

Batterie- und Brennstoffzellensysteme

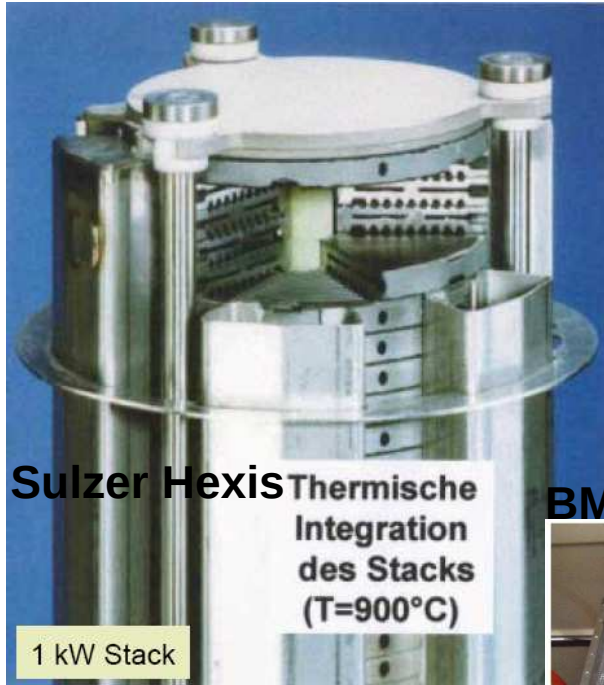
Stack- und Zellkonzepte für die SOFC

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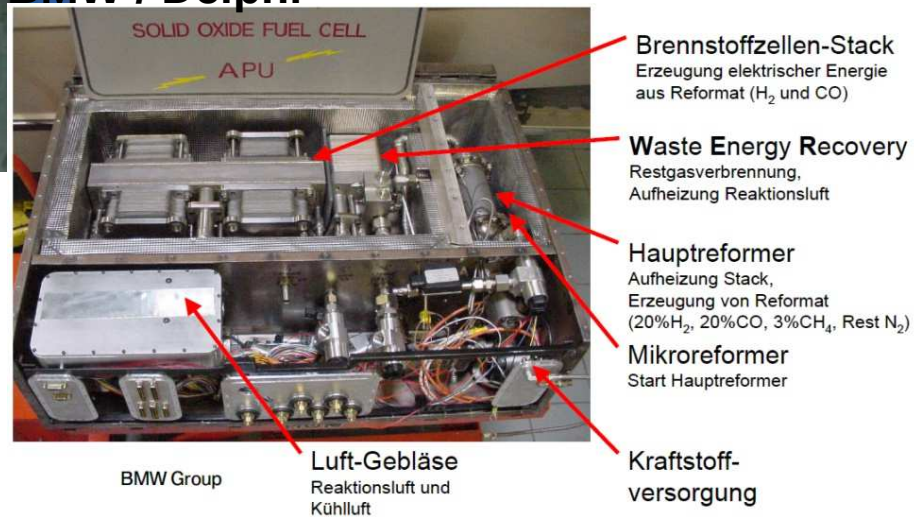
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Stack- und Zellkonzepte



BMW / Delphi



Siemens-Westinghouse

Fuel Cells

Cell Voltage, Internal Resistance and Fuel Cell Efficiencies

thermodynamic efficiency

$$\eta_{th} = \frac{\Delta G}{\Delta H} = 1 - \frac{T\Delta S}{\Delta H}$$

electrochemical efficiency

$$\eta_{el} = \frac{U_{cell}}{U_{th}} = -\frac{nFU_{cell}}{\Delta G}$$

fuel utilization

$$\beta_f = \frac{\text{used fuel}}{\text{provided fuel}}$$

cell voltage and internal resistance

$$U_{cell} = U_0 - R_{cell} \cdot I_{cell} = U_0 - I_{cell} \cdot \sum_k R_{cell,k}$$

$$\sum_k R_{cell,k} = R_{cathode} + R_{electrolyte} + R_{anode} + R_{contact}$$

fuel efficiency

$$\eta_f = \frac{I}{I_m}$$

reforming efficiency

$$\eta_{ref} = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta H_{fuel}}$$

el. system efficiency

$$\eta_{elS} = \frac{W_{el}}{nFU_{cell}}$$

electrical system efficiency

$$\eta_{electrical} = \eta_{th} \cdot \eta_{el} \cdot \eta_f \cdot \beta_f \cdot \eta_{Ref} \cdot \eta_{elS} = \frac{\text{produced electrical energy}}{\text{provided chemical energy}}$$

thermal system efficiency

$$\eta_{thermal} = \frac{\text{usable heat}}{\text{provided chemical energy}}$$

total efficiency

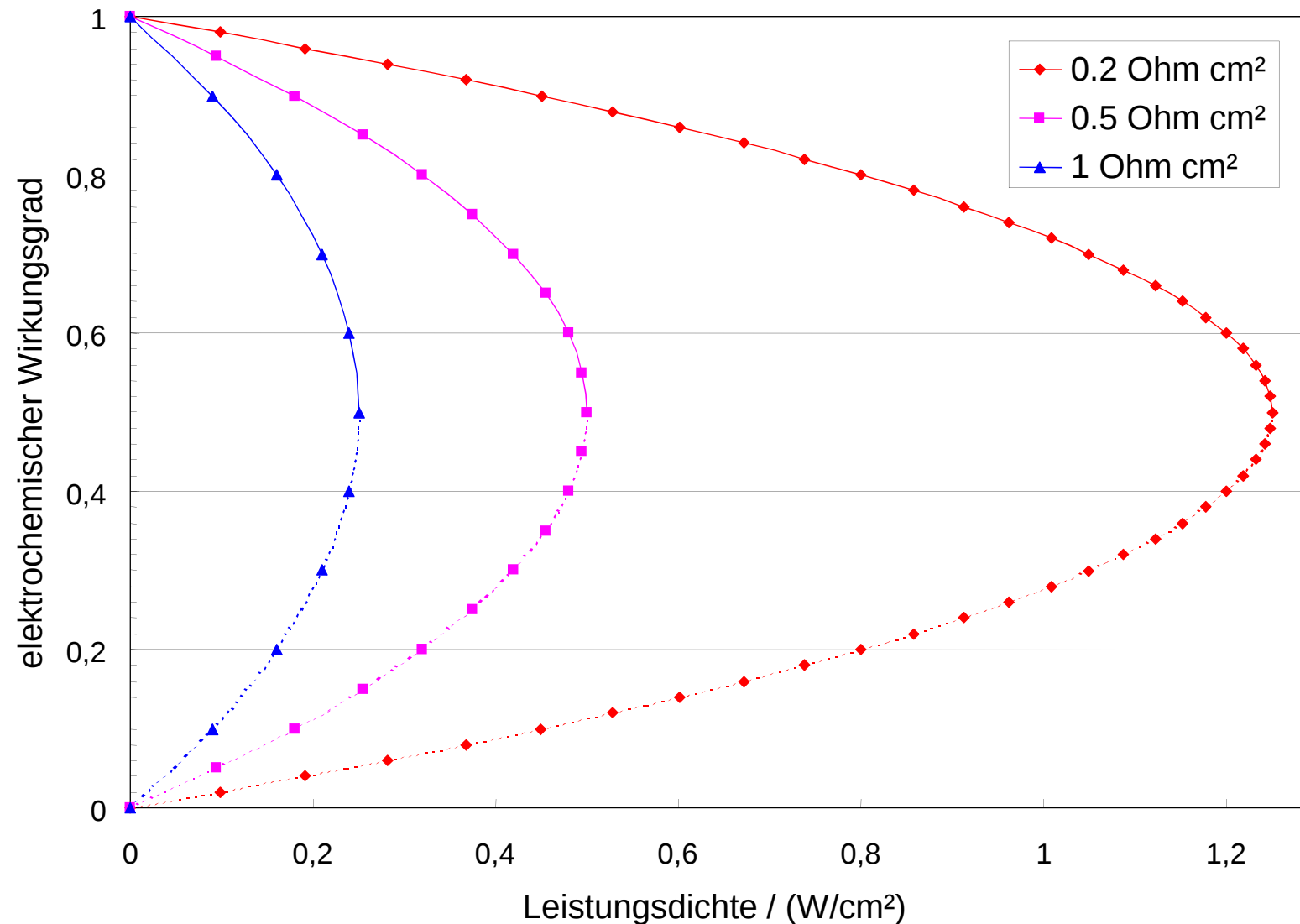
$$\eta_{tot} = \eta_{electrical} + \eta_{thermal}$$

single cell ... stack

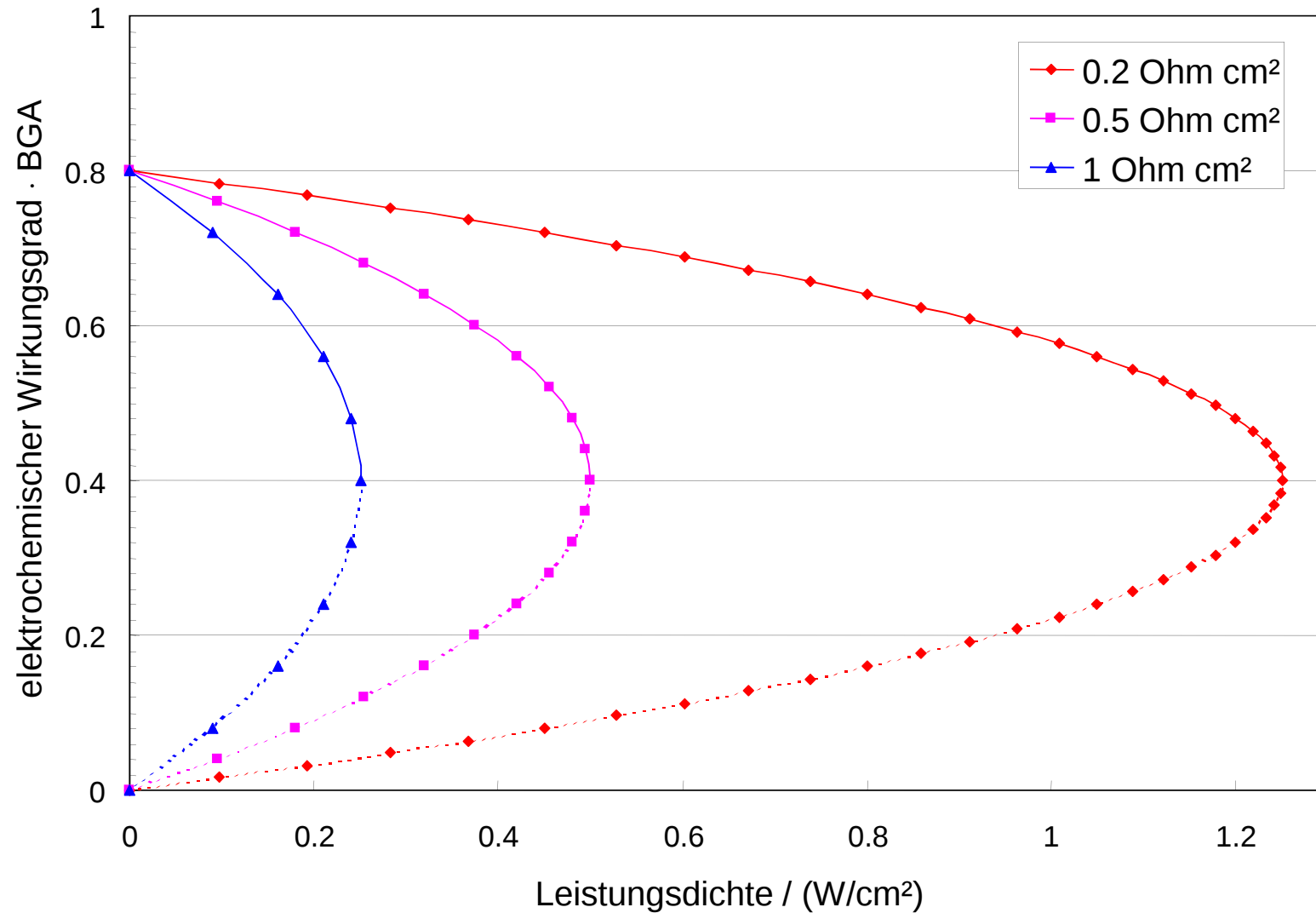
system (el. p.)

CHP-system

Elektrochemischer Wirkungsgrad in Abhängigkeit der Leistungsdichte

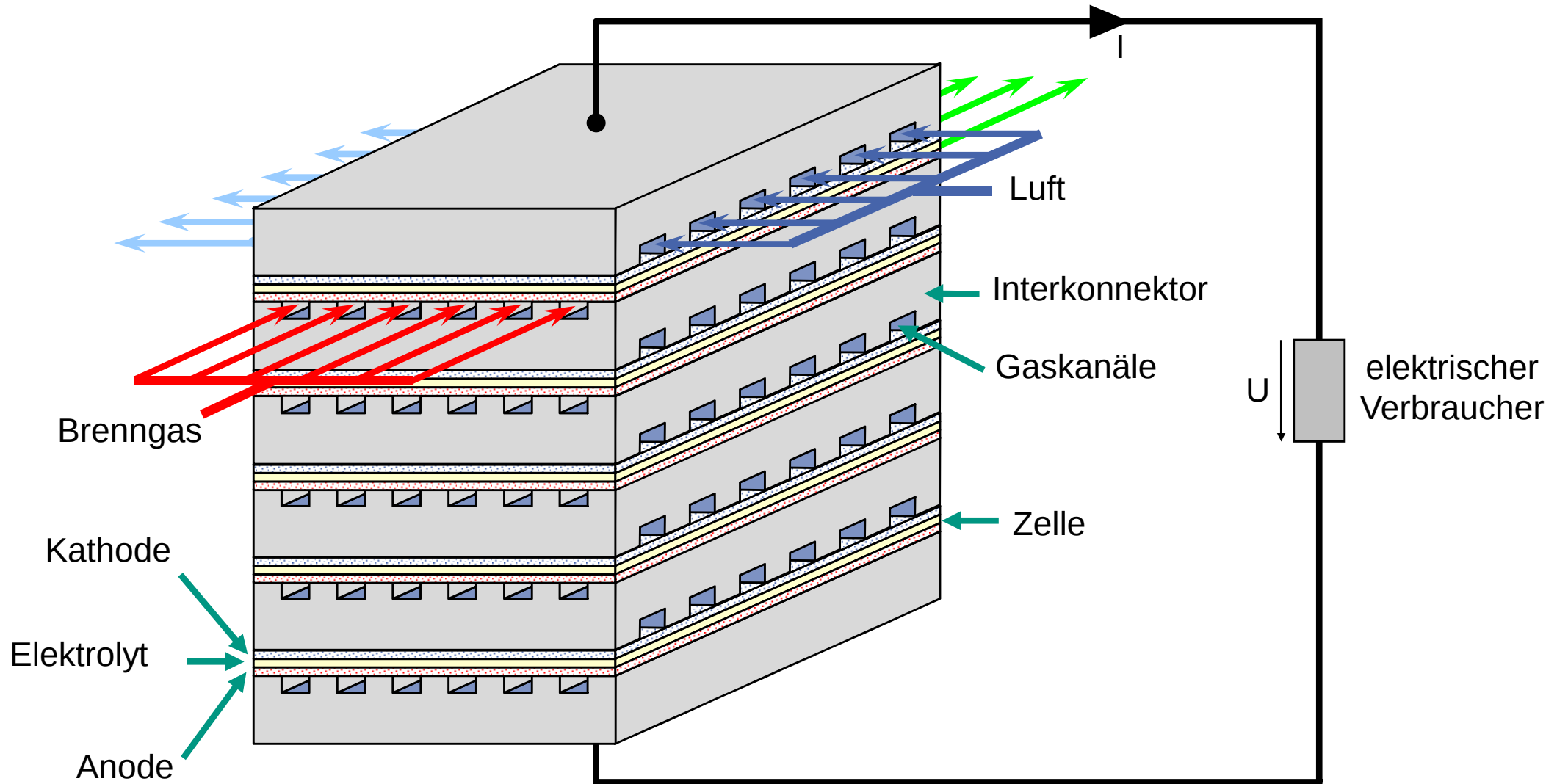


Stack-Wirkungsgrad ($\beta_f \cdot \eta_{el}$) in Abhängigkeit der Leistungsdichte

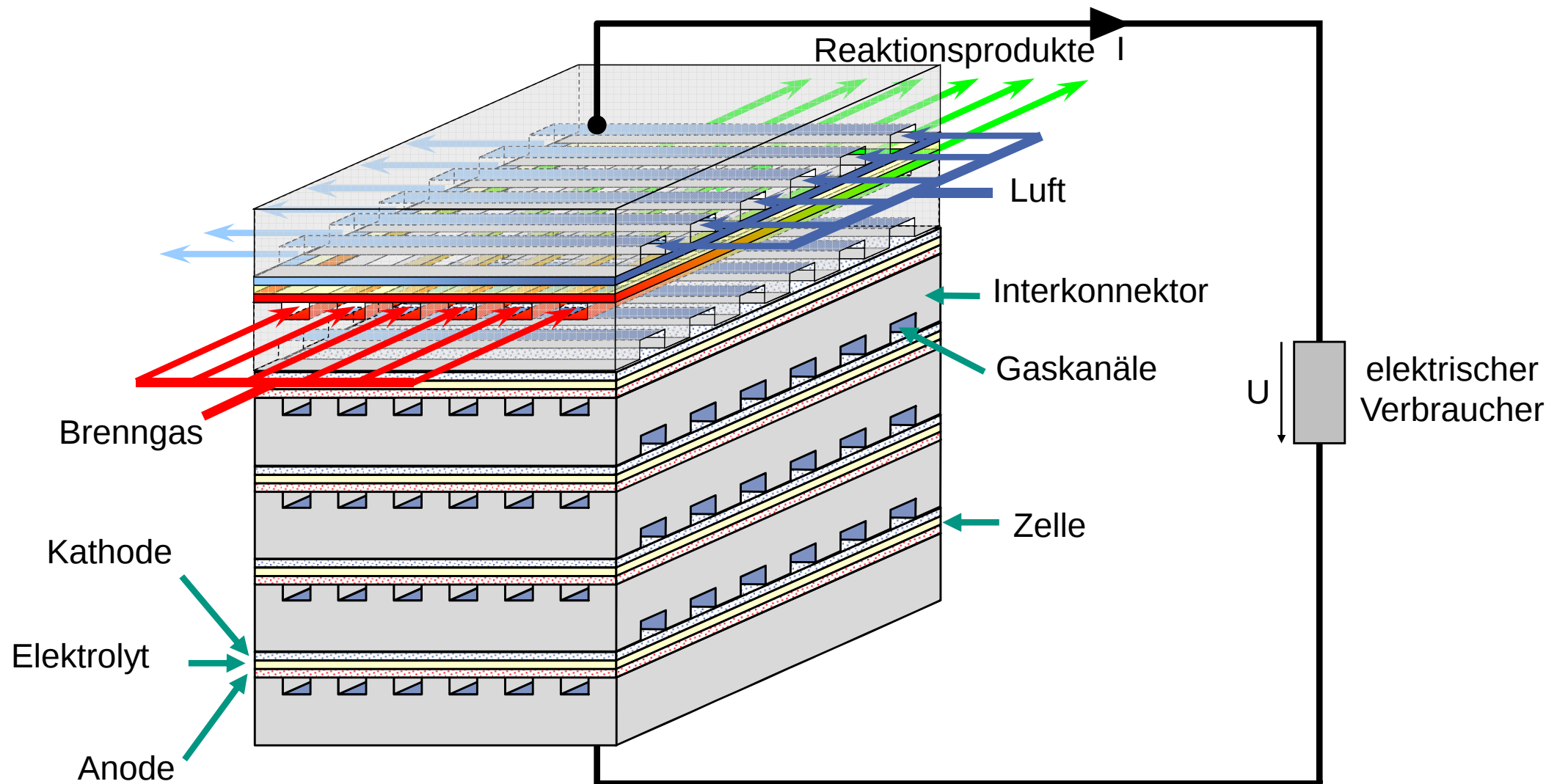


**Brenngas-
ausnutzung: 80%**
($\eta_f = 1$)

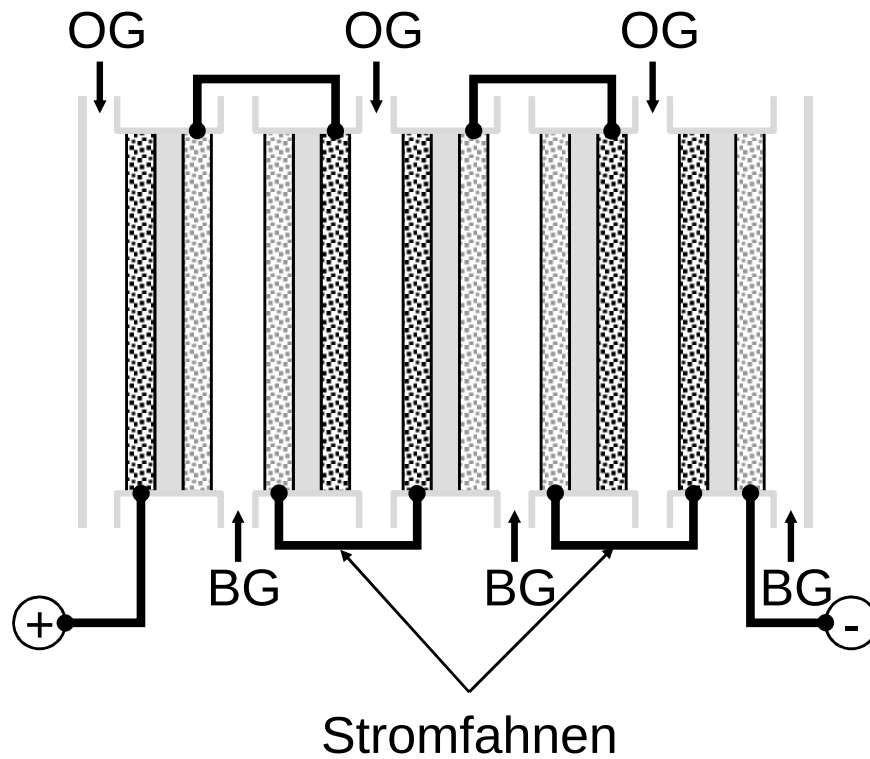
Planarer Brennstoffzellen-Stack



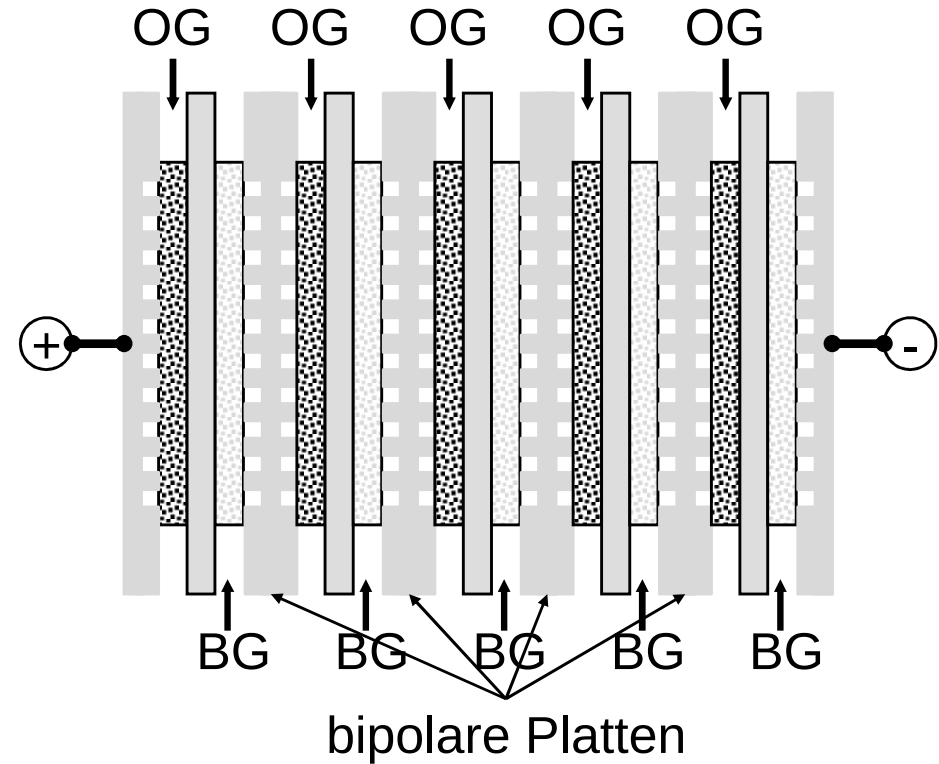
Betriebsbedingungen im Stack



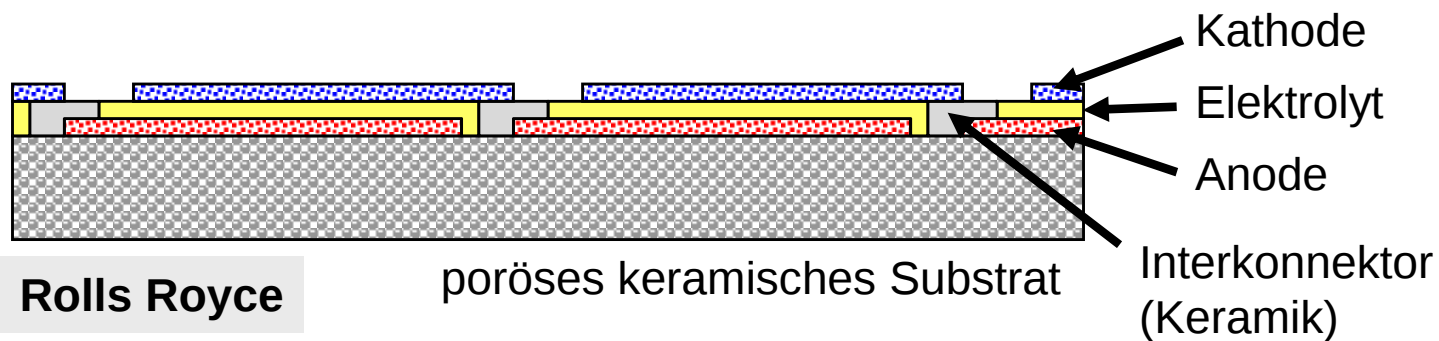
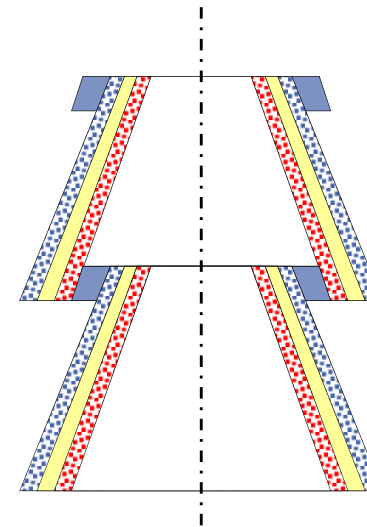
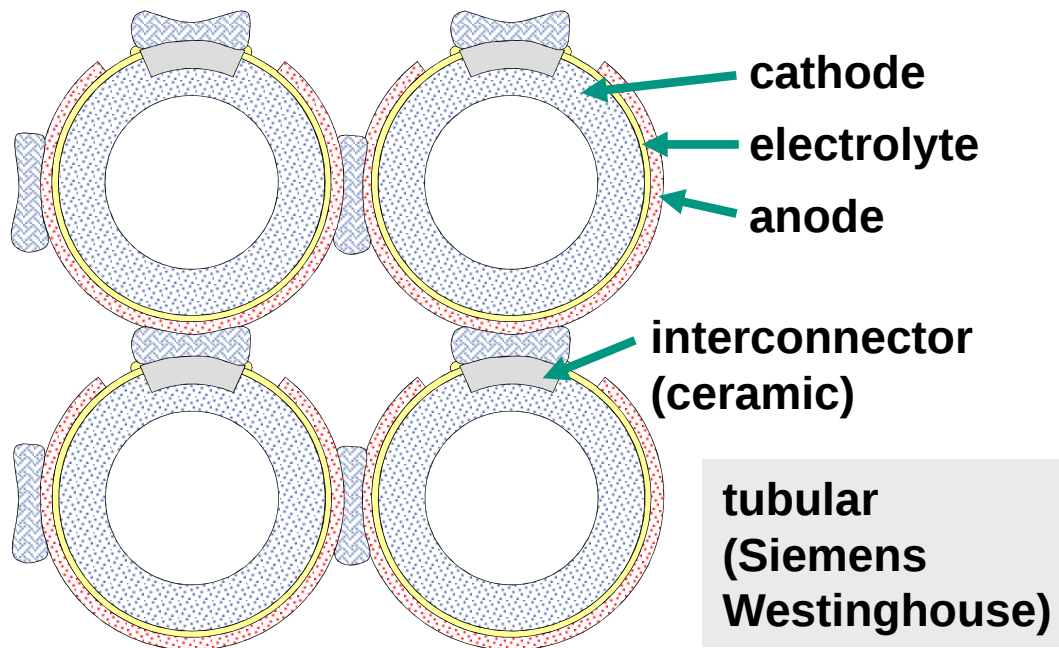
monopolar



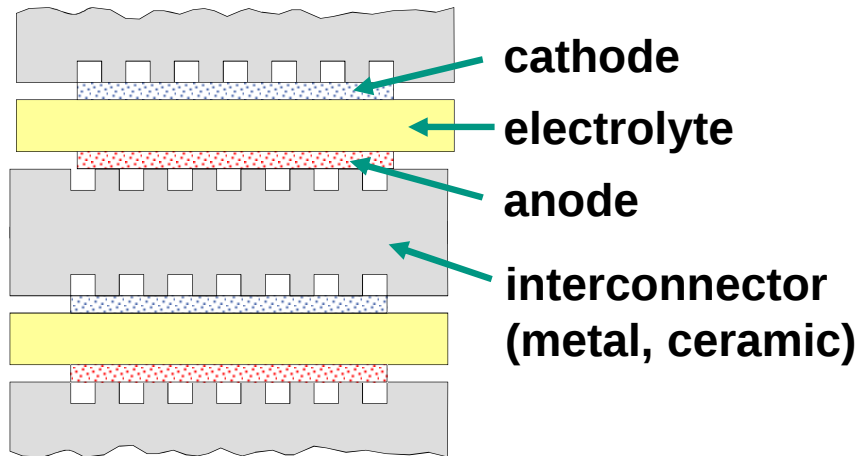
bipolar



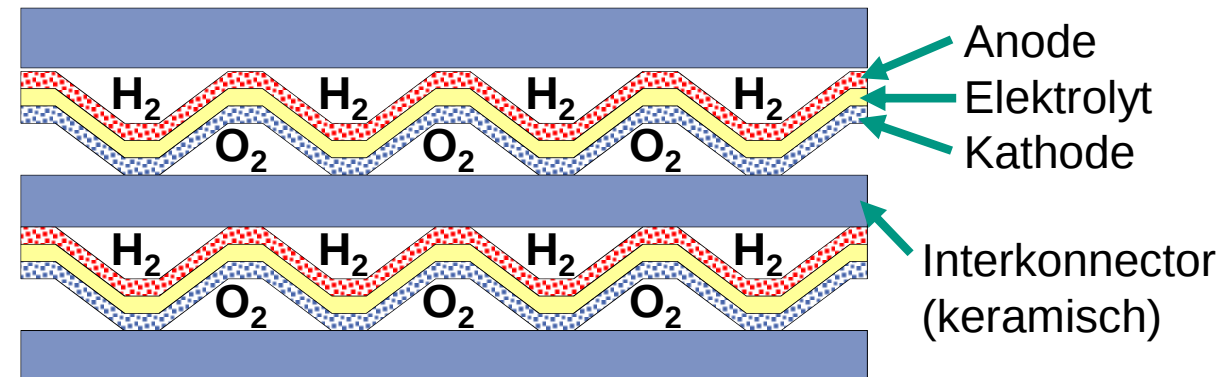
SOFC Stack-Designs („monopolar“)



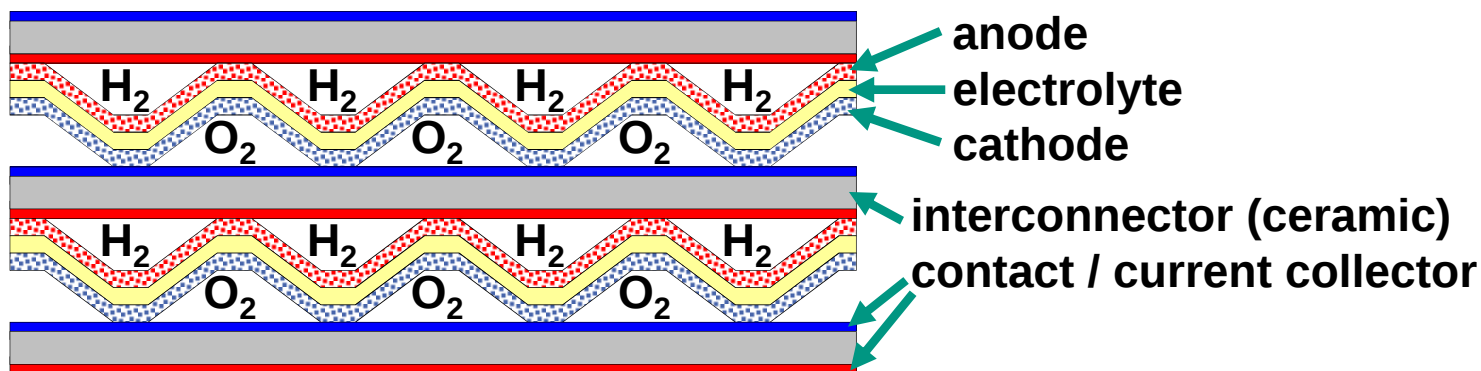
SOFC Stack-Designs („bipolar“)



planar (Sulzer)



Mitsubishi Heavy Industries



monolithic (Argonne National Laboratory)

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

SOFC-Concepts

electrolyte supported

- Murata
- Tonen
- MHI
- Ceramtec
- Siemens
- Dornier
- **H.C. Starck** (ECN / InDEC)
- **Hexis**
- Ceramic Fuel Cells Ltd.
- Mitsubishi Materials
- **Toho Gas**
- **Bloom Energy**

electrode supported

- Siemens-Westinghouse
- Fuji Electric
- Allied Signal/Honeywell
- Global Thermoelectric (FZ-Jülich)
- **Delphi** (PNNL)
- **Ceramtec** (FZ-Jülich)
- **Saint-Gobain** (FZ-Jülich)
- **Versa Power**
- **H.C. Starck** (ECN / InDEC)
- **Haldor Topsoe** (DTU/Risoe)
- **Kyocera**
- **Ceramic Fuel Cells Ltd.**

GTL* supported

- Westinghouse
- **CERES Power**
- **MHI**
- **Rolls Royce**
- **DLR**
- **DTU/Risoe**
- **Plansee** (FZ-Jülich)

* GTL: Gas Transport Layer

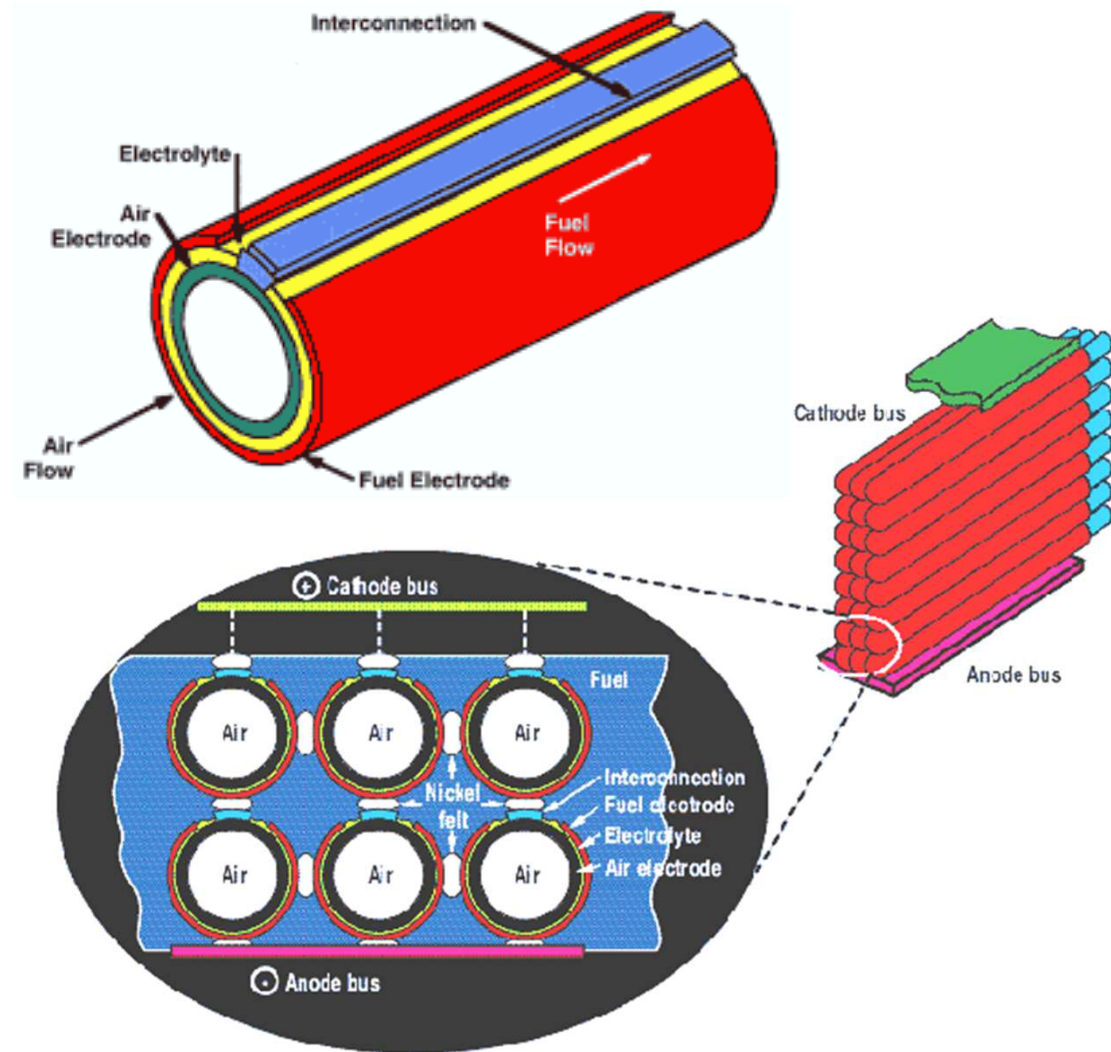
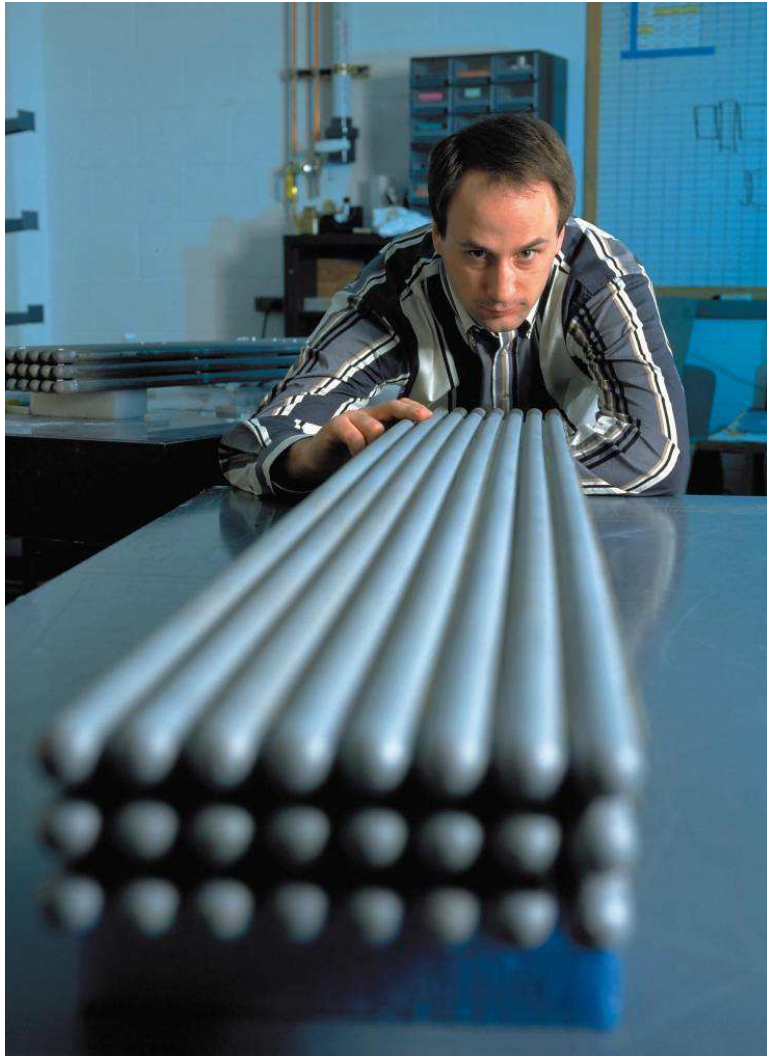


Siemens Westinghouse (SWPC)

electrical power SOFC	173 kW _{el}
electrical power microturbine	47 kW _{el}
fuel	natural gas
electrical net efficiency	55%
Installation 2000 at Southern California Edison;	
since 2001 at NFCR, U.C.Irvine	



Siemens Westinghouse Tubular SOFC Tube Bundle

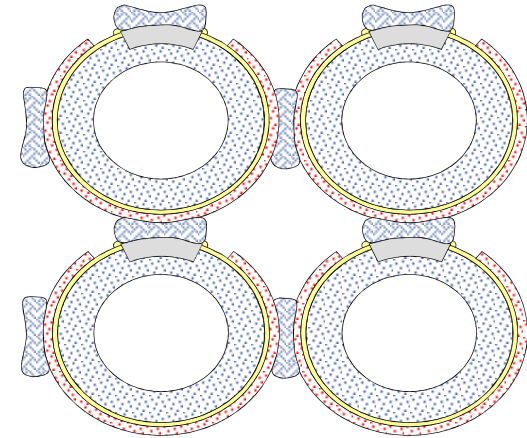


SOFC: Decentralized Power Units (> 100 kW)

Fabrication Technologies

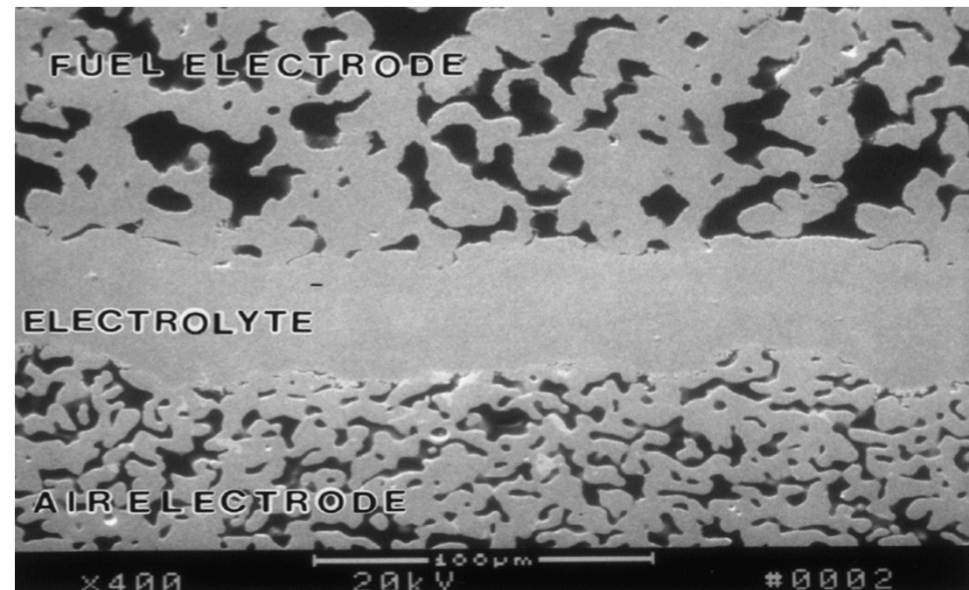
Fabrication Technologies:

- Extrusion moulding and sintering (cathode)
- CVD, EVD, APS (electrolyte)
- Slurry coating and sintering (interconnector)
- Slurry coating and sintering (anode)



Future Demands:

- increased power density
- reengineered fabrication process
- ...
- costs



Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

Tubular SOFC-Design (Siemens-Westinghouse)



Ausbau der Röhren
aus dem Reaktor zur
Beschichtung der Kathode
mit Elektrolyt mittels EVD
(Electrochemical
Vapour Deposition)

Quelle Siemens Westinghouse

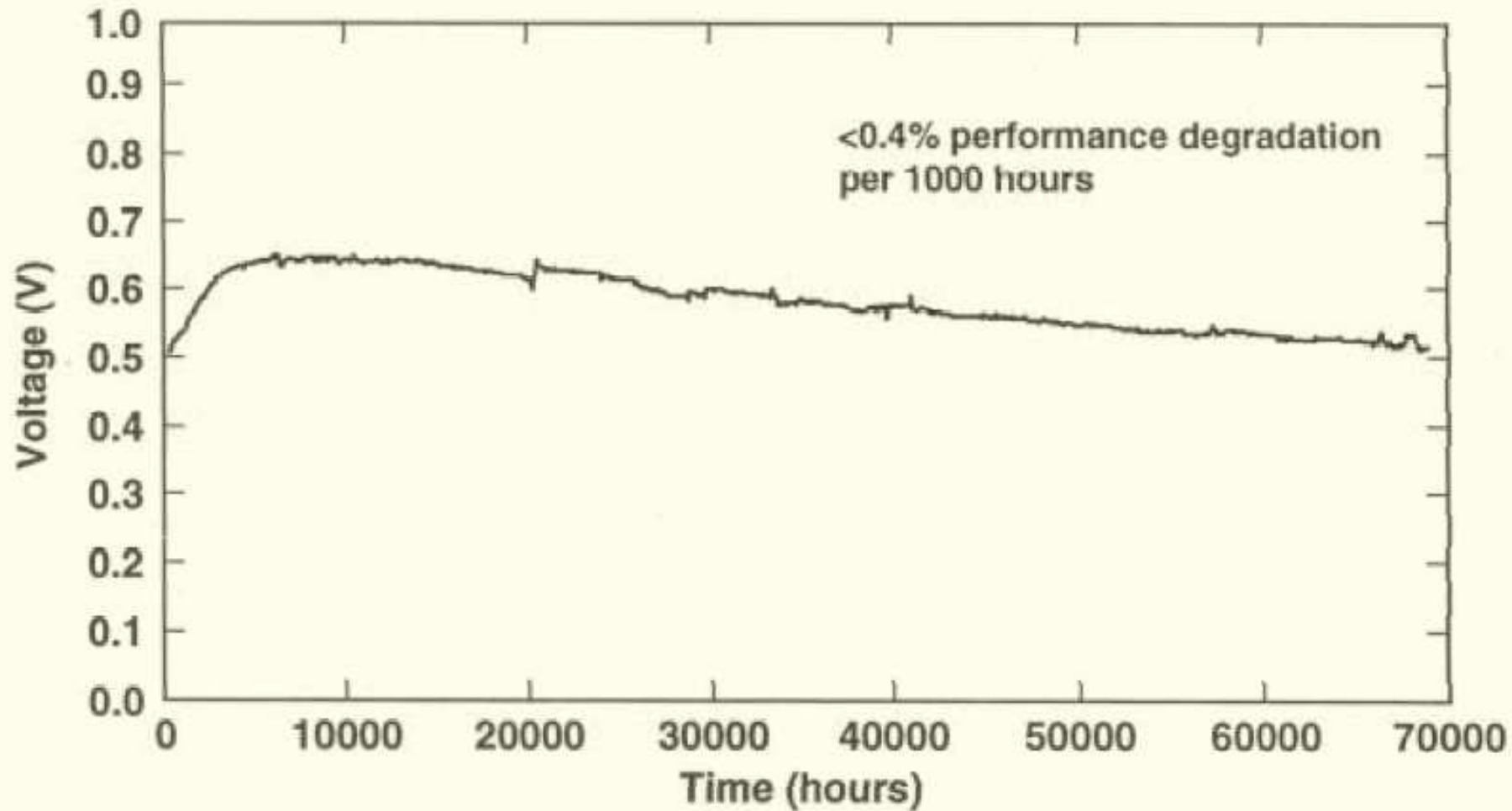
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Tubular SOFC-Design (Siemens-Westinghouse)



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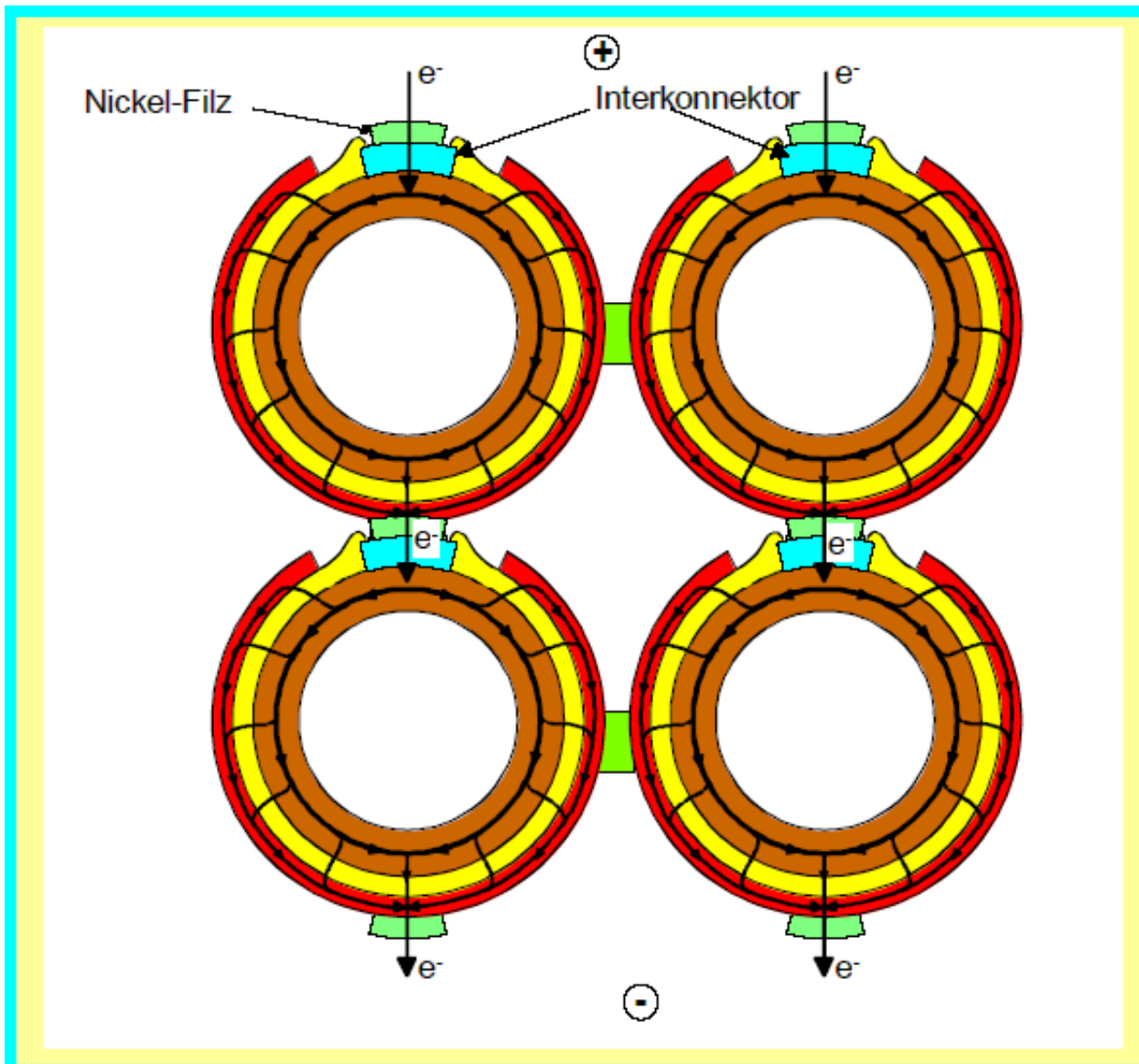
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Quelle Siemens Westinghouse

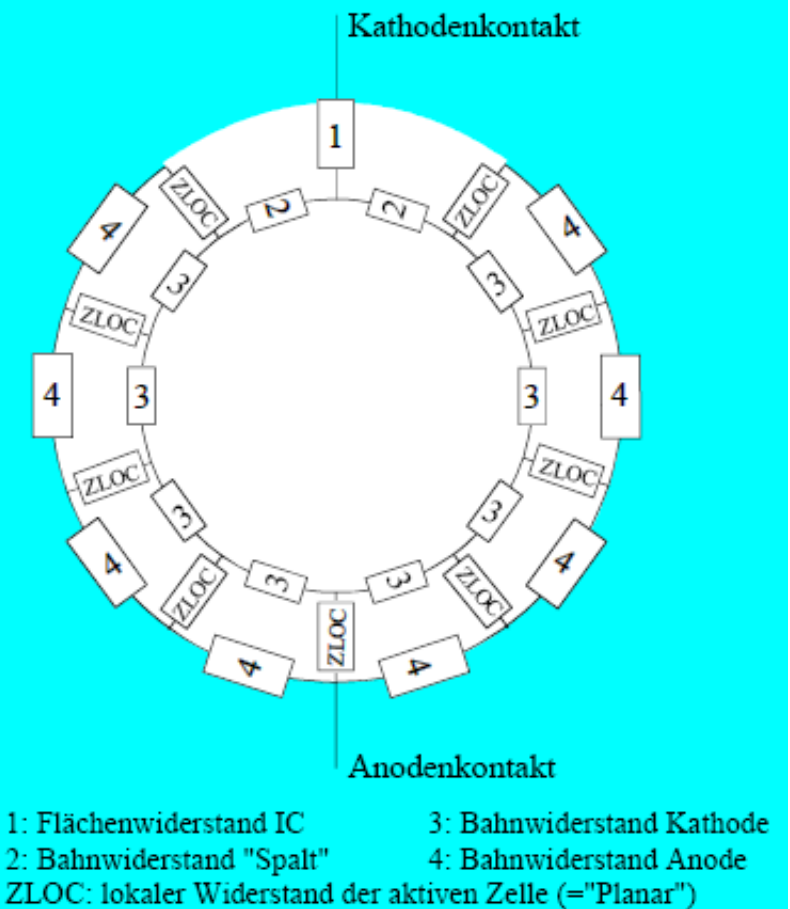


Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

Tubular SOFC-Design (Siemens-Westinghouse)



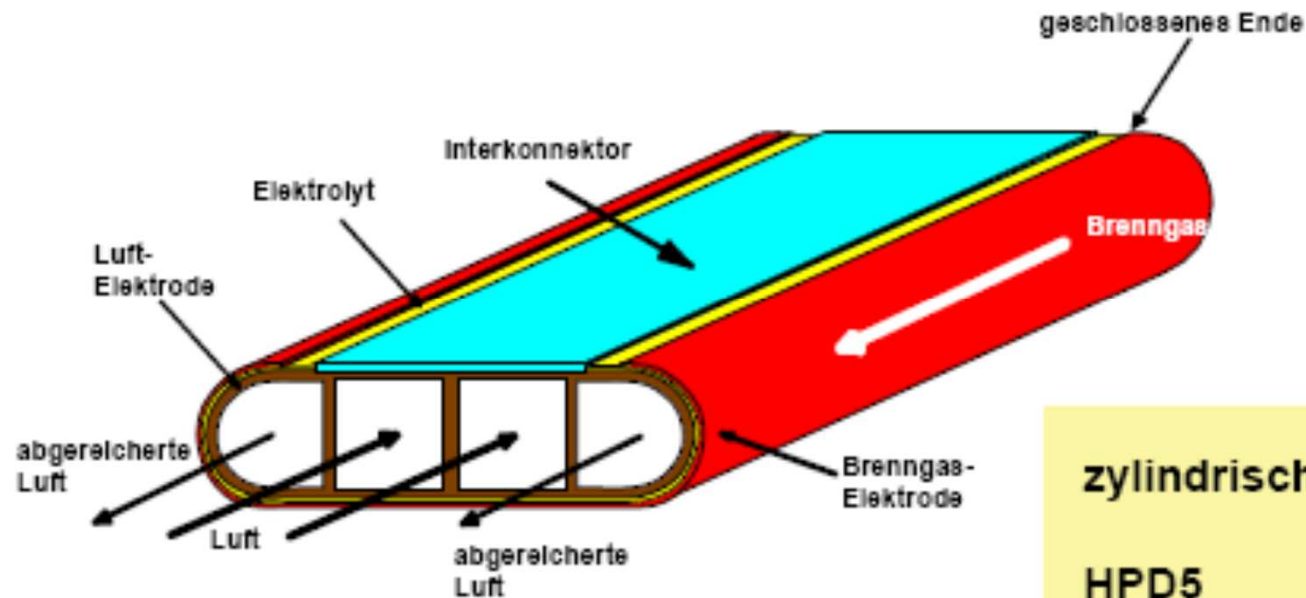
Strompfad von Zelle zu Zelle



Quelle Siemens Westinghouse

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

Tubular SOFC-Design (Siemens-Westinghouse)

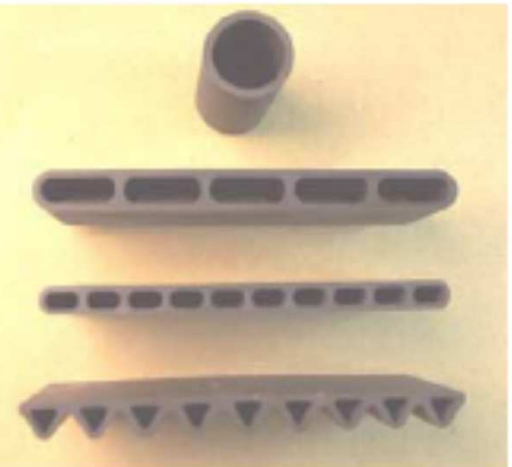


zylindrisch 150 cm

HPD5 75 cm

HPD10 75 cm

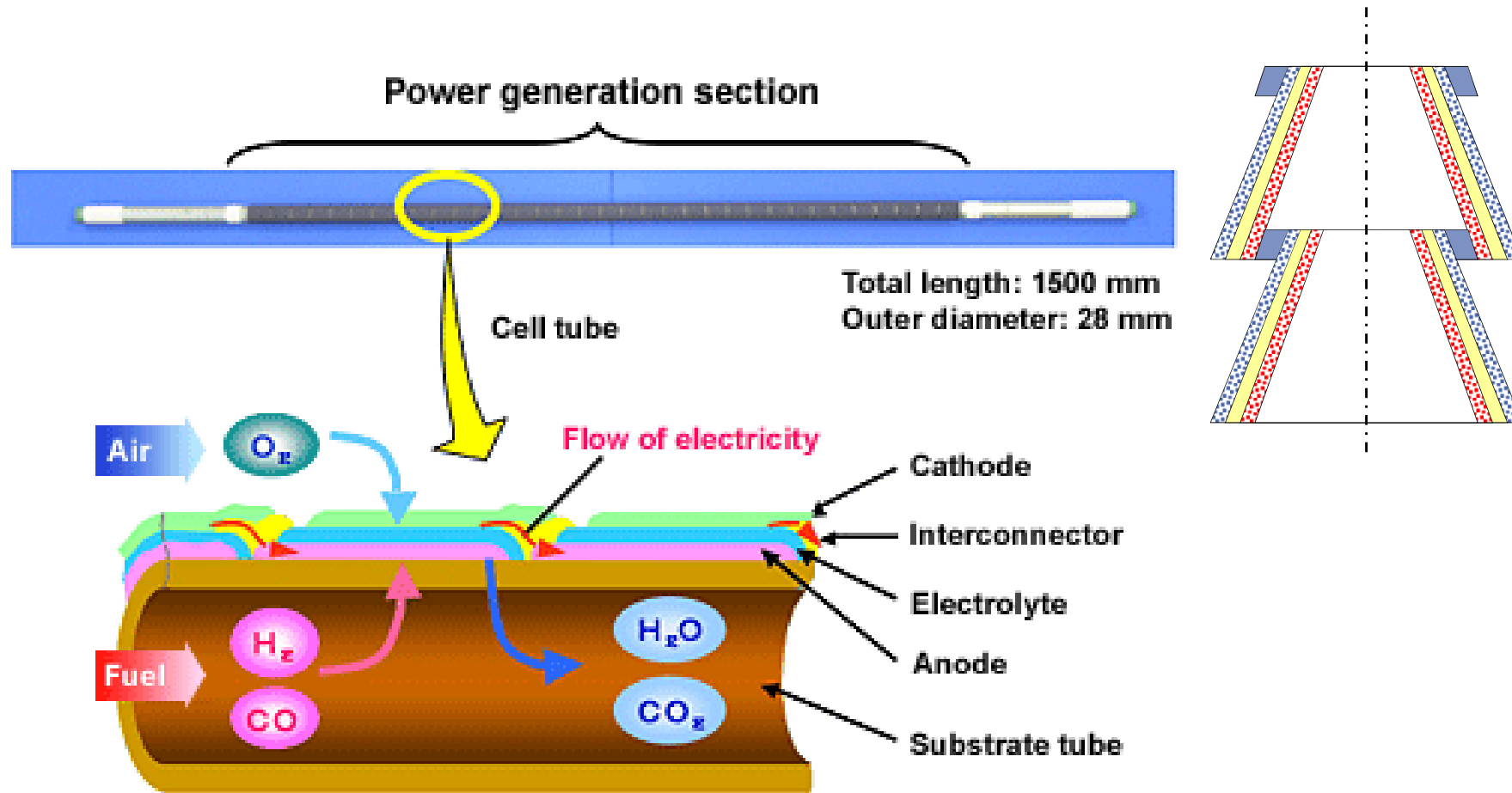
Delta9 75 cm



Quelle Siemens

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

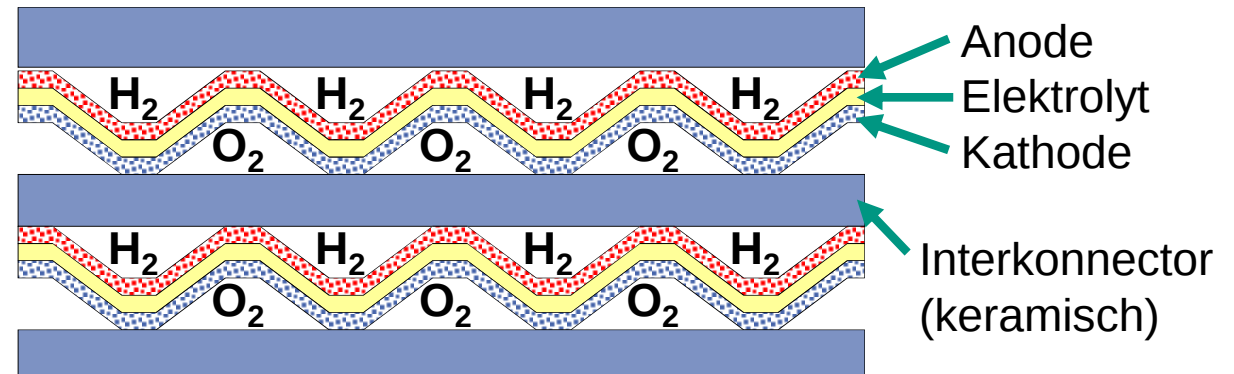
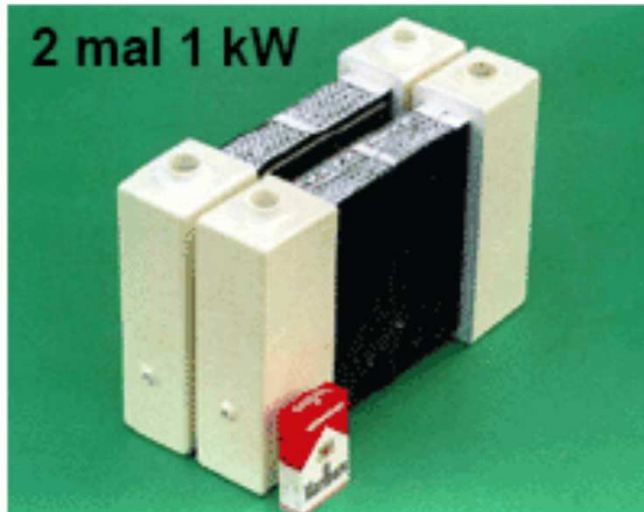
Tubular SOFC-Design (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries)



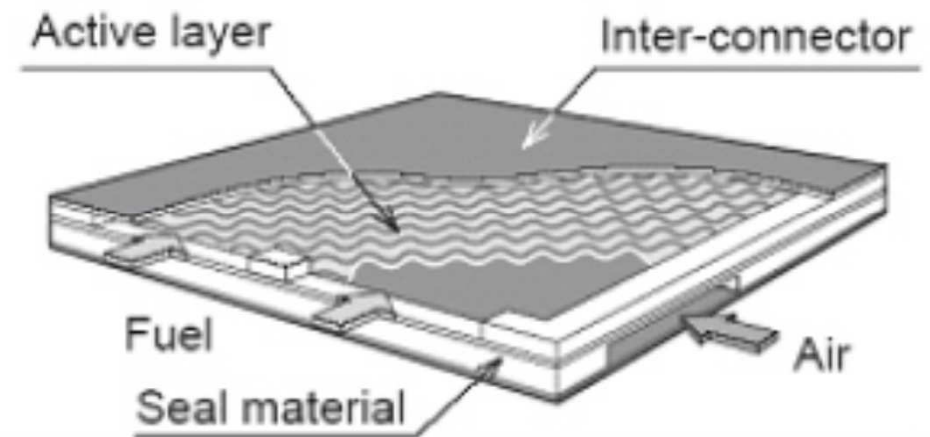
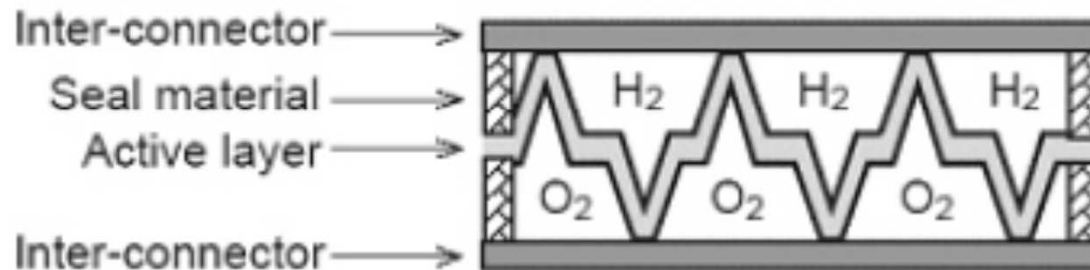
tubular
(Mitsubishi
Heavy
Industries)

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

Planar SOFC-Design (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries)



Mitsubishi Heavy Industries

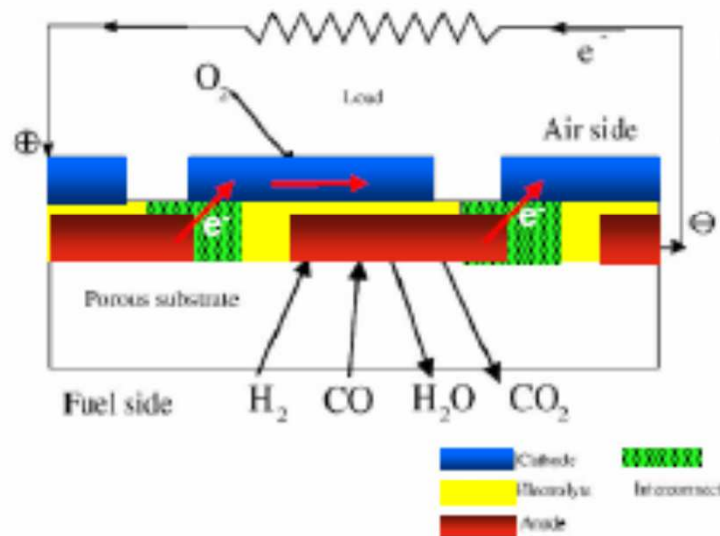


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Planar SOFC-Design (Rolls Royce)

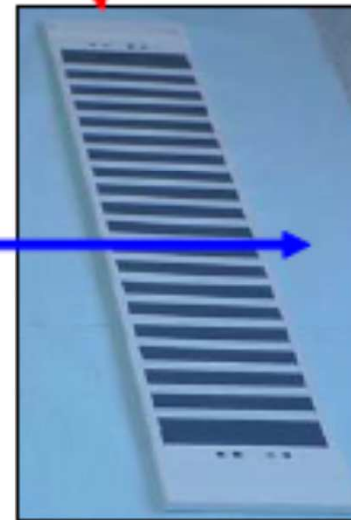


Keramik



Erdgas

Luft



50 W Modul

“planares Design von MHI”

1 kW bei 950°C mit H₂/Luft

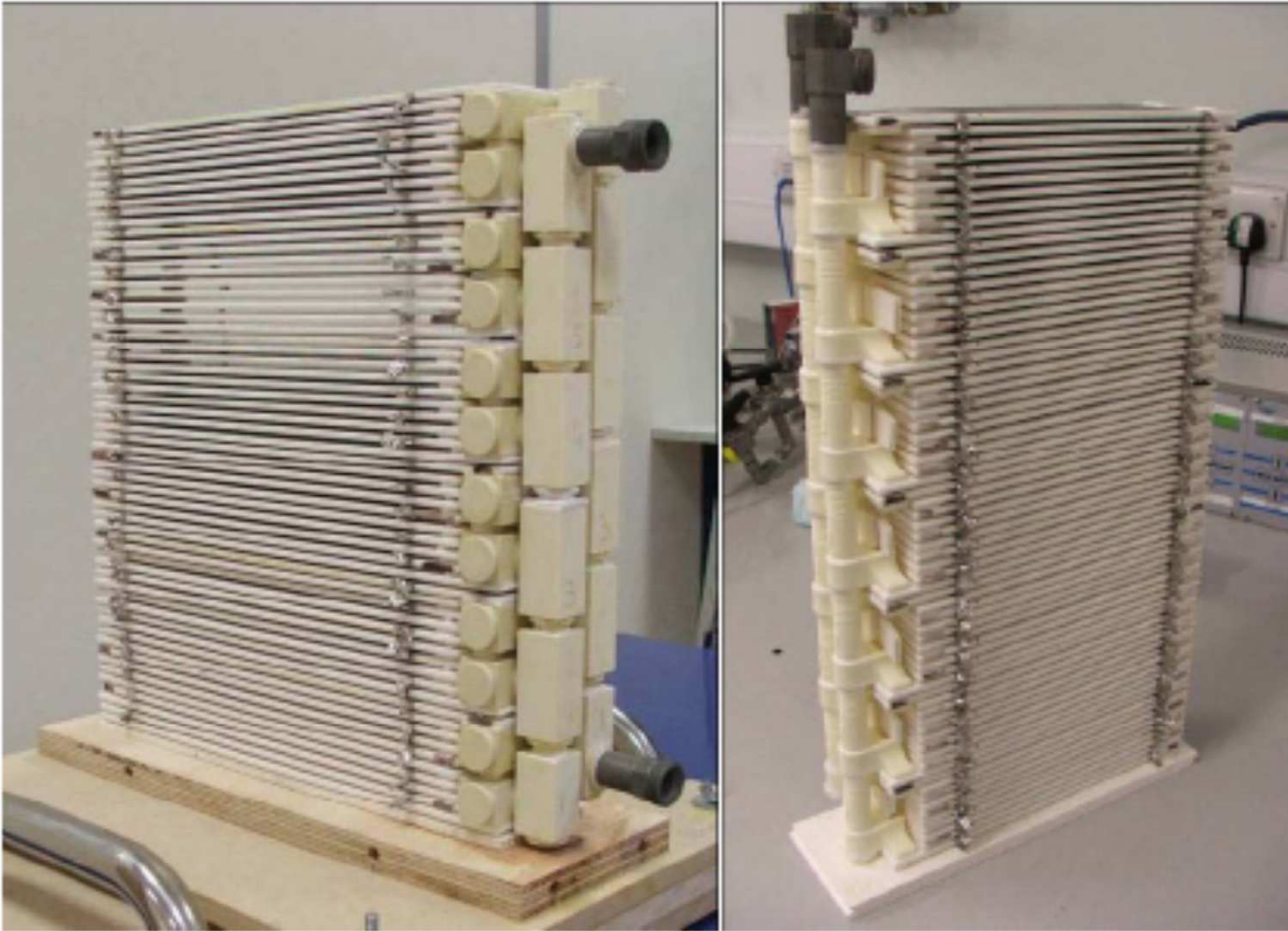


500 W “Bündel”

Quelle Rolls Royce

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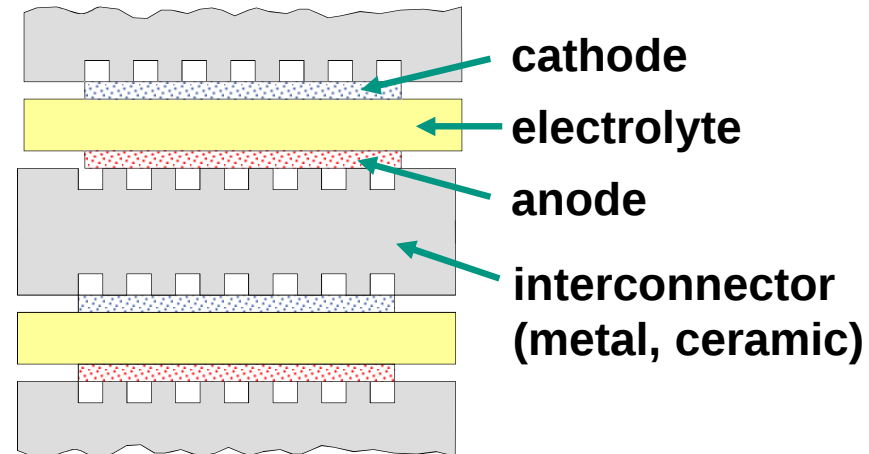
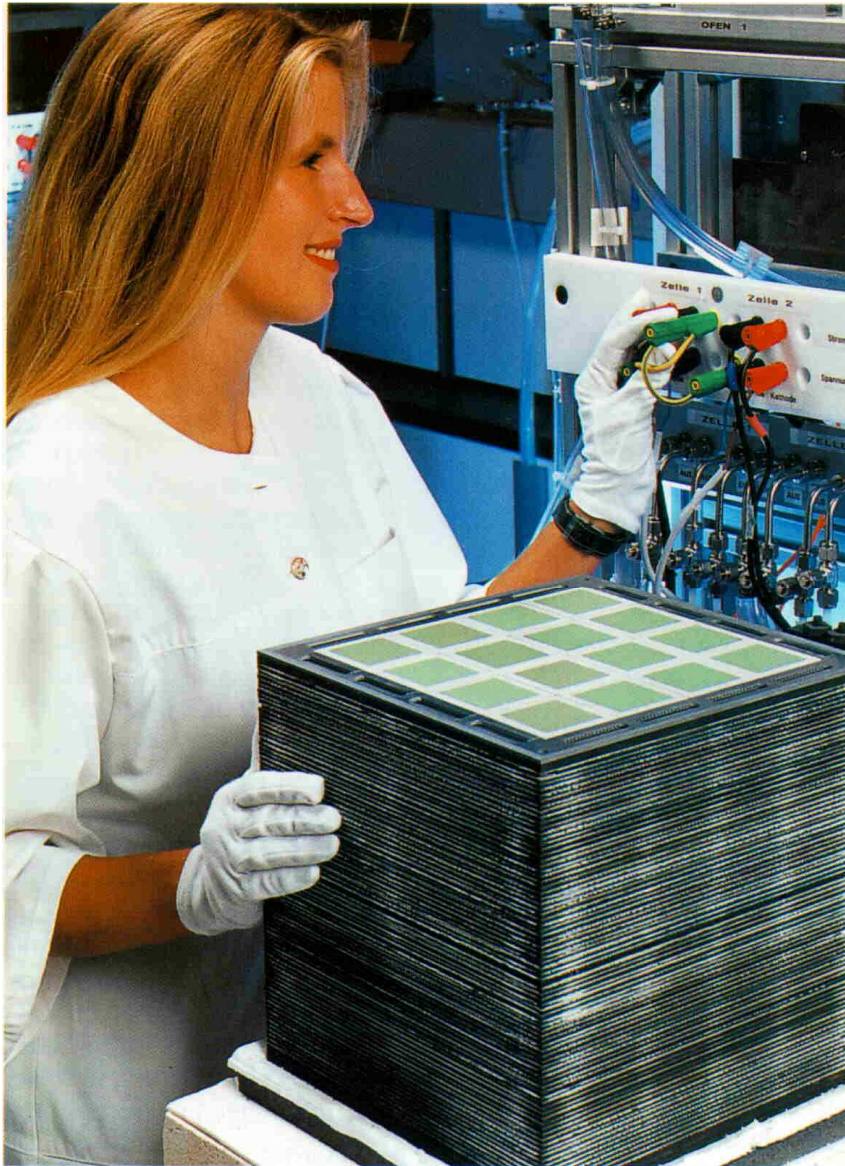
Planar SOFC-Design (Rolls Royce)



Ein "strip" von RRFCS "fuel cell bundles" von 2004 and 2005 Designs
(optimierte Fertigungstechnik und reduzierte Anzahl an Anschlusssteilen)
(Luzern 2006)

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

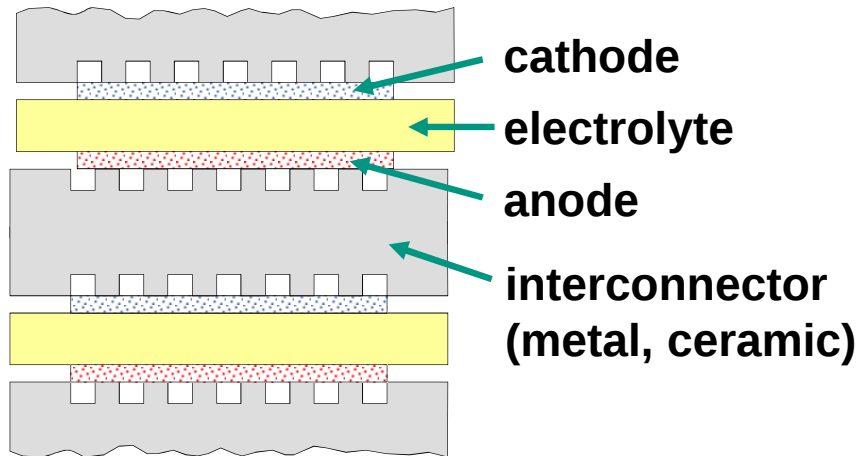
Siemens Planar 10 kW SOFC Stack



Cathode	LSM
Electrolyte	8YSZ
Anode	Ni/8YSZ-Cermet
Interconnector	CrFe5Y ₂ O ₃ 1
layers	80
cells/layer	16, each 50 x 50 mm ²
electrode area	2 m ²
volume	0.02 m ³
el. power	10.7 kW @950 °C 8.4 kW @850 °C
current density	0.6 A/cm ²
fuel utilization	40 ... 50 % (H ₂)

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

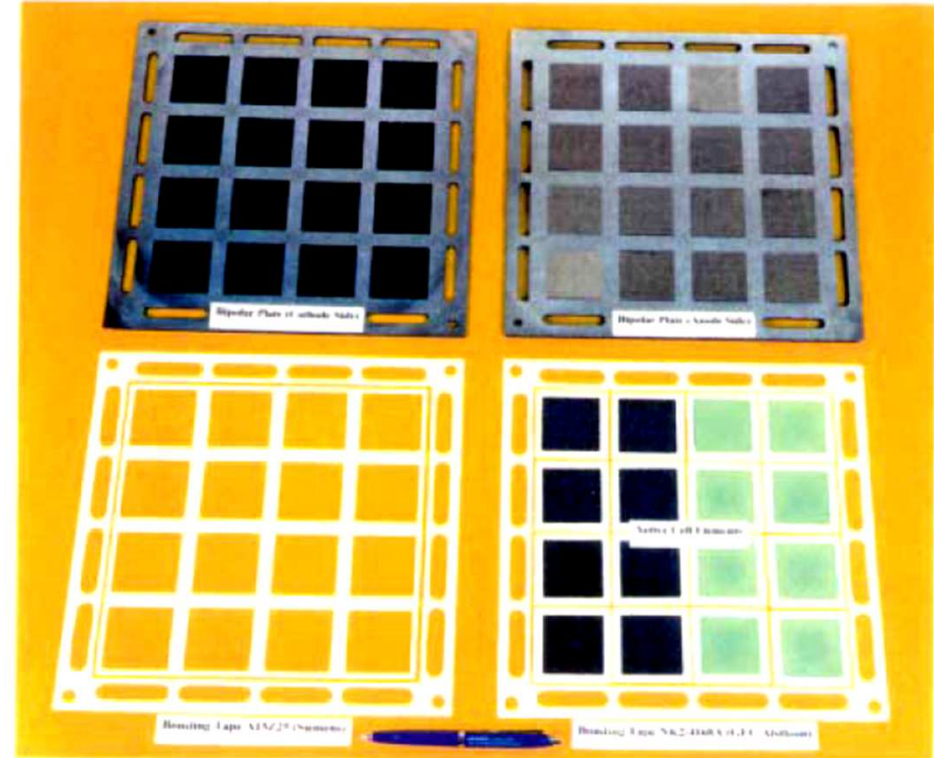
Planar SOFC-Design



planar

- (Siemens, Dornier)
- Sulzer
- FZ Jülich
- BMW
- Mitsubishi Materials
- PNNL
- Global Thermoelectrics
- ...

Stack Components (Siemens)



„unsolved“ problems
corrosion of MIC (esp. at high temp. $> 850^{\circ}\text{C}$)
processing and costs of CIC
gastight sealing

...

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

Planar SOFC-Design: Ceramic and metallic materials

Materials

$(\text{La,Sr})\text{MnO}_3$

Y_2O_3 -doped ZrO_2 (YSZ)

Nickel / YSZ

$\text{Cr 5Fe 1 Y}_2\text{O}_3$

$(\text{La,Sr})\text{CrO}_3$

$(\text{La,Sr})\text{CoO}_3$

Nickel-grid

glas sealing

Components

cathode

electrolyte

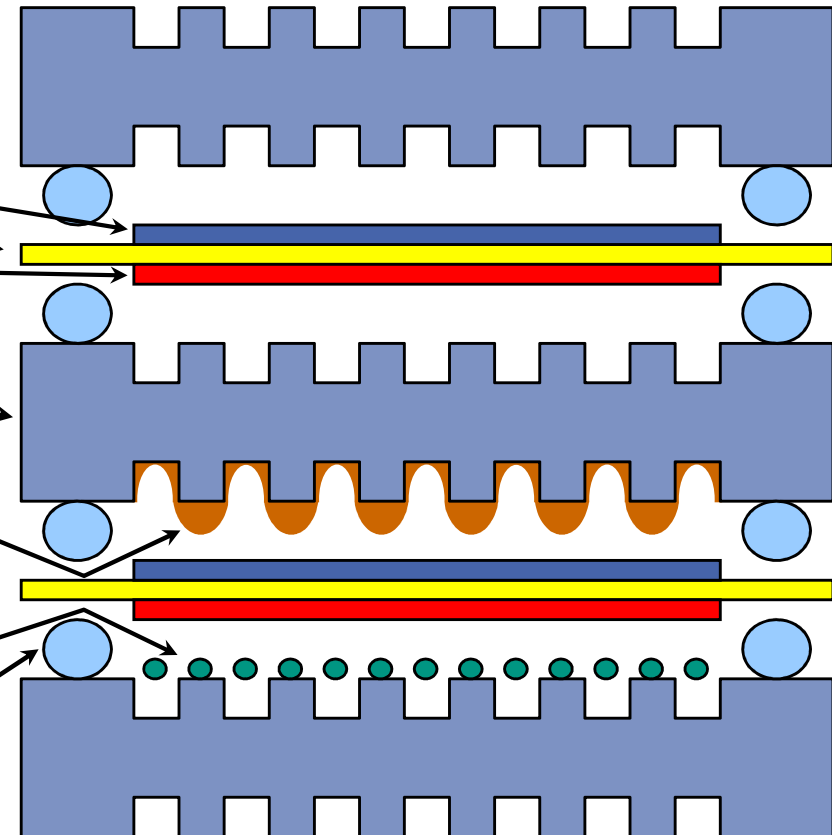
anode

bipolar plate

protective coating +
functional layer (c)

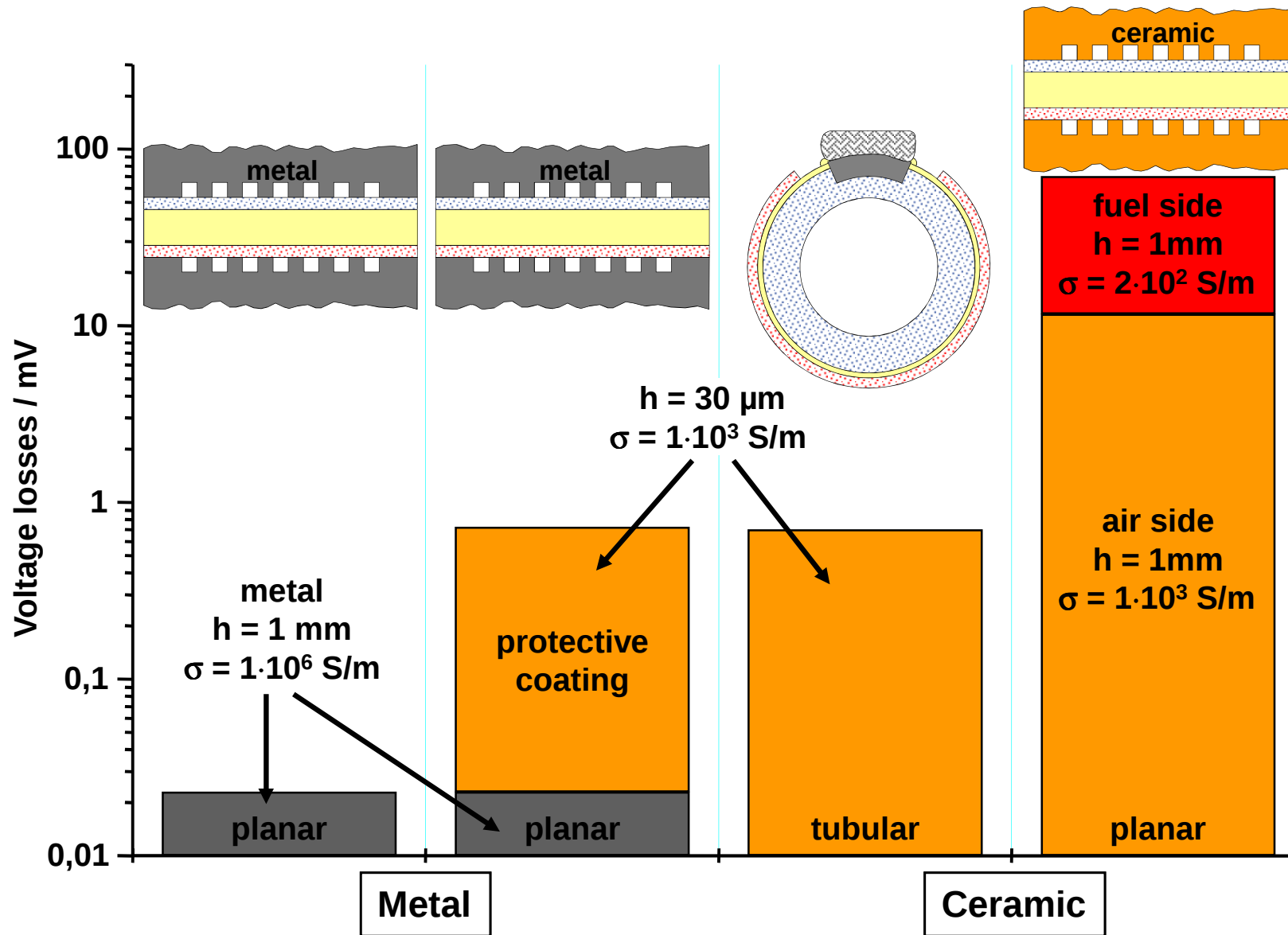
functional layer (a)

joining material



Planar and Tubular SOFC Concepts

Ohmic Losses in Metallic and Ceramic Interconnector



Sulzer Hexis / Hoval

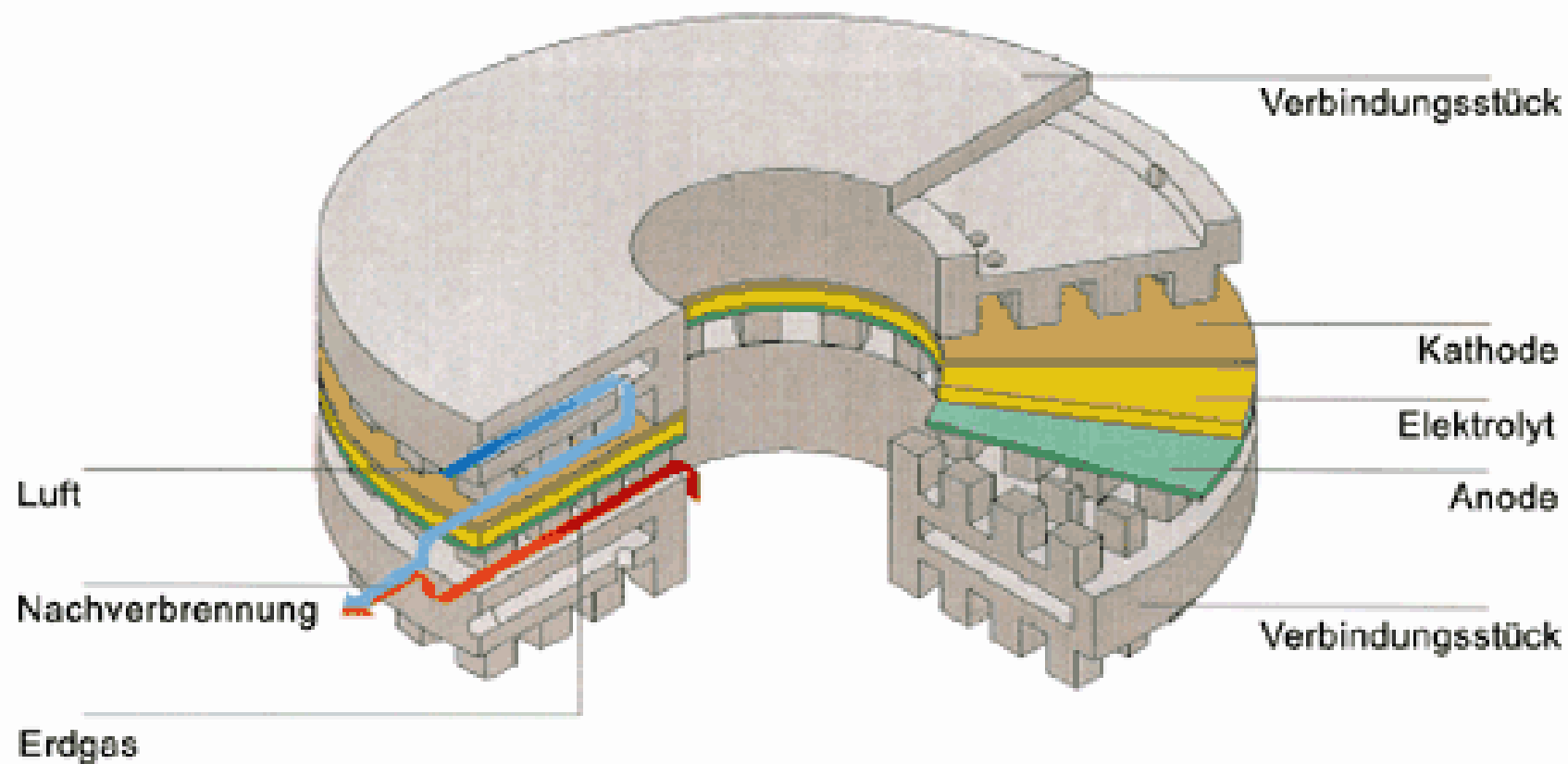
SOFC : 1 kW_{el} / 3 kW_{th} inkl. Zusatzbrenner



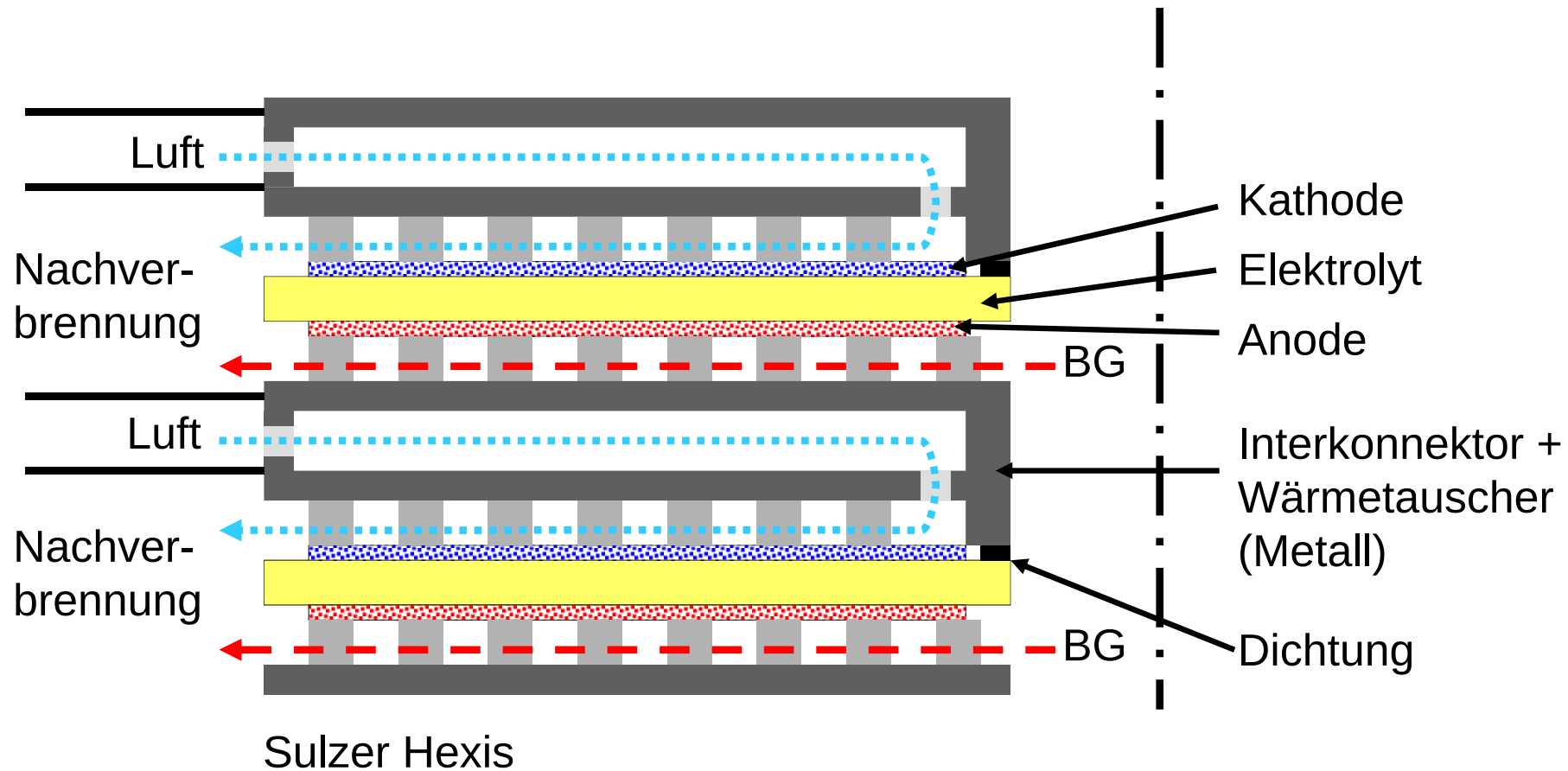
Sulzer Hexis HXS 1000 Premiere

Brennstoffzellen-Typ:	SOFC
Betriebstemperatur:	950°C
elektrische Leistung:	1 kW
thermische Leistung:	2,5 kW
Zusatzbrenner:	12 – 22 kW
el. Nettowirkungsgrad:	25 – 30%
Systemwirkungsgrad:	> 80%
Brennstoff:	Erdgas

Sulzer HEXIS Stackkonzept

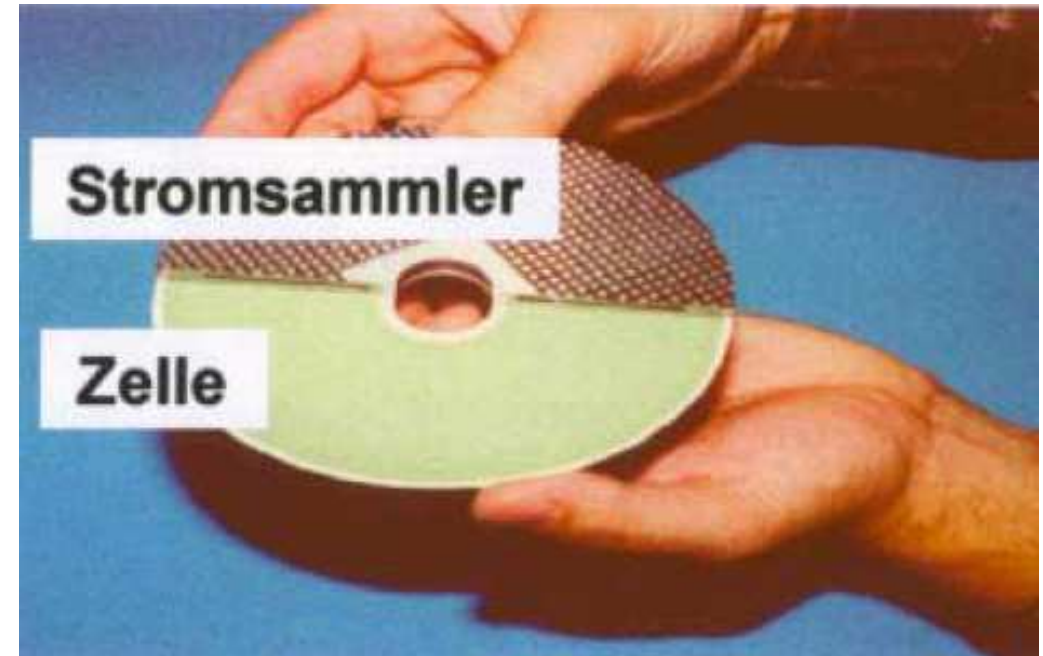


Sulzer HEXIS Stackkonzept



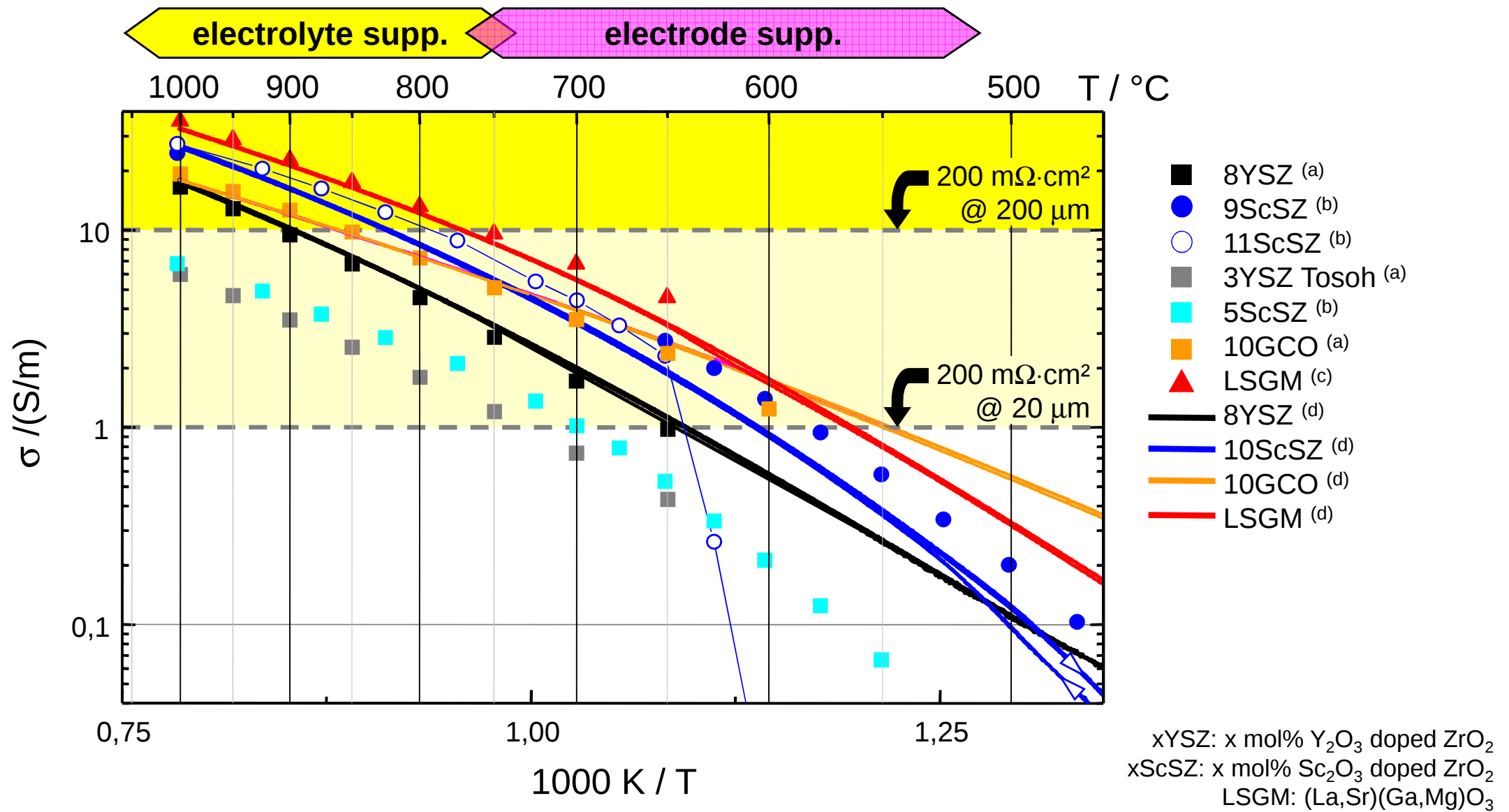
Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

Planar SOFC-Design (Sulzer Hexis)



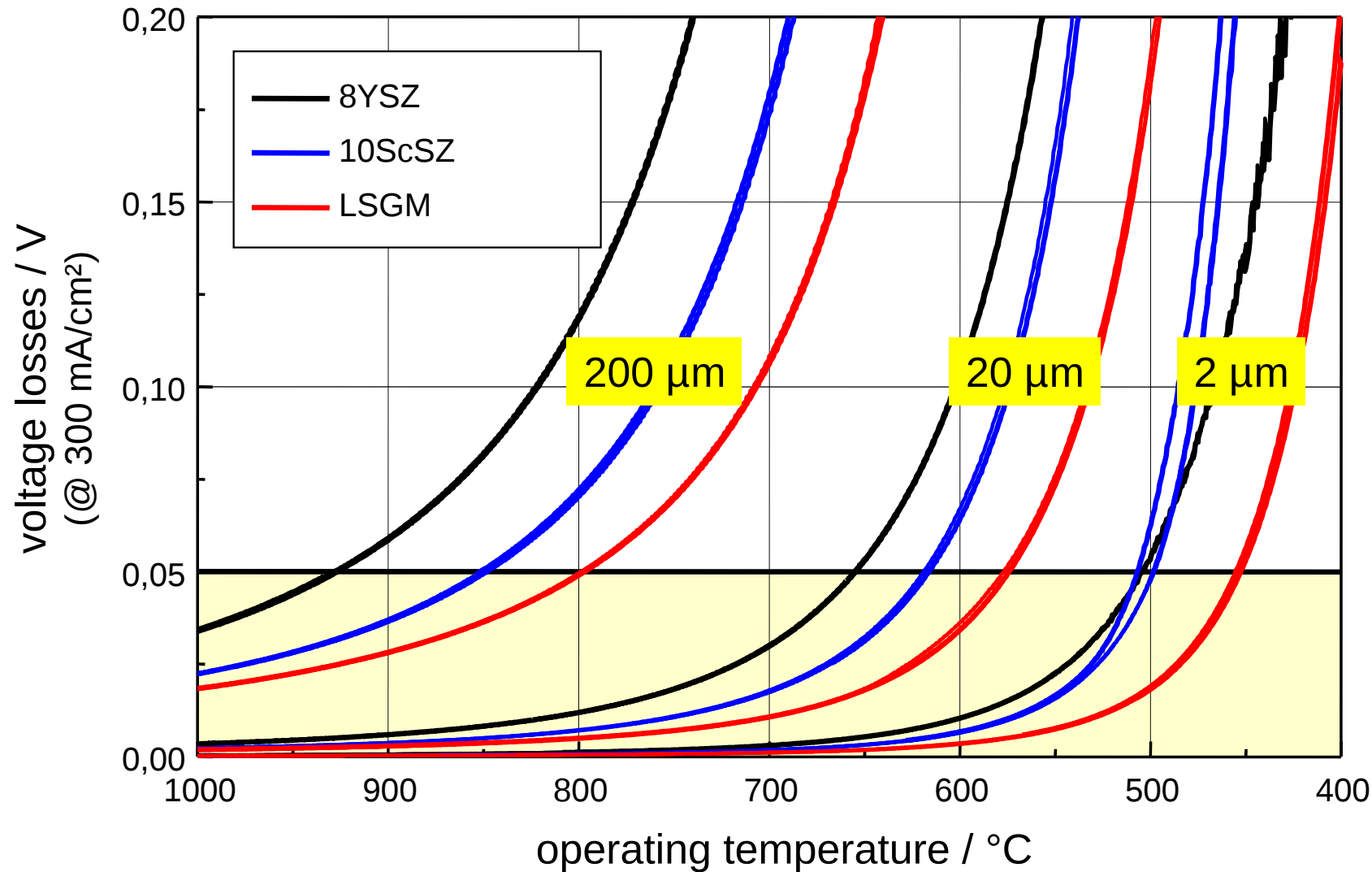
Oxide Ion Conductivity of Electrolyte Materials

Temperature Limits for Electrolyte and Electrode Supported Cell

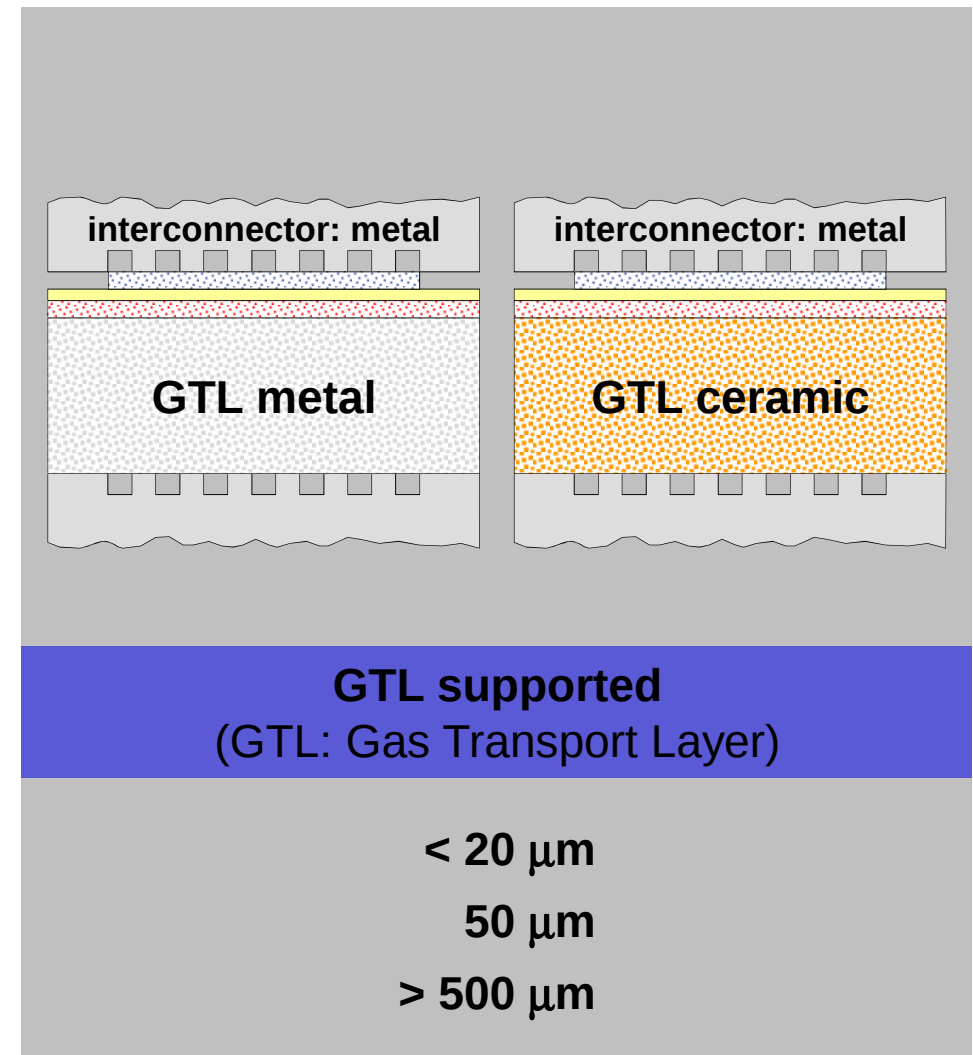
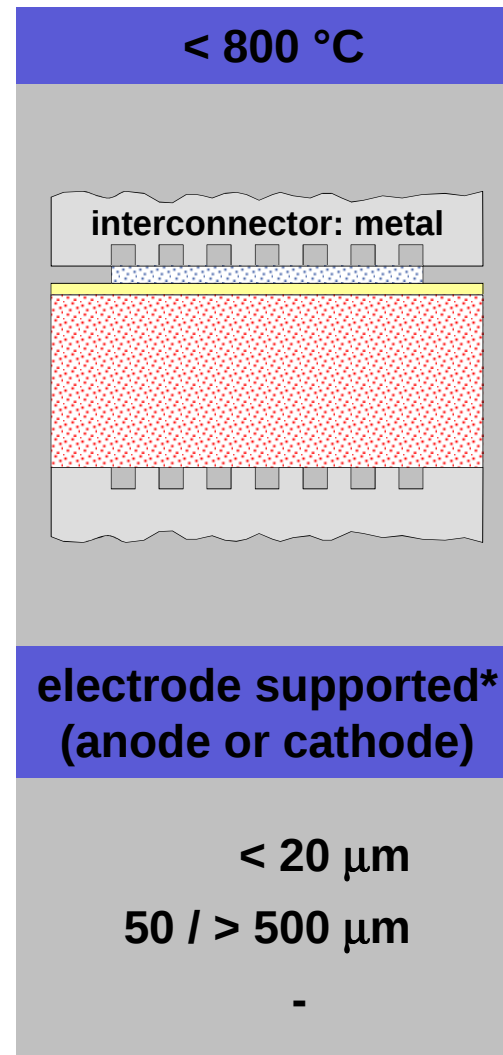
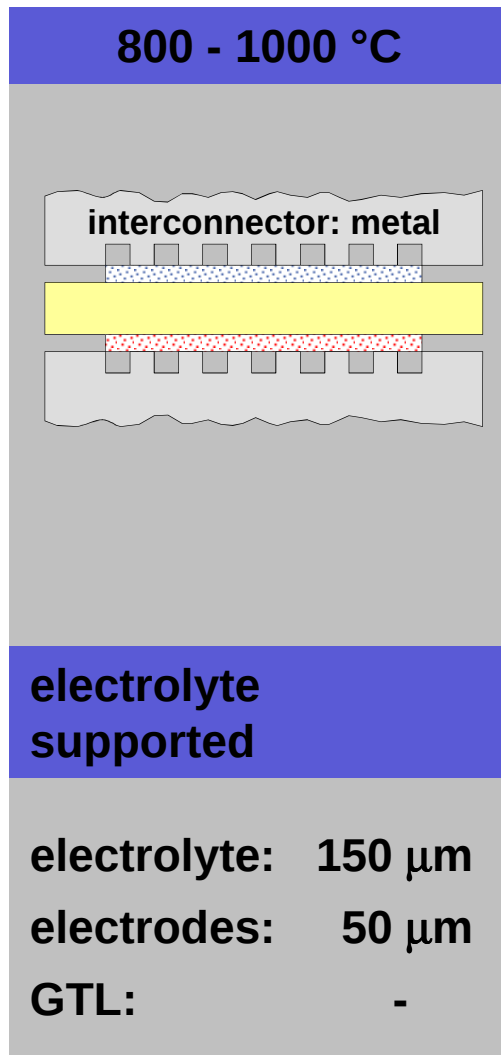


Oxide Ion Conductivity of Electrolyte Materials

Electrolyte Losses as a Function of Operation Temperature and Electrolyte Thickness



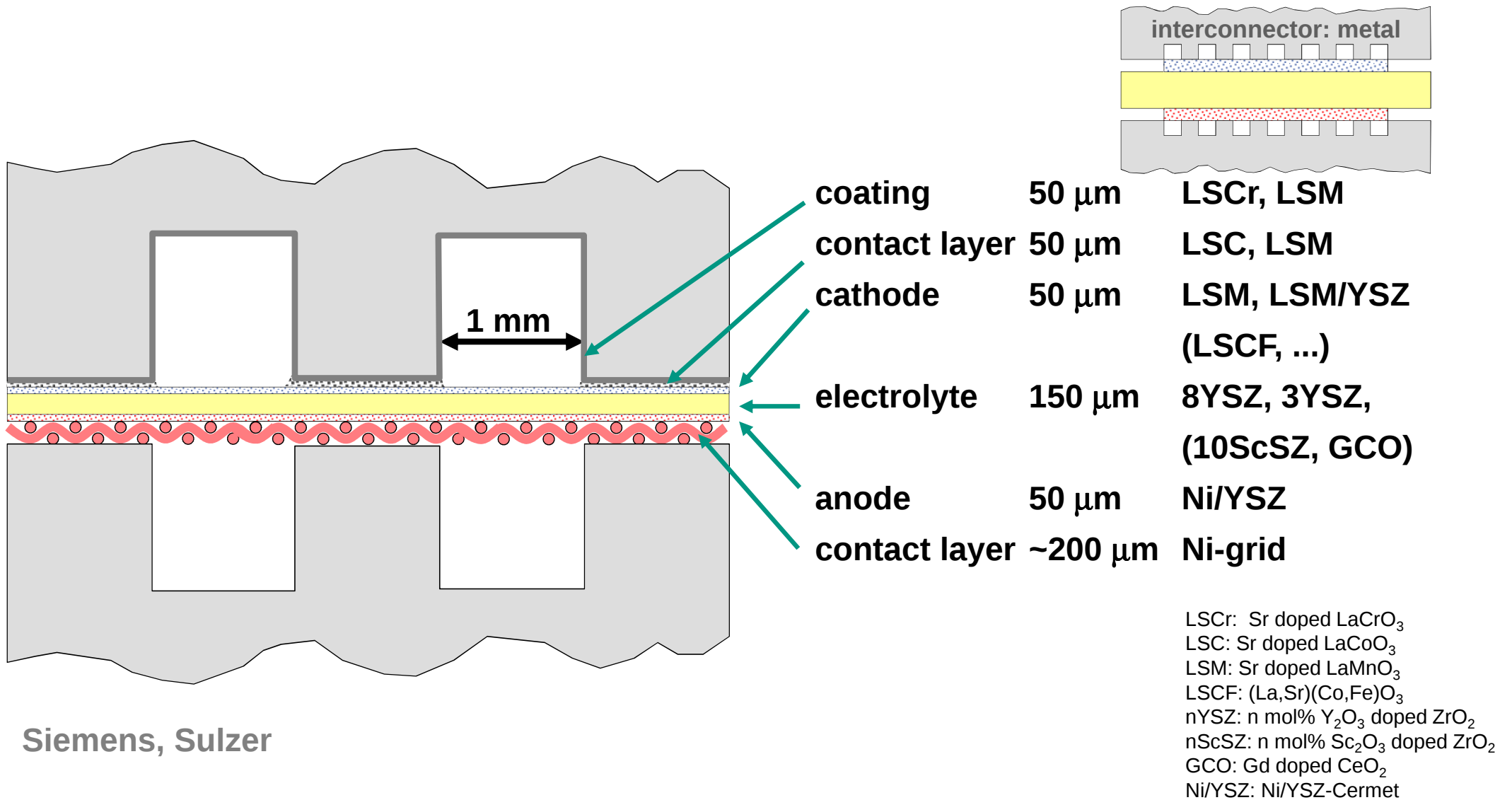
Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Planar Cells



*Thickness of Electrodes and Electrolyte
similar for tubular SWPC concept

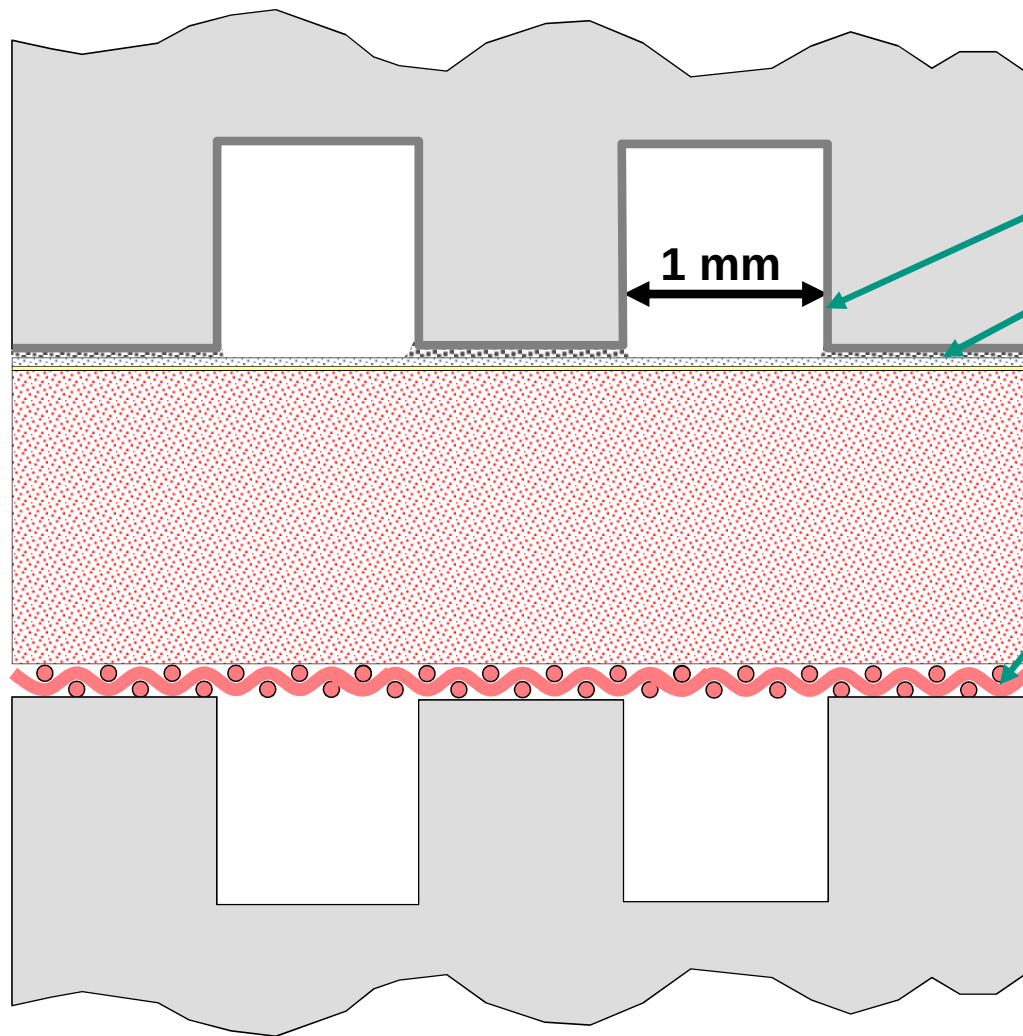
SOFC - Stack Design

Planar Design with Electrolyte Supported Single Cell

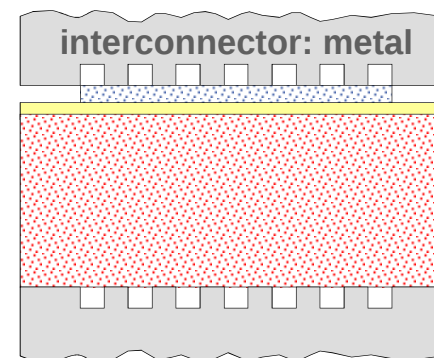


SOFC - Stack Design

Planar Design with Anode Supported Single Cell



coating	50 μm	LSCr, LSM
contact layer	50 μm	LSC, LSM
cathode	50 μm	LSM, LSM/YSZ
electrolyte	~10 μm	8YSZ, 10ScSZ
anode	1500 μm	Ni/YSZ
contact layer	~200 μm	Ni-grid

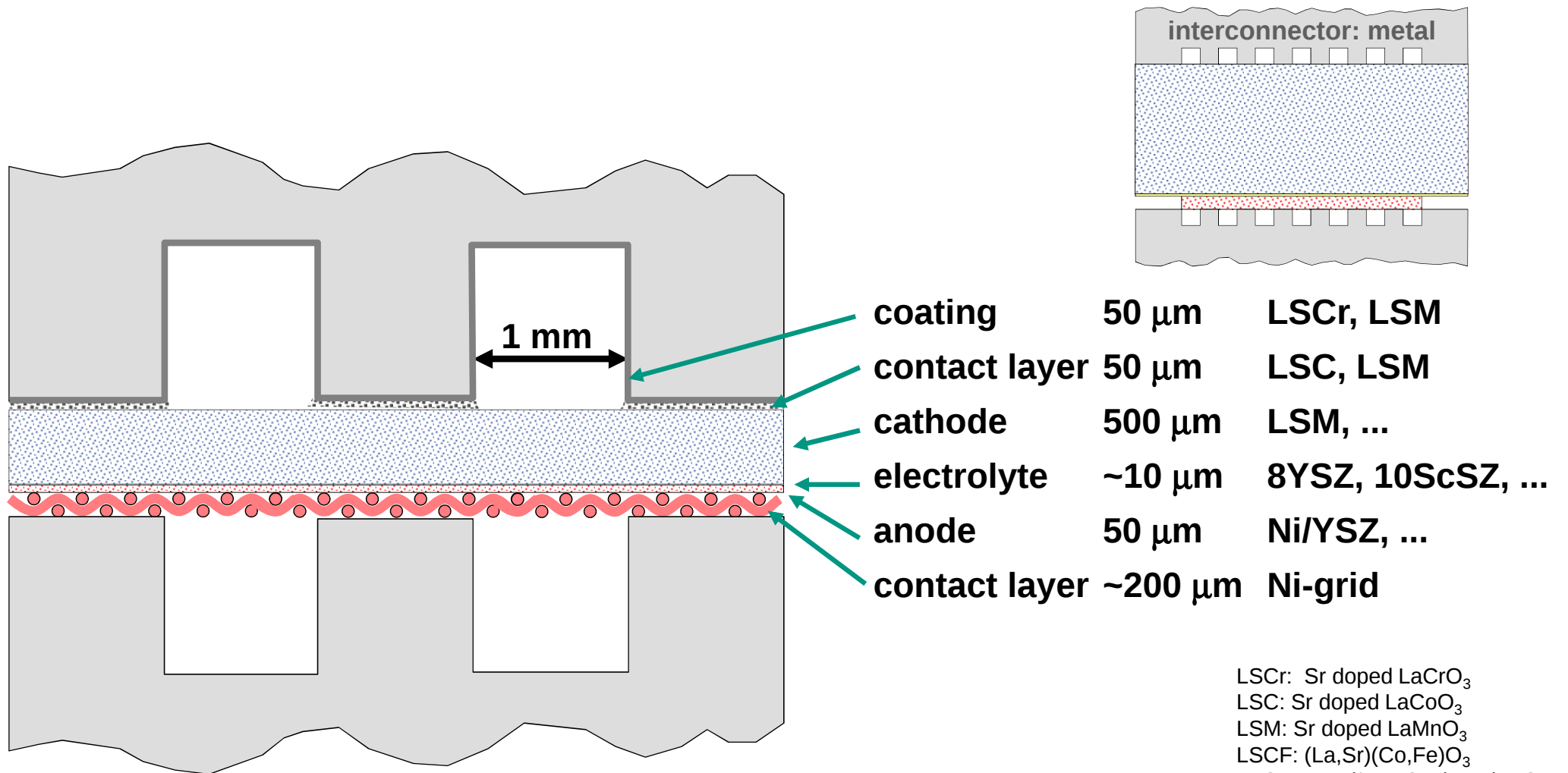


LSCr: Sr doped LaCrO_3
 LSC: Sr doped LaCoO_3
 LSM: Sr doped LaMnO_3
 LSCF: $(\text{La}, \text{Sr})(\text{Co}, \text{Fe})\text{O}_3$
 nYSZ: n mol% Y_2O_3 doped ZrO_2
 nScSZ: n mol% Sc_2O_3 doped ZrO_2
 GCO: Gd doped CeO_2
 Ni/YSZ: Ni/YSZ-Cermet

Allied Signal, FZ Jülich, ECN

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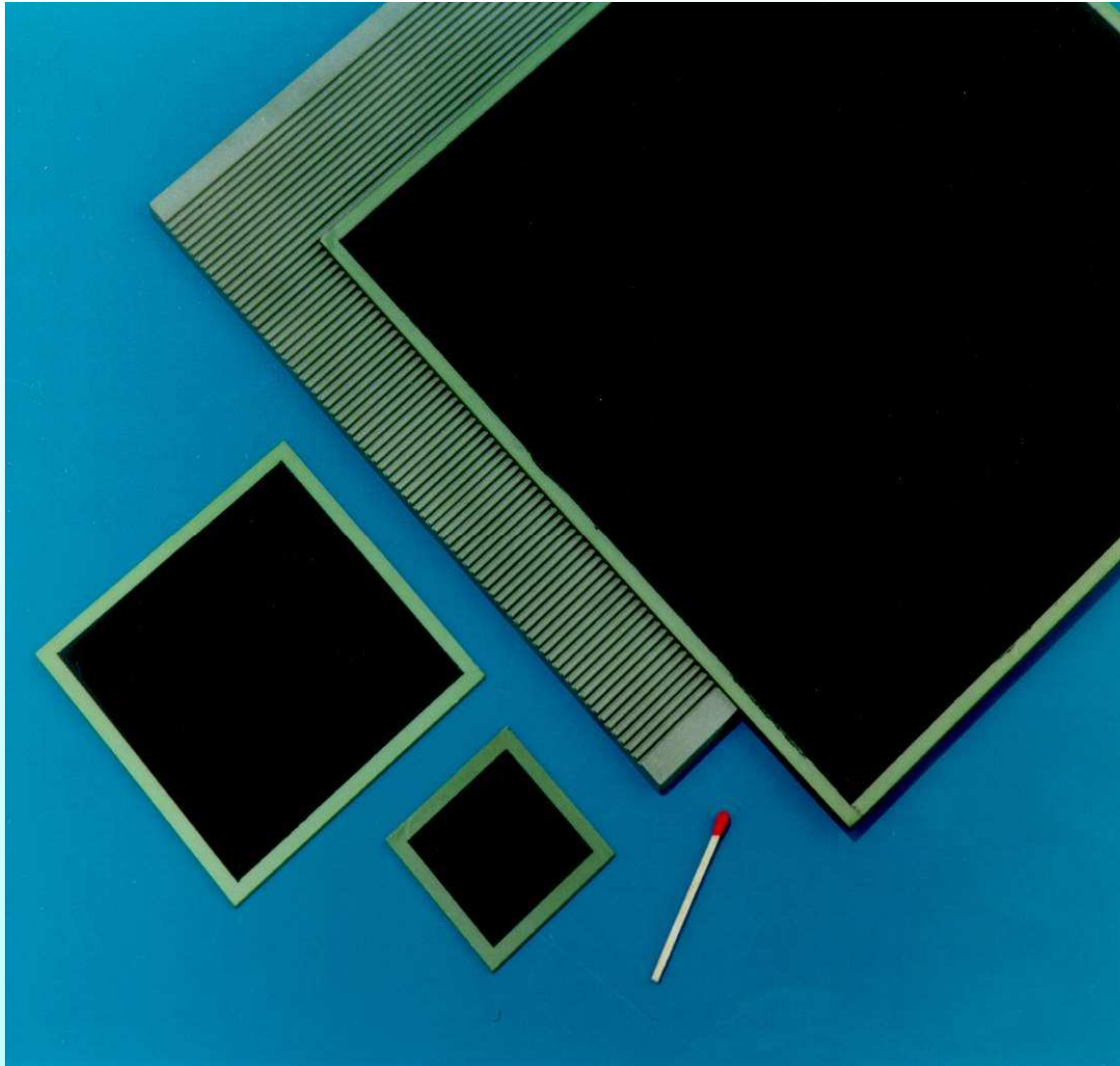
Planar Design with Cathode Supported Single Cell



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LSCr: Sr doped LaCrO_3
 LSC: Sr doped LaCoO_3
 LSM: Sr doped LaMnO_3
 LSCF: $(\text{La}, \text{Sr})(\text{Co}, \text{Fe})\text{O}_3$
 nYSZ: n mol% Y_2O_3 doped ZrO_2
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Substrat-Zelle FZJ



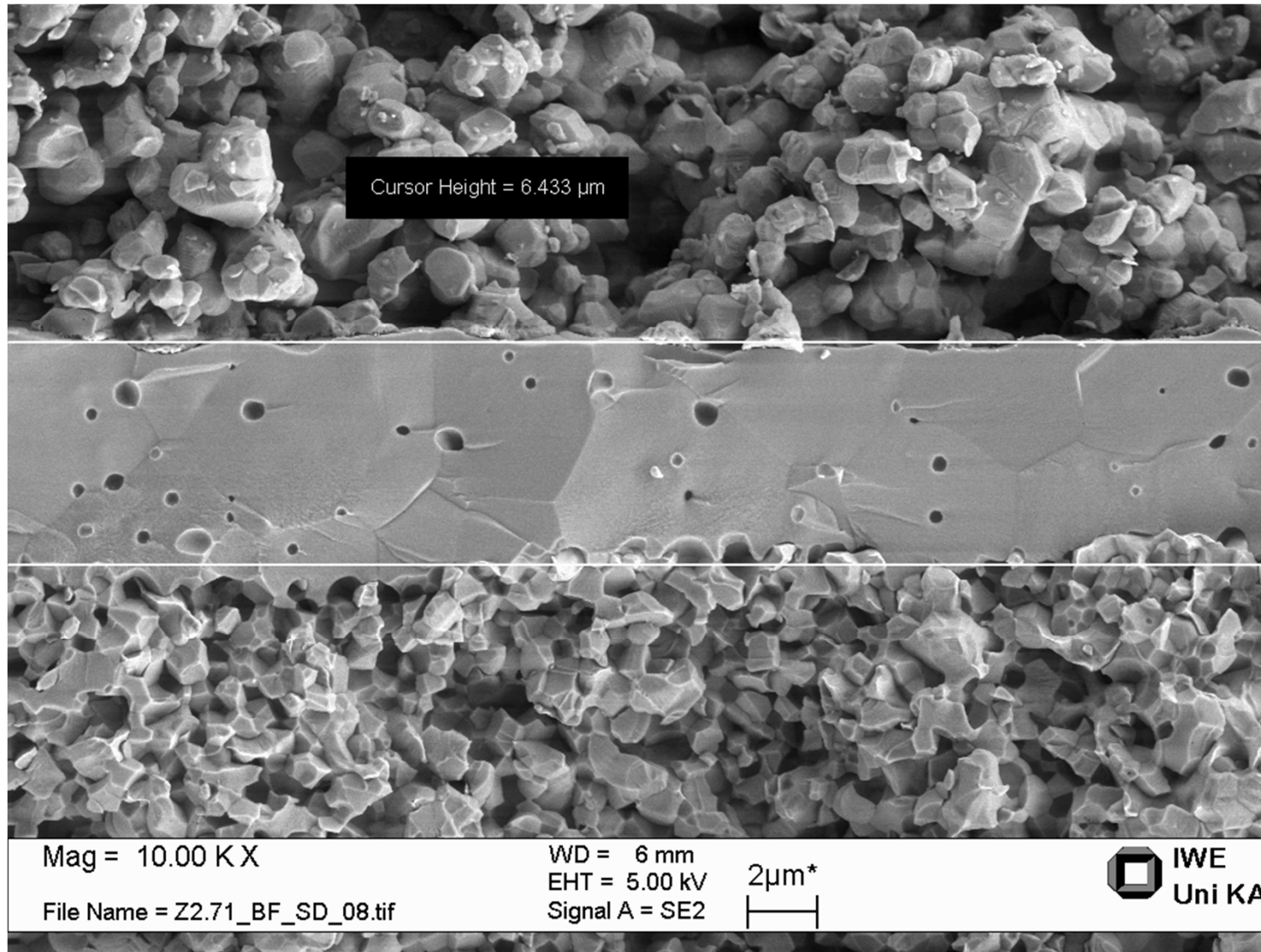
25 x 25 cm²

10 x 10 cm²

5 x 5 cm²

Bruchfläche

Elektrolytschicht der Zelle 1545



Elektrolytdicke:

6,4 μm

Kathode

.....
Elektrolyt

.....
Anode

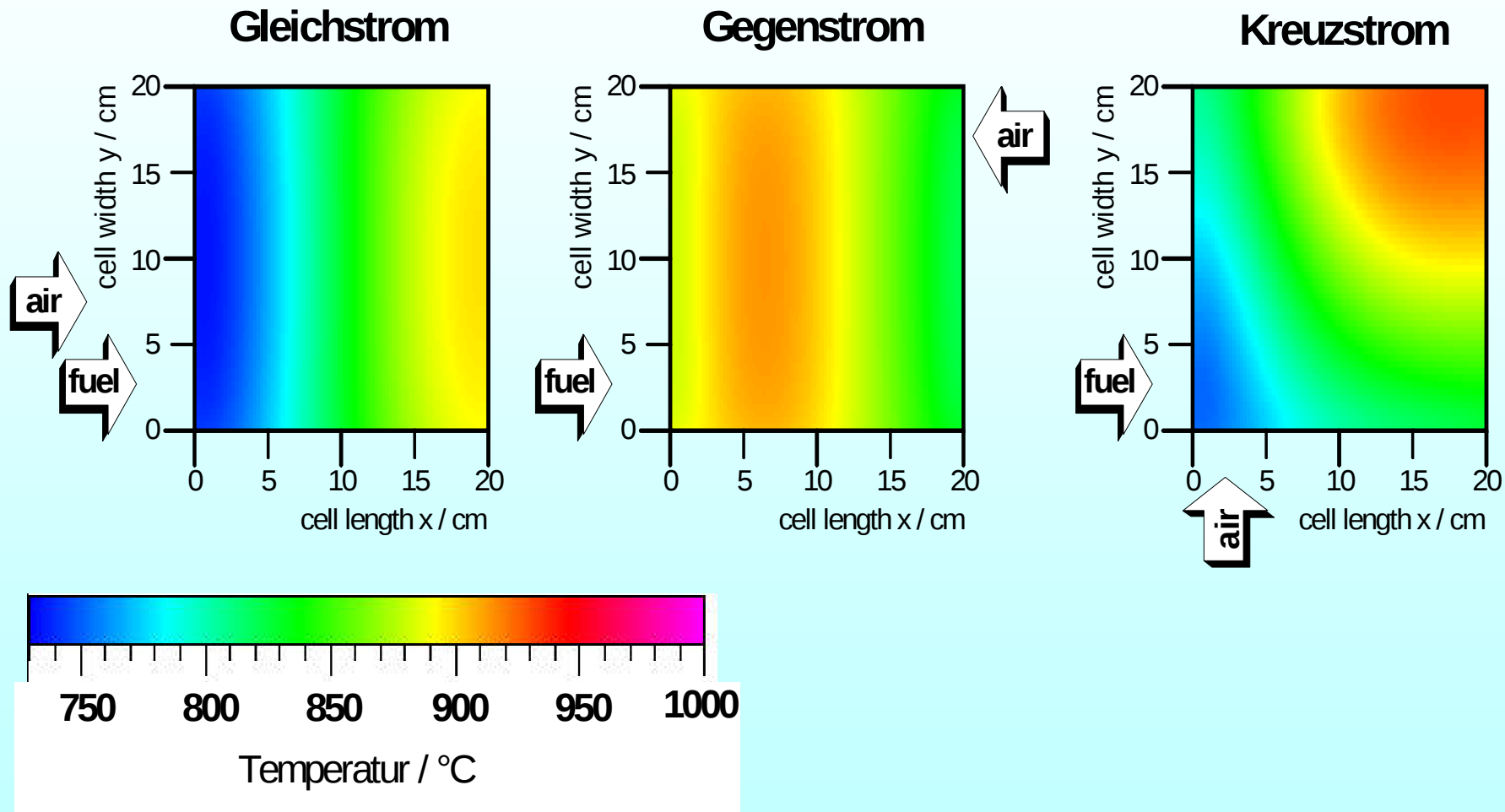
**B-Design
with cross-flow
and
external manifold,
1995**



**D-Design
with cross-flow
and
internal manifold,
1999**



Modellierung: Temperaturverteilung bei interner Reformierung



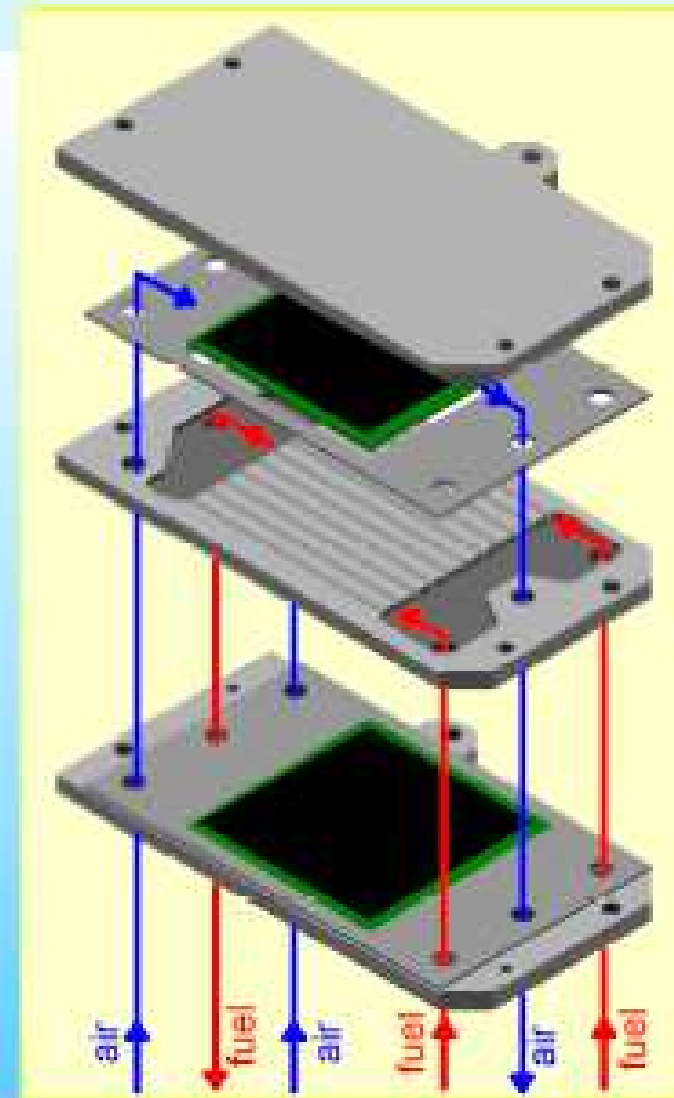
E-Design Stack Technology

Internal manifold:

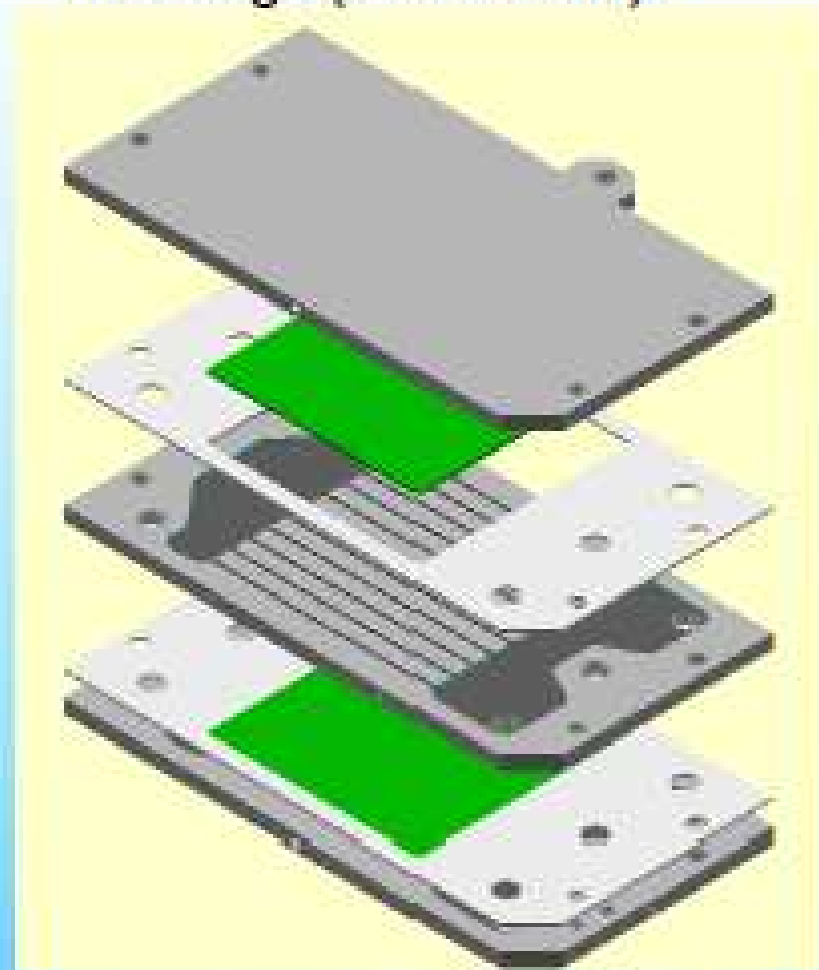
sealing only in one plane perpendicular to the stacking direction

Parallel gas flow:

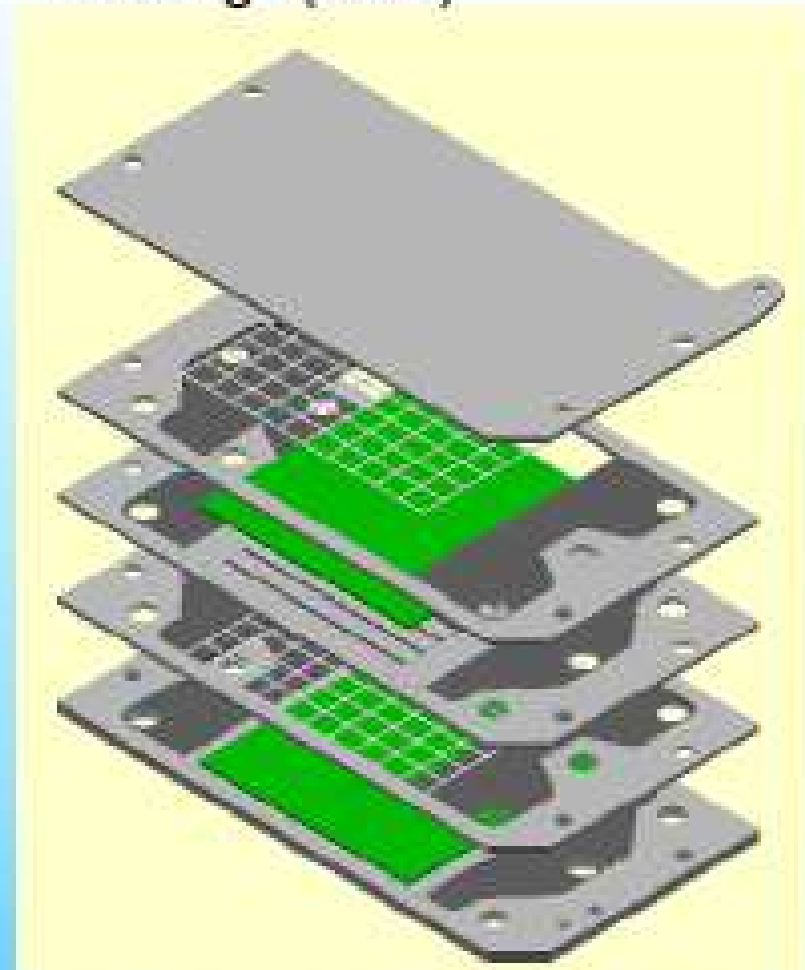
using counter flow results in a more homogeneous temperature distribution in case of internal reforming (results of stack-modelling)



E*-Design (status 2001)



F-Design (2002)



reduced manufacturing effort using a coarse nickel mesh as a gas distribution and contact element on the anode side

F-Design – status today

frame thickness 2.5mm



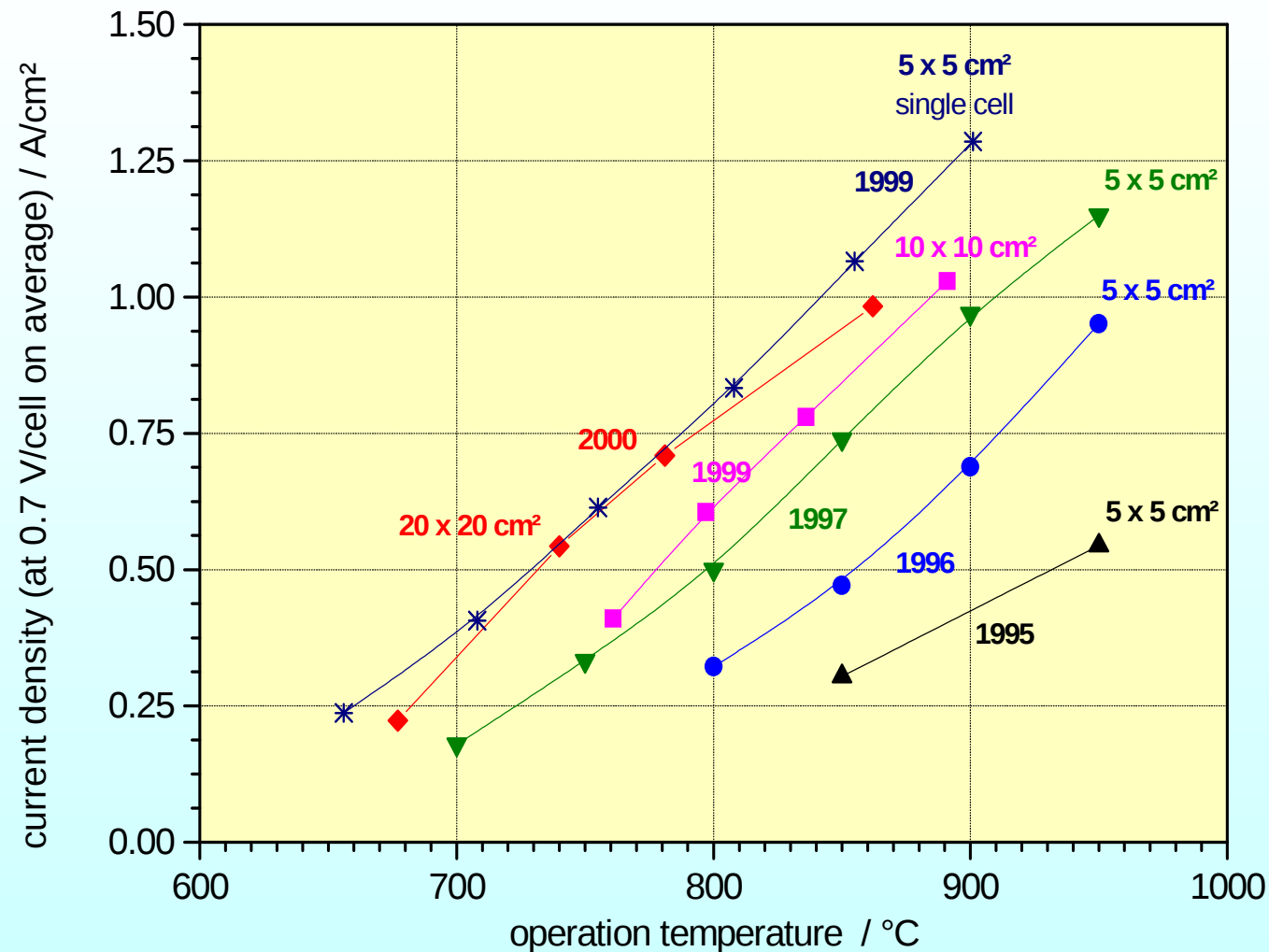
interconnector thickness
1.5 to 4 mm (depending on variant)



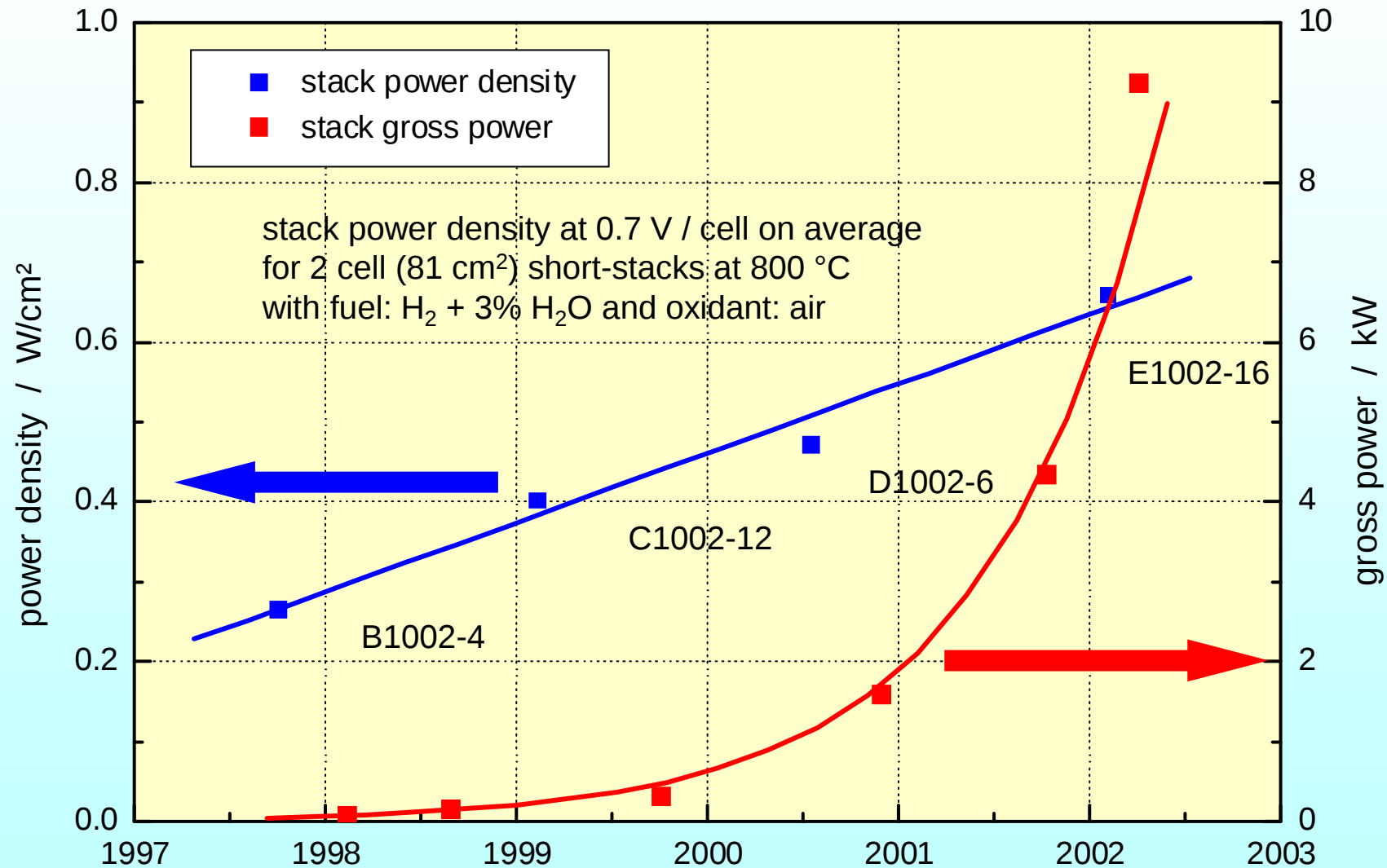
- reliable gas tightness
- cycleability proven with short stacks
- reproducible application of glass paste with a dispenser
- improved contacting through design change
- improved and time-economic manufacturing technology

Entwicklung der Stackleistungsdaten

Current densities for short stacks at 0.7V / cell on average



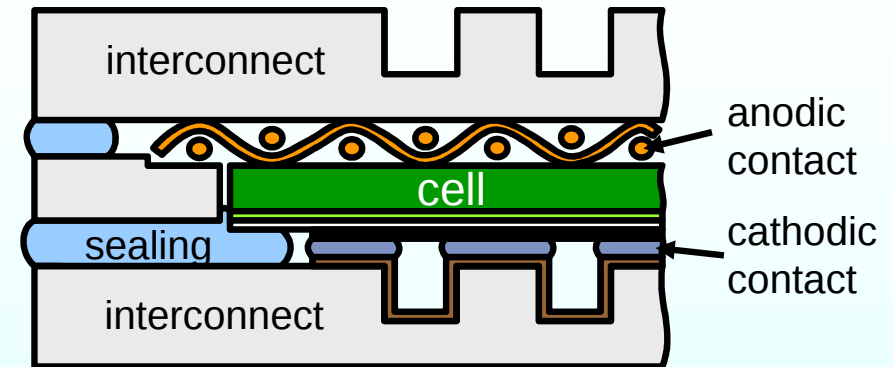
Stack development at FZJ



Materials development

Stack design and modelling

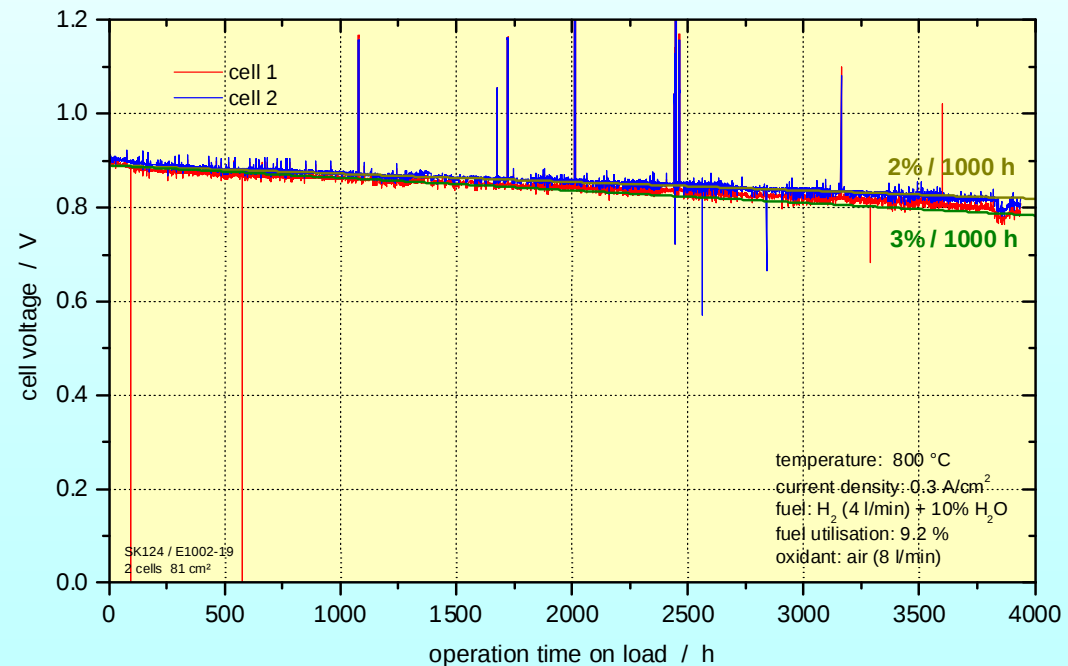
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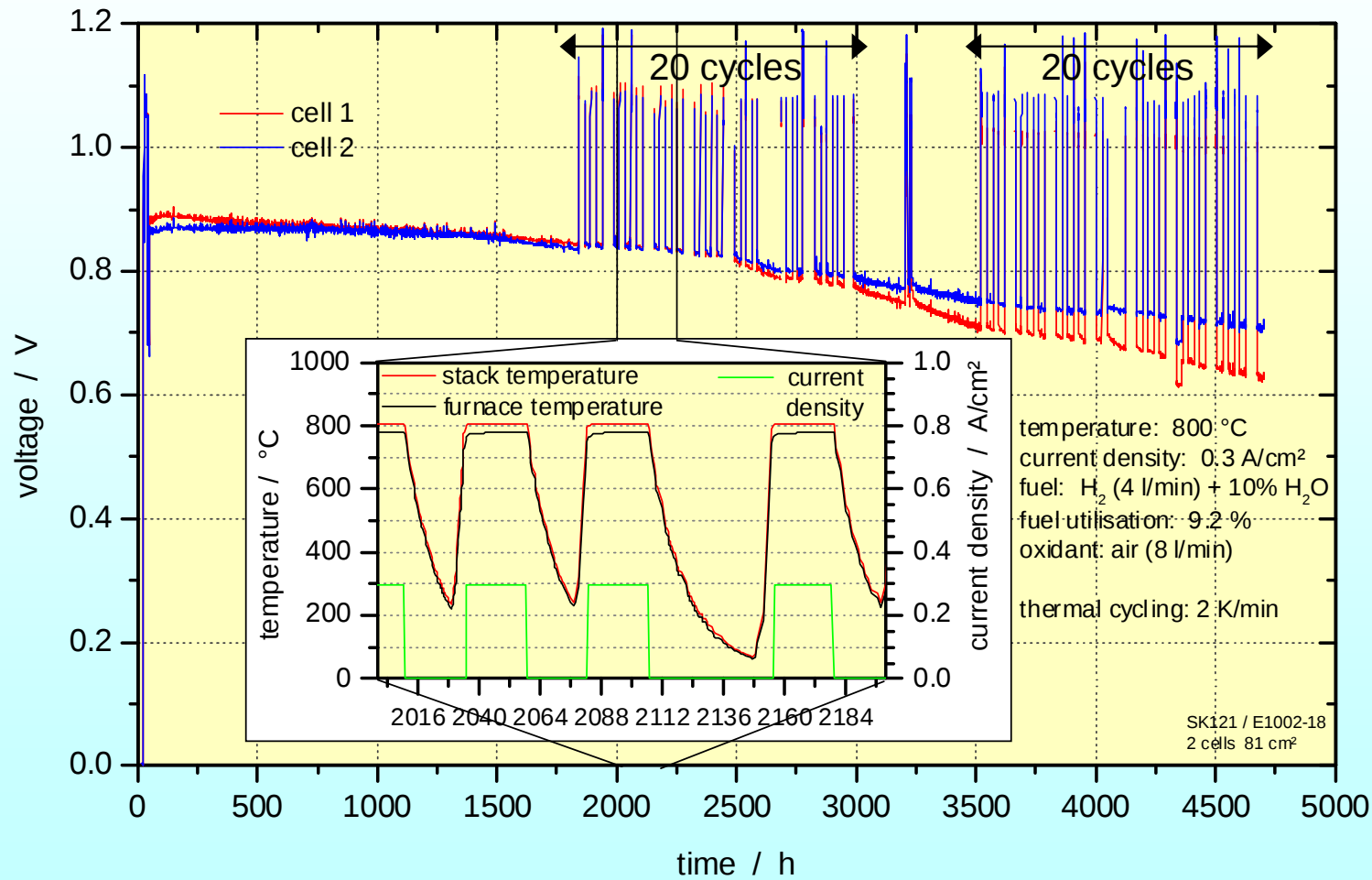


cross-section of a SOFC stack

Aims / Results:

- High power density
- High durability
- Thermal cyclability





40 cell stack 20 cm x 20 cm generating 9,2 kW at 800+ °C using hydrogen



With hydrogen: **9,2 kW**
0,63 W/cm²

300 A @ 30,6 V;
0,83 A/cm² @ 0,765 V/cell

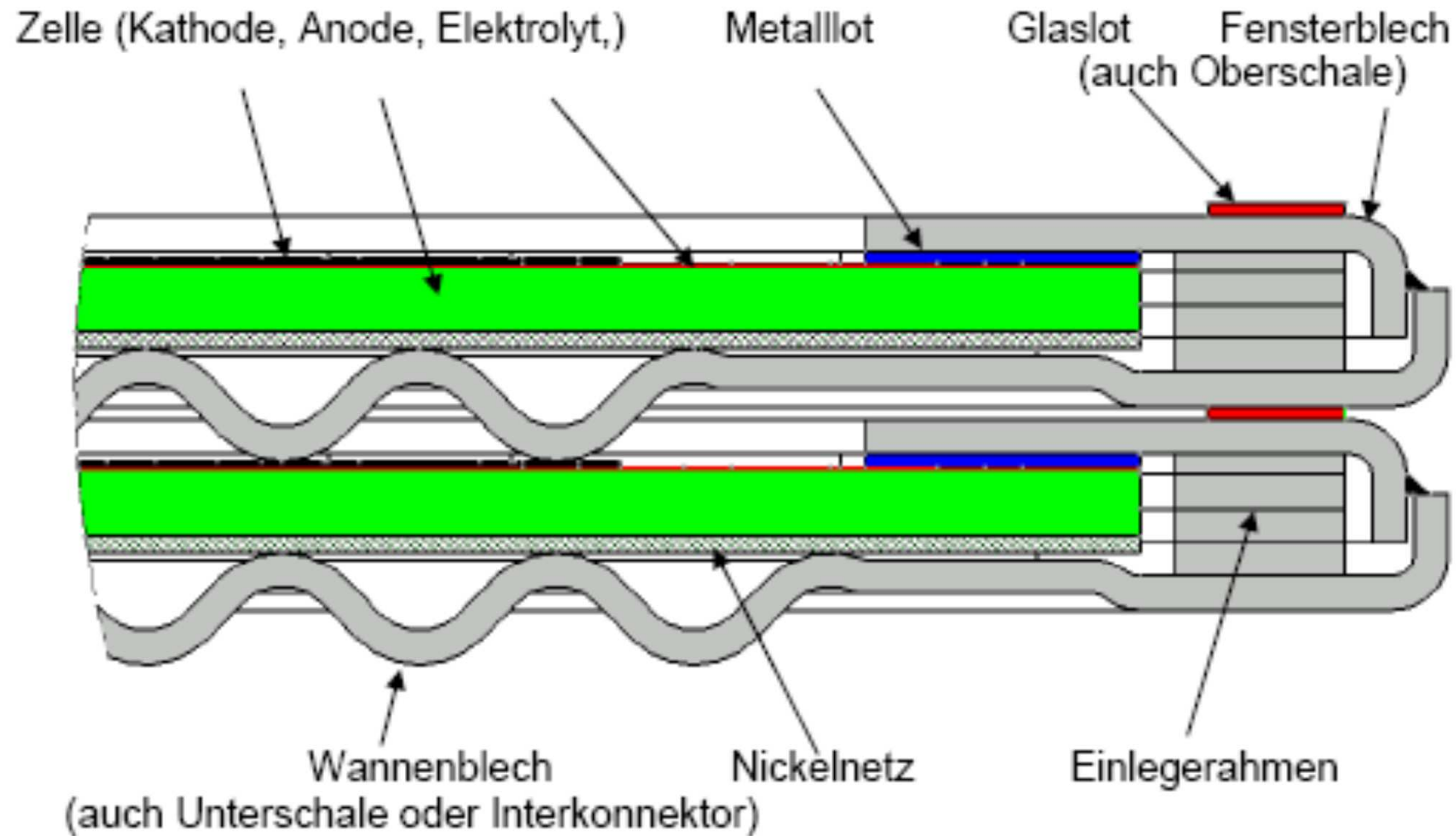
With Methane: **5,4 kW**
0,38 W/cm²

180 A @ 30,2 V;
0,50 A/cm² @ 0,755 V/cell

Fuel: 90% H ₂ / 10% H ₂ O	7% H ₂ / 31% CH ₄ / 62% H ₂ O
Utilisation: 76 % @ 300 A	59 % @ 180 A
Oxidant: Air	Air
Stoichiometry: 2 @ 300 A	3.5 @ 180 A

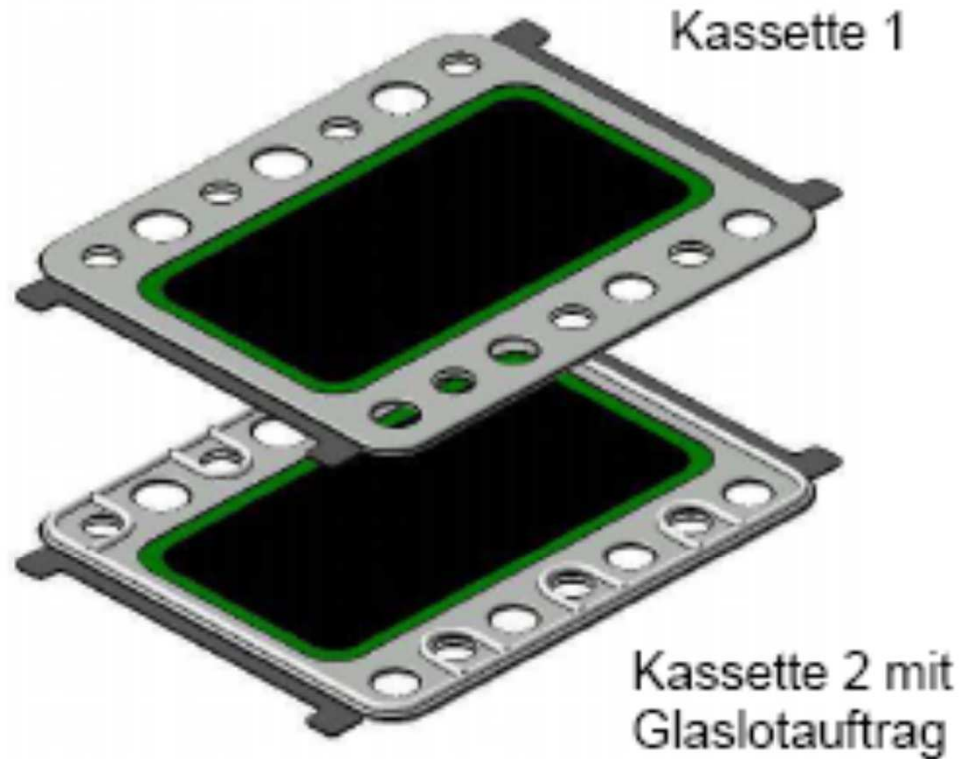
SOFC Stack Design

Leichtbaustack



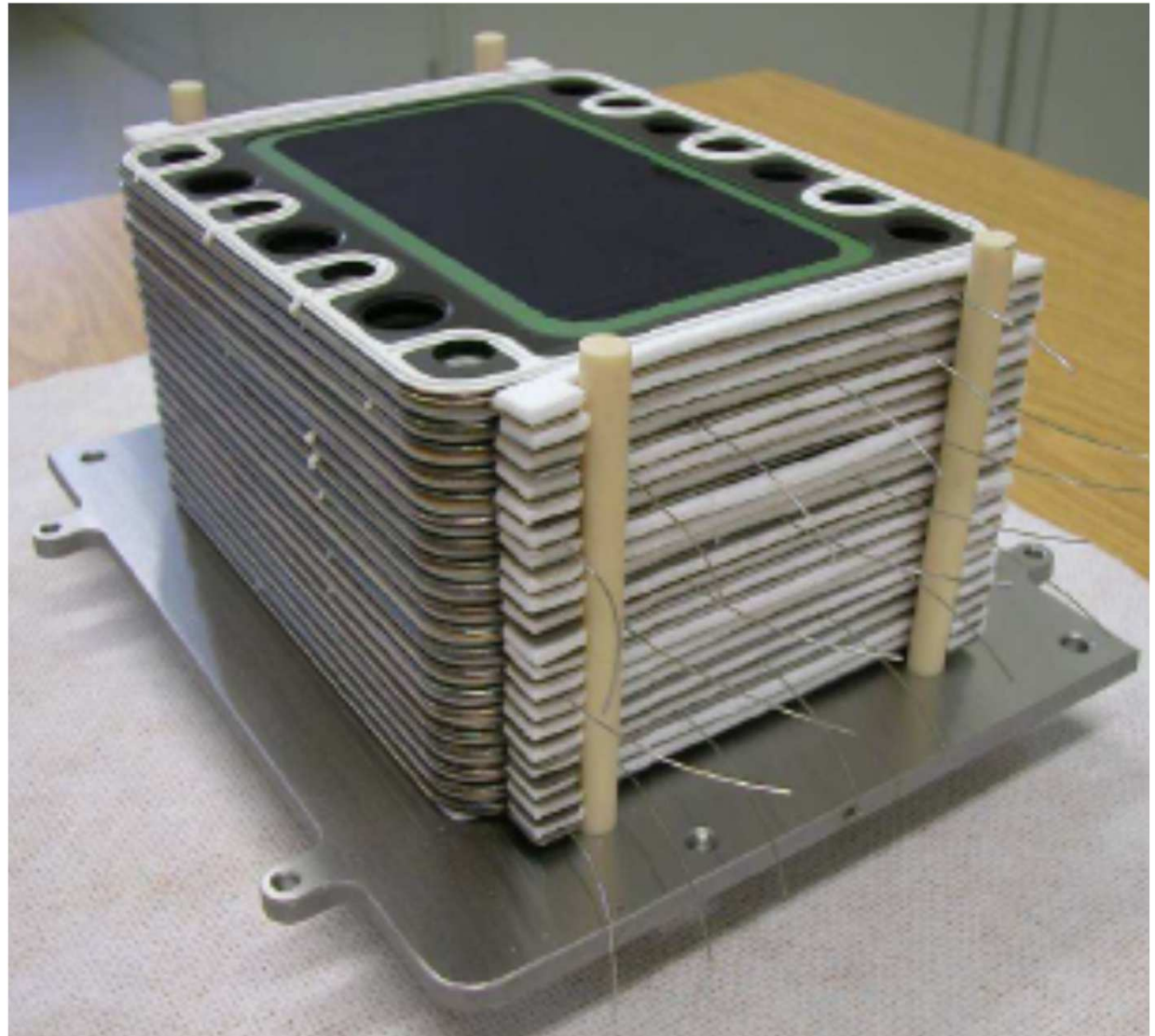
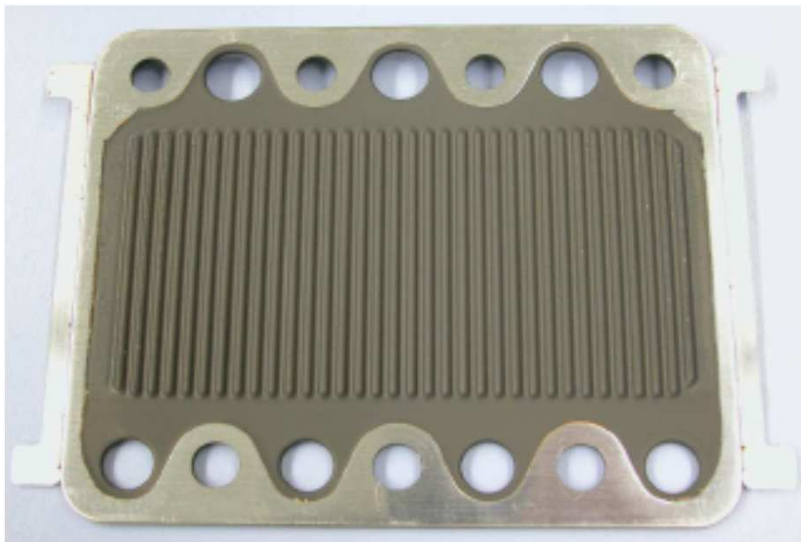
SOFC Stack Design

Aufbau eines Leichtbaustacks



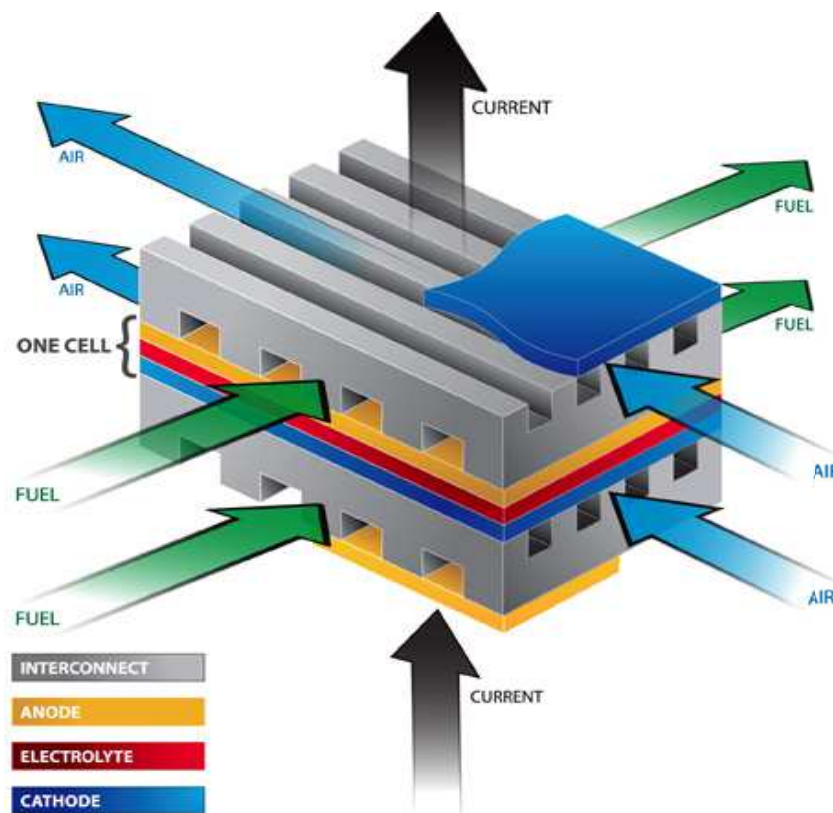
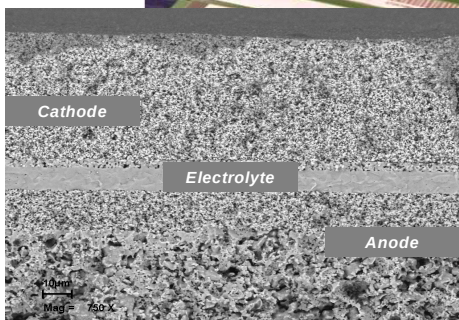
SOFC Stack Design

Leichtbaustack-Kassette



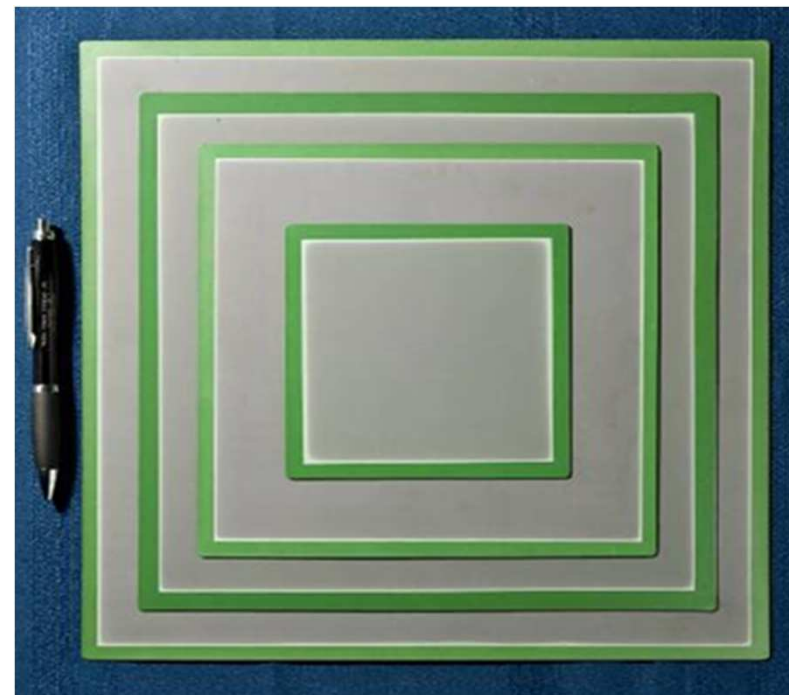
Versa Power's SOFC Approach

- Planar anode-supported cells
- Cross-flow gas delivery
- Stainless steel sheet metal interconnects
- Stacks can be integrated into various arrangements, depending on power applications





- The techniques used to make cells are:
Tape casting, Screen printing and Co-firing
(the **TSC** Process)
- Capable of operating between 650 to 800°C with high power density
- Cell has been scaled-up from 10 x 10 cm² (81 cm² active area) to 25 x 25 cm² (550 cm² active area) to facilitate stack scale-up



Component	Materials	Thickness	Porosity	Process
Anode	Ni/YSZ	0.5 mm	~ 40%	Tape casting
Electrolyte	YSZ	5 - 10 µm	< 5%	Screen printing
Cathode	Conducting ceramic	10 - 50 µm	~ 30%	Screen printing

Scale Up

- Scaled up from 28 cells up to 120 cells
- Stack power from 1 kW to 15 kW

Performance Improvement

- Higher power density
- Higher fuel utilization
- Higher direct internal reforming

Cost Reduction

- Reduced stack cost to meet SECA cost targets

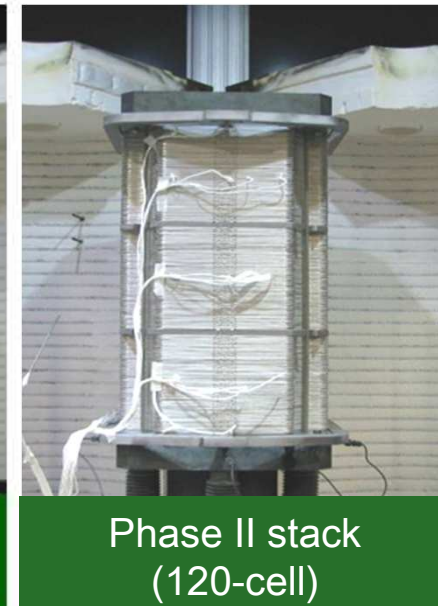
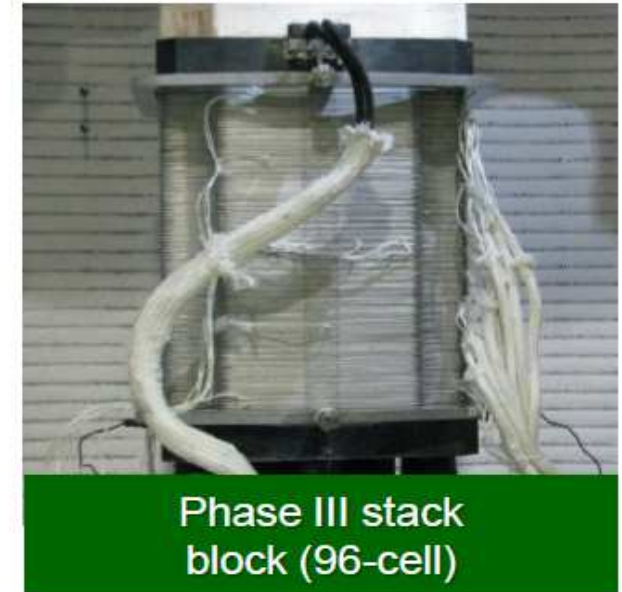
Endurance Enhancement

- Improved stack thermal and flow management
- Incorporated TSC3 cells
- Incorporated advanced flow media



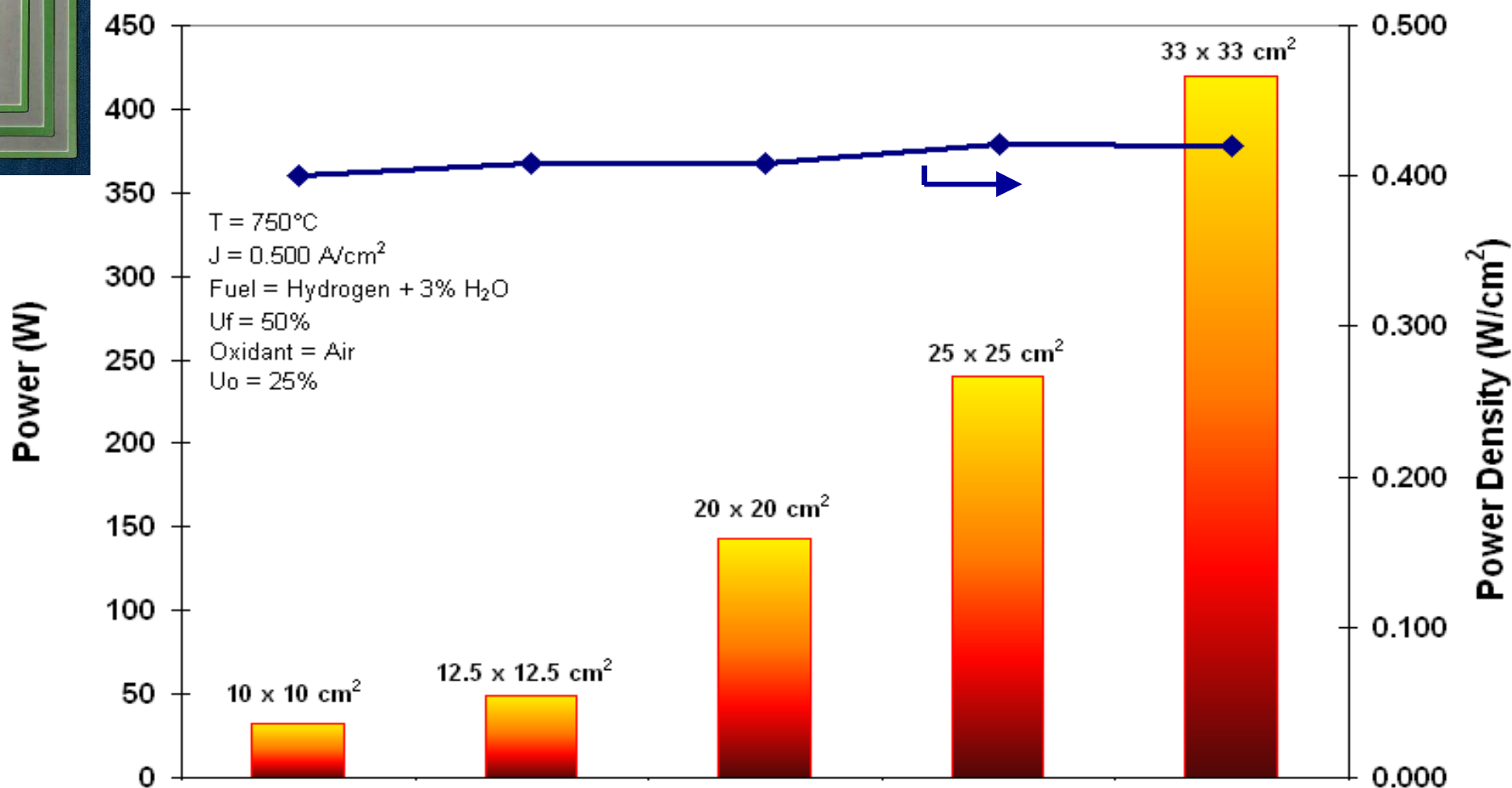
SECA Stacks

Stack Size	Phase I Quantity	Phase II Quantity	Phase III Quantity	Total
Short Stacks 6 - 32 Cells	39	43	16	98
Full Size Stacks > 64 cells	6	9	15	30
Total Quantity	45	52	31	128
Total kW	126	255	262	643



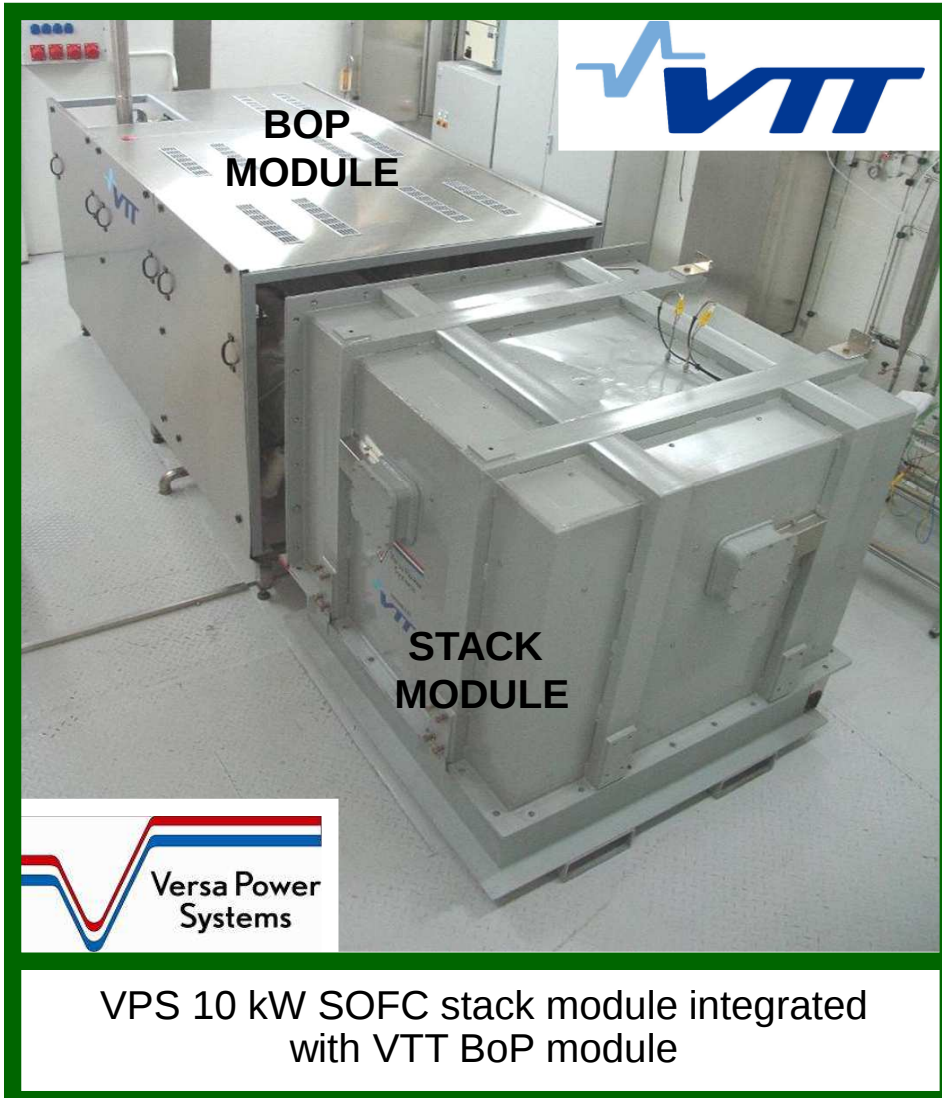
Cell Power at 0.500 A/cm²

Stainless Steel Current Collectors, Cross-Flow Gas Delivery



Power (W)	32	49	143	241	420
Cell Voltage (V)	0.80	0.82	0.82	0.84	0.84

10 kW SOFC Demo Unit at VTT

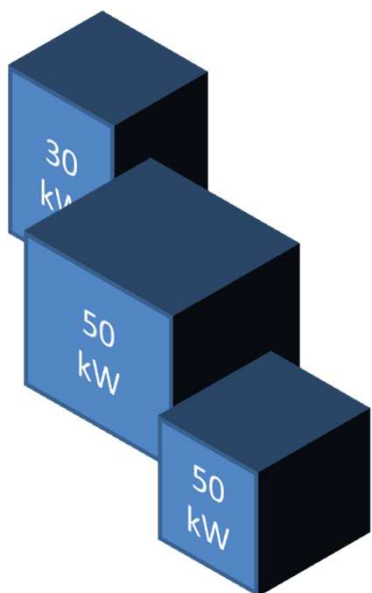


- ▶ VPS has collaborated with VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland since 2010 to produce and operate a 10 kW fully integrated SOFC system
 - Single stack
 - Modular design
 - Natural gas fueled
 - Warm anode recycle loop
 - Grid connected
 - Thermally self-sustained

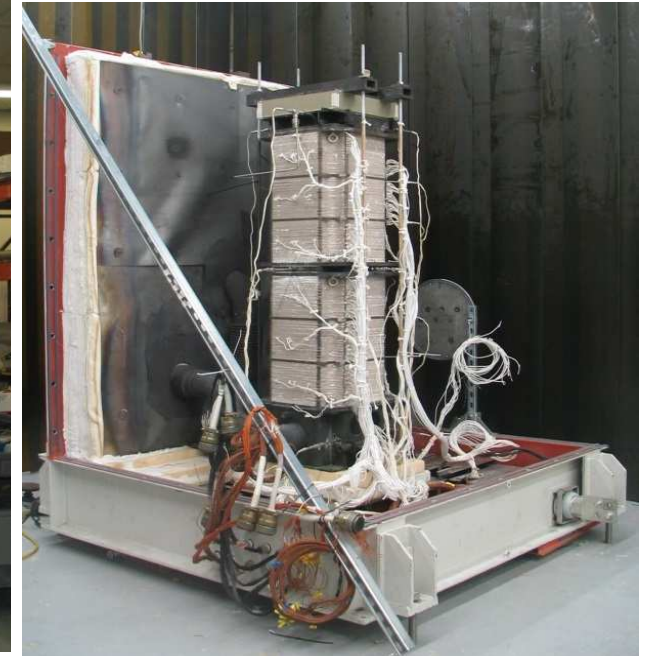
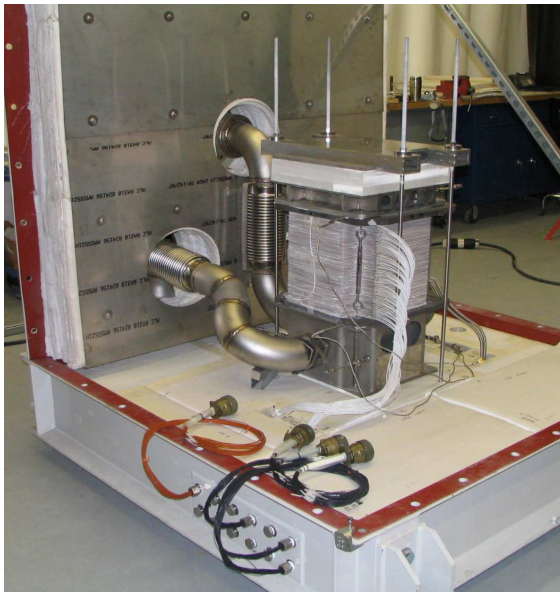
Stack Cell Count	80
Stack Current	160.6 A
Cell Voltage	857 mV
Stack Voltage	68.57 V
Module Power	11.013 kW
Fuel Utilization - System	80.4%
Module Efficiency (LHV)	66%

SOFC Module design has evolved to be more integrated & compact

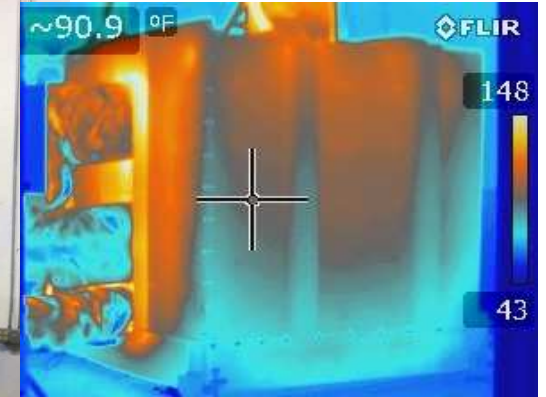
- Custom engineered equipment & components have been developed
 - Permits thermal management of the stacks
 - Simplifies the system by reducing insulation, containment systems, pipe/duct length, and total part count
 - Improves thermal performance, and reduces plant parasitic flow losses
- Reduces footprint of module
 - Piping and ducting more compact, and minimizes hot piping/duct penetrations in vessel
- Reduces footprint of total plant by having less external equipment
- Smaller system with fewer parts & less material = lower cost



MODULE (kW)	STATUS	Level of Integration
30	Built	No Integration. Single Stack or Tower in an insulated vessel
50	Built	Manifold assembly, HX
50	In Process	Manifold assembly, HXs, Reformer



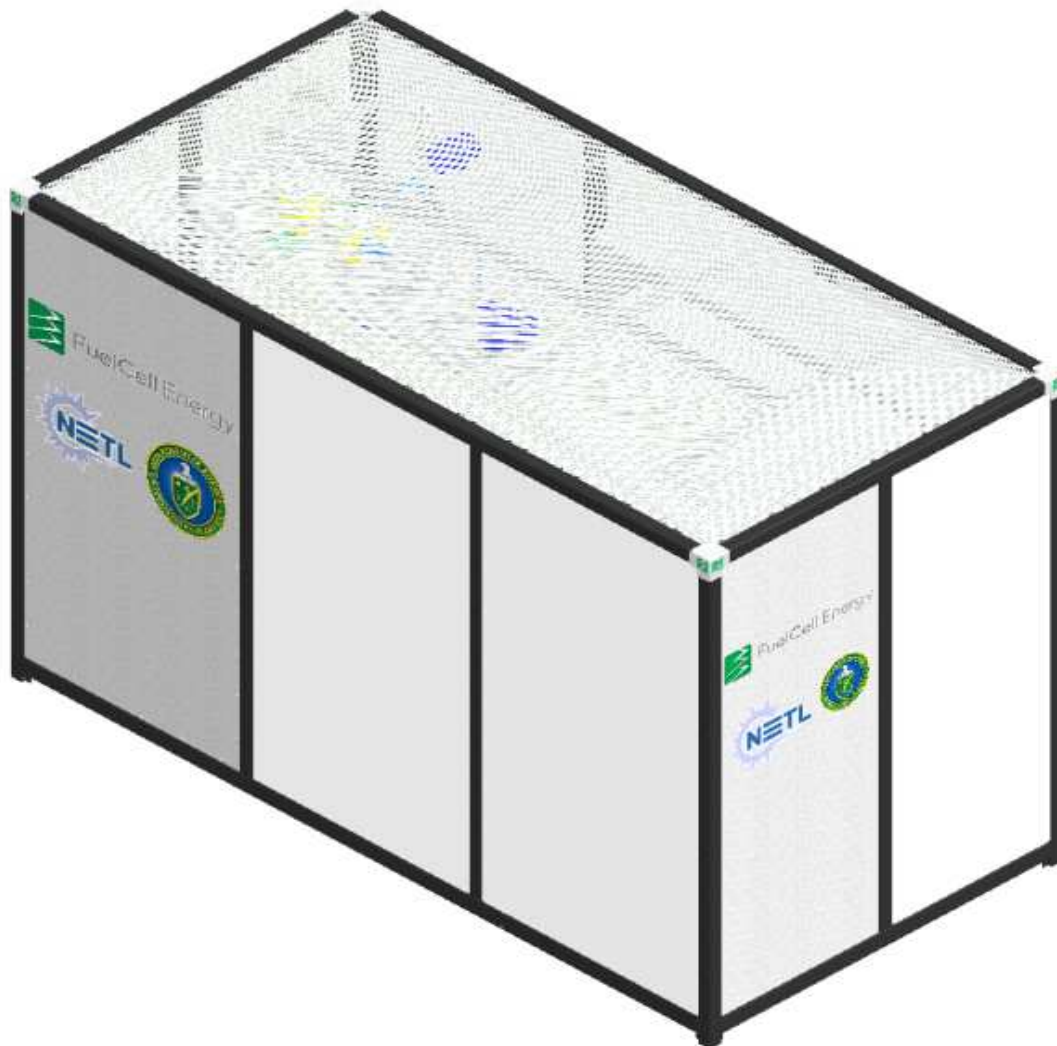
- Demonstrated use of a vessel design based on FCE's commercial MCFC product line
 - Improved insulation, instrumentation, power, & piping interface with test facility
- Successfully operated with towers up to three stacks tall
- Vehicle for eight long-term tests from 10kW to 30kW
- Instrumental in validating thermal and flow CFD models
- Established methods for multi-stack modules



- Demonstrated integrated manifold assembly, nominally four 96-cell stack blocks, but components designed for full (2X) tower flows
- Fully self contained and thermally self sustaining
- Successfully validated many completely new components developed under the SECA contract
- Will be the basis for future (commercial) SOFC module designs

Stack Current	187.4 A
Cell Voltage	819 mV
Stack Voltage	78.64 V
Gross Module Power	58.96 kW
Fuel Utilization - System	81%
Module Efficiency (LHV)	65%

50 kW SOFC Power Plant



A packaged SOFC power plant has been designed which is:

- ▶ Compact for easy shipping and siting
- ▶ Expandable to higher power module with no increase in foot print or envelope
- ▶ Accessibility for service
- ▶ Suitable for CHP