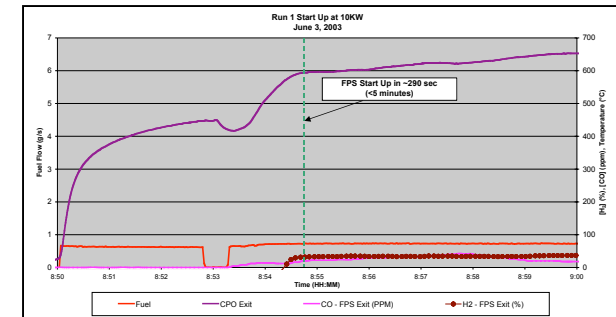
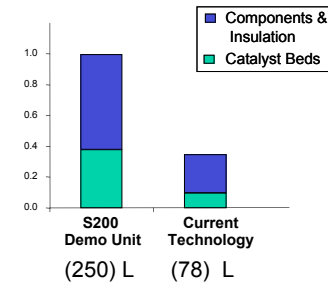
# Test Results: NMHC Speciation at FPS Exit (~CSA inlet)



# Summary/Future

- Significant progress made from S200 to S400

- Weight
- Volume
- Start time
- FPS Technology
- CSA Technology



- Program ends in FY 04, remaining testing will be completed followed by complete teardown and analysis.



# Future Challenges

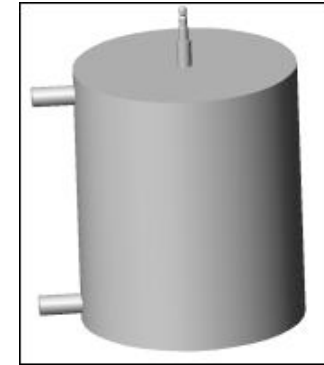
## Gasoline reformer fuel cell power plants



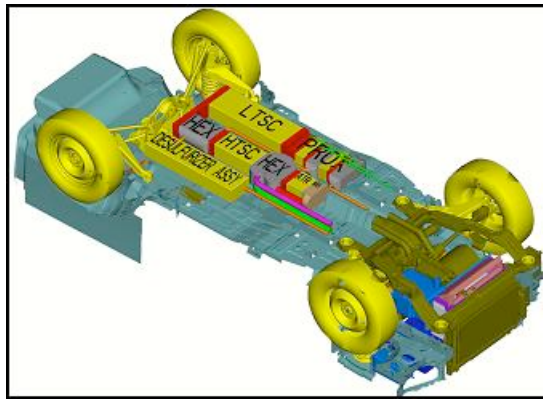
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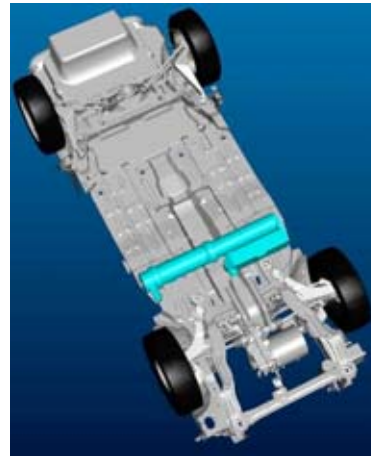
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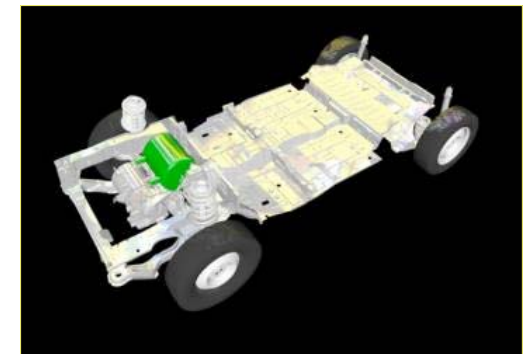
**Next generation FPS**



- 250 L
- 45 min start



- 78 L
- <10 min start



### Goal

- 35 L
- < 30 sec start

# Future Opportunities

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## FPS Technology Advancement

- Focus on Fuel Processor System (FPS) technology to:
  - Improved catalyst
  - Reduce start time
  - Evaluate membrane separation technology
  - Evaluate PSA technology
  - Reduce weight and volume
  - Improved controllability
- Focus on smaller applications, 5 kW APU size demonstrations and development

