

# ***Navy Shipboard Fuel Cell Program***



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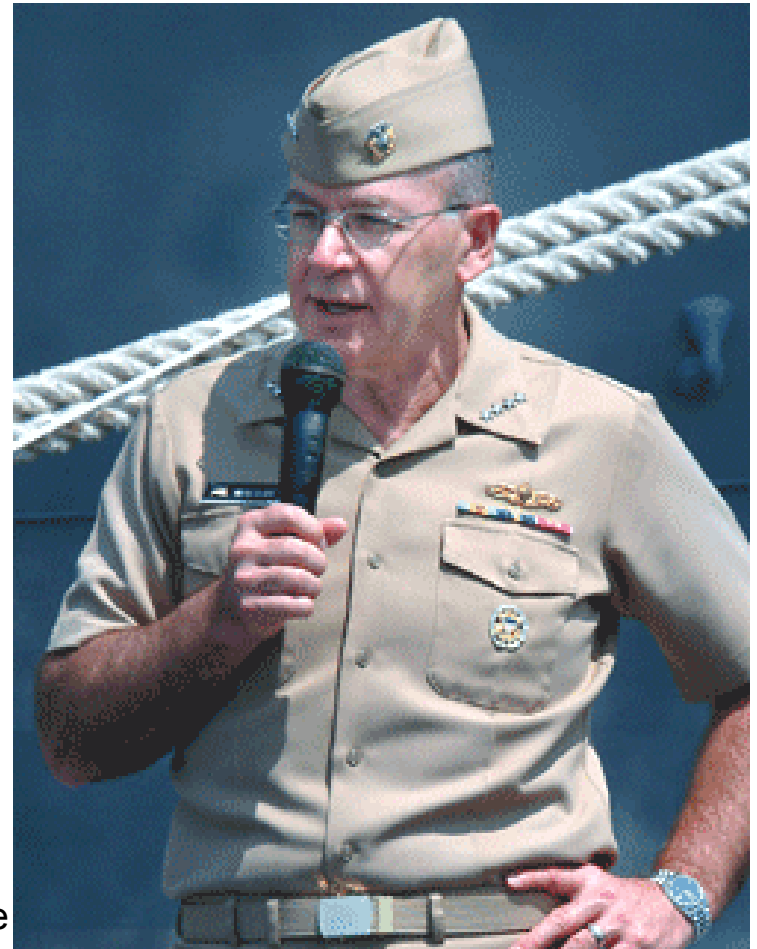


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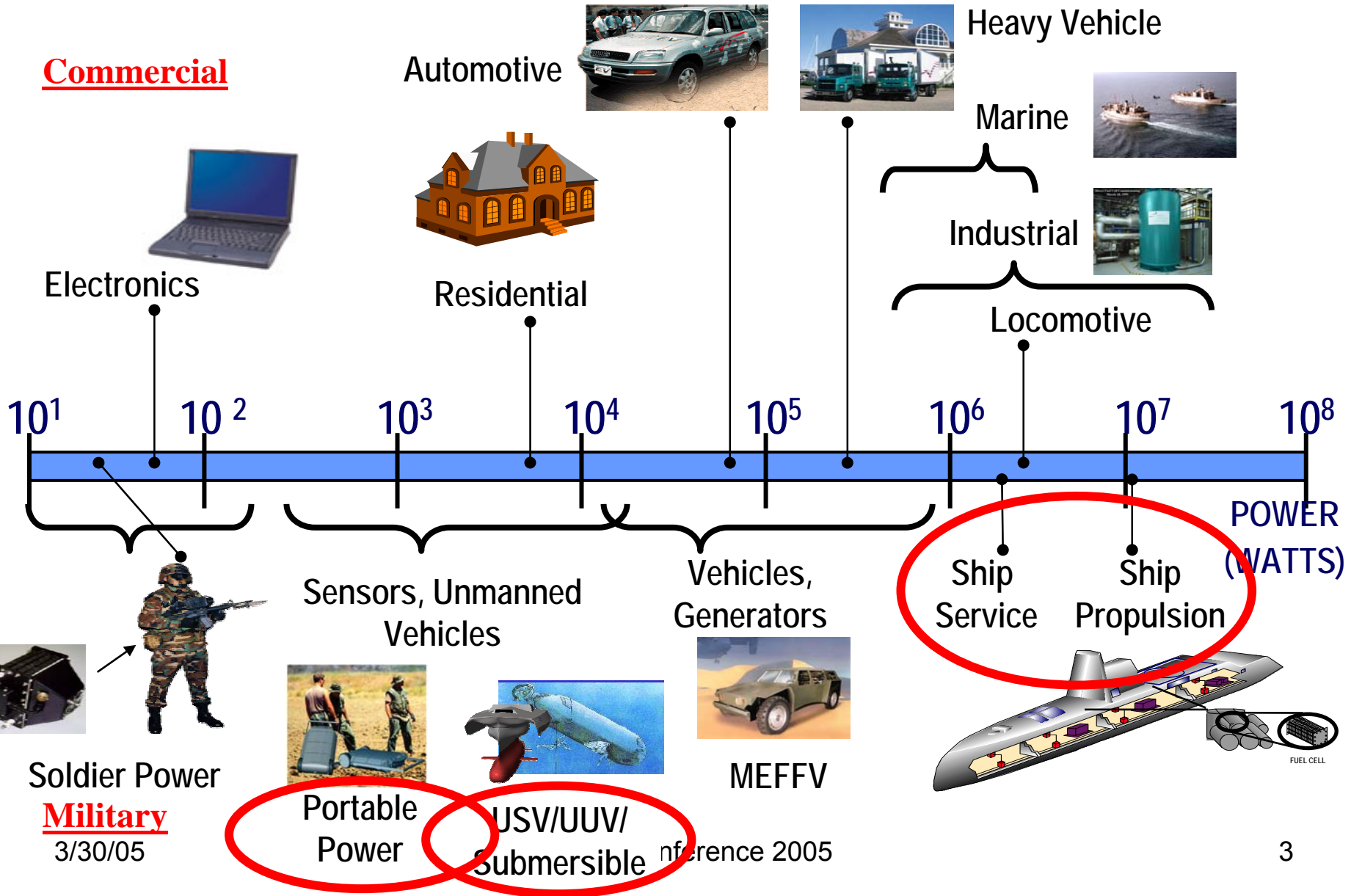


# CNO Guidance for 2004

- “*Incorporate **fuel efficiency** into acquisition and modernization plans*”
- “*Develop and experiment with **alternative propulsion** and **power generation** systems for all naval applications*”

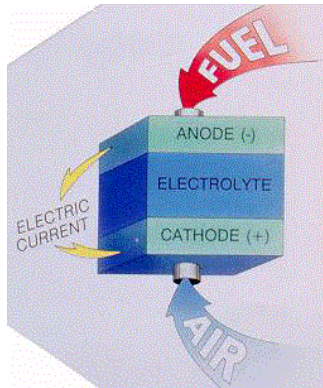


Commercial



Military  
3/30/05

Conference 2005



## Reduced Acquisition & Life Cycle Costs

- Greater System Efficiencies
- Reduced Maintenance Costs
- Enables Spiral Development

## Enhanced Survivability

- Reduced IR Signature
- Reduced Acoustic Signature
- Distributed Power Generation



## Design Flexibility

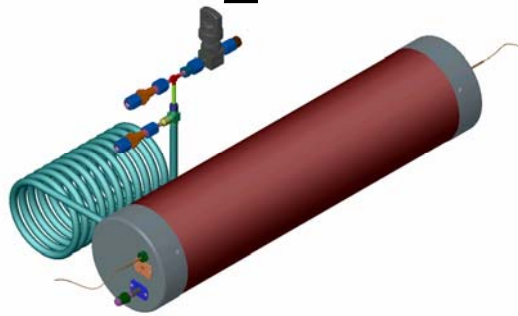
- Modular Approach to Ship Power
- Multi Platform Applicable

# Power+Energy, Inc.

## Leader in H<sub>2</sub> separation systems

- Founded in 1993, based near Philadelphia, PA.
- Leading global supplier of Pd alloy hydrogen purifier systems
- Broad ranging capability from bench-top to high volume bulk hydrogen purifiers.
- Multiple customers use P+E membranes for Methanol reformer applications

# P+E's H<sub>2</sub> Purifier Product Line



Hydrogen Purifier Cells



Fully Automated H<sub>2</sub> Purifiers



High Capacity 1300 slpm  
Modular H<sub>2</sub> Purifier System



# P&E Will Present

- Measured performance data for a novel membrane H<sub>2</sub> separator/purifier being manufactured for the Department of Defense
  - Efficiency,
  - power density [W/l]
  - Purity,  $\Delta$  pressure
  - operating temperature
  - transient time
  - durability
- Comparison of membrane to DOE targets
- Engineering path to higher performance

# Engineering for Hydrogen Separation from Reformate

- Substantial differentiation vs. H<sub>2</sub> purifiers
- Design compensates for low H<sub>2</sub> concentrations
- Reduced susceptibility to process upsets
- Rugged design for real world conditions
- Durability to withstand thousands of operating cycles



# PEM Fuel Cells Need Pure H<sub>2</sub>

- Availability of cost effective, high purity H<sub>2</sub> is a barrier to the widespread use of fuel cells
- Pd alloy membranes can simplify H<sub>2</sub> sourcing from a wide range of fuels
  - Avoids infrastructure investments for H<sub>2</sub> distribution and high pressure storage
- Advances in Pd membrane design greatly increase durability, efficiency & reduce cost

# DOD Is Providing Global Leadership by Actively Seeking H2 Solutions

- Hydrogen for mobile applications requires that it be generated on demand at the point of use.
- DOD is targeting the use of existing logistical fuels to generate H2 as it is needed.
- Minimizes logistical challenges and avoids hydrogen storage and distribution barriers.
- Equally valuable to consumers & industry.

# Power+Energy's Next-Generation Pd Alloys Membranes for NAVSEA

- Phase II SBIR Contract Deliverable:
  - Compact, rugged 50 kW (H<sub>2</sub>) hydrogen separator
  - Sulfur tolerant (up to 20 ppm)
- Long term Goal:
  - Compact, rugged 500KW (elect) hydrogen separator
  - Sulfur compatible (100-1000 ppm)
  - Minimal maintenance, simple servicing
- Phase II SBIR (DARPA / ARO)
  - Compact, rugged 100 watt separator for methanol

# Compact Hydrogen Separators

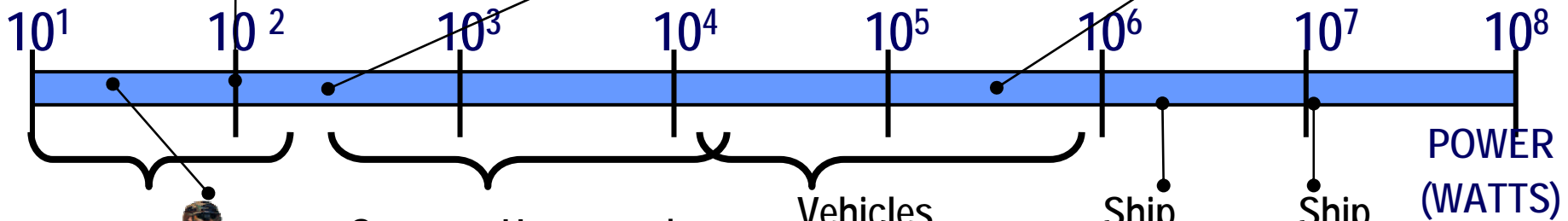
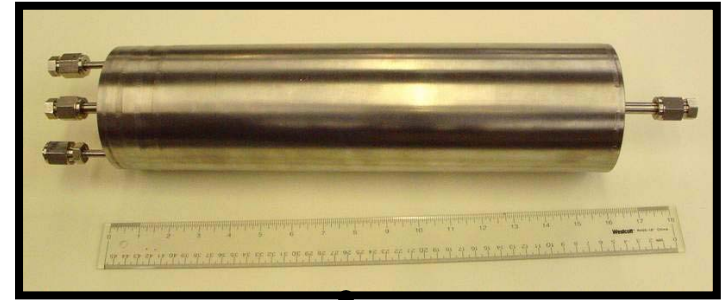
100 Watt  
5" x 0.5"



500 Watt  
6" x 0.75"



50 kWatt  
16" x 4"



Soldier Power

Sensors, Unmanned Vehicles



Portable Power

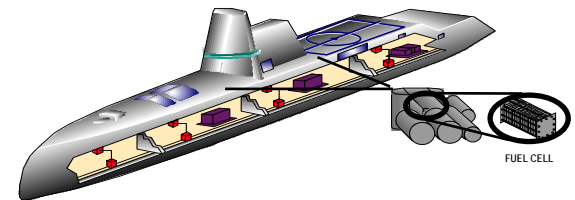
Vehicles, Generators



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Ship Service

Ship Propulsion



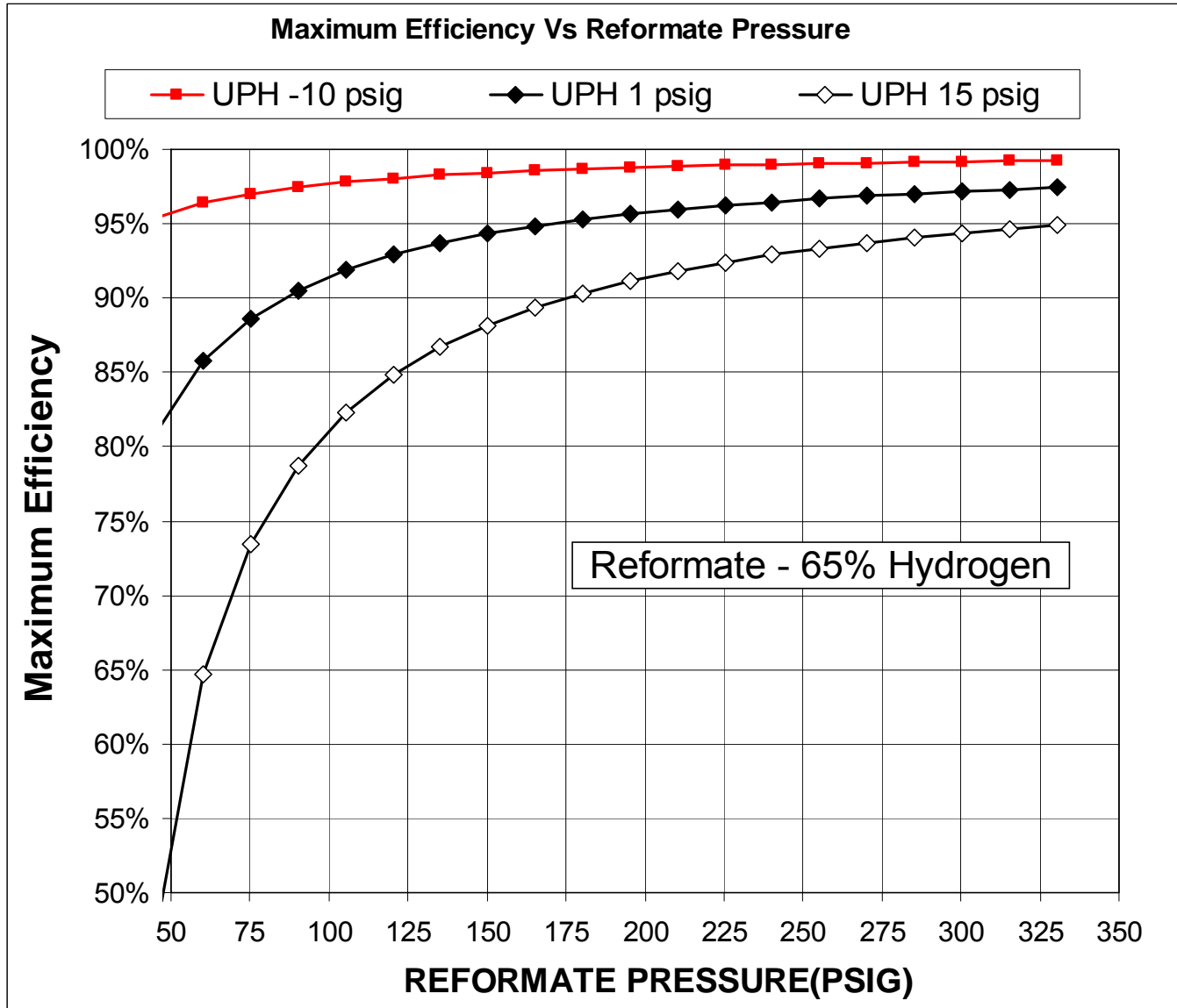
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# Department of Energy Targets\*

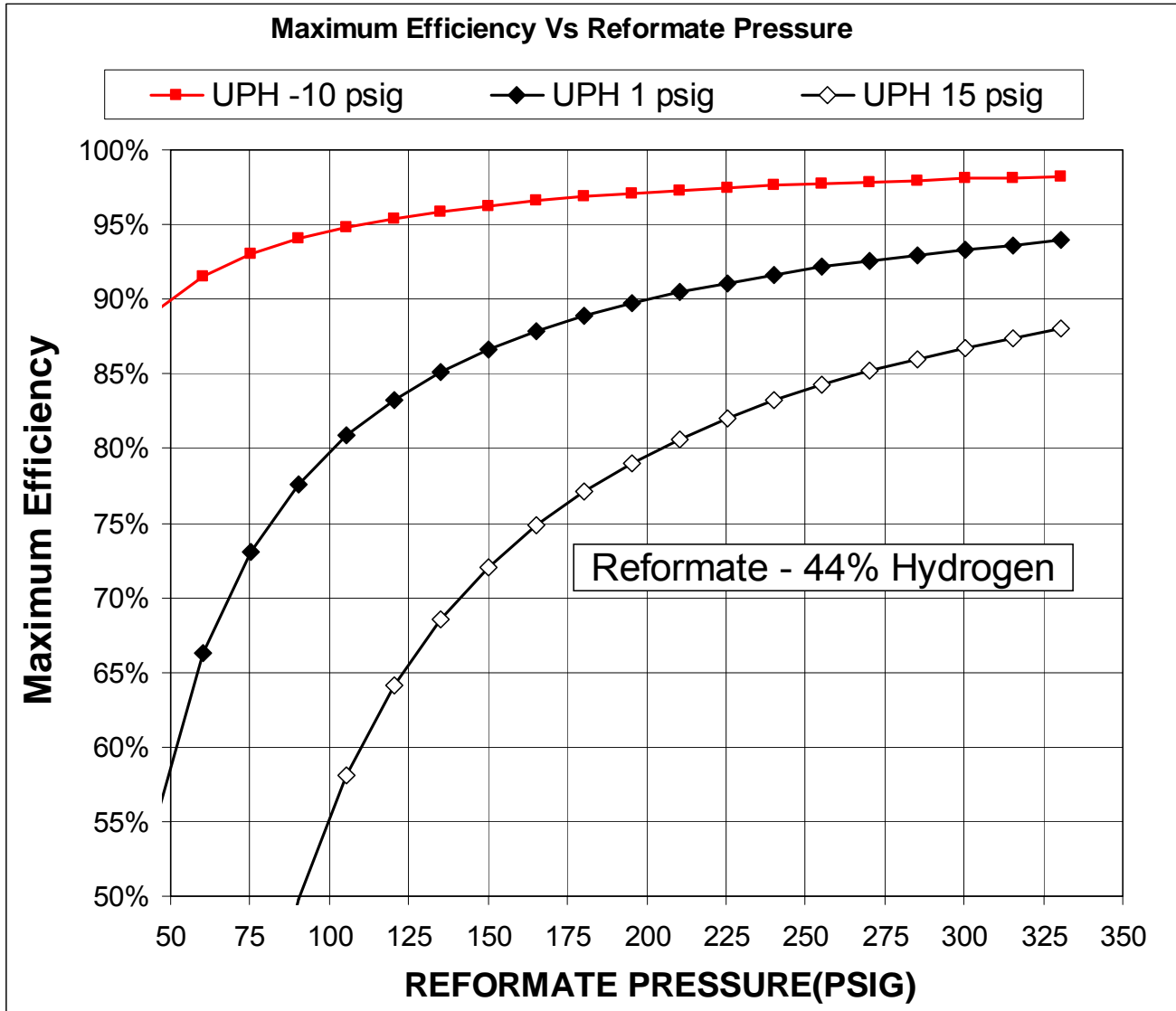
Measured performance of new P+E separator/purifiers meets or exceeds 2005 DOE targets for Hydrogen Separation Membranes

DOE Performance Criteria	Units	Year		Year	Year
		2005 Target	P&E	2010 Target	2015 Target
Cost per SCFH per Yr	\$/scfh	\$15.00	<< \$15.00	\$1.67	< \$0.33
Durability	hours	8,760	>17,520	26,280	> 43,800
$\Delta$ P Operating Capability	psi	200	250	400	400 - 1000
Hydrogen Recovery	% of total gas	>70	90%+	>80	>90
Hydrogen Purity	% of total gas	> 99.9	>99.99999	> 99.95	>99.99

\*H2 Membrane Performance Targets from September 2004 DOE Workshop







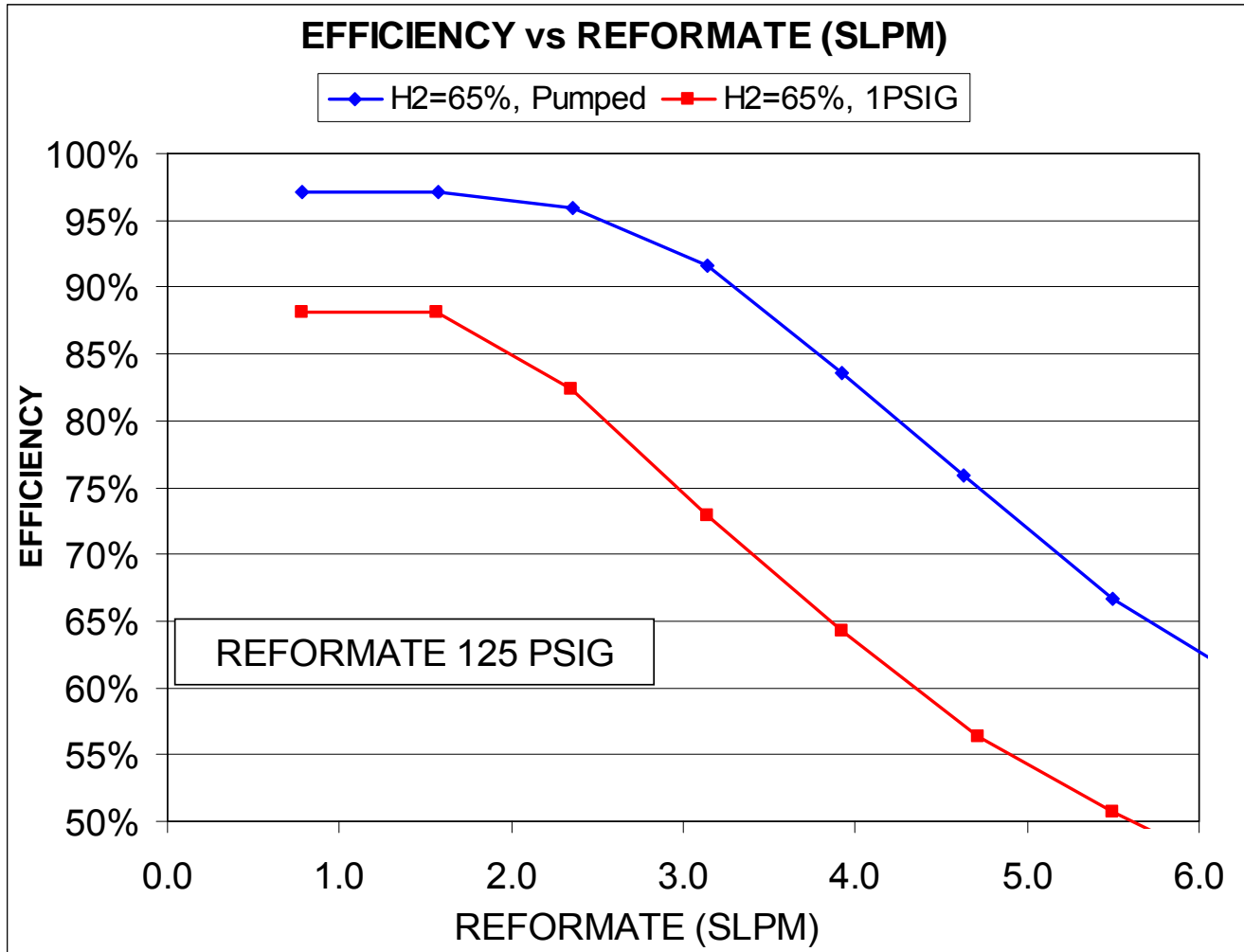
# P+E Compact H2 Separator Design

- Current P+E Reformate Separator 4,700 We/liter
- NAVSEA 50KW Prototype<sup>1</sup> 6,500 We/liter  
(16" x 4" diameter)
- DOE criteria, 2004 System: 700 We/liter
- DOE criteria, target System: 2,000 We/liter

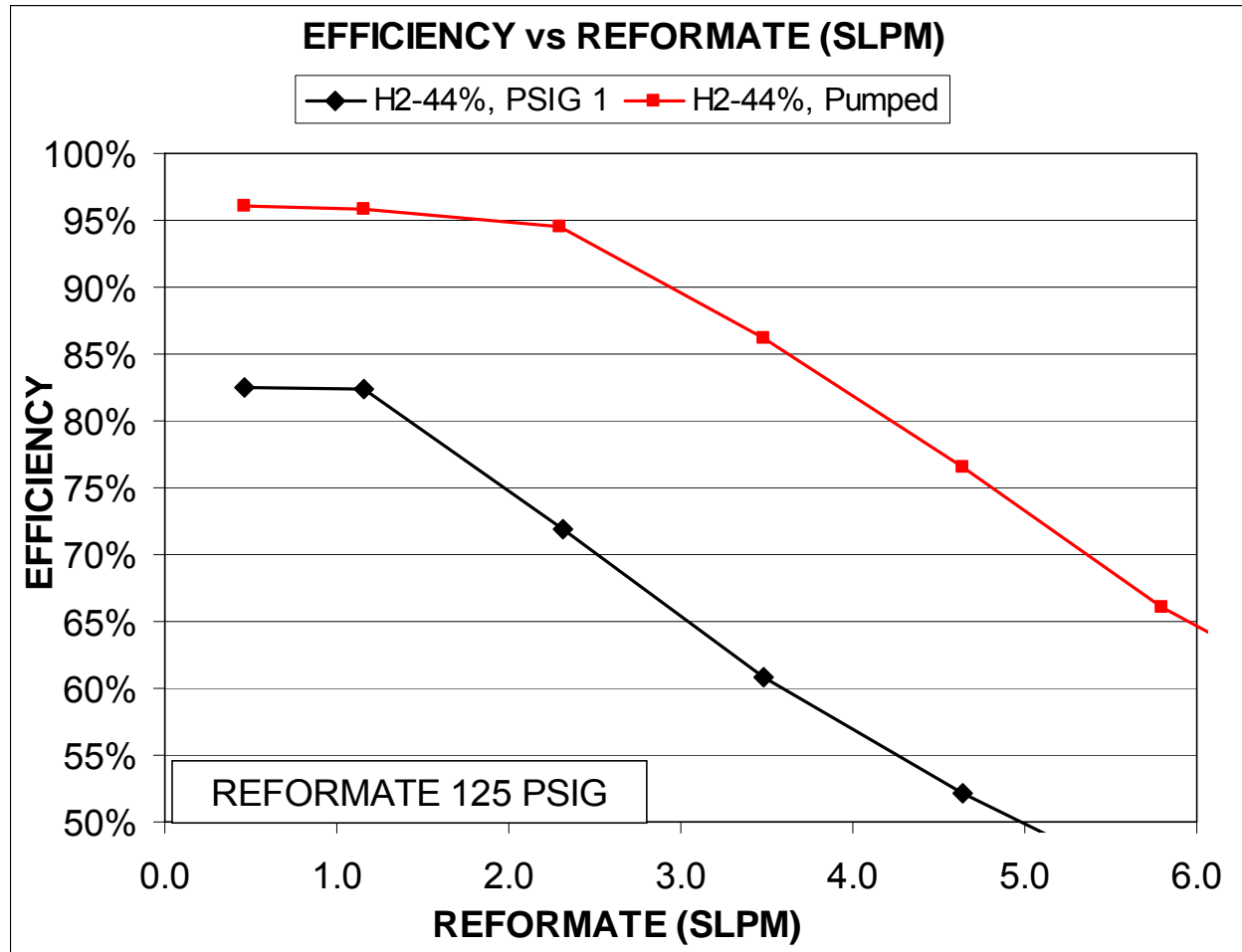
<sup>1</sup>Sulfur resistant, deliverable in Q4 2005

\* 1 We (Watt Electrical) = 2 Watts Hydrogen

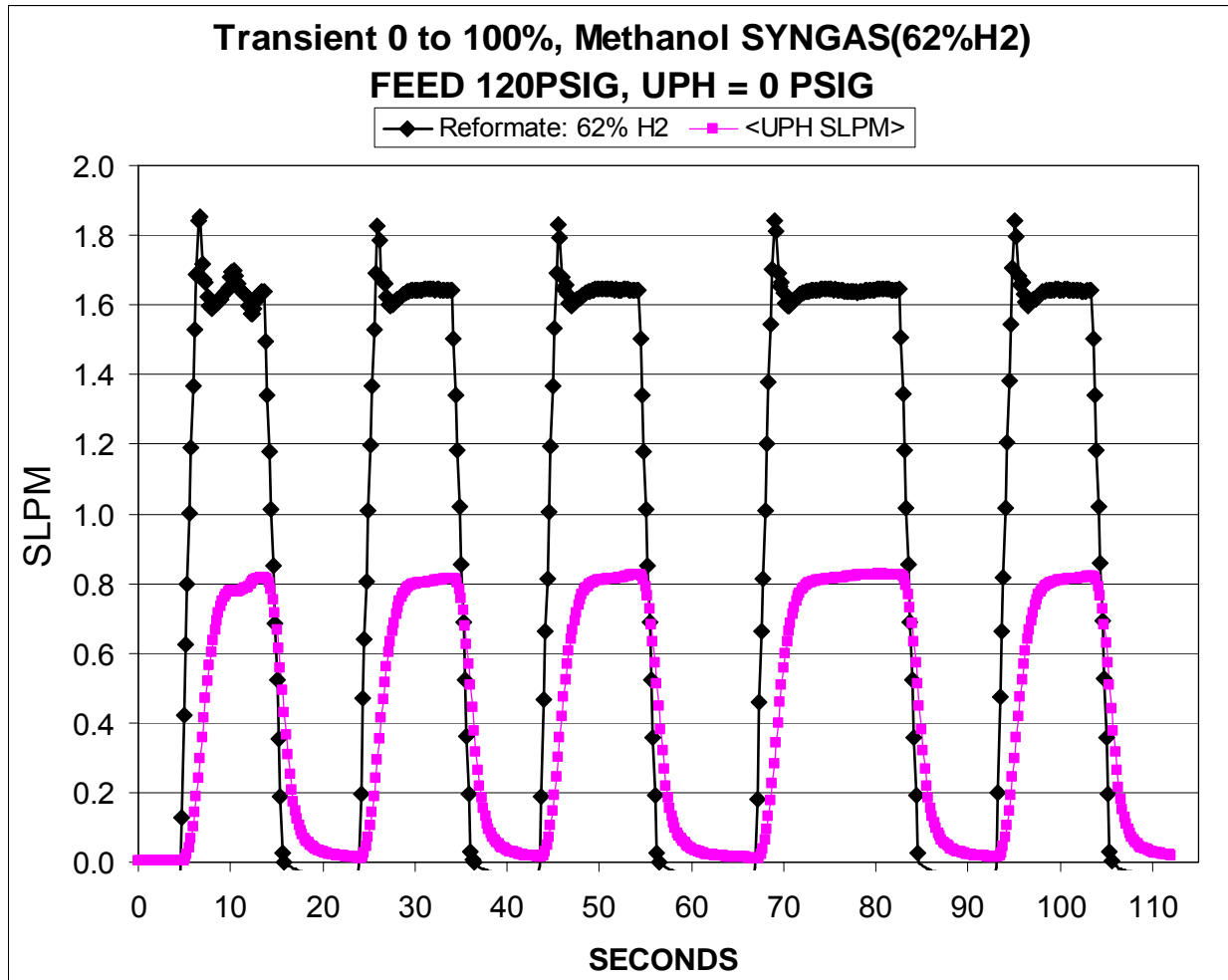
# High Hydrogen Recovery Efficiency



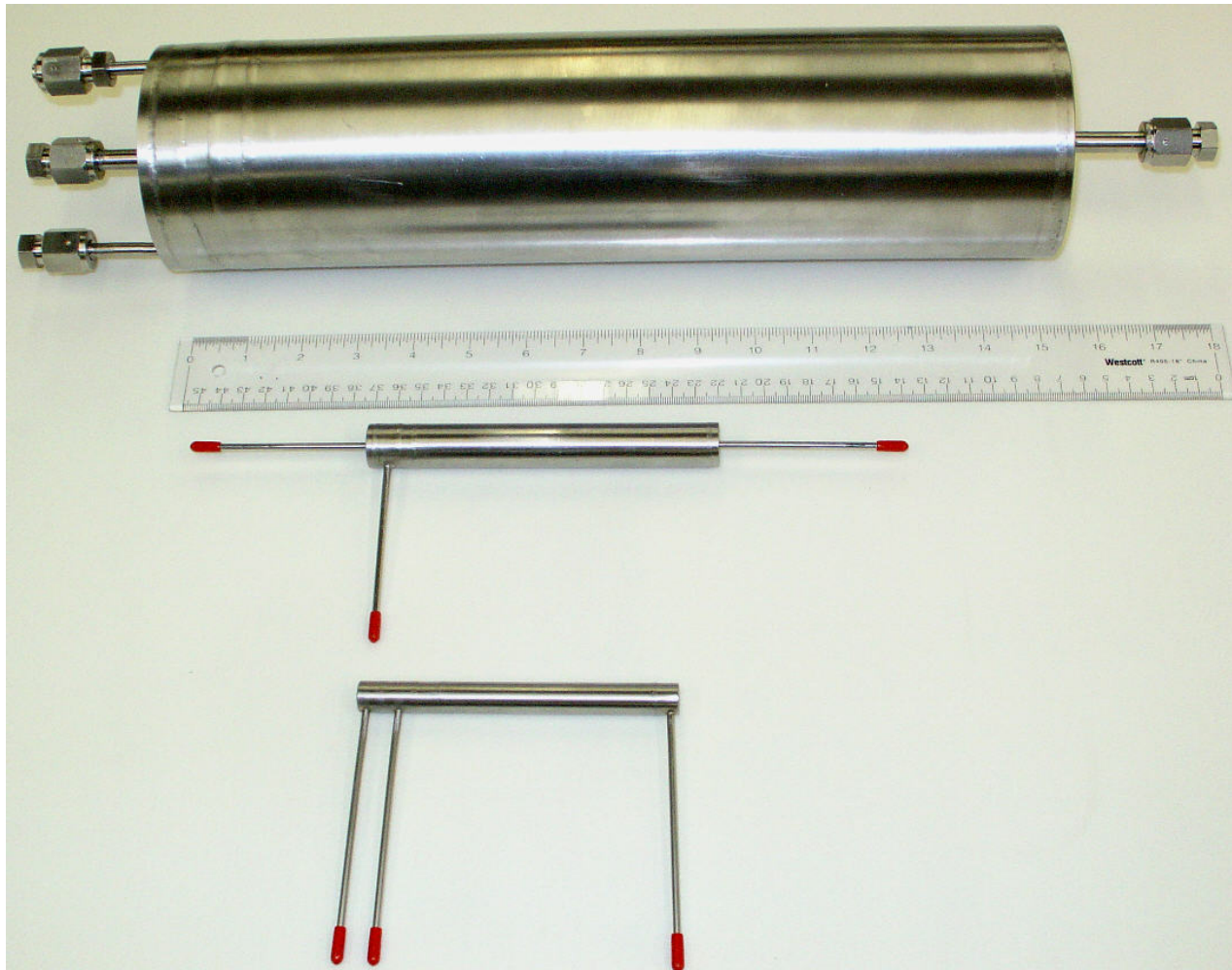
# High Hydrogen Recovery Efficiency



# Rapid Response to transient demands



# Sample of H2 Separation Modules





# Engineering Path for Improved Membrane Efficiency & Economics

- P+E has previously reported\* on the development of a novel nano-structure composite membrane.
- 2-10 micron thick membrane will greatly increase flux rates, membrane cost (scf/h)
- Recent separator developments are fully compatible w/ nano composite membrane

\* “A novel low-cost heated Pd membrane separator for hydrogen recovery from reformates.”

P. Bossard, J. Mettes, presented at American Chemical Society Meeting, Philadelphia 8/25/04

# Summary

- Next-generation Pd alloy membranes are now available for reformat H<sub>2</sub> separation
- Novel membrane configuration reduces membrane area and volume
- Demonstrated H<sub>2</sub> recovery efficiencies are significantly greater than previous reports
- Novel configuration results in a durable, compact package ready for real world use

# Conclusions

- DOD Leadership has supported the development of rugged, efficient membranes
- High Efficiency, durable Pd membranes are now commercially available
- Membranes will enable the use of a wide range of existing fuels as a source for H<sub>2</sub>
- Existing infrastructure for fuels can support distributed, mobile and remote power generation
- Membranes will simplify the utilization of alternative fuels as a source of hydrogen.

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