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## ❑ Short Introduction

- Dr. Takagi is a SOFC product development manager at Saint-Gobain, responsible for managing its major projects as well as driving the direction of its R&D portfolio.
- As a part of his responsibilities, he works closely with diverse global companies involved in the energy and engineering field.
- Before joining Saint-Gobain in 2014, he worked for SONY and Ebara Ballard, where he was responsible for variety of fuel cell system integration and critical component developments.

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# SAINT-GOBAIN, ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP LEADING INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS WITH 350 YEARS OF HISTORY



Operations in  
**66 countries**



Over  
**170 000** employees

**2016**

Amounts in €bn

Sales	39.1
Operating income	2.8
Recurring net income	1.4

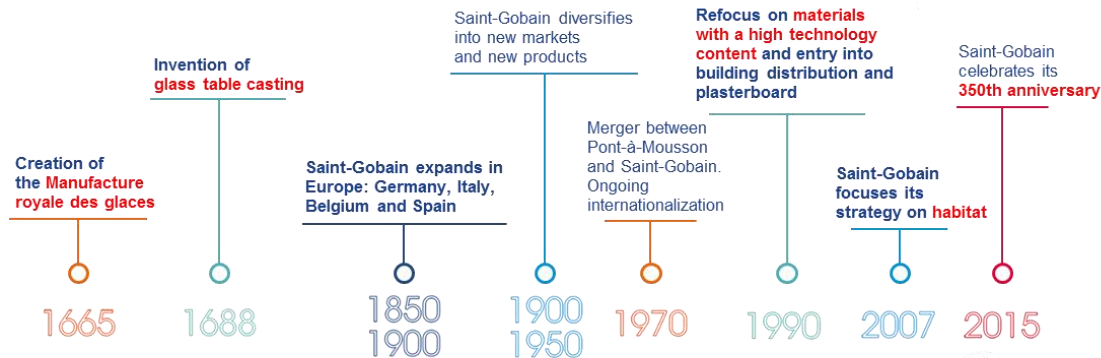
## R&D in Saint-Gobain

**8** cross-business  
R&D centers

**3,700**  
people

One of the top  
**100** global innovators\*

\* Source: Thomson Reuters



# SOFC DEVELOPMENT HISTORY AT SAINT-GOBAIN

## Internally funded for 10 years with external collaborations

**2005**

Internal project started, material and process development

**2006**

Co-sintered button cell with OCV > 1.0V

**2009**

'Button Stack' developed with all relevant features

**2010-2011**

Scale-up, performance and degradation improvements

**2012**

150W stack developed, internal testing begins

**2013**

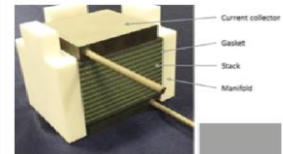
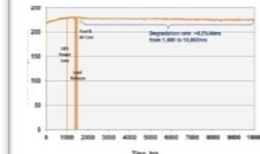
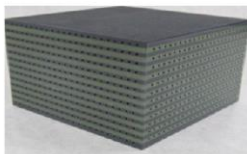
Degradation rate of 0.2%/khr demonstrated; Public unveiling

**2014**

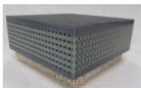
150W module for testing developed

**2015**

Industrial style 150W module development



Northboro, MA

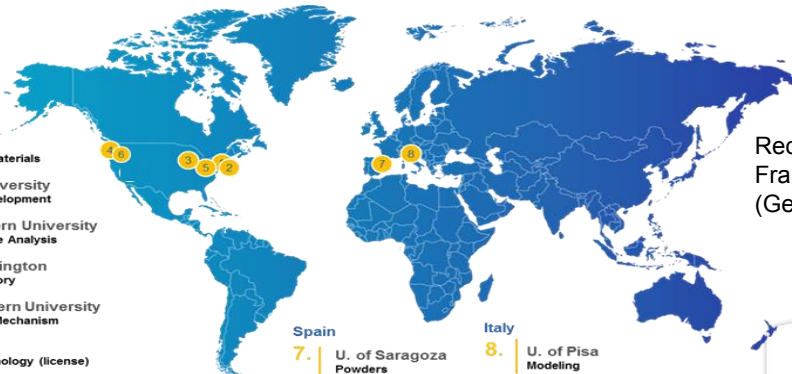


**Stack Development & Testing**

Collaboration Partners

United States

1. MIT Performance Modeling & Materials
2. Boston University Materials Development
3. Northwestern University Microstructure Analysis
4. U. of Washington Sintering Theory
5. Case Western University Degradation Mechanism
6. PNNL Sealing Technology (license)



Spain

7. U. of Saragoza Powders

Italy

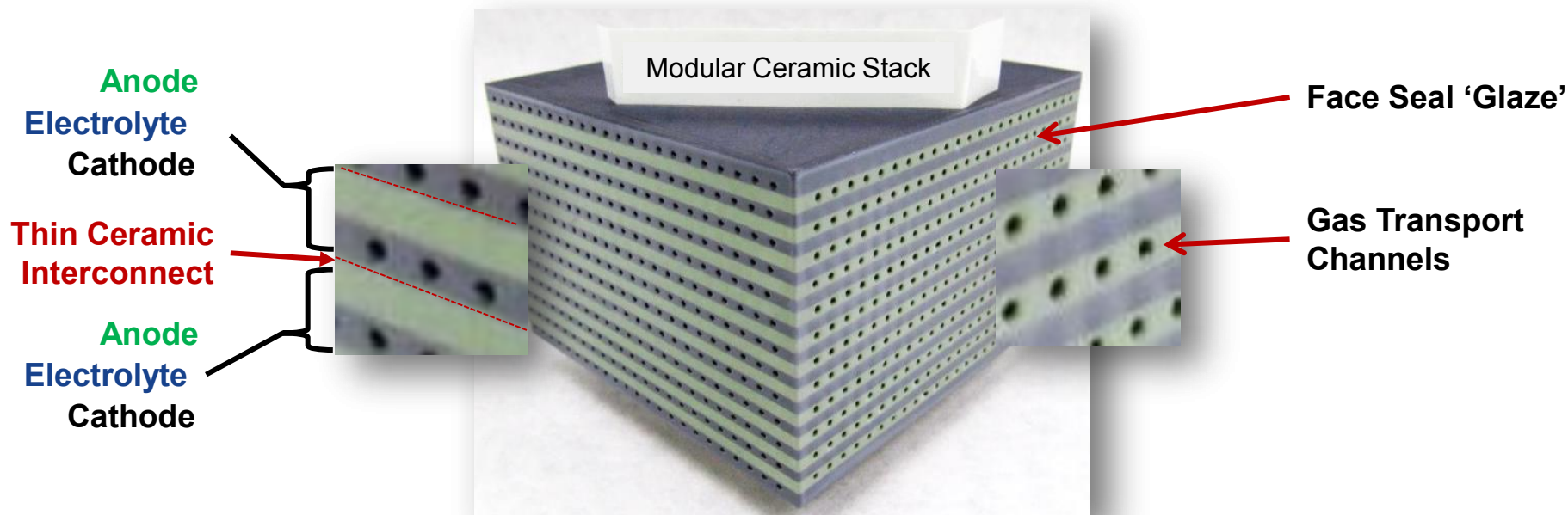
8. U. of Pisa Modeling

Recent addition :  
Fraunhofer IKTS  
(Germany)

CERAMIC MATERIALS



# INNOVATIVE SG ALL-CERAMIC SOFC STACK



## Key Differentiators

**1**  
**High**  
**Durability**  
**& Reliability**

*Thin ceramic interconnects*  
*Well bonded interfaces*

**2**  
**Low Cost**  
**Manufacturing**  
**& System**

*Multi-cell co-firing*  
*Multi-layer processing*

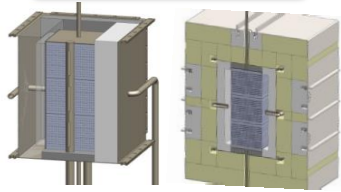
**3**  
**Compact**  
**Design**

*Good volumetric*  
*power density*

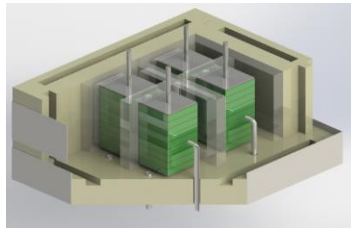
# VALUE CHAIN FOR MARKET APPROACH AND SG'S POSITION

From Powder, Stack to Hot box

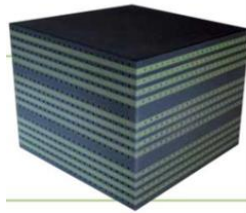
600W Module



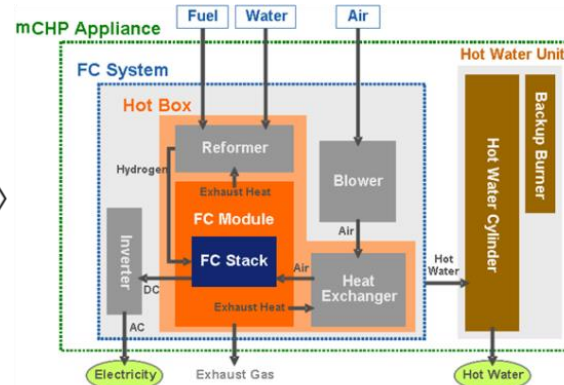
2.5 kW Module



Stack/Module  
Saint-Gobain



System Partner



Utility/Distribution

