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## Can the Development of Batteries Keep Pace with the Increasing Demands of Electric Vehicles and Mobile Devices?

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#### Global Battery Demand (2020-2030)





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Europe battery demand: 250 GWh

Projection: 1500 GWh (2030)

Current gigafactories in Europe:

Germany:

- Tesla's Gruenheide Plant: Since 2022, capacity ~ 50 GWh.
- CATL's Erfurt Plant: Since2022, capacity ~14 GWh.

Poland:

• LG Energy Solution's Wroclaw Plant: Started in 2017, ~ 100 GWh.

France:

• ACC's Douvrin Plant: Started 2023, with plans to double its initial capacity of 13 GWh by 2026.

Hungary:

• Samsung: Started 2018, with a capacity of 30 GWh.

#### Sweden:

• Northvolt: Commenced production in late 2021, with an installed capacity of 16 GWh.





#### **Major performances of electric cars**

Car performance	Battery parameters	Cell-level processes	
Driving distance	Energy density	Charge storage and battery voltage	
Acceleration	Power density	Rate of electrochemical reactions	
Cycle life	No. of ch./disch. cycles	Reversibility and coulombic efficiency	
Charging time	Charge acceptance rate	Charge storage rate	

#### **Key performance indicators (EBA)**

The European Battery Alliance, through its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, has outlined key performance indicators for batteries:

- Gravimetric Energy Density: > 400 Wh/kg at the cell level.
- Volumetric Energy Density: Surpassing 800 Wh/l
- Cycle Life: 3,000 cycles.
- Charging Rate: Between 3C and 5C.
- **Cost:** Aiming for €75 per kWh at the pack level.







Minimal energy80 kWhconsumption (ZG-ST)
Reserve capacity + 20 %
Capacity deterioration + 20 %
Total energy required 120 kWh
Weight (NMC) > 500 kg
Weight (LFP) > 600 kg

Li / FePO<sub>4</sub> LFP 150 – 180 Wh/kg

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Specific energy

 $W_{s} = Q_{s}U \quad [W h kg^{-1}]$ [A h kg^{-1}] [V]

- Storing as much charge as possible
- Stability and chemical reversibility
- Maximizing working voltage of a battery
- Flatten a voltage profile

Material science and engineering Electrochemical engineering



Three most promising directions for developing high energy – high power batteries.

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### Li-metal batteries





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### Solid state batteries







## Post-lithium-ion technologies



lon	<i>E</i> <sup>0</sup> / V	K <sub>s</sub> / Ahg⁻¹	r / Å
Li+	- 3,04	3,86	0,76
Na+	- 2,71	1,17	1,02
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	- 2,70	2,21	0,72
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	-2,84	1,34	1
Al <sup>3+</sup>	- 1,66	2,98	1,8

Sodium-ion technology mass production: CATL and BYD

Modest specific energy: 150-200 Wh/kg

- > 3000 ch./disch. Cycles
- Faster charging rates.



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