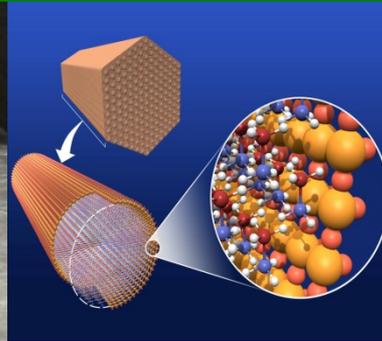




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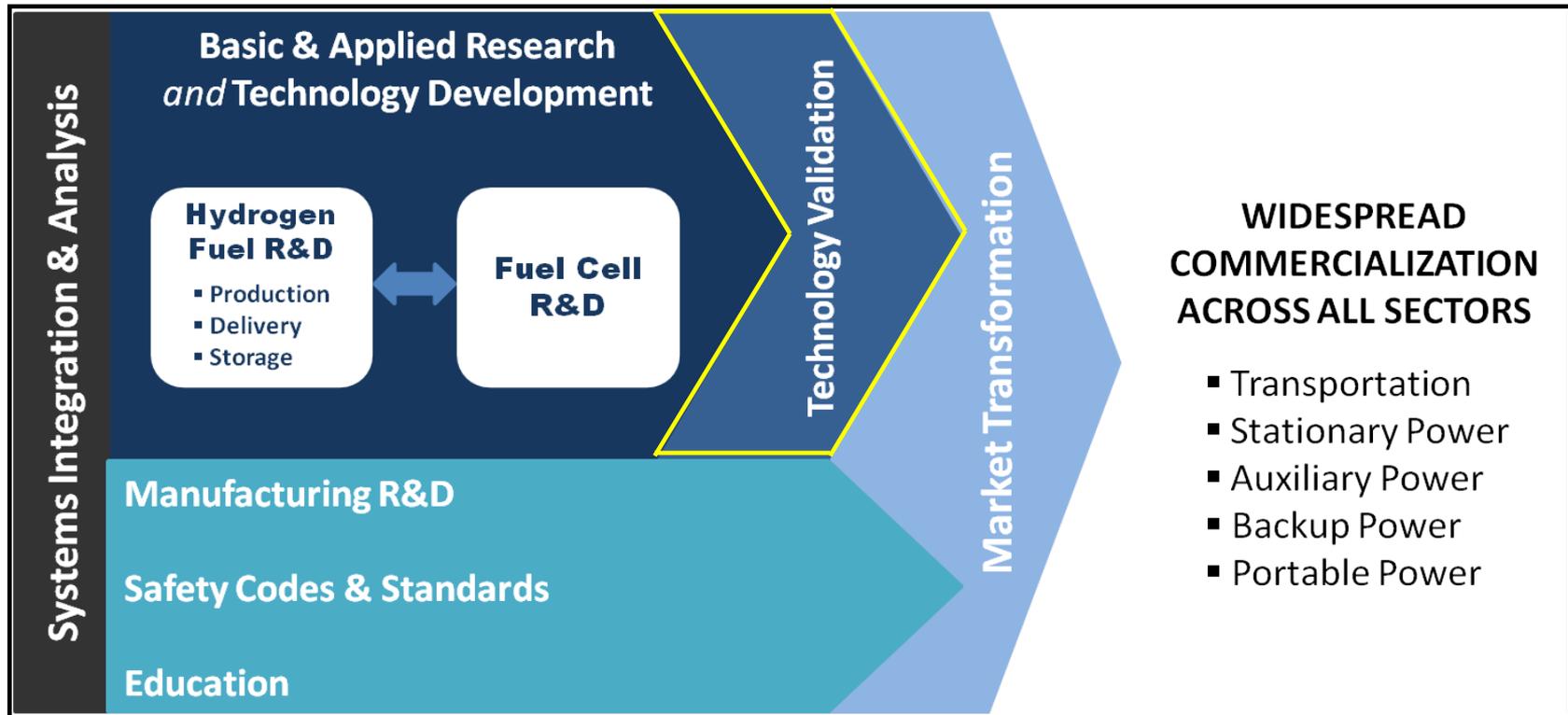
# Technology Validation -Session Introduction -

*Jason Marcinkoski*

*2013 Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting  
May 16, 2013*

*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:** 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.

*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.
- ✓ Critical Components: H<sub>2</sub> compressors and storage, fuel cell stacks, and electrolyzers.

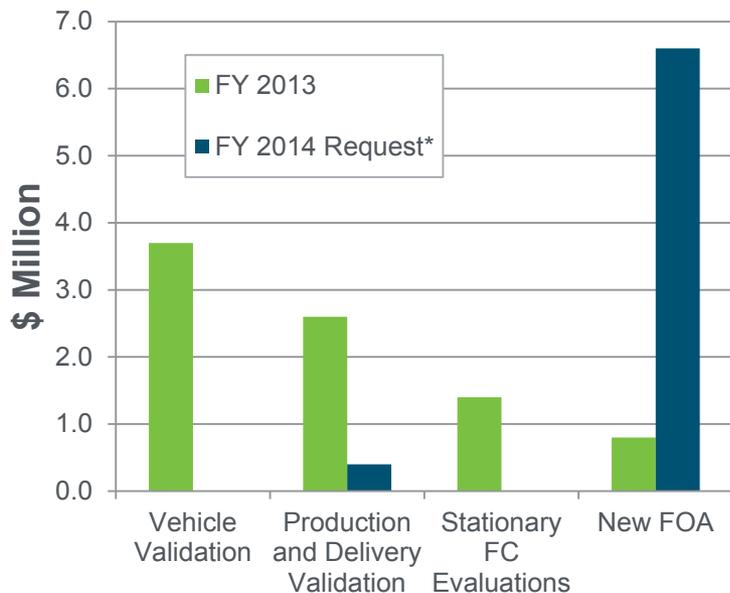
***Several challenges exist:***

- 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.*

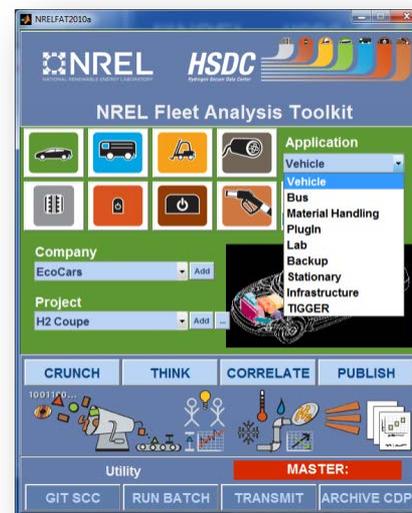
- 3 awards were made to date:
  - ❑ \$5 million DOE funding.
  - ❑ Data to be collected from up to ~70 vehicles.
  - ❑ Planned mileage:
    - ✓ Phase 1 = ~190,000 mi
    - ✓ Phase 2 (anticipated) = ~204,000 mi

	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.



Vehicle Descriptive Parameters		Company: EcoCars			
Parameter	Units	Configuration	Vehicle Configuration	Infrastructure	Deployment
Total	1000				
Model					
Technology Generation					
Physical Area	m <sup>2</sup>				
CoEfficent of Drag					
CoEfficent of Rolling					
Fuel Economy (EPA Hybrid)	mi/Gal				
Range	mi				
Usable Hydrogen Storage	kg				
Hydrogen	mi/kg				
Autonomy (EPA City)	h				
Manufacturer					
Model					
System Fuel Power Rating	kW				
Fuel Cell Stack Fuel Power	kW				
Open Circuit Voltage	V				
Max Current Load	Amps				
Max Operating Current	Amps				
Current Density @ Rated Power	A/cm <sup>2</sup>				
Fuel Cell System Mass	kg				
Fuel Cell System Volume	L				
Balance of Plant Mass	kg				
Balance of Plant Volume	L				
Fuel Cell Stack Mass	kg				
Fuel Cell Stack Volume	L				
Number of Cells in Stack					
Calculated Specific Power	W/kg	KNOWN	KNOWN	KNOWN	KNOWN
Calculated Specific Energy	Wh/kg	KNOWN	KNOWN	KNOWN	KNOWN
System Power at 0% eff	kW				
Efficiency at 0% fuel power	%				
Efficiency at 25% fuel power	%				
Efficiency at 50% fuel power	%				
Efficiency at 75% fuel power	%				
Efficiency at 100% fuel power	%				
Number of Vehicles					
Task Type	cycles				
Cycle Life	hrs				
Task Mileage	mi				
Total Fuel Mileage	mi				
Total Fuel Volume	L				

# 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.

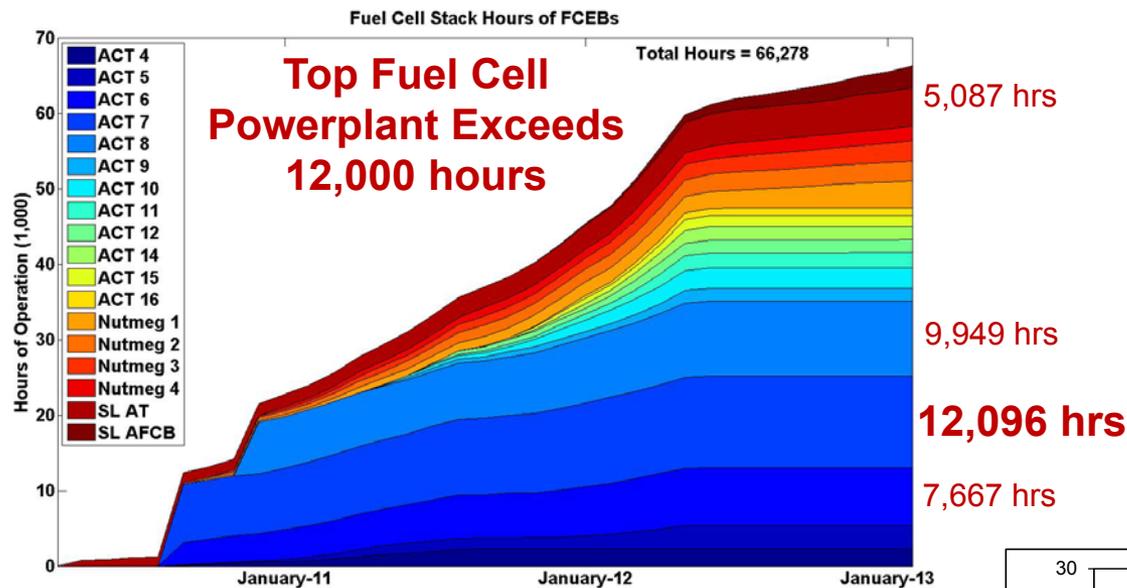
#### Station Timing:

Permitting time, building time, commissioning time.



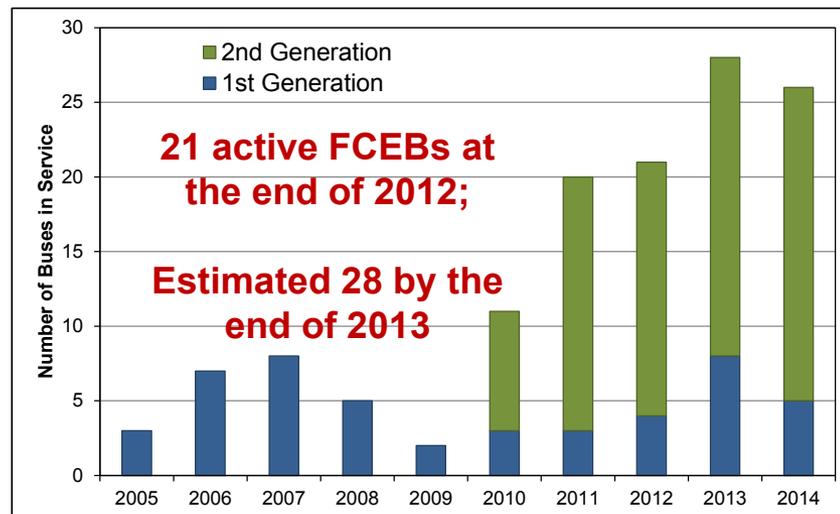
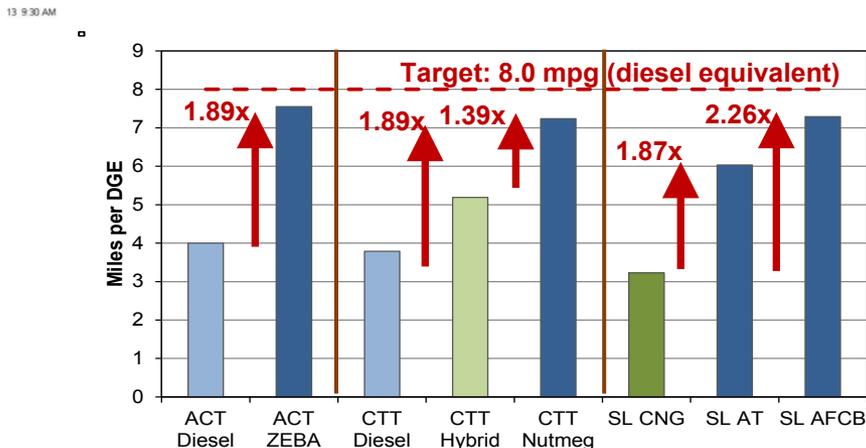
# Progress: Second Generation Fuel Cell Buses

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



## Data Summary for 2012:

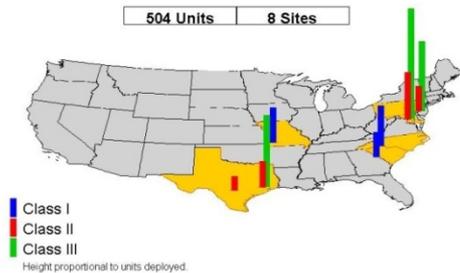
- **AC Transit, Oakland, CA**
  - 40-foot Van Hool buses with ClearEdge Power FC (ZEBA)
- **CTTRANSIT, Hartford, CT**
  - 40-foot Van Hool buses with ClearEdge Power FC (Nutmeg)
- **SunLine, Thousand Palms, CA**
  - 40-foot New Flyer bus with Ballard FC and Bluways hybrid system (AT)
  - 40-foot EIDorado bus with Ballard FC and BAE Systems Hybrid drive (AFCB)



# Progress: Fuel Cell Material Handling Equipment

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

- Cost of ownership--fuel cell vs. battery MHE:** Significant cost savings for refueling labor and infrastructure space, but much greater cost for hydrogen infrastructure and fuel.



**246,997**

Hydrogen fills

**2.3 min**

Average fill time

**0.6 kg**

Average fill amount

**187,426 kg**

Hydrogen dispensed

**1,445,558 hrs**

Operation time

**4.6 hrs**

Average operation time

**490**

Units in operation\*

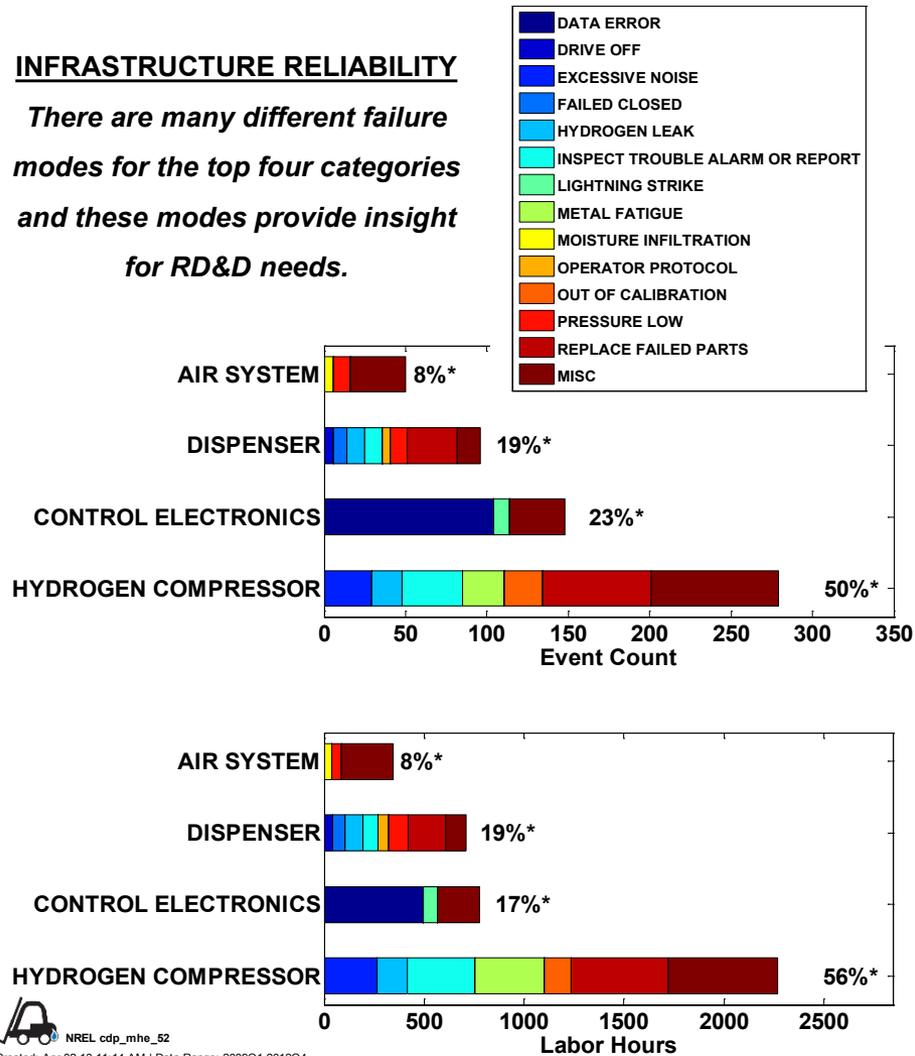
between fills

\*One project has completed.

An Evaluation of the Total Cost of Ownership of Fuel Cell Powered Material Handling Equipment, NREL report (NREL/TP-5600-56408), April 2013, <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy13osti/56408.pdf>

## INFRASTRUCTURE RELIABILITY

*There are many different failure modes for the top four categories and these modes provide insight for RD&D needs.*



# Progress: Fuel Cell Back-up Power

*Systems are operating reliably in 19 states.*

**1.86 MW**

Installed capacity

*Reasons for unsuccessful starts include an e-stop signal, no fuel, and other system failures.*

**99.6%**

Successful starts

**806**

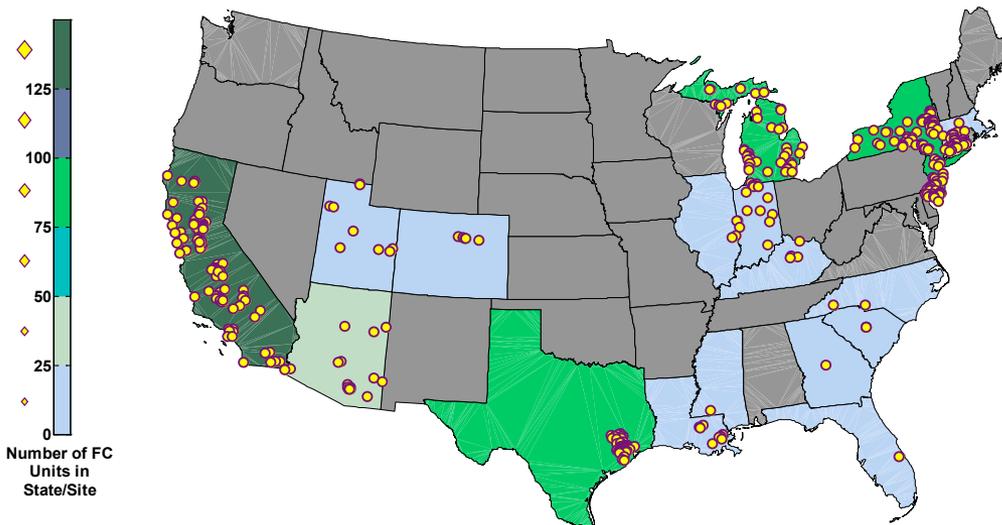
Systems in operation\*

**4-6 kW**

Average site capacity

**1,796**

Start attempts



**65 hrs**  
Continuous run  
time demonstrated

**1,153 hrs**

Operation time

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

# Progress: Technology Validation Projects

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

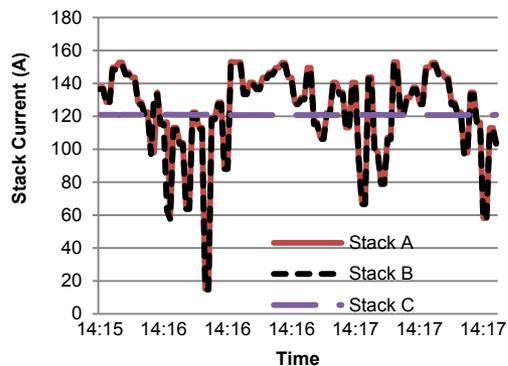
### Hydrogen Components (NREL)

#### 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.

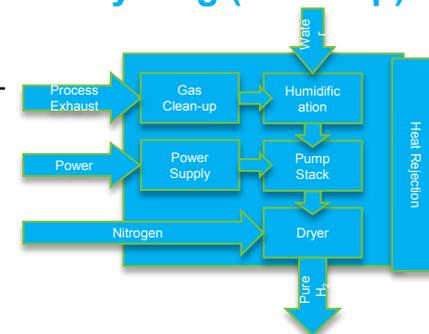
#### PEM Electrolyzer Stack Test:

- 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 semiconductor 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](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:

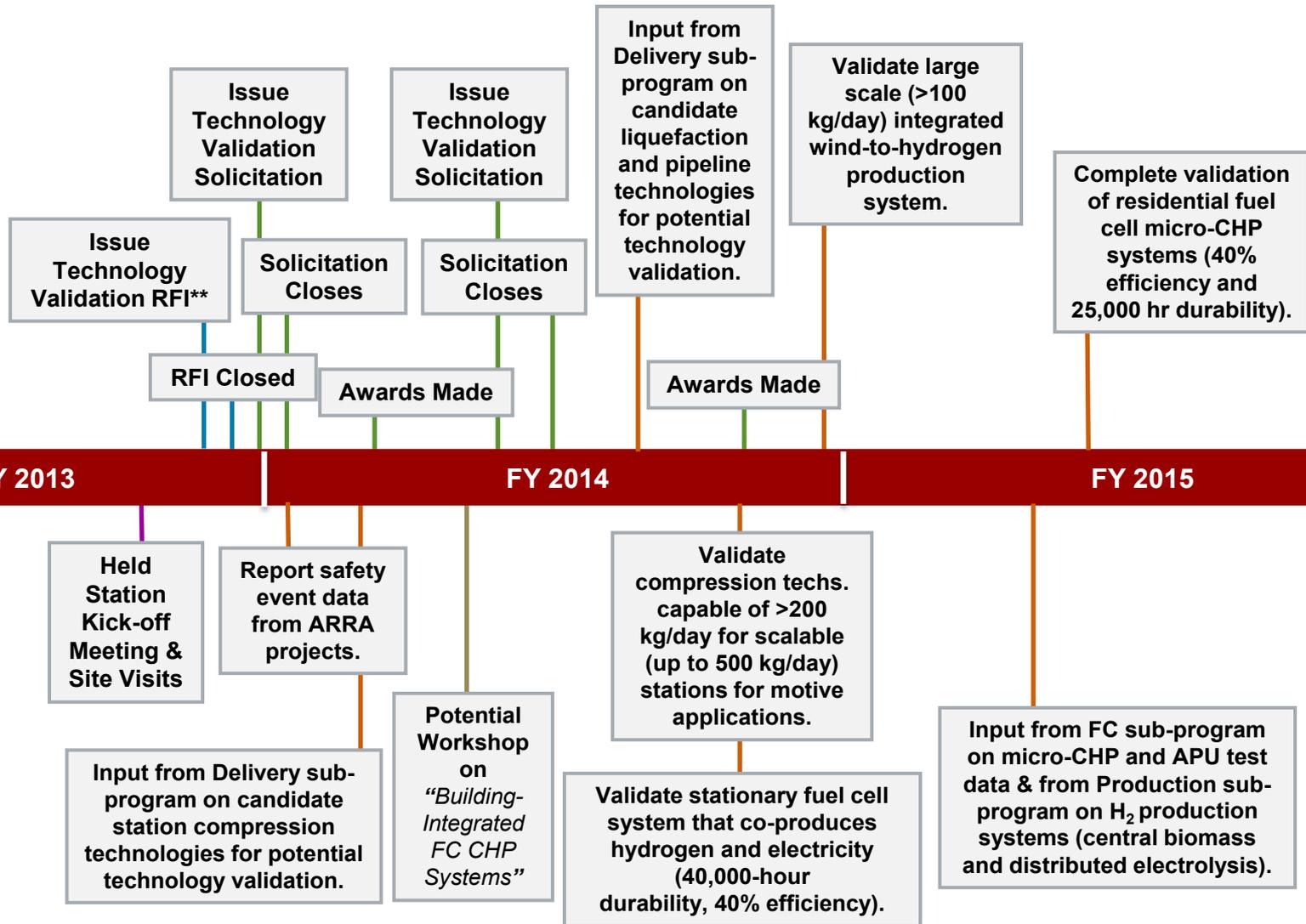
- Demonstration and Deployment of Fuel Cell Hybrid-Electric Medium-Duty Trucks
- Validation of Advanced Hydrogen Refueling Components\* (compressors, tube trailers, advanced on-site hydrogen production, alternative refueling protocols, nozzles).
- Demonstration and Case Study for Roof-top Installations 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



*\*Subject to appropriations.*

*\*\* RFI Topic: Fuel cell technology validation, commercial acceleration and potential deployment strategies in early market applications.*

## 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  
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- 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:**
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    - 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)