22J021 – Student assistant

Modelling of a dynamic water electrolysers from single cell approach up to stack level

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One of the most commercialized technologies for electrolysis processes are the Proton Exchange Membrane Electrolyser (PEMEL) and Alkaline Water Electrolyser (AEL). The understanding of its functioning is essential to improve the technology and make it more competitive on the market.

In regards to this subject, EIFER is looking for a student interested in developing a model of PEM electrolyser from the single cell approach up to the stack level (in a second time, a focus on AEL technology could be of interest). The models will aim to mimic both the electrochemical and thermal electrolyser behaviour under dynamic conditions.

The assigned tasks involve
- Bibliography study on model of PEM/AEL electrolysers
- Implementation of the equation in MATLAB Simulink

Required qualifications / skills

The position is aiming to students in material sciences/energy engineering.

- Good knowledge in scientific coding
- Good knowledge in material science
- Professional working proficiency in English (institute’s official working language)

What you can expect

- A stimulating, multicultural and multidisciplinary environment
- An institute at the intersection between academic research and one of the largest energy utilities

Conditions

- Duration: 3 to 6 months
- Starting date: as soon as possible
- Location: EIFER, Emmy-Noether-Str. 11, 76131 Karlsruhe, Germany or remotely
- Working hours: up to 40 hours per month
- Remuneration: 460 € basis, hourly rate depending on the student’s education level
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