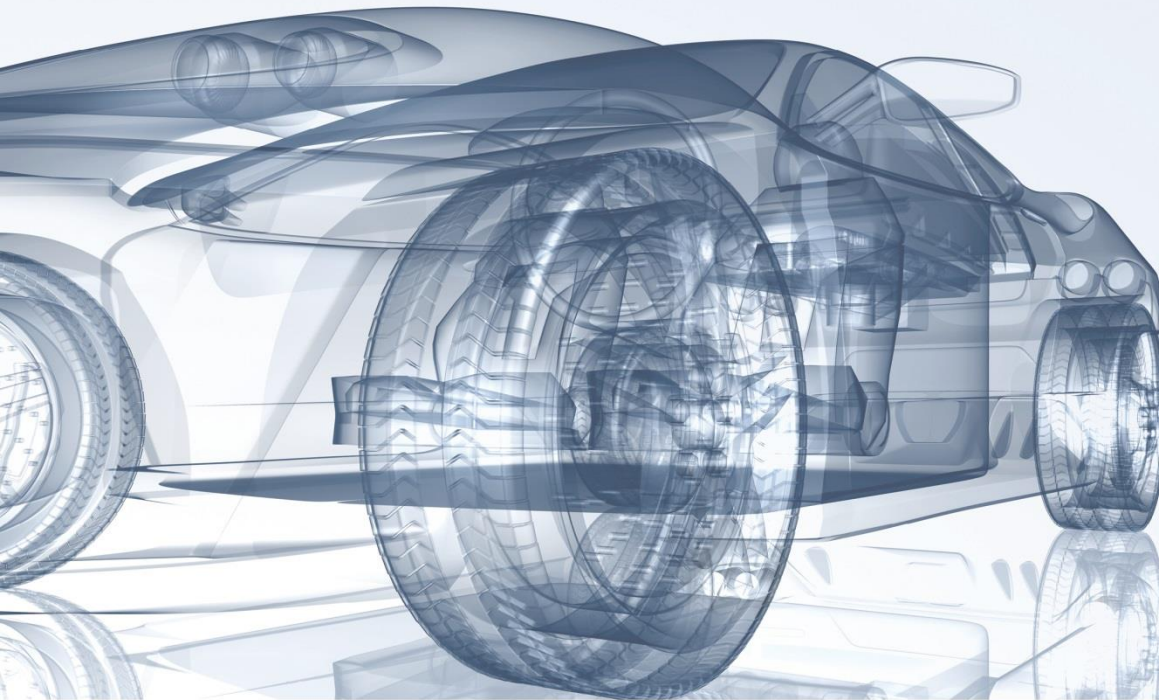


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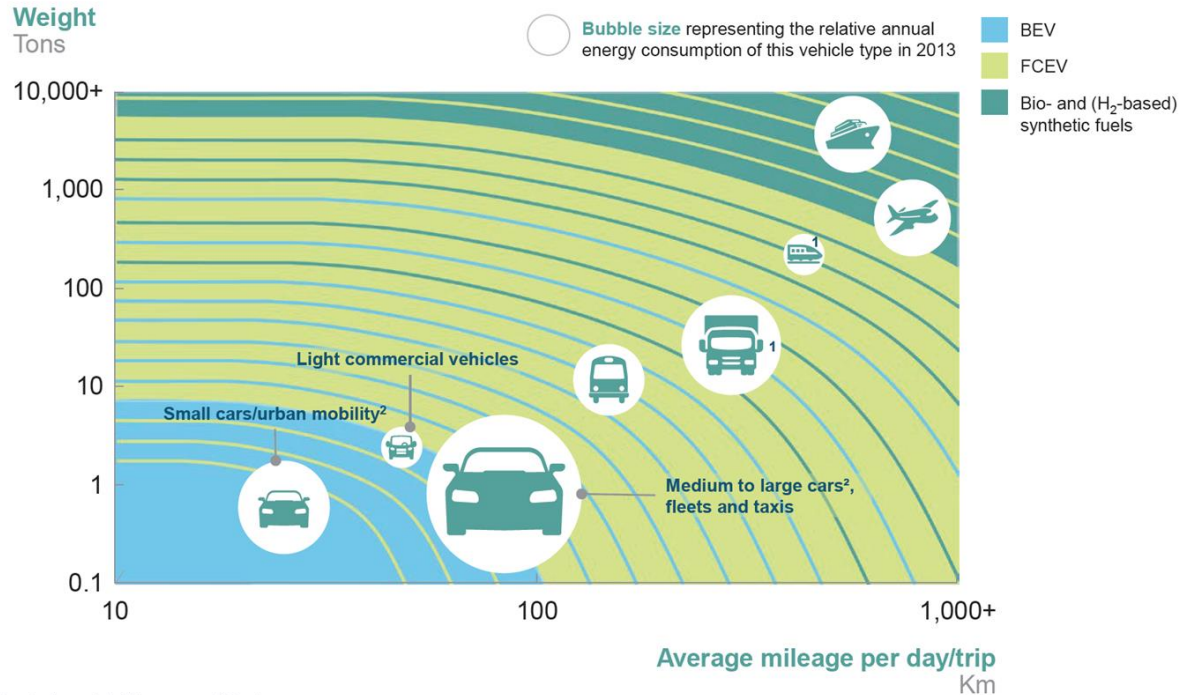


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Fuel cells in automotive applications: Powertrain technology options for different transport modes



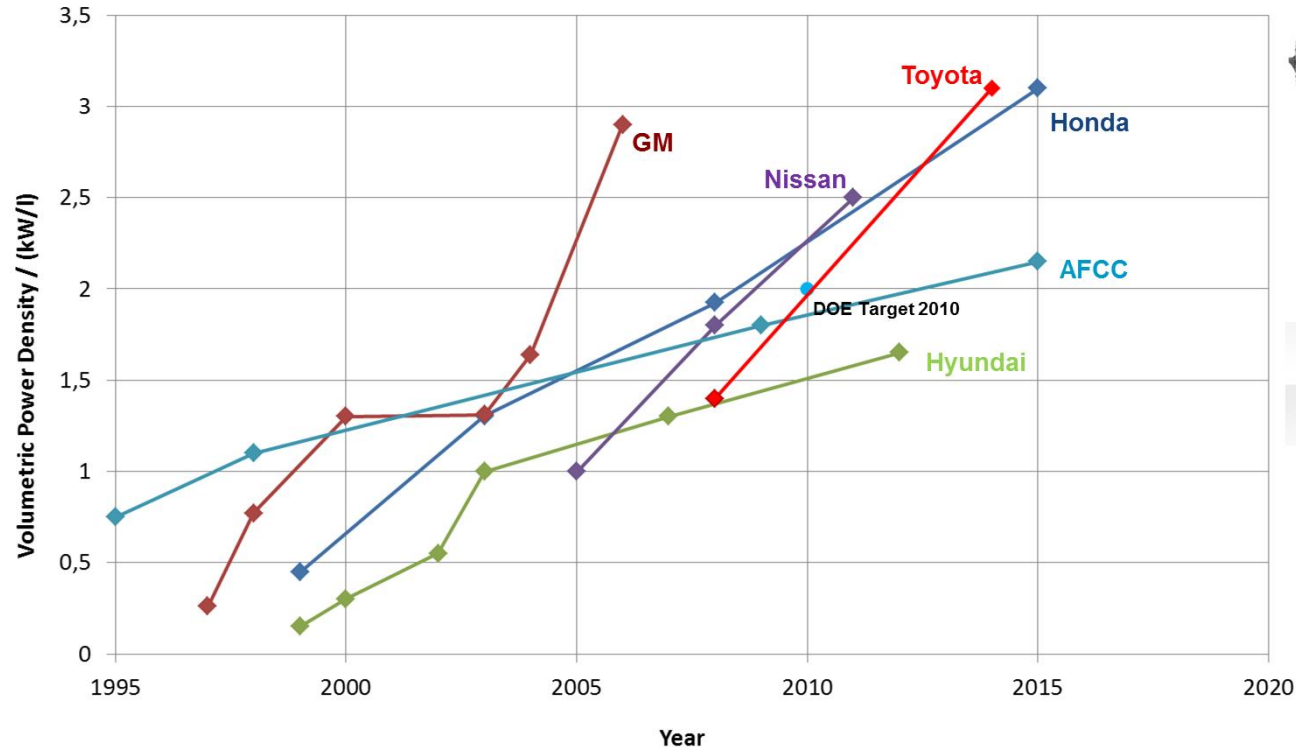
¹ Battery-hydrogen hybrid to ensure sufficient power

² Split in A- and B-segment LDVs (small cars) and C+-segment LDVs (medium to large cars) based on a 30% market share of A/B-segment cars and a 50% less energy demand

Source: Daimler, Honda, Hyundai, Toyota, BMW, Kawasaki, Alstom, Shell, Total, Linde, Air Liquide, Anglo American, Engie, Hydrogen Council 2017

Pictures: Toyota, Alstom, e4ships, ecowatch.com, DLR, Airbus

Fuel cells in automotive applications: Package / weight: Fuel cell stack volumetric power density



sources: Toyota, GM, Hyundai, Honda, AFCC, Nissan, autostack, DOE, TIAX



Fuel cells in automotive applications: Platinum is no longer a show stopper for FCEVs

- Platinum loading of automotive fuel cell stacks could be reduced by more than 90% in the latest fuel cell vehicles compared to 2010 technology status
- Current fuel cells require not much more platinum than catalytic converters of a conventional car
 - Daimler GLC: 20g Pt/vehicle
 - GM lab system: 12g Pt/vehicle
 - Catalytic converter diesel: 6-8g Pt/vehicle
- Development continues to further reduce platinum demand
- Platinum is no longer a show-stopper for FCEVs



2010: Underfloor package
206 g Platinum
4 kW / m² active area
Screw compressor



2017: Compartment package
20 g Platinum
9 kW / m² active area
Electric turbo charger with turbine

Source: Daimler

Fuel cells in automotive applications: Technology status and future development

- Stack power output: 115 kW
- Power density: 3.1 kW/l
- Platinum loading: 10-20 g Pt/vehicle
- Cold start: - 40 °C
- Fuel cell vehicle range: 700 km
- Refuelling time: approx. 3 min.
- Durability: 300.000 km

→ Fuel cell vehicle performance meets customer expectations

→ But: Cost targets for series production not yet reached



source: BMW, NuCellSys/Daimler, VW, Toyota

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Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid: The case for fuel cell plug-in hybrids

- Optimal degree of hybridization of fuel cell vehicles depends on cost development of battery and fuel cell
- Fuel cell plug-in hybrid focuses on downsized, low-cost fuel cell system
- Fuel cell system must provide average vehicle power demand to ensure unlimited long-distance emobility
- Battery electric operation covers short-distance driving w/ highest efficiencies, lowest operating cost
- High value fuel hydrogen is used for long-distance emission free mobility



source: FEV

Fuel cell plug-in hybrids: Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid: Project BREEZE

BREEZE: Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid

- Battery electric operation for short distances
- 30 kW fuel cell system enables emission free long-distance mobility and short refuelling times

- Automotive stack development by ZBT and Gräbener Maschinentechnik
 - Component benchmarking
 - Flowfield design/CFD simulation/
 - Development sealing technology
 - Testing and qualification

- System development by FEV and VKA



Fullstack: power density up to 1 W/cm²

Lab-stack qualified



Development
Automotive BPP Design



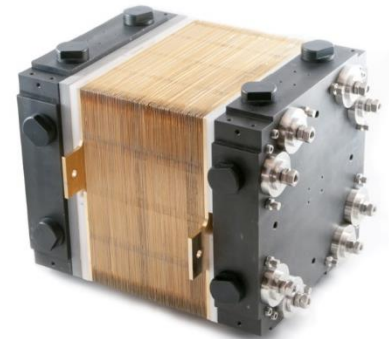
Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid: System specification

System:

- Dimensions: 750x520x400 mm
- Weight: 100 kg
- Fuel: Hydrogen 350 bar (opt. 700 bar)
- Refuelling time: 3 min.

Stack:

- Stack power output: 33 kW, 325 A at nom. Load
- Operating temperature: 80 °C
- Operating pressure: 2 bar(a)
- Cell pitch: 1,2 mm
 - Metallic Bipolar Plates
 - No cathode humidification
 - Cast aluminum endplate with integrated balance of plant components



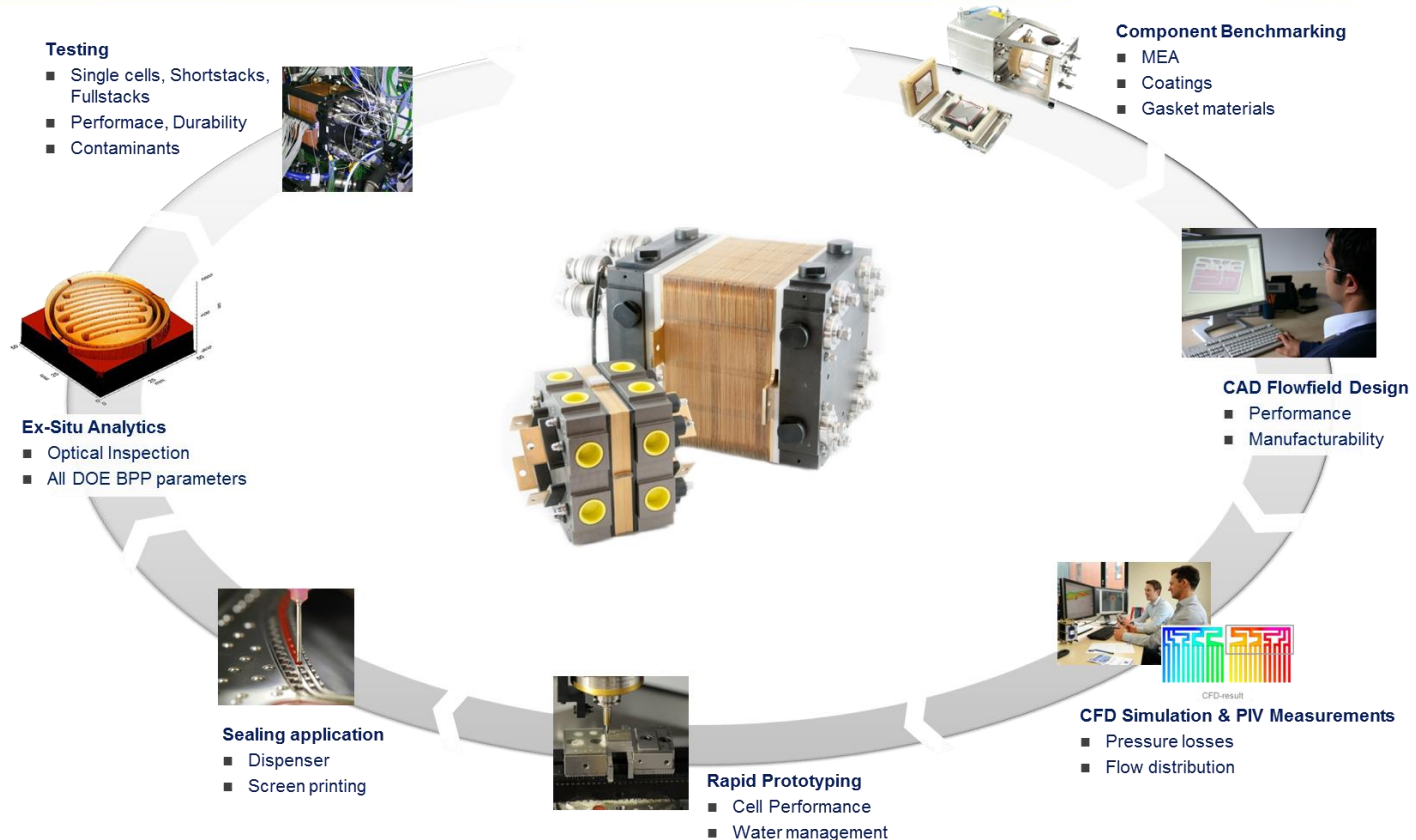
Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid: Vehicle integration



source: FEV

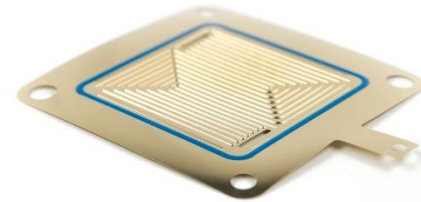
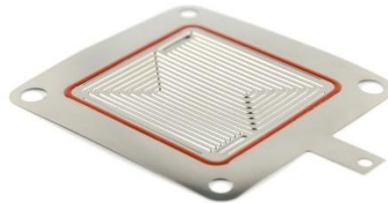
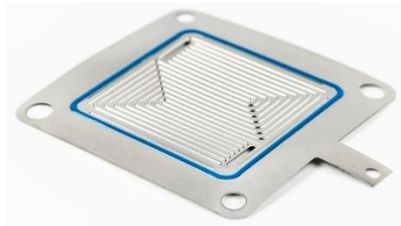
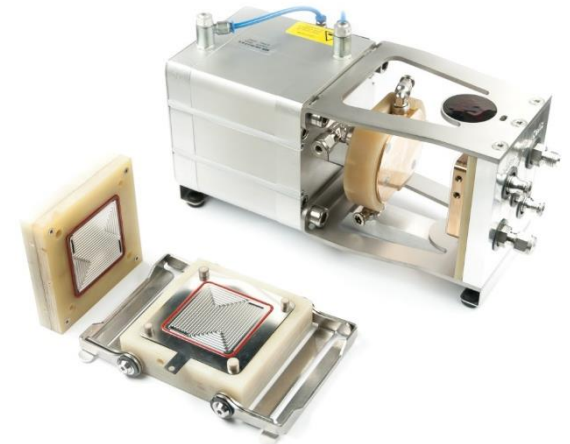


Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid: Stack development at ZBT



Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid: In-situ testing under automotive conditions

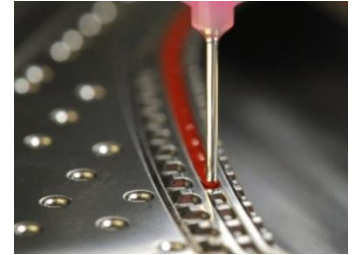
- Metallic sheet metal bipolar plates
- Active area: 25 cm²
- Power density > 1,2 W/cm²
- Compaction: max. 2.5 MPa on active area
- Sealable by o-rings or FIP gaskets
- Inserted in commercial available test hardware Baltic qCF
- Temperature range: RT...180 °C
- Voltage monitoring directly contacted to the bipolar plates



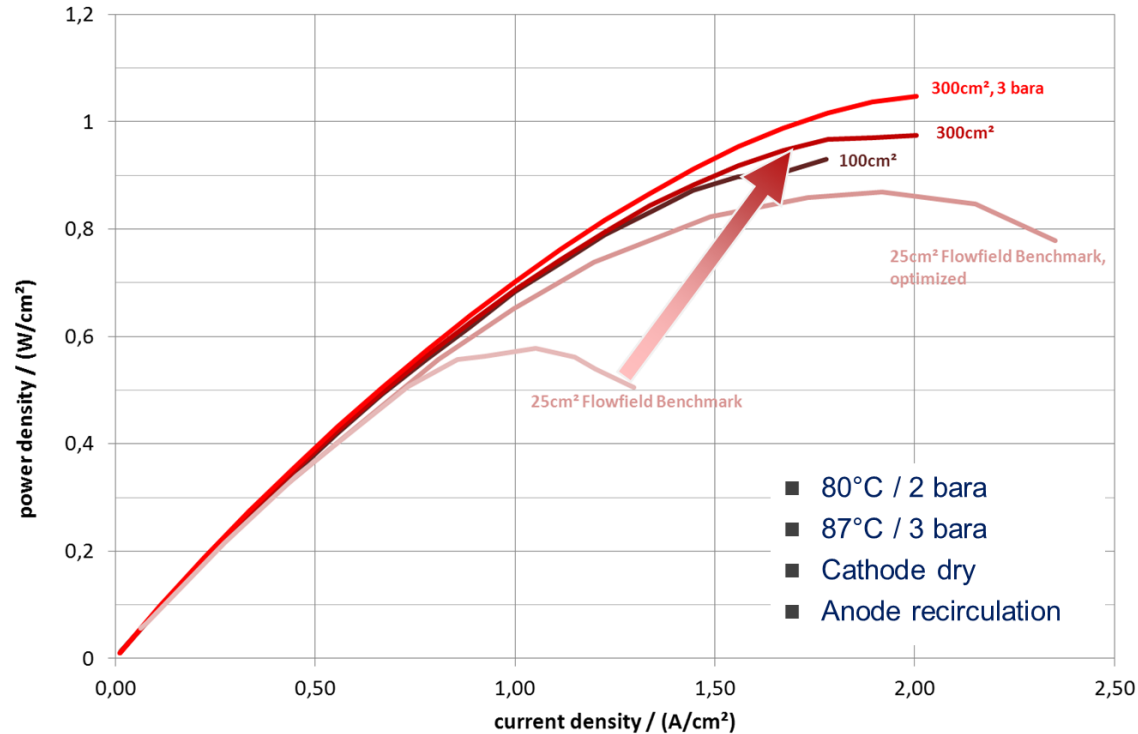
Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid: ZBT's sealing solutions for fuel cells

Advantages:

- Fast development process
- No tooling cost
- High design flexibility/easy adaptation to different heights
- Materials: Silicone based, FKM and customer specific
- Homogenous sealing height also for complex geometries
- Low sealing loads ($\sim 10\text{-}15\%$ of stack compression force)
- Fast application process
- High yield
- No gas bubbles in sealing
- Profiled sealing contours possible
- Reworking of existing sealing designs feasible



Development of a fuel cell plug-in hybrid: Performance testing of 300cm² stack



Fuel cell plug-in hybrids: Conclusion



- Fuel cell plug-in hybrids enable long distance emission free electric mobility
- Degree of hybridization between battery and fuel cell can be optimized to reduce overall cost
- Development is currently focusing on low-cost, high volume manufacturing technologies
- ZBT supports the industry in the development of fuel cell stacks and systems, manufactures low cost sealing solutions for fuel cells and provides independent testing and qualification services

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