



# **Future Trends and Thrusts for Army Manportable Power Sources**

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# AGENDA

- Soldier Power Requirements
- Science & Technology Programs
- Solutions Available Today
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  - High Energy Batteries
  - Hybrid Power Sources
  - Fuel Cells
  - Stirling Engine
- Summary



# Our Challenge



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...Lighten Their Load

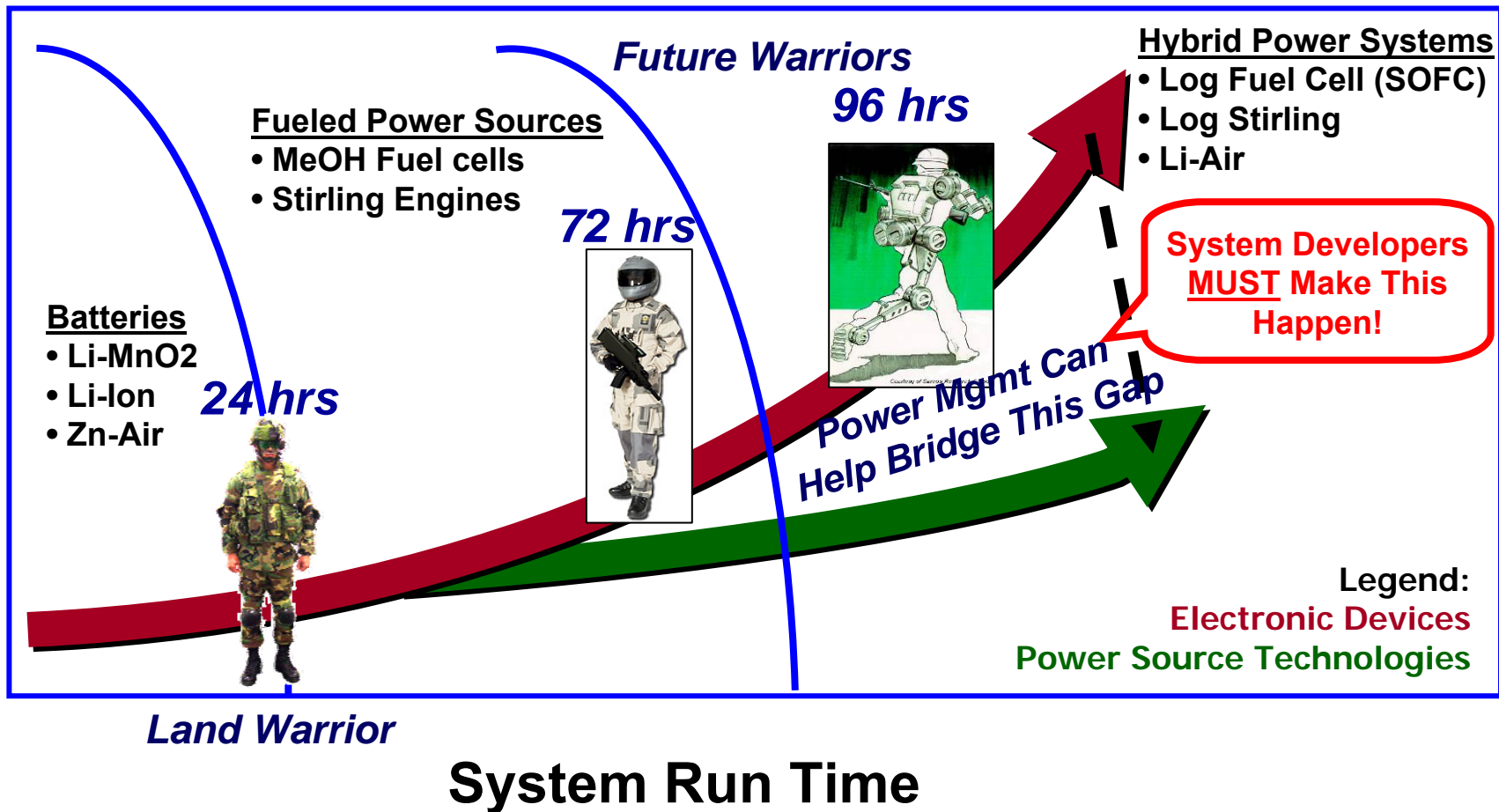


# Power Requirements

*MORE POWER .....*

*..... LESS WEIGHT*

**System Power Draw**





# Science & Technology Programs

## Mounted/Dismounted Soldier Power IV.LG.2006.01

**FY06 – FY08**



Fuel Cell Battery Hybrid

Self Powered Battery Charger

Quiet Power Sources

Less weight, lower cost  
longer missions

Less fuel, smaller,  
quieter power sources

### Purpose:

Develop component technologies for power systems for increased mission duration while decreasing logistics burden

### Products:

#### • Soldier

- <500 Watt Man-portable field battery charger and improved rechargeable batteries
- Hybrid power source (fuel cell & battery)
- Li-Air battery and improved photovoltaics

### Payoff:

- Provides savings by reducing number of batteries required for soldiers. Increased power/energy adds mission capability.

#### • Transitions:

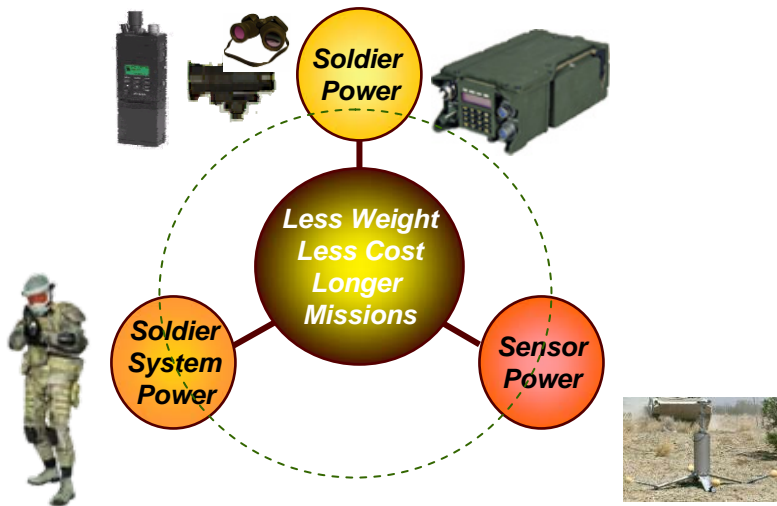
- Hybrid demonstrators to PM-Soldier in FY06; improved technology for Ground Soldier System in FY08



# Science & Technology Programs (cont)

## D.CER.2008.08 Power for the Dismounted Soldier

**FY08 – FY11**



**Purpose:** To provide the Warfighter with small light weight power sources that maximize specific energy for core Soldiers, integrated Soldier systems and sensors.

**Products:**

- **Prototype Half-size/2X energy primary C4ISR batteries**
- **Conformal rechargeable Soldier system batteries**
- **Soldier mission extending hybrid fuel cell system**
- **Logistic fuel (JP8) powered Soldier portable power source to enable tactical battery recharging**

**Payoffs:**

- **Reduction in Soldier weight load**
- **Extended mission times in Soldier and sensor applications**
- **Battlefield energy independence; reduced logistics**
- **Increased Soldier mobility, sustainability, survivability and deployability by providing higher energy sources**
- **Power sources and charging technologies that meet Soldier-as-a-System requirements**



# Solutions Available Today

## Batteries With State-Of-Charge-Indicators

- Instantly Indicates Remaining Capacity in BA-5590A and BA-5390A
- Adds No Additional Weight to Battery
- BA-5590A/U (Li/SO<sub>2</sub>)
  - All Production Converted to SOCI
- BA-5390A/U (Li/MnO<sub>2</sub>)
  - In Stock & Available Now



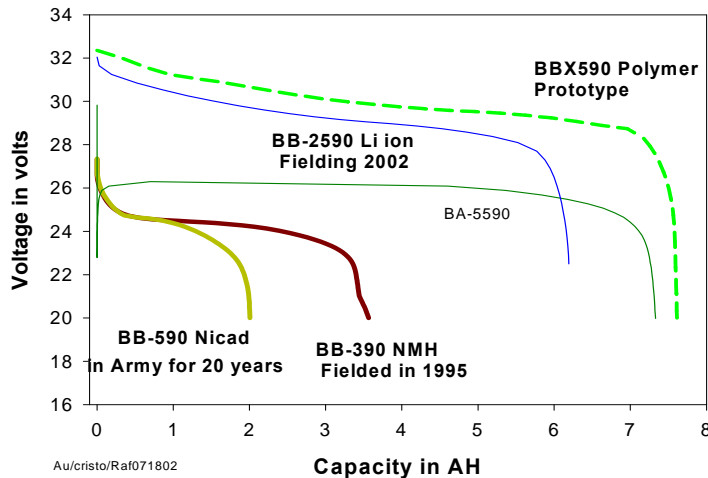
BA-5590A/U



BA-5390A/U

## High Energy Rechargeable Li-Ion Batteries

BB-590 Nicad, BB-390 NMH, BB-2590, BB-X590 Batteries and Primary BA-5590 Discharge at 2A



Li-Ion Rechargeable Batteries



# Solutions Available Today (cont)

## AA 8 - PACK SCAVENGER

### Portable Fast Battery Charger for AA-size Cells

8 - PACK SCAVENGER

Any 12 VDC source



**5 oz.  
<\$200**

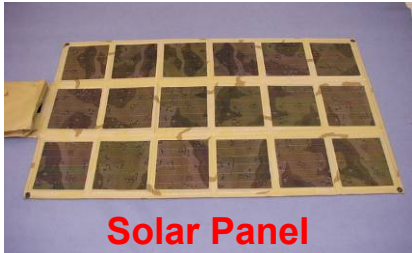
- Recharges commercial AA cells
- Charges 8 cells in 100 minutes
- Scavenges un-used energy from Military power sources
- Saves 25lbs per Platoon over 5 days



Army Batteries



Zinc-Air



Solar Panel



Vehicle Adapters

Charging Sources	# of AA-cells Charged
BA-8180	128
BA-8150	80
BA-8140	64
BA-5590	24
BA-5390	32
BB-390	20
BB-2590	24
SP4-solar panel	∞
Vehicle Adapters	∞





# Solutions Available Today (cont)

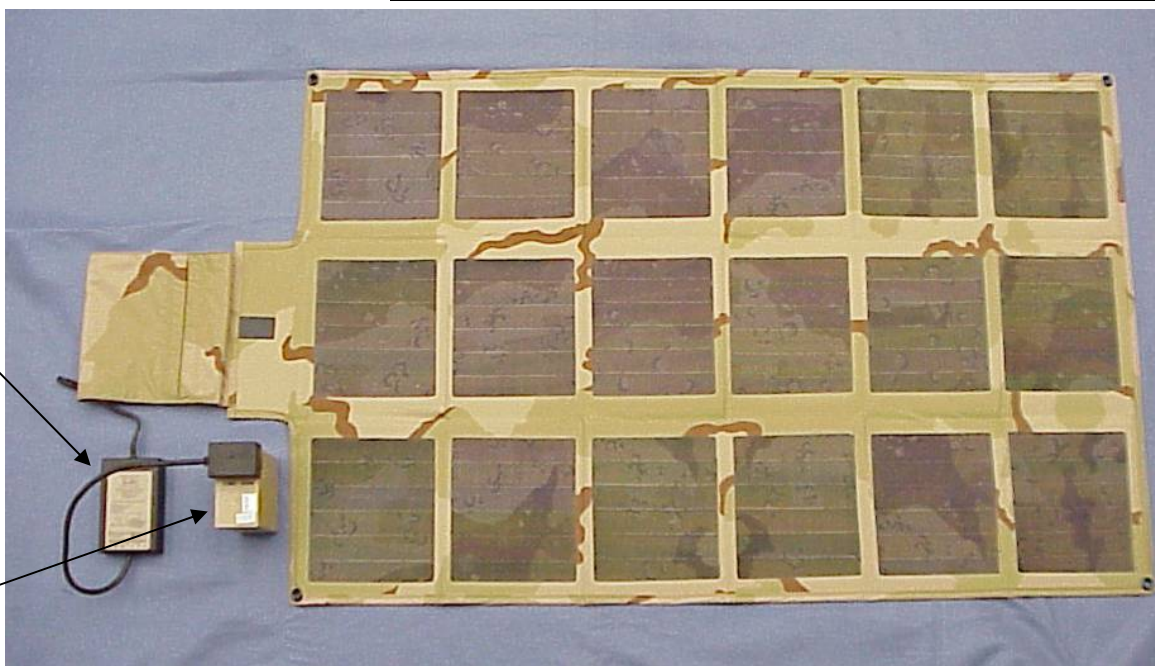
## ***55 W Solar Charger - Soldier***

- Charges two 6.2Ah BB-2590 Li-Ion batteries in ~5-6 hrs
- Flexible Panel Design
- Anti-Glint, Inlaid Cammo

Maximum Power	Nominal Voltage	Maximum Current	Weight	Deployed Area	Packed Volume
(Watts)	(Volts)	(Amperes)	(lbs.)	length x width (in.)	length x width x height (in.)
55.0	16	2.8	4.4	55 x 32	11 x 9 x 1.3

Charge Controller

Li-Ion Battery



**Renewable Energy – Lighten Soldier Loads, Reduce Logistics, Lower Costs**



# Solutions Available Today (cont)

## ***AA-Cell Solar Charger - Soldier***

- Charges four 2.3Ah AA NiMH batteries in ~4 hrs
- Flexible Panel Design
- Anti-Glint



AA-Cell Holder  
& Charge Controller



- 9" x 5" x 2" folded
- 9" x 25", deployed w/shade
- 0.87 lbs without batteries

Renewable Energy – Lighten Soldier Loads, Reduce Logistics, Lower Costs



# Solutions Available Today (cont)

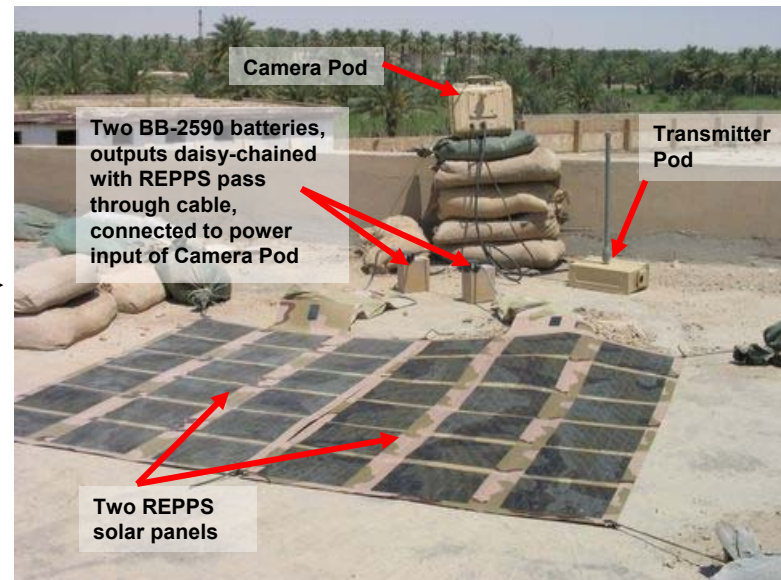
## ***Rucksack Portable Power System - Soldier***

- Solar Panel, Charger, Inverter, and NATO/Commercial Power Adapters.
- DC/AC power output and Charger for military batteries.
- In field use for unattended ground sensors (UGS) and surveillance systems.



### Soldier Feedback:

*"I wanted to thank you again for everything. The camera system [using a REPPS system for 24 hour operation] has been a huge success thus far and I believe has saved lives by keeping our soldiers out of harms way."*  
SPC Fiorino, David G.



**Renewable Energy – Lighten Soldier Loads, Reduce Logistics, Lower Costs**



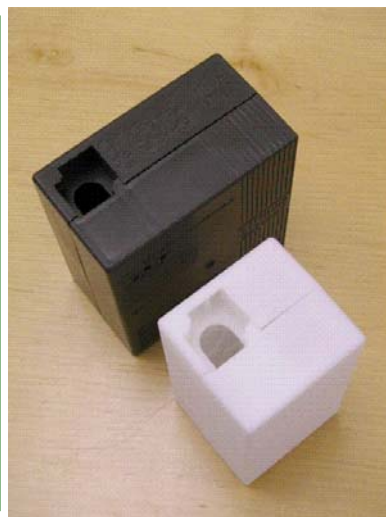
# What's Next – High Energy Batteries

## *Extended Run-Time Lithium Carbon Monofluoride (Li/CF<sub>x</sub>) Batteries*

### Objective

The development of high energy density Li/CF<sub>x</sub> batteries allow for:

- A BA-5590 replacement with twice the run time at equivalent weight and volume
- A half-sized BA-5590 with equivalent run time at half the weight and volume



### Technology

Disposable Battery	Chemistry	Weight (lbs)	Energy (Wh)
BA-5590	Li/SO <sub>2</sub>	2.16	200
BA-5390	Li/MnO <sub>2</sub>	2.94	300
BA-XX90	Li/CF <sub>x</sub>	2.2	400

Twice the Mission Runtime at same weight versus the BA-5590

### Participants

- Sponsor (s): U.S. Army RDECOM CERDEC
- Gov't Contributors: PM JTRS Ground Domain HMS, USAIC
- Industry: Five Known Interested Parties



# What's Next – Hybrid Power Sources

## *Hybrid Power Mission Extender*

**Case Study:** For a 72hr Mission How many batteries/hybrids do we need to support the Land Warrior System?



**Li-145 Lithium Ion  
(Baseline)**

**Weight:** 13.2 lbs

**Volume:** 216 in<sup>3</sup>

**Energy:  
(available)** 870 Wh



**Gen 4 Zinc-Air/Li-145  
Hybrid System**

**9.4 lbs**

**218 in<sup>3</sup>**

**1145 Wh**



**UltraCell Fuel Cell  
Li-145 Hybrid System**

**6.1 lbs**

**94 in<sup>3</sup>**

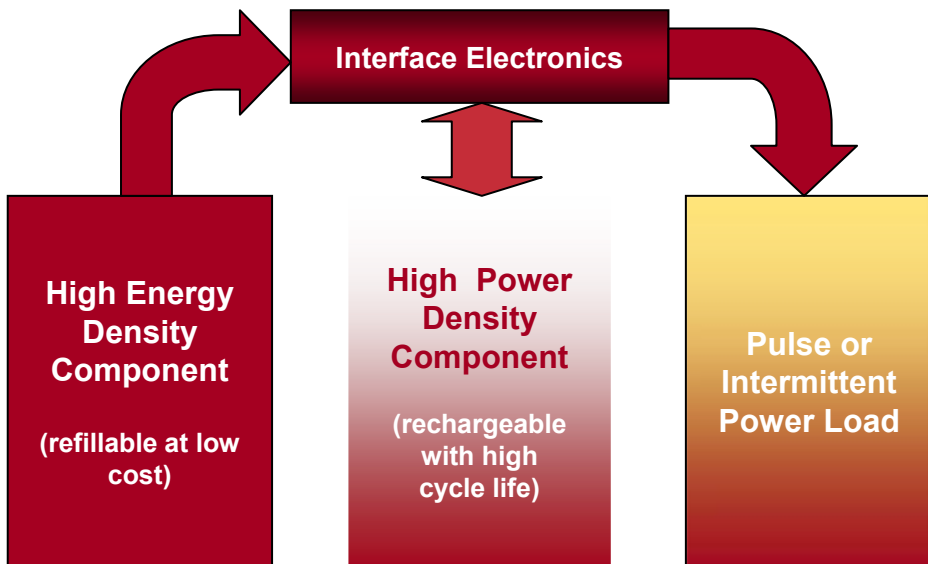
**895Wh**



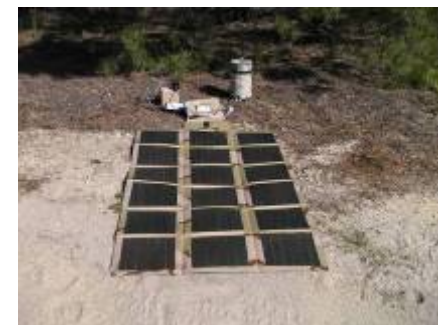
# What's Next - Hybrid Power Sources

- Extends Mission Runtimes
- Reduces the Battery Weight and Volume Required for Multiple Day Operation
- Reduces Logistics Costs

## Hybrid Power Sources



Lithium Ion / Zinc-Air Battery/Battery Hybrid for UGS



Lithium-ion Battery / Solar Panel Hybrid for UGS



Sealed Pb-Acid / Zinc-Air Battery/Battery Hybrid for SATCOM Radios



Zinc-Air Battery / Capacitor Hybrid for Javlin



# What's Next - Hybrid Power Sources

## **Battery Hybrid Power Source - Soldier**

### High Energy Component



#### Zinc-Air Battery

- Nominal potential: 14 V
- Nominal rating: 15 Ah
- Weight: 900 g
- 42- Cell "AA" Design:
- 14S3P cell configuration

### High Power Component

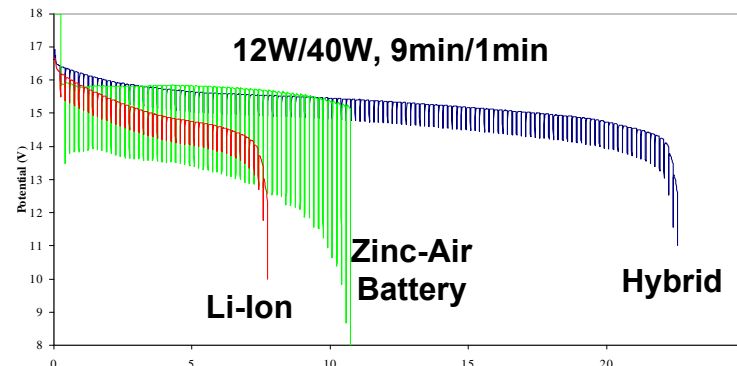


#### Li-Ion Battery

- Nominal potential : 15.2 V
- Nominal rating: 7.2 Ah
- Weight: 882 g (1.94 lbs)
- 16 18650G 2 Ah cells
- 4S4P cell configuration



**200 Wh/kg**



**Provides 1/3 Weight Reduction Over Rechargeable Alone for 24 Hours**



# What's Next - Fuel Cells

## **20W DMFC - Soldier**

- Dimensions: 9.75" x 2.31" x 3.06"
- System Dry weight: 1.18 kg
- Fuel cartridge: 500 ml / 0.47 kg
- 24 hr mission weight: 1.6 kg
- 72 hr mission weight: 2.6 kg
- Efficiency: 22.4%
- Fuel Cartridge Duration: 24 hours
- Fuel is 100% methanol at low temp;  
water/methanol mix at high temp  $>40^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 72 hour mission energy density 554 W-hr/kg



**20 Watt DMFC System**



**Mission Extender Power Source, Battery Charging**





# What's Next - Fuel Cells

## *25W RMFC - Soldier*

CERDEC collaboration with DARPA

Dimensions: 9.3" X 5.38" X 1.8"

System Dry Weight: 1.2 kg

Fuel Cartridge Weight: 0.325 - 0.350 kg

24 hr mission weight : 2.25 kg

72 hr mission weight : 4.23 kg

Efficiency: 23.8% @ 20 watts

Fuel Cartridge Duration: 9 hours

72 hr mission energy density: 340 Wh/kg



25W Reformed Methanol Fuel Cells



Soldier System Hybrid

Mission Extender Power Source, Battery Charging



# What's Next - Fuel Cells

## ***20 W Solid Oxide Fuel Cell - Portable***

**CERDEC collaboration with DARPA and SOCOM**

<b>Power:</b>	<b>20 W</b>
<b>Start Up Time:</b>	<b>20 minutes</b>
<b>Dimensions:</b>	<b>11.6" X 3.7 " X 5.11"</b>
<b>System Weight:</b>	<b>1.55kg</b>
<b>Fuel Cartridge Weight:</b>	<b>0.406kg (propane/butane)</b>
<b>24 hr mission weight:</b>	<b>1.95 kg @ 20 Watts</b>
<b>72 hr mission weight:</b>	<b>2.77 kg @ 20 Watts</b>
<b>Fuel Cartridge Duration:</b>	<b>25 hours @ 20 Watts</b>
<b>Energy Density:</b>	<b>520 W-hours/kg (72 hrs@ 20 watts)</b>



**20 Watt SOFC**

**Platoon Level Portable Power Source, Battery Charging – JP-8 Target Fuel**



# What's Next - Fuel Cells

## *250 W Solid Oxide Fuel Cell - Portable*

- Developing a 250 W portable fuel cell system operating on de-sulfured JP-8 fuel.
- Current system uses Propane/Butane fuel.
- Partial Oxidation (POX) reformer design for JP-8.  
Air oxidation, smaller reactor
- <10kg target for 250 W.



Platoon Level Portable Power Source, Battery Charging – JP-8 Target Fuel

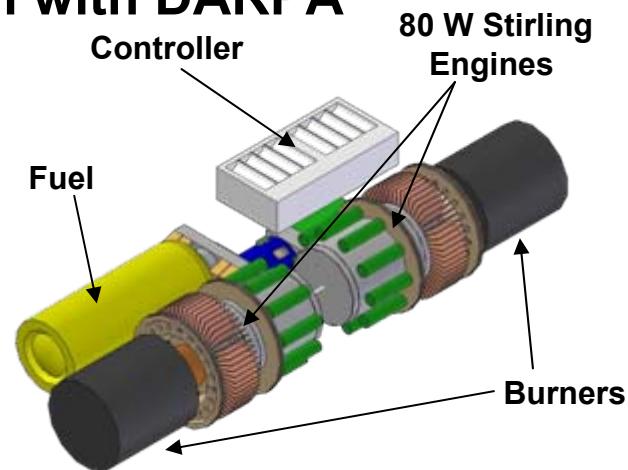


# What's Next - Stirling Engine - Portable

## CERDEC collaboration with DARPA

- Air cooled design
- Propane (FY06)
- JP-8 fuel (FY08)

Projected JP-8 160W <sub>e</sub> Performance	Target
Hot-end Temperature	650 °C
Cold-end Temperature	70 °C
Nominal Operating Frequency	102 Hz
Nominal Voltage	28 V <sub>DC</sub>
Nominal Engine/ Alternator Output Power	160 W <sub>e</sub>
Fuel	JP-8
Engine/ Alternator Efficiency	36 %
Generator System Efficiency (without parasitics)	24 %
Net System Efficiency	20 %
System Weight	<10kgs



**160W<sub>e</sub> System  
(Dual Opposed 80W<sub>e</sub> Engines)**



**Platoon Level Portable Power Source, Battery Charging – JP-8 Target Fuel**



# Summary

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- **Power Source Technologies continue to improve.**
- **Power Sources will always be seen as a weight/volume/logistic burden unless taken in as part of the equipment system level designs, which must include power management.**
- **Power Management of the Systems to a Fixed Power Budget will reduce the weight, volume, and logistic costs for power and energy.**