

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Development for Transportation and Stationary Applications: Overview & Status Update

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# **Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Physics**



#### SOFC = High temperature (700 to 1000 C) solid state fuel cell with ceramic, oxygen ion conducting electrolyte

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# Required Reforming and Cleaning Steps For Different Fuel Cell Types



Source: B.C.H. Steele, Nature '99

### **Market Opportunities**

- Solid Oxide Fuel Cells Provide:
  - Ultra-clean, near zero emissions
  - High-quality, reliable power
  - High fuel efficiency
  - Fuel flexibility
  - Low noise



Heavy Duty Trucks Auxiliary Power Units



Recreational Vehicles Auxiliary Power Units



Military Auxiliary & Mobile Power Units



Residential Power Stationary CHP Power Units



Commercial Power Stationary Power Units



Clean Coal Power Plant Advanced Power Systems

# Delphi Solid Oxide Fuel Cells System Power & Efficiency Progress



### Level A Hardware Overview



# Delphi Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Performance Comparison – Actual vs Predicted

- Delphi's SOFC APU has higher efficiency and lower fuel usage compared to a diesel engine gen set
- Delphi's A-level hardware actual results agree with predicted values for B-level hardware



# Delphi Solid Oxide Fuel Cell System Emissions

Delphi's SOFC APU meets current EPA emissions standards



# Delphi Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Noise Evaluation

Delphi's SOFC APU is quieter than current diesel gensets



### **Relative Noise Levels**

- Snowmobile (100dBA)
- Telephone Dial Tone (80dBA)
- Current Diesel Gen Set APU (75-80dBA)
- Normal Conversation (60-70dBA)
- Delphi SOFC APU (60dBA)
- Whisper Quiet
  Library (30dBA)

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## DPS3000D A-Level Testing On Vehicle SOFC System Power - Operating on Road Diesel (ULSD)



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# SOFC Validation Plan is Being Developed by Leveraging Product Development & Testing Expertise



# Delphi Solid Oxide Fuel Cell A –Level to B-Level System Features

- Increased net power output
- Smaller package size
- Reduced mass
- Anode Oxidation Protection System included
- Reduced sensor requirements
- High volume manufacturable sub-systems









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# **GEN 4 STACK**

- Key stack features are:
  - 4x active area increase
  - " Very low pressure drop (less than 4kPa, anode and cathode)
  - " Laser welded cassette repeating unit configuration
  - " Stamped metallic cassette components including interconnects
  - " Reduced part count
  - " Low cost, conventionally processed balance of stack components
  - " Improved sealing features
  - " Low cost castings
  - " Low cost loading mechanism



Gen 4 stack

# **GEN 4 STACK PERFORMANCE**

#### 25-cell Gen 4 stack power density

- Produced 5064 Watts (506 mW per cm<sup>2</sup>) @ 0.81 Volts per cell with 48.5% H<sub>2</sub>, 3% H<sub>2</sub>O, rest N<sub>2</sub>
- Data shows comparison of Gen 3 and Gen 4 electrochemical performance

Gen4 MG735G003 - 25RU Date: 12/5/2009 vs. Gen3.2 MG735C824 - 40RU Date: 2/10/2010 Stack Voltage and Power Density for Polarization Test



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# Delphi Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Recent Accomplishments

- Installed first Delphi diesel SOFC APU on a Heavy Duty Truck for operation on the road
  - Operates on road diesel (ULSD) using internal desulfurization and reforming devices
  - Completing APU level Vibration testing in Lab based on truck vibration profile from Customer vehicle testing
  - Recently complete first every SOFC 430 mile over-the-road trip
- DPS 3000D B-Level system design complete and first units built by end of year
- Stack Build
  - Built first larger footprint Cells and Stacks (403cm2).
  - Gen 4 40-cell stack produced 7.5 kW at average cell voltage of 0.8 volts on 50%  $\rm H_2$  / 47%  $\rm N_2$  / 3%  $\rm H_2O$

#### Stack durability testing

- >10,000 hours of continuous operation with no measurable performance degradation over the last 8,500 hours
- Successfully passed 3.5M mile equivalent vibration test

#### Delphi/Peterbilt awarded DOE program for 1 year on vehicle demonstration

### Acknowledgements







