EFCE Spotlight Talks

Working Party on Crystallization

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Role of crystallization in the production of battery materials and in battery recycling



The global shift to renewable energy sources, to achieve fossil fuels independence, is leading to fast electrification and energy storage. It is estimated that more than one hundred gigasize factories need to be built to keep up with demand until 2030. Ideally, the industrial manufacturing of batteries should be sustainable, with low environmental impact, stable, competitive, and "smart", heavily relying on automation, digitalization, mathematical modelling, and machine learning. Crystallization and precipitation play a crucial role in this global challenge. Precipitation is, for example, employed to produce nickel-manganese-cobalt hydroxide, precursor of the popular NMC cathode material, crystallization is the key step in traditional and innovative battery recycling processes, as well as in sustainable processes where magnesium and lithium are extracted from saltwork brines. In five presentations these issues will be discussed and critically analyzed.

PROGRAM

09:30	Welcome and introduction Daniele Marchisio, Chair WP on Crystallization, Politecnico di Torino – Italy Giorgio Veronesi, EFCE President
09:40	Role of crystallization/precipitation in battery material precursor production Lukas Metzger, BASF – Germany
10:10	Fractional crystallization of critical raw materials in the context of battery recycling Béatrice Biscans, University of Toulouse - France
10:40	Sustainability assessment of future battery recycling processes Marja Rinne, Aalto University - Finland
11:10	Use of novel process intermediates in the development of low temperature hydrometallurgical lithium battery cathode recycling/production methodologies Sergio Carrillo, University College Dublin - Ireland
11:40	Crystallization of Lithium for saltwork brines in the SEArcularmine project Daniel Winter, Fraunhofer Institute ISE, Germany Andrea Cipollina, University of Palermo - Italy
12:10	Final remarks and panel discussion Daniele Marchisio, Chair WP on Crystallization



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