## Foundational Research for H2@Scale: Energy Materials Network Consortia



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# The DOE Energy Materials Network (EMN)



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#### ElectroCat

The Electrocatalysis Consortium (ElectroCat) is using national lab resources and capabilities such as Argonne's High-Throughput Research facility (pictured) and Los Alamos' ability to design and synthesize catalysts to speed the development process of PGM-free electrocatalysts for fuel cells. *Photo credit: Argonne National Laboratory*   EMN creates a nexus of industry, government, & laboratory stakeholders with resources focused on accelerating materials innovation into clean-energy products

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# A Platform for Accelerated R&D

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Cutting-edge materials research for critical energy technologies

# **Bridging Science and Application**

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push

The EMN relies on industry pull and scientific push to work together in the accelerated R&D of important clean energy technologies

Facilitating access to scientific innovation in materials R&D

# **The EMN Pioneer Consortia**

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EMN consortia focus on critical clean energy challenges





PGM-free catalysts for fuel cells are critical for cost-reductions needed for large-scale market penetration



Breakthrough H<sub>2</sub> storage materials are key to large-scale H<sub>2</sub> energy & possible future on-board storage





H2@Scale depends on a future portfolio of large-scale, low-cost, sustainable H<sub>2</sub>O splitting options

### Accelerating R&D in H<sub>2</sub> production, storage and utilization

# ElectroCat: Fuel Cell PGM-Free Electrocatalysts ENERG

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Accelerating the discovery & development of innovative catalyst and electrode materials critical to advanced platinum group metal-free fuel cell technologies

> Comprising world-class capabilities and expertise in:

- catalyst synthesis, characterization, processing, & manufacturing
- high-throughput, combinatorial techniques
- advanced computational tools

Synthesis, processing and manufacturing

Characterization and Synthesis

(d) Data Mana











Website: http://www.electrocat.org/

# HyMARC: Breakthrough H<sub>2</sub> Storage Materials

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HyMARC will provide capabilities and foundational understanding of phenomena governing thermodynamics and kinetics limiting the development of solid-state hydrogen storage materials

#### Delivering community tools and capabilities:

- **Computational models and databases** for high-throughput materials screening
- New characterization tools and methods (surface, bulk, soft X-ray, synchrotron)
- Tailorable synthetic platforms for probing nanoscale phenomena



#### In situ characterization



Website: https://hymarc.org/

# HydroGEN: Advanced H<sub>2</sub>O Splitting Materials

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# Accelerating discovery & development of innovative materials critical to advanced technologies for sustainable H<sub>2</sub> production, including:

- Advanced high- and low-temperature electrochemical conversion
- Direct photoelectrochemical solar water splitting
- Direct solar thermochemical water splitting

Comprising more that 80 unique, world-class capabilities/expertise in materials theory/computation, synthesis, characterization & analysis:

#### Materials Theory/Computation



Bulk & interfacial models of aqueous electrolytes



LAMMPS classic molecular dynamics modeling relevant to H<sub>2</sub>O splitting

#### Advanced Materials Synthesis



High-throughput spray pyrolysis system for electrode fabrication



Conformal ultrathin TiO<sub>2</sub> ALD coating on bulk nanoporous gold



**Characterization & Analytics** 

Stagnation flow reactor to evaluate kinetics of redox material at high-T



TAP reactor for extracting quantitative kinetic data

## Website: https://www.h2awsm.org/

# **Streamlined Access to Materials Innovations**

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# The EMN leverages National Lab resources to foster foundational materials R&D for important clean energy applications

The EMN framework facilitates streamlined access for industry and academic stakeholders



EMN innovation ecosystem facilitates foundational H2@Scale R&D

# Facilitating H2@Scale Foundational R&D

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Single points of contact facilitate stakeholder/consortia interactions

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