## Supply Chain Opportunities for Fuel Cell Buses



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SARTA Fuel Cell Bus

## o 2005:

o US oil imports at
12,500 bbls/day
o Oil at \$120/bbl
o $\$ 50 \mathrm{~mm} / \mathrm{day}$
o 60\% of US trade deficit was from oil imports.
o Peak Oil projected for 2025-2035.
o 2015:
o US oil imports at 5,000 bbls/day
o Oil at \$38/bbl
o $\$ 10 \mathrm{~mm} / \mathrm{day}$
o $10 \%$ of US trade deficit from oil imports.
o No projections on peak oil - nobody knows.

So why should we care about fuel cells?

## Global Oil Production vs. Global Reserves

## Global Drilling Intensity Will Increase

2014 Liquids Related Activity



## DEPTH OF MARCELLUS AND UTICA



## Marcellus Recovery Projections:

65 TCF "proved reserves" 354 TCF "Total reserves" 480 TCF "Technically recoverable"

## Utica Recovery Projections:

38 TCF "technically recoverable" -

USGS 2012
(plus 940 mm bbls oil) 782 TCF - "technically recoverable" -

Univ. West Virg. 2015
(plus 1.9 billion bbls oil)

## Falling Costs of Hydrogen

o Hydrogen drives 2.5 times as far as gasoline
o Toyota Highlander FCHV - $68 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{kg}$

- Toyota Highlander hybrid - $26 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{gal}$
o Hydrogen costs -- 2015
o \$6-12/kg for renewable (electrolysis) - \$1.60 gge
o $\$ 4-5 / \mathrm{kg}$ steam reformed natural gas -- $\$ 4.80$ gge (H2carblog 2016)
o Problem: no where to fill up
o California hydrogen is around $\$ 12-16 / \mathrm{kg}$ at the pump.
o 19 cents/mile
- Prius is 4.1 cents/mile (Edmunds 2016)


2016 Honda Clarity

## Infrastructure Problem

o Duplicating existing gasoline filling infrastructure estimated at $\$ 100$ billion
o But do not need every station to carry H2
o Currently have to truck hydrogen to stations.
o Can put reformers at gasoline stations - using natural gas to make hydrogen.
o But is small scale reforming economic?
o Solution: begin with fleets.

## FCEV Fleets - First Adopters

- Resolves problem of refueling
- Refueling stations at bus terminal
- Fuel Cell Bus Fleets
- California
- Europe
- Asia
- Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) - Canton, Ohio
- 10 buses
- El Dorado frame, Ballard PEM cells
- Third largest operator of fuel cell buses in U.S.
- Reducing costs:
- Currently around $\$ 1.4 \mathrm{~mm} / \mathrm{bus}$.
- Standard diesel bus is $\$ 450,000$, hybrid bus is \$550,000.


SARTA Hydrogen Refueling Station

## Midwest First Adopter: Stark Area Regional Transit Authority

"We want to be at the forefront of<br>commercializing this technology because transit systems, businesses and private citizens will begin<br>to utilize fuel cell-powered vehicles featuring components and technology developed and manufactured in Stark County."

Kirt Conrad, Executive Director, SARTA.

# Fuel Cell Bus Fleet Performance Metrics 

Performance of U.S. Fuel Cell Bus Fleet

|  | Units of Measurement | Fleet Average (2015) | 2016 Target |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bus Lifetime | Years/Miles | $3.6 / 81,108$ | $12 / 500,000$ |
| Fuel Cell/Battery Lifetime | Hours | 10,102 | 25,000 |
| Bus Availability | \% of days | 73 | 90 |
| Roadcall Frequency <br> (bus/fuel cell system) | Miles Between Roadcalls | $4,280 / 20,531$ | $4,000 / 20,000$ |
| Operation time | Hours per day | 11.8 | 20 |
| Maintenance Cost | \$/mile | 1.16 | .40 |
| Range | Miles | 275 | 300 |
| Fuel Economy | Miles per Diesel Gas <br> Equivalent | 6.8 | 8 |

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## Key Components:

- Bus Chassis
- Electric Drive System
- PEM Fuel Cell
- Hydrogen Storage Tanks
- Lithium Ion Battery


## Fuel Cell Bus Design



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Uraan.csuohio.edu Hydrogen Storage System on Roof
 Components

## Bus Component \$ Estimated Cost \% of Total Cost

Electric Drive System 60,000 4
Battery
4,0001
PEM Cell
Storage
Base Vehicle
Other
Total
23
146,000
13
1.4 mm
100

Source: CalStart (2016).

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## Hydrogen Refueling Station

- 2016 - 23 US public refueling stations
- Cost: \$2-5 mm, depending upon size
- Steam reforming typically offsite, hydrogen trucked in.
- Key Components:
- Cryogenic dewars (tanks)
- Cryogenic pumps
- Insulated pipes
- Vaporizer
- Solenoid, pressure regulator
- Compressor
- Nozzle, valves, hoses
- Manifold
- Safety equipment, sensors


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