

# ***Materials Science for Energy Systems***

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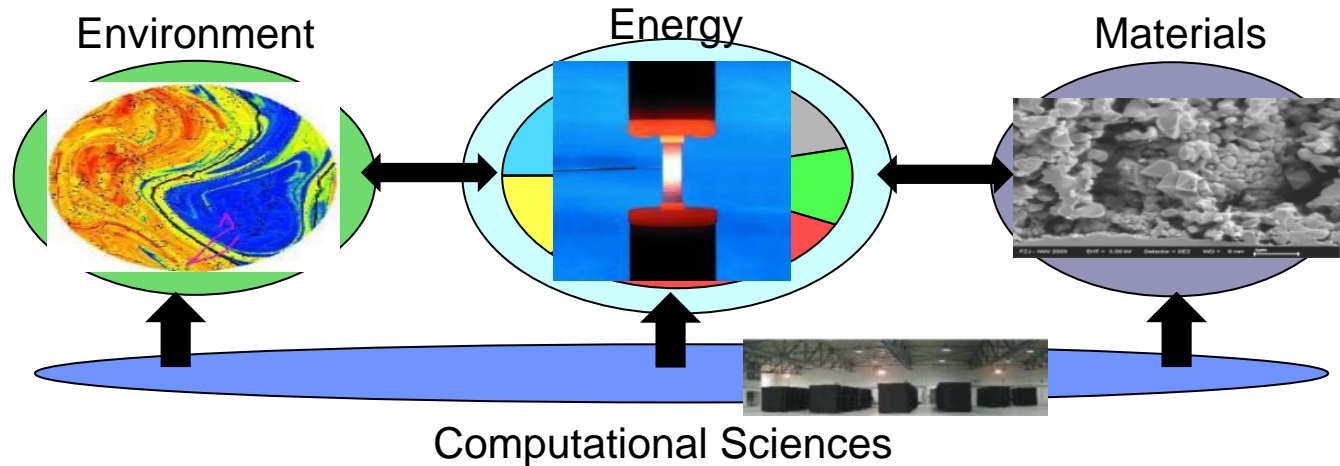
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# Mission and Objectives

- Research and Development for sustainable, i.e. efficient, environmentally compliant and safe systems solutions for the demanding societal challenge „Energy“
- Identification and realisation of solutions from fundamentals to application
- Opening up new energy resources, explore new conversion methods and improve existing technologies

- Overview Energy Research in Jülich
- Selected Topics as Examples
  - Investigation Method  
Knudsen Effusion Mass Spectrometry (KEMS)
  - Application  
CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Technology

# Research Field „Energy“



## Institute of Energy Research

Materials Synthesis and Processing  
Microstructure and Properties of Materials  
Fuel Cells  
Plasma Physics  
Photovoltaics  
Safety Research and Reactor Technology  
Systems Analysis and Technology Evaluation  
Fuel Cell Project  
Nuclear Fusion Project

## IEF

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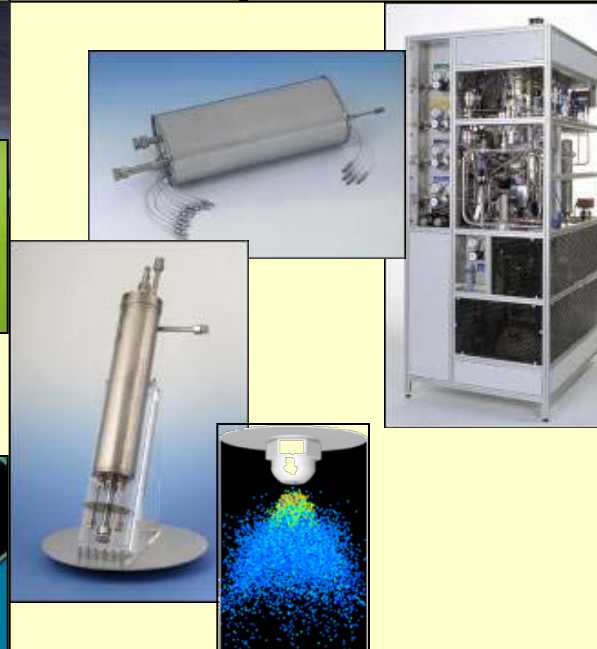
# R&D Emphasis for Fuel Cells

## High-temperature Fuel Cell SOFC



SOFC systems for efficient power generation (CHP) and on-board supply (APU)

## Fuel Processing Systems



H<sub>2</sub> from diesel or kerosene for on-board supply (APU) with fuel cells

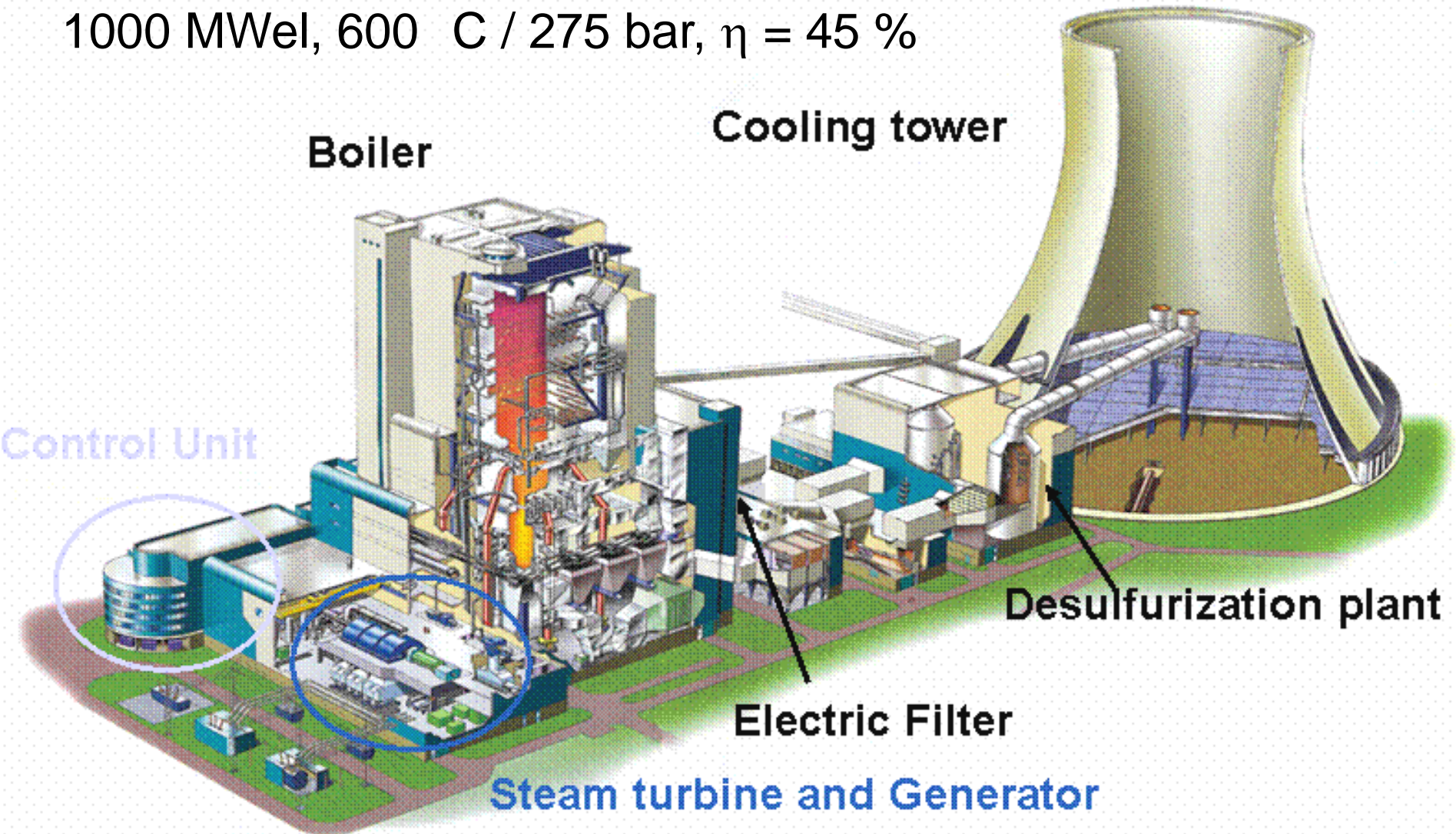
## Polymer Fuel Cells DMFC and HT-PEFC



DMFC systems for light traction HT-PEFC systems for reformat utilization

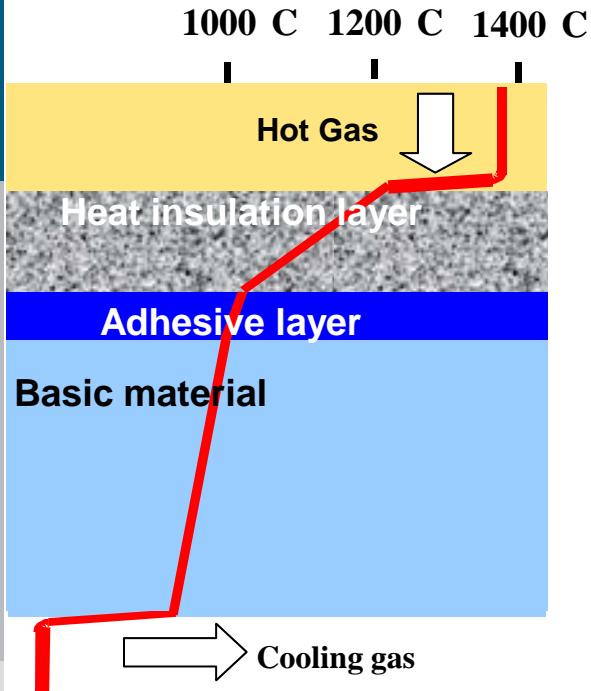
# High efficient Power Plant BoA

1000 MWeI, 600 C / 275 bar,  $\eta = 45 \%$

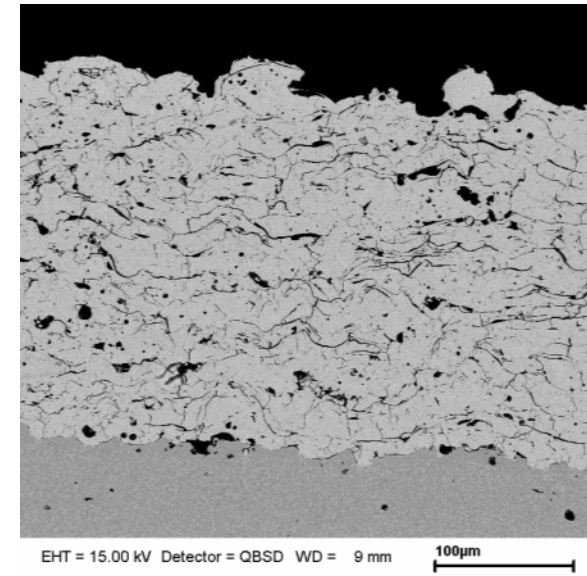


# Power Plant Technology:

## High Efficiency by High Temperature Materials



Siemens AG, Power Generation, Gasturbinentechnik



- **Gas turbines:** High-temperature resistance through **ceramic heat protection**
- Advanced **alloys** for **boiler and steam turbine** applications

# Photovoltaics:

## Direct Conversion of Sunlight into Electric Energy

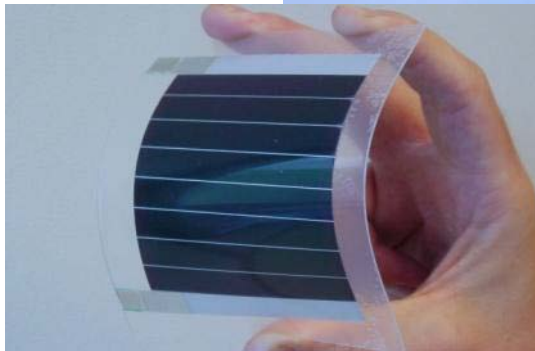
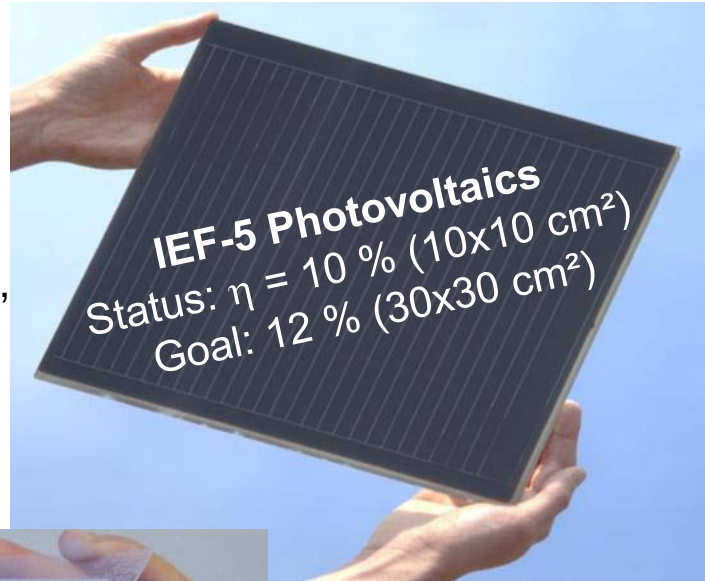
### Silicon thin film:

Thickness:  $< 2 \mu\text{m}$

Processing at 200 °C

Large areas ( $\text{m}^2$ ) on glass, foil,

a-Si module: 6-7 % ( $1 \text{ m}^2$ )



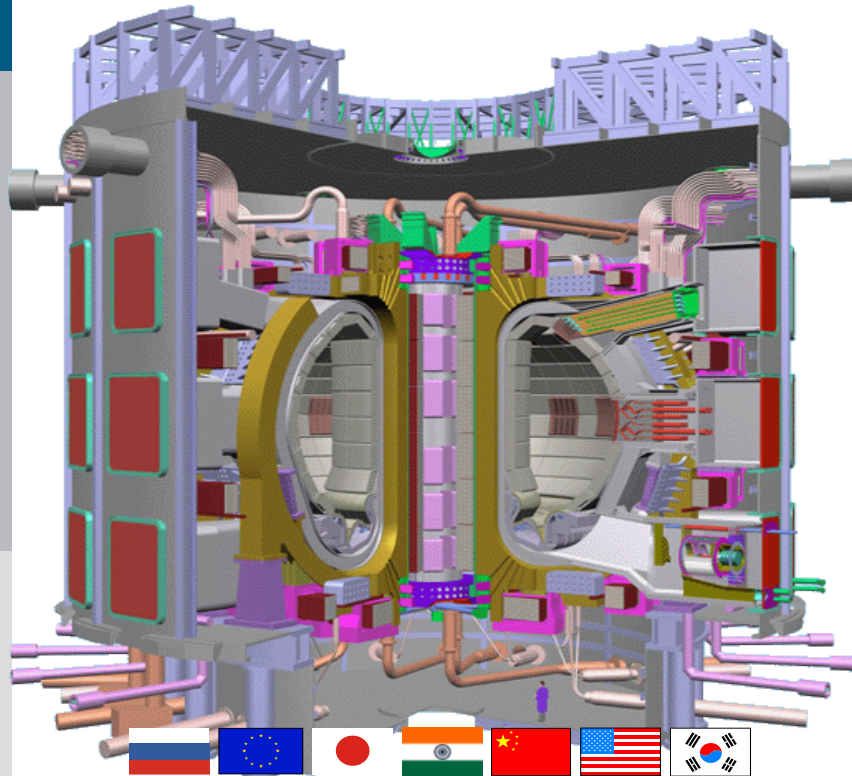
### RTD objectives:

- Materials development
- Stack solar cells
- Photon management
- Production processes
- Increase efficiency & reduce costs
- Technology transfer



# Fusion Research in Jülich

**Objective: Realisation of a fusion power plant by 2035**



## Experimental platforms:

- Participation at JET, ITER and Wendelstein 7-X
- TEXTOR and JUDITH as development environment

## Programme topics:

- Plasma-wall interaction
- Materials for the plasma containing vessel
  - Development of diagnostics
- Plasma physics, theory and modelling
- Training of scientists and engineers (in cooperation with universities)

## Networks:

- EURATOM association and EFDA member (EU)
  - Trilateral Euregio Cluster (B und NL)
- HGF Programme "Nuclear Fusion" in research field energy (D)
- IEA Implementing Agreement (USA, Japan, Kanada)

# Nuclear Safety:

## Nuclear Waste Disposal

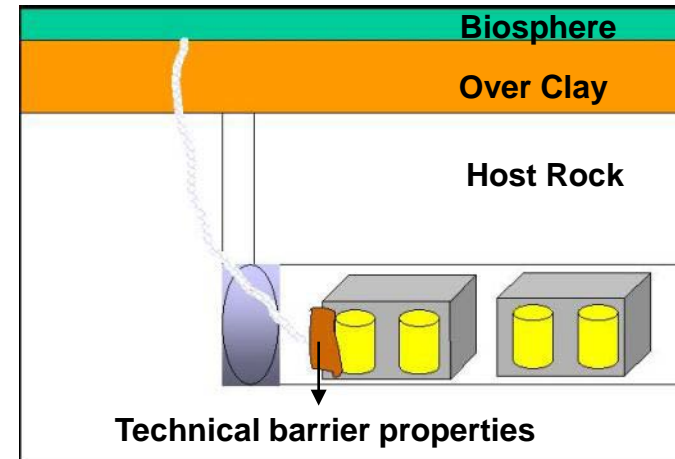
### Characterisation



### Conditioning



### Disposal



Identification and  
categorisation of  
radio nuclides

Reduction and  
sealing of waste

Quantification of  
mobilisation Specification  
of secondary phases

### **Methodological approach**

Selection of sets of sustainable development indicators

Development and application of energy models focusing on technical, economic and societal structures

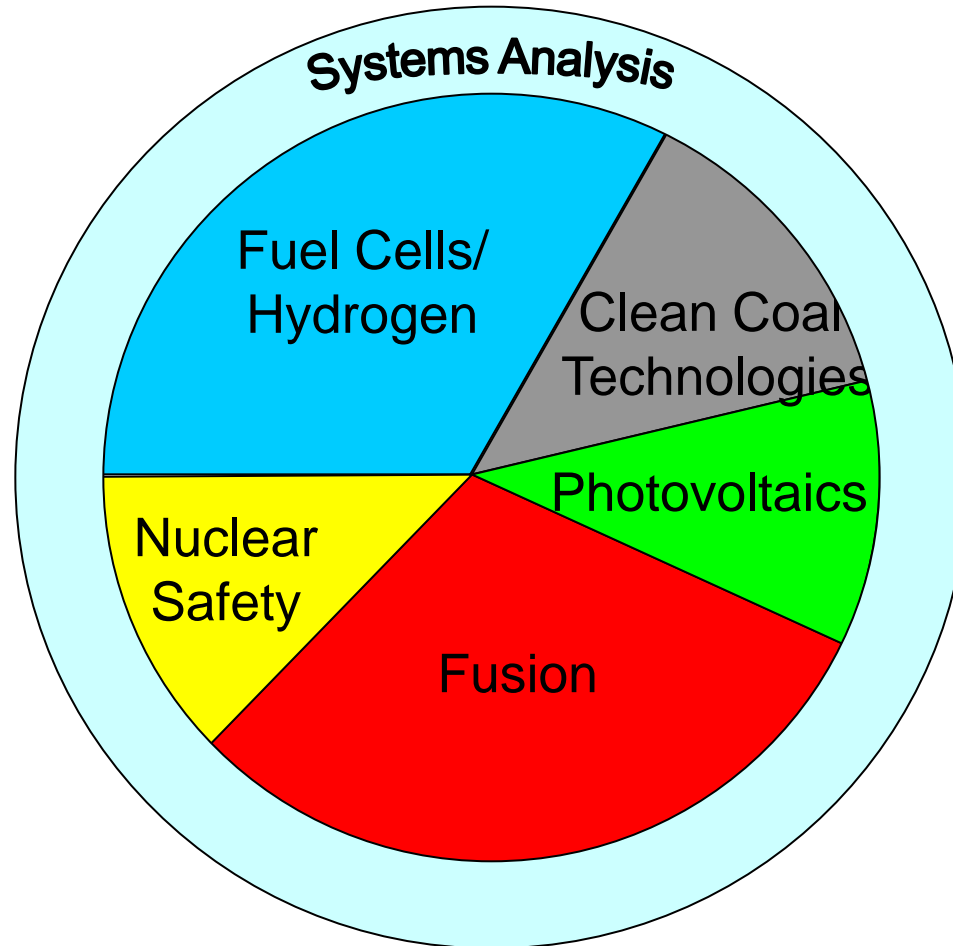
Scenario-based formulation of sustainable energy systems.

### **Results**

Identification of societal and economic framework conditions for use and development of energy technology

Analysis of repercussions of technology innovations on society and economy

Sustainability-oriented assessment of technologies and corresponding innovation and investment strategies.



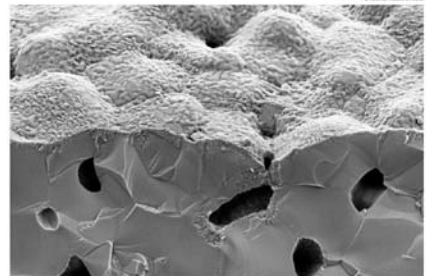
# Materials Chemistry Group

## Currently Running Projects and Applications

- Thermodynamic Data for *Lighting Applications*
- Thermodynamic Data for *Intermetallic Phases*
- *Cr- vaporization from interconnector materials of SOFC*
- *CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Technology and Reduction with Membranes*



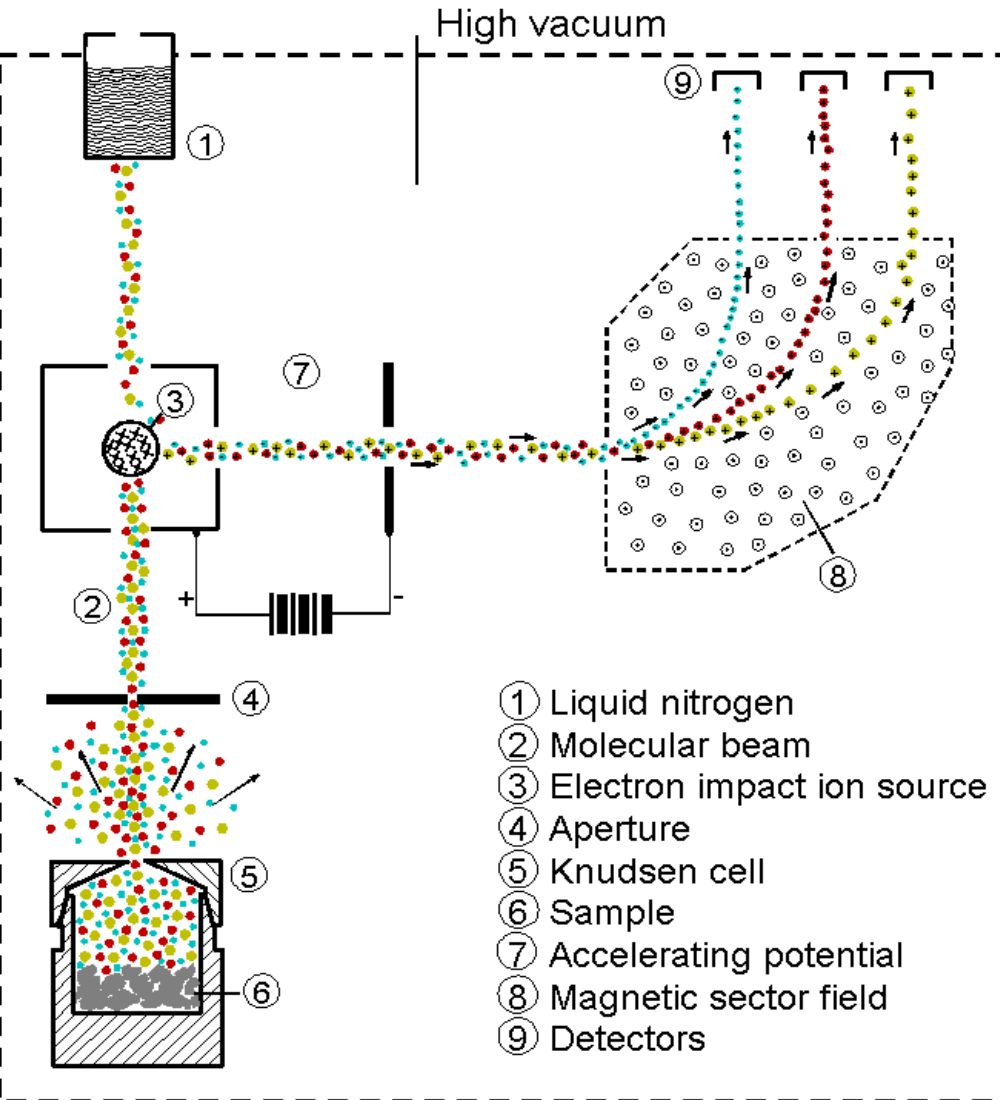
Hochenergieentladungslampen.



Bruchfläche einer keramischen Membran.

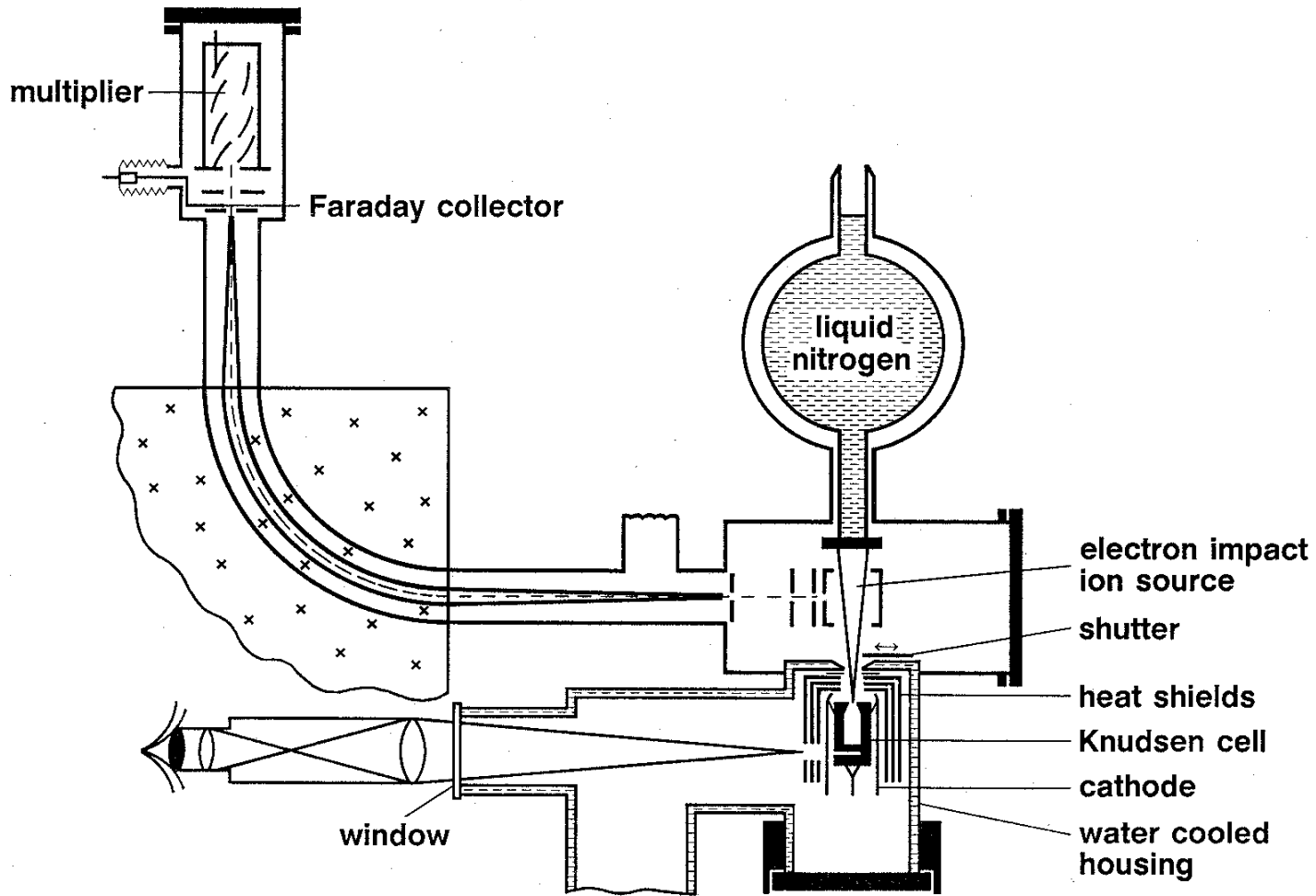


# Principle of Knudsen Effusion Mass Spectrometry (KEMS)

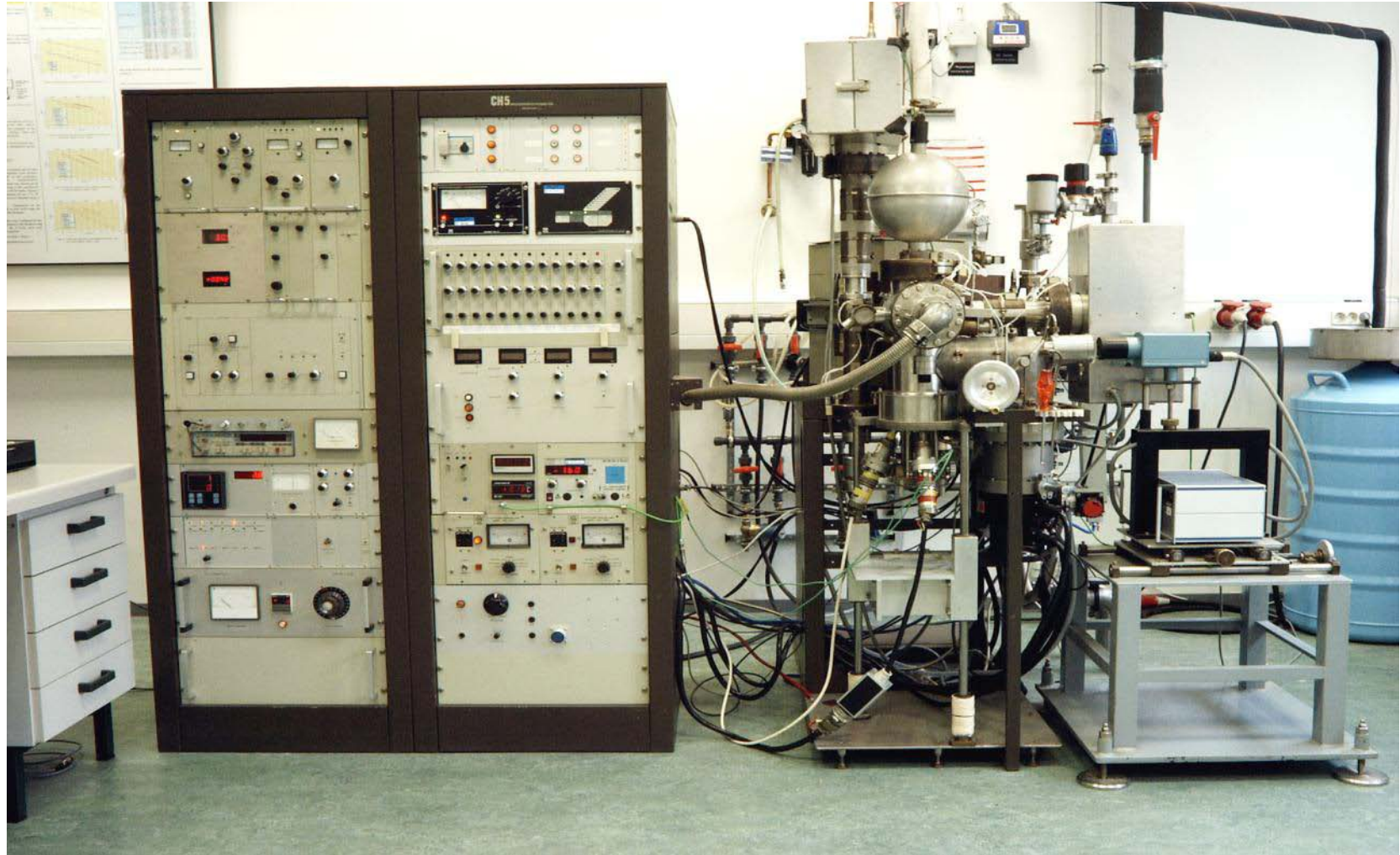


- Vaporisation studies up to 2800 K
- Identification of gaseous species
- Determination of partial pressures ( $10^{-8}$  ... 10 Pa)
- Evaluation of thermodynamic data of
  - gaseous species
  - condensed phases
- Elucidation of corrosion processes

# Schematic Representation of a Knudsen cell magnetic field mass spectrometer system



# Mass Spectrometer Knudsen Cell System (CH 5)





# Experimental Determination of Partial Pressures $p_i$ of Neutral Species $i$

$$p_i = k \frac{1}{\sigma_i} T \sum_j \frac{100}{\gamma_{i,j} A_{i,j}} I_{i,j}^+ = k \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \frac{I_i^+ T}{\gamma_i A_i}$$

- T**            temperature
- $I_{i,j}^+$**         intensities of to the neutral species  $i$  related ions  $j$
- $A_{i,j}$**         isotopic abundance
- $\gamma_{i,j}$**         multiplier gains
- $\sigma_i$**         ionisation cross section of the neutral species  $i$
- k**            pressure calibration constant

# Determination of Thermodynamic Properties

$$\Delta_r G_T^0 = \Delta_r H_T^0 - T \Delta_r S_T^0$$

Gibbs free reaction energy

reaction enthalpy

reaction entropy

## 2<sup>nd</sup> law

$$\Delta_r G_T^0 = -RT \ln K_p^0$$

$$K_p^0 = \prod_j \left( \frac{p_j}{p^0} \right)^{\nu_j} \text{ from meas.}$$

$$\ln K_p^0 = -\frac{\Delta_r H_T^0}{RT} + \frac{\Delta_r S_T^0}{R}$$

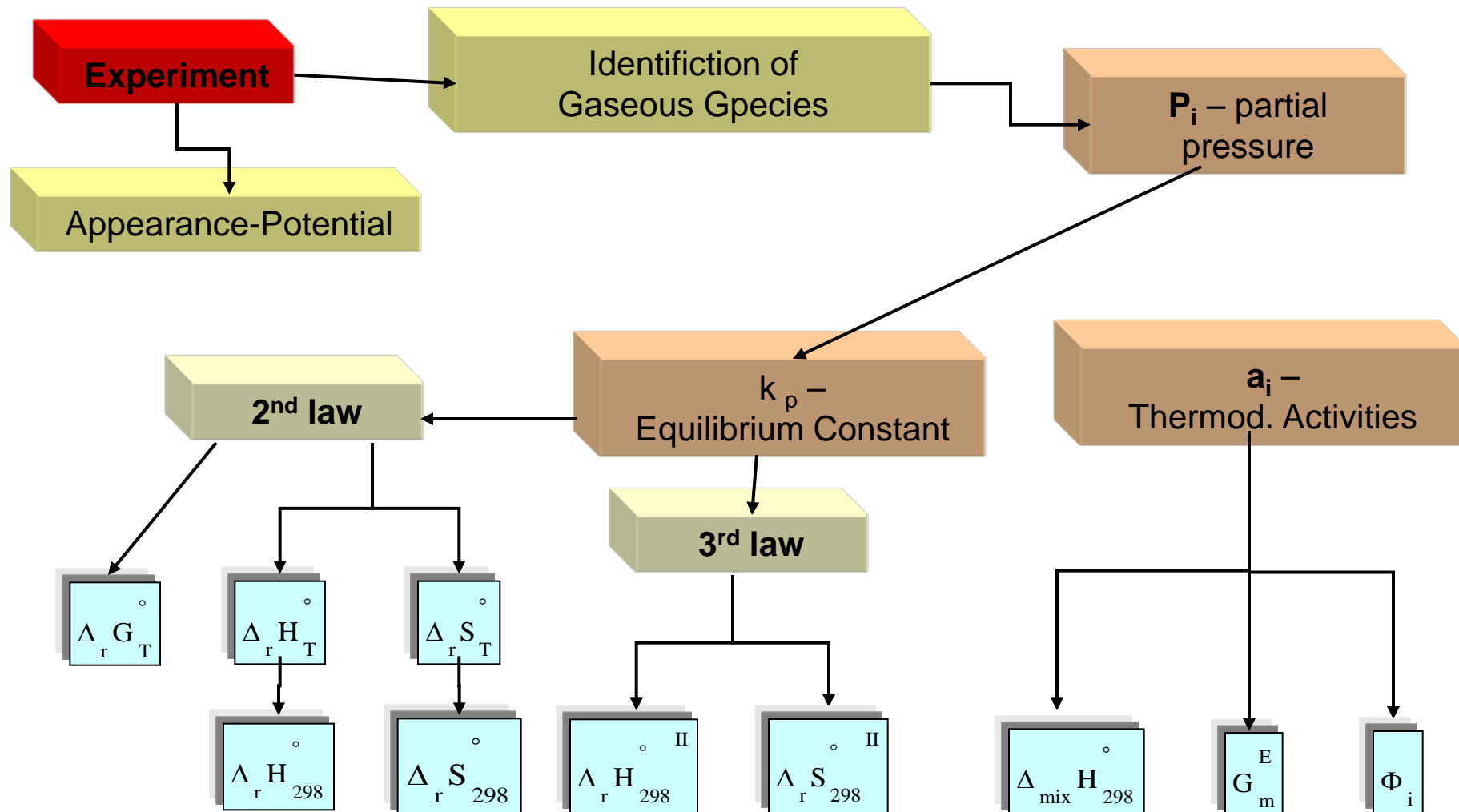
## 3<sup>rd</sup> law

$$\Delta_r H_T^0 = -T \left( R \cdot \ln K_p^0 - \Delta_r S_T^0 \right)$$

$$\Delta_r S_T^0 = -\frac{\left( \Delta_r G_T^0 - \Delta_r H_T^0 \right)}{T}$$

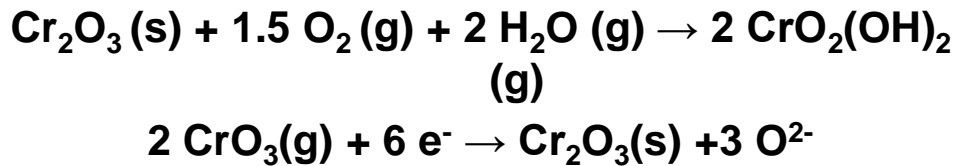
$$\Delta_r H_{298}^0 = -T \left[ R \cdot \ln K_p^0 + \Delta_r \left( \frac{G_T^0 - H_{298}^0}{T} \right) \right]$$

# Potential of Knudsen Effusion Mass Spectrometry

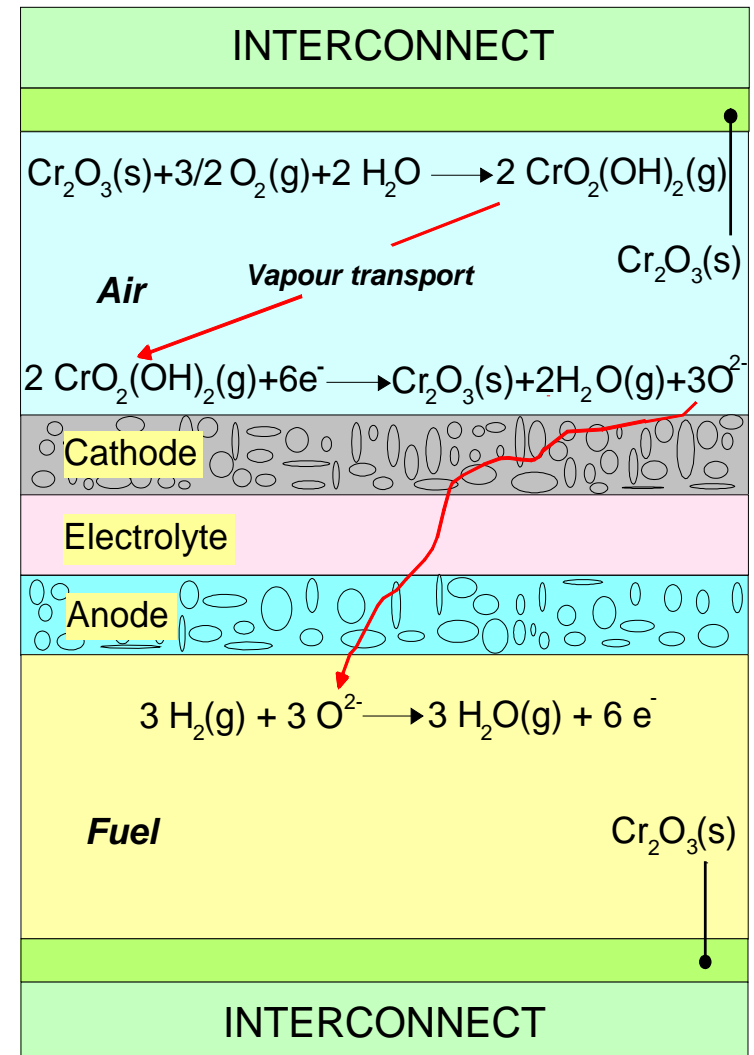
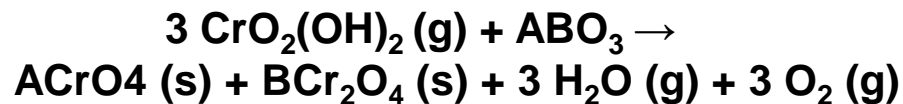
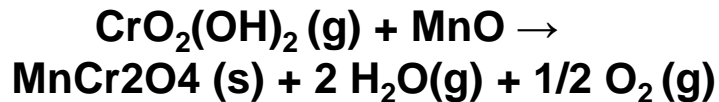
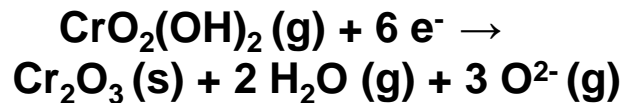


# Mechanism of chromium poisoning

## Gas Chanel:



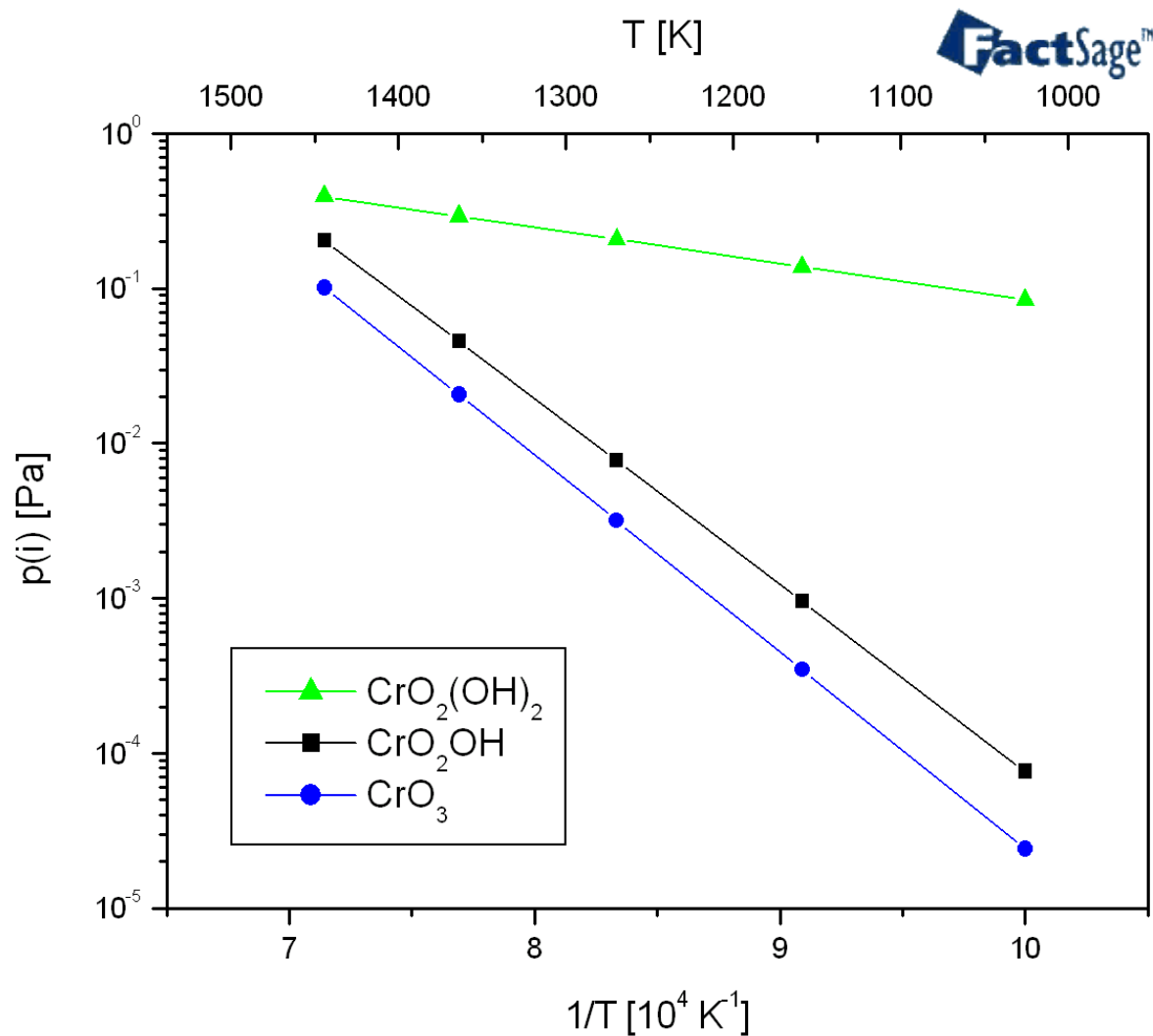
## Cathode:



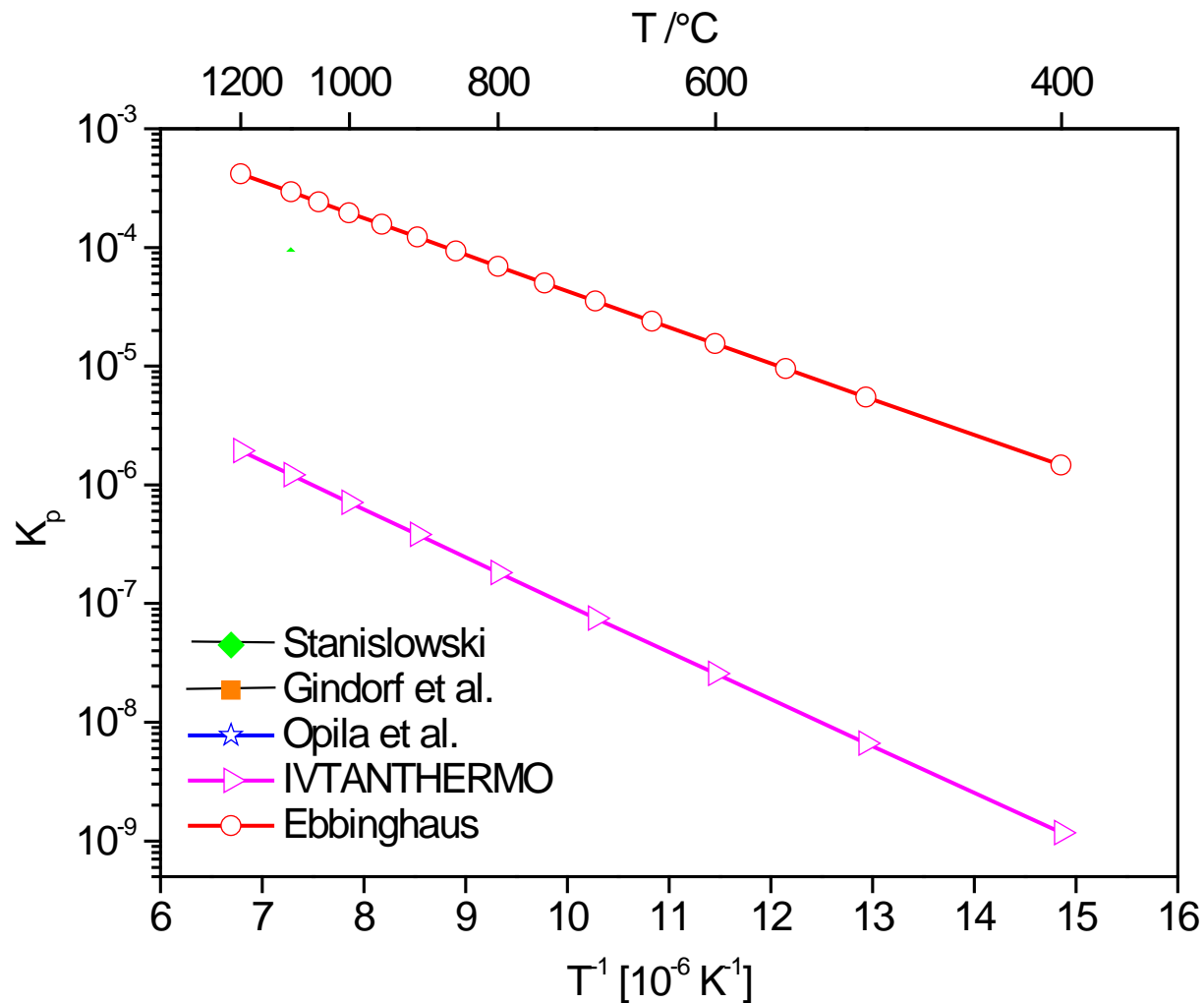
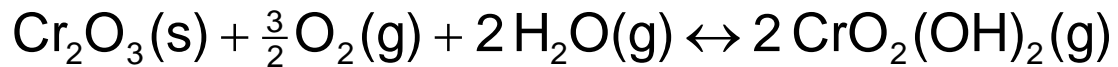
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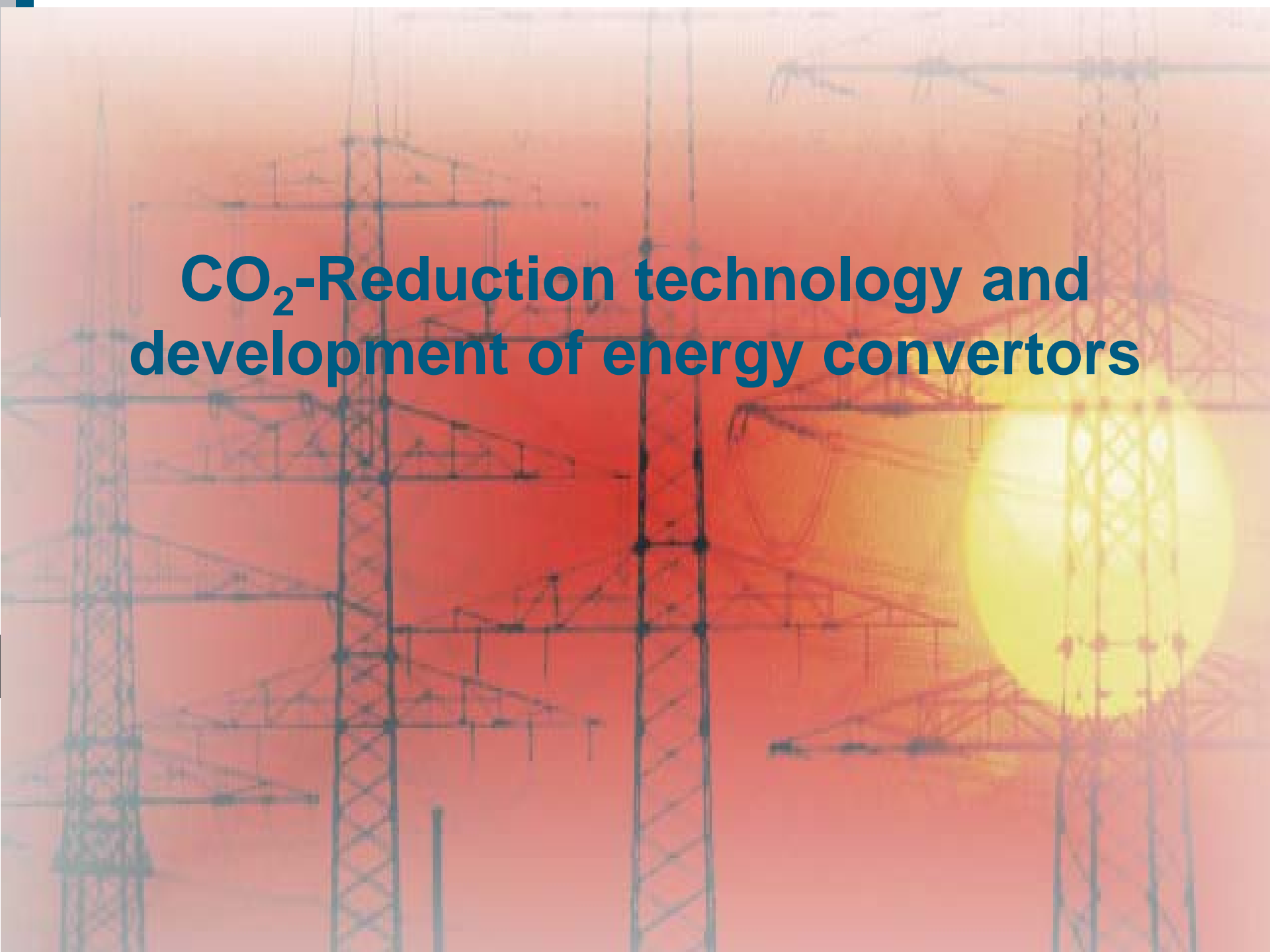
# Vapor Species over $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3(\text{g})$ in humid air

( $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $p_{\text{O}_2} = 2,13 \cdot 10^4 \text{ Pa}$ )



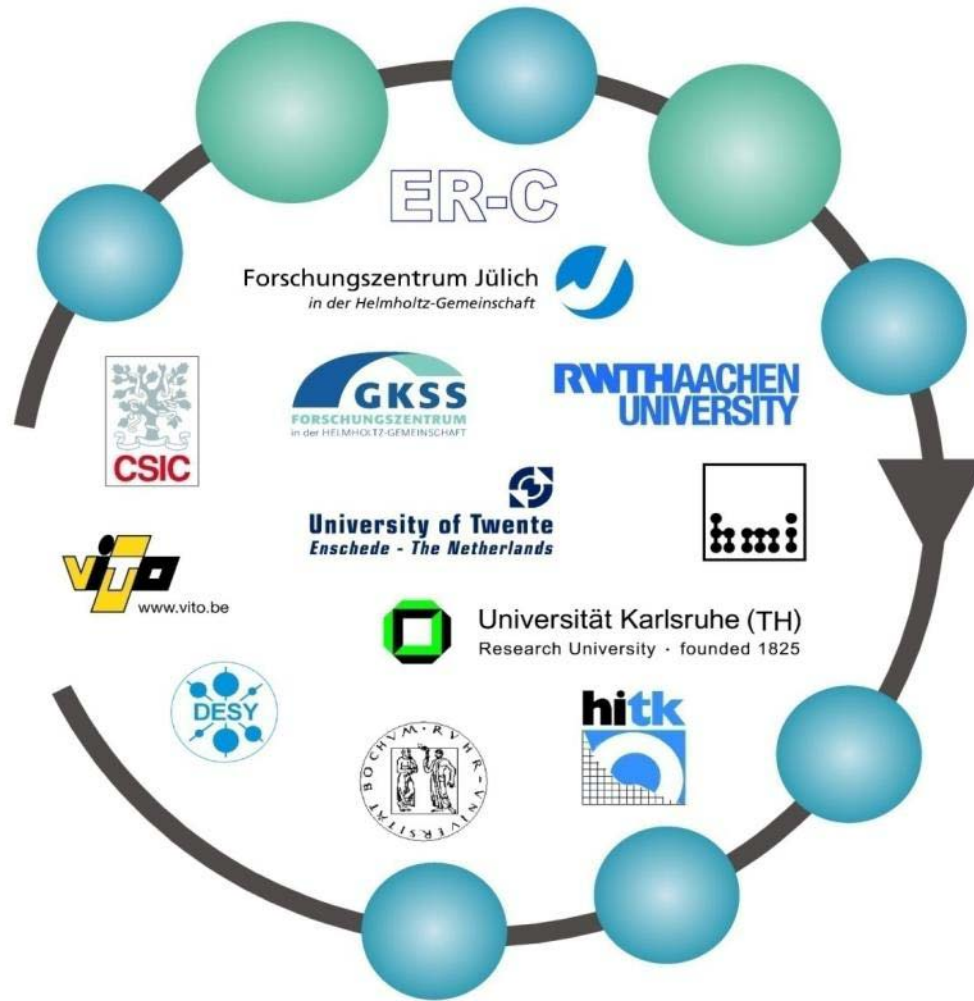
# Temperature dependence of equation



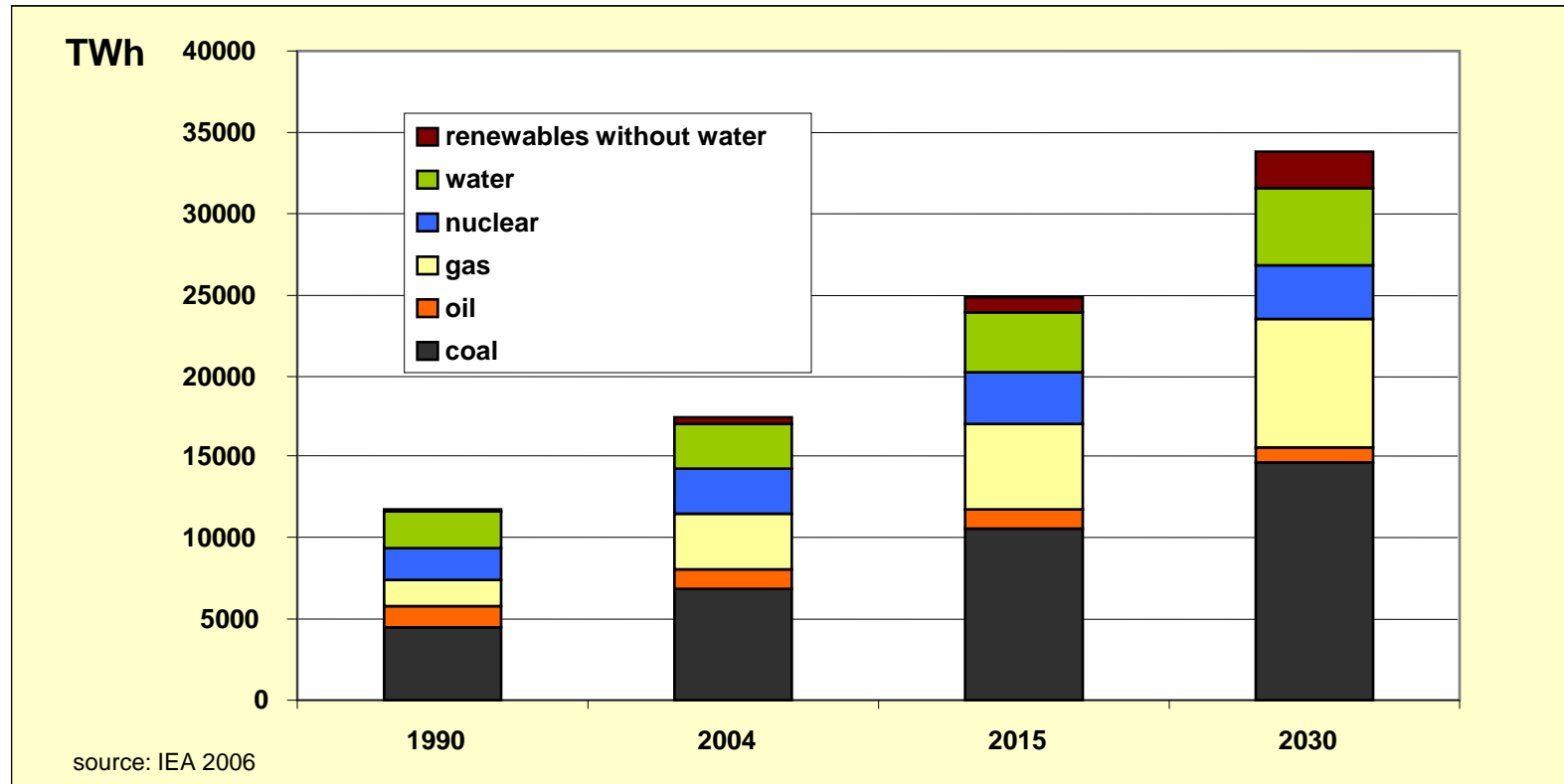
The background of the slide features a power transmission tower, a common symbol for energy, set against a vibrant sunset sky. A large, bright sun is positioned on the right side, casting a warm glow. The overall color palette is dominated by oranges, reds, and yellows, creating a sense of energy and urgency.

# **CO<sub>2</sub>-Reduction technology and development of energy convertors**

# HGF Alliance MEM- BRAIN Partners







reference scenario World Energy Outlook 2006, IEA

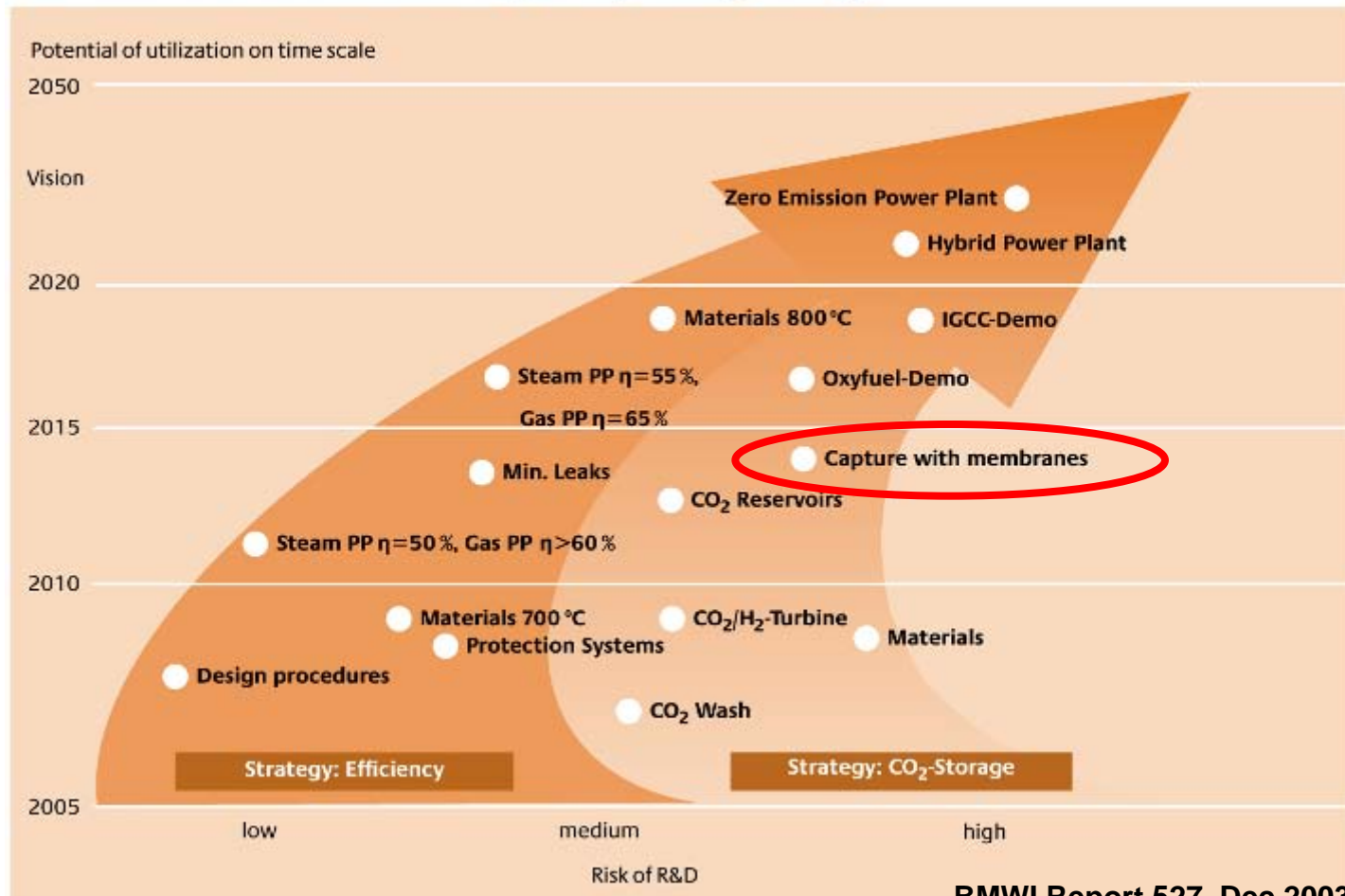
**Gas 2004 - 2030: + 128%**

**Coal 2004 - 2030: + 112%**

Long-term energy mix with CO<sub>2</sub>- emissions

# German CO<sub>2</sub>- reduction strategy (COORETEC)

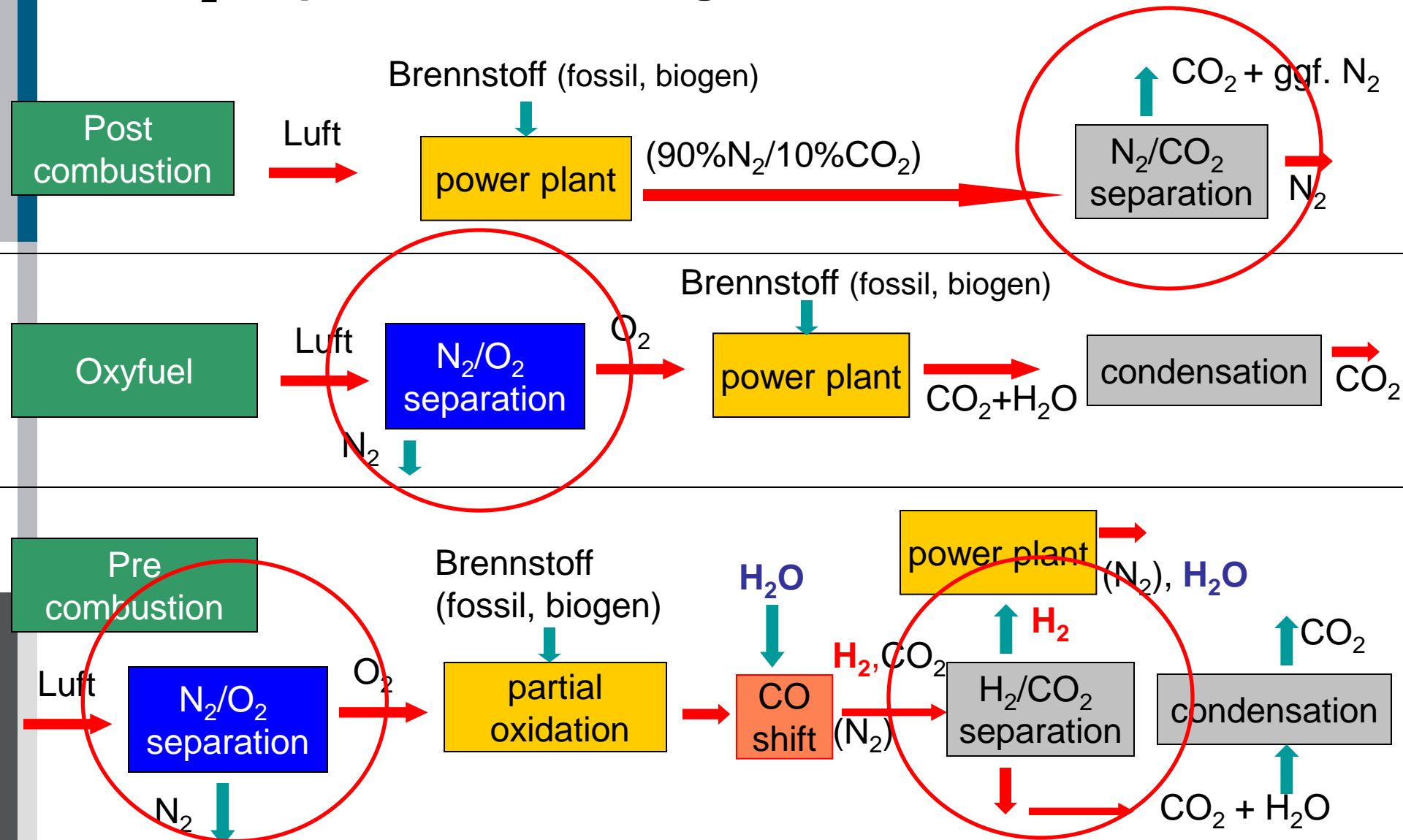
## Direction of research in the field of power plant engineering



BMWI Report 527, Dec 2003

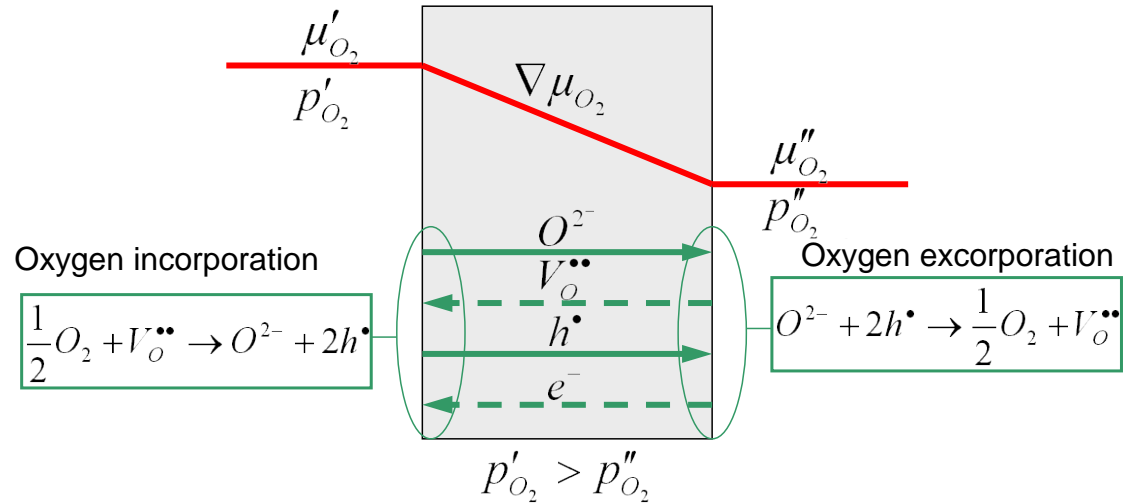
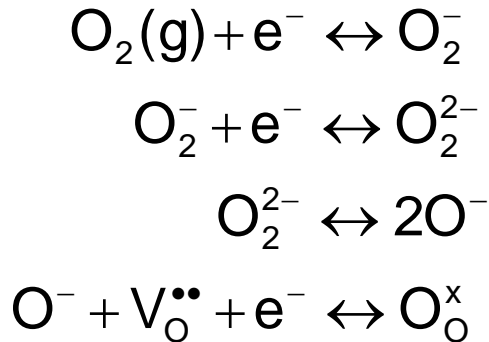
Similar strategies: UK, USA, Canada, Australia

# CO<sub>2</sub>- separation technologies



# Introduction

## Oxygen transport membrane



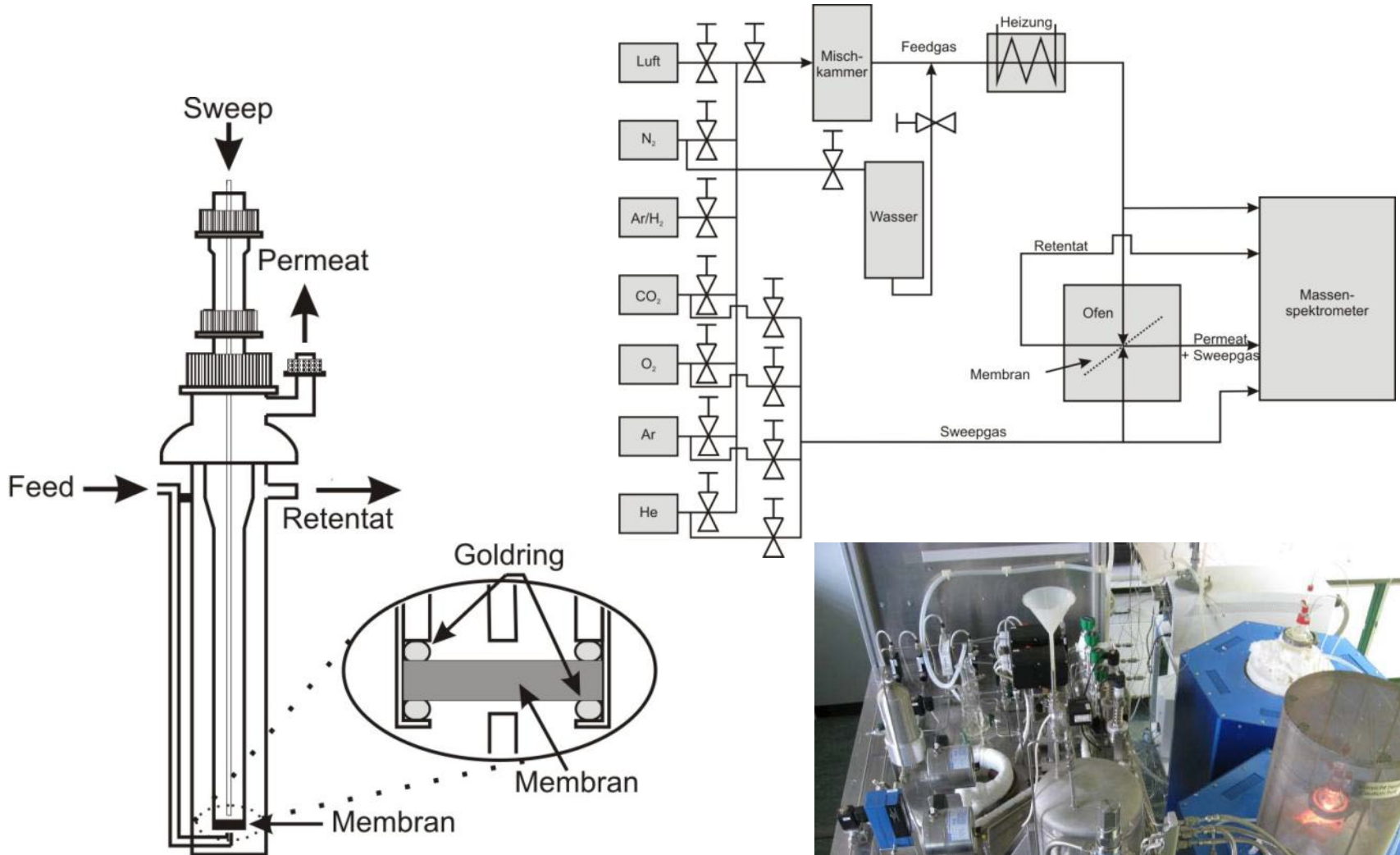
Solid state diffusion → simplified Wagner - equation

$$j_{O_2} = \frac{RT}{(4 \cdot F)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{\sigma_i \cdot \sigma_e}{\sigma_i + \sigma_e} \cdot \ln \frac{p'_{O_2}}{p''_{O_2}}$$

Preconditions for high permeation rates

- ambipolar conductivity
- high temperature
- $p_{O_2}$  gradient
- low membrane thickness

# Measurement of Permeation



# Permeation behaviour of planar membranes

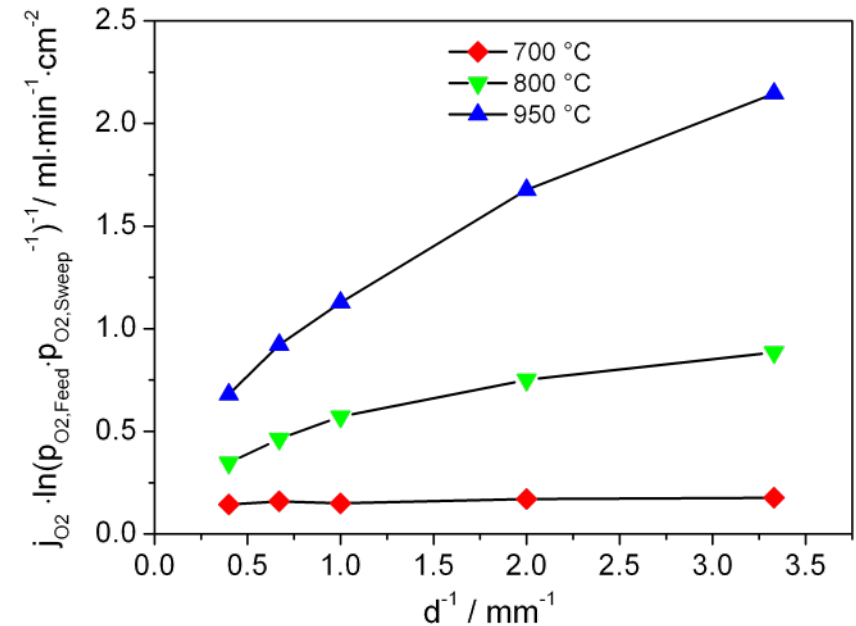
## Influence of membrane thickness

Permeation increases with reducing membrane thickness

- Temperature dependency
- Increase in permeation smaller than theoretical expectations due to surface limitations  
→ No linear dependency on reciprocal thickness
- Surface limitations seem to be stronger at lower temperatures

Rate-determining step

- < 700 C: surface limitations
- > 700 C: bulk diffusion



# Permeation behaviour of planar membranes

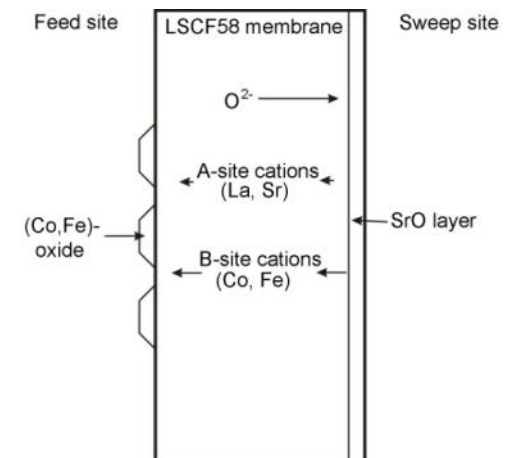
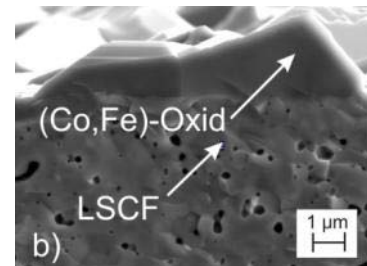
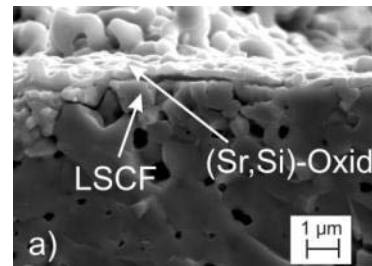
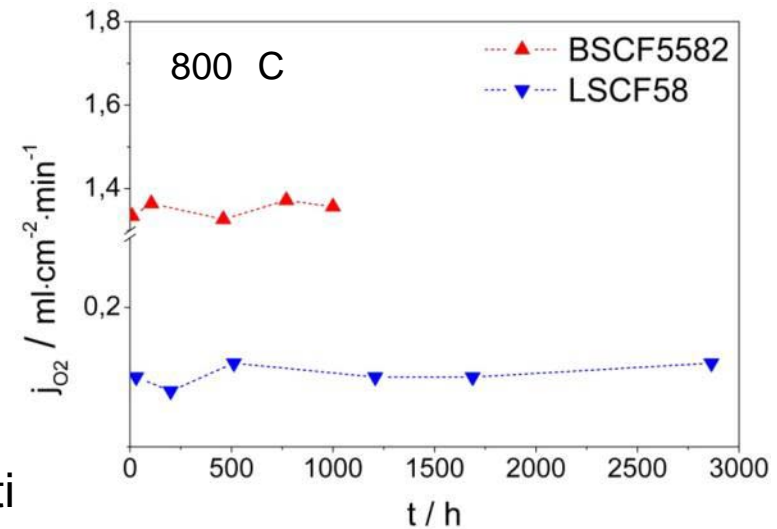
## Long-term stability

### BSCF5582

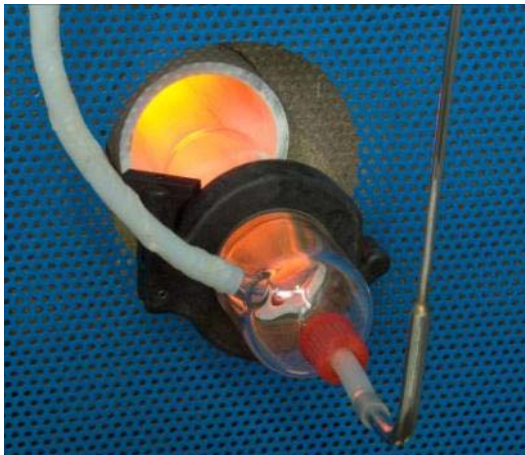
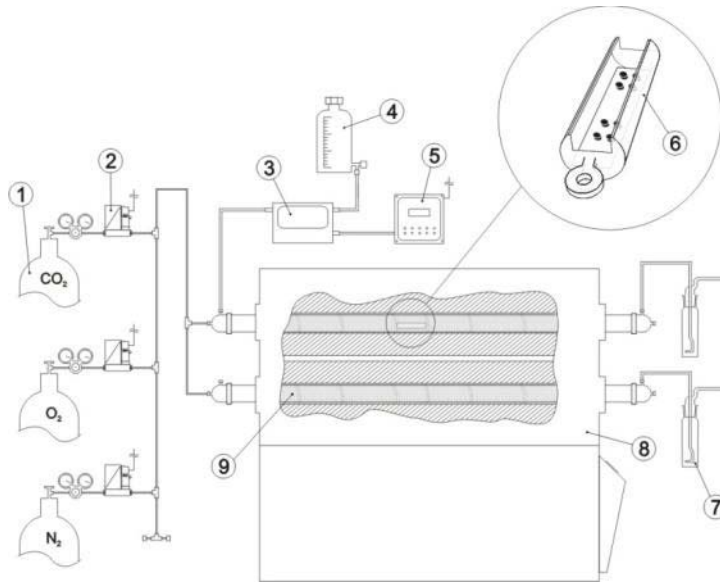
- Good long-term stability in CO<sub>2</sub>-free atmosphere over 1000 hours
- Experiment still running

### LSCF58

- Good long-term stability in CO<sub>2</sub>-free atmosphere over 3000 hours
- Gradient in p(O<sub>2</sub>) leads to gradient in cation opposite direction
  - Kinetic demixing
  - Mobility of A-site and B-site cations different



## Annealing



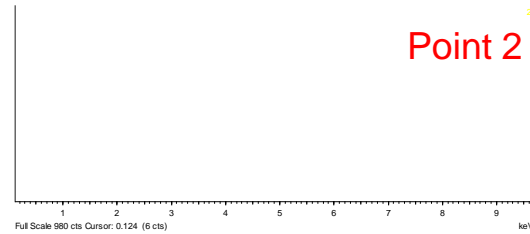
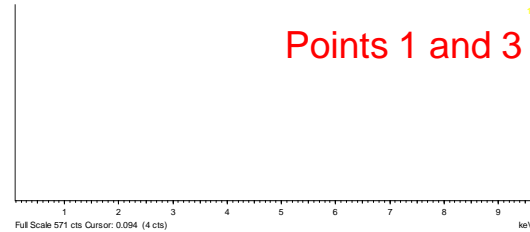
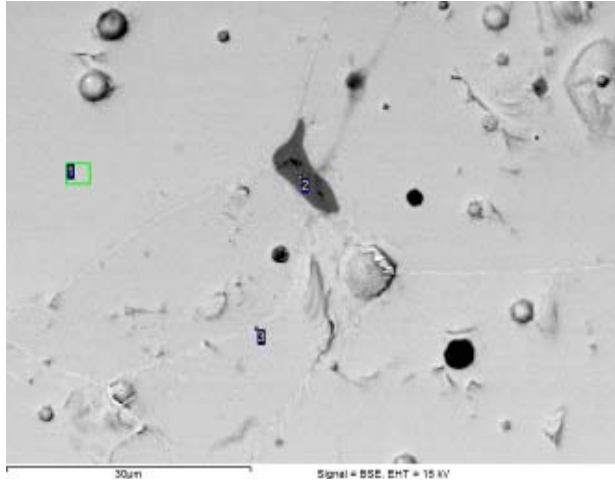
- Investigation of Thermochemical Stability in Dependence of Temperature and Gascomposition
- Sample: pill, powder
- Gases: O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, Ar, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>D</sub>
- Temperature: ≤ 1000 °C
- Pressure: 1 bar

### Characterization Methods

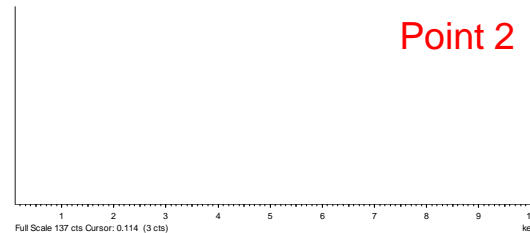
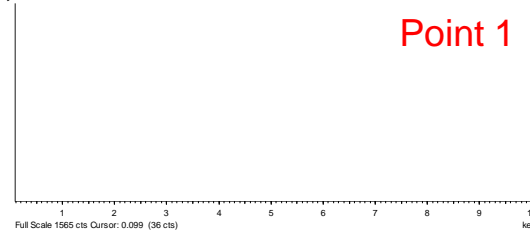
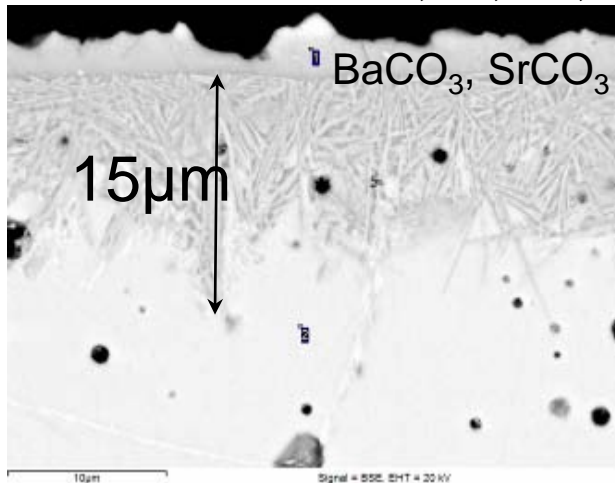
- SEM (EDX / WDX)
- XRD
- Chemical Analysis



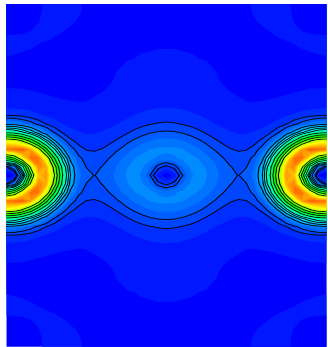
SEM picture and EDX spectra of  $\text{Ba}_{0,5}\text{Sr}_{0,5}\text{Co}_{0,8}\text{Fe}_{0,2}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$  annealed at 800 C in air for 200h



SEM picture and EDX spectra of  $\text{Ba}_{0,5}\text{Sr}_{0,5}\text{Co}_{0,8}\text{Fe}_{0,2}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$  annealed at 800 C in air+10%  $\text{CO}_2$  for 200h

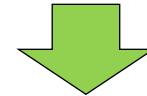


# Computer Based Model calculations



0 – 4.5 e/Å<sup>3</sup>  
Electron density distributions

Calculate the thermodynamic stabilities and Thermomechanical properties of LSCF and BSCF based on *ab initio* calculations



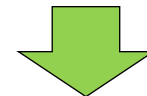
Perform Model Calculations: Predict Phase Formations and Phase Changes under Operation Relevant Atmospheres (Long Term Stability)



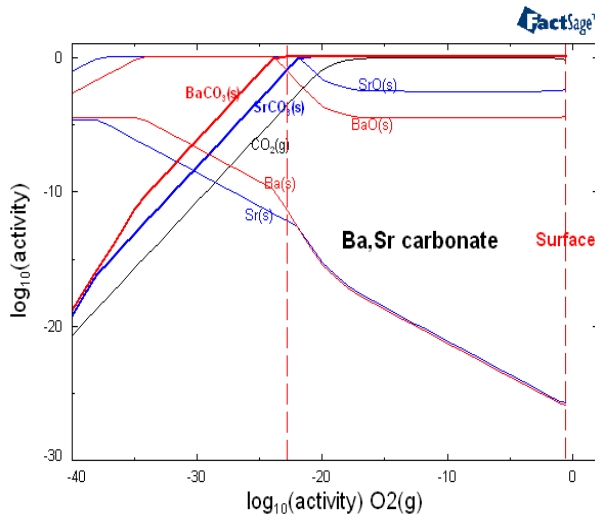
Compare Calculations with Experimental Results (Thin Film Synthesis and Applications)



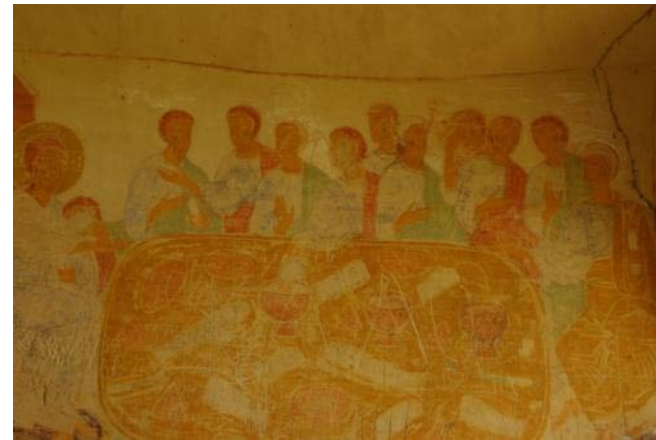
Understand and Predict the Role of Composition Changes of the Material (Losses due to Vaporization, Impurities, Dopants, Vacancies,...)



Model Representation for Microstructure Dependence of Mechanical and Thermochemical Material Properties



- Overview Energy Research in Jülich
- Selected Topics as Examples
  - Investigation Method  
Knudsen Effusion Mass Spectrometry (KEMS)
  - Application  
CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Technology



**Thank you for your attention!**