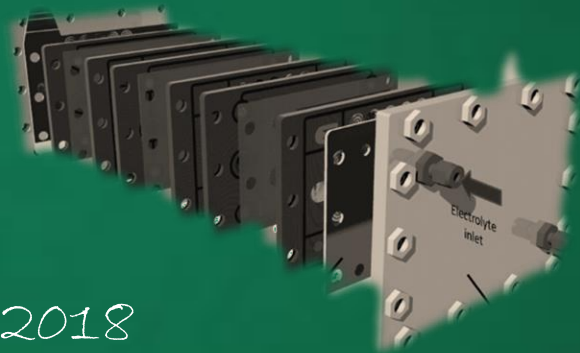


# Autumn School Flow Battery



Barcelona - 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of November 2018

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# A BATTERY TECHNOLOGY STARTUP FROM IDEAS TO PRODUCTS

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# Introduction

# JenaBatteries GmbH

## Laboratory and prototype facility:

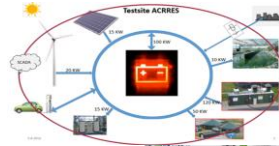


## Pilot projects:

PV application



Microgrid



Tailored solutions



# JenaBatteries GmbH

- Founded in 2012, JB holds global patents for organic redox-flow batteries.
- In August 2016 we welcomed two new investors with outstanding expertise in R&D, Engineering and Business Development. This speeds up the transformation towards an economically successful company.
- JB is an innovative company that produces and develops large-scale energy storage systems from 100 kWh upwards.
- We are currently building a global partner network with project developers/technology partners and we are delivering selected pilot plants.
- Our award-winning Batteries avoid heavy metals and aggressive materials like sulphuric acid.
- JB is currently supported by:
  - 
  - 
  - 
- [www.jenabatteries.com](http://www.jenabatteries.com)



Idea

# A great idea ...

... can loose  
you a lot of  
money!



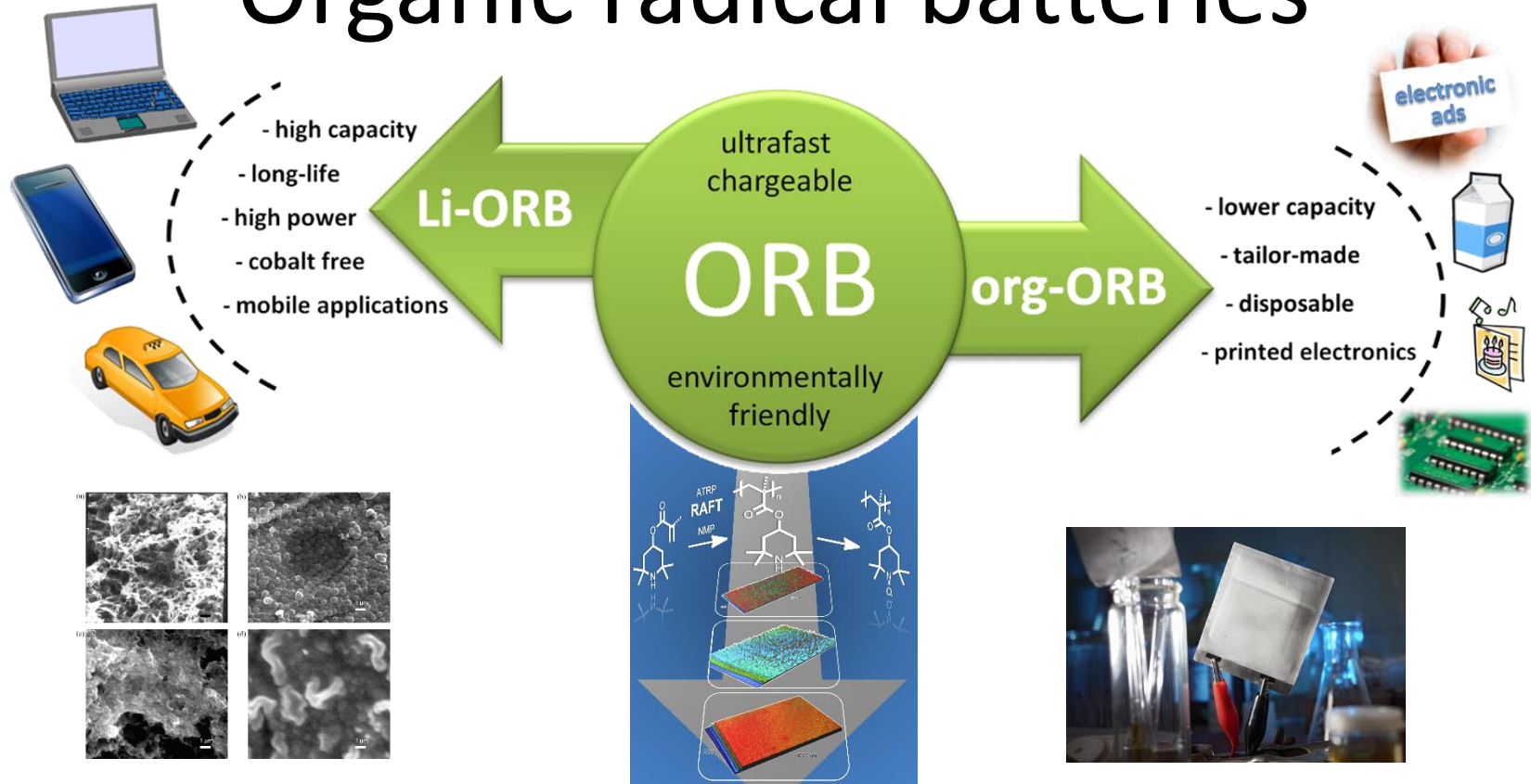
# First things first

Idea



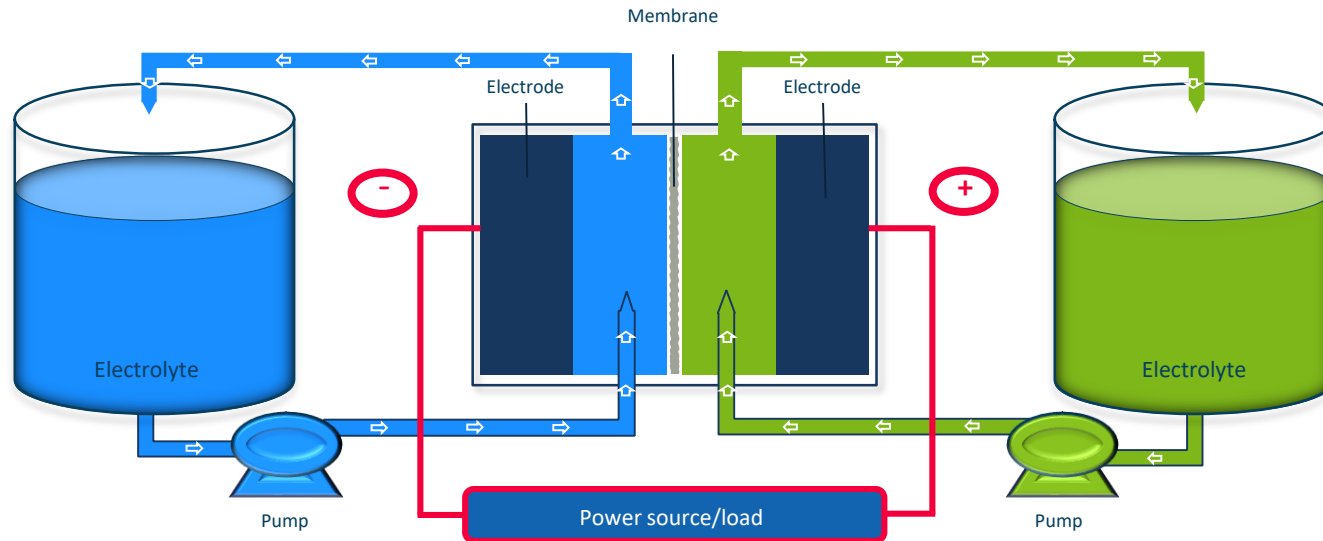


# Organic radical batteries



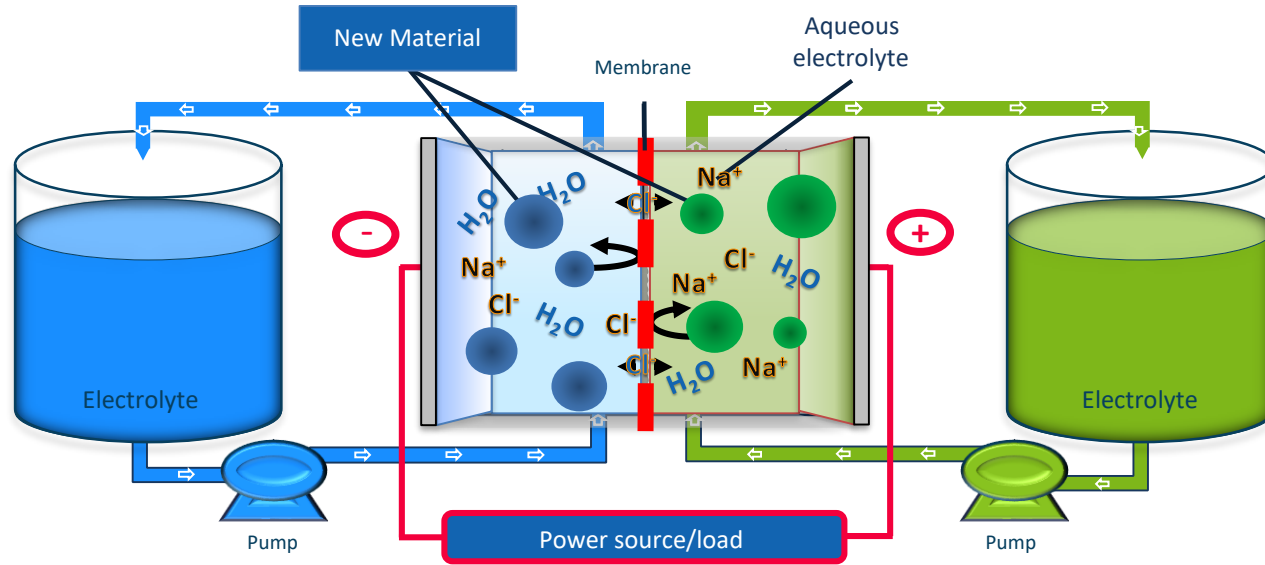
# Conventional RFB

- A solid mature foundation -



Vanadium, iron, chromium, bromine, ...

# JenaBatteries' metal free aqueous RFB



**Sustainable and easy-to-handle:**

**A water-based electrolyte replaces highly corrosive, acidic, vanadium-based electrolytes.**



# Resources



**Energy need in 2040:** 110 TWh per day

→ Need for 55.000 GWh storage  
(plus batteries for electric vehicles)

## Lithium

- Estimated reserves ca. 16 Mio. t
- Annual production ca. 0,1 Mio. t
- 55.000 GWh storage require
  - 5,3 Mio. t Li
  - **1/3 of known reserves**
  - plus Co, Ni, etc. for cathode

## Organic RFB

- Estimated reserves ca. 240.000 Mio. t
- 4.400 Mio. t oil in 2016
- 55.000 GWh storage require
  - 1.000 Mio. t oil
  - **23% of one year's production**
  - Including cathode and anode

# Metal-free RFB stands for ...

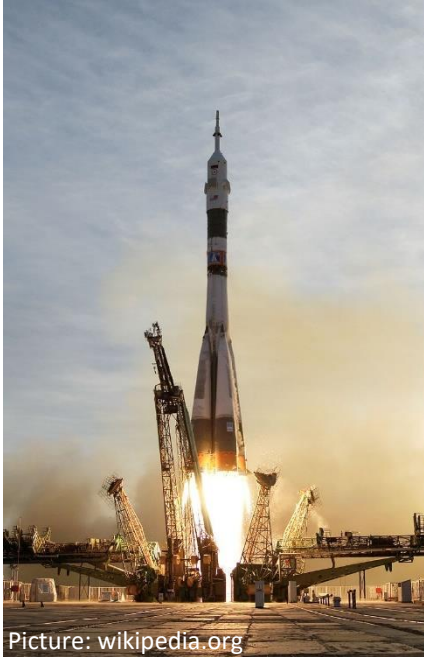
- **Safe & easy**
  - Free and independent scalability of power and capacity
  - Non-flammable and non-explosive
  - Turnkey energy storage system
- **Clean energy**
  - No heavy metals or aggressive acids
  - Resource-efficient
  - Near-neutral pH
- **Economical**
  - Inexpensive raw materials without raw material bottleneck
  - Low maintenance and excellent stability > 10.000 cycles
  - Flexible and sustainable investment



# Requirements for Success

To determine whether your idea meets the basic requirements for a successful business, you must answer at least one of the following questions with a “Yes!”

- Does the business address an **underserved need**?
- Does the business serve an existing **market** in which demand exceeds supply?
- Does the business have a significant **advantage** over competitors (price, location, etc.)?



Picture: wikipedia.org

# Major Flaws

A “yes” response to any of these questions means your idea has little chance for success:

- Are **capital requirements** for entry or continued operation excessive?
- Are there factors that would make **financing hard** to obtain?
- Are there potential detrimental **environmental effects**?
- Are there factors that prevent **effective marketing**?
- Are there zoning, **licensing**, or other **restrictions**?
- Are there factors that **restrict** the availability of **resources** (raw materials, skilled personnel, etc.)?

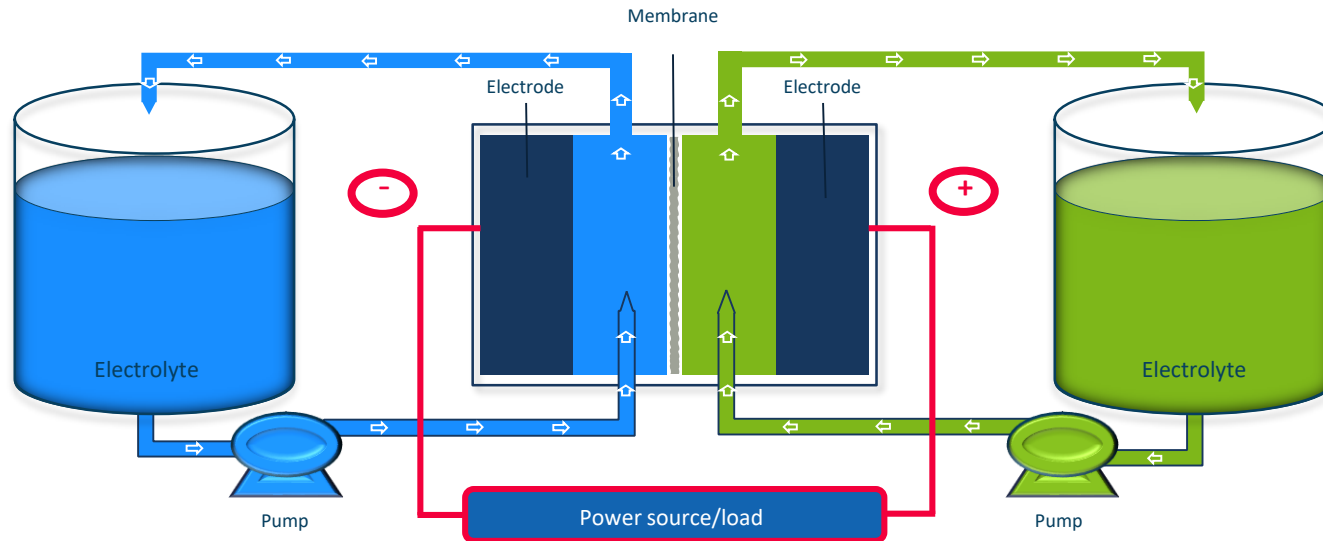


# Market & need



# Conventional RFB

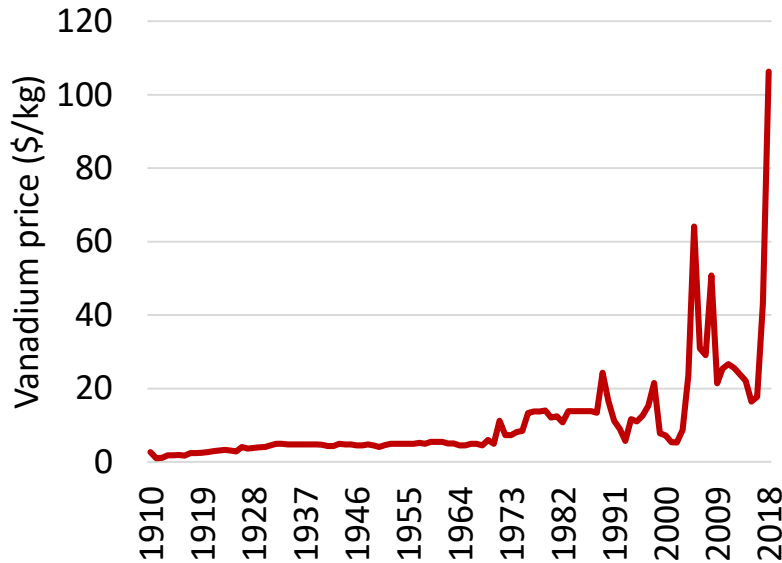
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Vanadium, iron, chromium, bromine, ...

# Vanadium-RFB

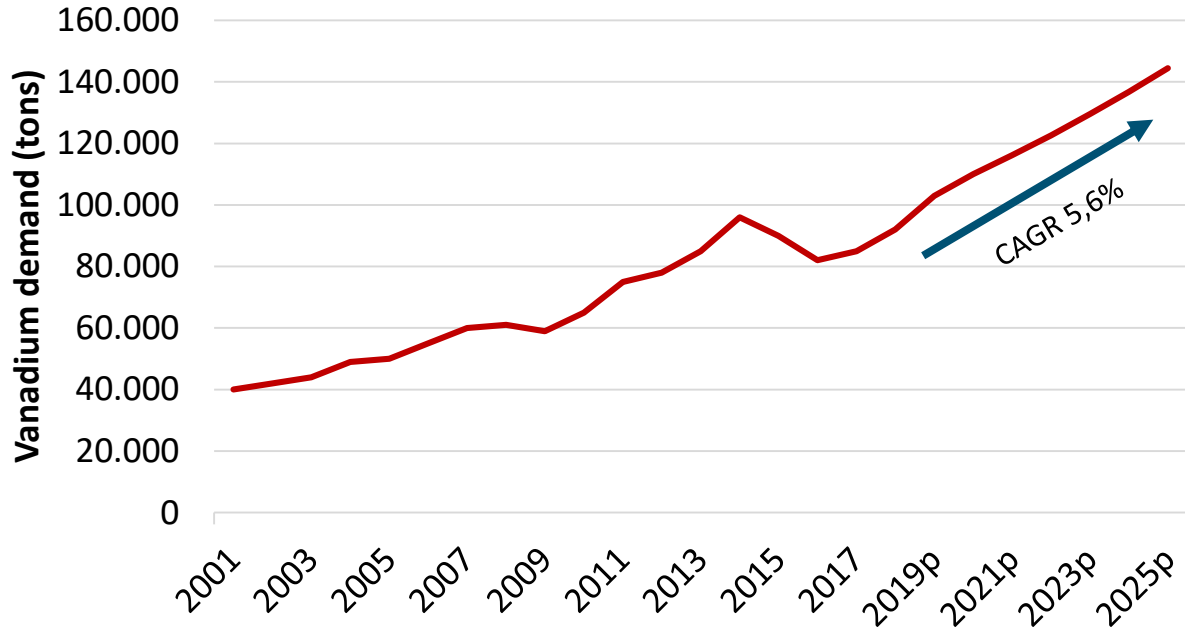
- An unpredictably expensive system -



U.S. Geological Survey; [www.vanadiumprice.com](http://www.vanadiumprice.com).

- Demand exceeds supply (80,000 t vs. 75,000 t, 2016)
- China and South Africa are closing down polluting mines
- China introduces stricter standards for structural steel (higher V share) from November 2018
- High cost of extraction as by-product from coal, ...

# Vanadium demand



**3.400 t per  
1 GWh**

IFBF, 2018.

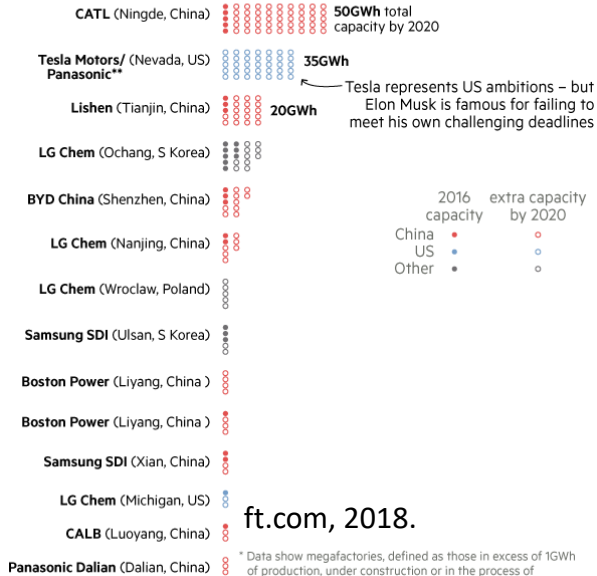
# Production of Li-ion batteries

Battery wars: 84% of lithium-ion mass production is set to be in **China** or the **US** by 2020\*

Each dot represents one gigawatt hour (GWh), sufficient to power

- One million homes for an hour **or**
- 40,000 electric cars for 100km

174 GWh



Tesla represents US ambitions – but Elon Musk is famous for failing to meet his own challenging deadlines

ft.com, 2018.

\* Data show megafactories, defined as those in excess of 1GWh of production, under construction or in the process of expanding capacity  
 FT graphic. Sources: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, FT research  
 \*\* Panasonic's Japanese production is not included

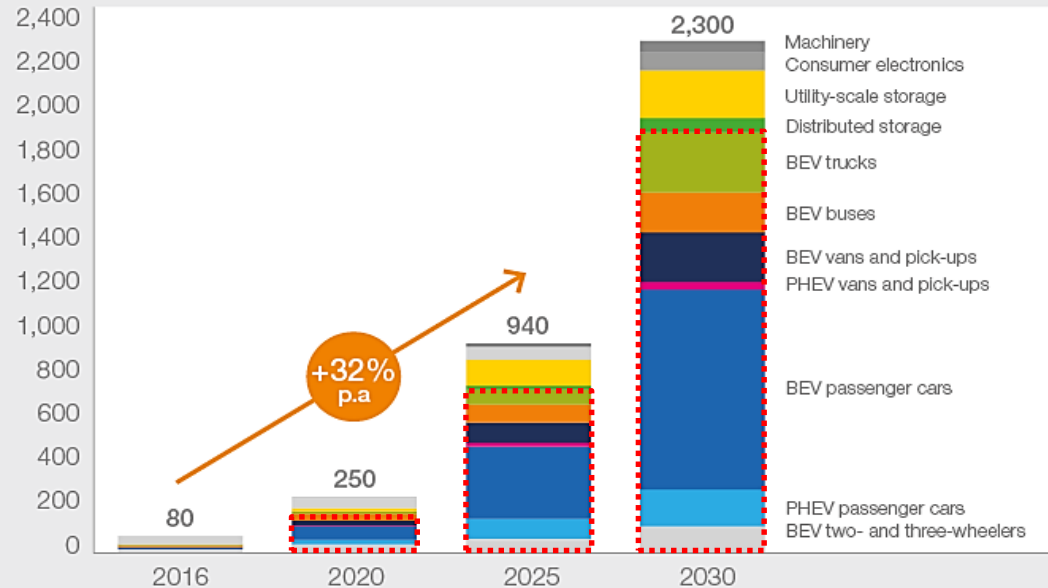


# Li-ion batteries – They are for cars!

## Exhibit 1

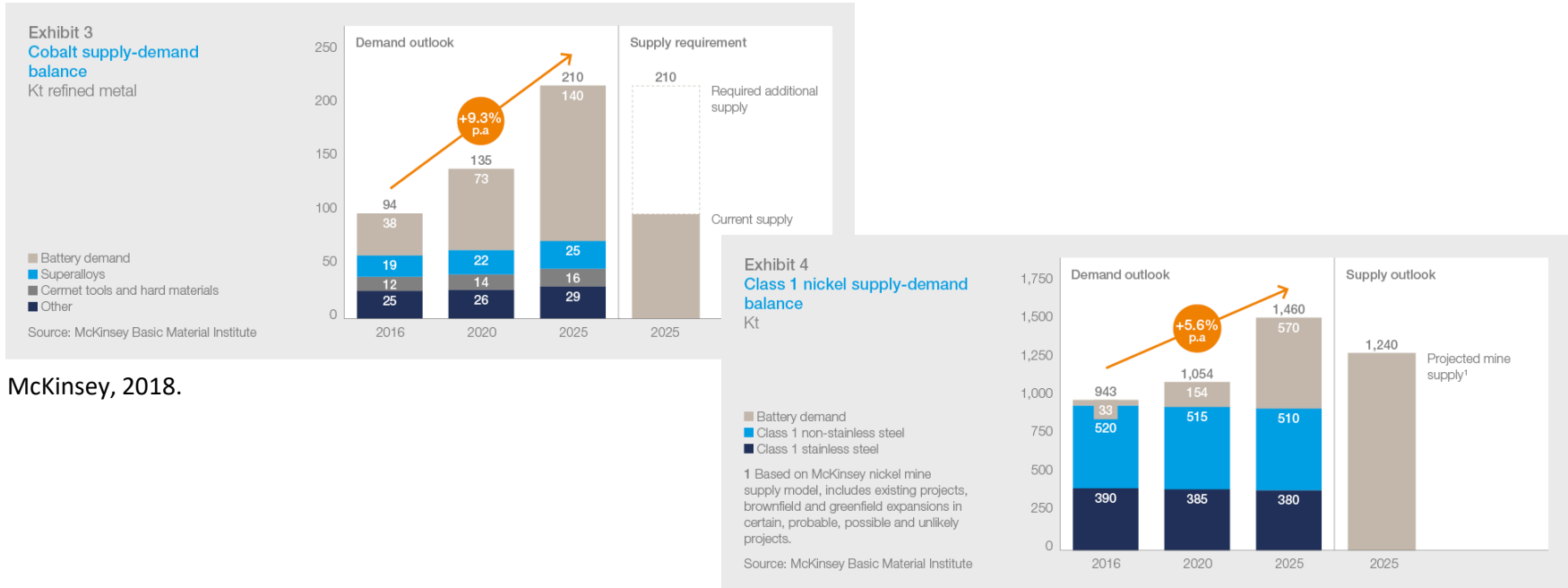
Annual battery demand:  
electric mobility segments,  
stationary battery storage,  
consumer electronics,  
and machinery  
GWh/yr

Source: McKinsey Energy Insights'  
Global Energy Perspective (March 2018),  
Avicenne



# Li-ion batteries

## Cobalt from Congo and substitute nickel: A bottleneck



McKinsey, 2018.

# Diverging markets

DEEP DIVE

## Electric vehicle and stationary storage batteries begin to diverge as performance priorities evolve

Separate markets could evolve as EVs push for batteries with higher density and stationary storage seeks higher cycling capability

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For the past 10 to 15 years, electric vehicles (EV) have been the driving force behind the falling costs of lithium-ion (li-ion) batteries. But the markets for EV and stationary storage batteries are beginning to diverge, which could result in separate cost trajectories and changes in their respective supply chains.

Analysts say that about 90% of the market for stationary energy storage is served by li-ion batteries. Most of those batteries have been the same as those used in EVs because the performance metrics required for both applications are compatible, but that is changing.

"We expect that this split is already occurring due to high cobalt prices, and the move to increase EV ranges in China," James Frith, energy storage analyst at Bloomberg New Energy Finance, told Utility Dive via email. "The impact on the market isn't clear yet but it is likely to mean that manufacturers will have to make a clear decision on which market or markets they want to serve."

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/batteries-for-electric-vehicles-and-stationary-storage-are-showing-signs-of/528848/>

### Mobile

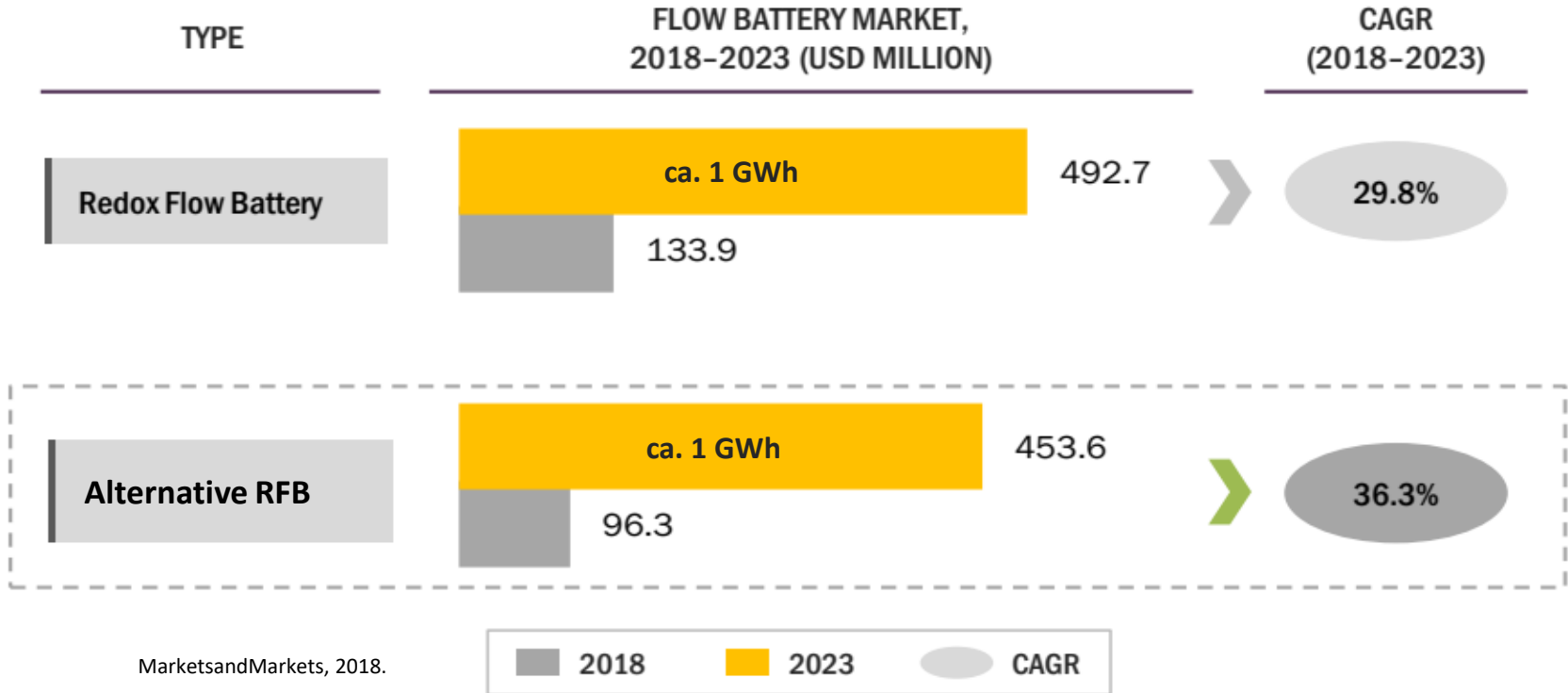
- Energy density
- Co-based, but low Co-content (NMC 811)
- <2000 cycles

### Stationary

- Cycle life
- No Co
- LFP, LMO
- Lower energy density

The **divergence** that appears to be occurring **between the EV and stationary** battery markets is **similar** to the divergence that occurred in the past between batteries for **consumer electronics**, such as phones and laptops, **and EVs**, according to Christopher Robinson, an analyst with Lux Research.

# RFB market





# Organic flow battery companies



- Country: Italy
- Materials: Bromine + quinones
- Status: First small prototype presented



- Country: France
- Materials: Organic
- Status: 10 kW prototype presented



- Country: USA
- Materials: Metal-organic
- Status: 250 kW/500 kWh prototype presented



- Country: Canada
- Materials: Quinones
- Status: Early stage

# Business plan

# Business plan












# Business model

## The Business Model Canvas

Designed for:

Designed by:

On:  Day  Month  Year   
Iteration:

<p><b>Key Partners</b></p>  <p>Who are our Key Partners? Who are our key suppliers? Which Key Resources are we acquiring from partners? Which Key Activities do partners perform? <small>1. Suppliers 2. Distributors 3. Complementors 4. Channels 5. Alliances</small></p>	<p><b>Key Activities</b></p>  <p>What Key Activities do our Value Propositions require? Our Distribution Channels? Customer Relationships? Revenue streams? <small>1. Production 2. Distribution 3. Logistics 4. Procurement 5. Platform development</small></p>	<p><b>Value Propositions</b></p>  <p>What value do we deliver to the customer? Which one of our customer's problems are we helping to solve? Which bundles of products and services are we offering to each Customer Segment? Which customer needs are we satisfying? <small>1. New products 2. Performance 3. Customization 4. Design 5. Price 6. Convenience 7. Reliability 8. Risk reduction 9. Compatibility</small></p>	<p><b>Customer Relationships</b></p>  <p>What type of relationship does each of our Customer Segments expect us to establish and maintain with them? Which ones have we established? How are they integrated with the rest of our business model? How costly are they? <small>1. Personalized attention 2. Self-Service 3. Co-creation 4. Community 5. Concierge 6. Automated 7. Asynchronous</small></p>	<p><b>Customer Segments</b></p>  <p>For whom are we creating value? Who are our most important customers? <small>1. Mass 2. Niche 3. Segments 4. Markets 5. Markets/Problems</small></p>
<p><b>Key Resources</b></p>  <p>What Key Resources do our Value Propositions require? Our Distribution Channels? Customer Relationships? Revenue Streams? <small>1. Physical 2. Intellectual 3. Financial 4. Human 5. Channels</small></p>		<p><b>Channels</b></p>  <p>Through which Channels do our Customer Segments want to be reached? How are we reaching them now? How are our Channels integrated? Which ones work best? Which ones are most cost-efficient? How are we integrating them with customer routines? <small>1. Direct sales 2. Retail 3. Partners 4. Resellers 5. Intermediaries 6. Distribution 7. Sales force 8. Self-service 9. Online</small></p>		
<p><b>Cost Structure</b></p>  <p>What are the most important costs inherent in our business model? Which Key Resources are most expensive? Which Key Activities are most expensive? <small>1. Variable costs 2. Fixed costs 3. Semi-variable costs 4. Overhead 5. Infrastructure 6. Personnel 7. Marketing 8. Research and development 9. Production 10. Distribution 11. Logistics 12. Procurement 13. Platform development 14. Compliance 15. Legal</small></p>			<p><b>Revenue Streams</b></p>  <p>For what value are our customers really willing to pay? For what do they currently pay? How are they currently paying? How would they prefer to pay? How much does each Revenue Stream contribute to overall revenues? <small>1. Transactional 2. Subscription 3. Usage-based 4. Performance-based 5. Advertising 6. Commission 7. License 8. Royalty 9. Rental 10. Lease 11. Franchise 12. Equity 13. Debt 14. Grant 15. Other</small></p>	

# *Value Propositions*



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What bundles of products and services are we offering to each Customer Segment?  
Which customer needs are we satisfying?

## **CHARACTERISTICS**

*Newness*  
*Performance*  
*Customization*  
*"Getting the Job Done"*  
*Design*  
*Brand/Status*  
*Price*  
*Cost Reduction*  
*Risk Reduction*  
*Accessibility*  
*Convenience/Usability*

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# Metal-free RFB stands for ...

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# The European answer to lithium

## Li (cobalt) battery

### + Advantages

- High energy density
- High efficiency

### - Disadvantages

- Intensive battery management for durability and safety
- Limited resources (lithium, cobalt, nickel) with increased price sensitivity
- State of charge from 20-80%
- Fire hazard

## Organic RFB

### + Advantages

- Independent scalability of power & capacity
- Avoids heavy metals and aggressive acids
- All battery components can be made in EU
- Non-flammable and non-explosive
- Long lifetime
- Wide SOC window

### - Disadvantages

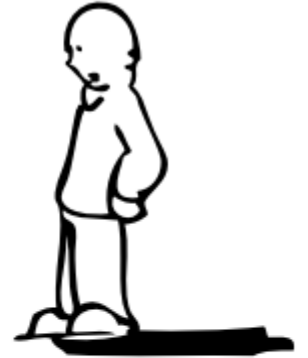
- Lower energy density
- Average efficiency

Both battery systems have their advantages and which one to use depends ultimately on the application and environmental situation such as operational temperature, availability of space, power vs. capacity requirements etc.

# Customer Segments

For whom are we creating value?  
Who are our most important customers?

*Mass Market*  
*Niche Market*  
*Segmented*  
*Diversified*  
*Multi-sided Platform*





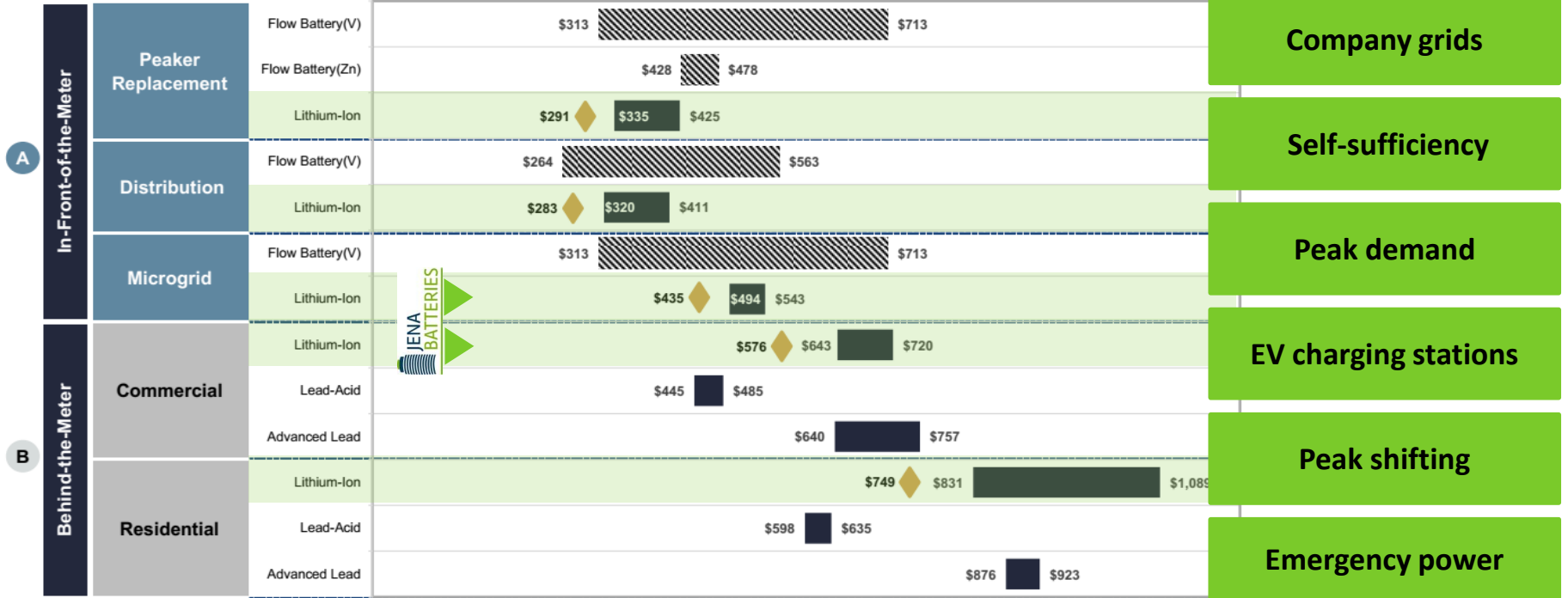
# Our markets

		Project Life (Years)	MW <sup>(1)</sup>	MWh of Capacity <sup>(2)</sup>	100% DOD Cycles/Day <sup>(3)</sup>	Days/Year <sup>(4)</sup>	Annual MWh	Project MWh
In-Front-of-the-Meter	1 Peaker Replacement	20	100	400	1	350	140,000	2,800,000
	2 Distribution	20	10	60	1	350	21,000	420,000
	3 Microgrid	10	1	4	2	350	2,800	28,000
Behind-the-Meter	4 Commercial	10	0.125	0.25	1	250	62.5	625
	5 Residential	10	0.005	0.01	1	250	2.5	25

Lazard, 2017.

# Our markets

Applications



Lazard, 2017.

Denotes indicative Flow Battery LCOS value. Flow battery LCOS ranges are shaded given the lack of operational experience required to verify survey results.

Denotes 2018 Estimate

# Customer Relationships

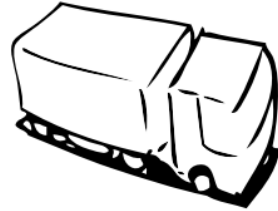


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How costly are they?

## EXAMPLES

*Personal assistance*  
*Dedicated Personal Assistance*  
*Self-Service*  
*Automated Services*  
*Communities*  
*Co-creation*

# Channels



Through which Channels do our Customer Segments want to be reached?  
How are we reaching them now?  
How are our Channels integrated?  
Which ones work best?  
Which ones are most cost-efficient?  
How are we integrating them with customer routines?

## CHANNEL PHASES:

- 1. Awareness**  
*How do we raise awareness about our company's products and services?*
- 2. Evaluation**  
*How do we help customers evaluate our organization's Value Proposition?*
- 3. Purchase**  
*How do we allow customers to purchase specific products and services?*
- 4. Delivery**  
*How do we deliver a Value Proposition to customers?*
- 5. After sales**  
*How do we provide post-purchase customer support?*

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# Revenue Streams



For what value are our customers really willing to pay?

For what do they currently pay?

How are they currently paying?

How would they prefer to pay?

How much does each Revenue Stream contribute to overall revenues?

## **TYPES:**

*Asset sale*

*Usage fee*

*Subscription Fees*

*Lending/Renting/Leasing*

*Licensing*

*Brokerage fees*

*Advertising*

## **FIXED PRICING**

*List Price*

*Product feature dependent*

*Customer segment dependent*

*Volume dependent*

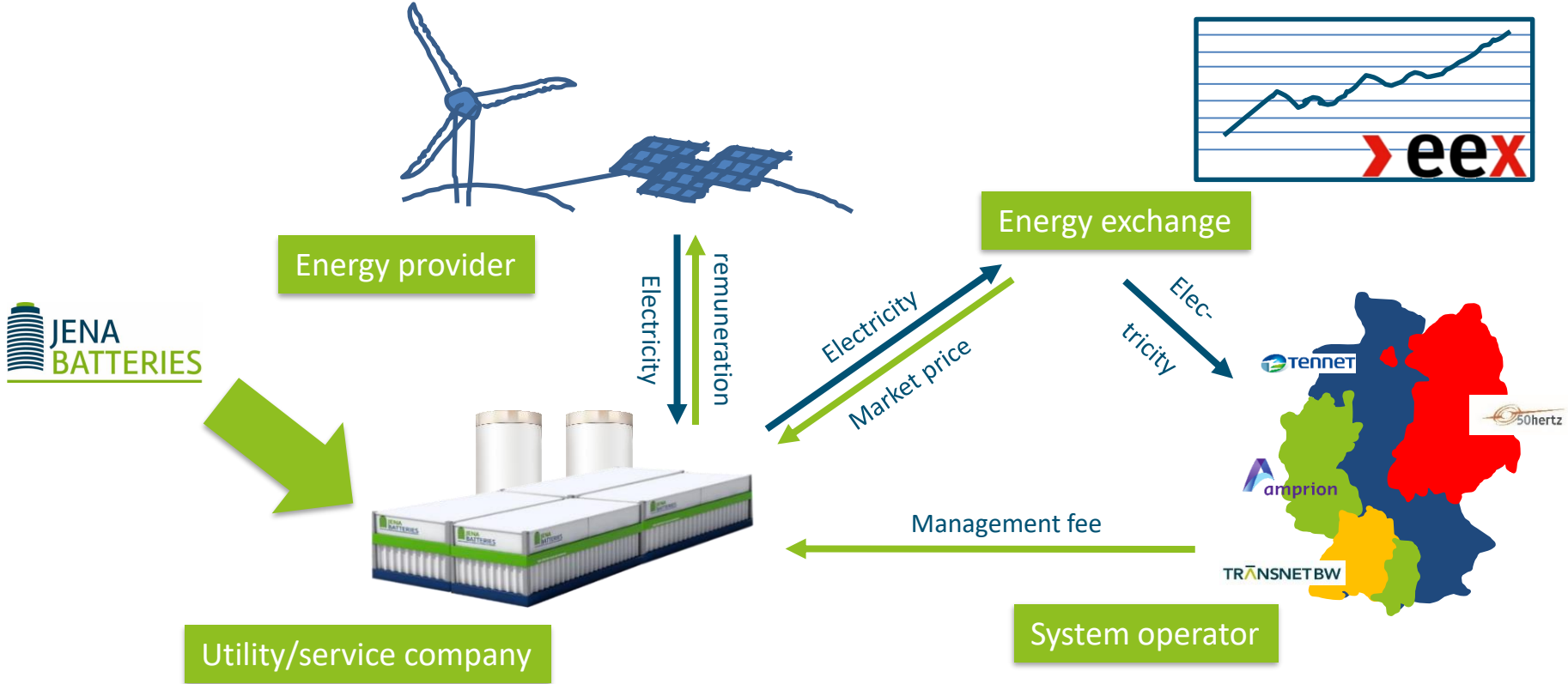
## **DYNAMIC PRICING**

*Negotiation( bargaining)*

*Yield Management*

*Real-time-Market*

# Customers: Project developer



# Cost Structure



What are the most important costs inherent in our business model?  
Which Key Resources are most expensive?  
Which Key Activities are most expensive?

**IS YOUR BUSINESS MORE:**

*Cost Driven (leanest cost structure, low price value proposition, maximum automation, extensive outsourcing)*

*Value Driven (focused on value creation, premium value proposition)*

**SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS:**

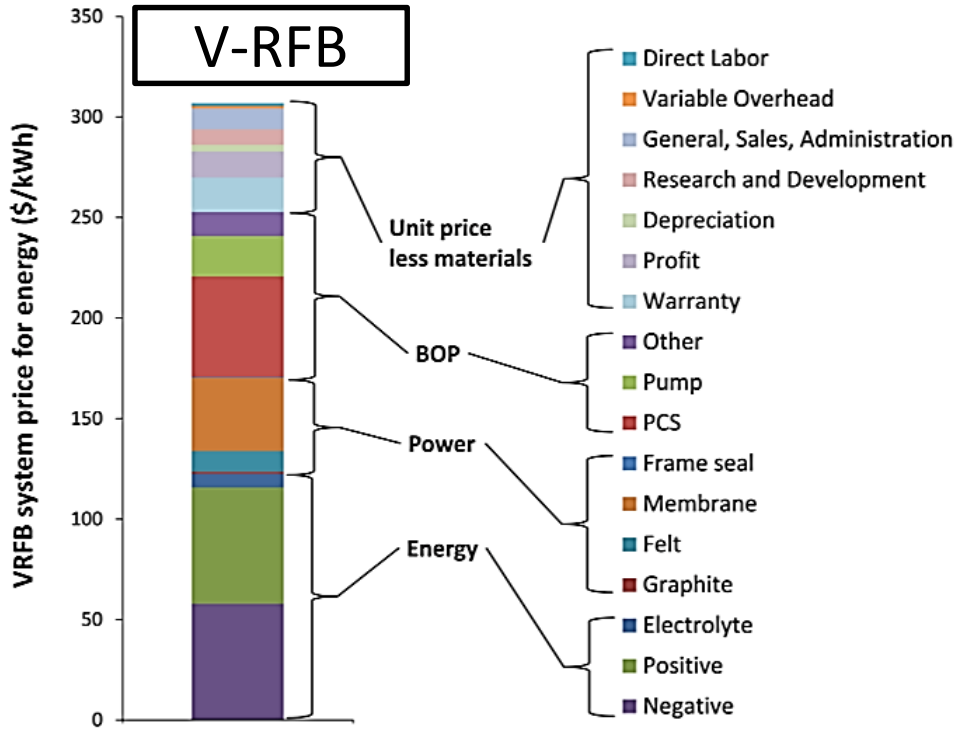
*Fixed Costs (salaries, rents, utilities)*

*Variable costs*

*Economies of scale*

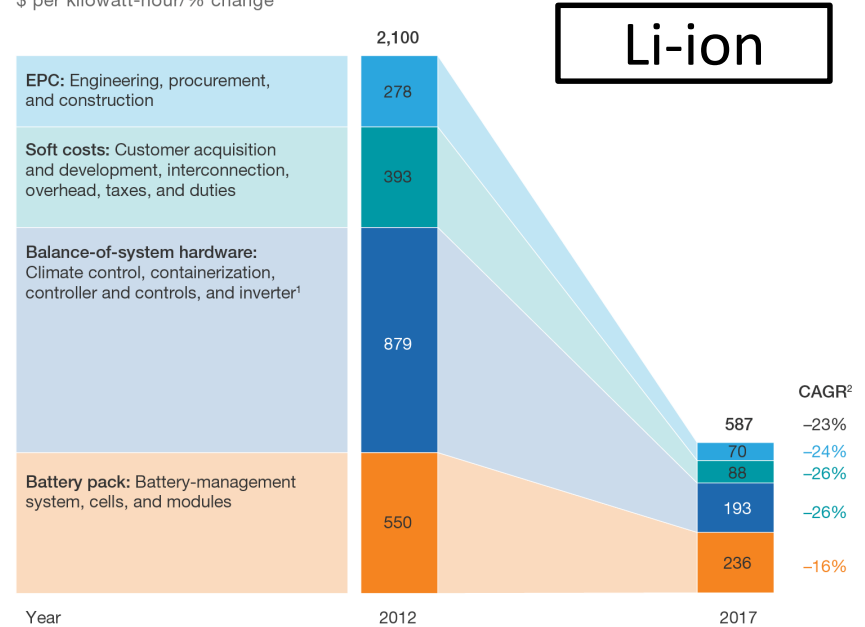
*Economies of scope*

# System price breakdown



<https://www.jcesr.org/estimating-the-system-price-of-redox-flow-batteries-for-grid-storage/>

Cost of a 1-megawatt energy-storage system with a 1-hour duration by segment, \$ per kilowatt-hour/% change



<sup>1</sup>The 2012 breakdown of balance-of-system hardware costs is based on the split used for 2015, because no breakdown is available for 2012.

<sup>2</sup>Compound annual growth rate, 2012 to 2017.

McKinsey, 2018.

# Key Activities



What Key Activities do our Value Propositions require?  
Our Distribution Channels?  
Customer Relationships?  
Revenue streams?

## CATEGORIES

*Production*  
*Problem Solving*  
*Platform/Network*

# Key Resources



What Key Resources do our Value Propositions require?  
Our Distribution Channels? Customer Relationships?  
Revenue Streams?

## TYPES OF RESOURCES

*Physical*  
*Intellectual (brand patents, copyrights, data)*  
*Human*  
*Financial*

# Key Partners



Who are our Key Partners?  
Who are our key suppliers?  
Which Key Resources are we acquiring from partners?  
Which Key Activities do partners perform?

## MOTIVATIONS FOR PARTNERSHIPS:

*Optimization and economy*  
*Reduction of risk and uncertainty*  
*Acquisition of particular resources and activities*

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# Next steps

# Legal structure

- Important decision!
- Defines taxes
- Amount of paperwork
- Personal liability
- Ability to raise money



# Legal structure

## GmbH

- Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung
- Min. capital stock 25 TEUR
- Limited personal liability
- No shelf company

## S.L.

- Sociedad de responsabilidad limitada
- Min. capital stock 3 TEUR
- Shelf company possible and fast

## Ldt. (UK)

- Limited Company
- Limited by shares
- Limited by guarantee
- No min. capital stock
- Fast (24 h)

# Funding



- You
- Friends and family
- Loans (banks, microlenders, government-guaranteed)
- Private / angel investors
- Venture capital firms
- Public grants
- Crowdfunding

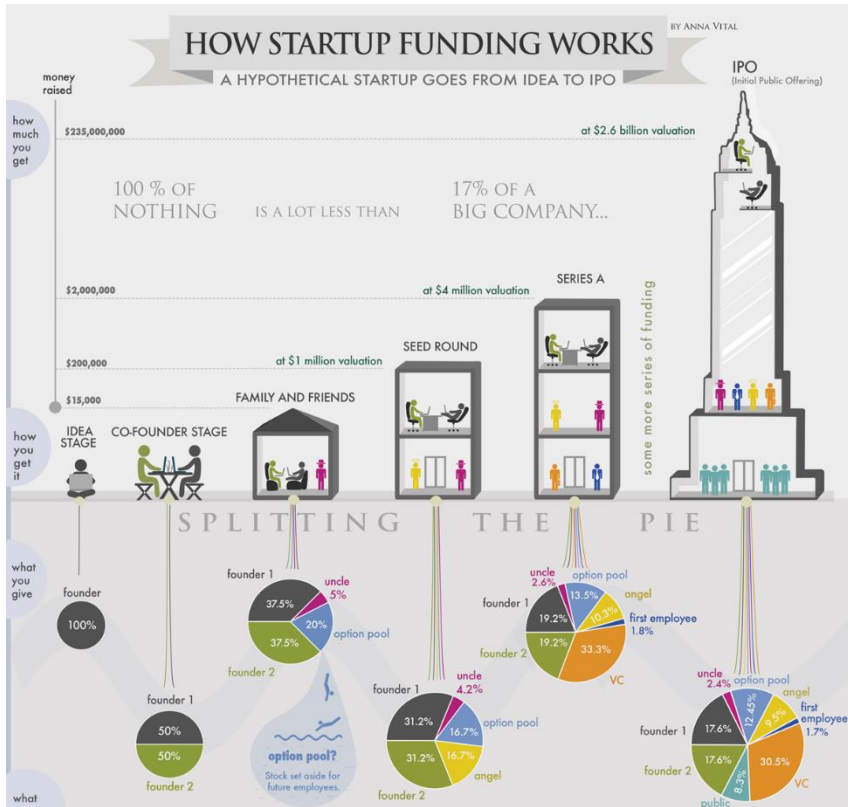
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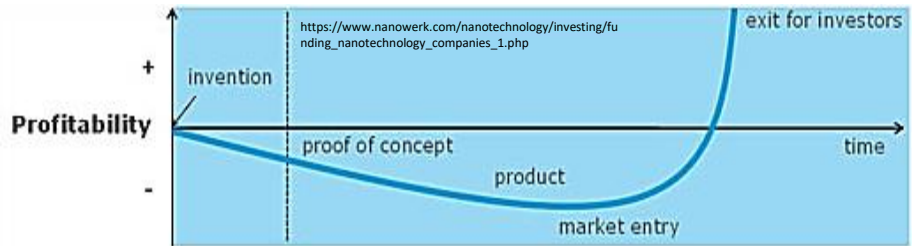
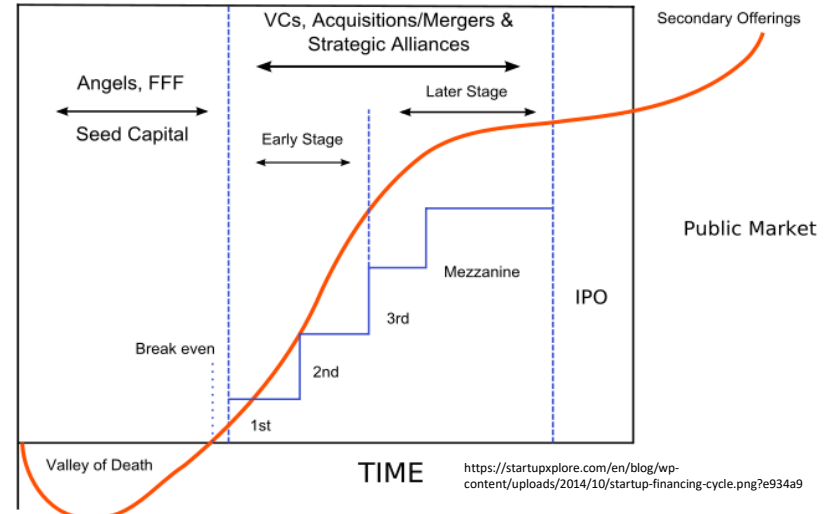
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# Financing cycle



<https://blog.adioma.com/how-funding-works-splitting-equity-infographic/>



# Financing cycle – first steps



# Public funding of R&D



1,75 Mio. € - Basic research on organic RFB

1,1 Mio. € - RFB/Smart Grid



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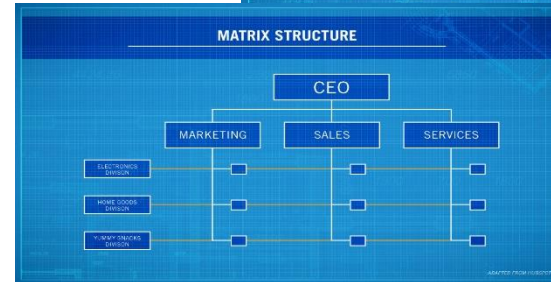
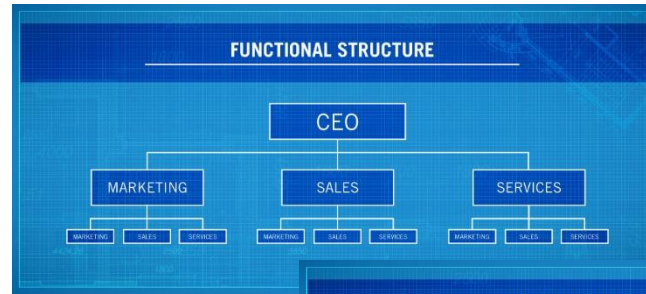
340 T€ - photo-electrochemical RFB

140 T€ - innovative materials



# Organizational structure

- What expertise do we need?
- How many people? – Avoid being a one-person team, recruit talent
- Cost? – Running costs add up fast!
- Is working at a start-up company attractive?
- How much formalism is needed?
- When to change?
- Leadership skills – Do we need an experienced manager?
- Conflicts!

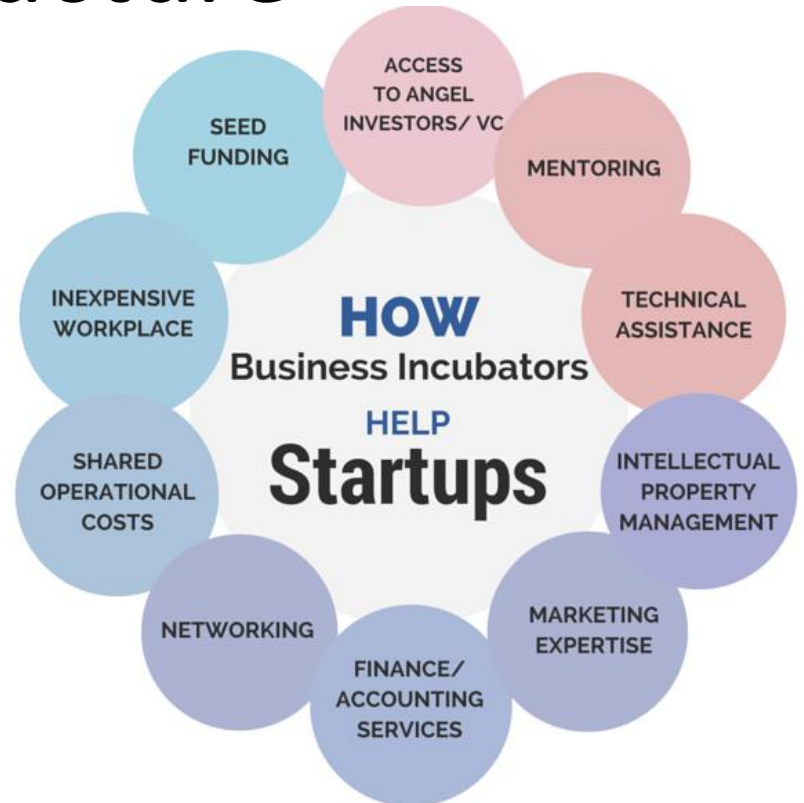


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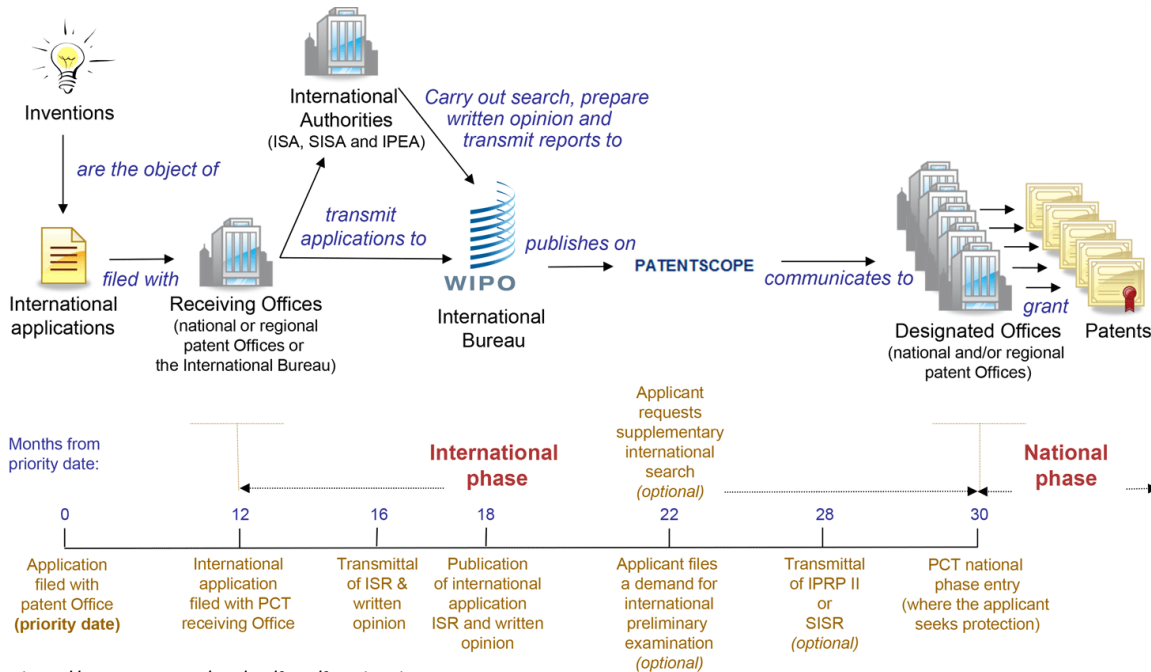


# Infrastructure

- Offices & labs, collaborative spaces, ...
  - business incubator
- Professional accounting
- Legal counselling
- Avoid heavy investments at an early stage



# Intellectual property



<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/faqs.html>



# Make yourself known



IQ Innovation award 2015

TV: 3sat - nano



luxresearch  
This is a preview of an

JenaBatteries:  
The battery of the future

We all know that we need to change some things if we want to preserve our planet. Unfortunately, the average stationary battery system is relying heavily on mining and refining in sensitive habitats and is anything but green. JenaBatteries creates revolutionary organic redox-flow-batteries based on metal-free energy storage materials salt and water which reduce the environmental impact and can be manufactured

grid applications, micro-grid solutions, island grids, storage of renewable energy, load shifting and peak shaving, emergency and uninterrupted power supply, for e-mobility charging solutions and many more that Inno-15' in



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COMPANY PROFILE  
**JenaBatteries**  
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Flow batteries



Market reports: Lux Research

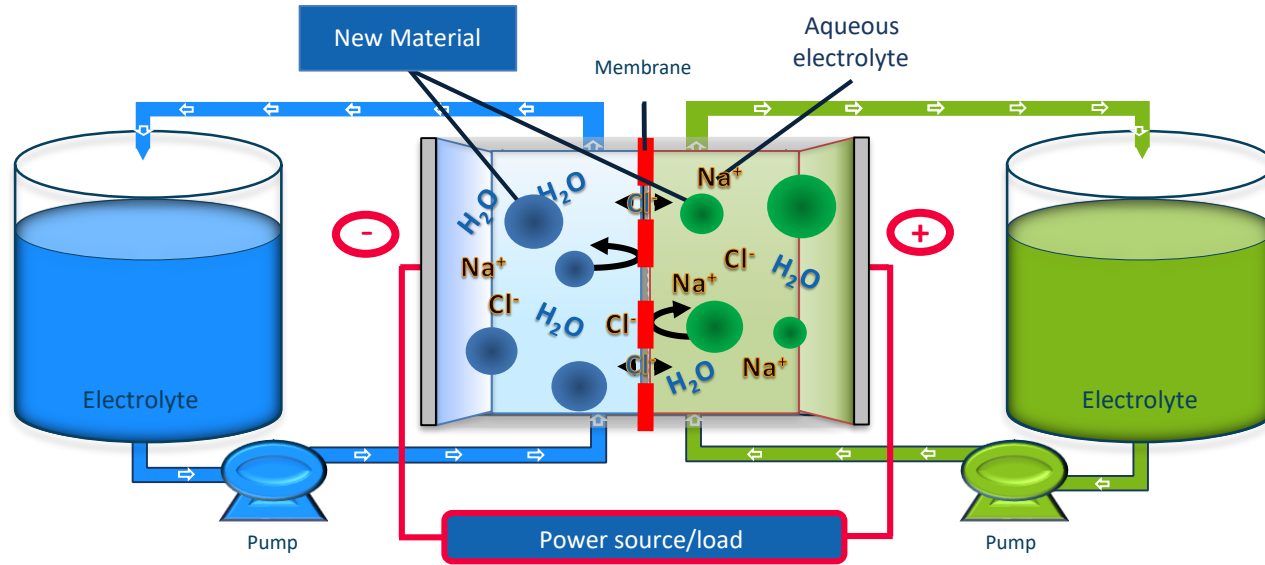
- Pivoted from longer chain polymer electrolytes due to viscosity issues; retains original stack design permitting low pressure drop operation
  - Demonstrated full systems at 10 kW-scale as part of a publicly-funded program; starting another publicly-funded 30 kW/100 kWh microgrid project funded by Horizon 2020
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# Development

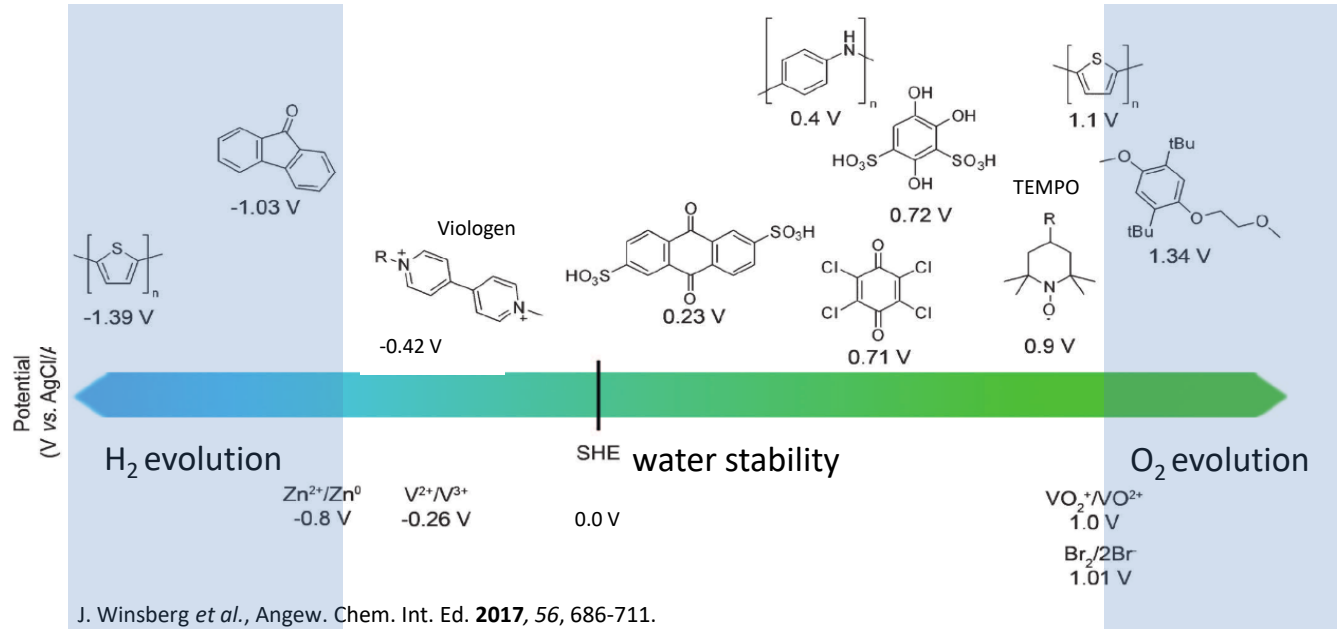
# JenaBatteries' metal free aqueous RFB



**Sustainable and easy-to-handle:**

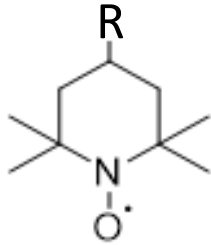
**A water-based electrolyte replaces highly corrosive, acidic, vanadium-based electrolytes.**

# Organic active materials

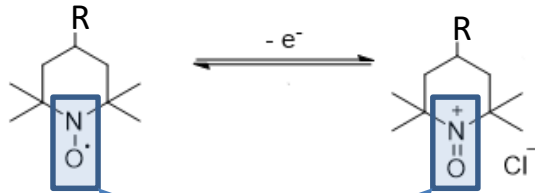


- Aqueous solutions are favored due to cost, safety and conductivity
- TEMPO/viologen-system uses a great part of water stability window

# How to chose organic active materials



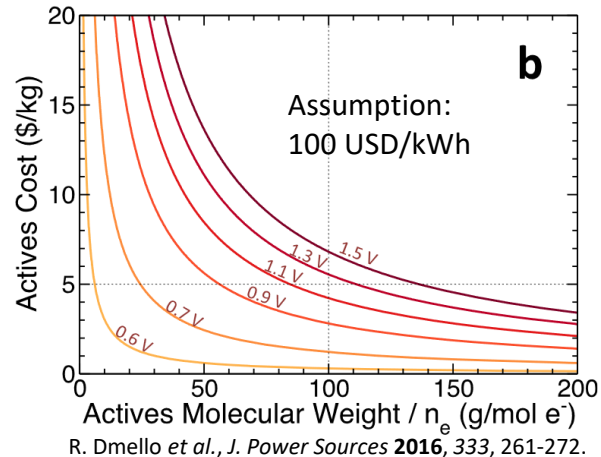
- 2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidinyloxy (TEMPO) derivatives
- Persistent radicals
- Cheap educts (acetone und ammonia)
- Simple synthesis routs for various R-groups



Active part

Molar mass N-O: 30 g/mol

Molar mass TEMPO: 156 g/mol



# Development

## Laboratory and prototype facility:



## Pilot projects:

PV application



Microgrid



Tailored solutions



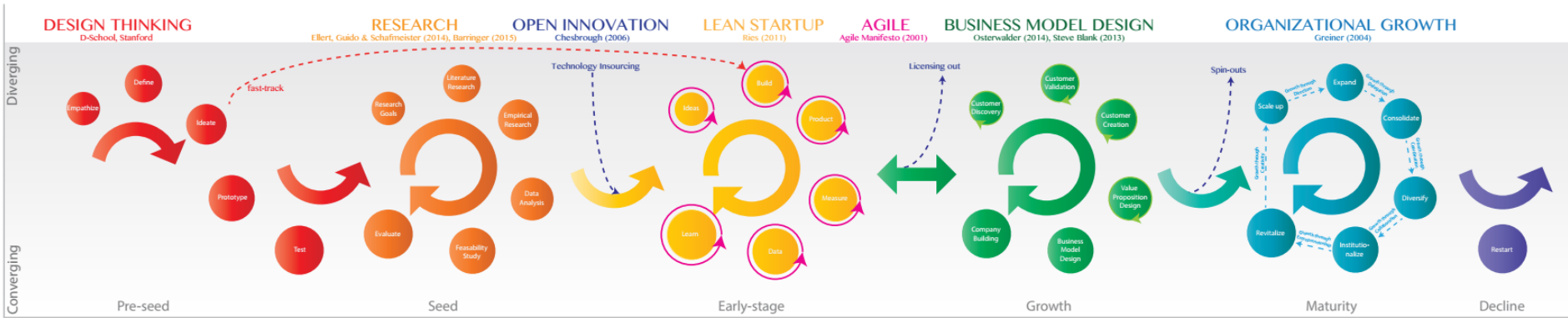


# Go and sell! – Testing the market

If you are not embarrassed about the first version of your product when talking to potential customers, you have launched to late!

# Organizational growth & scale up

## Lean Scale-Up: Innovation & Entrepreneurship for New Ventures

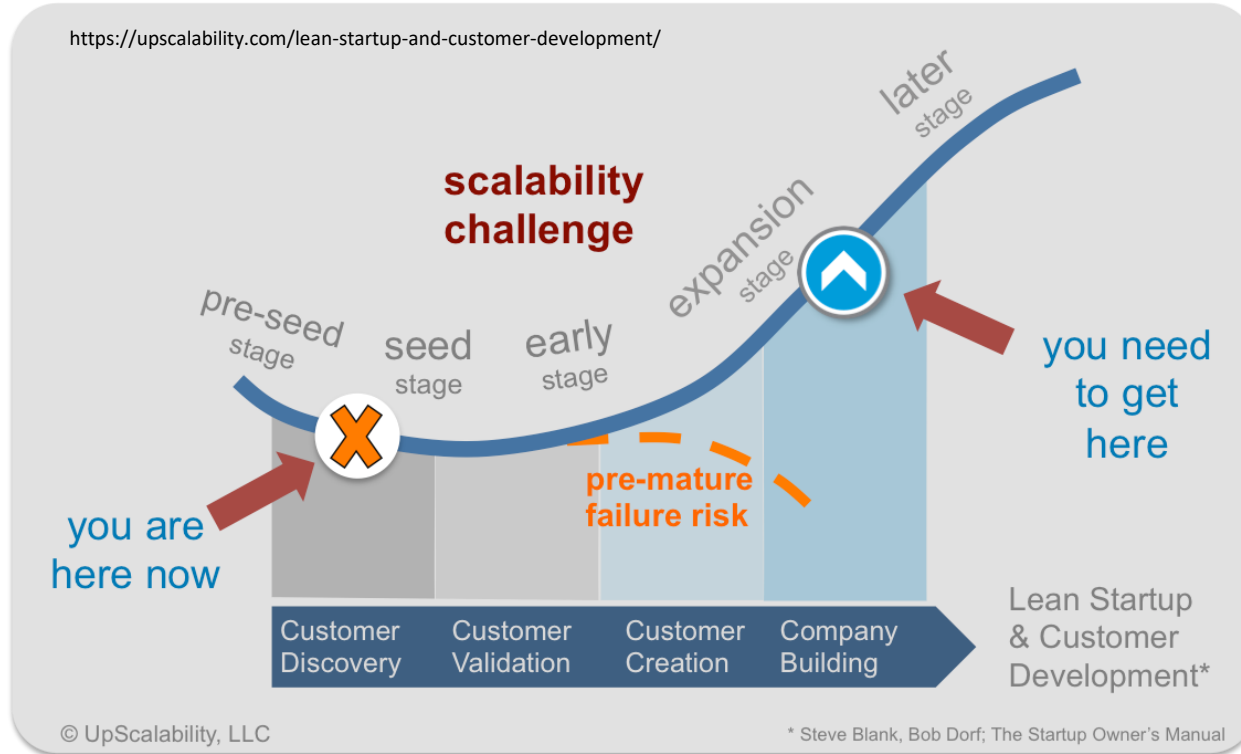


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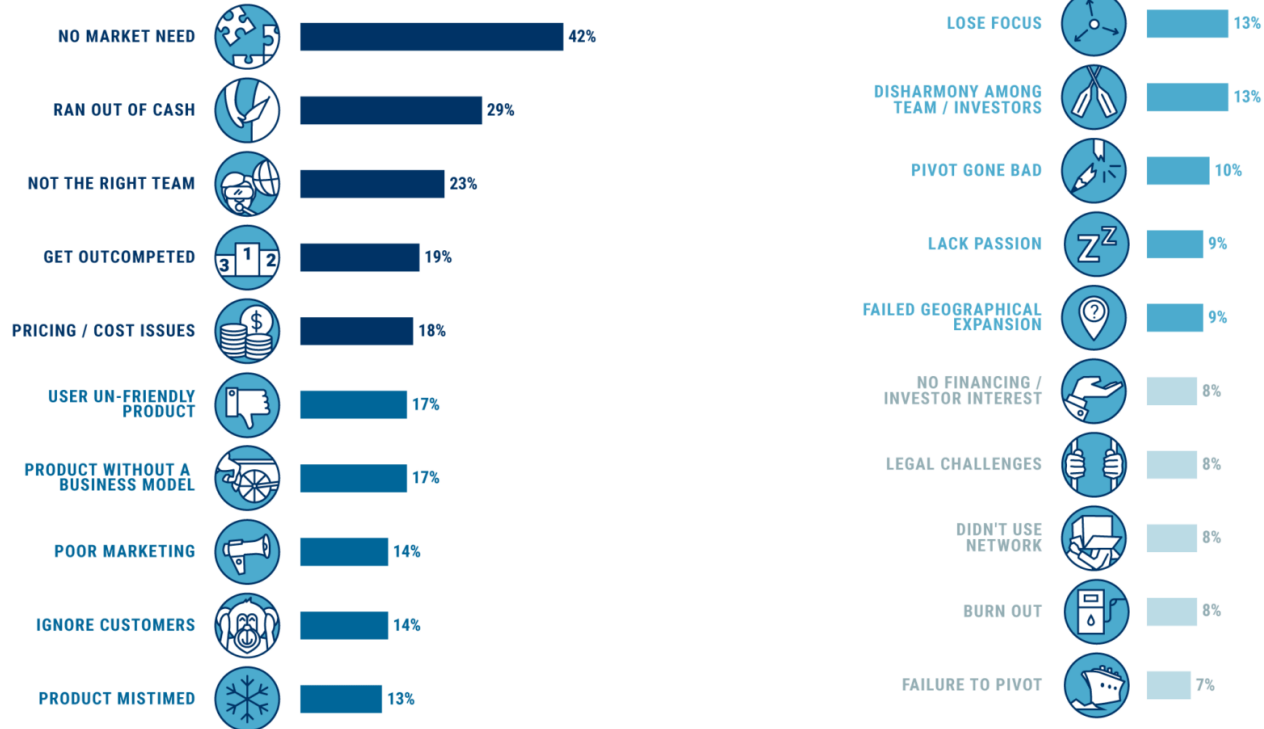
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# Failure

BASED ON ANALYSIS OF 101 STARTUP POSTMORTEMS  
Top 20 Reasons Startups Fail



<https://www.cbinsights.com/research/startup-failure-reasons-top/>

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# Don't be afraid!

## 18 Mistakes That Kill Startups



1. Single Founder



2. Bad Location



3. Marginal Niche



4. Derivative Idea



5. Obstinacy



6. Hiring Bad Programmers



7. Choosing the Wrong Platform



8. Slowness in Launching



9. Launching Too Early



10. Having No Specific User in Mind



11. Raising Too Little Money



12. Spending Too Much



13. Raising Too Much Money



14. Poor Investor Management



15. Sacrificing Users to (Supposed) Profit



16. Not Wanting to Get Your Hands Dirty



17. Fights Between Founders



18. A Half-Hearted Effort



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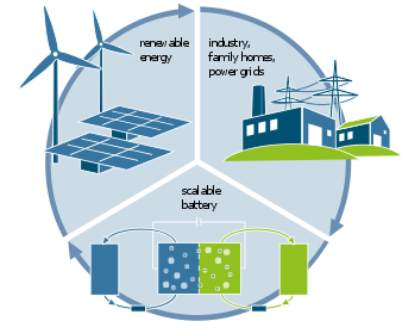
Don't be afraid  
of failure.  
If you don't start,  
who else will?  
If necessary,  
launch again!

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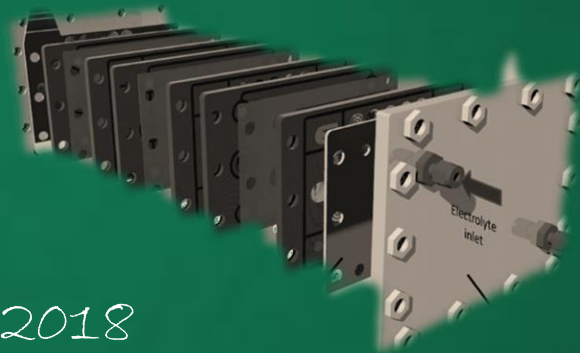
# Summary

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- Metal-free, aqueous RFBs as safe, non-flammable alternative for lithium-ion batteries in stationary storage
- Organic molecules provide "unlimited" raw material availability
- Predictable costs allow for projectability, bankability, insurability
- JenaBatteries offers metal-free, aqueous RFBs starting at 100 kW for industrial customers



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