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Conductive Materials Solutions Workshop & EXPO

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Summary

The **UltraWire Workshop 2021** "*Conductive Materials Solutions Workshop*". (<u>http://ultrawire.eu/workshops/</u>), took place on 15th July 2020. This event was co-organised by Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology (CNT) and its sister company, CNT Innovation.

The **UltraWire Workshop 2021** was organised in order to support commercialisation of new technologies providing conductive materials solutions, including nano-carbon and metal-based composite materials for a number of applications, such as; electrical energy transmission, structural health monitoring and light-weight transport by bringing together technology development leaders and industrial end-users. The **UltraWire 2021 Workshop** was an opportunity to learn about progress in the development of nano-carbon wire technologies for improving electrical conductivity properties.

This year the **UltraWire** linked with the **GRAPHOSITE** Project (<u>www.graphosite.co.uk</u>). The **GRAPHOSITE** is a project funded by **Innovate UK** (reference 104266) which started in August 2018 and will run until July 2021. The main objective of the project is to develop a Graphene Sensor for Defect Detection and Predictive Maintenance in Composite Materials for use as a highly efficient, more convenient composite monitoring tool. This technology is based on an enhanced graphene-substrate interaction, with the ability to embed within a composite structure. It has the participation of 6 Partners: *Advise-DETA (Project Coordinator), Brunel University London, Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology Ltd, DZP Technologies, Haydale Composite Solutions Ltd and TWI*. The afternoon sessions were dedicated to the **GRAPHOSITE** Project. Dr George Maistros from **ADVISE Deta** (Project Coordinator), gave a general presentation of the **GRAPHOSITE** Project, followed by other project partners who gave individual presentations about their organisations and work.

Around 30 people registered to participate on this workshop, they came from leading organisations, research centres and universities such as: Airbus, Prysmian Group, SAFRAN, Graphenea, Belden, Furukawa Electric Institute of Technology, MBDA Systems, Bronkhorst UK, Conductores Monterrey, PADAR tecnoenergie, University of Cambridge, University of Strathclyde, Soongsil University and Ataturk University and the GRAPHOSITE Partners: ADVISE Deta, TWI, Haydale Composites, DZP Technologies, Brunel Composites Center. CNT Ltd.







List of participating organisations

Organisation	Country
Advise-deta	UK
Airbus	Germany
Ataturk University	Turkey
Belden	USA
Bronkhorst UK	UK
Brunel University London	UK
Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology Ltd.	UK
Conductores Monterrey, SA de CV	Mexico
DZP Technologies	UK
Furukawa Electric Institute of Technology	Hungary
Graphenea	Spain
Haydale Composites Solutions Ltd.	UK
MBDA Systems	UK
PADAR tecnoenergie s.r.l.	Italy
Prysmian Group	Italy
SAFRAN	France
Soongsil University	South Korea
TWI	UK
University of Strathclyde	UK
University of Cambridge	UK



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Agenda UltraWire 2021 Workshop

09:30 Arrival, Welcome & individual Introduction of the participants

Bojan Boskovic, CEO, Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology Ltd, UK CEO CNT innovation SPRL/BVBA, Belgium



10:30 Atif Aziz, The Nanoscience Centre, University of Cambridge, UK:

Title: Light Weight Cu/CNT Cables: A Dream or a Reality

Over the last decade many multimillion-dollar research studies there have been conducted in creating lightweight conductors. In particular, copper and carbon nanotubes (CNT) based conductors have been studied in great detail. However, the dream of creating usable continuous cable which outperforms copper in terms of its electrical, mechanical, and specific properties has yet to be realized. In this talk, I will discuss different fabrication techniques we have used for making Cu/CNT composite wires. I will discuss the merits and demerits of each technique and its associated properties. I will summarize the current state-of-the-art cables and discuss technical issues which need to be addressed. I will also try to gauge how far we are from achieving the dream of creating such cables.

Contributors: Atif Aziz, Basel Bazbous, and Mark Welland





11:00 Amaia Zurutuza, GRAPHENEA, Spain

Title: Developing a Graphene Industry

Graphene alone or in combination with other materials such as quantum dots or silicon has shown to provide enhanced performance in many applications. However, in order to integrate graphene in semiconductor devices in a cost-effective manner, it will require combining it with CMOS technology while processing the graphene into functional devices.

The fabrication of graphene at an industrial scale will require to overcome numerous challenges such as wafer scale uniformity with a high charge carrier mobility, tight control of metal contamination, etc. However, wafer scale device fabrication is also critical for a successful graphene integration. At present, there is no commercial foundry able to process graphene in order to produce graphene devices (GFETs). As a consequence, we have recently launched a platform to commercialise graphene-based field effect transistor (GFETs) and thus help customers to focus on their applications rather than wasting time on graphene processing. At the same time, taking the first steps into providing a graphene commercial foundry service.





11:30 *Break – networking/exhibition*

11:40 Park Joung-hu and Ashraf Ahmed, Songsil University, South Korea

Title: Skin Effect-Related AC Resistance and High-Power Converter Applications Using Macroscopic Scale Carbon Nanotube Yarn

This paper presents a study on the skin effect-related AC resistance of macroscopic scale carbon nanotube (CNT) yarn. The range of interest frequency in this study is up to 10 MHz which is considered conventional high-frequency power converters operating range. AC resistance of both CNT yarn and copper (Cu) wires are measured by impedance analyzer for the small-signal frequency-response. The 1-turn core-less layout of inductors made of both CNT varn and Cu wire are implemented to eliminate the proximity effect and magnetic core. The measurement results are compared with the theoretical model results based on Bessel-Kelvin function. The results show that the increasing rate of AC resistance in CNT yarn is lower than in Cu wire as frequency increases so that it causes lower CNT yarn resistance at higher frequencies. It was found that the Cu wire measurement result follows the theoretical model whereas CNT yarn does not. Therefore, a new skin effect related AC resistance correction factor for CNT yarn is introduced. To verify the same trends in large signal level of current, conduction losses for both CNT yarn and Cu wire are tested as an inductor component in a power converter circuit working like a large signal generator. The losses were collected and presented for the same frequency range (between 1 and 10 MHz). The results show less losses with CNT yarn inductor. Finally, another CNT yarn-based inductor was constructed and tested in around 200 W power converter circuit. The results show 91.72% of high efficiency at 3.125 MHz switching frequency. The study shows that, for power converter circuits working in the range higher than 1 MHz, the CNT yarns are reasonable to replace Cu wires due to the lower skin effect- related losses.

Index Terms—AC resistance, carbon nanotube (CNT) yarn, copper (Cu), high-frequency conductivity, skin depth, skin effect.

12:10 Ronald Tellas, Technology and Applications Manager, Enterprise Networks, Belden, USA

Title: Belden Overview

Belden connects and protects organizations worldwide with the industry's most complete suite of end-to-end networking solutions. We are continuously innovating to provide leading connectivity, automation and cybersecurity solutions. We have a long legacy as a manufacturer of high quality and reliable products, and have a presence globally to deliver on your needs and ensure you are successful in your endeavours. For nearly 120 years, Belden has a reputation for quality, ingenuity and value. Founded by Joseph Belden in 1902, our products have played a part in major innovations in TV, radio and computer networking throughout the years. One of our earliest and perhaps most well-known customers was Thomas Edison, a great American inventor. Shifting to Belden today – Roel Vestjens is our President and CEO; he was appointed in 2020 after a long tenure in various senior roles at Belden. We are headquartered in the USA in St. Louis, Missouri and have nearly 8,000 employees worldwide.

12:40 Mehmet Ertugrul, Ataturk University, TURKEY

Title: Improving Ampacity of the CNT/Graphene-Al/Cu composite wires

In this study, CNT-AI/Cu metal composites were produced and their current carrying capacities were investigated. For this purpose, first of all, CNTs in a solution were coated on the metal wire surface with the help of DC voltage. Then, randomly distributed CNTs were made parallel to each other by a voltage. After that, the CNTs were welded together using an AC voltage to prevent electron scattering at the CNT-metal interface. The surface of the CNT network, where the continuity of electrical conduction is ensured by welding to each other, is covered with metal with the help of an inverted magnetron coating device, and this process is repeated many times to obtain CNT-metal (AI, Cu) layered structure. In order to obtain the final composite structure, the wires were heat treated in an inert gas environment at a temperature close to the melting temperature of the metal. Thus, a CNT-metal composite structure in which the CNTs are embedded in the metal was produced. In addition, to ensure continuity in carbon nanostructures, the metal wire surface is coated with graphene with the help of CVD. With the developed system, the graphene-coated Cu wire was coated with Cu without being taken out from the chamber. This process was repeated until a multi-layered structure was obtained. This sample was heat treated and then the current carrying capacity of all samples was measured. As a result, it was found that the graphene/Cu layered structure provided the best result, and CNT-Al wire could show the same performance as pure Cu wire. In addition, contrary to some other studies in the literature, an improvement in the electrical resistance of composite wires was observed.

- 13:00 Lunch break, networking & virtual exhibition
- 14:00 George Maistros, GRAPHOSITE Project Coordinator, Technical Director, ADVISE-DETA Ltd, UK.

Title: GRAPHOSITE - Graphene sensors for strain measurement and defect detection in composite materials

GRAPHOSITE offers a technological solution that addresses a significant challenge to composite materials – defect detection. It aims to apply graphene to a customised substrate to achieve enhanced defect sensing and predictive maintenance with increased sensitivity. The sensor will be embedded with the composite during manufacturing and will have high flexibility properties. A unique feature of the novel technology is that graphene will serve as the sensing element and act as the gate through with the electric current passes. Being an embedded part of the composite at manufacture, condition monitoring will therefore be continuous and in real-time.

14:20 George Maistros, GRAPHOSITE Project Coordinator, Technical Director, ADVISE-DETA Ltd, UK

Title: Sensors for in-line quality assessment of composite materials

The current activities of ADVISE-DETA are focusing on the application of quality assessment (in-process and in-service) for composite materials. There is a variety of sensors ranging from electrical to interdigital and ultrasound. The company has developed all the components of a complete quality assessment system, DETA SCOPE[™], linked to the sensing system and equipped with material science models for the evaluation of quality. The readings from the sensors are translated to actual material properties or state (i.e. viscosity, degree of cure, strain, condition). There are variants of DETA SCOPE in the form of Defect Detection System or Process Performance Monitoring System. The operation of the system helps to improve efficiency of composites production and detection of defects and poor condition of composite structures. The core technology development within ADVISE-DETA lies with sensors in the form of interdigital electrodes. They are sensing elements with custom design circuit in the form of grid of 'fingers'. To facilitate evaluation of material state, the company has developed several modelling tools on the electric field analysis of the sensor structures and on signal interpretation.

14:40 Matthew Thornton, UK Site and Innovation Director, Haydale, UK

Title: Next-Generation Advanced Materials using Functionalised Nanomaterials

Next generation products will rely on advanced materials to deliver performance whilst minimising weight and increasing efficiency. The use of nanomaterials will be crucial to meeting the performance and efficiency targets set by manufacturers of next generation products and technologies. Through the deployment of functionalised nanomaterials, Haydale have developed a range of technically advanced next generation materials with improved mechanical performance, increased thermal conductivity and market-leading electrical conductivity for wide ranging applications.

15:10 Natalia Garban, TWI, UK

Title: Overview of Condition Monitoring technologies at TWI

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TWI has experience in working in a range of different industries and applications. The nondestructive evaluation expertise can offer a range of different Monitoring services and provide consultancy on appropriate monitoring strategy, implementation, data analysis and evaluation. Monitoring gives the indicator that there is a problem and inspection is used to give a more indepth assessment of the problem. Some key applications are development Monitoring, inservice Monitoring and process Monitoring, also covering the Data Handling, Processing and Analysis. TWI is uniquely positioned to provide expertise in NDE, Materials, Asset integrity, Modelling and Joining to provide a full rounded assessment.

15:40 Akram Zitoun, Brunel Composites Centre (BCC), UK

Title: Overview of composite materials research areas at the Brunel Composites Centre

The Brunel Composites Centre (BCC) creates shared research and technology capabilities, specializing in novel composites processing and joining technologies and developing innovative methods for composites related technologies applied to different industries such as the aerospace and the automotive industries.

BCC provides expertise in non-destructive testing, structural health monitoring and multiple digital solutions for composite industry such as algorithm development, machine learning and artificial intelligence implementation for composite inspection as well as composite in-service inspection and monitoring.

16:10 Discussion

Facilitated by Bojan Boskovic, CEO, Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology Ltd

16:30 Concluding remarks

UltraWire 2021 Workshop – Speakers

Dr Atif Aziz (Speaker) Senior Research Associate The Nanoscience Centre University of Cambridge UK

Dr Atif Aziz is a senior research associate at the Nanoscience Centre, University of Cambridge. His area of research is studying the physical, electrical and mechanical properties of nano materials and nanoscale devices. At present he is working on Carbon Nanotubes and metal composites in particular copper and functional nanofibers. He did his PhD from Cavendish Lab, University of Cambridge and had been working as a research associate at the Materials Science Department, University of Cambridge. Before his current job, he was an experimental office at the Lancaster University, where he setup a nanofabrication facility for Quantum Technology Centre and had been a manager of the Cambridge Graphene Centre.

Dr Amaia Zurutuza (Speaker) Scientific Director Graphenea Paseo Mikeletegi 83, 20009 - San Sebastián Spain

Dr Amaia Zurutuza received her Ph.D. degree in polymer chemistry from the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK) in 2002. From 2001 to 2003, she was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow working in two European projects related to molecularly imprinted polymers. In 2004, she joined Ferring Pharmaceuticals (previously Controlled Therapeutics) where she worked in the research of new controlled drug delivery systems as a Senior Polymer Scientist. Her contribution led to the granting of three patents in novel biodegradable and biostable polymers for the controlled release of active compounds. In 2010, she became the Scientific Director of Graphenea. At Graphenea, she leads the research and development activities on graphene-based materials. Since joining Graphenea, she has so far filed for eleven patents and published more than 68 publications in peer reviewed journals, including Nature and Science. Principal Investigator in 21 EU FP7/H2020 funded research projects. In addition, she has also given more than 48 invited talks in international conferences. Her research interests include the synthesis, characterization, and future industrial applications of graphene.

Prof. Park Joung-hu (Speaker) Department of Electrical Engineering Soongsil University Seoul, Korea

Joung-Hu Park (S'02 - M'06 – SM'13) received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, in 1999, 2001 and 2006, respectively. He is currently a Professor at Soongsil University, Seoul, Korea. From August 2004 to August 2005, he was a visiting scholar at Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, VA, USA, and from July 2015 to June 2016, he was a visiting assistant professor at University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. His current research interests include the analysis of high frequency switching converters and renewable energy applications.

Dr Ashraf Ahmed (*Speaker*) Department of Electrical Engineering Soongsil University Seoul, Korea

Ashraf Ahmed (M'09) received the B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in electrical engineering from Assiut University-Egypt, Cairo University-Egypt in 1999 and 2005 respectively. He received the Ph.D. degree

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from University of Durham - UK in 2011, in the field of renewable energy control and power electronics. He is currently an Associate Professor at Soongsil University, Seoul, Korea. His research interests include the analysis and design of switching power converters for renewable energy applications.

Ronald Tellas (Speaker) Technology and Applications Manager, Enterprise Networks, Belden 401 Pennsylvania Parway STE 200 46280 USA

Ronald Tellas joined Belden in 2016 to help define the roadmap of technology and applications in the enterprise. Prior to this, he developed cables and connectivity for Panduit and Andrew Corporation. Ron Tellas is a subject-matter expert in RF design and Electromagnetic Propagation. He represents Belden in the ISO WG3 committee, TIA TR42 Premises Cabling Standards and IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group and is a committee member of NFPA 70 Code-Making Panel 3. Ron is the inventor of 16 US patents. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University, a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology, and a Master of Business Administration from Purdue University.

Prof. Dr Mehmet Ertugrul (Speaker) Ataturk University Engineering Faculty 25100 Turkey

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ertugrul was born in Trabzon, Turkey, in 1966. He received the B.Sc. degree from the Department of Physics, in 1986, and the M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in physics, in 1990 and 1994, respectively. From 1994 to 1996, 1996 to 2001, and 2001-2002, he was, respectively, an Assistant Professor, an Associate Professor, and a Full Professor at the Department of Physics, Ataturk University, where he has been a Full Professor at the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering since 2003. He is the author or co-author of more than 200 papers published in international journals and over 200 publications in national and international conference proceedings. His current research interests include carbon nanostructures and composites, energy storage systems employing 2D structures such as graphene, dichalcogenides and MXenes, biomedical and gas sensors, ultraconducting and superconducting cables, covetics, radar absorber materials, superconducting and semiconducting devices. He worked as a visiting scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory between 2001-2003, 2005-2006, and 2008-2009. He has been working as a visiting profffessor at University Putra Malaysia (UPM) since 2019. Prof. Ertugrul has received several awards such as Encouragement award by The Scientific and Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), The Successful Young Scientists Award by the Turkish Academy of Sciences, and the best project award. He was also awarded with NATO-C scholarship in 2001 and TUBITAK scholarship in 2009. He has served as a supervisor to many masters and PhD students. He has worked for several committees such as the Higher Education Council, The Scientific and Research Council, The Ministry of Science, Technology and Industry of Turkey.

Dr George Maistros, (Speaker) ADVISE-DETA 34 Castle Rd. Bedford MK40 3PJ UK

Dr George Maistros is the Technical Director of ADVISE-DETA. He is a Chemical Engineer from National Technical University of Athens in 1988 and received his PhD in Advanced Materials from Cranfield University in 1991, focusing on the dielectric cure monitoring of thermoset resin systems. He has over 20 years of experience in promoting dielectric sensing systems to all kinds of material processes, such as composites processing, repair of structures, nano-membranes operation and engine exhaust fumes characterization. He has authored 15 publications in scientific journals and 1 chapter in book. He has coordinated 3 Aeronautics FP6 (COMPROME, SENARIO, NOESIS) programs on applications of dielectric technology on composites manufacturing processes.

Dr Matthew Thornton (Speaker) UK Site and Innovation Director Haydale Composite Solutions Unit 10, Charnwood Business Park, North Road, Loughborough, LE11 1QJ, UK

Dr Matthew Thornton is the Head of Innovation at Haydale and has over 15 years' industrial experience in the polymers, composites, elastomers, and nanomaterials sectors. He has a BSc (Hons) in Chemistry with Chemical Engineering from the University of Huddersfield and a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Nottingham which investigated the use of carbon nanotubes for the rapid manufacture of aircraft brake discs; this was sponsored by Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems. Matthew is responsible for the management of a range of nanocomposite materials innovation, research, development, and manufacturing programmes in both the commercial and grant funded sectors and has managed several successful collaborative R&D projects that commercialised nanomaterial enhanced products.

Natalia Garban (Speaker) TWI U Granta Park, Great Abington CB21 6ALK Cambridge

Natalia Garban is a Chartered Engineer and Project Leader at TWI in the Condition and Structural Health Monitoring team. She leads the development and application of advanced innovative inspection, assessment and risk management solutions for the Energy industry and Oil & Gas sector. Natalia is experienced in project planning, control and monitoring, milestones and resources management, product optimisation integrity management. Prior to joining TWI, she worked in Venezuela, on business development projects as the Head of strategic planning, control and budgeting of construction and

renovation projects, as well as maintenance of equipment. She has a MEng in Materials Engineering and an MSc in Structural Integrity.

Akram Zitoun (Speaker) Brunel Composites Centre U Granta Park, Great Abington CB21 6ALK Cambridge

Akram Zitoun is a Research Fellow at the Brunel Composites Centre (BCC). His current work includes design, modelling and development of technologies with relation to quality evaluation of composite either after manufacturing or during service life. His expertise lies within different non-destructive methods and structural health monitoring systems. He has expertise in designing and developing systems, develop machine learning algorithms for autonomous extraction of signal of interest and applying technical knowledge to evaluation the health of structures.

Akram gathered valuable experience by working on developing innovative systems of evaluation and assessment of aircraft composite structures and he currently is working on different projects such as GRAHOSITE. He in charge of developing the technical solutions and project management.

Dr Bojan Boskovic (Speaker and Organiser) CEO, Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology

Dr Bojan Boskovic is the Founder, Managing Director and Principal Consultant of the company. He has more than 20 years of hands-on experience with carbon nanomaterials and composites from industry and academia in the UK and Europe. Previously, he worked as a R&D Manager at Nanocyl, one of leading carbon nanotube manufacturing companies in Europe. He also worked on carbon nanotube synthesis and applications as a Principal Engineer-Carbon Scientist at Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems, as a Research Associate at the University of Cambridge, and as a Senior Specialist at Morgan Advanced Materials. During his PhD studies at the University of Surrey he invented low temperature synthesis method for production of carbon nanomaterials that has been used as a foundation patent for the start-up company Surrey Nanosystems. He was a member of the Steering and Review Group for the Mini-IGT in Nanotechnology that advised the UK Government on the first nanotechnology strategy policy document. Dr Boskovic was working as an advisor for the European Commission (EC) on Engineering and Upscaling Clustering and on setting up of the European Pilot Production Network (EPPN) and European Materials Charaterisation Cluster (EMCC). He has experience in exploitation and dissemination management on a number of FP7 and H2020 European projects, including UltraWire, NanoLeap, OYSTER, M3DLoC, Genesis and nTRACK. Also in UK Government InnovateUK funded projects, such as UltraMAT and GRAPHOSITE He is also a leader of two private membership based consortiums: Nano-Carbon Enhanced Materials (NCEM) and Advanced Materials for Additive Manufacturing (AMAM).

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Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology Ltd (CNT)

Web: <u>www.cnt-ltd.co.uk</u>

The **Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology Ltd (CNT Ltd)** is an innovation management and nanotechnology consulting company based in Cambridge. The CNT Ltd helps companies, academic and government institutions to develop world-class innovative solutions for nanomaterials related R&D and IPR strategy, partnership, products, technologies, funding and markets. CNT Ltd is specialised in carbon nanomaterials R&D consulting and collaborative R&D project management, including exploitation and dissemination management, consortium and supply chain building. CNT has done a number of patent landscaping and market research analysis studies regarding production and use of various nanomaterials helping to link inventors and technology developers with end-users and investors. The CNT Ltd is a leader of two private membership-based consortiums: Nano-Carbon Enhanced Materials (NCEM) and the new Advanced Materials for Additive Manufacturing (AMAM) with members coming from leading multinational companies and research institutions.

CNT Innovation

Web: www.cnt-innovation.com

The **CNT Innovation SPRL/BVBA** is an innovation management and technology consulting company based in Brussels (Belgium company registration number: 0723.767.874). The company was opened in March 2019, with an aim to create support and provide better services for our European customers and complement the work of its sister company, Cambridge Nanomaterials Technology Ltd. (based in Cambridge, UK). CNT Innovation is providing services related to support in research and development, technological innovation (especially in the field of nanotechnology, advanced materials and biotechnology), intellectual property rights, market research and strategy, organising conferences, seminars, workshops, training courses.

UltraWire 2021 Workshop - Participating Organisations

Prysmian Group

Web: <u>/www.prysmiangroup.com/</u>

Prysmian Group is world leader in the energy and telecom cables and systems industry. With nearly 140 years of experience, sales of over €7.5 billion in 2016, 21,000 employees across 50 countries and 82 plants, the Group is strongly positioned in high-tech markets and offers the widest possible range of products, services, technologies and know-how. It operates in the businesses of underground and submarine cables and systems for power transmission and distribution, of special cables for applications in many different industries and of medium and low voltage cables for the construction and infrastructure sectors. For the telecommunications industry, the Group manufactures cables and

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LINKING THE FUTURE accessories for voice, video and data transmission, offering a comprehensive range of optical fibres, optical and copper cables and connectivity systems. Prysmian is a public company, listed on the Italian Stock Exchange in the FTSE MIB index.

Airbus Group Innovations

Web: www.airbus.com

Airbus is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2020, it generated revenues of €49.9 billion and employed a workforce of around 130,000. Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of passenger airliners. Airbus is also a European leader providing tanker, combat, transport and mission aircraft, as well as one of the world's leading space companies. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions worldwide. Airbus is an international pioneer in the aerospace industry and a leader in designing, manufacturing and delivering aerospace products, services and solutions to customers on a global scale. We believe that it's not just what we make, but how we make it that counts; promoting responsible, sustainable and inclusive business practices and acting with integrity. Our people work with passion and determination to make the world a more connected, safer and smarter place, on the ground, in the sky and in space.

The Nanoscience Centre

Cambridge University nanofabrication and characterisation facility Web: https://www.nanoscience.cam.ac.uk

The Nanoscience Centre is an 1800m² research facility completed in January 2003 and located at the north east corner of the University's West Cambridge Site. The Centre provides open access to over 300 researchers from a variety of University Departments to the nanofabrication and characterisation facilities housed in a combination of Clean Rooms and low noise laboratories. Office space is primarily home to the Department of Engineering's Nanoscience Group, technical and administrative staff and members of other research groups who require long term access to facilities.

ADVISE-DETA

Web: www.advise-deta.com/en/

ADVISE-DETA is a recently formed SME that specialises in implementing advanced sensors to a wide range of material transformation processes, including polymer processing, composite materials manufacturing, mixing of chemicals and repair of structures. To this end, the company owns the IP (through transfer from ADVISE, Greece) of the dielectric monitoring system, which includes dielectric sensors, electronic measurement hardware and intelligent process monitoring software. The system has been installed in several industrial sites of advanced composites manufacturing. The business goal is to market the existing technology and establish new applications in modern manufacturing processes. The company's laboratory includes process characterisation methods (viscometer, optical microscope),

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dielectric measurement systems (frequency analyser, dielectric cure monitoring systems, material state based control prototype, temperature controlled sample holders) and software programming and modelling tools (LabView, Matlab).

Brunel Composite Centre

Web: www.twi-innovation-network.com/innovation-centres/brunel-composites-innovation-centre

Brunel Composite Centre is part of the Institute of Materials and Manufacturing of Brunel University. The principal mission of BCC is to establish a world class research centre offering high quality research in phenomena that take place at the interface of composites to other materials. The physicochemical processes studies include processing of composites, embedding of smart structures in composites and joining of composites with other materials. BCC operates with the aim of developing a financially sustainable research facility, drawing on Brunel University's existing strengths, to complement and underpin the applied research and development activities of TWI.

DZP Technologies

Web: www.dzptechnologies.com/

DZP Technologies is a leading developer of specialty materials, formulations, and technologies for emerging industries. We work closely with our customers to create innovative materials for a range of markets, from consumer electronics and wearables, to 3D-printing and renewable energy. Founded in 2008, we work with forward-thinking businesses and enterprises to fast-track scientific discoveries and create advanced technologies for a wide range of markets. We are happy to take on the toughest technical challenges, using our expertise to help our customers develop innovative, sustainable products which offer a true differentiator in competitive markets.

Haydale Composite Solutions Ltd

Web: www.haydale.com

HAYDALE Composite Solutions is an independent research and development company based in Loughborough, UK specialising in the development of advanced composites and nanomaterial enhanced composites and their applications. The company employs highly qualified engineers with mechanical engineering and material science backgrounds. The company has extensive knowledge of both thermosetting and thermoplastic based composites, manufacturing processes, structural design and applications across a broad range of industries. The company utilise the latest in computer aided design systems and have access to its own prototyping workshops. We are a global technology solutions company passionate about creating the next generation of advanced materials. We bring together cutting-edge technology with engineering know-how to enhance the performance of products and materials thus delivering business value for our customers.

DZP Technologies

Web: www.graphenea.com

Graphenea

Graphenea, a technology company founded in 2010, is a world leading graphene producer. The 25 employees in Graphenea work on contributing to the successful development of Graphene applications of our customers, in a wide range of sectors and in more than 60 countries in the world. Through

Web: www.twi-global.com

TWI is one of the world's foremost independent research and technology organisations, with expertise in materials joining and engineering processes as applied in industry. TWI specialises in innovation, knowledge transfer and in solving problems across all aspects of manufacturing, fabrication and wholelife integrity management. Established in Cambridge, UK in 1946, the organisation has gained a firstclass reputation for service through its teams of respected consultants, scientists, engineers and support staff. With around 800 employees, it works with over 1800 Industrial Member companies in over 70 countries. TWI currently operates from 54,000 square metres (581,000 square feet) of manufacturing, testing and training space; five UK and 13 overseas facilities serve both its Industrial Membership and its training and examination needs. A successful international Training and Examinations programme sees around 25,000 students trained each year in welding and inspection technologies.

Belden

Web: www.belden.com

Belden Incorporated is an American manufacturer of networking, connectivity, and cable products. The company designs, manufactures, and markets signal transmission products for demanding applications. These products serve the industrial automation, enterprise, security, transportation, infrastructure, and residential markets. Belden is one of the largest U.S.-based manufacturers of highspeed electronic cables primarily used in industrial, enterprise, and broadcast markets.

SAFRAN

Web: www.safran-group.com

Safran is an international high-technology group, operating in the aviation (propulsion, equipment and interiors), defense and space markets. Its core purpose is to contribute to a safer, more sustainable world, where air transport is more environmentally friendly, comfortable and accessible. Safran has a global presence, with 79,000 employees and sales of 16.5 billion euros in 2020 and holds, alone or in partnership, world or regional leadership positions in its core markets. Safran undertakes research and development programs to maintain the environmental priorities of its R&T and Innovation roadmap.

Graphenea

Atatürk University is a land-grant university established in 1957 in Erzurum, Turkey. The university consists of 23 faculties, 18 colleges, 8 institutes and 30 research centers. Atatürk University's main campus is in Erzurum city, Eastern Anatolia's largest city. It is now one of the city's most significant resources. Since its establishment in 1957, it has served as a hub of educational and cultural excellence for the eastern region.

Conductores Monterrey, SA de CV

Web: www.viakable.com

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Soongsil University

Web: https://eng.ssu.ac.kr/

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Soongsil University is pursuing global competitive power through specialization. As highly qualified faculty and unique educational programs are customized for each department with alliances between businesses and other universities worldwide, Soongsil is able to meet its goal of producing much needed global talents. It nurtures men and women of faith and ability by building on its long-standing strengths. Thus, it makes giant leaps towards a brighter future.

Ataturk University

Web; https://atauni.edu.tr/en/index

research and innovation, we support our customers with our portfolio consisting of: CVD Graphene films, Graphene Field-Effect-Transistors chips (GFETs), Graphene Foundry Services (GFAB) and Graphene Oxides. Graphenea's facilities are located in Spain (San Sebastián) and USA (Boston)

Viakable

Bronkhorst UK Ltd

Web: www.bronkhorst.com

Bronkhorst UK Limited is a wholly owned daughter company of Bronkhorst High-Tech BV of the Netherlands and offers local sales and after-sales support, calibration a nd service facilities, application engineering and user training courses. Product expertise includes gas and liquid mass flow measurement and control, pressure measurement and control, vapour production and control and primary calibration systems.

The UK Operation was established in 2002 and with quite outstanding success the result has been a 300% increase in both sales turn-over and staffing level. A specialist team has been formed that brings together Degree level education including flow theory, electronics, chemistry and materials engineering with time-served instrumentation placement and world-wide service application. This wealth of knowledge and experience is enhanced with business skills in contracts management and customer care to provide an overall service that is intended to be second to none. Above all else, however, is the commitment to a "can do" ethos that ensures our customers' needs and expectations are always exceeded.

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Padar Tecnologie

Web: <u>www.padar.it/HomePageEn.aspx</u>

Founded in 1980 as **Padar tecnologie**, we are an independent company operating in high technology sectors. We support our partners in developing sales of equipment, materials and services by offering deep technical and marketing expertise.

We sell cutting edge manufacturing technologies mainly in Microelectronics, Power Electronics and Renewable Energies.

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Furukawa Electric Institute of Technology Ltd.

Web: www.feti.hu

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University of Strathclyde (UOS)

Web: www.strath.ac.uk

The University of Strathclyde (UOS) is a top ranked university in the UK national Research Excellence Framework. The Centre for Precision Manufacturing (CPM) at UOS has over 40 researchers who conduct internationally leading researches in Precision-Forming and Micro-Manufacturing, Precision Engineering, and Light Metals Advanced Technology. The goal of CPM is to be a world-leading advanced manufacturing research centre delivering "total" precision manufacturing solutions for next generation high value-added products. With the accessibility to 40 million pounds worthy world-class manufacturing research facilities, the centre conducts cutting-edge researches in Micro-Manufacturing Technology, Precision Forming Techniques, Ultra-Precision Machining Techniques, Micro/Nano-Machining Technology, Ultra-Fine Grained Metal Technology, Light-Weight Metals Processing Techniques, Multiscale Modelling, and Manufacturing systems for Ultra-Precision and Micro/Nano-Manufacturing. The centre aims to facilitate collaborations across different manufacturing themes and disciplines. The CPM has engagement with worldwide industries and research communities (e.g. worked with more than 30 industry companies from 13 EU countries and currently working with more than 20 companies in various funded projects). The researchers of the group have generated a series of products, processes, tools and machinery designs, and analysis results respectively for material, electronic, automotive, aerospace, and machinery industries.

Annexes

Photos of event

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