



Séminaire ASPROM

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Les Batteries du Futur : le silicium ?



Materials booster

Develop, produce & sell



Silicon-based nanopowders that **disruptively improve** the properties of industrial materials



Continuous Innovation



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- A spin off of  (2010)
- The technology is protected by several CEA patents, granted with exclusive rights to 
- which pursued innovating and filed several own patents :



Patent Title	Grant dates	Filing dates
“Method for producing multilayer submicron particles by laser pyrolysis” : coated particles (Si ₃ N ₄ C)	juin 2015 (France)	Juillet 2012 (France) Juillet 2013 (PCT)
“Submicron particles containing aluminium” : Si ₃ N ₄ Al		Nov. 2013 (France) Nov. 2014 (PCT)
“Method for producing a polymer based material“		Sep. 2015 (France)
“Valve and sealed container for submicron particles, and method for using same” : Safe Containers and NanoAirlock valves	sept. 2016 (Japan)	Nov. 2011 (PCT) Nov. 2012 (France)
“Suspension system for sub micron particles in a liquid, and method for using same” : Safe Containers external pump system		Février 2013 (France)



Continuous Innovation

 with & for **global partners**



For LiB, NMKS collaborates with **80%** of the **world Li-ion battery market** and particularly with **all the technological and industrial leaders** : **Panasonic, Samsung, GS Yuasa, LG Chem...** and their suppliers



Highest quality
process & products



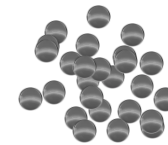
Highest quality process & products

Precise, reliable and secure technology

... guarantee of results

Laser pyrolysis process:

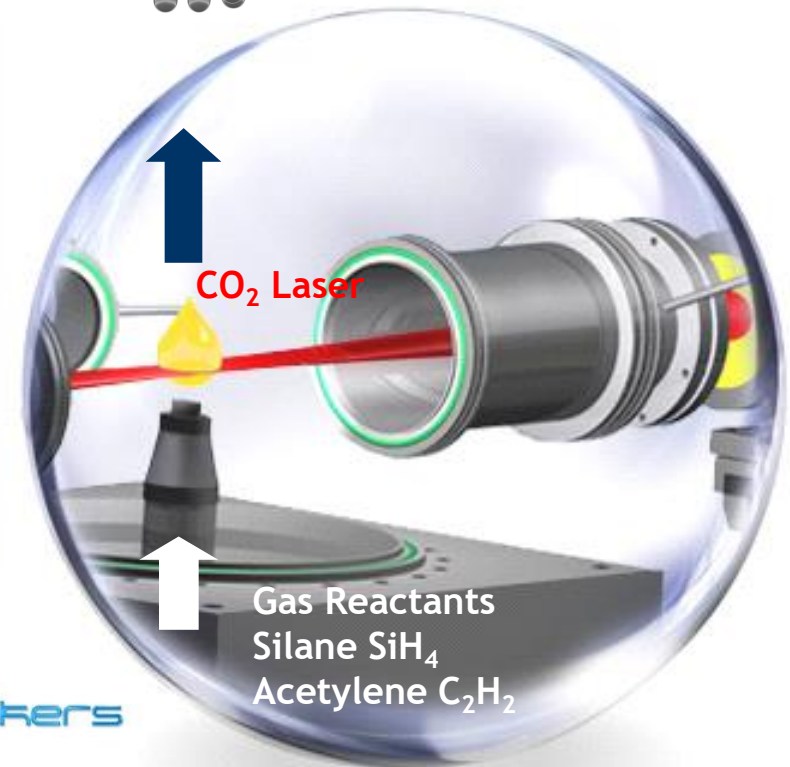
1. The laser beam breaks the molecules of gaseous or vapor-phase precursors
2. Nanoparticles start building up abruptly
3. Particle size is controlled by a fast quenching which stops the particle growth



SiC, SiOC / Si nanopowders

Experience and expertise:

- 33 years of CEA know how
- 7 years at pilot scale
- 5 years at industrial scale



cea Patented technology



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Various value propositions

...

under different forms

SiΩC



Very High Purity
(20 - 100 nm)
internally patented



Very High Purity
(15 - 100 nm)
Mass production

SiC



High Purity « Mass Market »
(30 - 100 nm)
under devt

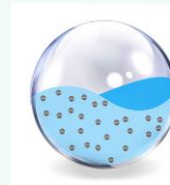
Valu



Flowing powder



Granulated powder



Suspension



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Laser pyrolysis  nanomakers

... 4 advantages

Homogeneous :

Low particle size deviation.

Pure :

High purity batches, low O₂ & metallic content

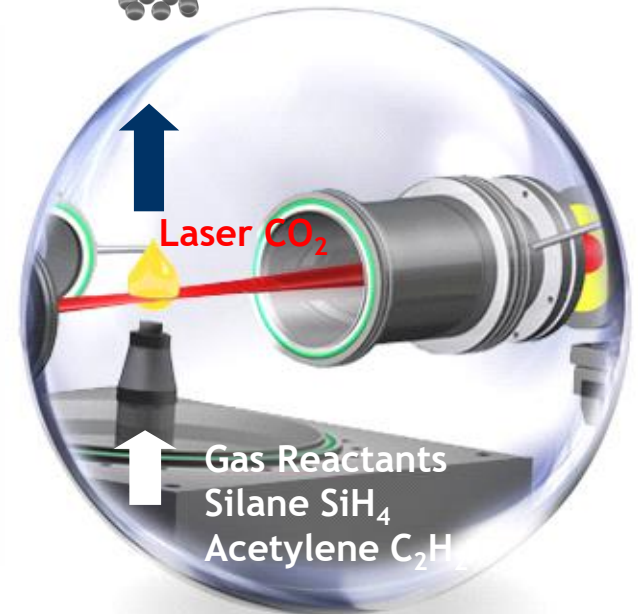
Reproducible :

Similar particle size distribution, chemical composition from one lot to another.

Customizable:

Size, Surface, Coating

SiC, Si₃N₄ / Si nanopowders



Our customers say (Eck Industries (USA), April 2014) :

« First of all the **quality** of the powder received from Nanomakers was **very good**. The particle **distribution** was **very tight** and there was **no** apparent chemical **contamination**. From a practical aspect that means better incorporation into the melt and shorter processing times to get an acceptable particle distribution. I do not hesitate to say the **Nanomakers SiC** is the **best on the market**. »



Highest quality process & products

Superior quality recognized ... by experts :

Kazuya Shimoda and Takaaki Koyanagi

NIMS - National Institute for Materials Science, Ibaraki and **Kyoto University**, Kyoto

nanomakers n°1

- IEST - Institute of Energy Science & Technology Co. Ltd., **Japan**
- Marketech International Inc., **USA**

regarding :

- **Particles size distribution**,
- **C/Si ratio**,
- **Impurities content and O₂**,
- **Industrial production capability**

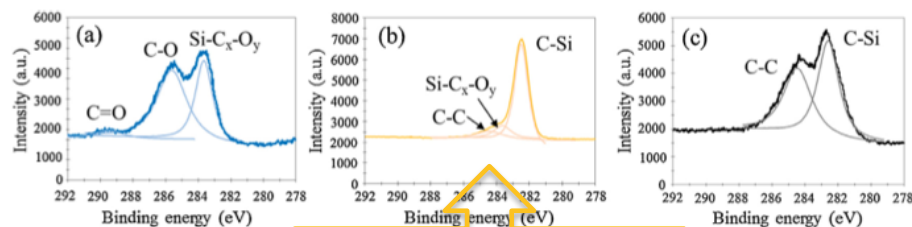
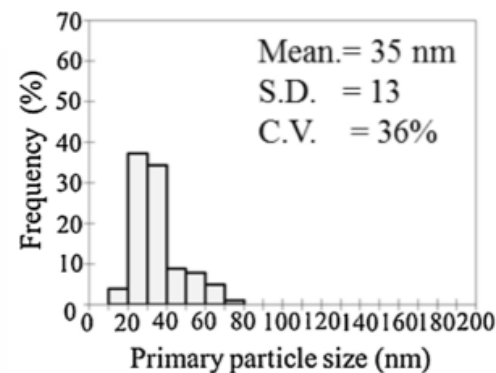


Fig. 7. XPS spectra of C 1s peak for (a) SiCN-1, (b) SiCN-2, and (c) SiCN-3.

In :

« Surface properties and dispersion behaviors of **SiC nanopowders** »,

in Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochem. Eng. Aspects 463 (**Sept. 2014**) 93



An Industrial Company



An industrial company

Industrial production facility in Rambouillet

... since 2012

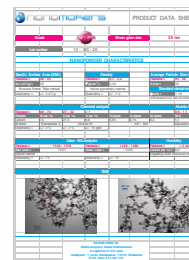
➤ **10-20 t/year**

- Storage & distribution  **AIR LIQUIDE for 200+ t/year**



➤ **Quality control**

- Procedures, Certificate of Analysis
- Own control lab
- ISO 9001



NANOMAKERS		PRODUCT DATA SHEET
Product Name		
Product Code		
Lot Number		
Manufacturing Date		
Expiry Date		
Storage Conditions		
Analysis Method		
Analysis Results		
Quality Control		
ISO 9001		



➤ **« no contact » Strategy**

- for small and larger quantities
















Creating value for our customers



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Examples of applications: mech & chem reinforcement / batteries density

PRODUCT	MATERIAL improved	APPLICATIONS	MARKETS	LOAD nano SiC	VALUE PROPOSITIONS 
SiC 99 	Perfluorolastomers marketed	Very high performances seals	Semi-Conductors (Production equipment) 	10-20%	Purity (ppm) Chemical resistance Seal lifetime Eqpt. reliability & availability
SiC97 	Fluoroelastomers	High performances seals	Aerospace, Automotive 	5-20%	Mechanical performances Seal lifetime
SiC99, SiC97 	Aluminum	Structure Envelope	Aerospace, Defence, Automotive 	2-5%	Lighter vehicle (-30% aluminum mass) Carbon footprint
SiC99, SiC97	Metallic, plastic or composite powders	Additive manufacturing	Aerospace, Automotive 		Mechanical performances
Si Ω C99 	Anodes 	Li-ion batteries	Electric vehicles Mobile communication 	15-30%	Energy density (x 2) Patent n°13 63098



Creating value for our customers

Application for Lithium-ion Battery

The industry consensus around silicon-based anode material

- Strong demand for innovation with major R&D efforts aiming at:
 - i. **improving density** (autonomy)
 - ii. improving lifetime
- Technical improvements have mainly taken place on the cathode material so far
- Industry research efforts currently cast on **improving anode capacity** using **silicon** instead of graphite, multiplying energy storage but generating **two major challenges**:

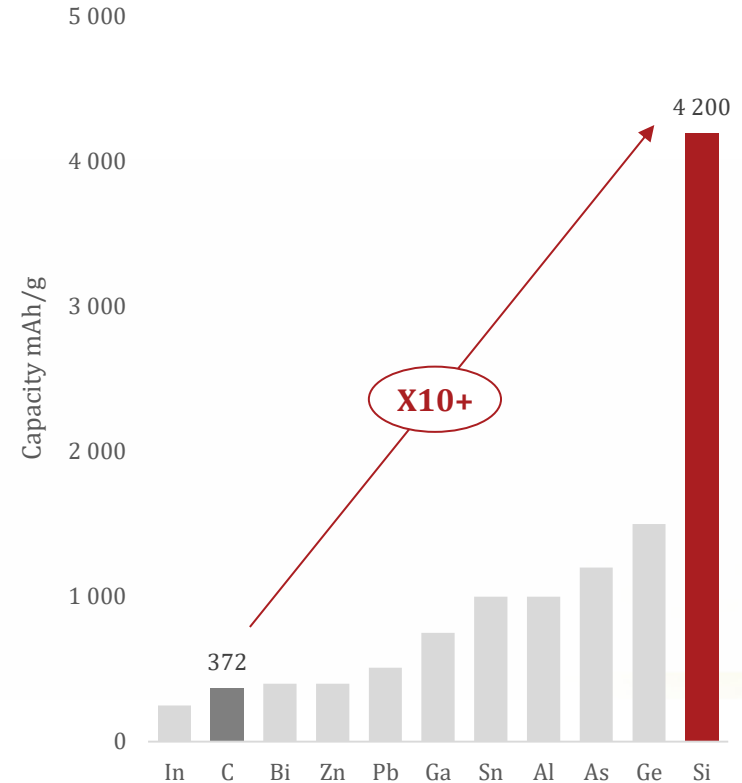


Cracking



Oxidation

Silicon performances vs. carbon



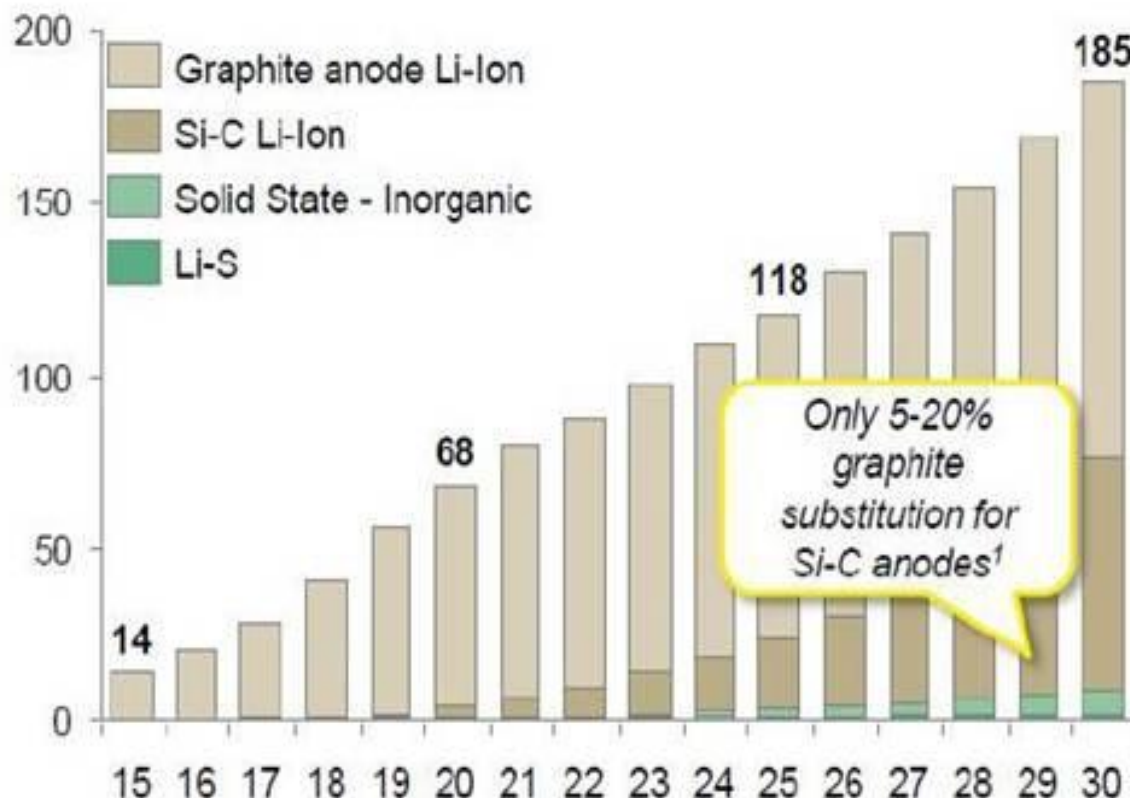
*Solving the cracking and oxidation issues are **key enablers** for the commercialization of new generation Li-ion batteries : NM Si Ω C*



Market study for Lithium-ion Battery

nano-Si in post-Li-ion, too

GWh PHEV and FEV battery production, per technology



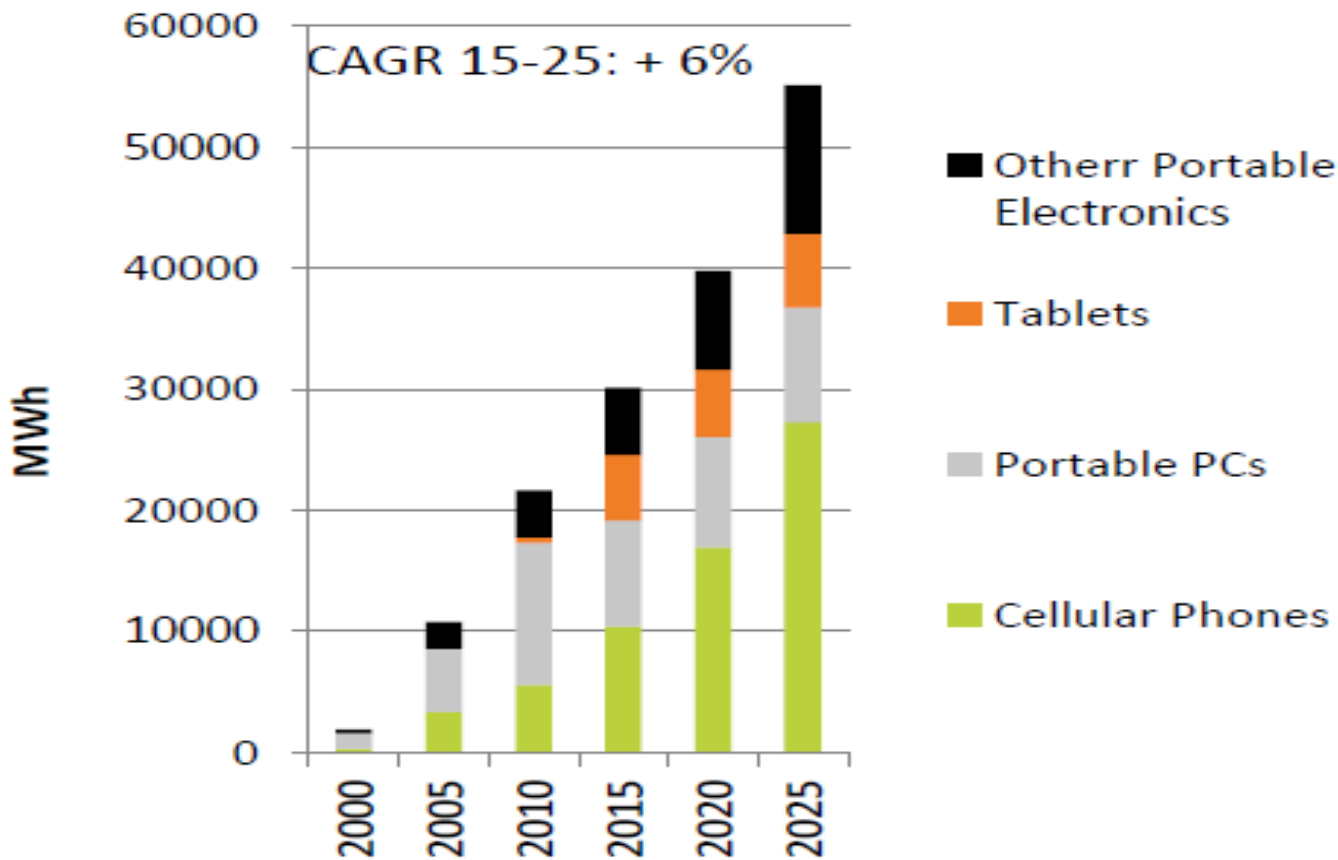
source: BCG Study

... and then far beyond 2030



Market study for Lithium-ion Battery

2000-2025 LIB market, MWh, by application (3C)



Source: Avicenne Energy



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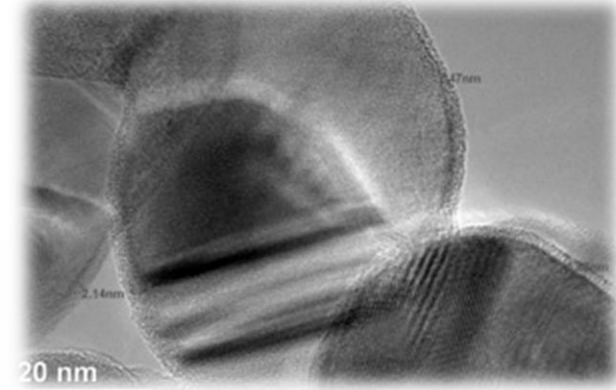
Perspectives nano-Si @ 2030 (tpa)

Forecast	2020			2025			2030			
Target markets	Anode material (ton)	Composite Si-C (ton)	% Si-C in overall power	Anode material (ton)	Composite Si-C (ton)	% Si-C in overall power	Anode material (ton)	Composite Si-C (ton)	% Si-C in overall power	
EV	62 468	1 750	7%	93 701	7 000	16,6%	109 318	24 500	37,4%	
3C	40 000	2 000	5%	55 000	5 500	10%	64 000	21 120	33%	
Other niche markets	8 000	1200	15%	12 000	3 000	25%	14 000	8 400	60%	
Tonnage	110 500	4 950	CAGR = 5,5 % (AM) / 27% (Si-C)				187 318	54 100	Tonnage calculated based on graphite with a capacity of 300 mAh/g and Si-C composite with a capacity of 800 mAh/g	



NM Si Ω C99 Product features:

- Silicon nanoparticles with carbon coating
- Different sizes:
 - 40 nm
 - 75 nm
- **Uniform amorphous carbon coating of 1-2nm**
- **High purity**
- **Homogeneous particle size distribution**
- **Crystalline silicon core – mainly amorphous carbon shell**
- **Low oxygen content (< 2 % wt)**
- **No SiC**





NM SiΩC99 (intrinsic) Product Advantages:

- **Silicon's lithium storage** capacity potential of more than **10X** that of graphite (4000 instead of 400 mAh/g) enables high energy densities.
- Our novel nanocomposite **SiΩC** **overcomes** the **limitations** of pure or bulk **Si** (cracking and oxydation)
- **Carbon shell i) protects Si** from direct **electrolyte** exposure, **ii) favors** the creation of a **stable SEI** layer, and **iii) improves the affinity of Si** with most **graphites** and **binders** (CMC, PVDF...).
- **Chain like** structure enables high electronic and ionic **conductivities** of SiΩC.
- Softness and compliance of low crystallized carbon allows **SiΩC** to **change shape** and size without failure.



NM Si Ω C99 Product Advantages (in composite) :

- Anode performance is improved when using a **structured Graphite/n-Si composite**, which offers significant improvements in both the **specific capacity** and the volumetric capacity over commercially used graphite.
- Such composites show **excellent cycling performance** and **first irreversible capacity**.

Half cell versus metal Li

Si Ω C99 composite (80) : VGCF (2,5) : Super P (2,5) : CMC (15)

Total Si content : 16%

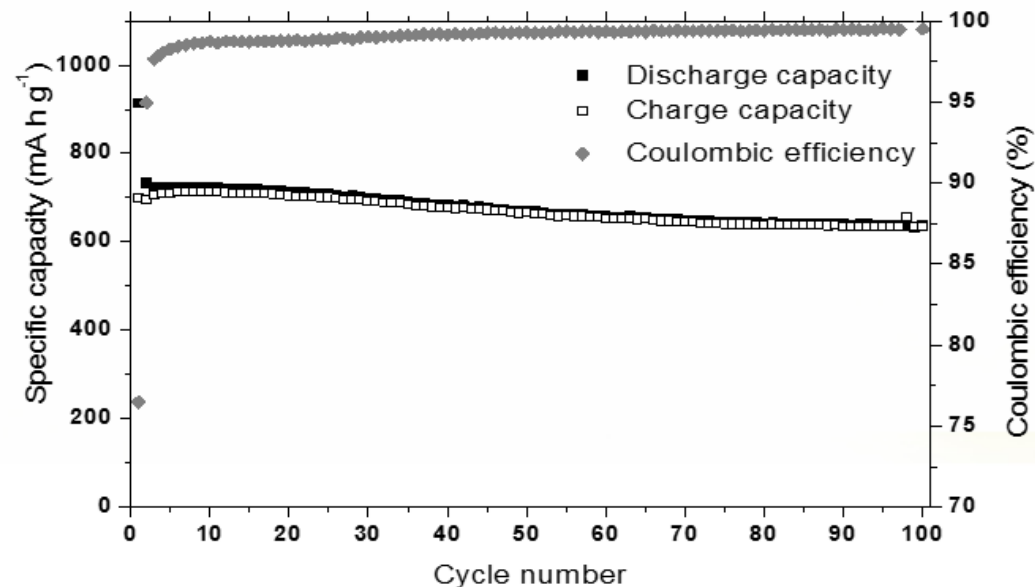
Grammage : 2 mg.cm⁻²

Electrolyte EC:PC:DMC 1:1:3 + 1wt%VC + 5wt%FEC + 1M LiPF₆

Lithiation CCCV to 10 mV

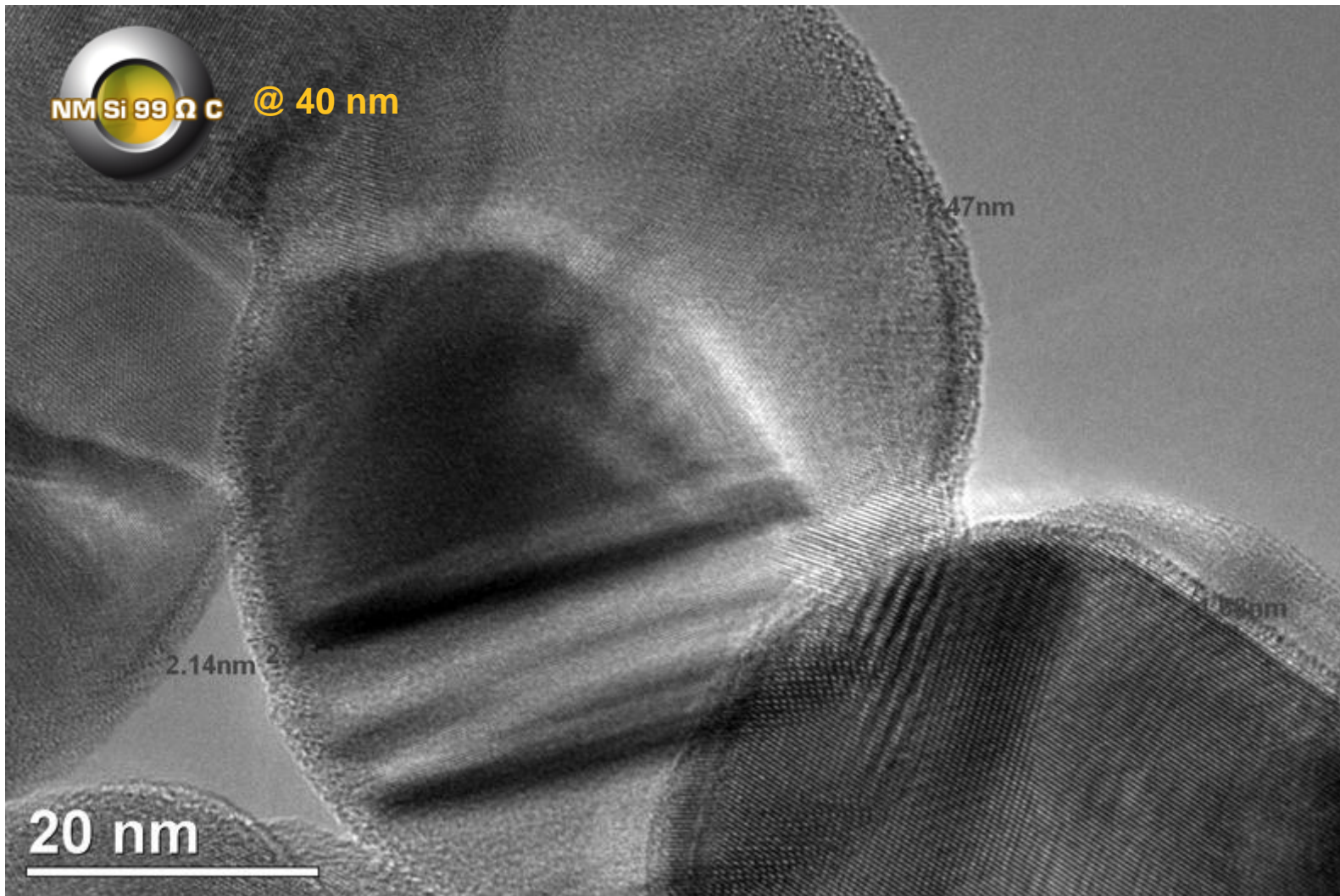
Delithiation CC 1,5 V

Rate : C/5 (first cycle C/20)



- The superior electrochemical properties are attributed to the **uniform distribution** of **nano-sized Si** phase, the protecting and buffering action of graphite and an **enhanced** electronic and ionic **conduction** by carbon-coating.

Batteries of the future



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When infinitely small makes a
difference :

the « **Nano effect** »

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