

# *10kWe SOFC Power System Commercialization Program Progress*

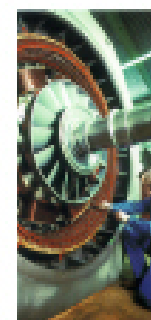
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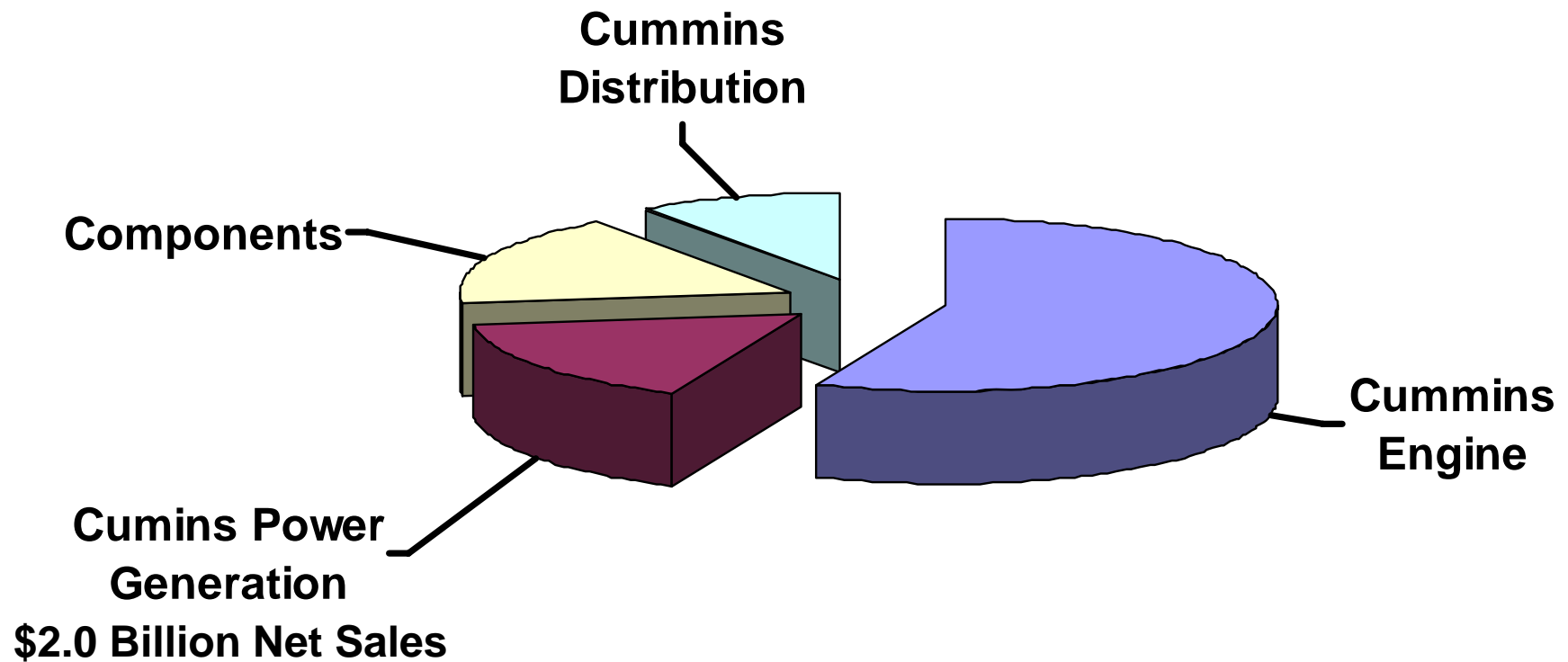


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# Cummins Inc



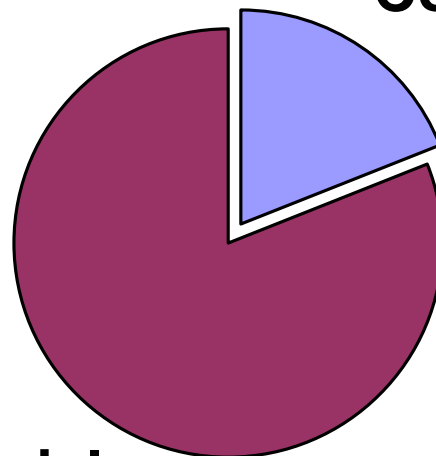
# Cummins 2005 Performance \$9.9 Billion Net Sales



# 2005 Production *5,800 MW*



**Consumer**

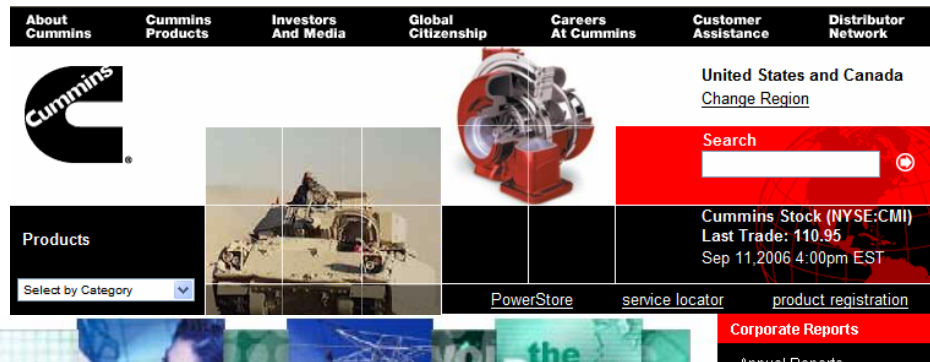


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# CPG/Versa Power Systems (VPS)



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## ■ Phase 1

- CPG & VPS teaming for 2006 Phase 1 completion
- VPS 3-1 System-based prototype evolves towards mobile application requirements
- CPG develops and delivers new air flow and power conditioning sub-systems

## ■ Phase 2

- CPG/VPS develop new system tailored to RV requirements
- VPS: stack, manifolds, hot section components
- CPG: system engineering; fuel processing; BOP and Power conditioning; packaging and market channel



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## Cummins Power Generation Versa Power Systems Teaming

- Reformer development
- Electronic controls
- Power electronics
- Fuel systems
- Air handling systems
- Noise and vibration
- Power system integration
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, sales, distribution
- High performance planar cell & metallic interconnect technology
- Planar SOFC stacks
- High temperature thermal integration
- Experienced SOFC system integrators

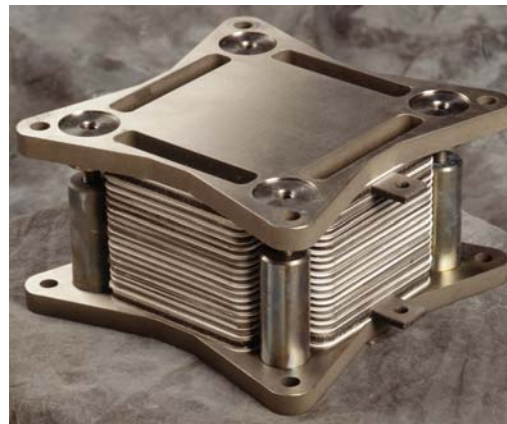
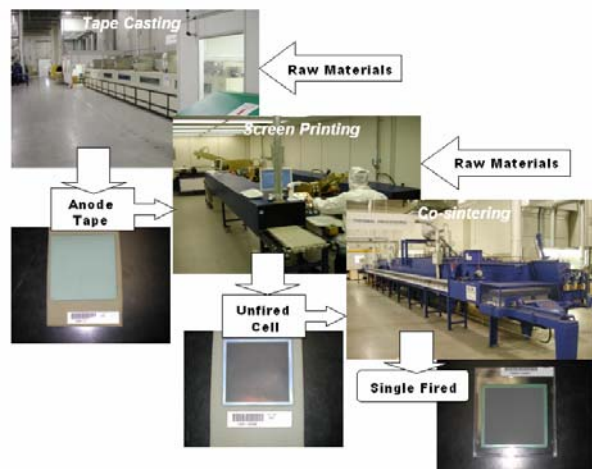
## Versa Power Systems



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- Focused on SOFC commercialization
- Demonstrated cost-effective SOFC ceramic cell manufacturing technology
- Highly competitive state-of-the-art SOFC stack technology
- Multiple generations of complete integrated system experience





# VPS SOFC Development Status



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# Approach to Commercialization



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- Develop stack technology
  - Performance (\$/kW)
  - Sulfur tolerance
  - Degradation
  - Redox tolerance
- Address system challenges to commercialization in mobile markets
  - Reformer operation on ULSD
  - Start-up and shut-down transient conditions
  - Shock and vibration tolerance (robustness)
  - Compact system integration (packaging)
- Demonstrate capability to incorporate technology in context of product development program

# Approach to Development



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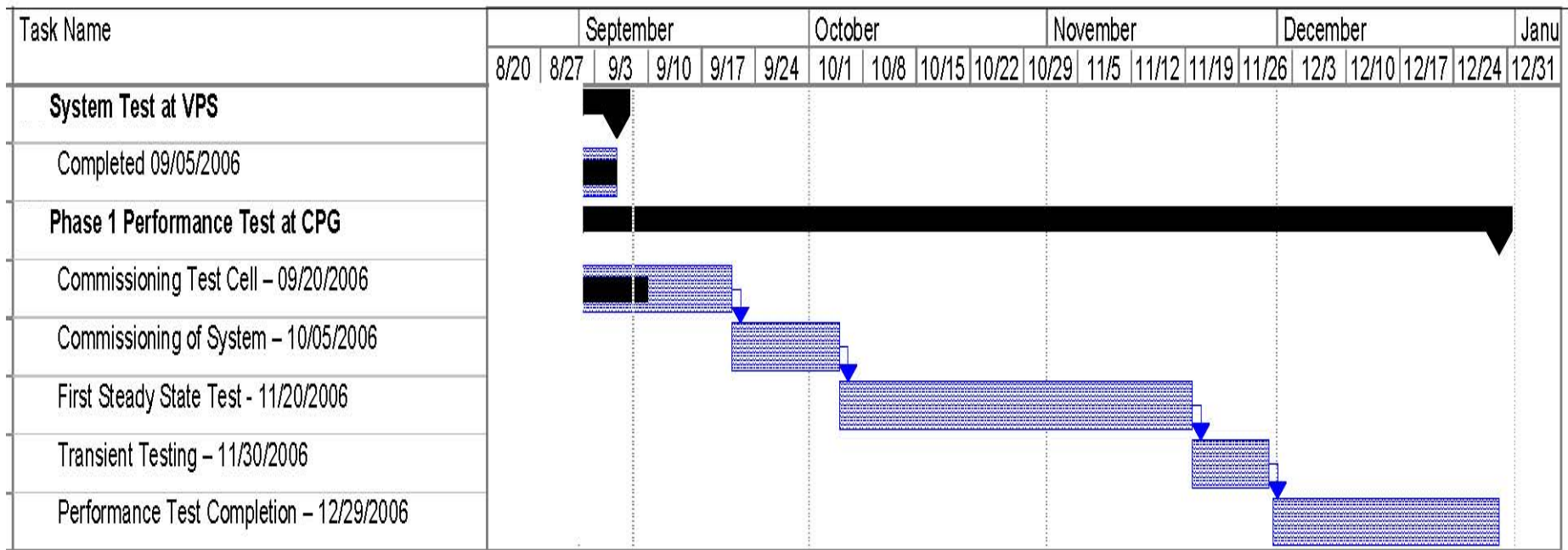


- **Phase 1 Prototype**
  - Evolved from Versa Power Systems 3-1 system
  - Natural gas fueled, steam reformed
  - Reduced Direct Internal Reforming (DIR)
  - Internal stack clamping design
  - Cost reduced air supply
  - Simplified DC output (boost)
- **Phase 2 Prototype**
  - ULSD fueled
  - Start-up and shut-down w/o supplementary gases
  - Sulfur and redox tolerance
  - Packaging and system integration
  - Shock and vibration tolerance (robustness)

## Plans Balance of Phase 1



- CPG/VP Phase 1 Proto Development and Testing
  - System Pre-test at VPS completed 09/05/2006
  - Phase 1 Performance Test at CPG

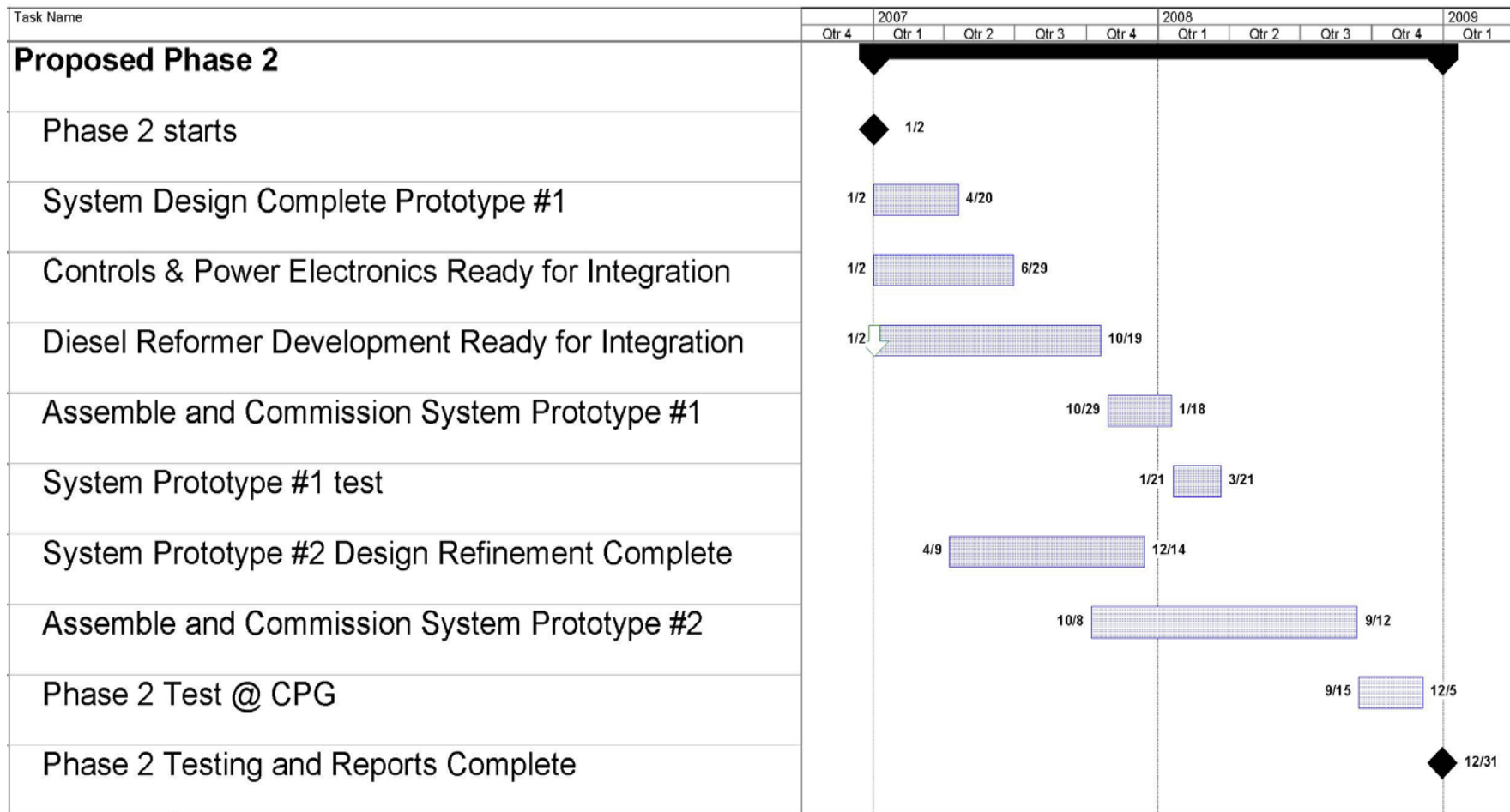


# Phase 2 Plan Overview

## ■ CPG/VP Phase 2 Development and Testing



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## Phase 1 Evolution Reduced Direct Internal Reforming (DIR)



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- Low levels of DIR provide flexibility to operate with a wide variety of fuels, reforming technologies and operating conditions
- Reduced DIR shifts stack heat rejection to other cooling means
- VPS integrating low DIR capability into the latest stack technology

## Phase 1 Evolution Reduced Direct Internal Reforming (DIR)



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- Stack testing with no methane slip is the new baseline for stack testing in test stands
- Stack design modified to reduce thermal gradients in VPS' baseline platform for operation with low DIR reformat
- System reformer modifications completed to increase natural gas conversion to  $H_2$  and CO
  - Increased heat transfer in the afterburner / reformer design

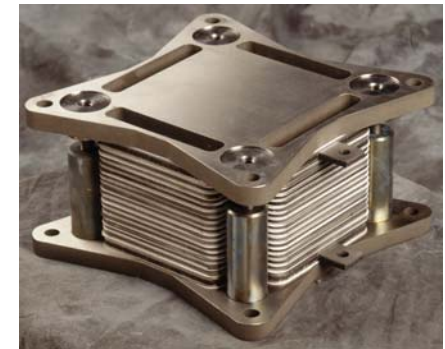
## Phase 1 Evolution Internal Stack Compression



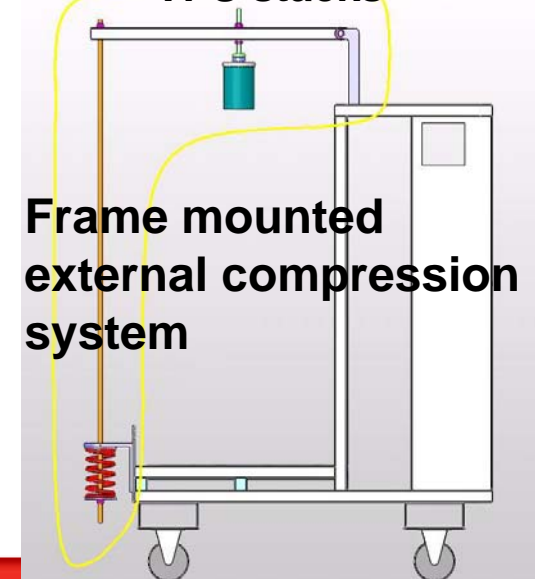
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- Internal compression replaces cold external system components with integrated in-stack clamping (hot)
- Internal compression
  - Reduces system volume and weight
  - Reduces system part count and complexity
  - Is more suited to mobile applications with shock and vibration environment
- Internal compression utilizes differing thermal expansions between the stack and compression member design



**Early generation  
internal compression in  
VPS stacks**



**Frame mounted  
external compression  
system**

## Phase 1 Evolution Internal Compression



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- Internal compression materials selected and parts fabricated and implemented in test stacks at 6 cell and 28-cell level
- Thermal cycle testing of external and internal compression 6-cell stacks found no distinguishable performance difference
- Phase 1 SECA test will run with external clamping, system will be converted to internal clamping post-test

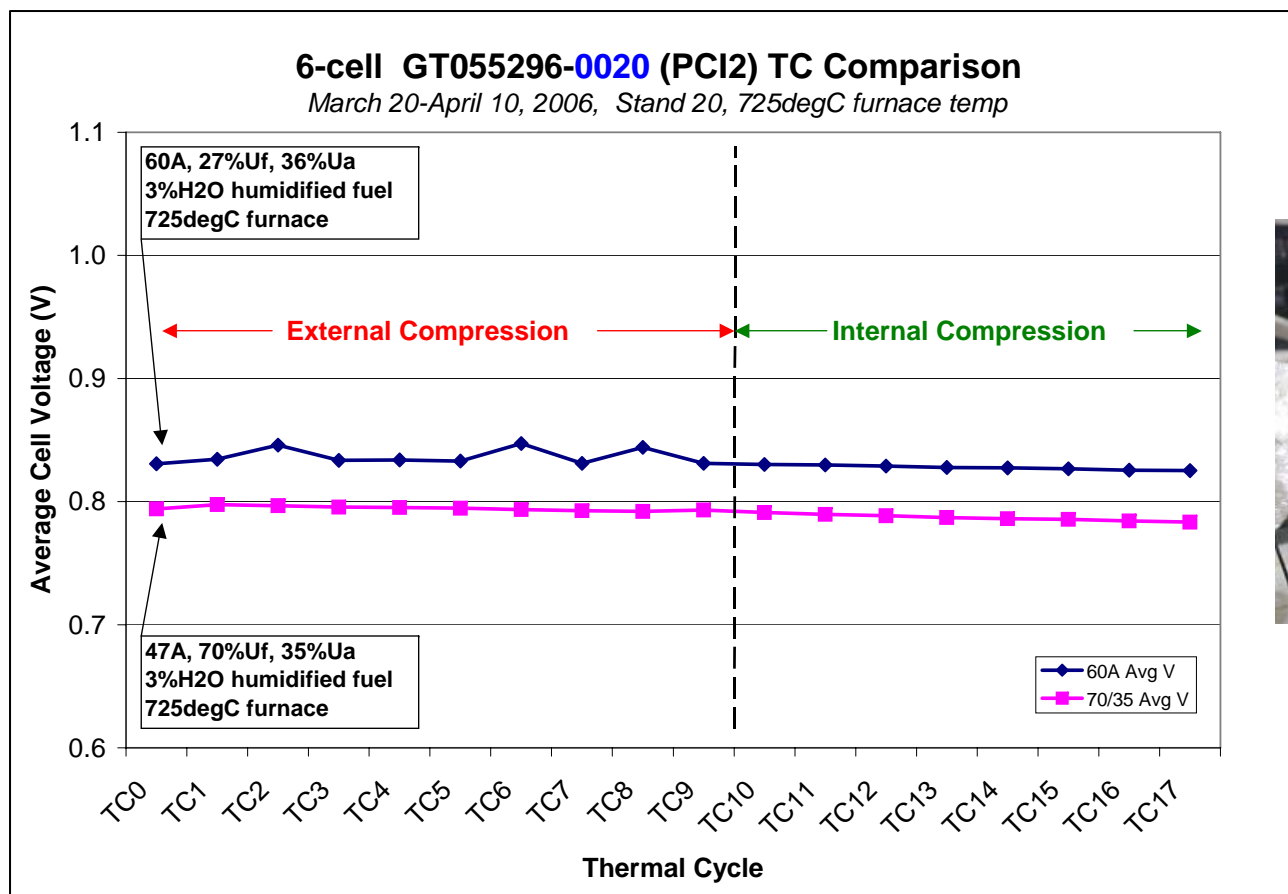
# Phase 1 Evolution Internal Compression



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## ■ Test Results (121 cm<sup>2</sup> active area):



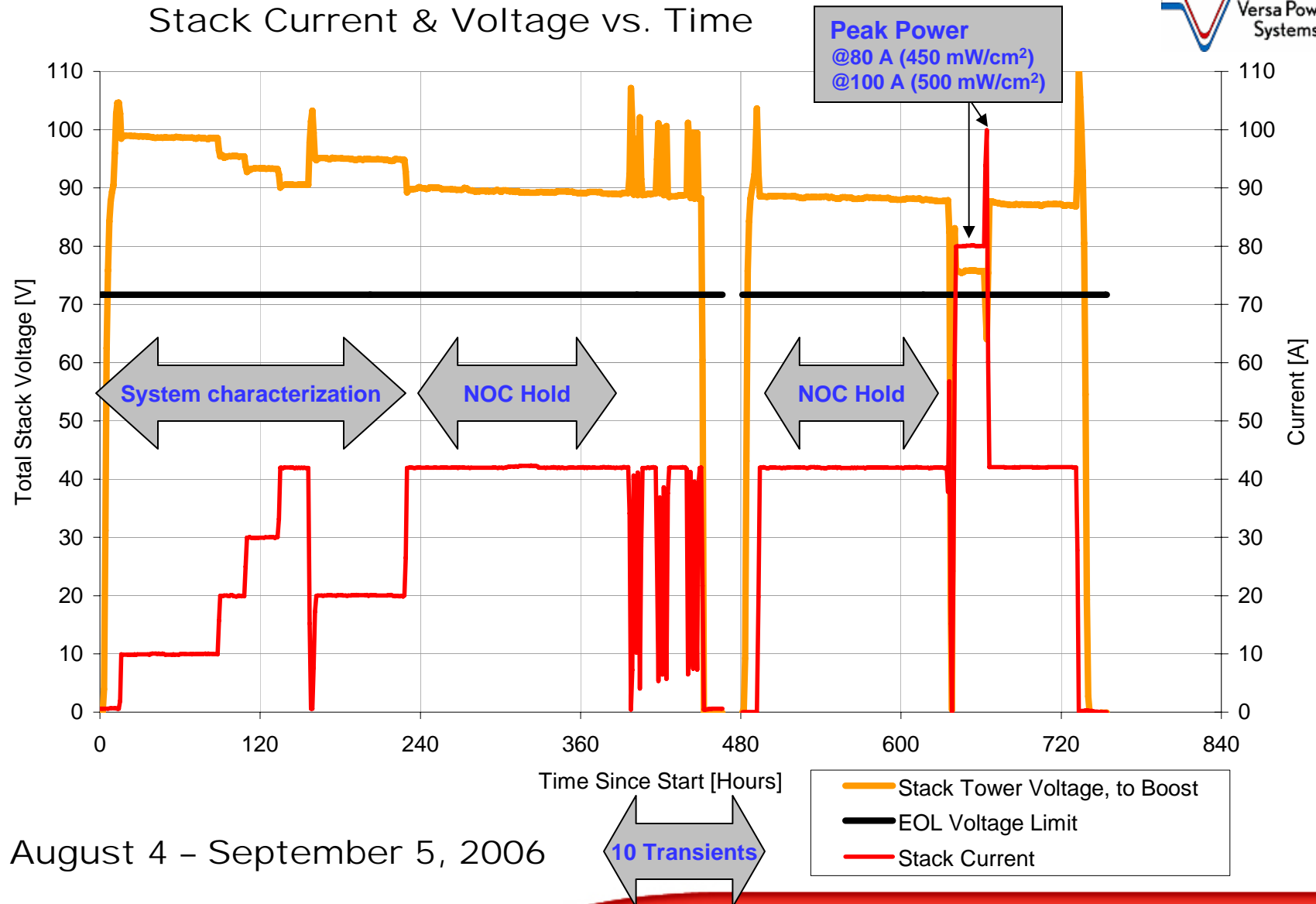




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# Initial Phase 1 System Testing: Stack Current & Voltage vs. Time

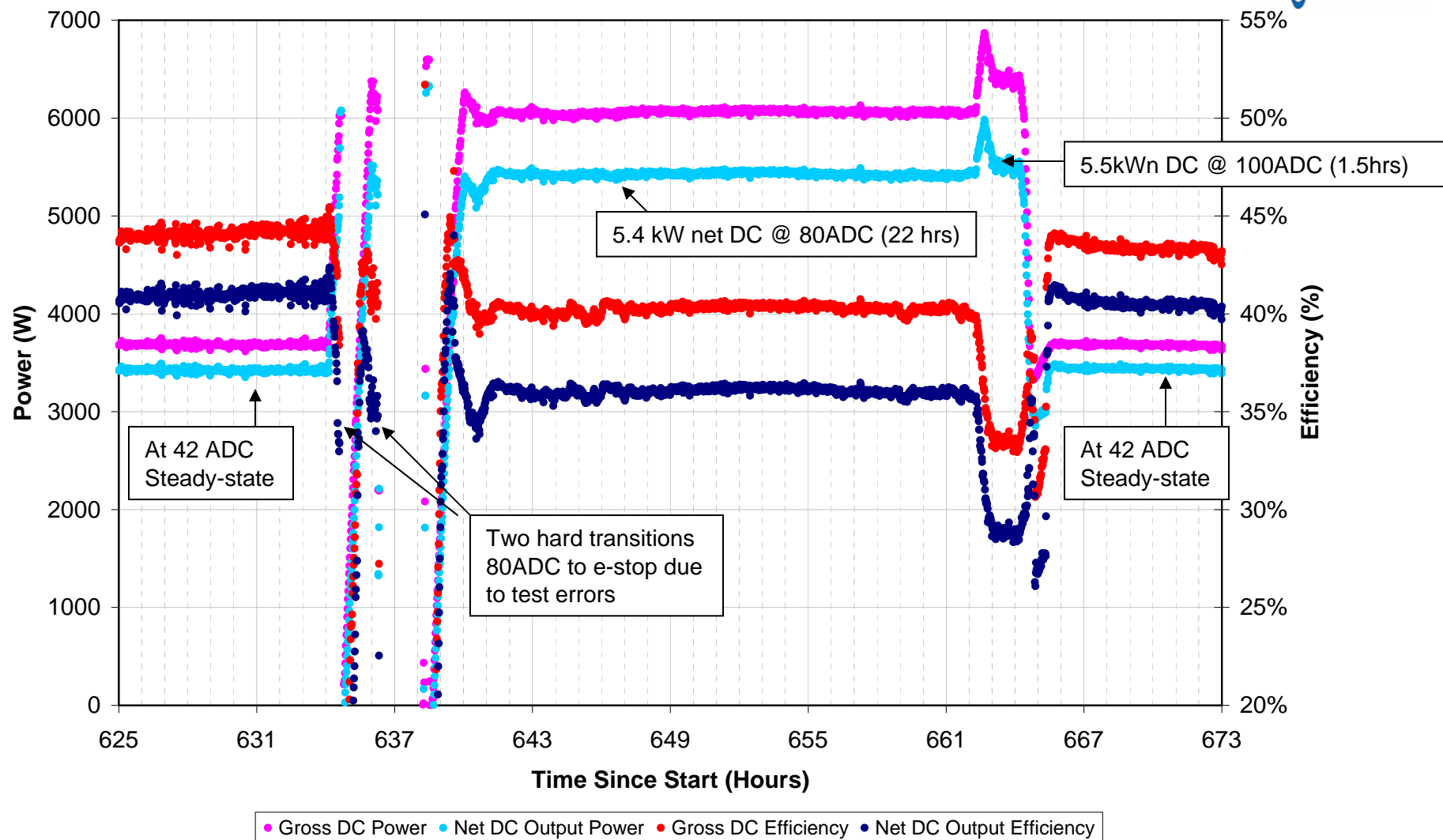


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# Initial Phase 1 System Testing: Peak Power



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## Phase 2 Preparation ULSD - Fuel for Mobile SOFC Commercialization

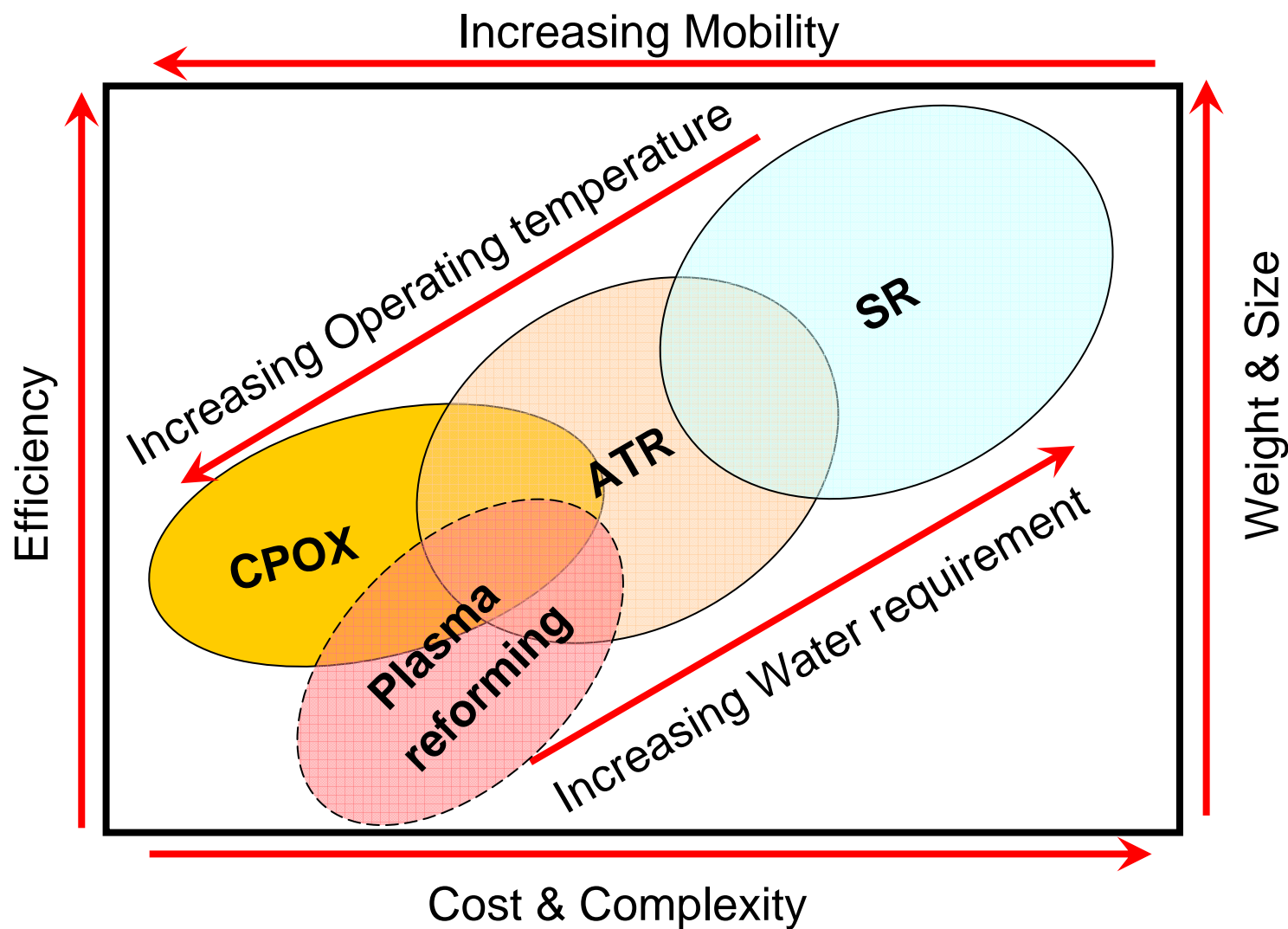
- CPG's SECA work to date based on LPG and Natural Gas
- Market studies strongly indicate ULSD (< 15 ppmw sulfur) is critical to successful commercialization of CPG Target Markets
- US EPA on Highway Emission requirements mandate transition to ULSD beginning in 2007 (some regions have already begun transition).

## "Zero Net Water" for Mobile SOFC Commercialization



- Water simplifies fuel reformation
  - Source of additional hydrogen
  - Reduces carbon formation
- Higher S/C ratios mean water requirement can exceed the fuel requirement
- Carrying significant amounts of water on mobile applications undesirable
  - Space
  - Weight
  - Availability
- Mobile system water *requirement* = *Zero Net Water*
- Other factors favor desirability of *waterless system*
  - Cost
  - Complexity
  - Storage requirements

# Diesel Reforming Technologies Compared

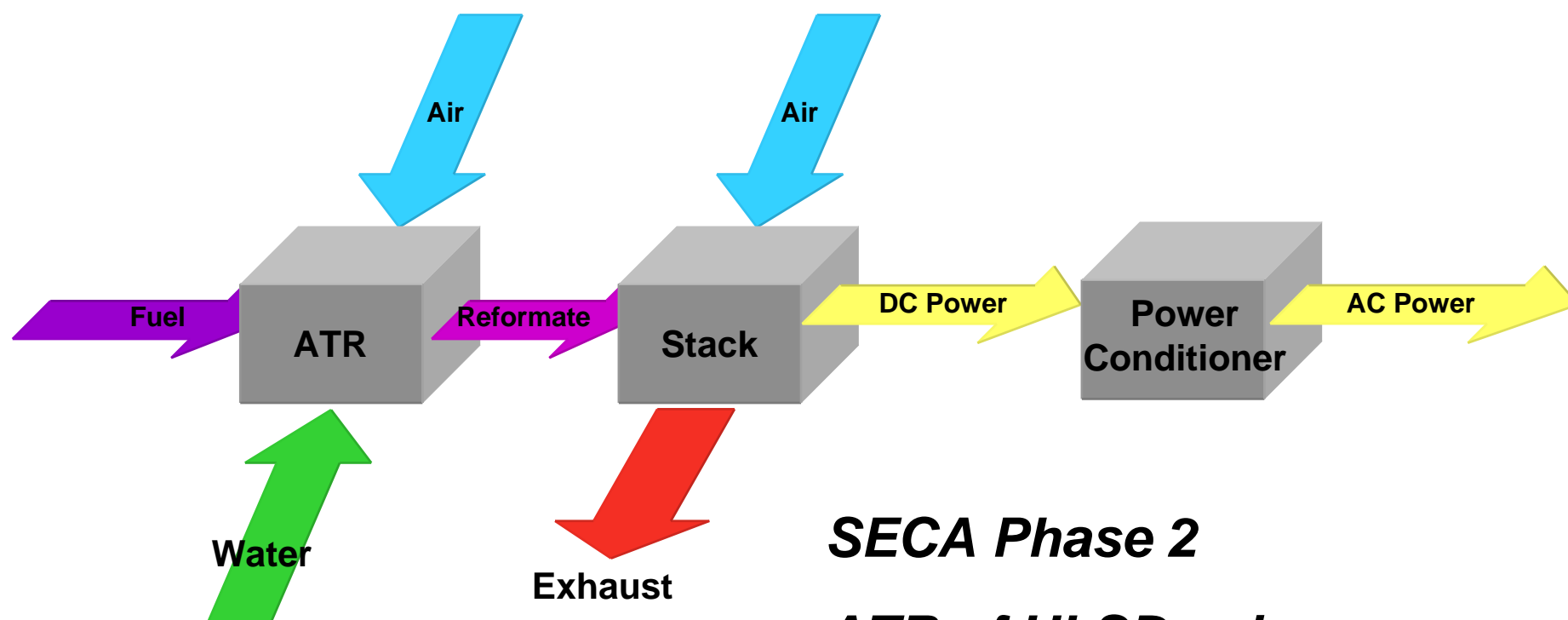




# Diesel Reforming Technology Preliminary View for Mobile Products

	Efficiency	Simplicity	Cost	Reformate stability (Carbon formation)	Freeze Resistance (Long Term Storage)	Transient Performance	Size & Weight	Electrical Parasitic Power Consumption	Maintenance
<b>Steam Reforming</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Autothermal Reforming</b>									
Supplemental water	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Anode Gas Recycle	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Water Condensation	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Catalytic Partial Oxidation Reforming</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Plasma Reforming (dry)</b>	●	●	?	●	●	●	●	●	?

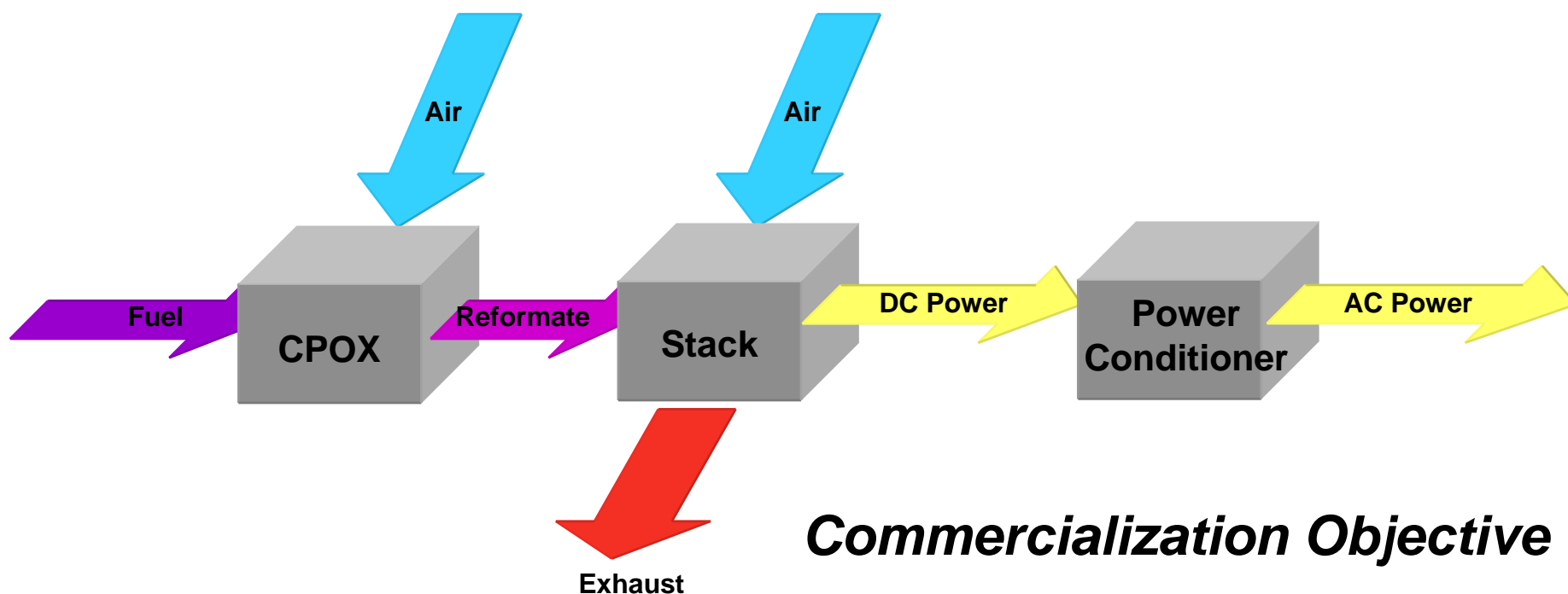
## Evolution of SOFC Fuel System Form Mobile Applications



***SECA Phase 2***

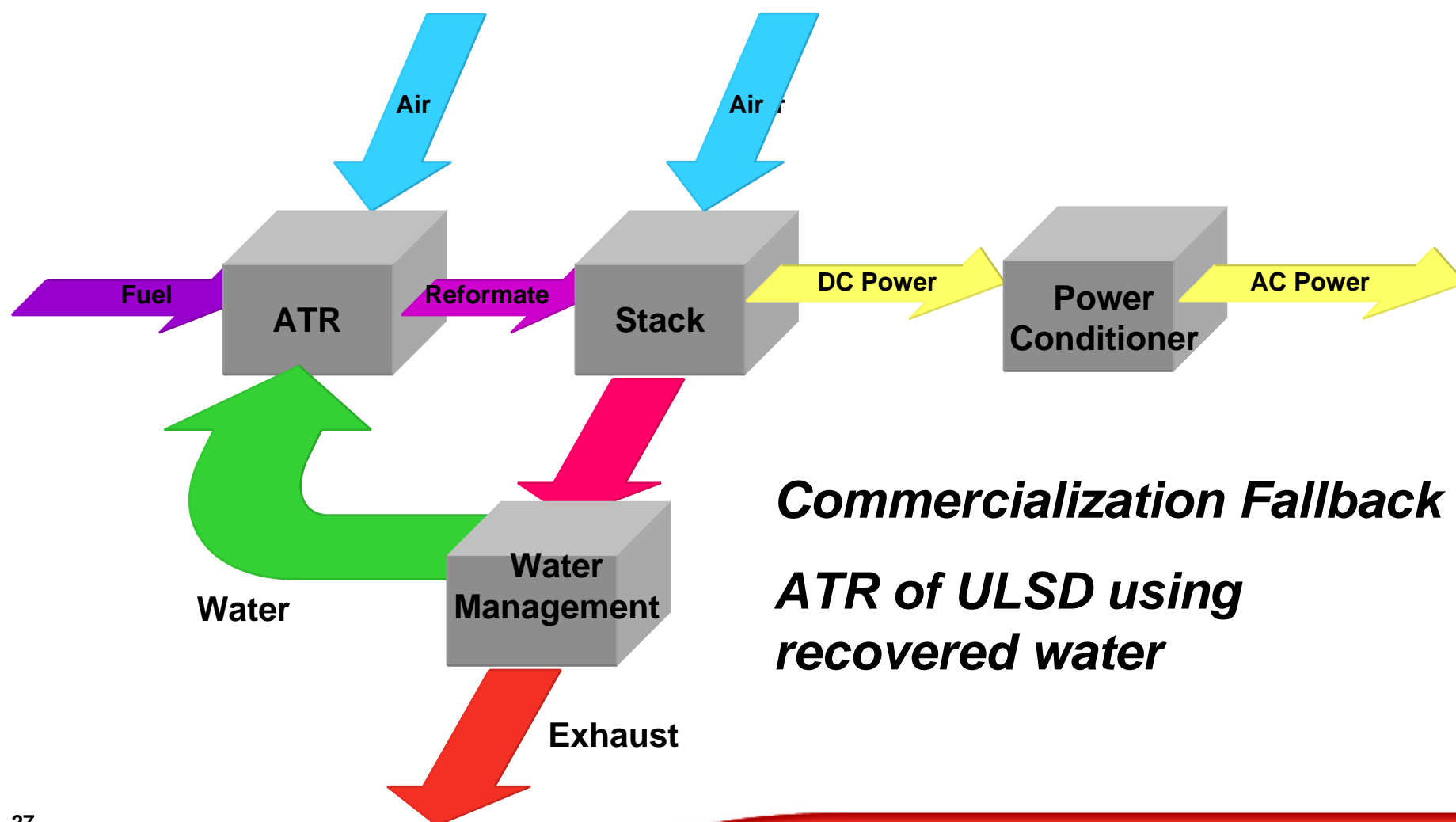
***ATR of ULSD using  
supplementary water***

## Evolution of SOFC Fuel System Form Mobile Applications



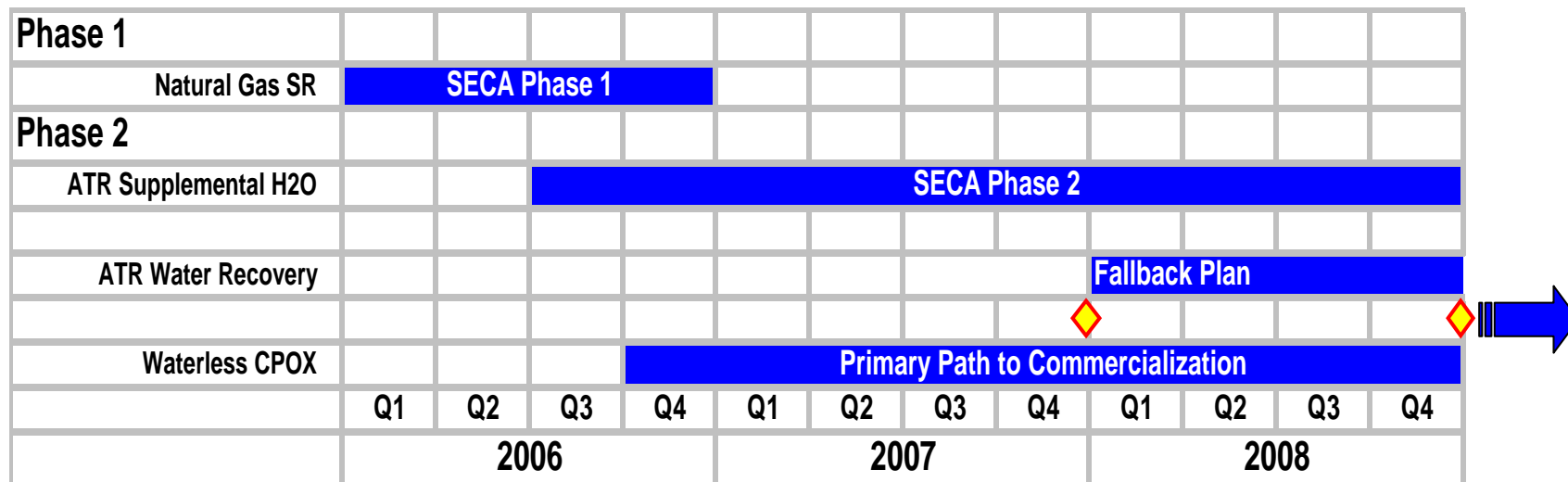
***Commercialization Objective***  
***CPOX of ULSD using NO***  
***water***

## Evolution of SOFC Fuel System Form Mobile Applications



# Parallel Reformer Development Paths

- ATR for SECA Phase 2
- CPOX Primary Path for commercialization
- ATR w/H2O Recovery Fallback





# Optimizing Air Supply System Cost



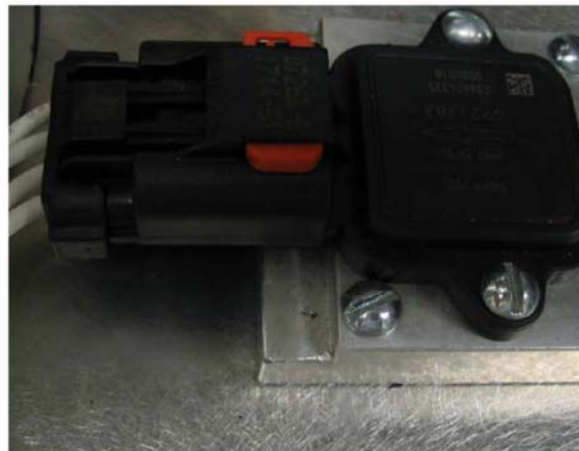
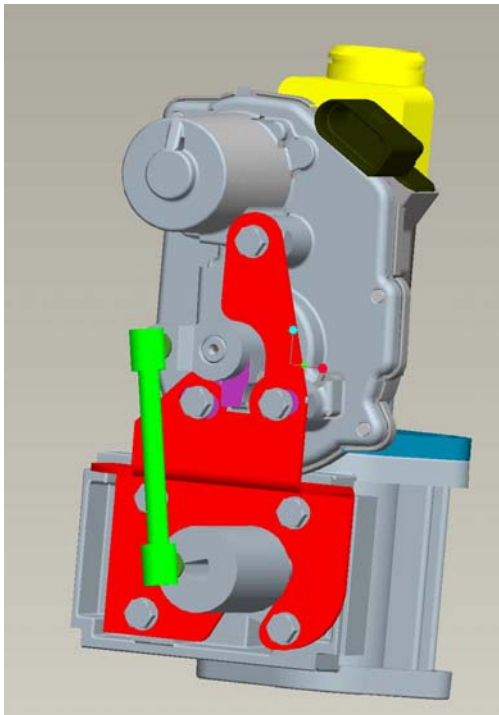
- Low Cost Air Supply Subsystem Design -- Primary Tasks
  - Optimize flow levels and pressure losses
  - Minimize the number of control elements/streams
  - Avoid hot side valving
  - Incorporate low cost (industrial / automotive) sensors and actuators
  - Design with components derived from production supplier base and consumer product experience.
  - Achieve costs consistent with high volume production components
  - Develop robust control algorithms derived from system characterization

# Reduced cost air supply



Butterfly Control Actuator Assembly  
with Integrated:

- Mass Flow Meter
- DC Servo Actuator
- Butterfly Valve Assembly
- Mechanical Linearization



Components Included in  
previous Prototype:

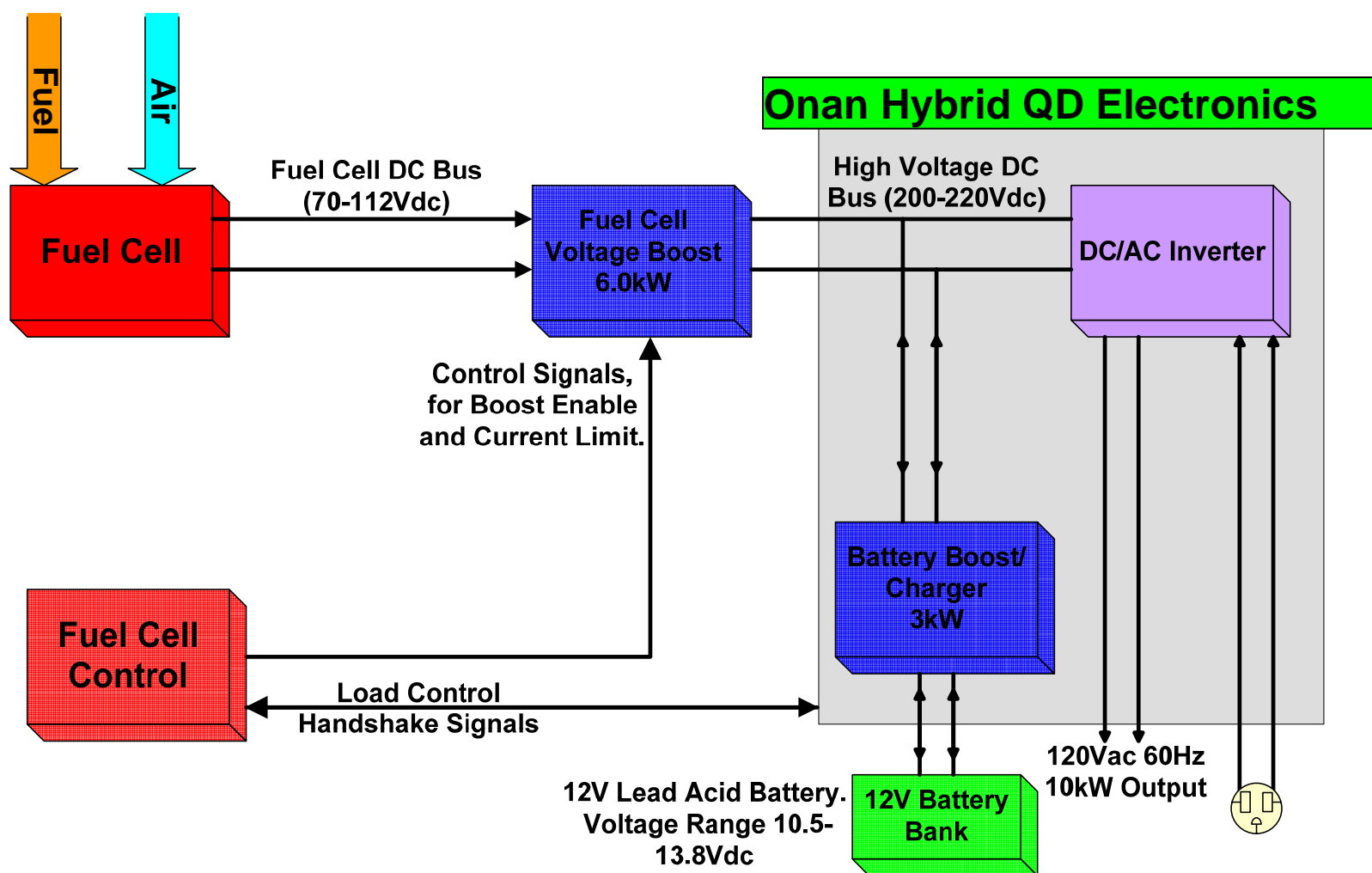
- Mass Flow Meters from Cummins 2007 B Series
- Stepper Motor Actuator
- Low Cost, ~40% Eff., Cathode Blower

Air Supply



CPG Designed Field  
Replaceable Unit  
(FRU)

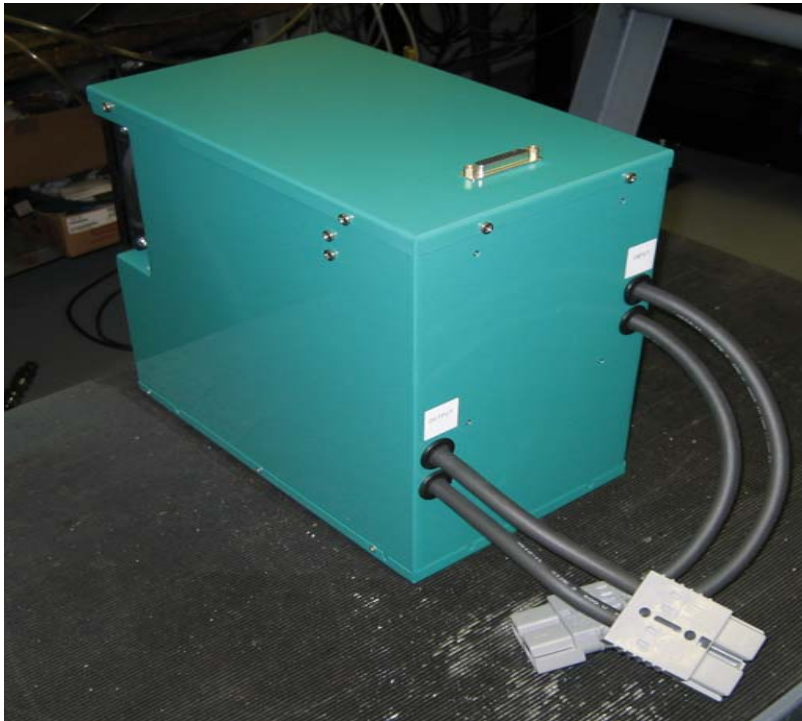
# Fuel Cell Power Electronics



## ■ Fuel Cell Boost

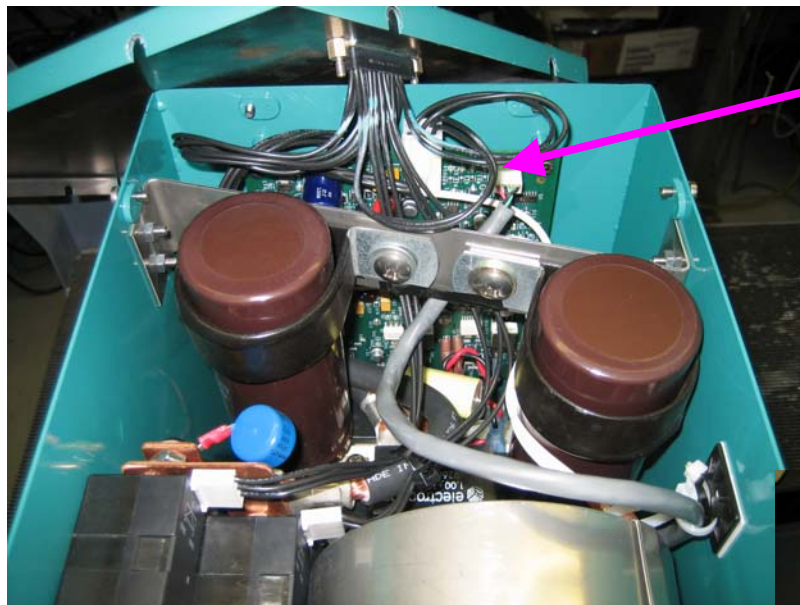
- Boosts and Regulates Fuel Cell Voltage
  - Input Voltage Range 57-200Vdc
  - 6kW output power.
  - Output Voltage 200Vdc
- Current Limit Control for Stack Protection
  - Limits Stack Current During Transients
- Soft-Start and Enable Feature
- Very Low Cost Design
  - 6kW for <\$200 Total manufacturing cost

# The Fuel Cell Boost





# The Fuel Cell Boost



**Control  
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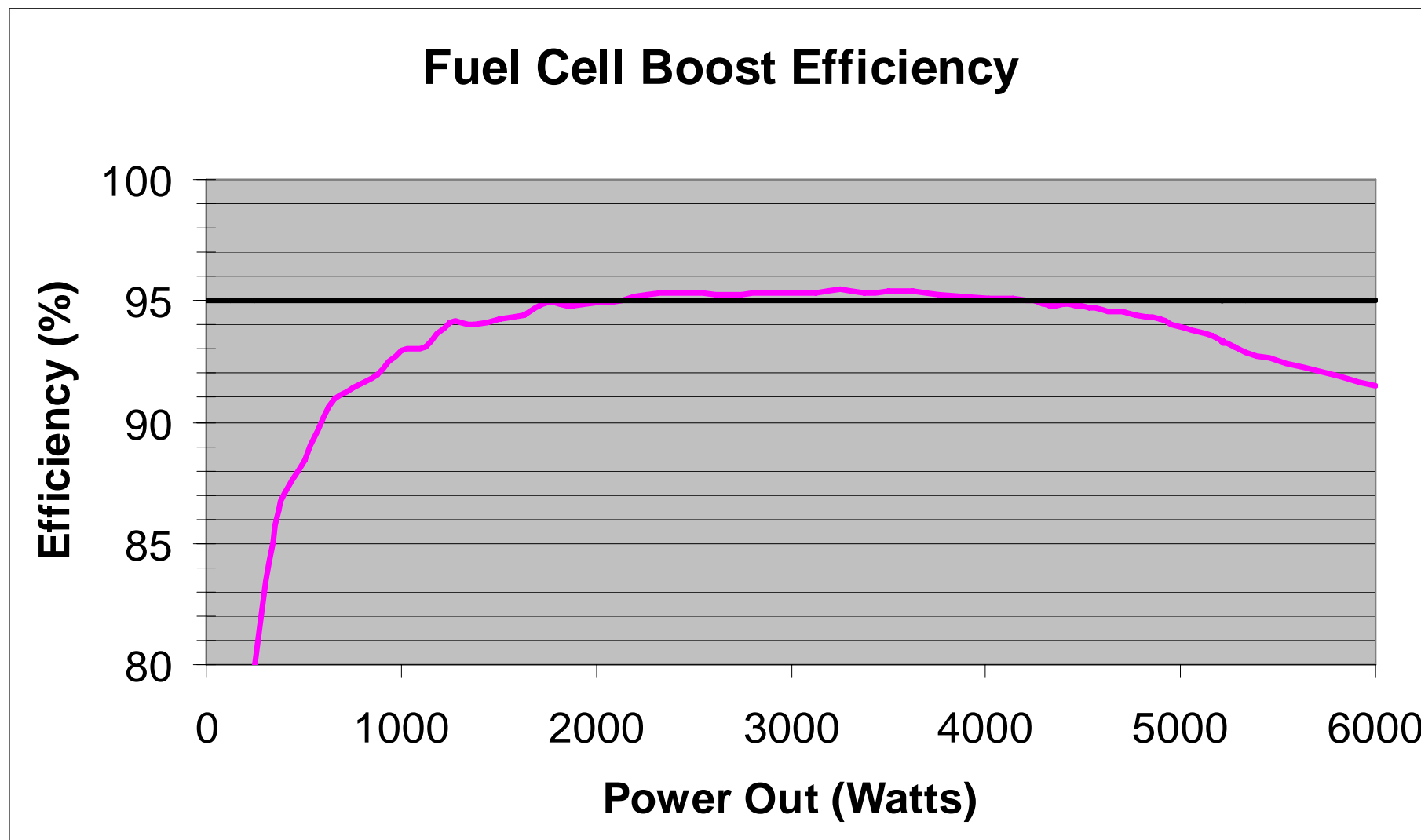
**Inductor**



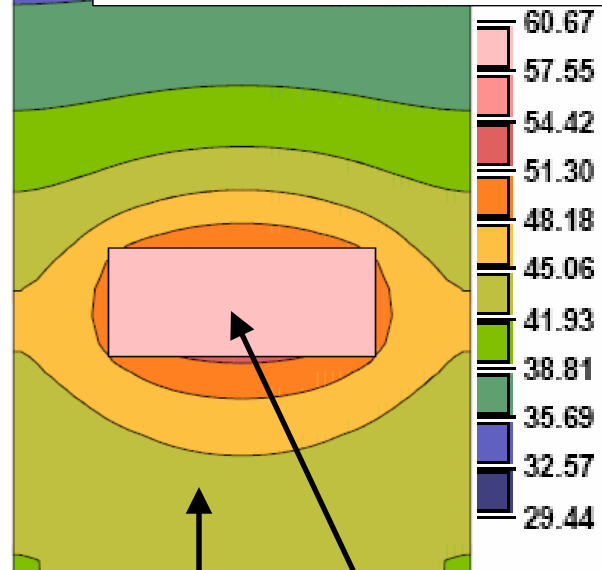
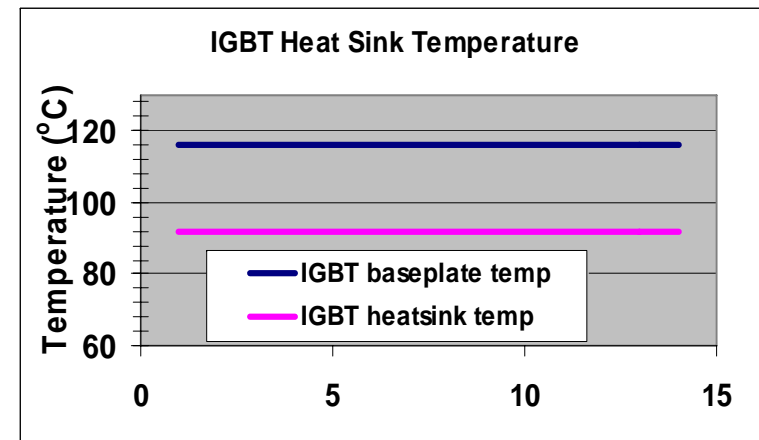
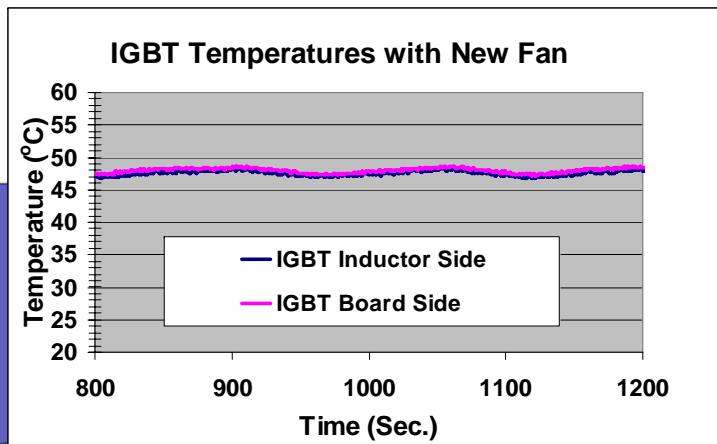
**Soft  
Start  
Relays**



## Fuel Cell Boost Efficiency vs Load



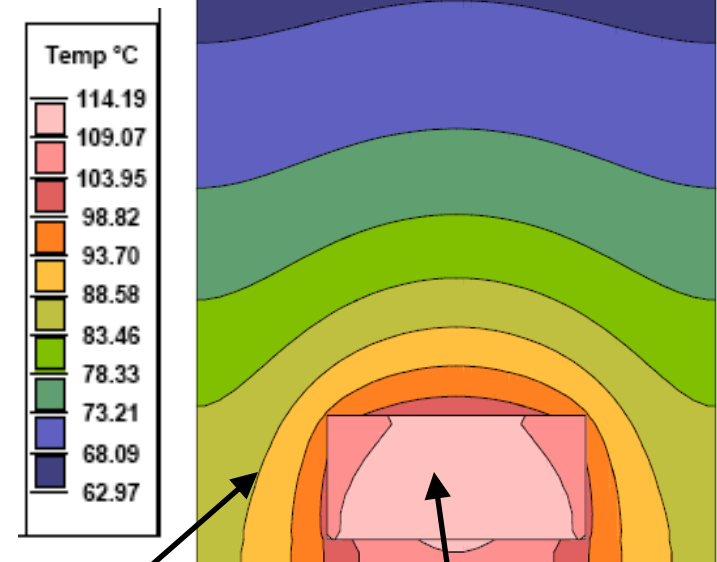
# Boost Heat Sink Modeling with Sauna



IGBT Module Base Plate

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Heat Sink Base Plate

- Thermal Modeling
  - Sauna Modeling Package, low cost heat sink modeling.
- Measured Values within 3°C of model



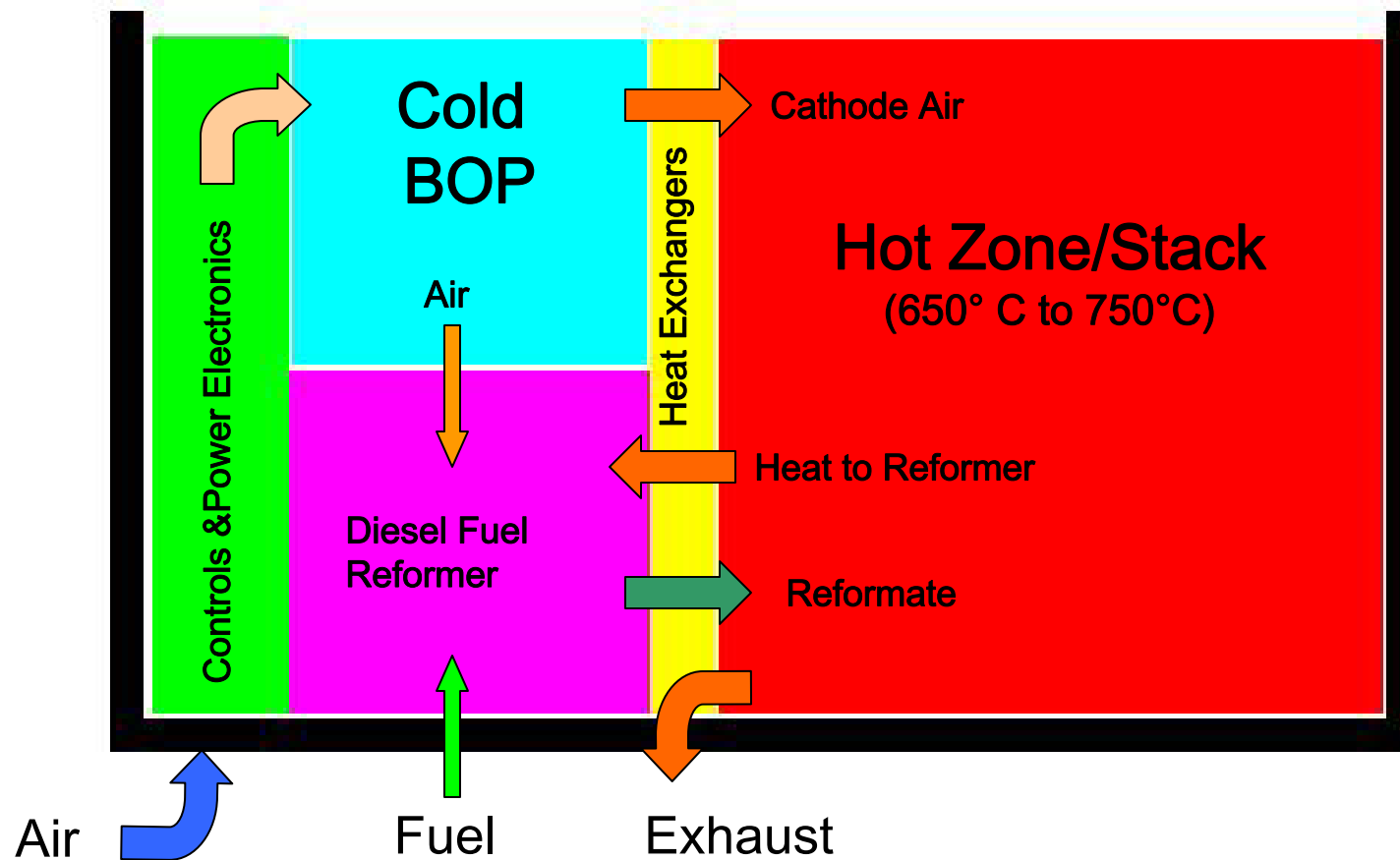
Heat Sink Base Plate

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## Phase 2 Packaging



- Thermal Integration
- Compact
- Close Coupling



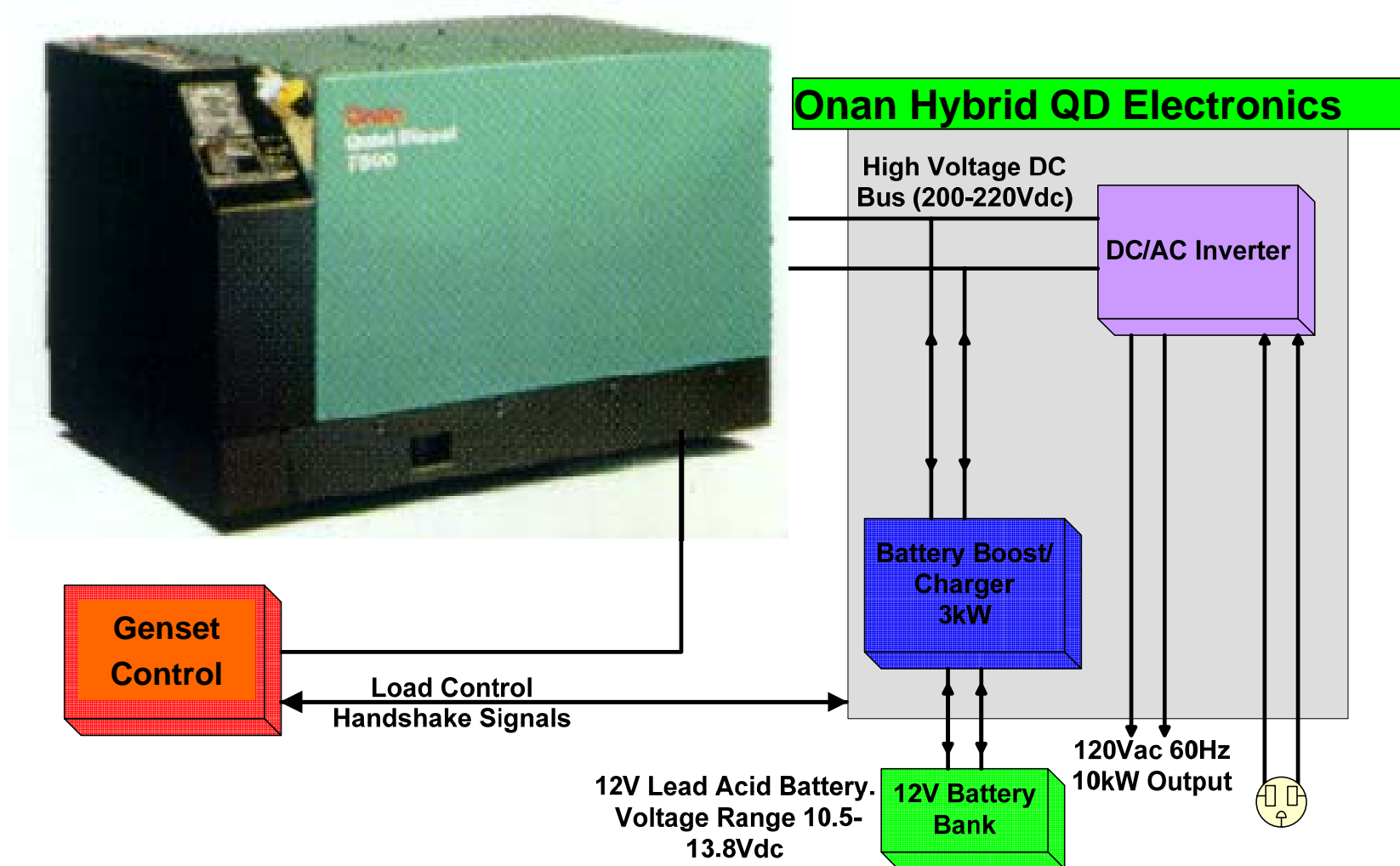
## Packaging



- Target for Phase 2 system: 400-450 L
- Replaces Diesel engine powered genset in hybrid system

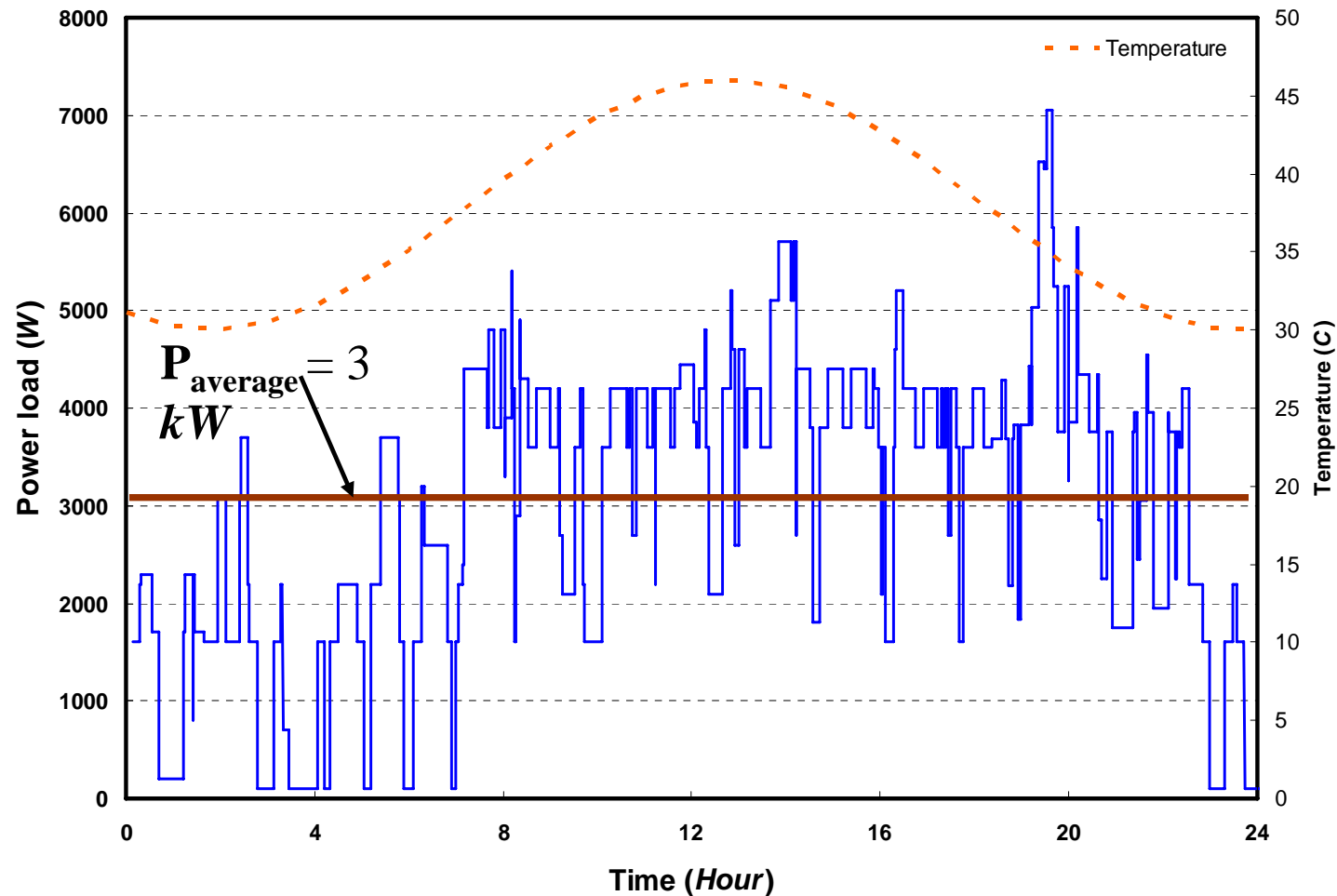


# Common System Architecture

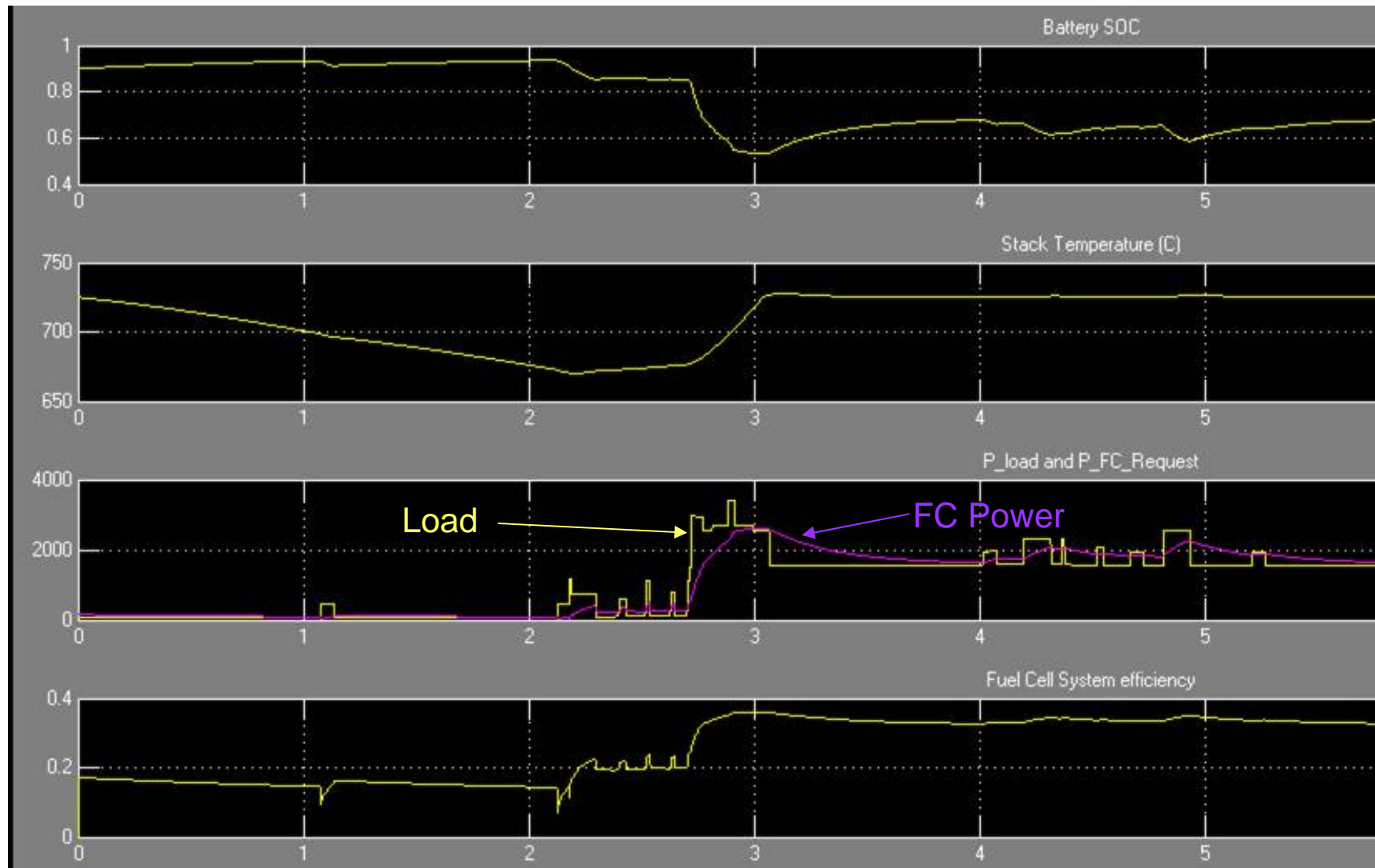


# Dynamic Output for a Specific Input Condition

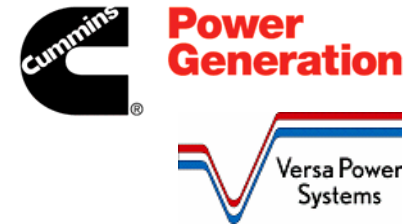
RV Daily Load Curve Generated by Monte Carlo Method



# Sample System Model Run



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