

AFS Trinity's prototype sport utility vehicles can go 40 miles on a single charge from a standard electric outlet, at which point a gas-powered engine takes over. The SUVs reach top speeds of 90 mph on the highway -- and accelerate without a hitch, as Furia demonstrated while speeding Monday on Westlake Avenue North.

One problem, though: No automaker has agreed yet to license AFS Trinity's technology, so it isn't commercially available.

Still, he said, there is a "lot of institutional resistance" in the U.S.

After all, to choose just one example, he said, an electric car would need little maintenance -- a big moneymaker for car manufacturers.

Never mind that utility firms would become the new oil companies.

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