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An Investigative Study for the Commercialization of Anion Exchange Membrane-based Unitized Regenerative Fuel Cell

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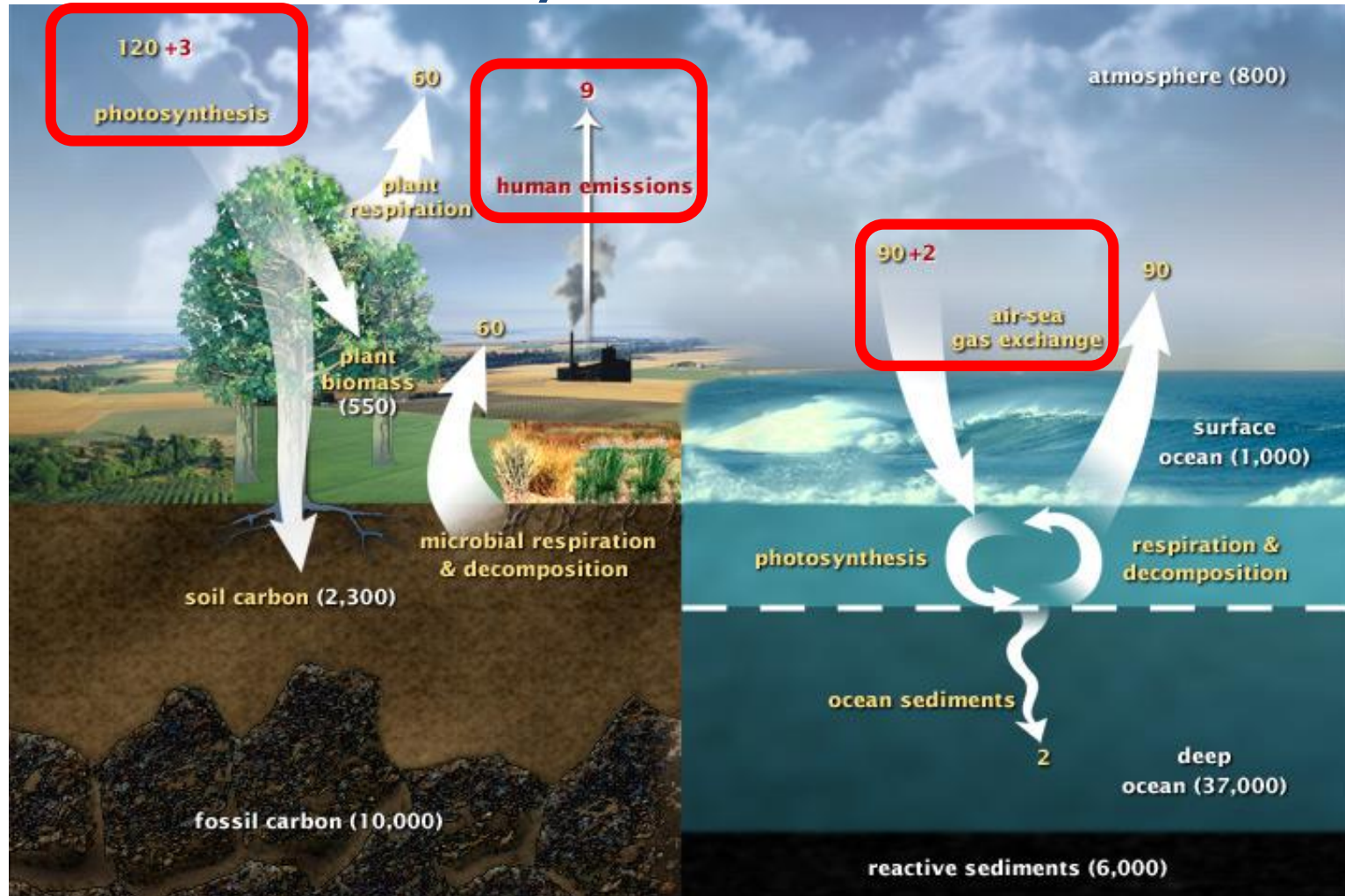
Introduction of Sustainable Energy

Movement of carbon between land, atmosphere, soil and oceans in Gt/y of carbon.

Yellow numbers: Natural fluxes,
Red: Human contributions,
White: Stored carbon



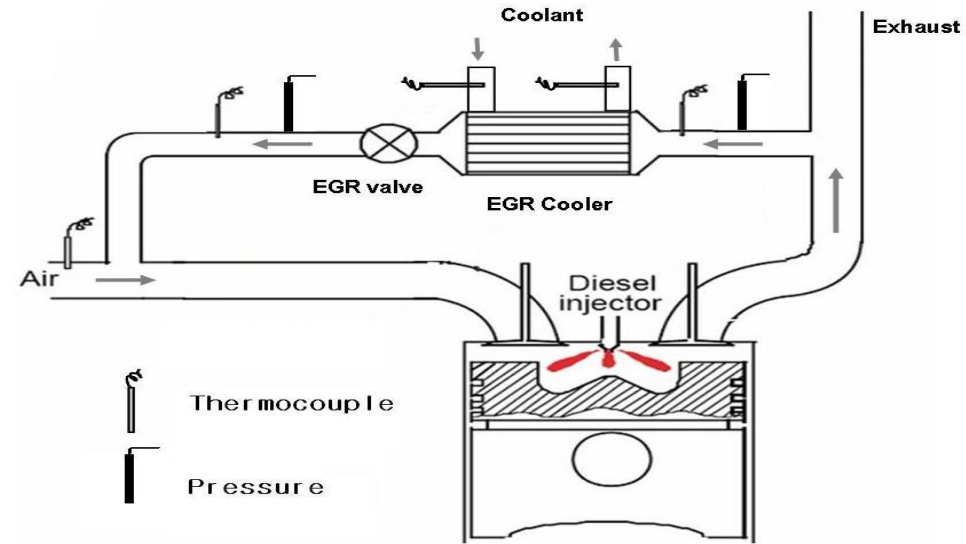
Atmospheric Carbon Net Annual Increase 4 Gt/y



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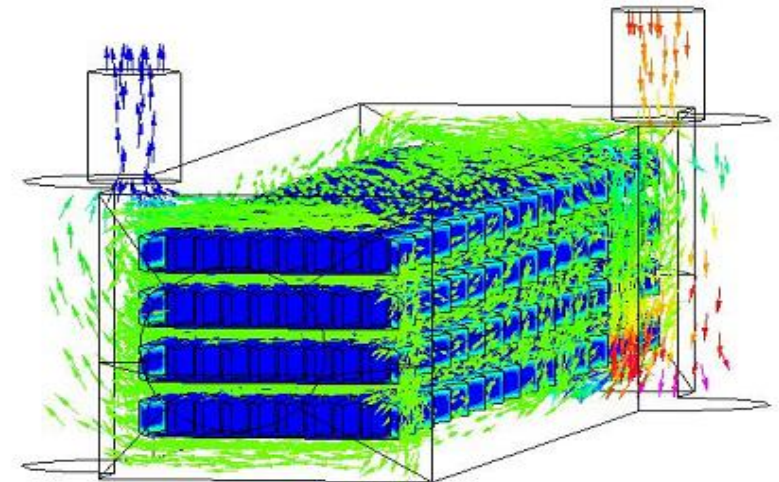
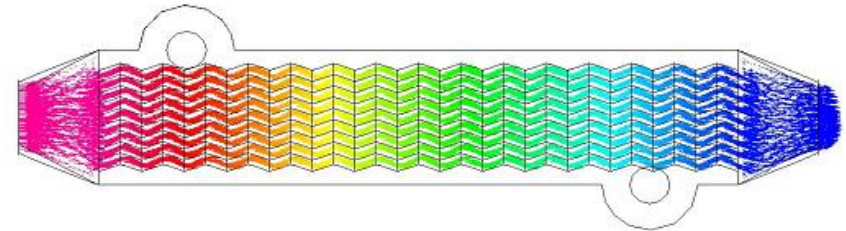
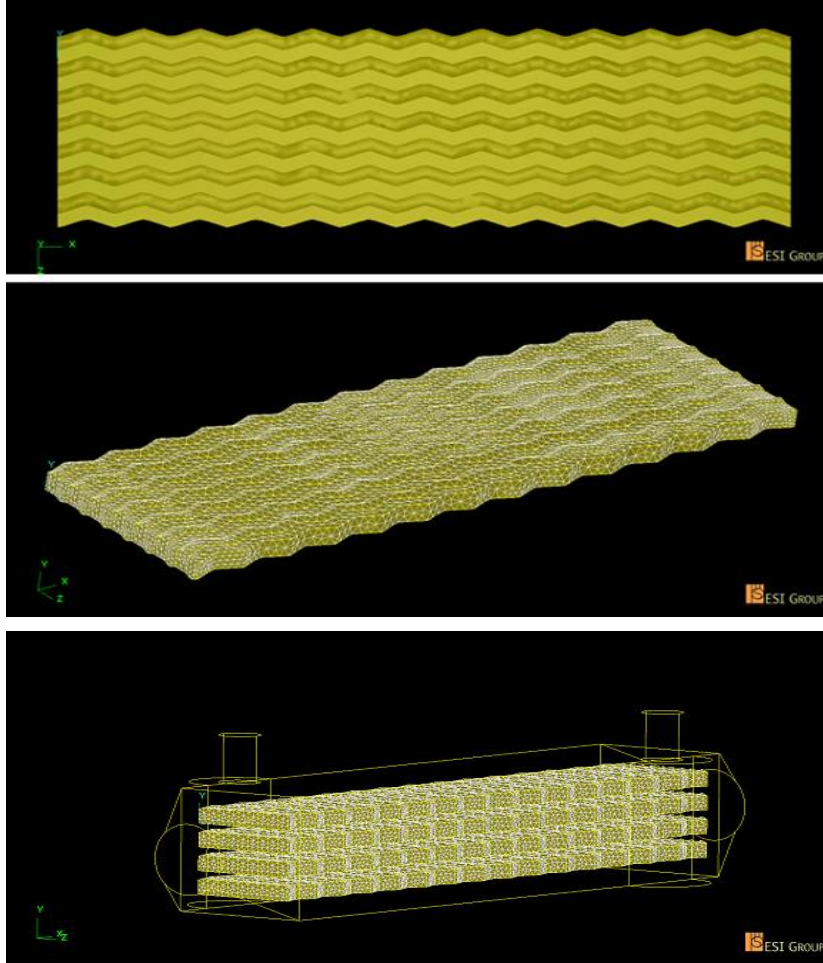
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R&D of EGR Cooler in Diesel Engine



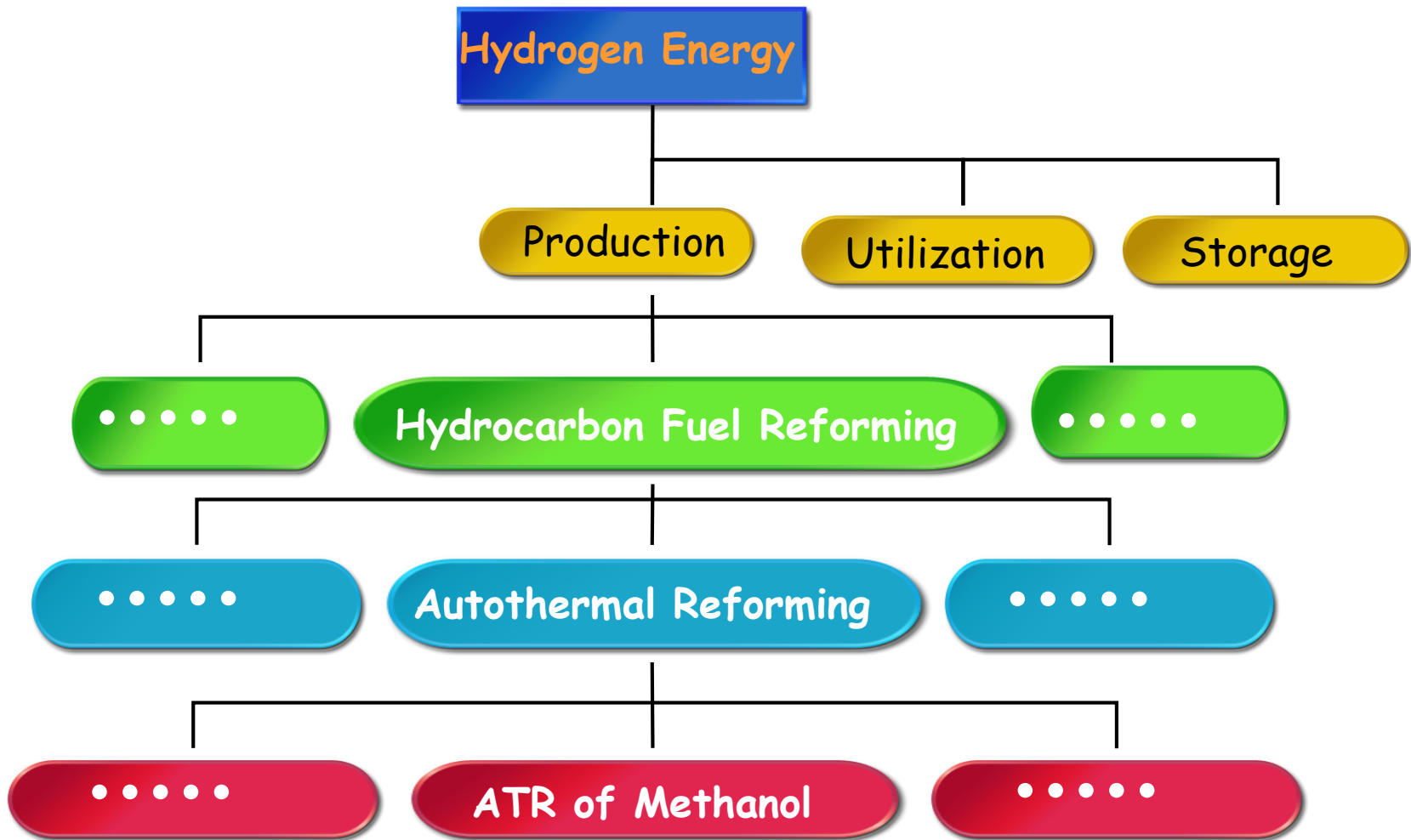
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CFD Simulation of EGR Cooler



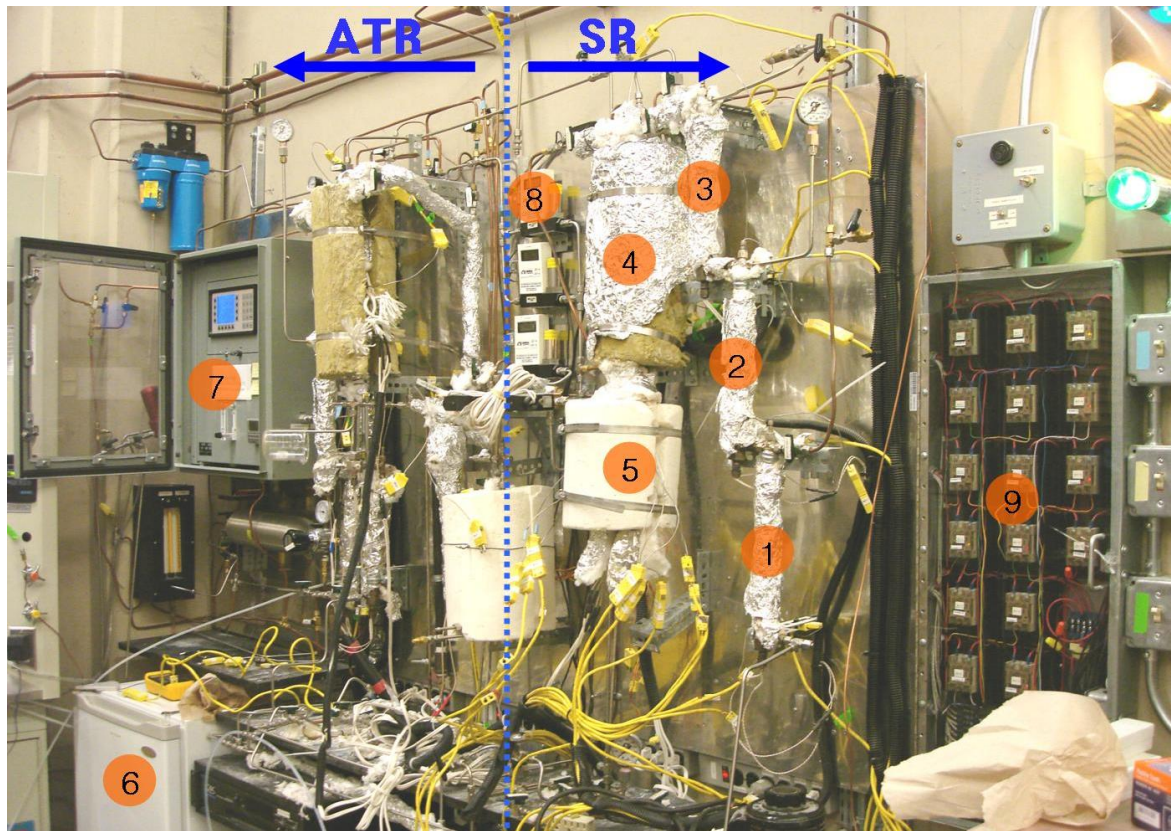
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R&D of Autothermal Reforming



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Experimental Set-up of Autothermal Reforming



① Vaporizer-1

② Vaporizer-2

③ Vaporizer-3

④ Super-heater

⑤ Catalyst reactor

⑥ Condensing unit

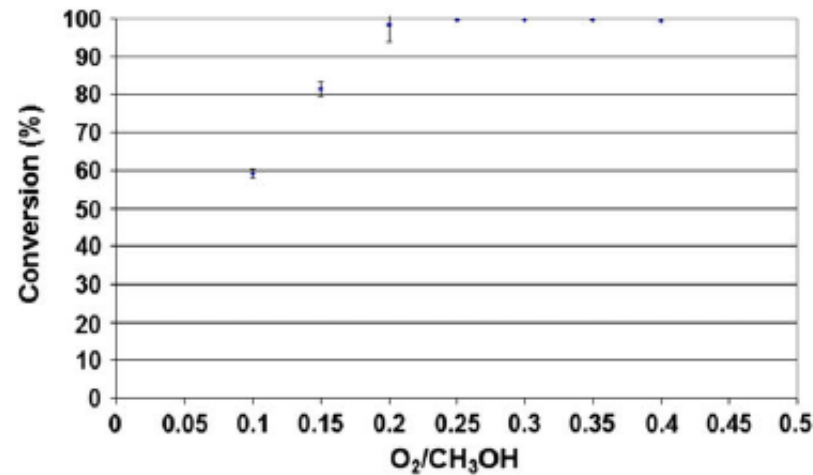
⑦ Gas analyzer

⑧ Mass flow controller

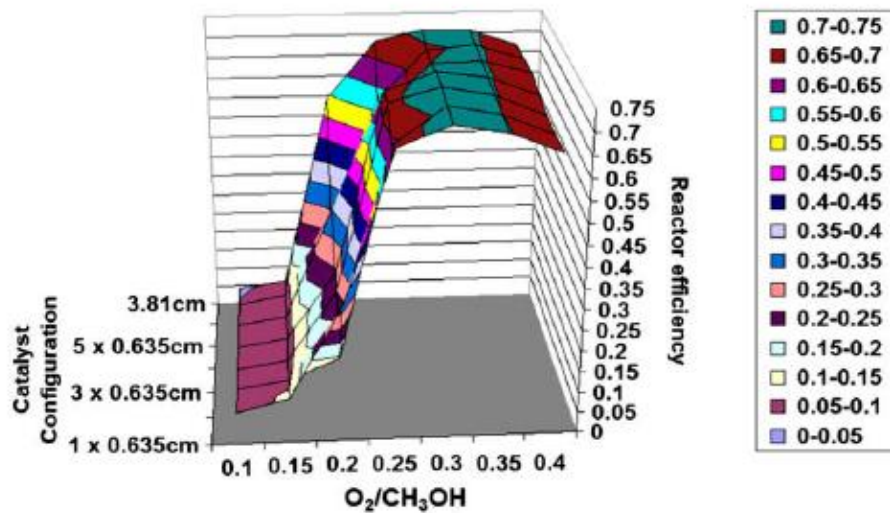
⑨ Control rely box

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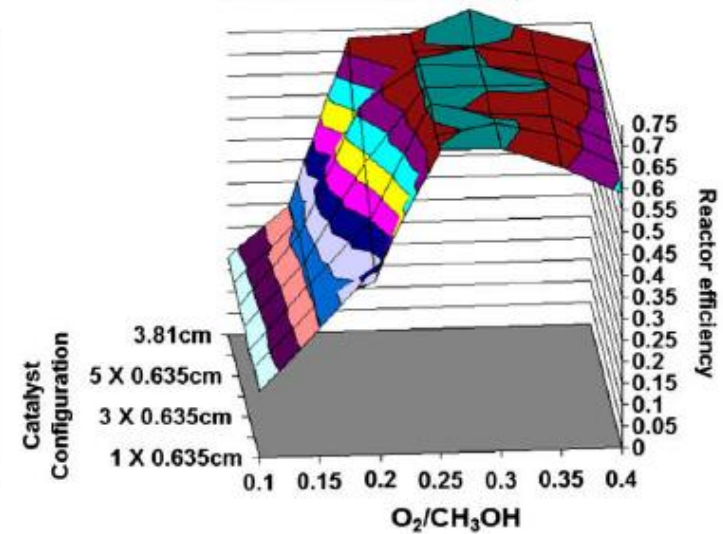
Research Results of Autothermal Reforming



ATR Equilibrium Model Efficiency Map



ATR Reactor Efficiency Map

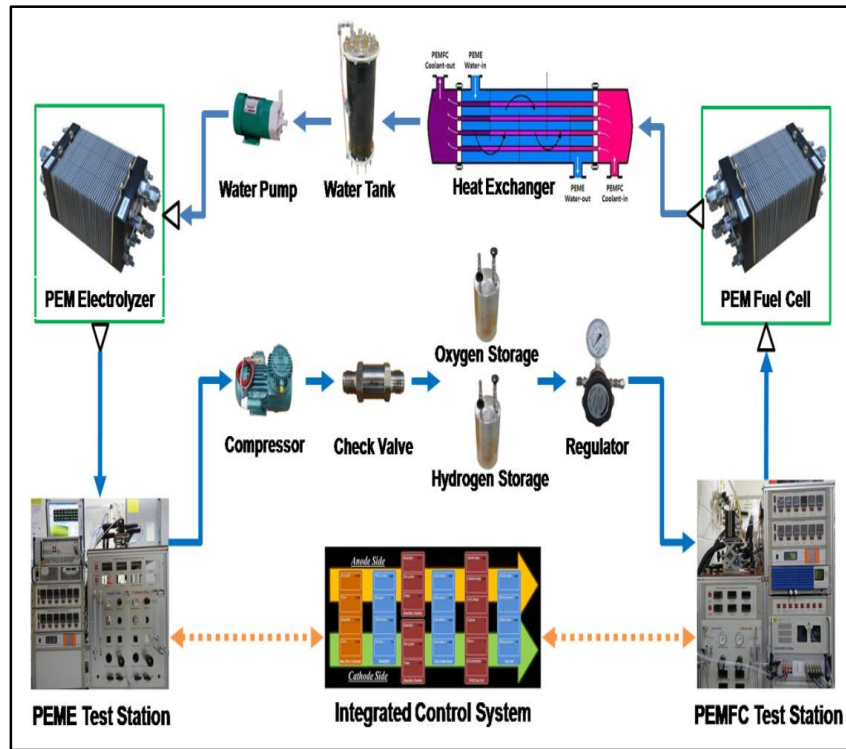


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R&D of Discrete Regenerative Fuel Cell



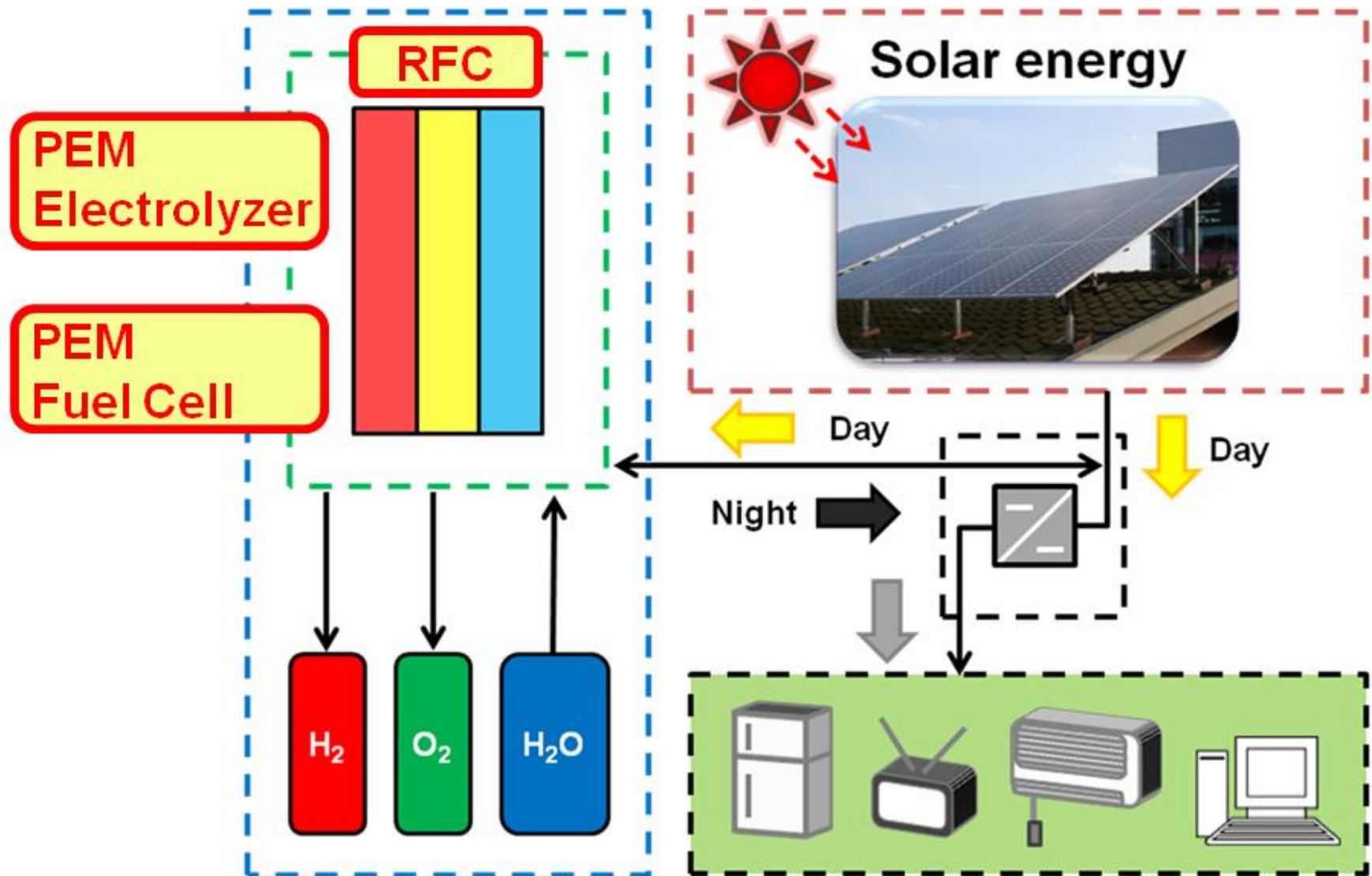
Renewable Energy



Distributed Power Supply

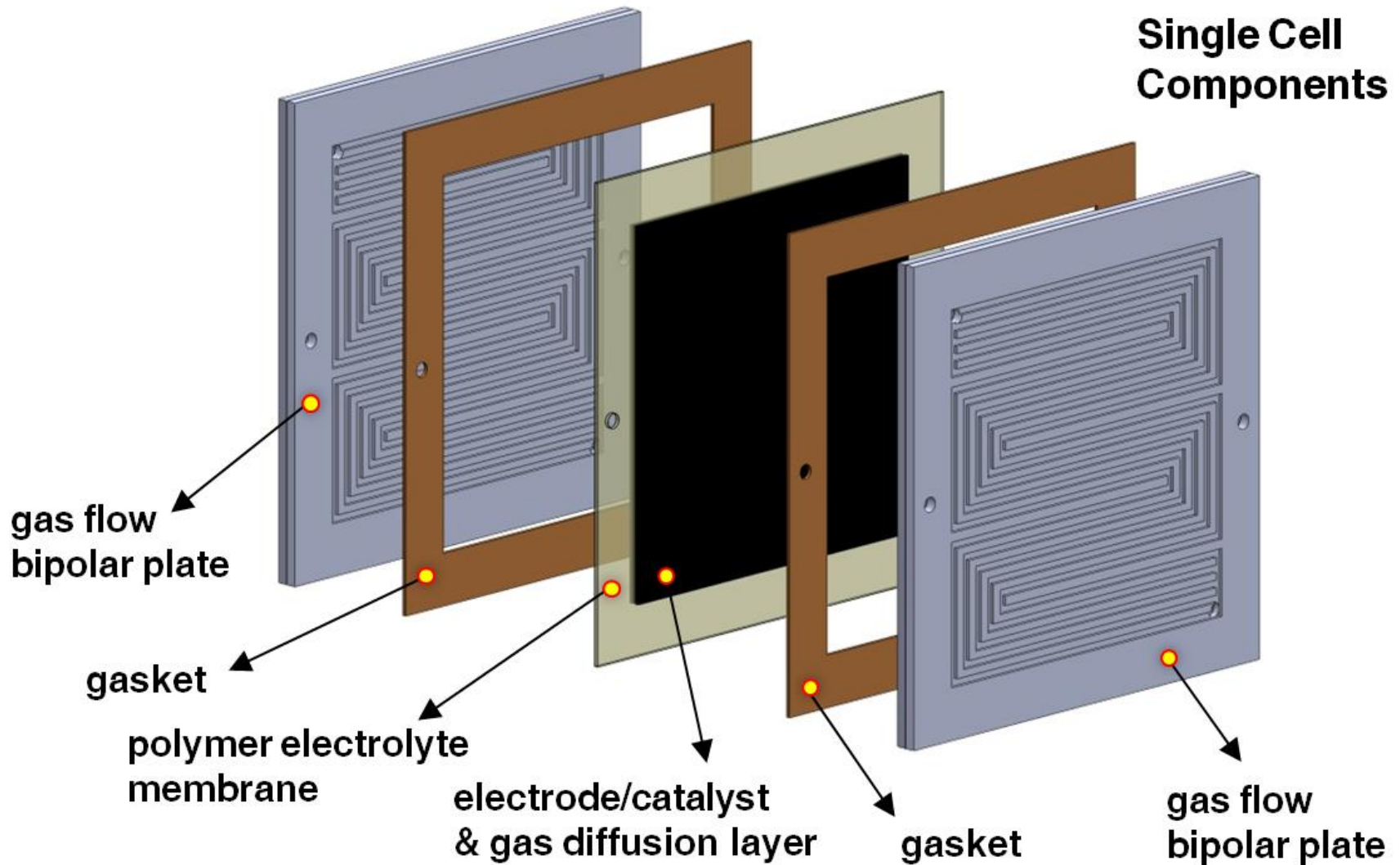
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Operating Principle of Discrete Regenerative Fuel Cell



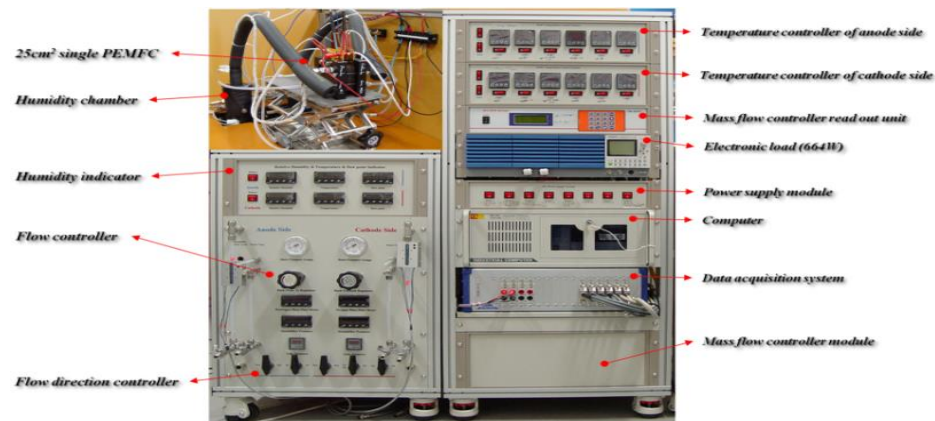
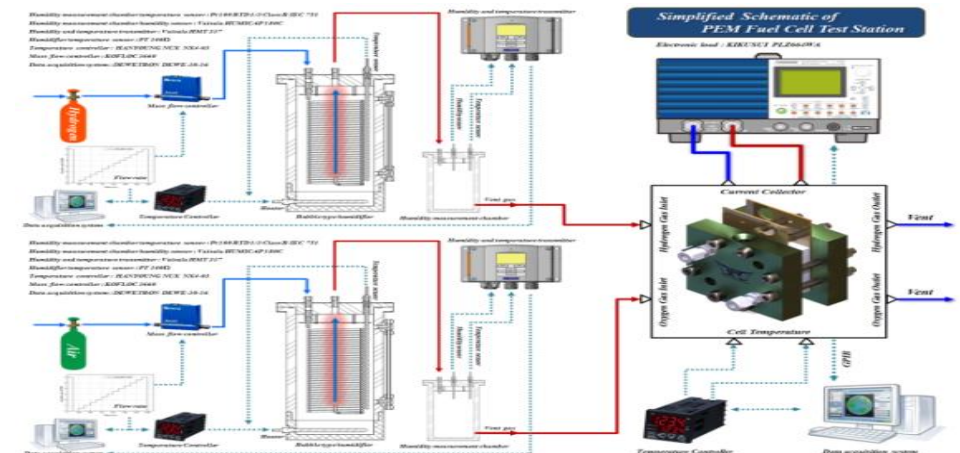
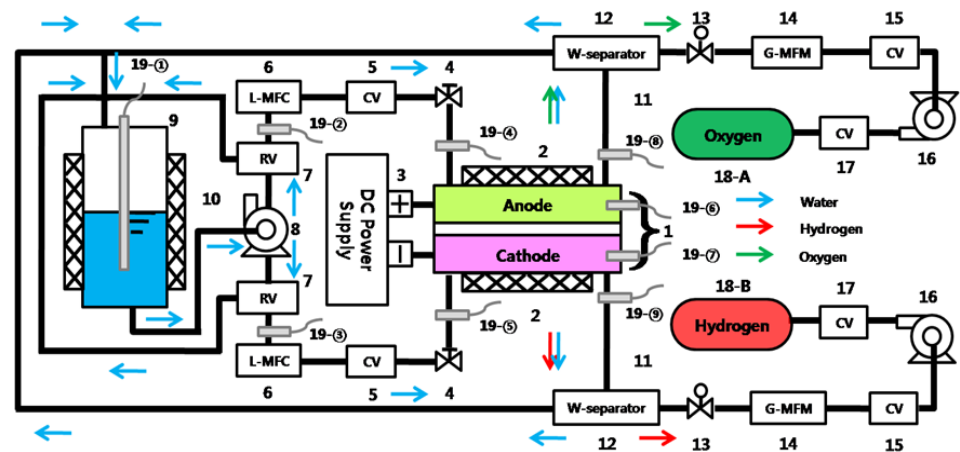
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Regenerative Fuel Cell Components



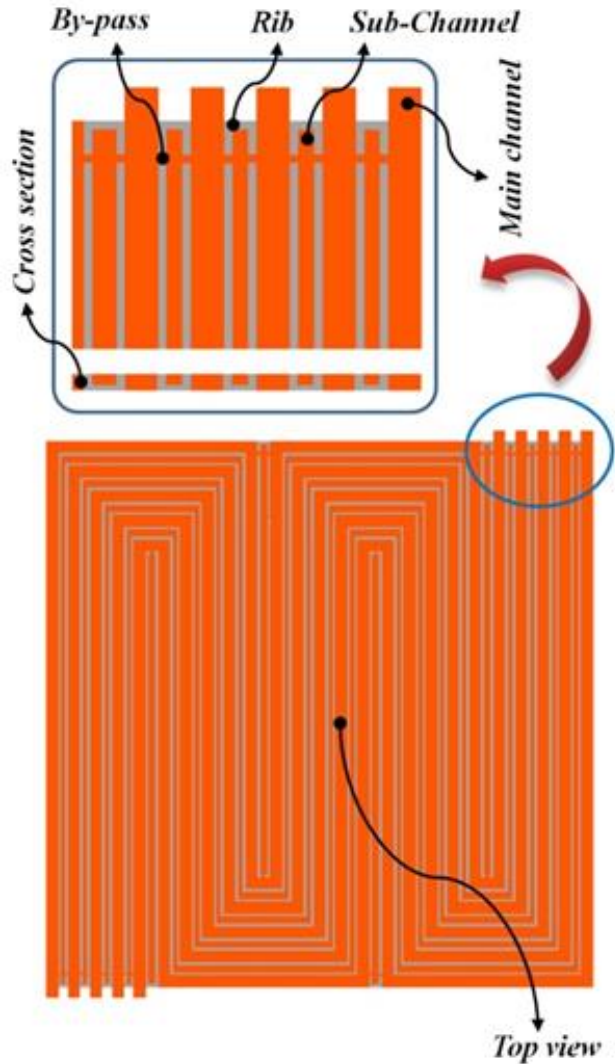
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Regenerative Fuel Cell Experiment Setup

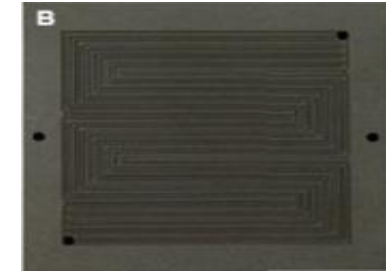


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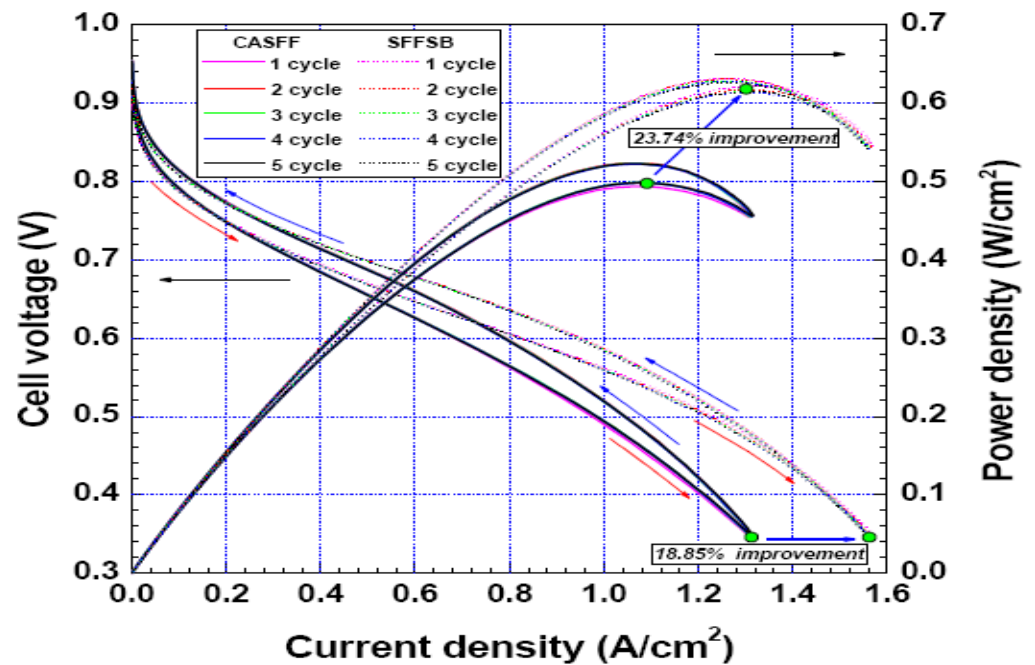
Fuel Cell Performance Improvement



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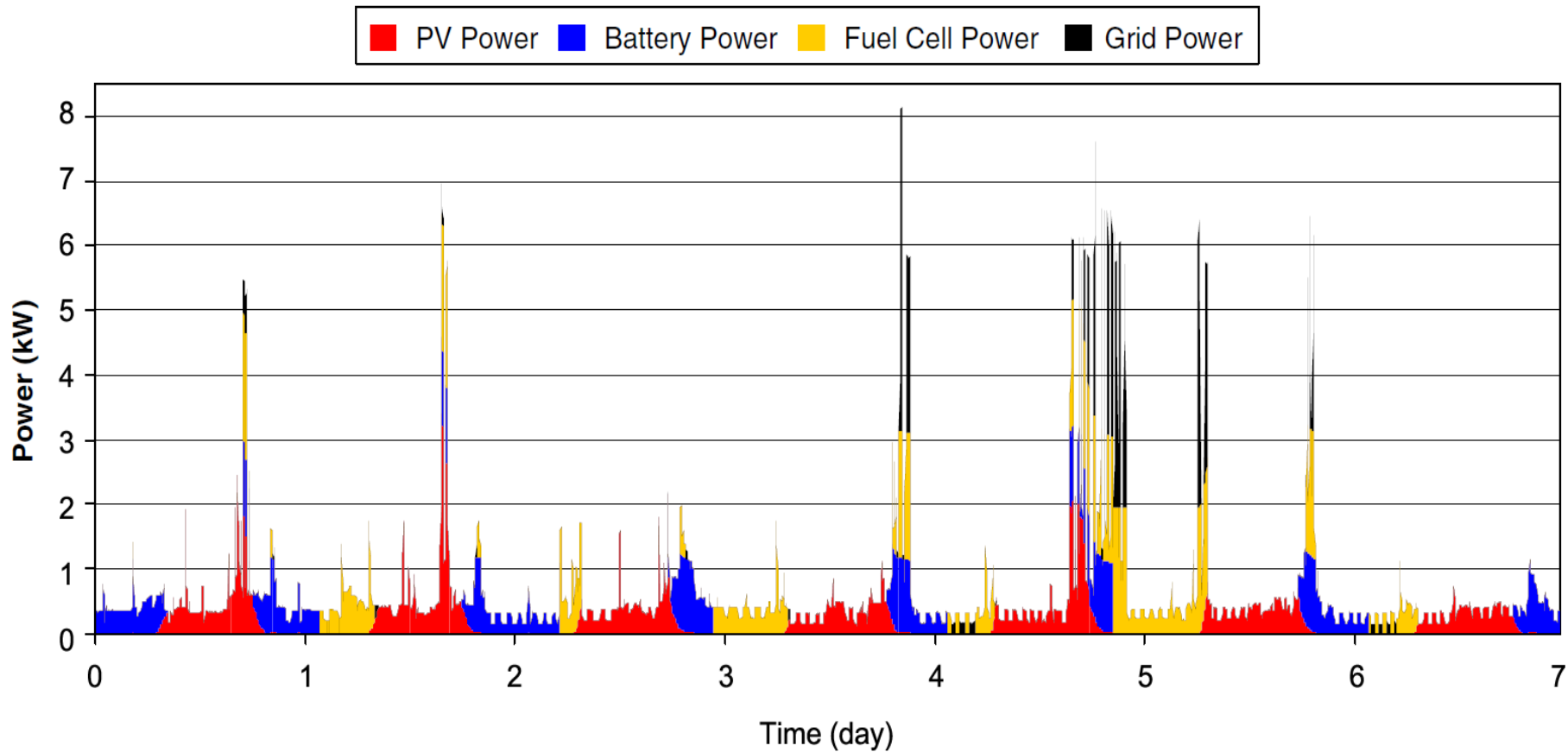


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Smart Grid Operation with Regenerative Fuel Cell



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PEM Fuel Cell for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle: Wing Span 7m, Length 3m
- **Hybrid Power Sources**
 - PEM Fuel Cell 700W + Li-Polymer Battery 900W
 - Hydrogen of 3L in Carbon Composite Tank 300 atm
- **Take-Off:** Hybrid PEMFC 700W + L-P Battery 900W
- **Orbit-Injection:** L-P Battery 900W
- **Cruise Flight:** PEMFC 700W
- **6hr 40min/454km Flight Completion**
- **Landing & Successful Flight**
- **Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Long-Term Unmanned Aerial Vehicle**

Flight of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle



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