

Colloidal Processing & Additive Manufacturing From Material to application

Fabrication of complex 3D energy storage devices by additive manufacturing technologies

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colloidal processing



STATE OF THE ART - European Green Deal

Main objective



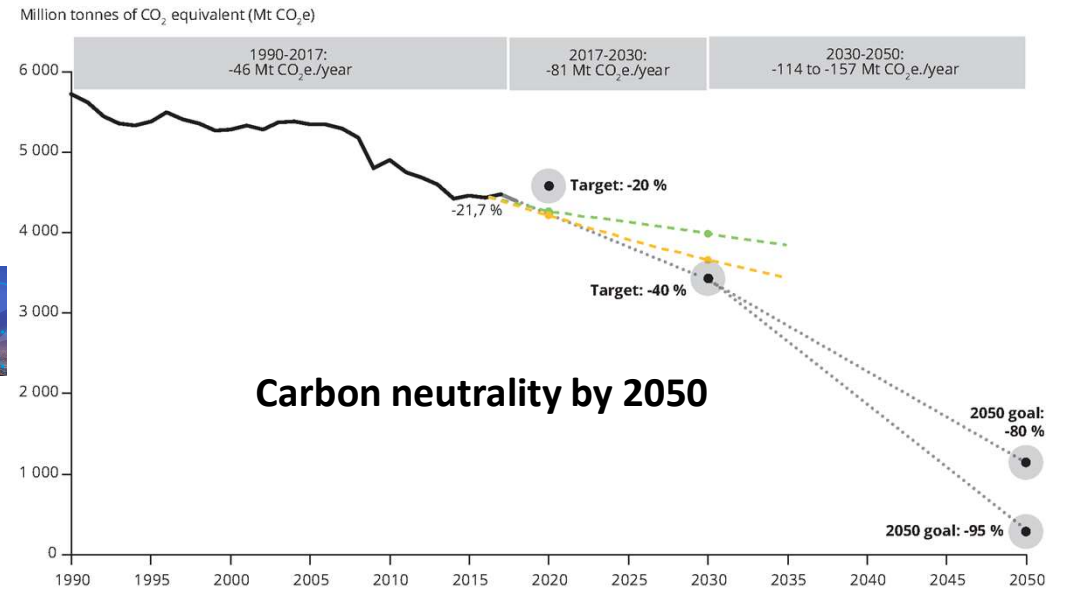
3 Key principles:

1. Ensuring a **secure** and **affordable** EU energy supply
2. Developing a **fully integrated**, **interconnected** and **digitalised** EU energy market
3. Prioritising **energy efficiency**, improving the **energy performance of our buildings** and developing a power sector based largely on **renewable sources**



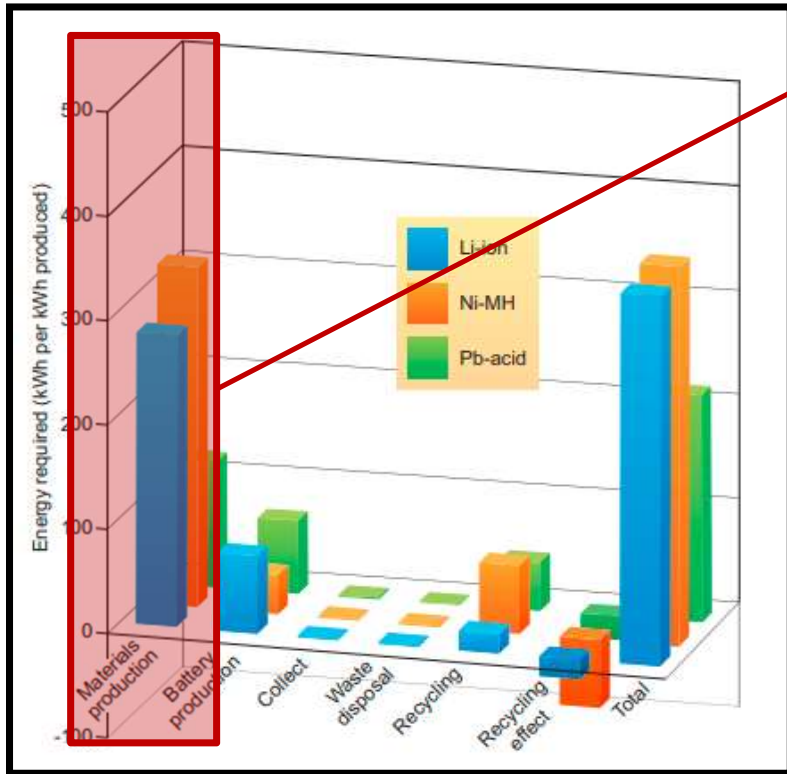
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STATE OF THE ART – New era: Material Science and Manufacturing

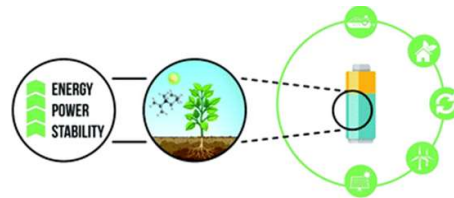
Electrochemical storage system → Energy required for the production of a 1 kWh



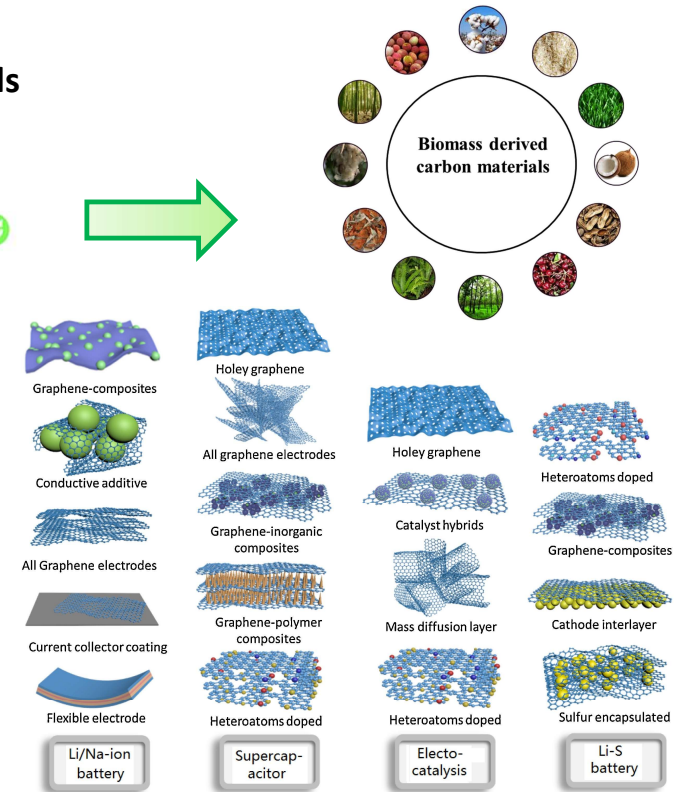
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Materials production

- Sustainable source materials



- Within 2D materials, graphene-based composites exhibited a wide application range in energy storage systems.



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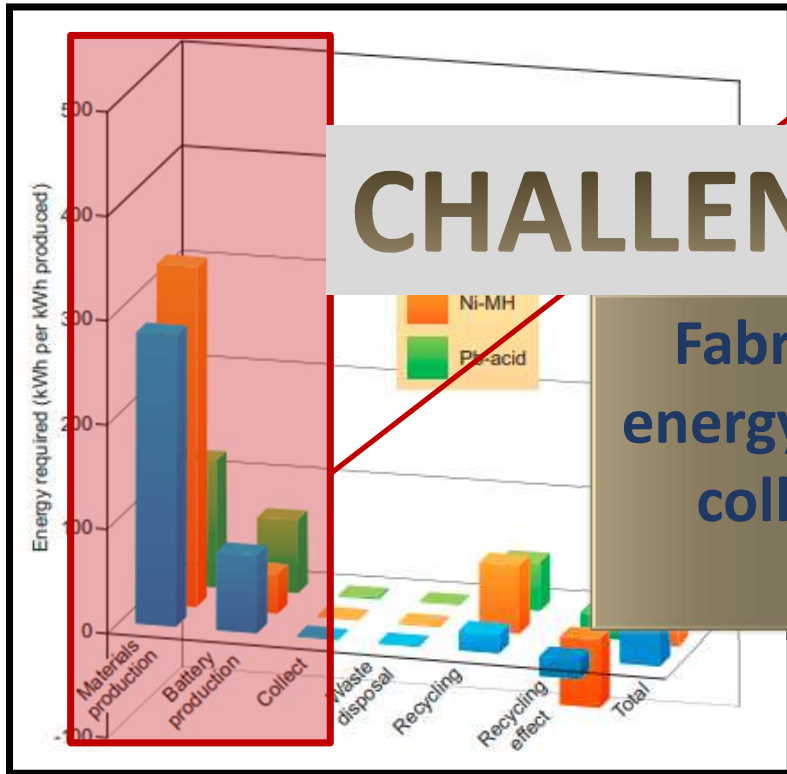
Energy required for the production of a 1 kWh electrochemical storage system

Battery production

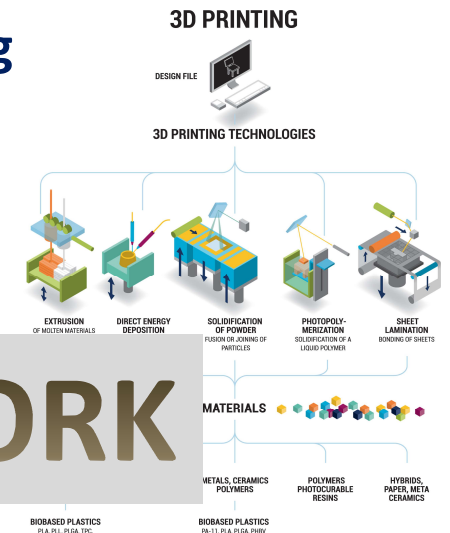
- Additive manufacturing can lead a 25% decreasing of the global energy

CHALLENGE OF THIS WORK

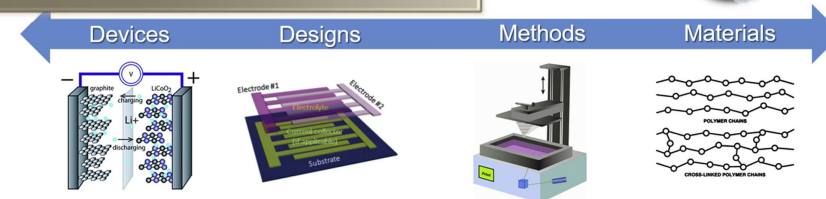
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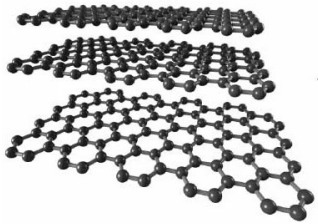


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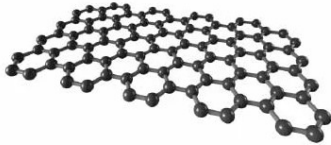
RAW MATERIALS

Commercial
sustainable powders

Graphite (CMO3)

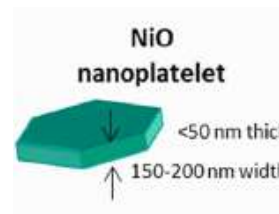


Graphene (GPA)



Electroactive
synthesis materials

Ni(OH)₂ & NiO



Inorganic precursors

SiO₂ & ZrO₂



1. Morphological
characterization

2. Surface
characterization

3. Colloidal stabilization

1. Morphological characterization

Commercial
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Electroactive
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Inorganic precursors

- Particle size
- BET area
- SEM analysis

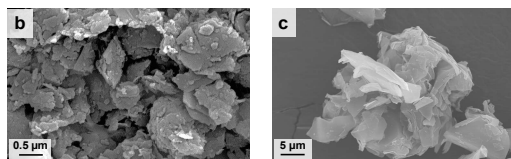
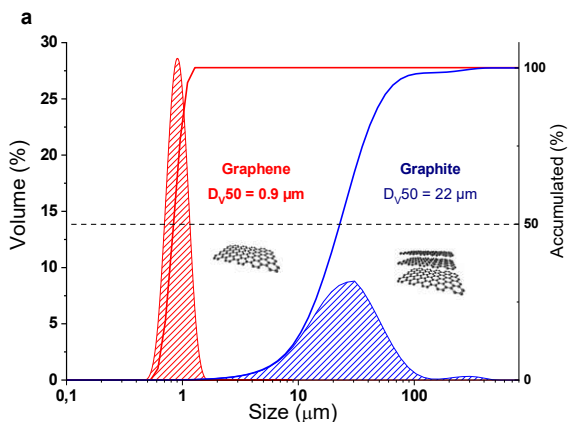
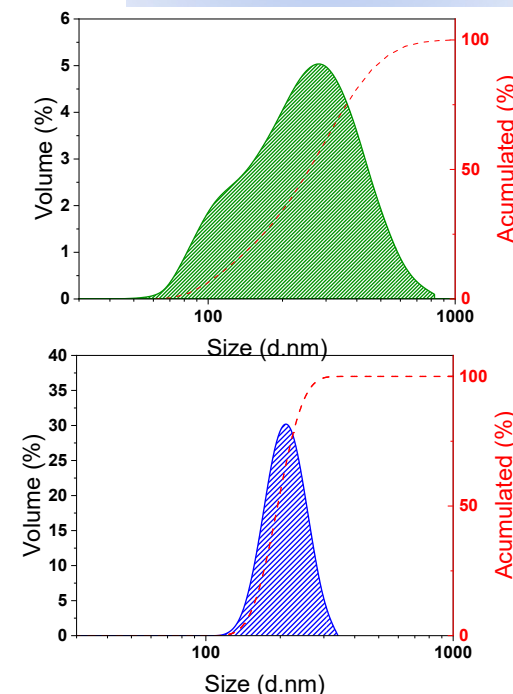
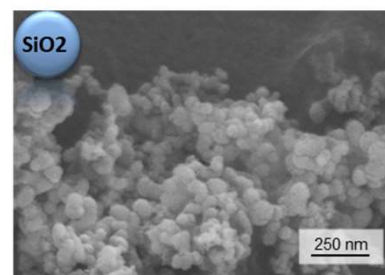
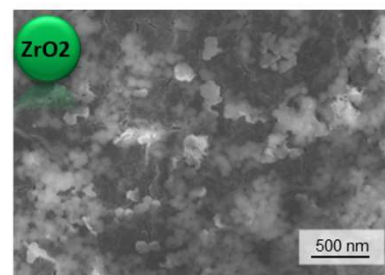


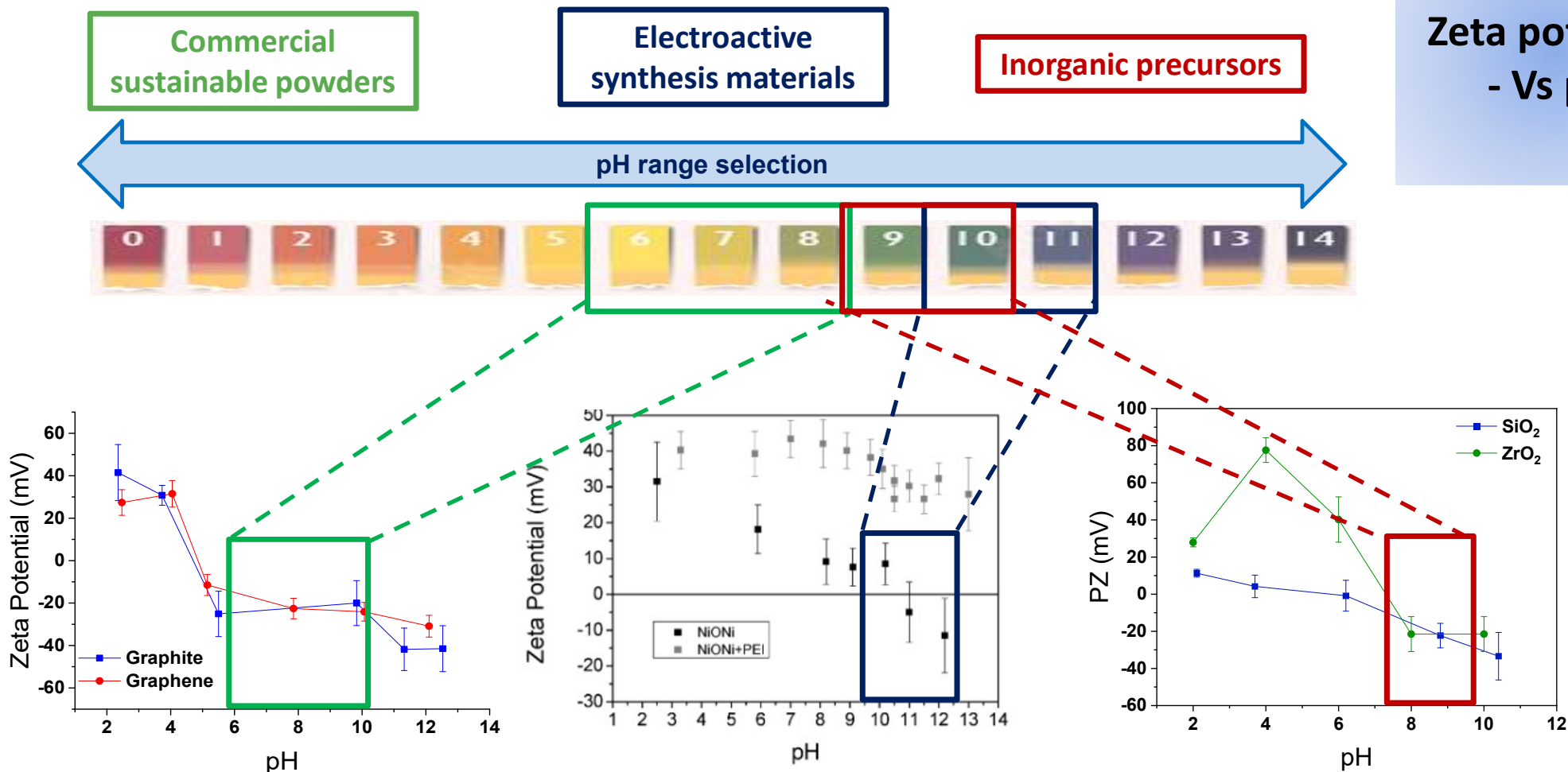
Table 1. Properties of synthesized nickel hydroxide ($\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$) and nickel oxide (NiO)

	$\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$	NiO
Diameter (nm)	100-200	100-200
Thickness (nm)	10-15	10-15
BET SSA ($\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	39,9	189,5
Open SSA by t-plot ($\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	37,1	175,6
% SSA contributed by micropores	7%	7,30%
Total N_2 pore volume ($\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	0,205	0,42
Micropore volume by t-plot ($\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	0,001	0,0034
% Micropore on N_2 pore volume	0,50%	0,81%
Interplanar distance c ($\text{\AA} \pm 0.2$)	7,1	2,43
Crystal size Lklm ($\text{nm} \pm 0.3$)	2,4	9,54



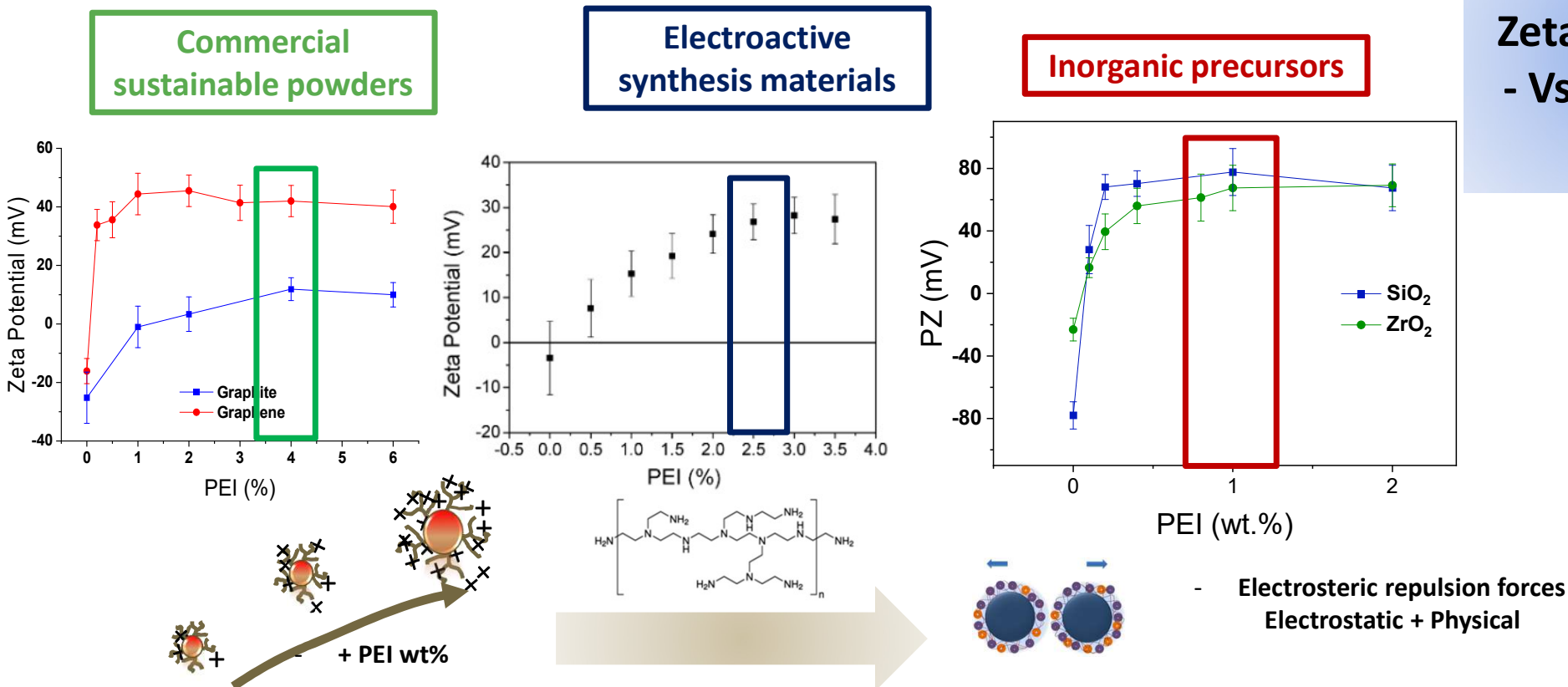
- Provide us with information for the colloidal stabilization of the inorganic particles
- Even so, the surface modification will be finally defined by Zeta potential measurements

2. Surface characterization



- The working pH range in the aqueous medium will be selected depending on the surface modifier charge

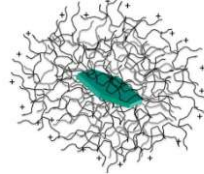
3. Surface modification



**Zeta potential
- Vs PEI wt.%**

- Polyethylenimine (PEI), amine functional groups generate electrostatic interaction forces with negatively charged inorganic particles
- Once adsorbed on the surface through hydrogen bonds, electrostatic repulsion forces are generated between particles, obtaining completely stabilized

From inorganic particles to a colloidal feedstock for different AM technologies

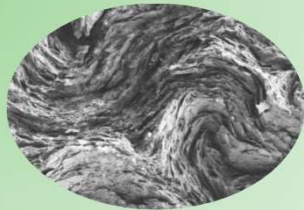
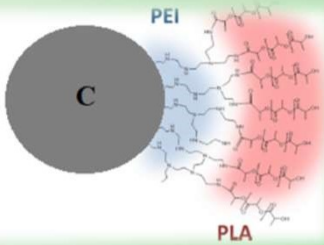


Composite feedstock



Thermoplastic polymer (PLA)

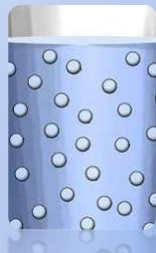
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MTE

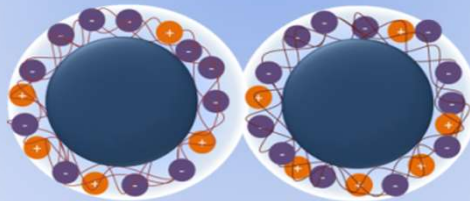


Liquid feedstock



Stabilized suspension with the desired surface charge on the particles

Electrosteric

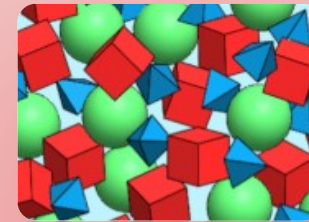


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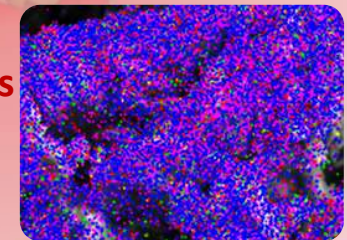


Functionalization Technology

Yield feedstock



Homogeneously distributed precursors for optimized solid-state reactions



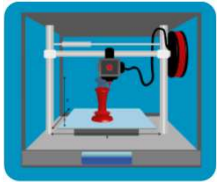
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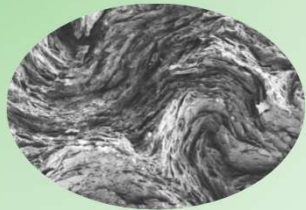
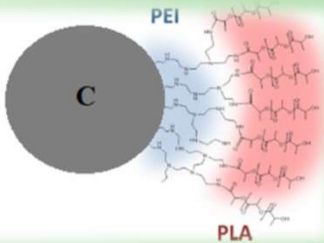


Complex conductive frameworks: Variable mesh and different architectures

Composite feedstock



Thermo
Condu
based
loaded-
graphen



The developed colloidal filament with oriented graphite/graphene platelets allows us not only to design the external macrostructure but also the internal microstructure

Grid
Mesh opening > 1mm

Grid
Mesh opening < 0.5 mm

Gyroid
Filament distance < 1 mm

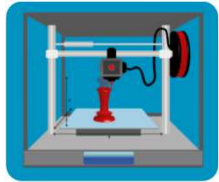
PLATE

- Increase the exposed specific surface area
- Modulate the permeability of the electrolyte

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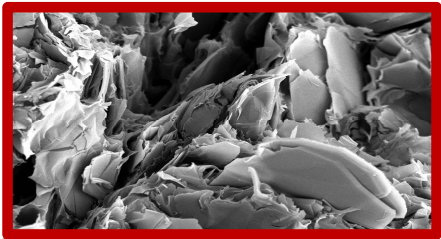
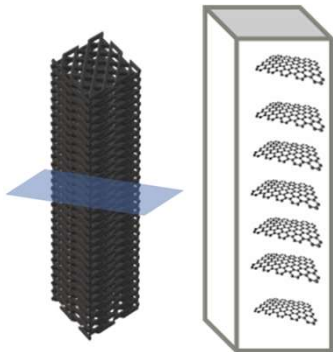
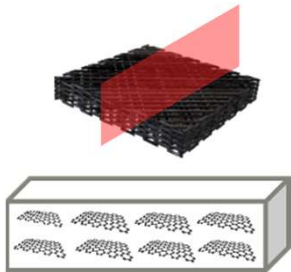
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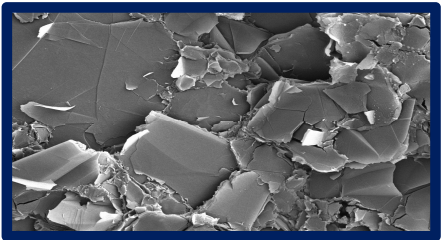
Modulating the orientation of the inorganic filler on the 3D-printed electrodes

Horizontal configuration

Vertical configuration



PLATE



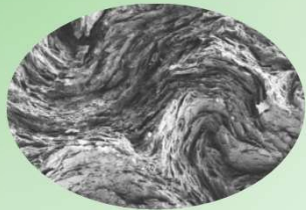
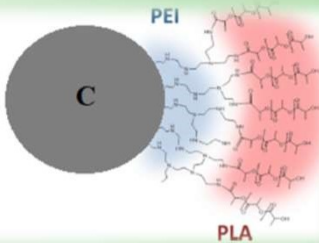
Cross-section micrographs

Composite feedstock



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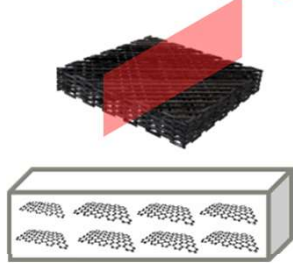


- Define the microstructure to obtain the desired electrical or electrochemical properties

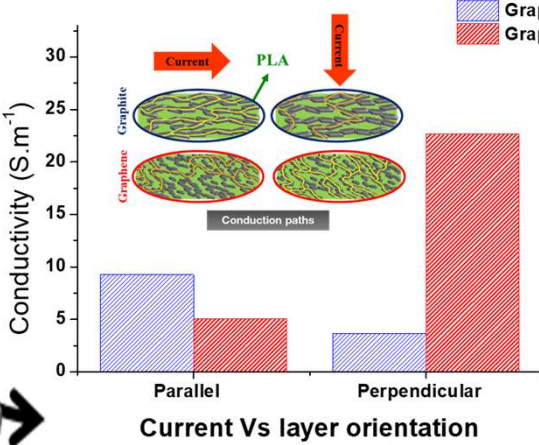
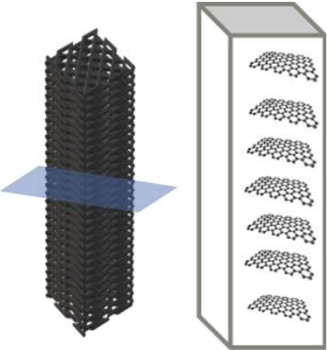
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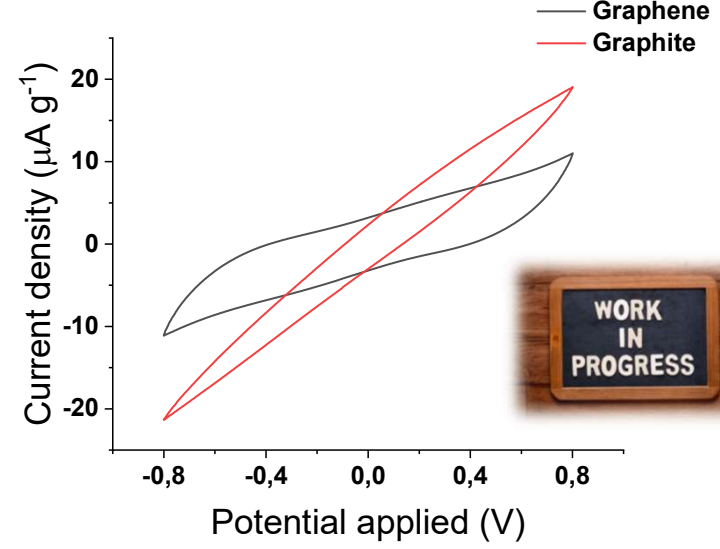
The graphite electrodes with a more pronounced orientation of flakes, due to their stronger structural strength, achieves higher conductivities (9 S/m) when the current is applied parallelly

However, the graphene electrodes generate more conduction paths when the current is applied perpendicular to the orientation of the graphene nanoflakes

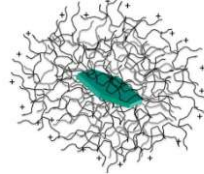
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Electrochemical performance of 3D-printed electrodes in symmetric solid-state capacitors

15 wt.% PVA – 200 wt.% H3PO4



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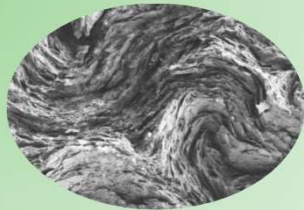
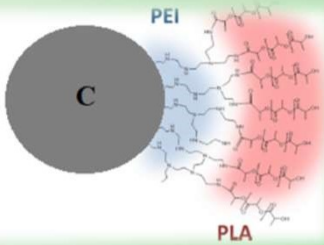


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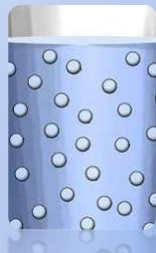
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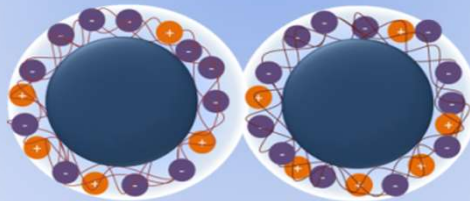


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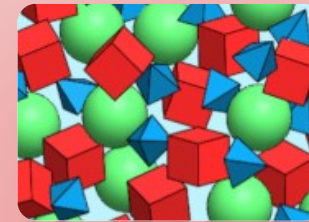


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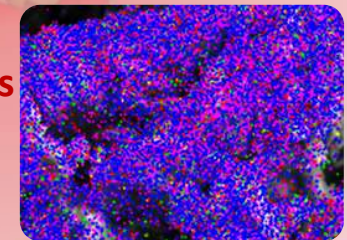


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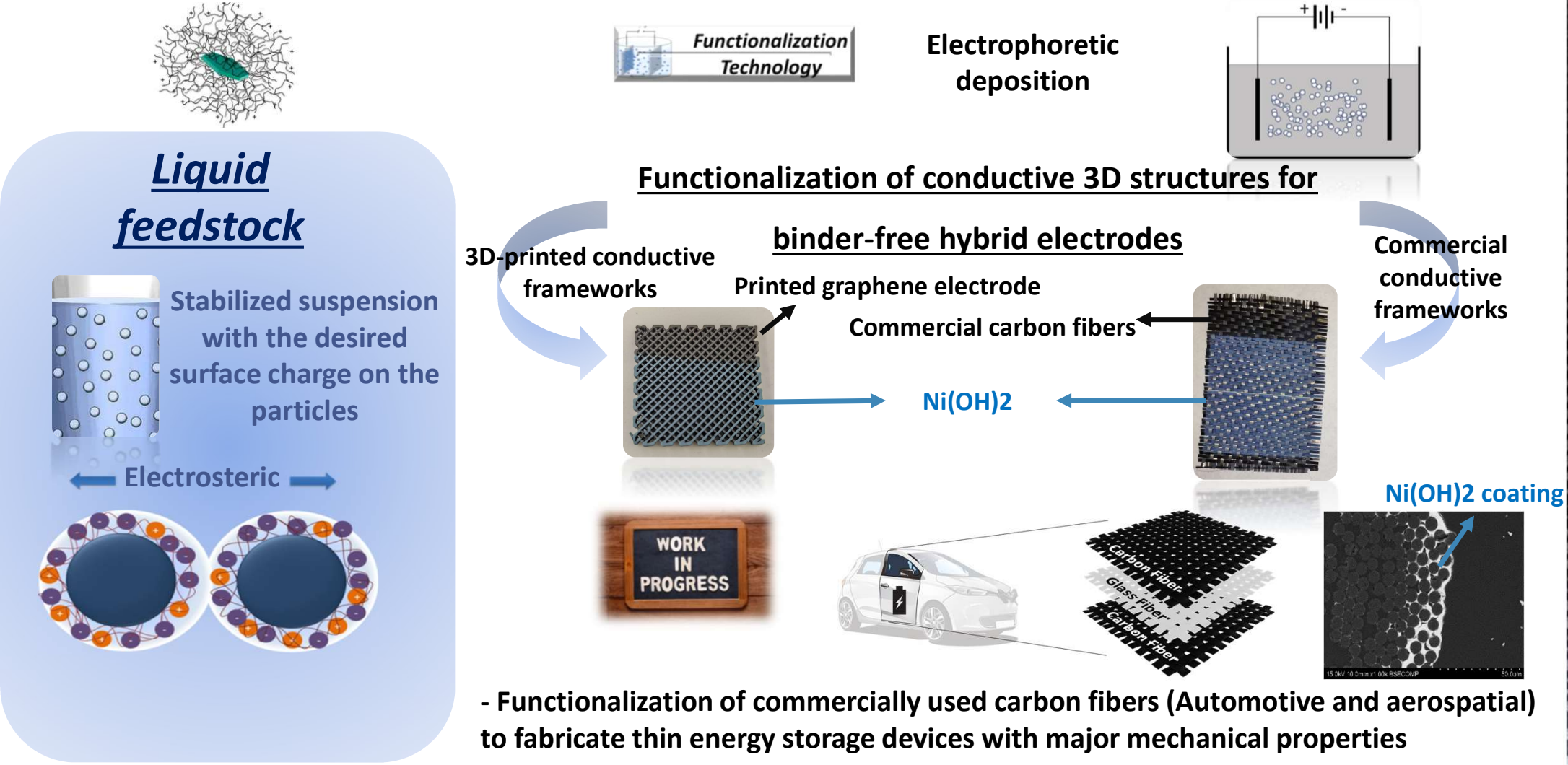
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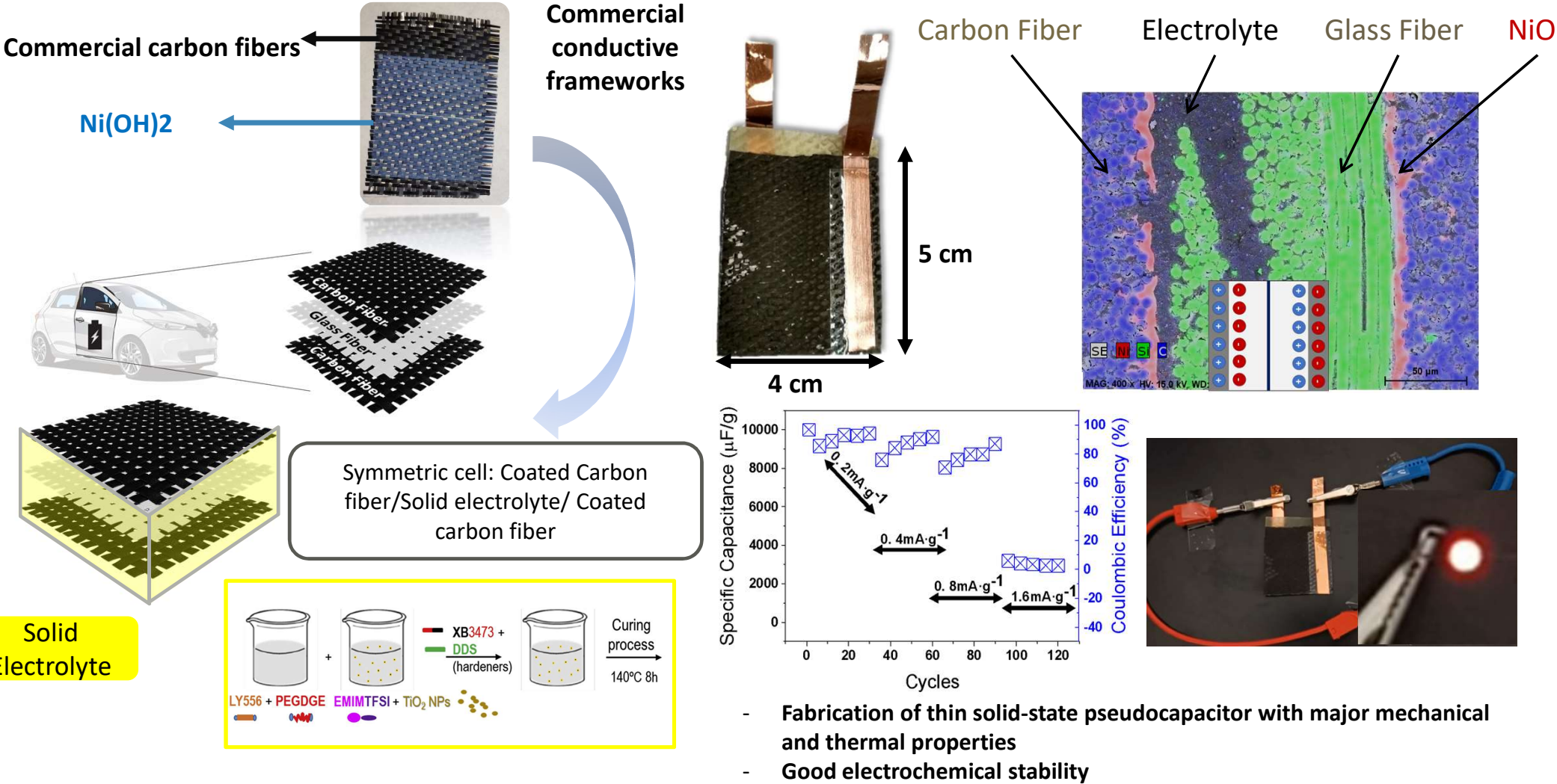
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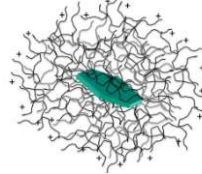
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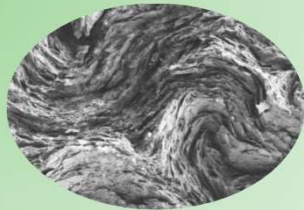
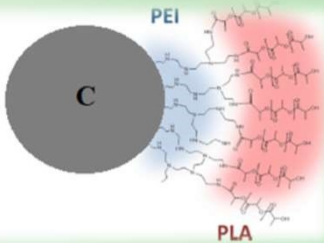


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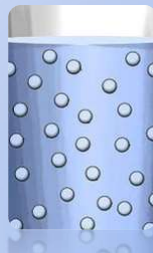
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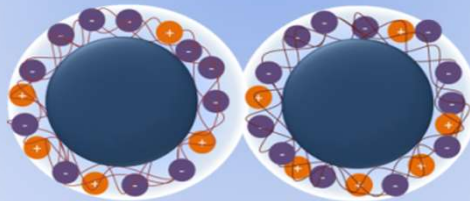


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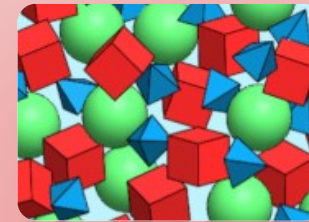


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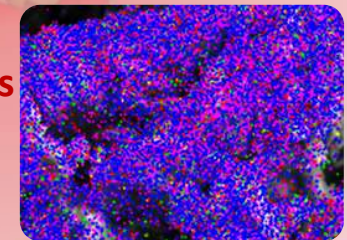


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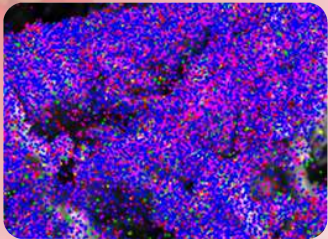
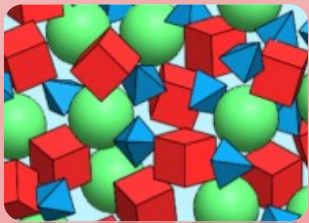
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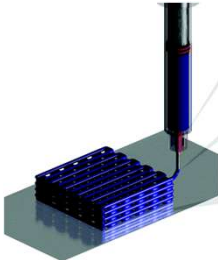
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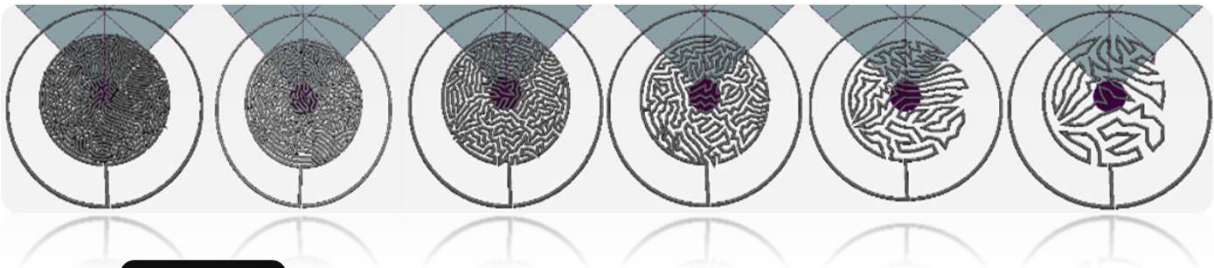
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SSR of NASICON precursors colloidal mixture to obtain
a thin (40µm) NASICON phase powder for DIW

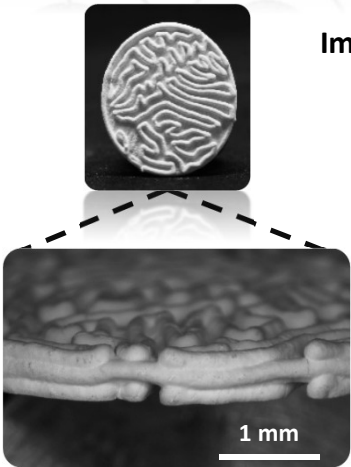
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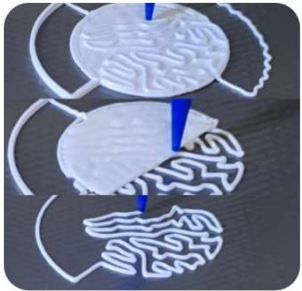
Development of complex NASICON patterns with defined interlinear spacing



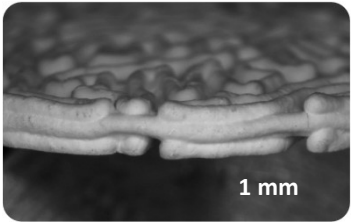
Improvement of rheological properties of NASICON
CMC-based ink to print 1 dense layer impacted
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Increased electrode/electrolyte
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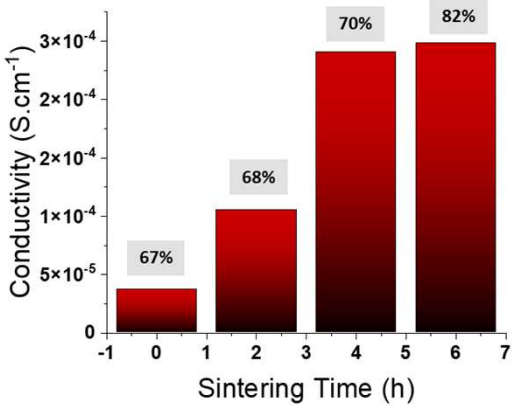
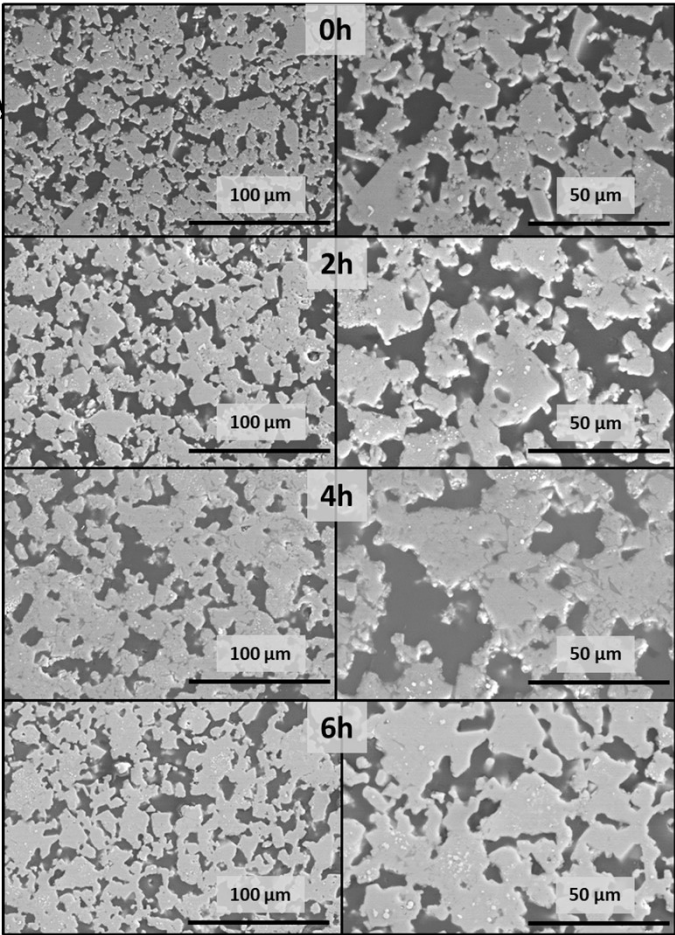
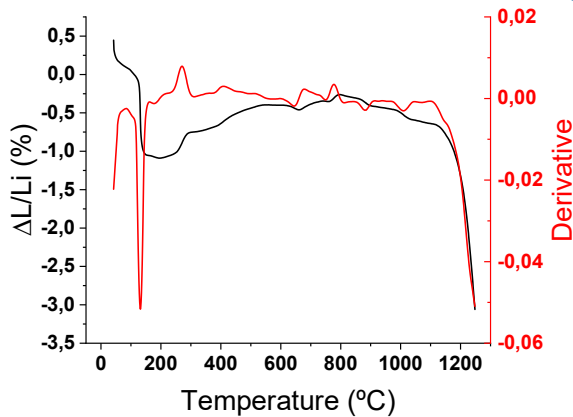


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Increased electrode/electrolyte interface for high-performance energy storage devices

Densification of 3D-printed electrolytes to increase its electrochemical performance



6h densification process 82% of density and a major ionic conductivity of 3E-4 S/cm were achieved for 3D-printed NASICON solid electrolytes



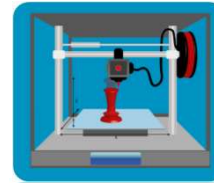
CONCLUSIONS

○ Colloidal approach allows us to:

Composite
feedstock



Material thermal
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*Conductive logo printed
with 25% Graphene
filament*

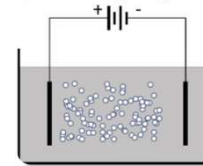


- Introduce high content of 2D nanoflakes into a biodegradable thermoplastic matrix (PLA).
- The oriented filaments allow the configuration of the microstructure of the electrode during the material extrusion 3D printing increasing the electrical properties up to 22 S/m in printed graphene-based electrodes.

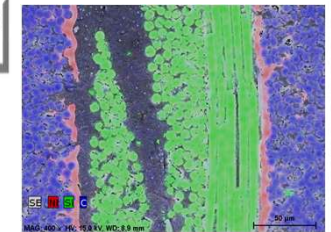
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Electrophoretic
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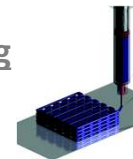


- Fabricate binder-free coatings (100% active material) over conductive frameworks.
- Homogeneous coatings are formed over complex conductive architectures without damaging the original properties of the deposition substrates.
- Electrochemically stable thin (<500 μm) solid-state pseudocapacitors were fabricated with major mechanical and thermal properties.

Yield
feedstock

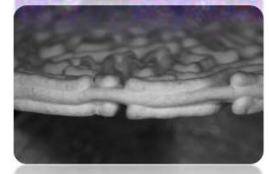
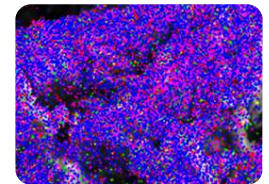


Direct ink writing
DIW



- Green homogeneous mixture of NASICON precursors for solid-state reaction (SSR) was developed by colloidal stabilization.
- Obtained thin NASICON pure powder was printed using CMC-based ink by DIW. Complex patterns separated by a dense layer (Acting as a separator in the battery) were developed.
- Novel ionic conductivity of $3\text{E-}4$ S/cm was achieved at room temperature.

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