CURRENT AND THERMAL MAPPING HARDWARE FOR PEMWE

Overview

At HySA Infrastructure, a S++ Printed Circuit Board (PCB) is used to map both the current and temperature density distribution profiles of the electrolyser cell while it is in operation in order to evaluate the performance of a particular flow field design for optimization. Optimizing the flow field to obtain an even current and temperature density distribution profile for all current densities will increase the reliability of the device because the water in the anode of the electrolyser cell, acts as the active coolant. Uneven current and thermal distribution over the MEA could cause high heat spots and pin hole formation which could lead to critical failures.

Measurement principle

HySA Infrastructure has two different methods to measure the current distribution:

- Current Scan Lin is based upon the dependence of the permeability of a magnetic material
- Current Scan Shunt is based upon a low ohmic shunt resistor

S++ sensor plate

Consist of the following components:

Two current-carrying gold-plated back-plates (Anode and Cathode).

A segmented S++ sensor board.

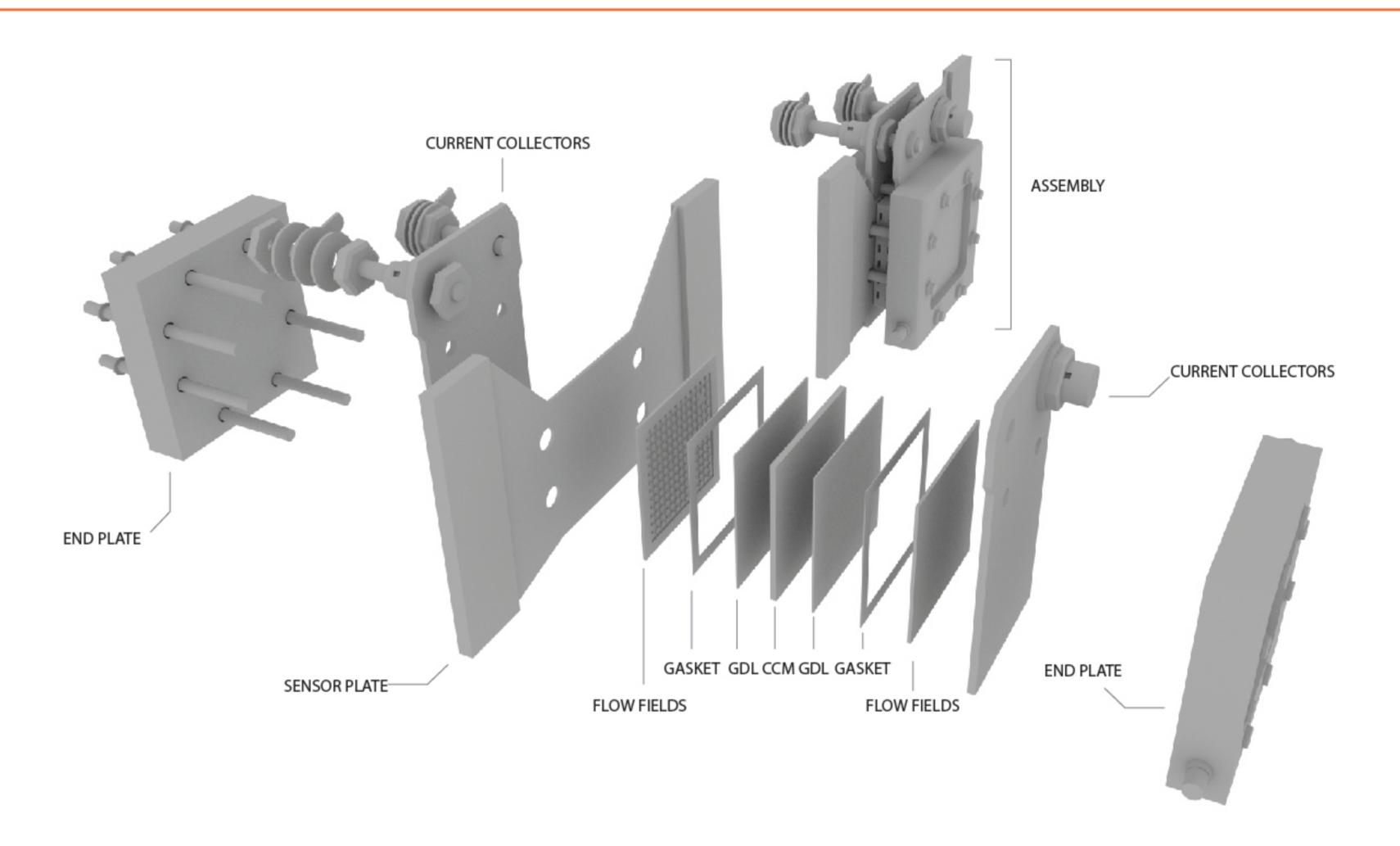
A pair of electrolyser plates containing the flow fields.

The membrane assembly (membrane, porous transport layer and gaskets).



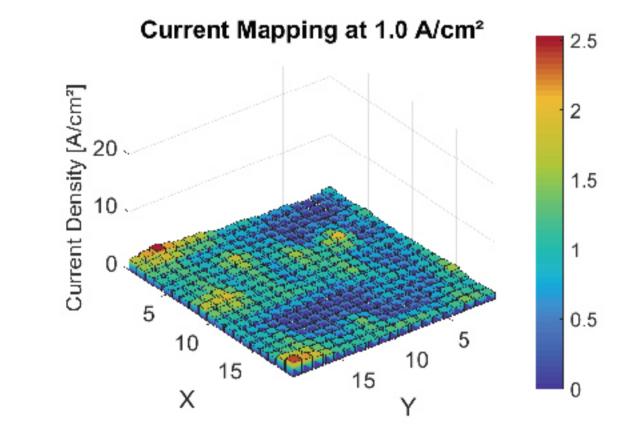




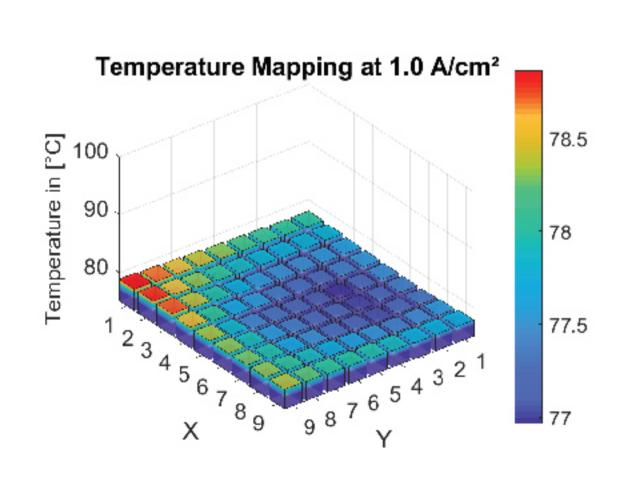


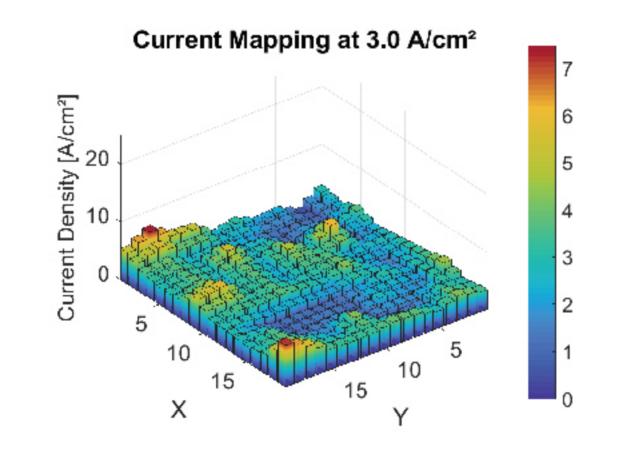
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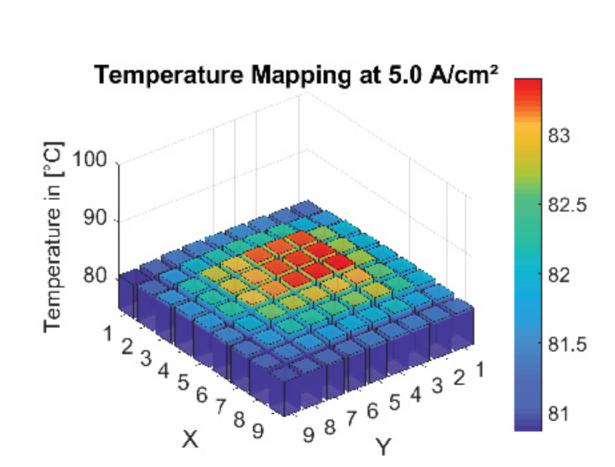
CURRENT DENSITY DISTRIBUTION PROFILES

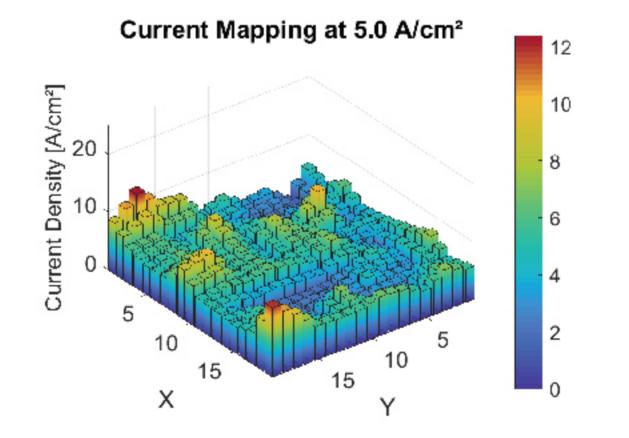


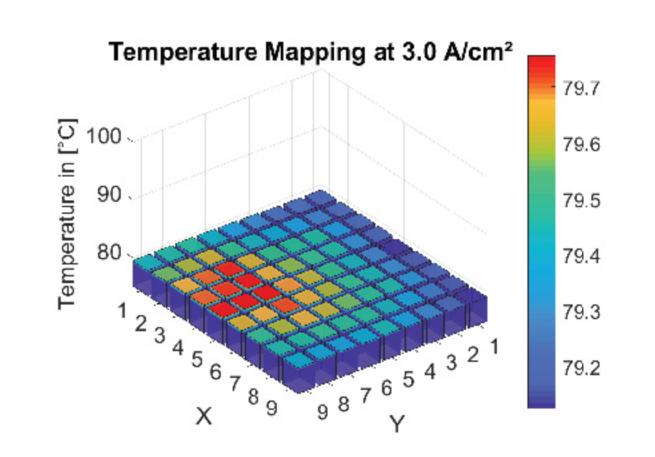


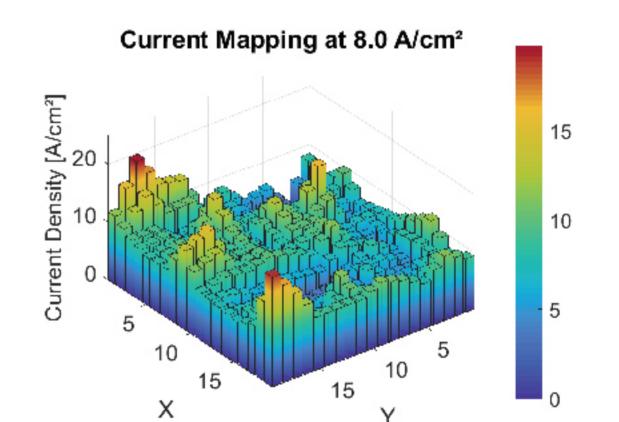


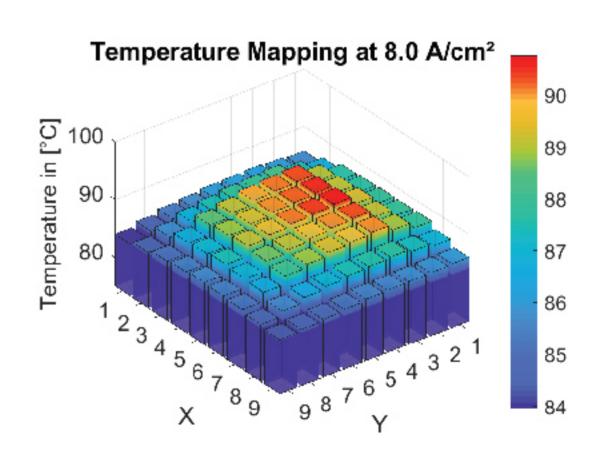












Current systems used by HySA Infrastructure

SPECIFICATIONS
ACTIVE AREA
CURRENT DENSITY RANGE
MAX CURRENT
NUMBER OF CDD SEGMENTS
TEMPERATURE
NUMBER OF TDD SEGMENTS

GEN 1
CURRENT MAPPING
25 cm ²
0 - 2.5 A/cm ²
62.5 A
49
0 - 100 °C
25

	GEN 2	
CU	RRENT MAPPIN	G
	25 cm ²	
	0 - 10 A/cm ²	
	250 A	
	100	
	0 - 100 °C	
	25	

GEN 3
CURRENT MAPPING
100 cm ²
0 - 10 A/cm ²
1000 A
256
0 - 100 °C
64







