eVTOL Air Vehicles – The "Killer App" for Hydrogen?

Everyday Air Mobility. Fueled by Hydrogen. Powered by Simplicity.

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Liquid Hydrogen – Fuel Cell Powertrain eVTOL



Topics



The state of the art for electric fuel cell VTOL aircraft.



Air-Portals as energy stations.



Technology gaps and collaborative R&D opportunities to raise Technology Readiness Levels.





KEY TECHNOLOGY DIFFERENTIATORS:

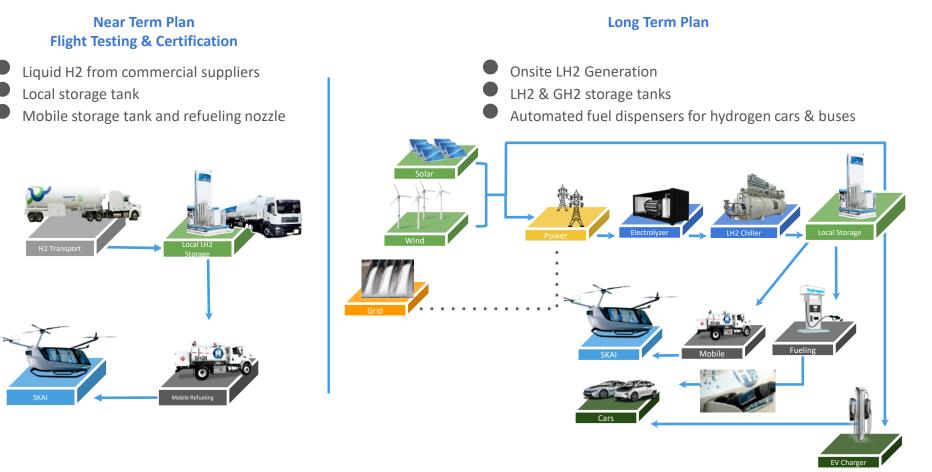
RANGE + PAYLOAD

FUELING TIME, LIFE-CYCLE IMPACT, LOW OPEX, MISSION FLEXIBILITY

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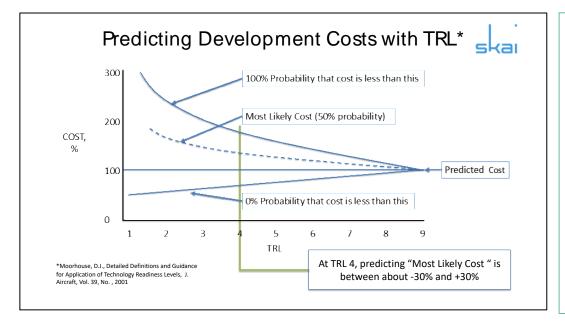
On-Site H2 Generation





The Skai H2 Ecosystem

Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)



HFC Systems R&D:

- Electro-Chem-Physics modeling
- Stack efficiencies
- Balance of Plant optimization
- Fuel Cell Plate materials
- Life cycle modeling and testing
- FAA compliance for certification
- Stack instrumentation
- Digital twin systems
- LH2 crash dynamics and design
- PPE-free fueling system safety
- GH2 and LH2 storage systems

Aeronautical Industry

Pre-Competitive Collaboration needed to accelerate pace of Aeronautics applications commercialization and share risks.

Hydrogen Clean. Power.

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What is SKAI?

Skai is Alakai's Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) system built with a core focus on reliability and simplicity. The first hydrogen fuel-cell powered vertical take-off and landing air vehicle.

Skai is comprised of patent protected technology, air mobility services, and innovations in power and redundancy. Its unique brand position and market entry strategy ensures it is ready for long term leadership, with broad application and mass accessibility.





All Flectric Vertical Take-Off and Landing



Hydrogen fuel cell powered, with zero pollution



and Fully Autonomous

Versions

Point-to-Any-Point Transportation

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Boston to Manhattan, 196 miles by Skai

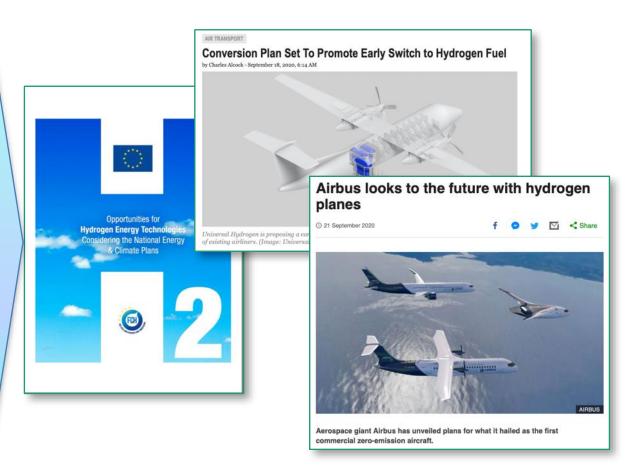
An energy solution with UNIQUE BENEFITS

for flight

Hydrogen fuel cells have 8X TO 12X THE DISTANCE AND DURATION of today's best battery technologies

Hydrogen Coming Of Age

- Ten nations have committed to advancement toward hydrogen economies over the coming years.
- Primary drivers are environmental sustainability and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).
- Aeronautical H2 ecosystem includes OEMs and suppliers across the enterprise.





skai – the advanced air mobility system.

Powered by Hydrogen. Driven by Simplicity.

Skai is an air mobility system built with a focus on simplicity. The first hydrogen fuel cell powered e-VTOL

Skai's ambition is to solve one of the most pressing global challenges, transportation (gridlock and traffic), while simultaneously reducing its impact on the environment.

Skai is now working to certify this dream...

...by making a simple and safe air mobility system accessible for everyone.

...by implementing a truly clean end to end solution on a global scale.

Key Facts & Differentiators

- First filer for FAA certification
- •Simplest: an ultra smart platform with low complexity
- •Safest: airframe parachute, fault tolerant systems
- •Cleanest: Hydrogen fuel cells - zero emission, recyclable

- •Management:
- Experienced aerospace
- team
- •IP Protection: over 40 patents
- •Design: by BMW Designworks
- •Rapid Scale: automotive approach to volume manufacturing

One Platform, Many Applications











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