

Maximising high silicon anode performance

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### Product portfolio in silicon enabling technologies



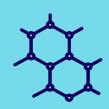
Established and growing business



#### **Publicly listed company (ASX:ADO)**

- Chemical and materials business, manufacturing and scaling binding/crosslinking reagents into Life Science (Diagnostics) and Batteries
- Headquartered in Brisbane, Australia

**Proprietary** technology



### Portfolio of Lithium-ion battery (LIB) technologies

- Anteo X Cross-linker for high % silicon anodes
- Anteo S Cross-linker for ceramic coated separators
- **Ultranode** Ultra-high silicon content anode technology (70% 95% silicon)

Innovating for the next generation of batteries



#### Deep expertise in battery formulations and formulation development

- Silicon anode designs of >20wt% silicon active material
- Performance optimisation of silicon anode designs
- Teaming up with novel cathode material suppliers
- Anteo X and Anteo S production facility with scale-up capacity

# Leading in High Silicon Anode Technology







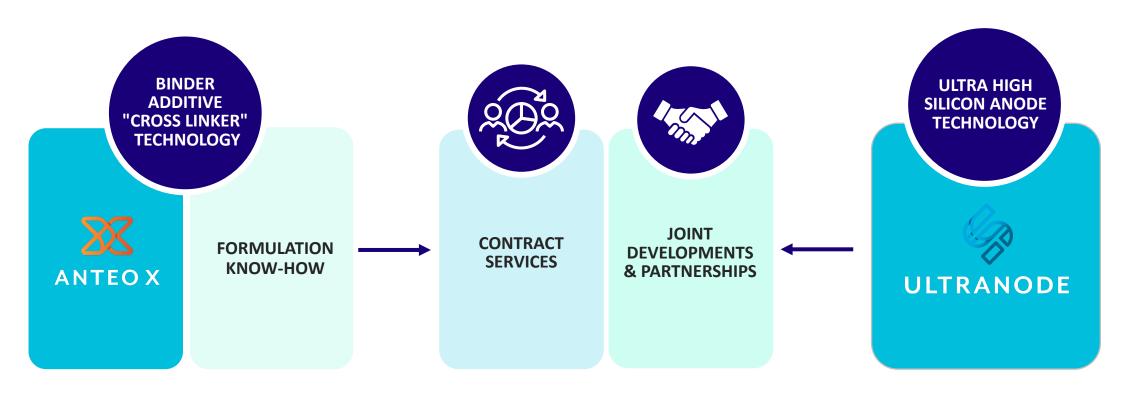
# **ULTRANODE**<sup>TM</sup>



## **Technology Platforms & Commercial Engagement Frameworks**



Combining AnteoTech's silicon-enabling products and anode design know-how we create pathways to smaller, lighter and cheaper LiBs for our customers



Unique "cross-linker" product for high silicon anodes

Flexible commercial approach to partnering. Supporting the advancement of 'next generation' high silicon anode battery solutions

Tailored to meet a variety of anode design criteria. Available under development partnerships and licensing arrangements

### **Partnerships and Customer Relationships currently in progress**



Our partnerships span the value chain from advanced materials to application OEMs

**3C Battery Manufacturer** 





**Global Speciality Chemical Company** 

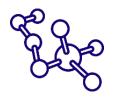
















### **Anteo X™ – A "Cross-Linking" Chemical Additive**

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Supports sustained anode performance by providing structural integrity

#### Sustainable and Versatile

- Water-based and PFAS-free
- Compatible with a wide range of binders
- Easily integrated into existing manufacturing processes

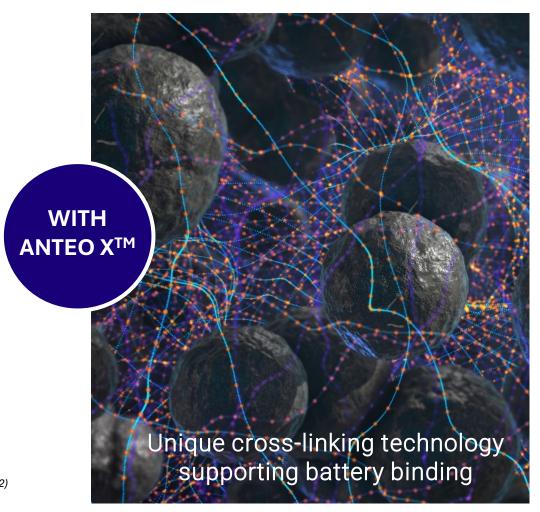
#### **Delivering Improved Performance**

- Improved cycle life by more than 35% <sup>1</sup>
- Reduced expansion by up to 40% <sup>2</sup>
- Increased capacity retention by up to 5% <sup>3</sup>

#### **Improving Cost Efficiency**

- Reduction in CNT content by 50% <sup>1</sup>
- Reduction in binder content by more than 2wt% <sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Demonstrated in full coin cells with a 20% Si/C containing anode at 80% of original anode coating capacity



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Demonstrated in AnteoTech's proprietary Ultranode™ design at cycle 100 at cycling capacity of 1,300mAh/g (C/2) <sup>2</sup>Demonstrated by external party in 80% SiO<sub>x</sub> anode for eVTOL applications

### Supporting Services in silicon anode formulation development



Deep experience and capabilities in silicon anode development and designs

#### **Optimising the inactive material fraction matters**

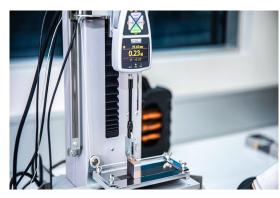
- Performance improvements and cost advantages
- Ever-growing number of design and material choices
- Optimising can be time consuming and expensive

#### Partnering to accelerate development timeframes

- Established team and expertise to immediately tap into
- Extensive testing data sets and experience base across materials
- Accelerated screening of formulations
- Independent assessments

#### In-house capabilities

- ~250m² R&D laboratory space
- Powder processing and slurry fabrication
- Electrode coating and cell assembly
- Full cell, half cell, CV, EIS and DCIR
- Capacity for 1,000 test channels



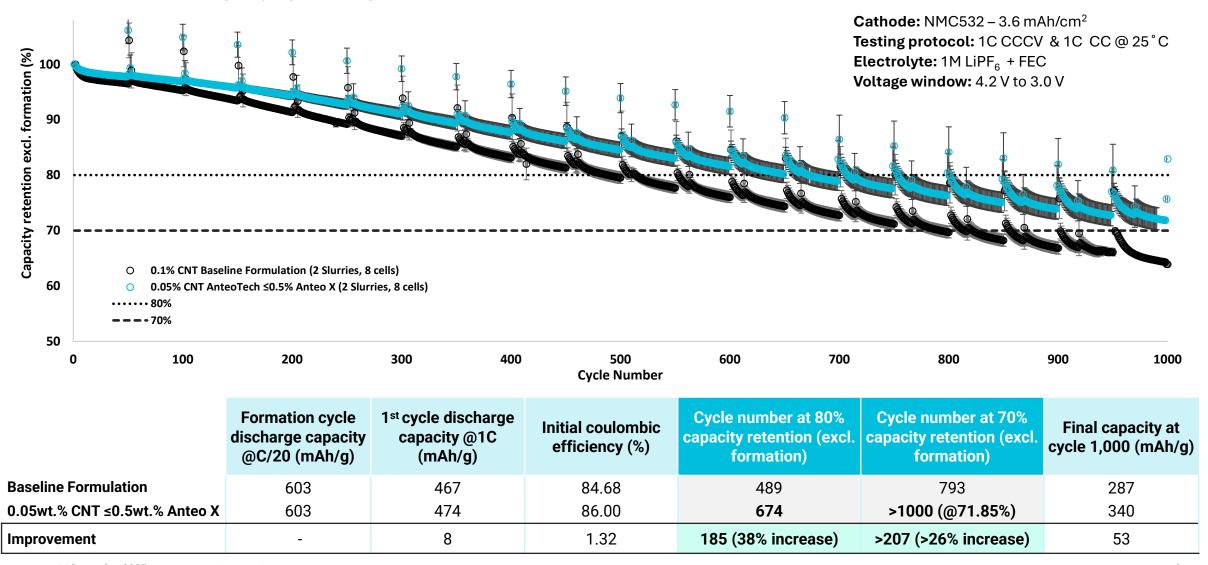




### Step 1 - Formulation Screening - 600mAh/g with Si/C and Gr



Potential cost savings by optimising the inactive material fraction of the anode



### **Step 2 – Single-layer or Multi-layer Pouch Cells**

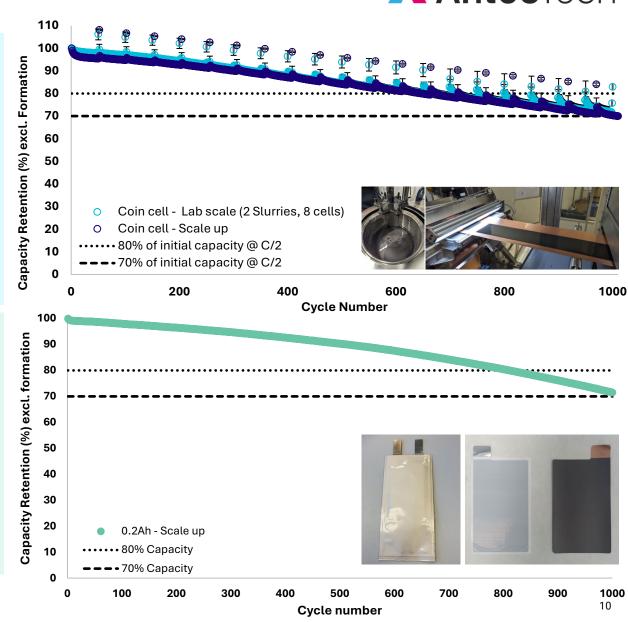


# Lab-scale produced electrodes vs. R2R coated electrodes

- Full coin cells produced from A4 hand sheet coatings almost perfectly match results produced from R2R coated anode formulation
- Coin cell (A4 hand sheets): 673 cycles @ 80%
- Coin cells (R2R coated): 653 cycles @ 80%

#### Full coin cells vs. Single Layer Pouch Cells

- The R2R coated anode formulation tested in 0.2Ah
   SLP cells showed a 17% improvement in capacity
   retention when compared against coin cell data
- Results from full coin cell to SLP cells showed excellent scalability
- **0.2Ah SLPs (R2R coated):** 820 cycles @ 80%



# Anteo S cross links binder polymers used in ceramic coated Anteo Tech separator (CCS) coatings





Improves ceramic coated separator stability by keeping dimensional stability of separator for longer and/or at higher temperatures



Forms a **cross-linked particle-polymer** network by artificially increasing the molecular weight of the binder resulting in a more robust and stable ceramic coating



Potential to reduce ceramic coating thickness while maintaining adequate stability of the ceramic coating layer allowing for increased Wh of the cell



Potential for cost savings by minimising coating thickness and inactive materials (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Boehmite, Binders) required for thermal stability

# Anteo S performance has been verified by a third-party ceramic Anteo Tech coating material manufacturer



#### Impact on slurry rheology

No significant change on slurry rheology observed upon integration of Anteo S in standard slurry compositions<sup>1</sup>

#### **Gurley value test**

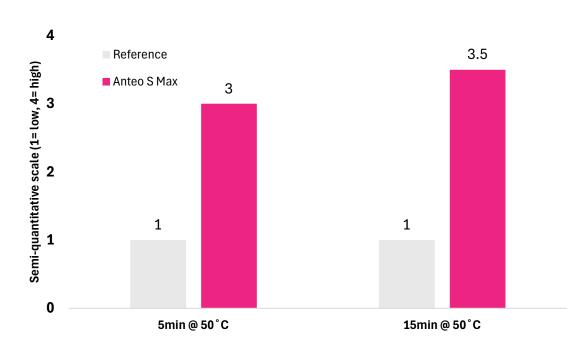
**Gurley value not impacted** by Anteo S integration into ceramic coating layer

#### **Thermal stress test**

- **Separator type:** PE
- **Maxium drying temperature tested:** 50 °C
- **Drying condition:** RT vs. 5min@50°C vs. 15min@50°C
- Ceramic coating layer thickness: ~2 µm
- **Measurement:** Dimensional stability (% shrinkage)
- **Acceptance criteria:** 2 out 3 samples <5% shrinkage

#### Thermal stability test

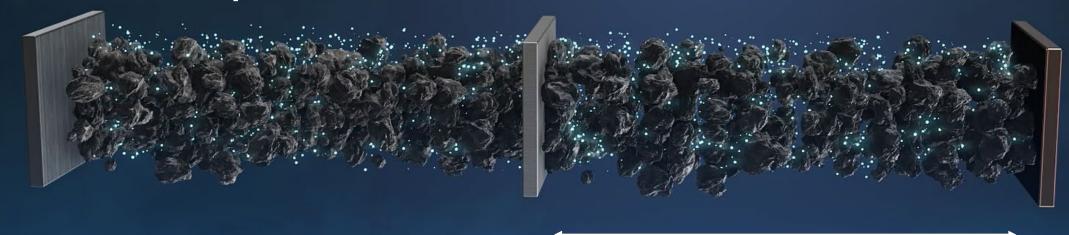
**Anteo S**: Improved thermal stability of separator after drying of coating film at 5min@50°C and further improves upon drying for 15min @50°C



Note: (1) Measured after slurry fabrication; Reference: No. samples tested 14, avg. dry-film thickness (µm) 1.893; Anteo S: No. samples tested 26, avg. dry-film thickness (µm) 2.019

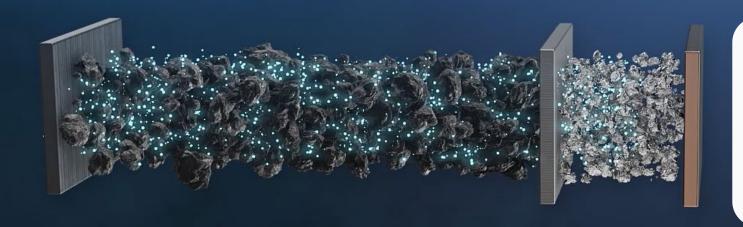
Ultranode™ - High Silicon Anode Technology

### **Ultranode**<sup>™</sup> – Concept



**CONVENTIONAL GRAPHITE ANODE** 

ANODE THICKNESS - GRAPHITE ANODE



#### **ULTRANODE** ™

- 70-95% silicon active material
- Crude micron-sized elemental silicon particles
- Available up to tonne-scale in every geography

ULTRANODE™

### **Our Competitive Advantage in Silicon Anode Technology**



Up to 95% silicon delivers high energy and high performance

Specific anode coating capacities that deliver up to 2,400 mAh/g



#### **Highly customizable**

Ultranode<sup>™</sup> design can be heavily customized without redesigning the active material properties



Cost effective (up to 80% cheaper active material powder compared to adv. Si/C)
Ultranode™ 95 - up to 50% cheaper (\$/m²) compared to same anode specification made from adv. Si/C \*1



#### **Sustainability**

Up to 80% reduction in kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup> of anode compared to artificial graphite\*<sup>2</sup>



#### Supply chain security

AnteoTech's anode material is sourced from suppliers at tonne-scale in US, EU, KR, AU and others



#### **Uses** conventional manufacturing processes

Ultranode™uses conventional slurry-based anode manufacturing process -> no new CAPEX required

<sup>\*1</sup> Up to 5x cheaper Si active material powder compared to adv. Si/C materials

<sup>\*1</sup> Based on electrodes with equivalent area capacities, Si active material content and anode formulation

<sup>\*2</sup> CO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup> values vary with source of active materials and electricity grid mix but can be as low as 3.1 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/kg mSi

### **Ultranode™** is Highly Customisable by Application



#### **Ultranode™95**



#### **Ultranode™70**



#### **Ultranode™X**



# **Target Applications**

- Highest energy with lower cyclelife requirements targeting
  - Unmanned Aerial Systems
  - Drones

- Balanced energy density with cycle life targeting
  - 3C markets and Wearables
  - 2-3 Wheelers & Micro-mobility

- Maximised cycle life for highenergy, high-cycle life applications targeting
  - Electric Vehicles
  - eVTOLs

# Engagement pathway

- Ultranode™ + Cathode sample packs
- JDA's for cell development

- Ultranode™ + Cathode sample packs
- R2R coated Ultranode 70 orders
- Technology partnerships
- JDAs for customization, technology transfer and licensing

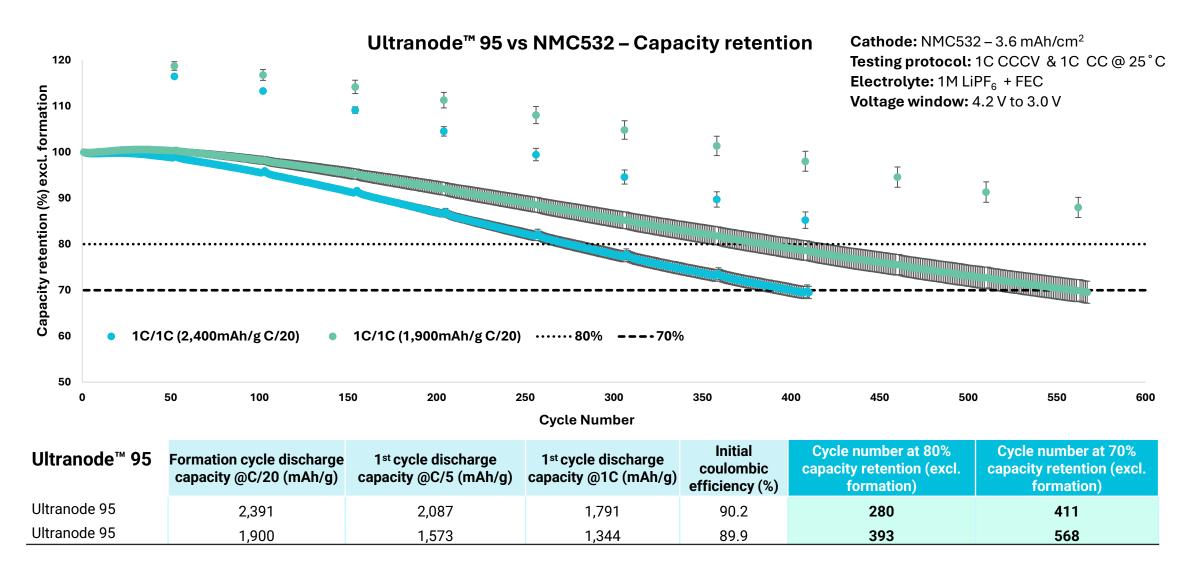
# Performance Characteristics

- High-capacity anode coatings of 1,800 - 2,400 mAh/g @C/20
- Cycle life of up to 380 cycles at 80% capacity retention (subject to cathode chemistry employed)
- Medium-capacity anode coatings of 600 - 1,200 mAh/g
- Intermediate cycle life of up to 670 cycles at 80% capacity retention
- >1,000 cycles at 80% capacity retention
- Coating capacities of 850 1,100 mAh/g at C/20
- High first-cycle efficiencies of >90%
- Customisation is driven by customer and partner specifications.

#### Ultranode™ 95 vs NMC532



Delivers specific coating capacities of in between 1,800 to 2,400 mAh/g



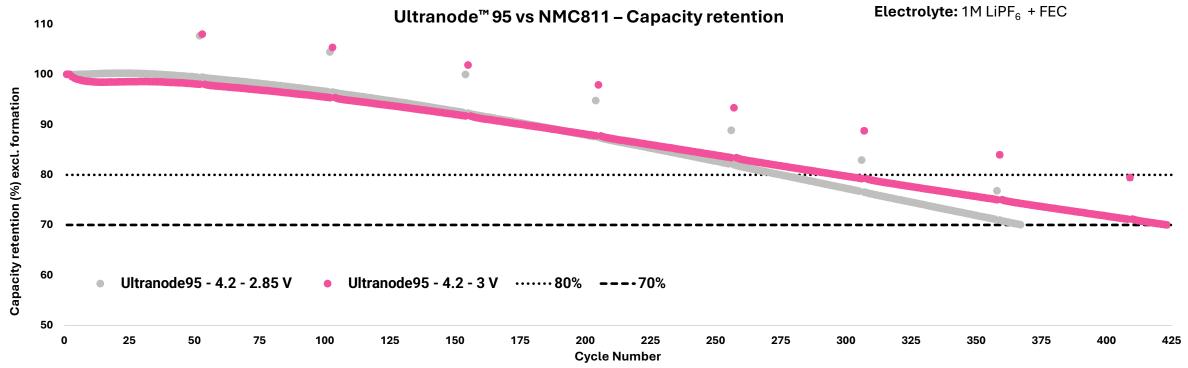
### **Ultranode™ 95 vs NMC811**

**Anteo**Tech

Delivers specific coating capacities of >1,700 mAh/g @ 1C

Cathode: NMC811 – 3.7 mAh/cm<sup>2</sup>

Testing protocol: 1C CCCV & 1C CC @ 25°C

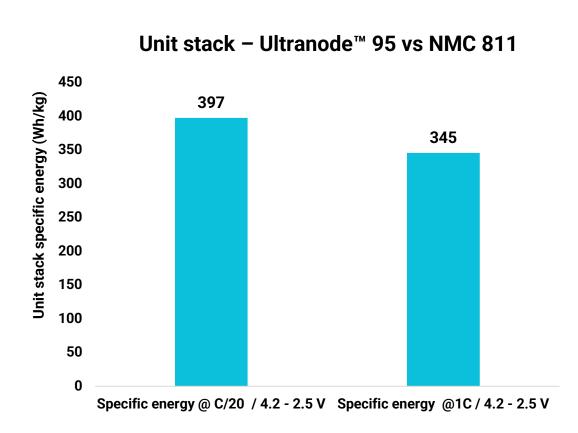


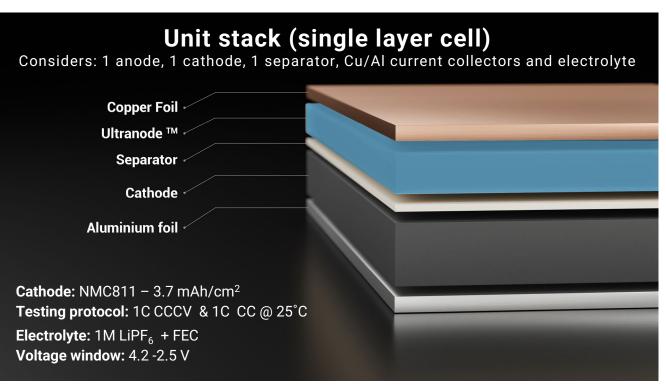
| Ultranode™ 95                 | Formation cycle discharge capacity @C/20 (mAh/g) | •     | 1st cycle discharge capacity @1C (mAh/g) | Initial coulombic efficiency (%) | Cycle number at 80% capacity retention (excl. formation) | Cycle number at 70% capacity retention (excl. formation) |
|-------------------------------|--|-------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Ultranode 95 (4.2 V – 2.85 V) | 2,028  | 1,874 | 1,733                                    | 88.8                             | 275  | 367  |
| Ultranode 95 (4.2 V - 3 V)    | 2,063  | N/A   | 1,637                                    | 88.9                             | 296  | 423  |

### Ultranode™ 95 - Potential for superior Wh/kg



Unit stack level analysis based on tested cells





Note: Specific energy does not consider packaging, tabbing etc.

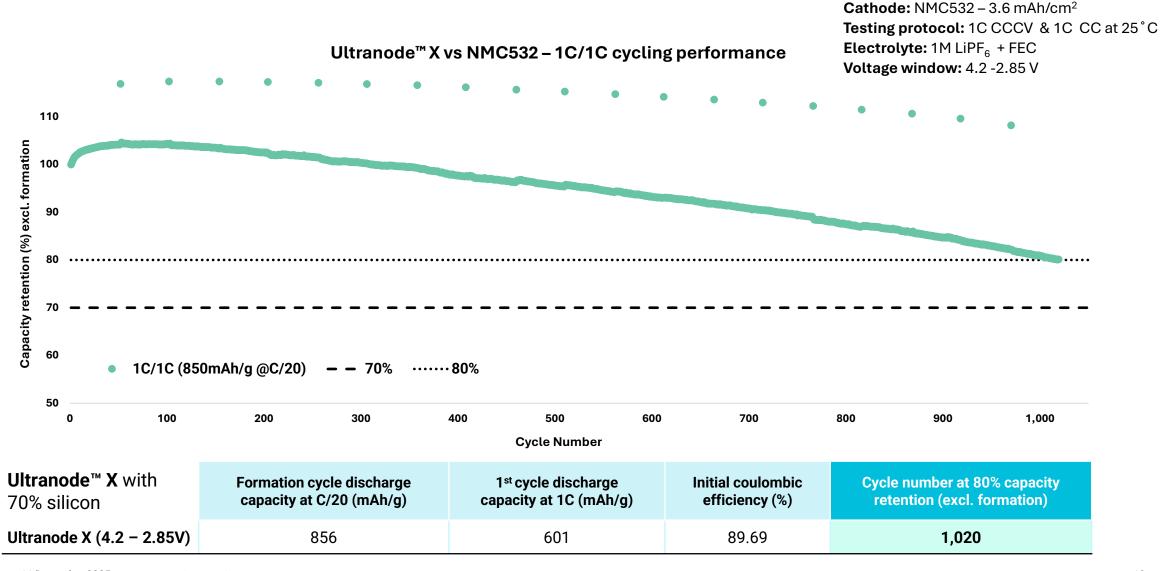
| Ultranode™ 95             | Formation cycle discharge capacity @C/20 (mAh/g) | 1st cycle discharge capacity @1C (mAh/g) | Initial coulombic efficiency (%) | Specific energy of chemical stack @/20 (Wh/kg) | Specific energy of chemical stack @/1C (Wh/kg) |
|---------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Ultranode 95 - 2,000mAh/g | 2,025  | 1,841                                    | 89.1                             | 397  | 345  |

### Ultranode™ X achieves >1,000 cycles at 80% capacity retention



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Further improvements target 1,500 cycles at 80%



### **Ultranode Technology Roadmap**



Different pathways for different applications to meet customer requirements

|               | 1. Customer evaluations        | 2. Formulation scale-up | 3. Cell prototyping (internal)  | 4. Progressing commercial engagement                        |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| Ultranode™ 95 | In progress                    | In progress             | In progress   | Planned for 2026  |
|               | Multi evaluations              |                         | SLP -> MLP -> 18650   | Ultranode/Cathode sample packs with matched electrode pairs |
| Ultranode™ 70 | In progress                    |                         | Planned for 2026  | Planned for 2026  |
|               | Multi evaluations              |                         | SLP -> MLP  | Ultranode/Cathode sample packs with matched electrode pairs |
| Ultranode™ X  | <b>✓</b>                       |                         | Planned for 2026  | Partnerships/JDAs   |
|               | Achieved first prototype sales | •                       | Continuous optimisation with new milestones targeting 1,500 cycles at 80% | Bespoke cell developments under partnership arrangement     |

### Our Products, Technologies and What we can Deliver



Leading in silicon anode technology





- Anteo X cross-linking additive that can improve silicon anode performance
- Anteo S additive for ceramic coated separators improving cost and safety
- "Jump start" Implementation support Sample plus service package
- +20,000L existing production capacity



- **Ultranode** is an integrated silicon anode technology
- Highly customisable for Maximum Capacity or Maximum Cycle Life
- Cost effective silicon material sourced from established supply chains
- Range of commercial partnering opportunities



- Can rapidly deliver into customer's formulation design
- Independent advice on silicon active materials
- Flexible service packages with clear pricing structures



# **THANK YOU**

Contact us for samples or partnership opportunities!

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