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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Electrochemistry Newsletter in 2021. Last year continued to be a busy year for the electrochemistry community working through lock down with adjustment to online working. *Electrochem2020* was postponed until September 2021 and will be hosted online by members of the RSC's Electrochemistry Group Committee. Registration for *Electrochem2020* can be found on the RSC's website and the link is <u>here</u>.

In this issue we included some technical reports and cover the lecture awards for *Electrochem2020* and *Electrochem2021*. It is hoped that the continued lifting of restrictions will allow students and academics to attend conferences. Students presenting their work at a national or international conference or organising a postgraduate conference are eligible for financial support. The Electrochemistry Group of the RSC and the Energy Technology Group of the SCI provide the funds if the application is accepted. Candidates should apply to <u>Dr. Mark Symes</u>.

Joining the editorial this year is Dr Charles Cummings bringing an industrial perspective to the Electrochemistry Newsletter. We welcome any feedback and suggestions or contributions from readers for future issues.

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Prototyping Energy Storage Technologies at QinetiQ: Case Study Supercapacitor Development

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Introduction

Battery and supercapacitor technologies are the cornerstone of achieving a greener future. Within the next 5-10 years lithium-ion battery costs are expected to reduce to \$50 per kilowatt-hour (kWh). At this price point the manufacturing costs of electric vehicles will be at parity with internal combustion. The desired performance of future batteries will be: fast charging, >10,000 cycles (electric vehicle: 1 million+ miles), ~30 year calendar life and produced from abundant raw materials [1]. Recent publications, such as a "million mile" battery report by CATL [2], demonstrated performance approaching these predictions. Research and development of new energy storage technologies is currently underway and new products will have to meet regulatory and compliance requirements as well as customer expectations.

QinetiQ – Power Sources

QinetiQ is a global integrated defence and technology company. Within QinetiQ, a multidisciplinary Power Sources team exists, working in the UK and Australia. The team has extensive experience in solving critical defence and security power challenges, as well as energy storage electrochemistry, optimisation and testing for performance. Deep engineering and scientific expertise has been demonstrated with over 100 externally published papers and 67 granted patents. Recent insight papers available on powering the electrified battlespace [3] and high energy battery technologies [4] are available online.

The Power Sources team includes professional electrochemists and material scientists. Their broad range of expertise includes: industrial ink/slurry film formation and characterisation, cell assembly preparation, and electrochemical characterisation. The group has the capacity to assemble and test Swagelok cells for half-cell performance characterisation and industrially-relevant pouch cells. Pouch cells can be either single-layer or multi-layer pouch format. Single-layer pouch cells are constructed with a single anode/cathode pair and provide an industrially relevant platform to investigate full-cell performance. Multi-layer pouch cells contain multiple anode and cathode pairs resulting in high capacity devices (up to ~12 A.h) and are typically constructed for technology demonstrations. These cells can be tailored to the customer's application (such as high power or high energy) through material selection and electrode loading. A "dry room" gives the group the capability for cell fabrication and prototyping activities as it enables handing of moisture sensitive chemicals. A suite of electrochemical characterisation devices can fully characterise prepared battery cells.

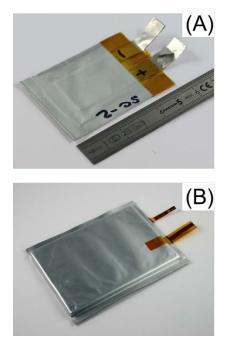


Figure 1: (A) Prototype single-layer pouch cell & (B) multi-layer pouch cell

Case study: protoyping supercapacitor technology for Deregallera

Despite lithium-ion technologies being the predominant energy storage technology, alternative and disruptive technologies are currently undergoing commercialisation.

Supercapacitors are energy storage devices that are best suited for use in high power applications. Deregallera, a materials discovery company based in Wales, with a portfolio of advanced materials for energy storage applications (supercapacitor and sodium-ion) contracted QinetiQ to prototype a new activated carbon (N47) for supercapacitor applications. Inks and films containing N47 active material along with binders and conductivity additives were created using industrial processes and fully characterised. Films were processed into single-layer pouch cells (N47-SLP) with the incorporation of a commercial separator and supercapacitor electrolyte (acetonitrile-based). To benchmark Deregallera's active material single-layer pouch cells were created with a "Commercial Carbon" (CC-SLP) that is used in supercapacitor devices.

Extensive electrochemical testing of single-layer pouch cells to evaluate electrical performance was undertaken. CC-SLP demonstrated a benchmark, stable performance of ~18 F.g⁻¹ at a cycle rate of 1 A.g⁻¹ (Figure 2A). In comparison, N47-SLP showed relativity poor performance with a lower capacity <15 F.g⁻¹ (when cycling at 1 A.g⁻¹) and considerable fade. Through further cell characterisation and a series of customer discussions it was decided to prepare and evaluate N47-SLP with alternative binder systems. Binders are present in the film to improve physical properties and are often regarded as an inactive component, with limited influence on the electrochemistry. An ink that utilised an alternative binder system dispersed in an aqueous solvent resulted in adherent films which were subsequently processed into cells (N47-SLP(aq.)). The electrochemical performance of these N47-SLP(aq.) cells was excellent, surpassing CC-SLP with observed capacity of ~25 F.g⁻¹ at 0.1 A.g⁻¹ (Figure 2B), almost a ~40% improvement. This performance was confirmed with duplicate N47-SLP(aq.) cells. Despite binder non-inherent electrochemical activity it can influence film performance through increased resistance and electrolyte restriction to the active material.

This prototyping example demonstrates how crucial electrochemical evaluation is undertaken in parallel with materials development and that full system optimisation and characterisation is required for effective technology transfer.



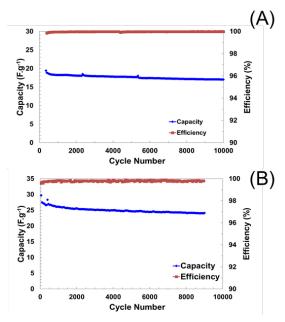


Figure 2: Capacity data for (A) CC-SLP and (B) N47-SLP(aq.)

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[5] Deregallera, web: <u>https://www.deregallera.com/</u>

Equivalent circuit EIS fitting with non-linear elements (This is the concise version, for background see full text article) * By Dr Antonie Baars, CEO and Founder, Ivium Technologies BV. Eindhoven

Ivium Technologies has developed a novel tool for the study of nonlinear Electrochemical systems using EIS. This enables higher amplitudes to be applied without causing measurement artefacts and so gives impedance results with a better signal/noise ratio. Also, extra information is obtained from the 2nd and 3rd order impedance derivatives. For Butler- Volmer type reactions, these can be used to determine Tafel slopes and rate constants. For semiconductors and batteries, higher orders offer great potential due to their higher sensitivity.

1. Non-linear equivalent circuit fitting with IviFit

IviFit is the circuit parameter extraction software, provided with the Ivium Technologies software package, within which the equivalent circuit can be defined as usual by dropping visual components on a network grid, see Figure 1. The innovation is the introduction of an additional component: H. This component corresponds with a set of derivatives that can apply to any Potential/Current relation. In this manner, the tool is compatible with any electrochemical process.

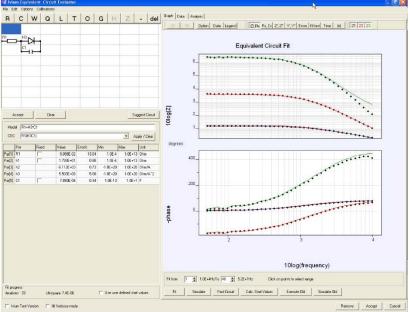


Figure 1: Equivalent Circuit Fitting with a non-linear component (semiconductor). Blue=1st order; $red=2^{nd}$ order; green=3rd order. The symbols are experimental points, whereas the lines are calculated from the fitted model.

The fitting can be done as usual. The 3^{rd} order analysis will yield 3 sets of complex plots. The tool delivers the fit-able parameters h1, h2, and h3. These correspond to the differentials $h_n = (d^n E/dJ^n)$.

One can derive these differentials from its current/potential equation, and so give practical meaning to the fitted result. Examples for Butler-Volmer, and semiconductors have already been worked out. Even when the I/E equation is not known (yet), one can use the result as a sensitive fingerprint

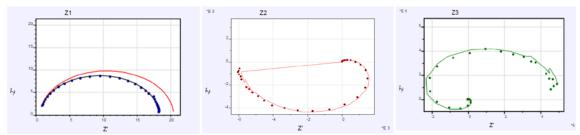


Figure 2: Nyquist plots for 3 orders, corresponding to lines and symbols in Figure 1. The extra red line in the Z1 plot is the theoretical 1st order impedance (zero amplitude).

The tool uses the experimental results from the first 3 harmonics as input, and models those on the differential equations with 3 orders. That yields 3 Nyquist plots, Z1..Z3 see Figure 2. It is important to realize that the 3 sets of experimental and modelled data are in fact one single modelled result. The separate order sets could not be independently modelled correctly due to the internal relations and between orders/harmonics. The zero-amplitude line in Figure 2, Z1 is evidence for this.

2. Applications

- Higher amplitudes, up to 150mV, can be used without introducing artefacts, when higher Signal/Noise ratios are required
- IviFit delivers 3 impedance plots, instead of only 1, increasing the amount of information that is obtained from a single experiment.
- IviFit delivers "amplitude independent" higher order data parameters h1/h2/h3, that allow comparison of data obtained at different experimental

circumstances. Even if the exact same amplitude were to be used by the potentiostat, small variations in ohmic resistance or surface area would cause differences in local amplitudes, resulting in major changes in the observed raw impedance data.

- In corrosion and electrode kinetics, by using a 3rd order analysis, we can obtain the rate constants, without prior assumption of the Tafelslopes.
- For semiconductor (and solar cell) impedance analysis results, we have similar relations from semiconductor theory, and can translate the result to physical meaning.

The potential advantage of moving to the higher order techniques is the promise of better sensitivity. It is now well known that the 1st order impedance result is more sensitive than the 0th order DC technique. Every next higher order derivative is more pronounced and shows more detail. This novel approach could therefore become a powerful addition to the R&D arsenal of tools.

* More information

For a copy of Ivium's complete paper, Equivalent Circuit Fitting with Non-Linear Elements, please email <u>info@alvatek.co.uk</u> to request a copy or call Steve Fryatt on 0800 5668228 (<u>steve.fryatt@alvatek.co.uk</u>)

SCI Electrochemistry Conference 2021

From the 10th-11th June 2021, researchers from the Materials Performance Centre and the Corrosion@Manchester group at the University of Manchester in the UK, in association with SCI, virtually hosted the annual SCI Electrochemistry Postgraduate Conference.

Over the course of 4 half-day sessions, early career researchers explored one another's research in the form of presentations with each session having a distinct topic: Electrochemical Storage Systems; Corrosion Science and Engineering; Advanced Electrochemical Detection Techniques; and Application of Electrochemistry. Presentation titles included Hydrotropic Effect of Ionic Liquids in Water-in-Salt Electrolyte; The Effect of secondary Ageing Treatment on the Localised Corrosion Behaviour of Precipitation-Hardened Stainless Steel; Electrochemical Detection of DNA Methylation as a Sensor for Cancer; and Additive Manufacturing of Polyaniline Electrodes.

Participation ranged from all over the globe, with keynote speakers from Turkey, Canada, UK, and Germany. The event was sponsored by international companies including Alvatek, Acadiate, the Royal Society of Chemistry, Metrohm Electrochemistry, Henry Royce Institute, Gamry and the International Society of Electrochemistry.

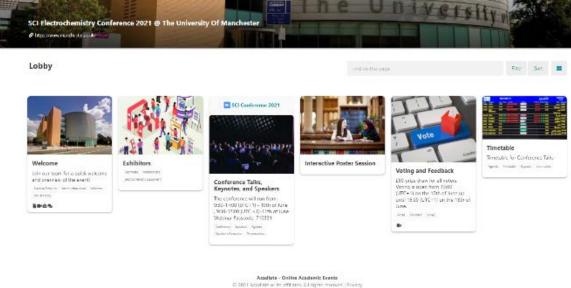
Overall, the conference was a successful event and researchers who were not able to present orally did so via interactive posters on our online conference platform, Acadiate, where they presented an interactive showcase of their work and in the form of virtual posters.

Altogether, there were 176 registered participants with 4 keynote speakers, 22 poster presentations and 15 early career researcher presentations. 3 prizes were awarded for the best presentations and 4 prizes were awarded for the best posters with an additional winner for the best interactive showcase. Each student had the chance to and get involved with in-depth discussions about work in their field.

The showcases are still active and can be viewed <u>here</u>

Below are images of the final SCI conference schedule (Day One) and our virtual landing page.





SCI Electrochemistry Conference 2021 @ The University Of Manchester

Future conferences:



International Society of Electrochemistry

Several events have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic. Please check carefully in the events website.

July 2021

11-16 July 2021 (tentatively) 17th International Symposium on Polymer Electrolytes (ISPE-17)

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada *Organizers*: Tom Zawodzinski, Steve Greenbaum, Aimy Bazylak *Secretariat*: <u>ISPE17.2019@gmail.com</u> <u>https://utconferences.eventsair.com/international-symposium-on-polymer-electrolytes-</u> <u>2020-ispe/</u>

15-17 July 2021 ** (Sponsored by Division 7) **1st International Conference on Electrocatalysis**

Hong Kong, China *Chair*: Minhua Shao *Secretariat*: <u>ecat2020@ust.hk</u> <u>https://ice2020.ust.hk/</u>

18-23 July 2021 \rightarrow (online event) 17th International Symposium on Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFC-XVII)

(Stockholm) Sweden Secretariat: <u>customerservice@electrochem.org</u> <u>https://www.electrochem.org/sofc-xvii</u>

21 – 23 July 2021 6th International Congress on Water, Waste and Energy Management (WWEM-6)

Rome, Italy https://www.waterwaste-20.com/

22-24 July $2021 \rightarrow$ (hybrid live & online event) 17th International Conference on Advanced Nanomaterials

Aveiro, Portugal Secretariat: <u>info@anmportugal.com</u> https://www.advanced-nanomaterials-conference.com/anm-home/

26-29 July 2021

Biosensors 2020/2021 (31st Anniversary World Congress on Biosensors)

Busan, Korea https://www.elsevier.com/events/conferences/world-congress-on-biosensors

August 2021

19-22 August 2021 23rd International Conference on Materials, Methods & Technologies

Burgas, Bulgaria https://www.sciencebg.net/en/conferences/materials-methods-and-technologies/

26-28 August 2021 ** (Sponsored by Executive Committee) \rightarrow (postponed to August 2022 – see ahead)

Journées de Chimie Analytique 2021 (JCA2021)

Libreville, Gabon *Contact*: Emmanuel Ngameni <u>engameni@yahoo.fr</u> <u>Secretariat</u>: jca-2021@sciencesconf.org <u>https://jca-2021.sciencesconf.org</u>

29 August - 3 September 2021 ** → (hybrid live & online event) 72nd Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry "Electrochemistry from Fundamentals to Products"

Jeju Island, Korea Secretariat: events@ise-online.org https://annual72.ise-online.org

September 2021

5-7 September 2021 (to be confirmed) Electrochem2021 Nottingham, UK *Contact*: Darren Walsh darren.walsh@nottingham.ac.uk https://www.soci.org/events/electrochem-2020

5-8 September 2021

Advances in Corrosion Protection by Organic Coatings (ACPOC)

Cambridge, United Kingdom *Chair*: Stuart Lyon https://acpocconference.wordpress.com/

5-10 September $2021 \rightarrow$ (hybrid live & online event) 35th Conference of the European Colloid and Interface Society (ECIS 2 21)

Athens, Greece Secretariat: info@ecis2021.org https://www.ecis2021.org/

12-22 September $2021 \rightarrow$ (online event)

12th International Conference on Hydrogen Production (ICH2P-2021)

"Hydrogen for a Green Future" (Messina) Italy Hon. Chair: T. Nejat Veziroglu Secretariat: postmaster@ich2p-2021.org https://www.ich2p-2021.org/

19-23 September 2021 → (online event) EUROCORR 2021

Budapest, Hungary https://efcweb.org/Events/Calendar+of+events/EUROCORR.html

22-24 September 2021 ** (Sponsored by Divisions 4 & 7) **Triboelectrochemistry**

Bonn, Germany Contact: <u>Helmut Baltruschat</u> <u>baltruschat@uni-bonn.de</u>

28 September – 2 October 2021 6th International Conference on Oxide Materials for Electronic Engineering – Fabrication, Properties and Application (OMEE-2021)

Lviv, Ukraina Secretariat: <u>omee@lpnu.ua</u> http://science.lpnu.ua/omee-2021

October 2021

6-8 October 2021 ** (Sponsored by Division 4) 3rd International Workshop on Functional Nanostructured Materials (FuNaM-3)

Krakow, Poland *Chair*: Grzegorz Sulka *Secretariat*: <u>funam@chemia.uj.edu.pl</u> <u>http://www.funam.confer.uj.edu.pl/</u>

10-14 October 2021 240th Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS)

Orlando, FL, USA Secretariat: <u>meetings@electrochem.org</u> <u>https://www.electrochem.org/240</u>

10-15 October 2021 16th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems (SDEWES2021)

Dubrovnik, Croatia https://www.dubrovnik2021.sdewes.org/

18-22 October 2021 ** (Sponsored by Division 6) 11th International Frumkin Symposium on Electrochemistry

Moscow, Russia Contact: M.A. Vorotyntsev, A.A. Nekrasov <u>mivo2010@yandex.com</u>, <u>alexander.nek@gmail.com</u> <u>http://frumkinsymp.ru/</u>

20-22 October 2021 6th Edition of the European Graphene Forum (EGF 2021)

Milan, Italy Secretariat: info@setcor.org https://www.setcor.org/conferences/egf-2021

November 2021

5-9 November 2021 ** (Sponsored by Divisions 1 & 2) 10th Workshop on Surface Modification for Chemical and Biochemical Sensing (SMCBS'2021)

Warsaw, Poland *Contact*: Włodzimierz Kutner <u>wkutner@ichf.edu.pl</u> <u>https://www.smcbs.pl</u>

21-24 November 2021 **

30th Topical Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry "Electrochemical Deposition for Semiconductor and Green Energy" Tainan, Taiwan

Secretariat: events@ise-online.org https://topical30.ise-online.org

23-25 November 2021 Nano Singapore 2020 International Conference & Exhibition Suntec, Singapore

https://www.setcor.org/conferences/Nano-Singapore

29 November – 2 December 2021

10th International Conference on Molecular Electronics (ElecMol)

Lyon, France Secretariat: elecmol@sciencesconf.org elecmol@services.cnrs.fr http://www.elecmol.com/

30 November – 2 December 2021

Stainless Steel World Conference & Exhibition

Maastricht, The Netherlands *Secretariat*: Ms. Kiyo Ichikawa <u>k.ich1ikawa@kci-world.com</u> <u>https://stainless-steel-world-event.com/</u>

December 2021

6-9 December 2021 (in preparation) Conference on Advances in Catalysis, Energy, and Environmental Research (CACEE-2021)

Hyderabad, India *Contact*: T.N. Narayanan <u>tnn@tifrh.res.in</u> *Secretariat*: <u>info@tifrh.res.in</u> <u>https://cacee2020.tifrh.res.in/</u>

January 2022

9-10 January 2022 Gordon Research Conference

Electrochemistry

"Fundamental to Applied Electrochemistry: New Frontiers in Charge Transfer Theory, Electrocatalysis, Materials for Energy Conversion/Storage, Sensing and Separations" Ventura, CA, USA *Chairs*: Stephen Maldonado, Francis P. Zamborini http://www.grc.org/electrochemistry-conference/2022/

March 2022

3-10 March 2022 CORROSION 2022 – Conference & Exhibition

San Antonio, TX, USA Organizers: NACE International https://www.nacecorrosion.org/

May 2022

15-19 May 2022 **

31st Topical Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry

"Theory and Computation in Electrochemistry: Seeking Synergies in Methods, Materials and Systems" Aachen, Germany

Secretariat: events@ise-online.org

29 May – 2 June 2022 **241st Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS)** Vancouver, BC, Canada

Secretariat: meetings@electrochem.org

June 2022

12-16 June 2022 17th Conference of the International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists (IACIS 2022)

Brisbane, Australia *Contact*: Conference Managers <u>iacis2022@arinex.com.au</u>



July 2022

10-15 July 2022 Gordon Research Conference

Aqueous Corrosion

New London, WI, USA *Chairs*: Jamie J. Noel, Mary P. Ryan https://www.grc.org/aqueous-corrosion-conference/2022/

31 July – 5 August 2022 Gordon Research Conference

Electrochemical Interfaces in Energy Conversion and Storage

Ventura, CA, USA *Chairs*: Minhua Shao, Jean Marie Tarascon, Nenad M. Markovic, Yi Cui <u>http://www.grc.org/electrochemical-interfaces-in-energy-conversion-and-storageconference/2022/</u>

August 2022

7-12 August 2022 Gordon Research Conference

Ionic Liquids

Newry, Me, USA Chairs: Paul C. Trulove, Jared L. Anderson <u>https://www.grc.org/ionic-liquids-</u> conference/2022/

26-28 August 2022 ** (Sponsored by Executive Committee) **Journées de Chimie Analytique 2022** (**JCA2022**) Libreville, Gabon *Contact*: Emmanuel Ngameni

engameni@yahoo.fr Secretariat: jca-2021@sciencesconf.org https://jca-2021.sciencesconf.org

28 August - 01 September 2022 **EUROCORR 2022**

"Corrosion in a Changing World - Energy, Mobility, Digitalization" Berlin, Germany https://efcweb.org/Events/Calendar+of+events/EUROCORR.html (updated site not yet available)

October 2022

9-13 October 2022 242nd Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS)

Atlanta, GA, USA Secretariat: <u>meetings@electrochem.org</u>

23-28 October 2022 ** 73rd Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry "Electrochemistry-Powering a Healthier Planet"

Xiamen, China Secretariat: <u>events@ise-online.org</u>

November 2022

27 - 30 November ** 33rd ISE Topical Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry "Challenges in Molecular Electrochemistry and Surface Reactivity" Santiago, Chile

Secretariat: events@ise-online.org

May 2023

28 May – 1 June 2023 243rd Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS)

Boston, MA Secretariat: <u>meetings@electrochem.org</u>

September 2023

3-8 September 2023 ** 74th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry

Lyon, France Secretariat: <u>events@ise-online.org</u>

October 2023

8-12 October 2023 244th Meeting of the Electrochemical Society (ECS)

Gothenburg, Sweden Secretariat: <u>meetings@electrochem.org</u>

2024

18-23 August 2024 ** 75th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry

Montréal, Canada Secretariat: events@ise-online.org

Electrochem 2021:

Electrochem 2021

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Online

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Prizes

Barker Medal 2020

Julie Macpherson <u>University of Warwick</u>

Sheelagh Campbell Award 2020

Virgil Andrei <u>University of Cambridge</u>,

Faraday Medal 2020 Shirley Meng

University of California

Fleischmann Lecture 2021

Hubert Girault <u>École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland</u>

Parsons Lecture 2021

Max Garcia Melchor <u>Trinity College Dublin, Ireland</u>

Sheelagh Campbell Award 2021

Alfie Wills <u>Strathclyde-GSK collaborative PhD programme</u>

Faraday Medal 2021 Peter Strasser <u>Technische Universität Berlin, Germany</u>

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Electrochemical Technology

The Electrochemical Technology Technical Interest Group is involved in all aspects of the application of electrochemical science and engineering. The Group's aim is to promote research and development of electrochemistry which leads to the production of appropriate technologies and industrial and consumer products. The Group provides an interface between academia and industry and is a forum for promoting research



and collaboration between a range of scientific and engineering disciplines.

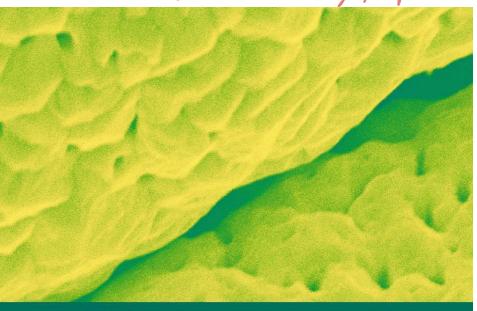
Industrial sectors

Electrochemical activities cut across all industrial sectors, including chemical, pharmaceutical, electrical, electronic and micro-electronic, information technology, mining and metallurgical, biotechnology, transportation, medical, water and wastewater. As such, the Group's interests include applications of electrochemistry in:

- sensors and monitors
- energy conversion and storage
- > synthesis of chemicals, pharmaceuticals, biochemicals, polymers and electronic materials
- materials protection, processing and fabrication
- environmental protection and control

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RSC Electrochemistry Group



RSC Electrochemistry Group

This RSC Group is part of the Faraday Division, involved in all aspects of electrochemical processes (fuel cells, energy sources, analytical devices and sensors, electrochemical planting and synthesis, fundamental research etc).

Activities:

- The Group organises the annual 'Electrochem' meetings (Faraday Medal) to reward outstanding international scientists. For up-to-date information, go to the RSC's web pages for the Electrochemistry Group.
- The Electrochemistry newsletter: available quarterly, in pdf, from our RSC web pages, it highlights events' reports and general sector's news and insights.
- Student bursaries: to support/encourage graduate students giving lectures on their PhD work at national and/or international conferences.
- Outreach: activities involving the public and schools to raise awareness of the fundamental importance of electrochemical processes today.



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The Electroanalytical Sensing Systems Group

The Electroanalytical Sensing Systems Group is one of the RSC's many Interest Groups. The Interest Groups are member driven groups which exist to benefit RSC members, and the wider chemical science community, in line with the RSC's strategy and charter.

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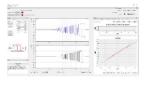
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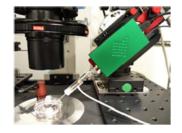
Electrochemistry Solutions - What's New?

Elements Ultra low noise current amplifiers for

nanopore and electrophysiology research.

Alvatek is now the official UK distributor for Elements Srl products. Elements specialises in pico- and nano-scale electrochemistry measurements ranging from live cells to bio- and solid state nanopore sensing.





PalmSens Sensit BT- Handheld, wireless dual

channel potentiostat with EIS to 200kHz

- Dual channel / Bipotentiostat
- EIS to 200kHz
- Current Ranges 100nA 5mA (3mA max)
- USB / Battery Power
- £1.5K ex VAT

Ivium pocketStat2- handheld potentiostat with

EIS to 1MHz

- Low noise design with 100pA current range (optionally 10pA)
- EIS to 100kHz and current to 30mA
- Optional battery and BlueTooth.
- <£3.5K ex VAT

OctoStat30-8 independent potentiostats each with EIS.

For applications requiring simultaneous EIS measurements on multiple cells. (also for multichannel battery cycling with lvium's new CycliScan software)

- 30mA per channel
- EIS to 100kHz (NEW option to 1MHz)
- Are £1.5K per channel ex VAT





ALSO...

We are pleased to offer MICRUX microfluidic cells, sensors and platforms to complement our BASi range.

We are now the official UK distributor for EL-Cell battery fixtures and cells (more in our Energy News page in this newsletter.

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Electrochemistry, Fuel Cell & Battery Research & Test Solutions

New Product Information



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Energy Research Solutions - What's New?

EL-Cell - battery test cells & fixtures

Alvatek is now the official UK exclusive distributor for El-Cell GmbH. El-Cell's unique combination of Electrochemistry and mechanical engineering expertise is evident in its innovative and high quality range of cells, systems and dilatometers for battery research.

- Test Cells
- Temperature chambers
- Precision Tools: cutters and punches
- Dilatometers



Ivium CycliScan - cycler software

Included IviumSoft, Ivium's electrochemical software, CycliScan provides a look and feel familiar to battery researchers. Also adds functionality (such as **drive cycle simulation**) and safety features essential for battery research.



IVICycle - 32 channel cycler with EIS

This **32** channel multi-potentiostat / battery cycler includes independent EIS per channel and both Cycler and Electrochemistry capabilities.

- 30mA to 5A per channel (16A with booster).
- Per-channel costs start around £1K.

NanoCycler – 8-channel cycler

- 10mA per channel OR
- 100mA max per channel
- Including software < £4,000 total

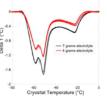


IviCycler

Non-destructive Electrolyte

Measurements

Novonix's Differential Thermal Analysis (DTA) system enables the reliable measurement of the evolution of liquid electrolyte in lithium-ion cells and other electrochemical cells.



Electrolyser Test Systems

Scribner's new 600ETS and E857 systems flexibly address electrolyser researcher requirements across a wide range of materials, liquids and gases.



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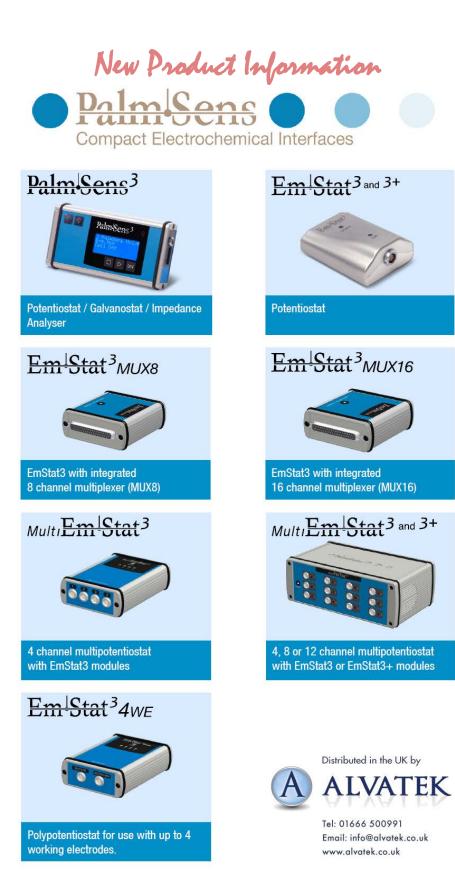
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Electrochemistry, Fuel Cell & Battery Research & Test Solutions



Electrochemistry? There's an app for that





New Product Information



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April 2013: ALVATEK and BASi sign UK distribution contract

A Selection from the BASi range of electrochemistry accessories. These can be found at <u>www.basinc.com/products/ec.html</u>

Electrochemical Cell Packages

- C-3 Cell Stand for Voltammetry
- Controlled Growth Mercury Electrode (CGME) for Polarography
- RDE-2 Rotating Disk Electrode
- Bulk Electrolysis Cell
- Thin-Layer Cross-Flow Cell
- Spectroelectrochemical Cell
- Glucose Sensor Interface

Electrodes

- Working Electrodes for Voltammetry
- Working Electrodes for Bulk Electrolysis
- Microelectrodes
- Reference Electrodes
- Auxiliary Electrodes
- Wired Enzyme Electrode
- Polishing Kit and Supplies

Cells

- Cell Vials
- Cell Tops
- Gas Sparging & Magnetic Stirring
- VC-2 Voltammetry Cell
- Low Volume Cell

For more information on any of the above products please contact Steve Fryatt at Alvatek



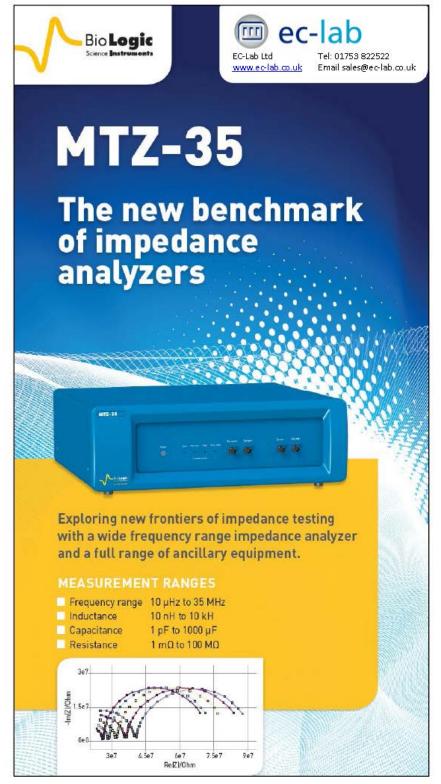
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PARSTATTM MC multichannel potentiostat/galvanostat

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- Features the most popular electrochemical acquisition and analysis software solution, VersaStudio
 - Floating ground allows testing of multiple samples in the same cell



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New Product Information

New Solartron EnergyLab XM for Energy Research

The Solartron EnergyLab XM is an electrochemical impedance workstation designed specifically for energy storage research:

- Batteries
- Supercapacitors
- Fuel cells

New Application-Focussed Product Line

The EnergyLab XM is the first of a new application-specific range of potentiostats from Solartron Analytical (Ametek), with small footprints and affordable pricing. There will be four systems in the range, which will be launched over the coming months.

Follow Blue Scientific on Linked In to receive details of the new instruments as they are announced.

EnergyLab XM

The first product in the series to launch is EnergyLab XM, for impedance testing of a variety of energy storage devices, including the testing of batteries, supercapacitors and fuel cells. The system includes all components required for this area of research, eliminating the need for costly hardware add-ons. The system includes:

- A reference grade potentiostat
- Frequency response analyser (FRA)
- 2A booster

The unit may be operated in boosted or unboosted mode (with automatic switching), providing optimum test conditions and accuracy for a wide range of devices.

EnergyLab XM's extreme sensitivity is ideal for complete characterisation of prototype low current or low impedance new generation cells. If high current is needed, external boosters can be connected and automatically controlled, allowing fully integrated high current tests at up to 100A.

For more information and quotes, please contact Blue Scientific, exclusive distributor for Solartron Analytical in the UK and Ireland, on 01223 422 269 or <u>info@blue-scientific.com</u>

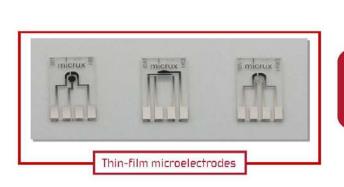




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