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# Hydrogen

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Thanks to students and colleagues through a long career with protons and hydrogen, at UiO but also at CoorsTek Membrane Sciences AS, SINTEF, NTNU...

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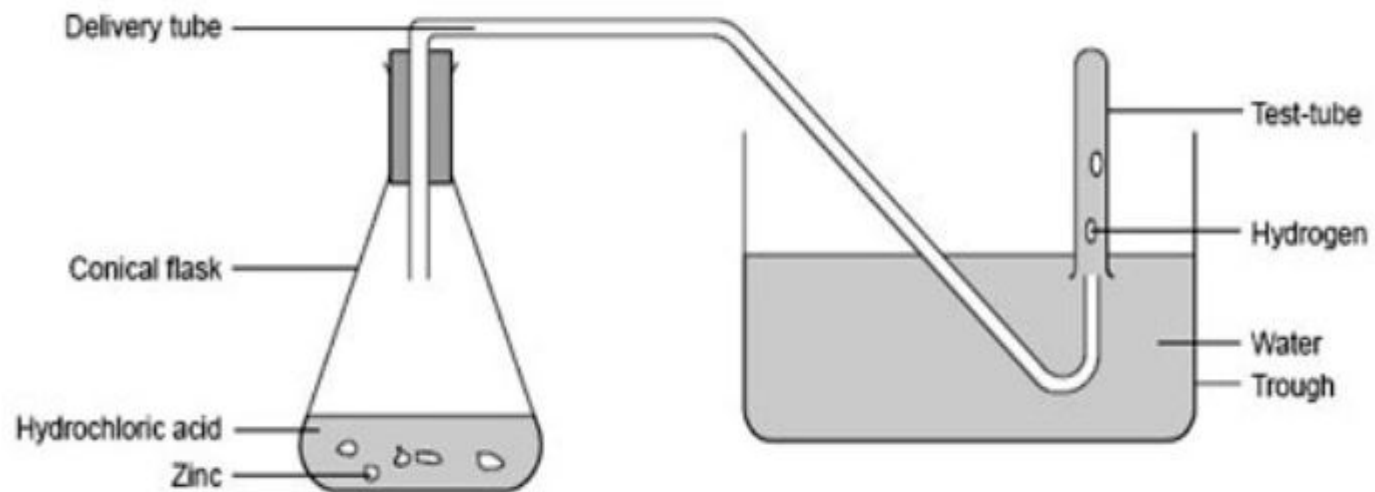
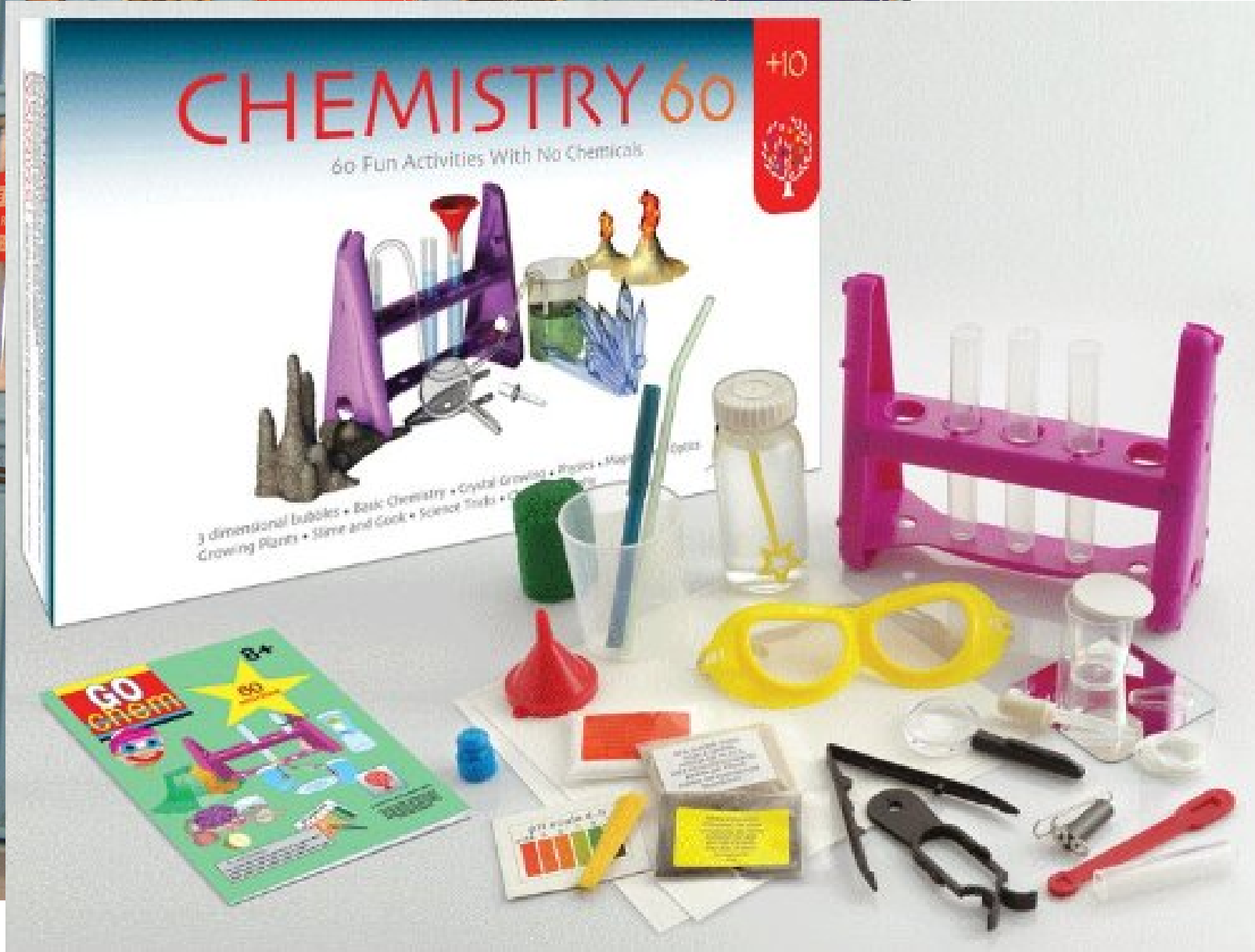
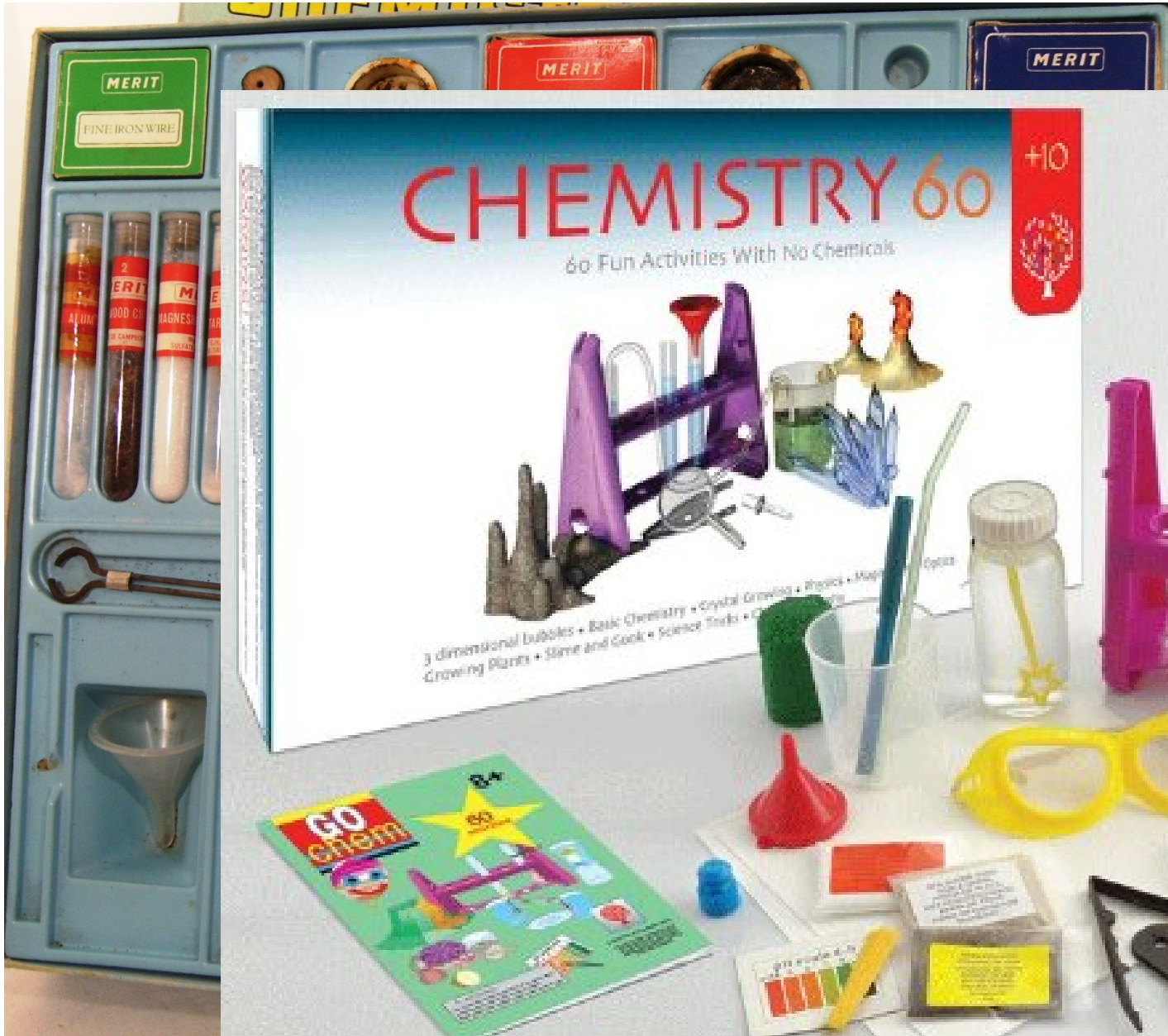


Fig.1



# Many more small steps along the way...

- Nerliens Kemisk-Tekniske shop window display in Oslo
- Buying chemicals at Nerliens for my lab in the basement
- Seeing the need for a textbook in chemistry  
...written by myself 14 years old
- Making unexpectedly large amounts of chlorine gas one day in the basement
- Making hydrogen  
...and checking if it is sufficiently free from air to not explode
- Extracting alkaloids from birch
- Driving my chemistry teacher crazy  
... $\text{CuSO}_4(\text{aq}) + 2\text{KI}(\text{aq}) = \text{CuI}(\text{s}) + \text{KI}_3(\text{aq})$
- UiO studies and career...

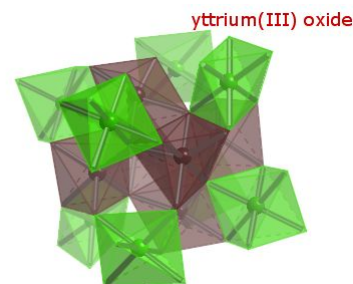


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Master project:  
New inert anodes for Al electrolysis

- Elkem
- $Y_2O_3$  should be stable enough  
Megon AS
- Can we dope  $Y_2O_3$  to become an electronic conductor?
- No.  $Y_2O_3$  doesn't want that, at all. Too big band gap!
- It likes protons  $H^+$ . From  $H_2O(g)$ . Even at  $1000^\circ C$ .  
PhD: Protons in  $Y_2O_3$  and other oxides





## Per Kofstad (1929-97)

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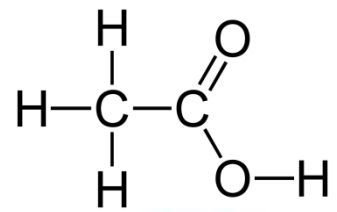
Physical/inorganic chemistry

Solid-state electrochemistry; reactivity, defects, transport

PhD UC@Berkeley 1953

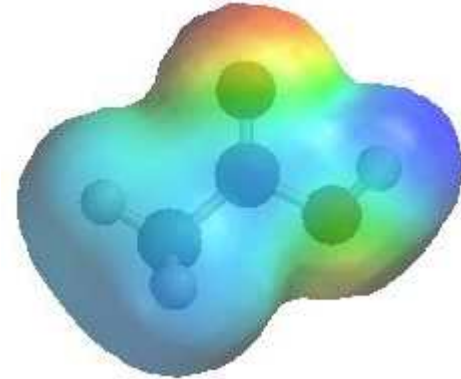
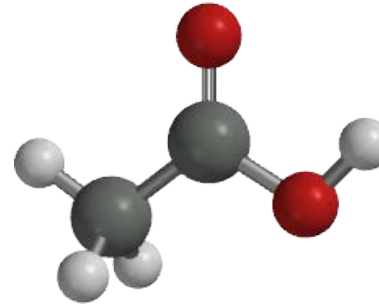


# Hydrogen is an extraordinary element



H<sup>+</sup>

- 10<sup>-5</sup> Å – always embedded in other nuclei's electron clouds



H

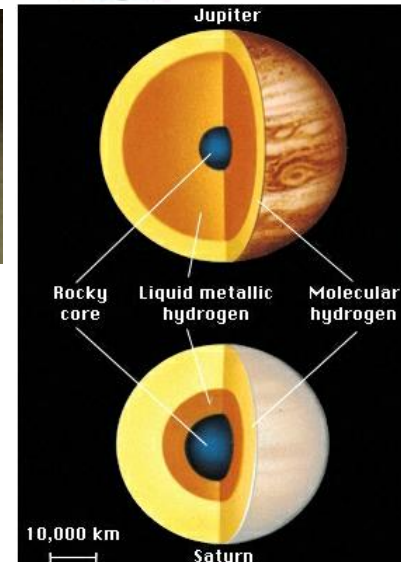
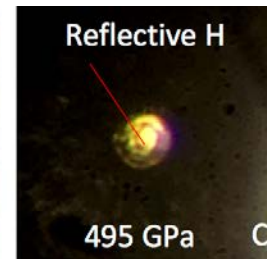
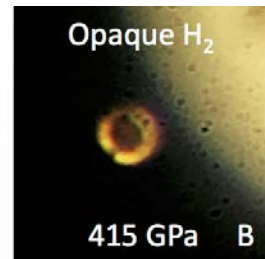
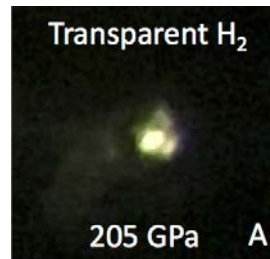
OH<sup>\*</sup>

H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>

O<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup>

H<sub>2</sub>

- Ortho, para
- Gas, liquid, solid, metallic, superconducting



H<sup>-</sup>



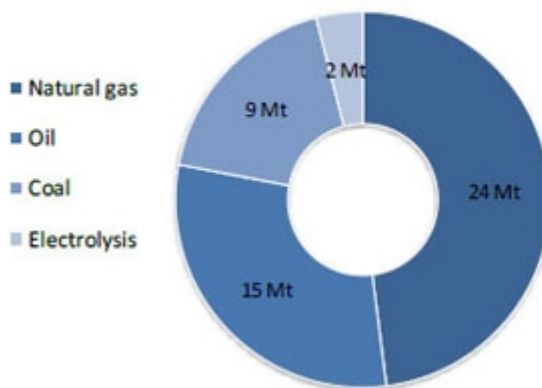


# Hydrogen, H<sub>2</sub>

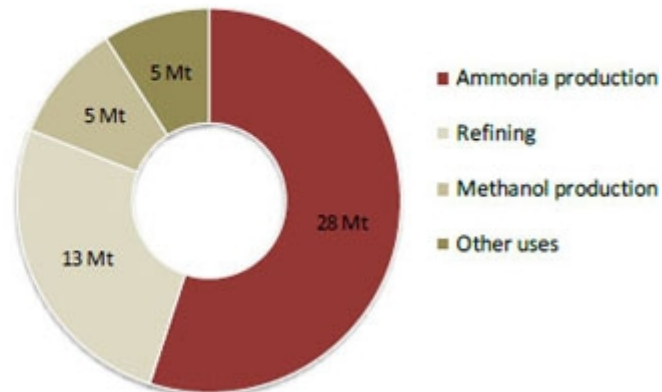
World H<sub>2</sub> production approx. 50 Mt/yr



World H<sub>2</sub> production

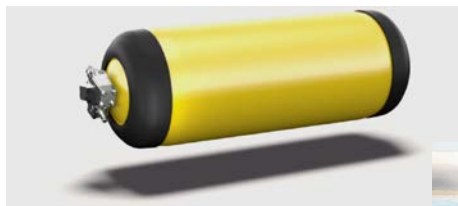


World H<sub>2</sub> use



Global CCS Institute

- \$100 billion industry
- 50 million metric tons per year
  - From natural gas reforming, oil, and coal gasification
  - Electrolysis (4% only – 8 GW)
- Main use
  - Ammonia, refineries, methanol
- Handling H<sub>2</sub> is standard and safe technology
- Future new uses comprise:
  - Transportation
  - Energy carrier
  - Stationary intermittent storage of renewable energy.

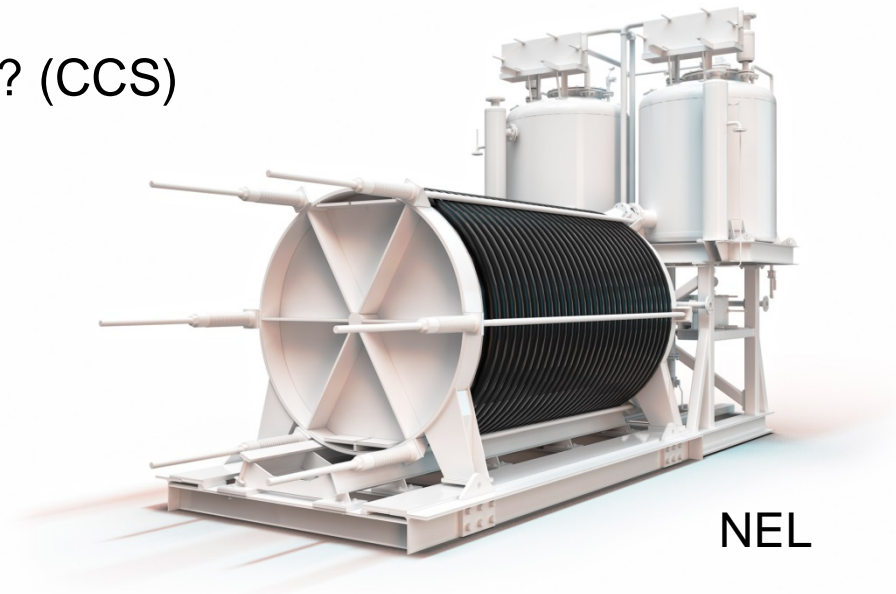


# H<sub>2</sub> safety



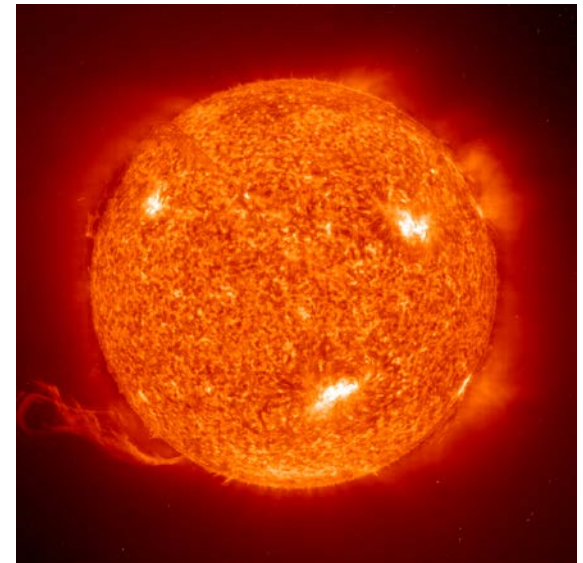
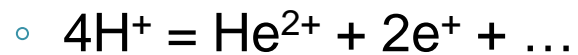
# Hydrogen production chemistry

- Electrolysis  $2\text{H}_2\text{O} = 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$ 
  - Source of electricity? Renewable or fossil?
- Gasification & shift  $\text{C} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} = 2\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$
- Reforming & shift  $\text{CH}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} = 4\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$ 
  - Can we capture and store the  $\text{CO}_2$ ? (CCS)
- Back to renewables
  - Electrolysis
  - Direct solar
    - Thermochemical looping
    - Photoelectrochemical water splitting
    - Bio

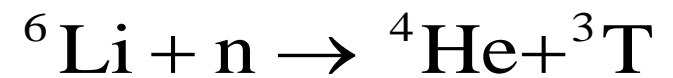
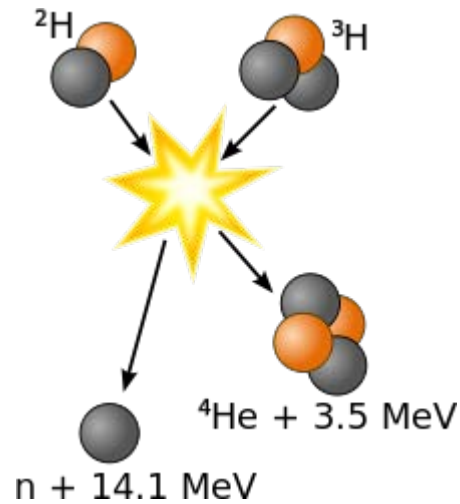


# Nuclear H

- Fusion



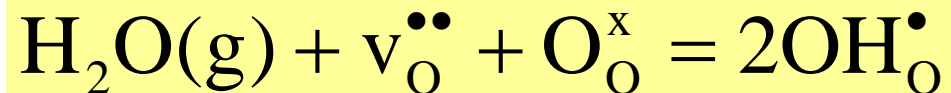
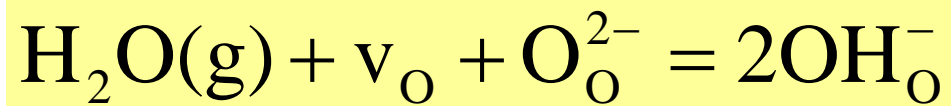
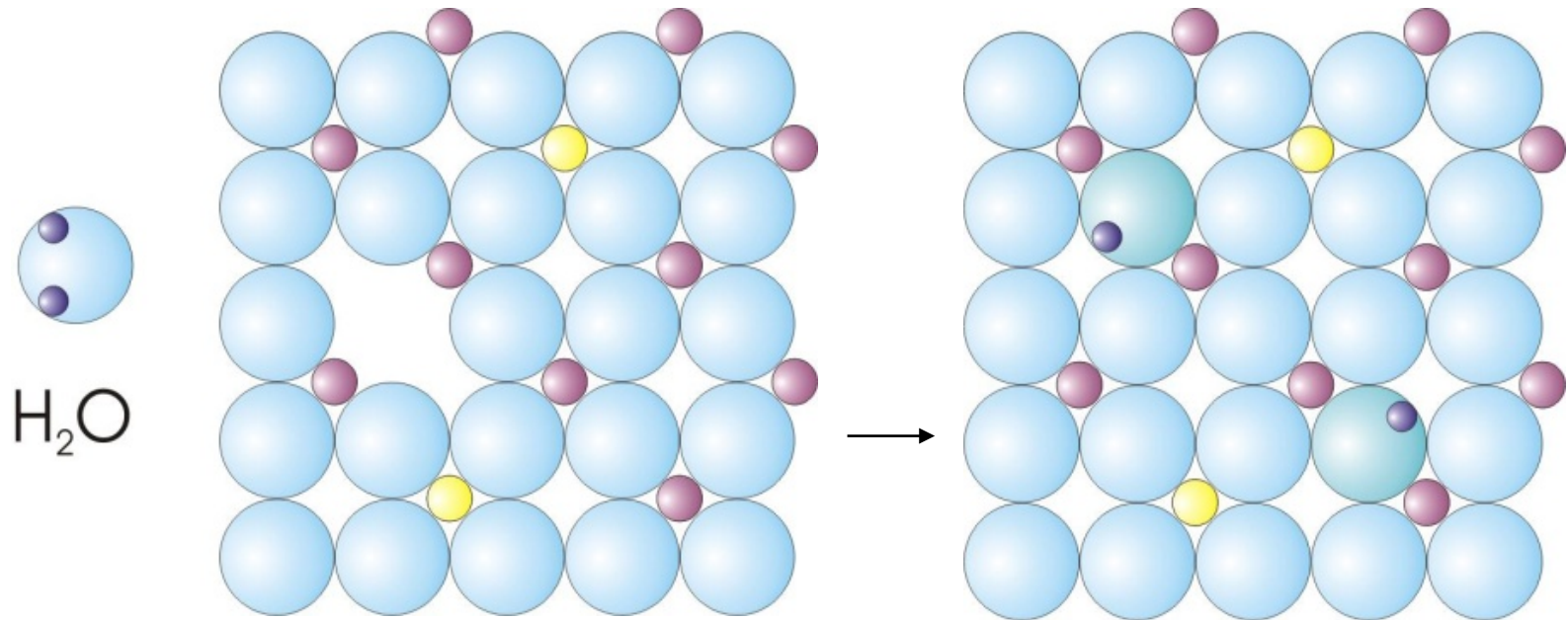
- LiD



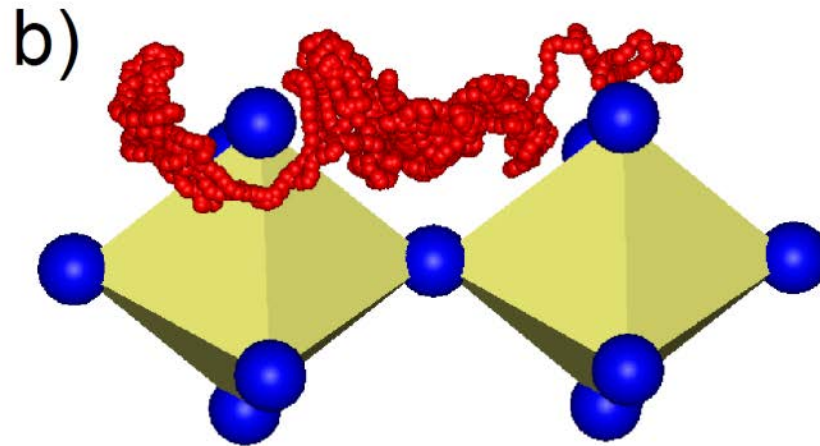
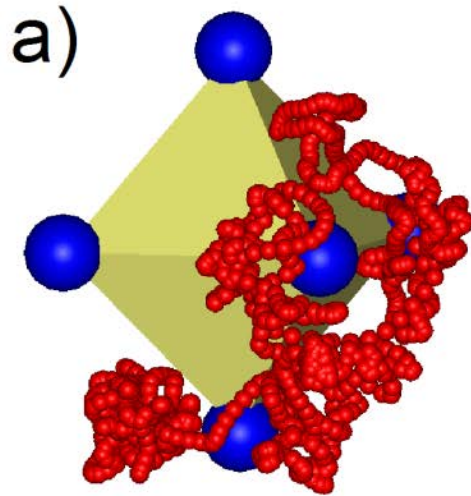
Back to my  $Y_2O_3$



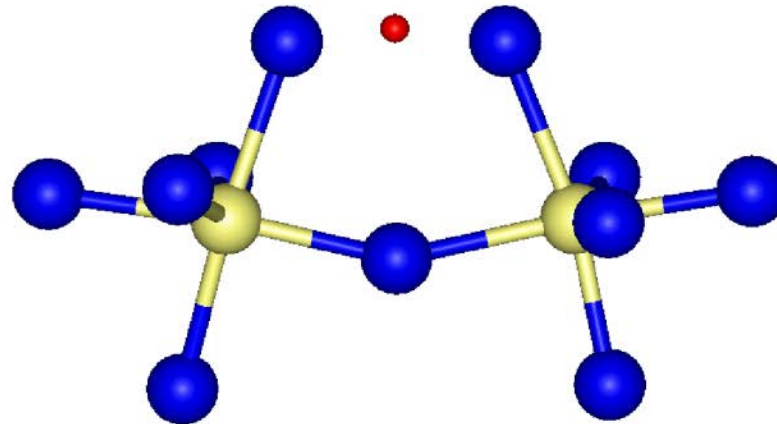
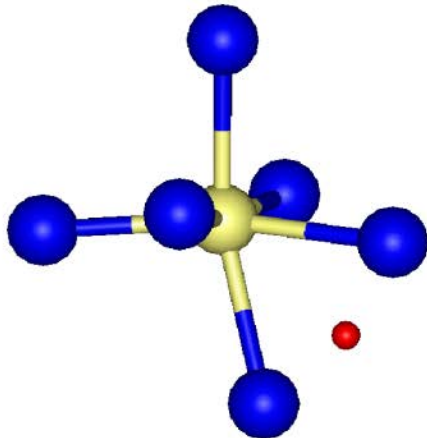
# Proton conducting oxides by hydration of oxygen vacancies



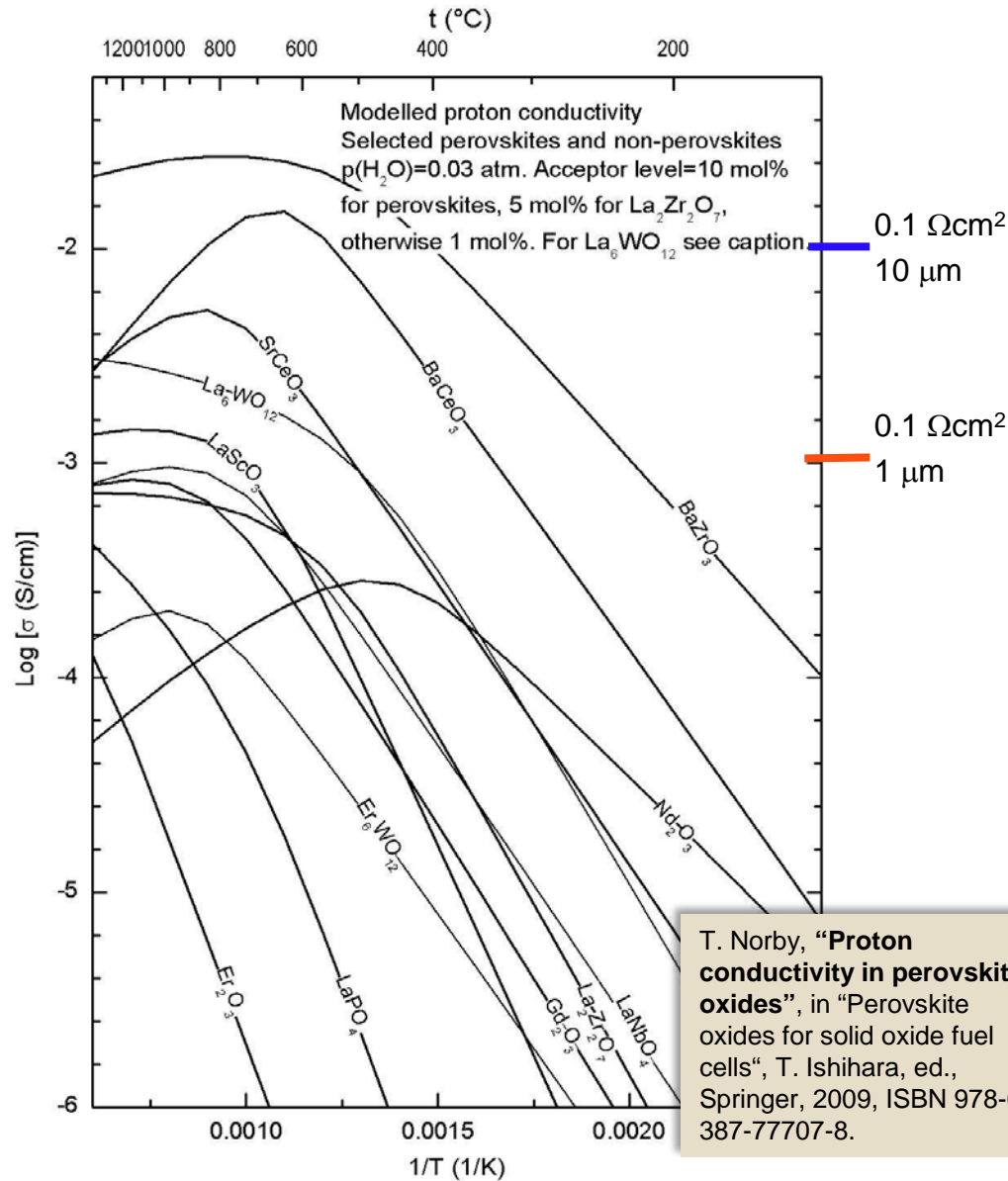
# Protons transport: rotation and hydrogen bond jumps



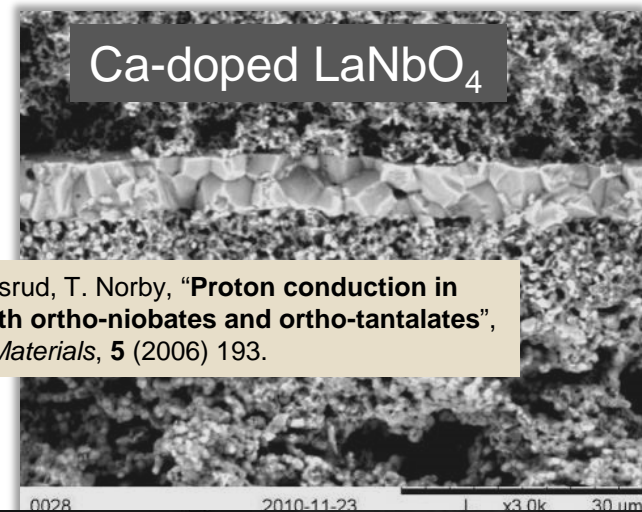
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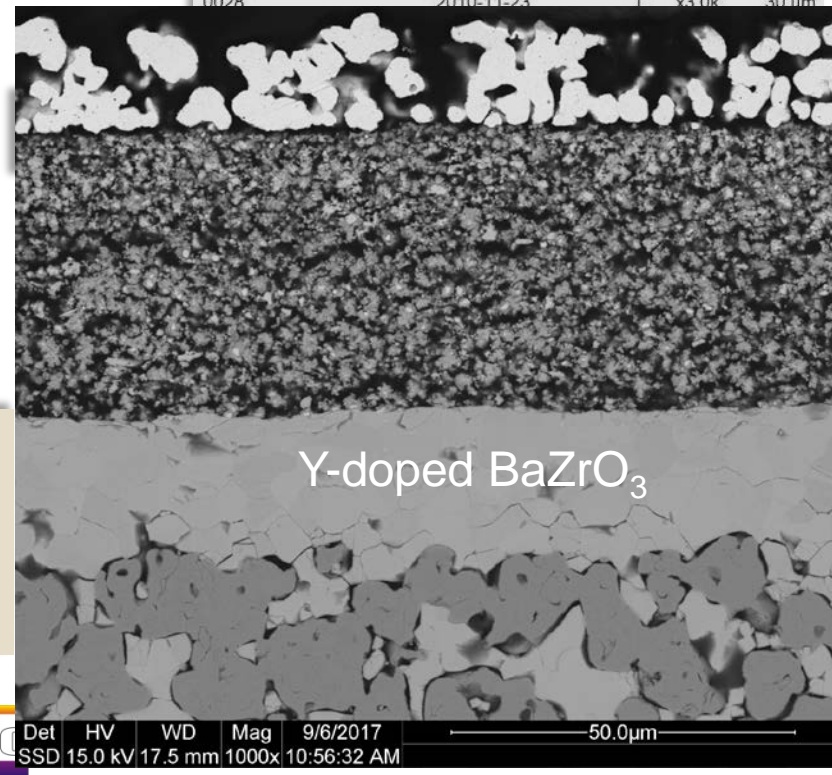
# Proton conductivity in acceptor-doped oxides



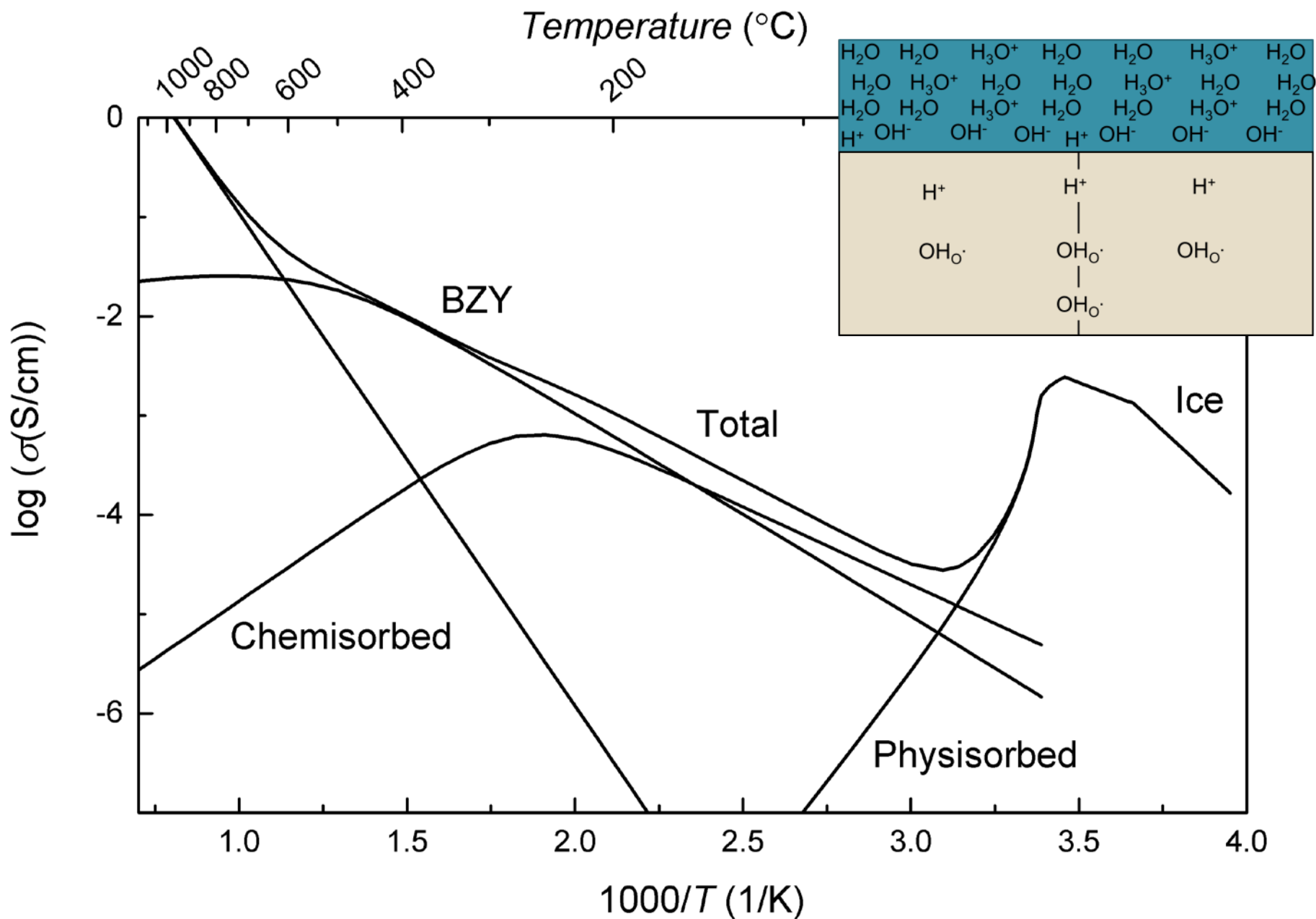
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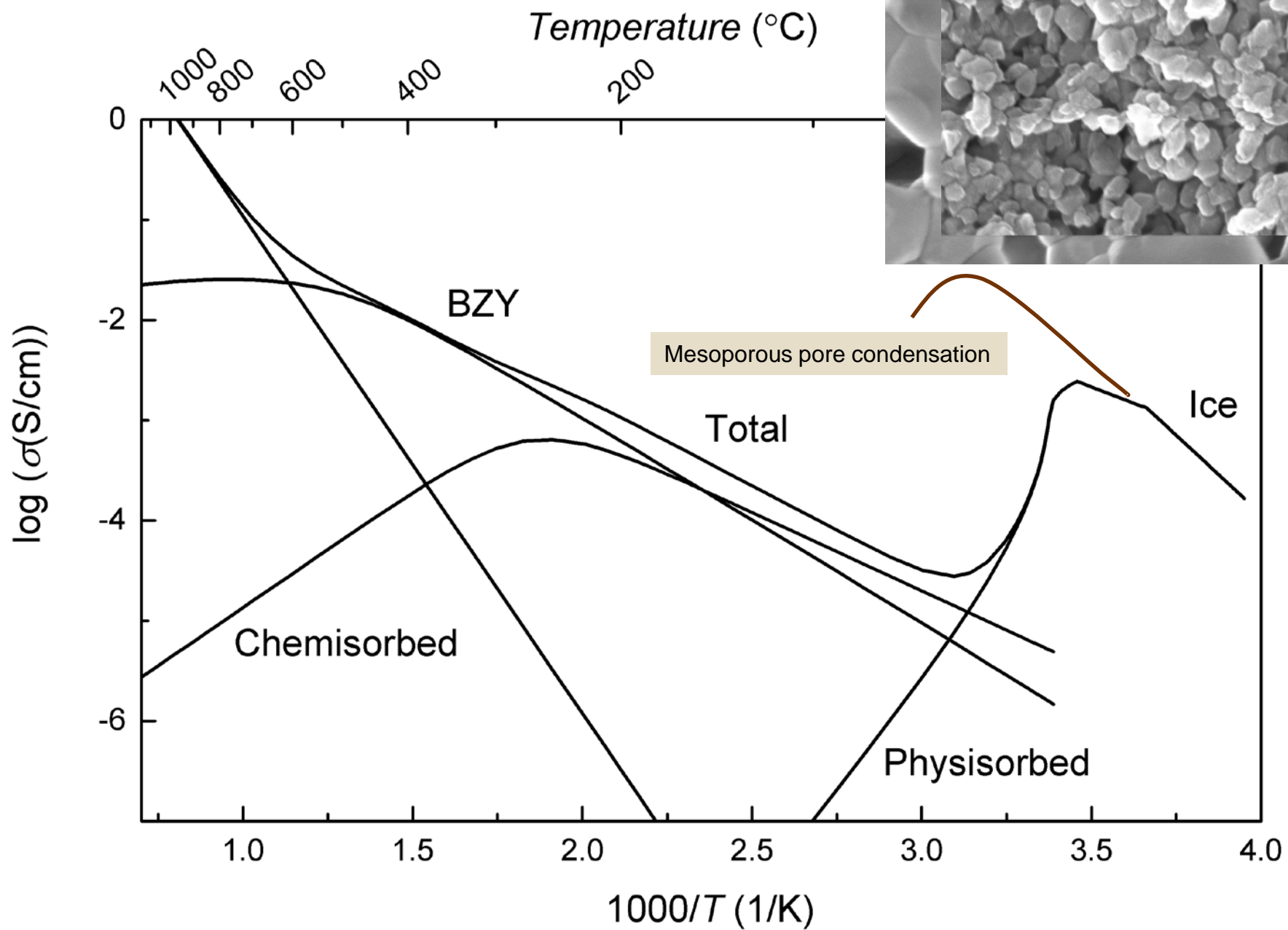


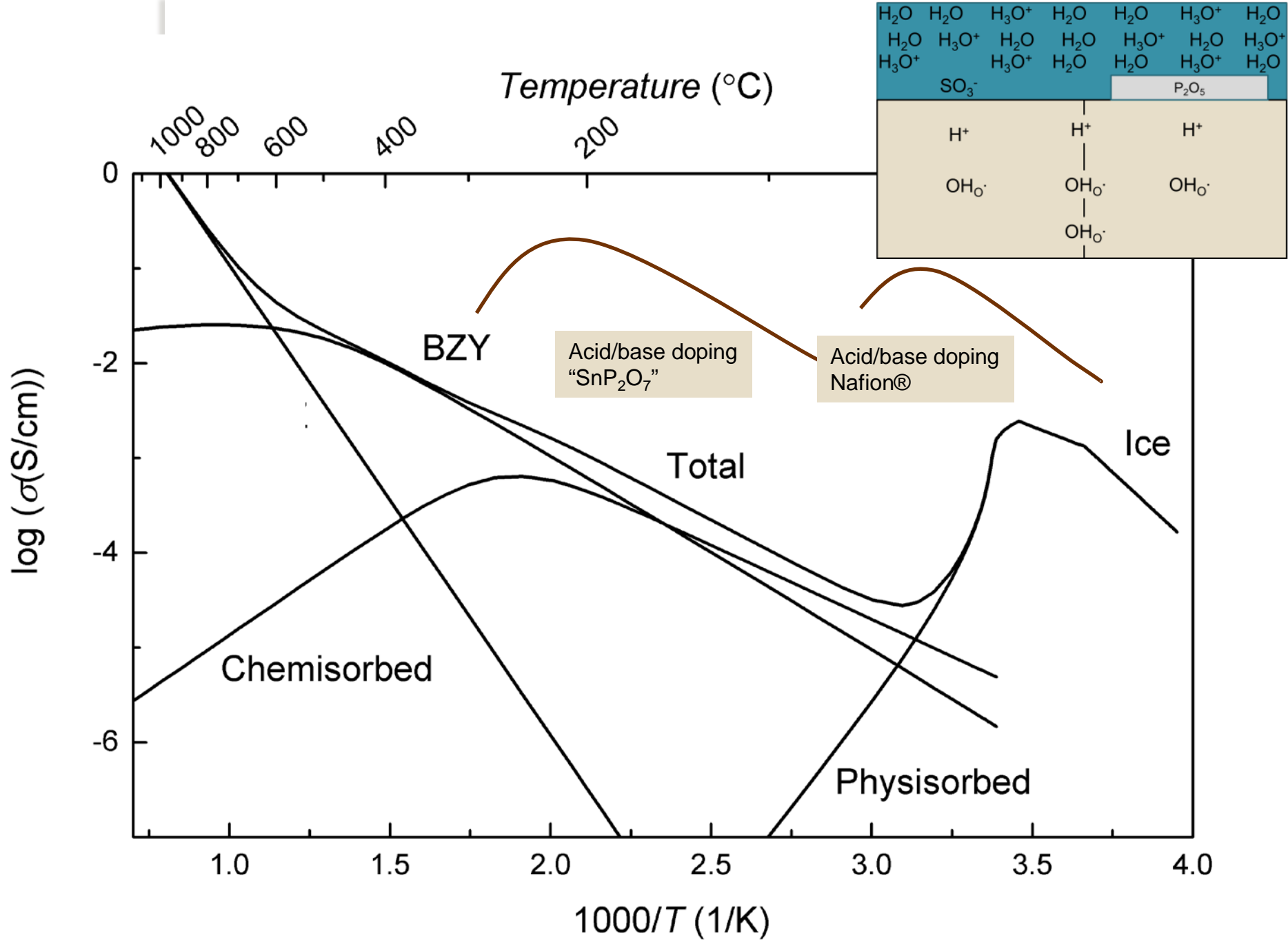
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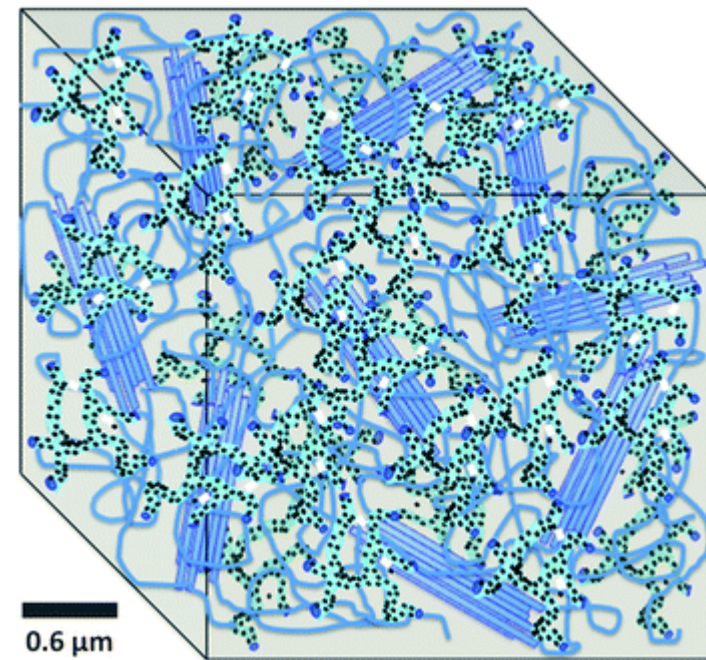






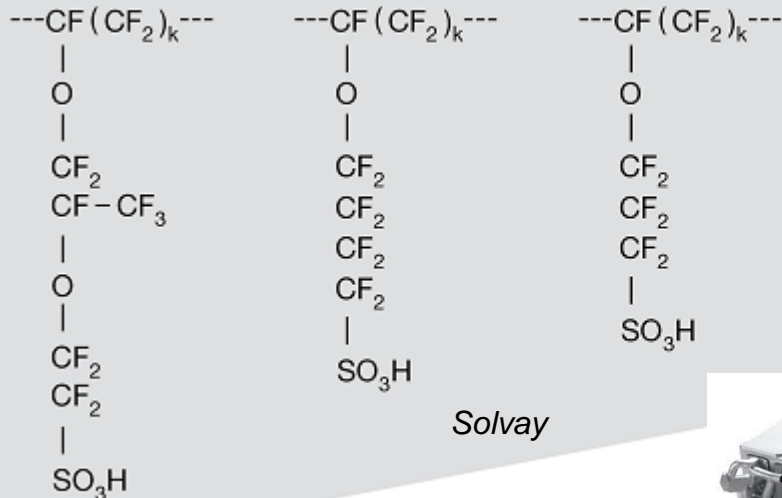
# Polymer protonic electrolytes

- Swell to make aqueous channels
- Proton Exchange Membranes (PEM)
  - e.g. Nafion® and Aquivion®
  - Hydrated  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
- Anion exchange membranes
  - Hydrated  $\text{OH}^-$



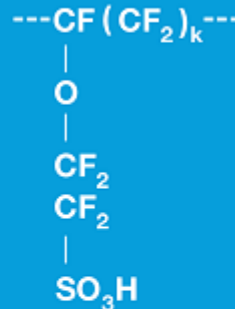
Elliott, Wu, Paddison, Moore, *Soft Matter*, 2011,7, 6820-6827

## Long Side Chain Ionomers

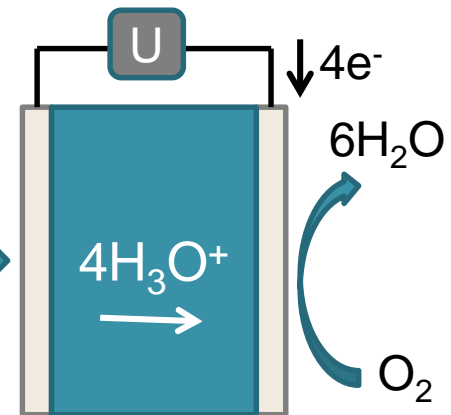
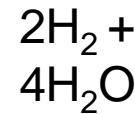


Solvay

## Aquivion® PFSA



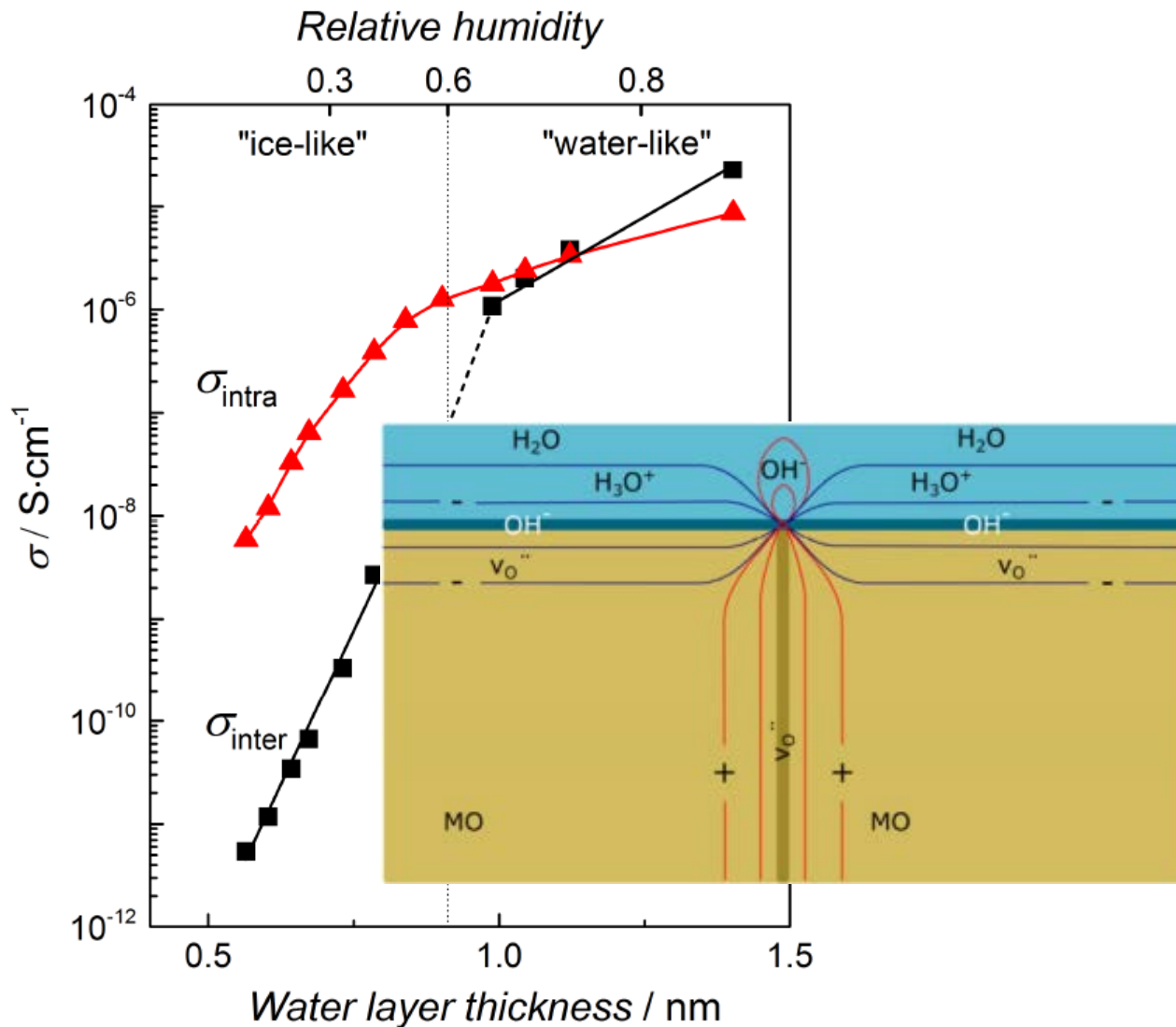
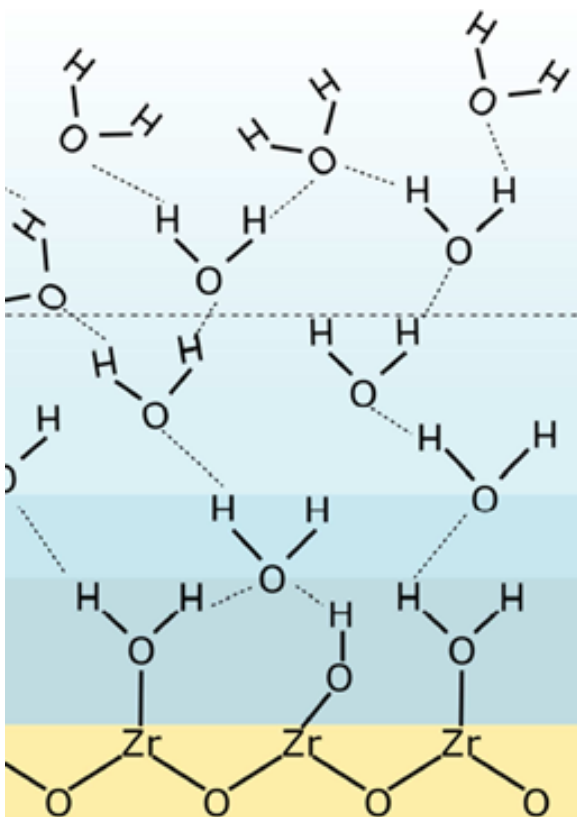
PEMFC



< 150°C

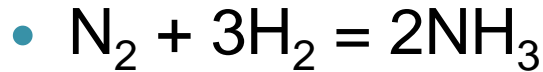


# Surface protonics

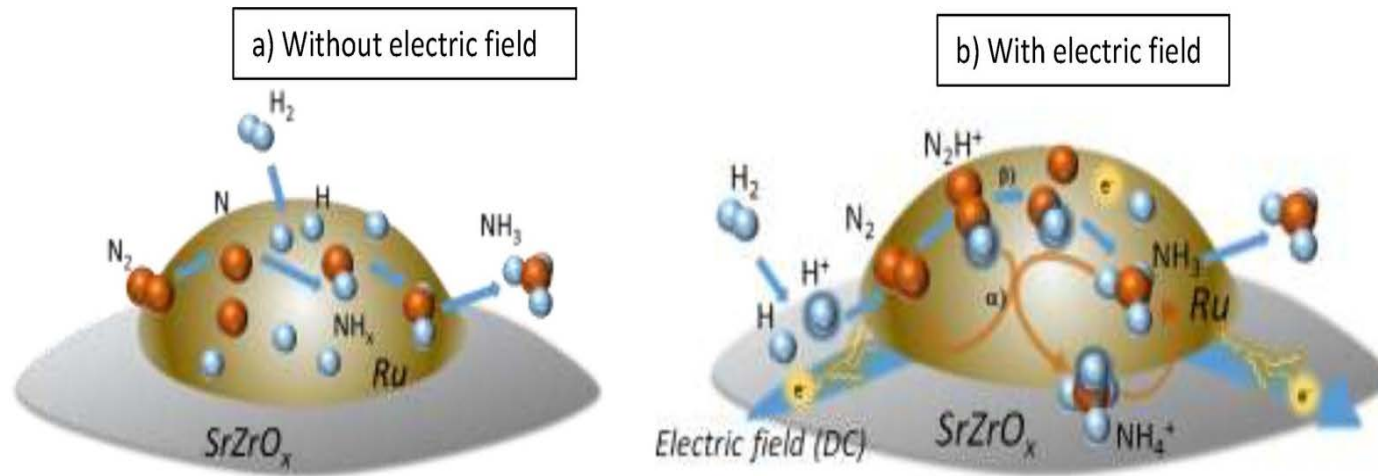


S.Ø. Stub, E. Vøllestad, T. Norby, "Protonic surface conduction controlled by space charge of intersecting grain boundaries in porous ceramics", *J. Mater. Chem. A*, [6] (2018) 8265-8270.

# Surface protonics: Heterogeneous catalysis enhanced by electric field



and other industrially important exothermic reactions

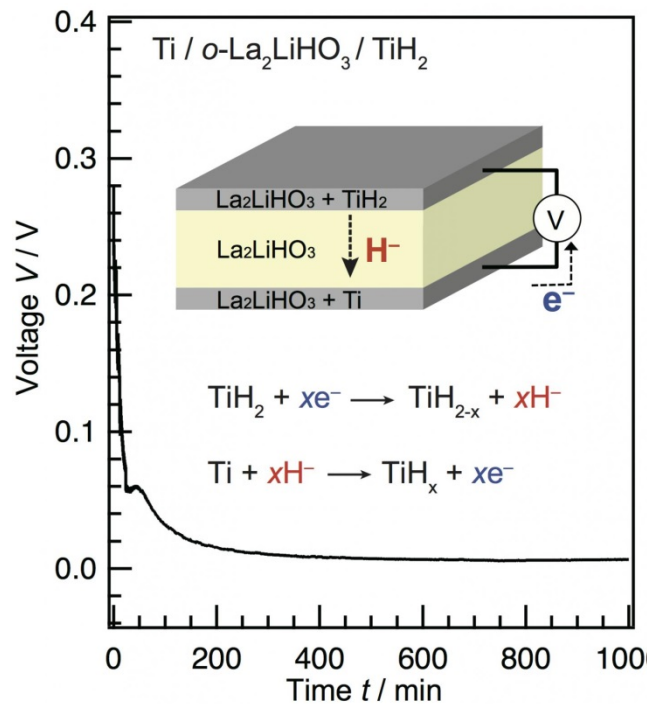


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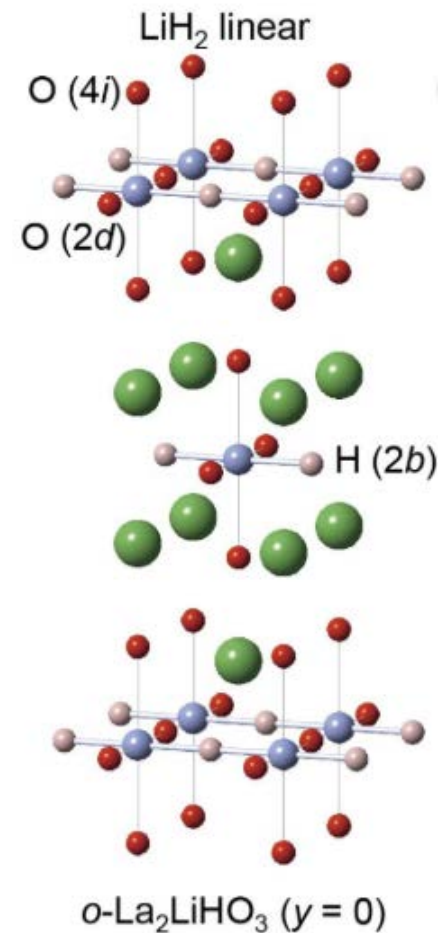
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# Hydride ions; H<sup>-</sup>

- H storage materials
- Metal hydride batteries
- $2\text{La} + 3/2 \text{H}_2 = 2\text{LaH}_3$
- $2\text{La} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} = 2\text{LaHO} + \text{H}_2$
- $\text{BaTiO}_{3-x}\text{H}_x$
- $\text{La}_2\text{LiHO}_3$



G. Kobayashi, *et al.*,  
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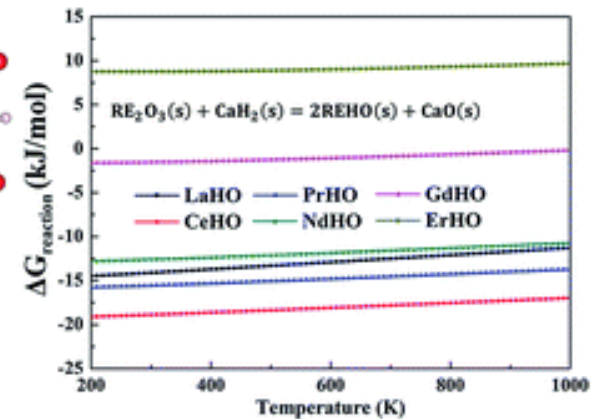
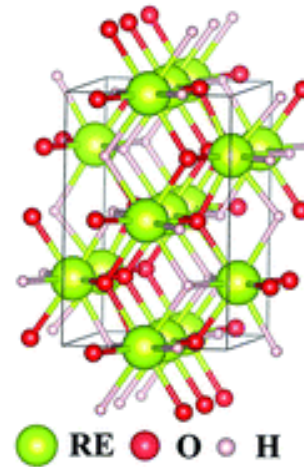
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Ø.S. Fjellvåg, J. Armstrong, P. Vajeeston, A.O. Sjøstad, **New Insights into Hydride Bonding, Dynamics, and Migration in La<sub>2</sub>LiHO<sub>3</sub> Oxyhydride**. *Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters*. (2018) 353- 358.

# Computational solid-state electrochemistry

- DFT / *ab initio* / *first principles* calculations
- Quantum mechanical electrons – classic nuclei; Protons borderline
- Molecular dynamics (MD) and Nudged Elastic Band (NEB) for diffusion and kinetics

- Crystalline (periodic) lattices
- Interfaces (slabs)
- Clusters
- Defects



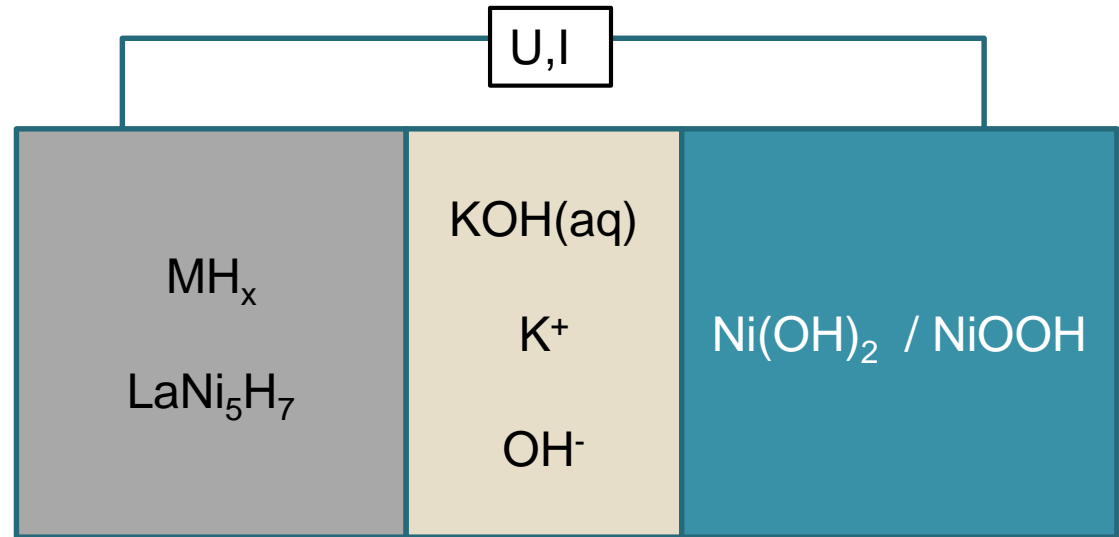
Liu, Bjørheim, Haugrud, Thermochemical properties of rare-earth oxyhydroxides from first principles phonon calculations, *RSC Adv.*, 6 (2016) 9822.

- Energies and entropies (phonon modes)

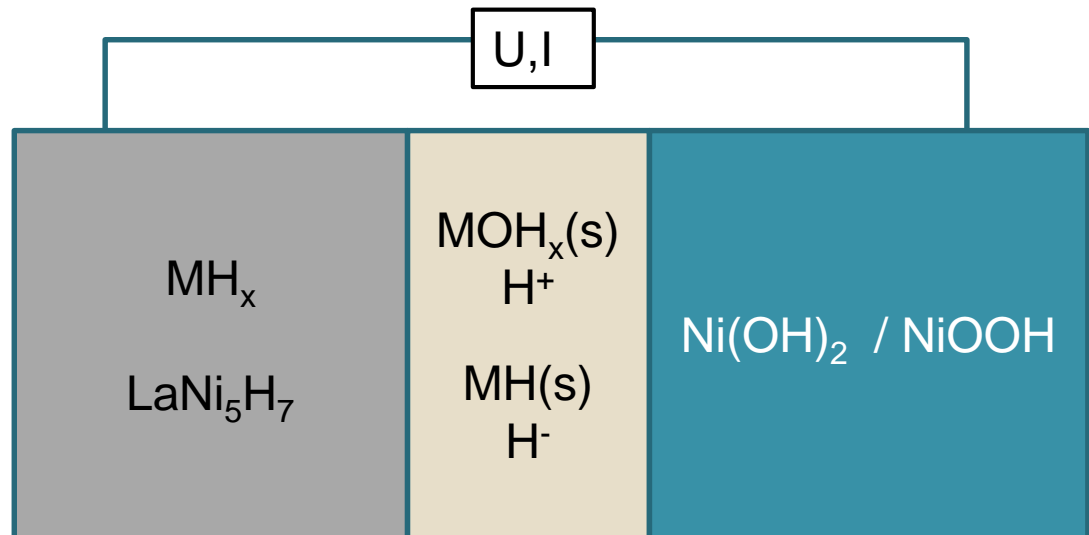


# The proton MH battery

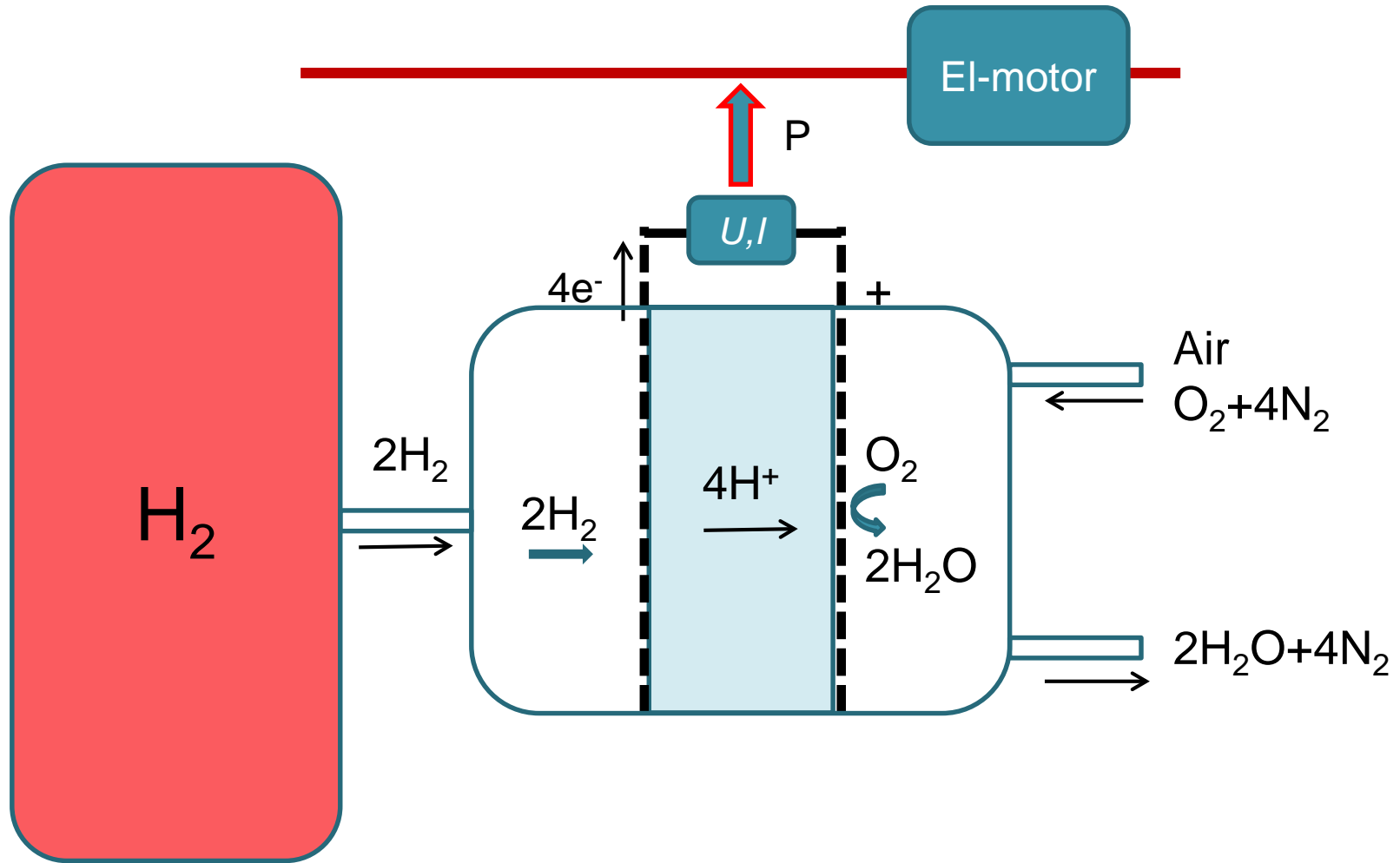
- Alkaline KOH electrolyte



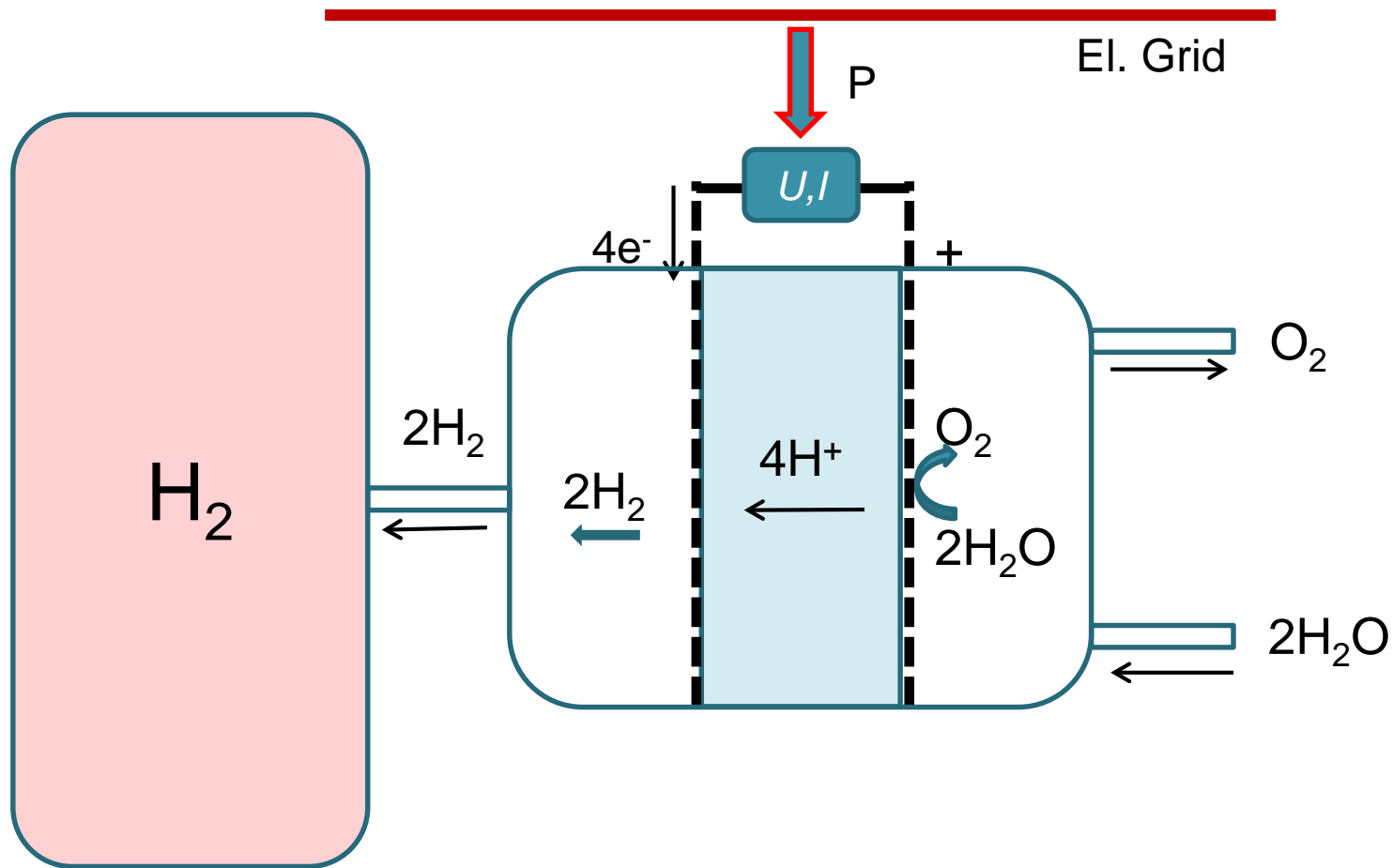
- Rocking chair proton or hydride ceramic electrolyte



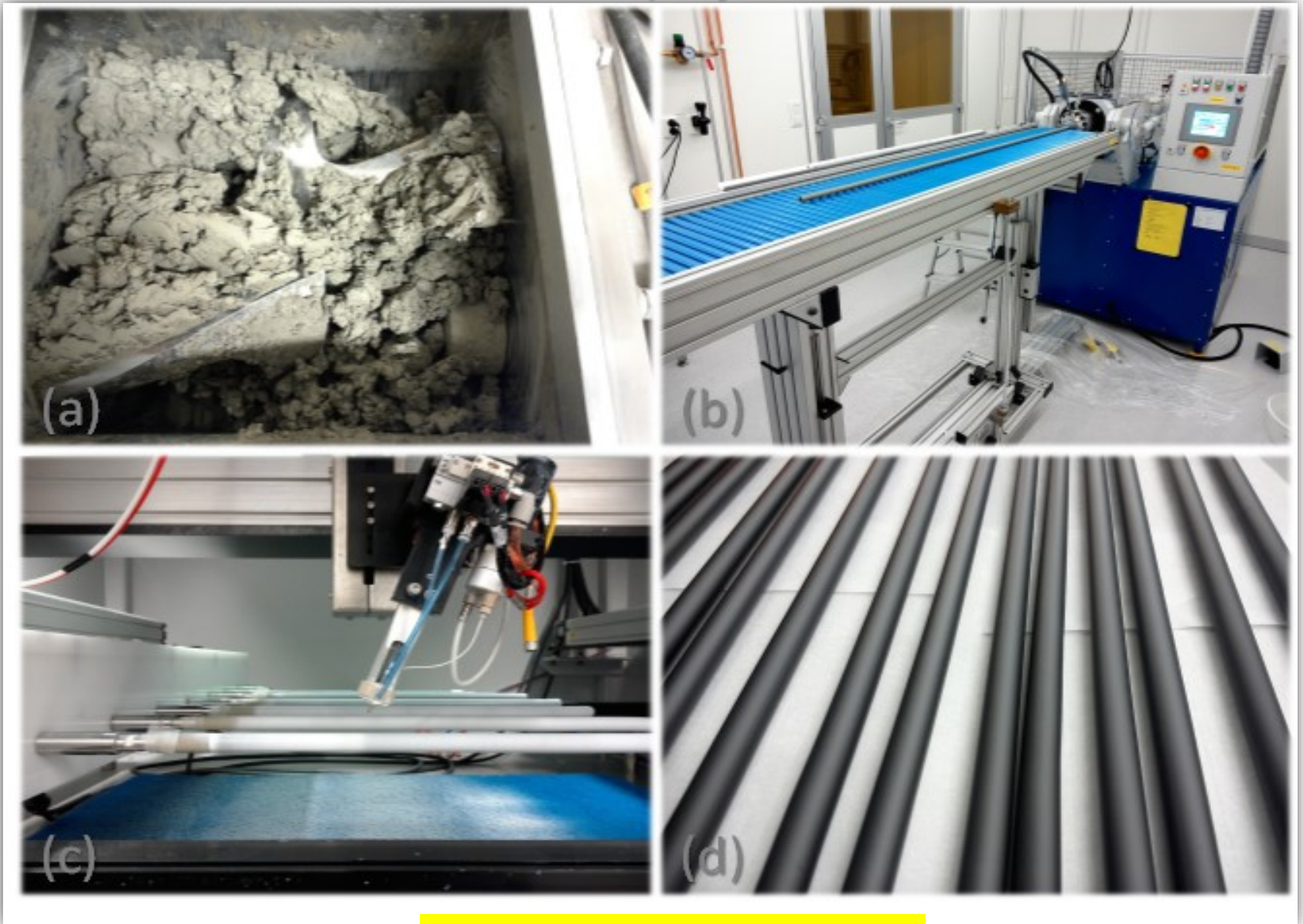
# Fuel cell



# Electrolyser and electrochemical compressor



# ELECTRA and GAMER EU projects: Production of tubes

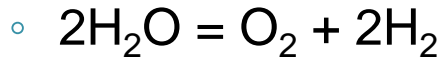


Courtesy of Marie-Laure Fontaine, SINTEF

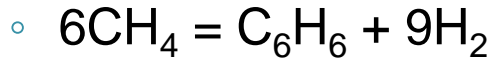


# 3 technologies for proton ceramics and H<sub>2</sub>

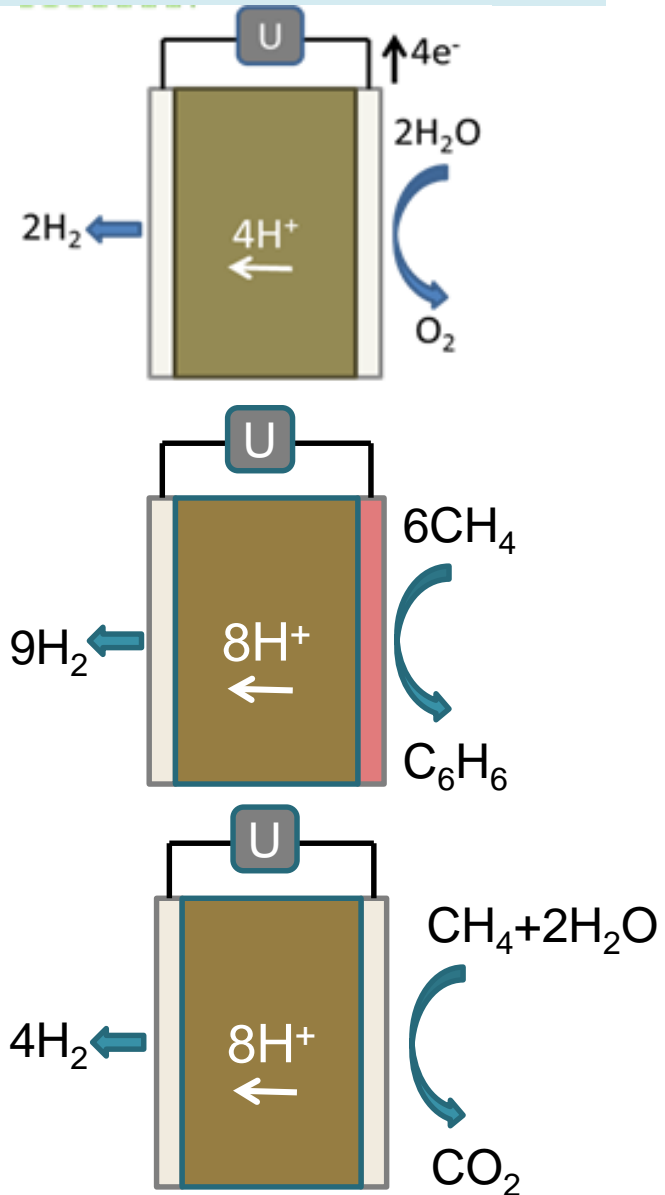
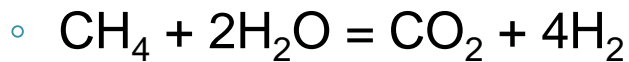
- Steam electrolysis and electrochemical compressor



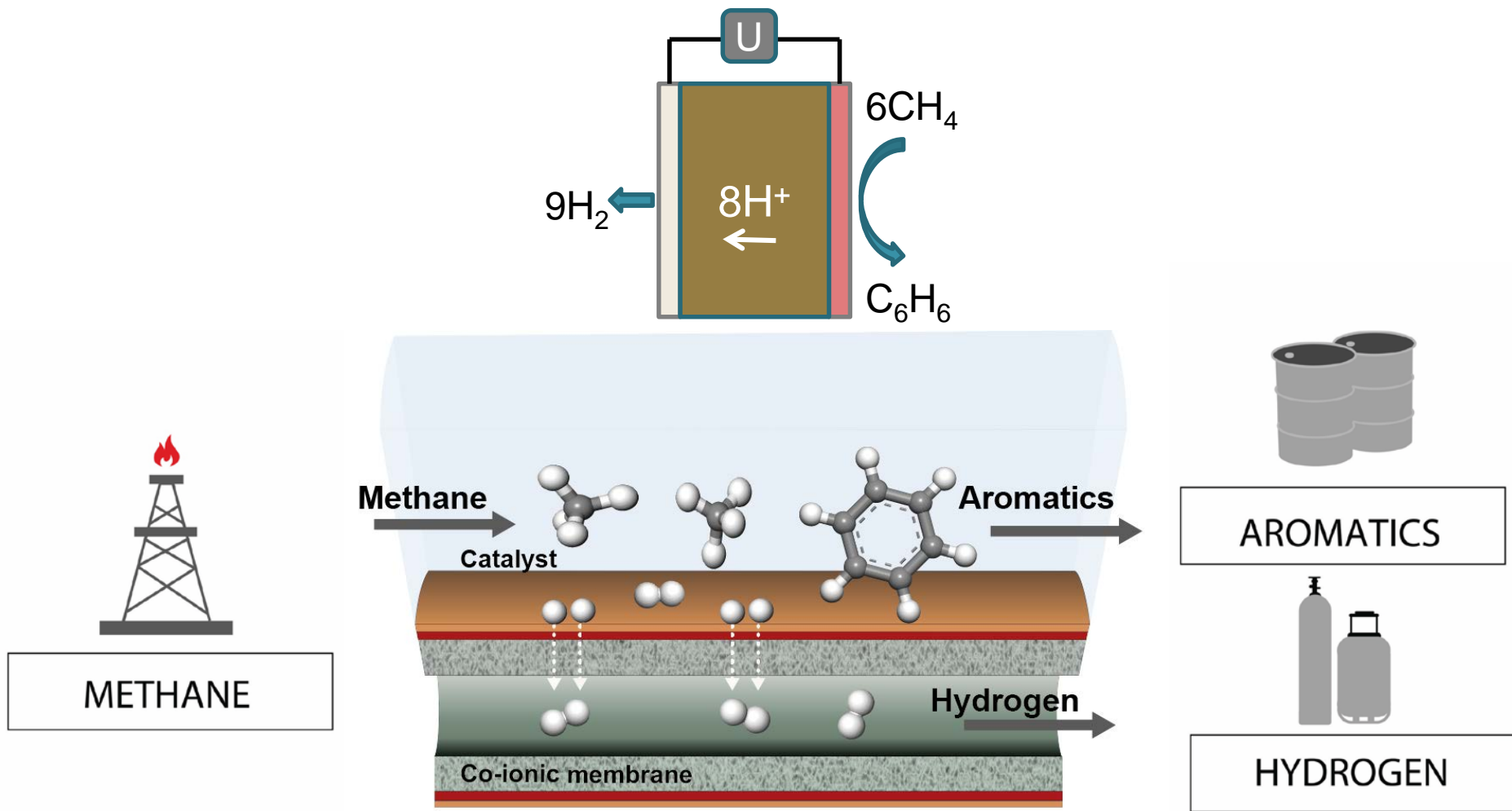
- Methane dehydroaromatization (MDA); GTL



- Methane steam reforming shift electrochemical compressor



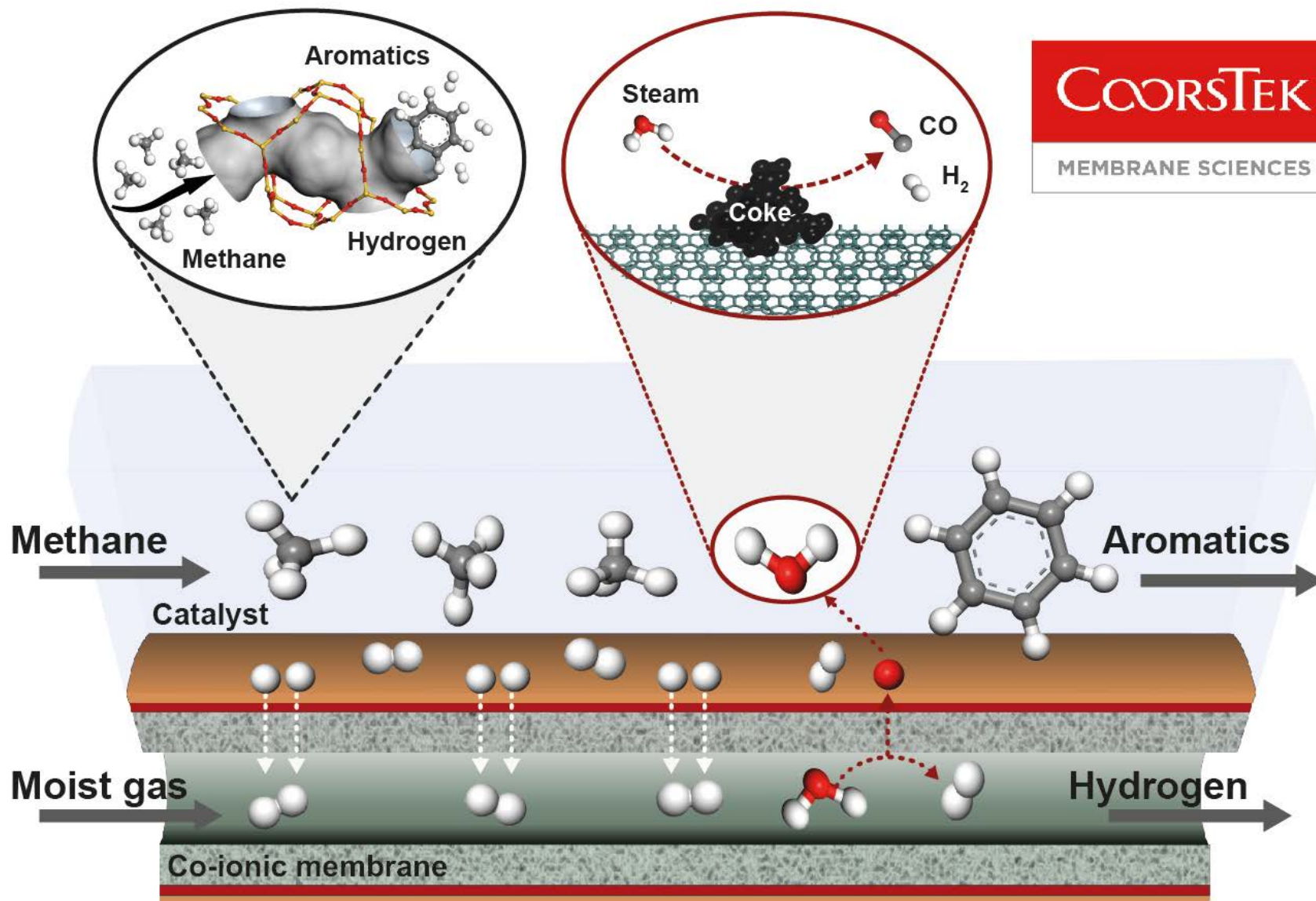
# Catalytic dehydroaromatisation of natural gas using proton and co-ionic ceramics



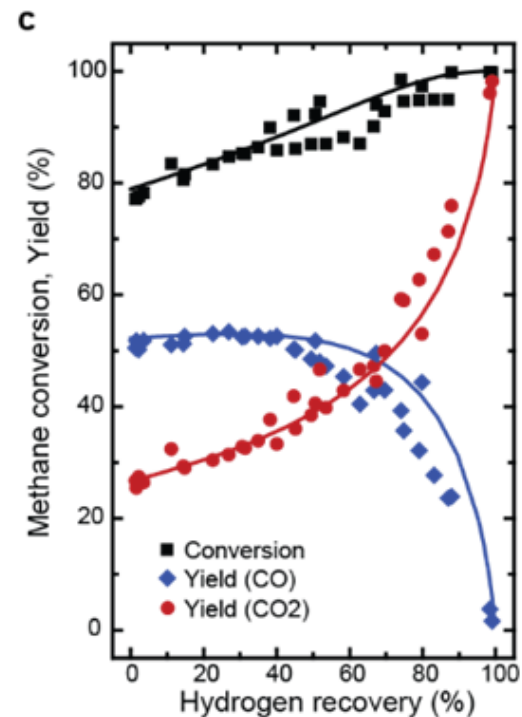
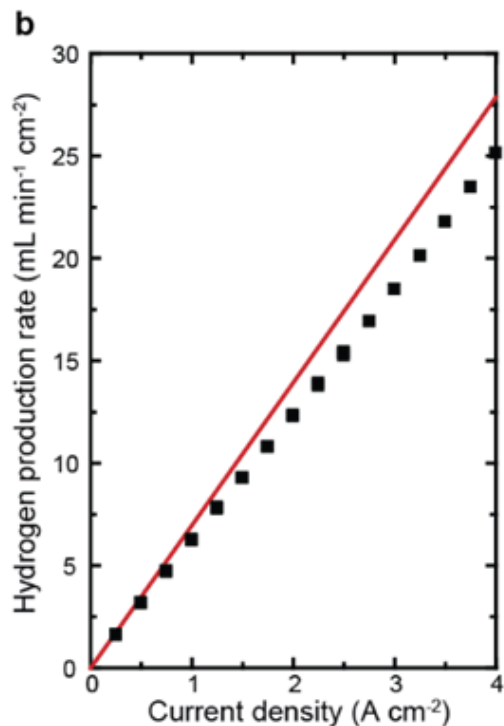
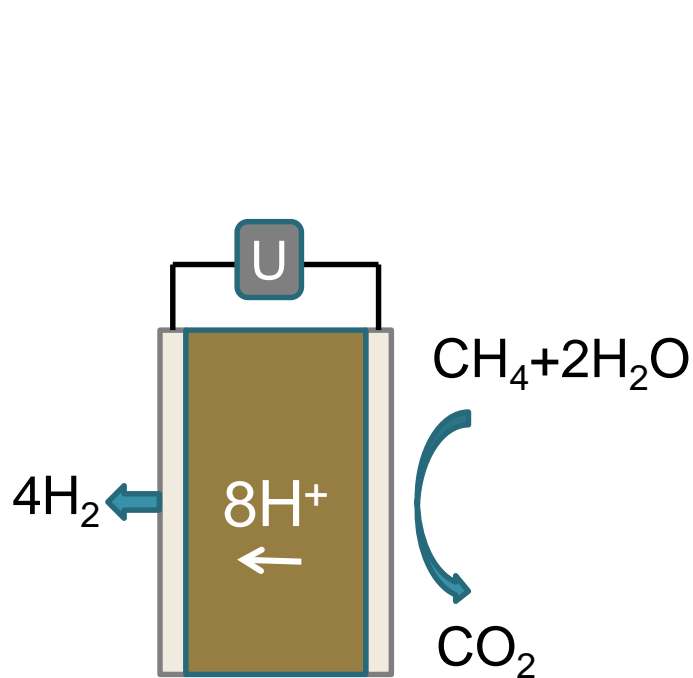
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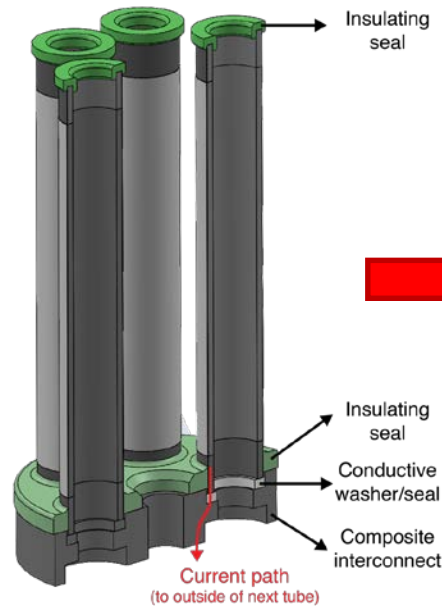
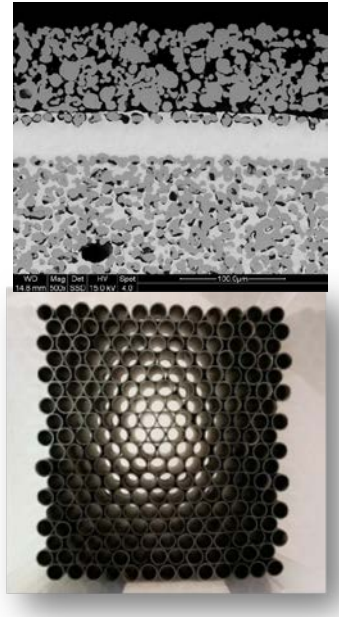
# Steam reforming and electrochemical extraction and compression of H<sub>2</sub> with thermal microintegration



H. Malerød-Fjeld, D. Clark, I. Yuste-Tirados, R. Zanón, D. Catalán-Martinez, D. Beeaff, S.H. Morejudo, P.K. Vestre, T. Norby, R. Haugsrud, J.M. Serra, C. Kjølseth, “Thermo-electrochemical production of compressed hydrogen from methane with near-zero energy loss”, *Nature Energy*, 2 [12] (2017) 923.



# Fabrication – modularity – scaling up



Tubular cells  
(electrodes, electrolyte,  
current collectors)

Key enabling technologies  
for SEU assembly (seal,  
manifolds, interconnects)

Cell integration in SEU  
(pressurized vessels, gas  
and electrical connections)

SEU integration in hot  
box with required  
ancillary equipment

# H2 for medium and large cars



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# Customer-focused H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure to drive FCEV sales



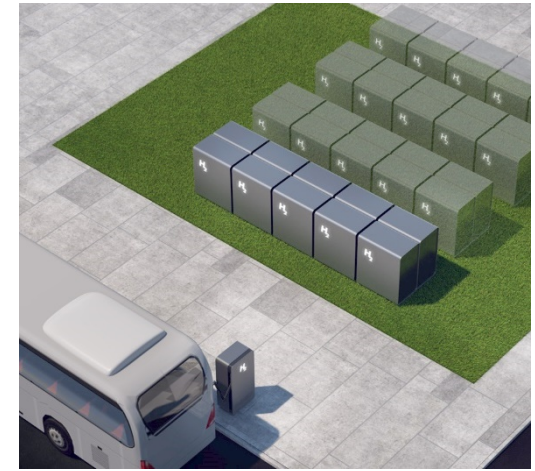
## Hydrogen at Home

**Owners** can fill H<sub>2</sub> at home (like a BEV) and heat water



## Autonomous Fuel 'n Park

**Business fleets** can self-organize with robotic fueler

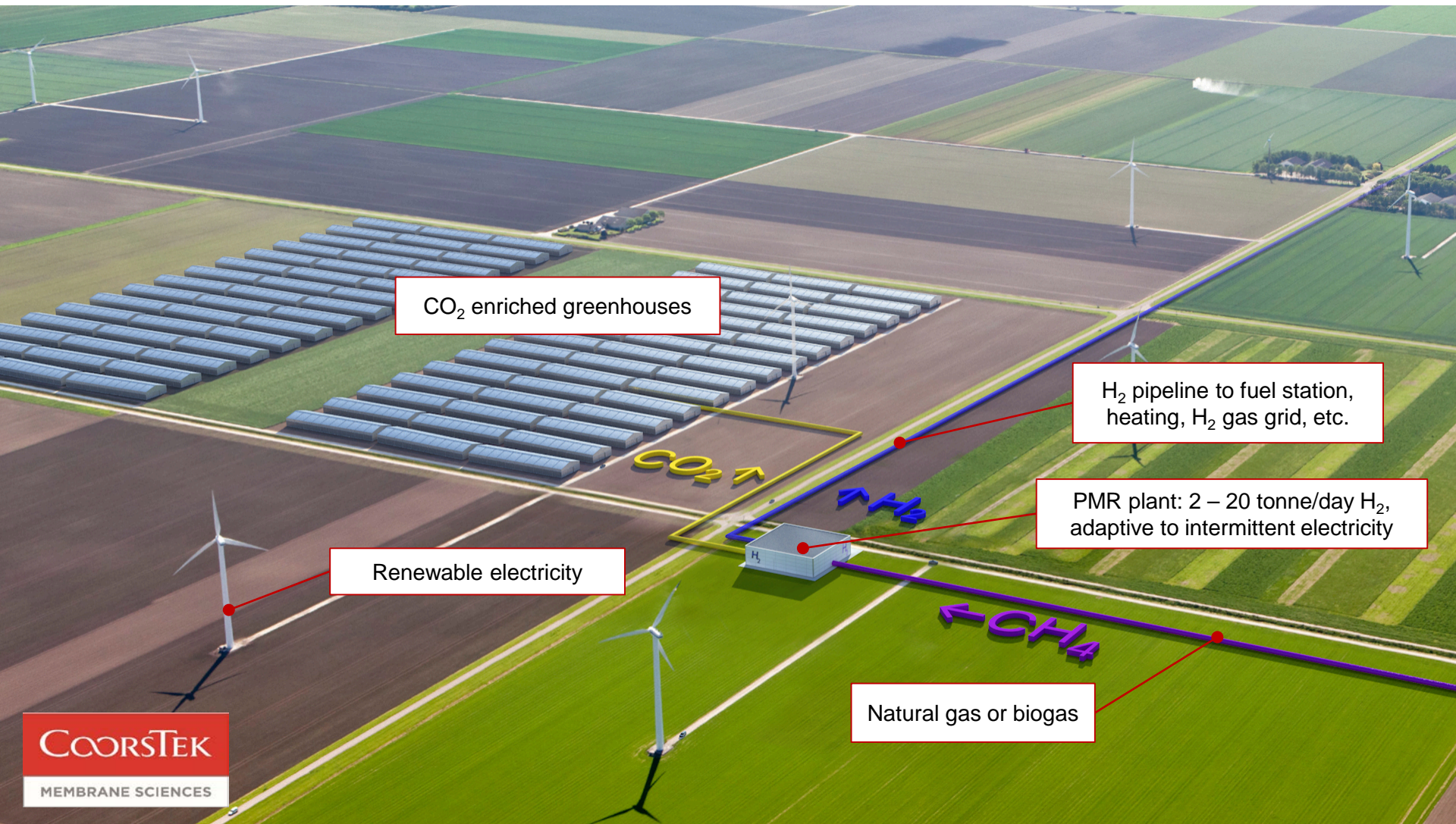


## Modular Scalability

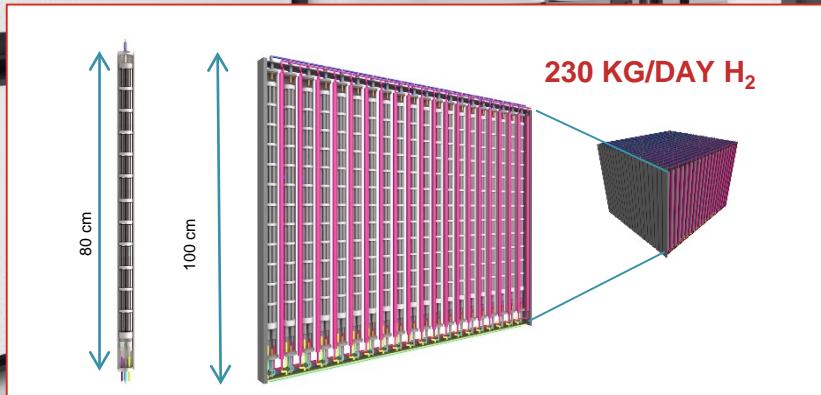
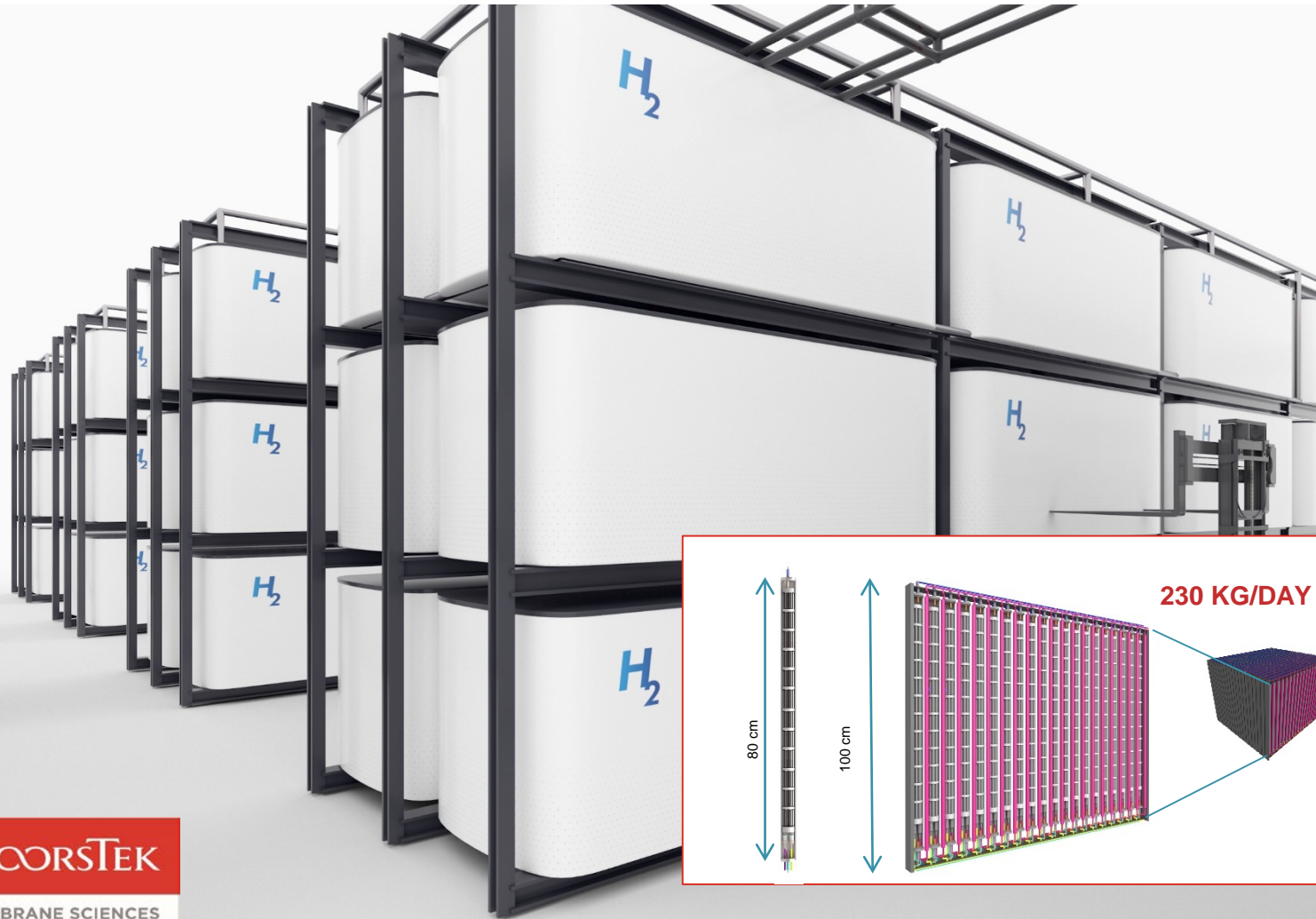
**Bus/truck companies** can expand by adding modules



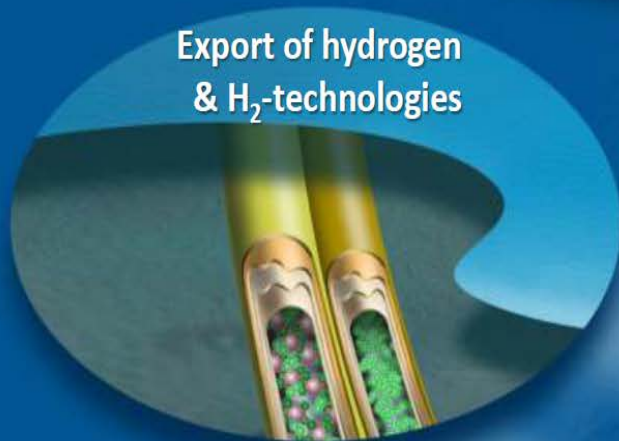
# Blended hydrogen heating



# Industrial Hydrogen



# Areas where Norway can play a key role internationally within hydrogen and fuel cells





# Conclusions 😊



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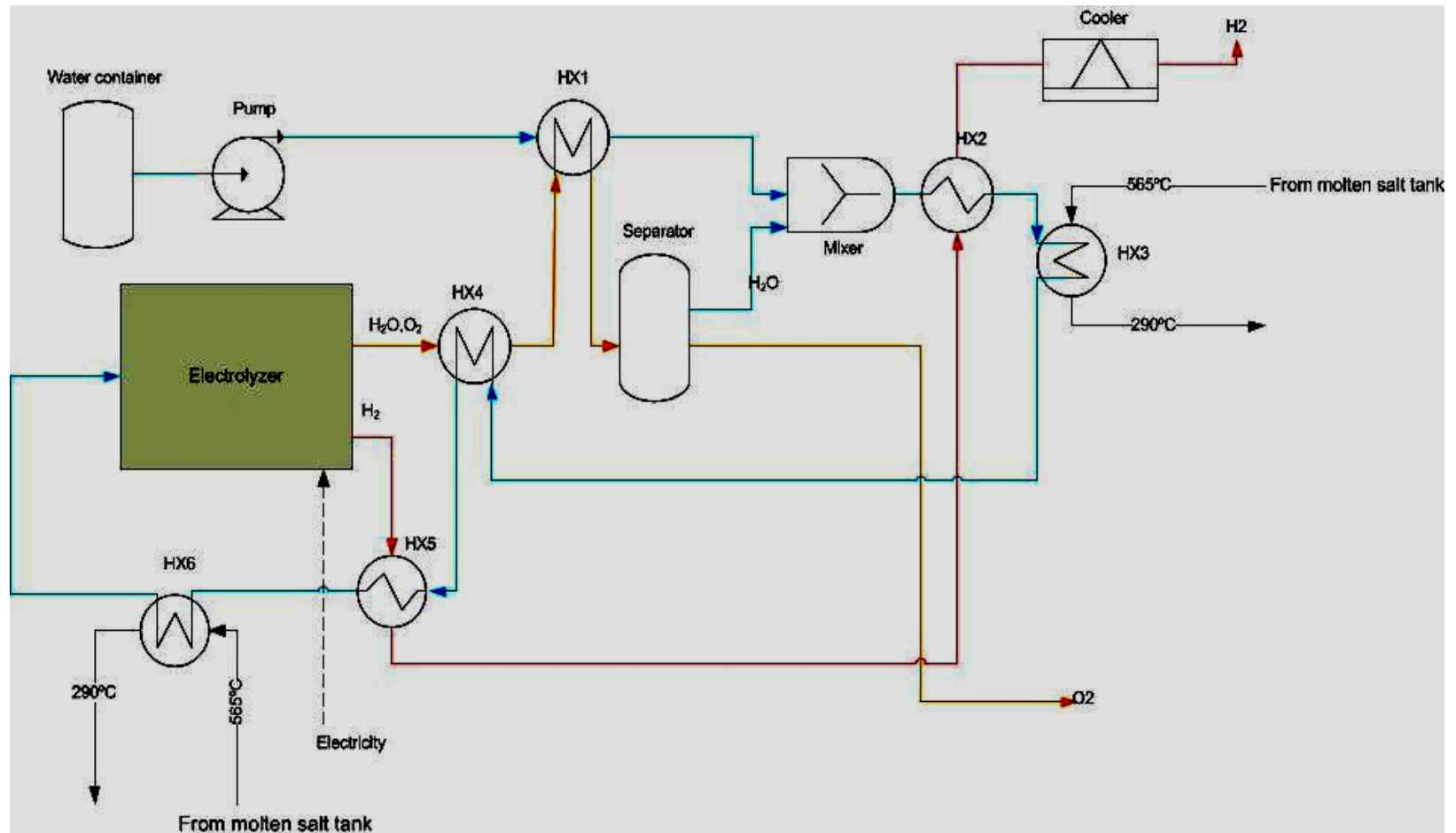




# Backup slides



# Steam electrolysis coupled with thermal energy sources: Example of solar-thermal molten salt plant



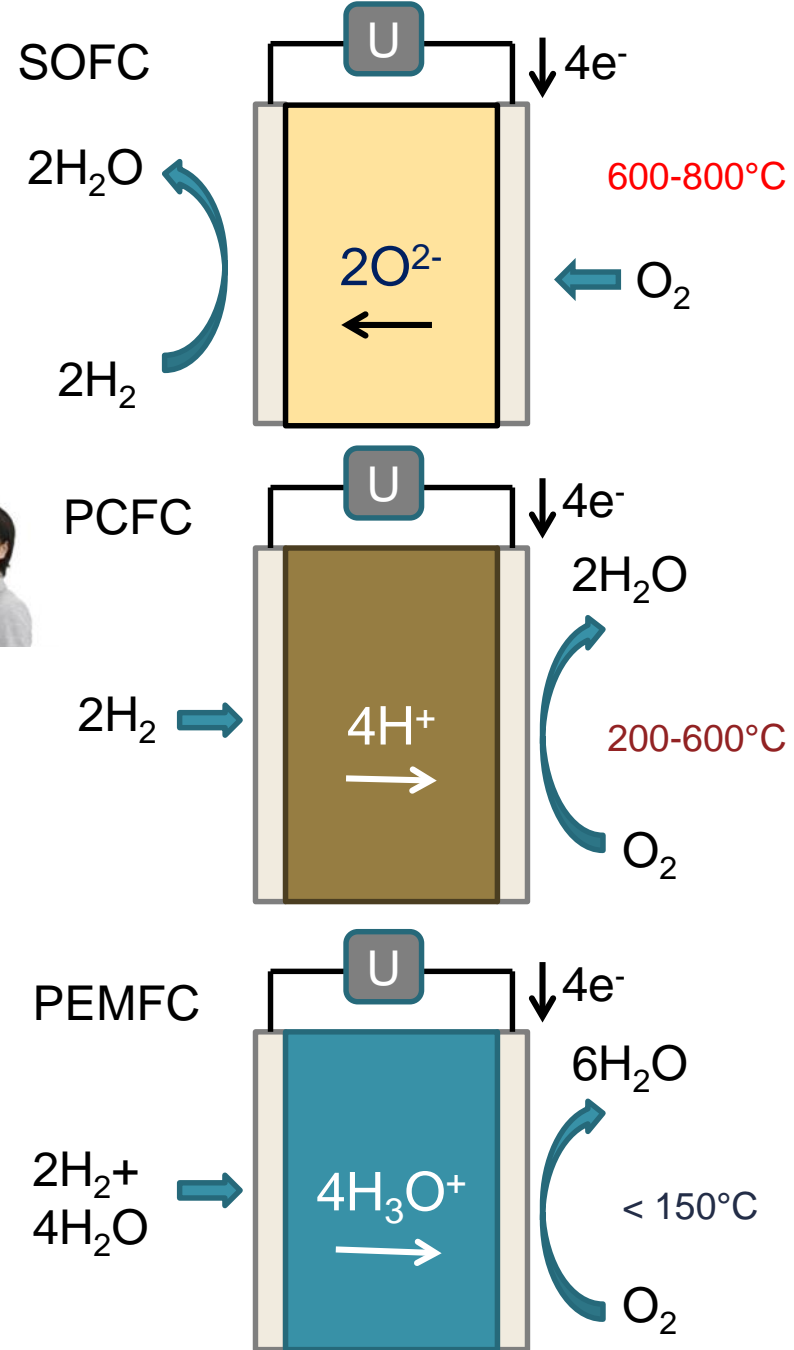
# Solid-state fuel cells

- Examples with  $H_2$  as fuel
- SOFC: High T, low fuel utilisation, anode oxidation

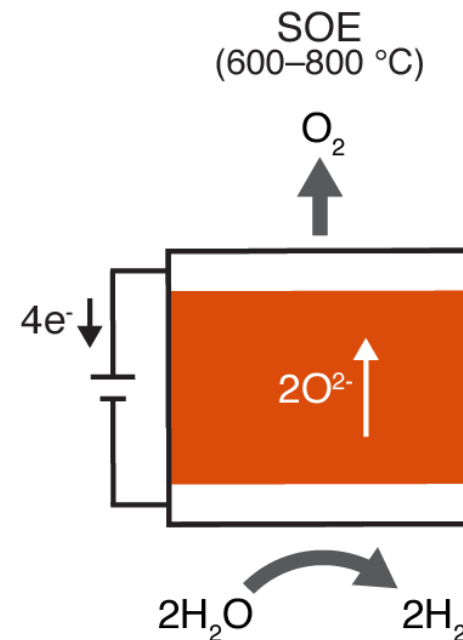
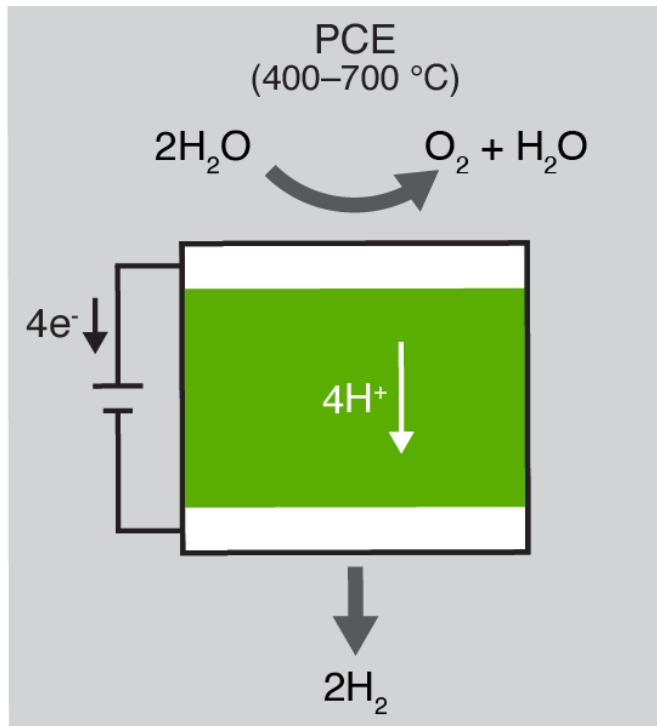
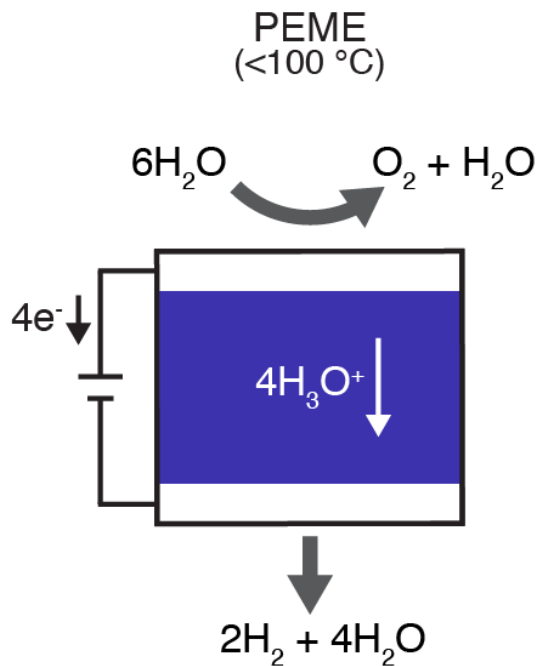


- PCFC: Intermediate T, high fuel utilisation

- PEMFC: Low T, water management, cooling challenges



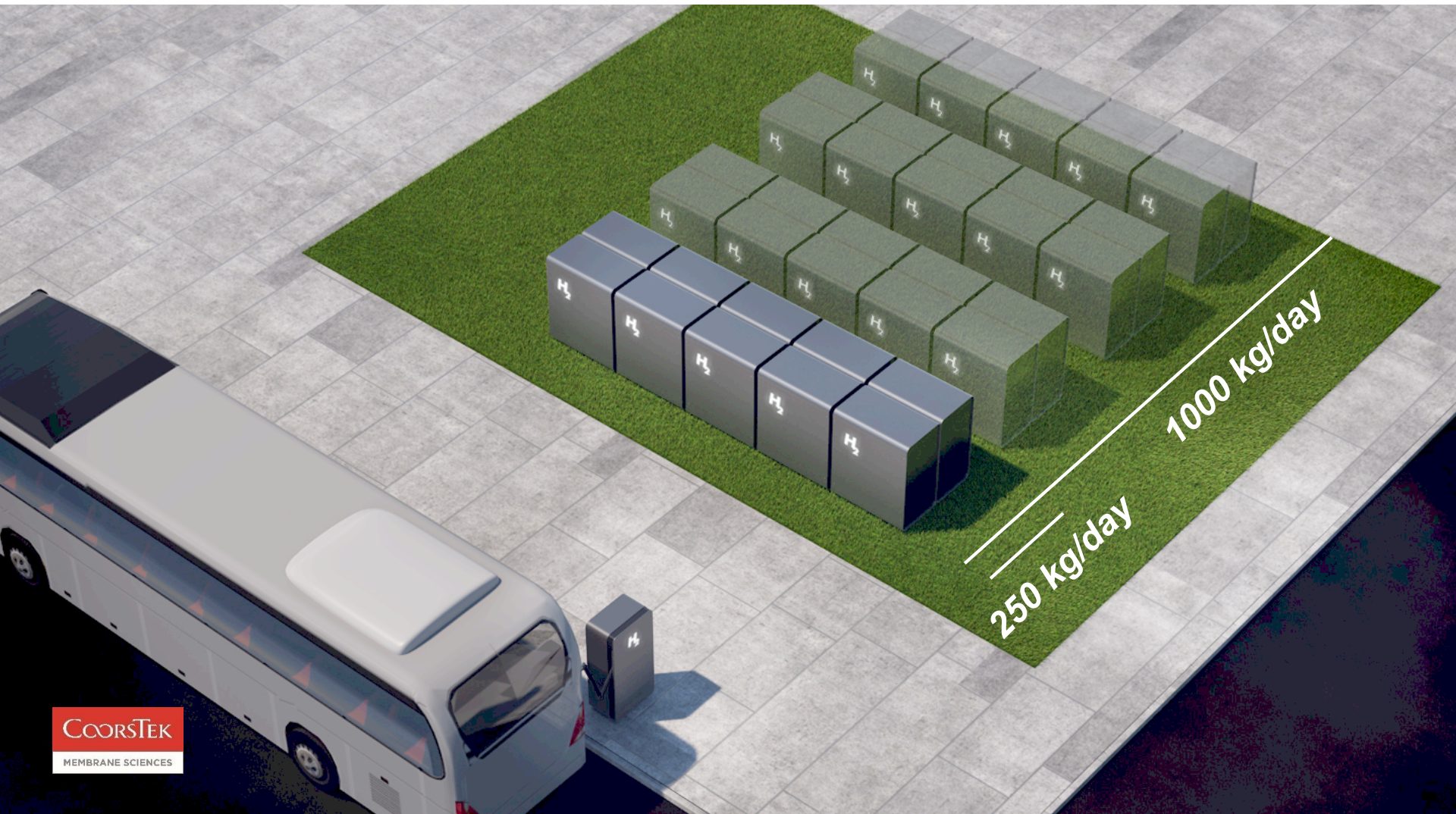
# Comparative advantages of PCEs



# Industrial Hydrogen



## 2) City Buses



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# 1) Medium and large cars

**PurePower™** ceramic membrane technology propels Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles with **On-Site Hydrogen**

Hydrogen infrastructure for FCEVs now a practical reality:

- Hydrogen cheaper than electricity
- Infrastructure becomes a compelling reason (“killer app”) to buy a FCEV
- Roadmap to ultimate eco-technology

# 89%

## energy efficiency

natural gas + electricity → compressed H<sub>2</sub>

Source: Malerød-Fjeld et al., Nature Energy (2017), <http://www.nature.com/articles/s41560-017-0029-4>

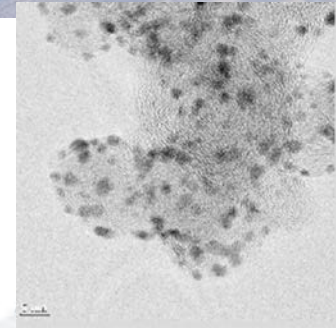
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# Typical hydrogen car 2014

- Hyundai iX35 H2-FCEV (or HFCV)
- First commercial tHFCV
- Zero emission
- 100 kW electric motor
- 100 kW fuel cell + 24 kW Li polymer battery
- Top speed : 160 km/h. 0-100 km/h: 12.5 s
- Two H<sub>2</sub> tanks: Ca. 6 kg H<sub>2</sub> @ 700 bar
- Consumption: Ca. 1 kg H<sub>2</sub>/100 km (NEDC): Range: 600 km
- Full tank in 3 minutes





## Range: Energy density (MJ/kg)

- Wood 16
- Coal 30
- Gasoline 47 x 20%: 10
- Hydrogen 142 With tank: 7 x 50%: 3.5
- Lithium ion battery 1 x 60%: 0.6

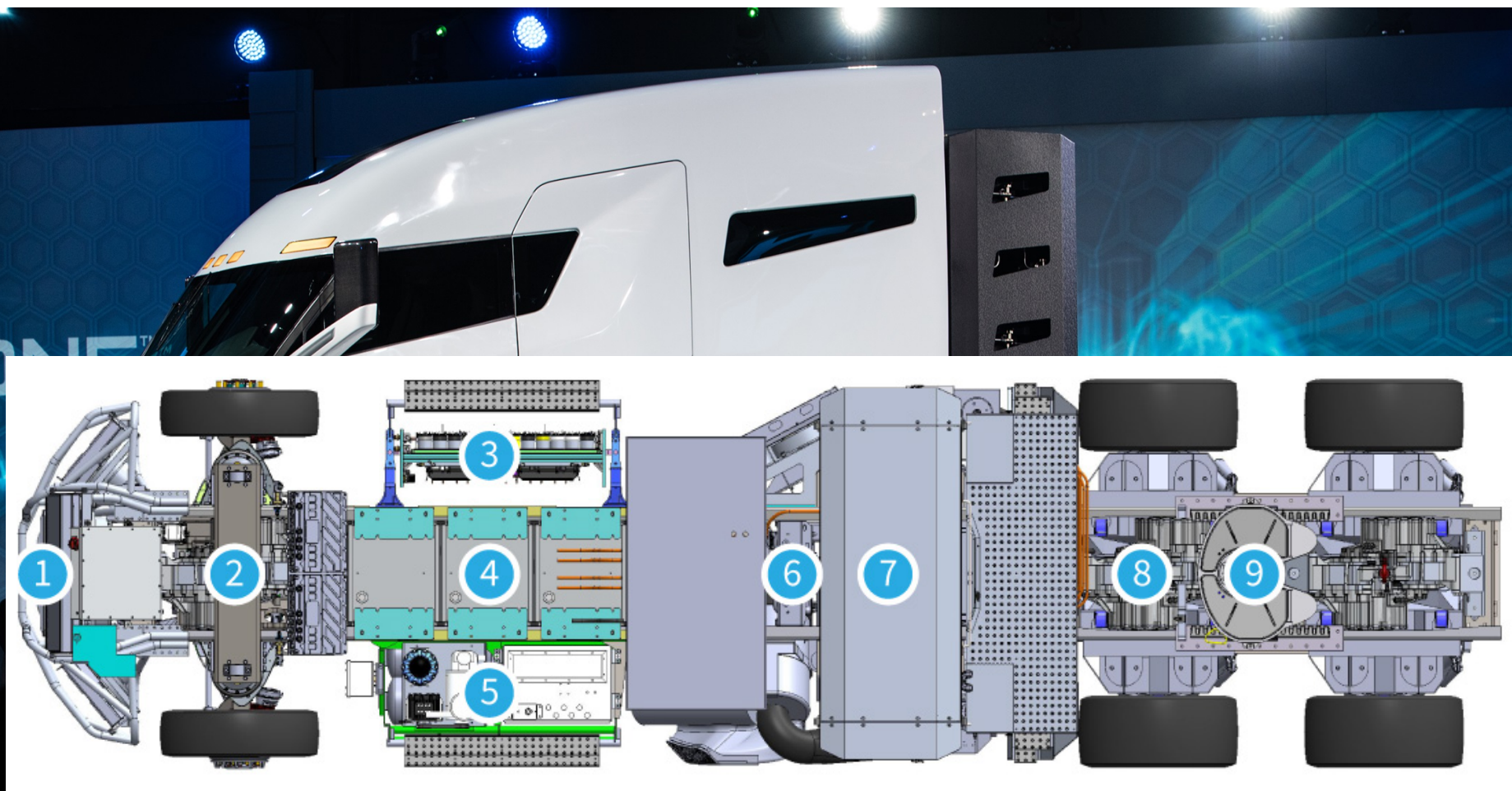


# HFCV buses





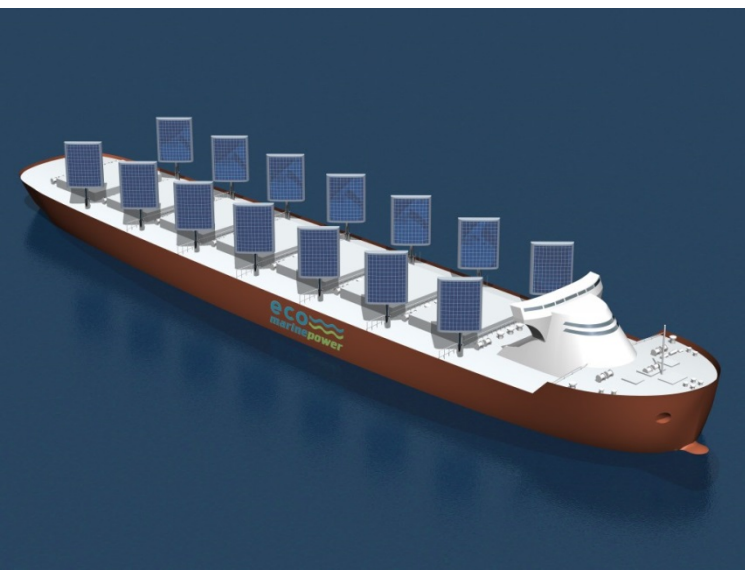
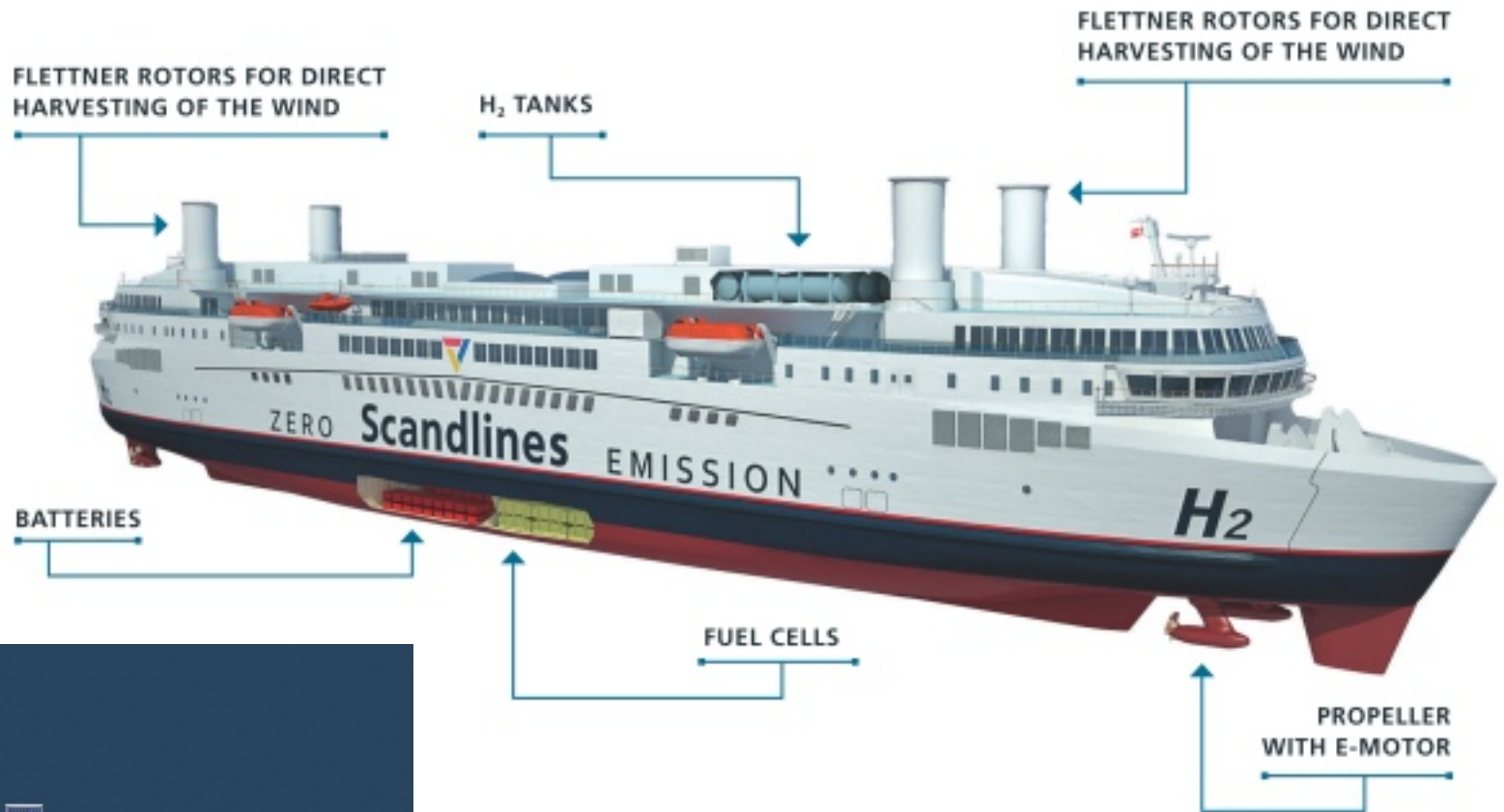
# Hydrogen fuel cell heavy trucks



# Hydrail - Hydrogen on track

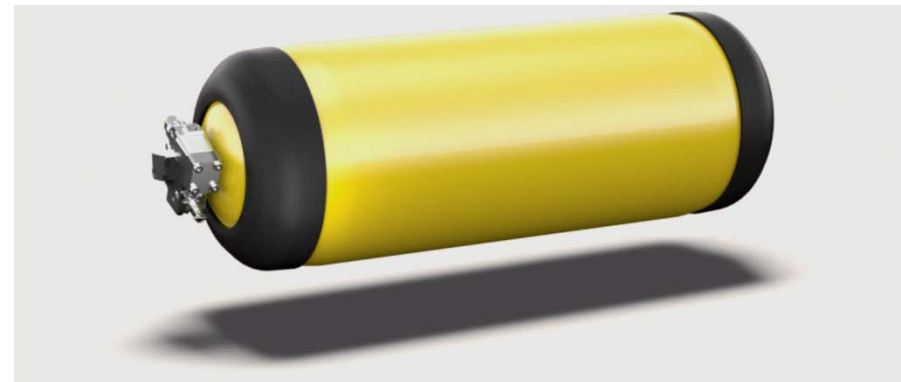


# Green ships: Fill H<sub>2</sub> from land Make hydrogen onboard from sun and wind?



# How do we store hydrogen?

- As gas at 700 bar
  - 3 x a regular gas cylinder!
- Tanks lined with carbon fiber
  - Bullet proof
  - Collision proof
  - ...



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# Hydrogen infrastructure and filling stations

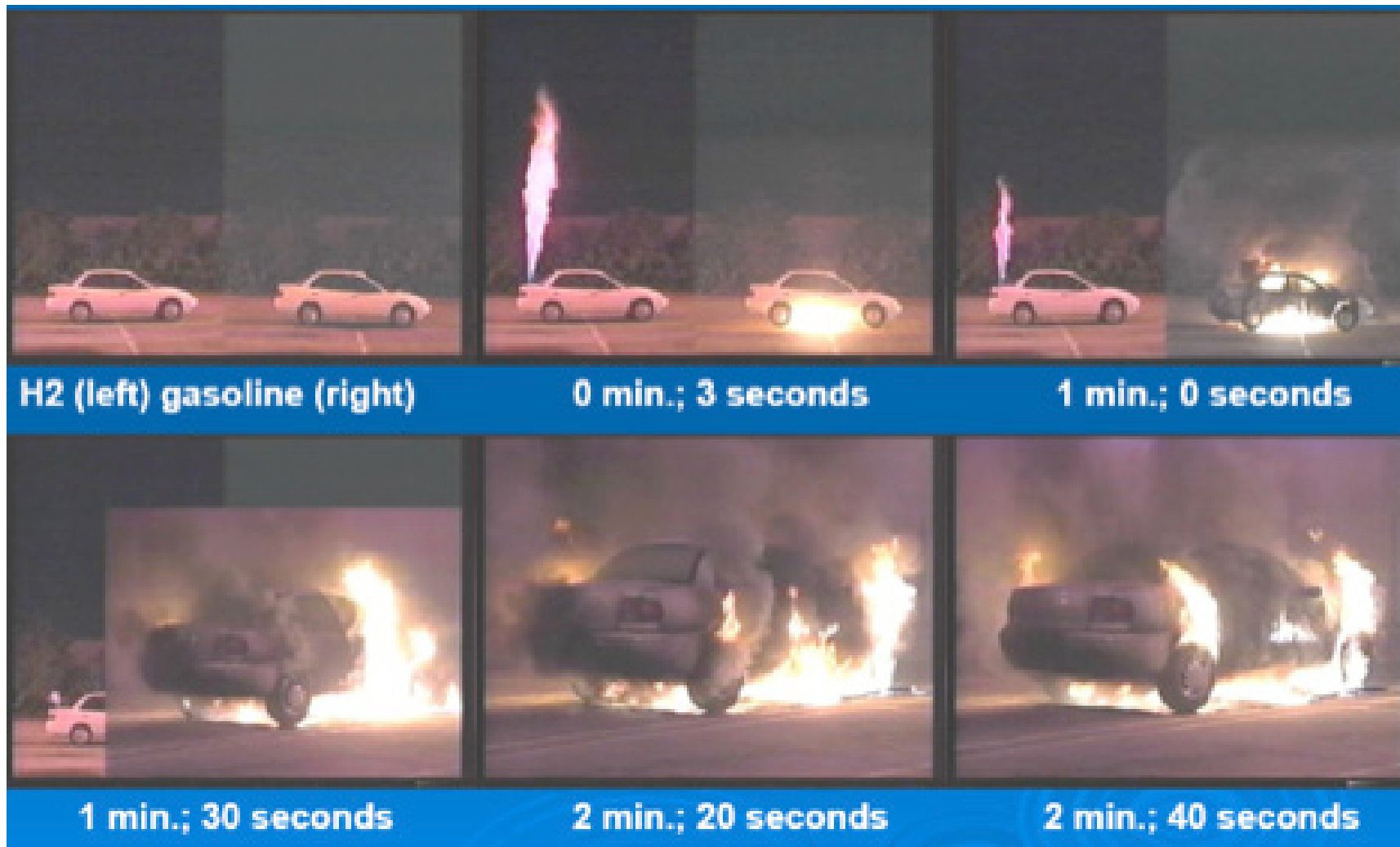


- Hydrogen is made at the station or comes in pipelines or on tanks
  - Norwegian industry: Hexagon
- Hydrogen made by
  - Electrolysis
    - In Norway near 100% renewable
    - Norwegian industry: NEL
  - Gasification of biomass
  - Reforming of natural gas
- High demands for purity
- Fills a car in 3 minutes via 1000 bar cooled H<sub>2</sub>
- Price...
- Growing hub of stations in/around Oslo (HYOP; Uno-X)

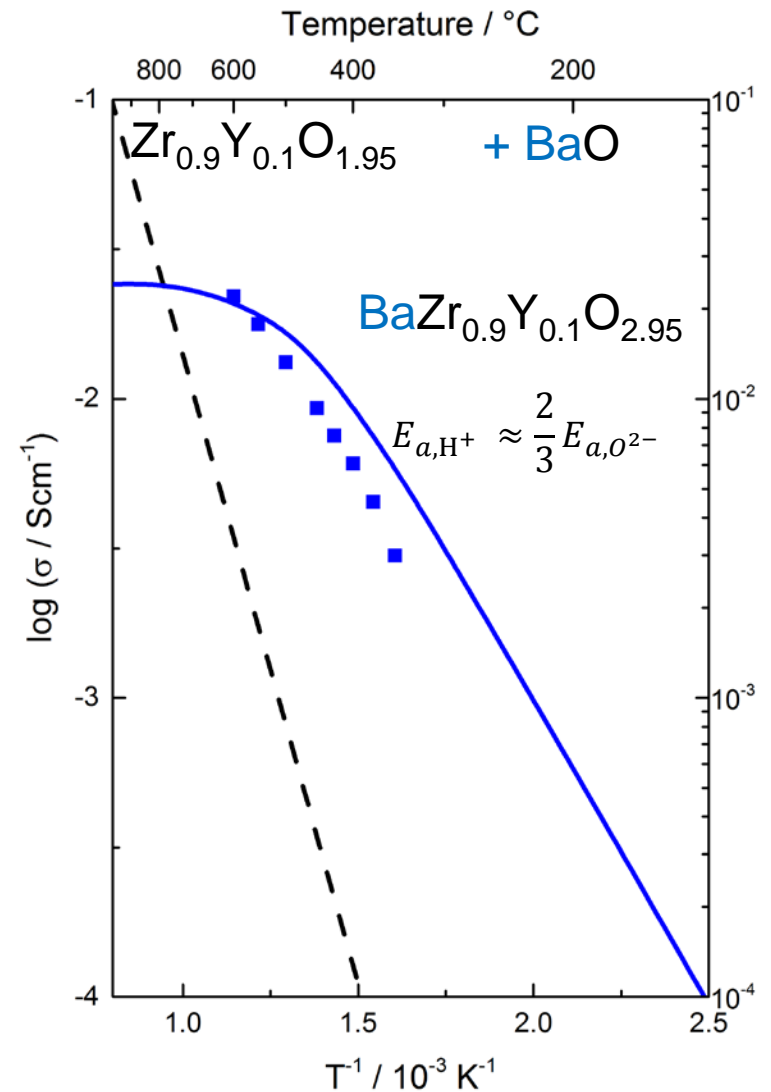
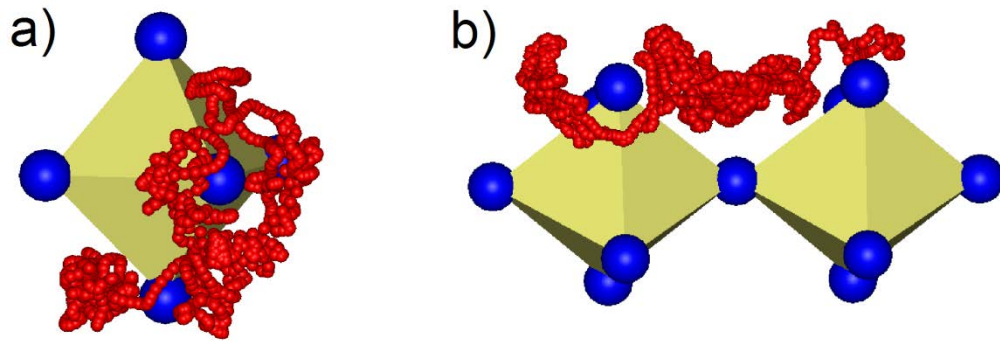
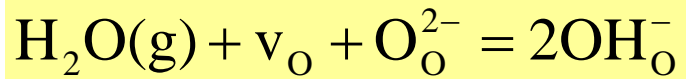
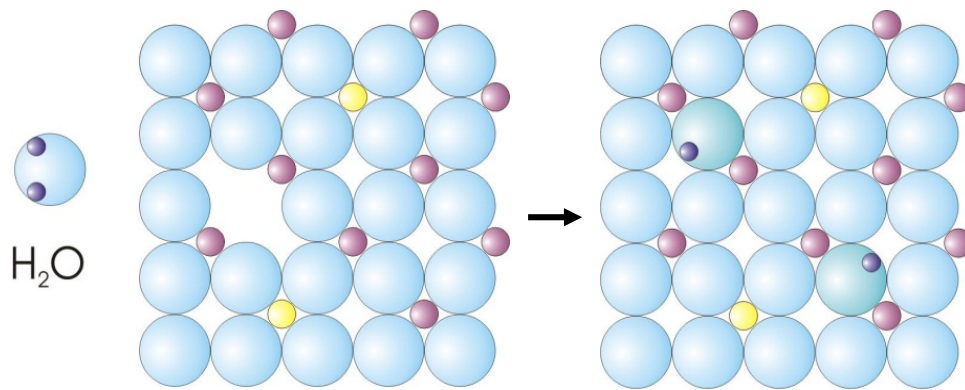




# H<sub>2</sub> safety



# Proton conducting oxides; proton ceramics



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