## NORTH EAST BATTERY ALLIANCE

**North East Battery Alliance** Launch Event

Day 2 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

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## Day 2

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### 09:30

#### Welcome

#### 09:50

Part 1 - The landscape, main drivers, public and private perspectives

#### 11:45

**Panel Session** 

#### 13:15

Part 2 – The Challenges – Themed Interactive Sessions (focusing on highlighting the key challenges and how to develop

#### In parallel from 13:30

Investment suite and focus group in the Catalyst Boardroom – Inward & Capital Investment

#### **16:05**

Networking



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## An Overview of NEBA

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### An overview of NEBA







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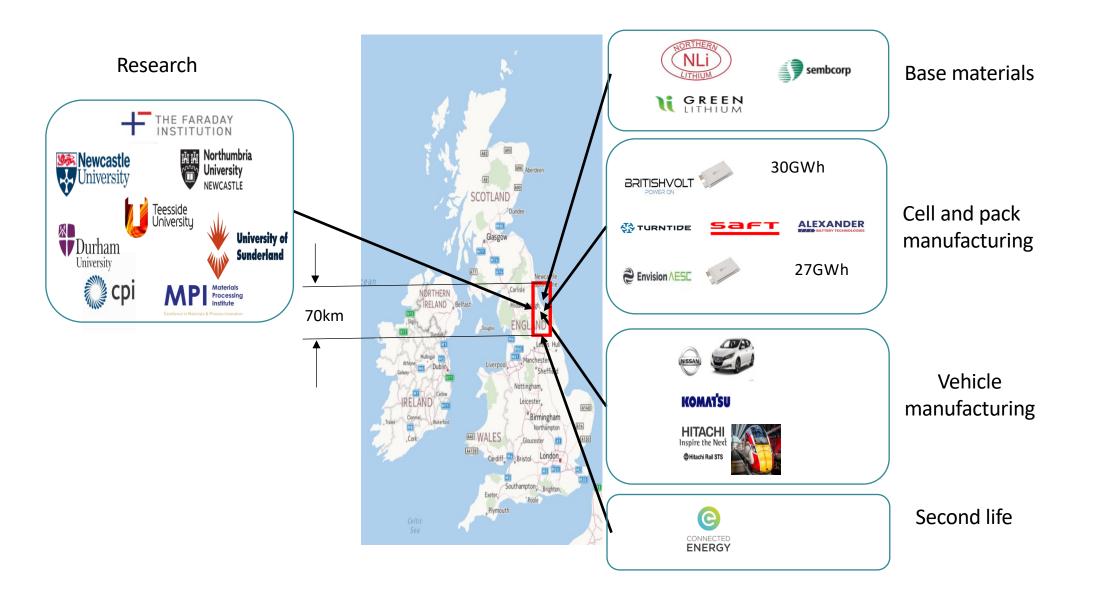


### A brief history of EV in the UK



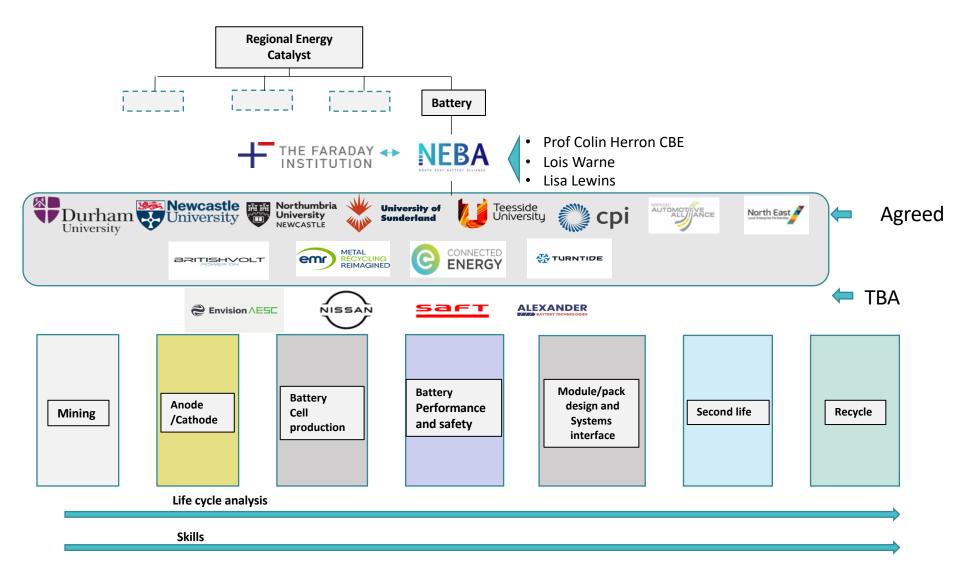


### Current assets regarding batteries in the NE





#### North East Battery Alliance Structure





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#### The Britishvolt Effect – accelerating the transition to a sustainable society Peter Rolton 09/03/21



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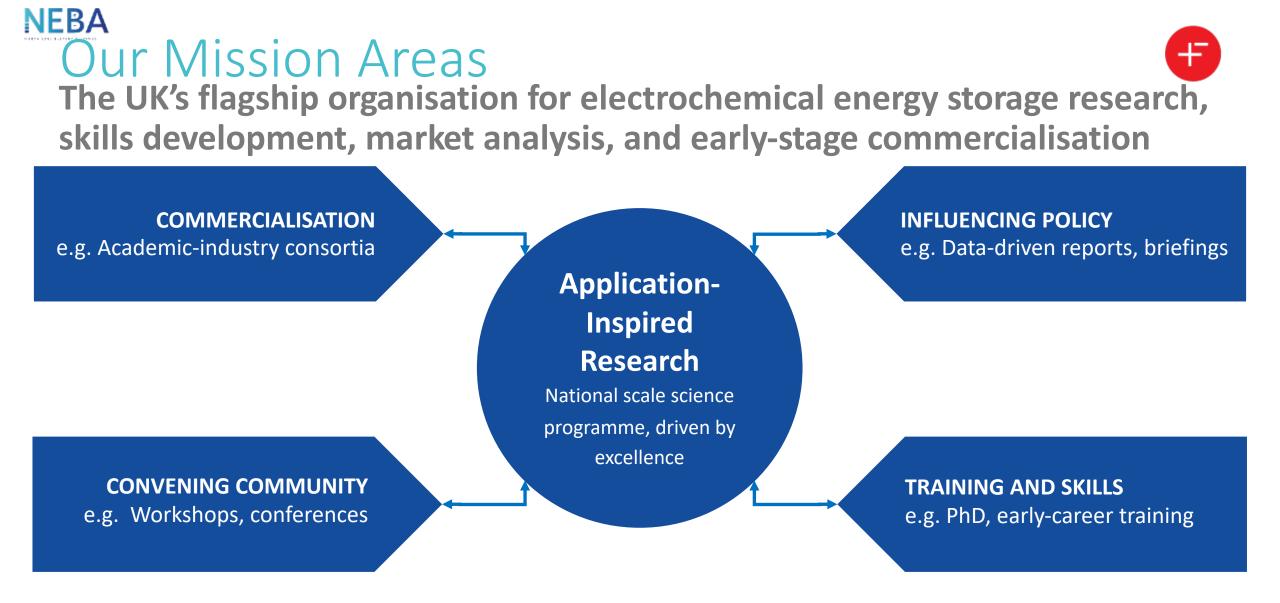


## The Faraday Institution North East Battery Alliance

Matthew Howard Chief Strategy Officer

11 May 2022





**Maximising UK Economic Impact of Battery Research** 

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## NEBA The Faraday Institution: 4 years of impacts Positioning the UK as an international leader in battery research





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#### Lead 10 major research programmes

across 24 UK universities and research partners and 50+ industrial partners



#### **United a community** of 500 researchers

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



#### **Training and directly** funding 55 PhDs

for UK industrial and academic careers, and an additional 82 affiliated with our projects



#### Published 410+ scientific papers

63% in top 10% journals 46% in top 10% most cited 50% with international

collaborators

#### Supported 8 entrepreneurial spin-outs

**16** industry fellows & **8** industry sprints

#### Leads a consortium of 7 UK organisations

to develop solid-state battery prototypes



#### 26 inventions identified

3 patents granted and a further 13 in patent process



#### Shaped policy

through 13 Faraday Insights, 10 major reports, 5 national consultations, numerous briefings including a House of Commons inquiry and a House of Lords inquiry



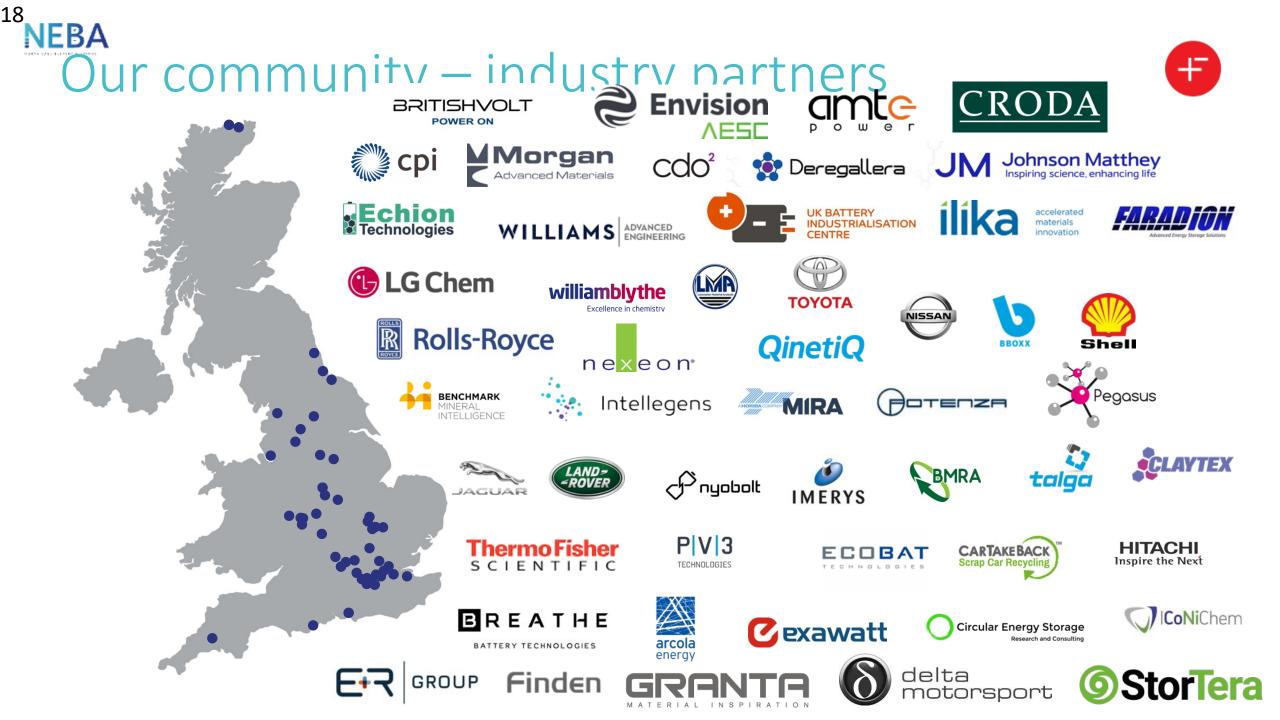
#### Hosted 5 Royal Institution **Events**

attracting 300,000 online viewers

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SIS Neutron and Muon Source

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### NEBA **Application-Inspired Research focused on**

	Projects optimising current generation lithium-ion based batteries where there are still considerable gains to be made and where	MU
RESEARCH STREAM 1	breakthroughs could start to be realised in commercial settings	
Lithium-ion	within 3-4 years.	
Nearer-term market challenges	In addition, our recycling and reuse project is focused on battery end-	
	of-life and the circular economy.	



#### **Beyond Lithium-ion**

Longer-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.

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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

**RELCo-Bat Low-Cost Graphite Polysulphide Single Liquid** 

**Flow Battery** 

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## NEBA Early-Stage commercial isation Prioritising and accelerating the commercial value of research arising from Faraday Institution programmes



#### **TSCAN** methodology

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Component		Description	Category
Т	Technology	Probability of a discovery being available at a given time	Impact
S	Significance	Significance of the breakthrough for the UK economy and manufacturing industry	Benefit
С	Competition	Potential competition, including cost and performance criteria	Impact
A	Action	Activity required to move the discovery to the next stage of commercialisation	Activity
N	Investment	Public and private investment required to reach the next stage	Cost

https://www.faraday.ac.uk/get/insight-13/

#### **Convening academic-industry collaborations**

Route to commercialise breakthrough science emerging from research programmes, seeding the UK battery supply chain

First example: assembled solid-state battery **collaboration** of leading UK-based organisations

- Faraday Institution, Johnson Matthey, Britishvolt, UKBIC, Emerson & Renwick, Universities of Oxford and Warwick
- Combining ambitions to develop worldleading prototype solid-state battery technology

### **NEBA** Entrepreneurial Fellowships



Supporting entrepreneurs from the UK battery research community

- Financial and business support to start-ups in the area of energy storage technology to drive innovation
- Seed funding, networking and mentoring
- Support opportunities emerging from Faraday Institution research programmes or other closely related activities
- 7 funded to date
- Funding to date £640,000
- Applications welcome at any time

https://www.faraday.ac.uk/opportunities/entrepre neur-fellowship/

Spin out	From University
About:Energy	Imperial, Birmingham
Gaussion	UCL
Cognition Energy	Oxford, Imperial
Qdot	Oxford
Solveteq	Imperial
Breathe Battery Technologies	Imperial
Vislon	Cambridge



## GAUSSION: FAST-CHARGING WITHOUT AFFECTING BATTERY LIFE

UCL spin out, Gaussion, commercialising technology that could reduce charge time of EVs by 68% and unlock significant cost savings during cell production at gigafactories

#### Achievements

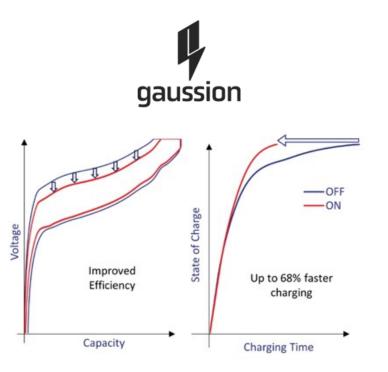
CASE STUDY

NLDA

- MagLiB technology invented at UCL exposes cells to patented device producing a **dynamic magnetic field**
- Allows higher average electric current during charging, reducing charge time by 68% and maintaining energy density and lifetime
- Faraday Institution Entrepreneurial Fellowship supported Gaussion
- RSC Energy & Environment Award, Emerging Technologies Competition
- Ready for real-world proof of concept project

**Potential impact** 

- Projected revenue from EV rapid recharging by 2026: >£250m
- ~£10m annual cost saving from one 35 GWh gigafactory for a 1% reduction in cell formation time by speeding charge/discharge process



A cell charging profile with the device on (red) and off (blue) for a commercially available cell. In this example, use of the **novel technology reduces charge time by a factor of three**.



## Industry Fellowships

## Fostering relationships between industry & academia

- Establishing collaborative research with benefit to UK battery industry
- Advancing defined research project with commercial potential
- Facilitating university researchers to work in industry settings or vice versa
- 16 funded to date
- Funding to date £930,000
- Successful route in to FI funded programmes from universities not previously involved
- Application deadline 1 April and 1 October each year
- <u>www.faraday.ac.uk/opportunities/industry-</u> <u>fellowship/</u>

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Exawatt
Williams (WAE)
Breathe Battery Tech
Hitachi High-Tech
Thermal Hazard Technology



#### **CASE STUDY**

## SCALE UP OF LI-ION CELLS WITH UNPARALLELED FAST CHARGING CAPABILITIES 🕂

#### Prototype development by Coventry University Industry Fellowship unlocks £8m investment for Nyobolt Ltd

#### Achievements

- Nyobolt Ltd, a Cambridge University spin out, is developing a niobium-based anode material with fast charging capability and high power
- A Faraday Institution Industry Fellowship with Coventry University delivered a rapid transition from small lab cells to full prototype demonstrator cells
- Demonstrated potential of Nyobolt materials in commercially relevant cells

#### Impact

- Protype devices essential to Nyobolt to secure a £8m Series A investment
- **Demonstration of a Coventry University-based capability** to rapidly turn around industry relevant prototypes to allow the parallel optimisation of cell chemistry, cell engineering and applications development
- New approaches to cell design and engineering being developed to ensure design does not limit the performance of this new class of materials



Prof Alex Roberts and Dr Agata Greszta of Coventry University's Cell Prototyping Laboratory

## NEBA Industry Sprints

## Focused projects satisfying a need identified by industry

- Short-term research needs identified by UK industry partners
- Projects that lie within the broad scope of Faraday Institution research projects, and which are of wider interest to industry
- Each is affiliated to a main FI project
- Typically 12-month duration
- 8 funded to date
- Funding to date £1.8m
- Application deadline last day of Jan, April, July and October each year

https://www.faraday.ac.uk/opportunities/industry -sprints/



University (Industry partner)	Research area
WMG at Warwick, UCL, Leicester	Cell degradation
UCL (OXLid)	Quasi solid-state Li-S cells
Southampton (Thermal Ceramics UK)	Li-ion conducting fibre for composite solid-state electrolytes
WMG at Warwick (Johnson Matthey, JLR)	Screening of electrode manufacturing for soli- state batteries
St Andrews (Morgan Advanced Materials, Ilika)	Supported thin films for oxide electrolytes
Imperial (AMTE Power)	Optimising pack design for thermal management
UCL	Cell abuse, off gas species and related behaviours
Oxford	Materials for thermal transfer

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#### CASE STUDY

## AVIATION BATTERY SAFETY SPRINT: UCL AND INDUSTRIAL PARTNER

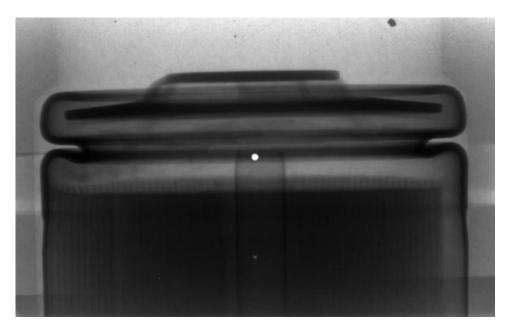
Characterisation of the failure of lithium-ion cells under extreme conditions, with the potential to lead to advances in pack design to control or mitigate the effect of cell failure in aviation applications

### Significance and Impact

- Aerospace company needed to **understand the collection of off gases** under certain **battery failure conditions**
- "Sprint" project examined the mechanism of failure, gases produced during an event, energy/mass released, and any geometric changes
- Models are being built that could **predict flammability limits**, which will enable a faster, and more efficient pack development processes for aero

### **Research Details**

- Calorimetry combined with mass spectrometry provide details on the mechanism of failure, heat release and gas composition
- X-ray tomography and mathematical models show internal structural differences after failure
- X-ray radiography is used to capture high speed video during failure



Fractional thermal runaway calorimetry and X-ray radiography used to analyse thermal runaway. UCL Electrochemical Innovation Lab (video above)



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### Chair, North East Local Enterprise Partnership



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## Levelling Up: Turning rhetoric into action

Alexander Rose, Director, DWF



- A great opportunity:
- Post-Brexit law
- the Levelling Up agenda



- Post-Brexit Law
  - examples of opportunities that have been taken so far;
  - how the North East can move onto the front foot and thereby help the Sector.
- The Levelling Up White Paper
  - ATF > Global Britain Investment Fund
  - Mayors > Let them do more, with more
  - The gaps are the opportunities



- Making sure our points land with decision makers
- The power of examples, BrainPort in Einhoven
- Identifying threats and communicating these to our advantage
- Celebrating our successes effectively





We need to engage with the Levelling Up agenda to get investment.

To secure the lion's share, we need to have the best ideas and communicate these effectively.



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#### AN OVERVIEW OF FARADAY INSTITUTION NORTH EAST





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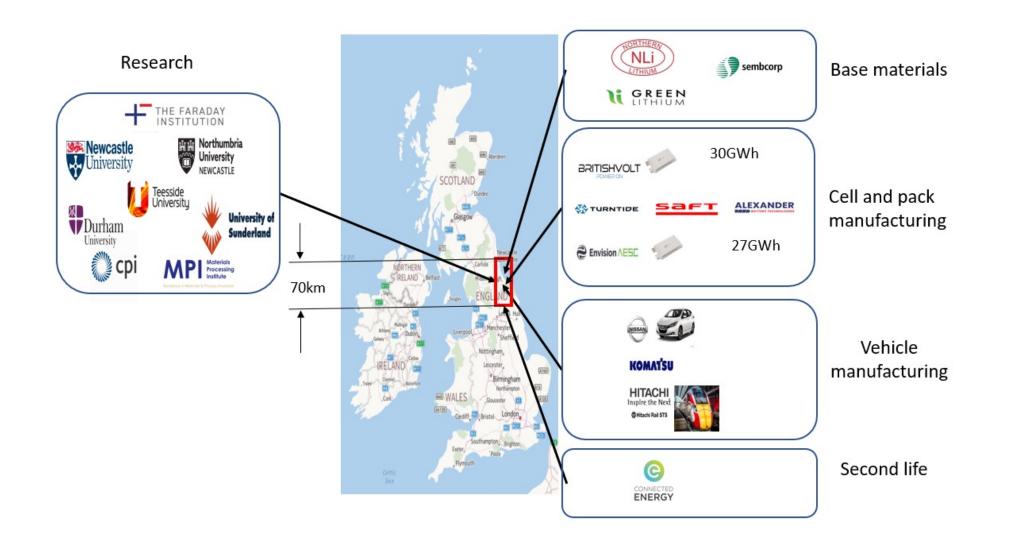


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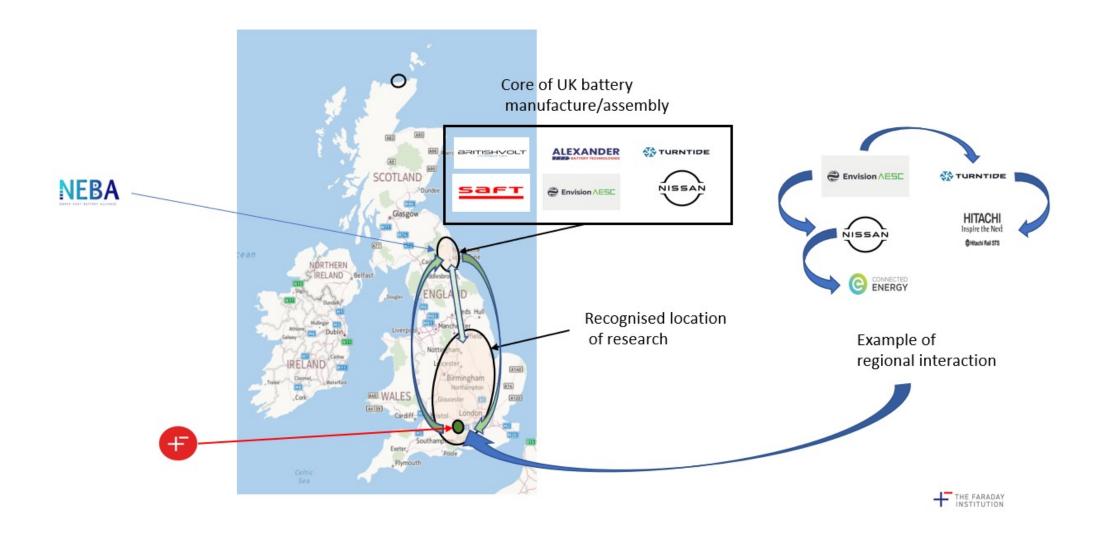
#### CURRENT ASSETS RELATED TO BATTERIES





#### UNITING THE UK





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# **NEBA Progress**

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Lois Warne



















# What is NEBA

# The North East Battery Alliance = A partnership of academia, industry & public sector

Currently, 5 regional universities, one catapult, supported by industry and the public sector

Development project to Mar 2023, led by Newcastle University, aims to identify and build on the North East's existing strengths in electrification, automotive, and advanced manufacturing

Raise awareness of the North East as a leading research hub for the battery industry and attract further inward investment





# **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





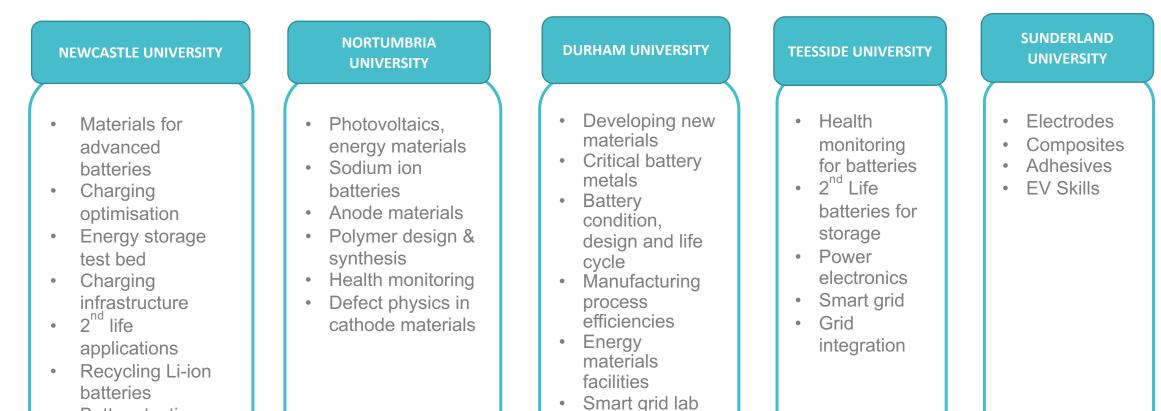


# What is NEBA

Encourage collaboration in research to provide a powerful offering to industry regionally and nationally.

- Shape collaboration projects
- Identify funding
- Determine the national image in the battery space
- Future insights, R&D&I needs
- Work across academia, industry and public sector





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V2G Charging

- Battery testing
- V2G charging



# Plans

#### A portfolio of regional research capability & capital assets

Determine our strengths in this space to build a regional portfolio of our capability of research in battery related activity:

- Engage with researchers across all 5 universities
- Collect information on research projects, relevant specialisms,
- Previous relevant projects
- Current project
- New project ideas
- Existing / future collaborative work
- Support us to disseminate information to your institutions ensuring we reach all the relevant researchers
- Identify key people to lead collaborative groups for their specialist area

Research capability template developed to share to start this process.



#### Academic Workshops

#### Objective

- To draw out our strengths and capabilities as a region in lithium ion battery recycling.
- To identify the gaps for research in this area and
- How we can work together to ultimately provide a research hub which supports the growing battery manufacture and development in the North East.
- Discover new project ideas

#### Format

- Break out groups, 5 questions. 90 minutes. Guided discussion with facilitator
- Discussion and capturing feedback
- Re-group for group feedback, further group discussion, challenges and next steps



#### NEBA Launch event – 2 days

#### Objective

- To officially launch NEBA and raise awareness of its objectives
- To bring together stakeholders, relevant supply chain organisations, with research and innovation institutions to share ideas
- How we can work together to ultimately provide a research hub which supports the growing battery manufacture and development in the North East.
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#### Format

- 2 Day event (Academic & Industry)
- Day 1 Focus on the challenges and opportunities, demonstrate research, explore future pipeline themes
- Day 2 Industry and supply chain landscape, inform audience of what is going on in the region, explore challenges in battery supply chain, how do we coordinate our activity



- NE LEP bid & Funding £90k funding, total project £181k total
  Mar 22 Mar 23
- 5 regional universities engaged, Battery Groups forming, <u>140 academic</u> <u>contacts, and growing</u>
- Close ongoing collaboration with CPI
- Industry engagement & developing relationships AESC, Britishvolt, Lithium Salvage, Nissan, EMR, MPI, Green Lithium
- Research Capability Mapping & database
- Local industry & asset mapping working with Faraday Institute and CPI
- Public Sector Engagement
  - NE LEP
  - INEE
  - DiT



- Themed academic workshops delivered, 90 attendees, 3 to date 5 more planned
  - FI, EMR, Connected Energy, CPI
- PR and social media





# What next?



This is a fundamental question which is part of the reason for today. A fire has been lit today and through our chairperson

We will be tackling who, what, and how over the coming months. We welcome your participation as it is a big task!



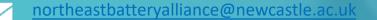




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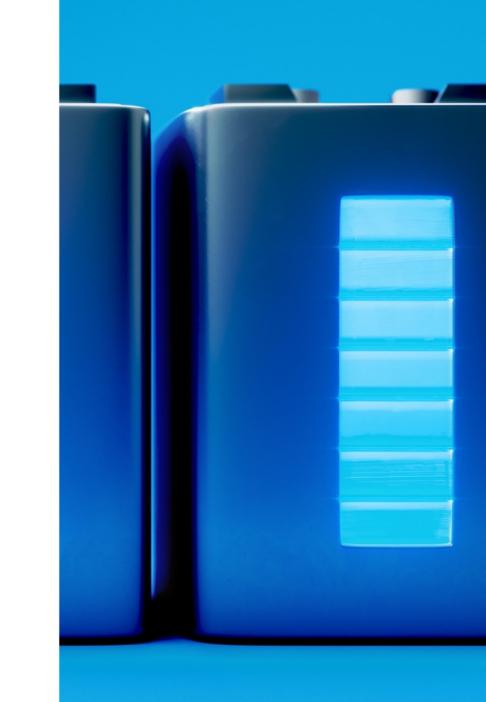


### **CPI and the Catapult assets**

#### **Dr. Graeme Cruickshank**

CTIO & General Manager – Formulation, CPI

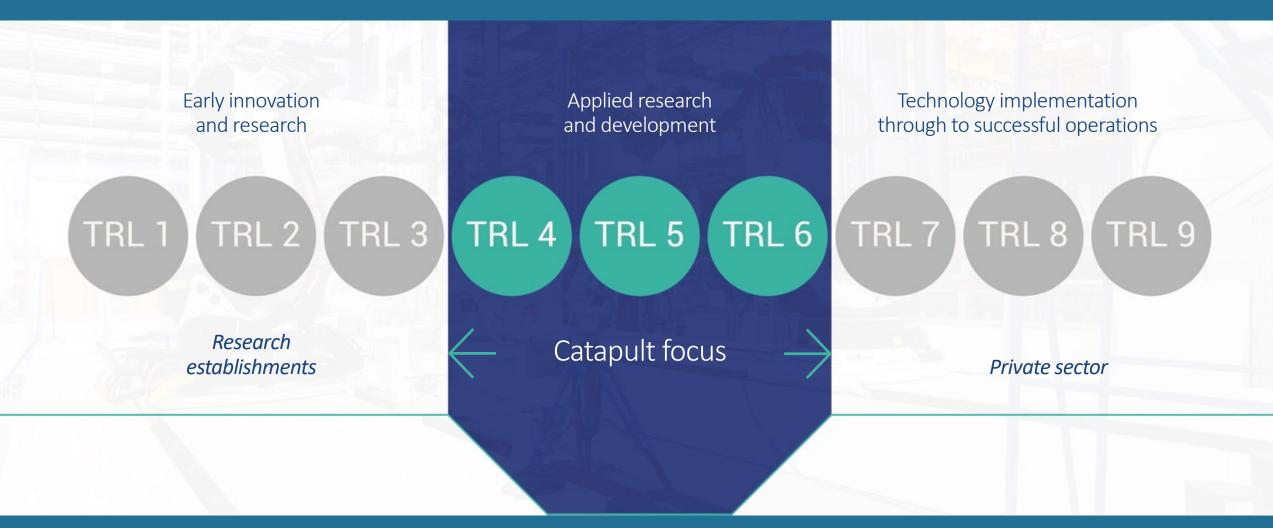


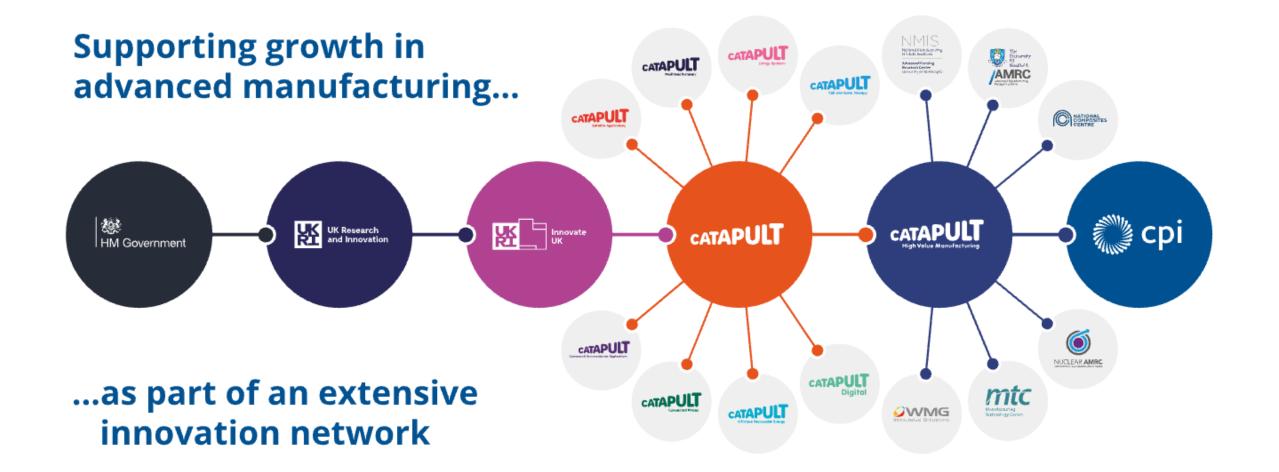


We help companies to develop, prove, scale-up and commercialise new products and processes









#### **Our mission**



The HVM Catapult is the catalyst for the future growth and success of manufacturing in the UK. We help accelerate new concepts to

We help accelerate new concepts to commercial reality and thereby create a sustainable high value manufacturing future for the country.



# Drive growth of manufacturing

Help companies of all sizes incubate and develop new technologies to commercial reality

# Take the risk out of innovation

Give business access to:

- World class open access equipment
- The UK's best relevant research knowledge
- At elbow support from engineers, scientists, technicians
- An environment of collaboration and open innovation
  - Cross sector
  - Cross technology
  - Whole supply chain
  - Even among direct competitors











# technologies













Advanced Assembly

Automation

Biologics

Composites

Digital Manufacturing

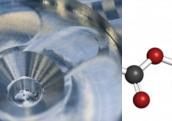
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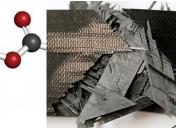


Flexible Manufacturing Formulation



**High Temperature** Processing



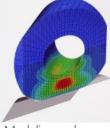


Materials Characterisation



Metal Forming and Forging

Metrology



Modeling and Simulation



Netshape and Additive Manufacturing

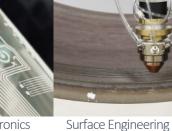


Joining

Energy Storage



Printable Electronics and Sustainable Manufacturing









Machining

Polymers



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to prove the feasibility of your new ideas before approaching investors, stakeholders, or funding programmes



## **Reduce risk**

by helping prove and refine your novel technologies before investing further in new facilities and equipment

## Decreasing time to market

*by providing access to proven demonstration assets and industry expertise* 



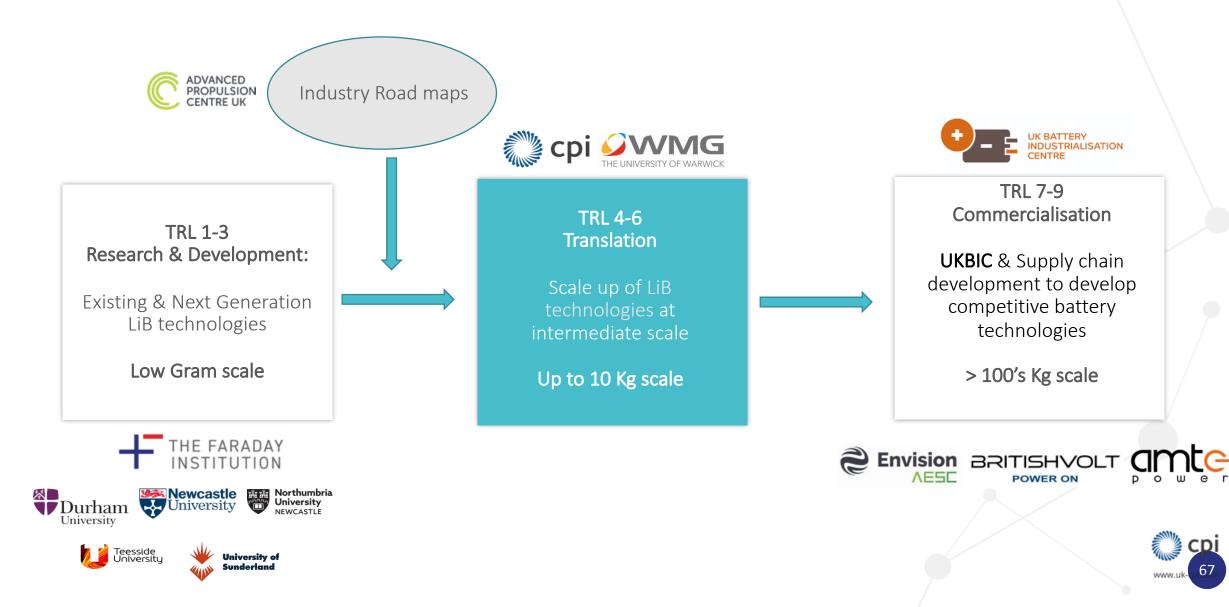
# Our battery materials innovation capabilities







#### **UK Battery Ecosystem**





#### Our battery materials offer

# Materials

#### Formulation

#### CAPABILITIES

- Utilise high-throughput
  experimentation 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

# Coating and structuring

#### CAPABILITIES

- 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

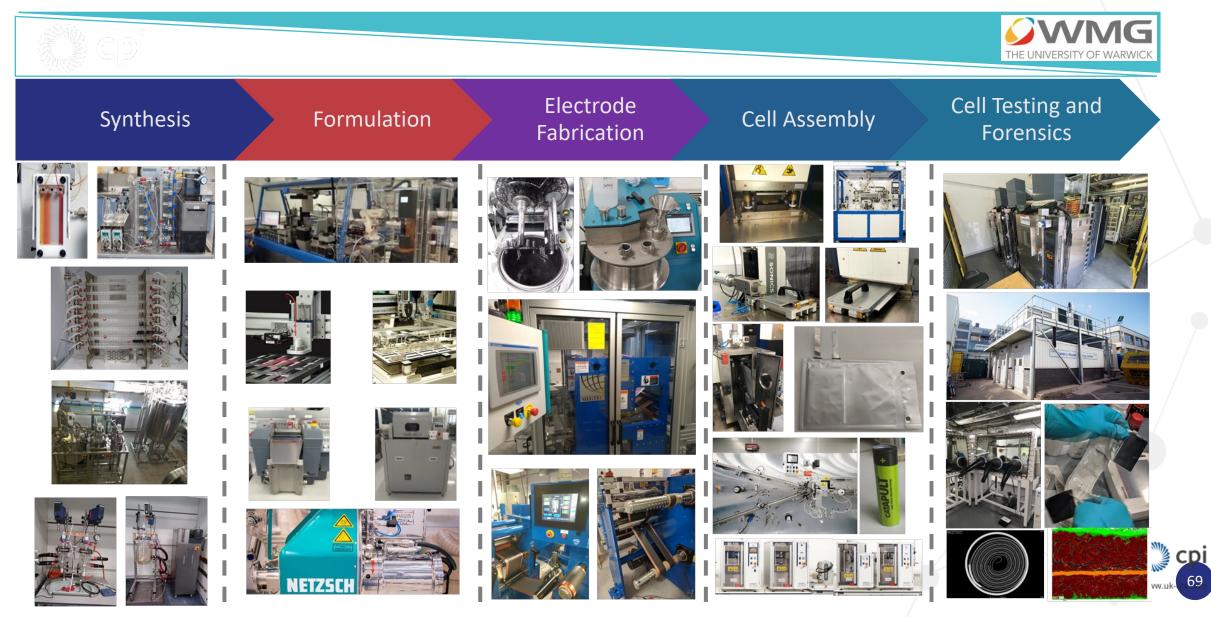
#### CAPABILITIES

- 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





#### Leveraging Assets & Expertise cross the Catapult Network



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PANEL SESSION

Panel session on identifying the gaps and how to develop into a world leading industrial sector

> Ryan Maughan Panel Chair EV North

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# Lunch Break and Networking

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