



# Powertrain 2020

## The Li-Ion Battery Value Chain – Trends and implications

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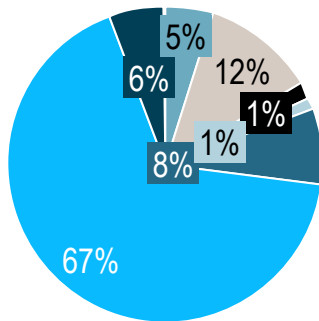
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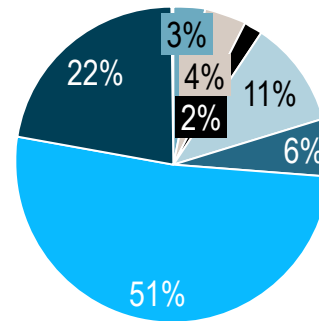
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Share of powertrain technologies in major markets in 2020 – High scenario [%]

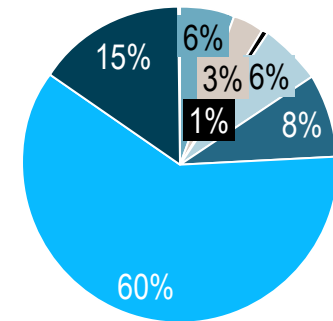
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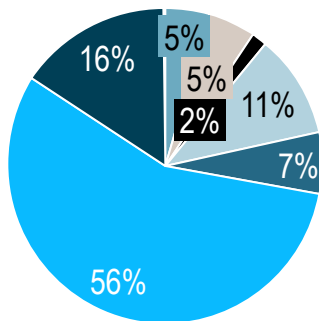
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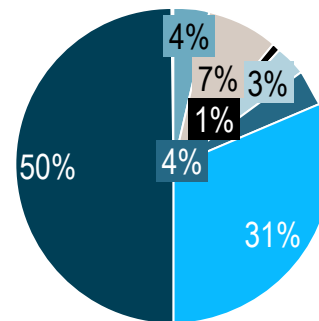
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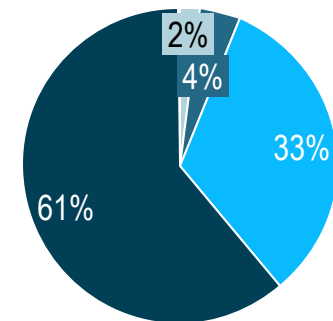
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EV PHEV serial PHEV parallel Full hybrid Mild hybrid Micro ICE

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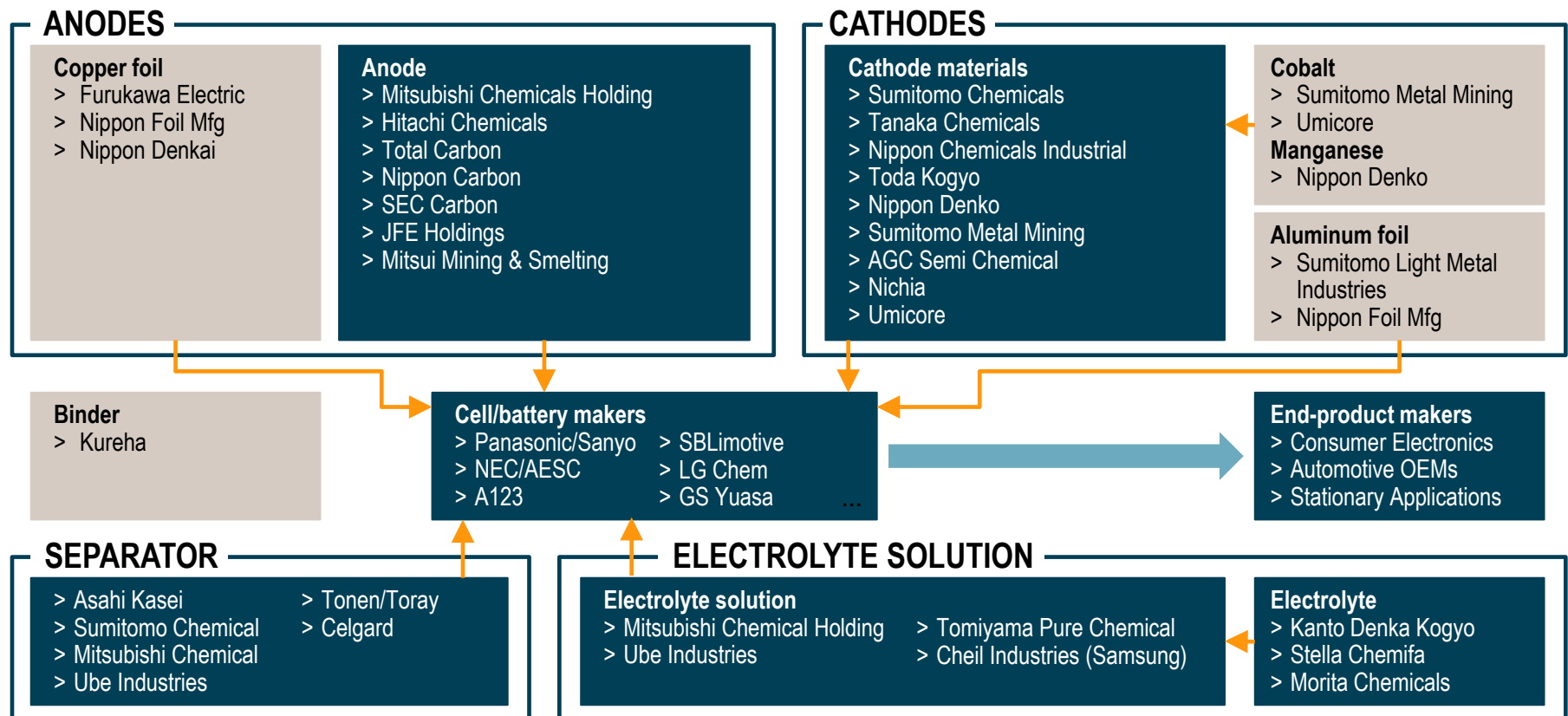
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# To understand cost development the industry structure and future trends need to be understood

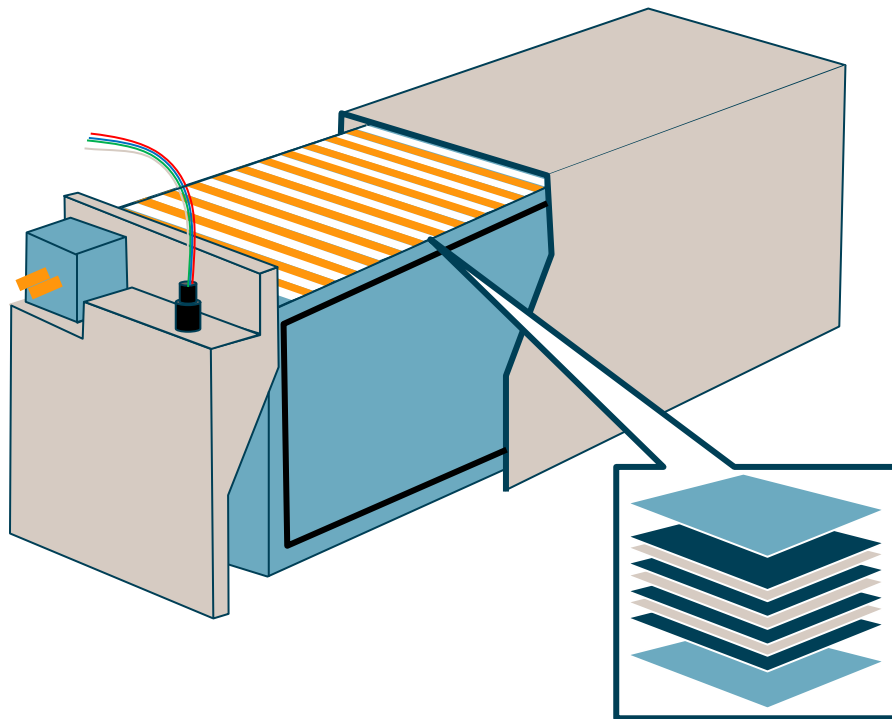
## Li-Ion battery supply chain overview



We use a realistic high-energy reference battery for our unique cost analysis covering the complete value chain

Reference battery module used in analysis

**BATTERY MODULE DESIGN**

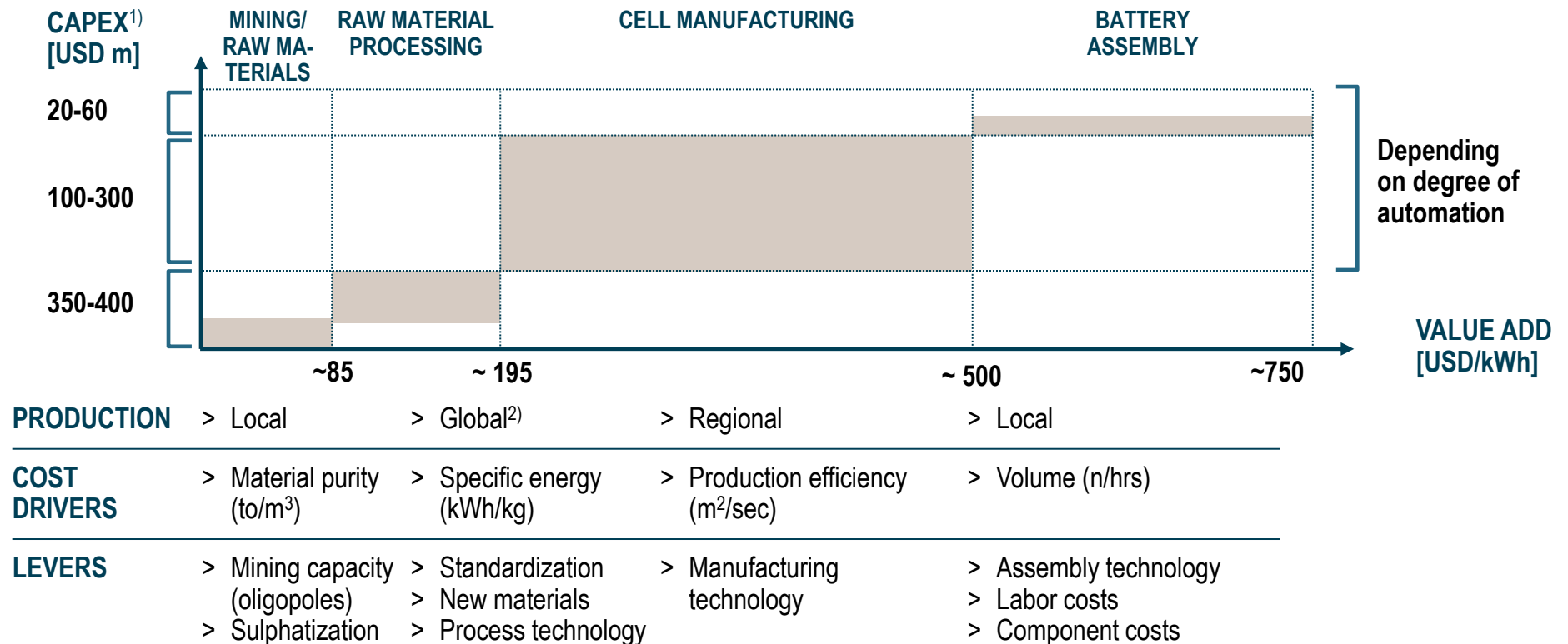


**MAIN SPECIFICATIONS**

- > 266 V/ 20 kWh battery
- > 2 parallel strings with 6 modules in series for each string; (12 modules in total) = 20 kWh
- > Battery module: 44 V/38 Ah = 1.67 kWh
- > Module weight: 13 kg
- > Total battery weight with BMS etc.: 176 kg
- > Integrated liquid cooling with heat conducting plates between cells
- > Integrated module controller, monitoring each cell

# Raw materials and processing account for around 40% of cell costs – High lever for future cost reduction efforts

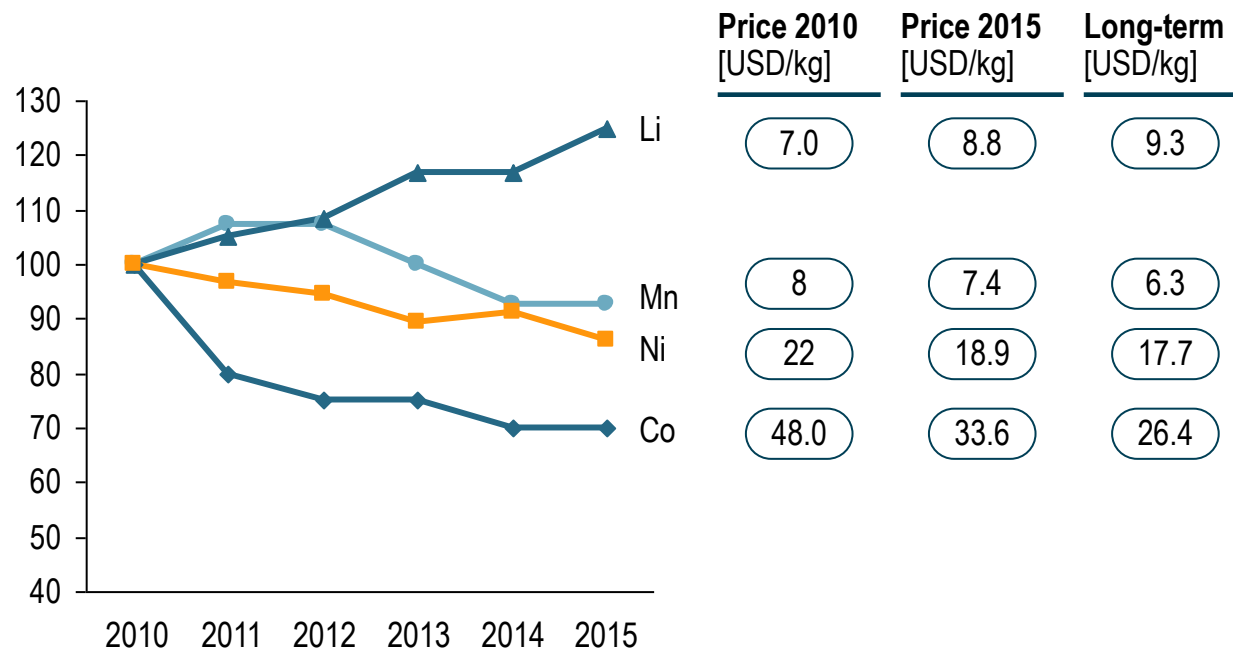
## Value chain EV battery of ternary mix (NMC), current costs



1) Necessary invest for 100 k EV-equivalents (20 kWh) 2) Electrolyte solutions will be produced in region, electrolytes (LiPF<sub>6</sub>) can be produced in a single location for global market

# Co and Ni prices are expected to decrease as capacity is expected to double – Positive effect on cathode material cost

Expected raw material price development 2010-2015 (2010 = 100%)



## COMMENTS

- > Increasing **nickel capacities**, production of cobalt as a by-product
- > **Cobalt capacity** expected to **double** by 2015
- > **Lithium price** expected to **increase** until 2015, as only limited capacities built up yet
- > **Price premiums for sulphatization** processes (esp. for manganese) **expected to stay high**

**Li:** LiCO<sub>3</sub> with 19% Li content  
**Mn:** High grade (44%) content

**Ni:** 99.8% Ni content (LME)  
**Co:** 99.3% Co content (LME)

# While Top-3 companies share 60-80% of the market, moderate entry barriers result in new players with rise of Automotive LiBs

## Market entry barriers for battery materials

Market entry barriers	Cathode	Anode	Separator	Electrolyte
Investment need				<sup>1)</sup>
Product know-how				
Production know-how				
Customer relationship				
Access to raw materials <sup>2)</sup>				
<b>New entrants (recent examples)</b>	> BASF > Sumitomo Chem.	> Timcal	> Mitsubishi Chem. > Mitsui Mining > Idemitsu Kosan	> Idemitsu Kosan > Central Glass

Very high   Medium   Low

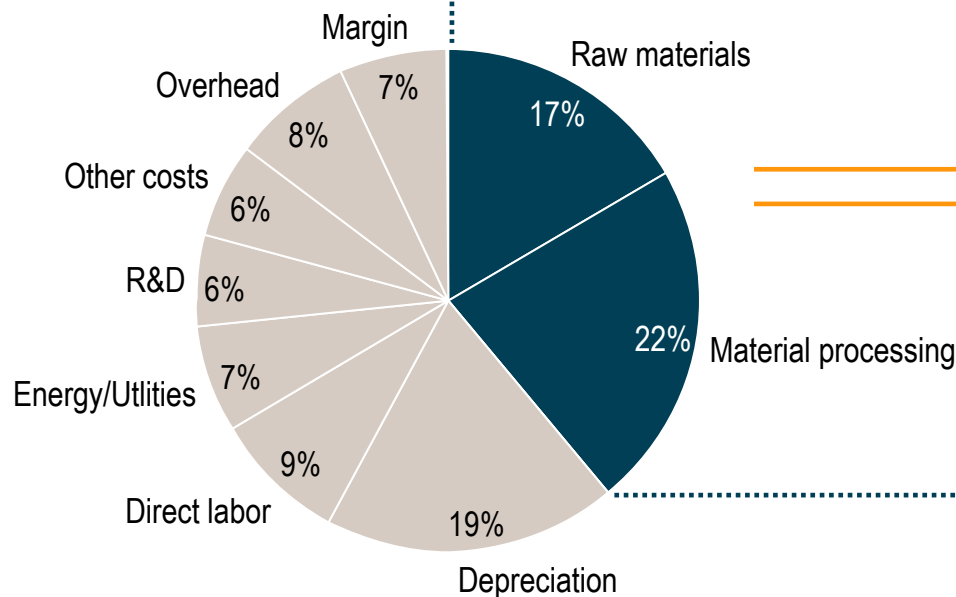
1) High for LiPF<sub>6</sub> (precursor material)   2) Access to mining capacities (esp. Ni, Co, Mn)

# The four analyzed materials account for 75% of cell material costs – Overall approx. 30% of today's total cell cost

## Importance of different materials in cell battery cost structure

**Battery cell cost breakdown, 2010<sup>1)</sup>**

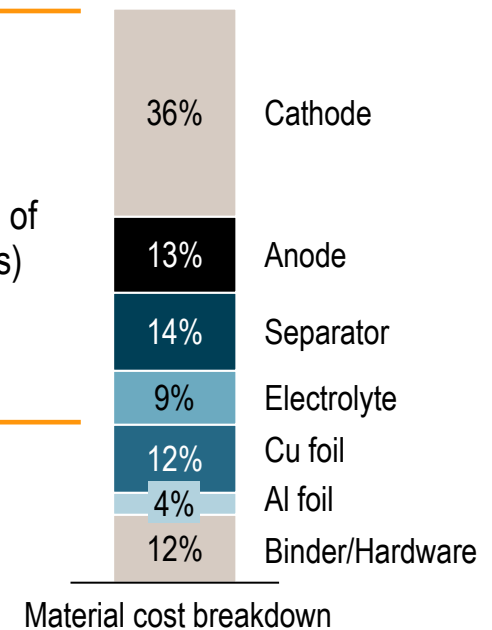
Total cost: approx. USD 500/kWh



**Material cost split, 2010<sup>1)</sup>**

~USD 195/kWh

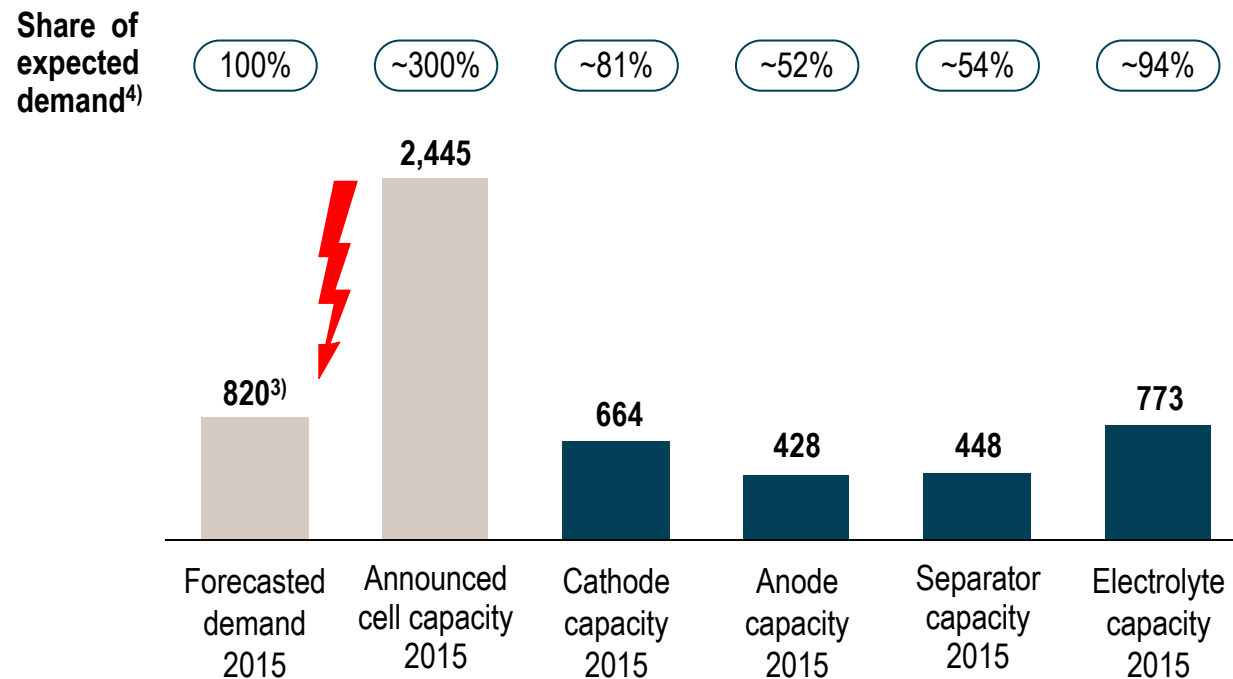
~75%  
(approx. 30% of total cell costs)



1) Approximate values for ternary mixture (NMC), depend on the chemistry and quality, excl. module/pack components (connectors, housing, BMS, cooling module)

# For materials, price pressure through overcapacities is not expected, as announced capacity build-up is below forecasted demand

## Overview demand vs. cell capacity vs. material capacity<sup>1)2)</sup>



### COMMENTS

- > Li-Ion automotive related materials **capacities are lacking behind** the aggressive capacity increase of cell manufacturers, **especially anode and separator materials**
- > Price reductions in materials therefore not expected to be driven by emerging overcapacities
- > Demand from **consumer electronics** (~2.3 m EV equivalents in 2015) **not shown** on this chart

1) In '000 EV equivalents, 1 EV equivalent 20 kWh, for other assumptions please refer to p. 13

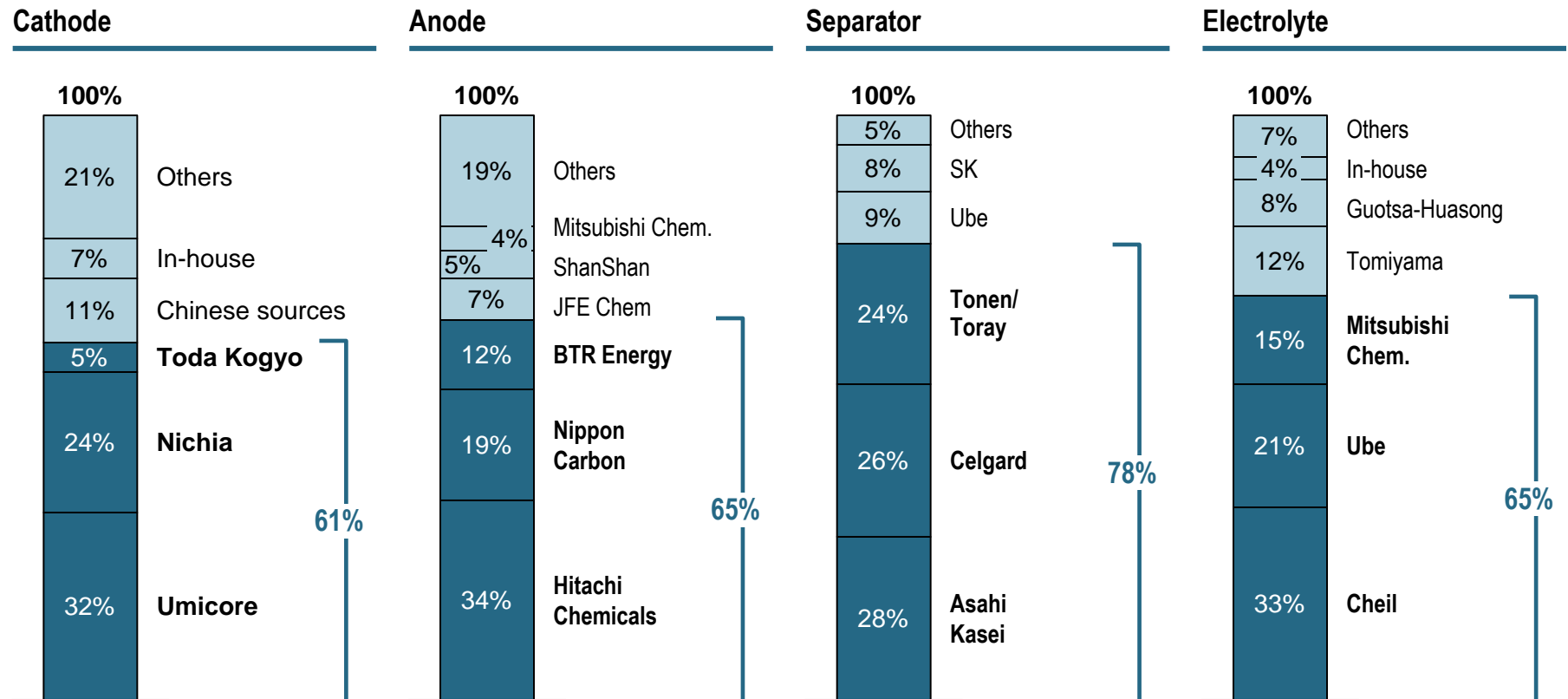
2) Capacity projections include announced plans by manufacturers, might not be exhaustive

3) RB high scenario "The future drives electric"

4) In % of forecasted demand from automotive

# The market for the battery material is highly concentrated – Top-3 companies with 60-80% of the market

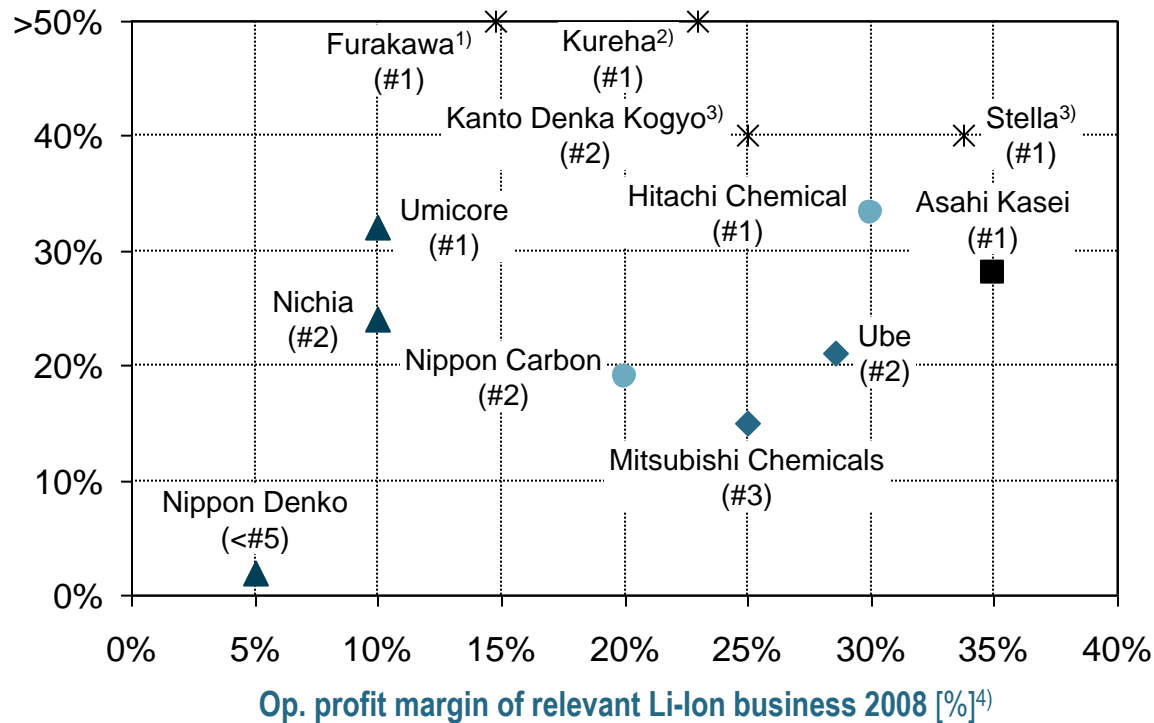
Market shares in Li-Ion battery raw materials, 2010 (all applications)



# Scale is one of the major profit drivers in the market – Market leaders usually with highest profitability

## Comparison market share vs. operating profit margin

Market share 2010 [%]



### COMMENTS

- Concentrated market leads to high operating margins due to economies of scale
- High market entry barriers exist for new players, especially for anode and separator material
- Average industry operating profit margins:
  - Cathode materials: 5-10%
  - Anode materials: 15-25%
  - Separators: 25-35%
  - Electrolyte solutions: 25-30%

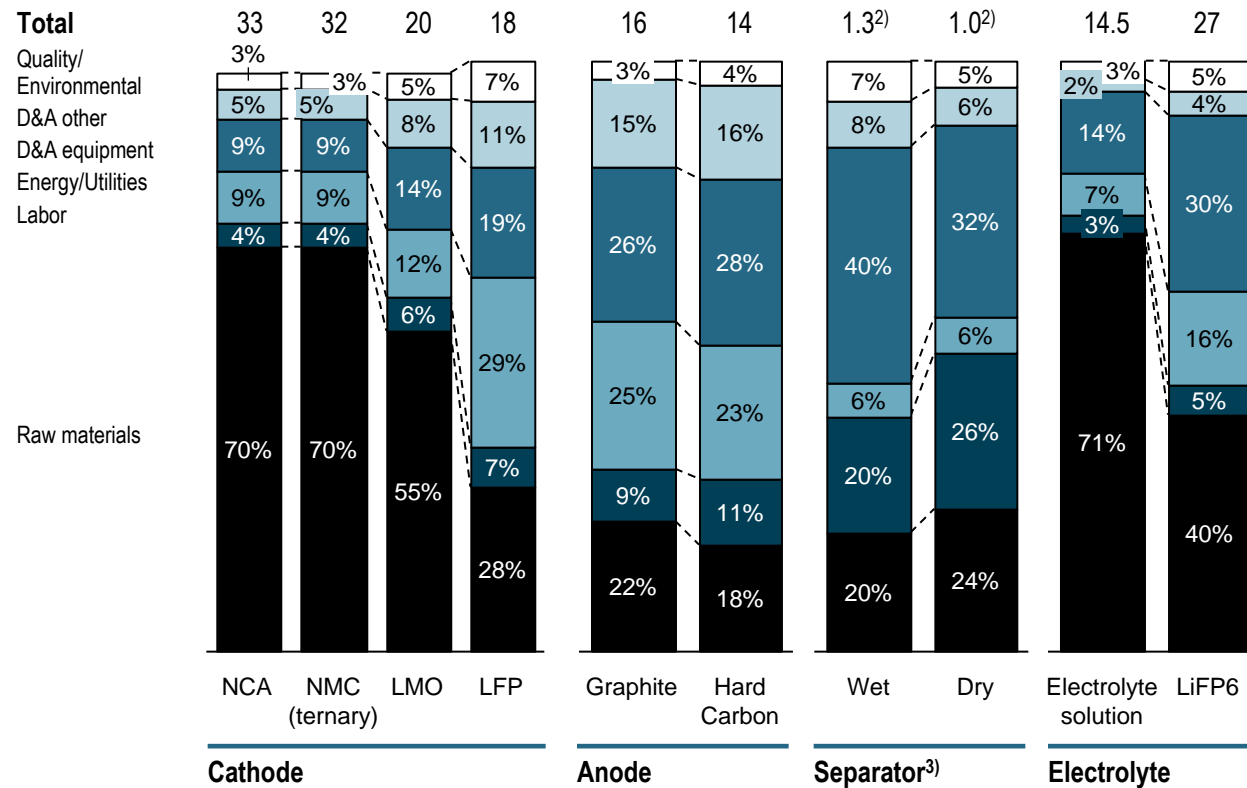
● Anode materials ▲ Cathode materials ◆ Electrolyte solutions ■ Separators ✕ Other materials (pre- / by-products)

1) Aluminium foil 2) Binders 3) LiPF<sub>6</sub> (electrolytes) 4) Margin estimates per product for 2010 not available

# The cost structure of different materials reflects the know-how areas and major focus areas for cost reduction

Cost structure of different materials (2010)<sup>1)</sup> [USD/kg]

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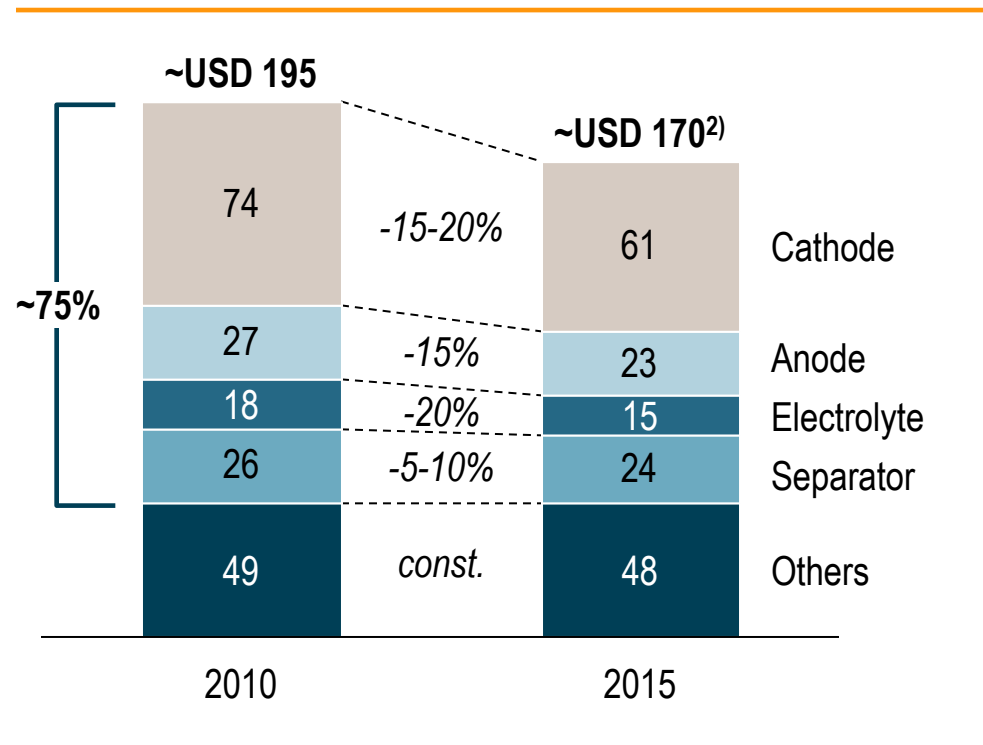
## COMMENTS

- Calculations based on following assumptions:
  - Full capacity utilization
  - Labor cost 100 k USD/year
  - Energy cost 5 US cent/kWh
  - Depreciation equipment 7 years
  - Land, building 10 years
- Costs are based on production in US (labor costs, energy costs per kWh, environmental costs etc.)
- R&D and overhead costs are excluded

1) For typical battery grade materials, excludes R&D and overhead costs 2) In USD per m<sup>2</sup> 3) Raw material cost in separators include subcontracting

Overall, the material prices are expected to fall by 10%..15% in the medium-term (without changes in composition or energy density)

Expected medium-term (2014/15) material price<sup>1)</sup> development, estimates [USD/kWh]



- > Largest contribution to the cost reduction from
  - Cathode due to decreasing raw material prices (Co, Ni) and intense competition
  - Anode due to commoditization
  - Electrolyte due to increasing competition (decreasing margins)
- > Calculation assumes usage of same technologies and material compositions, and other material costs staying constant (binder, Cu/Al collector, housing)
- > Further positive impact on the cell cost expected through new materials, increasing density of the materials

1) Approximate values for NCM cathode (ternary mix) and natural graphite anode, excludes potential improvements in production processes (investments as in 2010)

2) Overall, approx. 15% price decrease expected (incl.others/cell hardware)

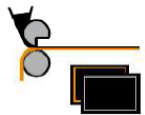
# Cell manufacturing can be roughly divided into electrode manufacturing, assembly and electrical formation

## Production steps – Cell manufacturing

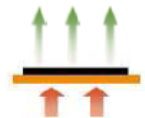
### ELECTRODE MANUFACTURING



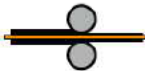
Slurry mixing



Coating



Evaporating



Compressing



Slitting

### ASSEMBLY



Drying



Tab welding



Stacking



Packaging



Filling

### ELECTRICAL FORMATION (SYSTEM DEPENDENT)



Formation



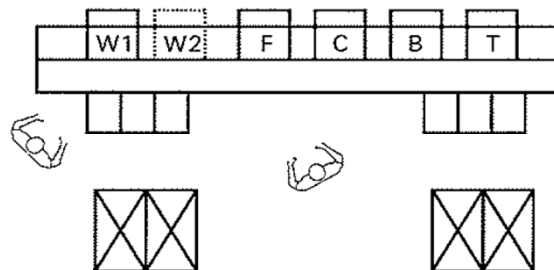
Final Storage and  
Testing

# High automated manufacturing state of the art today – Low automated process only needs approx. 1/3 of total investment

Typical investments for cell capacity – High vs. low automation [USD/kWh]<sup>1)</sup>

## High automated manufacturing process

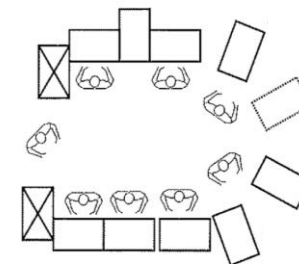
- > State of the art due to high quality standards in the automotive industry



**Invest approx. 300 USD/kWh**

## Low automated manufacturing process

- > Only applied in low cost countries
- > Significant cost saving potential, but high variations in product quality
- > Equipment approx. 30-50% cheaper (low-cost sourcing, lower automation)

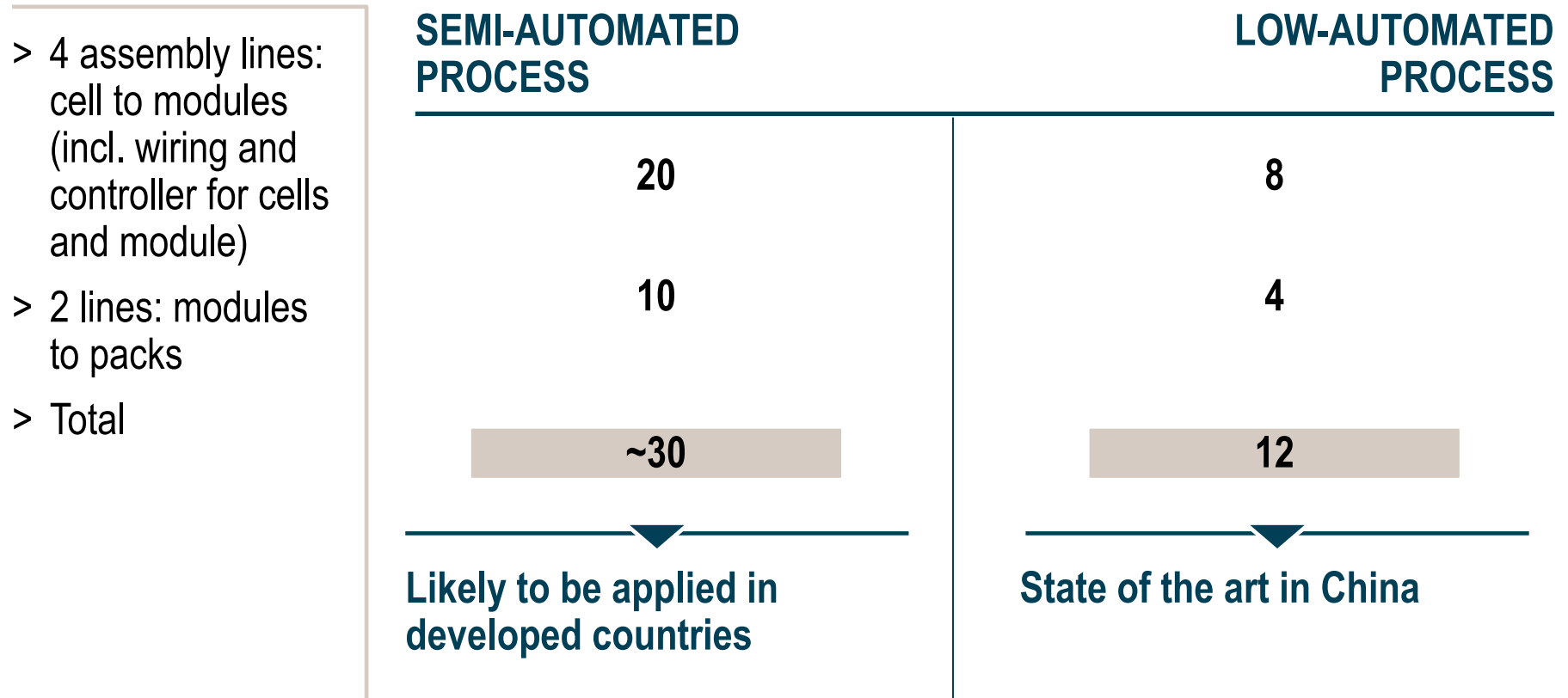


**Invest approx. 100 USD/kWh**

1) Production capacity of 100,000 batteries p.a. @20kWh capacity

# For battery pack assembly, semi-automated processes assumed in Western countries – Approx. 2.5 times more investment required

Investments for battery assembly process [USD/kWh]<sup>1)</sup>



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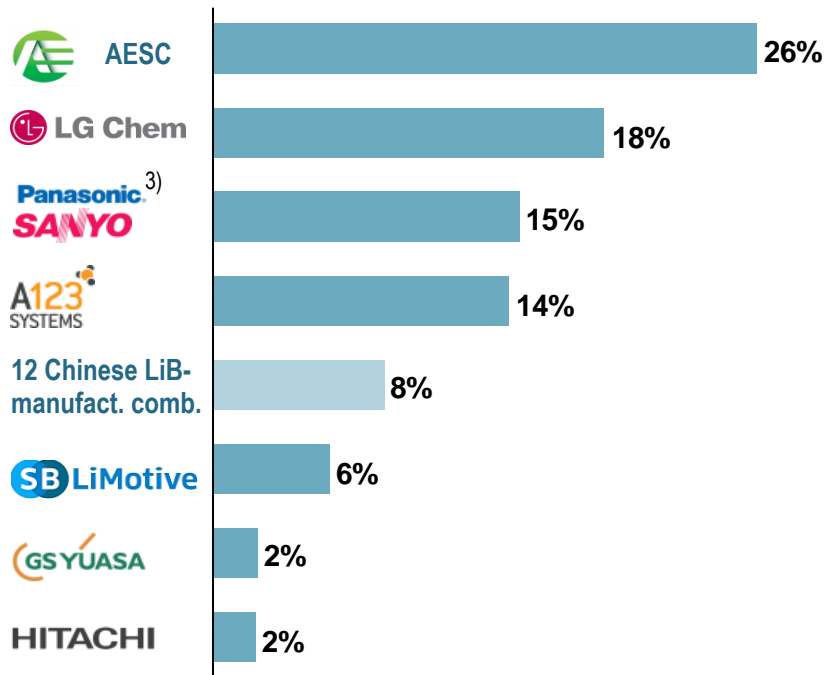
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In 2015, five suppliers will have more than 80% of the LiB market – Chinese small in average, but account together for 8%

Key industry participants in 2015 (Passenger cars and CV)

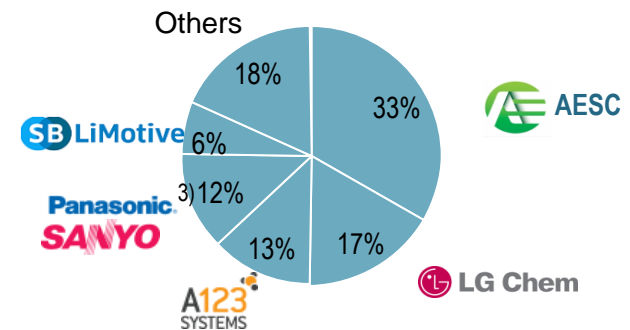
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Σ = USD 8.9 bn

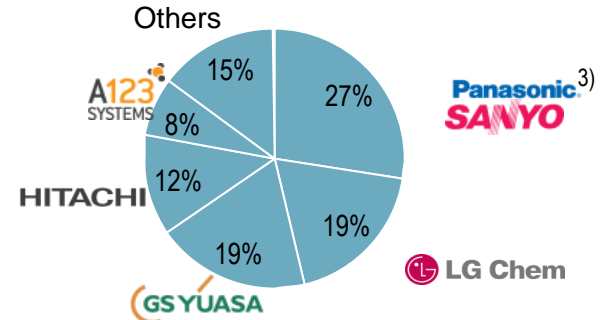


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PHEV and EV [kWh]



HEV [kW]



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# OEM-Supplier relationships are key inputs to determining market share

## Key OEM customers by battery supplier

Battery supplier	OEM customer (contract/development)
 A123 <sup>3)</sup> SYSTEMS	 DAIMLER   NAVISTAR   SMITH   McLaren <sup>2)</sup>  TATA <sup>2)</sup>  VVA <sup>2)</sup>  BRIGHT <sup>2)</sup>
 GS YUASA	 HONDA  MITSUBISHI PSA PEUGEOT CITROËN 
HITACHI	  ISUZU  PACCAR DAIMLER NAVISTAR  FUSO  SUBARU <sup>2)</sup>
 Johnson Controls  SABT <sup>1)</sup>	 DAIMLER  Ford  GAC GROUP  ODYNE  COLLINS  TATA <sup>2)</sup>  FIAT <sup>2)</sup>  CELCELL <sup>2)</sup>
 LG Chem	  HYUNDAI  Ford  RENAULT  VOLVO NAVISTAR PACCAR IVECO DAIMLER <sup>2)</sup>  DAEWOO <sup>2)</sup>
 AESC	 NISSAN  RENAULT
 Primearth EV Energy Co., Ltd  Panasonic  SANYO	 TOYOTA  Ford VOLKSWAGEN  SUZUKI  MAZDA  SUBARU  SCANIA DAIMLER <sup>2)</sup>  ASTON MARTIN <sup>2)</sup>
 SB LiMotive	  FIAT PSA PEUGEOT CITROËN <sup>2)</sup> VOLKSWAGEN  DAIMLER NAVISTAR <sup>2)</sup>

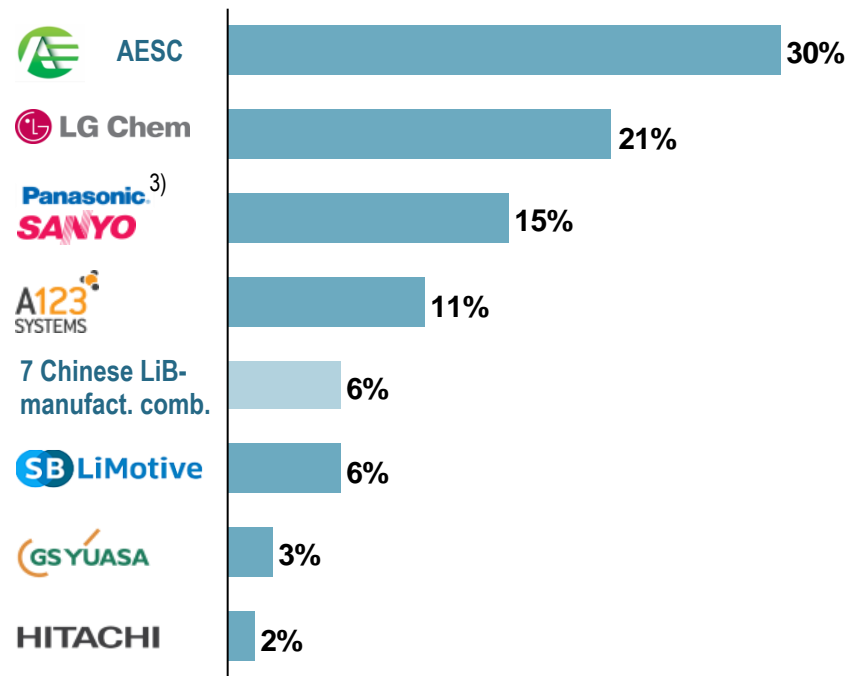
1) Before dissolution, assumes Ford, Daimler, BMW discontinue relationship at end of current programs; 2) Minor relationship; 3) also includes many bus relationships

In light vehicles, typically 2 suppliers are selected strategic partners – share as "2nd source" could change market share by +/- 2%

Key industry participants in 2015 (Light vehicles)

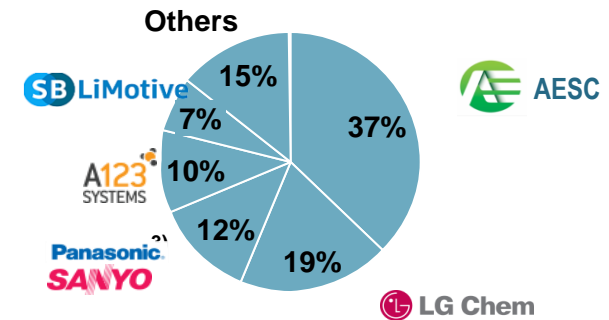
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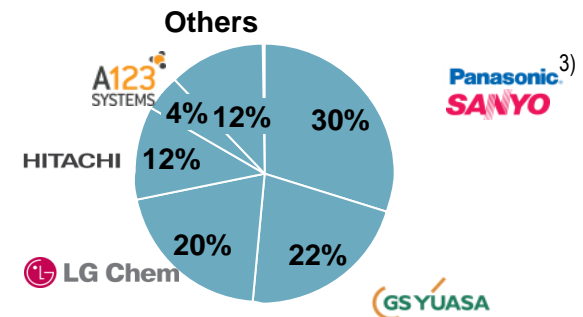


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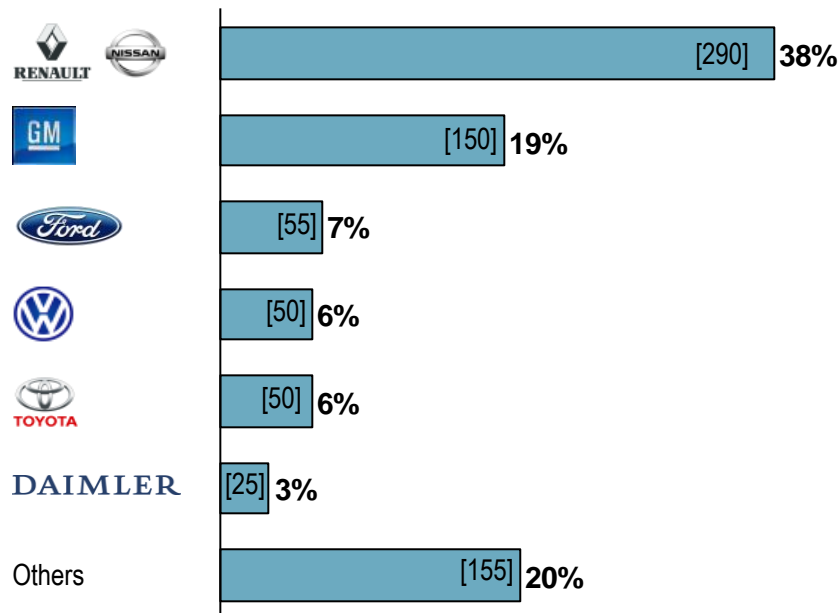


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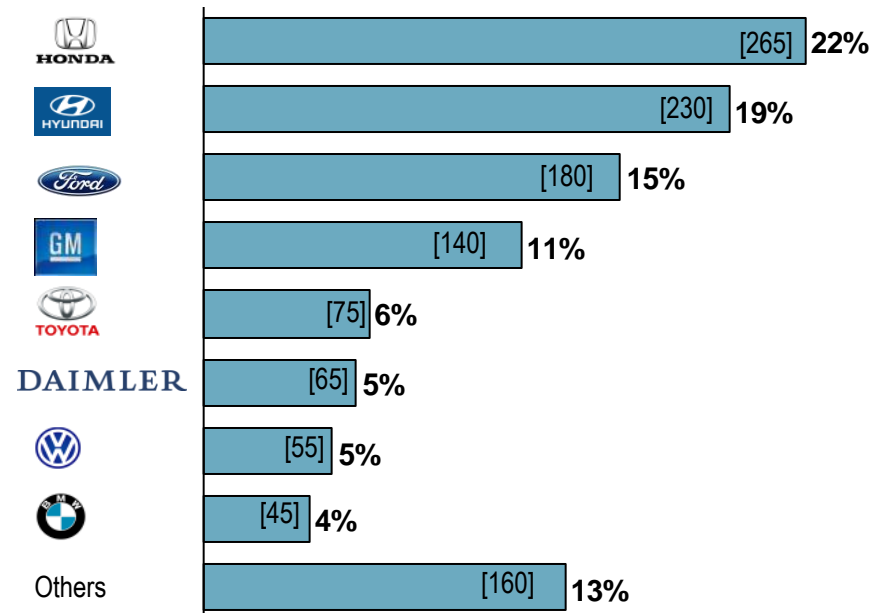
# The market shares in light vehicles are heavily dependent on key OEMs meeting their xEV production targets

## 2015 expected light vehicle OEM xEV production and share (LiB only)

### 2015 expected OEM production and share – PHEV/EV<sup>1)</sup>



### 2015 expected OEM production and share – HEV<sup>1)</sup>



[ xx ] 2015 forecasted production volume ['000s]

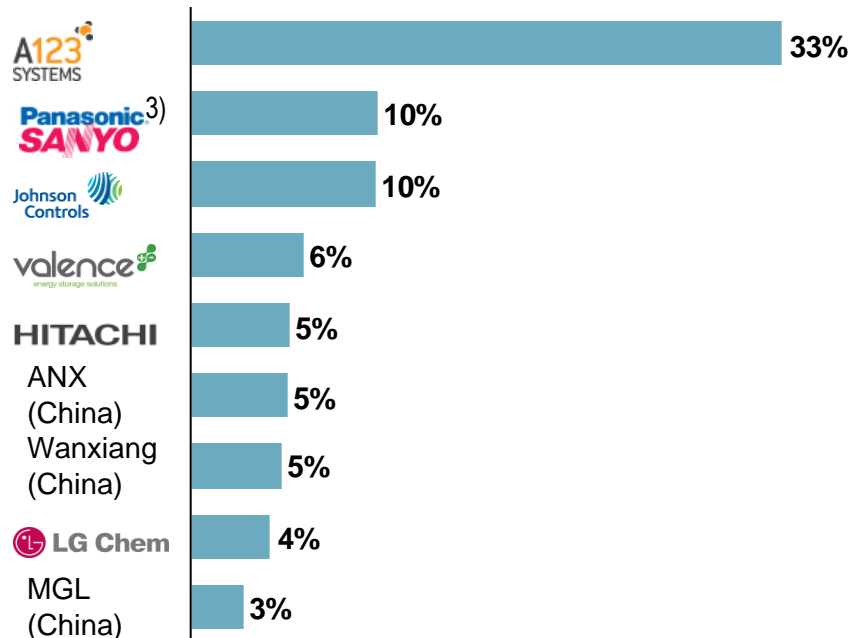
1) Share and forecasts are for vehicles with Li Ion batteries

# In trucks and buses, Chinese players have a more important role due to high demand for buses and usage of LiFePo4

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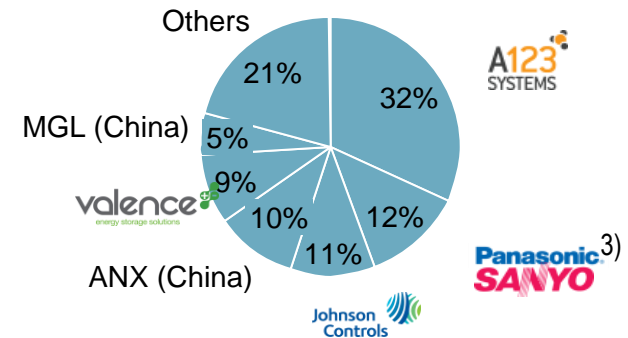
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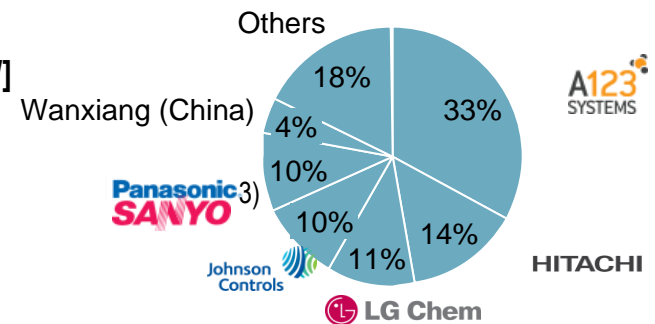


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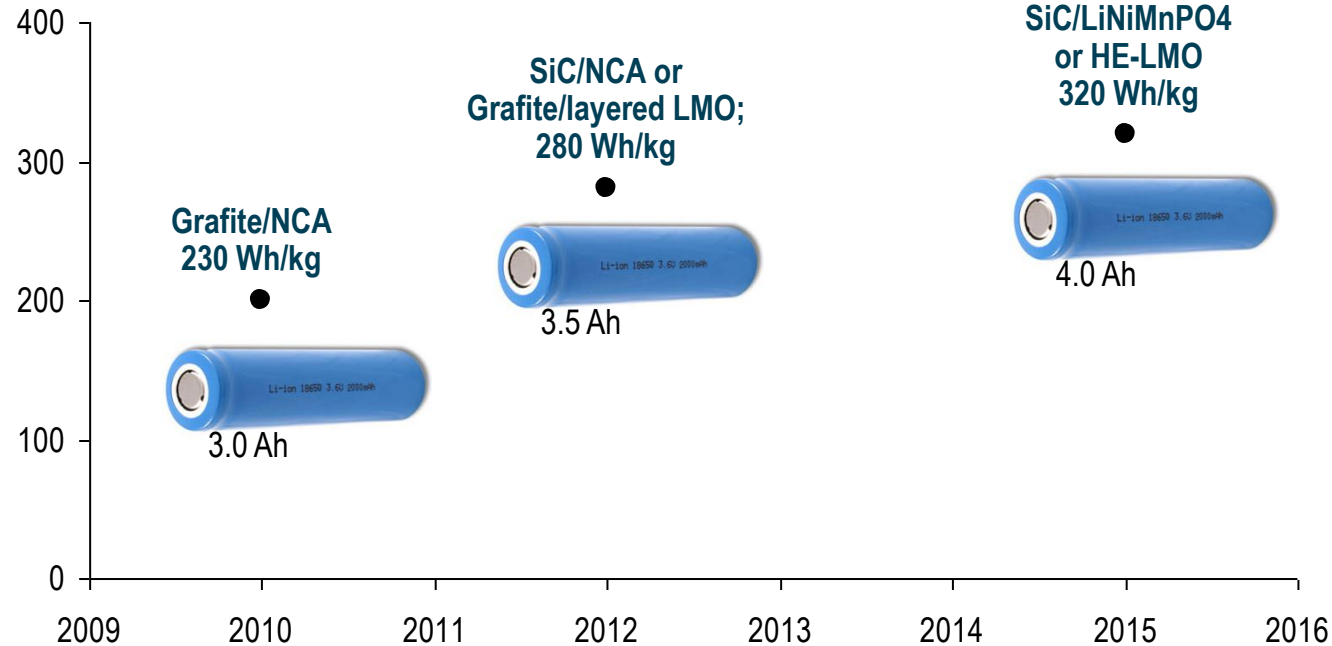
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# Li-Ion battery still have significant potential in energy density increase – High technology dynamic to be expected

## Li-Ion consumer cell development roadmap

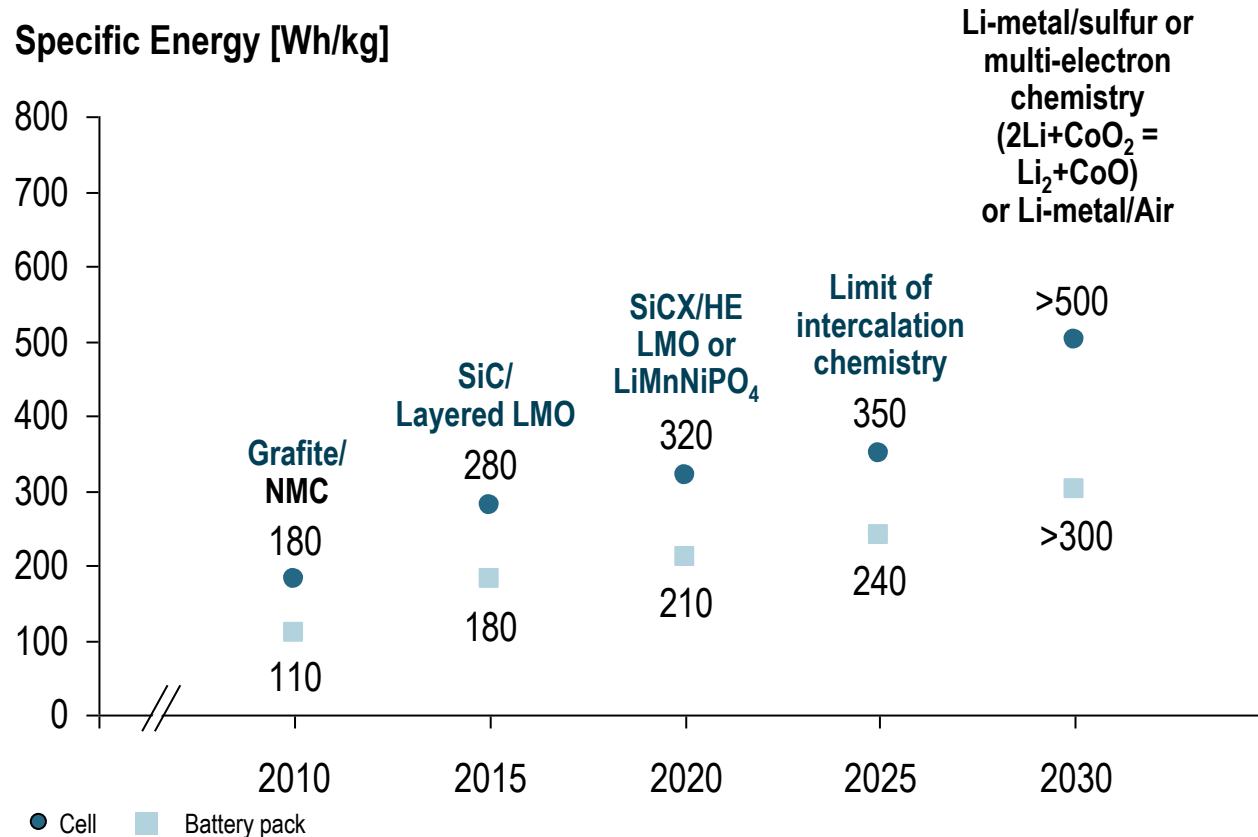
### Specific Energy [Wh/kg]



- > Nano structured materials based on silicon and silicon composites for the anode
- > High voltage and high energy layered oxides and/or high voltage phosphates for the cathode
- > Automotive cell development will greatly benefit from consumer with a 3 to 5 year delay!

We expect that in 2025 a specific energy of 240 Wh/kg on pack level could be reached

## Large format Li-Ion-battery development roadmap



- > The **Li-Ion chemistry** will **dominate** the consumer and automotive markets **for a very long time** due to their high efficiency, long cycle and calendar life, high energy density and manageable safety
- > **Further increase** in energy density is possible **with lithium metal systems**, but **intrinsic problems** with reversibility, cyclability and safety of lithium metal need to be overcome to make lithium metal based systems viable

# Other emerging technologies beyond Lithium-Ion still face significant issues - break-through not foreseeable in next 10..15 years

Battery System	Main Advantages	Disadvantages	Probability of success for EV/PHEV/HEV (%)
Li-metal/Sulfur	Low cost	Low cycle life, safety issues	<50%
Li-metal/Air	Low cost	Low cycle life, low efficiency, safety issues	<30%
Li-Ion/Flow battery (Cambridge Crude)	Separation of energy storage from energy conversion	Pumping of liquids containing dispersed nano particles	Unclear
Li/metal polymer (60 °C)	No liquids	Heating required, low power output, safety issues	<50%
Li-metal/Multi-electron chemistry	High energy density	Low cycle life, low efficiency safety issues	<50%
Sodium/Sulfur (Na/S)	Good cycle life, low cost	Works at 300° C	For large vehicles in fleet applications only
Sodium/Nickel chloride (ZEBRA)	Good cycle life, reasonable cost	Works at 350° C	For large vehicles in fleet applications only
Redox flow batteries	Low cost	Low power output, pumping of liquids	<10%
Sodium and Magnesium ion batteries	Low cost	Low reversibility, low power output	<20%

# The value chain is expected to consolidate and to develop a clearer tiered structure (1/2)

	TODAY (2010)	CHANGES BY 2020
<b>Raw materials Lithium mining</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Oligopoly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Some selected new players</li> <li>&gt; New <b>recycling</b> companies</li> <li>&gt; Business models integrating recycling</li> </ul>
<b>Anodes, Cathodes, Separators, Electrolytes and Precursors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Dominated by Asian (Jap.) players</li> <li>&gt; Partially specialized precursors sourced</li> <li>&gt; Some cathode materials manufactured by cell manufacturer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>New players</b> (from specialty chemical sector ) especially for Automotive and Solar</li> <li>&gt; More <b>integration of precursor</b> manufacturer</li> <li>&gt; Cathode manufacturing by cell manufacturer only for top 2..3 with large chemical business</li> </ul>

# The value chain is expected to consolidate and to develop a clearer tiered structure (2/2)

	<b>TODAY (2010)</b>	<b>CHANGES BY 2020</b>
<b>Battery cells / stacks ("LiB manuf.")</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; New JVs (Auto-Consumer LiB manuf.)</li> <li>&gt; Indepen. Asian LiB</li> <li>&gt; Research spin-offs with public &amp; IPO funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Massive <b>consolidation</b> (cost pressure, innovation)</li> <li>&gt; Less upstream integration (esp. cathode/anode material)</li> <li>&gt; More downstream integration, <b>cell manufacturer as Tier-1s</b> to OEMs</li> <li>&gt; Auto-Cell manuf. <b>JV's as exemption</b></li> </ul>
<b>Battery assembly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Mainly by OEMs (JVs LiB) inhouse</li> <li>&gt; Selected supplier – LiB JVs</li> <li>&gt; Limited LiB alone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Increased <b>outsourcing</b>, but still <b>dominated</b> by <b>in-house assembly</b></li> <li>&gt; Cell manufacturers will deliver larger part of system (incl. electronics) as Tier-1</li> </ul>

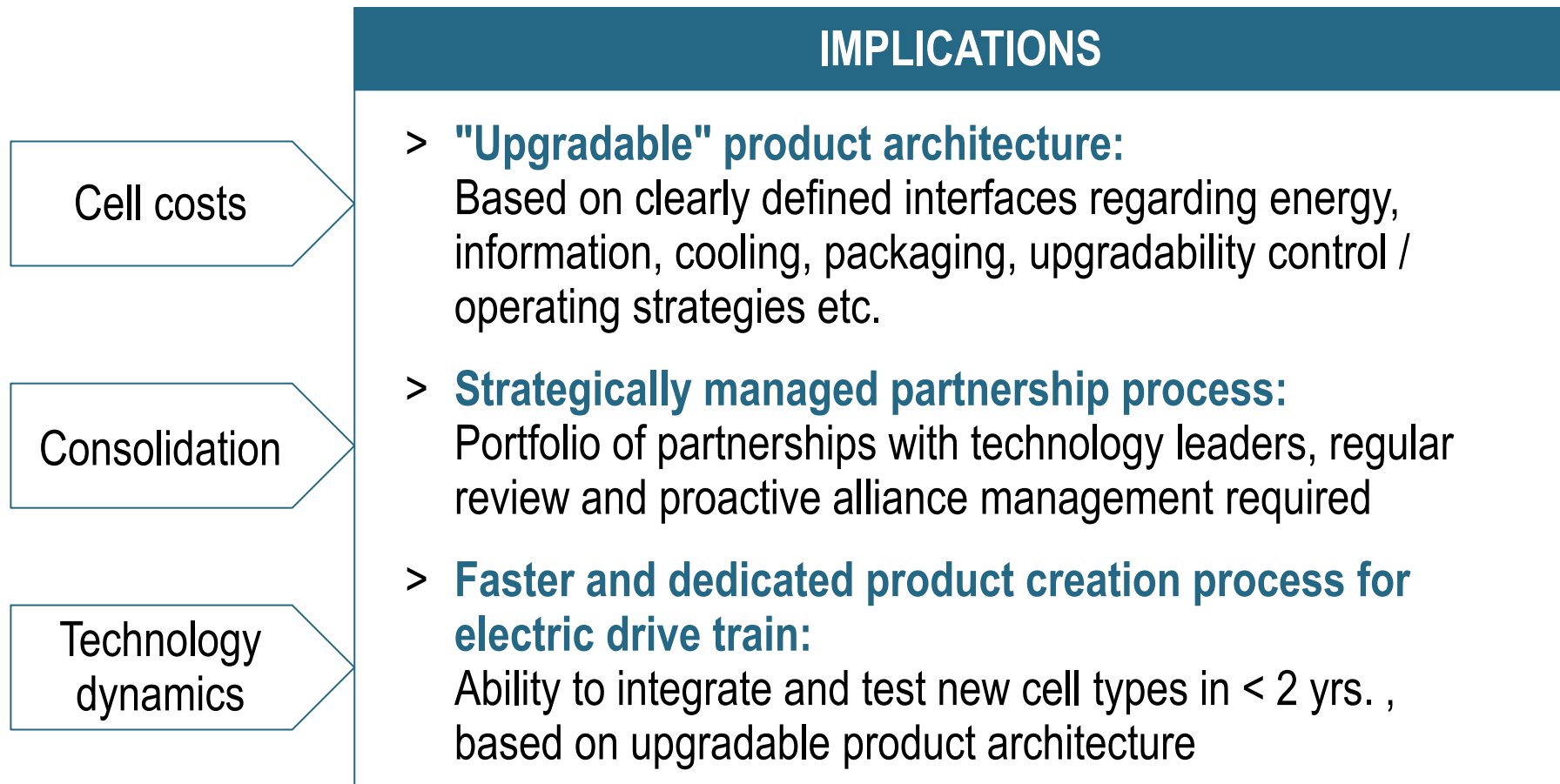
# Agenda

- A MARKET DEVELOPMENT:**  
We expect that by 2020 xEVs sales volume can capture up to 8% .. 10% of global sales, provided battery costs come down
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- B CURRENT VALUE CHAIN:**  
Cell manufacturing and processing of active materials represent major parts of current costs – value chain today dominated by Asian players
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- C BATTERY COST AND VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT:**  
With battery costs decreasing down to 250 USD/kWh in 2020, the value chain is expected to consolidate and to develop a clearer tiered structure
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- D IMPLICATIONS:**  
The Li-Ion-battery value chain will change dramatically, automotive companies need to reflect these dynamics in products, partnering strategies and processes

## The Li-Ion-battery value chain will change dramatically during this decade

- > **Cell costs decreasing rapidly:**  
process and manufacturing technology improvements, improved materials, new competitors
- > **Shake-out of cell producers/consolidation of value chain:**  
6..8 mostly Asian manufacturers likely to serve OEMs as Tier 1's (NEC/AESC, LG Chem, Panasonic/Sanyo, A123, SBlimotive, GSYuasa or Hitachi, likely one/two Chinese )
- > **Li-Ion intercalation chemistries will dominate the market:**  
high technology dynamics to be expected in the next decade

# Auto companies needs to reflect these dynamics in its products, partnering strategies and processes



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