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## **PRESENTATION FOR LIVE WEBINAR**

Further to the Company's announcement of 23 February 2023, please see attached Webinar presentation. Details of the webinar are set out below.

**TOPIC:** Update on cobalt market developments and the outlook for NCM battery cathodes amid rising market share of LFP cathodes.

**Date:** Tuesday 28 February 2023  
**Time:** 5:00 PM AEDT  
**Format:** Presentation update followed by Q&A  
**Duration:** 45 minutes

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# Investor Webinar

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# Webinar Agenda

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1. COB update
2. The cobalt market
3. Developments in NCM and LFP Market Share
4. Influence of the Inflation Reduction Act/ Green Deal Industrial Plan response





# Recent Key Milestones

1. **Capital raise:** Placement and shareholder entitlement raised A\$22m.
2. **Feasibility Study (FS) progressing:** Contracted engineering firms engaged, EIS fieldwork continues.
3. **Demonstration Plant:** Underground mining and concentrate processing complete. First large scale MHP expected shortly.
4. **Project Partner discussions ongoing:** Targeting OEMs, manufacturers and traders across the battery supply chain.
5. **Critical Minerals Accelerator Grant:** (A\$15m) funds contributing towards FS delivery.



Cobalt Nickel Mixed Hydroxide



Cobalt Sulphate



# BHCP: Demonstration Plant

**Underground Portal**



**Concentrator Circuit**





# BHCP: Demonstration Plant

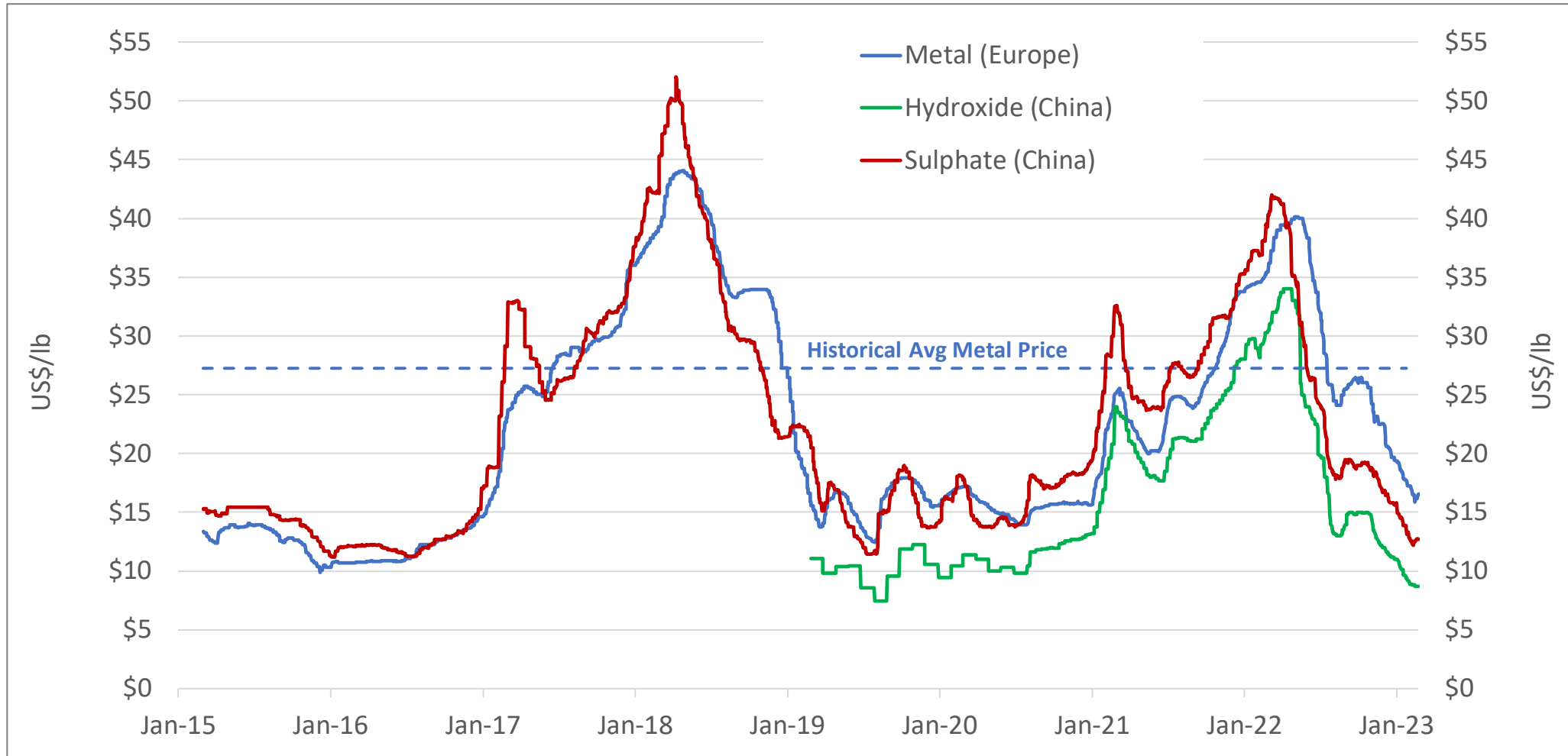
Horizontal vacuum filter belt & Pressure oxidation leach circuit



MHP (30% Co, 7% Ni) & Cobalt Sulphate (20% Co)



# Cobalt Prices: Supply outpacing demand

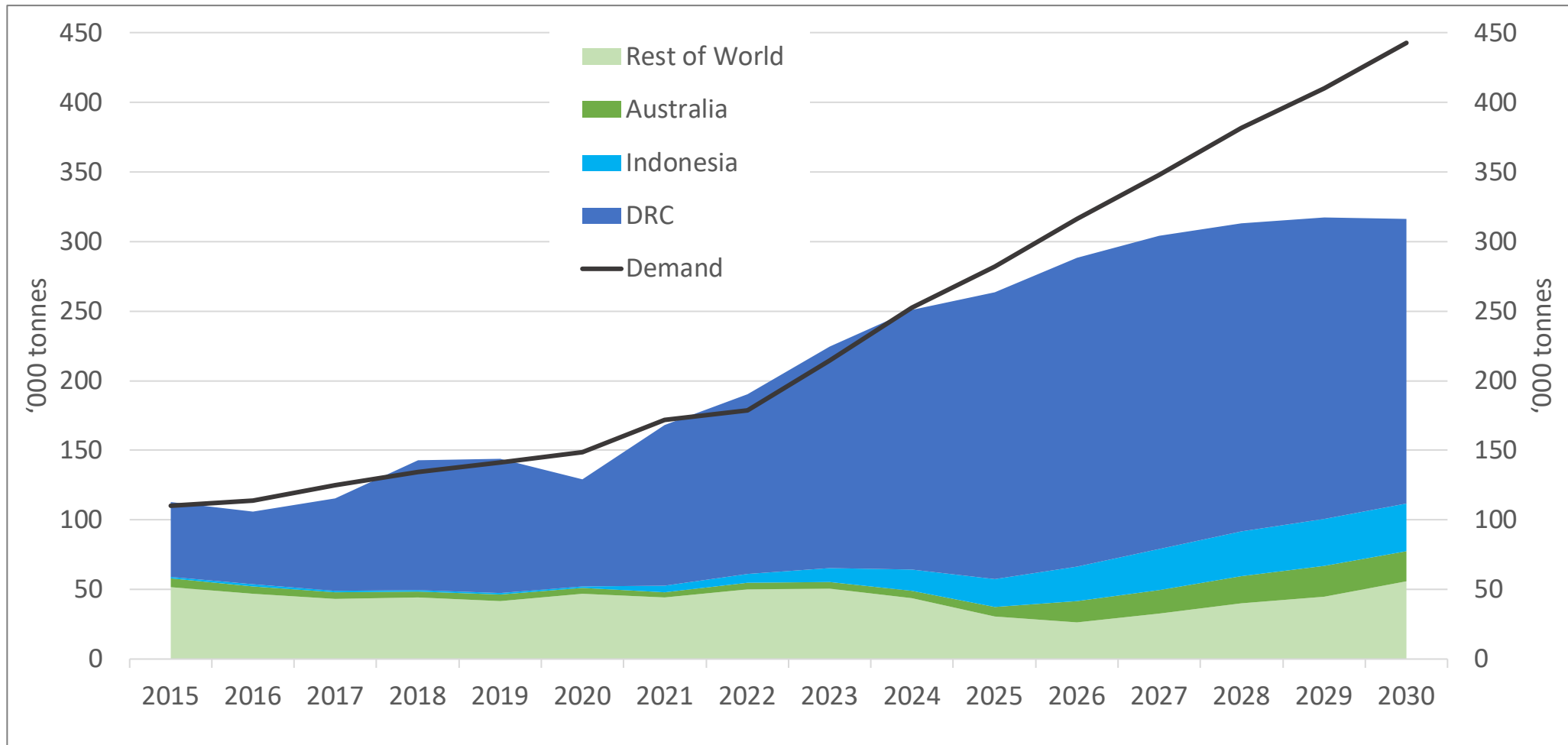


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Source: S&P Global Commodity Insights, Cobalt Blue Holdings Limited



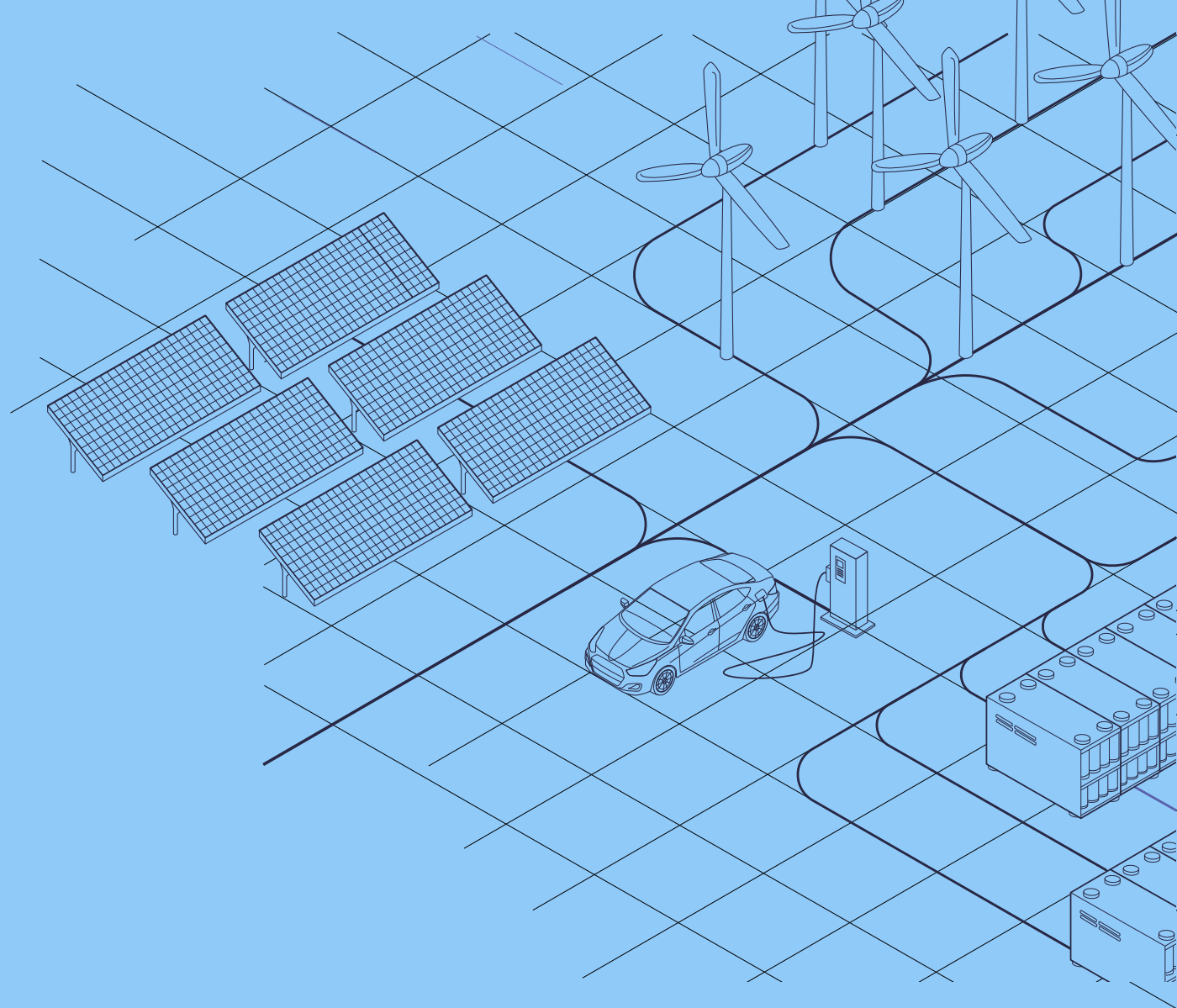
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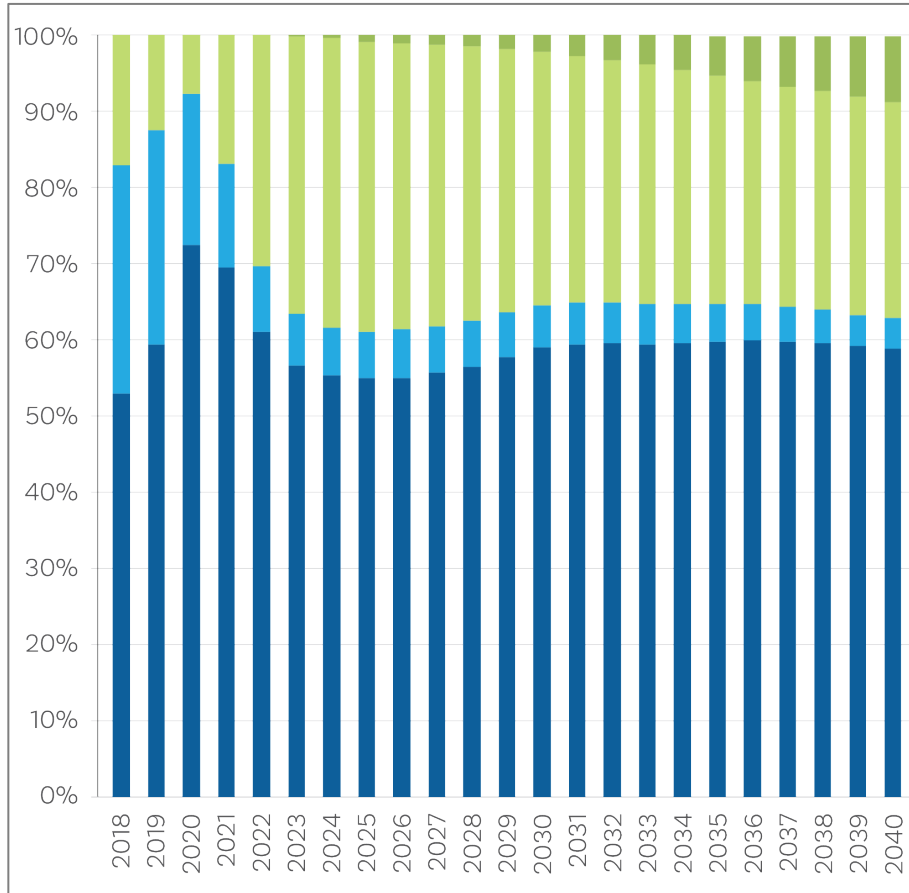
# LFP and its future beyond China

Will Roberts  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

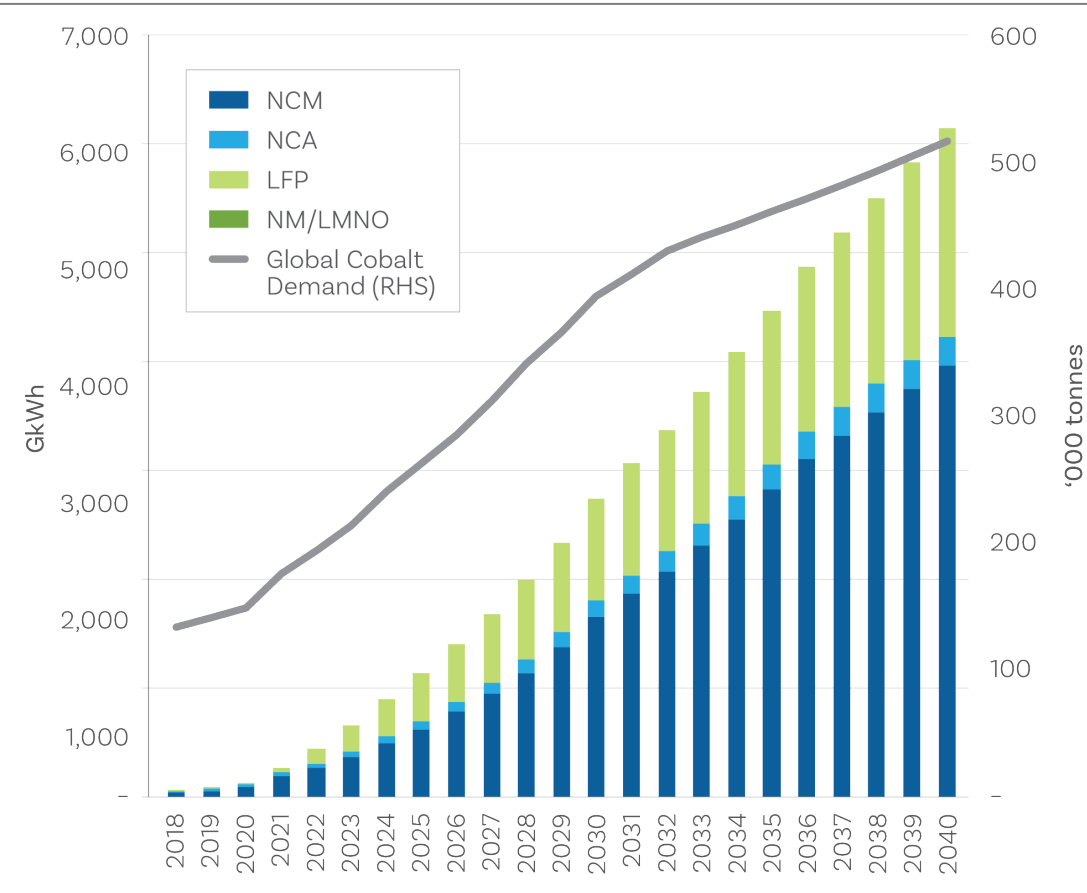


# LFP share rising, so is cobalt demand

Li-ion battery cell chemistry market share



Li-ion battery cell chemistry growth vs cobalt demand



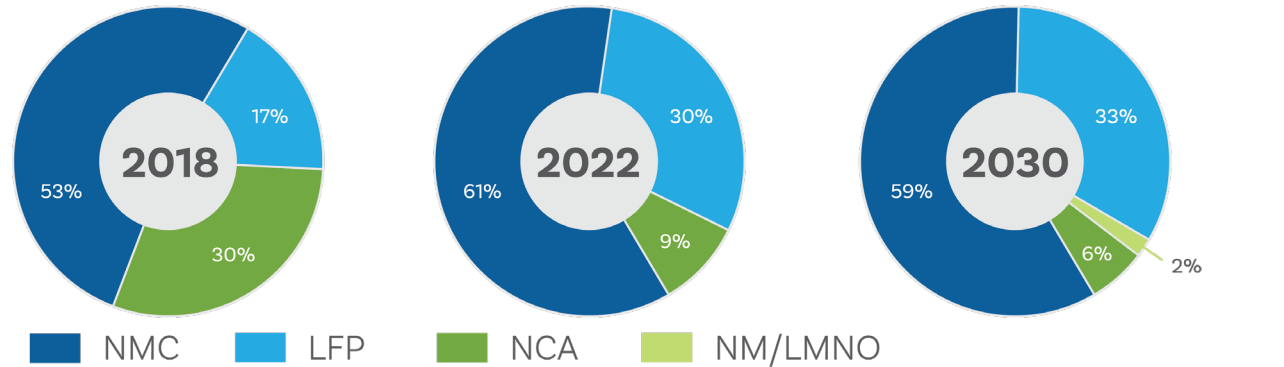


# NCM vs LFP

Most EV batteries today use one of two types of cathodes:

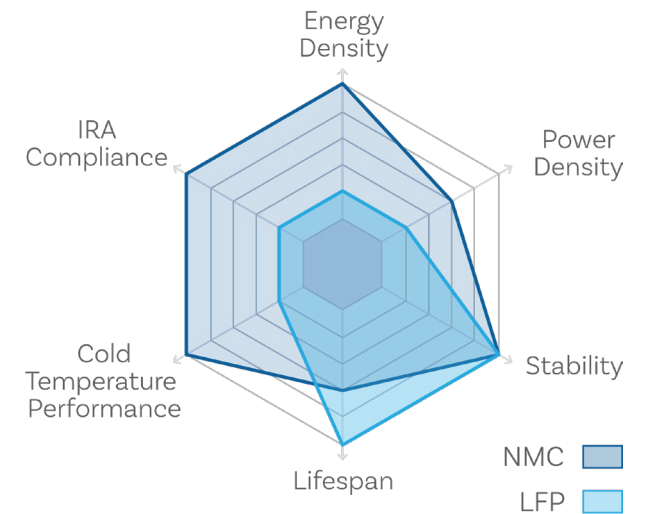
- Nickel Cobalt Manganese (**NCM**) cathodes:
  - Capable of storing more energy
  - Superior life spans
  - Superior thermal stability, thus safer
  - Use costly materials (nickel, cobalt).
- Lithium Iron Phosphate (**LFP**).  
LFP cathodes:
  - Less energy efficient (due to weight)
  - Slower cold-weather charging
  - Little capacity ex-China
  - Safer in higher temperatures or demanding conditions
  - Use less costly materials (iron, phosphate)

## Li-ion EV battery cell chemistry market share



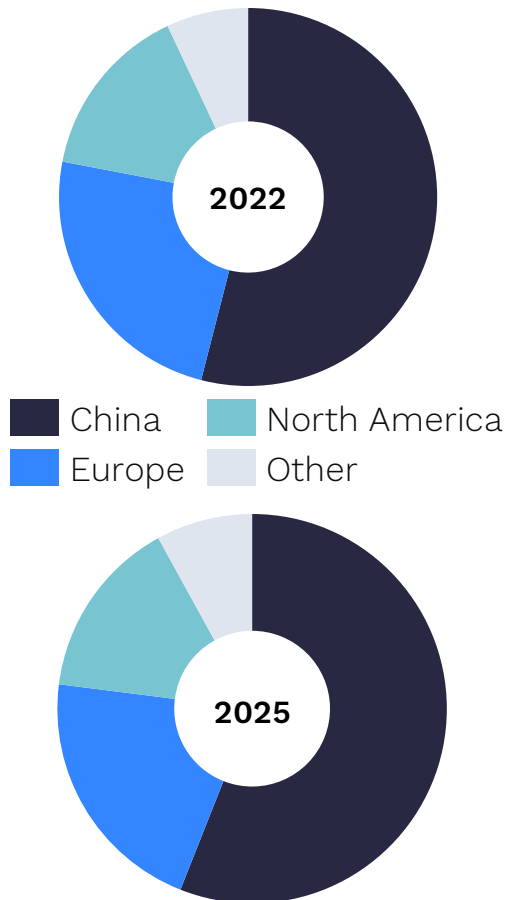
	LFP	NCM
Energy Density	●	● ● ●
Power Density	●	● ●
Stability	● ● ●	● ● ●
Lifespan	● ● ●	● ●
Cold Temperature Performance	●	● ● ●
IRA Compliance	●	● ● ●

● ● ● Excellent ● ● Good ● Poor



# Chemistry deployment varies significantly between regions

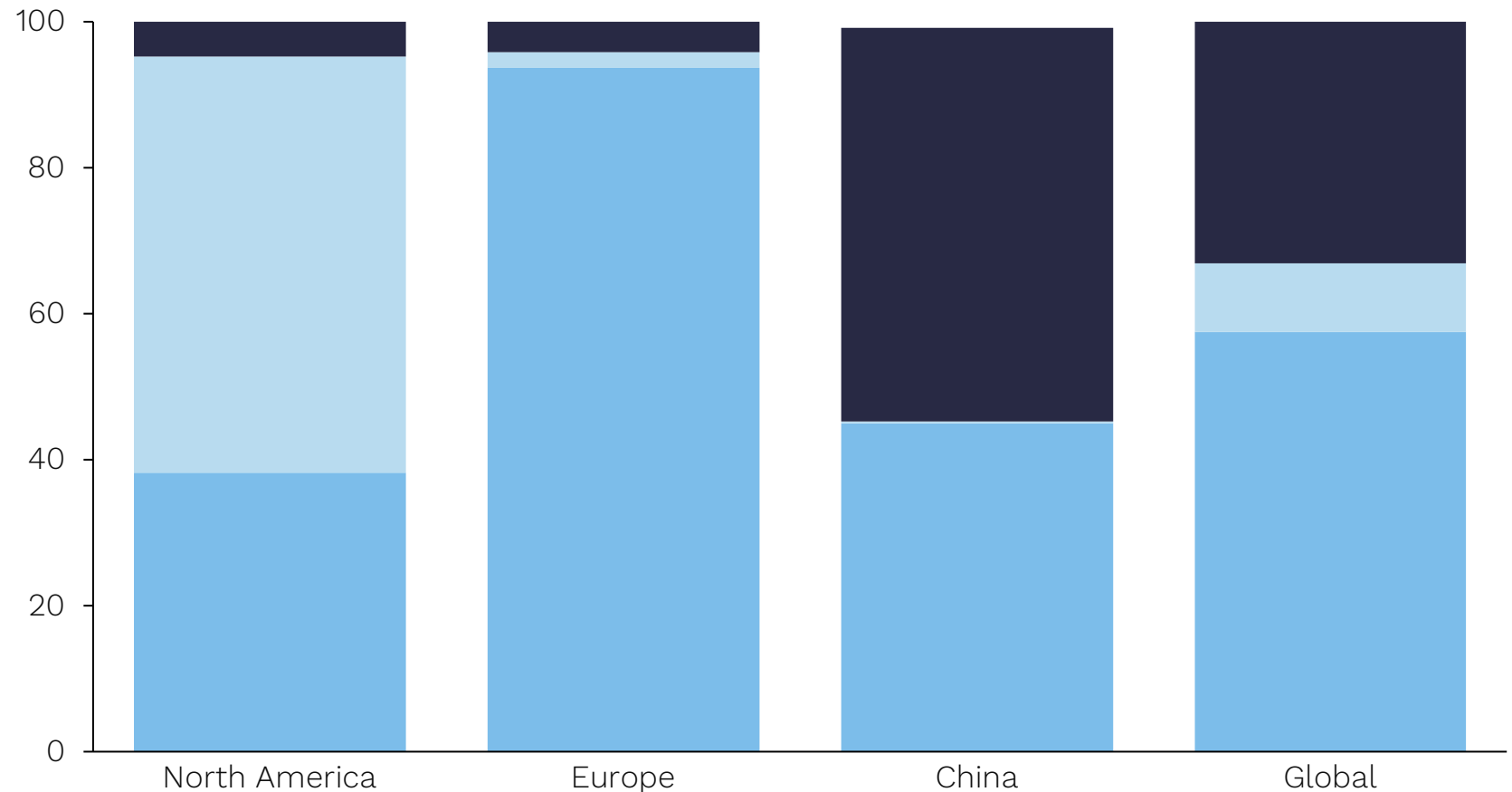
Battery demand by region



% of EV sales

Battery demand chemistry split, 2022

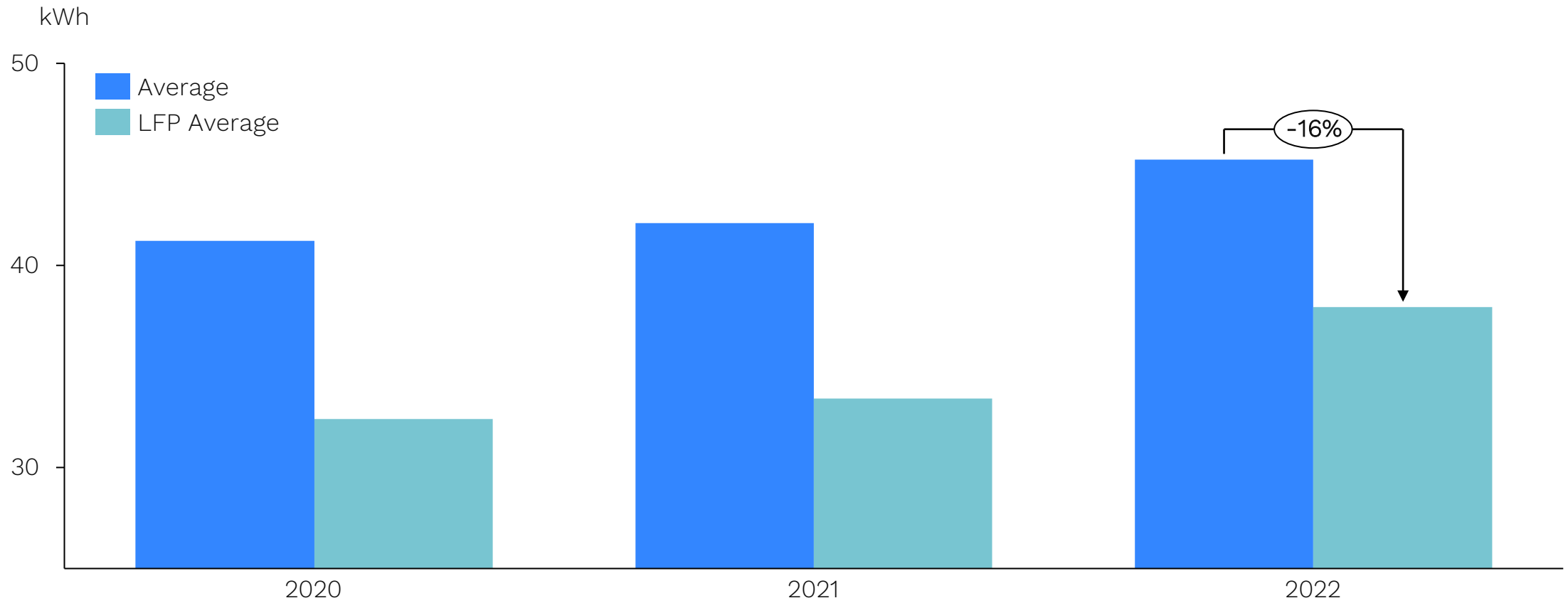
LFP NCA NCM



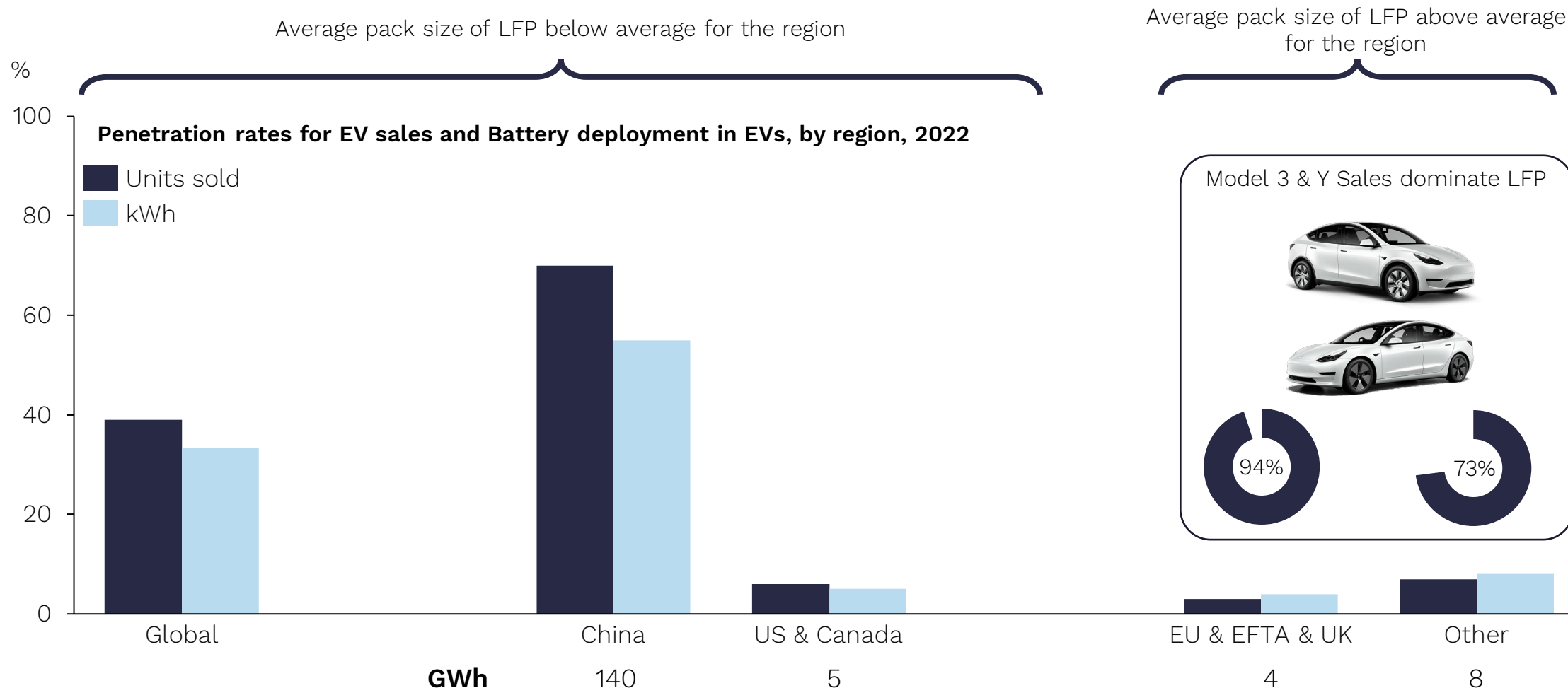


# Average pack sizes are smaller for LFP for nearly every vehicle segment in which it appears

Average pack size comparison: LFP vs all Chemistries

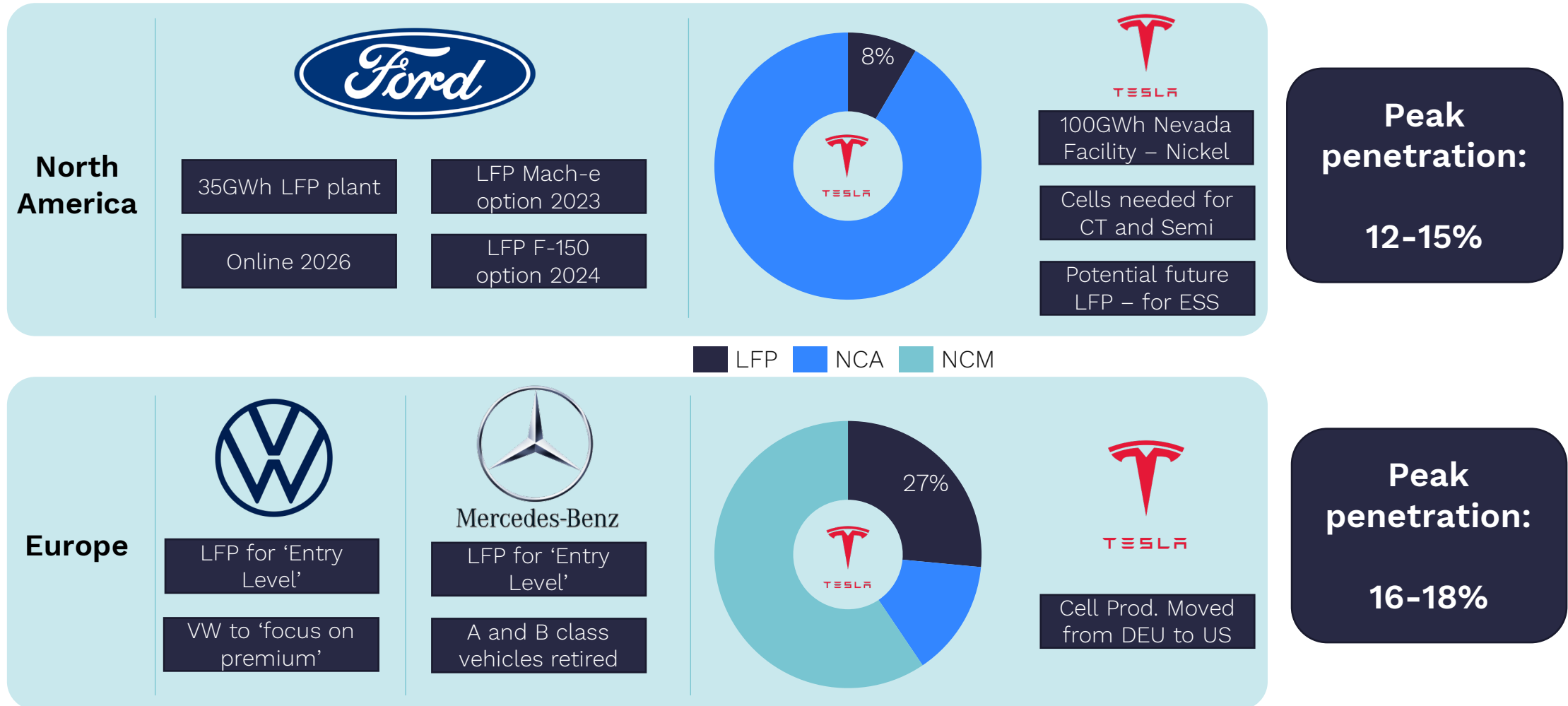


# LFP penetration in vehicle sales is higher than in battery deployment, heavily weighted by China



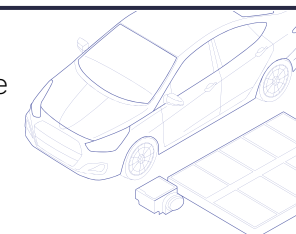


# LFP adoption in Europe and North America

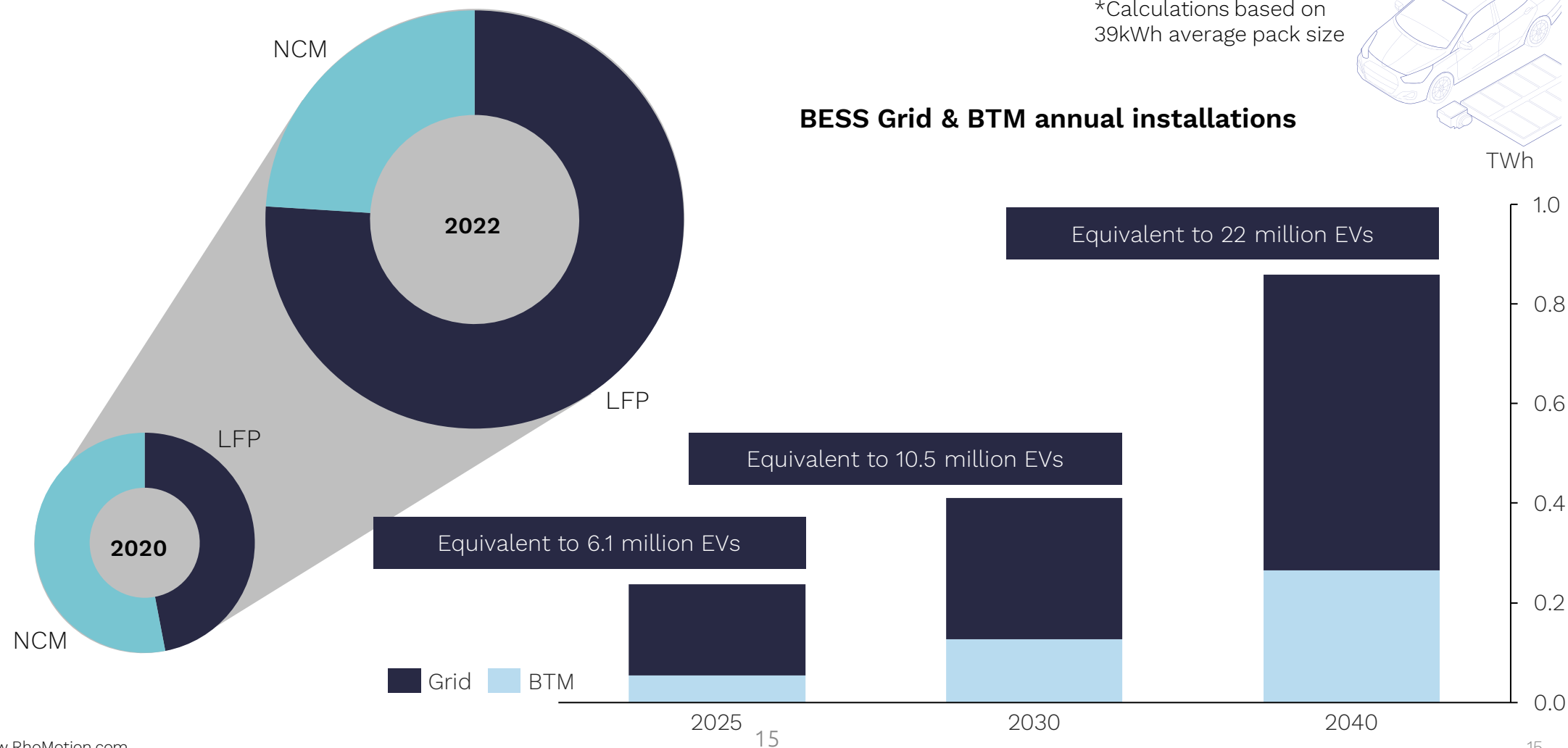


# ESS Battery demand is ~10-15% relative to the EV market and is quickly moving to LFP

\*Calculations based on  
39kWh average pack size



## BESS Grid & BTM annual installations



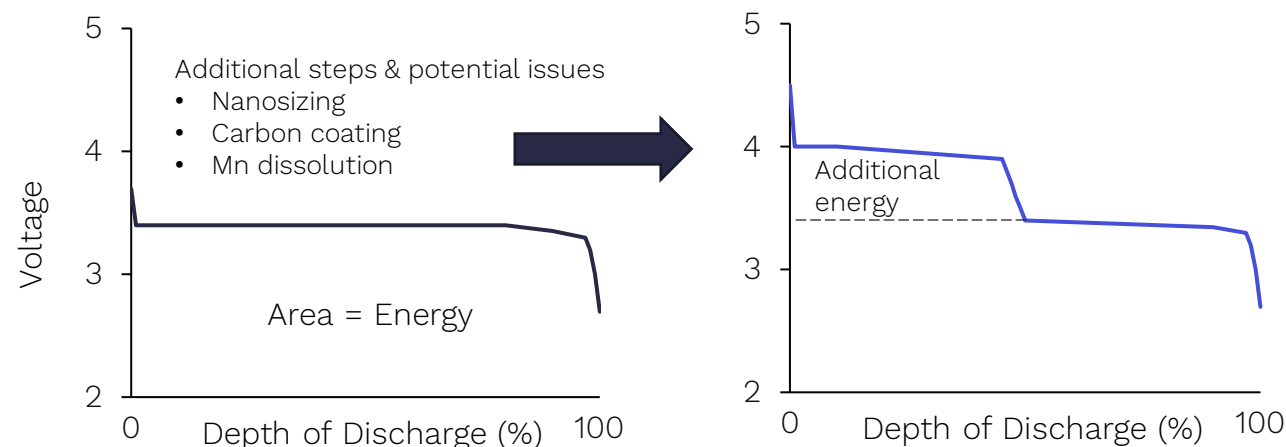


# LMFP technology spotlight

## Next Generation LFP

- This quarter we have split out LMFP in the cathode chemistry forecast on the back of increased interest and announcements from cell manufacturers and OEMs.
- LFP is favoured by Chinese cell manufacturers, with its benefits in safety, cost and cycle life. Whilst there has been advancements optimising cell-to-pack, like with the BYD Han blade module-less design (~140Wh/kg, 210Wh/L) there are still fundamental material limitations.
- The next opportunity is represented by  $\text{LiM}_x\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{PO}_4$  (LMFP), where iron (Fe) is partially substituted by other metals such as Mn, Zn and Al. CATL has claimed that M3P is ready for mass-production in 2023 and aims to supply the ~700km range BEVs with M3P cells in CTP 3.0 (Qilin) battery packs.
- In preparation for the future demand, CAM suppliers, such as Easpring and Dynanonic, have started to invest in LMFP cathode material projects.

## Energy improvements – LFP (left) vs. LMFP (right)



## Next Generation LFP cells – Short term, roadmaps



Planned 2023, 60-80% Mn,  
Targeting ~ 400-500Wh/L.



M3P, more complex than  
LMFP, doped with 2 metals  
(including Mn, Zn, Al).  
Aiming for 210-230Wh/kg.

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EVE

Others working on  
development of  
LMFP cells, some  
pilot production,

# US Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act

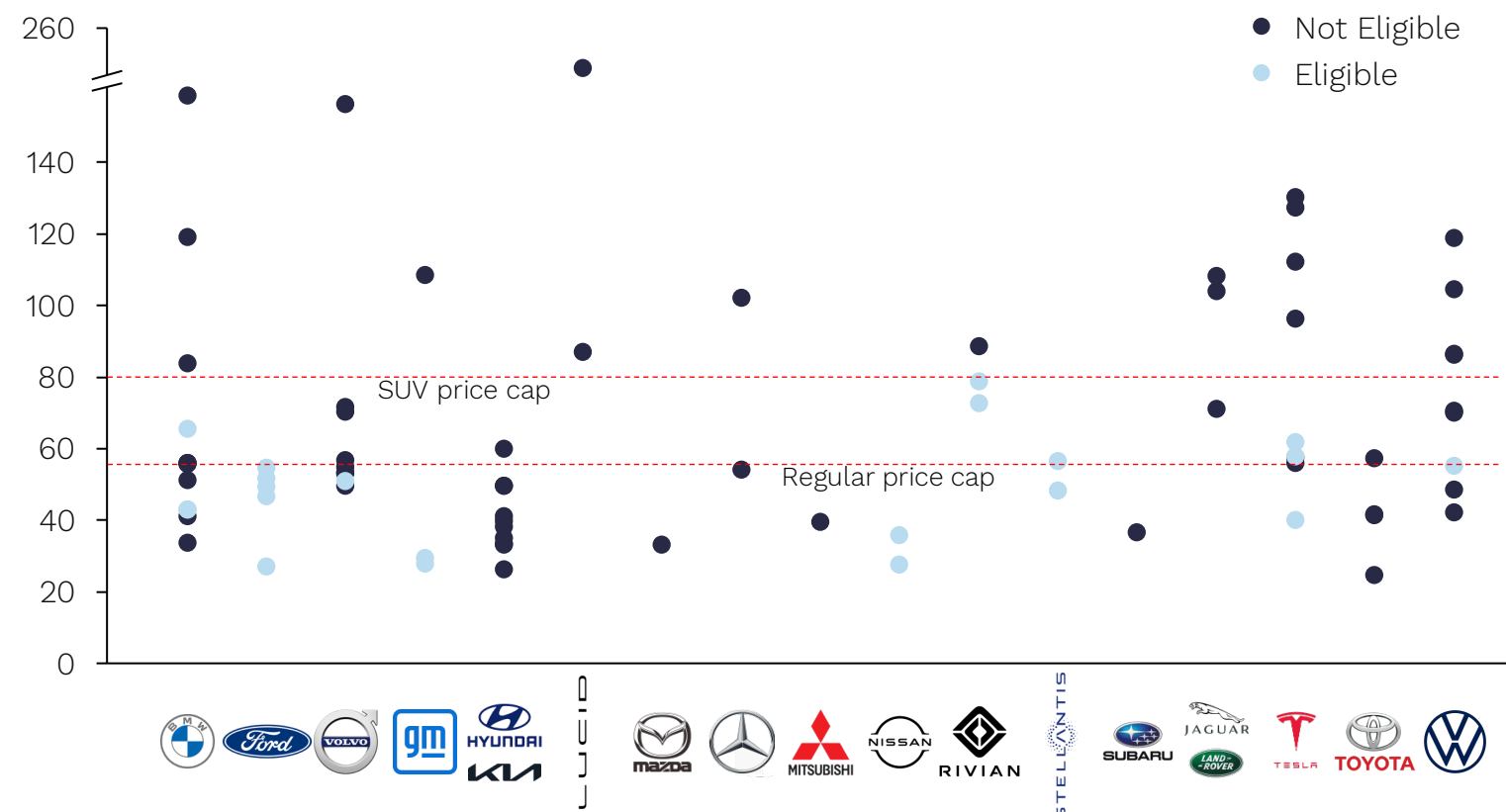


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## EV purchase price by OEM and IRA eligibility

Vehicle price, USD '000

Based on just the assembly location and vehicle price criteria a majority of EVs on sale in the US right now will not be eligible for the new tax credits under the IRA



## 20 companies awarded USD2.8 billion funding from the Infrastructure Law

### Metal concentrates, salts



### Cathode precursors



### Recycling



### Electrodes, binder, separator, electrolyte



### NMC, LFP cathode active materials



### Graphite anode active materials



### Silicon anode active materials



### Projects could provide:

Lithium	2 million EVs
Graphite	1.2 million EVs
Nickel	400,000 EVs
Binder	45% US demand

Source DoE

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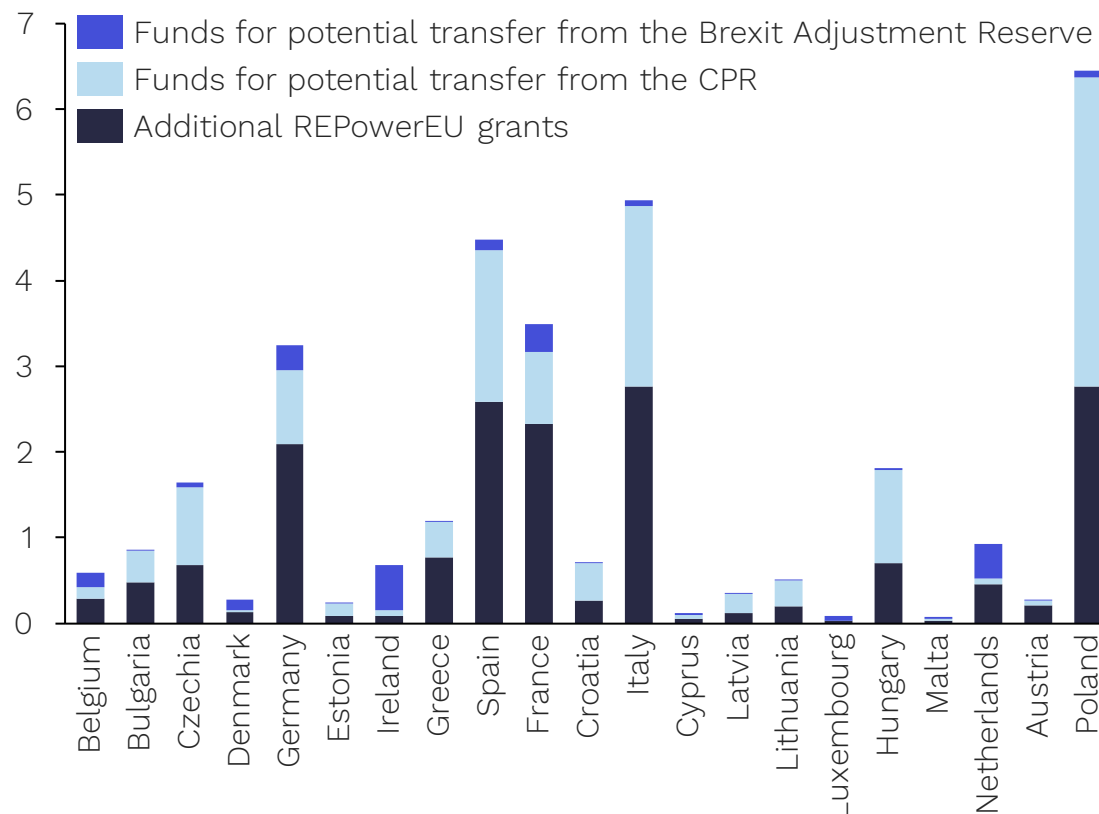
# Europe responds to the IRA

## The Four Pillars of the Green Deal Industrial Plan

- Simplify the regulatory environment – ease of **permitting**
- **Financing** through grants and loans
- Enhancing **skills** for net-zero related industries
- Facilitate open and fair **trade** to build supply chains

## New Guidance of access to REPowerEU funds, by Member State

Billion EUR



Loan pool:  
€225 billion

Grant pool:  
€39.5 billion

New  
European  
Sovereignty  
Fund TBA

Source: European Commission



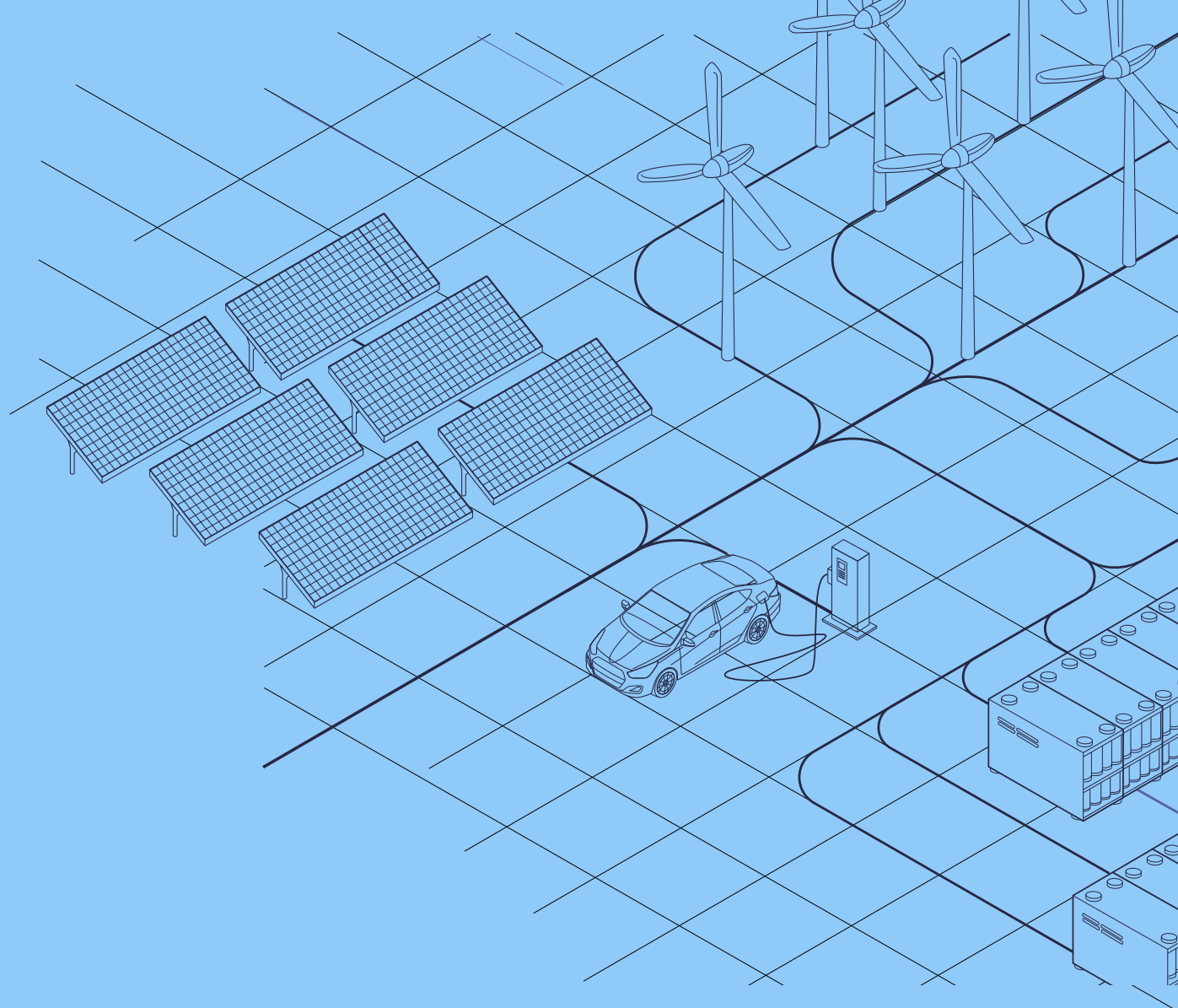
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