

Building the demand side: Fuel cells in the postal service industry

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Agenda

- Fuel cells in postal services: Case studies
- Royal Mail, PostEurope and FuelCellEurope initiative
- Example of Royal Mail's Hydrogen Strategy:

Context

Targets and challenges

- Conclusion: Opportunities for enhancing cooperation between the postal and the fuel cell industry



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Fuel cells in the postal industry: Case studies

- **USPS**

- CHP plant delivered in USPS processing and distribution facility in Anchorage, Alaska
- USPS operating Hydrogen3 min-vans since 2006
- USPS operating Chevrolet Equinox since 2008



- **DHL Express Japan:** Daimler F-Cell vehicle operated in very dense area of Tokyo with very frequent stops
- **FedEx Canada's** facility located at the Toronto International Airport: Hydrogenics fuel cell powered forklift truck
- **Royal Mail** initiated partnership involving CENEX, PostEurope and FuelCellEurope to develop a universal design specification for a HFC Car Derived Van



Royal Mail, PostEurop and FuelCellEurope initiative

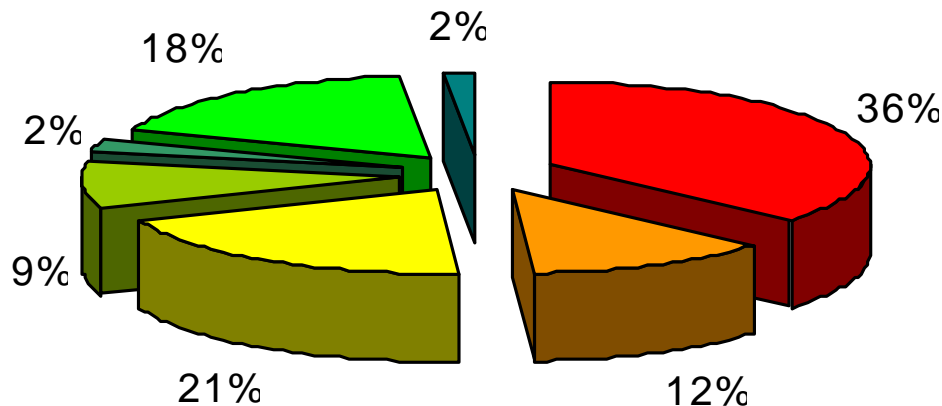
- **March 2009: Royal Mail, PostEurop and FuelCellEurope joined forces:**
 - ❑ Working with CENEX for the development of a universal design specification for hydrogen fuel cell postal vans.
 - ❑ To engage with OEMs to accelerate the development of hydrogen fuel cells postal van
 - ❑ To accelerate a broader adoption by other postal operators
- **Summer 2009: FuelCellEurope establishes Customer Application Group Postal Services. Discussions with Poste Italiane, Deutsche Post, La Poste (FR)**
- **15 Sept. 2009 : Joint task force established to develop joint project on fuel cell delivery vehicles across Europe**
- **22 Oct. 2009: Project concept presented to other postal operators**



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Context - Royal Mail CO2



**360,000 tonnes
CO2 from fleet**

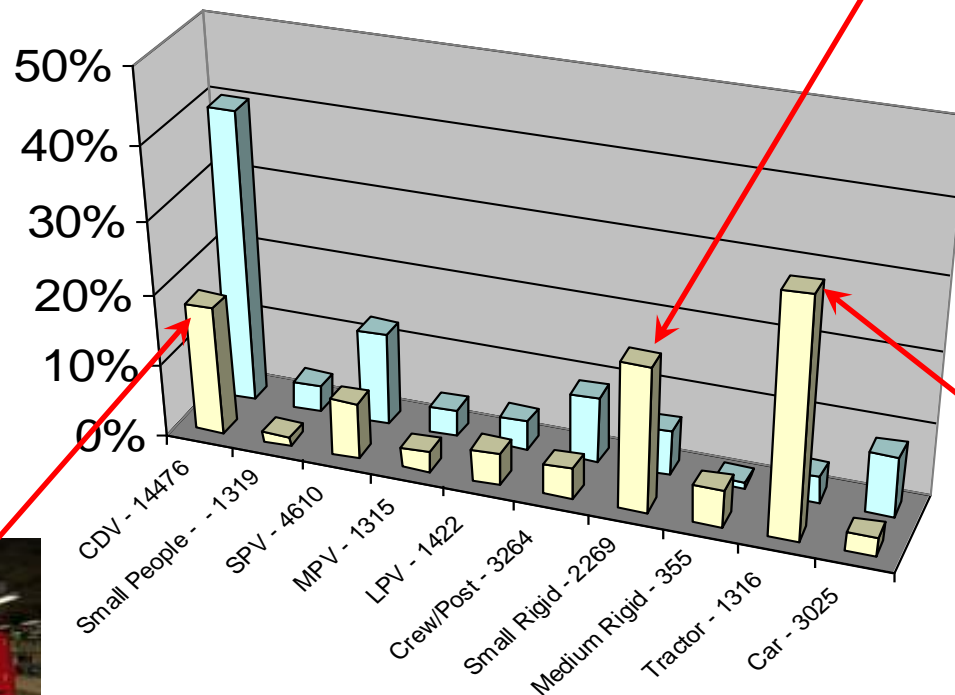
- Scope 1 Business road
- Scope 1 Natural gas and oil
- Scope 2 Grid electricity
- Scope 3 Business air & rail
- Scope 3 Personal travel (on business)
- Scope 3 Commuting to work
- Scope 3 Business mail in privately owned vehicles



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Context - Vehicle CO₂



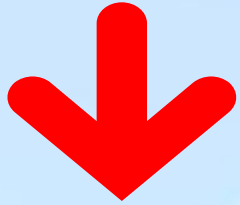
CO₂ %
Fleet %



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Targets



Carbon neutral London by 2012
Including 50% CO₂ Tailpipe Reduction



Carbon neutral business wide by 2015
50% CO₂ Reduction



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What's Next - 2012 Target

- Carbon Neutral – 50% of 2004/05 emissions

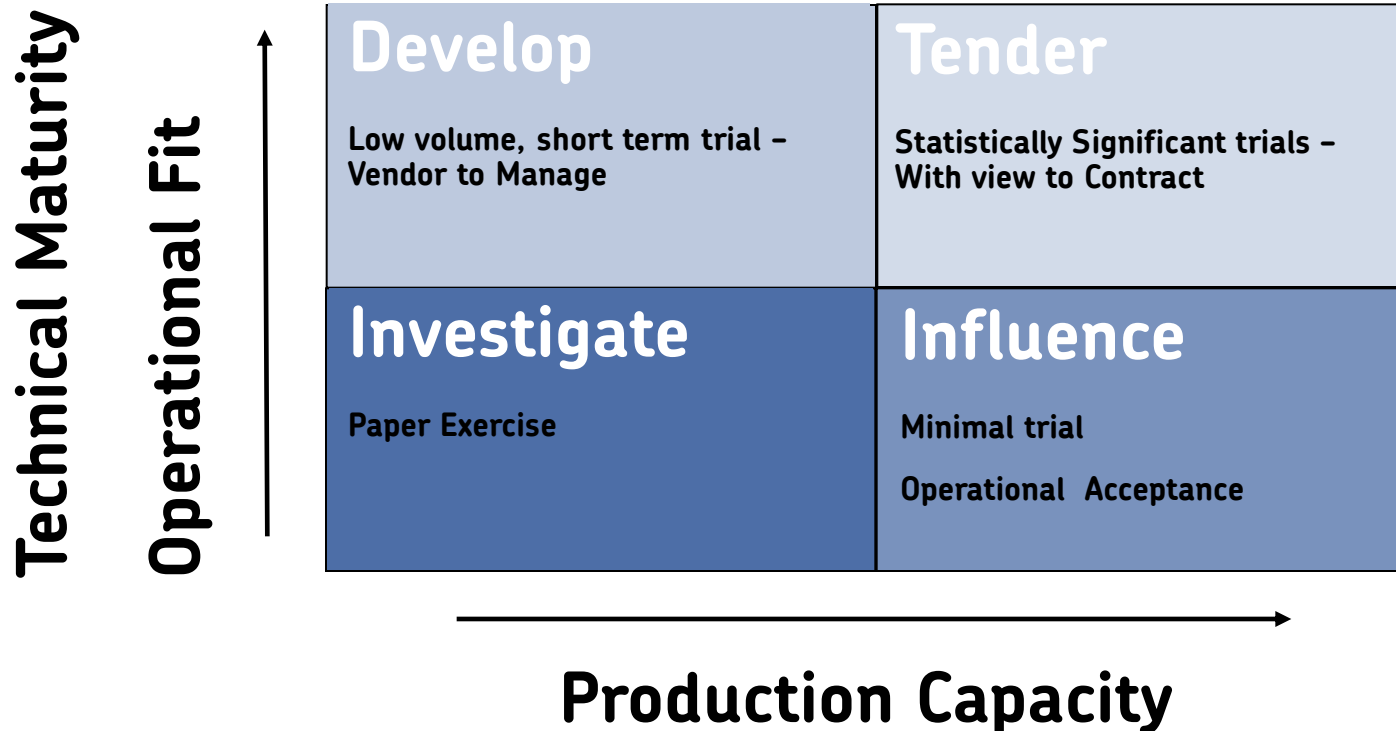
• Target	2012	2015
• Vehicles	2,100	24,000
'as is'	413	2171
Low Co2	556	1107
Hybrid/CBG	229	12288
Electric	884	8669



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h2 ? - Product Evaluation



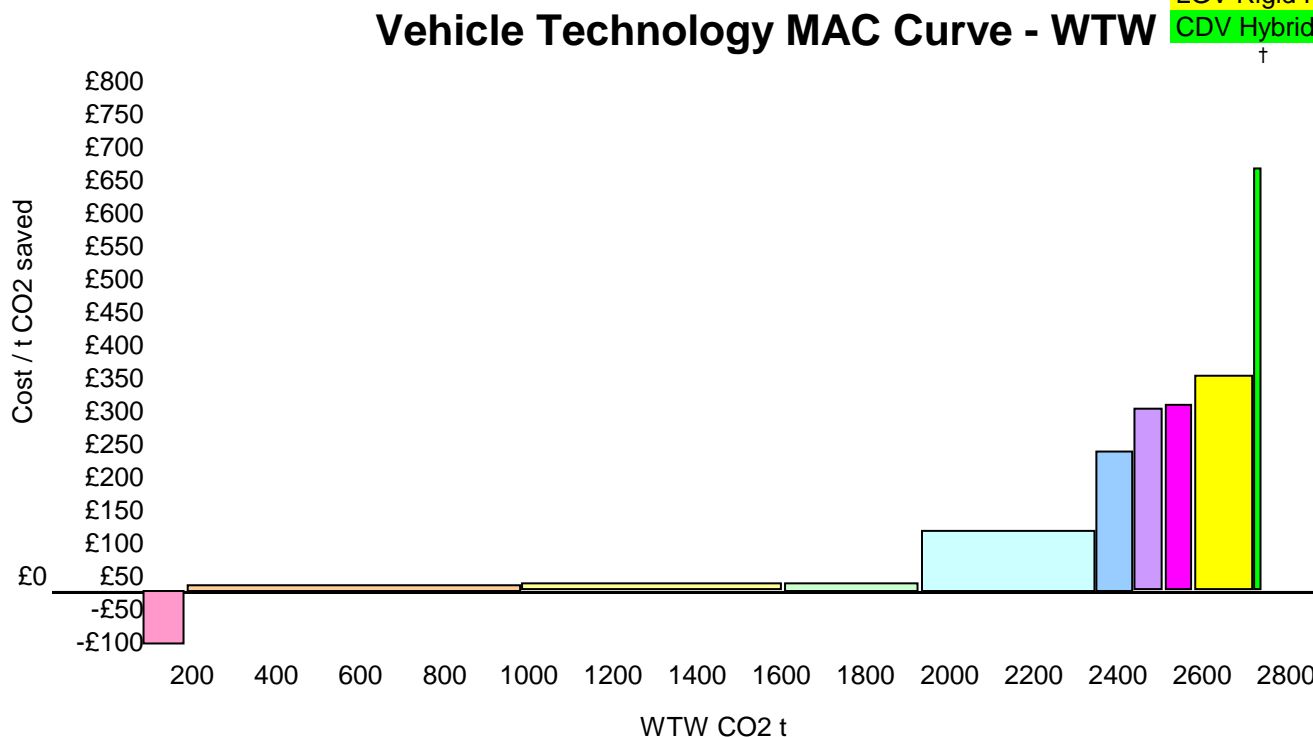
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h2 ? - MAC Curve

		t CO2	£ / t CO2
Trailer Aero Kit		71	-111
LGV Tractor Methane	†	898	£1
LGV Rigid Methane	†	611	£3
LGV 7.5t Methane	†	317	£18
LGV 7.5t Hybrid		404	£96
LGV 7.5t e		47	£221
CDV Methane		76	£274
CDV e		60	£280
LGV Rigid Hybrid		147	£327
CDV Hybrid - Full		11	£651

† Technology not yet in production



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Challenges

- **Infrastructure**
- **Reliability**
- **Availability**
- **Cost**



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Conclusion:

Opportunities for enhancing cooperation between the postal and the fuel cell industry

- Energy efficiency and carbon mitigation at core of the postal industry's future
- Collective needs of the postal industry are huge in terms of delivering vehicles, material handling equipment and back-up power.
- Most equipments and vehicle fleets operate in a finite environment requiring a lesser capital intensive hydrogen infrastructure to start.
- Dr Martin Blake, the Royal Mail's Head of Sustainability stated

“We clearly see hydrogen fuel cell technology as the future means of small and medium vehicle propulsion in the not too distant future, it is now just a question of seeing which one of the major motor manufacturers can bring such fuel cell commercial vehicles to market in large numbers and reasonable prices first”.

- Major OEM and leading fuel cell players should engage in this kind of initiative: join forces together with us and make sure companies such as Royal Mail get the necessary level of support they deserve !

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