

# DEGRADATION MECHANISMS & Battery safety

*Ensuring reliable and safe battery performance*

*Supporting industry with advanced testing  
and diagnostics*

# Why Degradation and Safety Matter?

**Understanding how and why batteries fail** is essential to improving their performance, lifespan, and safety.

At CIC energiGUNE, we provide a comprehensive service that helps manufacturers, integrators, and end users to:

- **Identify degradation causes and failure modes**
- **Validate chemistries under realistic conditions**
- **Anticipate and prevent safety risks**

**Our integrated expertise bridges research and industrial needs**, supporting reliable and safer batteries for mobility and stationary applications.



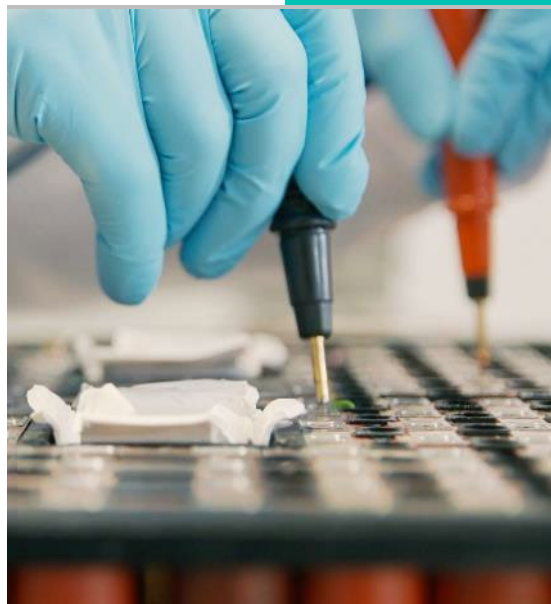
# Our Value Proposition



## Controlled Cell Opening

We perform controlled cell opening to safely examine internal components and identify degradation causes.

- **In-depth analysis of cylindrical, prismatic, and pouch cells**
- **Non-invasive imaging with microCT for internal structure insights**



## Advanced Characterization

Advanced characterization techniques enable us to analyze materials and detect failure patterns for design improvements.

- **SoH diagnostics and failure mode identification**
- **Structural analysis to detect degradation**



## Abuse Testing

Abuse testing simulates extreme conditions to assess cell safety and reliability in real-world scenarios.

- **Electrical, thermal, and mechanical stress testing**
- **Thermal runaway analysis and safety assessments**



# Unique Capabilities and Infrastructure



**A DEDICATED GLOVEBOX**  
FOR SAFE AND CONTROLLED  
CELL OPENING



**ADVANCED CHARACTERIZATION  
PLATFORMS** FOR MATERIALS  
AND COMPONENT ANALYSIS



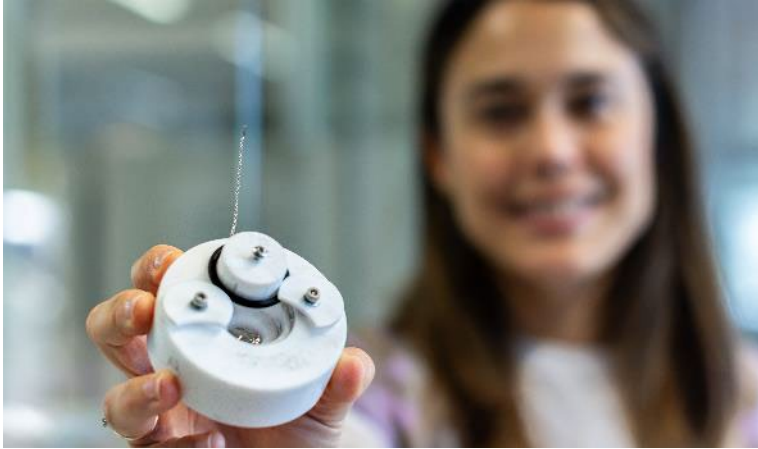
**ARC CALORIMETRY**  
FOR SAFETY ASSESSMENT



**CLIMATIC AND SAFETY  
CHAMBERS** FOR REALISTIC  
ABUSE TESTING



**ELECTROCHEMICAL TESTING  
LABORATORIES**  
FOR PERFORMANCE AND  
DEGRADATION STUDIES



# An Offer Adapted to **All Technologies**

Our degradation and safety services cover all electrochemical storage systems, from commercial cells to emerging technologies:



**Lithium-ion and Sodium-ion batteries**



**Metal-air and Lithium-sulfur systems**



**Zinc-based and Nickel-based chemistries**



**Solid-state, polymer, and ceramic electrolyte batteries**



**Supercapacitors and hybrid systems**



# Partnering for Safer Batteries

We have collaborated with leading companies in stationary and mobility sectors, performing **ante- and post-mortem analysis, safety testing, and lifetime validation.**

Industrial collaborations include:



These partnerships strengthen the design of **safer, longer-lasting, and more reliable battery systems** across Europe.

# Benefits for Our Partners

Our competitive advantage lies in our ability to **replicate real conditions**, conduct **controlled abuse testing**, and deliver **actionable insights** that enhance performance and safety.

- Avoid risks related to unsafe or underperforming cells
- Identify optimal technologies for each application
- Reduce operational costs by extending battery life
- Comply with safety regulations through validated testing protocols
- Accelerate product development with expert consulting and rapid feedback loops







# GET IN TOUCH

CIC energiGUNE is a leading research centre in energy storage, dedicated to advancing **battery safety and degradation mechanisms**. We bridge the gap between cutting-edge research and industrial applications, helping partners **improve battery reliability and performance**. For further information on our degradation and safety testing services, please contact us:

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