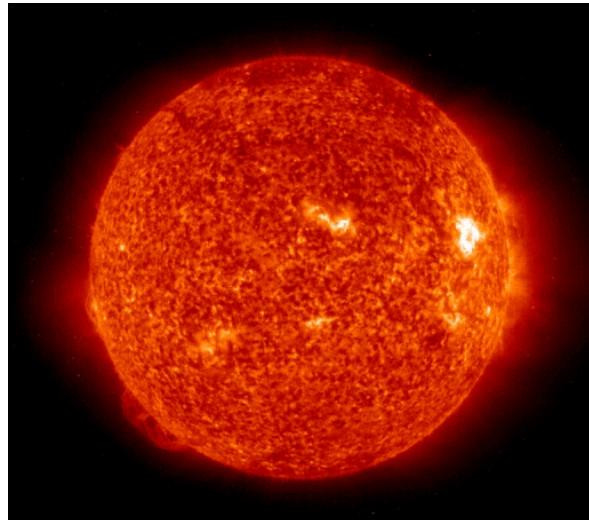




# Report of Chief Science Officer

## Research Trends for Future High Energy Density Battery Technology

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# The Progress of Li/Na-Ion Intercalation Battery Science – Liquid Electrolytes

## Lithium-Ion Liquid Cells

### Cathode Trends:

**NMC:** Drive continues toward higher **Nickel** continues

Moving higher than 811

Major effort to reduce or even eliminate cobalt

**Phosphates:** Interest growing fast, driven by supply chain and cost

LFP hot now

Some work on manganese analogs (iM3NY)

More science work on vanadium phosphates and oxides

### Anode Trends:

**Silicon:** Lots of investment, but little 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification

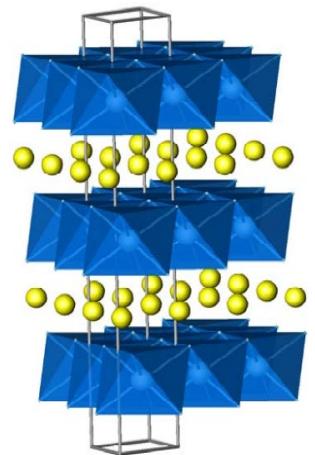
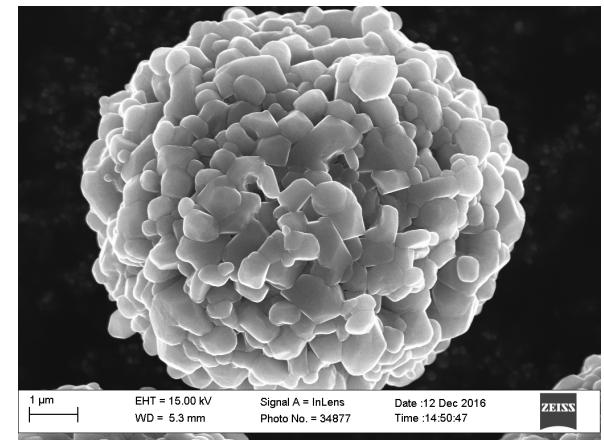
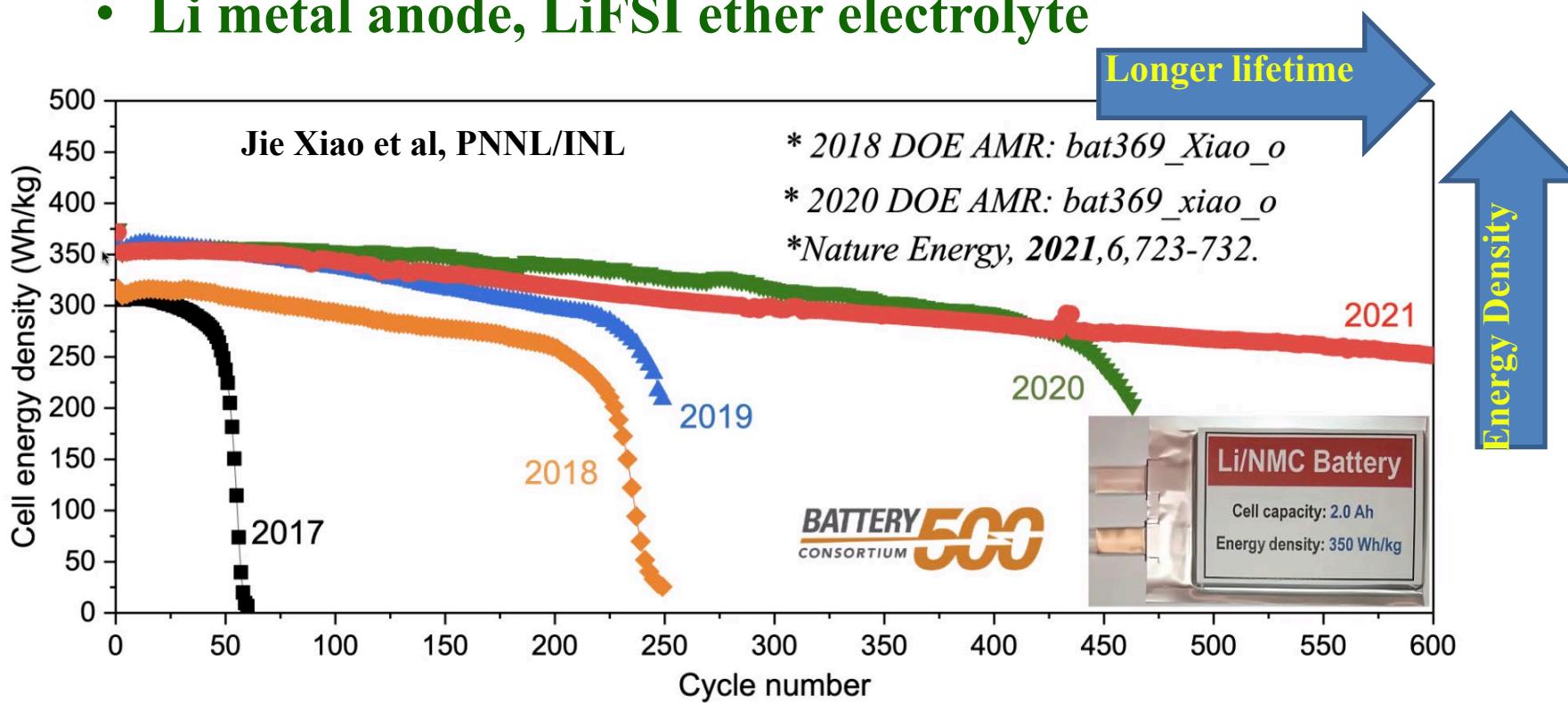
**Lithium:** Effort continues

## Sodium-Ion Liquid Cells

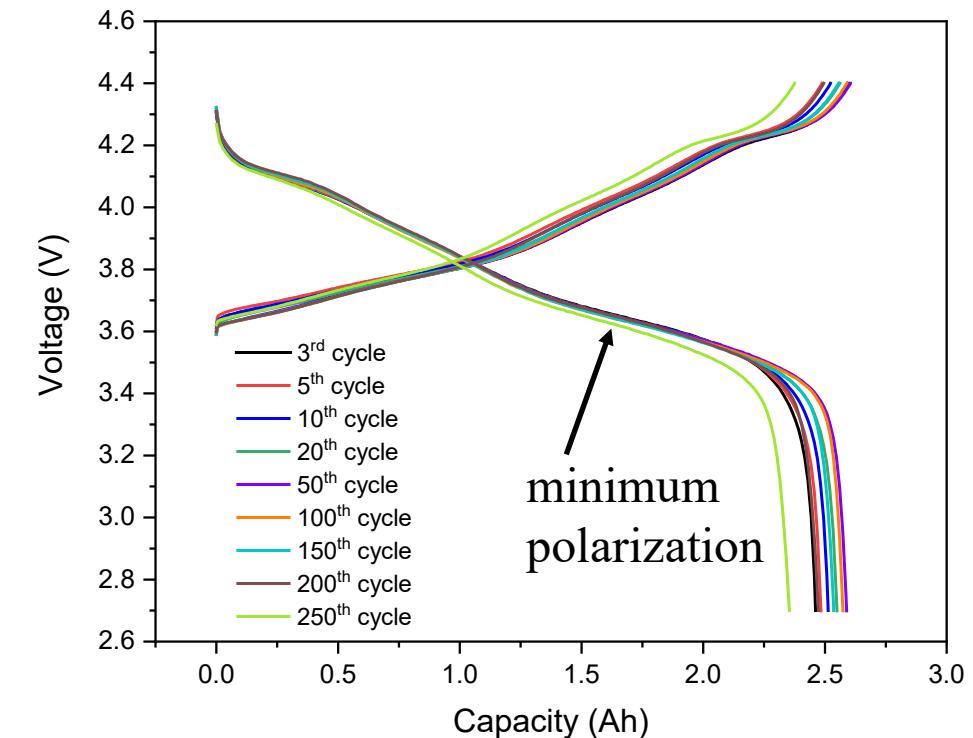
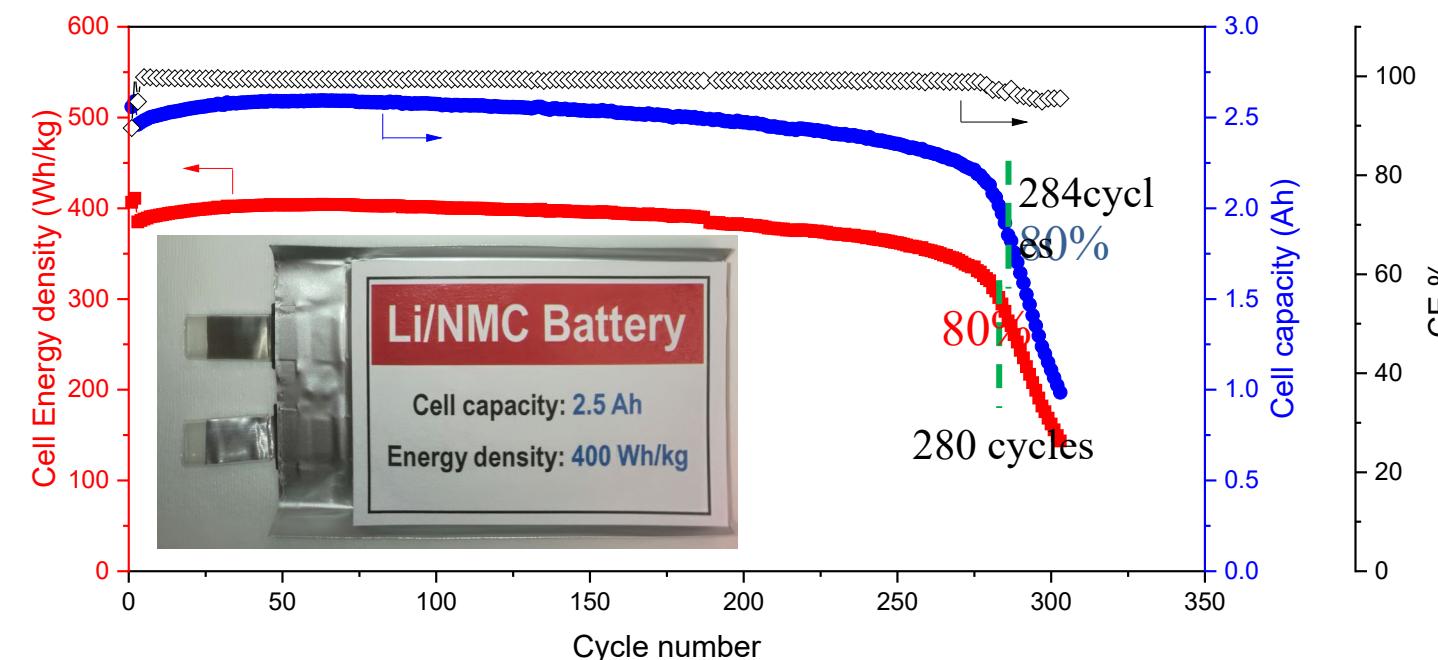
Growing science and commercial R&D activity

# Battery500 Phase I: Achieved 350 Wh/kg with NMC622

- NMC shows excellent cycling
  - Achieved 350 Wh/kg goal
  - Li metal anode, LiFSI ether electrolyte



# Battery500 Phase II: Achieving 400 Wh/kg with NMC 811



- FY22 GGRA milestone: 2.5 Ah Li metal pouch cell with 400 Wh/kg cell-level energy and >250 stable cycles.
- Minimum polarization for the first 250 cycles: a significant improvement

Formation: C/10 charge and discharge for 2 cycles

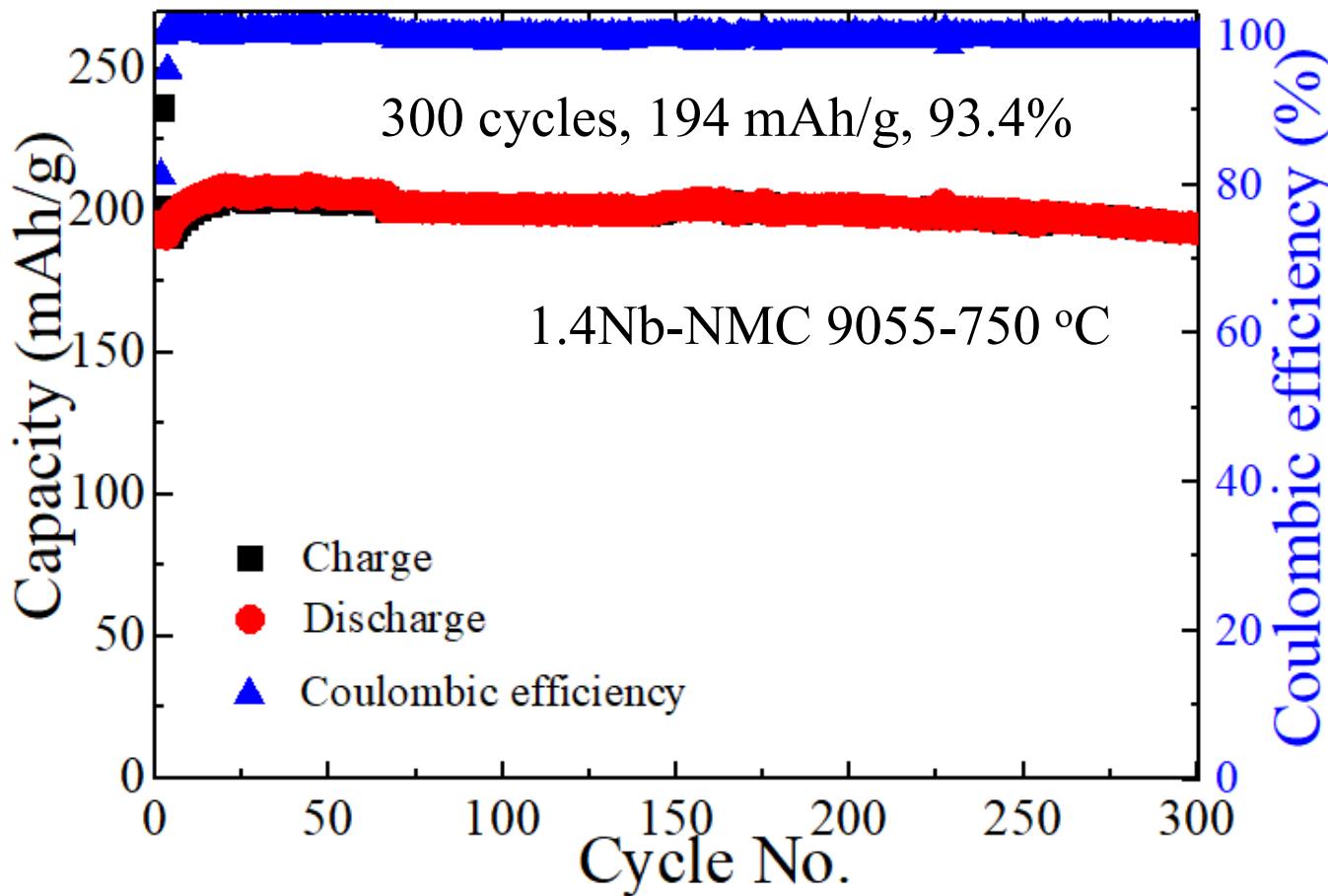
Subsequent cycling: C/10 Charge, 0.3C Discharge 2.7-4.4V @25°C

Jie Xiao, PNNL

BATTERY  
CONSORTIUM 500

# Nb Modification Enhances Capacity Retention of 90%Ni NMC

2.8 to 4.4 V; C/10 charge and C/3 discharge;  
PNNL (75  $\mu$ L); 13-15 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>; Li foil



## Charles Hatchett Medal

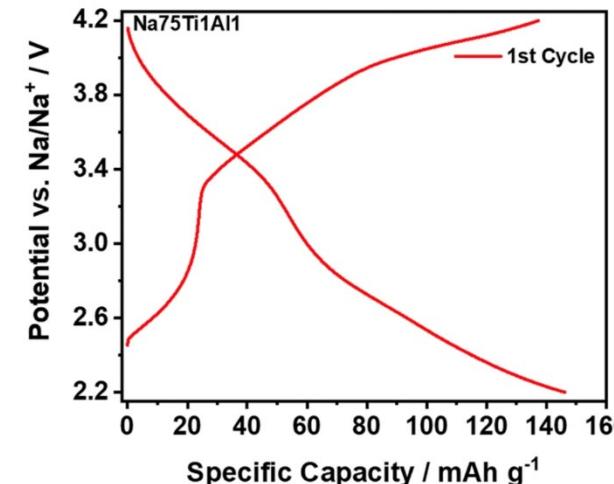


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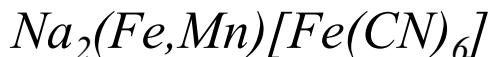
# Status of Continuing Research on Sodium-ion Batteries

## ✓ Faradion sold to Reliance Industries (India)

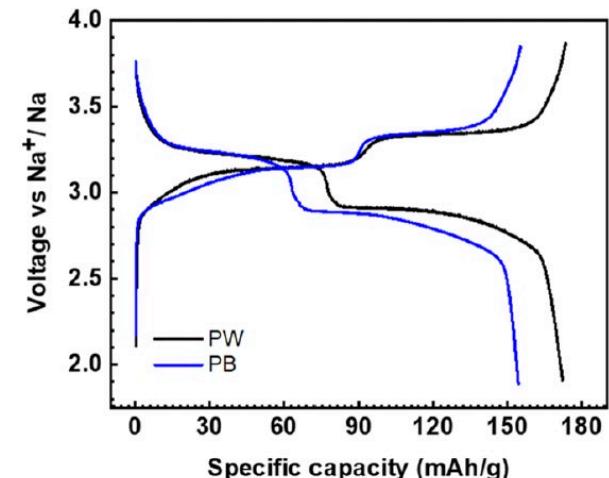
- ✓ Using nickel-based cathode,  $\text{NaNi}_y[\text{Mn, Mg, Ti}]_{1-y}\text{O}_2$
- ✓ Commercial unit in Australia, December 2022
- ✓ Voltage change makes them unattractive
- ✓ Claim that can be held at 0 volts (Na limited)
- ✓ But, more hazardous on charge than Li-ion (98°C mp)



## ✓ CATL and Natron are pursuing ferrocyanides (Prussian blue/white);



- ✓ Capacity similar to LFP – 169  $\text{mAh/g}$  (CATL targeting 200  $\text{Wh/kg}$ )
- ✓ High rate
- ✓ Low cost
- ✓ CATL - Commercial facility 2023 (PW)
- ✓ Natron – Commercial now (PB)



# Energy Storage Critical to US Security and Freedom



## INPUT

### Equipment Manufacturers

**Chemistry**  
(Acad, S/U, Industry)

**Small R&D cells**  
(Tested at RIT/BU)  
(<10 Wh)



## Tomorrow: BATTERY-NY

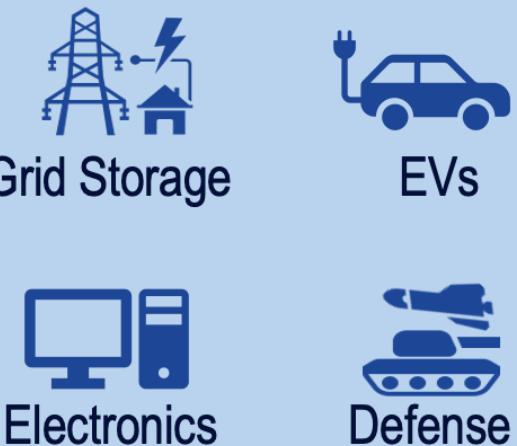
**New Manufacturing Approaches**  
to leapfrog Asia

**Full-size “Pouch” and Cylindrical  
Cell Lines**  
to allow evaluation of “real” cells (kWh)



## OUTPUT

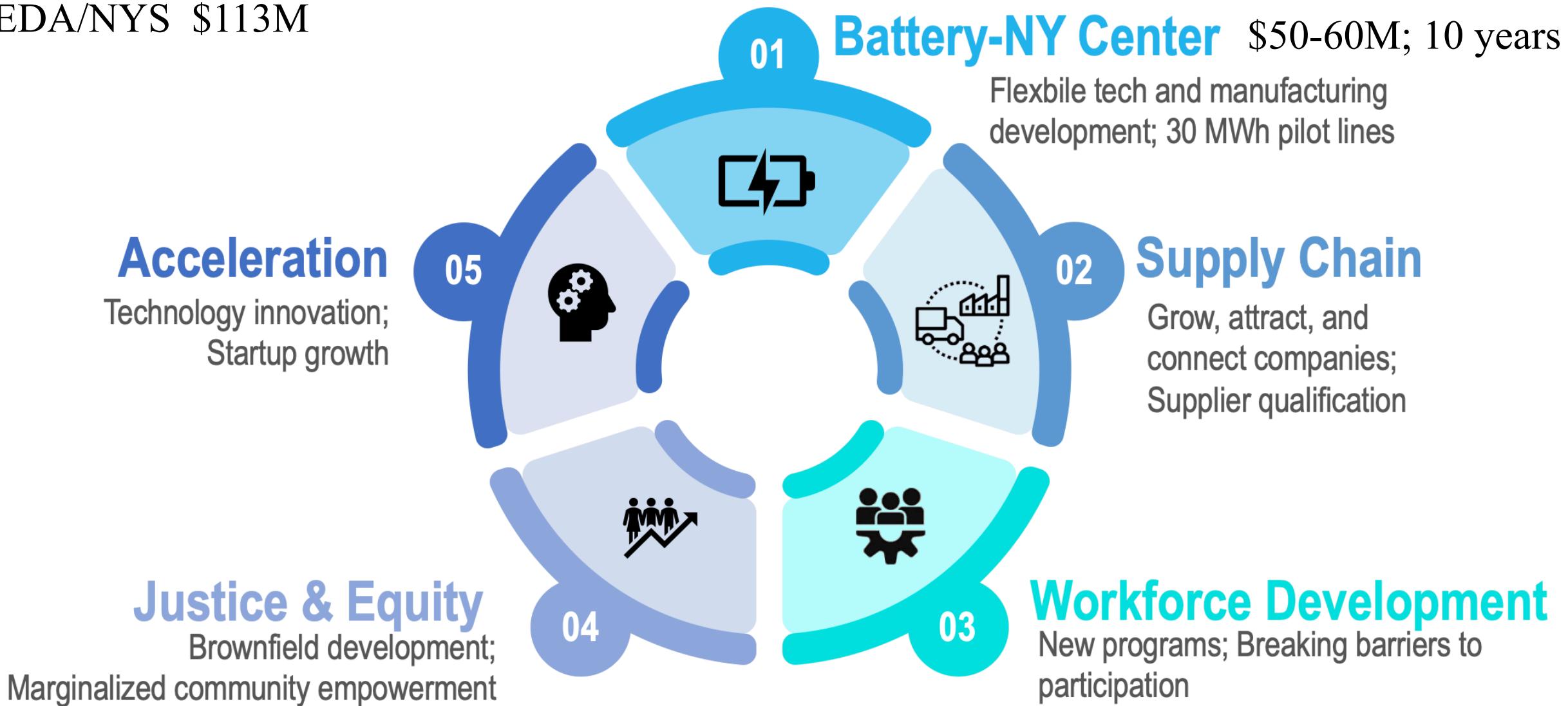
**Commercial Manufacturing in  
Southern Tier of NYS and  
North America**





# New Energy NY Projects to Build the Ecosystem

EDA/NYS \$113M





- ***Flexible technology development***

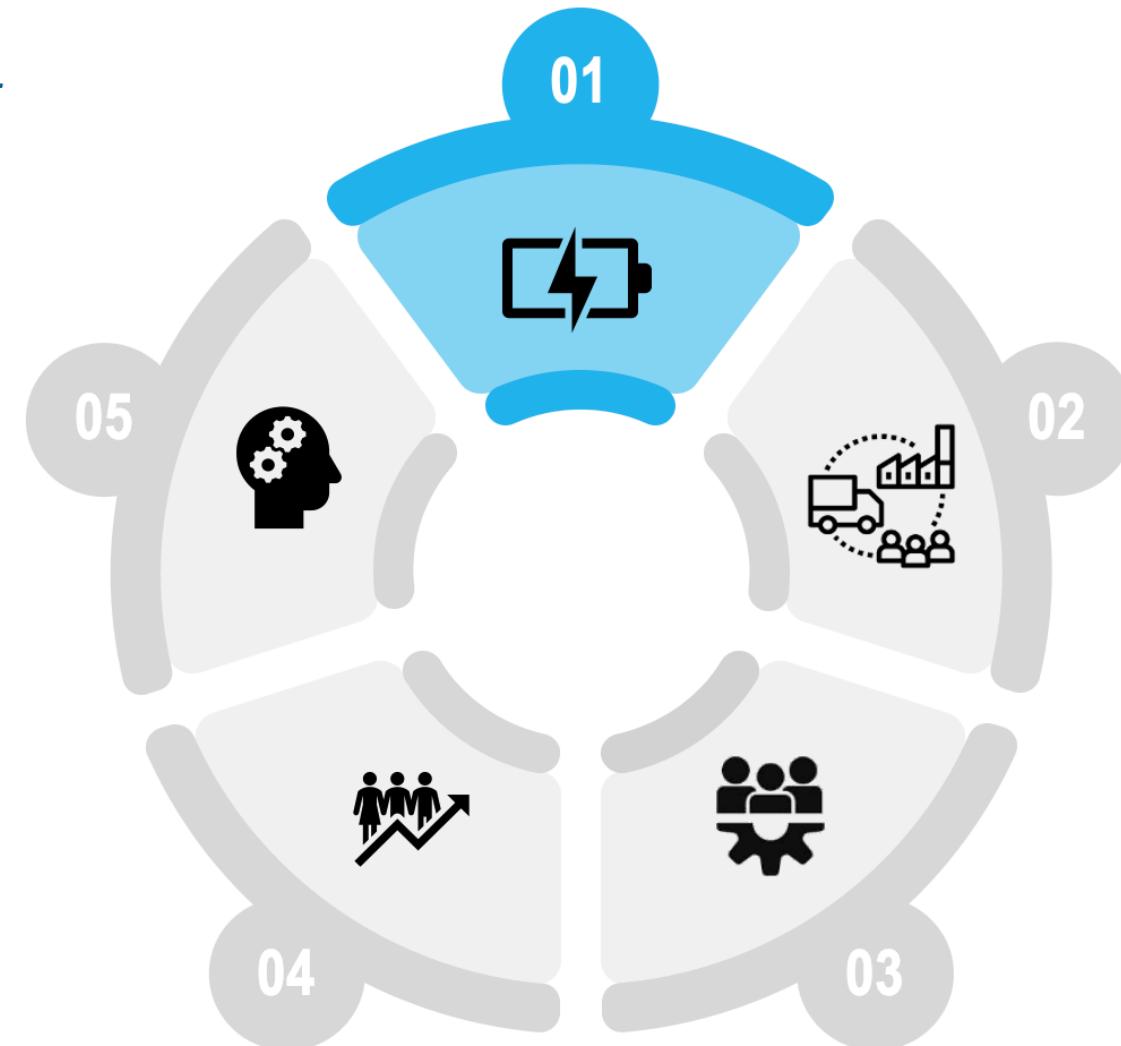
- Encourage American equipment manufacturers

- ***Development and testing of new manufacturing methods***

- Leapfrog the Asians
- E.g. Eliminate bad actors, like NMP

- ***Industry demonstration scale***

- 30 MWh pilot line
- Pouch and cylindrical/prismatic



# Kick-off of New Energy New York and Battery-NY



October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



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# Future Trends for Lower Cost/Safer Energy Storage

- ✓ **Lithium battery systems will dominate for next 5-10 years** (oxide and phosphate)
  - ✓ Fixed, no moving parts
  - ✓ Minimum maintenance
  - ✓ Trend back to “LFP” for non-extreme applications
  - ✓ For high Ni NMC, how high is too high?
- ✓ **Need systems that operate over wider temperature range**
  - ✓ Eliminate thermal issues and air conditioning
    - ✓ System efficiency raised from 70% to 90%
    - ✓ Safer
- ✓ **Impact of Federal funding on science and technology**

**Battery-NY looking for Executive Director**