

Go Power

Pioneering India's Energy Sovereignty Through Next-Gen Energy Storage - MegaCell









The World's Energy Transition Hinges primarily on Storage

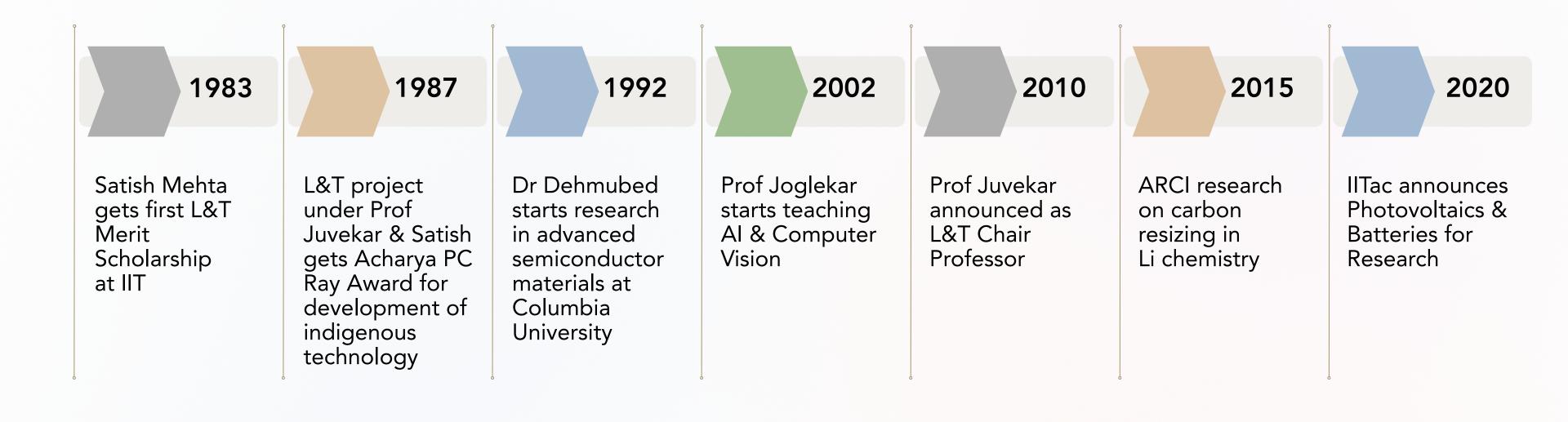
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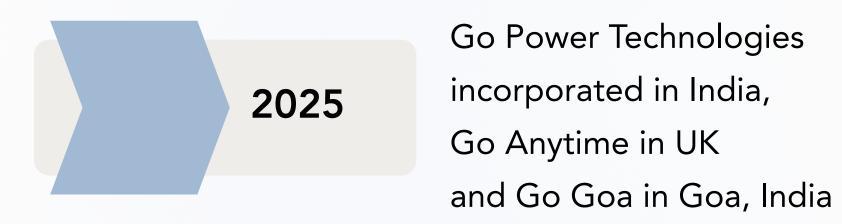


Technological Momentum for a National Mission.

Rome cannot be built in a day.

A 50-year journey built on 40+ years of lab research.







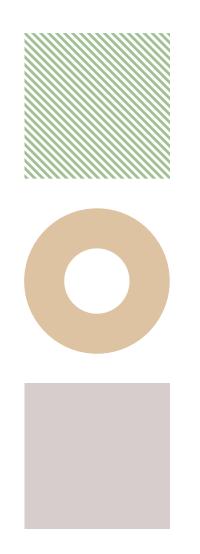
Global leadership target -Al derived novel materials Yet behind every energy revolution lies a materials bottleneck."

(And that's exactly where our story begins.)

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And that is where the comparative advantage emanates from.





Material science developments are slow and can take decades.

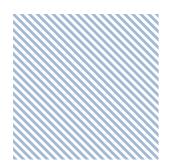
Conventional Battery Chemistry Is a Dead End



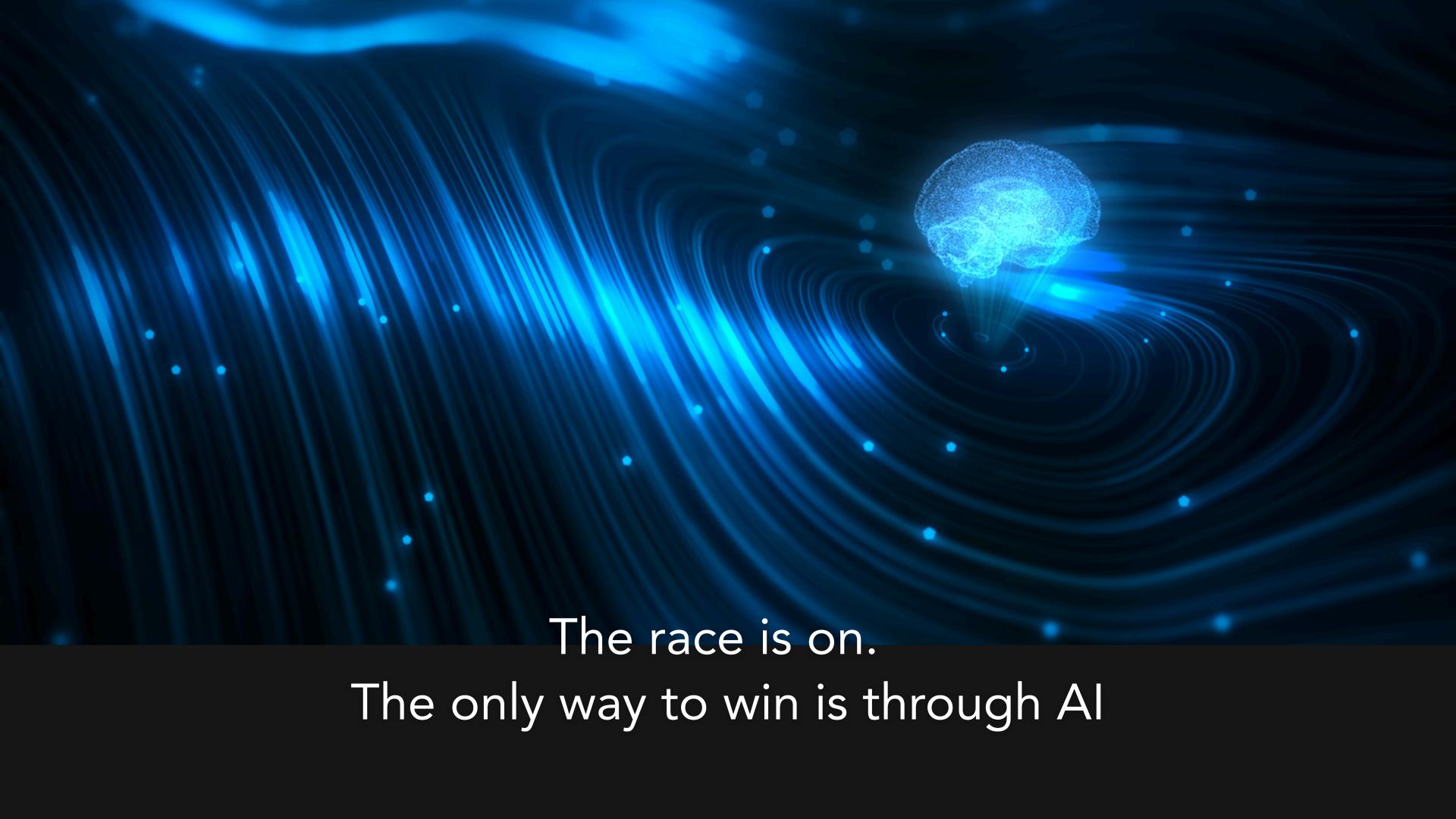
Current storage system technologies are based on imported and expensive supply-constrained raw materials like lithium, cobalt and nickel.



New battery chemistries are dependent on material science innovations. With natural materials and legacy approaches - this will take decades. If at all !!!



Energy storage systems are spiralling towards being the first trillion dollar pa product market in history - driven by the reality of "close to free" solar energy.



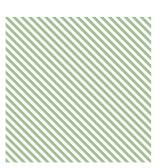
Our Five-year ask



System-level intelligence & smart grid protocols



An overall storage system which autonomously controls the smart grid operations as per agreed upon protocols.



And then expand functionality of the grid by wirelessly extending it to electric vehicles through reversible chargers and rooftop generators.

Introducing MEGACELL

The Building Block of India's Storage Future

0.25 kWh per cell | Air-cooled | Stackable | Modular | India-engineered



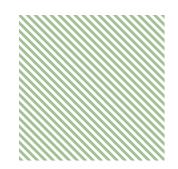
If you read Prof Juvekar's research paper on the ARCI battery, it will highlight the depth of work and expertise that went into fine-tuning the Li ion chemistry. Finally there was a core material and chemistry. and then it was fine tuning in a lab. In this case, carbon particle sizing.

Now we need a tunable battery. Same electrode, different electrolytes for different functionalities. Same electrode, different lattice structures again for different functionalities. But you can have a thousand unfo plants. So the same plant has to make all versions. This was the AI Ask

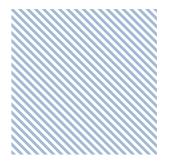
Satish Mehta, Board Observer, 117 Alumni Council

Why MegaCell?

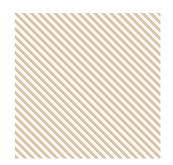
Base module for assembly of complete systems for smart grid applications & EVs



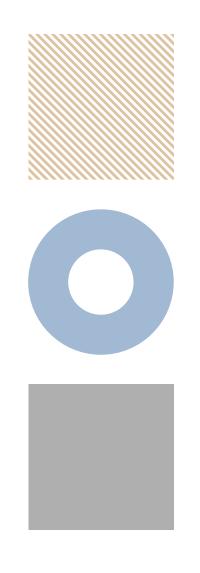
Current batteries were not invented for electric vehicles. Lithium based systems came from mobile phones and laptops.



Small AAA sized cells are multiplexed by the thousands to create the battery packs that power electric vehicles.



The MegaCell with integrated electronics has Mega sized cells with each cell (4 inch cube) eventually holding 0.25 KWH.



3 Legs of MegaCell

What Makes MegaCell Unbeatable

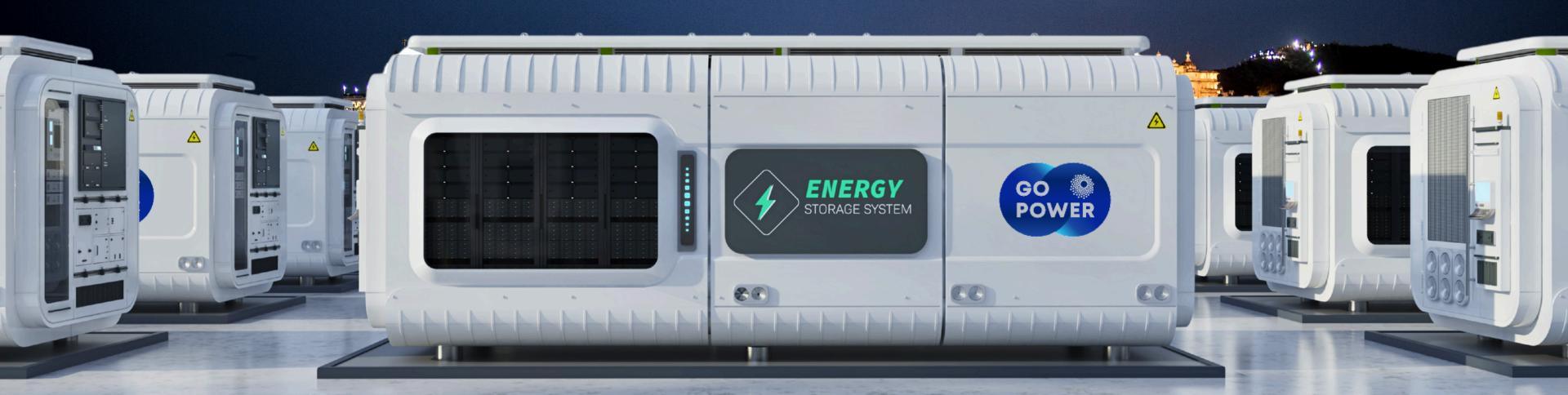
— the Strategic Triad

MEGACELL

AFFORDABLE

SCALABLE

DIFFICULT TO REPLICATE



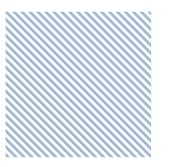
1 Affordable Lower Total Cost

On commercial launch:

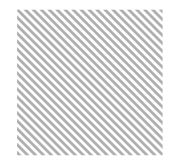
USD 30 per KWH capital cost of megacell | 98% round-trip efficiency 3x cycle life of LFP | Air-cooled even in a desert | Upto 50C charging



Lower the capital cost, longer the cycle life, faster the charging, better the round trip efficiency - lower the total cost (LCOE)



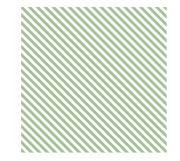
Current battery systems offer ~92% round-trip efficiency, require cooling, last 3–5 years with fast charging, with a capital cost of \$100/kWh.



MegaCell aspires a 10x improvement in price performance over existing options.

2 Scalable

Within 3 years of Launch:
USD 15 per KWH | 99% round-trip efficiency
10x cycle life of LFP | Air-cooled even in a desert | Upto 100C charging



The price performance of purely chemical sytems like conventional batteries does not go down in future depending on improvements in manufacturing process.

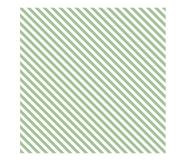


By using a synthetic bespoke material and extensive AI control based on specialised microelectronics, it is possible to continuously improve price performance.

3 Moat Around Castle

» Difficult to Replicate

As the MegaCell product range is still to be patented, it is not possible to reveal precise technical details.



The need for secrecy is only till the manufacturing equipment has been perfected.



Thereafter, without access to the equipment and operating software, it would be extremely difficult to replicate the functionality.



Containerised Deployment

Artistic representation of the MegaBattery — a grid-optimised energy system built from MegaCells. Housed in a 7-metre bus-sized body, the MegaBattery is modular, mobile, and wheel-mountable. Constructed using ultra-light corrugated stainless steel and aluminium, each system can deliver upto 2.5 MWh of high-efficiency storage.

Technology of MEGACELL

The Building Block of India's Storage Future

Programmable chemistry | Electrolyte-tunable performance | Al-enhanced design

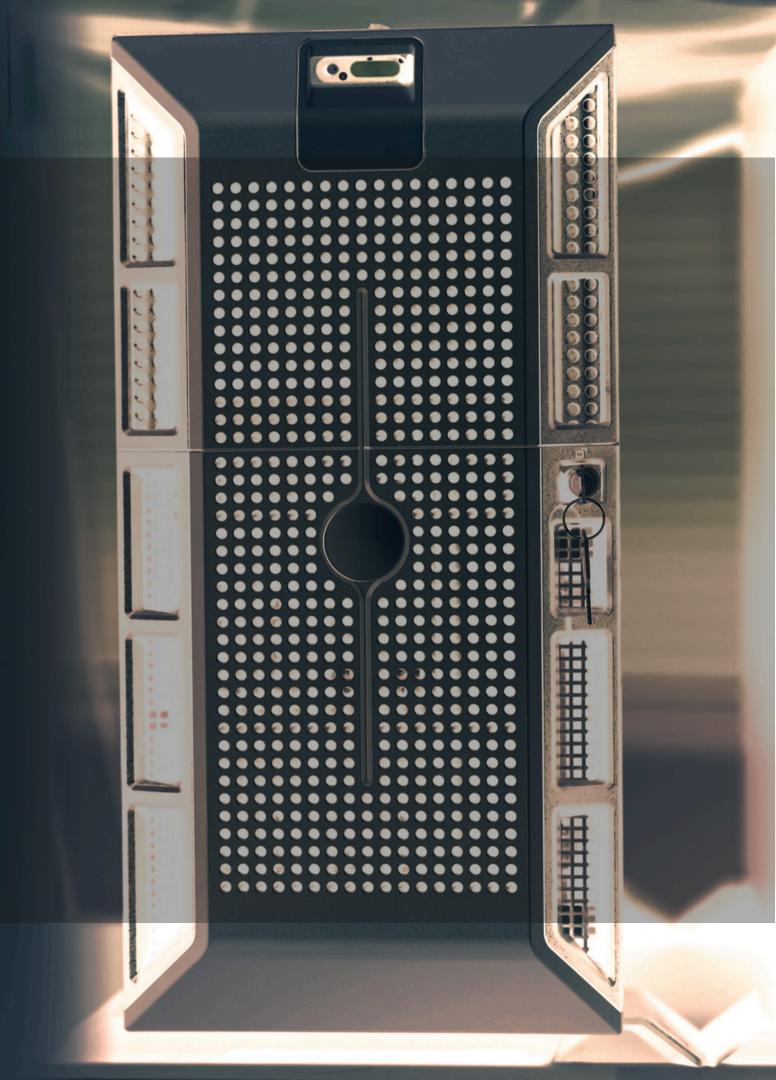


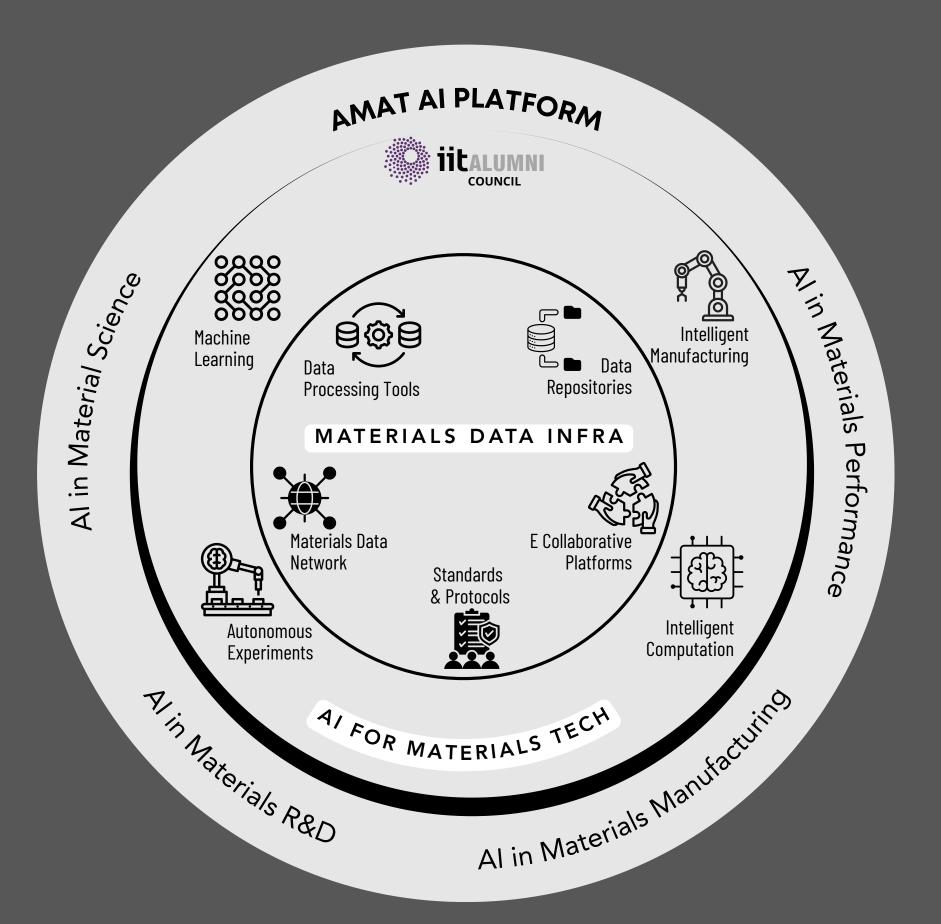
Al-designed storage block

Reimagining Energy Storage at the Molecular Level

We've applied data intelligence and proven chemical engineering methods to rearchitect energy storage by:

- Using a bespoke material base
- Modeling properties via Al-trained simulation
- Customising structure and performance by application use-case







AMAT AI Platform*

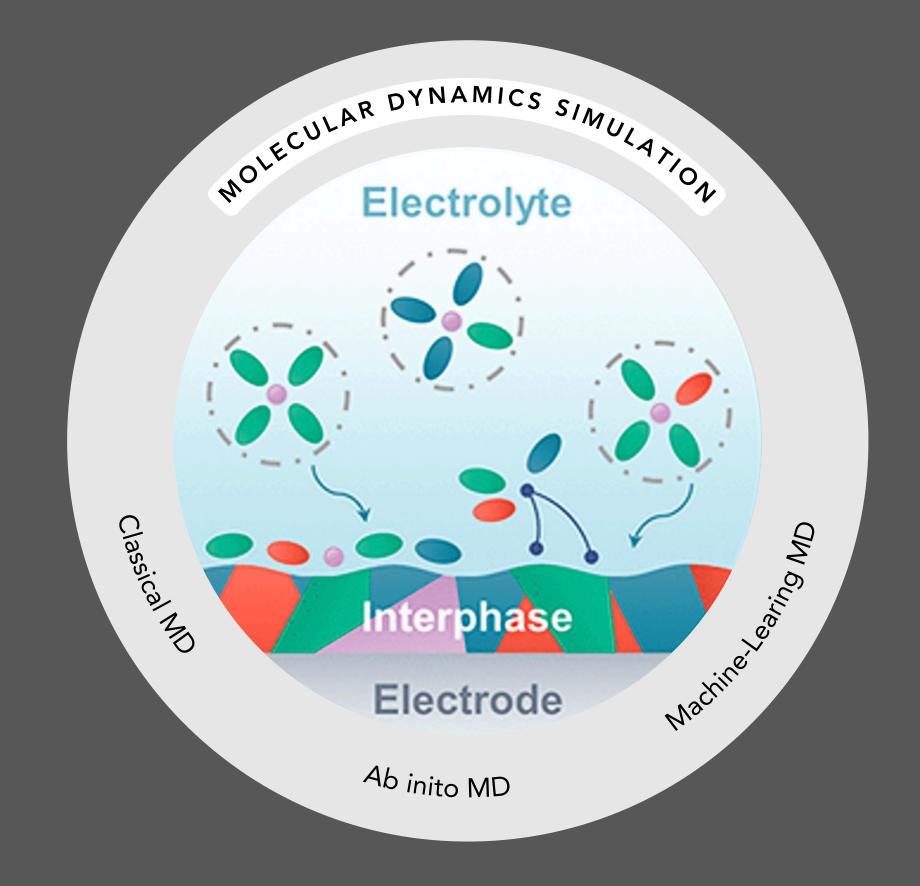
The Brain Behind Future Materials Evolution

Integrating data, simulation, and machine learning to accelerate performance-aware material design.

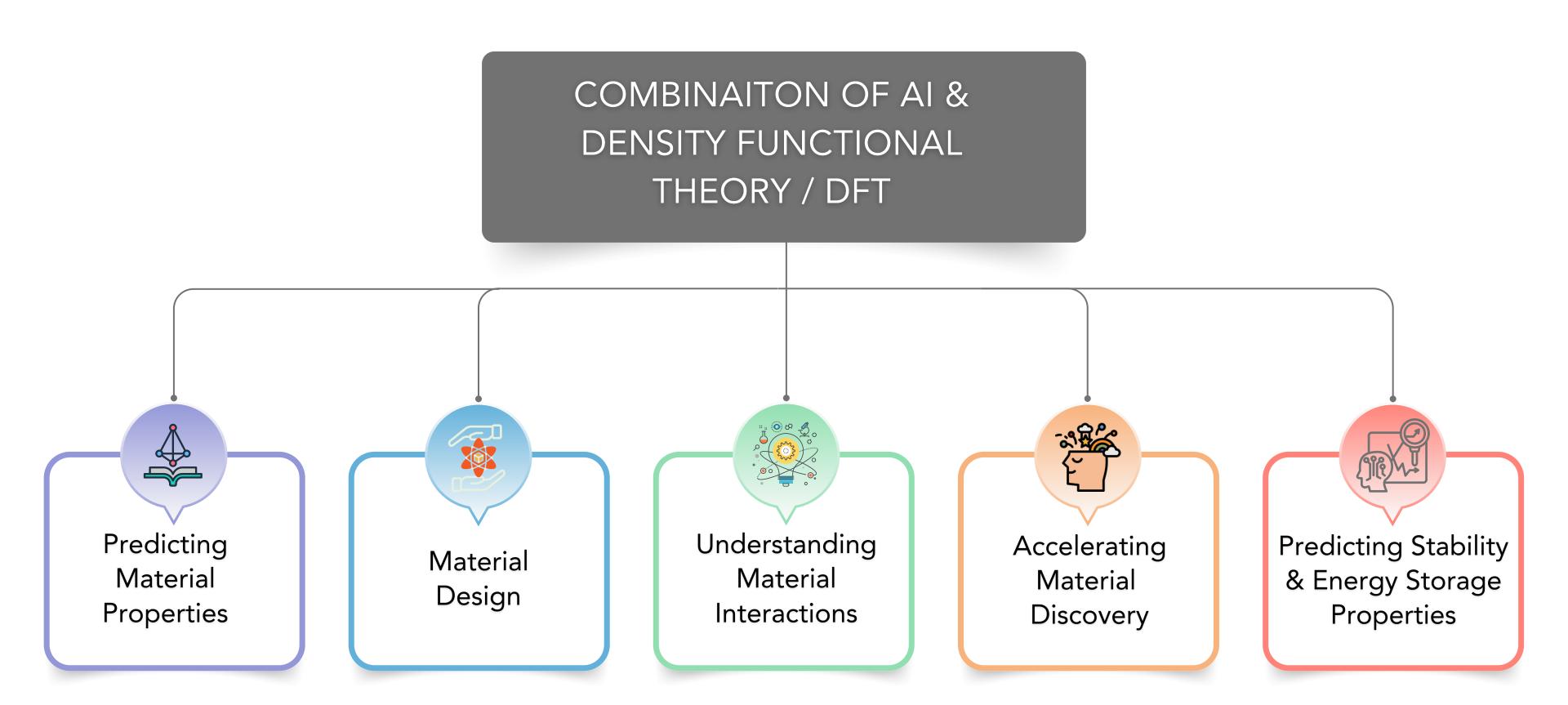
*An IIT Alumni Council supported initiative.

Where Chemistry Meets Computation

Simulating atomic-scale interactions across electrolyte, interphase, and electrode layers.



Ref: Farman, MdKhaja, et al. "AI-Enhanced Battery Management Systems for Electric Vehicles: Advancing Safety, Performance, and Longevity." E3S Web of Conferences. Vol. 591. EDP Sciences, 2024.



Creating a closed-loop system for predicting, designing, and optimising next-gen energy materials.

AI-DRIVEN MACHINE LEARNING STRATEGY FOR MATERIAL EVOLUTION

From inverse design to autonomous experimentation — modelling and validating at speed.

INTELLIGENT COMPUTING

AUTONOMOUS EXPERIMENTS

Key Physical Quantity Screening

Uncovering Hidden Patterns for Identifying Promising Candidates

Regression Modelling

Heuristic Search by Navigating Vast Design Specs

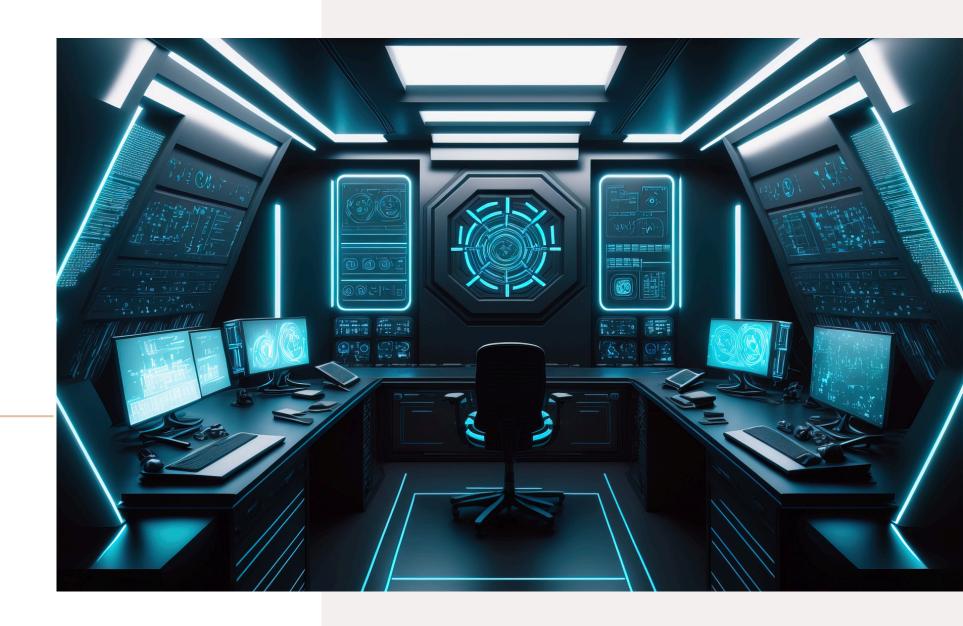
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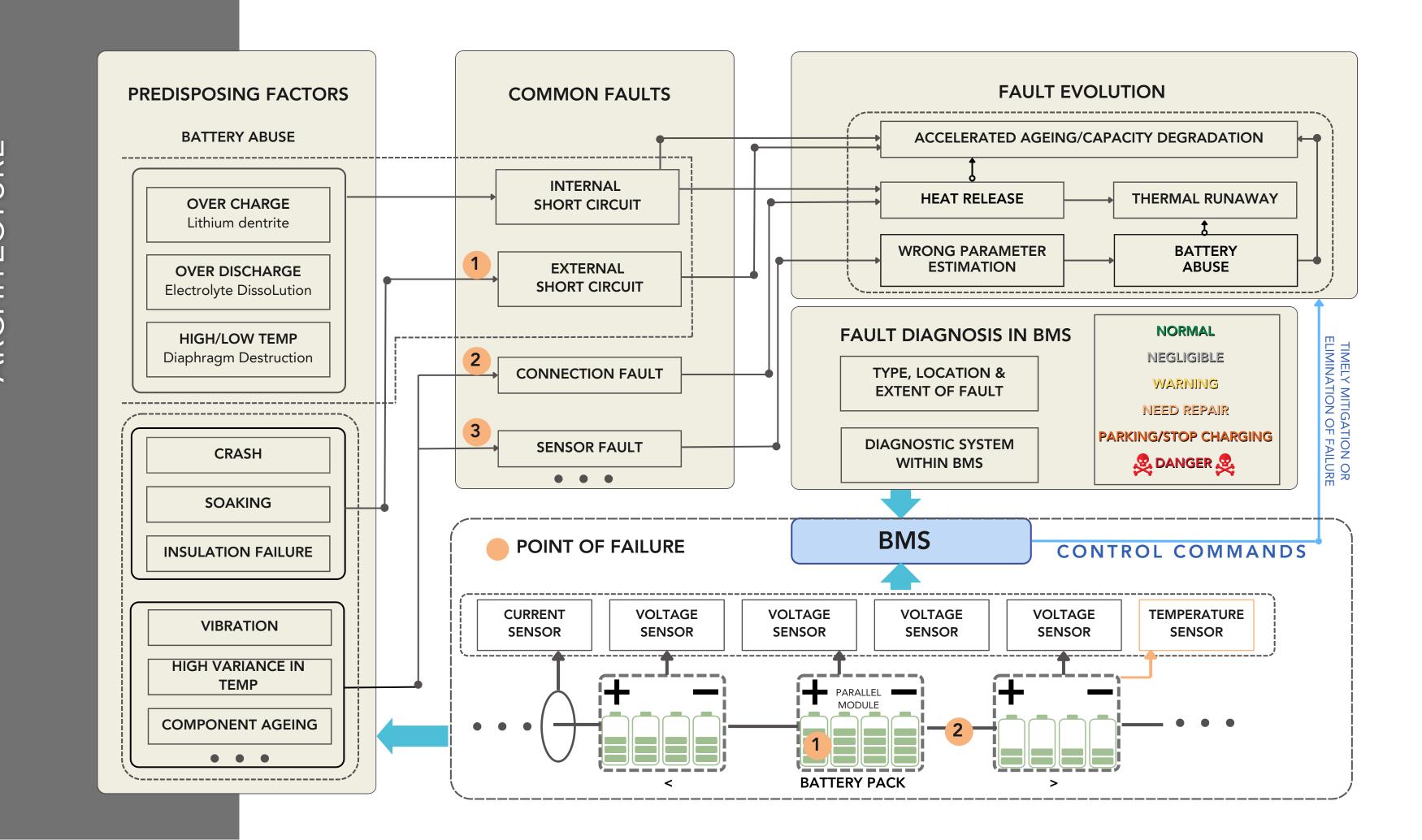
Predicting Correlation between Complex Property

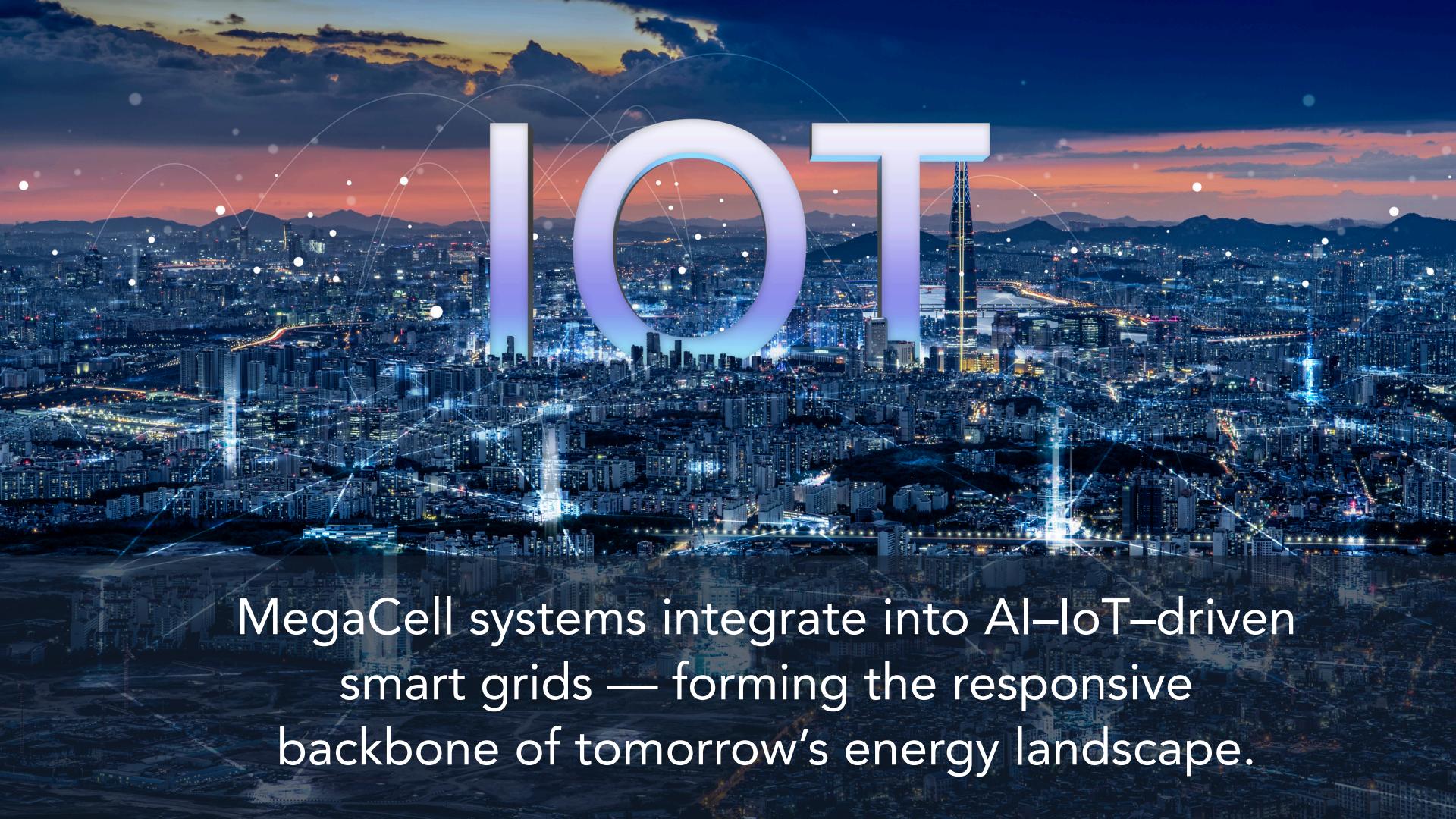
Fault Diagnostic Architecture

Al-Powered Fault Diagnostics for Smart Storage Systems.

From cell-level degradation to system-level response — enabled by BMS and predictive analytics.





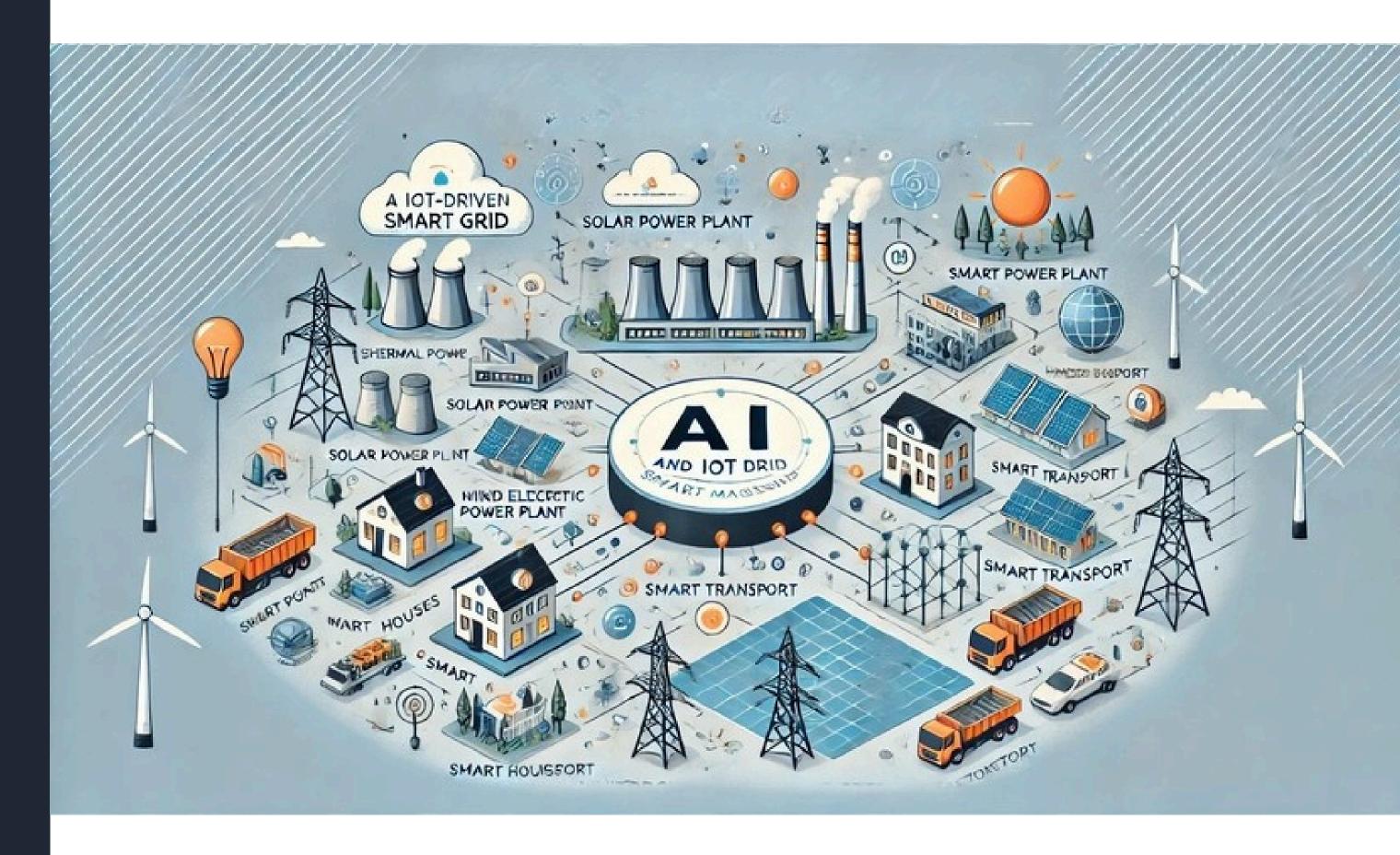


AI & IOT-DRIVEN SMART GRID

for smart energy management

MEGACELL IN THE SMART GRID

Al-governed dispatch, predictive load shifting, secure storage orchestration

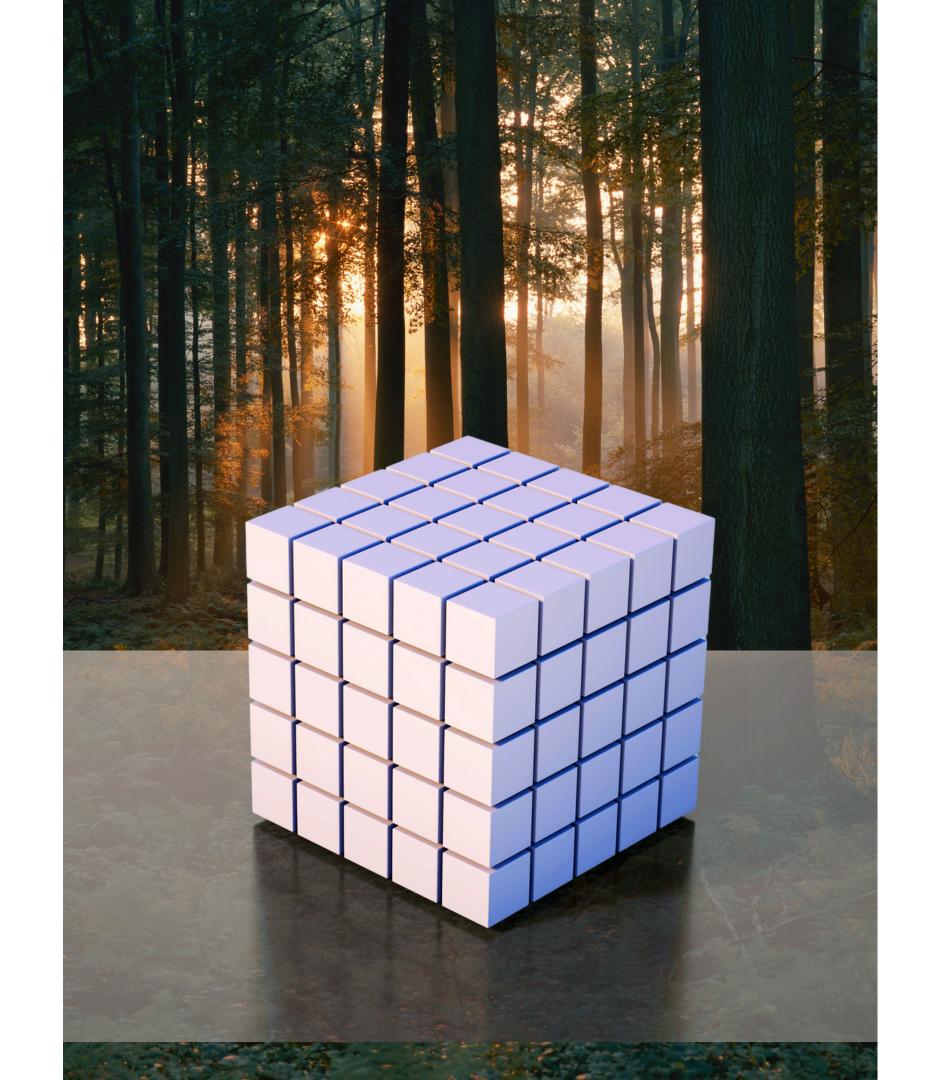


The R&D Journey

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The Building Block of India's Storage Future

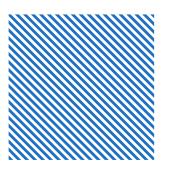
From Bench to Busbar



Laboratory research spanning 40 years forms the foundation for this project.



Storage system performance is driven by a few parameters - conduction from the electrodes, rate of movement of ions in the electrolyte, surface area etc.



The three primary characteristics are charging rate, quantum of charge stored/generated and cycle life.

It began quietly — in a lab corner where carbon particles were studied not just as materials, but as enablers of memory, conductivity, and precision. It started with optimising the conducting particles of carbon in lithium-ion batteries, originally intended for electric two-wheelers.

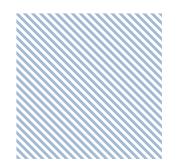
This design lineage became part of India's early EV ecosystem — and was further developed for scalable, indigenous cell manufacturing.



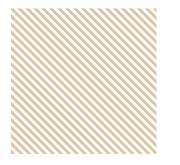
The journey started with optimising the conducting particles of carbon in a lithium-ion battery used in two-wheelers.



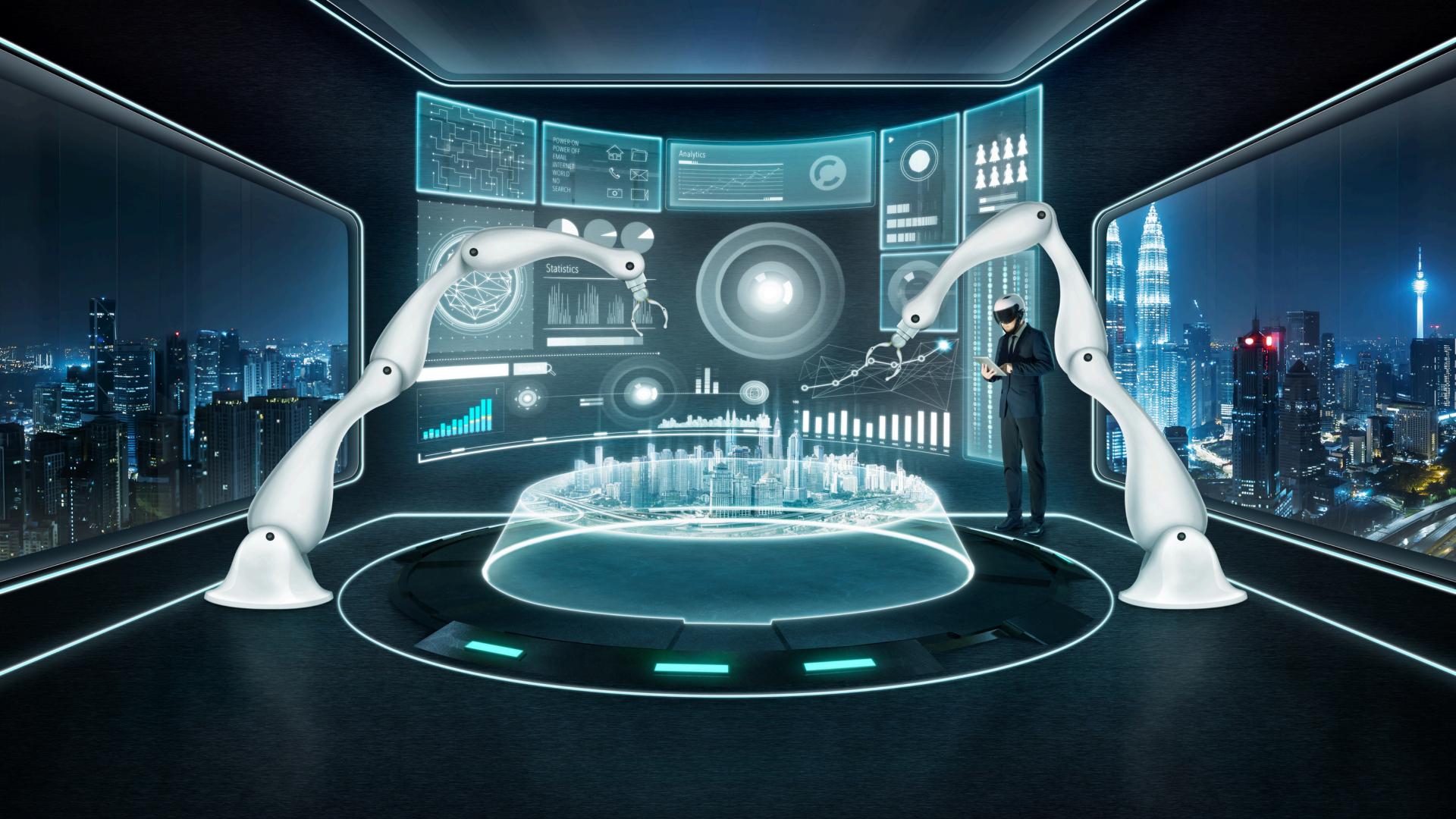
This was a Phd research project and lasted around seven years. The project involved studying the microstructure of the battery electrodes.



The project was sponsored by the Centre for Automotive Energy Materials through their Centre called ARCI at the IIT Chennai Research Park.



The market-leading twowheeler Ather was incubated at IIT Chennai Research Park around the same time, and built on the broad design developed by ARCI & manufactured by Amara Raja.



India-Built. ARCI-Tested. IIT-Led.



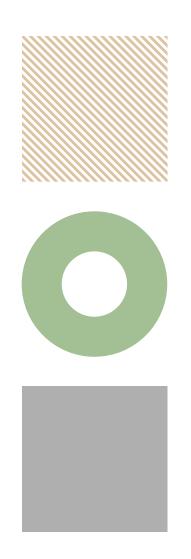
Batteries with higher electrode surface areas can support higher charging rates. Higher surface area can also increase specific capacityby allowing more active material to participate.



Magnetic self-assembly of molecular-scale materials to create 3D assemblies holds the potential of redefining material lattices that appear in nature.

It is to materials, what genetically modified foods are to agriculture.





The research backbone behind MegaCell — spanning electrode architecture, microstructure tuning, bespoke electrolyte and Aldriven material optimisation.

Perspective



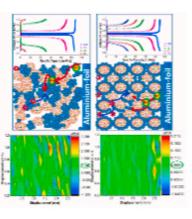
Comprehensive effort on electrode slurry preparation for better electrochemical performance of LiFePO₄ battery

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Pre-mixing of carbon black-LiFePO₄ for electrode's desired microstructure.
- A novel "linearly resolved electrical resistivity measurement" technique.
- The homogeneity of the slurry is measured using rheological properties.
- Effective transfer of LFP properties to the electrode performance.

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

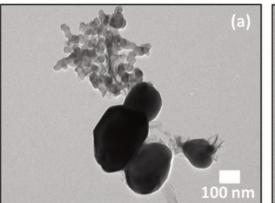


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ABSTRACT

For a given proportion of active material, conductive agent, and binder, performance of the lithium ion battery depends on microstructure of the electrode. Uniform distribution of de-agglomerated particles of carbon black on the active material in the slurry is crucial for establishing a conductive network around the active particles and for improving the adhesion of the electrode to the current collector. Herein, we demonstrate that pre-mixing of carbon black and LiFePO4 via dry ball-milling achieves the desired microstructure in the electrode coating. Homogeneity of slurry of LiFePO4 in Poly(vinylidene fluoride)/N-methyl -2-pyrrolidone is demonstrated using measurement of viscosity and dynamic light scattering. Dried electrodes are shown to be uniform via SEM imaging and by a novel "linearly resolved electrical resistivity measurement" technique. Through peel tests it is shown that adhesion of the electrode to the current collector is improved. These improvements reflect in the electrochemical characteristics of the electrode such as increased cycling stability, higher exchange current density and ability of the electrode to perform at a higher C-rate. The electrodes prepared with this method, at an optimal composition, give a higher discharge voltage of ~3 V at 10 C compared to values of 2.4–2.8 V reported for unmodified LiFePO4 so far.



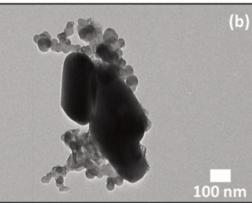


Fig. 4. TEM images of particles scraped from (a) WBM and (b) BM electrodes.



As part of the PhD project, the physical parameters of the carbon particles were altered extensively so as to achieve a 20% improvement in performance of the battery..

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Reduction Self-Assembly of Three-Dimensional Graphene **Hydrogels: Implication as Adsorbents**

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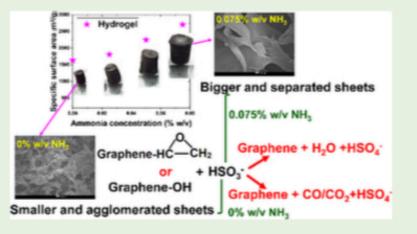
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: We have prepared a three-dimensional (3D) graphene hydrogel with a specific surface area that is comparable to the theoretical specific surface area of two-dimensional graphene. Graphene oxide was reduced in a glass vial using aqueous sodium bisulfite in the presence of ammonia, which regulates the rate of reduction. The kinetics of reduction was monitored by the rate of consumption of sodium bisulfite, whereas the extent of self-assembly of the reduced graphene sheets was captured through reduction in the volume of the 3D graphene with time. Dynamics of selfassembly shows two distinct regimes, namely, induction and shrinkage. During the induction period, no noticeable shrinkage in the volume occurs, Smaller and agglomerated sheets John WIV NH3 although there is a significant reduction of graphene oxide. During the



shrinkage period, the volume shrinks continuously with time until it reaches a constant value. The onset of shrinkage requires a critical extent of reduction of graphene oxide. We hypothesize that during the induction period, the overlapping portions of the sheets undergo lateral stacking and the reduced graphene oxide sheets undergo enlargement. With the increase in ammonia concentration, the rate of reduction is lower, the induction period is longer, and the extent of reduction at the onset of shrinkage is greater. This causes progressively greater enlargement of sheets as observed from the scanning electron micrographs of the lyophilized 3D aerogel. On further reduction, the larger sheets shrink slowly and to a lesser extent. The extent of stacking of larger sheets is also reduced significantly as seen from X-ray diffraction.

KEYWORDS: 3D graphene, reduction-self-assembly, induction period, shrinkage period, lateral stacking

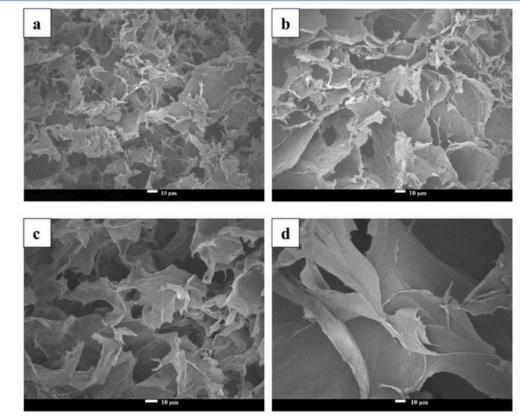


Figure 4. Field emission gun SEM (FEG-SEM) images of a three-dimensional graphene aerogel (scale bar: 10 µm): (a) Without ammonia (b) 0.025% w/v NH₃ (500×), (c) 0.05% w/v NH₃ (600×), and (d) 0.075% w/v NH₃ (500×).



As part of the PhD project, a surface area of around 2800 sqm per gram was achieved.

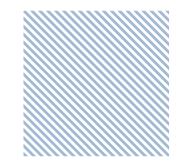
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Three dimensional Holey Graphene Electrodes

Vinay Juvekar and Per Löthman

Three dimensional (3D) graphene has properties such as high electrical conductivity, high surface area, and high electrical capacitance, which make them attractive as electrodes for electrochemical cells, capacitive deionizers and electrochemical supercapacitors. However, since graphene sheets act as ion-filters, they hinder diffusion of ions across them. This lacuna limits the thickness of 3D graphene electrodes, thereby reducing their cost effectiveness. By introducing nanometric size holes in the graphene sheets, it is possible to make the electrodes both thick and with high efficiency for ion transport. Important factors determining the efficiency is size and areal density of holes, and arrangement of holes on sheets. The optimal size and arrangement of holes provide ionic flow paths which produce uniform distribution of ions within the electrode without hindering their transport. In this talk, we discuss various aspects associated with preparation and optimization of 3D holey graphene electrodes.

Per Arvid Löthman, PhD received their education beginning in 1990, when they completed an MSc. in Materials Science&Engineering from FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg. Per Arvid then went on to participate in a study abroad program from 1995-1996 at Alfred University, where they studied Ceramic Engineering, Glass Science, and Ceramic Science. Finally, in 2014 they completed their Ph.D. in Macroscopic Magnetic Self-assembly from the University of Twente.



Assembly of molecular scale materials by magnetic self assembly opens up completely new vistas for fabrication of AI designed materials

ARCI

Dr. Anil Kakodkar is the Chairman of ARCI.

He is a Padma Vibhushan awardee, former
Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of
India, and was Director of Bhabha Atomic
Research Centre (BARC), Trombay (1996–2000).

He was also Chairman of the Board of Governors
of IIT Bombay.





Prof Joglekar at her convocation with Dr Anil Kakodkar

Core Thought

"R&D labs like ARCI should look beyond lithium-ion battery technology and develop technologies involving other alternative energy materials."

Dr. G. Sundararajan Former Director, ARCI



Multiple Echoes

"Cost of electrode materials contributes significantly to the overall cost of LiBs. As India is heavily dependent on imports, it has become essential to indigenously develop a technology and support industrial organisations in LIB technology."

Dr. Tata Narasinga Rao Director, ARCI

Satish Mehta worked with Merlin Gerin and Tata Rao to help conceptualise a smart grid for Andhra Pradesh in 1989. It became the first grid to replace meters with flat rate MCB connections



ARCI

"If you read Prof Juvekar's research paper on the ARCI battery, it will highlight the depth of work and expertise that went into fine tuning that chemistry. This learning and related data has been used to create the core material which has then been suitably upgraded by ai to create a range of novel materials which can be manufactured in the same plant with the same raw material - but whose functionality can be tweaked as required and then altered even more by customising the electrolyte."

According to Satish Mehta, Board Observer deputed by IIT alumni council for the Go Power project



Satish Mehta Board Observer IITAC for GO Power

ARCI signs agreement to support Indigenisation of Lithium-ion Rattery Technology fabrication

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The transfer of know-how will be based on the expertise developed in establishing Li-ion battery process and its successful demonstration in electric scooters and solar street lamps by the Centre for Automotive Energy Materials, ARCI under the Technical Research Centre on Alternative Energy Materials and Systems, in line with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' or 'Self-Reliant India Mission'.

Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Governing Council, ARCI, said that the partnership between ARCI and Nsure Reliable Power Solutions is an important milestone to address challenges associated with climate change and carbon footprints. He emphasised the need of indigenous technology development for sustenance and highlighted the importance of partnership between R&D labs and Industries to take technologies to higher TRLs. He also stressed upon the need for competent human resources, multiple formats to leverage complementary resources of stakeholders in innovation ecosystem and government support for technology upscaling and commercialisation. He said that ARCI-Nsure agreement can be a role model for how such an ecosystem can evolve in the country.

"R&D labs like ARCI should look beyond lithium-ion battery technology and develop technologies involving other alternative energy materials," Dr. G. Sundararajan, former Director ARCI, emphasised.

"Cost of electrode materials contributes significantly towards the overall cost of LiBs, and as India is heavily dependent on import of these materials, it has become essential to indigenously develop a technology and support industrial organisations in LIB technology," Dr. Tata Narasinga Rao, Director, ARCI pointed out.

Dr. R. Gopalan, Regional Director, ARCI-Chennai., briefed about the efforts of DST and ARCI in setting up technical research centre on alternative energy materials and systems, especially the Li-ion battery technology for electric vehicles and energy storage solutions and said that this technical know-how transfer is a major milestone at ARCI towards "Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan".

Dr. R. Prakash, Head, Centre for Automotive Energy Materials, gave an overview of the Lithium-ion battery technology and work accomplished by ARCI at its Chennai Centre.

Dr. John Albert, CTO of Nsure Reliable Power Solutions, highlighted the need of industry-academia relations for bridging the wide gap between the international and Indian scenario in the Li-ion cell manufacturing technology and said that in this context, ARCI-Nsure partnership shall play a crucial role.

Dr. S.K. Varshney and Dr. R.K. Joshi from DST, Dr. Sanjay Bhardwaj, Head, Technology Transfer, ARCI, and Mr. Chandrakanth and Mr. Suryakanth, Directors, Mr. Ramachandra, Business advisor Nsure Reliable Power Solutions participated in the programme.

The Roadmap of MEGACELL

From Research Breakthrough to Scalable Sovereignty

Milestones, enablers, and time-bound goals to bring MegaCell from pilot to national platform





Indicative Timeline & Costs

Phase 1: Prototype & Pilot Launch

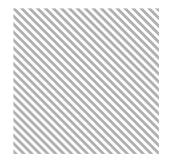
Phase 2: Manufacturing + Field Testing

Phase 3: National Deployment + Licensing



Electrode mfg process & equipment development:

36 months from start of
Noida plant (15.8.25).



Prototype mfg plant: 60 months from 1.1.25 with first prototype based on commercially available cells purchased from competitors in June 2026.



Pilot manufacturing line for marketing test/ trade show units: 24 months from first prototype (30.6.25).

Grid stabilisation installation for development of software - both internal management of the Battery box and external grid interfacing for duplex grid: 12 months from close of funding round.

Funding requirements: Approx Rs 300 crores for 60 months including pilot line.

Infrastructure requirements: Approx 80,000 sqft industrial unit with around 2,000 sqm open space, a in an urban industrial setting where the grid management and stabilisation system can be tested in live conditions

Lab support: IIT and CSIR campus for various testing and certifications (IITs dont use outside labs or agencies for certifications as they are themselves the last word in the area.

Specialised testing equipment: Approx Rs 8 crores to facilitate faster testing.



Powering India and beyond — over land, water, air, and orbit.

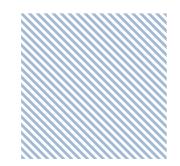
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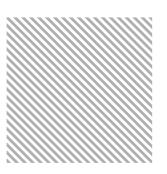
Go Power is...

GO POWER

A novel material development company. Rooted in 20+ years of IP and research from the IIT Alumni Council ecosystem.



Based on 25000+ man-years of research by the IIT and alumni ecosystem in the areas of transport phenomena, molecular dynamics, nanotechnology, battery research, bespoke materials and semiconductor technologies.



This includes 35 years of PhD level research overseen by Prof Vinay Juvekar - L&T Chair Professor (2012-15) at IIT Bombay.

India's Energy Storage Moment

Go Power is currently evolving a new low cost, fast charging, air cooled, compact energy storage system...

For two applications - grid storage/ stabilisation and electric vehicle (air/water/road)

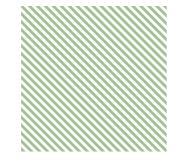
Go Power Seeks...

to engage with L&T

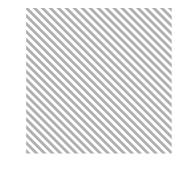
To develop the capability for global manufacturing of this disruptive innovation.

Through an appropriate alliance with the four arms of L&T...

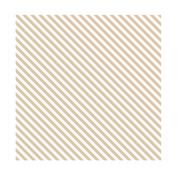




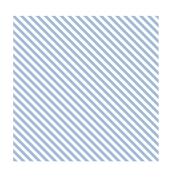
L&T proprietary process equipment division to develop the equipment required for mass manufacturing of the electrode (3 Kgs per KWH) globally.



L&T metals and speciality materials to manufacture this bespoke materials for Indian markets



L&T innovation fund to support the development of a pilot line for fine-tuning of process parameters for yield maximisation and process optimisation.



L&T solar and power EPC to help deploy the grid balancing/stabilisation solution globally.

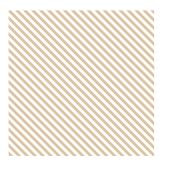
GO POWER

Go Power Technologies Pvt Ltd

is an Indian Startup, selected as the premier partner for the AMAT AI platform of the IIT Alumni Council



To develop bespoke materials from earthabundant materials (carbon, silicon, thorium and iron) as import substitutes (for lithium, nickel, molybdenum, cobalt and uranium).



Awarded by the IIT Alumni Social Impact Fund as one of the five most disruptive innovations which could become world leaders in their space - the other four being micro nuclear reactors, coal to gas conversion, high efficiency solar cells and digital cash.

Go Power Promoters





Dr Jyoti JoglekarDistinguished Fellow Artificial Intelligence



Dr Vinay Juvekar L&T Chair Professor - IIT Bombay



Dr Rohinton DehmubedDistinguished Fellow Semiconductors

Alumni Mentor



Deputed by the Global Board of the IIT Alumni Council to guide the startup through setup, licensing, funding, and strategic alliances.

The IITAC initiatives stand on the shoulders of mentors and mission-driven engineers — united by the sovereign vision of nation-building.

Satish Mehta Alumni Mentor Life Fellow, IIT Alumni Council



First recipient of the L&T Merit Scholarship at IIT (1983–87), Satish worked under Prof. Juvekar for his BTech project and was awarded the Acharya P.C. Ray Award by the President of India in 1987 for contributions to fertiliser equipment and process development at L&T—alongside Prof. Juvekar, Prof. R.A. Mashelkar, and Prof. M.M. Sharma.

Artificial Intelligence







Al applications

help accelerate design and production of novel bespoke materials based on earth abundant raw materials through suitably designed frameworks.

These include:

- . Heuristic search
- . Molecular dynamics simulation
- . Density function theory
- . With the AMAT AI platform (under alpha testing) as the foundational AI model being trained.



Al Governance & Responsible Intelligence

Designing for transparency, traceability, and trust in Al-powered material systems. Al must not only accelerate performance — it must earn trust with every decision it influences.

- Al models used for chemistry and materials undergo peer oversight and version control.
- All simulation outcomes are validated by lab-grade parameters, not just model output.
- We follow Explainable AI (XAI) principles where applicable particularly in materials design.

- Ethical review of AI deployment spans data usage, design traceability, and safety thresholds.
- Predictive models are continuously refined using feedback loops from real-world test data.

RESEARCH MENTOR AI & CV

Jyoti Joglekar



Professor Jyoti Joglekar holds a Bachelor of Electrical engineering from Walchand College of Engineering Sangli, a Master of Computer Engineering from Mumbai University and a PhD in Computer Vision from IIBombay. She has over 25 publications in international journals and international conferences of repute.



Joglekar is a reviewer of reputed international journals such as IEEE Transactions on Geoscience & Transactions on Remote Sensing (TGRS), IEEE letters, IEEE Access, IET etc.

Joglekar has been honoured as Fellow member of IETE (Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering) and is a Distinguished Fellow on Computer Vision and Imaging AI at the PanIIT Institute.

Joglekar has undertaken sponsored research for NESAC, DoS, Meghalaya in the area of image acquisition and processing using Swarm of Autonomous UAVs (Drones) for various surveillance and mapping operations that deploy holographic imaging techniques.

She is the Principal Investigator (PI) and focal officer for TDP (Technology Development Partner) research projects with NESAC, ISRO. She played a role as an expert for funded DST-RFBR research projects.

Joglekar won the second prize for her paper presentation at in INAC-4 conference by ISSE and ISRO held at SAC, ISRO, Ahmedabad in September 2019.



Joglekar is an active member of the SIH Innovative Product Drive Ecosystem and has mentored three of the students' winning teams in Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2018 and 2019.

Joglekar is the co- author of the widely prescribed "Internet of Things" engineering textbook published by Oxford University Press. She has over 25 years of teaching experience to undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Joglekar is an active research volunteer with IIT alumni Council since April 2020 and is working on several cutting-edge technologies in the area of ultrasound imaging and quantum computing being deployed by social initiatives of the Council. Her work continues to bridge the lab and the field — ensuring integrity across science, operations, and market readiness.



Internet of Things

Surya Durbha

Jyoti Joglekar

Internet of Things

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Professor,
CSRE, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)

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Prof Jyoti Joklekar coauthored Internet of Things, which is currently used as a textook. It underscores her proficiency in AI and IoT integration, shaping innovative energy solutions, including Megacell initiative. RESEARCH MENTOR INTERFACIAL ENGG

Vinay Juvekar



Professor Juvekar has had a significant impact on the chemical engineering community as an outstanding teacher, gentle mentor, excellent researcher, and, above all, as a very warm and affable person.



Juvekar has published highly insightful work in many research areas, with a significant number of these manuscripts appearing in Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research.

Prof. V. A. Juvekar obtained his B. Chem. Eng. (1970) and Ph.D. Tech (1976) at the University Department of Chemical Technology (UDCT) Mumbai. He then worked as an Associate Lecturer (1971–1974) and Lecturer (1974–1977) at UDCT, Mumbai (now ICT, Mumbai).



Prof. Juvekar then worked in the chemical industry from 1977 to 1984, first as a Senior Chemical Engineer (1977–1979) and then as an R&D Manager (1979–1982) at Industrial Processes (Maharashtra), Ltd.

Juvekar served as a Full-Time Consultant at Herdillia Chemicals (1983–1984).

Professor Juvekar started his academic career at IIT Bombay in 1984 (Assistant Professor, 1984–1990; Professor, 1990–2017; IIT Bombay–Emeritus Fellow, 2017 to present). He was bestowed the Fellowship of the Indian National Academy of Engineering.

He was also a recipient of Moulton Medal from the Institution of Chemical Engineers UK (1977), the Herdillia Award for excellence in basic research in chemical engineering (1996), and the L&T Chair Professorship (2012–2015).

As far as his research areas are concerned, Prof. Juvekar has focused broadly in four areas, viz. heterogeneous chemical reaction engineering, electrochemical engineering, colloid and interfacial engineering, and electrohydrodynamics.

Juvekar has graduated 30 Ph.D. and 72 Master's students (M.Tech. Dual Degree and Foreign Nationals).



RESEARCH MENTOR
ADVANCED MATERIALS

Rohinton Dehmubed



Dr. Rohinton Dehmubed has over 30 yrs. experience in engineering design and product development in the field of telecommunications, RF, optics and compound semiconductors across multiple continents.



Dr. Dehmubed holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University in the field of Integrated Optics and a B. Tech. in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay. Dr. Dehmubed has published several technical papers and holds multiple patents.

Dehmubed co-founded OPEL Inc. in 2001 which got listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (currently trading under TSX: PTK) in June 2007.

As Vice- President in charge of product development at OPEL Dehmubed led the team to develop a complex III-V epitaxy for monolithic opto-electronic integration of optical communication devices for military and commercial applications.

Dehmubed has secured funding from private investors and government bodies and was on the board of directors of OPEL Inc. from 2005 until his departure in early 2007. Since then, he has been a mentor and investor in Cheekotel Venture Fund, a long-horizon deep tech fund focusing on markets in India and other emerging markets, and is a member of its advisory board.

From 1997-2001, Dehmubed worked at Transwitch Corporation in Shelton, CT, (NASDAQ: TXCC), where he was in charge of system development, definition and testing of high speed next-generation communication chipsets from DS3 (44Mhz) to OC-768 (40 GHz).

Prior to Transwitch, he worked in the field of free-space optics and plume measurements at Electro Optical Sciences and Contel Corporation. During his time at Contel, he tested the earliest Erbium Fiber OpticalAmplifiers and Semiconductor Optical Amplifiers for the Fiber-in-the-Loop application.

Currently Dr. Dehmubed is a co-founder of Rubitel Inc., a startup specializing in electronic tamper evident packaging. In his spare time he likes to make gourmet chocolates and cheese.

ALUMNI MENTOR
DEEPTECH | IMPACT FUND

Satish Mehta



Satish Mehta is a veteran investment banker with deep roots in India's financial, regulatory, and startup ecosystems. Over the past three decades, he has specialised in funding deep tech and high science ventures while shaping the social impact investment landscape.



Deeply committed to nation-building through collaborative intellect, Satish has championed the convergence of science, capital, and public good. His current focus lies in enabling scalable platforms that translate breakthrough research into real-world solutions—particularly in healthtech, renewable energy, and mobility.

Mehta was instrumental in establishing key institutions of national importance including TRAI, SEBI, SIDBI, BSNL, and the IIT Alumni Council. He served on the Disinvestment Commission and led revitalisation mandates under BIFR during India's economic liberalisation.



Over the years, Mehta has helped shape India's startup and capital markets landscape —advising on private equity, SME listings, and alternative investment platforms.

He has served on investment committees of pioneering funds like Cheekotel Capital and Digital India Fund, backing innovations in AI, semiconductors, and quantum tech.

Known for aligning deep science with sound compliance, he remains a trusted mentor to researchers and institutions addressing complex societal challenges.

A founding force behind the IIT Alumni movement in the 1990s, Mehta continues to anchor its flagship initiatives, including the IIT Alumni Council and the ₹21,000 crore MegaFund. Mehta was part of the IIT COVID Task Force and continues to serve on several strategic working committees across public and private sectors.

Mehta is a certified investment banker and professional cinematographer, and serves as Head of Compliance & Regulatory on the investment committees of several PE funds. Mehta is also a visiting faculty and recognised authority in photogrammetry and cinematography.

An alumnus of IIT Bombay (BTech, Chemical Engineering) and JBIMS (MMS, Operations Research), he continues to bridge science, finance, and impact at the highest levels.

IIT Alumni Council confers Distinguished Fellowships to four eminent researchers

PanIIT grants honor on four for their original contribution to the development of key platform technologies



Dr. Kapil Talwar



Dr. Arindam Bose



Dr. Jyoti Joglekar

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TIT Alumni Council announces institutional strengthening of PanIIT Institute, an independent and autonomous partner alumni ence and Engineering.

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based on advanced materials such as Gallium Arsenide with newer options relying on Gallium Nitride and substrates such as diamond and sapphire. The chipsets are fabricated using epitaxies with crystal growth technologies such as Molecuinvolve up to 36 material layers

Dr Kapil Talwar has a PhD Washington University, Saint Dr Rohinton Dehmubed Louis, USA, He has a BTech

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Dr. Jyoti Joglekar holds a

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Dr. Rohinton Dehmubed

Dr. Rohinton Dehmubed had no cure in small molecule Ahmedabad. She has over 25 has over 30 yrs, experience in based pharmaceutical prod- publications in international engineering design and prod- ing. Dr. Bose's final position at ucts. He has personally led the journals and international con- uct development in the field of Pfizer was Vice-President, Biodevelopment of several mono- ferences of repute. She is a re- telecommunications, RF, optics therapeutics Pharmaceutical clonal antibodies that have reviewer of reputed international and compound semiconductors. Sciences with responsibility for ceived FDA approvals and was journals such as IEEE Transac- across multiple continents. He external sourcing, competitive selected as the most eminent tions on Geoscience & Trans- co-founded OPEL Inc. in 2001 intelligence and external influ-IIT Alumnus in this fast-emergactions on Remote Sensing which got listed on the Toronto encing as well as for executing ing domain. "Biologies is one (TGRS), IEEE letters, IEEE Stock Exchange (currently tradindustry that India can lead in. Access, IET etc. She has been ing under TSX; PTK) in June for Pfizer's entry into biosimiespecially monoclonal antibody honored as Fellow member of 2007. As Vice-President in lars. based biotherapeutics", said Dr IETE (Institute of Electronics charge of product development and Telecommunication Engi- at OPEL he led the team to de- a Key Thought Leader in the The PanIIT Institute awards neering) and is a Life Fellow on velop a complex III-V epitaxy biopharmaceutical industry. three types of Fellowships - Computer Vision and Imaging for monolithic opto-electronic Dr. Bose was elected to the US Distinguished Fellowships, Life AI at the PanIIT Institute. She is integration of optical commu- National Academy of Engineer-Fellowships and Honorary Fel- a member of the Board of Stud- nication devices for military ing for innovations in biologics lowships. Distinguished Fellowies, Department of Comput- and commercial applications. manufacturing. Dr. Bose curship is the highest membership er Engineering, Mukesh Patel He has secured funding from rently provides consulting serhonor that the PanIIT Institute school of Technology, NMIMS, private investors and govern-vices in bioprocessing to several bestows upon its members. Mumbai, the Department of ment bodies and was on the start-up biotechnology compa-The Distinguished Fellowship Information Technology, Cumboard of directors of OPEL Inc. nies including a part-time prois awarded to PhDs who have mins College of Engineering, from 2005 until his departure in cess development management made significant contributions. Pune and Science college at early 2007. Since then, he has role at Akero Therapeutics, He Dr Kapil Talwar holds a cusing on the markets in India of Michigan, Ann Arbor and a cialized for applications across BTech in ChE from IIT Mum- and other emerging markets B. Tech from the Indian Instia wide range of products or serbai and a MS & PhD in Chemand is a member of their advitute of Technology, Kanpur. vices. Life Fellows are eminent ical Engineering from Washingsory board. From 1997-2001, Dr Arindam Bose has been

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Dr. Arindam Bose

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He is widely recognized as been a mentor and an investor received a Ph.D. in chemical enin Cheekotel Venture Fund., a gineering from Purdue Univerlong horizon deeptech fund fo- sity, a M.S. from the University

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Dr Kapil Talwar



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"Technology can generate money, but money cannot always buy technology"

Developing a core platform technology is more important than generating short-term export revenue



Prof Jyoti Joglekar is the Distinguished Fellow for Holographic Imaging and AI. She is a resident of Mumbai and has spent close to 20 years as a researcher in computer vision, photogrammetry, remote sensing, image manipulation and analytics. Most of her work is oriented towards real world applications that range from developing photogrammetric methods for applications ranging from predicting forest fires to digital elevation models on water resources to 3D scanning in real time for lossless transmission. In an interview with Computer Vision, Holography BTech students, MTech and even the Indian EYE, Prof Joglekar and 3D DEM generation for PhD students. So, there was a spoke about her life journey and around twenty years, I was thus massive multiplier effect which achievements. Excerpts:

your role in it?



PanIIT Fellowship Awardees Q&A with Dr. Jvoti Joglekar

rightly positioned to develop required negligible funding. Professor, congratulations innovative architectures based In more ways than one, you on being nominated as a Distin- on these platform technologies, represent the new face of the Inguished Fellow in the area of Ho- Since we did not have access to dian academic researcher - eleclographic Imaging and AI. Could such technologies which origi- trical engineer, lady, researcher, you briefly explain this subject and nate from the defence and space strong application understanding, sectors in developed countries academician, research publication In a simplified language, Ho- - I started from scratch. I have author in high index journals, You lographic imaging is perceiving focused on this domain exclu- have become some kind of a role depth information for develop- sively. It became my passion and model for other academicians. ing a 3D model of an object or then I realised I probably knew What is your advice to other ladies a scene. We do this from a series about as much if not more than who may want to follow in your of images, by extracting informy peers in developed counfootsteps? mation hidden in the parallax. tries. I used this fundamental It is similar to how the human research to develop innovative a researcher is a tough task for brain uses images from two eyes applications in a wide range of a lady as she often needs to conin stereo vision to develop a 3-D areas including but not limited tribute substantial time for famstructure - by using the imag- to agriculture, healthcare, urban ily issues. Because of this, they es captured from two different planning, climate change assess- often feel that they are left out. view-points. This kind of informent, transportation planning, Some colleges have age restricmation is critical for applica- mining and economic activity tions for appointment of facultions like autonomous cars or in assessment. As an academity for example. In my opinion, robotics where assessing depth cian, I had the support of a large proper time management and is very important. I have been number of students who had to domain focus can easily com-

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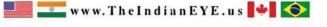
not be considered as a hurdle. The key is domain focus so that you can keep adding to your expertise vertically.

A career in research is very different from say one in industry as an MBA - research is all about depth and not so much about width. I think, more and more lady researchers should come forward to develop a complete stack of technologies, right from fundamental research and basic hardware components so that totally indigenous, economical and innovative application & product development can be accelerated.

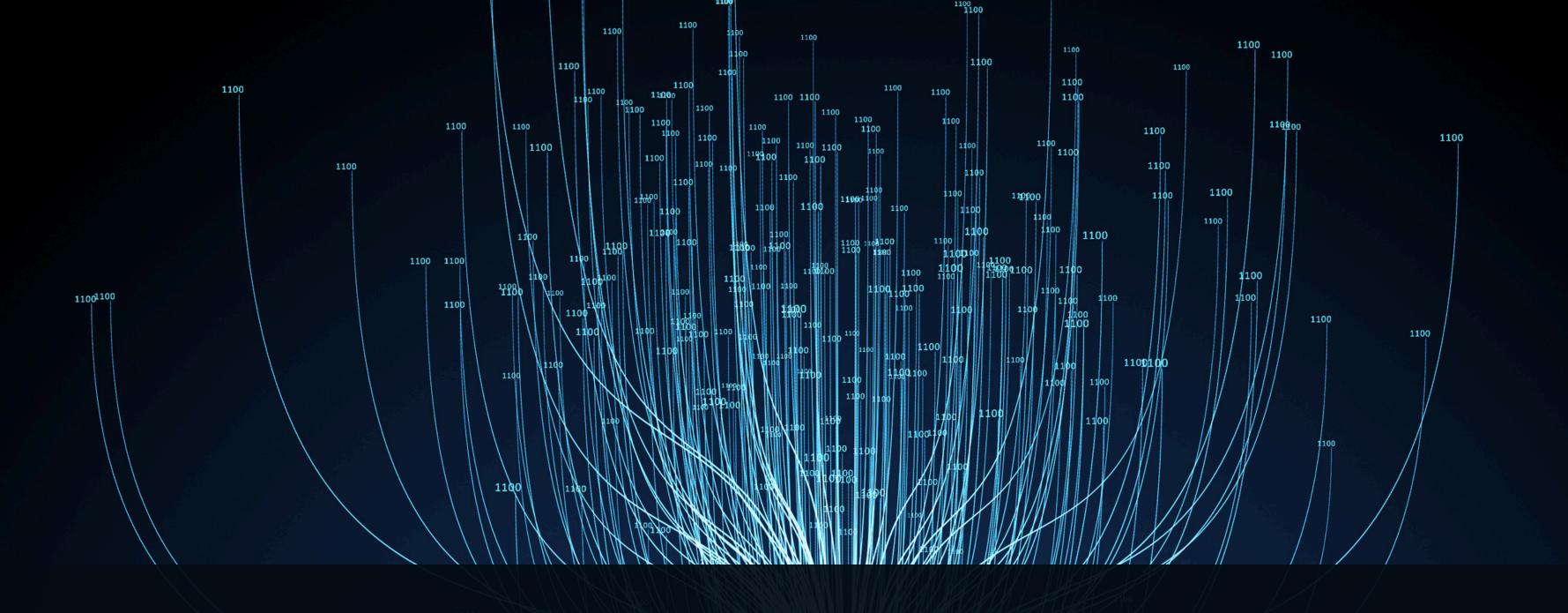
A lady academician can play an important role to guide and motivate her students. She is a caring personality by nature and can inculcate such interests in her students. I treat my student just like my own child - and I am equally strict as well. This is something that a mother does better. Because she values the flexibility of an academic job, she can do long runway projects without necessarily seeking monetary benefits. This makes here suited for fundamental research which is the base of any innovative platform stack. You need a solid foundation to build a tall building. Often, we don't see the time that goes into digging a deep foundation - the world only sees the height of the building. But without a strong foundation, the building will fall. And good basic education, a thorough understanding of the core concepts and the fundamental science is that founda-

Why did you prefer to stay back and work in India? In your niche arva, global demand must be

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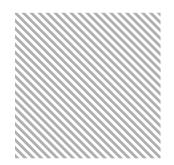


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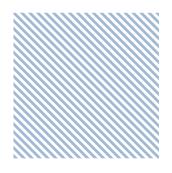
The time now is for courageous, intelligent scaling — done responsibly, and done in India.



Core Principles of MegaCell



Material Agility: Tunable across use-cases — from mobility to grid storage — by varying electrolyte + architecture.



Al Integration: Simulates, predicts, and accelerates innovation while reducing experimental costs.



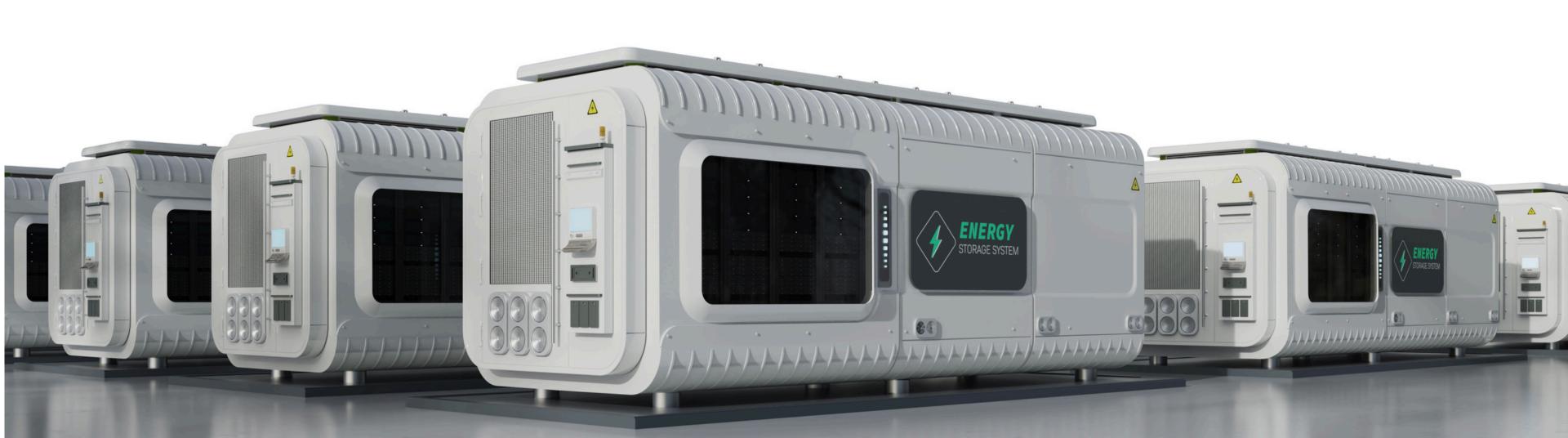
Form-Factor Flexibility: Compact, air-cooled, and stackable — engineered for Indian environments and export-ready platforms.



Sustainability Embedded: Designed for recycling, low-toxic profiles, and future regulatory pathways.

Storage is a Spectrum

with a Lead acid battery on one end and a super-capacitor on the other.



The Geometry of Innovation or Chemistry, Computation, Creation

Al helps create not just new chemistries — but new classes of materials altogether.



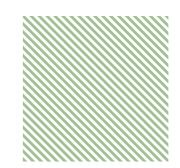
The material has to be designed in 3D at the lattice level. This requires data intelligence which is a combination of big data from years of physical experimentation used to train an ai for rapid simulation for bespoke material design.

Go Mobility Platform

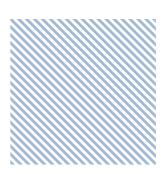
of the IIT Alumni Council ecosystem.

It has already achieved substantial traction with a plan to set up PPP (Public-Private Platform) companies in seven states.





These PPP companies would compete/cooperate with and complement the existing electricity distribution/ generation and public transportation companies.



These entities envisage creation of competitive advantage through AI.

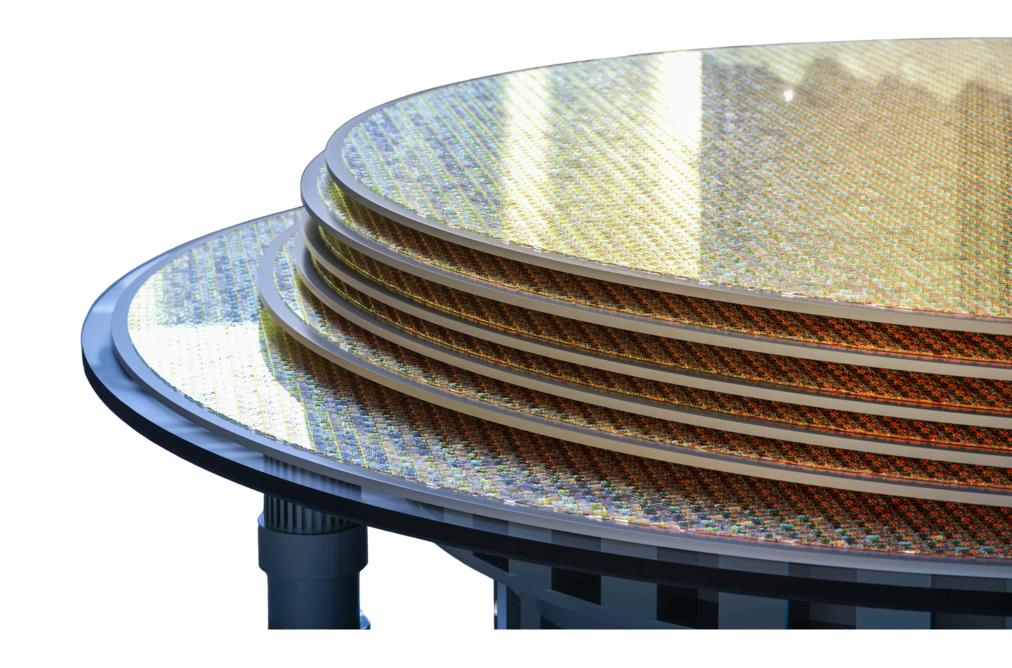


A sustainable, net-zero battery solution which is highly environment friendly and health friendly.

It uses 100% indigenous raw materials and can scale to meet global demand without the need for expensive imported raw materials or the need for environmentally unsustainable manufacturing processes.

Al can help emulate the semiconductor industry's price-performance cycle in the area of energy storage.

Carbon for example can be used to produce zero band gap semiconductors as well as serve as the substrate for next generation chipsets.





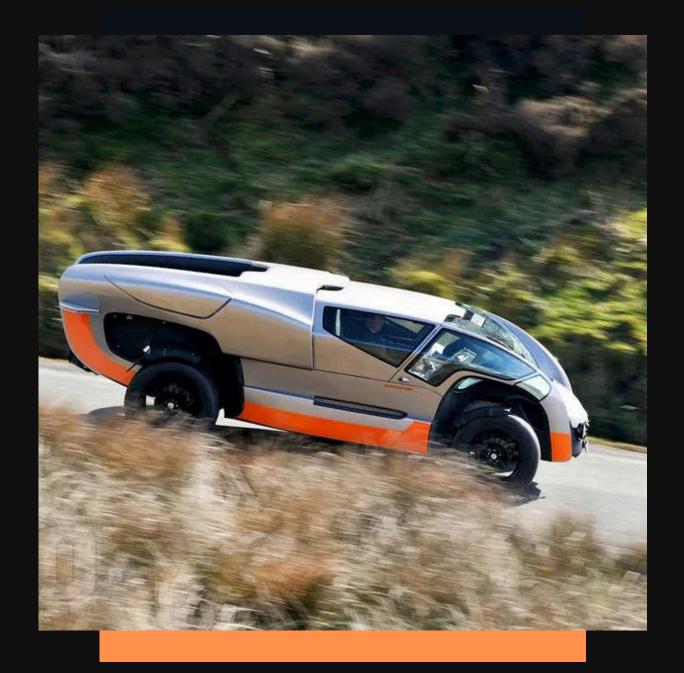
3D structures such as those seen in ancient Indian temples are used for mechanically separating the electrons and protons in the electrolyte.

This approach can in theory yield MegaCell configurations that weigh just one kg per kwh. As of now, there is no known way to create these without extensive use of Al.









ELECTROLYTE MANUFACTURING

ASSEMBLE TEST VEHICLES

ASSEMBLE TEST BATTERIES

DEVELOP ELECTROLYTE PLANT



Location

Ionique is located in a 75,000 sqft pilot plant and R&D centre in Noida near Delhi in a SEZ.





Desired Outcome





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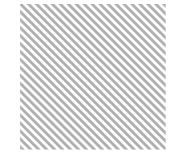


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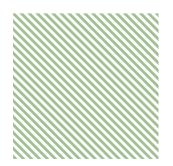


- Company formed & operationalised.
- User partners finalised.
- Boards of PPP user entities being firmed up.

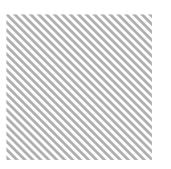
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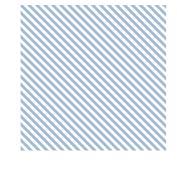
Partner organisation tied up with ready infrastructure to produce process plant equipment using additive technologies.



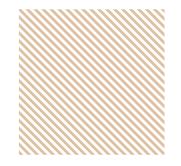
Model worked out to start delivering modules identical to the ones proposed based on existing commercially available products by 31.3.26.



Partner organisation has procured licenses for manufacturing of requisite modules - before and after novel material is ready.



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Regulators and policymakers makers sensitised through media coverage.

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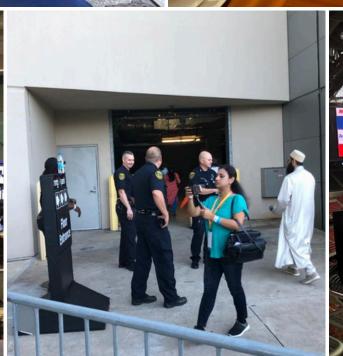












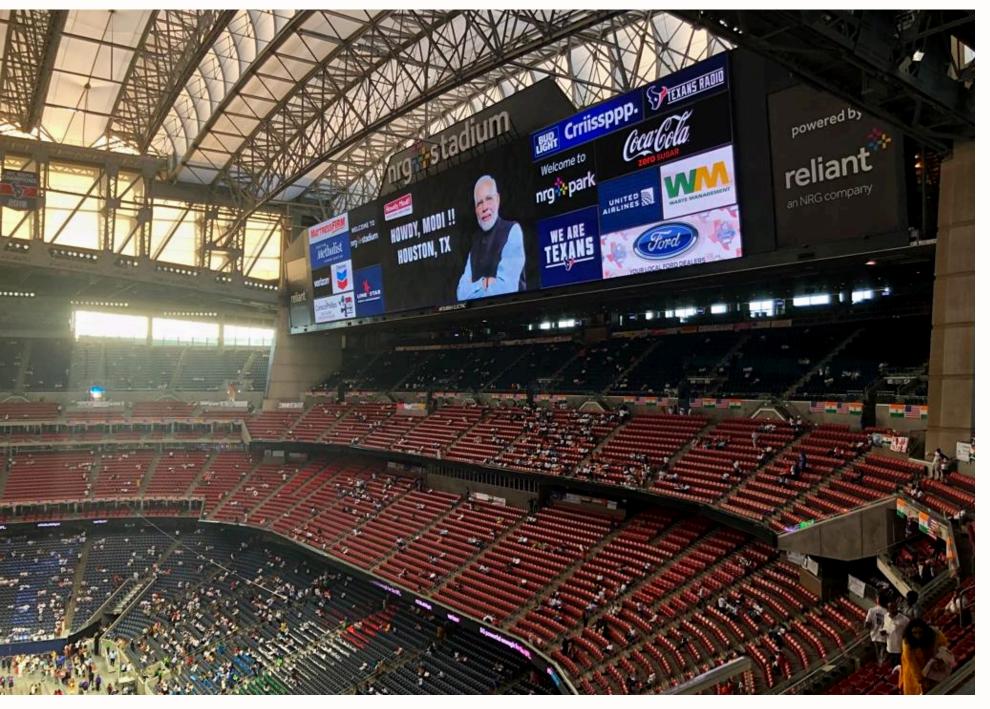


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The IIT Alumni Council aspires to align Alumni resources towards catalysing India's technological renaissance for a digital society.

The member alumni actively participate in social ventures that are configured to solve key national challenges through the deployment of appropriate technologies using the well-proven venture capital funded start-up format.













Scale & Impact

Largest philanthropic body of its kind, backed by 40,000+ highly technology literate, globally distributed IIT Alumni

USD 3 Billion+ committed to India's technological renaissance

USD 100 Million+ deployed to speed manage Covid outbreak in Mumbai.

The core idea is to accelerate India's socio economic progress through a prudent combination of technology development & deployment, public policy advocacy & sensitisation and market failure correction.

This is done using venture capital paradigms and facilitating industry-academia-alumni-government interaction & involvement.

MegaFund.in is India's largest domestic social impact fund. Consortium of funds with a USD 3 Billion corpus led by the SEBI registered and regulated AIF - IIT Alumni Social Fund.

MegaFund has shortlisted 16 of ASPI Australia's 64 critical technologies for intervention, aiming to position India as a global leader in one each year.

When MegaFund was launched, India was not in the top five in any of the 64 critical technologies. China led in 47, the rest were led by USA.

Target:

2025: Biofuel No. 1

2026: Crypto No. 1

2027: Photovoltaic No.1

2028: Energy Storage No. 1

MegaFund address four core areas - Climate Resilience, Human Health, Energy Transition and Frontier Technologies.

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IIT Alumni Council invites industry to collaborate on mass production of next-gen materials via AI-driven platforms like AMAT AI, aiming to replace scarce elements with abundant ones.

Delhi [India], June 9: The IIT Alumni Council has invited leading industrial players to collaborate on the mass production of next-generation materials, designed using principles from the semiconductor industry and accelerated by AI-driven platforms.

At the heart of this initiative lies the AMAT AI Platform—a foundational large material model under development. Its goal: to replace scarce, expensive elements like lithium, cobalt, molybdenum, nickel, and indium with earth—abundant alternatives such as coal, thorium, silica, and iron ore.

"These projects require significant capital investments--often exceeding Rs10,000 crores," said Ravi Sharma, President and Chief Volunteer, IIT Alumni

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Council. "They include the design and fabrication of high-throughput process equipment and large-scale manufacturing plants. Our role is to act as a knowledge partner and incubate research startups via our Social Impact Fund. These startups are critical in adapting and refining the core technologies for industrial-scale deployment."

Reimagining Materials, Redefining Possibilities:

"Materials like carbon and silicon are extremely versatile," explained Mr. Jitendra Singh, Distinguished Fellow, IIT Alumni Council. "Carbon ranges from diamonds to coal, graphene superconductors to carbon insulators—depending on its structure. Silicon, when doped, transforms into a semiconductor. Together, carbon and silicon form silicon carbide, a key candidate for low-cost inverters and devices. We are also exploring zero—gap semiconductors, which could disrupt industries like energy storage, HVAC, and turbine manufacturing through new architectures like high—efficiency thermoelectric generators (TEGs) and Peltier—based cooling systems."

A Turning Point in Green Chemistry:

"AI's most visible early contribution to materials science is here," added Mr. Shashi Shekhar, environmentalist and former Secretary, Ministry of Water & Ganga Rejuvenation. "When combined with additive manufacturing and Industry 4.0, this opens the door to safe, sustainable, and high-performance materials. These can even replace corroding materials like ToR steel or expensive ones like food-grade stainless steel."

Shashi Shekhar, who now serves as Vice Chairman of Acme Group, noted that the Government of India's Green Hydrogen Mission is pushing for decarbonization of the steel industry.

"By aligning with the IIT Alumni Council, we plan to develop green steel alloys that are cost-effective, sustainable, and suitable for high-performance applications like additive manufacturing and specialized equipment."

Industry Progress and Global Partnerships:

Recently, Outokumpu delivered its first batch of specialty powdered stainless steel for 3D printing applications such as heat exchangers and aerospace components. "It's remarkable that the IIT Alumni Council foresaw this trend and began building the ecosystem early—spanning AI—driven material innovation to carbon—free green steel production," said Mr. Y.P.S. Suri, former MD of Outokumpu India and IIT Kharagpur alumnus. "We are entering a new paradigm. I look forward to seeing the world's first process plant built entirely through additive manufacturing." Gratitude to Visionary Contributors:

"The development of the AMAT AI Platform wouldn't be possible without the unwavering support of India's top corporations and visionary leaders," said Satish Mehta, Convenor of the IIT Alumni Social Fund.

He acknowledged contributions from:

Tata Group, Birla Group, Jindal Group, L & T, Reliance, Adani, ArcelorMittal, Ocior, Acme, Coal India, HPCL, among others.

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He also thanked key members of the National Solar Task Force, including: Padma Shri Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala, Prof. Juzer Vasi, Prof. Dinesh Kabra, and Prof. Anil Kottanthayil, for their guidance in the context of photovoltaics.

A special mention was made for the Distinguished Fellows of the IIT Alumni Council, including:

AI Chief Mentor Prof. Jyoti Joglekar and Silicon Valley collaborators Dr. Rohinton Dehmubed and Dr. Milind Kulkarni

"Their thousands of hours of effort and deep domain expertise have been instrumental. We thank each one of them."

Interested industry partners may write to applications@iitalumnicouncil.org on or before June 30, 2025

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Dr DS Shin with Kiran Jadhav and Tom Shin, CEO of Komag Korea signing the MoU for joint development of India's first VLCC

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New Delhi [India], May 22: IIT Alumni Council to act as sponsor and knowledge partner to co-create a green-shipping-focused research institute and university. The institute would be a part of the shipbuilding megacity being created on the Indian coast. This greenfield facility will cater to the emerging global market for cryogenic liquid hydrogen carriers, ammonia-fueled ultra-large crude carriers, nuclear-powered container ships and other next-generation vehicles required for the transition to sustainable shipping. Ravi Sharma, President and Chief Volunteer of IIT Alumni Council, added, "Pollution caused by ships already exceeds that caused by all private cars in India. Shipbuilding is an area where India can directly lead in the latest technologies – just like it has done in mobile telecom or digital banking. Import substitution is the immediate goal, but global leadership – in this service, people and technology-intensive industry – is the end objective."

"Korea's global success has been a direct result of significant R & D investments – both in industry and in academia. This collaborative approach is the key to success in shipbuilding. For Korea, shipbuilding has been one of the pillars on which the country's global success in technology was built. I have been a great believer in the potential of India. I was fortunate to attend the first edition of vibrant Gujarat in September 2003.

Since then, I have been very impressed with the progress catalysed by the leadership of Mr Narendra Modi, " said 92 year legendary shipbuilder and celebrated naval architect, Dr Dong Shik Shin of Korea who is revered as the "Father of modern shipbuilding" and widely credited with the creation and success of Asia's shipping industry outside of Japan. Dr Shin was appointed by the late President Park Chung Hee to serve as an Advisor and Chairman of the Special Maritime Advisory Committee, Senior Economic Secretary and Secretary General of the Presidential Board in the fields of Economy and Science.

Dr Shin has played a pivotal role in planning the national economic development and overseeing Korea's economic advancement, especially in the fields of heavy industry, maritime affairs, science and technology and basic infrastructure. Dr Shin has been awarded as the Distinguished Fellow in Shipbuilding by the IIT Alumni Council and is being nominated as a Professor Emeritus and Member of the Senate of the Shipbuilding University.

"For close to two years now, I have been travelling with the IIT Alumni teams to study existing shipyards as well as explore zero carbon options for next gen ships. India is more cost-effective than any other country for bespoke, high technology manufacturing because of its deep pool of engineering talent and ERS (engineering and research service) providers. What is currently missing is the required infrastructure to build such massive ships and the supporting ecosystem.

We also have a lot of catching up to do on large sized steel plates, design automation data bases and advanced electronics which are now all standard in the industry," added Commodore R. Balasubramaniam, a highly respected naval R & D veteran who has been involved with the conceptualisation, design, construction and maintenance of some of the Indian Navy's most prized assets, including the naval ships and design of shipyards. Commodore R. Balasubramaniam is an awarded Distinguished Fellow of the IIT Alumni Council in the area of Nuclear Powered Vehicles and is being nominated as a Professor of Practice and Member of the Senate of the new Institute.

"There are only a handful of global players who have the capability to design and build a VLCC or ULCC. It doesn't make sense to reinvent the wheel. Thus, the immediate plan is to acquire proven Korean designs for India's first very large crude carrier (VLCC) from Komag – the world leader in this space. This will help India to catch up and enter the closed club of countries capable of building VLCCs. Dedicated test facilities can validate systems prior to hull integration.

Digital Twin technologies could radically reduce the time for construction. Future technologies have to be invented, not imported. The Shipbuilding University is thus a timely step in the right direction by the IIT Alumni Council," added Mr Kiran Jadhav, Distinguished Fellow of the IIT Alumni

Council for Defence Vehicles. He is also the cofounder of Kanoji Shipyard which is designing and building India's first VLCC with green fuel and nuclear options.

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Delhi [India], April 2: The IIT Alumni Council acts as a knowledge centre and enabler to identify and deploy frontier technologies. Cost-effective access to these shortlisted technologies is critical for India to achieve stated goals for socio- economic progress, import substitution, environment preservation, quality of life enhancement, export revenue growth and global technology leadership.

Accordingly, the Council had facilitated the creation of a social impact fund (www.megafund.in) to provide patient capital for research intensive startups. In conjunction with its mission organisations, the Council identified six key technologies in September 2020 for capability and competency creation. The identified areas included electric transportation & drones, nuclear sciences & perpetual power, renewable energy & gaseous fuels, engineered biomolecules & vaccines, quantum technologies & cybersecurity, artificial intelligence & computervision and fintech.

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In furtherance of the above, the Council had onboarded startups in the incubator (www.incubator.org.in) and Distinguished Fellows in the research mission (www.institute.net.in) to accurately define the problem statements and related technologies. The Council has signed MoUs with a wide range of organisations including CSIR, DRDO, Universities, Global Players, Stock Exchanges and startups. The Social Fund has defined around ten main platforms for funding and created a fund consortium with leading Tier 1 funds and CSR Foundations to enable provision of patient risk-taking capital, catalyse stock market listing and facilitate pilot projects. The Council has also constituted Task Forces in over twenty areas led by eminent alumni, scientists and technocrats to help determine technology gaps and identify policy changes required. In many of these identified areas, SPVs are being created - as public private partnerships or private sector joint ventures - to facilitate rapid commercialisation and global scale deployment in India.

"For electric transportation, the key challenge is to enable a mass shift from human driven private vehicles to autonomous public transport. The three key enabling technologies to do this are electricity storage, solar air conditioners and digital twins", added Dr Rakesh Seth, Founder of Ionique Innovation, Distinguished Fellow IITac - Electric Transportation and Chief Mentor - Electric Buses of the Go Mobility Platform.

"Micro nuclear reactors and electric transportation go hand in hand. Nuclear submarines and semiconductors for heat to electricity conversion (called TEGs) have been used by the India Navy for over fifty years. Primary challenge now is to improve the price performance by a factor of ten or hundred" according to Commodore R. Balasubramaniam, eminent Naval R & D veteran, Distinguished Fellow IITac - Shipbuilding and Chief Mentor - Water Transport of the Go Mobility Platform.

"As a tropical country with abundant sunshine, renewable energy should be a large part of our energy basket. We need to develop the capability and competency to go from sand to solar power. Once the capability is in place, rapid capacity creation can avoid the Rs 30 lac crores outflow on import of solar products and equipment," added Dr Milind Kulkarni, Founder of RSolec, Distinguished Fellow IITac - Semiconductors and Chief Mentor - Silicon Wafer Technology for the MegaSolar Platform.

"During Covid, we were able to demonstrate our global leadership in genetic diagnostics. Engineered biomolecules play a key role in the development of next generation early warning diagnostic tests for an entire range of requirements - from biological age assessment and gut biome analysis to epigenetic assessment and liquid biopsies for timely cancer detection." According to Pallavi Jain, Executive Director of Krsnaa Diagnostics, Distinguished Fellow IITac - Genetic Diagnostics and Chief Mentor of the Kodoy AI Platform.

"Cybersecurity is a crying need because cyber-attacks are making businesses cry. The challenge is to make our data resilient to attacks. The key is preparedness, stringent audit requirements and strong data privacy laws. Unlike physical theft, your data may be stolen, and you may not even know anything is missing. Or your data may be exactly where you kept it, but ransom seekers may prevent you for accessing it," added Sanjay Sahay, former IPS officer and Founder of TechConPro, Distinguished Fellow IITac - Cybersecurity and Chief Mentor - Data AI Platform.

"Artificial Intelligence and computervision is a foundational science. Self-learning and self-programming machines already exist. Platforms like ChatGPT and Kodoy are making the power of AI available to the common man," according to Satish Mehta, Convenor of MegaFund, Distinguished Fellow IITac - Photogrammetry and Mentor- Kodoy AI Platform.

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"Crypto is a foundational technology like artificial intelligence. India is one of the first countries in the world to launch its own central bank digital currency. What the internet did to information, digital currency can do to money. It might well be the biggest asymmetric opportunity of the 21st century. India with its solid digital public infrastructure, lowest broadband costs, global leadership in IT services and a young demographic - is positioned to lead globally," according to Taron Mohan, Founder of Mobipay and Distinguished Fellow IITac - Digital Payments.

The Council now seeks to identify and engage with suitable industry partners with adequate resources to catalyse the development of appropriate indigenous technologies which could be mass commercialised over the next five years. The focus of the Council is on technologies (like nuclear fission) where the foundational science is well established and substantial enhancements to price performance can be achieved through the induction of new frontier technologies like ai, blockchain, proteomics etc

Those interested in collaborating with the Council to partner for development of the above technologies may write to applications@iitalumnicouncil.org . The Council is open to all forms of partnership with well-established companies with adequate resources - either directly through the creation of PPP and SPV type entities - or through startups supported by the IIT Alumni Social Impact fund.

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New Delhi [India], January 2: The IIT Alumni Council proudly announces the launch of its Generative AI Platform (GAP), an innovative tool designed to revolutionize the creative process of crafting and sharing inspiring life journeys through non-fiction books and video documentaries.

GAP is a bold 100-week mission initiated in April 2022 alongside the launch of The Maverick Effect. Authored by IT industry veteran, NASSCOM cofounder, and its first elected Chairman, Harish Mehta, the book took a team of seven experts over three years to compile. Praised as "a definitive and authoritative biography of NASSCOM" by Infosys founder N.R. Narayana Murthy and described by Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran as "a parable of our shared homeland...with no shortage of inspiration," The Maverick Effect

uncovers the untold story of India's IT revolution. The book inspired IIT Alumni Council donors and members to emulate Harish Mehta's storytelling legacy, uncovering hidden tales of transformative movements that could inspire generations. However, the decade-long journey of creating such impactful works highlighted the need for a faster yet equally authentic process, leading to the creation of GAP. "With The Maverick Effect, we captured how NASSCOM sparked India's IT revolution. GAP builds on this legacy, enabling transformative stories to be told faster, bolder, and with unmatched authenticity," said Harish Mehta. The impact of the book also inspired a Harvard case study on the power of self-regulation.

Transforming Storytelling Through GAP

The GAP framework, beta-tested in 2023-24, successfully produced autobiographies, self-help books, and technical compendiums ranging from 200 to 1,000 pages. To expand its reach, the Council has partnered with Forum Publishing (for books) and Anytime Media (for videos). GAP is now being applied to the Vishwaguru Book & Video series, a 21-book project chronicling the journeys of the Council's Lifetime Achievement Awardees. Content is optimized for interactive tablet viewing, video integration, and high-quality printing across text, audio, picture book, and video formats.

"GAP brings together advanced AI tools, agents, and models into a unified, secure database with multi-layer meta tagging," said Ravi Sharma, President of the IIT Alumni Council. "Open-source models like Llama are trained on this database, with proprietary tools like the IIT Sans font enabling seamless content generation in text, audio, and video formats. Forum Publisher, GAP's front end, integrates cybersecurity safeguards and AI tools to ensure quality and reliability."

Proven Success and Ambitious Goals

During the beta phase, GAP delivered several notable works in record time: How to Be on Top by Being in Bliss Forever by IIT Kanpur alumnus Gyanesh Choudhry was completed in under eight months, Unbridled ... the Garcha Way in four months, and Ayurveda Revisited by Dr. Shantaram Kane in the same timeframe. The first Forum series book, Accelerate Your Journey, was released in under two months, while Monetise Your Research took less than a month. GAP now targets reducing production time for OTT video episodes from three months and \$1 million to just three weeks and \$100,000.

"Our goal is to celebrate and preserve the transformative contributions of IIT Alumni with authenticity and depth," said Geetika Saigal, Convenor of the Forum Publishing Platform and Founder of Beeja House, a leading publisher of books for intellectuals. "With a bold vision to launch 100 non-fiction books in 100 weeks, GAP empowers authors and creators with multilingual tools to craft inspiring stories and dynamic OTT content for diverse audiences."

Beyond Storytelling: The Future of GAP

Looking ahead, GAP aims to integrate large language models (LLMs) to transform research into books, patents, and even physical products. "GAP goes beyond simply converting thoughts and documents into books—it redefines what books can be. For instance, it can handle bookkeeping, treating accounts as structured content for a book," said Mrinalini Gupta, Life Fellow

of the IIT Alumni Council. The GAP base stack is also being applied across other Forum platforms, such as drafting and defending patent filings through the Forum RIPM platform, as highlighted in the book Monetise Your Research. This versatility underscores GAP's transformative potential.

Maverick Effect

The Maverick Effect, authored by Harish Mehta, cofounder of NASSCOM, tells the extraordinary story of how NASSCOM laid the foundation for India's IT industry, creating an ecosystem that propelled the nation onto the global tech stage. With endorsements from iconic leaders like Nandan Nilekani, Deepak Parekh, S Ramadorai, and Rishad Premji as well as new-age changemakers like Rajan Anandan, Anupam Mittal, and Namita Thapar, the book not just became a national bestseller but also an inspiring blueprint for building transformative industries and creating lasting impact.

Forum Publishing

Forum is the mission initiative of the IIT Alumni Council which was formed with a target to create a worldwide professional services organisation of global size and stature within ten years. Forum is a collective of IIT Alumni from across one hundred city chapters around the world and is home to an intellectual and technology talent pools larger than any commercial consulting organisation anywhere. (www.forum.iitcouncil.org/publishing) IIT Alumni Council

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Delhi [India], October 2: Beeja House proudly announces the launch of 'Accelerate Your Journey', compiled and edited by Mrinalini Gupta for IIT Alumni Council. This is the first book in the FORUM series of 100 books.

"Accelerate your journey' is a comprehensive guide for countries, cities, communities, and campuses working to elevate their resilience to climate change. We, at Beeja House, are honoured to publish the 45 minute picture book that outlines the FORUM's philosophy and provides a practical framework to tackle climate change-related challenges." said Geetika Saigal, Founder of Beeja House.

"The FORUM CRP is a global advisory initiative that integrates key technologies and protocols for sustainable re-development. With a focus on promoting LiFe (Lifestyle for Environment) and LiGht (Longevity Insights for Greater Health span), the platform aims to guide communities toward a sustainable future and longer health spans - without sacrificing

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the comforts and conveniences of the digital age" according to Mrinalini Gupta, who is the Media Head & Volunteer at IIT Alumni Council.

The FORUM 100 Book Series will provide a roadmap for developing frameworks and solutions that help societies remain at the forefront of sustainable progress. The FORUM CRP will serve as an advisory platform for countries, cities, communities, and campuses striving to meet climate resilience and sustainability goals. The CRP advisory consortium comprises of five leading Indian non-profit organizations: FORUM mission of IIT Alumni Council, Development Alternatives, Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives, Wellness Lifestyle Foundation, and Peermade Development Society.

"Climate resilience has been a fifty-year journey of learning and implementing for Development Alternatives. We are thrilled to contribute to this significant initiative," added Dr. Ashok Khosla, Founder and Chairperson of Development Alternatives. Dr. Khosla is a global thought leader in sustainable development.

Christina Watson of Wellness Lifestyle Foundation shared, "Jalasya and Ayushca are cutting-edge technology stacks developed with contributions from IIT Alumni start-ups. These technologies, including zero discharge, zero freshwater protocols, are foundational for building sustainable communities. These are now ready for commercial deployment."

FORUM is the professional services mission of the IIT Alumni Council. With over a hundred advisory platforms, thousands of alumni and intern participants - the AI based, born digital, mobile-ready advisory platform is configured with a high technology quotient and a unique business model to advise governments, projects, start-ups and nonprofits. FORUM aspires to become the global leader in professional services for the megasphere economy, distinguished by technology, brand, reach and scale. And success is measured by replacement of judgement by data, expensive by affordable and post-event research by proactive predictive modelling.

Earlier this year, Beeja House, (https:/beejahouse.com/), India's first mentored publishing house, was selected as the publishing partner for three series of books to be released by the IIT Alumni Council - the largest global body of IIT alumni from 23 IITs, united in their mission to position India as a global technology leader in the emerging megasphere economy. The Council aggregates the resources of interested alumni - in terms of technology and money - to solve national challenges that threaten to impede India's ascension towards global leadership.

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The MoU was signed between the president of IIT Alumni Council Shri Ravi Sharma and Director General Technology Management of DRDO Shri HB Srivastava in the presence of Secretary DDR&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy.







IIT Alumni Council bans Chinese systems, software in its projects

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In support of the government's decision to ban Chinese apps, the IIT Alumni Council has decided to immediately put a stop to all the Chinese systems and software in its projects and initiatives.

The council has been working actively for the past few weeks with various Technical Institutes of Excellence, research institutions for developing indigenous and cost-effective solutions to republic the Chinese systems and software, it said in a statement.

IIT Alumni Council is now the largest global body of alumni across all the 23 IITs and partnering Universities.

The IIT Alumni Council aspires to align Alumni resources towards catalysing India's technological renaissance for a digital society.

The member alumni actively participate in social ventures that are configured to solve key national challenges through the deployment of appropriate technologies using the well-proven venture capital funded start-up format.













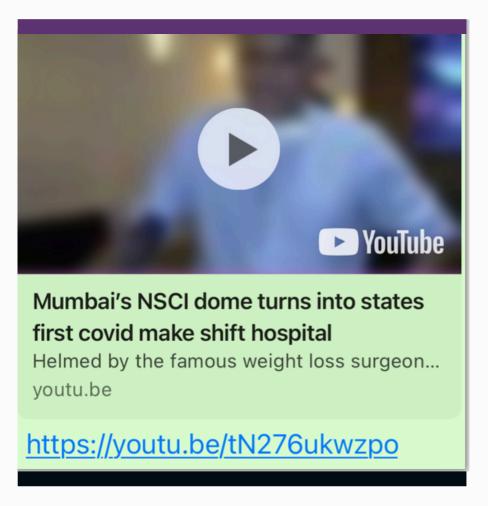












Set up with a target outlay of Rs 700 crores, the C19 Task Force under the chairmanship of the Dr Vijay Raghavan and Dr Arindam Bose helped create 100 hour projects faster than anywhere in the world. NSCI Dome, led by Dr Muffi Lakadawala was one of them.





The mass genetic testing initiative of the C19 Task Force helped create cost effective indigenous testing capacity.







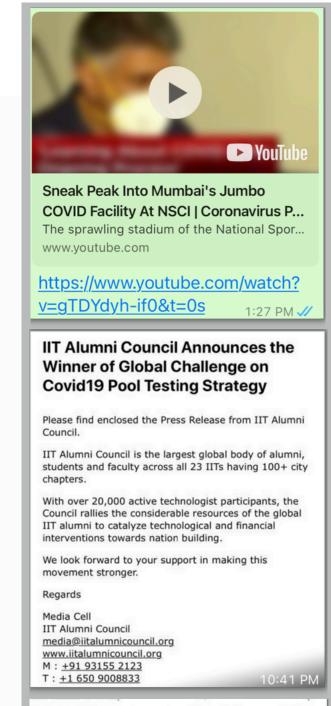
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A professional take on the jeetenge hum song used in the iit alumni Council video competition.

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Mental Health of patients in particular and the home locked population in general was one of the primary challenges facing the Covid task force.

To address this, the Council organised music competitions and arranged live events at the covid centres.



Tata Hosp treats Covid-positive cancer patients at NSCI Dome

Mumbai: When 33-year-old Gopal Bhakta, a far mer from West Bengal, came to Mumbai for can cer treatment eight months back, he hach 't expec ted to spend nine days in isolation. 'I didn't have any symptoms, but when I went for my Ith che motherapy session to Tata Memorial Hospital in Parel, I testde positive for Covid-19, 'said Bhakta who was diagnosed with bone soft tissue cancer on his left hand in 2019.

On May 7, he was transferred to the 500-bed Codic care centre at NSCI Dome in Worfli set up by presen Dr Muffazal Lakdawala. A 50-bed section reserved for cancer patients who are treated by cologists from Tata Memorial Hospital. "Docsur from Tata check on us daily," said Bhakta, ho is among the 60-odd cancer patients—sonsyoung as two years old—who have been treated NSCI Dome over the last couple of weeks.

While Tata Memorial Hospital has been tr ing Covid-19 patients who tested positive durreatment, the NSCI extension has been help said doctors. "Our doctors have also been treat ancer patients who tested positive for Covid

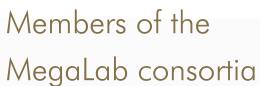


Patients leave NSCI Dome at Worli after discharge Nair Hospital," said Tata Memorial Hospita

Said Dr Lakdawala: "We are a Covid care centre-2, taking care of mild to asymptomatic patients. We have treated 700 patients so far; 300 of whom have been discharged. As pregnant women and cancer patients are refused admission in private hospitals, we decided to make space for them."The NSCI centre is in the processof adding When the game is speed and grading is relative, there is no other technocrat group with the speed, hunger and resources of the IIT Alumni group. The virus was a competitor worthy of a fight. 27,000 alumni joined the movement.



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The C19 Task Force morphed into the MegaLab mission. It addresses the larger and long term challenge of preventing disease to enable active longevity. It targets those with the means to afford and ability to assess risks inherent in new cutting edge technologies.







Science

IIT Alumni Council implements Kodoy 3.0 indigenous technology stack to test blood samples

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IIT Alumni Council has integrated Kodoy 3.0 technology stack, a microfluidic technology developed by Indian academic institutions, with its virology lab, MegaLab. Earlier the council was planning to use the earlier version, Kodoy 2.0.

The Kodoy 3.0 technology stack has higher accuracy in testing of swab, blood and stool samples. Microfluidics will enable concurrent phenome testing data generation from multiple samples taken from same person at different points of time for a complete view of his health condition using most advanced technologies available, it said in a statement.

Phenome data will include genetic signature, blood biopsy, stomach biome characterisation among others to facilitate predictive modelling and personalised medicine. RT-PCR is one of technologies used for generation of phenome data bank, it added.

"Covid19 is not the last pandemic and the possibility of biological warfare in future is real. With a nationwide throughput of over 1 million tests per day, RT-PCR capacity is no longer a challenge. However, accuracy is a concern and usability of test data has not achieved requisite objectives in terms of prevention and management of the pandemic.

"Complimentary technologies including microfluidics and antibody testing have been identified and are being inducted in MegaLab to overcome these limitations. Our focus is affordability, accessibility and accuracy achieved by going beyond RT-PCR - not cost or capacity of RT-PCR alone," Ravi Sharma, President, IIT Alumni Council, said.

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"Microfluidics will eventually move from MegaLab type installations to labs and finally to point of care installations such as a primary health centre or a doctor's clinic, hopefully within a few years by using learnings from the MegaLab and the development work that is going into its design and optimisation," said Shantanu Bhattacharya, a professor of IIT Kanpur and is part of IIT Alumni Council's C-19 Task Force.





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IIT Alumni Council joins race to develop Covid-19 vaccine

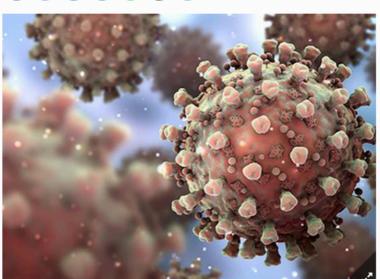
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coronaviruses, virus that causes respiratory infections | Photo Credit: Bertrand Blay

It has sanctioned ₹300 crore from its Megafund initiative

The IIT Alumni Council has joined the race to develop a preventive vaccine for Covid-19, for which it has sanctioned an immediate ₹300 crore and expects to get an another ₹1,800 crore from its MegaFund initiative.

The vaccine stack - a two-dose vaccine which stops the spread of Covid-19 and prevents

infection within a few days of the first dose - is said to be free of attenuated animal virus or deactivated Covid virus or virus fragments. The vaccine would be cold-chain preservation, a move that will further its reach to the key metros.

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IIT Alumni Council's Megalncubator to set-up world class Research Centres in six cutting-edge domains



IIT Alumni Council announces six Research Centres to make the most modern equipment and research tools available to startups registered with the Megalncubator. Startups can register with Megalncubator in addition to their host incubator to be able to roam across partner incubators and affiliate Research Centers.

The Research Centers will be in the areas of Engineered Biomolecules, Quantum Technologies, Nuclear Sciences, Electric Transportation (including drones), BFSI (including fintech) and Imaging AI. The Research Centers will either be collocated with or be established in the vicinity of existing government and academic institutions that specialize in these areas. The Research Centers will be operational in 2021. Incubatee applications will be accepted from September 5th, and the first batch of incubatees announced on October 2nd, 2020.

"The objective of IIT Alumni Council is to support Prime Minister's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat through accelerated deployment of cutting edge technologies . Playing a lead role in revitalizing the incubator and startup ecosystem in high-tech domains is our primary focus. We are working towards empowering an alumni-led innovation movement supported by private capital and independent volunteers. The Research Centers as well as our various other initiatives are in pursuance of this larger goal. In the last six months we have aggregated over 10 million manhours of alumni time as their contribution to nation building. This is unprecedented and gives us the confidence to march ahead," said Ravi Sharma, President, IIT Alumni Council.

"The Megalncubator aspires to reach out to any technocrat startup promoter. The innovative network incubator architecture allows a startup already registered with a home incubator to leverage additional incubators facilitating access to incremental funding, infrastructure and markets. We are using the learnings from Zone Startups India and our global partners to build a phygital incubator framework that every startup will aspire to be part of." said Mr Hemant Gupta, an IIT alumnus, MD of Zone Startups India - and head of the BFSI Research Centre. Zone Startups India manages close to 50,000 square feet of incubator space in the BSE Building in Fort, Mumbai and the Banaras Hindu University Campus.

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IIT Alumni Council Announces MegaTx - An **Initiative To Create End-To-End Indigenous BioTherapeutics Ecosystem Targeting Safe** And Effective Treatments For Covid 19



By India Education Diary ... — On Jul 6, 2020















New Delhi: IIT Alumni Council announces the MegaTx initiative to identify, optimise and indigenously manufacture biotherapeutics for the treatment of C19. The

Council has proposed a two stage process. The expeditious pathway will be

antibodies harvested from human plasma collected through blood donation

seek donors who have recovered from C19. The subsequent stage involves identification

and characterisation of identified neutralising antibodies for mass production using

recombinant DNA technology: i.e. to manufacture and purify the antibodies from stable,

high expressing recombinant cell lines.

The convalescent plasma therapy proposed at the NSCI Dome is the first step towards

identifying and characterizing of antibodies for the prevention and treatment of C19.

The plan is to identify and characterize the antibodies for the treatment of C19 and to

manufacture the same in adequate quantity using recombinant mammalian cell lines

to stably express them.



Science

IIT Alumni Council advocates use of human-produced NAB to fight

Covid-19

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IIT Alumni Council has advocated the usage of human-produced neutralising antibodies (NAB) as an immediate solution to fight Covid-19, as the world awaits a vaccine for the pandemic.

The council's volunteers have concluded that a vaccine cannot be produced in time to control the death rate. Safety should not be compromised in emergency vaccine approvals.

"Vaccine without standard clinical trials is not free from risks to human lives. By the time a universally effective vaccine is ready to be manufactured consistently at scale and distributed universally, the pandemic would have wrecked massive damage - economic as well as to human lives. To save lives, an effective biologic humanproduced NAB is required as an immediate solution for saving lives," IIT Alumni Council President and Chief Volunteer Ravi Sharma said.

Numbers for mass vaccination in India make it an impossible, not just a difficult task. At ₹1,000 per person, vaccines could cost over ₹1 lakh crore. The final cost of vaccination can be two or times that of its factory price.

"The only sure and immediate cure that seems to exist is a hyperimmune NAB extract harvested from a real human being. In time, infrastructure can be built to genetically clone these effective antibodies in a high expression mammalian cell line," Samir Kulkarni, Chairperson of the Research Centre for Engineered Biomolecules, a MegaIncubator initiative, said.

"Convalescent plasma therapy is only an interim step towards administering antibodies for three reasons - the donor may have other infections, the donor may not have NABs even though he has antibodies and the donor may not have NAB in adequate quantities. We have to produce hyperimmune immunoglobins - and that may be our fastest life saver," he added.

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IIT Alumni Council's Ayurvedic Covid-19 Vaccine, Planning 20 Crore Monthly Doses













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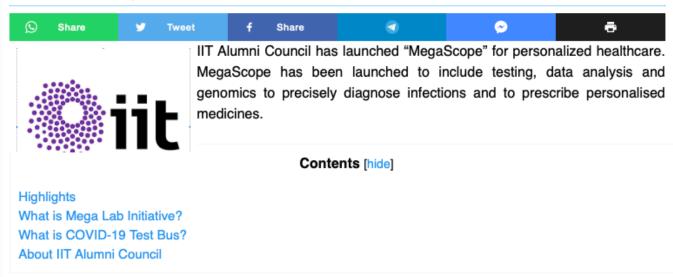
Highlights

- The vaccine claims to be based on indigenous technology and is expected to be preservative-free as well as 'highly efficacious'.
- According to Ravi Sharma, president of the IIT Alumni Council, the objective is to deliver a 'continuously upgradable vaccine', which can 'outpace the virus', and help end the pandemic.
- The press release also highlights that Rs 300 crore emergency funding has been sanctioned for the India Vaccine Stack.
- The vaccine is a two-dose one which Megalab claims can prevent infection within the first few days of the first dose.
- All of the 23 IITs announced their disassociation with the IIT Alumni Council last year

Megalab, an initiative of the IIT Alumni Council has announced that it is developing a fourth-generation vaccine with an 'ayurvedic adjuvant'. They claim it is India's first antigenfree, novel vaccine that is also self-limiting.

Mega Scope launched by IIT Alumni Council for personalized health care

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Highlights

- MegaScope will add host genome data mapping along with Artificial Intelligence, machine learning and data backbone to the MegaLab initiative.
- The main aim of MegaScope is to improve accuracy of testing, prediction of likely disease severity and progression, enhance efficiency of treatment and avoid casualties.
- As per the president of the council, use of the same medicine for all or same test for all is coming to an end now. COVID-19 has shown that pathogens can react differently from one person to another and that is why there is a need of personalized medicine. This need will be fulfilled by MegaScope.
- The complete paradigm will be re-invented under the MegaScope initiative. Girish Mehta, a diagnostics and genetic testing expert said that RT-PCR only tests the presence of virus; it does collect any data on the human body. If host genome data is added and correlated then it will be possible to find which person requires hospiltalisation, which requires quarantine, etc.

What is Mega Lab Initiative?

In July 2020, the IIT Alumni Council announced to set up a mega COVID-19 testing laboratory. The laboratory is to be set up in Mumbai. Under the initiative around 10 million RT-PCR tests are to be conducted per month.

What is COVID-19 Test Bus?

Earlier, the IIT Alumni Council launched COVID-19 test bus that were used to collect swab samples and conduct X-rays, especially in slums. The test bus was used to detect COVID-19 patients. The bus is conducting 5 million tests per month.

About IIT Alumni Council

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The Council believes that Indian systems and software will rise to the occasion in the global













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The Council has been working for the last few weeks with various Technical Institutes of Excellence, research institutions for developing indigenous and cost effective solutions to replace Chinese systems and software. These include an initiative with IIT Roorkee to recycle all the plastic disposables used in the RTPCR process including viral sample tubes, sample plates and pipette tips which are consumed in large quantities adding to bio hazardous waste challenges as well as hard currency imports.

ICT Mumbai is supporting work on designing and piloting an indigenous technology line with indigenous capital goods for mass production of the RTPCR 2.0 test kits to be used in the MegaLab. "IIT Alumni Council is announcing an immediate ban on Chinese systems and software for all its initiatives including MegaLab," stated Ravi Sharma, President and Chief Volunteer of the IIT Alumni Council.



"We had already started work on indigenous development of requisite systems and software after the Prime Minister's appeal for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. We are very confident that we shall be able to present world class systems and software with support of the global IIT Alumni community as well as the partner Institutions like Mumbai University and ICT Mumbai that are known for their technology supremacy worldwide," he stated.

Pawan Kumar, founder of the branded IIT Alumni movement, stated he is sure that they will not only achieve the goal of self-sufficiency for all their initiatives but would also export their software and testing systems to other parts of the world. "It is well known that the Indian software industry is well geared to win in any market on a level playing field. In the current context I am more than sure that Indian software and system makers will rise to the occasion and soon present indigenous alternatives to the Indian as well as global market." LIVE TVO

IIT Alumni Council announces the winner of Covid19 Pool Testing strategy

May 8, 2020

One of the challenges in the fight against Covid19 is arising from limited availability of reliable and affordable RTPCR assays and machines. The logical solution to solve this challenge is to evolve options that permit testing of the maximum possible individuals with the minimum possible number of molecular diagnostic tests. One such option is pool testing. Pool Testing involves mixing the samples of multiple individuals and then testing the combined sample in a single test. Another option is to use other tests such as ultrasound and xrays scanned by Al systems to compliment or supplement reliable molecular diagnostic tests.

To address the need for rapid scale up of Covid19 testing in-spite of limitations in RTPCR capacity, the IIT C19 Task Force announced a Global contest among IIT alumni under the Funda Man Global Challenge series. The objective of the Funda Man Global Challenge was to define the minimum number of tests required to accurately diagnose the Covid 19 status of a group of 10,000 individuals . In short , it is to define the Pool testing algorithm and protocol for best results

"We are very happy at the response of our Funda Man Global Challenge One. We wanted to quickly identify and evaluate options for choosing the best Pool Testing Algorithm by encouraging a large number of IIT alumni across the globe to participate. The distinguished jury chaired by Padma Shri Prof Manindra Agarwal, chose the solution proposed by Parag Shah, an alumnus of IIT Bombay, as the winner of the contest. The winner strategy can increase test capacity by up to 10x at no additional cost. C19 Taskforce of IIT Alumni Council has forwarded this Pool Testing Strategy as it's recommendation to the Government of India for consideration", said Ravi Sharma, President, IIT Alumni Council.

The proven and mass deployed test for Covid-19 is a genetic molecular diagnostic test carried out by RTqPCR machines. Globally, each sample is tested individually. It is however possible to mix upto ten samples into one sample using the indigenous Kodoy Technology Stack which is an open system wherein any standard RTPCR machine modified as per the stack can be programmed to work as a semi-continuous line with any compatible test kit or assay. Most commercial players offer a closed system with batch processing. A combination of pool testing with open systems holds the promise of a 100x increase in capacity of testing at a 85% lower cost for the proposed mega lab in Mumbai.

Parag Shah explained his approach, "My Algorithm is based on the theory of probability – there will be an optimal number of mix (samples) for different percentage of positive cases. The whole process/ algorithm and right optimal

mix will depend upon this percentage number, a probable share of positive cases in the set. Though initially one may not have the exact number, one can start with an assumption and change it based on the data that turns up. Also,

the process of optimization is to junk multiple negative cases in single test. (e.g. 10 samples together test negative, then in 1 test we are removing 9 samples).



Synopsis

The proposed research centres are in engineered biomolecules, quantum technologies, nuclear sciences, imaging AI, electric transportation (including drones) and fintech, the council said in a statement.



Domain experts and venture capitalists from the council will be the mentors and guides to help reach commercialisation goals, it added.

Mumbai: The IIT Alumni Council will set up six research centres to make modern equipment and research tools in six cutting-edge domains available to startups registered with its

MegaIncubator initiative. The council is building the world's largest COVID-19 testing lab in the city called Megalab.

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By BioVoice News Desk - July 10, 2020







By Jyoti Singh

New Delhi: Nearly all countries in the world have speed up their research efforts on novel coronavirus. In this context disease research and patient data analysis are key elements. To work on these important aspects Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) and IIT Alumni Council announce a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for COVID-19 disease research and patient data analysis.

The joint research by CSIR-IGIB & IIT Alumni Council will focus on catalysing the creation of an ecosystem for diagnostics and therapeutics for COVID-19 as well as flexible platforms for pandemic preparedness. The ecosystem will enable an indigenous value chain with multidomain expertise spanning digital health, artificial intelligence, molecular diagnostics, next generation sequencing, antibody harvesting, and production of monoclonal antibodies.

IIT Alumni Council has handed over the first set of 8500 patient imaging data from Mumbai to IGIB, which will soon be made available in deidentified form, through a public open data platform co-hosted by IGIB and ICMR to enable research.

Both parties are viewing this partnership as an opportunity not only to create a world leading testing and treatment ecosystem in the country but also to establish global data leadership. "This would enable open data access to every scientist and innovator in the world for development of bleeding edge testing and treatment solutions. IIT Alumni Council believes that together with IGIB, we shall be able to create a robust high security Data Architecture for health Data" said Ravi Sharma, President and Chief Volunteer, IIT Alumni Council.











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IIT Alumni Council to create ₹21,000-cr social initiative fund

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The IIT Alumni Council is to create a social initiative fund of ₹21,000 crore (\$3 billion), the largest in the country, to further improve social infrastructure through deployment of innovative technology.

The mega fund will raise ₹15,000 crore from IIT alumni-controlled funds, governments, banks, corporates, global foundations and financial institutions.

It will also get ₹3,000 crore from the PanIIT Fund, a social fund launched on April 1, 2020, and another ₹3,000 crore from IIT, Mumbai University and Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT) fraternity, among others.



IIT Alumni Council signs MOU with Russia for building Quantum Computers

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Indian Institute of Technology's (IIT) Alumni Council has signed an agreement with Russia's Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU) and Russoft to build the world's largest and fastest hybrid quantum computer in India. The most promising areas for Indo-Russian joint projects are Information and Communications Technology, space exploration, climate change, quantum technology and data security.

The objective of the agreement is to use technology in the areas of healthcare, agriculture, transport and logistics, pollution and weather forecast to achieve the mission of **Atma Nirbhar Bharat.** As a part of the agreement, the Russian state-owned companies, which are key **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** owners, will transfer critical modules in cryogenics, cryptography and modularised cloud management technology to IIT Alumni Council.





IIT Alumni Council to partner ICT Mumbai for testing of Covid-19, other diseases

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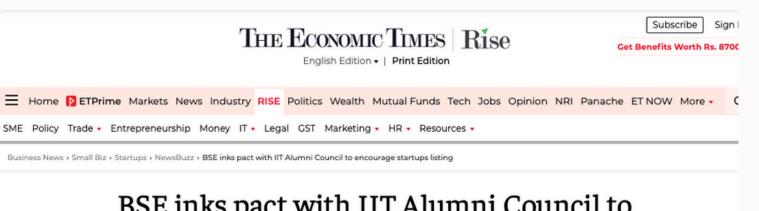
New Delhi: IIT Alumni Council will partner with ICT Mumbai in the MegaLab initiative for creation of national infrastructure for testing of infectious diseases like Covid-19.

The Partnership will meet the immediate need for mass testing though reliable, faster and cheaper genetic diagnostics – in addition to becoming a showpiece for indigenous technology and engineering capability." Said Prof Anirudha Pandit, an alumnus of IIT, member of the Board of Governors of IIT Bombay and Vice Chancellor of ICT Mumbai.

IIT Alumni Council, along with partner organizations has helped rapidly deploy innovative appropriate technologies to help meet the health crisis perpetuated by the c19 pandemic. These include AI based digital x-ray systems, contactless c19 isolation centre configurations, IOT systems for virtual hospitals, pool testing algorithms for RTPCR, c19 test bus, open indigenous technology stacks for testing like Kodoy and ultracompact indigenous ultrasound scanners with portable gene sequencing so that the entire functionality of the Covid bus launched on Maharashtra Day can now be fitted in a cab. Several companies are developing 100% indigenous kits – in both liquid and solid sta

"IIT Alumni Council is very happy to welcome ICT Mumbai as its institutional partner for the MegaLab and RTPCR 2.0 initiative. The process development and technology strengths of ICT Mumbai, their alumni, students and faculty will accelerate our path to self-sufficiency and global supremacy in this field. We are very pleased to partner with eminent institutions in pursuance of our nation building agenda" said Ravi Sharma, President, IIT Alumni Council.

ICT Mumbai becomes the second institutional partner in the MegaLab initiative after Mumbai University – and will help upgrade the conventional RTqPCR kit manufacturing and testing lines to meet RTPCR2.0 targets on kit transportation and storage at room temperature, lower cost per test (through lower consumption of kit material) and per sample (through higher pooling ratio) and ability to manufacture the test kits and test kit constituents in large continuous process plants.



BSE inks pact with IIT Alumni Council to encourage startups listing

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The alliance will help reduce listing time, complexity and cost for small and mediumsized enterprise (SMEs) and startups by streamlining, automating and standardising the documentation processes.



Besides, category-1 merchant banks will be empanelled to help automate the listing process so as to reduce time and cost of listing on the startup platform of the exchange, BSE said.

NEW DELHI: Leading stock exchange BSE on Monday said it has signed a pact with IIT Alumni Council to encourage listing of startups and develop a 'high investor depth' platform for such new generation companies.

The newly-formed partnership will ensure a complete end-to-end ecosystem for the proposed social stock

exchange, BSE said in a statement.

In addition, it will revitalise the startup platform by attracting a wide range of venture capital and private equity funds to act as underwriters and market makers (backed by the BSE members in the front-end), it added.





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A 79-year-old tech pioneer aims for his third startup IPO



IIT Alumni Council

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IIT Alumni Council sets up excellence centre in Ropar, targets 50k crore annual revenue with 100,000 researchers in 5 years

The GCE is an extension of the overall vision of the India Innovation Network initiative which is building a fiftyinstitution ecosystem to revitalise research in India



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The IIT Alumni Council is setting up a Global Centre of Excellence (GCE) in IIT Ropar on Wednesday to develop India as a leading location for high science research by creating an end-to-end ecosystem with a revenue target of Rs 50,000 crores per annum and 100,000 researchers within five years. The core areas of focus will be Agritech and water under this centre with multi-disciplinary support from areas like artificial imaging, computer vision, IoT sensors, chemical engineering, nuclear physics and more.

Explaining further, Ravi Sharma, President of the IIT Alumni Council said, "The Agritech and water ecosystem being cocreated along with existing research and academic institutions will lay the foundation for Agriculture 2.0. In addition to revitalising the agriculture economy, the research initiative will also help create a contract and funded research ecosystem capable of earning substantial foreign exchange."

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