



# The Current Application Status and Prospects for Platinum Group Metal-Based Materials

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## ➤ Milestone

✓ Stages: *Research Institute* → *Research & Industry* → *High-tech PGMs materials company*



Institute of Engineering

1928



Restructure to enterprise

2000



Regroup to New SPM

2016



Kunming Institute of  
**Precious Metals** (IPM)

1962



In 2003, SPM went into IPO

2003



Leading precious metal  
enterprise in China

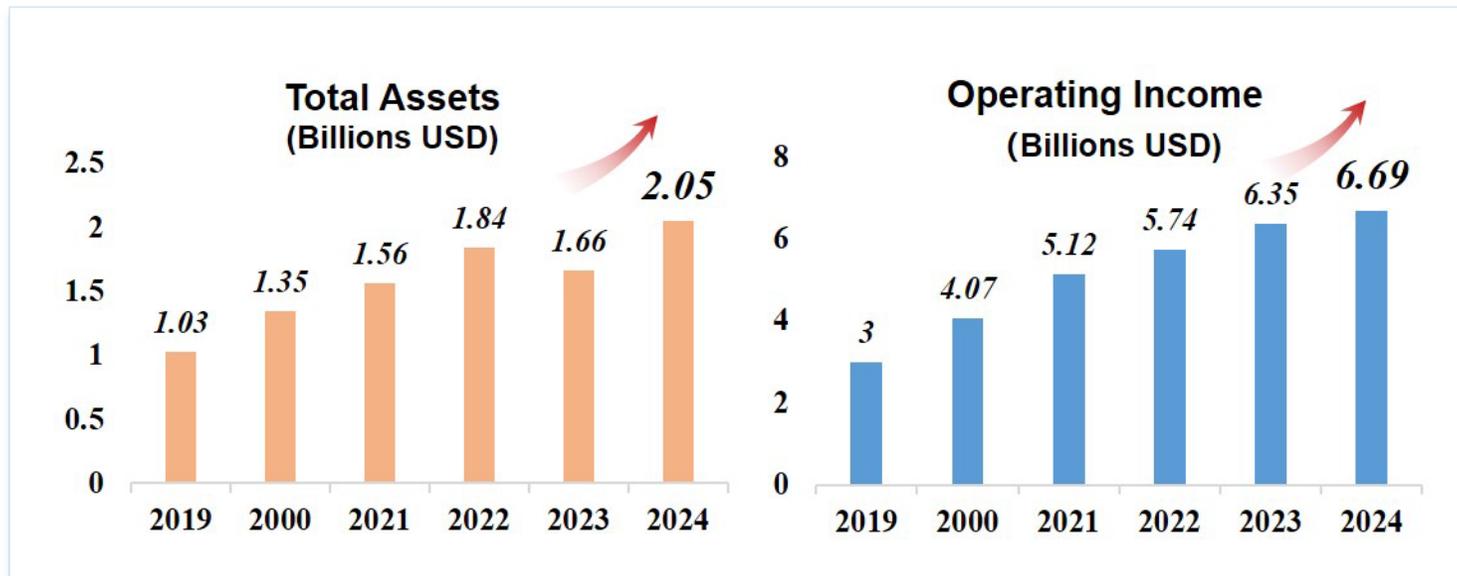
2024

➤ We Provide Excellent Services:

- Precious metal Refining and Recycling
- Precious metal materials Production
- Materials Analysis
- Scientific Research Communication
- ...

➤ What We Achieved:

- State key Laboratory
- High-tech company
- Precious Metals Alliance
- Various Industry Awards
- ...



Rapidly progressed in recent year



- ✓ The **founder** and the **leader** of Chinese PGMs industry.
- ✓ The leader company for the precious metal materials via **Recycling / Production & Scientific Research** in China.



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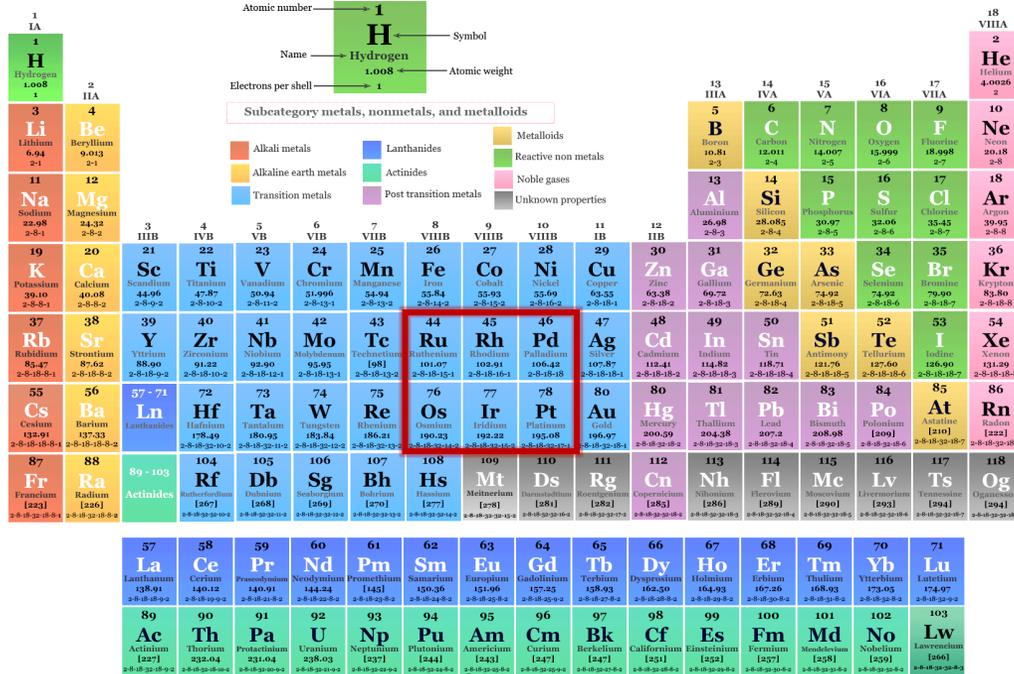
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# Applications of Platinum Group Metals (PGMs)



## Physical properties of the PGMs

PMGs (Elements)	Discovery Year	Melting point (°C)	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Values (\$/oz) (2025.10)
Platinum (Pt)	1748	1769	21.45	1664
Palladium (Pd)	1803	1552	12.02	1487
Rhodium (Rh)	1803	1960	12.41	7667
Iridium (Ir)	1803	2443	22.65	4714
Osmium (Os)	1803	3050	22.16	2200
Ruthenium (Ru)	1844	2310	12.45	960

## PGMs located in Periodic Table

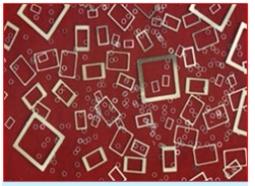
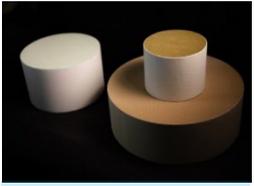
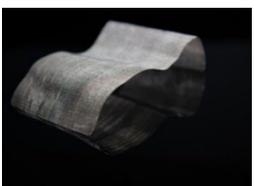
✓ PGMs are with **high-value**, **high melting point**, excellent **corrosion resistance** and **catalytic performance**!

# Applications of PGMs

## Applications



## Different Material forms

High-purity Metal	Alloy	Slurry	Chemistry, catalyst and medical		
					
Evaporation	Brazing alloy	Conductive paste	Basics chemicals	Automotive catalysts	Industrial catalysts
					
Sputter target	Encapsulation metal	Sensor slurry	Electroplating salt	Catalysis net	Medical
High purity powers	Contact material Crucibles Thermal Couples	Resist paste	Research Reagents	Homogeneous catalyst	Colloid

✓ PGMs-based materials are **widely used** in various fields, which is **essential** for human life!



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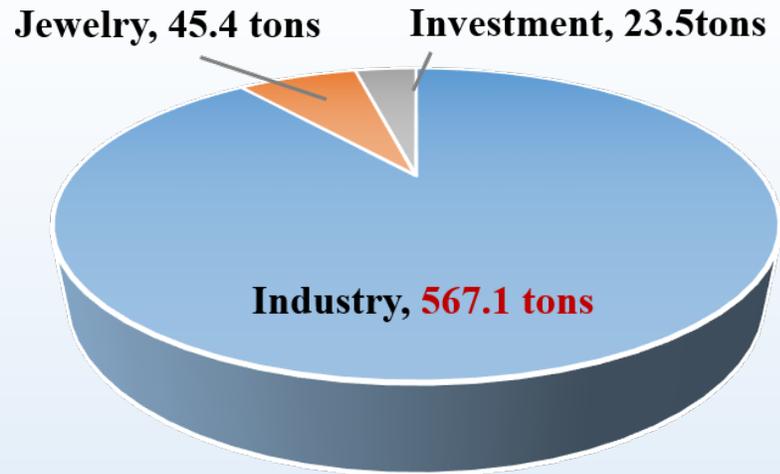
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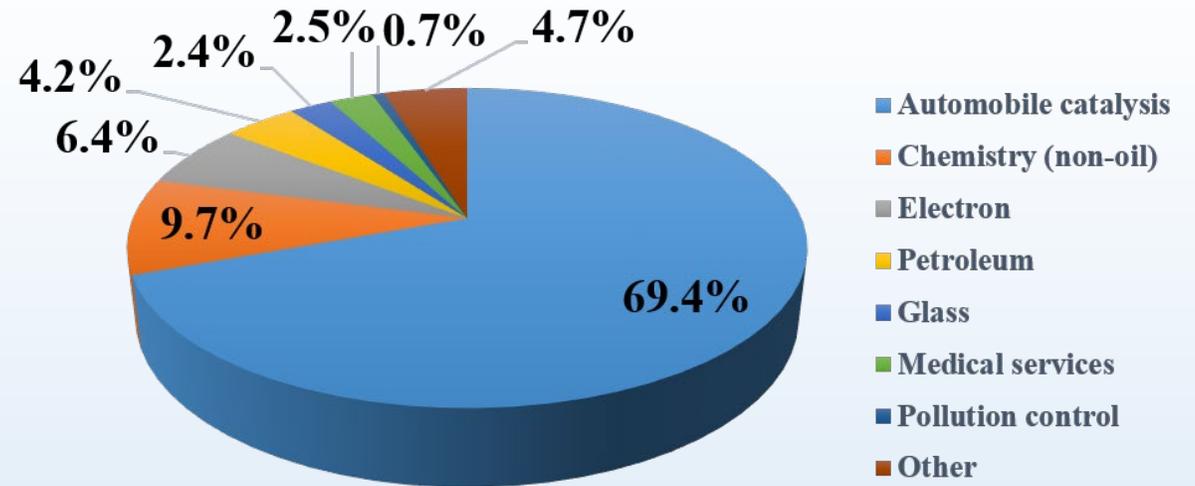
## Global Major PGMs Demand (2024)



Total demand : ~636 tons

Industrial applications accounted for **89.2%**

## PGMs used in industrial Applications (2024)



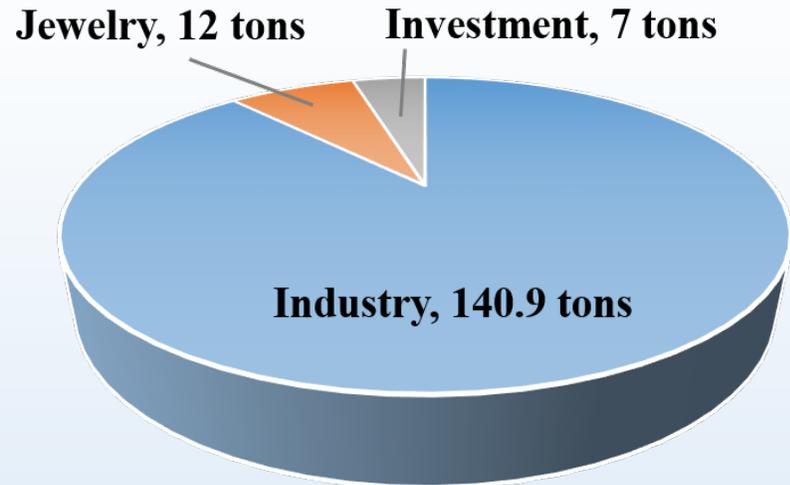
Total demand : ~567tons

The **automotive catalysis** is the largest industrial application of PGMs

(Pt40%, Pd80%, Rh90%)

\*Source: Johnson Matthey, Kunming Institute of Precious Metals

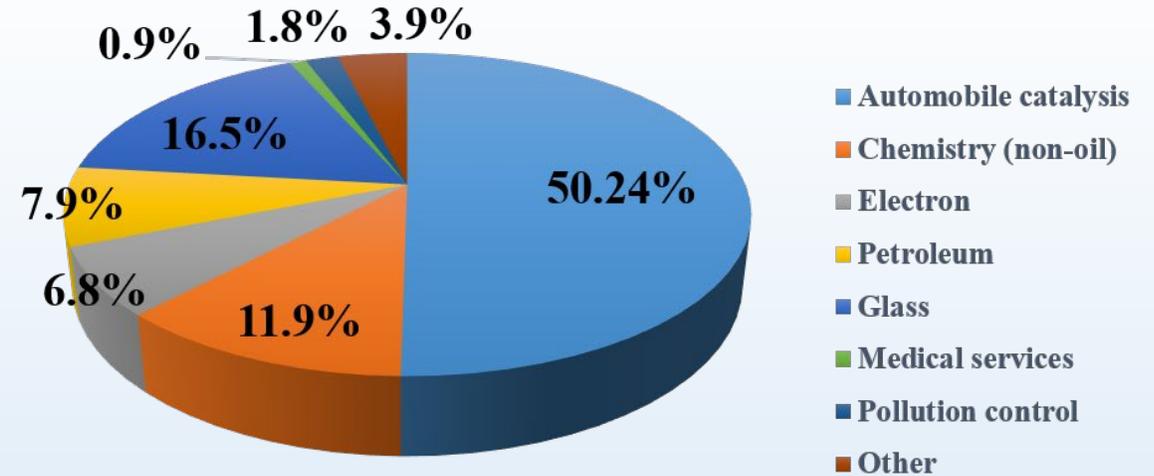
## Major applications of PGMs in China (2024)



Total demand : ~160 tons

Industrial applications accounted for **88.1%**

## PGMs used in industrial Applications in China (2024)



Total demand : ~141 tons

The Chinese market has the largest demand for PGMs in the **automotive, glass, and chemical industries**

\*Source: Johnson Matthey, Kunming Institute of Precious Metals

# Demand of PGMs in China



- ✓ The demand and usage of PGMs in China are rapidly increasing;
- ✓ It is expected to be the world's largest market for PGMs recycling and materials manufacturing in the world.



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# PMGs-based Materials leads to a Green Future

## PGMs catalyst as Automobile exhaust catalyst



Petrol car



Diesel vehicle



Natural Gas vehicles



Platinum group metal catalysts

Achieve exhaust emissions standards

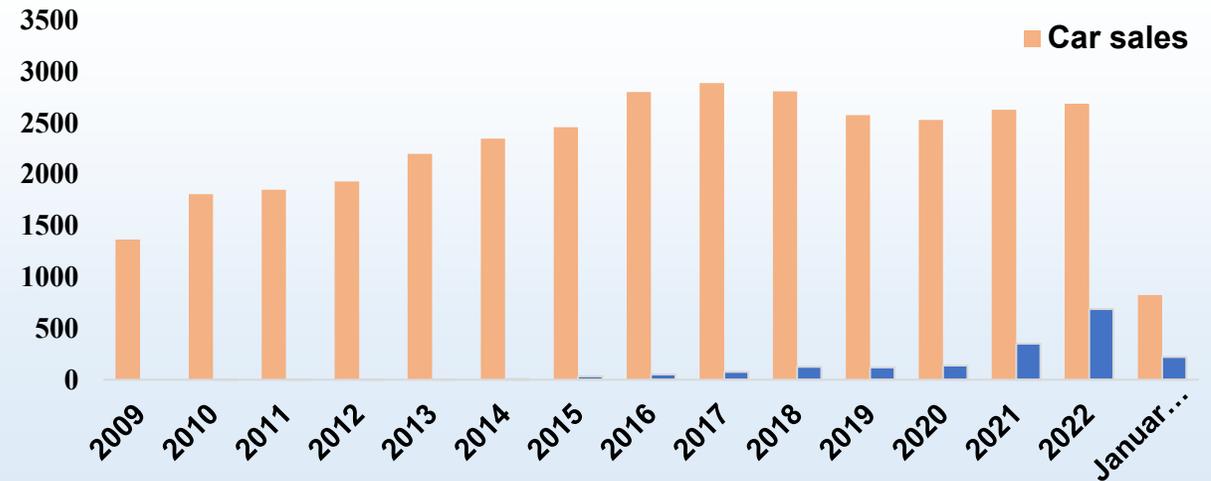
### Challenges:

- Decreasing in gasoline vehicle market
- Electric-powered vehicle

### Solutions:

- **Reduce** in usage of PGMs
- Development for **diesel** vehicle
- New demand for **hybride** vehicles

China Automobile Production and Sales in 2009-2023 (in ten thousand units)



✓ PGMs demand: Stable **diesel Vehicle demand** and rapid demand for **new energy vehicles** in future

# PMGs-based Materials leads to a Green Future

## Environmental Catalyst

### 🎯 PGMs catalyst for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) control

PGMs catalyst is developed to be used in the **low-temperature catalytic** combustion for treating **VOCs exhaust gas**, with the advantages of low temperature, high efficiency, and environmental protection.



### 🎯 PGMs catalysts for industrial Organic Wastewater

PGMs is developed to be used as **wet oxidation catalytic** for treatment of **industrial organic wastewater**. It is effective in the treatment of various toxic, harmful and difficult-to-degrade high-concentration organic wastewater. Under conditions of high temperature and high pressure with catalysts, the organic pollutants are oxidized into inorganic or organic small molecules in the liquids.



✓ Developments of PGMs catalysis for **waste treatment** gains significant **environmental** benefits!

# PMGs-based Materials leads to a Green Future

## PGMs materials for High-quality glass production



High temperature PMGs alloy leakage plate

(Pt + Rh)



Glass fibre

Information & energy conservation etc.



Optical glasses

High purity  
Long time heat treatment

## Glass fiber production and platinum/rhodium consumption in China



- ✓ At present, the overall demand of PGMs for the glass fibre industry **decrease**.
- ✓ However, the demand of high temperature PMGs alloy for optical glasses gradually **increase**.

# PMGs-based Materials leads to a Green Future

## PGMs for catalysts for Hydrogen industry

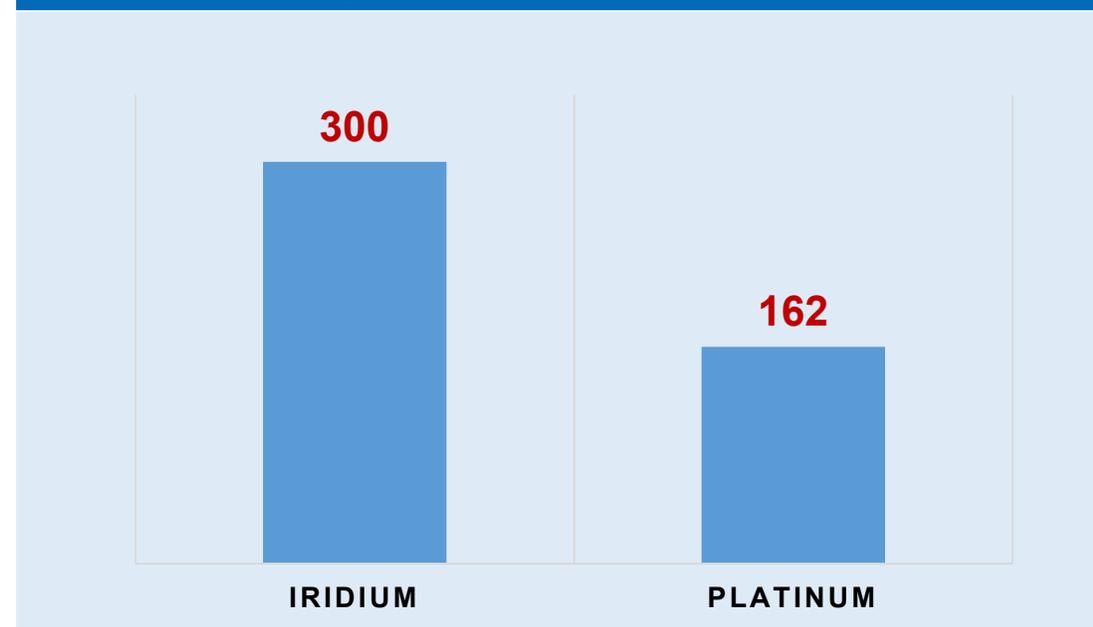
### PGMs-based materials used in hydrogen production

element	Hydrogen technology sector		
Cerium	PEMFC		
Chromium	R+CCS		
Cobalt	R+CCS		
Copper	AEL	PEMFL	R+CCS
Black lead	AEL		
<b>Iridium</b>	<b>PEM E L</b>		
Manganese	R+CCS		
Molybdenum	R+CCS		
Nickel	AEL	R+CCS	
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>PEM E L</b>	<b>PEMFC</b>	
Titanium	PEM E L	R+CCS	
Tungsten	R+CCS		
Vanadium	R+CCS		

Source: "Sufficiency, Sustainability and Circularity of Critical Materials for Clean Hydrogen"

- Alkaline electrolytic cell (AEL)
- Polymer electrolyte membrane electrolyzer (PEMEL)
- Proton exchange membrane fuel cell (PEMFC) Hydrogen conversion technology using carbon capture and storage (R+CCS)

### Estimated cumulative demand for Ir and Pt for hydrogen production in 2050 (tons)

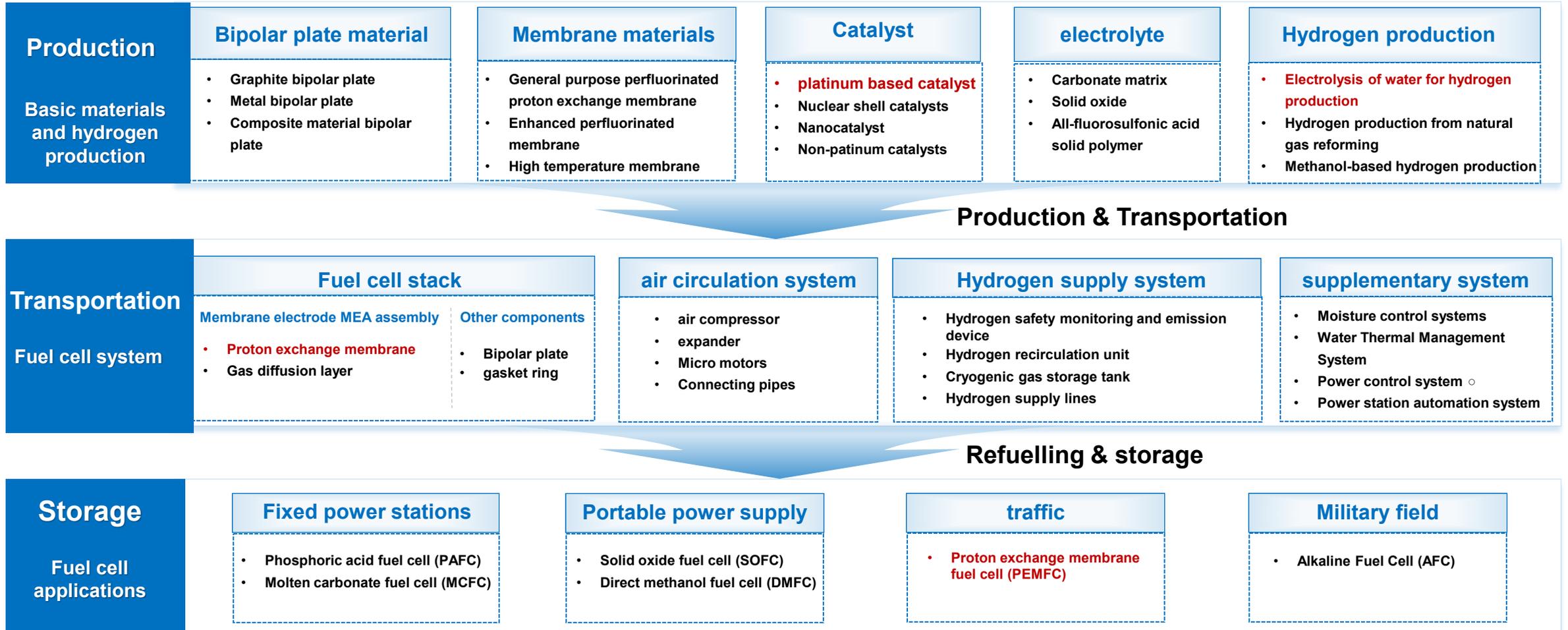


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- ✓ Two key materials: **Platinum** and **Iridium**
- ✓ The cumulative demand for **PGMs** in hydrogen industry is expected to **460 tons** in 2050

# PMGs-based Materials leads to a Green Future

## Hydrogen Energy Industry



✓ PGMS-based materials are essential for the hydrogen production, transportation and storage.

- The demand and usage of **PGMs** in **China** are rapidly **increasing**, and China is expected to be the **world's largest market** for PGMs in the foreseeable future.
- The **PGMs-based materials**, which are essential for the various application, including electronic information, environmental, energy industry, as well as health and safety etc.
- Development of **PGMs-based materials** used as new generation of automotive catalyst, treatment of harmful gas, waste water treatment, and electrodes and membrane materials for **hydrogen** energy application, which demonstrates to a **green future**.
- The **Sino-Platinum Metals Co., Ltd.**, as the leader of the PGMs recycling & refining, material production, and scientific research in China. Welcome all the global partners!

**Thanks for your kind attention!**

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