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# Segmented rechargeable micro battery for wearable applications based on printed separator and LTO/NMC electrodes

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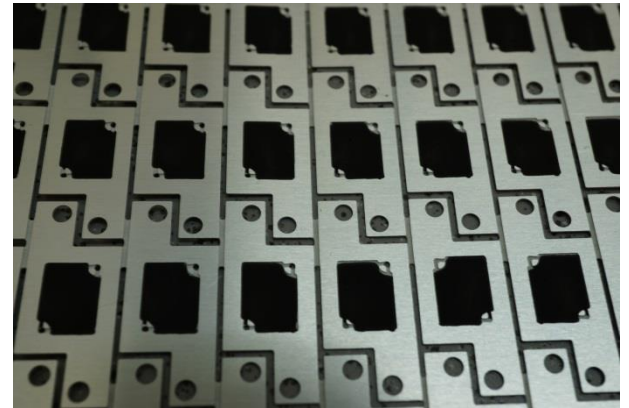
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# Outline

- Applications for thin rechargeable micro batteries
- IZM Packaging technology of micro batteries on substrate level
- The concept of segmented flexible battery
- Electrode development
- The lithium micro battery prototyping line and battery assembly
- Micro battery test results and parameters
- Conclusions



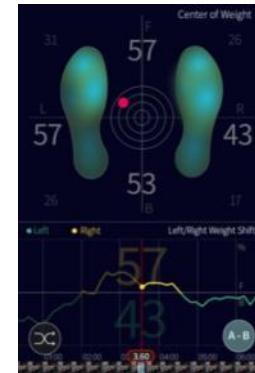
# Flexible batteries for wearable electronics



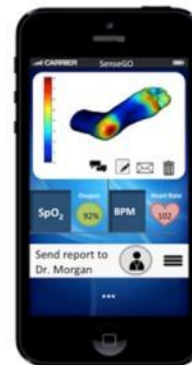
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# Packaging of micro batteries on substrate level

High density printed circuit board, metal laminates



System Integration and Interconnection Technologies

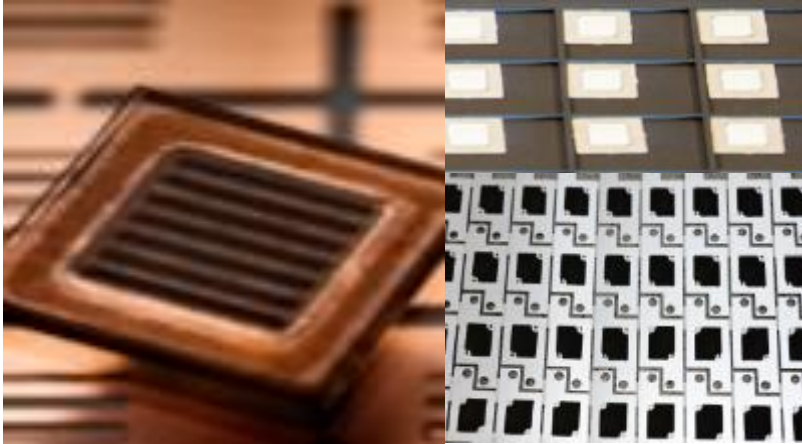
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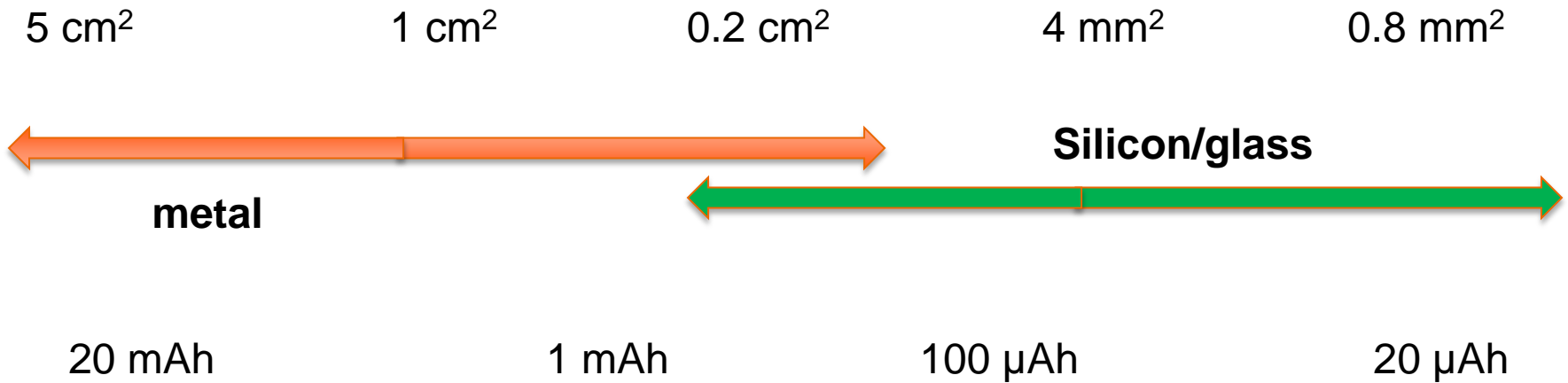
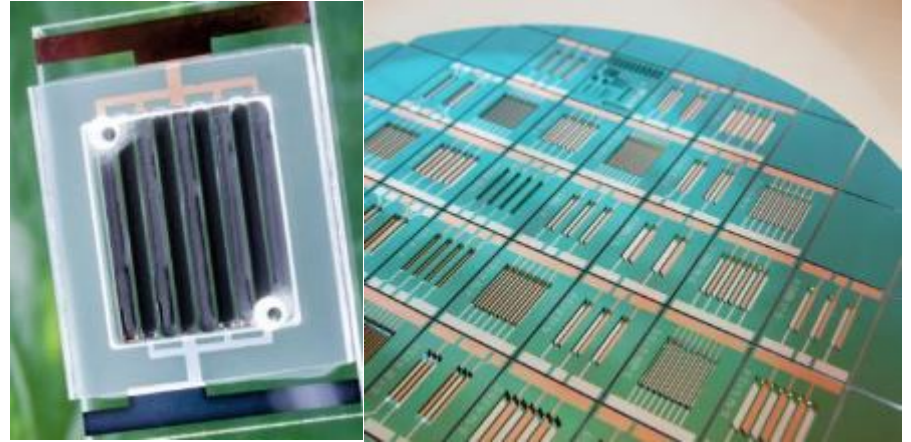
Wafer Level System Integration

# Substrate options

Metal, laminate



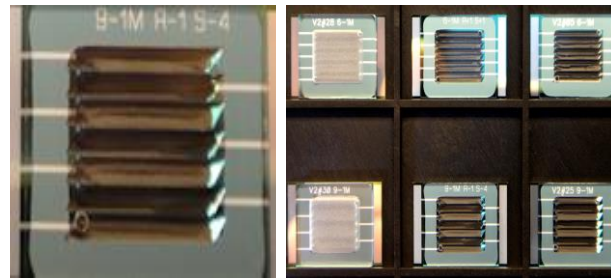
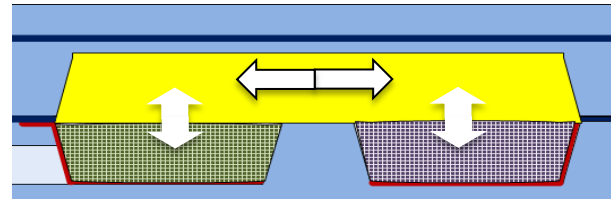
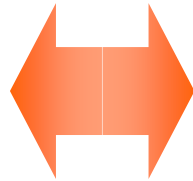
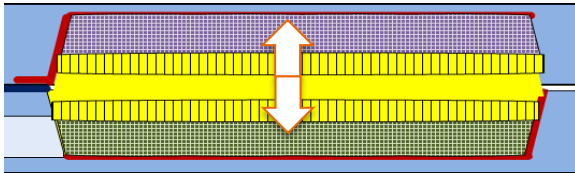
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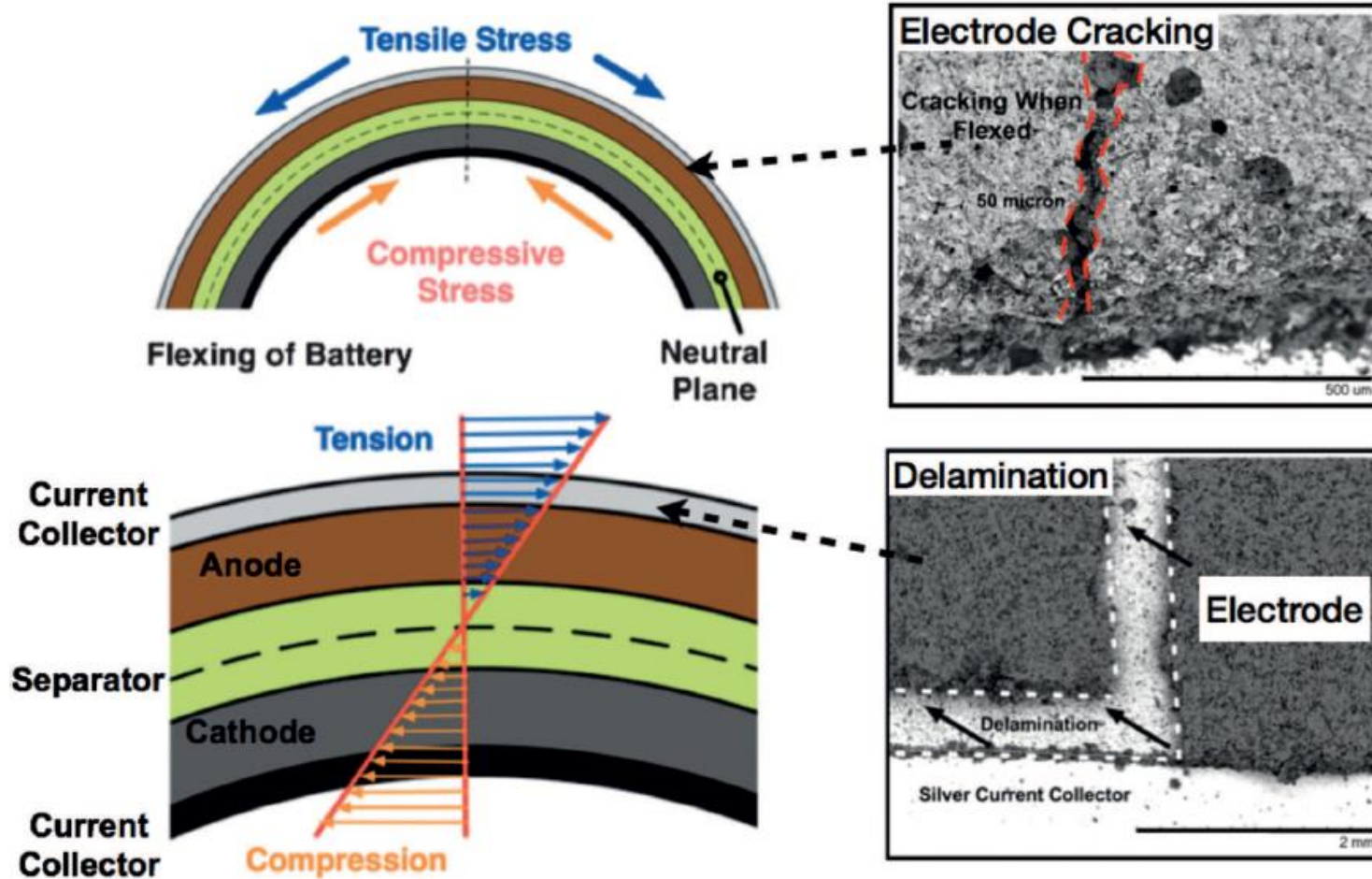
# and

# interdigitated electrodes





# Flexible batteries ?

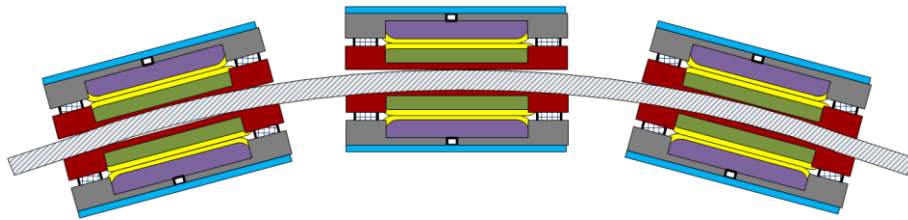


## Recent Progress on Printed Flexible Batteries: Mechanical Challenges, Printing Technologies, and Future Prospects

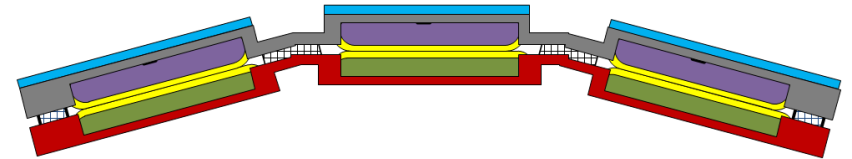
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# The concept of segmented flexible battery

Interconnect individual batteries on a flexible substrate

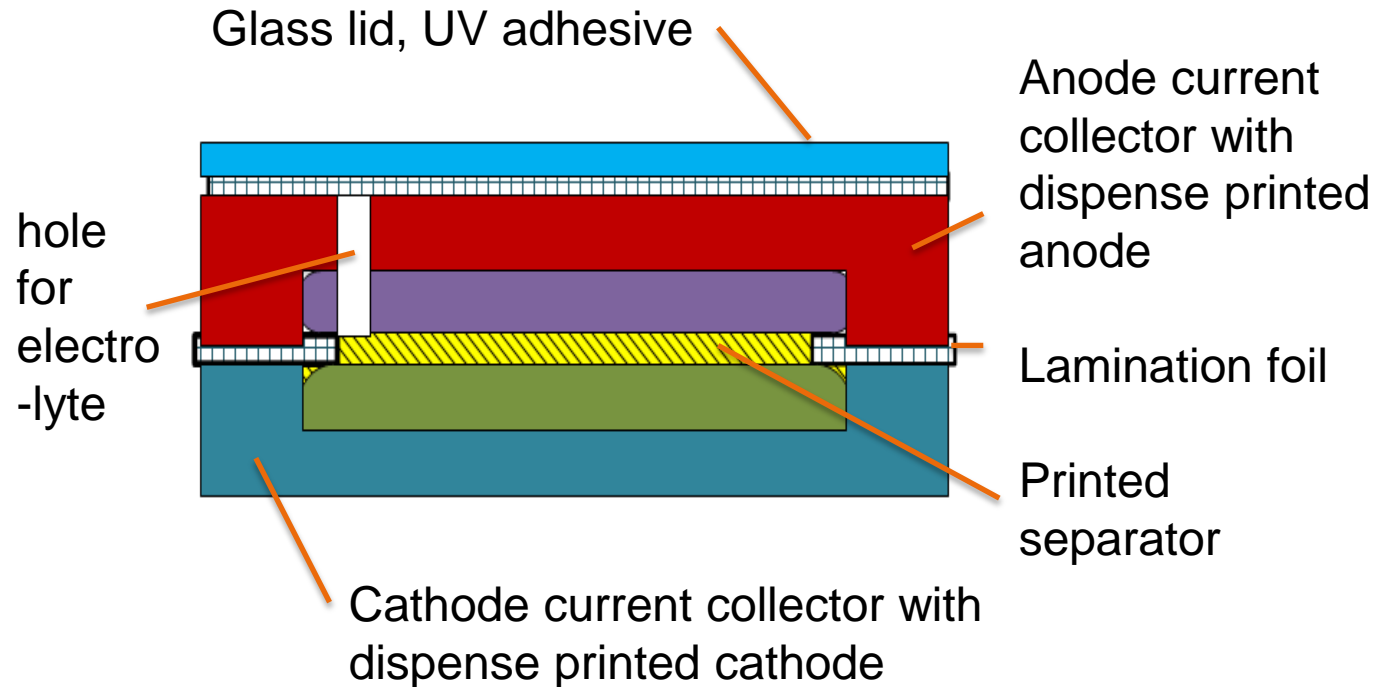


Thinned regions between segments allow bending

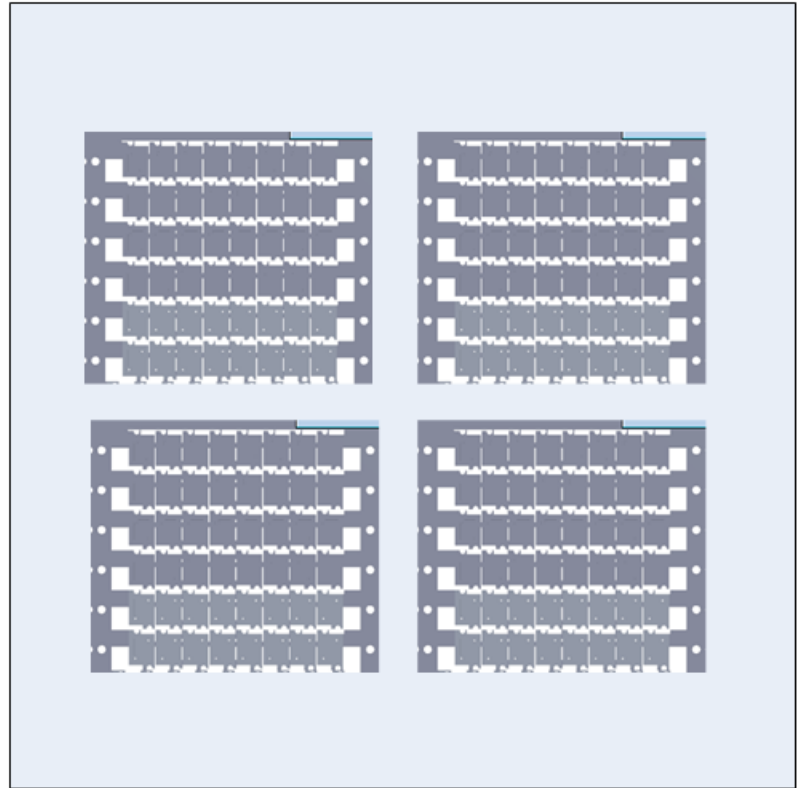
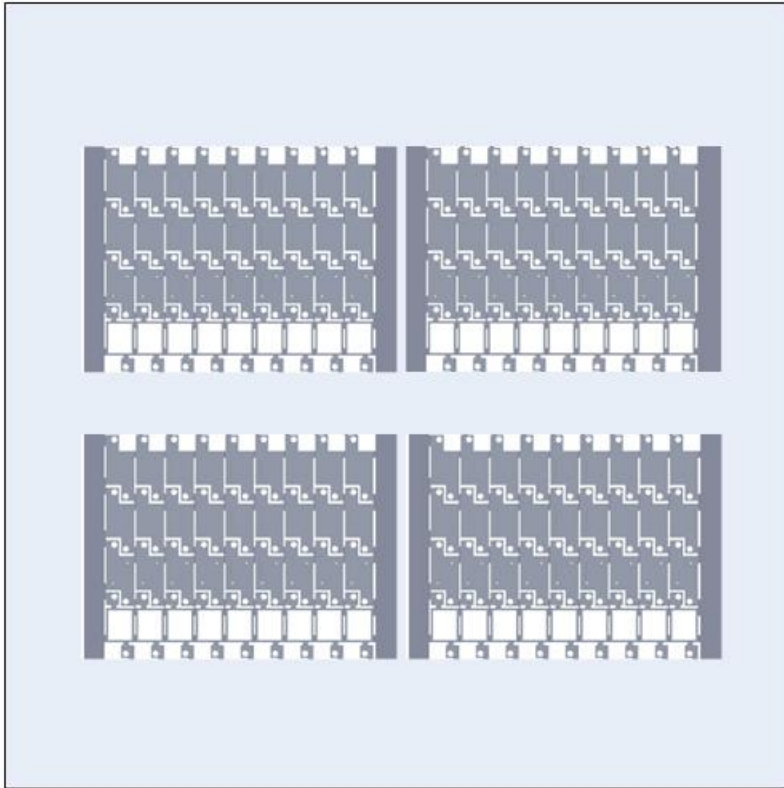




# IZM laminated battery cross section

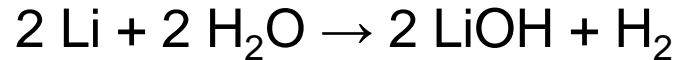


# Substrate panel design



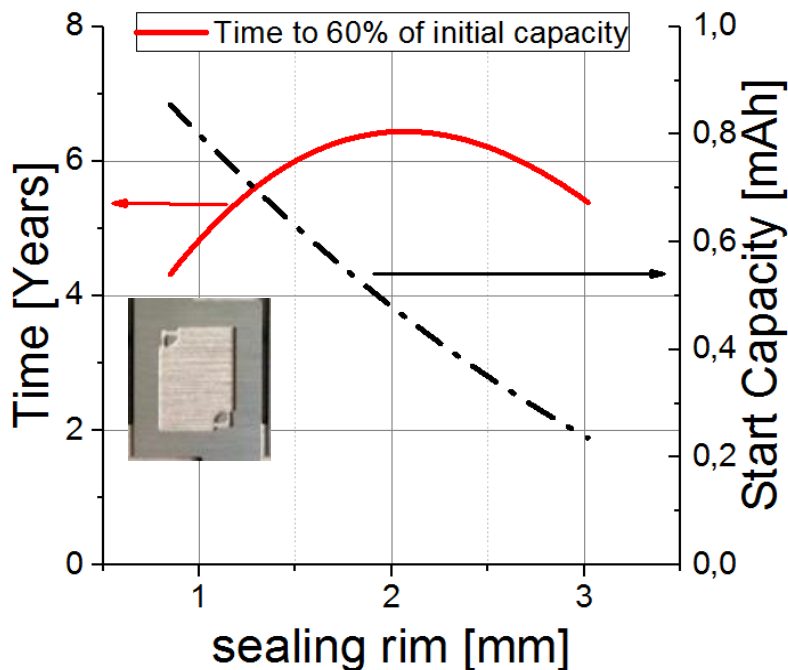
# The life time issue of polymer laminated micro batteries

Water permeation through the polymer sealing will consume lithium:

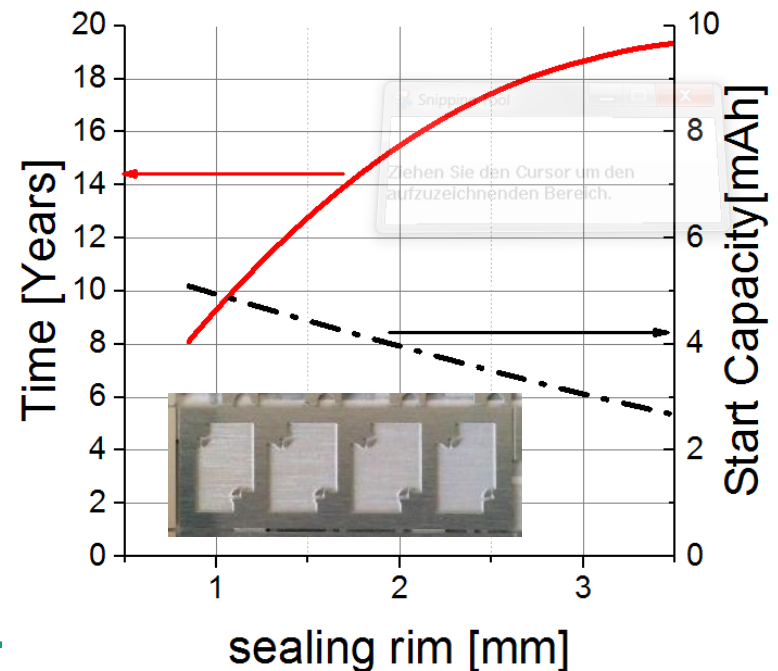


**Life time to 60% of initial capacity and optimum sealing width (25  $\mu\text{m}$  thick adhesive, 21 ° C)**

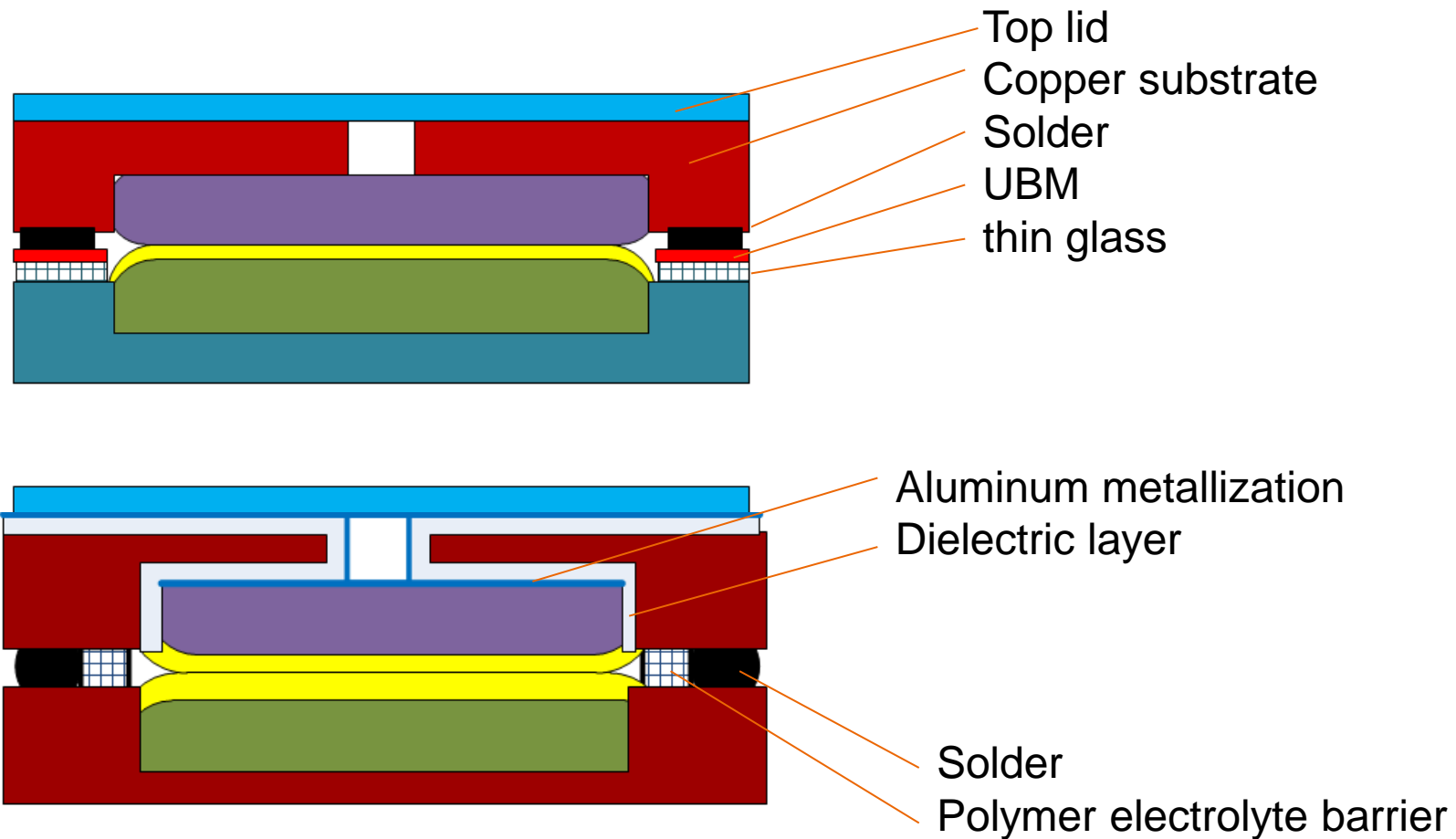
*Foot print 10x12 mm<sup>2</sup> (0.6 mAh)*



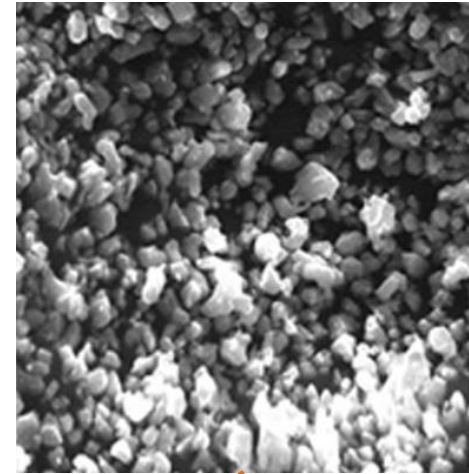
*40 x 12 mm<sup>2</sup> (3 mAh)*



# Metal foil hermetic packaging



# Battery materials



Anode:  $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$  (LTO) fibers versus particles

Cathode:  $\text{LiNi}_{1/3}\text{Co}_{1/3}\text{Mn}_{1/3}\text{O}_2$  (NMC)

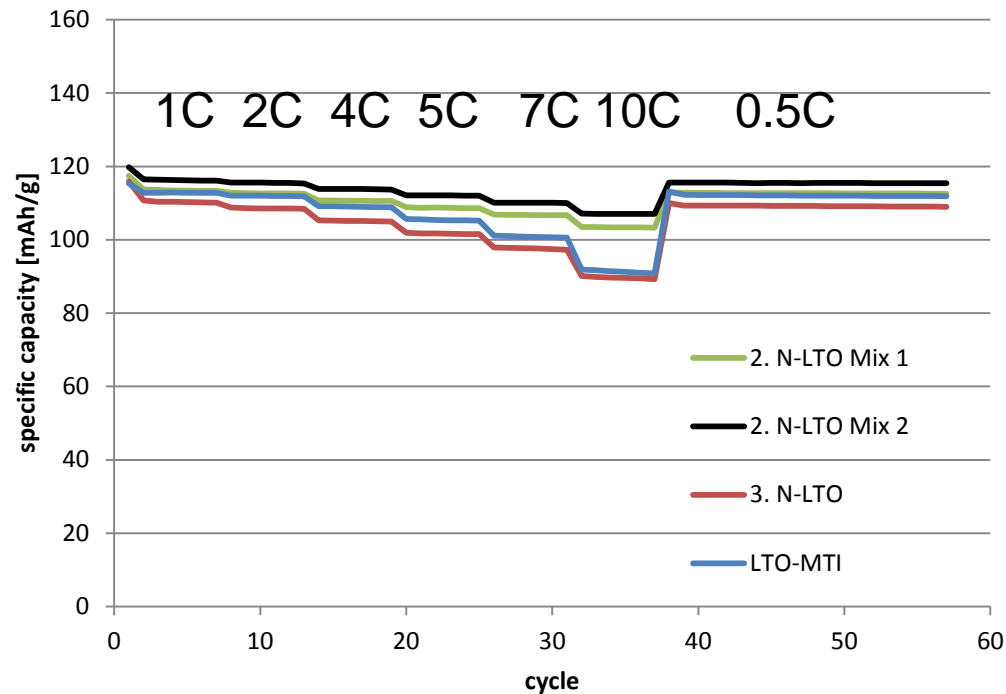
Separator: glass particle paste

Binder: CMC-SBR versus PVDF

Electrolyte: EC:DEC 1:1 1M  $\text{LiPF}_6$



# Half cell test of LTO-particles (MIT) vs. N-LTO fibers (PARDAM), **PVDF binder**

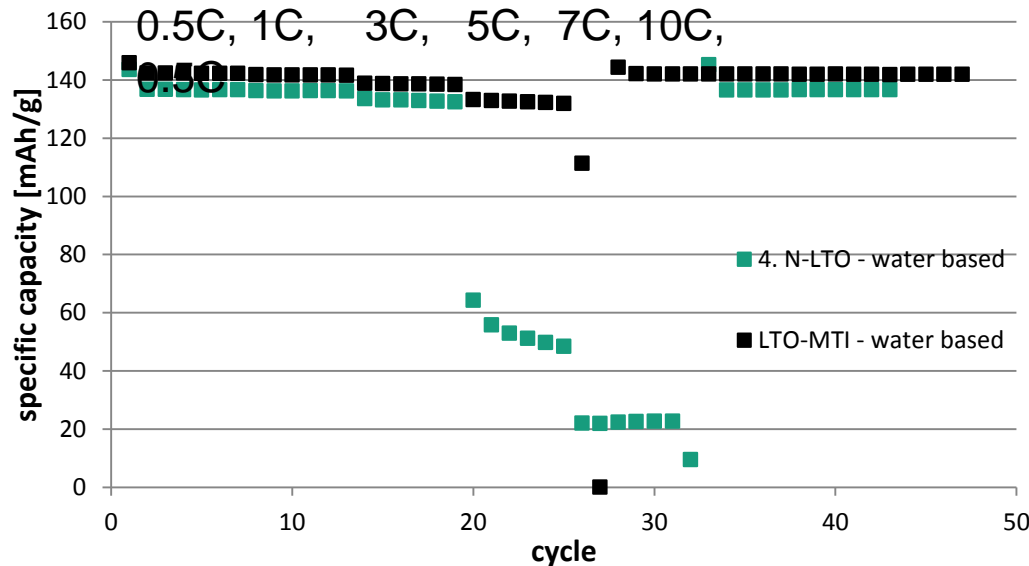


- no major difference between particle and fiber LTO
- US treatment is required for fiber material to reduce agglomerates

# Change from PVDF to CMC-SBR binder (water-based)

- To reduce production cost, in particular in case of printing and dispensing large amount of solvent evaporation
- No hazardous components, less environmental impact

# Half cell test of LTO-particles (MIT) vs. N-LTO Fibers (PARDAM), CMC-SBR binder



Electrode thickness:

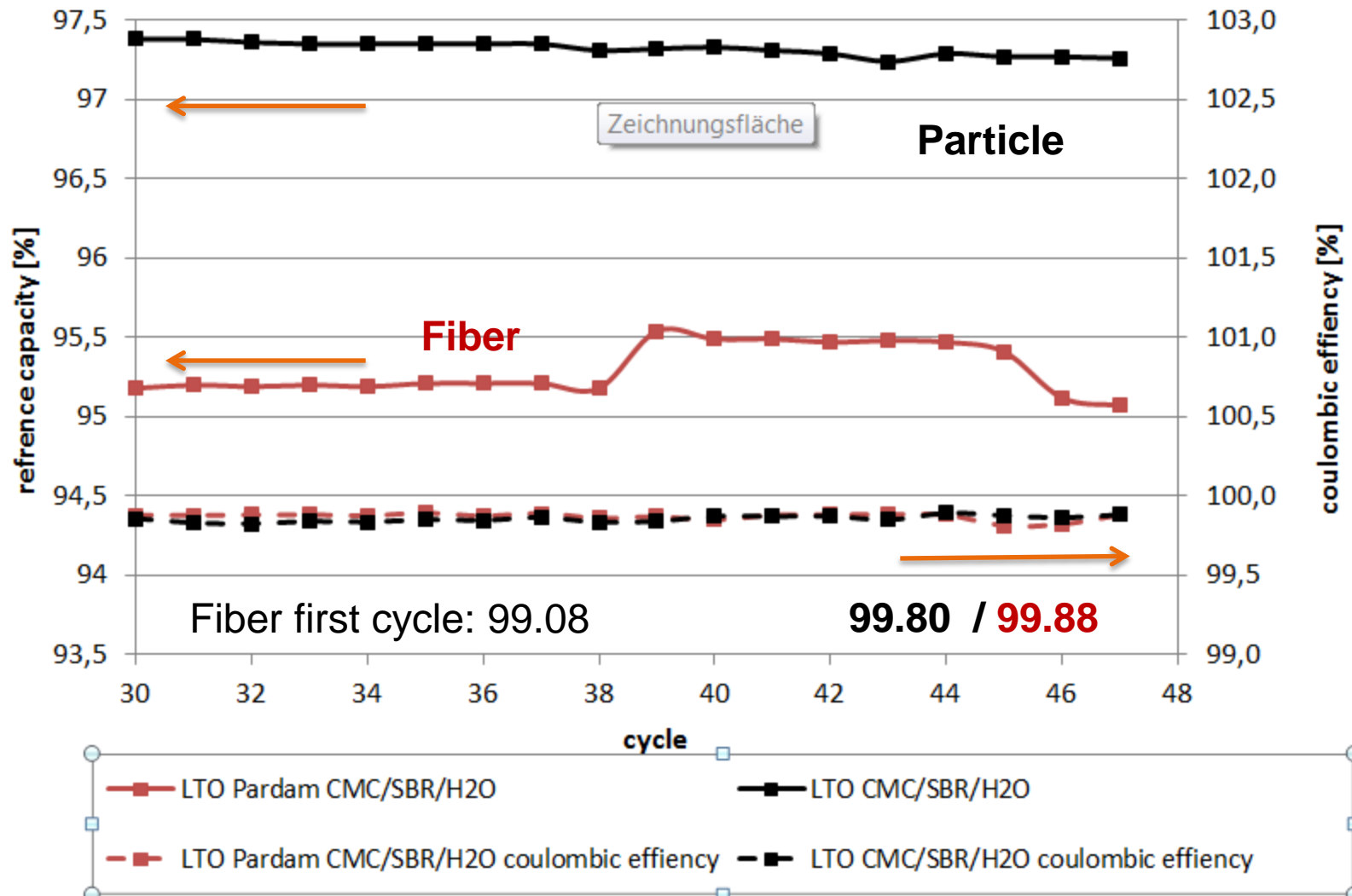
Fiber: 80  $\mu\text{m}$

Particle: 65  $\mu\text{m}$

N-LTO fiber electrodes:

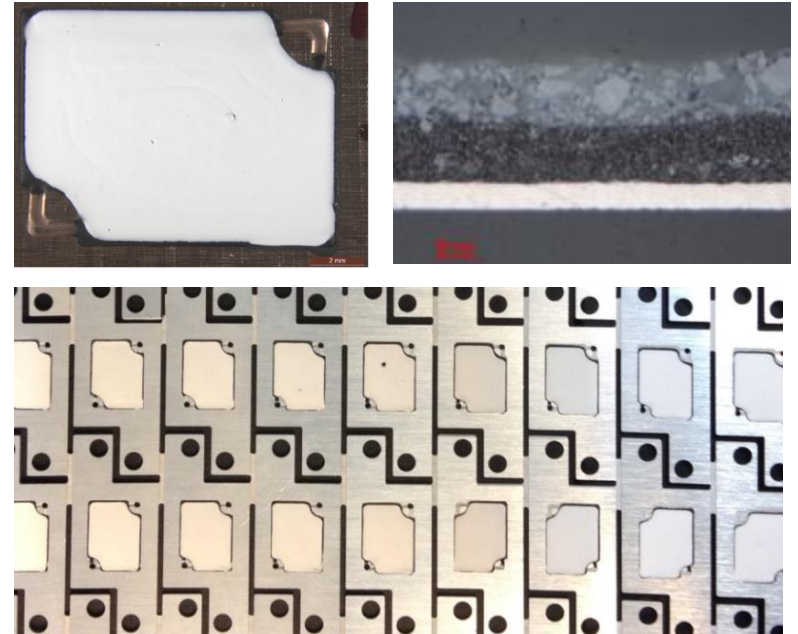
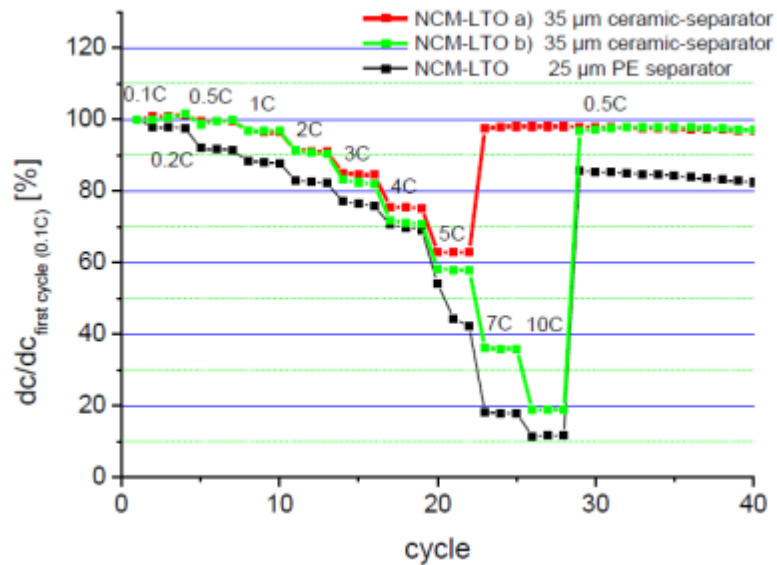
- higher capacity per volume
- much smaller agglomerates and better dispense print in comparison to PVDF binder
- less rate capability ( $> 5C$ ) in comparison to powder

# Cycle and coulomb efficiency, CMC-SBR binder



# Printed separator, full cell test

Li<sup>+</sup> conducting glass  $\text{Li}_{1+x}\text{Al}_x\text{Ti}_{2-x}(\text{PO}_4)_3$  particles



LTO/NCM/ EC:DMC-LiPF<sub>6</sub>

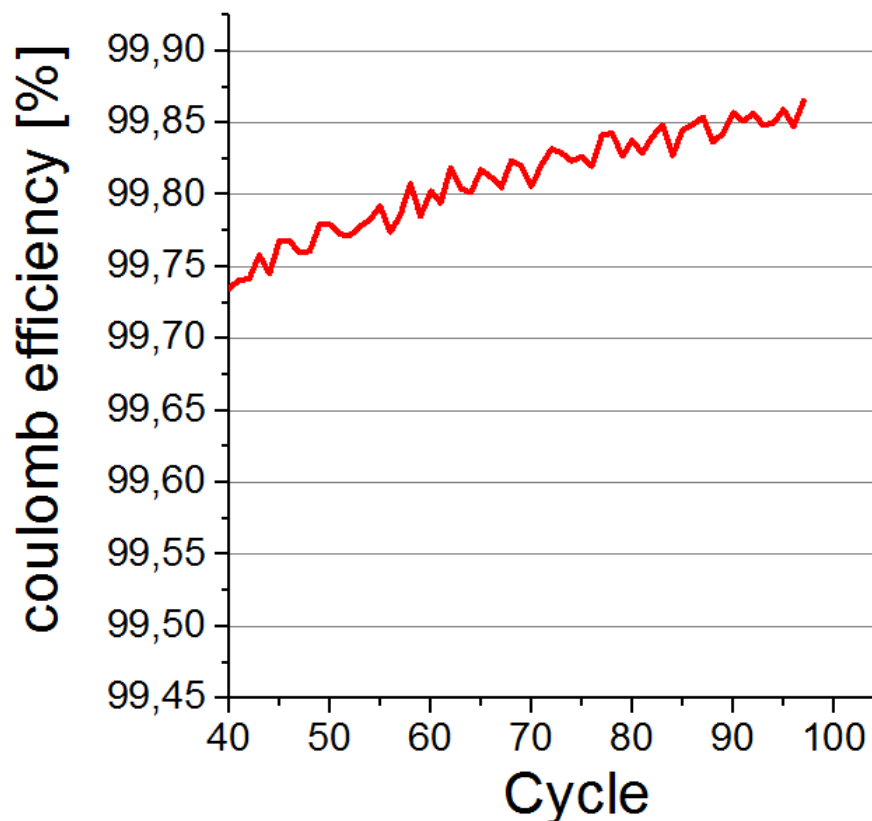
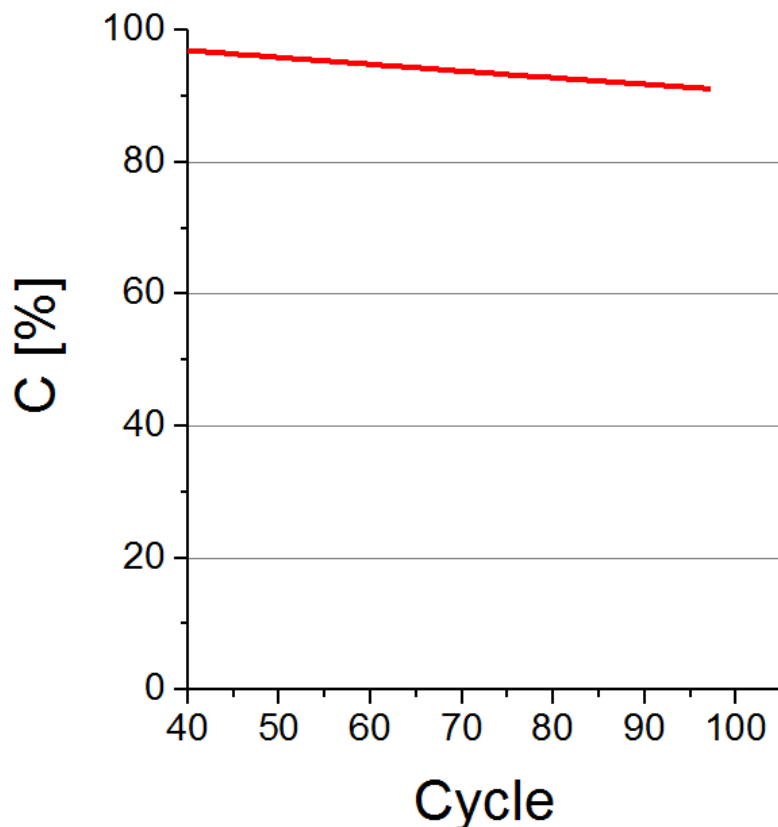
- good adhesion between electrode and separator
- reproducible performance, nearly similar to polymer foil separator



# Printed separator full cell test

LTO/NCM/ EC:DMC-LiPF<sub>6</sub>

PVDF binder

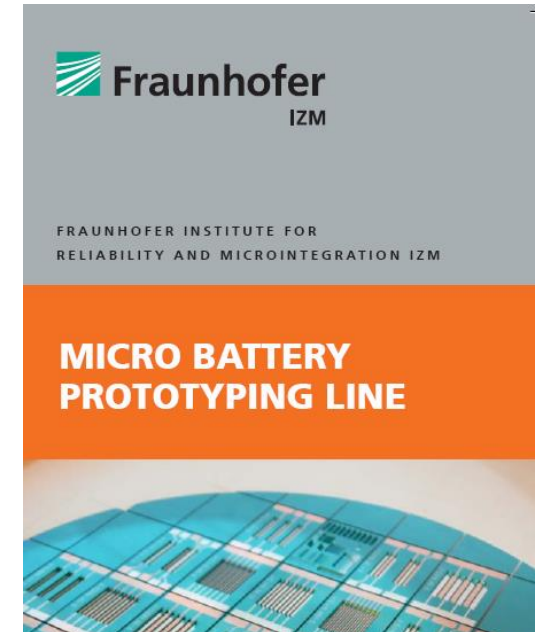


# The micro battery prototyping line

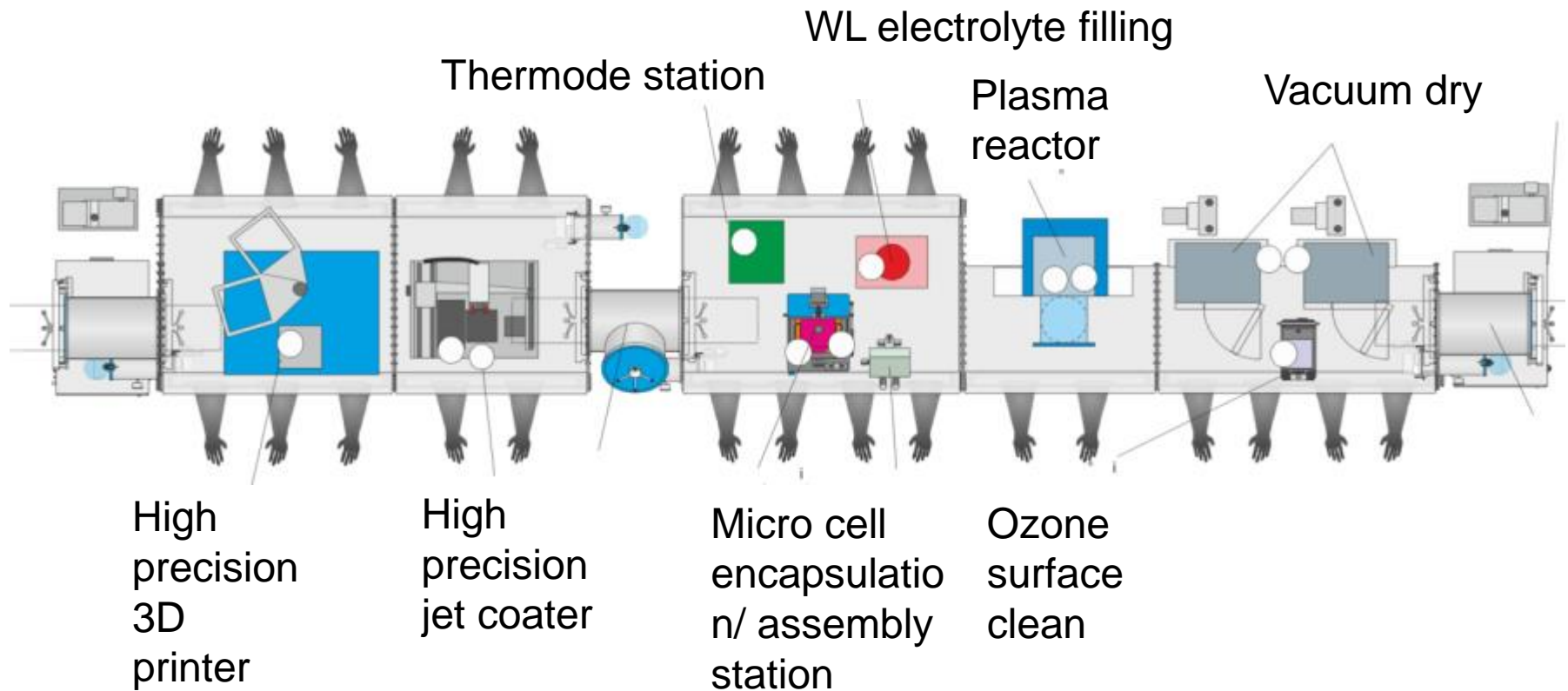


# Official opening of new micro battery labs at IZM

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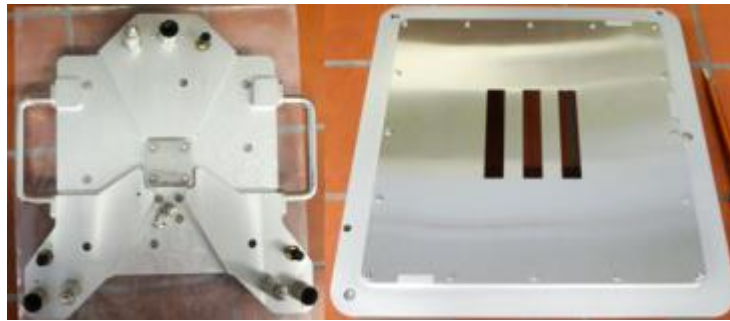


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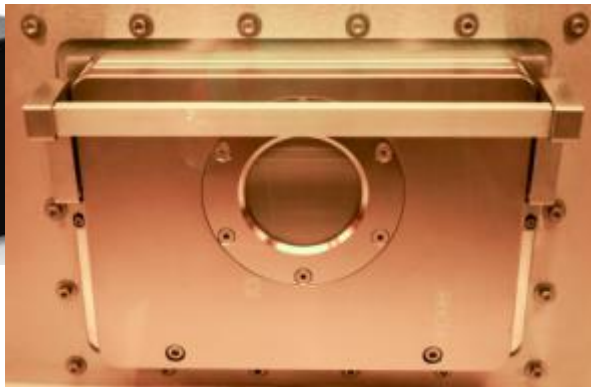


# Battery assembly equipment inside glovebox line

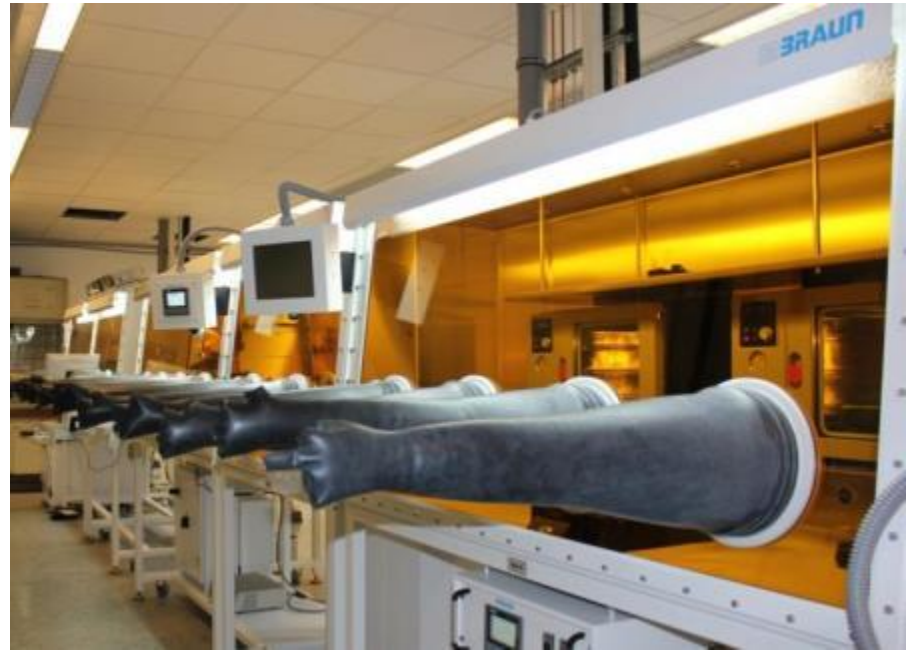


Ozone clean

UV-Press, substrate lamination

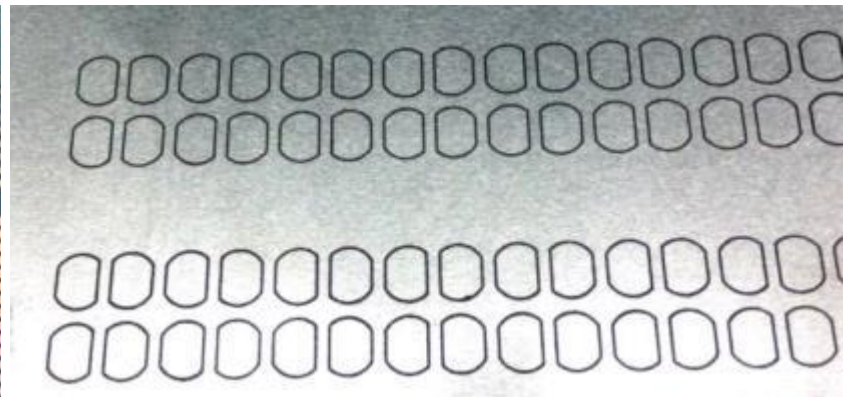
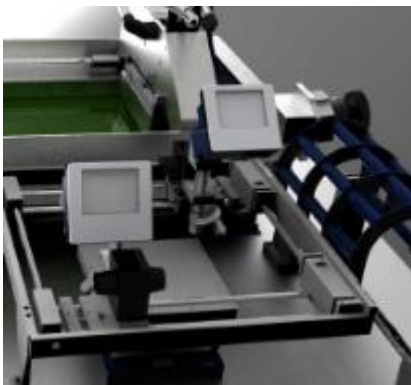
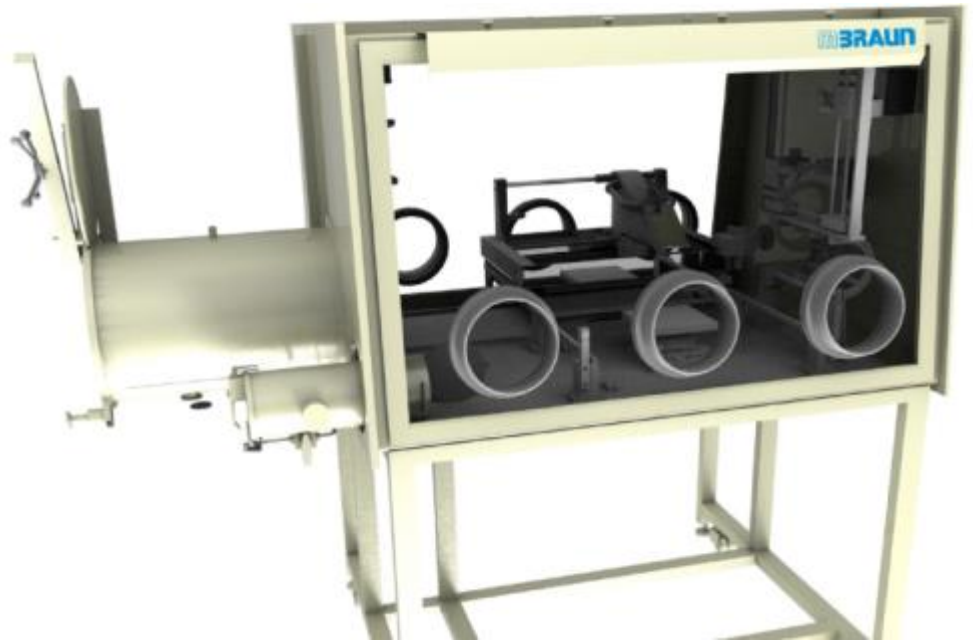
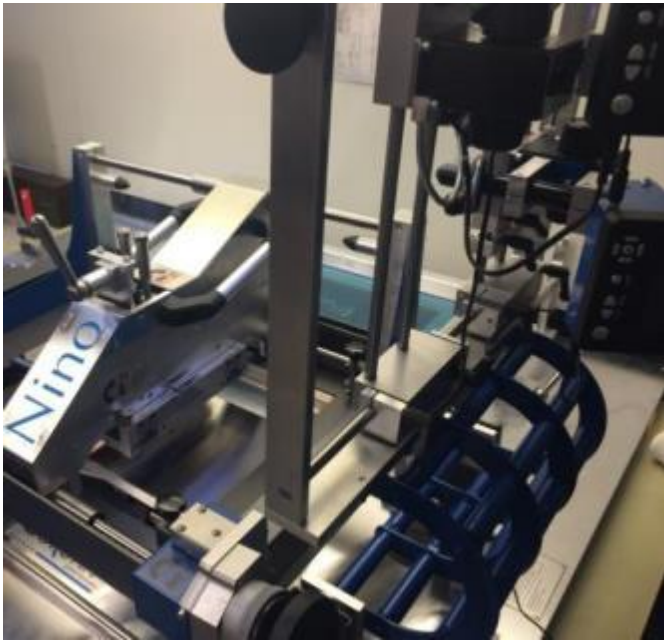


Plasma etch

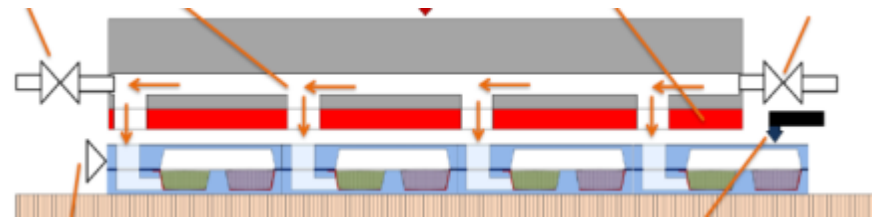
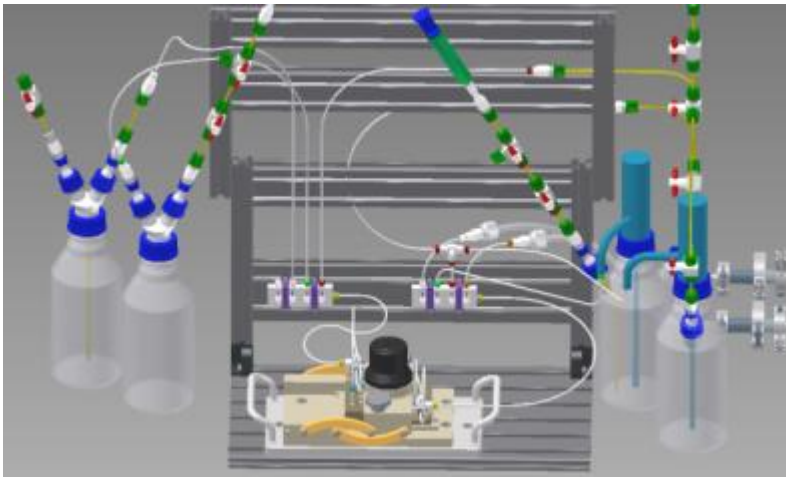




# High precision and stacked screen print



# Electrolyte fill adapter



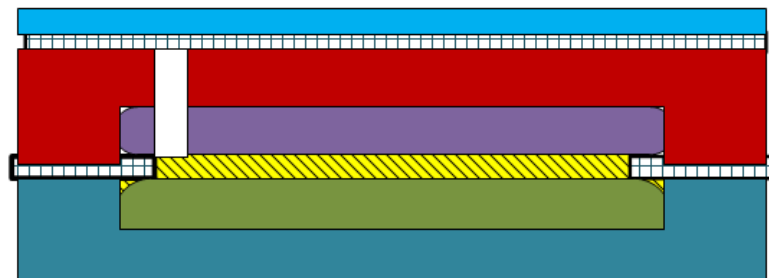
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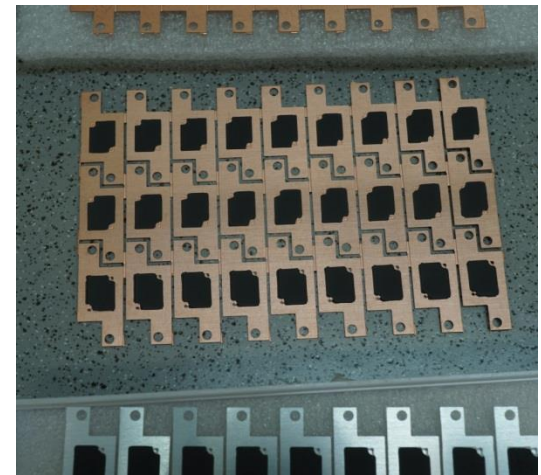
Electrodes and separator deposition on pre patterned metal foils



Lamination of top and bottom foils



Electrolyte fill and final seal

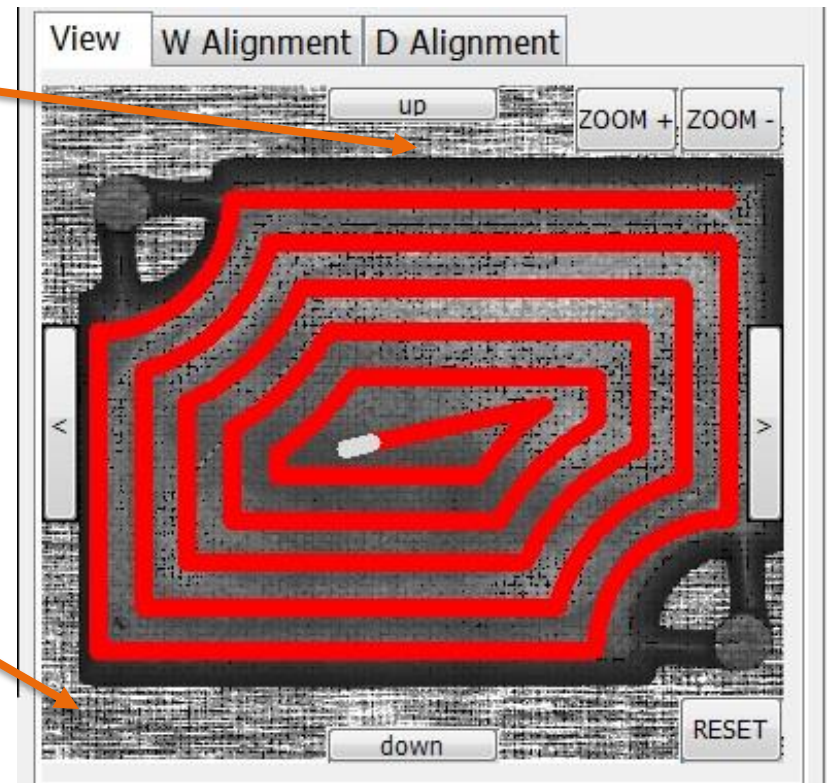
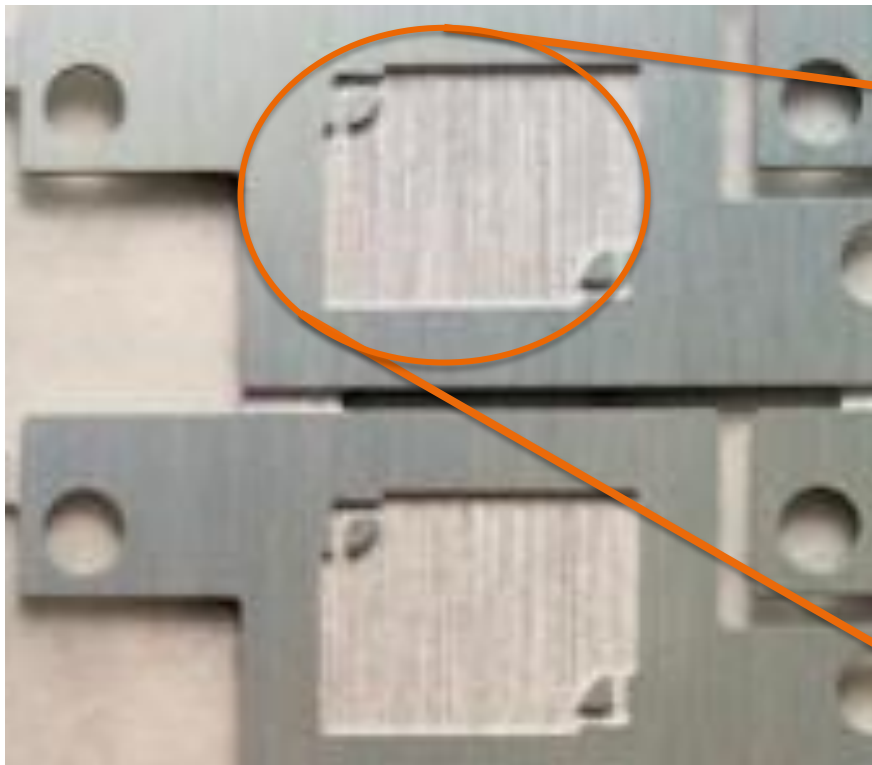




# Dispense print of electrode /separator pastes

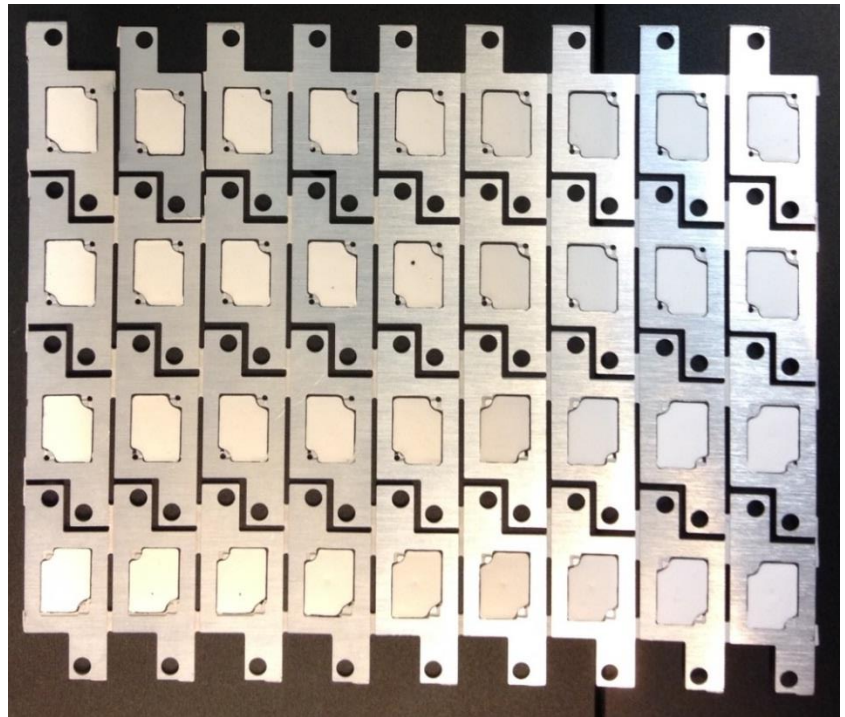
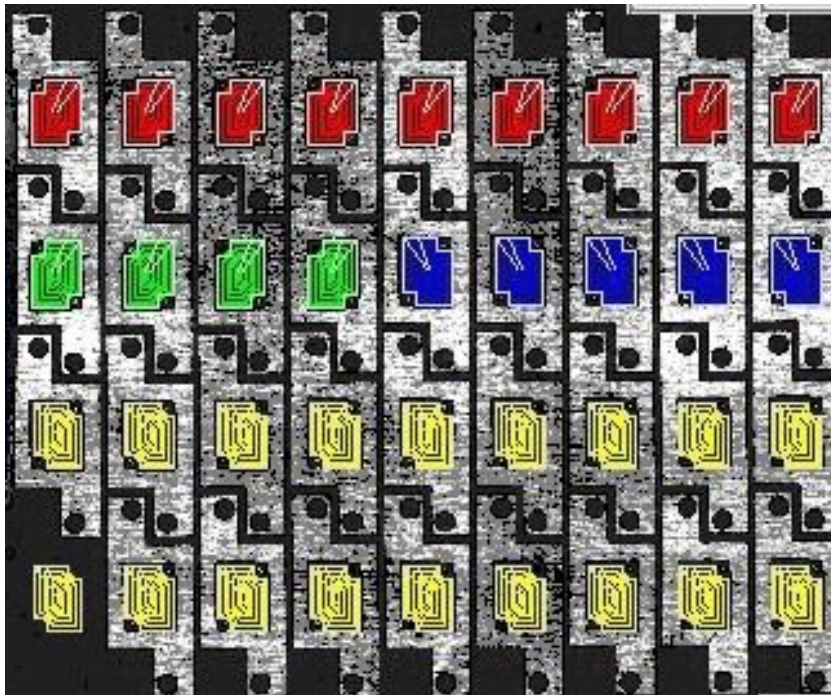
Multi layer paste dispense in metal foil cavities

- Dispense path and parameters must be optimized for each material and layer thickness



# Batch fabrication of electrodes and separator for MATFLEXEND battery

- Flexible adjustment for any layout possible
- Jetting for thinner layers and better reproducibility is in development

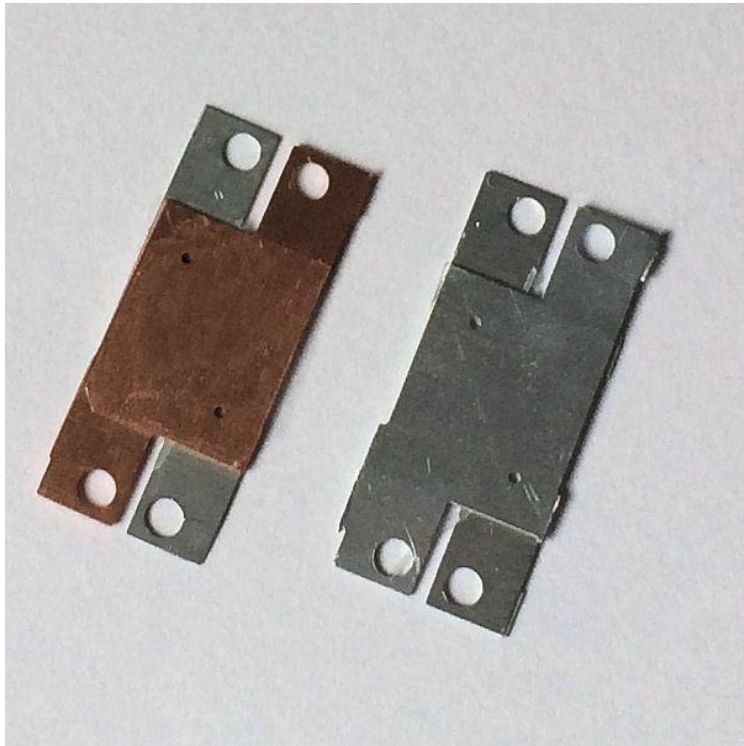




# Battery Demonstrators

- Battery demonstrators, two sizes

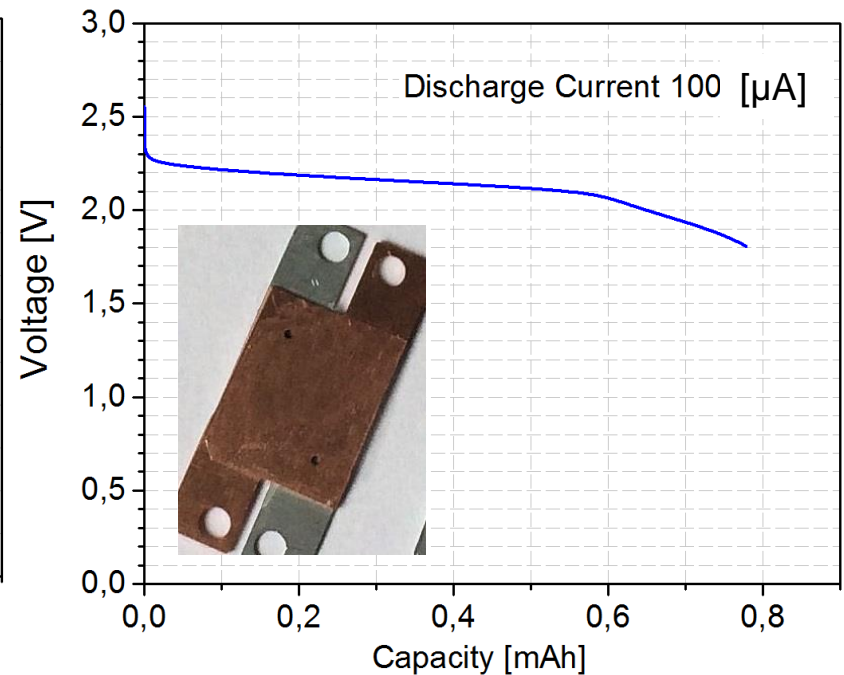
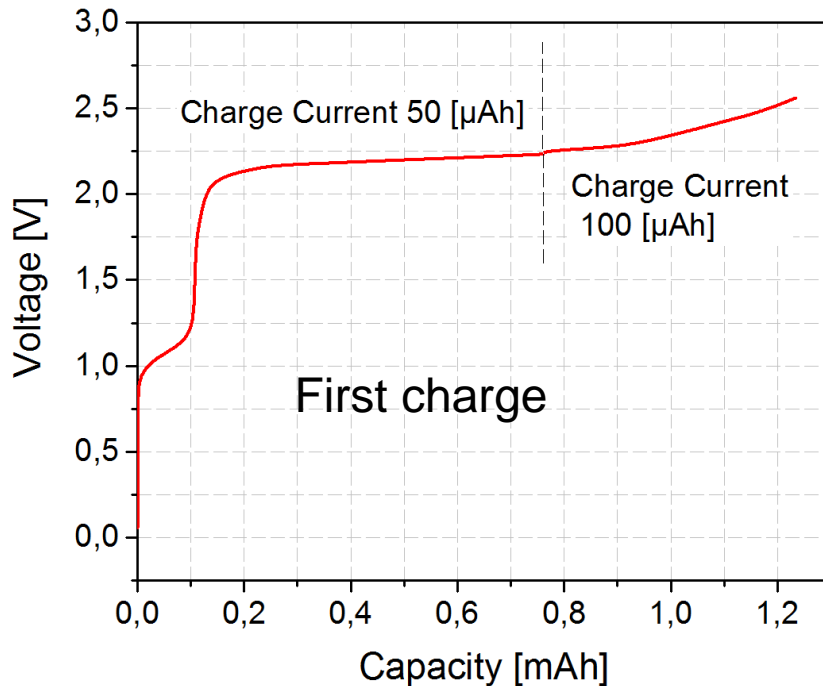
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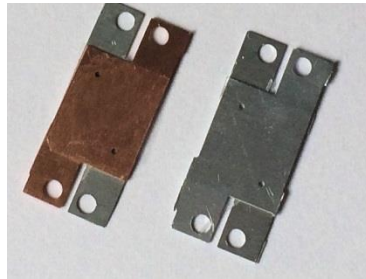
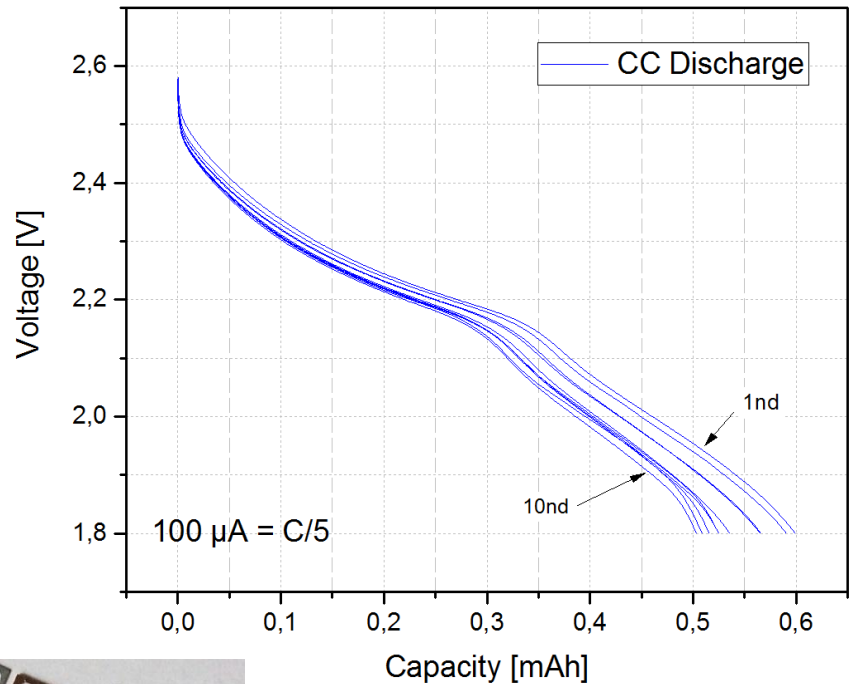
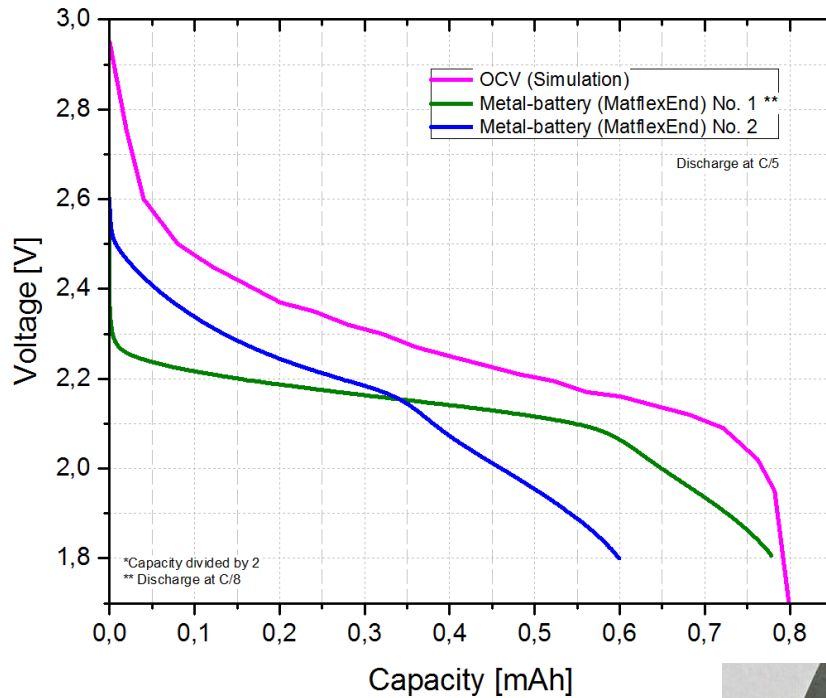


# The first MATFLEXEND batteries, characterization



Anode: LTO, Cathode: NMC, Separator:  $\text{SiO}_2$ , Electrolyte: LP30

# Electrical characterization



# Summary

- First printed and metal laminated Li-ion batteries (6x8 mm<sup>2</sup>, 0.7 mAh) have been fabricated and successfully tested
- All processes for micro battery fabrication have been established
- Electrode thickness must be better reproduced and both electrodes balanced
- Further work to reduce separator thickness and testing polyHiPE printable separator/electrolytes
- Long term tests of the battery packages are underway

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