

# Lithium-ion Battery Direct Recycling Solution

Cost effective, environmentally-friendly solution  
supporting the circular economy

January 2023



Shawn Turner  
Director, Strategic Partnerships  
Princeton NuEnergy  
[shawn\\_turner@pnecycle.com](mailto:shawn_turner@pnecycle.com)  
m: +1 (972) 898-5679

# About Princeton NuEnergy



2014  
Fundamental Research



2019  
Founding



2022.12  
DOE \$12M Award



2023.02  
Pilot Launch

## Origins

### Fundamental Research Conducted at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory & Princeton NuEnergy Formation



## Grants

US Department of Energy  
SBIR Phase I and Phase II  
Grants (\$1.4mm)



Energy Efficiency &  
Renewable Energy Grant  
(\$12.0mm)

Clean Tech Open  
National Grand Prize Winner



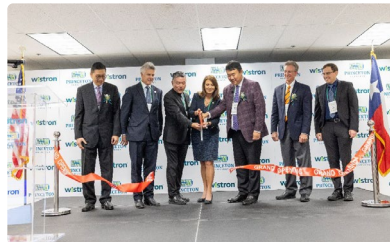
NJ Cleantech Seed Grant



## Commercialization

### Pilot Production

500-ton Joint Pilot Production Line



2022 - 2023

## Academic Achievements

Princeton  
University  
IP Accelerator  
Program

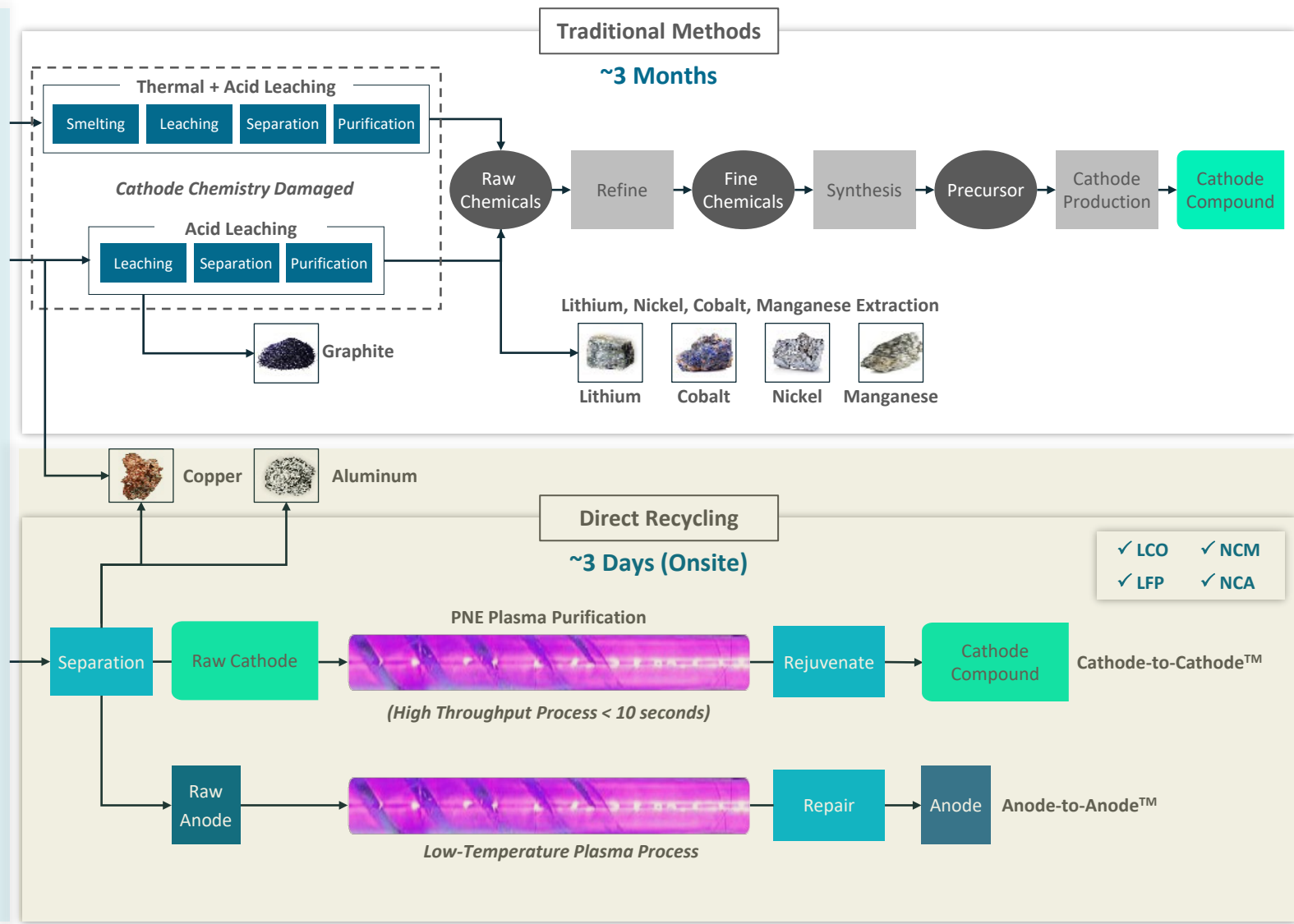
2022 Tiger  
Entrepreneur  
Award

Princeton  
University  
Website  
Recognition



# What We Do: Direct Recycling using a Low-Temperature Plasma Assisted Process

PNE's process does not break down the cathode and anode, simplifying the recycling chain and leading to reduced costs and lower environmental impact



- Old science that produces raw chemicals.
- Burdened by time, cost, and environmental impact!
- Low-temperature plasma-assisted purification removes trace impurities.
- No use of organic solvents or acids!



# Princeton NuEnergy's Direct Recycling

PNE's *Plasma-Based Direct Recycling* process is a faster, cleaner and more cost-effective alternative over competing technologies.



- “Right Size” site operations
  - **Localize** the end-to-end process in one plant
  - **Co-locate** to eliminate or minimize transport
- 
- Reduce environmental impacts – **No VoC’s, low energy use**
  - Better control your **supply chain!**

# Direct Recycling Advantages Over Traditional Recycling

PNE's Plasma-Based Direct Recycling process excels on all key metrics.

	Process	Product	Time	Product Value	Cost	GHG Emissions	Waste	Energy Consumption	Domestic Production
<div>Cathode-to-Cathode</div> <div></div>	<div>1. Separate materials</div> <div>2. Remove impurities</div> <div>3. Rejuvenate</div> <div>4. Upcycle</div>	Cathode	3 days	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	USA
<div>Pyro/Hydro</div> <div>Hydro-to-Cathode</div>	<div>1. Reduce to critical minerals</div> <div>2. Refine raw chemicals</div> <div>3. Synthesis (planned)</div> <div>4. Cathode Production (planned)</div>	Cathode	> 2 months	High	High	High	High	High	USA
Hydro	<div>1. Reduce to critical minerals</div> <div>2. Refine raw chemicals</div> <div>3. PCAM synthesis (overseas?)</div> <div>4. Cathode production (overseas?)</div>	Raw Chemicals	> 3 months	Low	High	High	High	High	?

The PNE technology recovers ~95% of all constituent materials of LIBs, while achieving cost savings and providing unparalleled environmental benefits



### Cost Savings

PNE’s novel low-temperature plasma assisted separation (“LPAS”) direct recycling process results in a **44% reduction in production cost** relative to mining



### Environmental Benefits

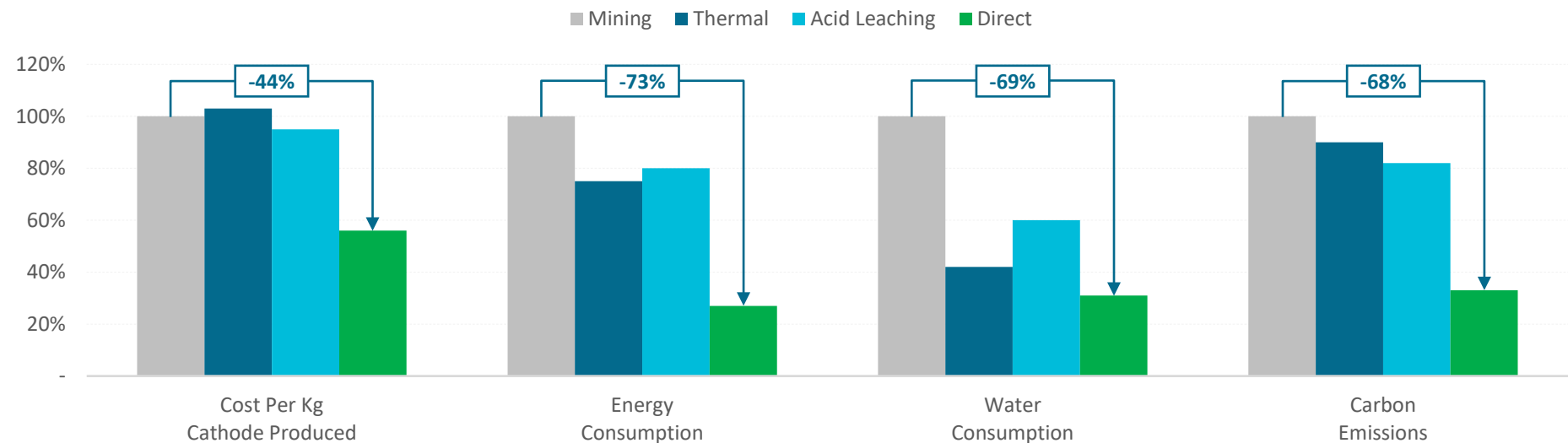
PNE’s LPAS technology results in **73% less energy usage, 69% less water usage, and 68% less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** relative to mining



### Circular Economy

PNE’s LPAS process can **recover up to 95% of all constituent materials** found in lithium-ion batteries, therefore **reducing the need for mining** of these materials to meet growing EV demand and helping **reduce landfill waste**

### Benchmarking vs. Mining and Other LIB Recycling Technologies<sup>(1)</sup>



Source: Argonne National Lab ReCell Center  
(1) Values of the thermal, acid leaching, and direct recycling processes are benchmarked to mining at 100%

FOR INTENDED RECIPIENT ONLY

# Thank You



Shawn Turner  
Director, Strategic Partnerships  
Princeton NuEnergy  
[shawn\\_turner@pnecycle.com](mailto:shawn_turner@pnecycle.com)  
m: +1 (972) 898-5679