



# PRECISION COMBUSTION, INC. COMPANY CAPABILITIES



**Advanced Catalytic  
Reactors and Systems  
for the Energy and  
Environmental Sectors**



**PCI**  
Precision Combustion, Inc.

## MISSION

Precision Combustion, Inc. develops, manufactures, and markets catalytic components and systems for clean and efficient combustion, power generation, emissions control, and chemical manufacturing applications.

## VISION

We aspire to develop and commercialize world leading catalytic combustion, catalytic reaction, and sorbent technologies to enable mankind to improve its way of life while reducing and eliminating atmospheric pollutants.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

Our Core Competencies are in the fields of catalytic reaction and combustion including reactor design, catalyst formulation, coating processes, reactor assembly, and performance testing.

Fuel Reformers and Fuel Processing Catalytic Reactors

Fuel Processor Systems

Power Generation Systems

Burners / Oxidizers

Air and Fuel Cleaners

Internal Combustion & Gas Turbine Engines

Fossil Fuel Production

Specialty Products and Services





## COMPANY OVERVIEW

Highly competent technical and supporting staff focused on innovation and customer deliverables



## PROFILE

Precision Combustion, Inc. is a privately held corporation, founded in 1986 located in North Haven, Connecticut, USA. Our site contains catalyst formulation, coating, and reactor manufacturing facilities as well as multiple advanced test rigs supported by a team of experienced engineers, technicians and machinists. PCI has distinctive skills in advanced catalytic reactor, sorbent module, and system design and in catalyst formulation, coating, and supports. Many of PCI's staff have PhD's, including in the fields of chemical and chemical reactor engineering, mechanical engineering, computational fluid dynamics, chemistry, physics and materials science. PCI has developed a world-leading expertise in the fields of catalytic combustion and reaction and clean power generation.

## FACILITIES

- » 38,000 sq ft of research and manufacturing facility
- » 5,500 sq ft catalyst formulation facility
- » State-of the art in-house instruments and equipment and 13 advanced test rigs
- » In-house machine shop for fabrication
- » Capability for low and high pressure testing
- » Computation facility with latest design and simulation software: ANSYS-FLUENT, ASPEN Engineering Suite, Labview®, SolidWorks, CFDDesign, COSMOS, and ChemCAD.



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High value added catalytic reactor systems for combustion, power generation, environmental and chemical processing applications



### TECHNOLOGIES

Our technological breakthroughs are reflected in PCI's Microlith® catalytic reactor designs, the RCL® catalytic combustor, and in the more than 80 issued U.S. patents we have been awarded. Our business focus is on the commercialization of technologies developed in-house. The two core technologies developed by PCI are:

- » **Microlith® catalytic reactor technology** for fuel reformer, fuel processor and fuel cell systems, portable power generation, chemical processes, adsorption systems for air and fuel cleaning, exhaust aftertreatment, and specialty applications.
- » **RCL® catalytic combustors** for gas turbine NO<sub>x</sub> reduction, heavy oil/methane hydrate production and soil disinfection/remediation.

All of our technologies are customized to perform within the systems of our OEM customers. PCI creates value for our customers by applying our patented and proprietary catalytic technologies to their systems. Working with our customers, our technology and integrated design skills have provided performance benefits and reduced system costs in a compact, lightweight packages for aerospace, defense and energy applications.

### PRODUCT ASSURANCE SYSTEM

PCI has appropriate procedures and processes in place to ensure quality of output to meet project objectives. Individual contributors are responsible for the quality of their output and are monitored for quality of output by their direct supervisors. PCI is committed to performing all work in compliance with applicable Federal, state, and local environment regulations.



Compact, lightweight, and high efficiency catalytic reactor systems offering major performance and cost advantages



## MICROLITH<sup>®</sup> REACTOR SYSTEMS

Precision Combustion Inc. has developed compact, lightweight and high efficiency catalytic reactor systems offering major performance and cost advantages compared to conventional state-of-the-art catalytic reactors. Ultra-short channel length substrate structure combined with advanced catalyst coatings give superior characteristics.

## DESIGN

Microlith<sup>®</sup> reactors are catalytic reactors constructed with PCI's patented Microlith<sup>®</sup> substrate. The substrate is very thin and has short metal channels resembling screens or meshes. Microlith<sup>®</sup> reactors have low pressure drop, enabling design of a high cell density, low thermal mass device which simultaneously leads to a smaller, lighter and higher efficiency catalytic reactor. The substrate design increases mass transfer and heat transfer, allowing more rapid reactor response to gas temperatures as well as improved rates of reactant contact with the surface. The substrate is coated utilizing proprietary methods with a variety of materials including catalysts and adsorbent materials which provide a unique and superior approach to chemical reaction.

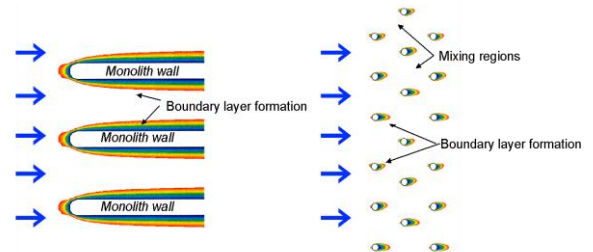
## ADVANTAGES

**Ultra-compact:** Equivalent conversion and pressure drop as a monolith substrate with a 20 fold size reduction.

**Lightweight:** Typically 10 times lighter than competing technologies.

**Fast Transient Response:** Typically 20 times faster than ceramic monoliths.

**High geometric surface area:** Up to 6 times higher than competing technologies leading to higher reaction selectivity and performance advantages.



Superior logistics fuel processors for  
HTPEM, SOFC, and other high  
temperature fuel cell systems

## MICROLITH® FUEL PROCESSORS

PCI has developed logistics fuel processors for SOFC, HTPEM, and other high temperature fuel cell systems. The fuel processors are designed for reforming diesel, JP-5 or JP-8 and are currently sized for 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50 and 250 kilowatt fuel cell systems. The fuel processors include the fuel preparation, ATR reactor, steam generator, sulfur remover and BOP components. The initial applications targeted are tactical gensets, vehicle APUs, Navy Ship APUs, UAS and UGV propulsion, and fuel cell stack testing. PCI is also developing natural gas, biofuel and liquid hydrocarbon fuel processors to support industrial needs.

## APPLICATIONS

- » Fuel Cell System
- » Chemical Industry
- » Research & Development



**Fuel Reformer Test Cart**

We put the fuel  
in fuel cells®

## MICROLITH® FUEL PROCESSOR SYSTEMS



**OXY-ATR System for HYCO Applications**

## KEY FEATURES

- » > 85% Reforming efficiency (LHV basis)
- » Projected catalyst lifetimes of thousands of hours
- » Operation at low S:C ratio for reduced water needs
- » No observed coke formation
- » Sulfur tolerant catalyst
- » Sulfur cleanup from reformat to < 1 ppm
- » Pumps, blowers and controls packaged separately (with low parasitic power)
- » Turn down of 5:1 demonstrated
- » Start-up to steady state < 10 minutes  
Transient response < 2 seconds
- » Cold start demonstrated at -40C
- » High Power Density



**2 KWe Liquid Fuel Reformer**



Ultra-compact and light weight  
logistics fuel reformer enabled  
fuel cell systems

## MICROLITH® REFORMER ENABLED FUEL CELL SYSTEMS

PCI is developing a family of ultra-compact fuel cell systems. These systems utilize Microlith® reformers to run on logistics fuels. PCI's systems are stack agnostic and can be adapted to both SOFC and HTPEM applications. PCI's technology is readily scalable to small and large systems. This enables PCI to design solutions for a variety of industrial and government customers.

PCI is an experienced component fabricator and system integrator, designing, producing and integrating components and subsystems such as:

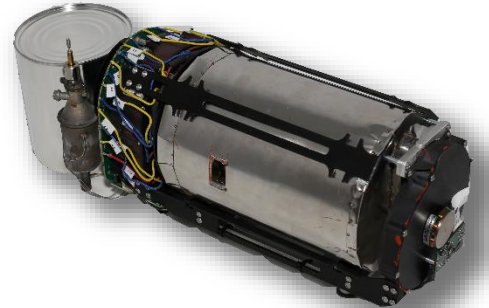
- » Microlith® fuel reformers/fuel processors
- » Sulfur clean-up modules
- » Dedicated control boards with stack, reformer, BOP, and UI integration
- » Specified pumps and blowers (fuel, water, air, etc.)
- » Power conditioning & electronics
- » Sensors
- » Water recovery systems
- » Heat exchangers
- » Steam generation systems
- » Start-up & tail gas burners

PCI's systems utilize an optimized system integration approach with efficient thermal management and robust controls, reducing their size and weight.



**1 kW Fuel Reformer/Fuel Cell System**

## MICROLITH® FUEL CELL SYSTEMS



**500 Watt Fuel Reformer/Fuel Cell System for UAS**

## APPLICATIONS

- » Man-portable, mobile and stationary gensets
- » Auxiliary power units (APUs) for air, sea, and ground vehicles
- » Unmanned aerial system (UAS) power and propulsion systems
- » Unmanned ground & surface vehicles (UGV/USV)
- » Electric vehicle range extension

## KEY FEATURES

- » Water Neutral - Able to use less water (lower steam/carbon ratio)
- » High quality power
- » Low parasitic balance of plant components
- » High thermal integration
- » Ultra-compact and light weight
- » High quality & reliable reformat
- » Integrated controls
- » Stack agnostic



We put the fuel in fuel cells®

## MICROLITH® FUEL REFORMING CATALYTIC REACTORS

PCI has developed several fuel reforming catalytic reactors for integration into fuel processor and fuel cell power systems for portable, mobile and stationary applications. Demonstrated fuels include: natural gas, propane, methanol, gasoline, Jet A, F-T fuels, JP-5, JP-8, JP-10, diesel and biofuels. Catalytic reactor types include: Catalytic Partial Oxidation (CPOX), Autothermal Reforming (ATR), Steam Reforming (SR) and Oxidative Steam Reforming (OSR)

### CPOX: Catalytic Partial Oxidizer

**Energy Efficiency:** > 95%  
**Power Range:** Up to 5MWth  
**H<sub>2</sub> mole % (dry):** 18 -24%  
**Start up:** < 1 minute to lightoff  
 @5 KW<sub>th</sub> with diesel

### ATR: Autothermal Reformer

**Energy Efficiency:** > 80-85%  
**Power Range:** Up to 1 MWth  
**H<sub>2</sub> mole % (dry):** 30 -32%  
**Start up:** < 0.5 minute to lightoff  
 @5 KW<sub>th</sub> with diesel

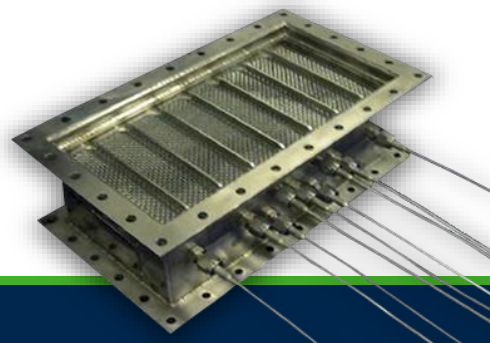
### CSR: Steam Reforming

**Energy Efficiency:** > 80-85%  
**Power Range:** 1-10 KWth  
**H<sub>2</sub> mole % (dry):** 70% (3.0 Kg/day)  
**Start up:** < 10 minute to steady state  
 @1 KW<sub>th</sub> with natural gas



5 MWth Natural Gas CPOX

## MICROLITH® REACTORS



PROX Reactor

## MICROLITH® FUEL PROCESSING CATALYTIC REACTORS

PCI is developing Water Gas Shift and Preferential Oxidation of CO (PROX) catalytic reactors for fuel processor and fuel cell power systems which have demonstrated highly selective conversion of CO in a small package. The Water Gas Shift reactor technology reduces CO concentration in the reformat stream to ~1% in a single stage with low methanation. PCI's PROX technology further reduces the CO concentration to below 10 ppm, typically in two stages while consuming less than 3% of the hydrogen in the reformat.

### REACTOR ATTRIBUTES

- » **High power density** > 25 kW<sub>e</sub>/L
- » **High specific power** > 28 kW<sub>e</sub>/kg
- » **Fast start-up** <30 seconds)
- » **Fast transient response** (3-10 seconds)

### FUEL FLEXIBILITY

- » JP-8
- » JP-5
- » Gasoline
- » Diesel
- » Natural gas
- » Propane
- » Biofuels such as camelina oil
- » E-85
- » Ethanol
- » B-20





## PORTABLE GENSETS

A compact, quiet generator that  
can run on many readily  
available fuels

### FAMILY OF MILITARY, MAN-PORTABLE GENERATORS

Precision Combustion, Inc. has developed portable COTS based systems proven capable of converting logistics fuel into electricity with no loss in performance or accelerated wear compared to the gasoline powered generator it is derived from. No special treatments, additives, or adjustments are needed during start up and operation. The user simply turns the unit on, waits a few moments for a green light, then draws power from the generator.

### APPROACH

PCI's approach starts with commercially available engines and generators and modifies them for use with multiple fuels, including logistics fuels like JP-8.

Unlike some other technologies that atomize fuel (which allows the engine to run marginally but with accelerated wear) the PCI approach addresses the fundamental issue by raising the octane value of the fuel stream so the engine runs reliably and without risk of engine damage. This method enables seamless operation with logistics fuels or other readily available fuels like diesel and gasoline.



**500 Watt Platoon Power Generator**

### SPECIFICATIONS

- » Power: 500 Watt
- » Weight: 15 lbs
- » Noise: <60dB(A)
- » Voltage: 28 VDC
- » Current: 18 Amp
- » Start: Electric / Remote
- » Dimensions: 10" x 10" x 9"

### KEY FEATURES

- » Lightweight (3X Specific Power vs 3kW TQG)
- » Quiet
- » Logistics Fueled
- » Easy to Operate
- » Efficient – Reduces Carry Weight
- » Long Life
- » Provides Power at the Tactical Edge
- » Delivers Power for Field Batter Charging
- » Right Sized for Warfighter Power Needs
- » Reduces Number of Batteries Needed on Mission
- » Reduces Logistic Burden and Improved Reliability

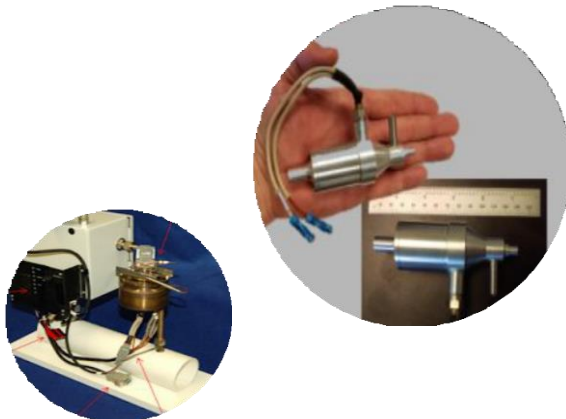
A compact and robust gasoline reformer, achieving high H<sub>2</sub> generation efficiency for improved fuel efficiency and reduced emissions

## OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES

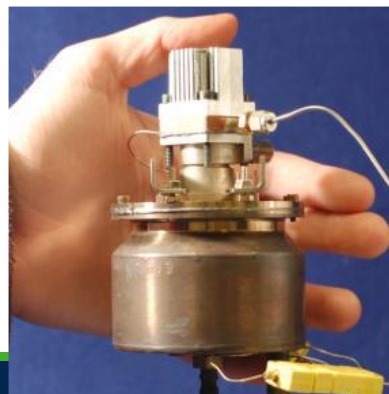
In 2015, approximately 140 billion gallons of gasoline was consumed in the U.S. alone, and more than 98% of it was used for transportation. A 5 – 10 % net improvement in fuel economy (observed in testing) would imply savings of:

- » 7 – 14 billion gallons of gasoline per year in the US
- » 0.8 – 1.7 Quads of energy per year in the US
- » Savings of \$18 – 36 billion for the consumer per year

PCI's automotive fuel reformer could be used in new vehicles or retrofitted to existing vehicles. The technology offers a significant potential impact in addressing U.S. energy efficiency, and leadership in clean energy solutions



## ULTRA-COMPACT HYDROGEN-GENERATOR



Ultra-Compact Hydrogen-Generator

## TECHNICAL SUMMARY

PCI has developed a means for reforming fuels to primarily H<sub>2</sub> and CO directly via an ultra-compact catalytic reactor. Coking is avoided despite avoiding the need for water or steam. This is made possible by the short contact time, high surface area Microlith® substrate, with a proprietary catalyst coating developed by PCI. The stable and durable coating utilizes PCI's sulfur-tolerant catalysts.

The predominant barriers with waterless reforming are coking, low efficiency, large reactor size, high operating temperature, high parasitic losses, slow transient response and slow startup. PCI has resolved the barrier issues and demonstrated a low-cost, compact, and efficient device with robust controls for readily reforming gasoline and diesel. It is significantly superior to alternative reforming approaches (e.g. plasma reforming).



**PCI**  
Precision Combustion, Inc.

Custom engineered to the specifications  
required by our customers

## MICROLITH® CATALYTIC BURNERS

Built upon its catalytic substrate technology, PCI has several very small to medium sized catalytic burner products in development for a variety of fuels including diesel, JP-8, natural gas, biofuels, propane, methanol, ethanol, fuel cell anode exhaust, and hydrogen.

Demonstrated emissions of < 2 ppm CO, < 2 ppm CH<sub>4</sub>, and < 0.3 ppm NO<sub>x</sub> with natural gas.

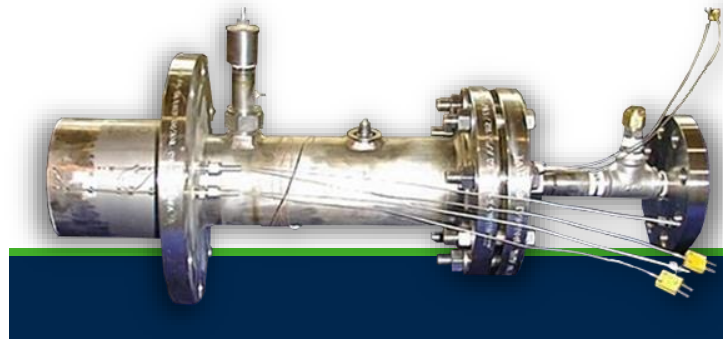
## POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

- » Stirling engines
- » Low NO<sub>x</sub> cook-top burners
- » Thermoelectric generators
- » Industrial process burners
- » Portable heaters
- » Thermophotovoltaic (TPV) generators
- » Liquid fueled microturbines



**Stirling Engine Burner**

## MICROLITH® CATALYTIC BURNER PRODUCTS



**Anode Gas Oxidizer**

## MICROLITH® FUEL CELL SYSTEM OXIDIZERS AND BURNERS

PCI has developed, manufactured and delivered oxidizers for PEM and SOFC fuel cell systems and fuel reformers including:

- » Anode gas oxidizers
- » Methanol/gasoline fuel reformer start burners
- » Fuel cell test stand purge burners
- » Fuel cell system inerting burners
- » Hydrogen recombiners

All oxidizers and burners are custom engineered to the specifications or "Fit, Form, and Function" required by our fuel cell system and fuel reformer customers. Size ranges: 100W<sub>th</sub> – 300kW<sub>th</sub>

- ~ 10 times more **lightweight**
- ~ 20 times more **compact**
- ~ 30 times **faster transient response**  
*than competing technologies*

Air cleaning applications include air treatment systems for spacecraft, submarines and other collective protection shelters

## MICROLITH® AIR CLEANERS

PCI is developing air cleaning applications focused on control of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) and other air pollutants. Applications include air treatment systems for spacecraft, submarines and collective protection shelters.

## ADVANTAGES

- » Direct electrical heating of the conductive substrate utilizing low power
- » Reduced weight and smaller size
- » High energy and conversion efficiency
- » Reduced maintenance and power requirements
- » Improved durability for long term reliable operation



**Trace Contaminant Absorber**

## MICROLITH® AIR CLEANER PRODUCTS



**Microlith Catalytic Oxidizer**

## APPLICATIONS

### Microlith® Trace Contaminant Oxidizer

Advanced Microlith® based catalytic oxidizers for trace air contaminants control (TCCS) aboard the International Space Station have been provided to NASA for qualification testing, offering substantial weight savings in a compact space. Other benefits include the ability to target individual species for clean-up and ready integration with existing systems. The technology can also be paired with PCI's Microlith® Trace Contaminant Adsorber.

These units have been tested for 16,000 hours of life and subjected to launch loads and vibration.

### Microlith® Trace Contaminant Adsorber

PCI has developed specialized adsorbent technologies utilizing the regenerative capabilities of electrically-heated Microlith® substrate. These technologies are focused on adsorbing carbon dioxide, ammonia, ethanol and other Spacecraft Maximum Allowable Concentration (SMAC) compounds from cabin air replacing the activated charcoal and Li-OH beds used in current trace contaminant clean-up systems.



## SABATIER METHANATION REACTOR

A much smaller, lighter, and more durable system offering greater energy and resource efficiency as well as longer life compared to alternatives

### APPLICATIONS

PCI's Microlith<sup>®</sup> Sabatier reaction technology offers an ultra-compact, high efficiency catalytic reactor as a means of producing water vapor and methane from spacecraft cabin CO<sub>2</sub> reacted with hydrogen over a catalyst. The water can then be electrolyzed to release oxygen and hydrogen. Produced methane has the potential to be used as fuel and other in-situ resource utilization (ISRU) applications. CO<sub>2</sub> is obtained from astronaut respiration, and on Mars can also be obtained from the Martian atmosphere. The result is a tool for improved manned mission resource independence and reduced lift/resupply costs.

The development of PCI's Microlith<sup>®</sup> Sabatier reactor has the potential for application in future NASA missions by generating oxygen and water from spacecraft and in-situ resources. Size, weight, resource and energy efficiency, and performance durability are all key design attributes. PCI's Sabatier reactor features an ultra-compact, lightweight design while maintaining high selectivity to water and methane products.

Targeted NASA applications include ISRU architecture for future lunar base and Mars missions, both for generating life support consumables and for producing methane for fuel. In addition, non-NASA spin-off applications may be explored such as production of renewable methane, methanation for ammonia production and potentially for cleaner coal-based power production.



Sabatier Methanation Reactor

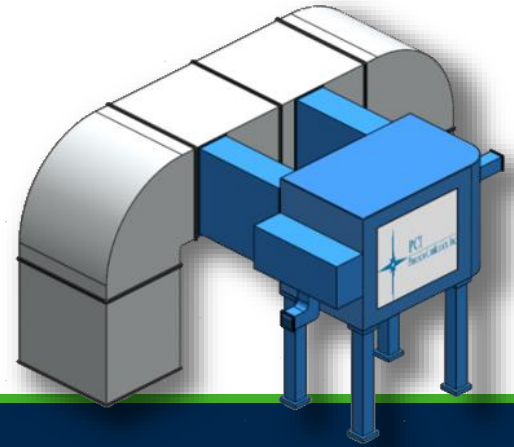
### ATTRIBUTES

- » **COMPACT:** Patented Microlith<sup>®</sup> technology enables compact and lightweight reactor.
- » **DURABLE:** Demonstrated for 1,000 hours and multiple thermal cycles with no detectable performance degradation.
- » **VERSATILE:** Can operate H<sub>2</sub>-rich, stoichiometric, and CO<sub>2</sub>-rich conditions, and meet equilibrium-predicted water recovery rate.
- » **HIGH THROUGHPUT:** Short contact time and improved heat transfer results in greater Methane yield and generation rate.
- » **RAPID RESPONSE:** Low pressure drop and thermal mass enable faster transient response and shorter start-up times.



Focus on control of carbon dioxide and other air pollutants in indoor settings.

## REGENERABLE MICROLITH<sup>®</sup> BUILDING AIR FILTER



### ADVANTAGES

- » **Removes CO<sub>2</sub> and VOCs from indoor air:**  
A combination of filtration media capable of effectively removing CO<sub>2</sub> and VOCs from indoor air.
- » **Regenerable system:**  
Efficient in-situ, rapid, low power thermal regeneration through direct resistive heating of the filter media.
- » **Longer lifetime:**  
The filter media has been proven for extended life and thermal cycle durability.
- » **Lower maintenance cost:**  
Both CO<sub>2</sub> and VOCs filter media are regenerable, reducing filter replacement frequency over the life of the system.
- » **Lower power requirements:**  
Lower pressure drop (more open area vs. pellets) and more efficient filter regeneration process.

### DESIGN

Precision Combustion, Inc.'s Regenerable Microlith Air Filter (RMAF) module is designed to dramatically reduce a building's energy cost by reducing its make-up air requirement without compromising indoor air quality (IAQ). The module will effectively remove contaminants such as CO<sub>2</sub> and VOCs from the indoor air and reuse it; minimizing the required outside air and its associated conditioning costs (heating/cooling prior to introduction in the building). The deployment of the module will maximize overall energy efficiency and will significantly reduce the operation cost of the building. The module is designed for easy integration into a building's existing HVAC system.

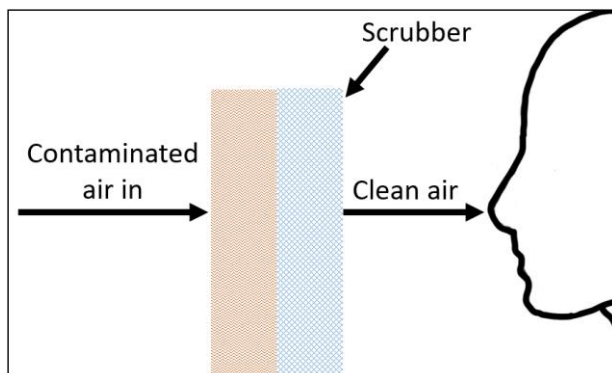
## Focus on control of viruses and other disease-causing particles and copper ion fuel contaminants

### Re-VID: Virus Impairment Device

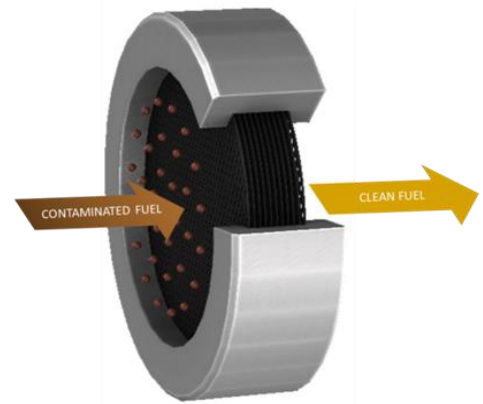
In the wake of the pandemic, PCI is developing a novel high surface area nanofiber catalytic scrubber and destructive filter. Such a filter could be worn as a mask and would be able to effectively capture and destroy viruses, bacteria, and fungi. The Virus Impairment Device would also be fully reusable.

### FEATURES

- » Provide outward and inward protective effectiveness
- » Seal, such as to avoid bypass of particles
- » Available in N-95/N-99/P-100 NIOSH ratings
- » Compliant to wear in humidity
- » Fits many different facial profile and sizes
- » Destroys Pathogens
- » Be able to talk without distortion
- » Filters will be able to be regenerated
- » Comfortable: avoids glasses fog and other annoyances



## AIR FILTERS & FUEL FILTERS



### MICROLITH® FUEL FILTER

Jet fuel onboard carriers can be copper contaminated from copper-nickel alloys in piping and fittings. PCI's Microlith® Fuel Filter is designed with a modified sorbent chemically tuned to selectively attract and strongly retain dissolved copper ions without affecting fuel additives or the fuel itself. The platform technology enables flexible design, readily integrates with the current shipboard fueling system, and meets system performance requirements.

### ADVANTAGES

- » Integration of the PCI fuel filter will allow carriers to deliver high quality fuel to jet aircraft
- » Enables fuel to meet ASTM D5006 specification for Fuel System Icing Inhibitors
- » Enables fuel to pass ASTM D3241 Thermal Oxidation Stability specification
- » Enables Fuel to meet ASTM D130 Corrosion-Copper Strip specification
- » Metals in Organic Matrix ICP-MS specification ITM 1051 metal ions measured at 6 ppb

# CARBON CAPTURE SYSTEM FOR POST COMBUSTION AND DIRECT AIR APPLICATIONS

Enabling gas separations from post combustion capture, gasification, and other industrial sources.

## TECHNICAL SUMMARY

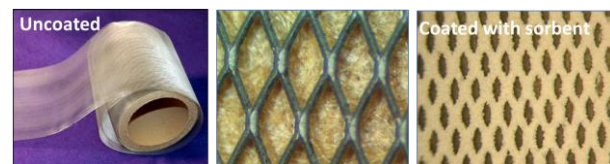
PCI's innovation is a compact, modular Post Combustion Carbon Capture System (PCCCS) utilizing high internal volume Nano sorbents, including metal organic frameworks (MOFs), for carbon capture, supported on a tailorable mesh substrate.

Our system enables low pressure drop, high volumetric utilization and high mass transfer, and is suitable for the rapid heat transfer and low temperature regeneration operating modes needed for cost-effective carbon capture. In addition, our approach to regenerable CO<sub>2</sub> capture eliminates close to 75% of the energy cost required for operation of methyl ethanolamine (MEA) based systems. The technology is now being extended from post combustion to Direct Air Capture (DAC) Applications.

The primary public benefit will come from a significant improvement in the cost-efficiency of capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from exhaust streams, thereby reducing the costs of CO<sub>2</sub> capture and also encouraging its more rapid adoption due to its lower cost.



**Microlith Adsorber**



**Microlith Substrate coated with Sorbent**

## SYSTEM BENEFITS

Implementation of PCI's strategy will offer:

- » High-contact area and high mass transfer rate configuration for rapid adsorption-desorption cycles at low pressure drop.
- » High space velocity and lower volume than a pellet bed or monolith system.
- » Full capacity utilization of advanced nanomaterials with unsurpassed properties for CO<sub>2</sub> capture.
- » Lower energy penalty cost to the power plant through reduced operation energy requirement.
- » Simplify operations by eliminating the need for steam and/or fresh solvent injection.
- » Suitability for continuous upgrading as new sorbent materials are developed.
- » Flexibility in application to any CO<sub>2</sub> -emitting industrial system.

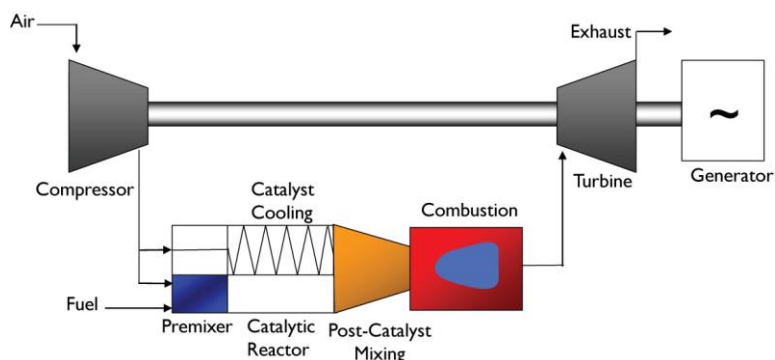


PCI's Rich Catalytic Lean burn (RCL®) technology has been demonstrated with natural gas, low BTU gas, syngas, hydrogen, and prevaporized diesel fuels



## RCL® COMBUSTION

Rich Catalytic Lean (RCL) burn catalytic combustion is PCI's patented solution for a low NO<sub>x</sub> combustor approach for gas turbines. The system uses a rich catalytic reactor with air cooling and subsequent mixing of the reactor output with the cooling air to form a lean mixture for combustion. In the process, the combustion air stream is split into two parts upstream of the catalyst. One part is mixed with all of the fuel forming a rich fuel/air mixture and contacted with the catalyst, while the second part is used to cool the catalyst. The catalyst is cooled only by primary combustion air, so that no heat is extracted from the system. The rich fuel/air stream undergoes partial fuel oxidation followed by mixing of the partially reacted fuel with the cooling stream to produce a reactive, fuel-lean mixture. This lean mixture can then be burned stably in a downstream combustion zone, with the result being lower NO<sub>x</sub> and CO emissions and greater combustion stability than with DLN/DLE technologies.



**Catalytic Combustor**

## ADVANTAGES

- » The rich reactor chemistry enables operation at low temperatures.
- » Lower operating temperature and rich kinetics are supportive of long catalytic surface life targeted to reach 25,000 hours.
- » The Broad fuel flexibility with highly reactive fuels such as hydrogen, syngas, refinery gas, blast furnace gas, and other industrial gases.
- » Simple, compact, no moving part design can fit into existing package.
- » Longer material durability.
- » Near-zero NO<sub>x</sub> while minimizing combustion dynamics and CO output.
- » Long Life catalytic combustor reducing capital, operating cost and efficiency penalties of post combustion controls.
- » Potential reduced O & M costs now associated with lean premix combustion dynamics.

Targeted for natural gas fueled turbines, IGCC syngas, heavy oil production, and methane recovery from hydrate formations

## GAS TURBINE CATALYTIC APPLICATIONS

Precision Combustion's gas turbine catalytic combustors are targeted for natural gas-fueled prime mover and power generation turbines from microturbine size up through 180+ MW "F"-class. PCI is also developing a version to combust hydrogen containing fuel such as IGCC syngas made from coal. In a spinoff application, PCI is developing a catalytic combustor for downhole use in heavy oil production and methane recovery from hydrate formations.

## PRODUCT EMBODIMENTS

The gas turbine products are being developed in two embodiments, catalytic pilot and catalytic combustor. In the catalytic pilot, a diffusion flame pilot is removed from a DLN/DLE combustor and replaced with a catalytic pilot. Thus, the fuel that passes through the pilot is catalytically reacted reducing  $\text{NO}_x$ . The catalytic combustor is a full replacement for an existing DLN/ DLE combustor. All of the fuel is reacted in the combustor with the resulting fuel air mixture being combusted downstream in a lean pre-mixed fashion.



## GAS TURBINE PRODUCTS



### RCL<sup>®</sup> CATALYTIC PILOT

The Rich Catalytic Lean burn (RCL<sup>®</sup>) Catalytic Pilot allows state of the art Dry Low  $\text{NO}_x$  (DLN) gas turbine engines to achieve reduced  $\text{NO}_x$  with high combustion stability and wide turndown.

- » **Compact:** Replaces the diffusion pilot in a combustor within the same working envelope
- » **Low emissions:**  $\text{NO}_x < 5\text{ppm}$
- » **Low acoustics** ( $< 0.4\text{ psi}$ )

### RCL<sup>®</sup> CATALYTIC COMBUSTOR

PCI's Rich Catalytic Lean burn (RCL<sup>®</sup>) Catalytic Combustor offers many desirable features without an efficiency penalty across a wide turndown range such as:

- » **Compact:** Fits within the envelope of current combustors
- » **Low emissions:**  $< 3\text{ ppm NO}_x$
- » **Lower Cost** than SCR systems or other methods of post-turbine  $\text{NO}_x$  reduction
- » **High combustion stability** over a wide operating range

## A catalytic combustor technology offering potential for downhole steam generation for oil and gas production

### DOWNHOLE STEAM GENERATOR

Precision Combustion, Inc. (PCI) has developed a catalytic combustor technology breakthrough with a downhole steam generator for oil and gas production, a tool that has been long-sought by the oil and gas production industry and that could help drive a worldwide boom in heavy oil production. PCI's catalytic combustion technology, already developed and demonstrated for use in burning natural gas for gas turbine engines, offers to resolve key challenges that have faced prior downhole steam generators. A system built around this catalytic combustor offers the potential for key advantages compared to thermal stimulation using surface steam injection into the wellbore. These advantages include:

- » Higher production and recovery from the reservoir
- » 20-40% cost, energy, and water savings compared to surface steam injection
- » Major air emissions savings (including of CO<sub>2</sub>), which are directed downhole
- » Unique capability for production for permafrost, deepwell, or underwater reservoirs.
- » Technology has been tested in the field



## FOSSIL FUEL PRODUCTION



### HEAVY OIL PRODUCTION

A primary application for the downhole combustor technology is to improve mobility of heavy oil to aid in production. Despite plentiful reserves, heavy oil is only a small fraction of overall production. Because heavy oil requires massive amounts of heat to make it mobile/less viscous and able to be produced. Most U.S. heavy oil is currently produced by thermal stimulation using surface steam injection through the wellbore. PCI's approach offers an improvement over surface steam injection by increasing reservoir recovery while reducing energy and water required and reducing air emissions.

### METHANE HYDRATE PRODUCTION

PCI is developing its downhole catalytic combustor for generating downhole heat for efficient production of methane from its hydrate, with potential for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration. PCI developed this application under a DOE contract. Energy savings benefits are:

- » Only ~ 12-15% of produced methane is consumed in the process, offering substantial energy savings.
- » This approach provides the potential for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration and avoids heating of the permafrost for additional energy savings.

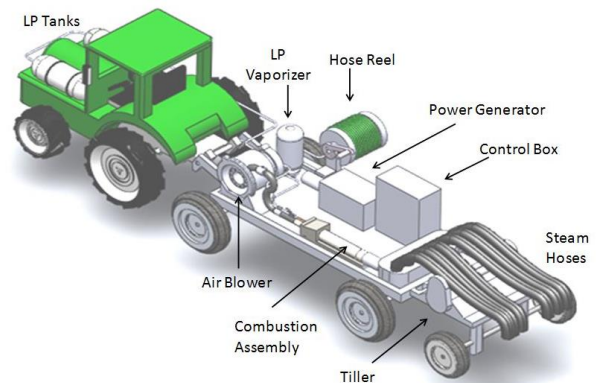
Reducing or eliminating the addition of chemical fumigants to the soil; limiting costs of mercury removal as well as removal of non-aqueous liquids and other contaminants.

## REMEDICATION

Mercury is found as a contaminant at 290 Superfund National Priority sites. Thermal treatment of this mercury and its compounds, whether above ground on removed contaminated materials or in-ground, is highly effective in removing more than 90% of mercury in place but is dependent on site-specific factors. Temperatures greater than 300°C are usually required to meet land disposal standards. Treating mercury in ground avoids the added hazards of transporting contaminant soil to a treatment facility and reduces exposure risks.

PCI is developing a direct-fire catalytically stabilized steam generation technology that offers significant energy savings compared to steam boilers. Unlike traditional boilers, PCI's technology will operate at the high temperatures between 300°C and 1000°C needed to be effective for in-situ mercury removal. Designed to be efficient for a wide range of soil porosities, water content, and locations at or below the water table, PCI's process holds potential for clean combustion with low emissions, provide extremely high rates of heat and mass injection in relatively short times and produce super-heated steam with water contents over 60%. The technology is being developed to enable close to 99% mercury removal from contaminated soils in both shallow to deep well bores.

## SOIL REMEDIATION & DISINFESTATION



## DISINFESTATION

PCI has developed a new design for a compact, high-heat-rate catalytic combustor steam generator that can be integrated into a mobile soil sterilization system. In the USDA project, PCI coordinated with a team including university, specialty agricultural equipment, grower and soil treatment experts to develop the technology.

Soil disinfection removes soil pathogens, pests and weeds that limit crop health and production. Chemical fumigants such as methyl bromide and chloropicrin are currently used for this purpose in open fields, especially for high value annual plants such as strawberries and other berries, as well as for other uses including commercial flowers and golf courses.



Microlith® technology offers multiple benefits including fast catalyst lightoff and twenty-fold volume reduction

## LIGHTWEIGHT CATALYTIC CONVERTER

PCI has developed a lightweight, high-efficiency catalytic converter based upon a novel reactor engineering design. The advantages of the pre-converter are derived from an atypical substrate structure and the use of a novel catalyst coating in the process. This passive pre-converter, in conjunction with a conventional main converter, offers a simple yet elegant solution to reduce cold start emissions.

Conventional monolithic converters suffer from boundary layer growth inside channels with lower geometric surface area. Due to the Microlith® substrate's length of around 0.1 mm and doubled geometric surface area, PCI's converters see a ten-fold increase in catalyst-pollutant interaction, a similar increase in convective heat transfer, and large improvements in lightoff times.



## MICROLITH® CATALYTIC CONVERTER PRODUCTS



## APPLICATIONS

There have been several versions of the Microlith® catalytic converter developed and demonstrated including for:

- » Automotive ULEV & SULEV
- » Natural gas fueled truck engines
- » Natural gas fueled reciprocating engines for prime movers
- » Marine two-stroke engines
- » Small two-stroke engines

## BENEFITS

Microlith® technology offers multiple benefits for automotive and other internal combustion engine aftertreatment applications including:

- » Fast catalyst lightoff
- » 20-fold reduction in volume and weight, as compared to long channel monoliths
- » Equivalent pressure drop per unit of conversion as compared to long channel monoliths

Improved still gas reforming and compact, quick-response cetane measurement tool for improved production performance.

## FUEL REFORMER

This product is an ultra-compact, cost-effective and highly-efficient reformer system for on-site production of hydrogen-rich synthetic gas (syngas) from still gas/refinery gas, that can be further purified to extract high purity hydrogen via pressure swing adsorption based separation for refinery applications.

Producing hydrogen on-site from existing still gases reduces refinery need to purchase hydrogen resulting in reduced cost to the consumer as well as reduces unwanted refinery emissions.

PCI's reformer will be integrated into existing refinery plants, in particular for meeting desirable H<sub>2</sub> to CO ratios for process selectivity improvement while simultaneously addressing DOE's objectives of cost and energy efficiency. The reformer technology will be based upon PCI's proprietary high mass and heat transfer catalytic elements which has been demonstrated to be durable and superior (i.e., higher sulfur tolerant, lighter, and smaller size) to existing technologies such as pellets, monoliths, foams, and microchannels.



**Fuel Reformer for Hydrogen Production**

## REFINERY ADVANCEMENTS



**Advanced Cetane Number Analyzer**

## CETANE SENSOR

PCI is developing an advanced fuel quality analyzer for quickly and accurately measuring the cetane number (CN) of diesel, jet fuels, and bio-diesels. It performs a direct analysis of the fuel to provide an accurate measurement of the cetane number – as compared to inferring the CN with a cetane index methodology. This device replaces alternative measurement technologies that are expensive, time consuming and that require skilled operators. The Analyzer has a robust calibration system consistent with ASTM Standards D-613 and D-6890 process test results and is accurate on fuels containing cetane additives and cetane enhancers. The system's measurements are based on fuel combustion properties and proprietary algorithms that ensure such a high level of accuracy.

With so many advantages over conventional systems, PCI's device has wide applications in the manufacture of fuels to improve process and cost efficiencies, as well as with end-users to improve operations and maintain fuel integrity.

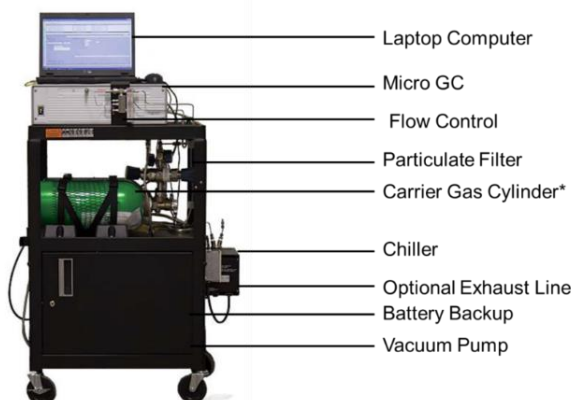


A complete portable micro GC system for use in measuring and analysing gas reformat streams

## SYSTEM FUNCTIONALITY

PCI has created a comprehensive and easily portable analyser. Ready to operate upon delivery, the Reformat Analysis System can perform analysis of 10 permanent gases in just 90 seconds. Because of the model's portability, and thanks to a battery backup system that maintains test settings during transfer, the system can rapidly be moved between sampling sites for maximum ease of use. The self-contained setup also eliminates the need for additional carrier gas cylinders, simplifying the experience for the user. Sampling can be performed at atmospheric pressure or slightly sub-atmospheric pressure.

All of PCI's equipment used for the reformat analysis system consists of customer approved gas chromatograph and additional components under warranty from OEM's. Installation support, onsite set-up, technical support and training are also available.



## REFORMATE ANALYSIS SYSTEM



Reformat Analysis System

## ANALYSIS CAPABILITIES

- » H<sub>2</sub> Molecular Hydrogen
- » N<sub>2</sub> Molecular Nitrogen
- » CO Carbon Monoxide
- » O<sub>2</sub> Molecular Oxygen
- » CH<sub>4</sub> Methane
- » CO<sub>2</sub> Carbon Dioxide
- » C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> Ethylene
- » C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> Ethane
- » C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> Propane
- » C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> Propylene

## SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- » Micro GC
- » Vacuum Pump
- » Sample Dryer
- » Flow Control
- » Particulate Filter
- » Mounting and Regulators for Carrier Gas Cylinders



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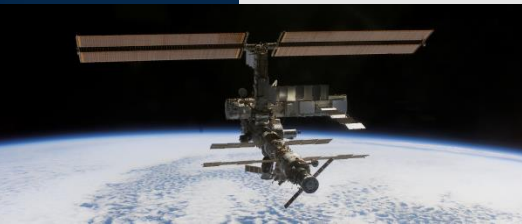
## MARKETS & CUSTOMERS

### MARKETS



#### TRANSPORTATION

Marine power  
Aircraft APUs  
Commercial truck APUs  
Recreational vehicle APUs  
Range extension  
Emissions aftertreatment



#### AEROSPACE

Air cleanup  
Power and Propulsion Systems  
Aircraft APUs  
Fuel Reformation and Processors

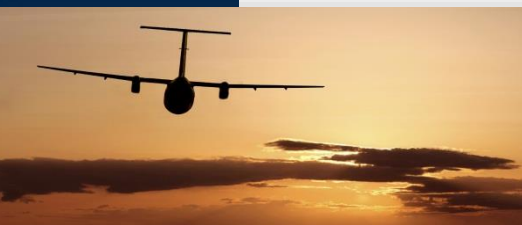
#### POWER GENERATION

Fuel cell systems  
IC engine generators  
Stirling engines  
Gas turbines  
Thermoelectric generators



#### AGRICULTURE

Soil disinfestation  
Livestock habitat ammonia reduction



#### DEFENSE

Portable power  
Tactical gensets  
Vehicle APUs  
UAS, UUV, & UGV power and propulsion  
Cook stoves  
IR sources  
Copper Contaminant Removal  
Personnel air filtration

#### FOSSIL FUEL PRODUCTION/PROCESSING

Downhole heat and steam generation  
Heavy oil production  
Methane hydrate production  
Cetane Sensor

#### OTHER

HYCO and hydrogen generation  
Contaminant clean-up  
Soil remediation  
Power-to-Gas methanation  
Material characterization  
Alkane to Olefin Catalysis  
Indoor Air Quality Control

### CUSTOMERS



#### PRIVATE SECTOR

We work with numerous private customers, most under confidentiality.

#### FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES

- » Department of Defense (DoD) (Army, Navy, Air Force, DARPA, Missile Defense Agency)
- » Department of Energy (DOE), ARPA-E
- » Environment Protection Agency (EPA)
- » Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- » National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- » National Science Foundation (NSF)
- » United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- » California Energy Commission

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