



## 2007 DOE HYDROGEN PROGRAM REVIEW

## INTERNATIONAL STATIONARY FUEL CELL DEMONSTRATION

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Clean, Reliable On-site Energy

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## DOE TOPIC 7B/EU FP6 PROGRAM

- ❖ First of it's kind collaboration between the DOE and the EU
- ❖ Goal to develop “high-temperature” (PBI-based) fuel cell heating appliances for residential use worldwide
- ❖ Executed through a US/EU consortium:
  - Plug Power (US)/Plug Power (Netherlands)
  - PEMEAS E-TEK US/PEMEAS (Germany)
  - Vaillant (Germany)
  - Domel (Slovenia)
  - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Bulgaria)
  - Gaia (Sweden)
  - Imperial College (United Kingdom)

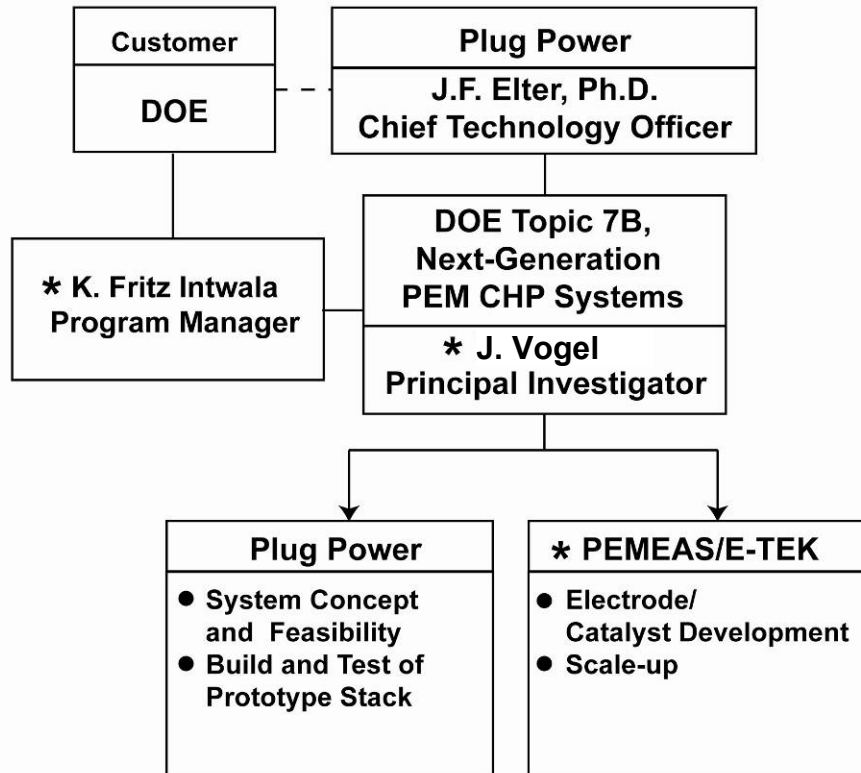
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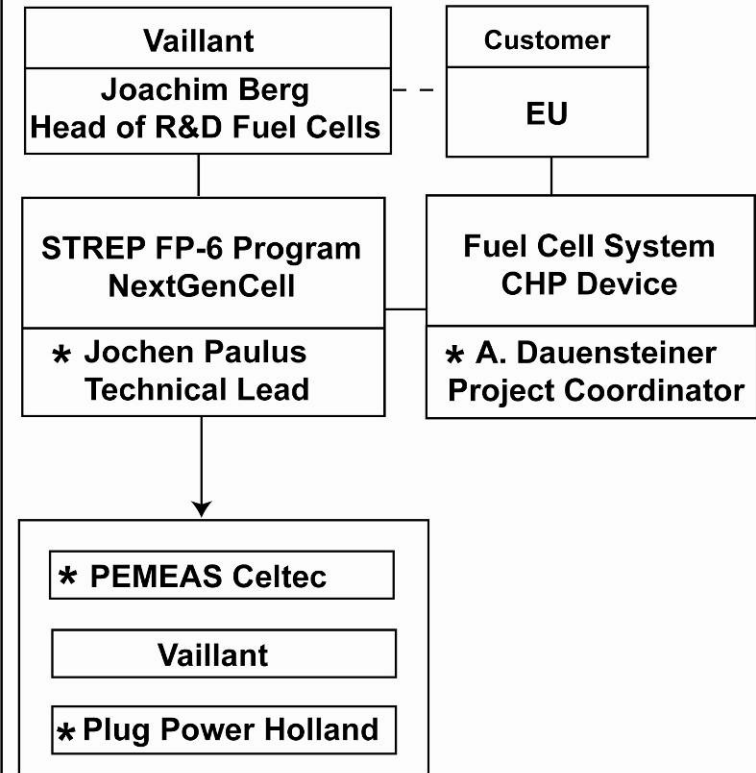
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## PROJECT OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

*Develop, test and validate a 5-kW PEM, stationary, reformate-based, CHP, fuel cell system as the first demonstration of a modular, scalable design for a worldwide market.*

- ❖ Total system cost of < \$750/kW in production volumes
- ❖  $\eta_{\text{electric}} = 35\%$  (line of sight to 40%);  $\eta_{\text{overall}} = 85\%$
- ❖ System life = 40,000 hours
- ❖ Modular and scalable system and CHP hydraulics concepts



# PROGRAM BUDGET

FY	Total	DOE	Cost Share
2007	\$3,192,000	\$1,595,998	\$1,596,002
2008	\$3,385,226	\$1,692,612	\$1,692,614
2009	\$524,247	\$262,122	\$262,125
Total	\$7,101,473	\$3,550,732	\$3,550,741



## DOE TECHNICAL BARRIERS

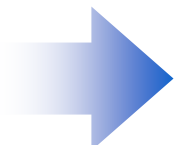
- ❖ The DOE technical barriers addressed in this program are:
  - Durability - 40,000 hour system life
  - Cost - < \$750/kW system cost in production volumes
  - Performance -  $\eta_{\text{electric}} = 35\%$  (line of sight to 40%);  $\eta_{\text{overall}} = 85\%$



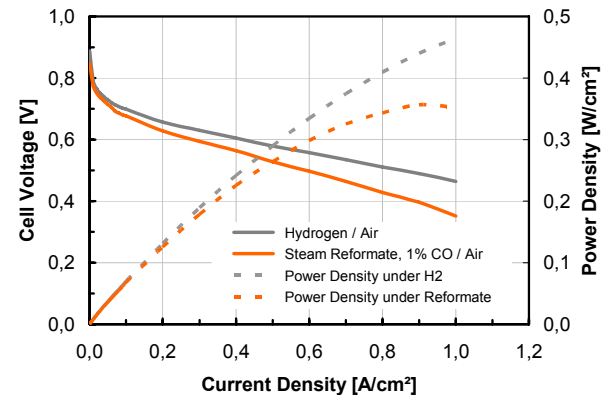


# PRE-AWARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ DOE DE-RP04-01AL67057: Development of a High-Temperature Fuel Cell Membrane Based on Polybenzimidazole
- ❖ DOE DE-FC04-02AL67606 to E-TEK Division, PEMEAS, “Integrated Manufacturing for Advanced MEAs” Complete 11/30/06



Typical Performance of PEMEAS  
Celtec®-P1000 MEA, 160 deg C, H<sub>2</sub> or 1% CO Reformate



Acceptable performance even in 1% CO

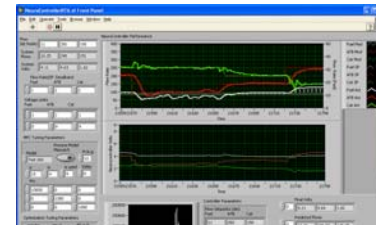
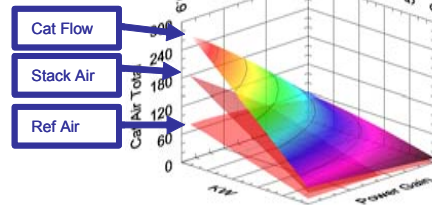
Active area: 50 cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Temperature: 160°C  
 Ambient pressure  
 Anode: lambda 1.2  
 Cathode: lambda 2.0  
 Reformate: 70% H<sub>2</sub>, 29% CO<sub>2</sub>, 1% CO

Develop the technologies to produce a commercial MEA.

# PRE-AWARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ NIST ATP 00-00-5836: Low Cost Fuel Cell System Technologies Development – Complete 11/30/06

Air Delivery Controls



MIMO Model Predictive Neural Control

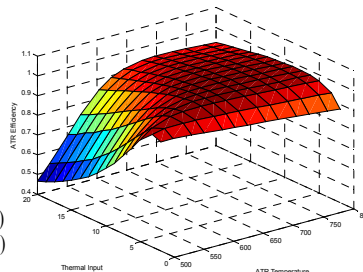
Cost of Energy Algorithms

$$RunningCost = f_{11} + f_{12} + f_{13}$$

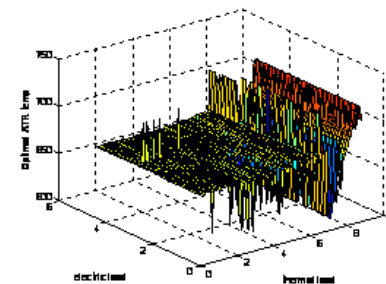
$$f_{11} = fuel\ price * fuel\ used$$

$$f_{12} = elec.\ price * f_e(kW) * Eff(ATR) * Eff(STK)$$

$$f_{13} = fuel\ price * f_h(kW) * Eff(ATR) * Eff(STK)$$



ATR Efficiency Function

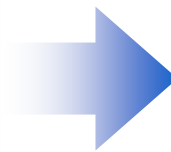
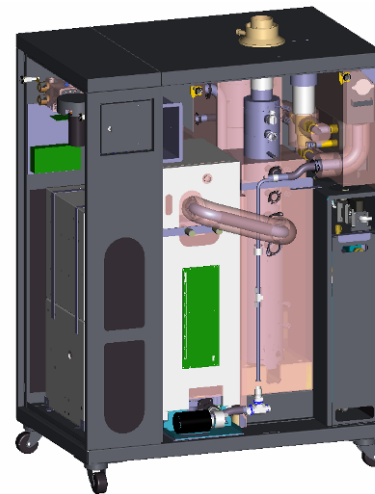
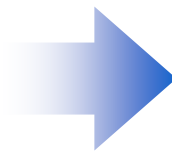
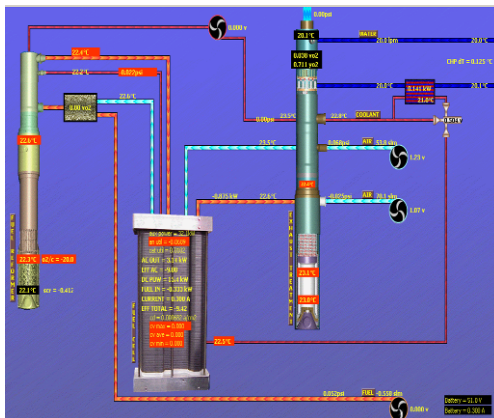


ATR Temp Set Point- Heat Following

Develop system control algorithms to improve cost of energy.

# PRE-AWARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ New York State Energy Research and Development Association (NYSERDA) 7270: Development of High Temperature Combined Heat and Power PEM Fuel Cell Systems – Complete 12/15/06



Develop system concept through prototype design, build, test.



## PRE-AWARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Gas Diffusion Electrode Developmental Coater for Both Hi & Low Temperature MEAs



- ❖ High Temperature MEA Pilot Manufacturing Line-Frankfurt, DE



# APPROACH



	DOE		EU		
	Plug Power US	PEMEAS E-TEK	Vaillant	Plug Power Holland	PEMEAS Germany
<b>DOE Program Management (Lead)</b>					
Task 1.0 Modular/Scalable Architecture					
Task 2.0 Catalyst Development					
Task 3.0 Cathode Development					
Task 4.0 Anode Pt. Reduction					
Task 5.0 Cathode/Anode Scale-up					
Task 6.0 Stack Development					
Task 7.0 Thermal Management Module					
Task 8.0 Inverter Design					
Task 9.0 Software and Controls					
Task 10.0 Fuel Cell System Integrated Design					
Task 11.0 System Build Verification					
Task 12.0 6 Month Demonstration					
<b>European Program Management (Lead)</b>					
Task 13.0 Membrane improvements					
Task 14.0 Sulfur Tolerance					
Task 15.0 Fuel Processing Design and Development					
Task 16.0 Gas and Air Delivery					
Task 17.0 European Inverter, Energy Manager, CHP Integration					



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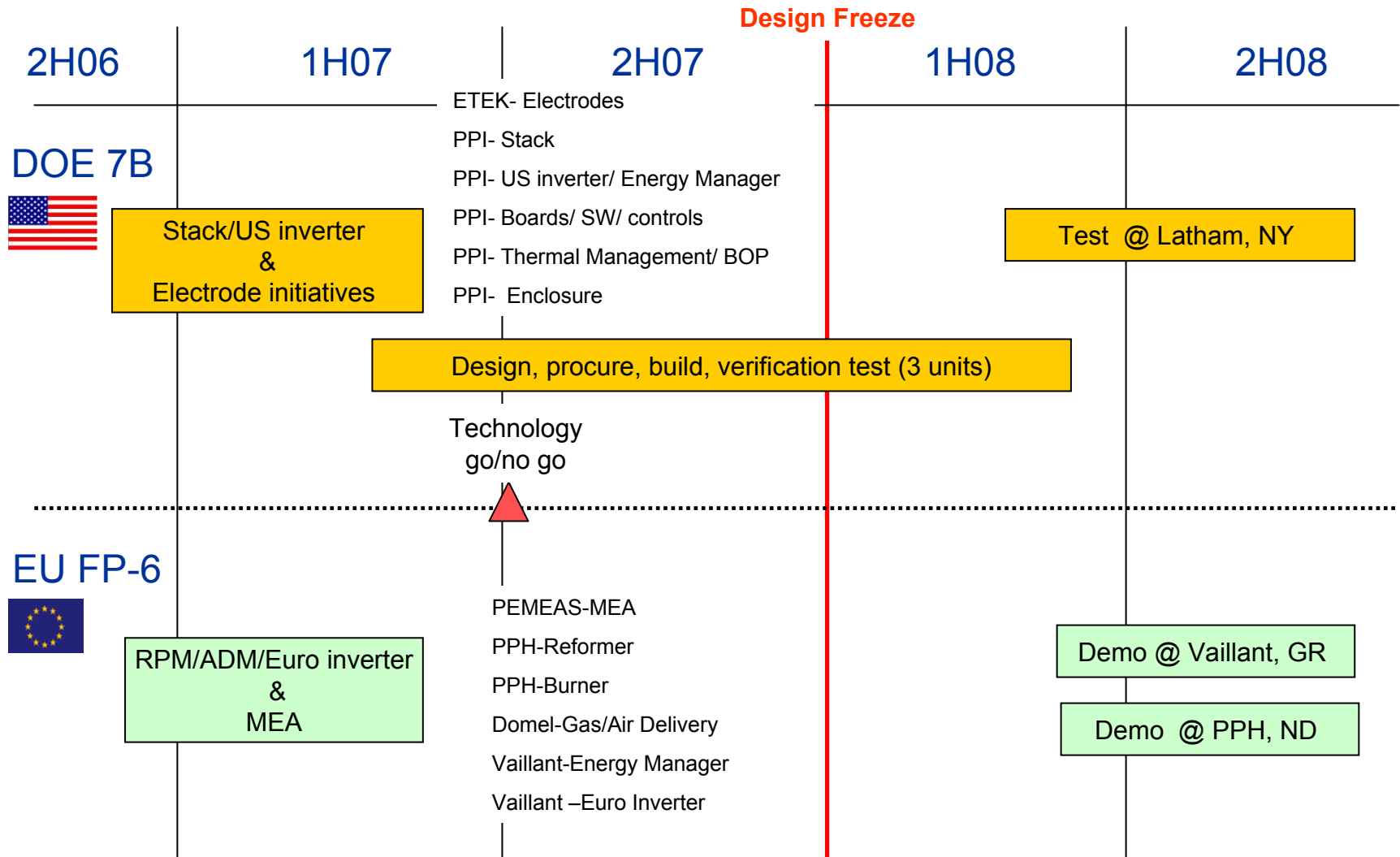
## ❖ System development and demonstration tasks; Plug Power:

- Modular/scalable system design
- Stack development
- Thermal management module
- Inverter design and grid connect
- Software and controls development
- Integrated system design
- Fuel cell system build, verification and test
- System demonstration

## ❖ MEA development tasks; PEMEAS E-TEK:

- Catalyst development
- Cathode development
- Anode Pt reduction
- Electrode scale-up

# SCHEDULE





## PRELIMINARY WORK ON CATALYSTS, ELECTRODES AND MEMBRANES

- ❖ E-TEK has explored and identified corrosion resistant carbon candidates from last DOE project DE-FC04-02AL67606.
- ❖ During the initial stage of this project the catalysts prepared on these supports showed much improved performance/durability, far exceeding conventional carbon. Scale-up needed
- ❖ Testing protocol established for carbon corrosion stability and catalyst stability under shutdown/cycling condition at PEMEAS Frankfurt.
- ❖ Preliminary work on exploring mechanical stronger and thermally more stable membrane showed promising results
- ❖ Proof of principle of anode with 30% less Pt than 1<sup>st</sup> generation
- ❖ Current roll-to-roll electrode coating technology expected to be easily adapted to future generation



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