

# Fuel Cell Power Plant Experience Naval Applications

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reliable, efficient, ultra-clean



## •FuelCell Energy, Inc.

•Renewable and Liquid Fuels Experience

•HTPEM Fuel Cell Stack for Shipboard APU

Solid Oxide Experience and Applications





# FuelCell Energy, Inc.

- Premier developer of fuel cell technology — founded in 1969
- Over 50 power installations in North America, Europe, and Asia
- Industrial, commercial, utility products
- 300 KW to 50 MW and beyond
- Research and development in MCFC, SOFC, PEM and Fuels





- High electrical and CHP efficiency
- Near zero NOX, SOX and lower CO2 emissions
- Reliable, Secure power
- Clean & Quiet Operation
- Ideal Shore Capacity Low Profile, Easy Siting
- Connects to existing electricity and fuel infrastructure
- Multiple fuels



**Naval Station Groton (Planned)** 



29 Palms Marine Corps Base



#### **Renewable and Liquid Fuels**





# FCE Liquid Fuels Experience

- Silent tactical 3/5 kW fuel cells (US Army) M 232 methanol PAFC
- Remote site 3 kW DFC power unit plant (USCG) M 232 methanol PAFC
- 32 kW DFC Demonstration power plant (DARPA) DF2, JP-8
- 500 kW Ship Service DFC Demo Plant (Navy) JP-5
- DFC300 Commercial Design Power Plant (US Army CERL) propane
- 5 kW adiabatic fuel processor (US Army CERL) B-100 bio diesel
- Bench scale adiabatic reactor ethanol

3 kW methanol fueled fuel cell power units were constructed and delivered to the US Army This 3 kW methanol fuel DFC power plant operated unattended at Virginia Beach, VA site for 6 months DFC300 power plant operated for 6 months on Propane with seamless transition to NG





A 0.5 MW fuel processor was integrated with an FCE Direct Fuel Cell Stack and operated with high sulfur naval logistic fuel (JP-5 jet fuel)

- Over 1000 Hours of Fuel System Operation
- Over 300 Hours of Operation on Load with Water Recovery
- Power Output up to 125 kW (50% of Stack Rating)
- Over 17,600 kWh Generated with Navy Logistic Fuel
- 17 Tons of Logistic Fuel Processed by HDS During Factory Test
- Sulfur Reduced in JP-5 from 1,100 ppm to 0.1 ppm







Renewable Liquid Fuel Processing High Temperature Fuel Cells

# Pilot Scale Prereformer Operated over 1000 hr with Biodiesel fuel

Reformate Composition	
(dry basis)	
$\begin{array}{ccc} {\rm CH_4} & 40.3\% \\ {\rm H_2} & 32.0\% \\ {\rm CO} & 0.7\% \\ {\rm CO_2} & 27.0\% \end{array}$	

Bench Scale Prereformer Tested with Ethanol

Reformate Composition (dry basis)

$CH_4$	37.4%
$H_2$	37.0%
CO	0.0%
$CO_2$	25.6%





#### **HTPEM Fuel Cell Stack for Shipboard APU**





# 50 kW PBI Stack Module





## 50 kW PBI Stack Module

**Temperature: 180°C** 

Pressure: 0 - 30 psig

CO Tolerant to 2%

Two phase liquid cooling



Projected Module Power Output The 4-stack module generates 50.4 kW at 125 A



PBI 2KW Short Stack with 24 600cm<sup>2</sup> Cells

50 kW PBI Stack Module Four 144-cell stacks in common gas enclosure



#### 50 kW PBI Stack Module

Estimated Dimensions and Performance of a 50 kW PBI Stack Module Meets Navy's Shipboard Fuel Cell Goals







#### **Solid Oxide Experience and Applications**





- FCE utilizes VPS (Versa Power Systems) fuel cell technology in FCEs SOFC stack modules and systems.
- FCE/VPS team is engaged in Phase II of Solid State Conversion Alliance (SECA)
  Program for development of MW-scale SOFC systems



SOFC MW Module

- Planar anode supported cells (up to 33 x 33 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Capable of operating from 650°C to 800°C
- Ferritic stainless steel sheet metal interconnect
- Cross-flow gas delivery, manifolds integrated into the interconnect but not through the cell
- Compressible ceramic gasket seals
- Standardized stack blocks configurable into stack towers for various power applications



## SECA SOFC Development Path



# **FuelCell** Energy

# Stack Tower (SO-30-3) Test







- Demonstration of stack tower operation in a simulated power plant environment, using 2x92-cell stack blocks.
- A Power Rating of 30 kW was established during the operation.



# Hybrid System for Underwater Vehicles and Weapons

- Project Support by Office of Naval Research (ONR) through STTR programs:
  - Phase I STTR, "Hybrid Propulsion System for Undersea Weapons" (N00014-05-M-0183)
  - Phase II STTR, "Hybrid Propulsion System" (N00014-06-C-0406)





# SOFC Based Torpedo System Design





## SOFC/T Hybrid System





#### Summary

- •FCE DFC Fuel Cells ready now to provide shore based power
- •FCE has multiple process Liquid Fuels Experience
- •HTPEM Stack Experience can be Advanced to Demonstration
- Solid Oxide (SOFC/T) holds promise as high efficiency cycle

