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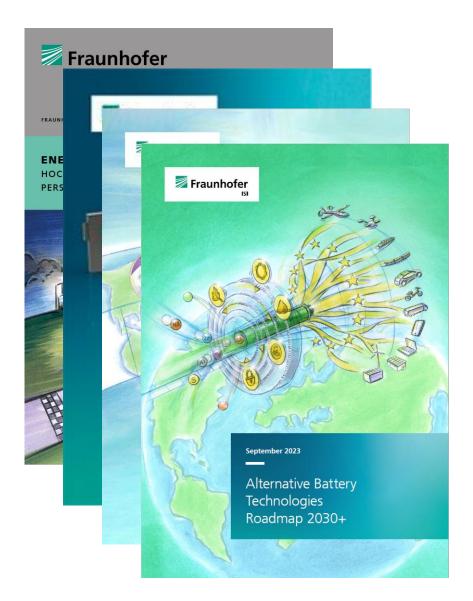
Sustainability pathways in a future European battery ecosystem

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Technology and market intelligence

- Data based approach for technology and market modelling, e.g. FhISI LIBDB, xEVDB, CELLtool
- Since 2010: Technology and application specific roadmaps, e.g. LIB, eMobility, stationary
- 2017: High-energy battery roadmap
- 2022: Solid-state battery roadmap
- 2023: Alternative batteries roadmap
- 2023/24: High-energy battery roadmap
- 2016-2023: Battery production equipment roadmap jointly with VDMA

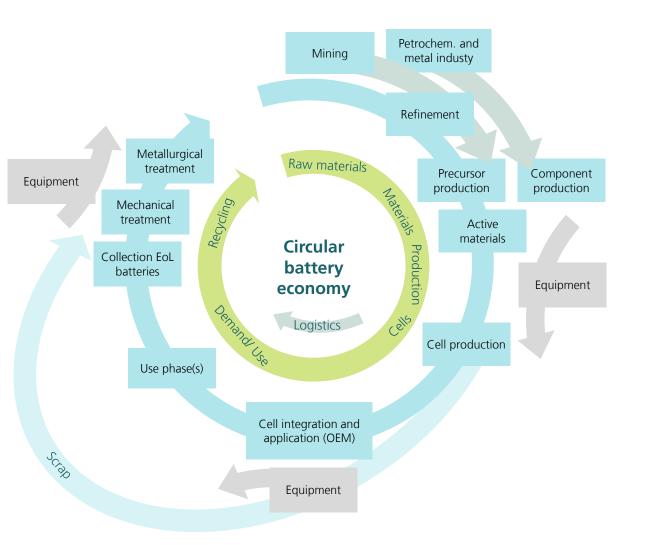




The circular battery economy

Structure of a global value creation chain

- 1. Raw materials and recycling
- 2. Battery materials
- 3. Battery cells and production
- 4. Demand and use
- 5. Logistics and localisation
- 6. Alternative battery technologies





Sustainability impacts along the battery value chain

Towards a common frame for assessment

Scope:

- Not EV vs. ICE (decided in favour of batteries)
- Optimized batteries: global sustainability vs. EU (local/geo. aspects)
- Assessment frame beyond LCA (e.g. with alternative techn., market to societal, political aspects)

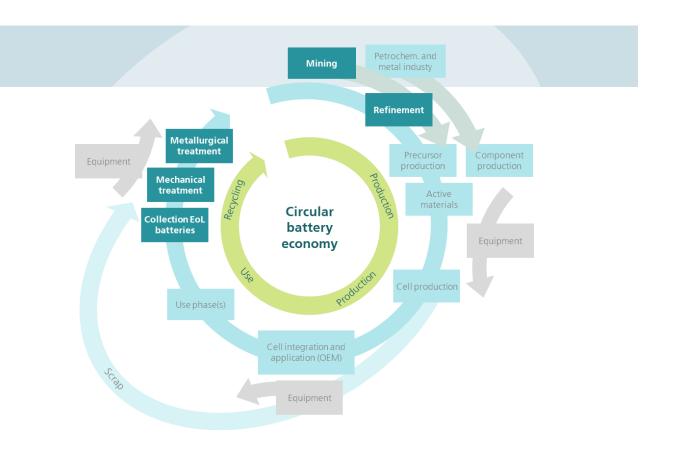
Value Chain vs Impact Dimensions

Europe	Raw material situation	Energy and CO2-footprint	Local (environmental) impact	Independence and sovereignty	Cost and scale
Raw materials Battery materials Battery cells & production Demand and use Logistics and localization Recycling Alternative batteries	?	?	?	?	?



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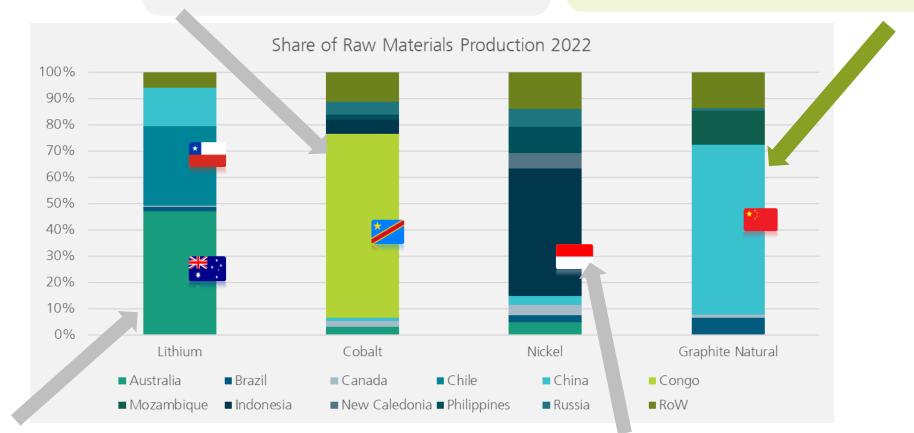


Raw Materials production

no EU production today

For **Cobalt**, all of the 5 largest mines are located in **Congo**. With 34,7 kt per year production, the largest one is owned by Glencore

Biggest producer of **Graphite** for batteries is Posco in Korea (95 kt per year), followed by 7 **Chinese** producer.



Top 6 of largest mines are placed in **Australia**. Largest one is the Talison **Lithium** Mine in Greenbushes with 147,8 kt LCE per year Largest **Nickel** Mine is placed in **Russia** (Kola MMC Mine – 146 kt per Year), followed by another Russian, two Philippines and one in Columbia.

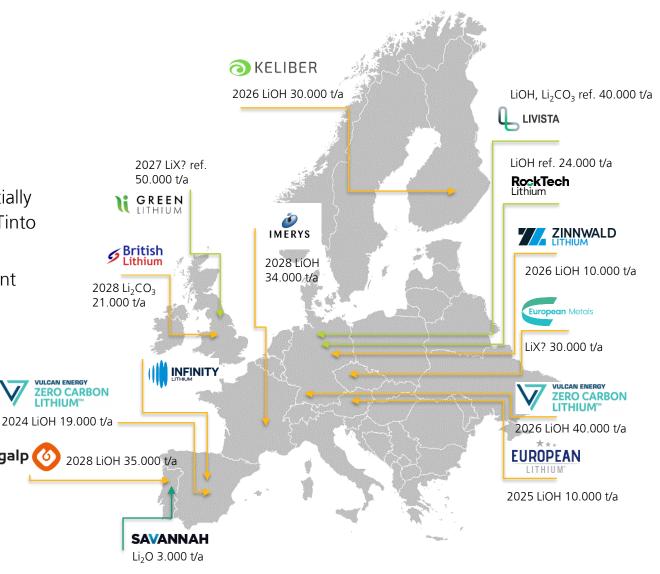
European Lithium projects

Contribution to self sufficiency?

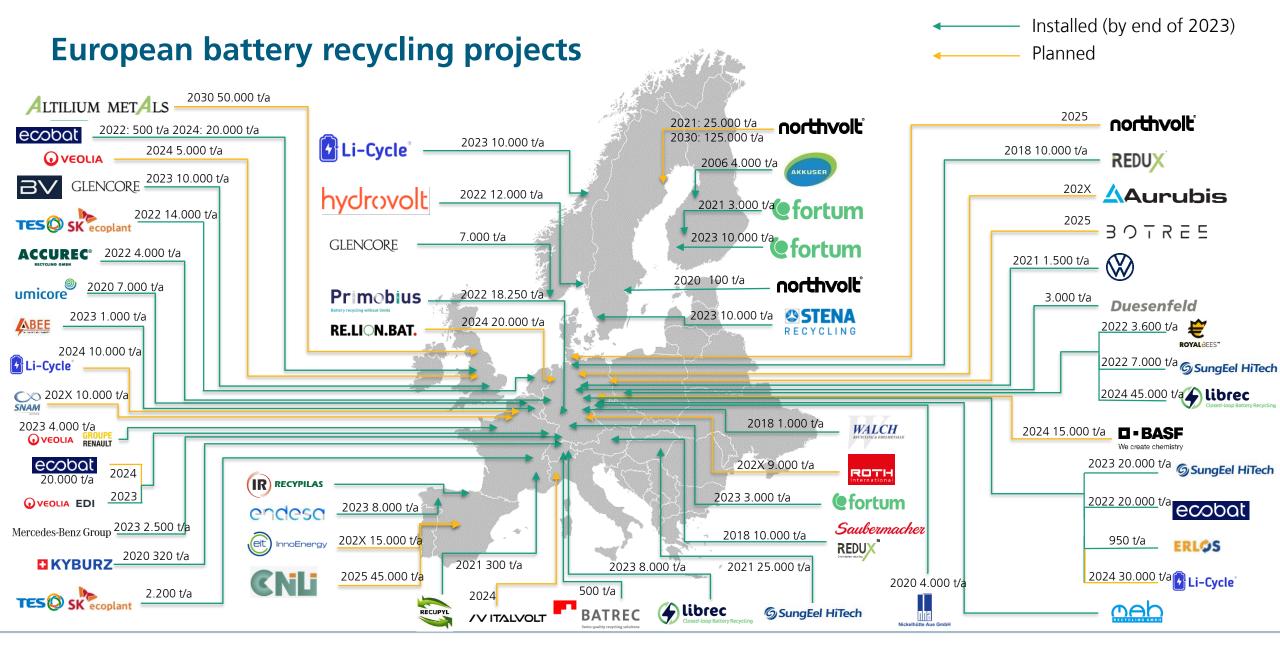
- Growing landscape of Li-mining projects, mostly in development / exploration phase.
- Partially new (green) approaches, e.g. liquid extraction, partially greater resistance due to environmental concerns (e.g. Rio Tinto in Serbia)
- Current announcements add up to >30 kt/a Li_me equivalent



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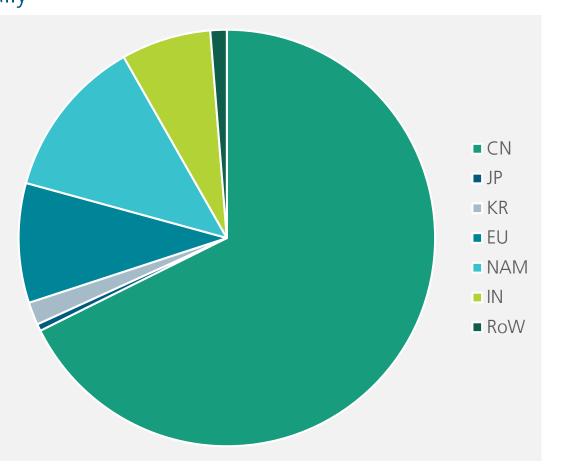








Emerging recycling market with decommissioned batteries take-off 2030-2040 Recycling activities start globally



Most of the recycling capacities announced so far in China due to the production crap available there. In addition, some plants in North America and Europe are in the realisation phase or planned.

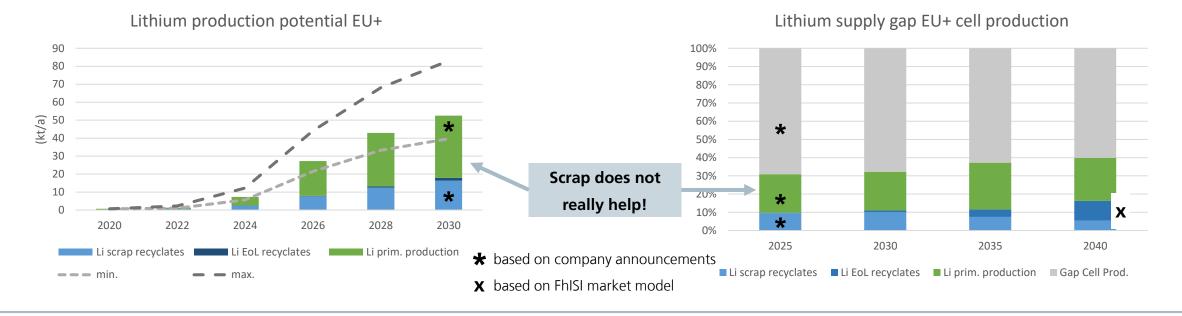


Circular battery value chain

Example Lithium

- EoL battery recycling kicks in after 2035.
- Scrap from cell production can be a major source for recycling Li, but it does not change the balance, as it leads to increased demand at the same time.

- Self-sufficiency can't be achieved in the next 20 years, but battery recycling and primary production can contribute significantly.
- EU Critical Raw Materials Act targets for Lithium seem achievable (10% from primary resources, 15% from recycling)

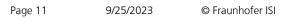


Circular battery value chain beyond Lithium

Nickel, Cobalt, Graphite and other components

- A lot of focus on Lithium (primary production). Some refinement capacities.
- Some nickel mining (Finland, Greece) and refinement (Finland, France, Austria). Focus on steel, ongoing shift to batteries (e.g. Terrafame for Stellantis). Most likely ongoing dependence on imports. Same for Cobalt.
 - \rightarrow CRMA targets for primary production will most likely not be met (until 2030)
- Some natural graphite in Europe (Sweden, Finland, Norway), some productions capacities for synthetic graphite (France, Italy, Poland, Norway, Sweden), but very low market share
 - \rightarrow CRMA targets for primary production and processing will most likely not be met (until 2030)

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Recycling	++ (10-20% self sufficiency depending on material) (potentially Co 40%, Li, Ni, Cu 15% by 2040)	+ (short transport distances, high share of reneweables)		++ (10-20% self sufficiency depending on material)	+ scaled recycling increases economic adv. to primary production



Source: https://rmis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/analysis-of-supply-chain-challenges-49b749

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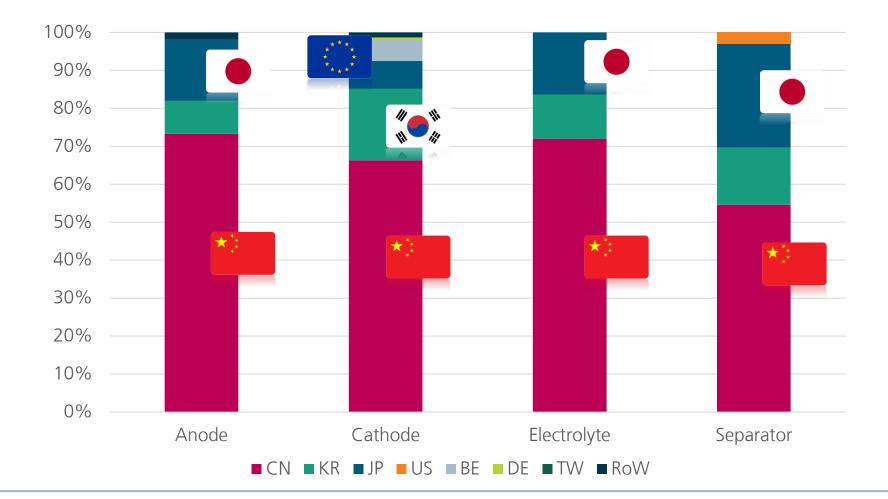
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LIB Components EU share only for CAM

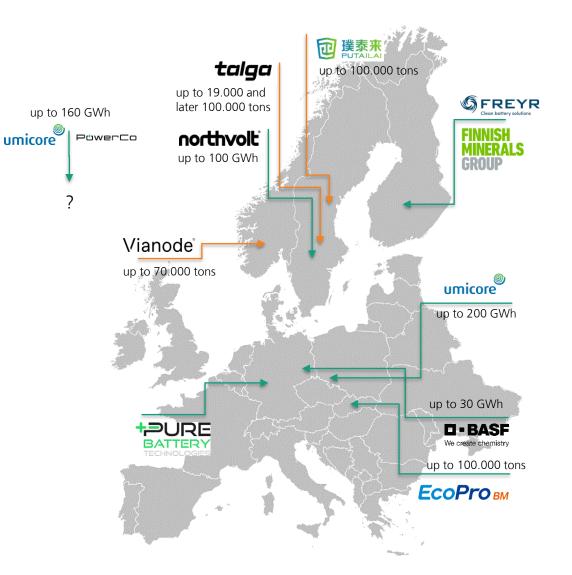




European CAM/AAM projects

Contribution to self sufficiency?

- Predominantly larger players entering the CAM market in Europe.
- Some large scale activity for the production of AAM by newer players. Rather early development stage.
- Focus on Northern Europe due to good access to renewable energy and feedstock (natural graphite) and on Eastern Europe due to proximity to existing giga cell factories.
- Drivers are automotive OEMs and their requirements for localization of supply chains, e.g. to comply with EU "rules of origin".*



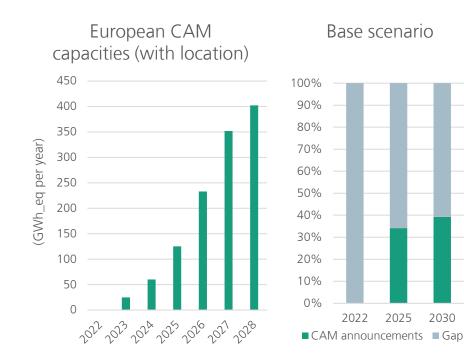
* Various free trade agreements between the EU and other countries provide for so-called "Rules of Origin". If these are fulfilled, products are recognized as domestically produced and their trade is subject to the favorable conditions of the free trade agreement.



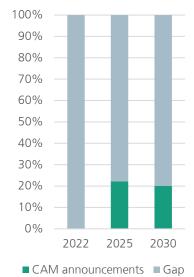
European CAM/AAM projects

Contribution to self sufficiency?

- Based on announcements, still big gap between CAM production and cell production. In aggressive cell production scenario (all announcements), only 20 % self-sufficiency can be reached.
- Worse situation for AAM



All cell production announcements



2025

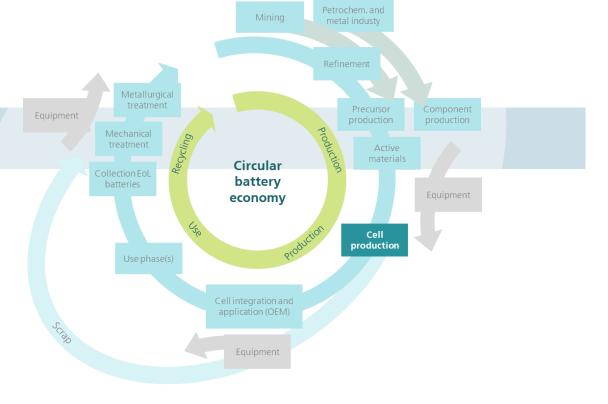
2030

Europe	Raw material situation	Energy and CO ₂ - footprint	Local environmental impact	Independence and sovereignty	Cost and scale
Components	/	+ (higher average share of renewables compared to CN) (similar or higher CO2- footprint compared to cell production)	- (shift of emissions to Europe)	+ (higher degree of freedom for commercialization of own AM technologies)	? (higher energy cost, other regulative frame conditions)



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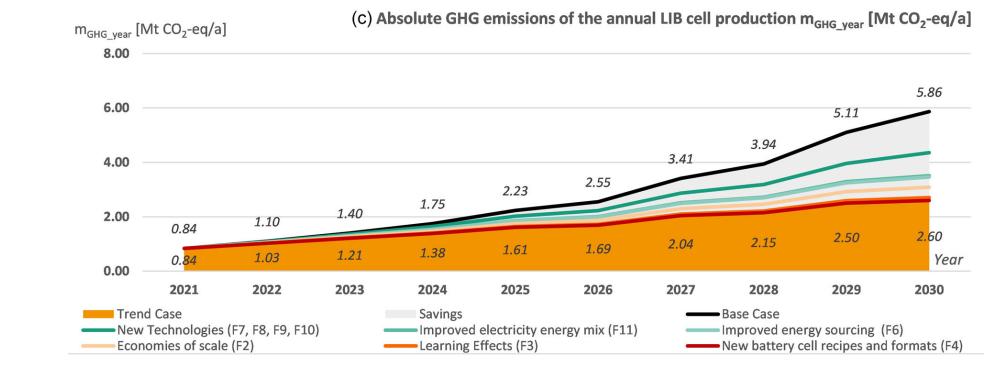
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GHG-emissions of the european battery cell production

...and options for reduction

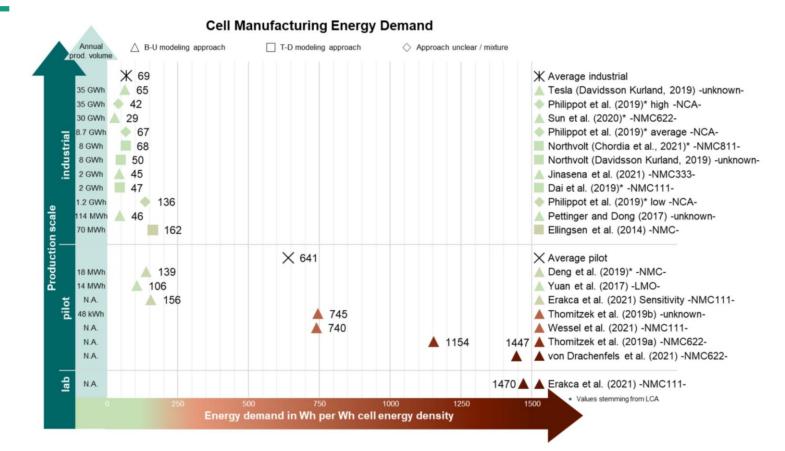


- The energy consumption and GHG-emissions of the European LIB cell production will increase by almost 600% by 2030 if no measures are taken.
- But energy consumption and GHG emissions could be decreased by 46% and 56% (compared to the Base Case Scenario) when applying a
 mix of political, economic, and technological measures
- Thereby the changes in battery cell chemistry and battery cell formats will have no significant effects on energy consumption and GHG emissions.
- The EU-wide increase in the share of RE in the electricity mix is an important measure, but not the most effective when looking towards 2030).
- \rightarrow The most important measures are economies of **scale** and the application of new **production technologies**.



The influence of economies of scale on the GHG-emissions

Results from a comparative literature analyses



- Different sources in literature indicate the significant effect from high production scales on Energy and CO2eq. during production.
- Comparing the potential of a cell production in lab scale to one of an industrial scale it becomes visible, that the difference is ~ a factor 10

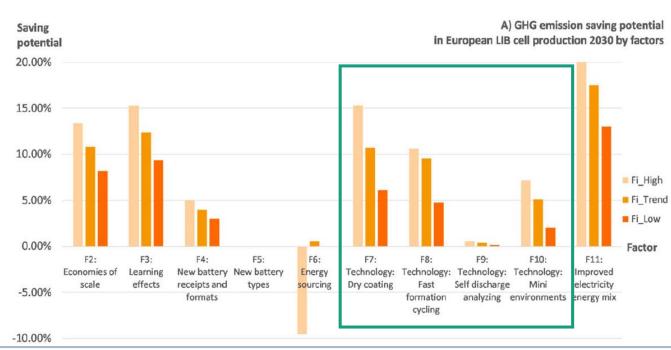
Source: Erakca et al. (2022): Closing gaps in LCA of lithium-ion batteries: LCA of lab-scale cell production with new primary data



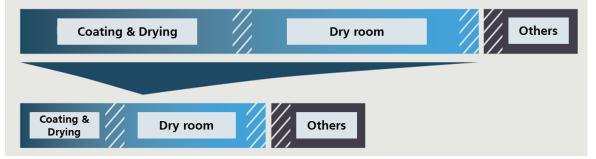
Hotspots in cell production and options to reduce emissions

Influence of new technologies

- The most energy intensive processes are coating & drying, the formation and the dry room.
- The overall share of these processes make up for more than 80% of the total GHG emissions during cell production.

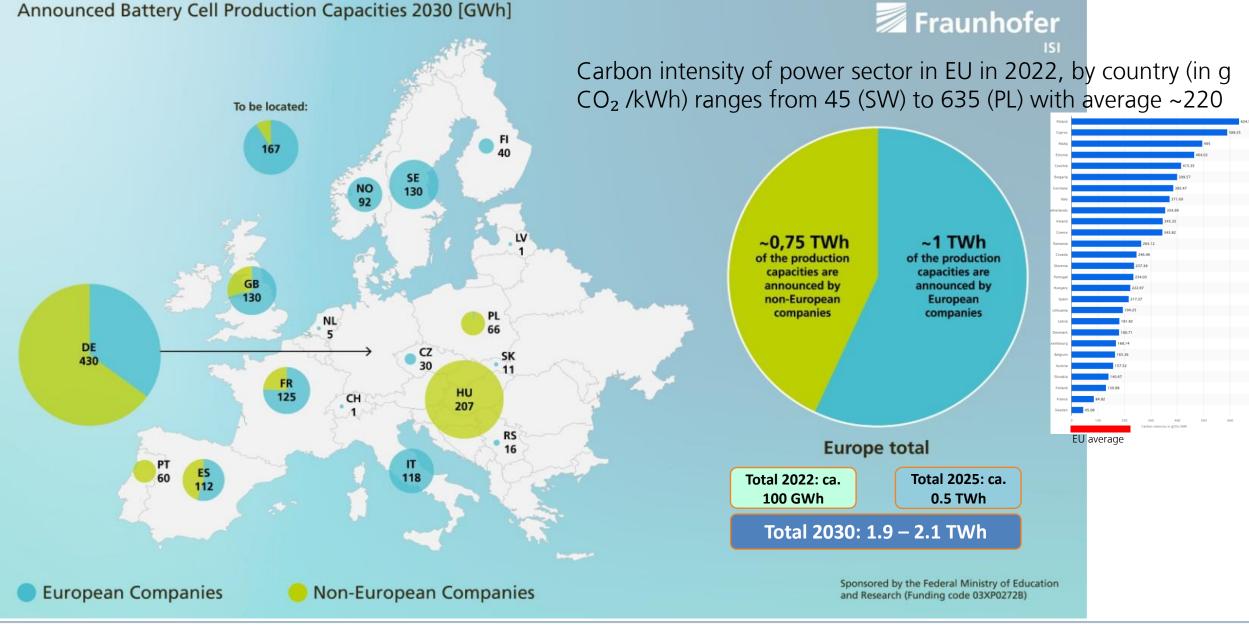


Source: Degen, F. (2023). Lithium-ion battery cell production in Europe: Scenarios for reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions until 2030

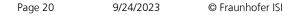


- But by applying new production technology in the three production steps/environments the energy consumption energy consumption and GHG emissions could be decreased.
- This could be achieved by using "Mini environments" in case of the dry rooms, by "dry coating" and "fast formation cycles".
- By achieving and applying these new technologies the energy consumption and the GHG – emission could be reduced by 24% by until 2030.

Source: Hettesheimer et al. (2021). Batteriestandort auf Klimakurs: Perspektiven einer klimaneutralen Batterieproduktion für Elektromobilität in Deutschlahraunhofer



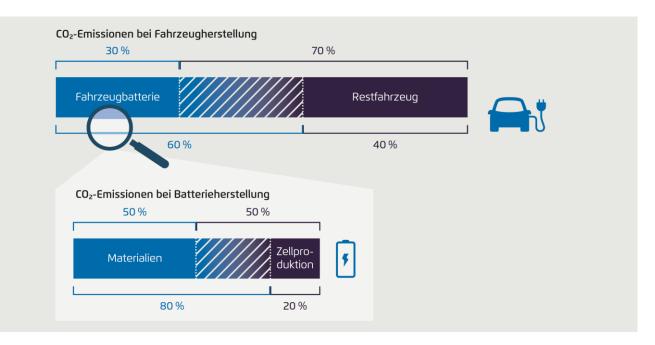
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CO2-Emission reduction potentials

similar footprints from materials to cells to products (EVs)

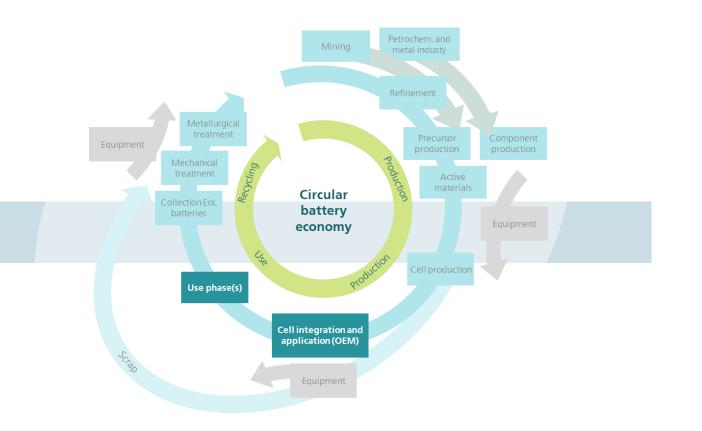


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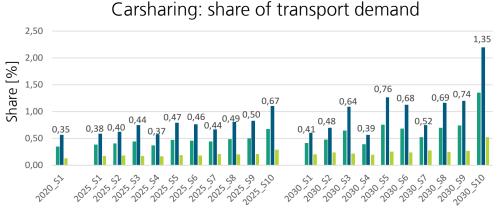




Reducing no. of cars helps reducing overall impacts on environment & society

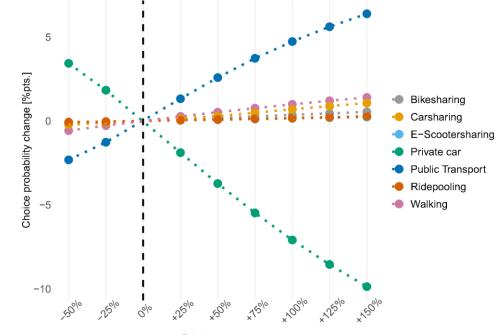
Reducing car usage can lead to a reduction in cars owned (Krauss et al., 2022)

- ightarrow Increasing private car cost reduces the demand for car usage
- → Public transport and shared services can be one crucial element to reduce private car usage, which can then result in less cars owned
- → Carsharing can capture ca. 1.4 % of transport demand (private car km) in 2030 in the best case



Year & scenario

Germany Metropolis Sub-urban and rural regions



Private car cost

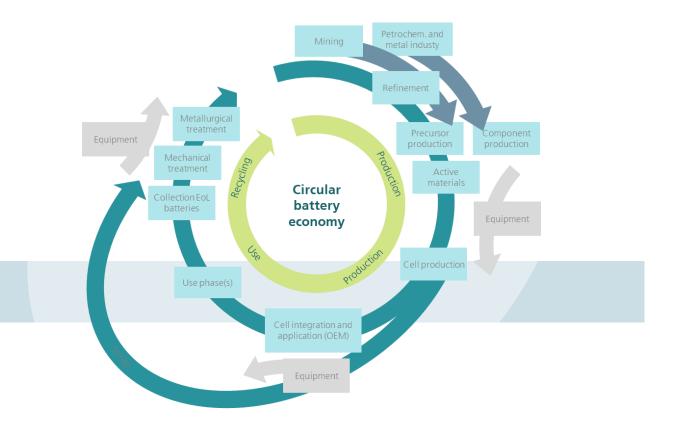
Simulated probability changes in choosing respective modes due to an increase in private car costs Public transport and shared mobility service capture the transport demand from the private car

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Demand/ use	+ potential reduction of demand with mobility concepts (large cities)	+ potentially less emissions due to lower absolute demand	+ potential lower demand due to shift in mobility concept	+ limit demand	0/-? put effort in mobility research, concepts and frame conditions

Effects of better battery use (2nd life, smart charging, etc.) can have postive impacts but not specific to EU)

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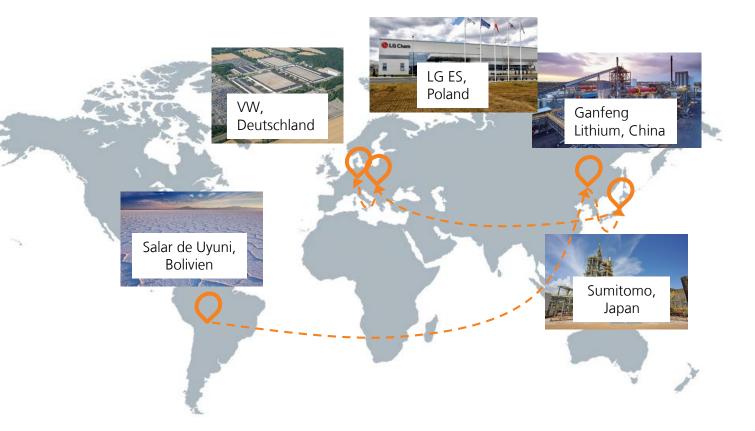
Effects of localization of supply chains

International supply chain

Hypothetical international supply chain for Lithium for CAM and LIB cells:

- South America (mining)
- China (refinement, pCAM), Japan (CAM)
- Hungary (cells)
- Germany (integration)
- ~40.000 km by sea
- ~4.000 km road transport
- 0.4-0.5 kg_CO_{2eq} / kWh (most of it for transport of Li_2CO_3 , does not include other CAM components!)

Assumption: 15-20 kg_CO_{2eq} / ton / km for sea freight and 100-150 kg_CO_{2eg} / ton / km for road freight





Effects of localization of supply chains

International supply chain

Hypothetical European supply chain for Lithium for CAM and LIB cells:

- Portugal (mining, refinement)
- Poland (pCAM, CAM)
- Sweden (cells)
- Germany (integration)
- ~6000 km road (can be optimized by including sea transport)
- 0.2-0.3 kg_CO_{2eq} / kWh (most of it for transport of Li₂CO₃, does not include other CAM components!)

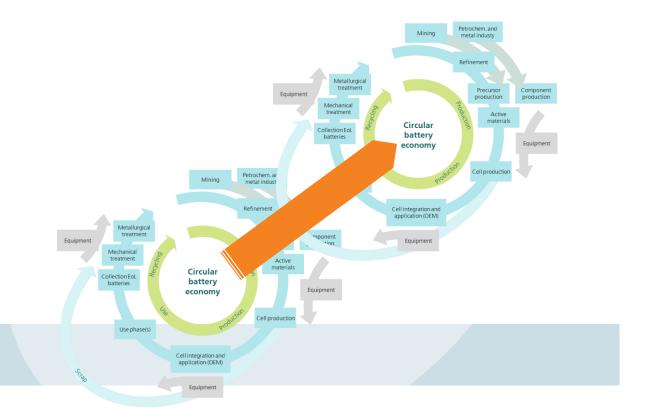
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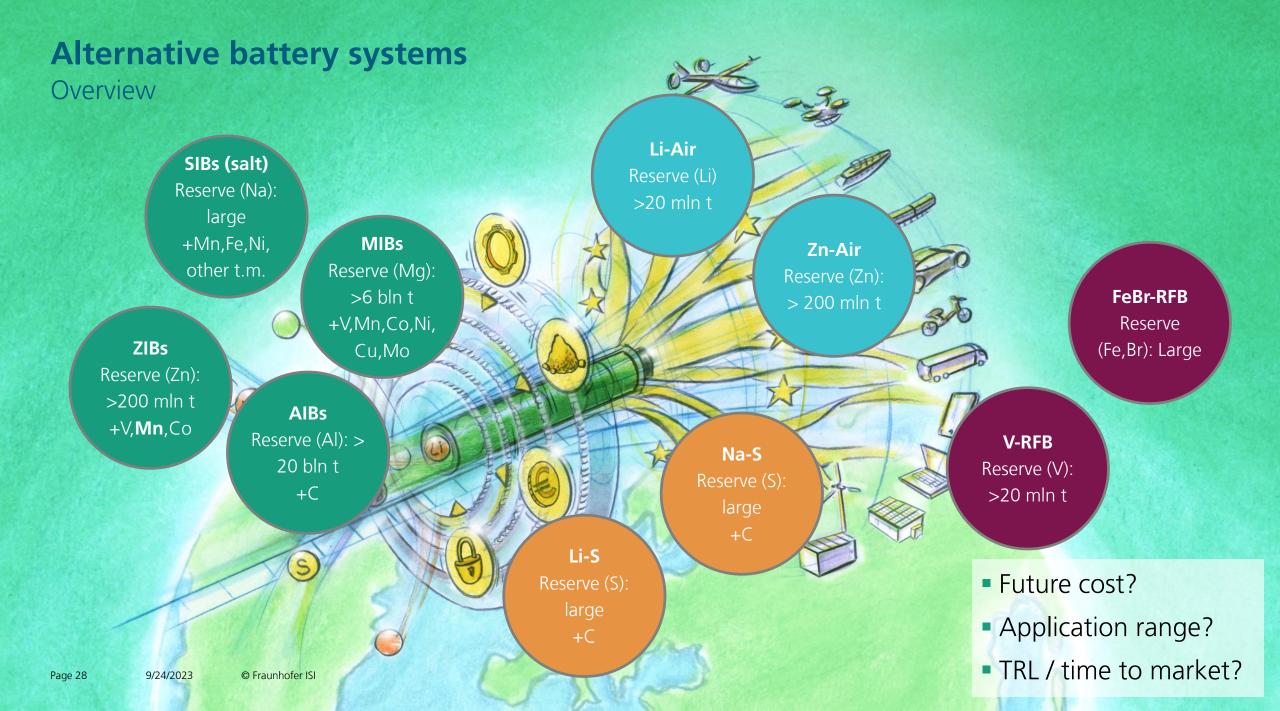


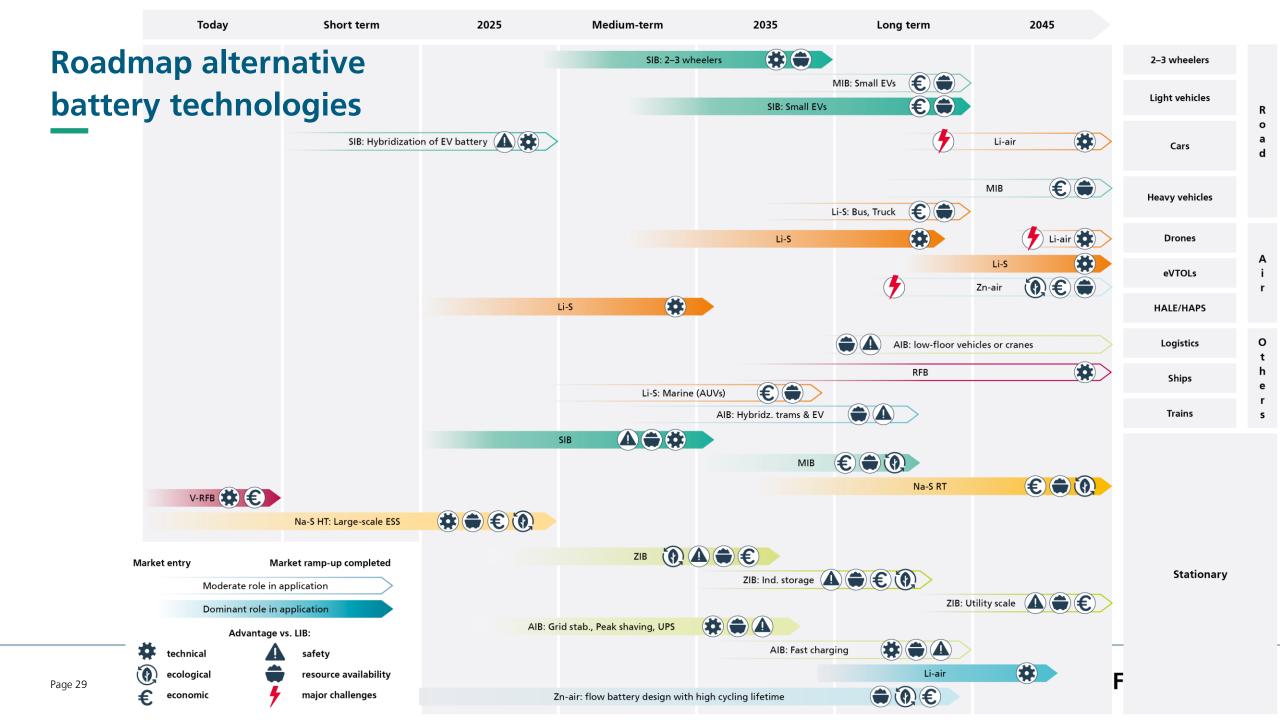
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LIB Alternatives - Readiness, Market potential and sustainability impact

(red = much lower, yellow = lower, green = similar to LIB; for sustainability = yellow as benchm.)

Technology	Techn. Readiness	Market potential	Sustain. advantage	
LIB				
SSB				Evolutionary to LIB
SIB (Na)				Highest impact on sust.
MIB (Mg)				
ZIB (Zn)				
AIB (AI)				
LiS				Limited readiness and
NaS RT				market (~percent level)
NaS HT				
Li-air				
Zn-air				
RFB				



Solid-State Batteries (Li-based)

The evolutionary next step from LIB

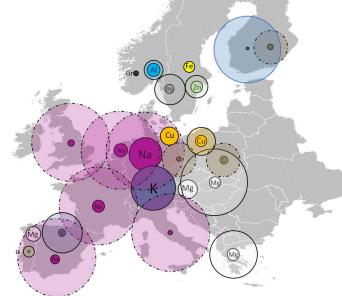
- SSB promise improvements in various KPI (e.g., energy density and specific energy, safety, cycle and calendar life)
- Similar (raw) materials as in liquid electrolyte (LE) LIB are being used:
- Evolutionary next step from LE LIB; intermediate step currently pursued are hybrid LE/SE LIB
- From sustainability perspective for most Li-based SSB no major change from LE LIB should be expected (higher Li demand, might be compensated by higher cycle life)

	Raw material situation	Energy and CO2-footprint	Local environmental impact	Independence and sovereignty	Cost and scale
SSB	 Depends on SSB technology considered Most promising SSB technologies require a similar (e.g., Ni, Co) or even higher (Li) amount of critical raw materials Some SE require rare or costly raw materials -> questionable, if these SE will play a role 	• Similar footprint compared to	• Hard to assess as the materials and production technologies are still under development	 Upcoming technology that no one has mastered yet Still the chance to be at forefront of this technology 	 Upscaling efforts expected between 2025-2030 Automotive market as main driver and application sector Initially higher prices expected -> first premium products Mass market diffusion will be decided by technical KPIs and price compared to LE LIB

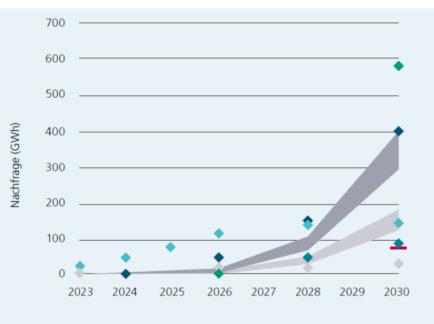
Ref.: "A Roadmap for Solid-State Batteries", T. Schmaltz, F. Hartmann, T. Wicke, L. Weymann, C. Neef, and J. Janek, Adv. Energy Mater., just accepted

Sodium Ion Batteries

high material and market substitution potential



- ESS: Low cycle requirements / long life in UPS, Telecom
- 2W/3W: low range eMotorcycles / eScooter
- Small EV: Low range and low cost
- **PHEV:** Potential use case but expiring technology
- Hybridization: Unclear cost effects
- Addressable market 2030+ → 200 - 600 GWh (10-20%)



◆ McKinsey ◆ Roland Berger ◆ IDTechEx ◆ SDL ◆ BMI

Aktuell angekündigte Produktionskapazität 2030

Maximale Lernraten – abgeleitet aus den historischen Wachstumsraten (materialübergreifend)

LFP-Lernraten – abgeleitet aus den historischen Wachstumsraten

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Logistics/ localisation	(lower supply with purely European prod.)	+ (although minor share in total cell budget), some %	- (shift of emissions to Europe)	++ (less vulnerable due to "Panama events")	+ (lower transportation cost)
Alternative technologies	++ (up to 20% less LIB demand e.g. with SIB) - More Na/ materials due to lower energy density	0 comparable to LB	-	+ reduced LIB dependency but CN dominates SIB - Supply chains to be established	+ lower material costs - Less scaled technologies
Total	Half or higher relaxation of situation but potentially overlapping effects	Only primary production technologies critical with added footprint	Negative from local perspective but positive globally	All over positive impact to increase sovereignty	Positive impacts if scale effects are realized

> first frame for assessment, better and consistent data to be expected in coming years, holistiv/systemic assessment beyond LCA, ...

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