POLYMER FUEL CELL STACK BASED ON SULFONIC ACID MEMBRANES WITH EXTENDED OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE UP TO 120 °C

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 - Thermal cycles 90–120 °C
 - Long-term test: 1000 h
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- stack development:
 - √ 30 cell stack with 2.5 kW_{el} nominal power
 - √ components developed and benchmarked
 - ✓ optimized concept for WTR conditions
- 30-cells stack results
 - √ 20 thermal cycles at 90–120 °C:
 - √ -21 % reversible power loss within a cycle
 - √ 6-times higher degradation rate: -714 µV h⁻¹ cell⁻¹
 - √ adequate long-term behavior at constant load:
 - ✓ -16 % P loss in 1000 h
 - ✓ degradation rate: -113 µV h⁻¹ cell⁻¹
 - √ water management issues and membrane degradation during constant load
 - √ catalyst growth during air starvation (compressor malfunction)

Successful proof-of-concept



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