

# Fuel Cells for Ground Support Equipment

H2 @ Airports 2020

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# Plug Power is a Leader in Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology

1st to create a market for HFC technology

31.9MM+ fuelings; 35T+ liquid H2 used daily

40,000 Units Deployed by Year End 2020

GenKey end-to-end solution provides fuel and H2 infrastructure, fuel cells and service

Expansion into electrolyzers and green hydrogen plants via acquisitions

In-house capability to become one of the largest green hydrogen generators over the next several years



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- An aerial photograph of an airport tarmac. A large white commercial aircraft is the central focus, with its wings spread. Surrounding the aircraft are numerous ground support equipment (GSE) vehicles, including baggage carts, fuel trucks, and other service vehicles. The tarmac is paved and has various markings. In the background, there are airport buildings and a parking lot with several cars.
- **Significant regulatory pressure on emission reduction**
  - **Operators striving for sustainable solutions**
  - **Large shift to electrification and/or alternate fuels**
  - **Airports are effectively standalone ‘ecosystems’**
  - **Contract 3rd party operators & maintenance companies consolidate equipment demands**
  - **Increasing global demand for air cargo**
  - **Overall GSE market (powered & non-powered) is approx. \$20-25B**

## Value Prop Drivers – Similar to Material Handling

- Energy efficiency: 45% FC vs. 20% diesel
- Energy recovery via regenerative braking
- Decreased maintenance costs

## Ancillary Benefits

- Data to evaluate EV performance
- Prognostics - see issues before they happen, less downtime
- Lower noise and diesel emissions - operator health and satisfaction benefits

## Market Drivers

- Zero emission regulations
- Cost of compliance, creating more costly exhaust abatement
- Trend toward EV autonomy

## Elimination / Reduction of Diesel Tractor Maintenance Items

- Oil changes
- DPF (Diesel Particulate Filter) changes
- Starters (policy to turn off tractor when getting off)
- Brakes (Regenerative braking eliminates or minimizes replacement interval)
  - Typical route is 1.8 miles including 10-12 stops.
  - Diesel tractors require heavy brake usage to stop 40,000 lbs. from 10-15 mph

## Battery vs. Hydrogen FC

- Charging infrastructure does not scale with fleet size
- Electrical infrastructure expensive to install – \$30k/vehicle
- Demand charges can become significant given the energy needs of the vehicles.
- Fast charging is more costly to install and to charge.
- FC infrastructure scales very well from 10 to 1000 vehicles at a site. Incremental vehicles add little if any new cost.

# Electric Ground Support Equipment

## GSE Type

Main Deck Loader

Lower Deck Loader

Belt Loader

Baggage Tractor

Pushback Tractor

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Cargo Transporter

Ramp Crew Van

Ramp Mgmt. Vehicle

Crew Shuttle Bus

## Integration Complexity

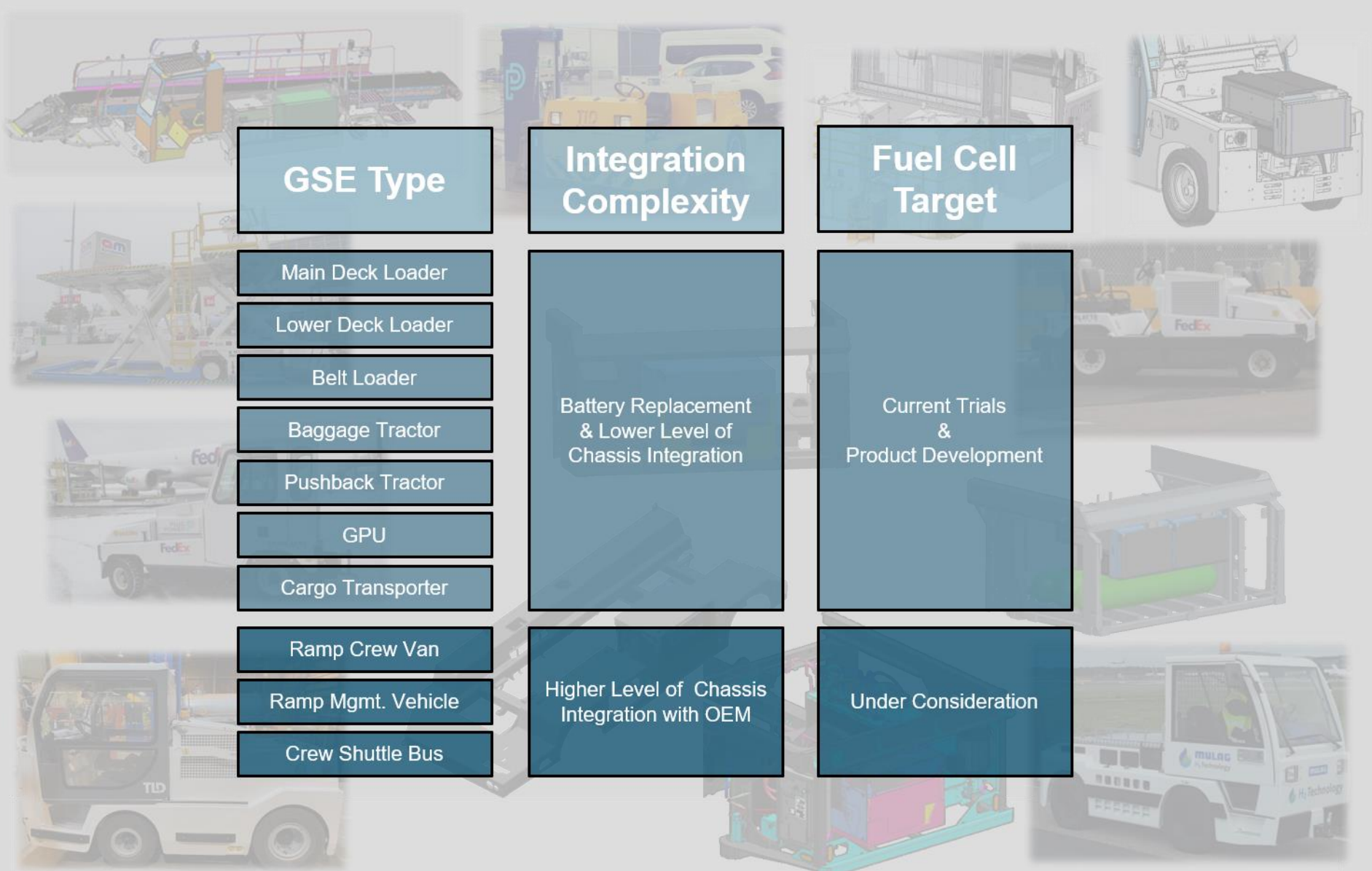
Battery Replacement & Lower Level of Chassis Integration

Higher Level of Chassis Integration with OEM

## Fuel Cell Target

Current Trials & Product Development

Under Consideration





## Memphis & Albany – DOE/FedEX/Charlatte

- Electric - 80V, Mid-mount 1600 Fuel Cell
- Completed multi-year program at Memphis & Albany
- Albany cold weather testing – 41 days below freezing
- DOE Program reports are public

## Hamburg Germany – MULAG Comet 4E

- Electric - 80V, Mid-mount 1600 Fuel Cell
- Completed 2 Month Trial at Hamburg Airport
- Exceptional Performance



Questions?



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