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# Advanced Development of Hydrogen Generator Technology for Applications in Commercial Solutions

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# Element 1 Corp

Scalable, Reliable, and Affordable H<sub>2</sub> Generation

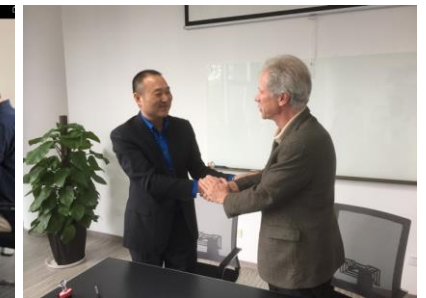
- e1 is a leading developer of small-scale advanced H<sub>2</sub> generation systems supporting the fuel cell industry
- e1 collaborates with its strategic licensing partners to produce state-of-the-art H<sub>2</sub> generation systems used in clean energy solutions
- e1 seeks to partner with global companies that have the capital and market channel to broadly commercialize e1 technology



Founded in 2010 in Bend, Oregon

## e1 China:

- Source new licensing and partnerships in China
- Oversight and administration of China-based operations
- Maximize value of JV and execute future liquidity event



[Element 1 Corp Introduction Video](#) (Hyperlink)



# e1 Business Model

## Customer Profile

- Develop H<sub>2</sub> technology
- Assemble and provide sample (demonstration) products for evaluation by partner companies
- **Licensing business model** to get products to market worldwide (**not** a commercial manufacturer of H<sub>2</sub> generators)
- License partners manufacture e1 H<sub>2</sub> generator products and provide the sales channel to defined markets
- **e1's customer profile:**
  - Fuel cell technology developers
  - Fuel cell system integrators
  - Market-leading OEM's who want to acquire fuel-cell related technology to maintain or grow market share

e1 H<sub>2</sub> Generators have been integrated with PEMFC's by:

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# e1 Products & Markets

Scalable, High-Value Solutions at an Affordable Cost



## Critical Infrastructure

Reliable and cost-effective H<sub>2</sub> generators supporting critical infrastructure

S-Series



## FCEV H<sub>2</sub> Refueling Stations

Scalable H<sub>2</sub> generators supporting fleet FCEV refueling stations

L-Series



## Mobile H<sub>2</sub> Generation

Mobile (on-board) H<sub>2</sub> generators for bus, truck, tram and marine fuel cell solutions

M-Series



## Material Handling

On-site H<sub>2</sub> generators for your material handling fleets

L-Series



# Methanol

## Superior, H<sub>2</sub>-Dense Fuel

- e1 H<sub>2</sub> Generators use liquid [Methanol & Water](#) to produce H<sub>2</sub> on-site, and on-demand for PEM fuel cell solutions
- Considering e1's H<sub>2</sub> generation technology is an evaluation of whether compressed H<sub>2</sub>, or a liquid H<sub>2</sub> carrier ([Methanol & Water](#)) is the best source of H<sub>2</sub> fuel for a specific fuel cell application

Methanol IS the Superior Fuel

- Methanol has the **LOWEST** carbon content and **HIGHEST** H<sub>2</sub> content of any liquid fuel
- Methanol has **FOUR-TIMES** the energy density of compressed 350 bar H<sub>2</sub>
- As stored **energy demand increases**, **METHANOL** becomes the preferred source of H<sub>2</sub>
- Clean exhaust emissions: **NO NO<sub>x</sub>** | **NO SO<sub>x</sub>** | **NO Particulate Matter**



# S-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator

On-Demand H<sub>2</sub> Generator for *Critical Power Solutions*

## Overview

- **Model:** S-Series was designed to displace expensive cylinders of compressed H<sub>2</sub> for critical power applications where long runtimes are required
- **Target uses:** 4G/5G telecom, railroad infrastructure, broadband cable operators
- **Mature Technology:** Proven design, developed over 20 years
- **Feedstock:** Methanol and DI water
- **H<sub>2</sub> Purity:** Fuel Cell Grade, >99.97% with <1 ppm CO and <1 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>
- **H<sub>2</sub> Production:** Can scale to produce from 12 to 100 sL/m and support 1 kW to 7.5 kW PEM fuel cell
- **Operation:** Designed for cyclic and variable operation

Reliable, Low Cost H<sub>2</sub>  
Generation for Small  
Scale Power Generation





# Deployments Worldwide

## Asia Focus

China



Japan



India



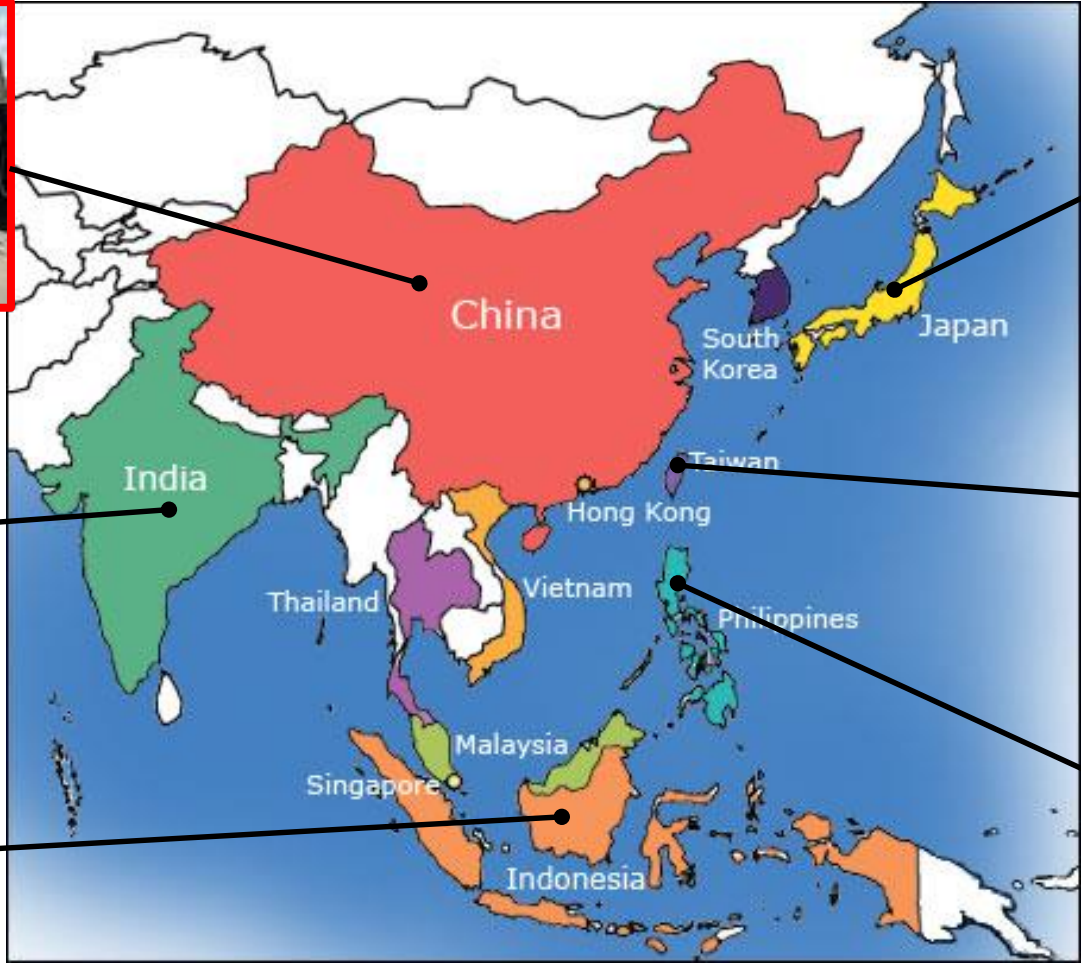
Taiwan



Indonesia



Philippines

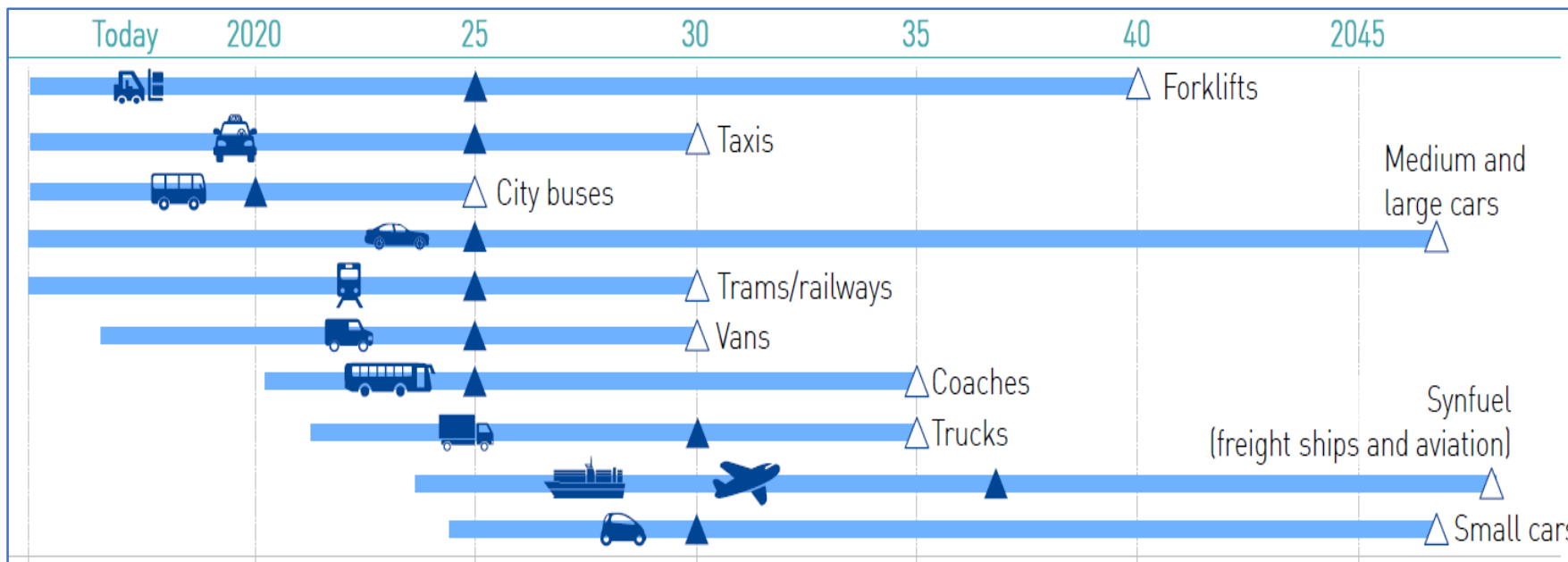




# Transportation Market

Source: McKinsey & company, "Hydrogen Scaling Up" for Hydrogen Council, November 2017

- Commercialization of electric vehicles (EVs) is growing strongly in major markets.
- The development of BEVs and FCEVs is likely to be synergetic
  - Both technologies rely on electric powertrains and benefit from technological improvements in these components
- **H<sub>2</sub>-powered vehicles** are commercially available now or within the next five years in medium-sized/large cars, buses, trucks, vans, trains, and forklifts



**H<sub>2</sub>:**

- **KEY** technology in a decarbonized transport system

**Methanol:**

- Higher energy density per volume
- Can travel even longer distances compared to stored H<sub>2</sub>



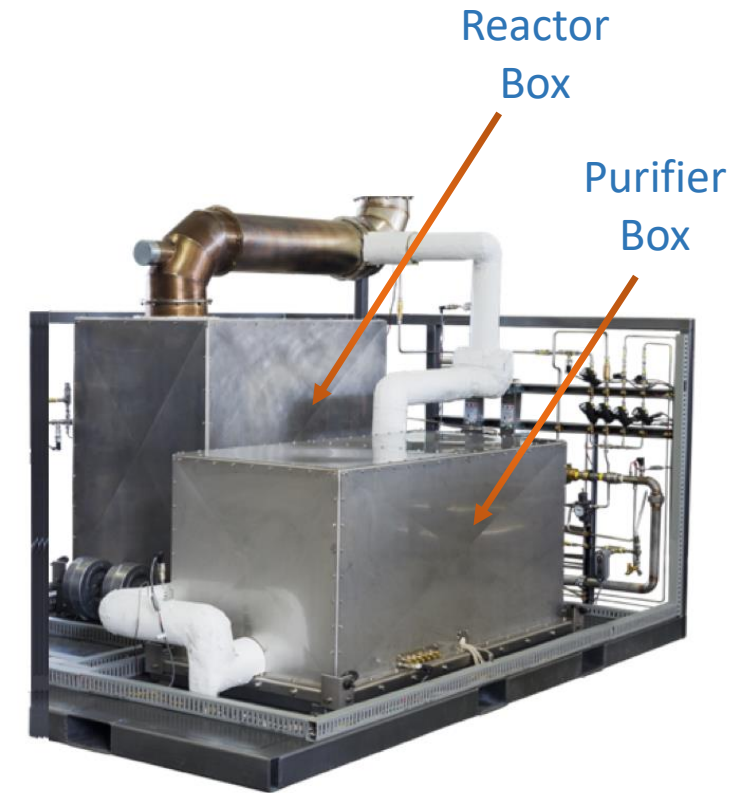


# M-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator

On-Board H<sub>2</sub> Generation for *HD Vehicles*

Designed to displace compressed or liquid H<sub>2</sub> to support mobile fuel cell propulsion solutions

- **Mature Technology:** Developed over 20 years, multiple product lines
- **H<sub>2</sub> Production:** Can scale to support 30 kW to 300 kW
- **H<sub>2</sub> Purity:** >99.97% with <1 ppm CO and <1 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>
- **Vibration Resistant:** Designed for transportation applications
- **Operation:** Designed for cyclic and variable operation
- **Feedstock:** Methanol and DI water
  - 6.3 kg methanol/ mix water yields 1.0 kg pure H<sub>2</sub>
- **Power Required:** < 6 kW per 500 kg/d of H<sub>2</sub> produced
- **Lifetime:** Designed for greater than 10,000 hour lifetime (H<sub>2</sub> production)
- **Manufacturing:** Under e1 manufacturing license



**M-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator**



# M-Series

## Specifications by Model



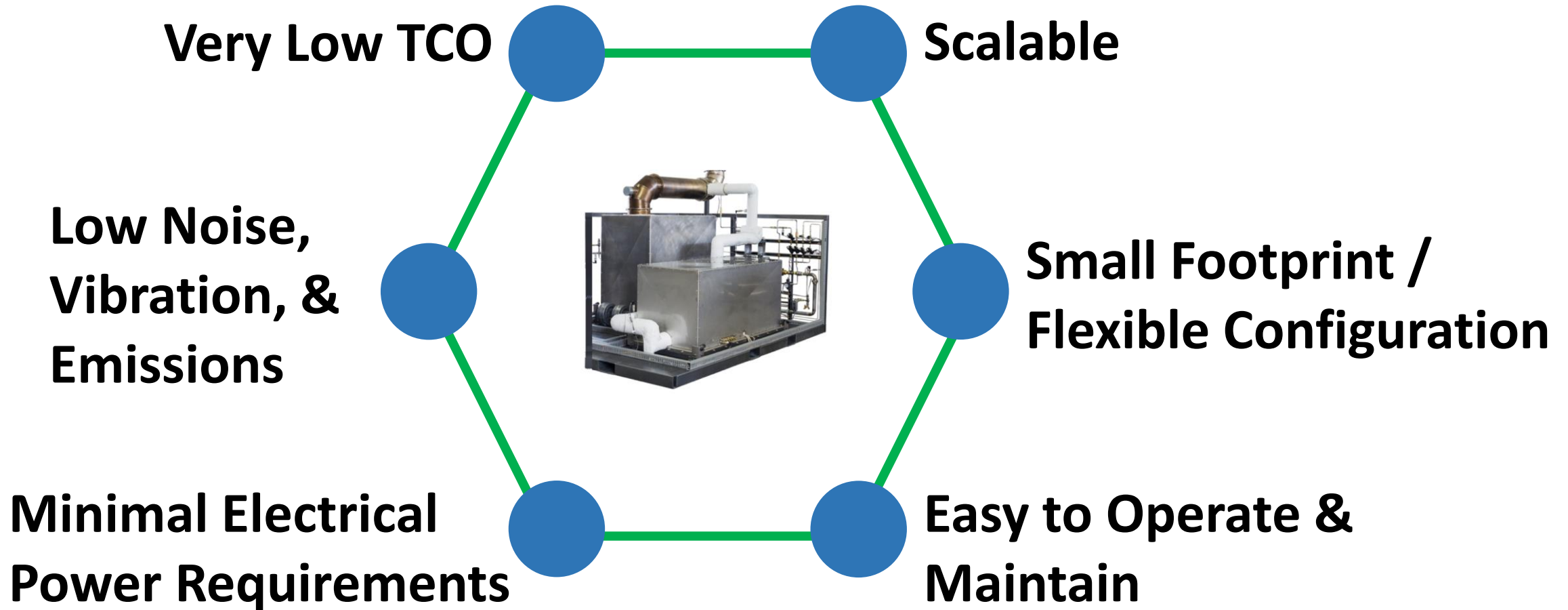
### M-Series Specifications

<b>FUEL REQUIREMENTS</b>			
METHANOL/WATER BLEND RATIO	Premixed   Methanol 62-63 wt% with balance DI water		
METHANOL SPECS	Methanol must meet IMPCA purity standard		
DE-IONIZED WATER SPECIFICATIONS	DI water must meet ASTM Class III purity standard		
<b>PRODUCT HYDROGEN (MODEL)</b>	<b>M60</b>	<b>M150</b>	<b>M300</b>
OUTPUT	95 kg H <sub>2</sub> /day	235 kg H <sub>2</sub> /day	475 kg H <sub>2</sub> /day
SUPPORT PEMFC SIZE (12 sLm per kW)	60 kW	150 kW	300 kW
PURITY (Fuel Cell Grade)	>99.97% with <1 ppm CO, < 1 ppm CO <sub>2</sub>		
TEMPERATURE	Ambient (fuel storage temperature)		
PRESSURE SUPPLIED TO PEMFC	10-30 PSIG		
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>			
CONTROLS & REMOTE MONITORING	Woodward Flex 500 control package		
INTERFACE	Graphical user interface		
OPERATING MODES	Automated		
<b>ELECTRICAL POWER REQUIREMENTS</b>			
ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY	2.0 kW	3.5 kW	6.0 kW
POWER DRAW IN RUN MODE	1.5 kW	3.0 kW	4.5 kW
<b>EFFICIENCY</b>			
METHANOL/WATER CONSUMPTION	0.8 L/min	2.0 L/min	4 L/min
EFFICIENCY AT STEADY STATE OPTIMAL	>70% based on insulation package and exhaust heat recovery		
<b>DIMENSIONS &amp; WEIGHT</b>			
LENGTH	2.4 m	3.8 m	5.0 m
WIDTH	3.0 m	3.0 m	3.0 m
HEIGHT	1.0 m	1.0 m	1.0 m
INSTALLATION APPROXIMATE AREA	7.2 m <sup>2</sup>	11.4 m <sup>2</sup>	15 m <sup>2</sup>
WEIGHT	600 kg	1,500 kg	3,000 kg



# M-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator

## Key Advantages



Accelerates the Adoption of HD Fuel Cell Vehicles



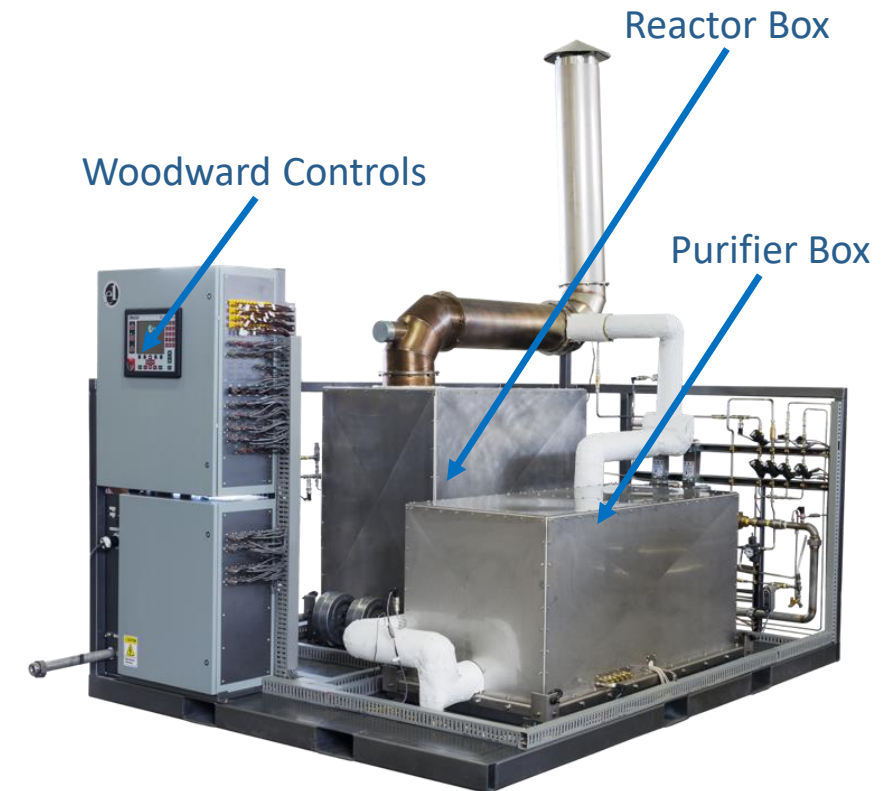
# L-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator

## On-Demand H<sub>2</sub> Generator for *H<sub>2</sub> Refueling Stations*

Designed to displace compressed or liquid H<sub>2</sub> to support H<sub>2</sub> fueling and stationary power

- **H<sub>2</sub> Production:** Can scale to produce 50 kg/d to 500 kg/d
- **Woodward Controls:** World-class controls for reliable operation
- **Power Required:** ≤ 6 kW per 500 kg/d of H<sub>2</sub> produced
- **Feedstock:** Methanol and DI water
  - 6.3 kg methanol/water mix water yields 1.0 kg pure H<sub>2</sub>
- Displaces expensive H<sub>2</sub> produced offsite
- Competing electrolyzer solutions are expensive and have large electricity requirements that may not be available
- L-Series H<sub>2</sub> generator targets **HRS** and large stationary fuel cell power solutions

The L-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator Provides the Lowest Total Cost of H<sub>2</sub> for Fuel Cell Solutions





# L-Series

## Specifications by Model



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DE-IONIZED WATER SPECIFICATIONS	DI water must > 14MΩ-cm		
<b>PRODUCT HYDROGEN (MODEL)</b>			
	<b>L100</b>	<b>L250</b>	<b>L500</b>
OUTPUT	100 kg H <sub>2</sub> /day	250 kg H <sub>2</sub> /day	500 kg H <sub>2</sub> /day
PURITY (Fuel Cell Grade)	>99.97% with <1 ppm CO, < 1 ppm CO <sub>2</sub>		
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# 加氢站方框图

## H<sub>2</sub> Fueling Station—Block Diagram

制氢设备  
(L系列或电解制氢)  
H<sub>2</sub> Generator  
(Electrolyzer or L-Series)

压缩  
Compression

高压储存  
High-Pressure Storage

加氢机  
Dispensing



e1 product



### 经济效益分析的结论

- 资本成本是水电解的25%
- 运行成本是水电解的50%

### Conclusion of economic analysis

- CAPEX is only 25% of electrolyzer
- OPEX is only 50% of electrolyzer



# L-Series

## HRS - H<sub>2</sub> Refueling Station

→ The L-100 H<sub>2</sub> generator is designed for applications such as:

- H<sub>2</sub> refueling stations for heavy duty motive vehicles
- Maritime
- The demo system has been operating in Guangdong province successfully
- On-going testing is being carried out on routine basis





# L-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator

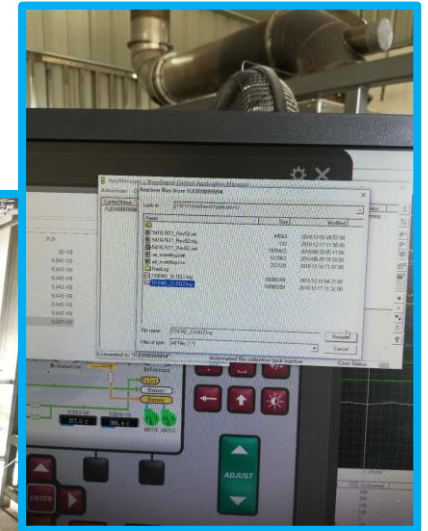
## 100 Hours of Operations

### Experiment:

- During: 18:30 Dec 16 to 22:36 Dec 20, 2018. TOTAL: 100 hours
- H<sub>2</sub> production: 760 SLPM, about 100 kg/day (steady)
- Accumulated hours: 200 – 300 hours



Feedstock Preparation

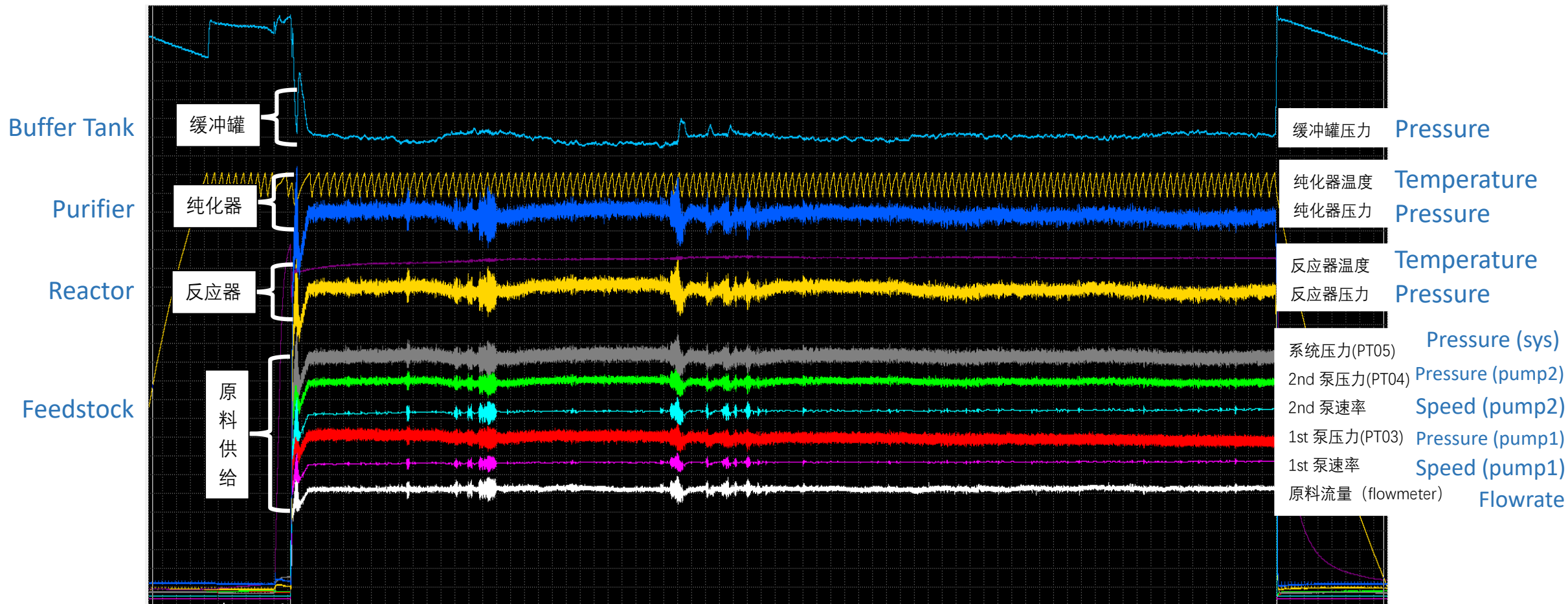






# L-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator

## 100 Hours of Operations





# L-Series Compared to Electrolyzer

## e1 L-Series

- **Pure H<sub>2</sub> produced from methanol & water**
  - 6.3 kg methanol yields 1.0 kg pure H<sub>2</sub>
  - At US\$410/ton methanol → 6.3 kg methanol costs US\$2.58
  - Minimal maintenance cost
- **CapEx is less than 35% to 50% that of electrolyzers**
  - In commercialization, CapEx is estimated to be:
    - \$100,000 to \$150,000 for 100 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day
    - \$250,000 to \$300,000 for 300 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day
- **If renewable methanol is used, zero net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

## Electrolyzer

- **Pure H<sub>2</sub> produced from electricity & water**
  - 55 kWhr electricity yields 1.0 kg pure H<sub>2</sub>
  - At US\$0.10/kWhr → 55 kWhr costs US\$5.50
  - At US\$0.05/kWhr → 55 kWhr costs US\$2.75
  - Significant maintenance cost to deliver high-purity water to the electrolyzer
- **High CapEx**
  - Approx. \$560,000 to \$750,000 for 100 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day
  - Approx. \$950,000 to \$1,400,000 for 300 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day
- **If renewable electricity is used, zero net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

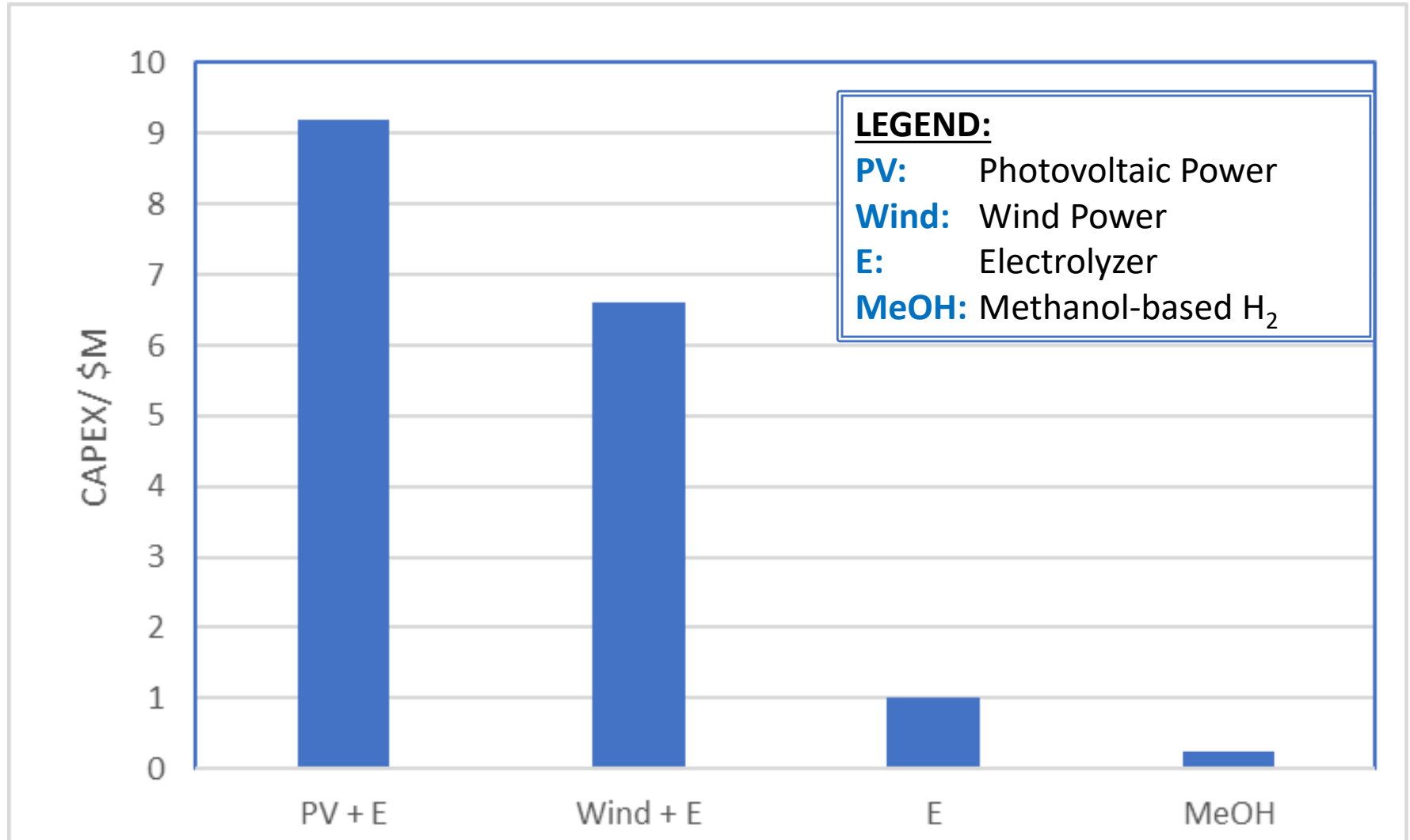


# H<sub>2</sub> Generation

## Comparison of PV, Wind and Electrolyzer with Methanol Method

### Assumptions:

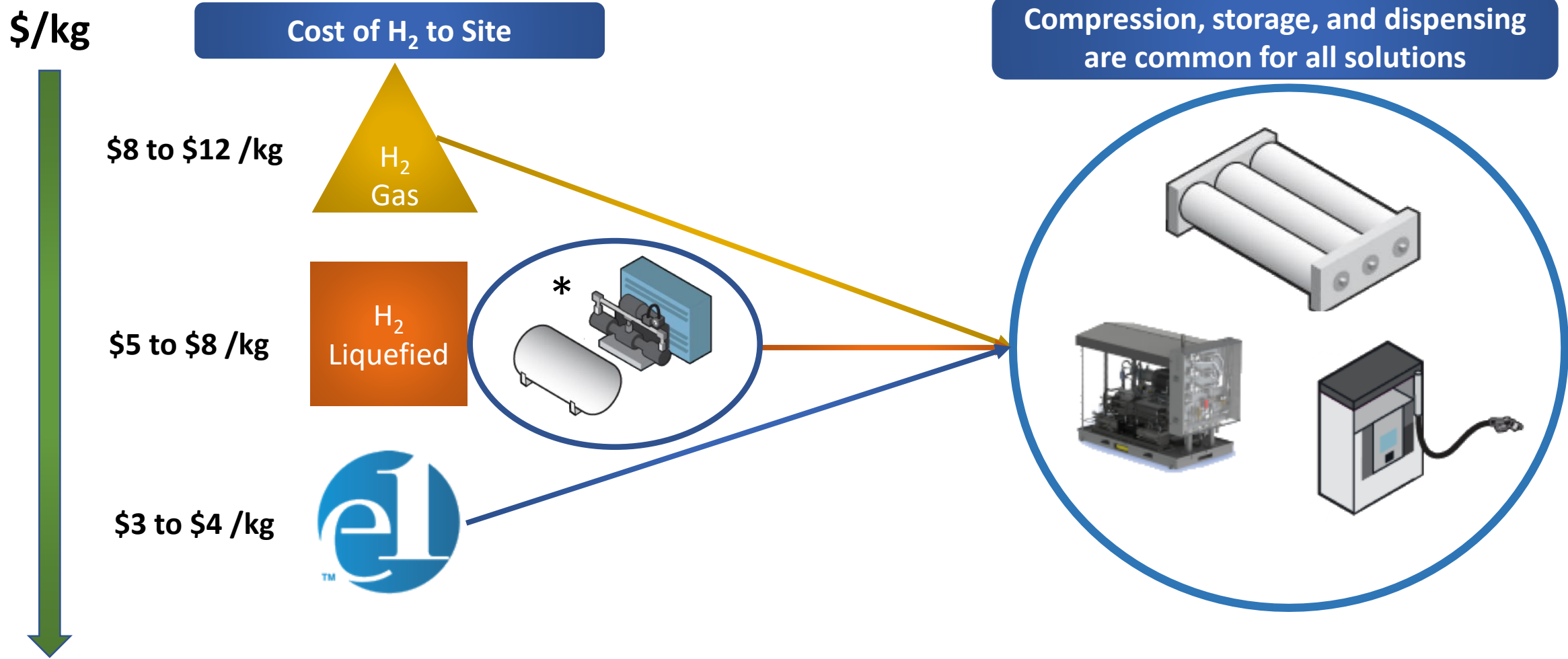
- 300 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day
- Electrolyzer when operating alone requires power from main grid.
- About 70% of grid power comes from coal fire power plant in China





# e1 H<sub>2</sub> Generator Provides *Significant Cost Reduction*

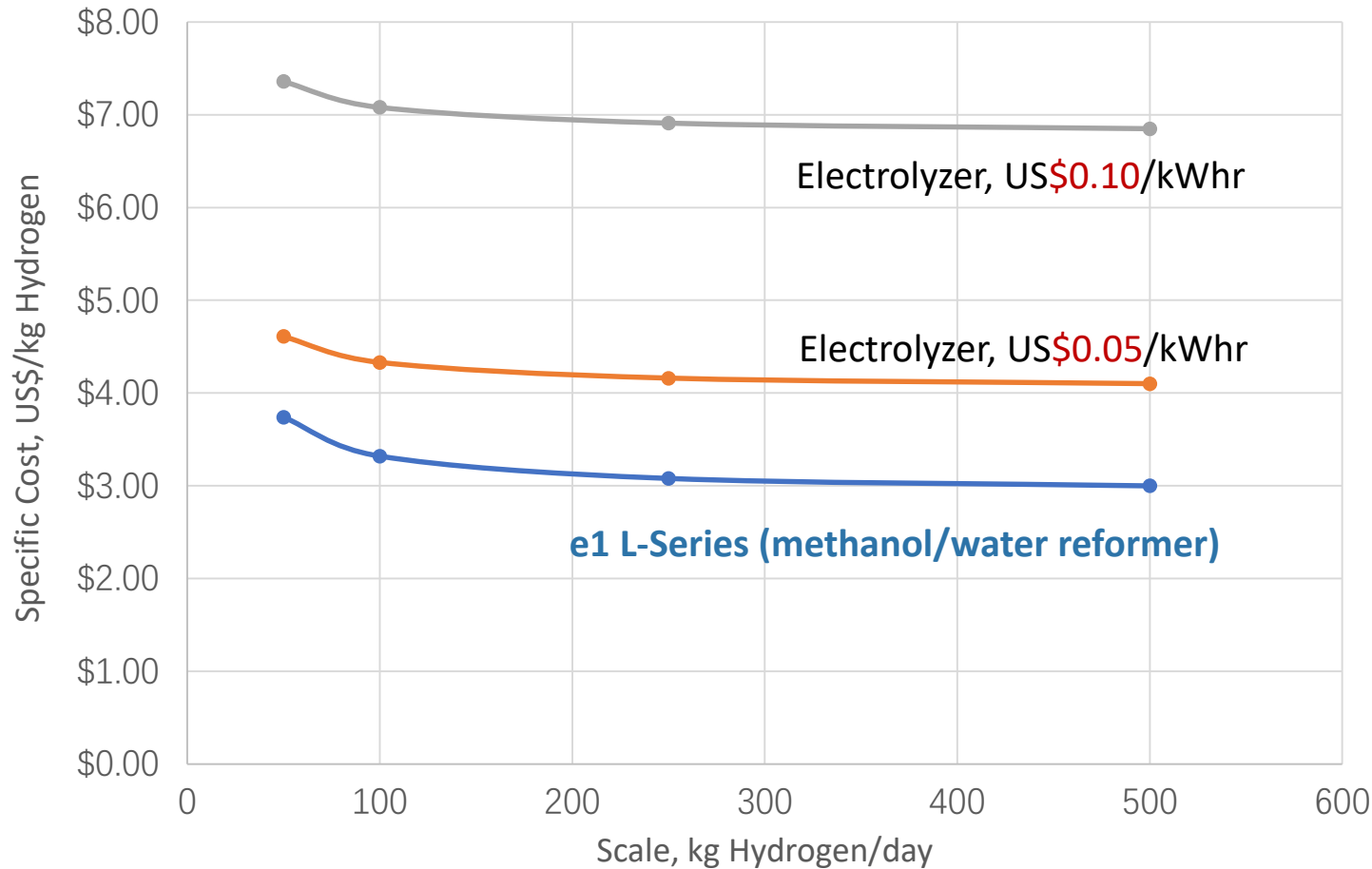
40%+ Reduction on the Cost of H<sub>2</sub>





# Cost of H<sub>2</sub>

## L-Series compared to Water Electrolyzer



### Cost of making H<sub>2</sub> onsite

(excludes cost of compression, high-pressure storage, and dispensing)

#### → L-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator costs include:

- Amortization of CapEx for the L-Series H<sub>2</sub> generator (5-year depreciation)
- Cost of methanol feedstock (US\$410/ton)
- Maintenance

#### → Water Electrolyzer costs include:

- Amortization of CapEx for the water electrolyzer (5-year depreciation)
- Cost of electricity (see graph)
- No cost included for maintenance and for water purification



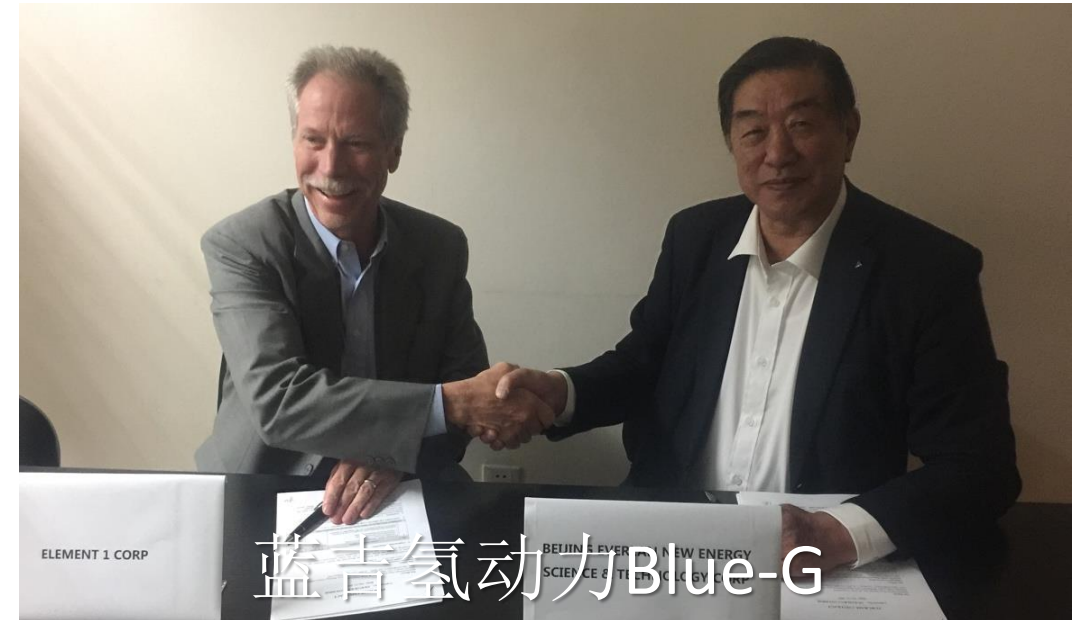
# 合作伙伴

## Current Collaborations



现有客户还包括:

- 香港水化集团
- 国鸿氢能
- 蓝吉氢动力
- 台湾省著名的燃料电池企业
- 广东力行科创氢能



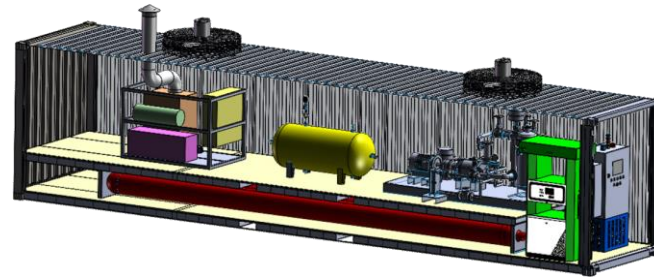
**Current collaborations:**

- Aqueous Hydrogen Energy
- Nation Synergy
- Blue-G
- Prominent Fuel Cell Company in Taiwan Province
- Adamant Innovation Hydrogen Energy



# Take Home Message

1. Methanol-based technology is the most economical solution for hydrogen generation now.
2. This technology is commercially available now





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*Thank You*

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# e1 H<sub>2</sub> Generation Products

## Commercialization Matrix

		TRANSPORTATION						POWER GENERATION				INDUSTRIAL	
		HRS - H <sub>2</sub> Refueling Station		Mobility				O&G	Stationary Power		Mobile Power	H <sub>2</sub> Gas	Waste H <sub>2</sub>
		On-Road	Lift Trucks	Comm. Vehicle	Off Highway	Marine	Rail	Various	PEM Fuel Cell			Production	Clean Up
e1 Products	TRL	50 - 500 kg/d		30 kW - MW				< 300 Mscfd	1 - 10 kW	30 - 300 kW	30 - 50 kW	50 - 500 kg/d	< 500 kg/d
H <sub>2</sub> Purifier	9	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
S-Series	9								●		●		
L-Series	7	●	●							●		●	
M-Series	6			●	●	●	●						
GTW	9							●					

- e1's develops H<sub>2</sub> generators designed to support a range of fuel cell market applications
- Available in three models that span a range of product H<sub>2</sub> flow rates from 15 standard liters per minute (1.9 kilograms per day) to 100 kilograms per day at a purity >99.95% H<sub>2</sub> (Fuel Cell Grade)
- e1 H<sub>2</sub> generators are modular and highly scalable out to 500 kilograms per day while maintaining their breakthrough economics
- **Common attributes of e1 H<sub>2</sub> generators:** Very Low CapEx, Very Low OpEx, Lowest TCO H<sub>2</sub> kg/d, Compact Design, Low Noise, and Low Maintenance



# M-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator

## Key Advantages (1 of 2)

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1. **Solves “The Hydrogen Challenge”:** Limitations related to high-pressure gas or liquid H<sub>2</sub> storage, availability of H<sub>2</sub> and the total cost of H<sub>2</sub>
2. **Flexible Application:** APU, propulsion, cold-Ironing
3. **Very Low TCO:** Very low CapEx and OpEx, produce H<sub>2</sub> for \$3 to \$5 per kg onboard the vessel
4. **Scalable H<sub>2</sub> Production:** Support 30 kW to 300 kW fuel cells per M-Series module
5. **Support Significant Power Generation:** Multiple M-Series can be operated in parallel to support MW scale power production
6. **Distributed Power Generation:** Multiple M-Series units can be integrated with fuel cells supporting modular power production at various locations on the vessel
7. **Reforms H<sub>2</sub>-Dense Methanol / Water:** Extends range of fuel cell vessel, and reduces feedstock fuel storage requirements
8. **Simple / Familiar Feedstock Storage:** No stored high-pressure H<sub>2</sub> required, improved safety

Accelerates the Adoption of HD Fuel Cell Vehicles



# M-Series H<sub>2</sub> Generator

## Key Advantages (2 of 2)

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1. **Small Footprint / Flexible Configuration:** The reactor box and purifier box can be resized or separated to meet vessel design constraints
2. **Minimal Electrical Power Requirements:** No special electrical infrastructure required
3. **Easy to Operate:** Requires little oversight to operate and maintain
4. **Easy to Maintain:** Few moving parts and long lifetime of major components > 10,000 operational hours reduces maintenance requirements
5. **Low Noise and Vibration Signature:** Improve comfort for the crew and passengers
6. **Reduces Emissions:** Easy to comply with criteria pollutant emissions of SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM (particulate matter or soot), and CO<sub>2</sub>
7. **No need for Exhaust Scrubbers:** Fuel reforming produces no soot (PM) reducing system cost, safe for arctic environments
8. **Excellent for use in Cold Environments:** Methanol has very low freezing temperature compared to petroleum fuels

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