



Polymer Chemistry and the Building Blocks for
Advanced Lithium-Ion Anode Materials

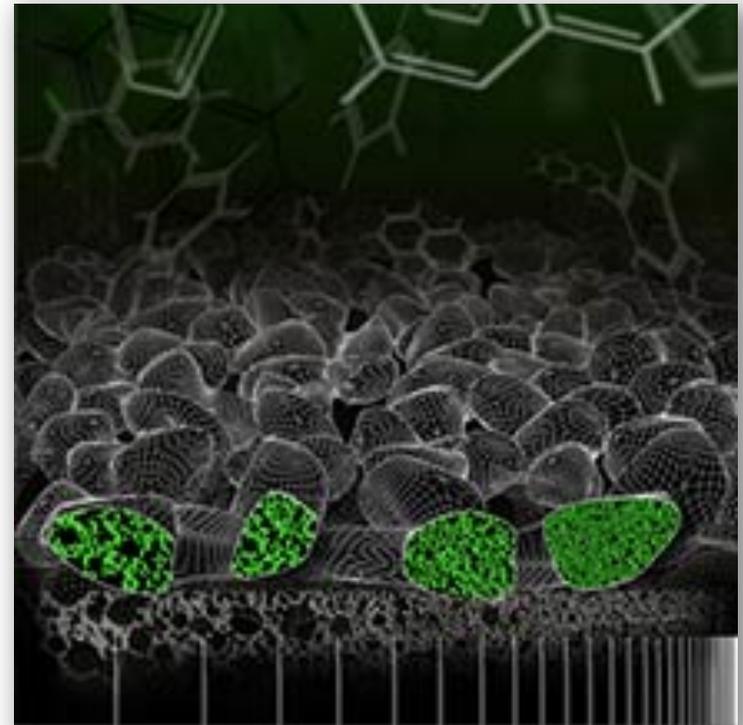
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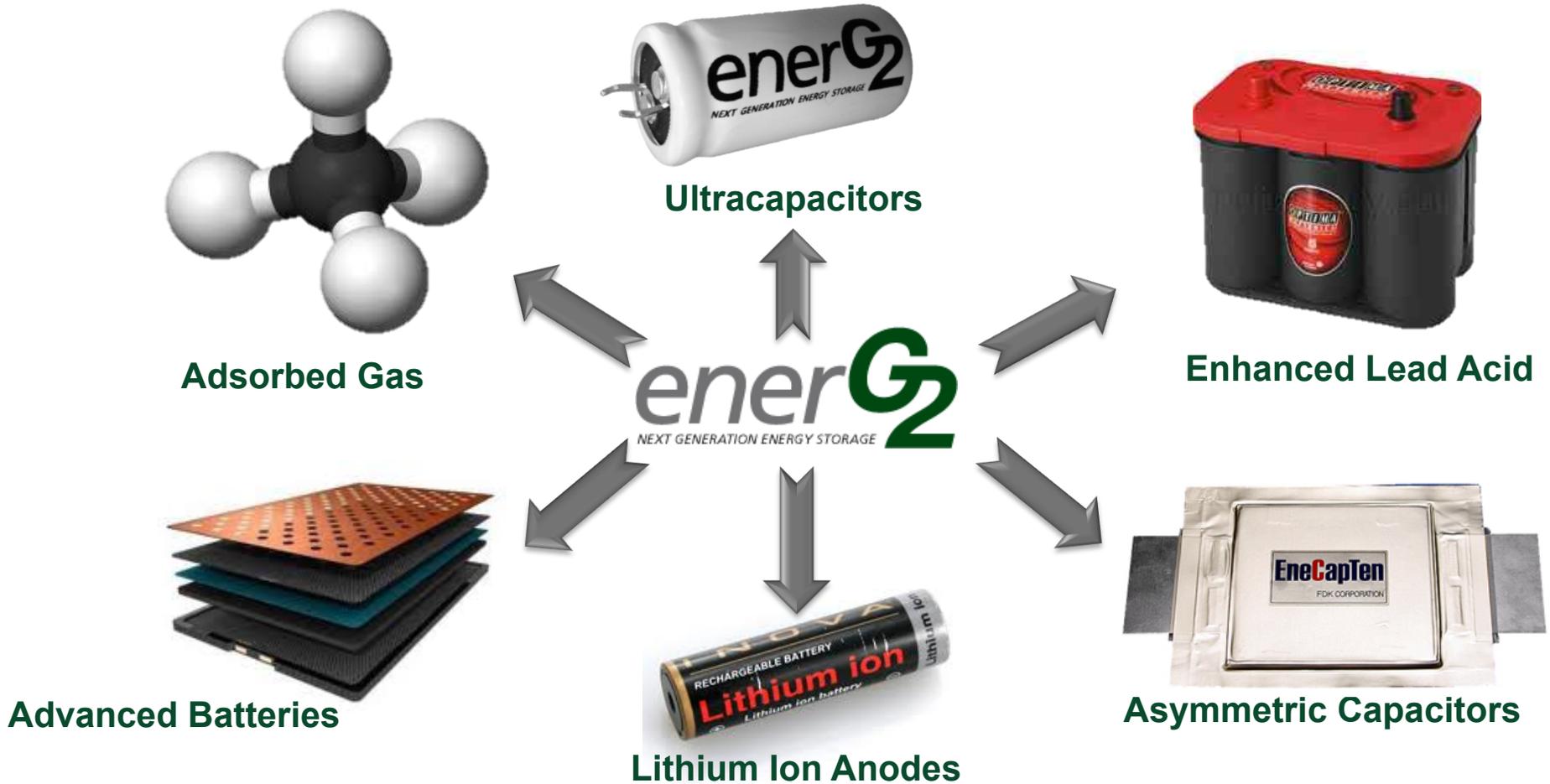


Company Highlights

- Commercial sales of best ultracapacitor carbon available
- Lead-acid additive dramatically improves micro-hybrid performance
- New silicon-carbon nanocomposite for Li-ion anodes
- Collaboration agreements with Fortune 50 strategic partners
- Full scale manufacturing with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certification
- Broad IP portfolio including material, device performance, and manufacturing
- Board of Directors includes Bob Lutz, former Vice-Chairman GM, CEO Exide



Polymer Chemistry Enables a Flexible Platform



EnerG2 is not just high performance materials, but a flexible energy storage technology platform built for continuous advancement.

Polymer Chemistry Drives Carbon Performance

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- Agricultural Waste
- Petroleum byproducts
- Scrap wood products

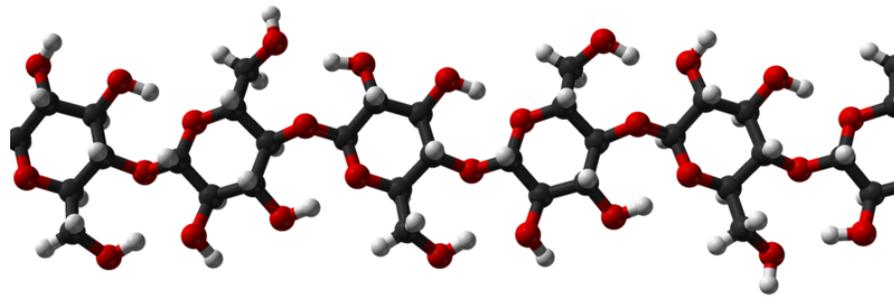


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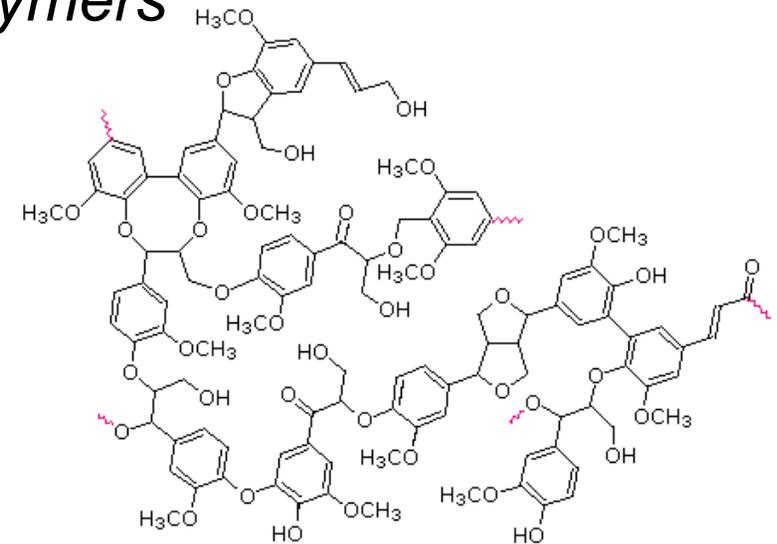
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The two most prevalent natural polymers



Cellulose



Lignin

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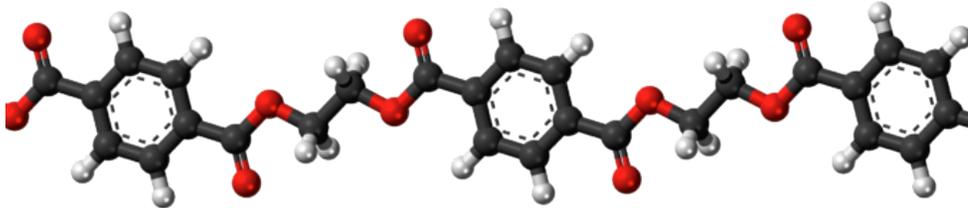


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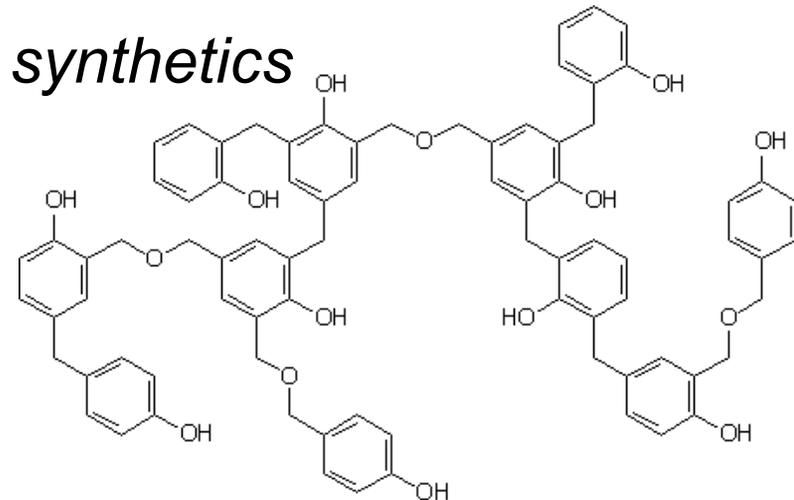
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A couple of similarly structured synthetics



Polyethylene terephthalate
- PET



Phenolic Resin
– Wood Glue

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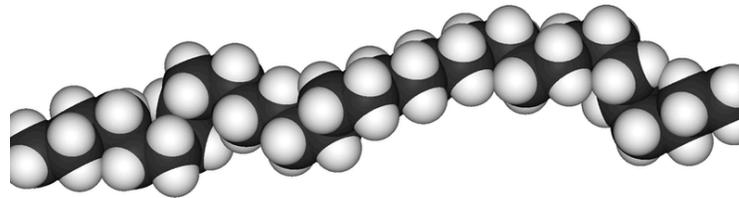


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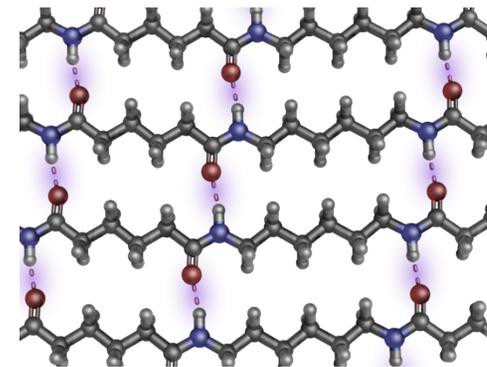
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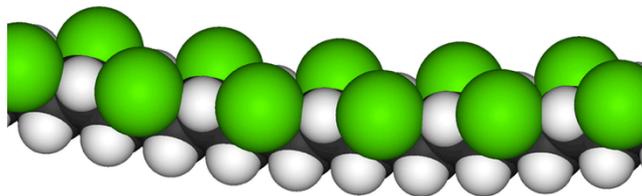
The options are virtually limitless



Polyethylene



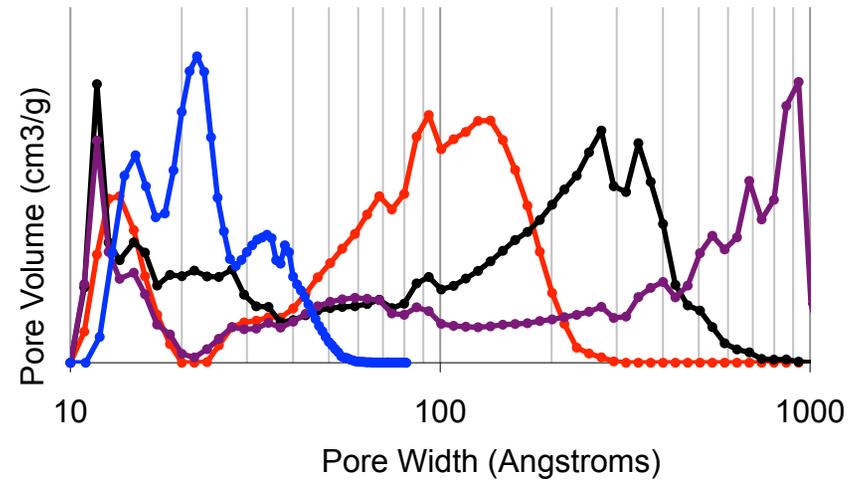
Nylon



PVC

We Can Optimize for a Range of Applications

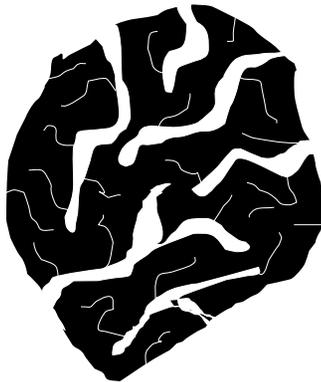
- Polymer chemistry derived platform allows for the tailoring of:
 - Pore size distribution
 - Total pore volume
 - Specific surface area
 - Amorphous carbon bonding and structure
 - *Strategic incorporation of dopants like silicon*



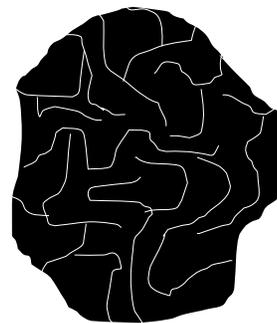
Lead
Acid



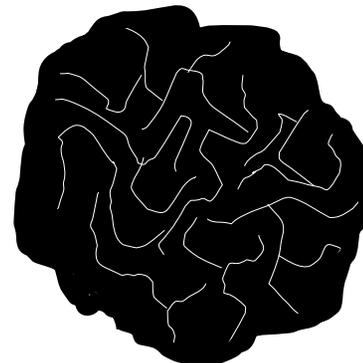
Ultracap
Power



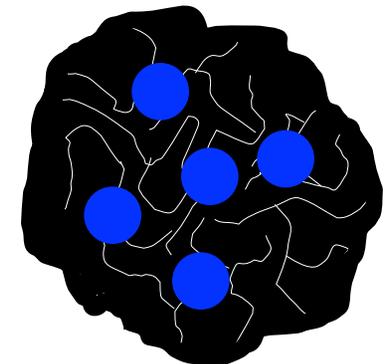
Ultracap
Energy + ANG



Lithium Hard
Carbon



Lithium Silicon -
Carbon



Platform Enhances Performance Across Applications



- Ultracapacitors
 - Commercially deployed energy and power carbon
 - Carbon of choice for 3V rating – multiple programs ready to enter into the market



- Lead Acid Batteries
 - Increased charge acceptance and cycle life for micro hybrids
 - Validated in deep discharge duty cycle
 - Demonstrated improvement in hybrid battery - capacitor



- Lithium Ion
 - High capacity hard carbon enhances rate performance
 - Silicon-carbon nanocomposite with validated cycle stability



- Adsorbed Natural Gas Storage
 - Best in class carbon at ton scale for low pressure storage of NG in conformable tanks

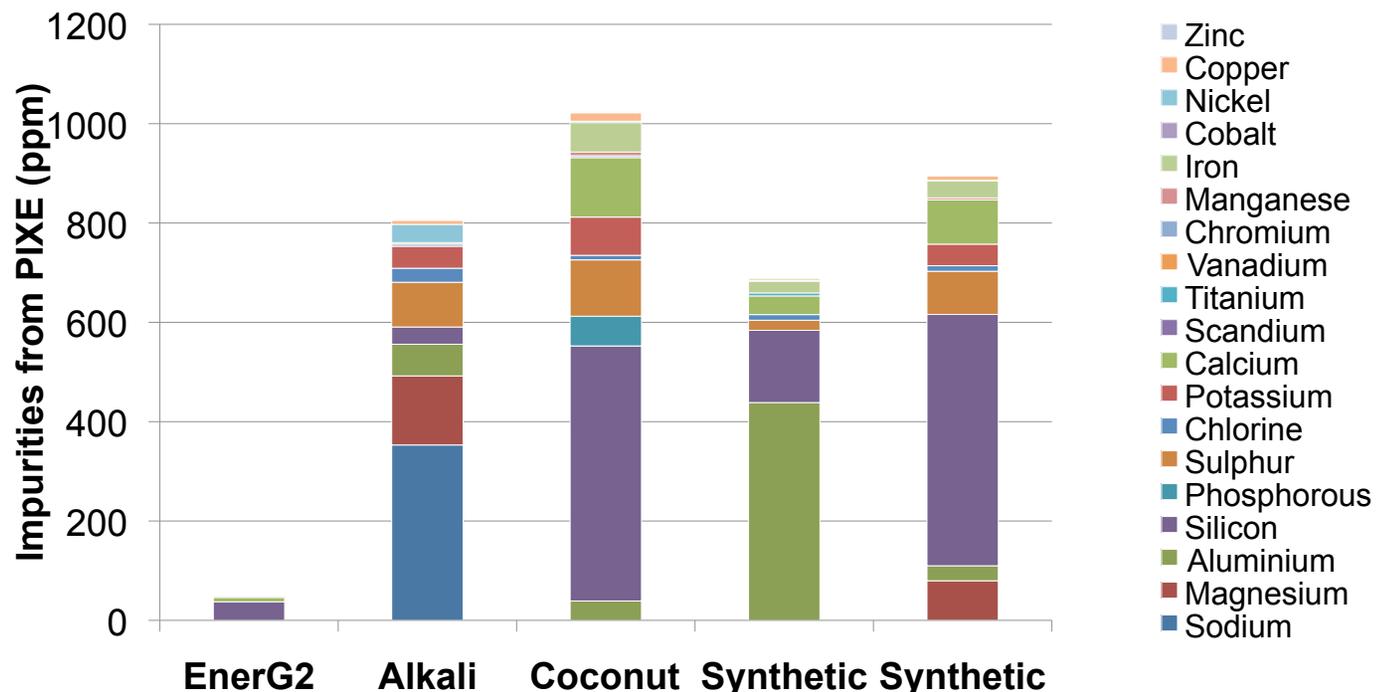
Manufacturing: Producing at Scale

- Ultracap and Lead-acid products at full commercial scale
- ISO 9001, ISO 14001 Certified
- Capacity 20-40 MT/month, producing ~2 MT/month currently
- Can grow capacity 4X within footprint – 80-160 MT/month
- Hard carbon/Si-C platforms in scale up now



Impurities of Various Energy Storage Carbons

EnerG2 carbon has **less than 1/20th** of the impurities that are found the best commercial carbons:



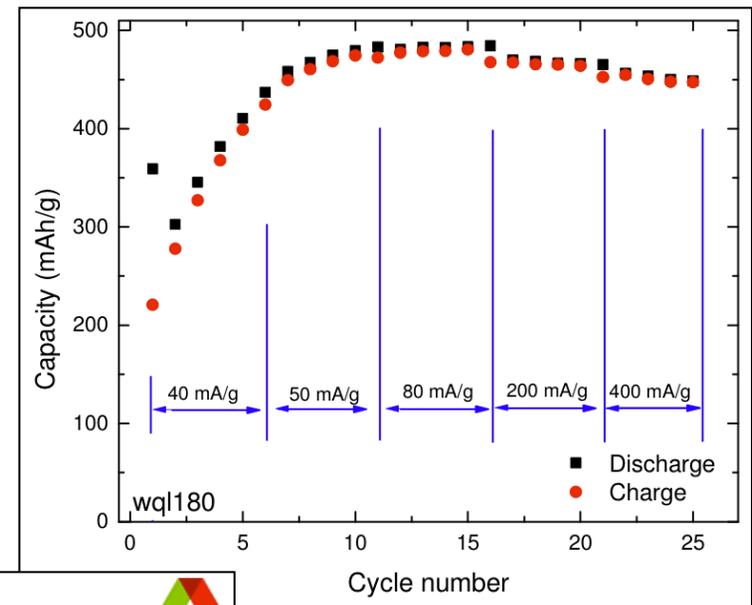
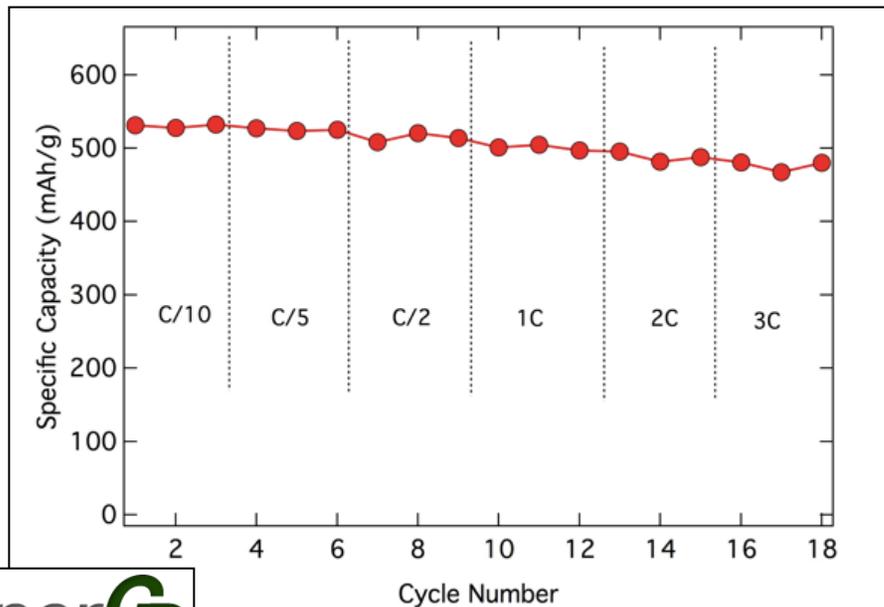
Update: Patent number 8,404,384 issued
 – covering high surface area carbons with less than 500ppm of impurities.

Improvements Needed in Li-ion Anodes

- Advancements in cathode such as LRNMC have not been matched by anodes
- Graphite anodes have reached maximum capacity
- Certain applications require more power
- Need to maintain:
 - Cycle life
 - Safety
 - Process-ability
 - Cost
- Massive scale required to support industry

Hard Carbon Attributes

- EnerG2 hard carbon is a superior platform for a silicon support matrix
 - >500 mAh/g reversible capacity
 - 85% first cycle efficiency
 - Excellent rate performance: 93% capacity retention (2C/0.1C)
 - *Interesting opportunity to incorporate Si*

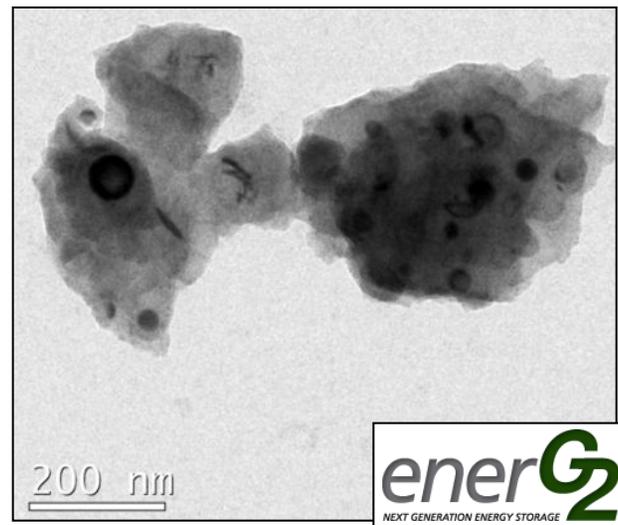
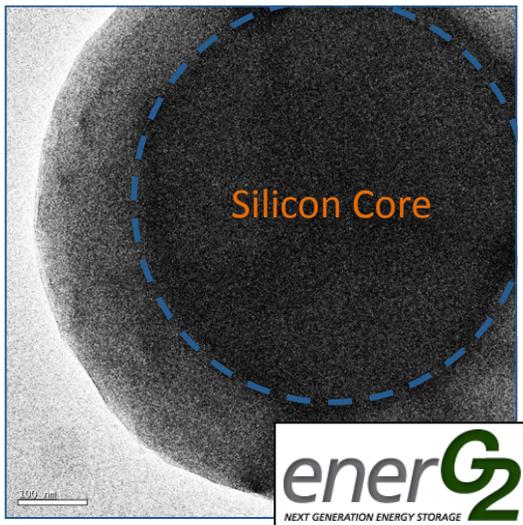


Silicon Anode Issues

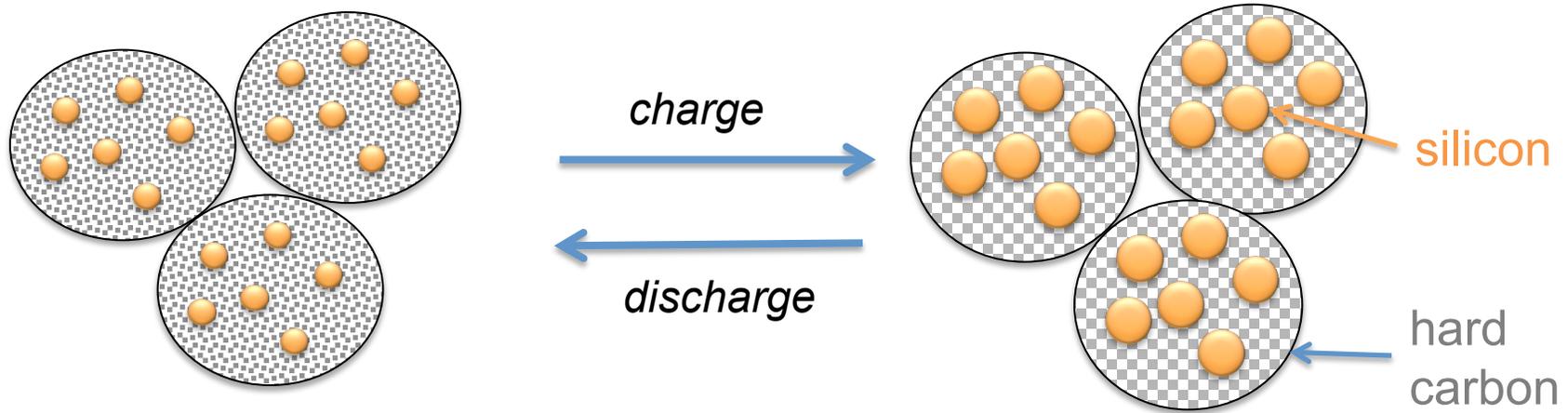
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EnerG2 Silicon Solutions

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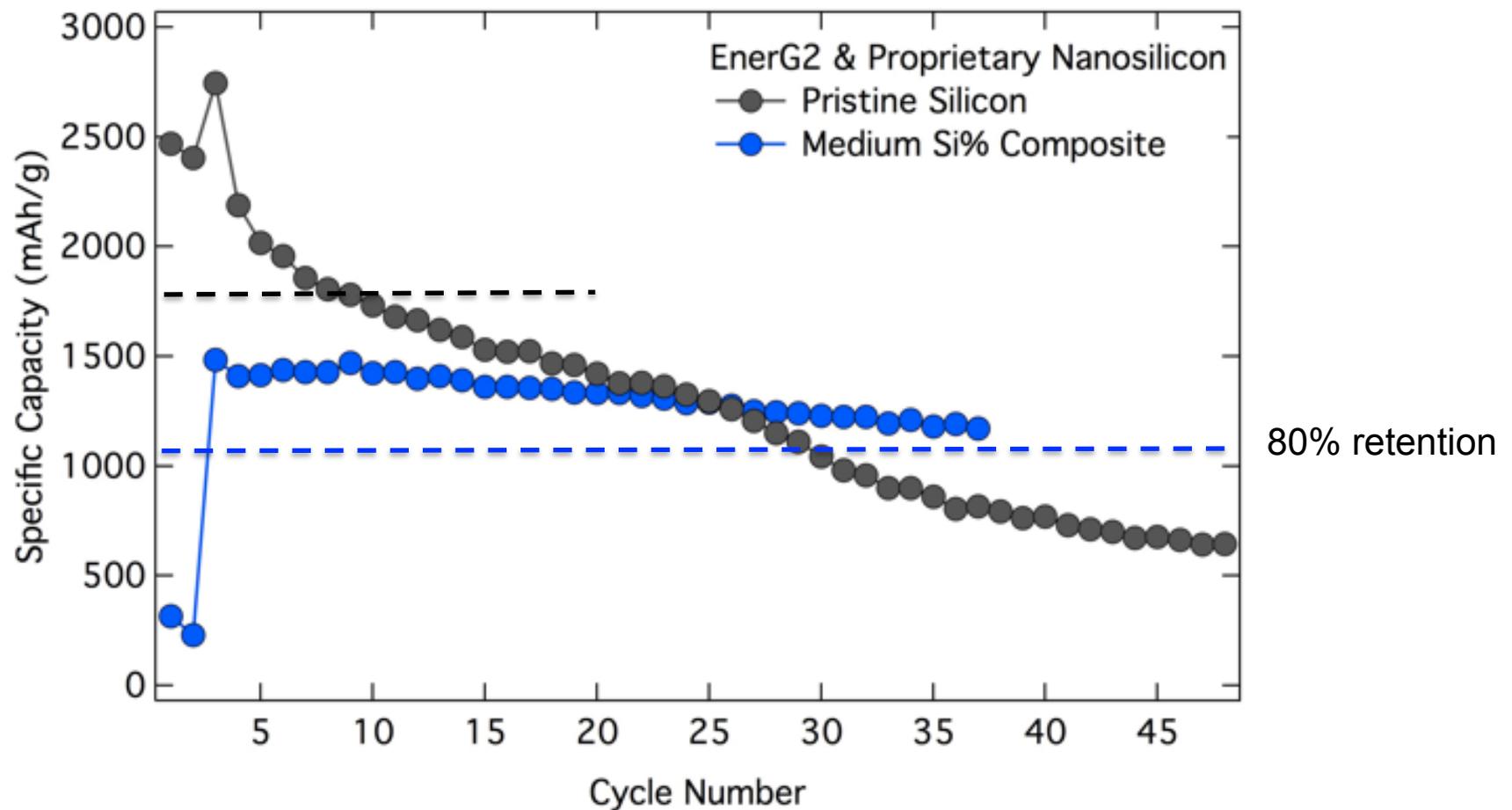
The Function of the Si-C EnerG2 Technology



- 5-10X improvement in silicon cycle life
- Lower density hard carbon allows silicon expansion
- Excellent silicon-carbon bonding
- Minimizes issues with silicon expansion and contraction
- Enables reversible lithium storage in nano-silicon
- 85% FCE - Stable SEI on carbon vs. silicon
- Electrode processing typical of carbon

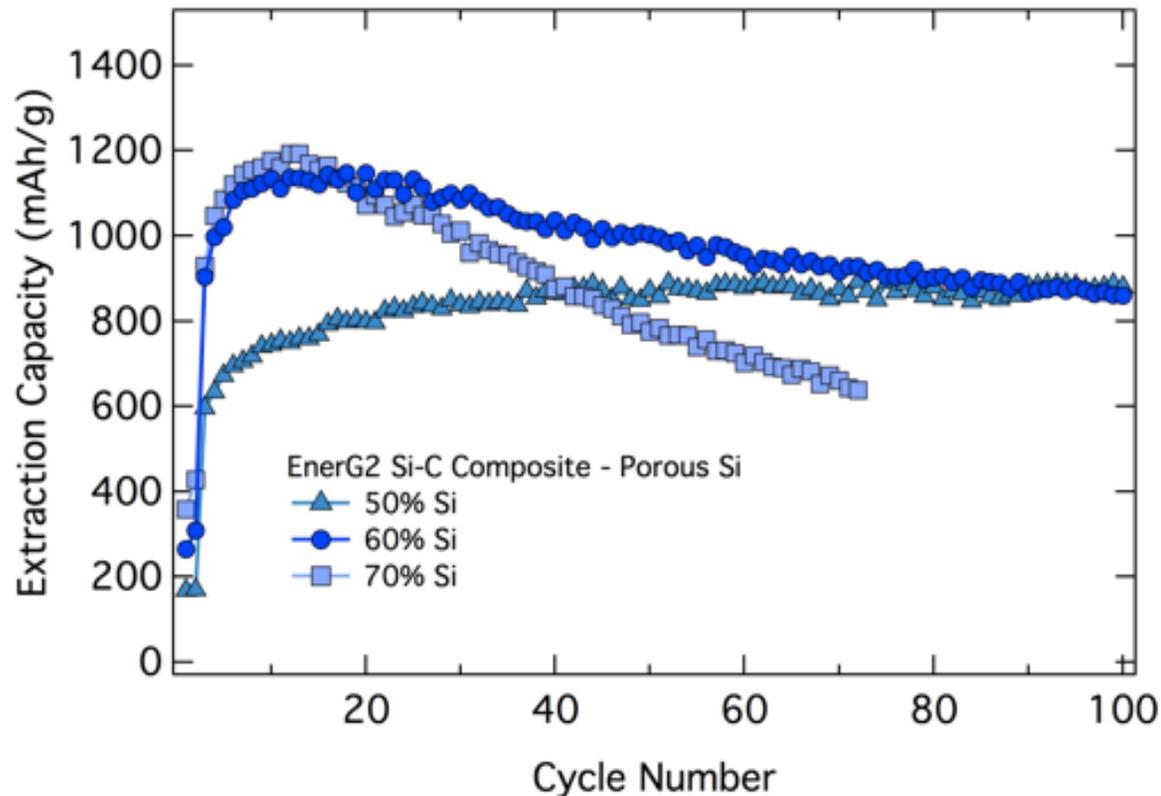
Compatible With Numerous Silicon Materials #1

- Nano-silicon shows improved cycle life over micron-sized silicon materials
- EnerG2 nanocomposite yields **>5x increase in cycle life** over pristine Si



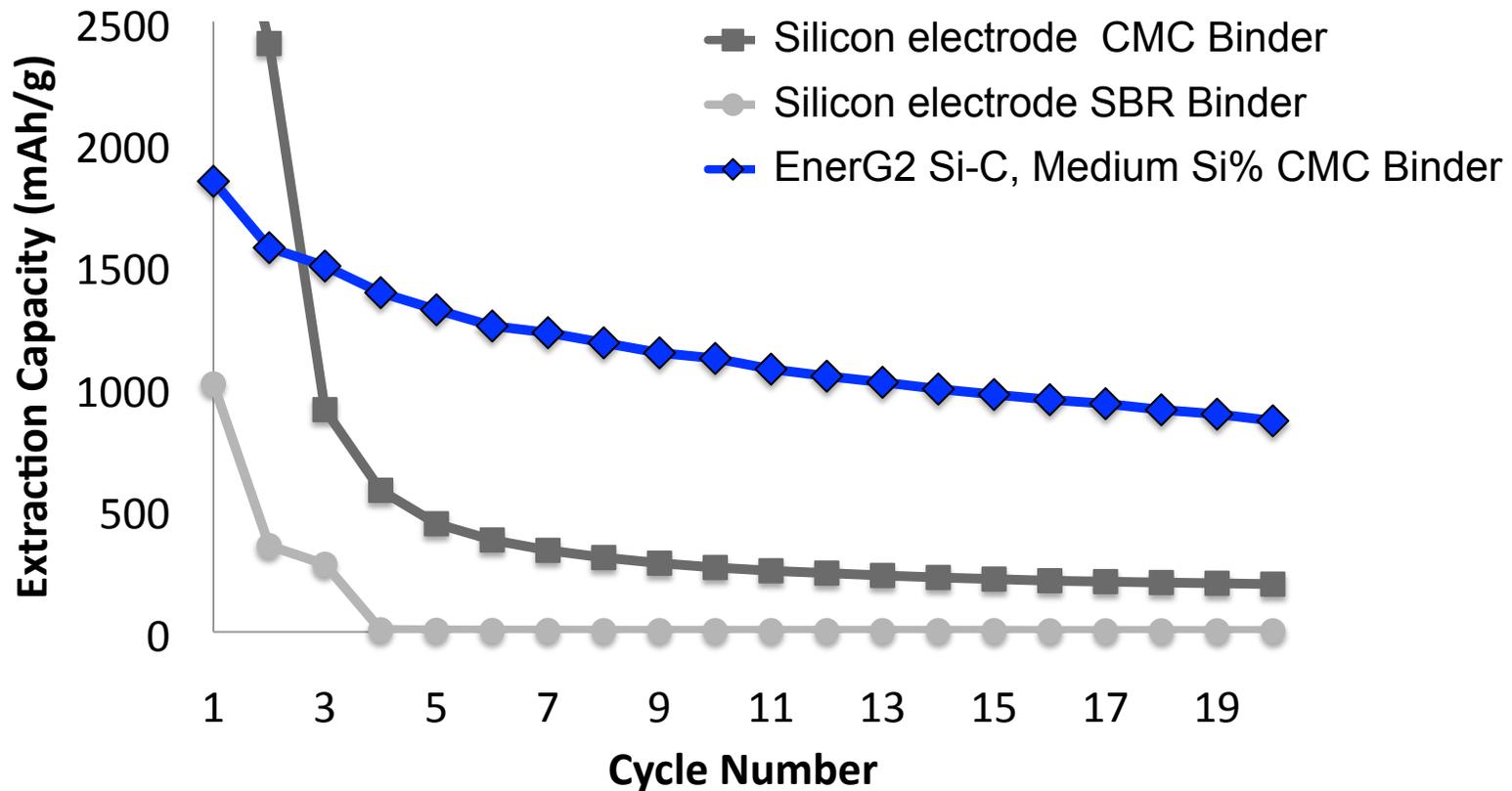
Compatible With Numerous Silicon Materials #2

- Materials with silicon content from 10-90% have been cycled successfully – tradeoff between Si content and stability
- This lower cost silicon was very difficult to process without carbon modification



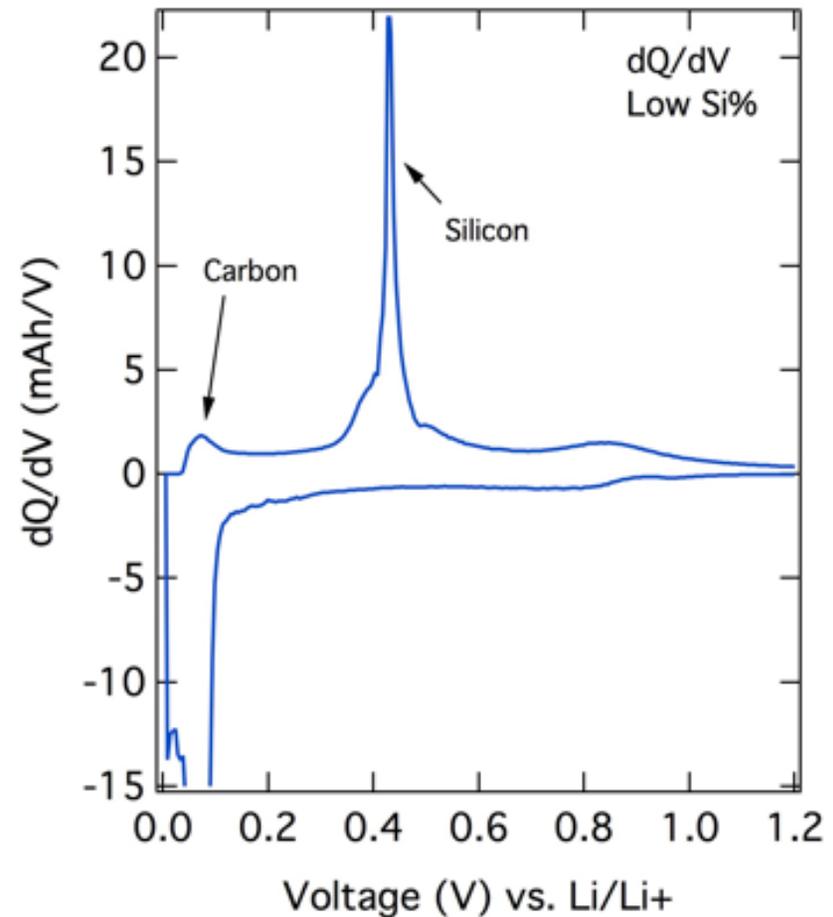
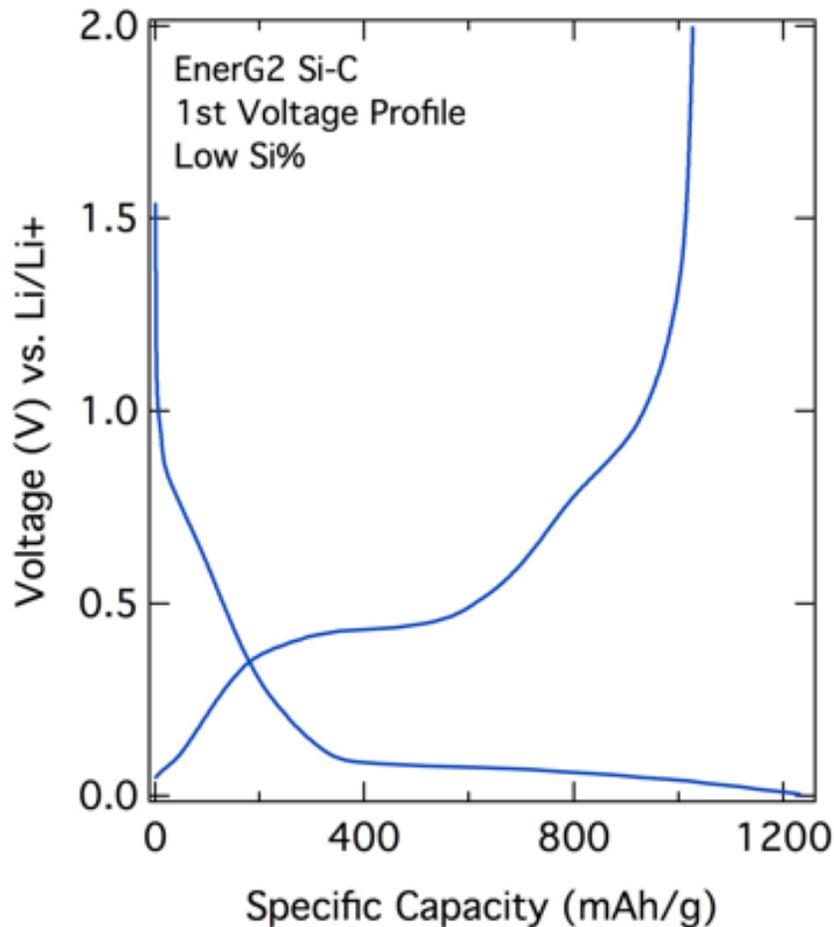
Compatible With Numerous Silicon Materials #3

- EnerG2 Nanocomposite is most compatible with CMC Binder
- PVDF binders are not recommended for use with silicon materials

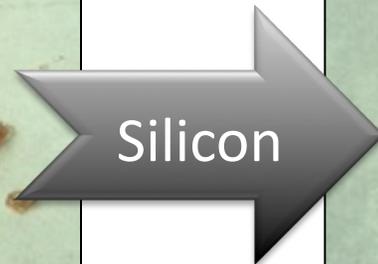
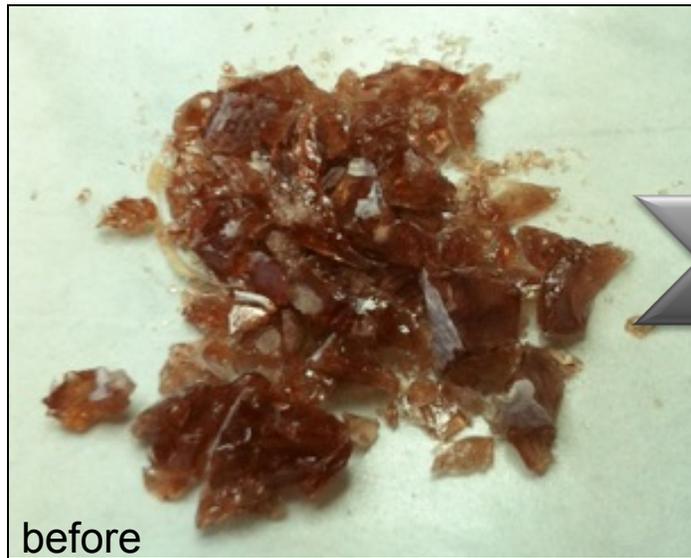


Si-C Composite Electrochemical Features

- Exhibits attributes of carbon and silicon



Incorporation of Silicon at the Resin Stage



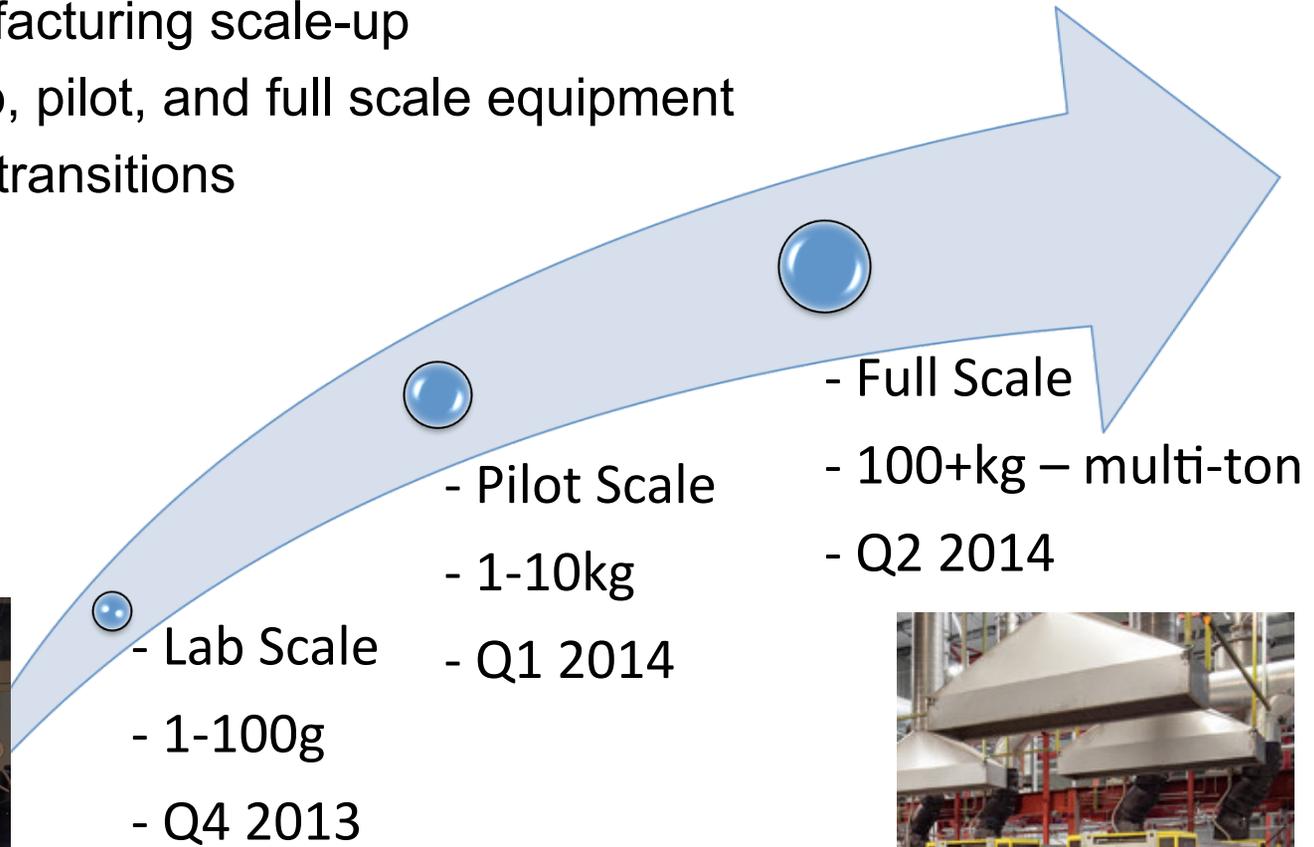
- Drop-in manufacturability for rapid scale-up of any silicon
- Customizable silicon content to meet or exceed customer needs
- Silicon + Carbon co-processing produces cohesive nanocomposite
 - Excellent Silicon-Carbon bond

100+ kg resin production run



Si-C Timeline

- Rapid Manufacturing scale-up
- Range of lab, pilot, and full scale equipment
- Established transitions



Thank You



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