

## Thin and flexible, fully printed batteries

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## Outline

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- **Company Presentation VARTA Microbattery**
- **Printed batteries in general**
- **Electrochemical systems**
- **Application**

## Company Presentation

### VARTA Microbattery

### Company figures

Founding of VARTA Microbattery GmbH on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2002 as an independent company with worldwide subsidiaries and branches

**Headquarters:** Ellwangen, Germany  
area 10 ha

**Management:** Herbert Schein (CEO)  
Hannes Höhmüller (CFO)

**Employees:** Germany: 785  
worldwide: 2.000

**Turnover:** approx. 190 Mio. €



# Company Presentation VARTA Microbattery

## VARTA MICROBATTERY

### Retail



### OEM | Powercaps



Applied Basic  
Research



## VARTA STORAGE

### Residential Storage Systems



### Power Pack Solutions

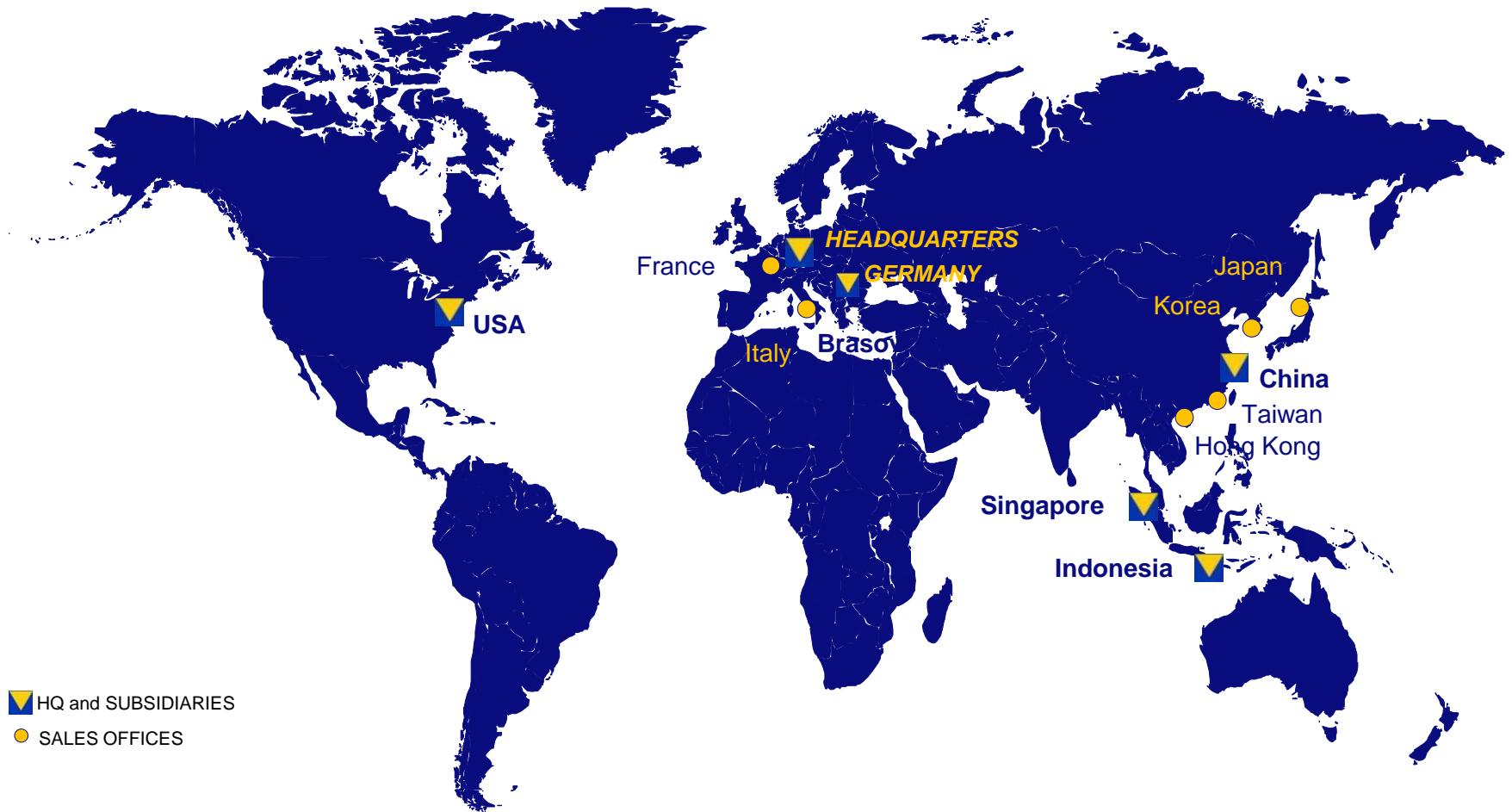


### Commercial Storage Solutions



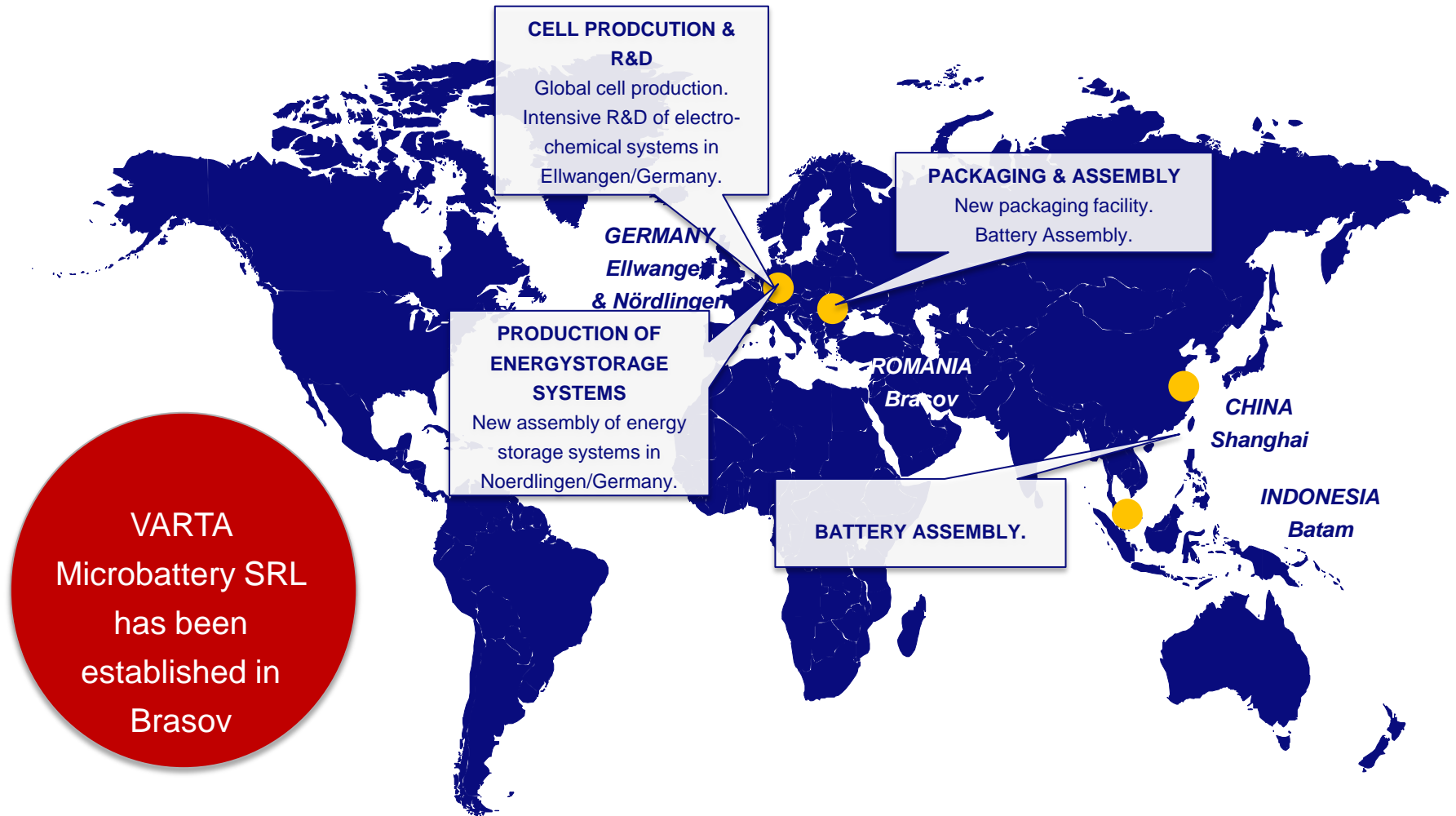
# VARTA Micro Group

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- ▼ HQ and SUBSIDIARIES
- SALES OFFICES

# VARTA Micro Group



# What is a Printed Battery

Printing technology has advantages:

## Thin SOA Batteries

Thickness down to 0,6 mm

Separately produced

Mostly by Pick-and-Place-Technology

Design change is very expensive

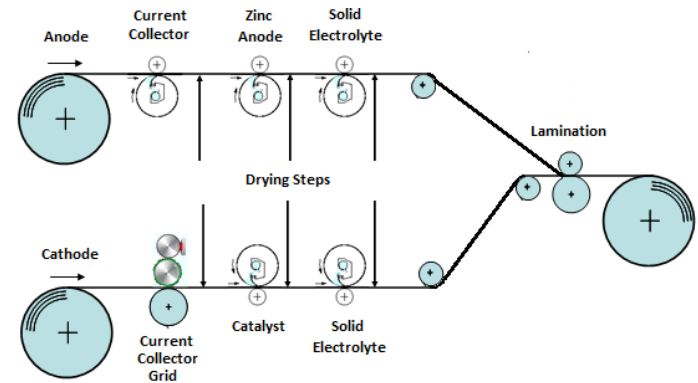
## Fully Printed Batteries

ALL components are printed

Design change fast and cheap

Direct printing on Smart Object possible, Printegration

Roll-to-Roll and Sheet-to-Sheet possible





# Battery properties – a short Glossar

Cell Voltage  
U [V]

Internal DC Resistance  
R [ $\Omega$ , m $\Omega$ ]

End-of-Charge Voltage  
U [V]

Charge „Capacity“  
C [Ah, mAh]



Base Current  
i [A, mA or C]

Puls Current  
i [A, mA or C]

Charge/Discharge Current  
i [A, mA or C]

AC Impedance =  $f(\omega)$   
Z [ $\Omega$ , m $\Omega$ ]

End-of-Discharge Voltage  
U [V]



# Electrochemical Systems (printability)

Primary

Zinc/Manganese Dioxide	1,5V	Easy to print, open Systems
Zinc/Air	1,4V	Complicated Cathode, caustic
Zinc/Silver Oxide	1,5V	caustic
Lithium/Mangan. Oxide	3,0V	Sensitive to Water

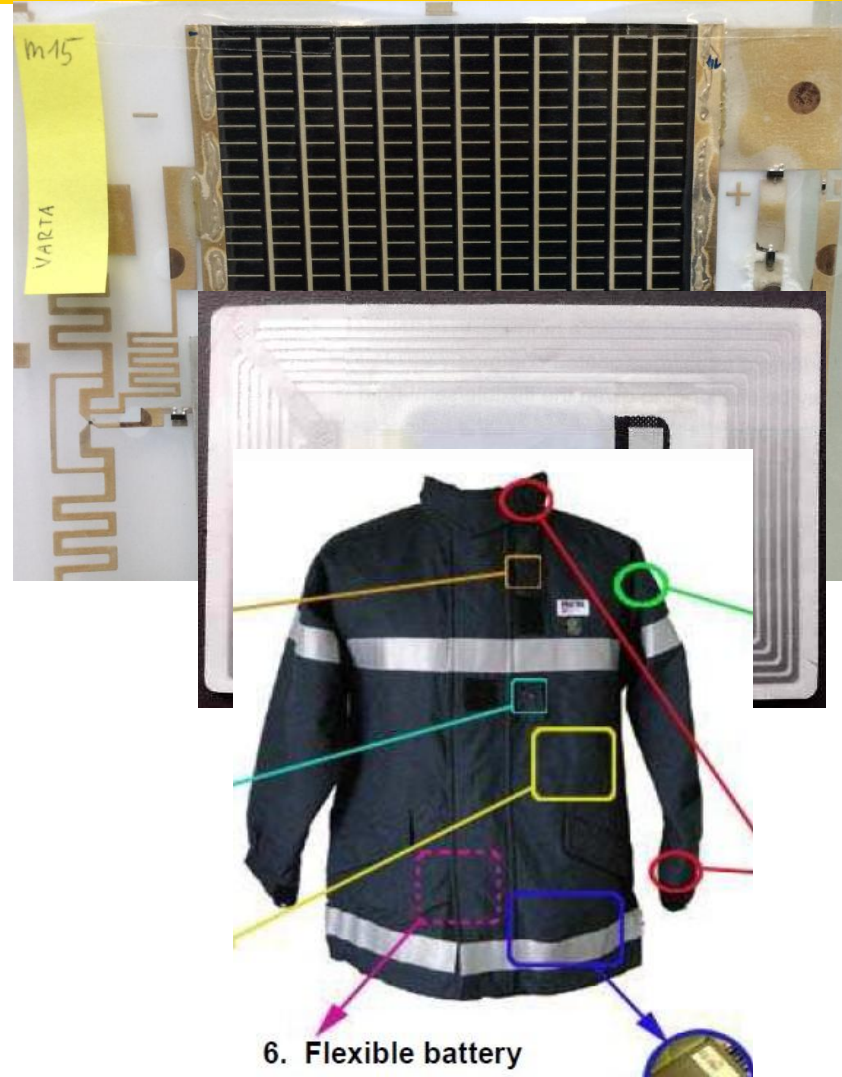
Secondary

Nickel/Metal Hydride	1,2V	caustic
Lithium-Ion	3,7V	Sensitive to Water
Organic Radical Battery	??V	Caustic ?

# Application of Printed Batteries

## Printed Batteries in ...

<b>RFID-Labels</b>	<b>improved distance, Internet of Things IoT</b>
<b>Sensors</b>	<b>T-Logger medical sensors Lactate, Pulse frequency Blood sugar</b>
<b>E-Book</b>	<b>large Zinc Air Cells</b>
<b>Gaming</b>	<b>Game board, Advertisement</b>
<b>Wearable Technologies</b>	<b>Smart Textile</b>



# Smart Textile

## Functional Wear

Safety (Police, Fire fighters, Breakdown Service,..)

## Leisure Time

Communication,  
Decoration,  
Heated Collar

INTERACTIVE WEAR



**Market:**  
Small number, high value



# Health Care – medical Sensors

Sleep Monitoring, ECG, Puls, Lactate (Sport), Blood sugar(Diabetics)

Market: First in the leisure time market, then professional diagnostics,  
Health monitoring for elder persons (Pictures by Holst Centre)



**Market:**  
Small number, high value



# Logistics

## RFID-Tags

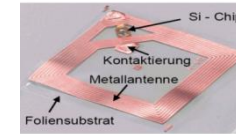
Extended reading distance through active sender

Project: Multiprint (BMBF)

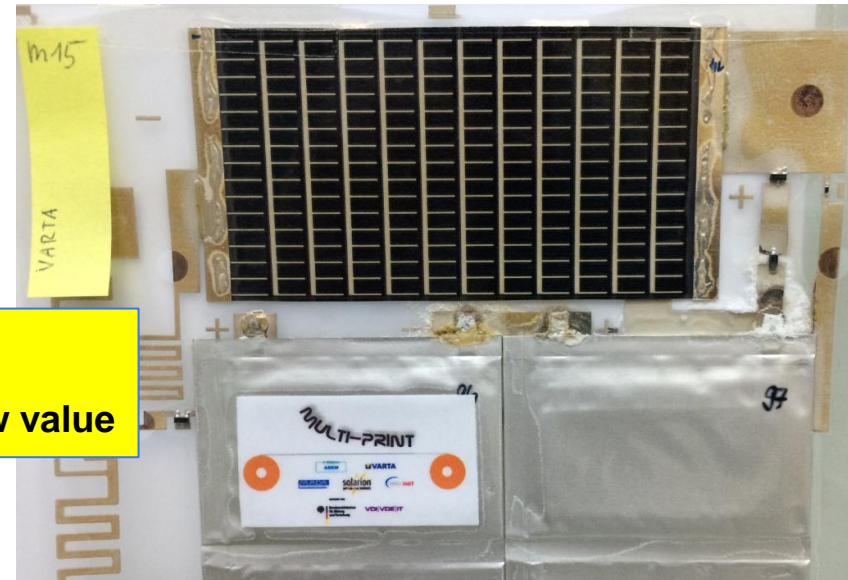
The reading distance was extended by 2x

Market:

Today no request



RFID HF  
Transponder



**Market:**  
High number, low value

# Gaming, Smart Book

## Functional Game Boards Children Books

Ravensburger Spiele

Ducky in the Dark, HS München

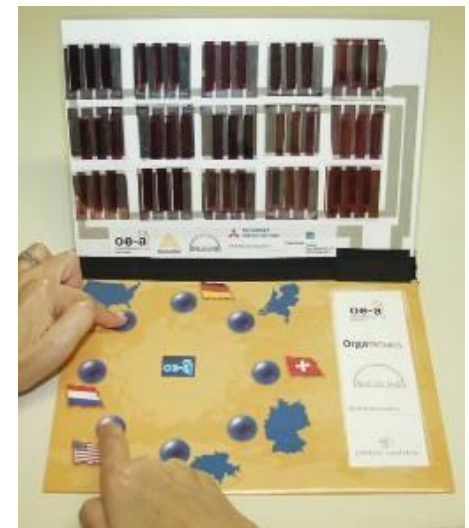


**Market:**

**Market:**  
Low number, low value

Request low

The customer is content with what they have



**Demonstrators by OE-A**

## Smart Packaging

### Packaging with integrated functions

Advertisement at Point-of-Sales  
Sales Campaign

**Market:**

**Market:**

Low number, low value

Request low

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**Bombay Sapphire**  
**Karl Knauer**



# T-Logger

## Smart Object using:

- Conducting circuit
- Antenna
- Microchip (T-Sensor, T-Logger, NFC)
- Battery, primary Zinc Carbon

## Application:

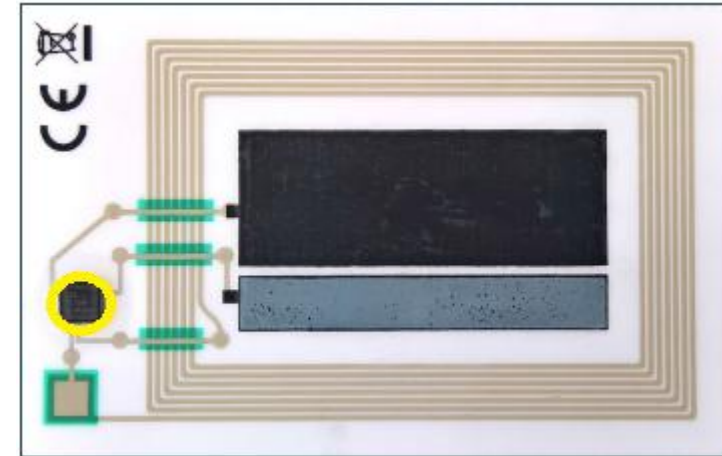
Checking of the cold chain

Body temperature

Platform for other sensors

Problem: Not applicable for temperatures  $<-10^{\circ}$

Optimum Market: Blood Preservation



T-Logger, Elmeric / VARTA



TempTraq, Blue Spark

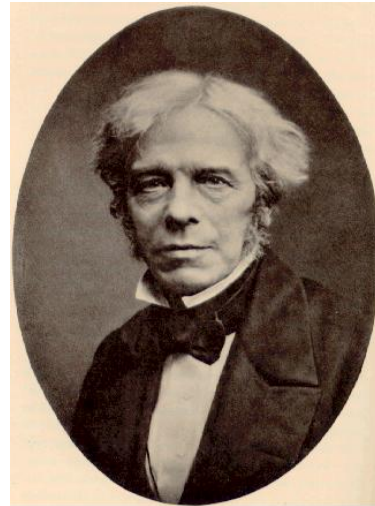
# *What influences our work?*

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*Svante August Arrhenius*

1859 – 1927



*Michael Faraday*

1791 – 1867



*Gorg Simon Ohm*

1787 – 1854

# *Thanks for your attention*