

Lithium-ion Battery Direct Recycling Solution

Cost effective, environmentally-friendly solution
supporting the circular economy

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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



PRINCETON
NUENERGY
2014 - 2019

Academic Achievements

Princeton
University
IP Accelerator
Program

2022 Tiger
Entrepreneur
Award

Princeton
University
Website
Recognition



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

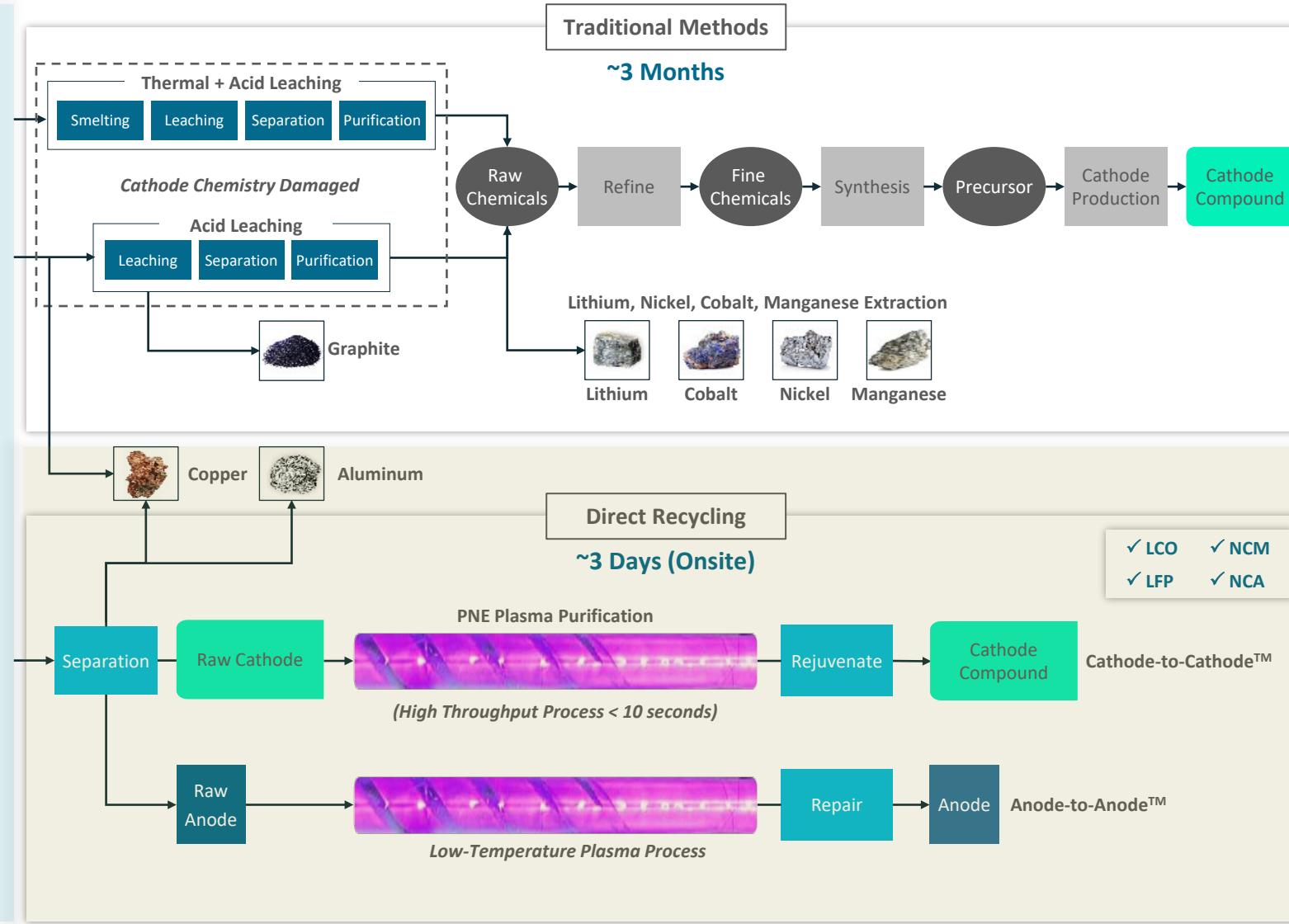


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What We Do: Direct Recycling using a Low-Temperature Plasma Assisted Process

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

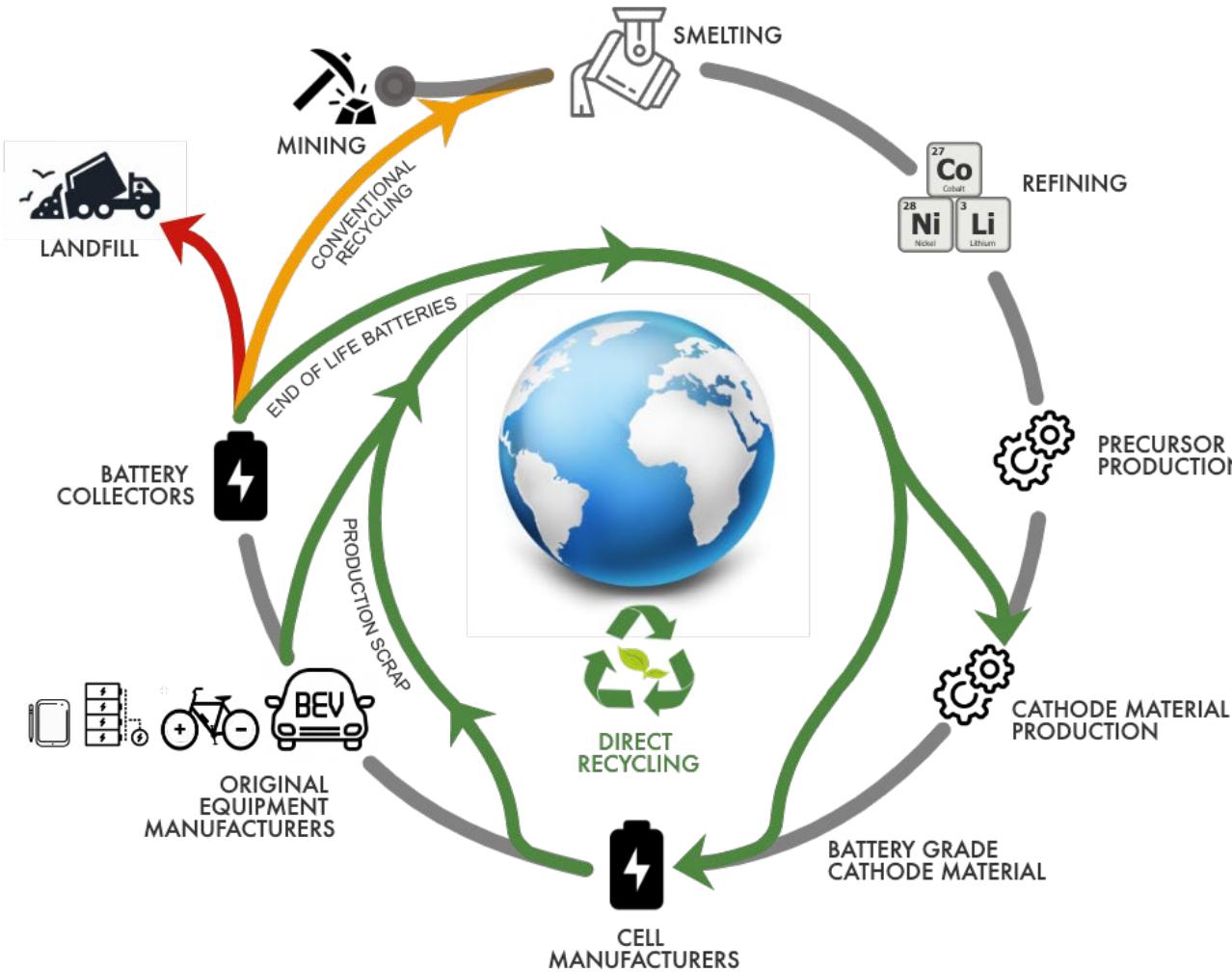
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- Old science that produces **raw chemicals**.
- Burdened by time, cost, and environmental impact!
- Low-temperature plasma-assisted purification **removes trace impurities**.
- No use of organic solvents or acids!

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
Cathode-to-Cathode 	<p>1. Separate materials 2. Remove impurities 3. Rejuvenate 4. Upcycle</p>	Cathode	3 days	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	USA
Pyro/Hydro Hydro-to-Cathode	<p>1. Reduce to critical minerals 2. Refine raw chemicals 3. Synthesis (planned) 4. Cathode Production (planned)</p>	Cathode	> 2 months	High	High	High	High	High	USA
Hydro	<p>1. Reduce to critical minerals 2. Refine raw chemicals 3. PCAM synthesis (overseas?) 4. Cathode production (overseas?)</p>	Raw Chemicals	> 3 months	Low	High	High	High	High	?

Value Proposition

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

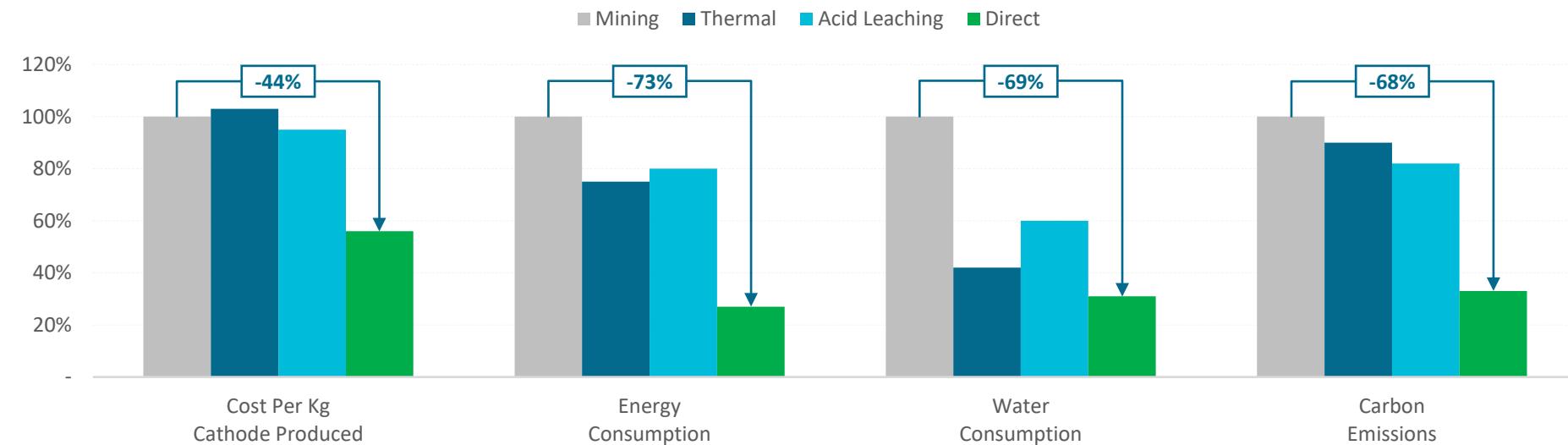
PNE's LPAS technology results in **73% less energy usage, 69% less water usage, and 68% less CO₂ emissions** relative to mining



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⁽¹⁾



Source: Argonne National Lab ReCell Center

(1) Values of the thermal, acid leaching, and direct recycling processes are benchmarked to mining at 100%

Thank You



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