



STATIONARY APPLICATIONS AND FREEZE/THAW Workshop on Fuel Cell Operations at Sub-Freezing Temperatures – 2005 Rick Gaylord

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Plug Power's Business
- System Operating Environments
- Some Freeze-Damage Observations
- Research Directions



LEADING DEVELOPER OF PEM FUEL CELL SYSTEMS

- Focused on commercialization and profitability
- Targeting large, near-term markets for back-up power
 - Positioning for longer term mass stationary markets
- Commenced deliveries of first commercial product in Q4-2003
 - Customer evaluation in process
 - Network Equipment Building Systems (NEBS) Level 3 certification
- More PEM field experience than any other company in the industry
 - Delivered over 500 systems worldwide since 2001
 - Produced more than 5.2 million kWh of electricity
 - Accumulated over **2.0 million** operating hours
- Strong technology position with 133 patents issued and 146 pending



CUSTOMER DELIVERIES



Delivered systems to customers in 28 US states and 12 Countries



FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS



Multiple applications in diverse environments



GENCORE[®]

GenCore® 5T Fuel Cell System

Backup power products

- Telecommunications
- Broadband
- Industrial uninterruptible
 power supply

Valve Regulated Lead Acid Battery Replacement



H₂ fueled DC backup power supply





FIELD CONDITIONS





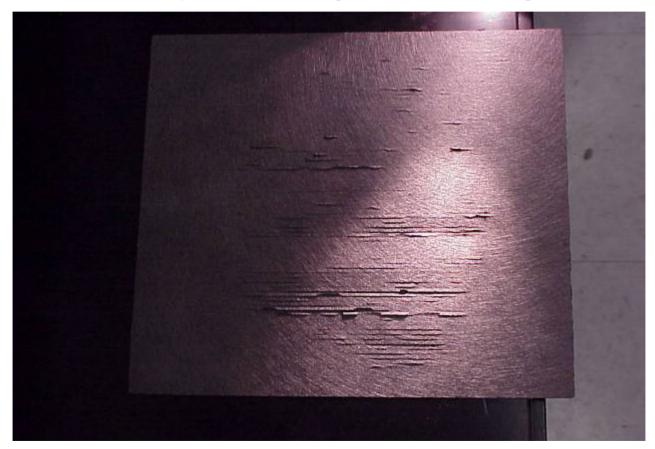
Freezing Conditions Expected – During installation and shipping







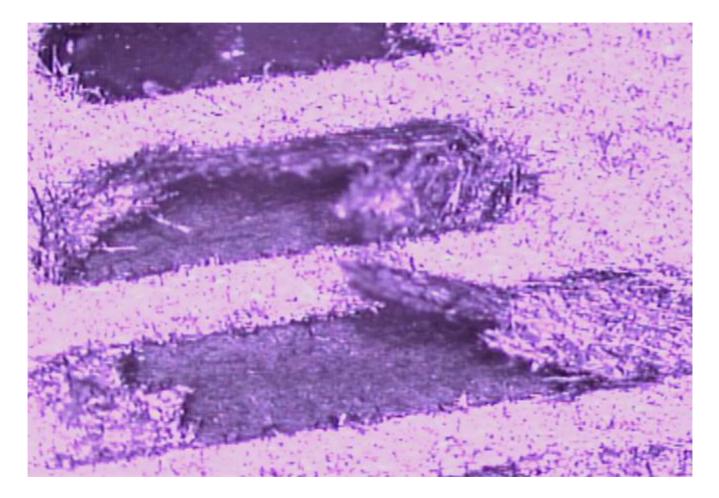
Example of freezing induced damage



Idled during winter or with long duration winter install

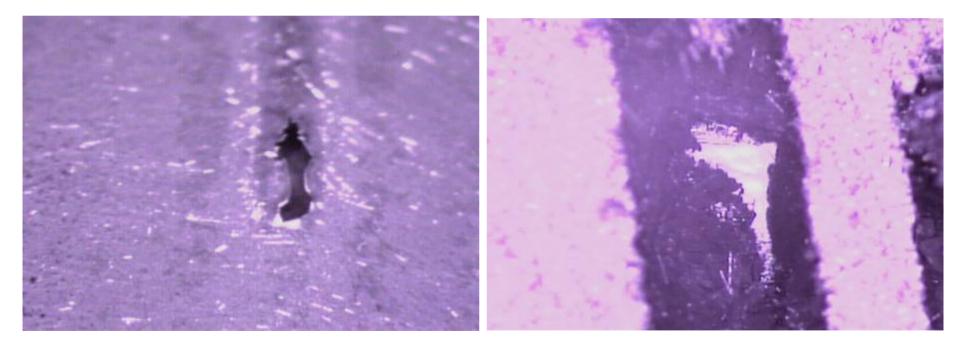


GDL sheared by flow-field



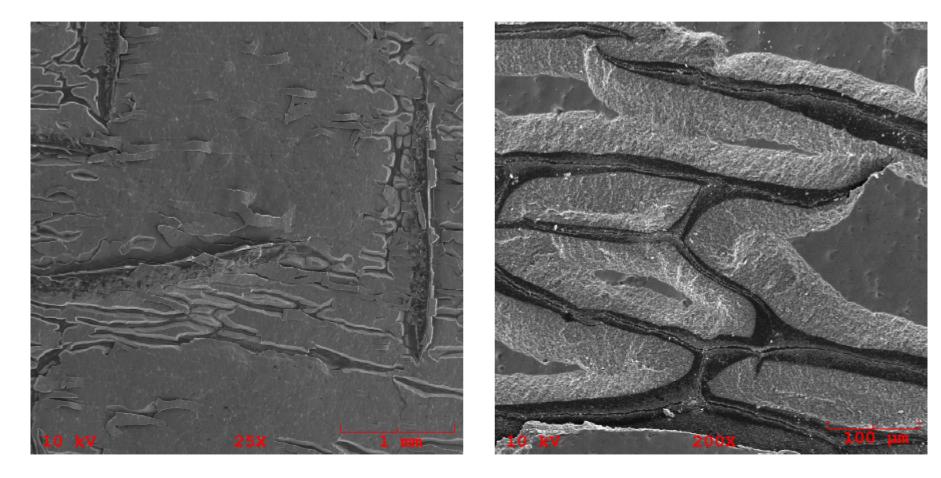


Membrane May Be Perforated





Electrode and Membrane Damage





RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

- Influence of GDL wet-proofing
- Increased GDL/Catalyst ductility
- Delineation of failure modes in freezing
- Frozen stack startup
- Stack shutdown processes to mitigate freezing damage

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