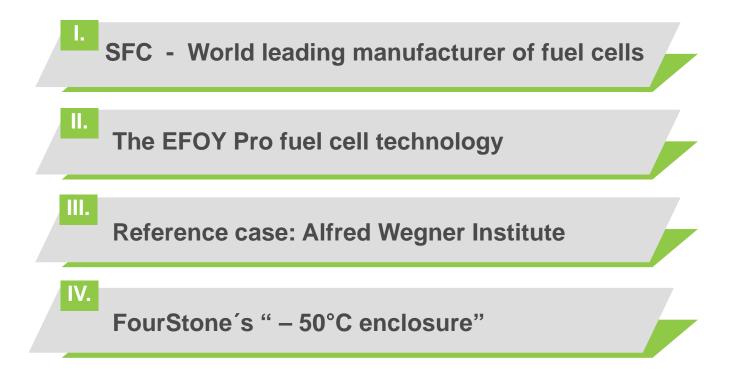


# **EFOY Pro Fuel Cells** Reliable Off-grid Power for remote applications in cold climates

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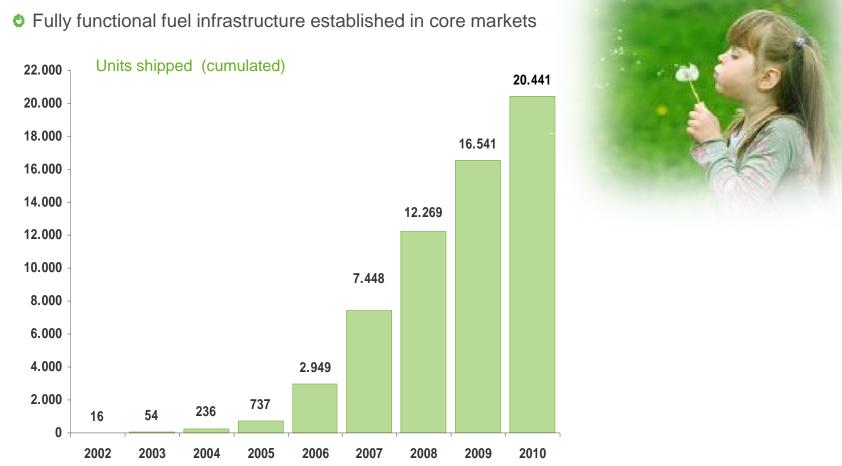
#### Core and Target Markets



## Leisure Remote Comfort and autonomy for: Industry Motor Homes, Cabins and Boats **Dependability and** Low Maintenance Cost for: Traffic Technologies, Security, Environmental Monitoring Defense Weight Saving for: Portable Power Supply **Mobility - APU Reliability of On-Board Power** for: **Special Purpose Vehicles**

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#### **Market Traction**



#### • As of today, more than 20,000 fuel cell systems shipped

• > 8 million operating hours in end user environments



## SFC Awards (2002-2009)





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#### Tech. challenge:

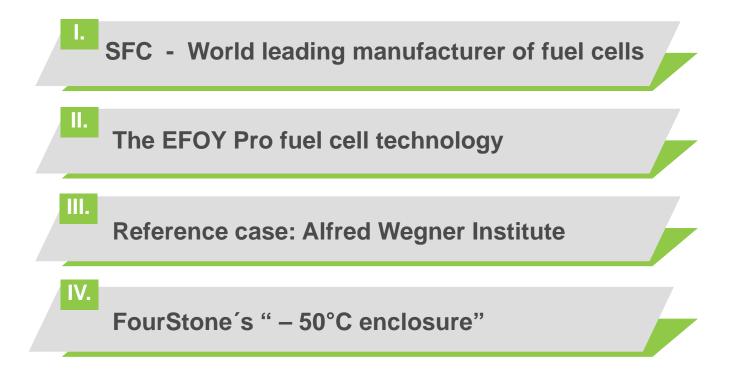
 The Defense Department figures the typical soldier could be carrying around 20 pounds' worth of power on a 96-hour mission.



Wearable Power Prize (2008)

- contest in 2008, to see who could trim that burden the best.
  \$1 million goes to the folks who can come up with "a wearable system that provides 20 watts (avg.) of electrical power for 96 hours, weighs less than 4 kilograms (8.8 pounds)
- 169 teams originally signed up for the Pentagon's million-dollar, wearable power competition.
- **b** The field has been winnowed to just 48 teams
- Even though no limitations of power solution to be used, in the end there were four fuel cell systems among the top five winners

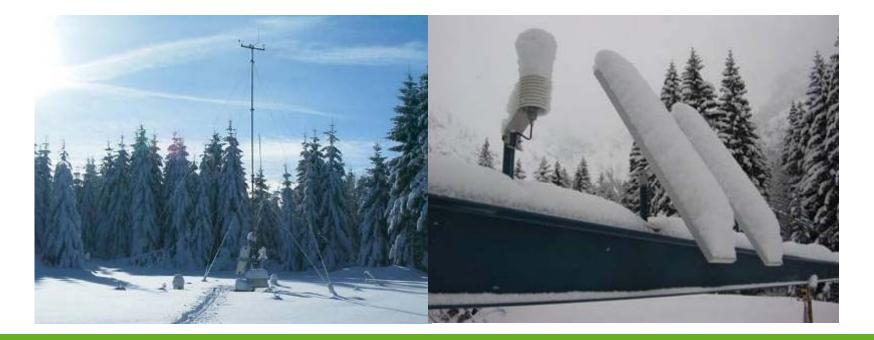






#### One of many examples:

- Sensors and communication equipment at remote locations
- No access to the electricity grid
- Solar panels do not provide sufficient energy





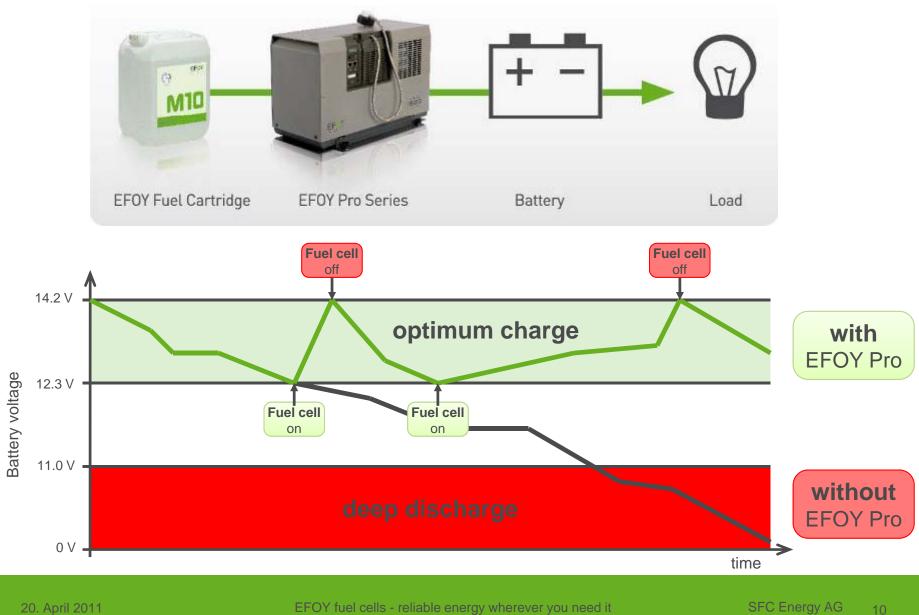




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#### The fuel cell technology



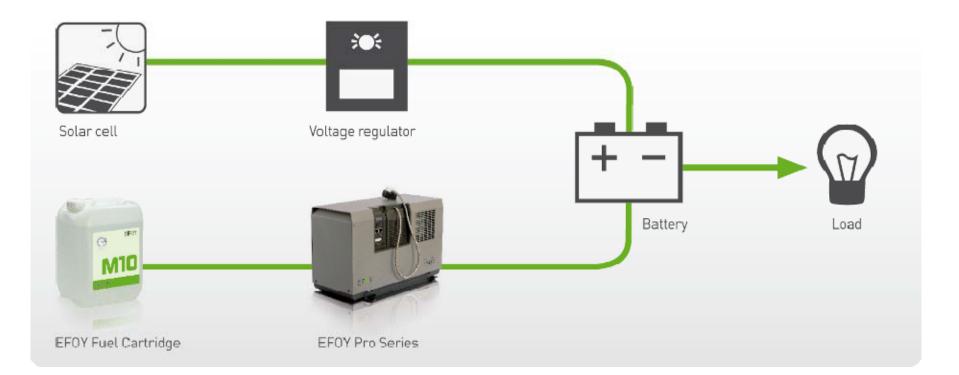


### Advantages of EFOY fuel cells







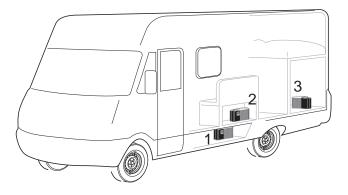


- Easy Integration: Plug & Play solution
- Backup for solar energy systems

## Installation of the EFOY Fuel Cell in Motor Homes



• EFOY Fuel Cell in the side compartments



• EFOY Fuel Cell inside the motor home



Simple installation of the EFOY Fuel Cell

## **Application Scenarios in cold climates**





#### Base Transceiver Station (Austria) with 4 EFOY Pro 1600

## The fuel cell technology

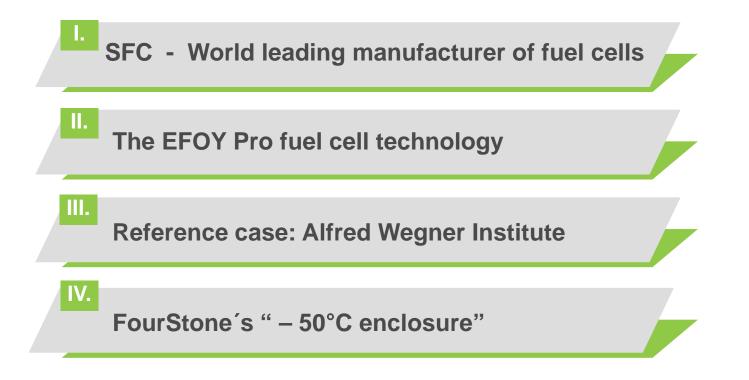


	EFOY Pro 600	EFOY Pro 1600	EFOY Pro 2200						
Max. Energy Output	600 Wh/day	1,560 Wh/day	2,160 Wh/day						
Nominal Power	25 W	65 W	90 W						
Nominal Current @12 V / 24 V	2.1 A / 1.05 A	5.4 A / 2.7 A	7.5 A / 3.75 A						
Operating Temperature	-20 to +45 °C (-2 to +113 °F)								
Methanol Consumption		0.9 l/kWh							
Dimensions (I x w x h)	433 x	188 x 278 mm (17 x 8	x 11 in)						
Weight		ca. 8 kg (18 lbs)							

EFOY

1600





## Case Study: PALAOA observatory, Antarctica





PALAOA, worldwide unique underwater acoustic observatory, celebrates its 5th anniversary – live sounds of seals and whales from Antarctica



#### EFOY fuel cell was part of it at the very first beginning



The acoustic observatory has been continuously recording sounds under the ice near Neumayer Station since 28 December 2005. It provides the world's longest time series of civilian acoustic measurements



Dr. Lars Kindermann Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research Ocean Acoustics Group 27568 Bremerhaven, Germany, Am Alten Hafen 26 Phone: +49 471 4831 1390 The recordings are made year-round and enable comparisons of the acoustic environment between years.

#### In terms of energy, PALAOA is self-sufficient:

Solar Cells and a Wind Generator supply the observatory with renewable energy 90% of the time.

During the months of darkness in the Antarctic winter and at temperatures down to -50°C, the EFOY Pro fuel cell springs into action on windless days to guarantee continuous operation.

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#### Chellanges

- Unattended site that's expected to operate year round
- Remote access and control of the system

#### **Problems:**

- b Frozen exhaust hose
  → fuel cell stops operating
- **b** Frozen fuel cell stack



#### Solutions and improvements making the EFOY fuel cell running at low temperatures

- PLC controlled heat tape at the end of the exhaust hose
- Ethernet interface and W-lan remote control
- Insulated exhaust hose

## **Avoiding Low Temperature Errors**





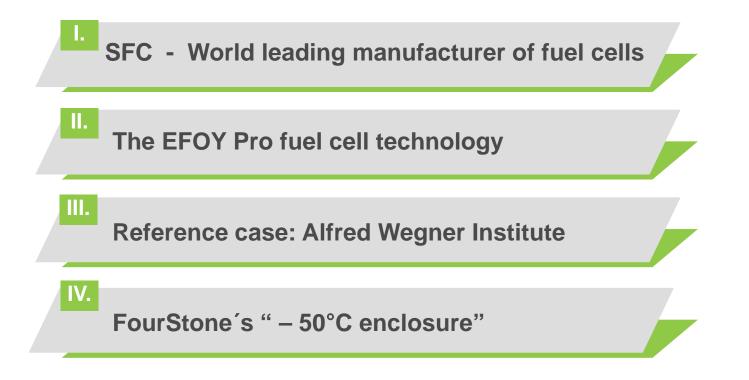
• Short and vertical exhaust tube outlet

Sufficient space between exhaust outlet and ground in order to avoid ice growing up to the exhaust



- Insulation of the exhaust hose and EFOY Pro's enclosure
- More space between EFOY Pro and enclosure (air as insulation)
- Avoiding cold wind blowing direct at the heat exchanger
- O No exhaust made of metal fittings or metal fittings around the silicon tube









Major customers and clients include:

- Suncor Energy
- Shell Oil and Gas
- **O** Alberta Sustainable Resources
- National Research Council of Canada
- Hancock Wildlife Foundation
- Pacific Wild
- Many more

**Challenge:** 

- 0% down time is very critical for
  Oil & Gas clients in regards of costs
- **0% down time** is important for Research Institutes in regards of data availability
- Main requirement by FourStone's customers:

environment friendly off-grid power solution for temperature down to -50°C

### SFC Partner FourStones, Canada





Mobile Video Detection System for Remote Areas

• Power demand: 60-90 watts nominal

OVoltage: 24 VDC

Solar Power: Four (4) 225W
 photovaltaic modules



#### Shell Energy Project,

Albian Sand Mine Near Fort McMurray, Alberta

#### The Challenge:

- Temperatures average -19°C in winter
- O lowest recorded -50.6°C, (-58°F). ♥
- Short Summer, less sun hours/day
- Solar panels do not provide nominally 60-90 W

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average low °C (°F)	-24 (-11)	-19.8 (-3.6)	-13.2 (8.2)	-3.3 (26.1)	3.3 (37.9)	7.9 (46.2)	10.2 (50.4)	8.6 (47.5)	3.3 (37.9)	-2.2 (28)	-12.8 (9)	-21.4 (-6.5)	
Record low °C (°F)	-50 (-58)	-50.6 (- 59.1)	-44.4 (-47.9)	-34.4 (-29.9)	-13.3 (8.1)	-4.4 (24.1)	-3.3 (26.1)	-2.9 (26.8)	-15.6 (3.9)	-24.5 (-12.1)	-37.8 (-36)	-47.2 (-53)	-50.6 (-59.1)
Sunshine hours	81.7	119.4	171.8	222.9	276.5	267.5	285.5	259.5	156.9	120.7	70.2	63.8	2,096.4

#### **Climate data for Fort McMurray**

### SFC Partner FourStones, Canada





- EFOY Pro fuel cell being deployed and set up in temperatures down to -44 °C
- Hybrid systems: Solar + EFOY Pro fuel cell
- Continous 65W + Solar power
- Sold ~ 20 of these Rev 3 systems to date and of the last units (rev 3), none have failed in temps as low as -48 in Ft. Mac Murray, Canada







#### **Rev 3 Enclosure Specifications:**

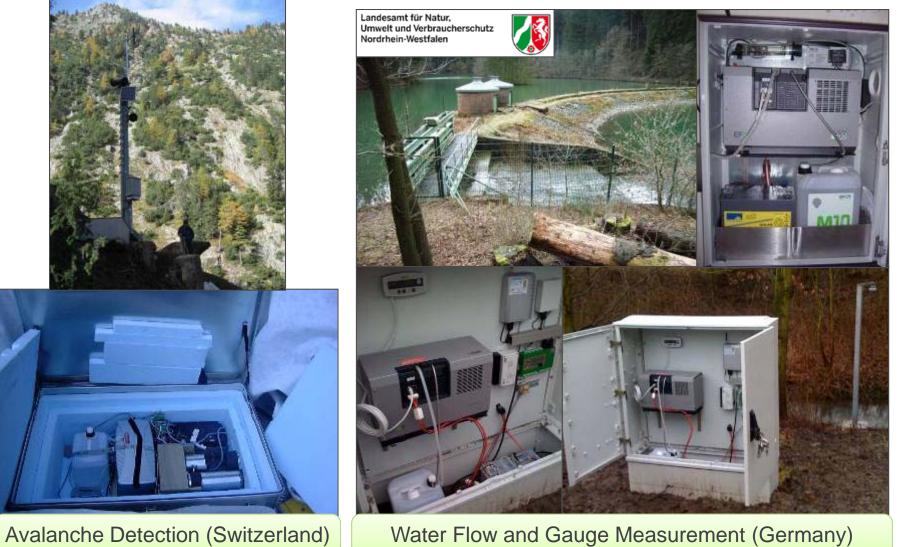
- Air flow, thermal and waste product management (water and CO2)
- Exterior temperature operation range: -50°C to + 40°C
- PLC controlled vents according internal and external temperatures
- C Ethernet interface for remote control

#### **R&D of FourStone's enclosures has been supported by:**

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- NAIT Applied Research and Development
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### **Application Scenarios: Remote Sensors**





Water Flow and Gauge Measurement (Germany)

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#### **Application Scenarios: Telecommunication**





Base Transceiver Station (Austria)



Internet via Radio Link Mast, EFOY Pro in Insulated Outdoor Box (Norway)

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Base Transceiver Station TETRA Radio (Italy)



Repeater Stations EFOY Pro in Insulated Outdoor Box (Norway)



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