



FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN
JOINT UNDERTAKING

***Research activities
for stationary
applications***

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PANEL 4

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STATIONARY APPLICATIONS

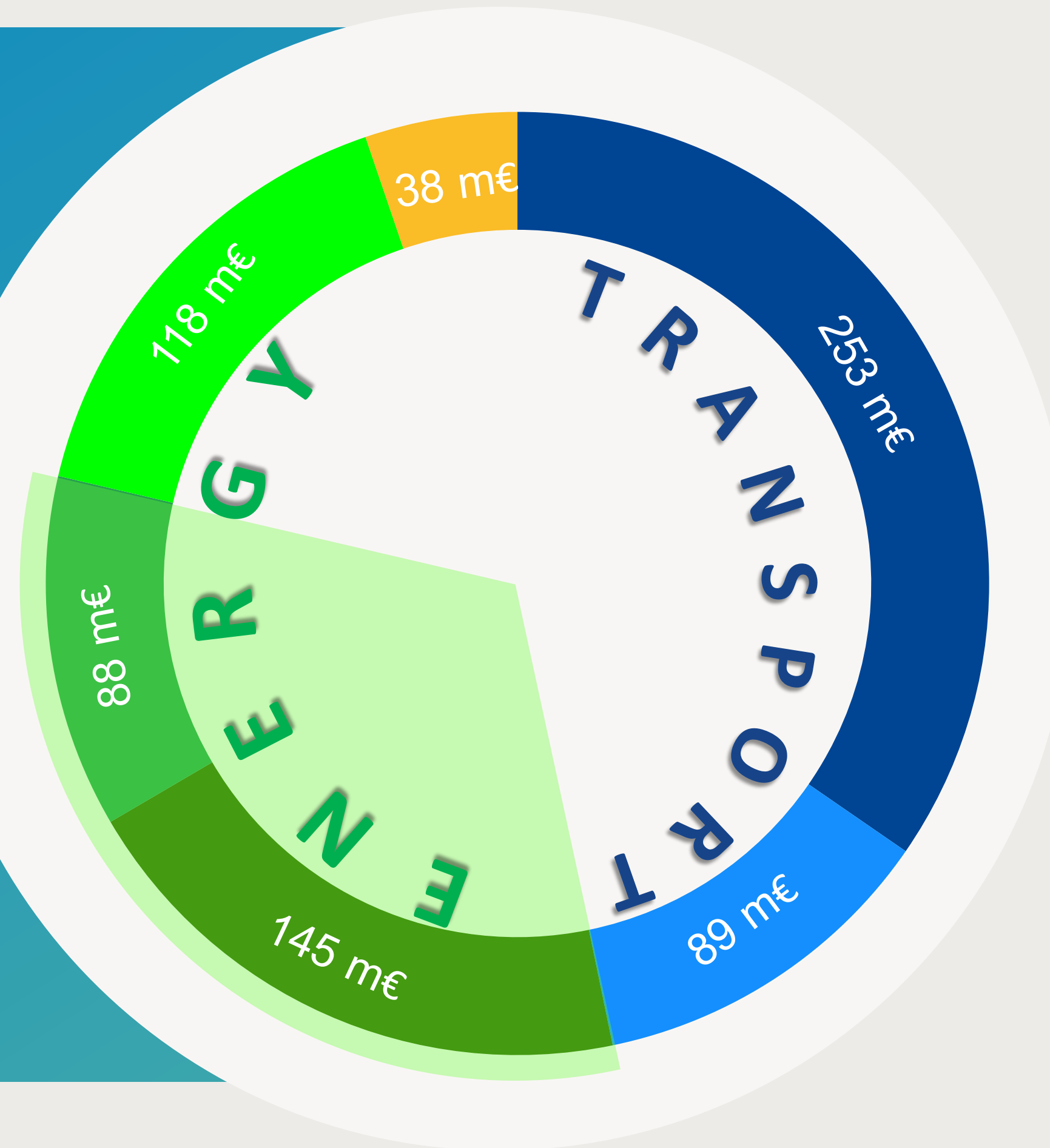
Fuel cells for combined heat and power



Related FCH JU objectives



Increase the efficiency and the durability of fuel cells for power production, while reducing costs



Stationary

32 %



233 Mill Euros

70 Projects

Research

12 %



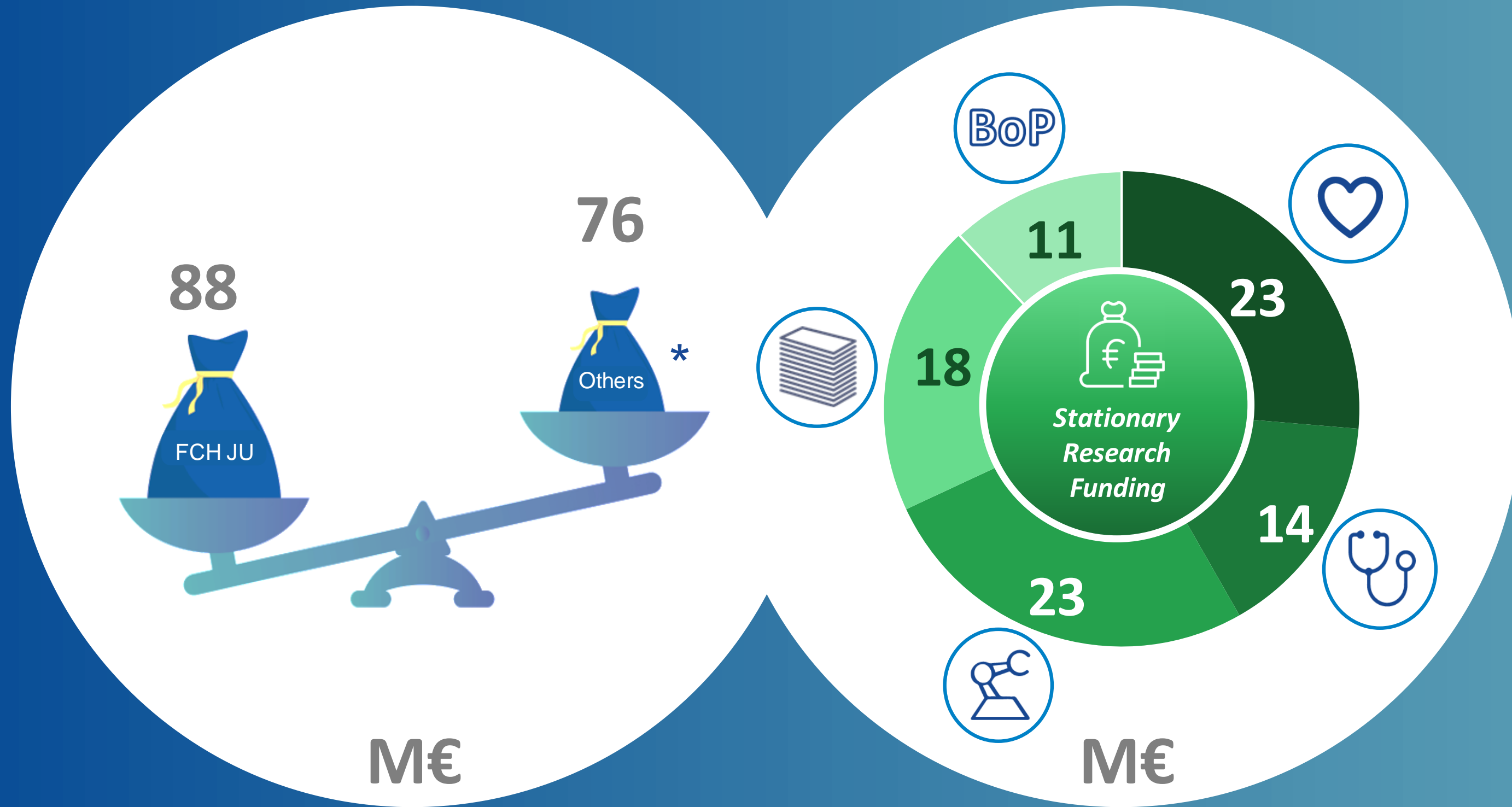
88 M€

42 Projects



Research portfolio

42 projects – 165 M€



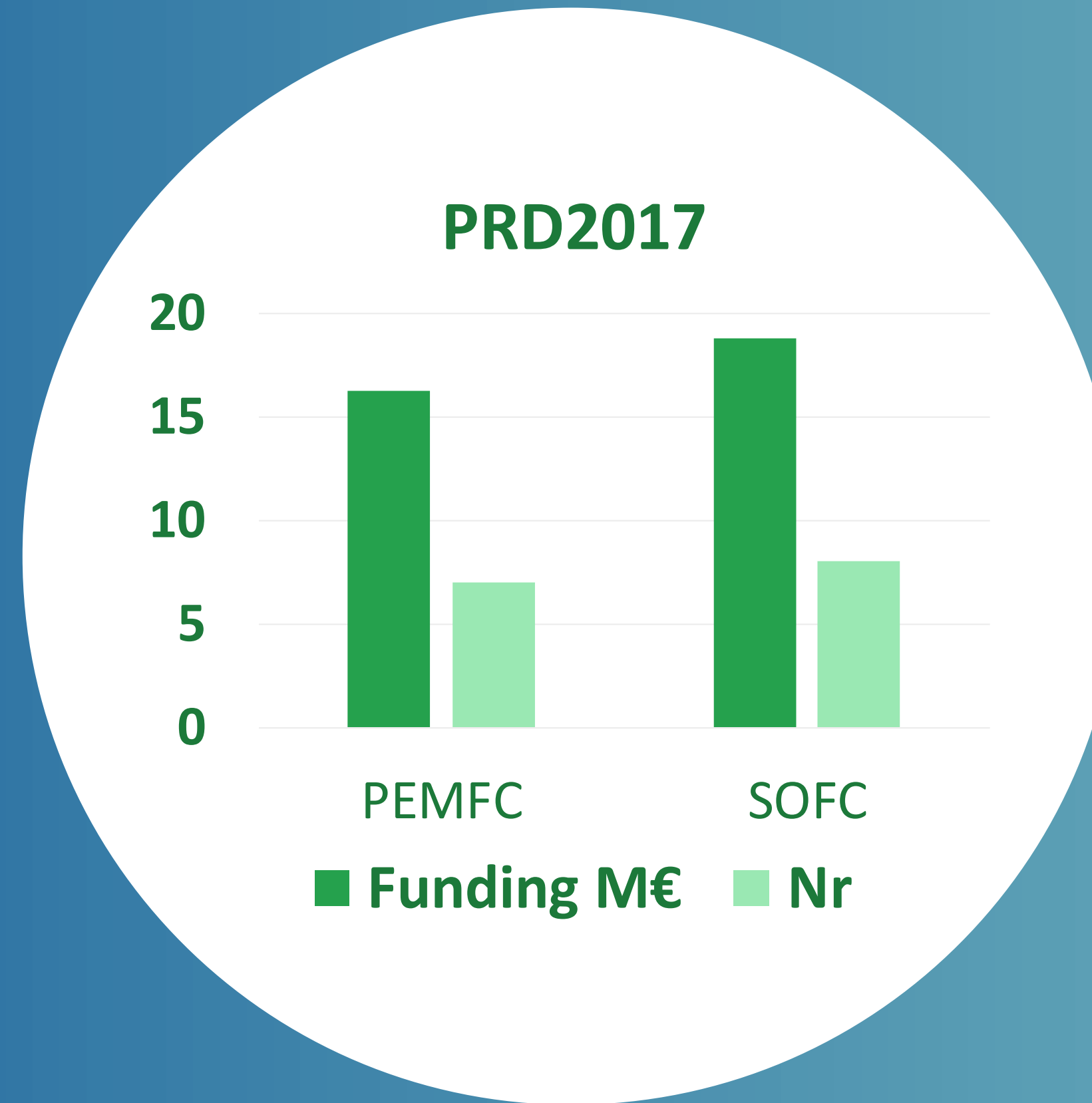
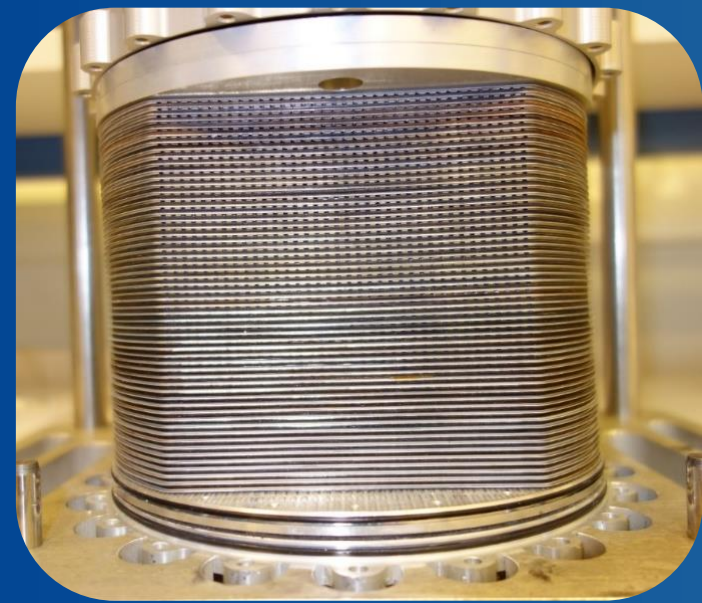
- Degradation and Lifetime
- Diagnostics, Monitoring and Control
- Next generation stack and cell design
- Balance of Plant
- Manufacturing

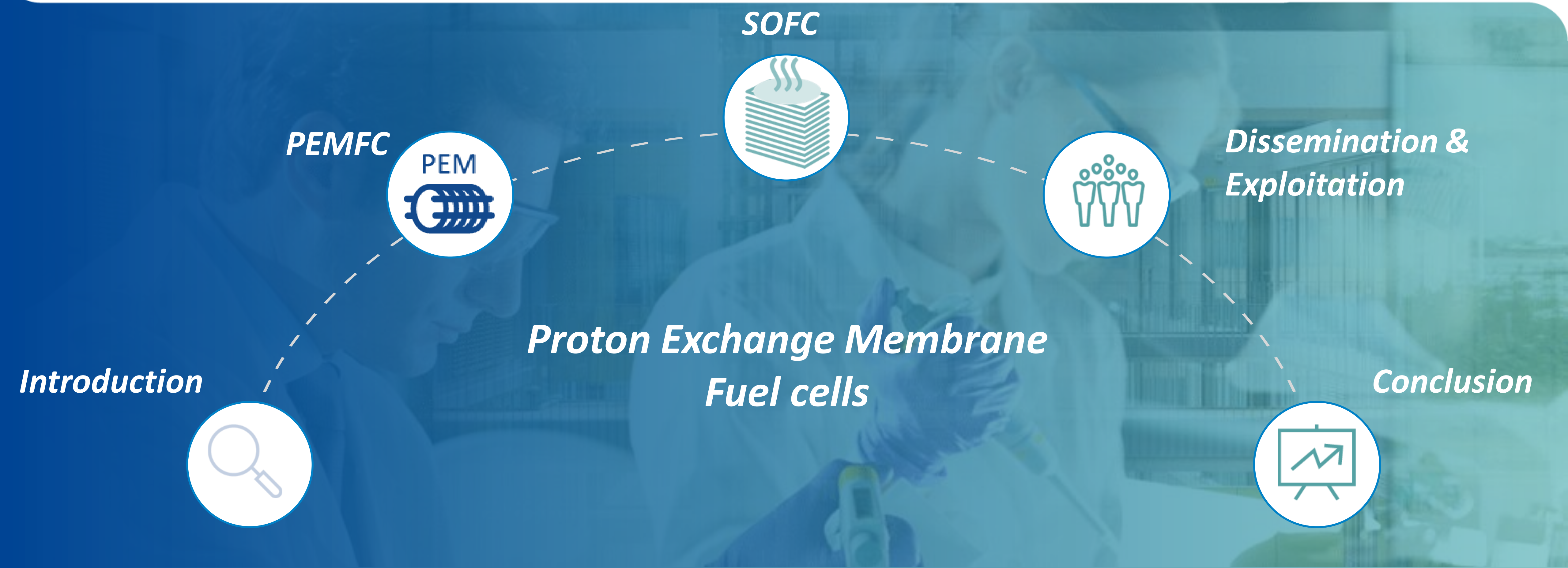


* Other resources including private and national/regional funding

From lab scale to mass manufacturing

Technology neutral approach – Wide research scope





PEMFC – Improvements on MEAs lead to increased lifetimes

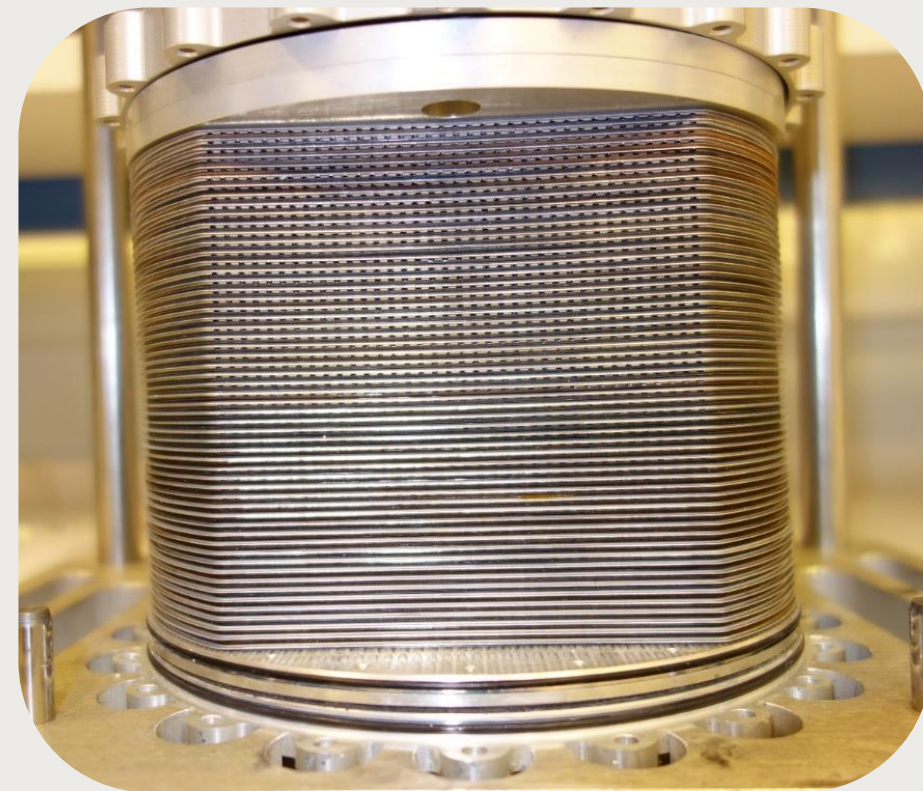
Both Low and High temperature PEMFC projects show strong focus on improving MEAs



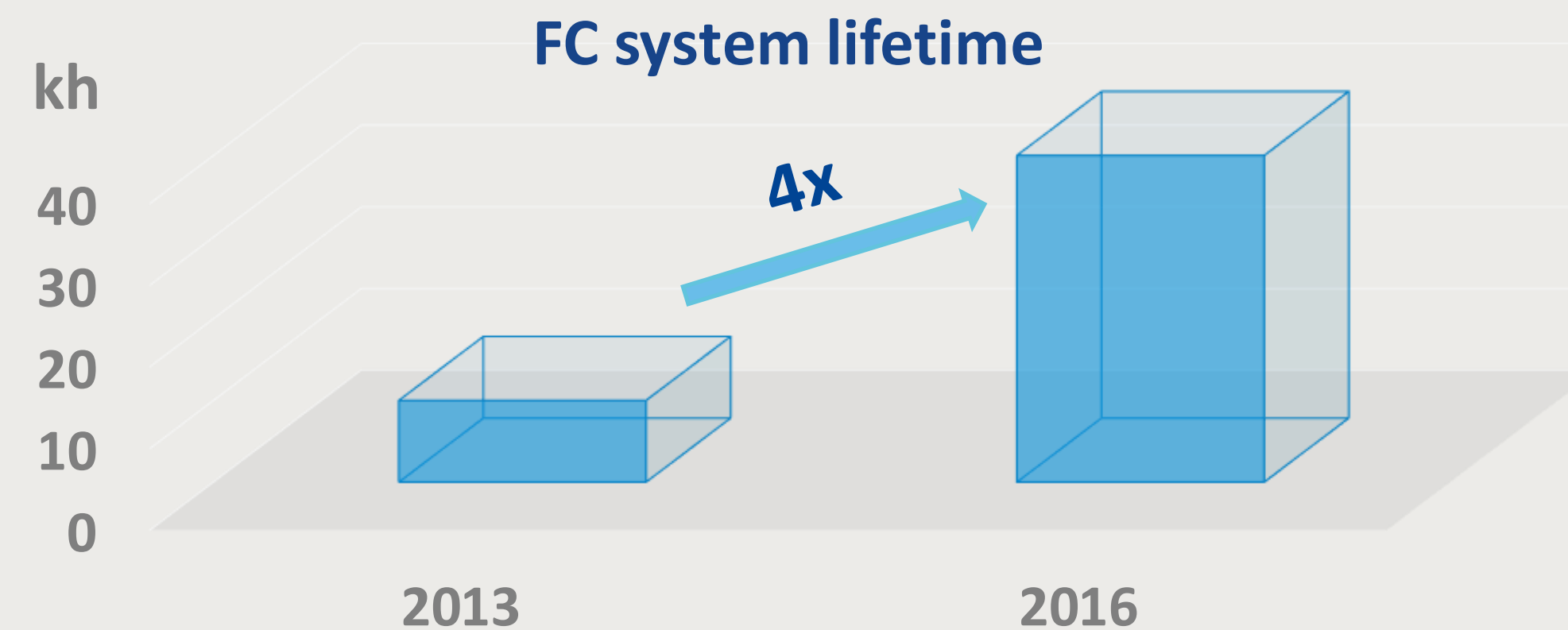
- Degradation mechanisms
- Improving Modelling accuracy
- Validation of improved components

- On-board EIS
- Fault Detection/Prevention
- Aims at 30% lifetime increase

- Improved current distribution
- Stable HT-PEM membranes



Breakthrough lifetimes



Tackling degradation

At MEA level	At system level	Start/Stop Cycles
3 μ V/h	0.5%/1000h	46 with no deg.



Automation reducing costs even at low production volumes

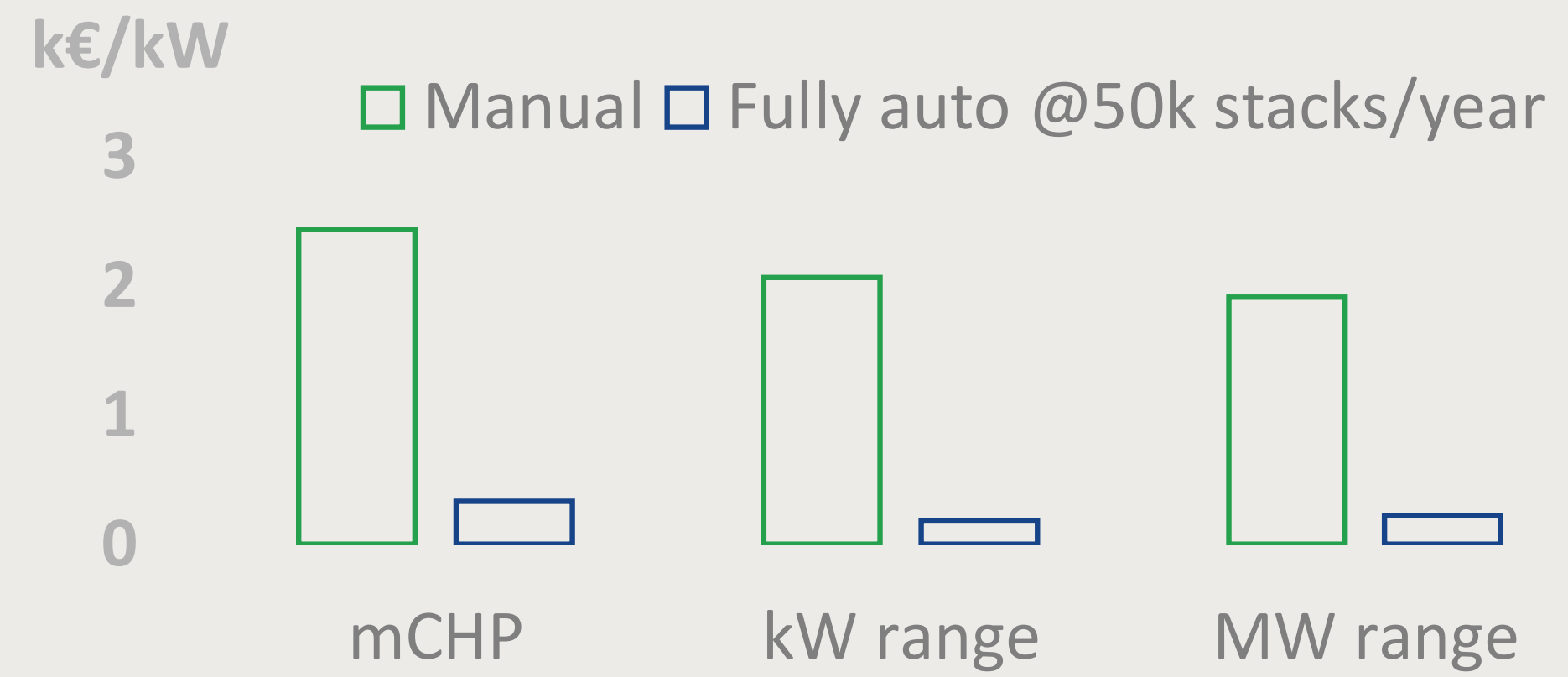
Minimising use of critical raw materials



- Validation of screen printing pilot line
- Validation of automated assembly of MEAs

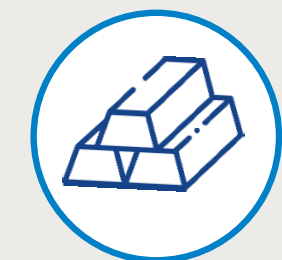
- Flexible reformers for mCHP
- Bio-ethanol reformer
- BoP target of €2,300/kW

- Low platinum MEAs
- CO tolerance increase



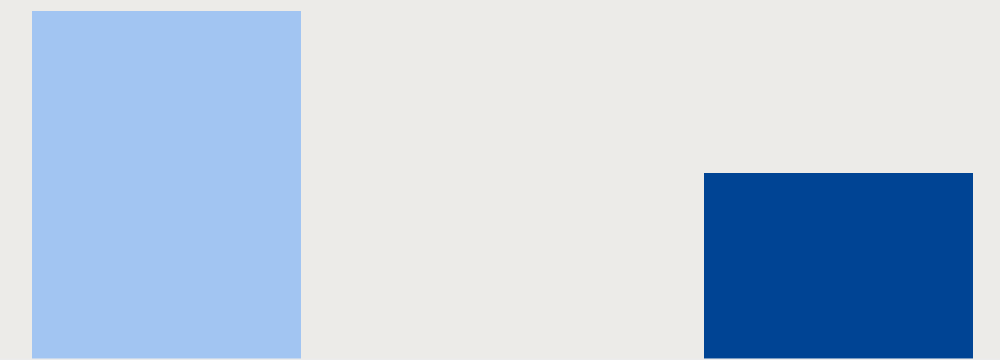
80% future reduction of cost

Minimising the use of critical raw materials



40% reduction of platinum loading recorded

Reported Costs



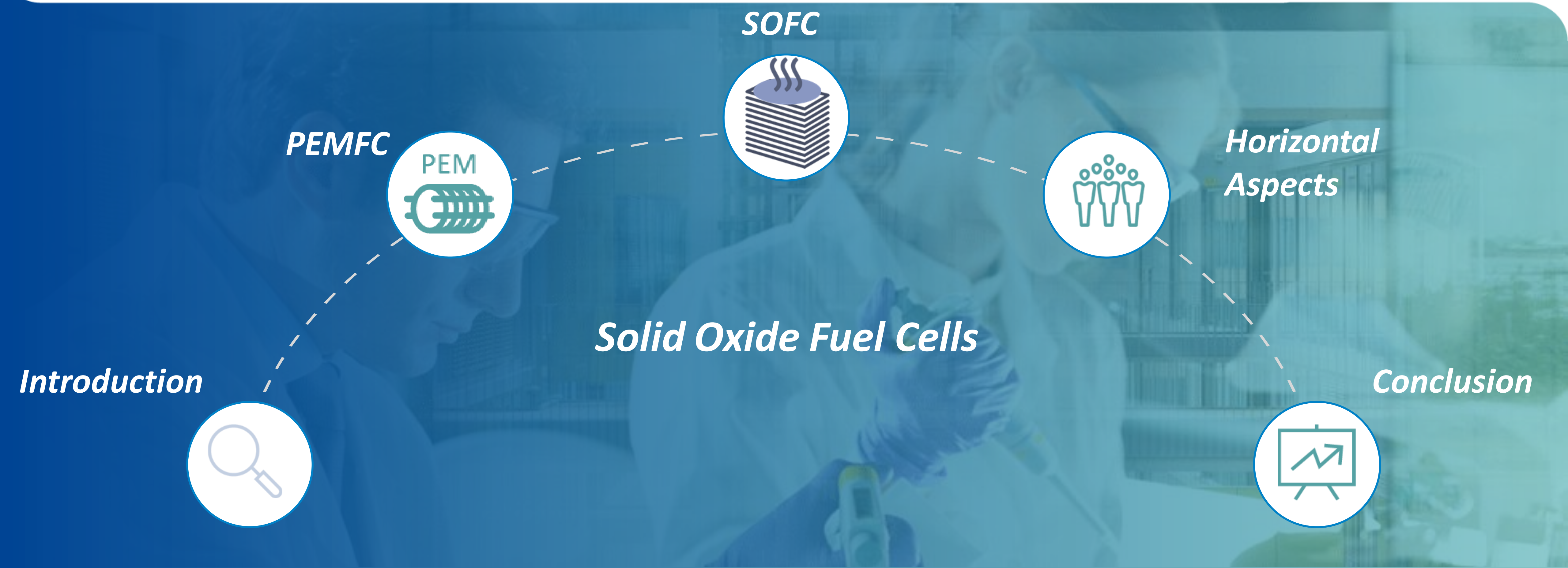
2800 1500

Stack cost €/kW

Actual @mass manufacturing

47% reduction





SOFC – Stack durability pushed beyond state of the art

Ambitious target set for 2020 : 90,000h of stack lifetime



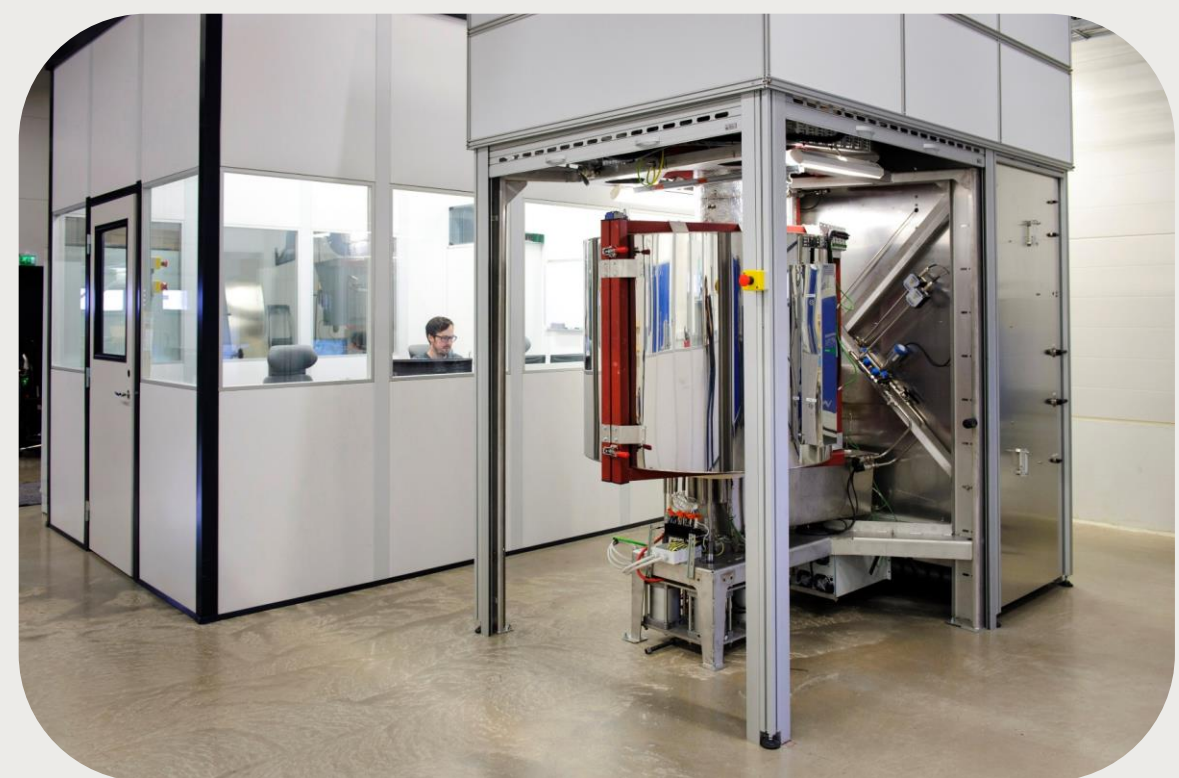
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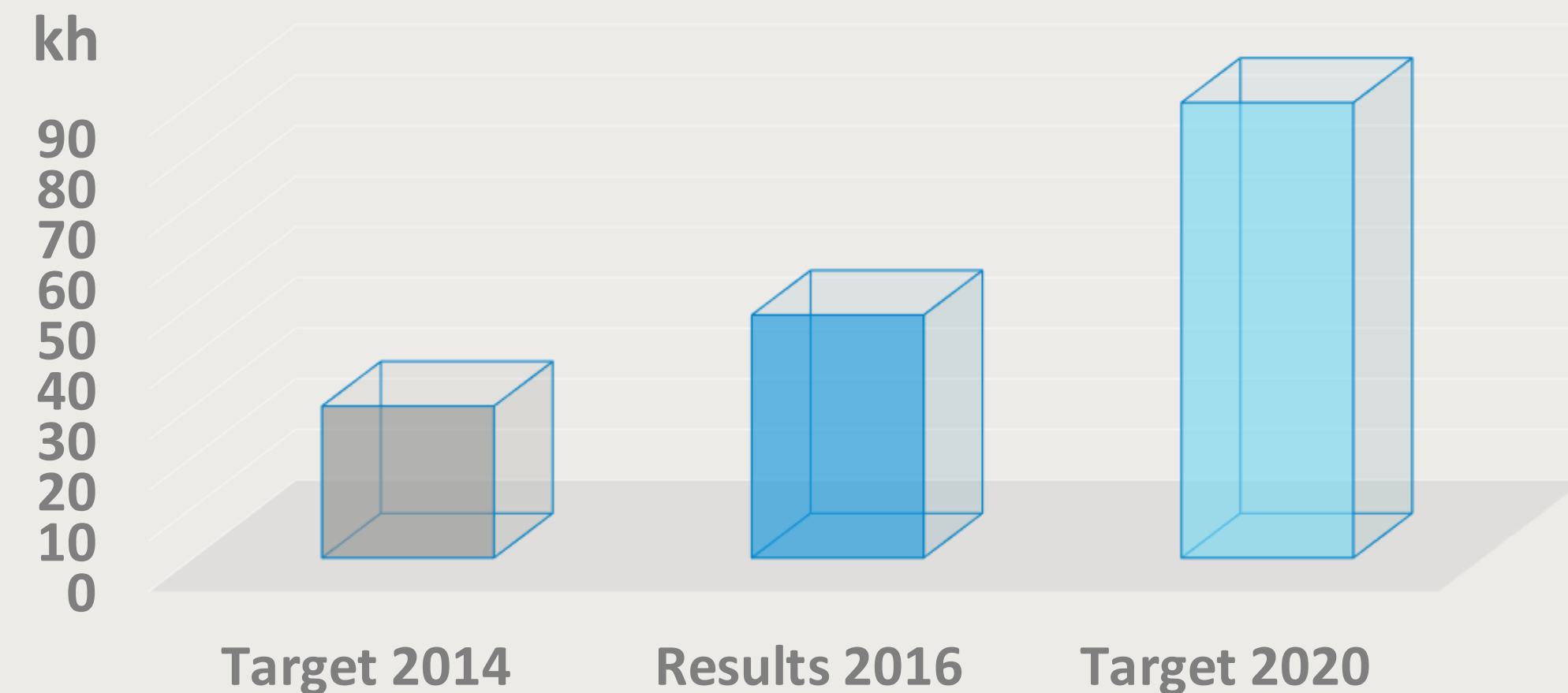
- Total harmonic distortion analysis
- Fault Detection/Prevention



- Sealants for higher thermal cycling
- Innovative Interconnect designs
- Coatings limiting Cr evaporation



Lifetimes projections for 80kh



Electrical Efficiencies exceeding targets

Efficiency @Stack level	Voltage degradation @stack level	Efficiency @system level
$\eta_{el} = 74\%$	0.2%/1000h	$\eta_{el} = 60\%$

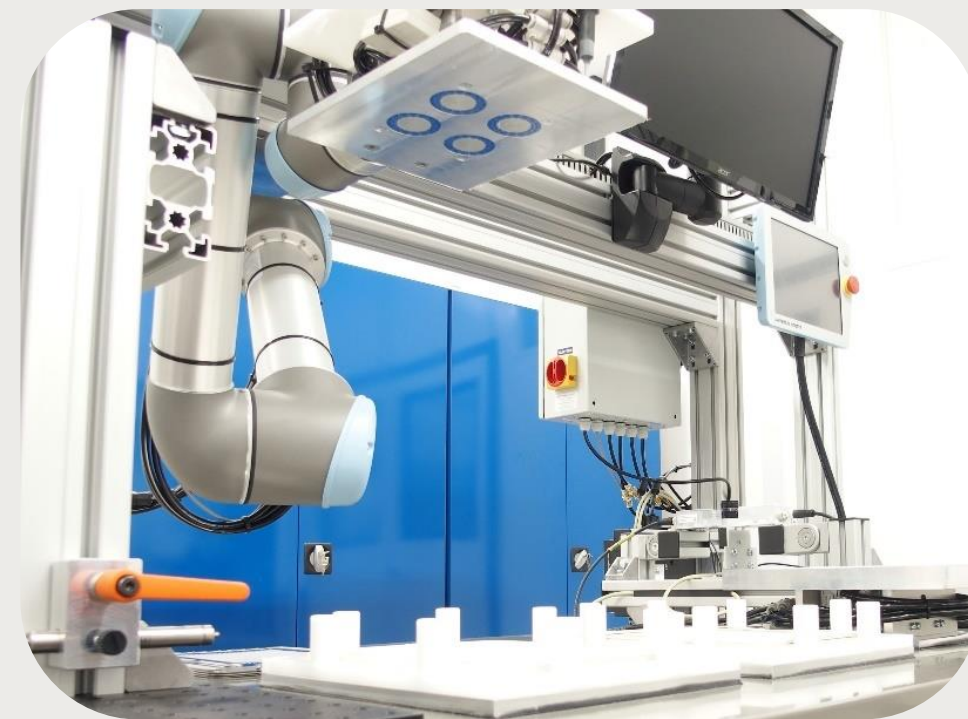


SOFC – Manufacturing picking up leading to cost reductions

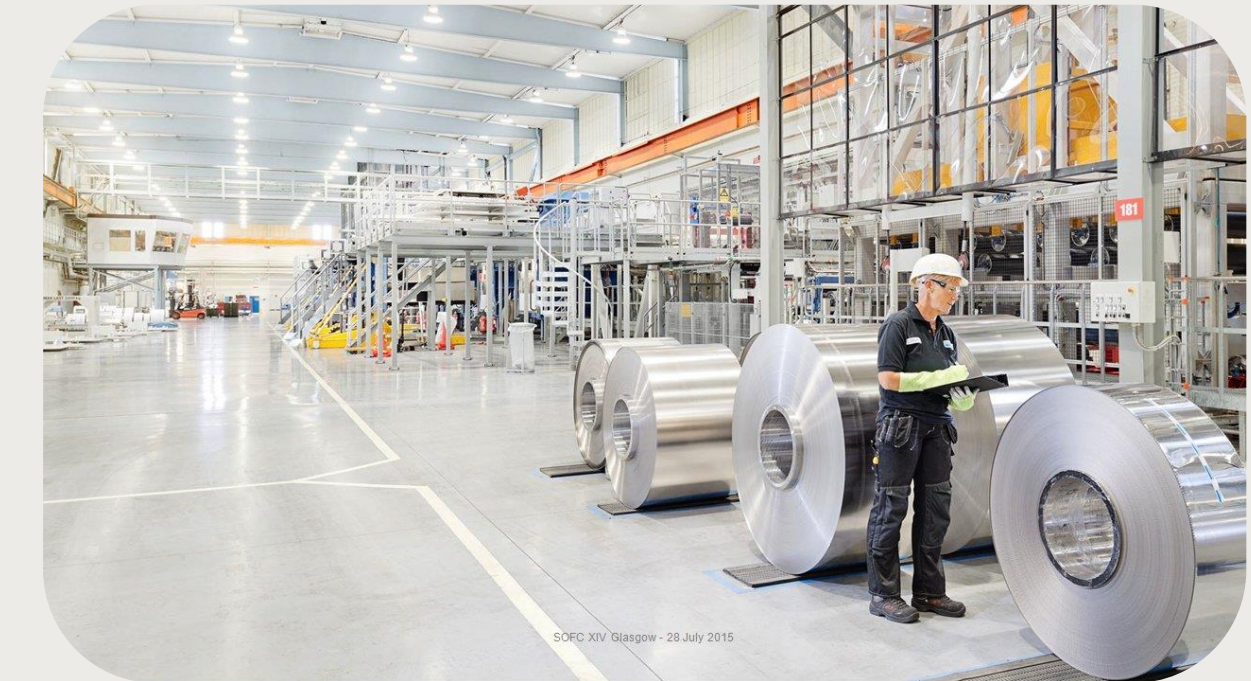
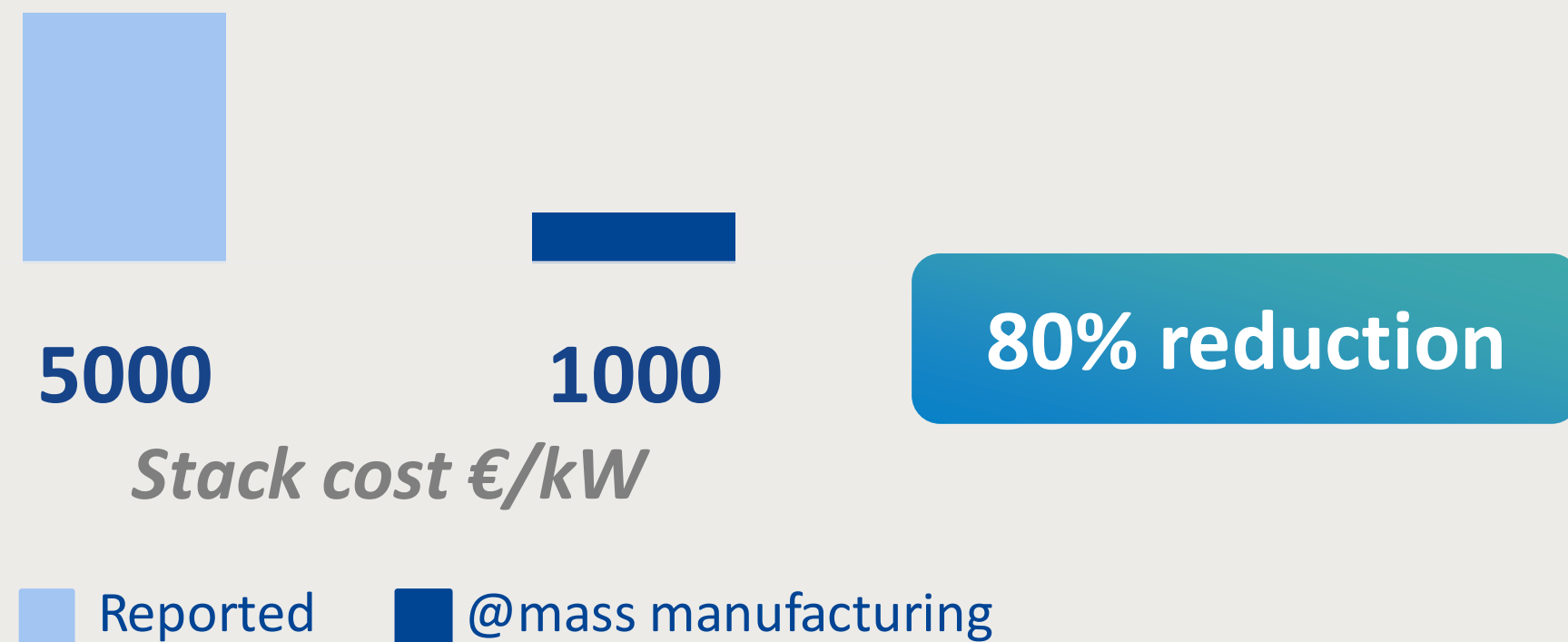
Half of the projects had manufacturing as their central theme



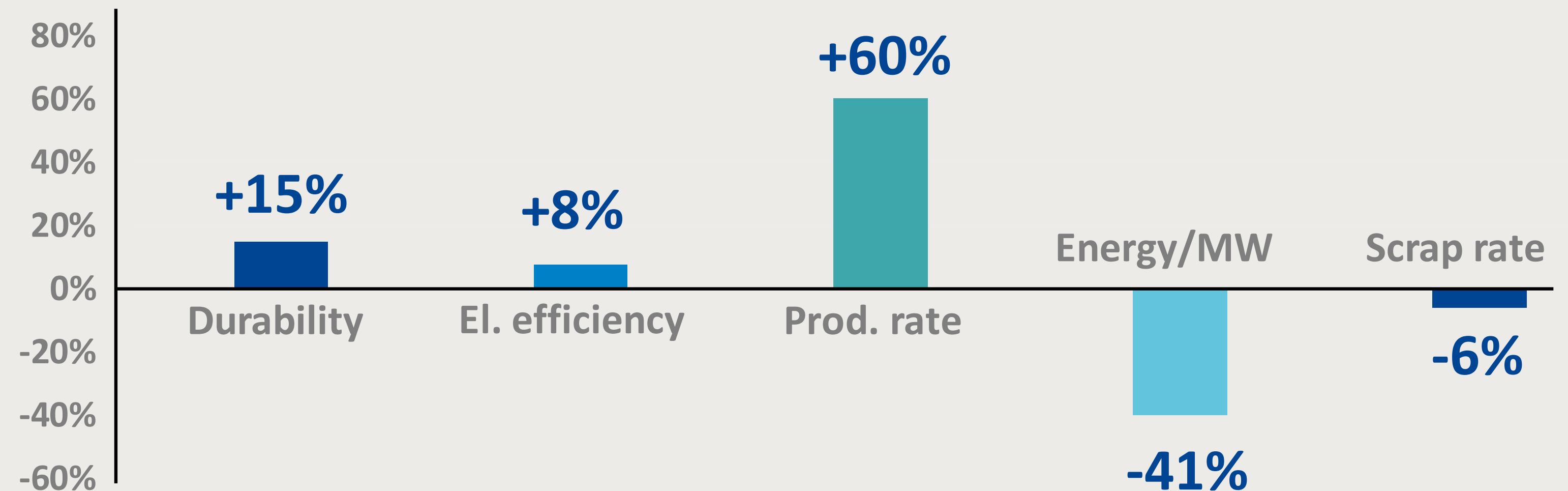
- Stack conditioning
- Lean Manufacturing
- 3D printing
- Interconnect manufacturing



Manufacturing focus already delivering results



Reference Vs Project Process Improvement

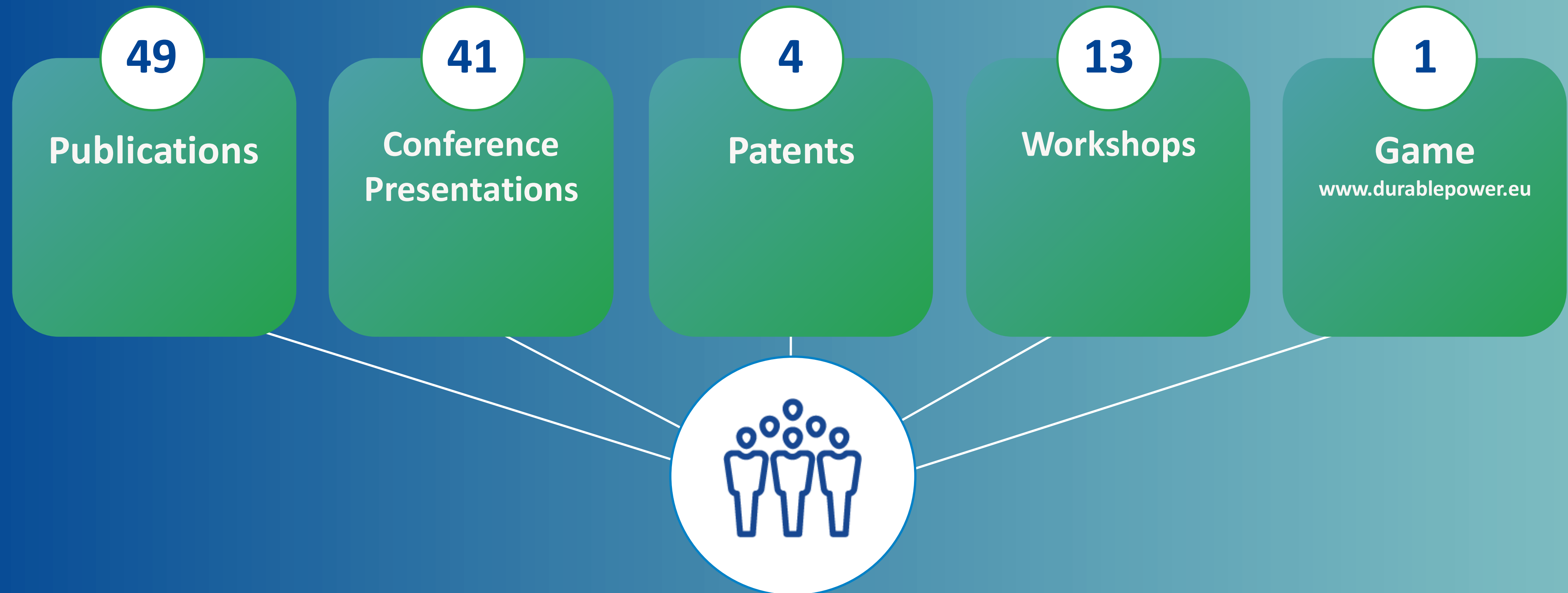


Research Portfolio



Dissemination contributing to open science

Widening the audience for dissemination from scientists and academia to high school students



Research Portfolio



Research providing the foundations for next generation systems



Pushing stack durabilities beyond the state of the art



Improved stack designs lead to increased electrical efficiencies



Manufacturing taking a central role





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