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**WILLIAM BLYTHE LTD,
ADVANCED MATERIALS**

www.williamblythe.com

Synthomer



£1.61Bn
group revenue

Top 5

supplier of emulsion and specialty polymers



2900
employees



18
countries



FTSE250
listed company



25
production sites



3

Business Divisions

1 Functional Solutions

- Adhesives
- Coatings
- Construction
- Textile

2 Performance Elastomers

- Paper, Carpet & Compounds, Foam
- Health and Protection

3 Industrial Specialities

- Coalescing agents
- Monomers
- Powder Coatings
- Performance Polymers
- Inorganic Materials

Inorganic Materials: William Blythe Ltd



1845

William Blythe founds the company in Church, Lancashire to produce chemicals for the textile industry

1892

William Blythe & Co. Limited was established, with William Blythe's sons as directors



1928

William Blythe becomes a public company

1969

William Blythe acquired by Hickson and Walsh to produce arsenic salts for wood preservation

1990

William Blythe acquired by Holliday Chemicals Holdings (HCH). Significant investment in new process and plant

1998

William Blythe becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of Synthomer after the Synthomer acquisition of HCH

2010s

New analytical R&D facility and multipurpose production facilities opened as the company moves to advanced materials manufacture, e.g. graphene oxide



1854

First William Blythe patent filed on a novel process for manufacturing sulfuric acid



1919

William Blythe acquires the chemical business of John Riley and Sons, a manufacturer of metal salts and acids

1950s

Growth of the business producing sulfuric and hydrochloric acid and sulfate salts

1994

New copper carbonate plant

1989

Development of Flamtard zinc and tin based flame retardant products with Alcan

2000s

Development of copper zinc carbonate, periodic acid, stannous chloride and sodium stannate products and processes

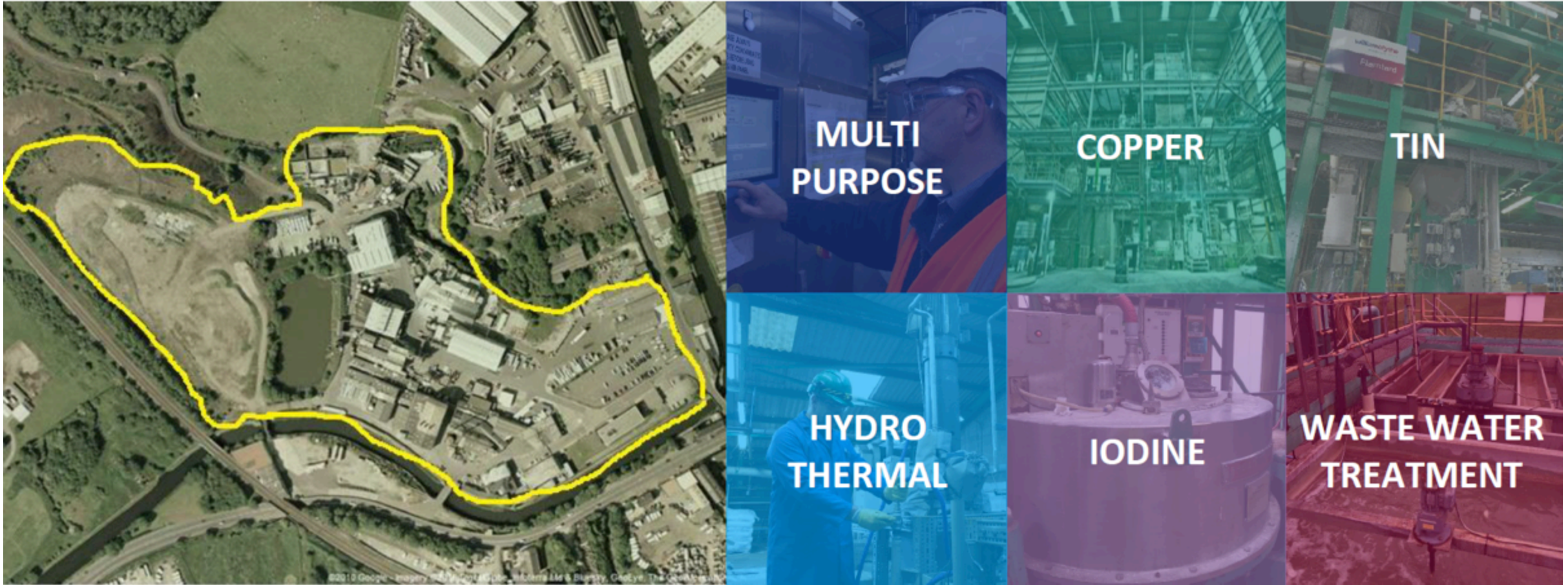
2018

Hydrothermal plant opened to manufacture tungsten oxides

William Blythe Ltd



William Blythe Ltd: Manufacture of Specialty Inorganic Chemicals



How We Work



- R&D projects with customers to solve their problems
- Product development and continuous improvement
- Grant-funded R&D to explore new areas

Collaboration



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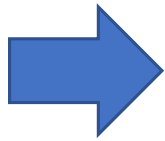
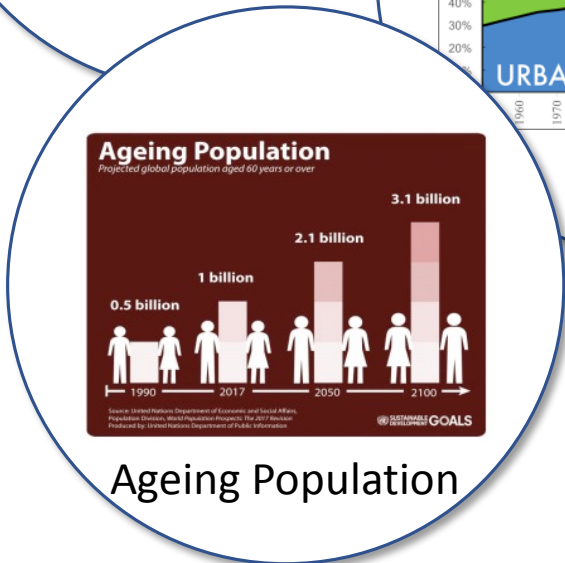
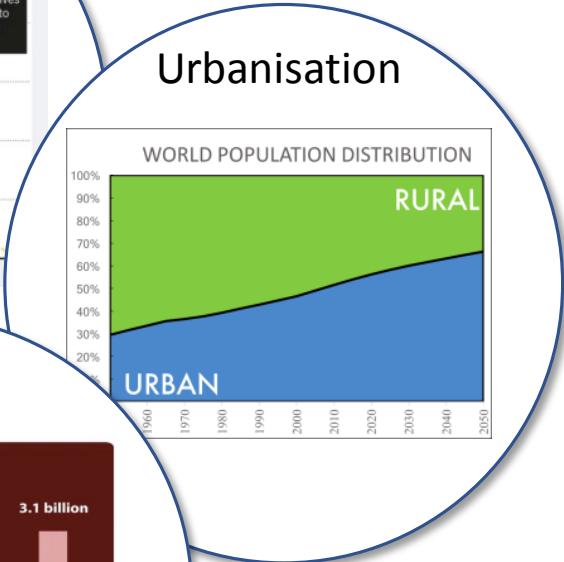
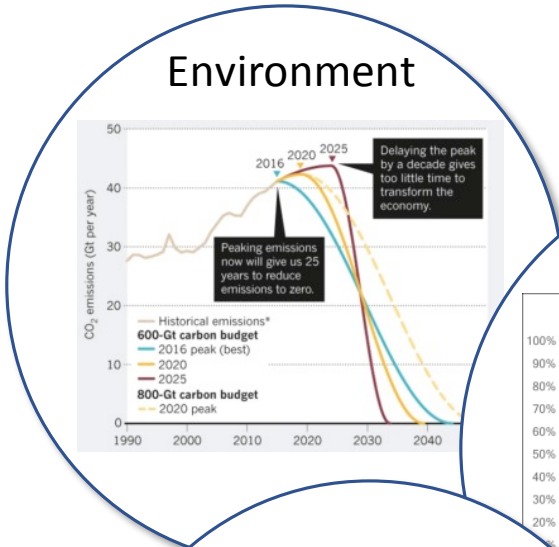


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William Blythe Ltd Materials Applications



Environment

- Energy efficiency
- Energy harvesting
- Energy storage
- Materials efficiency
- Gas and water cleaning

Safety

- Flame retardant synergist polymer additives

Health

- Health monitoring sensors
- Environmental monitoring sensors
- Wound-care

Product Chemistry

Copper carbonate

Copper iodide

Potassium iodate

Potassium iodide

Periodic acid

Zinc stannate

Calcium stannate

Zinc hydroxystannate

Tin (II) chloride

Tin (II) oxide

Graphene oxide

Reduced graphene oxide

Doped tungsten oxide

Lead iodide

Bismuth telluride

Lithium NMC oxide

Lithium NCA oxide

Strontium titanate

Titanium dioxide

3 Li Lithium 6.94	13 Al Aluminium 26.982	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	25 Mn Manganese 58.693	28 Ni Nickel 58.693	27 Co Cobalt 58.933	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	52 Te Tellurium 127.60	55 Cs Caesium 132.905	56 Ba Barium 137.33	73 w Tungsten 183.84	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.98
29 Cu Copper 63.546	19 K Potassium 39.098	53 I Iodine 126.90	50 Sn Tin 118.71	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	30 Zn Zinc 65.38	6 C Carbon 12.011	8 O Oxygen 15.999						

Applications and Markets

Porous H₂S absorbents for natural gas



Food and feed additives

Polyamide additives for heat and light stabilisation

Chemical mechanical planarization for electronics

Silk screen print cleaning

NIR absorption for energy efficiency

Energy harvesting (PV and TEG)

Energy storage (Li-ion batteries and capacitors)

Flame retardant synergist polymer additives

Chromium (VI) reduction in cement production

Pigments

Pollution absorbtion

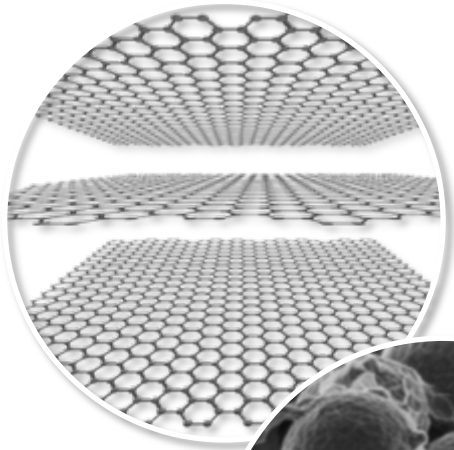
Polymer additives for improved performance

Sensors

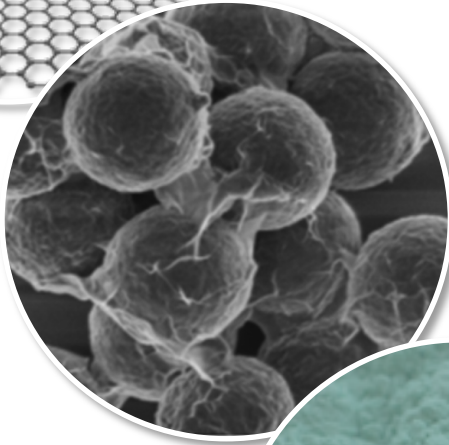
Coatings

Energy storage

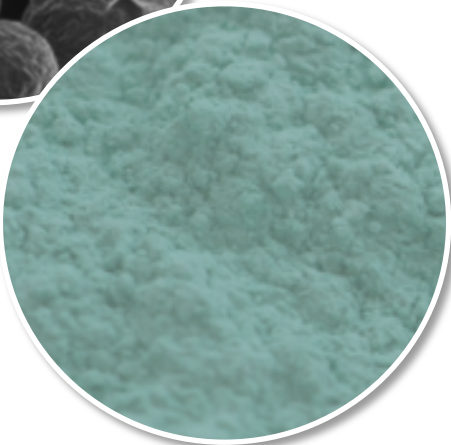
Platform Technologies for Advanced Materials at William Blythe Ltd



Graphene Oxide

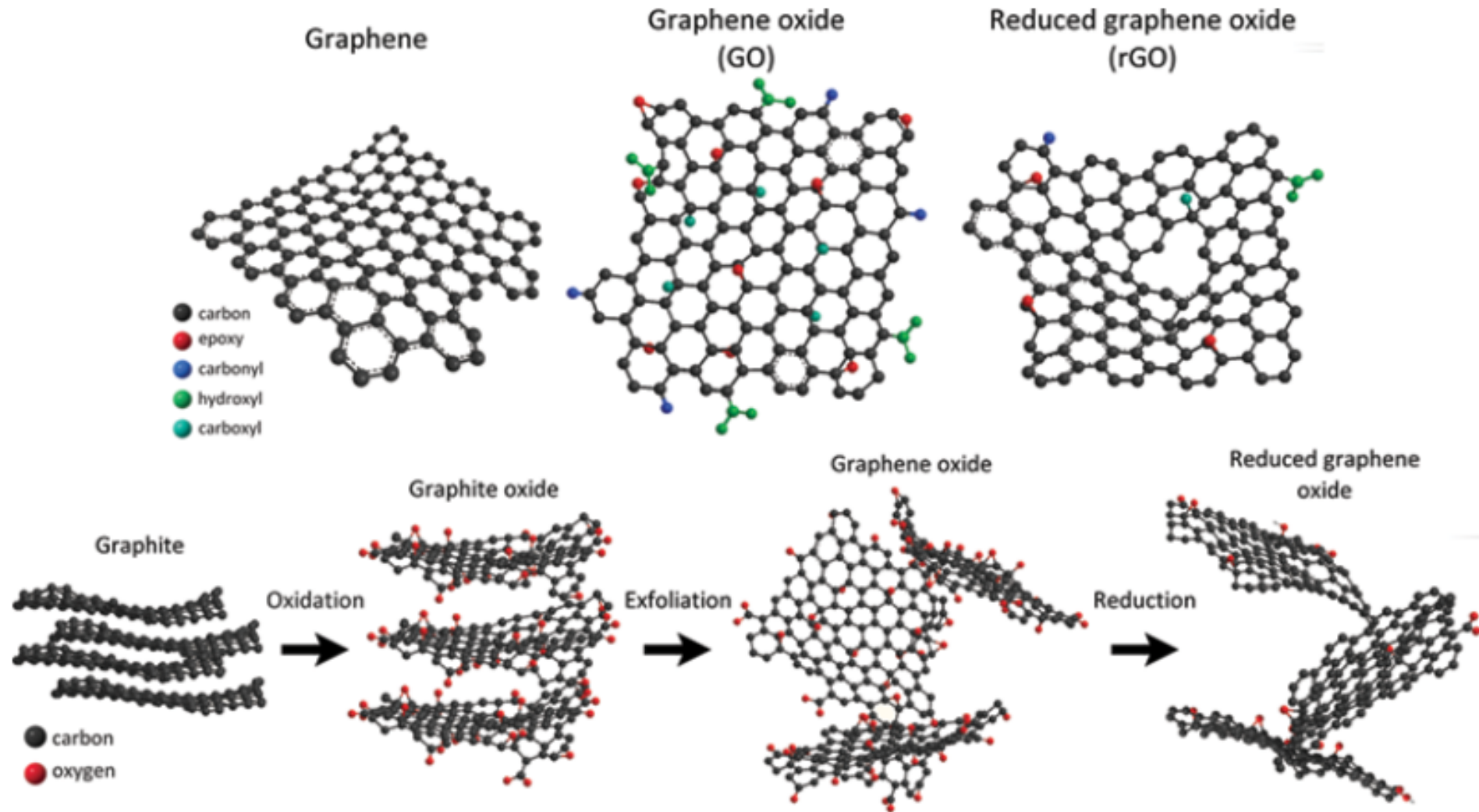


Polymer-Particle Composites



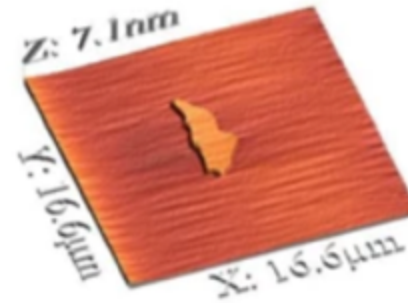
Hydrothermal synthesis of metal oxide (nano)particles

Graphene Oxide

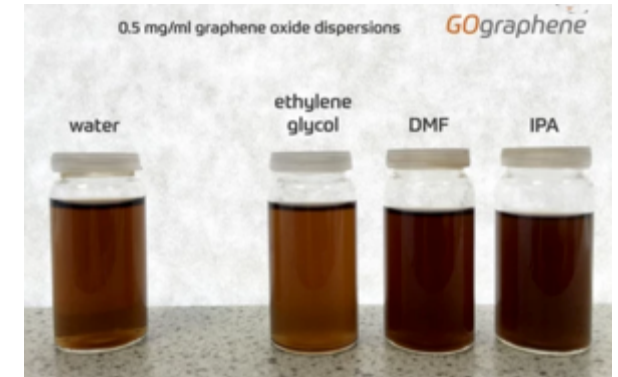


Graphene Oxide from William Blythe Ltd

- Consistently high quality graphene oxide produced from graphite using a commercial and scalable process
- Available as:
 - *Aqueous dispersion*
 - *Powder (freeze dried)*
 - *Flake*
- Specifications:
 - Lateral dimensions ~2-5 microns (AFM, SEM)
 - Mono to bi-atomic layer in dispersion (AFM)
 - Dispersible in highly polar solvents: e.g. water, isopropyl alcohol, dimethyl formamide, ethylene glycol
 - Oxygen content >20% (XPS)
 - Oxygen groups: carboxyl, carbonyl, epoxy, alcohol (FTIR)
 - Trace metal content <0.1% (ICP-MS)
 - Stable at room temperature, complex decomposition profile with major mass loss at 180C and 400C (TGA)
- For R&D purchases and enquiries on commercial quantities, visit: www.go-graphene.com
- Reduced graphene oxide and functionalized graphene oxide derivatives available on request



AFM image single flake
William Blythe graphene oxide

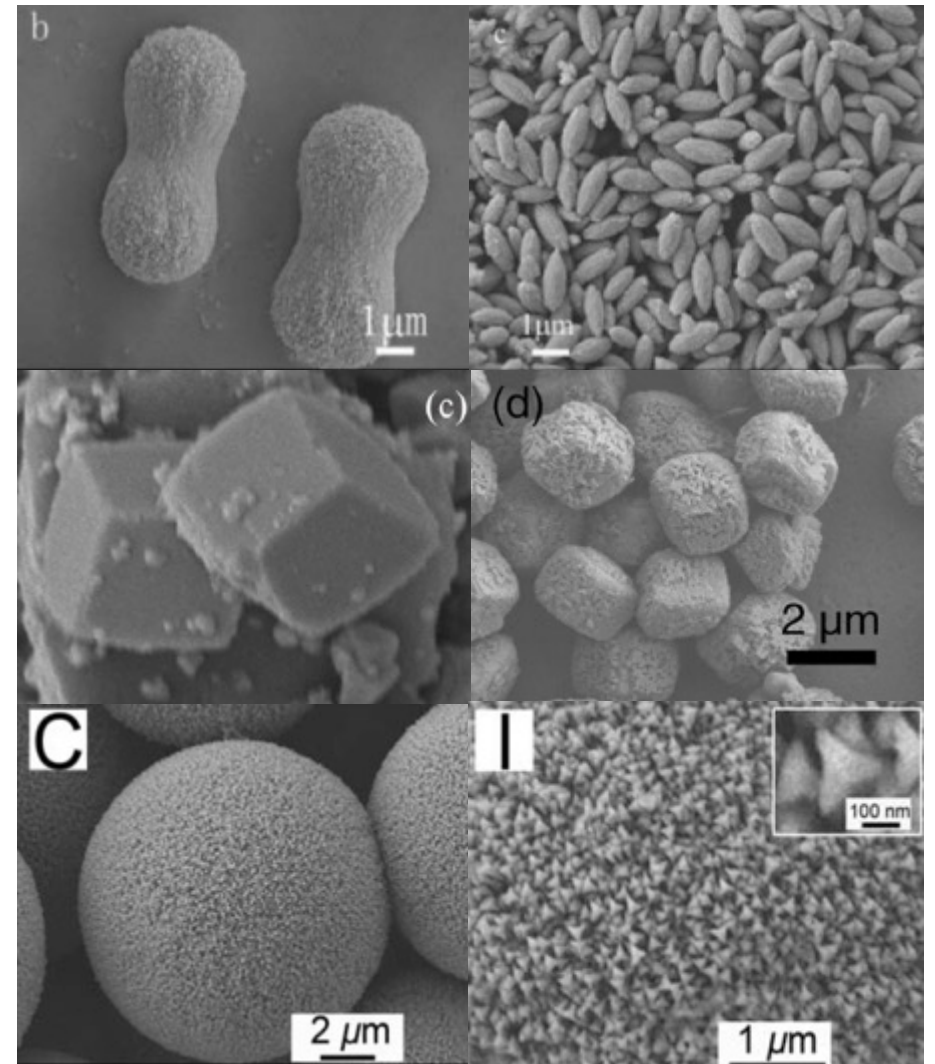


Dispersions in polar solvents
William Blythe graphene oxide



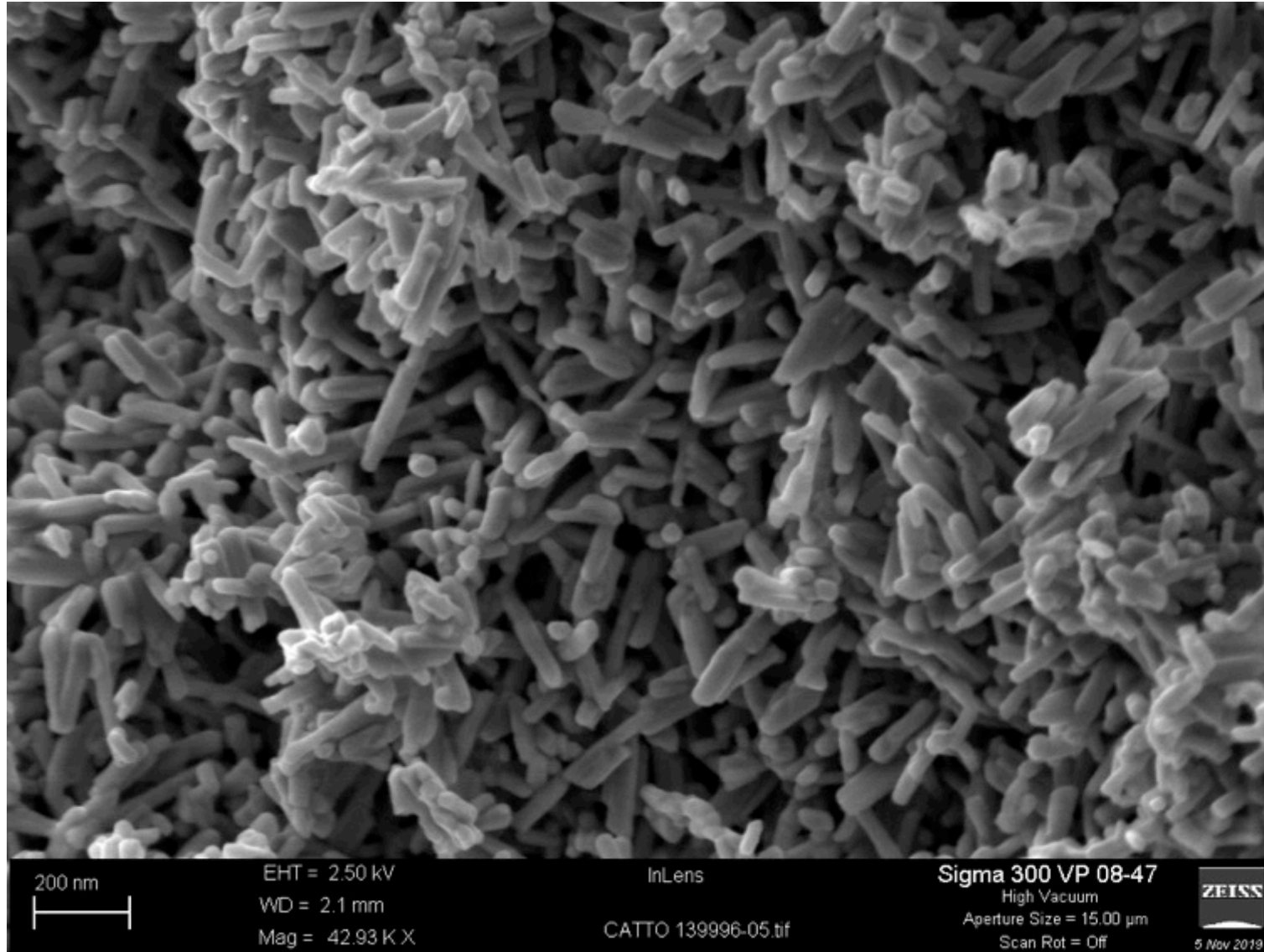
Hydrothermal Synthesis

- Hydrothermal synthesis is the use of water as a reaction solvent above the standard boiling point – usually at autogenous pressure
- The high temperature and pressure make hydrothermal systems useful for synthesising **unusual materials** that are difficult to prepare otherwise
- It also particularly useful for preparing materials with **precise levels of doping**
- High temperatures allow for growth of particles with **specific morphologies**
- William Blythe has hydrothermal capability at 200 mL, 5 L, 44 L and **1000 L**



6 different siderite morphologies

Hydrothermal Caesium Ammonium Tin Tungsten Oxide



Clean Urban Environment and Smart Cities

Lightweight, strong, zero CO₂ building materials

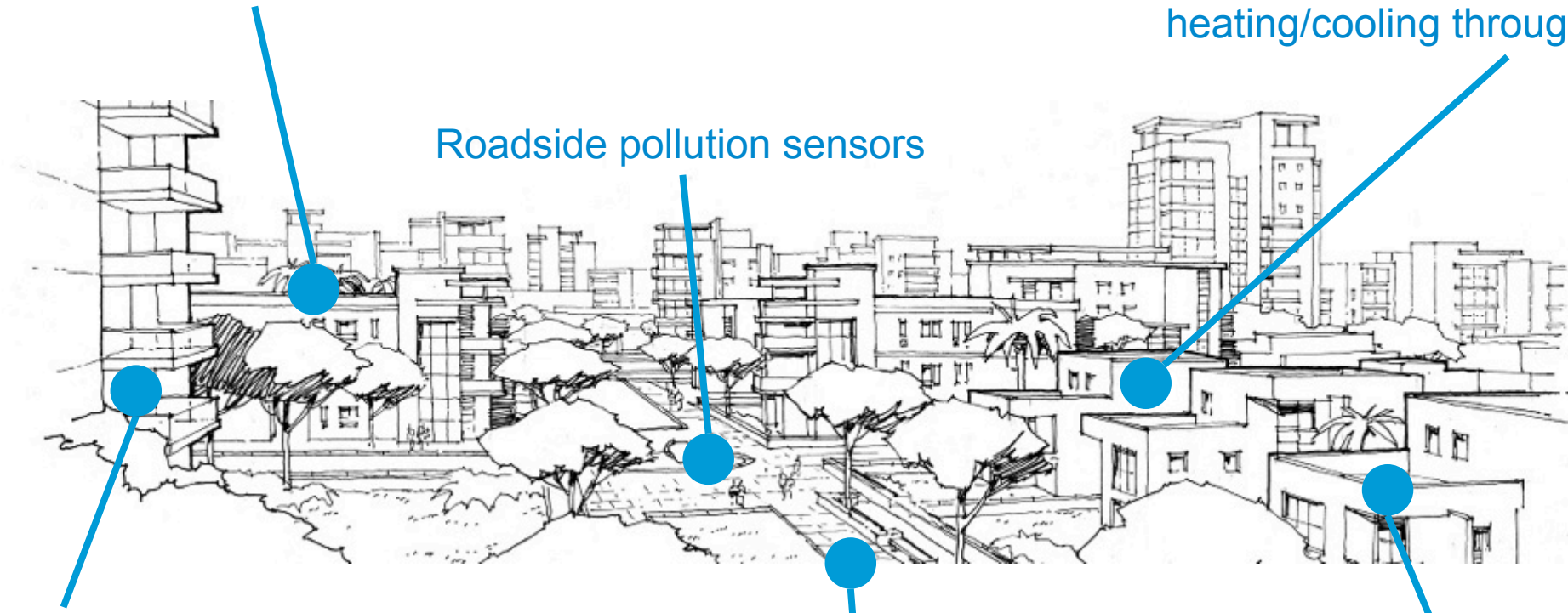
Heat absorbent coatings to reduce heating/cooling through walls/roofing

Roadside pollution sensors

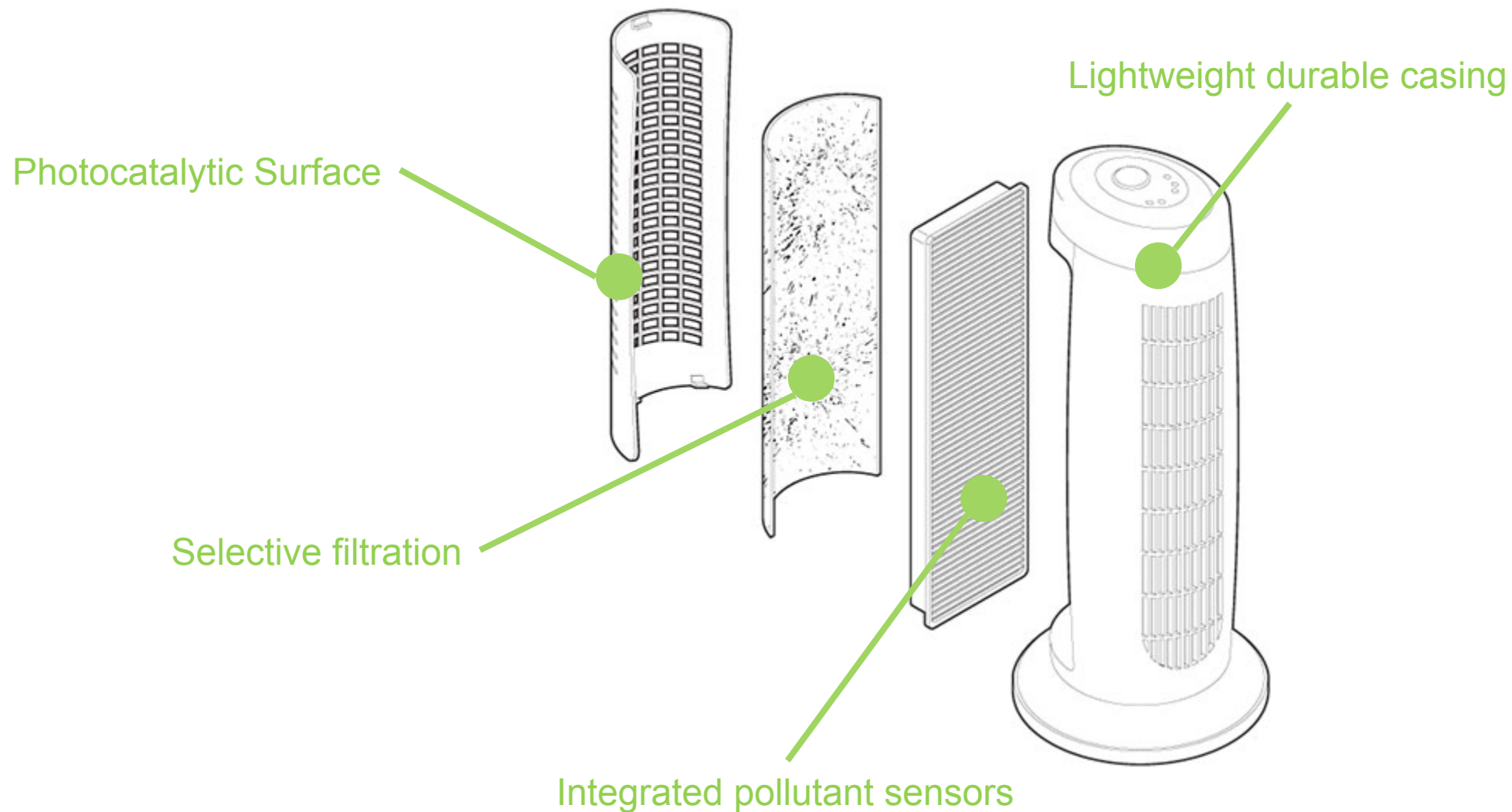
Energy Harvesting Glass

Ultra durable road surfaces

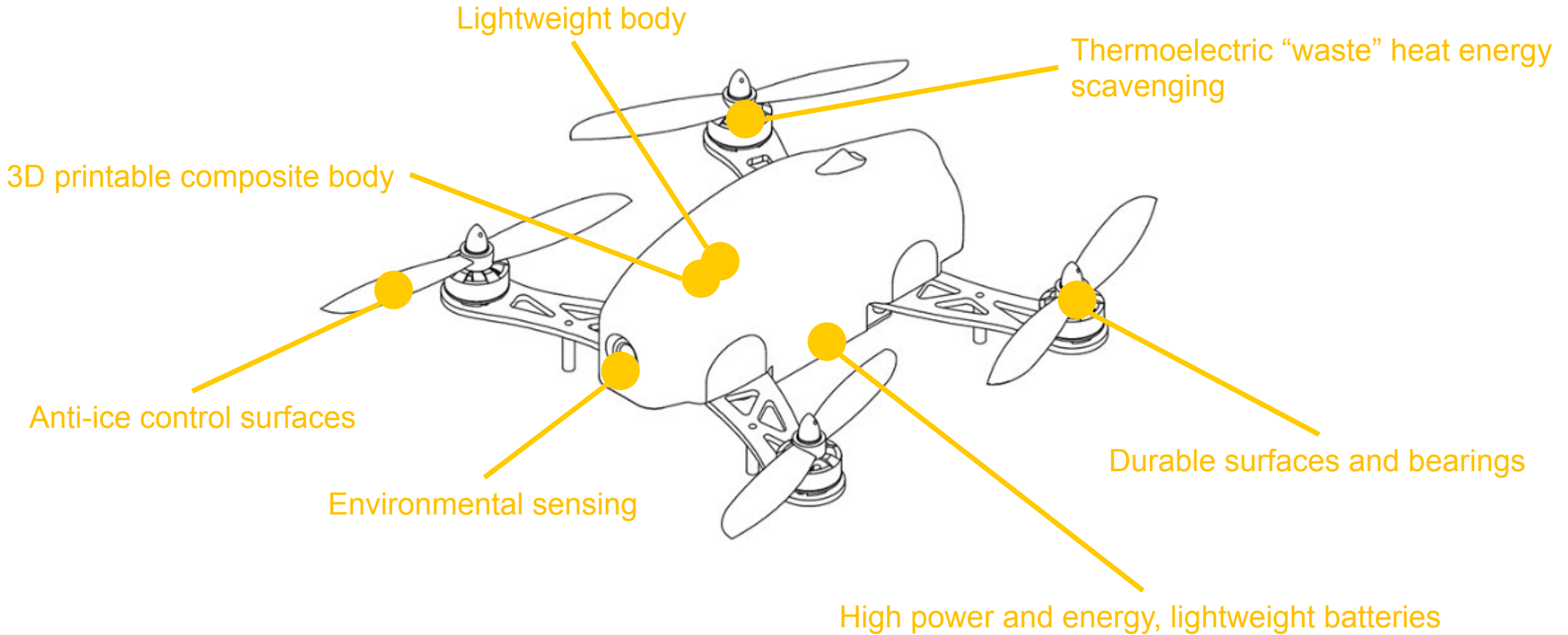
Pollution absorbing building materials



Air/Water Cleaning



Transport and Mobility



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