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# Assessment of Safety for HFCV

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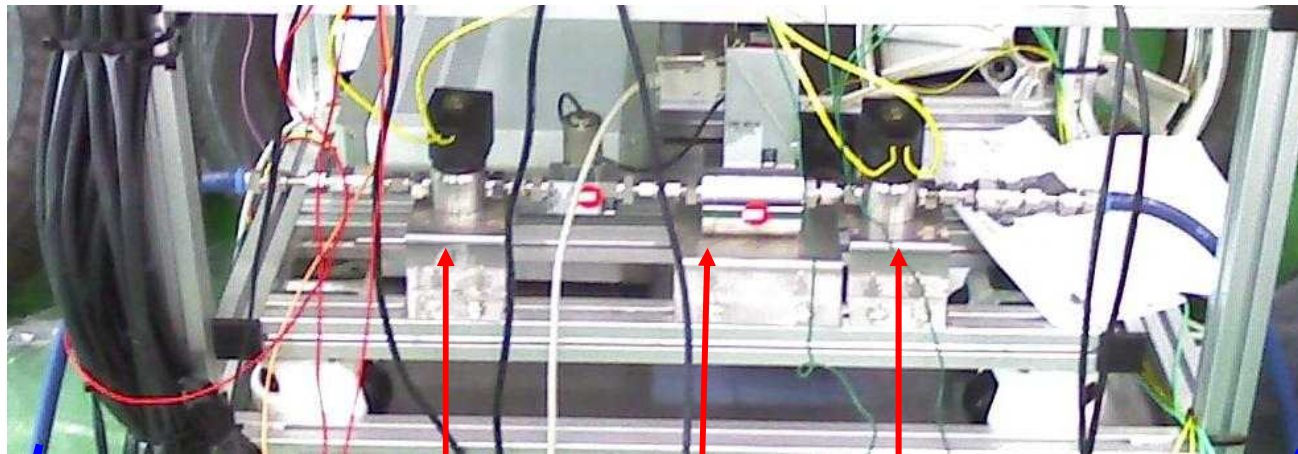
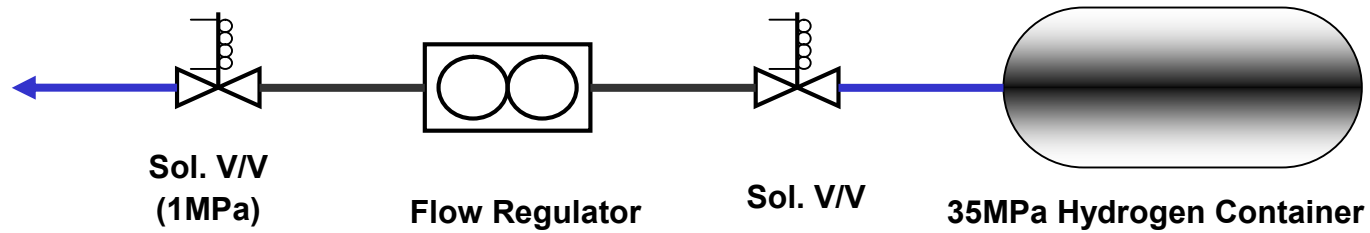
- Electric Safety Measures of Post Crash
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# Hydrogen Safety

## Hydrogen leakage Simulation System



H2 Leakage

Sol. V/V

Flow Regulator

Sol. V/V

High Pressure Regulator

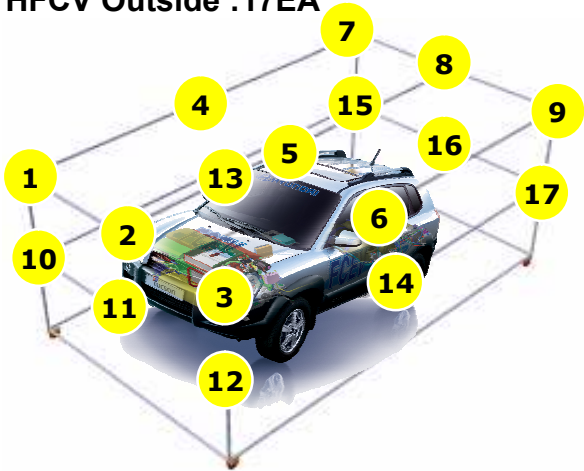
35MPa Hydrogen Container

# Hydrogen Safety

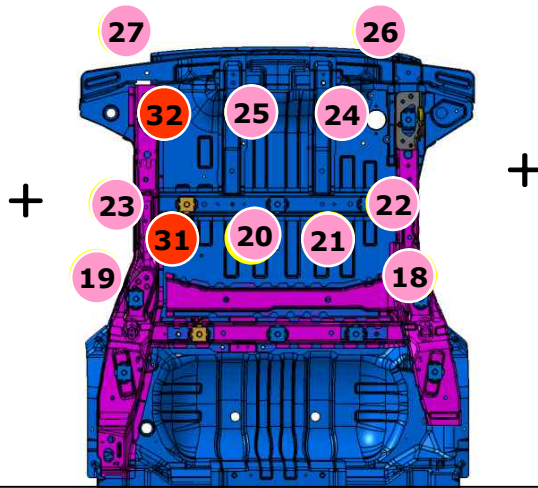
## Hydrogen Sensors and Hydrogen Leakage Location

### • Hydrogen Sensors (34EA)

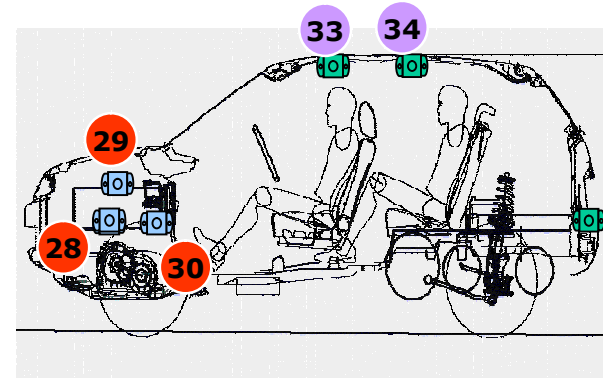
HFCV Outside :17EA



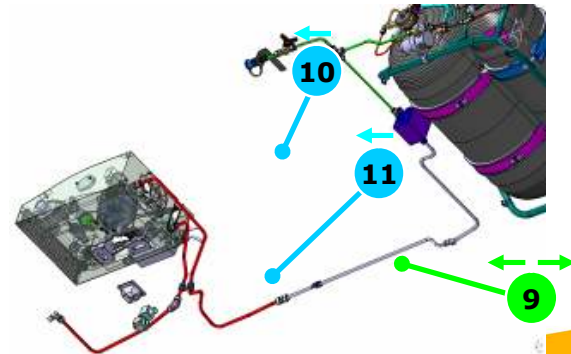
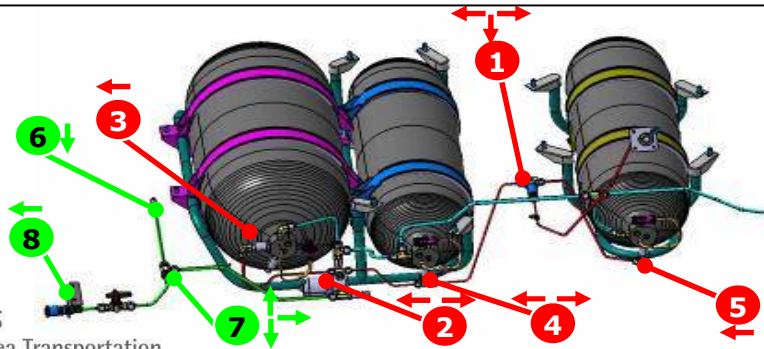
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Engine Room : 3EA,  
Inside : 2EA

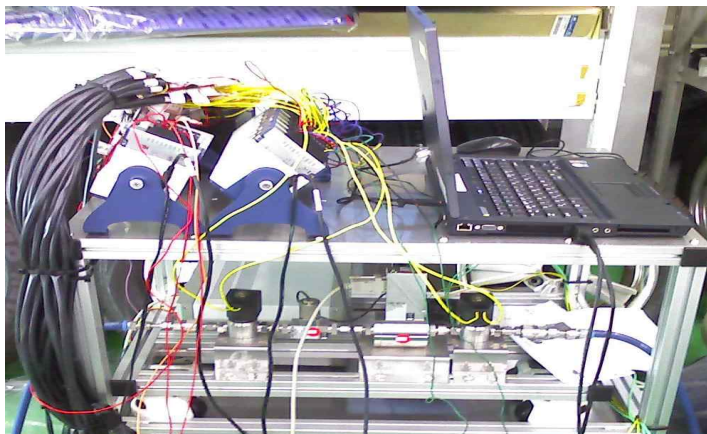


### • Hydrogen Leakage Point (High line 5 Points + Low line 4 Points + Engine room 2 Points)



# Hydrogen Safety

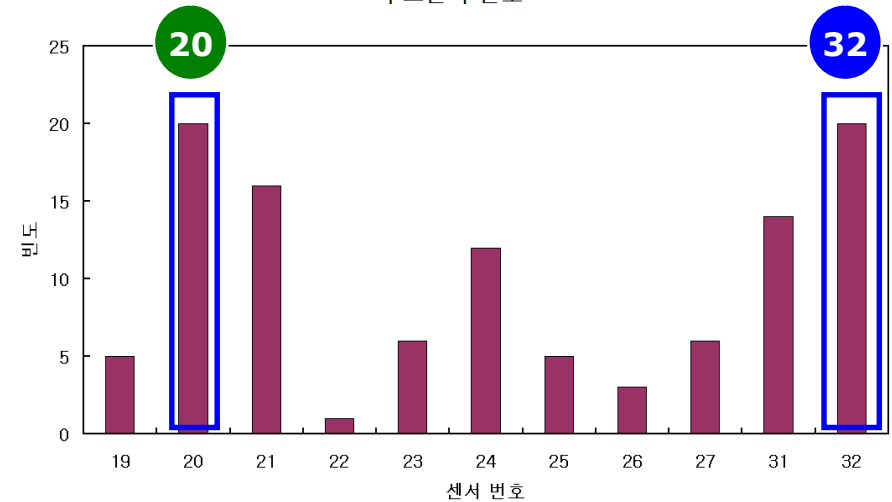
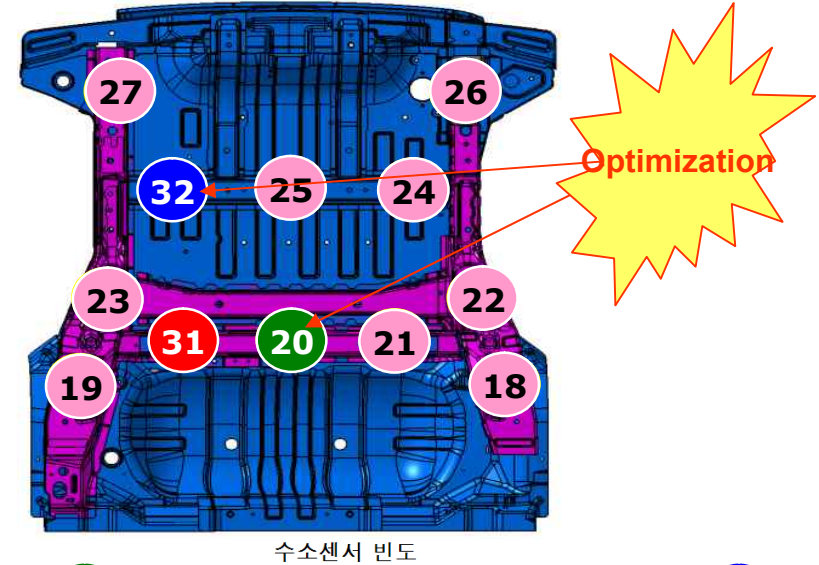
## Hydrogen leakage Test



# Hydrogen Safety

## Test Result at rest (underbody)

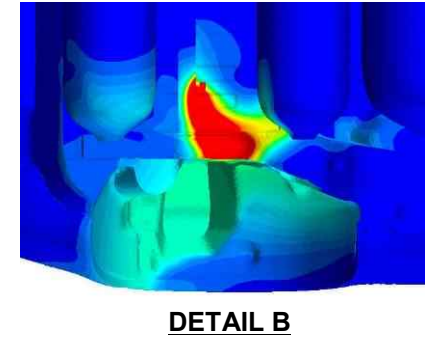
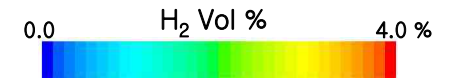
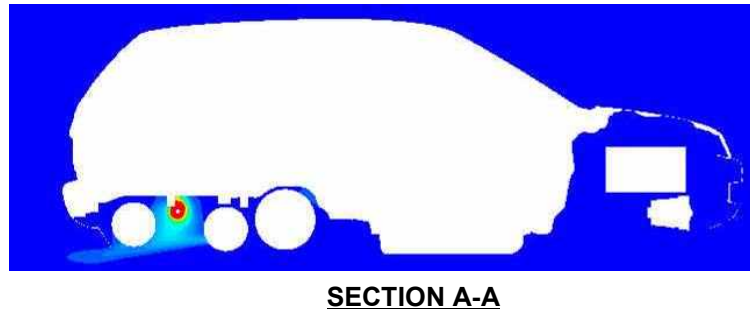
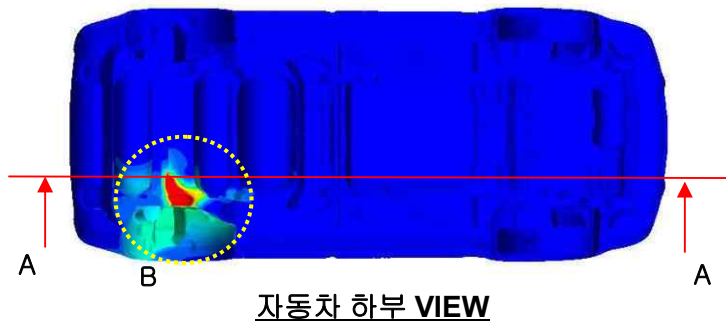
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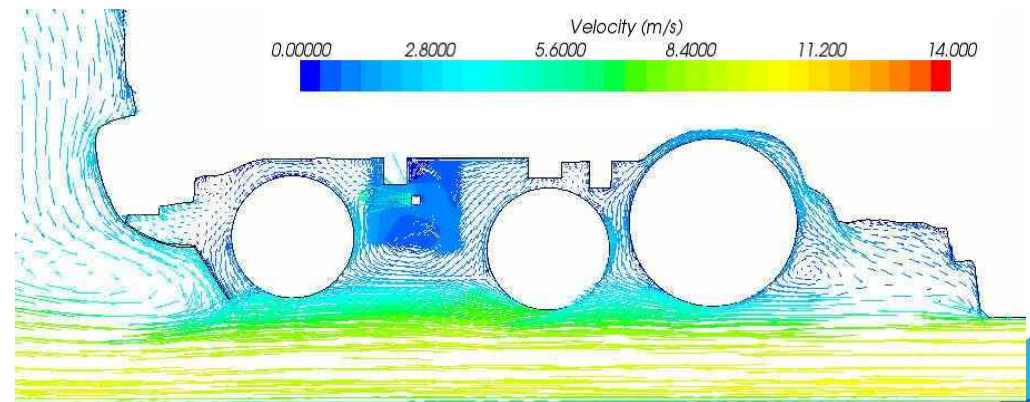
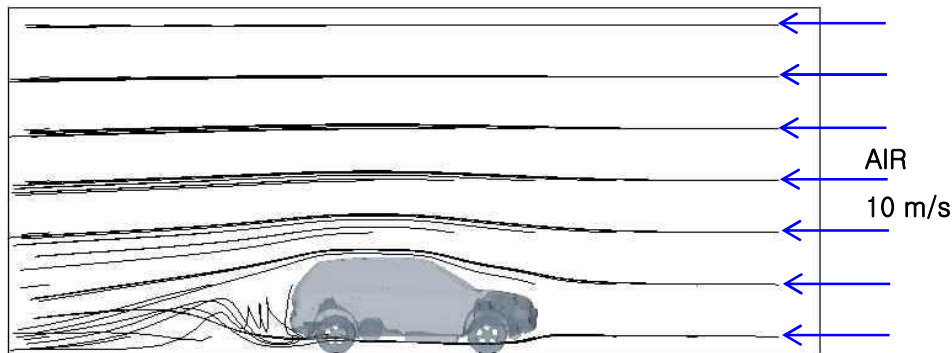
# Hydrogen Safety

## Leakage Analysis for a moving vehicle

- when hydrogen leaks for a moving, the area of leakage exits hydrogen  
→ the hydrogen sensors of leakage point reach 4 % H<sub>2</sub>



- when hydrogen leaks for a moving, Hydrogen leaked is diffusion to the outside by the outside air flow



The area of hydrogen container  
(SECTION A-A)

# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Frontal Impact Test

### ❑ Goals

- Verification of vehicle fuel system integrity, electrical safety and occupants safety

### ❑ Test Vehicle

- Fuel cell vehicle (SUV)



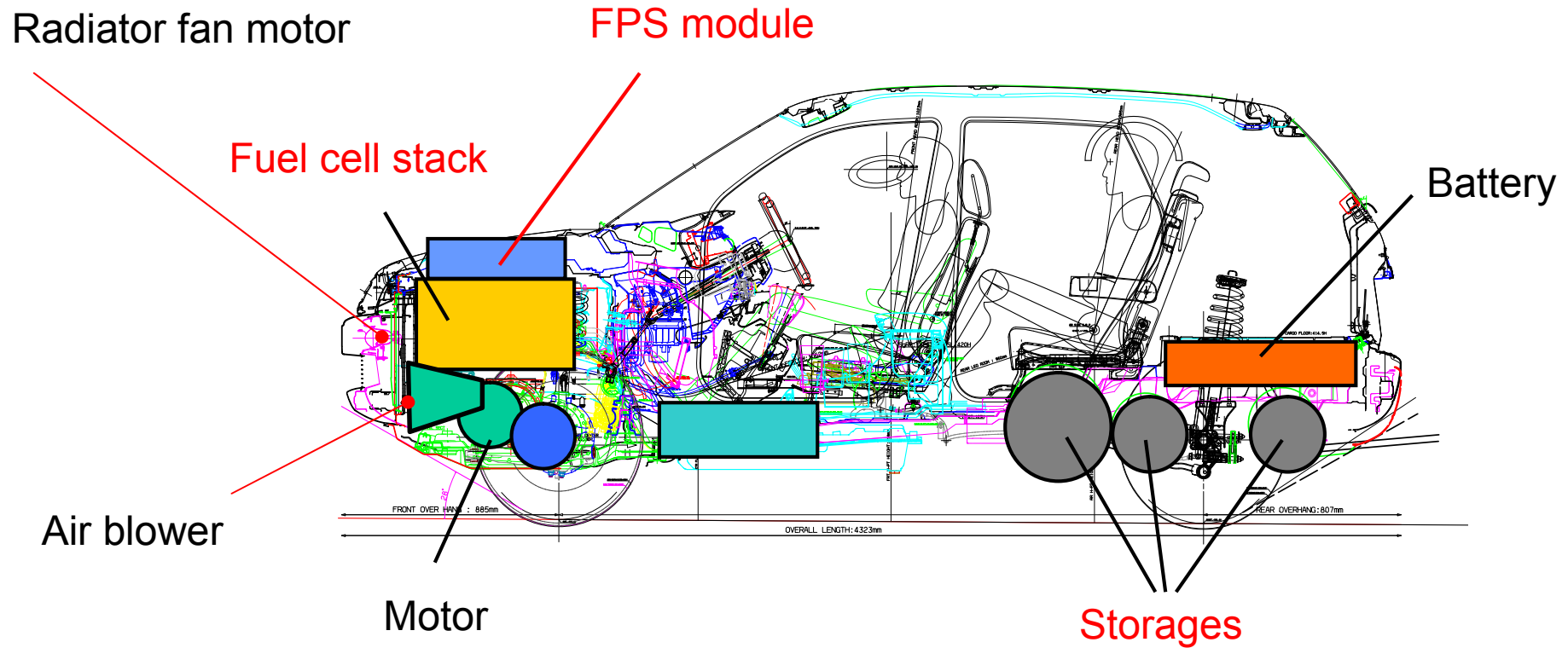
### ❑ Test Conditions

- KMVSS article 91, 102
  - : 48 km/h full frontal impact test with hybrid III 50 %ile male dummies
- Filled with helium 90 % of normal working pressure (152 liter × 31.5 MPa)
- During the crash, opened storage valve (severe condition)



# Vehicle Operation Safety

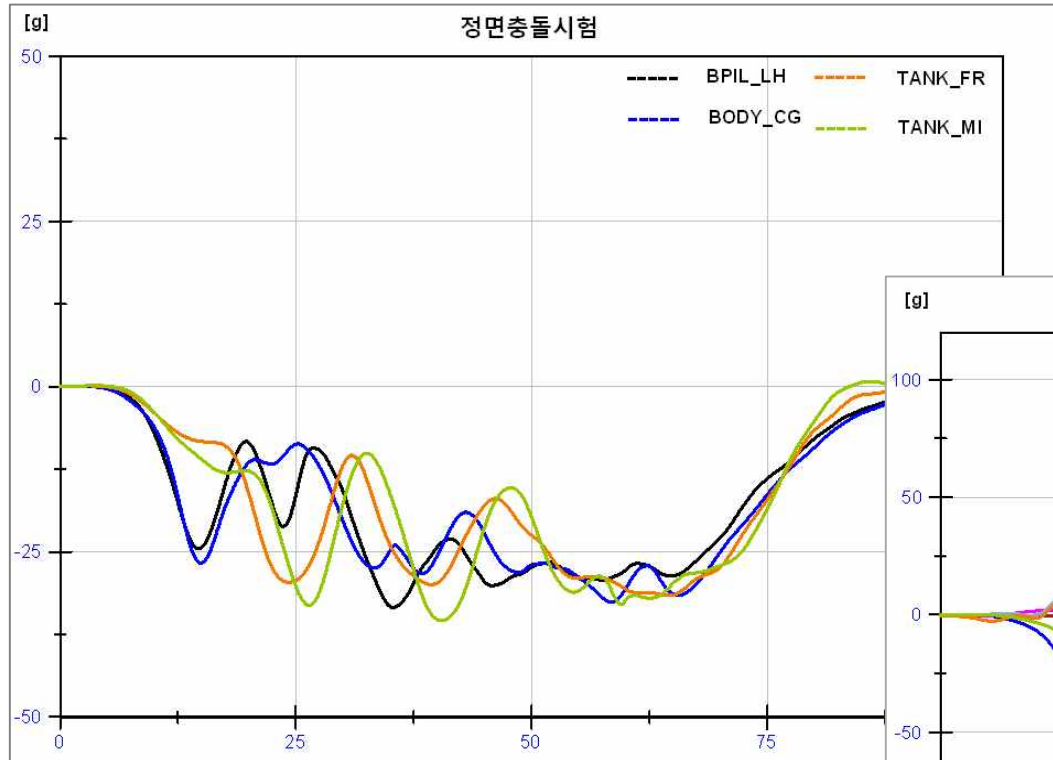
## Frontal Impact Test : Locations of acceleration sensors



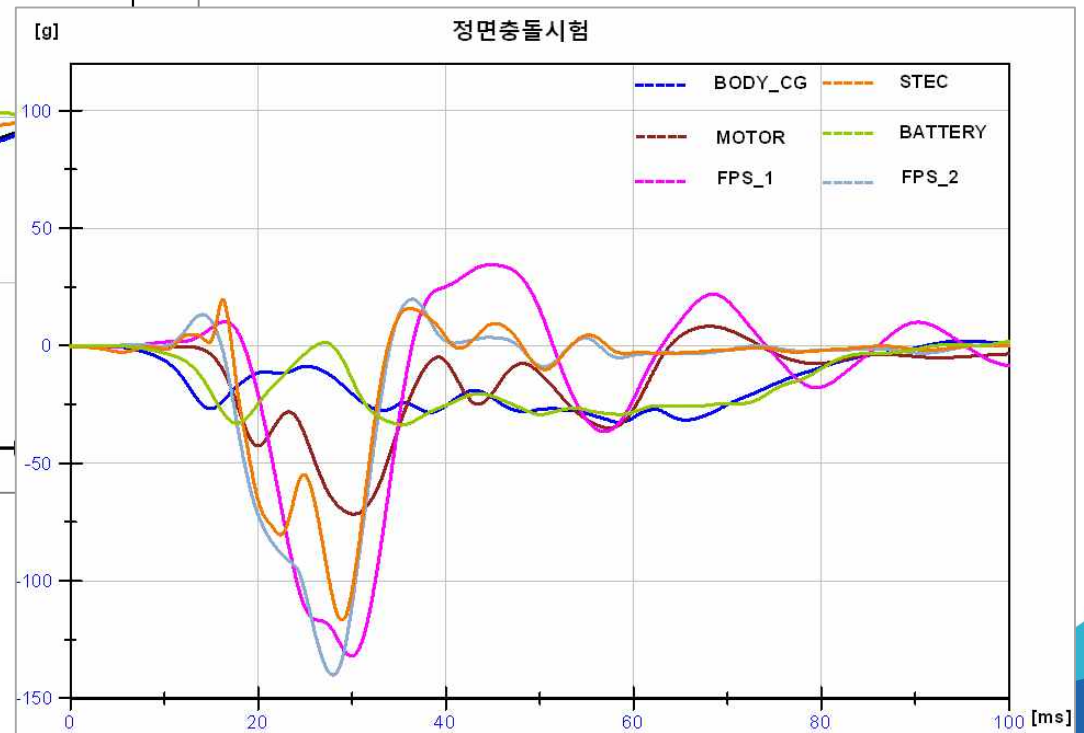
FPS: Fuel Processing System

# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Frontal Impact Test : Acceleration Curves



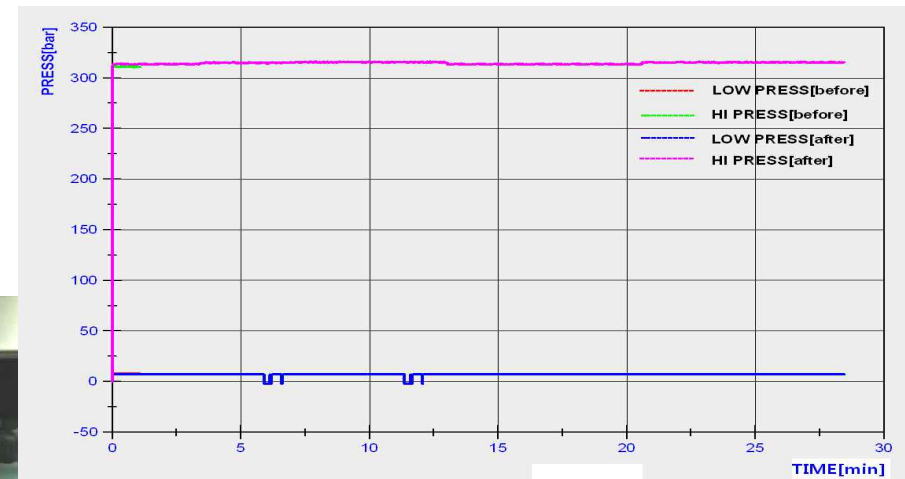
- At body, storages, battery: about 30 g
- At stack and FPS, located in front of vehicle, high : 120~140 g



# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Frontal Impact Test : Results

- ❑ After frontal impact, no helium leakage
  - High pressure sensor : 31.5 MPa
  - Low pressure sensor : 0.8 MPa
  - Even though FPS and stack were exposed to high acceleration(120~140 g), no helium leakage
  - Met occupant safety requirements



# Vehicle Operation Safety

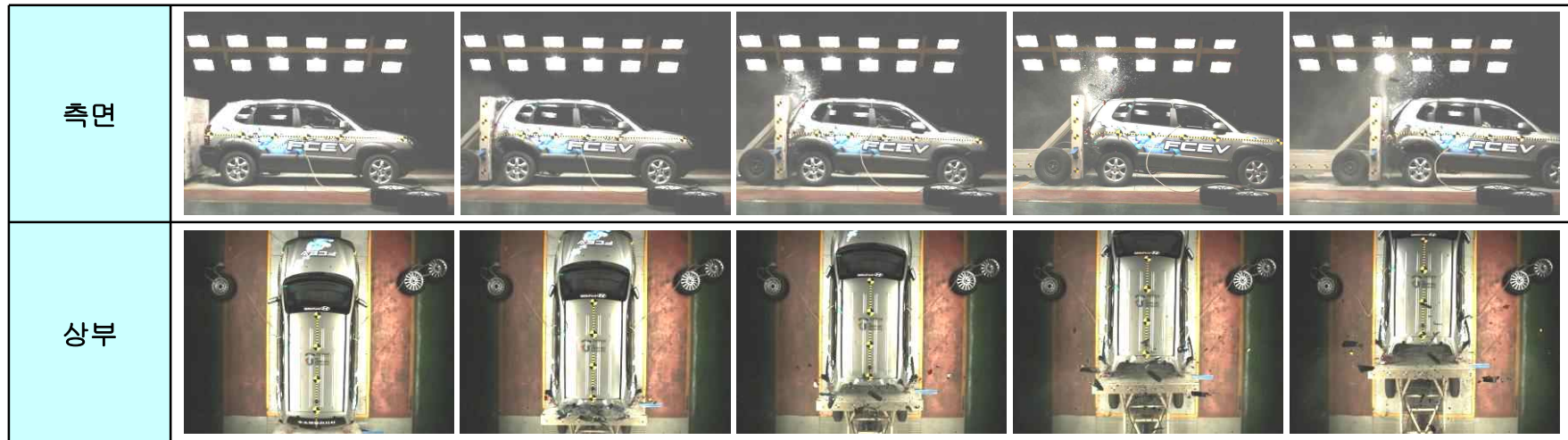
## Rear Impact Test

- Test Vehicle : SUV (2002kg)
- Test Condition : 48.1km/h, Moving barrier(1,805 kg)
- Test material and Pressure : Helium, high(33MPa)/Low(1MPa)
- Container Deformation sensors : 21 EA
- Locations of acceleration sensors : Body 3 EA / Container 4 EA
- Pressure sensors : High 1 / Low 1



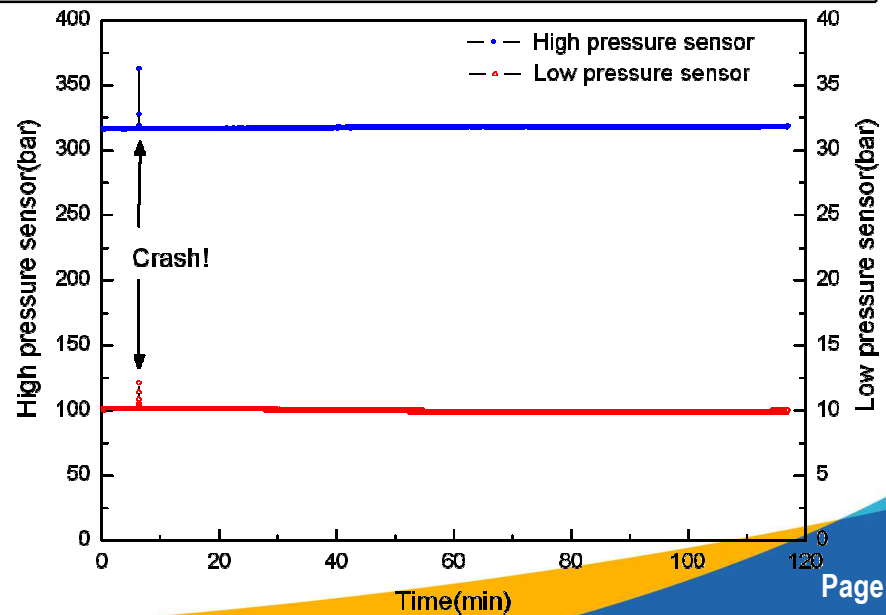
# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Rear Impact Test : Results



### □ After frontal impact, no helium leakage

- High pressure sensor: 33 MPa
- Low pressure sensor: 1.0 MPa



# Vehicle Operation Safety

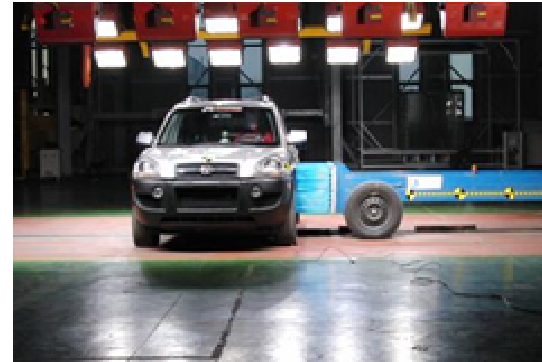
## Side Impact Test

### ❑ Goals

- Verification of vehicle fuel system integrity, electrical safety and occupants safety

### ❑ Test Vehicle

- Fuel cell vehicle (SUV)



### ❑ Test Conditions

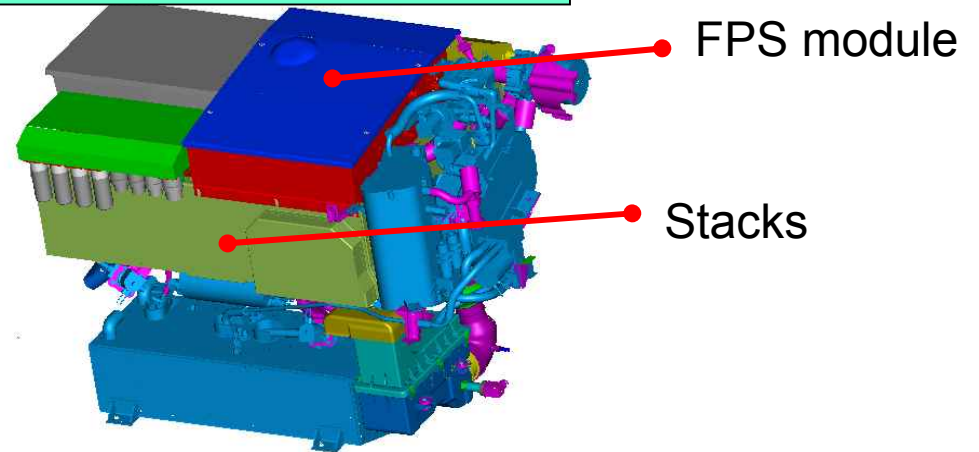
- KMVSS article 102
  - : 50 km/h side impact test with deformable moving barrier (950 kg)
- Filled with helium 90 % of normal working pressure (152 liter × 31.5 MPa)
- During the crash, opened storage valve (severe condition)

# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Side Impact Test : Locations of acceleration sensors

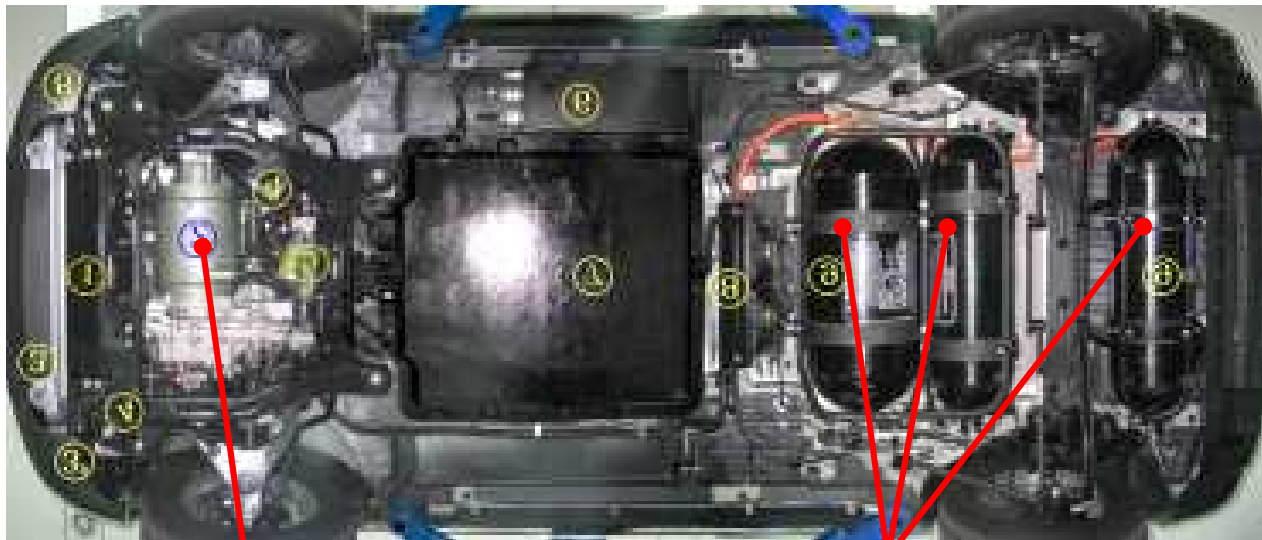


Battery



FPS module

Stacks

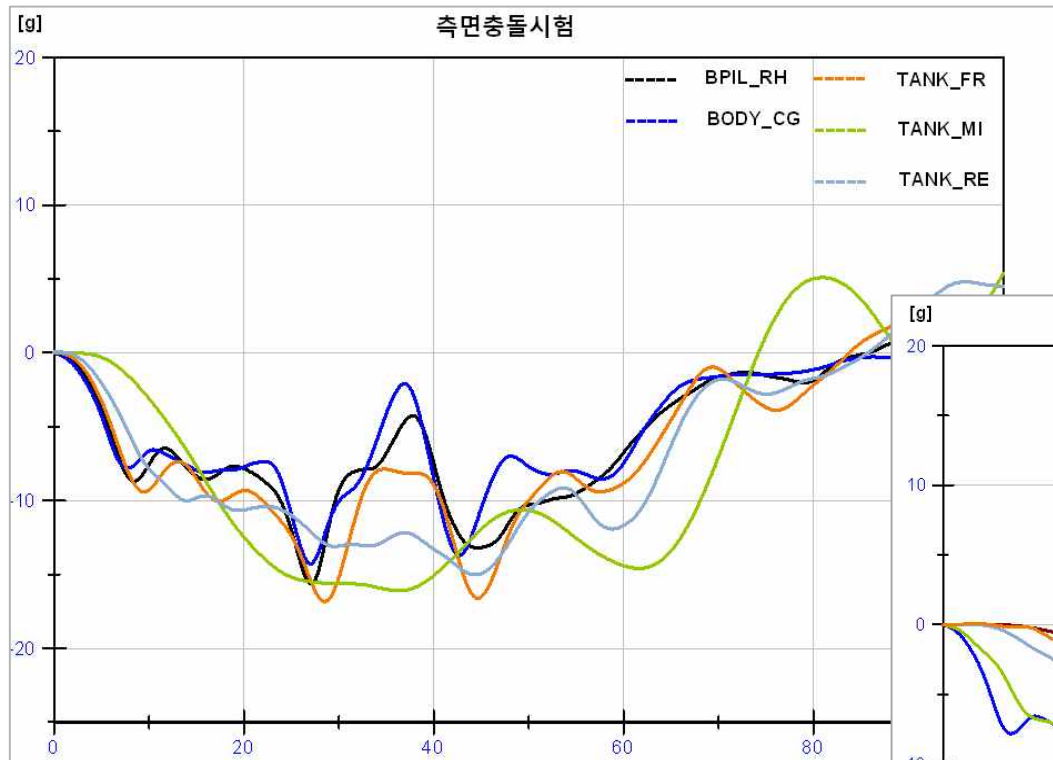


Motor

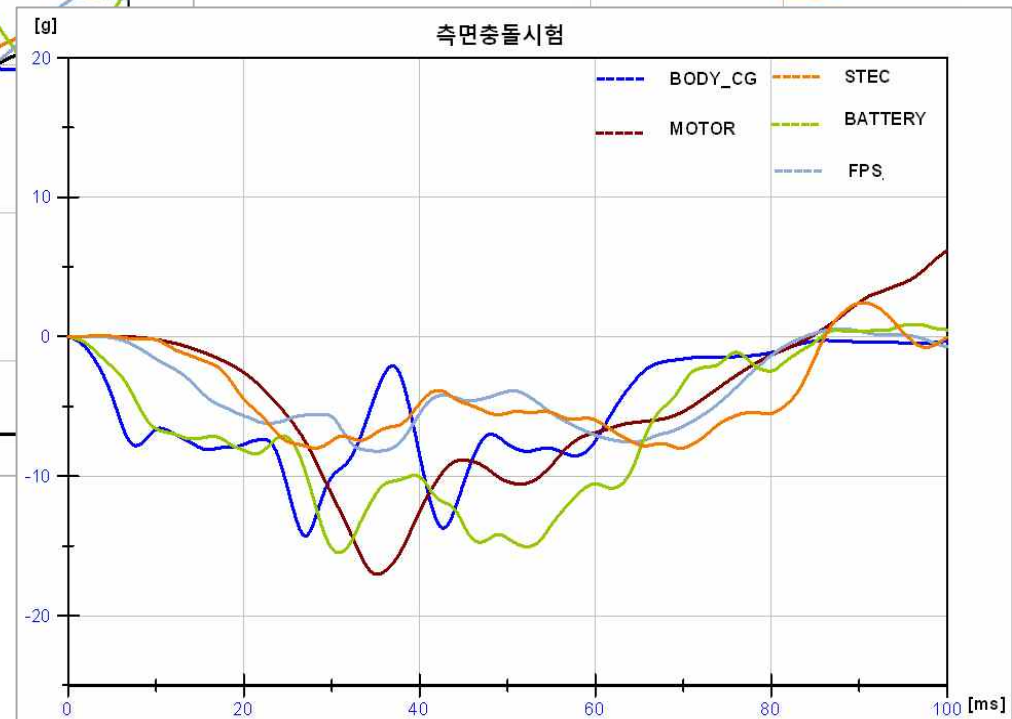
Storages

# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Side Impact Test : Acceleration Curves



- Accelerations at body, storages, battery were similar
- Accelerations at stack and FPS were relatively lower because they were located in front of vehicle

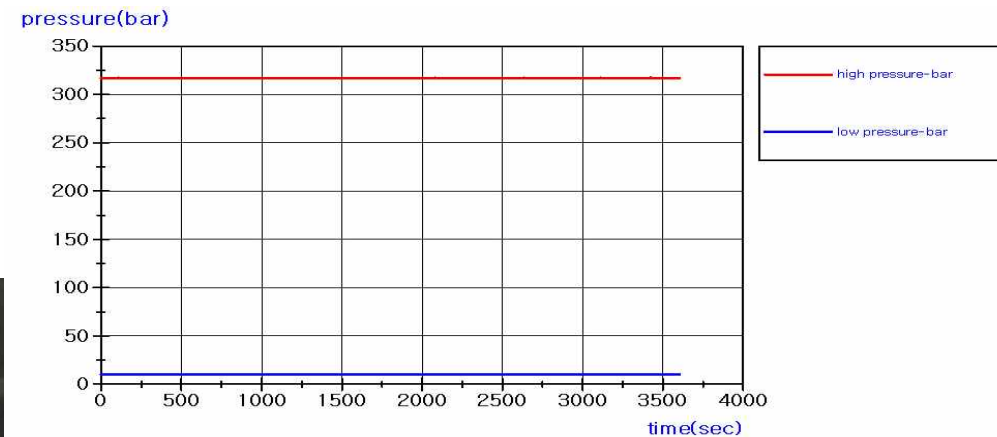




# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Side Impact Test : Results

- ❑ After impact, no helium leakage
  - High pressure sensor: 31.5 MPa
  - Low pressure sensor: 0.8 MPa
  - Met occupant safety requirements



# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Fail-safety Evaluation

### ❑ Goals

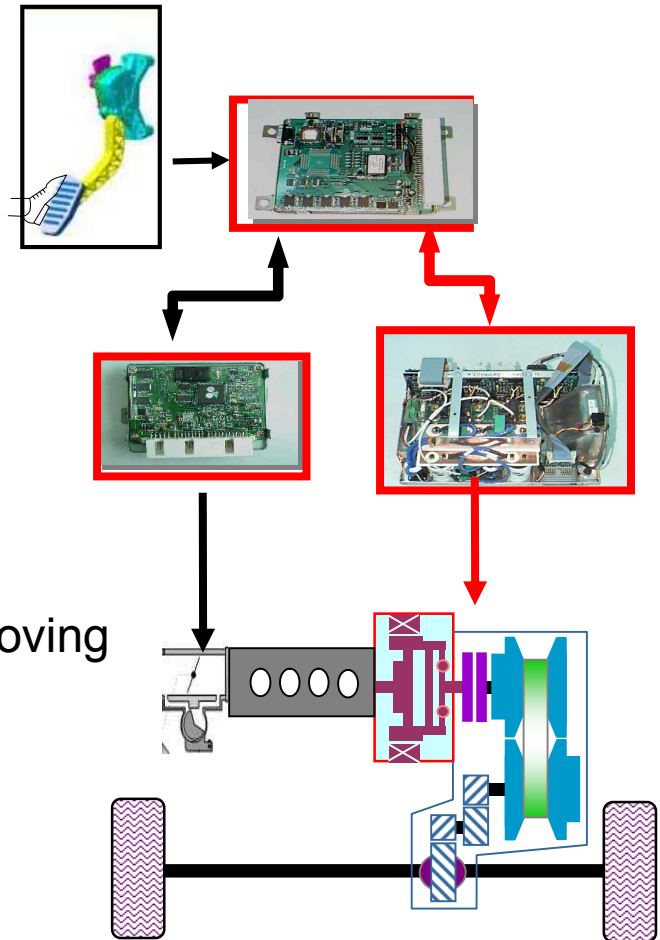
- Verification of the Acceleration Control System Safety

### ❑ Test Vehicle

- Hybrid vehicle : Prius THS- II , Verna, NEV

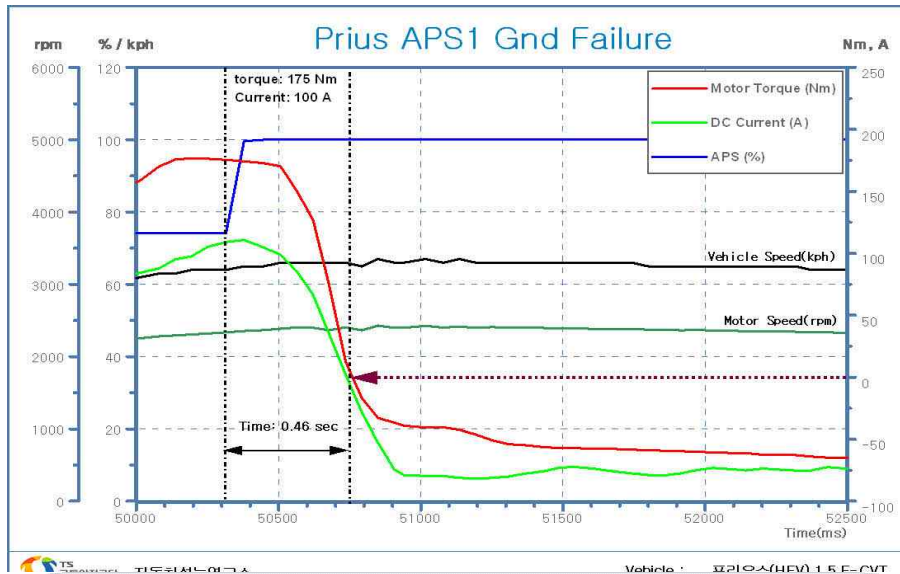
### ❑ Test Conditions

- KMVSS article 87 & Test Procedure 25
- Fail condition : the normal state by wire cutting or removing
  - Prius : APS #1 GND, U-Phase Current Signal  
Motor Temperature
  - Verna : APS #1 GND, Resolver S1 Signal  
Motor Temperature

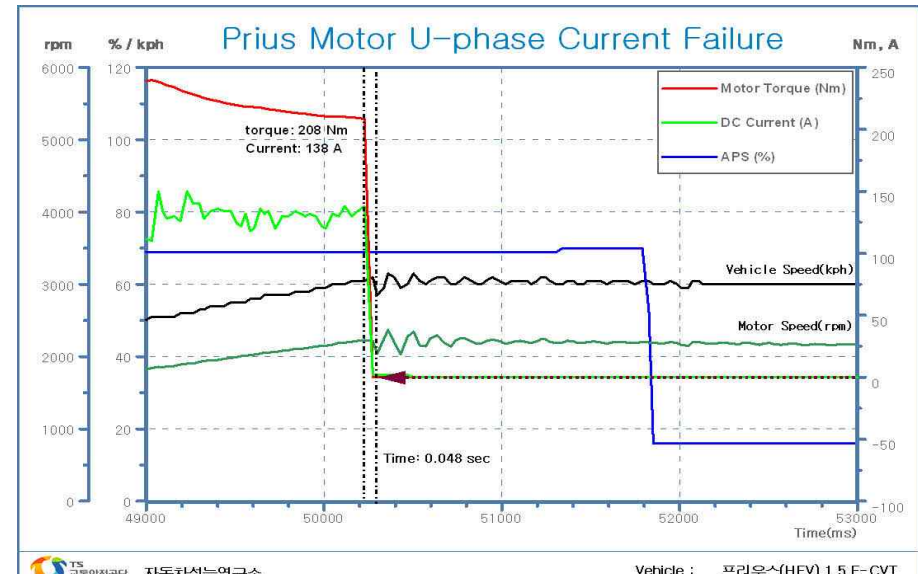


# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Prius THS II (EV driving)



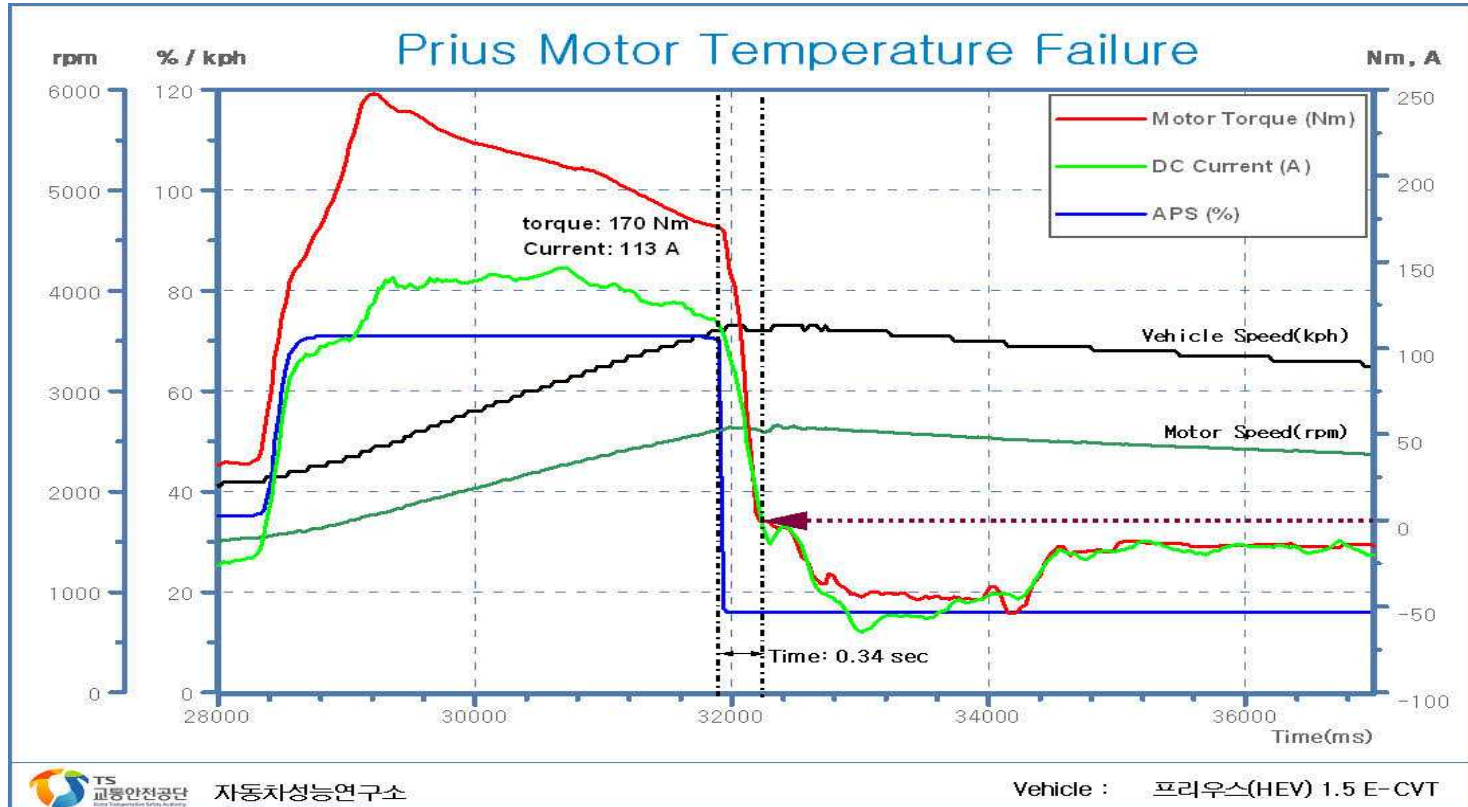
- APS 1 Gnd Failure
- Idle Return Time : 0.4 sec
- Max Torque :175Nm, Current :100A



- U-Phase Current Signal Failure
- Idle Return Time : 0.04초
- Max Torque :208Nm , Current :138A

# Vehicle Operation Safety

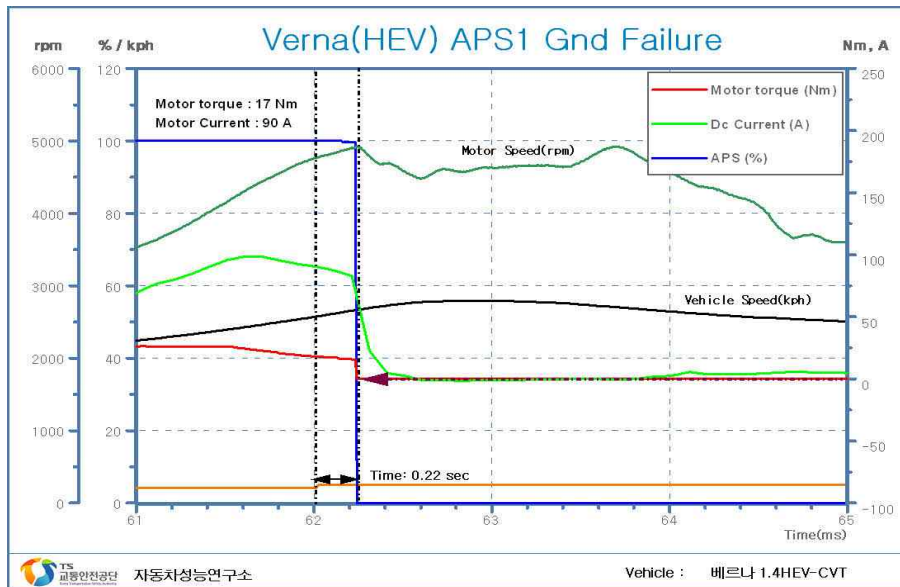
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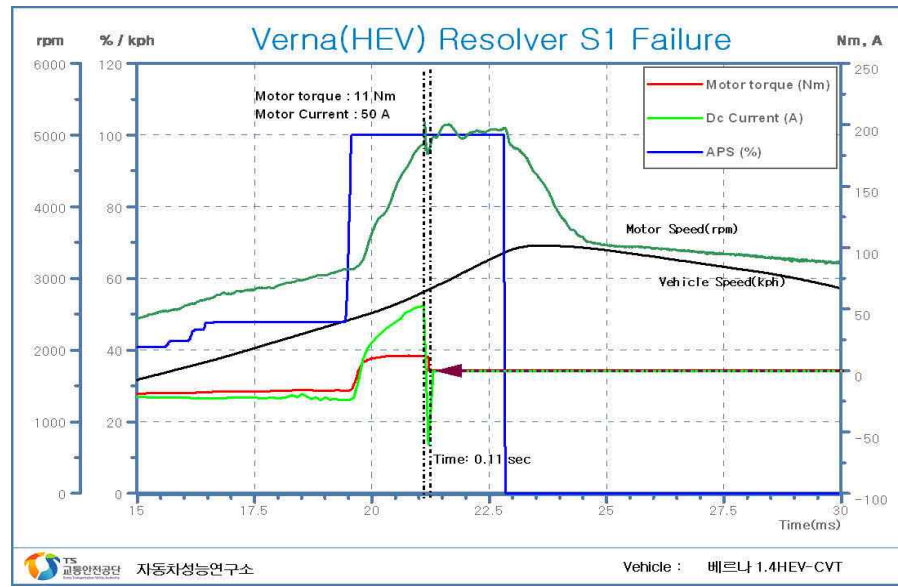
- Motor Temperature Sensor Failure
- After Failure, Normal Condition
- Max Torque : 170Nm , Current : 113 A

# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Verna (HEV)



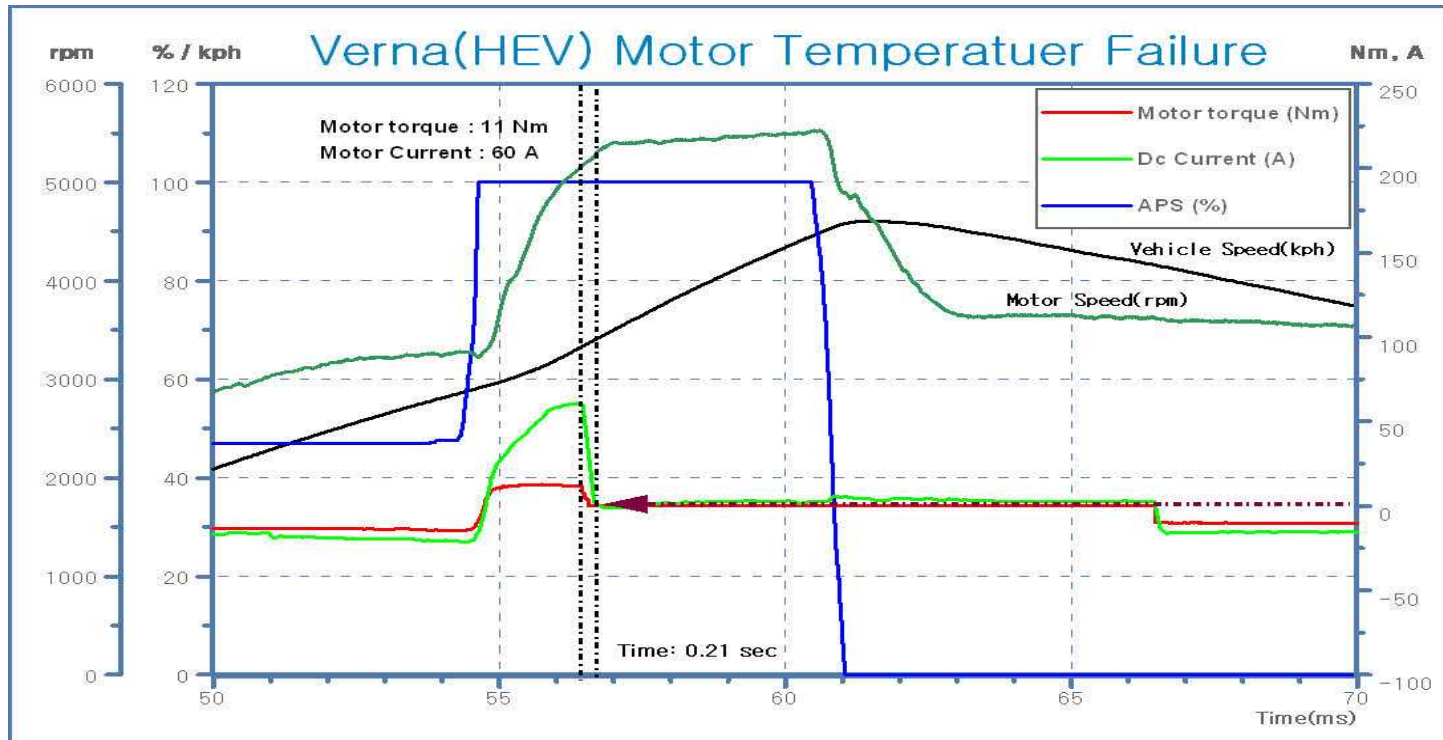
- APS 1 Gnd Failure
- Idle Return Time : 0.22 sec
- Max Torque : 17Nm, Current : 90A



- Resolver S1 Signal Failure
- Idle Return Time : 0.11초
- Max Torque : 11Nm , Current : 50A

# Vehicle Operation Safety

## Verna (HEV)



- Motor Temperature Sensor Failure
- After Failure, the motor power shut off
- Max Torque : 11Nm , Current : 60 A

# Vehicle Electric Safety

## Post Crash : Frontal Impact

### ❑ Insulation Resistance after Crash

- Traction battery ↔ vehicle body:  $4.8 \text{ k}\Omega / \text{V}$  (req.:  $100 \text{ }\Omega / \text{V}$ )
- Small amount of electrolyte spillage

### ❑ Remarks

- Because frontal part of vehicle was severely damaged, accessibility for Insulation resistance measurement was poor
- Poor accessibility may lead to electric shock
- Need to specify measurement method of electrolyte spillage (7%, 5 liters) and electrical energy (within 0.2 Joules)



# Vehicle Electric Safety

## IN-USE : Direct Contact




IPXXD (Test wire)



IPXXB (Test finger)

### ➤ Test Results

- IPXXB, IPXXD Evaluation : Pass
- Passenger/ Luggage compartment
- Bonnet/Underneath
- Connectors
- Marking and Color orange 



(Bonnet)



(Underneath)



(Luggage)



# Vehicle Electric Safety

## IN-USE : Isolation Resistance



### ➤ Test Results

- Minimum Value : 100 ohms/volt of the working voltage for DC buses  
500 ohms/volt of the working voltage for AC buses
- lowest insulation resistance was between outer cover of stack and terminal of stack(-) : 1.28 kΩ/V

# Vehicle Electric Safety

## IN-USE : Indirect Contact

### ➤ Test Results

- Criteria : less than  $100\text{ m}\Omega$
- High voltage box enclosure ↔  
Chassis :  **$5.4\text{ m}\Omega$**
- Supercapacitor enclosure ↔  
Door hinge :  **$316.2\text{ m}\Omega$**
- Supercapacitor enclosure ↔  
Chassis :  **$45.4\text{ m}\Omega$**





# Conclusion

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## **Hydrogen Safety**

- Conducted the Single Failure Conditions Test of Hydrogen Leakage
- Confirmation of proposed GTR Draft

## **Vehicle Operation Safety**

- Conducted full scale vehicle frontal and side, rear impact tests
- No malfunction in vehicle fuel system integrity after impact tests
- Confirmation of proposed GTR Draft

## **Vehicle Electrical Safety**

- In-use and post-crash, electrical isolation and electrical continuity met GTR
- In case of frontal post-crash, because of severe damage to frontal part of vehicle, it is not easy to measure electrical continuity

In this study, the main objective is to develop technology that the structure and equipment of the hydrogen fuel cell vehicles should meet the safety of the citizens to protect the lives such as hydrogen and high-voltage devices



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***Thank you very much  
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