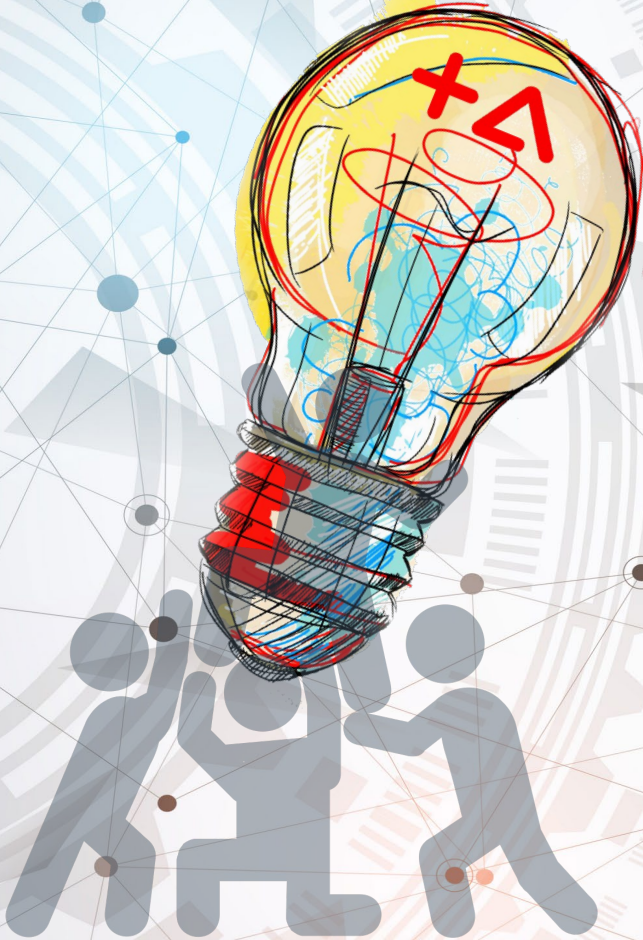




Hatch Technology Solutions: Agile, Smart, Sustainable

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Accelerating Innovation



Combining **innovative process engineering** with well-defined engineering milestones has been the basis of Hatch's approach to projects.

Dr. Gerald G. Hatch, founder and former president of Hatch



Agenda



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Forces shaping Hatch technologies



ESG

A holistic and circular approach to cover all stages of the EV batteries' life cycle.



Speed to Market

Reducing the time-to-market to gain a competitive edge



Digitalization

Digital technologies to improve safety, increase efficiency and quality, and reduce costs



Increase in Metals Demand

Global battery and minerals supply chains need to expand drastically to meet projected critical minerals demand



Feed Variability

Constant innovation in the batteries' chemistry challenges adaptability for process flowsheets tuned for specific feed composition



Product Quality

High purity materials are crucial as even very small amounts of contaminants can have catastrophic consequences in the final battery performance.



Novel Processes/Flowsheets



Primary Sources
Ore, Brine, Concentrate



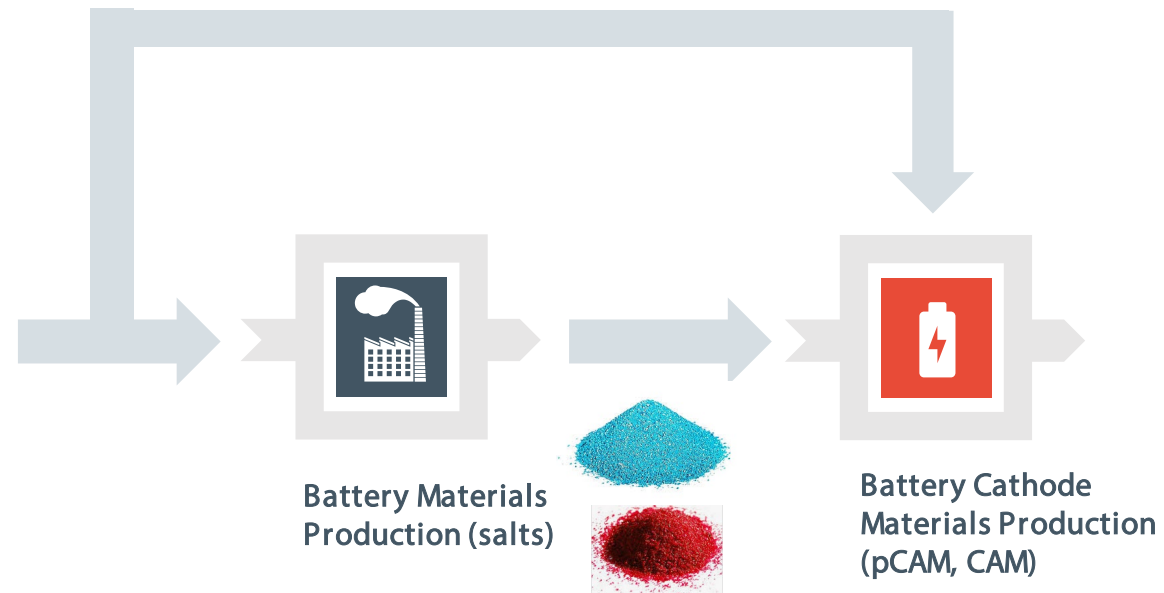
Intermediate Sources
MHP, MSP, Matte, FeNi,
Cathode Metals, etc.



Secondary Sources
Waste, Tailings



Direct Recycling
Scraps, Black Mass



Hatch has established different pathways (novel flowsheets) to produce battery materials from various sources, reducing cost (capex and opex) and environmental footprints in comparison to some of the conventional pathways.



Increasing performance while reducing the cost – some examples



Reducing acid and base consumption using novel flowsheets
(e.g., Removing need for Nickel Solvent Extraction step)

Using alternate reagents (e.g., replacing caustic with potassium hydroxide)

Using Regenerative lixiviants (e.g., use of hydrochloric acid or nitric acid instead of sulfuric acid)

Efficient fluorides removal

Taking advantage of electro-processing (e.g., electrolysis , electrodialysis)

Keeping emissions in mind!



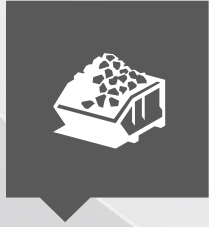
Digitalization



Use of intelligent instruments and analyzers
(adopting or developing new sensors)

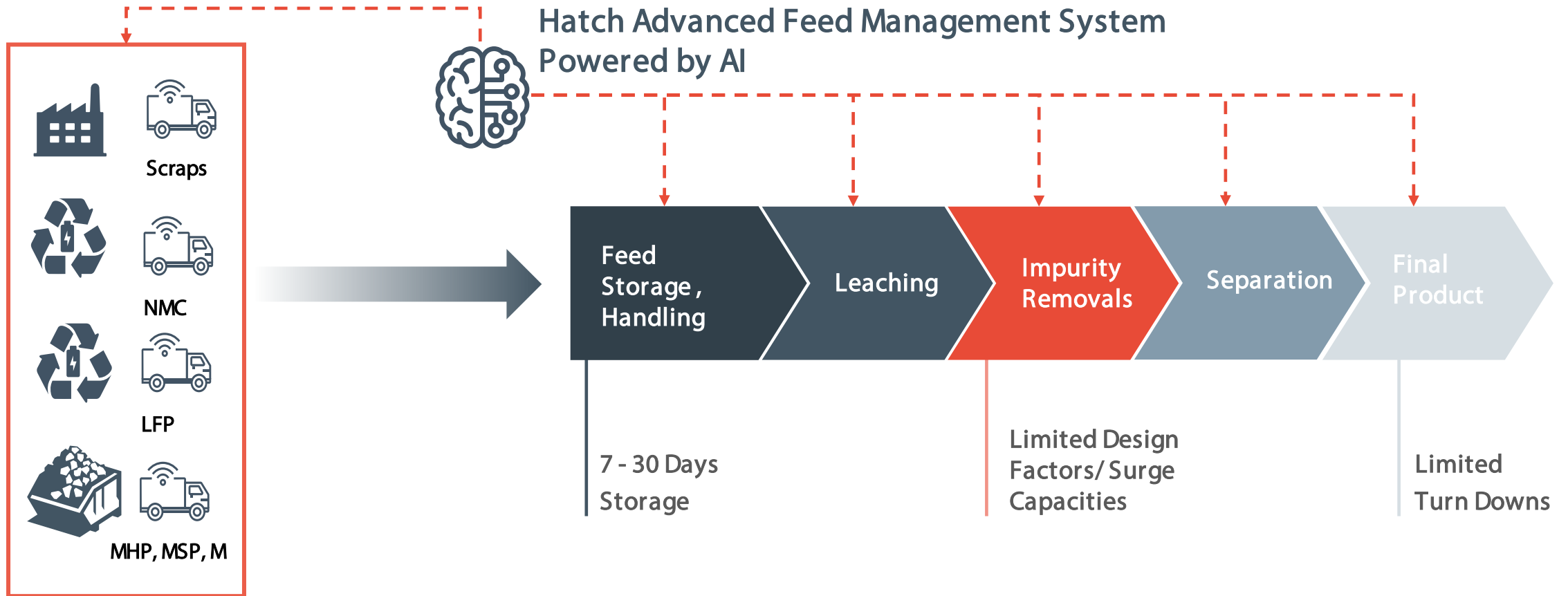
Advanced process controls powered by machine learning
(ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Digital Twins for prediction and training



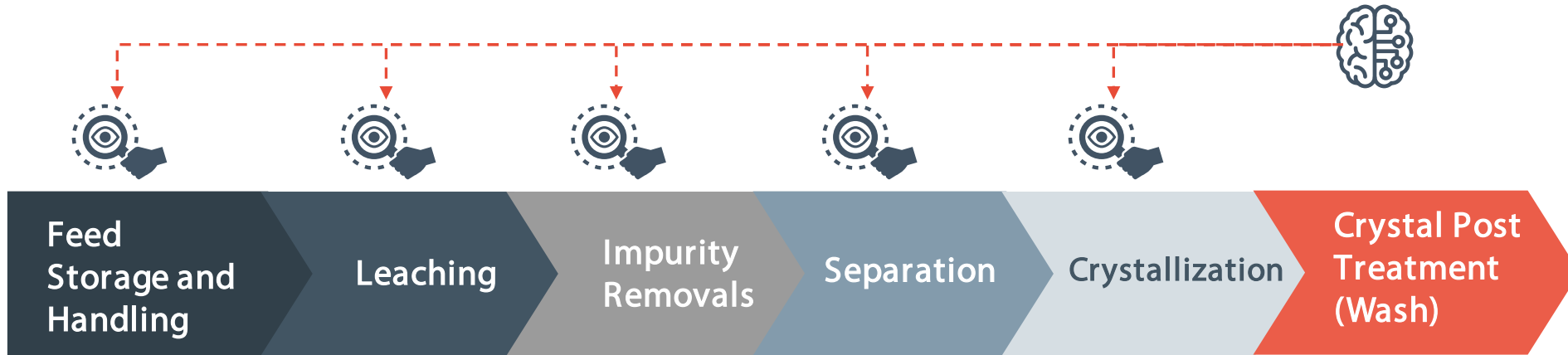
Hatch Advanced Feed Management System

Feed variability





Hatch Advanced Product Quality Monitoring and Control



Advanced monitoring
and process control

Hatch proprietary process to
remove impurities from the
crystals using rich solution





Valorization Technologies



The sodium sulfate dilemma: the unforeseen challenge of lithium battery production and recycling

A large amount of sulfuric acid and NaOH is converted into low-value sodium sulfate.

Hatch novel Ion Exchange (IX) process for converting sodium sulfate to potassium sulfate (fertilizer)

Hatch Technology Solutions

Novel flowsheets
for alternative
feedstocks

Proprietary
processes to
remove impurities

Reducing acid and
base; Converting
waste to by-products



Advanced
monitoring and
process control

Equipment
design and
supply

Smart and
intelligent
systems

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