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## **Development Update on Delphi's Solid Oxide Fuel Cell System:** *From Gasoline to Electric Power*

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- ◆ Delphi is developing Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) technology for transportation and stationary applications.
- ◆ Delphi is currently developing a **second generation** SOFC APU that is more robust and consistent with market requirements.
- ◆ In the following slides we will discuss:
  - ◆ Introduction to Delphi's fuel cell activity
  - ◆ Transition from Proof of Concept to Generation 2 SOFC APU
  - ◆ Generation 2 SOFC APU design and key features
  - ◆ Development of Generation 2 stack and reformer
  - ◆ Development and testing of Generation 2 APU



**Luxury automotive APU for  
Engine-off power: Gasoline  
and Diesel fuel**



**Residential grid-augmentation with Combined  
Heat and Power : Natural Gas fuel**



**Commercial (25 kW) grid augmentation :  
Natural Gas fuel**



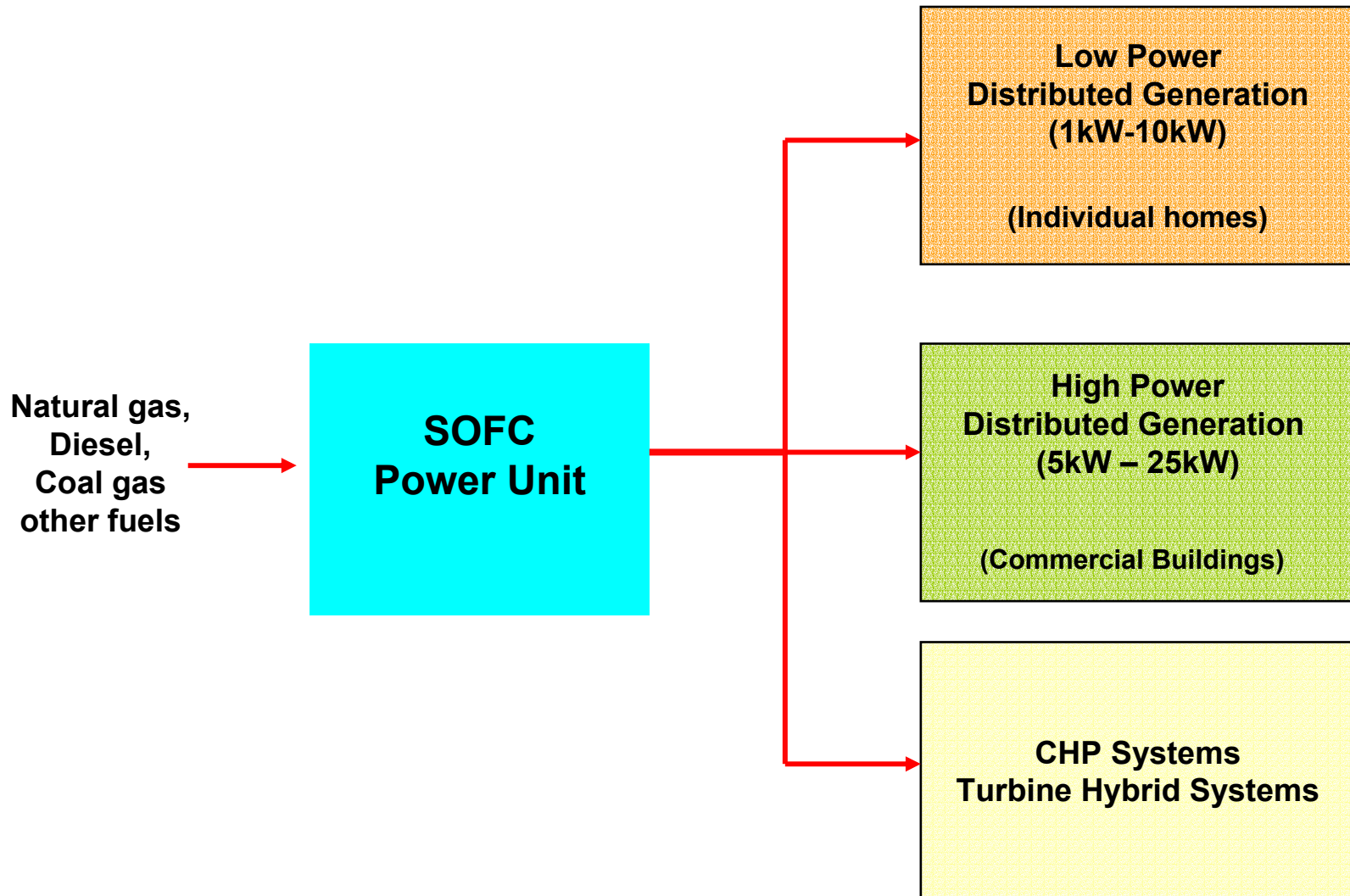
**Heavy Duty Truck APU to  
eliminate long term idling:  
Diesel fuel**



**Military uses are similar to that in mobile  
applications with modifications for High  
Sulfur fuels**

**Aerospace is for use as an APU for  
redundant electric power supply : Jet Fuel**

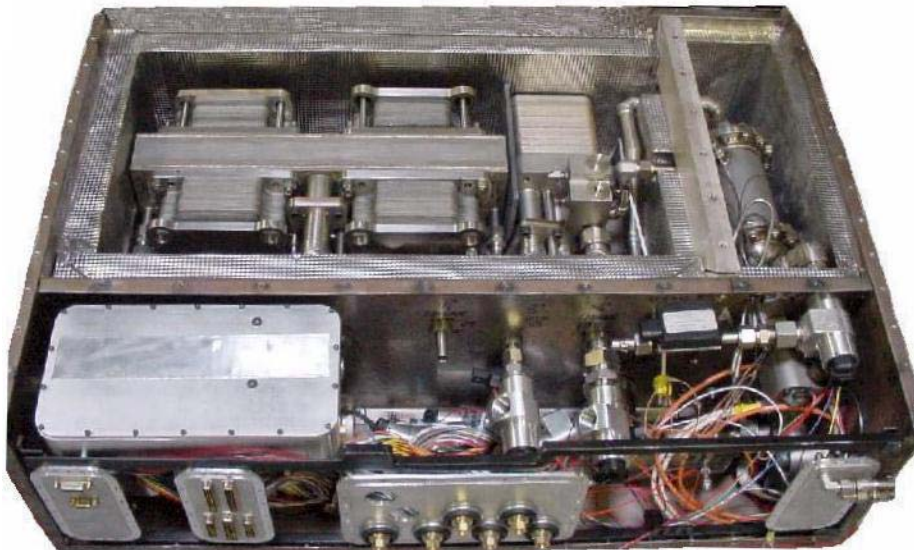
- ◆ Passenger Car
  - Primary Application to satisfy increased electrical demand on vehicles
  - Integration with ICE, utilizing reformat to reduce ICE emissions
  - Other opportunity - range extension on electric vehicle (**Hybrid**)
- ◆ Heavy & Medium Duty Truck
  - Application of Engine-off electrical power on Long Haul Trucks
  - Applications on Short Haul and Smaller Trucks
  - Development of Essential Power Unit (**EPU**) for Long Haul Class 8 Truck
  - Satisfy increasing electrical demand
  - Worksite Electrical
- ◆ Other Mobile
  - Military Vehicles, Aircraft APUs, Ship Board Distributed Power, Other Portable Power



- ◆ Delphi is currently focused on developing a Generation 2 SOFC APU that is more consistent with automotive requirements and customer needs
- ◆ Key features of the Generation 2 APU System are:
  - The design has been optimized as a more functionally integrated system in order to reduce weight and volume of the unit.
  - The weight and volume of the generation 2 APU is reduced by 75% from the Proof of Concept APU.
  - A Generation 2 Integrated Stack Module (two stack modules in electrical series) has been designed, built and integrated into the APU.
  - A tubular as well as a flat plate reformer has been designed. The tubular reformer has been built, tested and integrated into the APU. Development and testing is ongoing on the flat plate reformer.

### SOFC APU System Evolution

Generation 1  
SOFC APU



Gen 1 Stacks Provided by Global Thermoelectric

**155 Liters**  
**204 kg**

**12/2000**

Generation 2  
SOFC APU



**44 Liters**  
**70 kg**

**12/2002**



## Generation 2 SOFC APU Design Features and Packaging

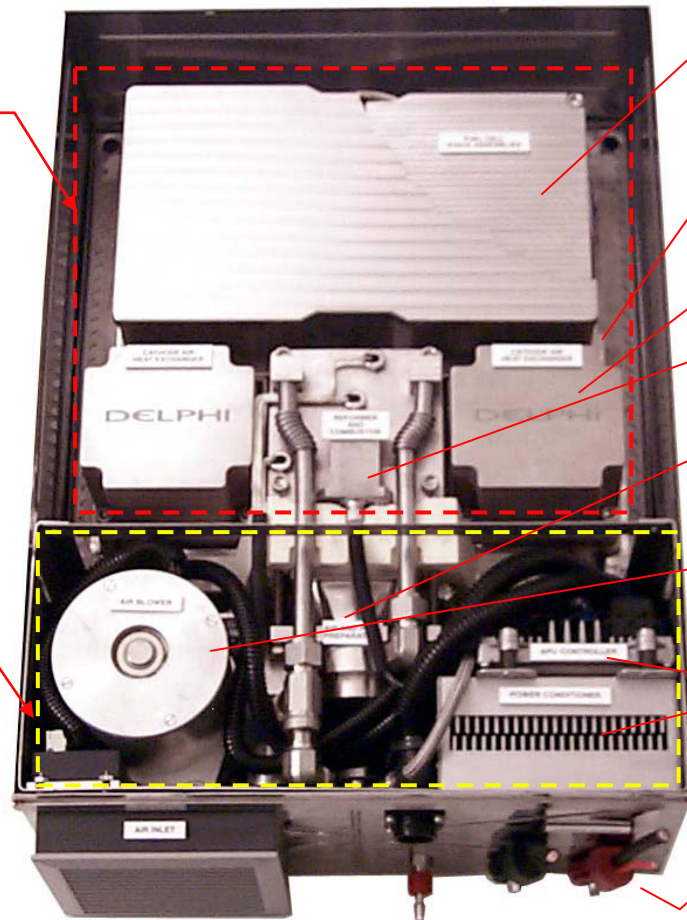
APU = HZM + PSM

### Hot-Zone Module (HZM)

- ◆ high-temperature subsystems (700-950 C)
- ◆ Surrounded by high-performance thermal insulation
- ◆ “Core” of the SOFC plant

### Plant Support Module (PSM)

- ◆ Low-temperature subsystems (40-125C)
- ◆ Inlet-air cooled electronic components
- ◆ Balance of plant
  - sensors, actuators, electronics, harness



Integrated Stack Module (ISM)

Integrated Component Manifold (ICM)

Cathode Air Preheat HEX

ReforWER

Fuel/Air Prep & Start Burner

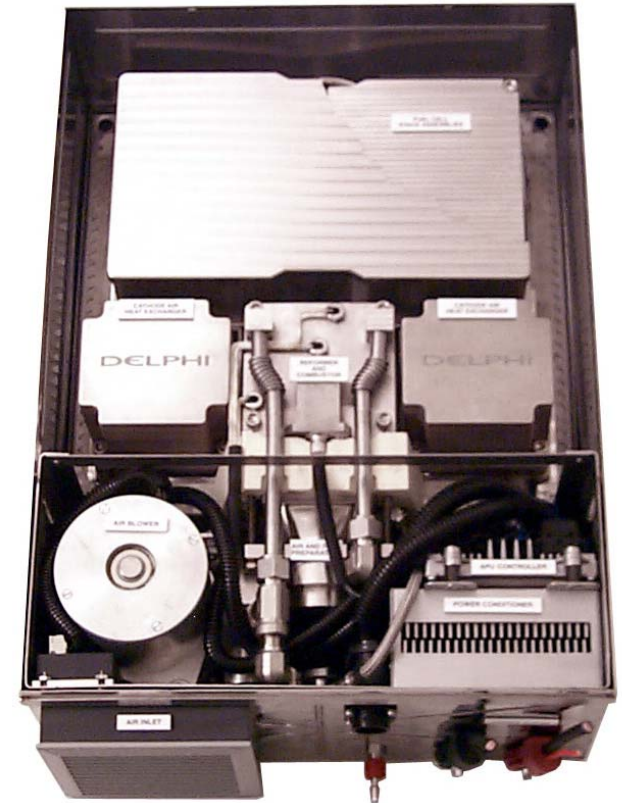
High-Output Blower

Power & Control Electronics

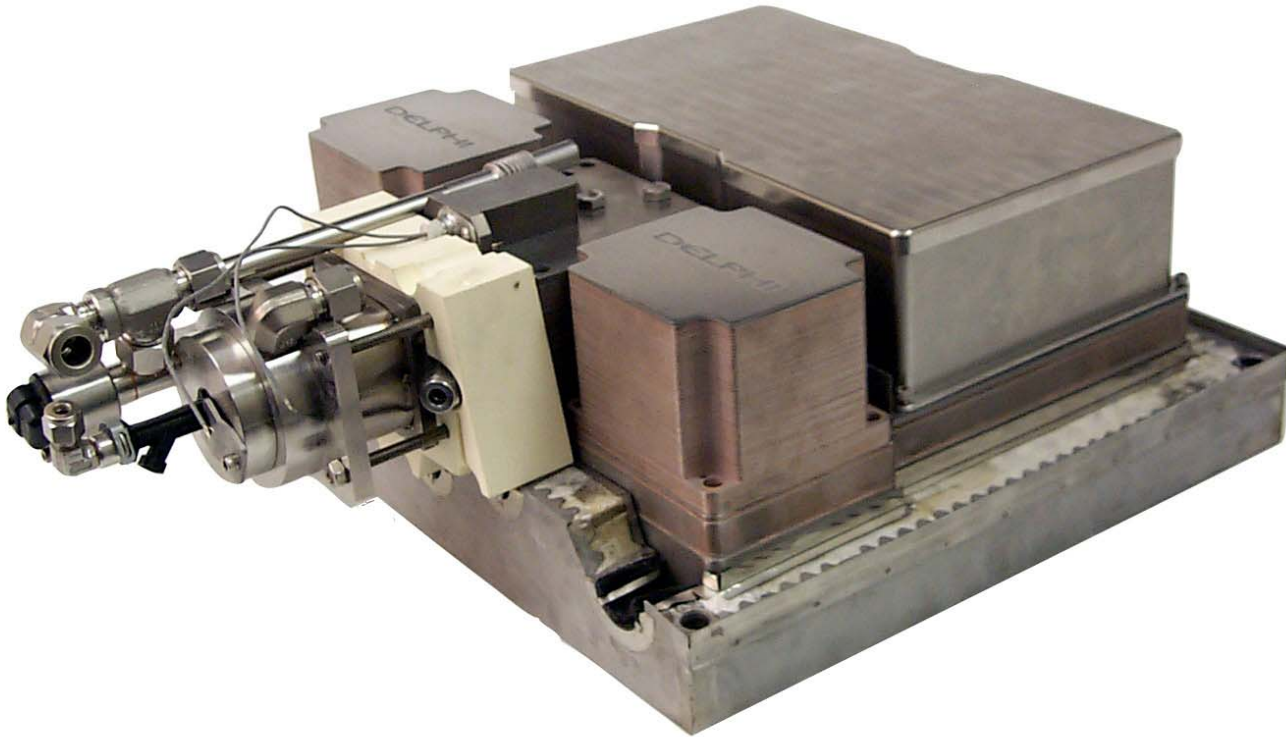
Output Terminals

Fuel & Air Interface

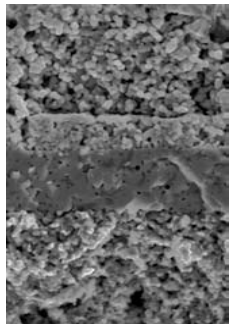




Core Module without Insulation



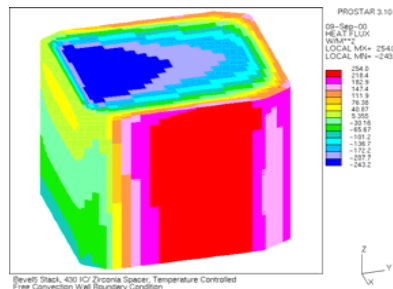
- ◆ Delphi is internally developing Generation 2 stack technology.
- ◆ Fundamental component development, computer aided engineering and extensive testing is leading to robust, manufacturable product designs.



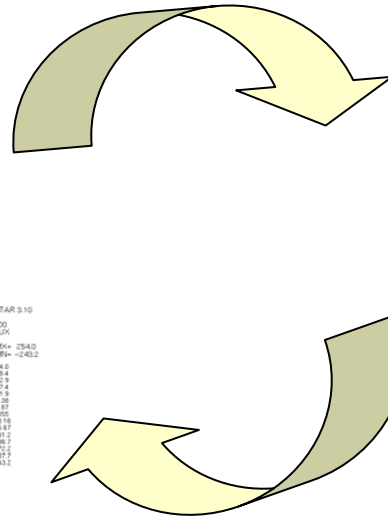
**Fundamental  
Research**



**Validation**

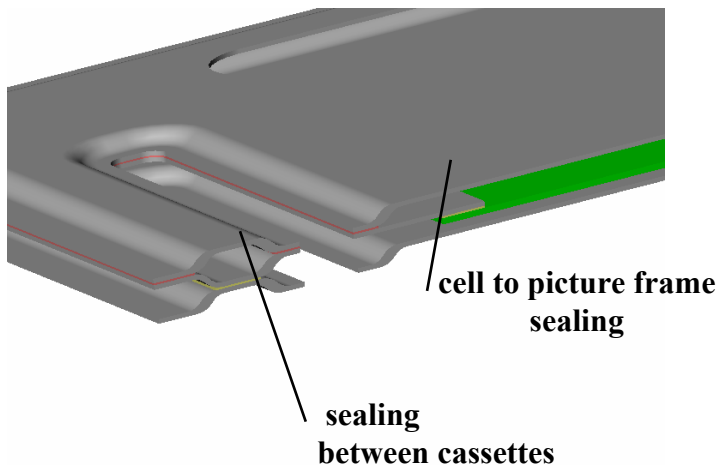


**Modeling**



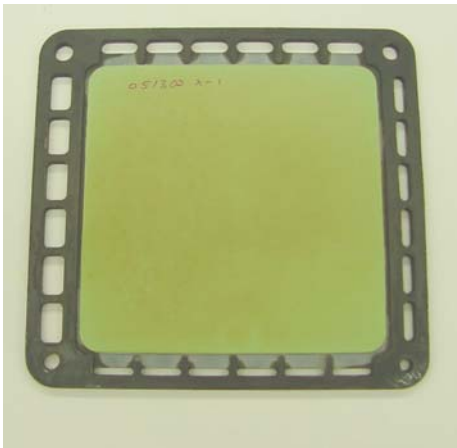
**Gen 2 Delphi stack**

- ◆ **Generation 2 stack characteristics :**
  - ◆ Low operating temperature (750 °C)
  - ◆ Anode supported cells
  - ◆ Ferritic steel based interconnect
  - ◆ Glass seals
  - ◆ “Cassette” based repeating unit (4-piece design)

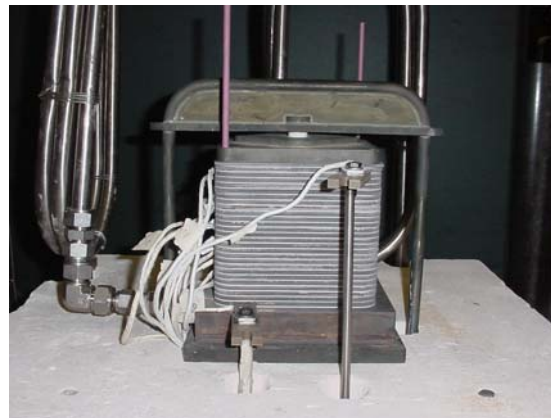


Metal cassette  
(without cell)

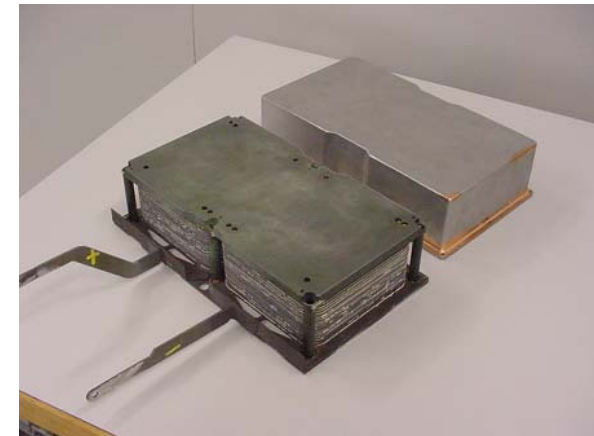
- ◆ Multiple sintered cells (12 cm x 12 cm) have been successfully fabricated.
  - ◆ Research and development is being done in collaboration with Battelle.
  - ◆ Process development being done internally at Delphi.
- ◆ Multiple stacks from 1-cell to 30-cell have been fabricated. 2X15-cell ISMs (Integrated stack module) have also been fabricated and are being tested in the APU systems.



Cassette with cell (repeating unit)



30-cell stack under test



Integrated stack module-ISM  
(Two 15-cell stacks+ current collector + load frame)



3.5 cm<sup>2</sup>



### Button Cell

Primarily for  
cathode,  
electrolyte and  
anode materials  
development

34 cm<sup>2</sup> Active Area



### Intermediate-Scale

Small active  
area repeating  
unit for stack –  
for design and  
performance  
optimization  
and  
development

106 cm<sup>2</sup> Active Area

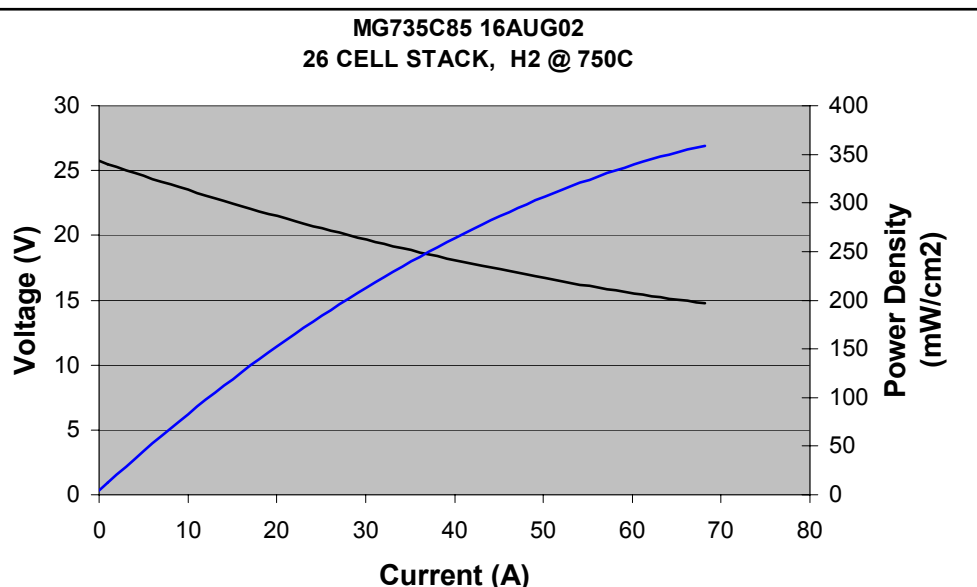


### Full-Scale

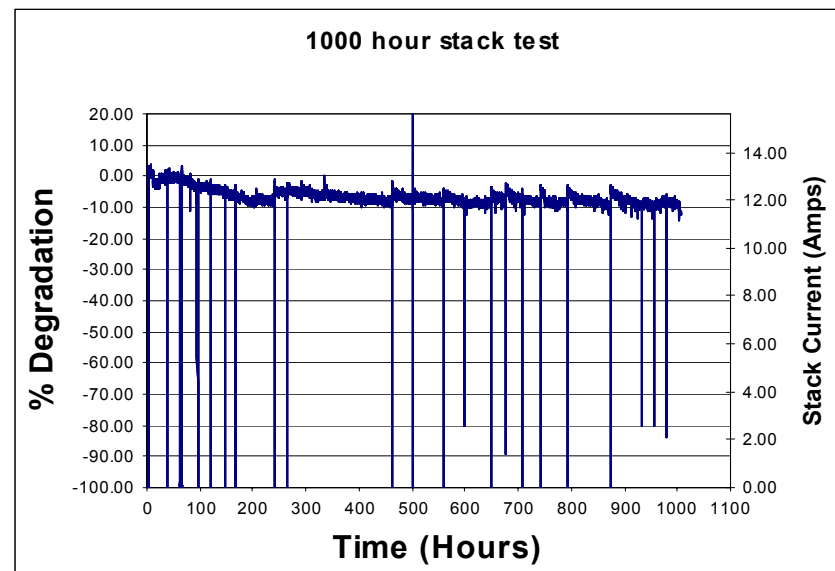
Full active area  
repeating unit  
for stack –for  
design and  
performance  
optimization  
and  
development

- ◆ Cell power density (coupon sized cell) :  $> 0.9 \text{ W/cm}^2$  at  $750^\circ\text{C}$  and  $0.7 \text{ V (H}_2\text{)}$  ( $1.4 \text{ W/cm}^2$ )
- ◆ 1-cell stack power density (7cm x 7cm cell) :  $0.6 \text{ W/cm}^2$  at  $750^\circ\text{C}$  and  $0.7 \text{ V(H}_2\text{)}$
- ◆ 1000h test completed on 3-cell stack (7cm X 7cm cell) at  $750^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\text{H}_2$ )
- ◆ 20 thermal cycles demonstrated on 1-cell stack (12cm x 12 cm cell); 5 cycles on 3-cell stack
- ◆ 26-cell-stack (12cm x 12cm cell) :  $350 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  at  $750^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $0.6\text{V/ cell (H}_2\text{)}$

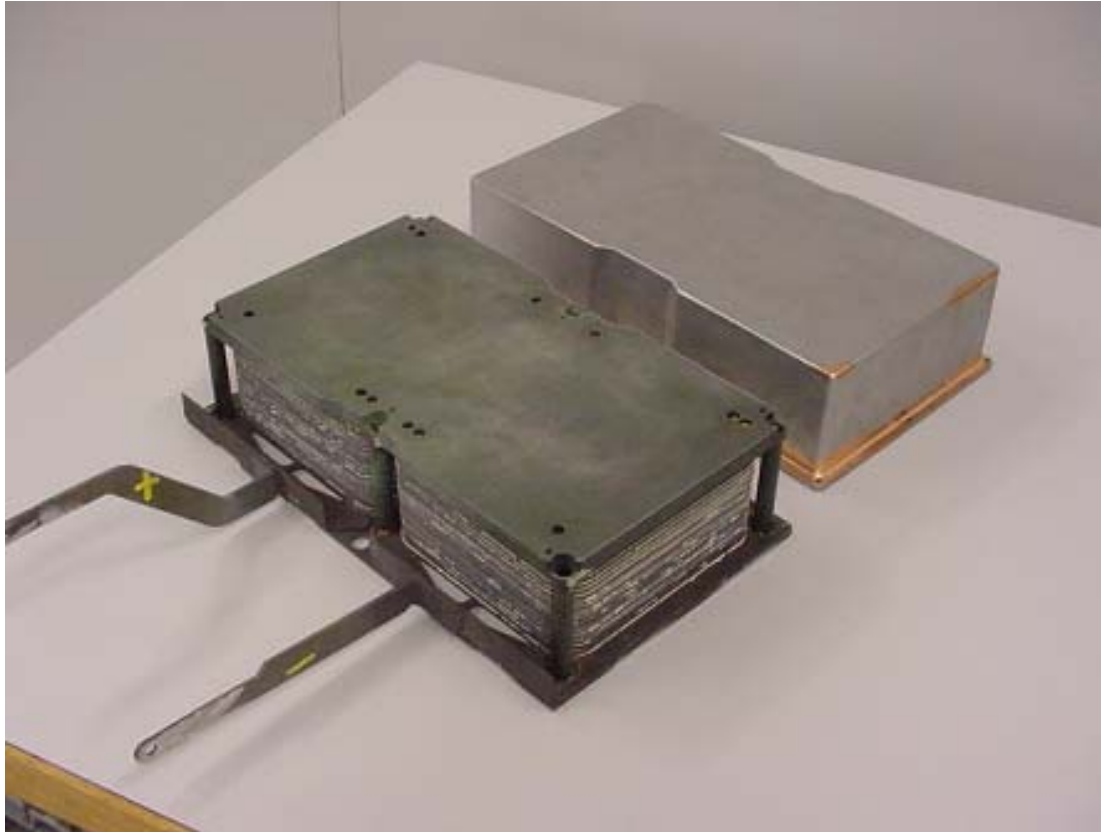
26-cell stack (12cm X 12cm) cell



3-cell stack (7cm X 7cm) cell, 1000 hours

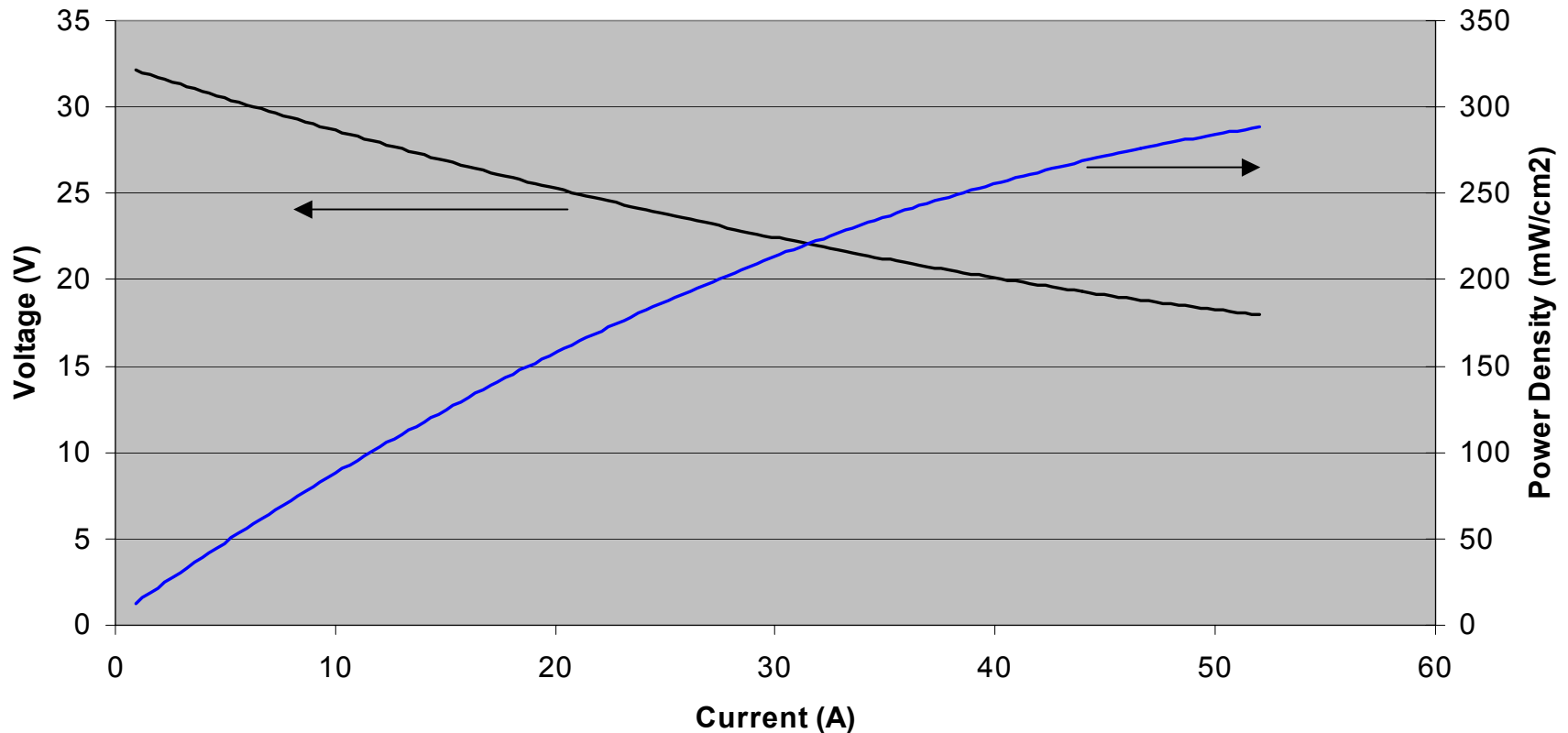






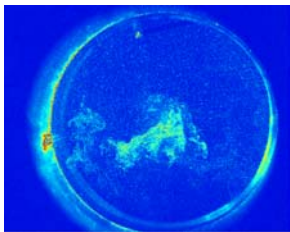
- ◆ 2x15-cell stacks on a manifold (load frame, current collectors included) after sealing and initial electrochemical testing .
- ◆ Ready for integration to the APU.

30 Cell ISM #2 MG735C103 10/21/02  
100% H<sub>2</sub> @ 60 slpm @ 750°C

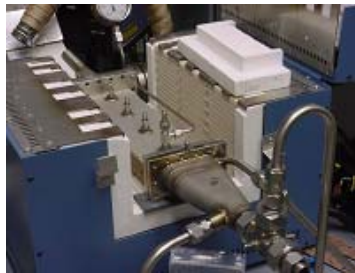


◆ Produced 918 Watts @ 18 V (750°C, H<sub>2</sub>).

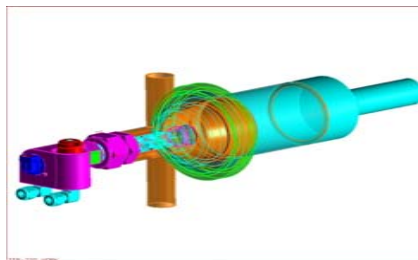
- ◆ Delphi is developing reformer technology for reforming gasoline, diesel and natural gas.
- ◆ Fundamental research, catalyst development, computer aided engineering, controls development and extensive testing is leading to robust, manufacturable product designs.



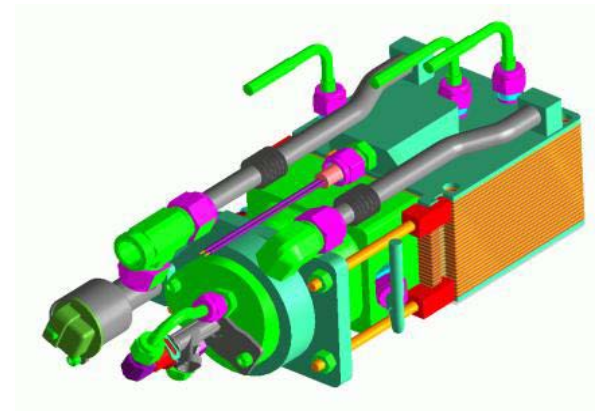
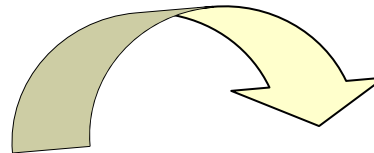
**Fundamental Development**



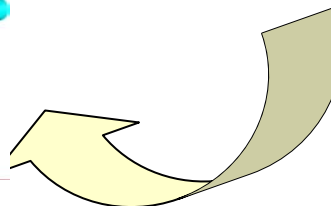
**Controls development and validation**



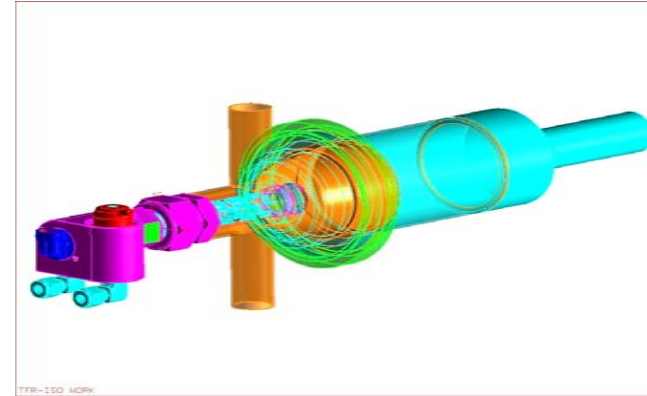
**Computer aided design**



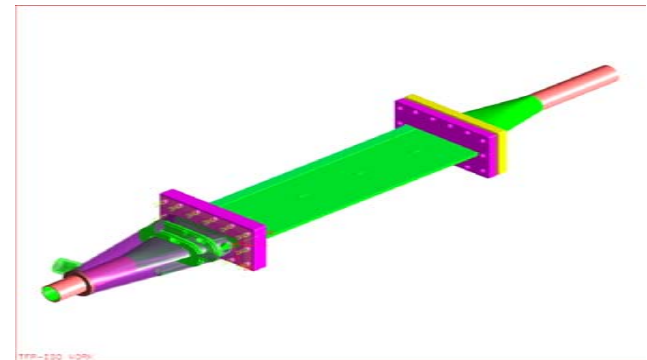
**Generation 2 Delphi reformer**



- ◆ Operate at required Reformate Power & Efficiency ( $\text{kW}_{\text{lhv}}$ )
- ◆ Operate under non-Carbon forming conditions
- ◆ Operate with minimum  $\text{CH}_4$  and Emissions levels
- ◆ Tolerance to fuel sulfur content
- ◆ Combine functions of reformer and energy recovery unit into one device (ReforWER)
- ◆ Utilize system heat sources to match with Reformer System heat requirements



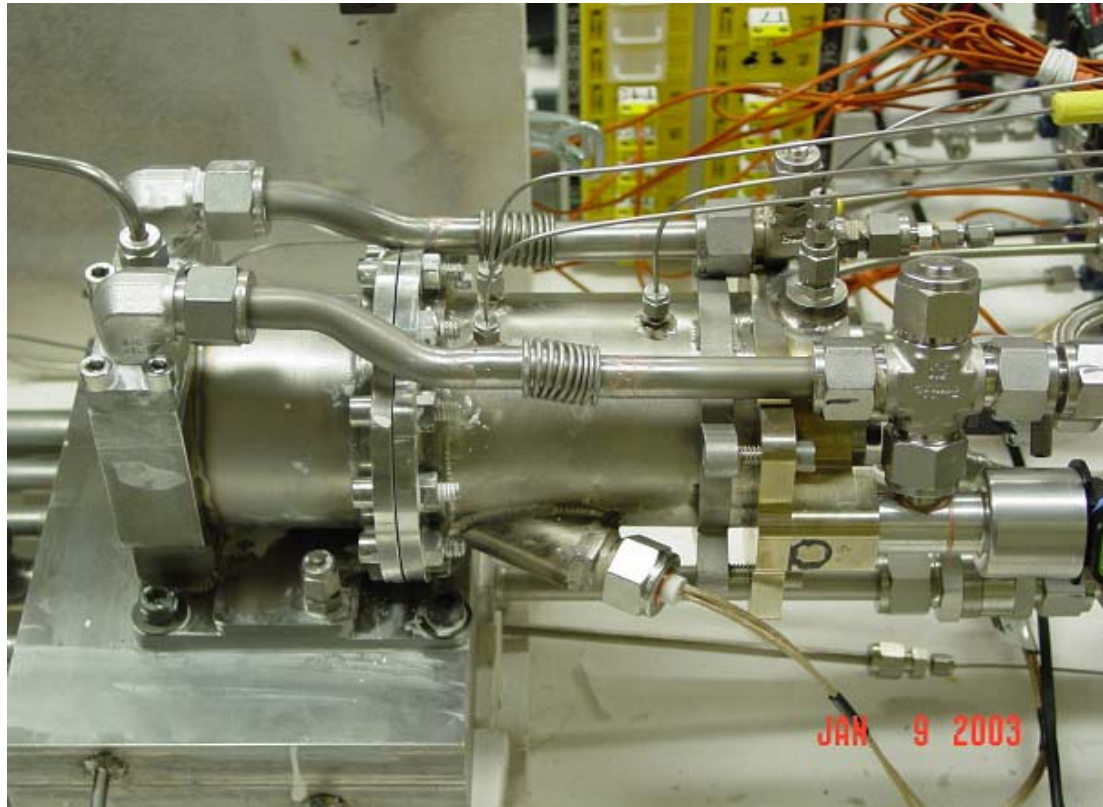
**Tubular**



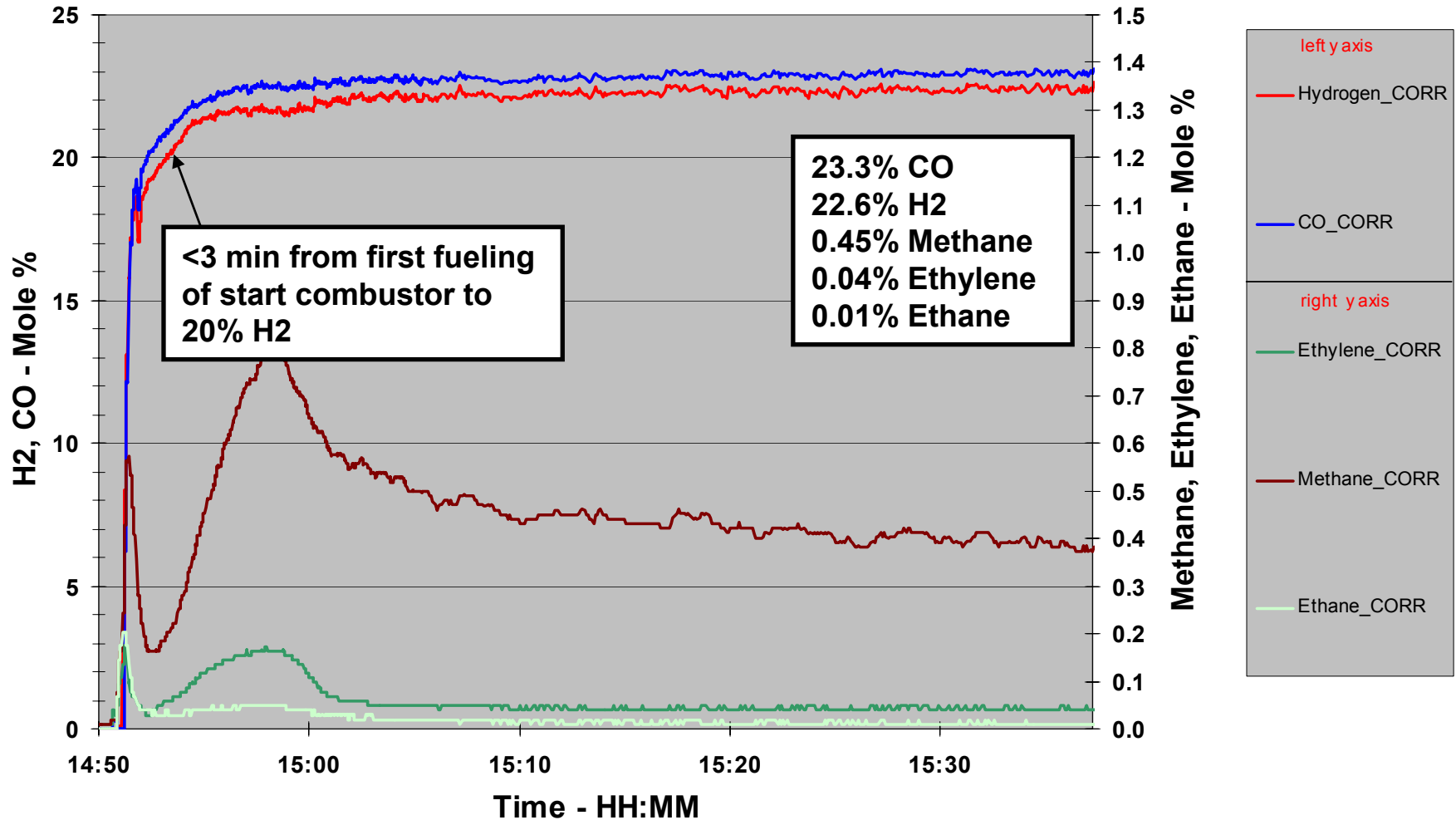
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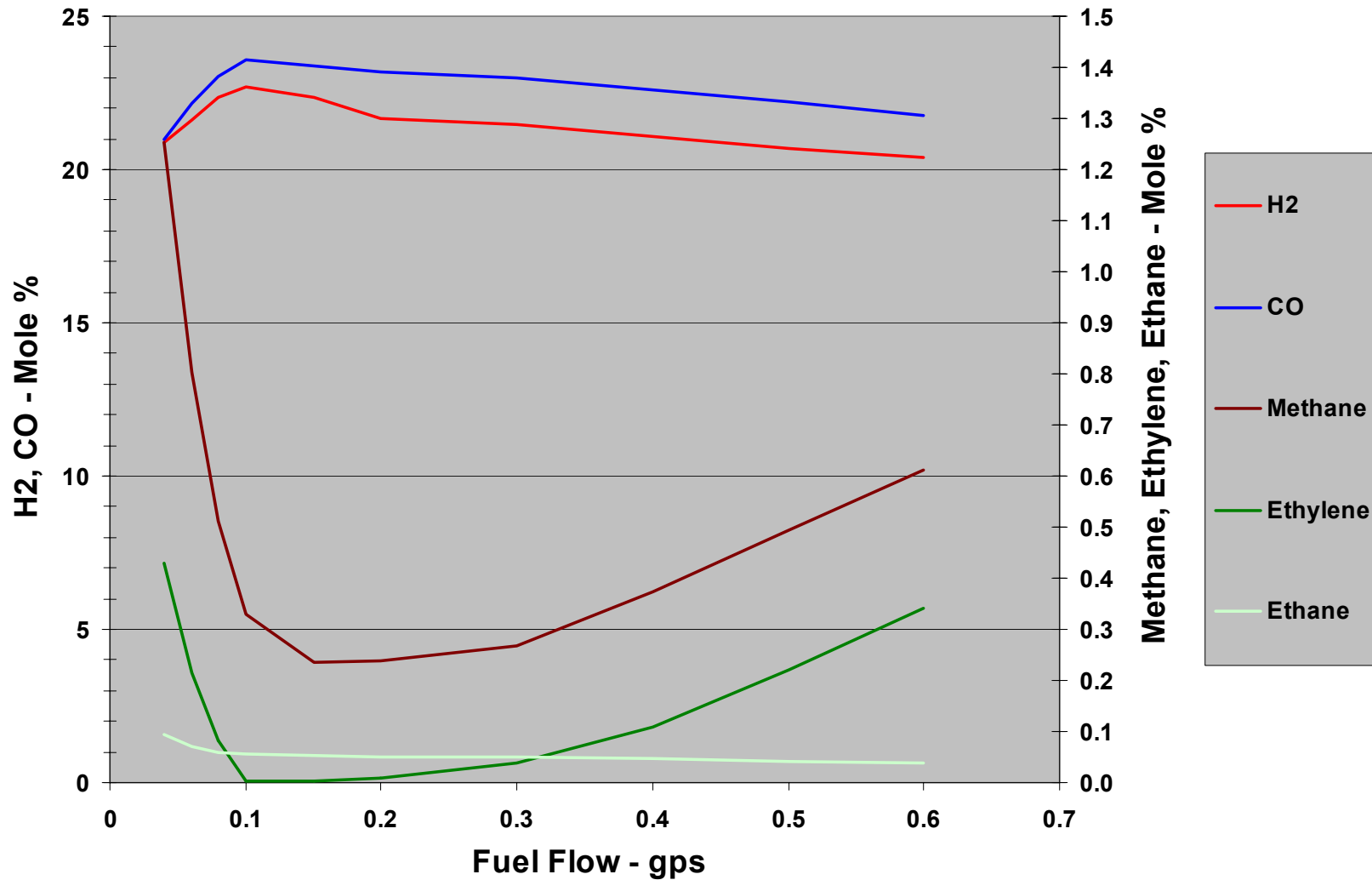
## Generation 2 Reformer Tubular Reformer Assembly

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## Generation 2 Tubular Reformer Time vs Composition

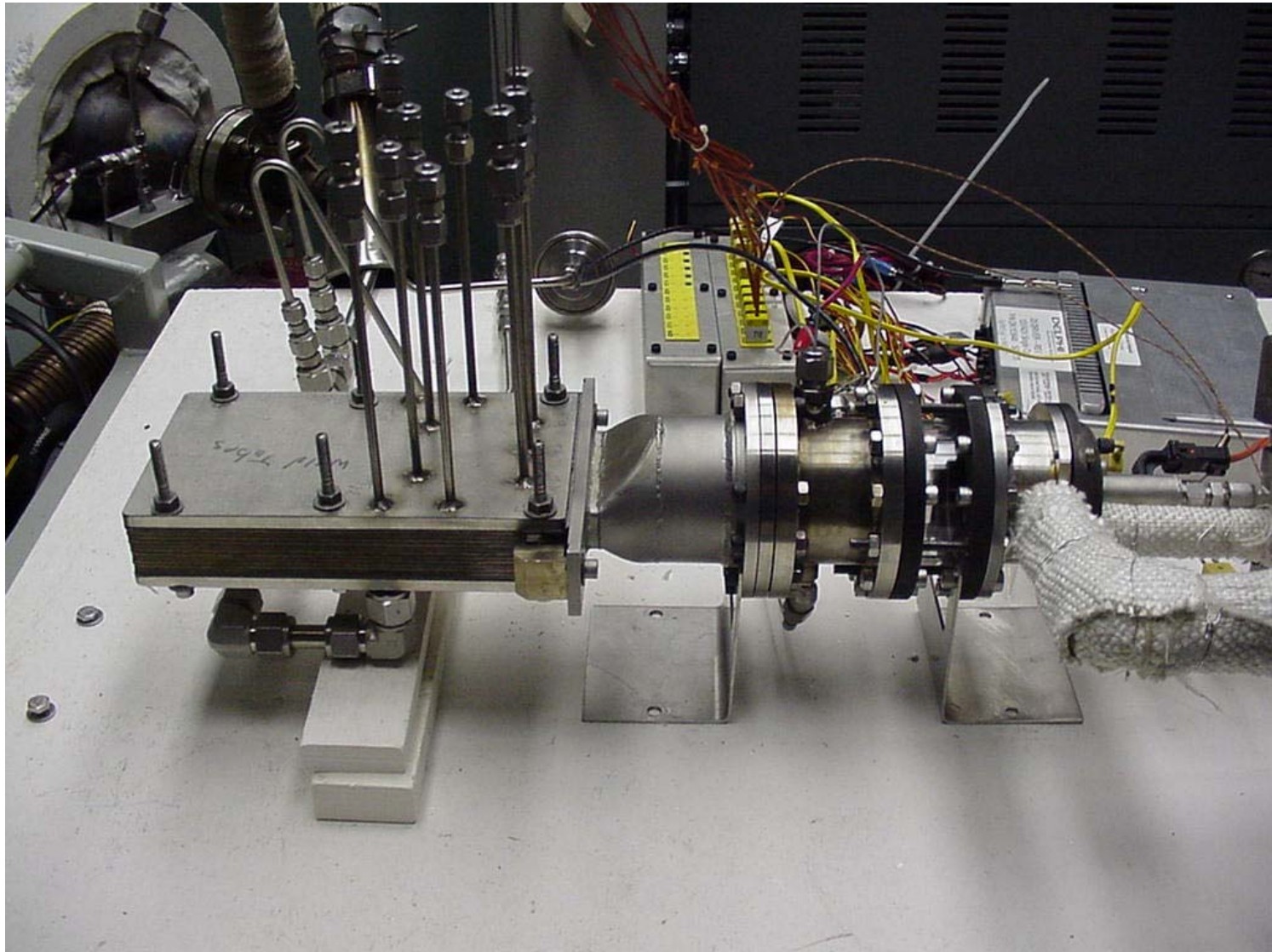


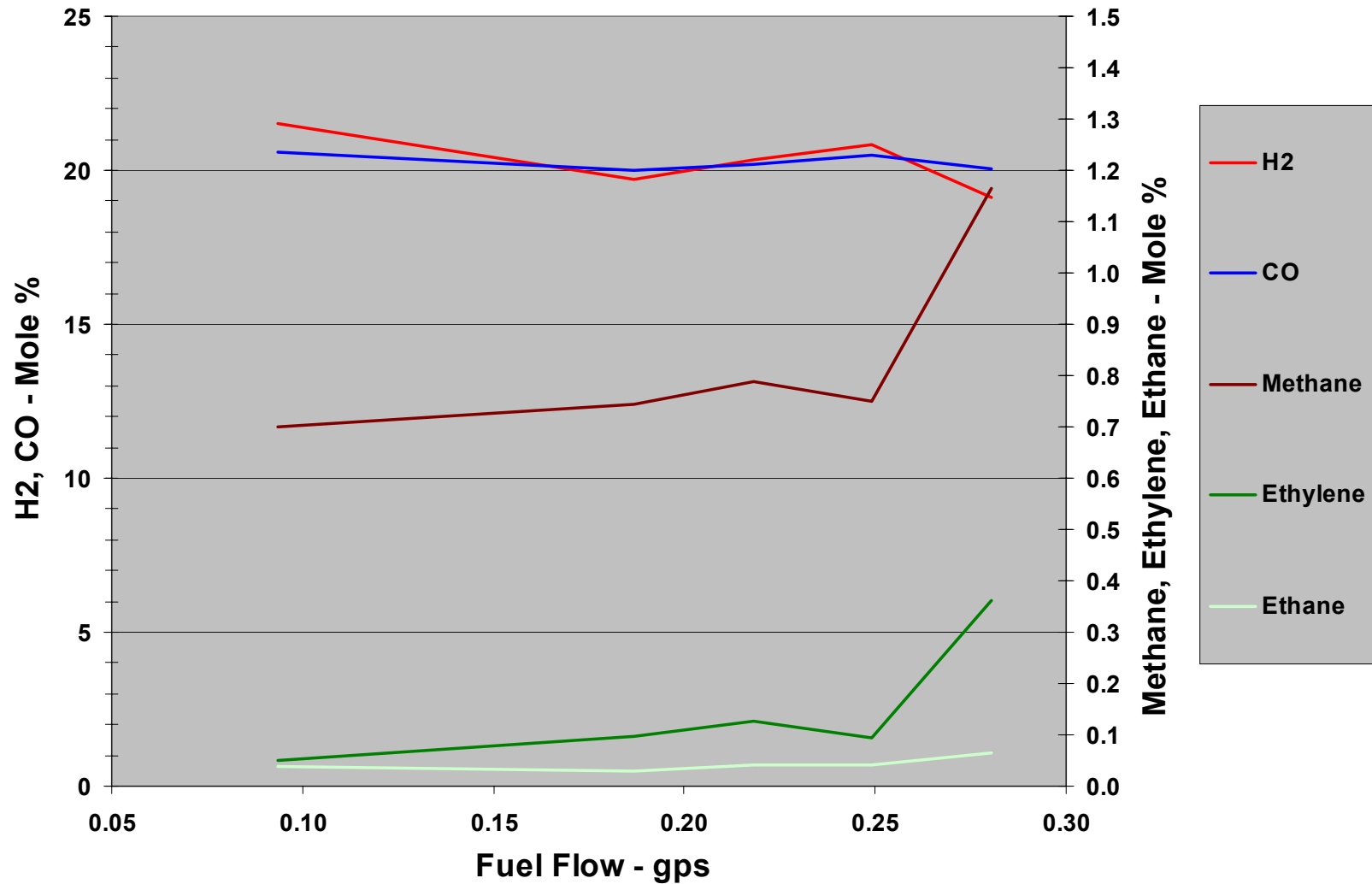




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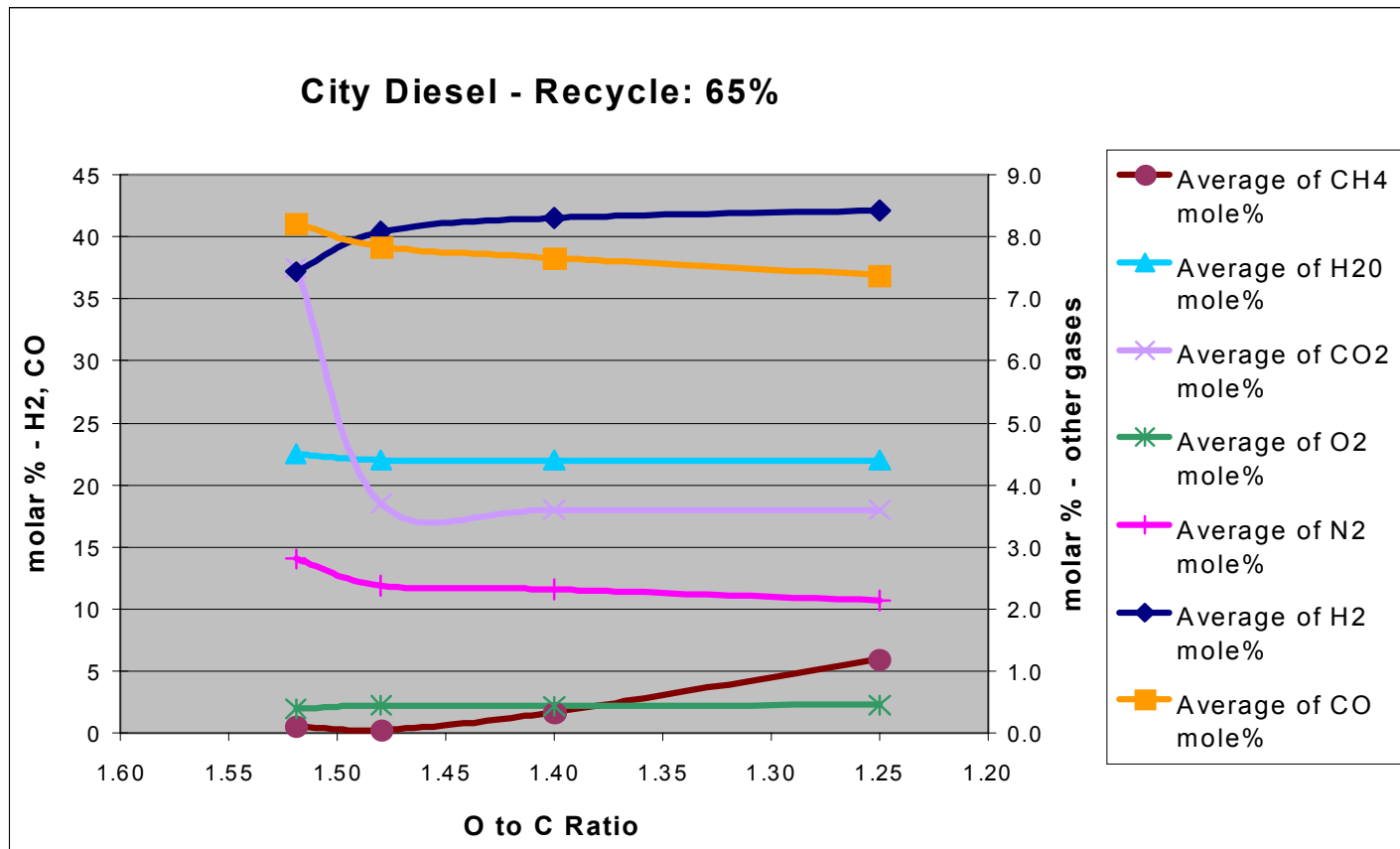
## Generation 2 Reformer 10 plate ReforWER



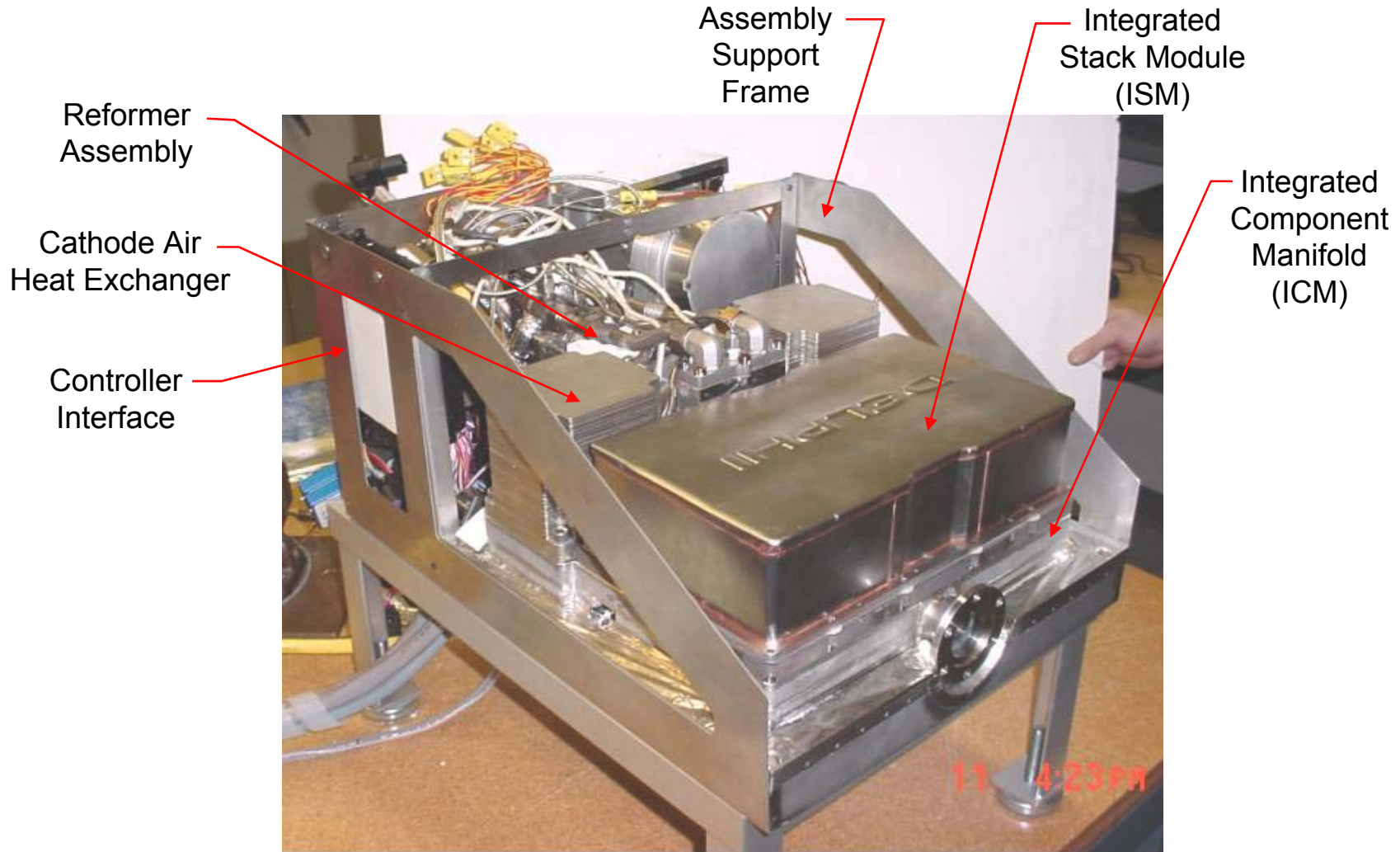


## Generation 2 Reformer 1 Plate Reformer Test Data with Diesel

- ◆ Single Planar laboratory reformer on City “Swedish” Diesel fuel:
  - 65% Anode recycle condition typical for high efficiency operation of system



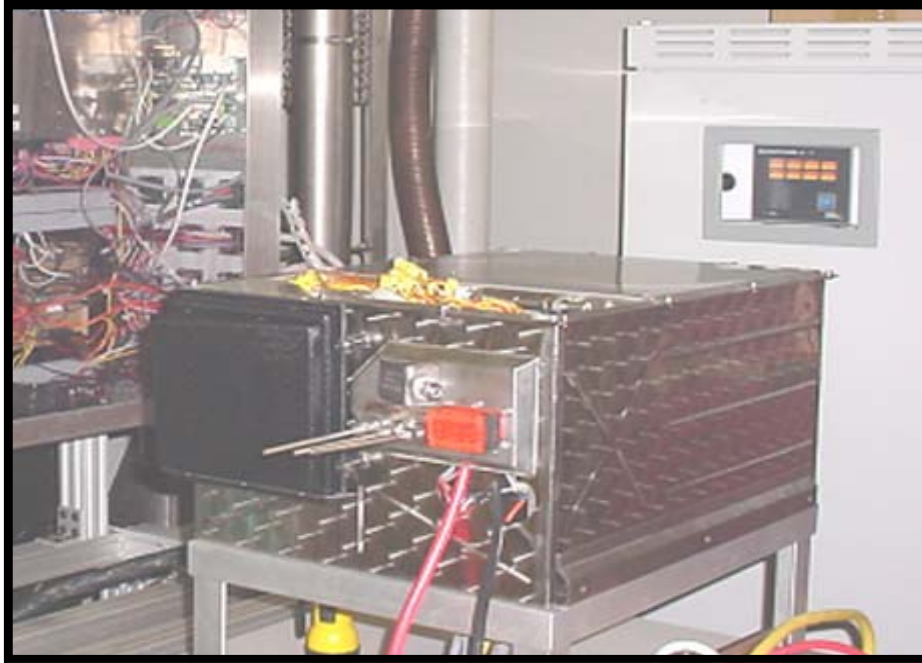
## Generation 2 SOFC APU SOFC APU Integration



◆ Successful integration and build of SOFC APU



### Successful heat-up and production of electric power from gasoline



**All components in the**

**APU sized for 5kW net electric power**

- ◆ Multiple tests carried out
- ◆ Successful cold start on gasoline
- ◆ Fastest heat-up in ~60 minutes (to date)
- ◆ Tubular reformer produced good quality POx reformat from gasoline
- ◆ 2 x15-cell ISM produced OCV and power ( 30.8 V OCV, 486 Watts @ 15.2 V power)
- ◆ Further optimization ongoing
- ◆ Key milestone in the development of Generation 2 APU

- ◆ The Generation 2 SOFC APU addresses many of the key challenges discussed in the Proof of Concept system.

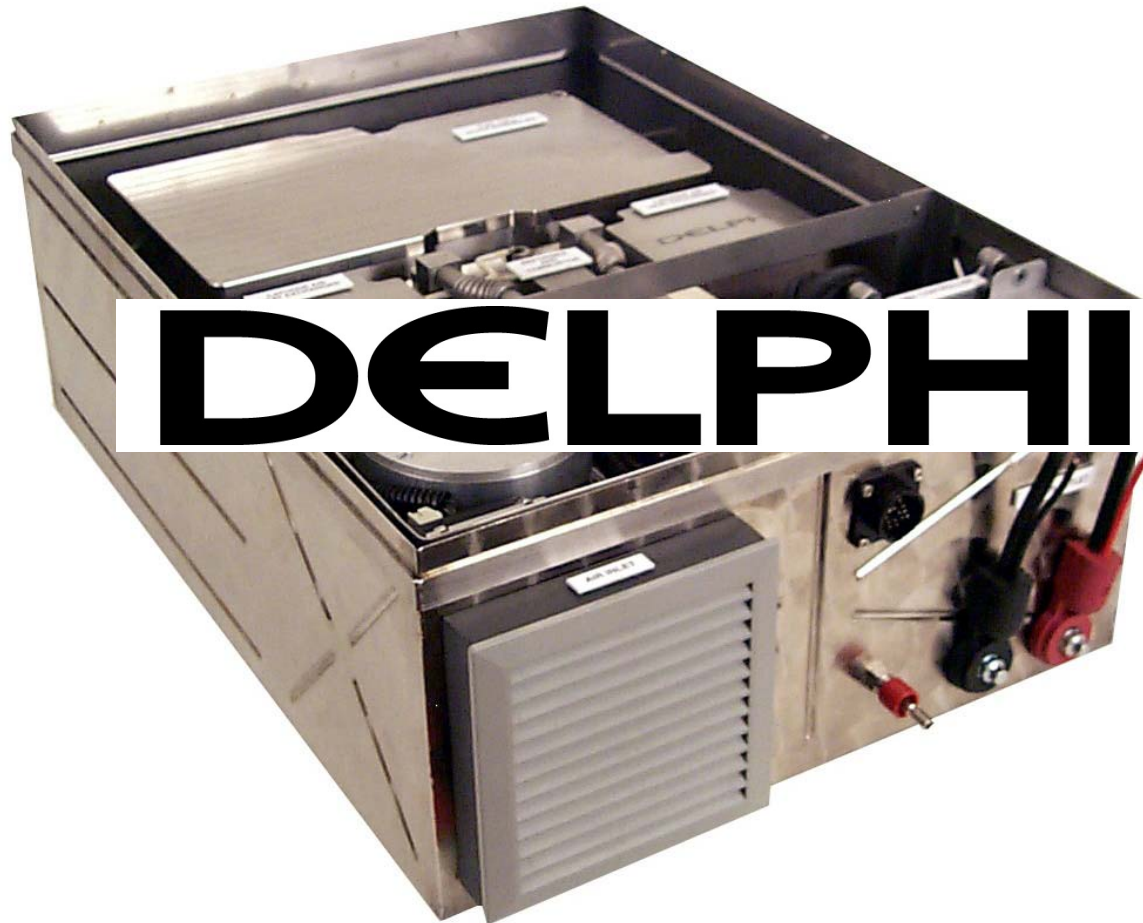
The current status of development is:

Cost	Red
Volume and Mass (Packaging)	Green
Power density	Yellow
Efficiency Projection	Green
Fast Startup	Yellow
Thermal Cycling	Red
Robustness	Red

- ◆ SOFC based power systems is a paradigm shift in the supply of electric power for transportation and stationary applications.
- ◆ Its applications in transportation include premium class automobiles, work trucks, recreational vehicles, fire-rescue vehicles, military vehicles, ships and aircraft. Its stationary applications include distributed power generation systems and CHP systems.
- ◆ Delphi has pioneered its application as an APU for transportation. It is also pursuing complimentary stationary applications.
- ◆ A Generation 2 APU has been developed and is being tested. Current development is focused on addressing the challenges to improve performance and robustness of this system. Work is ongoing on improving durability, power density, efficiency and fast start-up. Work is also focused on lowering cost.
- ◆ Delphi is committed to working with customers and partners to bring this novel technology to market.



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