



# Domestic landscape of hydrogen fuel cells and fuel cell materials

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# HYDROGEN EXTENDS OPERATIONAL PROFILE BEYOND BATTERIES



Fuel cell UUV for the Navy



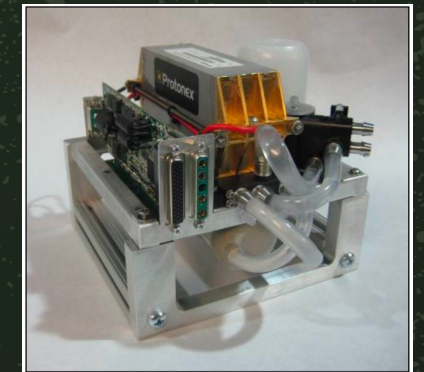
Hydrogen combat vehicle

Hydrogen has been piloted by the DoD already



Fuel cell power unit for infantry

Class 2 UAV (Work by NRL)	Fuel cell	Li-ion battery
Specific energy	1100 Wh/kg	200 Wh/kg
Propulsion system weight for 24 hours flight time @ 300W	7 kg	30 kg



# Build hydrogen, Stay competitive

**We are losing the supply chain for fuel cells: to China. Like batteries and solar.**

## For the DoD

The world is transitioning to hydrogen, and we need to make this a tactical advantage.

## For Celadyne/USA

China controls 35% of the supply chain right now to make electrolyzers and fuel cells.

Over 80 % of membrane materials are manufactured in China today.

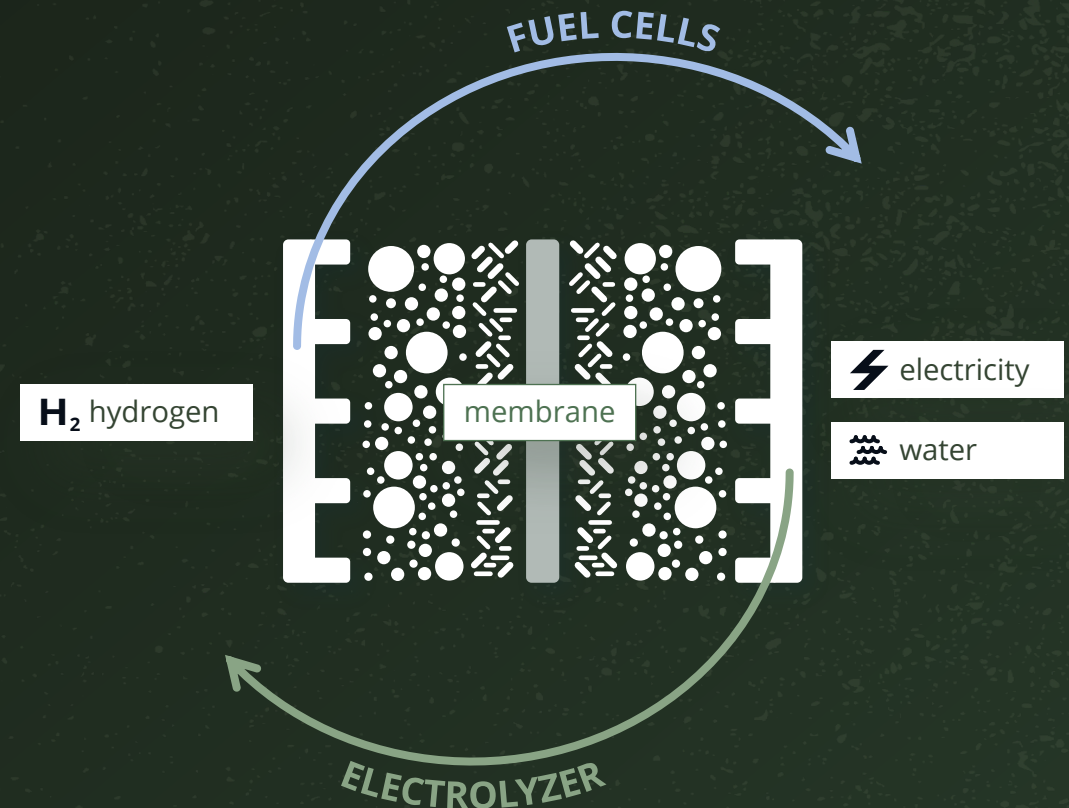


# BUILDING FUEL CELLS & ELECTROLYZERS WITH MATERIALS

Fuel cells convert green hydrogen into electricity and water



Electrolyzers convert renewable electricity and water into green hydrogen



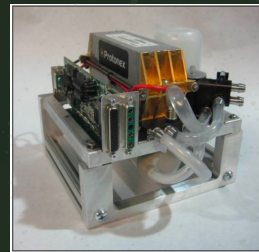
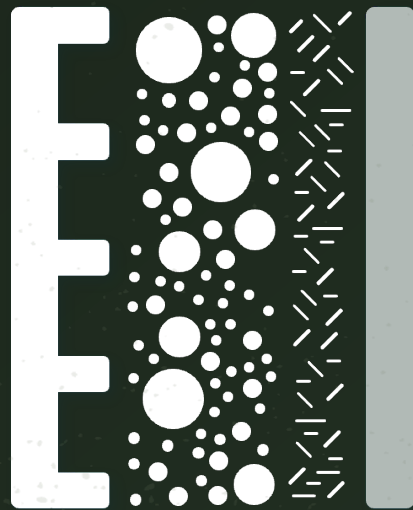
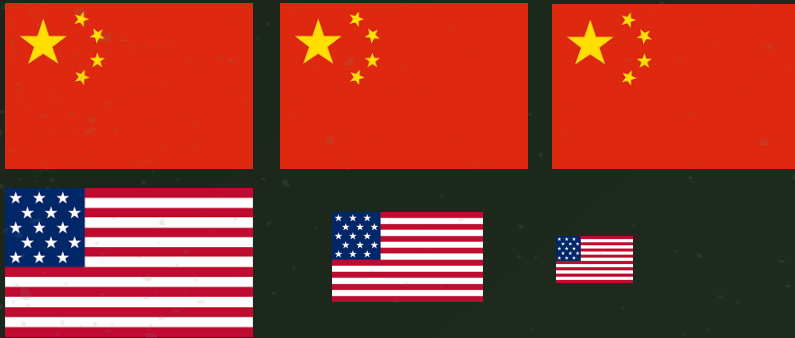
# USA IS LOSING THE MATERIALS SUPPLY CHAIN

Plates

Electrodes Membranes

Stacks

Devices



# CELADYNE TECHNOLOGY REDEFINES FUEL CELLS & ELECTROLYZER PERFORMANCE



## CELADYNE'S CONTRARIAN COATED MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGY BLOCKS HYDROGEN FOR DURABILITY AND EFFICIENCY

- Membrane precursors are common materials used to make shoes and cookware, so there is no need to scale up new polymer chemistries.
- Our coating process is performed under room temperature and pressure conditions similar to spray-painting, avoiding expensive vacuum processing

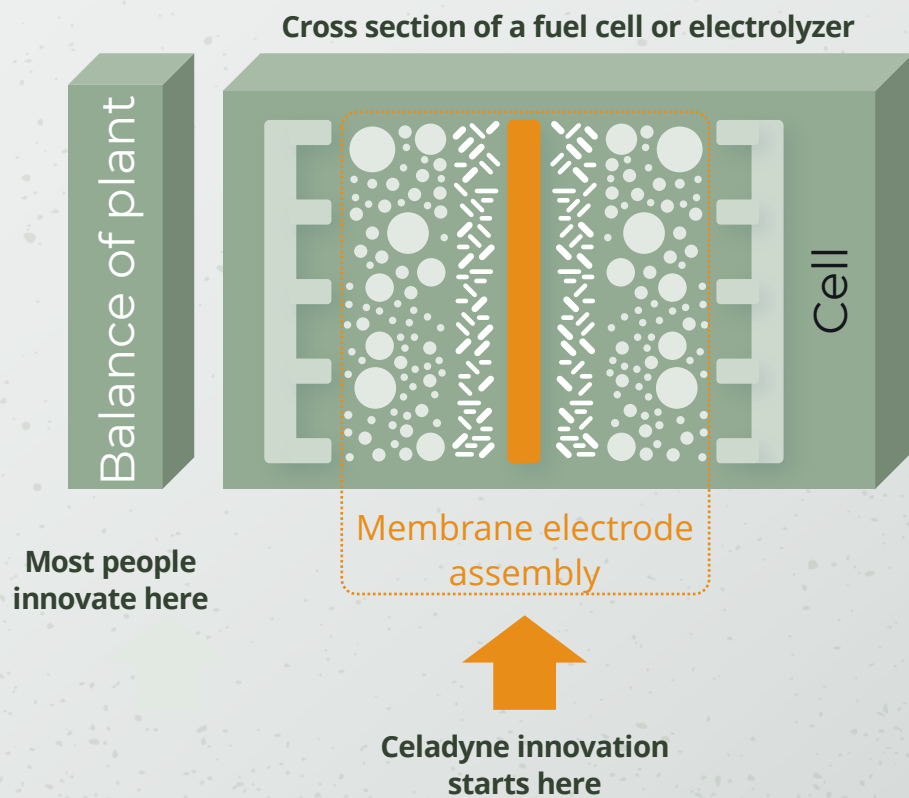
## IMPACT

- No switching costs by leveraging pre-existing fuel cell and electrolyzer technologies
- More durable membrane technology eliminates the root cause of fuel cell failures
- Thinner membranes create more efficient electrolyzers

CELADYNE PATENTS: 63/331,007 | 63,347,715

*Benchmarked to Department of Energy standards and specs.*

# MATERIALS PLATFORM ANCHORS DOMESTIC FUEL CELLS AND ELECTROLYZERS



Celadyne materials get us:

01

Proton exchange  
membrane

02

Platinum  
catalyst

03

Porous carbon  
layers

20%  
efficiency  
improvement

5x durability  
(15 years)

**Not so secret sauce:** We solve hydrogen permeation – the basis for poor hydrogen safety and durability



CELADYNE PATENTS: : 7 X pending

# CELADYNE STRATEGY FOR THE DOD

Enable 2-5 kW fuel cells for small autonomous systems



Enable compact hydrogen refueling



Enable large 50 - 300 kW manned and unmanned systems

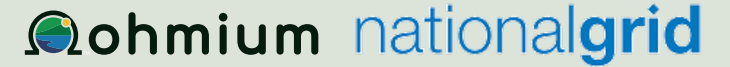


Enable base load resiliency and generation





# Celadyne has shipped membrane technology



## Chemical manufacturers

We are undertaking a mutual evaluation with multiple chemical manufacturers.

## Fuel cell developers

We have shipped paid POCs with two more paid evaluations requested in the pipeline

## Electrolyzer developers

We are finalizing a pilot with National Grid (a utility company) for a 5 kW pilot electrolyzer utilizing Celadyne technology.



*Funding and programmatic*



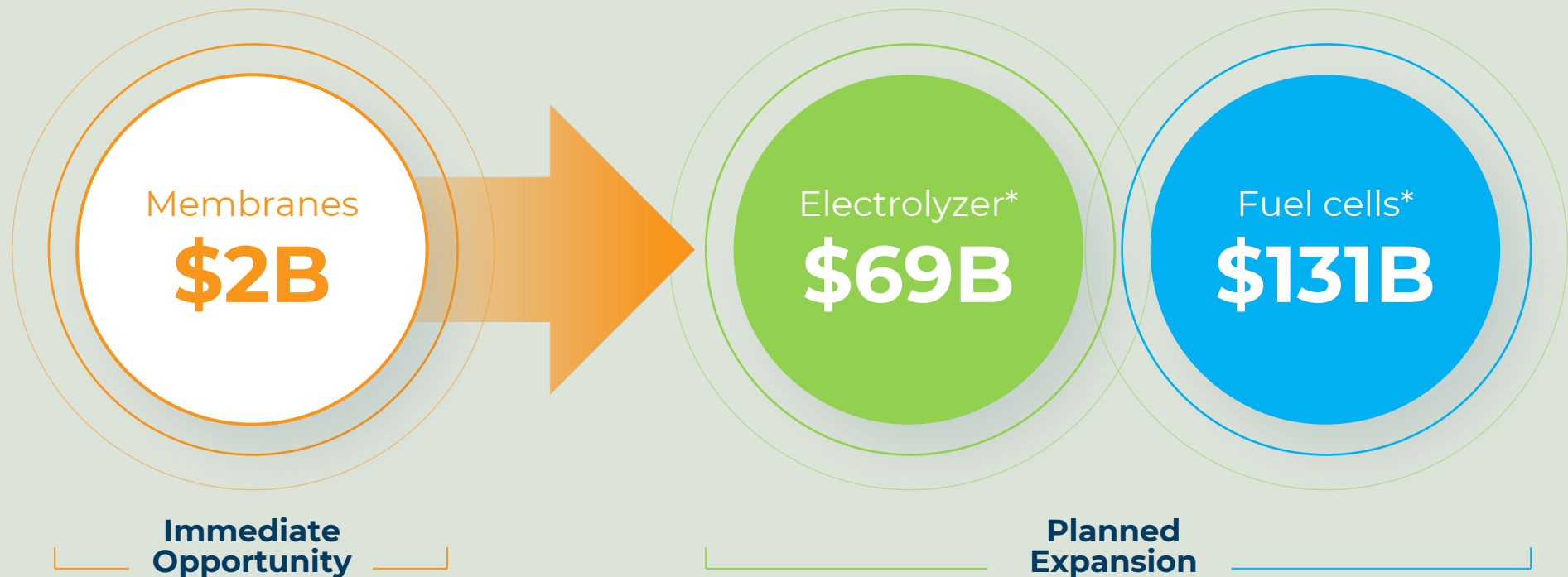
*Testing and facilities*



## Military traction

## Defense traction

# Rapidly expanding market opportunity for fuel cells and electrolyzers expected to reach \$200B by 2030

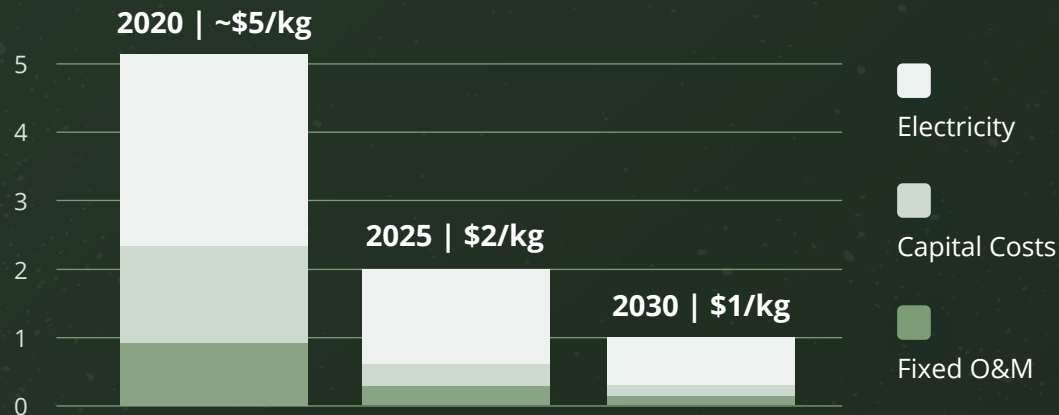


# WE CAN TURN HYDROGEN ENERGY INTO A TACTICAL ADVANTAGE

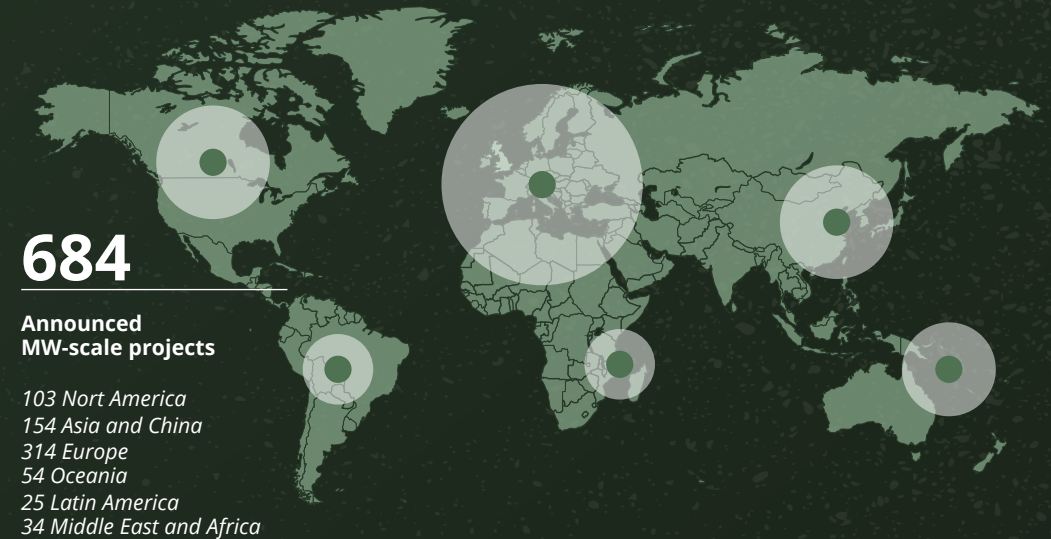
More than 680 large-scale projects have been announced globally, with a focus on production, industrial usage, transport, and infrastructure.

684 announced megawatt-scale projects

## Example: H2 cost from PEM electrolysis



The **Inflation Reduction Act** in the US provides up to a \$3/kg subsidy for green hydrogen, immediately accelerating cost reduction by 5 years



Almost every industrial player has announced projects on hydrogen. The projects represent up to \$240 billion in direct investments.

# OUR TEAM ARE FOUNDERS WITH DEEP TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN FUEL CELLS, ELECTROCHEMISTRY AND MATERIALS



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- Argonne CRI fellow 2019



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- Senior Electrochemist
- Chem. Eng. PhD from Stanford
- Argonne post-doc and former fellow at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology



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- Director of Engineering
- Chem. Eng. PhD from UT Austin
- Forbes 30 under 30
- Senior Engineer at Micron previously
- 7 year working relationship with Gary



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- Chemistry PhD from UC Berkeley
- Chair of Chem. Eng. at UT Austin
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## TECHNICAL

## COMMERCIALIZATION



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Lead for DOE Fuel Cell Technologies Office (Membranes)

Led DOE fuel cell membrane development effort for > 17 years

PhD Chemist at Argonne



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Group Lead of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Materials Group at Argonne

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PhD Chemist at Argonne



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World expert in gas and water separation membranes.

PhD Chem. Eng. at UT Austin



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Freilich**

Former CTO and Director of Engineering at DuPont



**Ron van  
Dell**

Former CEO of ViZn Energy Systems - a redox flow battery startup

SolarBridge Technologies (acquired by SunPower 2014)

Primarion Inc. (acquired by Infineon Technologies 2008)



**Dan  
Goodman**

Startup mentor across NYSERDA, FedTech, Breakthrough Energy, TechStars

Managing Partner at Sandy Springs Climate Partners

# OUR ASK

Phase III work together

01

Letters of support for a Phase 2 grant to the Army.

02

Partner for an **OECIF or DIU work for hydrogen implementation.**

03

## PROJECTS LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

### FUEL CELLS INTEGRATION



### ELECTROLYZER INTEGRATION





**THANK YOU!**

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# MAKING THE CASE FOR HYDROGEN TRANSFORMATION

01

**AUTONOMY, AI AND  
EDGE COMPUTING**

Need high density fuels to power sensors and computation.

02

**MODERNIZATION OF THE  
GRID AND ENERGY**

The world is moving to an electron backbone. The ones who can make fuel from that wins.

03

**DISTANCE, AGILITY AND  
CONTESTED ENVIRONMENTS**

Need high density fuel you can get or generate anywhere.

**WE BELIEVE THE  
FUTURE OF FUEL IS  
IN HYDROGEN**