



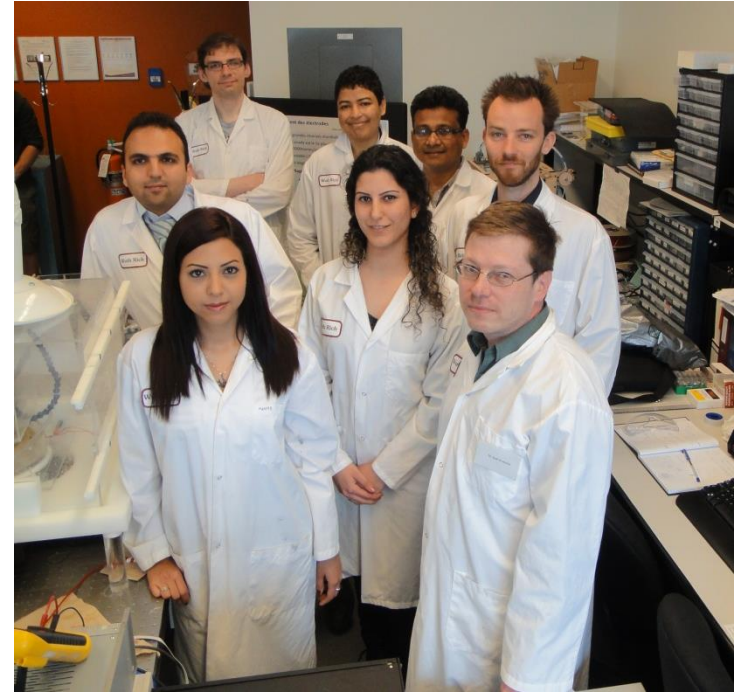
## Electrochemical Green Engineering Group

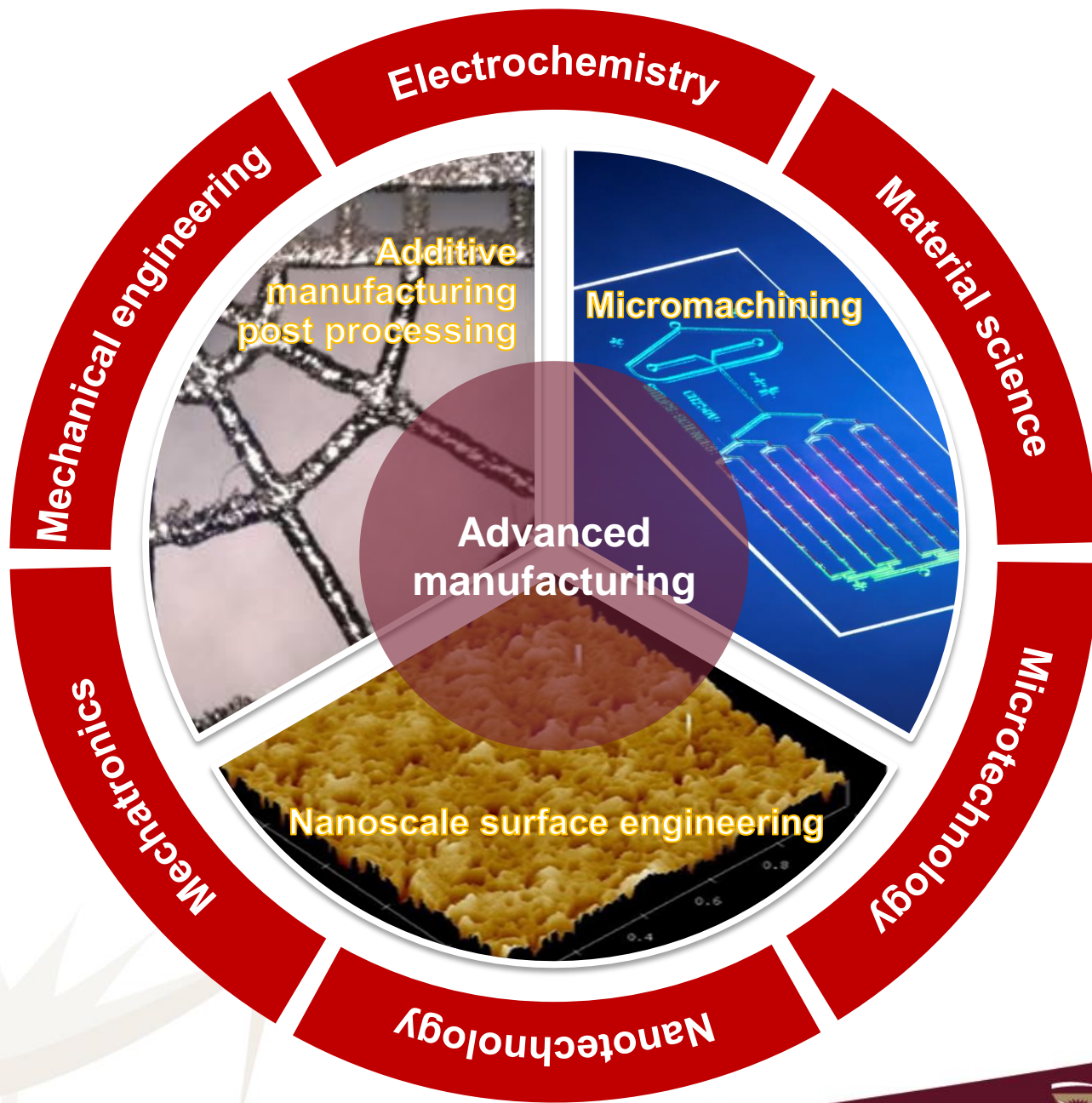
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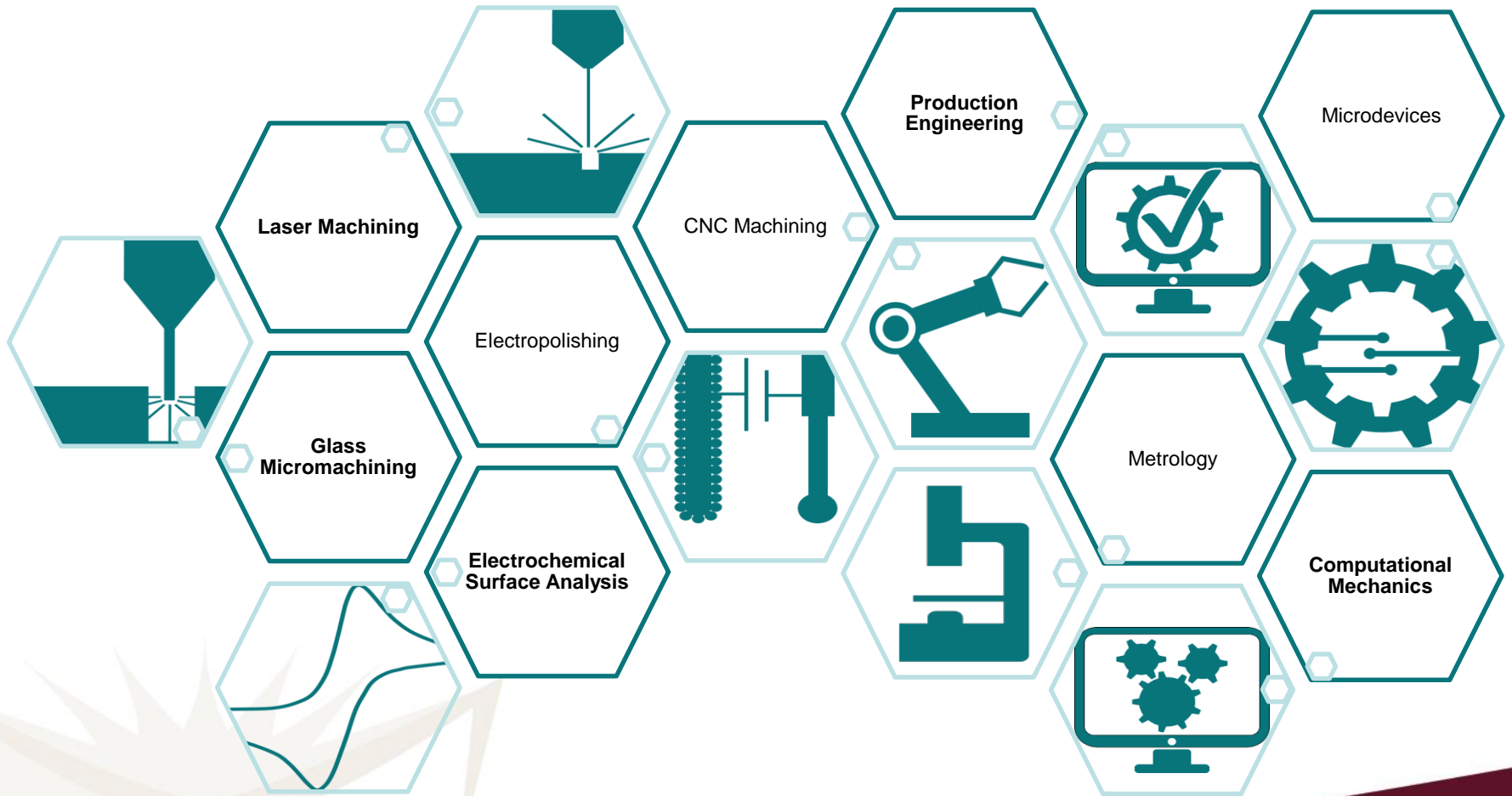
# Our Mission

*Develop green advanced manufacturing technologies meeting the demand of the fourth industrial revolution*



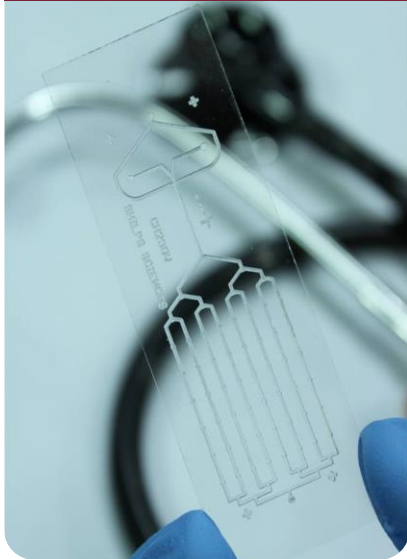


# Head of the Concordia Center for Advanced Manufacturing



# Our Expertise

## Glass Machining



- Lab-on-Chip
- Multilayer chips
- Micro- to Macro-world interfaces

## Post-Processing



- Multiscale electro-polishing
- Down to Ra of 50nm
- Broad range of materials including Titanium

## Coating



- Complex parts
- Wide range of substrate materials
- Tuning surface wettability

## Industry 4.0



- Batch Size 1 production
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Ultra low-cost tooling

# Glass Micromachining



Med Tech



Watch Industry



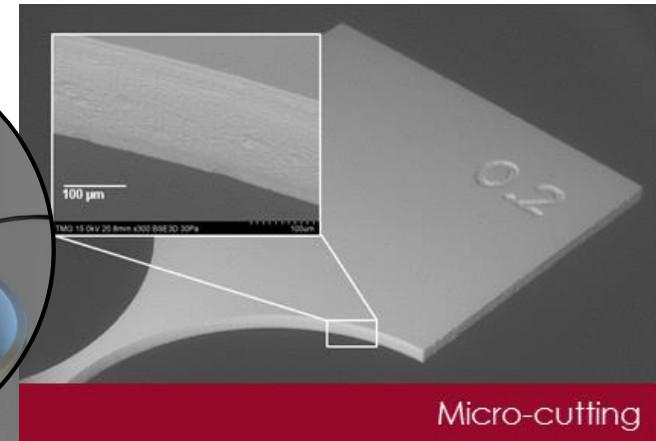
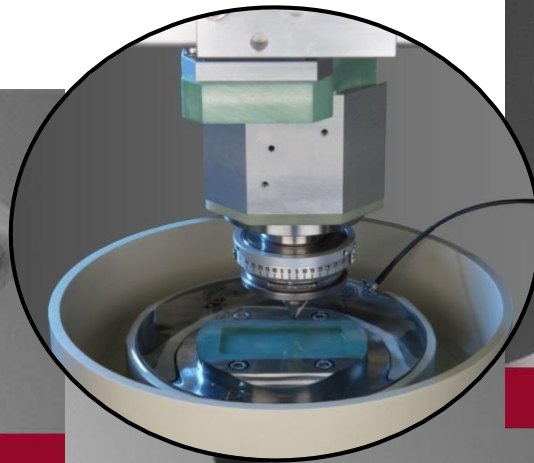
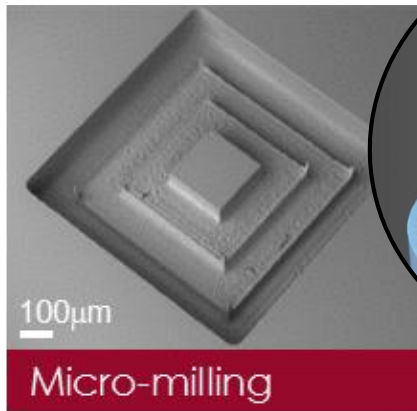
Consumer Electronics



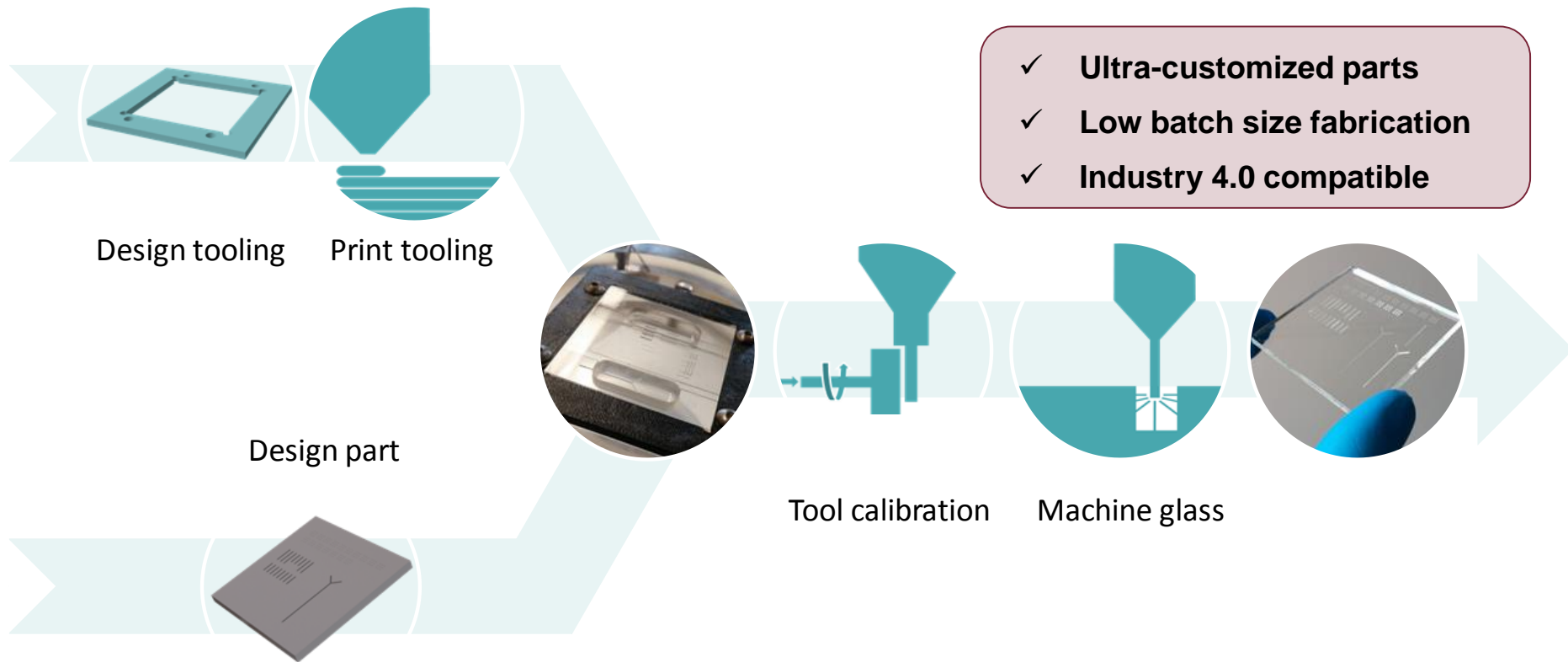
Rapid Prototyping

# Spark Assisted Chemical Engraving

- World leading research group on SACE
- Industrialized technology with Posalux SA



# Idea-to-realization by SACE

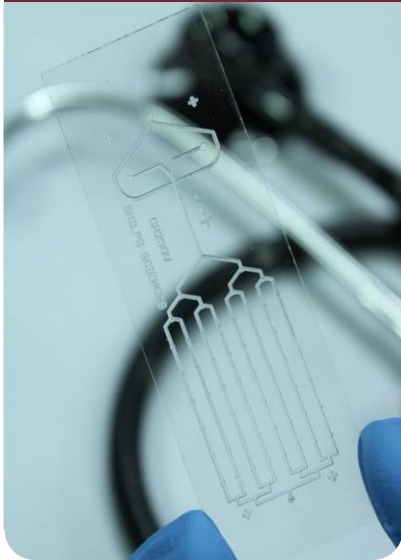


- Low forces ( $\sim 5$  mN) exerted on workpiece during SACE machining  
→ custom tooling can be 3D printed with ABS (corrosive resistant)
- ✓ No need for extra fixtures
- ✓ No disturbing of local electrolyte flow → high machining quality



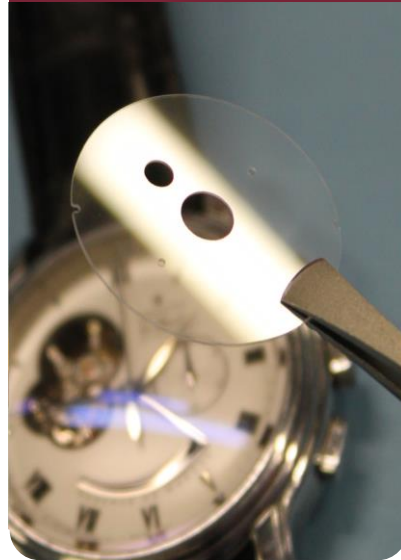
# Applications

## MedTech



- Lab-On-Chip
- Multilayer chips
- Micro- to Macro-world interfaces
- Micro-cutting

## Watch Industry



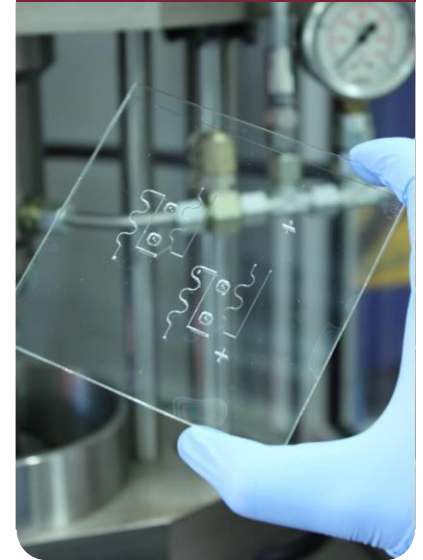
- Watchglass cutting
- Inner parts
- Anti-counterfeiting marks
- Localized glass strengthening

## Consumer Electronics



- Drilling for Trough Glass Vias
- Micro-cutting of glass including thin ( $<300\mu\text{m}$ )
- Micro-cutting of hardened glass

## Rapid Prototyping

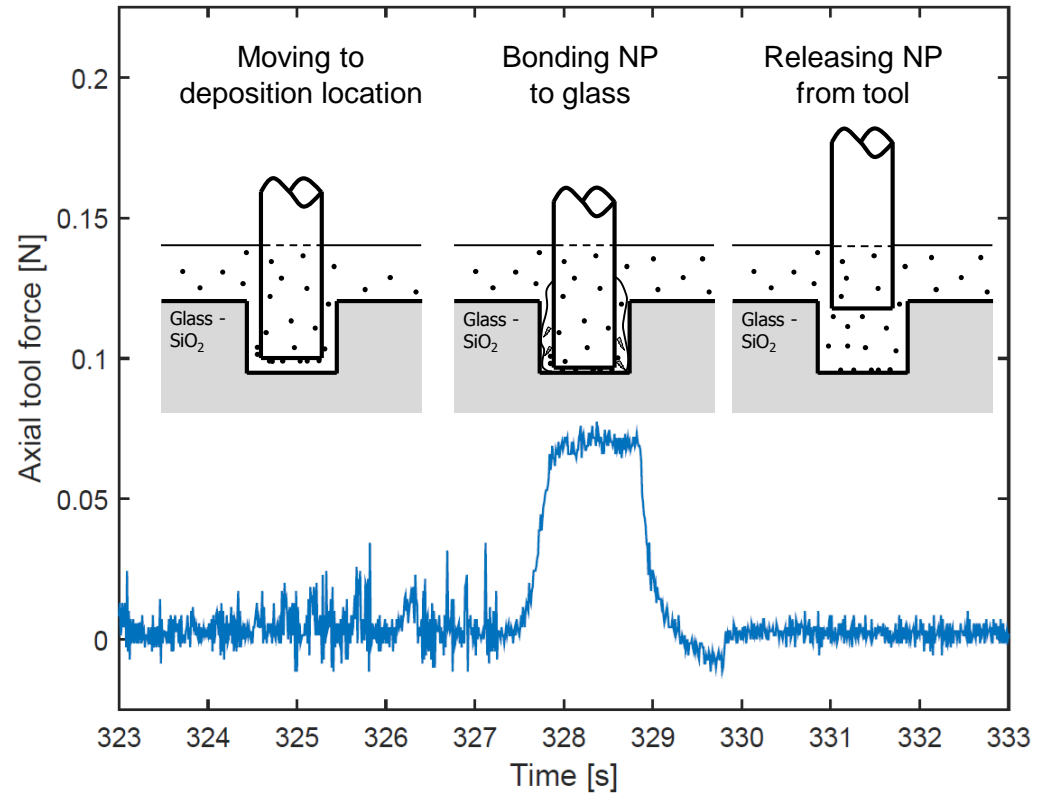
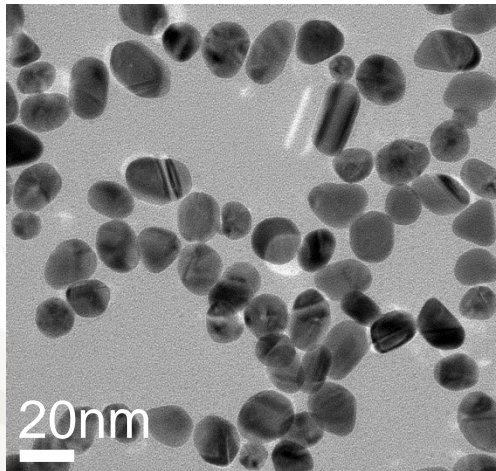


- Industrial R&D
- Fundamental Research
- Surface engineering
- **Batch Size 1 production**

# Additive manufacturing on glass

*Integrating additive manufacturing at the nano-scale with glass micro-machining by Spark Assisted Chemical Engraving (SACE)*

- Extending capabilities of SACE
- Local controlled stamping of nano-particles on glass



# Electropolishing

Design it



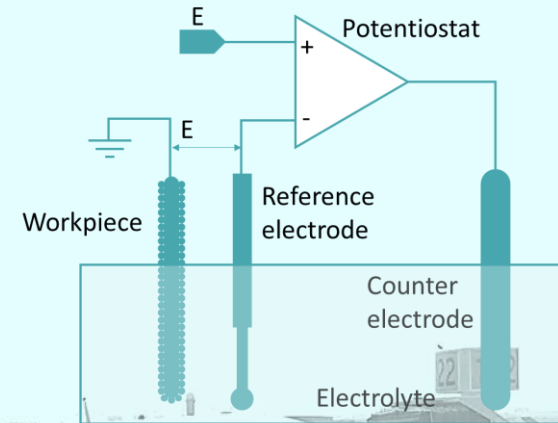
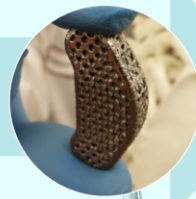
Polish it



Print it



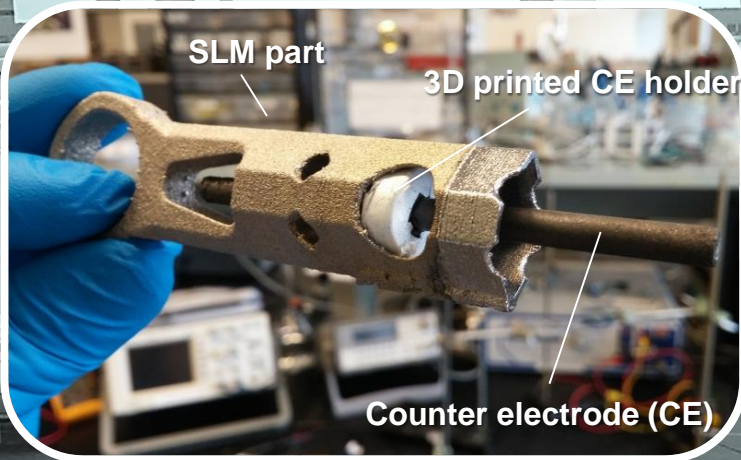
Use it



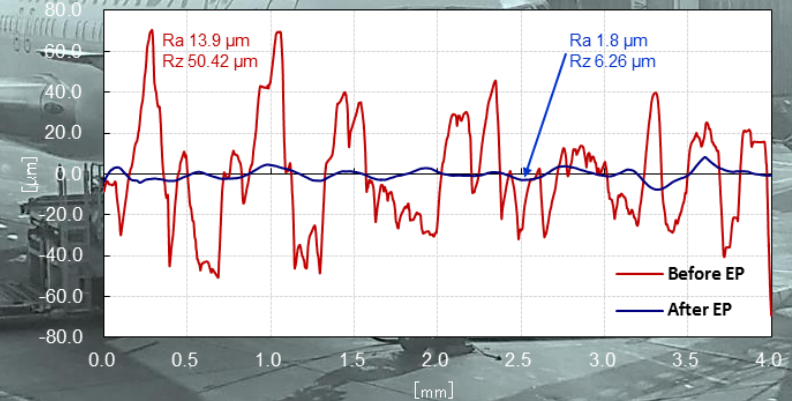
SLM part

3D printed CE holder

Counter electrode (CE)



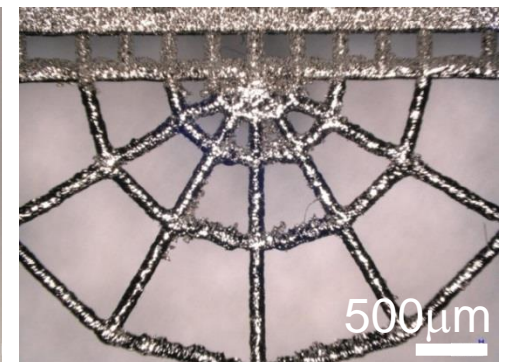
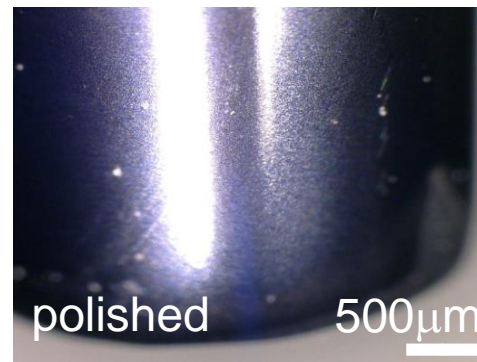
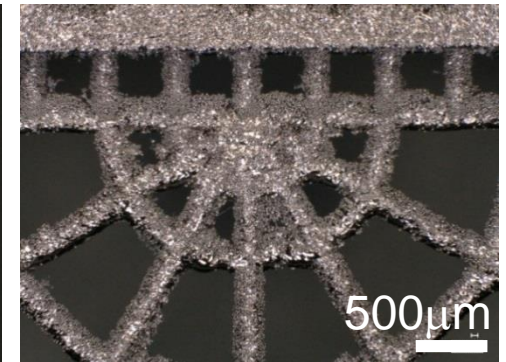
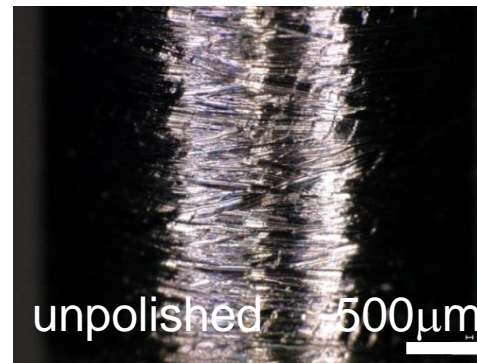
Roughness Profile SLM part Ti-alloy



# Multi-scale electropolishing

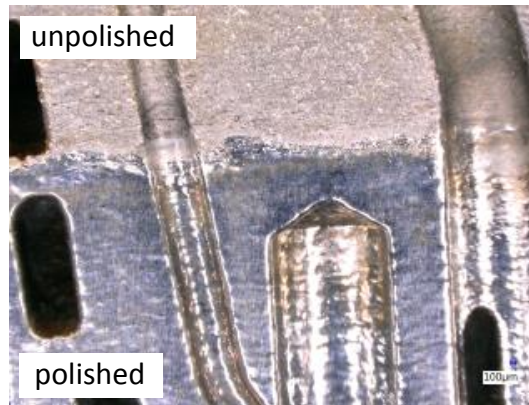
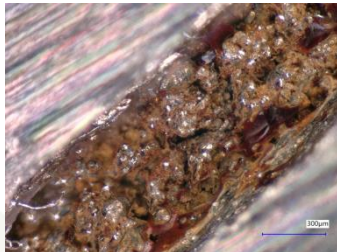
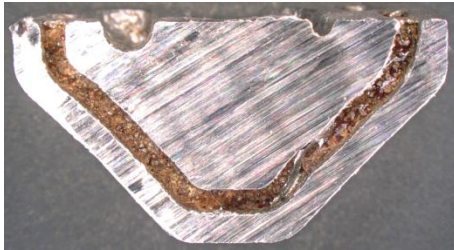
*Multi-scale electropolishing of metallic parts built by additive manufacturing*

- Post-processing for additively manufactured Titanium parts
- Control of roughness at various scales (down to 50nm)
- Complex parts
- Green electrolyte

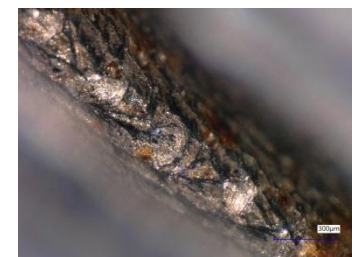
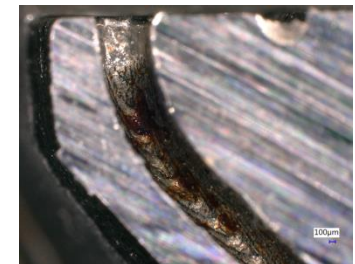
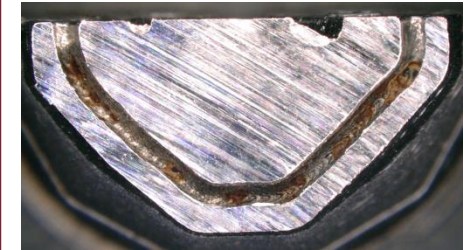


# Polishing of Inner Surfaces

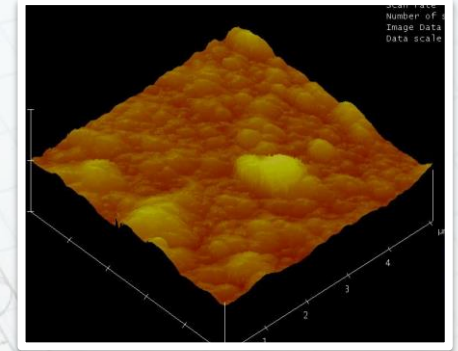
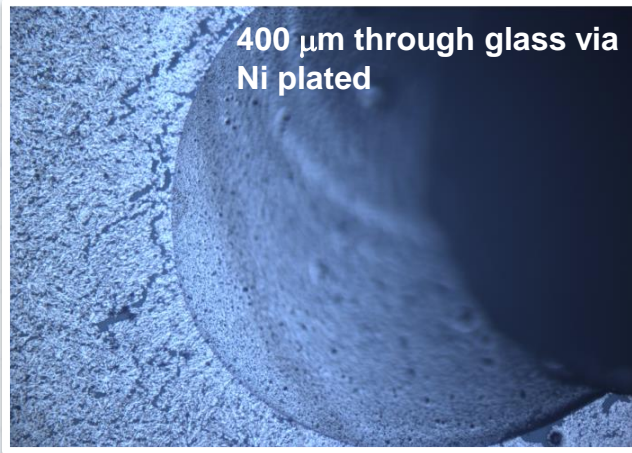
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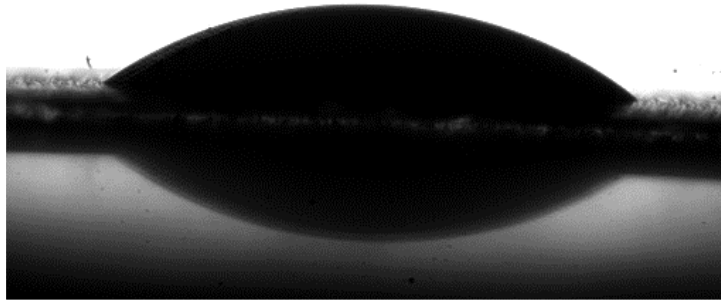
## Polished



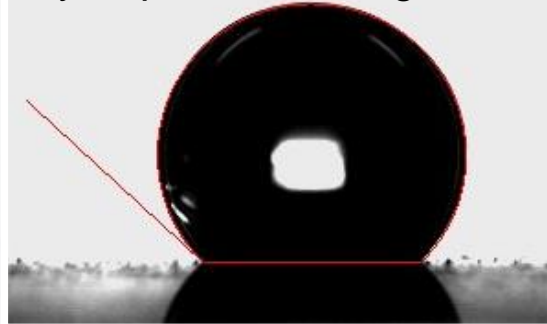
# Surface Engineering



Hydrophilic coating



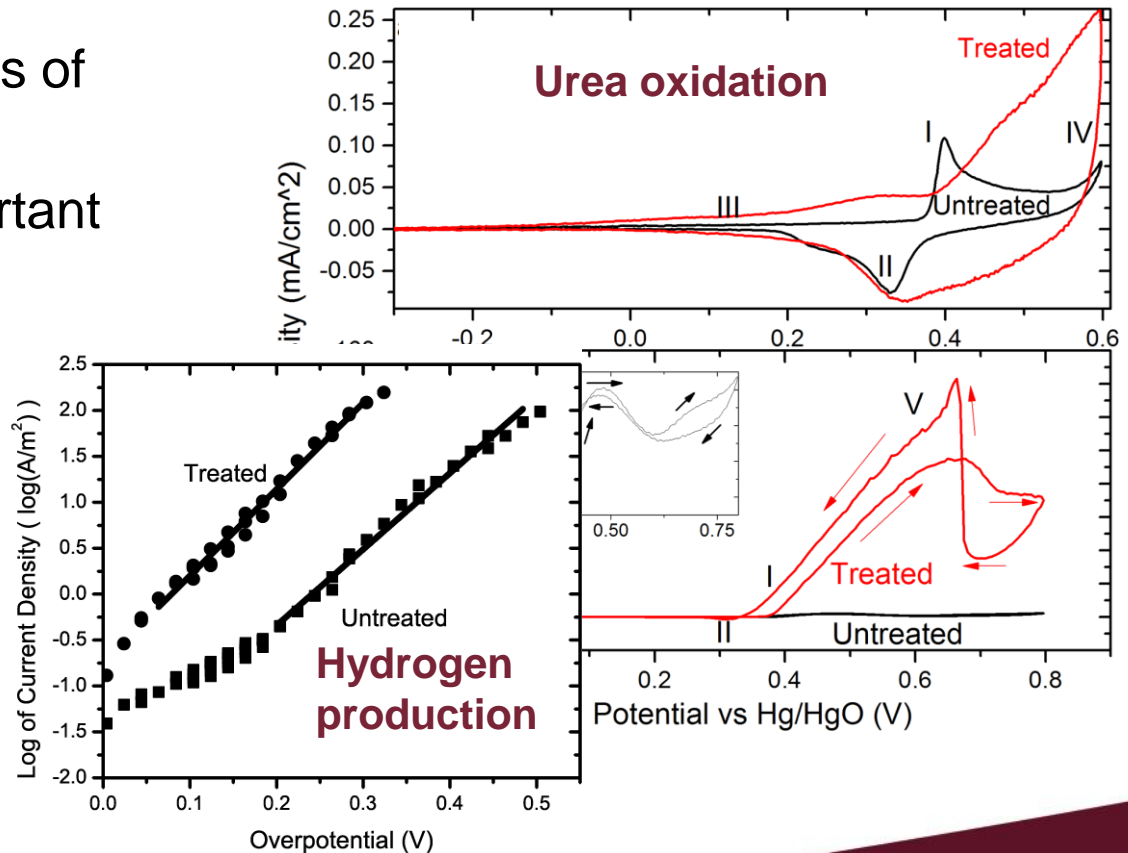
Hydrophobic coating



# Engineered catalyst surfaces

*Platinum-like Oxidation of Nickel Surface by Rapidly Switching Voltage to Generate Highly Active Bifunctional Catalysts*

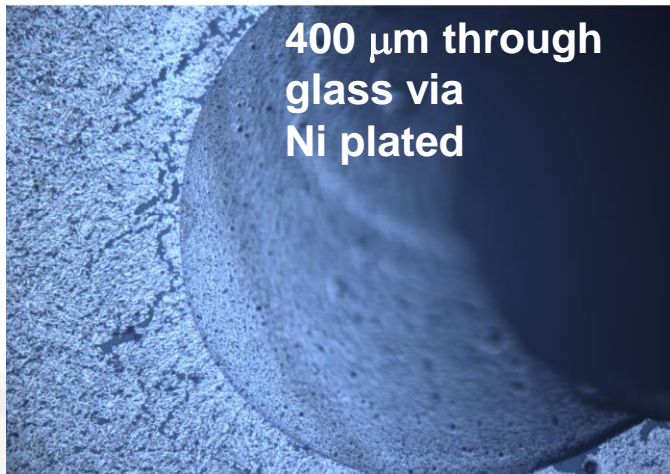
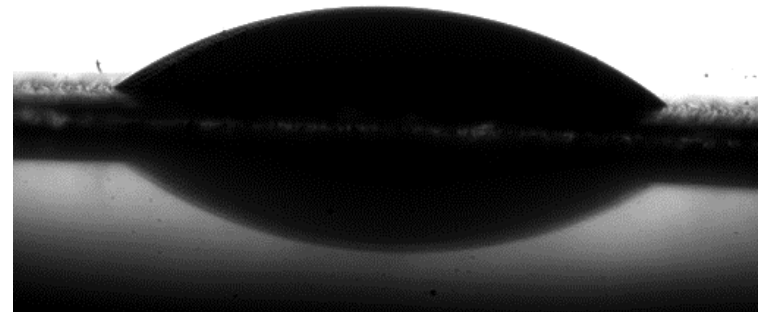
- Applicable to a large class of none-noble metals
- Catalyst for several important reactions
- In case of the hydrogen evolution reaction gives performances approaching the one of platinum
- Patented methodology



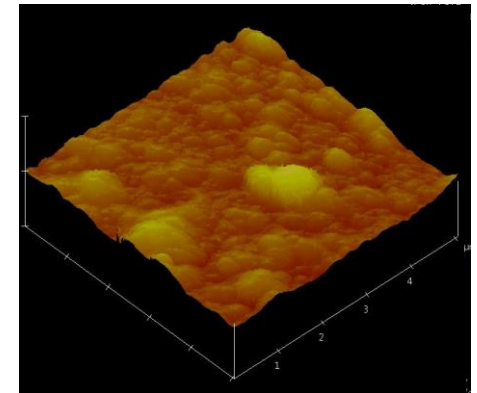
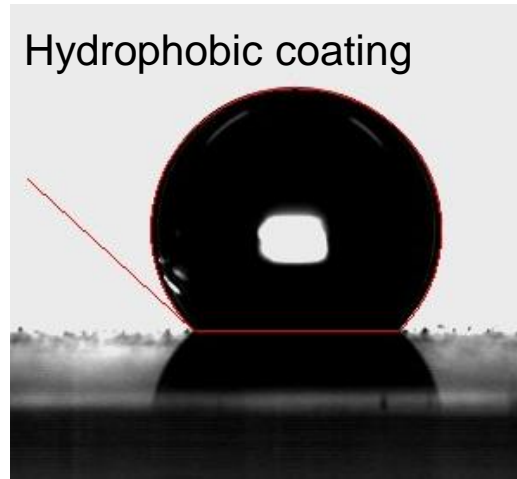
# Nano-coating technology

- Patented low-cost room temperature nano-coating technology
- Based on Taylor vortices and Langmuir-Blodgett films
- Licensed to Posalux SA

Hydrophilic coating

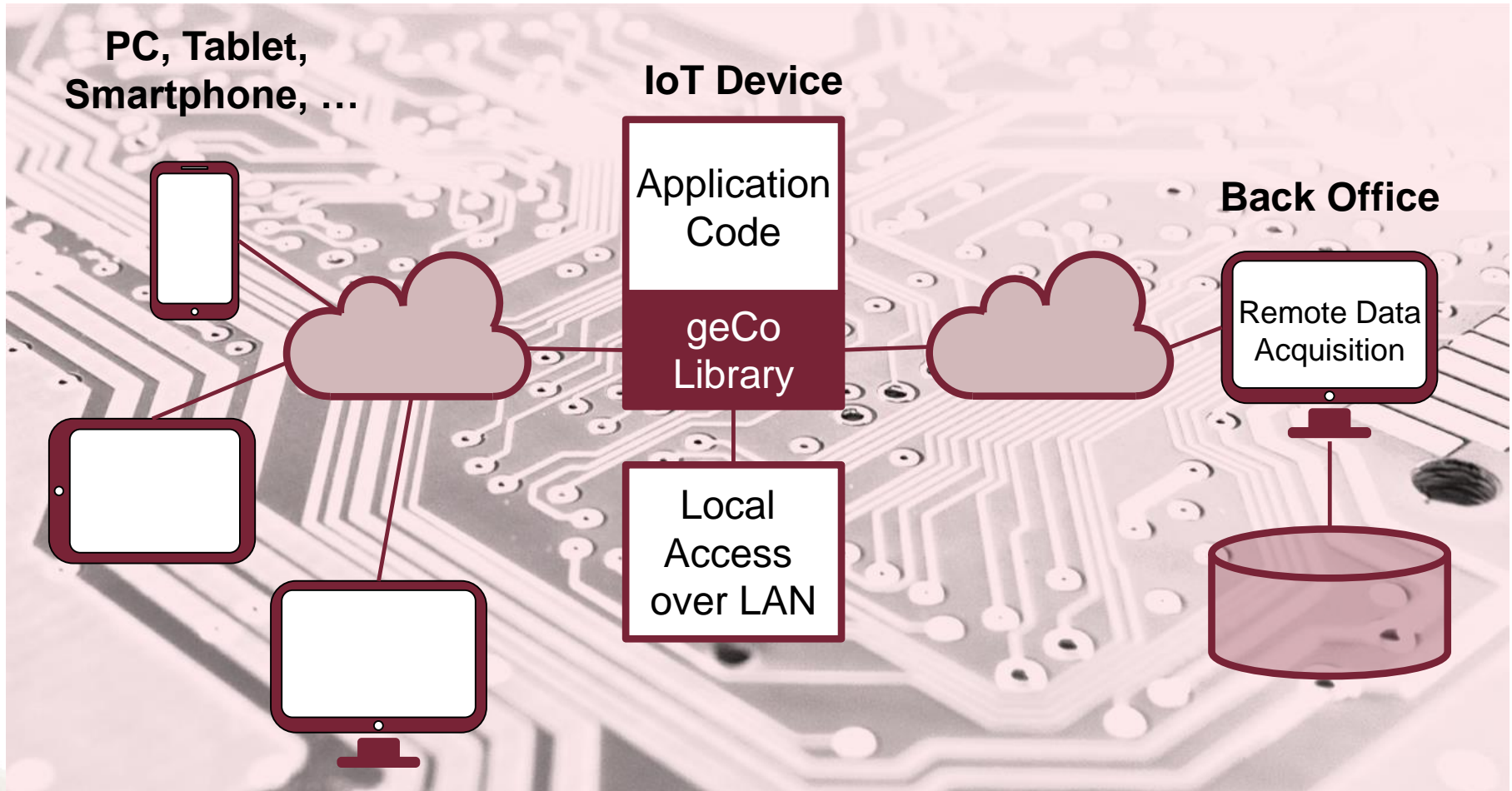


Hydrophobic coating



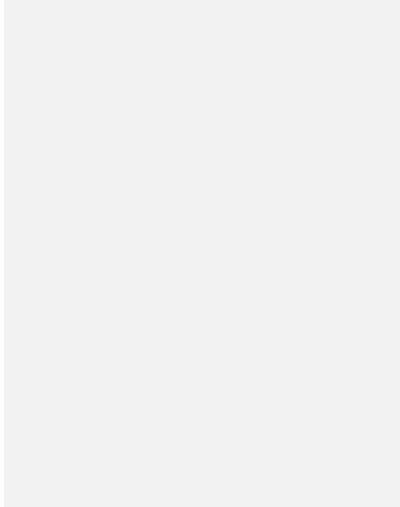


# Industry 4.0



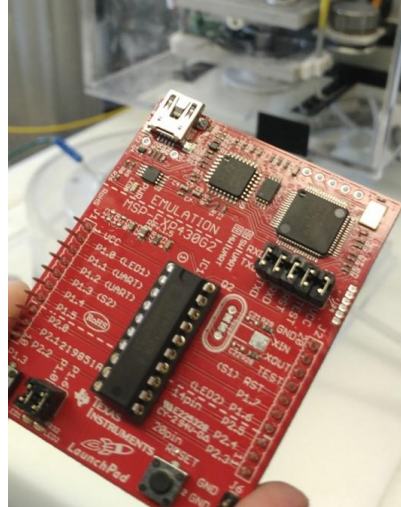
# geCo – General Framework for IoT Devices

## Drive laboratory experiments



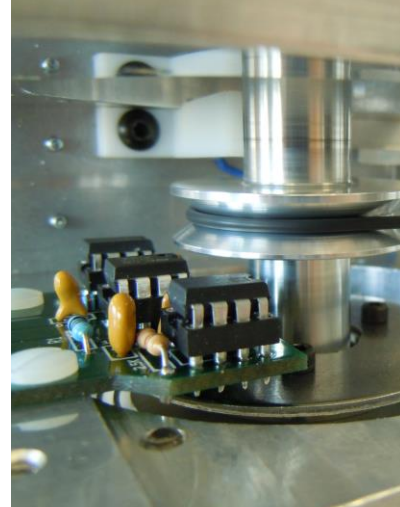
- ECTk : the electro-chemical tool kit
- LabTk : Open source LabView type software
- Human-machine interfaces (HMI)

## Prototyping



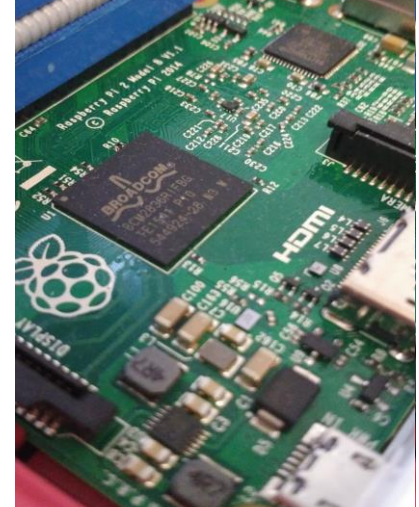
- Smart manufacturing processes
- Data flow
- IoT networks

## Smart sensors



- Local controllers
- Data exchange
- Remote data acquisition
- Smart manufacturing
- Domotics

## Education

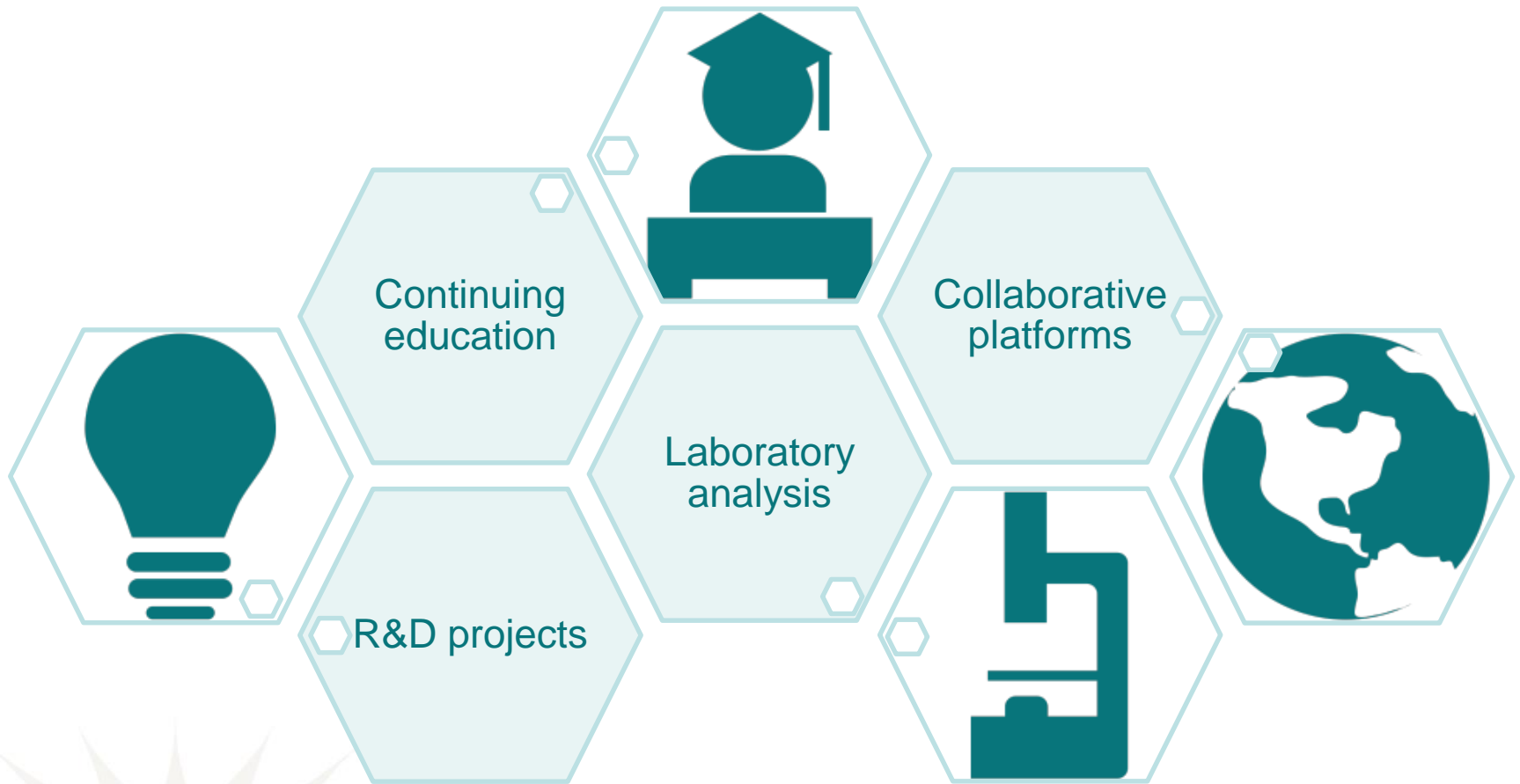


- Educational platforms
- Raspberry pi
- Arduino

# Current industrial partners



# What we offer



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