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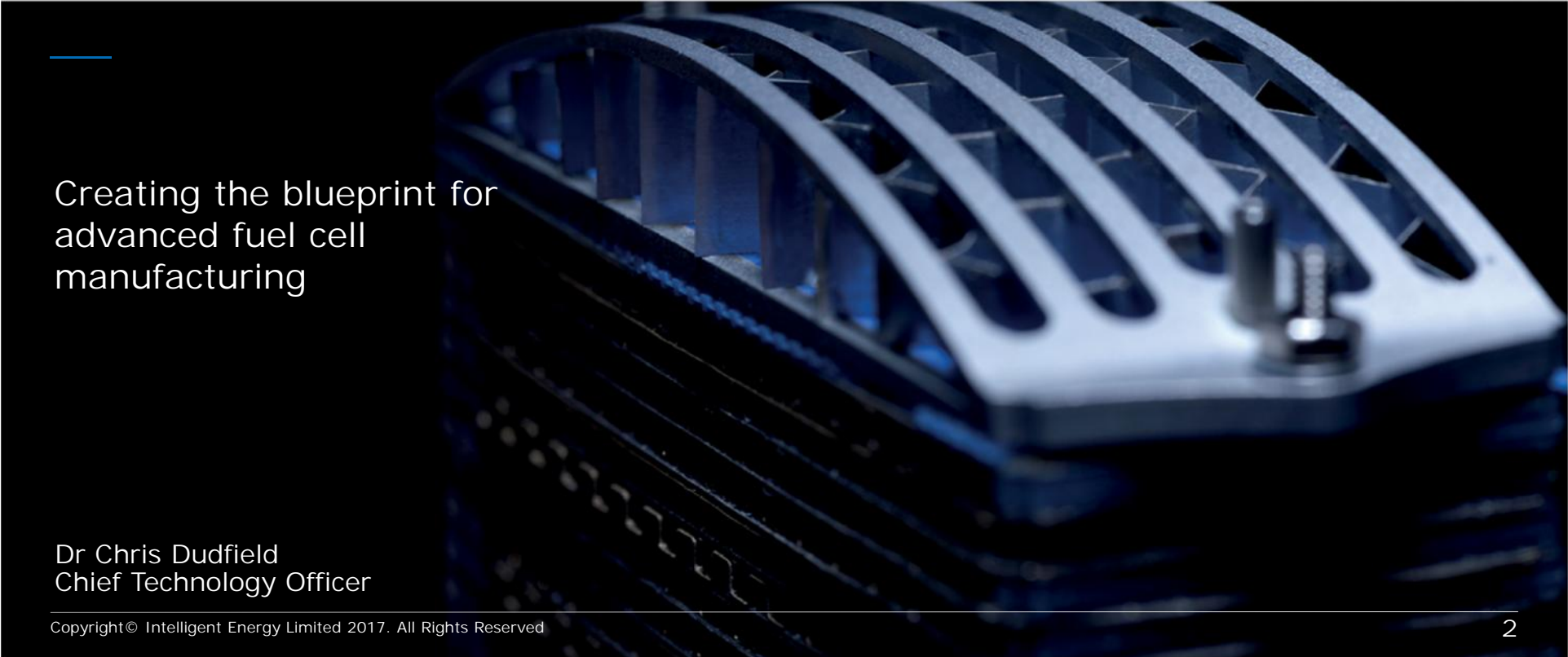


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Creating the blueprint for
advanced fuel cell
manufacturing

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The objective

To raise the manufacturing readiness level for fuel cells by introducing enhanced design for assembly, automated processes for assembly, inspection and test, coupled with materials acceptance standards in order to meet 2020 targets.



About Intelligent Energy

Intelligent Energy delivers clean energy solutions for the UAV, automotive and stationary power markets. We embed our fuel cell stack technology into products in co-operation with key industry partners to create solutions which extend their capabilities. We are a global business operating out of our UK base, with additional operations currently in the US, Japan, India, China and France.

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Our technology strengths

Our strategy is to bring to market our Air Cooled (AC) technologies. The technology roadmap continues to focus on driving performance improvements and cost reduction, to support the commercial objectives of the business.

- Intelligent Energy's AC systems are field proven in demanding applications:
 - modular nature allows for precise scaling sub 1W to 20kW to meet customer power & form factor needs
 - providing clean DC power in a lightweight and robust package
 - simplified fuel cell system design for a cost effective power solution
 - systems can be applied across a wide range applications





Products

Focusing on air cooled fuel cell technology scaling from sub 1W to 20kW



AC64
fuel cell stack



AC64
Lightweight
fuel cell stack



Fuel Cell Modules
(FCM 800 series)
Self-contained fuel cell
power utilising AC64
technology



Gen4 fuel cell system
Utilising AC64
technology



Fuel cell power for UAVs
Fuel cell units for UAVs
utilising AC technology



Air Cooled (AC) stack technology platform

Stack Features:

- Operation on dry hydrogen and ambient air
- Robust metal cell construction
- Ideal for hybridisation with battery and or super-capacitors
- Proven durability and reliability for application environments
- Multiple configuration options providing modular and scalable solutions
- Range of stack options to fit different application requirements
- Low thermal and acoustic signature
- Series and parallel connections possible

- NEW Lightweight Air Cooled Stack





World-class facilities

Access to state of the art, research, development and production facilities.

- 2 semi automated stack production lines



- 600 square metres of fully hydrogen-enabled test space
- 90 test stations covering sub 1W-100kW+ power range systems
- 8 environmental chambers, including 2 walk in
- Close partnerships with 3rd party test houses
- Acoustic chamber facility
- Centre of excellence for leading edge fuel research and development based at the NASA building, Merritt Island, Florida



Our AC stack manufacturing expertise & capability

- Automation of critical activities
 - Gasket seal application & activation
 - Cell QC test
 - Stack Assembly
- Full materials traceability, unique cell and stack ID
- Cell assembly yield >99%
- Flexibility to handle multiple cell material combinations





Challenges for fuel cell manufacturing

- Current PEM fuel cell stack manufacturing is focused on existing volume demands
- Components selected based on bespoke quality requirements
- To meet the needs of modern auto-industry in EU, development of the manufacturing approach of all components for automated assembly is required:
 - Component incoming format and presentation techniques
 - Materials handling (multiple thin film) and fixing
 - Materials utilisation and yield
 - QC inspection
 - Digital manufacture
 - End-of Line testing
- Cost reduction and scalability to meet 2020 targets





DIGIMAN project – addressing the challenge

- DIGIMAN = DIGI tal MANufacturing and Proof-of-Process for Automotive Fuel Cells
- FCH-01.1-2016 topic: Manufacturing technologies for PEMFC stack components and stacks
- Start Date: January 2017
- Duration: 36 months
- EU Contribution: €3.5M fully funded



Horizon 2020
Programme



Project consortium



- ❑ CEA Tech – LITEN, France
 - Project Coordinator & Materials Characterisation WP leader



- ❑ Intelligent Energy Ltd, United Kingdom
 - Technical Coordinator & Digital Manufacturing WP leader



- ❑ Toyota Motor Corporation – Europe, Belgium
 - Requirement Setting & Proof of Process Measurement WP leader



- ❑ Freudenberg Performance Materials, Germany
 - GDL Digital QC & Converting WP leader



- ❑ Warwick Manufacturing Group, United Kingdom
 - Automated Cell Assembly PoP Development WP leader



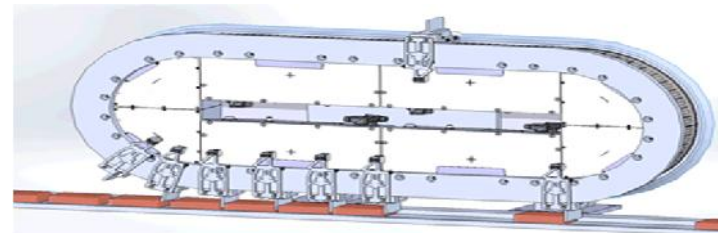
- ❑ Pretexo, France
 - Knowledge Management, Communication & Dissemination WP leader



Objectives of DIGIMAN programme

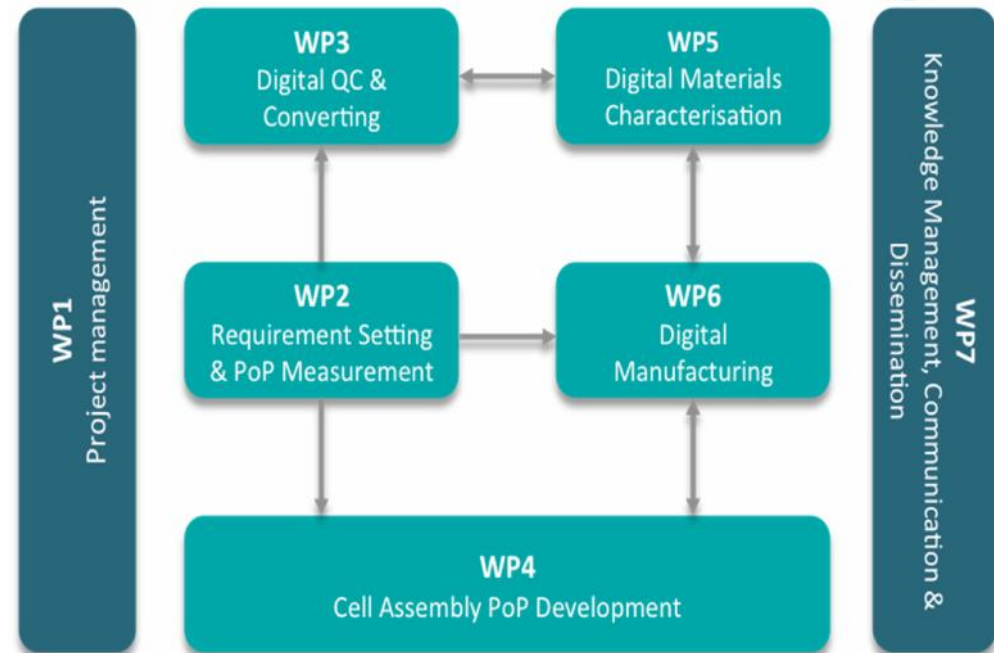
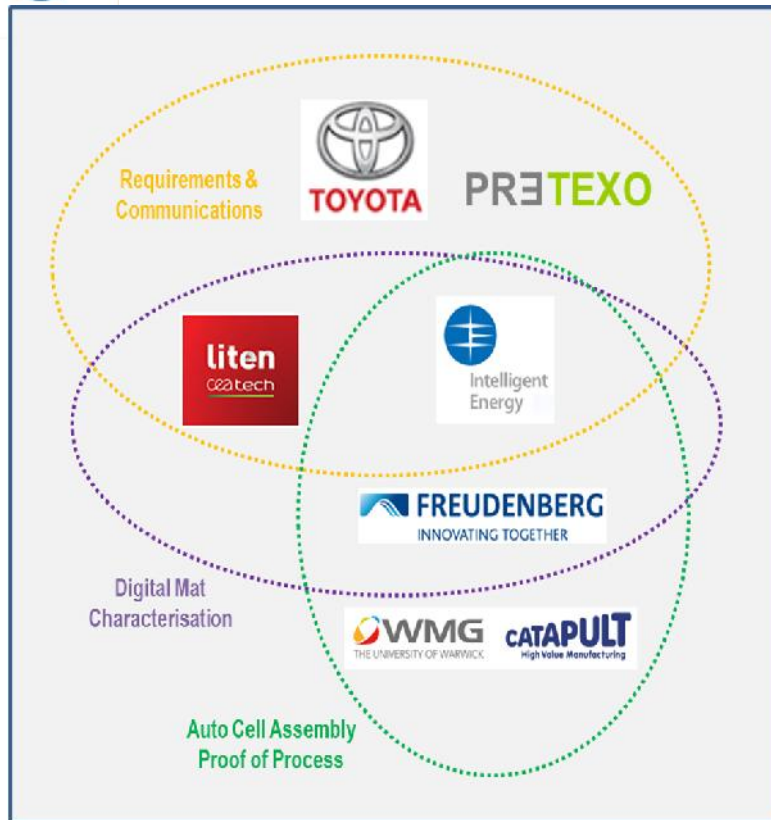


- Delivering automated manufacturing maturity to fuel cell stack and components
- Establishing an integrated European supply chain for key fuel cell components
- Embedding quality in automotive stack production process to a 'blueprint' reference design, for full automation within an automotive value chain via PoP (Proof-of-Process) demonstrator testing and simulation tools





Project structure and work scope





In summary, Digiman aims to:



- Create a robust platform for PEM fuel cell stack production for zero emission vehicles
- Establish best practice requirements for automotive fuel cell stack production
- Demonstrate operational and supply chain cost reduction – EU centric
- Integrate digital manufacturing techniques with advanced automated production technology to check the quality of production
- Enable build-to-print machine configurations with ready to scale production capacity
- Implement capability to meet requirement of more than 50,000 fuel cell stacks per annum by 2020



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