Controlled Hydrogen Fleet and Infrastructure Demonstration and Validation Project

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Overview

Timeline
- Start: January 15, 2004
- End: September 30, 2009
- 85% complete

Budget
- Total project funding: $94.5 mil
  - DOE share: $38.1 mil
  - Contractor share: $56.4 mil
- Funding received in FY08: $5.8 mil
- Funding for FY09: $2.9 mil (est)

Barriers
- Fuel cell vehicles data
- H₂ refueling infrastructure data

Team Members
- Hyundai-Kia motor companies
- UTC Power
- Hyundai Kia America Technical Center
- Alameda Contra Costa Transit
- Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (DOD)
- Southern California Edison: Site Host
Demonstrate safe, practical hydrogen technologies in real-world settings

- Validate complete systems of integrated hydrogen and fuel cell technologies for transportation, infrastructure and electricity applications under real-world operating conditions

33 fuel cell vehicles collecting durability and range data on the road

- 2000 hr fuel cell durability
- 250 mile vehicle range

Public–private partnership of five on-site generation hydrogen stations

- $3.00/gge production cost

24/7 safe fueling by trained drivers

- Safe and convenient refueling by drivers
## Collaborations - Partners

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### Light Duty Vehicle Technology Providers

- [Hyundai](#)
- [KIA](#)
- [UTC Power](#)

### Site Hosts and Vehicle Operators

- [Southern California Edison](#)
- [Progress Energy](#)

### Bus Technology and Funding

- [Vanhool](#)

### Site Host

- [Hyundai KIA America Technical Center, Inc.](#)

### Vehicle Operators

- [Orlando International Airport](#)
- [SeaWorld](#)
Approach - Infrastructure

- Five stations in operation
  - Varied climates
  - Varied capacities

- On-site generation
  - Six technologies employed
  - Two technologies at Oakland
  - Two new technologies
  - Developed for DOE program

- Private – Public partnership

- Controlled fleet
  - Match production with usage

- Third-party fuelings available

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Milestones 22 & 23: stations constructed
Approach – Vehicles and Maintenance Facilities

- **Thirty-three vehicles on the road**
  - Collect statistical data:
    - 2,000 hour fuel cell durability
    - 250 mile range
    - Cold start capability at -20°C

- **Three maintenance facilities**
  - Personnel trained
  - Maintenance procedures developed

- **One dynamometer test bay**
Progress – Driver Training

Driver fueling training

- 350 bar fill
  - Communications cable
  - Nozzle connection
  - Gas leak testing
  - PIN access
  - Data recording

- 700 bar fill UC Irvine
  - How it works
  - Do’s and don’t ‘s
  - Fueling process
Progress – Hydrogen Training

Operator training

- Station maintenance
  - Compressors
  - Generators
  - High pressure fittings
  - Dispenser hose and nozzle

- First responder training
  - Offered at all stations yearly
  - Refresher training
  - Train new hired personnel
  - Station and vehicle safety

Hydrogen Energy Human Energy

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Barrier: Maintenance Facilities – Real World (O&M)
Technical Accomplishment – Cold Weather Start-Up

Drive away

Start-up

Parked outside overnight

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Milestone 12: Validate Cold Start Capability
Temperature during fueling
- Varies with location in tank, fill rate and time

Temperature sensor dual function
- Input for density calculation
- Over temperature safety measurement

Cooling experiment
- Conduct fill
- Record temp and press while cooling
- Calculate density till “equilibrium” reached

Density change while cooling
- Flat line density; measured temp = average temp
- Higher density; measured temp < average
- Lower density; measured temp > average

Determines if sensor is located in “hot spot”
Progress – Infrastructure Data Transfer

- Station PC’s replaced with servers
- Internet connection upgraded
- Improved data transfer to NREL

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Improved data transfer to NREL

Oakland, CA
Chino, CA
Rosemead, CA
Golden, CO
Selfridge, MI
Orlando, FL
Houston, TX

Main Server
CTV
Infrastructure Quarterly Report

Proprietary
**Daily station mass balance (100 +/- 2%)**

- Identified system leaks
  - Oakland regulator leaking to vent
  - Regulator replaced
  - Mass balance restored

**Efficiency calculation**

- Requires mass balance for accuracy
- Account for system losses
  - Boil off liquid systems
  - Vapor leaks gas systems

**Dispensing/storage mass balance**

- Compare
- Kilograms dispensed vs. change in storage inventory
  - Agreement after more than 1000 kilograms dispensed
Mapping ignitability of H2/Air mixtures

- Constructed unshrouded, 0.270” gap, 3.0 Joule igniter which produced consistent ignition of 4.5% H₂ in air
- Constructed reducing ignition energy to 0.75 joule produced a reduction in ignition probability

Standing flame testing

- Comparison to Peter Sunderland work
- Identified water condensation effect

CFD modeling of hydrogen storage leak

- Full scale hydrogen leak ignition tests show the necessity for further corrections to the model to improve behavior in close proximity to the ground

Mass flow rate mg/s

[Graph showing mass flow rate vs. tube diameter with data points for H₂, H₂O, and CH₄]

Ground effect
Lesson Learned – Accident at Dispenser Island

- **Dispenser safety systems**
  - Bollards; motion sensor; gas detector; shut-off valves

- **Bus backs into monorail**
  - 1:45 AM 11/14/08
  - Damage to monorail
  - No damage to dispenser

- **Thorough inspection of dispenser**
  - Minor leak observed
  - Leak repaired, dispenser returned to service
Lessons Learned – Customer Feedback

**Survey**

- Fuel cell vehicle and hydrogen station performance
  - Current and former drivers
  - Fuelers
- Feedback applied to future work

100% of drivers surveyed would participate in another program

- “Demonstrations are necessary to get this technology off the ground”
- “The programs give the OEM opportunity to learn what customers want…I expect driver input will have a positive affect on the next generation FCVs”
- “I have had many positive experiences with hydrogen cars and stations,…”

Vehicle and station performance survey results
Future Work

- Collect operating data from generators at all five stations
- Collect data from on road vehicle operation
- Publish
  - U Miami report
  - Economical viability topical reports

- Deploy twelve fuel cell buses
  - UTC Power PureMotion® PM 120 power plants
  - Operation at AC Transit Oakland and local agencies

- Continue UTC technology development internally and with OEMs
  - Advancements in durability
  - Reduction in Pt loading
  - Improvement in power density
  - Cost reduction of stack components
  - Freeze capability
Future Plans – Hyundai-Kia New FCV vehicles

3rd Gen FC SUV’s
- Phase 1: Deploy 26 in Korea
- Phase 2: Deploy 100+ in Korea, Deploy 50+ in USA

Fuel Cell Concept Vehicle
- Designed for fuel cell from ground up
- Future generation Hyundai fuel cell technology.
- System: 100kW stack power
- 70MPa compressed hydrogen.
- Vehicle performance 370 mile range

3rd Gen. Tucson/Sportage SUV Hyundai 100 kW stack

3rd Gen. Borego SUV Hyundai 115 kW stack

I-Blue

I-Blue Chassis
Program Summary

- **Relevance**
  - Demonstrate safe, practical hydrogen technologies in real-world settings
  - Not in the lab or on a test track – On the road and in communities

- **Approach**
  - Fleet testing of 33 FC vehicles – Collect on road data for 2000 hr durability and 250 mile range
  - Operate six on-site hydrogen generators – Introduce new distributed generation technology

- **Technology transfer**
  - Public-private partnerships

- **Technical accomplishments and progress**
  - Safe fueling by drivers
  - Cold start-up

- **Proposed future work**
  - Continue demonstration of vehicles and infrastructure data reporting to NREL