

# Vad händer på svensk (och internationell) batterifront?

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# ÅABC - who are we?

Ångström Advanced Battery Centre @ Uppsala University

***Ca. 90-100 people***

3 Professors (Edström, Brandell, Berg) – in core group

6 Assoc. Prof.

1 Assist. Prof.

12 Researchers (permanent)

2 research engineers

ca. 25 post-docs

>40 PhD students

X guests, interns, master students...



Coordinator



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Thematic leader  
Energy Storage



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## Battery components

- Anodes
- Cathodes
- Liquid electrolytes
- Solid electrolytes
- Separators
- Binders
- Self-healing components
- Interfaces



## Method-oriented development

- Structural characterization
- Surface characterization
- Online-characterization
- New sensors
- Electroanalytical techniques
- Modelling

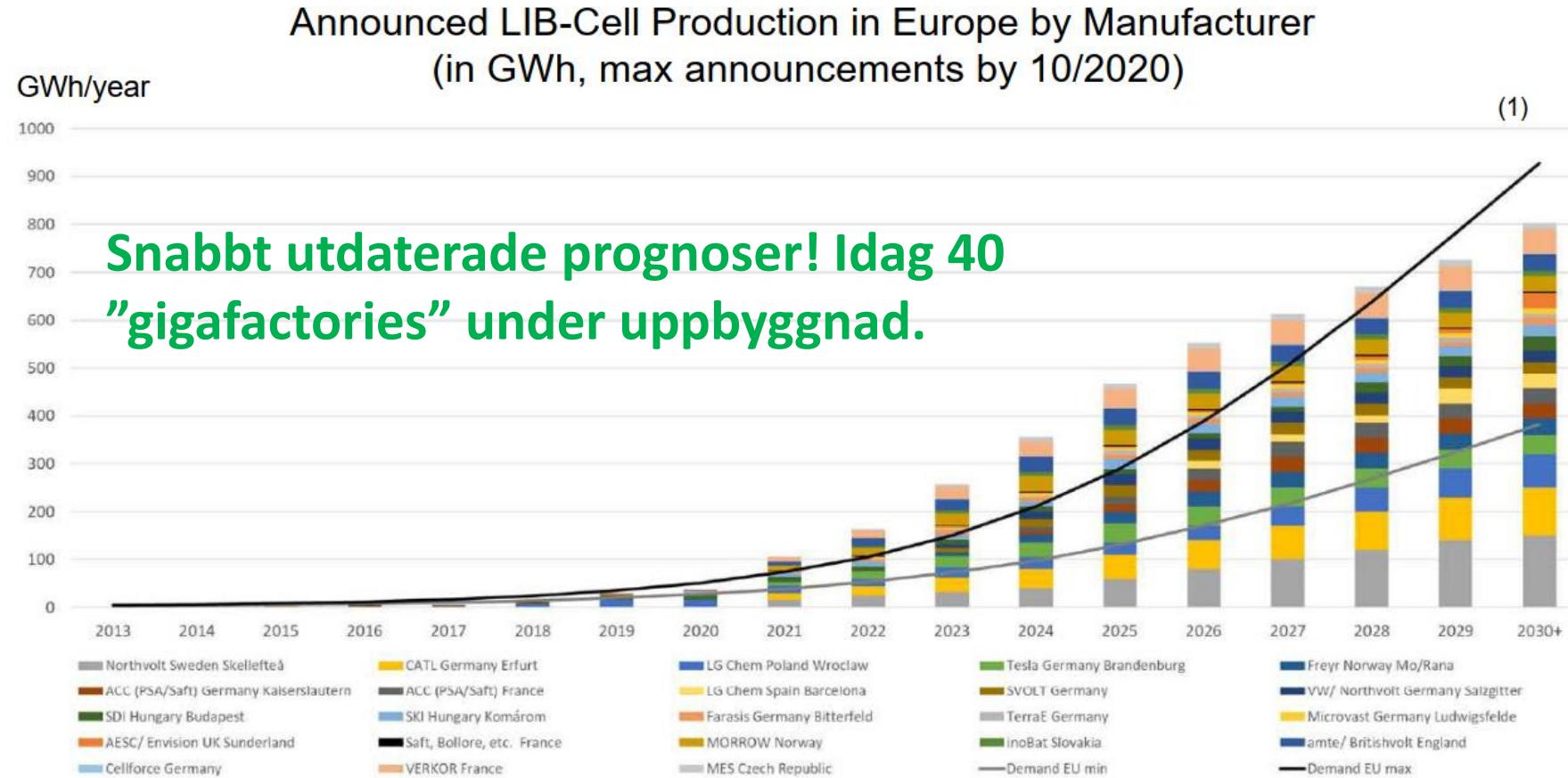
## Battery concepts

- Li-ion
  - Safety
  - Ageing
  - Sustainability
- Solid-state
  - Ceramic
  - Polymer
- Na-based batteries
- Organic batteries
- Other metals: Zn, Ca, Mg, K...
- Li-S
- Li-O<sub>2</sub>

# Trendspaning

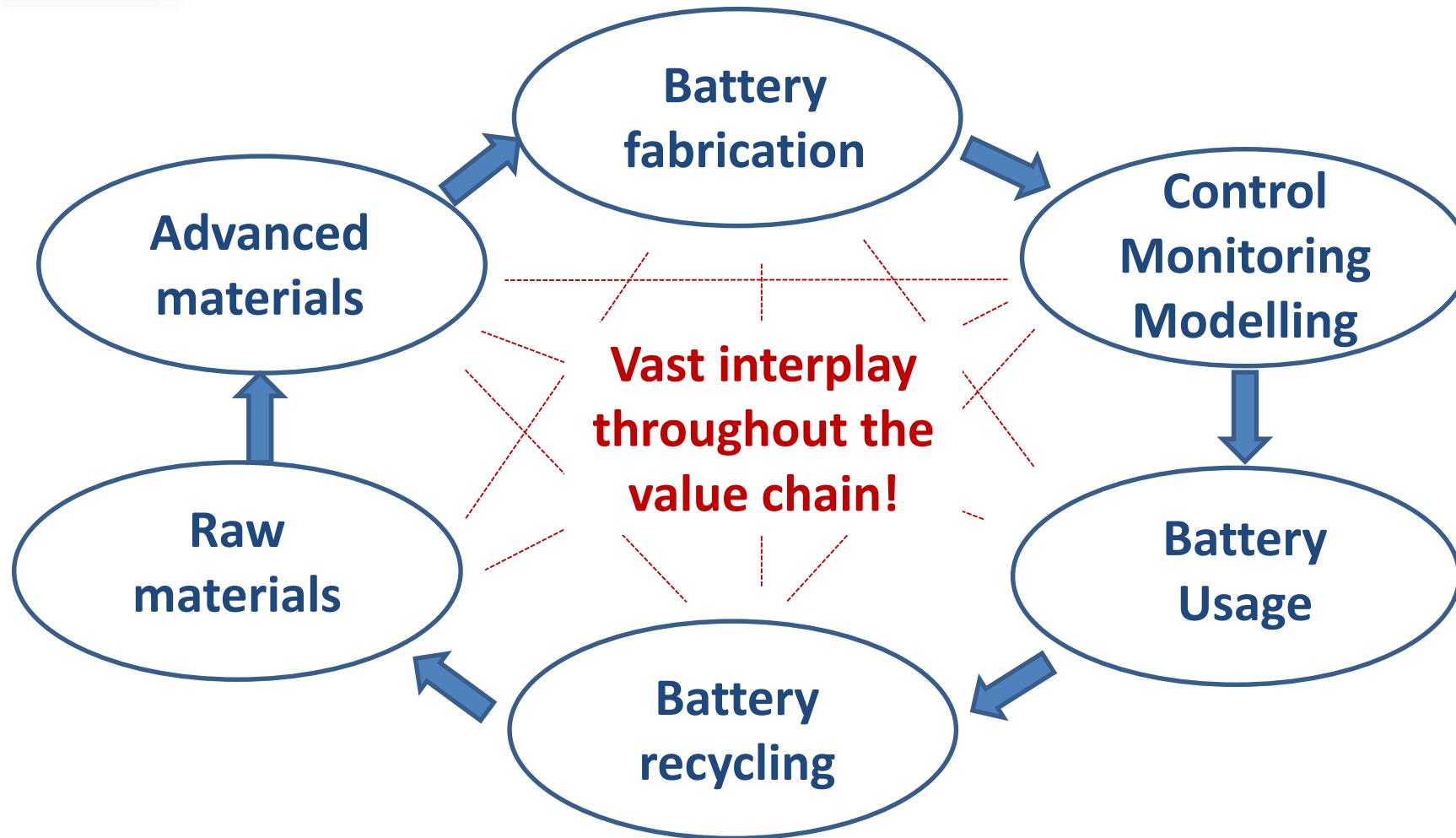
- 1. Mycket snabbt ökande tillverkningsvolymer av batterier - ställer nya krav.**
- 2. En konsolidering av aktörer, men också nyttillväxt**
- 3. En fortsatt evolutionär utveckling av Li-jonbatterierna – material & design**
- 4. Vertikal integration längs värdekedjan**
- 5. Forskningsintresse för mindre traditionella aspekter av värdekedjan**
- 6. Förhoppningar om revolutionära språng – nya cellkemier**
- 7. En framtida diversifiering av batterikemier**

# The growth of the battery sector



Strong correlation with the growth of the EV sector

# Research along the battery value chain



Research and education needed throughout the entire value chain.

ÅABC is particularly strong in the "center"





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# The Swedish landscape



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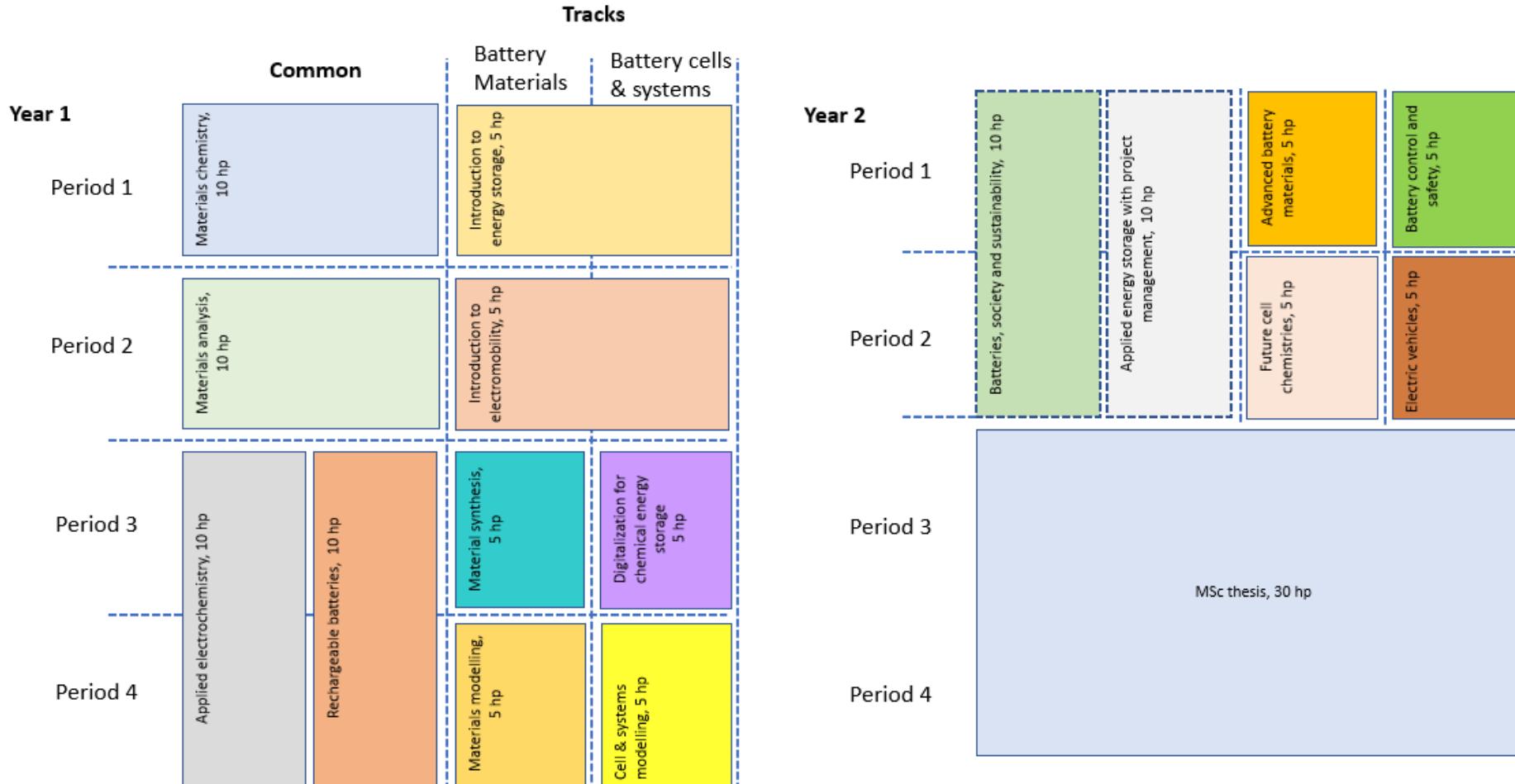
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Covering the battery value chain

# Educational needs

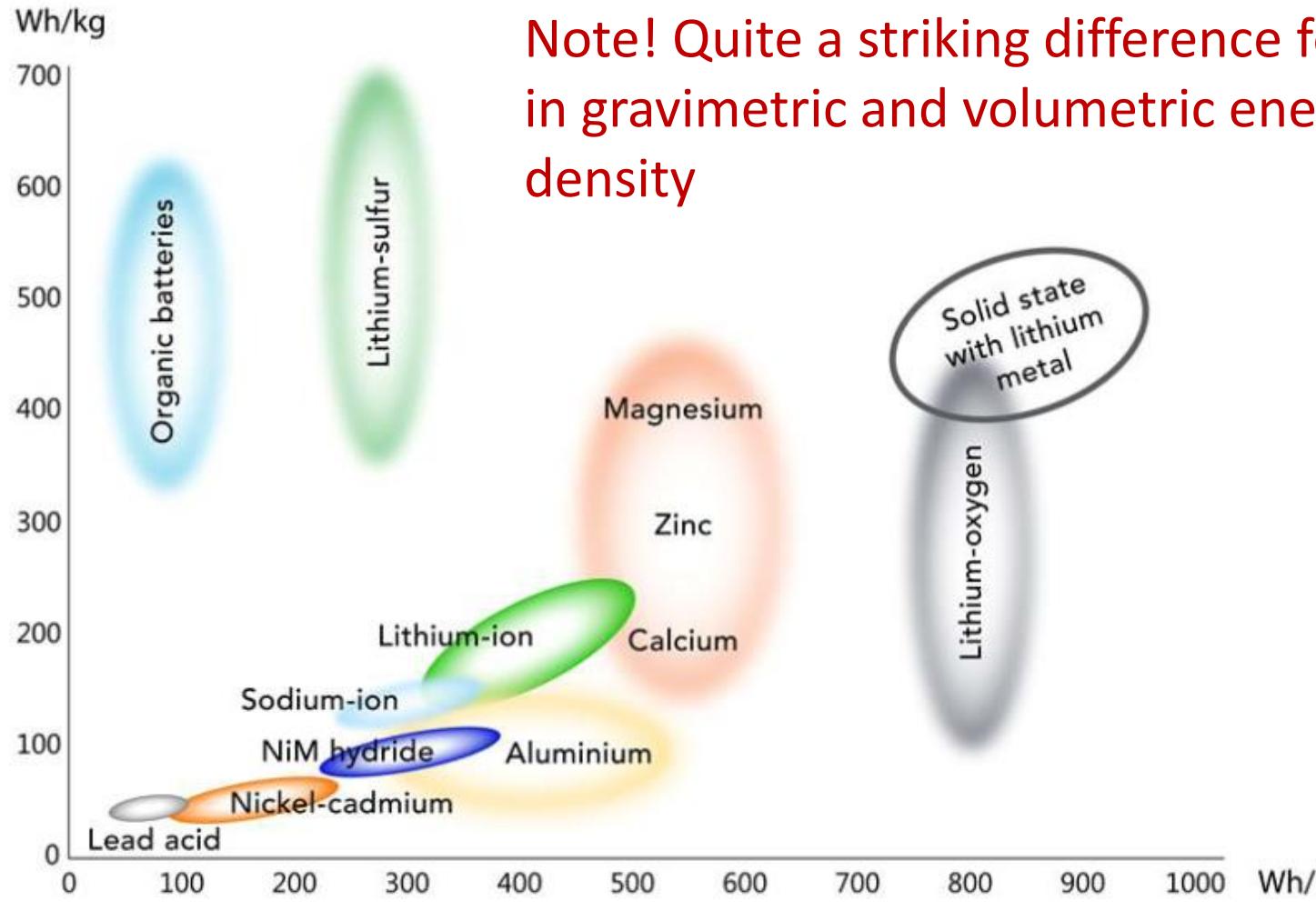
## – a new master programme in battery technology



Start: Autumn 2022

30 students

# New chemistries – the battery revolution



**Energy density not the *only* relevant parameter!**

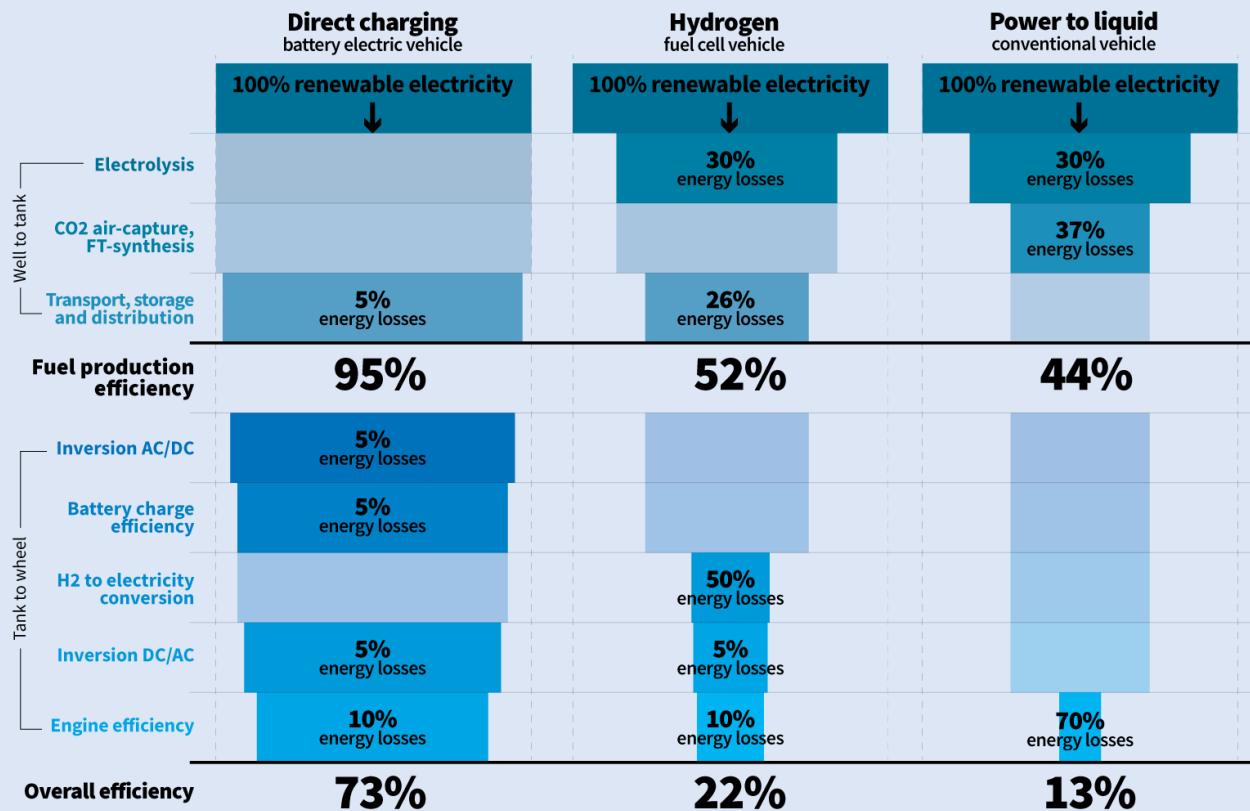
- Cyclability
- Efficiency
- Safety
- Cost
- Sustainability
- Power
- Charging time
- Etc...



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# Other storage technologies

## Cars: Battery electric most efficient by far

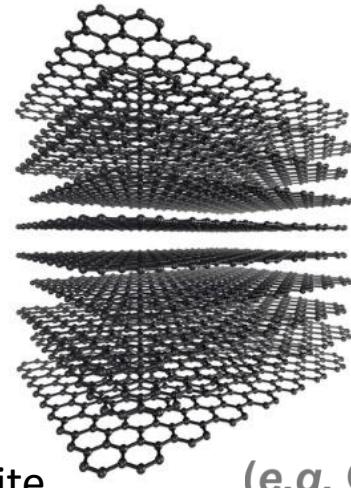


Less costly alternatives are interesting (stationary)

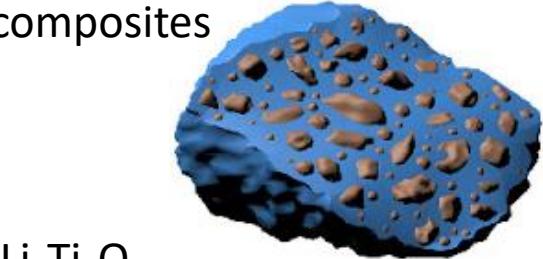
Higher energy and/or power density is useful (transportation)

More scalable solutions are required (grid)

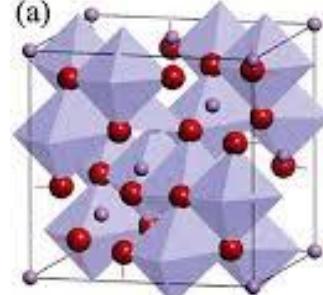
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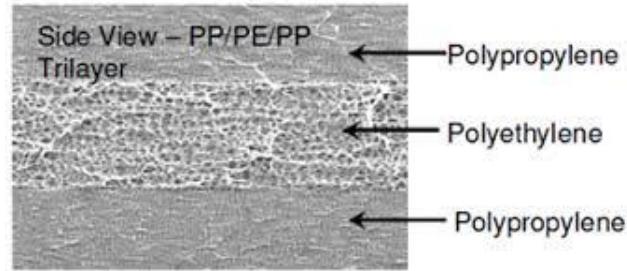
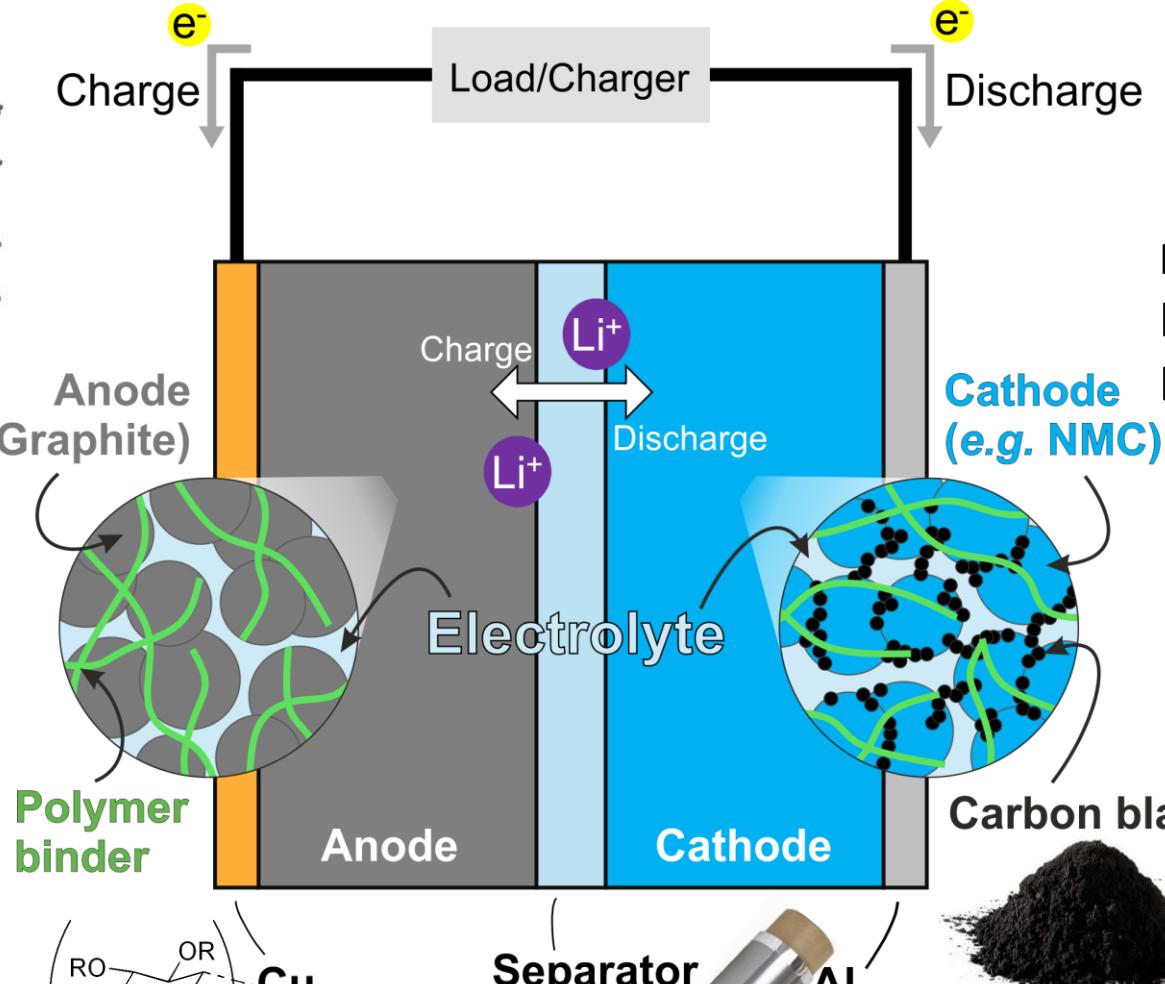
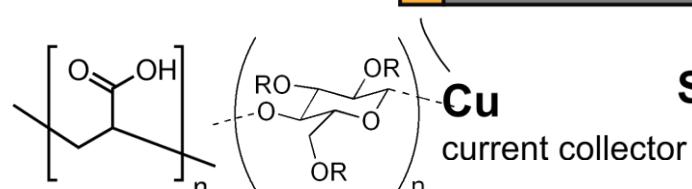
Silicon-graphite  
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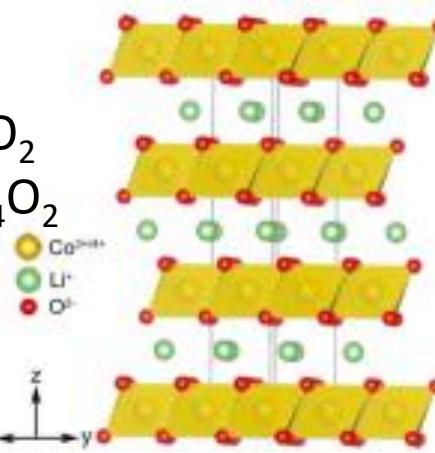
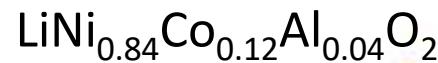
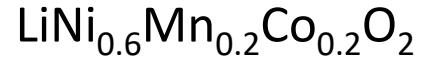
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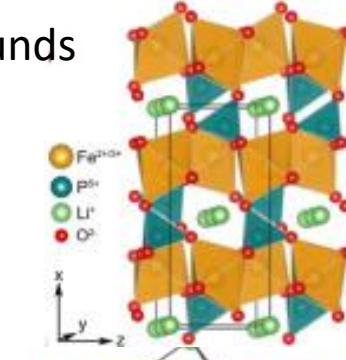
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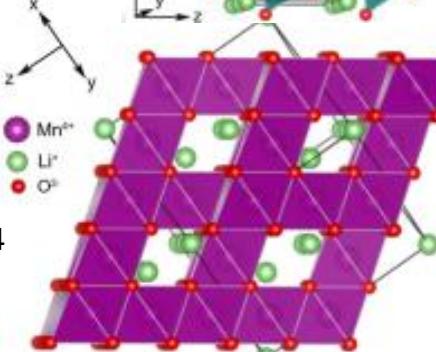
Layered oxides



Polyanionic compounds



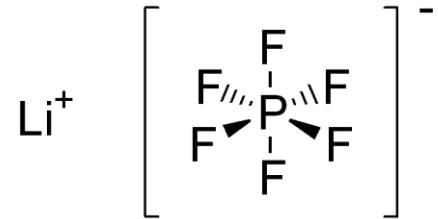
Spinel oxides



# What's in a Li-ion Battery? The electrolyte...

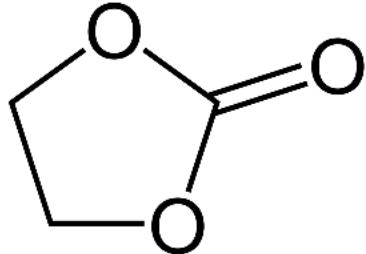
Electrolyte

Salt

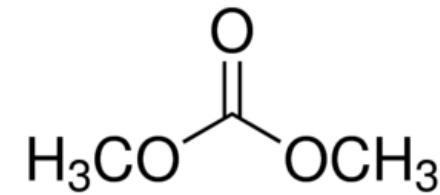


Lithium hexafluorophosphate

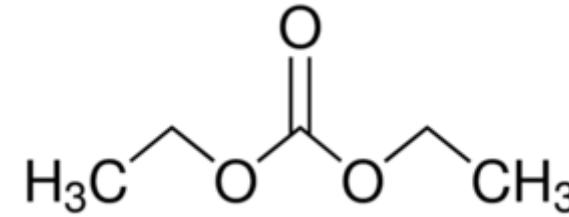
Organic solvents



Ethylene carbonate

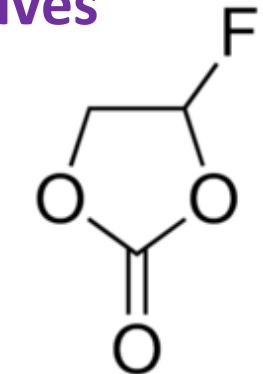


Dimethyl carbonate



Diethyl carbonate

Additives



Fluoroethylene  
carbonate

# Availability of Materials

Critical Raw Materials (supply risk vs. economic importance)

Raw Material	Critical Stage	Main Producers	Import Reliance (EU)	End of Life Recycling Rate
Cobalt	Extraction	Congo DR (59 %) China (7 %)	86 %	22 %
Bauxite (for Al)	Extraction	Australia (28 %) Greece (12 %)	87 %	0 %
Lithium	Processing	Chile (78 %) United States (8 %)	100 %	0 %
Natural Graphite	Extraction	China (47 %) Brazil (12 %)	98 %	3 %

**Ethical considerations** when sourcing materials:

- from areas of conflict,
- from mines which exploit workers (child labour)

# A few words on graphene...

## 1. A useful active material?

Facile stitching of graphene oxide nanosheets with ethylenediamine as three dimensional anode material for lithium-ion battery

Mahshid Ershadi <sup>a,b</sup>, Mehran Javanbakht <sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Sayed Ahmad Mozaffari <sup>b,c</sup>,  
Daniel Brandell <sup>d</sup>, Ming-Tao Lee <sup>d</sup>, Benjamin Zahiri <sup>e</sup>



- Large surface area is problematic – side-reactions
- Poor cyclability
- Not excellent volumetric capacity

## 2. A surface protective agent?!

Promising results on existing LiB materials: LNMO cathodes, Si anodes  
Processing needs development. Cost?

## 3. A combined structural stabilizer and electronically conductive matrix!

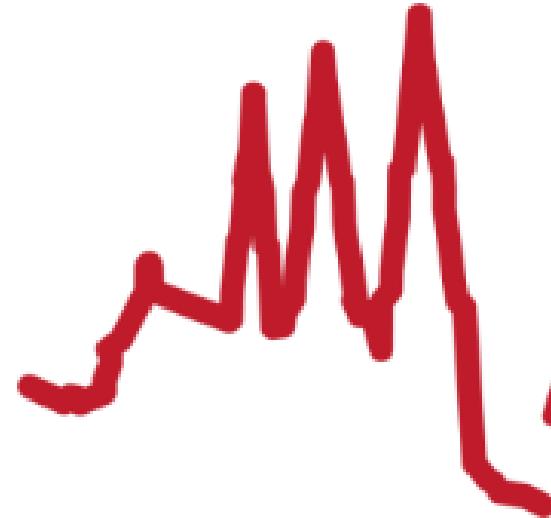
Clearly competitive for Li-S, organic batteries, etc. Market?



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# Thank you!

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A red line graph with multiple peaks and troughs, resembling a signal or waveform, positioned to the left of the letters 'MAAABC'. The peaks correspond to the letters 'M', 'A', 'A', 'B', 'C'.