



### Low Temperature NH<sub>3</sub> Cracking Membrane Reactor for H<sub>2</sub> Generation PI: Zhong Tang, PhD, Bettergy Corp. Co-PI: Gang Wu, PhD, SUNY at Buffalo

#### **Project Vision**

- Develop H<sub>2</sub> separation membrane and novel catalyst for low temperature NH<sub>3</sub> cracking
- Integrate catalyst and membrane into a membrane reactor system
- Build safe, low-cost, on-demand H<sub>2</sub> refueling stations

### **Project Impact**

- > Reduce cost barriers for  $H_2$  refueling stations
- Reduce GHG emissions
- Maintain US leadership in \$15B fuel cell market



\$1.5M

36 mo.

Fed. funding:

Length:

# **Innovation and Objectives**

## **Innovation**

• Innovative H<sub>2</sub> separation membrane and novel catalyst for **low temperature** NH<sub>3</sub> cracking (AC-MR)

• Integration of catalyst and membrane into a membrane reactor system

• Enables small on-demand H<sub>2</sub> refueling stations



## **Technical Objectives**

Phase I -- Confirm the feasibility of **low** temperature AC-MR system

Phase II -- Demonstrate prototype AC-MR producing 10 L H<sub>2</sub>/min

Phase IIS -- Establish partnership to commercialize AC-MR technology

## Tech-to-Market Strategy

- Partnership with NYSERDA, H<sub>2</sub> generation and supply companies, fuel cell and FCEV manufacturers
- The first market: existing gas stations, H<sub>2</sub> refueling stations
- License and/or co-development







# **Innovation and Objectives**

## **Project History**

- Bettergy Corp. holds proprietary technologies in zeolite membrane separation and MR field
- SUNY—Buffalo has strong expertise in catalyst synthesis and characterization.



### **Anticipated Challenges**

Technical risks	Mitigation
Heat management	Flameless combustion of retentate gas to provide heat
Membrane sealing	Modularized tubular design

Proposed Targets		
Metric	State of the art	Proposed
Temperature	700-1100 °C	<450 °C
Conversion	99%	>99%
Energy efficiency	~60	>80%
Cost per capacity	12,500 per\$/kg/day	8,141 per\$/kg/day
Lifetime	2-5 year	>10 year

### **Desirable Partnerships**

- NYSERDA supporting green energy in New York State
- H<sub>2</sub> generation equipment manufacturers/suppliers
- Fuel cell manufacturers
- FCEV manufacturers
- Fuel station developers and owners





