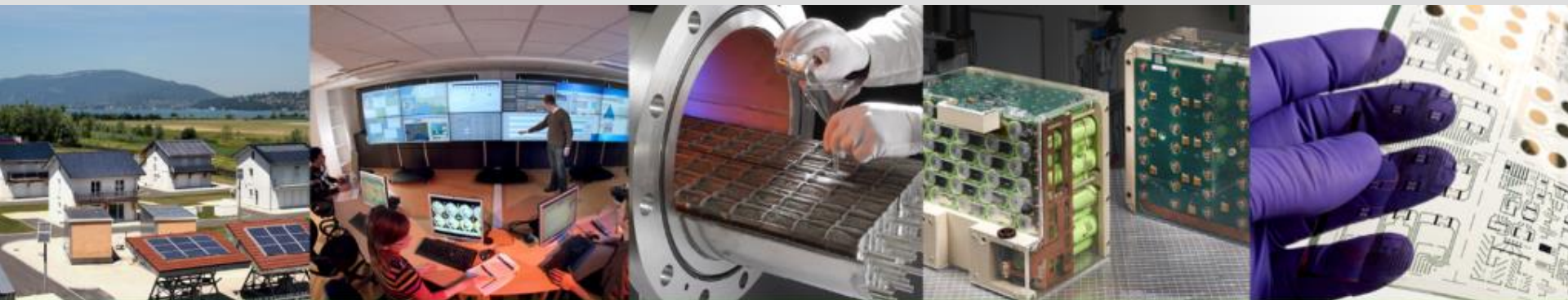


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## DIGITAL PRINTED LI-ION BATTERIES

Basmati Workshop | 23rd of November 2016 | Thomas Yohann

# **SUMMARY**

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# FROM ATOMIC RESEARCH TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

**Defence  
Security**

Defence  
Applications  
Division

**French strategic  
independance**



**Nuclear  
Energy**

Nuclear  
Energy  
Division

**French energetic  
independance**



**Research &  
Technology**

Technological  
Research  
Division

**French economic  
competitiveness**



**TECHNOLOGY**

**4 500** employees

**550 M€** annual budget

**500** patents / year

**50** start-ups

**Fundamental Research**

Material Science Division / Life Science Division

**SCIENCE**

**16 000** employees  
**10** Research centers  
**4B€** annual budget

**580** priority patents filed / yr.  
**120** new high-tech companies  
created since **1984**

# A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO R&D: LITEN, LETI & LIST – A VIRTUOUS CIRCLE

2005 - Grenoble / Chambéry



Staff 1 400 - 170M€

**new energy technologies  
and nanomaterials**

**liten**

**list**

**software-intensive  
systems**

Staff 800 - 70 M€

2003 - Paris Sud



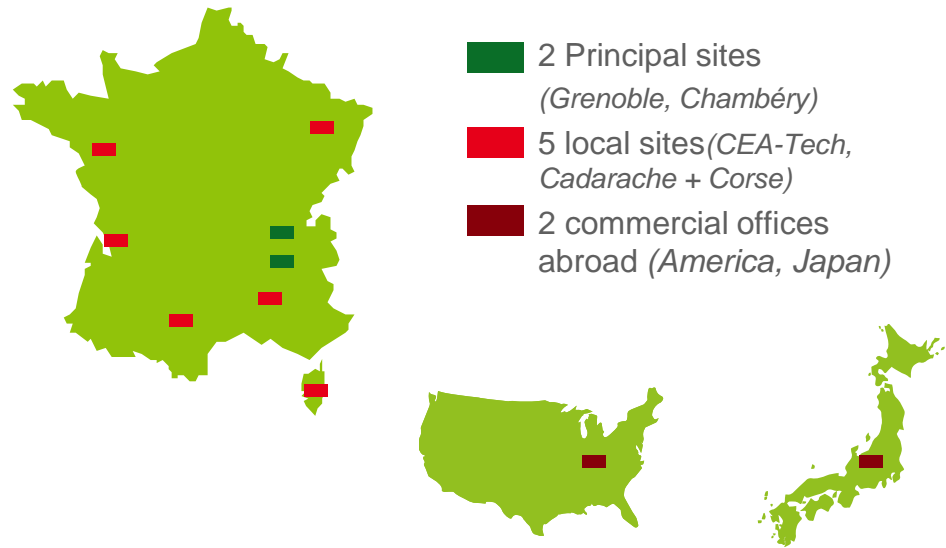
**leti**

**micro-nanotechnologies  
and system integration**

Staff 1 800 - 240 M€

1967 - Grenoble

# LITEN : KEY FIGURES



## 1000 researchers

- 2/3 permanents
- Average age < 40
- 28% female



## Almost 1300 patents

- 230 generated in 2015



## > 350 industrial partners

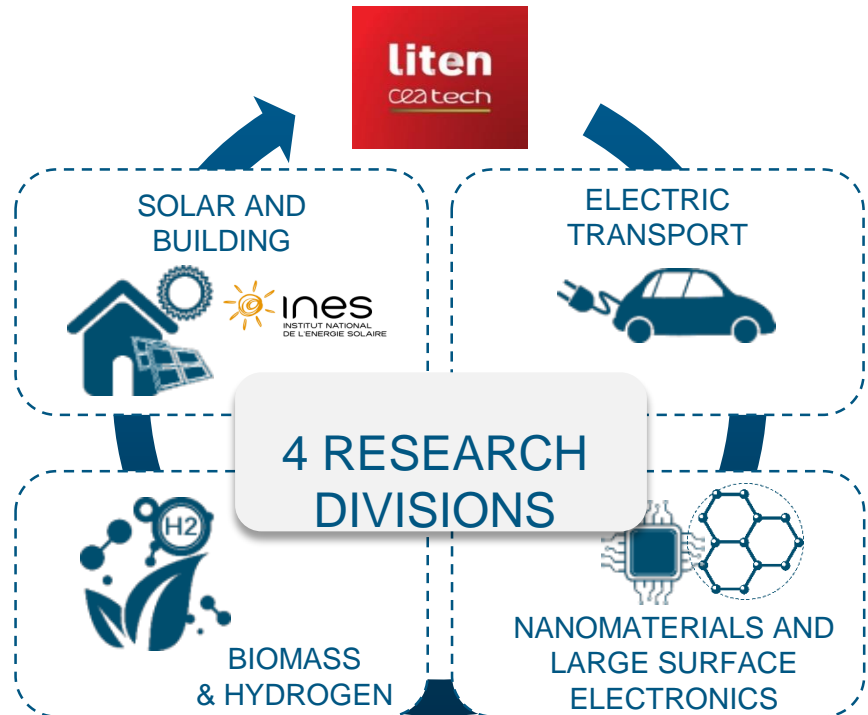


## 140 M€ budget

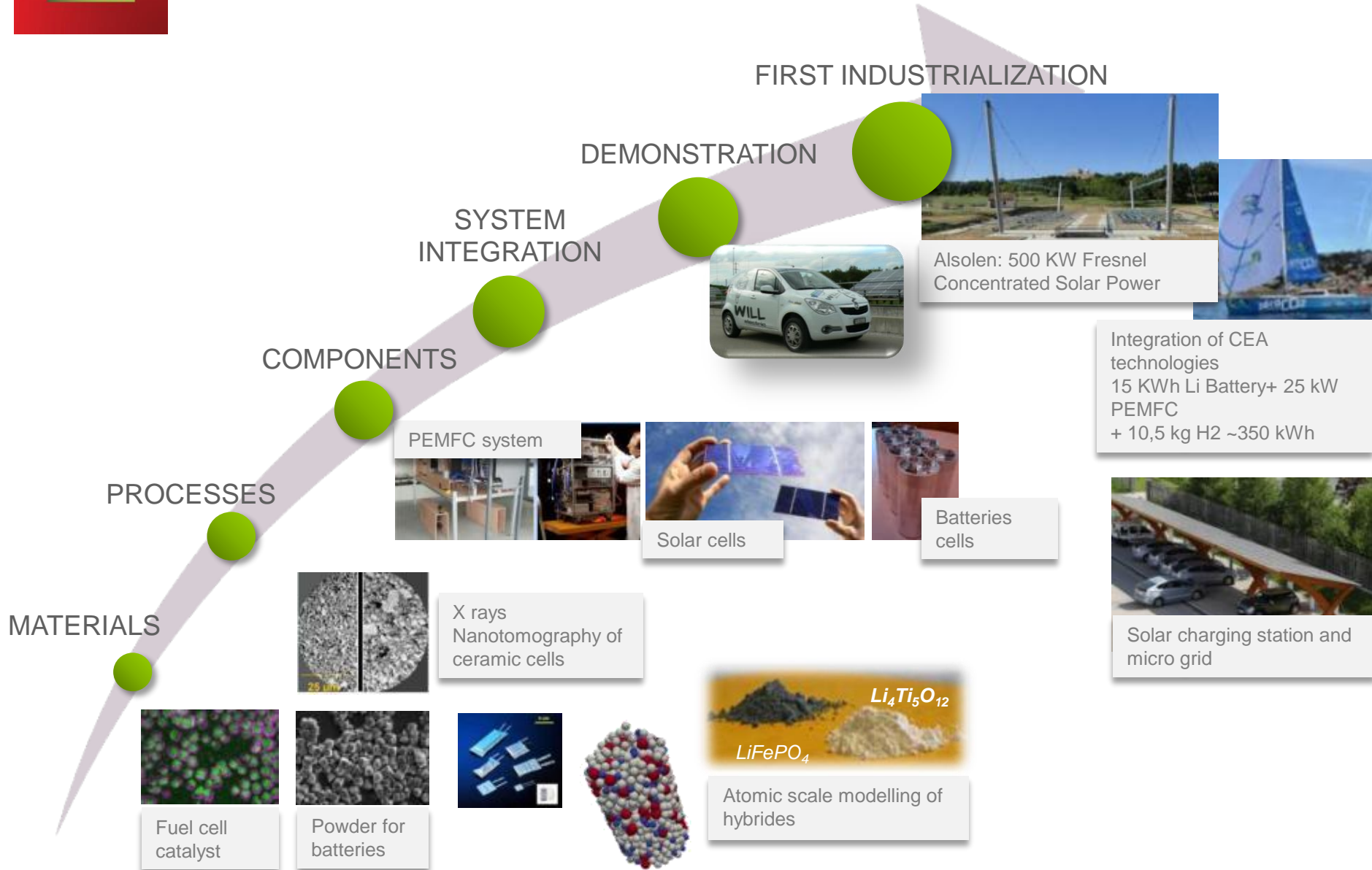


## Bilateral research contracts

- 50% large companies
- 50% SMEs



# VERTICAL INTEGRATION: THE VALUE CHAIN



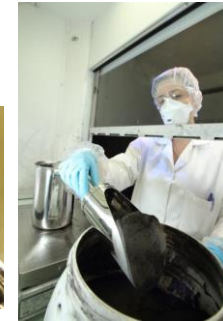


# LITEN RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

**Electric  
Transport**

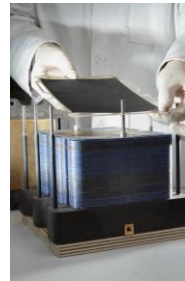
**Lithium  
batteries**

Materials & processes  
Design, prototyping &  
test of battery systems  
Pack architecture  
BMS



**PEM  
Fuel cells**

Design, prototyping &  
test of FC systems  
Materials & processes  
Components - stacks

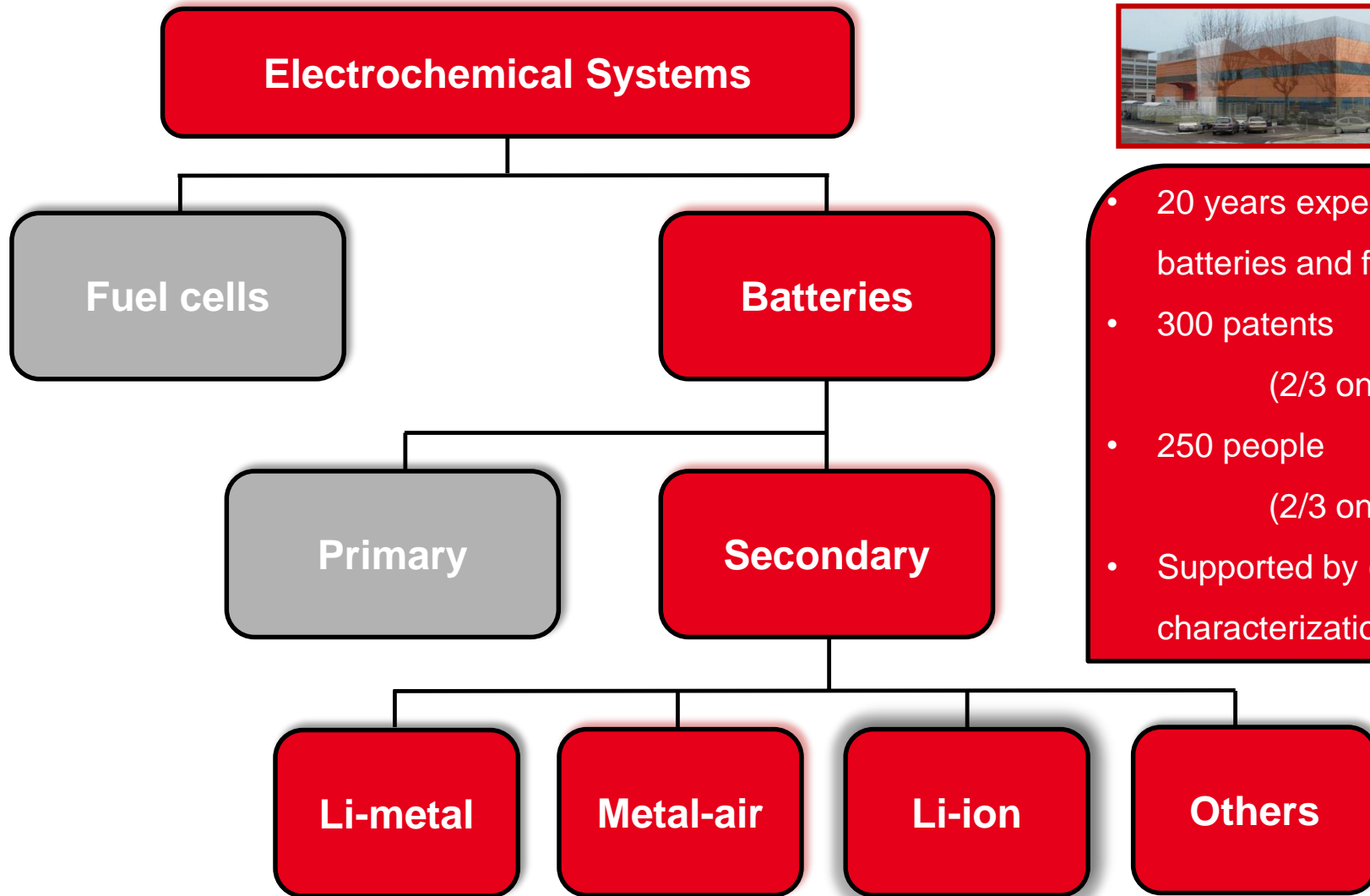


**Vehicle  
integration**

Integration of  
FC/batteries in  
EV/hybrid vehicles  
Monitoring



# ELECTROCHEMICAL SYSTEMS AT LITEN

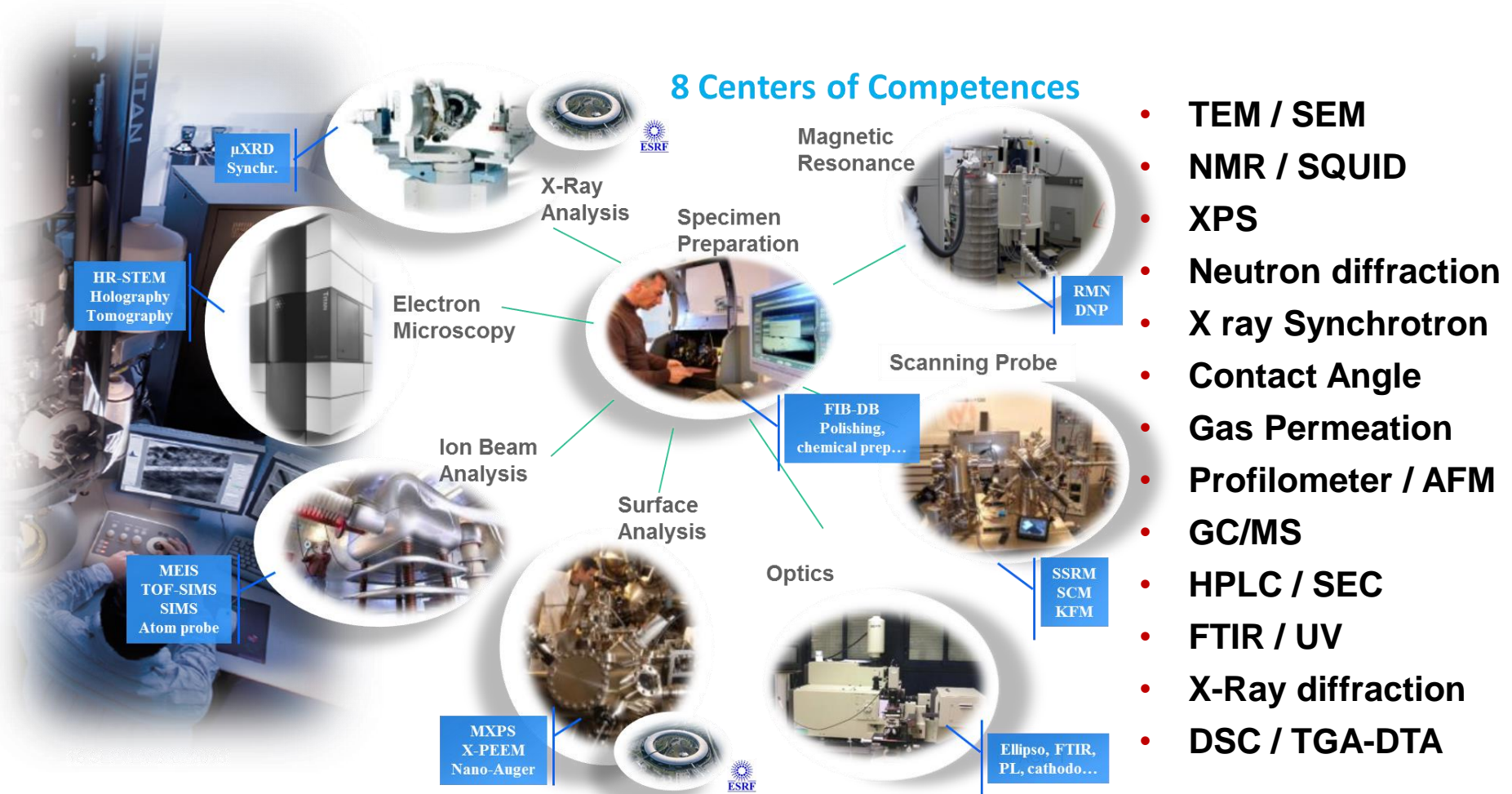


- 20 years experience on batteries and fuel cells
- 300 patents  
(2/3 on Batteries)
- 250 people  
(2/3 on Batteries)
- Supported by (nano) characterization facilities



# NANOCHARACTERIZATION PLATFORM

**40 equipments / 2500m<sup>2</sup> of facilities / 3.5M€ of investments/year**



# OUR STRATEGY FOR MATERIALS

## Laboratory scale (g)



Innovation - Patents  
(synthesis-composition)  
Characterization



## Pilot scale (kg)



Synthesis scale-up  
Process optimization  
Reproducibility



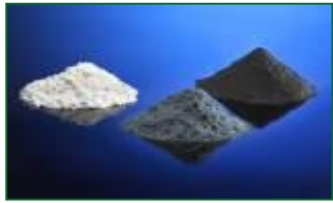
## Technology transfer



License agreement  
Industrial development



# LI-ION PROTOTYPE CELLS



**1 mAh to 40 Ah cells**

Various « fit & form » (Pr, Cy, soft packaging, hard casing...) & Specific architectures and design (bipolar cells, thin cells,...)

## Sensors

3.2V - 40 mAh  
-0.01% / cycle  
LiFePO<sub>4</sub>-B/Graphite  
Efficiency > 99%

## Medical Implants

3.7V - 50 mAh - 2.45 g  
10 years at 37°C  
4000 cycles  
Layered oxide/Graphite



**SAFT chemistry**

## Safety tests performed successfully

Strong weldings  
High tightness



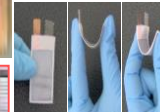
After nail test



Overcharged cell

## Smart-Cards, Intelligent Wears, secure personal devices, packaging, E-books, autonomous sensors...

few mAh to 800 mAh,  
ultra-thin packaging (< 0.4 mm)  
2.3 to 3.7 V; <1g to 45g  
=> Towards fully printed Li Batteries



## Photovoltaic

3.2V - 10 Ah  
High cycle life  
Operating up to +70°C



## Micro-Hybrid

High Power  
Fast charge  
24V – 15Wh  
Bipolar architecture



## Spatial Sensor

3.7V - 350 mAh  
Cell for extreme conditions



## Aeronautic

3.2V- 170mAh  
Thin Cell for Extreme conditions

## Others





# LI-ION BATTERIES PILOT LINE



- Pilot Line with 1000m<sup>2</sup> of dry room extension
- Line capability up to 500kWh/month
- 150-200kWh/month in practice (~3000cells)



Electrical, Abusive,  
Calendar Tests  
(1100 channels)



- 500 channels for formation
- 1000 channels for cycling

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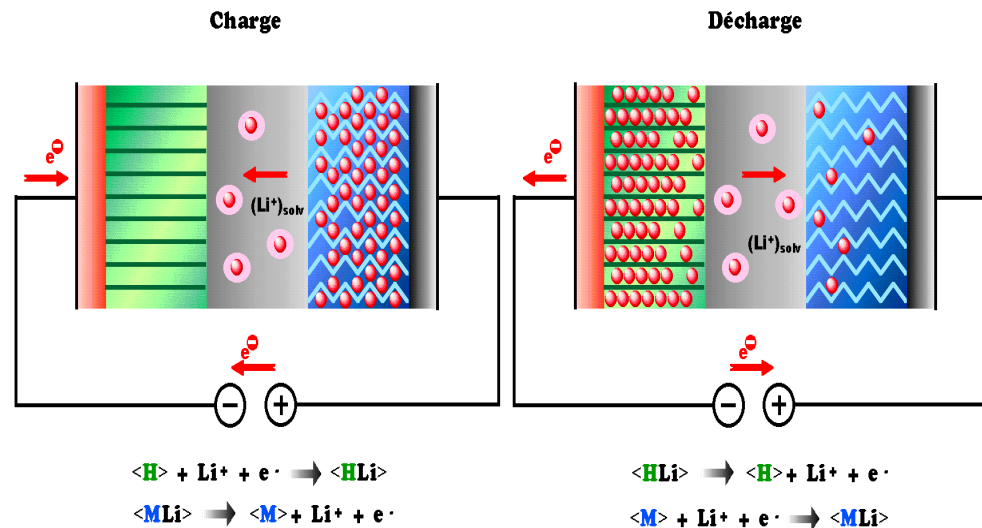
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# OPERATION OF LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERIES

- Conversion of chemical energy into electrical energy
- Reversible insertion of lithium ions in the structure of the anode material and the cathode (oxidation-reduction)
- **Porous Electrodes** (compromise impregnation / electronic percolation threshold)
- **Electrolytic medium** (electrical insulation and ionic conduction)
- **Current collectors** (metals, polymers and ceramics drivers carbons)
- **Substrate** (sealed packaging)



The first system lithium ion by Sony in 1991: Graphite/LiCoO<sub>2</sub> (18650) – 3.6V



# PRINTED ORGANIC ELECTRONICS

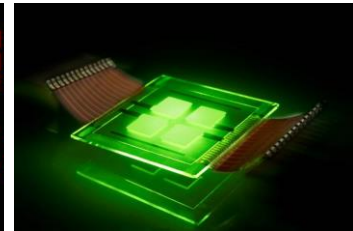
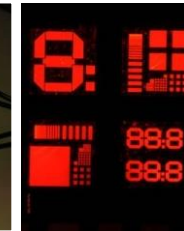
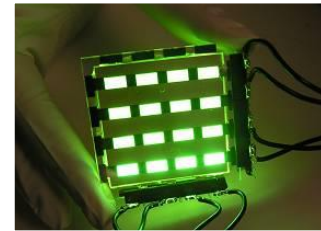
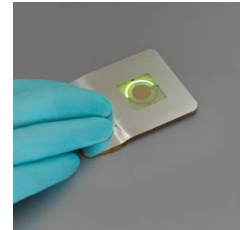
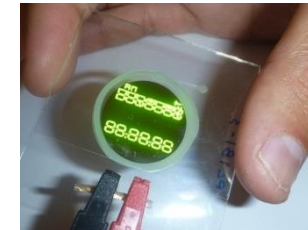
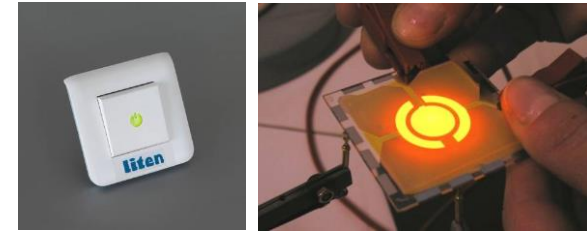
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HMI, signage  
Devices, systems  
Single digit, matrix  
Logos

Antennas



Sensors

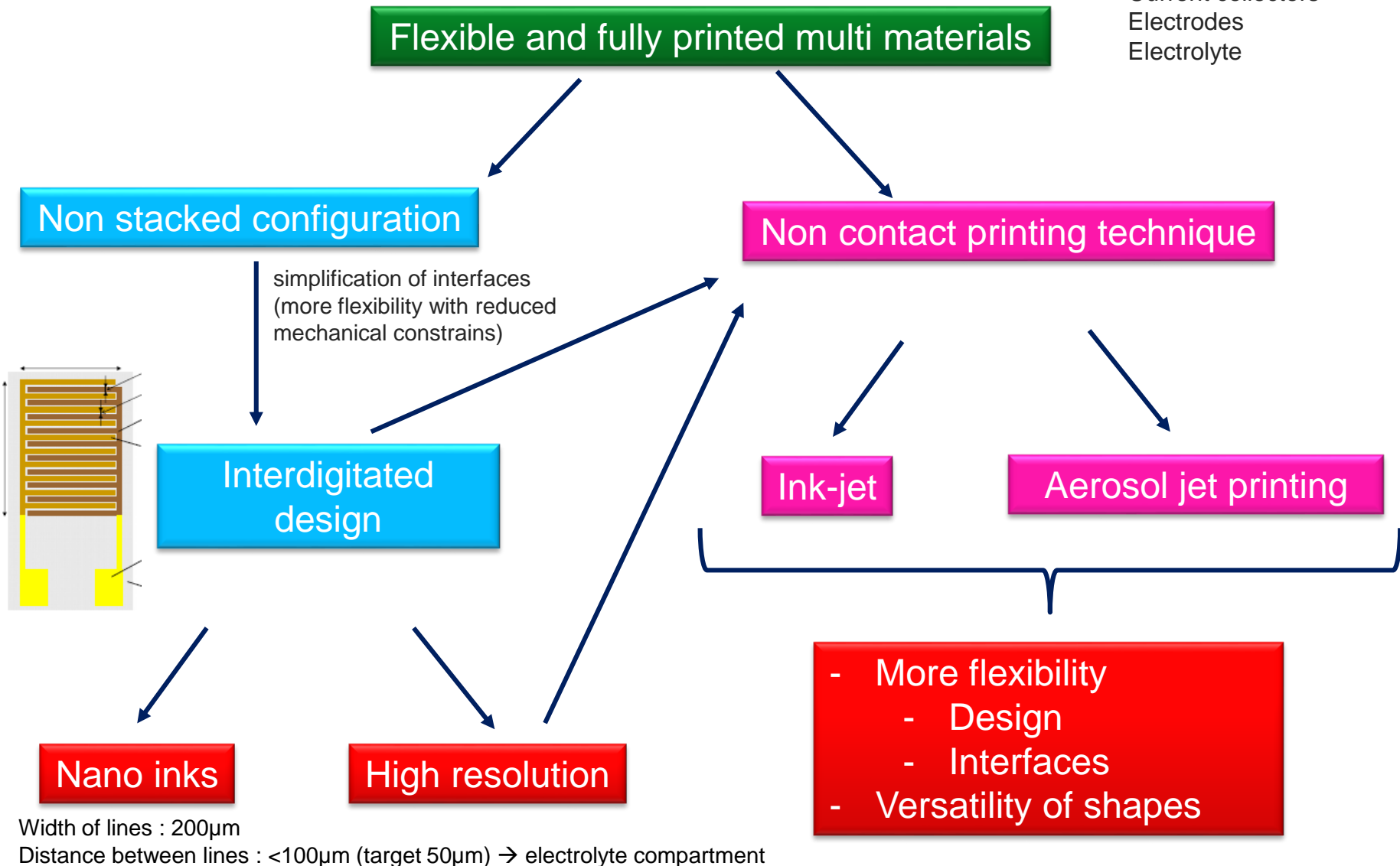
capacitive  
pressure sensitive



- No rechargeable digital printed batteries !
- No fully integrated battery + electronic

# DIGITAL PRINTED BATTERY

Current collectors  
Electrodes  
Electrolyte



# INTERDIGITATED DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS

To simplify or solve several technological barriers, another battery architecture is possible:  
the interdigitated planar design

- **The interdigitated concept reverses at 90 ° stacked architecture**

- ✓ Architected current collectors on the same plane
- ✓ Electrodes printed side by side on respective collectors
- ✓ Separator printed between the electrodes printed on the entire surface
- ✓ Electrolyte impregnation by the above

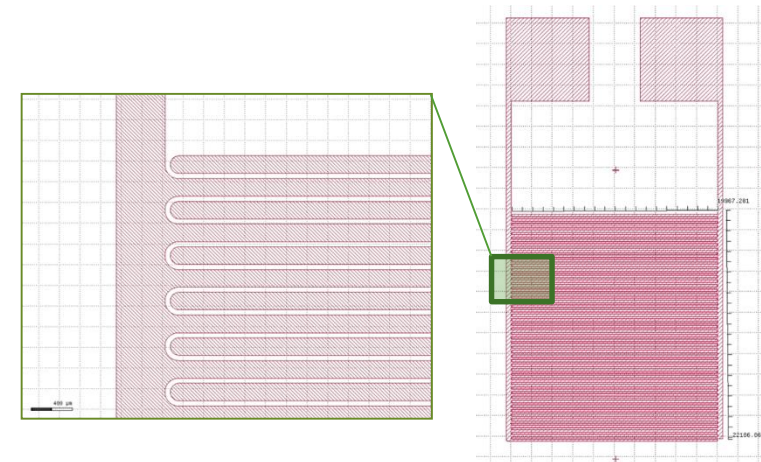
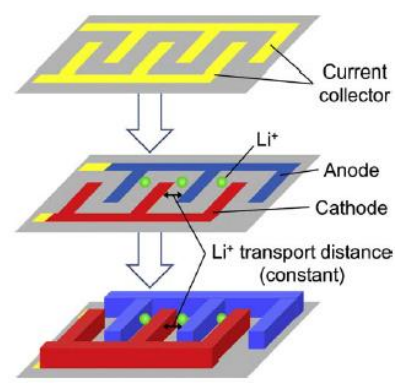
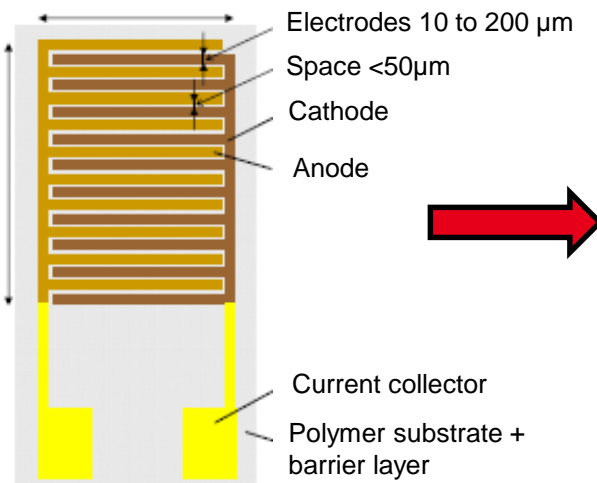
- **Constraints of the concept:**

- ✓ High printing resolution( 10µm +/- 1µm)

- **Dimensions:**

- Width of lines : 200µm
- Distance between lines : <100µm (target 50µm) → electrolyte compartment

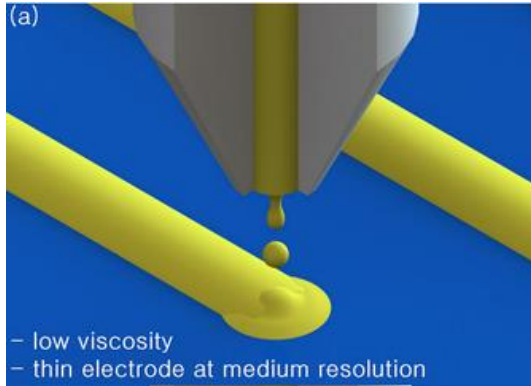
- Solid electrolyte configuration
- No densification



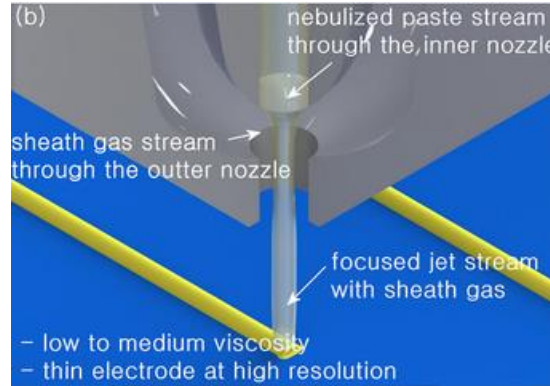
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# COMPARISON INK-JET AND AEROSOL JET PRINTING

Inkjet



Aerosol jet

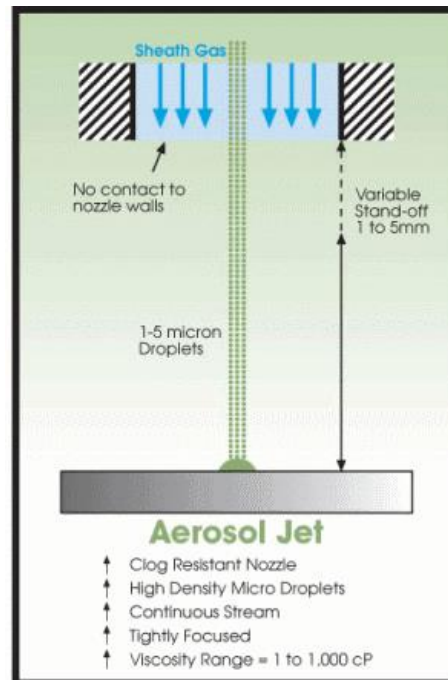
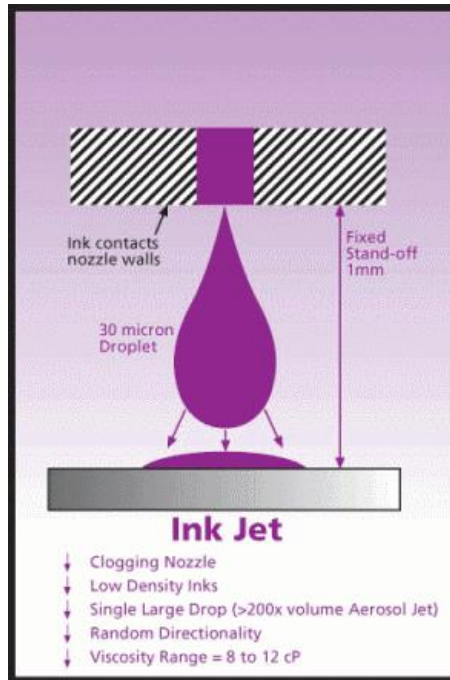


## Advantages of aerosol jet printing:

- Less constrains on inks (viscosity, surface tension)
- Less constrains on substrates (lower spreading)
- Best resolution

## Disadvantages of aerosol jet printing:

- Labscale



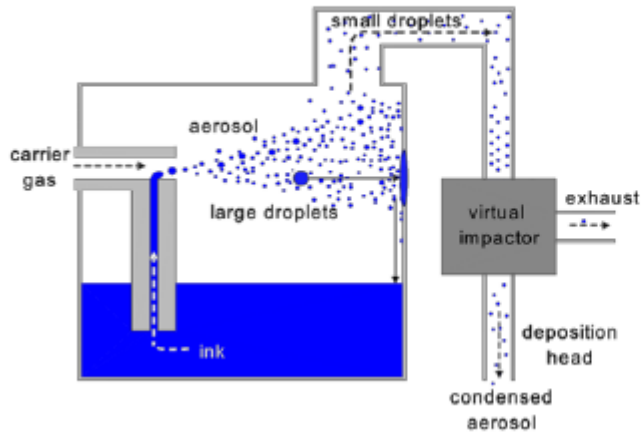
# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

|                                | Screen printing                      | Inkjet basic         | Ink dispenser        | Aerosol jetting      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Particle size requested        | < 100 nm                             | < 50 nm              | < 50 nm              | < 50 nm              |
| Layer thickness (µm)           | 0.015-100                            | 0.05-100             | 50                   | 0.05 – 100           |
| Definition (lines spaces) (µm) | 30-100                               | 5                    | 10-500               | 2                    |
| Feature size (µm)              | 20-100                               | 20-50                | 100                  | 5-20                 |
| Registration (µm)              | > 25                                 | > 5                  | > 20                 | > 5                  |
| Patterning capacity            | Required specific frame and hardware | Software development | Software development | Software development |
| Patterning Design              | 2D                                   | 3D                   | 3D                   | 3D                   |
| Ink viscosity Pa.s             | 0.5-50                               | 0.001-0.1            | 0.02- 1              | 0.02 - 1             |
| Throughput m <sup>2</sup> /s   | 2-3                                  | 0.01-0.5             | 0.01-0.5             | 0.01-0.5             |

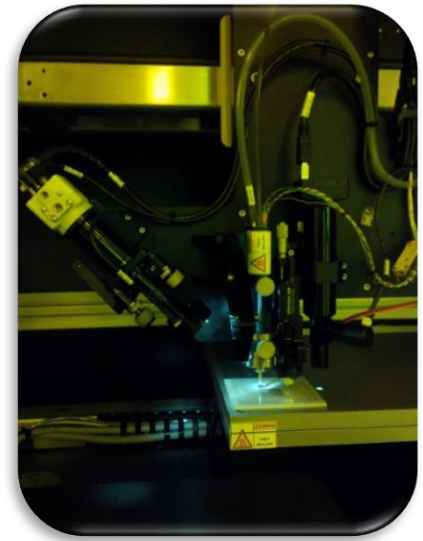
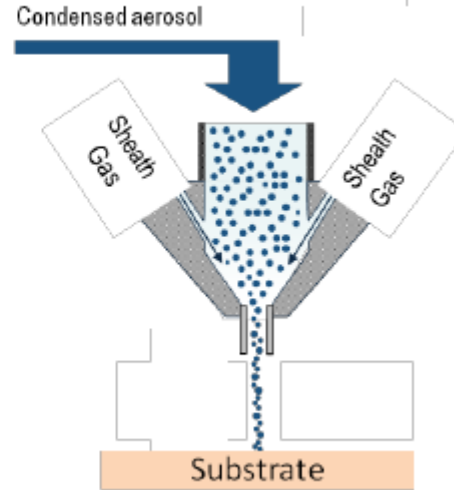


# AEROSOL JET PRINTING

## Pneumatic Atomization



## Printing Head



## Experimental parameters (for pneumatic atomization):

- ✓ Carrier gas flow
- ✓ Exhaust flow
- ✓ Sheath flow
- ✓ Printing head temperature
- ✓ Plate temperature
- ✓ Ink temperature and stirring
- ✓ Nozzle size (100 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ )



PICTIC Platform



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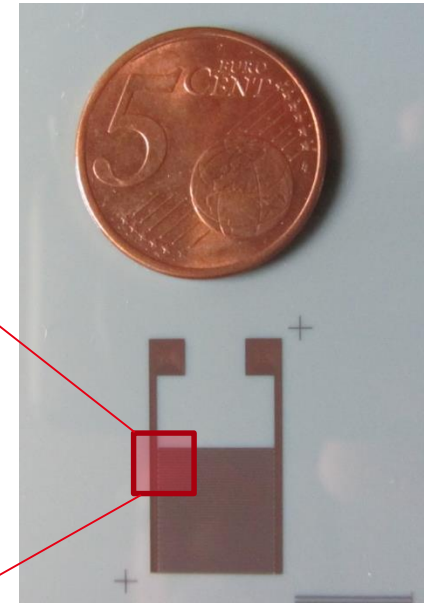
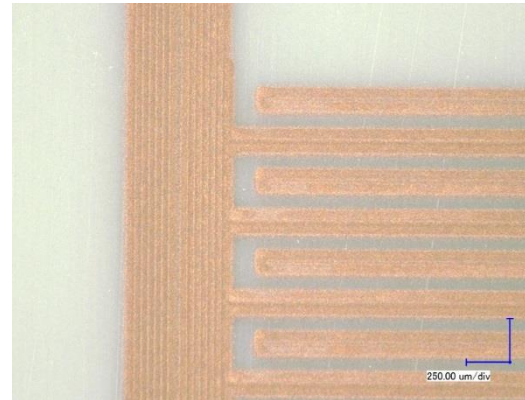
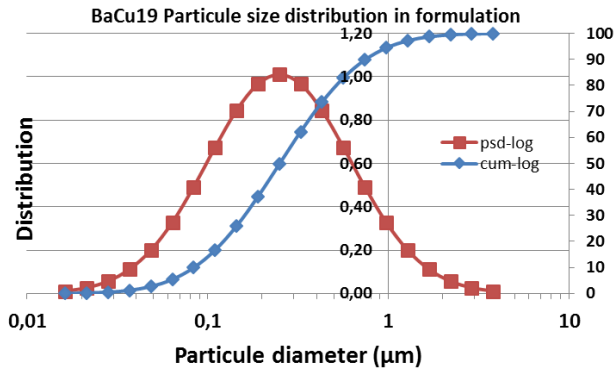
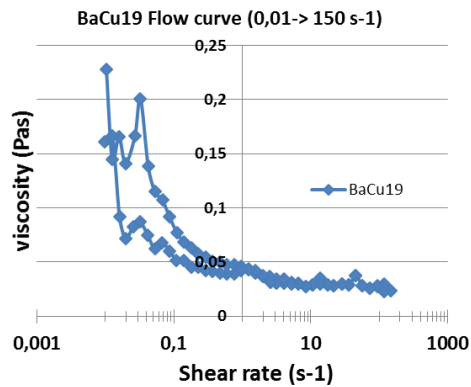
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## **3. RESULTS FROM BASMATI PROJECT**

- **Current collectors** → **Cu / CNT / Ni / Gold**
  - Formulation / characterization
  - Printing
  - Sintering
- **Electrodes** → **LFP / NMC / LTO / graphene**
  - Material synthesis
  - Formulation
  - Testing in coin cell with jellified configuration
  - Printing (LFP)
- **Multi-material printing for complete prototype (to be done)**

## Formulation of copper nanoparticles

- ✓ Particle size distribution
  - ✓ Behavior at high shear rate
- } Compatible with aerosol jet printing



Optical image of interdigitated pattern of copper nanoparticles before sintering printed on PEEK.

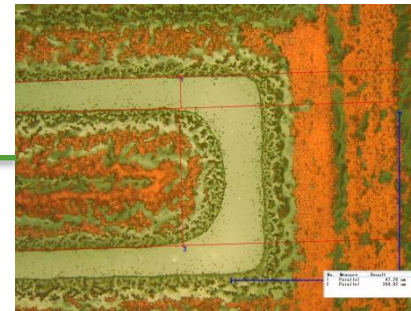
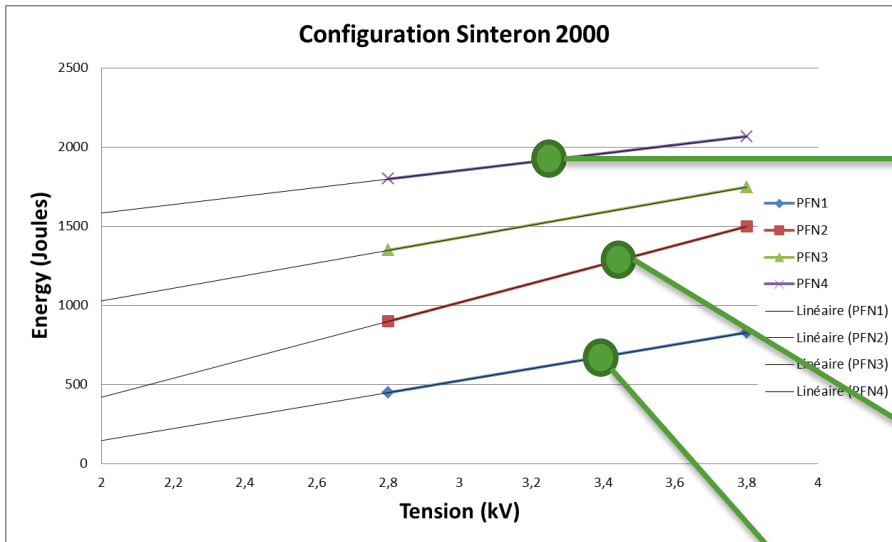
- Successful printing with high resolution
- Same design was printed on PET
- PET = for testing
- PEEK = for final product

| Distribution  | D10 | D16 | D50 | D84 | D90 | Dmax |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Diameter (nm) | 80  | 110 | 250 | 570 | 740 | 3800 |

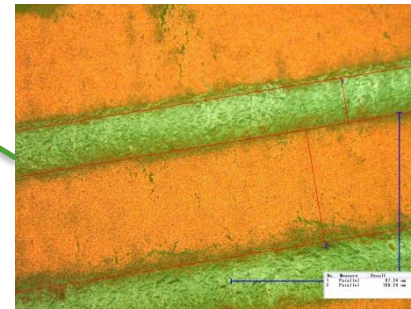
# RESULTS FROM BASMATI CURRENT COLLECTORS

## Copper current collector sintering

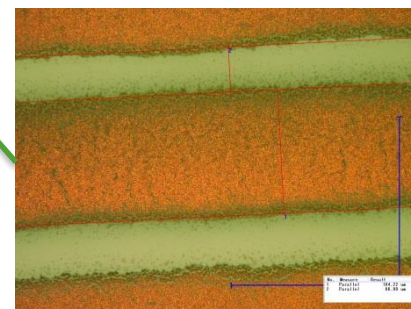
- Xenon Flash sintering (20 ms → 500 to 2000 J)
- Compromise between electronic conductivity and substrate stability



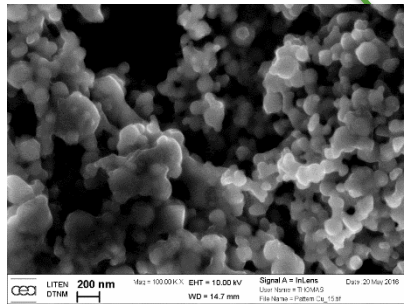
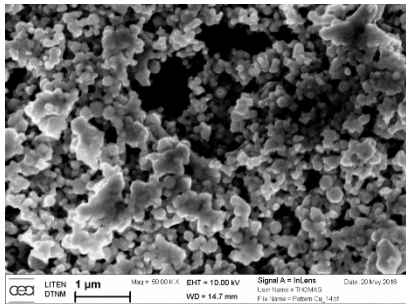
- No oxide remain
- Cracked Copper layer
- Non conductive
- Substrate deformation



- No oxide remain
- Continuous Copper layer
- 4 Ω/cm
- No Substrate deformation



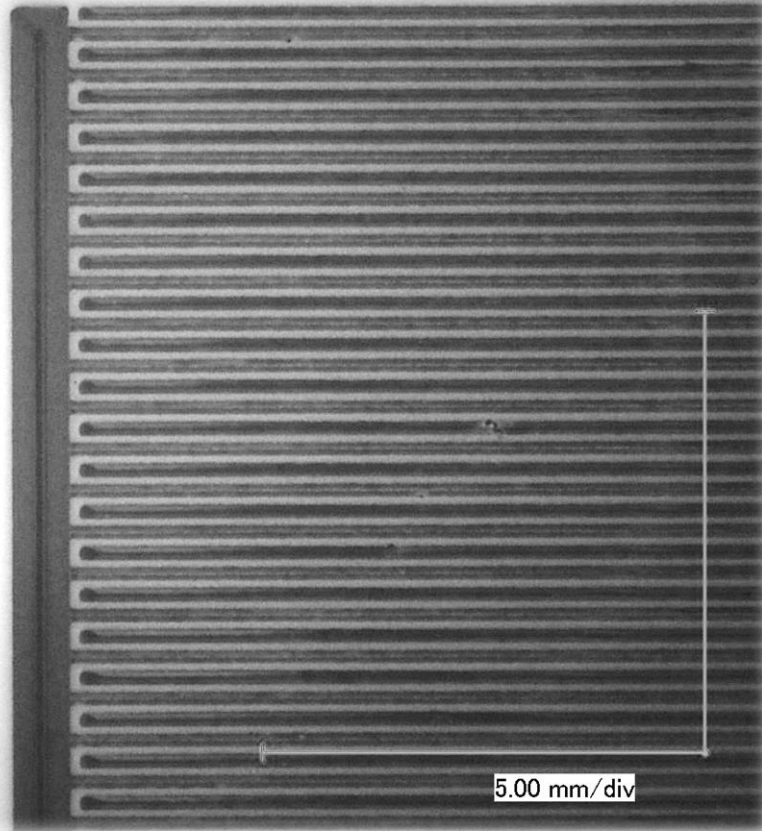
- Oxide remain
- Continuous Copper layer
- 400 Ω/cm
- No Substrate deformation



Copper particles after sintering (Xenon Flash sintering (20 ms/ 1400 J/ 3,6kV))

## RESULTS FROM BASMATI CURRENT COLLECTORS

- Current collectors – CNT  
EG based ink (1 wt.%)



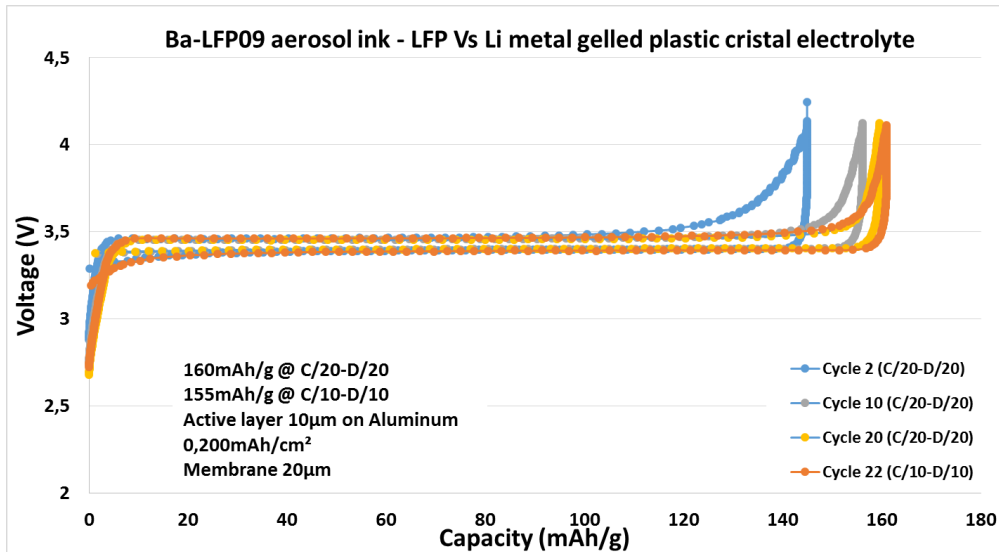
| Dimensions          | $\mu\text{m}$ |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Line width          | 180           |
| Space between lines | 60            |
| Resolution          | High          |
| Satellites          | No            |

- Both current collector could be printed with CNT
  - Simplification of process
  - Only one material for current collectors
- Conductivity measurements ongoing



# RESULTS FROM BASMATI ELECTRODES - POSITIVE

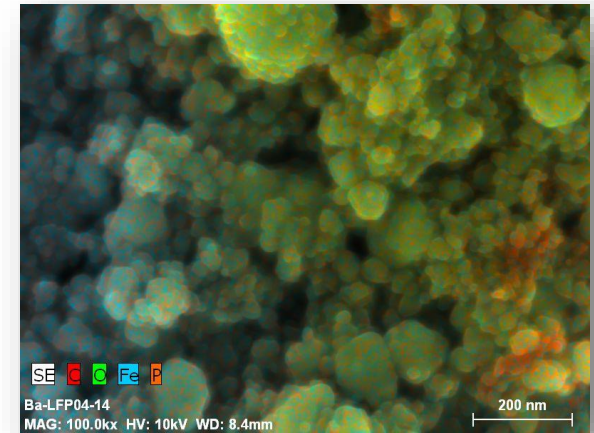
- Nano-ink compatible with numerical printing
- Good performances in terms of capacity retention and cycling



|                   | Ba-LFP09 |
|-------------------|----------|
| LFP Belife        | 70       |
| SP                | 5        |
| Gelled Matrix A/B | 25(B)    |
| EG/Water          | 88       |
| Solid content (%) | 12       |

- Jellified membrane (20µm)
- Electrode loading: 0,2mAh/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Final version:
  - 70%: active material + conductors
  - 30%: 15% polymer matrix + 15% electrolyte

## LFP Belife

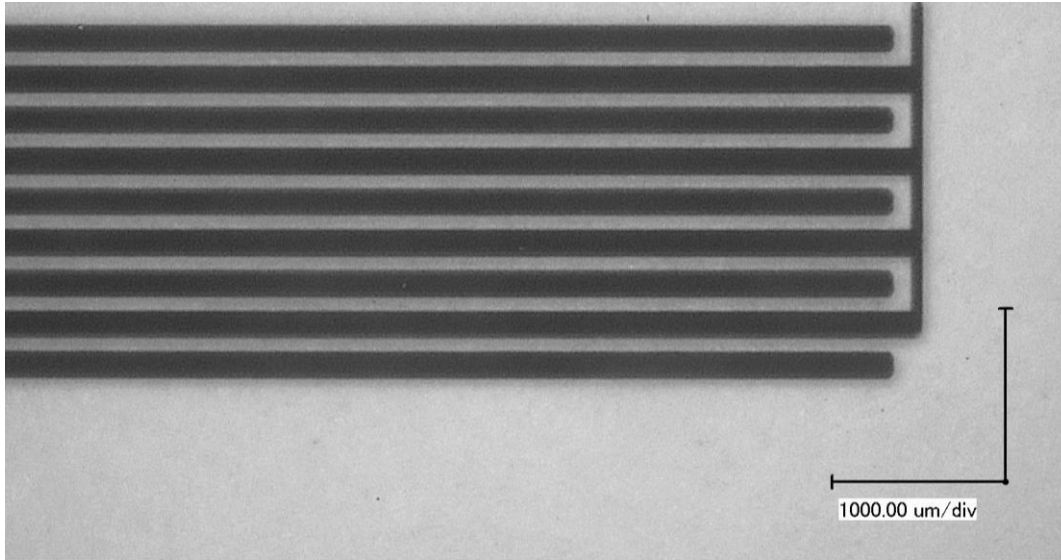


## Membrane and jellified electrolyte

- Alternative plastic crystal solvent (Patent 2015 BF1557896)
- Non toxic
- Non volatile
- All solid configuration

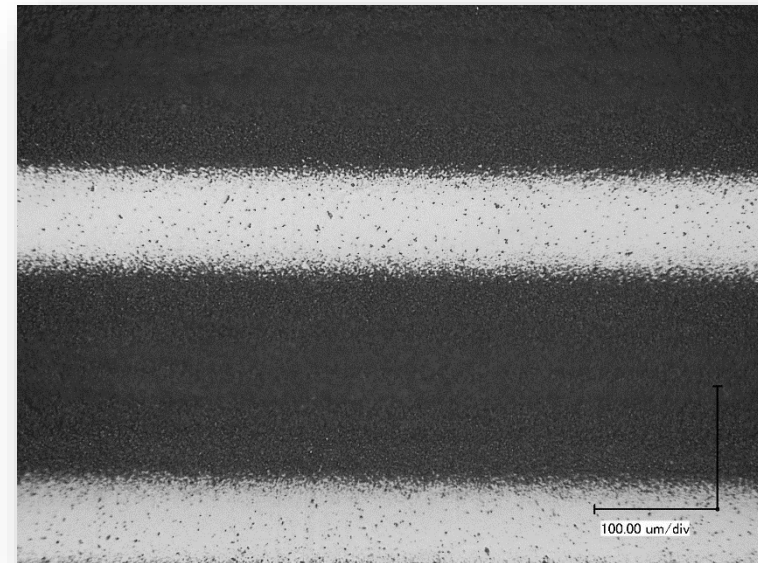
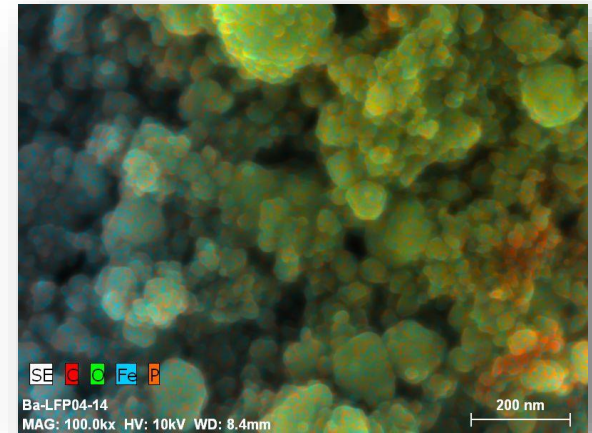


## Electrodes printing



| Ref. ink                | LFP-09                |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Solvent                 | EG + H <sub>2</sub> O |
| Dry content (wt. %)     | 12                    |
| Active material (wt. %) | 70                    |
| Electrolyte (wt. %)     | 25                    |
| Additives (wt. %)       | 5                     |

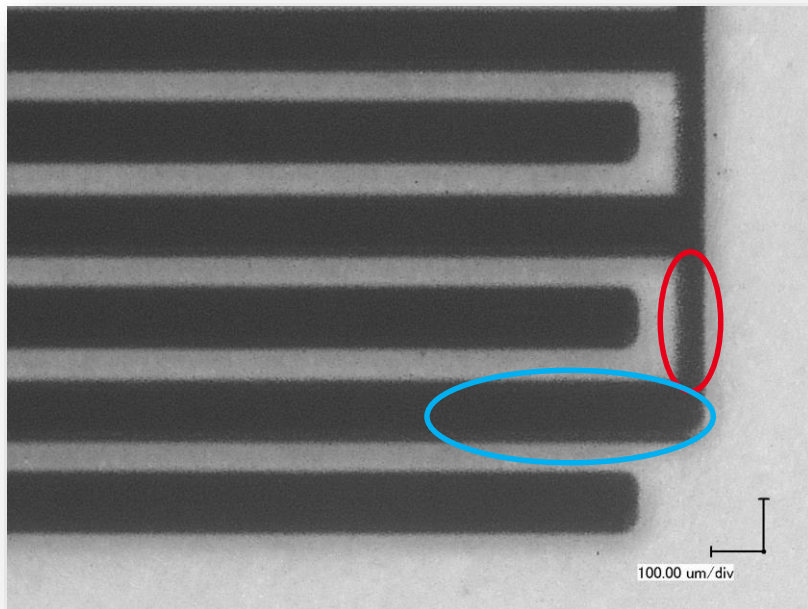
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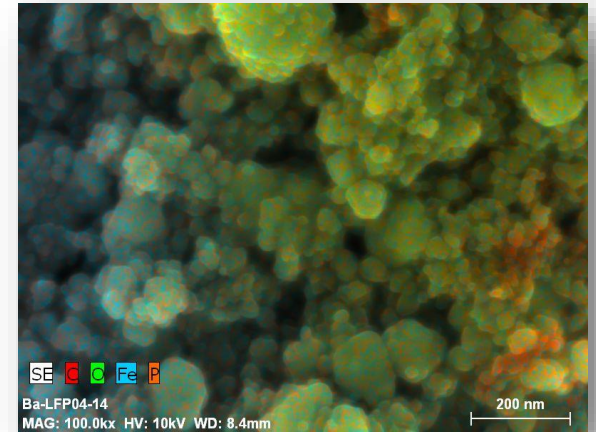
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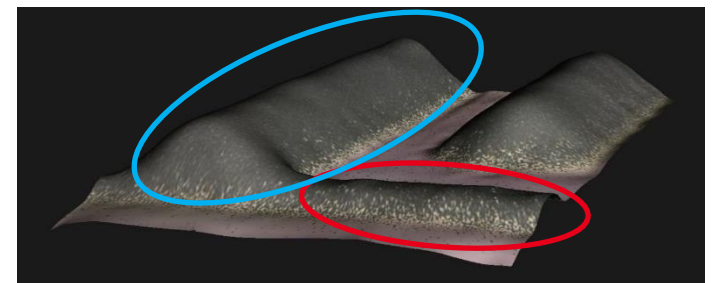
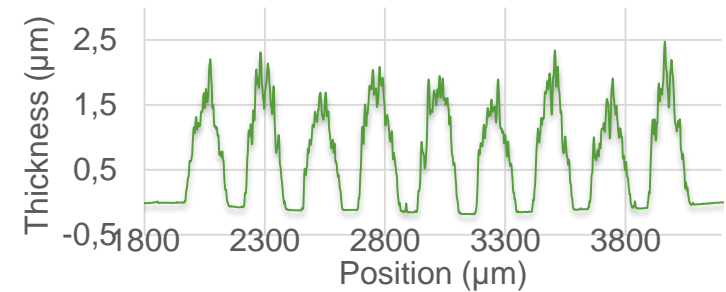
| Dimensions          | $\mu\text{m}$ |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Line width          | $116 \pm 3$   |
| Line thickness      | $2,1 \pm 0,2$ |
| Space between lines | $58 \pm 2$    |



## LFP Belife



## LFP interdigitated profile sample



3D reconstructed optical image (not to scale)

- **Current collectors**
  - Copper → Printing + sintering **OK**
  - CNT → Printing (no need of sintering) **OK**
  - Conductivity measurements **Ongoing**
- **Positive electrode**
  - LFP → Formulation + electrochemistry + printing **OK**
- **Negative electrode** **Ongoing**
  - Nano graphite not available (testing with graphene)
  - Nano-LTO under study
    - 50 mAh/g for uncoated material (jellified configuration)
    - Theoretical capacity of LTO = 175 mAh/g
  - Formulation / characterization
  - Printing
- **Multi-material printing for complete prototype** **To be done**

# Thank you for your attention



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