

# Additive Manufacturing Solutions for Energy Materials



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# WHO WE ARE

Design,  
Production and  
Management  
Research chairs  
(DPM)

Information driven  
product  
development and  
Engineering

Systems  
Engineering and  
Multidisciplinary  
design

Human  
Centered  
design

Asset  
Management &  
Maintenance  
Engineering

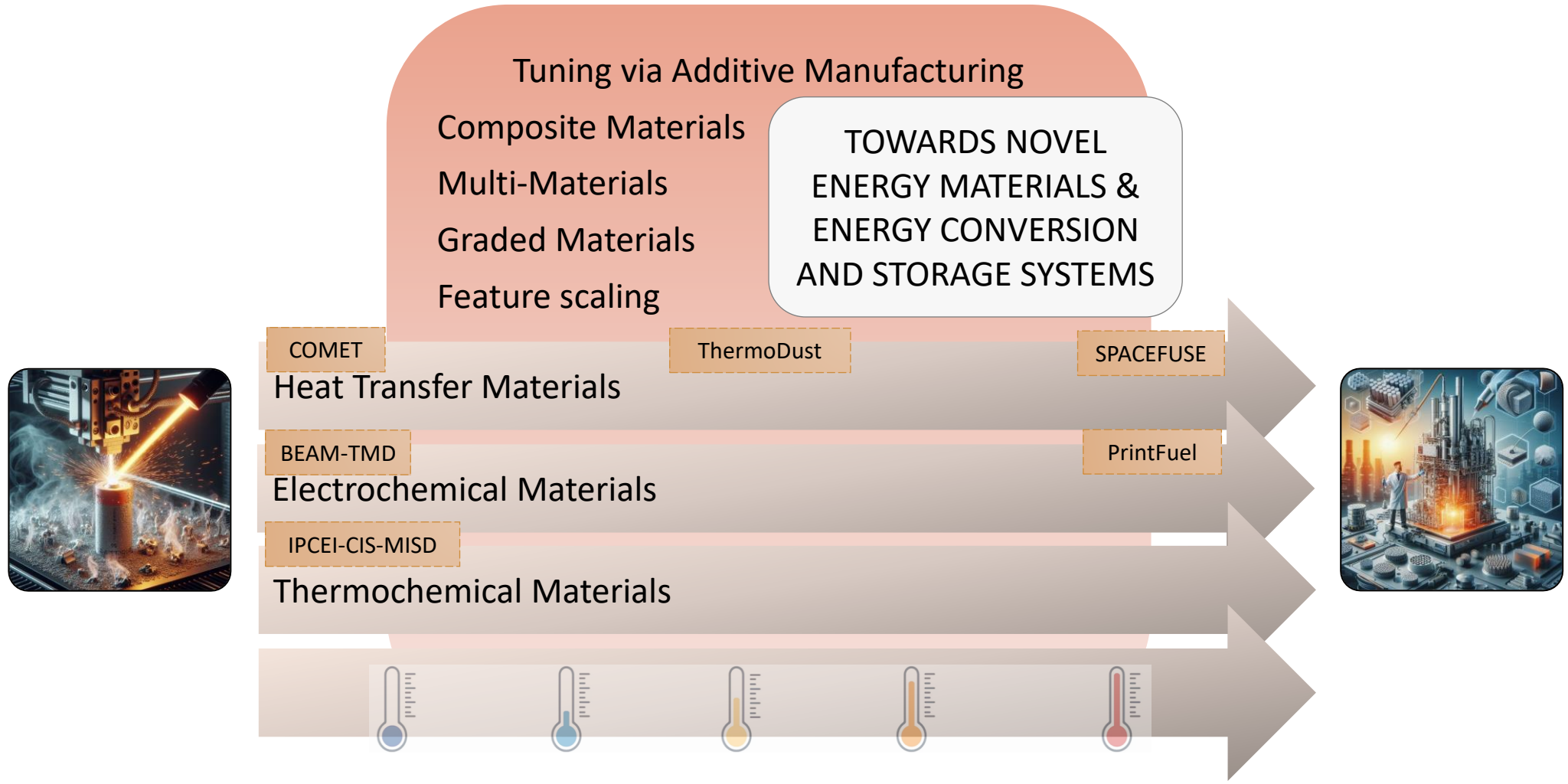
Interaction  
Design

Manufacturing  
Systems

Product Market  
Relation

Advanced  
Manufacturing,  
Sustainable  
products &  
Energy systems

# WHAT WE DO



# WHO WE ARE

Advanced Manufacturing, Sustainable products & Energy systems (AMSPES)

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Tuning via Additive Manufacturing

Composite Materials

Materials

Materials

Materials

Feature Scaling

Thermocatalysis

SPACEFUSE

Print

COMET

Heat Transfer Materials

Electrochemical Materials

Thermochemical Materials

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3DP

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Thermochemical

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Simulation





## Toward Next Generation Metal-Supported Solid Oxide Fuel Cells



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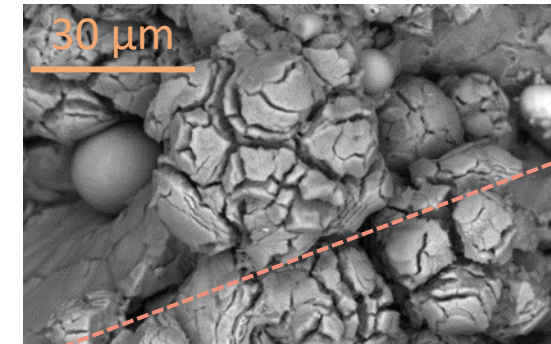
### Challenge:

- Current metal-supported SOFCs face challenges for mobile applications and require multiscale structures and thinning.

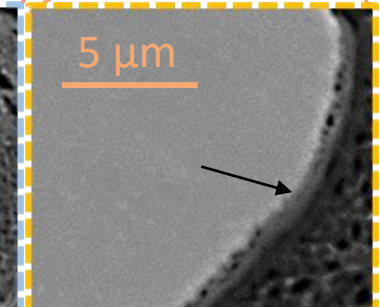
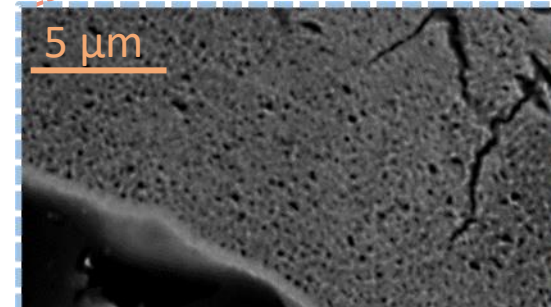
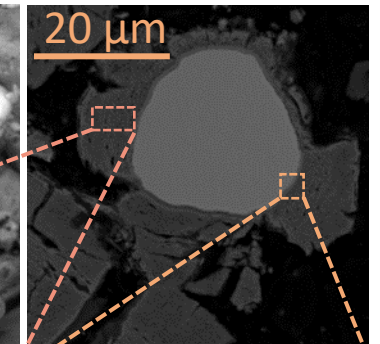
### Objectives:

- We will use advanced sintering to achieve control of porous morphologies, creating a graded-porosity anode for SOFCs (objective 1).
- We will apply a thin ( $< 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) dense electrolyte layer and a functional porous cathode using Plasma Electrolyte Oxidation (PEO) coating (objective 2).

Top SEM view



Side SEM view



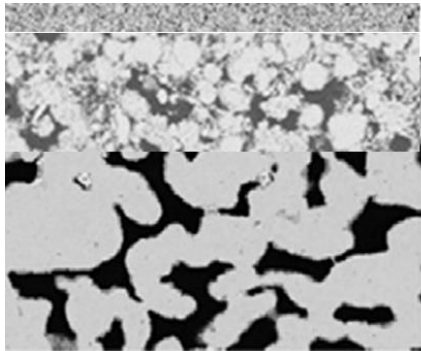
# Engineered porous electrodes via 3D Printing and functional coating for metal-supported solid oxide fuel cells (PRINTFUEL)

## Objective 1

Manufacturing – Microstructure – Performance



3D Printing + Advanced Imaging



3D printed graded porous materials

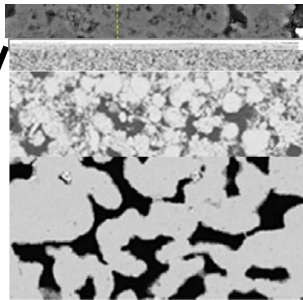
## Objective 2

Coating – Composition – Performance



Plasma Electrolytic Oxidation

+ Advanced Imaging



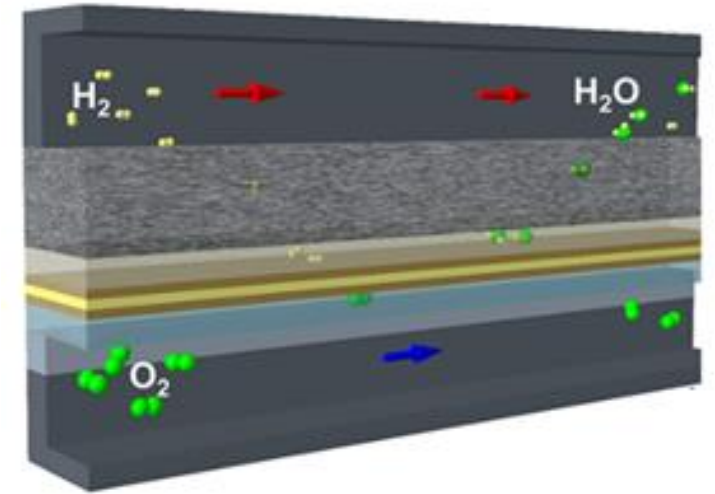
PEO coated electrolyte thickness <math>< 1 \mu\text{m}</math>

PEO coated 5 – 100  $\mu\text{m}$

Surface coating

## Objective 3

Novel concept for solid oxide fuel cells



Electrochemical performance





## Engineered porous electrodes to unlock next-generation solid-state proton-conducting electrochemical cells (PCEC) for hydrogen production



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### Challenges:

- For the application of PCECs electrolytes, the sinterability of pure or doped  $\text{BaZr}_{0.8}\text{Y}_{0.2}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$  (BZY) is poor and it is challenging to make a dense BZY electrolyte layer without sacrificing its high proton conductivity (Challenge 1).
- A smartly designed electrode structure with pores at different length scales is required for enhanced performance (Challenge 2).

### Objective:

- Building upon the two previous developments in PrintFuel (AM and PEO coating), we will design and test a new cell concept for PCECs and will evaluate the electrochemical performance and stability of the so-developed PCECs.



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# BEAM-TMD: Powder Bed Additive Manufacturing of Transition Metal Dichalcogenide-based Composites for Electrochemical Systems and Space Applications



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## BACKGROUND

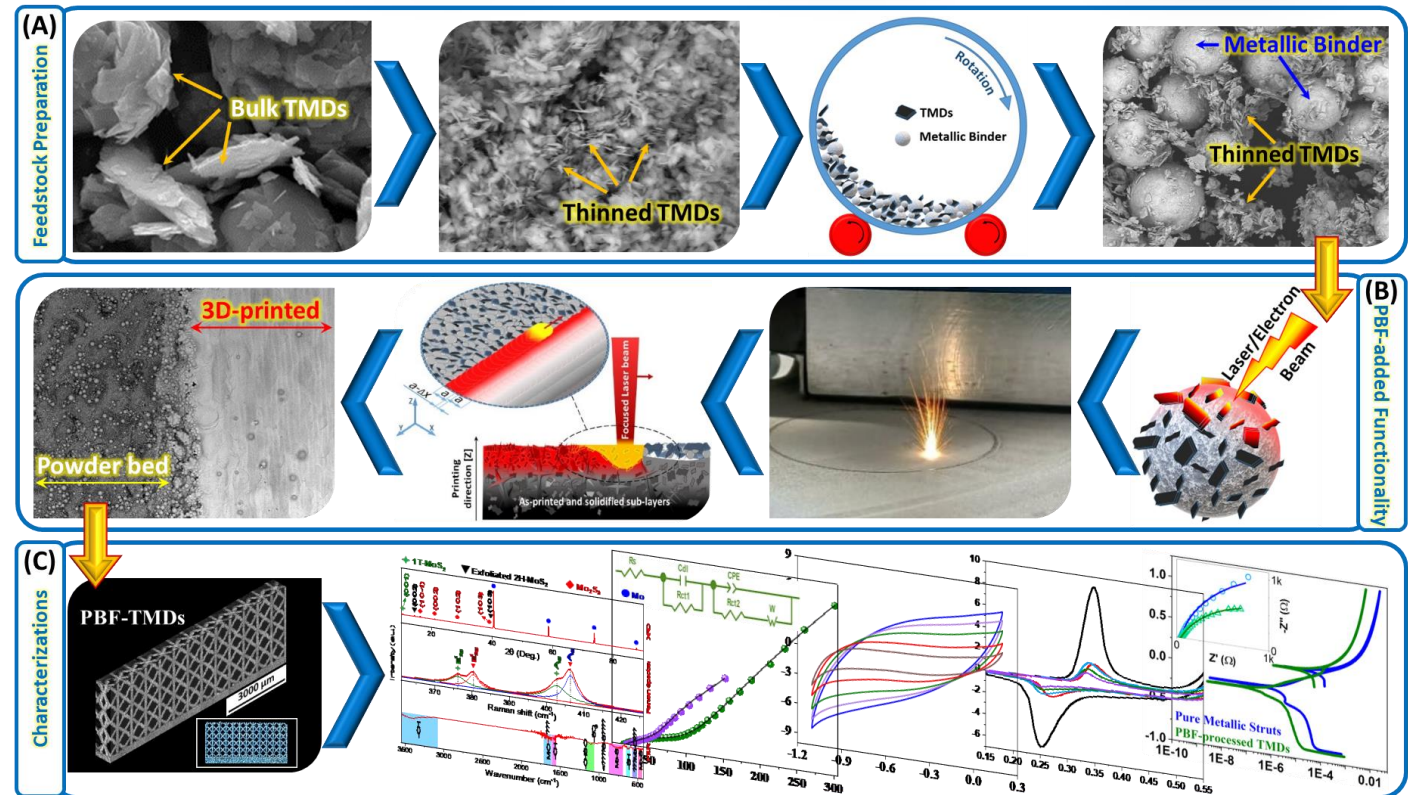
- Decarbonisation of energy economy
- Mitigation of the environmental pollution

## PROBLEM

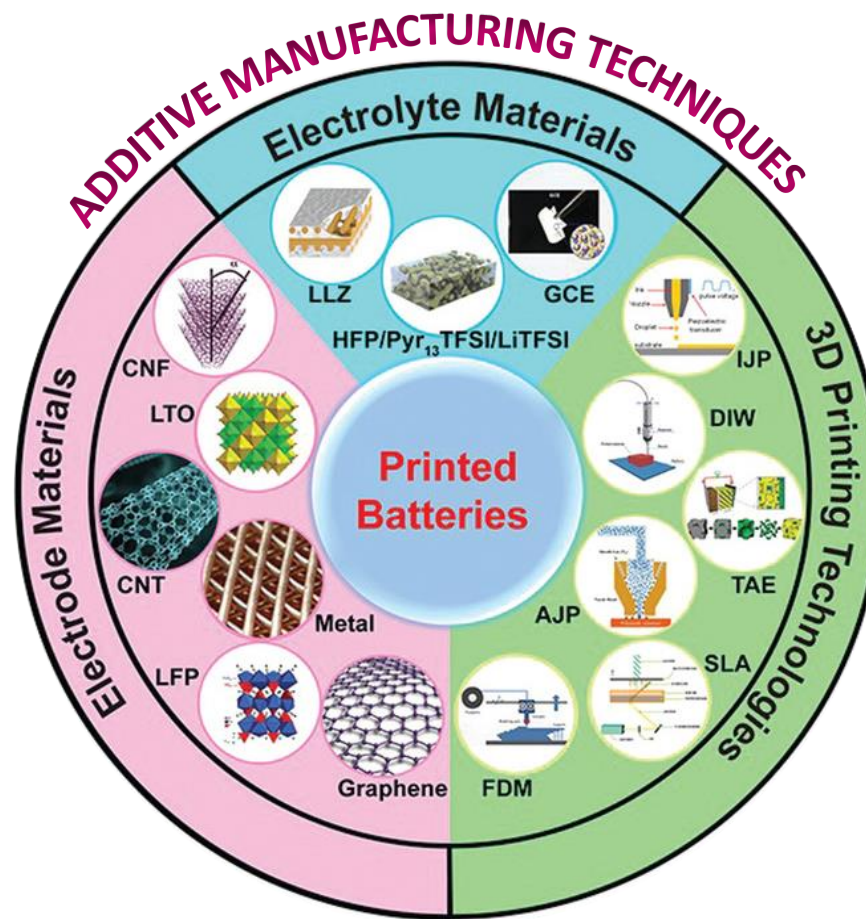
- Multi-step fabrication of electrochemical systems
- Complex pre-processing of precursors/feedstock
- Multi-factor susceptibility of process parameters
- Difficulty in control of the microstructure & morphology
- High-energy post-processing stages
- Environmental and sustainability challenges

## AIM

- Elimination of multi-step processing
- Direct processing porous electroactive 3D structures (mili to meso scale porosity)
- In-situ delivering the functionality to AM structure
- Tuned chemical-, physical-, crystallographic-, and electrochemical properties.

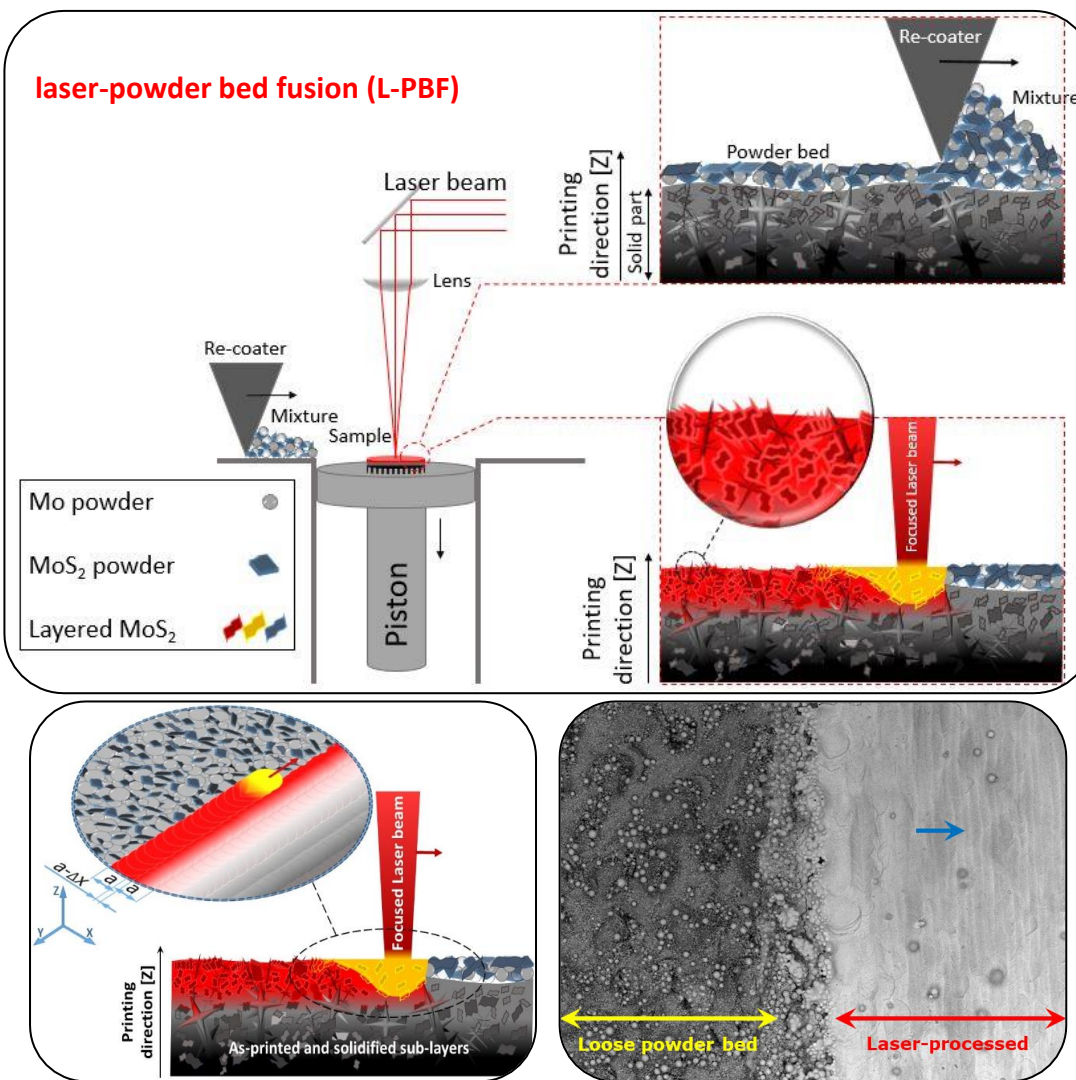
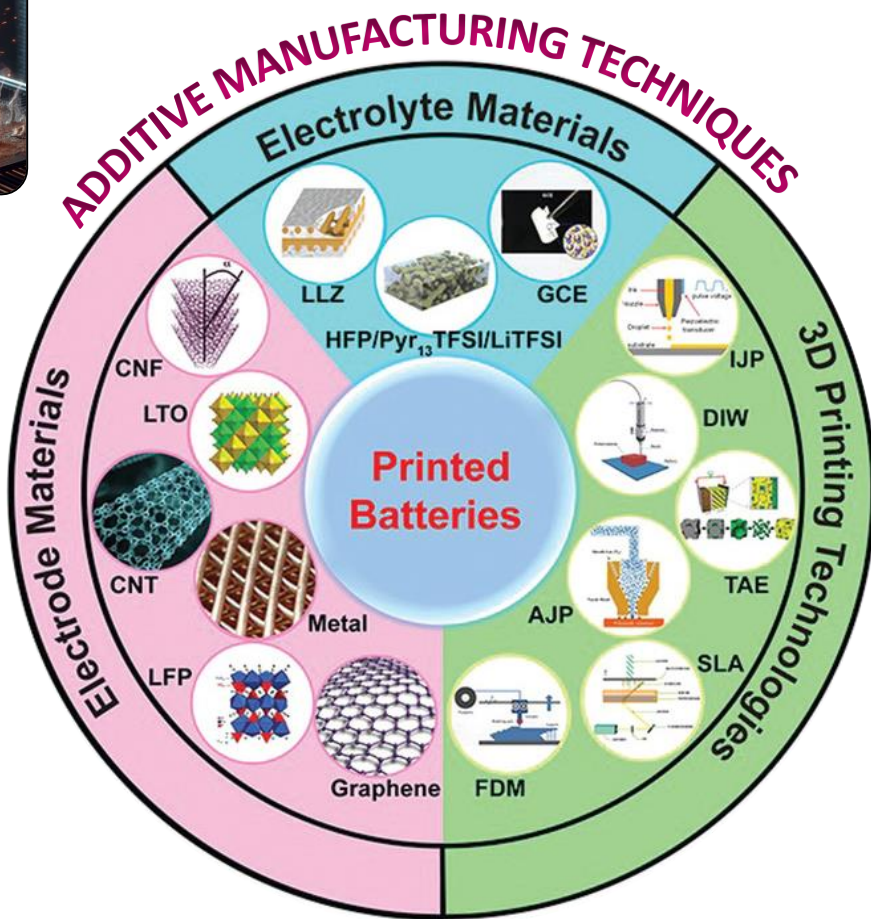




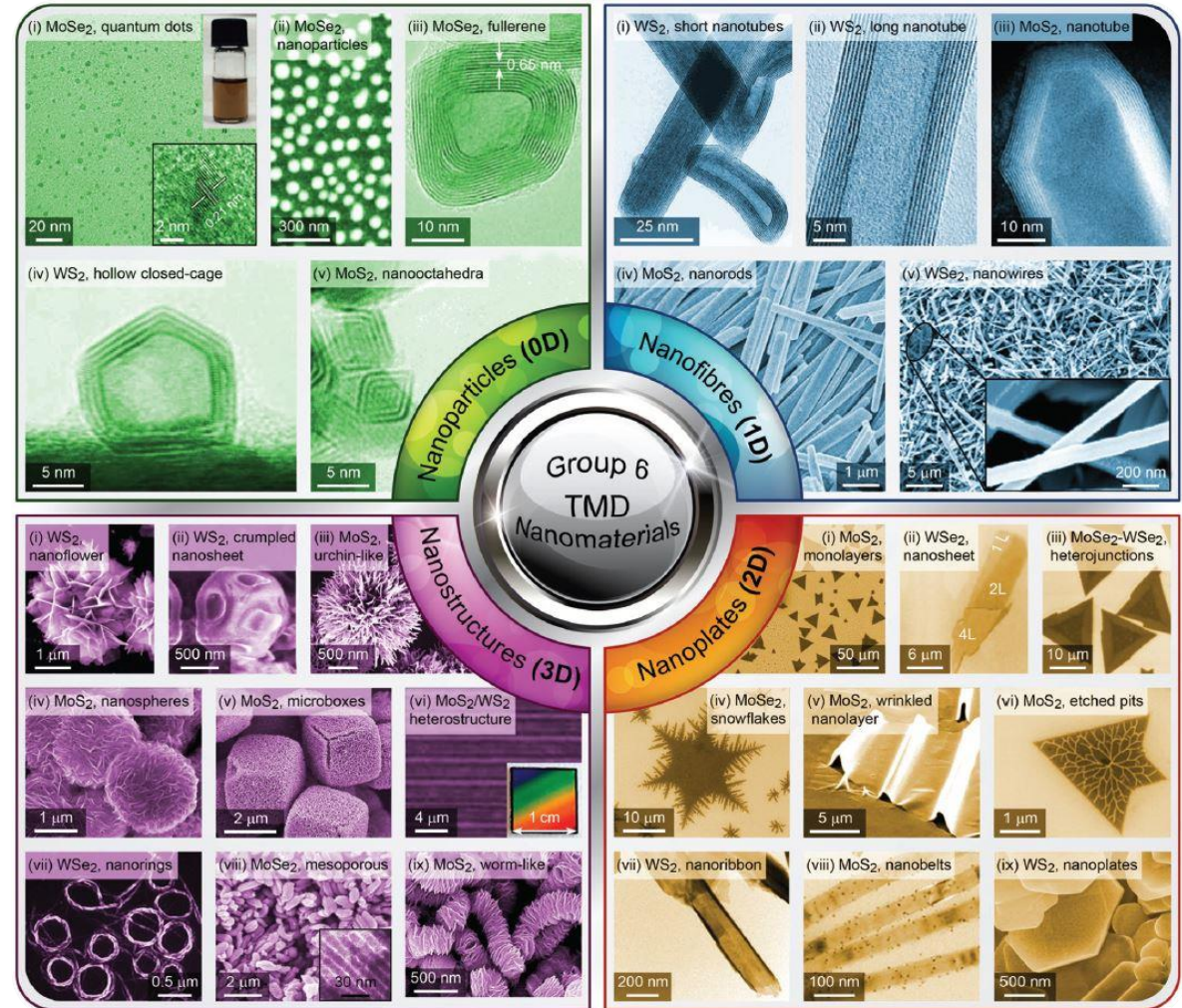
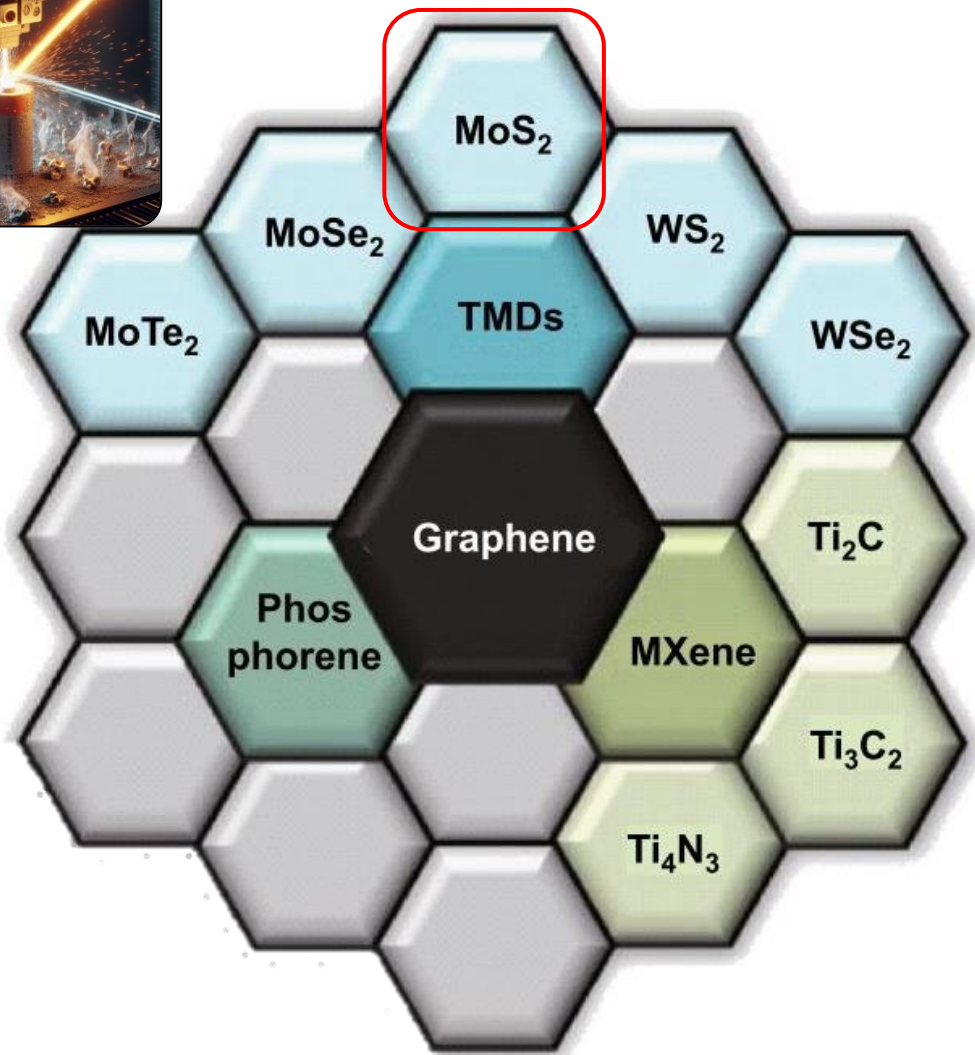


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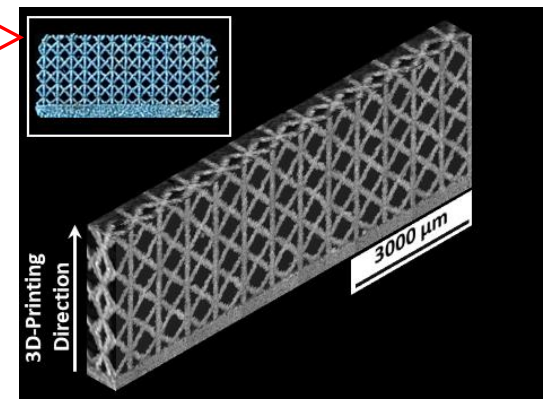
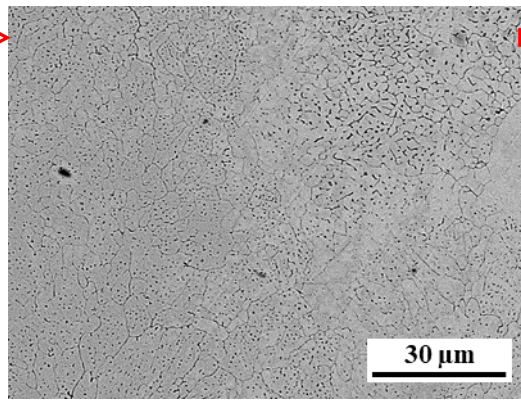
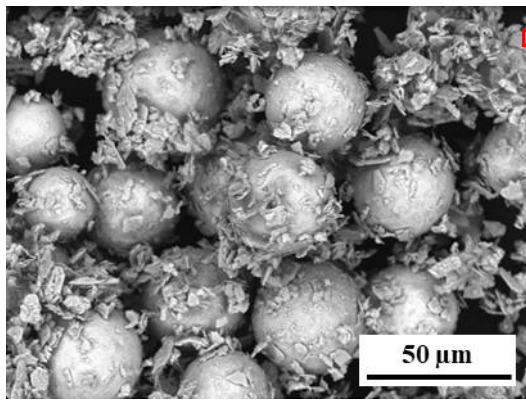
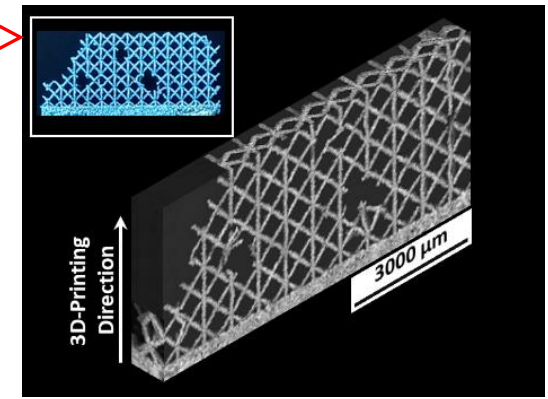
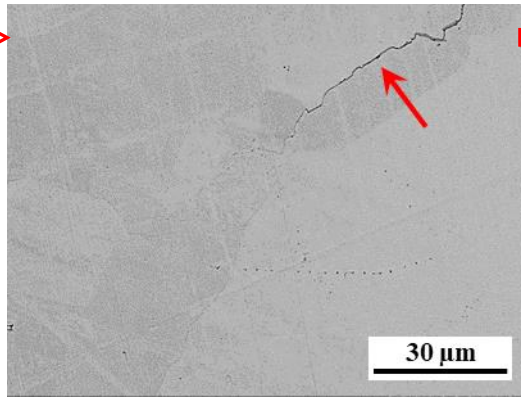
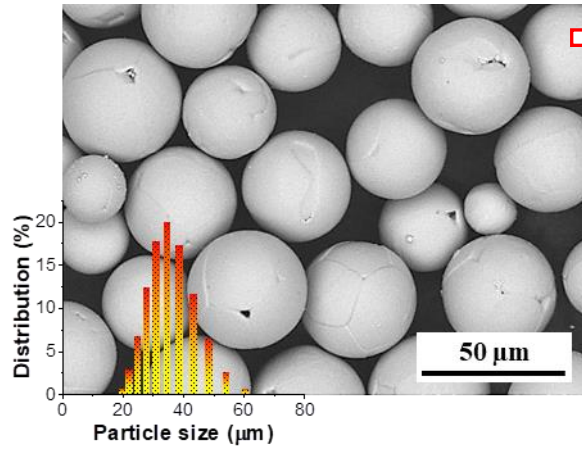


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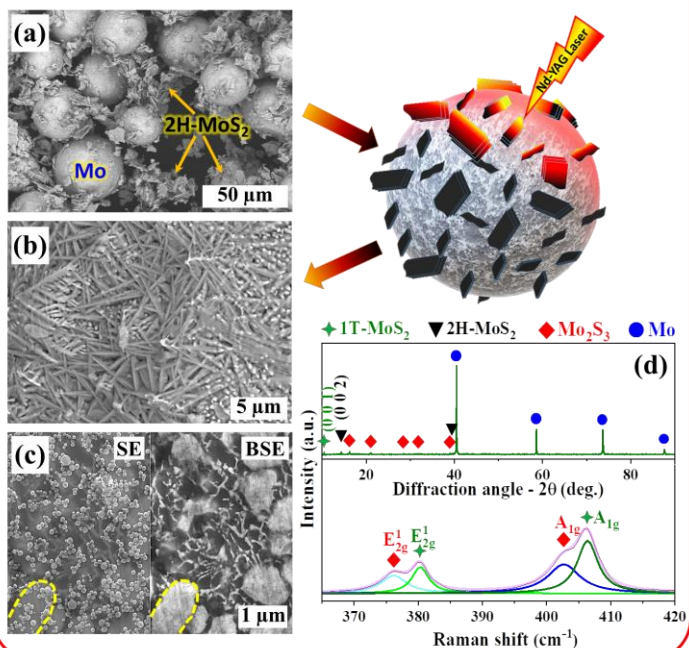
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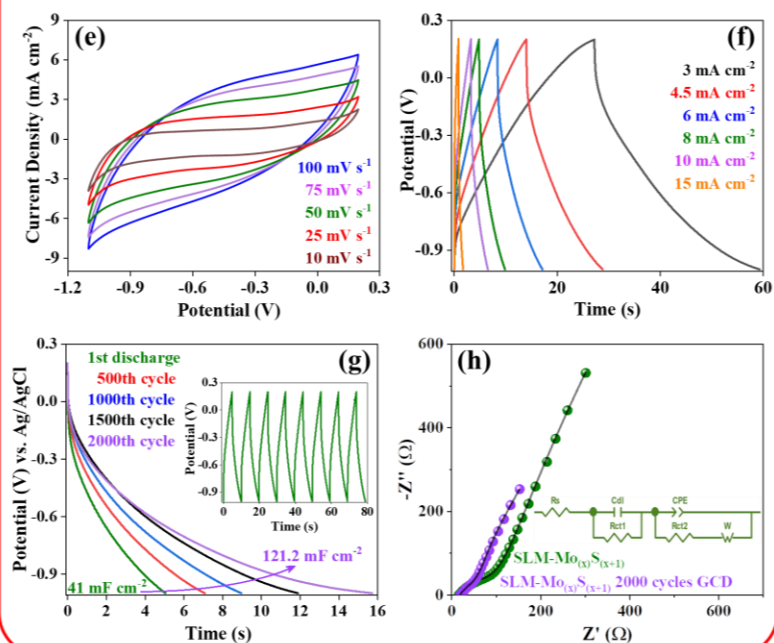




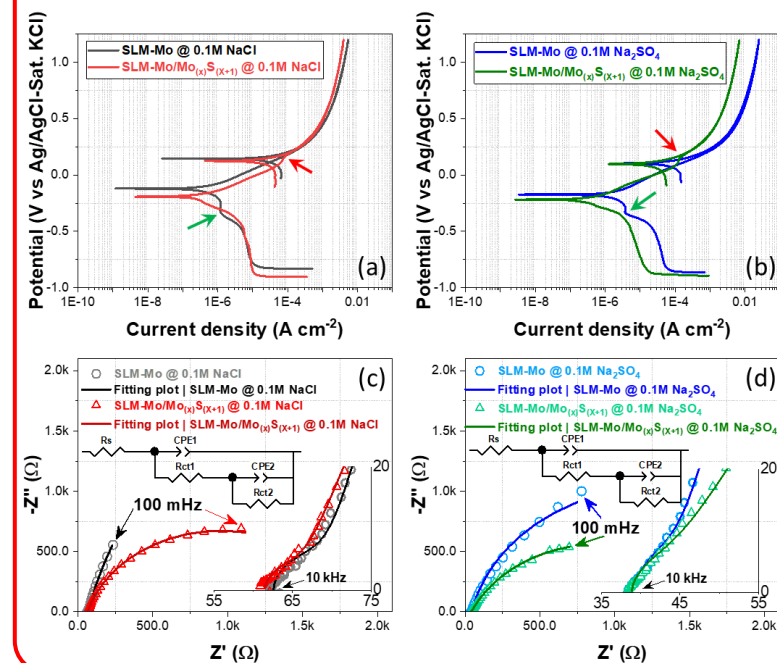
## SLM-processed electrode



## Electrochemical performances



## Corrosion Characterization



# Recap.

## Challenges and Directions

- **To Design**
  - ✓ A functional structure for tailoring the properties (porosity, surface area, conductivity, capillarity, wettability, permeability, bubble dynamics, etc.)
- **To Fabricate**
  - ✓ Multiscale additive manufacturing: cm to  $\mu\text{m}$
  - ✓ Coating:  $\mu\text{m}$  to nm
  - ✓ Multi-Materials
  - ✓ Functionally graded materials

## INNOVATION POTENTIAL

- ✓ The **Technology** development for AM of composite and multi-material structures
- ✓ The **Fundamental** mechanisms for thermodynamics, kinetics, and transportation
- ✓ **Step-change** in heat transfer, electrochemical, and thermochemical systems

# Appreciations For Your Attention Paid

