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

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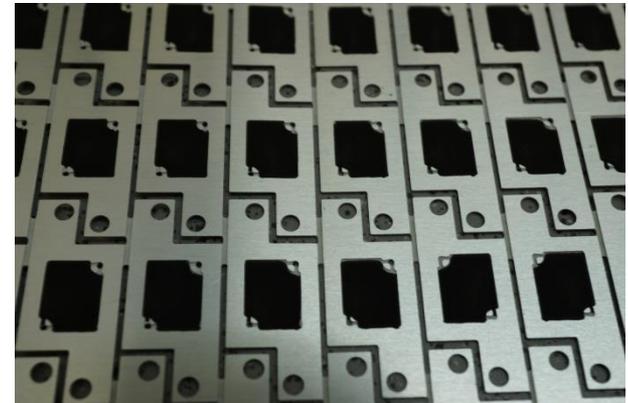
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Outline

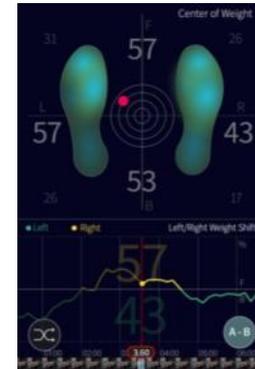
- Applications for thin rechargeable micro batteries
- IZM Packaging technology of micro batteries on substrate level
- The concept of segmented flexible battery
- Electrode development
- The lithium micro battery prototyping line and battery assembly
- Micro battery test results and parameters
- Conclusions



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

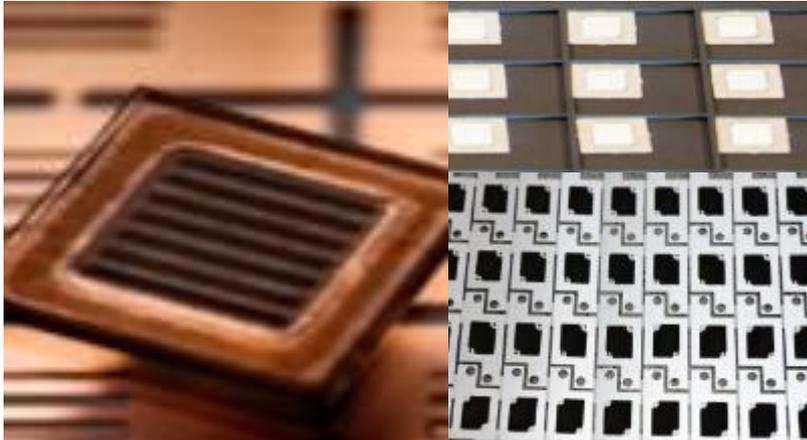
Silicon wafer technology



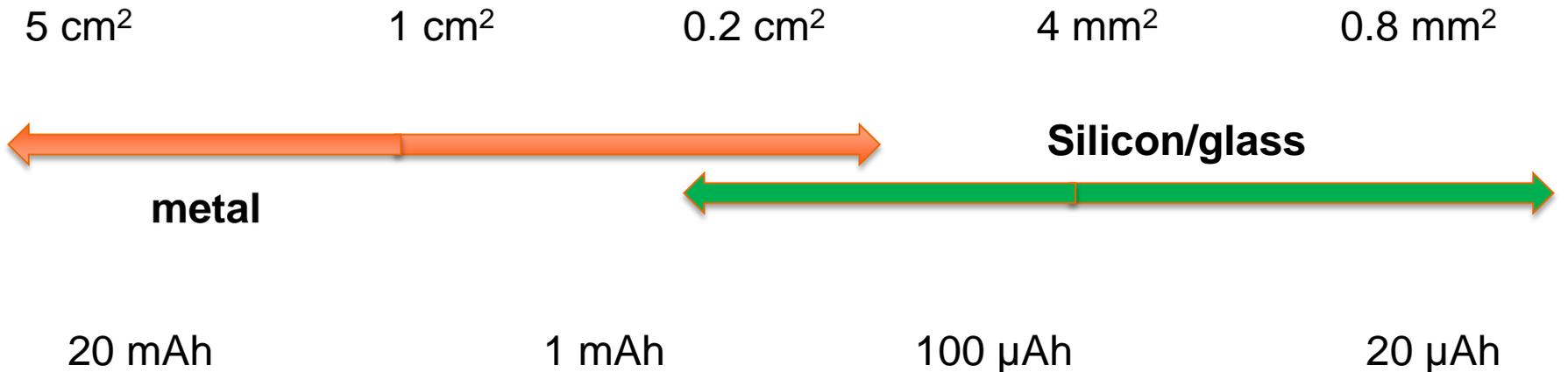
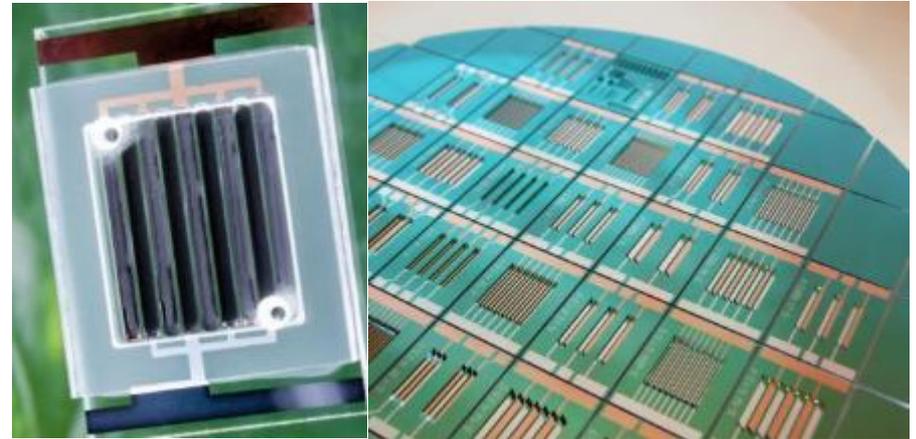
Wafer Level System Integration

Substrate options

Metal, laminate



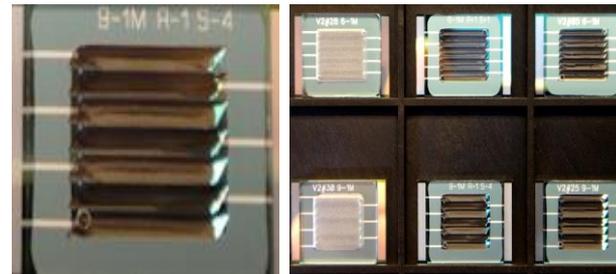
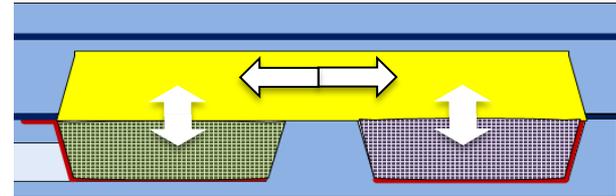
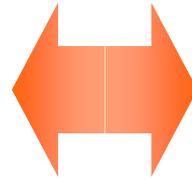
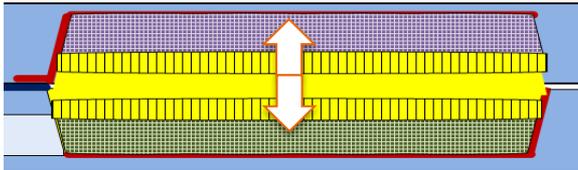
Silicon/Glass



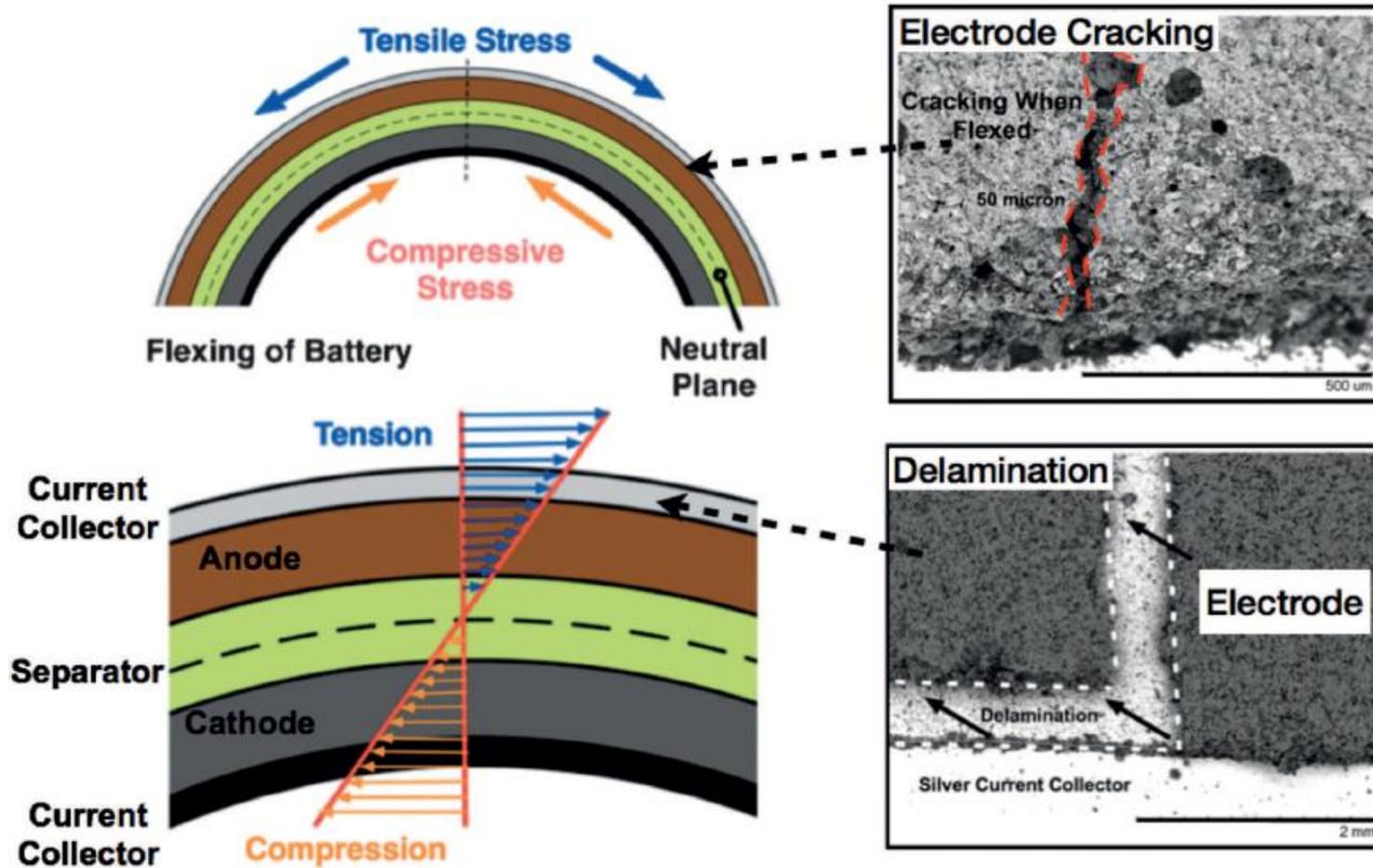
Stacked

and

interdigitated electrodes



Flexible batteries ?

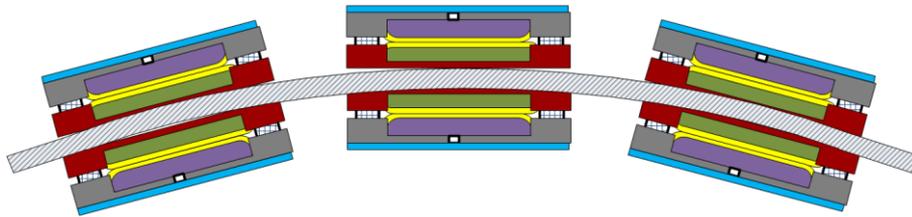
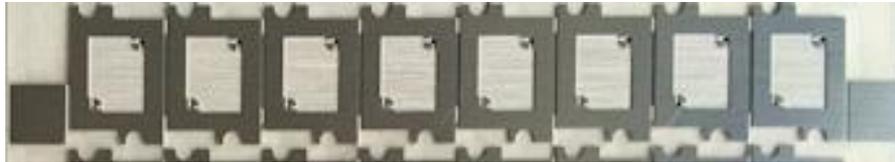


Recent Progress on Printed Flexible Batteries: Mechanical Challenges, Printing Technologies, and Future Prospects

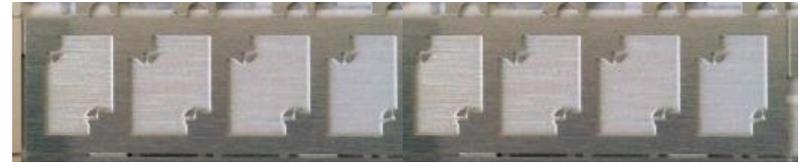
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The concept of segmented flexible battery

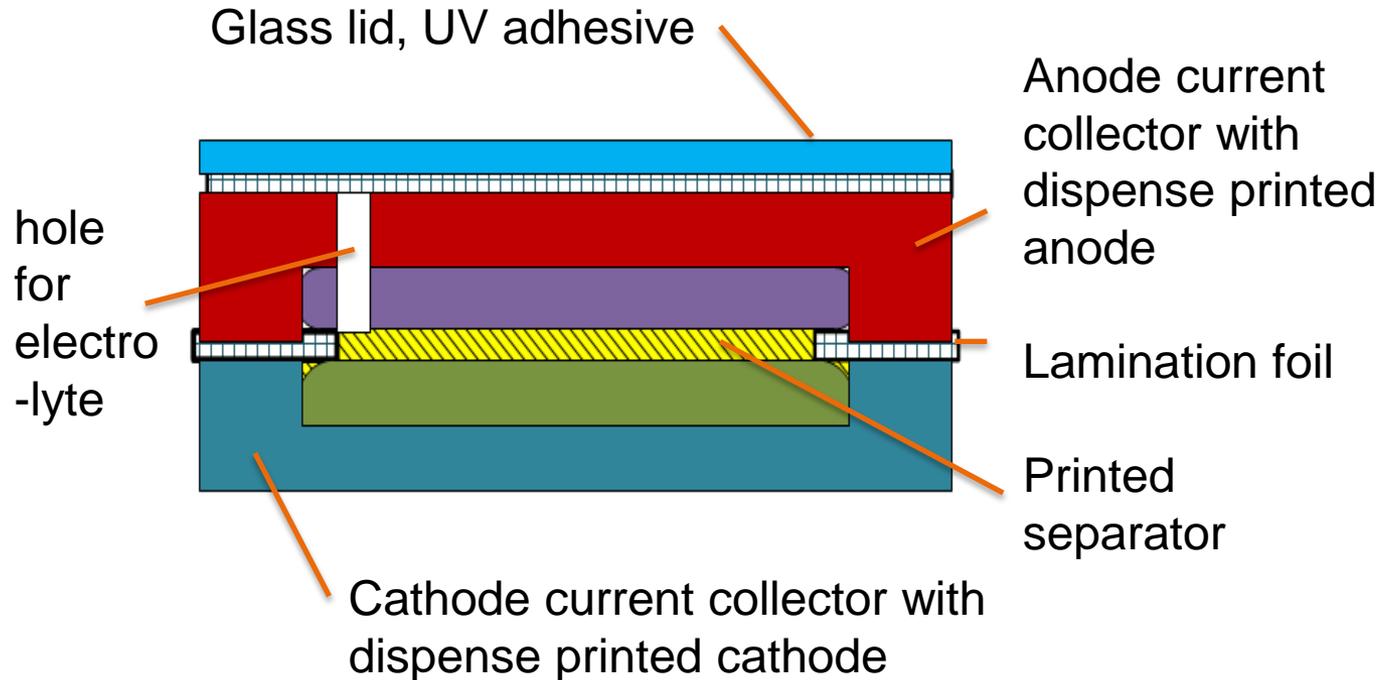
Interconnect individual batteries on a flexible substrate



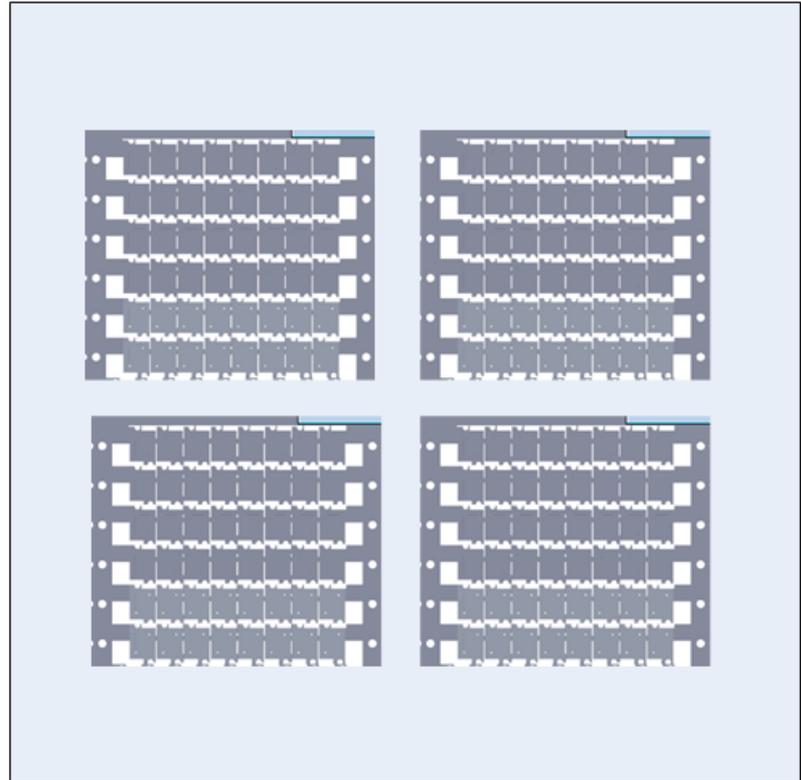
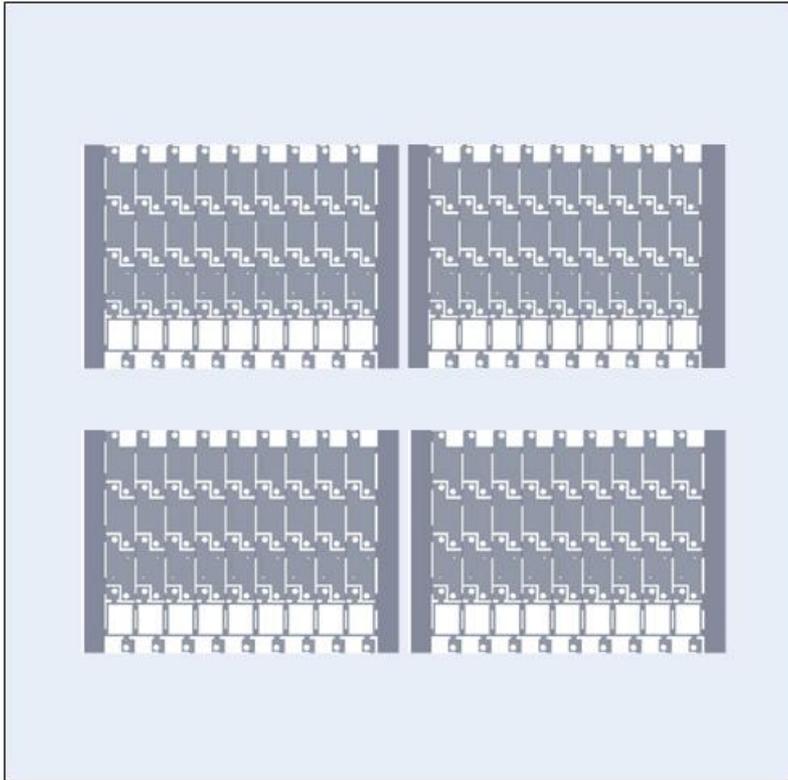
Thinned regions between segments allow bending



IZM laminated battery cross section

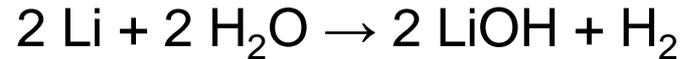


Substrate panel design



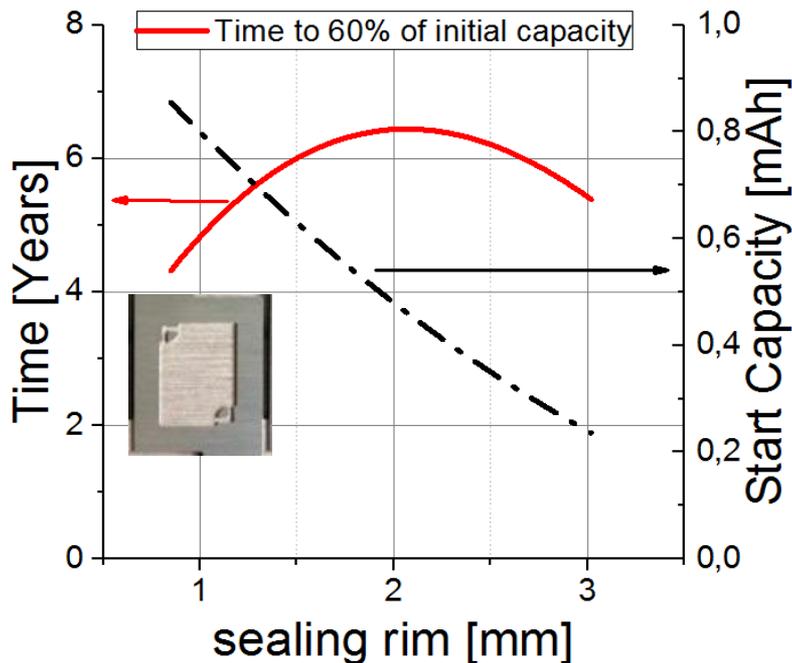
The life time issue of polymer laminated micro batteries

Water permeation through the polymer sealing will consume lithium:

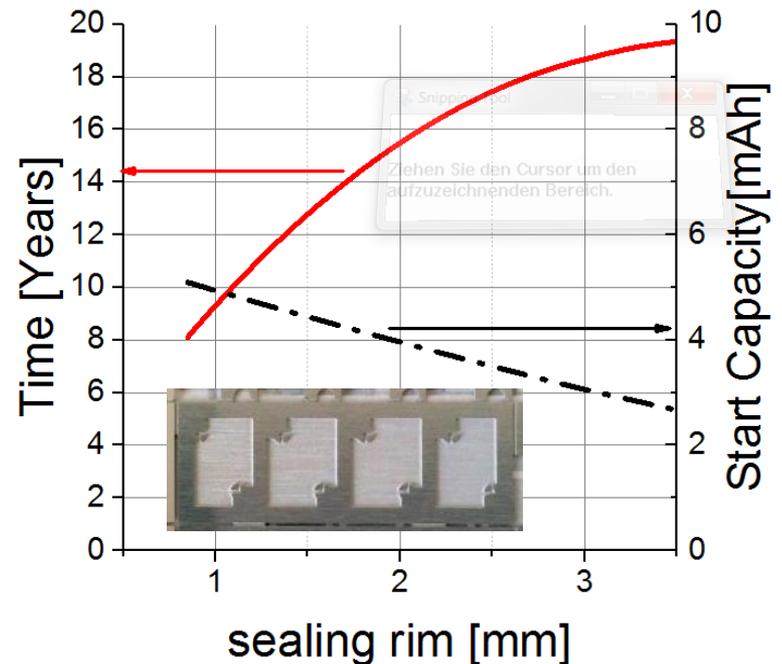


Life time to 60% of initial capacity and optimum sealing width (25 μm thick adhesive, 21 $^\circ\text{C}$)

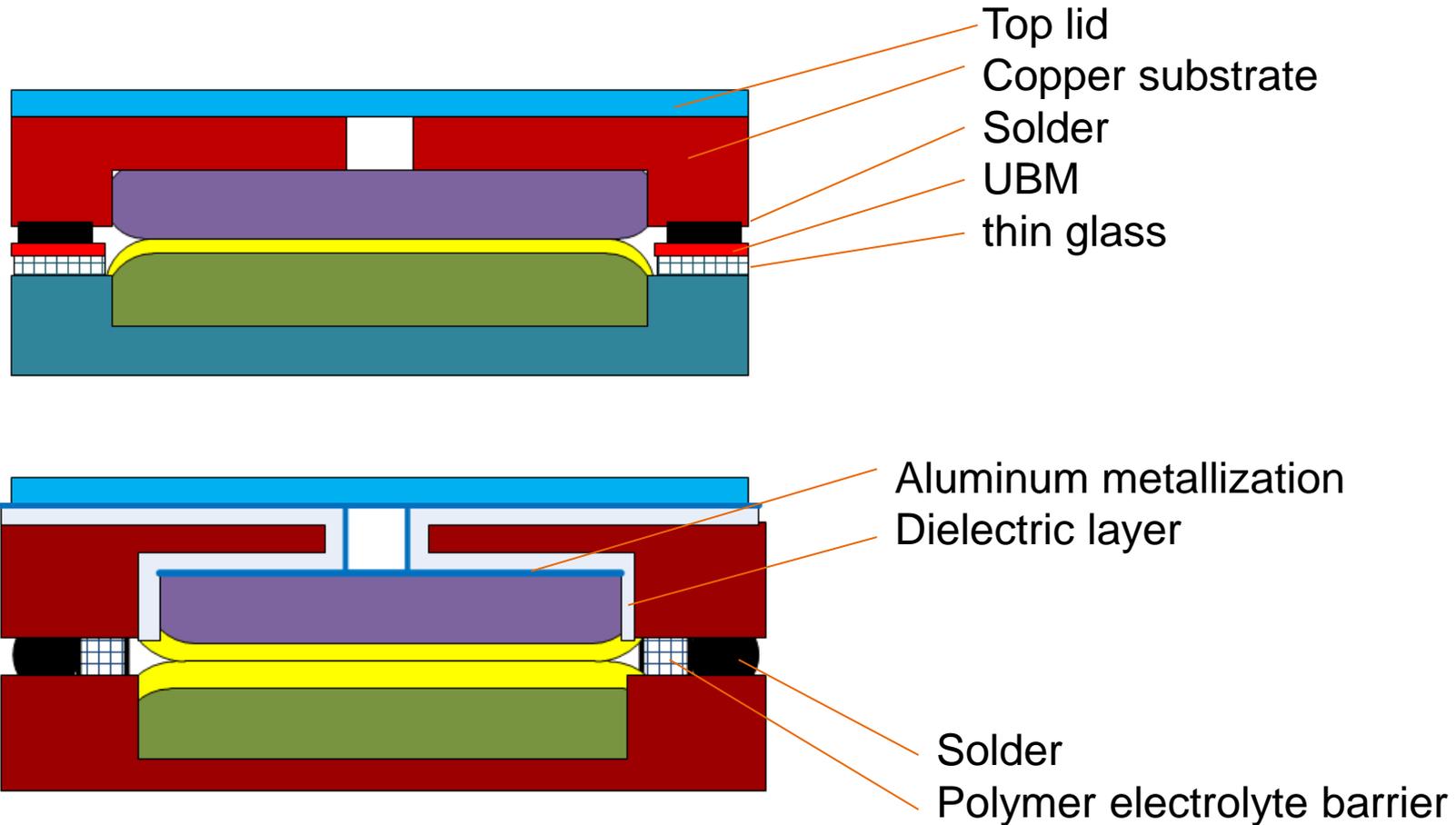
Foot print 10x12 mm² (0.6 mAh)



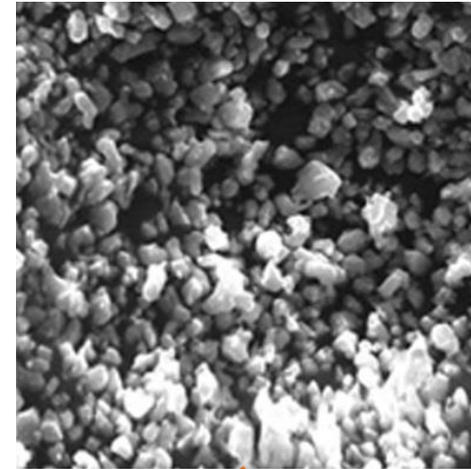
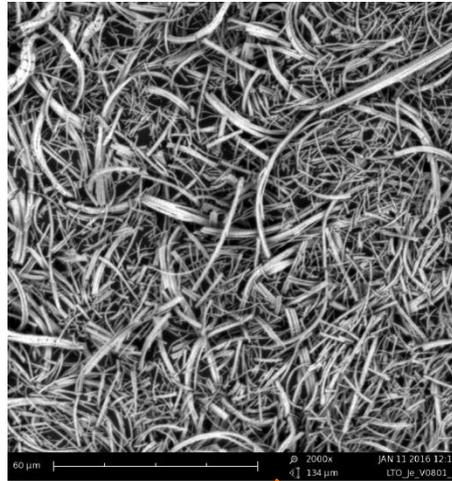
40 x 12 mm² (3 mAh)



Metal foil hermetic packaging



Battery materials



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

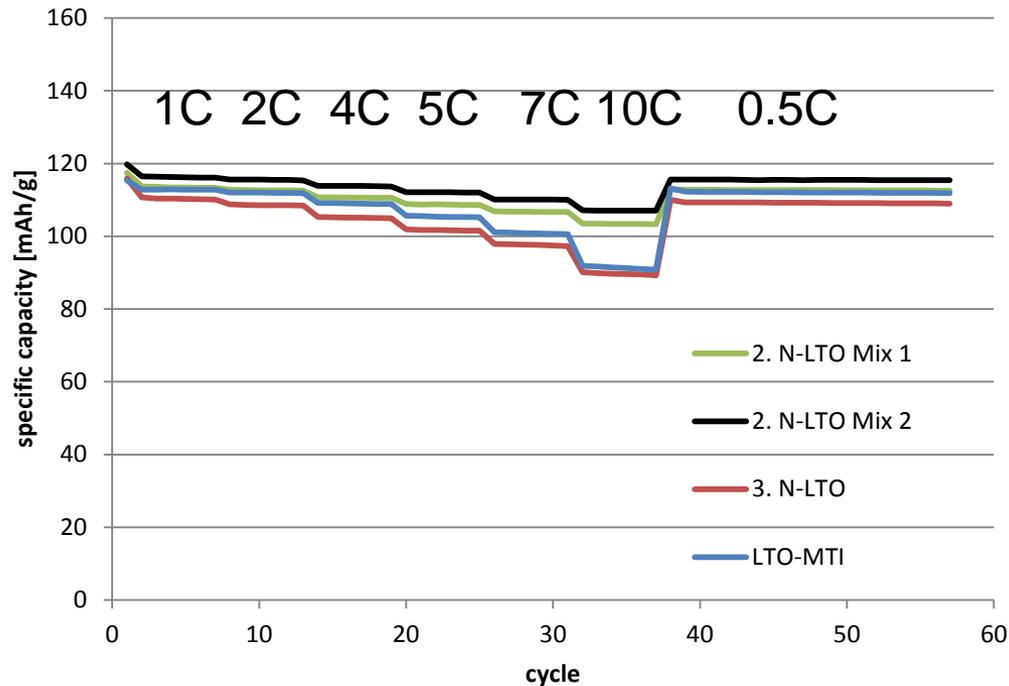
Cathode: $\text{LiNi}_{1/3}\text{Co}_{1/3}\text{Mn}_{1/3}\text{O}_2$ (NMC)

Separator: glass particle paste

Binder: CMC-SBR versus PVDF

Electrolyte: EC:DEC 1:1 1M LiPF_6

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

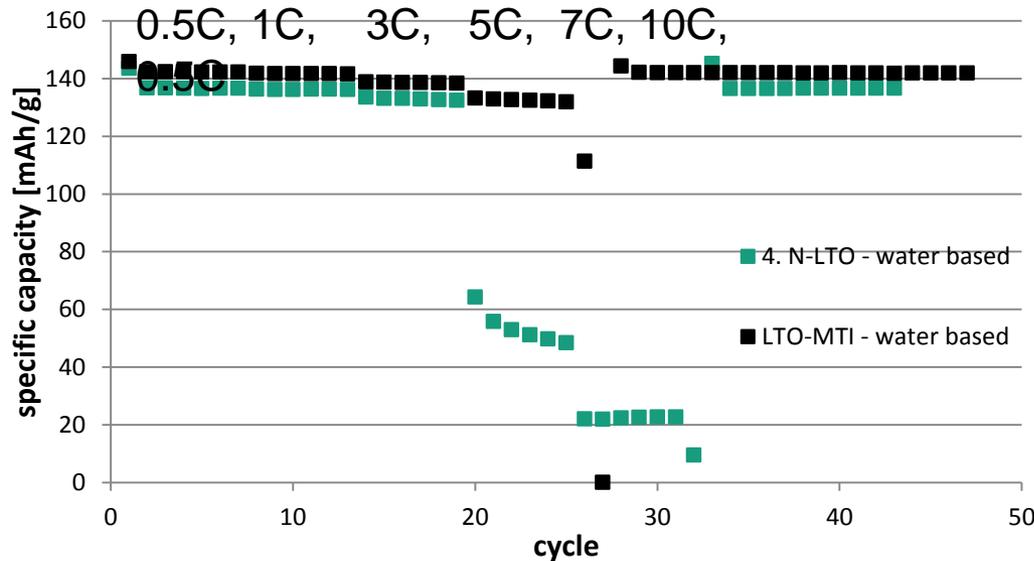


- no major difference between particle and fiber LTO
- US treatment is required for fiber material to reduce agglomerates

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

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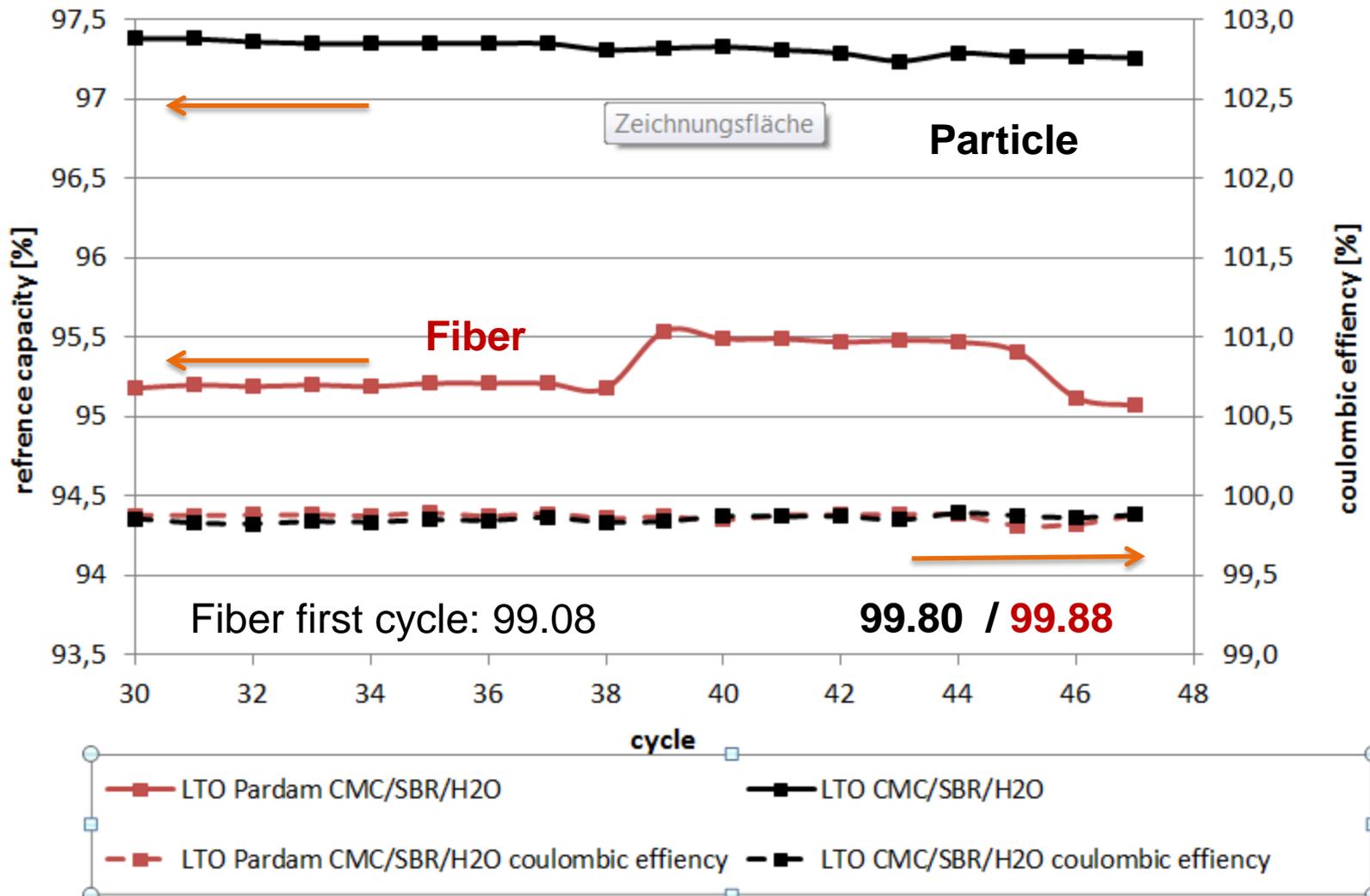


Electrode thickness:
Fiber: 80 μm
Particle: 65 μm

N-LTO fiber electrodes:

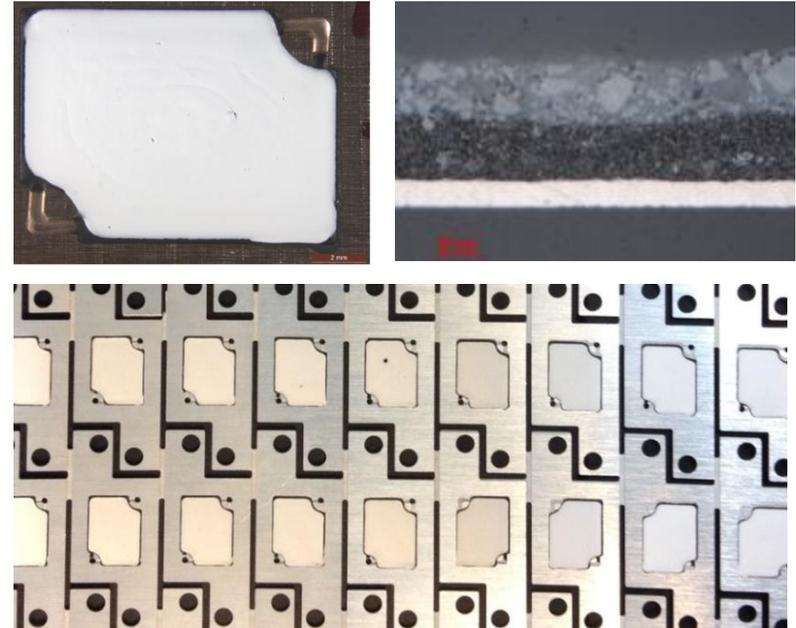
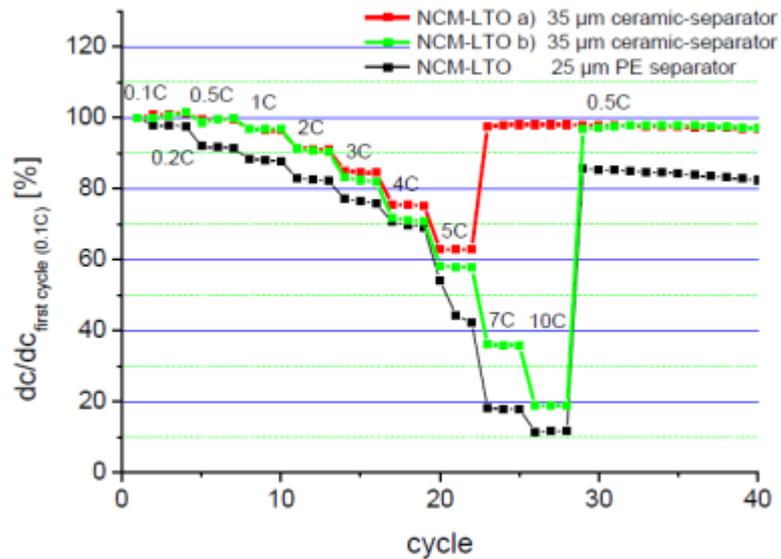
- higher capacity per volume
- much smaller agglomerates and better dispense print in comparison to PVDF binder
- less rate capability ($> 5\text{C}$) in comparison to powder

Cycle and coulomb efficiency, CMC-SBR binder



Printed separator, full cell test

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



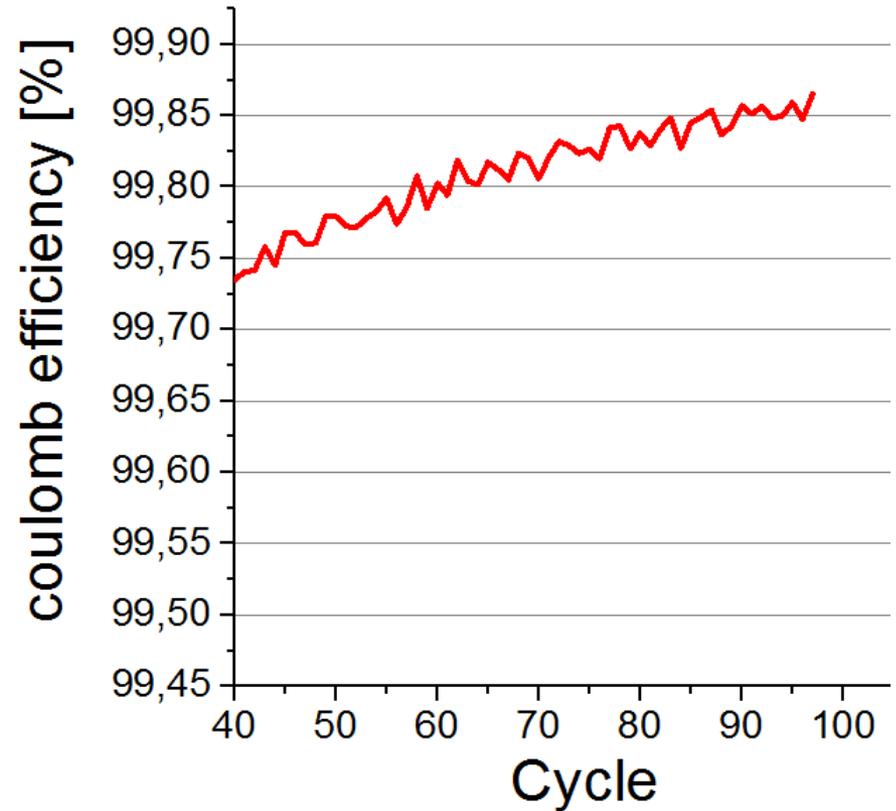
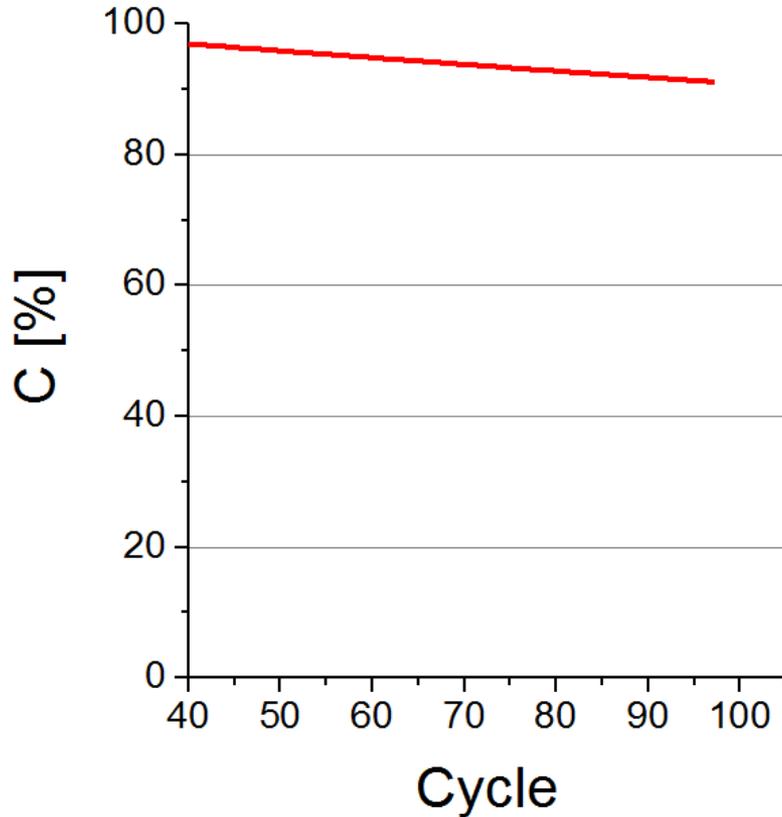
LTO/NCM/ EC:DMC-LiPF₆

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

Printed separator full cell test

LTO/NCM/ EC:DMC-LiPF₆

PVDF binder

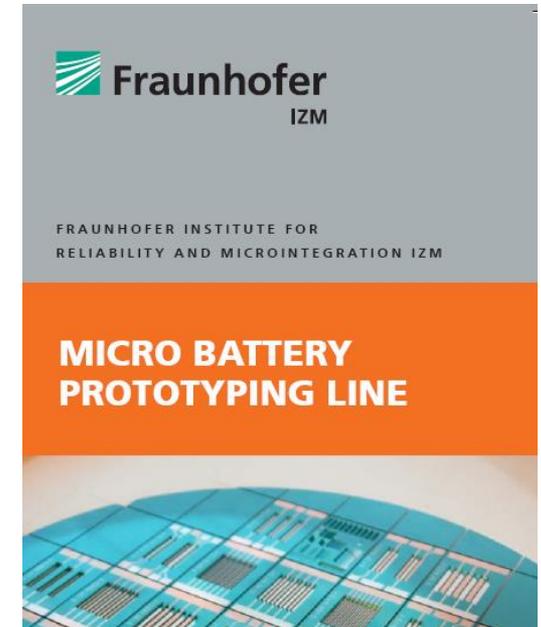


The micro battery prototyping line

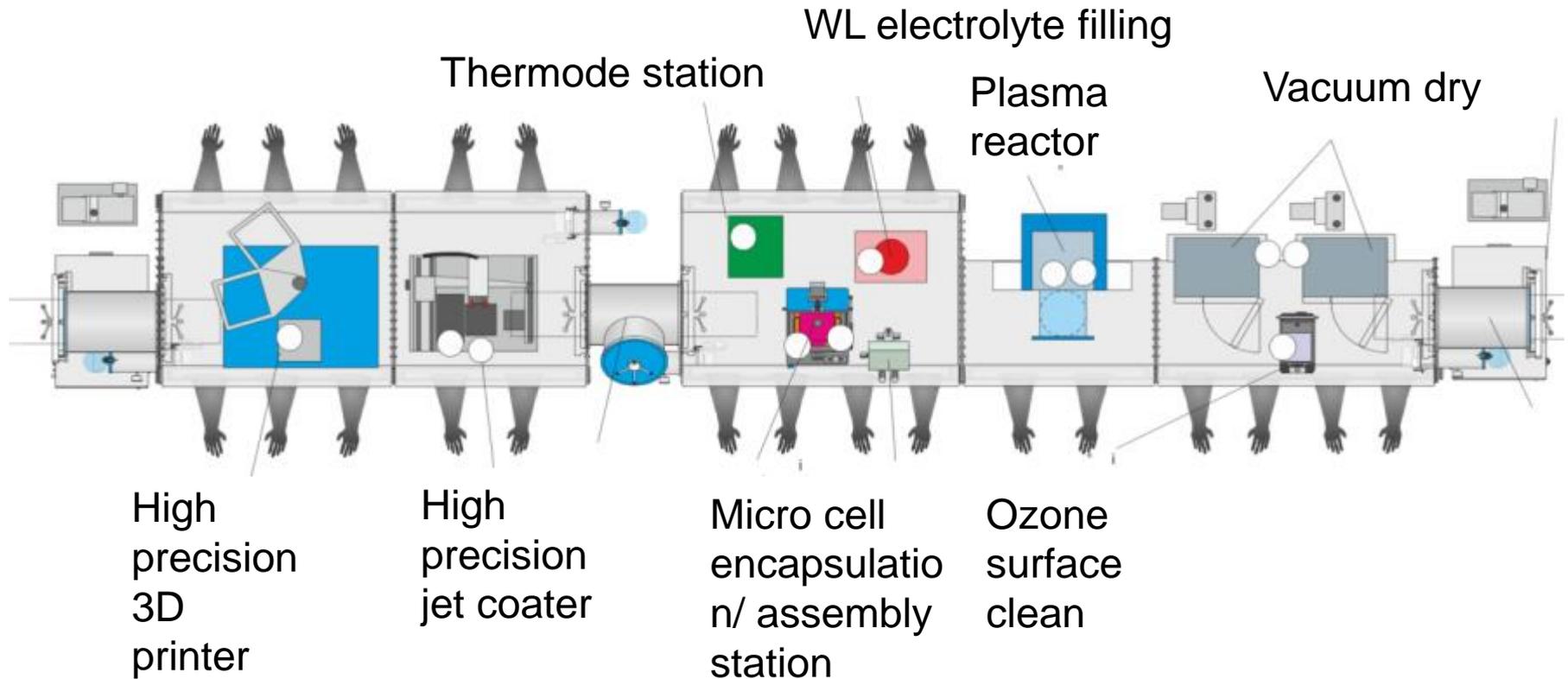


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The micro battery prototyping line



Battery assembly equipment inside glovebox line

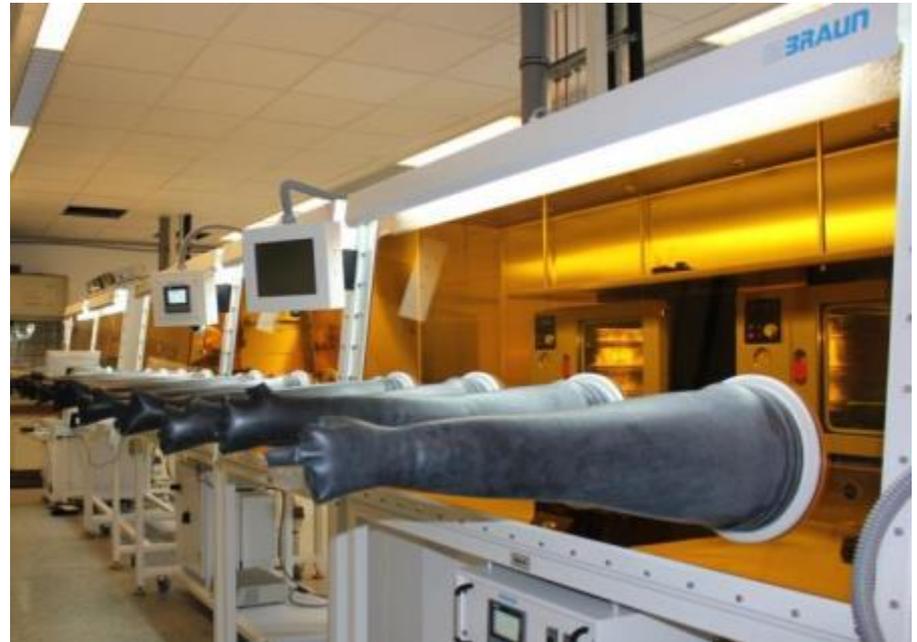


Ozone clean

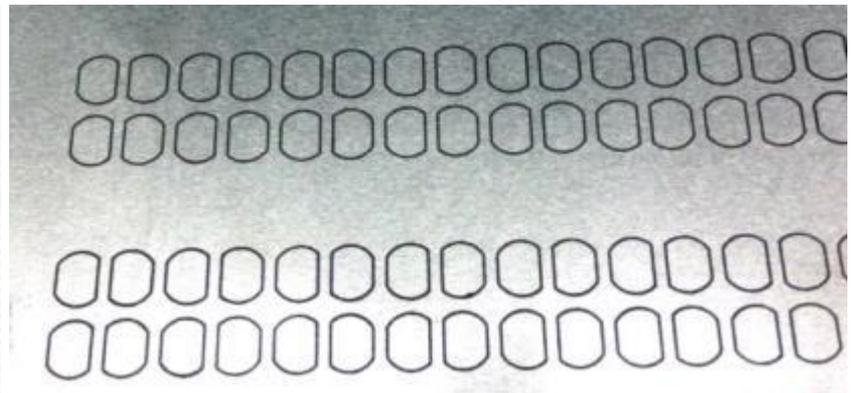
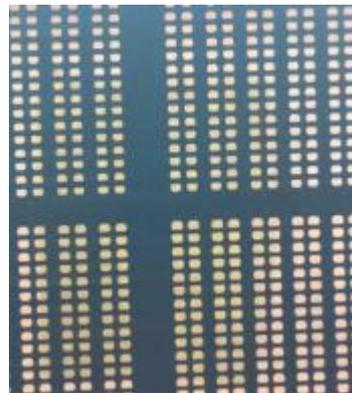
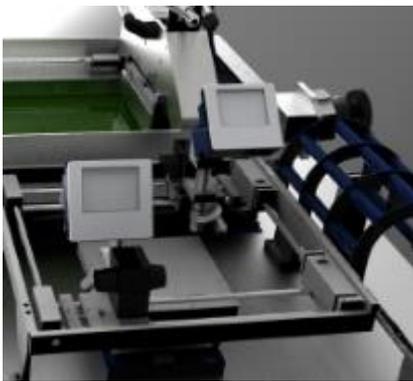
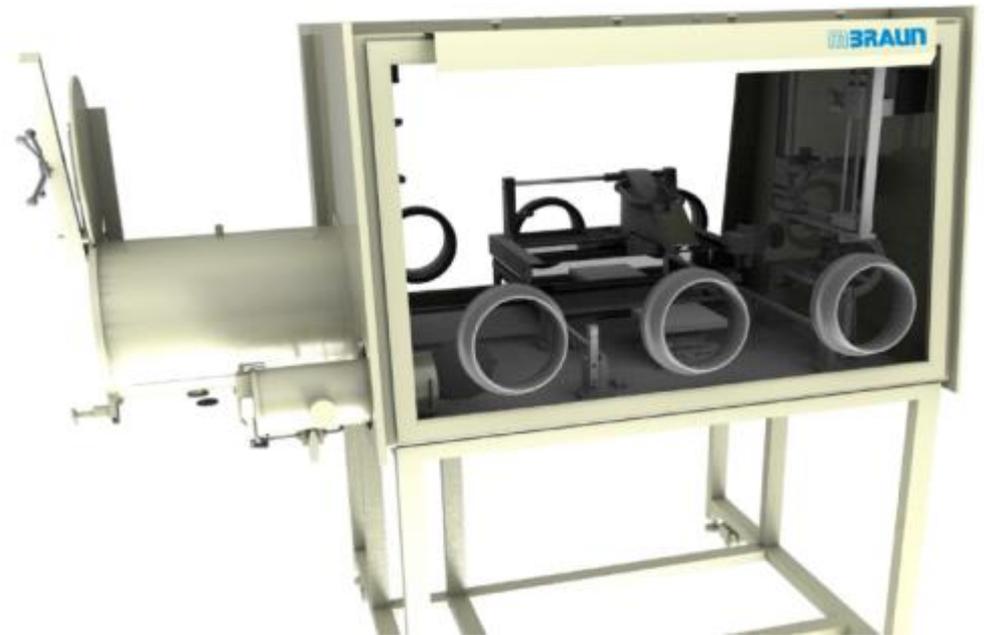
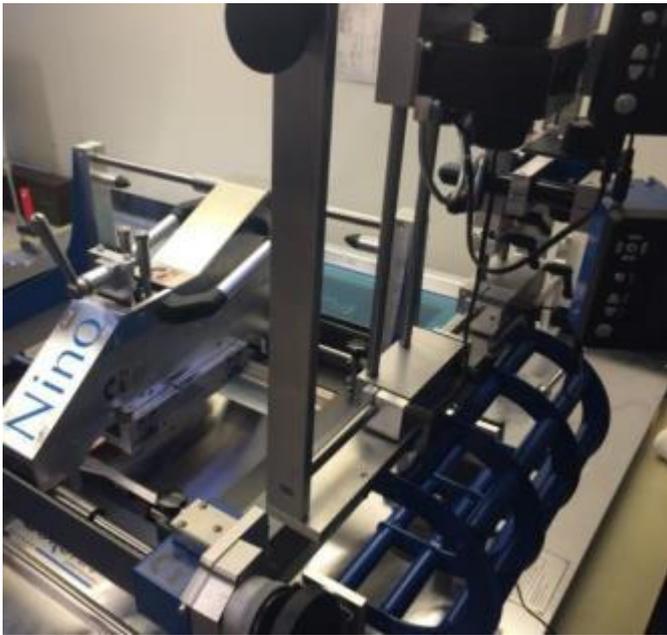
UV-Press, substrate lamination



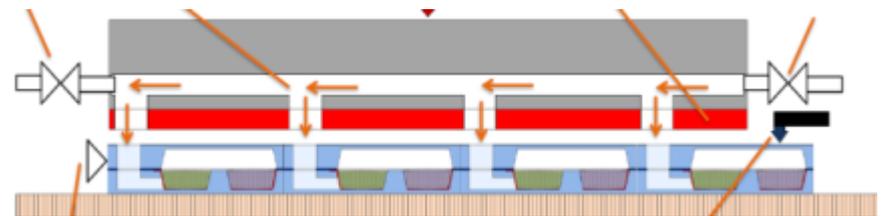
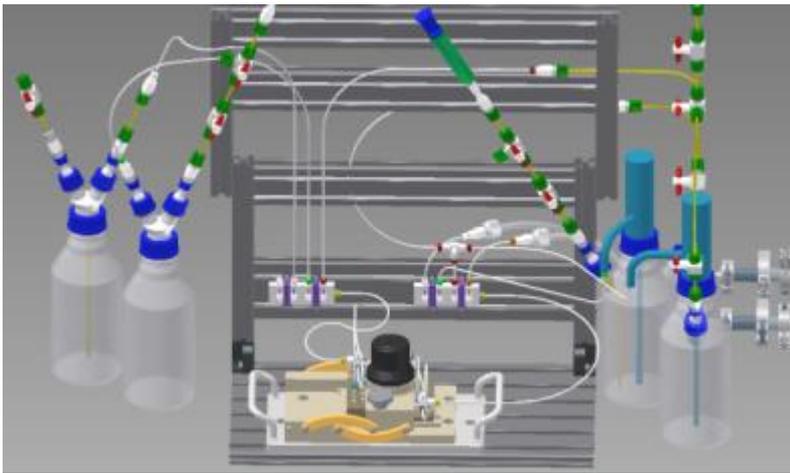
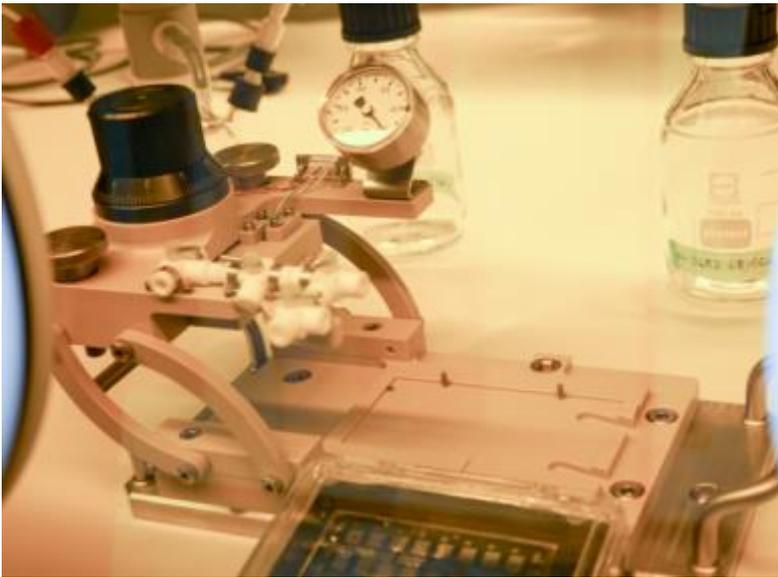
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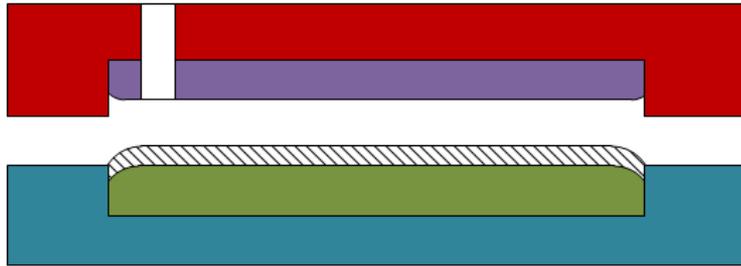
High precision and stacked screen print



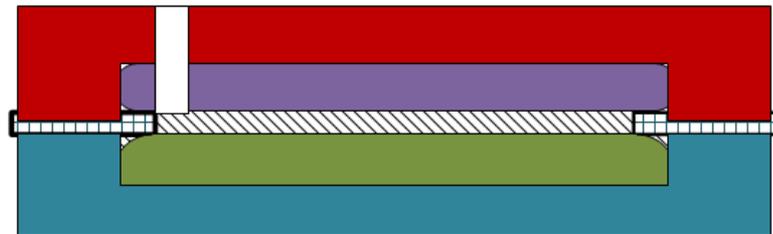
Electrolyte fill adapter



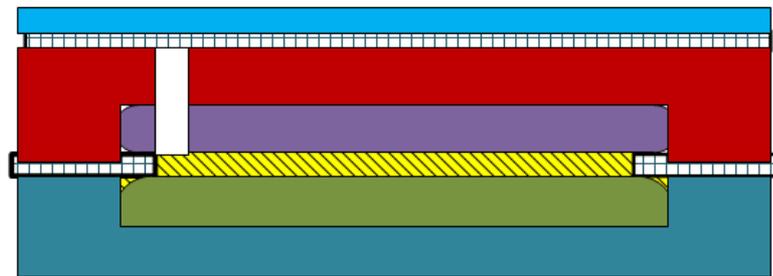
IZM Battery Process Flow



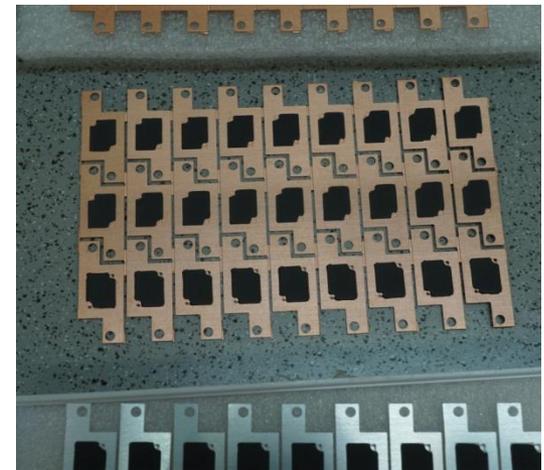
Electrodes and separator deposition on pre patterned metal foils



Lamination of top and bottom foils



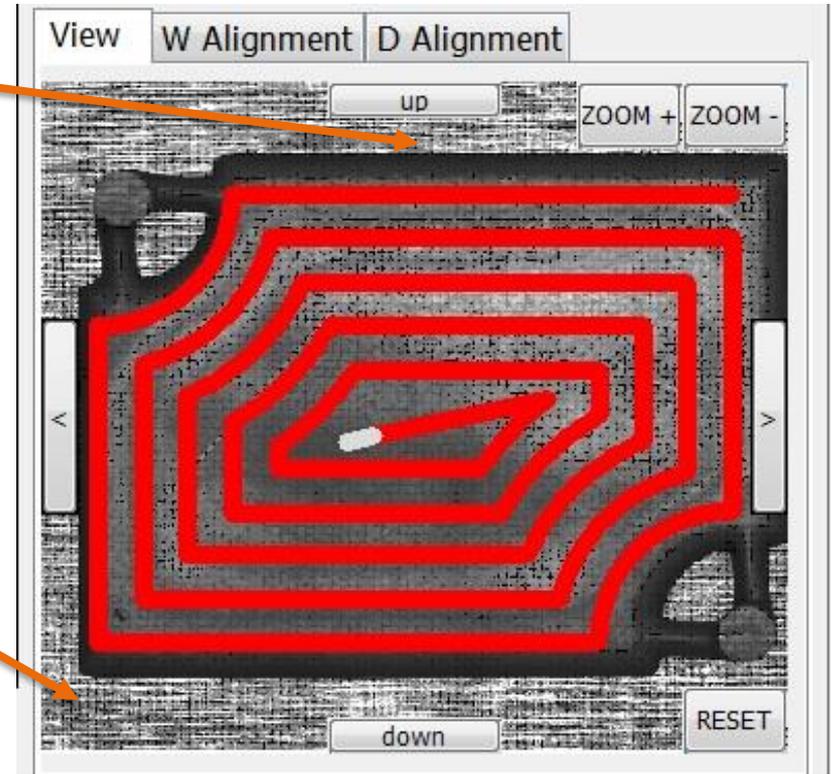
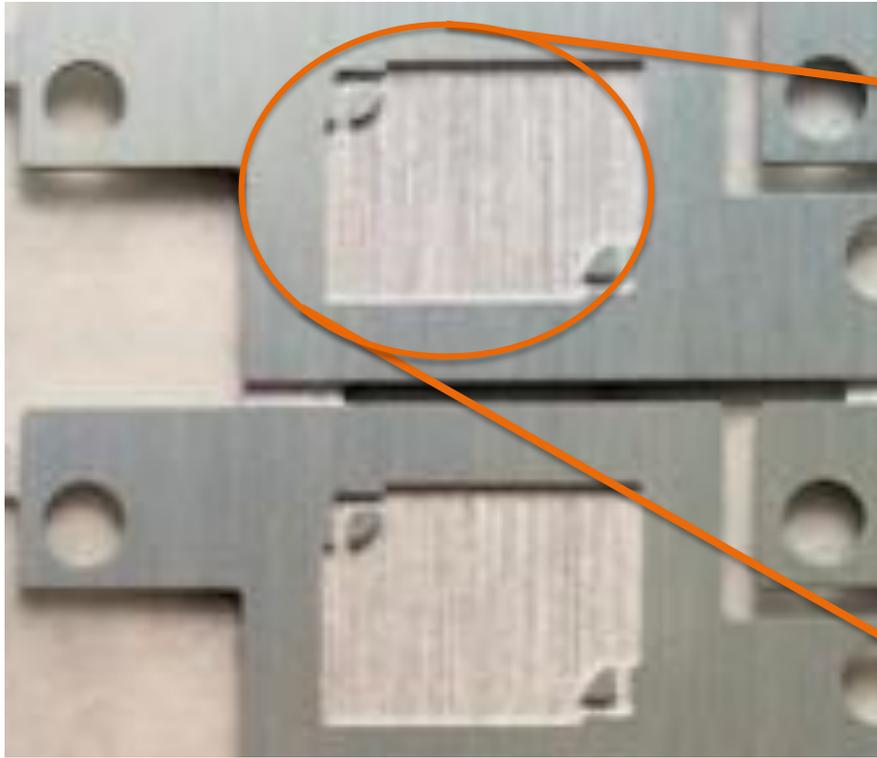
Electrolyte fill and final seal



Dispense print of electrode /separator pastes

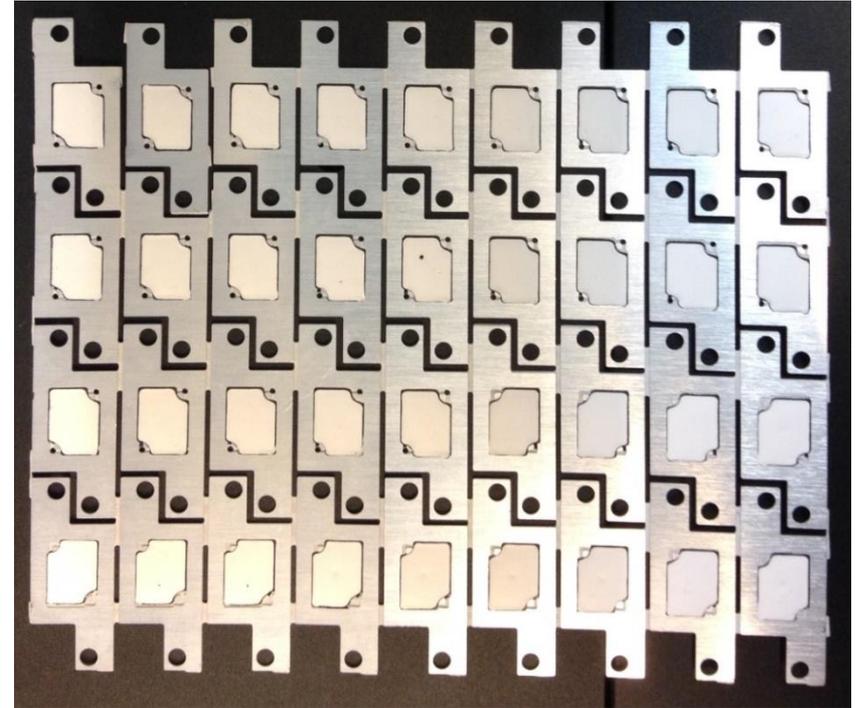
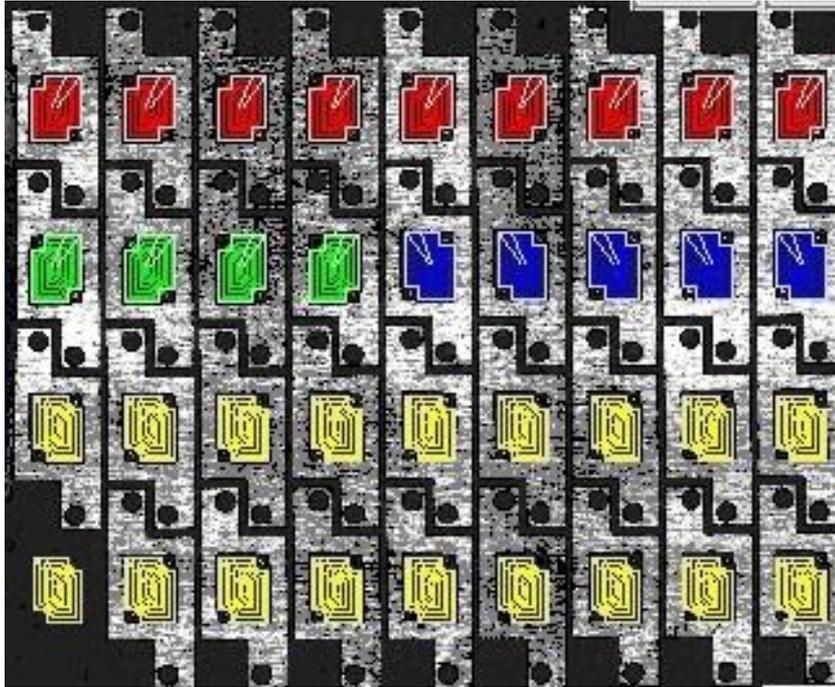
Multi layer paste dispense in metal foil cavities

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



Batch fabrication of electrodes and separator for MATFLEXEND battery

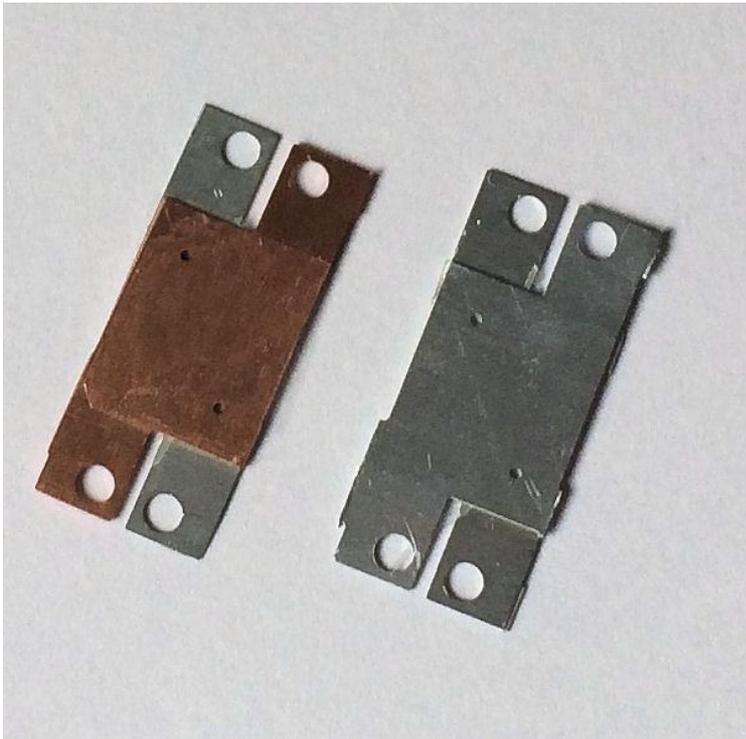
- Flexible adjustment for any layout possible
- Jetting for thinner layers and better reproducibility is in development



Battery Demonstrators

- Battery demonstrators, two sizes

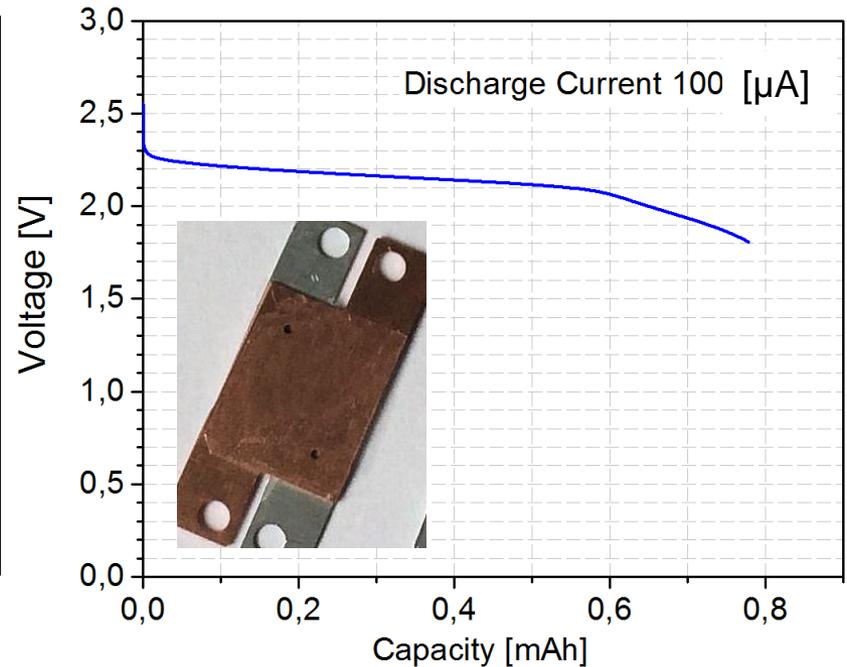
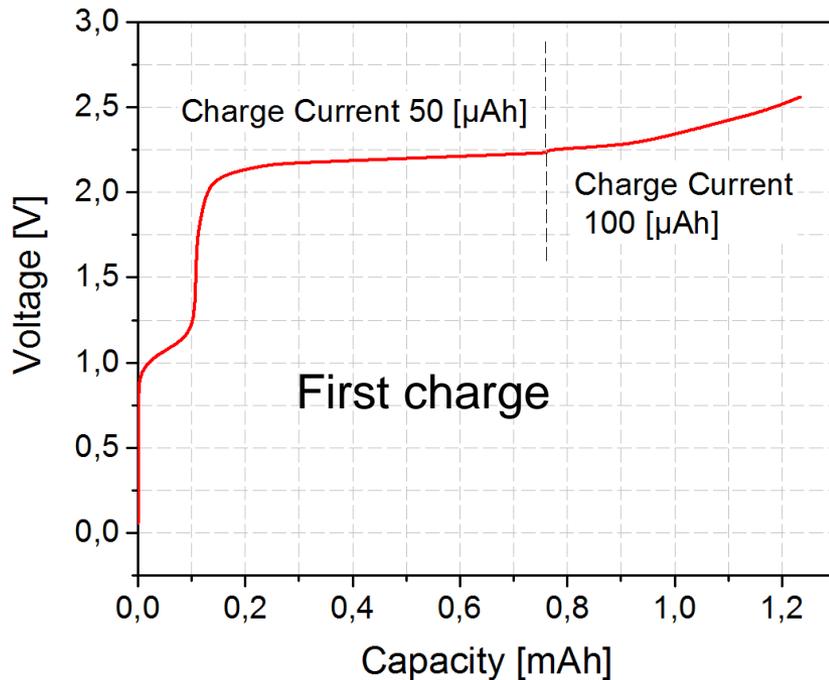
0.7 mAh



3 mAh

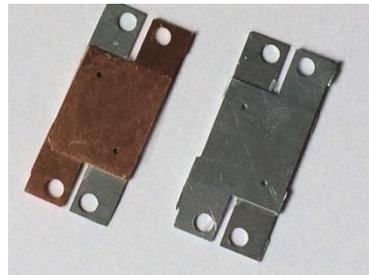
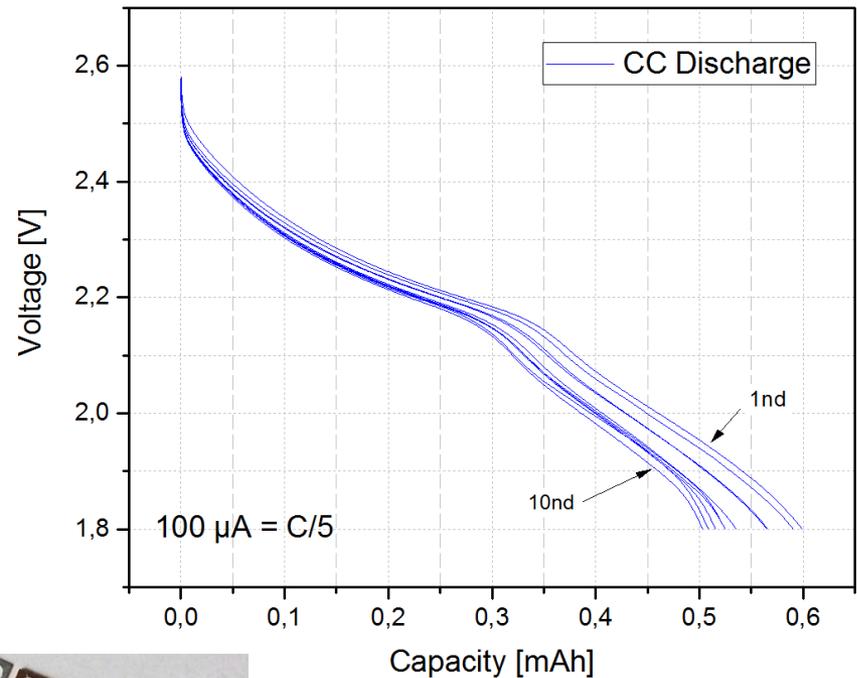
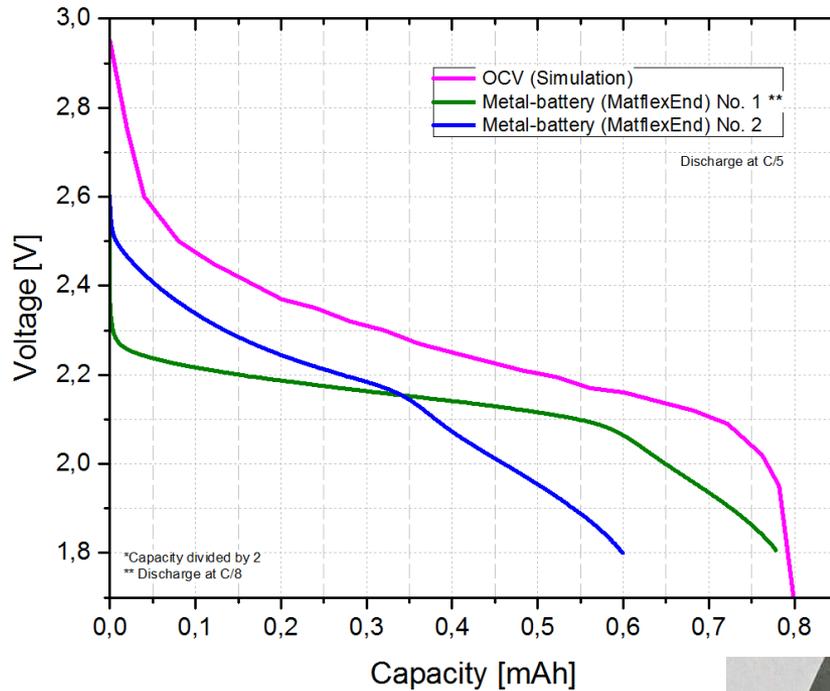


The first MATFLEXEND batteries, characterization



Anode: LTO, Cathode: NMC, Separator: SiO₂, Electrolyte: LP30

Electrical characterization



Summary

- First printed and metal laminated Li-ion batteries (6x8 mm², 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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