

greenSPEED Success Story

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The Challenges

LITHIUM-ION CELL TECHNOLOGY NOT
SUPPLIED BY EUROPEAN INDUSTRY >

HIGH ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF
SINGLE PRODUCTION STEPS >

LOW ENERGY DENSITY >

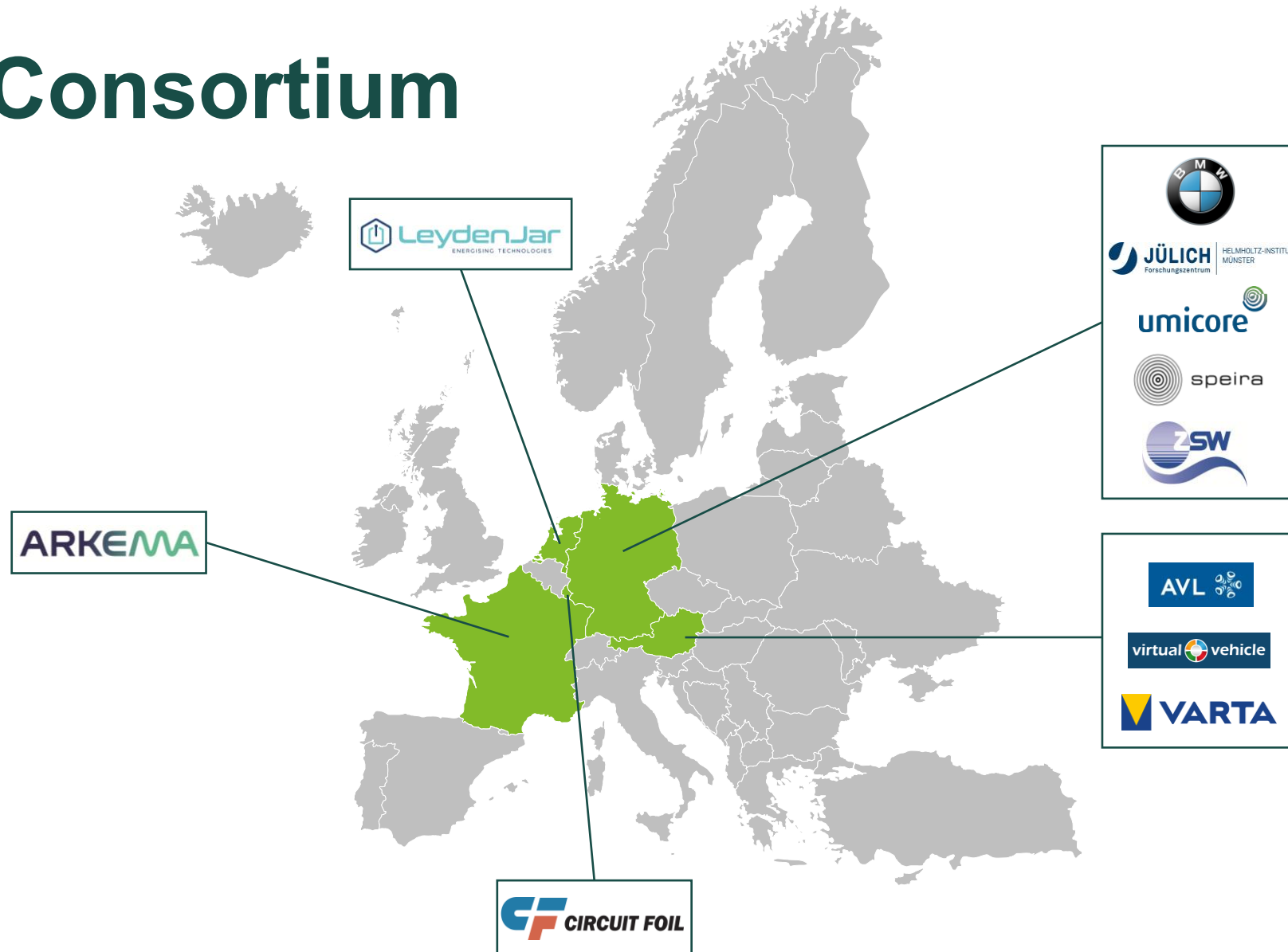


< HIGHER DEMAND FOR BATTERY
ELECTRIC VEHICLES (BEVs)

< USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY
HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

< HIGH COSTS OF LITHIUM-ION CELLS

The Consortium





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The greenSPEED Approach

Ni-rich cathode – solvent free process

AI supported coating
process

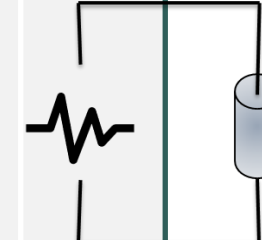
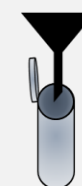
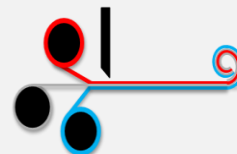
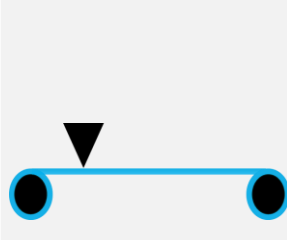
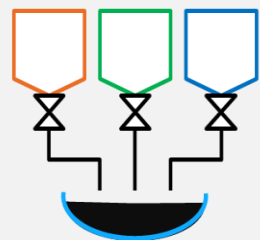
Optimised
current collectors

Simulation supported
jelly roll winding

Low CO₂ formation process

Simulation supported
cell integration

Technology demo
in 21700 &
stacked pouch cells



Dosing &
Mixing

Coating

Calendering

Winding &
Assembly

Electrolyte
Filling

Electrical
Formation

close2market materials

Pre-lithiation

Innovative electrolyte
additives

Pure silicon anode – dry process,
new technology

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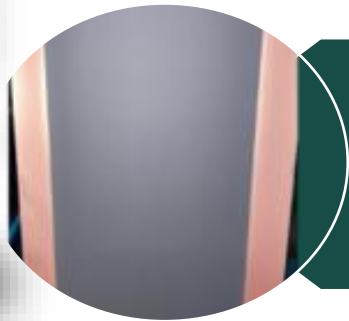
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Introduction - Anode Tasks and Partners



Task - Anode Formulation

- Si/C composite produced by wet process
- Pure Si anode produced by MW-PECVD

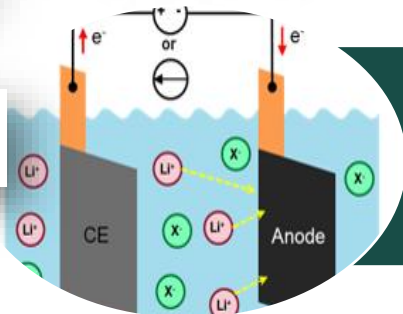


Task - Anode Substrate

Cu foil modification/development

Drum Side

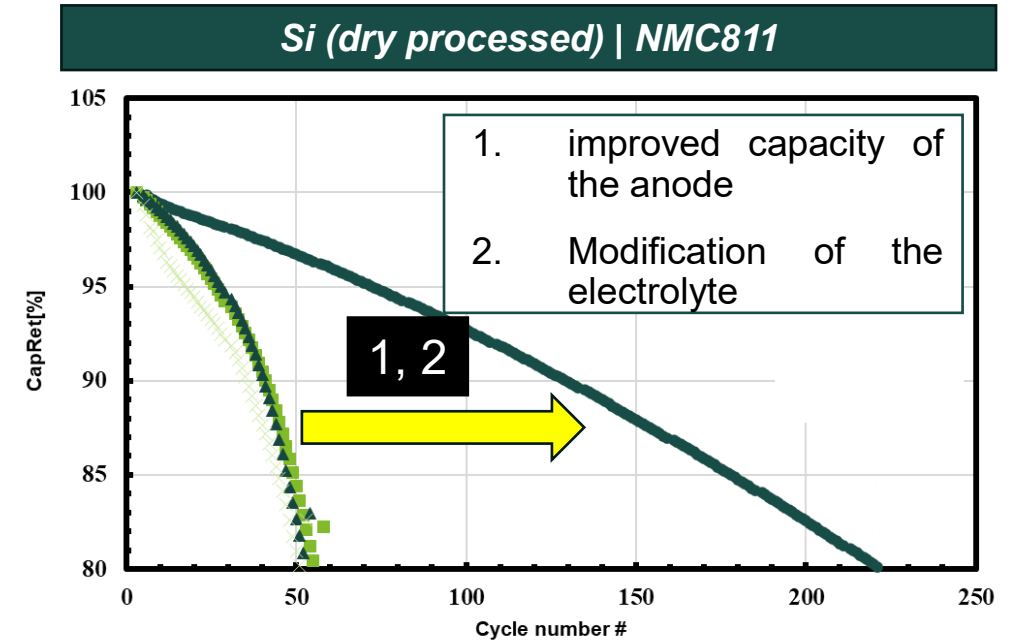
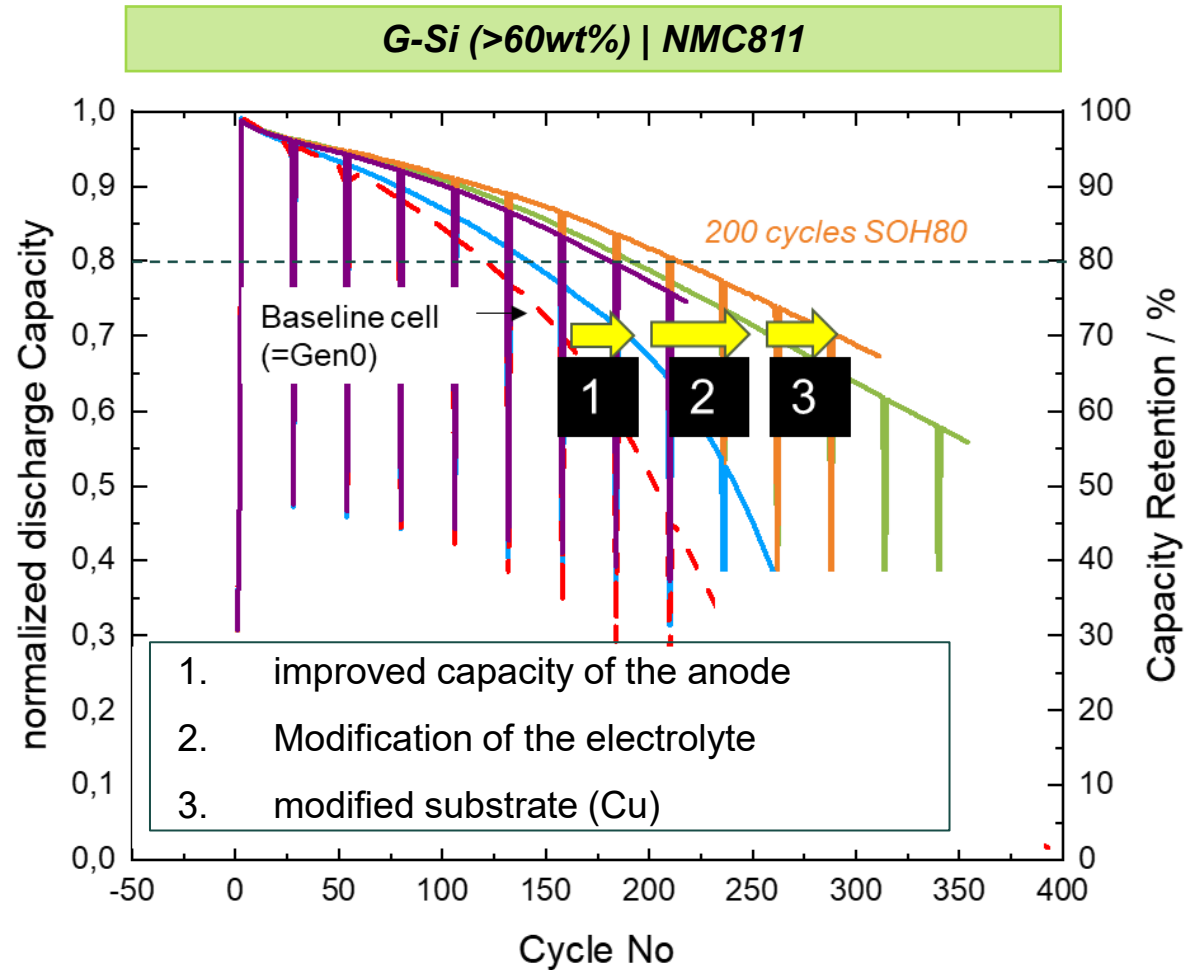
Electrolyte Side



Task - Electrochemical Prelithiation

Prelithiation experiments Si/C & Pure Si

Anode Development



G-Si Anode



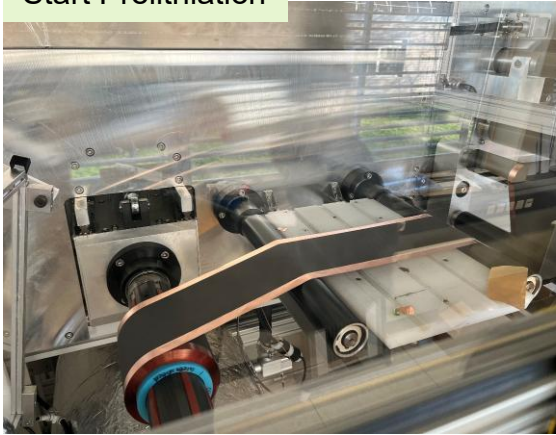
LJ pure Si Anode



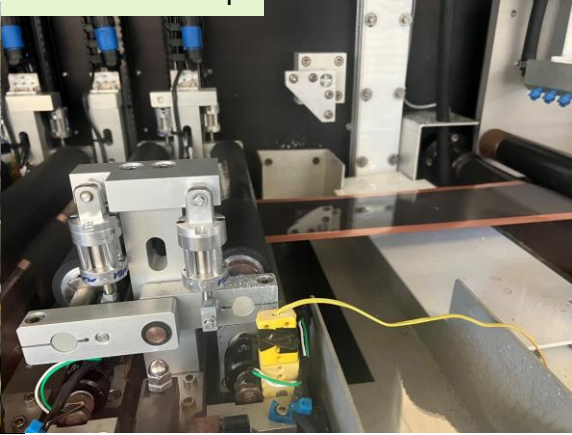
Anode Development – Prelithiation

G-Si

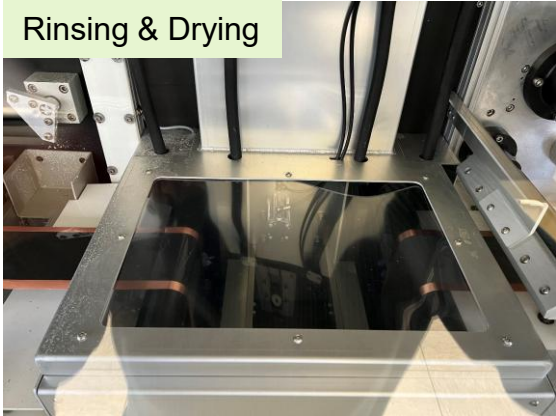
Start Prelithiation



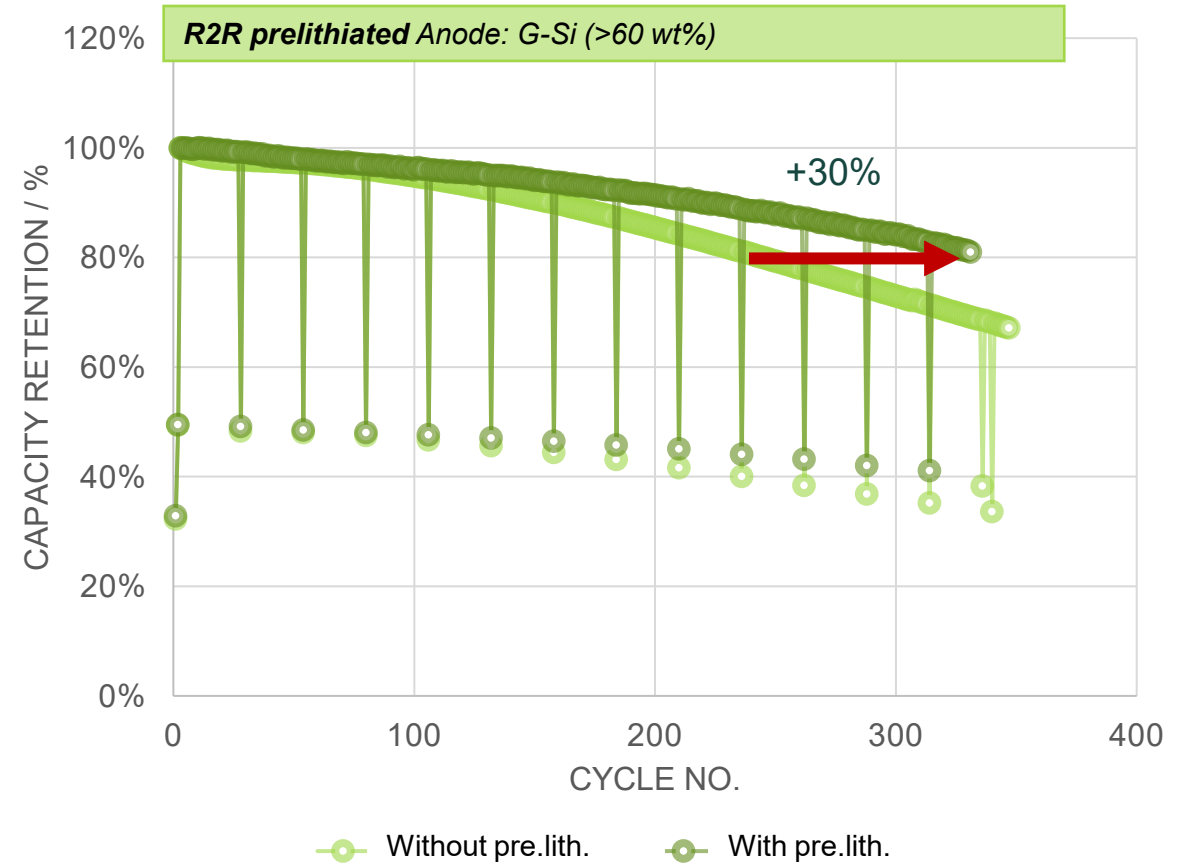
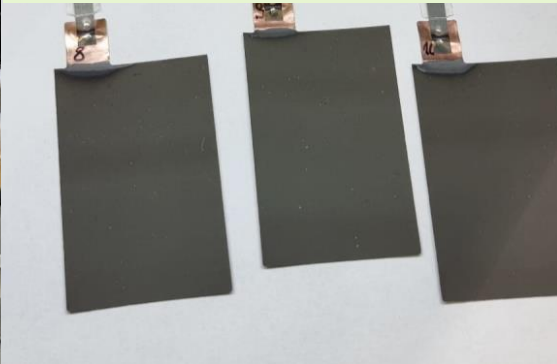
Prelithiation Step



Rinsing & Drying

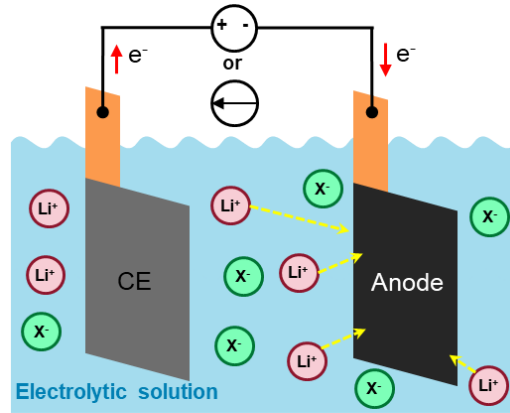


Electrode preparation for cell assembly



Anode Development – Prelithiation

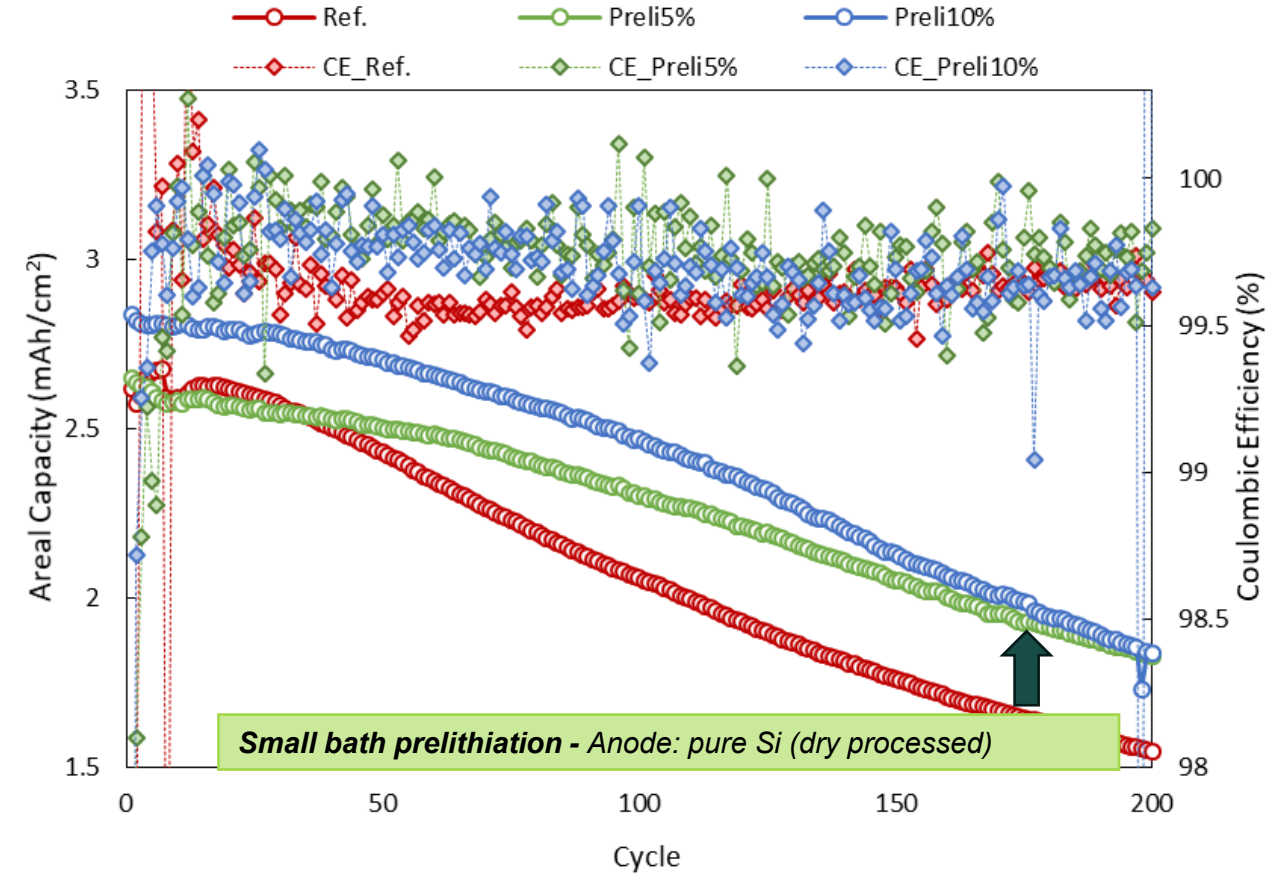
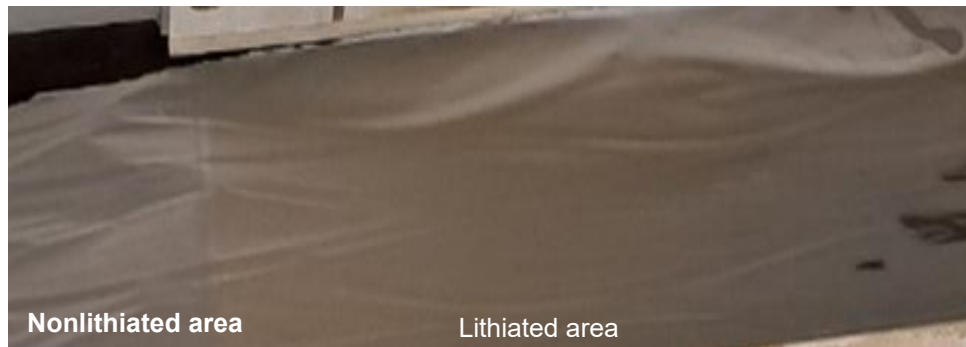
pure Si



Dissolve the Li salt to the solution

Applying electric field toward the anode side

Taking the anode to the pouch cell



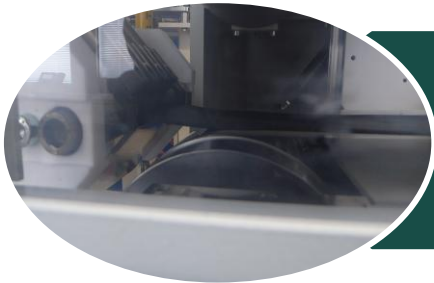
Introduction- Cathode Tasks and Partners

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Task - Material Development

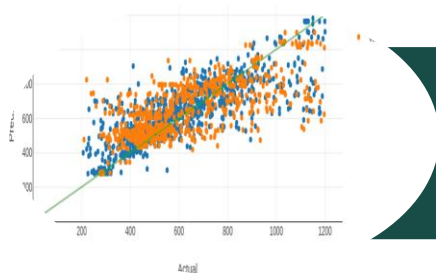
Adopted binders and current collectors as well as active material for the dry extrusion and roll-to-roll transfer process



Task - Dry Coating and R2R Transfer Process

Dry extrusion of the cathodes

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Task - Artificial Intelligence

Digital twin of the dry extrusion process

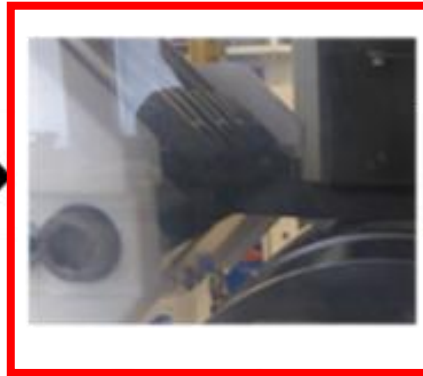
Cathode – Process Overview

Extrusion



Powder mixing:

All powders are premixed dry in tumble mixer
→ Homogeneous dry mix dosed into extruder



Extrusion and R2R transfer:

Homogeneous paste is created and coated directly on the current collector



Removal of ethylene carbonate:

Ethylene carbonate serving as processing additive and pore forming agent is removed

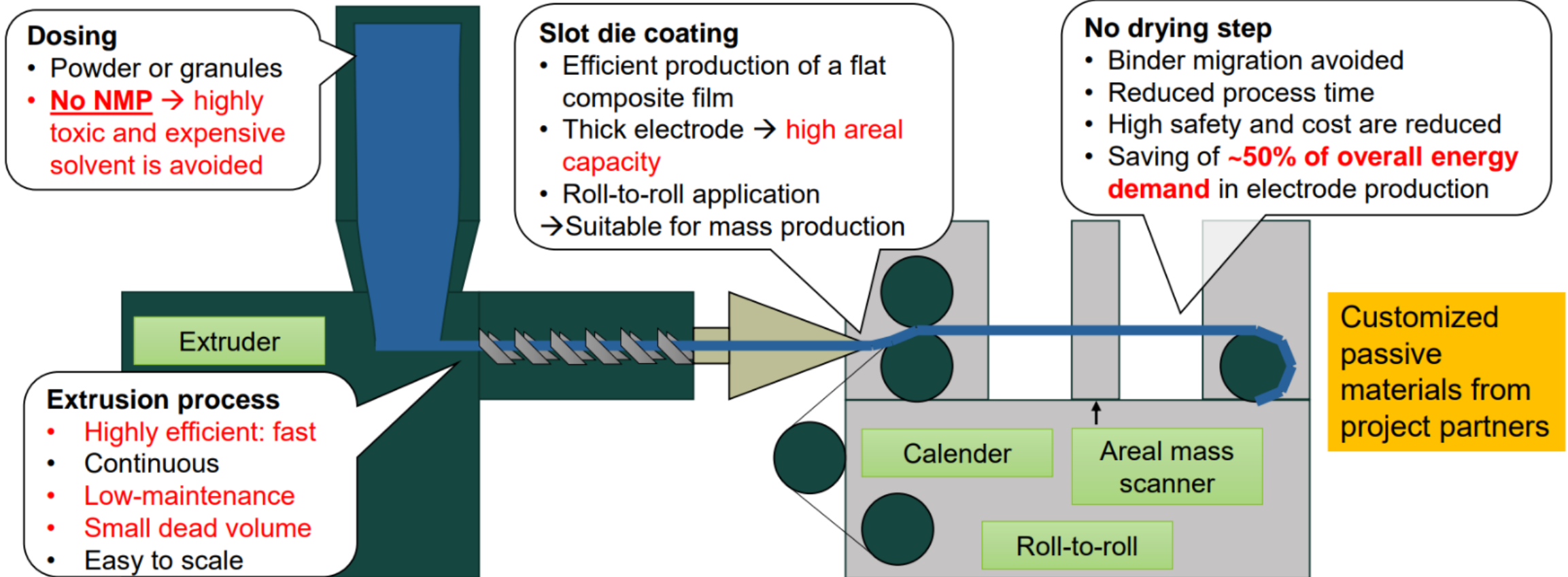


Calendering:

Electrode is calendered to target porosity

Cathode – Process Overview

The ZSW solvent-free extrusion process



Cathode - Challenges

Main challenges:

- ✂ Uniform film thickness, not too thick films
- ✂ Homogeneous shape of edge, quality of edges ➡
- ✂ Adhesion between current collector and extrudate
- ✂ Mechanical stability of extruded films towards bending
- ✂ Matching the desired loading on both sides

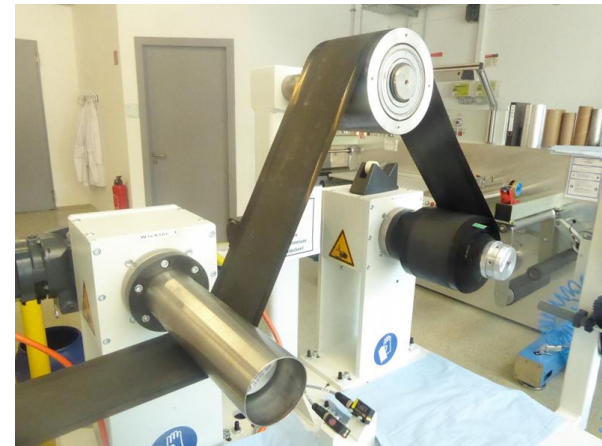


Example of a sample with poor edge quality

Cathode – Results and Outlook

Main achievements:

- ✚ Influence of binder type on processability & mechanical stability elucidated
- ✚ Composition, screw speed and extrusion temperature were optimized
- ✚ Adhesion to current collector optimized by using primered aluminium foil
- ✚ Electrochemical performance improved by optimized composition
- ✚ Stable process enabling double side coating established
- ✚ Digital twin involving the different process steps created
 - Beneficial parameters predicted



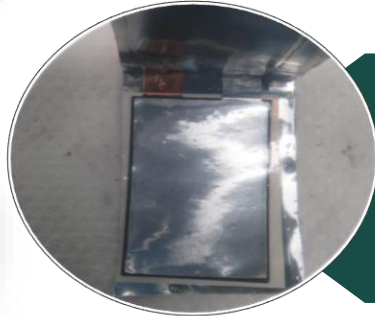
*Double side coated electrode
from stable process*

Introduction - Cell Tasks and Partners

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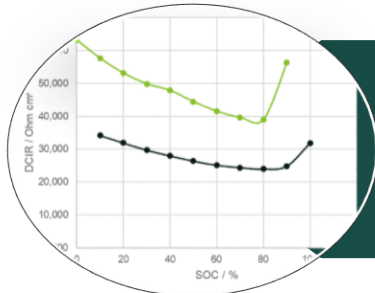
Task - Adapted Electrolyte

- Adapted Electrolyte by variation of salts and additives



Task - Cell Integration in Pouch & 21700 Cell Format

- Developed electrodes are integrated; different cell formats (pouch & cylindrical)



Task - Testing and Validation

- Electrochemical performance testing & safety testing

greenSPEED's Cell Approach

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Bi-layer Pouch Cells
Up to 150 mAh

02

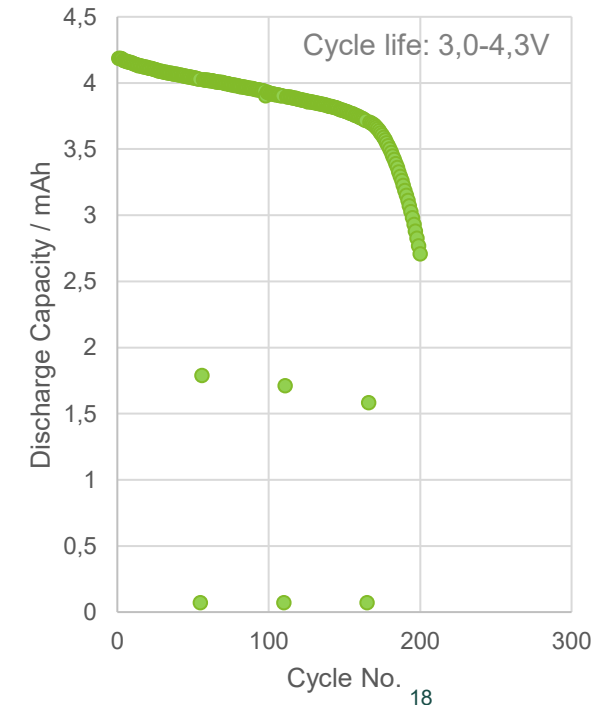
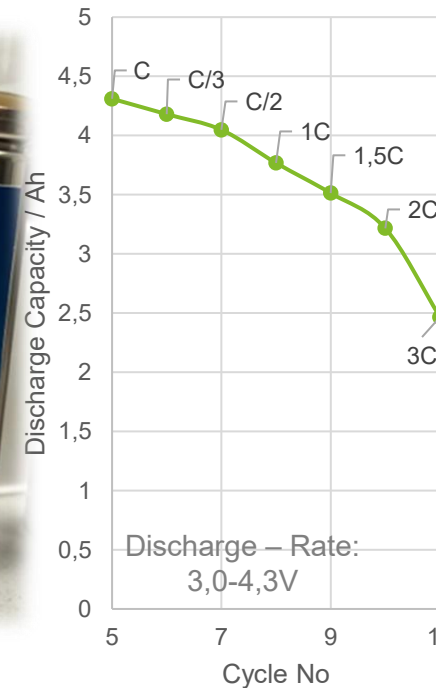
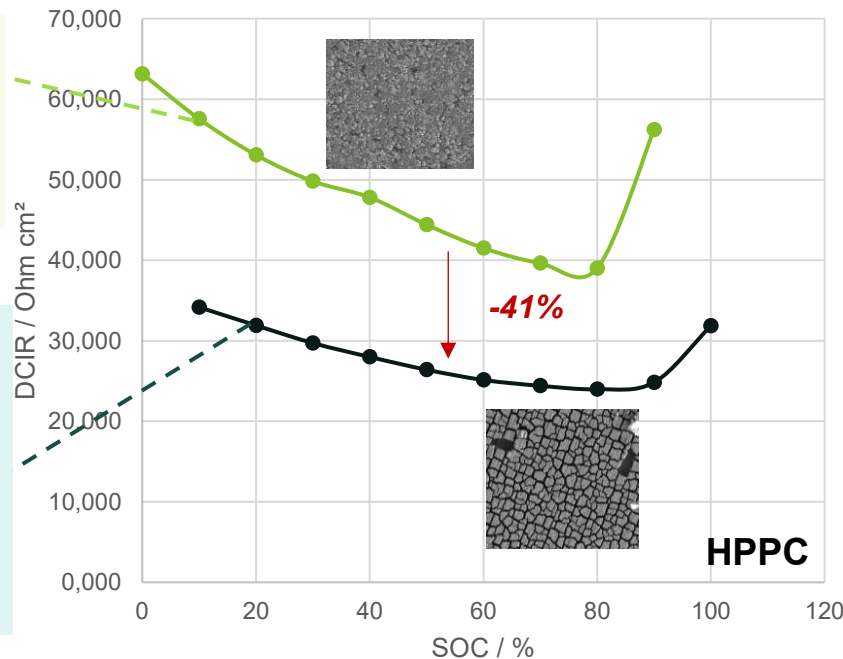
Multilayer Pouch Cells
Up to 2 Ah

03

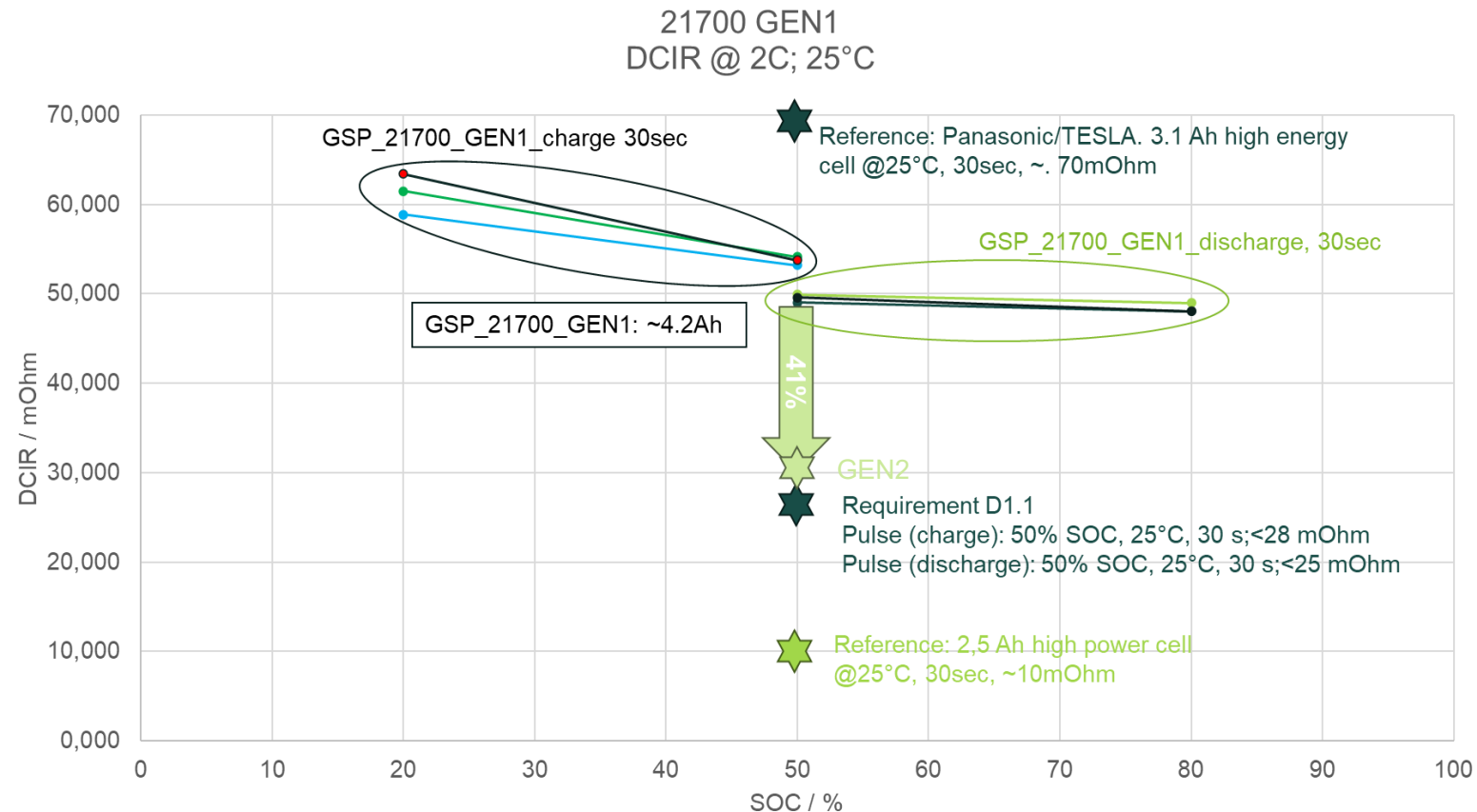
Cylindrical Cell 21700
4.8 Ah (C/10), 4.3 Ah (C/3)

Anode G-Si:
Wet-processing
H₂ evaluation during
mixing, Cell gasing
Cycle life ~200

Anode Si:
Dry Process
High volume
Expansion (>300%)
High pressure during
formation (>>1 MPa);
without special set-up
~50 cycles



greenSPEED Results vs Benchmark



Comparison of the DCIR of the greenSPEED cell technology vs benchmark cells

Gen1 = G-Si Anode

Gen2 = pure Si Anode

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Summary and Project Demo

-  All innovative process technologies applied and demonstrated in full cells
 -  High Si-content anode demonstrated in stacked pouch or wound-type cell
 -  Dry processed cathode demonstrated in pouch cells
-  Toxic solvent (NMP) replaced by innovative processing
-  Valuable data gathered along the process chain
-  Production energy demand and cost assessed for further decisions, supporting modelling activities established
-  Lessons learned on interfaces between partners doing the different processing steps

greenSPEED Final Results Webinar: Accelerating a Sustainable Future



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EU HORIZON RESEARCH PROJECT

BatWoMan

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**Towards cost- and energy-efficient lithium-ion battery
cell production**

Marcus Jahn, Bernd Eschelmüller

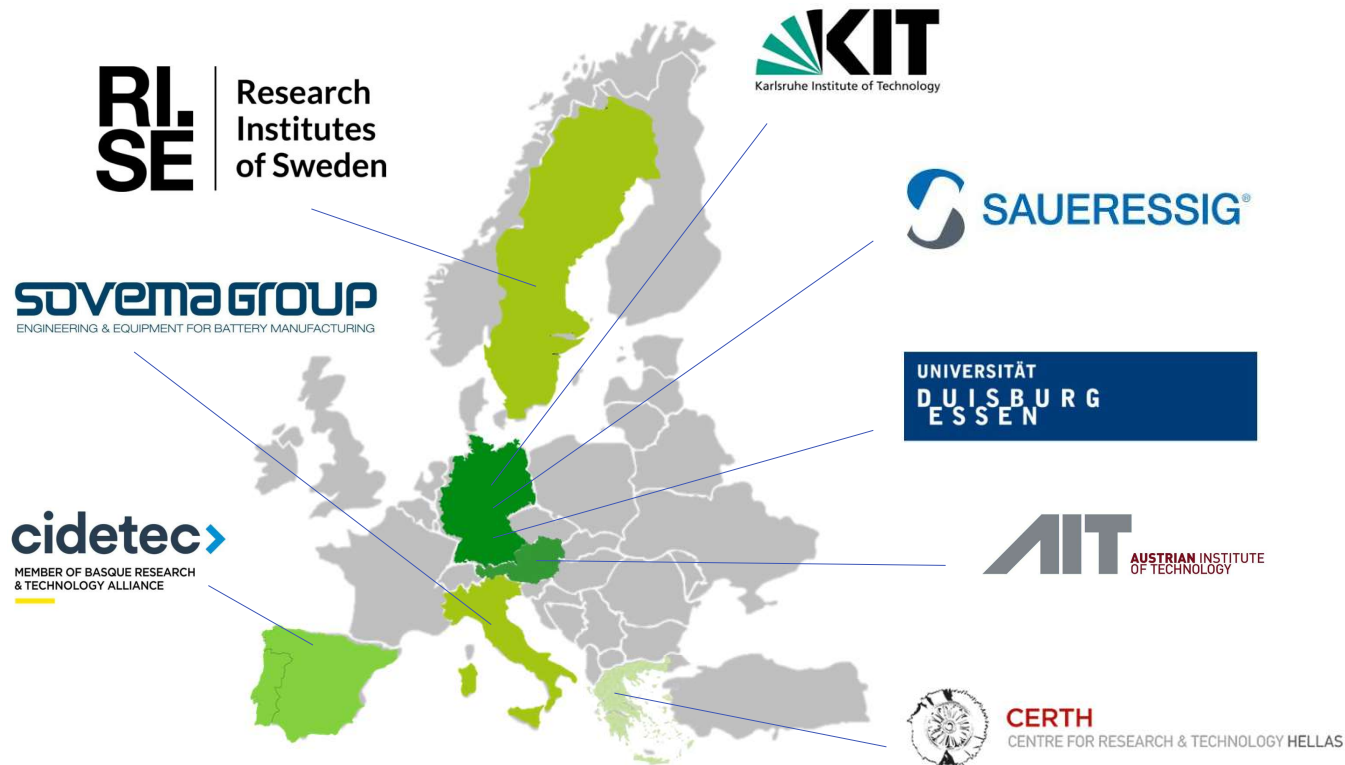
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BatWoMan – Project Consortium



Carbon Neutral European Battery Cell Production with Sustainable, Innovative Processes and 3D Electrode Design to Manufacture



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✦ Why are we working on this topic:

To develop sustainable and cost-efficient battery cell production technologies that reduce carbon footprint and strengthen the EU's leadership in green battery manufacturing.

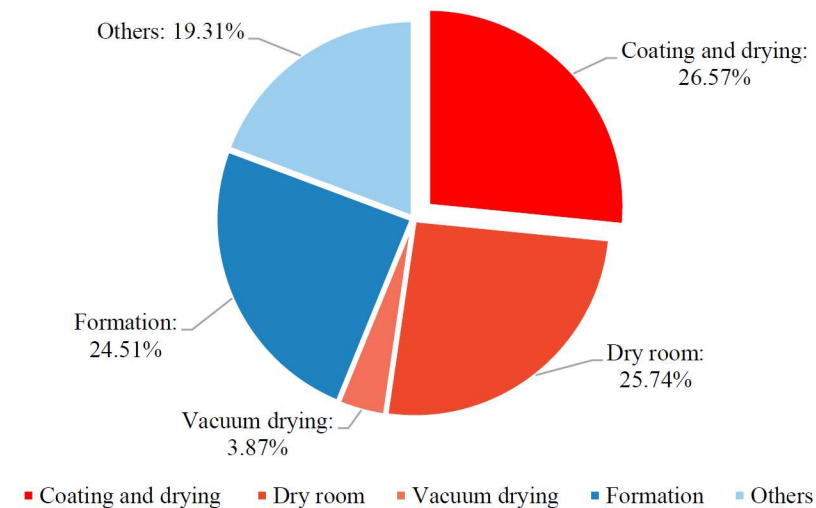
✦ Who benefits from the results:

European battery manufacturers, automotive OEMs, and society at large benefit through cleaner, cheaper battery production and enhanced supply chain transparency.

✦ What is the industrial need for your work:

The industry urgently needs scalable solutions to lower production costs and energy demands while meeting environmental regulations and ensuring high-performance cell quality

Share of energy consumption for battery manufacturing processes

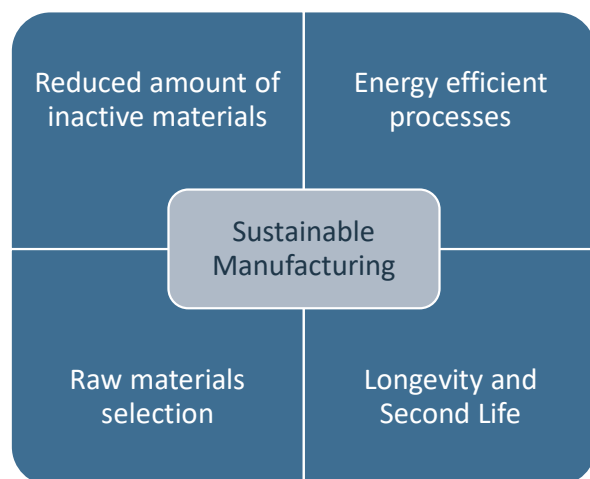


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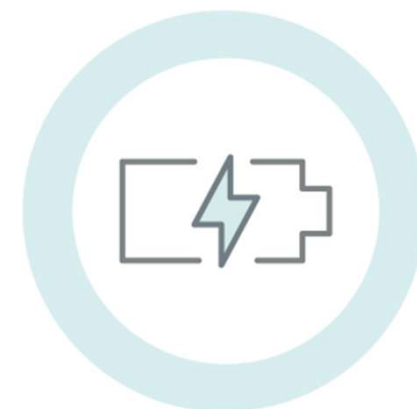
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Sustainability and cell production



- **Reducing inactive materials**
Increased energy density
- **Energy efficient processes**
Solvent-reduced slurries
Dry room need reduction
- **Raw materials selection**
CRM-free cell chemistries
Water-based electrode manufacturing
- **Longevity and Second Life**
Smart Cells and Sensor integration



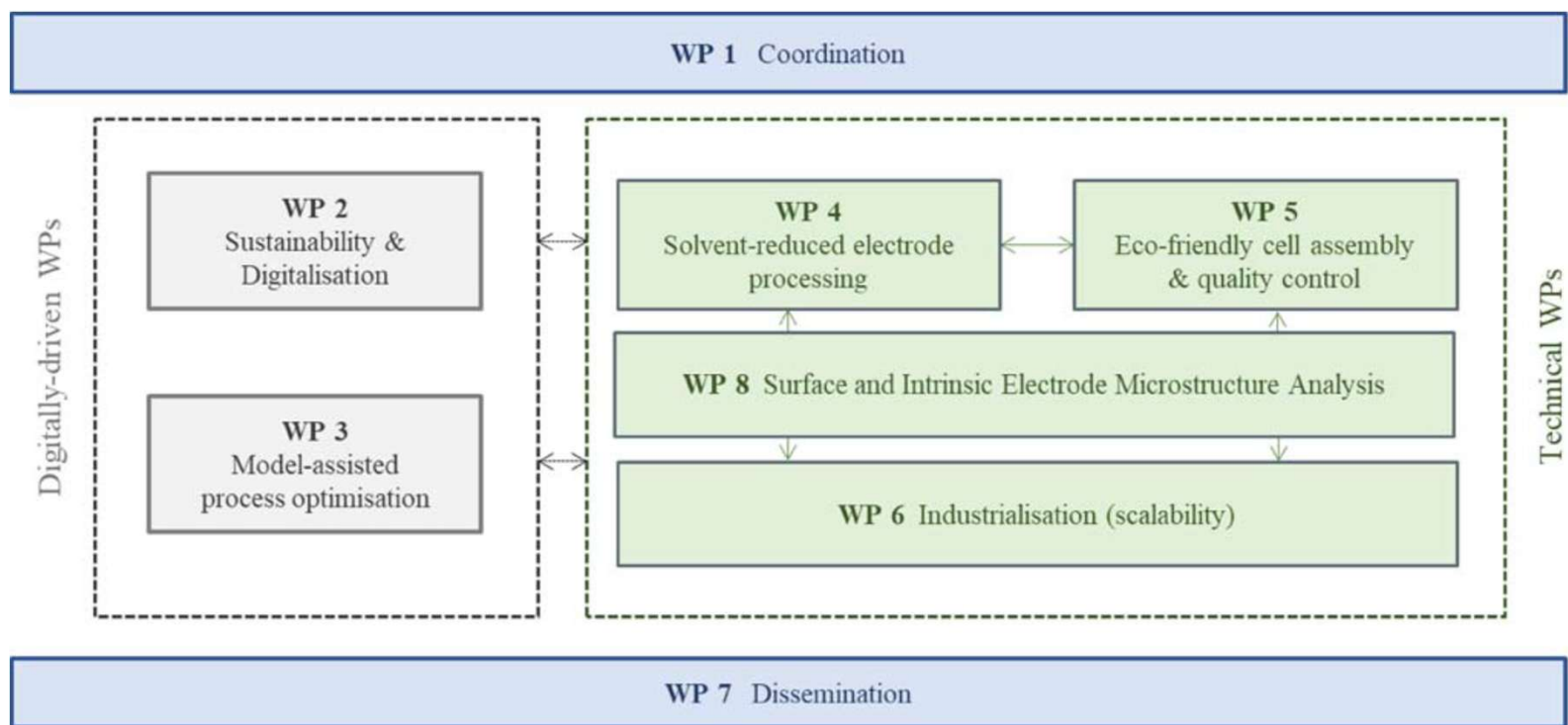
Possible concepts and solutions

Conventional production process	Proposed new process/concept	Potential energy reduction	Potential cost reduction
→ NMP-based slurry preparation	Solvent-reduced H ₂ O based slurries	0.4%	4-6%
Conventional electrode thicknesses	Thick electrodes with high areal capacity > 4 mAhcm ⁻²	25-30%	20-25%
Electrode coating with following drying unit and compacting	Single-unit approach of drying and compacting electrodes	2%	4%
Mechanical electrode cutting	Laser-cutting of electrodes	→ Potential cost reduction up to 70% → Potential energy reduction up to 60%	
→ Dry room for slitting, stacking, electrolyte filling production steps	Energy-efficient unit and direct to electrolyte filler		
Electrolyte filling in several steps and under vacuum	One-step filling with less electrolyte amount	0.2%	5-10%
→ Conventional formation and ageing	Improved energy and time efficient formation and ageing procedures	1-2%	8-10%
Conventional scrap rate of 5%	Reduced scrap rates of maximum 1%	n.a.	1-3%

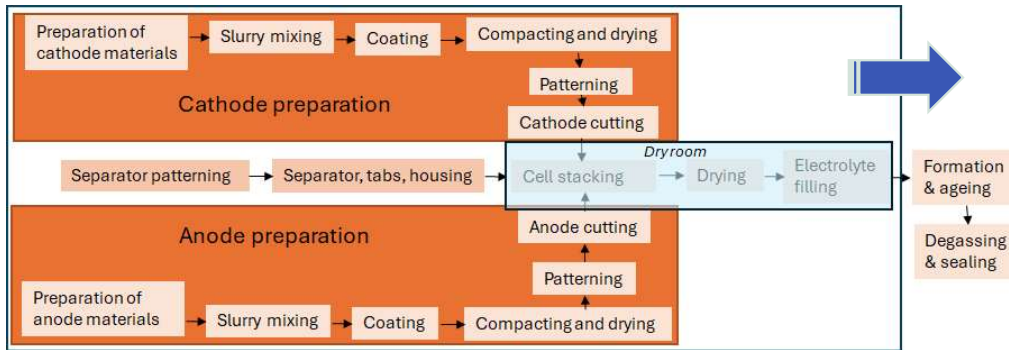
→ at cell level

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WP Overview

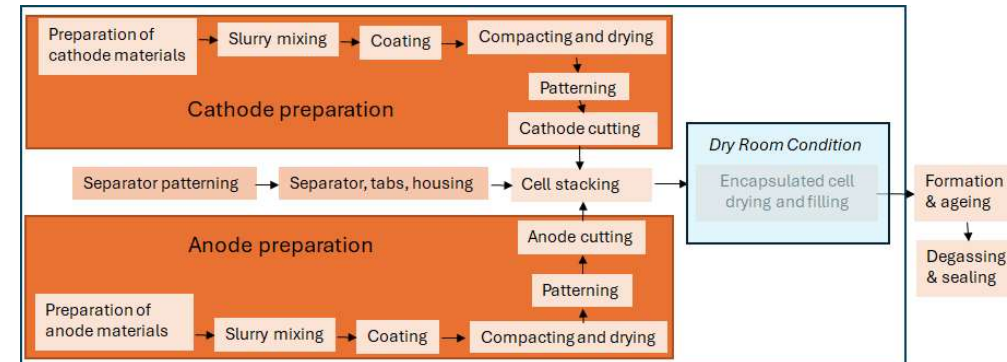


WP2 - Sustainability & Digitalization

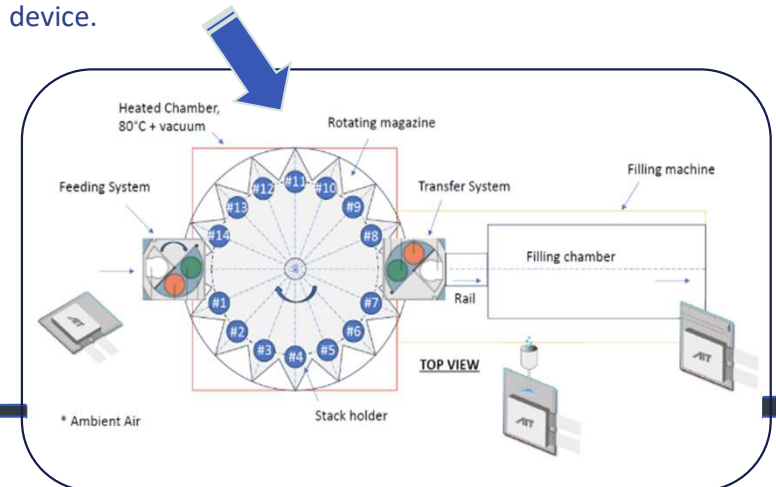


BatWoMan **optimised cell manufacturing** process chart with **reduced dry room area** - only stacking, stack drying and electrolyte filling carried out in dry room

Manufacturing part	Dry room conditions		Total
Scenario	kWh/kg cell	kWh/39 Ah cell	kWh/39 Ah cell
State of the art	0.611	0.388	0.410
Reduced dry room	0.186	0.118	0.140
Dry room condition	0.004	0.003	0.025



BatWoMan “no dry room assumption” - **stack drying and filling** in encapsulated device.



WP2- Battery Data Space



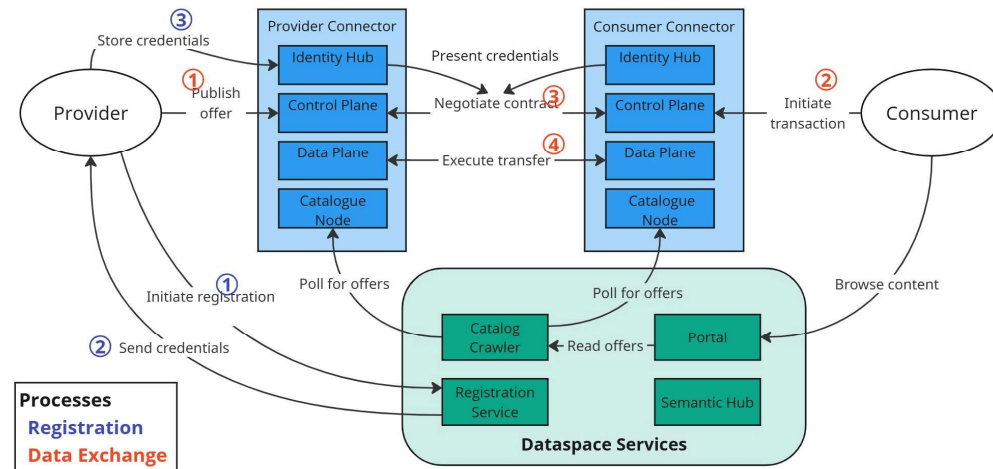
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AIT Dataspace Demonstrator
Datasets:

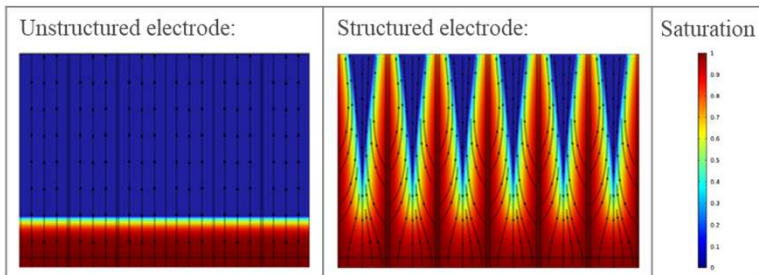
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NICKEL-10 RAW MATERIAL Nickel, which is mined in accordance with all ethical conditions and nature conservation guidelines. ID: NICKEL-10	ALUMINIUM-11 RAW MATERIAL Aluminium, which is mined in accordance with all ethical conditions and nature conservation guidelines. ID: ALUMINIUM-11	GRAPHITE-12 RAW MATERIAL Graphite, which is mined in accordance with all ethical conditions and nature conservation guidelines. ID: GRAPHITE-12

- **Development of a Data Space Demonstrator**
- Showcasing the **implementation** of a **Digital Product Passport (DPP)**
- **Public deployment** of the frontend, providing access to an example DPP via a QR code
- **Implementation** based on the **Eclipse Dataspace Connector (EDC)**
- Leveraging an existing **open-source version** from **GitHub**.

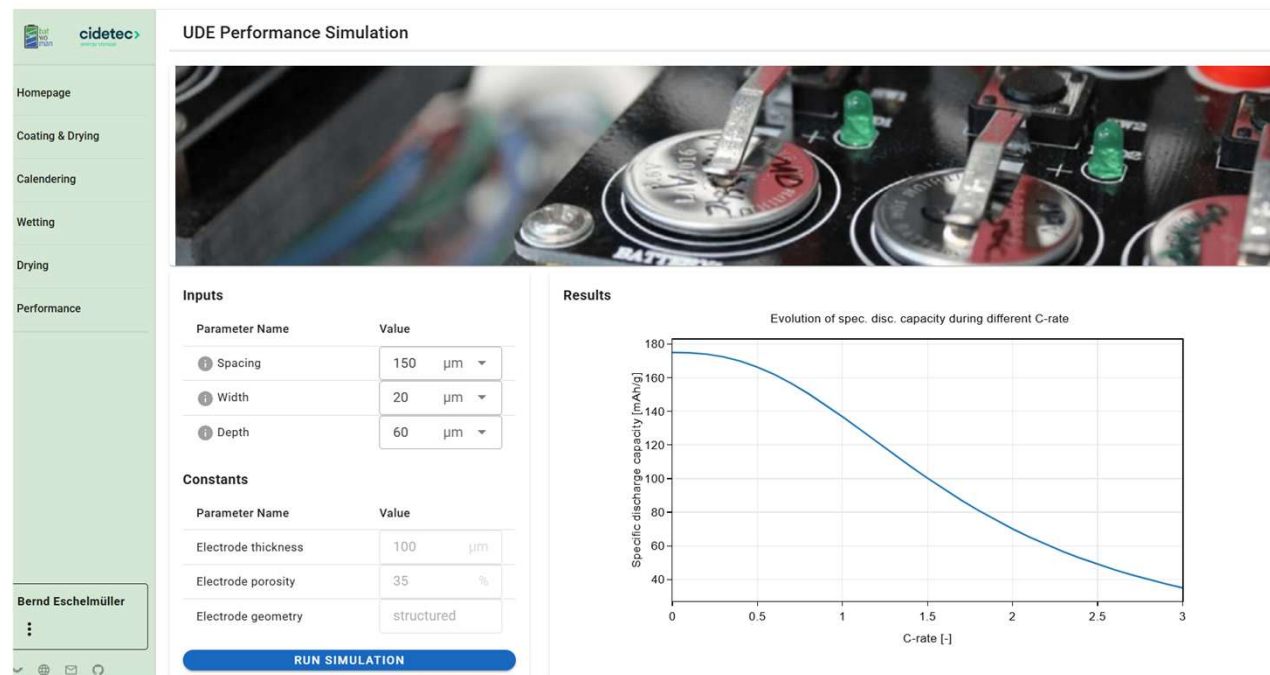


WP3 - Model-assisted process optimization

- **Data analysis** and **modelling**
- **Correlation of electrode manufacturing parameters** with resulting **electrode properties**
- **Models** to simulate **coating, drying, and calendaring**
- **Laser structuring simulations** implemented



Saturation profile of unstructured (left) and structured (right) electrodes for a specific time step in COMSOL MULTIPHYSICS.

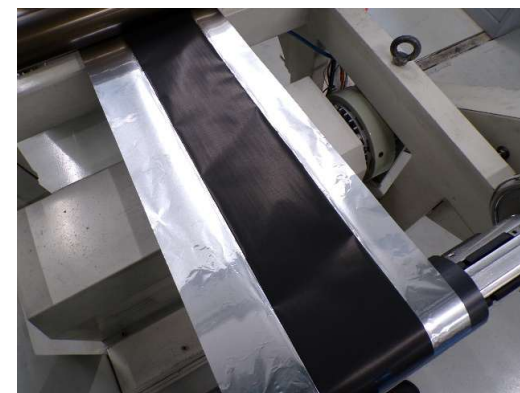
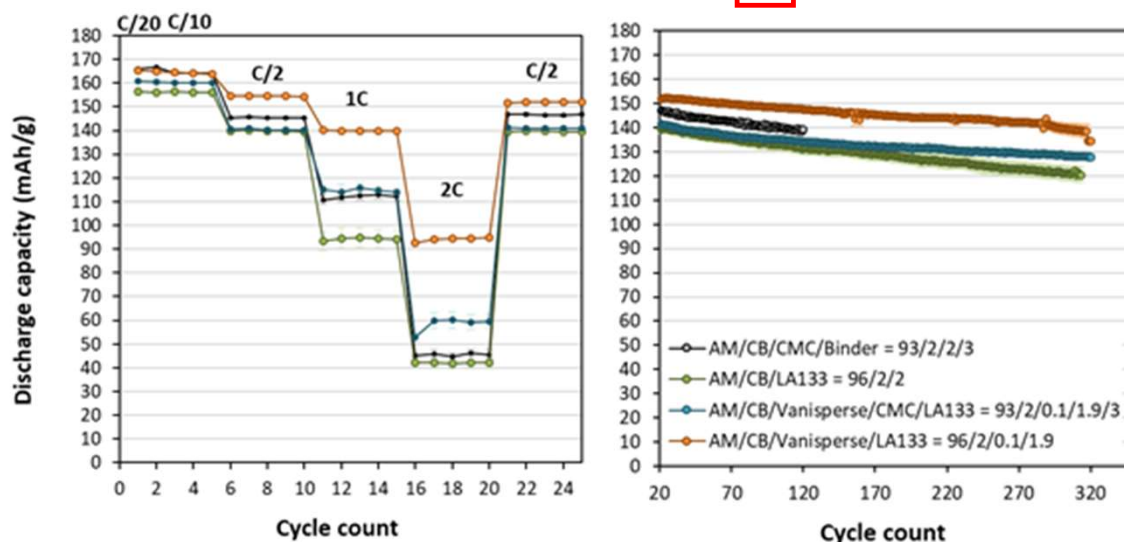


Parameter simulation accessible via: <https://batwoman.eu/>

WP4 - Solvent-reduced electrode manufacturing

Cathode formulation	CMC	Binder	SC%	Q _{charge} (mAh/g)	Q _{discharge} (mAh/g)	ICE%
AM/CB/CMC/Binder = 93/2/2/3	T2000 (3%)	BM620B (40%)	59%	186,47	166,01	89,03
AM/CB/LA133 = 96/2/2	-	LA133 (15%)	68%	179,10	156,36	87,30
AM/CB/Vanisperse/CMC/LA133 93/2/0,1/1,9/3	T2000 (3%)	LA133 (15%)	~70%	183,97	160,71	87,35
AM/CB/Vanisperse/LA133 96/2/0,1/1,9	-	LA133 (15%)	73%	190,61	165,45	86,80

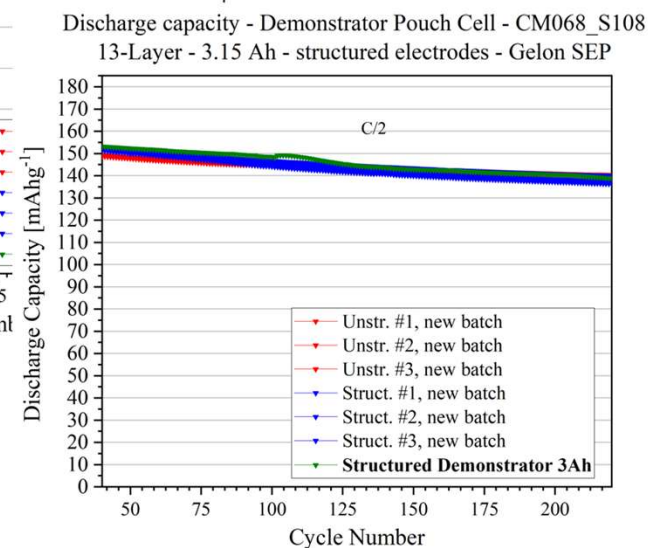
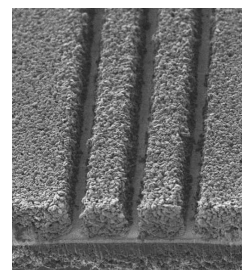
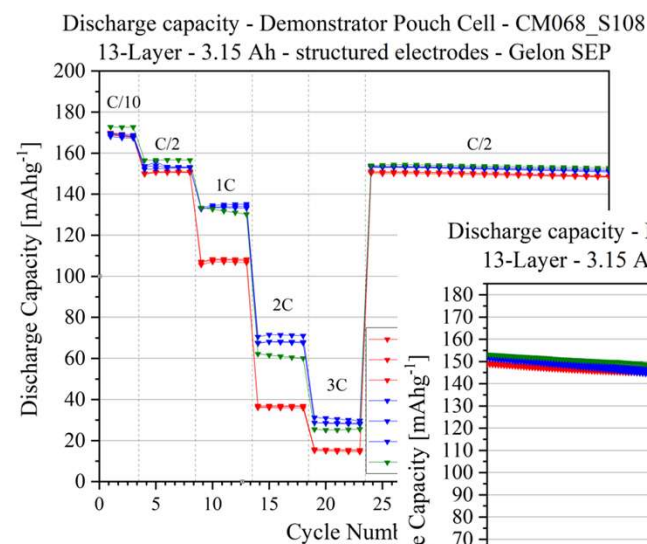
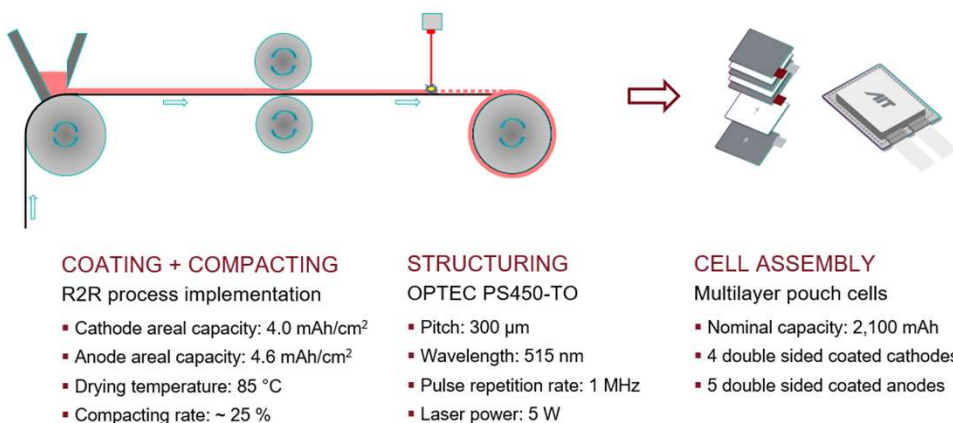
- Water-based NMC622 processing
- NMC/C45/LA133/VS = 96/1.9/2/0.1
- Solid content (SC) increased up to **73 %**



Electrochemical testing results of cathodes with **LA133 binder** and **Vanisperse dispersant** in the waterborne cathode formulations. The cathodes were tested in full coin cell (FCC) vs graphite anode.

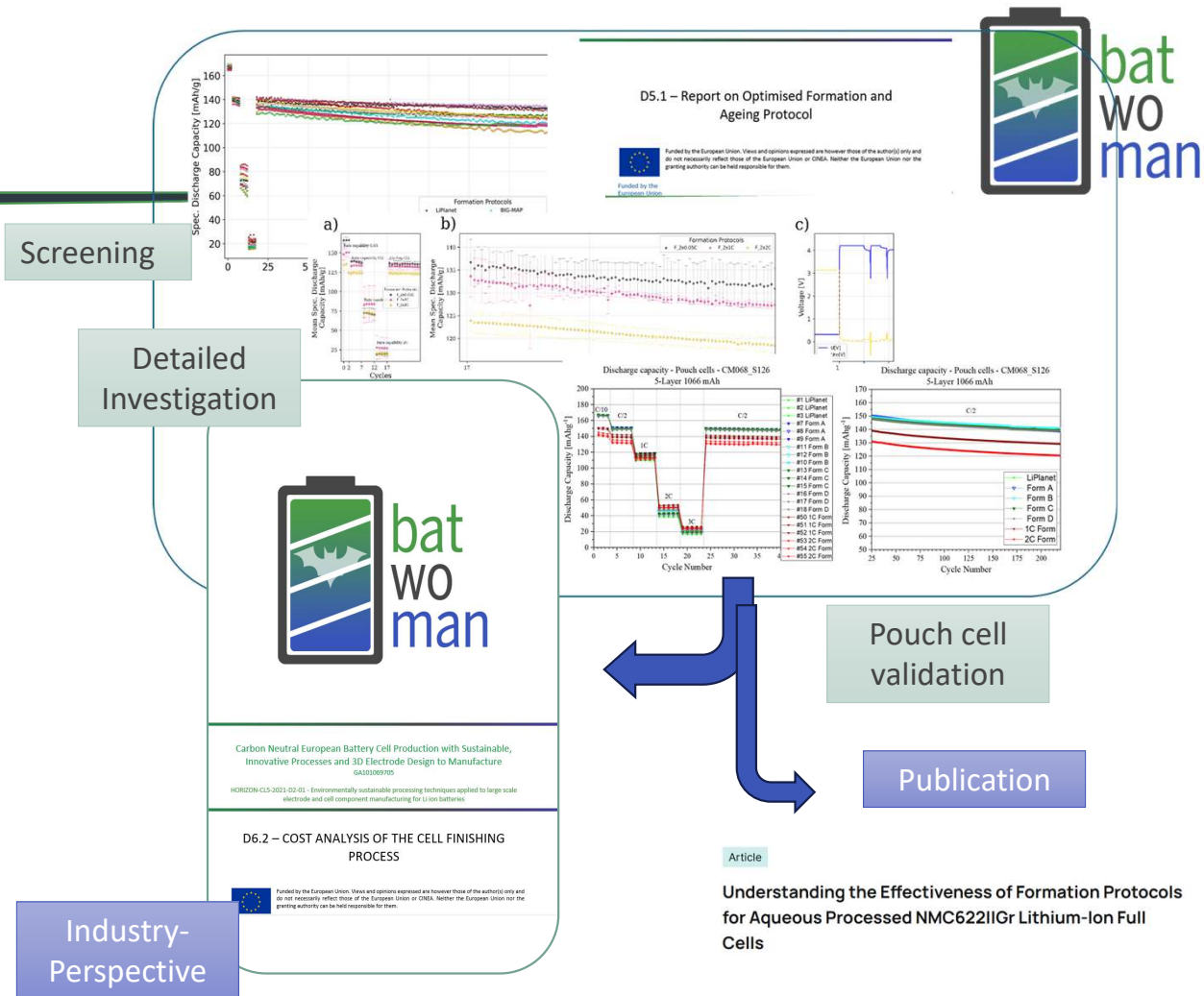
WP5 - Eco-friendly cell assembly & validation

- Validation of the impact of **laser structuring** on cell performance indicators
- **3D design electrodes**
- Final **demonstrator** validated with **3.1 Ah capacity**
- **Improvement of high-rate capability** by 3D design



WP5 - Formation

- ✦ **Formation protocol optimisation** for cost efficiency and quality measures.
- ✦ **Electrochemical testing** of resulting cells and comparison with conventionally manufactured cells.
 - ✦ T5.4: Formation **time** can be **reduced significantly** to save costs and energy
 - ✦ Very successful **collaboration** within WP5 and with partners from other WPs:
 - ✦ Result **transfer to WP6** – Industry perspective
 - ✦ Scientific **publication** in collaboration of CID, AIT and CERTH



WP5 - Drying Concepts Component level

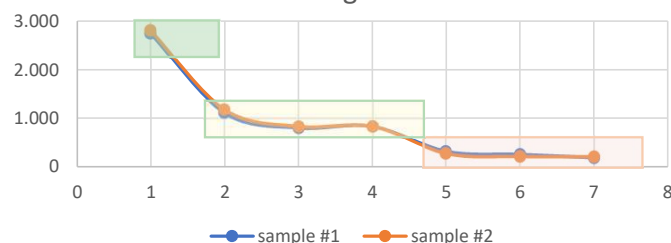


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Cathode CM068

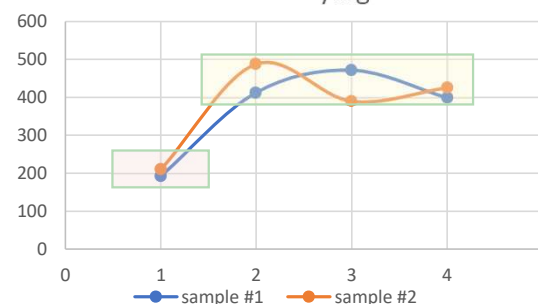
Condition #	Condition
1	Ambient Air 2d

Cathode moisture content ppm at different storage conditions



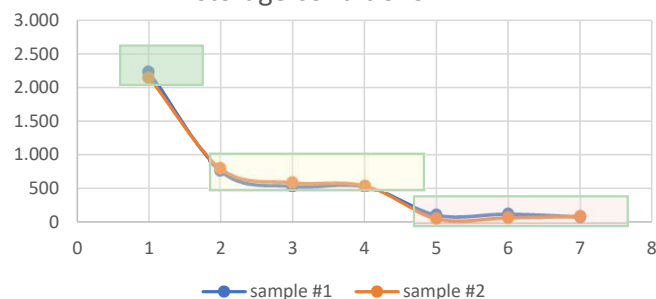
Dry room
storage
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Cathode moisture content after vacuum drying



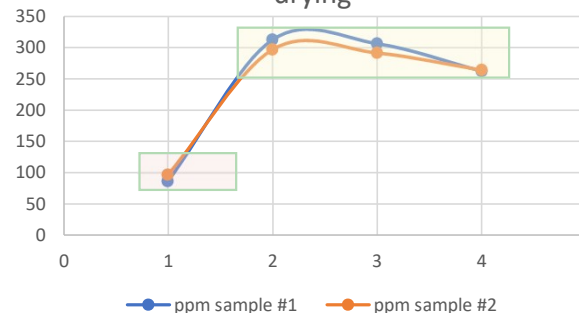
Anode S126

Anode moisture content ppm at different storage conditions



Dry room
storage
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Anode moisture content after vacuum drying



Condition #	Condition	ppm	
		sample #1	sample #2
1	Vacuum O. 80°C 90m	193,68	211,04
2	Stored in D.room 1h	412,90	487,32
3	Stored in D.room 2h	471,66	390,61
4	Stored in D.room 3h	400,01	426,09

Condition #	Condition	ppm	
		sample #1	sample #2
1	Vacuum O. 80°C 90m	86,83	96,81
2	Stored in D.room 1h	312,23	296,96
3	Stored in D.room 2h	306,30	291,83
4	Stored in D.room 3h	263,52	265,19

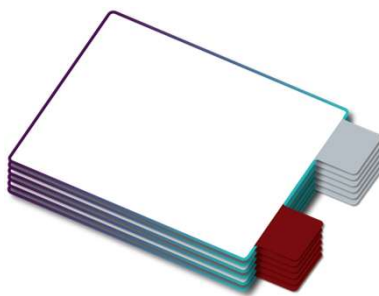
WP5 - Drying Concepts

Stack level

KF measurements to investigate the time-dependent change in wetting/drying behavior under specific and relevant conditions for separator elements and 1.066 Ah pouch stacks

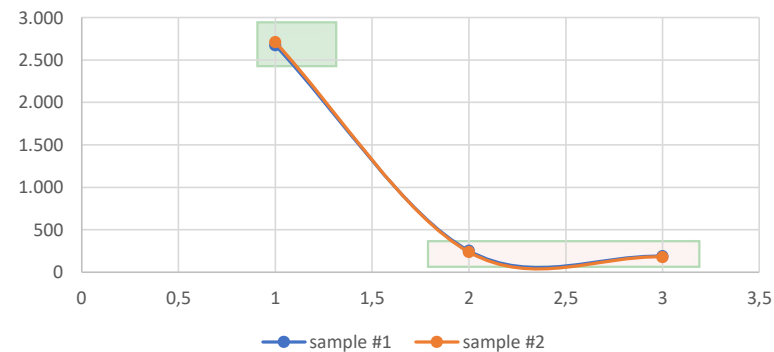
Pouch Stack 1.066 Ah

Condition #	Condition	ppm	
		sample #1	sample #2
1	Ambient Air 2d	2673,60	2712,36
2	Vacuum O. 80°C 30m	254,11	236,78
3	Vacuum O. 80°C 60m	187,48	179,43



To demonstrate if stack drying instead of component drying is feasible -> **dry room reduction** concepts in WP6

Stack 1.066 Ah moisture content ppm at different storage conditions



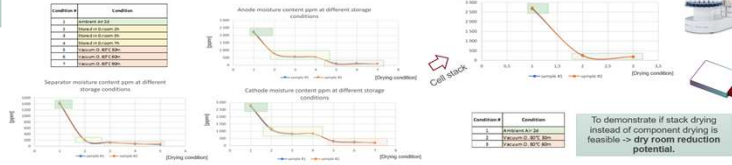
WP5 - Drying Concepts

Material Investigation

- Material investigation was conducted on **component** and **cell stack** level
- Holistic **validation** in full **pouch cell** configuration to investigate impact on **performance**
- Result transfer to **WP6** – **concept developed**
- Result transfer to **WP2** – Results served as base for **LCA**
- Publication** submitted (under review)

Experimental Execution

KF Titration measurement on component level.
Quantification of drying parameter influence on moisture content [ppm].



EU - SUPPORT ON MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE CRITICAL PARAMETERS IN CELL ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

Pouch cell validation

Publication

Draft Article for Submission to the Journal of Cleaner Production

Title:
Life Cycle Assessment of a Low-Impact NMC622 Battery Cell: Innovations in Manufacturing and Material Efficiency from the BatWoMan Project

Authors:
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Industry-Perspective

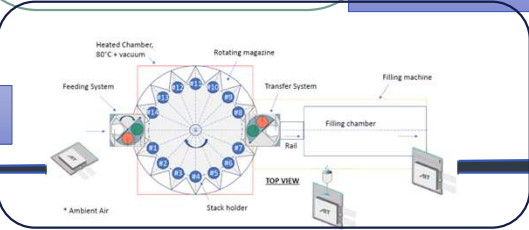
Carbon Neutral European Battery Cell Production with Sustainable, Innovative Processes and 3D Electrode Design to Manufacture

HORIZON-CL5-2021-02-01 - Environmentally sustainable processing techniques applied to large scale electrode and cell component manufacturing for Li-ion batteries

D6.1 – DRY ROOM REDUCTION REPORT

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Concept



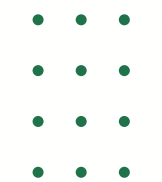
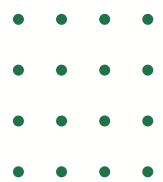


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ELIMINATING VOC* FROM BATTERY MANUFACTURING THROUGH DRY OR WET PROCESSING

* Volatile Organic Compounds



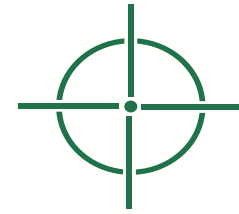
OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE



Implementation of an environmentally friendly, non-toxic lithium-ion battery production



OUR AMBITION



Brand new strategic technology



Competitive low cost and environmentally friendly lithium-ion batteries in both cylindrical and pouch format for the fast-growing electromobility landscape.



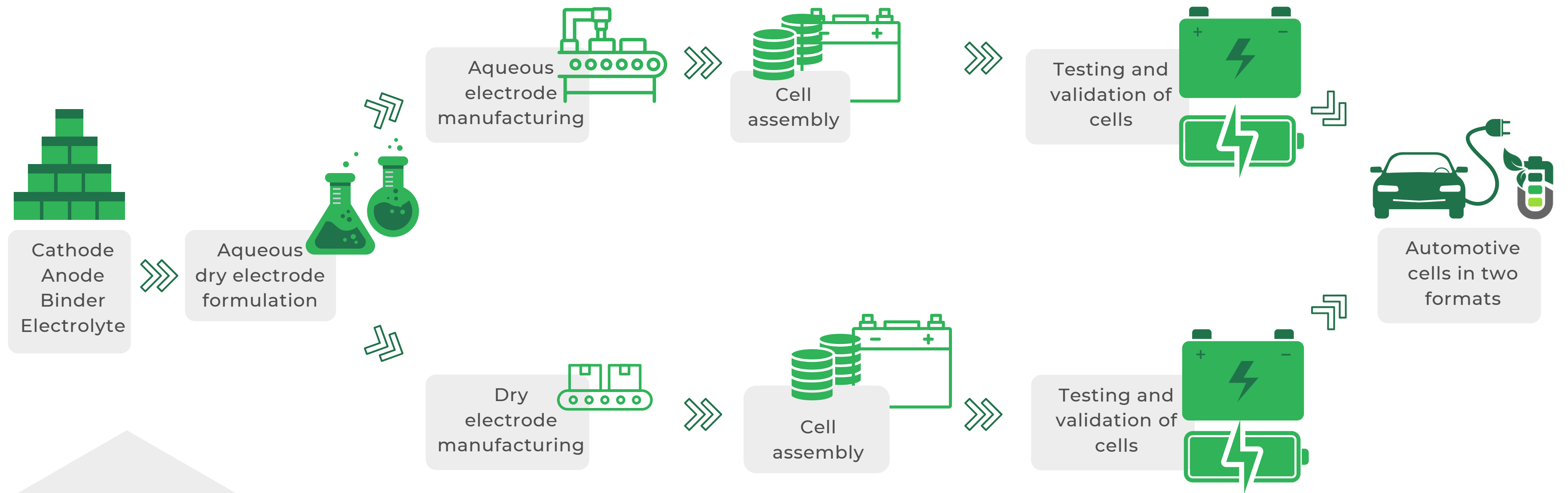


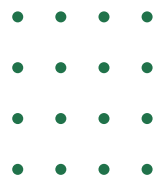
- ⬡ Funded via Horizon Europe
- ⬡ Duration: 48 months
- ⬡ Start Date: 01 Sept 2022
- ⬡ Project Budget: €5,415,728.25
- ⬡ Coordinator: RISE Research Institutes of Sweden
- ⬡ 15 partners from all over Europe

BACKGROUND INFO

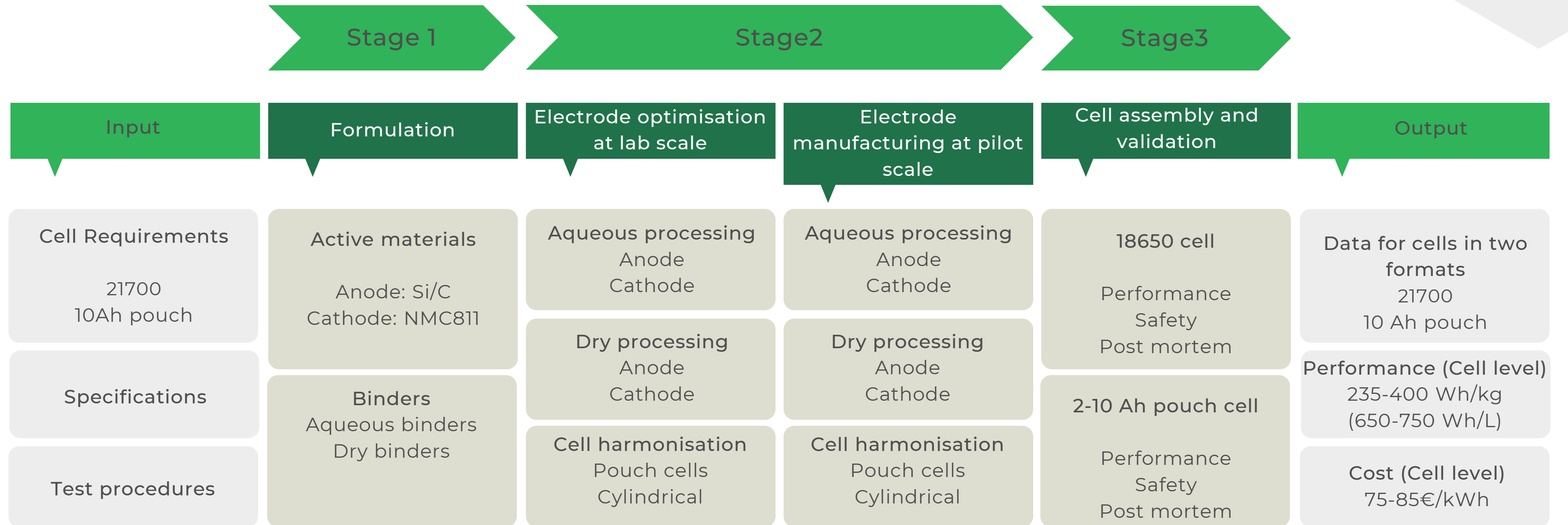


THE NOVOC CONCEPT

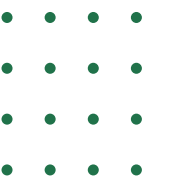




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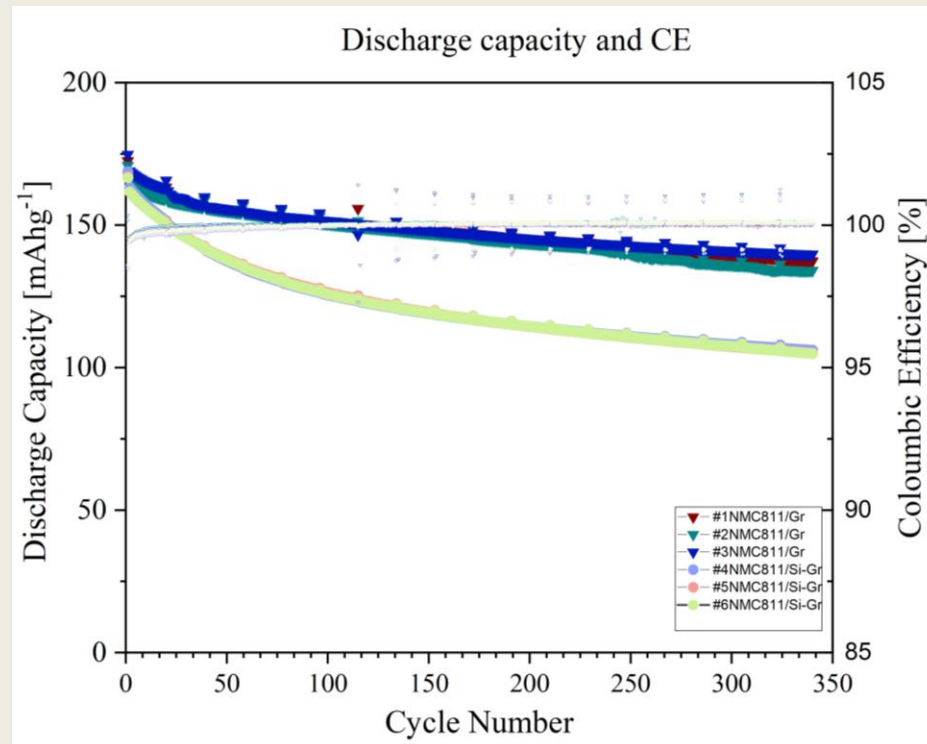


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Aqueous wet cathode manufacturing process

Cathode pre-development
Lead: Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT)



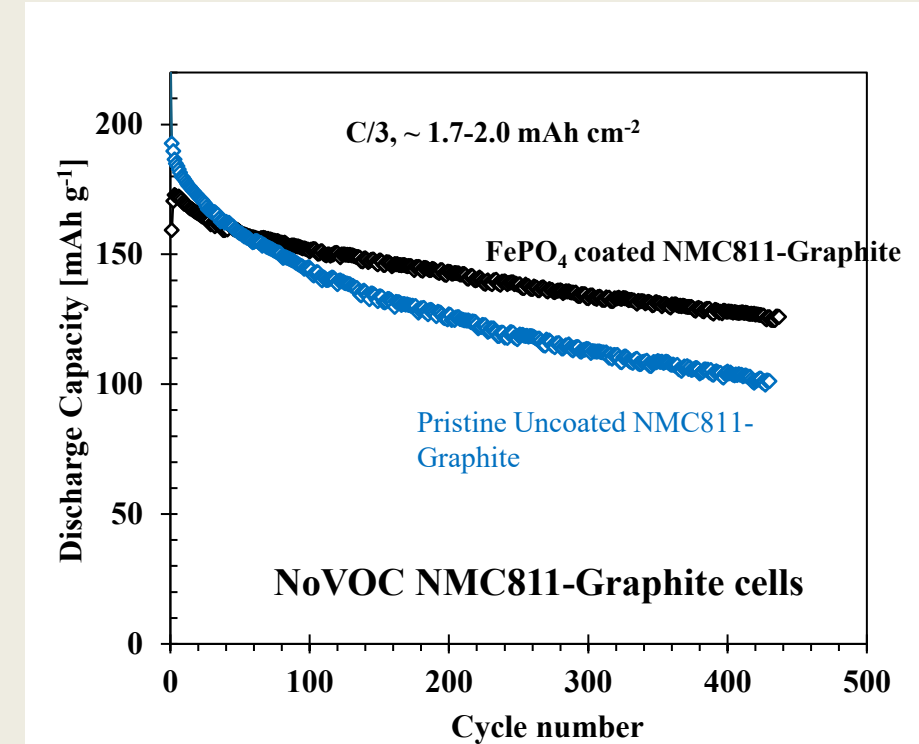
Electrochemical result of 5-layer pouch cell (≈ 1 Ah)

Composition: 95% NMC811, 3% C65, 2% binder

- Stable slurry pH over long time using >1.5 M phosphoric acid, comma bar coating.
- Comparable specific capacity with stable rate performance and cycle performance
- Recipes and methods transferred to **upscaling that is ongoing.**

Surface coating of NMC811

Lead: RISE Research Institutes of Sweden AB



Scale up of FePO₄ coating NMC811

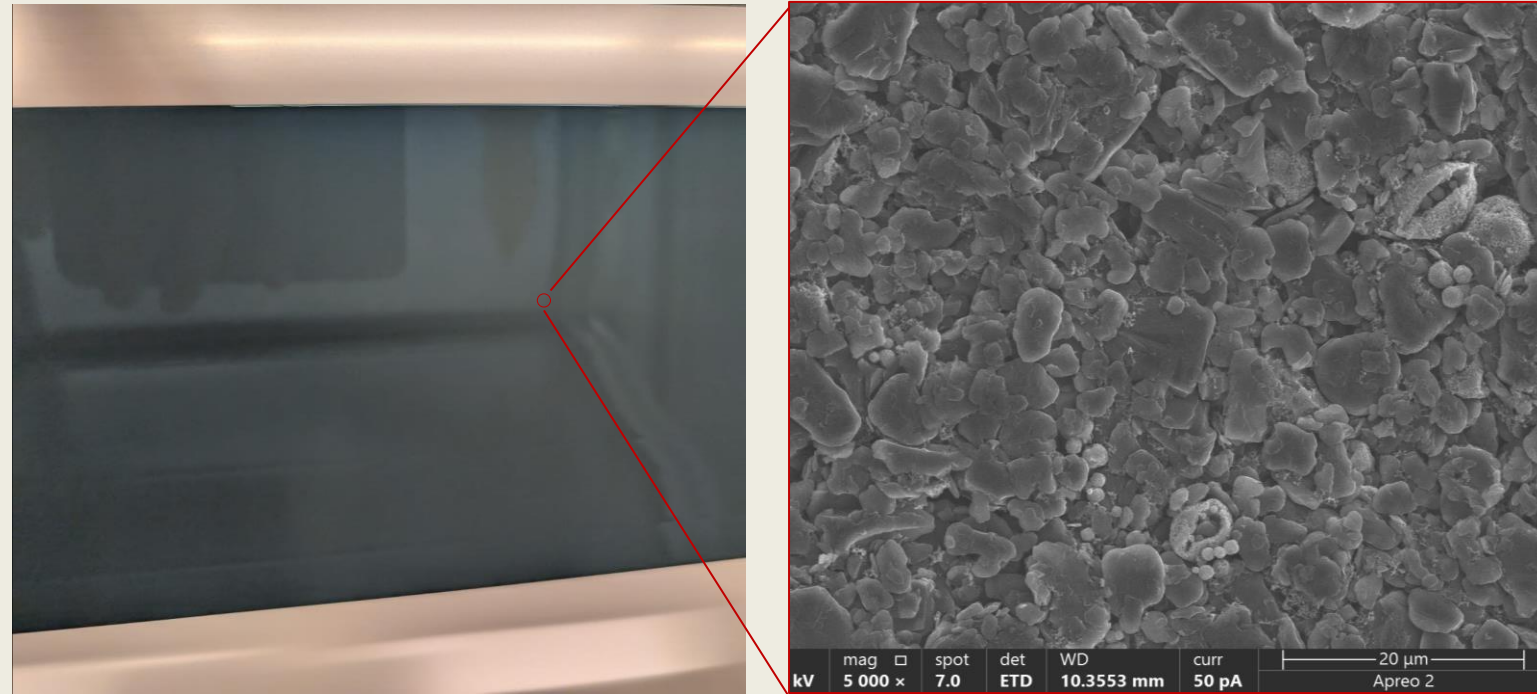
Upscaling

Lead: Avesta Battery and Energy Engineering (ABEE) and AIT

- Challenges with bubbles forming when using slot die coating. Investigation to find solutions to this issue is ongoing.
- Meanwhile pilot scale cathode manufacturing will be done by AIT using comma bar coating.

Aqueous wet anode manufacturing process

Anode Pre-development (Lead: CIDETEC) with anode material provided by Talga.

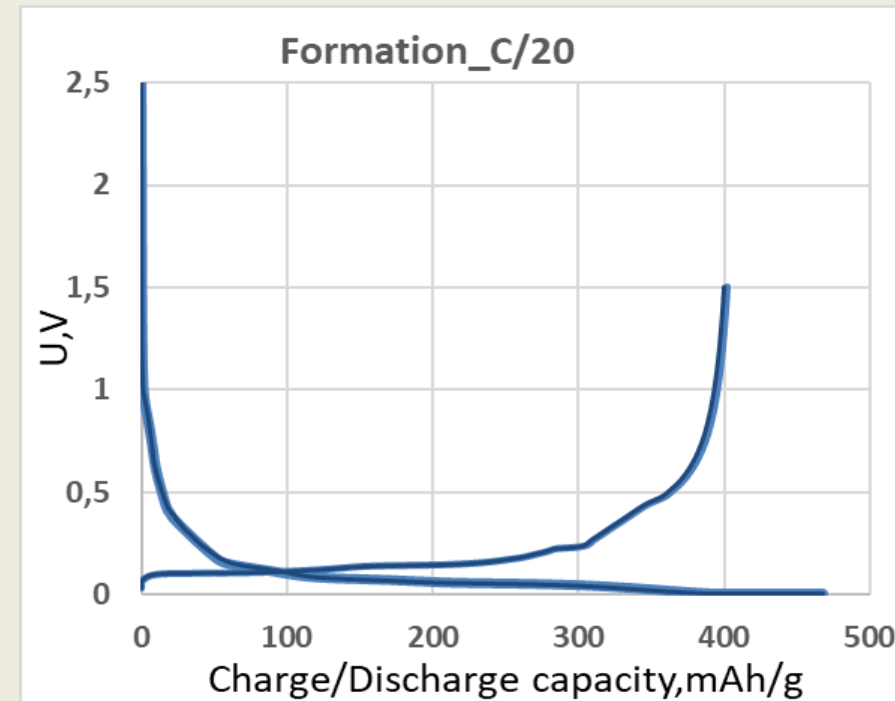


5% Si-graphite anode Electrodes with SEM morphology

Composition: 90% Gr, 5% Si, 1% C45, 2% CMC, 2% SBR

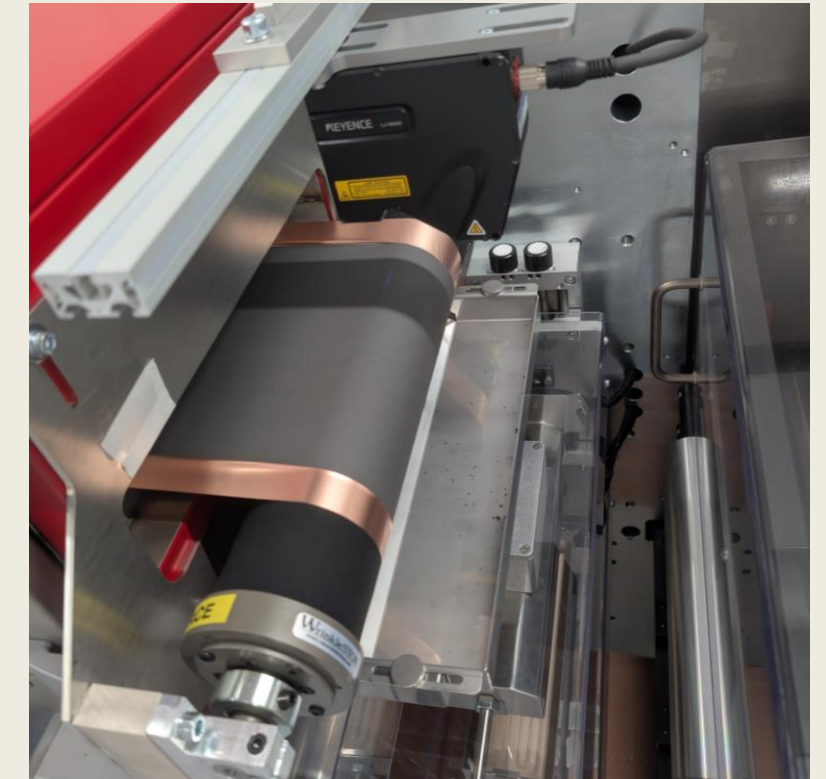
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- New mixing protocol is adopted for 5% Si-graphite slurry which achieves stable rheology and uniform coating, comma bar coating.
- Half coin cell testing of the anode shows reversible specific capacity of 423 mAh/g with 99% CE
- Recipes and methods transferred to **upscaling that is ongoing**.



Electrochemical result in half cell (coin cell).

Upscaling (Lead: ABEE)

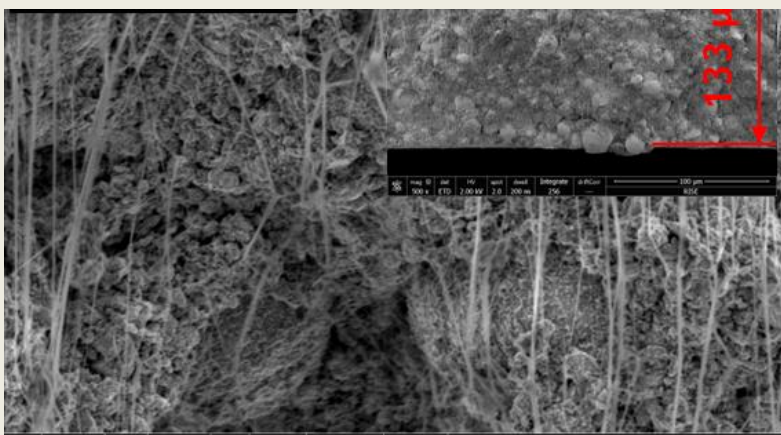
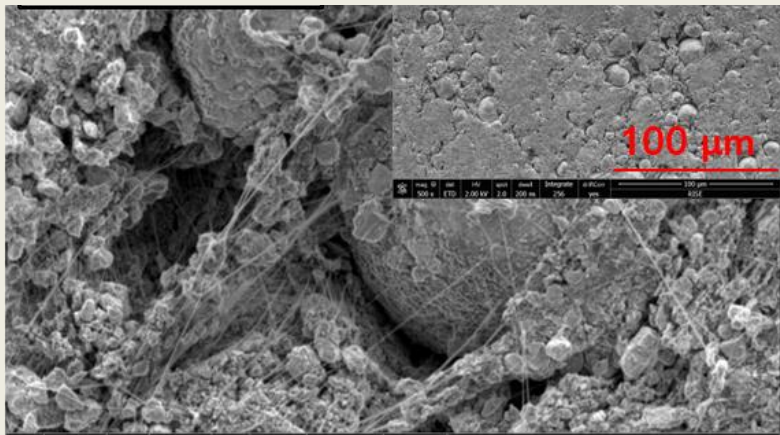
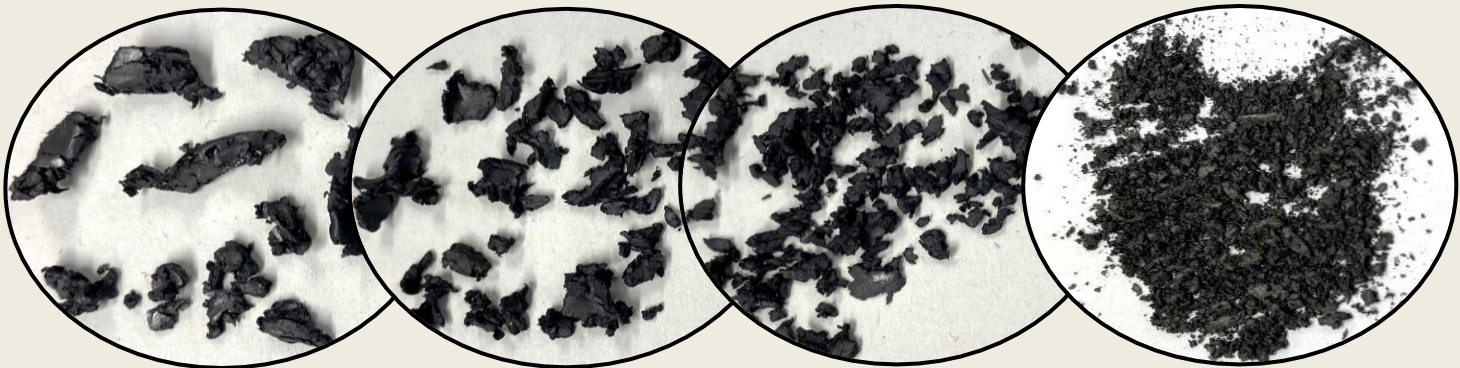


Upscaling at ABEE

Dry Manufacturing process – Pre development

Anode and Cathode development

Lead: Technische Universität Braunschweig, TUBS



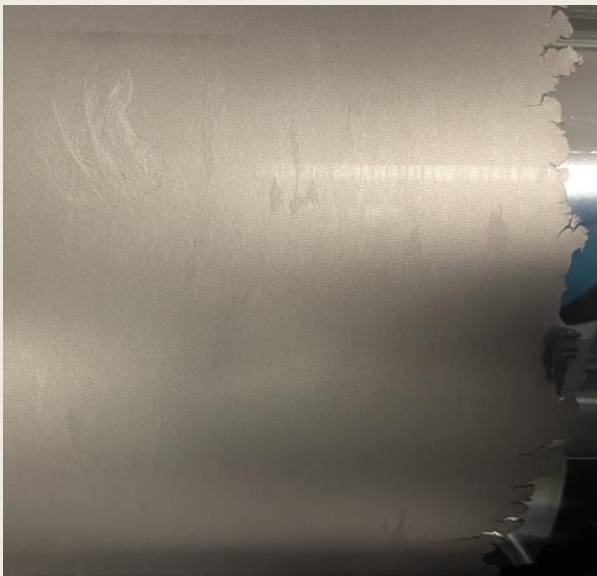
Key findings:

Anode composition: 97.5 (graphite):1.5 (C65):1 (PTFE)

Cathode composition: 95 (NMC811): 2.5 (C65): 1.5 (PTFE)



Cathode dry electrode fabrication



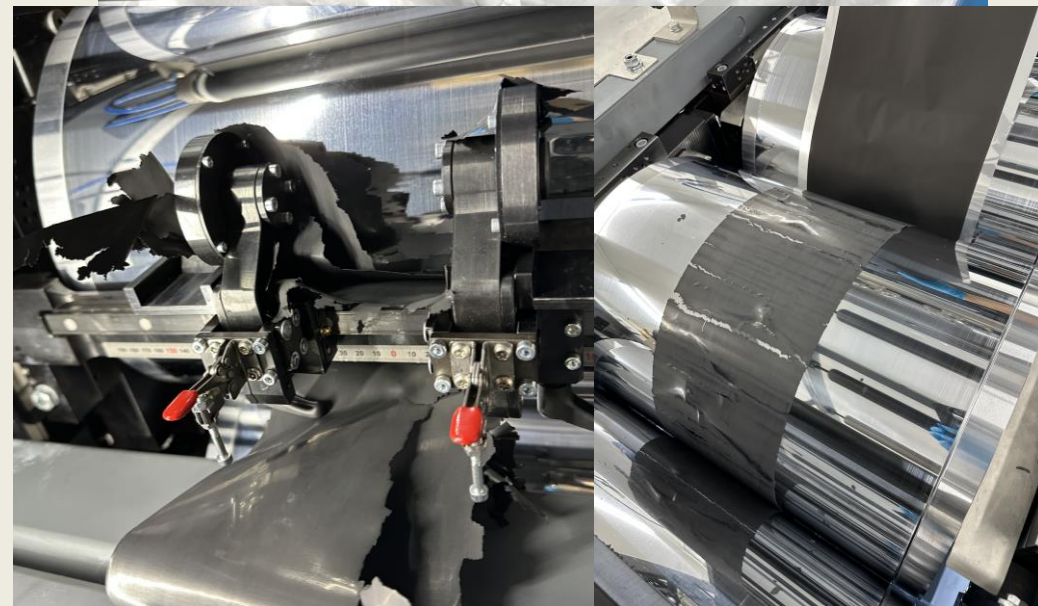
Anode dry electrode fabrication

Electrochemical evaluation in half cell is completed, and high initial capacities and stable cycling is achieved for cathode and anodes

Dry Manufacturing process – Upscaling (Ongoing)

Anode and Cathode development

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Pilot scale cathode coating trials not successful without automatic powder dosing unit.

Cathode dry electrode fabrication

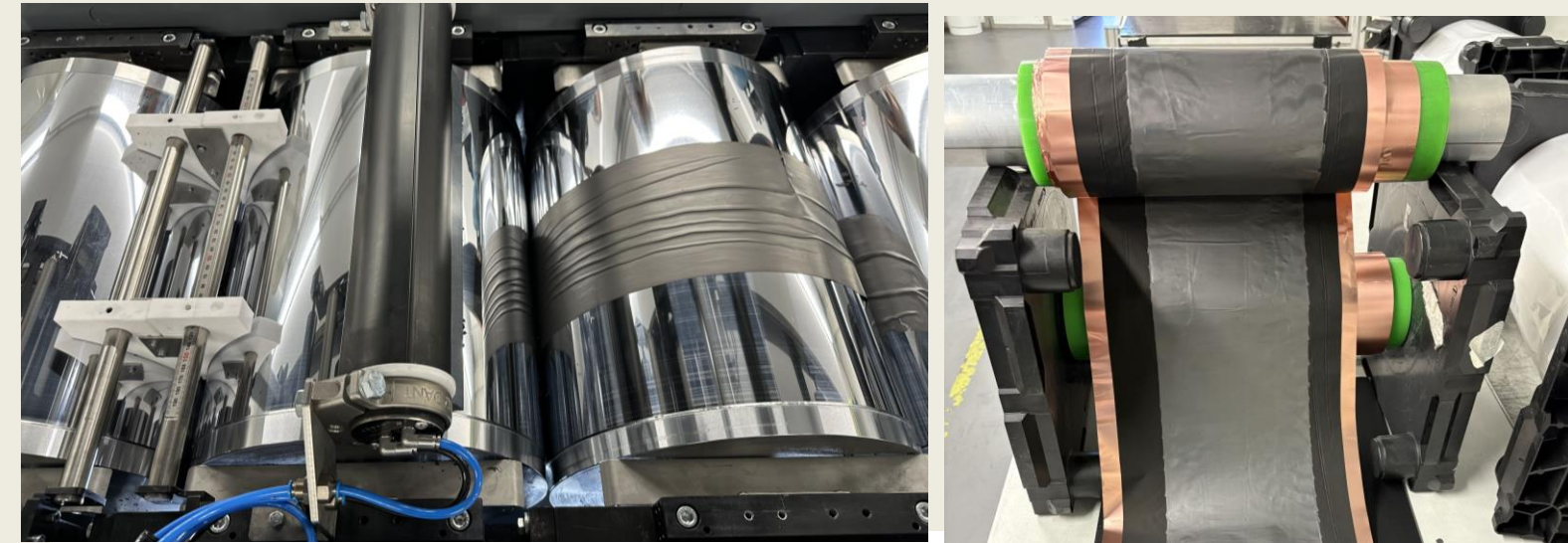
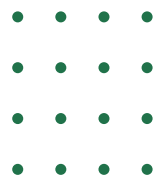


Illustration of non-homogenous granule size on calendaring for anode trials

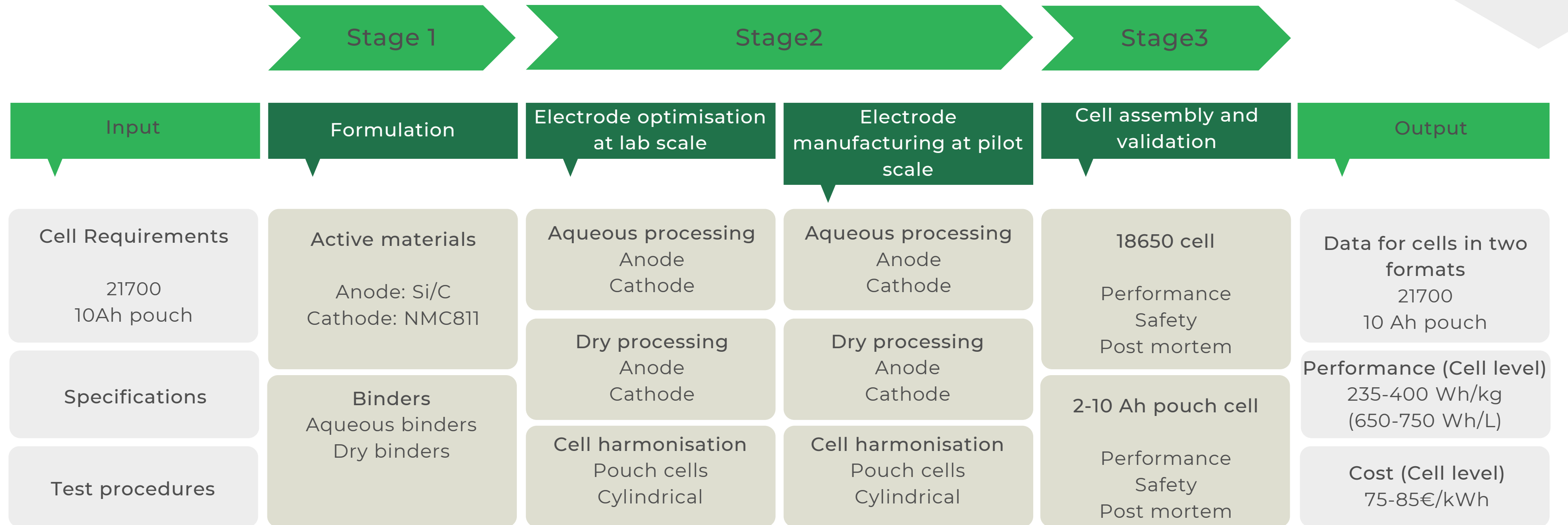
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Challenges:

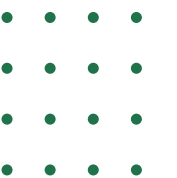
- 1) Inhomogeneous dosing causes “ribbing” of electrode in subsequent calender gap.
- 2) Inhomogeneous size of extruded granules is causing curling effect.
- 3) Challenges in freestanding anode electrode adhesion.



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