### New Mexico Army National Guard PEM Demonstration Project

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#### **Presentation Outline**

- Intro to ERDC CERL
- Past Fuel Cell Projects
- Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Basics
- NM Fuel Cell Demonstration
- Questions

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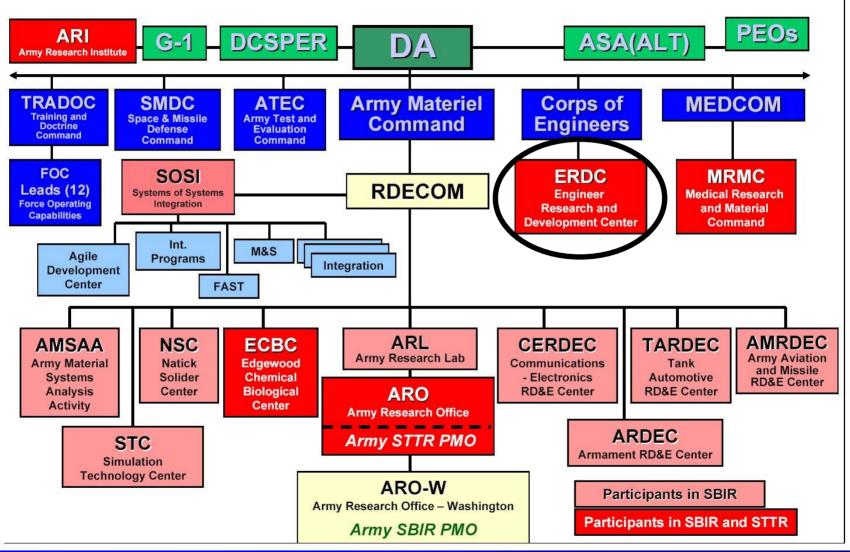
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Geotechnical and Structures Laboratory (GSL)

Information Technology Laboratory (ITL)

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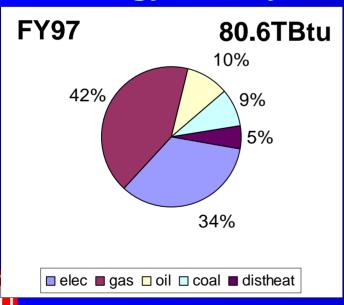
#### Soldiers, Families, and Civilians



... are our Customers!

### **DoD Fuel Cell Technology Stationary Goals**

- The Army Spends ~ \$1B Annually for Energy \*
- Fixed Facilities Consume ~ 73% of this Energy
- **DoD Environmental Compliance**
- **Energy Quality, Reliability, and Security**





#### What is a Fuel Cell?

Fuel cells are electrochemical power generators with the potential for attaining very high electrical energy conversion efficiencies, while operating quietly with minimal polluting emissions. In addition, by-product thermal energy generated in the fuel cell is available for use for cogeneration of hot water or steam.



1839 – Sir William Grove discovers principle of fuel cell – "gas battery."

1889 - Langer & Mond coin the term "fuel cell."

1932 – Bacon develops H2 - 02 fuel ce

1969 – NASA launches Gemini 5, man spacecraft with fuel cell.

1992 – UTC Fuel Cells offers "comme available" 200 kW fue

1994 – Daimler Chrysler unve NECAR 1, first fuel ce

2006 – Residential Fuel Cells, Battery

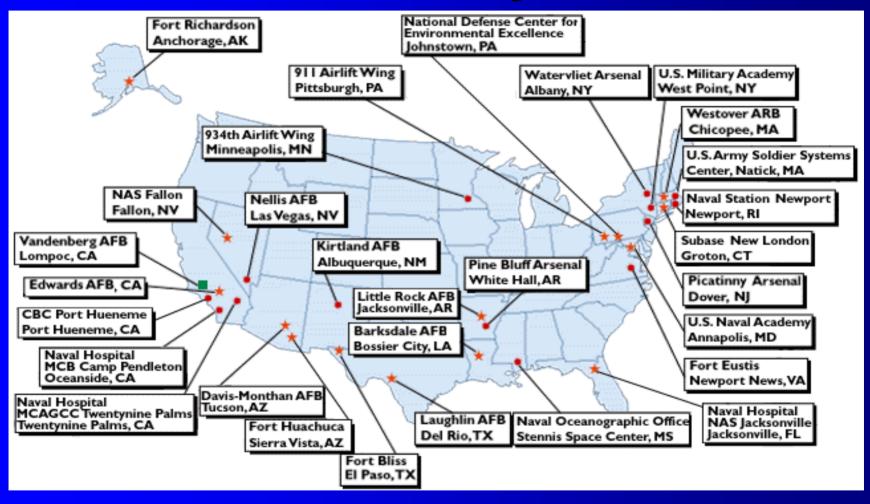
Replacements, Hydrogen Economy, etc.

### Is Hydrogen Safe?

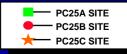
- Hydrogen is non-toxic and evaporates immediately after a spill, unlike gasoline and oil
- The Hindenburg accident was not caused a hydrogen explosion.
- The extremely high heat and pressures needed for an H-bomb would never be found in a fuel cell or hydrogen storage device

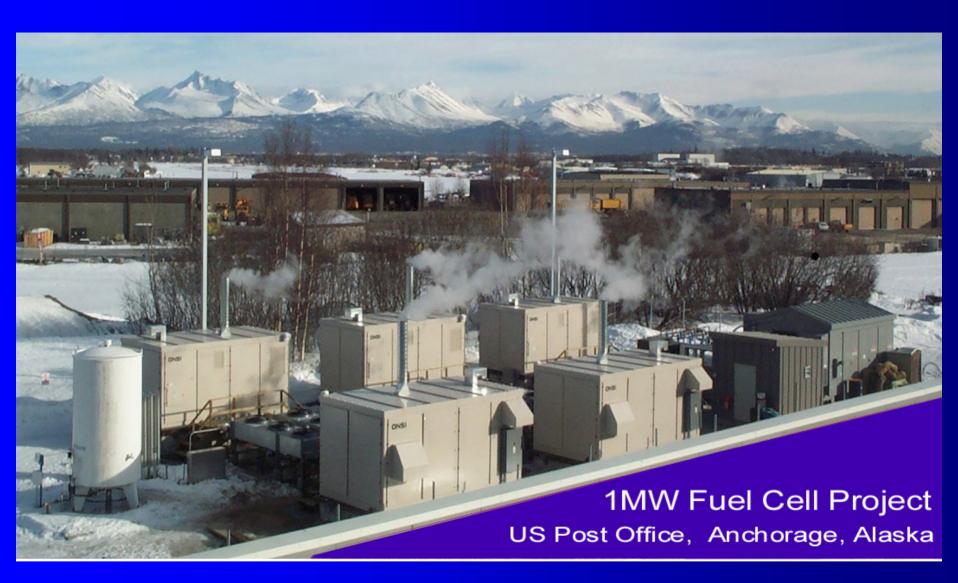


#### **DoD PAFC Project Sites**



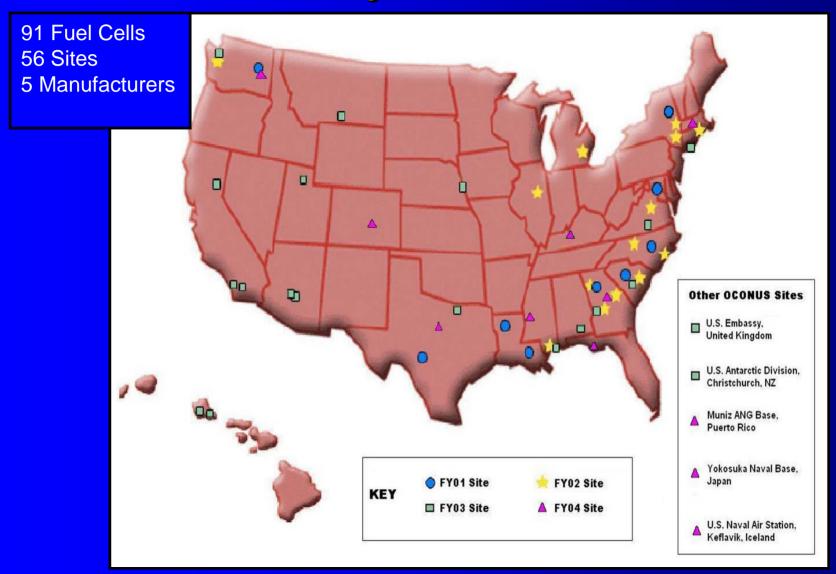








### FY01-FY04 Residential PEMFC Project Sites



#### **PEM Fuel Cell Demonstration Sites**



Watervliet Arsenal Officer's Quarters



**ERDC-CERL Equipment Shed** 



USCG Facility
Maintenance Building



U.S. Border Patrol Radio Repeater Station



Arizona State University Army Reserve Building



Keflavik Airport, Iceland Telecommunications Backup

# New Mexico Army National Guard PEM Demonstration Project





#### **Demonstration Goals**

- Conduct site visits at NMNG facilities and determine the best sites for installation of 20 fuel cell systems
- Establish system design and installation plan
- Generate test plans/procedures to demonstrate functionality of fuel cell systems
- Demonstrate and evaluate fuel cell systems as backup power provider at NMNG sites



#### **GENCORE®**

- Durable solution for extended backup
- Capable of replacing or augmenting batteries
- Maintains batteries at <u>full charge</u> during outage
- Predictable and scaleable run time
- Low maintenance
- Outdoor operation reduces facility modifications
- Small footprint
- Lightweight
- Environmentally friendly





### Plug Power GenCore 5B Fuel Cell Statistics

Product Characteristics		GenCore 5B
Performance Rated	Rated Net Output	0 to 5,000 W
	Adjustable Voltage	+46 to -56 Vdc (+48)
	Operating Voltage Range	+42 to +60 Vdc
	Operating Current Range	0 to 109 Amps
Fuel	Gaseous Hydrogen	99.95% Dry
	Supply Pressure	80 psig
	Fuel Consumption	40 slm at 3,000W
		75 slm at 5,000W
Operation	Ambient Temperature	-40 C to 46 C
	Relative Humidity	0% to 95% Non condensing
	Altitude	-197 ft to 6,000 ft
Physical Dimensions	Dimensions	44" H x 26" W x 24"D
	Weight	500 Lbs
Safety	Compliance	FCC Class A
		ANSI Z21.83
		UL Listed
		Telcordia GR 63, 78,487,1089
Emissions Water	Water Maximum	1.75 Liters per hour
	CO, CO2, NOx, SO2	<1ppm
	Audible Noise	60 dba @ 1m



# GENCORE® TECHNOLOGY EVOLUTION



2003 – "Prototype" 5kW Unit:

- Indoor (Outdoor) siting
- UPS interface design
- Limited field trials

2007 - Product Refreshed

- 6 Technology Initiatives
- Enhanced service interface
- Reduced Cost
- FC-1 Compliant





2005 - GenCore:

- 60% decrease in material cost
- 40% decrease in size
- 60% decrease in weight
- 5 new market configurations
- ❖ NEBS/CE



**Ultra-capacitors** 



#### GenCore – How Does It Operate

- Similar to a solid state battery that continues providing
   DC Power while Hydrogen is available
- Always on and floats on the DC Buss like a battery
- Installed in parallel to existing battery strings or replaces battery strings
- Technician input sets float voltage, voltage drop for start, and time delay
- System starts power producing mode automatically and returns to standby automatically



#### **Hydrogen Supply Module (HSM)**

- Compressed Hydrogen
  - Six Cylinders per Unit
  - 2400 PSI
  - ~ 60kWhrs of Fuel Storage
- Daily Monitoring
- Replace Cylinders
  - <500PSI
- Fuel Consumption at 5kW
  - ~ ½ Cylinder Per Hour



### GenCore Details - H2 Storage

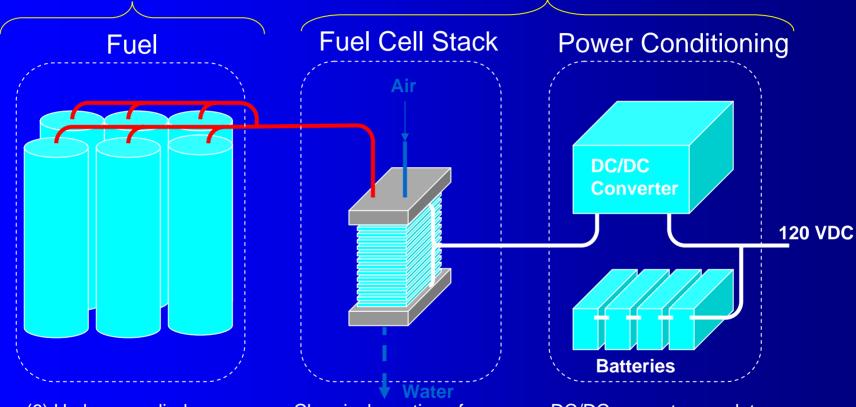




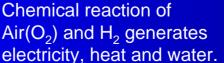
#### **GENCORE POWER SOLUTION**

Hydrogen Storage Module (HSM)

Power Generation Module (PGM)



(6) Hydrogen cylinders -



DC/DC converter regulates output voltage. Batteries provide bridging power.



## INITIAL QUESTIONS FOR SITE SELECTION

- What type of equipment is to be backed up? Does it require AC power?
- What is power usage by site?
- Can list be narrowed to those sites with 8-16 kW load?
- Are Phase 1 sites within ~60 mile radius of Albuquerque?
- Are all facilities easily accessible by road?
- Are standard building and electrical drawings available for the facilities?



### INITIAL QUESTIONS FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

To begin site preparation

- Are there restrictions as to when contractors are allowed on site?
- What documentation is required for a contractor to gain access?
- Is there a preferred vendor list available?
- Is there a current maintenance (Electrical or HVAC) vendor that maintains/repairs these facilities?
- What is required if a service provider is not on the vendor list?
- Are permits required? Should not be as most State agencies are self permitting.
- Are there any special requirements for bringing Compressed gases on to the site?
- Will drawings be required before installations begin?



#### **Fuel Cell Site Location**

#### NM National Guard HQ Site - Santa Fe

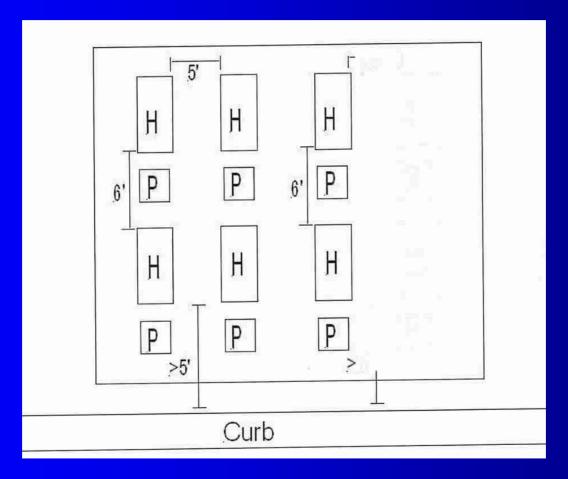
- Building #24
  - 8 Fuel Cells
  - Loads
    - Computer Server Rooms
    - Lighting
    - Mobile Air Conditioning Unit
    - Dedicated Circuit Receptacles
- Headquarters Building #10
  - 4 Fuel Cells
  - Loads
    - Computer Server Rooms
    - Lighting
    - Dedicated AC Circuit Receptacles

- PBX Building #10
  - 2 Fuel Cells
  - Loads
    - DC Equipment Loads
    - Dedicated AC Circuit Receptacles
- Airport
  - 2 Fuel Cells
  - Loads
    - Computer Servers
    - Radio Equipment
    - Security System
    - Lighting



### NM National Guard HQ Site Fuel Cell Pad Layout

**Building 24** 





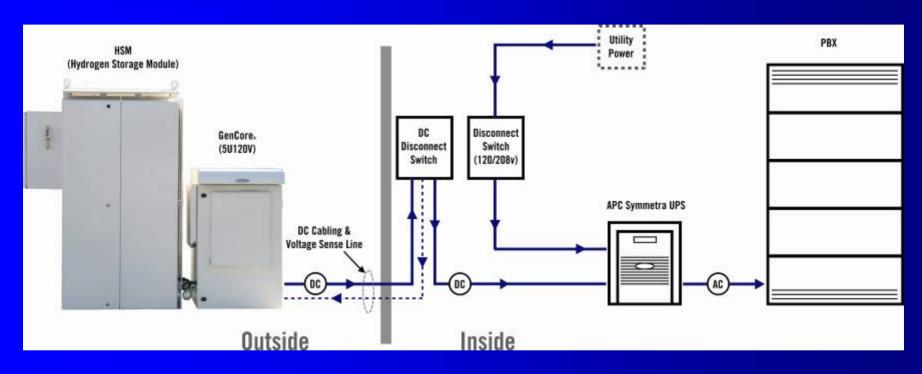
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#### NM National Guard Site – Rio Rancho

- Rio Rancho Building
  - 4 Fuel Cells
  - Loads
    - Computer Server Rooms
    - SIPR NETWORK
    - Command Conference Room
    - Lighting
    - IDS Security System
    - Dedicated Circuit Receptacles



#### **TYPICAL UPS INSTALLATION**



### GenCore systems extend the runtime of traditional UPS systems



#### **Fuel Cell Installation**





#### Fuel Cell Operation and Monitoring

- Internal Data Logger
  - All Fuel Cells
  - 30 Days of Storage
  - Download by Technician
- Remote Monitoring
  - 5 Modems
    - 1 at Each Location
    - Retrieve All Events
- Monthly Conditioning
  - All Fuel Cells
- Forced Cycling
  - 5 Fuel Cells With Modems



#### http://dodfuelcell.com

