

Welcome to the **First International Workshop**

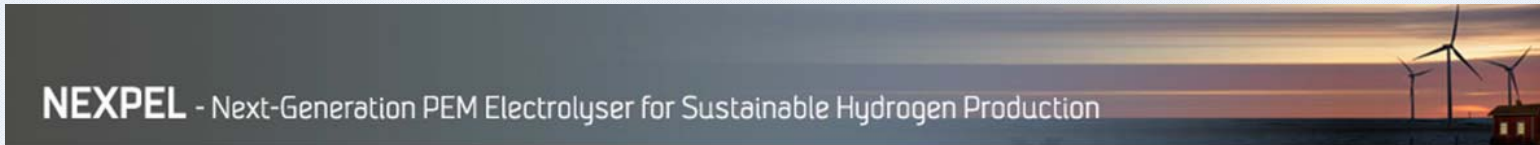
Durability and Degradation Issues
in PEM Electrolysis Cells and its
Components

March 12th-13th, 2013

Fraunhofer ISE | Freiburg | Germany



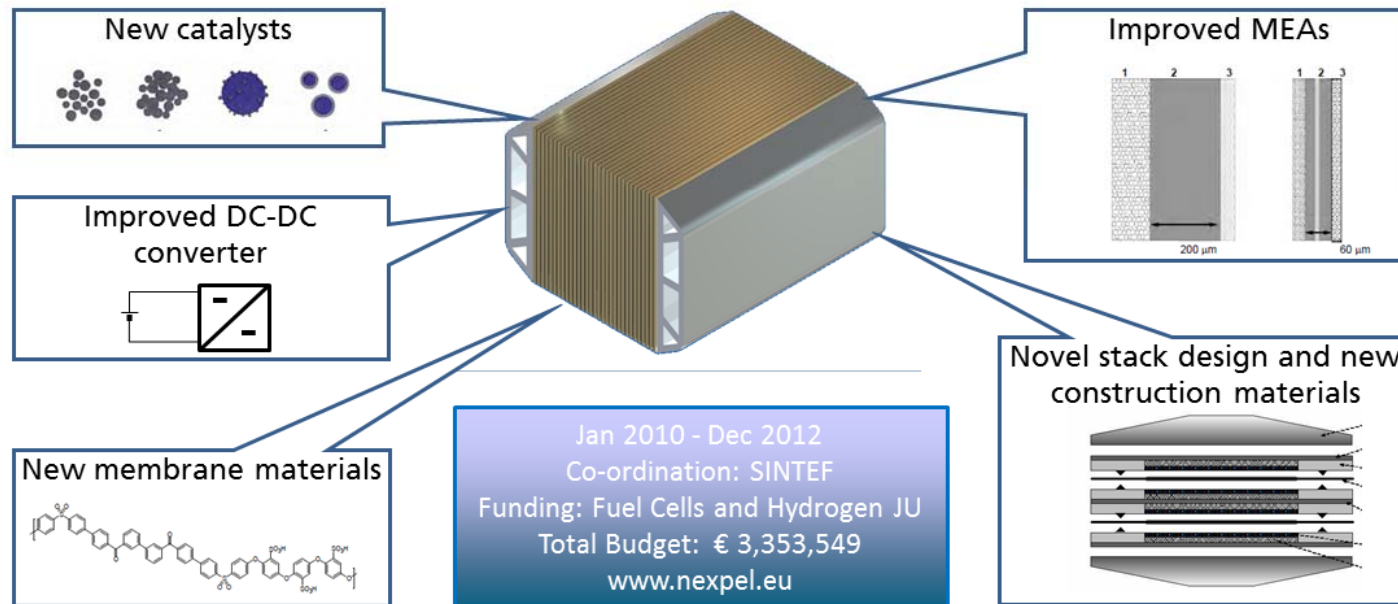
First project NEXPEL



NEXPEL - Next-Generation PEM Electrolyser for Sustainable Hydrogen Production

NEXPEL main objective:

Develop and demonstrate a PEM water electrolyser integrated with RES:
75% Efficiency (LHV), H₂ production cost ~ €5,000 / Nm³h⁻¹, target lifetime of 40,000 h





The next step of NEXPEL: NOVEL

"Novel materials and system designs for low cost, efficient and durable PEM electrolyzers"

- Continuation of novel materials development
- System design and optimization
- Increased understanding of lifetime and degradation issues in PEM electrolyzers



Sept 2012 - Aug 2016
Total Budget: € 5,743,445





Programme: Day 1 | March 12th, 2013

Session 1: Industrial view on life-time of PEM electrolyzers

Chair: Tom Smolinka

- 09:30 **R&D Focus Areas Based on 60,000 hr Life PEM Water Electrolysis Stack Experience**
Everett Anderson | Proton OnSite | USA
- 10:00 **PEM Electrolyser Degradation Mechanisms and Practical Solutions**
Nicholas van Dijk | ITM Power | Great Britain
- 10:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 **Recent Advances in PEM Water Electrolysis**
Joseph Cargnelli | Hydrogenics | Canada
- 11:30 **CETH₂'s Technology Roadmap and Life-time Expectations in PEM Electrolysis**
Fabien Auprêtre | CETH₂ | France
- 11:50 **Corrosion Resistant Metallic Components for Electrochemical Devices**
Conghua Wang | TreadStone Technologies | USA
- 12:20 **Panel discussion:**
Moderation: Tom Smolinka
- 13:00 **Lunch break**



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Session 2: Scientific perspective on degradation and endurance

Chair: Christopher Hebling

- 14:30 **Degradation issues in NEXPEL and NOVEL**
Magnus Thomassen | SINTEF | Norway
- 15:00 **The BBC Membrel Process - A retrospective view.**
Günther Scherrer | Paul Scherrer Institute | Switzerland
- 15:30 **In-situ electrochemical characterization of PEM Water Electrolysis electrodes**
Pierre Millet | Université Paris-Sud | France
- 16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:30 **High pressure PEM electrolyzers: efficiency, life-time and safety issues**
Vladimir Fateev | NRC "Kurchatov Institute" | Russia
- 17:00 **Panel discussion:**
Moderation: Christopher Hebling
- 17:30 **Enquiry on degradation and life-time issues**
Completion of a questionnaire
- 18:00 **End of day one**
- 19:30 **Evening event**
Dinner at Freiburg's restaurant "Wolfshöhle" (Meeting point: Lobby Hotel "Stadt Freiburg" at 18:40)



Programme: Day 2 | March 13th, 2013

Session 3: Accelerated stress tests for PEM electrolysis

Chair: Magnus Thomassen

- 09:00 **Approaches and methodology on accelerated stress tests in fuel cells**
Nada Zamel | Fraunhofer ISE | Germany
- 09:45 **Accelerated stress tests in PEM fuel cells: What can we learn from it?**
David Wilkinson | University of British Columbia | Canada
- 10:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 **Results of the questionnaire**
Tom Smolinka | Fraunhofer ISE | Germany
- 11:30 **Discussion on further activities**
Moderation: Magnus Thomassen
- 12:30 **Lunch break**
- 13:30 **Lab tour** - if desired - incl. hydrogen filling station
Emile Tabu Ojong | Fraunhofer ISE | Germany (Meeting point: Foyer SIC at 13:15)



Please note that:

- Presentations will be provided later at the project webpage:
www.novelhydrogen.eu
(available soon, permission of the presenters is required)
- Main results of the questionnaire will be put as well on the webpage
- The restaurant "Wolfshöhle" is fully booked! → Please inform us, ...
 - Either you are registered and will not come
 - Or you are not registered and would like to come (waiting list)
- And hopefully we will see you again → 2nd workshop in 2 years

We wish you an interesting and prosperous workshop!