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HydroGEN
Advanced Water Splitting Materials

HydroGEN Overview: A Consortium on Advanced Water Splitting Materials

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HydroGEN Overview

Timeline and Budget

- Start date (launch): **June 2016**
- FY17 DOE funding: **$3.6M**
- FY18 DOE funding: **$9.9M**
- FY19 planned DOE funding: **$6.5M**
- Total DOE funding received to date: **$22M**

Barriers

- **Cost**
- **Efficiency**
- **Durability**

Partners

NREL NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY

BERKELEY LAB

Sandia National Laboratories

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

INL Idaho National Laboratory

SRNL

Collaboration: HydroGEN Steering Committee

NREL
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Adam Weber (Deputy Director)

Sandia National Laboratories

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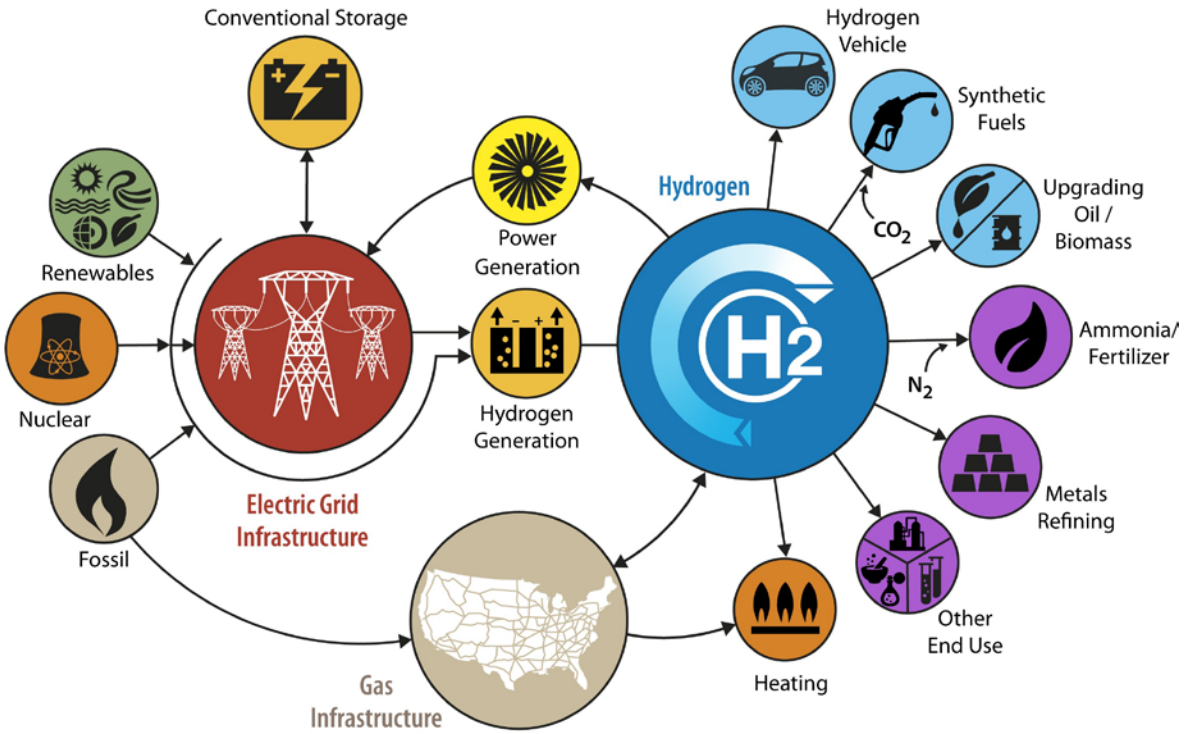
Eric Miller and Katie Randolph, DOE-EERE-FCTO

H2@Scale Energy System Vision

Relevance and Impact

Transportation & Beyond



*Illustrative example, not comprehensive

Large-scale, low-cost hydrogen from diverse domestic resources enables an economically competitive and environmentally beneficial future energy system across sectors

Materials innovations are key to enhancing performance, durability, and cost of hydrogen generation, storage, distribution, and utilization technologies key to H2@Scale

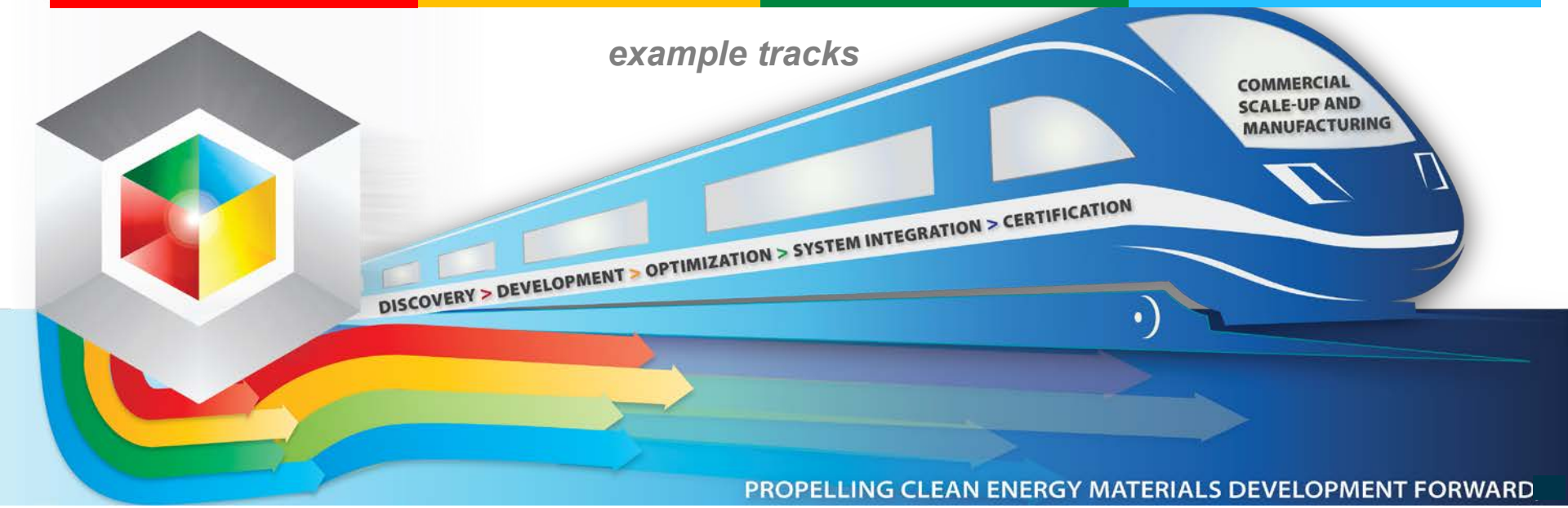
https://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/h2-scale

Energy Materials Network (EMN)

Relevance and Impact

DOE's EMN aims to accelerate early-stage applied R&D in materials tracks aligned with some of the nation's most pressing sustainable energy challenges

Hydrogen Compatible Materials	Breakthrough Hydrogen Storage Materials	Advanced Water Splitting Materials for Hydrogen Production	Next-Generation Electro-catalysts for Fuel Cells



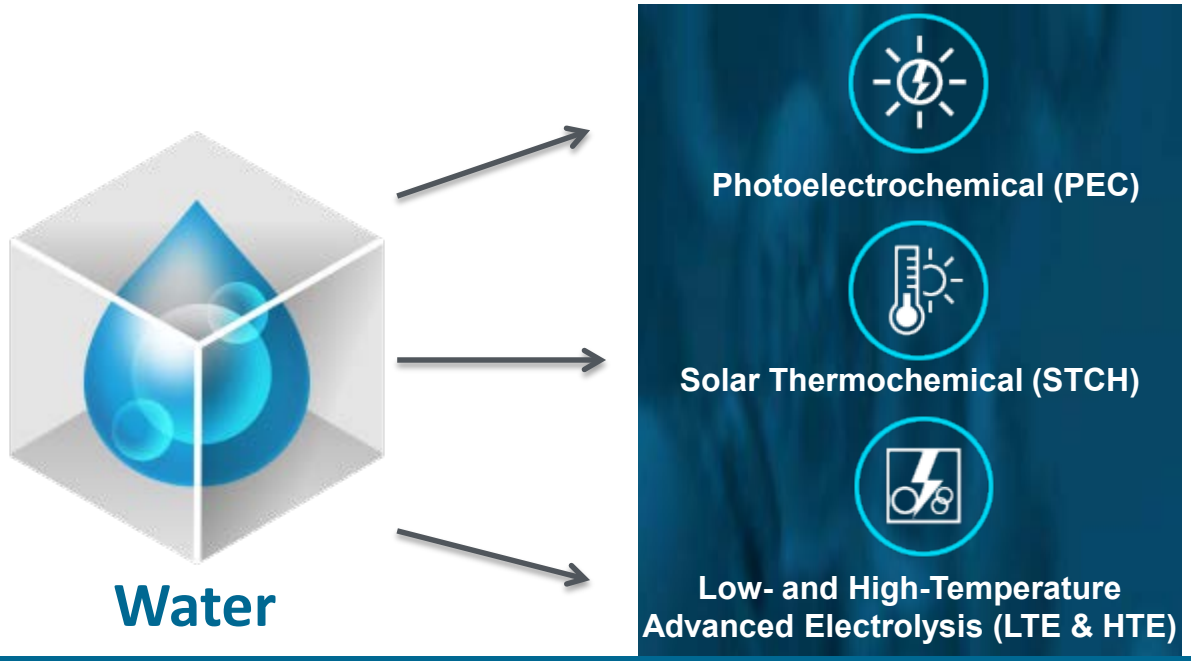
Accelerating early-stage materials R&D for energy applications

Advanced Water-Splitting Materials (AWSM)
Relevance, Overall Objective, Impact, and Approach

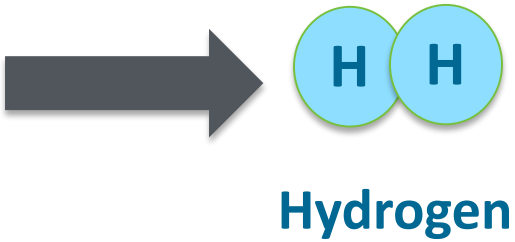
AWSM Consortium Six Core Labs:

NREL (National Renewable Energy Laboratory) · Berkeley Lab · Sandia National Laboratories · INL (Idaho National Laboratory) · Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory · SRNL

Accelerating R&D of innovative materials critical to advanced water splitting technologies for clean, sustainable, and low cost H_2 production, including:



H_2 Production target <$2/kg



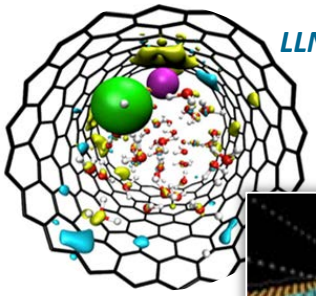
HydroGEN consortium supports early stage R&D in H_2 production

HydroGEN-AWSM Consortium

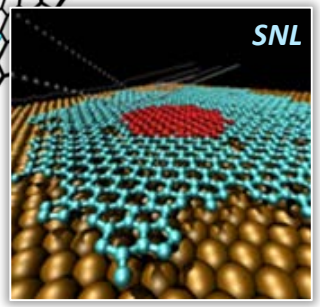
Relevance, Overall Objective, Impact, and Approach

Comprising more than 80 unique, world-class capabilities/expertise in:

Materials Theory/Computation

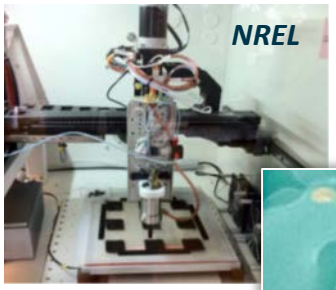


Bulk & interfacial models of aqueous electrolytes

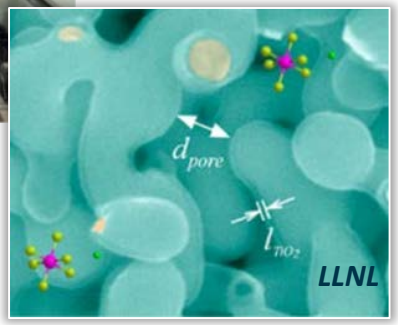


LAMMPS classic molecular dynamics modeling relevant to H_2O splitting

Advanced Materials Synthesis



High-throughput spray system for electrode fabrication



Conformal ultrathin TiO_2 ALD coating on bulk nanoporous gold

Characterization & Analytics

Stagnation flow reactor to evaluate kinetics of redox material at high-T

TAP reactor for extracting quantitative kinetic data

HydroGEN fosters cross-cutting innovation using theory-guided applied materials R&D to advance all emerging water-splitting pathways for hydrogen production

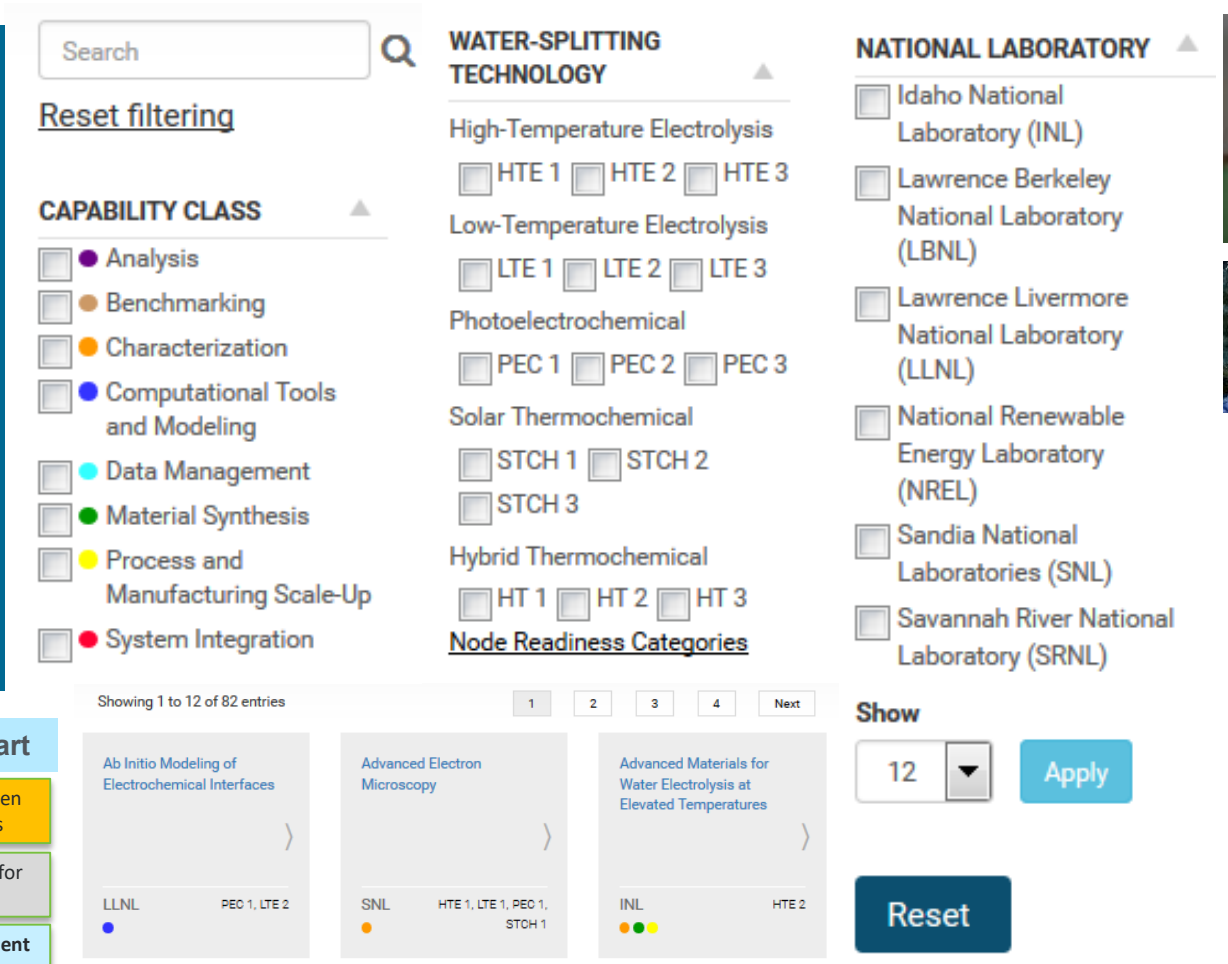
Website: https://www.h2awsm.org/

Accomplishments: Updated Capability Nodes on the User-Friendly Node Search Engine for Stakeholders

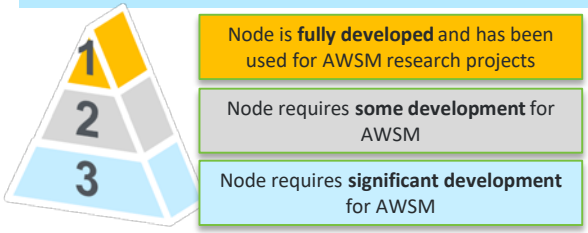
Added 3 new and updated >40 current capability nodes:

- Hybrid Organic Inorganic Perovskites for Water Splitting
- Understanding catalyst inks and ionomer dispersions
- Electronic-Structure Modeling for Atomistic Understanding of Catalytic Materials with Real-World Distributions of Facets and Defects

Considered capability assessment from benchmarking team



Node Readiness Category (NRC) Chart



Annual capability review is a rigorous process and keeps nodes updated and relevant

Accomplishments: Maintained HydroGEN Website and Developed "Working with HydroGEN" Video Testimonials

HydroGEN Advanced Water Splitting Materials

National Renewable Energy Laboratory - NREL - 1 / 4

Working With HydroGEN: Tom Jaramillo, Stanford University

National Renewable Energy Laboratory - N...

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Working with HydroGEN: Chris Capuano, Proton OnSite

National Renewable Energy Laboratory - N...

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Working with HydroGEN: Samantha Millican, University of Colorado Boulder

National Renewable Energy Laboratory - N...

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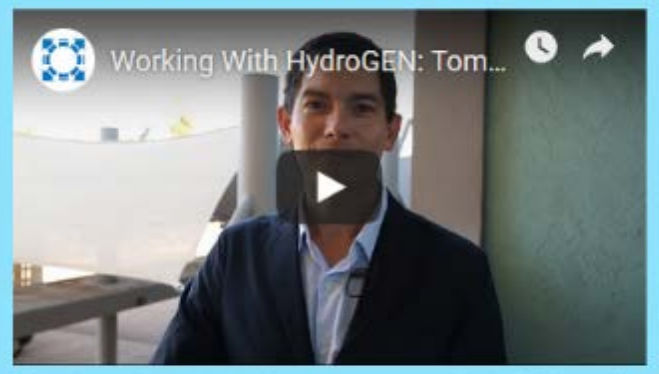
Working with HydroGEN: Nemanja Danilovic, Lawrence Berkeley National

National Renewable Energy Laboratory - N...

Partner testimonial videos can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eK8ZnVo2Y&list=PL3GM1pjrYAchur4Aq1pojTC2cMPf8xs6P

WORKING WITH HYDROGEN: WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY



Tom Jaramillo, principal investigator on a HydroGEN seedling project, talks about how the capabilities and expertise of the HydroGEN Advanced Water Splitting Materials consortium can help researchers working on hydrogen technologies.

4,373 users
24,011 pageviews
564 downloads

Visitors:
85% new
15% returning

Traffic:
46% search
37% direct
17% referral

Posted 10 news items

Added "Work with Us" page to top menu

Accomplishments: HydroGEN Data Hub: Making Digital Data Accessible

https://datahub.h2awsm.org/

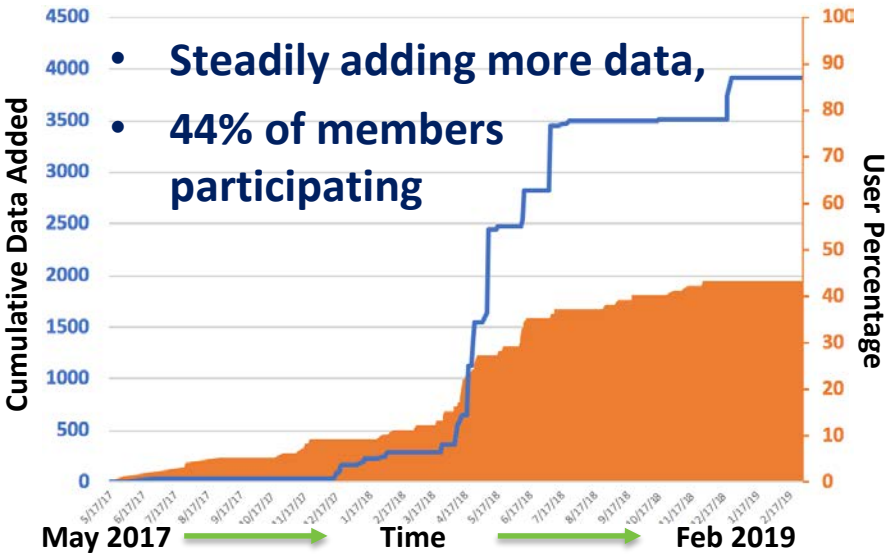
179 Users

4055 Files

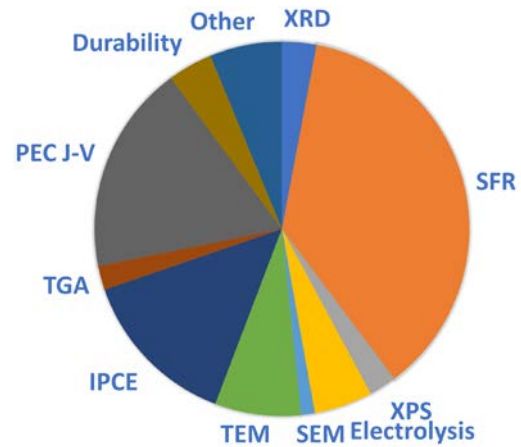
Data Hub implemented in May 2017

- Secure project space for team members
  - Centralized authentication
- Data publication process developed (FY2018Q3 QPM-see Reviewer-Only slides)
- Metadata tools and improvements to support advanced search

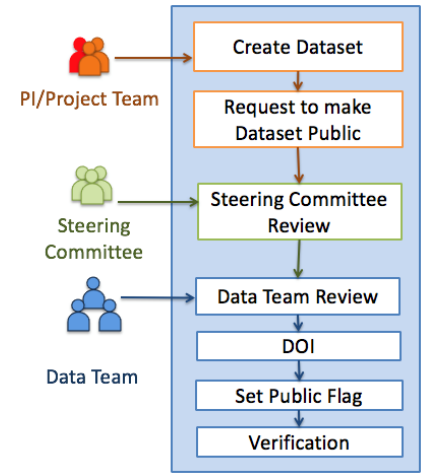
Cumulative Data on H2AWSM Data Hub



Types of Experimental Data



Data Publication Process



Data Team

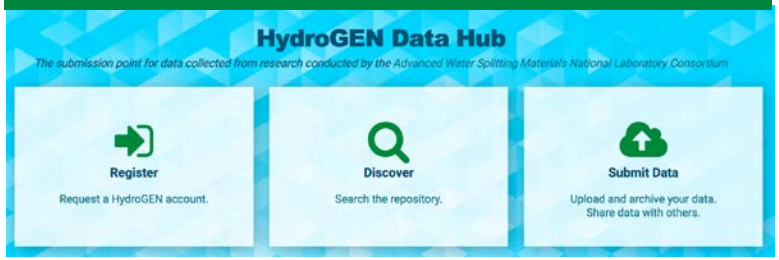
Other = Raman spectroscopy, rheology, helium ion microscope images, conductivity, dilatometry, kinetic, XRF

XRD = x-ray diffraction; SFR = stagnation flow reactor; J-V = current vs. voltage data; TEM = transmission electron microscopy
XPS = x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy; TGA = thermal gravimetric analysis; IPCE = incident photon to current efficiency

Accomplishments: Data Tools for Data Ingestion, Visualization and Analysis (Leveraging other EMNs)

5 currently available, 5 under development

Simple data interface developed



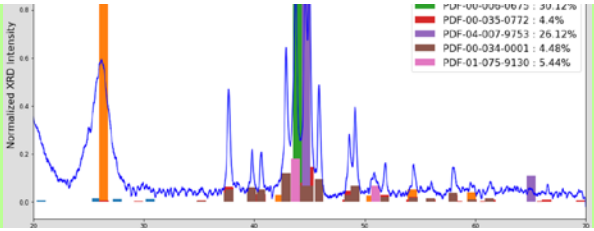
Data Tools for

- EMN collaboration
  - Data exchange and exploration
  - Data analysis and visualization (A&V)
- External users
  - Access to comprehensive database
    - Experimental and computational
  - Materials properties
    - Spectroscopy, phase stability, etc.
  - Device performance

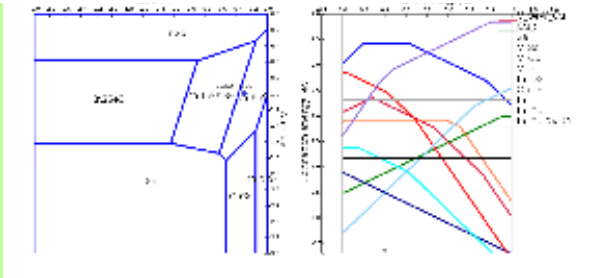
Materials properties

(A&V examples)

Structural information: XRD interface in collaboration with ElectroCat



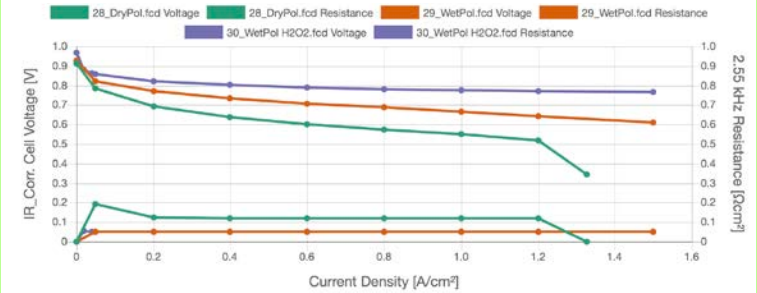
Phase stability & Defect properties



Device performance

(A&V example)

Electrolysis Performance curve



Organically linked data and their representations

Accomplishments: Technology Transfer Agreements (TT/A)

➢ Streamlined Access

- ✓ **Four** standard, pre-approved TT/A between all consortium partners
- ✓ Executed all 21 project NDAs and 2 MTAs
- ✓ Updated multiple, more flexible CRADAs
  - Single Lab Single Participant
  - Multi-Lab Single Participant
  - Multi-Lab Multi-Participant
- ✓ Established Work For Others Agreements outside of FOA-awarded projects:
  - DeNora : GDE development on porous transport layers (LBNL Cell Testing Node)
  - German Aerospace Center: Concentrated solar power and solar fuels research (SNL)

Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) — Information Disclosure

Intellectual Property Management Plan (IPMP) — IP Protection

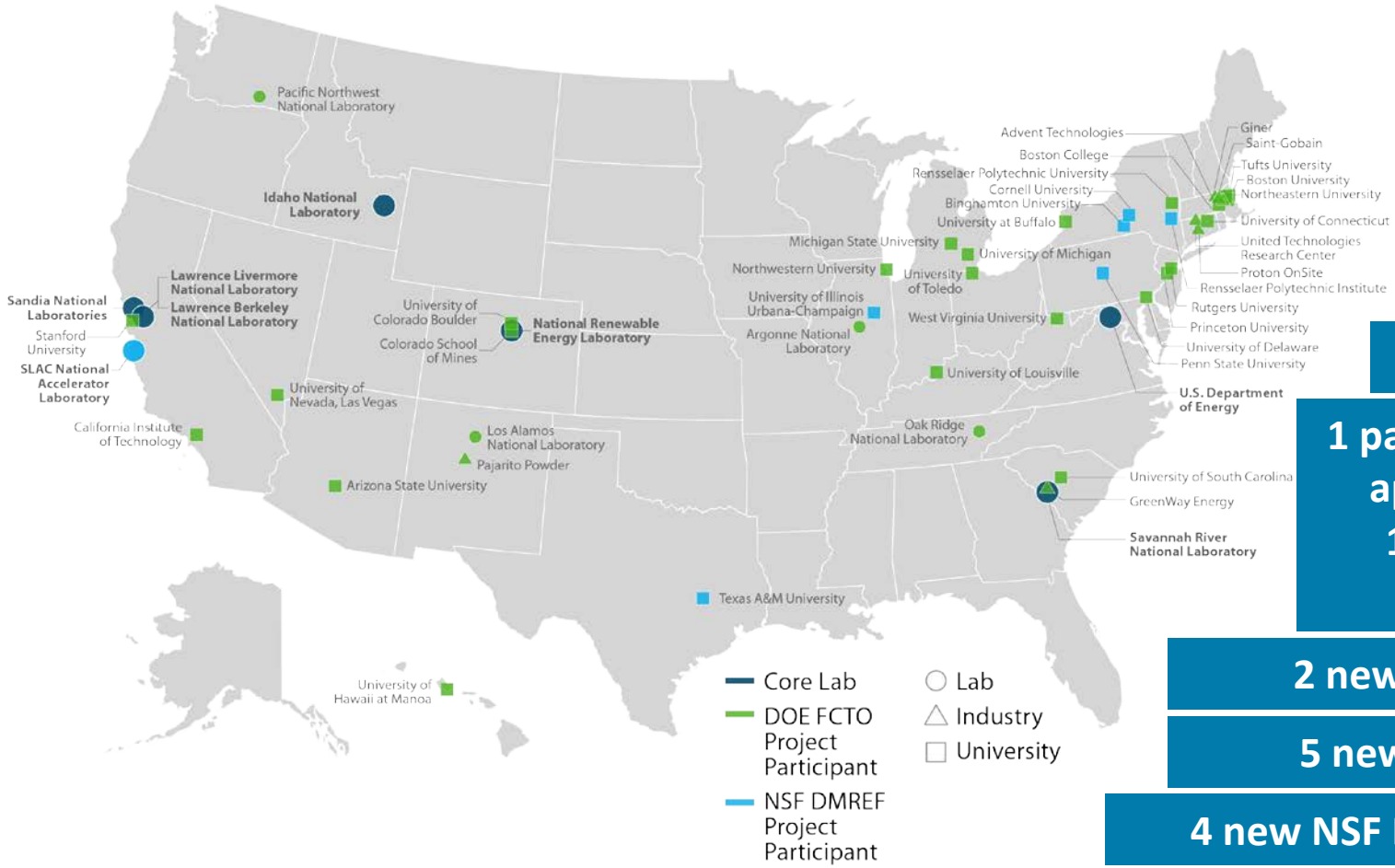
Materials Transfer Agreement (MTA) — Freedom to Operate

Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) — Collaboration

https://www.h2awsm.org/working-with-hydrogen

National Innovation Ecosystem
Collaboration/Accomplishments

11 Labs **7** Companies **30** Universities **2** Funding Agencies



- A Community Benchmarking Workshop
- 2 MRS Symposia
- 17 papers published
- 88 presentations
- 1 patent, 2 provisional applications filed; 1 SLAC proposal accepted
- 2 new HTE projects
- 5 new Supernodes
- 4 new NSF DMREF projects

HydroGEN is vastly collaborative, has produced many high value products, and is disseminating them to the R&D community.

4 New NSF DMREF/DOE EERE HydroGEN EMN Projects
Collaboration/Accomplishments

NSF DMREF PSU LTE (IA023 Poster)

PennState

Membrane Databases – New Schema and Dissemination

Recipient Penn State University (PI: Michael A. Hickner)

Subs National Institute of Standards and Technology/NIST (PI: Debra Audus) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute/RPI (PI: Chulsung Bae)

HydroGEN Node Experts

National Renewable Energy Laboratory:

- Shaun Alia
- Guido Bender
- Kristin Munch
- Bryan Pivovar

NSF DMREF CSM STCH (IA022 Poster)

SCHOOL OF MINES 1874 COLORADO ™

High Temperature Defects: Linking Solar Thermochemcial and Thermoelectric Materials

Recipient Colorado School of Mines (PI: Eric Toberer and Vladan Stevanovic)

Subs University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (PI: Elif Ertikin) and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory (PI: Michael Toney)

HydroGEN Node Experts

National Renewable Energy Laboratory:

- Robert Bell
- David Ginley
- Stephan Lany
- Philip Parilla

NSF DMREF PSU PEC (IA024 Poster)

PennState

Experimental Validation of Designed Photocatalysts For Solar Water Splitting

Recipient Penn State University (PI: Ismaila Dabo and Raymond E. Schaak)

Subs Cornell University (PI: Héctor D. Abruña)

HydroGEN Node Experts

National Renewable Energy Laboratory:

- Todd Deutsch
- James Young

NSF DMREF UB PEC (IA021 Poster)

University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

Collaborative Research: A Blueprint for Photocatalytic Water Splitting: Mapping Multidimensional Compositional Space to Simultaneously Optimize Thermodynamics and Kinetics

Recipient University at Buffalo (PI: David Watson)

Subs Texas A&M University (PI: Sarbajit Banerjee) and Binghamton University (PI: Louis Piper)

HydroGEN Node Experts

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

- Jinghua Guo
- David Prendergast

NSF = National Science Foundation;
DMREF = Designing Materials to Revolutionize and Engineer our Future

Collaboration: HydroGEN FOA-Awarded Projects

16 projects passed GNGs and in phase 2 + 2 new HTE projects awarded

49 unique capabilities being utilized across six core labs

Advanced Electrolysis (10)	PEC (5)	STCH (5)
LTE (5) HTE (5)	Benchmarking & Protocols (1)	2-Step MO_x(4) Hybrid Cycle (1)

A Balanced AWSM R&D Portfolio
Accomplishments/Collaborations

Low Temperature Electrolysis (LTE) (G. Bender: P148A; 5 Projects)

PEME Component Integration

- PGM-free OER and HER catalyst
- Novel AEM and Ionomers
- Electrodes

PEM Electrolysis

AEM Electrolysis

High Temperature Electrolysis (HTE) (R. Boardman: P148B; 5 Projects)

- Degradation mechanism at high current density operation
- Nickelate-based electrode and scalable, all-ceramic stack design

- High performing and durable electrocatalysts
- Electrolyte and electrodes
- Low cost electrolyte deposition
- Metal supported cells

O^{2-} conducting SOEC

H^{+} conducting SOEC

Photoelectrochemical (PEC) (A. Weber: P148C; 5 Projects)

- III-V and Si-based semiconductors
- Chalcopyrites
- Thin-film/Si
- Protective catalyst system
- Tandem cell

- PGM-free catalyst
- Earth abundant catalysts
- Layered 2D perovskites
- Tandem junction

Semiconductors

Perovskites

Solar Thermochemical (STCH) (A. McDaniel: P148D; 5 Projects)

- Computation-driven discovery and experimental demonstration of STCH materials
- Perovskites, metal oxides

- Solar driven sulfur-based process (HyS)
- Reactor catalyst material

STCH

Hybrid Thermochemical

HydroGEN: Advanced Water Splitting Materials

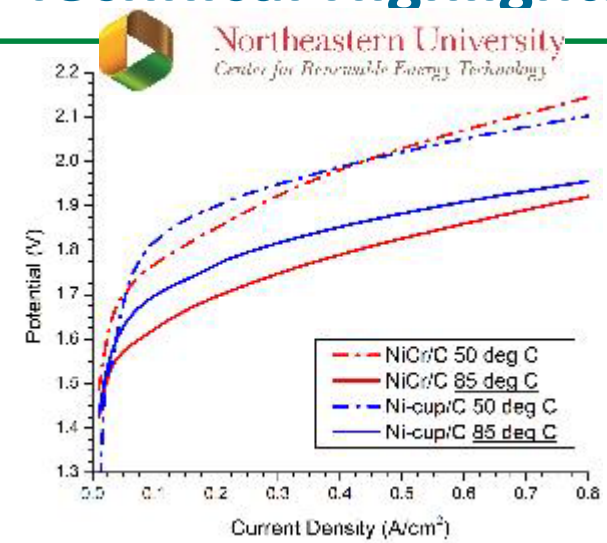
PEME = proton exchange membrane electrolysis;
AEME = alkaline exchange membrane electrolysis

PGM = platinum group metal
Solid oxide electrolysis cells: SOEC

Accomplishments/Collaborations: HydroGEN Collaborative R&D Technical Highlights

Low Temperature Electrolysis (LTE)

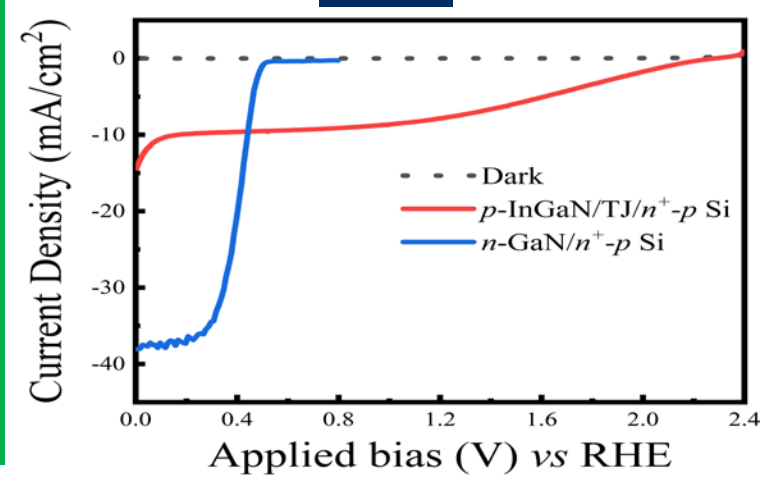
NEU and UD demonstrated **high AEM electrolyzer performance (0.46 A/cm² at 1.8 V, 85°C),** using **PGM-free** Ni-Fe/Raney Ni OER and NiCr/C HER catalysts, PAP-TP-MQN AEM, and 1% K_2CO_3 solution, enabling durable, high-performing materials for efficient and low cost H_2 production. LBNL and SNL modeling nodes helped NEU better understand the AEM/catalyst interface, NREL nodes helped NEU characterize the membrane physical properties and optimize the catalyst formulation.



Anode: Ni-Fe/Raney Ni; Membrane: polyaryl piperidinyl triphenyl (PAP-TP-MQN), prepared by University of Delaware (UD)

Photoelectrochemical (PEC) Water Splitting

UM achieved a **first demonstration of a functional Si/InGaN tandem photoelectrode**. A **GaN/Si photocathode with stable operation (>100 h) at ~38 mA/cm², without using surface protection, was also demonstrated**. UM is focused on developing Si-based, low cost, high efficiency (>15%), and stable (>1,000 h) PEC tandem water splitting devices, using scalable, low cost semi-conductors, nanowire tunnel junction, and N-rich GaN self-protection. The photoelectrodes were characterized and optimized by the NREL and LBNL nodes, while LLNL carried out modeling to understand the protection role of N-rich GaN surfaces.



Accomplishments/Collaborations: HydroGEN Collaborative R&D Technical Highlights

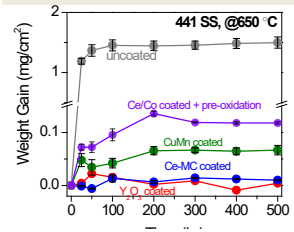
High Temperature Electrolysis (HTE)

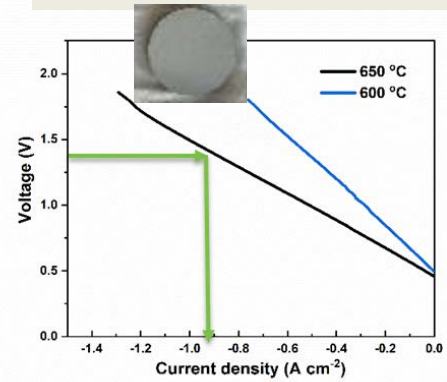
United Technologies Research Center (UTRC), with help from INL, LBNL , and NREL nodes, identified high performance proton-electrolytes and steam electrodes that resulted in **button cell performance exceeding the DOE performance target, stable protective coatings for 500 h**, and a cell model for SOEC performance characterization and cell/stack operation simulation. The HydroGEN nodes provided critical support by addressing technical barriers in metal alloy durability, electrode/electrolyte material optimization and stability, and SOEC modeling.

United Technologies Research Center

Button cell with SPS electrolyte exceeded BP1 target (>0.8 A/cm^2 at 1.4V & 650°C)

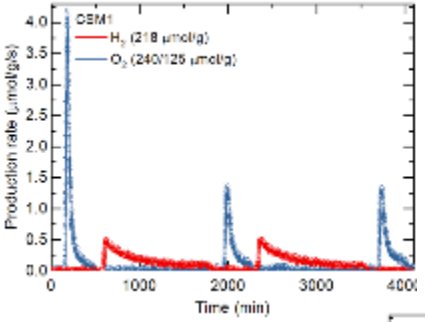
Protective coatings for SS alloys, 500h no oxidation

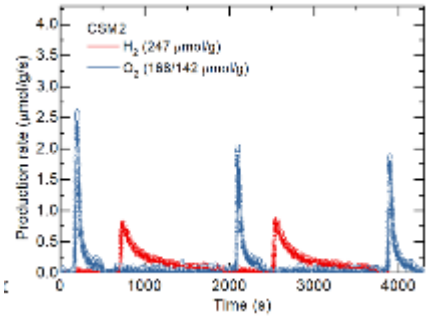




Solar Thermochemical (STCH) Water Splitting

CSM **exceeded its hydrogen production target of 59 µmol H_2/g sample by producing 218 and 247 µmol H_2/g using two compositions within $Ce_xSr_{2-x}MnO_4$ family**, x = 0.1 and 0.2, respectively. This promising performance further motivates the search for additional perovskite compounds with STCH water splitting properties. The objective is to discover new STCH materials that can meet steam to hydrogen efficiency of 20% and low cost H_2 production. The project leverages NREL and SNL modeling, material synthesis and characterization nodes.





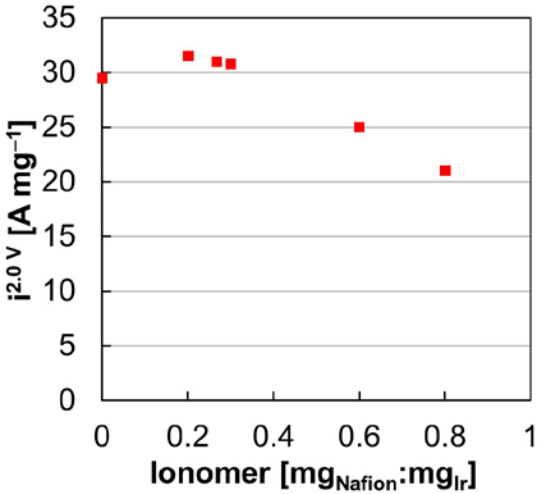
LTE/Hybrid Supernode: Linking LTE/Hybrid Materials to Electrode Properties to Performance (NREL, SRNL, LBNL; 8 Nodes)

***Goal**: Better integration between ex situ and in situ performance, more relevant ex situ testing, and improved material specific component development to achieve optimized electrolyzer cell performance and durability.*

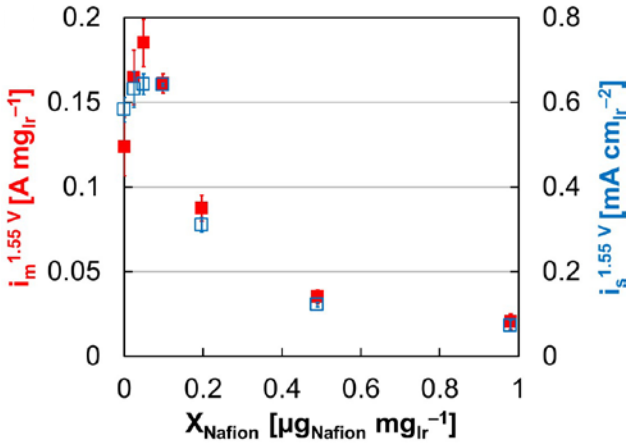
Correlating Half- and Single- LTE Cells Similar Ionomer Content Effect

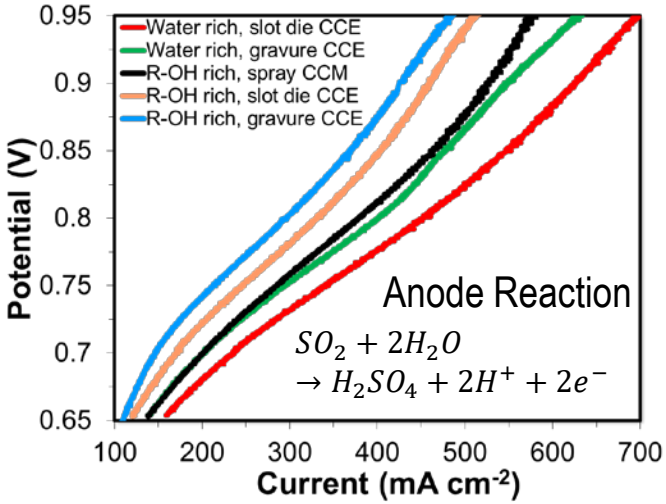
Ink Formulation and Electrode Processing Affect SO_2 Electrolysis Performance

MEA Single-Cells



RDE Half-Cells



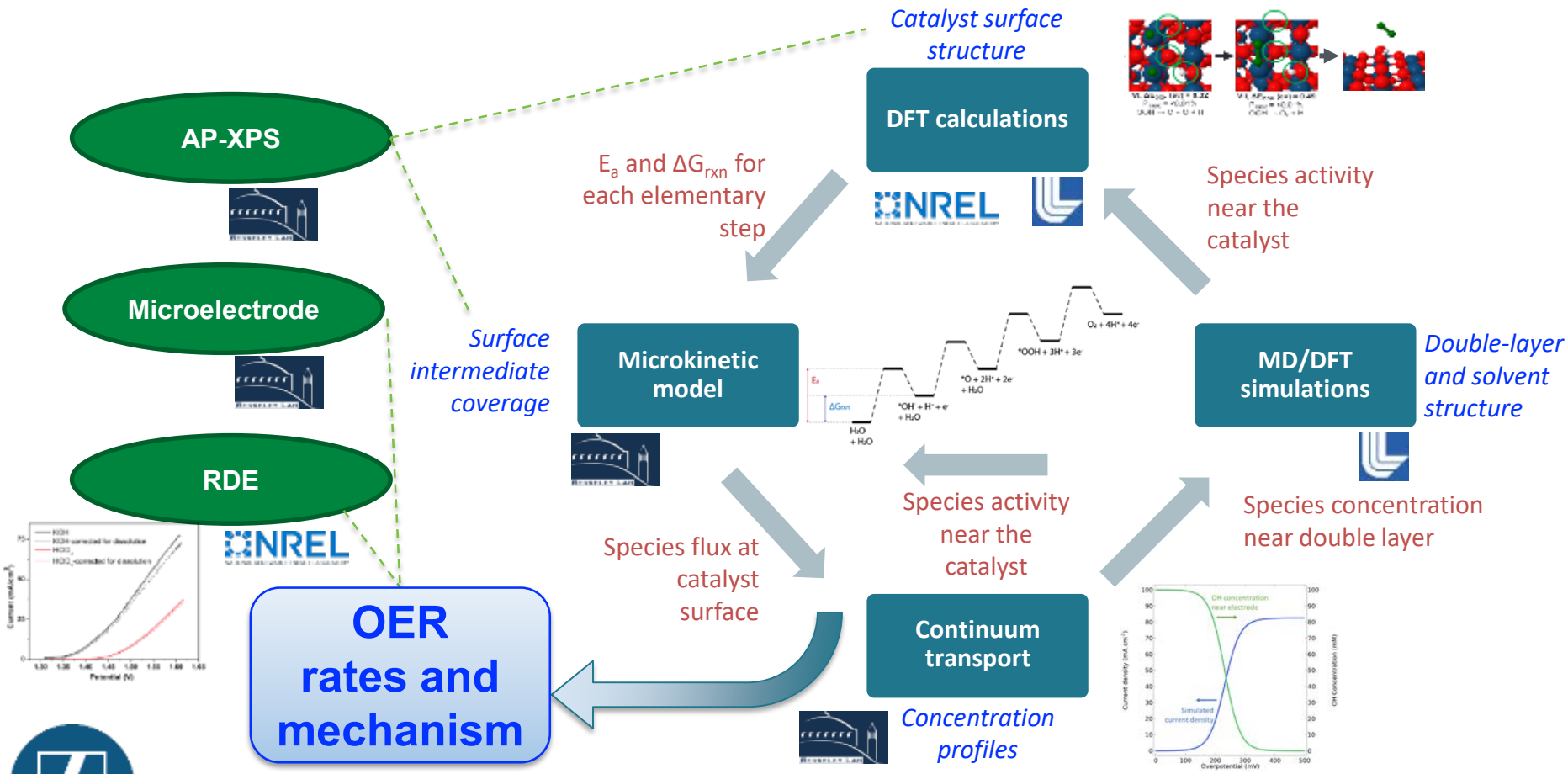


- Ionomer content has a similar effect on MEA and half-cell performance
- Ionomer balance is needed for optimal performance

- Material exchange between NREL and SRNL
- Water-rich inks and slot-die-made MEAs performed better than alcohol-rich (R-OH) inks and gravure-prepared MEAs.

RDE data – S.M. Alia, G.C. Anderson, *J. Electrochem. Soc.*, **2019**, *166*(4), F282-F294. DOI:10.1149/2.0731904jes

OER Supernode: Validated Multiscale Modeling To Understand OER Mechanisms across the pH Scale (NREL, LBNL; LLNL; 6 Nodes)

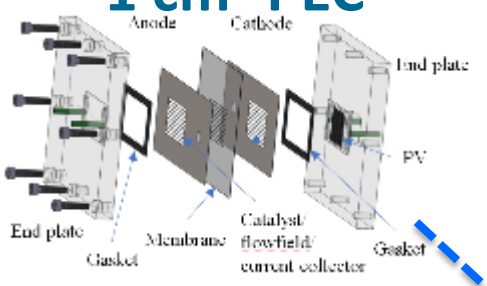


- *Developed various model handoff requirements and interactions*
  - *Microkinetic model for OER pathways formulated*
  - *Initial barriers for OER on IrO_2 in acid calculated*
- *Experimental characterization of OER on IrO_2 (RDE, AP-XPS, ME) initiated*

PEC Supernode: Emergent Degradation Mechanisms with Integration and Scale Up of PEC Devices (NREL, LBNL; 7 Nodes)

***Goal**: Understand integration issues and emergent degradation mechanisms of PEC devices at relevant scale, and demonstrate an integrated and durable 50 cm² PEC panel.*

1 cm² PEC



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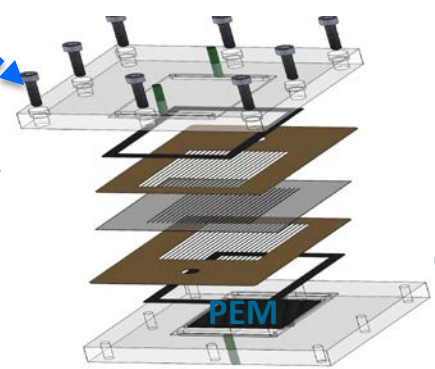

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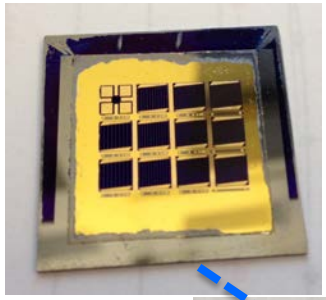

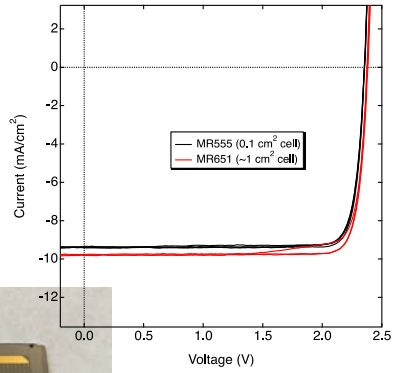

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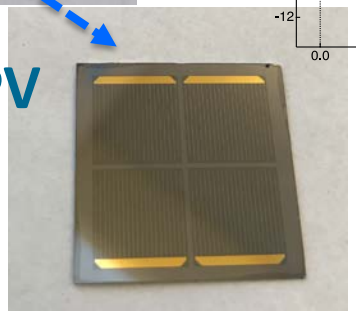


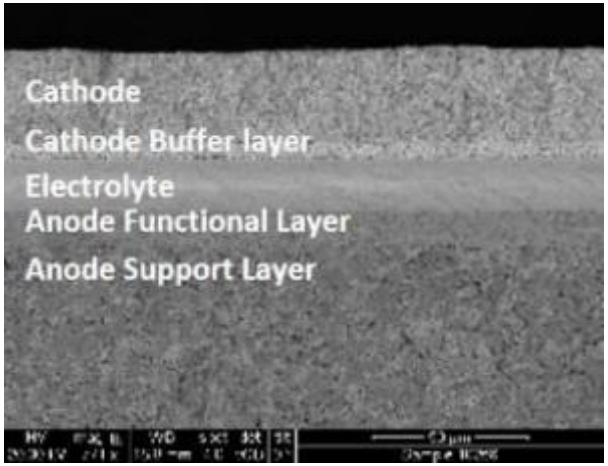
***Accomplishments**: PV fabrication scale up from 0.1 to 1 cm²*
PEC vapor cell scale up from 1 to 4 cm²
Benchmarking PEC cell performance between NREL and LBNL

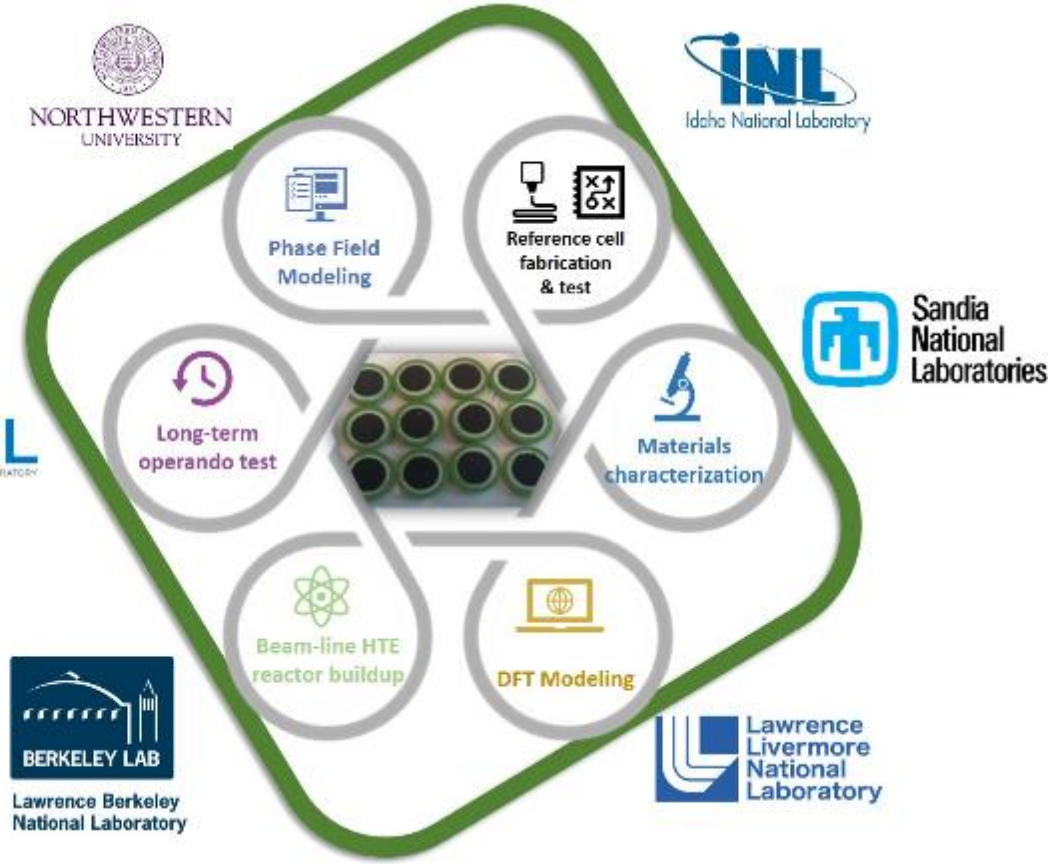
HTE Supernode: Characterization of Solid Oxide Electrode Microstructure Evolution (INL, NREL, LBNL, LLNL, Sandia; 7 Nodes)

***Goal**: Deeper understanding of high-temperature electrolysis (HTE) electrode microstructure evolution as a function of local solid oxide composition and operating conditions.*

Accomplishments:

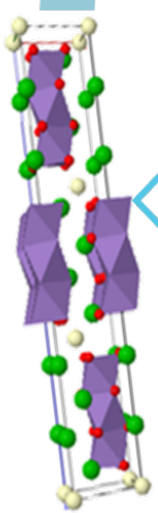
- ✓ First batch of YSZ-based SOEC fabricated using high-purity precursors.
- ✓ Sintering aid used in cathode buffer layers.
- ✓ Electrolyte thickness: 10-15 um.



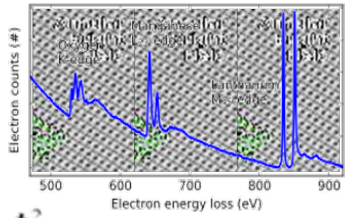


STCH Supernode: Develop Fundamental Understanding of the Mn-O Ligand Field's Influence on Water Splitting (LLNL, NREL, SNL; 6 Nodes)

***Goal**: Develop a fundamental understanding of how unique electronic structures, induced by Mn-O ligand bond arrangements, influence favorable water-splitting material behavior.*



operando probes of Mn-O electronic structure



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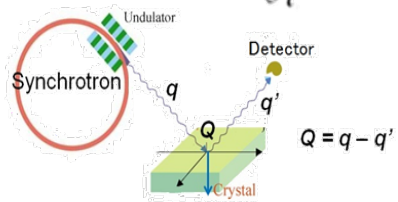

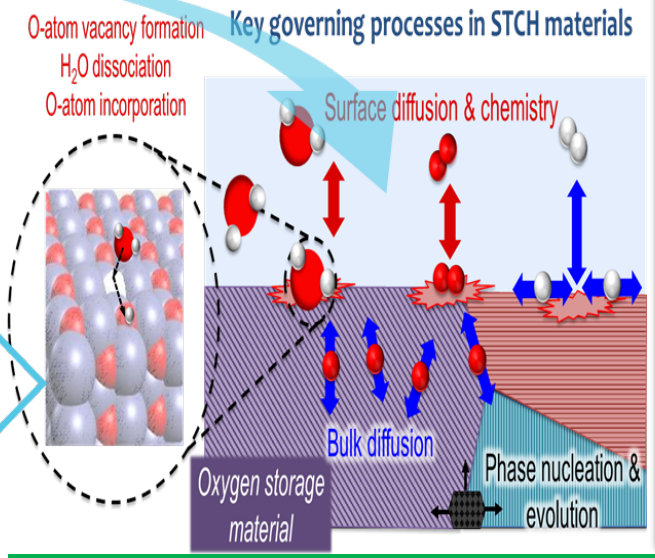

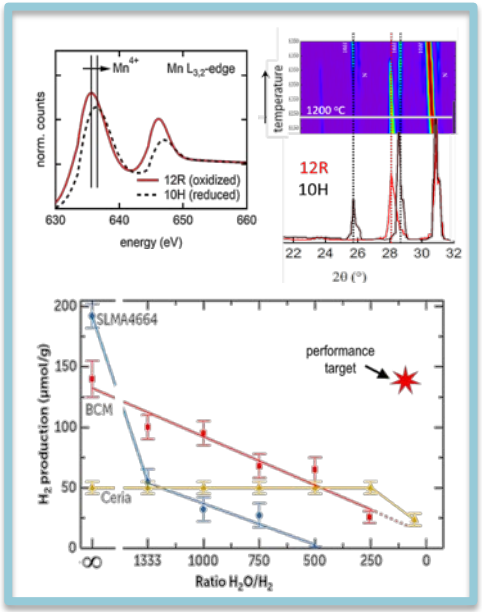

***Accomplishments**:*

- *Develop synthetic routes to "ideal" Mn-O compounds*
- *Develop DFT methods to model core-hole spectroscopies*
- *Deploy operando test cell at SLAC (X-ray scattering)*
- *Conduct HR/STEM EELS studies on "ideal" compounds*

DFT = Density functional theory
HR/STEM EELS = high resolution/scanning transmission electron microscopy electron energy loss spectroscopy

Accomplishments: HydroGEN Benchmarking Advanced Water Splitting Technologies Project (P170)

Best Practices in Materials Characterization

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Accomplishments:

- **1st Annual AWS community-wide benchmarking meeting (ASU, Oct. 24–25, 2018)**
- **4 test frameworks developed**
- **4 AWS technology surveys and result summaries published on the Data Hub**
- **4 preliminary AWS roadmaps developed**
- **1st round of test protocols defined and written**
- **Quarterly newsletters disseminated to AWS community**
- **>80 EMN capability nodes assessed; node gaps identified and communicated to HydroGEN**

Goals:

- ***Develop standardized best practices for characterizing and benchmarking AWSMs***
- ***Foundation for accelerated materials RD&D for broader AWS community***
- ***Extensive collaboration and engagement with HydroGEN steering committee, node subject matter experts, and broad water splitting community***

Development of Best Practices in Materials Characterization and Benchmarking: Critical to accelerate materials discovery and development

Responses to Previous Year Reviewers' Comments

- The fact that about half of the 80+ nodes (capabilities) are being utilized suggests that the interaction with the HydroGEN-supported R&D projects/community is a benefit toward helping DOE realize its goals. It is unclear how to put into perspective the number of users, page views, downloads, etc., as well as the publications and presentations, and whether these are helping DOE achieve its goals/targets. As HydroGEN "matures," a better metric would be clear evidence of how the nodes had an impact in making measurable/quantifiable benefits toward advancing R&D to meet DOE goals.

Response: We agree that testimonials and specific points of collaboration as witnessed by joint publications and presentations will be key in evaluating whether the nodes are providing critical or ancillary support for the FOA projects. Furthermore, cost reduction and technology maturity remain key metrics for success of the EMN.

- Probably one of the most pressing issues under Proposed Future Work is the development of an effective data management program, not so much in managing the data but in presenting to the R&D community in a format that is of value to the community. Developing benchmarking standard protocols and metrics is another pressing issue to make sure that the protocols for evaluating the various technologies provide an apples-to-apples comparison.

Response: We agree and are currently working on the data management in terms of dissemination with full metadata. In terms of protocols and metrics, this is an active area of work with the Benchmarking team lead by NEL/Proton OnSite, where HydroGEN core labs are actively engaged in helping to evaluate and establish the protocols.

Responses to Previous Year Reviewers' Comments

- Some of the secondary, visible metrics, such as the use of the data hub (~250 data files in a year), should get more emphasis either on boosting participation or in communicating the complexity of the data contained within the hub. There is ambiguity as to what a single file contains: whether it is a single resistance measurement or a summary from an entire collection of measurements from a unique tool on the beamline. In short, if the scale of the databank were conveyed in person-hours per data file that makes up the ~250 total, that could strike an audience as more impressive/appropriate than leaving the number of files to remain as an abstract concept, which risks sounding underwhelming.

Response: There has been lots of activities in the data hub this past year, hence there are 2 slides on data, summarizing the publication process developed, the various tools that have been developed, and the type of data that are on the data hub (e.g., microscopy, pol curves, XRD, XPS). Each data file represents one of these data. We hope these two slides better communicate the level of participation and the complexity of the data in the Data Hub.

- Although individual projects have milestones and go/no-go points, the AWSM Consortium lacks clear success metrics at a higher level to guide its pathways and projects.

Response: The success metrics for the consortium are varied. The overall metric is cost reduction (through performance and durability gains) for the various water-splitting materials, remaining cognizant that they are at very different levels of technological maturity. Interactions and enabling the FOA projects is key to this and thus serves as metrics for the consortium. In addition, the existence of supernodes (with their more traditional research metrics, shown on FY19 Supernode Annual Milestones [AM] slide in "Reviewers Only slides"), the data analysis and data hub, and the research progress of individual nodes all provide further metrics for measuring success.

Proposed Future Work

- Core labs will execute HydroGEN nodes to enable successful phase 2 project activities and work with new phase 1 projects
  - Core labs' interaction with a specific project will end if that project does not achieve its go/no-go decision metric
- Collaborate and perform integrated research in the 5 supernodes
- Integrate whole system (capability nodes, FOA awardees, data infrastructure, TT/A) to accelerate the R&D of HydroGEN critical materials development to deployment
- Continue to review, maintain, and develop current and identify new relevant HydroGEN capability nodes
- Continue to develop a user-friendly, secure, and dynamic HydroGEN data hub that accelerates learning and information exchange within the HydroGEN EMN labs, their partners, and other EMN, AE, PEC, and STCH communities
- Work closely with the Benchmarking Team to establish benchmarking, standard protocols, and metrics for the different water-splitting technologies
- Outreach

Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels

Summary – HydroGEN Consortium: Advanced Water-Splitting Materials (AWSM)

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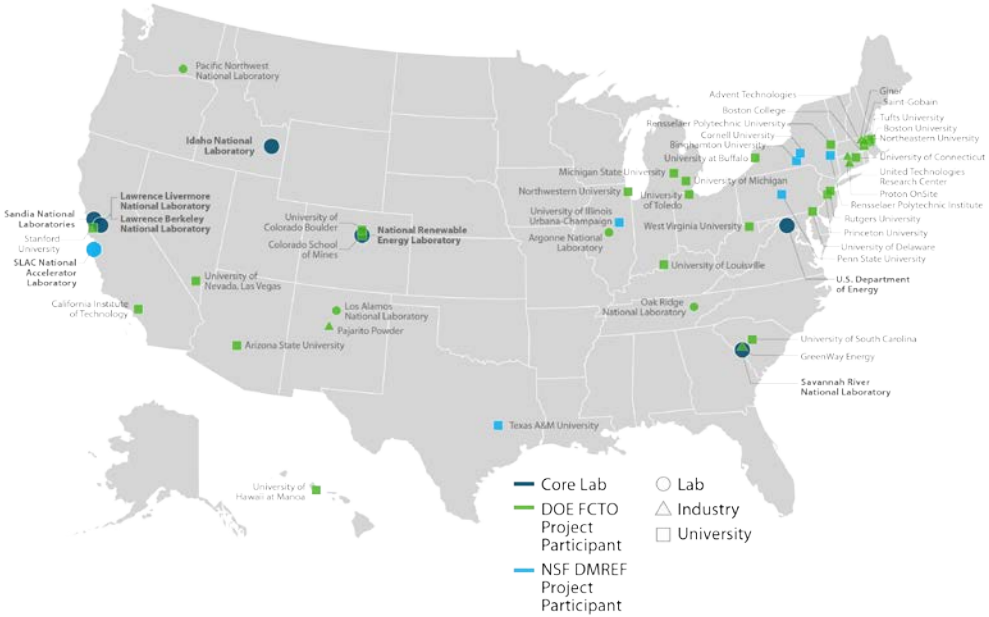
11 Labs 7 Companies 30 Universities 2 Funding Agencies



>80 unique, world-class capabilities/expertise:

- *Materials theory/computation*
- *Synthesis*
- *Characterization and analysis*

- 16 projects successfully passed GNG
- 5 new Supernodes
- 4 new NSF DMREF projects
- 2 new HTE projects
- 2 Work for Others agreements
- 5 new data tools; >4,000 files
- 4 partner testimonial videos
- 1 annual benchmarking workshop
- Multiple AWS standard protocols

LTE Node Labs: INL, Berkeley Lab, NREL, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Support through: Personnel, Equipment, Expertise, Capability, Materials, Data

LTE Projects: PROTON OnSite, nel, Argonne National Laboratory, Northeastern University, Los Alamos National Laboratory

HydroGEN fosters cross-cutting innovation using theory-guided applied materials R&D to advance all emerging water-splitting pathways for hydrogen production

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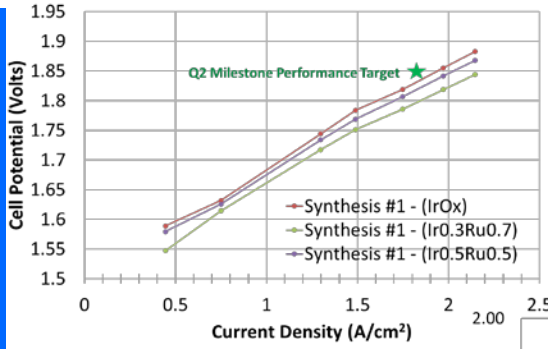
Technical Backup Slides

Accomplishments/Collaborations: HydroGEN Collaborative R&D Technical Highlights

Low Temperature Electrolysis (LTE)

NREL's contributed towards **Proton Onsite** achievement of **1.8 V at 2.0 A/cm²**, and **800 h PEM electrolysis durability at 2 A/cm²**, operating at 80°C and 30 bar. Proton's improved cell efficiency **is a step towards achieving its PEM water electrolysis cell efficiency goal of 43 kWh/kg** (1.7 V at 90°C) and at a cost of \$2/kg H_2, a significant improvement over the state-of-the-art cell efficiency of 53 kWh/kg.



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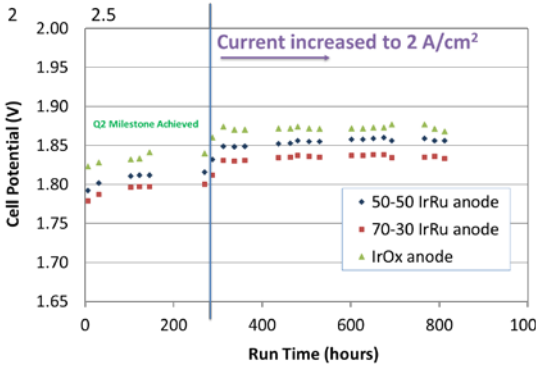
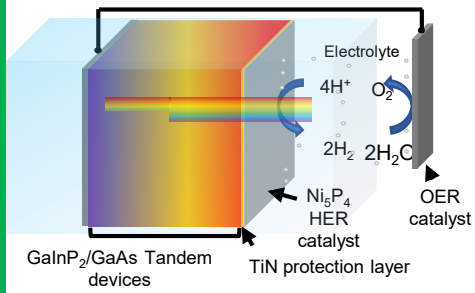


Photoelectrochemical (PEC) Water Splitting

NREL's high performance photoabsorber ($GaInP_2$/GaAs), integrated with **Rutgers' PGM-free electrocatalysts** ($LiCoO_2$ and Ni_5P_4) and protection layer (TiN), achieved a solar-to-hydrogen efficiency of **11.5%** for unassisted water splitting, on par performance with conventional PGM electrocatalysts (PtRu).



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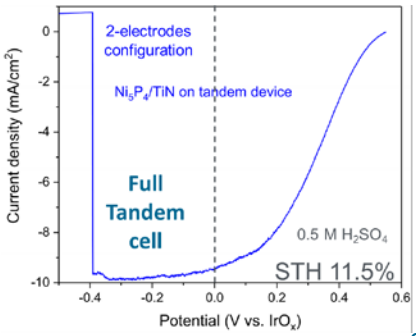

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Low Temperature Electrolysis (LTE)

ANL demonstrated a **25 % improvement in PEM electrolysis cell performance** (310 mA/cm^2 at 1.8 V), using **PGM-free Co-ZIF derived OER** and Pt/C HER catalysts, N115 membrane, 60°C & 10 psi DI water, enabling the goal to reduce the anode catalyst cost by > 20 folds for the widespread implementation of PEME H_2 production. LBNL, LLNL, NREL, and SNL modeling, XPS, and microscopy nodes, respectively, contributed towards this achievement.

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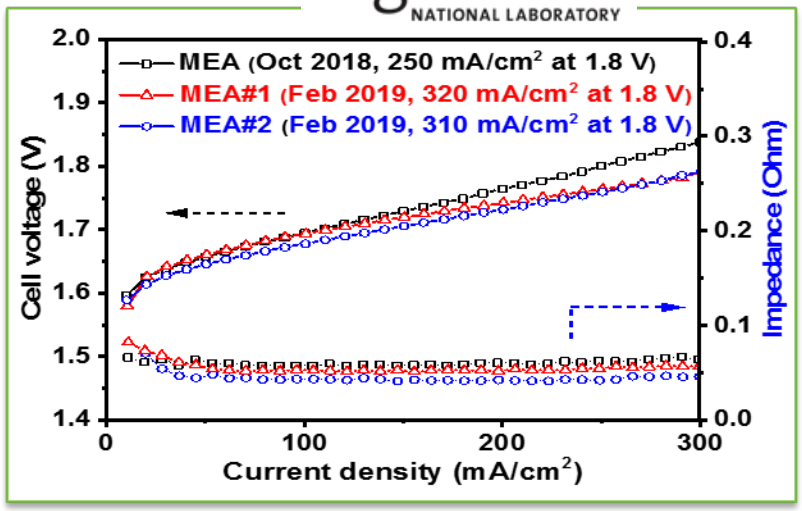

Photoelectrochemical (PEC) Water Splitting

SU demonstrated **unassisted PEC water-splitting** with **PGM-free MoS_2 HER catalyst** that achieved solar-to-hydrogen (**STH**) efficiency **> 5% under 1 sun,** providing a viable path for achieving low cost, stable and high (20%) STH PEC devices through earth-abundant protective catalysts, novel growth schemes, and new tandem III-V/Si system that has the potential to dramatically reduce H_2 production cost. The project leverages the NREL III-V fabrication, PEC characterization, corrosion, and on-sun testing expertise.

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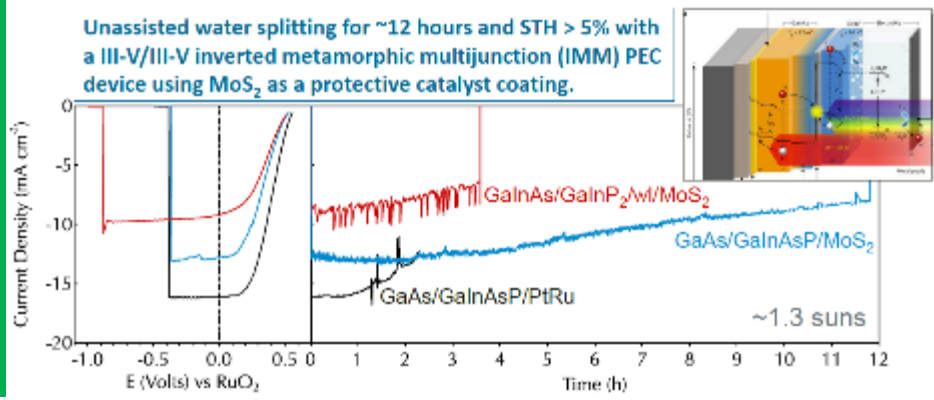
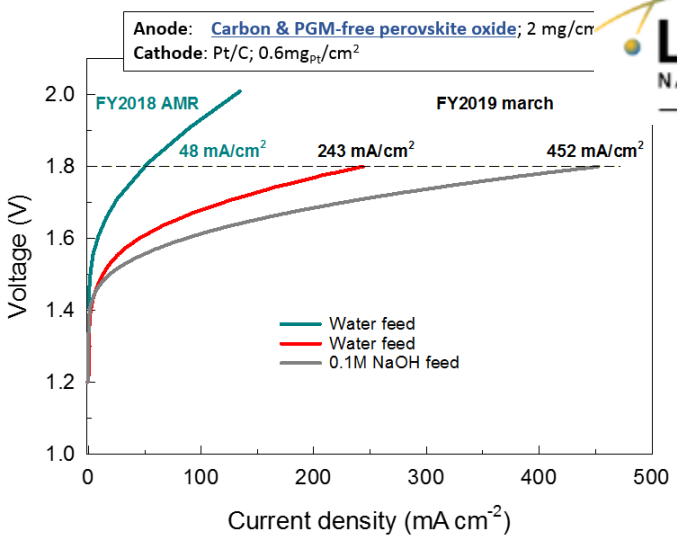


Accomplishments/Collaborations: HydroGEN Collaborative R&D Technical Highlights

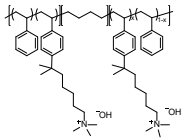
Low Temperature Electrolysis (LTE)

LANL demonstrated **4x higher** in **water-fed AEM electrolyzer performance (0.243 A/cm² at 1.8 V),** compared to FY2018, using LANL developed **carbon-free and PGM-free perovskite OER catalyst** and SNL AEM membrane. The goal is to achieve low cost H_2 production via high performing, durable, and low cost PGM-free catalyst AEM electrolysis. NREL XPS and in-situ testing nodes helped LANL understand the OER catalyst surface composition and MEA electrode performance.



Low Temperature Electrolysis (LTE)

LANL and RPI **prepared semi-crystalline AEM** membranes, by acid catalyzed polymerization & without using expensive metal catalyst, **that exceeded all of the project's (and state-of-the-art) membrane conductivity, alkaline stability, and mechanical strength targets,** as validated by LBNL characterization and modeling nodes. The goal is to synthesize and demonstrate high performing, durable, and economically-affordable AEMs in **water-fed AEM electrolysis**.



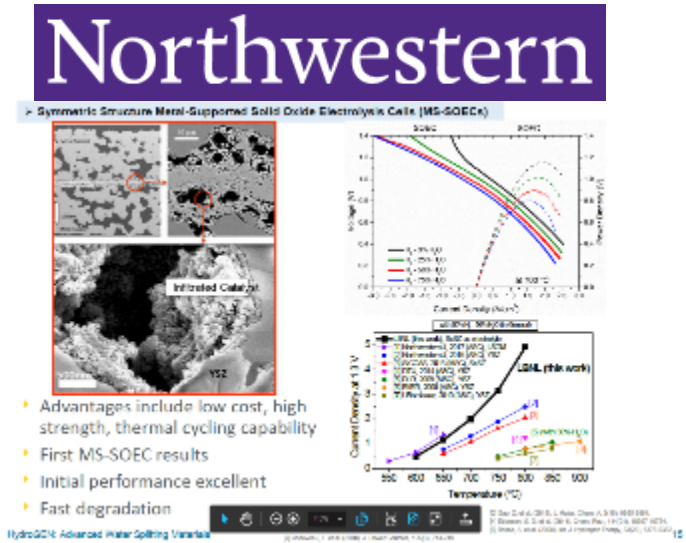
Properties
IEC = 1.71 mequiv./g
Water uptake = 144 %
In-plane swelling = 30%

Properties	Target	Status
Hydroxide conductivity (mS cm^{-1}) at 30 °C	40	42 (30 °C) 54 (60 °C) 63 (80 °C)
Alkaline stability after 300 h in 1 M NaOH at 80 °C	< 5 % loss conductivity	0% loss
Mechanical toughness (mechanical strength (MPa) × % elongation) at 50 °C, 90% RH	> 1400	2091

Accomplishments/Collaborations: HydroGEN Collaborative R&D Technical Highlights

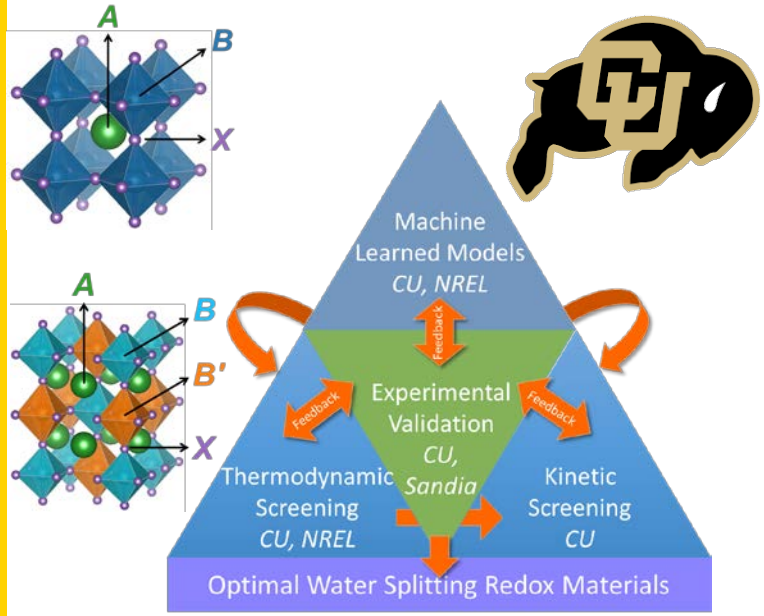
High Temperature Electrolysis (HTE)

Using Northwestern University catalyst, YSZ electrolyte ($(ZrO_2)_{0.92}(Y_2O_3)_{0.08}$), and LBNL Metal-Supported Solid Oxide Cell and INL Advanced HTE testing nodes, the collaboration **demonstrated a metal-supported SOEC for the first time in electrolysis mode, with the highest performance** for oxygen-conducting type electrolysis cells to-date and promising stability.



Solar Thermochemical (STCH) Water Splitting

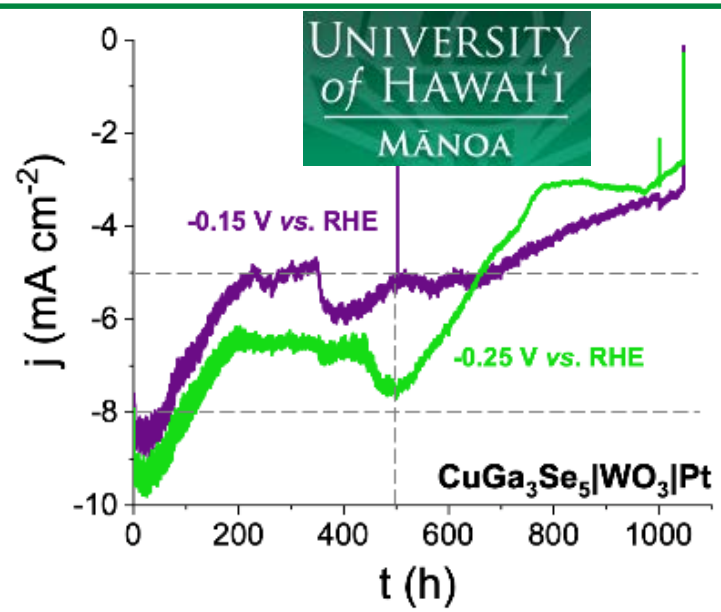
The University of Colorado Boulder, with NREL's DFT node, developed and applied machine learning (ML) to accelerate STCH materials discovery, **identifying several hundred stable STCH perovskites** from over 1.1 million possible candidates, with **92% accuracy**. SNL's stagnation flow reactor and High-Temperature XRD nodes were used to **experimentally validate** water splitting kinetics and crystal structures for a select number of materials, providing critical feedback to **develop rapid kinetic screening techniques of materials**. Four materials have also been demonstrated to have H_2 productions **>200 µmol/g/cycle** at T_{red} =1450°C and ΔT=250°C, and results compared to computational predictions.

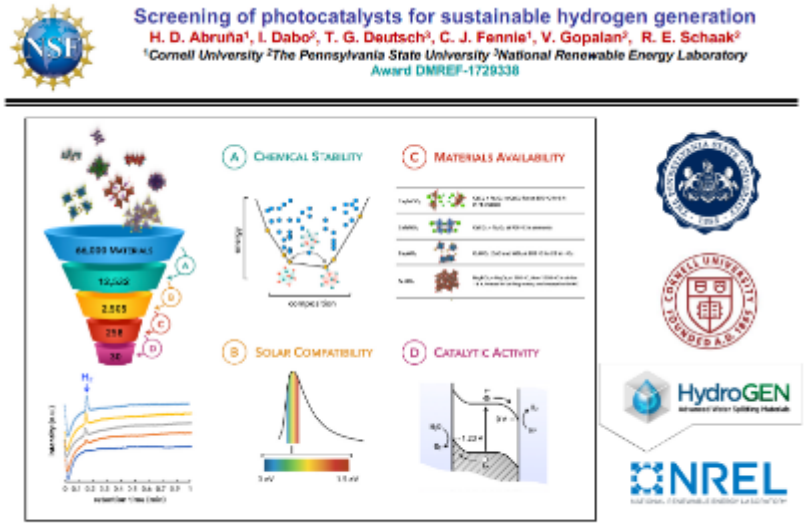


Accomplishments/Collaborations: HydroGEN Collaborative R&D Technical Highlights

Photoelectrochemical (PEC) Water Splitting

UH improved chalcopyrite stability in aqueous electrolyte by demonstrating **> 500 h of continuous operation at > 5 mA/cm²,** using a thin WO_3 coating on a high bandgap copper chalcopyrite, paving the way to creating a low cost ("printed") chalcopyrite-based, semi-monolithic, tandem hybrid photoelectrode device prototype that can operate for at least 1,000 h with STH efficiency > 10%. This project is supported by NREL synthesis and advanced characterization and LLNL modeling expertise to accelerate the development of materials and interfaces.





Starting from 66,000 materials from the Materials Project, 30 candidate photocatalysts have been screened by computing their chemical stability, solar compatibility, and catalytic activity. The ability to synthesize these materials is ensured by a systematic survey of the literature. Experiment shows hydrogen generation for four of the nine candidates tested so far.

NSF-DMREF / DOE EERE HydroGEN EMN Example:

Photoelectrochemical (PEC) Water Splitting

Reviewer-Only Slides

FY19 NREL AOP Milestones

Milestone Name/Description	End Date	Type	Status
Kick-start the three NSF DMREF projects that NREL is supporting (PSU PEC, PSU LTE, and CSM STCH) and integrate them into HydroGEN.	12/31/2018	Q1 QPM	Complete
Initiate the 5 supernode efforts including a joint virtual kick-off meeting for each one. (NREL, LBNL, SNL, LLNL, INL, SRNL).	3/31/2019	Q2 QPM	Complete
Integrate new services into the Data Hub, including centralized authorization and sample management functions. Much of the HydroGEN research hinges on aligning and associating characterization and modeling data to uniquely identified samples. We will implement a sample management service into the Data Hub, which will include a backend database, an API layer and a data security layer. For centralized authorization, we will implement the Cognito Authentication service into the Data Hub, enabling 2-factor authentication consistently across all EMN data hubs.	6/30/2019	Q3 QPM	**On Track (central authorization is complete)**
Quantify the relationship between the exchange current density, specific activity and electrochemical surface area of a standard LTE OER catalyst via RDE with in-situ performance for at least 3 different electrode processing conditions and/or compositions, with properties comparable to IrO2 (mass exchange current density = 0.075 mA/mg, ECA = 28.7 m2/g and specific exchange current density = 0.26 µA/cm2). (LTE/Hybrid Supernode Milestone)	9/30/2019	Q4 Annual Milestone	**On Track**

FY19 Supernode Annual Milestones (AM)

Milestone Name/Description	Supernode/ Lab AOP	Type	Status
Compare the exchange current density, specific activity and electrochemical surface area of a standard Hybrid Sulfur Cycle anode electro-catalyst via RDE with in-situ performance for at least 3 different electrode processing conditions and/or compositions with the goal of approaching 50-60% agreement between ex-situ and in-situ test.	LTE/Hybrid SRNL	Q4 AM 9/30/2019	**On Track**
Multiscale model predicts dominant reaction pathway with overall reaction rates in agreement within 10% error with experimental data for OER on IrO_2 under acidic conditions at two different applied overpotentials.	OER LBNL & LLNL	Q4 AM 9/30/2019	**On Track**
The synthesized microstructures of 4-6 electrode/electrolyte pure phase material will be analyzed to confirm repeatability of microstructure and composition via microscopy and X-ray diffraction analysis. The materials will have no secondary phases and the microstructure will have porosity and pore size within 10% of each other.	HTE INL	Q4 AM 9/30/2019	**On Track**
Identify one or more Mn-O baseline systems sharing key characteristics with BCM, which produces 3x more hydrogen than CeO2 when reduced at 1350°C and maintains higher water splitting favorability than SLMA at low oxygen partial pressure (>50 umole/g at H2O/H2 ratio<500). Data from SNL nodes will support first principles model development and refinement activities.	STCH SNL	Q4 AM 9/30/2019	**On Track**
Measure efficiency and durability a device of 8 cm2 or larger area using a flexible-platform photoreactor equipped with multiple in-situ diagnostic techniques on 2-axis tractor for 2+ days.	PEC LBNL & NREL (not in AOP)	Q4 AM 9/30/2019	**On Track**

FY18 AOP Milestones

Milestone Name/Description	End Date	Type	Status
Organize and host a HydroGEN project kick-off meeting for the 19 new FOA awardees and the 6 core lab members to help integrate them into the EMN.	12/31/2017	QPM	**Complete Nov. 2017**
80 HydroGEN capabilities reviewed based on developed process and evaluation criteria (e.g., utilization across the 18 new FOA projects).	3/30/2018	Annual Milestone	**Complete**
Integrate a data publication process into the data hub, enabling methods for assigning DOIs to uniquely identify public datasets and processes for approving and sharing data with the public.	6/30/2018	QPM	**Complete (slide 10)**
Benchmark solar-to-hydrogen efficiency of best-in-class LiCoO2 anode and Ni5P4 cathode catalysts integrated on an upright GaInP2/GaAs tandem cell with a target of greater than 10%.	9/30/2018	QPM	**Complete (slide 39)**

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