

re^{re}solution

An innovative solution for battery recycling

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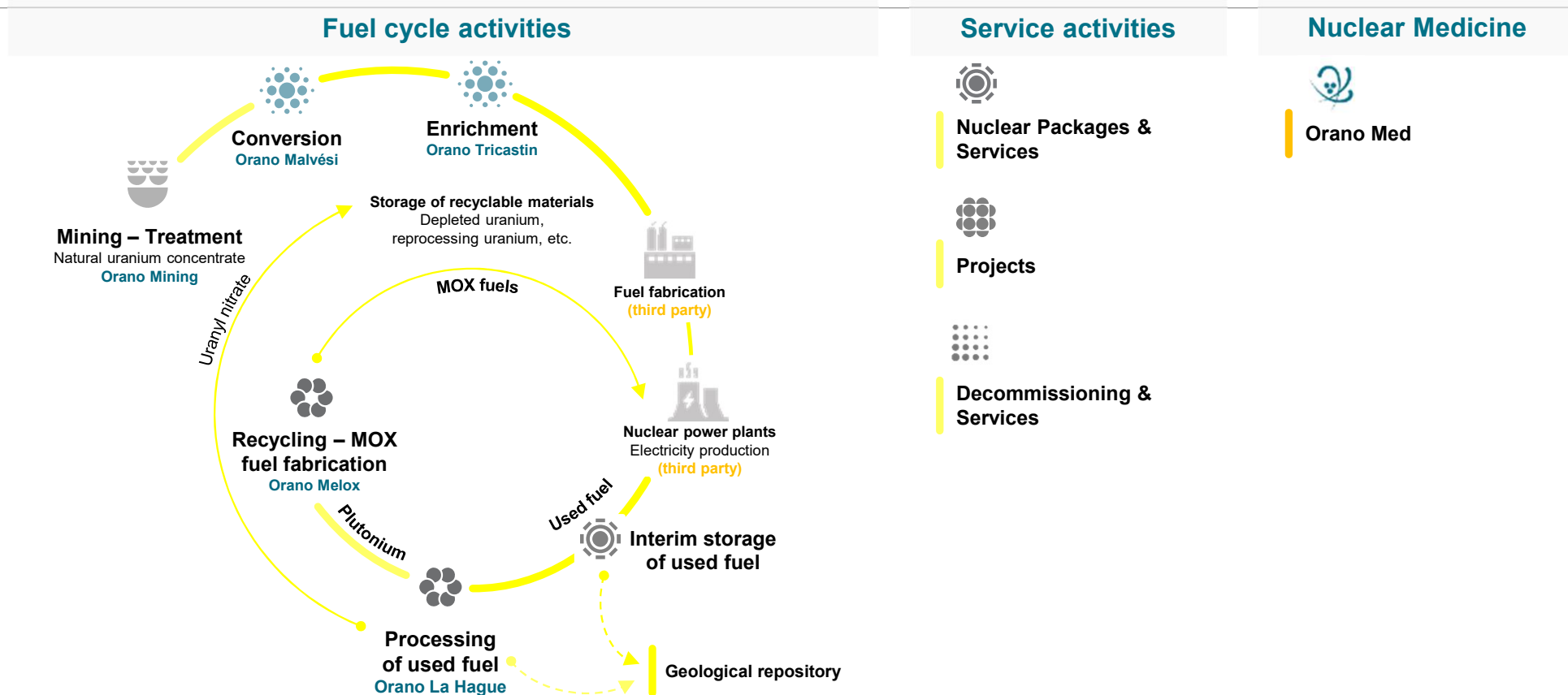
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Orano profile

Orano is positioned across the nuclear fuel cycle from mining through to decommissioning



>> Orano is striving to expand in low carbon economy and the recycling of strategic materials for the energy transition

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Orano aims to leverage its know-how to tackle the battery recycling challenges



Mining



Uranium conversion and enrichment



Used fuel recycling

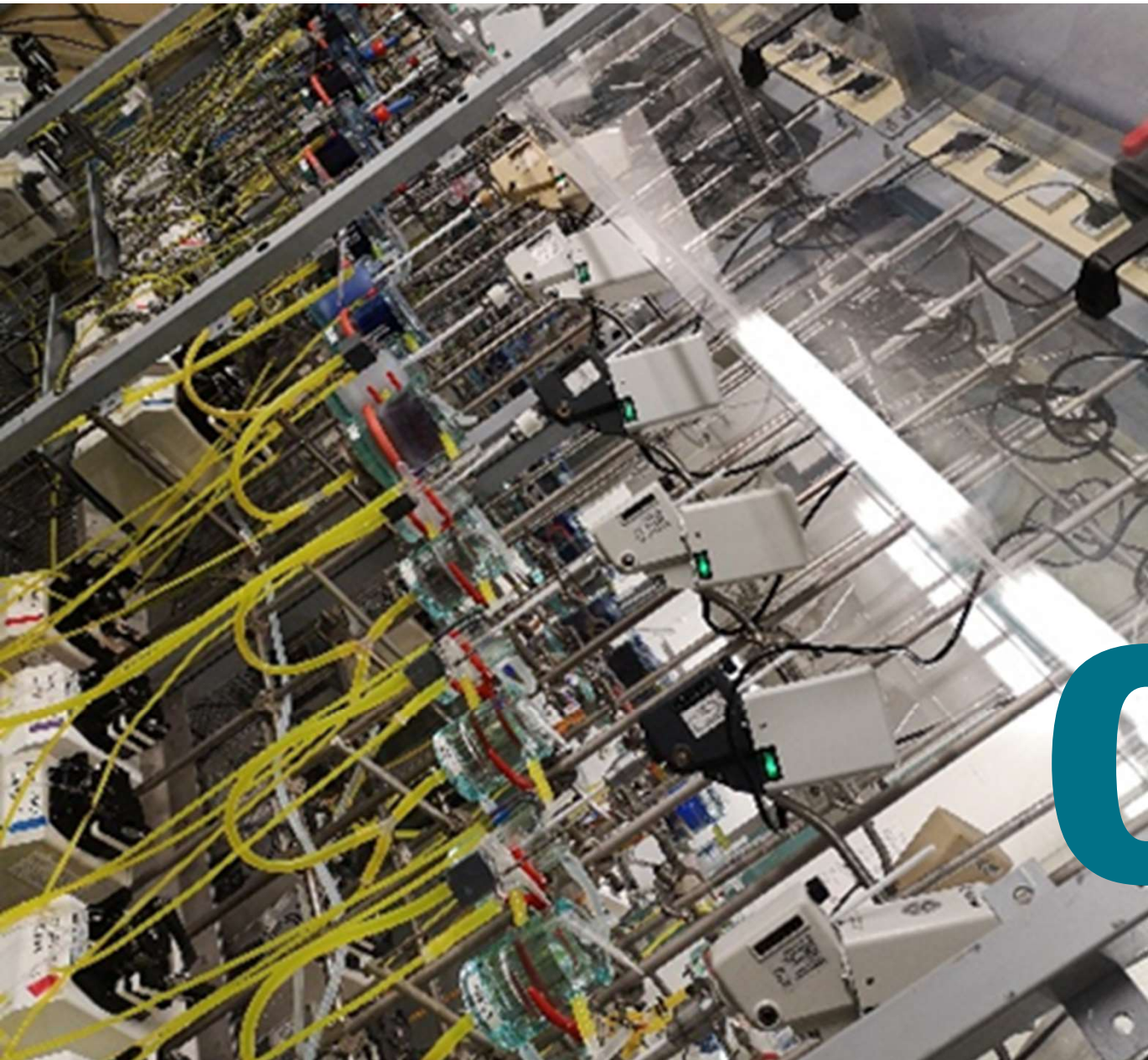


Nuclear Packages and services



Engineering

	Description	Mining	Uranium conversion and enrichment	Used fuel recycling	Nuclear Packages and services	Engineering
1	Metal chemistry expertise ■ Development of extractive chemical metallurgy technologies	✓	✓	✓		✓
2	Inerting systems expertise ■ Design of inerted environment to avoid accidents & explosions		✓	✓		✓
3	Containment ■ Efficient risk management linked to dangerous materials		✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Production tool flexibility ■ Ability to adapt the industrial processes	✓		✓		✓
5	Transport ■ Design of nuclear transport packages & logistics for complex transports	✓			✓	✓



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**the disruptive
process for
batteries recycling**

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Orano and CEA have launched a strategic partnership with a joint R&D facility for the development of a disruptive battery recycling process



Expertise

- Recycling of chemical, toxic and radioactive materials for 40 years
- Ability and skills for developing, optimizing and industrializing chemistry processes
- Strong knowledge and know-how in hydrometallurgy

Industrial assets

CIME (Bessines, France) : expertise in mineral chemical extraction

→ **30M€ investment for a new hall**

<https://www.orano.group/cime>

HRB (Beaumont La Hague, France) : 3 main fields of expertise in mechanical, chemistry and new technologies industrialization

A disruptive process for battery recycling

- **No pyrometallurgy** in the whole process
- Process could apply to all **EV battery chemical compositions**
- Objective to get a **high purity of recycled materials**, reusable in the EV battery cycle
- All process stages include **innovation and patents**

Expertise

- Involvement in lithium-ion batteries development for 30 years
- Pilot line compounds synthesis to pack assemblies
- Expertise in materials recycling
- Patents

R&D assets

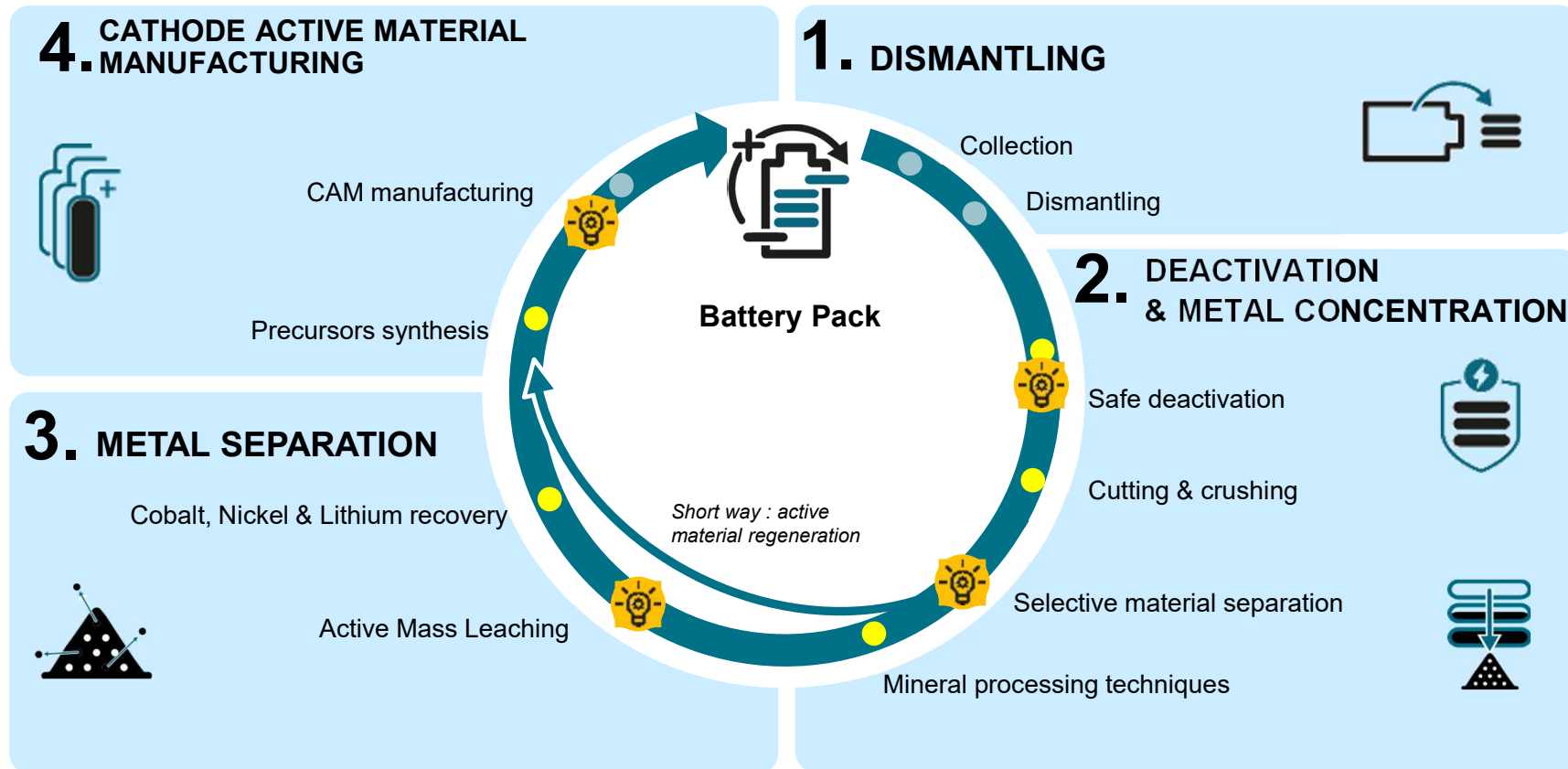
CEA Liten (Grenoble, France) : world class technological platforms, specialized in green transition technologies

→ **Joint R&D laboratory with Orano**

<https://liten.cea.fr>



REsolutiON is an efficient & cost-effective recycling process fully integrated in the closed loop of lithium-ion battery



The main key drivers of **REsolution**: an efficient process able to closed the loop of the batteries

A Safe process

- **Disruptive way to safely** deactivate the module : avoid thermal treatment, no gas generation, no explosion
- Battery discharge at **module level**
- Low-cost process with no reactive consumption

An efficient Process

- **A versatile process** for all chemistries : NMC, NCA, LCO, LFP
- Recovery of all materials: active materials (Ni, Co, Mn, Li), Graphite, Al, Cu, Fe, plastics, electrolyte
- Low GHG emission

High recovery rate process

- High recovery rate Graphite recovery and Al, Cu and Fe removal
- High purity active mass production
- Recovery of battery grade salts

SRA targets 2020	SRA targets 2030	RESOLUTION	
Overall > 50%	Overall > 60%	Overall > 90 %	Graphite >95%
Co > 90%	Co > 95%	Co > 95%	Electrolytes > 50%
Ni > 90%	Ni > 95%	Ni > 95%	Mn > 90%
Li > 35%	Li > 70%	Li > 75%	Al > 90%
Cu > 90%	Cu > 95%	Cu > 95%	Plastics >90%

- Recycled materials **reusable** in the EV battery cycle
- Enable to comply with **circular economy** and EU objectives



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**Status of the
development
activities**

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REsolutiON project benefits from regional, national and European fundings

Regional

Grant from the Nouvelle Aquitaine region

- Implementation of the pilot on the CIME site in Bessines-sur-Gartempe
- Pilot equipment for pre-treatment and hydrometallurgy



National

French Recovery plan – resilience component: RECYVABAT

3-year project

- upscaling from laboratory to industrial pilots
- Synthesis of precursors
- Cell manufacturing and performance testing
- Investments in equipment & infrastructure (secure storage site)



European

Grants from Horizon Europe

BATRAW (IA)

4-year project

- 18 European partner
- Testing, reuse, dismantling and recycling
- Optimization of pre-treatment bricks
- Demonstration of process versatility
- 2 pilots : dismantling & recycling



RESPECT (RIA)

4-year project

- 18 European partners
- Alternative pre-treatment brick
- Validation of pilot versatility using different feeds (modules...)
- Validation of precursors synthesis





ReSolution | Current project status

- Working in a consortium, Orano and its R&D partners have developed a **safe and ecofriendly process** that deactivates the battery modules, recovers and purifies the metals contained in EV batteries (i.e., graphite, lithium, cobalt and nickel) so that they can be reused in new EV battery components.
- **Two industrial pilot plants are under construction** on the Orano site in Bessines-sur-Gartempe (France) to confirm this new process. They will be fully **operational in 2022**.



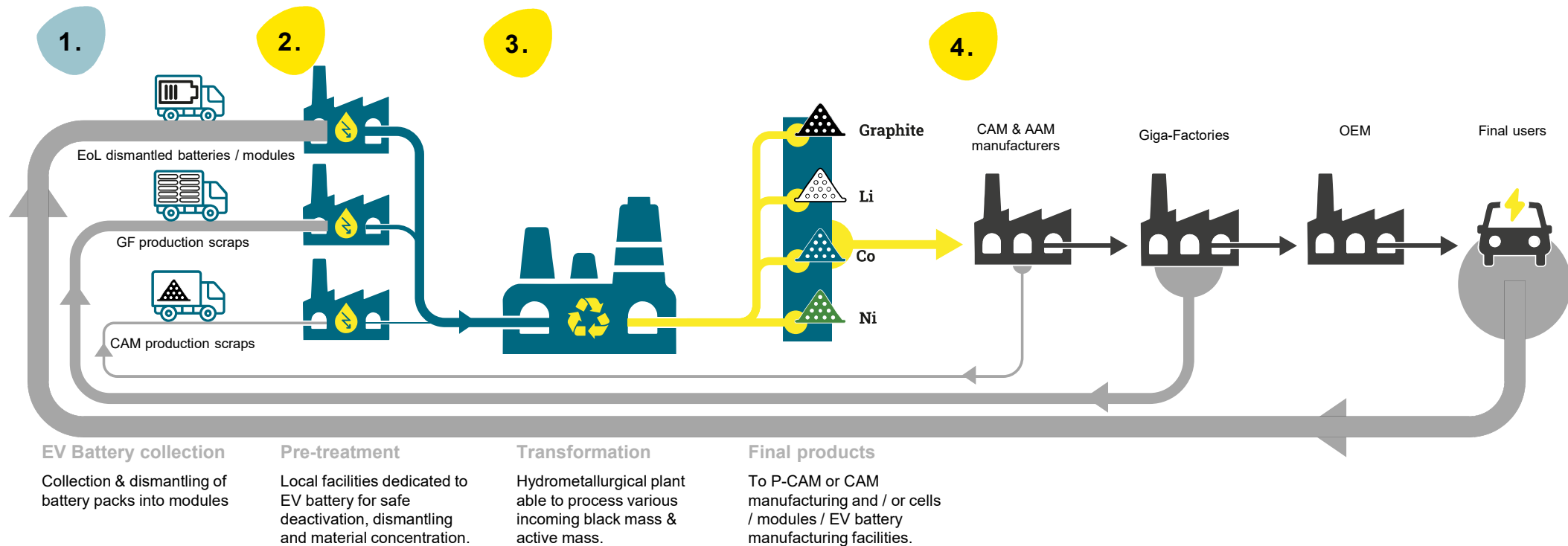


Orano positioning in batteries recycling ecosystem

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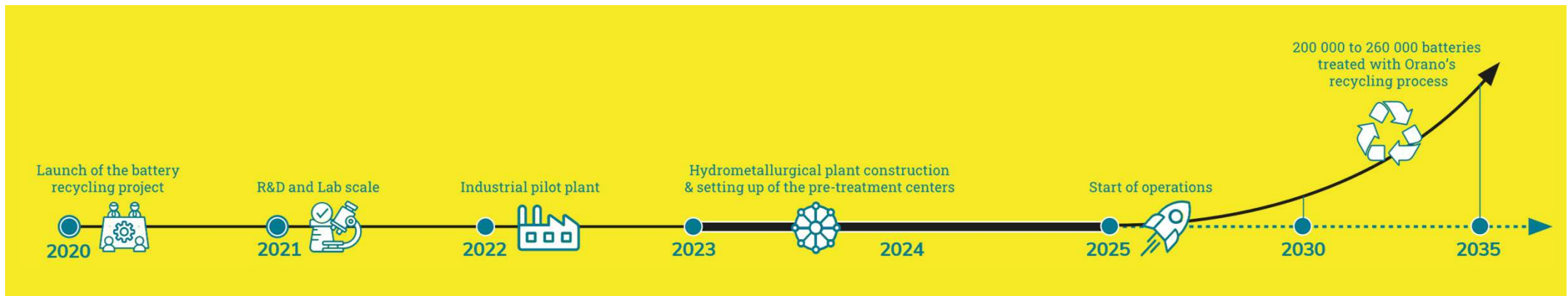
REsolution process enable a decentralized industrial footprint providing a reduction in both transportation cost and CO₂ footprint

Different input materials for decentralized pre-treatment units



“ Transport costs as well as GHG emissions are strongly reduced → gain of 80% of total transported weight ”

Orano is on track to enter the electric vehicle battery recycling sector by 2025 with a roadmap from the lab to the large-scale industrial plant

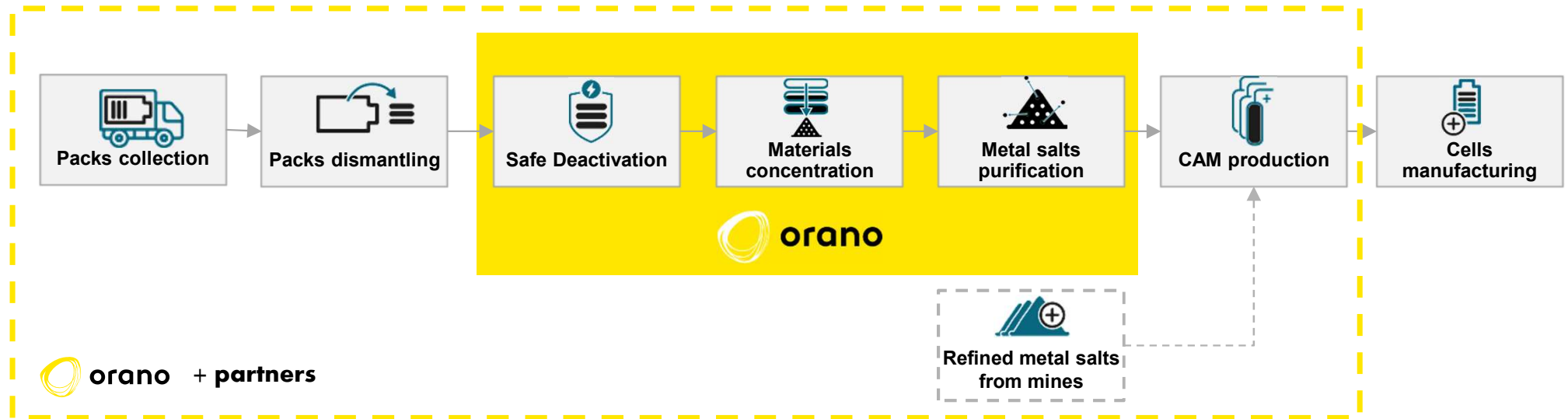


Operational ramp-up

- 2025-2030 → 100,000 to 130,000 batteries treated with [ReSolution's](#) recycling process
- 2030-2035 → 200 000 to 260 000 batteries treated

Developing a partnership strategy in batteries recycling ecosystem

Our target is to raise with partners a leading player in Li-Ion batteries in France and on European market, offering notably full hydrometallurgical process for materials of interest retrieving, and ready to operate by 2025.





REsolution | the disruptive solution for EV battery recycling

A new, safe and disruptive hydrometallurgical recycling process

- Fewer CO2 emissions without the use of pyrometallurgical step.
- Safe pre-treatment step to fully deactivate the EV batteries.
- Process applicable to all EV battery compositions.
- High purity output to allow a closed-loop solution in the battery cycle, compliant with the forthcoming European directives.

An industrial project deployed at the European scale

The process, fully operational by 2025, includes decentralized pre-treatment facilities allowing deactivation, dismantling and material concentration, further reducing environmental impact and costs by simplifying transportation to a central hydrometallurgical plant (reduction of 80% of total transported weight).



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