



# No One Saves the World Unless Someone Makes \$\$ *Engineers Solve Economic Problems*



**Pilot Tested, Disruptive Technologies Resolves the Dilemma of –  
Which Comes First – Capability or Demand – They Happen Together with Distributed Systems**



# The Energy Challenge: Reliability, Speed, and Decarbonization

*Demand is rising. The grid is strained. Clean power must be reliable*

- Customers need rapidly deployable clean, dispatchable, on-site power
- Grid congestion & long connection queues, hinder new data center development
- Electrification is accelerating across transportation, energy, and industry
- Renewables are abundant but not aligned with grid needs
- Electrically Heated SMR H<sub>2</sub> multiplies grid power **ONSITE**



# Three Data Center Energy Challenges that Distributed Microgrids Resolve

## AI is overwhelming the power system

- **Generation**

- A New Generation Approach is Needed
  - Central Production Takes Years to License, design and build
- Distributed Energy Production reduces risks, timelines and costs

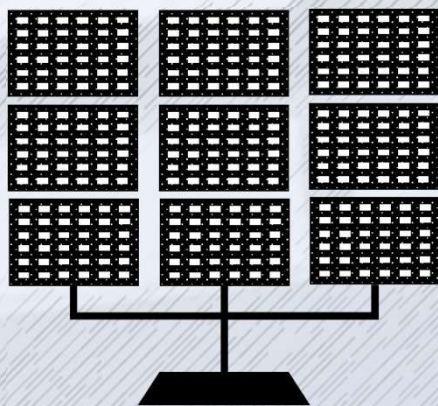
- **Transmission**

- New Right of Way: \$1M – \$11M per Mile
- Reconductoring: \$300K – \$1,100K per Mile\*

- **Distribution**

- \$100K – \$800K per Mile

\*Illinois Power Agency





# Cost/Mile of New Electrical Power Transmission

Item	Low	Average	High	Notes
Per-mile cost (overhead, 138–345 kV)	\$700,000	\$1,400,000	\$3,000,000	Includes towers, conductors, wiring, insulators, and basic foundations
Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition	\$200,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	Varies with land use, eminent domain, and easements
Permits, interconnection, and studies	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	Environmental, cultural, and system studies required
Land surveys, materials, and routing	\$150,000	\$600,000	\$2,000,000	Includes planning and route optimization
Delivery/installation and commissioning	\$50,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000	Site mobilization, testing, and integration with grid
<b>Total \$/Mile =</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$3,750,000</b>	<b>\$11,000,000</b>	<b>\$1M – \$3.5M/Mile for H2 Pipelines</b>



# Time-Line & Cost Comparison of Energy Alternatives

## Sooner is Better than Later – Less is Better than More

### Comparison of Energy Alternative Time Lines (Months)

Energy Approach	Engineer, License & Permit	Procure, Construct & Commission	Total
Nuclear (1000 – 1200 MW)	84 – 120	54 – 96	138 – 216
Natural Gas (500 – 800 MW)	30 – 54	21 – 36	51 – 90
Microgrids (10 – 20 MW)	6 – 18	9 – 21	15 - 39

### Energy Behind-the-Meter Costs

Energy Source	\$/kWh
Solar + Battery Microgrid	\$0.12–\$0.18
STARS' <b>Hydrogen Enabled Microgrids</b>	<b>\$0.10 - \$0.20</b>
Diesel-hybrid microgrids:	\$0.25 –\$0.40
Nuclear	\$0.12 - \$0.18
Natural Gas Combined Cycle	<b>\$0.07 - \$0.12</b>



# Core Microchannel Process Technology

## *Chemical Process “Chips” – Computer Chip Analogy*

### Compact, Process-Intensive

*Microchannel Reactors & Heat Exchangers:  
Unbeatable heat transfer and reaction rates, chemical  
conversions and process modulation*

### Highly-Efficient, With Induction Heating

*Reduces CH<sub>4</sub> consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> production;  
World-Record electrical-to-chemical energy efficiency*

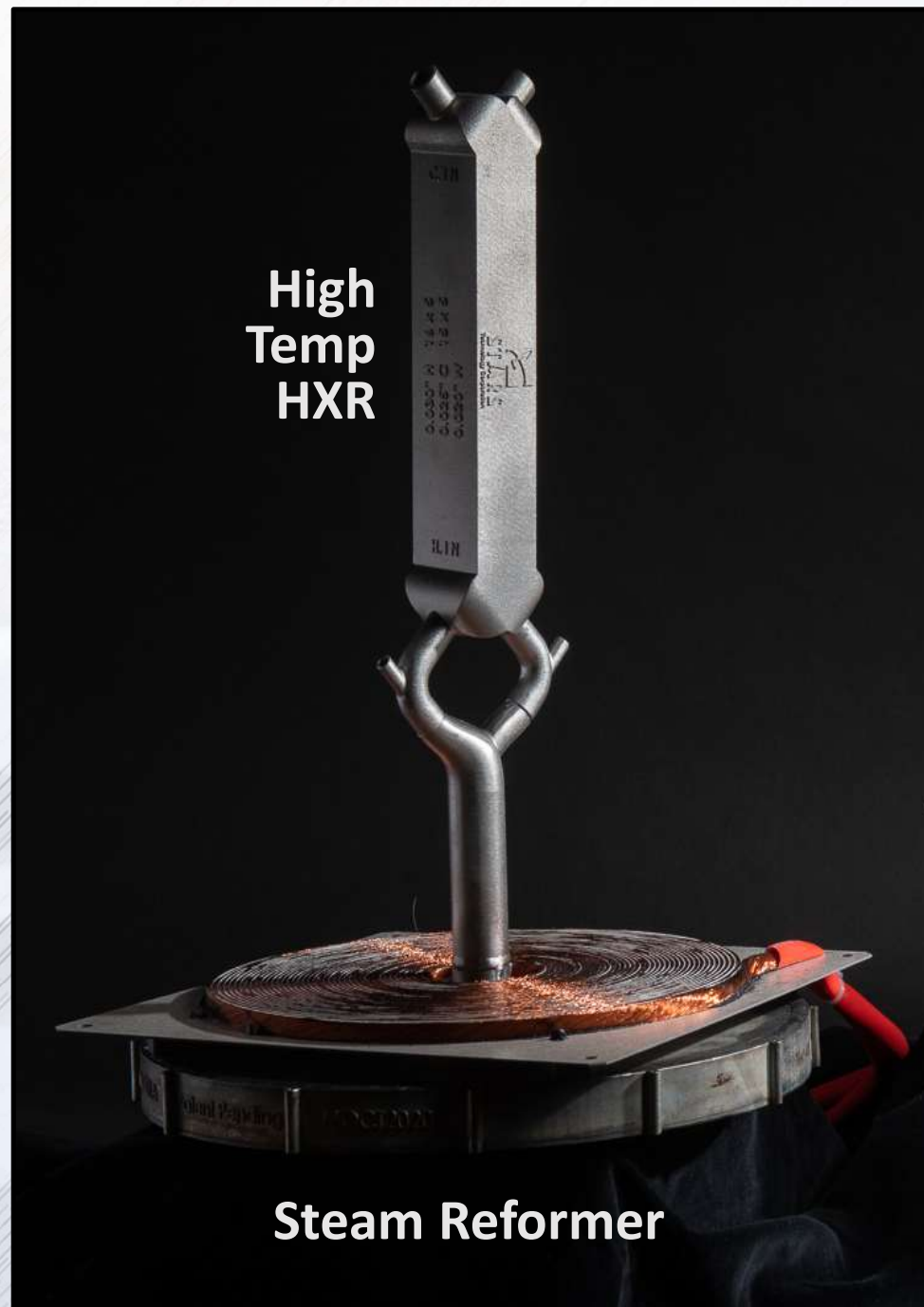
### Low-Cost Hardware Mass Production

*3D printing with assembly-line fabrication enables  
economies of hardware mass production*

### Patented and Patents Pending

*Global protection*

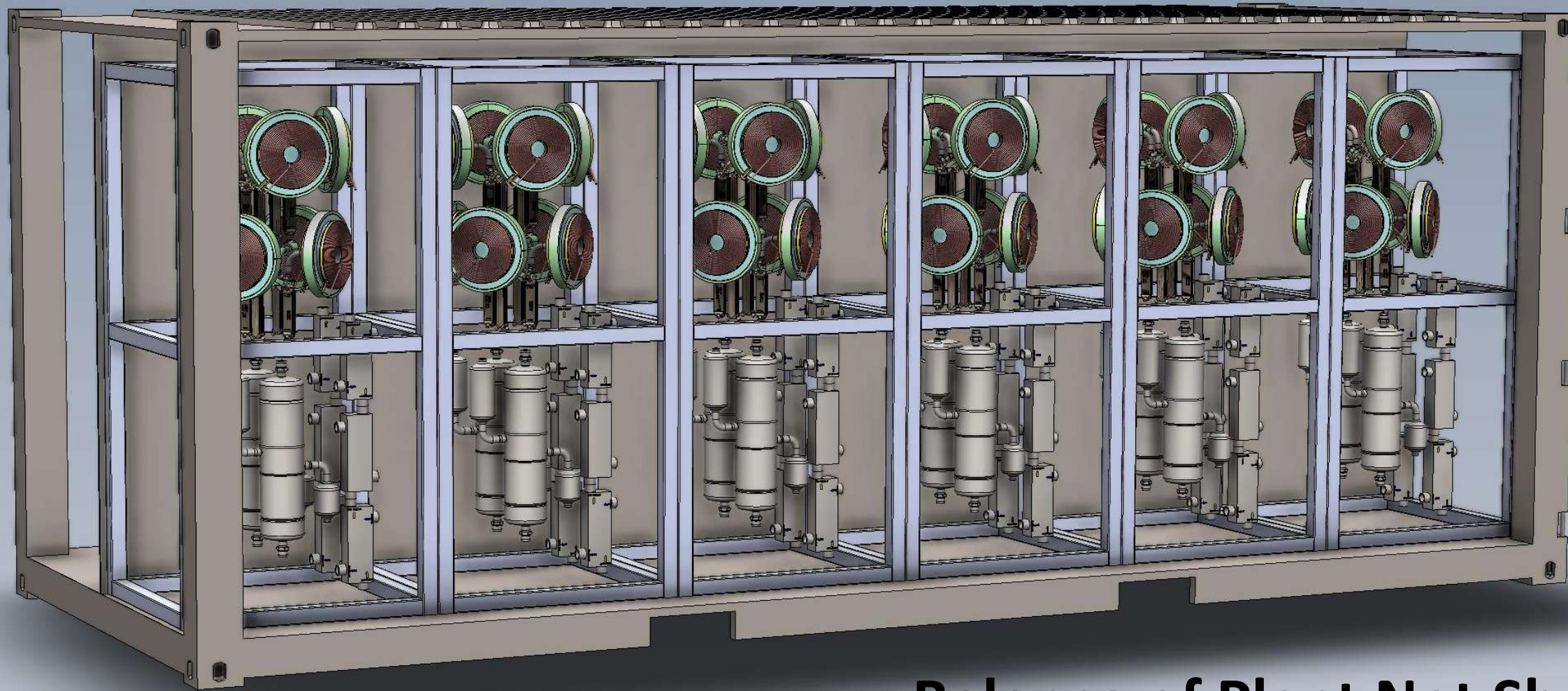
## *Five Years Ahead of Anything Else*



# STARS' Planned Commercial Product – 1500 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day

*Six Mass-Produced Reaction Modules  
Producing 250 kg H<sub>2</sub>/day each in an 8' x 20' ISO Shipping Container*

## STARS' Chemical Process Plant

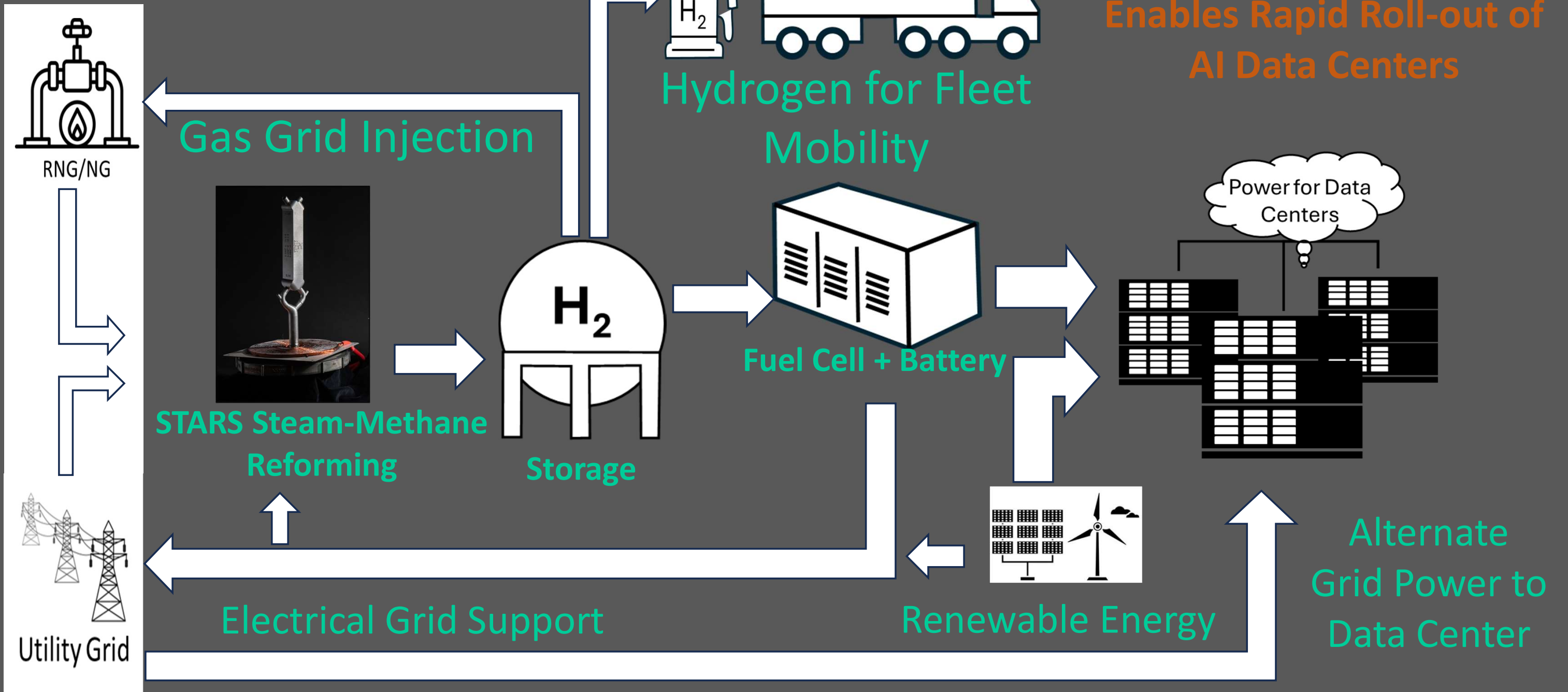


**Balance of Plant Not Shown**

# SMR Enabled, Fully Integrated H<sub>2</sub> Microgrids

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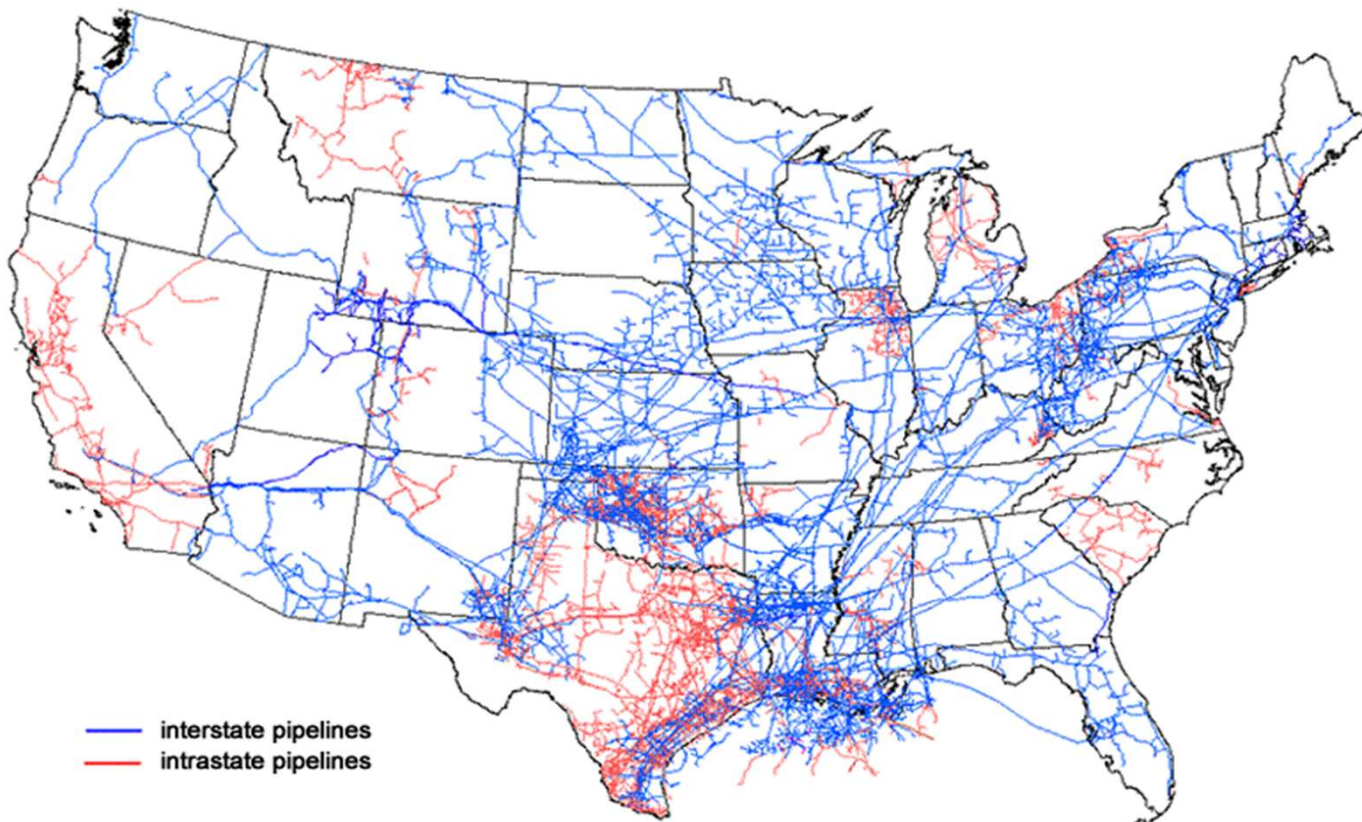
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Enables Rapid Roll-out of  
AI Data Centers





# Partnering with the Natural Gas Grid makes clean hydrogen possible today in every state

Map of U.S. interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *About U.S. Natural Gas Pipelines*

## Gas industry Strengths/Value

- \$ Billions invested in Infrastructure
- Cost recovery across customer base
- Hazard management expertise
- Customer base includes large energy users
- Skin in the game – natural monopoly

**The natural gas companies have vested interest in the hydrogen energy economy**

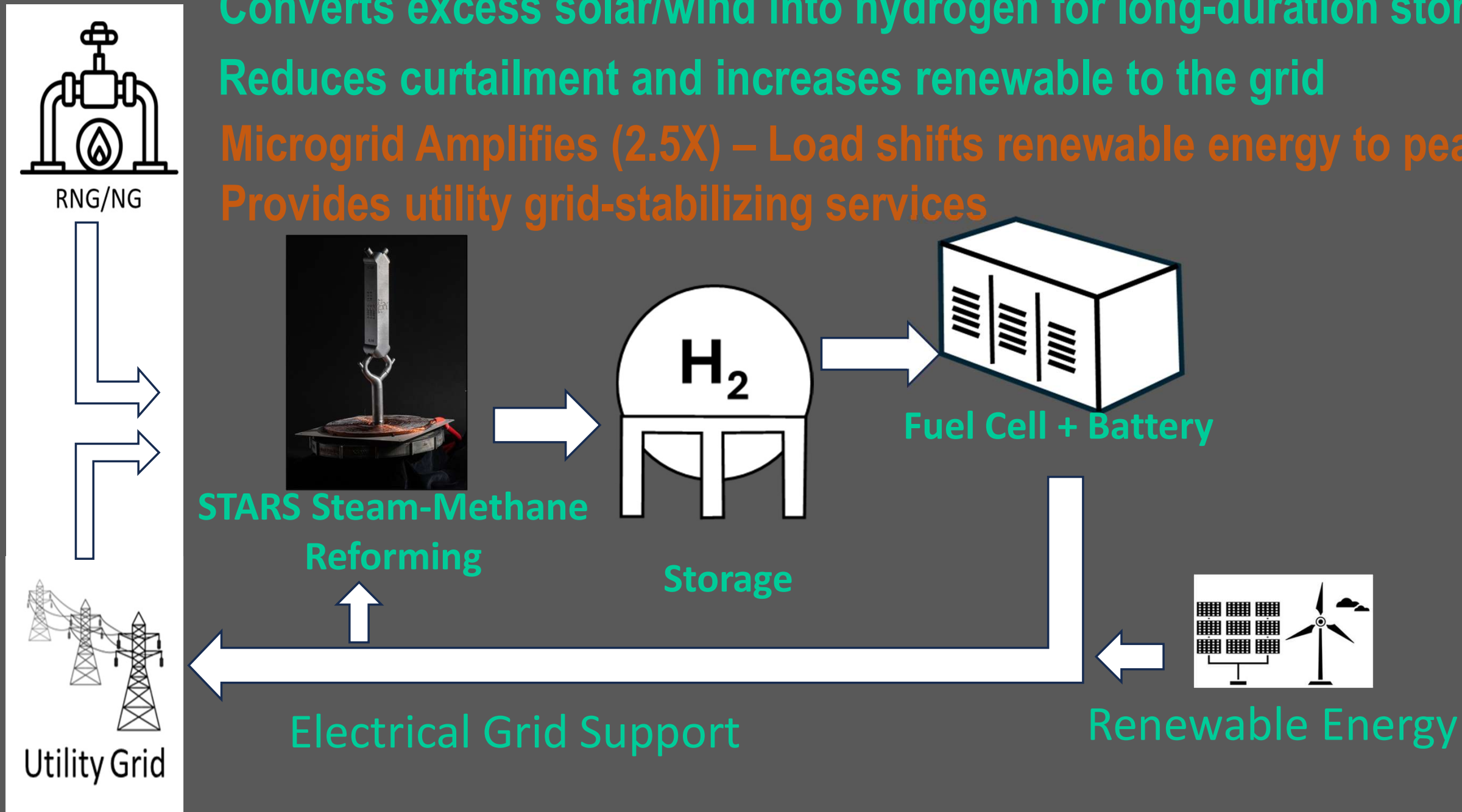
# SMR Enabled, Microgrid Stabilizes Grid Using Renewables

Hydrogen turns renewables and microgrids into 24/7 power systems

Converts excess solar/wind into hydrogen for long-duration storage

Reduces curtailment and increases renewable to the grid

Microgrid Amplifies (2.5X) – Load shifts renewable energy to peak-value hours –  
Provides utility grid-stabilizing services



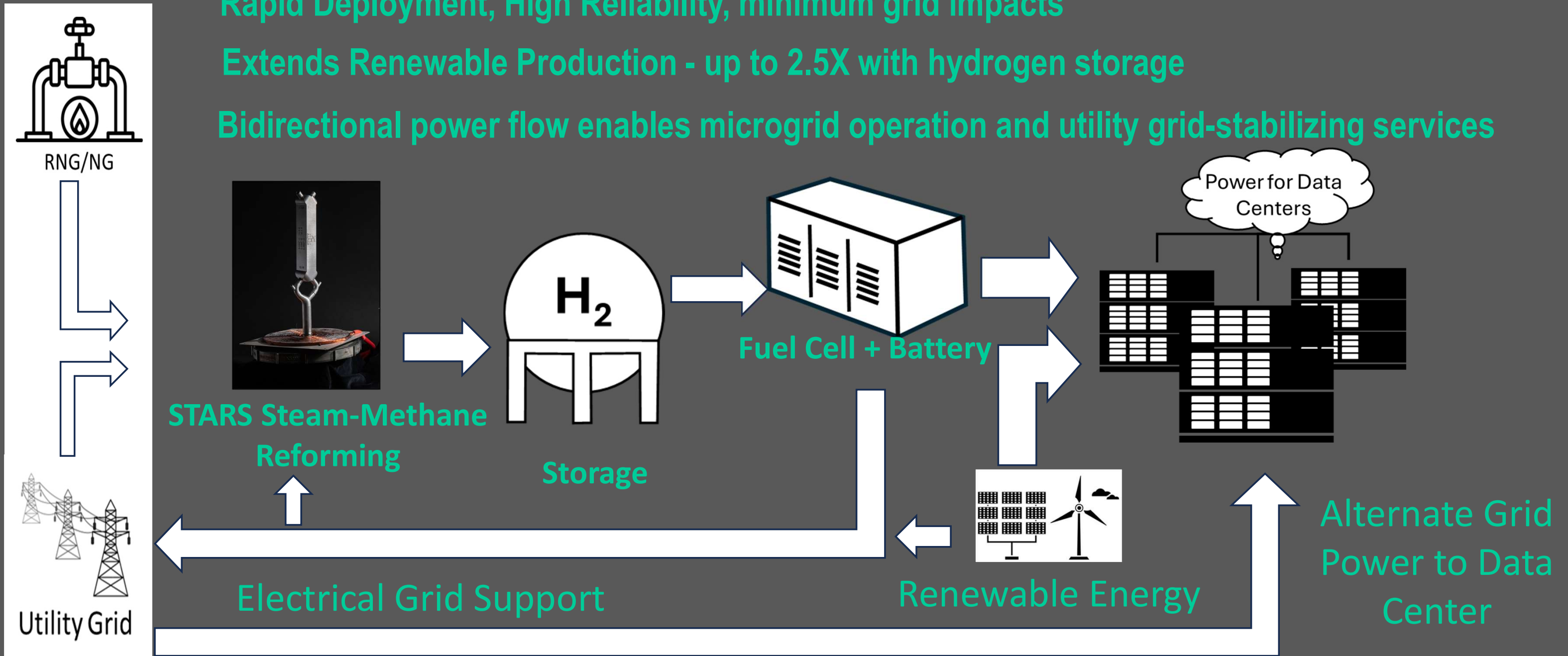
# SMR Enabled, H2 Powered Microgrid for AI Data Centers

**H2 + fuel cells provide clean primary or backup power**

Rapid Deployment, High Reliability, minimum grid impacts

Extends Renewable Production - up to 2.5X with hydrogen storage

Bidirectional power flow enables microgrid operation and utility grid-stabilizing services

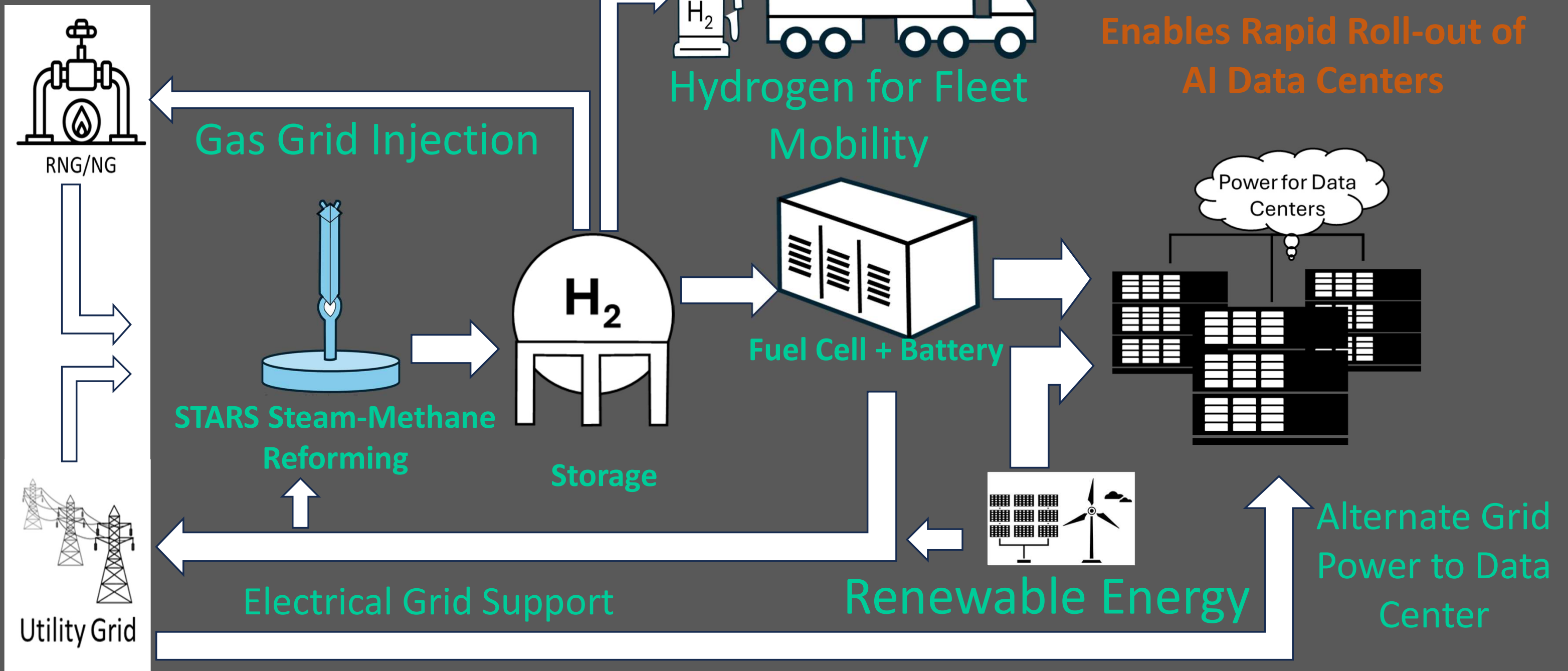


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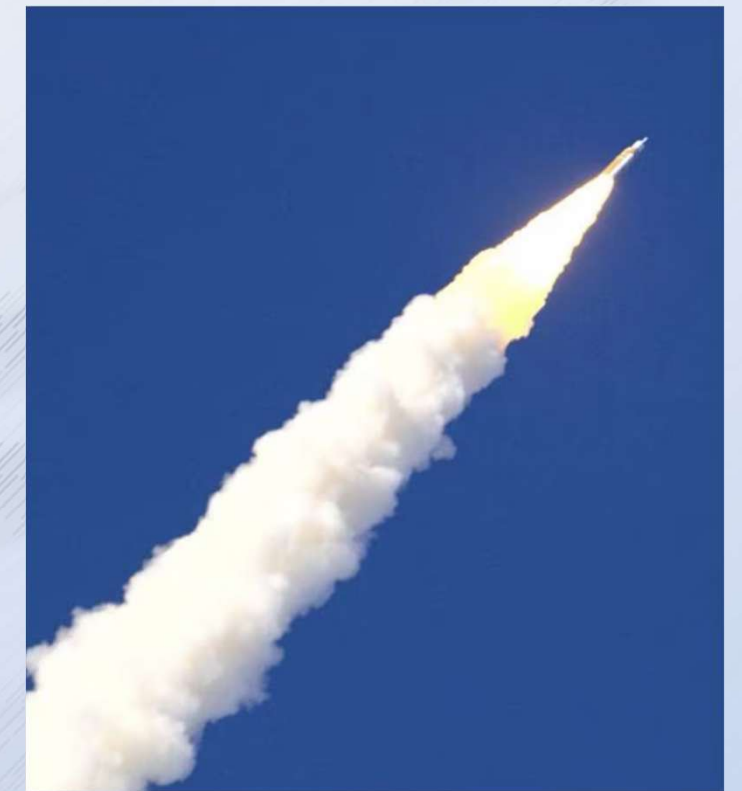




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# Congratulations NASA's Artemis II Team!!!

– It's Good to be Back With a Mission



Reid Wiseman – Commander

Victor Glover – Pilot

Christina Koch – Mission Specialist

Jeremy Hansen – Mission Specialist (CSA)



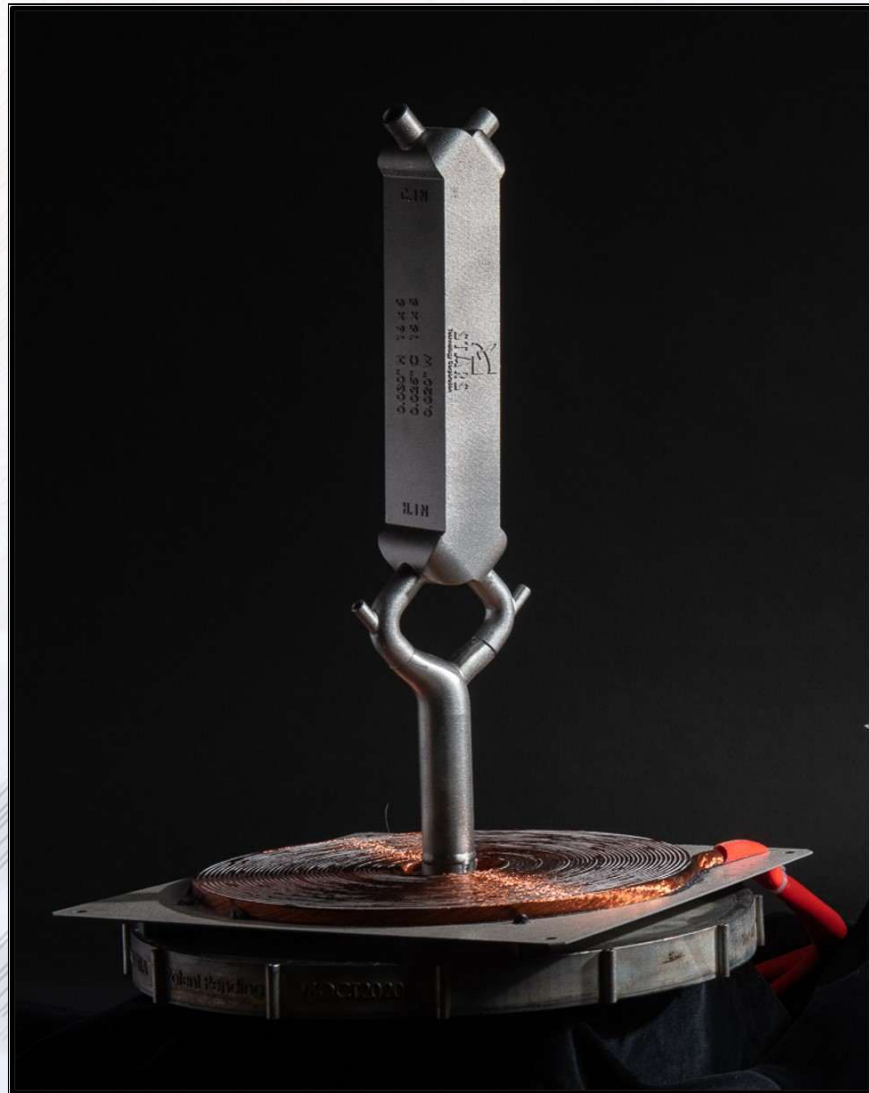
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# Questions?

*Dennis Walters  
Chief of Staff  
STARS Technology Corp.*



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“Beyond producing hydrogen, chemical reactors can be developed to produce ammonia, methanol, and other chemical products using the chemical processing chips.”

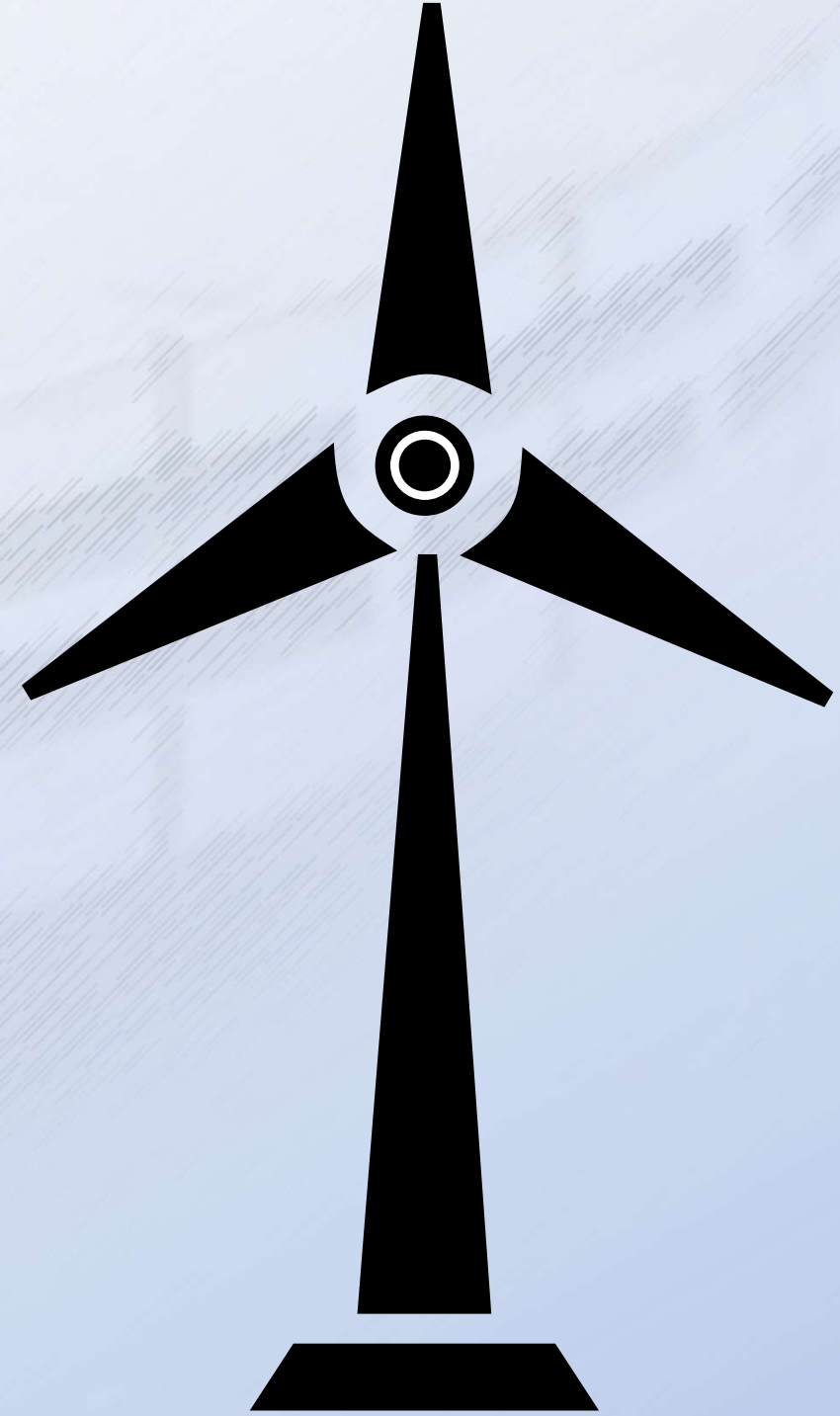
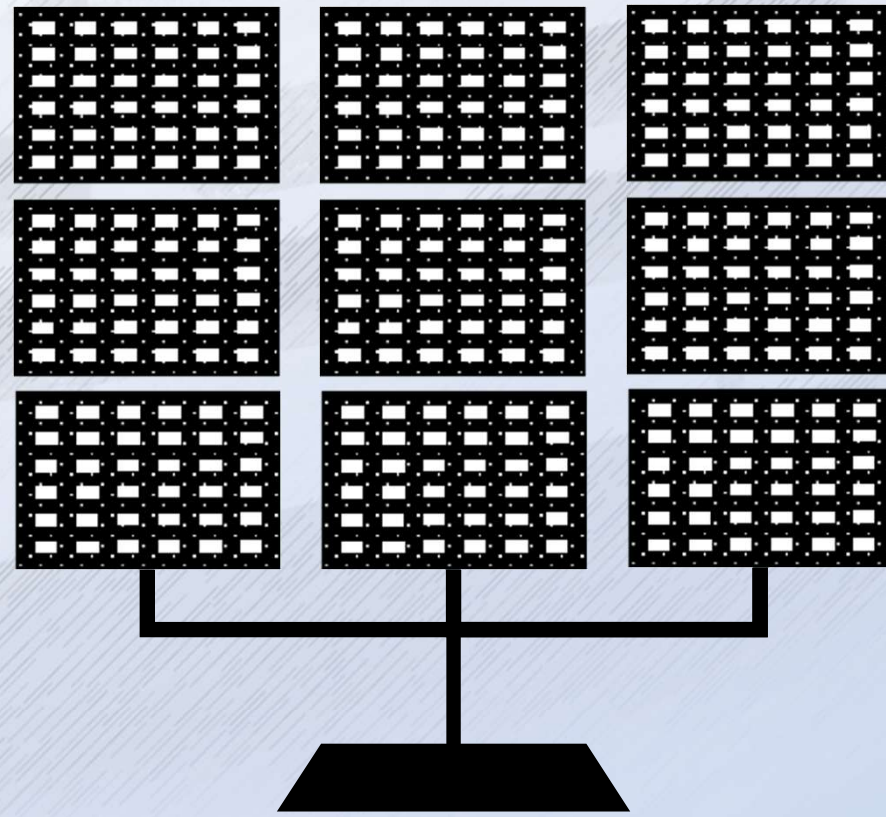
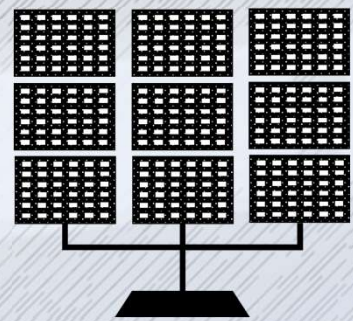
- Robert Wegeng President, STARS Technology Corporation -



# Three Data Center Energy Challenges



Utility Grid





# *Engineered Hydrogen Safety Features*

## Low-Cost, Low-Low Carbon, High Reliability, Safe Operation

- Microchannel design minimizes “source term”; small volume -> limited risk
- Designed to NFPA Class 1 Div 2 Safety Standards
- Fire and Leak Detection - Methane, Hydrogen, & Infra-red heat sensors
- Isolation of non-Class 1 Div 2 components in ventilated cabinets
- Ventilating fans
- Automated autonomous operation
- Automated shutdown, Isolation and purging of Natural Gas and PSA
- Hazard Operations Review of design



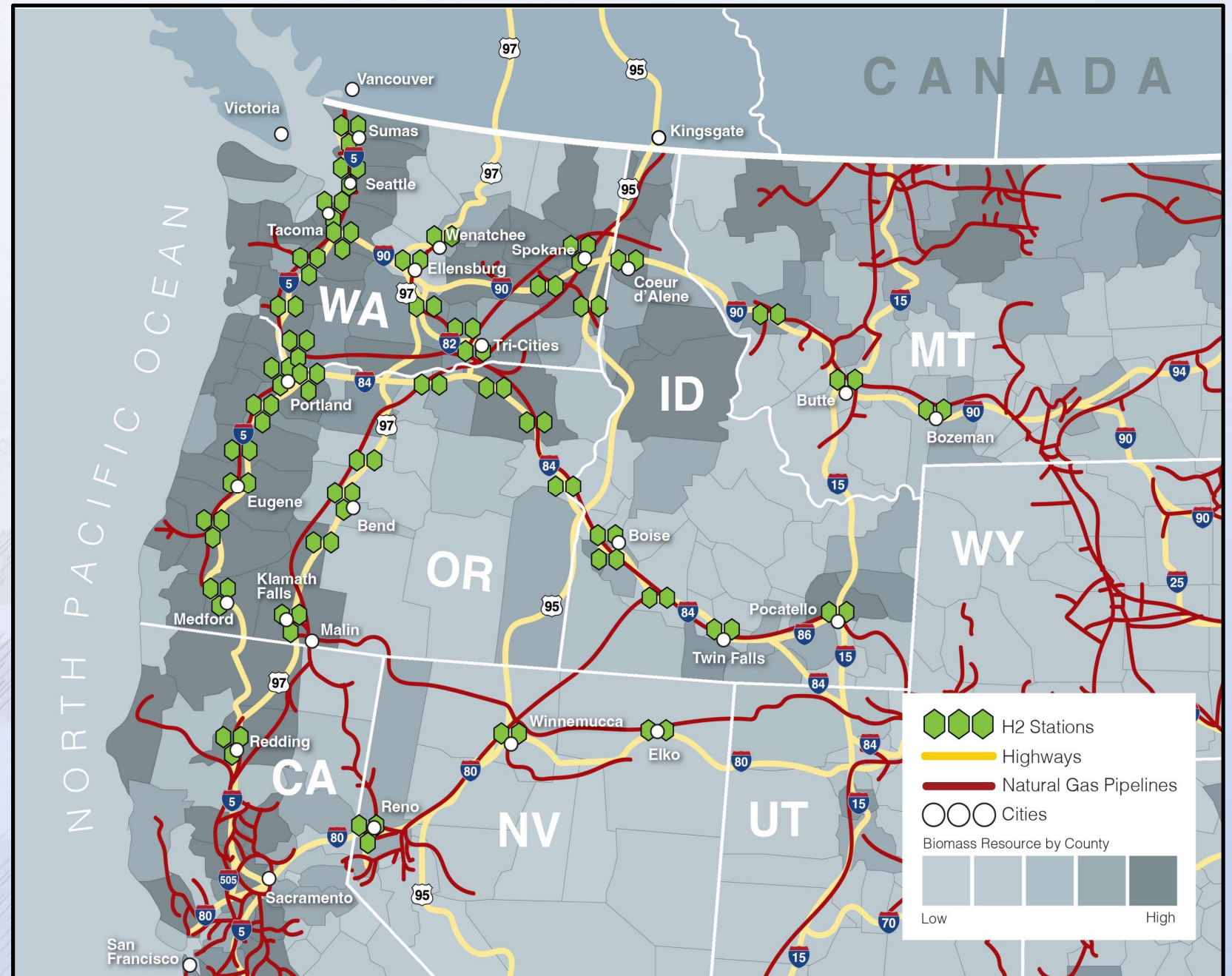
Engineered for Safety, Reliability, and Affordability



# STARS' *Transportation Market Opportunities*

## Financed, Owned and Operated by STARS

- Fill Out and Connect Regional Hydrogen Hubs
- Open Up Transportation Corridors for H<sub>2</sub> Vehicles
- Provide H<sub>2</sub> for Other Uses



***Rapidly Creates: Hydrogen Grid 1.0***