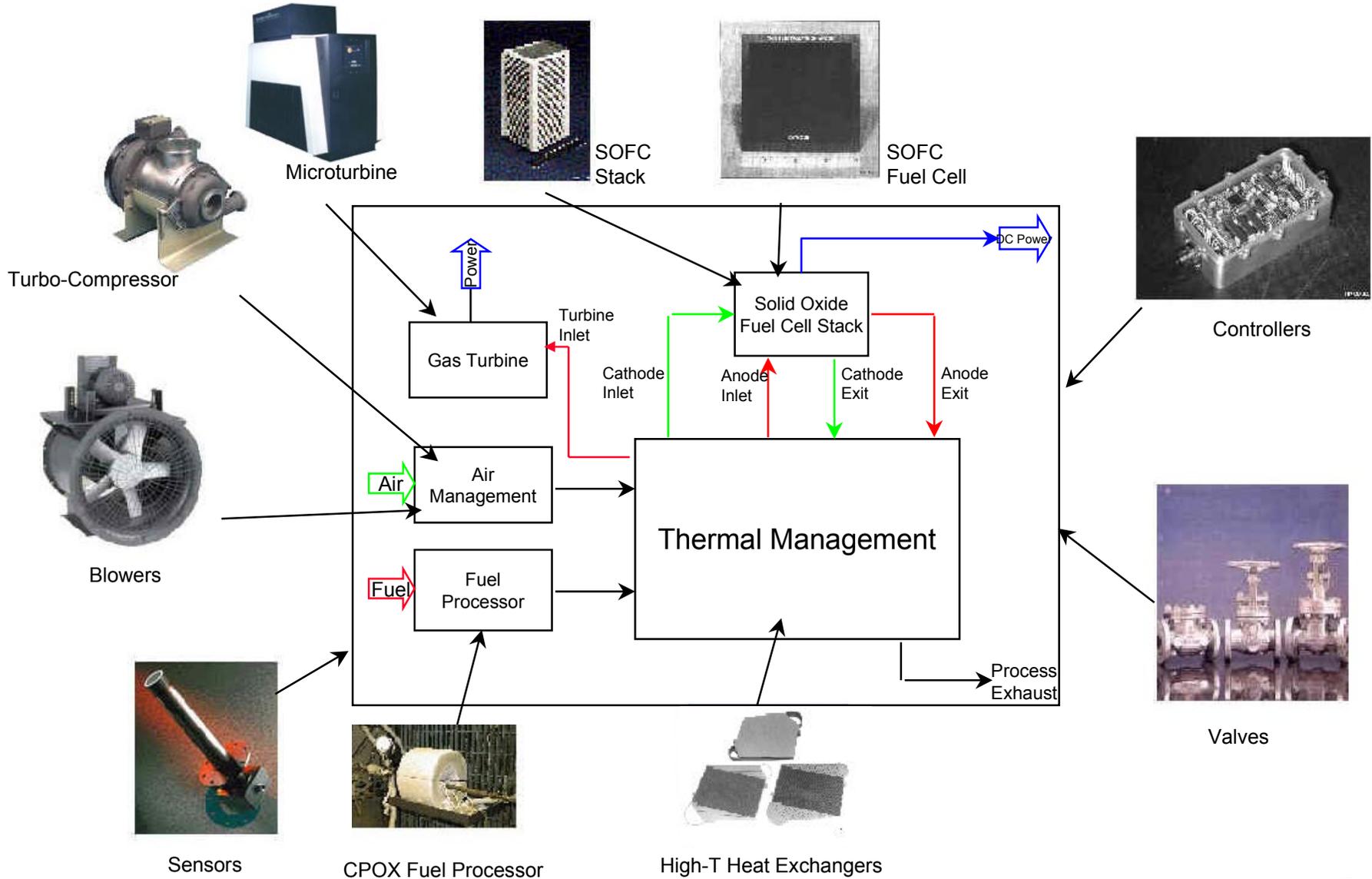


Solid Oxide Fuel Cell System Development

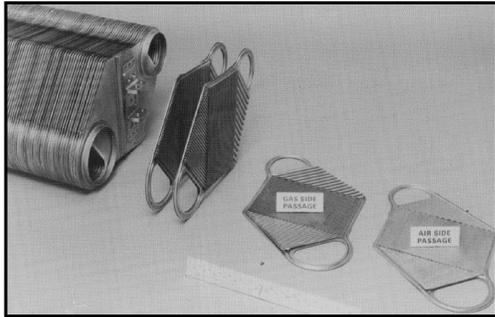
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Simplified SOFC System & Components



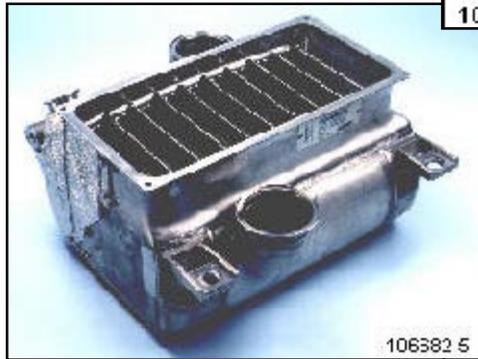
Heat Transfer/Thermal Management



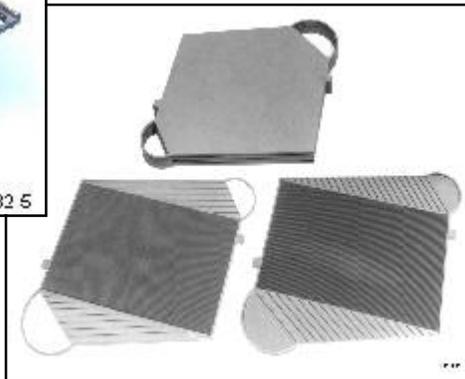
**Commercial
Recuperators**



**757-300 RR
Precooler**



**F22 Primary
Heat Exchanger**



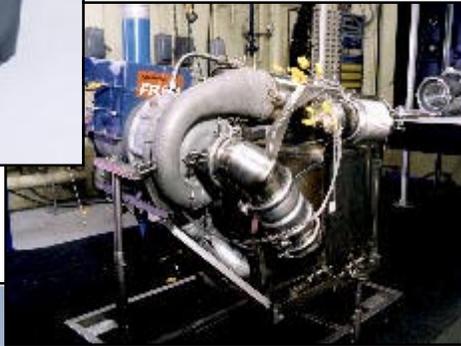
**Si₃N₄ Ceramic Heat
Exchanger**

- **Extensive experience with thermal management of complex systems**
- **Broad spectrum of heat exchanger products**
- **Thermal management systems for a wide range of operating environments**

Turbomachinery



RAH-66 Fan



50 kW
Turbogenerator



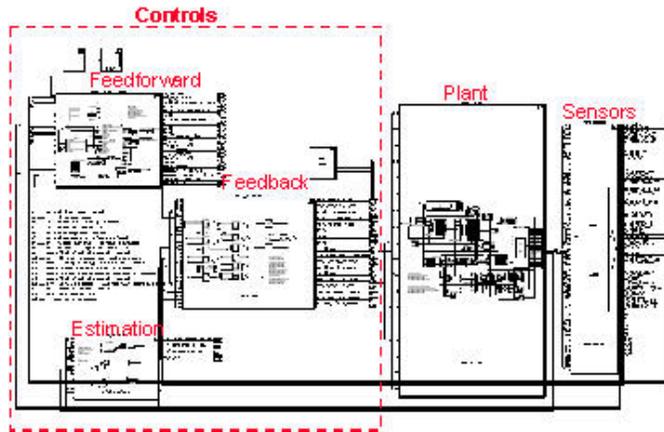
Trident Gas
Hydraulic Assembly
Turbopump



PEMFC Turbocompressor

- Expert knowledge in positive displacement and dynamic pumps, compressors, and turbines
- Wide range of turbomachinery products
- Development of turbocompressor for PEMFC systems

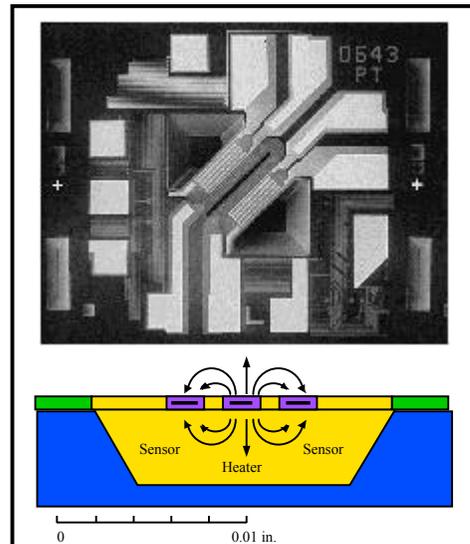
Controls and Sensors



Control Schematic



Hydrogen Sensor



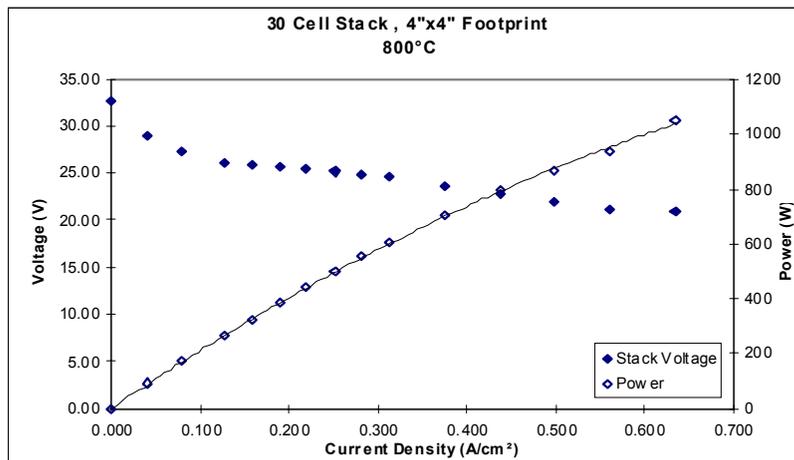
Top view and cross section of
Mass Air Flow Sensor

- **Controls**
 - Model-base control and optimization algorithms including Fuel Cell Dynamics Component Library
 - Rapid prototyping
 - Load following control system for PEMFC systems
- **Sensors**
 - Relative humidity
 - Mass air flow
 - Hydrogen
 - Carbon monoxide

System Development Approach

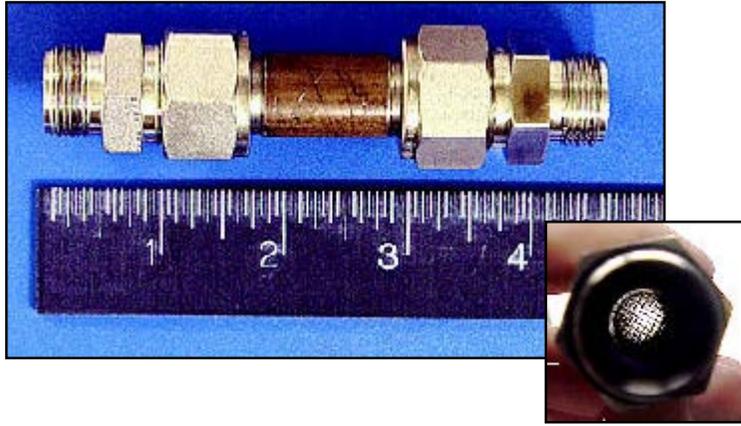
- **Low-cost fabrication processes and materials along with compact, lightweight component designs**
 - **SOFC**: Tape calendering fabrication process, stack designs incorporating thin-electrolyte cells and thin-foil metallic interconnects
 - **Fuel processor**: Catalytic partial oxidation (CPOX)
- **Component designs based on system requirements and other design methodologies (e.g., design-for manufacturing, design-to-cost)**
- **Focus on lessons learned from small (50 W to several kW) system operation**

SOFC Stack Metrics

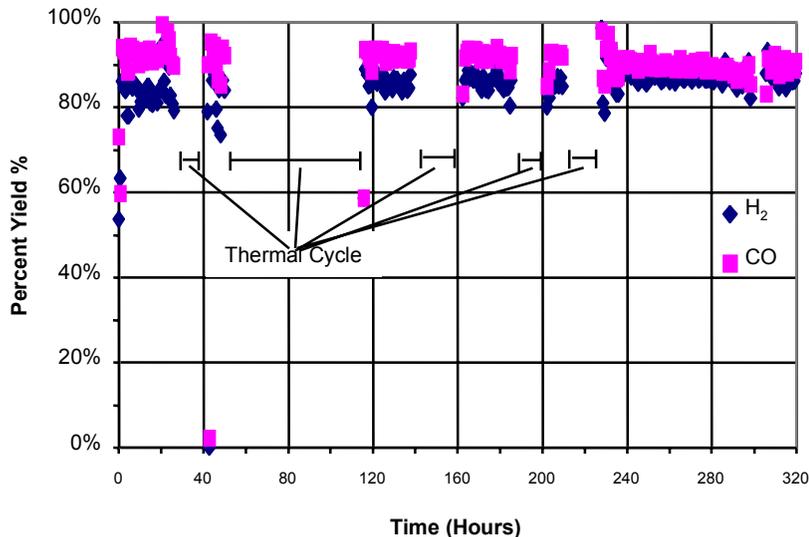


- Fabrication and operation of multi-cell stack of various sizes (up to kW size)
- 800°C operation at ambient pressure and up to 3 atm
- Thermal cycling
- Start-up and shut-down
- Power density:
 - 0.6 W / cm² with hydrogen
 - 0.4 W / cm² with syngas from JP-8

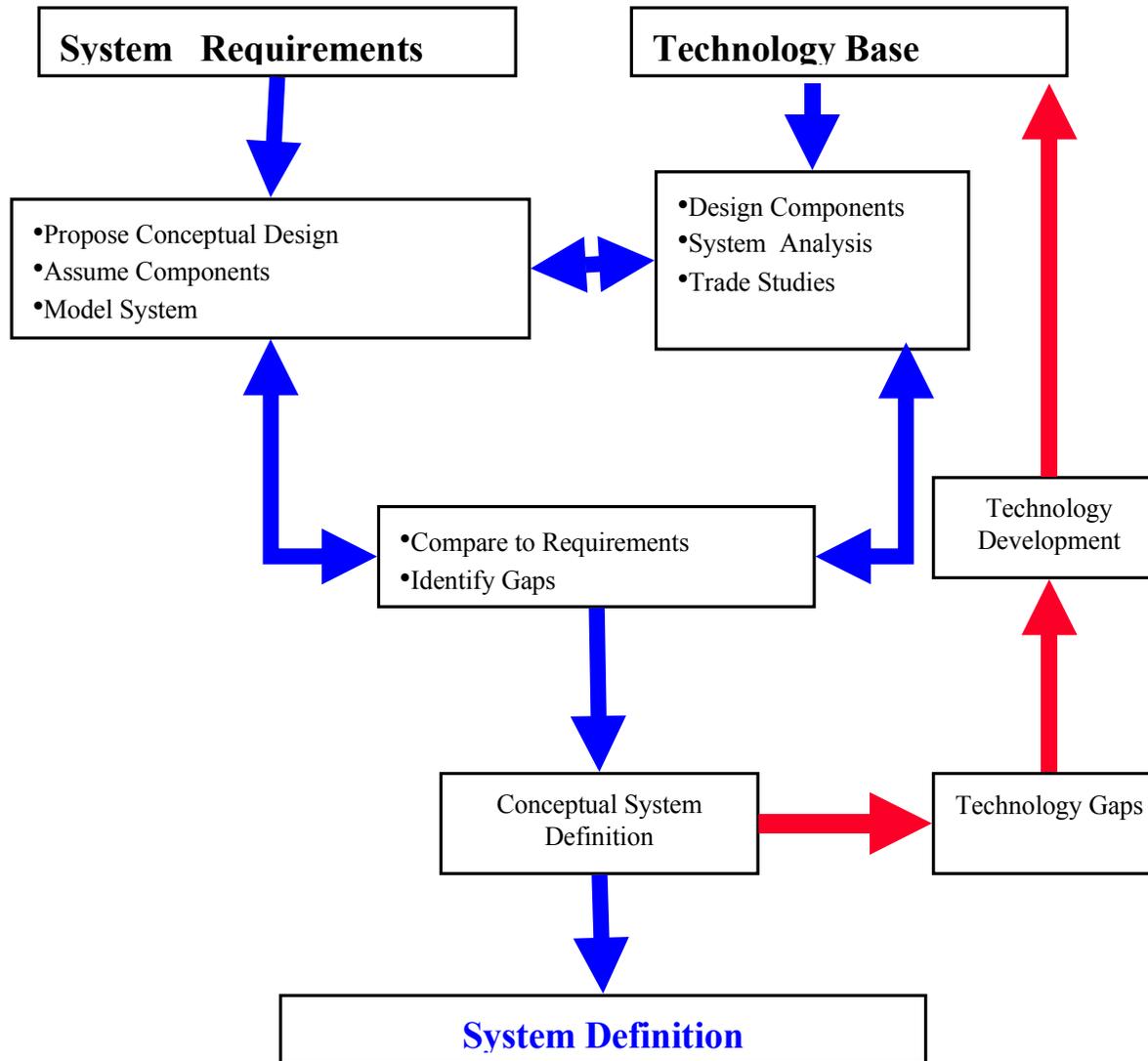
CPOX Performance Metrics



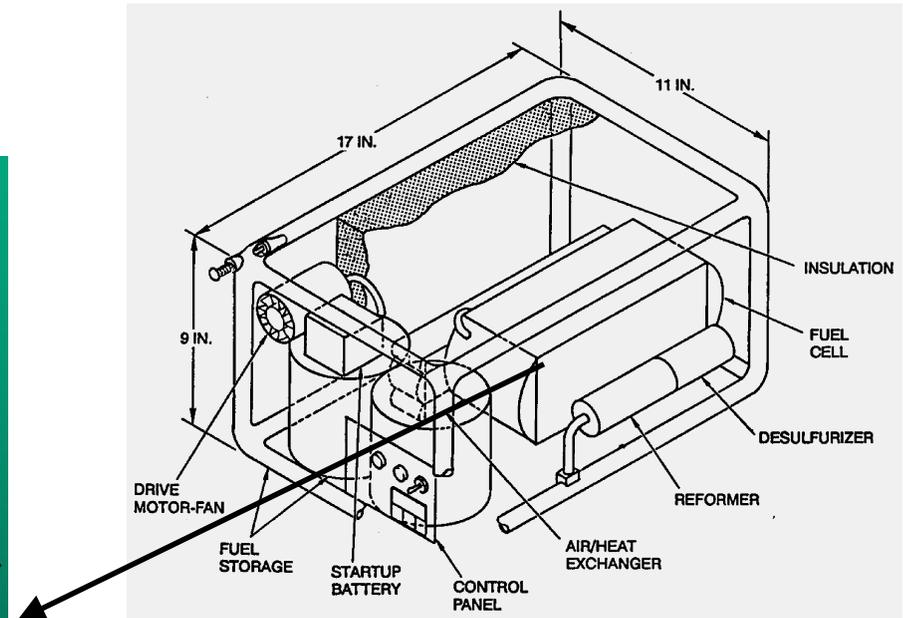
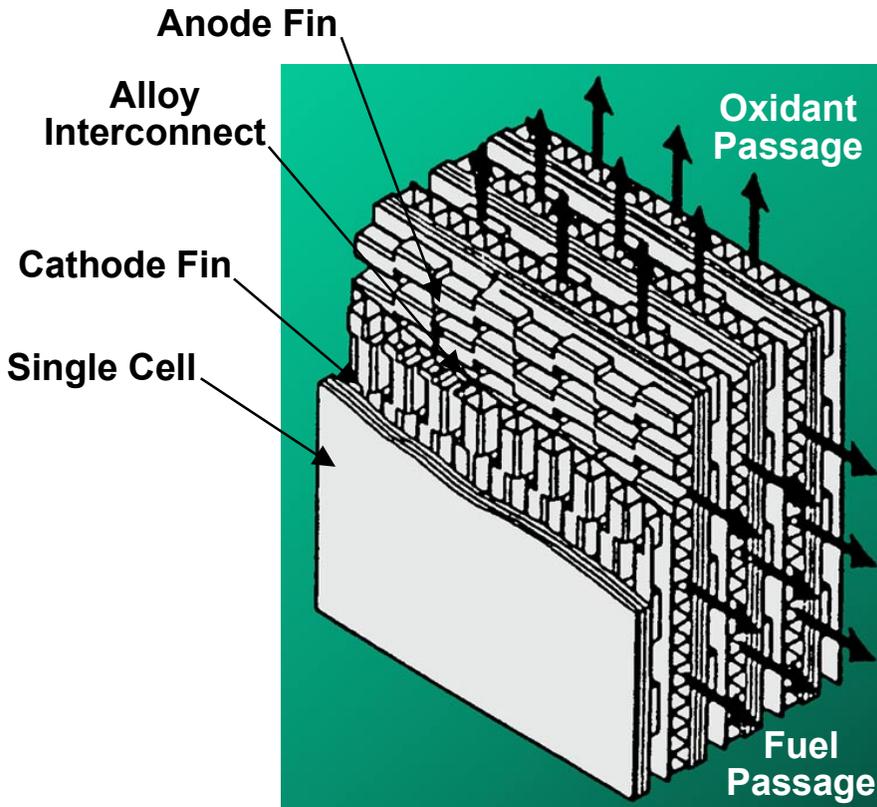
- Duration: 700 hours to date
- Thermal cycles: 10
- Sulfur tolerance: 1000 ppm dibenzothiophene in JP-8
- Yield: 70-80% of LHV in JP-8



System Design Methodology



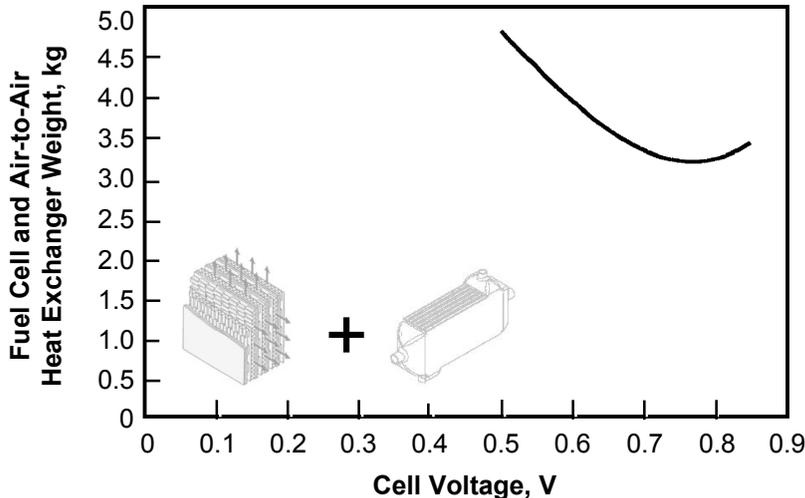
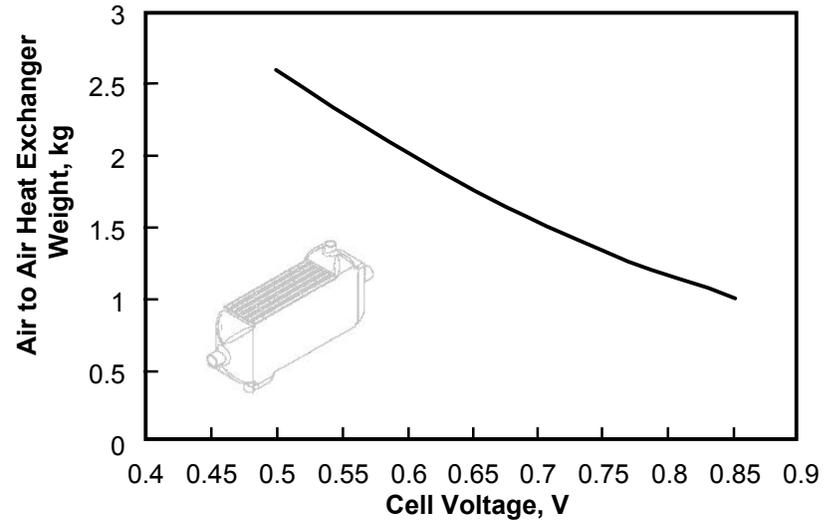
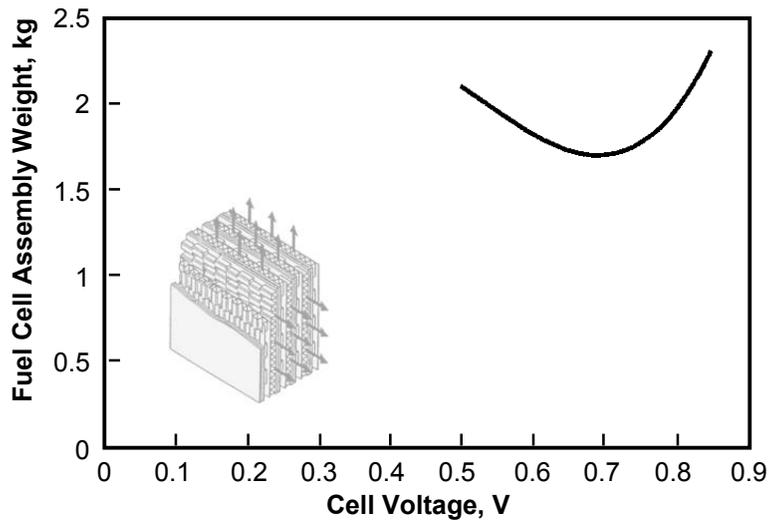
Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Battery Charger



Requirements

- 7 kg
- 500 W at 28 VDC
- Operation on logistic fuels (JP and diesel)

System Weight Optimization

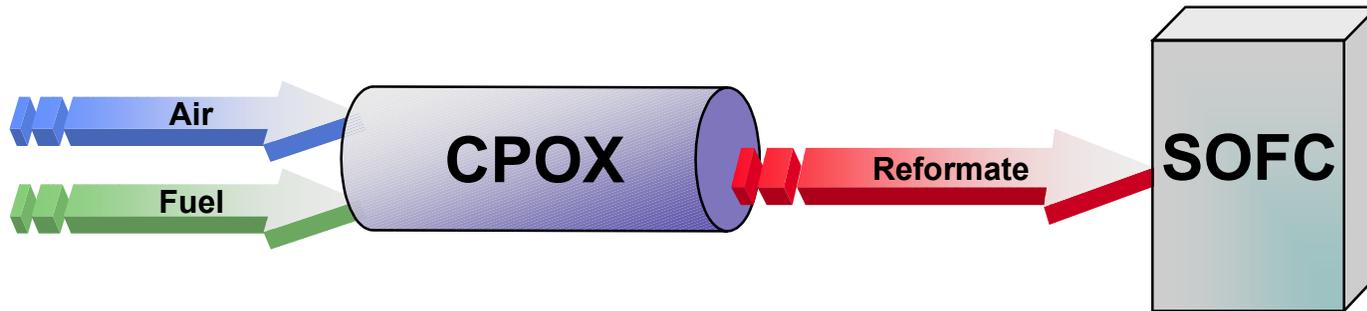


- **500 W, 28 VDC output**
- **Hydrogen utilization of 0.8**
- **Minimum weight at cell voltage of 0.75 V**

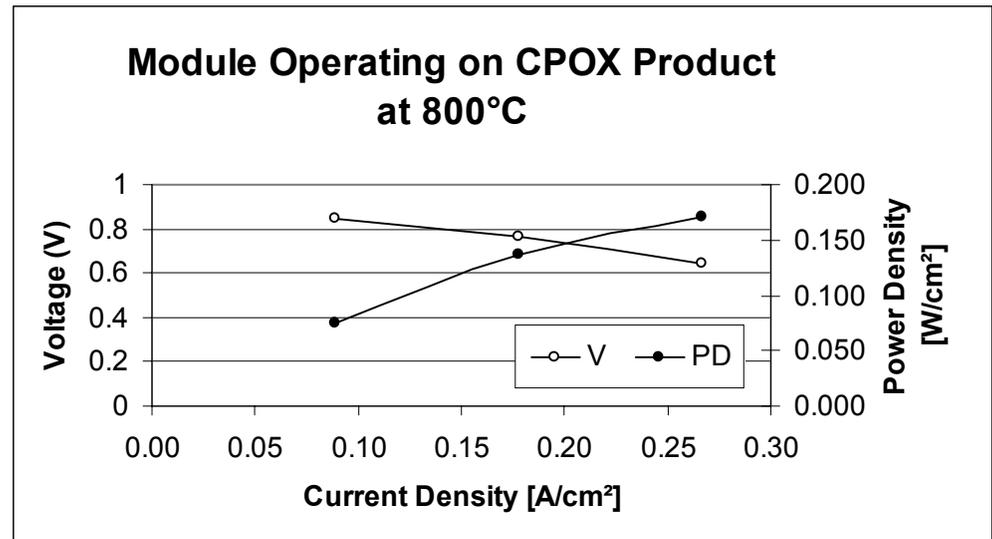
CPOX/SOFC Integration - Key Parameters

- **Start-up and shut-down procedures**
- **Range of operating parameters**
- **Pressure drop**
- **Thermal management**
- **Transient characteristics**

Integrated CPOX-SOFC Operation



CPOX	
Input	Output
JP-8	17.3% H ₂
Air	21.0% CO
	0.7% CO ₂
	11.0% H ₂ O
	50.0% N ₂



Demonstration of multicell SOFC operation on JP-8 syngas

System Demonstration



- **Demonstration of key component integration**
 - Integration of system components, especially CPOX fuel processor and SOFC stack
- **Operation characteristics**
 - Startup
 - Thermal integration
 - Propane and JP-8 fuels

Concluding Remarks

- **Low-cost fabrication processes and materials along with compact, lightweight components developed for SOFC systems**
- **Demonstration of component integration and operation of small systems**
- **Near-term activities consistent with SECA plan**