## An RTO's View at sustainable battery manufacturing

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#### **LiB Materials**

- upgraded/ novel active materials
- polymer & ceramic electrolytes (Gen4)
- components
- design for recycling

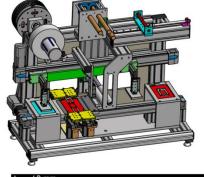


Process development

- solid-state-cell concepts (Gen4)
- semi-automatic electrode & cell manufacturing
- recycling



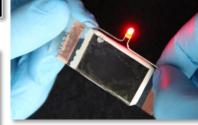






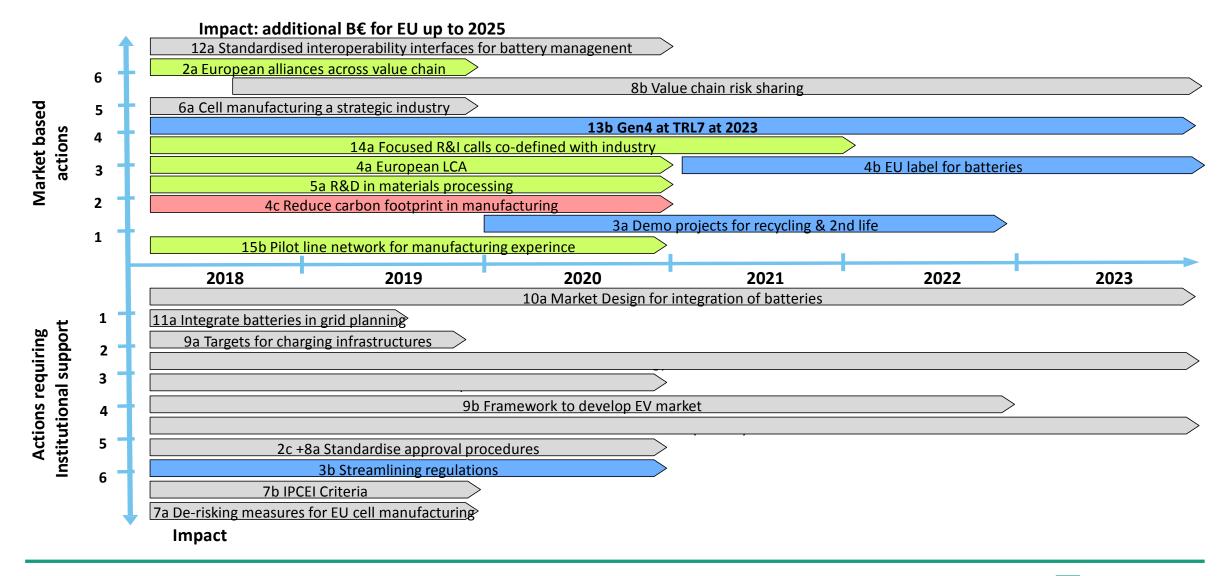






- > 35 employees, > 4 Mio. € annual budget
- National and international collaborations with battery manufacturers, chemical companies and OEM
- Active members in EBA, EMIRI, EIT Raw Materials, SET Plan battery working group

#### Alignment with EBA scope

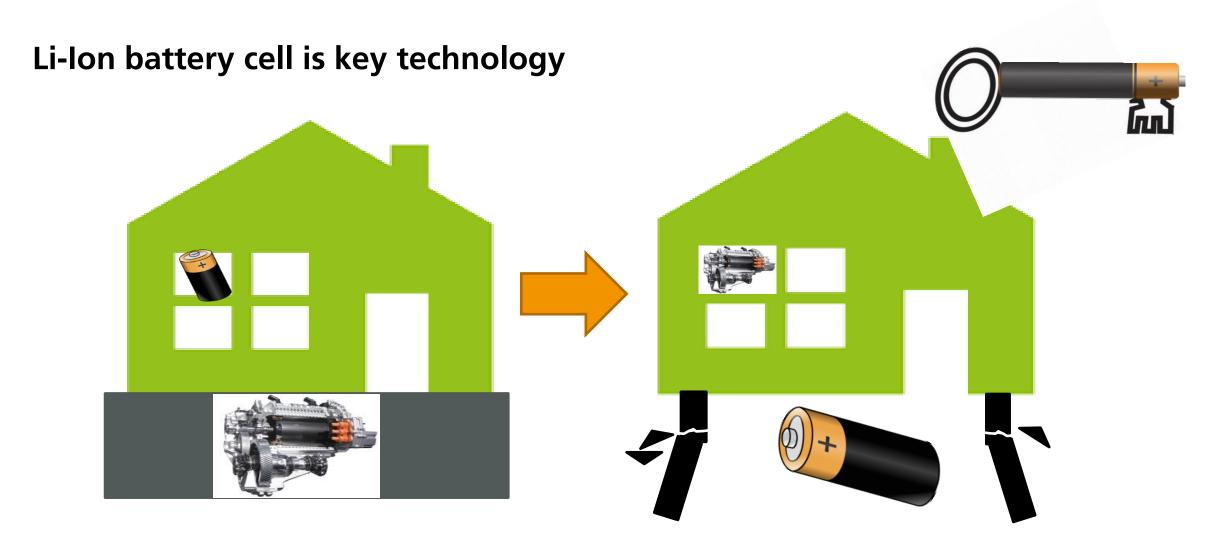




## **Full vertical integration**



Raw materials	Component production	Cell production	Module production	Pack assembly	Vehicle nanufacturing	Use	Reuse and recycling
Fraunhofer ISC	Fraunhofer ISC	Samsung SDI	Samsung SDI	Samsung SDI	Samsung SDI	Youtube	Fraunhofer ISC
Rare earth materials, cobalt, nickel, lithium, graphite, etc.	Anode and cathode active materials, binder, electrolytes and separator, electrodes	Production and assembly of single cells	Configuration nof cells into lager modules that include some electronic management	Installation of modules together with systems that manage power, charging and temperature	Manufacturin Gof vehicle Colors Color	Use during specified vehicle lifetime, control by	Battery reuse, deconstructio n, recycling of materials and components
Partially established	Partially established	e. g. Samsung	established 2016	established 2016	Prototypes 2017	- 	 



- Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) was automotive key technology for a century
- (Li-Ion) Battery Cell is currently "swapping seats" with ICE

### **Key technology**



- Even though the perceived added value of the battery cell as part of the E-mobility value chain may be little due to fully automated production, the cell manufacturing must be considered a key technology for the European society and economy ("bolt for the automotive industry").
- The automotive industry is one of the most important industrial sectors in the EU. In France and Germany alone, almost 1.5 Mio. employees are working for car manufacturers or their suppliers. Within the European Union every tenth job (3.4 Mio.) is directly or implicitly linked to the automotive industry<sup>1,2</sup>



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## **Circular economy**

- The development of material closed loops will allow for a technology leap and ensure the security of supply. Innovative processing and recycling technologies to be developed, will lead to a sustainable economy not only for valuable elements (Cobalt, Copper) but for all cell components. (Best practice: 100 % recycling rate for lead acid batteries).
- Additionally the concept of closed loops will comfortably position Europe compared to Korea and Japan in the upcoming price war for raw materials in Africa, South America and China.
- Definition and implementation of "Design for Recycling" standards for future batteries/ cells will give European manufacturers market advantages and embed their products in closed loops





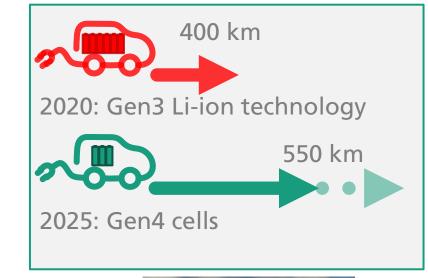
Cobalt miner at Kawama mine, DRC (Congo). Source: Washington Post

#### **Short term goals**

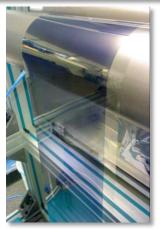
- Gen3 Li-ion batteries
  - Dominating Asian manufacturers establish plants in Europe
  - EBA action 6a: Cell manufacturing a strategic industry
  - Northvolt; SAFT... pushing for manufacturing capabilities in EU

#### Gen4 Li-ion batteries

- Various technological advantages: safe, energy density, long cycle life
- Fair chance for EU to become leading manufacturer with novel technologies
- Toyota plans commercial cells by 2025; Japanese PPP LIBTEC: 550km by 2025
- Fraunhofer ISC wants to establish multi-national alliance with RTOs and companies to implement EBA action 13b: Gen4 at TRL7 at 2023

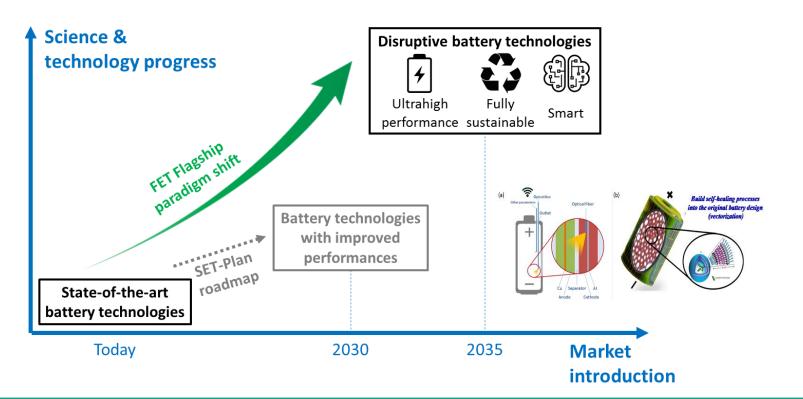


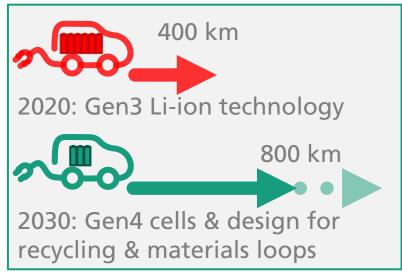




#### Long term goals

- FET-Flagship BATTERY 2030+
- Trans-European flagship-projects for the development of smart and sustainable (Gen4) batteries









#### **Conclusions**

Battery Cell = Key Technology



- Full vertical integration must be achieved to prevent erosion of the automotive manufacturing value chain
- Cell manufacturing must be considered a key technology ("bolt for the automotive industry")
- Circular economy in EU battery production, recycling and 2nd life will ensure security of supply
- Gen4 cells are a fair chance to lead the market but need to be upscaled until 2025
- Implement European "Design for Recycling" standards



