

**Session #5:** Hydrogen Applications for Transportation

June 28, 2023









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## Format

- Q&A at the end
- Submit questions and comments to "Panelists"
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- Recording









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## Hydrogen Applications for Transportation June 28, 2023

2:00-2:05 Rick Sapienza, NCCETC--Introduction and Welcome

2:05-2:25 **Ophir Samson, HYDROTEC Fuel Cells/GM**—Overview of Hydrogen and Transportation Use Cases

2:25-2:35 Robert Mount, Renewable Innovations—Hydrogen as an Off-Grid Charging Solution

2:35-2:50 Mark Finnicum, Stark Area Transit Authority (SARTA)—Hydrogen Fuel Cell Tomorrow's Energy Powering SARTA Today

2:50-3:05 Chris Cannon, Port of Los Angeles—Port of LA's Hydrogen Deployments

3:05-3:15 **Q&A** 













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## Today's Speakers





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## General Motors' Hydrogen Fuel Cells

Presentation to the North American Fleet Managers' Association (NAFA) Sustainable Fleet Technology Webinar Series: Hydrogen Applications for Transportation

June 28 2023

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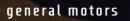
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## zero congestion





- Hydrogen as a fuel: why now?
- Hydrogen as a fuel: advantages and disadvantages
- GM Hydrotec

## Hydrogen as a fuel: why now?



There are several reasons why hydrogen is gaining attention.

- Global zero carbon emission goals
  - Green hydrogen is a true zero-emission alternative to traditional fuels and a critical component in achieving net-zero climate goals
- Technology advancements & declining costs
  - Cost-competitive green hydrogen is finally on the horizon
  - Fuel cell technology is increasingly more efficient, reliable, and cost-effective
- Growing government support to promote hydrogen innovation and adoption
  - Governments are increasingly investing in hydrogen domestically (e.g., IRA and BIL with \$9.5B+) and abroad



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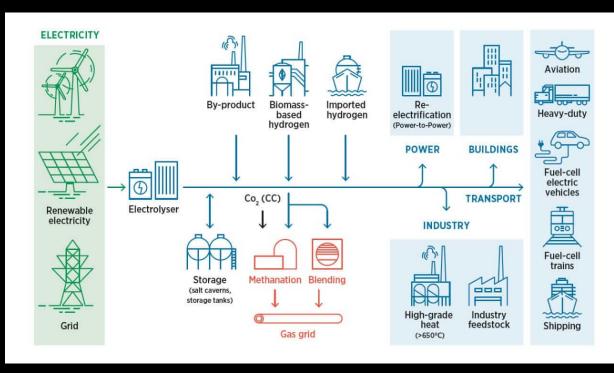
## Why use hydrogen as a fuel?



#### Advantages

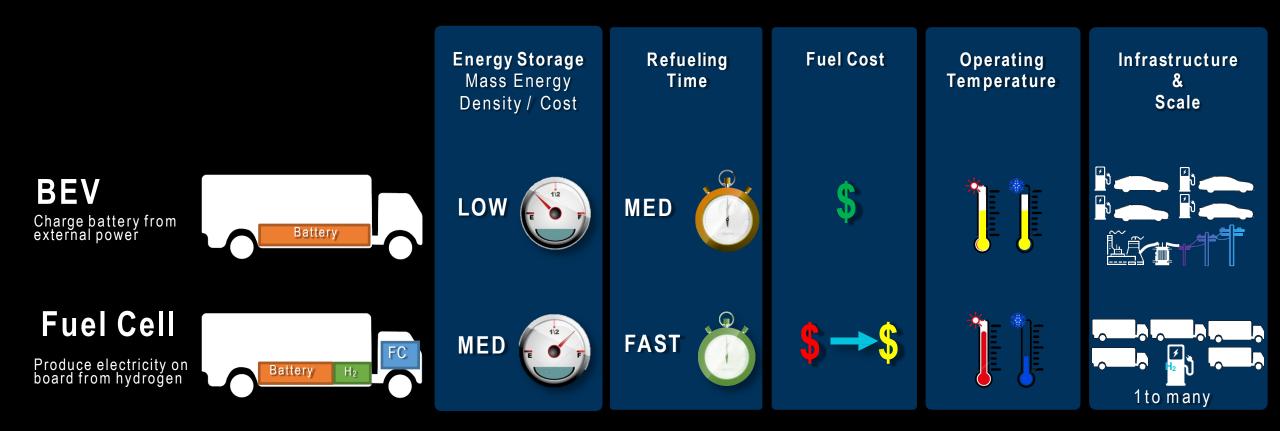
- Hydrogen has the highest energy content by weight of any chemical fuel
- Optimal for many weight-constrained environments
- Fuel cells have no CO2 emissions; they only emit water
- Hydrogen is critical to decarbonizing our economy and reach net-zero targets
- Refueling with hydrogen is much faster than EV charging (e.g., ~5 minutes for a truck, vs. 45 minutes of EV charging)
- Not reliant on connections to the electricity grid
- Quiet, has no moving parts, and operable in a wide range of temperatures

## The (green) hydrogen value chain



## GM Fuel cells complement BEVs

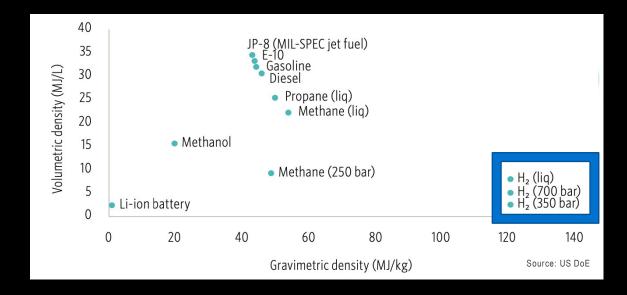




## Hydrogen as a fuel: challenges

- Despite having a very high energy density by weight, it has a low density by volume. This makes transportation and storage very challenging:
  - Gaseous form: requires much higher storage volumes than diesel
  - Liquid form: must be kept at -253F
  - Material form (e.g., ammonia): hazardous and
     ~20% end-to-end efficiency from solar to output
- Well to wheel efficiency is low for a fuel cell vehicle vs. BEV
- Currently green hydrogen is significantly more expensive than diesel
- Certain applications (e.g., mobility) require major infrastructure upgrades

#### Hydrogen has high gravimetric, but low volumetric density







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## GM Hydrotec fuel cells in mobility





## GM Hydrotec fuel cells in other power applications





Auxiliary power units for commercial aviation



#### Stationary power units (large)



Stationary (small) and mobile power units



**Gen2** Powercubes

general motors

## GM Hydrotec fuel cells in other power applications



## MOTORTREND

How We Charged 13 EVs at SUV of the Year Without Losing Our Minds

A pair of portable, hydrogen fuel cell DC fast chargers from GM's Hydrotec powered the electric vehicles at MotorTrend's 2023 SUV of the Year competition.





## CITYA.M.

Green hydrogen future? Geopura secures millions in funding from GM, Barclays and Siemens





## GM Hydrotec fuel cells: product evolution





SPECIFICATIONS	<b>GEN0 FUEL CELL EQUINOX</b>	GEN1	GEN2	GEN2 POWERCUBE
NET POWER	93 kW	85 kW	80 kW	77 kW
BIPOLAR PLATE	MOLDED COMPOSITE	STAMPED STAINLESS STEEL	STAMPED STAINLESS STEEL	
PRECIOUS METAL	80 G Pt	30 G Pt	LESS THAN 15 G Pt	
SIMPLIFICATION	> 30 SENSORS	~15 SENSORS	~15 SENSORS	FULLY VALIDATED SINGLE PACKAGE SOLUTION
COST PER UNIT	BASELINE	•	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>

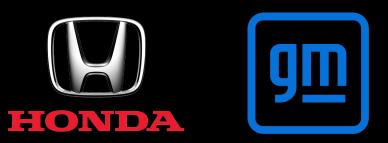
## GM Hydrotec fuel cells: joint venture with Honda



High volume manufacturing facility established in Brownstown, MI

Leverages proprietary strengths in membrane electrode assembly manufacturing and stack assembly

All equipment and tooling installed





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## Hydrogen Applications for Transportation Solutions

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Imagine A Clean, Green Energy Future We're Doing It Now

## Why the U.S. Electric Grid Isn't Ready for the Energy Transition

To start with there is no single U.S. electric grid. By Nadja Popovich and Brad Plumer June 12, 2023

The U.S. electric grid is often described as a **vast, synchronized machine** – a network of wires carrying electricity from power plants across the country into out homes

But, in reality, **there is no single U.S. grid.** There are three – one in the West, one in the East, and one in Texas – that only connect at a few points and share little power between them. • Grid Ability

- Grid Availability
- Grid Reliability

Those grids are further divided into a **patchwork of operators with competing interest.** That makes it <u>hard to build the long-distance power lines needed</u> to transport wind and solar nationwide





#### SOME OF OUR PRODUCTS / SOLUTIONS



#### EMPOWER EV RAPID CHARGER

- Recharge electric vehicles or fleet trucks in minutes
- No utility needed
- Transportable
- Scalable
- Utilizes GM Hydrotec, fuel cell power cubes
- Can be co-located at convenience stores and gas stations without a utility grid
- Can deliver building back up powe
- 500kW up to 700kW Power
- (4) Dual Port DC Fast Chargers
- Utility Interface for Backup or Bi-Directions Utility
   Connection
- Optional Canopy
- Optional Lighting Package





Portable Drop and Go – Grid Independent

#### EMPOWER 1.5 MW FUEL CELL BACK UP POWER

#### MOBILE POWER GENERATOR

#### 60 kw AC/180 kW DC Trailer System

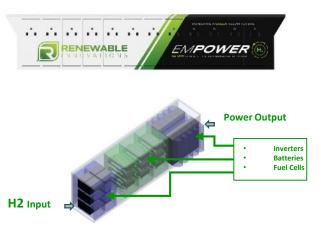
- Power buildings
- Towable using a standard pickup
- Holds up to 70 kg hydrogen 3 to 5 days of operation
- Provide fast-charge capability for EVs
   without installing permanent charge points
- 60kW Fuel Cell Continuous Power
- 200kW Inverter
- 180kWh Li Battery array
- 180 kW DC Fast Charger





#### L CELL BACK UP POWER

- Intended for data centers, Fleet Charging, and large infrastructure projects
- Up to 600 kW lithium-ion batteries
- Packaged in a 40-foot ISO containe
- Low maintenance expense
- Reduced permitting times



#### TRANSPORT REFUELER

# Minimum 1000kg H2 transport and Refueling • Min 1000kg H2 • Fuel Cell Powered • Onboard Compression • Onboard Chiller • Refueling Pressure • 200 BAR • 350 BAR

- o 500 B/
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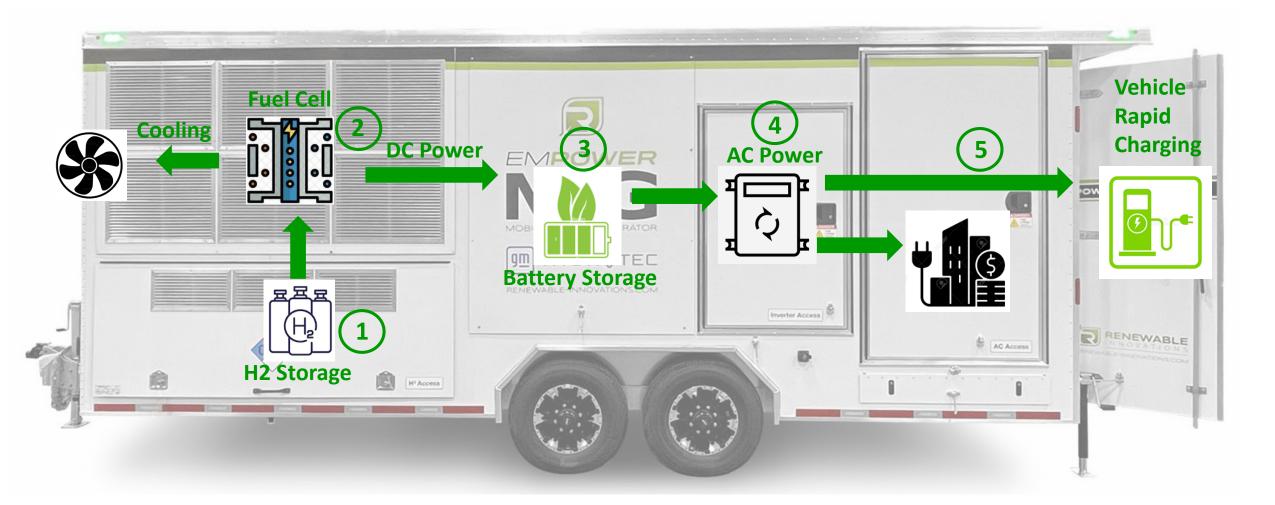
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#### How RENEWABLE INNOVATION'S SYSTEMS WORK





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#### Enhanced PRODUCTS / MPG







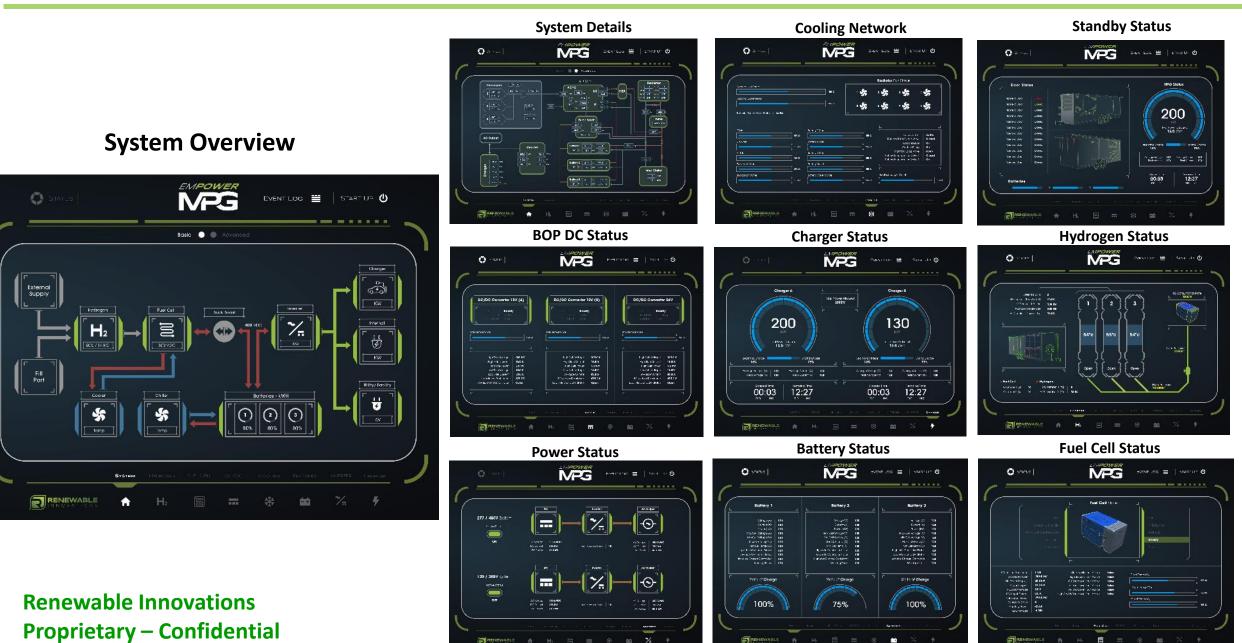




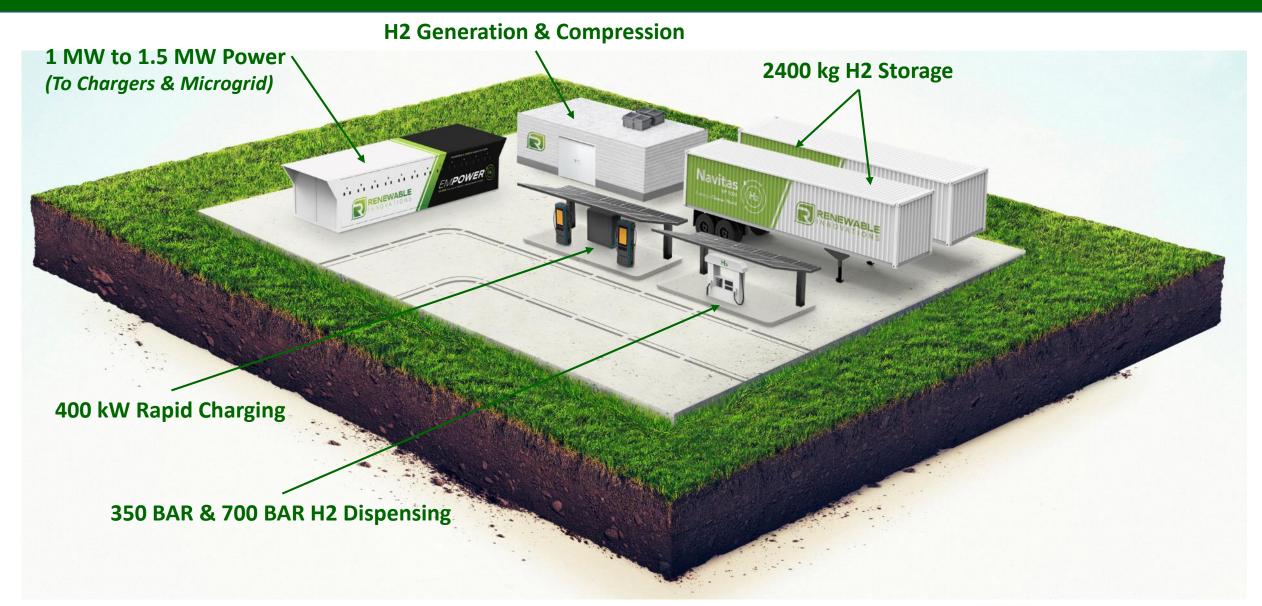


#### Developed SOFTWARE





### Renewable Innovations bringing you the Complete Green H2 ECO System. Site Selected and being built!





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#### U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap

The U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap explores opportunities for clean hydrogen to contribute to national decarbonization goals in various sectors.

#### The report consists of the three parts

#### **Setting National Decarbonization Goals**

- 100% carbon pollution-free electricity by 2035
- Net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- Increasing clean hydrogen production from nearly zero today to 50 MMT per year by 2050 could result in a greenhouse gas emissions reduction of 10% relative to 2005 levels

#### Identifying Three Strategies to Enable the Benefits of Clean Hvdroaen

- Target strategic, high-impact uses of clean hydrogen
- Reduce the cost of clean hydrogen
- Focus on developing regional networks

#### **Developing Guiding Principles and National Actions**

The report establishes eight principles for federal agencies to ensure a sustainable, resilient, and equitable clean hydrogen economy:

- Enable deep decarbonization
- Catalyze innovation and investment by fostering partnerships
- Promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- Advance energy and environmental justice
- Spur domestic manufacturing and robust supply chains
- Grow quality jobs
- Enable affordability and versatility
- Approach clean hydrogen development and deployment holistically



Steel production

generation

Aviation

- Cement production Energy storage and power

Support economy-

economy-wide

by 2050

emissions reductions

 Blending with existing natural gas networks



Ammonia production

Long-haul heavy-duty trucks

Heavy machinery in mining,

construction, and agriculture

Transit buses

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Clean Hydrogen in the US could ...







jobs created by 2030

450,000

Cumulative job-years ugh 2030 Third Wave

crease while costs decline



Renewable Innovations is Accelerating the Growth and Opportunities within the Renewable Economy.





**Multiple Possibilities with Hydrogen** 





# HYDROGEN FUEL CELL The Energy of Tomorrow Powering SARTA Today.

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# SARTA Operational Facts



- 2.2 million trips per year
- 212 employees
- \$22 million budget
- Extensive use of technology including Ford Transit Electric Cutaway with a Fuel Cell Range Extender Prototype.





# SARTA Current Fleet

- 83 of the 102 buses operated use alternative fuel.
  - 62 CNG
  - 19 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric buses and vans. (9-150Kw Fuel Cell-50Kg)(5-85Kw Fuel Cell-60Kg)(5-40Kw Fuel Cell-13Kg)
  - 2 Diesel Electric Hybrid
  - 6 Diesel buses by end of 2022
- In 2010, 96 of the vehicles SARTA operated were diesel.

# SARTA Mission Statement

SARTA is committed to enhancing the quality of life for our community by providing efficient, affordable and sustainable mobility options for Stark County.

# SARTA Vision Statement

To enhance the **economic and environmental viability** of Stark County by providing mobility access for employment, education, medical care and recreational opportunities.

### We will do this by:

- ~Operating within budget and in a financially responsible manner.
- ~Enhancing quality of life through personal independence.
- ~Offering mobility options to meet the diverse needs of the public.

~Creating an environment supporting professional development to ensure a dynamic workforce operating according to the highest ethical standards.

~Continuing our efforts to utilize alternative energy sources for our fleet and facilities.

# So how did Hydrogen end up at SARTA in Canton, Ohio?

- SARTA applied to be part of the initial American Fuel Cell Bus Program in 2015 as part of a \$90 million Federal Transit Administration program.
- Now seven years later SARTA is the third largest hydrogen fleet operating the second largest hydrogen station in the United States and the largest fleet outside of the state of California.

# Operational Needs vs Technology

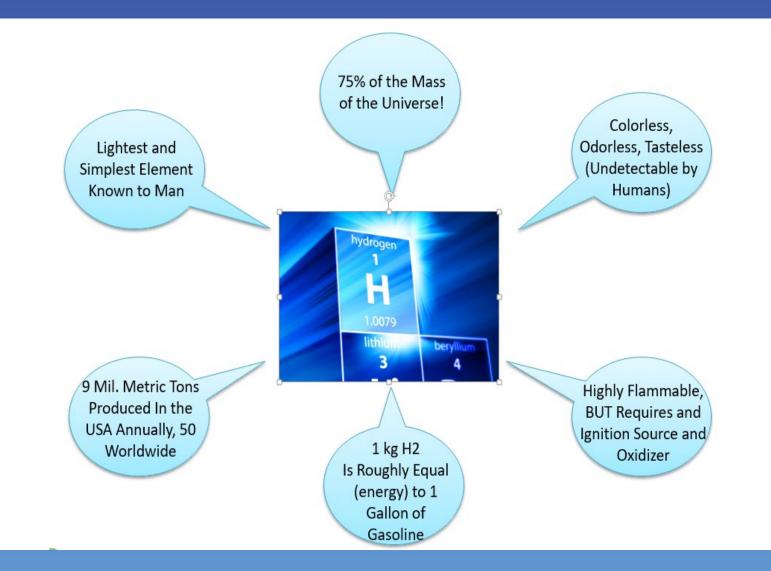
- Operationally, agencies need a Battery Electric or Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric vehicle that can be used in the same way they use Diesel or CNG in their fleets today.
  - Our first Hydrogen buses have a range of 200 miles in ideal conditions. By working with the manufactures our newest model has a range of over 230 miles with a smaller fuel cell and an additional 10Kg of hydrogen.
  - The Cutaway Vans range is 100 miles on battery, but with the fuel cell it is extended to 250 to 300 miles.
  - Parasitic load factors determine the mileage of both electric and hydrogen vehicles.
  - SARTA has taken a leadership role in working with vendors and engineers to make the enhancements needed to help propel the technology even further.



# Community Reaction to Technology

- Our community leaders as well as employees have embraced the technology and the spotlight that SARTA has put on Stark County and Northeast Ohio.
  - Ohio is the 3rd largest producer of hydrogen fuel cell components and membranes.
  - Northeast Ohio is home to NASA Glenn, Rolls Royce and LG stationary fuel cell headquarters.
  - The vehicle needs to be accepted by the Operators, Maintenance and Community Stakeholders.

# Hydrogen Facts





# Where is Hydrogen Used?

Hydrogen is one of the most important building blocks in the chemical industry.

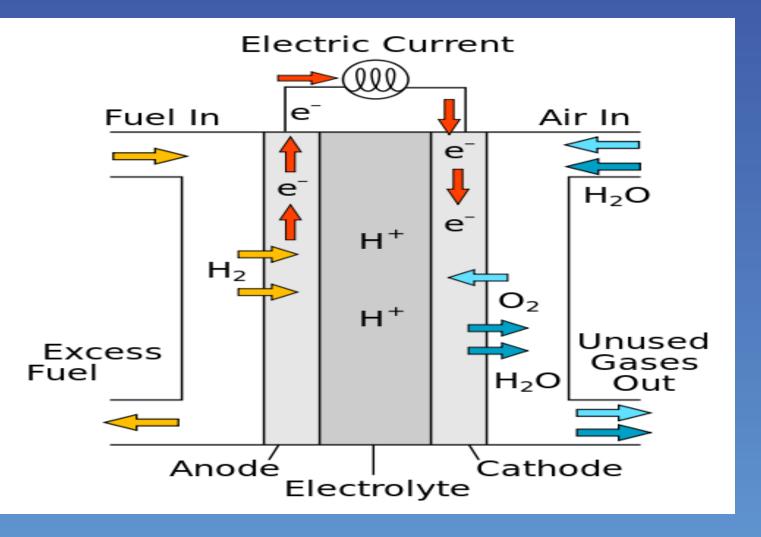
- Ammonia Production (Fertilizers)
- Methanol Production
- Polymer Production
- Food Processing
- Oil Refining oil (Sulfur Reduction),
- Metal Processing and Heat Treating
- Welding
- Powering Fuel Cells

# **Fuel Cell Facts**

- Fuel Cells are similar to a regular battery but it does not run down or need recharging and can produce electricity constantly.
- They are more efficient than the ICE (Internal Combustible Engine) only producing warm air and water vapor in its exhaust.
- A fuel cell consists of a anode, cathode plate separated by a proton exchange membrane that splits the hydrogen atom into a negative and positive electron. The negative electron is forced through a circuit to create electricity while the positive passes through the membrane and mixes with oxygen to create H20 that is then released as water through the exhaust pipe.
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4pXAmljdUA</u>



# How does a Fuel Cell Work?



## The Engine Bay of a Hydrogen Bus



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# Growing Pains - Sufficient Space

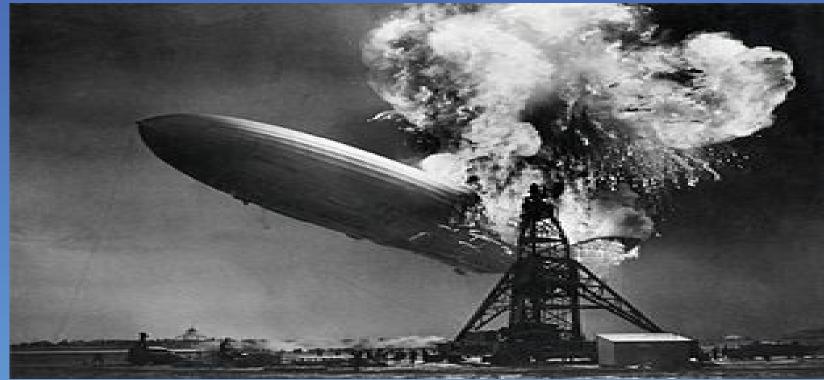


# Growing Pains

- Educating your Employees, Community and First Responders on the technology.
- Educating Politicians and those in the decision making process at both the State and Federal levels.
- Advancing the Technology: Borrow a Bus Program. We have sent the bus to Florida, Texas, California, Oregon, Washington, District of Columbia, Virginia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey and Canada.
- In 2019 SARTA transported a hydrogen bus to Washington, DC to demonstrate the technology. Demonstrations were held at Capital Hill, U.S.
   Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Energy.

# Growing Pains and FEARS!

 Educating our staff and your community to remove their fears and changing their perception of using Hydrogen as a fuel. "California is coming to a neighborhood near you!"





# H2 Education at Ohio Statehouse



### SARTA seeks to build support for hydrogen hub in Ohio

Robert Wang The Repository Published 5:35 a.m. ET Feb. 17, 2022

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# To the Future







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