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## BACKGROUND AND TECHNIQUES



Electroplating of 2D materials and Nanocomposites



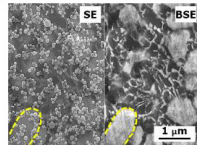
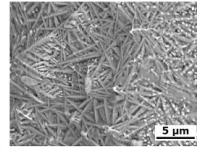
Mass production of Graphene-based nanomaterials



Electrochemical Energy Storage Systems

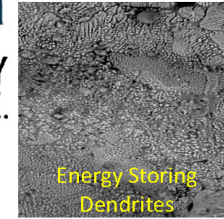
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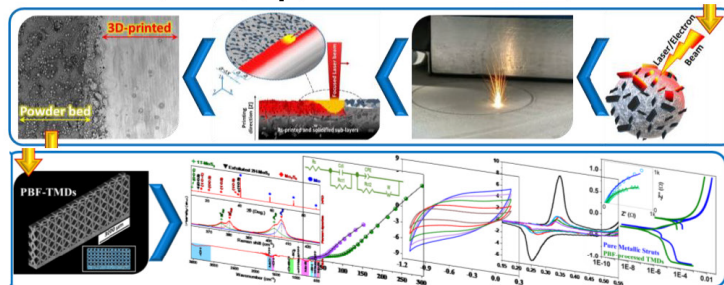


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- Materials Development
- Manufacturing Process Optimization
- Energy-based Application Development
- Functional Composite Industrialization



## Research Goals / Future Plans

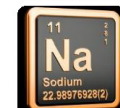
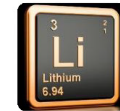


Cost Effective

3D Transition Metal Sulfides

3D Transition Metal Oxides

High-Temp. Nanocomposites

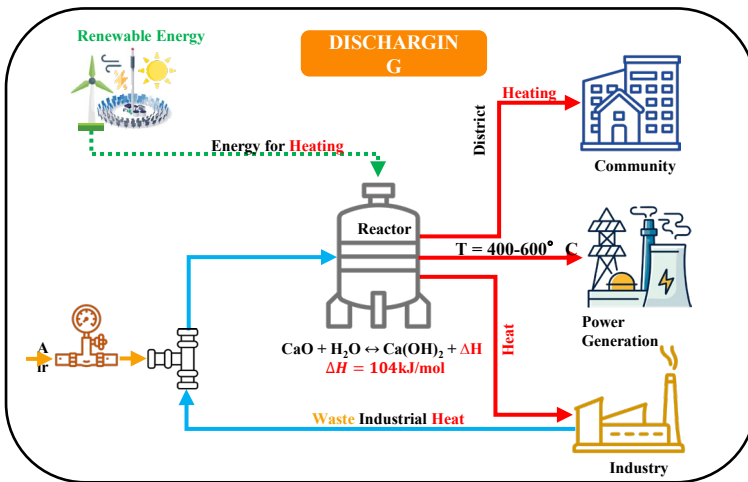
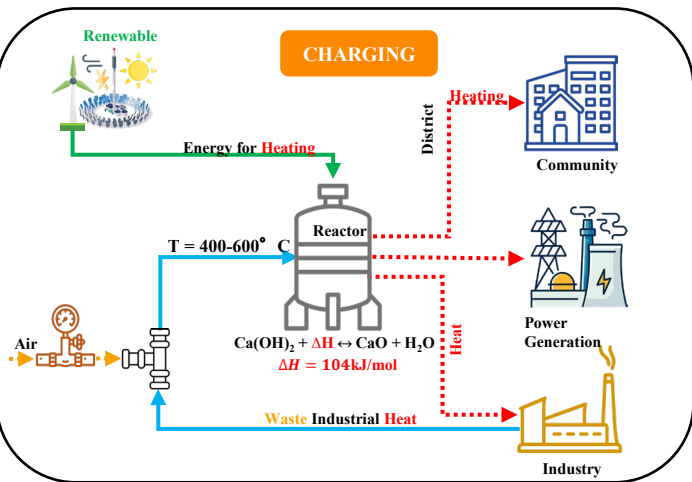




# Khushwant Singh Chauhan



- **Energy** is essential, yet reliance on fossil fuels is driving **greenhouse gas emissions**.
- Renewable energy (solar, wind) is **intermittent**. Long duration Energy Storage is **essential** for continuous, reliable supply.
- Demonstration of **5 kW LONG DURATION HIGH TEMPERATURE THERMOCHEMICAL HEAT STORAGE** system.



Builds reactor models,  
tests performance.

Optimizes materials with  
additive manufacturing.

Supports LCS, economics,  
and policy analysis.

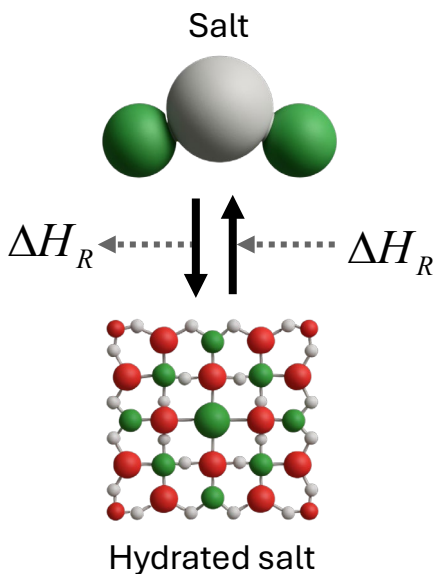




# Sergio Enrique Cruz Lopez

# Micro-HS: THS Reactor Design Using Novel TCM.

## Theoretical principle

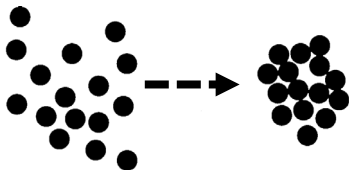


## Challenges

Deliquescence

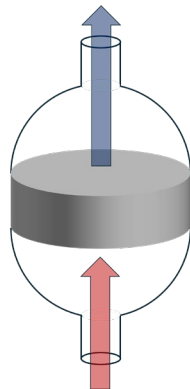


Agglomeration



## Hypothesized strategies

- Operational conditions



- Internal arrangement



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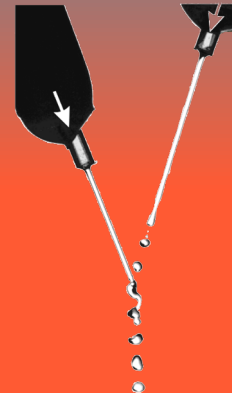
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# Mediya Etemadi

# Shaping the Future: Back-End Nuclear Fuel Cycle Strategies in the Energy Transition

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# The role of nuclear energy in the Energy mix



# Nuclear Energy

## Advantages

### Energy sufficiency

- High energy density
- Stability and Reliability

### Environmental impact

- No direct CO2 emissions
- Fuel availability

## Disadvantages

### Safety

- Potential of accidents
- Proliferation risk

### Radioactive waste

- management
- Recycling and Reusing
- cost

### Public perception

- negative public perception

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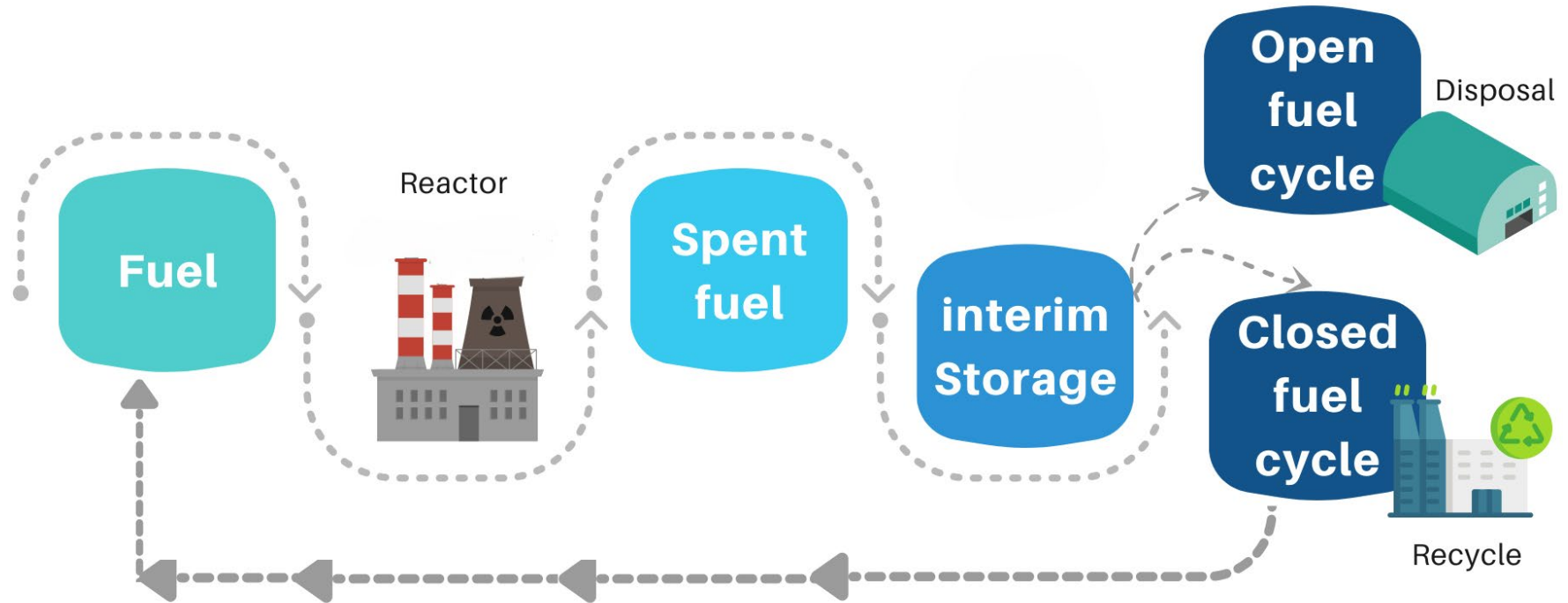
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# Open or Closed Nuclear Fuel Cycle:

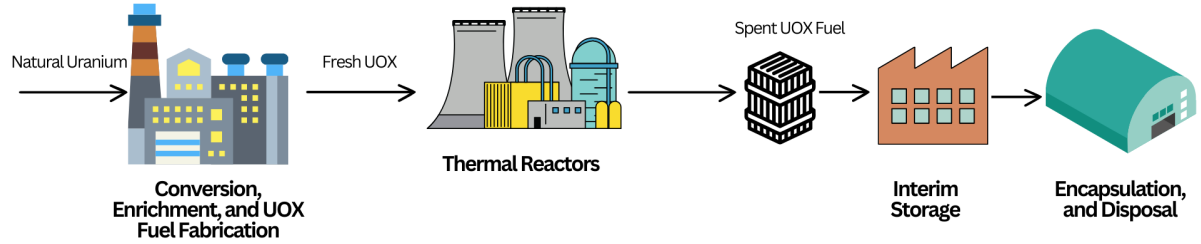




# Nuclear Fuel Cycle Strategies:

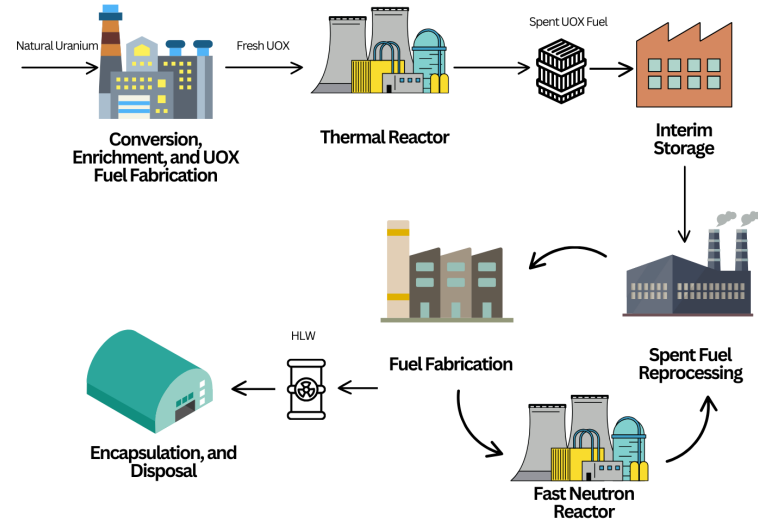
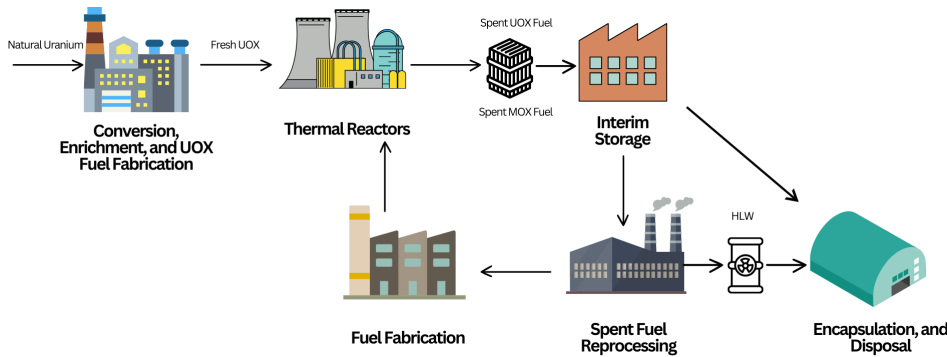
## Open fuel cycle:

- Direct disposal (OTC)



## Closed fuel cycle:

- Partial Recycling (TTC)
- Advanced Recycling (AFC)



Cost of nuclear  
energy for  
different back-  
end fuel cycle  
strategies



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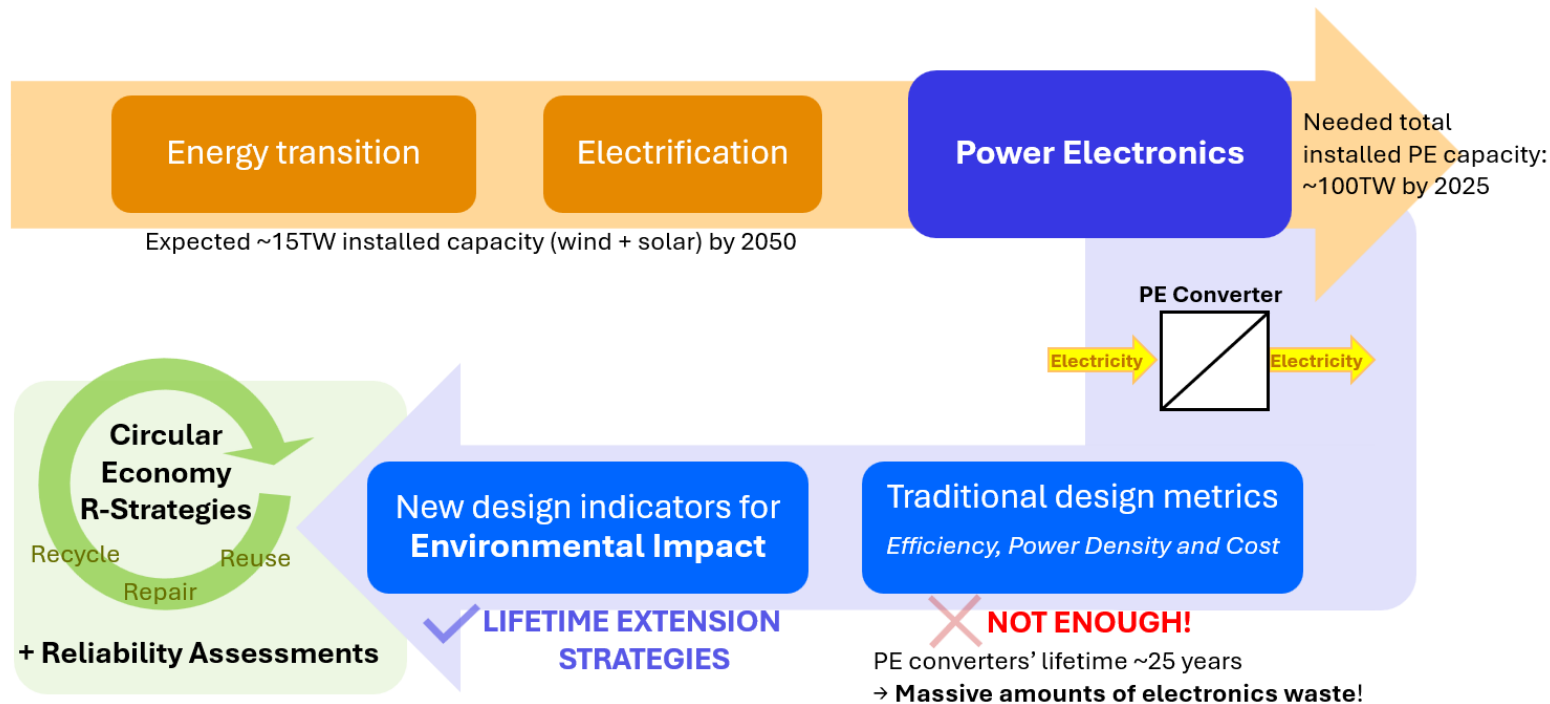


Which  
strategy is  
optimal in  
terms of cost  
and waste  
generation?



# Francesca Grazian

## Circular Economy R-Strategies for Power Electronics

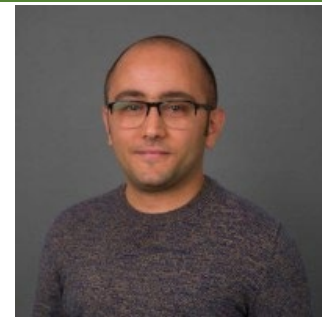




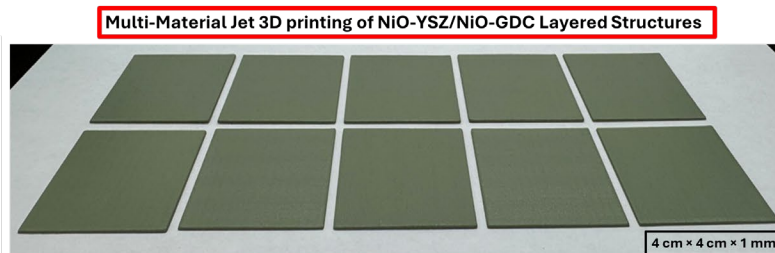
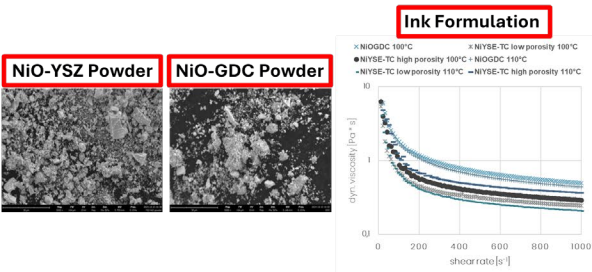
# Amin Hodaei

## Goals / Research topics

- Additive Manufacturing and fast, facile, and effective post-processing techniques (e.g., ultrafast high-temperature sintering (UHS)) to realize maximum control over the microstructure, properties, and performance of energy systems such as solid oxide fuel cells (SOFCs)

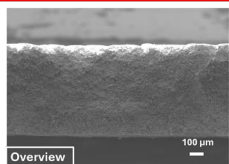


## METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

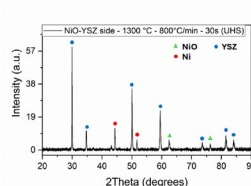
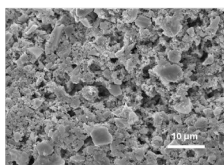
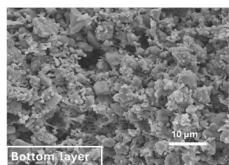
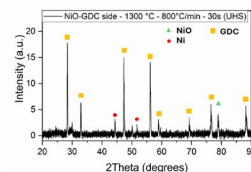
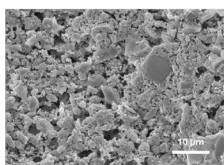
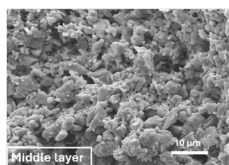
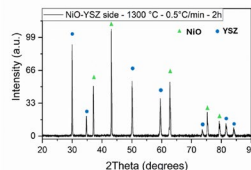
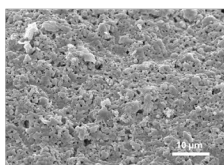
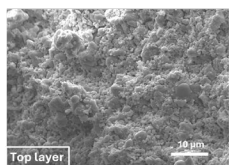
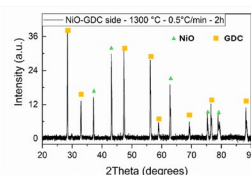
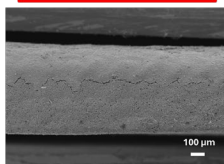


## RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS

Conventional 1300 °C – 2h – 0.5 °C/min



UHS 1300 °C – 30s – 800 °C/min



- ❖ Tuned microstructure and porosity by UHS
- ❖ UHS sintering demonstrated oxygen dissociation from NiO and caused formation of Ni
- ❖ Replacement for chemical reduction of NiO in reducing gas environments (e.g., forming gas)
- ❖ The total **time of sintering is reduced by > 99% in UHS sintering (~10 min)** compared to conventional sintering
- ❖ UHS sintering provides a disruptive pathway for facile and efficient sintering of layered structures for versatile applications, e.g., energy storage and conversion, in only few minutes.



# Guang Hu



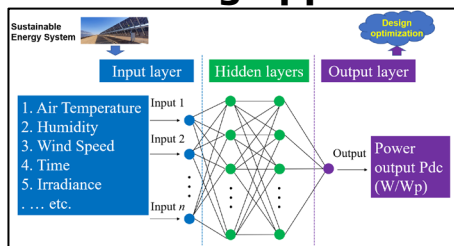
## Goals / Research topics

- Machine Learning Applications
- Solar Energy System
- Thermal Energy System



## METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

### ➤ Machine learning applications in PV



### Research Description

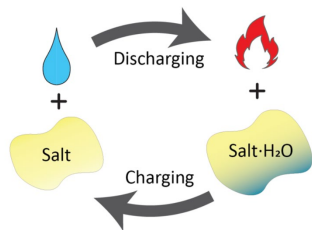
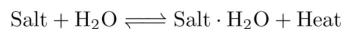
- Combining machine learning techniques with physics modeling.
- Contributing to the development of sustainable energy solutions that are both optimal and suitable for urban cities.
- Translating 3D models of built environment into data-driven assessment environments.



# Bram Kieskamp

## DEVELOPMENT OF A VACUUM BASED HEAT BATTERY

### THERMOCHEMICAL MATERIAL

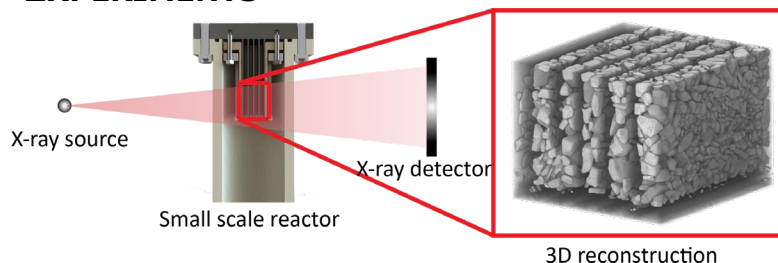


### GOALS

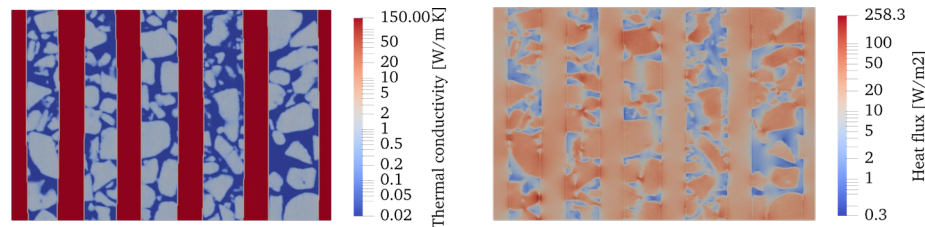
Establish reactor-scale effects of cycling induced volume changes

- Characterise morphological changes
- Influence on heat and mass transfer
- Resulting reactor performance

### EXPERIMENTS



### NUMERICS



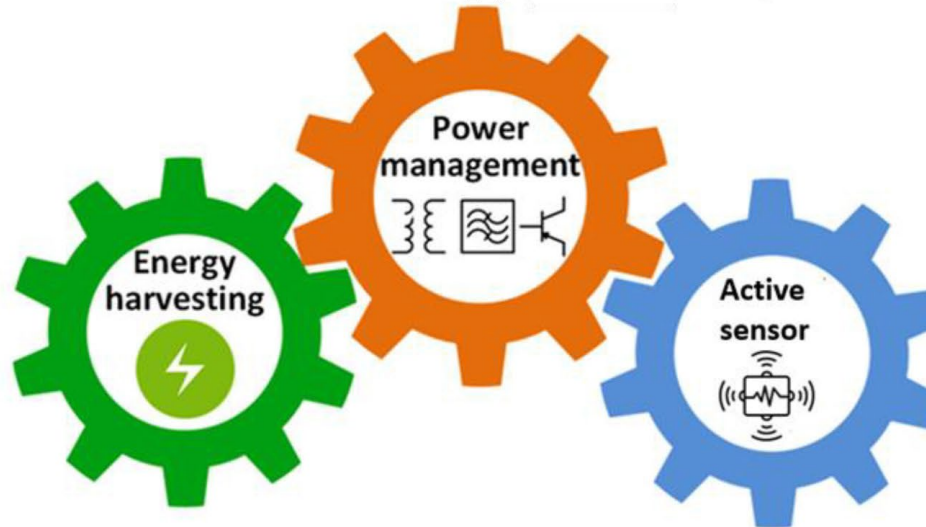


# Raheleh Mohammadpour

## Goals / Research topics

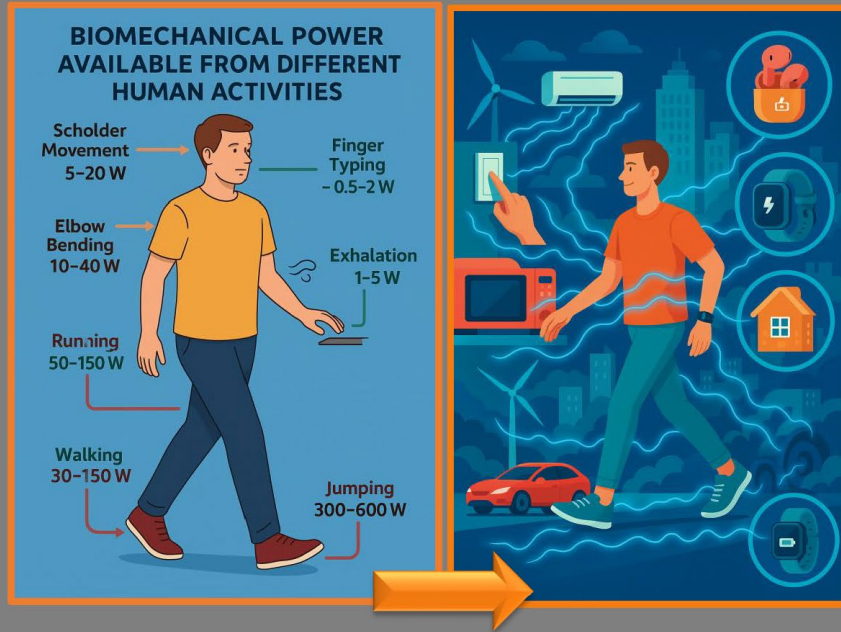
- Hybrid Triboelectric/Magnetoelastic Nanogenerators
- Self-powered sensors

## All- in-one Energy Sensor Unit



# 4TU.Energy

A nanogenerator is a technology that converts mechanical energy—generated by small- or large-scale physical changes—into electricity.



Sources of mechanical energy in the day-to-day surroundings	
<b>Human activity</b>	Walking, running, lifting objects, breathing, heart beat, typing, hand movement, blood flowing through the blood vessels, speaking
<b>Inside home</b>	Door closing and opening, pressing switch, vibrations from household appliances e.g. microwave, air conditioner, refrigerator etc
<b>Outside home</b>	Wind energy, vehicle movement on the roads, vibration from vehicles e.g. engine and chassis, rotational kinetic energy from tires
<b>Industrial plant</b>	Movement of vehicles, vibrations from machines, human movement



Vast amounts of mechanical energy are constantly being generated but remain unused and wasted.

**Imagine if we could harvest this vast amount of energy and convert all or part of it into electricity.**

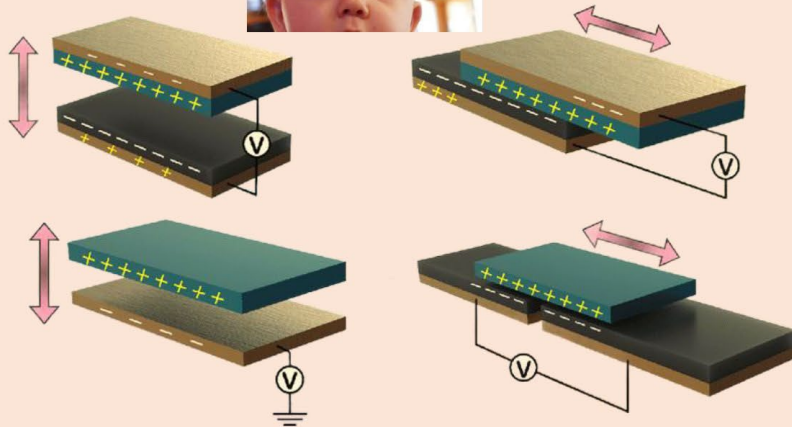
Picture a world where our wearable devices are seamlessly powered by our own movements, eliminating the need for disposable batteries. A world where **flexibility, sustainability, and transparency** merge with energy harvesting.

**My research is turning this vision into reality.**



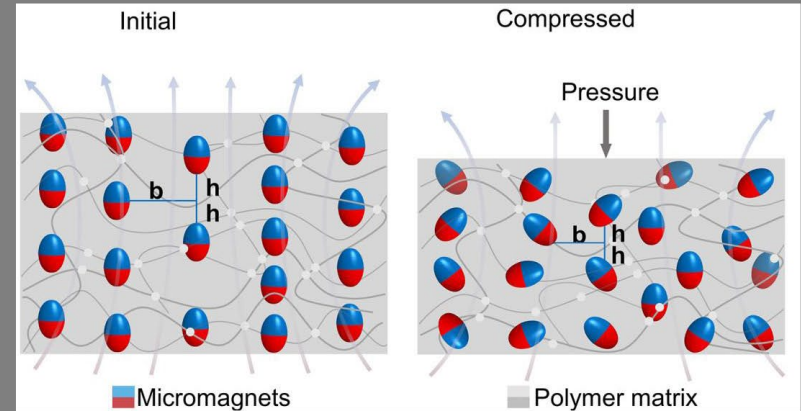
## Triboelectric Nanogenerators

The triboelectric effect, known for thousands of years, is the process of electrical charging that occurs when two different materials come into contact through friction. It is a high-impedance generator that produces a high-voltage output, ranging from hundreds of volts to kilovolts per  $\text{cm}^2$ .



## Magnetoelastic Nanogenerators

On the other hand, **magnetoelastic generators** consist of magnetic micro- or nanoparticles embedded in a polymer matrix. When subjected to mechanical stress, such as pressure or deformation, the strain alters the material's magnetic domain structure, leading to variations in the magnetic field.



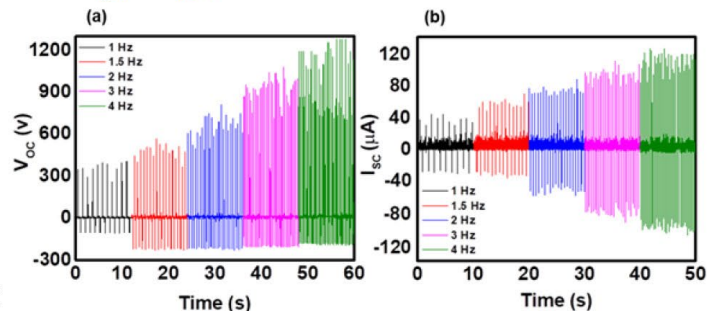
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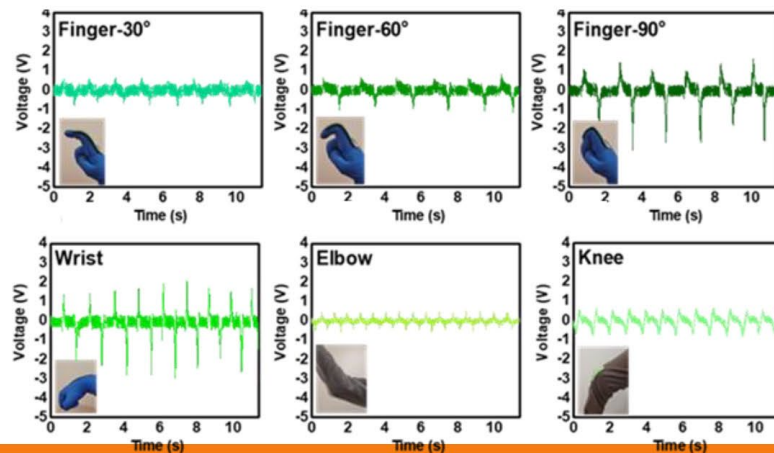
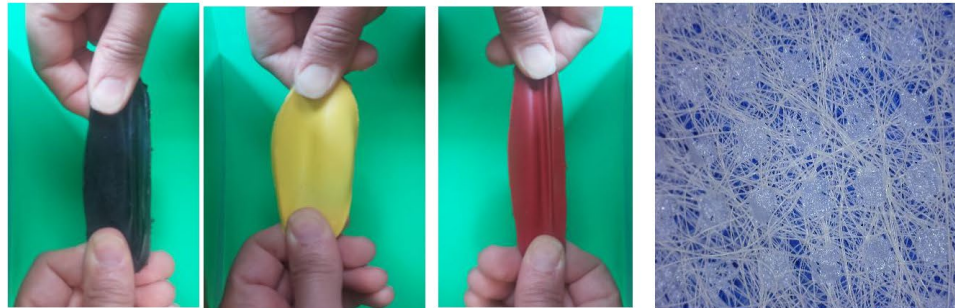
## Transparent ultra light-weight TENG based on BaTiO<sub>3</sub>/Ag/PDMS



The built-in nanogenerator had the transparency of 79%, output power density of 27 kW/m<sup>3</sup> and weighs only 8 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.



## Colorful and textile-based Triboelectric Layers: Intelligent Toys and Devices







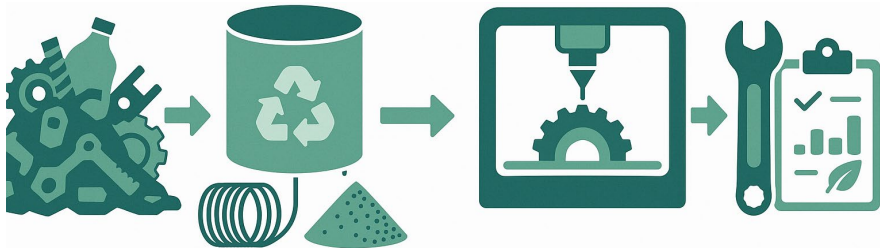
# Salomé Sanchez

## Research topics

- Additive Manufacturing for Sustainable Development
  - Circularity
  - Humanitarian applications



## METHODS



## PROJECTS

- 🏠 3D Printing houses from disaster debris
- ♻️ Circular Laser Powder Bed Fusion
- 🌍 3D Printing consumer polymer waste



# Wenli Shi



**ElectriFly:** electrify the powertrain for sustainable flight!

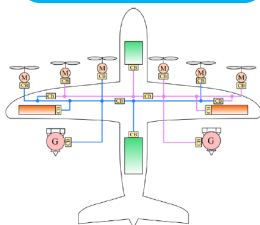


Energy storage



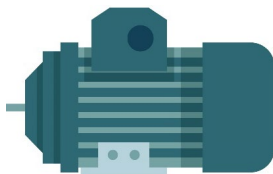
Energy density  
Safety

Power distribution



Architecture  
Protection

Electric propulsion



Reliability  
Power density

Component reliability



Modeling  
Prognostic

Ongoing research:

- Battery system modelling for SOX and RUL estimation.
- Digital model of electric aircraft onboard system.
- DC circuit breaker design for protection.
- Reliability modelling and design of electric drives.



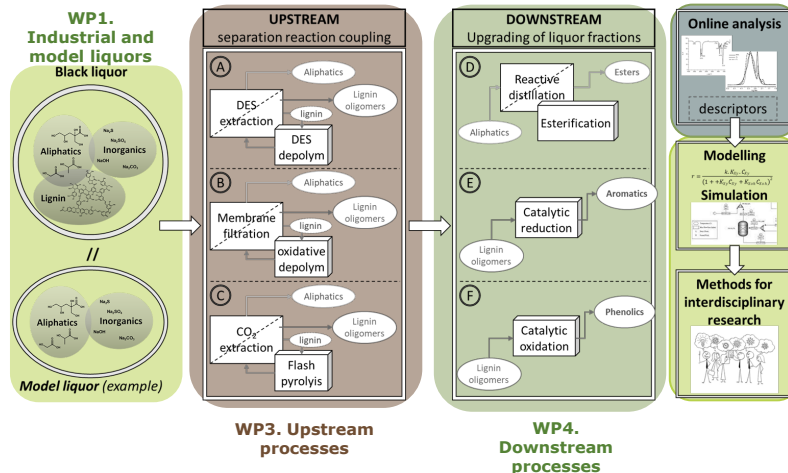
# Henk-Jan van den Brink



## EIC Pathfinder Project: **DREAM** Processing Complex Matrices: **D**escription, **R**eAction-Separation, **M**odelling

### My PhD project in the Philosophy of Science

- **Challenge:** Gap between scientific research and sustainable technology
- **Objective:** Research methodology for interdisciplinary research
- My **background:** Bioprocess Technology (WUR) and Philosophy (PSTS UT)



Five work packages in the DREAM Consortium



WP2. Analysis & Characterisation

WP5. Modelling, Simulation & Interdisciplinarity







# Bart van der Vaart

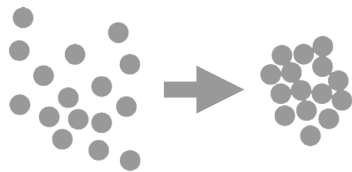
# Micro-HS: Encapsulating salt hydrates using in-air microfluidics

## Problem statement

- Store low grade heat using salt hydrates

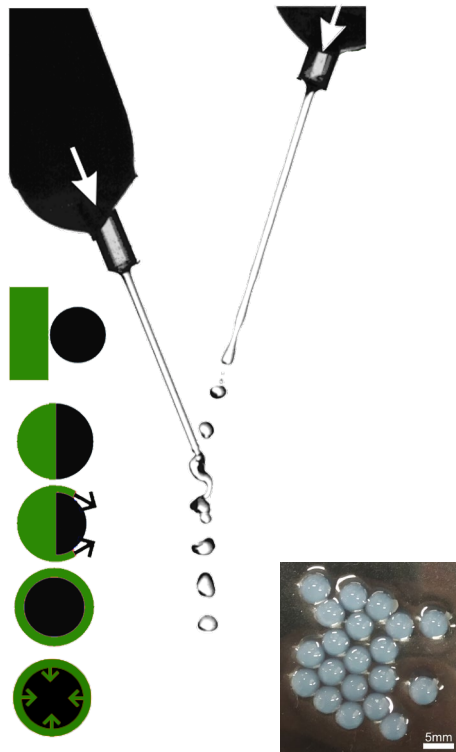


Deliquescence



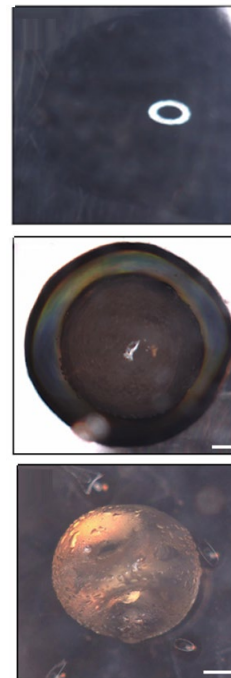
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## Methodology



## Hydrogel reduces deliquescence

Amount of hydrogel



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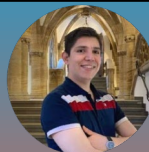
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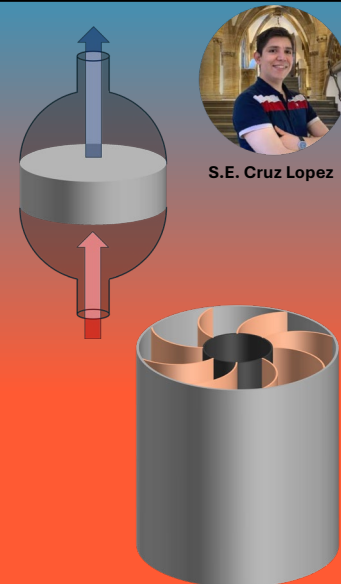
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# Circularity of Photovoltaics

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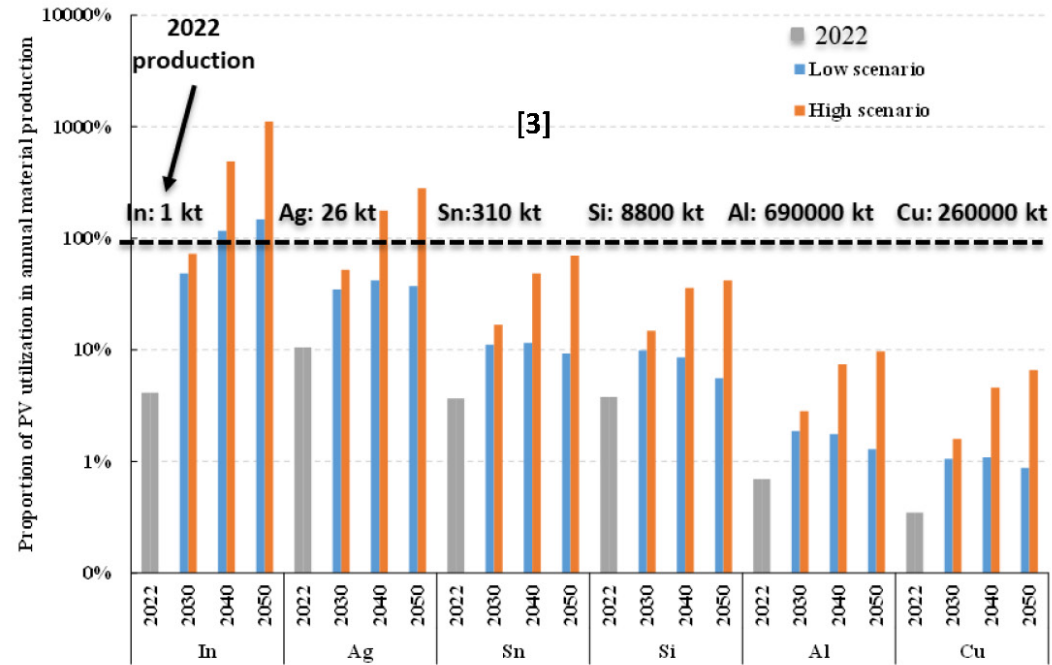
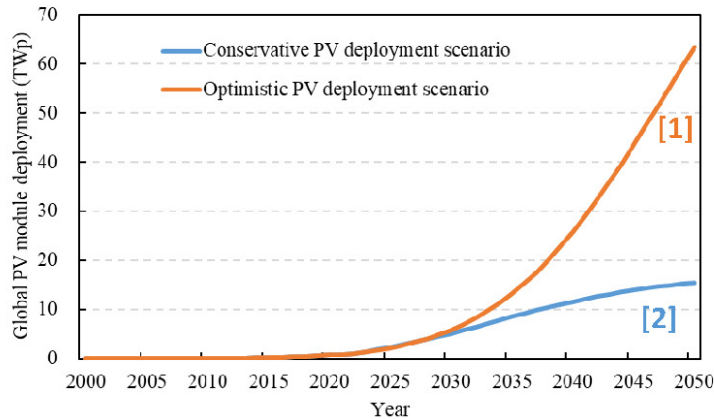
4TU Energy Community Day, Amersfoort

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# Research Vision – 1) Sustainability analysis of PV

- Life cycle analysis of PV
- Projections for PV EoL
- Material flow analysis based:  
PV material demand projections



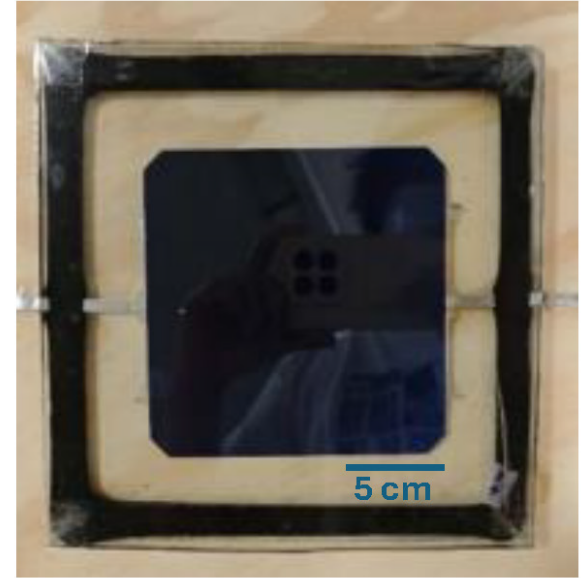
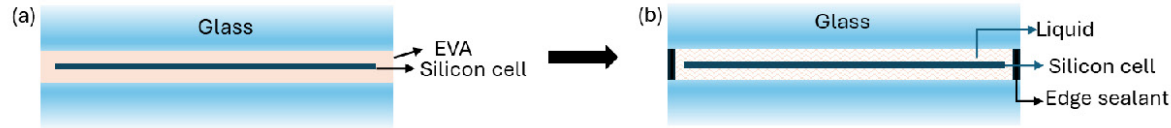
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[2] IEA, World energy outlook(WEO), (2021)

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# Research Vision – 2) Engineering PV Circularity

- Material separation key challenge in recycling
- Design for Circularity  
→ Liquid-encapsulated photovoltaic module



- FAIR-PV project: **F**uture **R**ep**a**irable, **T**ransparent and **S**ustainable Solar-**PV**



# Circularity of Photovoltaics Team



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***PhD Candidate***



**Dr. Chengjian Xu**

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# CHUNG YU YEH

# Power-free thermal upgrading system for low-temp. residual heat via Thermochemical material

## Motivation And Aim

- Rapid rise in data center (DC) power demand
- High potential for DC waste heat recovery
- Power-free heat upgrading for heating needs
- Thermally driven self-sufficient DC cooling

## MISD Project

- €34 million in Dutch government funding
- Partnership of seven key organizations
- Five-year, large-scale initiative (2024–2029)
- Targeting over 50% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

## METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

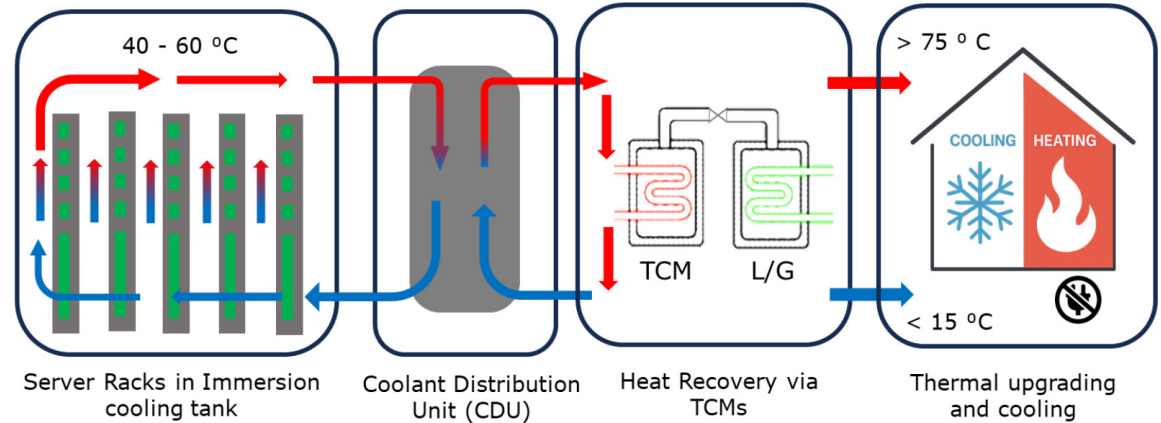
NH<sub>3</sub>-based TCM

Modular Cascade Reactor



Scenario of DC Liquid cooling

Digital Twin for field demonstration



MISD PROJECT

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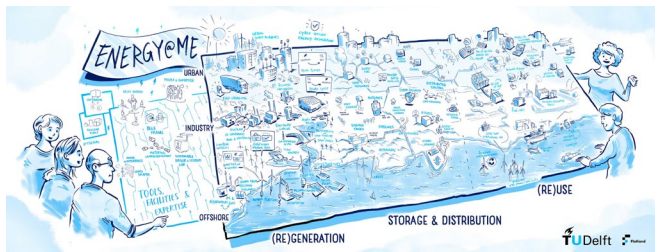
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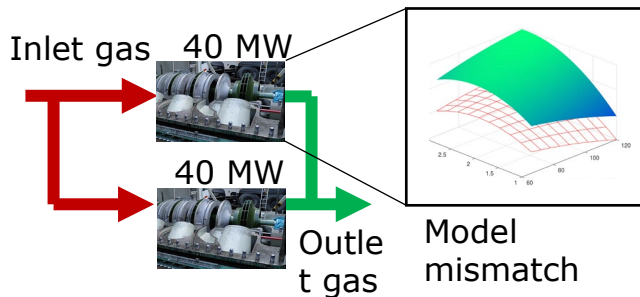


# Marta Zagorowska

## ENERGY SYSTEMS



## METHODS AND TECHNIQUES



### Energy infrastructure:

- **Efficient** operation over **entire lifetime**
- **Safe** operation of **interacting** subsystems
- **Limited information** available

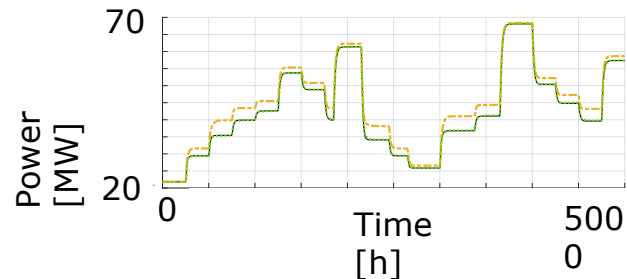
### Research:

- **Optimization** algorithm as **controllers** to reach the **optimum** and **satisfy constraints**



### Outcomes:

- **Optimization** with **learning** overcoming **model mismatch**
- Reduction of power consumption up to **0.8%**





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## Goals / Research topics

- Thermodynamics of Mixture Refrigerants
- Heat Transfer and Frost Formation
- Advanced Heating and Cooling Technologies

