# Micro-fuel cell summary

#### Micro-fabrication with nano technology

- a MEMS-based approach using photolithography and micromachining processes
- materials selection options for fuel flexibility
- demonstrated fuel cell module for PEM and SOFC
- integration of fuel processing with fuel cell module
  - catalyst selection for minimal loading and contamination
  - high conversion efficiency and low CO generation
  - use of 2-D and 3-D nanoporous films for electrodes
- universal platform for integration into device microelectronics

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# **United States Patents**

- Bonded Polyimide Fuel Cell Package and Method Thereof,
  - U.S. Patent 6,960,403 (1 November 2005)
- Chemical Microreactor and Method Thereof,
  - U.S. Patent 6,960,235 (1 November 2005)
- Microfluidic Fuel Cell Systems with Embedded Materials & Structures and Process Thereof,
  - U.S. Patent No. 6,921,603 B2 (26 July 26 2005)
- Vapor-Deposited Porous Films for Energy Conversion,
  - U.S. Patent No. 6,913,998 (5 July 2005)
- Method of Forming a Package for MEMS-Based Fuel Cell,
  - U.S. Patent 6,821,666 B2 (23 November 2004)
- Method for Fabrication of Porous Thin Film Electrodes for Fuel Cell Stacks,
  - U.S. Patent No. 6,753,036 (22 June 2004)
- Method for Fabrication of Electrodes and Electrolytes,
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- MEMS-Based Solid-Oxide Fuel Cells,
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  - Materials for Electrochemical Energy Storage and Conversion II, MRS Proc. 496 (1998) 155-158
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