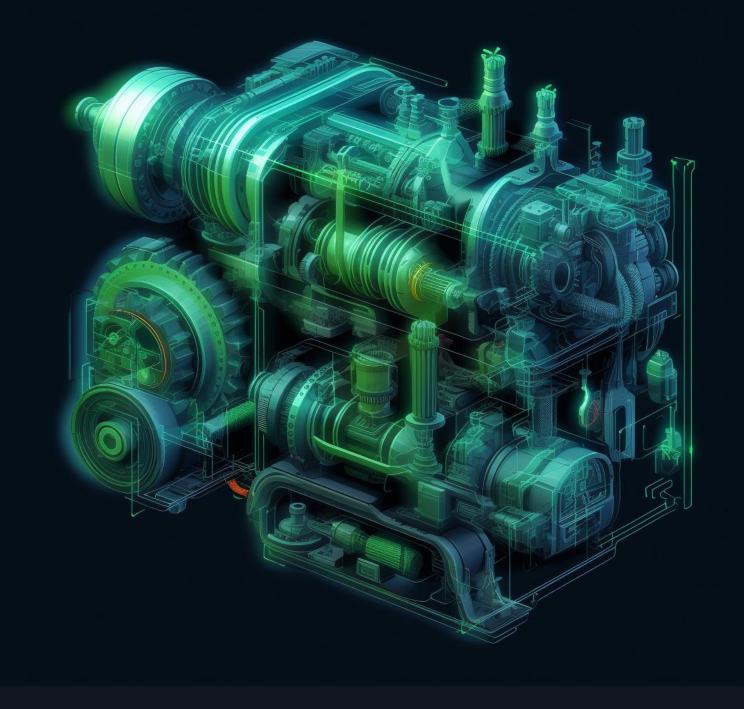


# Carbon-free ammonia combustion technologies

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## Challenge: Not Everything can be Electrified



	Renewable Electricity	Green Hydrogen	Electro-Fuels	Another Fuel???
Energy Storage	Days	Weeks	Indefinite	Indefinite
Energy conversion loss to electrons	~None	15-30%	<60%	25-45%
Energy Density	250 Wh / kg	1,000 Wh/L	10,000 Wh/L	4,000 Wh/L
Current Infrastructure In Place	Marginal	No	Marginal	Yes
Current Global Production	Marginal	No	No	Yes
Need a solution with high storage density, infrastructure				

AZA POWER SYSTEMS

in-place, and current global production

## Solution: Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) as a Fuel









- Known and widely used commodity: +180 million tons produced annually
- Global infrastructure already in-place (unlike hydrogen or methanol)
- Can be low or zero Carbon-Intensity (CI)
- Energy dense, stores indefinitely, and low cost storage and transport
- Complimentary to hydrogen: is made from H<sub>2</sub> and cracked back into H<sub>2</sub>
- ❖ Leverages +100 year supply chain for internal combustion engines and durability

### **Business Model**



#### 1. Conversion Technologies

- Core tech #1: repower engines & backup generators (existing or new)
- **❖** Tech #2: industrial heat components (burners)
- Utilize known manufacturing capabilities, supply chains, and technician skill sets
- ❖ Use of contract engineering and fabrication network
- ❖ Example success stories: Amogy and ClearFlame

#### 2. OEM Partnerships

- ❖ JVs and partnerships with established OEMs
- Licensing opportunities
- Capital light business model
- Highly scalable opportunity
- Utilizes 100+ years of industry expertise and global production facilities









Engines, backup generators, and industrial heat equipment can all be converted to 100% ammonia

\*Note, Aza does not manufacture engines or gensets

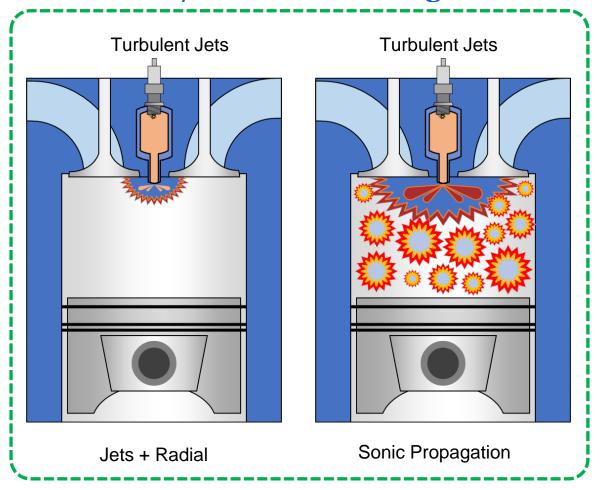
## NH3 is difficult at smaller scales!



#### **Conventional ICE Ignition**

## Compression Ignition Spark Ignition (Gasoline) (Diesel) Jet Surface Propagation **Radial Propagation**

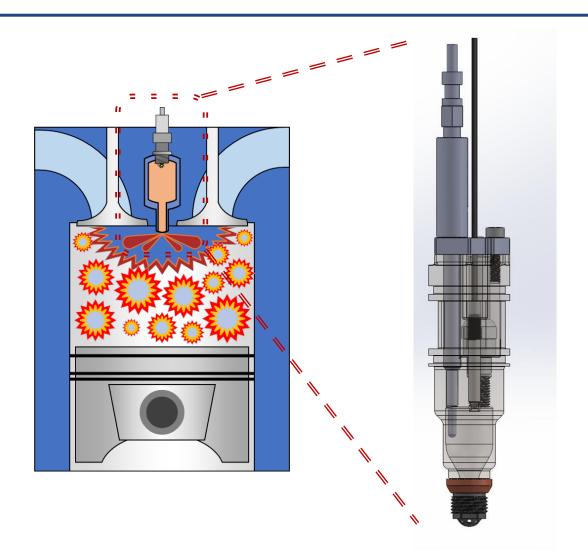
**Aza's P/C Turbulent Jet Ignition** 



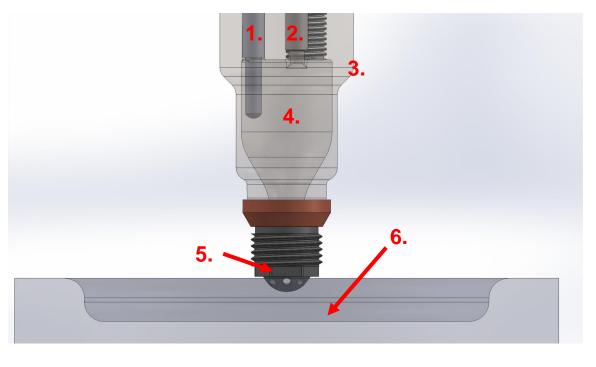
These work, but poorly, with Ammonia

## Core Technology: Prechamber Combustion





- 1. Glow Plug
- 2. Pressure Meas.
- 3. Spark Plug
- 4. P/C
- 5. Jets/Nozzles
- 6. Piston



Aza can convert virtually <u>any internal combustion engine</u> or genset to run on 100% ammonia

## Ammonia Pre-chamber for Repower



- Pre-chamber is isolated from main chamber
  - Isolated system can be optimized\* for NH3
- Generates Turbulence
  - Faster Burn
  - Eliminates NO<sub>x</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>O
- Can be retrofit into SI and DI engines
- Proven technology adapted to novel fuel

https://doi.org/10.3390/en15134758

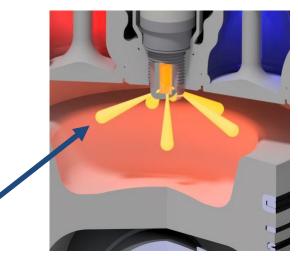
Further Reading on Pre-chambers:

Review of Pre-chamber Technology <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.applthermaleng.2017.08.118">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.applthermaleng.2017.08.118</a>

Ammonia-fueled Pre-Chamber https://doi.org/10.3390/pr10102102



Exemplary Mahle Hydrocarbon Pre-chamber



Turbulent

Flame Jets

PC housing clamp
PC system positioning pin

<sup>\*</sup>Aza proprietary designs and IP centered on optimizing performance for NH<sub>3</sub> combustion

## Our Repower Process



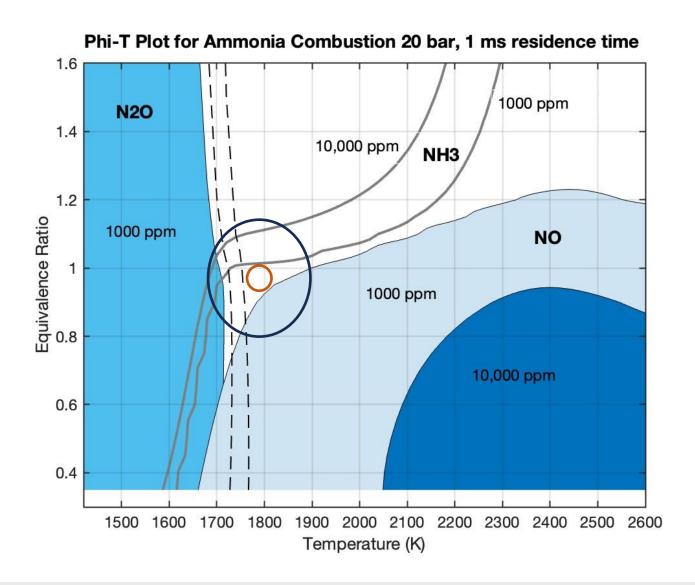
Aza transforms existing OEM engines to clean burning ammonia powerplants using our repower package of components:

- 1. Proprietary products
- 2. Off the shelf products



## **Controlling Emissions**





#### **❖** Low Emissions "Island"

- Low N2O (<10ppm)
- o Minimal NO / NH3
- SCR to remove both
- Lean to Stoich Operation

Northrop, William F., Modeling Nitrogen Species from Ammonia Reciprocating Engine Combustion in Temperature-Equivalence Ratio Space. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaecs.2023.100 245

## Technology Demonstration: The Aza Genset (Feb. 2025)



#### Mobile Electrical Generator

- Zero Carbon Emissions
- o Portable
- o Powerful (200 kWe!)
- o Identical Performance to Diesel

#### Possible Applications

- Construction Sites
- Remote Locations
- o Oil Fields
- Mines and Earthworks Projects
- o Hospitals and Datacenters



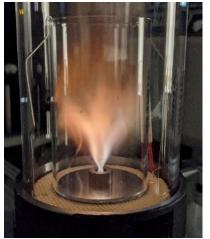
## Core Technology: Atmospheric 100% NH3 Burners



- 100% Ammonia Fueled
- ♦ Low NO<sub>x</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>O/NH<sub>3</sub> emissions due to recirculation of these species
  - o NO<sub>x</sub> ~50 ppm
  - $\circ$  NH<sub>3</sub> ~1-5ppm
  - $\circ$  N<sub>2</sub>O ~ 1-5ppm
- Unique swirl/turbulator geometries yield superior emissions
- ♦ Peak Flame Temp >1,000 °C
- Seen this before?
  Highly-improved designs on the way!

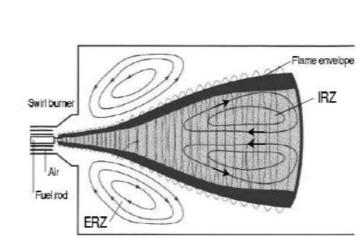


Aza Burner #1



Aza Burner #2





2015, Review of Swirl Generator Used In Gas Turbine Combustor. 2,811-816

## Traction and Pilot Projects



#### 1. Runestone Electric Genset project

Conversion of a 200 kWe backup generator for a utility in MN Customer desires a carbon free solution for peak demand Status: genset purchased and is being converted





#### 2. University of St. Thomas Microgrid Genset

Conversion of *another* 200 kWe generator for durability testing, emissions characterization, and lube oil testing





#### 3. UMN Trigeneration Boiler Repower

Conversion of a natural gas boiler burner to run on 100% anhydrous ammonia. Power output is 6,000 kWth and also runs a 100kWe steam turbine and an ammonia absorption chiller





#### 4. Kubota RTV-X1100C Fleet Conversion

Conversion of a pair of Kubota X1100C UTVs from Diesel to
Ammonia fuel for demonstration side-by-side with unconverted
units to showcase 1:1 operability on new fuel





## Short Term GTM Overview



#### **Backup Power**



#### Datacenter Backup Power



#### **Industrial Heat**



Specific markets

Incumbent solution

Customer profile

Grid resiliency / peak demand, remote locations, microgrids, municipal buildings

diesel generators

Utilities, municipalities, island nations

Data centers and servers

Diesel generators

Technology companies

Boilers Industrial Dryers Power generation

Natural gas

Agriculture, steel, glass, aluminum...
Utilities

## Long Term Market Overview



## Maritime (Short Haul)

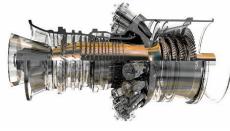
#### **Industrial Heat**

#### Locomotive

#### **Tractors**

#### Mining











Specific markets

Offshore supply vessels Tugboats ferries

Diesel engine and

diesel generator

Boilers Industrial Dryers Power generation

Class 1,2,3 locomotives

Tractors (agriculture)

Mining and construction

Incumbent solution

Customer

profile

Offshore energy companies (US, Norway, Singapore, Aberdeen UK) Natural gas combustion

Diesel engines

Diesel engines

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Utilities
Heavy industries (steel, glass, aluminum...)

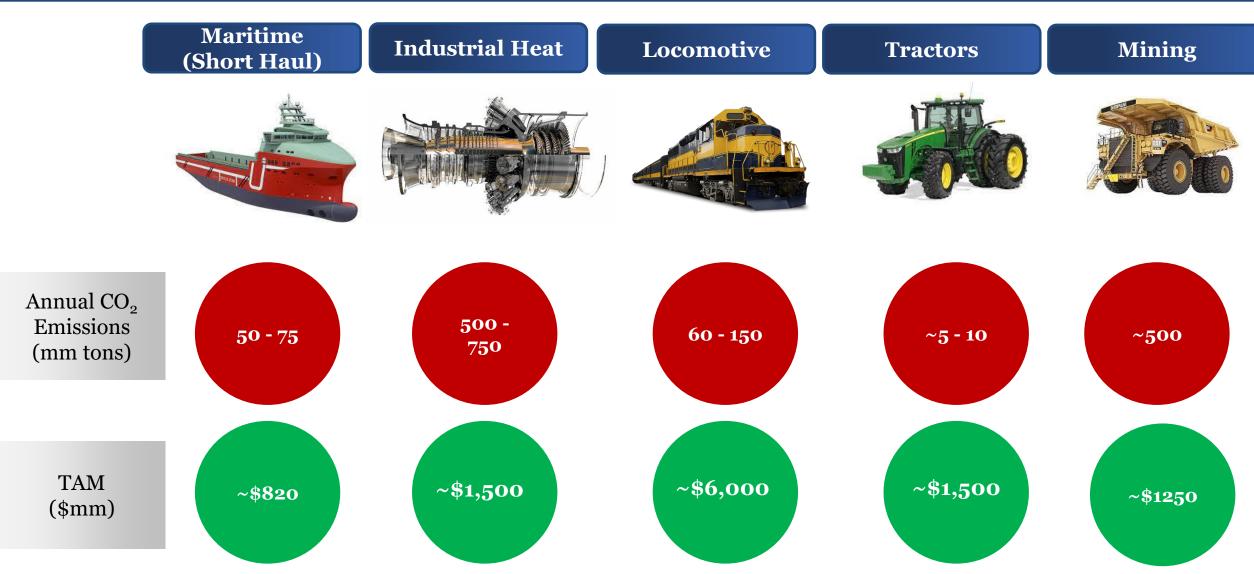
Large public companies, municipalities, transit agencies

Farms, co-ops, and equipment OEMs

Mining companies and equipment OEMs

## Large Markets with Gigaton Carbon Emissions







# "Meeting your energy needs, without the carbon"

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