

Helmholtz Initiative “FuncHy”

# Functional Materials for Mobile Hydrogen Storage

## Introduction

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**Recommendation** of the Helmholtz Senate following the evaluation of Helmholtz Programme “Advanced Engineering Materials” (GKSS, 2004)

- A **medium-term strategy** for hydrogen storage (or further reaching hydrogen technology) activities should be outlined, **including the research integrated from the “Nanotechnology” programme** (KIT, 2004) **as well as partners from universities and external institutes.**

Application and funding of the Helmholtz Initiative **FuncHy** (2005)

- **2005 – 2008 (+ 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> year)**
- Total budget **363.000 € / year**
- Financing of **5 postdoc positions**

**Positive evaluation** of FuncHy after 2 years (2007)

⇒ **prolongation** until September of **2010**

# Challenges of a Future Hydrogen Economy

Hydrogen generation by renewable energy sources



Hydrogen separation and cleaning



Hydrogen transport and infrastructure



Hydrogen storage



Use of hydrogen in fuel cells



Safety aspects



# Network of Competence: Hydrogen Technology for Mobile Applications

## EU FP7 FlyHy

Fluorine Substituted High Capacity Hydrides  
for Hydrogen Storage  
at low Working Temperatures

EU FP6 IP NESSHY:  
Novel Efficient Solid  
Storage for Hydrogen

EU FP6 MC RTN COSY:  
Complex Solid State Reactions for  
Energy Efficient Hydrogen Storage

## EU FP6 MC RTN HYDROGEN

## EU FP7 NANOHy

Novel Nanocomposites for  
Hydrogen Storage Applications

HGF Initiative  
**Functional Materials for  
Mobile Hydrogen Storage**

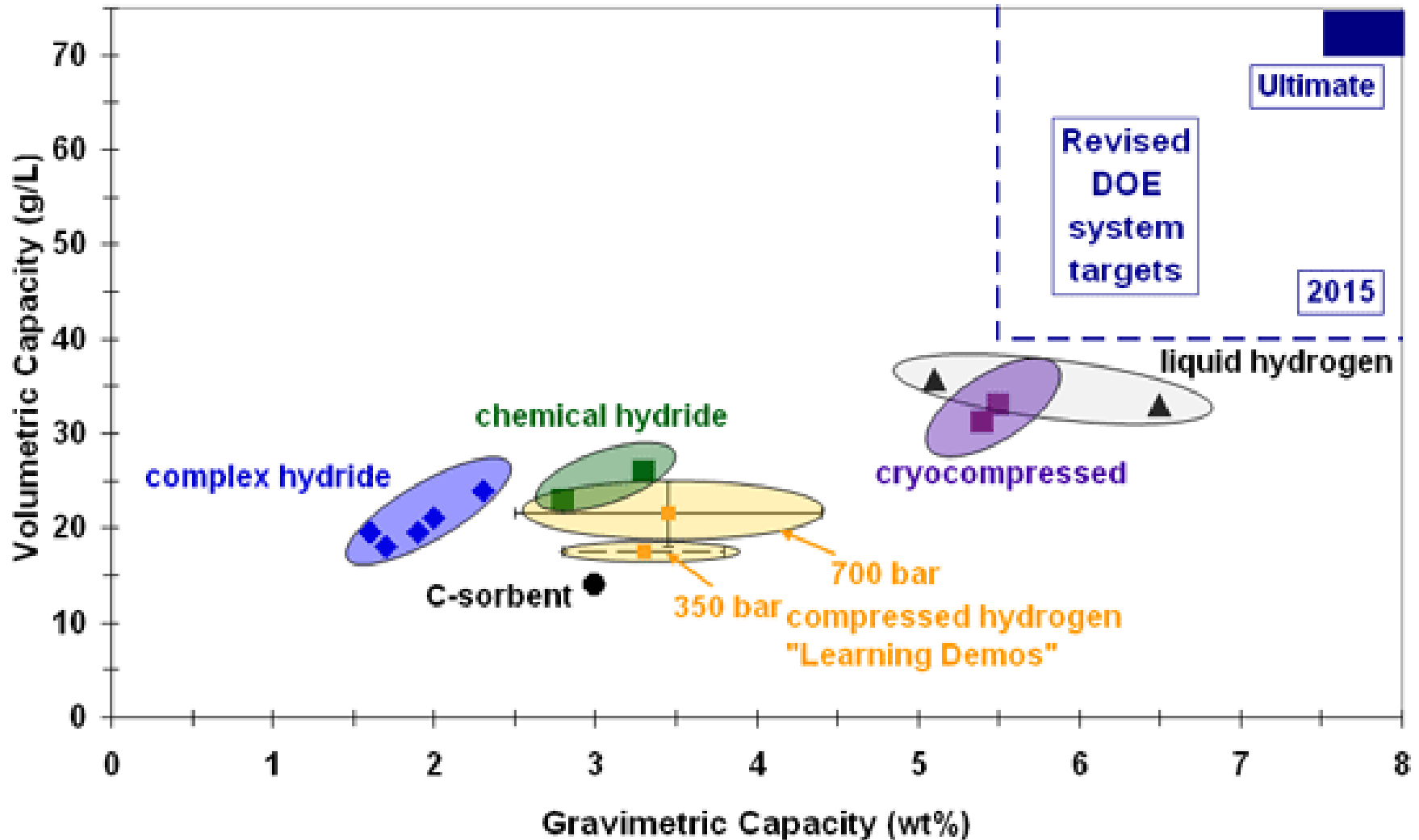
Helmholtz Virtual Institute  
Asymmetric Structures for  
Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells



## Associated Partners of the Helmholtz Initiative

TU Hamburg-Harburg, Univ. Uppsala, TU Denmark, Univ. Aarhus, IFE Norw., MPI Kohlenf., MPI Metallf.,  
BMW AG, DaimlerChrysler AG, Volkswagen AG, Adam Opel AG/General Motors,  
DLR IfK, GKSS IfP, FZK IKET

# Current Status of H Storage Systems (DOE 1/2010)



- Development of **novel hydrogen storage materials** with a reversible hydrogen capacity of more than **5 wt.%**
- **desorption temperatures of  $\leq 150^{\circ}\text{C}$**  for combination with a new generation of PEM fuel cells and combustion engines
- **optimisation of ab- and desorption kinetics** of storage materials  
⇒ sorption kinetics not rate limiting for properties of whole storage system
- **Economic production routes** for storage materials

cf: EU IP STORHY, Shell Global Solutions,  
Japanese „New Sunshine Project“, US DOE system targets

## Materials

**Alanates** ( task leader Dr. Maximilian Fichtner, FZK)

**Borohydrides** (task leader Dr. Philippe Mauron, EMPA)

**Amides** (task leader Dr. Wiebke Lohstroh, FZK)

**Reactive Hydride Composites** (task leader Dr. Martin Dornheim, GKSS)

## Cross Cutting Tasks

**Thermodynamic and Kinetic Characterisation**

(task leader Dr. Oliver Gutfleisch, IFW)

**Combinatorial Search for Hydrogen Storage Materials**

(task leader Dr. Bernard Dam, VU)

**System Integration of Selected Hydrogen Storage Materials**

(task leader Dr. José Bellosta von Colbe , GKSS)

# Following Talks

Matteo Filippi (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam) - [Light - Weight Sodium Alanate Thin Films grown by Reactive Sputtering](#)

Maximilian Fichtner (KIT, Karlsruhe) - [Alanates – Synthesis, Transformation Mechanism and Technical State of the Art](#)

Philippe Mauron (Empa, Dübendorf) - [FuncHy: Borohydrides](#)

Jianjiang Hu (KIT, Karlsruhe) - [Li-Mg -N-h Hydrogen Storage Systems - Composition Variation , Sorption Properties and Mechanistic Study](#)

Ulrike Bösenberg (GKSS, Geesthacht) - [Reaction Pathways and Role of Additives in Reactive Hydride Composites](#)

José Bellosta von Colbe (GKSS, Geesthacht) - [System Integration : from Materials Research to Tank System](#)

Talks will be made available for download at <http://funchy.gkss.de>