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Surprising Ceramics.



小さな一枚に夢がつまっているね

エナセラ®
EnerCera

New solution for maintenance free IoT devices by semi-solid state Li-ion rechargeable EnerCera® batteries

NGK Europe GmbH / NGK INSULATORS, LTD.


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München, Electronica





Dr. Makoto Iwai

 Germany

 Manager at [NGK Europe GmbH](#)

Biography

Makoto Iwai is a manager, responsible for development DS related new business. Makoto joined NGK INSULATORS in 1997 as an research engineer of Corp. R&D, developed optical components, wide band gap semiconductor wafers, etc. and he belonged Future technology management center, Corp. R&D from 2016 to 2021. He started work at NGK Europe, Germany in 2021. He holds a doctor degree in [Electrical Engineering](#) from Osaka University, Japan.



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- Problem of power supply for IoT devices
- Features of EnerCera[®] Batteries
- Introduction of initiatives for social implementation
 - Combination with WPT* *Wireless Power Transfer
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Outline of NGK

Company Name	NGK INSULATORS, LTD.	
Date of Establishment	May 5, 1919	
Paid-in Capital	69,849 Million Yen	
Representative Directors	Chairman Taku Oshima	
	President Shigeru Kobayashi	
	Executive Vice President Chiaki Niwa Ryohei Iwasaki	
Number of Employees (consolidated)	20,099 ※Outside Japan employees 63%	As of March, 2022
Consolidated Subsidiaries	45 companies ※Outside Japan Subsidiaries 30	As of March, 2022

The Origin of NGK



Our Mission

**Enriching Human Life
by Adding New Value to Society.**

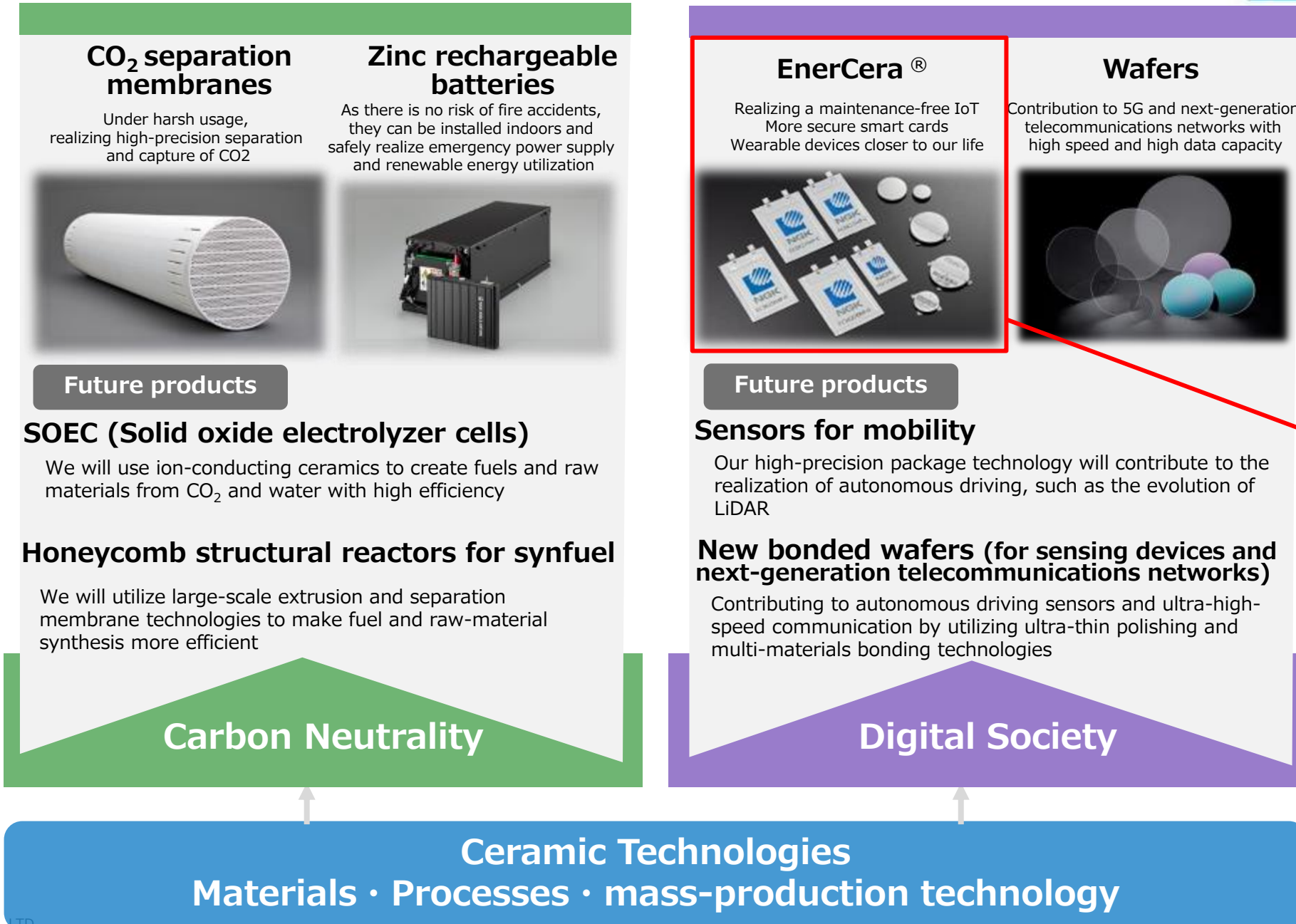
Our Values

Quality of People Embrace challenges and teamwork.

Quality of Product Exceed expectations.

Quality of Management Social trust is our foundation.

New Value to be Provided by NGK



CO₂ separation membranes

Under harsh usage, realizing high-precision separation and capture of CO₂



Future products

SOEC (Solid oxide electrolyzer cells)

We will use ion-conducting ceramics to create fuels and raw materials from CO₂ and water with high efficiency

Honeycomb structural reactors for synfuel

We will utilize large-scale extrusion and separation membrane technologies to make fuel and raw-material synthesis more efficient

Carbon Neutrality

Zinc rechargeable batteries

As there is no risk of fire accidents, they can be installed indoors and safely realize emergency power supply and renewable energy utilization



EnerCera®

Realizing a maintenance-free IoT
More secure smart cards
Wearable devices closer to our life



Future products

Sensors for mobility

Our high-precision package technology will contribute to the realization of autonomous driving, such as the evolution of LiDAR

New bonded wafers (for sensing devices and next-generation telecommunications networks)

Contributing to autonomous driving sensors and ultra-high-speed communication by utilizing ultra-thin polishing and multi-materials bonding technologies

Digital Society

Wafers

Contribution to 5G and next-generation telecommunications networks with high speed and high data capacity



Today's main topic

Ceramic Technologies

Materials · Processes · mass-production technology

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Future society contributed by IoT devices



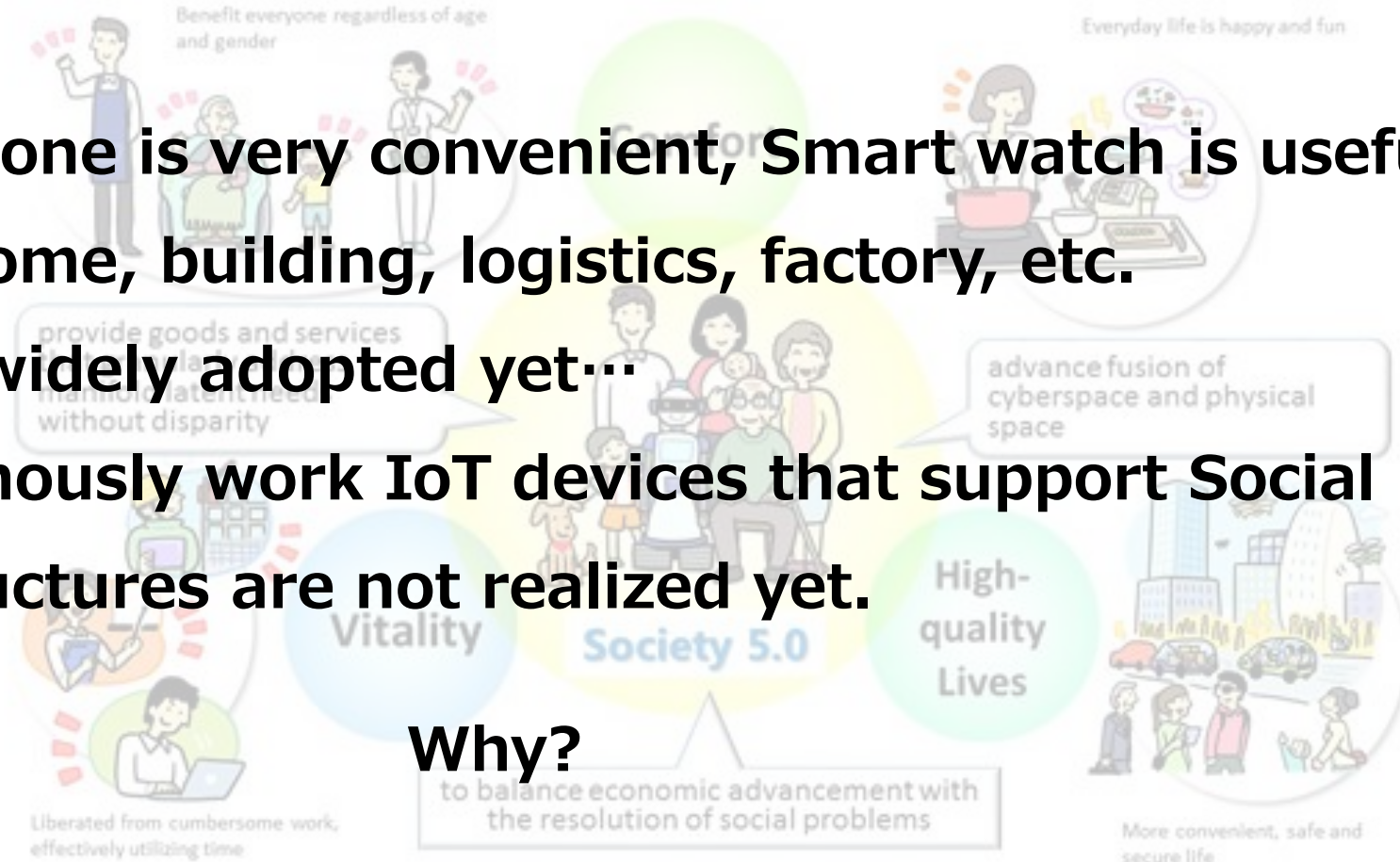
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**Every IoT device works autonomously,
We are unconscious about IoT device in our Society**

Smartphone is very convenient, Smart watch is useful, but Smart home, building, logistics, factory, etc.

are not widely adopted yet...

Autonomously work IoT devices that support Social Infrastructures are not realized yet.



Why?

to balance economic advancement with the resolution of social problems

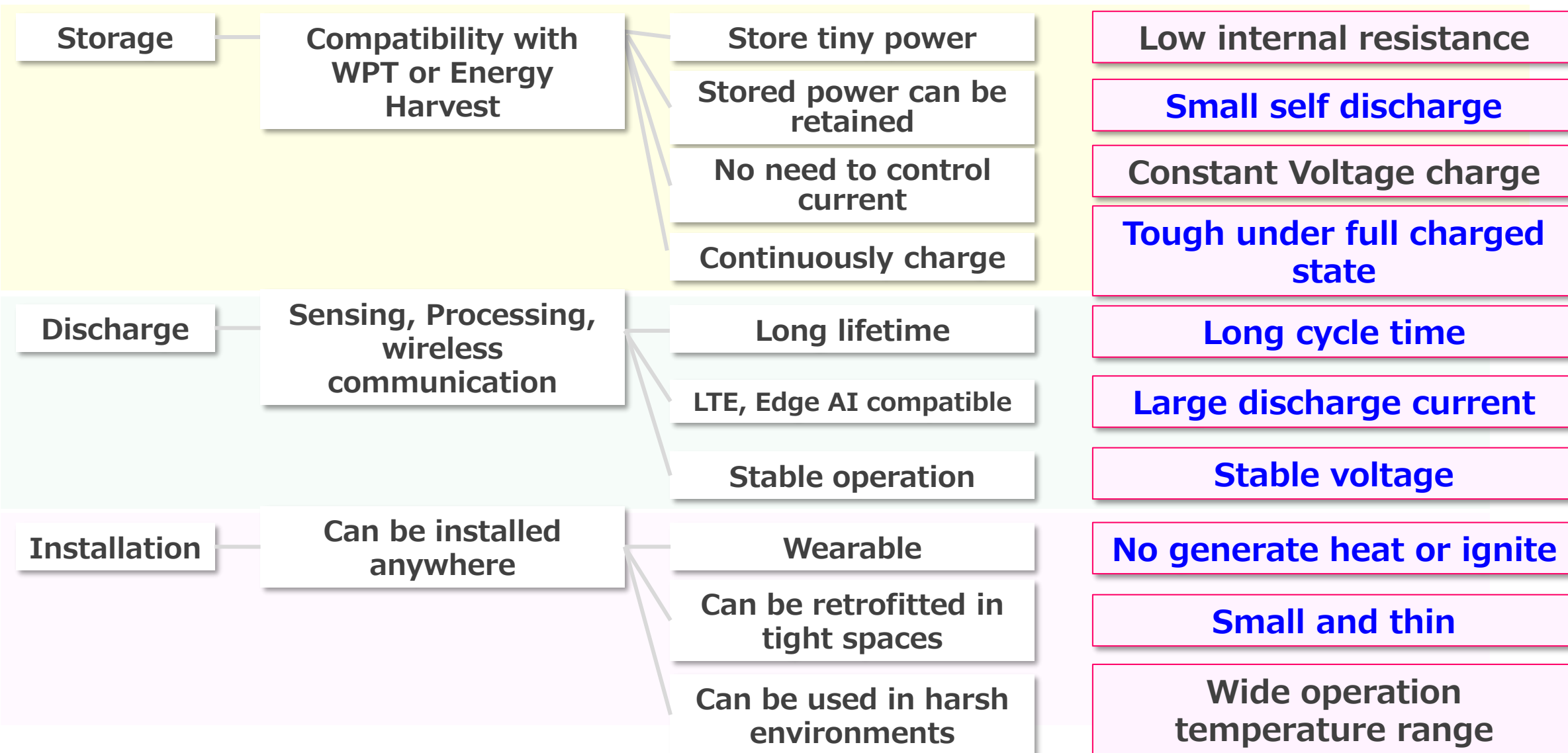
Because of the issue of power source of IoT devices

https://www8.cao.go.jp/cstp/english/society5_0/index.html

Requirement for ideal autonomous IoT device power supply

Required function for maintenance free IoT devices

Required function for storage device



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What is EnerCera Battery ?

EnerCera battery has unique characteristics of both Lithium-ion rechargeable battery and capacitor

EnerCera battery series is a semi-solid-state* rechargeable battery which incorporates NGK's proprietary crystal-oriented ceramic electrodes.

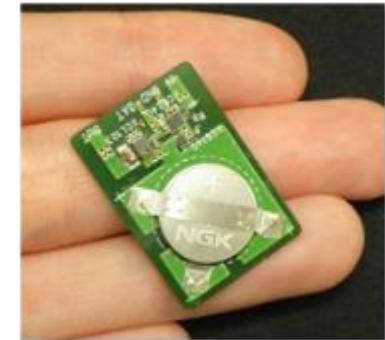
※A solid, multi-layered structure incorporating a crystal-oriented cathode active material sintered which infused with a small amount of liquid electrolyte



EnerCera Pouch



EnerCera Coin



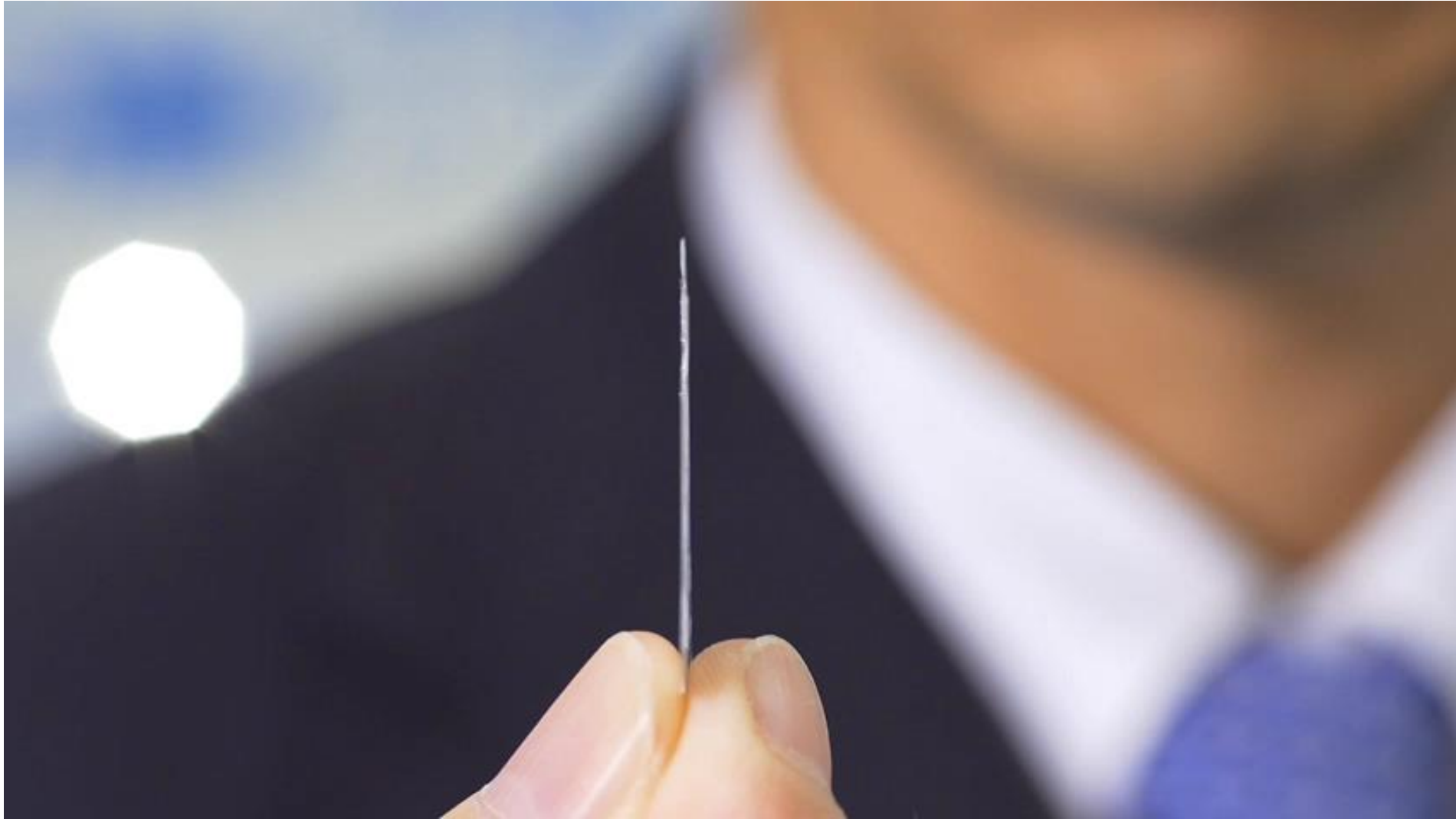
Application: Card type devices, RFID Tags
Wearable devices, ESL, etc.

Features: Ultra-thin (0.45mm), Bending resistance,
High-speed charging

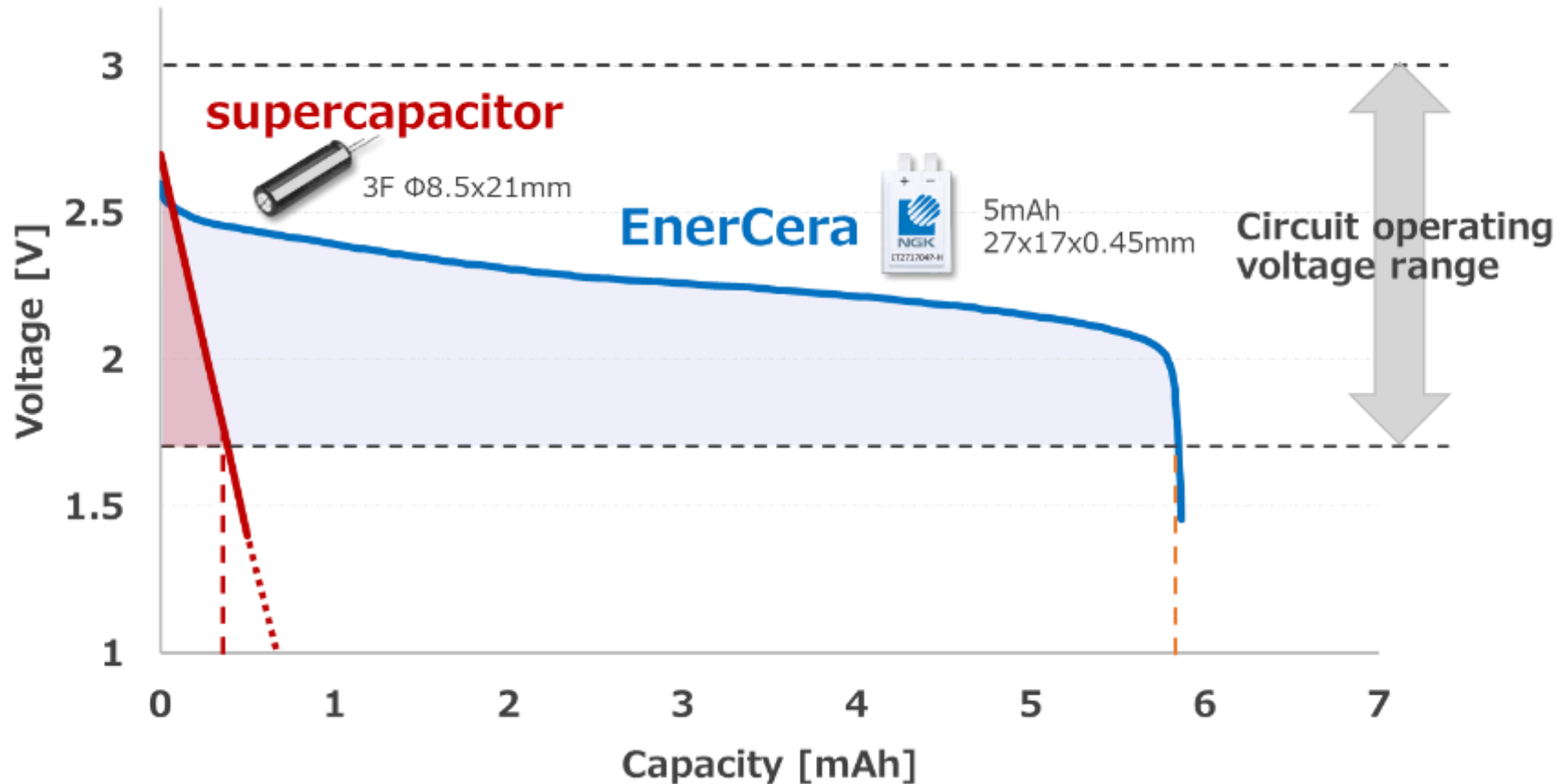
Application: Small sensor devices, industrial equipment
/in-vehicle products, backup power supplies, etc.

Features: High heat resistance ($\sim 105\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$),
reflow solder mounting, constant voltage

What is EnerCera Battery?



Comparison with EnerCera and capacitor



EnerCera can

- ✓ output much higher energy at stable voltage between circuit operating voltage 1.8~3.0V than capacitor.
- ✓ output high current suitable for wireless communication of BLE etc. due to the low internal resistance compared to other small batteries(primary, rechargeable).

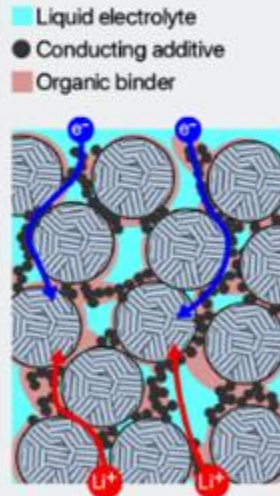
⇒ **EnerCera can output high current such as capacitor and is a new storage device that is able to discharge at stable voltage, not capacitor.**

Conventional Lithium-ion Batteries

Coated-Powder Electrode

Electrode active material is bound with conducting additives and organic binders.

At high temperatures, the organic binder reacts with the liquid electrolyte causing a reduction in binding strength.



- Features
- ❑ Low energy density
 - ❑ High electrical resistance
 - ❑ Low thermal resistance

NGK EnerCera Coin

Proprietary Crystal-Oriented Ceramic Electrode

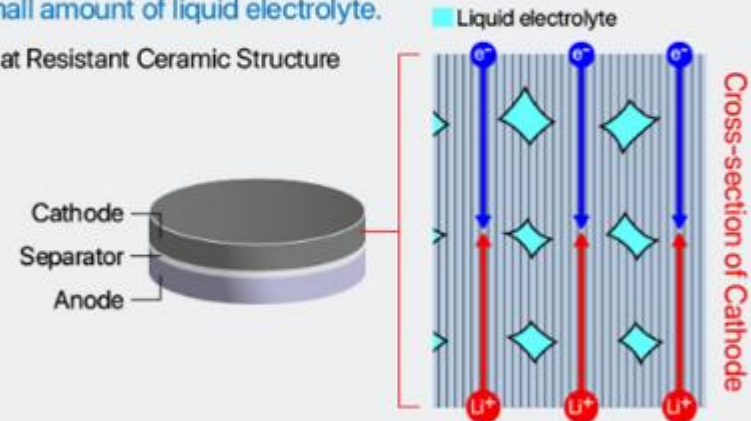
Cathode active material comprises crystal-oriented sintered ceramic.

- Lithium-ions and electrons travel rapidly through active material
- No organic binders or conducting additives

Proprietary Semi Solid-State Battery Technology

Multi-layered structures incorporates sintered ceramic infused with a small amount of liquid electrolyte.

- Heat Resistant Ceramic Structure

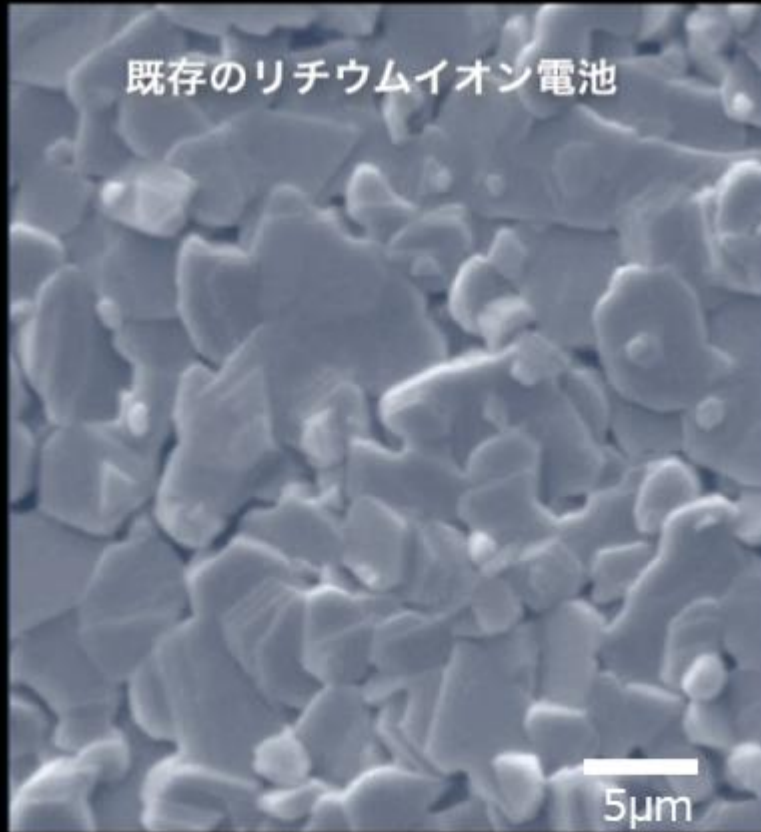


- Features
- ✅ High energy density
 - ✅ Low electrical resistance
 - ✅ High thermal resistance
 - ✅ Long life expectancy

Key Technology of EnerCera

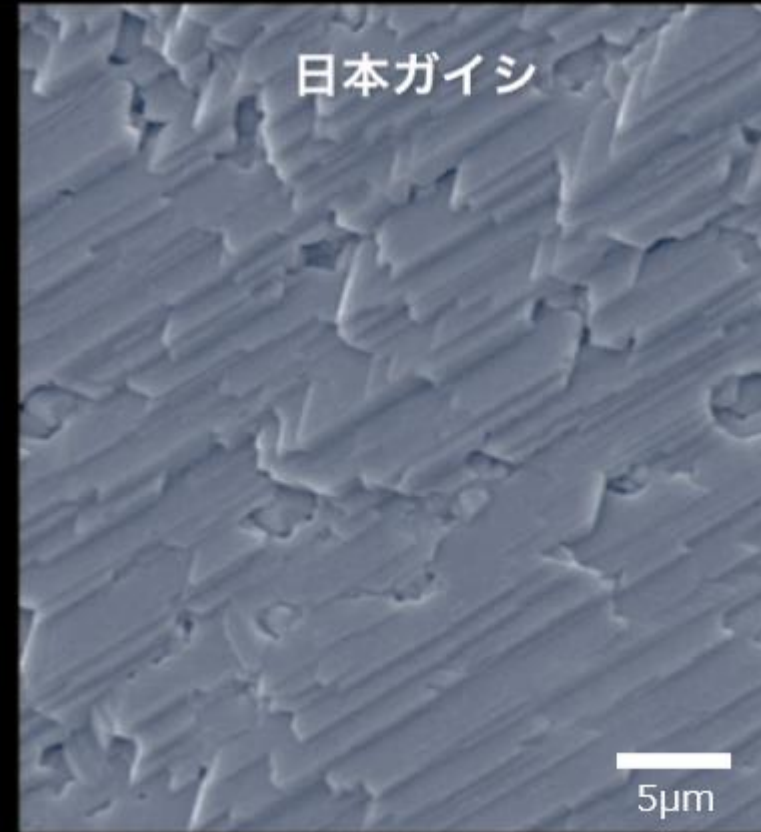
Conventional Li-ion battery

Coated-powder
positive electrode



EnerCera battery

Crystal-oriented ceramic
positive electrode



Electron microscope image of positive electrode

EnerCera Lineup

New number under development

Model Number	EC382704P-T	EC382504P-P	EC382704P-C	EC382204P-C	EC302304P-C	EC382704P-H	ET271704P-H
Appearance							
Dimensions	38 x 27mm	38 x 25mm	38 x 27mm	38 x 22mm	30 x 23mm	38 x 27mm	27 x 17mm
Thickness	0.45mm						
Nominal Capacity (Charging Voltage)	27mAh (4.3V) 24mAh (4.2V)	20mAh (4.2V)	27mAh (4.3V) 24mAh (4.2V)	20mAh (4.3V) 18mAh (4.2V)	15mAh (4.3V) 14mAh (4.2V)	20mAh (4.2V)	5mAh (2.7V)
Nominal Voltage	3.8V						2.3V
Charging Condition	Constant current (CC) - Constant Voltage (CV) charging						CV charging
(Ref.) Peak Discharge Current*1	560mA	500mA	260mA	200mA	130mA	130mA	100mA
Bendability	Conforming to ISO 14443-1 standard No deterioration after bending and torsion tests						
Operation Temp.	Discharge : -20°C ~ 45°C (Charge : 0°C~45°C)					Discharge : 20°C~60°C (Charge : 0°C ~ 60°C)	-40 ~ 70°C
Heatproof Temp. (in process)	80°C					135°C	
Features	High Power		High capacity			High heat resistance	Fast charging*2

Model Number	ET2016C-R	ET1210C-H	ET2016C-H
Appearance			
Size	Φ20 x 1.6mm	Φ12.5 x 1.0mm	Φ20 x 1.6mm
Nominal Capacity (2.7V charge)	25mAh	4mAh	20mAh
Nominal Voltage	2.3V		
Charging Condition	Constant Voltage (CV) charging (No current control required)		
(Ref.) Peak Discharge Current*1	60mA	20mA	45mA
Operation Temp.	-40°C ~ 60°C	-20°C*2 ~ 105°C	125°C type Under development
Implementation specifications	Reflow soldering applicable*3		

*1 Voltage drop is less than 0.5V with continuous discharge for 0.1 sec. (at 25°C)

*2 Can be charged from 0% to 80% capacity in 14min.

IEC62133 certified

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*2 -40°C to 105°C for RTC backup applications.

*3 Please check with us for the conditions.

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We have a wide lineup of EnerCera Pouches and Coins such as high-power type, high-capacity type and heat-resistant type.

EnerCera is the best power storage device for IoT !



EnerCera エナセラ®

Required function for storage device

Low internal resistance

Small self discharge

Constant Voltage charge

Tough under full charged state

Long cycle time

Large discharge current

Stable voltage

No generate heat or ignite

Small and thin

Wide operation temperature range

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Introduction of initiatives for social implementation

Battery for IoT to realize "maintenance-free"

Introduction of initiatives related to power generation and power supply

Storage small power continuously

Wireless power supply

Energy Harvest
Light, Heat, Vibration, etc.



EnerCera エナセラ®

Discharge large power when necessary

Drive IoT Sensors, MCU, BLE, Wi-Fi, LoRa, etc.



With a wireless and long-life system contribute to DX and SDGs

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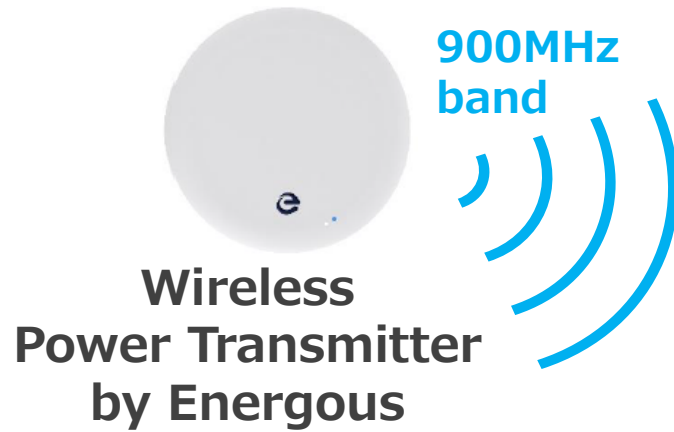
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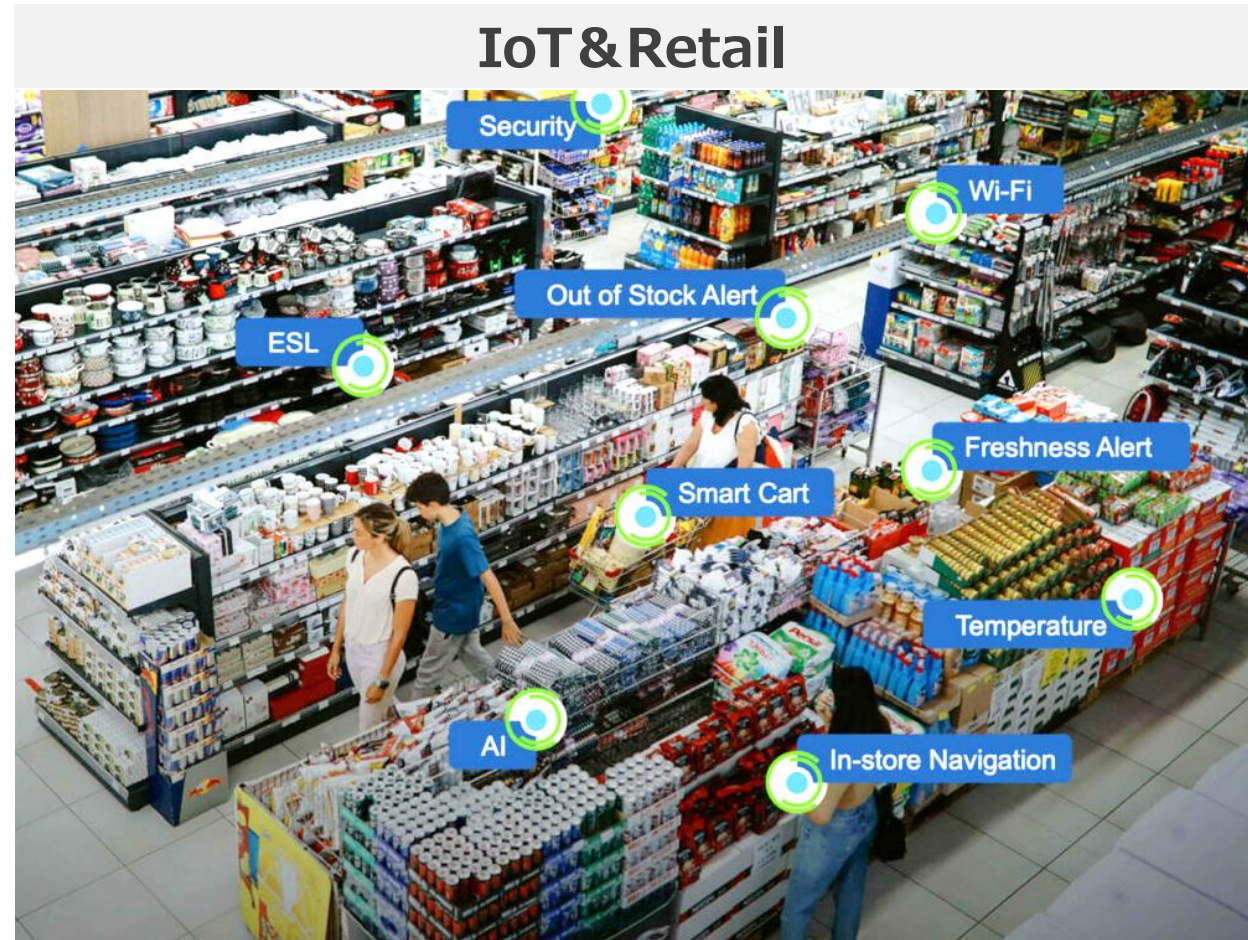
NGK started collaboration with Energous, USA



EnerCera batteries for power supply in IoT in devices



NGK
EnerCera® Pouch



<https://energous.com/markets-applications/iot-and-retail/>

Expand to various IoT sensor devices, asset tracker, electric shelf label(ESL), etc. !
Aiming for a wireless and smart society with a strong tag with Energous.

Application image of WPT and EnerCera

Wireless Power Transfer

Industrial IoT



<https://energous.com/markets-applications/industrial-iot/>

Health & Medical



<https://energous.com/markets-applications/health-medical/>

Wireless Energy Harvesting Evaluation Kit from Energous and e-peas



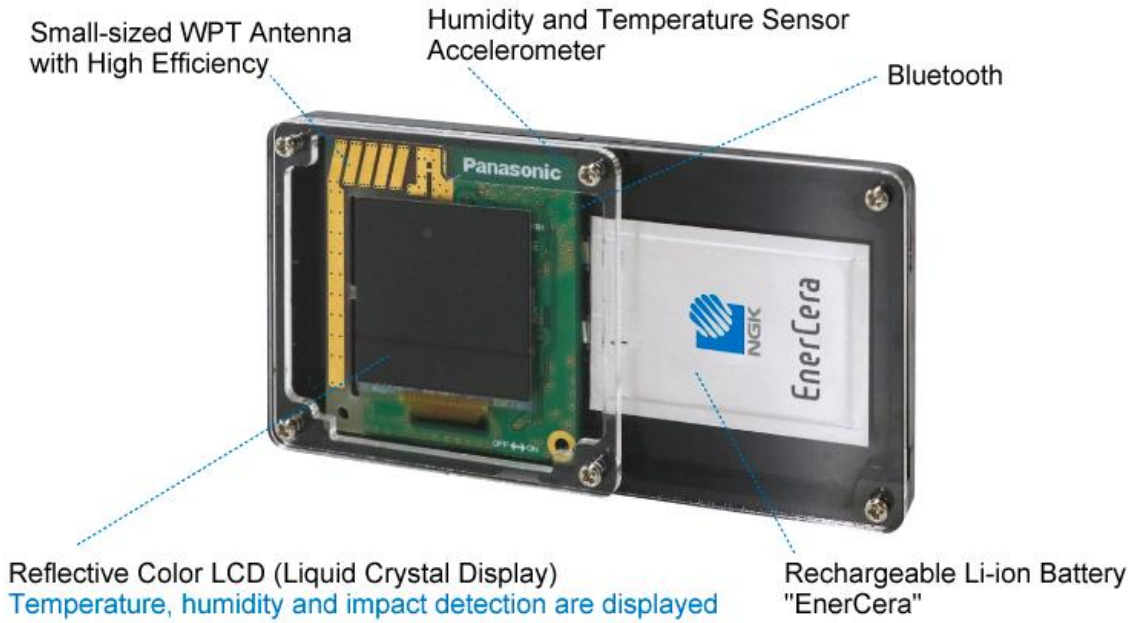
In the Box:

- › 1W WattUp PowerBridge Transmitter (1)
- › e-peas AEM30940 RF Evaluation Board
- › e-peas EP112 Energy Harvesting Optimized Antenna Evaluation Board

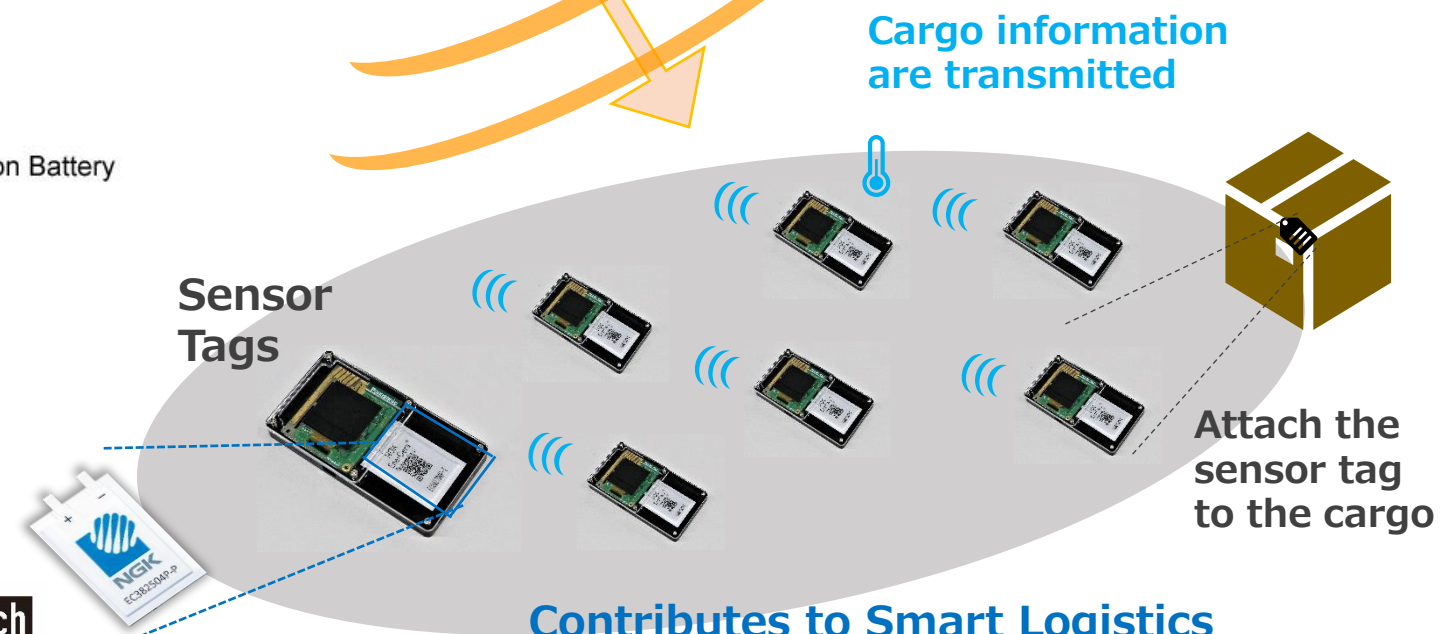
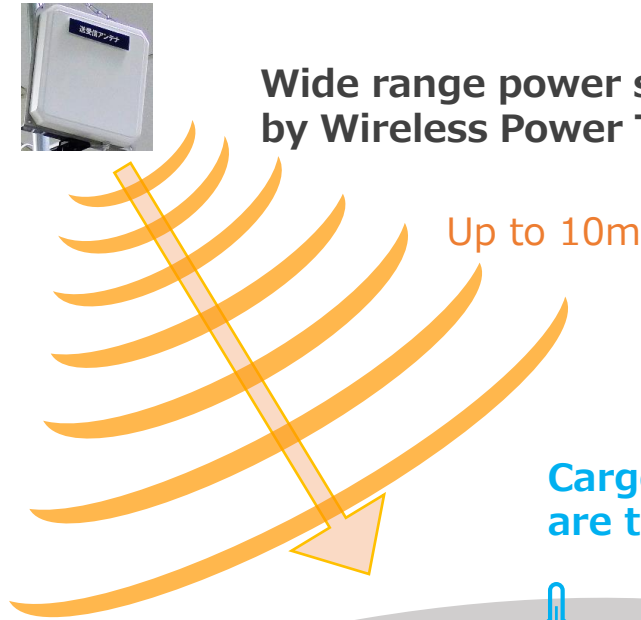
Solution by WPT and EnerCera ②

Developed by Panasonic

Logistics sensor tag



Transmitter 920MHz



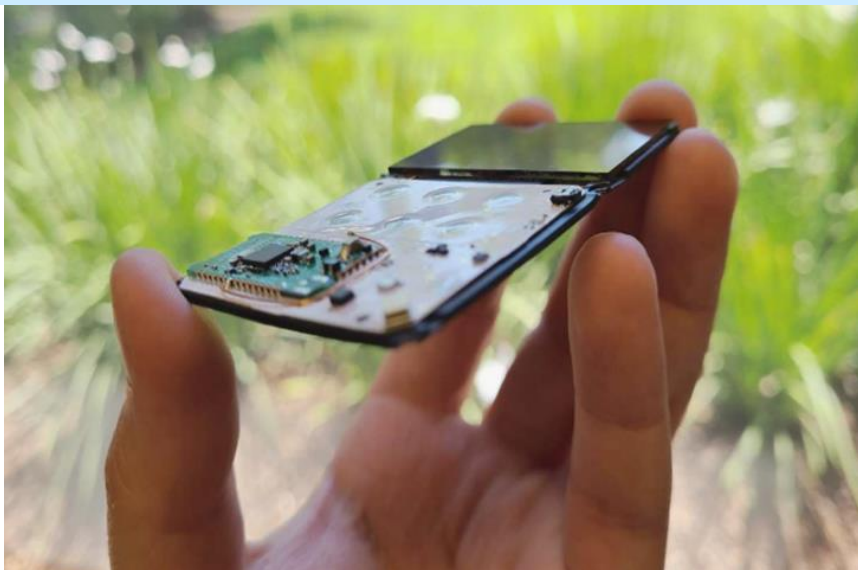
EnerCera Pouch

Contributes to Smart Logistics IoT in supply chain management.

Solution by WPT and EnerCera ③

Sensor Remote controller for Smart Home

WPT 920MHz band & Solar Cell



- ✓Hybrid power supply
- ✓Designed for smart home IoT
- ✓Safety by semi-solid-state EnerCera batteries

Joint work with SMK

WPT receiver development kit

WPT 5.8GHz band



- ✓Miniaturize receiver size
- ✓Precise WPT power control
- ✓Stable power supply with optimal voltage

Joint work with Torex and Ossia

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Solar cell powered card type Tracker

Partner : Tachibana electronic solutions
Exeger Operations
(Contact in Japan: SB Energy)

Product overview

- Stylish appearance (104×72×6mm)
- Maintenance free by EnerCera + Powerfoyle™
- Position tracking by indoor Wi-Fi / outdoor GPS
- LPWA communication

Application



Asset tracking



Worker visualization
People tracking



Tracking of
Cart at airport,
Shopping mall



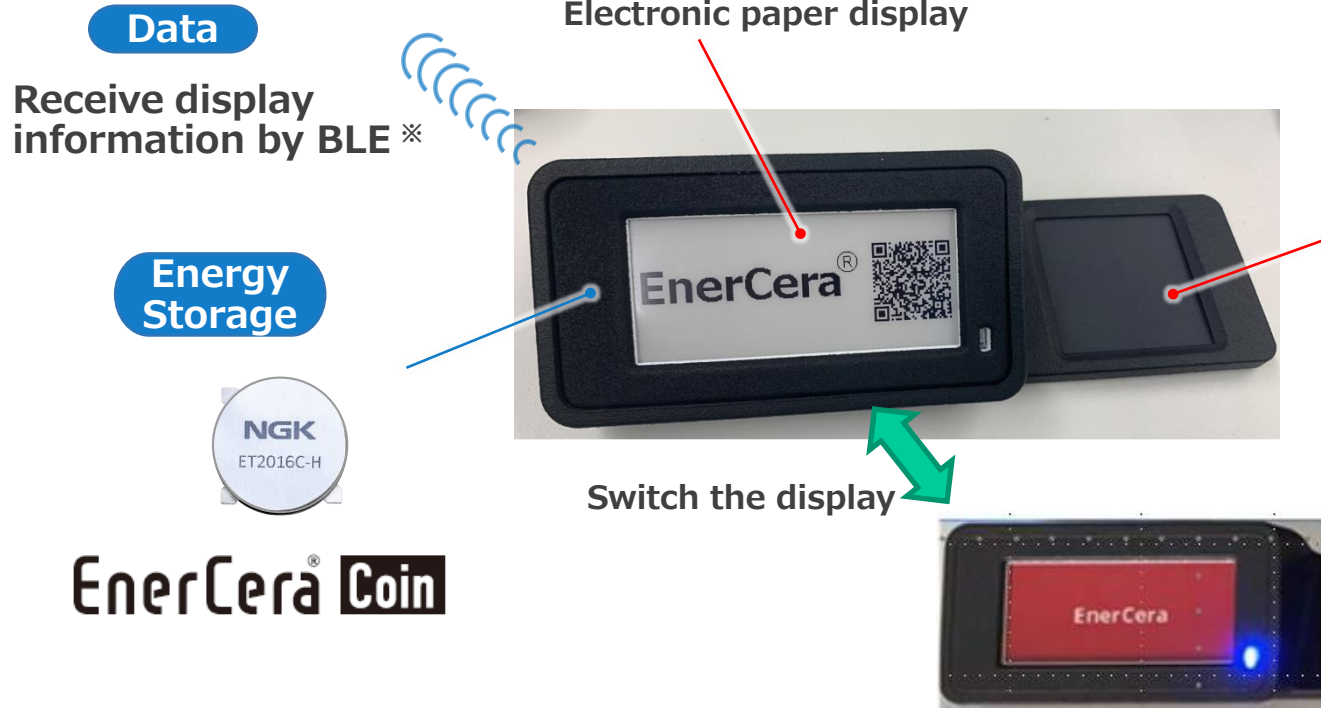
Visualization of work time and location information by card-type tracker that does not impair workability

You can get useful information by this tracker for efficiency and labor saving of warehouse work without battery replacement.

Solution example using PV and EnerCera ②

Partner : Exeger Operations AB

Electronic shelf label (ESL) that drive even in low-luminance indoor light



Power Generation

Electric power
Indoor light
Power GENERATION
PV Cell
Powerfoyle™
by Exeger

- ◆ Power generation is possible even in indoor light
- ◆ Less affected by light angle of incidence
- ◆ Flexibility and superior appearance

The 'Power Generation' section shows a 'Powerfoyle' PV cell, a flexible solar panel technology by Exeger. It highlights that this technology can generate electric power from indoor light, making it suitable for ESL applications. The benefits listed are that it can generate power even in indoor light, is less affected by the angle of light incidence, and offers flexibility and superior appearance.

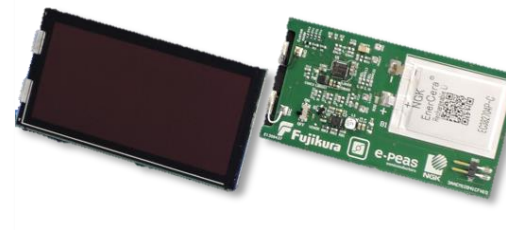
By combining a PV cell that generates power even in low-light indoor light with **EnerCera**, it **eliminates the need to replace batteries** in electronic shelf label, which is indispensable for logistics sites.

⇒ **Make it "maintenance-free"!**

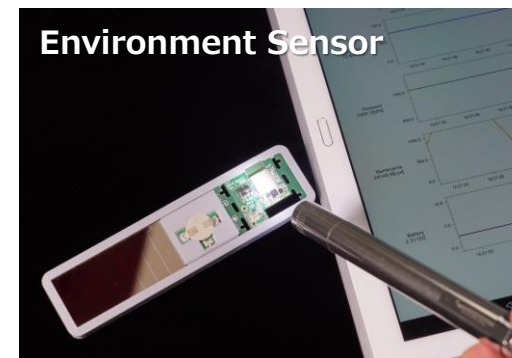
Support system (General Overview)

Technology		Partner ※excerpt
Energy Harvest	Solar Cell	EneCoat Technologies
		RICOH
		Exeger/SB Energy
	Vibration	Kanazawa Univ.
	Thermoelectric	E-ThermoGentek
Wireless Power Transfer (WPT)		Toshiba
		Panasonic
		Marubun/Ossia
		Energous
IC & MCU		Renesas Electronics
		Torex Semiconductor
		Nissinbo Micro Devices
		ROHM
		On Semiconductor
		e-peas

Maintenance-free power supply module



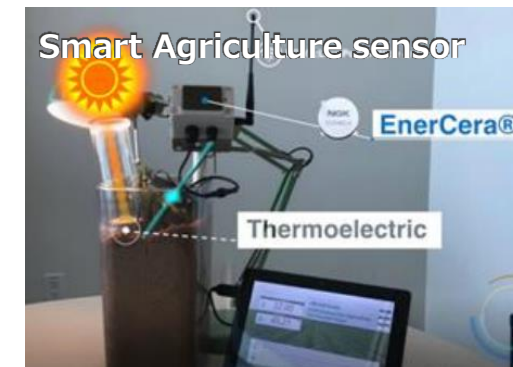
Environment Sensor



WPT receiver module



Smart Agriculture sensor



Promoting collaboration with partners with power generation and charging technologies to **realize autonomous IoT devices**.
 We together aim to realize a sustainable society by reducing waste.

To make proposals suitable for your needs, inquiry:
we will support you with our partners.

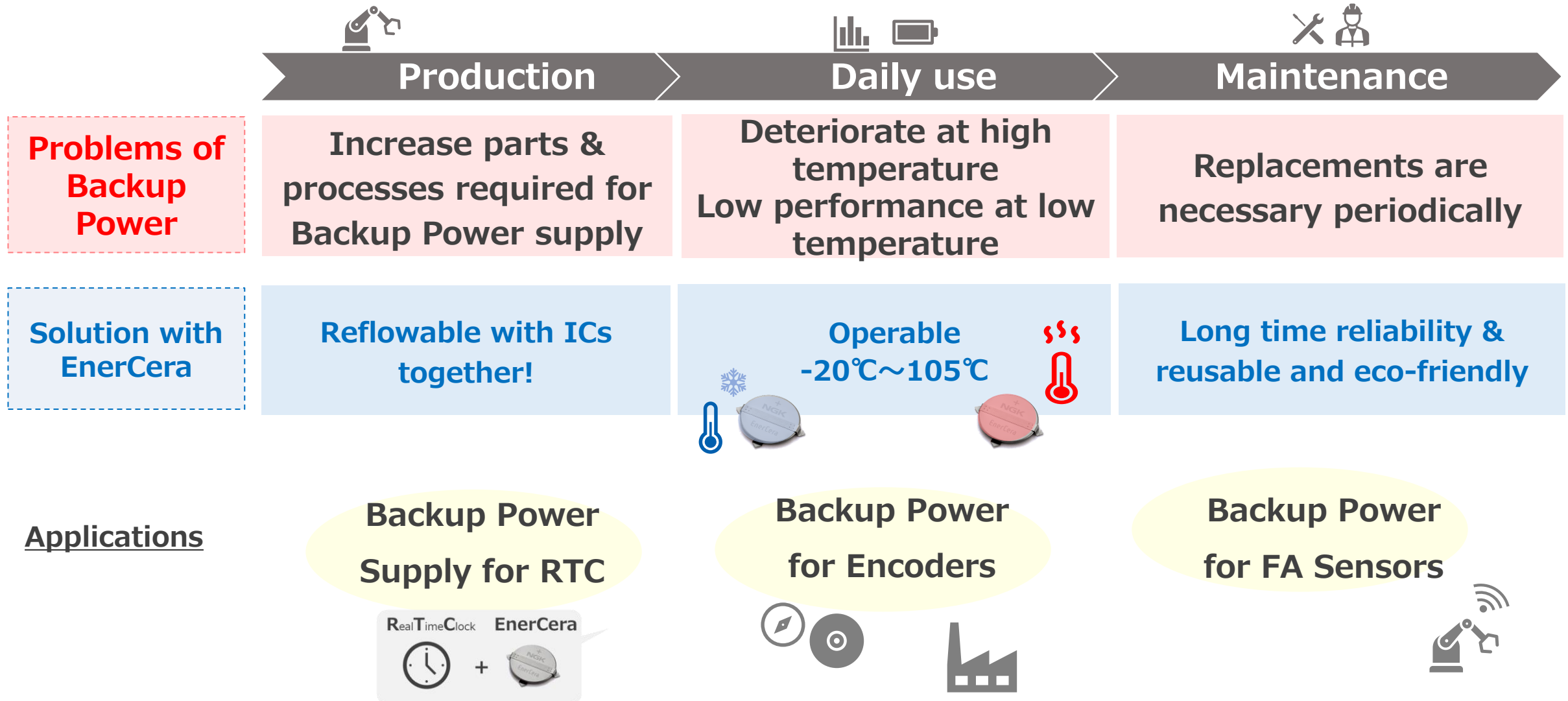
Power generation/charging devices and
power supply ICs manufacturers.



EnerCera[®]

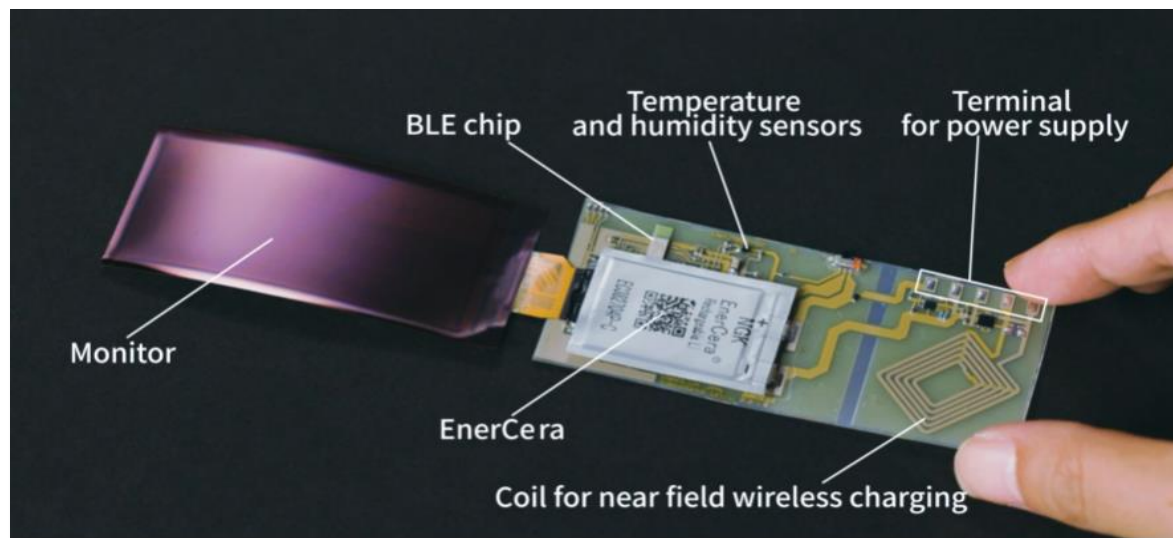
Better future with EnerCera[®] batteries in Factory Automation

Backup Power solution withstands 105°C, High heat resistance and Reflowable
No deterioration even when fully charged, so you can use for a long time!



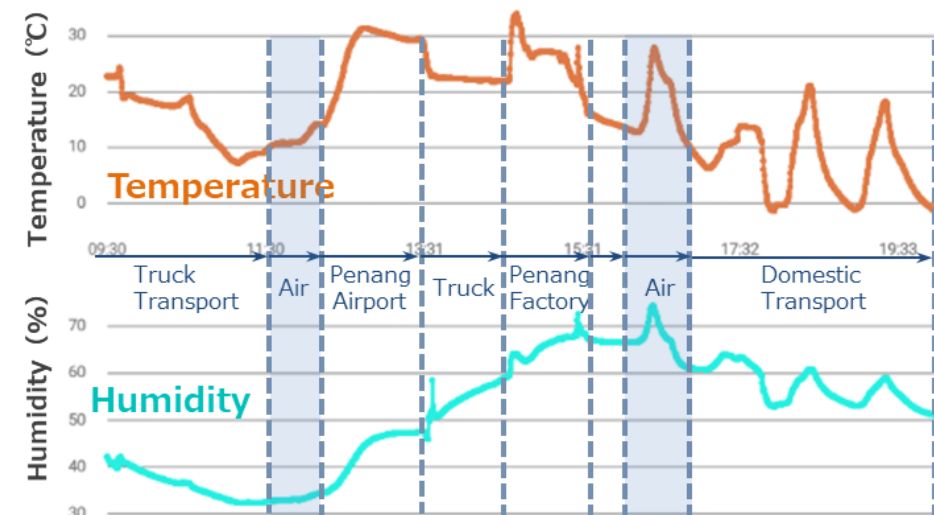
Collaboration of vendable EnerCera Pouch and Flexible Electronics

Communicate to tablet or PC with BLE,
and to the cloud through the gateway equipment



- Sensing Information : Temperature, Humidity, Impact
- Operating duration : 5 months on a single charge (depending on measuring cycle)
- It can memorize the maximum & minimum data in the measuring cycle.

Monitoring during transportation between Malaysia and Japan
(2/17/2022 ~ 2/28/2022)



Under Development

- ✓ Add Location Information
- ✓ Long-term use by WPT charging

Cold chain compatible ultra-thin tags with flexible circuit board combined with EnerCera enable **visualization of cargo transportation status and storage conditions.**

Social implementation example

Low power consumption is on track (continuous operation for 5 months)

⇒ Started **temperature-controlled transportation test of wine** from Italy and Japan (9/19~)

■ Process of transportation from Italy to Japan (9/19~12/M)

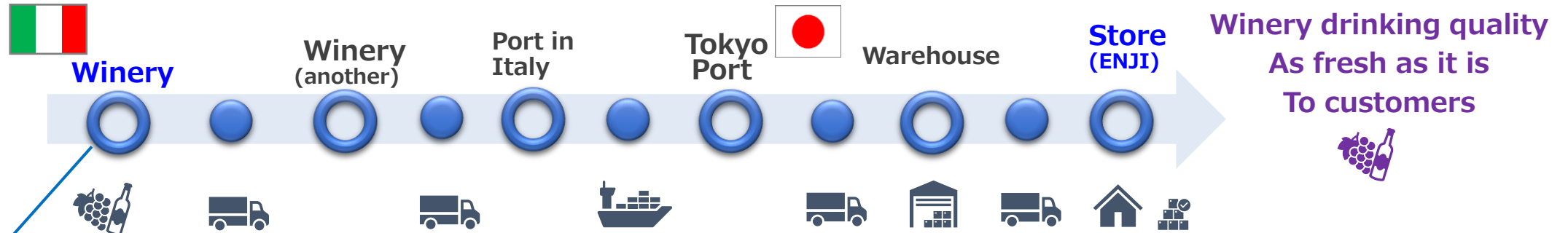


Image of field test

Winery in Italy



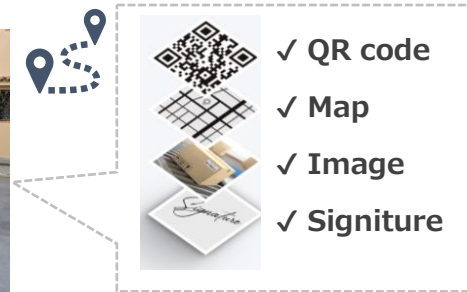
▸ Tag attachment, start logging



- ✓ attached on Bottle and box
- ✓ Start by Smartphone app



▸ Smart barcode* tracking below information



Visualization transport status

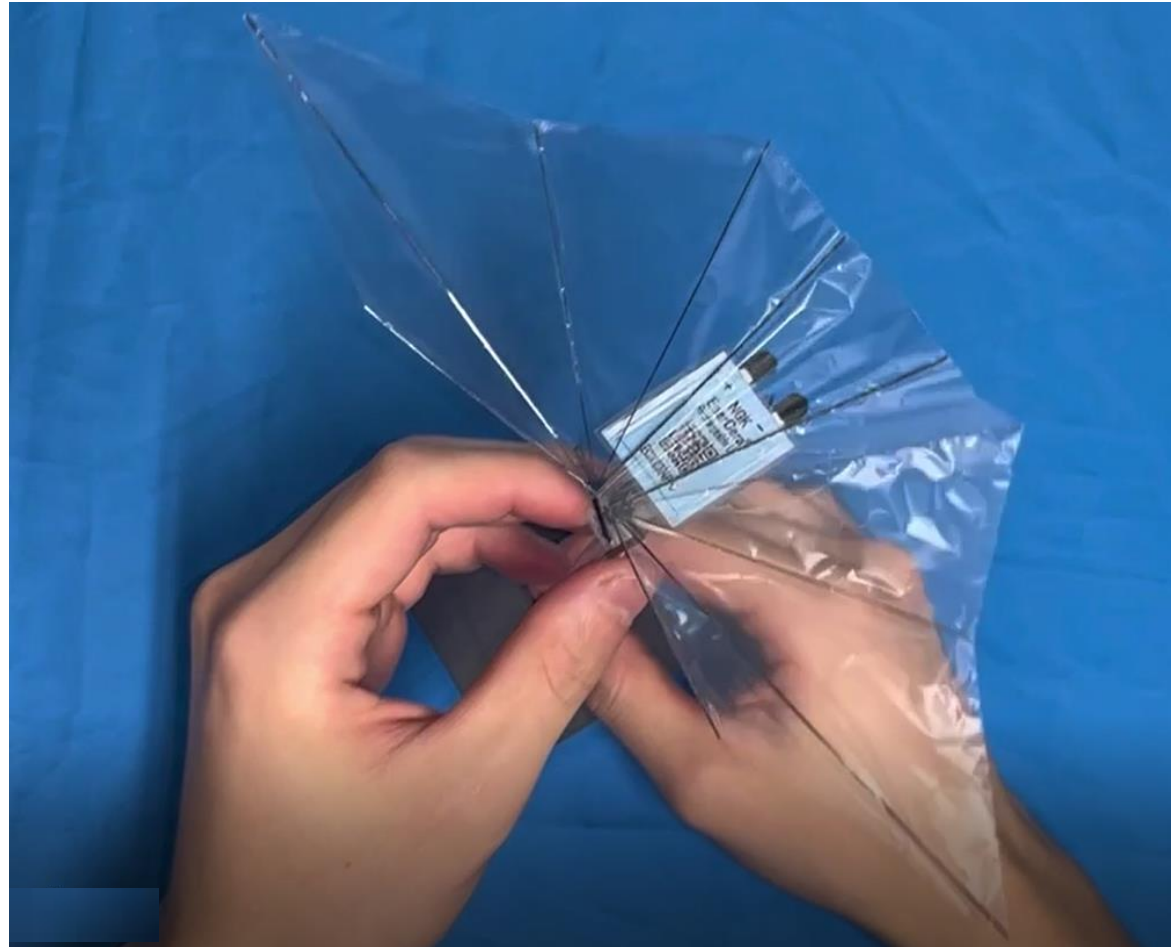
※<https://www.lozi.jp/index.html>

It can be applied for applications require **quality control** such as temperature, humidity, and impact during transportation and inventory management.

Butterfly style Flapping Robot

Palm size flapping robot by analysis of real butterfly

Partner : Tokyo Denki University



EnerCera Pouch can drive the motor powerfully.

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Contribute to the promotion of Carbon Neutrality and Digital Society

Carbon Neutrality

- **Waste reduction**

Aiming for the phasing out of primary batteries

- Circular Economy Action Plan (EU)
- New batteries Regulations (EU)

- **Utilization of energy harvesting technology**

Combination with solar cells, vibration power generation, etc.



EnerCera[®]

Digital Society

- **Popularization of IoT**

- **Advances of communication technology**
5G, 6G communication

- **Higher security**

Personal information protection

Realization of truly maintenance-free IoT devices

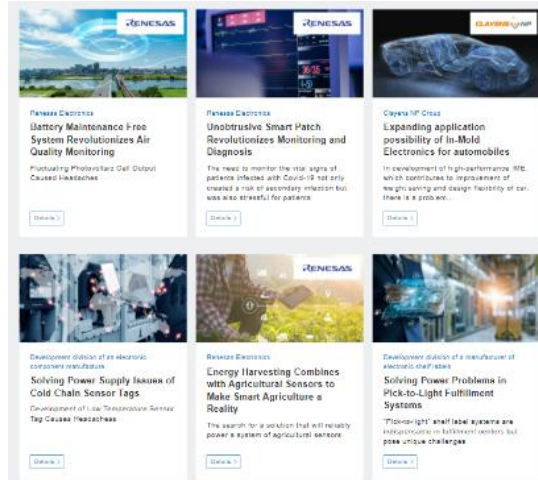
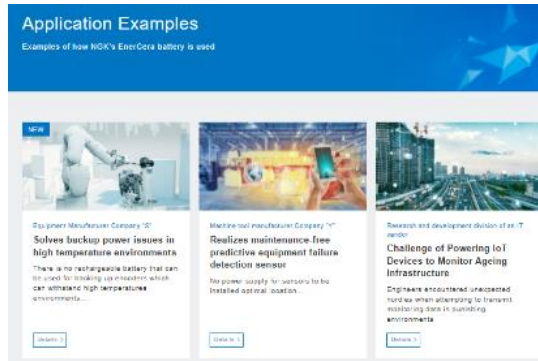
- ✓ **EnerCera is a new power storage device that combines the features of batteries and capacitors.**
- ✓ **In combination with WPT and Energy Harvester, IoT devices can be made maintenance-free and contribute to the reduction of primary battery waste.**



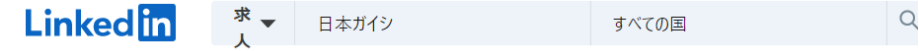
EnerCera Special Site and LinkedIn



Special Site



LinkedIn



概要

NGK Insulators (NGK) is a leading company in the field of ceramics. Since its foundation in 1919, NGK has used its unique ceramic technology to provide numerous ground-breaking products that solve social issues. Today, NGK is active in more than 20 countries worldwide, with business foci including mobility, energy, IT and industry.

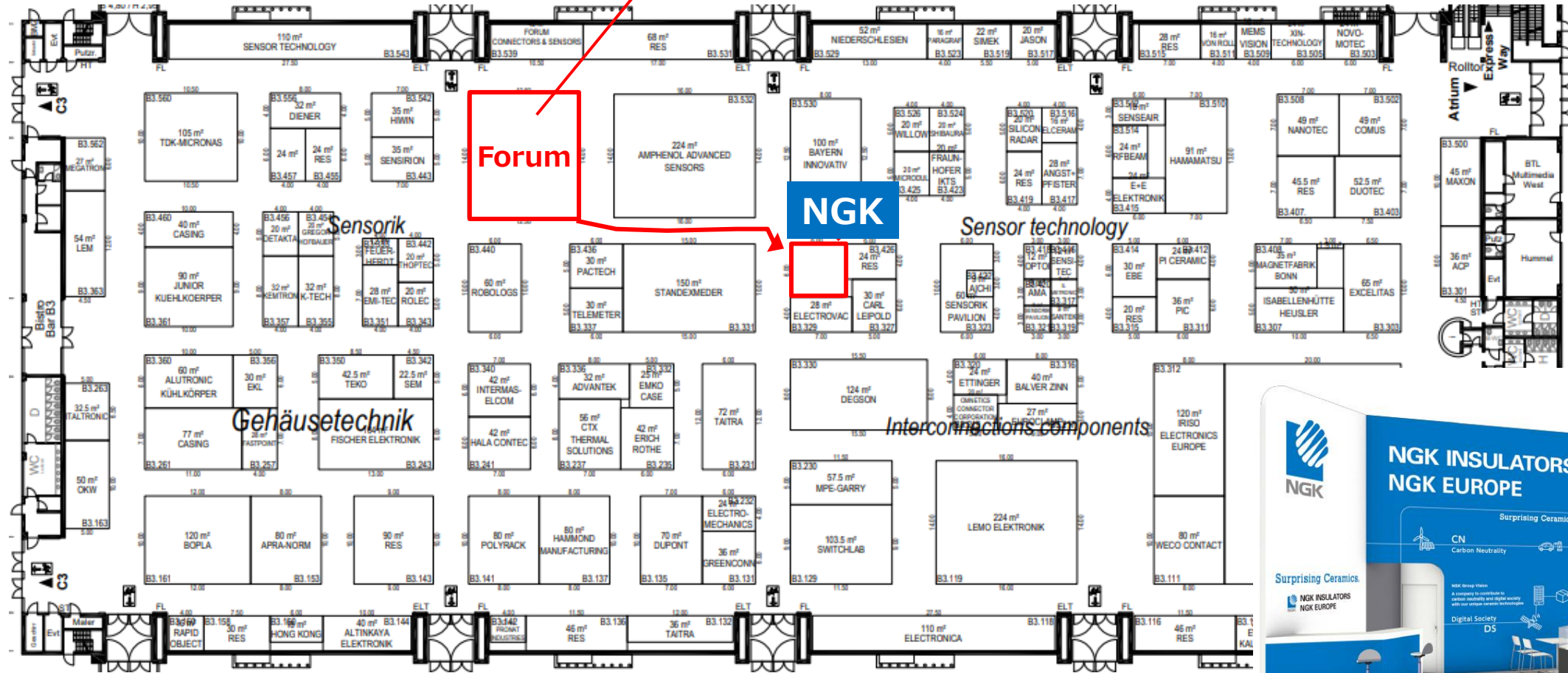
As one of the largest manufacturers of ceramic substrates for automotive catalytic converters, NGK is actively reducing the strain on our global environment. Furthermore, NGK's products include the energy storage system "NAS" battery, in addition to the compact, thin and high-energy-density lithium-ion rechargeable "EnerCera" battery line, vital tools for sustainable energy infrastructure.

<https://jp.linkedin.com/company/ngk-insulators>

Full of useful information such as the features, lineup, and application examples of EnerCera

Welcome to NGK's booth (B3-430)

We are here now



We are waiting for your visit!

**Please feel free to contact us for demonstrations
using EnerCera or inquiries about EnerCera**

Thank you



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