

Materials for Hybrid Energy Storage Creating an Eco-System for Innovation

Expert Webinar April 14, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CET)

# JP Energy Storage

# **Numbers and Figures**





- Established in 2011
- 39 ROs and Universities
- 15 Member States/Associated Countries
- 6 Sub-Programmes
- 5 Energy Storage Technologies



# JP Energy Storage

#### Mission and Vision





developing **common research** and coordinating the scientific community



establishing a **dialogue at European level** among all stakeholders involved in energy storage R&D



facilitating **knowledge transfer** by communication with industry and stakeholders



**advising policy makers** by identification of regulatory barriers and providing policy recommendations



establishing **best practices** by developing new technologies and pave the way to market introduction

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# **Sub-Programmes**

EERA

European Energy Research Alliance

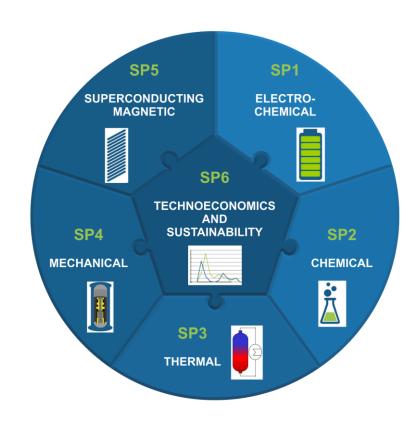
Energy Storage

- Five Sub-Programmes reflecting the five storage principles and one cross-cutting Sub-Programme dealing with techno-economic aspects and sustainability
- New energy storage solutions are needed to meet
  - short-term (seconds and minutes)
  - medium-term (days and weeks)
  - long-term (seasonal)

energy storage requirements for various energy carriers and provide valuable ancillary services to the energy system

• **StoRIES** proposal submitted in January 2021 (H2020 EGD call) - aiming at creating a Storage Research Infrastructure Eco-System in Europe, if funded.





#### Setting the scene



- December 2019 The European Commission presented the "European Green Deal", a set of policy initiatives aiming at ensuring the EU becomes climate neutral by 2050.
- Strong implications for the energy sector New energy storage solutions are needed for:
  - suppling more flexibility and balance in the grid
  - providing a back-up to intermittent renewable energy
  - contributing to seasonal energy storage
- The challenges can be faced by innovative hybrid energy storage materials, devices and systems that combine existing and new solutions
- Need to create an **energy storage eco-system** enabling innovation in materials for hybrid energy storage
- This webinar aims at discussing potential collaboration and best way forward to create an active and persistent eco-system bringing together material science researchers, industry and policy makers

## Objectives



- To identify the needs for new energy storage materials from an industrial perspective
- To discuss how analytical facilities (e.g. synchrotrons) can support material acceleration platforms (MAPs) by improving the understanding of materials features
- To strengthen computational efforts to design and develop new functional materials for energy applications supported by AI measures
- To underline the importance of materials science in the future energy research for achieving the Clean Energy Transition
- To foster international cooperation and multidisciplinary interaction





TIME								
10:00	Welcome and objectives of the meeting							
	Myriam Gil Bardají, KIT & EERA JP ES							
10:15	I-Hybrid Energy Storage Systems – Needs for new materials							
	Magdalena Graczyk-Zajac, EnBW (DE)							
10:30	II- Synchrotrons - A gateway to novel materials and international collaboration							
	Antje Vollmer, Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin (DE)							
10:45	III- Thinkable pathways for bridging energy materials simulations to synchrotron experiments							
	Süleyman Er, DIFFER (NL)							
11:00	IV- Cooperation and ways forward – The Clean Energy Transition Partnership							
	Nikolas Reschen, Federal Ministry Republic of Austria (AT)							
11:15	Round table							
11:45	Questions from the audience							
12:00	End of meeting							

#### Speakers





Magdalena Graczyk-Zajac Energie Baden-Württemberg (DE)

Project Leader R&D Technology Innovation Focus: electrochemical storage solutions for stationary applications



Antje Vollmer
Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin (DE)

#### **Beamtime Manager**

Focus: supporting excellent science as well as promoting international cooperation to address global challenges



Süleyman Er DIFFER (NL)

#### **Research Group Leader**

Focus: quantum calculations, artificial intelligence methods and advanced data-infrastructures



Nikolas Reschen
Austrian Federal Ministry (AT)

#### **Policy Officer**

Focus: climate action, environment, energy, mobility, innovation and technology

# Materials for Hybrid Energy Storage

Dr. Magdalena Graczyk-Zajac, EnBW

14 April 2021



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- 1 EnBW AG: who we are and what we do
- 2 Electrical energy storage technologies
- 3 Hybrid energy storage: state-of-the-art and future

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#### Who we are and what we do





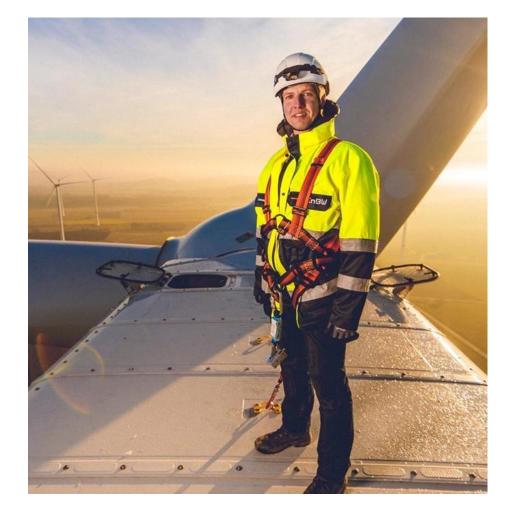
One of the **largest energy supply companies** in Germany and Europe, with **strong roots in Baden-Württemberg.** Our core business: **electricity, gas, heat and water.** 

#### Our business segments

- We are vigorously expanding renewable energies.
- We transport electricity, gas and water across all voltage and pressure levels via our grids.
- Our **sales department** serves as contact for all energy-related issues of our customers.
- In the **trade and generation** segment we optimise our conventional power plants in terms of economy and CO<sub>2</sub> and trade energy for our customers and ourselves on the stock exchange.



We are evolving from an energy provider to an infrastructure partner.



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#### **EnBW in Europe**

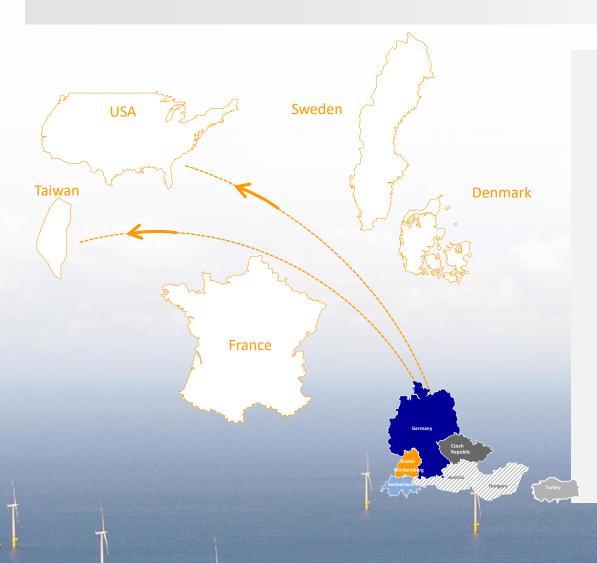




<sup>\*</sup> Shares in different companies indirectly via EnBW Trust e. V.

#### Selective internationalisation in the field of renewable energies





From our base in Baden-Württemberg we capture new growth fields in international markets.









#### **Examples**

- Turkey: hydropower, onshore wind energy, photovoltaics; installed output: 495 MW
- Sweden: onshore wind energy, installed output: >100 MW
- USA: establishment of a national subsidiary and of representative offices in different regions; development partnership to build floating foundations for offshore wind power
- > France: establishment of a representative office and start of project development
- Taiwan: establishment and building of EnBW Asia Pacific Ltd. and development of offshore projects with local partnersDenmark: expansion of the service range to companies specialising in the maintenance and repowering of wind power plants

#### Brands and shareholdings at home and abroad



#### **Baden-Württemberg**





















34 shareholdings in municipal utilities 50 leased grid companies

#### Germany









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#### **Internationally**

Turkey





Switzerland



Czech Republic



Denmark



Sweden





France



Asia





**USA** 



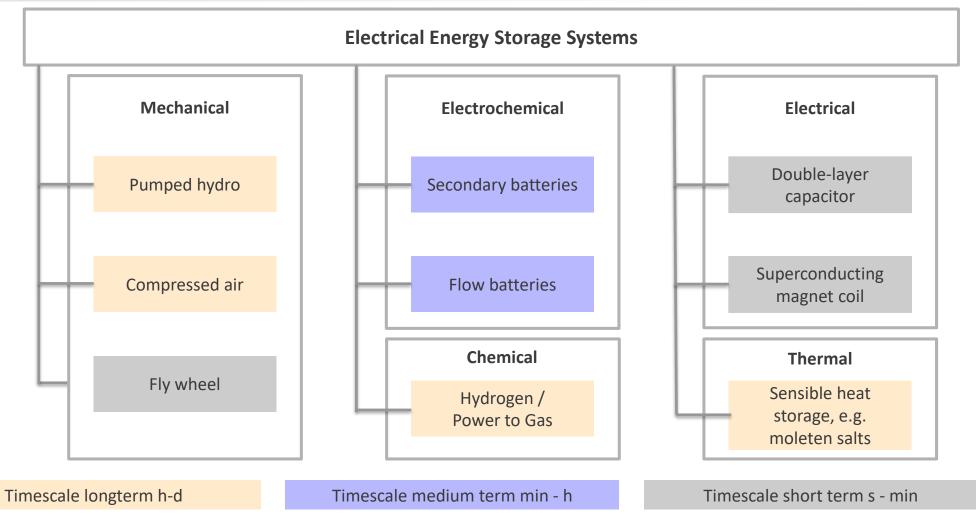
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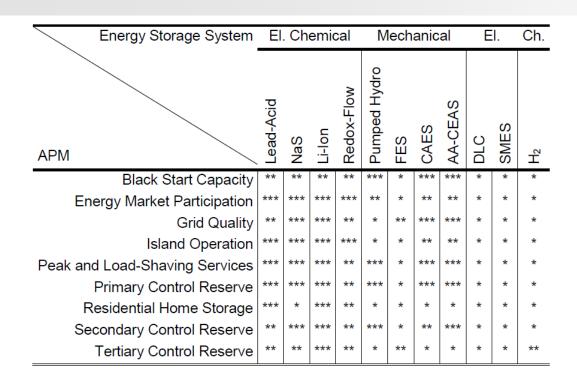
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Black Start Capacity	**	**	**	**	***	*	***	***	*	*	*
Energy Market Participation		***	***	***	**	*	**	**	*	*	*
Grid Quality	**	***	***	**	*	**	***	***	*	*	*
Island Operation		***	***	***	*	*	**	**	*	*	*
Peak and Load-Shaving Services		***	***	**	***	*	***	***	*	*	*
Primary Control Reserve		***	***	**	***	*	***	***	*	*	*
Residential Home Storage		*	***	**	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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Battery Energy Storage Systems have high ability to serve a specific applications modes

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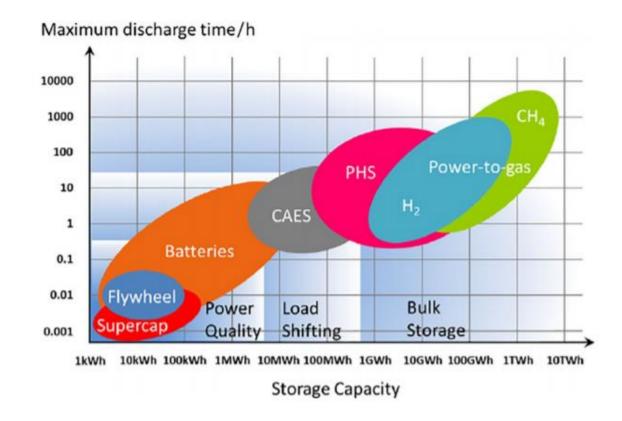
#### **Electrical energy storage technologies**





But ... Battery Energy Storage solely covers only a part of time- and capacity scale

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#### **Stationary storage with solar parks**



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#### Solarparks Weesow-Willmersdorf, Alttrebbin and Gottesgabe: 500 MW

- Generation of environmentally friendly electricity for more than 140,000 households
- 325,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> saved thanks to solar energy
- Construction site of around 400 hectares, fully greened with native seeds; trees, hedgerows and bushes will be planted in the
  immediate vicinity. Sheep are to graze in these large-scale projects.
- EnBW aims to produce around half of its power using renewable energy sources by 2025
- Battery storage solution planned together with PV Parks

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#### Reallabor H2-Wyhlen: Green Hydrogen from Upper Rhine

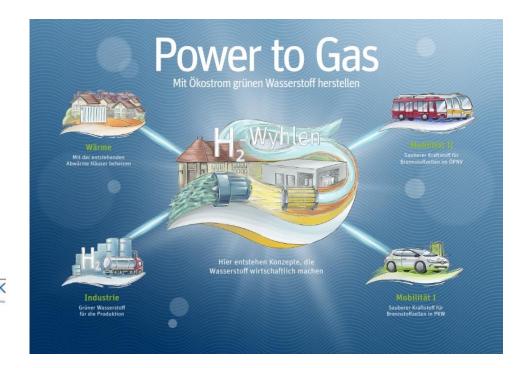




Power-to-Gas plant in Grenzach-Wyhlen on the Upper Rhine produces hydrogen by means of electrolysis.

Electricity for H<sub>2</sub> production comes from the neighbouring hydroelectric power plant.

- Research funding of approximately 13.5 Mio €
- Largest power-to-gas plant in southern Germany
- Goal: expanding the existing PtG plant in by 5 MW of electrical output to supply local transport with green H<sub>2</sub> and to use it in industrial sectors.
- The waste heat generated during electrolysis is to be used to heat residential in the surrounding area.



https://www.energiedienst.de/produktion/wasserstoff/reallabor-h2-wyhlen/

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# Hybrid storage system in Varel: Na-S + LiB "energy revolution storage system"





Two proven battery types intelligently managed together:

- 2.9 MWh, 7.5 MW of Lithium-ion batteries, which enable quick access to the energy stored
- 20 MWh, 4.4 MW NaS batteries, suited to the more long-term interim storage of larger capacities

The system aims to balance out frequency fluctuations, thereby contributing to the stability of the network.

If necessary, it can feed 11.5 MW of output into the electricity network or draw from it.

Its storage capacity is enough to supply every household in Varel with electricity for five hours.

 $\underline{https://www.ewe.com/en/media/press-releases/2018/11/intelligent-large-scale-battery-officially-commences-operation-in-varel-ewe-ag}\\ \underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTo7RCpAUQg}$ 

#### **EU-Projekt HyFlow**





Coordinated by Hochschule Landshut, Grant Agreement 963550

LC-BAT-9-2020: Hybridisation of battery systems for stationary energy storage

#### **HyFlow**

- Designs and develops an optimized HESS consisting of a vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB), a supercapacitor (SC), an advanced converter topologies and a highly flexible control system that allows adaptation to a variety of system environments
- The system enables modular long-term energy storage through VRFB, while the SC as a power component ensures high load demands
- Energy Management System (EMS) will be designed to perform high level of control and adaptability

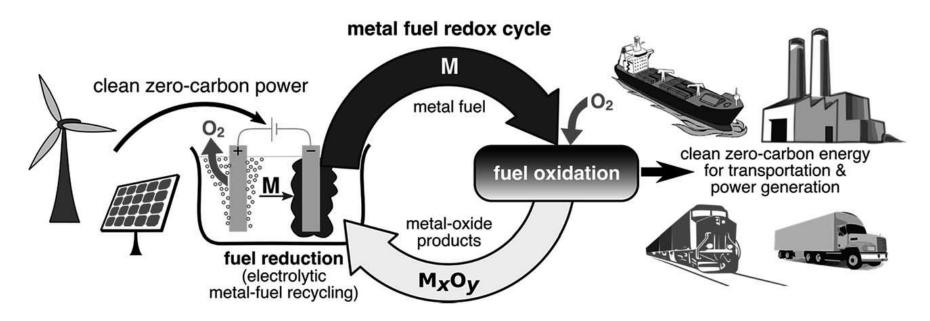


https://www.solarserver.de/2021/01/22/hybrid-energiespeicher-aus-redox-flow-batterie-und-superkondensator/https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/963550/de

#### Possible future solutions: Seasonal storage in reactive metals



Power-to-Metal: Al, Zn, Ca

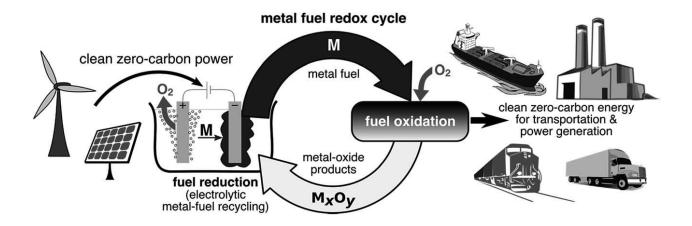


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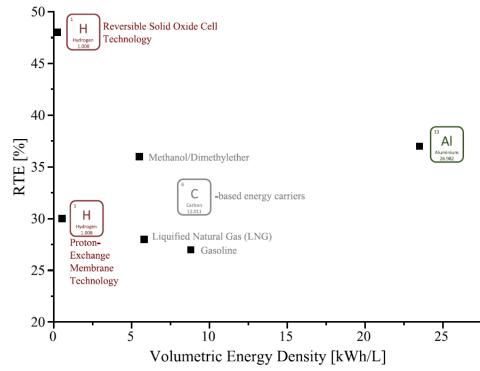


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Electrochemical conversion (i.e., the direct transformation of Chemica Energy into Electrical Energy) is much more efficient than conversion through heat generation

Aluminium offers many advantages as energy storage, but RTE could be improved



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D. J. Durbin and C. Malardier-Jugroot, Int. J. Hydrogen Energy (2013) 38, 14595–14617.

L. Barelli et al., Energy Technology (2020) 2000233, DOI: 10.1002/ente.202000233

M. Baumann, L. Barelli, S. Passerini Adv. Energy Mater. 2020, 10, 2001002

#### Take-home message



- There is no single universal energy storage solution that is ideal for every grid-scale application
- The commercially available stationary storage solution aim short- and medium-term time scale
- Hybrid energy storage systems are the future of the stationary storage
- Material development required for:
  - Improvement of short- and medium-term battery storage solution
  - > Developing safer and "storable" materials for a long-term (seasonal) energy storage

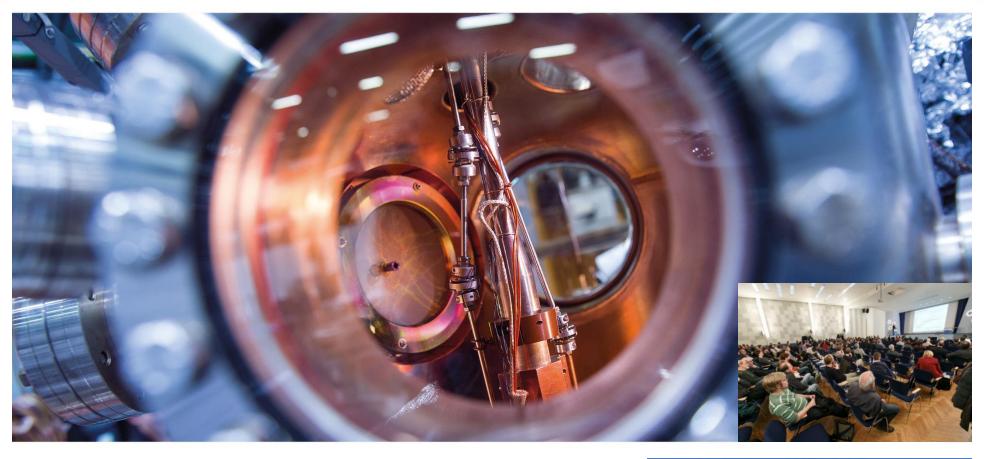
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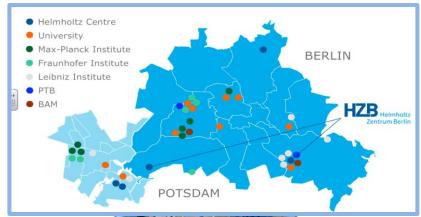
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#### **Synchrotrons of the World**









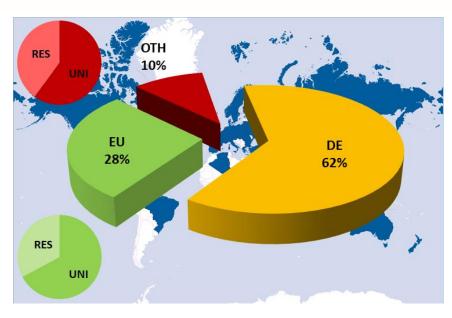


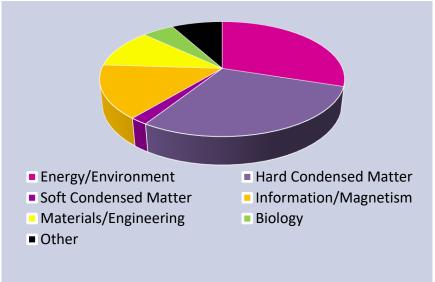


#### **Example BESSY II**









#### **BESSY II Average numbers:**

- More than 1200 proposals per year
- About 800 beamtime campagnes
- More than 3000 user visits
- More than 10000 registered users
- 12000 overnight stays in the guesthouse

#### **Publications**

More than 500 (verified) peer reviewed publications per year from 27 simultaneously operating beamlines.

Broad variety of research fields 30% of proposals with energy-related topics

#### **European Union:**

More than 270 Beamlines

More than 6000 beamtime campaigns

More than 30.000 users

More than 5000 publications

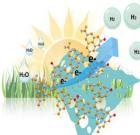
## **BESSY II- Multitude Of Users And Research Fields**

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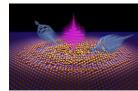
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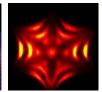




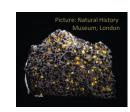








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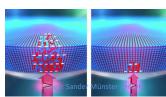
**Space** 



**Metrology** 





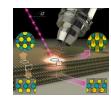


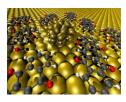




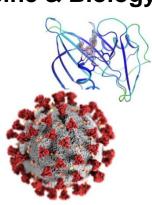








**Medicine & Biology** 

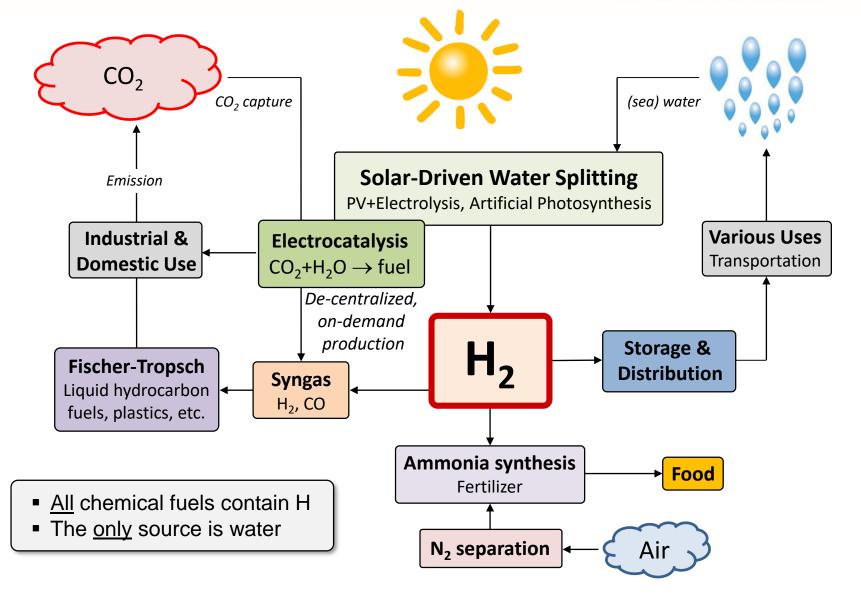




#### **Central Role of Hydrogen in a Fossil Fuel-Free Society**







#### **Scientific Challenges**



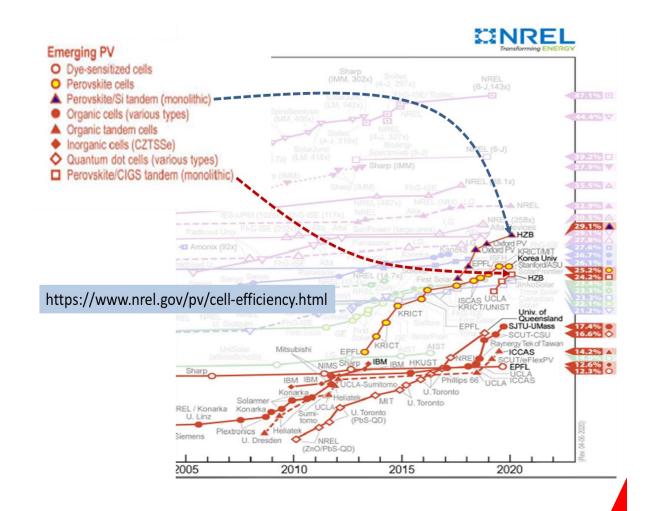


#### SUSTAINABLE ENERGY - CLIMATE - ENVIRONMENT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - HEALTH

60 Minutes: the sun delivers the energy the whole world needs in one year<sup>1</sup>

567x567 km<sup>2</sup>: of solar panels in the Sahara (3,5% of the area) would satisfy the world's energy demand.

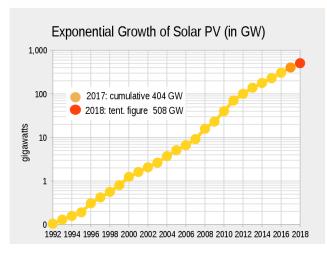
22m<sup>2</sup>
Of solar panels cover the need of an average household



#### **Mission Accomplished?**

# 80 \$76.00 70 Price history of silicon PV cells in US\$ per watt 40 30 \$0.30 1977 1981 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015

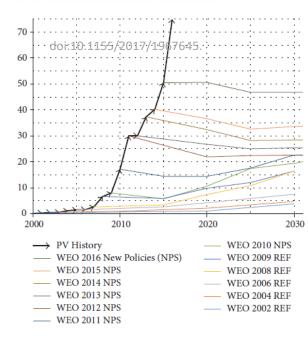


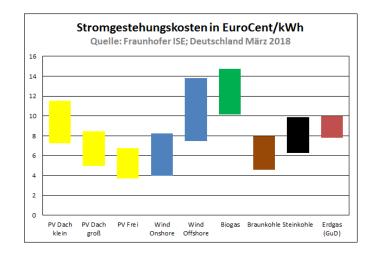


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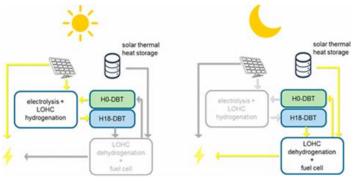


#### **Highlight – Energy Storage**



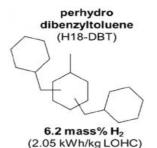


#### Towards a Hydrogen-free Hydrogen Economy - just borrow H from a molecule



The nature of hydrogen requires dedicated infrastructures. So far this has prevented the introduction of elemental hydrogen into the energy sector to a large extent.







Hydrogenious LOHC Technologies GmbH

- liquid organic hydrogen carrier (LOHC): pairs of hydrogen-lean and hydrogen-rich organic compounds.
- A future hydrogen economy may work without handling large amounts of elemental hydrogen.
- Repeated catalytic hydrogenation and dehydrogenation cycles.
- Use of the existing infrastructure for fuels, public confidence in dealing with liquid energy carriers.



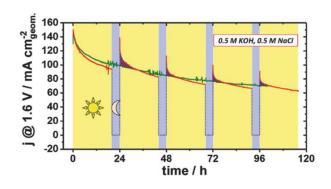
#### Highlight - Hydrogen





#### Oversalted? That's good! Electricity only during the day?

#### An advantage! Direct electrolytic splitting of seawater



Current density versus electrolysis time for a continuous 100 h measurement (green) and a 20 + 4 h day/night interval measurement (red) mimicking a 4 h night cycle

Seawater electrolysis faces fundamental chemical challenges

Current technologies focusing on splitting water into oxygen and hydrogen ( $H_2O + \text{energy} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}O_2 + H_2$ ) to use hydrogen as energy carrier.

Current water electrolyzer technologies only split either highly alkaline (20–40 wt% KOH) electrolyte obtained from purified freshwater or else purified freshwater alone.







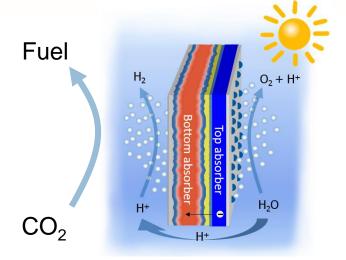


- First efficient working alkaline electrolyzer, splitting artificial alkaline seawater, based on nanostructured NiFe-layered double hydroxide (anode) and Pt nanoparticles (cathode).
- The natural day-night cycles could function as a refreshment protocol when using renewable energy sources like photovoltaics or wind power to operate the electrolyzer.
- Direct use of the vastly more abundant seawater supplies could solve the problematics related to scarce water provision and high fresh water demand, which are severe in many arid zones.

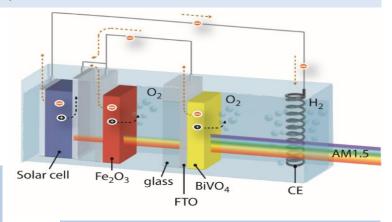
#### **Development – Solar Fuels**







From green hydrogen various pathways can lead to synthetic gas, alcohol or ammonia, being starting products for higher hydrocarbons, plastics, fertilizers via catalytic reactions



7.7% solar-to-H<sub>2</sub> efficiency *en route* to the goal for practical solar hydrogen production, *Nat. Commun.* 7, 13380 (2016)

- 2H+ +  $H_2$ 2H+ + CO + H<sub>2</sub>O $CO_2$  $CO_2$ HCHO + H<sub>2</sub>O(formic acid)  $CO_2$  $CH_3OH + H_2O$ (methanol) 6H+ +  $CO_2$ 8H+ +  $CH_4 + 2H_2O$ (methane) 2CO<sub>2</sub> 12e<sup>-</sup>  $C_2H_4 + 4H_2O$ (ethylene) 12H+ + (ammonia) 6H+ + 6e<sup>-</sup> 2NH<sub>3</sub>
- Key challenge 1: Understanding surface chemistry during operation
- Key challenge 2: Optimizing catalysts for the different reactions
- New developments in synchrotron methods allow study of solid-liquid interfaces with XPS
- J. Electron Spectrosc. Relat. Phenom. 221, 106 (2017); J. Phys. Chem. B 122, 801 (2018)







#### Batteries - the major technological challenge for green energy storage

#### The perfect battery

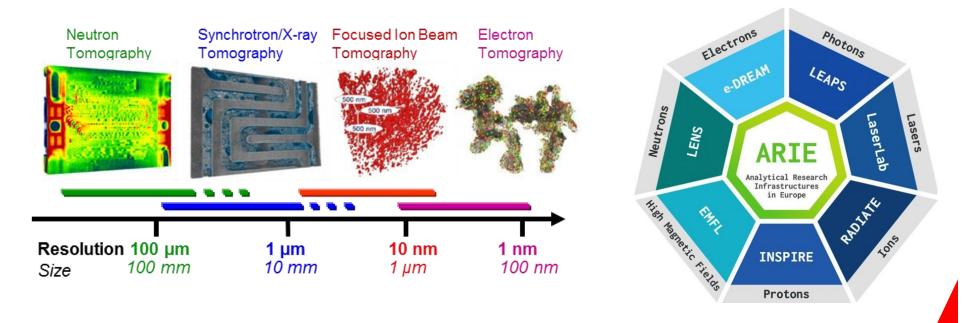
- has a high capacity,
- short charging times,
- long-term stability (many charge-discharge cycles),
- · is light weight and
- consists of abundantly available cheap materials.



All these properties can already be fulfilled, yet not in one but "rather 4 different batteries".

Molecular understanding, is required for rational design of new batteries

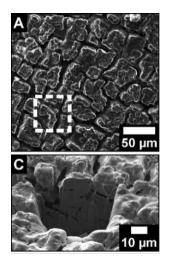
All European synchrotrons have accepted the battery challenge (see: LEAPS paper:European Battery 2030+) More than that, ARIE (Analytical Research Infrastructures In Europe) addresses 40,000 researchers in academia and industry and offers complementary methods

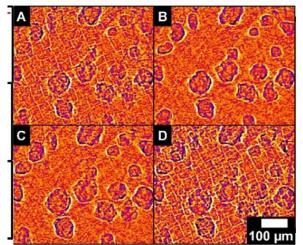






#### Operando investigations – spy the battery – working, aging, failures

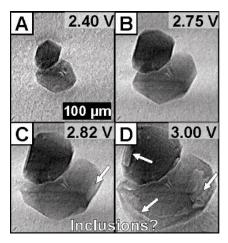




Operando analysis of a lithium/silicon half cell. Voltagedependent morphological changes on the two electrodes.

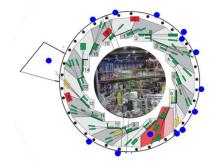
So-called lithium corrosion pits form on the metallic lithium anode and a checkerboard pattern on the silicon cathode.

- Checker board pattern on silicon electrode
- Pit corrosion at Li metal electrode
- Mechanical cracking after delithiation of highly lithiated phase



Investigation of electrochemically induced alpha-sulphur crystal growth in lithium/sulphur batteries.

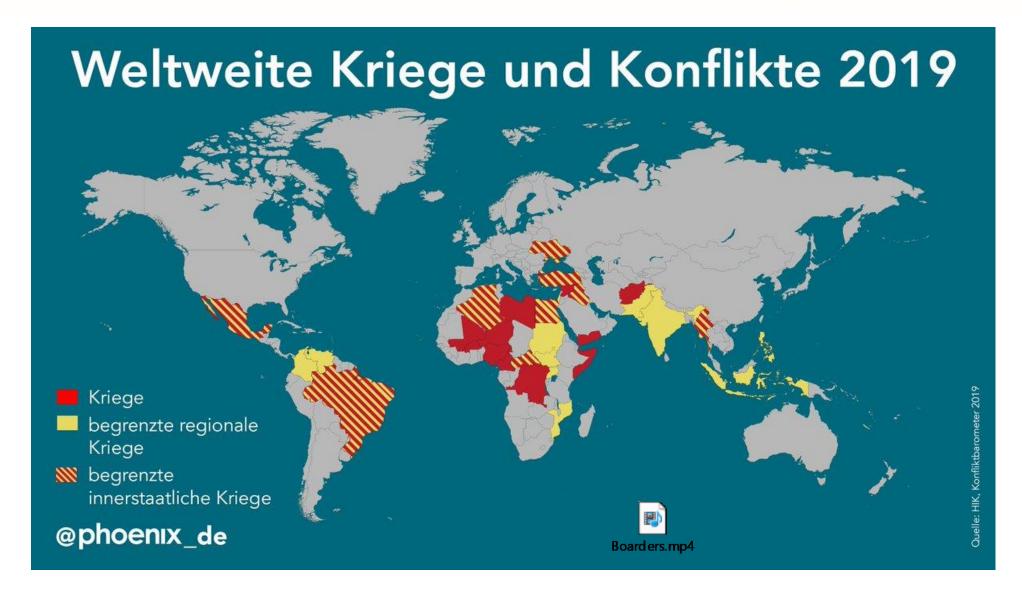
During rapid growth, liquid inclusions can apparently form that trap active material, which is thus no longer available for energy storage. This represents a new capacity loss mechanism



Energy Storage Materials 32 (2020) 377–385; . Phys. Chem. Lett. 11 (2020) 5674–5679



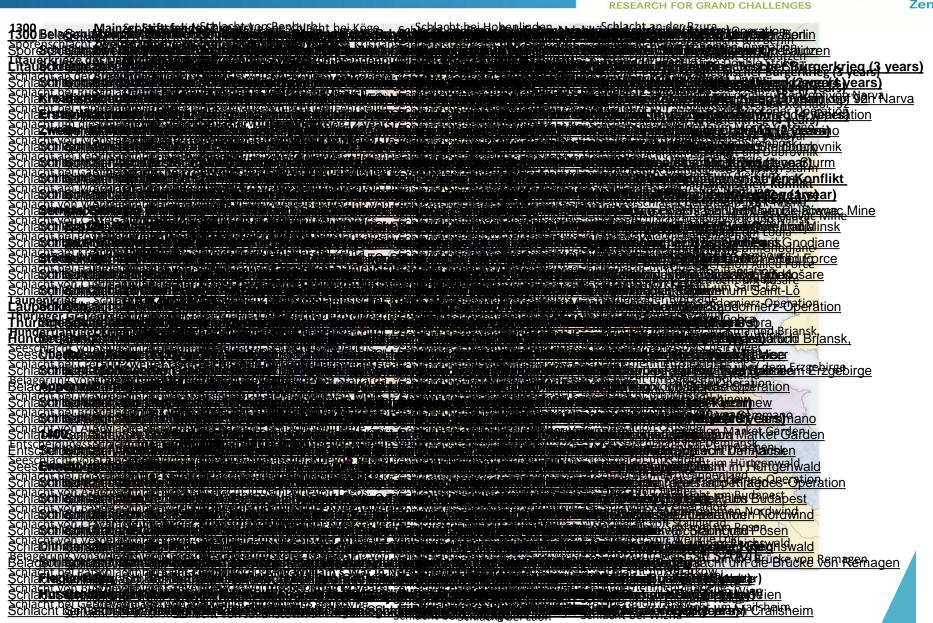




## WARS AND BATTLES IN EUROPE SINCE THE MIDDLE AGE



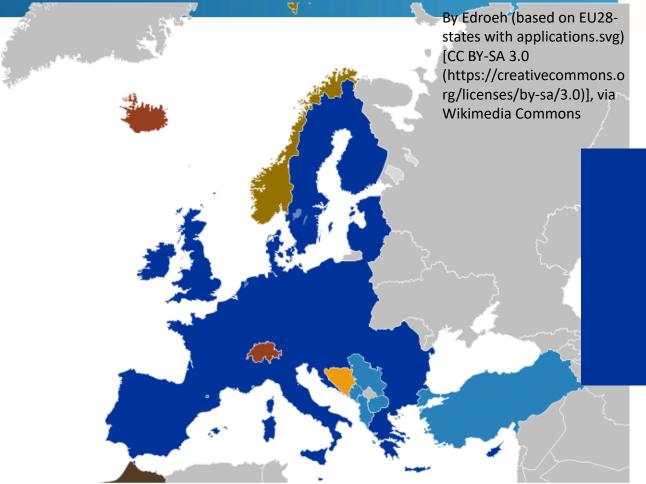




#### **GLOBAL CHALLENGES**







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easy? \*

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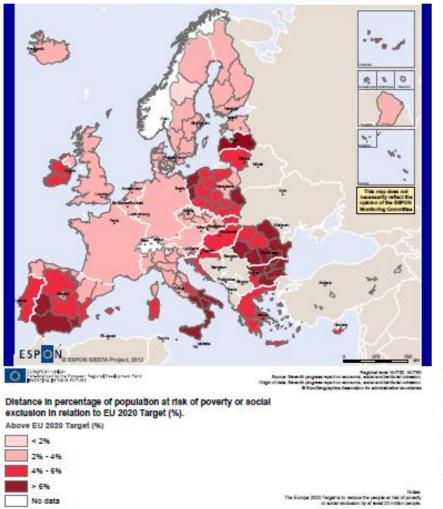
- EU
- Candidate countries
- Formally submitted membership application to EU
- Accession rejected (referendum 1972 and 1994)
- Application frozen or withdrawn
- Application rejected

#### **EUROPEAN CHALLENGES**

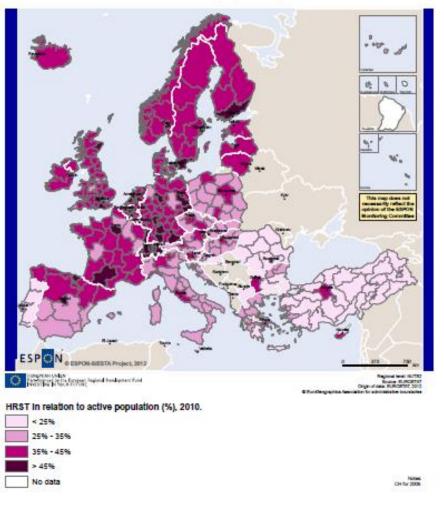




Map 4.9 Distance to the Europe 2020 target of population at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion, 2010



Map 2.4 Human resources in science and technology (HRST) as share of active population, 2010



#### **EUROPEAN CHALLENGES**





Inclusion always starts with information...



Confidence always starts with experience...



Visits to universities

Scheduled visits

Planned visits

Talk at national synchrotron days

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- Tailor made twinning teams of new comers and experienced user groups
- Experience in possibilites and experiments
- Discussion and support
- Contact to facilities and possible collaborators

Exchange programs, schools, workshops, e-learning, web-pages, and social media accompany international activities.





Cooperation always starts with a common idea and a project between partners...



## **CERN** – Fostering cooperation between peoples recently in conflict





#### **Examples of bridges between peoples built by CERN**

- 1st intergovernmental organisation that Germany joined after WW II (on probation!)
- 1st post WW II meetings between German and Israeli physicists at CERN
- Collaboration between CERN and Russia at the height of the Cold War kept door open, establishes trust and was model for USA-Russian collaboration
- In the 1970s, when China was "closed"scientific contacts were pioneered at DESY and CERN Nobel Laureat Sam Ting (MIT) got backing from Deng Xiaoping
- In 1985, when USSR-USA arms negotiations in Geneva were stalled, a dinner for Russian and American scientific advisors was arranged, which facilitates a subsequent breakthrough
- CERN had an open door policy for East European countries during the Cold War this allowed them to quickly join CERN following the fall of the Berlin wall





1954 European Reconstruction

1st Session of CERN Council



1980 The East Meets the West Visit of delegation from Beijing



Today The LHC brings together > 8000 scientists and some 100 nationalities





Synchrotron-Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East

#### Conceived late 1990s – two aims:

- Enable construction of a facility for a broad range of scientific research beyond the means of individual members
- Foster cooperation between peoples







The current (2018) Members of SESAME are Cyprus, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, and Turkey



#### **CERN and SESAME and more....**





#### (some) lessons learned...



Science bridges Cultures

Acceptance of diversity is vital

Trust between people is a mandatory ingredient

Scientists can/should/must be ambassadors for peaceful cooperation







...but what can be the roll of synchrotrons in the world?





#### Daniel Zajfmann:

(...) If we would have been sitting here 200 and some years ago ... Well, of course there would be no projectors, no microphone, but also no light. And in any room that we would have been sitting, there would have been a lot of candles. About 200 years ago, actually mostly in the UK but also in Germany, there was a lot of R&D for candles. People were investing a lot of money to get better candles, producing more light, different colors, different perfume. Cheaper ones or expensive ones. A lot of R&D, and there were a lot of discussions. You can read about it. About how one should invest to get a better candle. Then came this gentleman named Michael Faraday and he invented electricity. Now I want to remind you of something. It doesn't matter how much money you're going to invest in developing new candles - you will never get electricity. The solution to your problem is not always where the problem is. (...)















## Thank you for your kind attention





# Thinkable pathways for bridging energy materials simulations to synchrotron experiments

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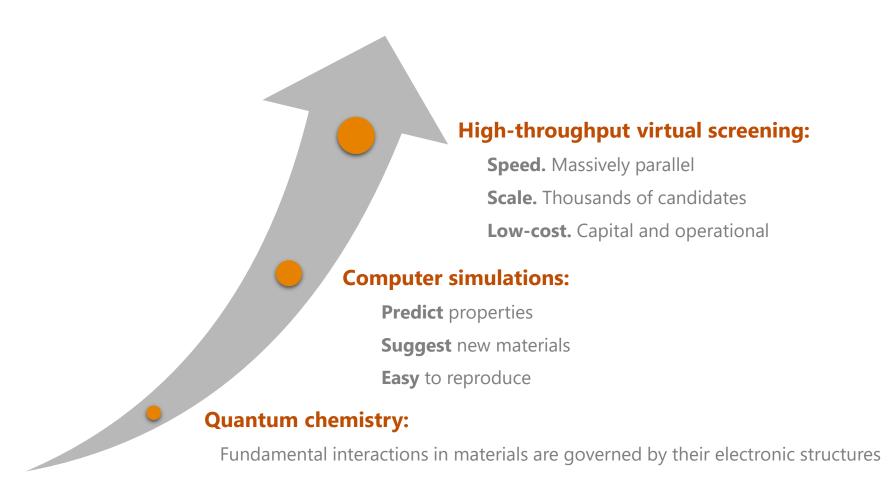
**Autonomous Energy Materials Discovery [AMD]** 





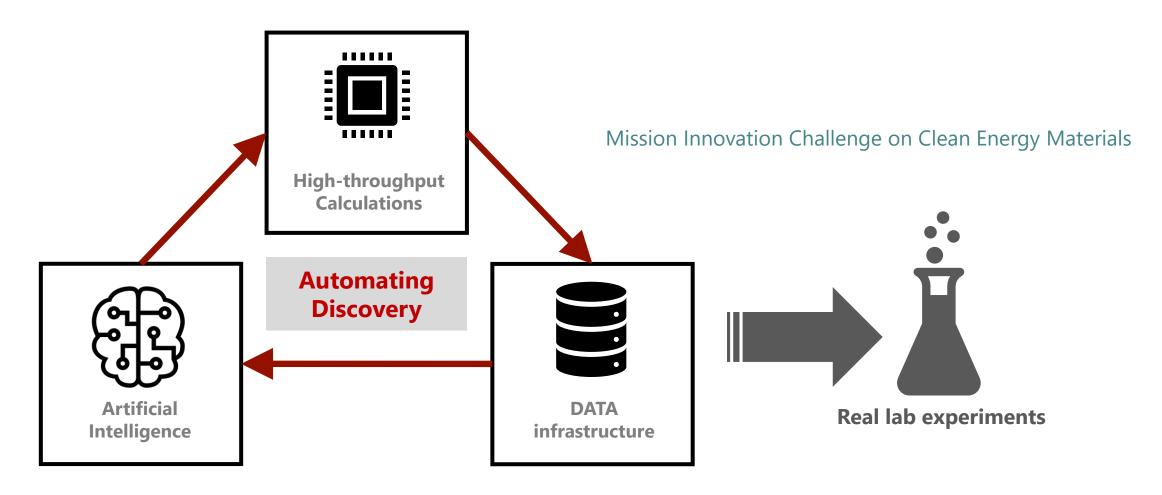


#### **Automating energy materials modelling**



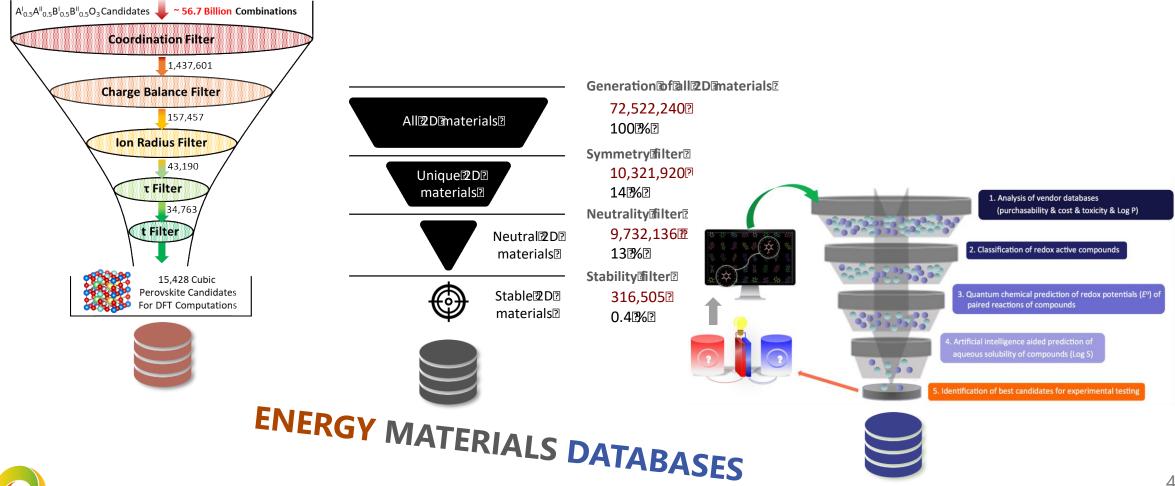


#### Computation and data-driven energy materials discovery at [AMD] DIFFER





#### Automating the discovery of 3, 2 and 0 dimensional energy materials





# High-throughput DFT calculations for virtual materials screening

#### Discovery of 3D electro-catalysts for solar fuel generation

#### Which perovskite materials are good for:

CO<sub>2</sub> catalysis?

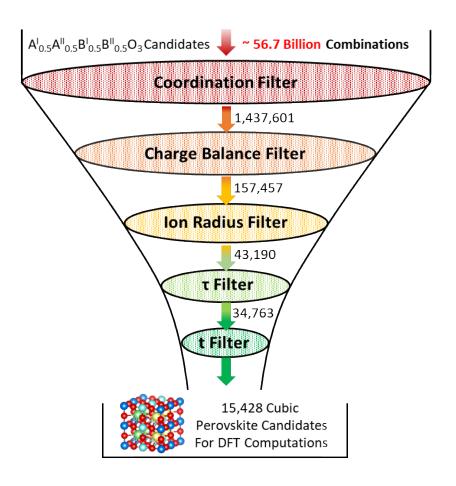
O<sub>2</sub> catalysis?

O transport?

H<sub>2</sub> production?

... etc. ?

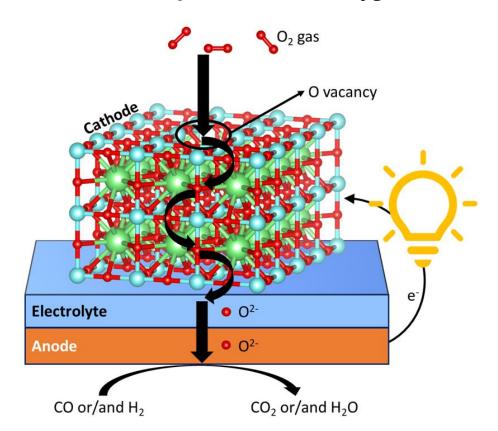
#### **Automating 3D materials discovery using HT-DFT**





#### Perovskite cathode materials for solid oxide fuel cells (SOFC)

#### A schematic representation of oxygen utilization in SOFCs.

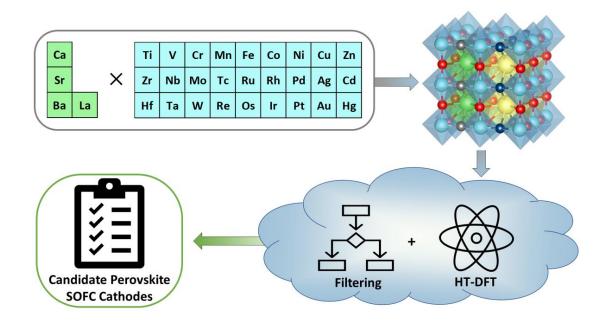


Only the perovskite structure of the cathode is depicted

Oxygen atoms are shown with red, A-type perovskite atoms with green, and B-type perovskite atoms with blue colored spheres

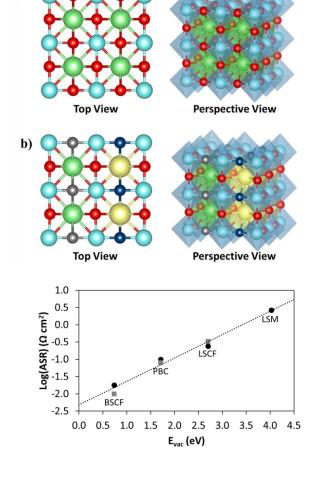


## High-throughput computational screening of cubic perovskites for their use as SOFC cathode materials



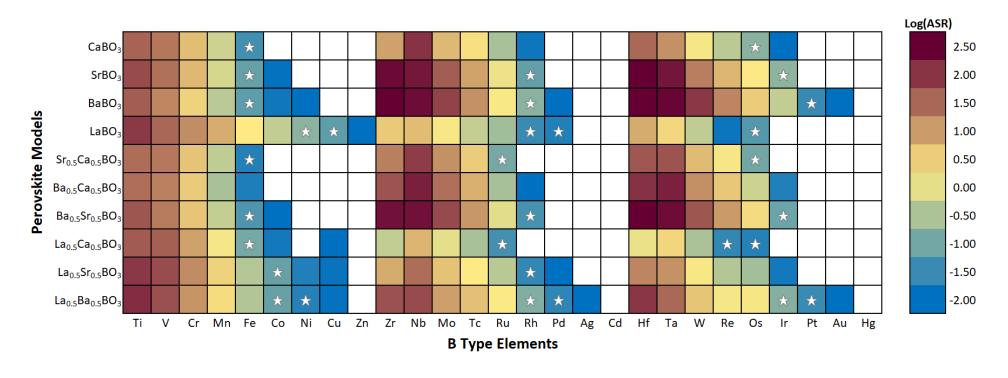
Using  $E_{\text{vac}}$  data of perovskites as descriptor, the area-specific resistance (ASR) is calculated

ASR is related to both oxygen reduction reaction activity and selective oxygen ion conductivity of materials





#### A heat map of the best candidate SOFC cathode materials



The most promising compounds are indicated by using a star sign

The likely unstable perovskites are shown with blank cells

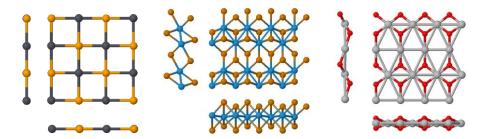


# Al-aided virtual design of 2D energy materials

#### Discovery of 2D photo- and electro-catalysts for solar fuel generation

#### 2D materials overview

#### **Samples of 2D materials**



#### **Attractive properties**

- thin (less material use, large surface)
- diversity of structures
- tunable properties

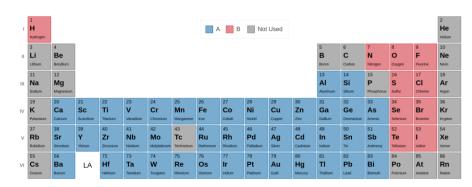
#### **Promising high-tech applications**

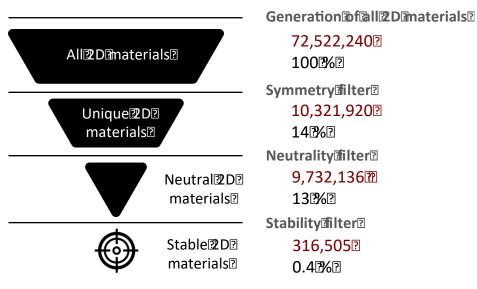
- energy conversion and storage
- semiconductors

#### **Only few thousands DFT calculated**

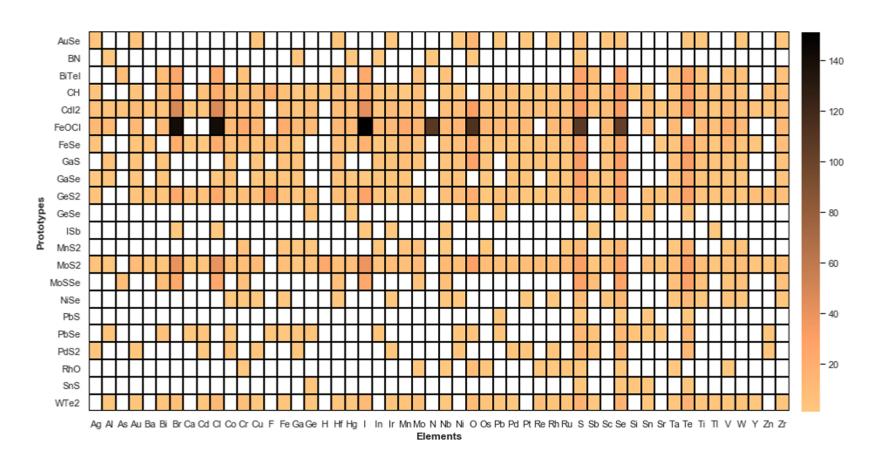


#### **Automating 2D materials discovery using Artificial Intelligence (AI)**





#### The heatmap of chemical screening space for 2D materials



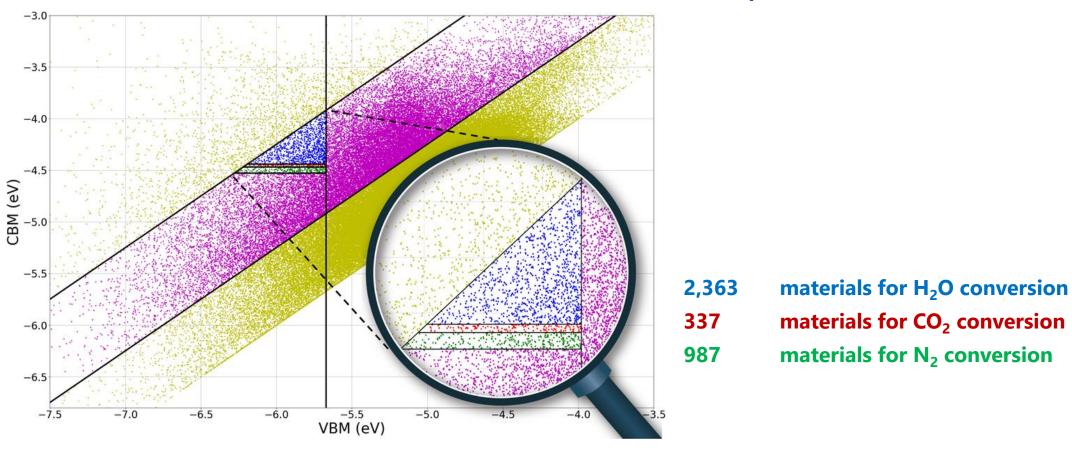
Dark colors show well represented 2D materials in the Al model training data

White color shows absent 2D materials in the Al model training data



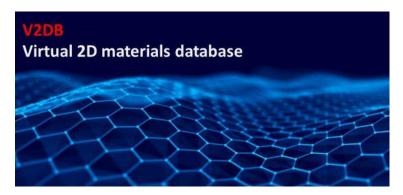
## Virtual screening of AI-predicted candidate 2D materials for different renewable energy technologies

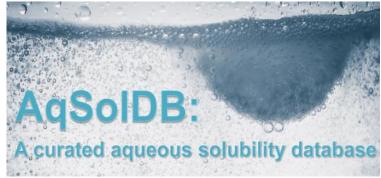


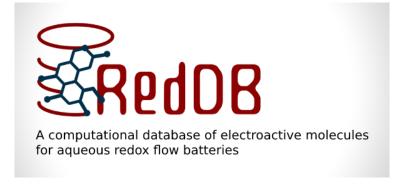


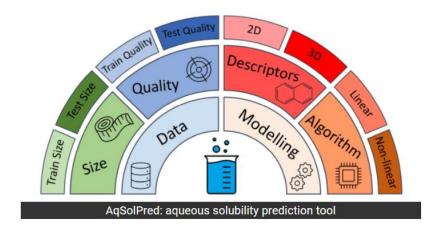


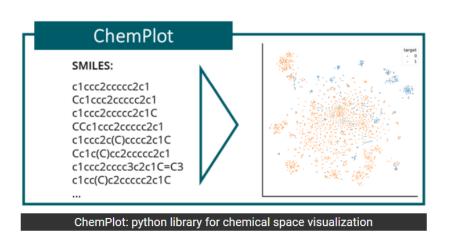
#### Open Databases & Software at: www.amdlab.nl/software-data





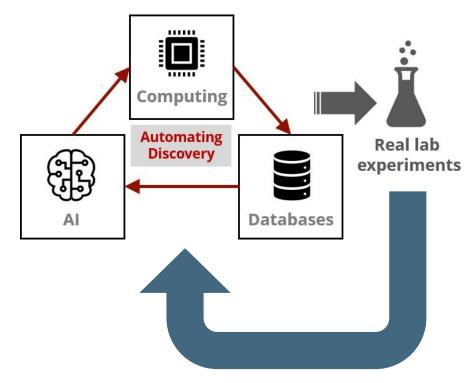








#### A future feedback loop between modelling and (synchrotron) experiments



#### **Spectroscopic and Diffraction/Diffusion techniques related to:**

(operando) bulk atomic structural features (batteries)

(operando) surface atomic structural features (catalysis)

Reactivity of molecules on surfaces (catalysis)

Electronic structure (photo/electro-catalysis, batteries)

Matter under extreme condition (fusion/space)



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# The Way Forward The Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP)

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### Outline

- The Clean Energy Transition Partnership What is it?
- The CETP in a broader policy context and the European Ecosystem
- CETP Challenge 3: Enabling Climate Neutrality with Storage Technologies, Renewable Fuels and CCU/CCS
- The Way Forward

## Clean Energy Transition Partnership

#### What is it?

- The planned Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP) is a multilateral and strategic partnership of national and regional RDI programmes in EU Member States and Associated Countries
- Its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA, 2020) serves as guidance document for future collaboration and focus points. The development of the SRIA was facilitated by the great work of EERA members.
- ▶ **Eight CETP challenges** related to enabling technologies and system integration have been formulated.

## CETP in a broader policy context

## UN Sustainable Development Goals



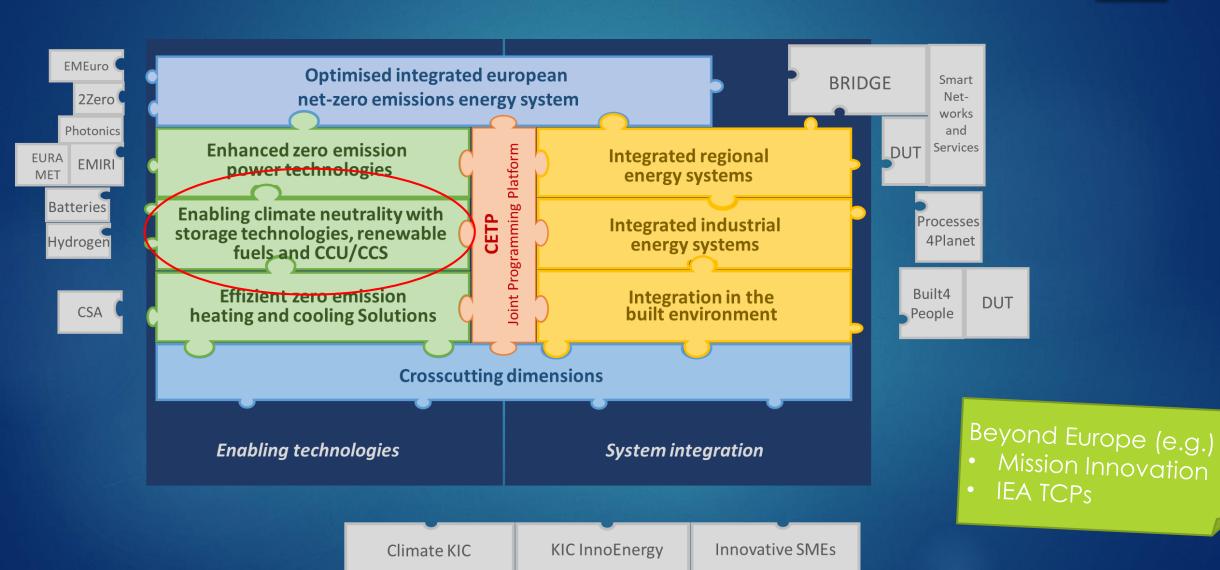
#### **EU Climate Ambition**

- A Clean Planet for All
- The European Green Deal
   Energy System Integration strategy and Hydrogen
   Strategy
   Renovation Wave strategy
  - Off shore Renewable Energy strategy Biodiversity strategy
- National Energy and Climate Plans
- EU Competitiveness Progress Report
- Recovery and Resilience Facility, within the Next Generation EU Programme
- EU Taxonomy

#### RDI for the clean energy transition

- A new European Research Area (ERA)
- European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan)
- International Collaboration: Mission Innovation and the International Energy Agency

## CETP in the European Ecosystem



## CETP Challenge 3 (I)

## Enabling Climate Neutrality with Storage Technologies, Renewable Fuels and CCU/CCS

- The aim of the challenge is to develop and deploy energy storage, renewable based fuels, as well as CCU/CCS (Carbon Capture and Use/Carbon Capture and Storage) for a climate-neutral Europe
- The challenge responds to regionally differing energy policies, meteorological conditions, geography and macroeconomic conditions.
- An input paper on Storage & Fuels Technology, serving as a basis for Challenge 3, has identified 5 challenges (with several subchallenges) that are of particular importance:
  - CH4.1 Reliable and cost-effective mid- to long-term thermal storage systems
  - CH4.2 Development of efficient storage technologies for electric power grids based on renewables
  - CH4.3 Renewable Fuels
  - CH4.4 Development of Cross-sectoral and hybrid energy storage solutions
  - CH4.5 System integration and cross-cutting issues for energy storage

## CETP Challenge 3 (II)

## Enabling Climate Neutrality with Storage Technologies, Renewable Fuels and CCU/CCS

- Technologies and resources considered of particular importance in challenge 3 (among others):
  - Fuels and fuel technologies for hard-to-carbonize sectors (e.g. through CCU/CCS technologies including integrated hydrogen production)
  - Reliable and cost-effective mid- to long term thermal storage systems
  - Hydropower storage
  - Thermal energy storage
  - Efficient storage technologies for electric power
  - Green and blue hydrogen
- Because of its cross-cutting role, storage and fuels are expected to also play a significant role in system integration challenges, namely integrated regional systems as well as industrial systems

## CETP Challenge 3 (III)

## Enabling Climate Neutrality with Storage Technologies, Renewable Fuels and CCU/CCS

#### What is the added-value for international collaboration?

- Challenge is highly suited for transnational programming in Europe and beyond, through excellent alignment with national and regional RDI programming
- Projects are expected to not only address technical issues, but also consider social issues in order to achieve the optimal input for the clean energy transition
- Expected responders to calls set up under this challenge:
  - European technology companies and research organisations
  - Builders and operators of European energy infrastructures
  - Original equipment and component manufactures as well as
  - Materials suppliers

## Clean Energy Transition Partnership

#### The way forward

- Clean Energy Transition Partnership has entered a design phase in which central elements for organisation and operation are developed
- The CETP is expected to become operational in early 2022.
- The launch of the first call is expected for late 2022.

Thank you for your attention!

#### Webinar on Materials for Hybrid Energy Storage

#### **Round Table & Questions**





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