# EVALUATION OF SAVING ENERGY OF SOFC (Solid Oxide Fuel Cell) AND STORAGE BATTERY COMBINED SYSTEM

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## Fuel Cell in a Household



## Fuel Cells for household in Japan



# Types of Fuel Cells

	PEFC(Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cell)	SOFC(Solid Oxide Fuel Cell)
Electrolytes	Polymer Electrolyte	Ceramic
Operating temperature	70 – 90 °C	700 −1000 °C
Power generation efficiency	35 – 45 %	45 -60 %
Output	1W – 10kW	1kW – 100 MW
Main Usage	Residential, car use	Commercial, industrial use

SOFC has higher power generation efficiency. So recently, they have been introduced into households.

#### SOFC traits on the power generation efficiency



Its efficiency is high at near the full scale load. But it decreases at low scale load.





#### **Operation of SOFC and Storage Battery System**

SOFC is always operated at the full load scale.

The overloaded power is accumulated into the storage battery. When SOFC generating power is short, the battery emits power.



#### LCCM(Life Cycle Carbon Minus)Household



#### Test Loads of Electricity(4 types), Hot water



## Supply of Electric Power



Large 2 peaks

Electricity by SOFC Accumulating Emitting





Large gentle slope



Small

#### Energy-saving rates with various loads



#### Energy-saving rates (SOFC + Battery vs SOFC)



Energy-saving rate are calculated , compared with commercial power and traditional gas boiler.

#### **Storage Battery traits**

# accumulated vs emitted electricity

#### effective efficiency vs emitted electricity



#### Conversion of electric power (direct $\Leftrightarrow$ alternating)

Electric power is lost in the process of converting indirect to direct, direct to indirect. This loss should be evaluated.



### Conclusion

- SOFC + Battery system is more effective than SOFC with larger electric load, but not more effective with smaller one.
- 2. More than 20% electricity is lost during accumulating, emitting and converting process, especially at small scale.
- 3. It is suggested its efficiency and effectiveness could be improved by reducing this electric loss.

#### Solar power generation with storage battery

