
INTRODUCTION TO FUEL CELL VEHICLES

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Course Overview

This 24-hour course covers Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Technology at the introductory level. It includes the history of using hydrogen gas as a fuel, the properties of hydrogen, considerations of safety and hazards, hydrogen vehicle fuel systems, and fuel cell vehicle diagnostics and troubleshooting. This course is aimed at hydrogen fuel cell technicians and first responders.

I. Learning Outcomes and Objectives

Course Learning Outcomes

- Participants will understand the design, operation, maintenance, diagnosis and repair of fuel cell vehicles
- Participants will be able to service and maintain fuel cell vehicles
- Participants will be able to safely work in an environment where hydrogen is used as a fuel

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify historical and current uses for hydrogen as a fuel
2. Discuss advantages of hydrogen as a fuel source
3. Name at least three properties of hydrogen
4. Select appropriate safety attire for working in an environment with hydrogen fuel
5. List two ways to detect a hydrogen leak
6. List several hydrogen combustion methods
7. Follow proper procedures in case of a hydrogen emergencies and first responder procedures
8. First responders will be able to safely and effectively deal with hydrogen fuel cell vehicle emergencies
9. Identify the parts of a fuel cell system
10. Name at least two major pieces of hardware one might find in a hydrogen fuel cell system
11. Diagnose a fuel cell problem using the TIS system

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II. Course Agenda

Day 1

Module 00: Introduction

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| 10 Min | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended Course Materials• Lab Requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Personal Equipment and Attire○ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)○ Tattoo and Health Disclosure |
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Module 01: History of Hydrogen Gas as a Fuel

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| 1.25 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discovery and Use• Why Consider Hydrogen as Fuel?• Infrastructure and Demand• Production |
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Module 02: Hydrogen Gas Safety & Service Procedures

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| 1.25 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Responder Procedures• Properties of Hydrogen• Safe Work Practices• Hydrogen Leaks |
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Module continues...

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Lab 01: Hands-on Activities

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| 1.5 Hours | Safety Concerns, Emergency Precautions, & Special Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High voltage rescue and tooling – Intro & demonstration• HV measuring and testing equipment and tooling – Procedure demo |
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Lab 01: Hands-on Activities

2 Hours	Hydrogen Fuel Cell Introduction and Familiarization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dash Board and Cluster<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Lamps, symbols and alarms◦ Dashboard control and management◦ Center consul and controls• FCV Safety areas and points of concern - HV circuits & high-pressure gas• High voltage power and hydrogen systems identification, distribution & layout• Turning ON/OFF vehicle• Vehicle familiarization and system operation modes
1.5 Hours	Vehicle Compartments and Access Panels <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front, passenger cabin and trunk• Undercarriage design, deflection panels and streamlining

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Day 2

Module 02: Hydrogen Gas Safety & Service Procedures (continued)

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| 1.25 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hydrogen Flames• Hydrogen Explosions• Electrostatic Discharge |
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Module 03: Fuel System

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| 1.75 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fuel System Layout• Fuel Cell Stack |
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Lab 02: Hands-on Activities

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| 1.5 Hours | Vehicle Operation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noise and feel• Forward, neutral, reverse and park operation• Acceleration and regenerative braking |
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| 1.5 Hours | Onboard Diagnostics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Software identification• Toyota TIS System intro and demonstration – Connection and access• Positive communication and pairing |
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| 1.5 Hours | TIS Operation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TIS main menu and contents• System selection• Real-time data monitoring |
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Day 3

Module 04: Toyota Mirai Fuel Cell

1.5 Hours

- Fuel Cell Technological Innovations
- Toyota's New FC Stack Structure
- Fuel Storage and Safety

Module 05: Diagnostics and Troubleshooting

1.5 Hours

- Techstream

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Lab 02: Hands-on Activities

5 Hours

Advanced Testing Diagnostics

- Using TIS efficiently along with Smartborad technology
- System wiring read and schematic understanding
- Diagnostic trouble code and faults – DTCs
- TIS navigation and module selection
- System testing and output logic comprehension – demonstration
- Using wiring diagrams together with TIS for correct diagnosis

III. Course Information

COURSE NAME:	Introduction to Fuel Cell Vehicles
APPROVED:	TBD
CLASS TIME:	24 Hours
PREREQUISITES:	None
TRAINING LOCATION:	TBD
TARGET CLASS SIZE:	20-25
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Fuel Cell Vehicle Technicians and Emergency Personnel
CERTIFICATE(S):	None

TRAINING AIDS AND EQUIPMENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smartphone, Tablet, or Laptop | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set of maintenance tools |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint Presentations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compact flashlight |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal safety equipment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laboratory/shop equipment as determined by activity |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance reference documentation | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Keys (Crew, operating, and maintenance keys) | |

HANDOUTS:

- ☒ Exercise Handouts
- ☒ Participant Handouts

PARTICIPANT EVALUATION METHODS:

- Written Final Assessment TBD
- Practical Skill Assessment TBD

RESOURCES & LAB EXERCISES

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Instructions for Hands-on Exercises

Use the activities in this section to guide your hands-on practice with the instructor. Your instructor may modify the duration or content of the exercises to fit the circumstances of your class. This document also includes links to useful resources.

Links for Resources

1. Online

a) U.S. Department of Energy

- <http://bit.ly/2EfKqdb> - USDOE Hydrogen Quiz; "How much do you know about hydrogen?"

b) Videos

- <http://rsc.li/2DSUoRC> - Visual hydrogen atom (1:21)
- <http://rsc.li/2Dufkbp> - Hydrogen properties (7:15)
- <http://bit.ly/2DnALAg> - Toyota Fuel Cell System (3:23)

c) Toyota Motor Corporation

- <http://toyota.us/2npcIKy> - Toyota Information System TIS (Requires Acct & login setup)
- <http://toyota.us/2EkBK5C> - Mirai FCV Mayor Tech Specs (Req Acct Login)

2. Text Resources

- <http://bit.ly/2roGEvk> -Hydrogen fuel cell Toyota Mirai cruises 300 miles
- <http://bit.ly/2ru0CVE> -Toyota Mirai - A Preview of future propulsion
- <http://bit.ly/2nqYXuO> - Toyota Mirai could run your home in an emergency

Lab 1 Exercises

Complete the following exercises according to the directions given by your instructor.

1. **Safety Concerns, Emergency Precautions and Special Equipment**

- a. High voltage rescue and tooling – Intro & demonstration
- b. HV measuring and testing equipment and tooling – Procedure demo

2. **Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle introduction and familiarization**

- a. Dash Board and Cluster
 - Lamps, symbols and alarms
 - Dashboard control and management
 - Center consul and controls
- b. FCV Safety areas and points of concern - HV circuits & high-pressure gas
- c. High voltage power and hydrogen systems identification, distribution & layout
- d. Turning ON/OFF vehicle
- e. Vehicle familiarization and system operation modes

3. **Vehicle Compartments and Access Panels**

- a. Front, passenger cabin and trunk
- b. Undercarriage design, defection panels and streamlining

Lab 2 Exercises

Complete the following exercises according to the directions given by your instructor.

1. Vehicle Operation

- a. Noise and feel
- b. Forward, neutral, reverse and park operation
- c. Acceleration and regenerative braking

2. Onboard Diagnostics

- a. Software identification
- b. Toyota TIS System intro and demonstration – Connection and access
- c. Positive communication and pairing

3. TIS Operation

- a. TIS main menu and contents
- b. System selection
- c. Real-time data monitoring

Lab 3 Exercises

1. Advance Testing – Diagnosis

- a. Using TIS efficiently along with Smartborad technology
- b. System wiring read and schematic understanding
- c. Diagnostic trouble code and faults – DTCs
- d. TIS navigation and module selection
- e. System testing and output logic comprehension – demonstration
- f. Using wiring diagrams together with TIS for correct diagnosis

INSTRUCTOR NOTES

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Instructor Notes



“—When human beings have curiosity and are willing to take a chance, that is the power to help shape a better world. Who knows? We might fail. The pioneer always faces threats. But we need people who are brave enough to challenge the status quo.”

- Katsuhiko Hirose (Product GM – Toyota Fuel Cell Development Group)

Recommended Course Materials

- Notebook, pen/pencil, highlighter to take notes
- An electronic device to follow lecture, share course material, access resources and retrieve specifications
 - (Smartphone is essential but a Laptop or a tablet desired)
- 2GB USB memory stick is highly recommended to save course handouts



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Welcome to “Introduction to Fuel Cell Vehicles” and Advanced Technologies Course! “Old-school” and “New-school” class instruction practices, procedures and learning methods are employed during this course as appropriate. Good-old chalkboard, high accuracy diagnostic and safety equipment along with new advanced learning technologies and learning management platforms are utilized, applied, manipulated and evaluated for institutional effectiveness on concept understanding and retention.

- Introductions – Class participants
- Announce locality internet/Wifi connectivity/connections details and share with the class participants for inclusion
- Printed materials are kept at a minimal for ease of access efficiency and environmental responsiveness

Lab Requirements

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Attire, & Equipment

- OSHA-approved **safety glasses** **MUST** be worn in the lab/shop area
- **Short-sleeve shirt** and regular shop **workpants** along with **oil slip-resistant work shoes**
- **Flashlight:** Compact, working flashlight (recommended)
 - (Phone / tablet / key-chain lights are cumbersome & inefficient)
- **No jewelry** is allowed to be worn while in lab
 - Gold is the best conductor of electricity and loose chains are potential connections to high voltage (shock hazards)



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- OSHA-approved safety glasses **MUST** be worn any time during and when in the lab/shop area
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Lab Requirements

Health Conditions

- **Pace Maker or any similar implants:** MUST be reported to the instructor and noted at the beginning of the class
 - We will be in close proximity to strong direct and alternating currents, magnetic fields, and high voltages which can directly alter their operation
- **WARNING:** Any health concerns or conditions that could be affected by exposure to strong electrical / electronic or magnetic fields, or high voltages, **MUST** be reported to instructor at the beginning of class

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- If you have a Pace Maker or any similar implants, it MUST be reported to the instructor and noted at the beginning of the class. We will be in very close proximity to strong direct and alternating current magnetic fields and high voltages which can directly alter their operation

Lab Requirements

Body Art

- **Tattoo ink (Body Art):** Conducts electricity more easily than plain skin. If you have tattoos, especially on your hands and arms, please notify the instructor at the start of the class
 - Ink typically made with Iron Oxides (FeO_2) – the same as car paint!



Source: [iStock](#)

Various types of tattoo ink chemical elements such as iron oxide, mirror that of automobile paints. It can instantly become an electrical circuit because of their higher conductivity compared to highly-resistive natural plain skin. If you have any of these specifically on your hands and arms, the instructor also needs to be notified at the start of the class.



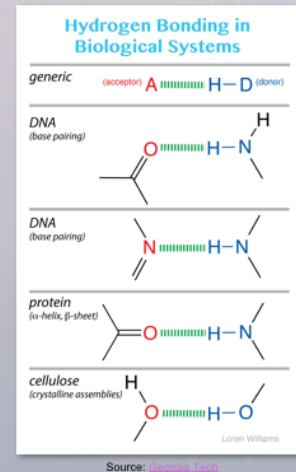
- Introduce and apply online U.S. Department of Energy quiz to students: [Quiz: How much do you know about Fuel Cells?](https://energy.gov/maps/quiz-how-much-do-you-know-about-hydrogen-and-fuel-cells)
- **URL:** <https://energy.gov/maps/quiz-how-much-do-you-know-about-hydrogen-and-fuel-cells>
- We all think we know... Well, this is why you are here



Where do we get Hydrogen Gas?

Biological Role

- Hydrogen is an essential element for life
- Present in most living things
- Exists mainly in molecules bonded to Carbon and Oxygen atoms



Although it is essential for life, hydrogen itself does not play a particular active role. It remains bonded to carbon and oxygen atoms, while the chemistry of life takes place at the more active sites involving, for example oxygen, nitrogen and phosphorous.

Artificial Production

- Hydrogen gas first artificially produced in the early 16th century by the reaction of acids on metals
- In 1766–81, [Henry Cavendish](#) first to recognize hydrogen gas was a discrete substance and that it produced water when burned
 - Property for which it was later named in Greek, “*hydro-genè*”; means “water-former”



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Hydrogen Gas as an Energy Source

- Studied since 1838 by Swiss Scientist Friedrich Schoenbein, who named the device a **fuel cell**
- Welsh scientist Sir William Robert Grove is credited for inventing fuel cells in 1839
- In 1889, Ludwig Mond and Charles Langer attempted to build the first fuel cell device using air and industrial coal gas



Friedrich
Schönbein

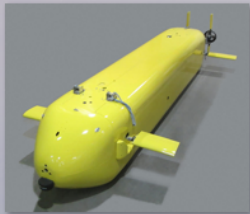


Sir William
Robert Grove

Hydrogen-gas as a possible energy source, has been studied since 1838 by Swiss Scientist Friedrich Schoenbein. They named the device a fuel cell. Welsh scientist Sir William Robert Grove is credited for inventing fuel cells in 1839. As a derivative from this consensus and in 1889, Ludwig Mond and Charles Langer attempted to build the first fuel cell device using air and industrial coal gas.

Hydrogen Gas as an Energy Source

- Not used commercially until the 1960s
- Used for flight as with the Hindenburg
- NASA's Gemini Project (1965) & later as rocket propulsion
- Toyota's Sports 800 GT HYBD Car (1977)
- Currently being adapted into powering submarines



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Source: [Auto Museum](#)



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- The technology wasn't used commercially until the 1960s. Ever since, hydrogen has been used and applied in various applications and uses such as for flight as with The Hindenburg as well as with NASA's Gemini Project (1965) and later as rocket propulsion
- Toyota's sports 800GT hybrid concept car developed in the through the 1960s and was their first production sports car. It used a gas turbine engine to spin a generator that power an electric motor
- Currently, this technology is being adapted into powering submarines

WHY CONSIDER HYDROGEN AS A FUEL?

VITALITY AND FEASIBILITY



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- It is abundant throughout the universe and harnessable on earth
- Fossil-free and an environmentally clean source to generate electricity
- Has substantial potentials

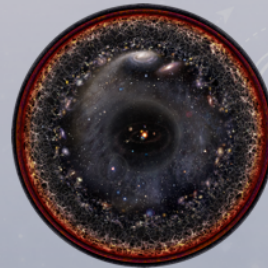
Why Hydrogen?

- Most abundant element in the universe (75% of all matter)
 - Helium is second, Oxygen is third
 - Jupiter almost all H₂!
 - All of the other elements are relatively rare



Artist's Conceptions of Observable Universe

Source: www.nasa.gov



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If $\frac{3}{4}$ of the universe is hydrogen and oxygen constitutes a good percentage as well, shouldn't we consider them as fuel to support space travel?

Why Hydrogen?

- On earth, hydrogen is found mostly as water compound (H_2O)
- Can energize water to get Hydrogen and Oxygen (Electrolysis)
- 20% of our atmosphere is Oxygen (Sea-level)
- Closed Power Cycle - Regeneration
 - More responsible method to get energy than current (Fossil fuels)



Earth
(surface mostly covered in water)
Source: [NASA's Earth Observatory](#)

- By running electricity through water we get them apart ("Charging" the water)
- We can combine them again through a fuel cell to reform water and harness electricity
- Harnessing the electricity invested to split them, we can start the cycle again (Closed cycle)

Why Hydrogen?

- Some speculate that water will replace fossil fuels in the future as the primary resource for power
- Hydrogen will be distributed via national networks of hydrogen transport pipelines and fueling stations
- Hydrogen energy and fuel cell power plants will be clean, abundant, reliable and affordable



Hydrogen Fuel Station

Source: [LATTC](#)

As an energy source, it holds the potential to become an important component along with other renewables currently in place, as a viable solution to our future energy needs.

Why Hydrogen?

Energy Density:

How does Hydrogen compare to other current fuel sources?:

Fuel	Density
Gasoline	18,095 BTU/Lb.
Diesel	19,857 BTU/Lb.
Hydrogen	61,084 BTU/Lb.

Hydrogen surpasses even diesel fuel
by three-fold in energy content



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- As we can clearly see above, hydrogen surpasses even diesel fuel three-fold in energy content
- It takes a large volume of hydrogen gas (192cf) to make one pound of weight (1 Lb.) for this linear comparison (70°F - sea level)
- Therefore the high energy content...

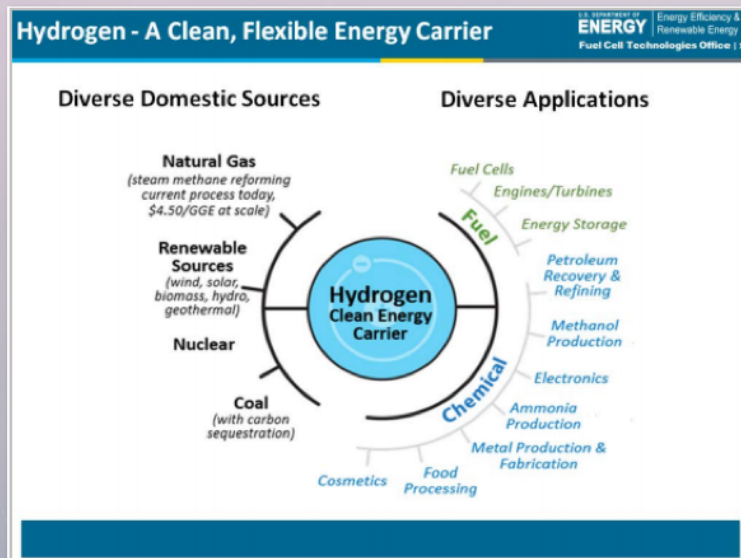
HYDROGEN DEMAND AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ENERGY SECTOR OUTLOOK



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Clean, Flexible, Carrier Chart



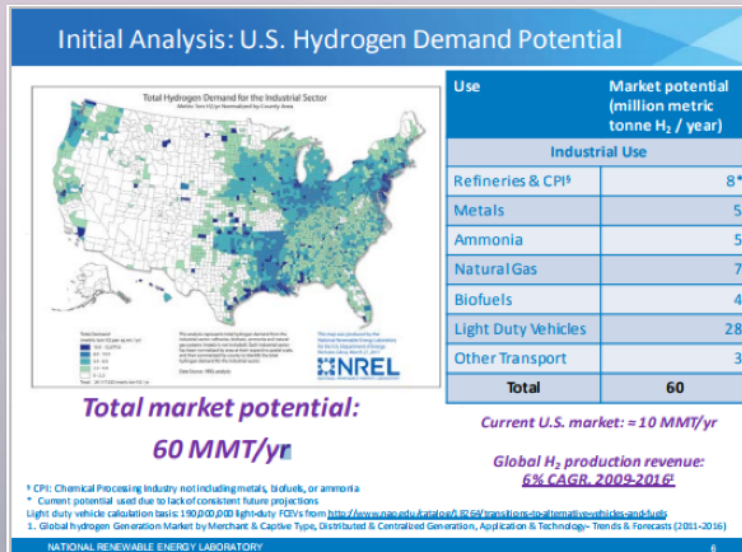
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- hydrogen enables diverse feedstocks and applications

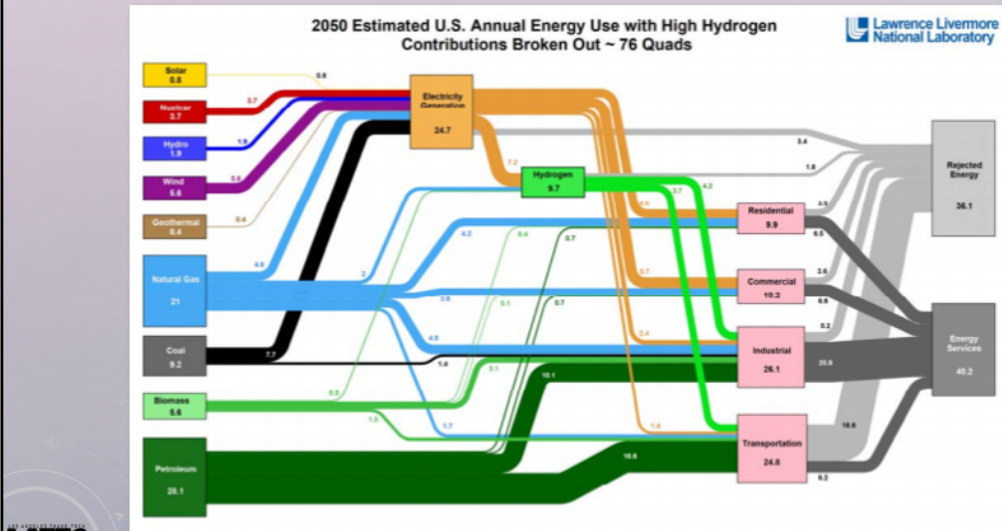
Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Hydrogen offers good flexibility across for many energy mediums.

U.S. Hydrogen Demand Potential



2050 Estimated U.S. Energy Use with Hydrogen

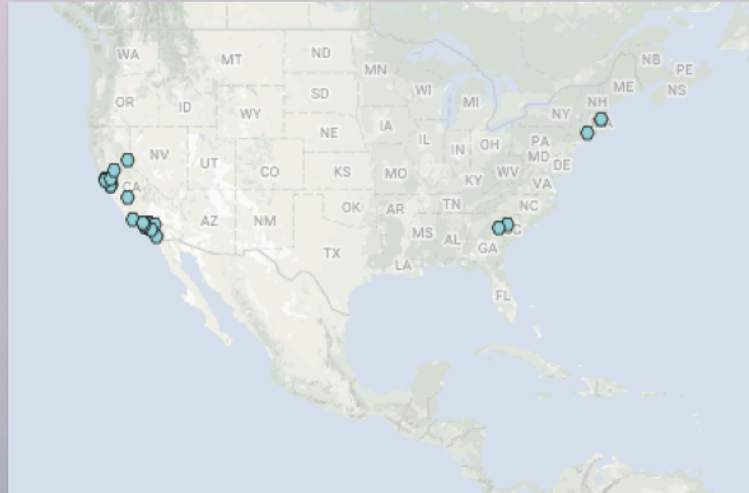


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- hydrogen enables diverse feedstocks and applications

The inclusion of hydrogen into our existing energy sector spectrum, easily comes onboard into our modern way of life as a growing energy commodity.

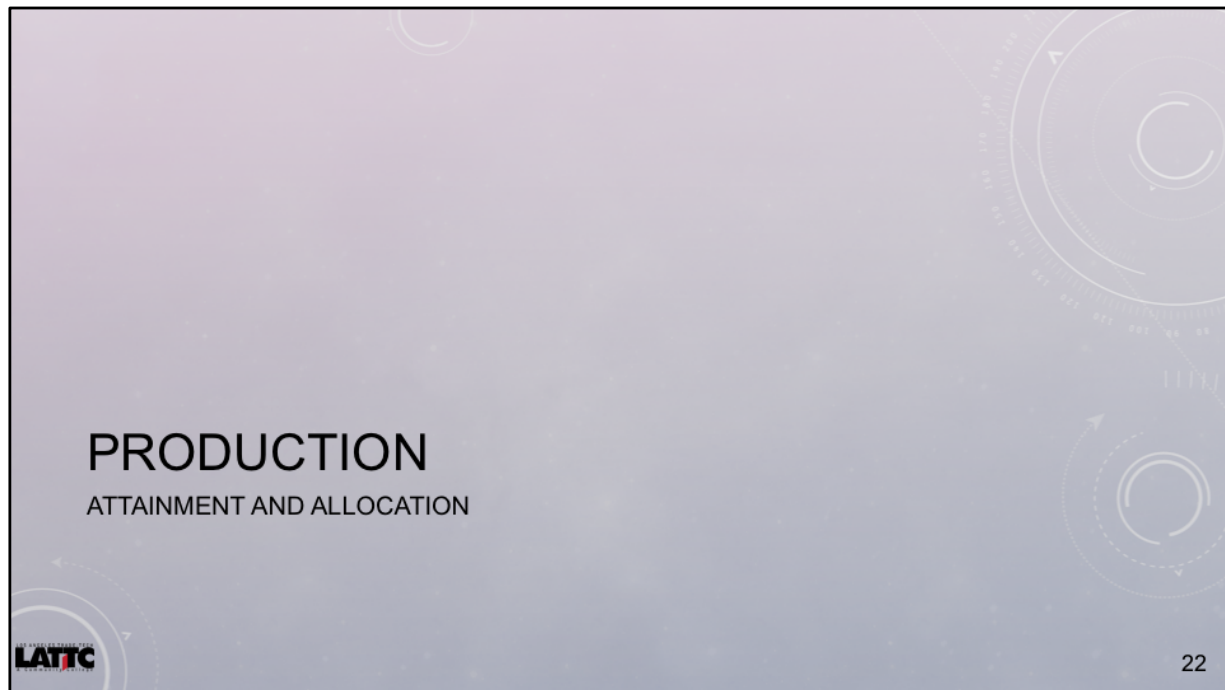
Hydrogen Fueling Stations in the United States



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- This slide shows the locations of hydrogen fueling stations in the United States as of January 2018
- Note that the stations are on the east and west coasts with none in the middle of the country



How do we get hydrogen?

Hydrogen Production

- Hydrogen gas does not exist naturally on Earth
 - Must be separated from other elements
- Industrial production mainly from **steam reforming natural gas**
- Less often from electrolysis of water

Gasification



Source: [WIS Commons \(Public Domain\)](#)

Electrolyser



Source: [WIS Commons](#)

Hydrogen GAS does not naturally exist by itself in our planet.

Hydrogen Production

- Hydrogen is a standard industrial chemical commodity today
- 10 million metric tons produced per year in the U.S.
 - Most used near the site of its production
- Largest uses:
 - Fossil fuel processing (e.g., hydrocracking)
 - Ammonia production, mostly for fertilizer market



Fluid Catalytic Cracker

Source: [Energy Education](#)

- Hydrogen currently use for petroleum refining and fertilizer production
- Fuel Cell platforms currently used in transportation, residential and other applications will soon create and surpass them both, as the main sector consumer for hydrogen
- Infrastructure will grow right along and just as fast

HYDROGEN GAS SAFETY AND SERVICE PROCEDURES

FIRST RESPONDER PROCEDURES, PROPERTIES, SAFE WORK PRACTICES & HAZARDS



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Having ample knowledge about the hazards and dangers which you may be encountered with when responding to emergencies about high pressure hydrogen gas, is imperative. Hydrogen-fueled vehicles pose a unique hazard to emergency personnel responding to emergencies different than that of conventional vehicles. Understanding what they are, where they are, how they behave and what to do about it, takes specialized instruction and preemptive training.

Toyota Emergency Response Guide

- [Open Document](#) – 2017



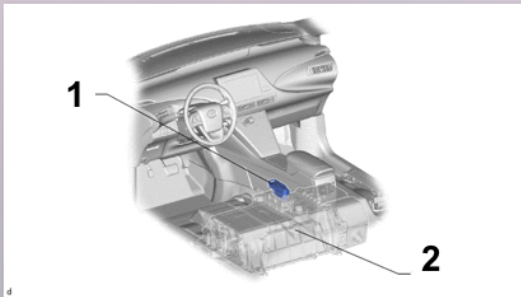
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Toyota addresses the importance of vehicle safety and vehicle system de-power. The Emergency Response Guide stipulates in detail all aspects which may be encountered in the event of an emergency. It is highly recommended for the technician servicing the vehicle to read it hole and follow the recommended procedures.

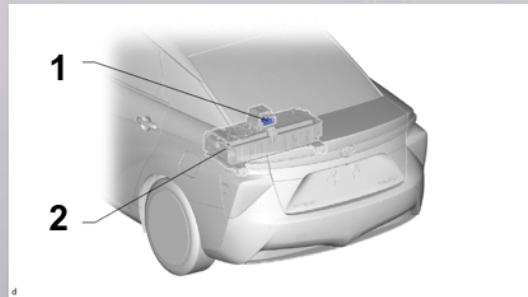
High Voltage Disconnect and/or Service Plugs

FC Stack **SAFETY** Disconnect



- 1. FC Service Plug Grip
- 2. FC Stack Assembly

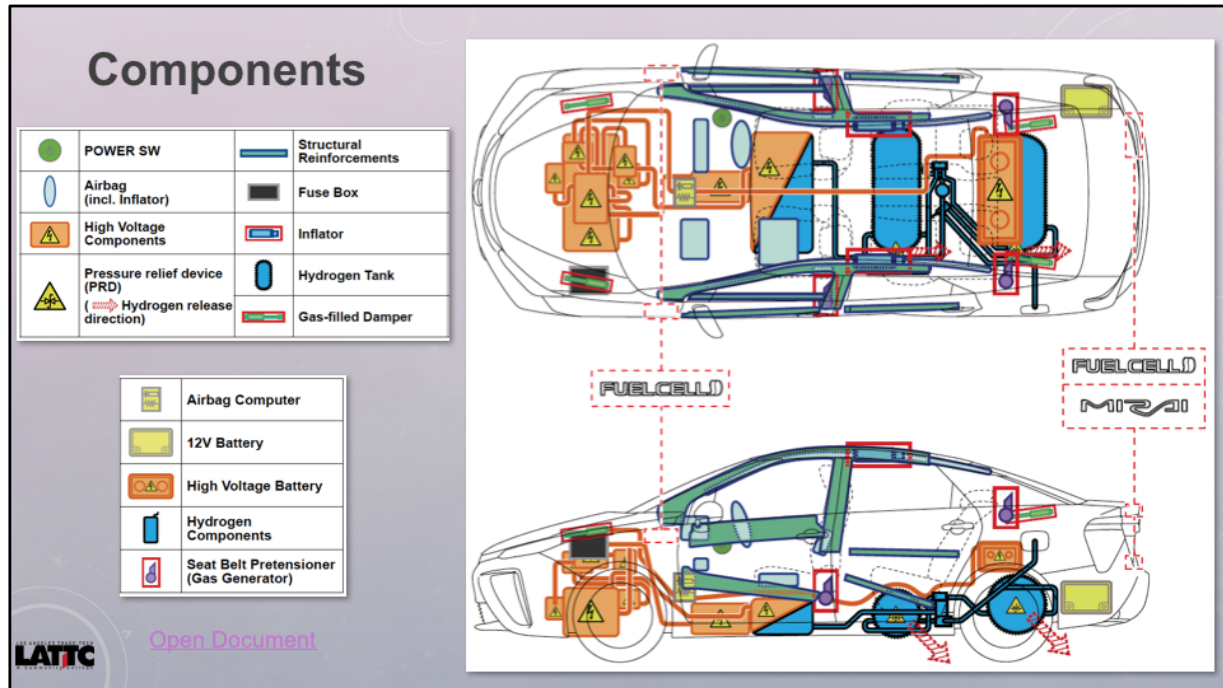
HV Battery **SAFETY** Disconnect



- 1. Service Plug Grip
- 2. EV Battery Assembly

There are **two bright orange, HV safety plugs** in the Mirai FC vehicle. These safety plugs may be cumbersome and challenging not only to be removed but to get access to them by first responders and their equipment. Rather than designate them as an emergency procedure point for emergency personnel, Toyota recommends to disconnect the **12v battery** and remove a **specific fuse** instead (coming up on following slides). However, it is **important to note** their location and removal procedures **for technicians to de-power** the vehicle's high voltage systems for repairs.

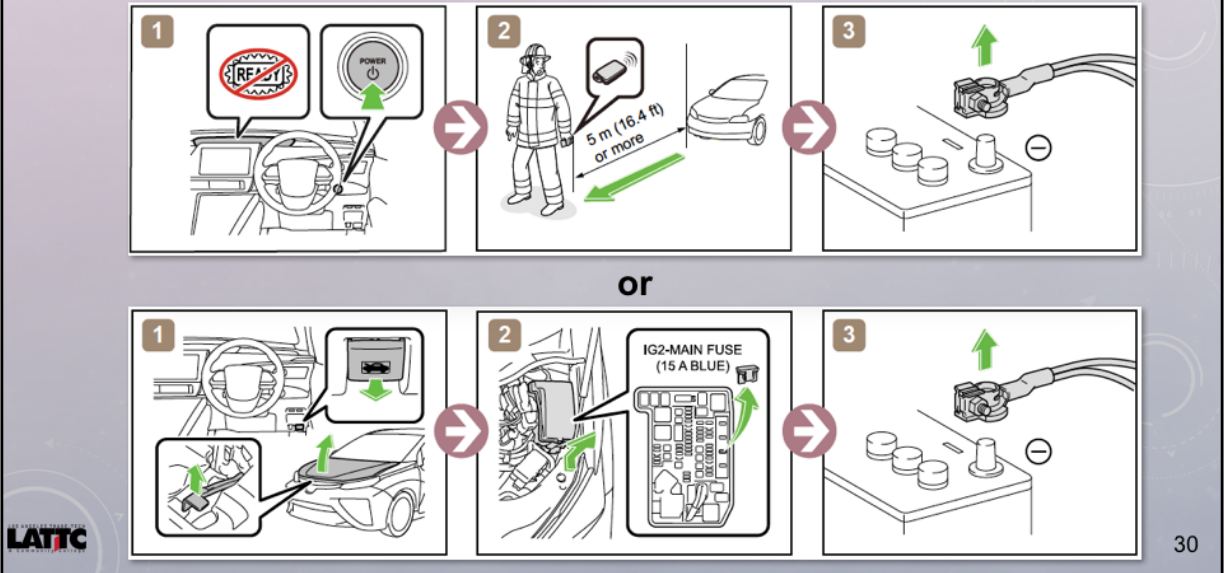
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This is a “Quick” component reference guide which applies to the 2017 Toyota Mirai Fuel Cell Vehicle specifically. Always research the information to the areas to be worked on PRIOR to any engagement by using the appropriate manufacture’s maintenance manual.

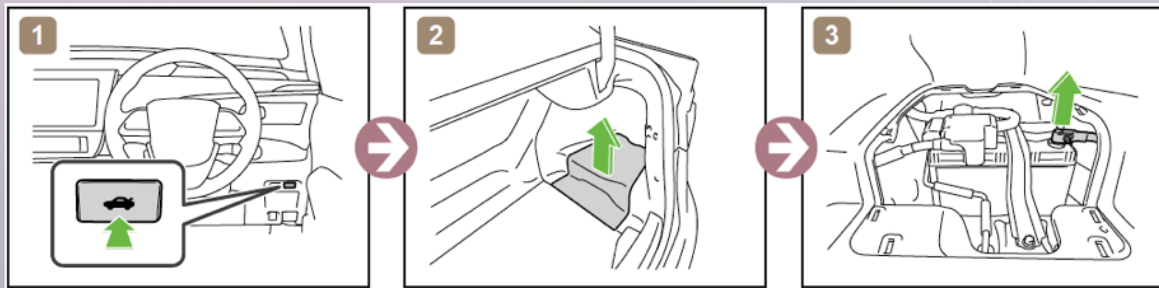
- Note the location of components and their related systems
- Note the adjacent components and take care of the recommendations by the OEM
- Note the **PRDs discharge direction** angled towards the road and rear of vehicle

Disable the Vehicle



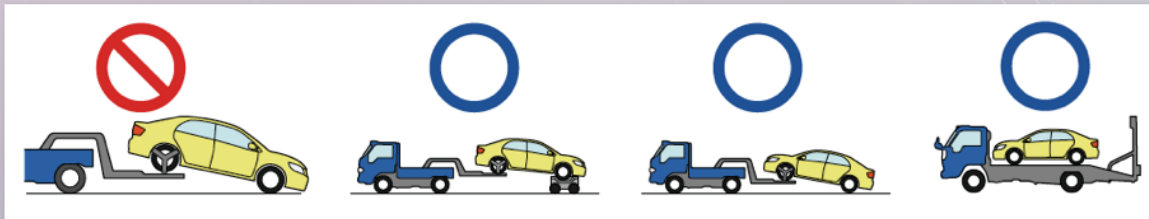
Follow the specific steps which are listed above to disable the vehicle. Make sure you clearly understand and interpret the meanings of these images correctly.

Access to 12V Battery



The 12 volt system or “Auxiliary power system” can be disabled by disconnecting the 12 volt auxiliary battery NEGATIVE cable from the rest of the vehicle. Make sure you insulate the terminal to prevent unintended and accidental reconnection.

Towing Information



When the vehicle becomes inoperative and a “Tow” is the best choice, make sure to understand why the manufacturer is recommending the procedure process. The traction wheels, need to be kept from rotating when the vehicle is off. Powerful magnets in the traction motor can generate high voltages which can damage sensitive electrical and electronic equipment. Follow the OEM’s recommended towing procedures.

PROPERTIES OF HYDROGEN

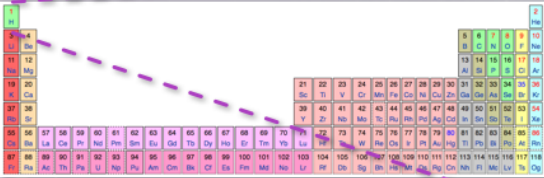
WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW



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Gaseous Hydrogen Properties & Behaviors

- **Lightest** molecule in the universe
 - 14 times lighter than air
 - Rises at almost 20 meters per second (44 mph) and disperses rapidly
 - This buoyancy is a safety advantage in outside environment



No balloon soars as well as a hydrogen balloon

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The storage and use of hydrogen poses unique challenges due to its ease of leaking as a [gaseous](#) and [buoyancy](#) that must be accounted for to ensure safe operation. Some basic properties and behaviors of gaseous hydrogen are highlighted on this page:

- 14 times lighter than ambient air
- Will move directly upwards (Vertical) at a fast rate of ascent (Speed)
- Production, storage and maintenance facilities **MUST** be designed and equipped under specific guidelines to meet hydrogen gas safety standards (i.e. ventilation and leak-detection systems)

Gaseous Hydrogen Properties & Behaviors

- **Undetectable by human senses:**
Colorless, odorless, & tasteless
- **Non-toxic & non-poisonous** but
can be an *asphyxiant*
- **Flammable & explosive:**
Store safely and used in an area that is
free of heat, flames, and sparks
- **Non-corrosive**, but it *can*
embrittle some metals
 - i.e. cause significant deterioration of the
metal's mechanical properties



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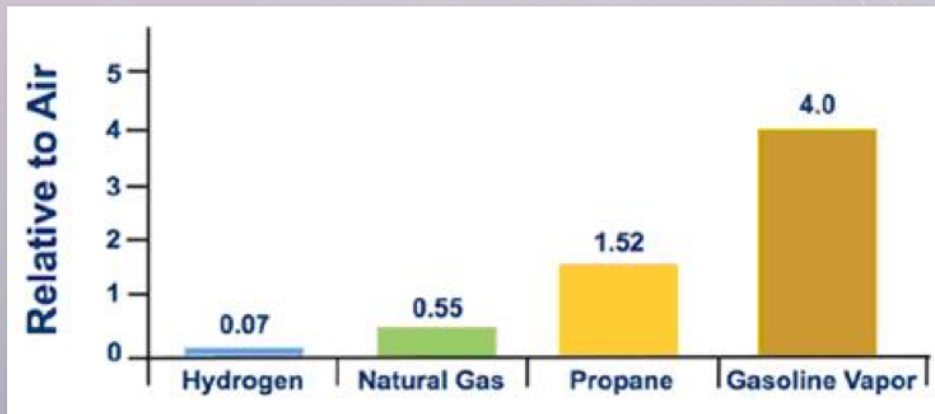
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Some basic properties and behaviors of gaseous hydrogen are highlighted on this page:

- We are generally UNAWARE of its presence!
- It can displace the air we need to breathe!
- Wide flammability range of combustible fuel-air mixture ratios of 4% to 75% concentration with ambient air!
- Electrostatic Charge arresting methods are imperative for safe working procedures and handling!
- Flowing hydrogen from a high-psi chamber to a lower-psi one, will cause a refrigeration effect which weakens metals (Embrittling)

Gaseous Hydrogen Properties & Behaviors

Relative Vapor Density:



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Some basic properties and behaviors of gaseous hydrogen are highlighted on this page:

- Air has a value of 1 RVD (Relative Vapor Density)
- Hydrogen is less dense than air and hence will rise. The lower the density of the gas the faster it rises
- As we can see above, propane and gasoline are denser than air therefore they sink to the ground hence the automobile garage vents location close to the floor in residences and such

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

WORKING WITH HYDROGEN

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Good Safety Practices for Working with Hydrogen

- **Protective Equipment:** Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the specific hazards of your job:
 - **Gaseous:** No specific PPE requirements, other than safety glasses or goggles when working with a compressed gas
 - **Liquid:** Insulated gloves & protective shoes in addition to eye protection
- Basic hydrogen **safety training** & familiarization with **properties**
- **New hydrogen users** should have clear guidance and instructions from supervisor or mentor
- Access to OSHA P-4604 Safety Data Sheet (US 29CFR)

Good Safety Practices for Working with Hydrogen are highlighter here:

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the specific hazards of your job
- Anyone working with high pressure hydrogen gas should have been provided with some basic hydrogen safety training (see [Safety Culture](#)) and should be familiar with the basic properties of hydrogen (see [Facility Design](#))
- New hydrogen users should have clear guidance and instructions from their supervisor or mentor on the required training and approvals necessary before working with hydrogen. Ask for clarification of any unclear guidance, instructions, or responsibilities

Good Safety Practices for Working with Hydrogen

- Use a **graded approach** to **safety planning** and **risk assessment** based on the quantities of hydrogen involved
- **First time** you work with hydrogen, **ask someone** with hydrogen experience **to assist you**
- Never take chances or shortcuts. Mirai's hydrogen tanks are rated up to 70MPa (10,150 psi)!
- Always **plan for the worst-case scenario**, but **give some thought to the most probable scenario** and be ready for that as well

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HYDROGEN LEAKS

Hydrogen Leaks

- Because hydrogen is a small molecule, leaks are common
- Gaseous hydrogen leaks are **impossible to detect** by senses
- Can be an asphyxiant if it accumulates in a confined space
- **Liquid hydrogen leaks** characterized by **frost or ice crystals near the leak** and usually a **vapor cloud indicating moisture condensation** from the surrounding air
- In the event of a **cryogenic fuel spill, immediately evacuate the area** and notify the authorities

- Because hydrogen is such a small molecule, leaks are common
- The only human sense which could be use to detect a compressed hydrogen gas leak, may only be audible (Hissing noise) and visual (Frost). Remember, hydrogen is colorless, odorless, and tasteless
- If hydrogen accumulates in a confined space in sufficient concentrations, it is an asphyxiant (like any other gas except oxygen)
- Liquid hydrogen leaks are characterized by frost or ice crystals near the leak and usually a vapor cloud indicating moisture condensation from the surrounding air
- In the event of a cryogenic fuel spill, immediately evacuate the area and notify the authorities
- Cryogenic fuels are fuels that require storage at extremely low temperatures in order to maintain them in a liquid state (Liquid hydrogen temp: -423°F, -253°C or 20 K)

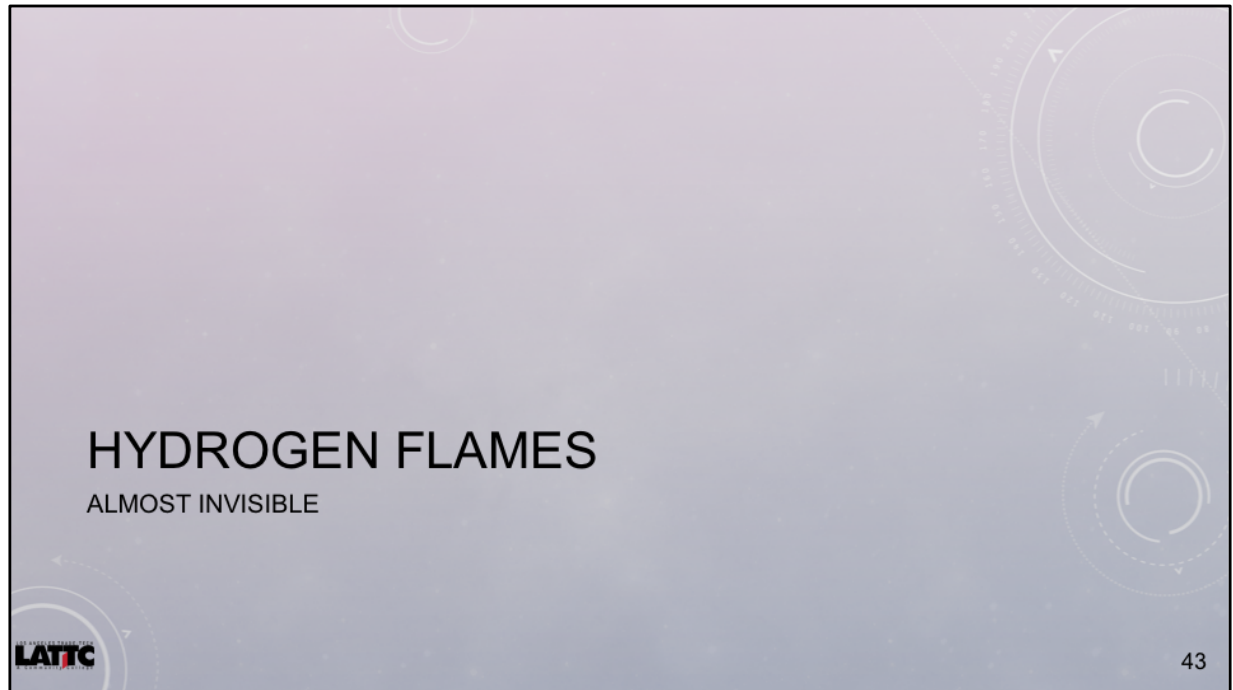
Hydrogen Leaks

Leak Detection:

- Listen for high-pressure gas leaking (loud hissing sound)
- Use portable hydrogen detectors
- Gas detectors may be installed in storage facilities and fueling stations. Listen and watch for audible or visual alarms
- Handle, turn off, and neutralize any equipment which may be a ignition source for the hydrogen leak

Leaking hydrogen constitutes a high personal SAFETY priority and HAZARD concern, and must be addressed with extreme caution.

- Hydrogen Leak Detection (Sniffers, sensors and hand-held testers)
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- Gas detectors may be installed in storage facilities and fueling stations. Listen and watch for audible or visual alarms
- Leak detecting systems and equipment must be employed anywhere compressed hydrogen gas is used or worked on
- If a hydrogen leak is suspected, ventilate the area, disable potential ignition sources in close proximity specially if they are located directly above of the suspected leak area (i.e. ceiling heaters, high-temp lighting, etc.)



Hydrogen flames are very different than carbon ones. They emit a lot less smoke thus are hard to identify.

Flammability is the Main Concern

- NFPA 704's highest rating of 4 on flammability scale



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- The main concern in working with hydrogen is [flammability](#)
- Hydrogen possesses the [NFPA 704](#)'s highest rating of 4 on the flammability scale because it is flammable when mixed even in small amounts with ordinary air
- Hydrogen gas and normal air can ignite at as low as 4% air due to the oxygen in the air and the simplicity and chemical properties of the reaction
- However, hydrogen has no rating for innate hazard for [reactivity](#) or [toxicity](#)
- [Liquid hydrogen](#) poses additional challenges due to its increased [density](#) and the extremely low [temperatures](#) needed to keep it in liquid form
- BLUE: Health Hazard, RED: Flammability Hazard and YELLOW: Stability hazard. Highest DANGER number level is 4 (Range is 0 to 4), which can be placed on any color according to the hazard at hand

Hydrogen Flames

Potential Ignition Sources:

- **Electrical**

- Static electricity (Electrostatic Discharge)
- Electric charge from equipment operation

- **Mechanical**

- Impact
- Friction (Rubbing surfaces)
- Metal fracture (Spark)

- **Thermal**

- Open flame
- High-velocity jet heating
- Hot surfaces (e.g., an exhaust manifold)
- Vehicle exhaust

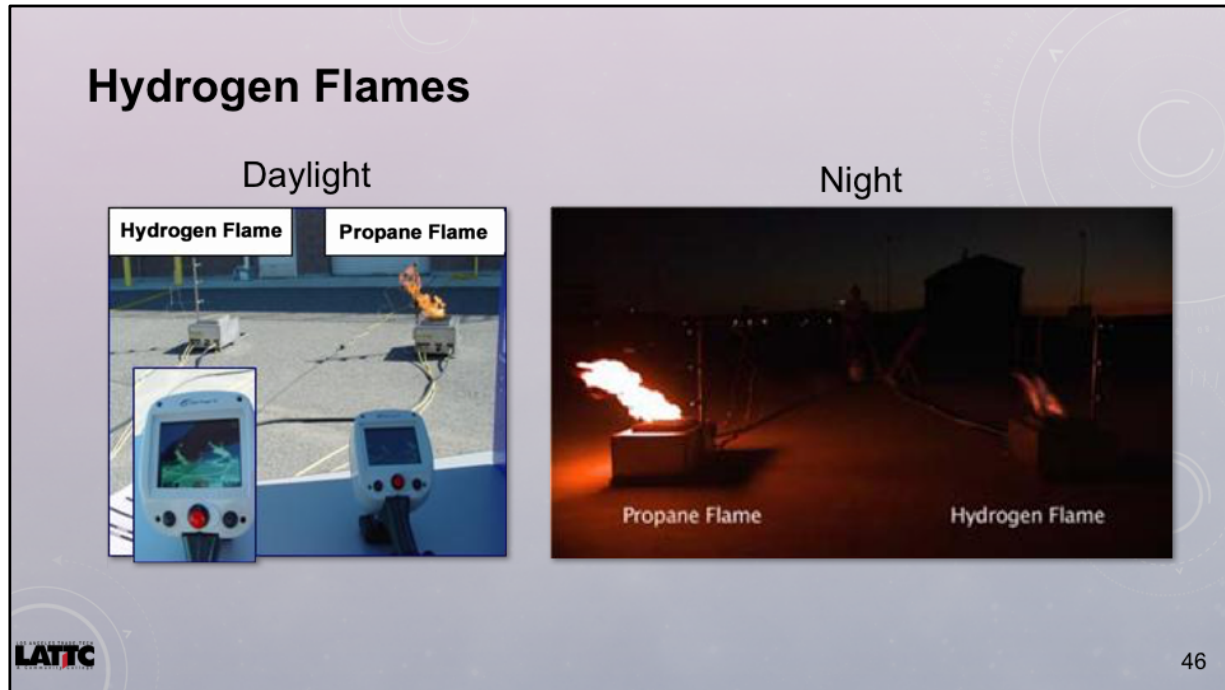
- **Chemical**

- Catalysts
- Reactants

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- Always evaluate potential ignition sources BEFORE working with compressed hydrogen gas
- There may also be other additional ignition sources present at your site in addition to the ones mention above



BE AWARE: Because hydrogen does not derive from fossil fuels (Contains no carbon), it burns quite clean with almost no visual smoke and forms water (Ironic). It is nearly impossible to see a hydrogen flame with the naked eye specially in daylight. Thermal imaging equipment MUST be used to identify any hydrogen fires (Combustion).

Hydrogen Flames

- Hydrogen flammable at concentrations of 4% to 75% in air (wide range compared to other common fuels)
 - Easily reach the lower limit (4%) if a leak in a confined space with no ventilation (outdoor leak would simply rise quickly and diffuse)
- Almost impossible to see in daylight with naked eye
 - (Burns with a pale blue flame almost invisible during daylight hours)
- Low radiant heat
 - Can't sense the flame until you are close to it (or even in it)
- Oxygen (or air) and ignition source are required for combustion
 - (Combustion can't occur in a tank containing only hydrogen)

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- Hydrogen flammability at very low concentrations (4%)
- The hydrogen concentration could easily reach the lower flammability limit (4%) if there were a leak in a confined space with no ventilation. An outdoor leak would simply rise quickly and diffuse
- Hydrogen fires have low radiant heat, so you can't sense the presence of a flame until you are very close to it (or even in it)
- Combustion can't occur in a tank that contains only hydrogen. The three RADICALS are not present=No fire (Fuel+Oxygen+ignition). Concentrations of pure hydrogen (99.5%-100%) will not ignite (Too rich)

Hydrogen Flames

Hydrogen Flame Detection

A pure hydrogen flame will not produce smoke, has low radiant heat, nearly invisible in daylight, but may appear yell of impurities in the are (e.g. dust or sodium). Because of these properties:

- Use a **portable flame detector**, such as a thermal imaging camera, when possible
 - If flame detection equipment is not available, listen for venting hydrogen and watch for thermal waves (See bellow)
 - Vent stacks standard in storage facilities, and the ignition of venting gaseous hydrogen is common. Systems are designed to do this safely
 - Fame detectors may be installed in storage facilities and fueling stations. Listen and watch for audible or visual alarms

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Hydrogen Flame Detection:

- Hydrogen burns with a pale blue flame that is nearly invisible in daylight. The flame may appear yellow if there are impurities in the air like dust or sodium
- A pure hydrogen flame will not produce smoke
- Hydrogen flames have low radiant heat. Unlike a hydrocarbon fire, you may not feel any heat until you are very close to the flame
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Hydrogen Flames

Thermal Imaging Camera in Use:



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HYDROGEN EXPLOSIONS

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Hydrogen gas explosions are extremely DANGEROUS because of their sudden and violent expansion. This happens the moment the surrounding air-fuel ratio comes into flammable parameter. Again, hydrogen concentrations from 4% to 75% hydrogen gas with air, are ready to ignite!

Explosions

Overpressures:

- Hydrogen in sufficient concentrations and quantities can create a harmful overpressure which may result in direct hazards from the overpressure and indirect hazards from building damage or flying debris
- Can occur as a result of unignited releases of pressurized gas or as a result of ignition of a cloud of released flammable gas

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Explosions

Overpressure from Unignited Releases:

- If liquid H₂ warms up and vaporizes into gas, it occupies more space
 - Liquid hydrogen expands 850 times from liquid to gas
 - A confining vessel, pipeline or sealed space could easily become over pressurized
 - Gas will expand creating an unsafe condition when pressure exceeds the container design & a mechanical failure occurs
- Pressure-relief devices (PRDs) such as rupture disks or relief valves should be installed to prevent overpressure
 - PRD should be vented to a safe location

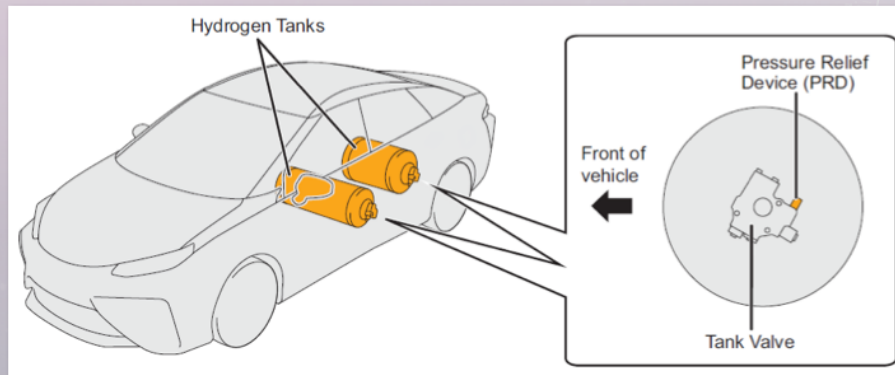
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Overpressure from Unignited Releases:

- As with any cryogenic fluid, if it is warmed and vaporizes into a gaseous state, it occupies significantly more space
- If a pressurized gas container is heated the gas will expand creating an unsafe condition
- Pressure-relief devices (PRDs) are installed onto hydrogen gas tanks to handle this risk. In the even that a PRD has opened, it will stay in this mode and will empty the entire container until equalizes with atmospheric pressure
- Even after there is no more release (equal pressure), there is STILL 100% hydrogen gas occupying the void in the “empty” tank. This residual hydrogen gas in the tank needs to be “pushed-out” (Purged) by filling the tank with water or other volume-occupying, non-igniting fluid
- PRD’s release manifold is plumbed to vent towards a safe direction and exit to the atmosphere in a safe location

Compressed Hydrogen Gas Automatic Safety Release



- Each tank has a pressure relief device (PRD)
- PRD prevents a hydrogen tank explosion in the event of a vehicle fire
- PRD opens at approx. 110°C (230°F) to release the hydrogen gas from the tank to the outside

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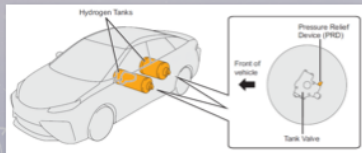
Hydrogen Tanks and Pressure Relief Device:

- Each tank is equipped with a pressure relief device (PRD) in order to prevent an explosion when the temperature of the hydrogen reaches above normal levels due to a vehicle fire. The pressure relief device will open at approximately 110°C (230°F) to release the hydrogen gas in the tank outside of the vehicle
- PRDs are designed to **open** at specific temperatures and venting the **ENTIRE** container (unusable)
- After tanks experience a **thermal event** (fire) which set-off the PRDs to release, tanks **MUST be condemned and destroyed**

Compressed Hydrogen Gas Tank Expiration



- After tanks experience a **thermal event** (fire) which set-off the PRDs to release, tanks **MUST be condemned and destroyed**
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 - Listed inside the fuel fill cover on the Mirai



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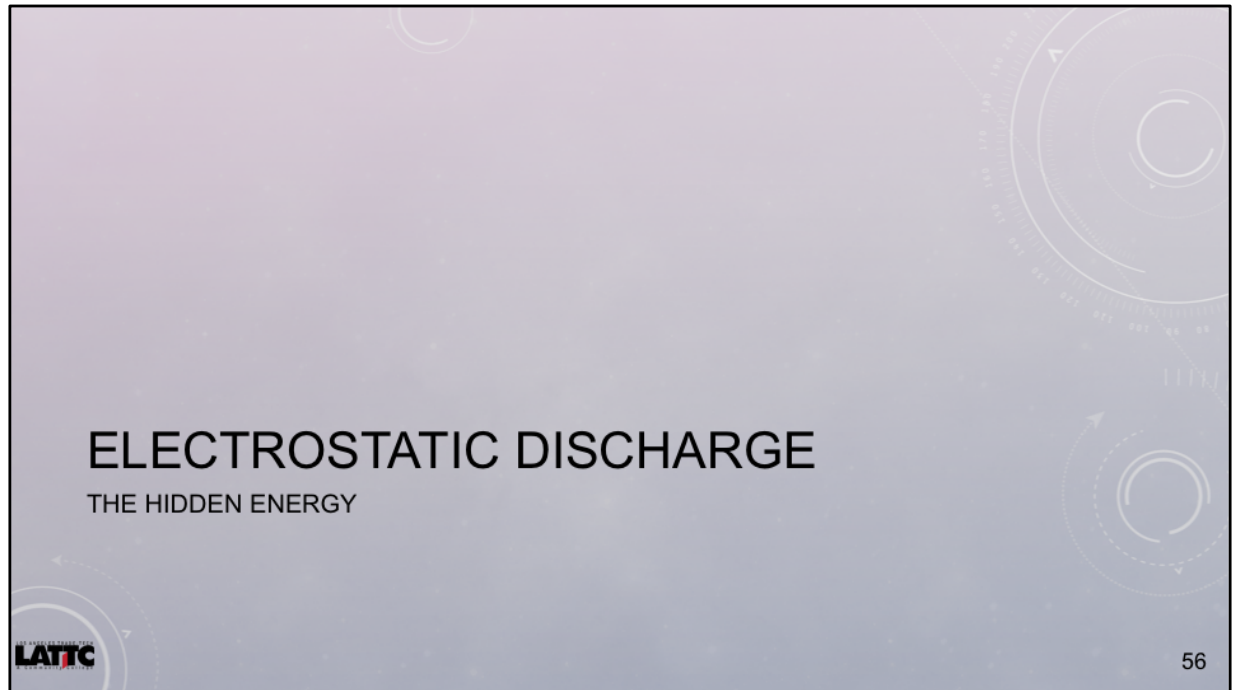
Explosions

Overpressure from Ignited Releases:

- Hydrogen can burn or combust
 - If a cloud of gas is ignited, rapid combustion can create an overpressure. This is the common perception of an “explosion”
- Limit the amount of ignition sources (e.g. lit cigarettes or unclassified electrical equipment) from areas where a release of hydrogen could form a cloud with sufficient concentration to create an ignited overpressure
 - These areas are called “exclusion zones” or “separation distances”

Burning VS. Combustion (Differences):

- BURNING: “To set something on fire”
 - Always creates a flame
 - Forms a low amount of heat
 - Always produces light
- COMBUSTION: “Chemical reaction that involves the oxidation of a fuel”
 - May or may not create a flame
 - Forms a high amount of energy
 - May or may not form light as an energy form



Hiding like a thief, ignition by ESD sources are ignored with relative frequency. However, they always surprise all of us with a “Zap”! Sometimes, we even hear the actual discharge spark or “crack”. Unfortunately by this time, it is done/over (Discharged).

Dangers of Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

- Can set off **explosions** (battery gasses) or **fires** in flammable environments
- Occurs when a non-conducting surface is rubbed against another and the surfaces are then parted
 - “ZAP” or shock received when touching a conductive object after walking or picking up an electronic



Electrostatic discharge (ESD) occurs when a non-conducting surface is rubbed against another and the contacted surfaces are then parted

ESD can **damage** or destroy **sensitive** electronic components, erase or alter magnetic media, or set off **explosions** (battery gasses) or **fires** in flammable environments

Dangers of Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

Basic work habits for electronic components:

- Disconnect the accessory battery at the negative terminal and wait for capacitors to discharge (5-10 minutes)
- Keep new components in their protective packaging until you are directly in position to service/install
- Ground yourself before removing the component
- **NEVER** touch the terminals of the component

Basic work habits for electronic components:

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- Keep the new component in its protective packaging until you are directly in position to service/install it
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Dangers of Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

Discharging ESD Safely:

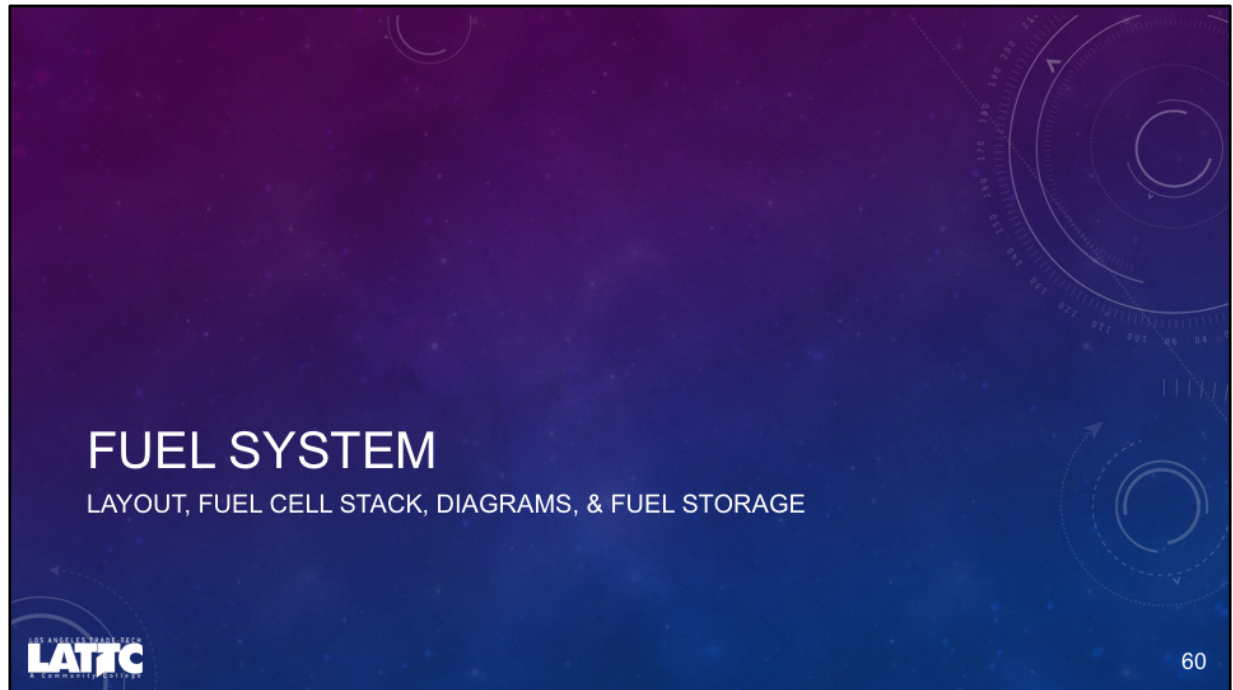
- A ground strap while handling the parts
- Equalize your body to the vehicle. Simply touch an unpainted metal surface while sitting in the vehicle
- Grounding lowers the charge in your body by providing a harmless path for the static electricity to escape
- If you get out of the vehicle you will need to repeat this process. If you are working with several components you may have to repeat this when switching the various parts

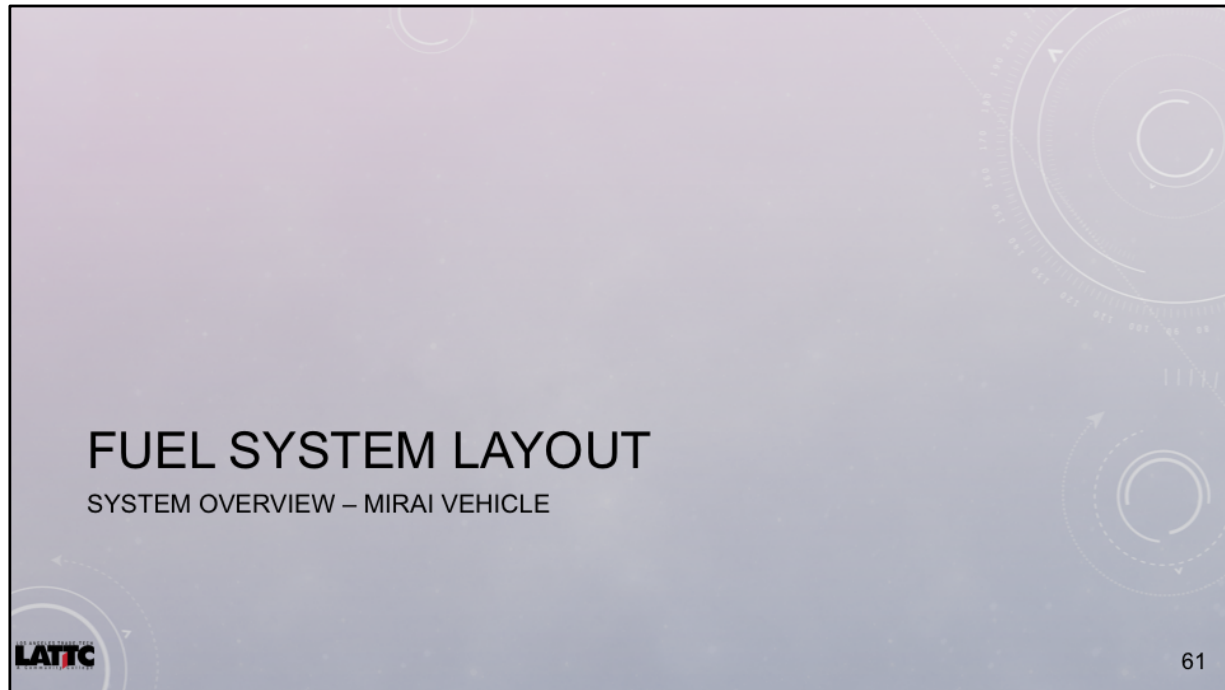


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How do you discharge this ESD safely:

- There are several ways to do this depending on the manufactures instructions and the components manufacture. In some cases you will need a simple ground strap while handling the parts. Most commonly you will need to equalize your body to the vehicle. This can be accomplished by simply touching an unpainted metal surface in the vehicle while sitting in the vehicle
- Basically, grounding lowers the charge in your body by providing a harmless path for the static electricity to escape thus equalizing the charges between your body and the component you are working with
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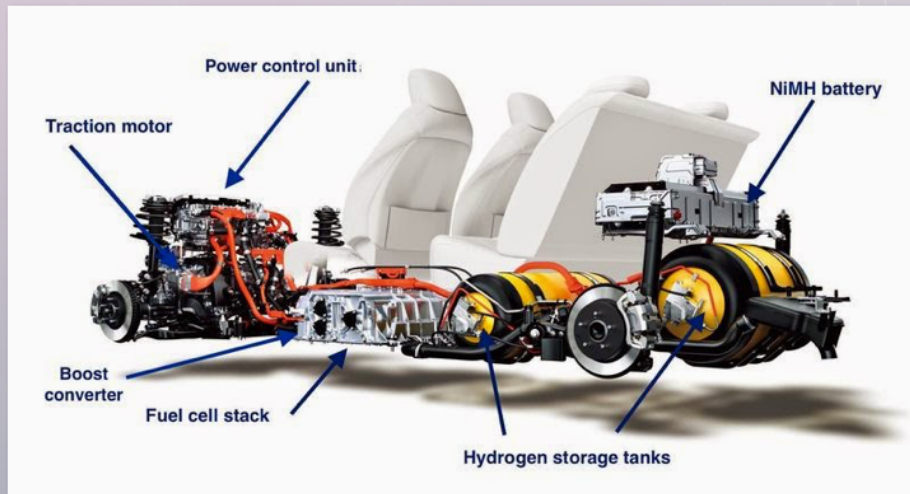




Highly pressurized hydrogen gas is used as fuel to supply the vehicle's fuel cell stack as the energy source for the vehicle operation. The fuel system stores, delivers and controls the safety release of gas if a over-pressurization event ever takes place.

- High pressure hydrogen storage cylinders (2)
- High pressure regulator is used to step the cylinder tank pressure (~5,000 psi) down to 145↔218 psi

Side View

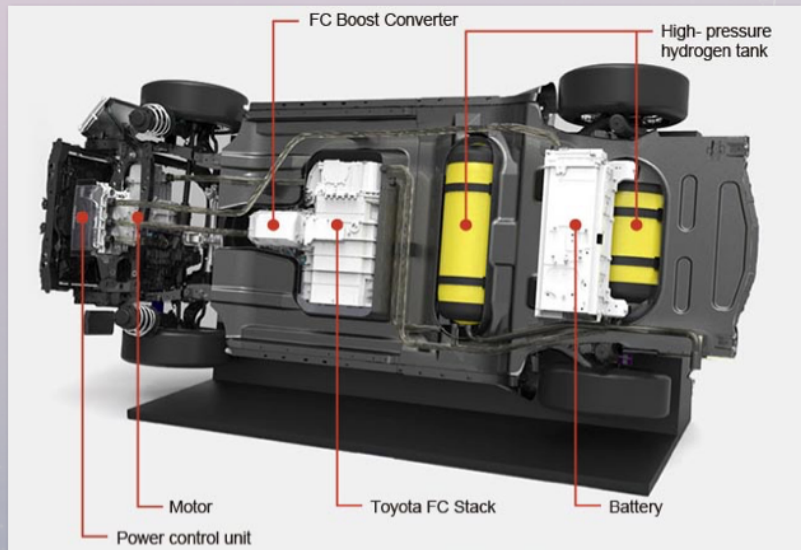


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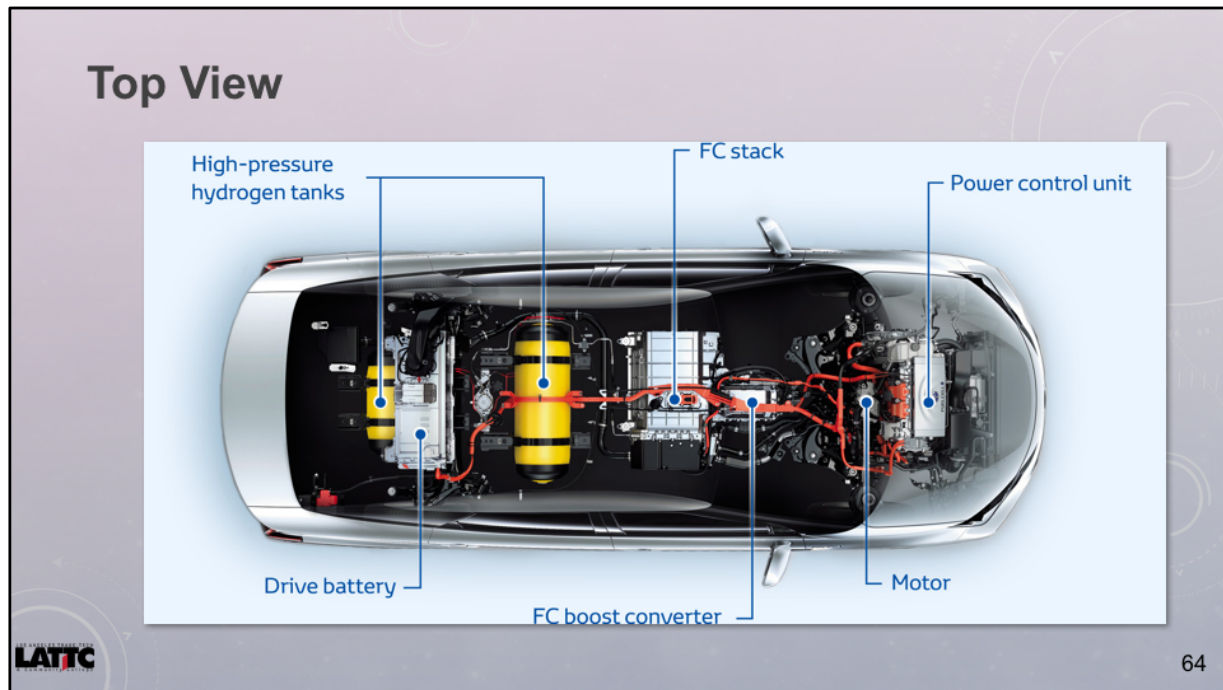
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Major vehicle components other than the power control unit, are hidden away from view. Familiarized yourself with what they are and their locations.

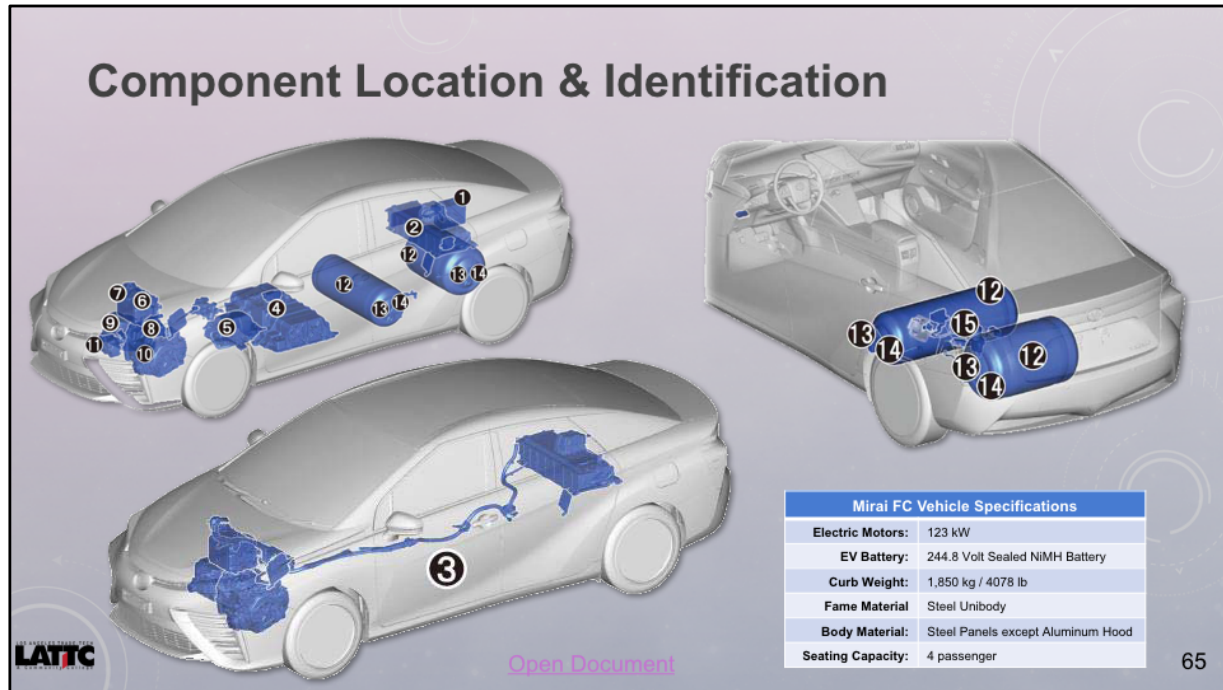
Passenger Cabin Floor View



Removing the body-shell and carpet off the vehicle, the view looking at the passenger floor from above, clearly show us how some of the system components protrude through the vehicle's floor.



In this see-through body image, take note on the different size and configuration of the **high-pressure**, hydrogen-fuel cylinder tanks and bright orange, **high-voltage** power cables.

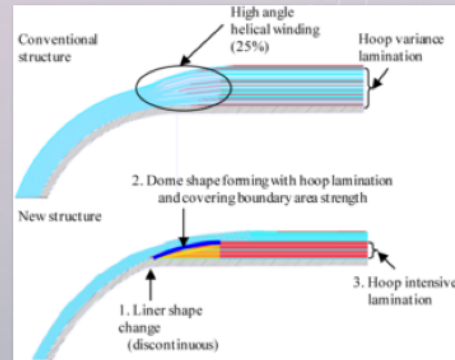
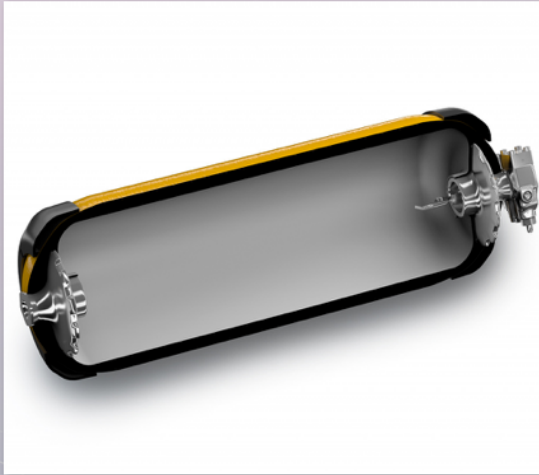


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- 1. 12v Aux battery:** Conventional, Lead-Acid 12v battery (truck area).
- 2. EV Battery:** 244.8 Volt Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) battery pack consisting of 34 low voltage (7.2 Volt) modules connected in series.
- 3. HV Power cables:** 244.8v↔650v.
- 4. FC Stack Assy:** Generates electrical energy by causing a chemical reaction.
- 5. FC Converter Assy:** Boosts the voltage of the electrical energy generated in the FC stack assembly to a maximum of DC 650 Volt.
- 6. Inverter with Converter Assy:** Based on the requested output value from the EV control ECU, controls the electrical power provided to the traction motor and FC air compressor with motor assembly.
- 7. DC-DC Converter:** Steps down the voltage and supplies the auxiliary 12v power for conventional vehicle loads (i.e. lights, ignition, windows, etc.).
- 8. FC Cooling Water Pump with motor Assy:** 3-phase, 340vAC, water pump motor cools the FC stack assembly and the air compressed by the air compressor.
- 9. FC Air Compressor Assembly:** Provides supercharged air to the FC Stack.
- 10. FCV Transaxle with Motor Assembly:** Propels the vehicle (motive force).
- 11. Compressor with motor Assy:** 3-phase, 340vAC HV electrically driven motor compressor.

- 12. Hydrogen Tank:** Employs a hydrogen tank made chiefly of carbon fiber reinforced plastic that can withstand high pressure of 70 MPa (713.8 kgf/cm², 10150 psi).
- 13. Hydrogen Tank Valve Assy:** Installed to each hydrogen tank, and opens and closes the hydrogen channels.
- 14. Hydrogen Tank Temperature Sensor:** Detects the hydrogen fuel temperature inside the hydrogen tank and transmits it to the hydrogen fuel control ECU.
- 15. Hydrogen Supply Regulator Assy:** Installed between the hydrogen tank and FC stack assembly, and reduces the pressure of the hydrogen fuel from the hydrogen tank to between 1.0 MPa and 1.5 MPa (10.2 kg/cm² to 15.3 kg/cm², 145 psi to 218 psi).

Mirai Hydrogen Gas Tank - New design



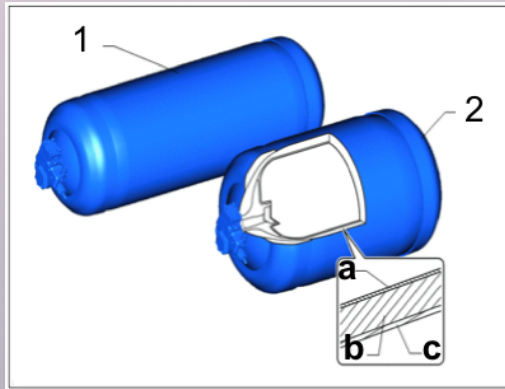
Comparison of conventional and new lamination methods. Toyota made three critical changes to the lamination method, resulting in a thinner tank wall and reduced weight.

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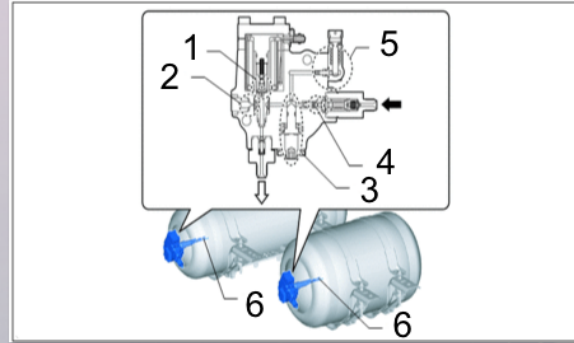
Toyota **reduced the weight, size, and cost** of the high-pressure hydrogen storage system in the Mirai **while improving fueling performance**. The four 70 MPa tanks used on the 2008 Toyota FCHV-adv **were reduced** to two new larger diameter tanks; Toyota developed a new **optimized laminated structure** for tanks to reduce weight using a **high-strength low-cost carbon fiber material**. The shapes of the newly developed high-pressure hydrogen tanks were optimized to enable installation under the floor of the sedan. Further, Toyota reduced the size of the high-pressure valve and also modified a **high-pressure sensor** from a conventional vehicle for use in a high-pressure hydrogen atmosphere.

As a result, the whole storage system weighs approximately **15% less** than that in the Toyota FCHV-adv, while reducing the number of component parts by half **and substantially reducing cost**.

Hydrogen Tank Assemblies (Cylinders)



1. No. 1 Hydrogen Tank Assembly
 2. 2 No. 2 Hydrogen Tank Assembly
- a. Plastic Liner
b. Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic Layer
c. Glass Fiber Reinforced Plastic Layer



1. Tank Shut Valve
 2. Defueling Valve
 3. Pressure Relief Device
 4. Check Valve
 5. Pressure Relief Device
 6. Hydrogen Tank Temperature Sensor
- ➡ From Receptacle ➡ To Regulator

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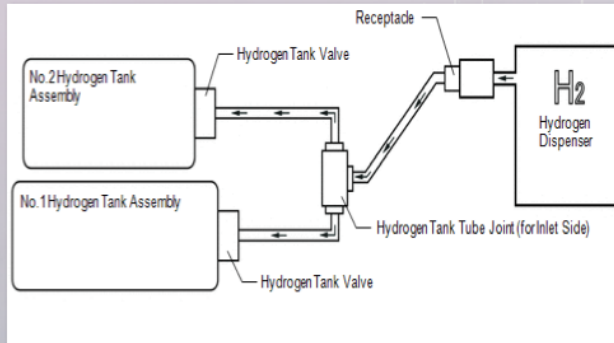
Hydrogen Tanks:

- The hydrogen tank is designed to handle a high filling pressure (87.5 MPa (892.3 kgf/cm², 12688 psi))
- The hydrogen tanks have the date of removal from service that is written on the inside of the fuel door as the limit date of refueling. If continue to use vehicle, replace the hydrogen tanks with new ones

Hydrogen Tank Valves:

- Hydrogen tank valves are installed to each hydrogen tank, and perform fuel supply and shutoff
- In the event of a hydrogen gas leak, the hydrogen gas is detected and the electromagnetic valve closes, stopping the leakage of hydrogen gas
- **Defueling Valve:** Manually operated to release the gas in the hydrogen tank into the atmosphere
- **Manual Valve:** Manually operated to stop the flow of hydrogen gas
- **Pressure Relief Device (PRD):** When a vehicle fire has occurred, in order to reduce the occurrence of hydrogen tank rupture, the hydrogen gas inside the hydrogen tank is vented from the pressure relief device to the rear of the vehicle in a downwards diagonal direction

Hydrogen Filling/Fueling Control



- The hydrogen fuel passes from the receptacle through the hydrogen tank tube assembly, branches at the hydrogen tank tube joint (for Inlet side), presses open the check valves of the hydrogen tank valves on the No. 1 and No. 2 hydrogen tanks, and fills the tanks

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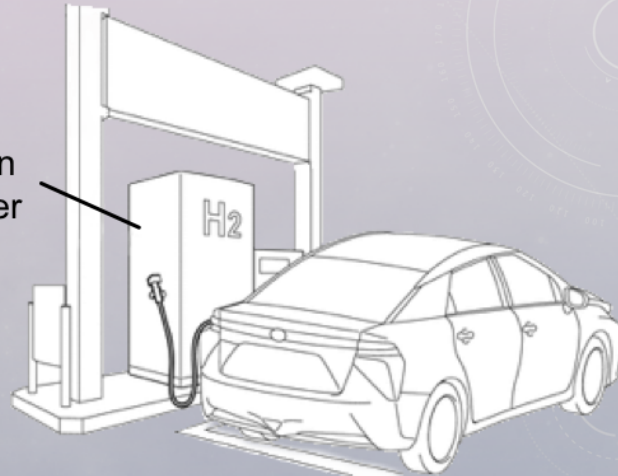
Fueling a FC vehicle:

- **Check Valve:** Pushed open by gas pressure during refueling. Hydrogen fuel that has been filled into the hydrogen tank is prevented from flowing in the reverse direction
- The hydrogen fuel from the hydrogen dispenser passes from the receptacle through the hydrogen tank tube assembly, branches at the hydrogen tank tube joint (for Inlet side), presses open the check valves of the hydrogen tank valves on the No. 1 hydrogen tank and No.2 hydrogen tank and is filled into the tanks

Hydrogen Dispenser



Hydrogen
Dispenser



- When filling hydrogen fuel from a hydrogen dispenser supporting infrared communication, hydrogen fuel filling is performed according to vehicle conditions

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Fueling:

- During hydrogen fuel filling, the flow of fuel **may cause hissing**, whistling, or other sounds of gas flowing to be heard from behind the rear seat
- **The time** needed for filling and the amount of fuel filled into the tank **may differ** depending on the equipment at the hydrogen station. Some filling equipment **may not completely fill the tank, reducing the distance** that can be traveled until the next refueling

Fuel Fill Receptacle



Fuel Fill Receptacle Cover
in Place



Fuel Fill Receptacle Cover
Removed

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These photos show the Fuel Fill Receptacle with the cover in place and the with the cover removed.

Fuel Lid Open/Closed Position Control

Infrared Communication Sensor:



Hydrogen Fuel
Control
Transmitter

- When fuel lid is open, the system cannot be set to READY ON
 - Prevents vehicle from moving suddenly during hydrogen fuel filling
- When the system is in READY ON, the fuel lid will not open even if the fuel lid opening is pressed

OPEN / CLOSED Lid Switches:

Fuel Lid Fully
Open Detection
Switch



Fuel Lid Open
Detection Switch

HINT: If the lid is not fully closed, the system will not enter READY ON.

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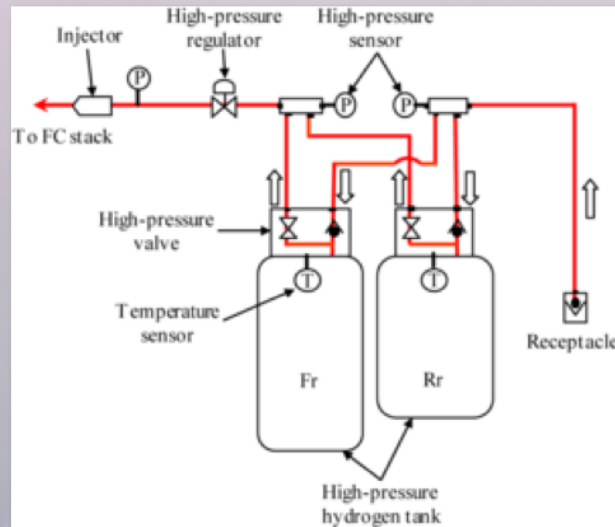
Infrared Communication:

- The hydrogen fuel control ECU assembly uses **infrared communication** to transmit the hydrogen tank volume, the temperature inside the hydrogen tank and the pressure inside the hydrogen tank tube joint (for Inlet side) during hydrogen fuel filling, via hydrogen fuel control transmitter, to the hydrogen dispenser

Fuel Lid Switches:

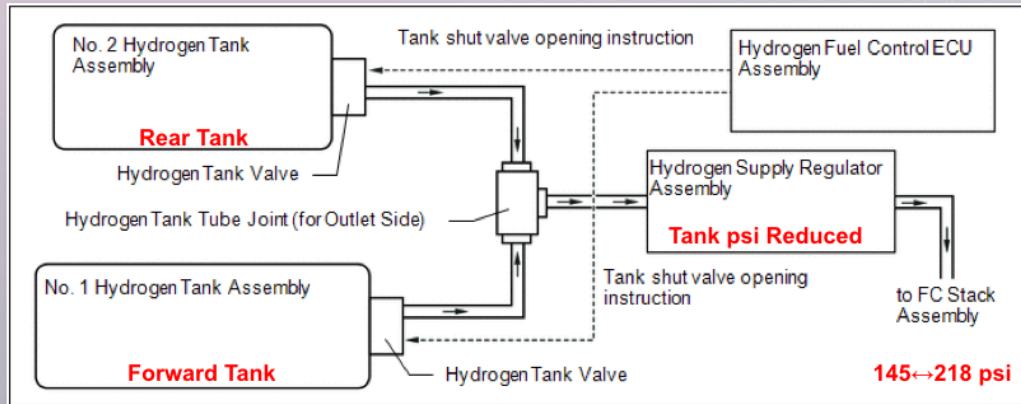
- The fuel lid has 2 switches to detect opening and closing, and the open/close status is transmitted to the hydrogen fuel control ECU assembly
- To prevent the vehicle from moving suddenly during hydrogen fuel filling, when the fuel lid is open, the system cannot be set to READY ON. In addition, when the system is in READY ON, the fuel lid will not open even if the fuel lid opening is pressed
- HINT: If the lid is not fully closed, the system will not enter READY ON

Hydrogen Gas System Diagram



- Receptacle directs hydrogen gas from dispenser to both tanks simultaneously
- High pressure valves control the flow out of the tanks
- Tanks supply hydrogen gas to the high pressure regulator
- The high pressure regulator feeds the hydrogen injectors with fuel
- Fuel then is meter by the control module according to energy requests
- Most hydrogen **high pressure lines** are painted **Red** color

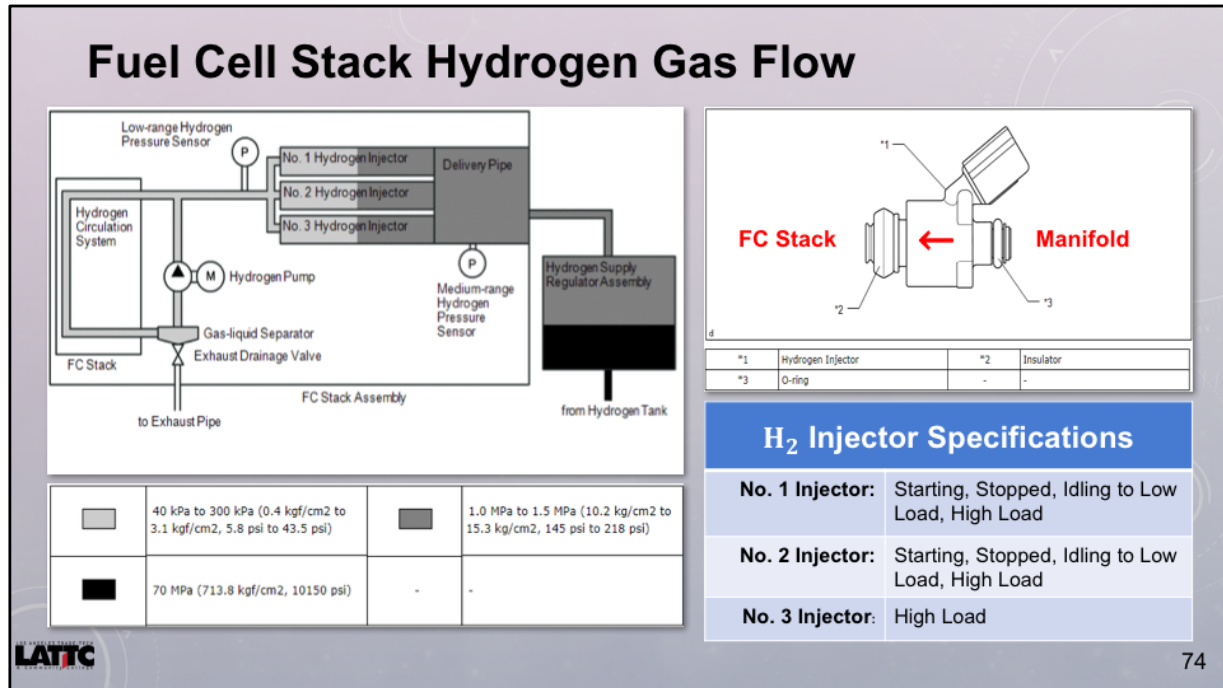
Hydrogen Gas Supply Flow



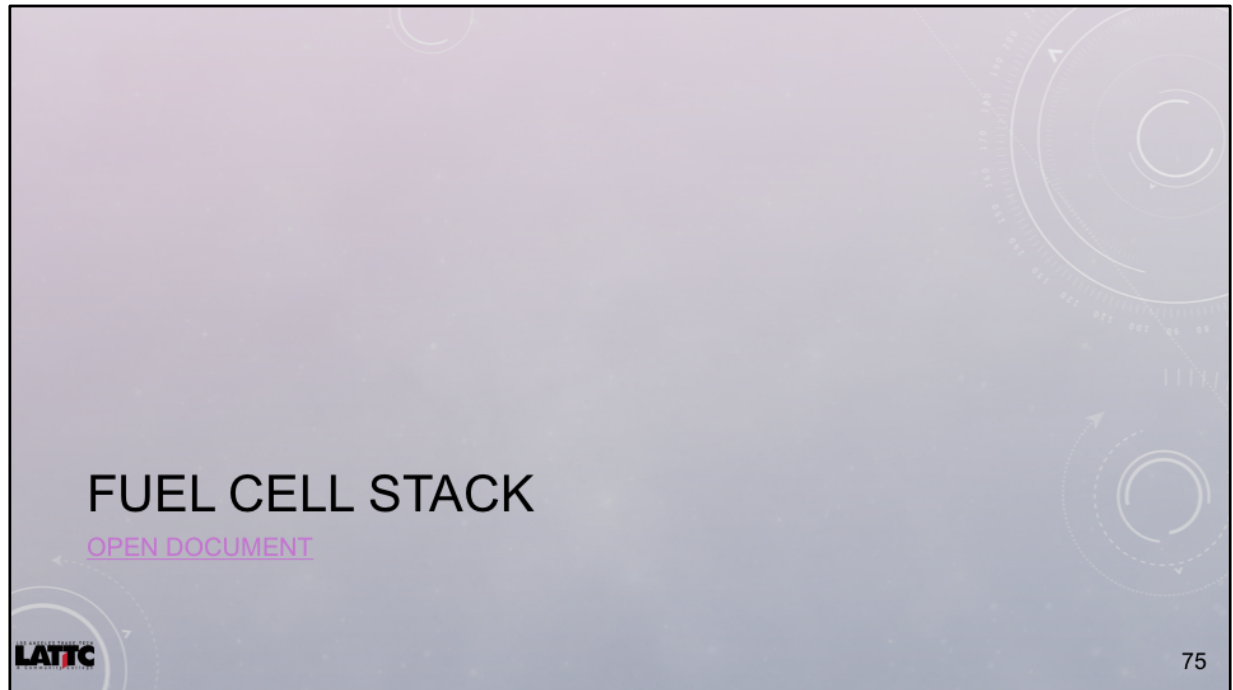
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- The hydrogen fuel control ECU assembly supplies hydrogen fuel to the FC stack assembly
- The hydrogen fuel control ECU assembly opens the tank shut valves of the hydrogen tank valves on the No. 1 hydrogen tank assembly and No. 2 hydrogen tank assembly and combines the hydrogen fuel flows in the tube joint (outlet side), then the pressure is reduced in the hydrogen supply regulator and the fuel is supplied to the FC stack
- Hydrogen supply regulator reduces tank pressure down to 145↔218 psi



- The hydrogen circulation system of the FC stack assembly circulates the hydrogen fuel supplied from the injector to the hydrogen pump, and so the optimum hydrogen supply for FC stack electricity generation can be provided under all operating conditions
- The hydrogen circulation system of the FC stack assembly includes a gas-liquid separator and an exhaust drainage valve so that the generated water and nitrogen that could interfere with electricity generation are exhausted / drained from the hydrogen circulation system
- The FC control ECU takes information about FC stack electrical generation amount, electrical current value, etc. from the FC boost ECU (FC stack assembly) and controls the hydrogen pump so that the circulating hydrogen amount is appropriate to operating conditions
- Fuel Cell Stack operates under hydrogen pressures anywhere from 5.8↔43.5 psi
- **Hydrogen Injector:** Rubber seal construction to support high pressures. At the delivery port, a **O-ring cylindrical seal** and the fuel cell stack port (or manifold), is provided with an **insulator**

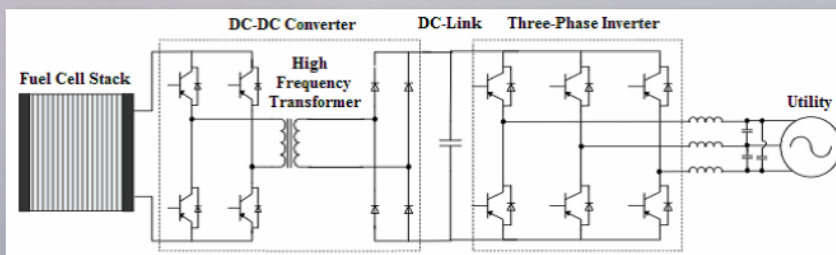


Types of Fuel Cells

- **Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM):** Hydrogen Gas, oxygen and platinum
- **Direct methanol:** Use pure Methanol as fuel
- **Alkaline:** Similar to PEMs, use alkaline membrane instead of acid membrane
- **Phosphoric Acid:** Use liquid phosphoric acid as an electrolyte
- **Molten Carbonate:** Operate at high temperatures of 650°C ($\approx 1,200^{\circ}\text{F}$)
- **Solid Oxide:** Non-porous ceramic compound as the electrolyte
- **Reversible:** Produce electricity from hydrogen and oxygen and generate heat and water as byproducts

Fuel cells come in many designs which are determined by their many applications and variants based on needs. It is important to note here that this electro-chemistry advanced science and technologies hold a bright and promising future ahead as it is capable of performing in many environments, under various conditions and in many energy sectors. From residential to transportation and from rockets to space travel; it is definitely a feasible energy platform from which to continue supporting and developing of human life energy needs beyond current sources (i.e. fossil fuels).

Fuel Cell Stack Assembly & Circuitry Sample

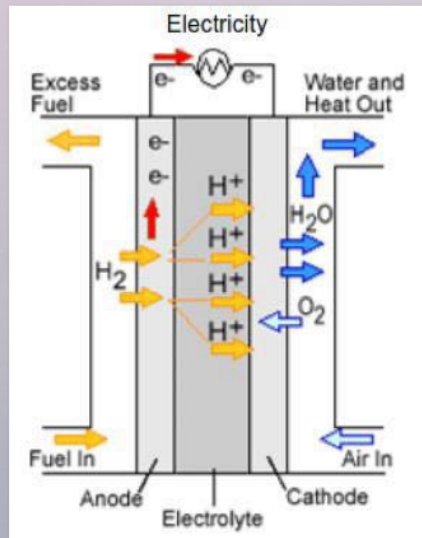


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- A fuel cell requires several hundred single cells connected in series to form a "Stack"
- Number of cells is determined by the output capacity design of the fuel cell
- Because they are connected in series to increase the voltage, the more cells the higher the output
- Fuel Cell output voltage is then stepped up and may get as high as 650 volts
- Fuel cells produce direct current which needs to be inverted to alternating current to maximize the energy efficiency in conjunction with the motor (utility)

Fuel Cell System Diagram of a PEM



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The PEM is sandwiched between two [electrodes](#) which have the catalyst embedded in them. The electrodes are electrically insulated from each other by the PEM. These two electrodes make up the [anode](#) and [cathode](#) respectively.

The PEM is proton permeable but [electrical insulator](#) barrier. This barrier allows the transport of the protons from the anode to the cathode through the membrane but forces the electrons to travel around a conductive path to the cathode thus generating electricity.

How a Fuel Cell Works

Think of a **fuel cell** as a different kind of **battery fed with reactants** and that **produces electricity**.

Internal combustion engines are also fed with fuel, but **with fuel cells, nothing is burned**. There are **no combustion losses**. Instead, **chemical energy** (hydrogen & oxygen) **transforms into electrical energy**.

Hydrogen gas travels from a storage tank through the fuel cell's channel (or plates) to a **membrane coated with a platinum catalyst**. It then **splits into protons and electrons**.

The **protons** (positive charge) **pass through**, but the **catalyst prevents the electrons** (negative charge) from advancing from the **anode** (hydrogen side) to the **cathode** (plate on the side containing oxygen).



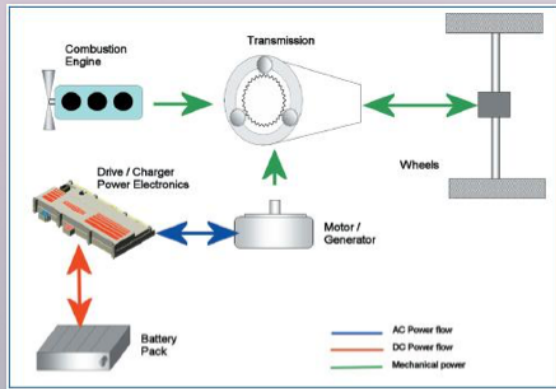
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Fuel cells have been called “Range Extenders”. Indeed, they arrive at an existing Electric Vehicle platform as “on-the-go” electric generators, to charge the EV’s high voltage battery which is the main traction motor feed/supplier. The fuel cell by itself is incapable of the high amperage required by it. The fuel cell primarily function is to constantly replenish the EV HV battery back up after acceleration/climbing and therefore, they complement each other to extend the mileage range desired [and dreamed of] by any EV owners.

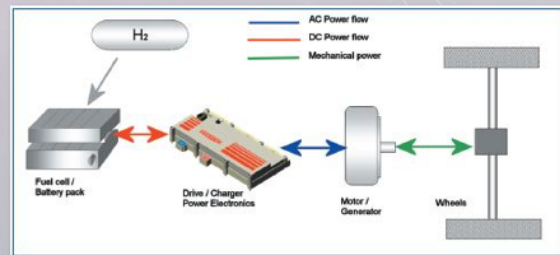
Think of a fuel cell as a different kind of battery; one that is fed with reactants and produces electricity. An internal combustion engine is similarly fed with fuel, but with a fuel cell, nothing is burned. There are no combustion losses. Instead, it transforms a chemical form of energy (hydrogen & oxygen) into electrical energy.

Hydrogen gas stored in a tank travels through the fuel cell’s channel (or plates) until it encounters a membrane coated with a platinum catalyst. It then splits apart into protons and electrons. The protons, with a positive charge, pass through, but due to the properties of the catalyst, the electrons, which have a negative charge, can’t advance from the hydrogen side (the anode) to another plate on the side containing oxygen (the cathode).

Hybrid vs. Fuel Cell Setup



Hybrid

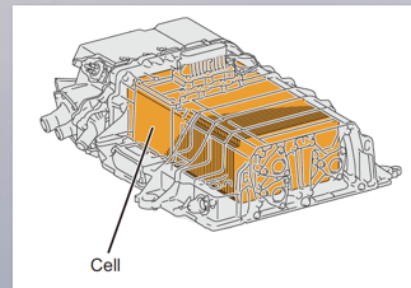
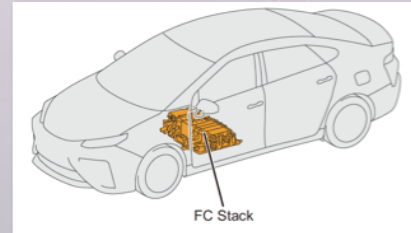


Fuel Cell

Basically by eliminating wasteful and un-needed mechanisms and components from conventional hybrid platforms and using a fuel cell in their place, the waste is reduced and the efficiency of the setup increases.

Fuel Cell Stack

- Heart of a fuel cell power system
- Generates direct current (DC) from electro-chemical reactions in fuel cell
- Single fuel cell produces less than 1V
 - Insufficient for most applications
- Cells combined in series into a fuel cell stack
 - May consist of hundreds of fuel cells
- Power depends on cell type, size, temperature, and pressure of gases



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Parts of a Fuel Cell

Proton Exchange Membrane

- AKA Polymer electrolyte membrane or “PEM” fuel cells
 - Current focus of research for fuel cell vehicle applications
 - Made from several layers of different materials
- The Membrane electrode assembly or “MEA”, is the heart of the fuel cell
 - Membrane
 - Catalyst layers, and
 - Gas diffusion layers (GDLs)

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Parts of a Fuel Cell

Proton Exchange Membrane

- Hardware used to incorporate an MEA into a fuel cell:
- [Gaskets](#)
 - Provide a seal around the MEA to prevent leakage of gases
- [Bipolar plates](#)
 - Used to assemble individual PEM fuel cells into a fuel cell stack
 - Provide channels for the gaseous fuel and air

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Hardware

The Membrane Electrode Assembly (MEA) is where power is produced, but hardware components are required to enable effective MEA operation.

Major Hardware include:

- Power Conditioners
- Air Compressors
- Humidifiers

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Power Conditioner

- Both AC and DC power must be conditioned.
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 - E.g. Simple electrical motor v. Complex utility power grid
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Air Compressors

- Fuel cell performance improves as the pressure of the reactant gases increases
- Air compressor raises the pressure of the inlet air to 2–4 times the ambient atmospheric pressure
- For transportation applications, air compressors should have an efficiency of at least 75%.
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Humidifiers

- Polymer electrolyte membrane does not work well when dry
- Many fuel cell systems include a humidifier for the inlet air
- Usually a thin membrane
 - Sometimes the same material as the PEM
- Mode of action:
 - Flow dry inlet air on one side of the humidifier and wet exhaust air on the other side
 - Water produced may be recycled to keep the PEM hydrated

The polymer electrolyte membrane at the heart of a PEM fuel cell does not work well when dry, so many fuel cell systems include a humidifier for the inlet air. Humidifiers usually consist of a thin membrane, which may be made of the same material as the PEM. By flowing dry inlet air on one side of the humidifier and wet exhaust air on the other side, the water produced by the fuel cell may be recycled to keep the PEM well hydrated.




Just as with smart phone technology trends, technology on vehicles are following and parallel their behavior. Here are some of the advances in technology which increase the over-all FC vehicle performance and efficiency.

FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

Toyota Mirai Fuel Cell Operating New Parameters

Maximum Output	114KW (PS155)
Output Density	3.1KW/L

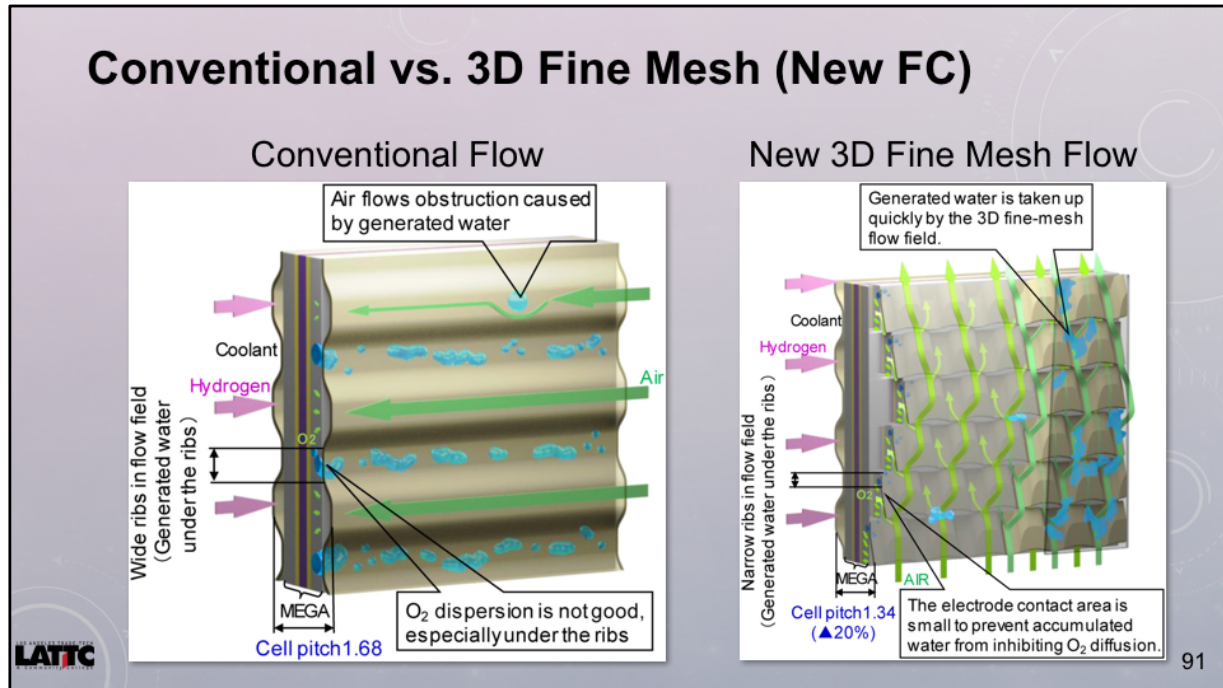


The image shows a silver Toyota Mirai fuel cell vehicle. The car is sleek and aerodynamic, with a prominent front grille and headlights. It is positioned on a light blue background with faint circular patterns. The car is shown from a front-three-quarter view, highlighting its modern design.

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Increasing the output and decreasing the weight...



Conventional flow field structure:

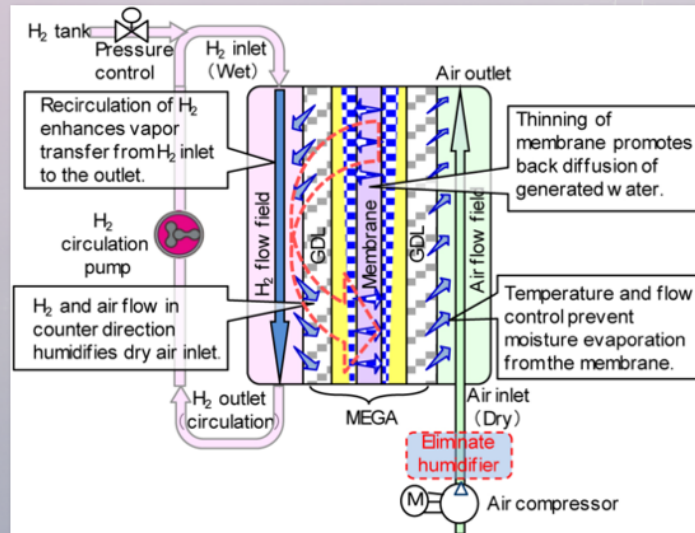
- Unlike conventional strait channel and porous metal flow fields, the new Toyota fuel cell uses a 3D fine-mesh flow field in the cathode. The 3D micro-lattice directs air toward the MEGA and promotes O₂ diffusion to the catalyst layer. The designers optimized the geometry and surface wettability of the flow field to draw water generated by the MEGA to the back surface of the 3D flow field

New 3D fine mesh flow field structure:

- For the anode, Toyota engineers used an integrated channel-based fine-pitch flow field structure with H₂ flow on the front and coolant flow on the back. This creates a 2-turn, 3-step cascade microstructure in which the H₂ and air flow in counter directions on either side of the membrane electrode assembly (MEA)

New Toyota Fuel Cell System (TCFS) - Details

Outline of self-humidification within cell surface

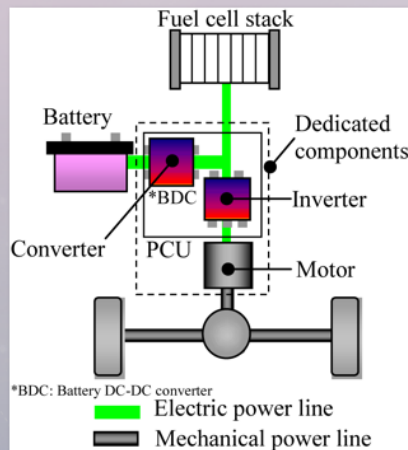


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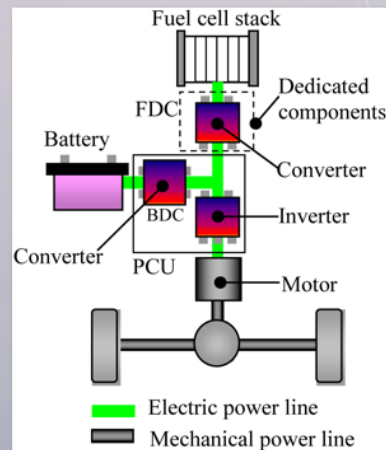
- To enhance performance without a humidifier, Toyota reduced the electrolyte membrane thickness by two-thirds, promoting the generation of water by back diffusion and increasing the proton conductivity by a factor of at least 3. Other measures restrict chemical deterioration of the electrolyte membrane
- **MEGA**: Membrane Electrode and Gas diffusion layer Assembly (the fuel cell itself)

Adding a Boost Converter (Higher FC Output)

FCHV Hybrid System:



Mirai Hybrid System



2008 FCHV-adv

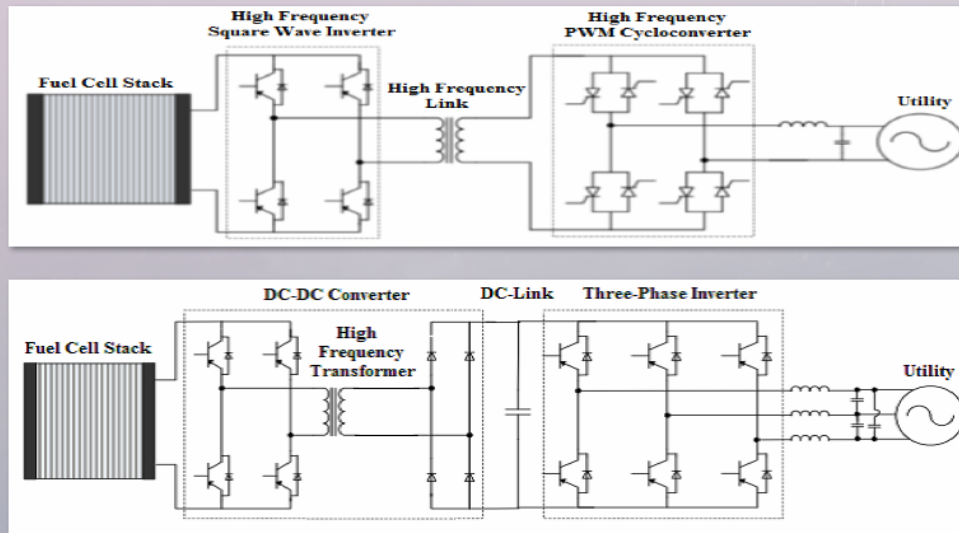
- The fuel cell and inverter are directly connected;
- FC voltage is virtually the same as the motor voltage, and the inverter and motor have dedicated designs

Mirai

- Uses the same inverter and motor as already adopted in mass-production hybrid electric vehicles
- Because the maximum fuel cell voltage is lower than the maximum motor voltage (650V), the two components cannot be connected directly

The new system implements the boost converter between the fuel cell and the inverter to step up the voltage from the fuel cell. By developing the FDC, it was possible to increase the voltage of the motor, reduce the number of fuel cell stack cells, and reduce the size and weight of the system. In addition, design innovations to the voltage-boost control and case structure provide quiet operation. The new system can be used with existing HV units, enhancing reliability and greatly reducing costs.

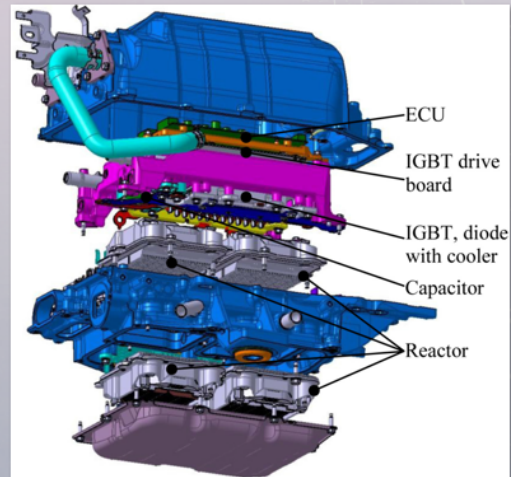
DC-DC Converter Innovations (FC Booster)



By adding a power booster to the existing fuel cell stack directly at its output, Toyota was able to increase the generated power output while decreasing the size of the fuel cell for increase efficiency.

Adding a Boost Converter (Higher FC Output)

- Phase drive control using optimum number of phases in accordance with the power passing through FDC allows the FCV to be driven highly efficiently
- Improved loss by approx 10% at 15kW
- TMC reduced thermal resistance by approx 50%
 - compared with HEV reactors through the use of a new structure for reactor cooling and dedicated filler



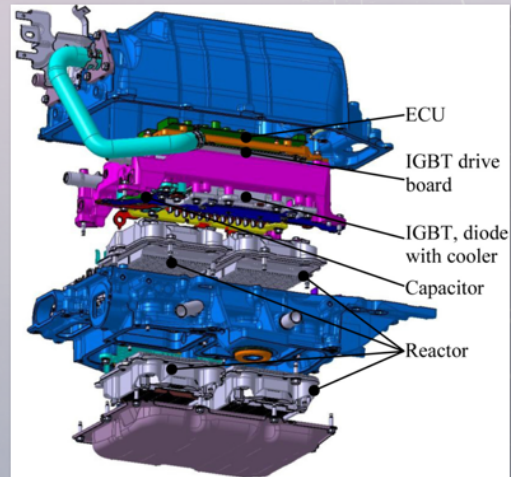
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- TMC also reduced thermal resistance by approximately 50% compared with HEV reactors through the use of a new structure for reactor cooling and a dedicated filler

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- Rubber in the body mounting structure helps prevent the transmission of vibration directly to the body
 - Resulting in a reduction of 30 dB
- Noise and vibration are also reduced by a carrier control that changes the switching frequency at random over time



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- Noise and vibration are also reduced by a carrier control that changes the switching frequency at random over time
- Toyota is continuing to develop and adopt new materials and further reduce the size of the FDC.

Power-Out Port for Power outs & Emergencies



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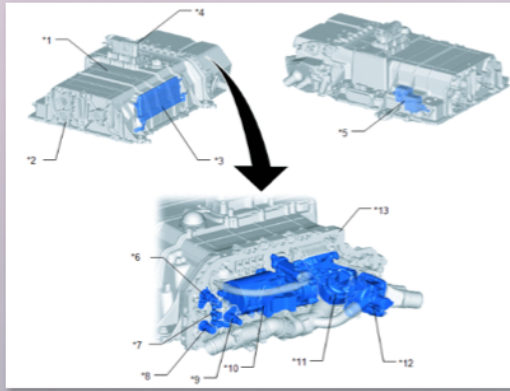
Power available for emergencies:

- A power-out jack and associated energy station, not currently offered on any passenger cars, would likely offer a unique selling proposition that underscores the Mirai's ability to generate emission-free electricity--and quite a lot of it too
- The energy capacity of the fuel-cell vehicle's 5 kilograms of hydrogen, compressed at 10,000 psi, is more than 150 kilowatt-hours

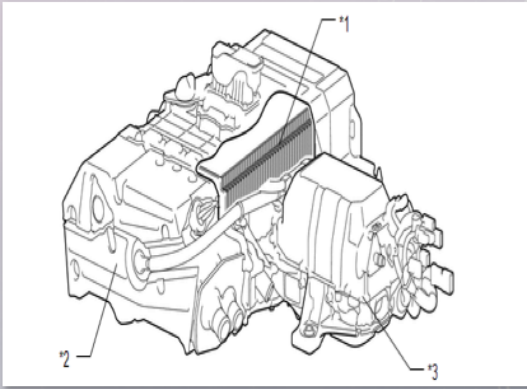
TOYOTA'S NEW FC STACK STRUCTURE

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2017 Mirai Fuel Cell Stack



*1	FC Stack Assembly	*2	FC Stack Ventilation Cover
*3	FC Stack Monitor	*4	FC Service Plug Grip
*5	FC Main Relay	*6	Low-range Hydrogen Pressure Sensor
*7	Hydrogen Injector	*8	Pressure Relief Valve
*9	Medium-range Hydrogen Pressure Sensor	*10	Hydrogen Pump
*11	Air Pressure Regulating Valve	*12	Air Shunt Valve
*13	Stack manifold	-	-



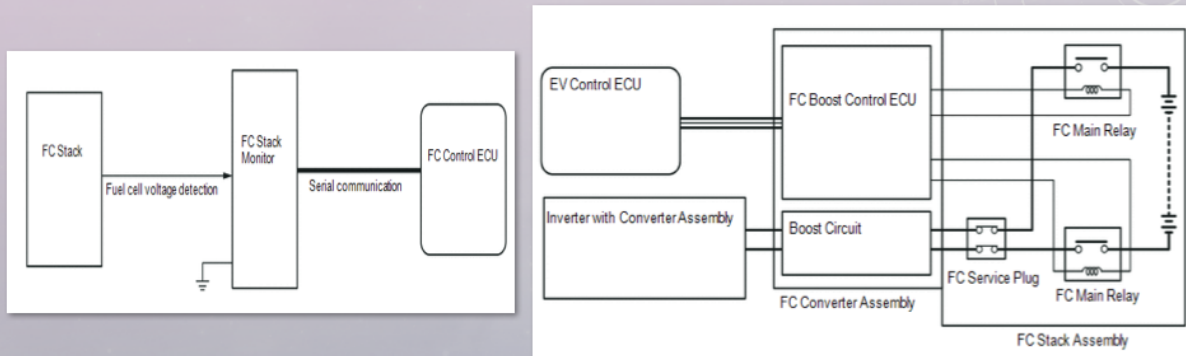
*1	FC Stack	*2	FC Stack Assembly
*3	FC Converter Assembly	-	-

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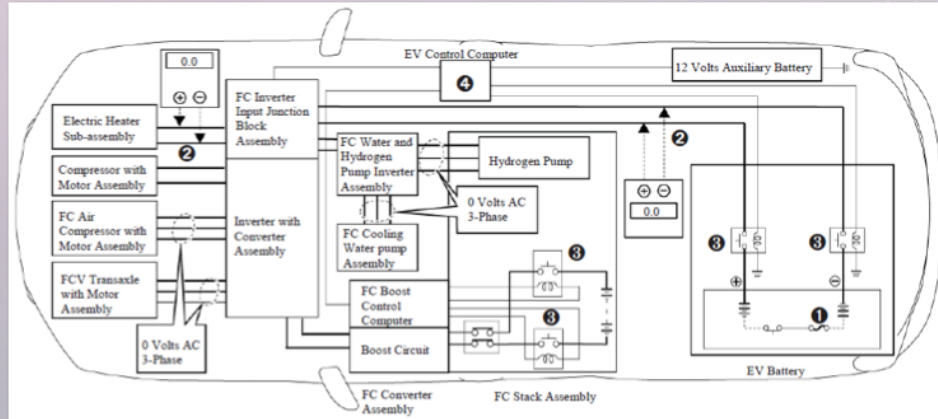
- The FC stack assembly is composed of the 370 layers of fuel cells, FC stack monitor, hydrogen system components (hydrogen pump, injector, etc.), air system components (air diverter valve, air pressure regulator valve, etc.), cooling system components, high voltage components, etc.
- The FC service plug grip has been provided to shut off the high voltage circuits, ensuring technician safety during service operations
- Hydrogen system components and air system components have been grouped in the area around the FC stack assembly and given improved controllability, enabling reductions in mass and bulk
- The stack case contains many high voltage components, and for these components the case performs the functions of containing, waterproofing, dustproofing, and providing protection against contact with high voltage
- Because the stack case is located in the vehicle underfloor environment, it has been anodized for superior corrosion resistance

Fuel Cell Stack Control



- The FC stack monitor detects the FC stack condition (voltage) and sends it to the FC control ECU
- The FC main relay is controlled by the FC boost control ECU (built into FC converter assembly), and is the relay that connects and disconnects the high voltage circuits coming out of the FC stack. Relays are installed on both the positive and negative lines of the FC stack output
- When a relay actuation command is received from the EV control ECU, the FC boost control ECU (built into FC converter assembly) operates the actuation circuit to drive the FC main relay and connect or disconnect the high voltage circuits

High Voltage System OFF (No READY light)

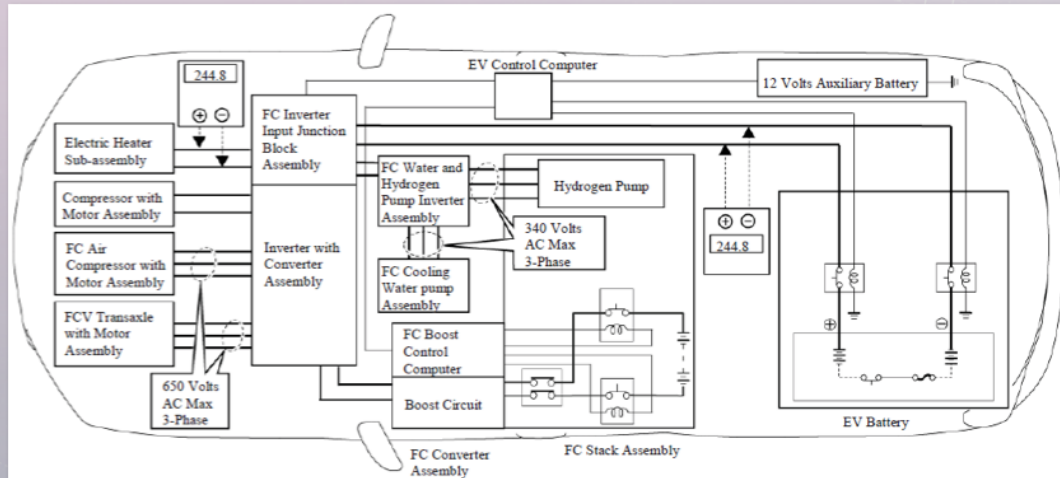


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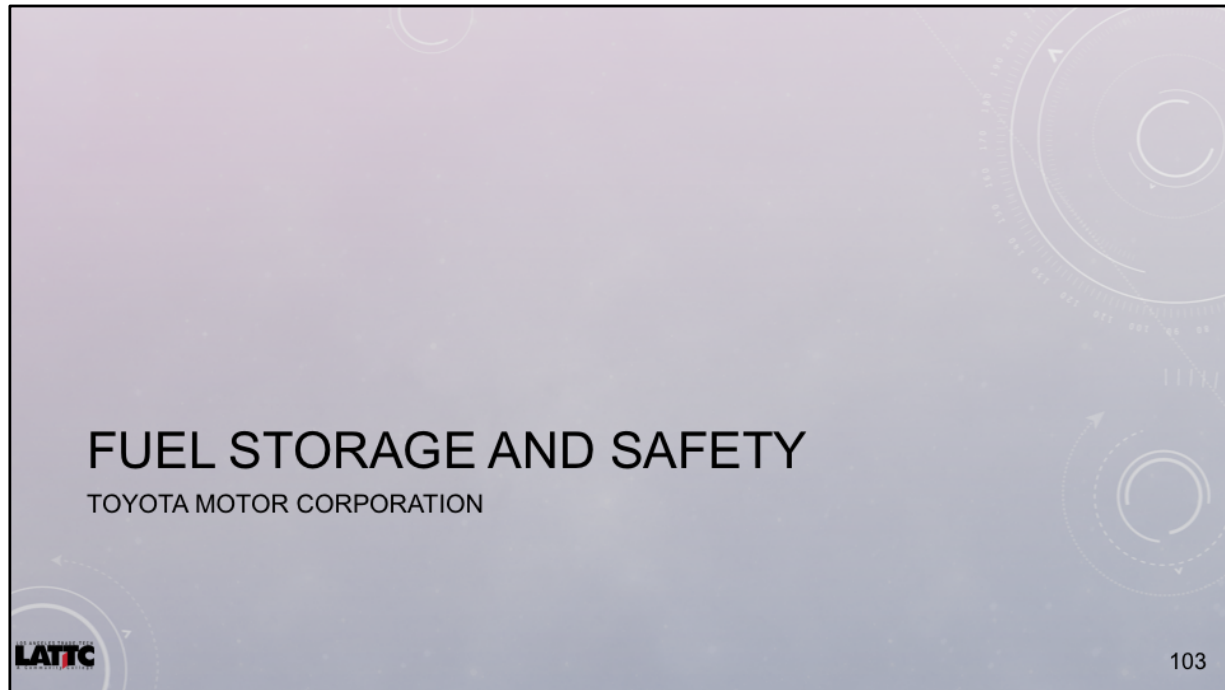
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It is good practice to identify the points at which different systems coincide. The High Voltage system of the Mirai, works together with the Fuel Cell System to provide smooth system performance and control. It is also important to know where these points are and what is occurring there as far as safety concerns and procedures when performing work. The diagram above shows the FC vehicle in the **OFF state**. Note the SMR relays are **OPEN** and the test voltmeters show **0 (zero) volts**.

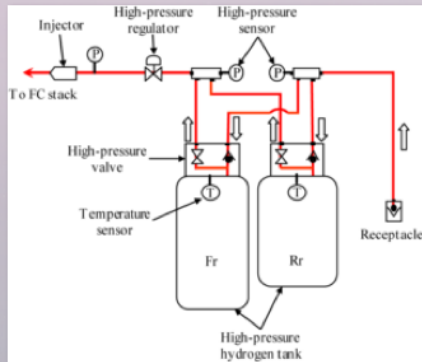
High Voltage System ON (READY light ON)



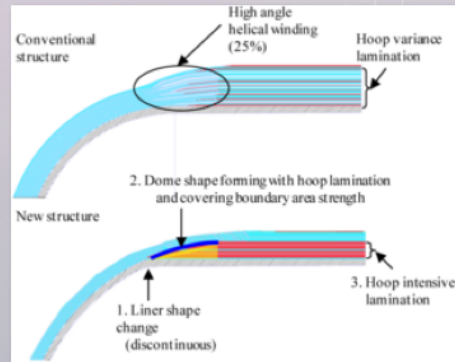
This diagram clearly shows the high voltages alive after the vehicle has been turned ON (READY light solid ON). Notice the importance of the many differences on voltages throughout the **HV system (244.8v↔650v)**. It is imperative to understand these differences from a diagnostic and technician safety point of view.



Storage



Basic configuration of high-pressure storage system. The high pressure from the two hydrogen tanks is reduced in two stages by the high-pressure regulator and injector before reaching the fuel cell (FC) stack.



Comparison of conventional and new lamination methods. Toyota made three critical changes to the lamination method, resulting in a thinner tank wall and reduced weight.

Storage:

- Toyota reduced the weight, size, and cost of the high-pressure hydrogen storage system in the Mirai while improving fueling performance. The four 70 MPa tanks used on the 2008 Toyota FCHV-adv were reduced to two new larger diameter tanks; Toyota developed a new optimized laminated structure for tanks to reduce weight using a high-strength low-cost carbon fiber material. The shapes of the newly developed high-pressure hydrogen tanks were optimized to enable installation under the floor of the sedan. Further, Toyota reduced the size of the high-pressure valve and also modified a high-pressure sensor from a conventional vehicle for use in a high-pressure hydrogen atmosphere
- As a result, the whole storage system weighs approximately 15% less than that in the Toyota FCHV-adv, while reducing the number of component parts by half and

substantially reducing cost

- Toyota engineers also reduced the time required to fuel the FCV by chilling the filling gas temperature at the hydrogen filling station to -40°C (as per SAE J2601). Furthermore, the layout of the tank temperature sensor and other aspects of the design were adjusted to increase the State of Charge (SOC) determined by SAE J2799 IrDA communications between the vehicle and hydrogen station
- The tanks use a plastic liner at the innermost layer to seal in the hydrogen gas. The liner is surrounded by a strong CFRP layer capable of withstanding high pressures, which itself is surrounded by a glass fiber reinforced plastic (GFRP) layer with high impact resistance, and a protector. Aluminum bosses are provided at both ends of the plastic liner, with one side for the valve fitting. The weight of the newly developed tanks was reduced by improving the CFRP layer and reducing the amount of material used
- Conventional tanks combine three types of winding methods: hoop winding to strengthen the central region of the tank; low-angle helical winding to strengthen the dome regions (in the axial direction); and high-angle helical winding to reinforce the boundaries of these regions. By necessity, the high-angle helical winding required to strengthen the boundary regions is also wound over the central region
- Because the high-angle helical winding is wound around the central region of the tank at an angle of 70° , the reinforcement efficiency is reduced. Toyota, however, made three critical changes to the lamination method:
 - The sectional shape of the liner was flattened to enable lamination by hoop winding at the boundary regions
 - The boundary regions were strengthened while forming the conventional liner shape by gradually retracting the end positions of the hoop winding

- Hoop winding lamination was concentrated in the inner layers
- These changes had the following two effects. First, the high-angle helical winding, which accounted for approximately 25% of the total laminated structure, was eliminated. Second, hoop winding, which is a highly effective way of strengthening the central region of the tank, was concentrated in the inner layers where the generated stress is highest. This allowed the strength of the fibers to be used more effectively. This dual effect enabled a 20 wt% reduction in CFRP compared to the conventional lamination method

—Yamashita et al.

For the FCHV-adv, Toyota had used aerospace grade carbon fiber. For Mirai, Toyota worked with carbon fiber providers to improve the properties of less costly general purpose carbon fiber.

On the road toward its anticipated future full-scale commercialization of fuel cell vehicles, Toyota will work to continue further to reduce the size of the hydrogen storage system and advance the performance of the next-generation FCV.

Safety and Control

Purging

- Assume hydrogen present and verify the system is purged to the appropriate level when performing maintenance
- Assume air is present and verify the system has been purged to the appropriate level when reintroducing hydrogen into a system



Pressure Relief System

- Pressure equipment should be fitted with a pressure relief device (PRD), such as a rupture disc or a relief valve
- The PRD should be vented to a safe outside location

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Purging:

- One should always **assume that hydrogen is present** and verify that the system has been purged to the appropriate level when performing maintenance on a hydrogen system
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Safety and Control

Venting

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Pressure Relief System

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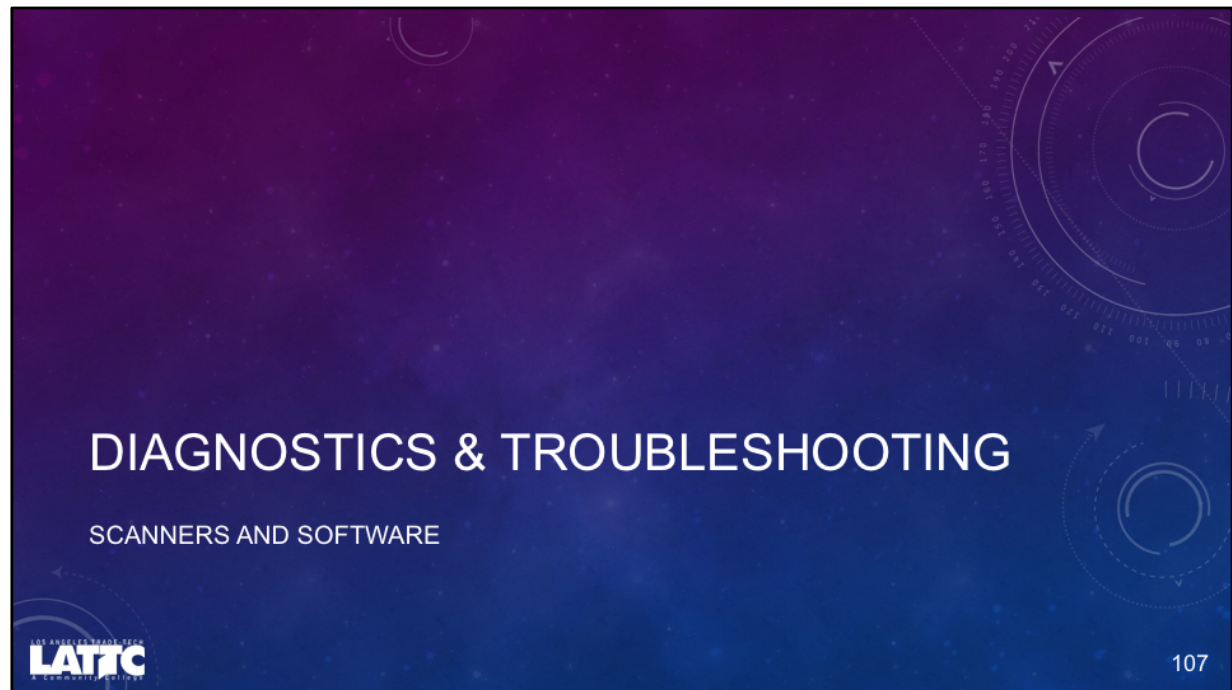
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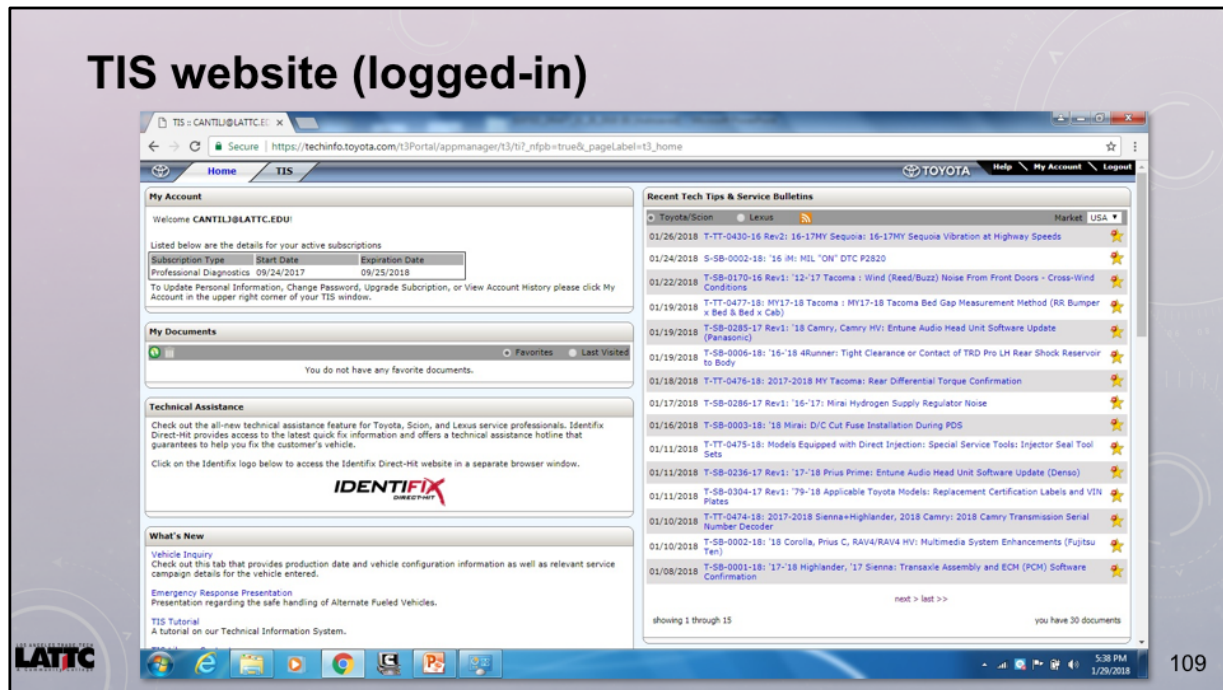
• URL: <http://techinfo.toyota.com>

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TIS is a an online-based website where anyone anywhere can access Toyota's product information and specifications directly from the OEM. A online account and a login are required.

- Excellent and detailed information on all areas of product interest
- All material is available to download, print and/or saved
- URL: <http://techinfo.toyota.com>

TIS website (logged-in)



After accessing the TIS website with your login, this is the “Home” screen which appears. From here you can select the other tab “TIS” [at the upper-left], to specify more to detail your search for a specific resource.

1. HOME tab:

- You can access such things as “Technical Assistance” and/or “Recent Tech Tips & Service Bulletins” for examples. There are many more!

2. TIS tab:

- This tab allows you to zero-in into a specific information about a specific vehicle or system. Again, many more are available. Priceless!



The image shows the ITIS techstream logo on the left, which consists of the word 'ITIS' in a stylized font with three dots above the 'I', followed by 'techstream' in a lowercase sans-serif font, and three curved lines to the right. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a portable diagnostic device, a white and black ruggedized laptop or tablet mounted on a black frame with wheels, featuring the ITIS logo and 'techstream' text on its screen.

ONBOARD DIAGNOSTICS

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Toyota Onboard Diagnostics offer a comprehensive and wide range of technical resources through their official OEM scanner. Their diagnostic system is called **Teachstream** and a portable PC platform (i.e. Laptop), **loaded** with the Teachstream software (**Purchase** with **yearly** subscription renewal) is required.

This equips the technician with ample abilities to access DTCs, monitor real-time data, perform calibrations and execute tests of all their control systems.

Techstream Overview

- The Technical Information System (TIS) is the service support source for Toyota vehicles marketed in North America
 - Includes all vital information needed to effectively service most 1990 and later Toyota products
 - Perform tests & monitor data on most systems
 - Fuel system (High pressure hydrogen monitoring & control)
 - Leak detection
 - Fuel cell stack system
 - High voltage power monitoring and control
 - Automatic safety disconnect
 - To neutralize systems in the event of accidents, fires and electrical discharges/shorts

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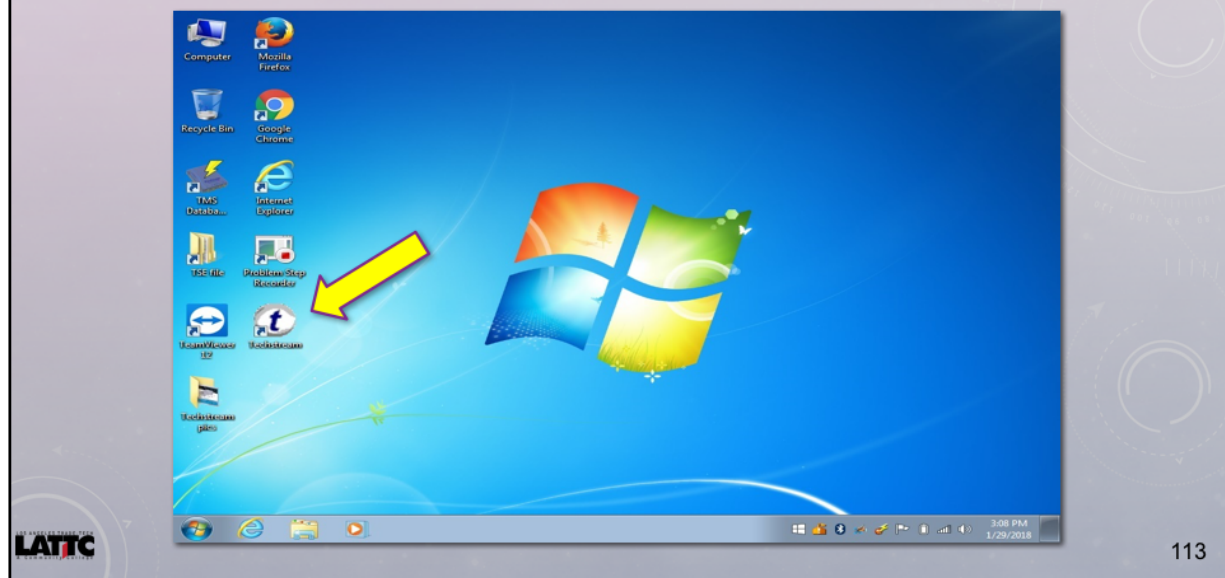
The Technical Information System or TIS is your service support source for all Toyota produced vehicles marketed in North America. TIS includes all of the vital information you'll need to effectively service most 1990 and later Toyota products. The system offers a wide range of access to perform tests, monitor data and execute tests on most of its systems. It includes the fuel system (High pressure hydrogen sensing monitoring & control), leak detection, Fuel cell stack system and high voltage power monitoring and control along with the automatic safety disconnect to neutralize systems in the event of accidents, fires and electrical discharges/shorts.

Parameters and Real-time Data (Caution)

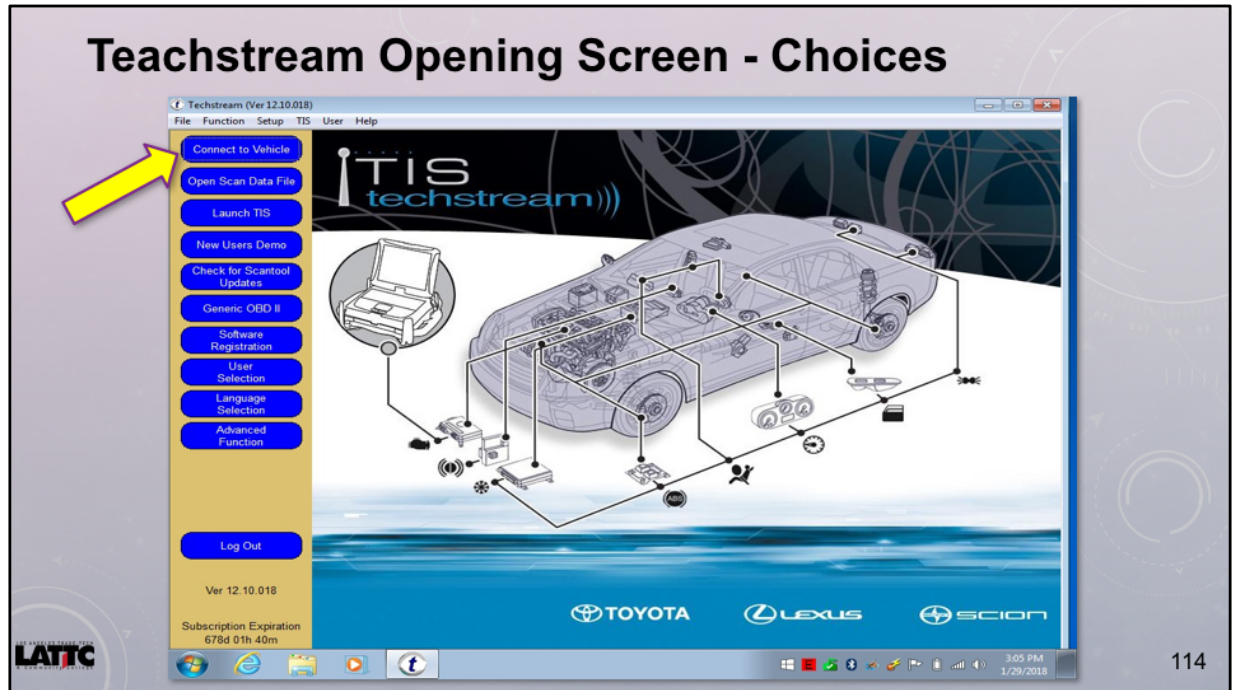
- Access to all systems to give the technician as much information possible about how systems operate
- Because of amount of information available, proceed with caution:
 - Understand how systems designed to function under normal circumstances and therefore comprehend their behavior
 - This allows you to verify repairs by comparing the pre and post operation states

Access to all systems are built into and designed to give the technician as much system information as the systems themselves use to operate. This ample approach efficiently increases any diagnostic procedure needed to successfully diagnose, repair and solve any bad operational states of the vehicle. Because of the size of the information available, it is wise to approach and proceed with caution, have a good understanding of what systems are design to operate under normal circumstances and therefore comprehend their behavior. It will also serve as verification after repairs have been completed by comparing the pre and post operation states.

Desktop/Home Screen for most Computers



When accessing the Toyota diagnostic software “Techstream”, note the **Icon symbol design** so you can easily identify it and click it to launch it.



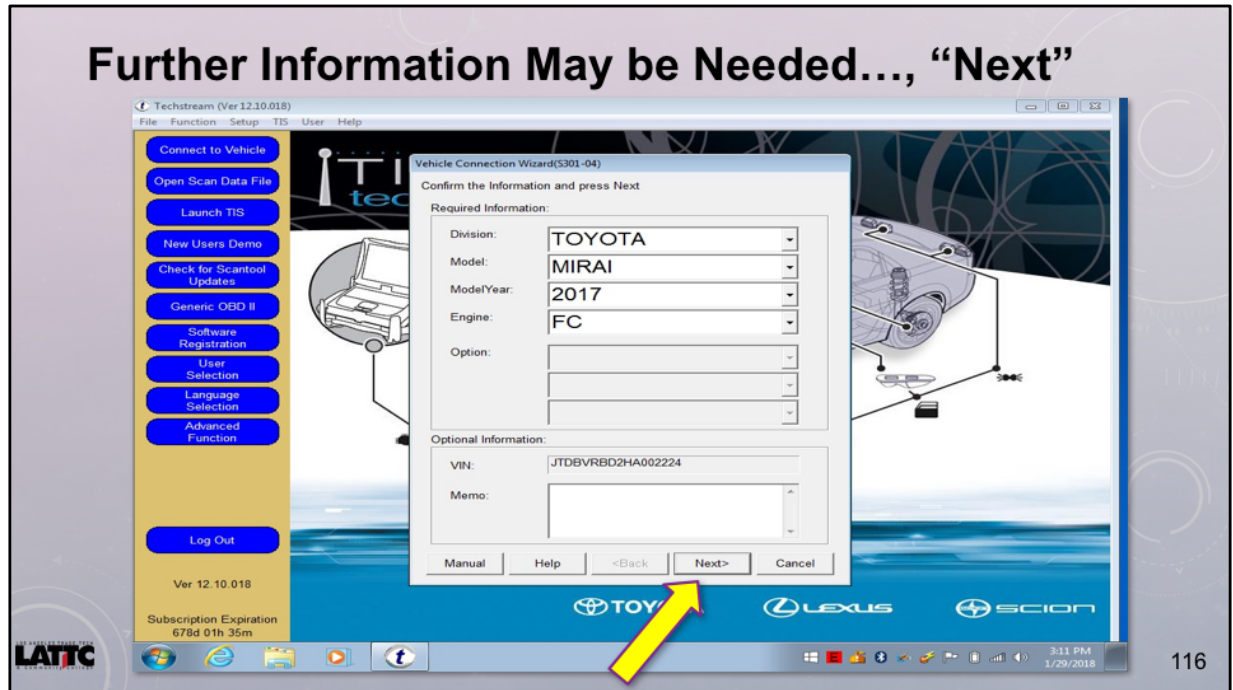
This is where the software take you after you click on its icon. From here, you need to physically (wired) connect to a vehicle. There may be a wireless connectivity in some form (we won't assume you have it and proceed with hard wire connection).

For the software to read your vehicle's control data and "talk" to it, need to turn the vehicle's ignition key ON, connect PC cable to OBD port on vehicle and click "Connect to Vehicle".

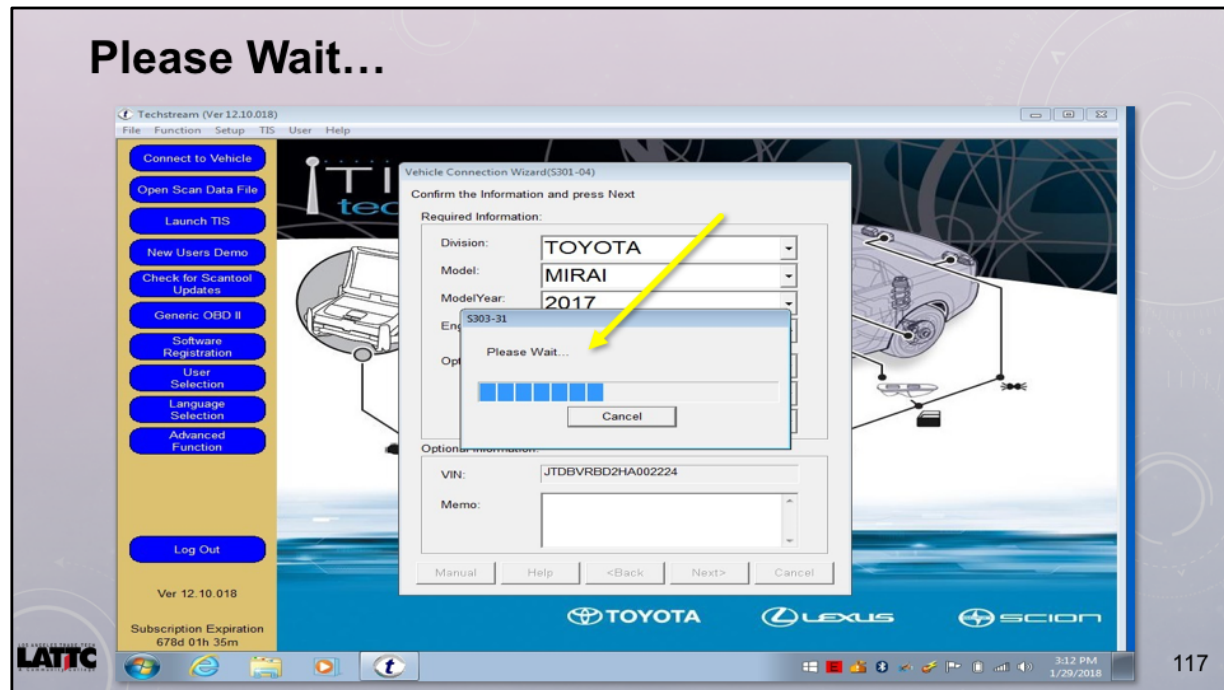
Connecting...



After clicking connect (previous slide), the software automatically tries and access the vehicle systems and shows you it is connecting.

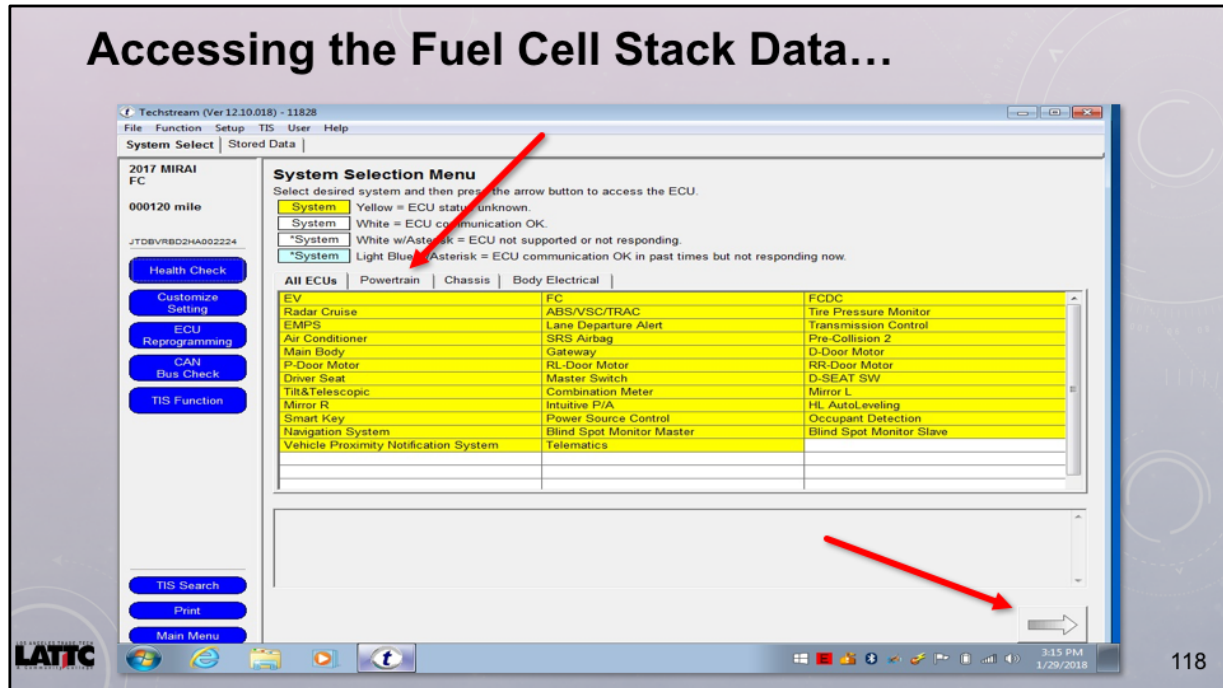


You may be prompted to enter further information about your specific vehicle. Do this till the “Next” button becomes clickable (lower area of the window).



Once you click the “Next” button, it asks you to “Please wait...”

Accessing the Fuel Cell Stack Data...

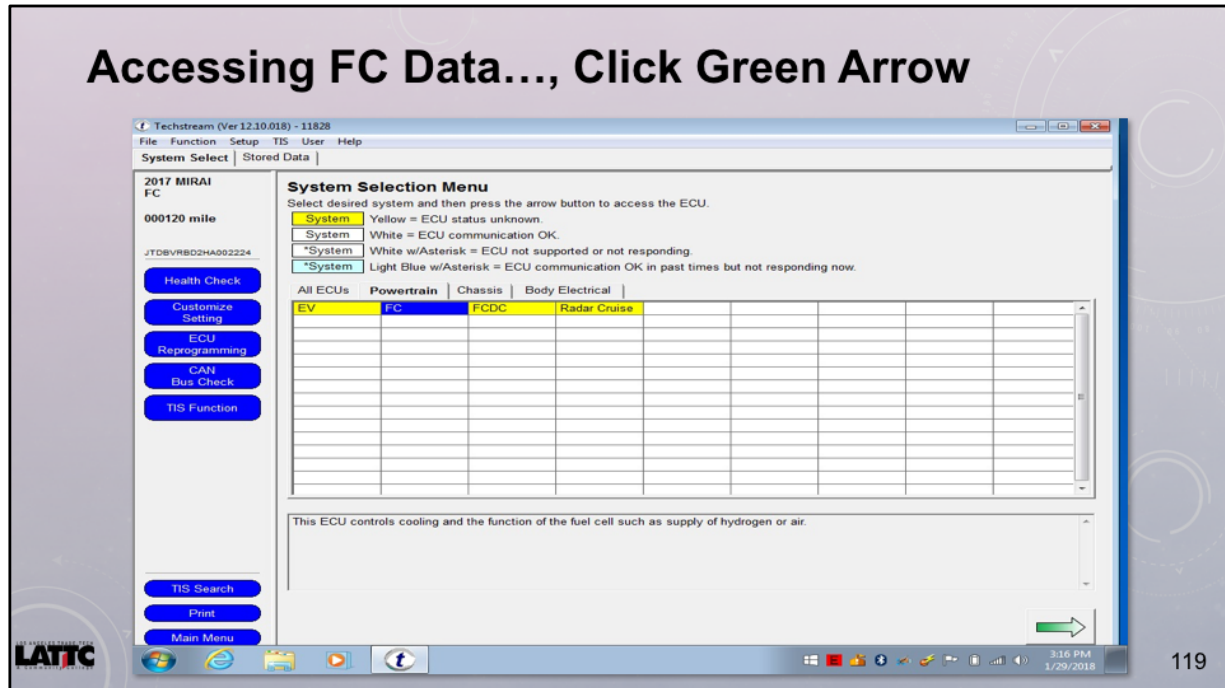


As you can see towards the upper right corner of the screen, it reads and displays the vehicle year, model and odometer millage along with the vehicle's VIN number (lower). This verifies successful connection. After successful connection, the software defaults to a teachstream, positive vehicle connection homescreen. The screen shows all the control modules which are installed on this vehicle and accessible for testing and monitoring. Note the navigation choices to the right in blue-colored buttons. These are the various areas of each system which can be selected for data read. There is also a "Heath Check" button which scans all the modules for any fault(s).

As you can see, this is a 2017 Mirai FC unit, with only 120 miles on the odometer!

For this vehicle, we want to access Fuel Cell Stack (FC) data. So the FC is part of the Powertrain, so I clicked on its Tab "Powertrain" and click on the arrow towards the lower-right corner of the screen.

Accessing FC Data..., Click Green Arrow



The FC box turns blue and the green arrow towards the lower-right corner becomes clickable..., click on it to go there.

All Info on the FC Stack is Displayed... Success!

2017 MIRAI FC
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Trouble Codes
Data List
Active Test
Monitor
Utility
Dual Data List

TIS Search
Print
Close

Parameter	Value	Unit	Parameter	Value	Unit
Battery Voltage	14.21	V	Smoothed Value of Medium-range Hydrogen Pressure	181	psi(gauge)
Total Distance Traveled	120	mile	Smoothed Value of Low-range Hydrogen Pressure	5.04	psi(gauge)
FC Voltage before Boosting	73.7	V	Motor Room Side Hydrogen Detector Density	0.01	%
FC Current	0.00	A	Tank Side Hydrogen Detector Density	0.01	%
FC Mode	FC Working		Target FC Water Pump Revolution	893	rpm
FC Intermittent Operation	ON		FC Water Pump Revolution	895.25	rpm
Ready	ON		FC Water Pump Consumption Power	39	W
Low Temperature Mode	2		Radiator Fan 1 Driving Request	0.00	%
FC Stack Cell Average Minimum Voltage	0.00	V	Radiator Fan 2 Driving Request	0.00	%
FC Stack Cell Minimum Voltage	0.00	V	Smoothed Value of FC Stack Coolant Temperature (FC Stack Outlet)	84.11	F
FC Total Voltage	71.9	V	Smoothed Value of FC Stack Coolant Temperature (Radiator Outlet)	75.56	F
Accelerator Degree	0.00	%	Target FC Stack Coolant Temperature (FC Stack Outlet)	134.58	F
Shift Sensor Shift Position	P		Estimated Radiator Rotary Valve Position	0.00	%
Vehicle Speed	0.00	MPH	Smoothed Value of Barometric Pressure	-0.03	psi(gauge)
Hydrogen Injector 1 Injection Request	OFF		Smoothed Value of FC Stack Air Pressure (FC Stack Inlet)	0.03	psi(gauge)
Hydrogen Injector 2 Injection Request	OFF		Mass Air Flow Value	48.62	NL/min
Hydrogen Injector 3 Injection Request	OFF		Smoothed Value of Intake Air Temperature	91.99	F
Exhaust Drainage Valve Driving Request	OFF		Target Mass Air Flow Value	49.43	NL/min
Tank Shut Valve 1 Driving Request	ON		Target FC Stack Air Pressure (FC Stack Inlet)	-0.23	psi(gauge)
Tank Shut Valve 2 Driving Request	ON		Target Air Pressure Regulating Valve Position	100.00	%
Target Hydrogen Pump Revolution	600	rpm			
Hydrogen Pump Revolution	575.50	rpm			
Hydrogen Pump Consumption Power	19	W			
Hydrogen Empty Low Level	OFF				
Target Low-range Hydrogen Pressure	3.39	psi(gauge)			
Hydrogen Remaining	50.5	%			
Smoothed Value of High-range Hydrogen Pressure	4337	psi(gauge)			

Primary
Sort A to Z

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Here we can read what the FC Control module is “seeing”. Here is where this tool becomes really valuable and time-saver. Some of the things which are displayed here are for you to see and confirm are:

- Battery voltage: 14.21V = Vehicle’s 12v auxiliary power system is being supplied/charged
- FC Mode: FC Working = **FC is ON**
- Ready: **ON** = The vehicle's **READY light** on the dashboard should be **ON**
- All 3 hydrogen injectors are **OFF** = No loads are being applied to the vehicle (Vehicle was just sitting there=TRUE!)
- Hydrogen Remaining: **50%** = There is still some hydrogen gas present inside the fuel cell stack (**No wonder all 3 injectors are OFF**)
- And so on.....∞

Questions?

Thank you.

RESOURCES AND LINKS

Links for Resources

Online Documents	Web Address
Toyota Mirai:	
Cruises 300 miles	http://bit.ly/2roGEvk
A Preview of future propulsion	http://bit.ly/2ru0CVE
Run your home in an emergency	http://bit.ly/2nqYXuQ

Videos	Web Address
Visual hydrogen atom (1:21)	http://rsc.li/2DSUoRC
Hydrogen properties (7:15)	http://rsc.li/2Dufkqp
Toyota Fuel Cell System (3:23)	http://bit.ly/2DnALAg
Toyota Motor Corporation (Requires Account Login)	
Toyota Information System TIS	http://toyota.us/2npclKy
Mirai FCV Mayor Tech Specs	http://toyota.us/2EkBK5C

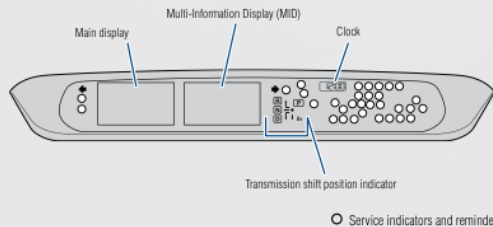
Websites	Web Address
U.S. Department of Energy Quiz: How much do you know about hydrogen?	http://bit.ly/2EfKqdb



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OVERVIEW

Instrument cluster

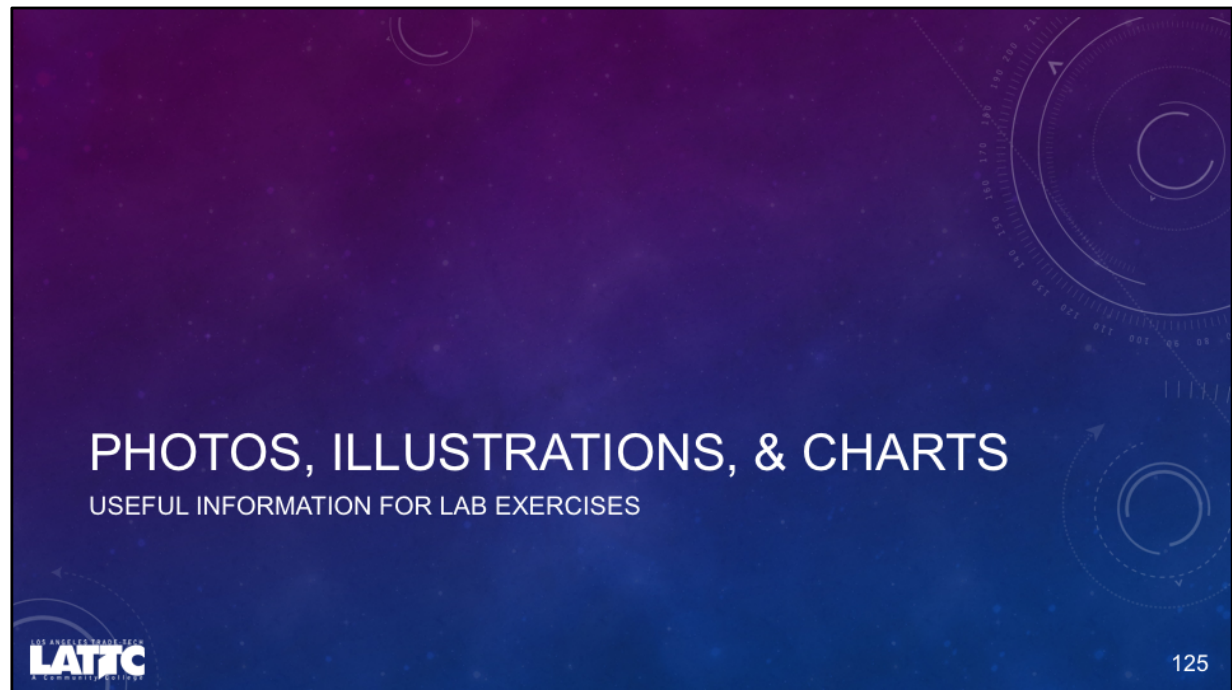


Instrument symbols

For details, refer to "Indicators and warning lights," Section 3-3, 2017 Owner's Manual.

- Hydrogen leak warning
- High coolant temperature warning
- Low fuel level warning
- Master warning¹
- Low tire pressure warning¹
- READY indicator
- Security indicator
- Airbag ON/OFF
- Driver seat belt reminder (alarm will sound if speed is over 12 mph)
- Supplemental Restraint System warning
- Open door warning

¹ If indicator does not turn off within a few seconds of starting Hydrogen Fuel Cell System, there may be malfunction. Have vehicle inspected by your Toyota dealer.



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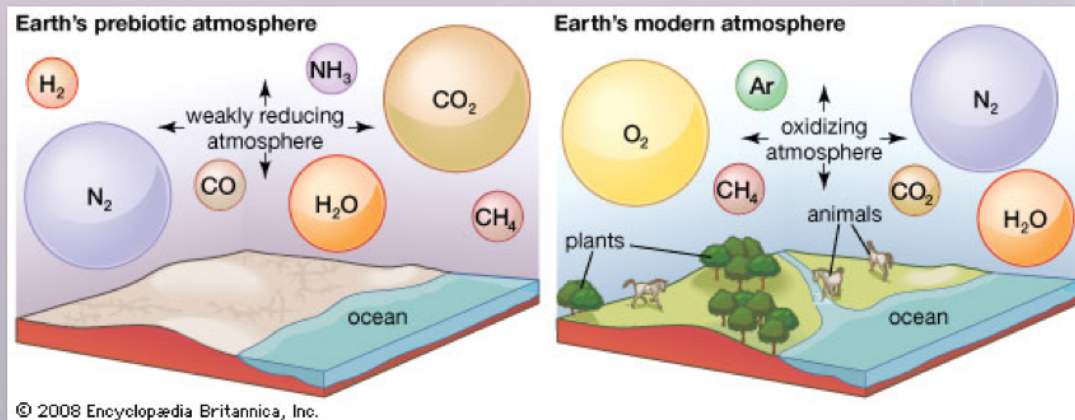
Dashboard Instruments



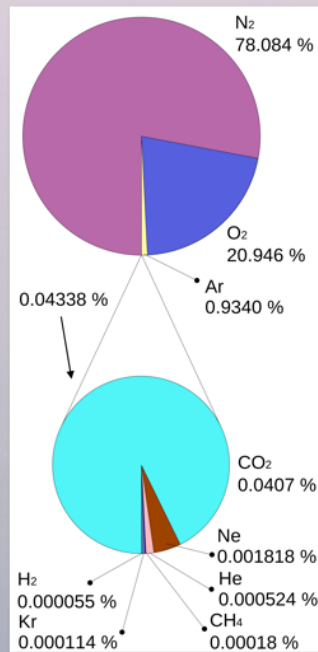
Dashboard Buttons



Prebiotic v. Modern Atmospheric Gas



Atmospheric Gas Proportions



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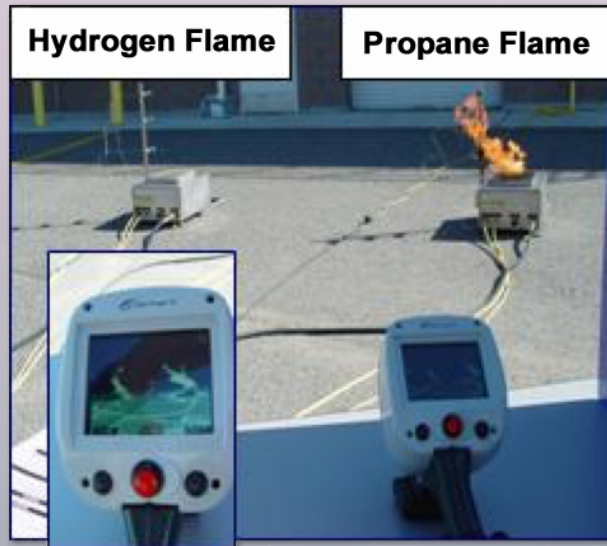
Propane Flame v. Hydrogen Flame - Night



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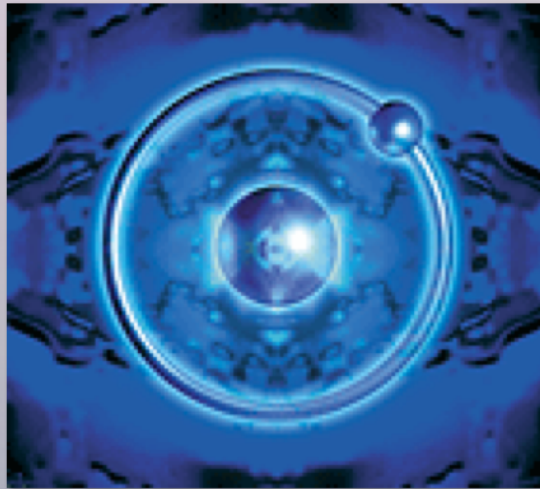
Hydrogen Flame v. Propane Flame (infrared) - Day



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Hydrogen Atom



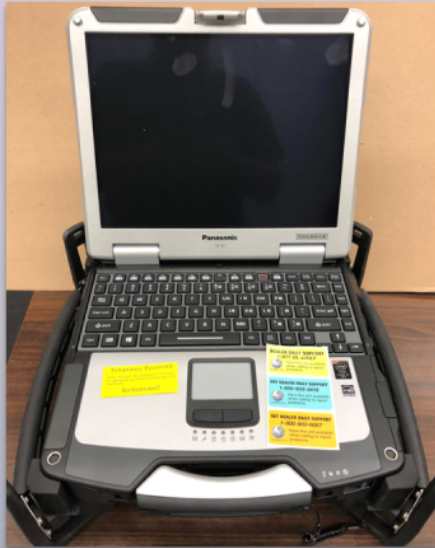
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TIS-techstream (open & off)

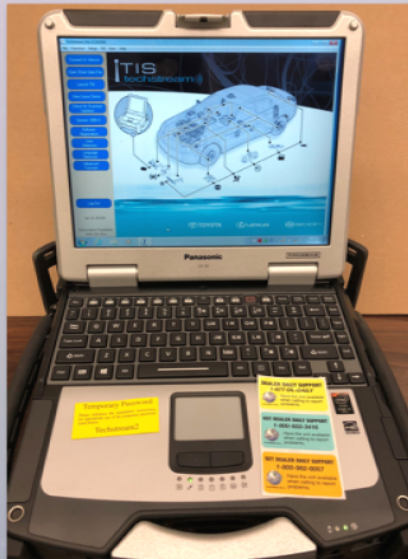


TIS-techstream (screen)



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TIS-techstream (open & on)



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