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## Technology Validation -Session Introduction -

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## **Technology Validation Activities**



Technology Validation assesses the performance and durability of new technologies to provide feedback to the R&D sub-programs and confirm readiness for commercialization.



### **DOE Program Structure**

## **Goal and Objectives**



<u>GOAL:</u> Validate the state-of-the-art of fuel cell systems in transportation and stationary applications as well as hydrogen production, delivery and storage systems. Assess technology status and progress to determine when technologies should be moved to the market transformation phase.

### By 2017:

- Validate commercial stationary fuel cells (100 kW to 3 MW) against 2015 system targets (50,000 h, 45% electrical efficiency).
- Validate durability of auxiliary power units (APUs) against 2015 fuel cell system target (15,000 h, 35% electrical efficiency).

## By 2019:

- Validate hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles with greater than 300-mile range and 5,000 hours fuel cell durability.
- Validate a hydrogen fueling station capable of producing and dispensing 200 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day (at 5kg/3 min; 700 bar) to cars and/or buses.

## Challenges



### Many challenges continue to be met through data collection efforts.

### Technology Validation efforts cover a wide range of applications and components...

- ✓ Applications: Cars, buses, trucks, refueling stations, stationary systems, demand response, back-up power, material handling equipment.
- $\checkmark$  Critical Components: H<sub>2</sub> compressors and storage, fuel cell stacks, and electrolyzers.

#### Several challenges exist:

- Proprietary designs and data with competitive value are sensitive and need to be protected.
- Durability measurements need to be taken over significant amounts of time.
- Failure modes and degradation mechanisms need to be identified and communicated with DOE R&D programs.
- Results need to be compiled in a credible, meaningful and up-to-date manner for use by a variety of audiences, including end-users, investors and other decision-makers .

## **Technology Validation Budget**

### FY 2014 Request = \$7.0M FY 2013 = \$8.5M



\* Subject to appropriations, project go/no go decisions and competitive selections. Exact amounts will be determined based on R&D progress in each area and the relative merit and applicability of projects competitively selected through planned funding opportunity announcements (FOAs).

## **EMPHASIS**

- Data collection, analysis and evaluation. (leverages equipment funded outside of Technology Validation).
  - Light-duty vehicles, buses and hydrogen refueling stations. (Collaboration on buses with DOT.)
  - Hydrogen compressors and advanced refueling components.
  - Forklifts and Stationary Fuel Cells.
- Real-world demonstration/evaluations (small number of units for validation purposes).
  - High-Pressure Electrolyzers.
  - Electrochemical Hydrogen Pumps.

## **Progress: Vehicle Data Collection**



## Several major OEMs to demonstrate advanced light-duty FCEVs.

- 3 awards were made to date:
  - □ \$5 million DOE funding.
  - ❑ Data to be collected from up to ~70 vehicles.
  - □ Planned mileage:
    - ✓ Phase 1 = ~190,000 mi
    - ✓ Phase 2 (anticipated) = ~204,000 mi

	Learning Demo	Current Projects
Range (mi)	196-254*	TBD
Efficiency (%)	53-59	TBD
Durability (hrs)	2,521	TBD

\* Separately validated 430 mile range.

### Validation of data via NREL:

- Validate light-duty FCEV performance and durability through analysis of dynamometer and real-world vehicle performance data.
- Completed data templates (operation, maintenance, safety, and specification) and HSDC security procedures.
- Prioritized key analysis topics.



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## Progress: H<sub>2</sub> Station Data Collection



### DOE Awards \$2.4M for Hydrogen Station Evaluations and Advanced Refueling Components

#### 350 bar and 700 bar fast-fill capability at all stations.

#### California State University—Los Angeles (CSULA)

- Station Location: Los Angeles, CA (on CSULA campus).
- Station Characteristics: Electrolyzer; 30-60 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day.

#### Proton Energy (Proton OnSite)

- Station Locations: Wallingford, CT (SunHydro #1) and Braintree, MA (SunHydro #2).
- Station Characteristics: 65 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day, advanced 57 bar PEM electrolyzer (at SunHydro #1 station); co-located PV array.

#### California Air Resources Board (CARB)

- Station Location: Newport Beach, CA.
- Station Characteristics: 100 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day; natural gas reforming.

#### Gas Technology Institute (GTI)

- Station Locations: California (North: San Mateo, Cupertino, Mountainview, West Sacramento) & (South: Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano).
- Station Characteristics: new 900 bar ionic compression; gaseous or liquid delivered hydrogen.

#### **KEY METRICS**

#### Location/Capacity/Utilization:

Station usage patterns and geographic locations.

#### **Fueling:**

Fueling rates, times, amounts, back-to-back fills, communication.

#### Maintenance/Availability:

Maintenance patterns, reliability and availability of stations.

#### Cost:

Energy cost, maintenance cost.

#### **Station Timing:**

Permitting time, building time, commissioning time.



OR



## **Progress: Second Generation Fuel Cell Buses**

## New FC bus designs have ~1.9x the fuel economy of diesel buses, and ~2.3x the fuel economy of CNG buses.



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## Progress: Fuel Cell Material Handling Equipment ENERGY

Operating with average availability of ~98% at eight end-user facilities. Most systems operate at least 6 hours a day.



## **Progress: Fuel Cell Back-up Power**

Systems are operating reliably in 19 states.



Reasons for unsuccessful starts include an e-

stop signal, no fuel, and other system failures.



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Systems in operation\*

**4-6 kW** Average site

capacity



Start attempts



\*Not all systems have detailed data reporting to NREL.

65 hrs

Continuous run time demonstrated



## **Progress: Technology Validation Projects**



### Technology Validation Projects Follow R&D Portfolio and Leverage ARRA Activities

#### Hydrogen Components (NREL)

#### Compressor Testing:

- Diaphragm compressor- in low utilization service, includes analysis of "MBS."
- Air driven piston- running at high speed for failure analysis.
- Hydraulic piston- 4x 16 week runs simulating station demand.

#### PEM Electrolyzer Stack Test:

- Completed 10,000 hours of testing on each of 3 stacks.
- Variable wind vs. steady-state load profiles.



#### **Electrochemical Hydrogen Recycling (H2Pump)**

- 8 systems in industrial heat treating, LED fabs., and semi-conductor applications.
- Q1, 2013- Four installs completed.
- Q2, 2013- Remaining installs to be completed.
- Thru 2014- Operation and maintenance.
- Data collection on efficiency, stack degradation vs. potential contaminants, maintenance and repair.

#### **Stationary Fuel Cell Evaluation (NREL)**

- Installation data from
  California's Self Generation
  Incentive Program (SGIP):
  - 5 companies.
  - ✓ From 2001 to 2012.
  - ✓ 249 units, 97 MW.
- Natural gas is most popular fuel choice, but renewable fuels (digester, landfill, biomass gas) account for 43% of capacity.
- Average installed cost was \$10,223/kW. (Costs range from \$3,000/kW to \$21,000/kW.)



## **RFI Issued:** *"Fuel cell technology validation, commercial acceleration and potential deployment strategies in early market applications"*

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/news\_detail.html?news\_id=19089. Closed April 10, 2013.

### Notice of Intent to Issue Early Market Hydrogen and Fuel Cell FOA\*\*

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) intends to issue, on behalf of its Fuel Cell Technologies Office, a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled **"Fuel Cell Hybrid Electric Medium Duty Trucks, Roof-top Backup Power, and Advanced Hydrogen Refueling Components."** 

It is anticipated that the FOA will include the following topics:

- Demonstration and Deployment of Fuel Cell Hybrid-Electric Medium-Duty Trucks
- Validation of Advanced Hydrogen Refueling Components\* (compressors, tube trailers, advanced onsite hydrogen production, alternative refueling protocols, nozzles).
- Demonstration and Case Study for Roof-top Installations of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Backup Power Systems
- Hydrogen Meter R&D

\* Potential opportunities for leveraging state activities (e.g. CA state funding for fueling stations). FCT will not be funding infrastructure but can fund technology innovation that could be applicable to/enable infrastructure (e.g. innovative refueling/compression technologies).

\*\*Notice of Intent (NOI) only. DOE may issue a FOA as described herein, may issue a FOA that is significantly different than the FOA described herein, or may not issue a FOA at all.





### Key milestones and future plans



## **Participating Organizations**

#### **Technology Validation**

AC Transit Air Products & Chemicals, Inc. **BAE Systems** Ballard Power Systems, Inc. CA Fuel Cell Partnership CA Stationary Fuel Cell Collaborative California Air Resources Board (CARB) City of Burbank ClearEdge Power CA State University Los Angeles (CSULA) CTTRANSIT El Dorado National FedEx Freight East **General Electric** GENCO Gas Technology Institute (GTI) H2Pump LLC Hydrogen Frontier, Inc. Hydrogenics Corporation Linde National Fuel Cell Research Center, U.C. Irvine National Renewable Energy Laboratory Nuvera PDC Machines Plug Power Proterra Proton ReliOn Inc. Several Auto Manufacturers Shell Hydrogen Sprint Communications SunLine Transit Agency Sysco of Houston U.S. Department of Transportation **Xcel Energy** 

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- Photography and audio and video recording are not permitted.



- Deadline to submit your reviews is Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm EDT.
- ORISE personnel are available on-site for assistance.
  - Reviewer Lab Hours:
    - Monday, 5:00 pm 8:00 pm (Gateway ONLY)
    - Tuesday Wednesday, 7:00 am 8:00 pm (Gateway)
    - Thursday, 7:00 am 6:00 pm (Gateway)
    - Tuesday Thursday, 7:00 am 6:00 pm (City)
  - Reviewer Lab Locations:
    - Crystal Gateway Hotel—*Rosslyn Room* (downstairs, on Lobby level)
    - Crystal City Hotel—*Roosevelt Boardroom* (next to Salon A)