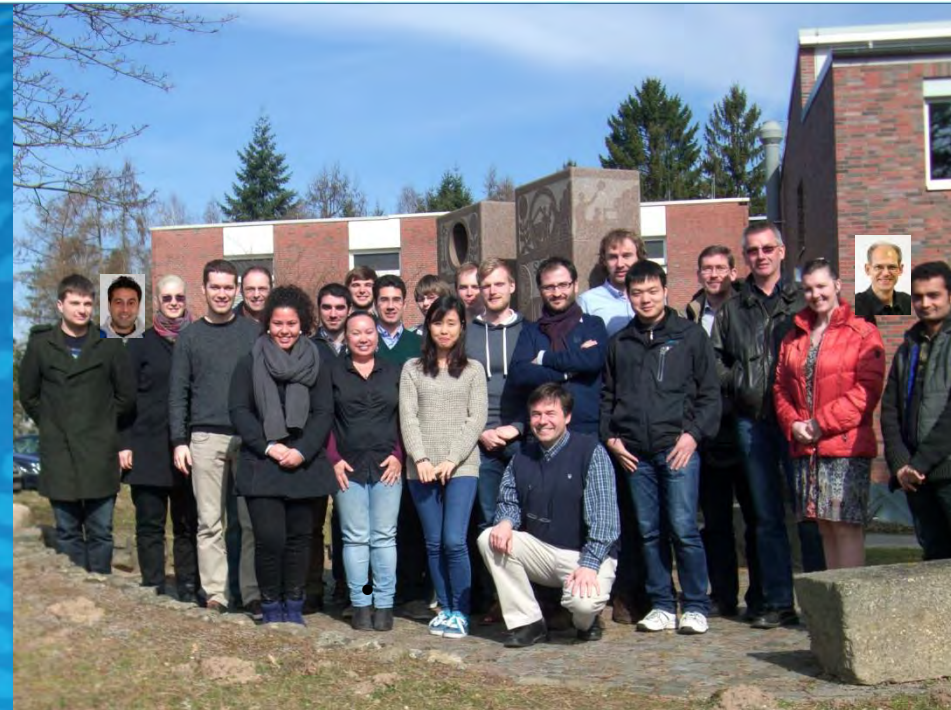


Hydrogen Storage Activities in Geesthacht

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Non-university public research in Germany



Max Planck (1858-1947)
theoretical physicist: quantum theory

optician and physicist: Fraunhofer lines,
excellent optical glass and instruments



Joseph von Fraunhofer
(1787-1826)



MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT

Max-Planck-Association

80 Institutes,
13 300 Employees
Budget ~ 1,3 bill. €



Fraunhofer Gesellschaft

Fraunhofer Society

60 Institutes,
18 000 Employees
Budget ~ 1,6 bill. €



Hermann von Helmholtz (1821-1894)

great natural scientist

„Kanzler der deutschen Physik“



Helmholtz-Association

18 Research Centres,
40 000 Employees
Budget ~ 4 bill. €



Leibniz Association

87 Institutes,
16 100 Employees
Budget ~ 1,3 bill. €



Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646-1716)

great universal scholar

Helmholtz Research Centres:

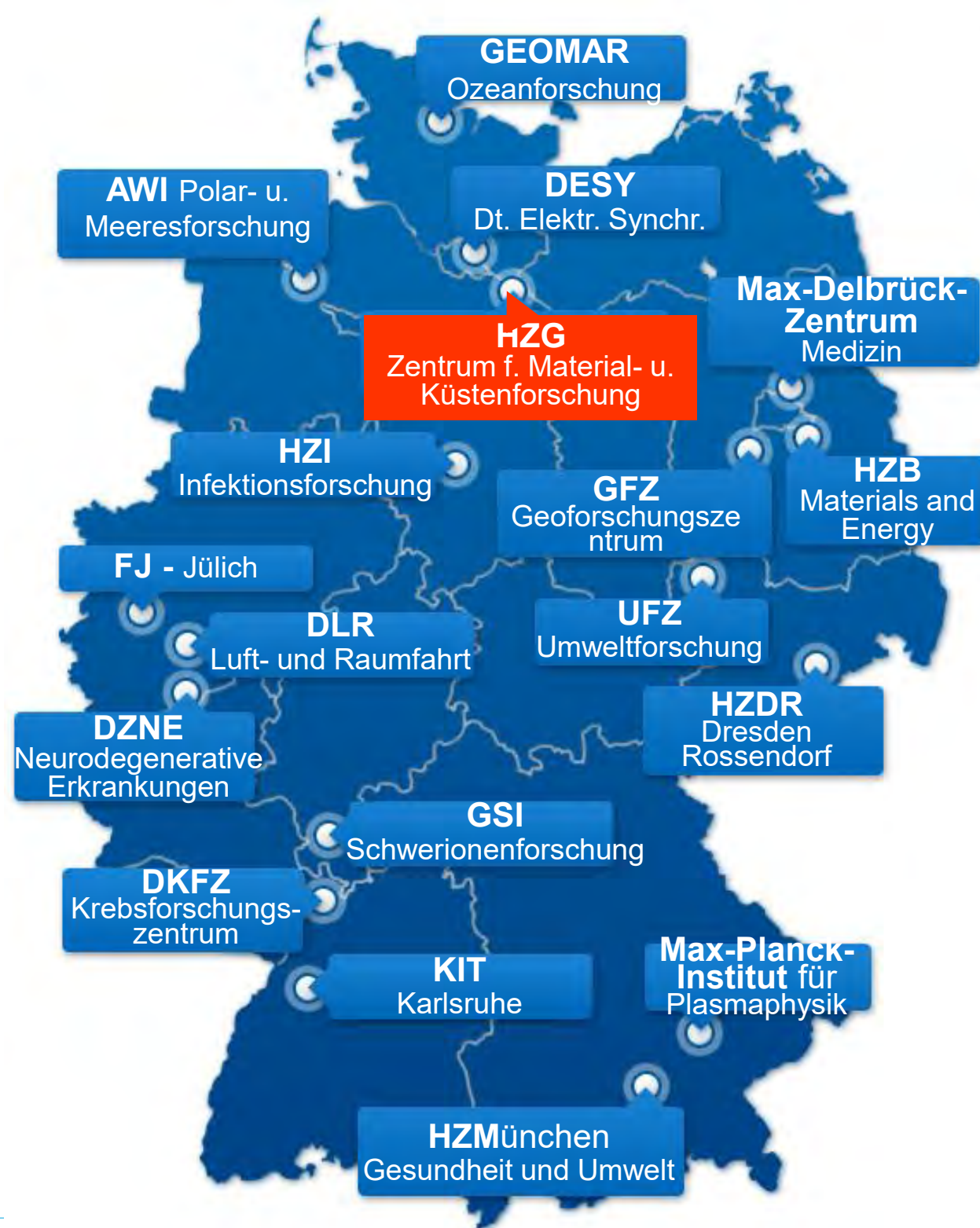
**18 medium and
large scale research centres**

Employees: 40000

Budget: 4.3 Bill. €

Mission:

- Solving **major challenges** with cutting-edge research
- Developing and operating **complex infrastructure** and **large-scale facilities** for the national and international scientific community
- **Creating wealth** for society and industry through knowledge transformation and innovation





Prehistory of the site – Alfred Nobel

**First fabric of explosives of Alfred Nobel (since 1865)
outside of Sweden**

Until 1910 fabric Krümmel: largest munition fabric of Europe

•Manufacture and export of a liquid combination of nitroglycerin and gunpowder known as "Blasting Oil,,
(extremely unstable and difficult to transport, as shown in numerous catastrophes.

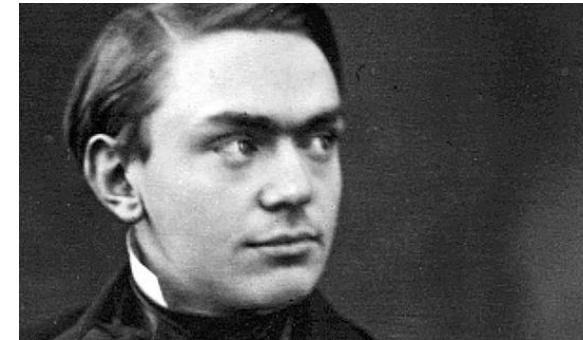
The buildings of the factory in Geesthacht itself destroyed in 1866 and again in 1870)

•October 1866 Experiments on a raft on the Elbe river

•Alfred Nobel & Company's development of dynamite in 1867,
made by mixing the nitroglycerin with the diatomaceous earth (*kieselguhr*) found in the Krümmel hills.

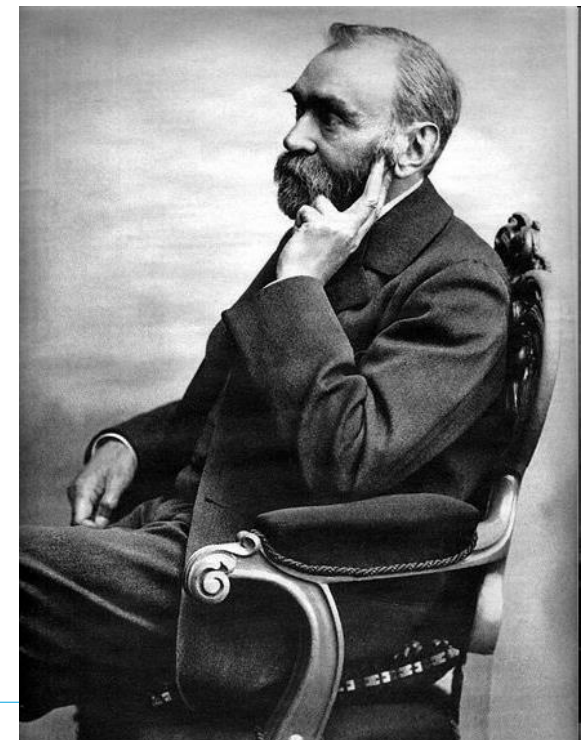
•Several other inventions

•after World War II demolition of the fabric



Alfred Nobel (1833-1896)
swed. Chemist und Engineer

Inventor of Dynamite
Founder/Donor of the Nobel prize



Portfolio of the Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht

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Coastal and Climate Research

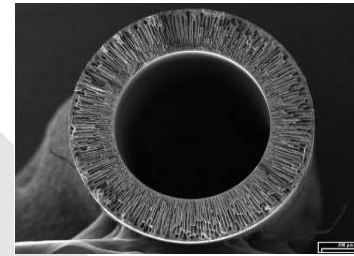


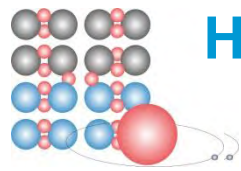
**Total budget
100 Mio €**

**Employees
950**

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Materials Research



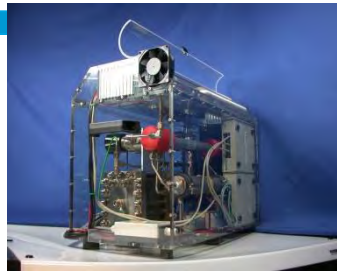


Hydrogen Storage @ Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht

From Basic Research Towards Applications



Tank system



Tank tests & demonstration

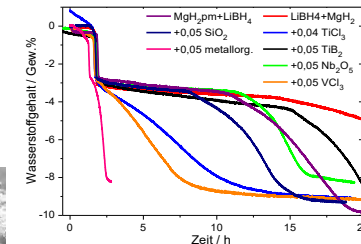
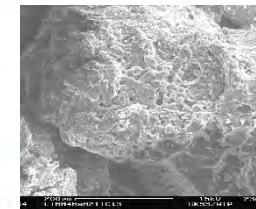
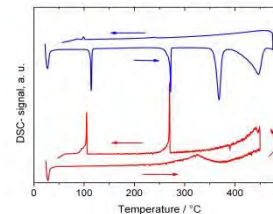
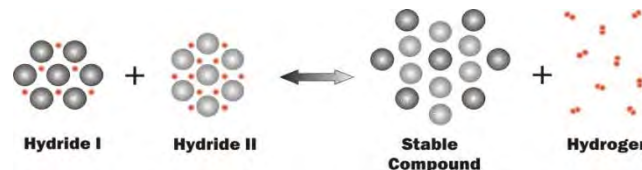
Tank design

Characterization and optimization of tank relevant material properties

Scale up and cost efficient material preparation

Identification and optimization of novel hydrogen storage materials

Basic Research

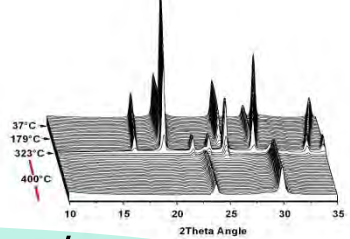


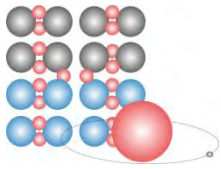
Application

Kinetic optimization / development of suitable catalysts

Thermodynamic modification

Material

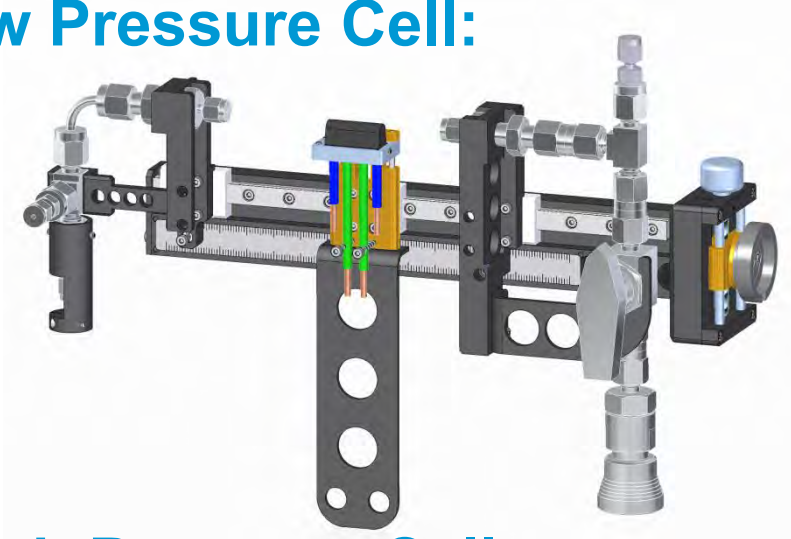




Material Characterisation

Characterization: in-situ XRD

Low Pressure Cell:

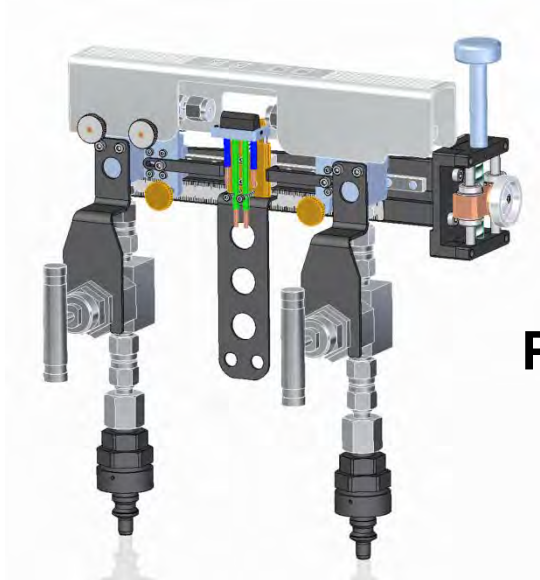


**Claudio
Pistidda**



**Christian
Horstmann**

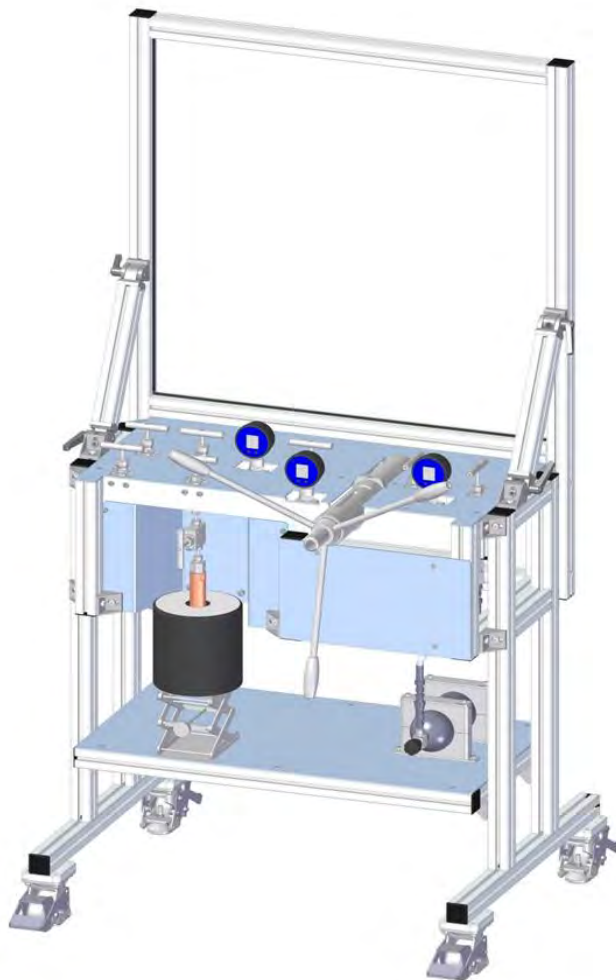
High Pressure Cell:



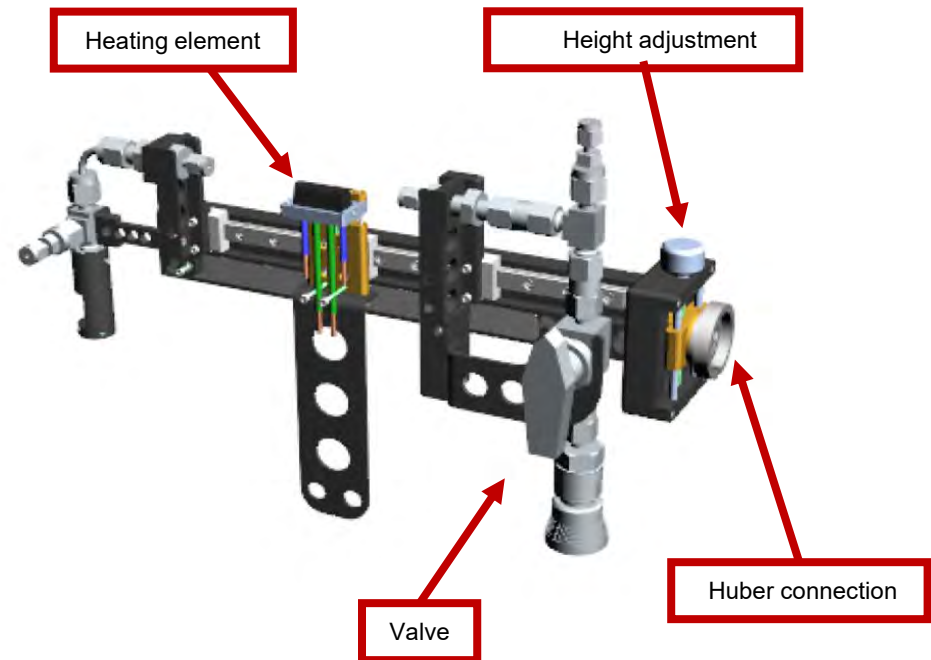
$P_{max.} = 650 \text{ bar}$

In situ SR-PXD equipment

Gas Loading Station



Low pressure cell

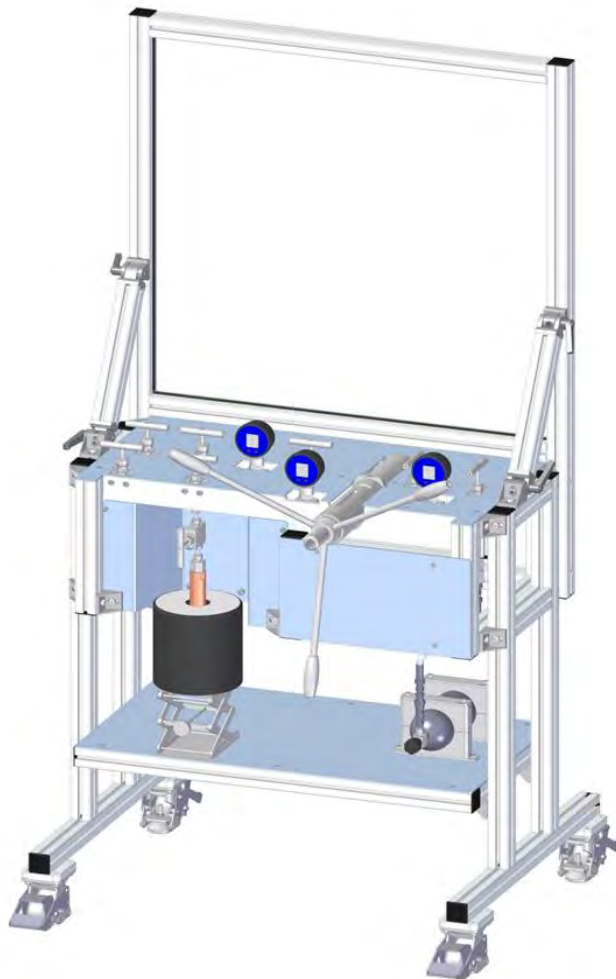


***2 in situ* cells**

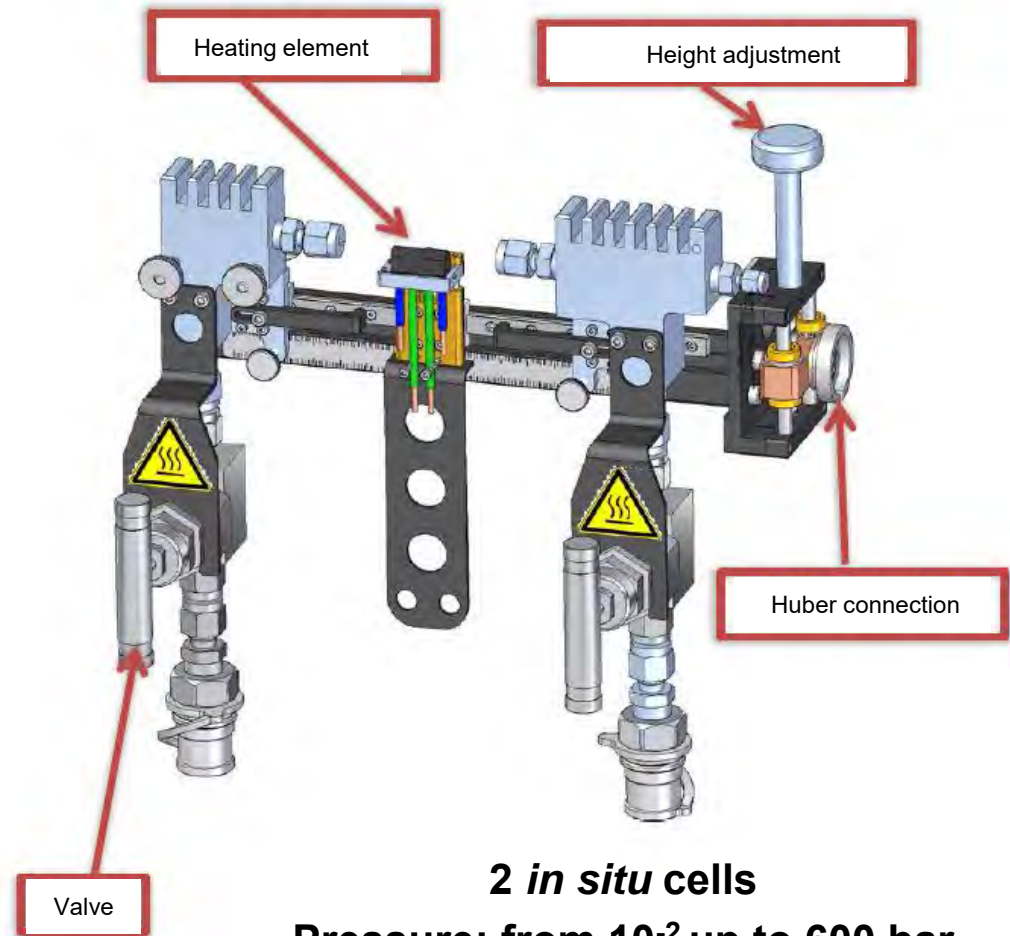
Pressure: from 10^{-2} up to 200 bar

In situ SR-PXD equipment

Gas Loading Station



High pressure cell

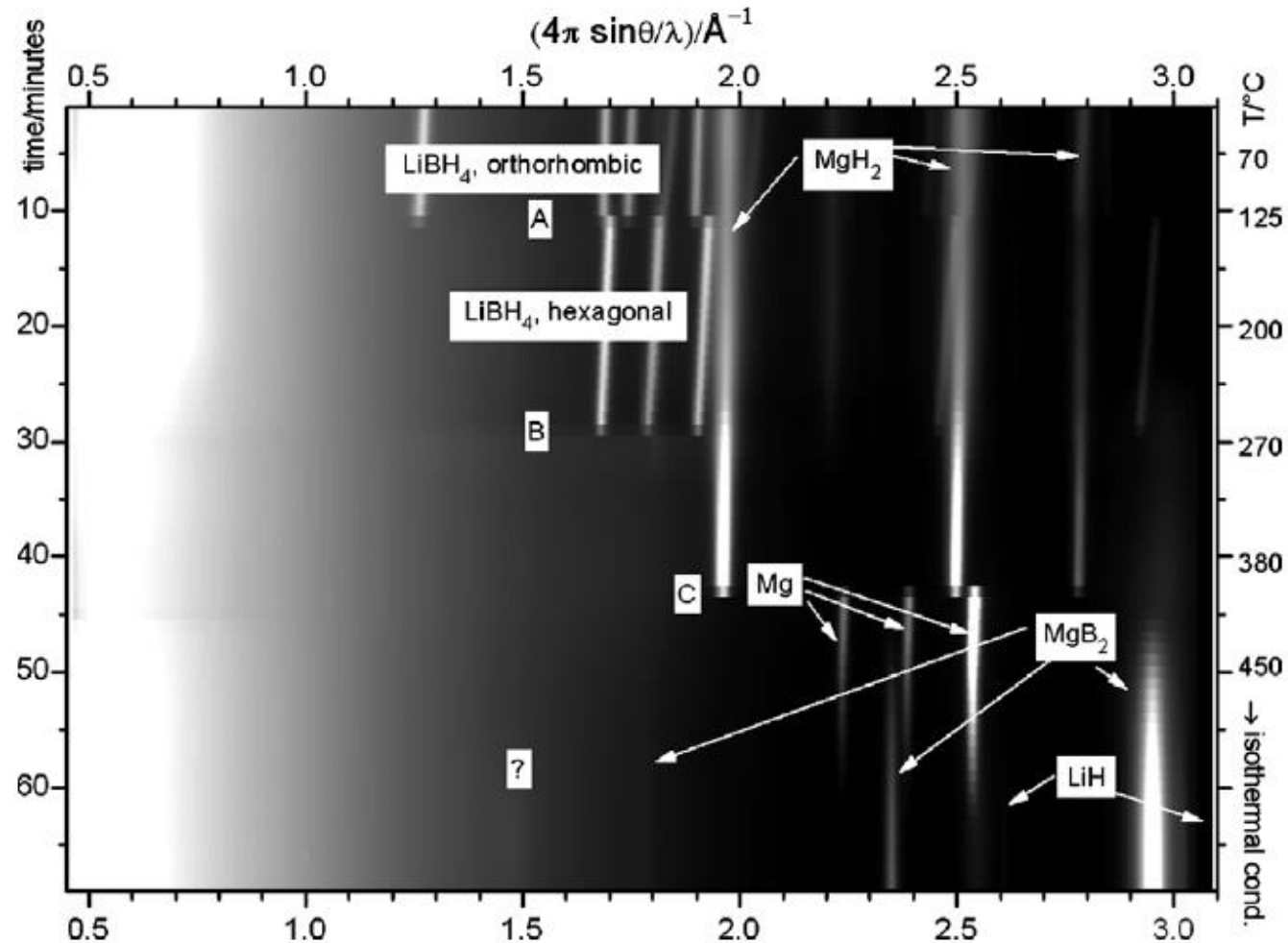
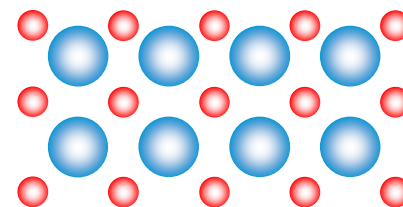
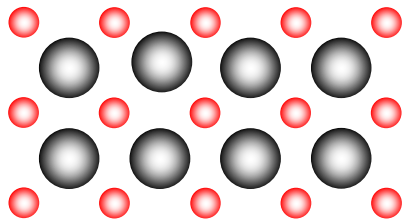


2 in situ cells

Pressure: from 10⁻² up to 600 bar

Reversible Reactive Hydride Composites:

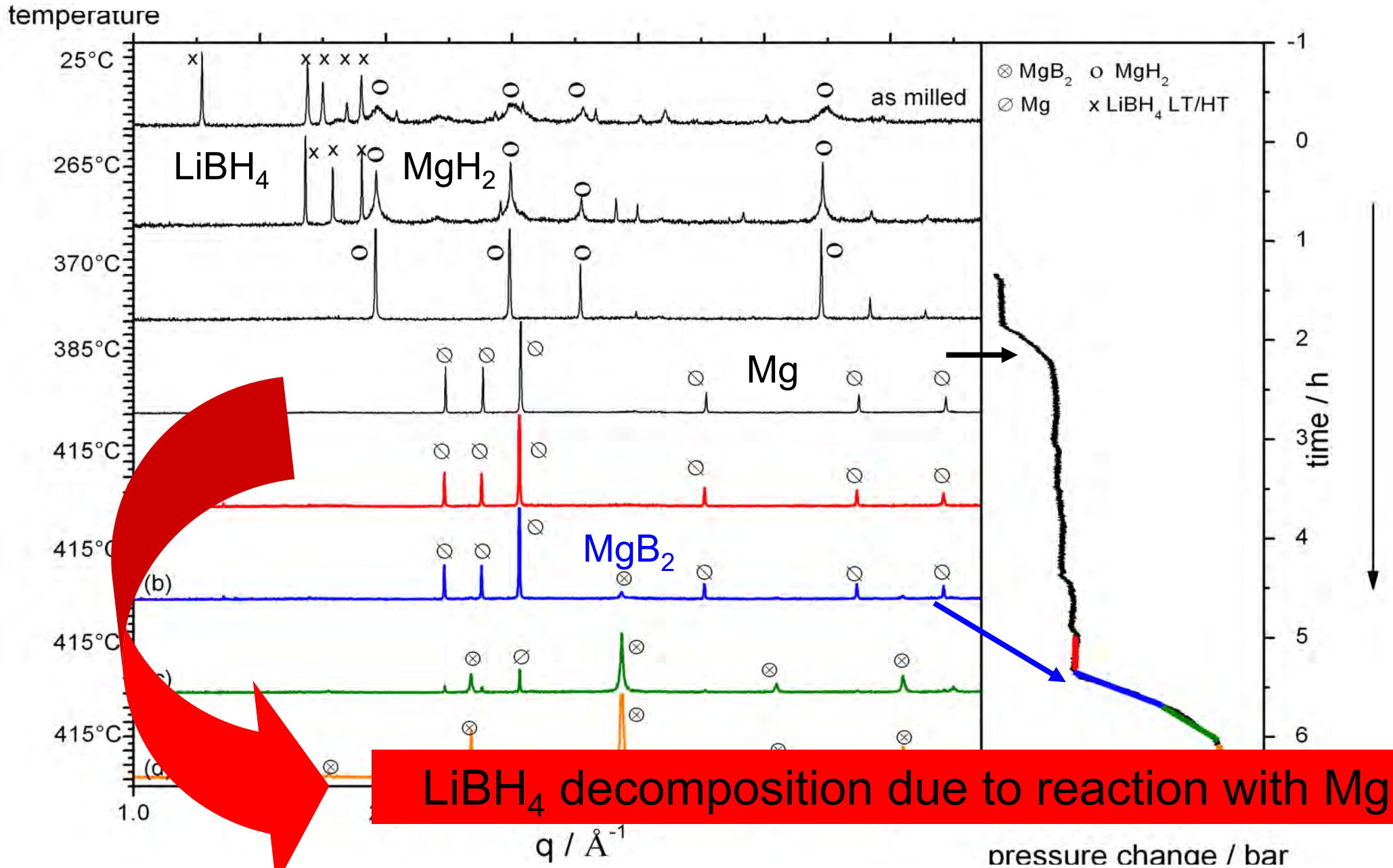
Hydrogen Storage Materials: Reactive Hydride Composites



Reaction pathway

– 5 bar hydrogen, 415 °C isothermal –

2LiBH₄+MgH₂, heating to 415°C with 5K/min, then isothermal, 5 bar H₂-pressure



Scale Up Material Synthesis

Lab-scale ball-milling

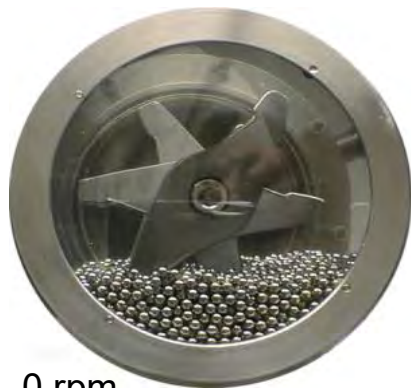


Spex mill: capacity ~5 g



Fritsch P7: ~50g
Fritsch P5: ~200 g

Principle of mechano-chemical synthesis



0 rpm



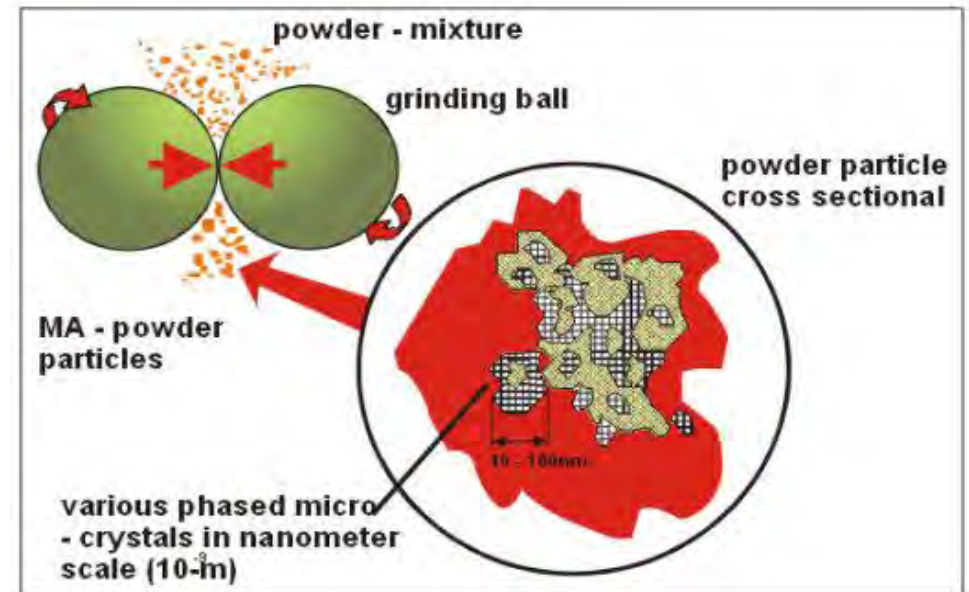
255 rpm



600 rpm



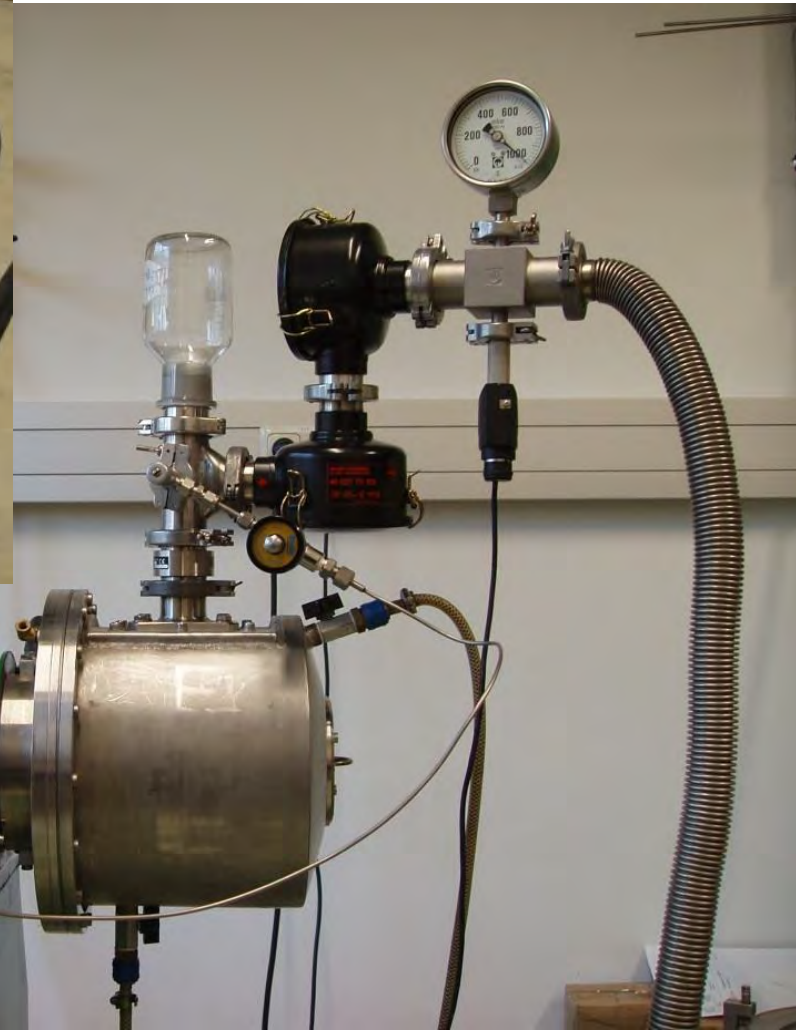
1700 rpm



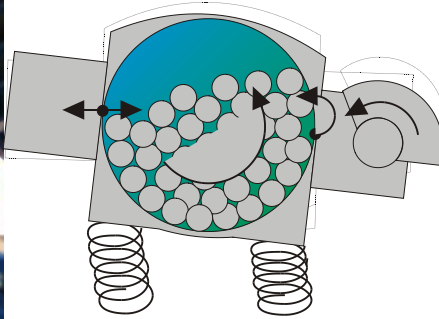
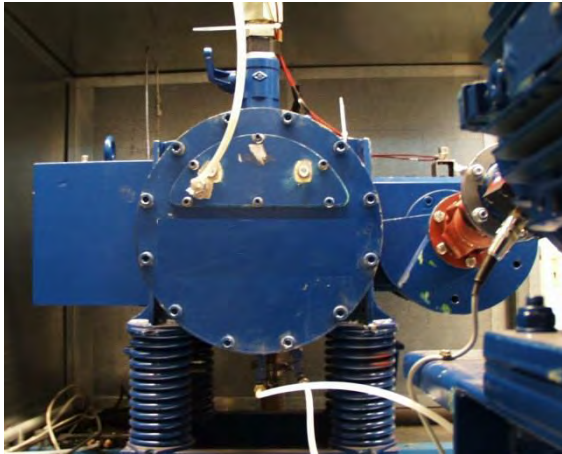
Materials synthesis by High Kinetic Processing
by HEM, MA, RM

Principle of collision of grinding media

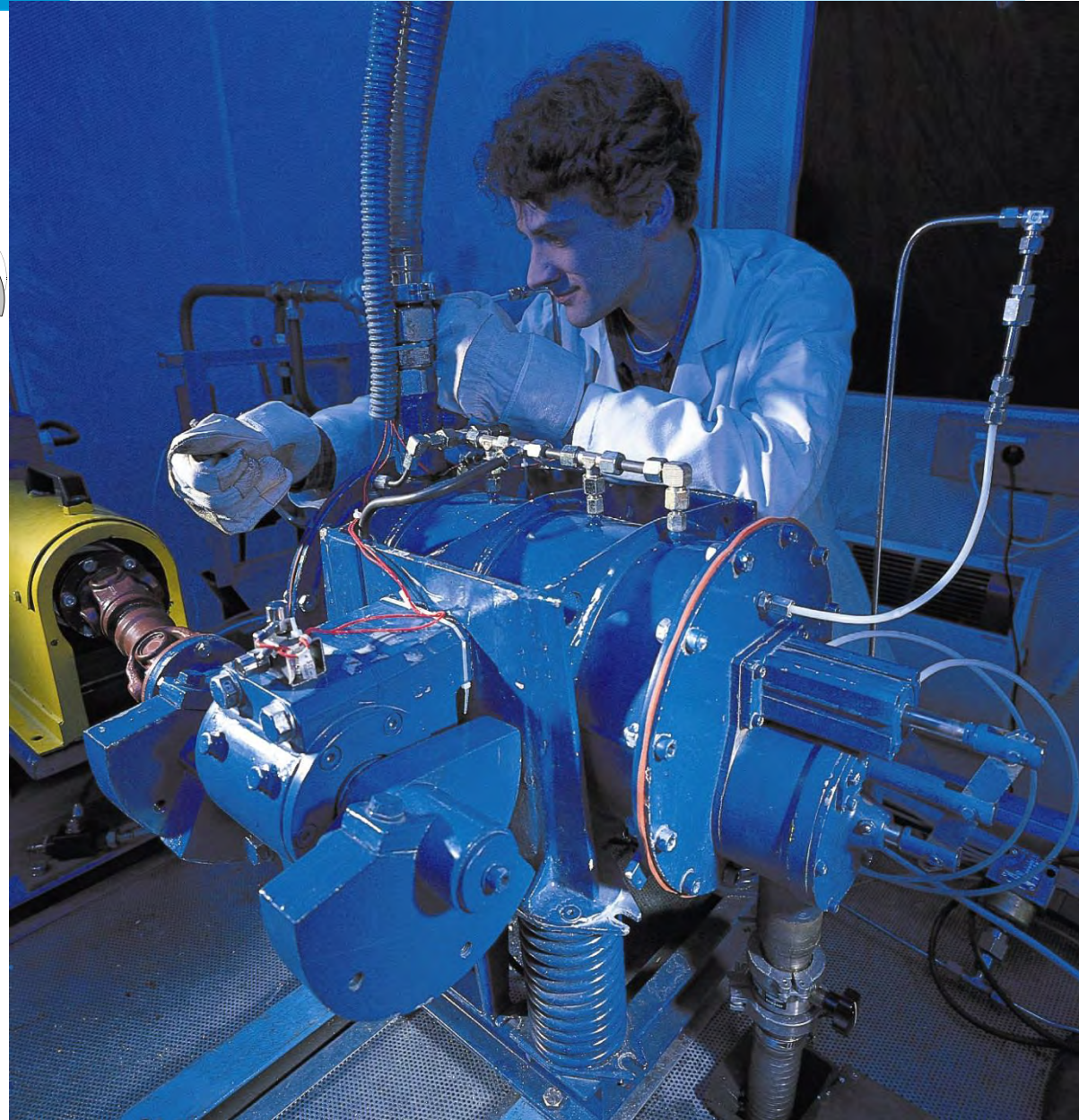
ZOZ Simoloyer CM01 , CM08:



Siebtechnik ball-mill

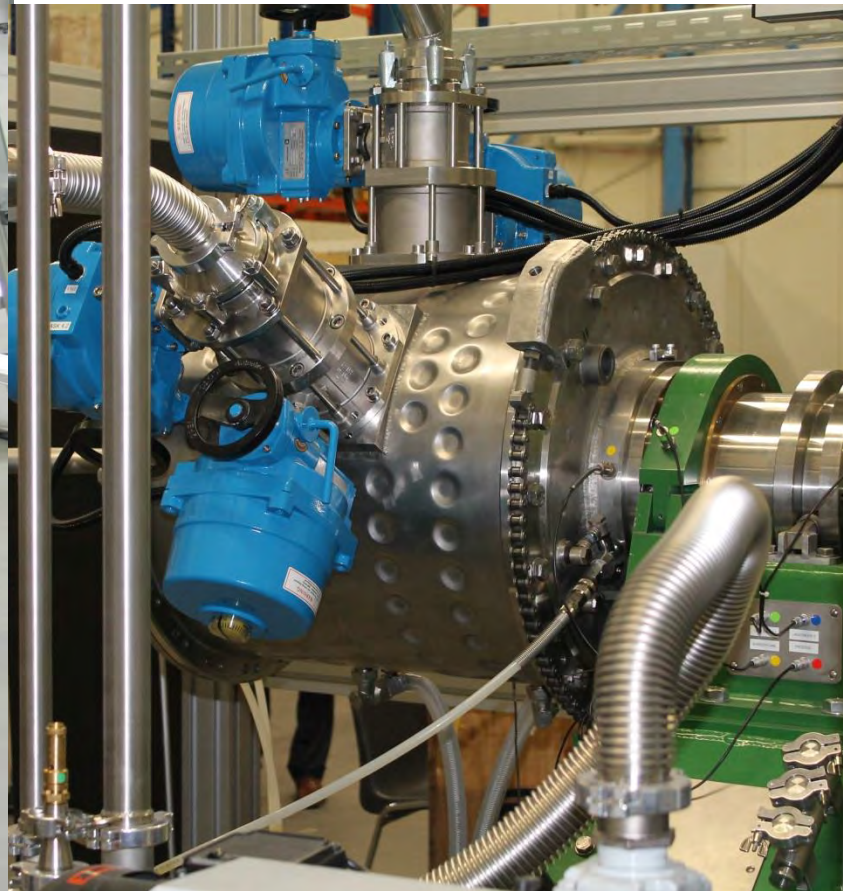


Siebtechnik vibration mill



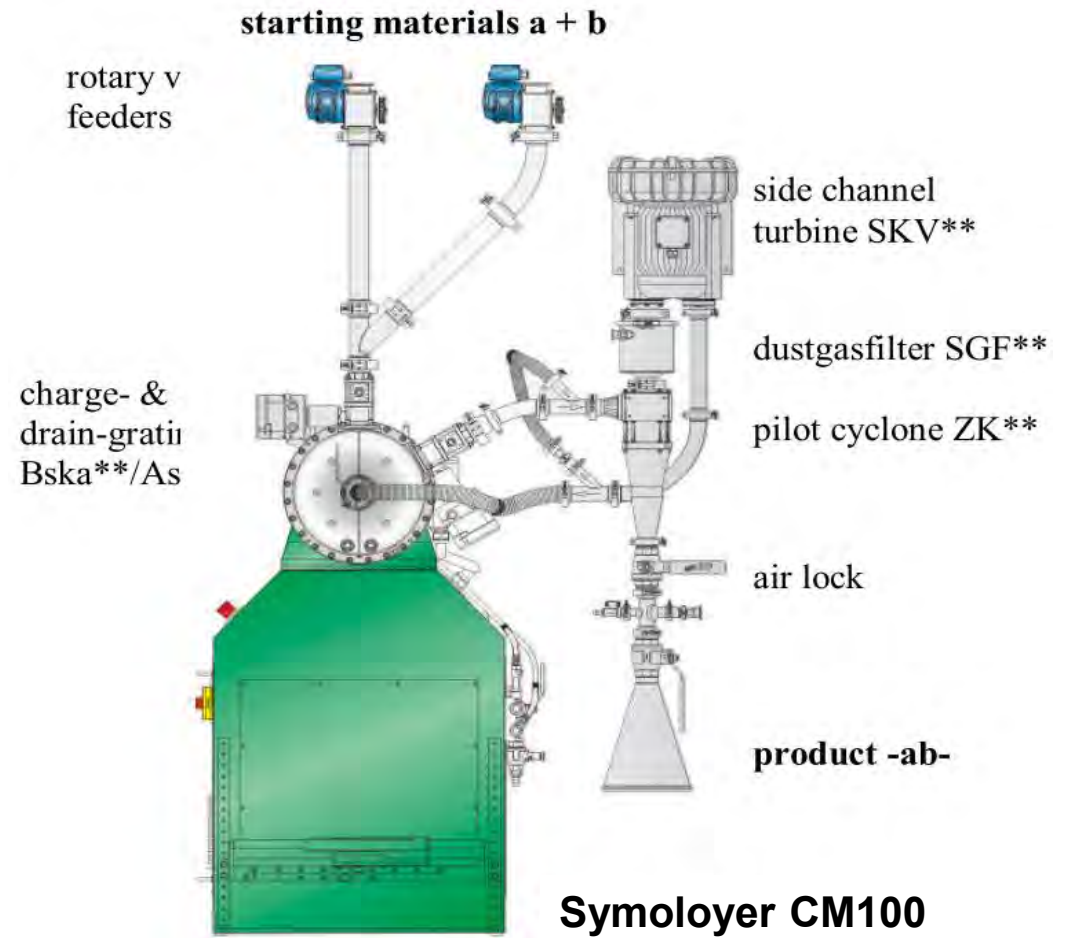
- bis zu 10 kg Pulverchargen
- hochskalierbar
bis in den Tonnenmaßstab
- kontinuierlicher Betrieb
möglich

Hydrogen Technology Centre Olpe





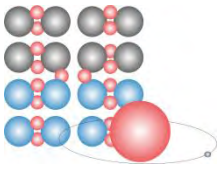
Industrial scale production costs



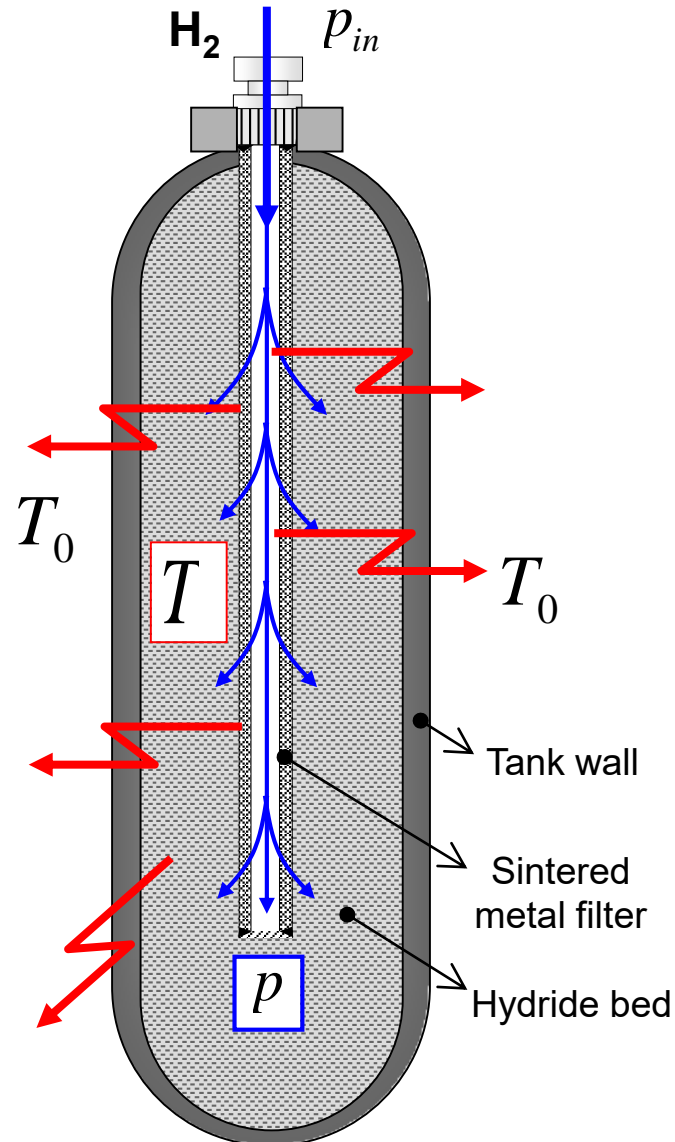
	CM100	CM400	CM900
powder production [kg/h]	5	20	45
production capacity [to]	480	1920	4320
~ processing costs [€/kg]	2,09 €	0,98 €	0,68 €

Hydride Based Storage System

Simulation, Development, Test and Demonstration

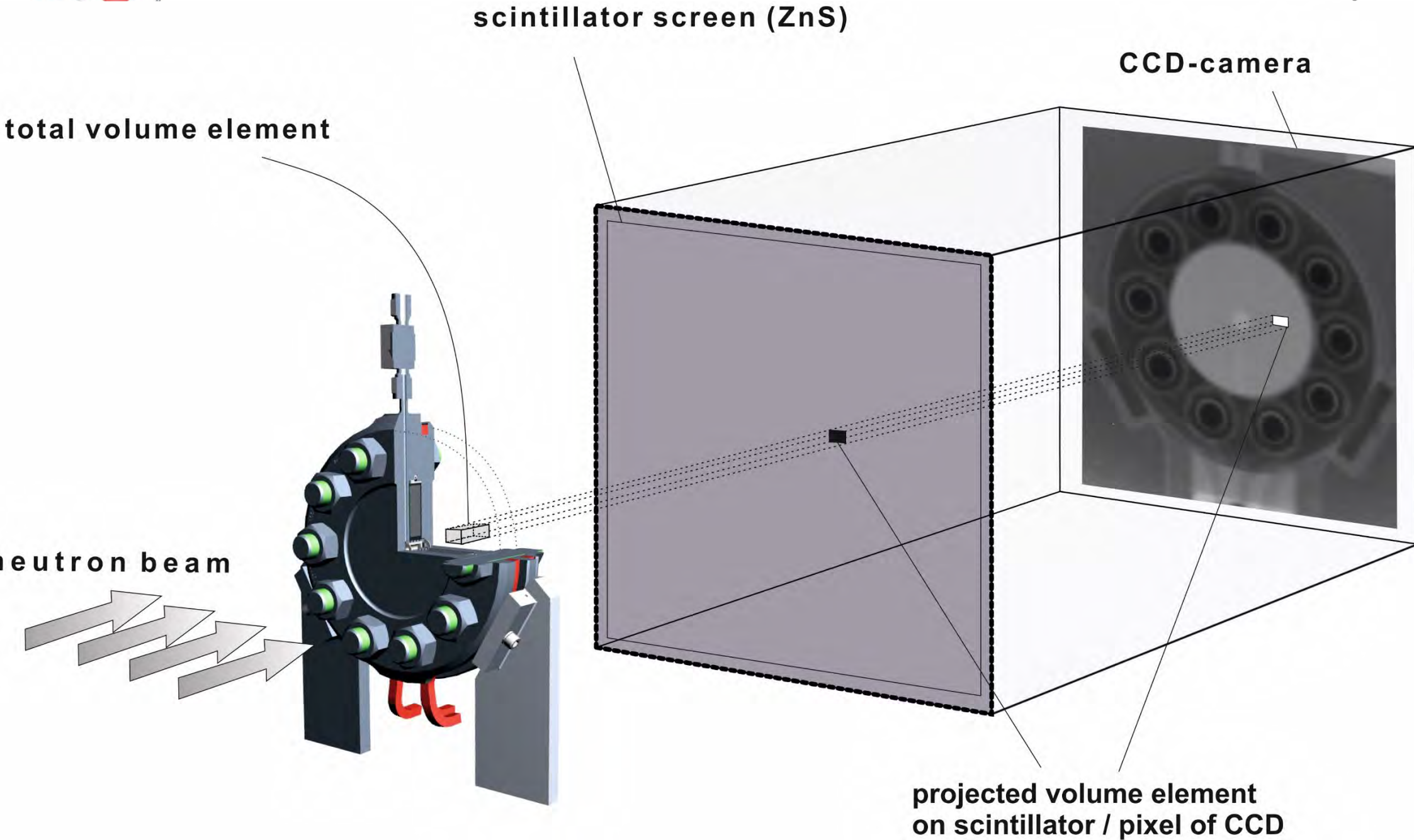
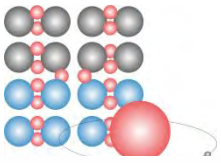


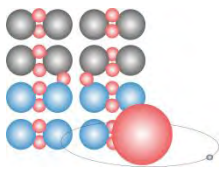
Process of Hydrogen Sorption



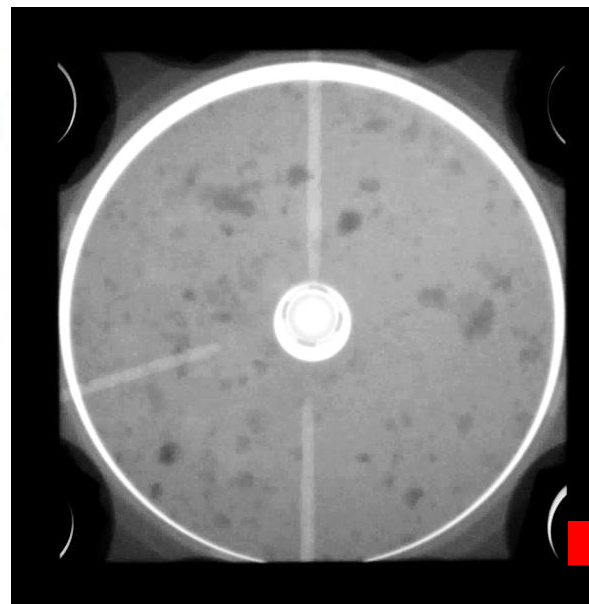
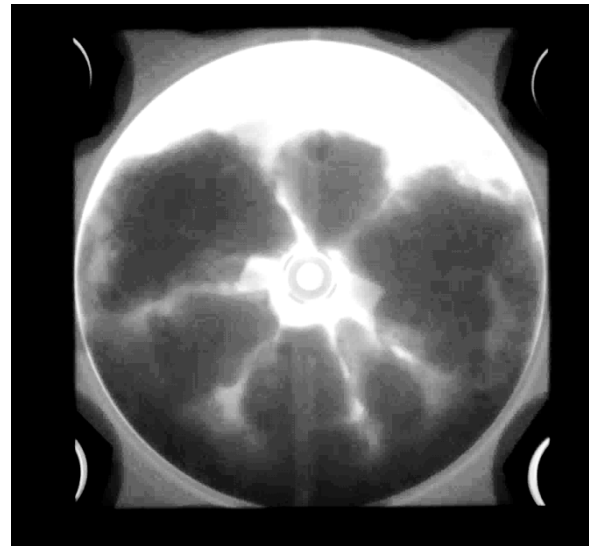
3 sequential subprocesses with different driving forces (d.f.):

- ① **Hydrogen flow**
- ② **Intrinsic kinetics**
- ③ **Heat Transfer**





Optimisation of Storage Tanks: Compaction

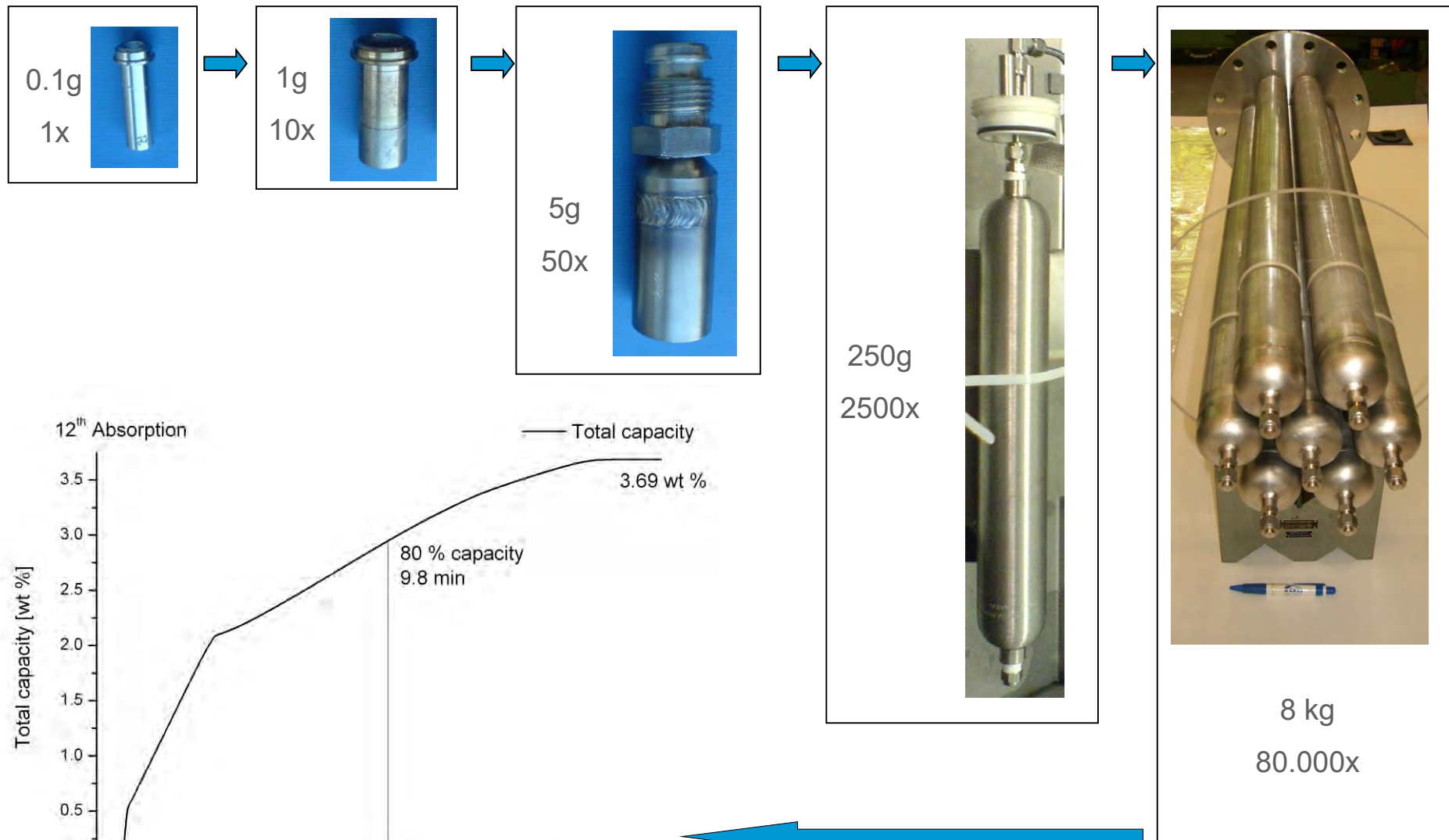


Oliver Metz

BERII; Conrad

**Compaction important
for increasing
volumetric and
gravimetric storage
density!**

Upscaling of Materials Testing





Hydrogen Storage Tank based on Complex Hydrides (NESSHY Project)



- Tube and shell design with external cooling, following previous successful design of the 8 kg alanate tank
- Lightweight materials studied for both the internal and external vessels
- Alanate compacted to tablets to increase capacity





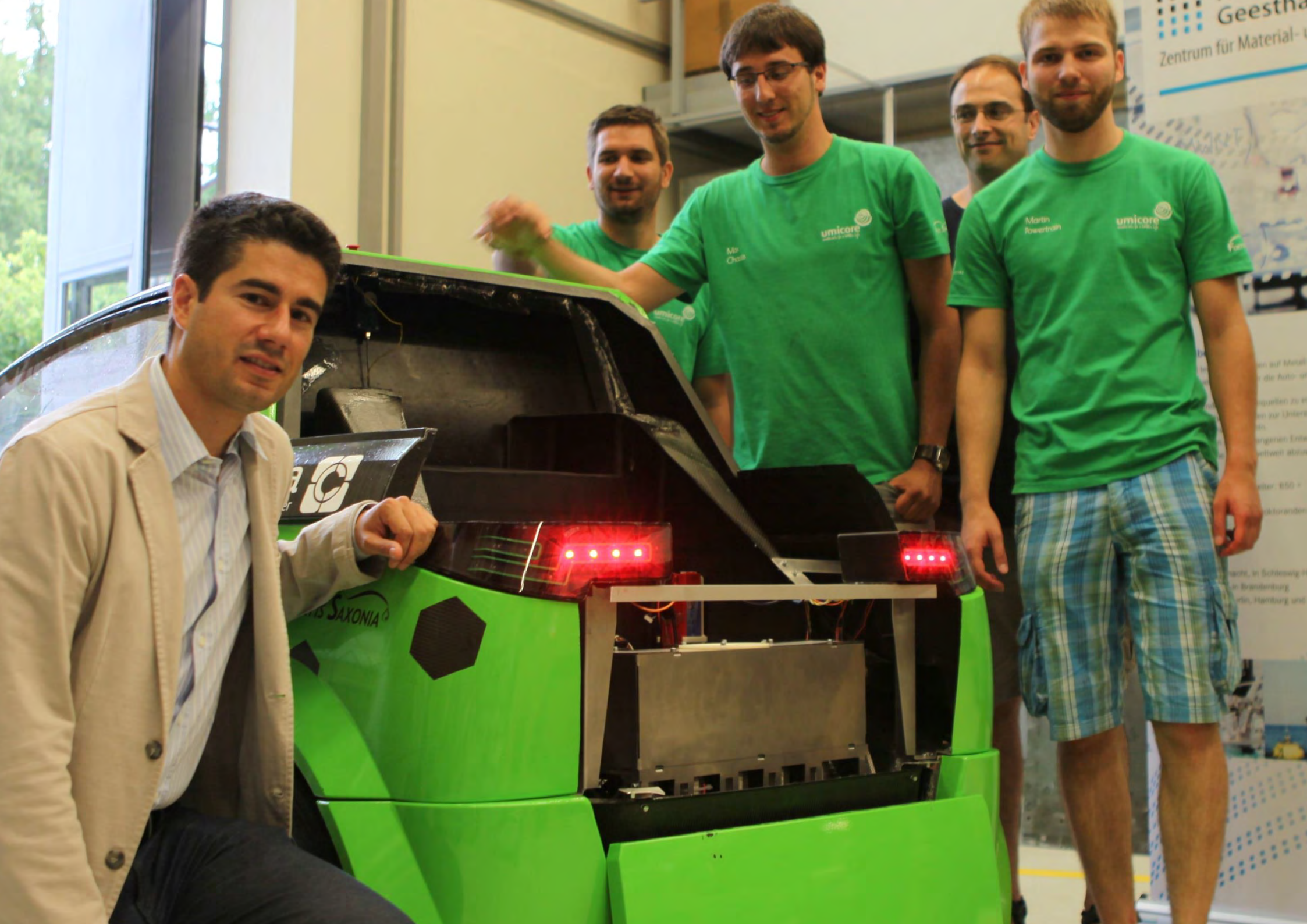
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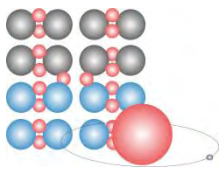
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The Ecobee car



EcoBee

- Urban Concept car
 - Year of construction: 2014
 - Weight: **< 200 kg**
 - Fuel cell power: ca. **1 kW**
 - Max. speed: **50 km/h**
 - 1st Shell Eco-marathon: 2014
 - Best result: **30 km/kWh**
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- Tank: 1 L compressed H₂
at 200 bar ...*until today!*

**FORTIS SAXONIA**



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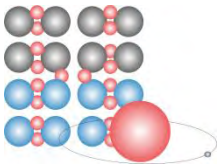
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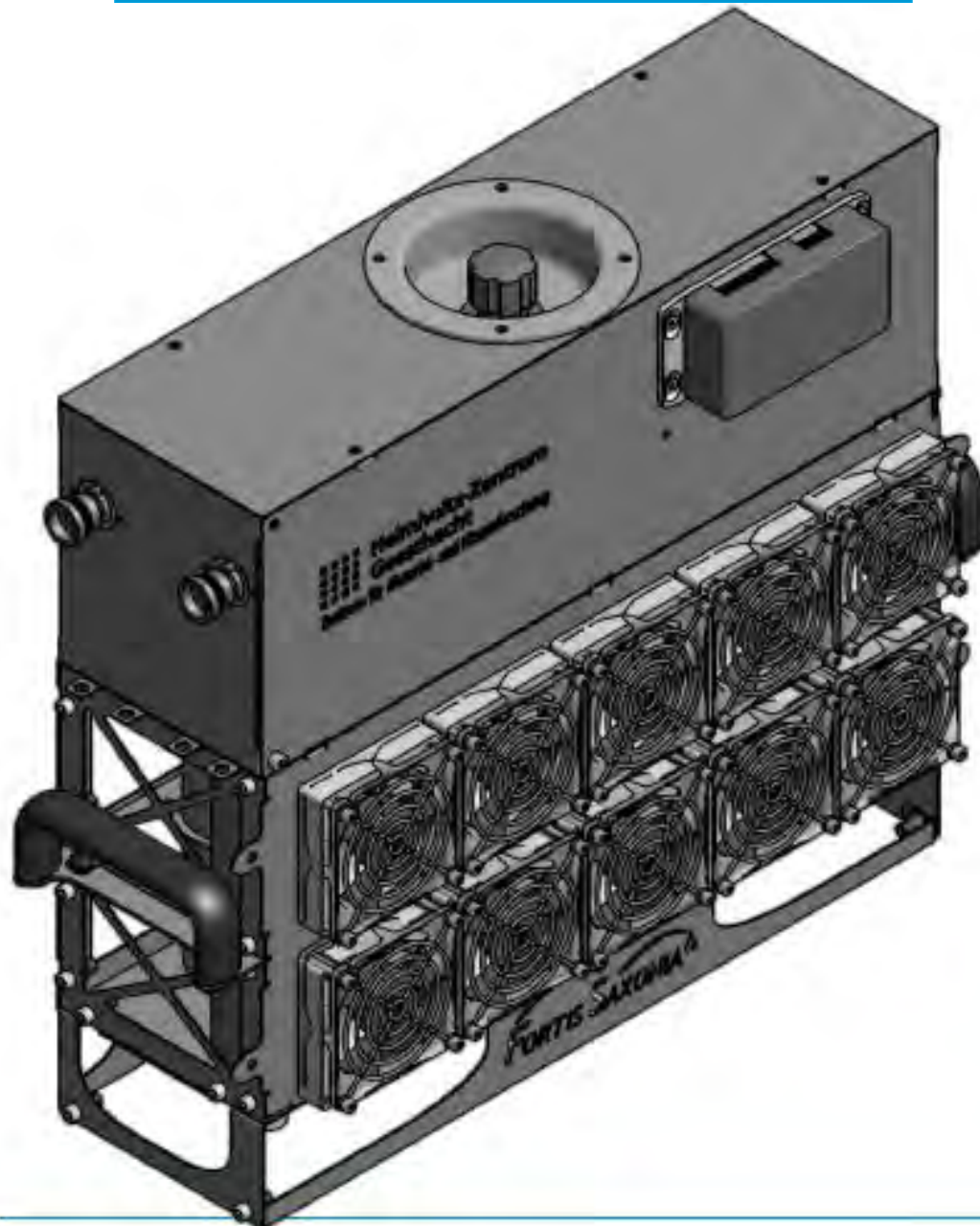
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The storage system



1 Module:

- 0,285 L and 960 g of hydride
- ~17 g H₂ stored
- Positive results

5 Modules:

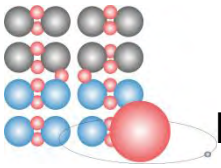
- 4720 g of hydride and ~85 g of H₂
- Relief valve added

10 Modules:

- ~10 Kg hydride and ~170 g H₂
- Positive full scale testing

Frame and casing:

- Stable and robust
- Ancillaries and connections



Hydrogen Tank Testing Facility (HTTF) Schematic overview



- Flow controller
- Data recording
- Process control



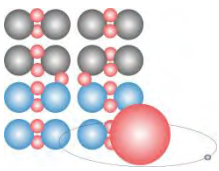
- Test chamber
- Hydride tank
- Vacuum pumps



- Thermal generator
- Heating and cooling
- Thermal fluid







Current and recently finished third party projects on metal hydrides / hydrogen storage

	2018-2021	<u>H2Hybridtank</u> : Development of a cost efficient hybrid high pressure – hydride hydrogen storage system for mobile applications	Coord.: Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht Centre for Materials and Coastal Research
	2018-2020	<u>MSCA-Rise: Hydride4Mobility</u> : Hydr. fueled utility vehicles and support systems using metal hydrides	
	2018-2020	High Efficient Adiabatic Hydrogen Storage Tank	
	2017-2019	Optimised hybrid hydrogen storage reservoir with opt. capacity	
	2016-2018	<u>BmBF "HyScore"</u> : Eff. H2-Storage through hierarchical porous core shell structures with incorporated light metal hydrides	
	2013-2018	IEA Hydrogen Implementation Agreement Task 32	
	2012-2017	Helmholtz Energy Materials Characterization Platform	
	2012-2017	<u>HyFill-Fast</u> : Fast efficient H2 storage	
	2013-2017	EU ITN "ECOSTORE"	Coord.: Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht Centre for Materials and Coastal Research
	2014-2017	Helmholtz-CAS Project "RevHy"	
	2016-2017	PPP Australien	
	2011-2015	EU MPNS COST Action "MP 1103"	
	2012-2015	FCHJU Project "BOR4STORE"	Coord.: Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht Centre for Materials and Coastal Research
	2013-2015	Concert Japan CP iTHEUS	

