

# FUEL CELL POWER SYSTEMS FOR EXTENDED DURATION UAV AND UGV SYSTEMS

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THE NEXT GENERATION OF PORTABLE POWER.™

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# **AGENDA**

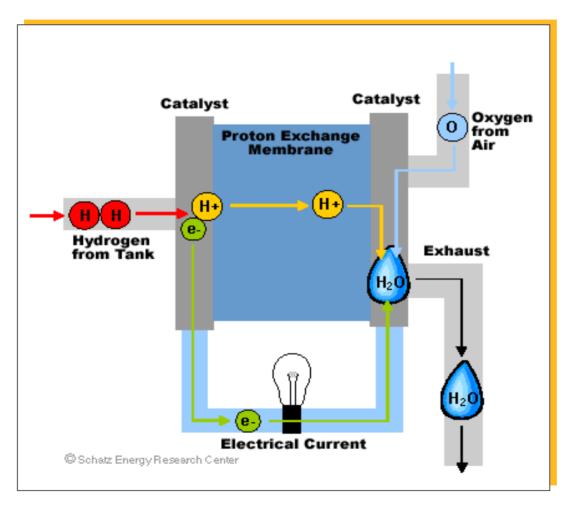
- Company Overview
- Technology and Products
- Markets
- Ultra High Performance Power Systems
  - UAV Power Systems
  - UGV Power Systems
- Summary



## **PROTONEX OVERVIEW**

- Leading provider of 10 1000 watt fuel cell based power solutions
  - Portable, remote and mobile power
  - Targeting applications underserved by batteries and small generators
- Strong traction to date with US Government agencies
  - Over \$35m\* in program value with Air Force, Army, Navy, SOCOM, DARPA,
     DOE, NASA...
- Well positioned to deliver product for military and commercial applications
  - Offering PEM and SOFC products to meet diverse application needs
  - Capable of high performance and low cost
- Key strategic partnerships in place
  - Parker Hannifin, Cummins, Raytheon, CBC, Northrop Grumman, US Military
- Headquartered in Southborough, Massachusetts
  - Over 90 employees today and growing
- Publicly traded on the AIM market of the LSE symbols: PTX and PTXU

# **FUEL CELL SYSTEMS**



## **VS. ADVANCED BATTERIES**

- Reduced weight
- Extended run times
- Reduced size
- Lower life cycle cost
- Enables new applications

## **VS. ICE GENERATORS**

- Greater efficiency
- Reduced emissions
- Lower noise level
- Lower heat signatures
- Lower life cycle cost

Fuel cell based power systems provide many advantages over existing technologies

# TWO TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS AT PROTONEX

- Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM)
  - Fuels
    - Methanol
    - Chemical Hydride
    - Hydrogen
  - Operating temperature: 50°C 75°C
  - Readiness: now

- Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC)
  - Fuels
    - Propane
    - Gasoline, Diesel and JP-8
    - Biofuels
  - Operating temperature: 650°C 750°C
  - Readiness: 1-2 years



Fuel flexibility to address multiple applications
Strong overlap between PEM and SOFC

## **CURRENT PRODUCTS IN DEVELOPMENT**

- Fully integrated power systems fuel in, power out
- PEM or SOFC core technology
  - Similar control and power management components
  - Hybridized with batteries to "drop into" existing apps
- Supporting multiple fuel types
  - Hydrogen, chemical hydrides, methanol, propane today
  - Gasoline, kerosene, diesel, JP8, biofuels future
- Strong and expanding IP base
  - 43 patents issued/pending



Xtend™ M250 Backup Module Reformed Methanol



Pulse<sup>™</sup> M250 Battery Charger Reformed Methanol



ProCore™ UAV and UGV
Propulsion Systems
Chemical Hydride and Hydrogen



Quantum<sup>™</sup> P125 Power System
Propane



Quantum<sup>™</sup> M250 Multi-Purpose APU Reformed Methanol

# TARGETING A BROAD RANGE OF POWER APPLICATIONS

MILITARY	GOVERNMENT		
Field and portable generator	Field and portable generator		
<ul> <li>Vehicle auxiliary power units</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Emergency backup systems</li> </ul>		
Squad battery charger	First responder equipment		
<ul><li>UAV and UGV propulsion</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Vehicle auxiliary power units</li> </ul>		
Soldier or remote power source	Persistent surveillance		
Power management devices			
Pulse™ M250, J500	Quantum™ M250, D500		
Pulse™ UAV, UGV	ProCore™ M250		
Pulse™ P125	Procore™ UAV		
	Xtend™ M250, M500, M1000		

Protonex products are "horizontal" in nature, addressing many diverse applications currently using batteries or generators

# **MAJOR SEGMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – Non Military**

## **DC Backup Power**

- Telecom Wireless
- Telecom Wireline
- Traffic Systems
- Broadband / CATV
- Critical Systems
- Security Systems



### Recreation

- Portable Power
- RV Power
- Marine Power
- Campsite Power
- Remote Cabins
- Expeditions



## **Emergency**

- Homeowner Emergency
- Battery Chargers
- Communications Equipment
- Emergency Response
- Security Systems
- Traffic Control Systems



### **Professional**

- Scientific Equipment
- Power Tools
- Battery Charging
- Communication Systems
- Security Systems
- Video Equipment



#### **Mobile**

- Electric Motorbikes
- Personal Mobility
- Vehicle APUs
- Golf / Utility Carts
- Mobile Signage
- Commercial Robots



#### Renewable

- Solar Power Systems
- Wind Power Systems
- Remote Monitoring
- Remote Signaling
- Off-Grid Homes





# **ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE POWER SYSTEMS**



# PROCORE™ UAV / UGV PROPULSION SYSTEMS

- Air Force and Navy Programs
- Significantly extended mission time
- 2-4 times the energy density of batteries
- Equivalent performance (power)



- Ability to carry greater payload
- Silent, reliable power





# NAVAL RESEARCH LAB UAV FLIGHT – HYDROGEN BASED



Propulsion System	Flight Time
Typical battery solution	1 - 2 hours
Protonex fuel cell system with available compressed hydrogen tank	3 hour 19 min.
Protonex fuel cell system with compressed hydrogen tank built in	6-24 hours



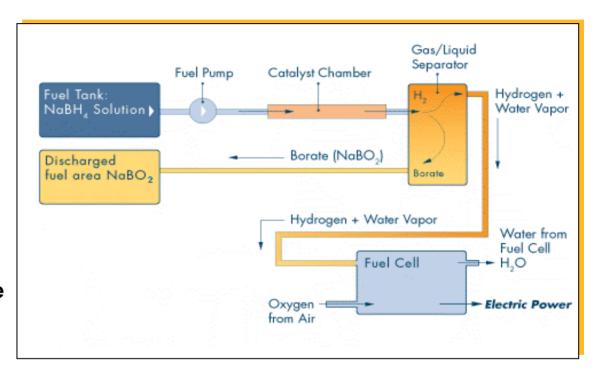
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300W net power @ <1kg

# 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

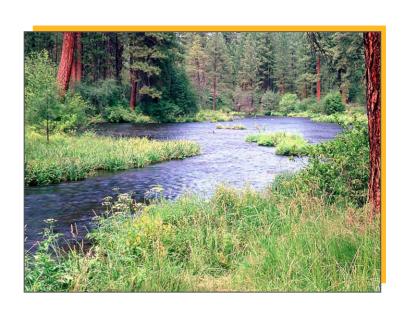






# FIELD WATER FOR CARTRIDGE HYDRATION

- Chemical hydride system can use a wide variety of field waters
- Shown to be robust to contamination from:
  - Tap water
  - Fresh water (lake, stream)
- Waste waters, such as grey water or bodily fluids may be used with filtration
- Advantage: Warfighter may carry lighter, dry cartridge into field and use available water for power





## HAND LAUNCHABLE UAV POWER SYSTEMS

- Chemical hydride fueled [NaBH₄]
- 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

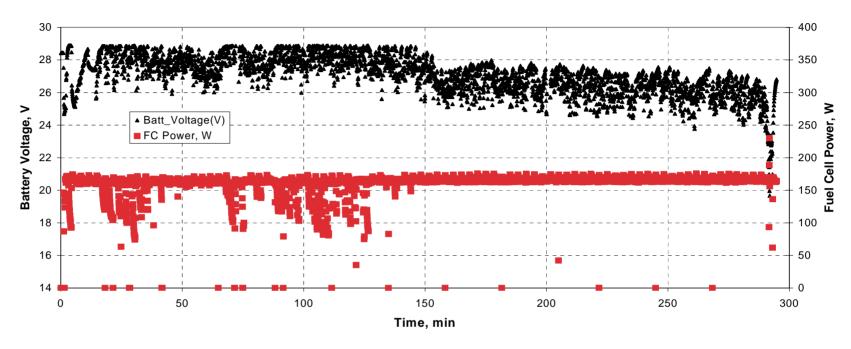






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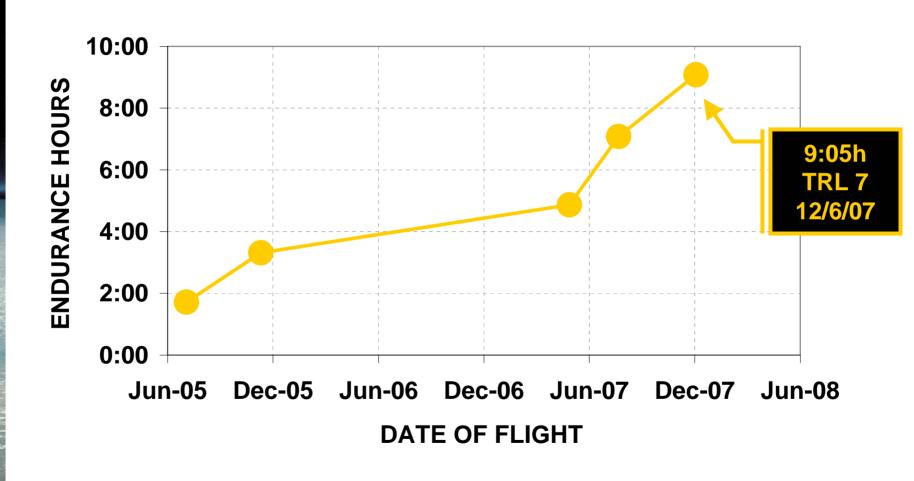
# **EARLY FLIGHT RESULTS (5/4/07)**



- 4 hr 53 min flight
- Wind conditions (3-10 m/s)
- Average power >150W with higher winds (>7 m/s)
- 55 min. additional airtime remaining in cartridge



# **UAV ENDURANCE PROGRESS**



## **UAV SIZE & CLASS**

#### **RAVEN B**

Aerovironment



Power plant: Electric Motor

Weight: **4.2 lbs**Wingspan: **53**"
Endurance: **90 min** 

#### **PUMA**

Aerovironment



Power plant: Electric Motor

Weight: 13 lbs
Wingspan: 102"
Endurance: 150 min

### **STALKER**

Lockheed Martin



Power plant: Electric Motor

Weight: 14 lbs
Wingspan: 120"
Endurance: 120 min

### **DESERT HAWK III**

Lockheed Martin



Power plant: Electric Motor

Weight: **6.5 lbs**Wingspan: **54**"
Endurance: **90 min** 

### **SILVER FOX**

Advanced Ceramics Research



Power plant: Gas Engine g

Weight: **26.2 lbs**Wingspan: **94**"
Endurance: **600 min** 

### **SCAN EAGLE**

Boeing



Power plant: Gas Engine ff

Weight: **39.6 lbs**Wingspan: **120**"
Endurance: **900 min** 

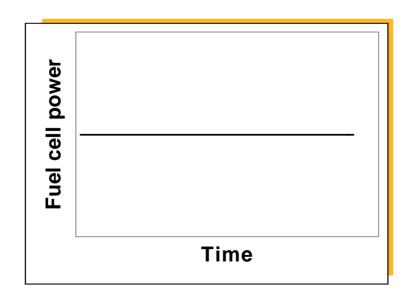
# **HYBRID POWER SYSTEM FOR TALON ROBOT**

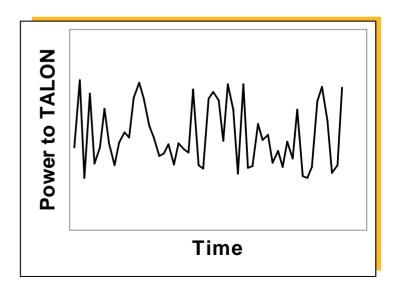
Fuel Cell

High Specific Energy

High Specific Power

Hybrid battery





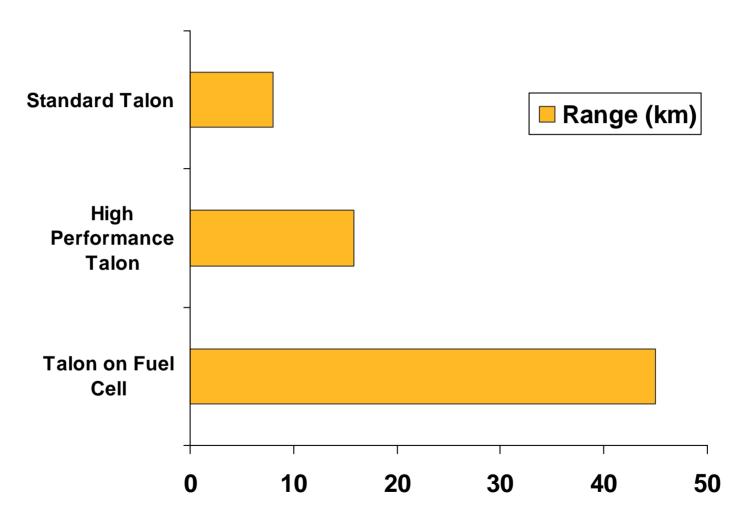
# PROTONEX FUEL CELL SYSTEM







# **ENERGY STORAGE COMPARISON**

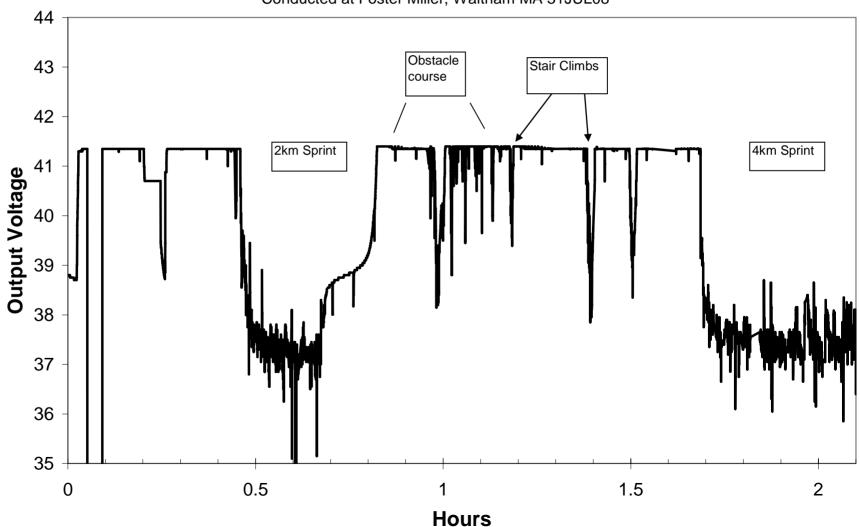


Greater than <u>2X</u> more energy storage compared to advanced batteries

# **OBSTACLES AND STAIRS DATA**

## Fuel cell power system integration tests

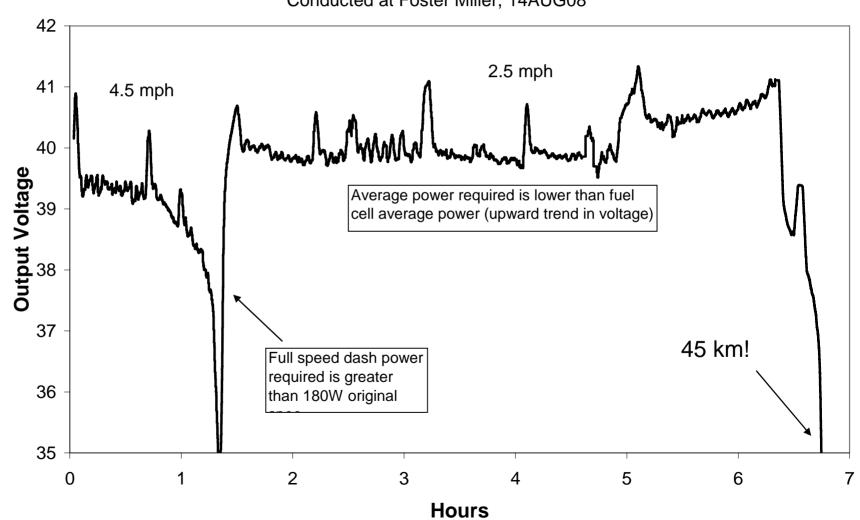
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# **ENDURANCE DATA**

## **Endurance Testing**

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# FUEL CELL POWER SYSTEM - TALON PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Target Performance	Demonstrated System
Total energy capacity	750 W∙hr	1396 W-hr
Continuous average power capability	180 W	210 W
Peak power capability	1260 W	1305 W
Voltage limits	42-32	43.5V-35V
Peak current delivery	30A	30A
Weight	16 lbs	14 lbs
Volume	Fits within existing	
	Talon Battery Space	

# POTENTIAL MISSIONS FOR LONG DURATION ROBOTS

- Border / perimeter patrol
- Identification / clearing of land mines
- Material transport at the squad level
- Surveillance, long term recon
- Combat engagement



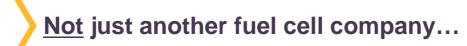
# WHY FUEL CELLS FOR UAVS / UGVS?

- Hybrid power systems with 2-4x energy of best battery
- More mission capability:
  - More time on station
  - More data
  - More functionality

# **WHY PROTONEX?**

- Fuel cell team with pragmatic strategies
  - Portable sub-kilowatt focus best fuel cell opportunity
  - Securing world-class commercial partners
  - Company delivering on commitments
- Protonex is well-positioned to capitalize on the global demand for environmentally friendly and energy efficient power







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