# **Hydrogen Production by Water Electrolysis**

DI water, tap water, sea water, and oil field produced water

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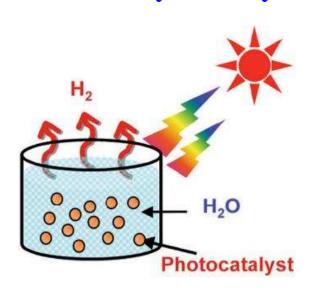
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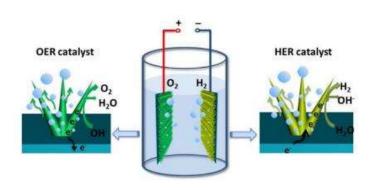
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#### Two Ways for Hydrogen Production from Water





-1. Complicated photocathode: Light absorber 2. Low conversion efficiency **Photocatalysis** 

3. Ultraviolet catalyst, 2% in solar

4. Depending on the weather

-1. Simple process

2. High conversion efficiency

3. Simple setup

Electrocatalysis -

4. Electricity consuming

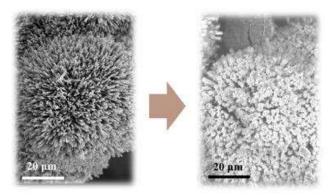


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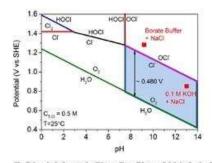
### Challenges of low-grade water electrolysis

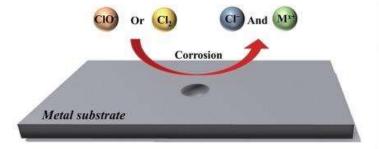
#### 1. Metal ions such as Mg2+ and Ca2+

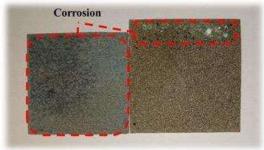




#### 2. Corrosion effect of CER







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### **Ions in Sea Water**

#### 1-6 M KOH solutions from seawater





# Sea Water after Removing the Ions

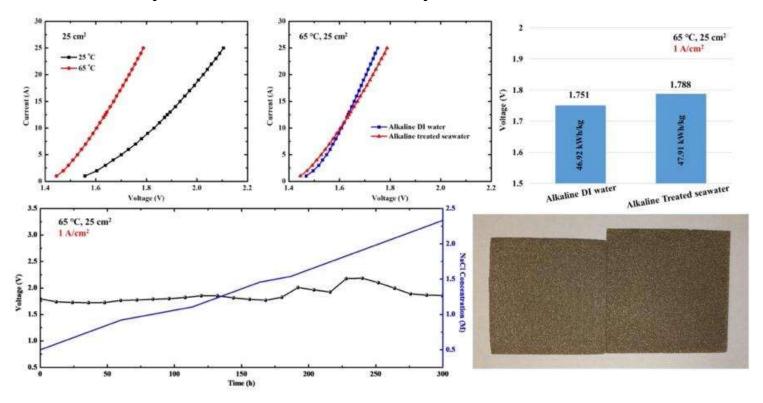
#### 1-6 M KOH solutions from treated seawater





# **Seawater Electrolysis**

#### Direct seawater electrolysis with commercial electrolyzer





# **Hydrogen Transport and Storage**

- H<sub>2</sub> gas vs. liquid
- Density of liquid H<sub>2</sub>
- Temperature of liquid H<sub>2</sub>
  - -20 K
- Gas, has to be under high pressure
- Liquid, pipe system
  - Meet the society needs in very large scale



### Grand Concept for Hydrogen Transport, Usage, and Storage Superconductor Levitated System for Transport/Storage of Energy and People





### **Superconductor Levitated Vehicle**

