

# “Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Development for Auxiliary Power in Heavy Duty Vehicle Applications”

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## Overview

### Timeline

- September 2004
- April 2010  
(Project was on 18 month hold from 2006-2007)
- 70% Complete

### Budget

- Total project funding
  - DOE - \$3,000,000
  - Delphi - \$1,750,000
- \$1,213,274 received in CY08
- \$ 655,653 planned for CY09

### Barriers

- Barriers addressed:
  - Sulfur Remediation
    - Reformer Operation
    - Stack Sensitivity
  - Carbon Issues
    - Catalyst plugging
    - Combustion Start plugging
  - System Pre-combustion
  - System Electrical Integration

### Partners

- Paccar and Volvo Truck
- Electricore Inc.

# Relevance - Solid Oxide Fuel Cells Market Opportunity



**Heavy Duty Truck**  
 Diesel



**Recreational Vehicles**  
 Diesel, LPG



**Truck and Trailer Refrigeration**  
 Diesel



**US Military**  
 JP-8



**European mCHP & CHCP**  
 Natural Gas



**US Stationary - APU & CHP**  
 Natural Gas, LPG



**Commercial Power**  
 Natural Gas



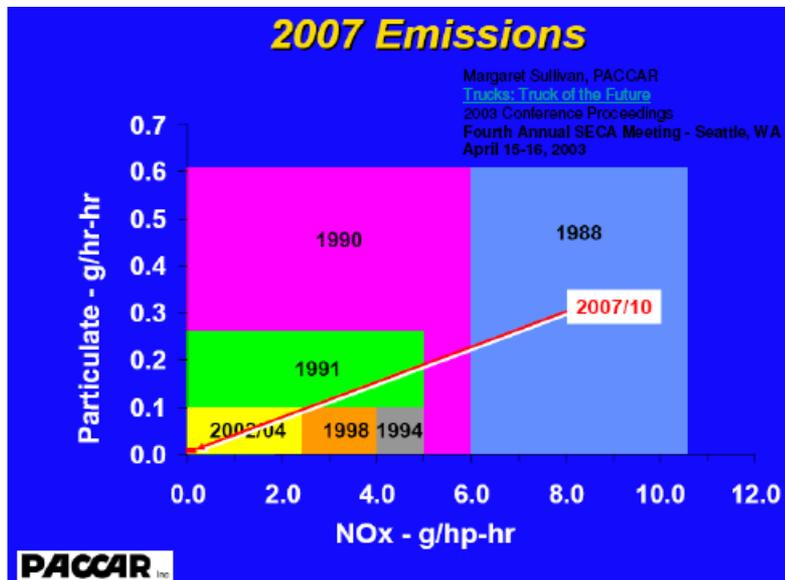
**FutureGen Powerplant**  
 Coal Gas

*Heavy Duty Truck represents Delphi's target initial development & application*

# Relevance - Heavy Duty Truck Market Drivers

## Mission & Anti-idling Regulations

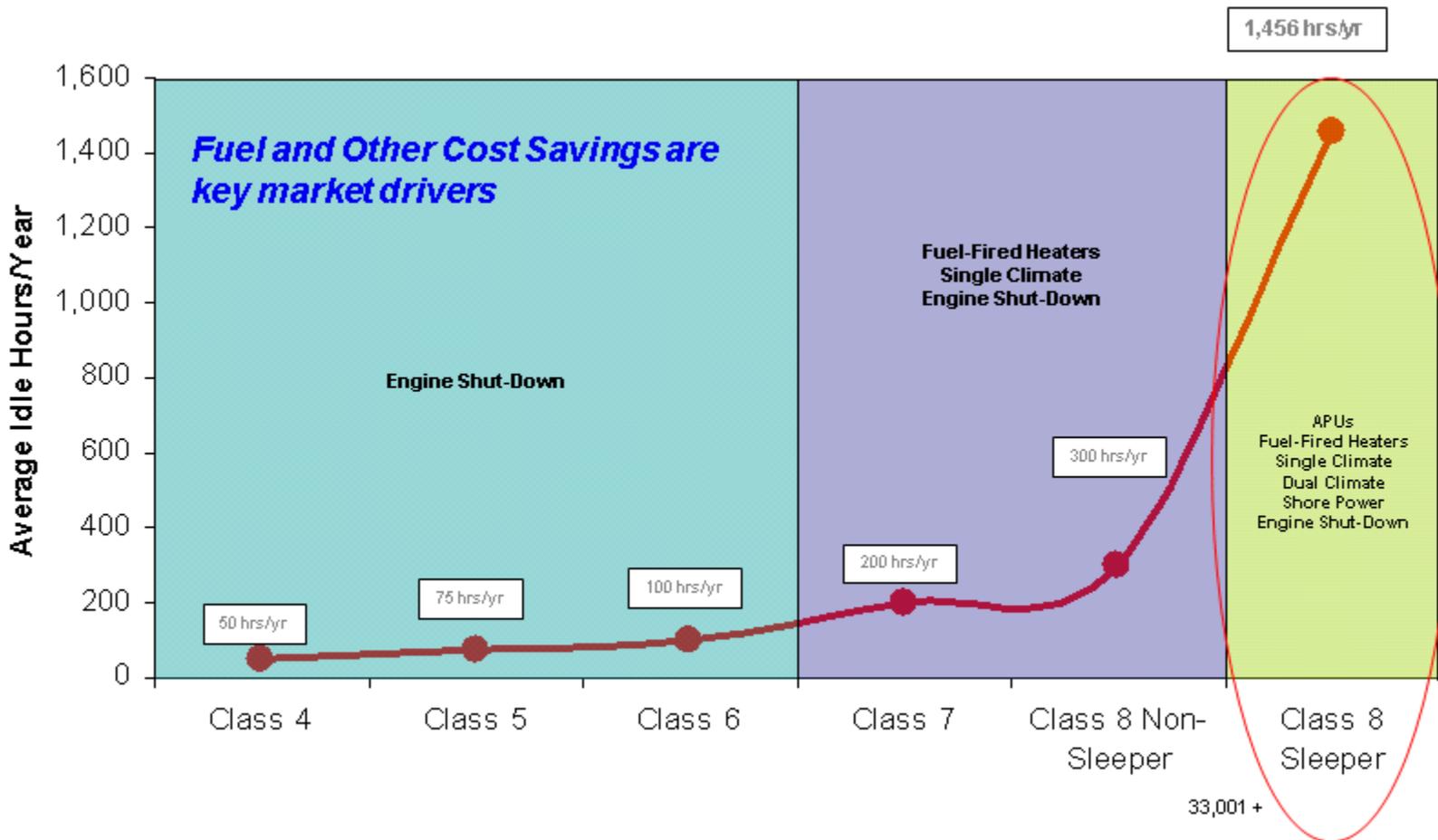
*Annually, long-duration truck and locomotive engine idling...*



*... Emits 11-million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, 200,000 tons of NOx, and 5,000 tons of particulate matter*

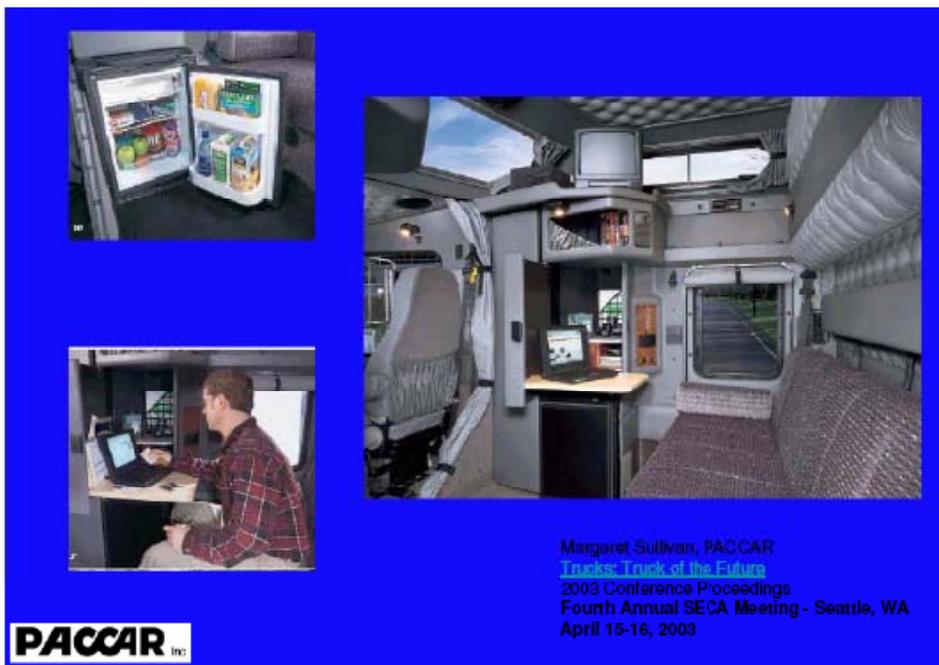
*... Consumes >1-billion gallons of diesel fuel*

# Relevance - Heavy Duty Truck Market Idling Time



## Relevance - Heavy Duty Truck Market Drivers

### Increasing Cab Electrical Loads



#### In-Cab Appliances Include

- CB Radios
- Cell Phones
- Televisions
- Refrigerators
- Stereos
- Lamps
- DVD / VCR Player
- Computer
- Microwave
- Coffee Maker
- Electric Blankets
- Electric AC / Heater

*OEM load profiles identify potential power requirements of 2.5kW and 4.0kW respectively*

# Relevance - Objectives

Complete a 48-month contract with the DOE EERE:

✓ 1. Develop APU system requirements and concepts with major truck OEMs input

2. Design, develop and test the needed subsystems for the approved concept

1. Verification testing of brass-board APU system
2. Form and packaging design
3. Review Phase 2 system specification

3. Build and demonstrate a diesel fueled truck APU system to the DOE

	DOE 2010 APU Technical Targets	DOE 2015 APU Technical Targets	Delphi Proposed SOFC APU Targets
System cycles #	150	250	150
Net System Power (kW)	≤ 5	≤ 5	3
Specific Power (W/kg)	25	25	25
Power Density (W/L)	25	25	25
Net System Efficiency	35.0%	40.0%	38.0%
Durability (hrs)	20,000	35,000	20,000
Start Up Time (min)	15-30	15-30	60
Factory Cost (\$/kWe)	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,000
Fuel	US '07 Diesel	US '07 Diesel	US '07 Diesel

DOE/Delphi SOFC Key Performance Metrics

Meeting these objectives will dramatically increase both the technical and commercial viability of fuel cell APU technology

## Approach - Milestones

Month/Year	Milestone and Go/No-Go Decisions	Complete
April 2008	<b>Sub-Milestone Review #2:</b> This milestone focused on the APU design and layout; and Developing the subsystem requirements document and development plan.	100%
Sep. 2008	<b>Sub-Milestone Review #3:</b> This milestone focused on the SOFC APU hardware design and build; Subsystem test fixture hardware development.	100%
April 2009 (As of March 20 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Phase 2: Critical Milestone #3 Hardware Design &amp; Development</b> This milestone focused on completion of the SOFC APU hardware build and procurement; Initiation of subsystem hardware testing and design iterations.	80%
August 2009 (As of March 20 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Phase 2 Milestone #4 System &amp; Subsystem Design Progress</b> This milestone includes subsystem testing and controls development; Initial SOFC APU system brass board integration and design iteration.	25%

## Approach

### Phase 1: OEM input Collection

- Delphi works with PACCAR and VTNA to understand the APU demands from the OEM point of view
- Information has been collected and is compiled into Delphi Requirements

### Phase 2: Design/Build/Development

- 2008 Phase 2 effort is design and component verification period
- Late Phase 2 work will include a brass-board system build and test (2009)
- OEM involvement will be reduced until Phase 3

### Phase 3: System Integration & Test

- In 2010, system development will use OEM input for test planning
- Conduct bench top testing
- Add in “real-world” profiles from the changing APU marketplace

# Technical Accomplishments and Progress

## System Performance Design Analysis

		SPU 1E GAP	DPS 3000 ENHANCEMENT
<b>Power</b>	Power Level (3 kW net)	60 cells (105 cm <sup>2</sup> ) - 1-1.5 kW Stack cooling limited	40 cells (270 cm <sup>2</sup> ) - 3-4 kW Improved cooling environment around stacks
<b>System Efficiency</b>	Parasitic power losses	High parasitic loads due to <b>high-pressure drop</b> components and high stack cooling airflow required	Opportunities for <b>reduced pressure drop</b> and improved stack cooling.
	Fuel Processing Efficiency	Lower efficiency with <b>CPOx reformer</b> with low recycle flow	Improved efficiency with <b>"Endothermic" reformer</b> and high recycle flow
	Heat Loss	High heat loss due to <b>thin insulation</b> and high internal <b>thermal communication</b> (undesirable)	<b>Increased insulation thickness</b> and thermal component <b>compartmentalization</b>
<b>Sulfur</b>	Fuel Compatibility	Zero sulfur Diesel fuel <b>restricted</b> (no reformat desulfurizer)	<b>US 07 Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel compatible</b> (internal, integrated reformat desulfurizer)

# Technical Accomplishments and Progress

## Fuel Reformer Development

- ◆ Delphi is developing reforming technology for Diesel/JP-8 SOFC applications, by modifying our existing Natural Gas reformer
- ◆ The Next Generation design is a Recycle Based Endothermic Reformer:

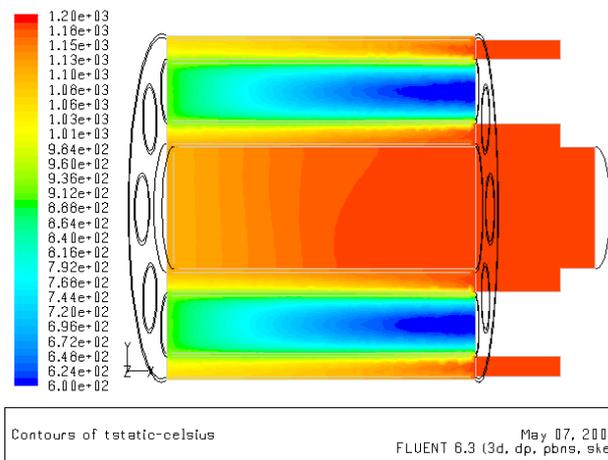
Current Generation Reformer



Next Generation Endothermic Reformer

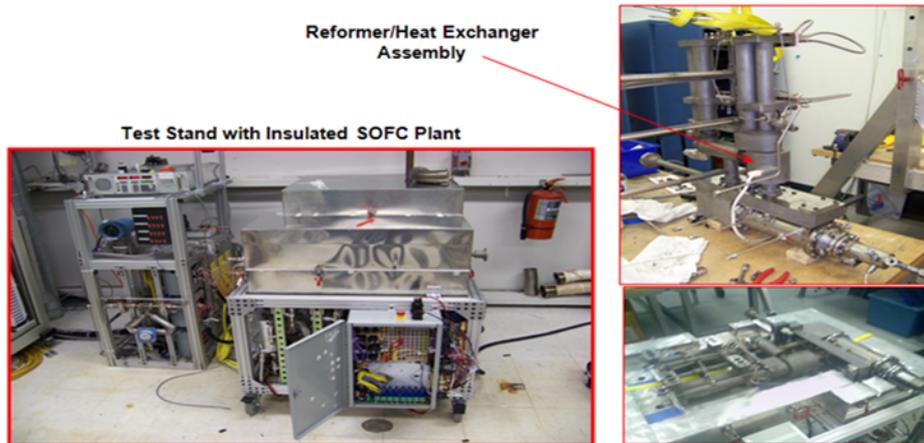
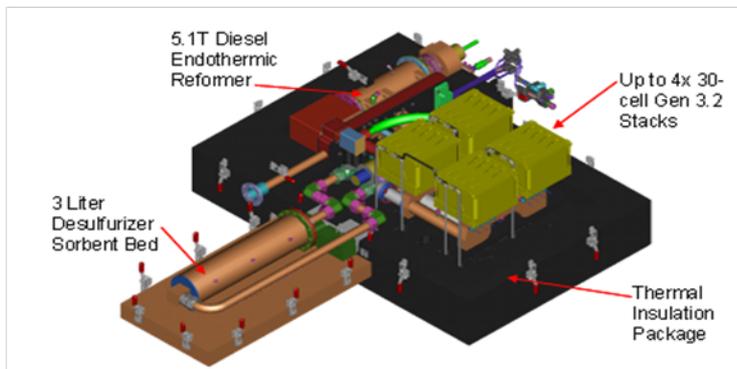


**Ceramic has poor HT, not suitable for design intent. Requires Micro-channel design (tubular or planar).**



# Technical Accomplishments and Progress

## DPS3000D Development Test Chassis



Reformer Temperatures  
 Set #8 - MG736-C-225-01 thru 04  
 Left Stack #660 / Right Stack #661

- Integration of Development Endothermic Reformer
- Integration of gaseous Desulfurizer
- Initial debug of updated APU Software
- Testing of SOFC APU running on US07 Diesel



# Technical Accomplishments and Progress

## Major Design Efforts in Diesel APU Development – DPS3000D



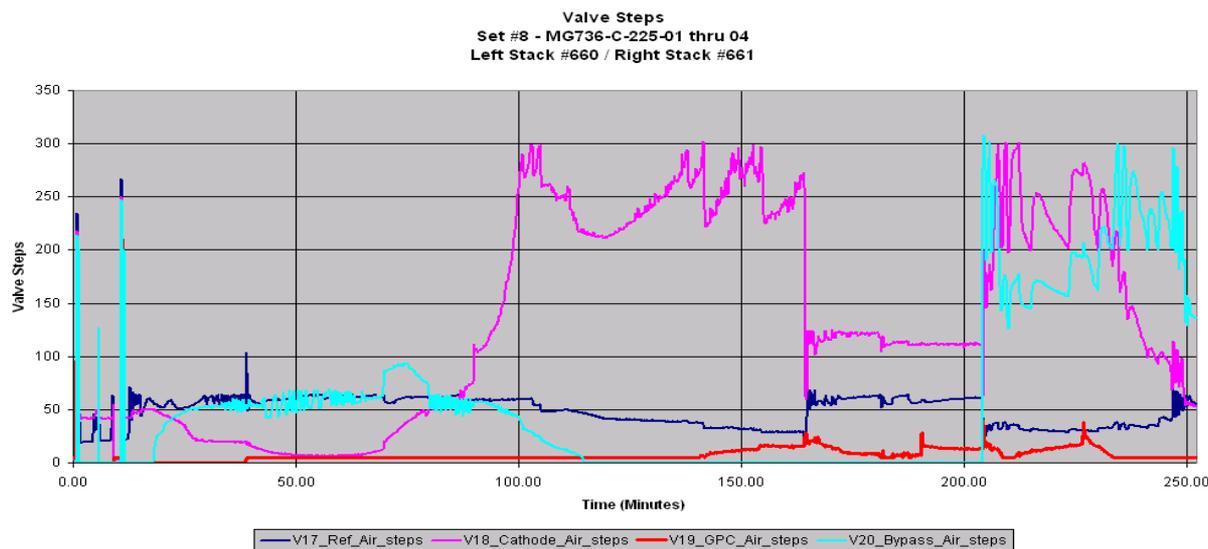
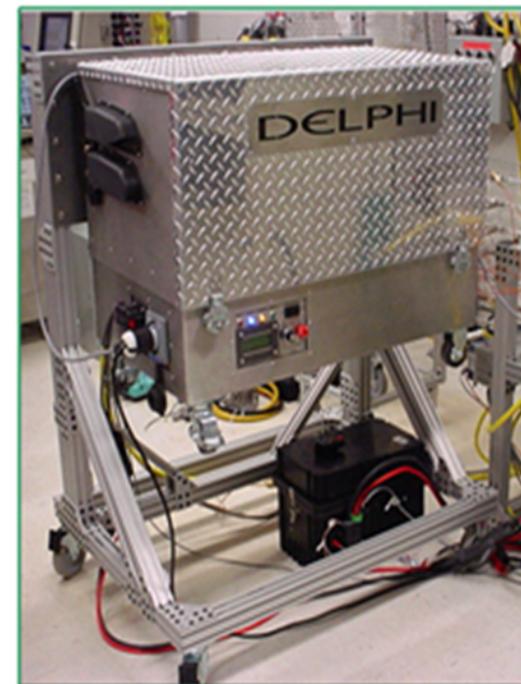
- Next Generation Stack Design with increase active area
- Enhanced Thermal Energy Management Controls
- Endothermic Reformer Integration
- Integrated Reformate Desulfurizer with Serviceability Enhancements
- Next Generation 12v Blower Design
- Multi-function Heat Exchanger
- Fully integrated turnkey system
- Simplified Integrated Component Manifold

# Technical Accomplishments and Progress

## Truck Demo Chassis Test

Modified Natural Gas Platform to operate on Diesel Fuel

- Introduction of SOFC subsystem to OEM
- Better understand packaging and vehicle integration issues
- Initial Testing of basic operational parameters
- First testing of SOFC in a 'non-lab' environment
- Identify system Safety and Diagnostic concerns
- Better understand possible vehicle interface

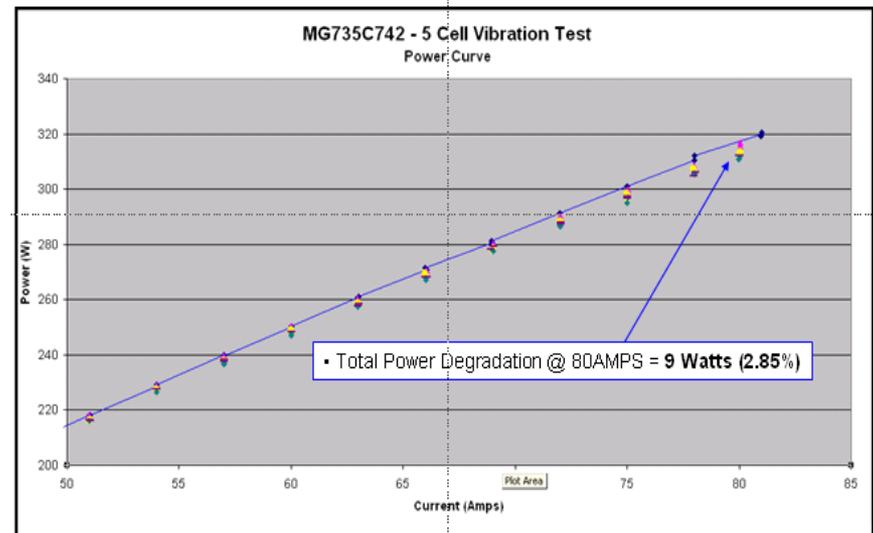
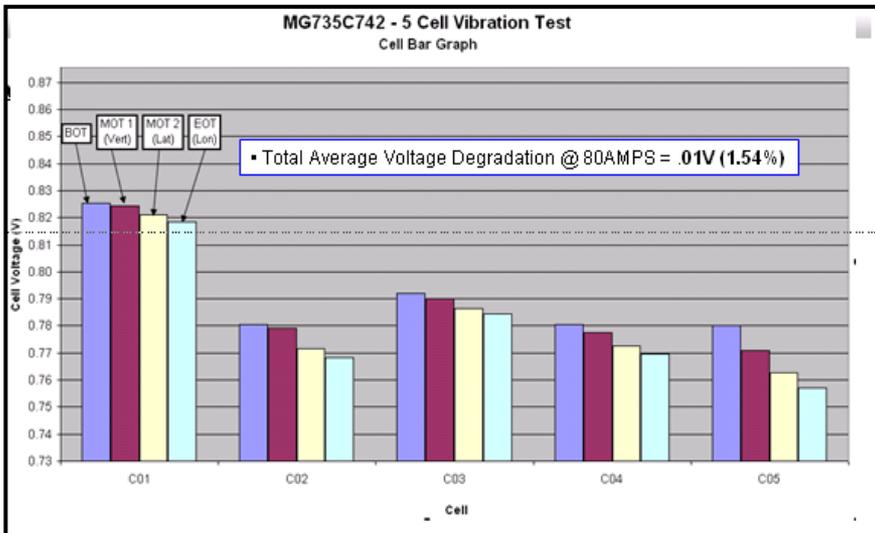


# Technical Accomplishments and Progress

## Perform Accelerated Vibration Durability Test

### Stack Vibration Testing:

- Test Performed was a 3 mode Longitudinal, Lateral, Vertical, 2 hr per mode random vibration test, total test time was 6 hrs. Test acceleration is equal to 100k vehicle miles.
- 93% high usage class 8 truck driver accumulates ~ 250k miles/year (ATRI survey results)
- Validation Milestone ~ 750k miles in 3 years of operation



# Technical Accomplishments and Progress



**PACCAR / Peterbilt**

June 2008  
Denton, Texas



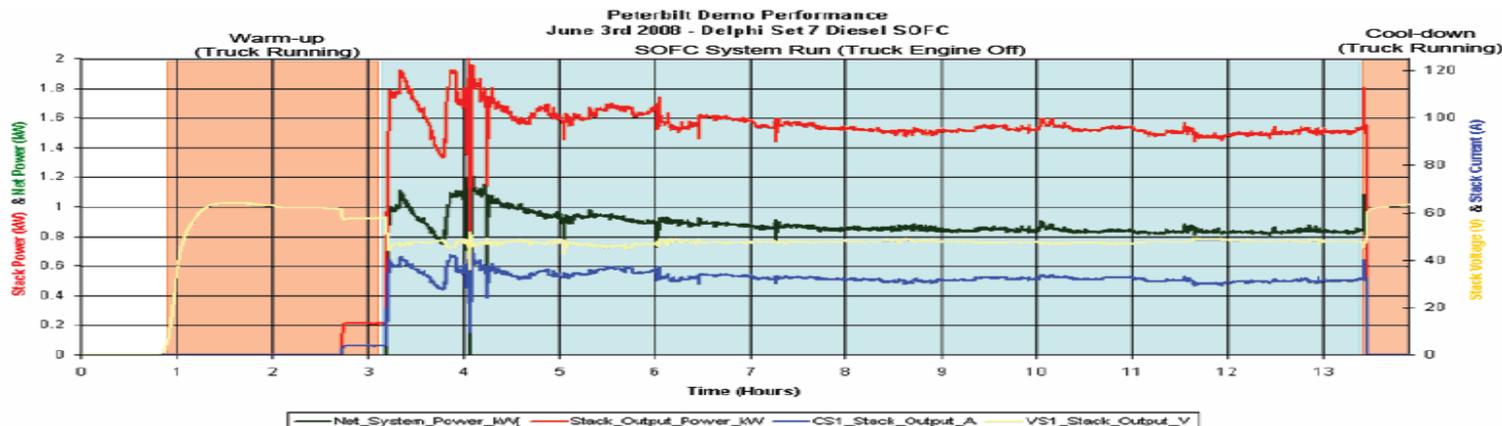
**Daimler /  
Freightliner**

November 2008  
Portland, Oregon

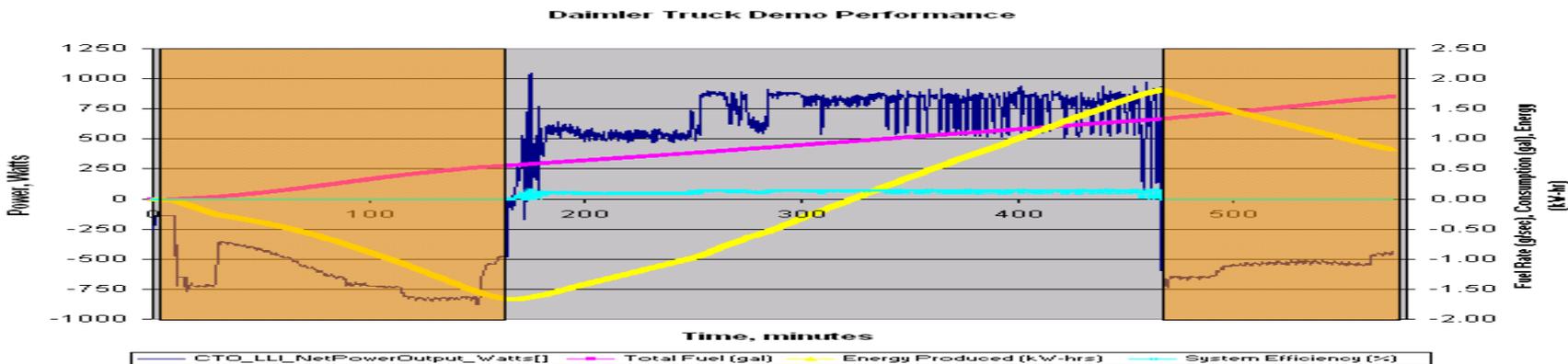


# Technical Accomplishments and Progress

## Steady State Performance



## Transient Performance



# Collaborations

*Delphi has teamed with OEM's PACCAR Incorporated and Volvo Trucks North America (VTNA) to define system level requirements for a Fuel Cell (SOFC) based Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) for the commercial trucking industry. As well as Electricore Inc, to help with the overall program management*



**Volvo Trucks North America (VTNA),  
Greensboro, NC**



**PACCAR, Mt. Vernon, WA**



**Electricore Inc, Valencia, CA**

## Future Work

### 2009

- Finish Subsystem Testing and Development Iterations
- Conduct 24 Month Critical Decision Milestone Review (April 2009)
- Complete System Module Testing and Development
- Phase 2 complete – Conduct Milestone Review (August 2009)
- Begin Full SOFC APU System Testing

### 2010

- Build Commercial Packaged SOFC APU
- Demo Test, 24 hour truck user profile using battery interface and vehicle simulation

## Summary

- **Primary Market Drivers**
  - Anti-Idling Legislation
  - Emissions Legislation
  - Increasing Heavy Duty Truck Cab Electrical Loads
  - Transportation Fuel Cost
- **Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter On-Truck Installation / Demonstration for Continued Development of APU Requirements**
  - Using a modified Natural Gas APU in an Integration Enclosure
- **Initiated Component Build and Testing of SOFC DPS3000D subsystems**
- **We are on Target for Meeting Timing and Budget**
- **Delphi is Committed to Introducing SOFC Diesel Technology in Full Scale Production for Heavy Duty Truck Applications**