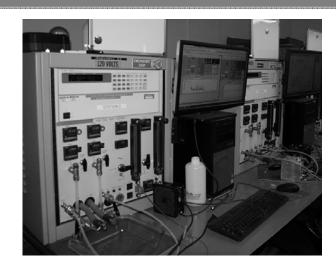
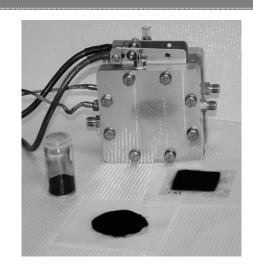
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## Pajarito Powder Successes and Opportunities in Scale-up of Non-PGM ORR Catalysts





# Create & Manufacture <u>Affordable</u> Fuel Cell Catalysts in Commercial Quantities

#### **Key Dates:**

- Company Started: September, 2012
- Commercial Launch: February, 2014

### **PPC Key Personnel**

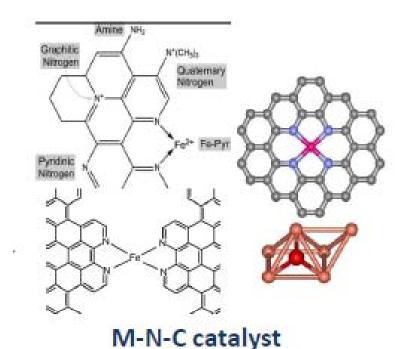


- Tom Stephenson, Chairman & CEO
  - Successful fuel cell component investor & business manager
- Barr Halevi, President & Chief Technology Officer
  - Manages technical team of 6
- Alexey Serov, Chief Scientist
  - Joint appointment with University of New Mexico
- Technical Advisory Board
  - Piotr Zelenay, Los Alamos National Laboratory (Chairman)
  - Plamen Atanassov, University of New Mexico
  - Scott Calabrese Barton, Michigan State University
- Paul Short, Board Member
  - Strategic adviser to team; served as founding CEO

#### Performance Criteria



- Performance
  - Stability
  - Durability
- Integration
  - Must use same equipment as current PGM catalysts
- Manufacturability
  - Scalability
    - 100gr to 1 kg to 1 ton batch

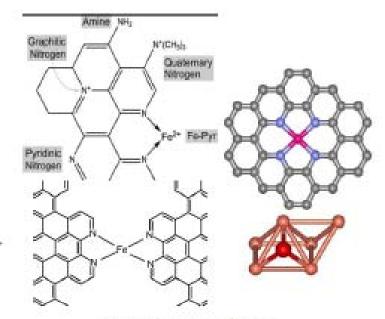


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## Manufacturability



- Scalability
  - Suitability to different scales
- Tunability
  - Different fuel cell applications
- Costs
  - Precursor costs
  - Processing costs
    - Equipment
    - Number of Steps
  - Chemical waste
  - Sensitivity to process variables



M-N-C catalyst

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## Non-PGM Developers



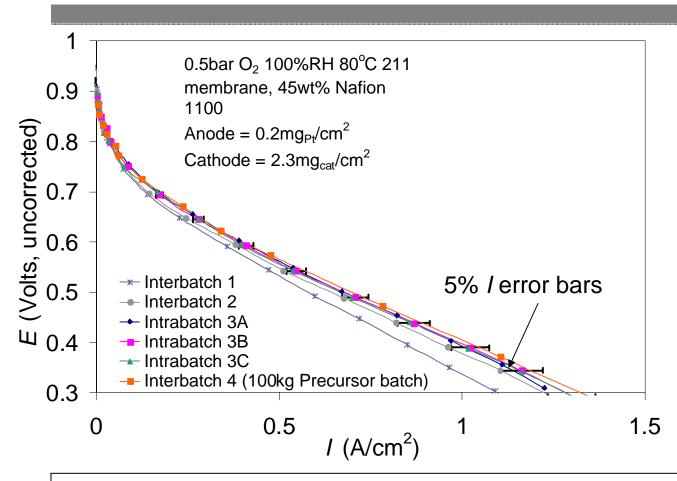
- DOE EERE FC086
  - Northeastern University
    - Sanjeev Mukerjee
  - Michigan State University
    - Scott Calabrese-Barton
  - University of New Mexico
    - Plamen Atanassov
- DOE EERE FC107
  - LANL
    - Piotr Zelenay
- Technologies selected for scale up:
  - Michigan State University "High Pressure Pyrolysis Method"
  - University of New Mexico "Sacrificial Support Method"

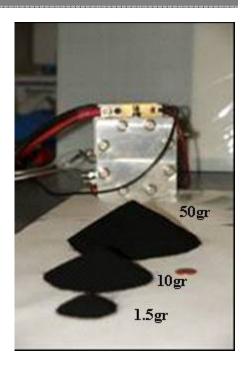




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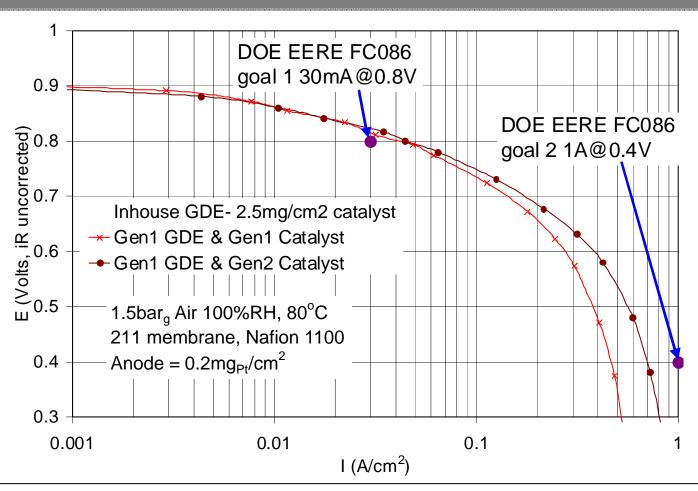




- Significantly reduced variability (<5%), both inter-batch and intra-batch.
- Consistent performance across different sources of pre-cursor material.

## Progress in Air





Improved catalyst formulation meets Goal 1, nearing Goal 2

## **PPC Capabilities**



- Multiple non-PGM catalyst production methods and formulations scaled to 25-100 g
- Fixed product line (200 g/day capacity)
  - NPC-2000 & 1000: Non-platinum, drop-in fuel cell catalysts with different performance/price points
  - PHC-3000: Ultra low loaded platinum content

catalyst for higher performance

- Custom catalyst design
- Contract manufacturing

### Opportunities – 1



#### Catalysts

- Continued material improvement
- Design for manufacturing
  - Reduced material costs at scale
  - Reduced manufacturing costs at scale

#### Electrodes

- Designs for non-PGM catalysts
  - Construction of inks
  - Depositions of inks
  - Construction of MEA

#### Opportunities – 2



- Standards and Goals
  - Updated/New Protocols for non-PGM
    - Advanced Stress Testing
    - Measurements at End-of-Life (EOL)
  - More representative testing conditions
  - Economic, not just performance standards
- Economics
  - Cost/benefit tradeoffs at the stack & system level
    - For Non-PGM catalysts
    - For ultra-low PGM catalysts

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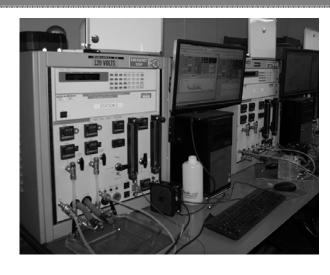




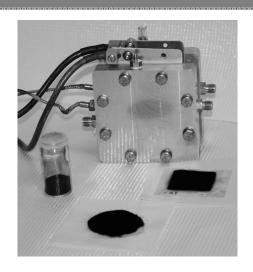


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