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Development of a Containerized 100 kW Fuel Cell System for Maritime Applications

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Overall Project Objectives

- -- Develop a fuel-cell system for the marine environment that will reduce emissions and be a viable alternative to diesel-based systems.--
- ✓ Lower the technology risk of port fuel-cell deployments by gathering performance data of H_2 -PEM fuel cells in the marine environment.
- Lower the investment risk by understanding capital and O&M costs for this application.



- Enable easier permitting and acceptance of H₂-FC technology in maritime applications by engaging the USCG and ABS.
- Engage potential adopters/end users of hydrogen fuel cells to enable more widespread acceptance of the technology.





Essential MarFC Components



--diagram courtesy of Hydrogenics 3





Final MarFC Embodiment



Key Early Dates:

5/2014 Design Review, Hydrogenics 9/2014 USCG gives Design Basis Letter 6/2015 Factory Acceptance Testing





First Deployment: Supply Power to Refrigerated Containers (Reefers), Young Brothers, Honolulu HI







Deployment from 8/4/2015 - 6/8/2016





Sandia Analyzed Deployment Data Including.....



Component pressure and temperature



Hardware durability in the marine environment



Table 4: Probability modeling results which show that the only expected outcome that could result in persona jet flame following a full release of hydrogen. The probability of a release causing a jet flame that has potenti injury is 0.000957, or about once in every five years of continuous operation.

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* PLL: Potential Loss of Life

Hydrogen safety and risk analysis





MarFC Repair, Upgrade and Testing by Hydrogenics

Based on the deployment the prior year in Honolulu, Hydrogenics repairs/upgrades the unit, Completed ~ 2/2018:

	Improvement
1	Fix inverter
2	Operator interface
3	Battery duration
4	Extended run testing at factory
5	H2 detectors, filters
6	Coolant water thermocouple
7	Battery charger
8	Coolant line pressure
9	FC rack pressure transducer
10	DI water tank and monitor
11	Upgrade internal cooling fans
12	Notification email system
13	Monitor power at plugs
14	Fix tank temperature jump issue
15	Modify rack to allow single module failure
16	Modify generator for sub-zero operation



Ruggedized System Display



Improved ABB Inverter



Site Requirements for MarFC Deployment

A site may have specific insurance/indemnification requirements.

All H_2 providers have requirements for refueling or H_2 storage that must satisfy NFPA 2 (Hydrogen Technologies Code), NFPA 55-2016 Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code (2016) and their own requirements.

Considerations Include Distances to:

Lot Lines Overhead Power Lines Intakes (HVAC, compressors) Wall Openings (operable and inoperable) Other Flammable Gas Storage Parked Vehicles Ignition Sources (welding) Others.....



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R/V Robert Gordon Sproul docked at Nimitz Marine Facility

- 1. SIO wants to use the MarFC unit to provide shore power for the Research Vessel (*R*/V) *Robert Gordon Sproul* when in port at the Nimitz Marine Facility, San Diego CA.
- 2. "The Sproul" is typically in Port for 1 week, goes out for 2-3 days, and then comes back.
- 3. While in Port, the Sproul requires 480 VAC 3-phase shore power 24 hours per day.
- 4. Average power ~ 30 kW. During the day, the power can peak to ~ 50 kW, during the evening, the power load ~ 15 kW. These are within the 100 kW MarFC capability to provide (with the MarFC unit upgraded to provide 480 VAC).









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Modified unit undergoing power testing now

The SIO Nimitz Marine Facility location is in full compliance with relevant NFPA and H_2 supplier requirements for H_2 storage and delivery.

Also satisfied Scripps terms and conditions. \checkmark

Deployment scheduled for 6 months starting ~ 11/1/2019.



We are particularly excited about the SIO deployment because....

Scripps is the largest oceanographic institution in the United States, with 186 professors, researchers and project scientists, 329 graduate students. There is a large educational exposure in a project with Scripps.

Through the "Zero-V Project", in which the feasibility of a H_2 /Fuel Cell ocean-going research vessel was established, Scripps understands hydrogen and wants to pursue such a vessel in the future:





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