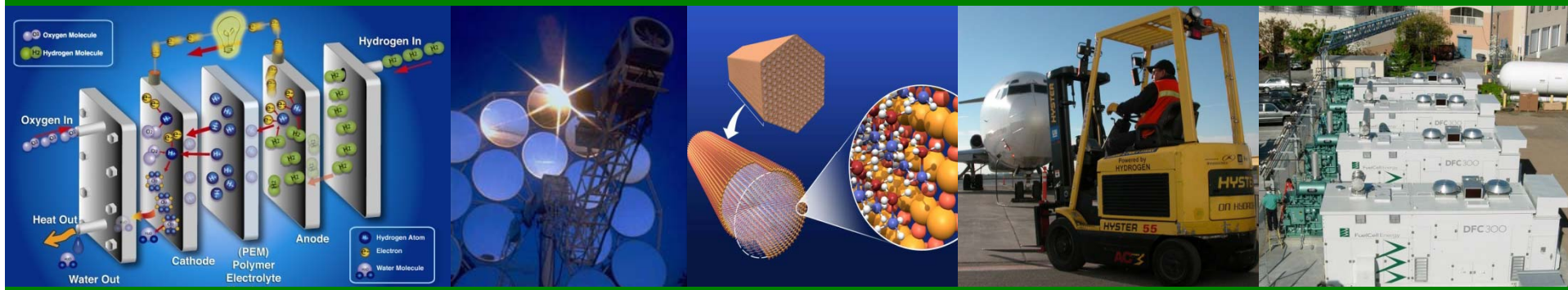




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# Fuel Cell Bus Workshop *Overview and Purpose*

Dimitrios Papageorgopoulos  
*Fuel Cell Technologies Program*

*DOE and DOT Joint Fuel Cell Bus Workshop, Washington DC  
June 7, 2010*

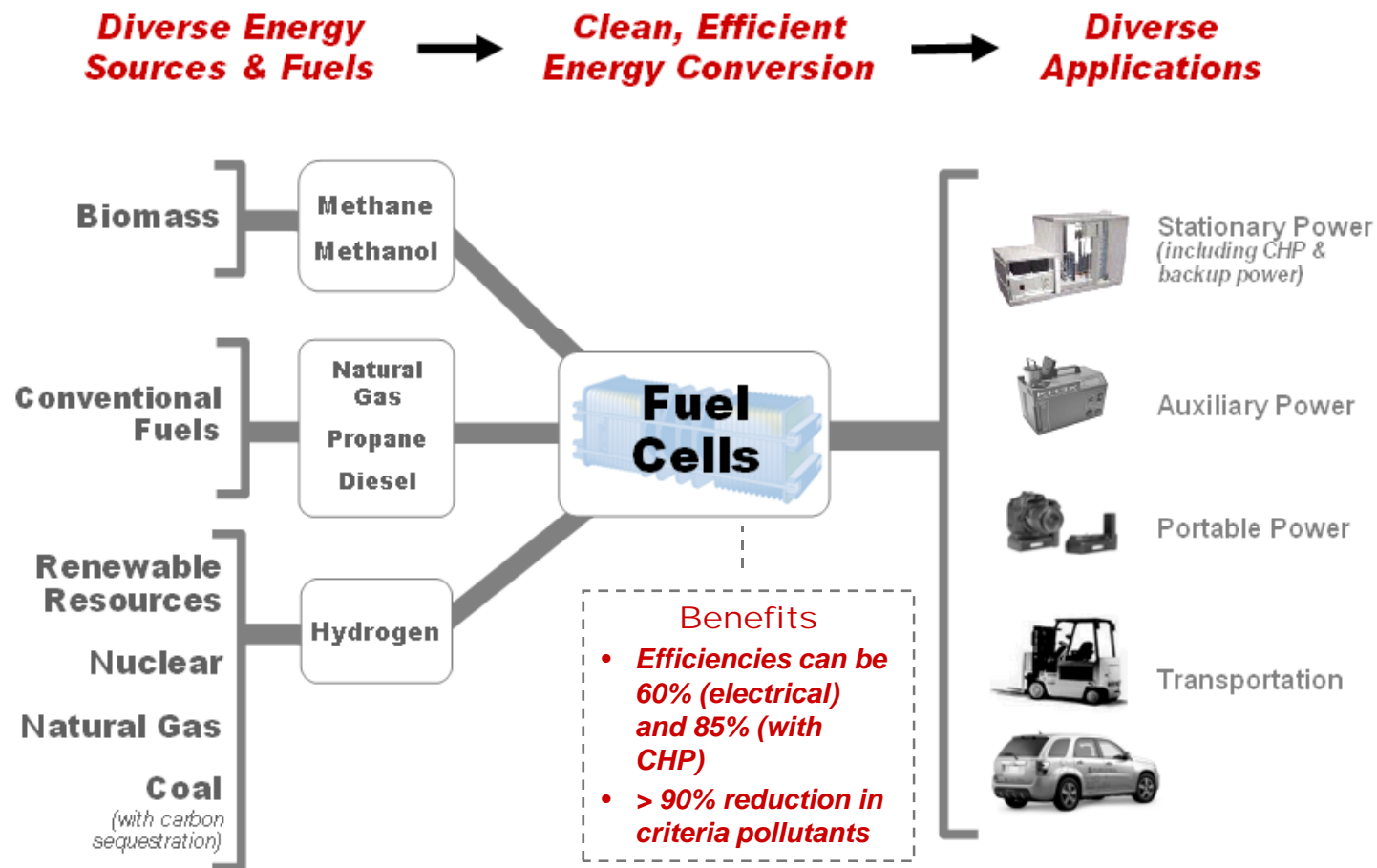
# Fuel Cells - Addressing Energy Challenges

Energy Efficiency and Resource Diversity

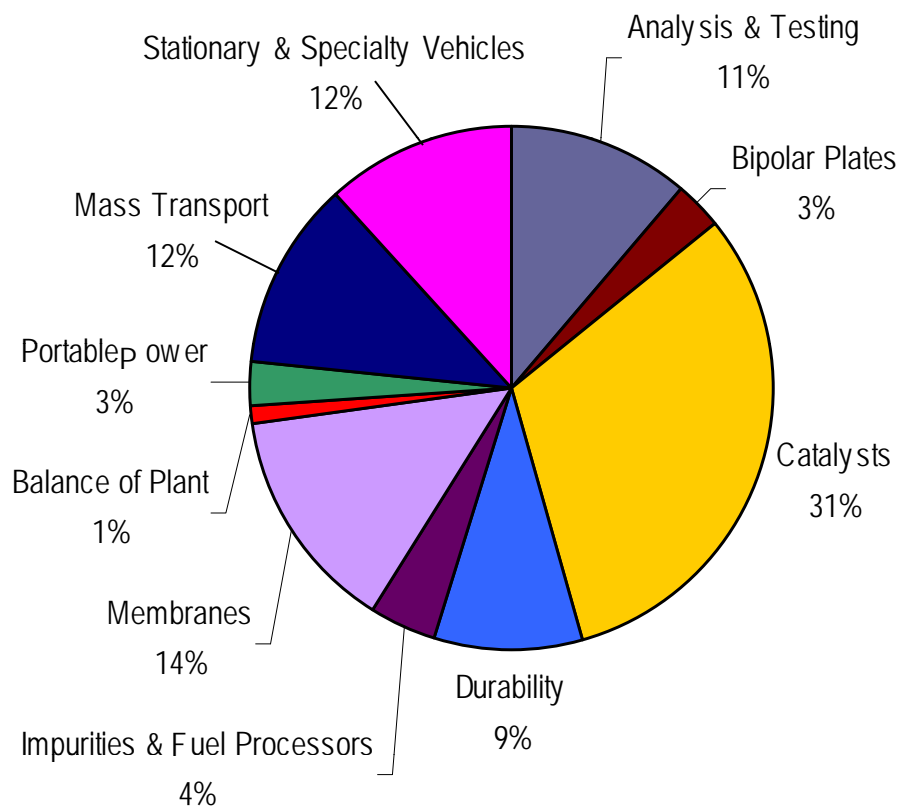
- **Fuel cells offer a highly efficient way to use diverse fuels and energy sources.**

Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollution:

- **Fuel cells can be powered by emissions-free fuels that are produced from clean, domestic resources.**



**FY 2010  
APPROPRIATION = \$77.4M**



## **FY 2010 Emphasis**

R&D of materials, stack components, balance-of-plant subsystems, and integrated fuel cell systems targeting lower cost and enhanced durability

- Develop improved fuel cell catalysts and membrane electrolytes
- Characterize and optimize transport phenomena improving MEA and stack performance
- Optimize fuel cells and systems for early market applications
- Develop innovative concepts leading to a new generation of fuel cell technologies

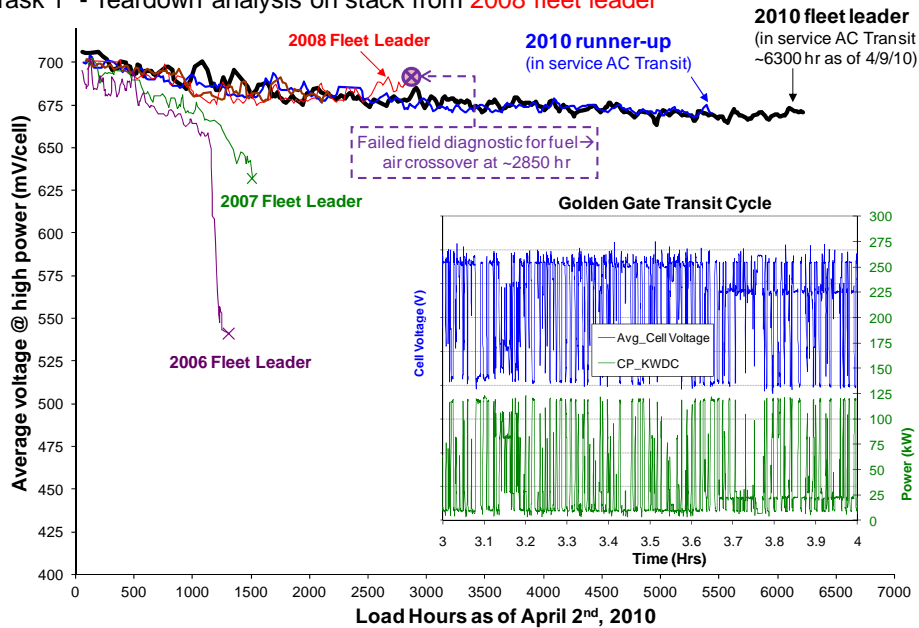
Applications include: transportation, combined heat and power (CHP), auxiliary power units (APUs), direct methanol fuel cells for portable power, and backup power for critical infrastructure.

# Fuel Cells R&D for Bus Applications: Durability

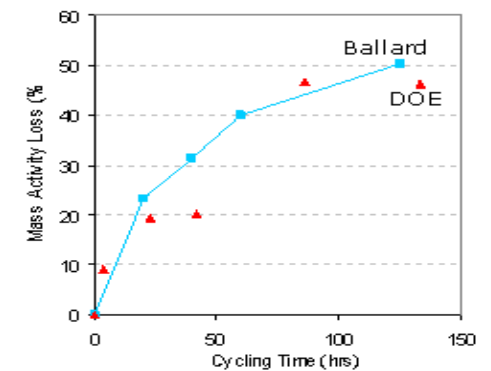
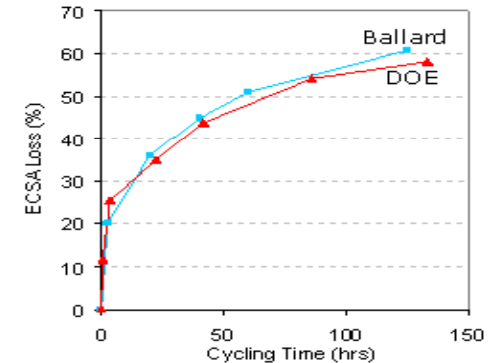
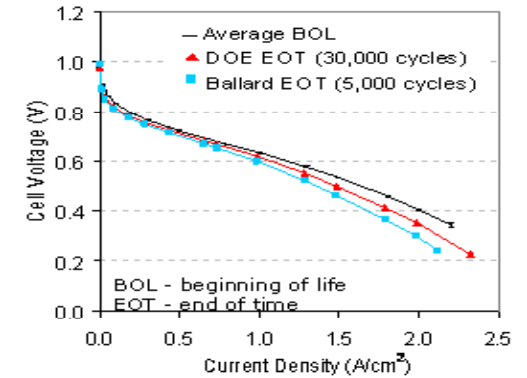
*UTC, Ballard, and LANL are studying durability and developing improved ASTs*

## UTC: demonstrating long lifetime in real-world bus operation

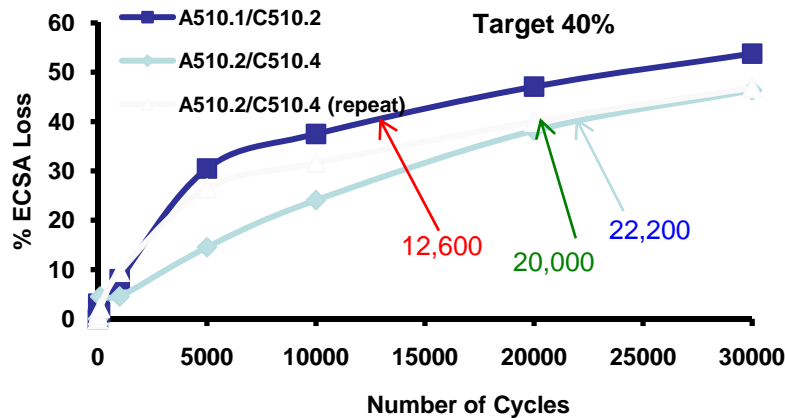
Task 1 - Teardown analysis on stack from 2008 fleet leader



## Ballard: developing strategies to mitigate degradation



## LANL: improved ASTs using materials from Gore and Ballard



# Fuel Cell Bus Evaluation

*DOE (FCT-Tech .Val.), NREL, and FTA are working closely to evaluate fuel cell technologies in transit applications*

## A comparison to conventional bus technology

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Attribute	Fuel Cell Technology	Conventional Diesel Technology
<b>Fuel Economy</b>	2 times higher than conventional buses	3 – 4 miles per gallon (diesel)
<b>Reliability</b> (measured in “miles between road call,” or MBRC)	919 – 1,600 MRBC	10,000 MBRC
<b>Availability</b>	58-77%	85%
<b>Capital Cost</b>	\$2 – \$3 million	\$328,000
<b>Fuel Cost</b>	\$8.90 to \$18.80 per diesel gallon equivalent	\$4.72/gallon*
<p>Source: L. Eudy, et al., <i>Fuel Cell Buses in U.S. Transit Fleets: Summary of Experiences and Current Status</i> (September 2007), NREL/TP-560-41967, <a href="http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/pdfs/41967.pdf">http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/pdfs/41967.pdf</a>, accessed May 2008.</p> <p>* Energy Information Administration, <i>Weekly On-Highway Diesel Prices</i>, 07/07/08, <a href="http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/wohdp/diesel.asp">http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/wohdp/diesel.asp</a>, accessed July 2008.</p>		

\* DOE's 2008 Fuel Cell School Buses Report to Congress ([http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/congress\\_reports.html](http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/congress_reports.html))

**Technology Validation: Fuel Cell Bus Evaluation (L. Eudy, NREL), Poster TV 008, Thursday 6/10**

DOE and DOT have invited the fuel cell bus community and other stakeholders to participate in a discussion of the most relevant research and development topics to fuel cell buses for government funding.

## Specific emphasis will be placed on:

- Fuel cell stack components
- Fuel cell system balance of plant  
(**excluding** infrastructure, demonstration, drive-train, and non-fuel cell related bus components)

## Plenary speakers include:

- Fuel cell manufacturers
- Fuel cell bus integrators and end users
- Government funding agency representatives



# Fuel Cell Bus Workshop: Agenda

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- 08:00 Fuel Cell Bus Workshop: Overview and Purpose**  
DOE – Dimitrios Papageorgopoulos
- 08:10 DOT/FTA national Fuel Cell Bus Program**  
DOT – Venkat Pindiprolu
- 08:20 Users Perspective on Advanced Fuel Cell Bus Technology**  
CaFCP - Nico Bouwkamp                      NREL - Leslie Eudy
- 08:30 Progress and Challenges for PEM Transit Fleet Applications**  
UTC - Tom Madden
- 08:45 Fuel Cell Buses – Current Status and Path Forward**  
Ballard Power Systems – Greg James
- 09:00 Powering a Full-Size Transit Bus with Two 16kW Forklift Fuel Cells – The Proterra Story**  
Proterra – Dale Hill
- 09:15 HybriDrive Propulsion System – Cleaner, Smarter Power for Transit**  
BAE Systems – Bart Mancini
- 09:30 Break**
- 09:45 Brainstorming: Technical Barriers, R&D Needs, Technical Targets & Timeframes**  
DOE – Papageorgopoulos
- 11:45 Summary & Wrap-Up**  
DOE/DOT – Papageorgopoulos/Pindiprolu
- 12:00 Adjourn**