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North East Battery Alliance Progress Event

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Electrification Process Innovation Cluster

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The Green Industrial Revolution





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- 1. To capitalise economically on the NE's current leading position in PEMD, batteries and offshore wind
- 2. To anchor the manufacture of more electrical components in the UK to meet EU Rules of Origin (otherwise export tariffs will force UK manufacturers abroad)
- 3. To ensure the NE workforce has the appropriate skills to meet the demands of the NE's growing electrification industry
- 4. To help deliver our Net Zero targets



Jamie Driscoll

Elected Mayor North of Tyne Combined Authority

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International strategy (politics)



The package — billed by Sunak as the "Atlantic Declaration" — would see the US and UK begin talks on a trade deal over critical materials like cobalt, graphite, and nickel that are crucial to batteries used in electric vehicles.



National strategy (politics)





We will maximise what the UK produces along the critical minerals value chain – through mining, refining, manufacturing and recycling – in a way that creates jobs and growth and protects communities and our natural environment. We will re-establish the UK as a skills leader and continue to do cutting-edge research and innovation in exploration, mining, refining and manufacturing.

The Strategy sets out our ambitions to work with other countries to strengthen trading and diplomatic relationships, and efforts to make supply chains more diverse, transparent, responsible and resilient. This will create opportunities for UK companies overseas and make sure UK businesses are trading on a level playing field.



National capabilities

Examples of clusters of critical mineral capabilities across the UK

Plus many UK organisations operating around the world in critical mineral supply chains.

North West England Rare earth magnet alloy. Critical mineral refineries.

Northern Ireland Rare earth magnet alloy. Critical mineral exploration.

West Midlands Battery and magnet materials and industrialisation.

> Wales Critical mineral refineries.

South West England Exploration, extraction and processing of lithium, tin and tungsten. Camborne School of Mines.

This graphic is illustrative; not intended to be exhaustive or comprehensive

Scotland Critical mineral exploration.

North East England Battery manufacturing and materials. Lithium exploration. Rare earth element refining.

East Midlands The British Geological Survey.

South East England Critical mineral refineries. Critical mineral recycling. Battery material expertise.

London

Metals trading. Headquarters of major and junior mining companies. Financial institutions, solution providers and professional services firms. Research institutions on critical minerals. Mining and metals standards. A centre of responsible mining finance.

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Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy



The epicentre of battery manufacture





The epicentre of electrification





About NEBA



The North East Battery Alliance (NEBA) is a collective of the region's universities and CPI focused on the Net Zero agenda specifically lithium ion battery and research, development and innovation.



NEBA Objectives

- To support large scale manufacture of batteries in the North East, including associated supply chains
- Maximising the potential the NE can offer industry in research and skills
- Bring together research institutions to determine our current strengths and capabilities in the area of batteries and identify gaps
- Understand the gaps in the industry for research, skills and future <u>Research</u>, <u>Development and Innovation needs</u>
- Build engagement across the partners
- Identify challenges
- Identify investment needs
- Lobby Government



NEBA story so far

Since NEBA was formed in March 2022, the region's five universities (Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland and Teesside) and CPI are collaborating, forming work groups reviewing all aspects of battery production from raw materials to recycling, to strengthen the region's research offering in this space.

Over 200 researchers working in the battery sphere engaged

Over 500 contacts

Over 130 companies engaged



The epicentre of battery manufacture in the UK



The regional battery cluster



Progress Since Mar 22

Conference in May







NEBA Progress – Good news

Green Lithium

- Large scale lithium refinery to supply Gigafactory demand
- 1,000 jobs during construction
- 250 high skilled jobs for local people in operation
- 3 years construction, commissioning during 2025

Tees Valley Lithium

- Lithium hydroxide production in Wilton Chemicals Park, Teesside
- 500 jobs during construction
- 500 high value skilled jobs in operation
- Securing supply chains of critical minerals

Weardale Lithium

Drilling has commenced

NEBA NEBA Progress – Good news Envision-AESC site



AESC envision Plant 1 opened 2013



AESC envision New plant



December 2022



Image of final condition (12GWh)

NEBA NEBA Progress – Recharge?



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Battery life



Pack





Increased recycling and reuse

•It's a current requirement that, at least, 50% of a battery's weight must be recycled. From 2025, this requirement will increase to 65% for lithium-ion batteries and to 70% from 2030. Specific recycling requirements will also be introduced for the lithium, cobalt, copper, nickel, and lead content of batteries. For example, the required recycling rate for lithium will increase from 35 to 70% between 2026 and 2030. The EU is seeking to set a 90% recycling rate for cobalt, copper, nickel, and lead from 2026.

•Recyclers will have to report annually on the quantity of batteries they handle and recycle, as well as the recycling rates of the various materials extracted. It will also be a requirement to measure the efficiency of their recycling processes.

•The export of used batteries outside the EU will only be permitted if the recipient's battery management procedure meets EU's requirements.

Increased use of recycled raw materials

•As early as 2027, the proposed EU legislation will require manufacturers to provide transparent information on the quantity of recycled cobalt, lithium, nickel, and lead in new car batteries. The required amount of recycled cobalt and lithium will more than double from 2030 to 2035.



Where next?



G = Gravity



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James Gaade Research Programme Director 14th June 2023









 The UK's flagship programme for electrochemical energy storage research, skills development, market analysis and early-stage commercialisation.

NEBA 5 Years of High-quality Impacts in Energy Storage The Faraday Institution has generated a great return on the UK's investment from a standing start in 2018





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Lead 10 major research programmes

across **27 UK universities** and research partners and **85 industrial partners**



United a community of 500+ researchers

45% new to field, to solve battery challenges through breakthrough science



Training and directly funding 71 PhDs

for UK industrial and academic careers, and an additional **100+** affiliated with our projects



Published 648+ scientific papers

63% in top 10% journals46% in top 10% most cited50% with international collaborators

Supported 8 entrepreneurial spin-outs

16 industry fellows & 11 industry sprints

International collaboration

MOU with US on joint battery research on recycling and cathode materials



36 inventions identified

18 patents filed and 6 published



Shaped policy

through **16 Faraday Insights, 10 major reports, 7 national consultations,** numerous briefings including a House of Commons inquiry and a House of Lords inquiry

Hosted 6 Royal Institution Events

attracting 290,000 online viewers

EBA The Continued Challenge for Batteries





level to reduce pack complexity

The Great Application Power/Energy/Chemistry Trade-off



NEBA Application-inspired programme focused on technical targets

within 3-4 years.

of-life and the circular economy.





RESEARCH STREAM 2 Beyond Lithium-ion

RESEARCH STREAM 1

Lithium-ion

Longer-term market challenges

Nearer-term market challenges

Projects that are higher risk, higher reward and could facilitate the long-term commercialisation of next-generation battery technology that still require considerable research in materials discovery and optimisation.



RELCo-Bat

Low-Cost Graphite

Polysulphide Single Liquid

Flow Battery

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RESEARCH STREAM 3 Batteries for Emerging Economies

Shorter-term projects focused on reducing the cost and improving the performance of battery technologies for use in developing countries and emerging economies. Funded from UK Aid as part of its Transforming Energy Access (TEA) programme

Oct 2020 start

• Gaps remain, however in some instances other higher TRL research organisations are better placed to focus in these areas e.g. Laser cutting for Slitting/Stamping linking to Catapults

NEBA 2022/23 FI Project Reshaping – manufacturing

Reviewed esearch alignment to manufacturing process steps across all projects and instigated actions to improve collaboration with UKBIC and industry to focus on major challenges of manufacturing process. Note some are unique to the flexibility of UKBIC operations

• Manufacturing process: Research project activity

WPs/PDRAs sat across multiple sections are included in each area



- Identified 'Top 6' Manufacturing Research challenges. Work is ongoing to improve FI research alignment in:
 - \circ Formation studies
 - \circ Rheology mixing
 - Mechanical modelling / Cell design
 - Defects in coatings
 - Calendering modelling

Reviewed alternatives for Slitting/stamping and cell side reactions













Maximising UK Economic Impact of Battery Research

NEBA Assembled a World-class Energy Storage Research Community







Industry partners



Grown interest and excitement

- Levelling up across UK
- 30% female
- 74% under 40
- 45% new to battery research



NEBA Faraday Institution Research – Smaller Short, focused research projects and industrial fellowships



Projects Seed Projects

Small, fast-paced, focused projects, widening the organisation's research scope, and set of university partners, in an initiative that will inform future research priorities



Industry Sprints

Focused projects where short-term research needs have been identified by industry, which lie within the broad scope of FI research projects, and which are of wider interest to industry

Entrepreneurial Fellowships

Providing start-ups in the area of energy storage technologies with financial and business support to drive battery innovation



Industry Fellowships

Enabling academics and industrialists to undertake mutually beneficial and collaborative energy storage research projects 37

³⁸**NEBA** Faraday Battery Challenge - 2

UK Battery Industrialisation Centre

Open access, scale up centre, rapidly moving products to market





Faraday Institution

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Harnessing the strengths of the UK research base





Collaborative R&D

Creating new solutions and demonstrations







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Market failure: Bridging the Valley of Death





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Decreasing time to market

by providing access to proven demonstration assets and industry expertise



UK Battery Ecosystem



Our battery materials innovation capabilities







Leverage assets and expertise across the Catapult Network



CPI areas of battery materials innovation

Materials

CAPABILITIES

- Development support in scalable processes for existing and nextgeneration electrode materials, including solid-state batteries and the recovery of high-value battery electrode materials
- Surface engineering of materials and structures to maximise performance

Formulation

CAPABILITIES

- Utilise **automated formulation** to screen and optimise existing chemistries
- Processing with a wide range of mixing technologies to maximise performance from grams to kilograms
- Optimise the evaporation and drying of **slurries**

CAPABILITIES

Coating and

structuring

- Wet coating, and vacuum deposition process development and optimisation
- Photonic and plasma processing for improved surface adhesion and increased efficiency
- Optimisation of electronic structures and interfaces to obtain the maximum benefits in electrode performance

Sensors

CAPABILITIES

- Developing Integrated and multifunctional smart sensors for high-value battery management solutions
- Distributed solutions to enable individual **cell monitoring**
- Embedding intelligent sensors in cells to better inform secondlife applications

Accelerate and validate your development journey for novel battery material technologies and demonstrate early stage feasibility of any electrode coating production underpinned by Data Science Capability

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Innovating together with CPI

CASE STUDY

Enhanced cathode materials for optimised battery packs

Optimising existing Li-ion cathode materials, exploring the use of greener solvents for electrode formulation and innovative carbon additives such as graphene and carbon nanotubes in the electrode structure.

Outcomes and impact

- Incorporated innovative carbons into cathode films which enhanced electrochemical performance
- Identified a green solvent (alternative to NMP) for cathode production using high throughput experimentation







Optimisation of battery materials

Developing safer and higher performance cathodes



Innovative carbon functionalisation

Powder characterisation and functionalisation of graphene nanoplatelets and single-walled carbon nanotubes.

High-throughput formulation

Intelligent, high throughput formulation of cathode slurries to incorporate innovative carbons.

Exploited rheology and particle dispersion properties to identify potential candidates.

Rapid solvent screening

High-throughput screening and characterisation of green solvents for cathodes (with attributes similar to traditionally used NMP) using Hansen Solubility Parameters and Principal Component Analysis.

Electrode screening

Analysed coating using SEM to understand morphology of electrodes.

Devised a micro coating adhesion strength test method to analyse coating.

Coin cell performance

Prepared coin cells using electrode films for electrochemical performance evaluation including Electrical Impedance Spectroscopy and cell cycling to measure energy capacity.

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Support in navigating the complex grant funding landscape





Faraday battery challenge round 6 competition

UK registered businesses can apply for a share of up to **£10 million** for innovation in battery technologies for electrification.

Two strands: Feasibility Studies & CR&D

Deadline: 12 July 2023

Aims of this competition are to:

- accelerate development and commercialisation of state-of-the-art battery technologies in the UK
- support growth of the supply chain and companies in the UK battery sector
- increase UK competitiveness in the global battery industry
- demonstrate ability of battery technologies to meet the needs of specific applications

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Discovery Museum

Discovery Museum collections consist of;

- Science and Industry
- Maritime
- Social History
- Costume and Textiles



We collect items that have a strong Tyneside link



Science and Industry

- 43,484 items
- There are items relating to; railways, electrical engineering, medical science, civil engineering, coalmining, mechanical and marine engineering and manufacturing.
- The big local stories. Invention of the miners' safety lamp, pioneering work in the electricity grid, Stephensons' work on locos and railways and the invention of the lightbulb.





How do we generate energy?











How do we get around?















How do we use energy in the home?



Who we want to reach?







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