Critical Raw Materials for Electric Vehicles-IEA HEV-TCP Task 40

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CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS ELECTRIC VEHICLES







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IEA HEV Task 40 CRM4EV

Connecting the raw material industry with electromobility

Mission

- To supply objective information to the <u>Task 40 participants</u> & to governmental policy makers and agencies, industry decision makers and research institutes
- To facilitate international collaboration involving shared resources from multiple countries and organisations

Scope

- Raising awareness: experts networks, workshops, publications, and communication.
- Define supply and demand scenarios for key EV raw materials
- Nov 2018 Apr 2021

Website: crm4ev.org







Task 40 participating countries and organisations Japan is represented by JOGMEC and Western Australia by MRIWA



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Scope of HEV-TCP Task 40

EVs and Critical Raw Materials:

Stakeholders need reliable, transparent & up to date information on

Electric Vehicles - Demand

- How many, when, which type
- When and to what extend will mass deployment happen
- How EV technologies evolve: impact the type and quantity of CRMs required (per unit)

Critical Raw Materials - Supply

- Li Ni Co Cu Graphite Rare Earths
- Supply risks at short and long term
- Environmental impacts LCA
- Social impacts
- Recycling and the circular economy





Task 40 CRM4EV: Electric vehicle scenarios

- Scenarios for 2025, 2030, 2035 EV deployment and raw material needs
- Scenarios for 2050 « full transition » & « circular economy »
- How many EVs, which type and when?
 - BEV passenger cars only
 - Battery size, lifetime?
 - Impact autonomous vehicles and shared « ownership »?
- Build in « robustness » for battery chemistry evolution
 - Different chemistries, different applications (vehicles and uses)
 - Timelines for evolving chemistries
 - Transition to solid state batteries
 - Nickel-Cobalt based developing to high nickel low cobalt







A range of BEV growth scenarios is developed Covering all current forecasts & national / COP 21 ambitions





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Demand for batteries will increase faster then the growth in BEVs Longer battery lifetimes may impact demand substantially after 2035



- Battery size increasing to 65kWh in 2030 and gradually decreasing after 2035 to 50 kWh in 2050
 - More efficient vehicles
 - Improved charging infrastructure (+ wireless)
 - Consumer used to electric vehicles
- Overall demand decreasing with zero growth in PCs after 2035 and smaller batteries





Nickel demand for BEV (car) batteries

Longer battery lifetimes and changing chemistries may impact demand substantially after 2035



Current Nickel production is 2,000 kilo tons (of which 3% is for batteries) of which about half Class I, suitable for Li-ion batteries

Scenario parameters:

- Battery chemistry for BEV (cars)
 based on NMC/NCA evolving to high Nickel
- Battery size increasing to 65kWh in 2030 and gradually decreasing after 2035 to 50 kWh in 2050
- Battery lifetime is equal to vehicle lifetime: 15 years

Nickel based battery chemistry is continued in this scenario till 2050; however competitive chemistries with low or without nickel may be developed





Nickel production - reserves - resources

Reserves: ore body known and extraction viable / Resources: future expected reserves



Source: Mark Mistry, Nickel Institute 15 Nov 2018



Nickel for EV-batteries

NICKEL SULPHATE IS THE PRODUCT NEEDED FOR BATTERIES



SOURCE: Roskill, McKinsey nickel team anlaysis



With economics limiting suitability of some nickel products

Class II	suitability for battery market	supply ability to respond
disselving - according	Class II products are too expensive to purify and dissolve although non-ferrous Class II a candidate	All new nickel supply growth is in Nickel Pig Iron – not suitable for battery use
class i metal	Not all Class I products are the same – dissolvability and impurities differentiate	Mines are closing, capital is being deferred. Class I is too expensive to grow.
optimizing production	Shift existing production from nickel cathode to nickel sulphate is suitable	Very limited, cannibalizing nickel cathodes (not growth)
refining intermediates	well suited although more costly than dissolving	Very limited today while this is the most likely candidate for future supply growth

Source: Frank Nikolic, Vale, 15 Nov 2018



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Raw materials for Li-ion batteries: key points

- « Expert » forecasts underestimating the developments within automotive companies and national administrations?!
- Task 40 demand scenarios point to probable (much) higher demand for raw materials then (commonly) foreseen
- Supply scenarios are needed « how fast could supply grow » ?
- Mining / refining possibly structural bottleneck, NOT the production of cells and battery packs with factory expansions lead-times of 1 year (China)







Life cycle assessment in Task 40 CMR4EV

Covers entire EV lifecycle

- Focus on raw material mining and refining, battery production and recycling, with data from Task 40 partners
- GWP & primary energy demand, other impact categories depending on available primary data
- Leveraging existing LCA studies and expertise of Task partners (Argonne, ivl, ifp, Joanneum Research, raw material institutes, ...)
- Most LCA studies show data gaps for primary material production and battery recycling - CRM4EV contribution to fill that gap
- Harmonization of methodologies in existing CRM-LCA studies (Ni, Co, Cu-Institutes)
- Current / future battery chemistries to consider in LCA



46 EV-LCA studies reviewed





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Source: Christian Aichberger, Thesis, Joanneum Research 2019



Energy demand of raw material mining & refining



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Recycling of EV batteries - current key issues





Source: Linda Gaines, Argonne

- Pyro- and hydrometallurgical processes available, but need Economy of Scale
- Direct recycling technology is still R&D topic
- Battery collection
 - Poor collection of portable Li-ion batteries < 10%!
 - **Reverse logistics EV-batteries**
 - Retired and damaged batteries; hazardous waste
 - Business case for recycling
 - depends on: batt chemistries, economies of scale, recycling technologies
 - Currently main source = battery production scrap
 - Who owns the battery after EoL? Car user? **OEM?** Recycling company?
 - For the next 10-15 years contribution of recycled materials as raw material source for battery production is expected to be rather limited.

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Task 40 in China November 2019

CATL site visit & discussions











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