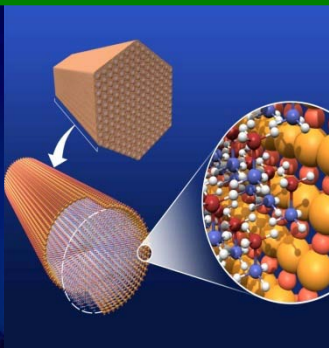
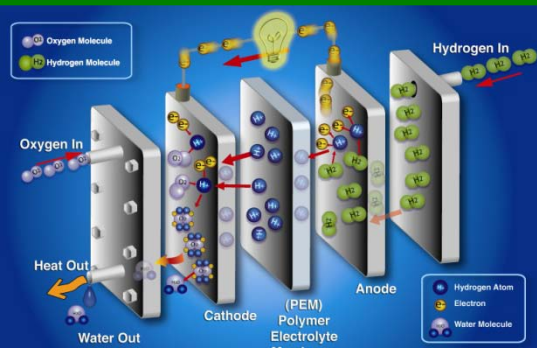




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# Stationary Fuel Cells: Overview of Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Activities

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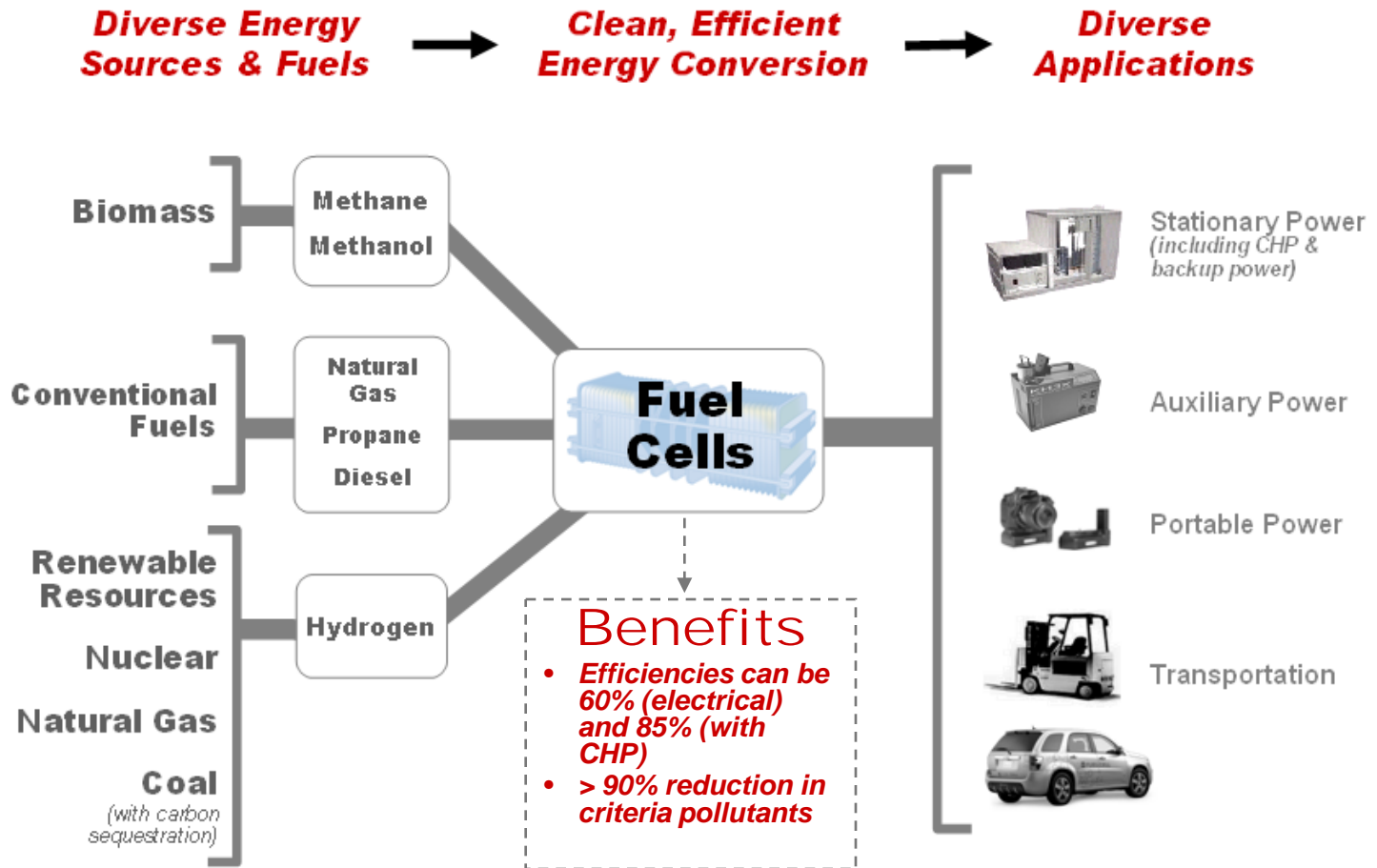
- DOE Fuel Cell Market Transformation Overview
  - Overview of CHP Concept
  - Stationary Fuel Cells for CHP Applications
- Partnering and Financing (Sam Logan)
  - Example Project

## Energy Efficiency and Resource Diversity

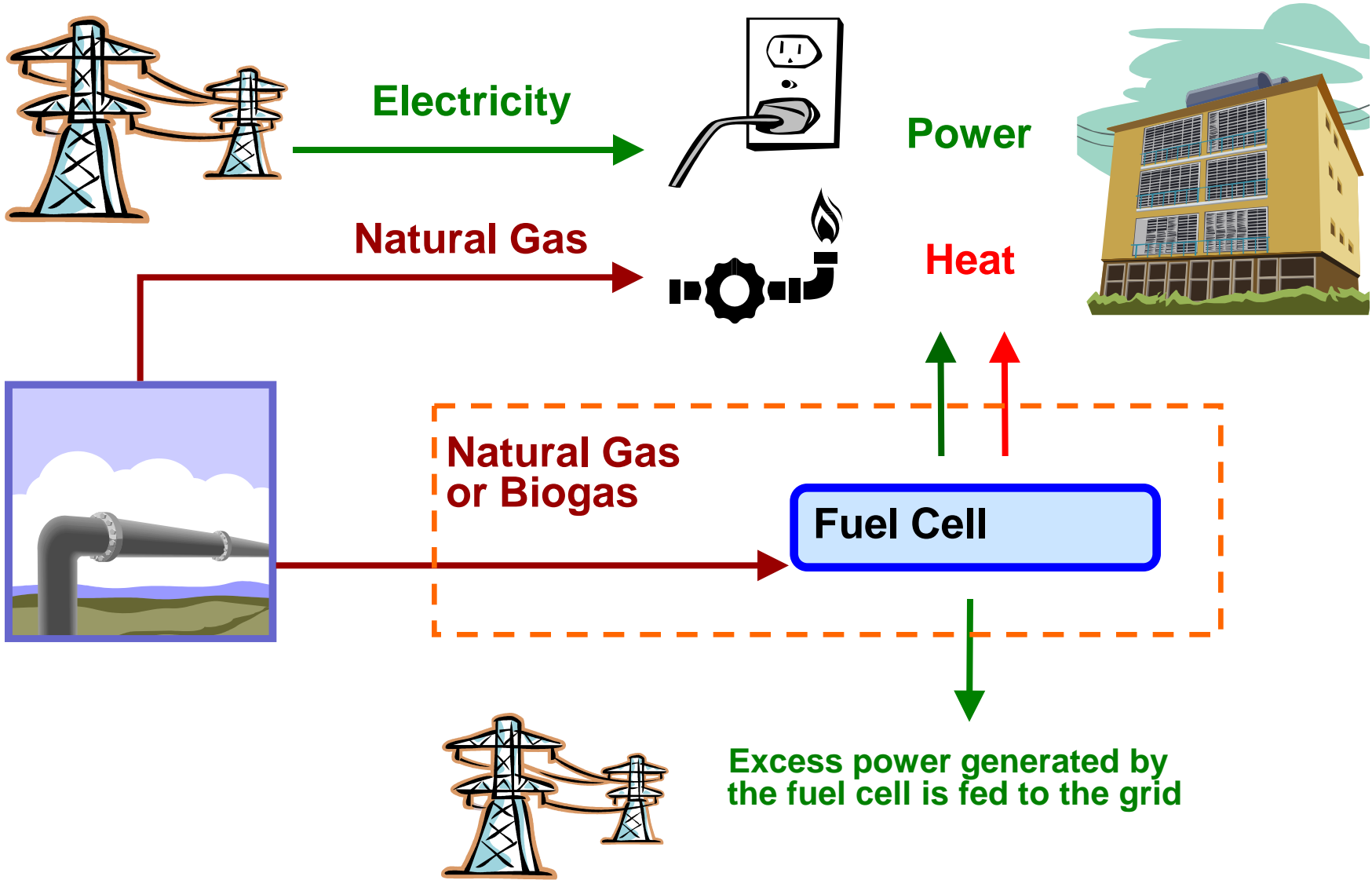
→ *Fuel cells offer a highly efficient way to use diverse fuels and energy sources.*

## Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollution:

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



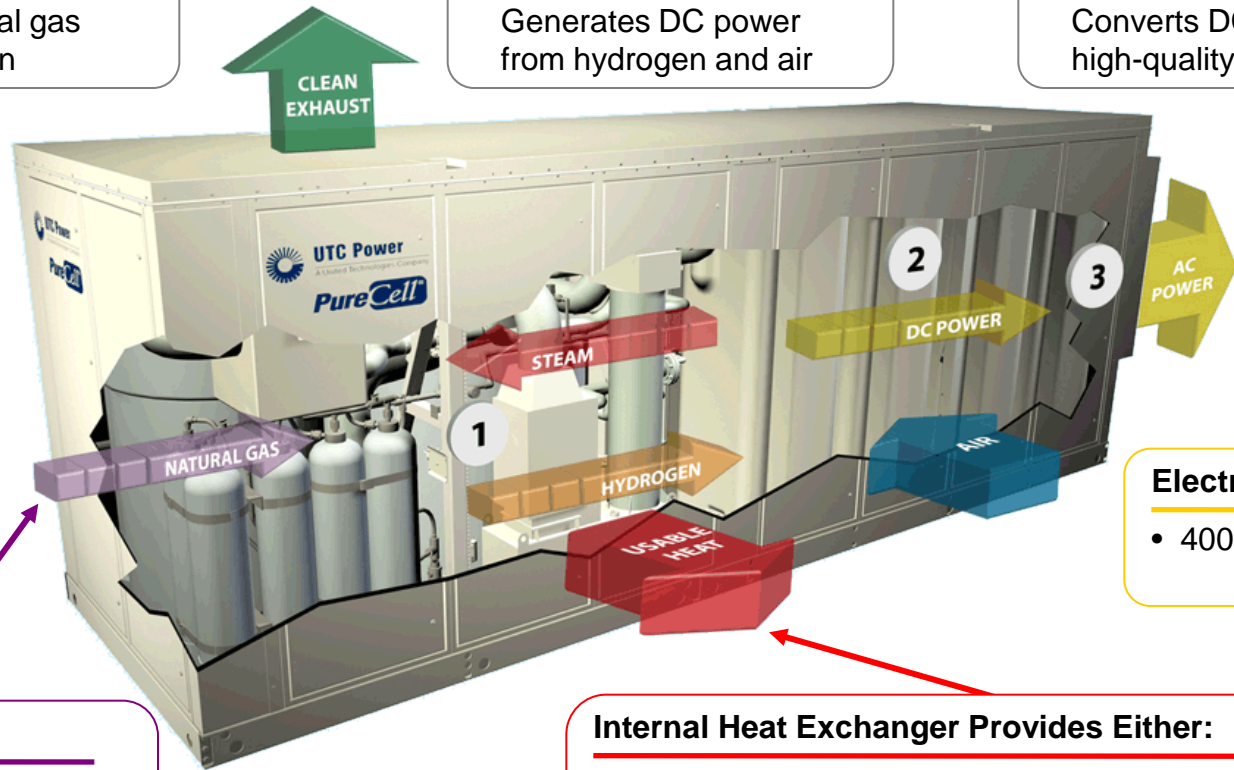
# Overview of CHP Concept



# Stationary Fuel Cell Product Example

## 400 kW Phosphoric Acid Fuel Cell

- 1 Fuel Processor**  
Converts natural gas fuel to hydrogen
- 2 Fuel Cell Stack**  
Generates DC power from hydrogen and air
- 3 Power Conditioner**  
Converts DC power to high-quality AC power



**Electric Output:**

- 400 kW, 480V, 60 Hz

**Fuel Input:**

Natural gas  
 3.2 MMBtu/hr    3.6 MMBtu/hr  
 (950 kW) LHV    (1054 kW) HHV

**Internal Heat Exchanger Provides Either:**

- 1.5 MMBtu/hr @ 140°F (450 kW @ 60°C)
- OR
- 0.7 MMBtu/hr @ 250°F & 0.9 MMBtu/hr @ 140°F  
 (200 kW @ 121°C & 250 kW @ 60°C)

# Stationary Fuel Cell Applications

## Key Market Sectors

**Data Centers**



**Supermarkets**



**Hospitals**



**Hotels**



**Educational Institutions**



- **Energy intensive**
- **Power, heating, cooling**
- **Benefits**
  - **On-site energy/security**



## Assured Power



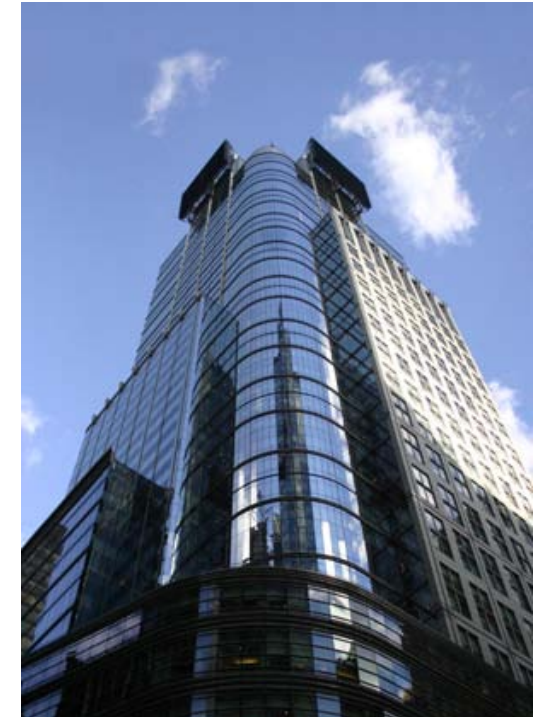
First National Bank of  
Omaha  
Omaha, Nebraska

## On-Line Emergency Power



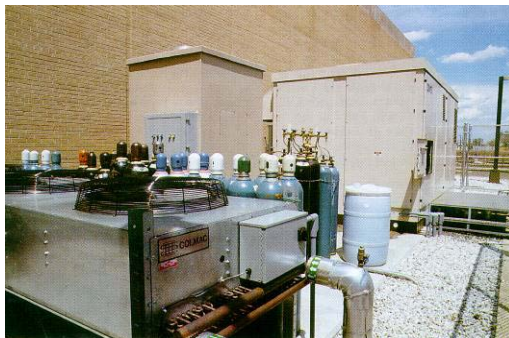
Verizon  
Garden City, New York

## Indoor Green Power / Cogeneration



4 Times Square  
New York, New York

## Renewable Fuel (ADG)



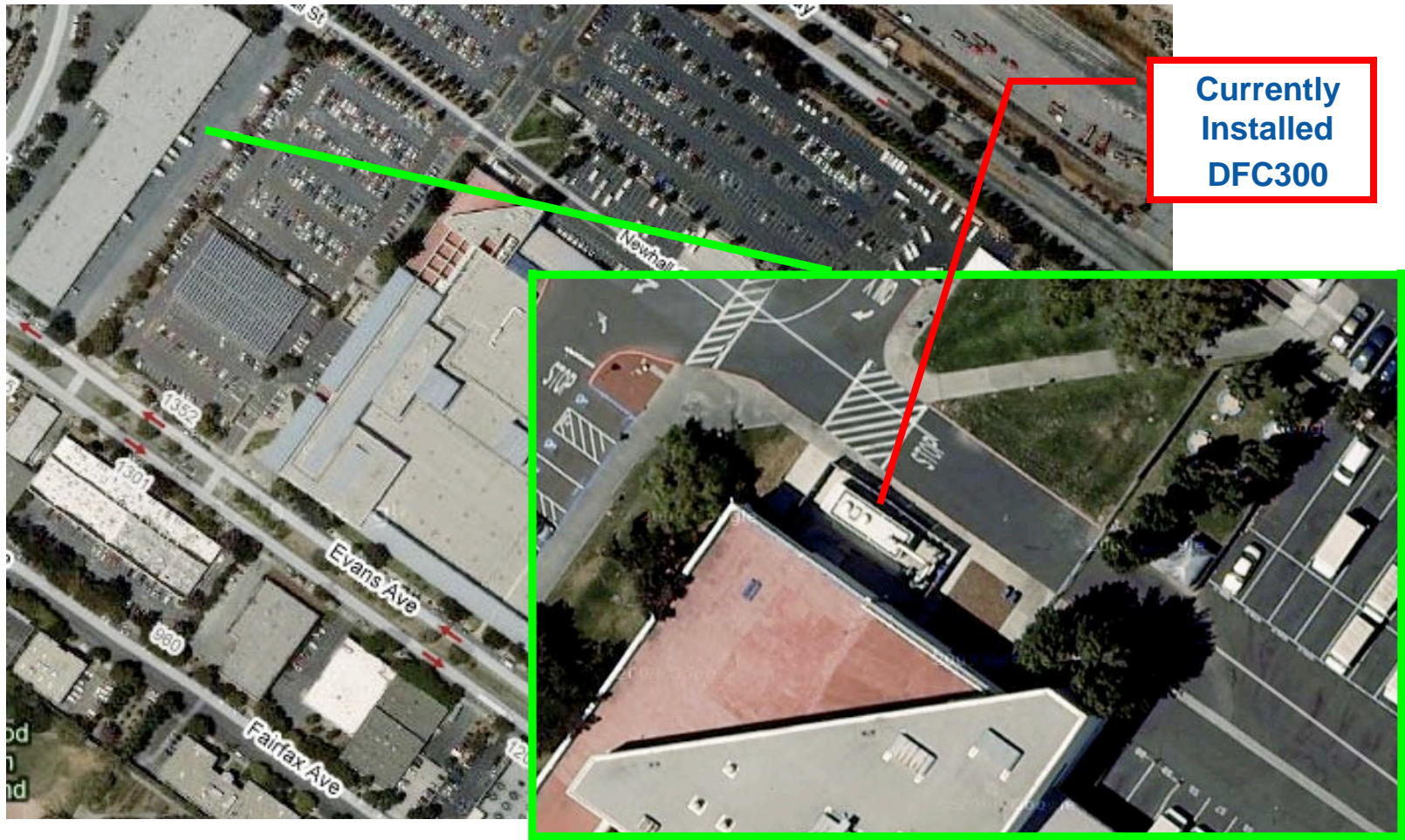
Wastewater treatment plants  
New York, New York

## Off-Grid Power



Central Park Police Station,  
New York, New York

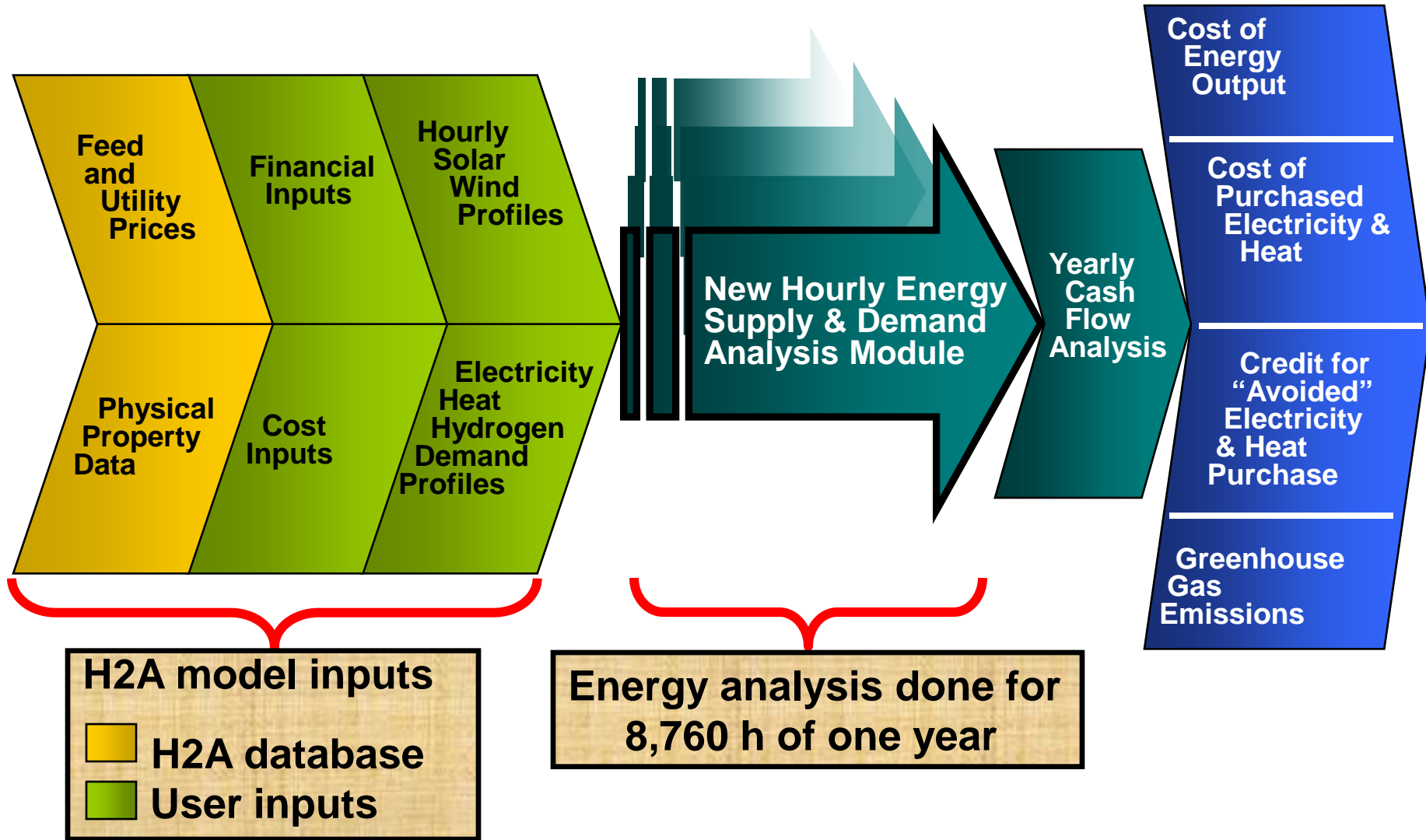




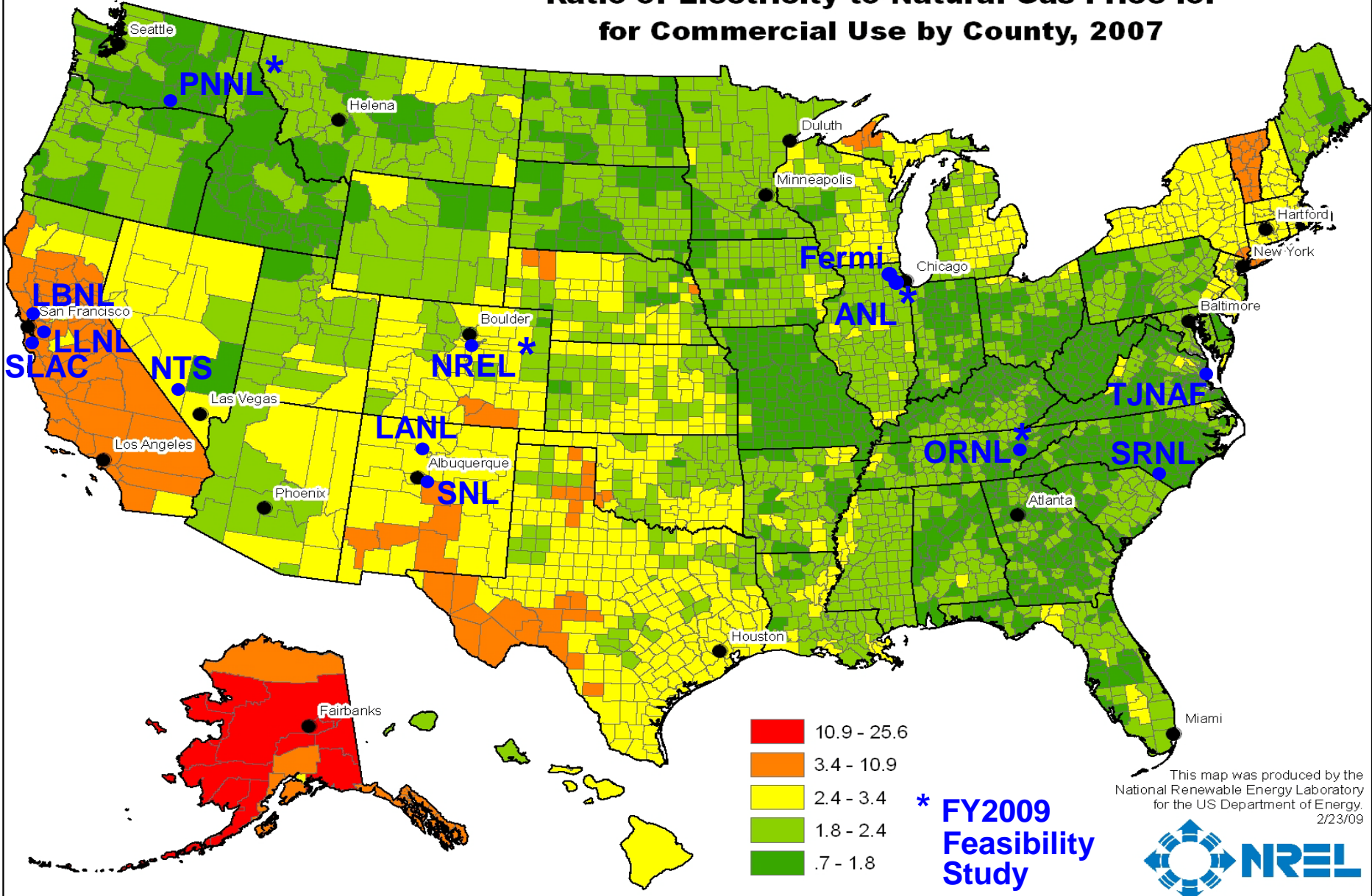
USPS facility in San Francisco, California  
300 kW Molten Carbonate fuel cell system.



# FCPower Model Hourly Energy Analysis Module



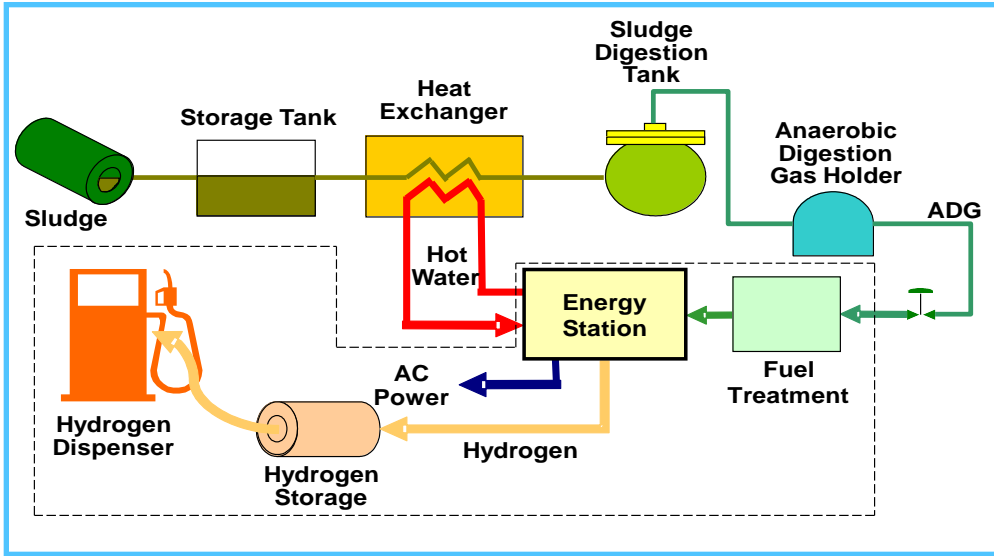
### Ratio of Electricity to Natural Gas Price for Commercial Use by County, 2007



This map was produced by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the US Department of Energy. 2/23/09

## Preliminary Test Results

- Fuel cell with water-gas shift in operation > 6,000 hours
- Tri-generation results:
  - Coproduced 2 to 5 kg/hr hydrogen with > 200 kW electricity
  - Estimated hydrogen recovery at 80 to 85%
  - Product purity <0.2 ppm CO; <2 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Operation with simulated digester gas feed
  - PSA operating map developed (cycle time vs. feed rate)
  - Implemented automated system to switch to CHP mode when hydrogen tanks are filled.



Anode Exhaust Processing and H<sub>2</sub> PSA



## Partners in Market Transformation

## Providing Tangible Benefits to Federal Energy Consumers

- Distributed CHP Generation...Energy Efficiency
- Reduce Harmful Emissions and GHG
- Increase Energy Security, Reliability & Reduce Demand on Grid
- Comply with Legal Mandates
- Upgrade Facility Infrastructure Reduced Capital Appropriations
- Insulate Against Rising Energy Costs

## Green House Gas Comparison

- ~680lbs per MWh with 65% efficient CHP application ...
  - ~50% GHG reduction compared to incumbent technologies

	CO <sub>2</sub> (lb/MWh)	NO <sub>x</sub> (lb/MWh)	SO <sub>x</sub> (lb/MWh)	PM <sub>10</sub> (lb/MWh)
Average US Fossil Fuel Plant	2031	5.06	11.6	0.27
Average US Generation	1408	3.4	7.9	0.19
Typical Small Gas Turbine	1494	1.1	0.008	0.08
DFC (Baseline products)	980	0.01	0.0001	0.00002
<b>DFC Potential (at 65% Efficiency)</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>0.007</b>	<b>0.00007</b>	<b>0.00001</b>

Data source, FuelCell Energy, UTC, NREL

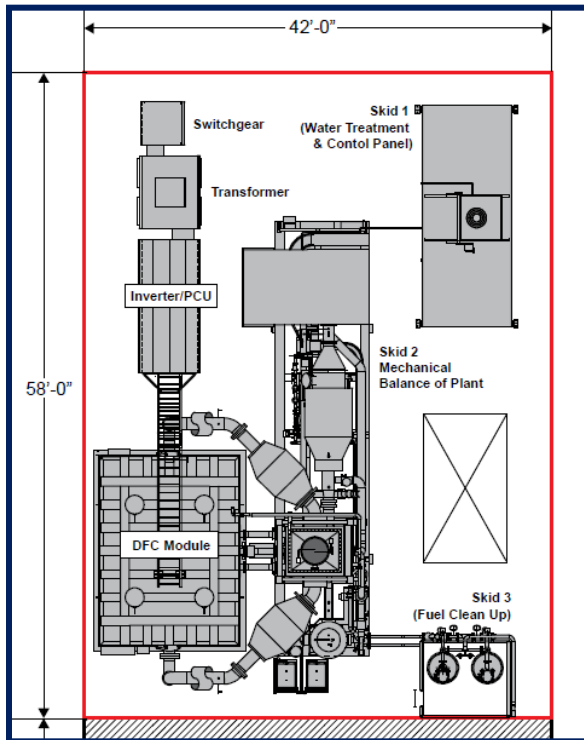


- Federal Investment Tax Credits (ITC's) or Grants in lieu of ITC's (an energy services contract with a third-party project developer is required for a tax-exempt customer to benefit)
- State Tax Credits
- State and Local Incentives and Grants
- Utility Incentives and Grants
- Demand Response and other Capacity Payments
- Energy Conservation Credits (White Tags)
- Renewable Energy Credits (Mandatory and Voluntary)
- Internal Cash Flow From Operating Efficiencies
- Private Capital (Debt and Investor Equity – also requires an energy services contract with a third-party project developer)
- Green Procurement Requirements

- Install 1,500 kW Carbonate Fuel Cell
- Government customer in CT
- Utility Rates:
  - Electricity: \$0.125 average cost per kWh
  - Natural Gas: \$7.00 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf)
  - Average Cost of Heat: \$9.30 per million British thermal unit (MMBTU)
- Net Metering Revenue Available
  - Public Utilities Code Section
- CT Clean Energy Fund
  - Up to \$2.50/W Installed Capacity
  - Capacity Payment Program
  - Renewable Energy Credits
- Ten-Year Service Contract

# Government Owned Example

- 1500kW (net 1400kW) Carbonate Fuel Cell
- 90% Operating Availability
- Long Term Service Agreement & Warranty
- Initial 10 Year Service Term



1500kW Carbonate FC Diagram

	(000)
<b>Installed CHP System</b>	\$ 7,862
<b>Incentive Payments</b>	\$ (2,475)
<b>Govt Investment</b>	\$ 5,387
<b>Govt % Investment</b>	69%

<b>Operating Specifications</b>	
Fuel Cell Output kW (EOY)	1,385
Fuel Flow (MMBtu/hr LHV)	10.2
Avg Plant Thermal Recovery (MMBtu/hr)	1.62

<b>Annual Totals</b>	
Power Generation Net (MWh)	10,919
Plant Fuel (MMBtu LHV)	80,417
Plant Thermal (MMBtu)	12,772

<b>Project Revenue (000)</b>	
Avoided Electric Utility Cost - Fuel Cell	\$ 1,365
Electricity - RECs / Other	\$ 273
Electricity - Capacity	\$ 58
Avoided Thermal Cost	\$ 96

<b>Annual Savings (000)</b>	\$ 1,792
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<b>Operating Costs (000)</b>	
LTSA & Fuel	\$ 1,150

<b>Net Annual Savings (000)</b>	\$ 642
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<b>Payback Yrs.</b>	8
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<b>NPV (000)</b>	\$ (1,000)
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# Developer Owned Example

(000)

<b>Installed CHP System</b>	\$	7,540
<b>Incentive Payments</b>	\$	(4,878)
<b>Govt Investment</b>	\$	2,662
<b>Govt Investment %</b>		35%
<b>Operating Specifications</b>		
Fuel Cell Output kW (EOY)		1,385
Fuel Flow (MMBtu/hr LHV)		10.2
Avg Plant Thermal Recovery (MMBtu/hr)		1.6
<b>Annual Totals</b>		
Power Generation Net (MWh)		10,919
Plant Fuel (MMBtu LHV)		80,417
Plant Thermal (MMBtu)		12,772
<b>Annual Avoided Costs</b>		
Avoided Electric Utility Cost - Fuel Cell	\$	1,365
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Electricity - Capacity	\$	58
Avoided Thermal Cost	\$	96
<b>Total Avoided Costs</b>	\$	1,792
<b>Operating Costs</b>		
LTSA & Fuel	\$	1,100
Annual Developer Service Fee	\$	325
<b>Net Annual Savings</b>	\$	367
<b>NPV</b>	\$	(496)

- 1500kW (net 1400kW) Carbonate Fuel Cell
- 90% Operating Availability
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- Initial 10 Year Service Term



1500kW Carbonate FC Installation

## *Project Ownership Comparison*

	(000)	Government	Developer
First Cost	\$	7,862	\$ 7,540
Incentives	\$	(2,475)	\$ (4,878)
Net Gov Investment	\$	5,387	\$ 2,662
% Investment		68.5%	35.3%
Annual Avoided Costs	\$	1,792	\$ 1,792
Annual Fuel Cell O&M	\$	550	\$ 550
Annual Fuel Costs	\$	600	\$ 600
Annual Developer Fee			\$ 325
Annual Costs	\$	1,150	\$ 1,475
Annual Savings	\$	642	\$ 317
NPV		(\$1,000)	(\$496)

## Developer Derived Benefits

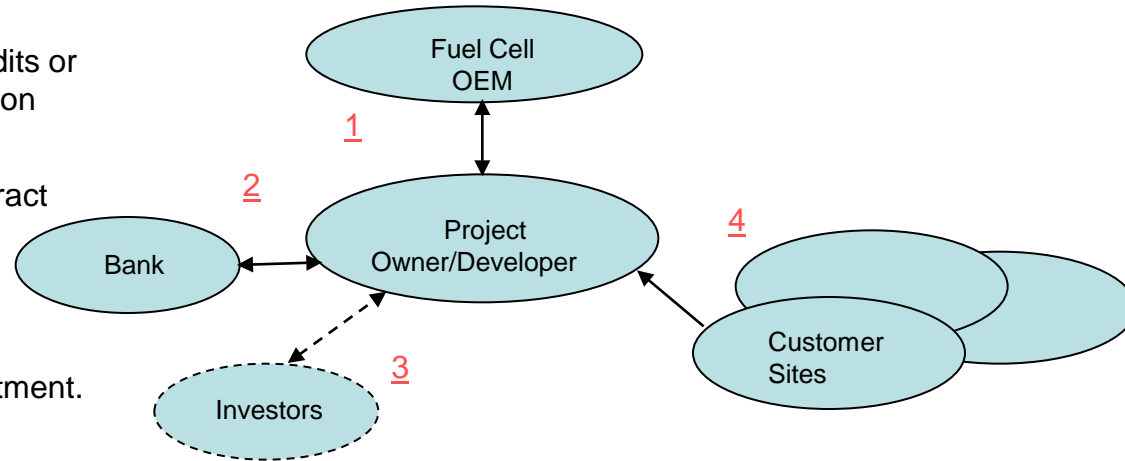
1. Upgrade infrastructure with half the investment.
2. Lower life cycle costs.
3. Site two units for same price as one government owned unit.
4. Gov't investment may be developer financed.
5. Capture benefits of federal tax policy without risk of ownership.
6. Accelerate Market Transformation.



## 1500kW CHP Fuel Cell Project

### Financing

- IRS Section 48 Tax Credits or Grant if under construction prior to 31 Dec 2010
- Fed ITC qualifying Contract
- Bankable Transaction...Payment Guarantor
- Other incentive or investment.



### Relationships Among Parties

- Project Owner/Developer purchases units from Vendor
- Project Owner/Developer may accept investors) and exchange ITCs for \$\$ in qualified transaction. ...(Not required for 1603 transaction.)
- Project owner to furnish, install, maintain FC units under ITC qualifying Service Agreement. Receives monthly service payments.
- Project owner provides services to Customer through 10-Year Services Agreement

### Cash Flows **RED Numbers above**

1. Project Owner/Developer (e.g. a Limited Liability Company, or LLC) issues PO to Vendor... purchases units on schedule.
2. Bank provides LLC with debt funds for installations and receives monthly debt service.
3. Investors exchange \$\$ for LLC investment through Operating Agreement...(Not required for 1603 transaction)
4. Customer pays monthly energy service fee (PPA or other form of agreement) to Project Owner/Developer

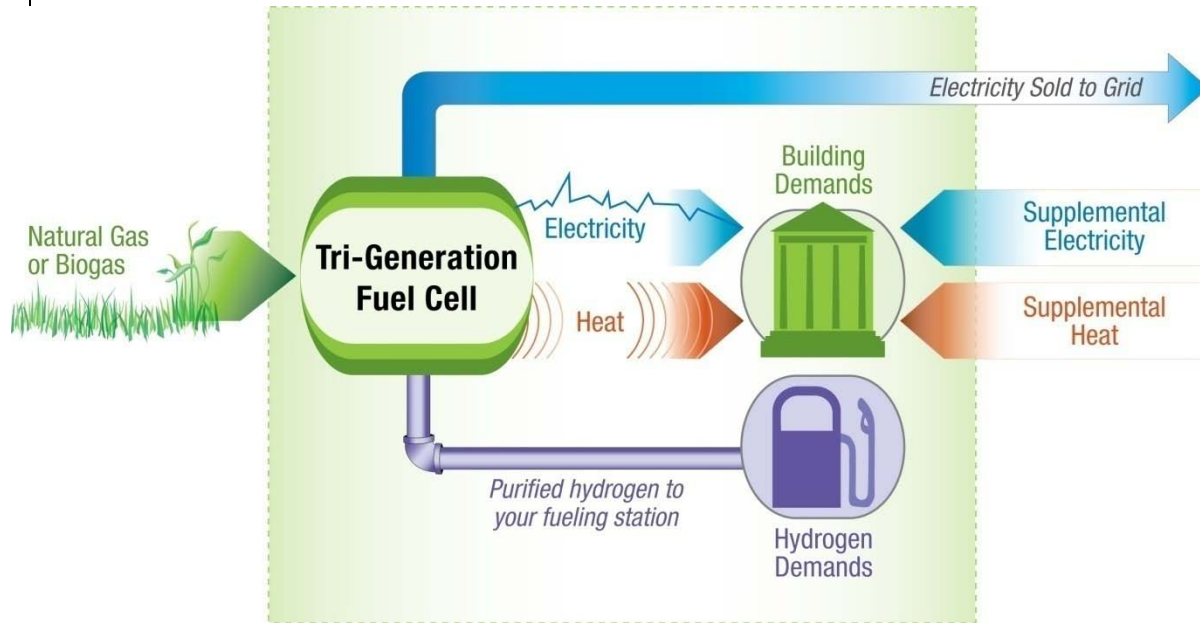
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# FCpower Model



[http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/fc\\_power\\_analysis.html](http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/fc_power_analysis.html)

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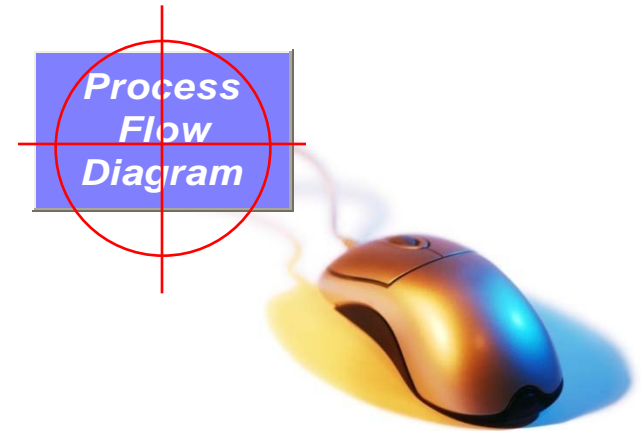
# Using the Model: Four Simple Steps

Model users are first directed to this screen.

**1** Click Process Flow Diagram

Title

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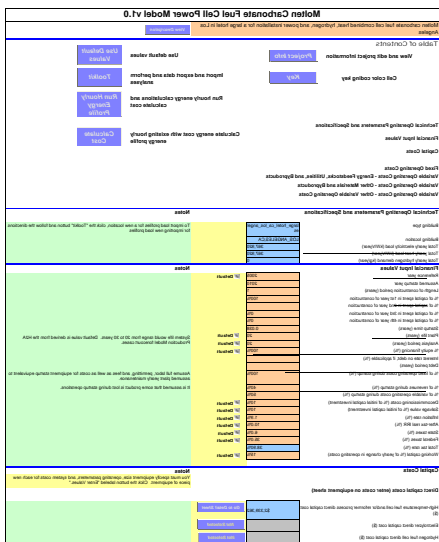
**Simple: just click!**

**2** • Configure system  
• Click *Input sheet* button

Configure the system on the Process Flow Diagram then click the “*Input Sheet*” button to enter cost & performance values.



# Using the Model: Four Simple Steps



**3** • Enter cost and performance values using the Input Sheet as “Home Base”

- The “Input\_Sheet\_Template” sheet is the main model interface
- The subsequent slides will describe each section of the interface
- Tools and defaults are available for most values
- A lot of customization is possible for special case evaluations

**4** • Run the model by clicking the “Run Hourly Energy Profile” button

