

Electrochemical Technologies for the Transportation and Energy Industry of the Future

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Transportation and Energy - Walking Hand in Hand

50 million are sold annually – Japan may be the world's largest producer

China and US are the enormous markets

When will this trend change? If US and China consume 40% of the world's depleting oil reserves, what will the rest of the world use?



2012 World Oil Consumption (EIA) (million of barrels per day



Source: Toyota



Types of Primary Energy

- Primary Energy (Stored and Real time)
 - Oil
 - Coal
 - Natural Gas
 - Biomass
 - Nuclear
 - Solar
 - Wind
 - Hydro
 - Geothermal











Oil, Coal and nuclear are finite stored energy

• These will be going away in the future

 These leaves solar, natural gas, biomass, wind, geothermal and hydro

Energy Conversion Technologies for Electrified Transport

- Natural gas fuel cells represent conversion of chemical to electrical (c →e);
- Batteries and electrolysers/fuel cells, electrical to chemical to electrical (e → c → e);
- Hydrogen, chemical to chemical to electrical (c → c → e);
- Solar, light to electrical $(\lambda \rightarrow e)$; and
- Solar synthesis, light to chemical to electrical ($\lambda \rightarrow c \rightarrow e$).



Natural Gas

We will always have natural gas (methane) on this planet

We benefit from the chemical energy extracted from sunlight on this planet

Coal, petroleum and natural gas are stored chemical energy from the past

As long as there is life and sunlight, we will always have natural gas on this planet in the future

 Methane from human (ADG) and plant and animal and plant residues and wastes captured from sunlight are available





Natural Gas Fuel Cells for Transportation

- Natural gas fuel cells
 - Direct methane
 - Internal reforming
- Complete re-look
- Metal-supported planar or tubular, intermediate temperature, perhaps
 - SOFC-type
 - Durability
 - Efficiency



Anode Catalyst

Cathode Catalyst

Porous YSZ Electrode Metal Suppor

Electrolyte

Metal



Hydrogen

- Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles will require a hydrogen infrastructure.
- Natural gas is currently the principle method to generate hydrogen. Production from renewable energy – wind, solar, geothermal and biomass is also possible for the future.
- The use of hydrogen for vehicles may require the development of two infrastructures – one for natural gas and one for hydrogen.
- In future H2 and fuel production could be directly synthesized from water, CO2 and light. H2 and liquid fuels could be indirectly synthesized from water, NG and energy (light, thermal).





- Battery/storage chemicals are a key possibility for the future. Electricity is needed to charge these chemicals.
- The chemical energy is then converted back to electrical energy. So it is in reality a way to store electrical energy.
- Electrolysers convert electrical energy and/or thermal energy into chemical energy. An electrolyser combined with a fuel cell is actually a rechargeable battery.



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Priority Research for Electrified Transportation

- Light (solar performance and cost)
- Natural gas on-board storage
- Electrolyers/fuel cells
- Batteries (performance and cost)
- H2 fuel cells for transportation for long distance
- Natural gas fuel cells for transportation
- H2 and fuel production directly from water, CO2 and light
- H2 and liquid fuels indirectly from water, NG and energy (light, thermal)