

# **Presentation for**

### DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee



# SFC Energy AG & Inc.

### Facts and figures

- b Founded in 2000
- Sole company developing, producing and selling commercially available DMFC products
- Locations

SFC Energy AG: Brunnthal, Germany SFC Energy Inc: Rockville, MD

O 100 employees









### **Market Traction**









Sustainable growth of commercial fuel cell business

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# Hybrid Product Concept





SFC's hybridization concept enables superior product advantages and capturing the full offgrid market potential

# The Market Opportunity





#### **Micro-Economic Drivers**







Increasing Off-Grid Power Needs



Digitalization of Military and Security Forces



Increasing Need for Backup Power Supply



Increased Demand to Intelligently Use and Manage Power



E-Mobility

SFC's product solutions serve multiple mega-trends.

## Energy Density Comparison



Different wa	ays to provide 11 kWh el	ectricity			
	Methanol	Hydrogen	Lithium-Ion Batteries	Lead-Acid Batteries	
Weight	17 lbs	180 lbs	235 lbs	600 lbs	
Volume	10	60	60	140 I	

Methanol combines superior energy density with easy handling and low cost.

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### SFC Market Segments





### **Broader Business Model**

#### Rationale

- SFC fuel cells are unique enabling components but hardly plug & play solutions so far
  - ⇒ demand for whole product solutions
- Strategic advantages of energy solution provider over component supplier:
  - ⇒ direct customer access
  - ⇒ stronger market position + margin protection
- Today's market access and market fragmentation limit growth speed
- First SFC whole-product solutions / systems (e.g. EFOY ProCube, energy network incl. Power Manager) very well received on the market



EFOY Energy Rack





## SFC Strategy Update





Create leading solution provider for clean hybrid off-grid power.

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#### **Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Concept**

- On-board generation of power and heat makes electric vehicles fit for everyday use even in winter
- Increased range and fully automatic off-grid recharging upon demand improve customer acceptance
- SFC presents concept together with the renowned automotive engineering partner "ESG Elektroniksystemund Logistik-GmbH"



Innovative CHP (Combined Heat and Power) Concept for Electric Vehicles with SFC Fuel Cells

#### Background





### Range extender and on-board charger:

Light electric vehicles - based on commercially available EFOY fuel cell products – achieved important milestones re. range, grid independence, regulatory approvals

2008: first DMFC hybrid vehicles hit the road

#### Background



### Fuel cells as APU for special-purpose vehicles



- Silent, powerful, efficient on-board power source  $\rightarrow$  increased functionality
- Alreadyover 400 vehicles " powered bySFC" in dail y use by authorities
- Massive savings in operating cost for fleet managers
- Powerful logistics network for fuel cartridges more than 1,500 points-of-sale in EU

### 2009: first volume orders by VW and Mercedes - APU for special-purpose vehicles



Hybrid approach combines superior energy density with required power density



# The Battery Power Gap (1) - Capacity Limitations

- Theoretical capacity assumes cycling from 100 % SOC to 0 % SOC
- Neither 100 % SOC nor zero % SOC are achievable in reality
- Cell balancing eats up significant fraction of capacity

# $\rightarrow$ Theoretical battery capacity is never available in practice



# The Battery Power Gap (2) - Thermal Issues

• Battery capacity + ability to accept charge are strong functions of temperature

- Lithium-plating effect prohibits charging below freezing
- Battery capacity is too precious to be wasted for heating purposes
- Winter conditions: High energy demand meets poor battery capacity



# $\rightarrow$ A source of heat is required on board





Winter driving: Power consumption out of the battery doubles due to heating requirements At the same time, battery capacity goes down dramatically

Battery vehicles: winter conditions lead to an unresolved power gap

# SFC Awards (2002-2010)



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