

# **Fuel Cells**

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# **Goal and Objectives**



*Goal: Develop and demonstrate fuel cell power system technologies for stationary, portable and transportation application.* 

### **Distributed Power\*:**

- \$750/kW by 2011
- 40,000-hour durability by 2011
- 40% efficiency by 2011

## **Transportation:**

- \$45/kW by 2010; \$30/kW by 2015\*
- 5,000-hour durability by 2015
- 60% efficiency

## **APUs:**

- Specific power of 40 W/kg by 2015
- Power density of 35 W/L by 2015

## **Portable Power\*:**

• Energy density of 1,000 W-h/L by 2010

# Performance metrics being tracked will help form materials handling and backup power targets

\*Targets are currently under review





# **Budget**



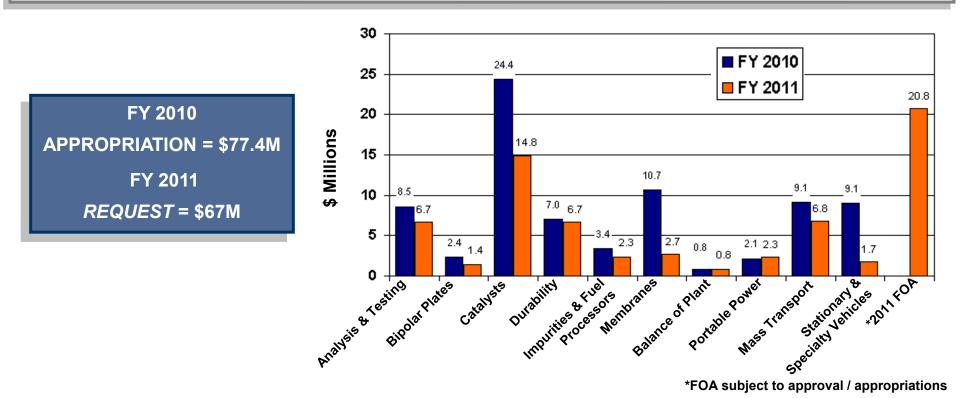
### FY 2010 Emphasis

R&D of materials, stack components, balance-of-plant subsystems, and integrated fuel cell systems targeting lower cost and enhanced durability

- Develop improved fuel cell catalysts and membrane electrolytes
- · Characterize and optimize transport phenomena improving MEA and stack performance
- Optimize fuel cells and systems for early market applications
- Develop innovative concepts leading to a new generation of fuel cell technologies

Applications include: transportation, combined heat and power (CHP), auxiliary power units (APUs), direct methanol fuel cells for portable power, and backup power for critical infrastructure.

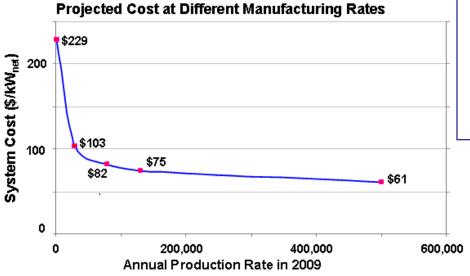
FY 2010 Budget Plan Industry - \$31.5M, National Labs - \$40.2M, University - \$5.7M

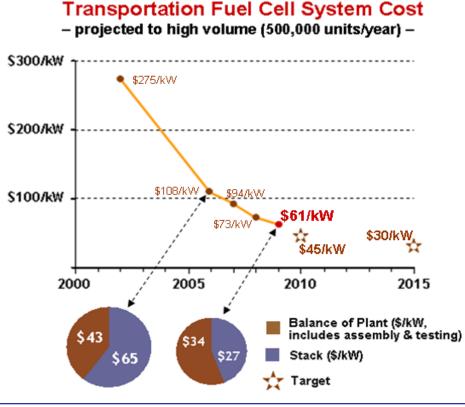


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The projected high-volume cost of transportation fuel cells for 2009 has been reduced to \$61/kW\*

- More than 35% reduction in the last two years
- 2008 cost projection was validated by independent panel\*\*





\*Based on projection to high-volume manufacturing (500,000 units/year).

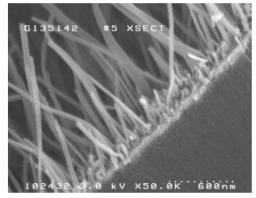
\*\*Panel found \$60 – \$80/kW to be a "valid estimate":

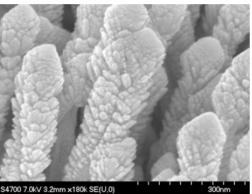
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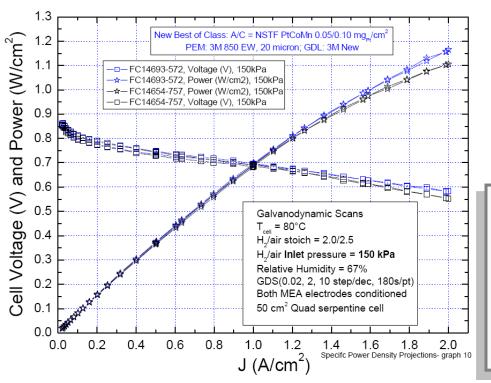


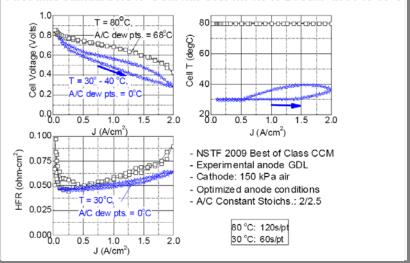
### MEAs demonstrate high performance under non-ideal (cool, wet) conditions

### 3M Nanostructured Thin Film (NSTF) catalyst









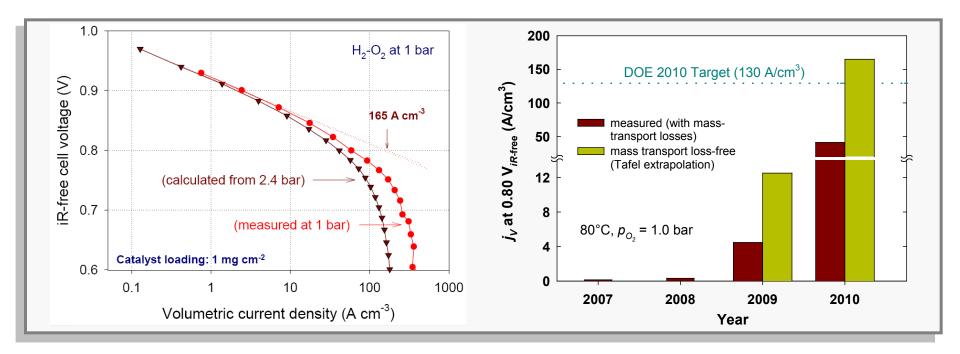
3M's use of specific anode operating conditions and modification of anode diffusion media allows high performance operation under challenging conditions - temperature as low as 30 C

### NSTF meets major performance and durability targets

- High power at low PGM loading 0.18 g<sub>PGM</sub>/kW • (single cell), 0.19 g<sub>PGM</sub>/kW (stack) – DOE 2010 target: 0.3 g<sub>PGM</sub>/kW
- Membrane Durability Test 5000 hours with cycling (single cell) - DOE 2010/2015 target: 5000 hours

#### First time standard NSTF CCM has ever hit 1.5 to 2 A/cm² at 30 to 35ºC

Non-PGM catalyst activity increased



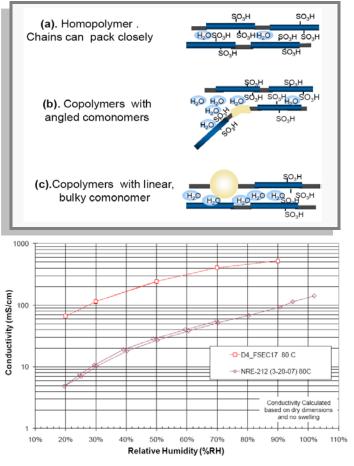
- High ORR activity reached with several non-PGM catalysts by LANL, including cyanamide-Fe-C catalyst (shown)
- Fuel cell performance improved by more than 100x since 2008
- Catalyst activity exceeds DOE 2010 activity target of 130 A/cm<sup>3</sup> at 0.80 V

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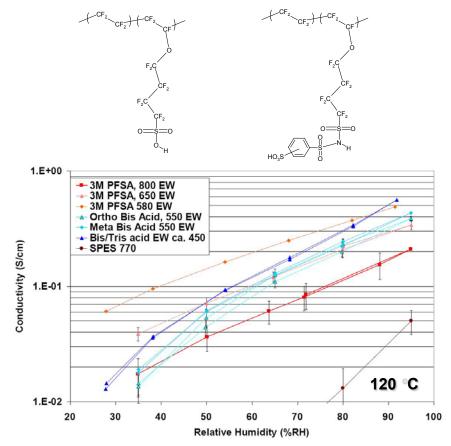
# Membranes achieve high conductivity for high temperature applications

### **CWRU: Frozen-in Free Volume**



Latest rigid-rod polyelectrolytes show outstanding conductivity at 80 C
120 C testing in progress

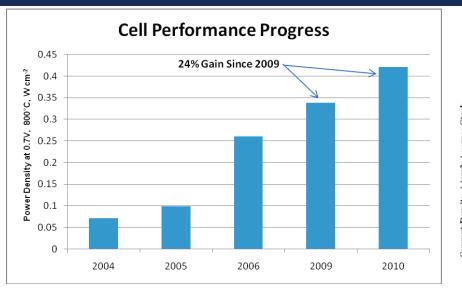
## **3M: Low-EW PFSAs and Multi-Acid Side Chains**



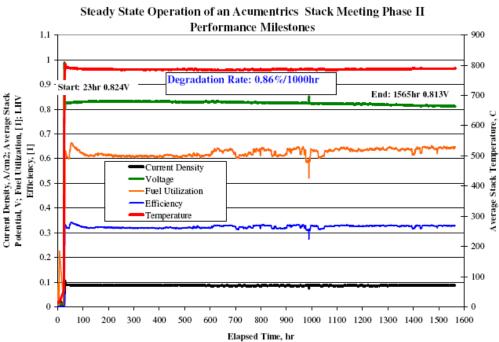
Low-EW PFSA has highest conductivity, but poor mechanical properties

Multi-acid side chain ionomer achieves high conductivity while retaining better mechanical 7 properties

Improvements in SOFC power density and durability for micro-CHP applications







- Acumentrics demonstrated 24% increase in power density, enabling 33% reduction in stack volume and 15% reduction in stack weight
- Low degradation rate of 0.86%/1000 hours during 1500 hours of testing

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## Several workshops were held in 2010 with stakeholder participation

November 16 - Joint DOE Fuel Cell Technologies/Fossil Energy MCFC & PAFC Workshop

• *Purpose:* Provide an overview of the state-of-the-art, identify critical areas, key barriers and gaps in the current technologies

## March 16 & 17 - Pre-Solicitation Workshop

- *Purpose:* Gather feedback from the research community and relevant stakeholders regarding pre-competitive development needs and technical barriers related to fuel cells and fuel cell systems designed for stationary and transportation applications, as well as cross-cutting stack and BOP component technology
- A complementary RFI was issued prior to the workshop

# June 7 - Workshop on Bus Targets and Gaps

• *Purpose:* Provide an overview and discuss relevant R&D needs

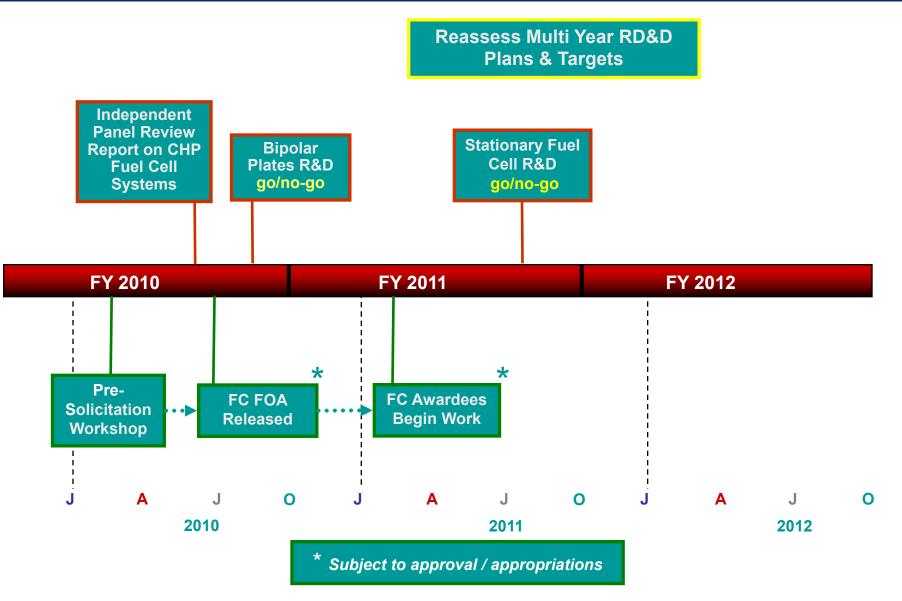
RFIs were issued to facilitate target revision for micro-CHP, APU and Portable Power\* fuel cell applications

The Portable Power RFI can be found at: www.fedconnect.net - responses are due June 30

# **Future Plans**



## Major Milestones & Future Solicitation





- This is a review, not a conference.
- Presentations will begin precisely at the scheduled times.
- Talks will be 20 minutes and Q&A 10 minutes.
- Reviewers have priority for questions over the general audience.
- Reviewers should be seated in front of the room for convenient access by the microphone attendants during the Q&A.
- Please mute all cell phones, BlackBerries, etc.



- Deadline for final review form submittal is <u>June</u>
   <u>18th</u>.
- ORISE personnel are available on-site for assistance. A reviewer lab is set-up in room 8216 and will be open Tuesday –Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM and Friday 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Reviewer feedback session Wednesday, at 6:15 pm (after last Fuel Cell session), in the room of this session.

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