











# **Primo1D**

The E-Thread ® Company





From E-Textile to E-Thread<sup>®</sup> Dominique Vicard CTO Primo1D



## Agenda

A « Smart Textile » perspective

The E-Thread<sup>®</sup> technology

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### A "Smart" Textile ? – We have a standard...

 «Smart textiles are textiles or textile material systems having additional intrinsic and functional properties not normally associated with traditional textiles ».

FD CEN/TR 16298 Norme Européenne

### **Another "Smart" Textile Definition?**

 "Smart textiles are those materials that can sense and react to external stimuli or trigger which may be mechanical, chemical, thermal, electrical or magnetic "

Several Sources, including : Smart Textiles--Assessment of Technology and Market Potential 2010 Frost & Sullivan



### A Closer Look at the Definition...

- "Sense"
  - Temperature, Humidity, pH, Ions, Strain, Bio, Attitude, Movement, EM, Electricity, etc...
- "React"
  - Shape, Force, Visual, Audio, Temperature, Energy, etc...
    - The Passive way : Phase change materials, Shape memory materials, Chromic materials, Piezoelectric materials, Nanostructured materials, etc...
    - The Active way : Communication, Computers, Programs, Protocols, RF, etc...

### **Phase Change Materials**

- Materials existing under 2 phases (liquid, vapor, solid)
- Transition between 2 phases consumes/produces energy
- Thermoregulation



Thermoregulated clothing and textile - Outlast – Certified Space Technology

## **Shape Memory Alloys**

- Alloys having the property of memorizing their shape and being able to retrieve this shape under a thermal stress.
- Capability to switch between shapes
- Memorization of shapes, folds, etc...



Folds created by shape Memory alloys - Aniela Hoitink and Isabel Cabral

## **Piezoelectricity**

- Capability of getting polarized under a mechanical constraint, or vice-versa
  - Capability to produce a current while moving
- Energy harvesting, Actuation



Piezoelectric yarns able to act as microphones or loudspeakers- MIT

# **Electro Chromic**

An Electro Chromic material is able to change color under an electrical stimulation (reversible) Information display, lighting effects



Ludivine Meunier - GEMTEX - « INTELLITEX » project – textiles electro chromic displays

### Nanostructure

- Atomic or molecular assembly in which at least one dimension is bounded between 0,1 et 100 nanometer.
- Lotus, Butterfly Wings effects



Lotus effect on a textile - Advanced Textiles Sources. © Industrial Fabrics Association International CC BY-NC 3.0

### **The Active Way : Microsystem**



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# What for (in the wearable space)?

#### Safety

- Protection Equipment
- Healthcare and Wellness
  - Monitoring, Curing
- Fashion
  - Visual Effects
  - Sports
    - Performance, training

And numerous other applications in non-clothing textiles

# Safety



Proetex Project-Sofileta - Brunet-Lion - Continuous monitoring of life signals : heart beats, breathing, etc... - Bio-signals monitoring : sweat, dehydration, electrolytes, O2, carbon monoxide - danger monitoring : under clothing temperature - Image LHD Lion

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# **Health and Well Being**



AiQ : sports monitoring / Phillips : Blue Touch / Bioserenity – spin-off from ICM (Institut du cerveau et de la Moelle Epinière) – A Smart Cloth with biometric sensors recording body parameters, for epilepsy monitoring.

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# Mode





CuteCircuit – Robes lumineuses – cutecircuit.com / Moon Berlin – Ligne de sac à main illuminés – www.moonberlin.com



# Shows



Luminous Tex at the World Mobile Center / Luminous necklaces for the Olympic Games - Moritz Waldemeyer



# And outside Clothing and Decoration?

- Geotextiles
- Composites
- Buildings
- Protections

All those application gain from an Active Monitoring « Smartification »

## Geotextiles

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 Ground reinforcement -Soil Stabilization

- Sealing waterproof pockets creation
- Filtering
  - **Erosion Control**

Geotexan – Road Textile Reinforcement

# **Composites**

- Reinforced plastics such as fiber-reinforced polymer
- Lighter, as resistant, with no corrosion
- Aeronautics, car industry, street furniture



Airbus - A350-900 - Computer Graphics - Fixion

# **Public Works, Buildings**

- Tents, roofs
- Frontages
- Isolation
- Road Works



Saint-Eloi - Cugnaux, la Saudrune : Sewage processing center covered with a textile roof

### Protection

Dyneema<sup>®</sup> : laminated polyethylene fiber UHMwPE (Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene) : currently the most performant material for ballistic protection. Initially designed for aerospace.

> Doursoux – Tactical Vest – Made in France - 67% cotton 33% polyester Téflon coated . Dyneema ® BulletProof 10 ans de vie

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### Then, What is E-Textile?

- The step before « Smart-Textile »
  - A textile containing electronics (may be dull)
- The result of a long migration of electronics toward textile
  - Step 1 : Side by Side
    - Electronics is attached to textile through external elements (pockets, pouches) and remains stiff
  - Step 2 : Hybrid
    - Electronics is attached to textile through closer coupling and becomes flexible and washable
  - Step 3 : Integrated
    - Electronics is integrated in textile or even in yarns
  - Step 4 : Intrinsic
    - Electronics is made of textile

### A couple of examples

Sensitex (Smart Phone Control)

Step 3 : Integrated





 Hunting Dog Equipment (Kevlar GPS pouch)



### A couple of examples

# Biometric T-Shirt OMSignal with its « little USB black box»





#### Step 4 : Intrinsic

Force Sensor made of woven
PVDF - Kevin Magniez - Deakin
University CSIRO and RWTH
Aachen

# **E-Textile : where are we now?**

- In the Labs : Integrated or even Intrinsic
- On the market : Side by Side and Hybrid

But...



Imagine electronics in a yarn...



# The E-Thread<sup>®</sup> of Primo1D

A disruptive innovation from the CEA, strongly protected by patents

Electronics embedded into a textile yarn, in a unique form factor

Invisible, inseparable, durable, easy to integrate into textiles and plastics







# The E-Thread<sup>®</sup> technology

### From semiconductor...to textile ... through micromechanics







A competitive technology for high volume manufacturing.



# **E-Thread® RFID Product**



### **RFID UHF Tags : How to compare?**

95mm x 8.2mm x 0, 2mm

190mm x 0, 1mm x 0, 1mm

### E-Thread<sup>®</sup> versus prior art :

- Inalterable : being buried inside the material, the tag remains strongly protected
- Inseparable : cannot be untied from the material/object it belongs to.
- Imperceptible : cannot be easily detected so tiny it will not alter the material

## **Application Fields**



### Function is defined by the chip



- Today : RFID
  - RFID applications (traceability, inventory, anti-counterfeit/anti-theft, process automation, IoT, web-link)
- Tomorrow : Sensors Chip:
  - Unlimited applications (sensing, actuating, monitoring)

like : SHM, Sensing Materials, In-Situ process monitoring

### A world of applications



### How does the product look like?

- Our first application is clearly traceability, with RFID as E-Thread<sup>®</sup> Chip in a yarn, dedicated for the industrial laundry market.
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- The chip is so small and so well integrated that it's difficult to show a nice picture of it.



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- But we try.





# **Company profile**

- Created in August 2013, a spin-off from CEA-Leti,
- We turn material smart by embedding electronics in a unique form factor,
- A world of applications for RFID traceability, LED decoration and Smart sensors,
- A unique technology at the crossroads of microelectronics, micromechanics and smart packaging domains,
- A senior management team from the industry,
- An industrial model with strong partnerships and ecosystem.
- First production : Q4-2015

### **Our Mission & Vision**

A unique solution for traceability, anti-theft, anticounterfeiting, in situ measurement and decoration...

...thru a sparkle of intelligence at the heart of materials and objects, from creation to recycling...

... to become leader in the domain of embedded electronics into textile and plastic materials.

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# Thank you for your attention!

