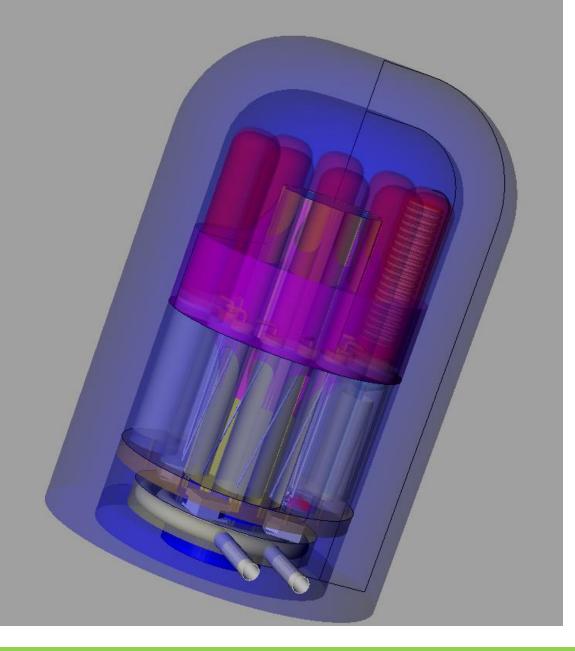


# Solid-state ionic heat engine for CHP

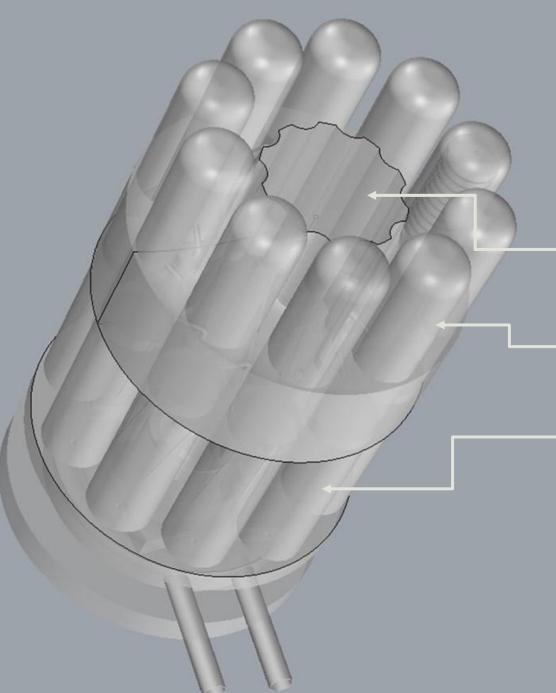
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10 C-TEC CHP Generator

2500 W<sub>LHV</sub> to 1 kW<sub>DC</sub> 95% LHV-heat combustion efficiency

38% LHV-e(DC) without bottoming cycle or inverter





Superadiabatic Combustor (1600 K)

C-TEC hot side (1200 K)

C-TEC cold side (550 K)



### Project Team

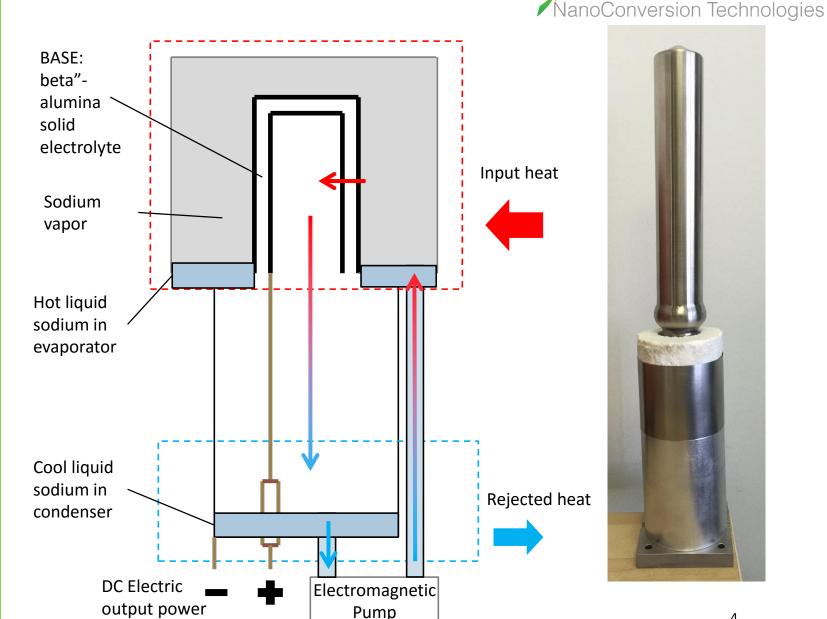
- NanoConversion Technologies, Inc.
  - Developing C-TEC based on Sodium Cycle for commercial application in 2016
  - 7 years, \$5MM in investment to date
  - PI: Evan Green, PhD (Vice President, Product Engineering)
  - T2M Lead: Mike Staskus (Chief Executive Officer)
- Gas Technology Institute
  - 40 years history in industrial combustion and natural gas research
  - David Rue (Institute Engineer) advanced industrial combustion and waste heat recovery
- North Carolina State University
  - Alexei Saveliev, PhD superadiabatic and recuperated combustion
- General Electric Appliances

#### 100 W<sub>DC</sub> C-TEC power block

Sodium cycle's inherent limit is near Carnot efficiency

42%<sub>h-e</sub> efficiency (925/275 C)

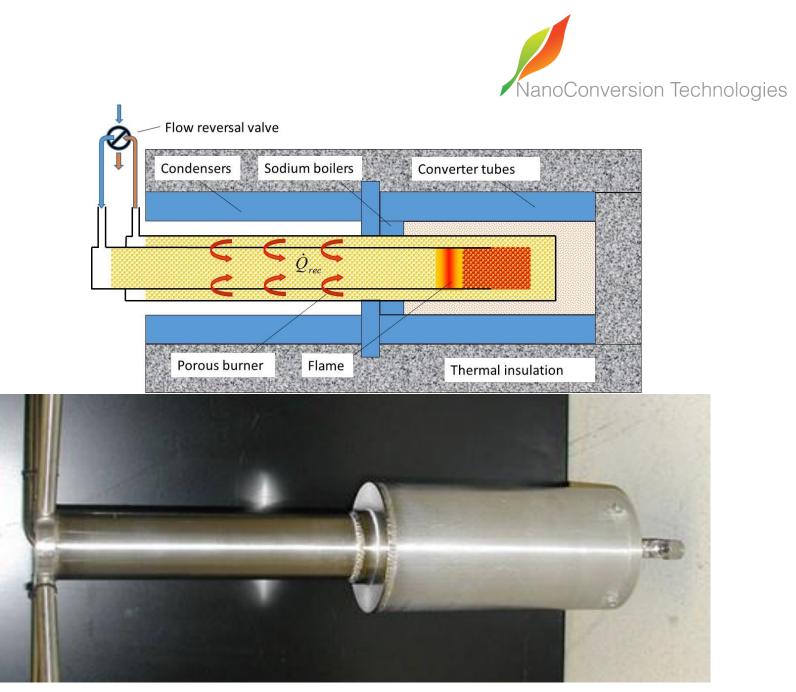
NCT's patented stacked-cell architecture reduces thermal parasitic losses and limits device Ohmic losses



#### 2.5 kW<sub>th</sub> Superadiabatic Burner

Porous media combustion and flow recovers nearly 100% of exhaust heat

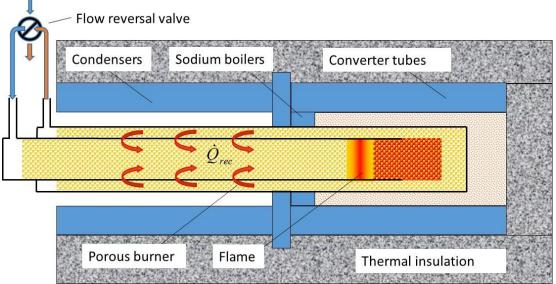
90-95%<sub>LHV-th</sub> efficiency NOx below 5 ppm





### Combustion System

- •SAC attains ultra-low NOx by firing with higher than normal excess air
- •An SAC burner recoups nearly all heat from the exhaust gas by counter-flow through porous medium
- •With low wall losses and near zero exhaust gas losses, all combustion heat is transferred to the load





### 2 year program deliverables

- •Key technical milestones for 100W @ 42% C-TEC device
- •2.5 kW<sub>th</sub> SA burner at  $90\%_{Ihv-th}$ 
  - Demonstrated NOx, CO, VOC, particulate, noise requirements
  - Efficient heat exchange from 1600 K burner to 1200 K C-TEC hot side
- •Integrated system for 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing



## Kickoff meeting goals

- Introductions and access to:
  - Affordable thermal and FEA analysis
  - Electrochemical and mechanical design expertise
  - System manufacturers and other technology adopters
  - Utilities and users for field trials