

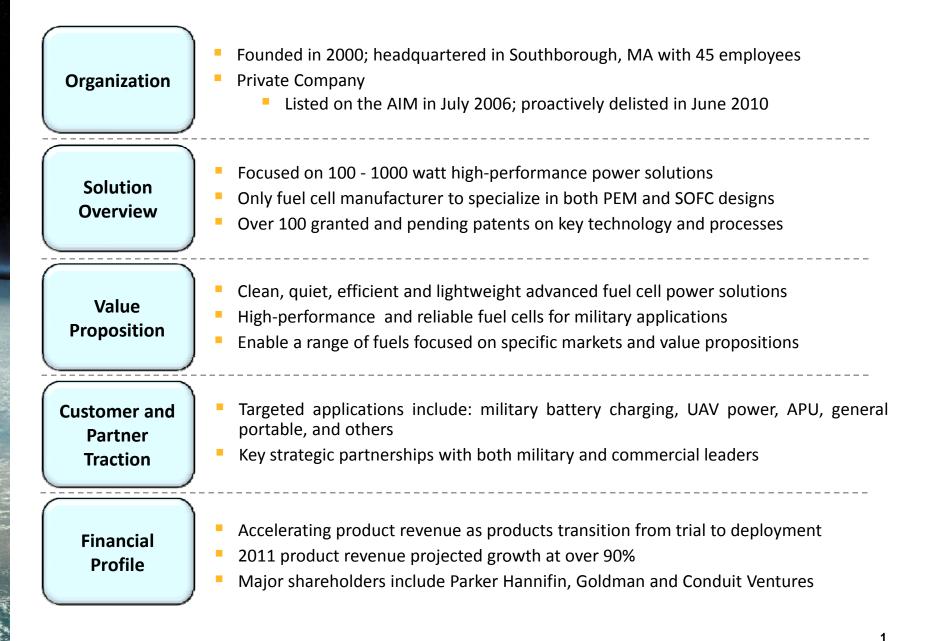
## **High Performance Portable and Remote Power Systems**

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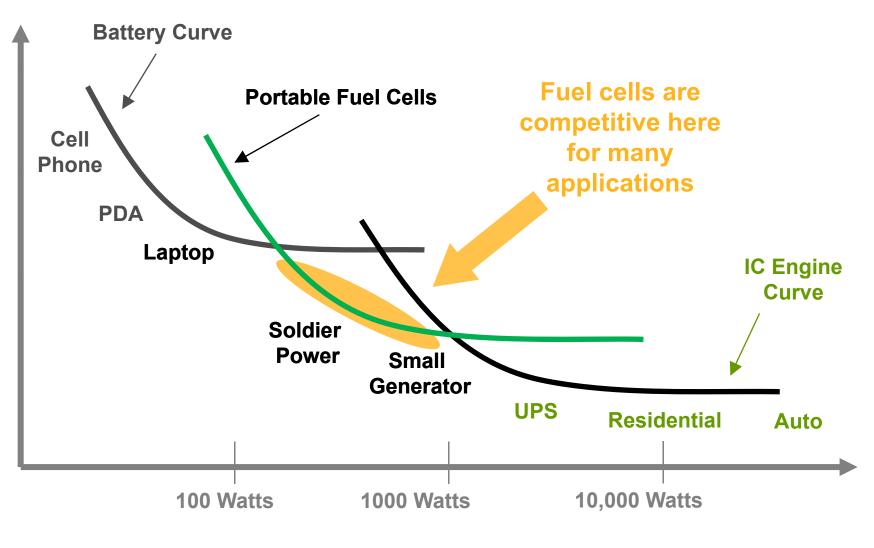
## COMPANY OVERVIEW





Cost/Watt-hr

## **POWER RANGE FOCUS: 100 - 1000W**



## **COMPELLING FUEL CELL BENEFITS**

#### vs. existing GENERATORS

#### Provides attractive alternative to operating conventional generators or main engines

- Quieter near silent operation
  - 100X quieter than a Honda generator
  - Virtually no vibration
- Lighter
  - Hybridization allows lower power fuel cell
- More Efficient Less fuel, less waste heat
- <u>Cleaner</u> low emission profile, low odor
  - Zero SOx and NOx; less CO





#### vs. existing BATTERIES

- <u>Rechargeables</u> Fuel cell systems complement and extend functionality
  - Hybridizes installed battery systems
    - Clean, quiet duration extension
  - Portable charging method for off-grid batteries
  - <u>Reduces</u> number of batteries required in many applications

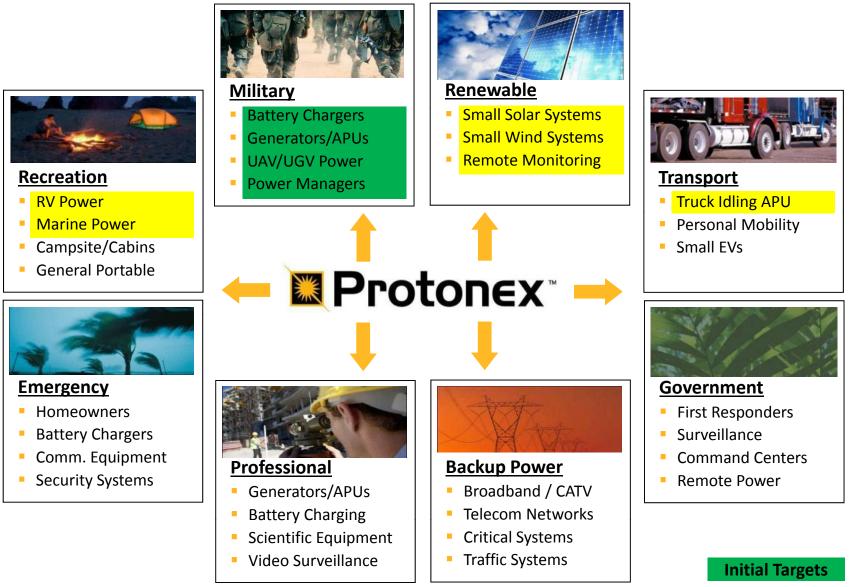


- Non-Rechargeables will be replaced
  - by fuel cells in certain military applications
    - Duration: 2 to 4x longer
  - Mission Weight: 2 to 4x lighter
  - Energy Density: superior
  - Lower Cost of ownership
  - Less Caustic chemistries



SUB-KILOWATT PORTABLE FUEL CELLS ARE AN EXCELLENT FIT WITH MANY APPLICATIONS AND ARE WIDELY EXPECTED TO DEPLOY FIRST 🗮 Protonex

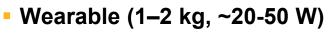
## **POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS ARE VAST**





# **MILITARY PORTABLE POWER FOCUS - 100 TO 1000W**





- Individual soldiers
- Direct power of soldier loads, single battery charging







### Packable (4–8 kg, 100–200 W)

- Squad level
- Battery charging for soldier batteries
- Direct power of field gear

#### Portable (10–20 kg, 200–1,000 W)

- Platoon+ level
- Forward base battery charging
- Tent power, silent watch



#### Truckable (30–60 kg, 1,000–5,000 W)

- Current tactical generators
- High power equipment
- Fixed APU for vehicles

## **CURRENT MILITARY PRODUCTS & PLATFORMS**

#### M300-CX Battery Charger & APU



- 300W methanol-fueled PEM
- Fully functional 6-bay battery charger or APU
- Rapid Equipping Force / PEO soldier fielding in Afghanistan
- Demonstrating Silent watch missions with led users

#### S150-CX Packable Battery Charger & APU



- Enables use of logistics fuels
- Demonstrated unattended operation
- Moving from to TRL7
- Currently OSD QRF sponsored development

#### SPM and BPM Power Managers



- Provides soldiers with on-board power management of multiple devices
- High efficiency to reduce heat loads. Lightweight, compact and rugged

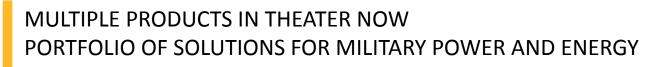


- Automatic and flexible for a wide range of applications
- Field trials ongoing in Iraq and Afghanistan

#### UAV, UGV and UUV Propulsion



- Demonstrated 26 hours on UAV vs. 3 on battery
- Commercializing in UAV platforms with OEMs
- Hand launchable and Tier 1 UAVs demonstrated
- Demonstrated over 3x range on FMI Talon Robot



## **DEVELOPING BOTH PEM AND SOFC BASED SYSTEMS**

#### Focused on 100 - 1000 watt fuel cell power solutions

- Focused on a broad range of applications under-served by batteries and generators
- Fully integrated, high performance power solutions
- Fueling solution is key to success (in the absence of a hydrogen infrastructure)

#### Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM)

- Fuels
  - Methanol
  - Chemical Hydride
  - Hydrogen
- Operating temperature:  $50^{\circ}C 75^{\circ}C$



#### Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC)

- Fuels
  - Diesel, JP-8 and Gasoline
  - Propane
  - Bio and renewable fuels
- Operating temperature: 650°C 750°C



PROVIDING FULLY INTEGRATED SYSTEMS INCLUDING FUELING SOLUTIONS FOCUSED ON SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS AND MARKETS

## **PROTONEX ADHESIVE BONDED STACK TECHNOLOGY**

#### Cost-effective, high performance design

- Simple construction enables fast build cycles and automation
- Low part count
- Membrane supplier independent
- Compatible with both high temperature and low temperature membrane assemblies

#### Rugged and highly durable

- No gasket compression set
- No exterior leakage paths

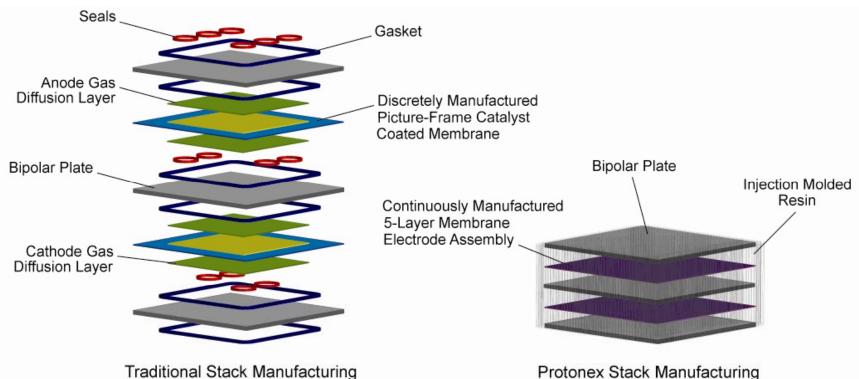
#### Liquid cooled design provides

- Long life
- Stable performance
- Scalable

ADHESIVE BONDED STACK MANUFACTURING IS EASILY AUTOMATED FOR LOW COST IN VOLUMES



## **PROTONEX ADHESION BONDED FUEL CELL STACK**



Protonex Stack Manufacturing

REDUCED PART COUNT, SIMPLE COMPONENTS AND HIGH MANUFACTURING YIELDS **RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER COST** 

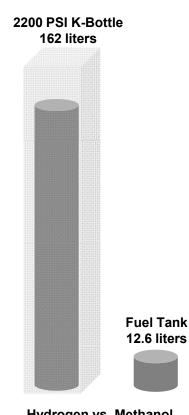
## **METHANOL FUEL VS. COMPRESSED HYDROGEN**

#### Ease of Refueling

- Methanol fuel is easily handled in the field
- No high pressure connections
- No partial bottle problem
- No need for gas supplier can be internalized

#### Availability

- Methanol is one of the most commonly used and transported chemicals
- Easily stored by system operator
- Long Shelf Life
  - Does not degrade in storage like liquid hydrocarbon fuels
- High Energy Density
  - 1 Gallon provides > 8 hours of back-up power (250 watts)
- Low Flammability
  - Flashpoint significantly higher than common hydrocarbon fuels
  - Dilution with water makes non-flammable

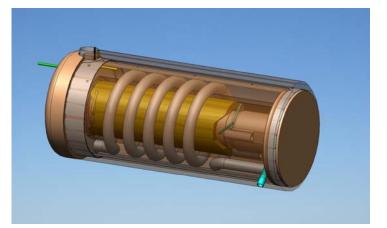


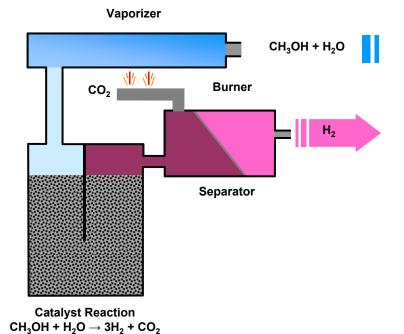
Hydrogen vs. Methanol 30 hour Back-up Volume

## METHANOL IS A PRACTICAL FUEL FOR MANY APPLICATIONS

## **METHANOL REFORMER SUBSYSTEM**

- Hydrogen is generated from methanol using steam reformation process
- Pre-mixed fuel significantly reduces system complexity
- Well proved components / materials of construction
- Small, relatively low temperature hot zone
- Requires pressure to drive separation process

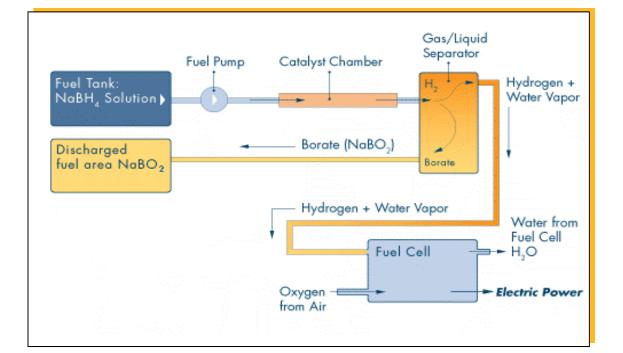




STEAM REFORMATION IS A WELL PROVEN AND ECONOMICAL PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYDROGEN

## CHEMICAL HYDRIDE FUEL CARTRIDGE SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE [NaBH<sub>4</sub>]

- Simple design
- High storage metrics
- Cartridge system
- Hydrogen as needed
- Non-flammable
- Non-toxic
- Wide temperature range
- Low cost materials









# M300 - CX Field Battery Charger / APU

**OSD - QUICK REACTION FUNDS** 

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR 300 WATT SQUAD LEVEL FUEL CELL SYSTEM

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## **M300 PLATFORM – DETACHED BATTLEFIELD POWER**

#### M300-CX Military Battery Charger / APU

- High performance military power system
  - Light weight, low noise and low heat signature
  - Charges up to six batteries simultaneously or functions as portable auxiliary power unit (APU)
  - Enables US DoD to switch to rechargeable batteries; it currently purchases millions of non-rechargeable batteries annually.
  - Methanol is an attractive military fuel (Safe, compact, and biodegradable)
- M300 units successfully completed a major Army LUT/GSS field trial in Fall 2010
- Rapid Equipping Force sponsorship of PEO Soldier field trial in Afghanistan
  - Received full safety certification for in theater use
  - No de-rating up to 14,000 feet

#### CURRENT FIELD TRIALS IN AFGHANISTAN FOR VILLAGE SUSTAINMENT OPERATIONS BASED ON WARFIGHTER REQUEST



9.25 D" x 12" H x 14.25 W" < 36 lbs

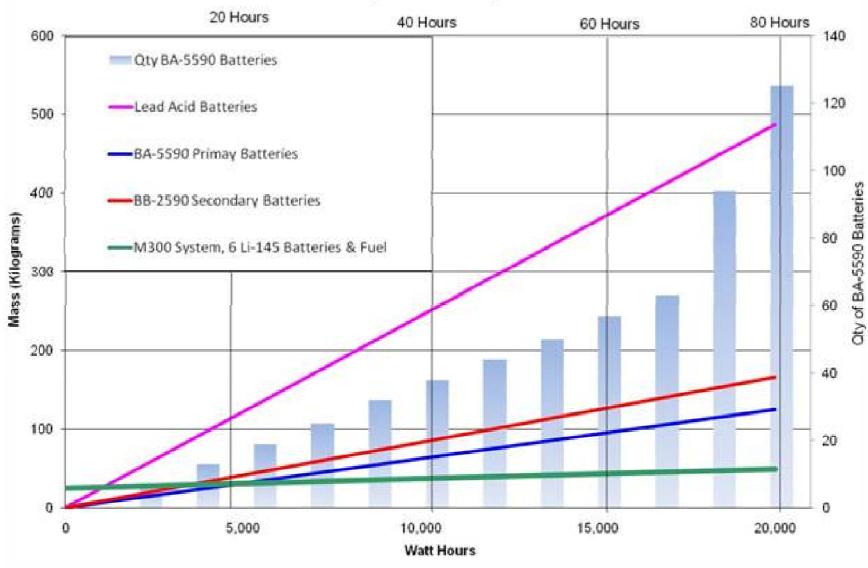


<sup>&</sup>lt; 2 liters</p>

>4 hours operation (1.2 kW hours) 💓 Protonex

## **M300 SYSTEM - VALUE PROPOSITION**

**Battery Mass Comparison** 





# **Unmanned Vehicle Power Systems**

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## **UNMANNED AIR VEHICLE POWER**

"Smaller and smarter unmanned aircraft are transforming spying and redefining the idea of airpower" – *The Economist*, September 2009

- Long duration, small unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are one of the highest priorities for the US Military
  - Protonex systems deliver up to 7x in flight duration and are essentially inaudible



- Ongoing development and expanding relationships with several UAV prime contractors
- Protonex UAV power systems are moving from flight demonstrations to deployable products
- Recent SURGE-V win with both Lockheed Martin (Desert Hawk) and Elbit Systems of America (Skylark LE)

RECENT FLIGHT OF 26 HOURS WITH US NAVY SET UNOFFICIAL UAV FLIGHT RECORD BY ENABLING 7X THE DURATION PROVIDED BY LITHIUM BATTERIES

## **UNMANNED POWER SYSTEMS – FUELING OPTIONS**

#### Compressed Hydrogen Fuel

- Targeted at Group 1 UAS platforms
- Hydrogen generated on site, "Logistic Fuel" system
- Highest performance
- Larger logistics footprint (small electrolyzer)

### Sodium Borohydride Fuel

- Targeted at man-packed UAS platforms
- Hydrogen stored and shipped as powder
  - Stable storage medium, easy to handle
- High performance
  - 9+hr flight demonstrated on Aerovironment Puma
- Minimal support equipment, must be re-supplied





# CORE TECHNOLOGY PAIRS WITH DIFFERENT FUELS FOR OPTIMIMUM LOGISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

## NAVAL RESEARCH LAB – ION TIGER



## 26 hour flight demonstrated



- Fuel cell powered
- 35 lb GTOW
- 50 W / 5 lb payload
- 550 W max continuous
- ~ 250 W cruise
- 350 nm coverage



- High Power Density Fuel Cell: Over 500+ W/kg system
- Fuselage: Designed for hydrogen tanks
- Integrated System: Optimized for endurance
- Delivered next generation 1.5kW system at 750 W/kg



## HAND LAUNCHABLE UAV POWER SYSTEMS

- Chemical hydride fueled [NaBH<sub>4</sub>]
- Fuel cell system 100-200W
- Flight time targets:
  - Current battery systems: 2-4 hrs
  - FY07 6+ hrs
  - FY08 10+ hrs
- Demonstrate fuel cells in currently fielded UAVs
  - PUMA selected for initial integration
  - Minimal changes to existing plane







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# S150 – CX Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Power

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## **SOFC PLATFORM – Development Efforts**

#### S150-CX Charger

- Current effort underway with US Military to develop "back packable" battery charger / APU system
- Focused on liquid fuels for safety and energy density
  - Near term kerosene and desulfirized JP-8
  - Ultimately directly powered by JP-8 without modification
- Currently working with ARO / OSD QRF

Next Generation Protonex Hot Zone

THIS PLATFORM IS MODULAR - ALLOWS RAPID SCALING TO HIGHER POWERS

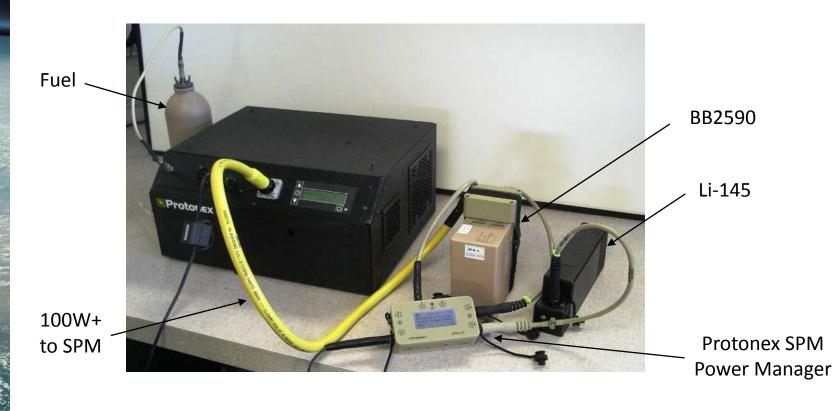




## LAB DEMONSTRATION (Summer 2010)

- Autonomous start and control
- Fueled by desulfurized kerosene
- >100 W net power





## **PROTONEX SUMMARY**

- <u>Unique</u> Offering fully integrated power solutions
  - Both PEM and SOFC systems enables range of fuels to broaden addressable markets
- Scalable Products serve many potential applications
  - "Horizontal" solutions, much like batteries and generators
- Near Term Opportunity Initial products gaining traction
  - Targeting applications that can clearly benefit from fuel cells
  - Functional technologies that meet application needs today
- Limited Technical Risk Proven and fielded technology
  - Products and technologies have matured and demonstrated required performance levels
  - Increasingly broader military deployments have confirmed viability of technology
- Strong Partners Industry endorsements
  - Strategic partnerships in both military and commercial

POSITIONING TO BE THE "CATEGORY WINNER" IN A BROAD SET OF PORTABLE AND MOBILE POWER MARKETS BASED ON DEMONSTRABLE MILITARY SUCCESS













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