



# **SSH2S (256653) Fuel Cell Coupled Solid State Hydrogen Storage Tank**

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# SSH2S in figure

**Beginning:**  
**Feb. 1st, 2011**

**End:**  
**Sept. 30th, 2014**

**Duration:**  
**42 months**

**Budget:**  
**3.5 M€ Total**  
**1.6 M€ JU**  
**contribution**

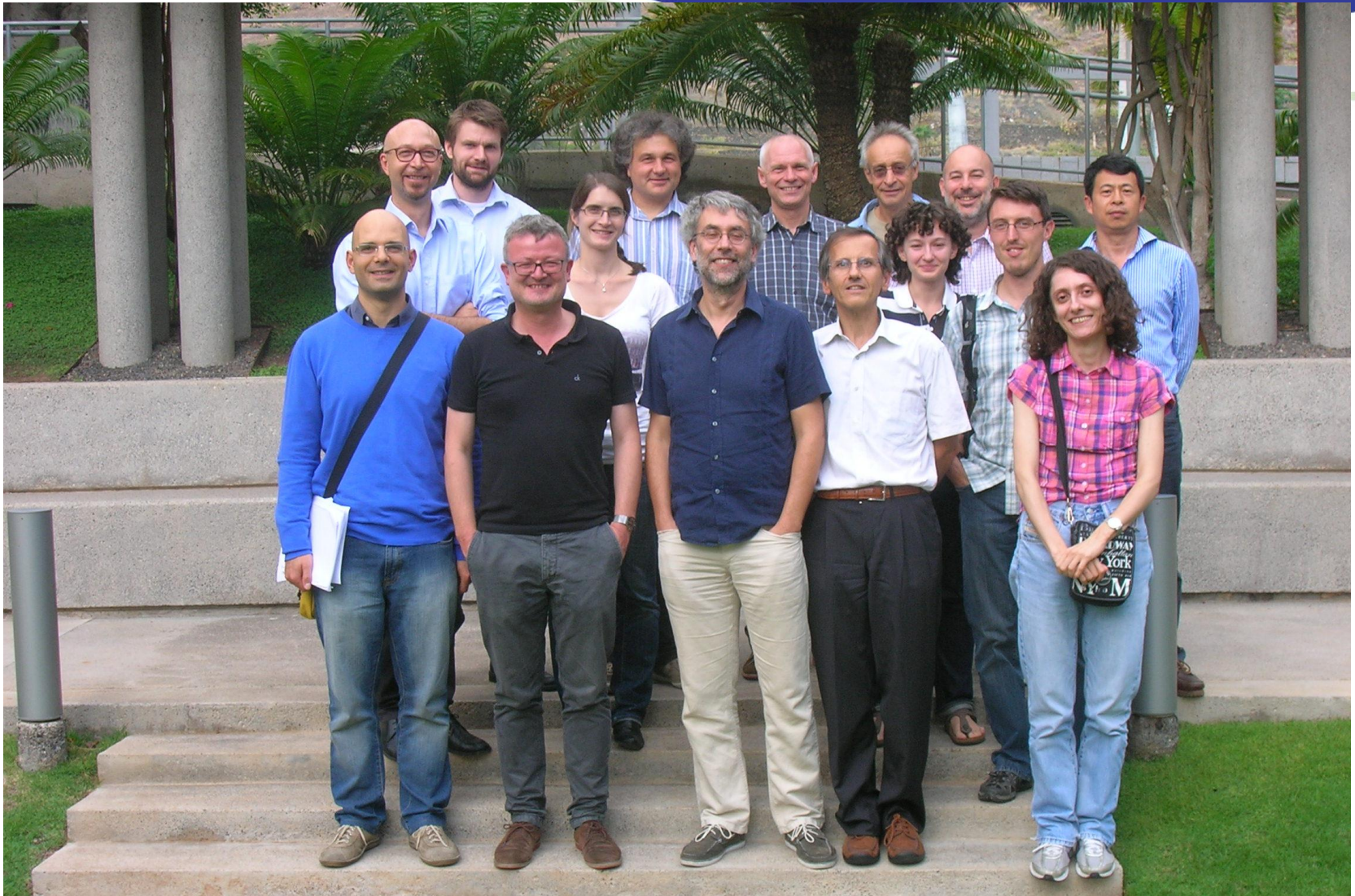
**Partners:**  
**4 research + JRC**  
**3 industries**

Beneficiary Number *	Beneficiary name	Beneficiary short name	Country
1. (Coordinator) 	Università di Torino	UNITO	Italy
2. 	Institute for Energy Technology	IFE	Norway
3. 	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	KIT	Germany
4. 	Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V.	DLR	Germany
5. 	Tecnodelta s.r.l.	TD	Italy
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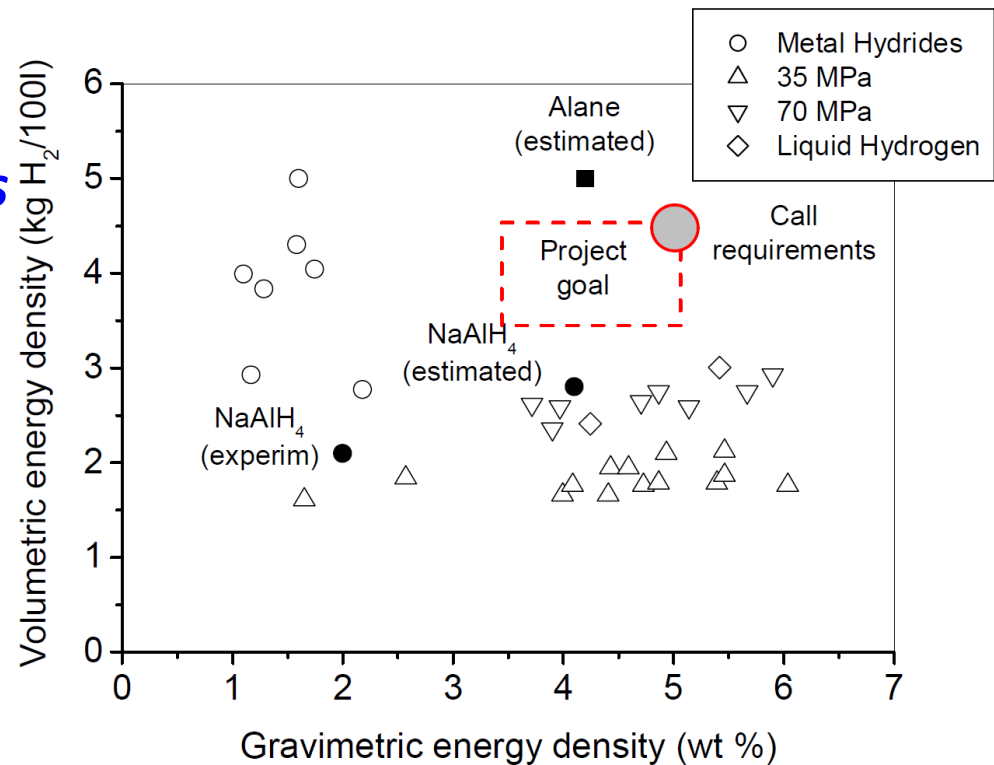
# SSH2S in picture





# SSH2S goals

- **Integration** between hydrogen storage system and HT-PEM fuel cell
- Development of **new materials** with high gravimetric and volumetric **energy density**
- Technically relevant loading **temperature and pressure**
- **Loading time and stability** of performances after several cycles
- New **tank** for supply of **hydrogen flow**.
- Low **cost**



**Volumetric and gravimetric energy density of hydrogen storage systems**





# SSH2S challenges

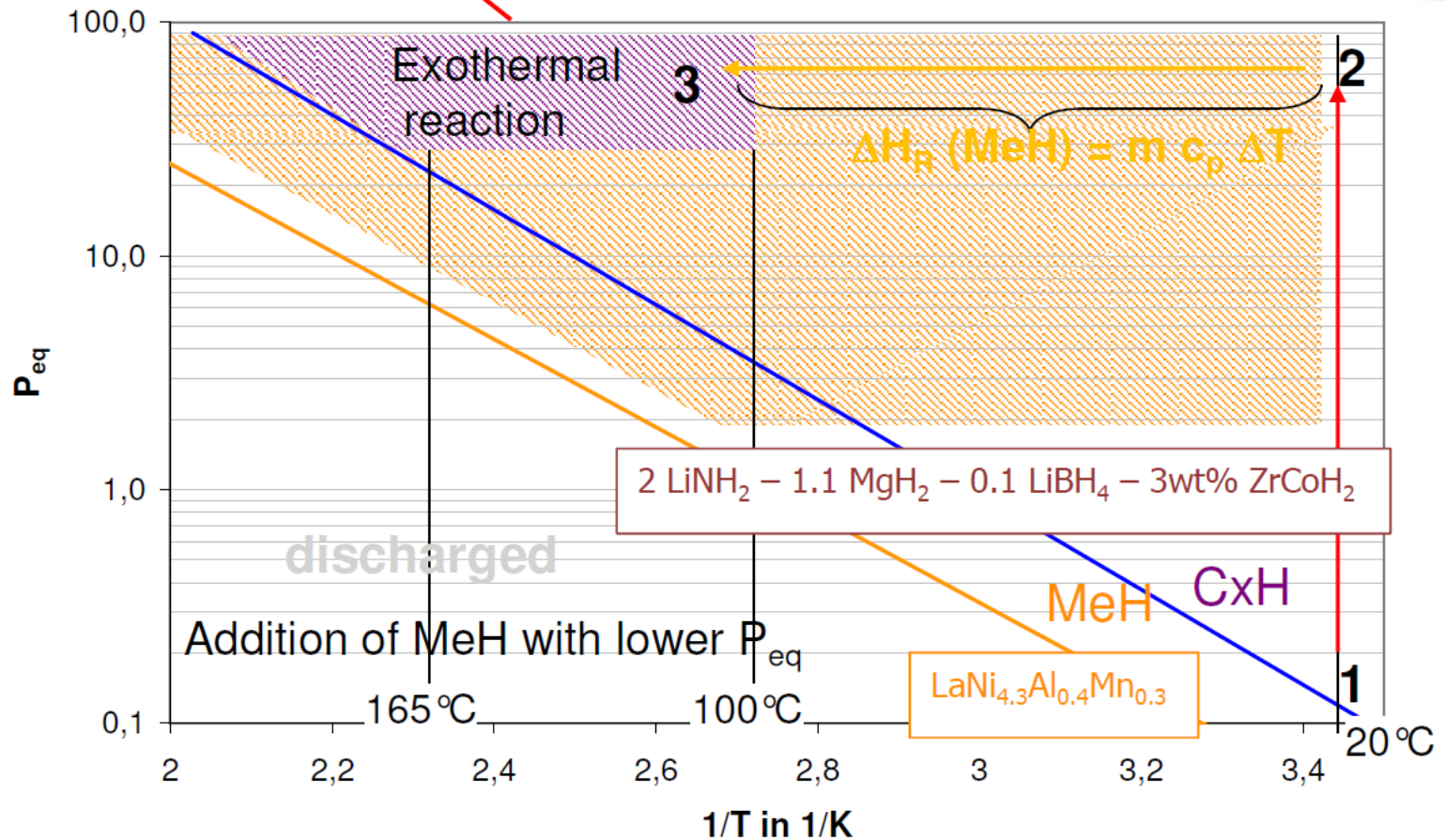
- *Design, synthesis and physico-chemical characterization, of existing and **novel materials for solid state hydrogen storage**.*
- ***New two-materials concept for the tank**, combining hydrogen sorption properties of complex hydrides and metal hydrides.*
- *Development of a **prototype tank**.*
- ***Integration** of materials/tank systems with HT-PEM Fuel Cell (1 kWel).*
- *Application of the integrated system as **APU** for a LTV.*



*Lab-scale tank*



# SSH2S Combo concept



***Concept of reactor based on «double material»***



# SSH2S expected results

- An **up-scaled production of a material** with capacities of up to 4.5 H<sub>2</sub> wt%, fully reversible at 180 ° C.
- **High stability** on cycling.
- **New concepts** on the coupling of solid state hydrogen tank with HT-PEM fuel cells.
- Development of a **prototype 1 kW integrated system**
- Possible application to a 5 kW **APU**.
- Business opportunities for **MSE**.

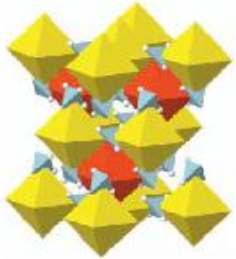


*Selected Full Electric Vehicle for APU*



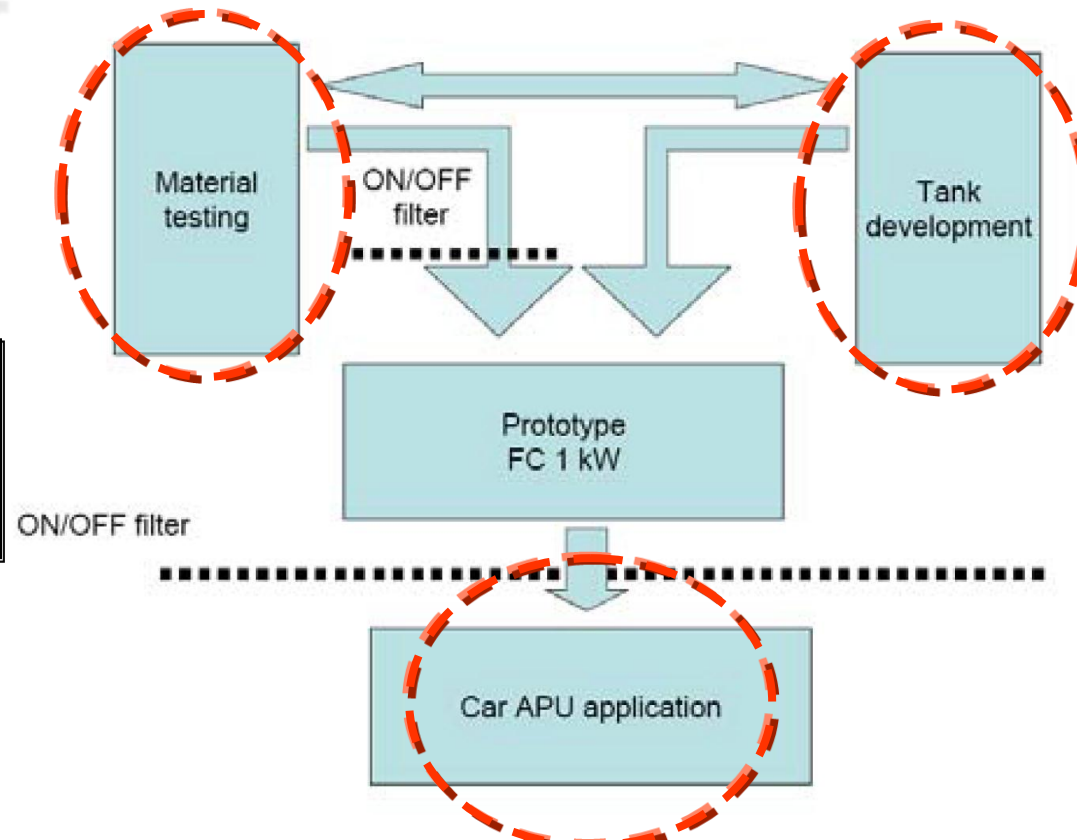


# SSH2S scheme



***From new materials to  
integrated APU system.***

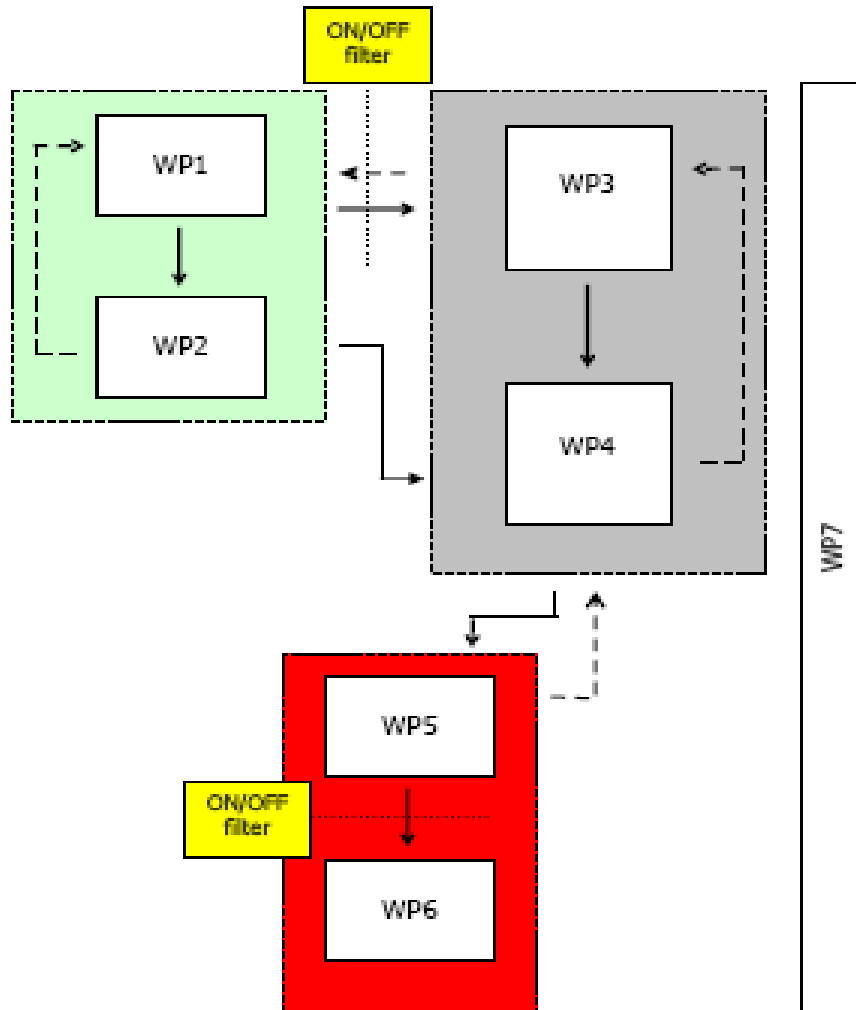
## INNOVATION







# SSH2S workplan



WP	Title	Type	Leader
1	Material Design and Synthesis	RTD	KIT
2	Materials Characterisation	RTD	IFE
3	Lab-scale Tank Development	RTD	DLR
4	Fabrication and Testing of Prototype Tank	RTD	TD
5	Tank-FC integration (1 kW <sub>el</sub> )	RTD	SER
6	Final User Test	DEM	CRF
7	Management	MGT	UNITO



# SSH2S WP1-2 results

- The role of *additives* on the *Li-Mg amide systems* have been explored.
- $2 \text{LiNH}_2 + 1.1 \text{MgH}_2 + 0.1 \text{LiBH}_4 + 3\text{wt\% ZrCoH}_3$  has been selected and prepared in up-scaling conditions.
- A batch of **3 kg** of complex hydride has been made available.
- A maximum **4.5 wt%** gravimetric density has been obtained, with good cyclability.
- Li-Mg amide systems have been shown to be *suitable* for the development of the hydrogen tank.

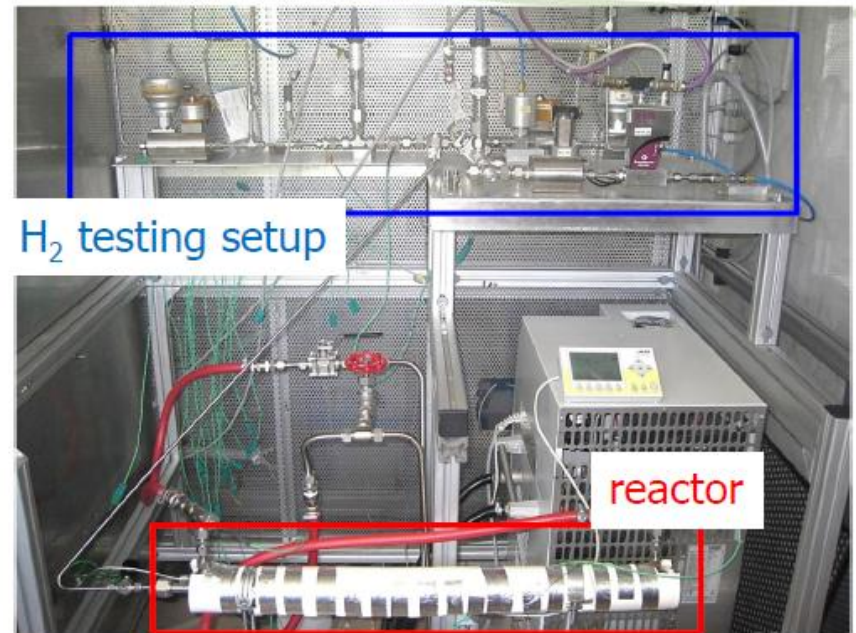


*Vibrational ball mill  
for large scale  
preparation*



# SSH2S WP3 results

- Experiments and calculations on **double materials** concept have demonstrated a significant synergic effect.
- Extended equations for **thermo-fluid-dynamic modelling** have been set up.
- Two different **lab scale tanks** have been designed and put in operation to test different combination of mixed materials.



*Testing setup with integrated tank  
(600 g)*

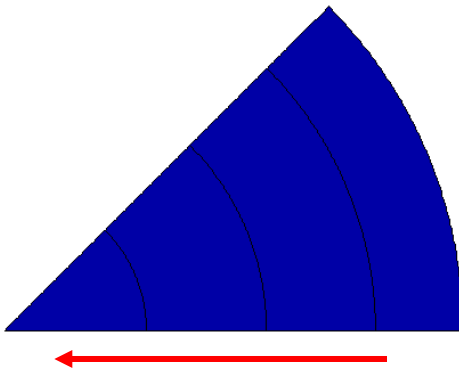




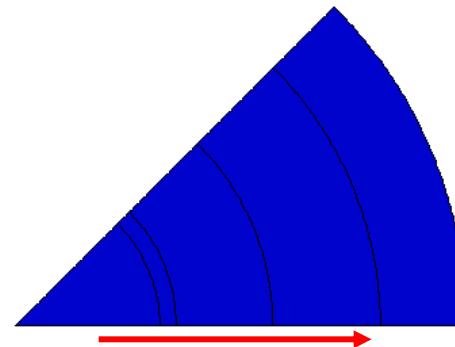
# SSH2S Combo simulation

**temperature**

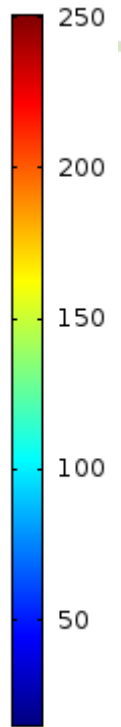
$T_i(t=0) = 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $T_{oil}(t=0) = 130\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $t = 0 \dots 1800\text{ s}$



Pure Amide  
powder bed is heated from  
outside



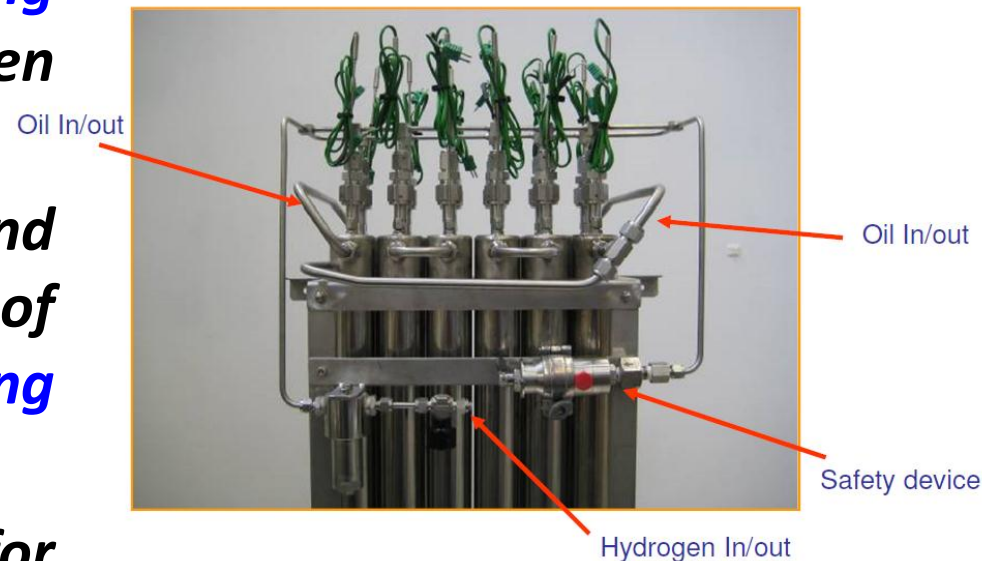
Combi-Tank  
reaction is initiated at the  
center





# SSH2S WP4 results

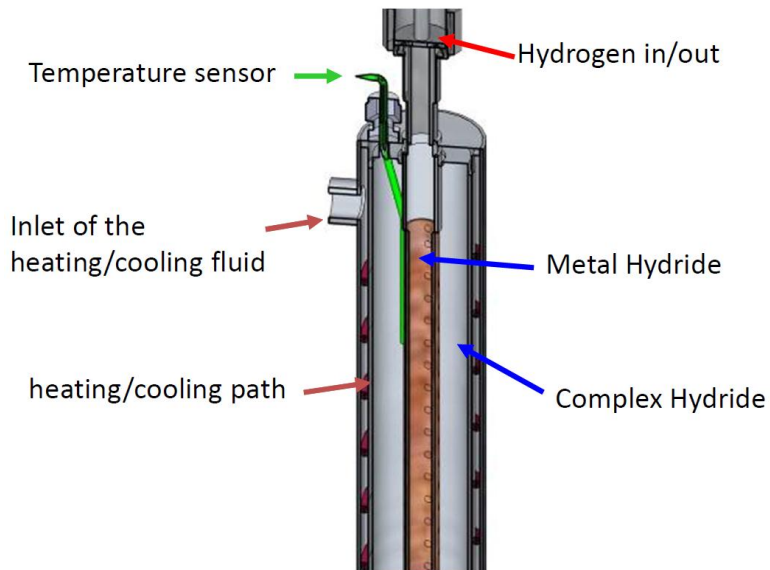
- A **prototype tank** have been developed.
- On basis of thermo-fluid-dynamic simulations, a detailed **drawing** of the hydrogen tank has been prepared.
- A glove-box has been set-up and it is ready for the **fabrication** of the tank. Preliminary **welding** tests have been performed.
- A complete report on **safety** for the hydrogen tank has been produced.



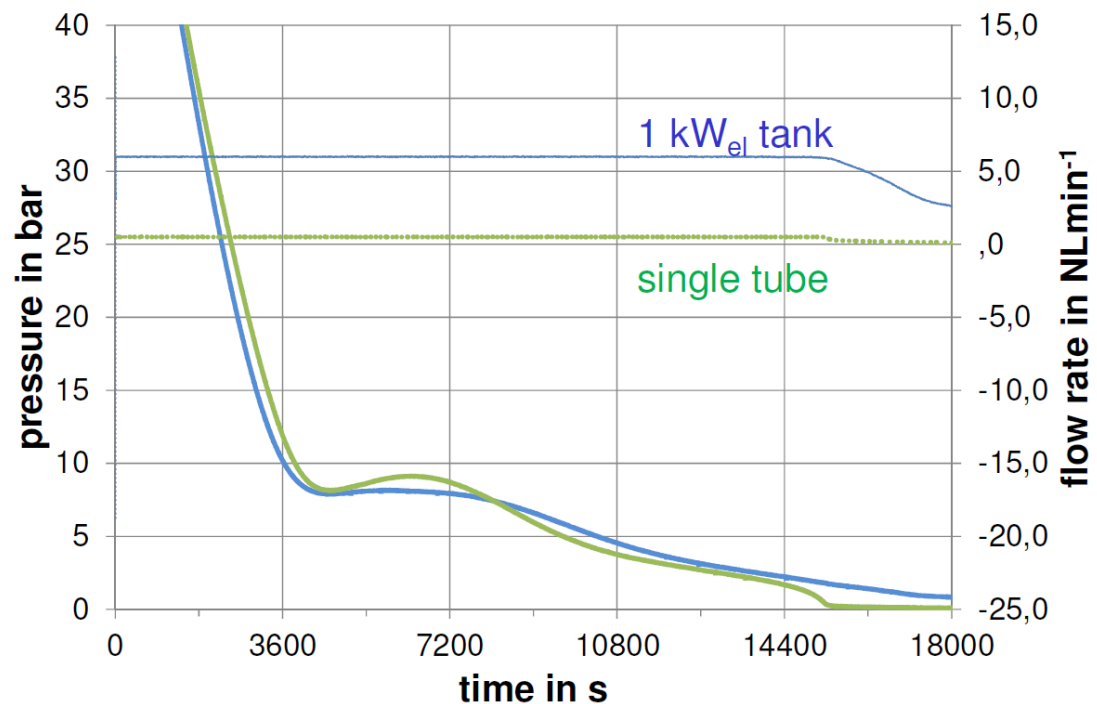
**Prototype tank (3 Kg)**



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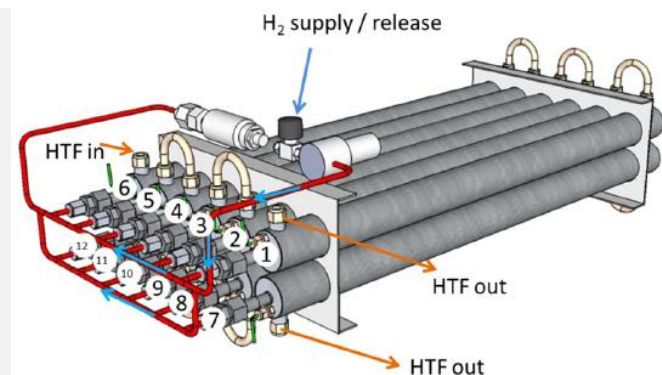


***Single tube***



***4 h with 1 kW<sub>el</sub> possible***

***1 kW<sub>el</sub> tank***

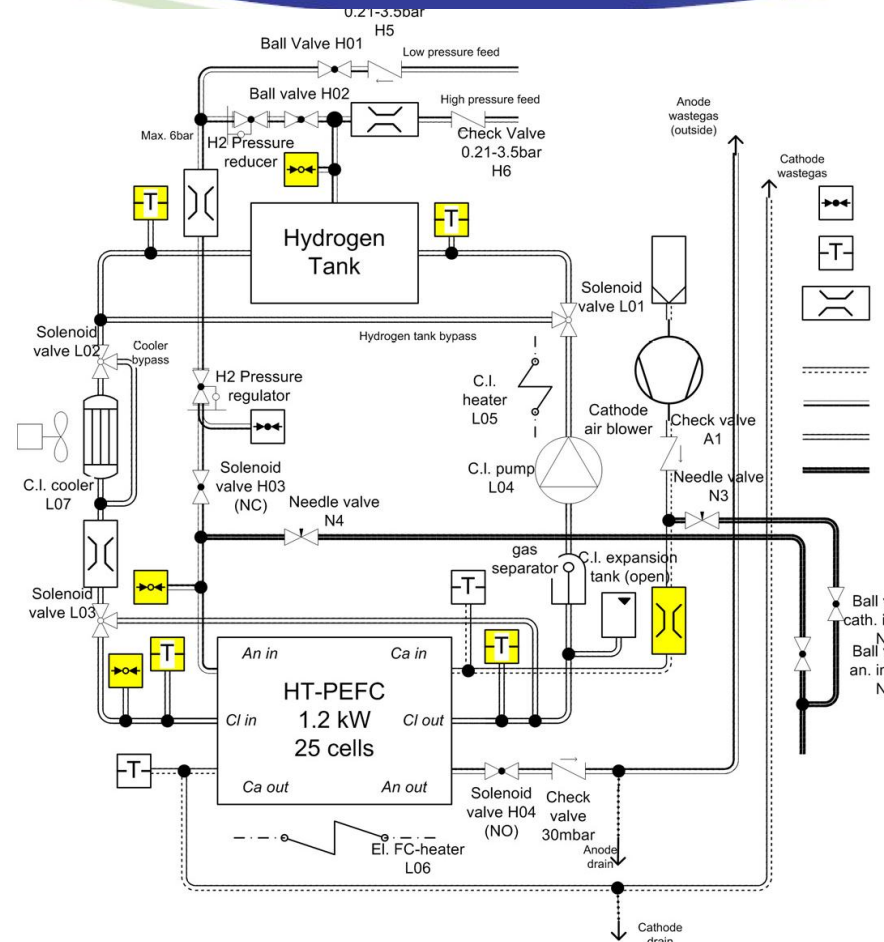






# SSH2S WP5 results

- **Integrated system** has been considered.
- **Requirements** have been defined, as a starting point for further developments.
- **BoP** for the integrated 1 kW system has been defined.
- **Preliminary tests on fuel cell stack** and components have been performed.



**Circuit diagram**



# SSH2S WP6 plans

- *The APU will be installed inside the vehicle*
- *Safety issues are under investigation (e.g. hydrogen sensor).*
- *LCA analysis is planned.*
- *Techno-economical evaluation is planned.*



*Load area of LTV*

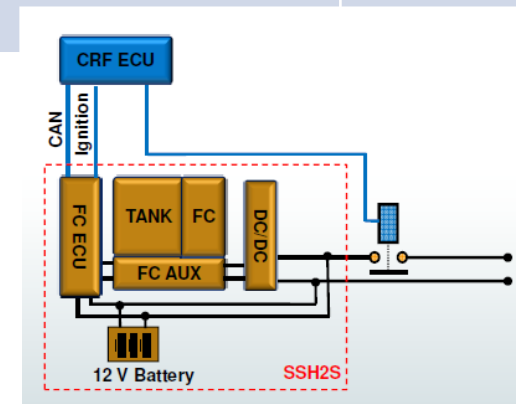


# SSH2S vs MAIP/AIP

## AA 2: Hydrogen Production, Storage & Distribution

<i>MAIP/AIP targets</i>	<i>Project goal</i>	<i>Project status</i>	<i>Gaps bottlenecks in RTD</i>
<i>Long-term and break-through oriented research on <b>improved solid state hydrogen storage options</b> for increased efficiency and storage capability, i.e. 2nd generation hydrogen storage technology.</i>	<i>Integrated system to be demonstrated in a <b>prototype APU system</b> (1 kW) and possibly in (5 kW)</i>	<i>Architecture under development. Good material properties</i>	<i>Intrinsic properties of materials not yet optimized</i>

**Architecture for Daily Electric**





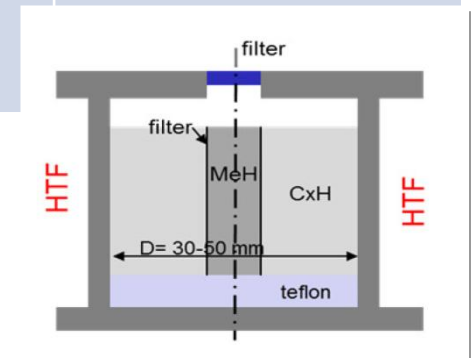


# SSH2S vs MAIP/AIP

## AA 2: Hydrogen Production, Storage & Distribution

MAIP/AIP targets	Project goal	Project status	Gaps bottlenecks in RTD
<b>Storage materials</b> with capacities $\geq 6$ wt.%, $\geq 60$ kg $H_2/m^3$ <b>reversibly releasing hydrogen</b> at operating temperatures compatible e.g. with PEM FC, HT PEM FC or SOFC / MCFC	Approx. 5 wt% $H_2$ ( <b>amides</b> ) 7-11 wt% $H_2$ ( <b>mixed borohydrides</b> ) <b>Double materials</b> concept	Storage materials with capacities <b>up to 4.5 wt% <math>H_2</math></b> <b>Reversibility at 180 ° C</b> <b>Single</b> reaction step <b>Stability</b> on cycling <b>Stop</b> for mixed borohydrides	Lack of reversibility in new developed materials

**Double Materials concept**





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<i>MAIP/AIP targets</i>	<i>Project goal</i>	<i>Project status</i>	<i>Gaps bottlenecks in RTD</i>
<i>Improved system density for H<sub>2</sub> storage (2015: 9 %wt of H<sub>2</sub>)</i>	<i>4 wt% of H<sub>2</sub> 40 kg H<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>3</sup> Close to room temperature and pressure</i>	<i>Not yet available Gravimetric density likely lower than goal Volumetric density likely OK</i>	<i>High gravimetric density material with suitable properties not yet available</i>
<i>Cost effective production routes of the materials</i>	<i>&lt; 1250 €/kg H<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>Not yet available, but higher than goal</i>	<i>Low production for limited market</i>



**HT-PEM for integrated system**



# SSH2S dissemination

- **Workshop of FCH-JU projects on hydrogen storage** - **BOR4STORE, EDEN, HYPER, SSH2S** - Oct. 2nd, 2013 in Tenerife (Spain).
- Main **topics discussed** are the following:
  - **Materials for solid-state hydrogen storage**
  - **Hydrogen tanks based on solid-state materials**
  - **Integration of solid-state hydrogen tanks with fuel cells**
  - **Final use and applications**
- **Workshop of FCH projects related to APU** in Torino (Italy) as a final event of the project (i.e. June 2014). DESTA and FCGEN agreed to join the meeting.
- **Publications and conferences.**





# SSH2S cross cutting issues

- **Training: 3 PhD student and 5 PostDocs involved in the projec**
- **Website [www.ssh2s.eu](http://www.ssh2s.eu)**
- **Post-project activities to be defined**
- **Connections with national and international hydrogen projects and organizations**





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