

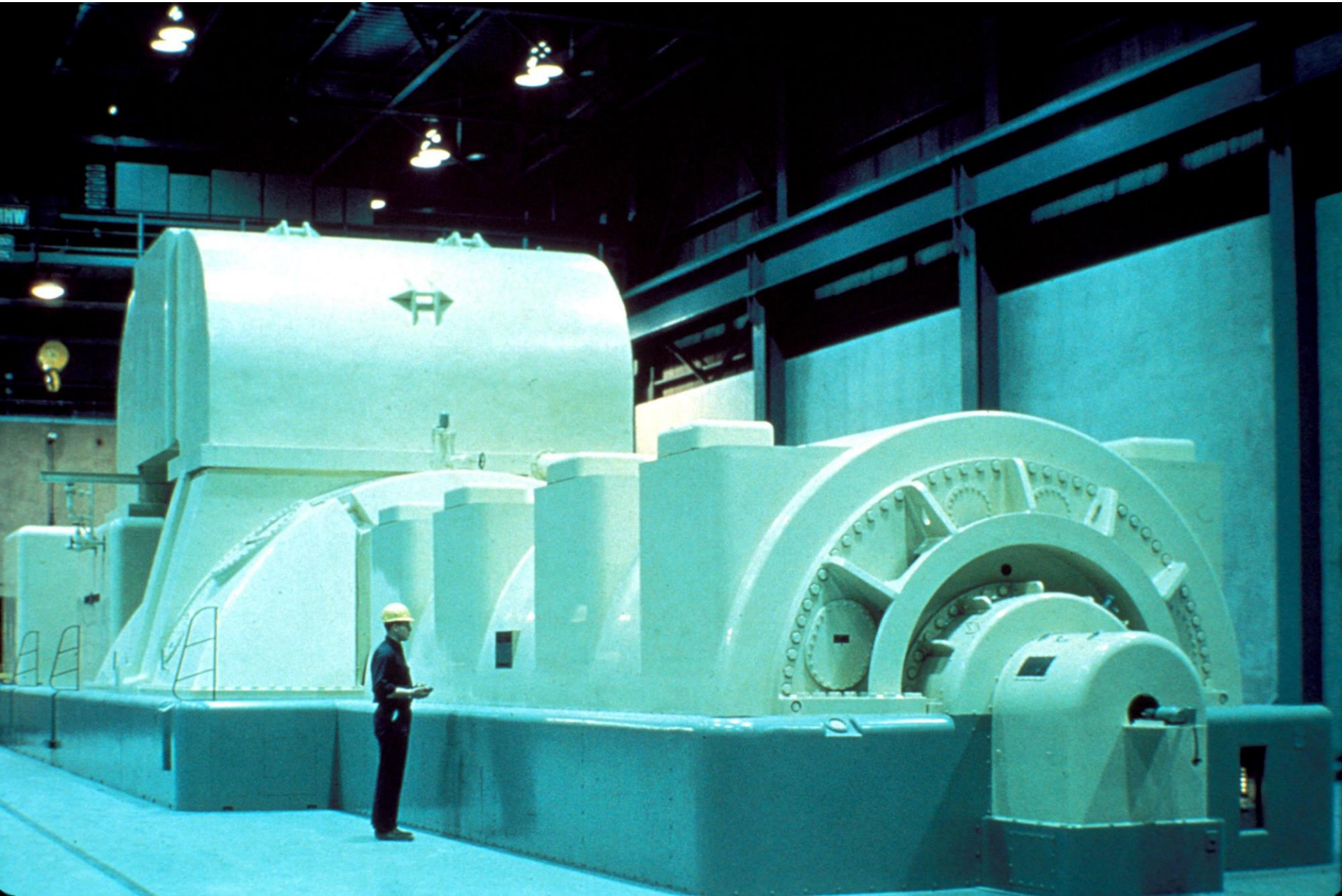


# Bio-hydrogen for Power Plants

**Start-up** – 2 models: CHP and H<sub>2</sub>  
**Zero cash** – Investor pitches & SBIRs  
**Seed level** – seeking \$1,370,000

Peter J. Schubert, Ph.D., P.E., Inventor, Founder, Managing Director of BMU  
TransTech Energy Conference, WVU, 6-7 November 2013

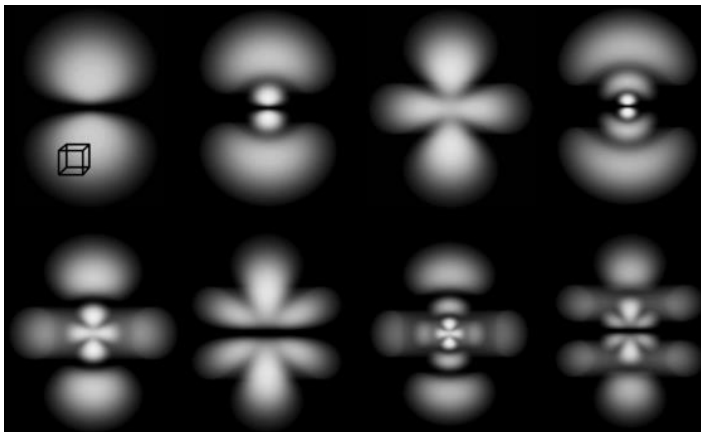
# Generators have internal friction





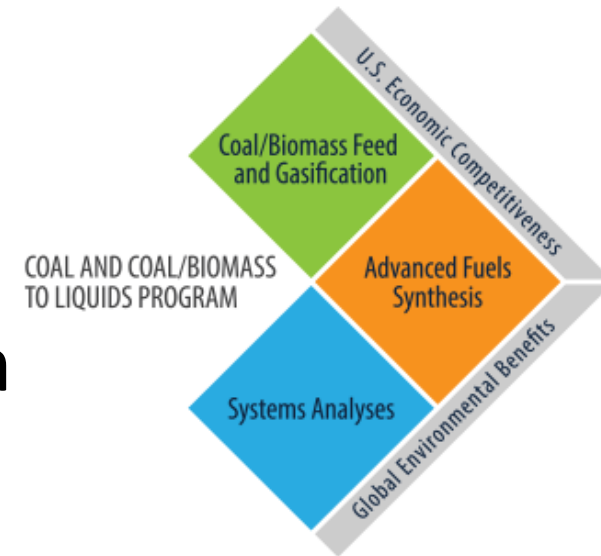
# Hydrogen-cooled Turbo Generators

- $H_2$  has 40% viscosity of air
- 14x more heat capacity
- Reduced insulation damage
- High purity is best
- Make-up needed



# Hydrogen Focus

- Market price is ~ **\$4** per kilogram
  - NREL goal is \$3.70/kg distributed<sup>1</sup>
- NETL Energy Lab:
  - Goal and Milestones – Alternate Hydrogen Production Pathway
    - Goal:** By the end of 2013, optimize, integrate and make available an alternative economic and environmentally responsive hydrogen production pathway and reforming system to produce decentralized hydrogen.<sup>2</sup>



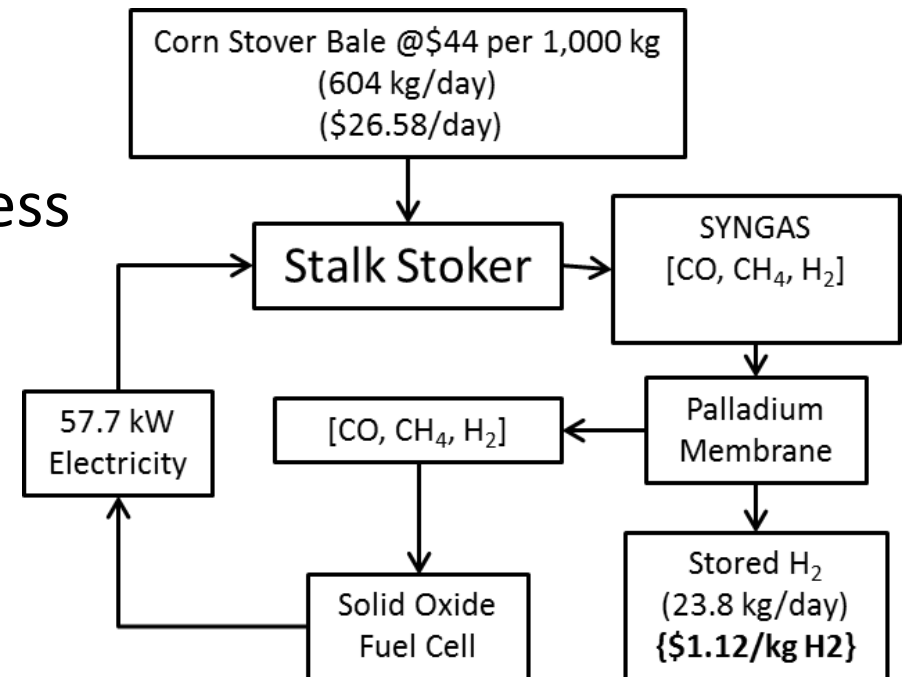
1 [http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/production\\_cost\\_analysis.html](http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/production_cost_analysis.html)

2 [http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/hydrogen\\_clean\\_fuels/alternate.html](http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/hydrogen_clean_fuels/alternate.html)

# Bio-Hydrogen

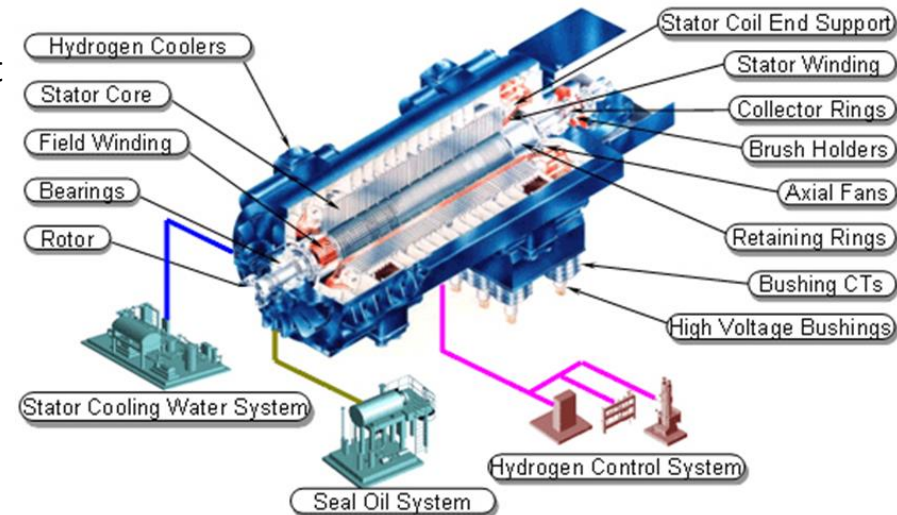


- Indirectly-Heated Pyrolytic Gasification (I-HPG)
  - Novel, unconventional gasification method
  - US Patent 8,465,562 awarded 18 June 2013
  - Converts biomass to  $H_2/CO$  syngas
- Hydrogen at **\$1.12/kg**
  - High-purity (7-9's)
  - Energy self-sufficient process
- Ready to scale-up
  - Funds sought to prove 6x:
    - \$1,370,000
    - 2 years



# Market Opportunity

- **Current Practices for Hydrogen**
  - On-site electrolysis of water, compressors, moderate-pressure storage
  - Tank cylinder storage
  - SMR
- **Opportunity**
  - Reduce costs
  - Reduce emissions of fossil carbon
  - Promote local economy
    - farmers provide non-food ag residues
    - Wood-working factories provide sawdust
- **Scope for thermal power plants**
  - 600 coal-fired US<sup>1</sup>, 104 nuclear
  - 2400 coal-fired globally<sup>2</sup>, 437 nukes
  - 1200 new plants planned<sup>3</sup>
- **Size of hydrogen market**
  - US at \$70,000,000/year (estimated)
  - Global demand growing 4.1%/year<sup>4</sup>



1 [http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Existing\\_U.S.\\_Coal\\_Plants](http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Existing_U.S._Coal_Plants)

2 <http://www.worldcoal.org/resources/frequently-asked-questions/>

3 [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/11/20/world-coal-fired-power-plants\\_n\\_2166699.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/11/20/world-coal-fired-power-plants_n_2166699.html)

4 <http://www.freedoniagroup.com/World-Hydrogen.html>

# Competitive Advantages

- Patented and proven biomass gasifier
- Ability to scale - from farms to power plants
- **Low-cost** hydrogen on-demand
  - Moderate-pressures only
  - Wide turn-down ratio
- **Less fossil carbon**
- Local sources



*Stalk Stoker #1 of 3*



# Business Strategy

- *Combined heat and power (CHP) at farm/factory scale*
  - *Business plan rev. 3 in-progress, 3 investor pitches so far*
  - *Seeking \$2.4M, then \$1.0M in Year 2 to commercialize*
  - ~~*Biochar as leading money-maker*~~



- **High-purity hydrogen for turbo generators**
  - **Seeking \$1.37M to build 6x prototype**
  - **Obtain economic performance data**

*Today's  
Focus*

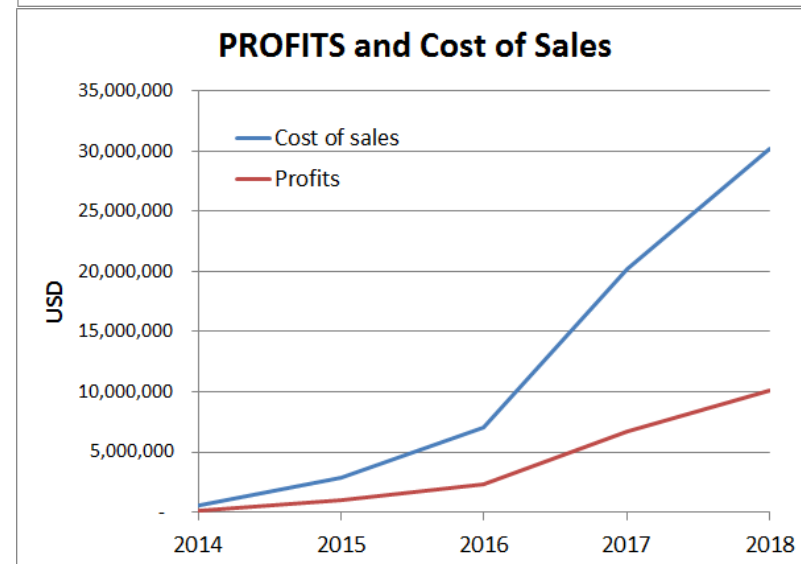
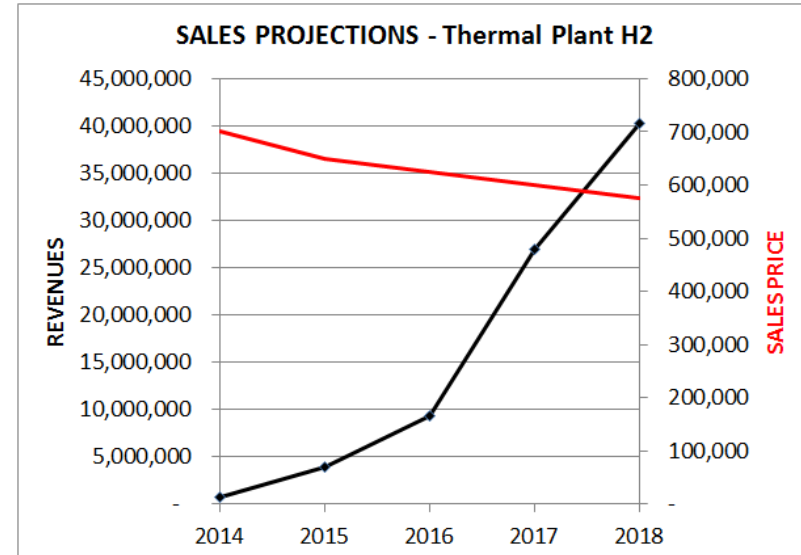
- **Modular scale-up to match customer needs**
  - May choose dual-source to reduce risk
  - Future: co-fire syngas





# Sales and Marketing

- Place S/N 1 in 2014 @ HE
- All HE plants in 2015
- Across Indiana 2016
- Midwest & beyond '17-8
- “Specialty” product alongside CHP/Biochar
- Expand – co-fire syngas
- Augment – H<sub>2</sub> storage





# Company



- Biomass Unit Ops, LLC
  - Start-up created by the tech transfer arm of the Indiana University System (IURTC).
  - BMU is based on issued and pending patents invented by Prof. Peter J. Schubert
- Leadership Team:
  - Dr. Joe Trebley, IURTC, Managing Director of BMU
  - Mr. John Craun, CEO in-waiting
    - One of 13 Entrepreneurs-in-residence

