Distributed Atmospheric Water Harvester Jeremy Yune, Scientist, A*STAR

Vision

• Extracting the atmospheric water available **anywhere and anytime** could offer a democratized solution to the world' water crisis by providing **portable and distributed water supply** to water-stressed countries.

Issue to solve

- Daily water production of Sorbent-based Atmospheric Water Harvester is still too low <15 liter per kg of sorbent.
- The main limiting factors are the water capture and release kinetics as well as mass and heat diffusion.

Technology features

- Rapid water capture and release device can provide daily water production rates >90 liter per kilogram of sorbents in tropical region.
- A **miniaturized** device footprint of 1 m² x 1 m height for 100 liters production: 0.1 m³ of water per m².
- Technology Readiness Level of 3.

Possible implementation

- The distributed technology could provide additional **supply of water in proximity** to domestic and industrial demand without relying on the economy of scale.
- Industries with **high water quality and quantity** requirements could be targeted such as electronic, chemical/petrochemical, F&B sector, etc.
- Industrial partnerships for test bedding would be of great benefits to validate the technology.
- In year 2060, water demand in Singapore is expected to double to 1200 Mm³/year compared to year 2016.
- While domestic water demand would remain constant at ~300 Mm³/year, industrial water demand will increase by 2.5 fold to 910 Mm³/year in year 2060 compared to year 2016.