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# **Current Status of R&D on Hydrogen Production and Storage in Korea**

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# Energy Situation in Korea

## Primary Energy Import (2006)

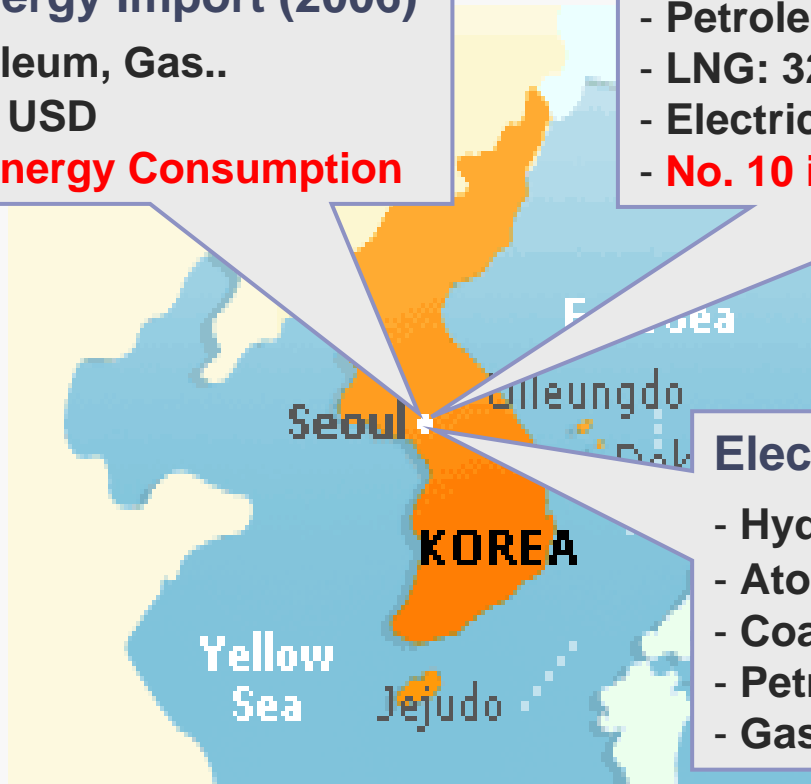
- Coal, Petroleum, Gas..
- 85.6 billion USD
- **96.5 % of Energy Consumption**

## Energy Consumption (2006)

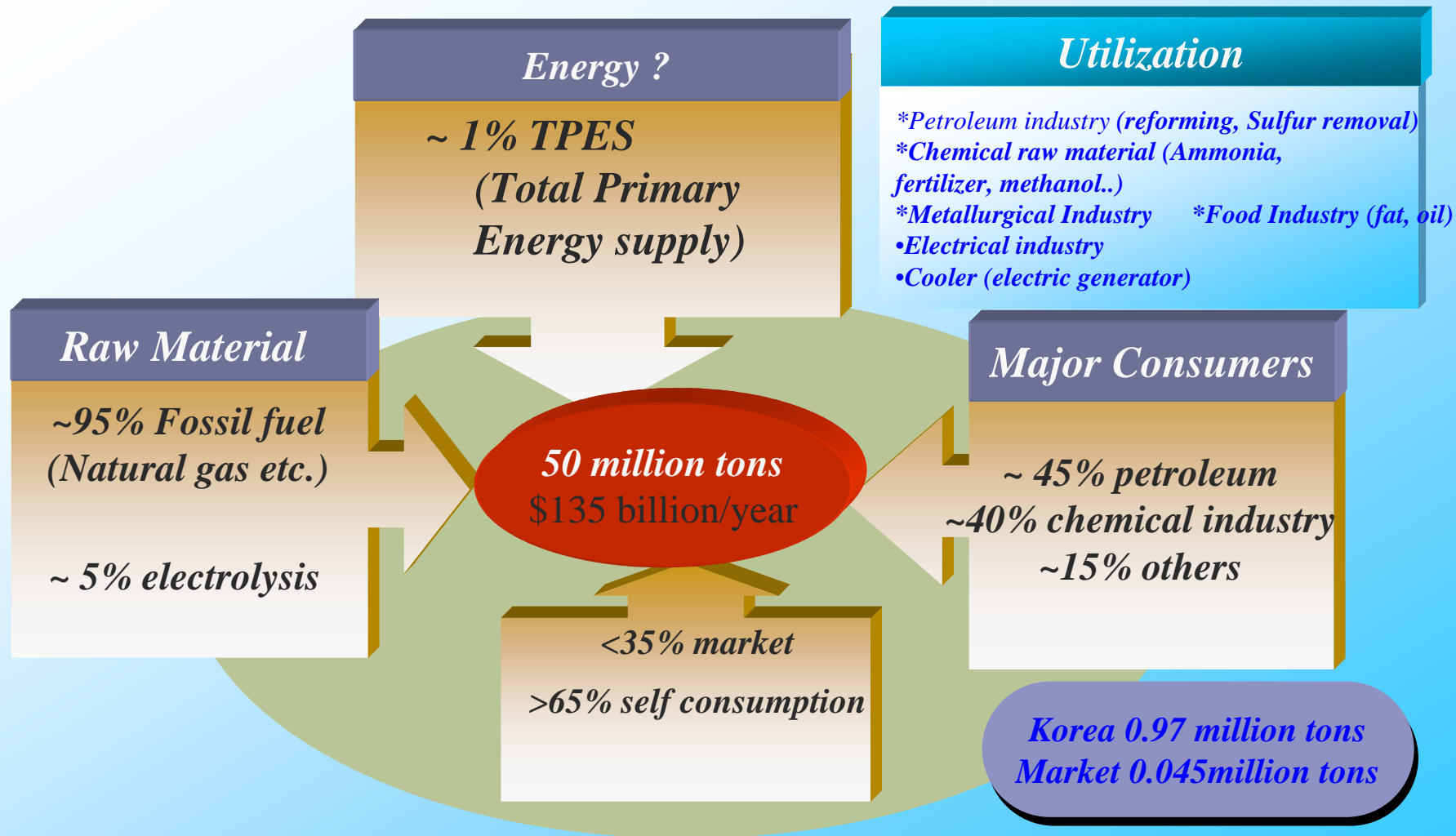
- Coal: 56.7 million TOE
- Petroleum: 101.6 million TOE
- LNG: 32.0 million TOE
- Electricity: 381.1 TWh
- **No. 10 in World**

## Electricity Production (2006)

- Hydro: 1.4 %
- Atomic: 39.3 %
- Coal: 36.8 %
- Petroleum: 4.4 %
- Gas: 18.0 %



# Hydrogen Production and Utilization



# Hydrogen Economy



“Korea has begun to head for Hydrogen Economy. I am proud of and will support the Hydrogen & Fuel Cell technology during my Presidency.”

*(Korea President Lo, riding Fuel Cell Vehicle, '05.3)*

**Hydrogen Energy : Most Feasible Solution for Energy Problems**



**Fuel Cell : Core Technology for Hydrogen Energy Utilization**



**Selected as One of 10 Economy Growth Engine for Next Generation**



■ 2005-N-PS04-P-02 “A National Vision of the Hydrogen Economy and the Action Plan”, (MOCIE) (2005.11)



# Scenario by 2040

## Phase 4 (~2040) : Hydrogen Economy

Achieve the Economies of Scale by Mass Production of Hydrogen & Fuel Cell

- ✓ Hydrogen Usage among Total Energy Mix : 15%
- ✓ Fuel Cell Usage among Total Electricity Generation : 15%
- ✓ Fuel Cell Usage among Automobiles : 50%

## Phase 3 (~2030) : Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Market Expansion

Expand Hydrogen & Fuel Cell into Power Generation, Transportation and Portables.

- ✓ Hydrogen Usage among Total Energy Mix : 8%
- ✓ Fuel Cell Usage among Total Electricity Generation : 10%
- ✓ Fuel Cell Usage among Automobiles : 15%

## Phase 2 (~2020) : Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Market Creation

Create New Industries by Commercializing Hydrogen & Fuel Cell.

- ✓ Hydrogen Usage among Total Energy Mix : 2.4%
- ✓ Fuel Cell Usage among Total Electricity Generation : 3%
- ✓ Fuel Cell Usage among Automobiles : 5%

## Phase 1 (~2012) : Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Introduction

RD&D and Distribute Hydrogen & Fuel Cell under the support of Government Grant.

- ✓ Hydrogen Fueling Stations: 50 units
- ✓ Fuel Cells for Industrial Power Plants: 300 units
- ✓ Fuel Cells for Commercial Buildings: 2,000 units
- ✓ Fuel Cells for Residential Homes: 10,000 units
- ✓ Fuel Cells for Passenger Car: 3,200 units, Fuel Cells for Bus: 200 units

## Summary of Hydrogen & Fuel Cell R&D program

**Table 1. Hydrogen & Fuel Cell R&D program in Korea**

Program	Sponsor	Period
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Frontier Program (Hydrogen Energy R&amp;D Center)</b> (www.h2.re.kr)	MOST	2003-2013
<b>National RD&amp;D Organization for hydrogen and fuel cell</b> (www.h2fc.or.kr)	MOCIE	2003-
<b>Nuclear Hydrogen Development and Demonstration Project (NHDD)</b> (www.hydrogen.re.kr)	MOST	2004-2021
<b>Korea IGCC RDD&amp;D Organization</b> (www.igcc.or.kr)	MOCIE	2006-2014

**MOCIE: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy**

**MOST: Ministry of Science and Technology**

# HERC

(Hydrogen Energy R&D Center)



- **Role**

- Develop and conduct the National Hydrogen Energy R&D Program

- \* 21<sup>st</sup> Century Frontier Program

- R&D Period**

- 01 Oct. 2003 ~ 31 March 2013 (9.5 years for 3 phases)

- R&D Fund**

- Total 111 million US dollars

- (Government : 95 million dollars, Industry : 16 million dollars)

- Sponsoring Ministry**

- Ministry of Science & Technology, Republic of Korea

Source: [www.h2.re.kr](http://www.h2.re.kr)





# R&D Activities in the Phase II (HERC)(2006-2009)

## Hydrogen Production

	Action type	
▶ NG steam reforming for hydrogen station	(AR/DE)	(Mid)
▶ Biological hydrogen production	(BR/AR/DE)	(Long)
▶ Thermo-chemical hydrogen production	(BR/AR/DE)	(Long)
▶ Photocatalytic and photochemical hydrogen production	(BR/AR/DE)	(Long)
▶ Water electrolysis using PEM and THE	(BR/AR/DE)	(Long)

**Priority... Sustainable growth of economy**

## Hydrogen Storage

▶ Hydrogen storage using metal hydrides	(BR/AR/DE)	(Long)
▶ Hydrogen storage using nano-structured materials	(BR/AR/DE)	(Long)
▶ Hydrogen storage using chemical hydrides	(BR/AR/DE)	(Long)

## Hydrogen Utilization

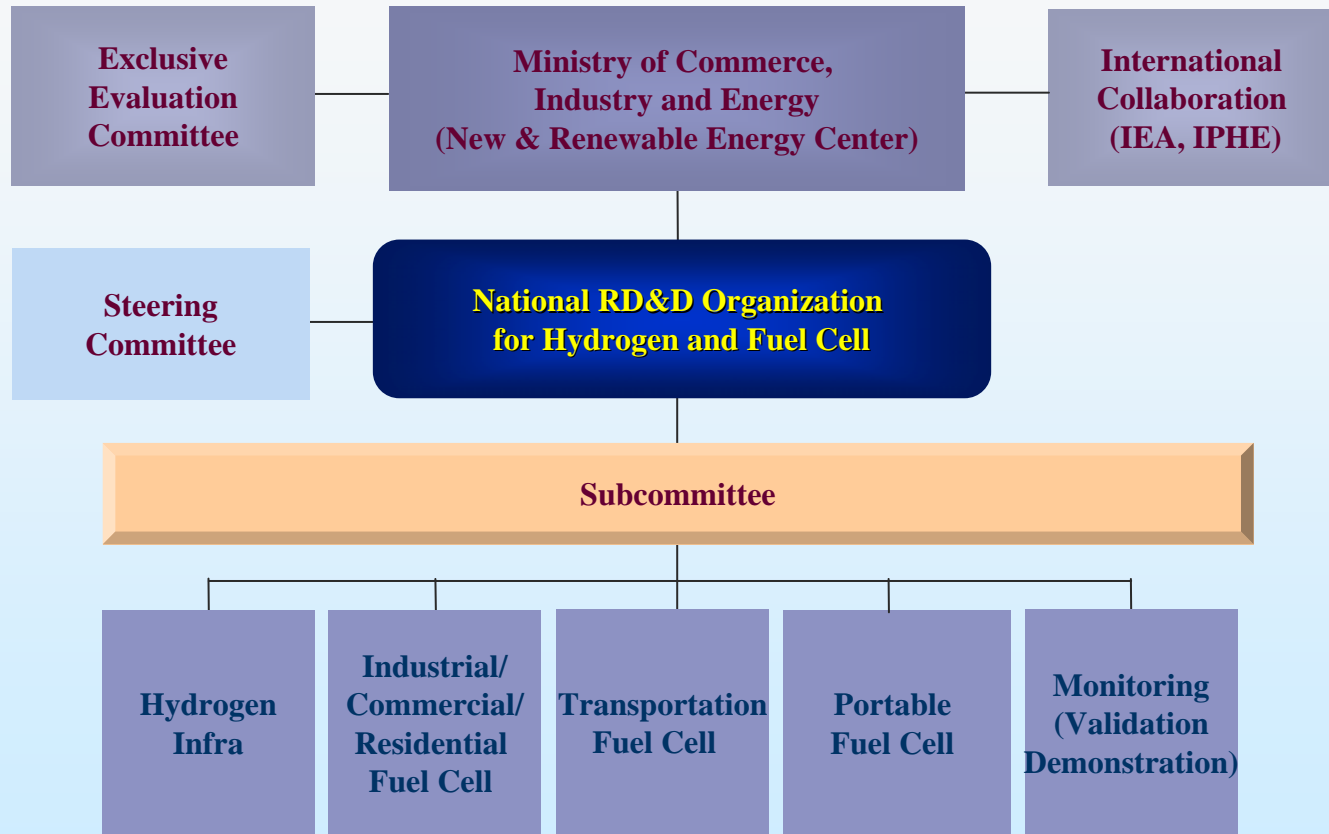
▶ Linear power/generation system of hydrogen combustion	(AR/DE)	(Long)
▶ Hydrogen sensor	(AR/DE)	(Long)

## Supporting Project

- ▶ Measurement techniques for hydrogen storage materials
- ▶ Policy and technology assessment

**BR: basic research, AR: applied research, DE: demonstration**

## National RD&D Organization for Hydrogen and Fuel cell



- Established in 2003 to expedite the commercialization of hydrogen and fuel cell technology.
- Propose the vision for hydrogen economy in Korea.
- Develop a national plan, road maps and action plans to create a new industry.
- Coordinate and manage RD&D programs supported by MOCIE.

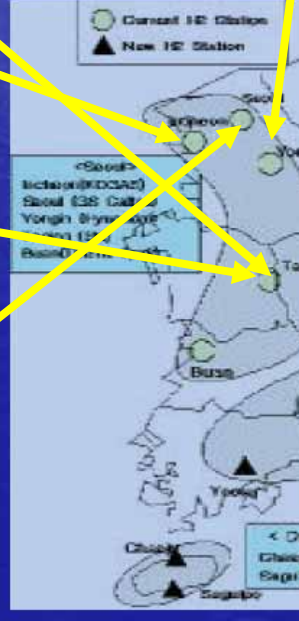
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H2FC



	2007	2008	Total
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	0.9	0.65	
	1	2	4
	2.5	1.5	
No. of	4	2	8



# IGCC

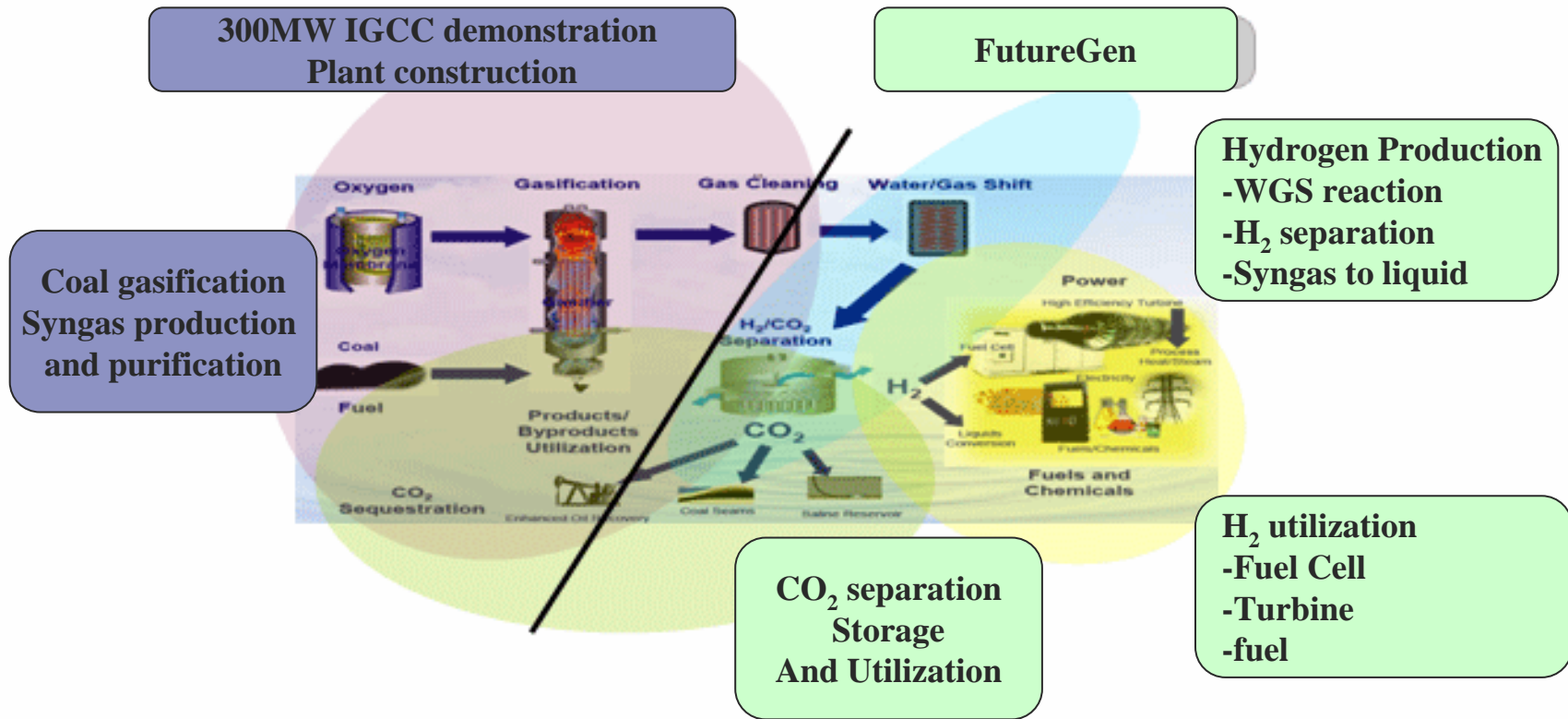
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- ◇ **IGCC (Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle) is a technology that generates electric power using coal gasification and gasified fuel.**
- ◇ **The influence on the environment is lower than the pulverized coal power plant.**
- ◇ **The weight of fossil fuel for power generation is remarkably high in Korea.**
- ◇ **Small scale pilot plant for coal gasification has been operated from 1994 in Korea, with objectives of key coal selection parameters and verifying technical feasibility by local manufacturing skill.**

**View of 3 Ton/Day-Scale Coal Gasification Pilot Plant**

*Source: [www.igcc.or.kr](http://www.igcc.or.kr)*



◆ Korea government signed an agreement for Korea's participation in the FutureGen International Partnership in June 2006 and the IGCC Project started in December 2006.

Source: [www.igcc.or.kr](http://www.igcc.or.kr)

## Korea IGCC RDD&D Organization (MOCIE)

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### Goal

To design and construct 300MW class IGCC demonstration plant

### Technical Target

- Thermal Efficiency : > 42%[HHV, Net]
- NOx: <30ppm , SOx: <15ppm
- Self-supporting technology of design : > 90%
- Localization of Equipment : > 90%

- Launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2006
- In the year 2014, 300MW IGCC plant will be constructed and operated
- 599.2 billion won (Government 165.2) .

122.8 billion won (Government 34.7)

Source: [www.igcc.or.kr](http://www.igcc.or.kr)

# Nuclear Hydrogen Development and Demonstration Project

- Complete the development and demonstration of the nuclear based hydrogen production technology by the year 2020.

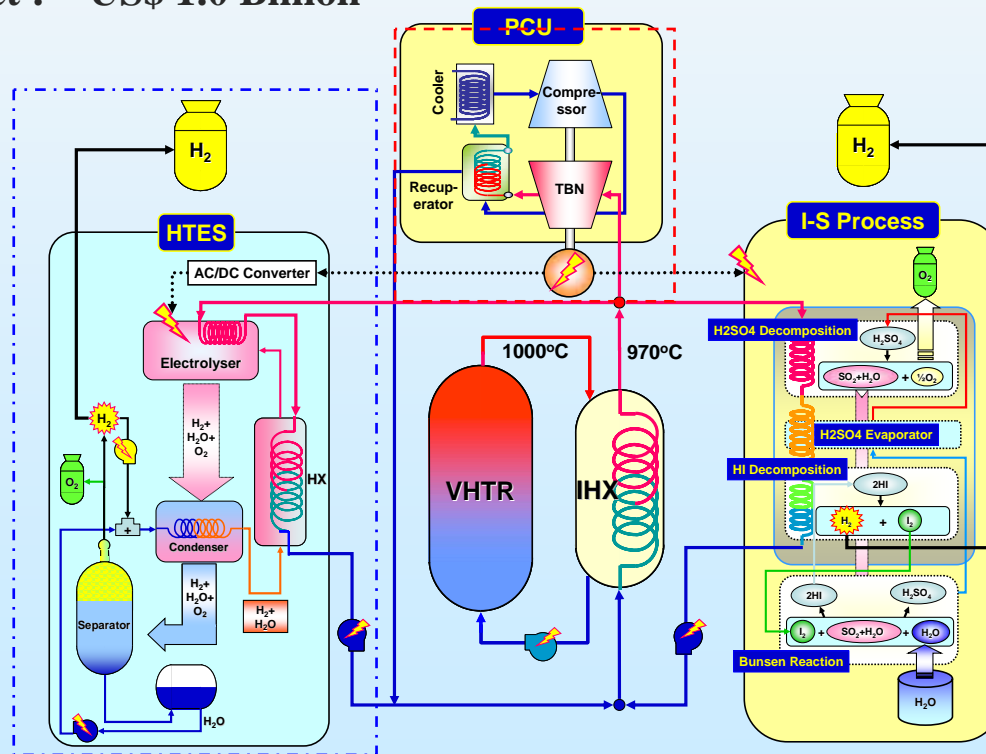
➢ Period : 2004 – 2020 (17 years)

➢ Budget : ~ US\$ 1.0 Billion

✓ 1<sup>st</sup> phase(2004-2005):12M US\$

✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> phase(2006-2009)

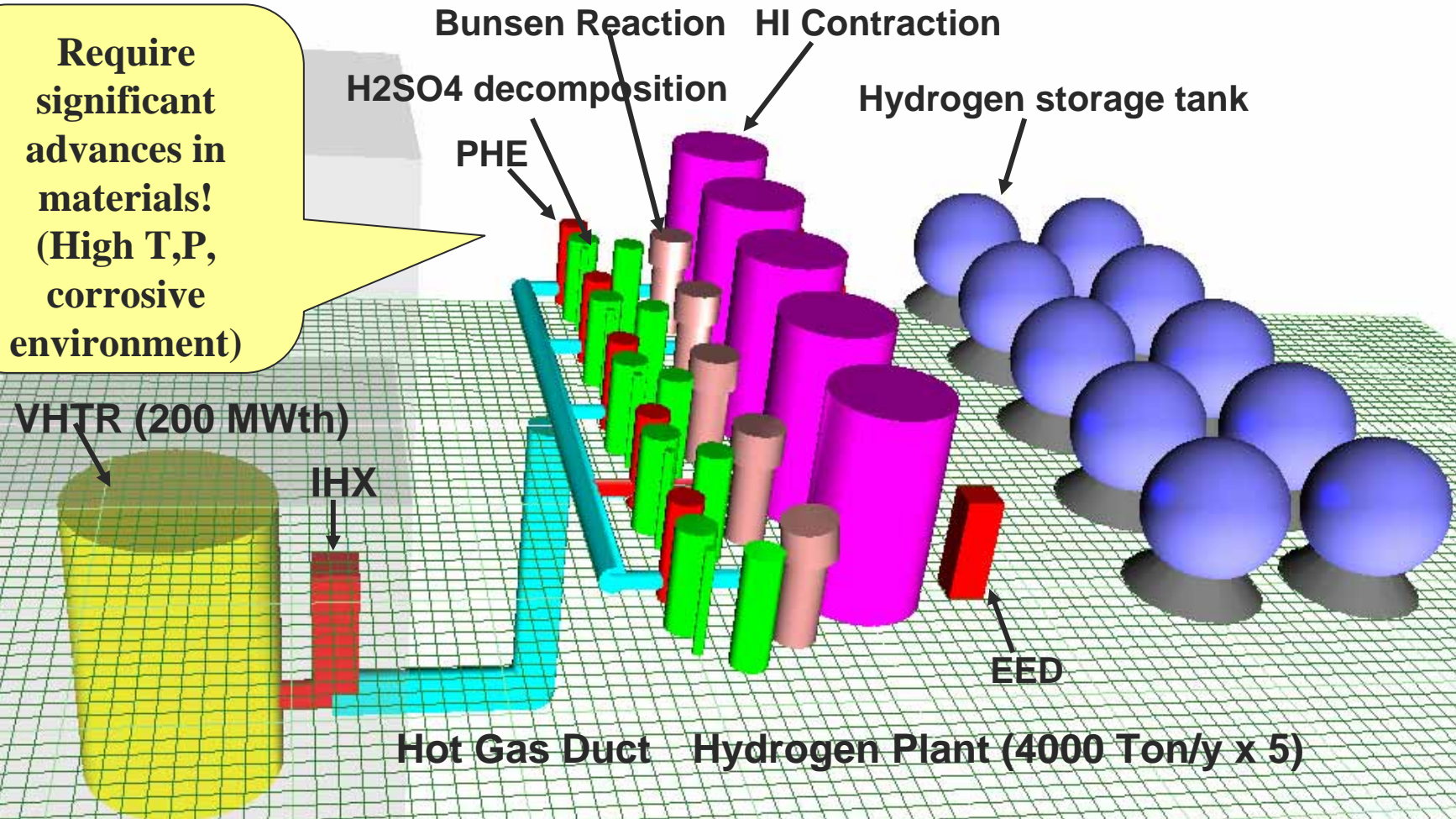
- Reliability of 100l/hr IS cycle
- Conceptual design of nuclear reactor



Source: [www.hydrogen.re.kr](http://www.hydrogen.re.kr)

# NHDD Plant

Require significant advances in materials!  
(High T,P, corrosive environment)



➤ Hydrogen 20000Ton/y = fuel for 80000 HFCVs



# Project Fund (2007)

Unit :billion KRW

Program	Major Project	2007 Budget
H2FC	Hydrogen Refueling Station/Pressurized Vessel, MCFC/DMFC/PEMFC/SOFC Development of 80kW Class PEMFC Vehicle and 200kW Class PEMFC Bus, Development of Modular Compact FC BOP	40
HERC	R&D on Hydrogen production and storage	<u>10</u>
Nuclear-H2	Nuclear hydrogen	<u>8.5</u>
IGCC*	IGCC plant (300MWth)	<u>34.7</u>
<b>Total (not include IGCC)</b>		<b><u>58.5</u></b>

- In this R&D plan, hydrogen production is not considered at this time.
- Government side only

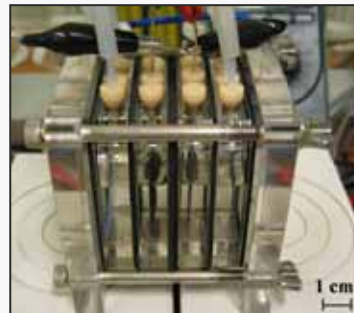
## Biological Hydrogen Production

### ❖ R & D Objectives

-Scale-up and optimization of fermentative H<sub>2</sub> production process and development of bio-mimetic H<sub>2</sub> production system

- ▶ Fermentative bioreactor scale : > 500 L
- ▶ Fermentative H<sub>2</sub> productivity : 15 Nm<sup>3</sup> H<sub>2</sub>/day/m<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ H<sub>2</sub> productivity by bio-mimetic system : 40 L H<sub>2</sub>/kg protein/hr

Organic wastes  
650 M m<sup>3</sup>/yr  
(6% of H<sub>2</sub> consumption)



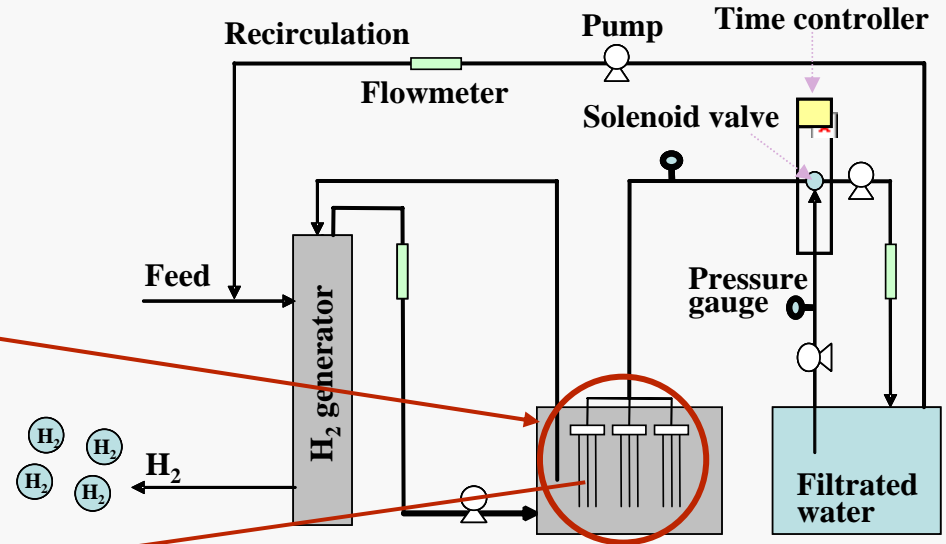
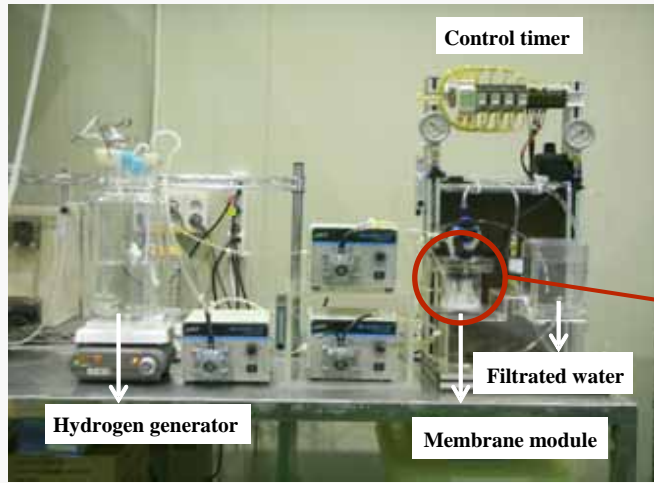
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- Int.J.Hydrogen Energy, 31(11) 1585-1590(2006)
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- J. Microbiol.Biotechnol.,16, 1210-1215(2006)
- Korea Patent

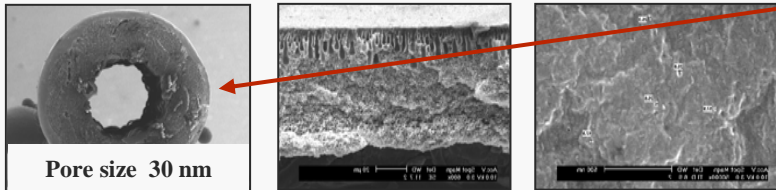
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100 L-scale Membrane bioreactor (MBR) system (Right side) and  
bio-mimetic H<sub>2</sub> production system (Left side)

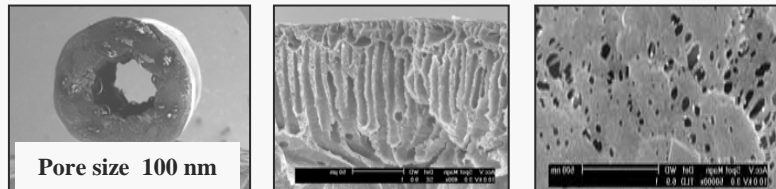
# Anti-fouling membrane module design and construction



Membrane module



Pore size 30 nm



Pore size 100 nm

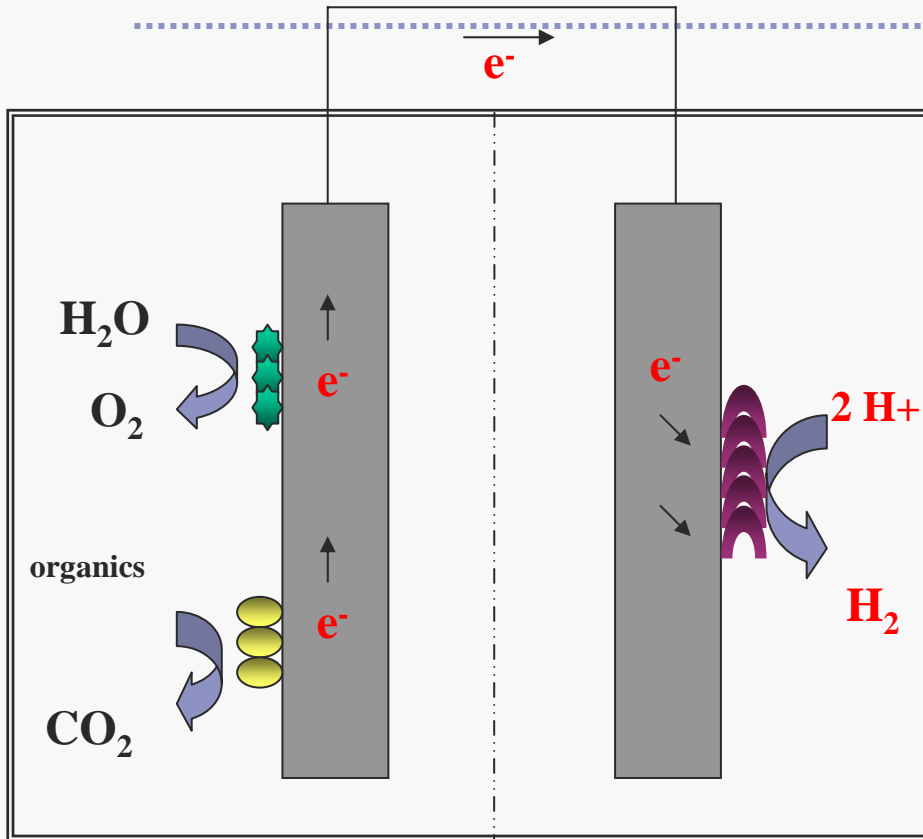
Appearance




Cross-sectional view

Surface view

Reactor volume (L)	5
Feed (L/day)	12
20% Filtration of feed (L/day)	2.4
Feed MLSS (mg/l)	10,000
Feed circulation flow rate (L/min)	0.5

## Schematic diagram of bio-mimetic H<sub>2</sub> production system



-  photo-sensitizer (chlorophyll)
-  microorganism
-  hydrogenase

### R&D Contents:

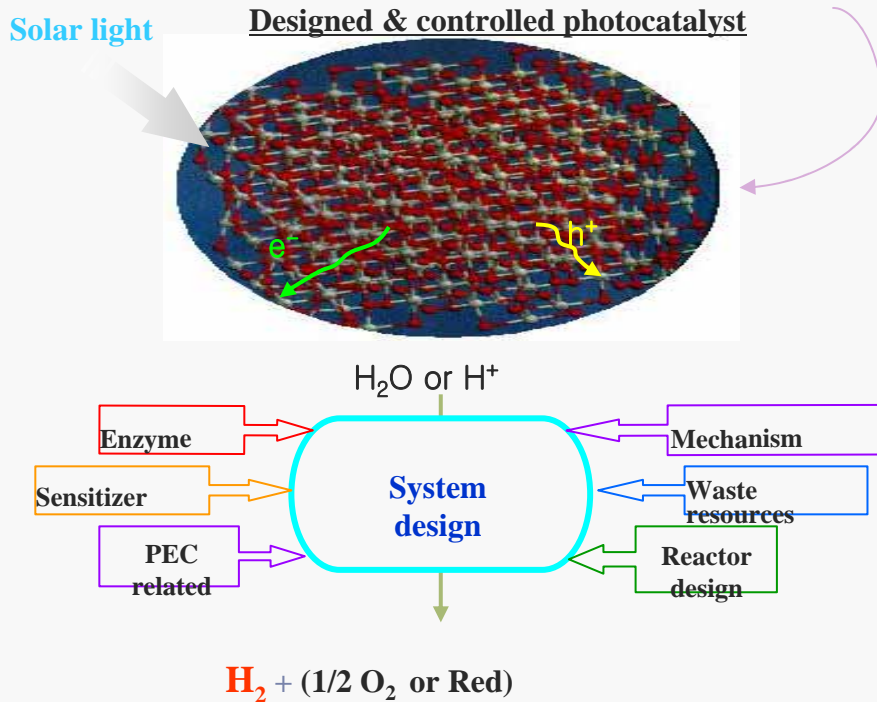
- ➔ **Electron donor/carrier (photosystem, microorganism)**
- ➔ **Biopolymer immobilization**
- ➔ **System integration**
- ➔ **hydrogenase**
  - ✓ separation/purification
  - ◆ microorganism modification
- Genome sequencing**
- Proteomes**

# Photocatalytic and Photoelectrochemical Hydrogen Production Technology

## ❖ R&D Objectives

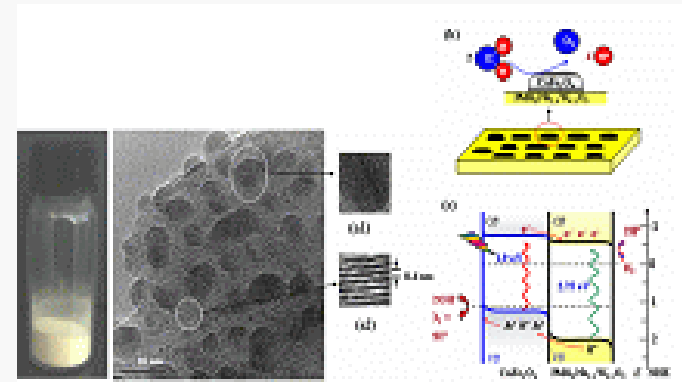
- Development of the system for 3% solar light conversion efficiency (@AM 1.5) utilizing solar light-sensitizing photocatalyst
- System establishment for PEC cell of 7% efficiency

## ❖ Content of R&D Activities



- Highly active water splitting photocatalysts- material design
- Tandem-type photoelectrochemical cell modules
- PEC cell of 7% efficiency
- Photo/Biocatalyst
- Q-sized photocatalysts and mesoporous media
- Layered Perovskite and Composite Photocatalysts

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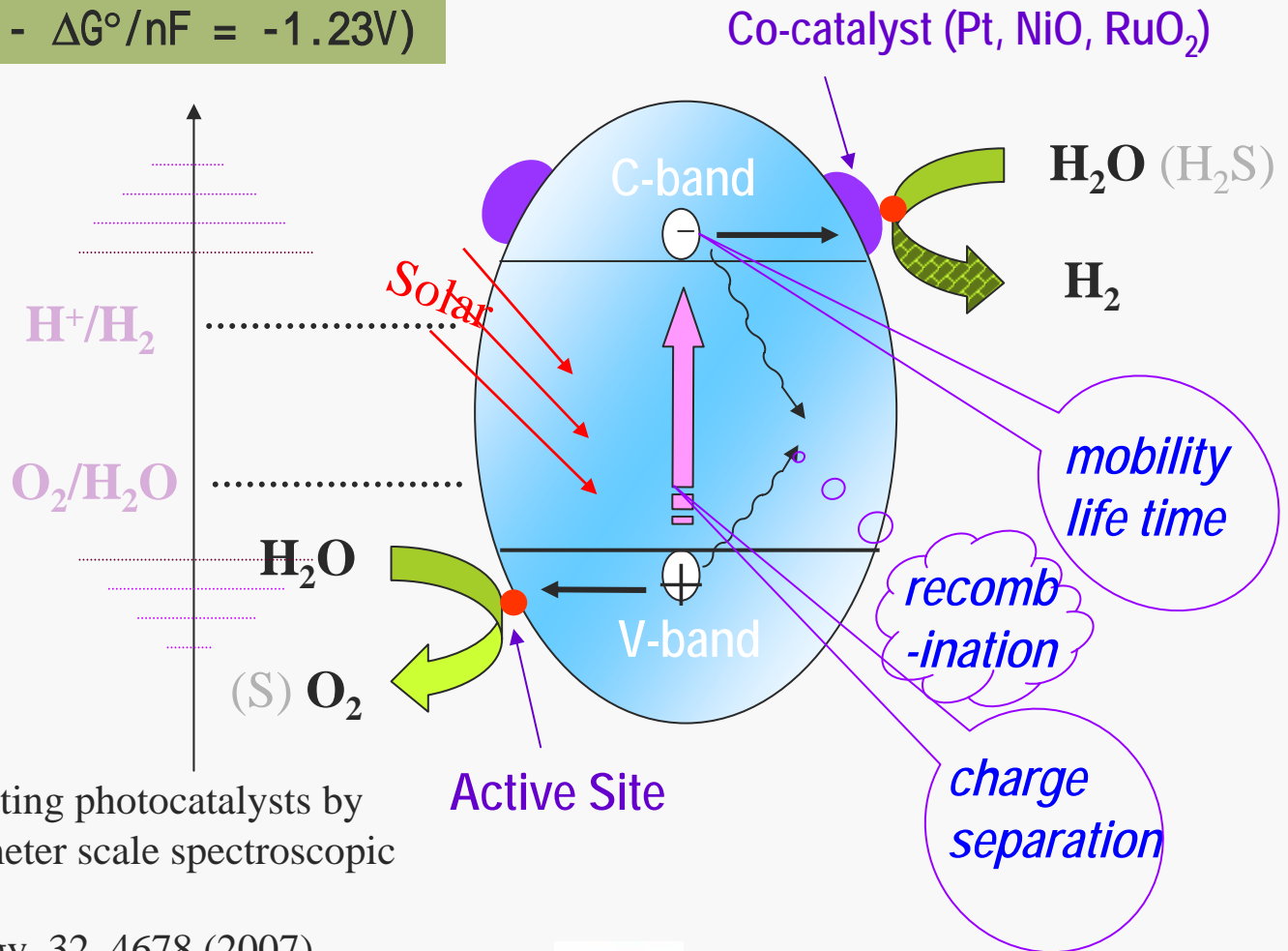
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# Principle of PC Water Splitting



$$\Delta G^\circ = 237.4 \text{ kJ/mol} \quad (E^\circ = -\Delta G^\circ/nF = -1.23 \text{ V})$$

Overpotentials for photo-splitting of water; 0.6~1.2 eV



- Highly active water splitting photocatalysts by material design and nanometer scale spectroscopic structural measurement

Int.J.Hydrogen Energy, 32, 4678 (2007)

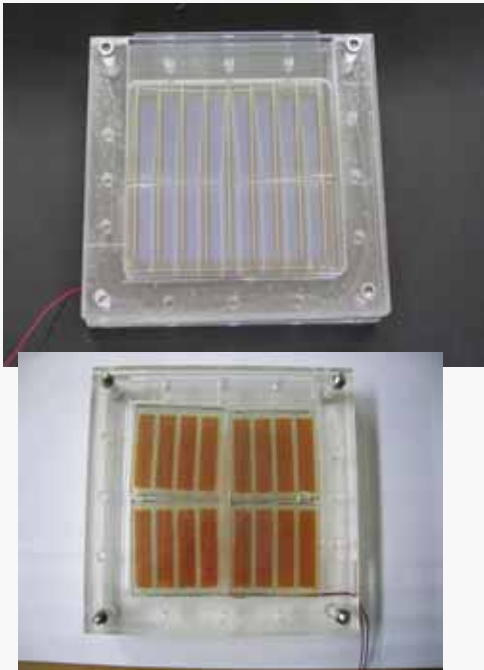
Journal of material Chemistry, 17, 4297 (2007)

# Tandem configuration type water splitting system (10x10cm)

Tandem-type photoelectrochemical cell modules for water splitting

Applied Physics Letters, 90, 1731031-3 (2007)

Solar Energy Materials and solar cells 91(18)1676 (2007)

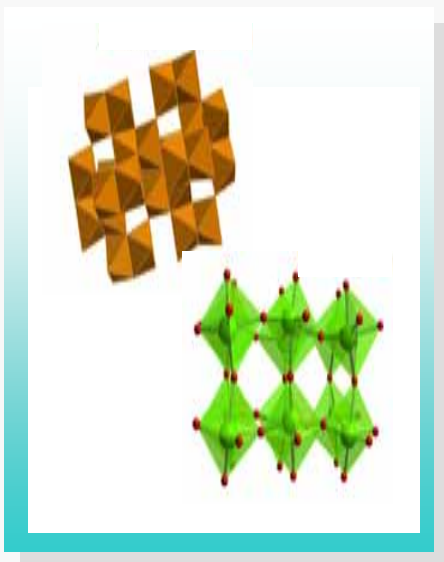


$V_{oc} = 2.5V - 3V$ ,  $I_{sc} = 100\sim 180mA$   
 $\sim 2V$ ,  $130mA$  at max. power point

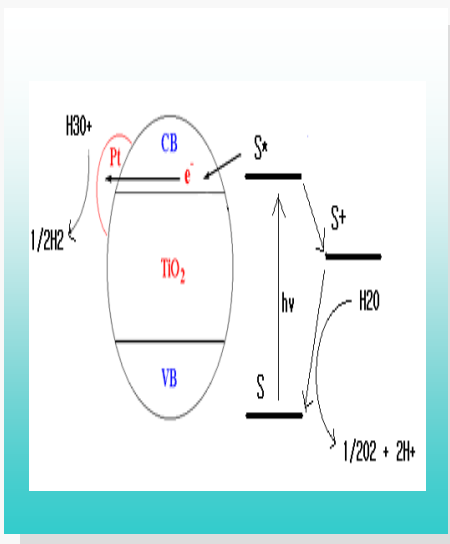
Photograph of prototype tandem PEC cell

Photograph of water splitting with prototype tandem PEC cell

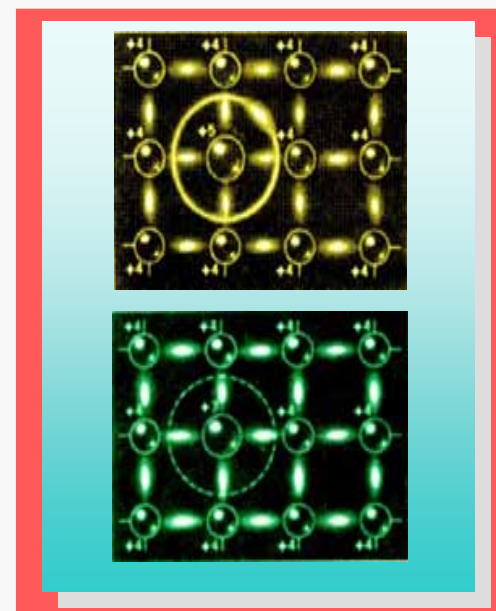
1.  $\text{WO}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  electrode



2. Visible light photosensitizer

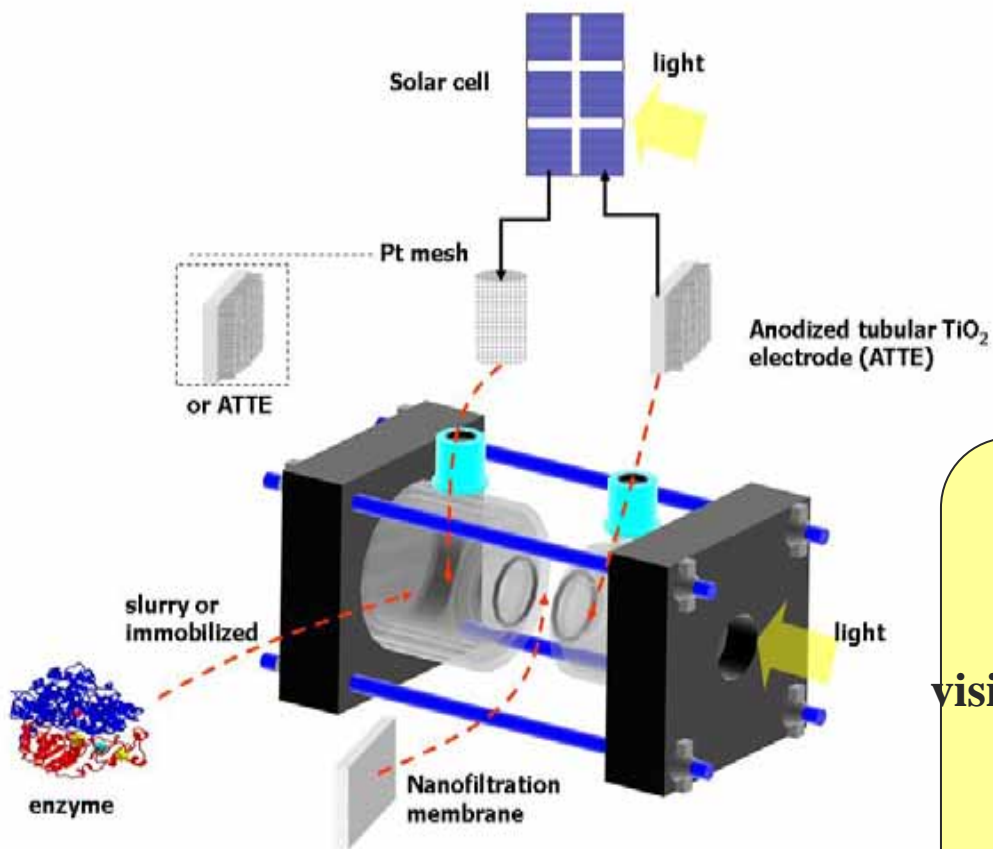


3. p/n type photocatalyst



- Layered Perovskite and Composite Photocatalysts for PEC application  
 Angew. Chem.Int.Ed., 44(29) 4585-4589 (2005)





**Anode:**  
visible light sensitized photocatalyst  
**Cathode:**  
biocatalyst (hydrogenase)

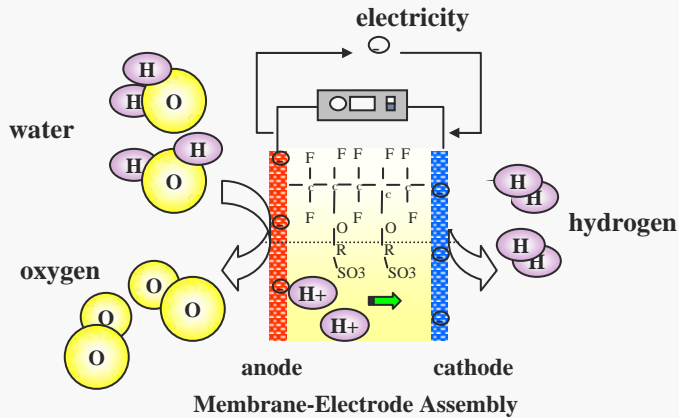
- Photo/Biocatalytic Hydrogen Production

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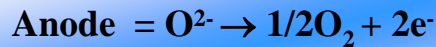
# Hydrogen production by electrolysis

## ❖ Contents of R&D Activities

- PEM electrolysis



- High temperature electrolysis (HTE)



## ❖ R&D Objectives

- Demonstration of 3Nm<sup>3</sup>/h class PEME(Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Electrolysis) system
- Development of 50 L/h class HTSE(High Temperature Steam Electrolysis) stack

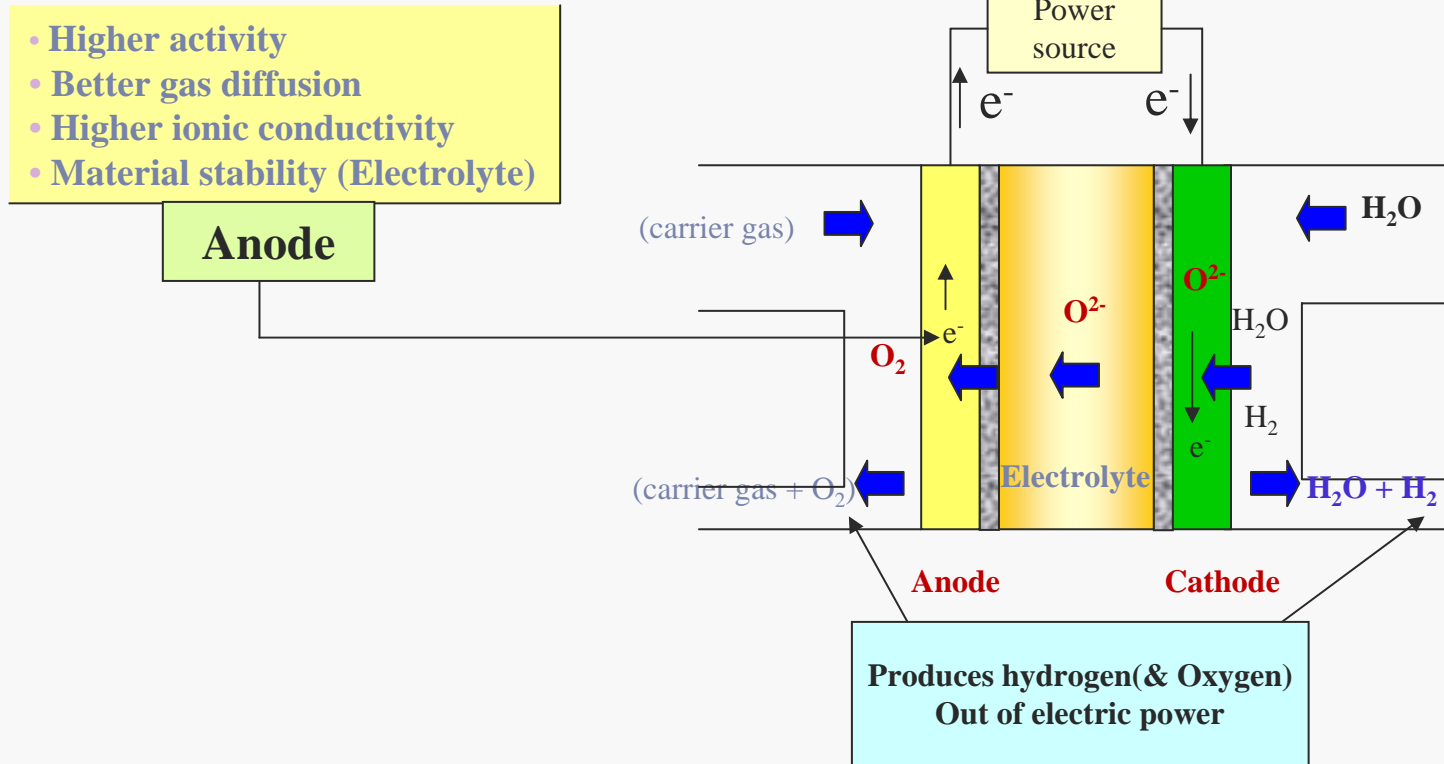
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- J. Solid State Electrochemistry 11, 1295-1301 (2007)
- Angewandte Chemie Int. Ed. 46, 8992-8994 (2007)
- J. Alloy and Compound 448, 363-367 (2007)
- J. Alloy and Compound 449, 331-334 (2007)
- Korea Patent 10-0736161/ 10-0756518/ 10-0736163 (2007)

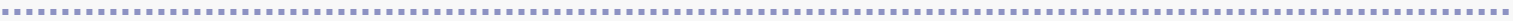


<http://www.elchemtech.com/>, [skwoo@kier.re.kr](mailto:skwoo@kier.re.kr)

# High Temperature water electrolysis



# Flat-Tubular Steam Electrolysis Stack



Metallic manifold and current distributor assembly



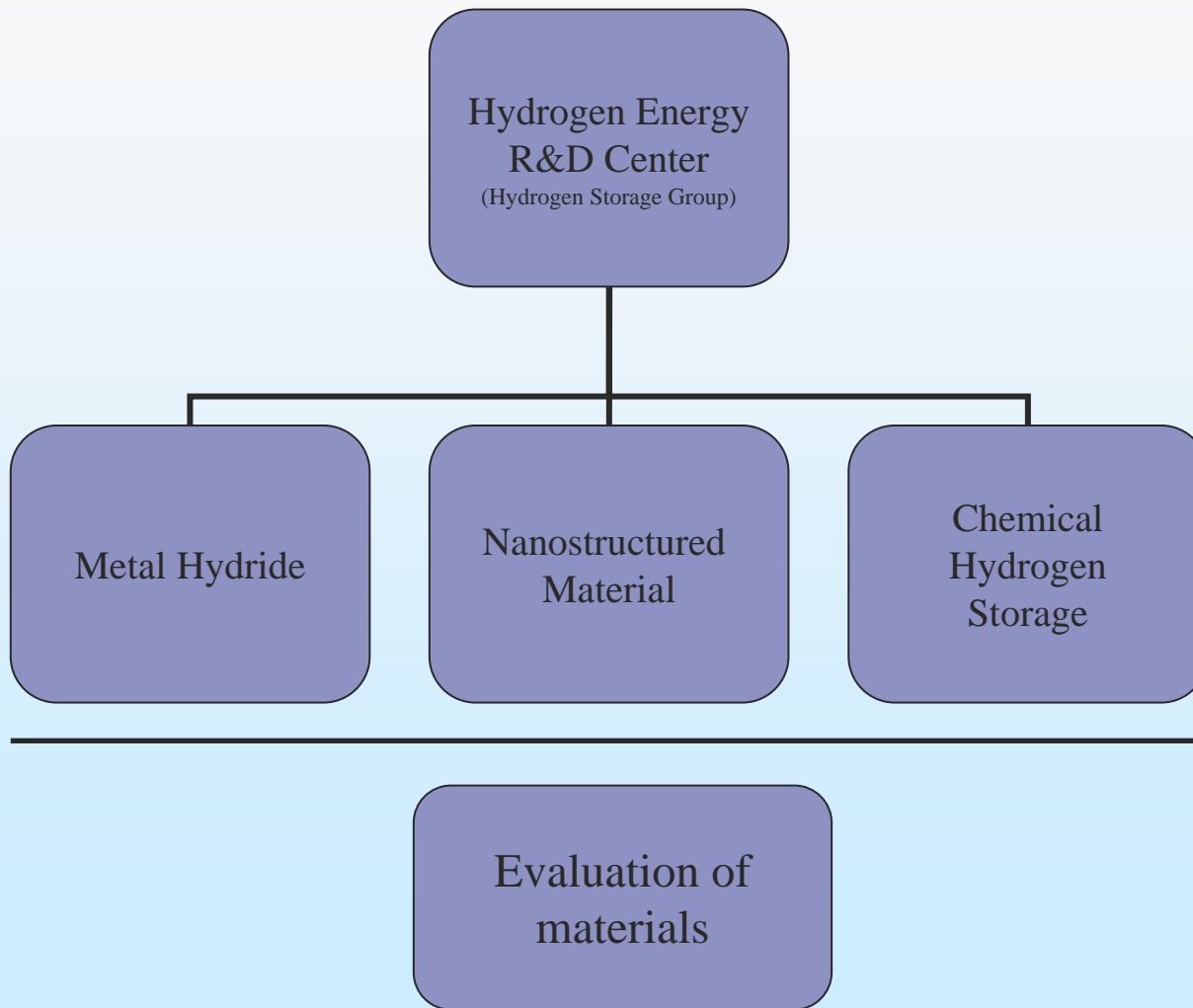
Brazing/Stacking



Installation

**Steam electrolysis stack was fabricated using close-end type of flat-tubular solid oxide electrolysis cells (active electrode area: 120cm<sup>2</sup>). The stack was designed so that the gas manifold may be assembled with metallic current distributor.**

## Strategy: Diverse Portfolio with Materials Focus



- Systematic approach
  - ✓ Theory and experiment
  - ✓ Independent analysis
- Universities, companies, Gov-led research institute
- Annual solicitation for increased flexibility
- Close coordination with basic science
- Coordination with other agencies and globally

## Metal Hydride Hydrogen Storage for Fuel Cell Vehicle

### ❖ R&D Objectives

- Develop metal hydride hydrogen storage materials and storage system for fuel cell vehicle (FCV)

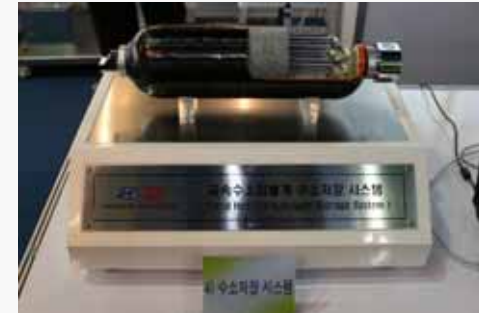
### ❖ Content of R&D Activities

Basic research of metal hydride hydrogen storage systems for a fuel cell vehicle

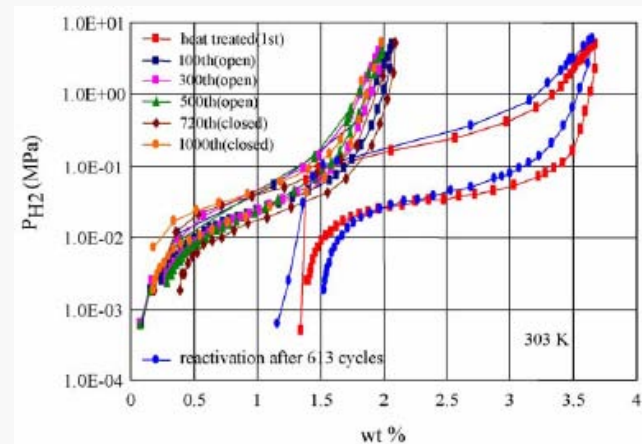
- Design technology for hydrogen storage vessels
- Hydrogen storage material (T-Cr-V based alloy, Mg-based material, alkali-metal complex hydrides etc.)



Hydrogen storage material



High pressure hydrogen gas tank system



Hydrogen desorption/absorption cycle property

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## Hydrogen storage in the porous nanostructured materials

### ❖ R&D Objectives

- Study on the nano-materials for hydrogen storage

### ❖ Content of R&D Activities

- High density porous carbon and metal/carbon composites

Surface functionality of nanoporous carbon

- molecular crystals and metal-dispersed materials
- Synthesis of transition metal-dispersed nanotubes
- New material searching/optimization

Optimized materials design using quantum simulations

Searching for new class of hydrogen storage materials: non-covalent bonded molecular crystals

- MOF/organic zeolite



- Preparation of Pt-decorated graphite nanofibers and their hydrogen storage capacity, *J. Colloid Interface Sci.*, **318**, 530 (2008)
- Computational study of hydrogen storage characteristics of covalent-bonded graphenes, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 129, 8999 (2007).
- Effective metal dispersion in pyridinelike nitrogen doped graphenes for hydrogen storage", *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 92, 01306 (2008).
- Chemical and Engineering News (09/17/2007) : Big Holey MOFs
- Chemistry & Industry (09/24/2007) : MOFs to store gaseous fuels

## Core Technology for Chemical Hydrogen Storage

### ❖ R&D Objectives

- Development of a highly efficient hydrogen storage and generation system using NaBH<sub>4</sub> and other chemicals



Fuelcell notebook operated by a NaBH<sub>4</sub> system

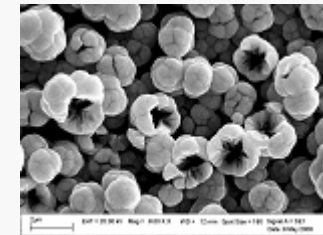


### ❖ Content of R&D Activities

H <sub>2</sub> Storage Technology	H <sub>2</sub> Release System for Mobile Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NaBH<sub>4</sub>/NaBO<sub>2</sub> Recycling Technologies</li> <li>• Reactor Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H<sub>2</sub> Release System</li> <li>• Catalyst Development</li> </ul>
Samsung Engineering, KIST, KAIST	



Co-B catalyst coated on Ni foam



Porous Co-P catalyst

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# Global Collaboration (Hydrogen Production and Storage)



**IEA – HIA TASK 20**  
*Hydrogen from water photolysis*

**IEA – HIA TASK 21**  
*BioHydrogen*

**IEA – HIA TASK 22**  
*Solid state hydrogen storage*



- **Reversible Solid State Hydrogen Storage for Fuel Cell Power supply system**  
*(Russian Academy of Sciences)*



- **Focal Point Program on Hydrogen Storage (UK)**

# *For More Information/Collaboration?*

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# Summary

✦ Hydrogen and fuel cell were selected as one of 10 economy growth engine for next decade and are strongly supported by the Government.

✦ **Hydrogen Energy R&D Center (MOST) ([www.h2.re.kr](http://www.h2.re.kr))**

✦ **National RD&D Organization for hydrogen and fuel cell (MOCIE) ([www.h2fc.or.kr](http://www.h2fc.or.kr))**

✦ **Nuclear Hydrogen Development and Demonstration (MOST) ([www.hydrogen.re.kr](http://www.hydrogen.re.kr))**

✦ **Korea IGCC RDD&D Organization (MOCIE) ([www.igcc.or.kr](http://www.igcc.or.kr))**

◇ There are lots of hurdles to hydrogen production and storage. We still have to overcome those barriers. (Will Nanotechnology help?)

◆ **Most of problems are in Materials!**

◆ **New Materials & Concepts are critical**

❖ **There is nothing either good or bad. But thinking make it so.**

❖ **Value is always every where!**

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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