

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

## **Company Presentation**

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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



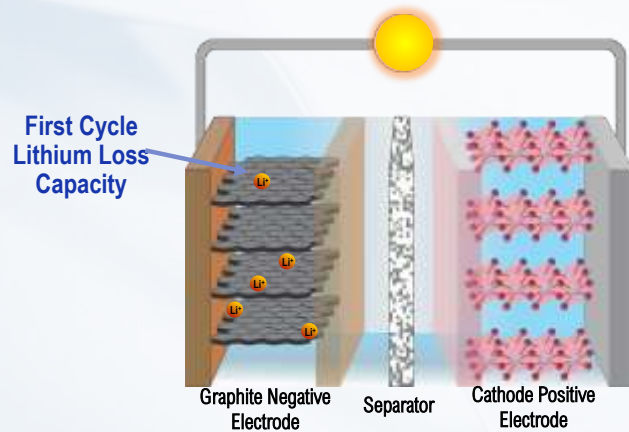
**Tesla Battery  
Day 2020**



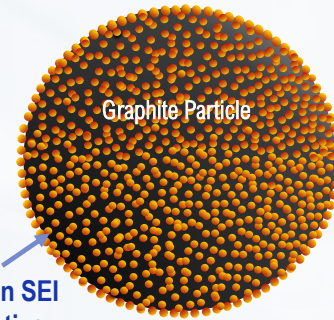


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- Forms SEI layer on first charge
- Lithium becomes inactive
- 8-10% First cycle loss capacity



10% of lithium is lost on first charge



Lithium ions in SEI become inactive

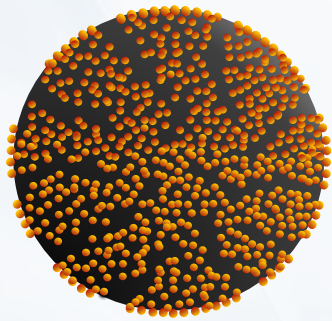
First charge loss reduces life of battery

Problem facing today's lithium ion batteries



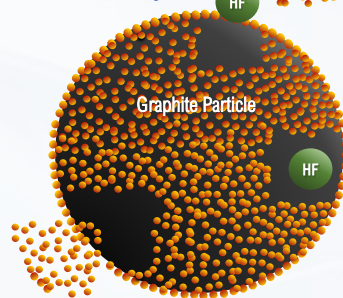
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- SEI layer cracks, exposing new sites for further lithium adsorption
- Corrosive HF ions, attack SEI layer, creating further lithium degradation



Cracks in SEI layer creates  
further lithium loss

HF ions from electrolyte  
attack SEI layer



More Li replaces  
the SEI

Corrosive HF ions creates  
more lithium loss

Continual  
consumption of  
Lithium



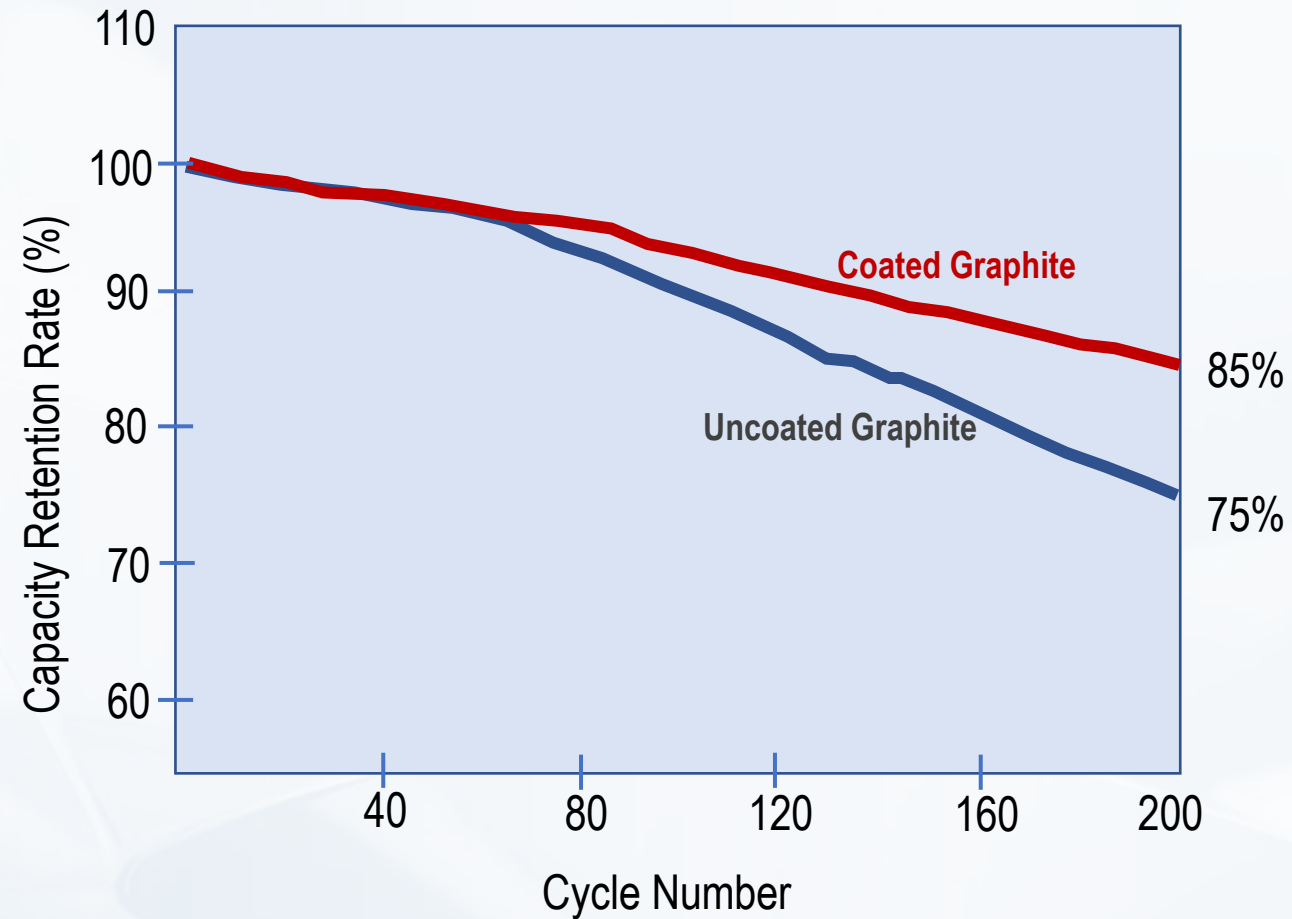
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- **Reduces first cycle loss (Tau et al., 2019)**
- **Improves cycling stability**
- **Improves high-rate performance (Feng et al., 2016)**
- **Improves fast charging capability (Kim et al., 2016)**
- **Prevents thermal runaway under mechanical abuse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

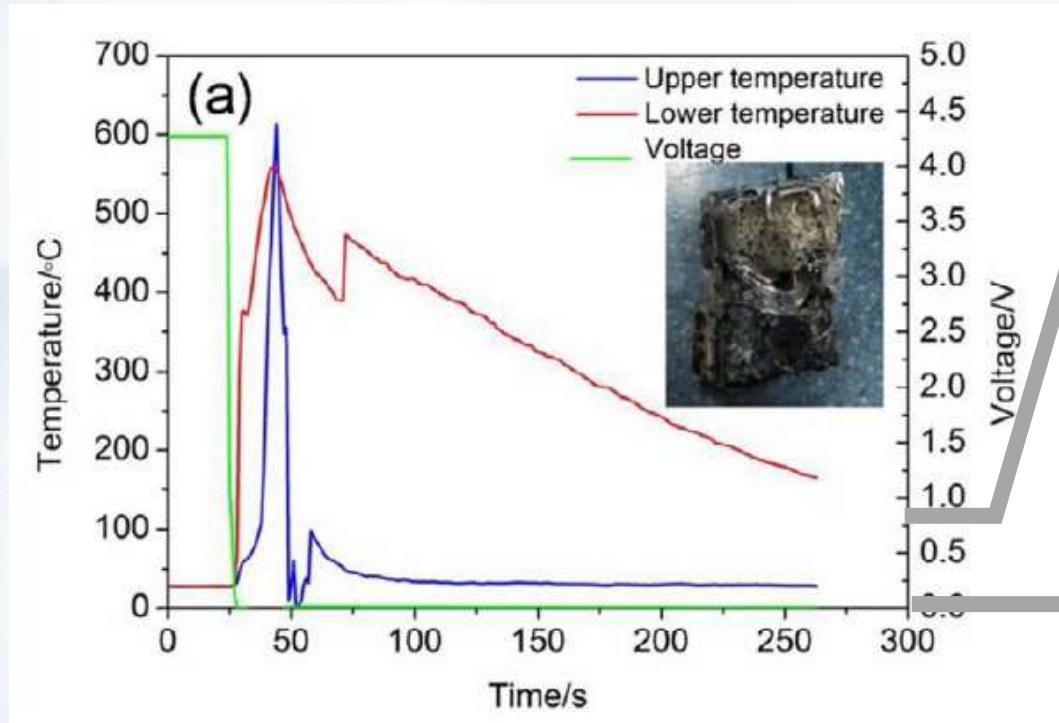
**Why HPA  
Coating ?**



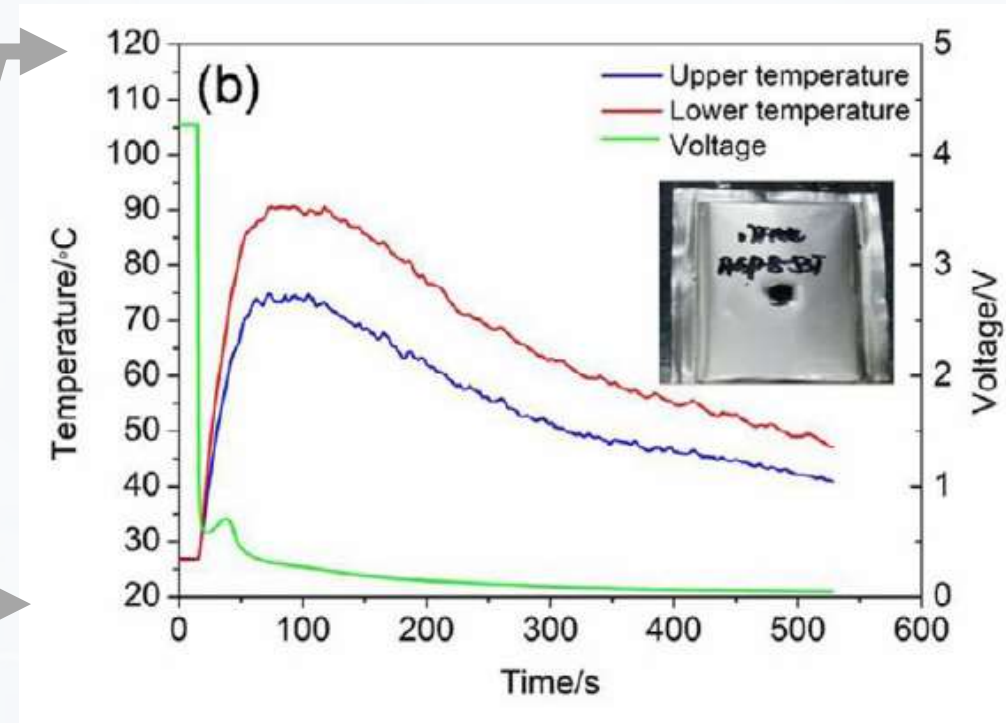
# Literature - Alumina coated graphite performance <sup>1</sup>



# 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

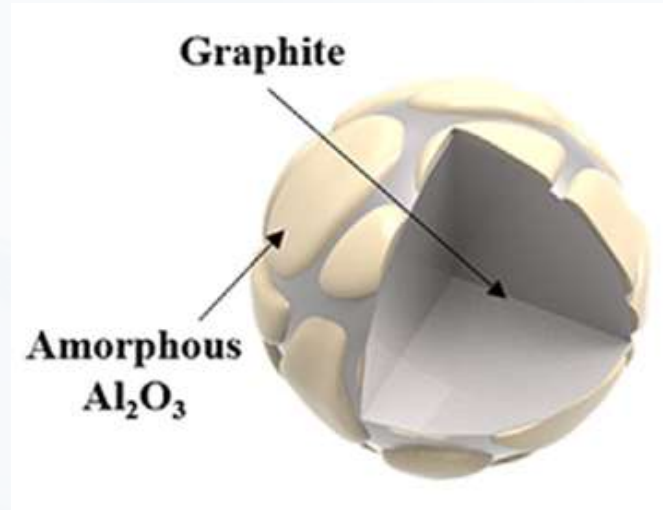
- Atomic Layer Deposition – costly, complex, not mass production

## 2. Solids Method

- Non continuous layer

## 3. Liquid Method

- Most promising
- Easy to commercialise



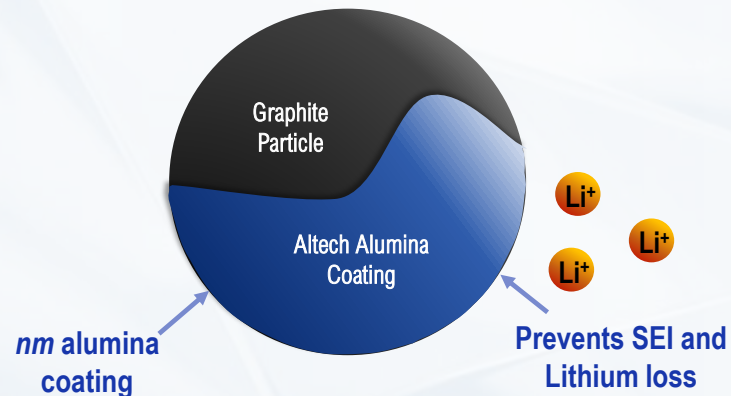
Coating  
Methods



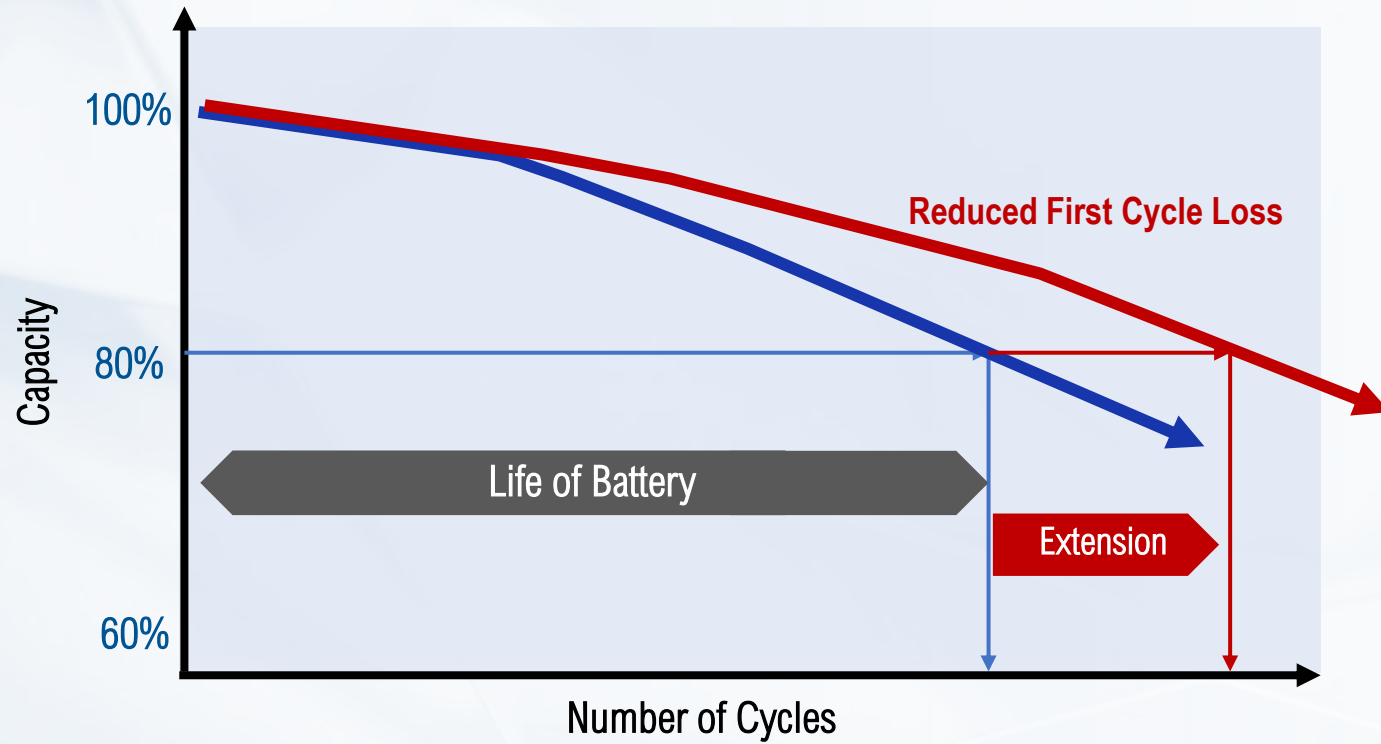


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- 2 *nm* layer of high purity alumina coating
- Pre-forms an SEI layer
- Reduces first-cycle-loss capacity and increased battery life
- Alumina layer converts corrosive HF to inert material



Our nano  
alumina coating  
technology is  
game changing

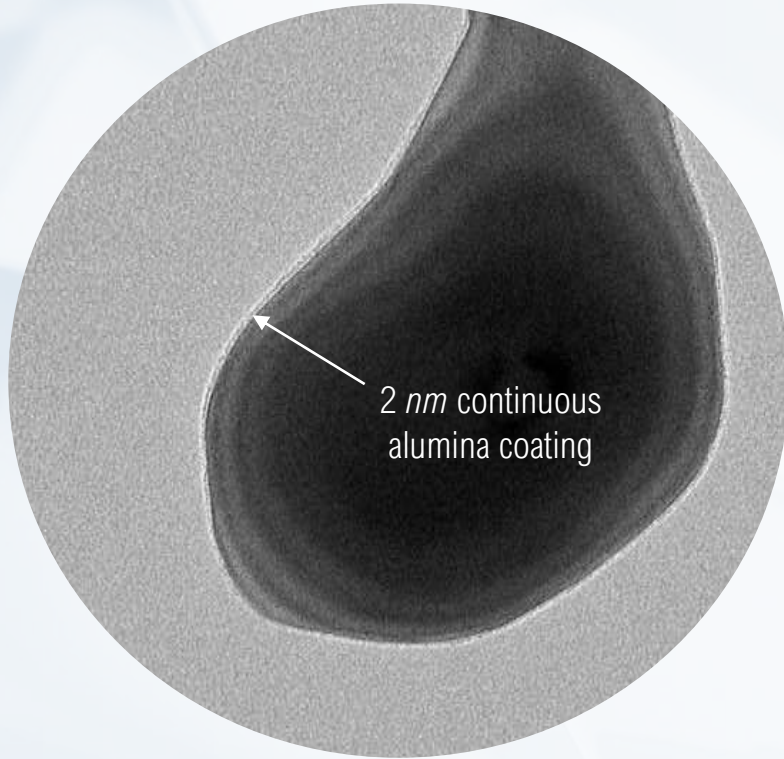


**Potential  
increased  
battery life**

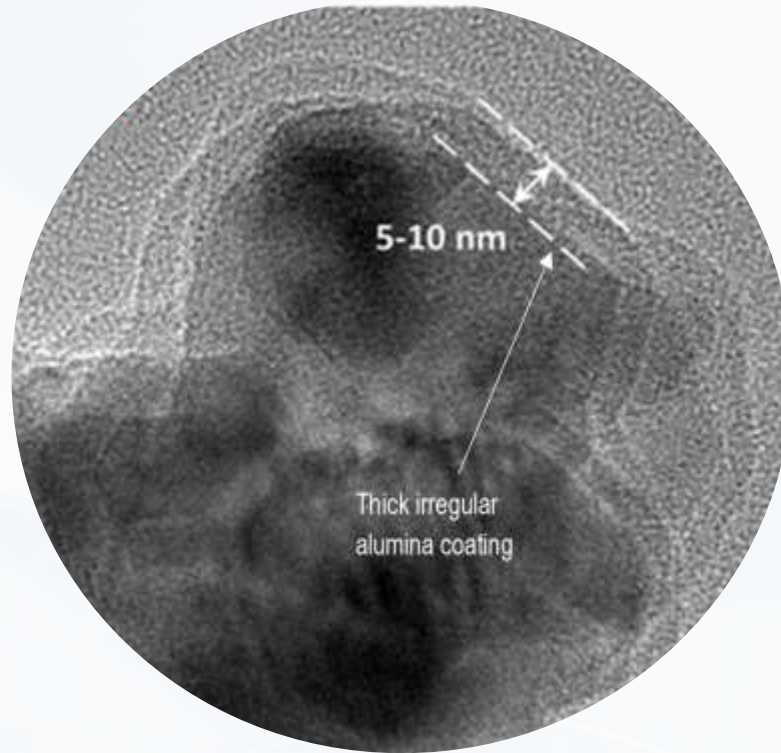




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Altech alumina coating technology



Current attempts at alumina coating

**Under the  
Electron  
Microscope**





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- **First phase, 100 cycle battery tests completed**
- **Coated graphite performance over non coated is encouraging**
- **Further test runs required for repeatability**
- **Potential improvements to lithium-ion battery life, capacity and chargeability**

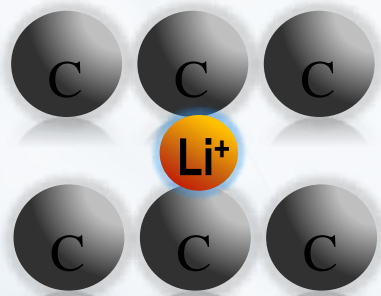


**Promising  
Results in half  
cell battery  
testing**



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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)

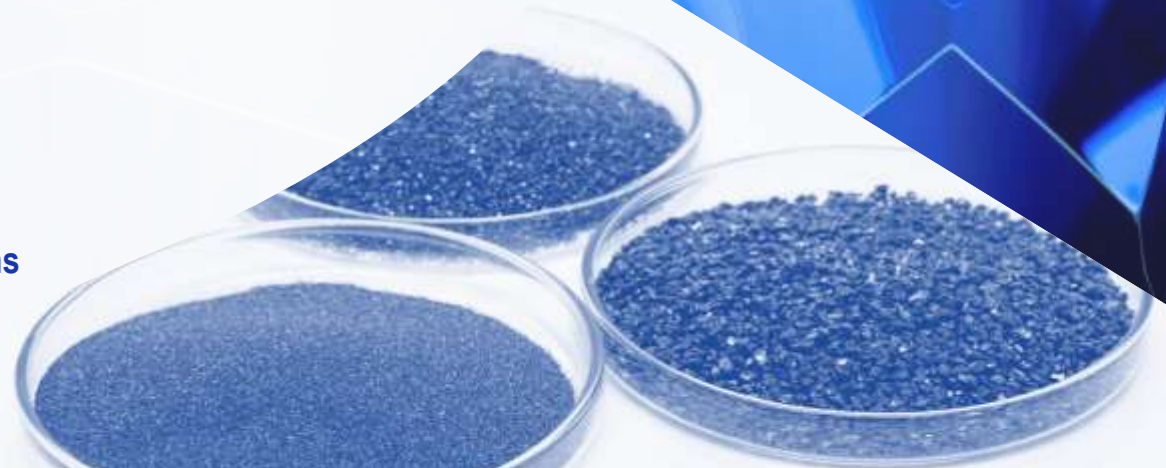


6 carbon atoms hold 1 Li<sup>+</sup> ion



1 Si atom holds 4 Li<sup>+</sup> ions

Silicon most  
promising  
future anode  
additive

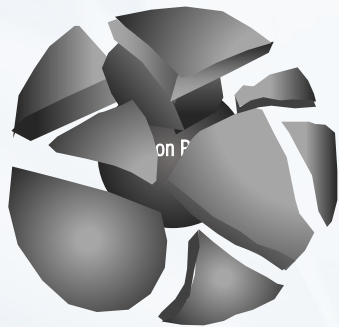




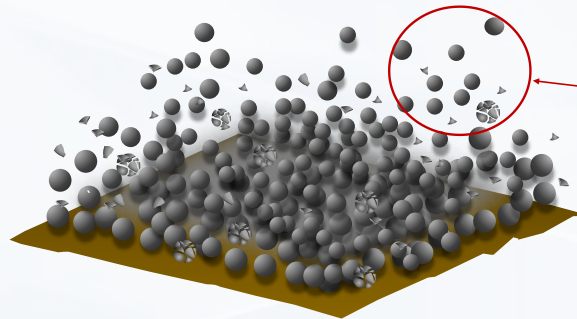


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- 300% volume expansion causes fracturing
- In the anode it causes swelling
- Delamination & loses contact with copper foil
- Early failure of the battery



Fracturing of the Si particle



Delamination at the anode

electrical  
isolation

## Barriers to Silicon Use

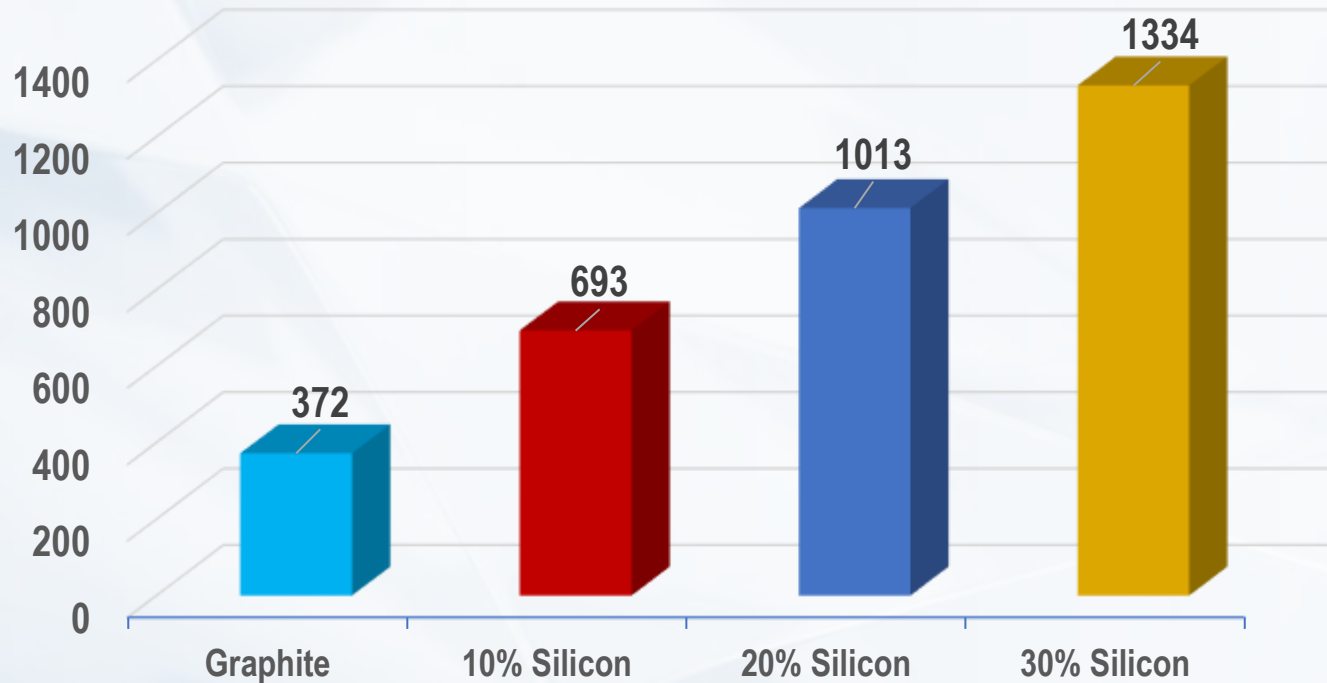




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## Silicon Content in Anode

Theoretical Energy Capacity mAh/g



**Theoretical  
Energy  
Capacity**



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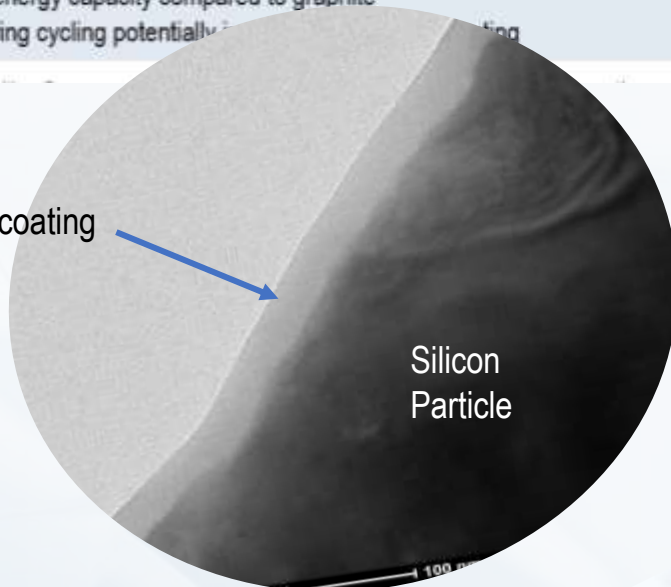
15 March 2021

# ALTECH – BREAKTHROUGH SILICON ALUMINA COATING DEVELOPMENT

### Highlights

- Breakthrough silicon alumina coating development
- Tesla vision is for more silicon in lithium-ion battery anodes
- Silicon has ten times energy capacity compared to graphite
- Capacity retention during cycling potentially improved

Altech alumina coating



Silicon  
Particle

# Alumina coating of Silicon in our Lab





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







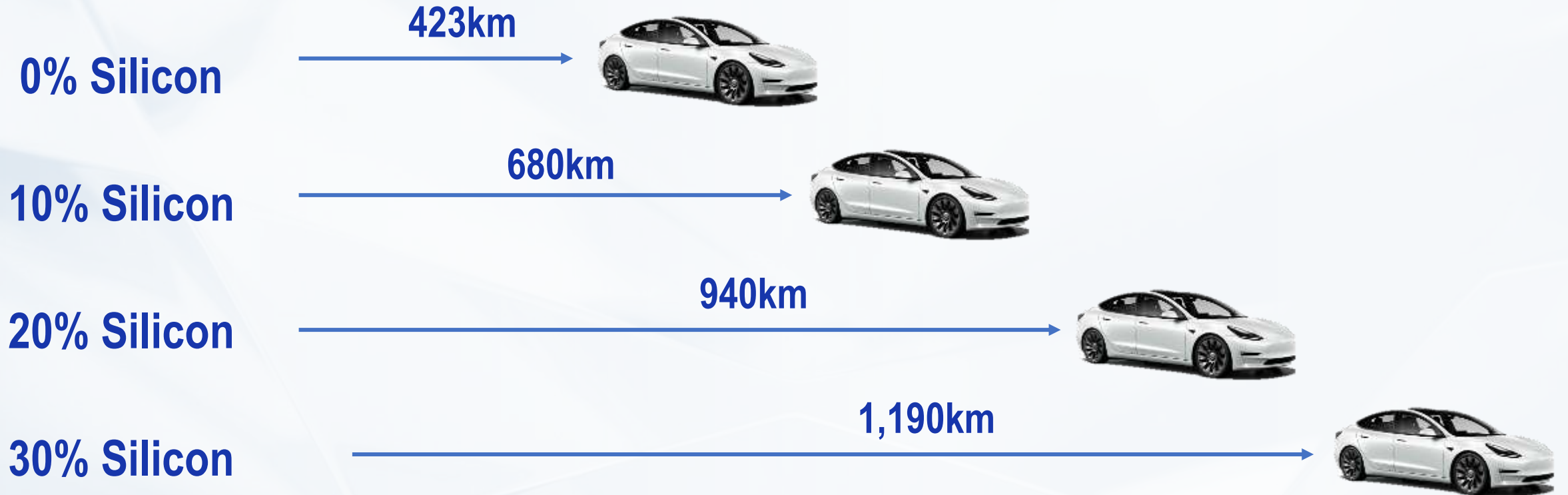
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- Lab tests shows positive results
- Coated silicon performance over non coated is encouraging



**Promising  
Results in half  
cell battery  
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## Impact of Silicon in anodes on Tesla Model 3





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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**



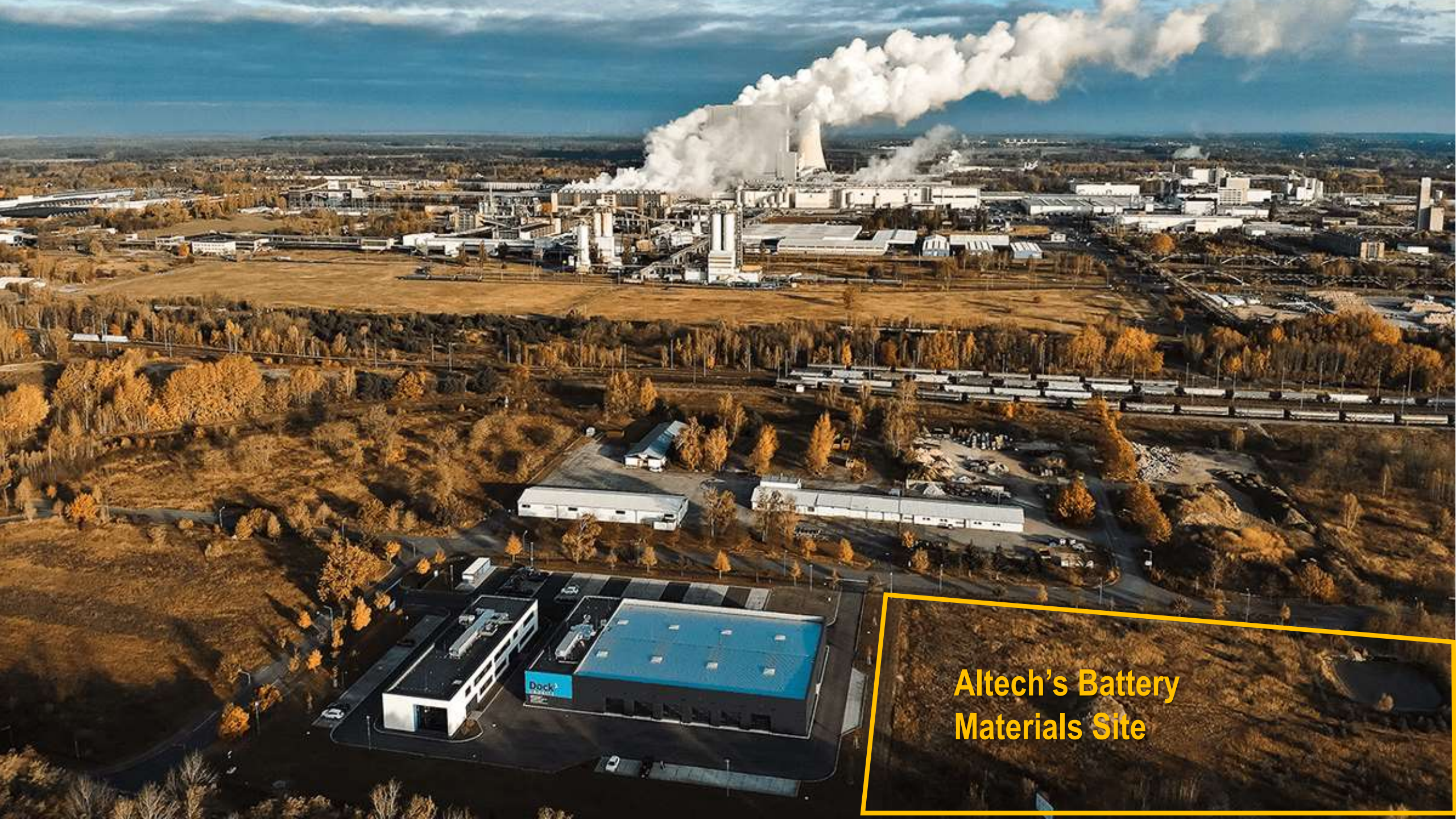


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- **Pre-feasibility battery materials coatings plant**
- **Schwarze Pumpe, Saxony State, Germany**
- **State where EV's and battery plants**
- **Phase 1 – 10,000 tpa graphite coating**
- **Option to purchase industrial site**

## **Battery Materials Coating Project Germany**





**Altech's Battery  
Materials Site**





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



**Europe's Push  
for Battery  
Industry**





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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

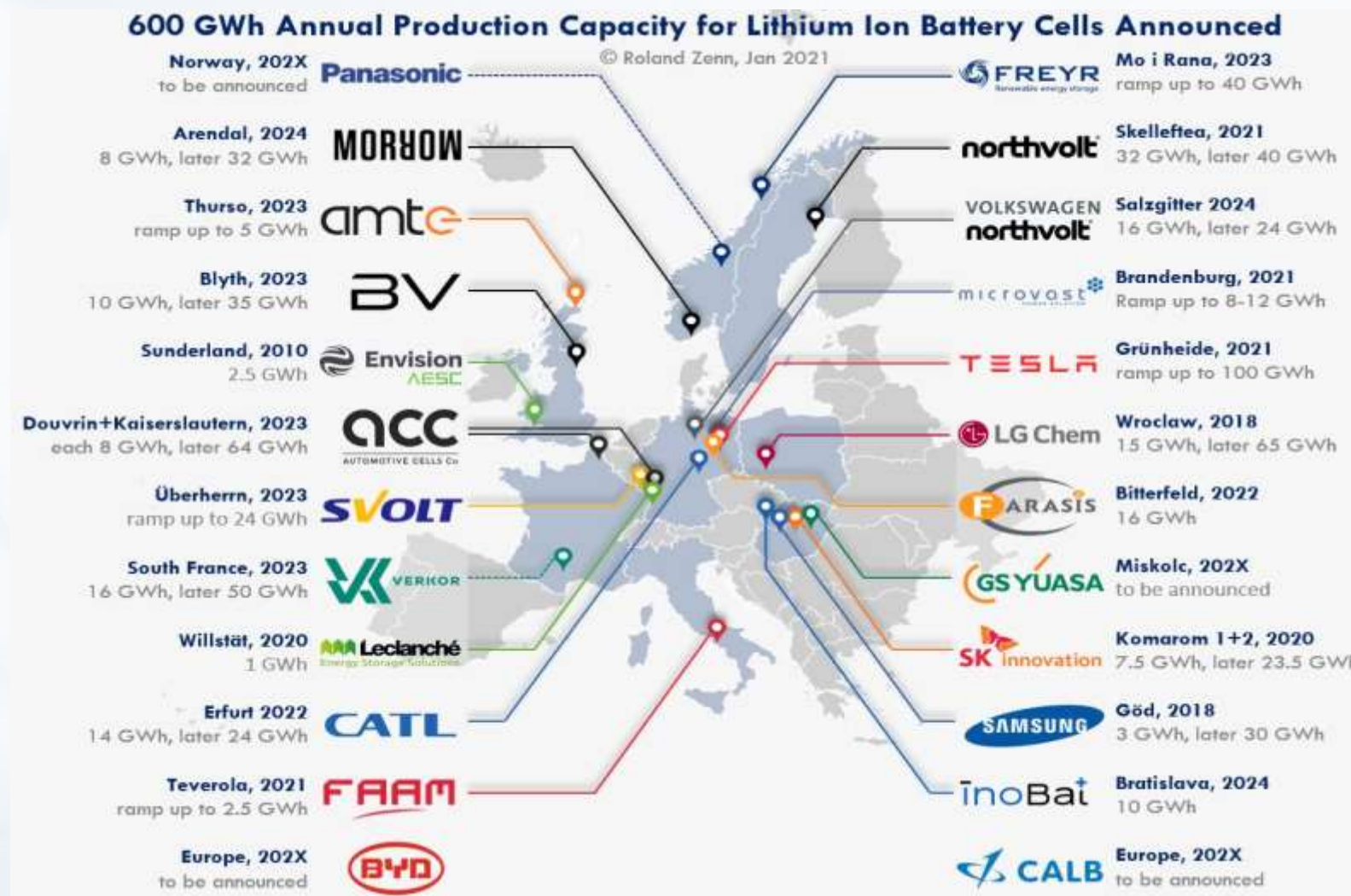
By 2040 \$47b

European auto  
market  
all electric by



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# Li-Ion Battery Cell Capacity - Europe







# 4,500 tpa High Purity Alumina Plant





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- HPA 99.99% purity
- Feedstock for LED and Li-ion battery industries
- Sapphire wafer substrate for LEDs
- Alumina coating in Li-ion batteries
- Growth expected from 30ktpa to 272 ktpa by 2030
- Recent price forecast by Fact.MR \*

## HPA Use and Market





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Altech's  
disruptive  
technology





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- **250 year Kaolin mine in Australia**
- **All permits in place – ready to dig**
- **HPA processing plant in Johor, Malaysia**
- **Stage 1 and 2 construction completed**
- **9 patents pending**
- **Bottom quartile costs**
- **Certified “green” project by CICERO**

## HPA Project Summary





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- **10 Year off take arrangement with Mitsubishi**
- **Lump sum build contract with SMS Group**
- **Senior loan of US\$190m secured with KFW IPEX bank (ECA cover)**
- **Assessing US\$144m junior debt – listed green bonds**
- **Looking for JV partner for US\$100m for 49% of project**

## **HPA Project Summary**



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- **Pre-tax NPV 7.5 US\$ 505 million**
- **Payback (full rate) 3.9 years**
- **IRR - 22%**
- **EBITDA US\$ 76 million p.a.**
- **Capital cost US\$ 298 million\***
- **Production Costs - US\$ 8.55 /kg**
- **LT Sale Price - US\$ 26.9/kg**
- **Gross Margin – 68%**
  
- Pre tax, pre financing equity model

## Economics FIDS Equity Model





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### Use of Funds (US\$m)

<b>Plant Capex</b>	<b>\$298</b>
<b>KfW Contingency</b>	<b>\$ 28*</b>
<b>Debt Res &amp; WC</b>	<b>\$ 46*</b>
<b>Fees &amp; Costs</b>	<b>\$ 41</b>
<b>Less Spent</b>	<b>(\$ 23)</b>
<b>Total Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$390</b>

### Source of Funds (US\$m)

<b>KfW Senior Loan</b>	<b>\$190</b>
<b>Sec Debt (Green Bonds)</b>	<b>\$ 90</b>
<b>SMS Equity Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>
<b>Project Equity (Sell 49%)</b>	<b>\$100 ^</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$390</b>

## Use and Source of Funds

- To date ATC has spent US\$ 57m on the project incl Eng, land, Stage 1 & 2 construction
- Meckering deposit valued at (US\$4/t) US\$50.8m
- Total of US\$107m for ATC 51%

\* US\$ 76 m of cash reserves required by KfW for project protection

^ Altech Advanced Materials AG has option to purchase 49% for US\$100m

^ Open to other strategic investors or JV partners





**Stage 1 & 2  
Maintenance Building**





**Stage 1 & 2  
Maintenance Building**





**TENAGA  
NASIONAL** BERHAD

33KV STESEN SUIS UTAMA (SSU)  
ALTECH CHEMICALS  
KOMPLEKS PERINDUSTRIAN TANJUNG LANGSAT  
TALIAN KECEMASAN: 15454

**Stage 1 & 2  
Electrical Substation**





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**Right Place  
Right Time  
Right Feedstock  
Right Technology**



**Thank you**



# Forward Looking Statements

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## **Forward-looking Statements**

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## **Competent Persons Statements – Meckering Kaolin Deposit**

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