

**Altech Chemicals Limited ASX: ATC FRA:A3Y**

**Silumina Anode Project**

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- Halve the cost per KWh of battery production
- Below the \$US100/KWh threshold
- “4680” Tesla cell (5x energy, 6x power)
- 3TWh per year at its own factories by 2030
- Equal 20 giga factories
- Increased use of Silicon in anodes

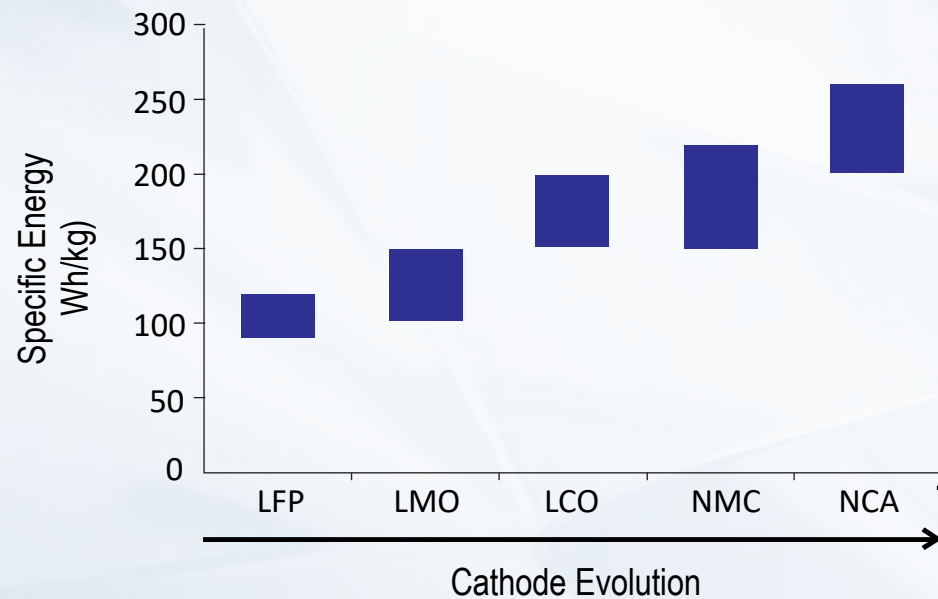


**Tesla Vision**

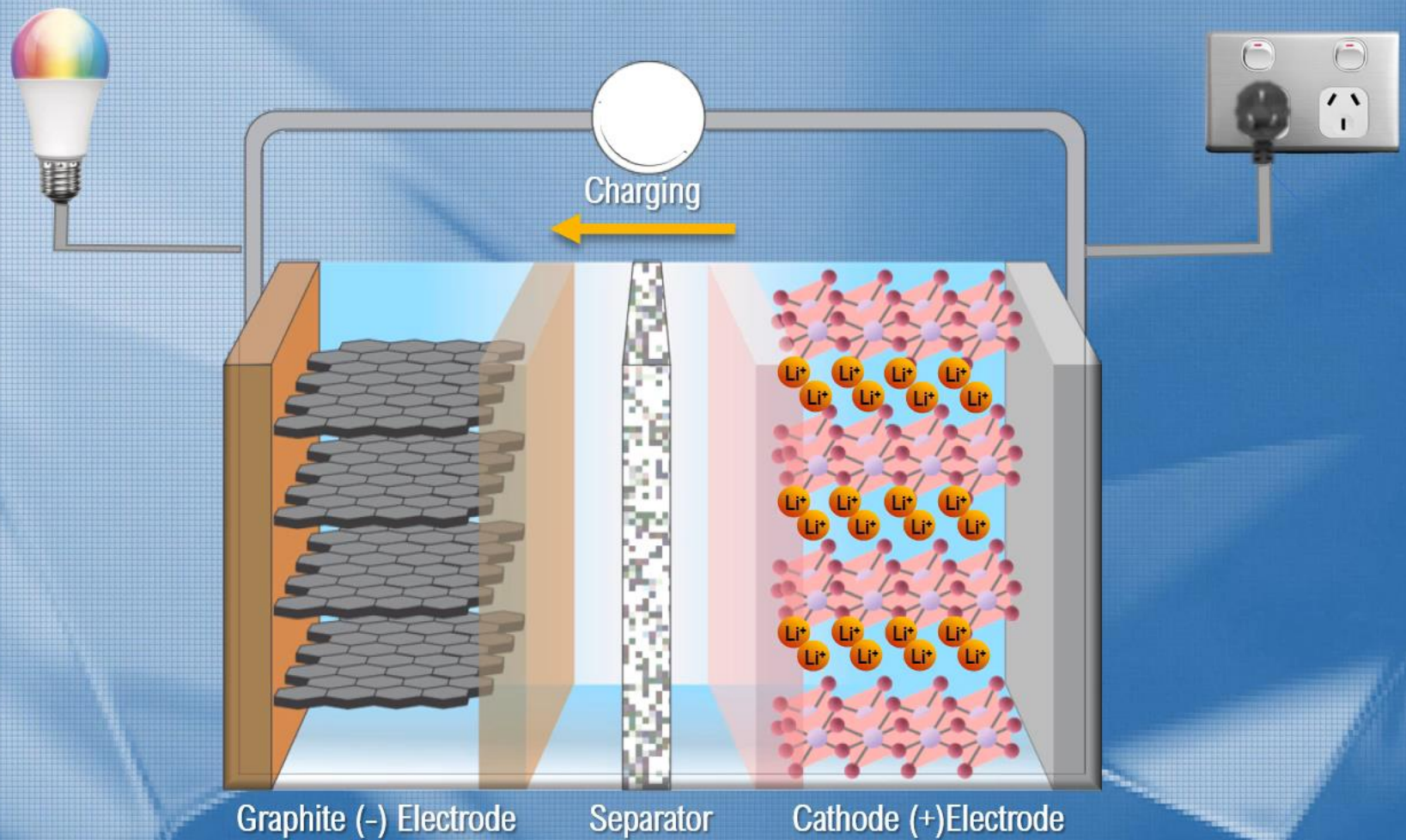


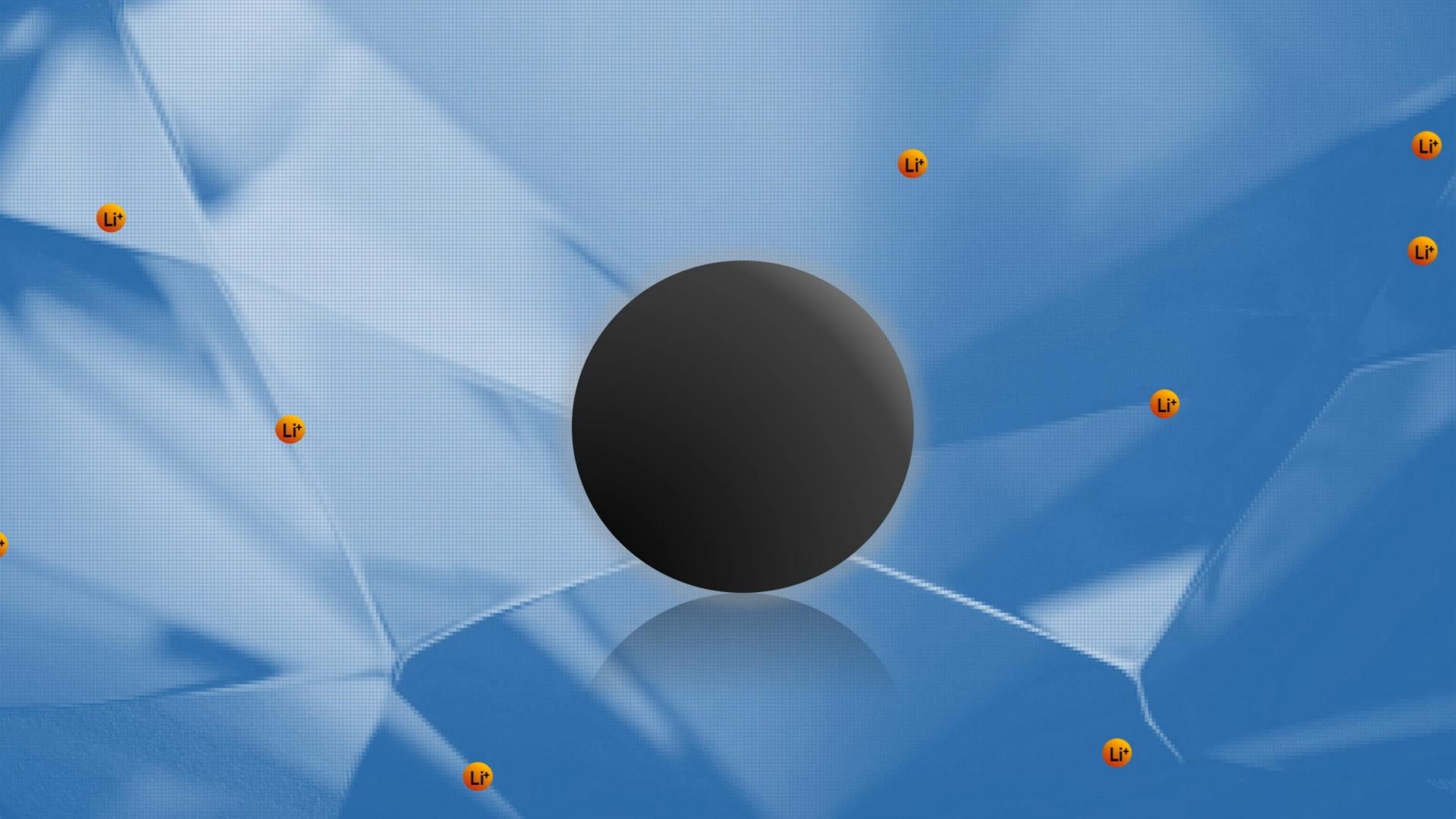
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- Predominant development of cathodes
- Increasing Ni, Co content
- Higher energy density



**Capacity  
development in  
cathodes**





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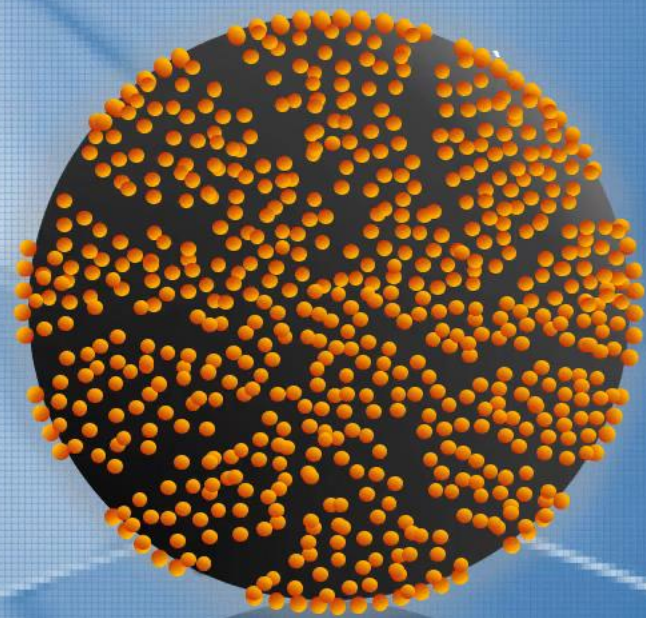
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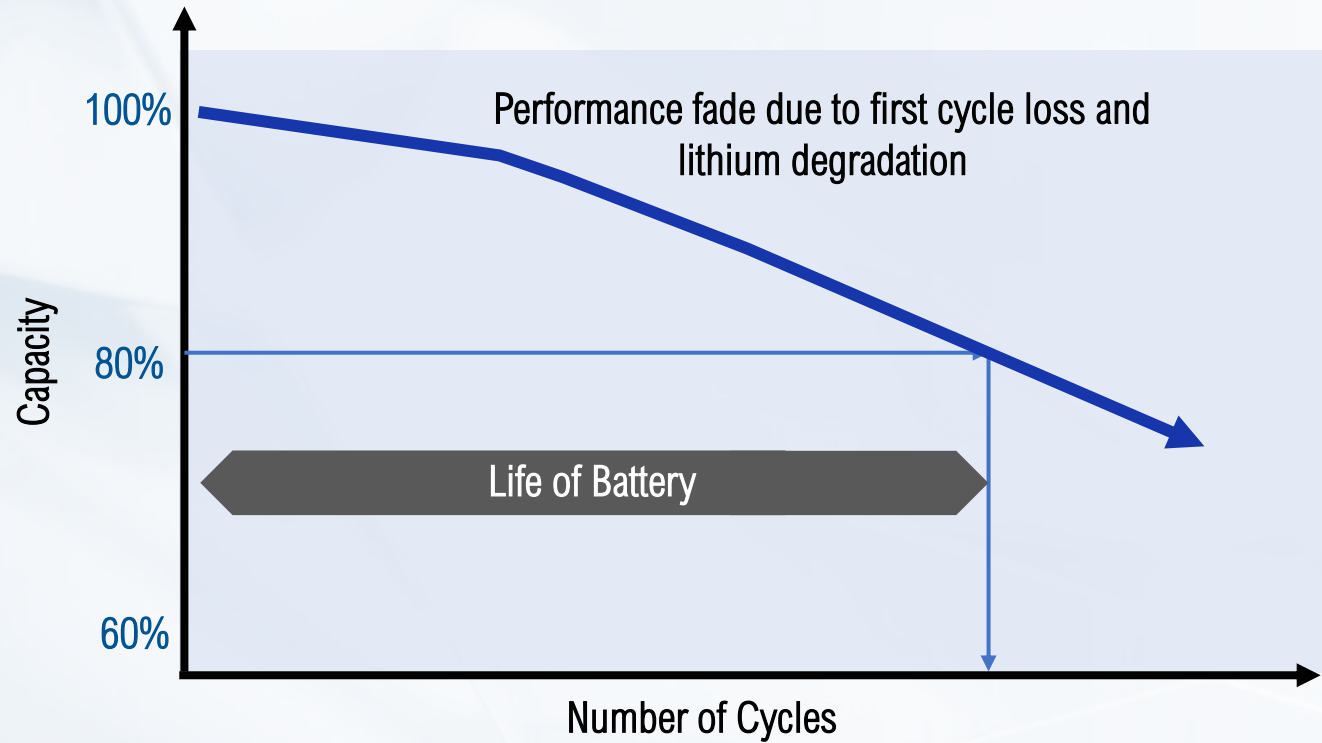
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- **8-10% of Li forms SEI coating on anode particles**
- **Becomes inactive on first charge**
- **Reduces battery life**
- **Industry has been trying to solve this problem**
- **Many research literature shows alumina coating works**
- **But currently expensive and not commercial**

**First cycle  
loss capacity**



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**First cycle  
loss capacity  
- reduced  
battery life**



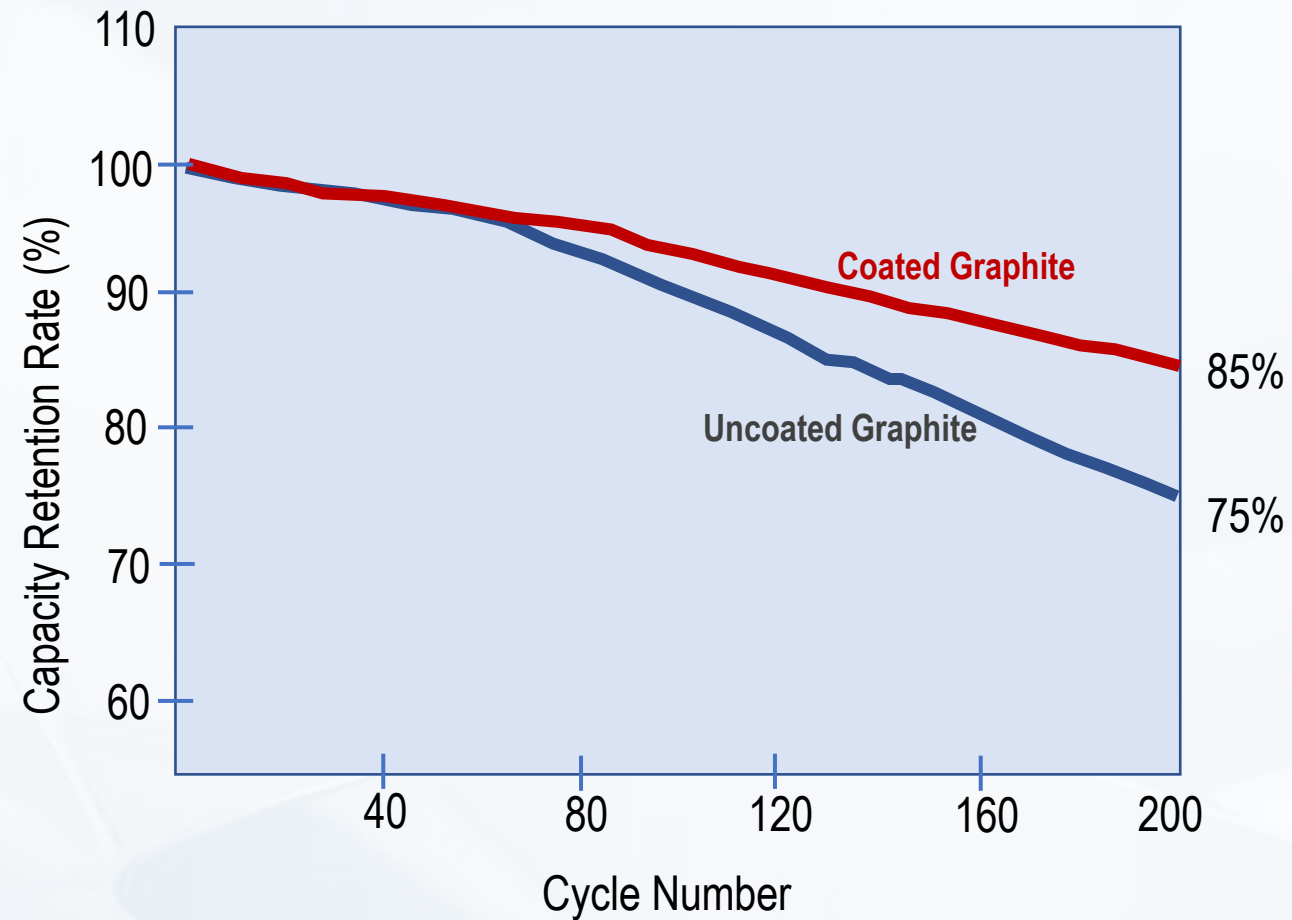


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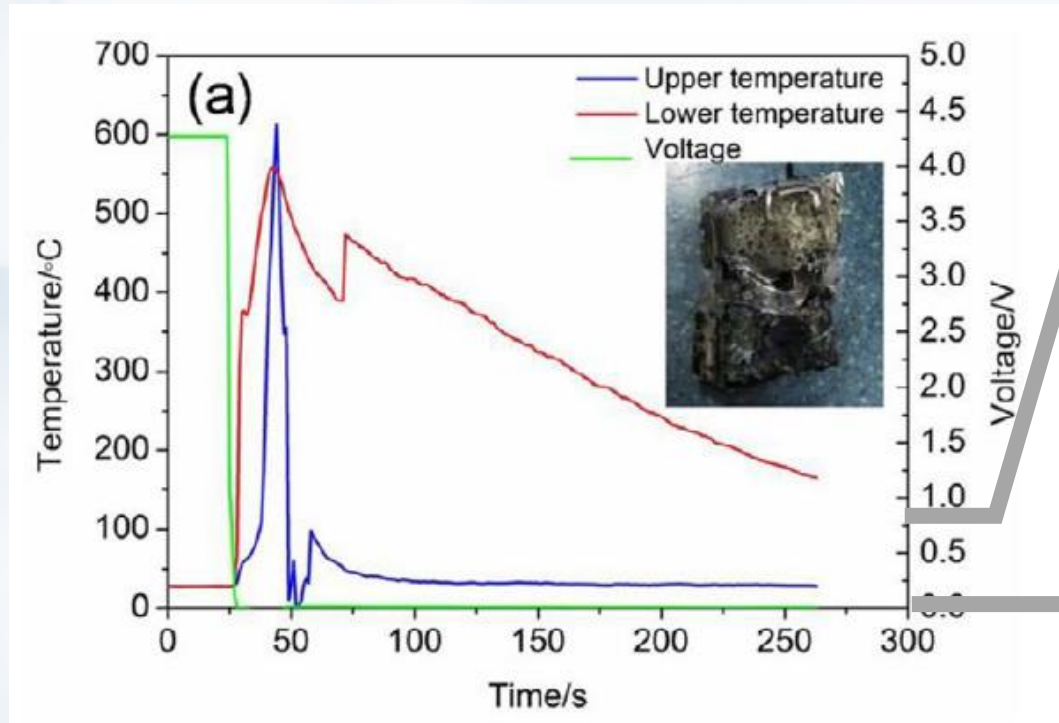
- **Reduces first cycle loss (Tau et al., 2019)**
- **Improves cycling stability**
- **Improves high-rate performance (Feng et al., 2016)**
- **Improves fast charging capability (Kim et al., 2016)**
- **Prevents thermal runaway under mechanical abuse (Xu et al. 2019)**

**Why HPA  
Coating ?**

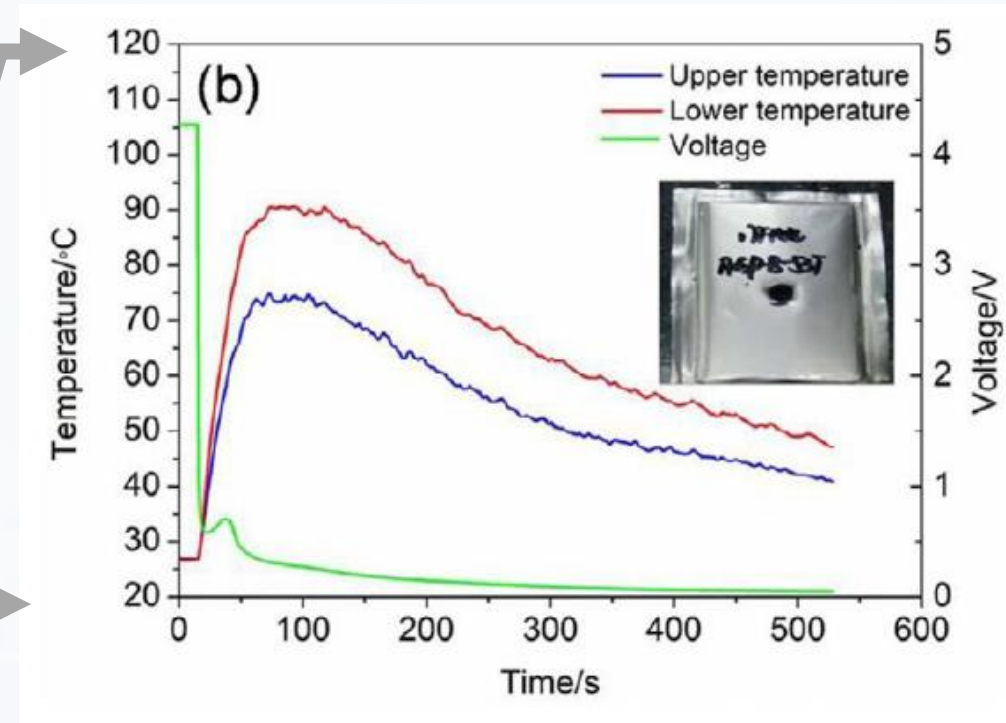
# Literature - Alumina coated graphite performance <sup>1</sup>



# Nail Test – Coated graphite prevents runaway <sup>1</sup>



Non Coated graphite 600 Deg C



Coated graphite 100 Deg C



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## 1. Vapour Method

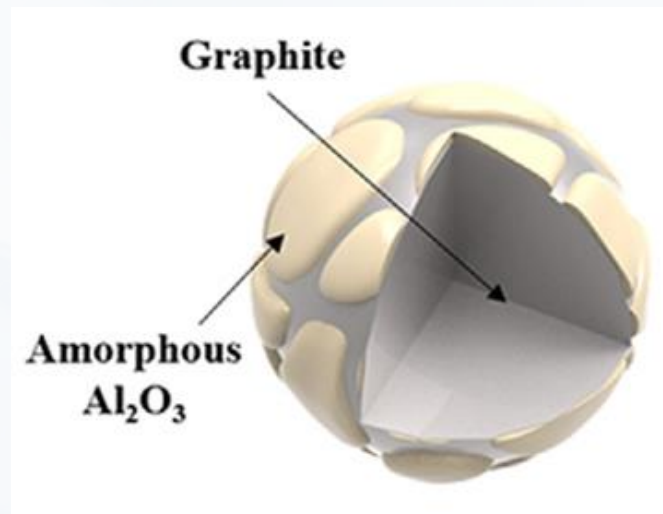
- Atomic Layer Deposition – costly, complex, not mass production

## 2. Solids Method

- Non continuous layer

## 3. Liquid Method

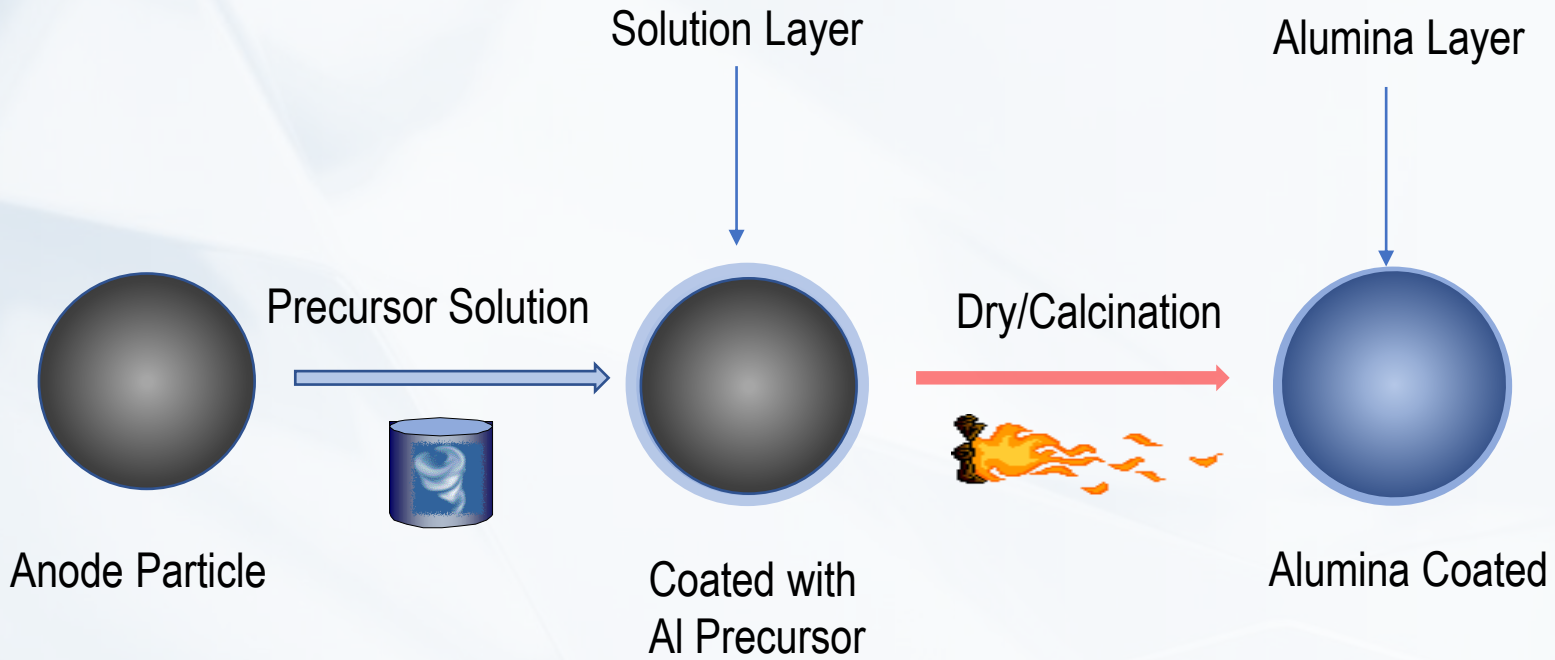
- Most promising
- Easy to commercialise



**Coating  
Methods**



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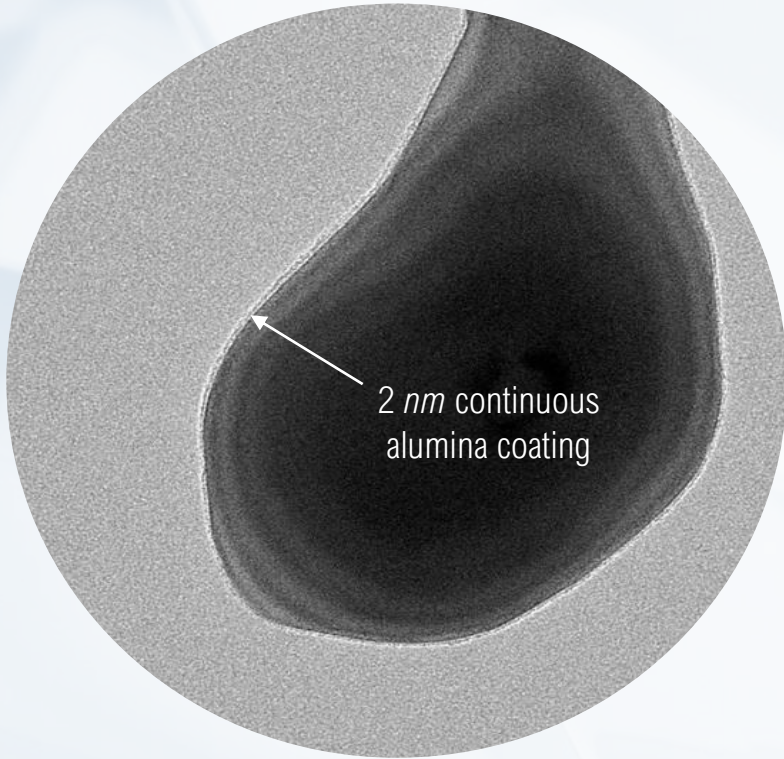
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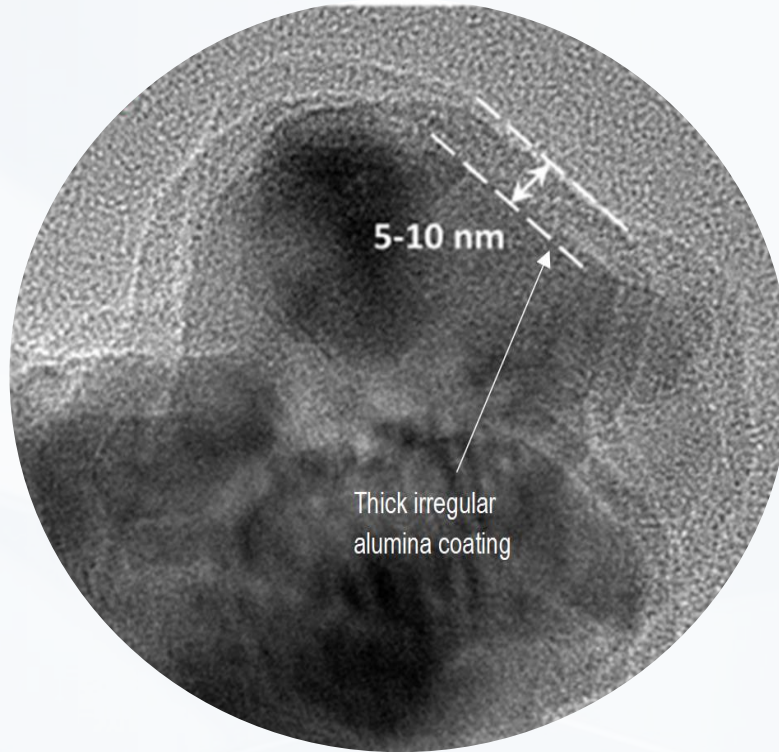




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Altech alumina coating technology



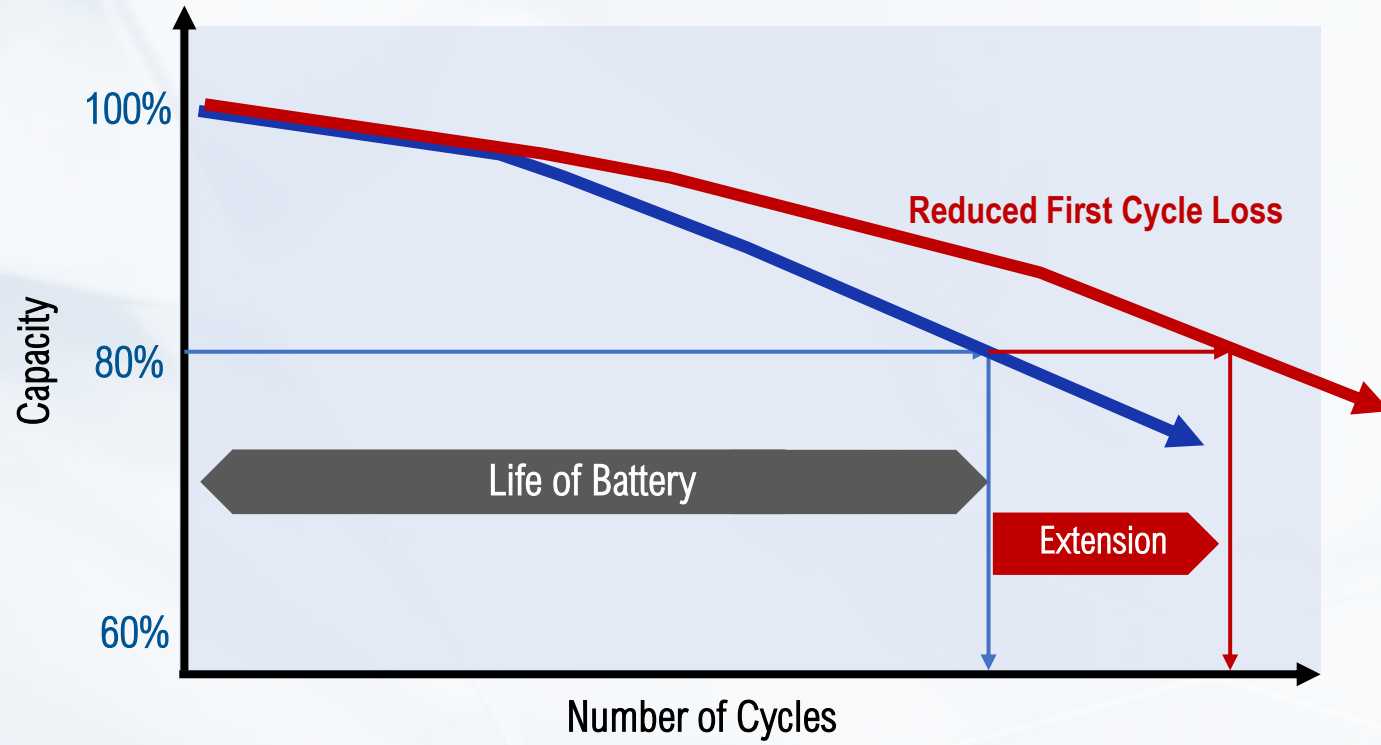
Current attempts at alumina coating

**Under the  
Electron  
Microscope**





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Potential  
increased  
battery life



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- **Cheaper process**
- **Easier and simple to commercialize**
- **High purity alumina coating – less contamination**
- **Coating layer uniform**
- **Lower processing temperature**
- **Adjust layer thickness – diff applications**

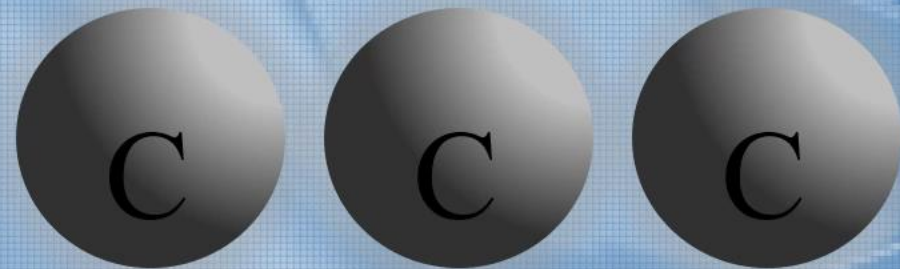
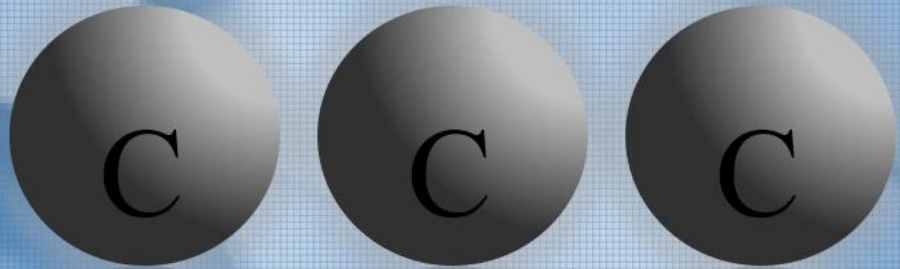
**Our Coating  
Advantages**



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- **Ten times capacity Si (3,579 mAh/g) C (372 mAh/g)**
- **Promising anode material**
- **But volume expansion 300% on lithiation (C 13%)**
- **But 40-50% first cycle loss**
- **But higher fade during life (short cycle life)**

**Silicon most  
promising  
future anode  
additive**









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# Silicon

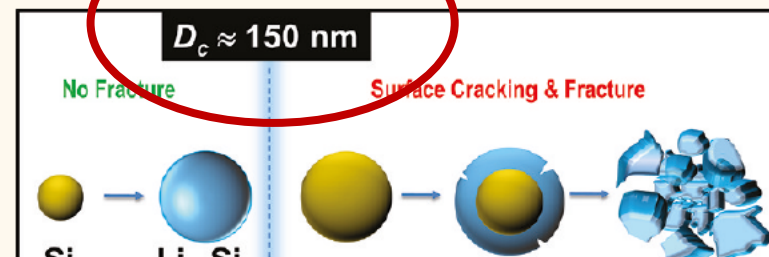
## Size-Dependent Fracture of Silicon Nanoparticles During Lithiation

Xiao Hua Liu,<sup>†</sup> Li Zhong,<sup>‡</sup> Shan Huang,<sup>§</sup> Scott X. Mao,<sup>‡</sup> Ting Zhu,<sup>§,\*</sup> and Jian Yu Huang<sup>†,\*</sup>

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Lithium ion batteries (LIBs) are widely used as power devices for portable electronics. For more demanding applications such as powering electric vehicles, LIBs with radically improved energy density and power capability are highly desirable.<sup>1-4</sup> Silicon represents one of the most promising anode materials for the

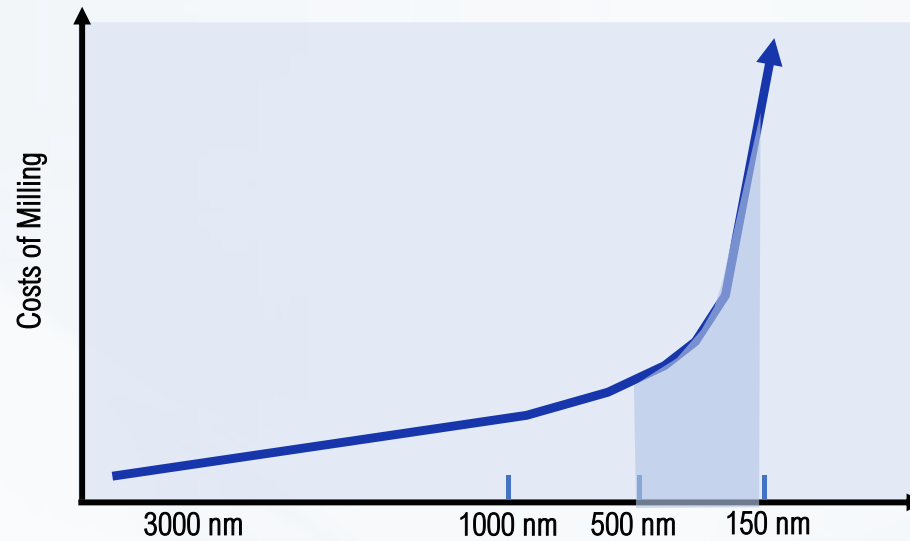
### ABSTRACT





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Milling costly  
to get to 150 nm

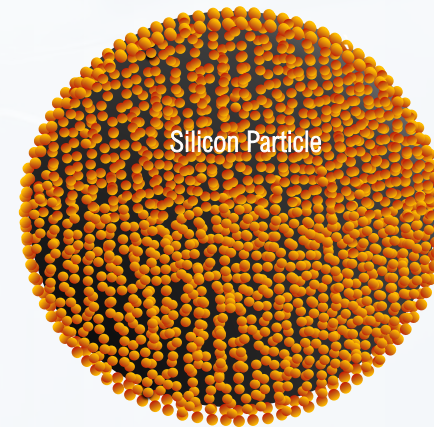


150 nm



Not the long  
term solution

Larger surface areas  
in small particles –  
Larger first cycle loss







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# Altech's R&D Facility – Perth, Western Australia



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# BREAKTHROUGH 30% HIGHER ENERGY DENSITY IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



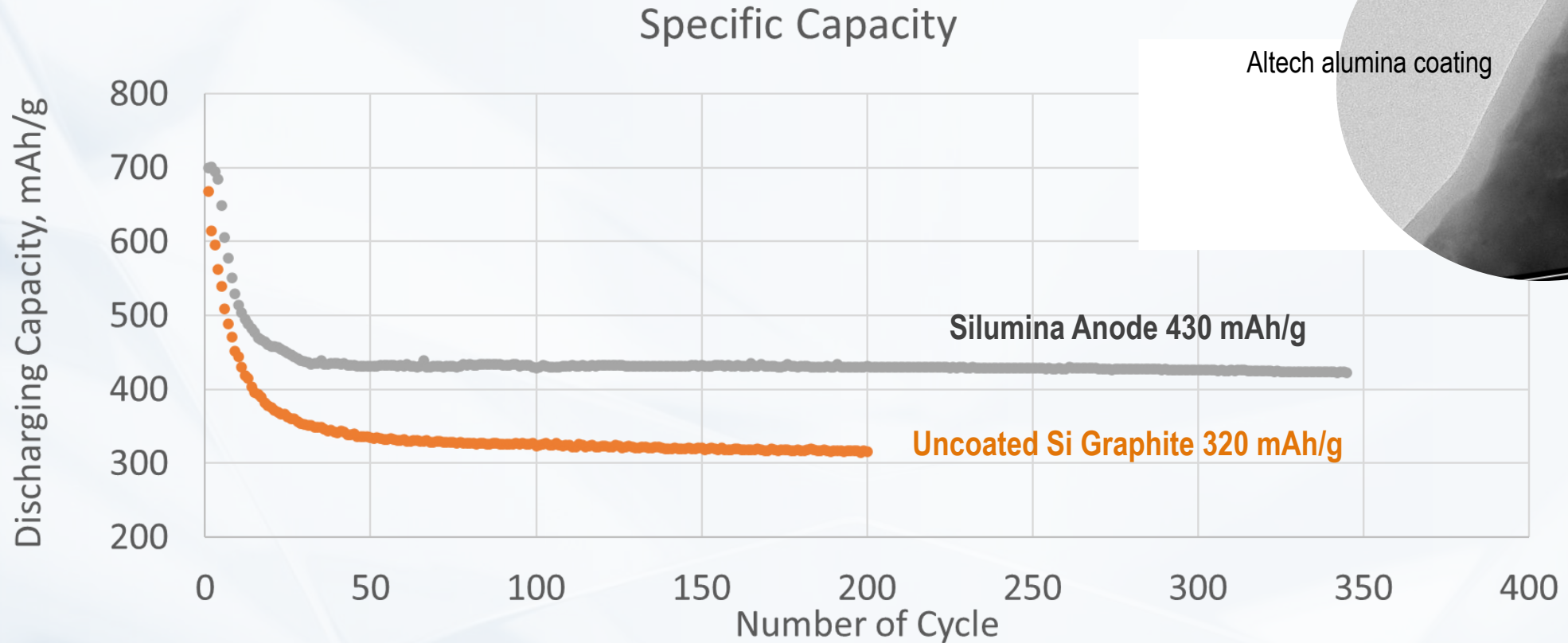
**BREAKING NEWS**

Today, an Australian company has achieved the game changing breakthrough and produced a lithium-ion battery with 30% more anode energy capacity than a conventional lithium-ion battery. The Company was able to successfully incorporate alumina coated silicon into the graphite anode of lithium-ion batteries and achieve higher energy capacity as well as good stability and cycling performance.



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# Silicon Graphite Anode Performance





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## Impact of Silicon in anodes on Tesla Model 3

**0% Silicon**



**10% Silicon**



**- 16kgs**



**20% Silicon**



**- 23kgs**



**30% Silicon**



**- 27kgs**





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- **Collaboration agreement with SGL Carbon**
- **Europe leading synthetic graphite producer**



**SGL GROUP**  
THE CARBON COMPANY



**Ferroglobe**

- **Collaboration agreement with Ferroglobe**
- **Leading Li-ion battery Si supplier**
- **Alumina coating of silicon seen as long-term solution**

**Collaboration  
Agreements  
with European  
Partners**



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- **10,000 tpa Silumina Anode Plant**
- **Or 15 GW capacity**
- **Schwarze Pumpe, Saxony State, Germany**
- **Accredited as a Green Project (CICERO)**
- **Pre-feasibility battery materials completed**



**Silumina  
Anode Project  
15 GW**



**Germany**

**Saxony**

Dresden

**Poland**





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- **Low capital cost of US\$95 million**
- **Pre-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> US\$507 million**
- **Attractive Internal Rate of Return of 40%**
- **EBITDA US\$63 million p.a.**
- **Payback (full rate) 3.1 years**
- **Revenue per annum of US\$185 million**
- **Proceeding with Definitive Feasibility Study**

## **Economics Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS)**

Notes:

- Pre-tax and pre-finance equity model
- (Refer to ASX Announcement “Outstanding preliminary feasibility study for Silumina Anode battery materials project” dated 20 April 2022. The Company confirms that as at the date of this announcement there are no material changes to the material assumptions adopted in the study, including the production target, that underpins the financial information derived from the study.)





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- **Next chapter of Li-ion battery story is Europe**
- **Europe major battery industry**
- **Stringent 2020 EU CO2 emission (95g/km)**
- **Push to EVs by European car manufacturers**
- **Capacity of 600 GWh by 2024**
- **Less reliant on Asia**



**Europe's Push  
for Battery  
Industry**



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JAGUAR

By 2025 \$3.5b pa



BENTLEY

By 2030



By 2030 \$6.5b



Audi

By 2033



By 2030 \$1b pa



By 2026 \$86b



Daimler  
Mercedes-Benz

By 2040 \$47b

European auto  
market  
all electric by

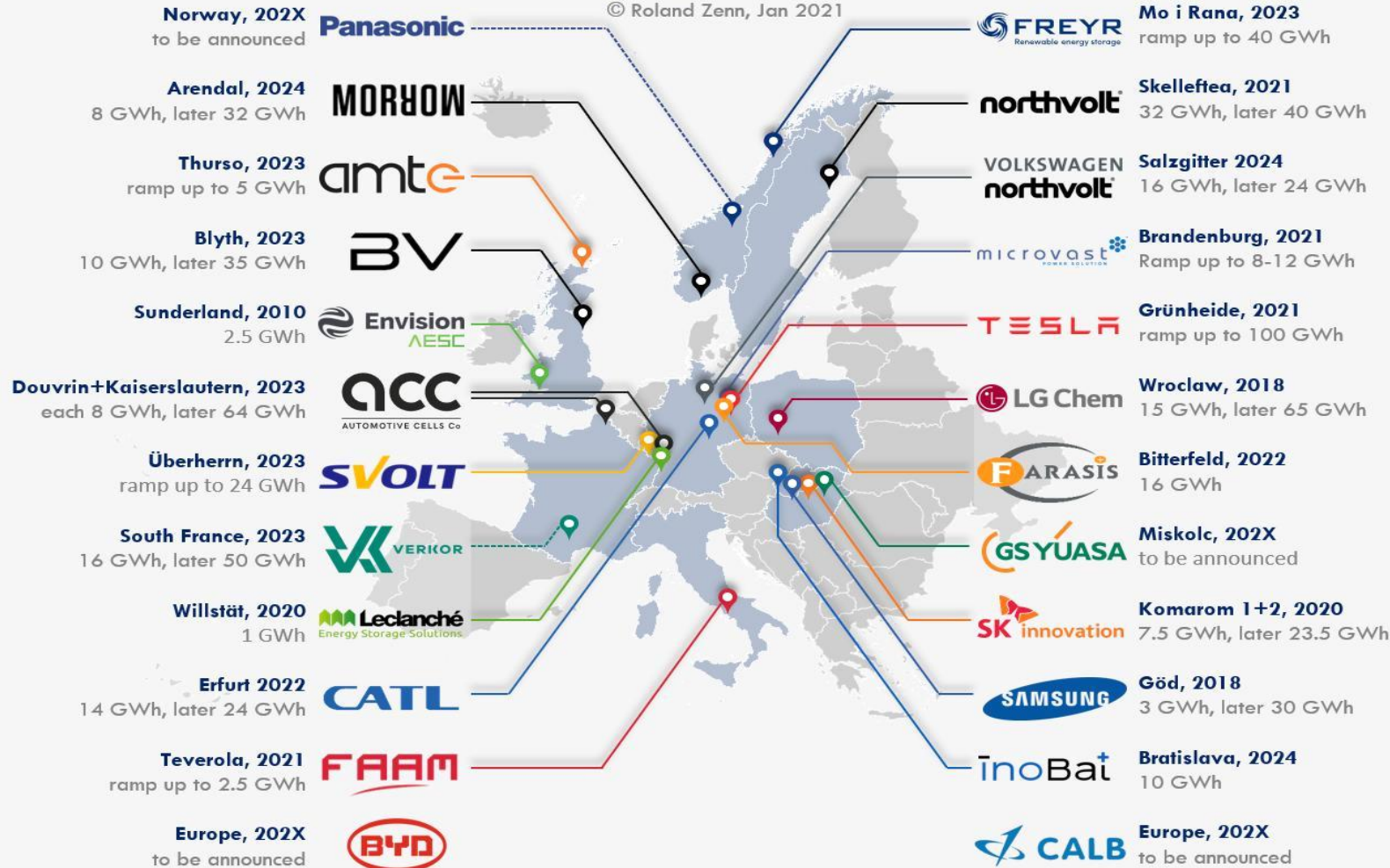


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# Li-Ion Battery Cell Capacity - Europe

## 600 GWh Annual Production Capacity for Lithium Ion Battery Cells Announced

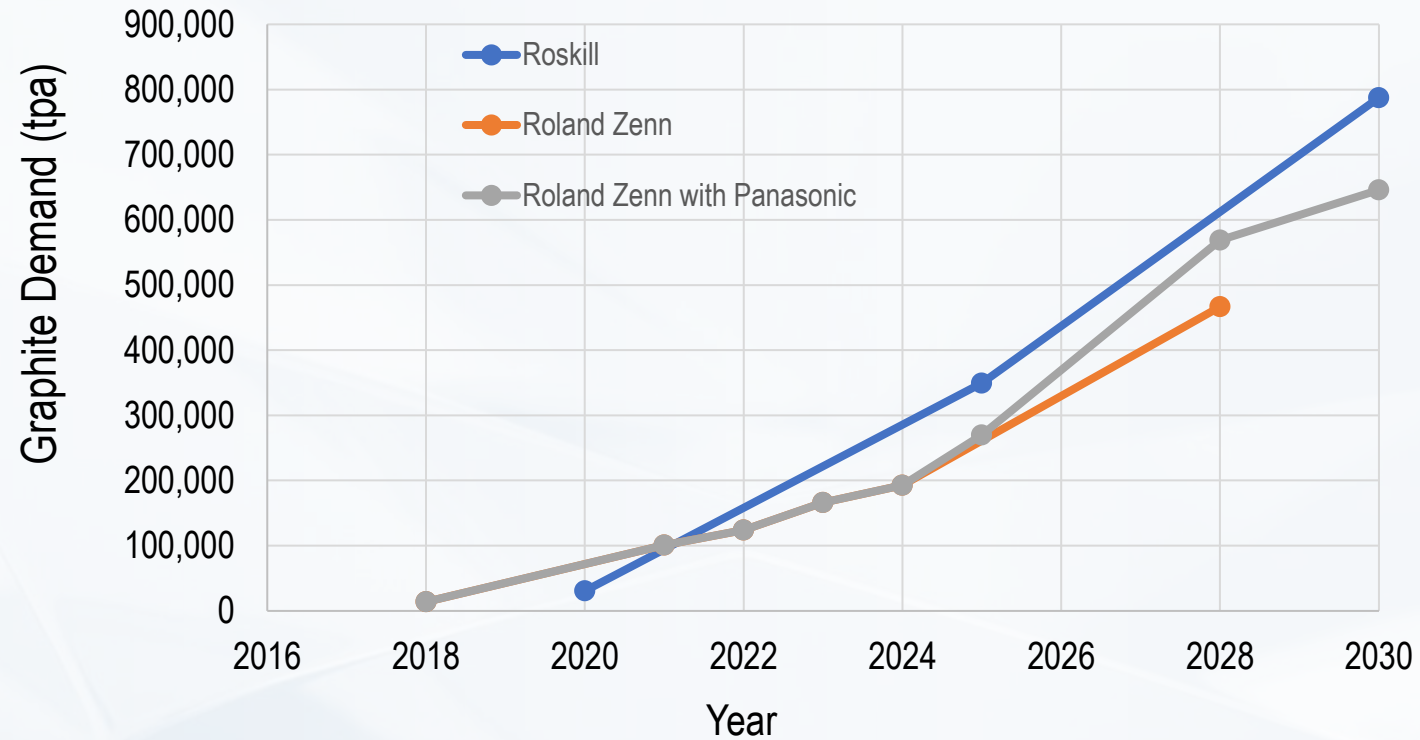
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# Europe Graphite Demand of 600ktpa by 2030

### Graphite Demand from European Gigafactories

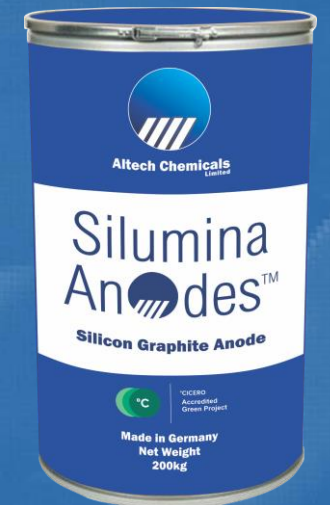
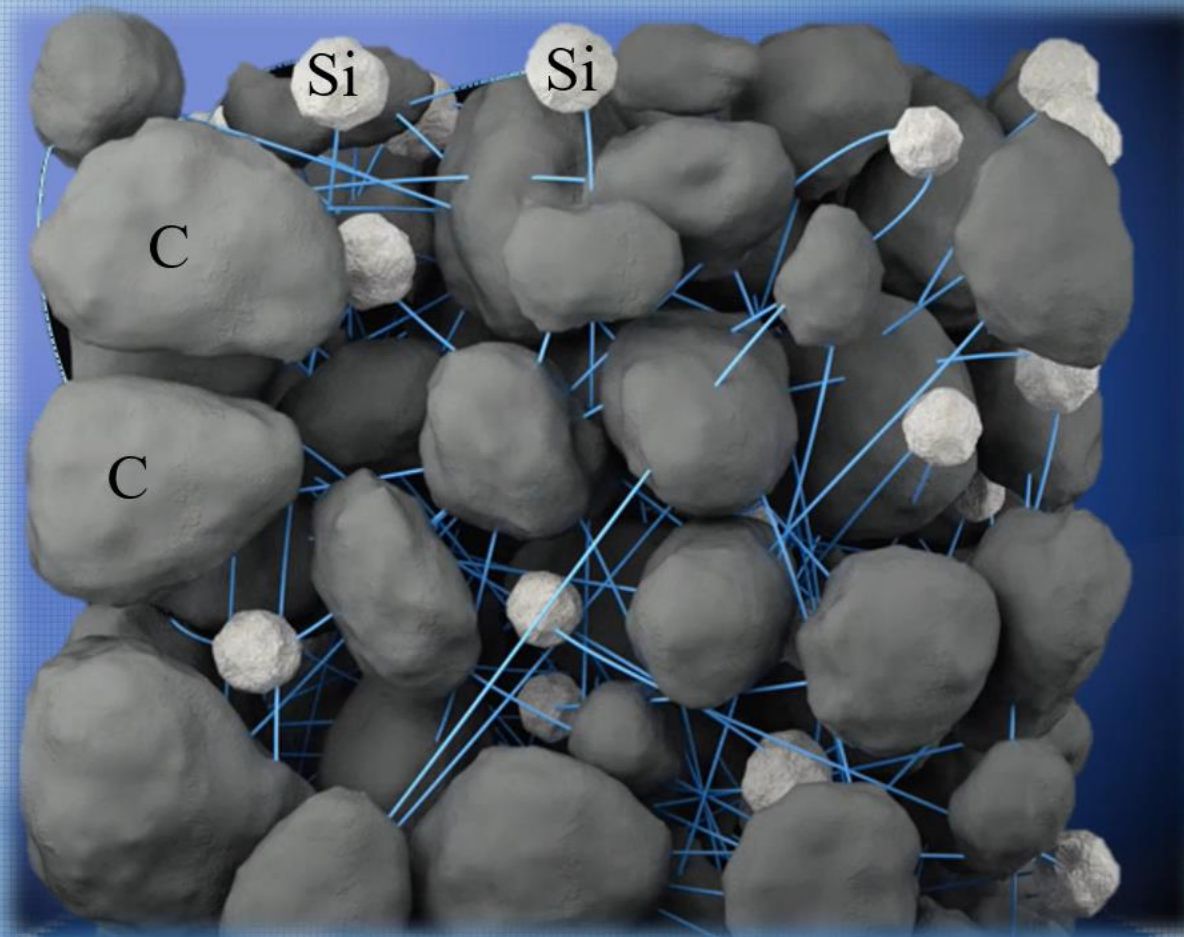




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- For commercial samples to interested customers
- 120 Kg day Pilot Plant been constructed
- At Dock3 Schwarze Pumpe Complex
- Front end in commissioning

**Silumina  
Anode Pilot  
Plant In  
Progress**



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