

Accelerating the Future of Electric Mobility

High-Energy & High-Power Silicon Anode Lithium-ion Batteries Enabling Advanced Military Applications



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Company Overview

- Ionblox founded in Silicon Valley in 2017, has developed “all-in-one” Lithium-ion cells that can simultaneously deliver High-Energy, High-Power, Fast-Charging, and Long Life
- Ionblox’s “all-in-one” Lithium-ion cells are enabled by a proprietary Pre-lithiated Silicon-based anode. Cell performance has been validated by industry leaders:
 - ✓ EV cell performance validated by US National Labs in the USABC program
 - ✓ eVTOL cell performance validated by Lillium, a leading eVTOL player & investor
- Ionblox has solved the poor durability issues associated with Silicon-based anodes and has the industry-first silicon anode battery that meets the cycle life and calendar life for EVs
- Raised \$32M Series B round from Lillium, Applied Ventures, Temasek, and Catalus
- 50+ issued US patents & several pending applications. IP protection includes foundational patents for pre-lithiation of all types of silicon-based anodes



USABC Awards to Commercialize EV Cells

- Demonstrated 1,000 cycles with silicon anode in first \$7.7M USABC award in 2017.
- Awarded second \$4.8M USABC contract in 2019 for “low-cost rapid charging cell.”
- Ongoing third \$3.5M USABC contract in 2022 to further advance our technology and cost reduction.

Multiple funded test programs with leading auto OEMs.

- Cell performance accepted by the automakers
- Working on Cell cost reduction





Proprietary Pre-Lithiated Silicon Anode Technology

Proprietary **Silicon-Powerblox** technology addresses every element of the LIB technology stack to solve the silicon swelling and cycling problems:

Silicon Monoxide (SiO_x) Anode

- 100% active material
- Low cost
- Low swelling
- Easy to scale

Pre-Lithiation

- Offsets irreversible capacity loss
- Increases cycle life and calendar life
- Implementing manufacturable process

Electrode Architecture

- Porous electrode
- High strength binder
- Carbon nanotube network

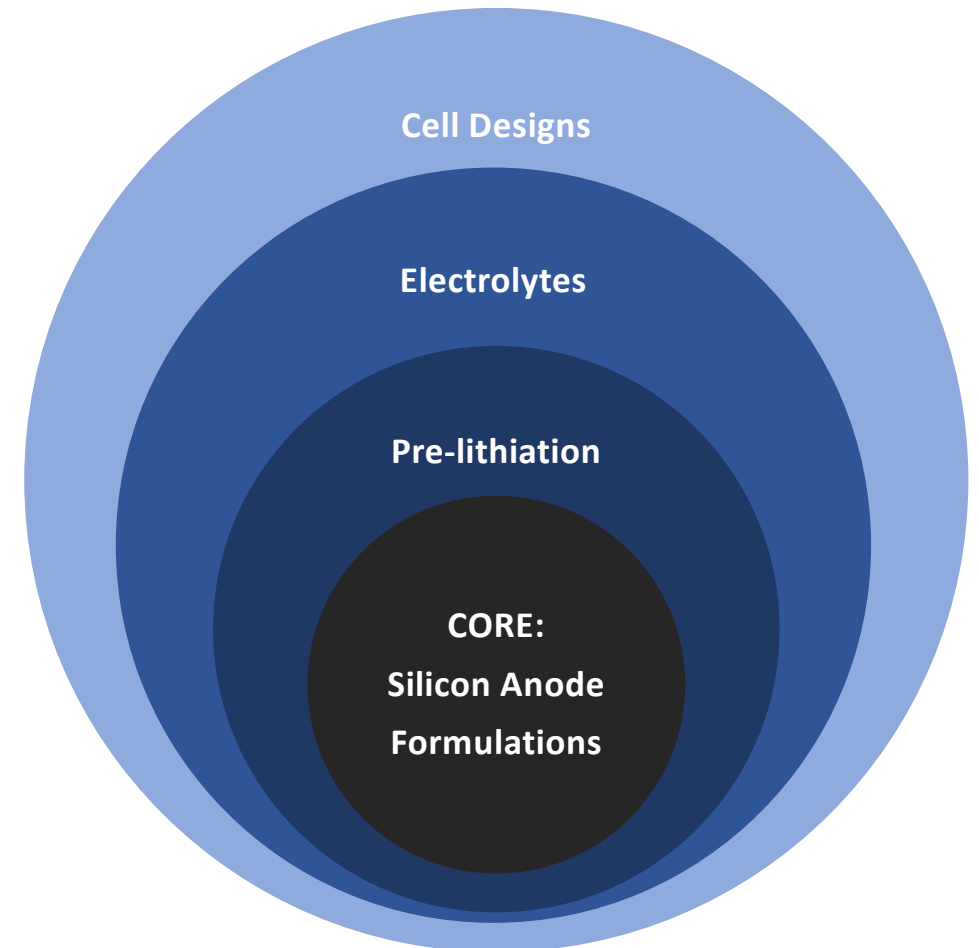
Cell Design & Integration

- Robust Solid Electrolyte Interphase (SEI)
- Formation protocol
- Designs leading up to 400 Wh/kg

All areas are Patent protected.

Patent-Protected Pre-lithiated Silicon Anode

- Awarded over 50+ patents.
- Own foundational patents for **pre-lithiation for all types of silicon-based anodes.**
 - Covers specific range of lithiation required for highest performance.
 - Provides the only path for silicon cells to achieve industry-leading performance.
- Prosecuting new patents pairing our silicon anode with next generation cathode chemistries



Battery Requirements for Military Applications

Battery requirements:

- High Energy (Wh/kg & Wh/l)
- High Power (W/kg & W/l)
- Fast Charge
- Long Cycle Life & Calendar Life
- Operating Environments
- Safety
- Cost

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Performance attributes:

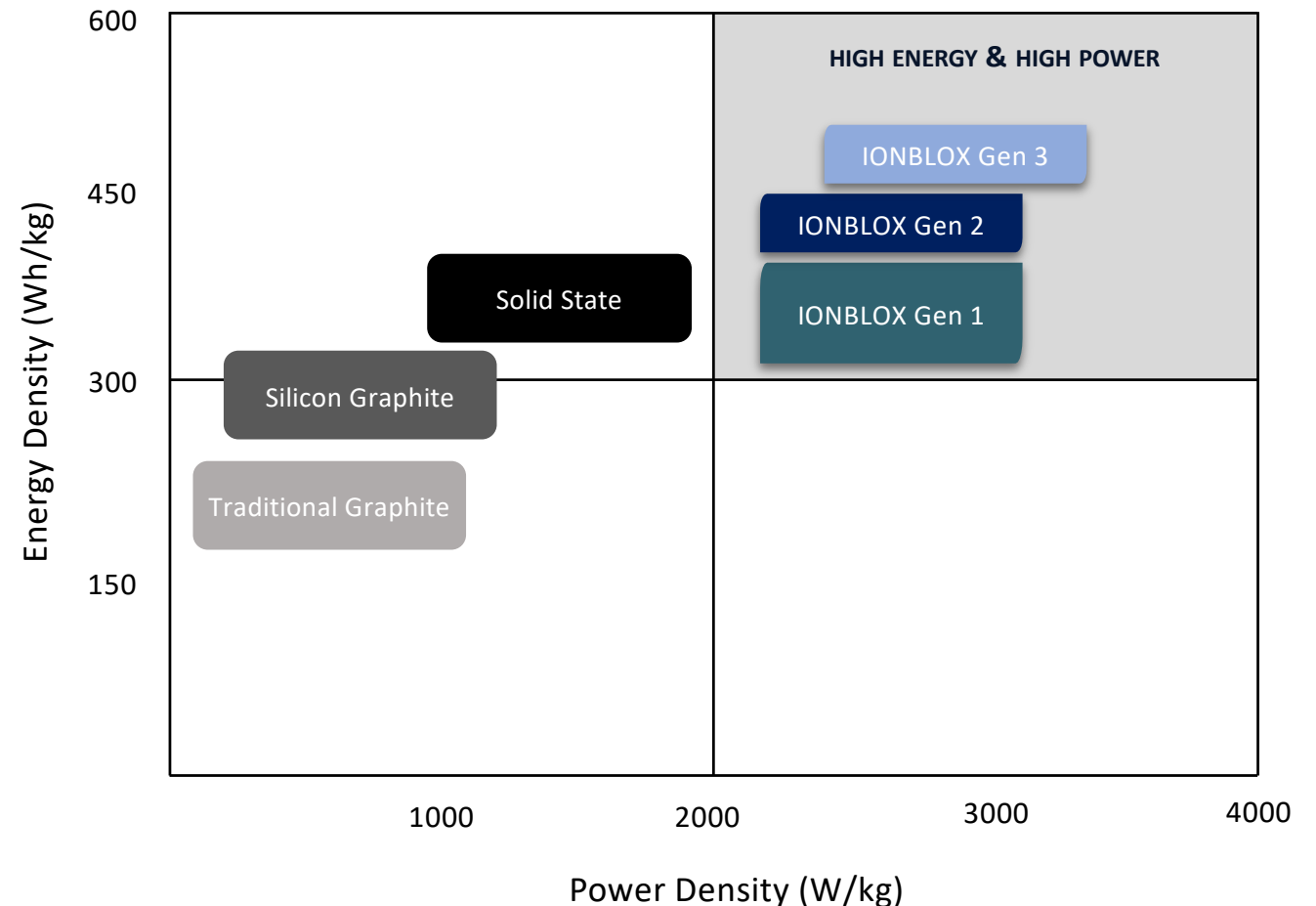
- Enable applications, length of missions
- Enables acceleration, take-off & landing, hybrid applications
 - Parity with ICE refueling time
 - Enabler of smaller packs
- Battery lasting the life of the vehicle
- Temperature, altitude, dust, salt
- Meet the military requirements
- Affordable

Electrification of Military applications require batteries to deliver all performance metrics

The Solution: LIBs with Pre-lithiated Silicon Anode

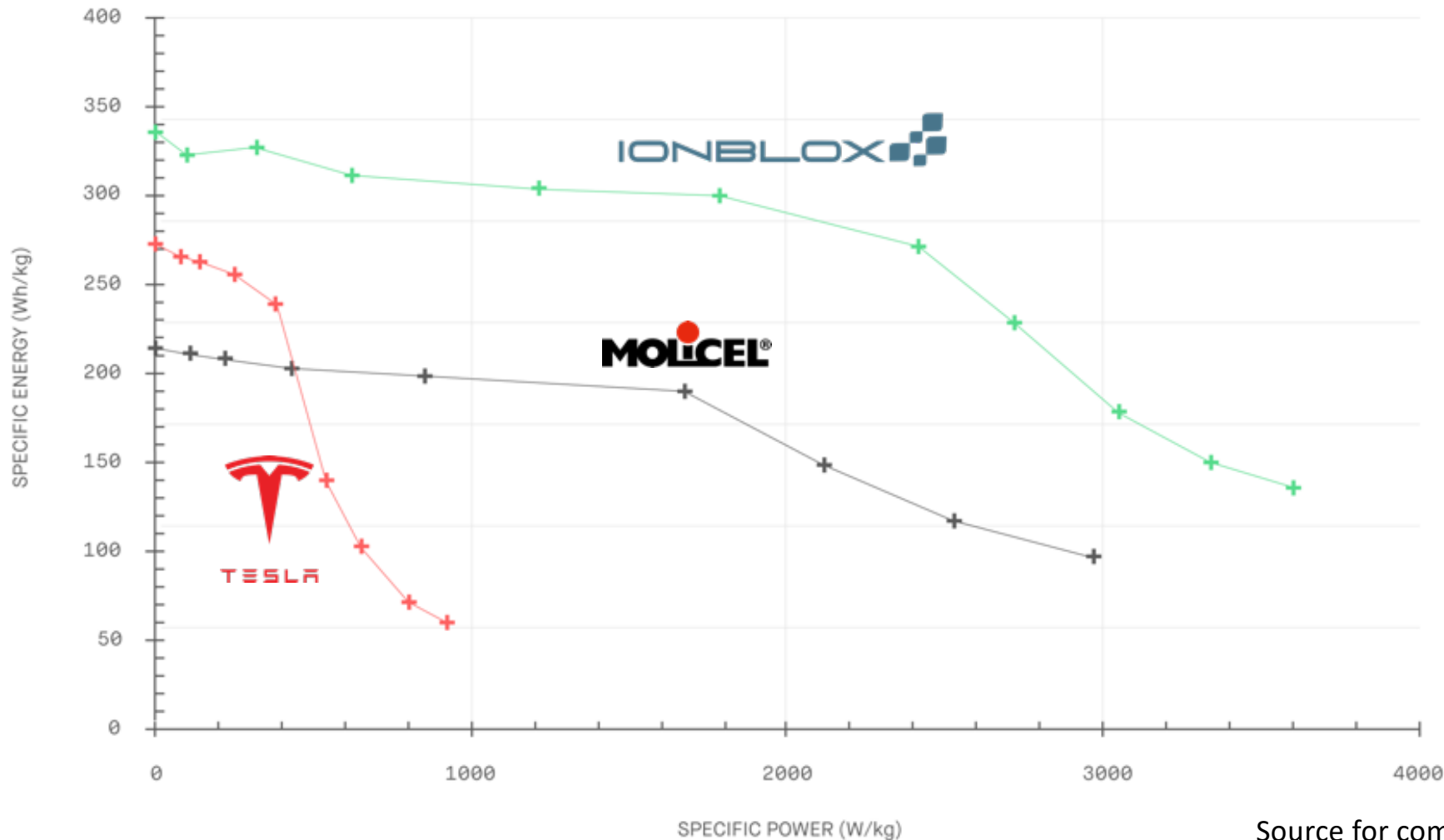
Ionblox has created the only LIB that can simultaneously deliver all cell performance attributes critical for mass electrification and continue to push the boundaries of traditional battery storage technology:

- ✓ High Energy: **(Gen 1) 350 Wh/Kg**
- ✓ Extreme Fast Charge: **5 min charge**
- ✓ High Power: **> 3000 W/Kg**
- ✓ Battery Life: **> 1000 Cycles**
- ✓ Battery Cost: **< \$100/kWh**





Ionblox Cell vs State of Art Cells

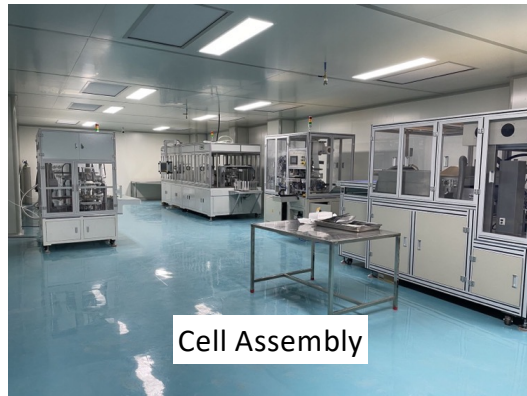


Ionblox cells, show higher available Power *and* Energy versus state-of-the-art cells

Source for commercial cell data: [Batemo](#)



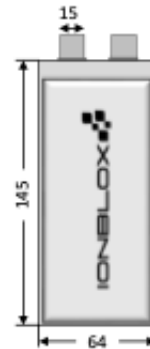
Available Cell Formats



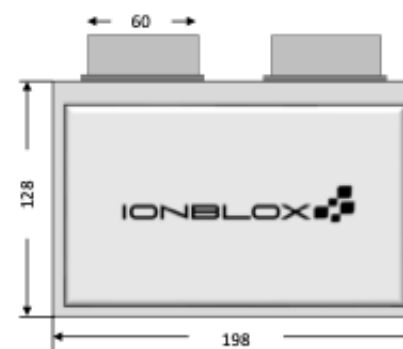
Ionblox Pilot Facility details:

- Floor size: ~40,000 ft²
- 2 semi-automated pouch cell lines
- 5 MWh capacity

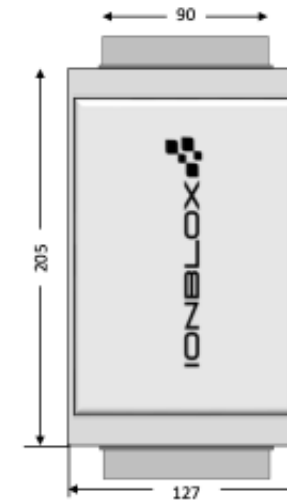
1) 8-12 Ah



2) 15-50 Ah



3) 15-50 Ah



4) 30 Ah 4695 cell
(*Under development)



- 4695 Cylindrical Cell development is in progress. Available in Q3, 2024
- Additional ~100 MWh capacity is available with strategic cell manufacturing partners in Europe and Asia

Target Markets

- **Advanced Air Mobility (AAM):** Our cells have been designed into Liliium's eVTOL aircraft and cell production is ongoing. Qualify cells with other leading eVTOL & eCTOL OEMs.
- **Electric Vehicle (EV):** Qualifying technology with major USA and European EV companies.
- **Electric Trucking:** Qualifying cells with major USA and European truck companies.
- **Military Applications:** Ground and air vehicles, wearables, surveillance, others.



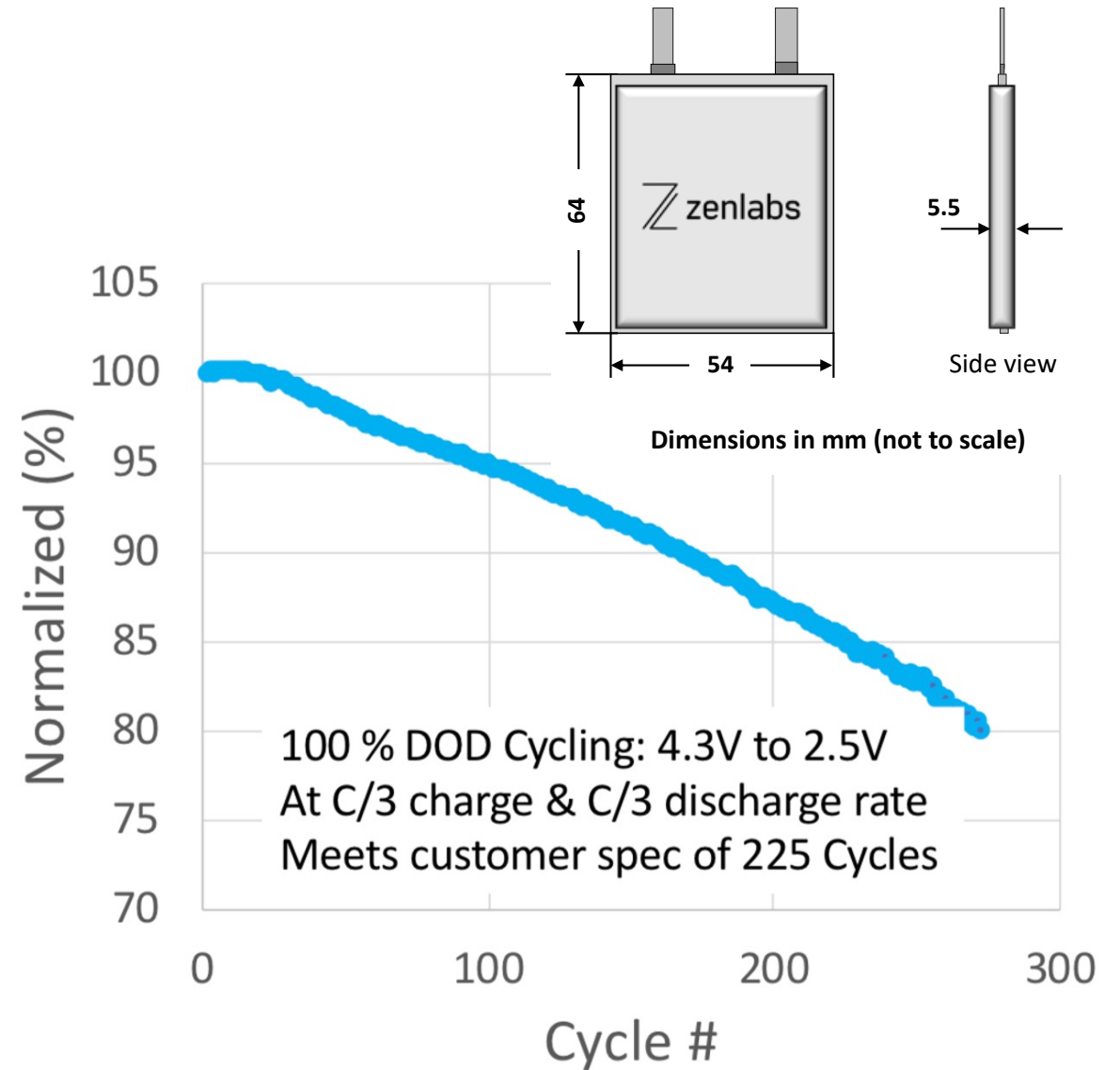
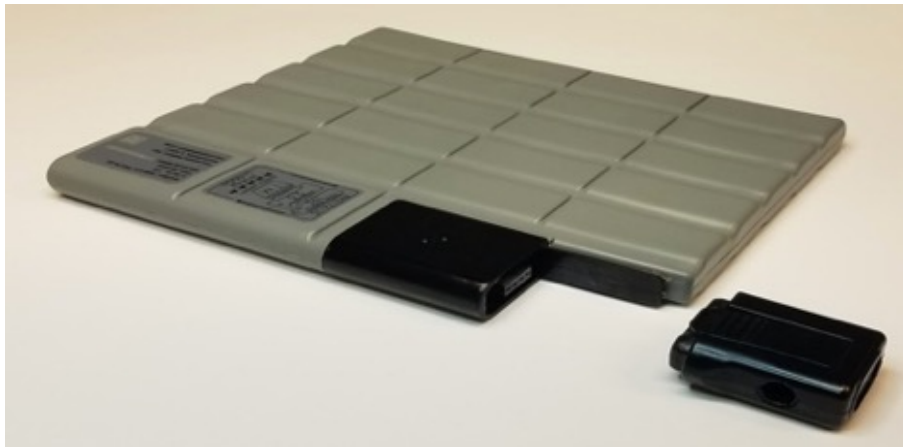
OUR STRATEGIC INVESTOR:



Military Applications (400 Wh/Kg)

Military Application – Conformal Wearable Battery (CWB)

- Ionblox was working with C5ISR, Bren-Tronics & GTS to developed 400 Wh/Kg specific energy cells for high gravimetric energy military applications.
- 3x – 4 Ah capacity pouch cells (54 mm x 64 mm) would replace 3x - 18650 cells in the CWB
- High energy pouch cells have shown 250 cycles meeting the cycling specification





370 Wh/Kg Cells Have Passed UN38.3 Testing

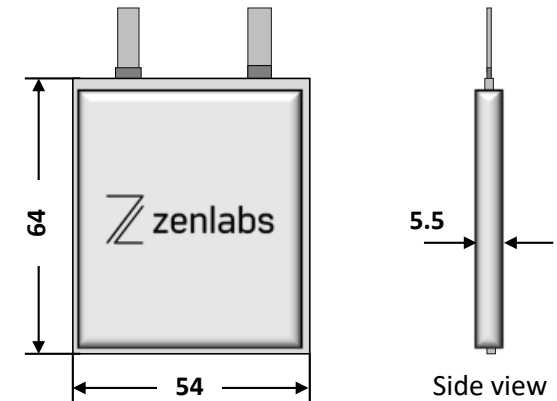
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Certificate Number: AT-2630



Dimensions in mm (not to scale)

4 Ah, 370 Wh/Kg pouch cells
PASS UN38.3 Testing

Certificate of Compliance

Certificate/test data report number: Z3-1615

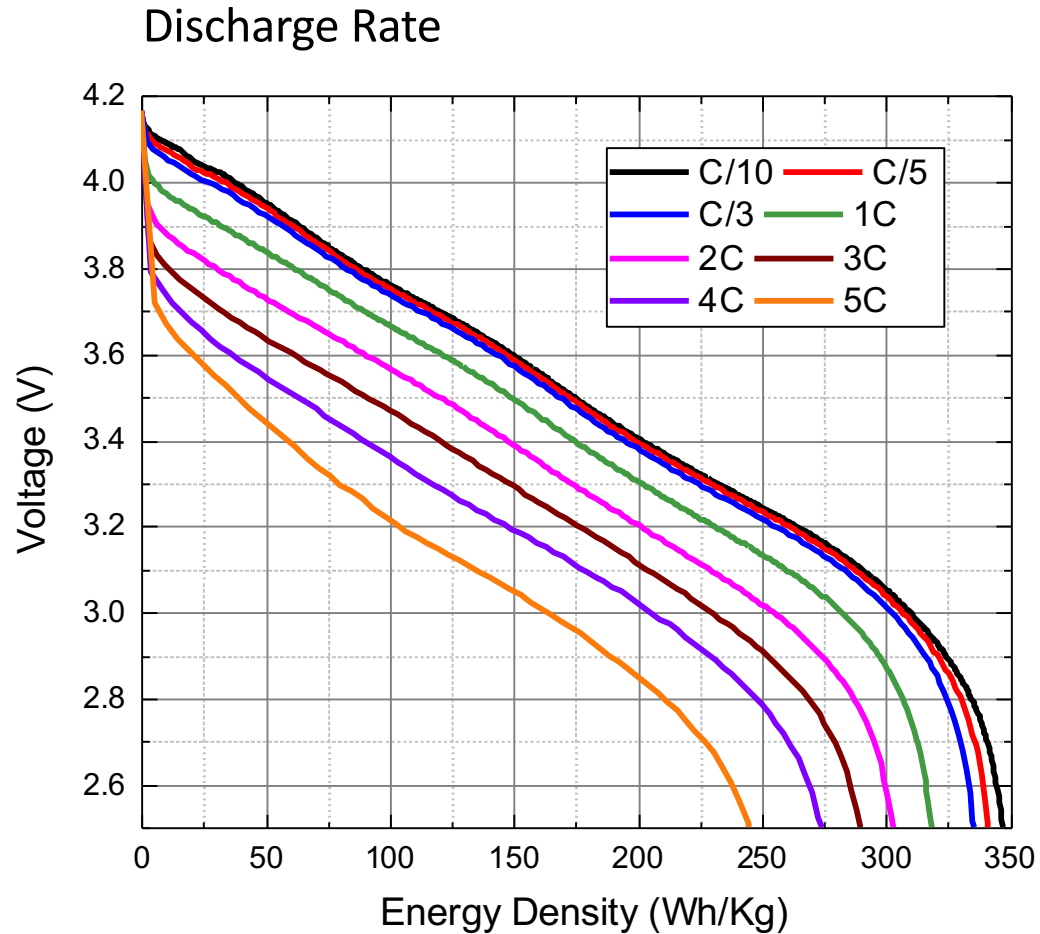
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<u>Tests Conducted / Results</u>					
		P/F		P/F	
X	T1 Altitude simulation	Pass	X	T5 External short circuit	Pass
X	T2 Thermal test	Pass	X	T6 Impact / Crush (cells only)	Pass
X	T3 Vibration	Pass		T7 Overcharge (rechargeable batteries only)	N/A
X	T4 Shock	Pass	X	T8 Forced discharge (cells only)	Pass

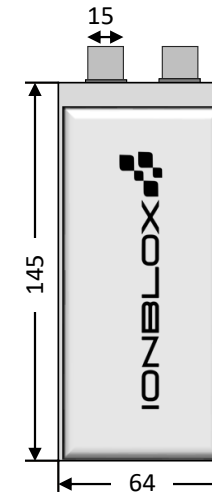
High-Energy & High-Power Results NCM811 cathode & SiOx dominant anode



Discharge Rate Performance

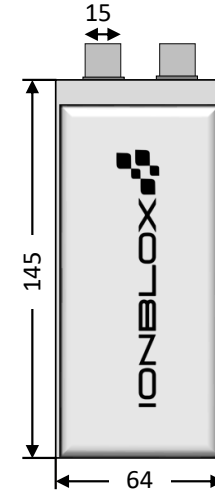
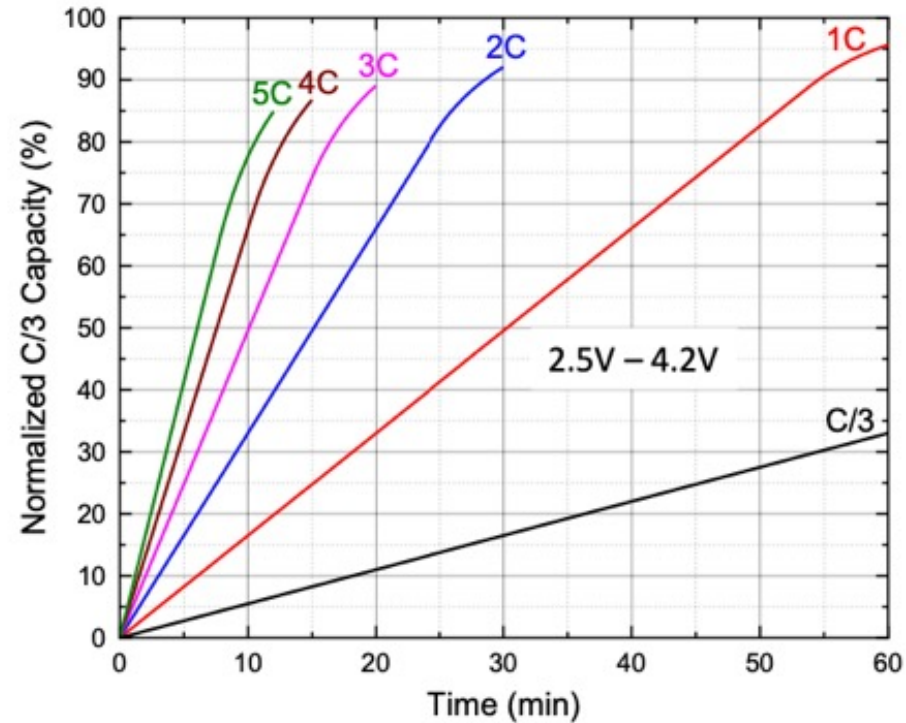
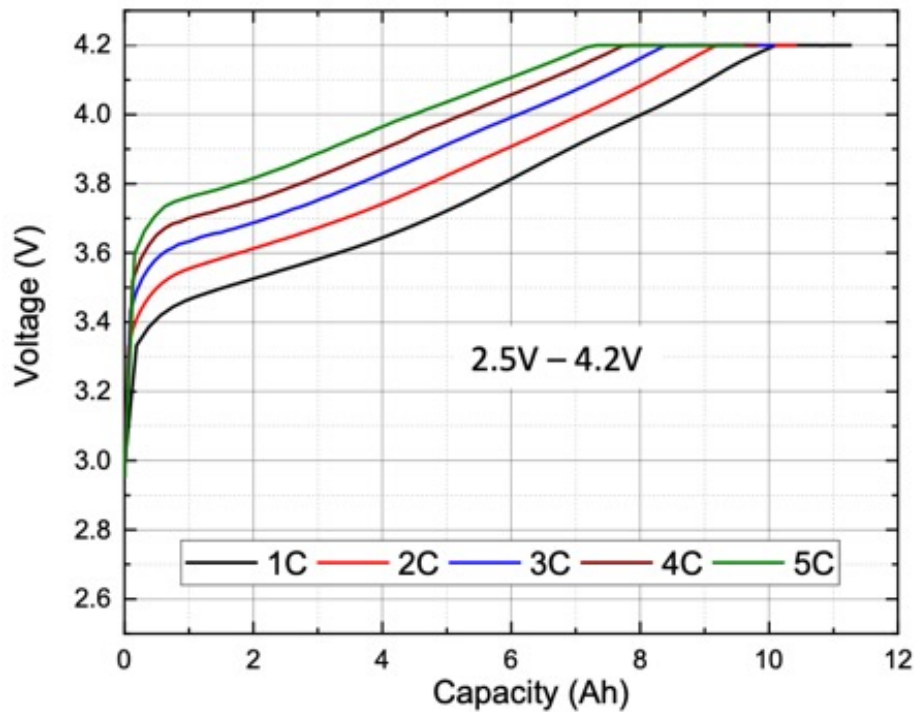


- **11.2 Ah capacity & 335 Wh/Kg (at C/3 rate)** EV cells can be **continuously discharged to 5C rates**
- Discharge rate tested from C/10 to 5C rate
- Voltage window of 4.2 V to 2.5 V tested at 30 °C



Charge Rate Performance

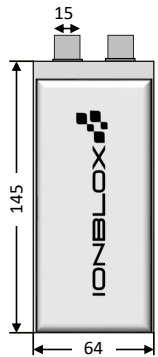
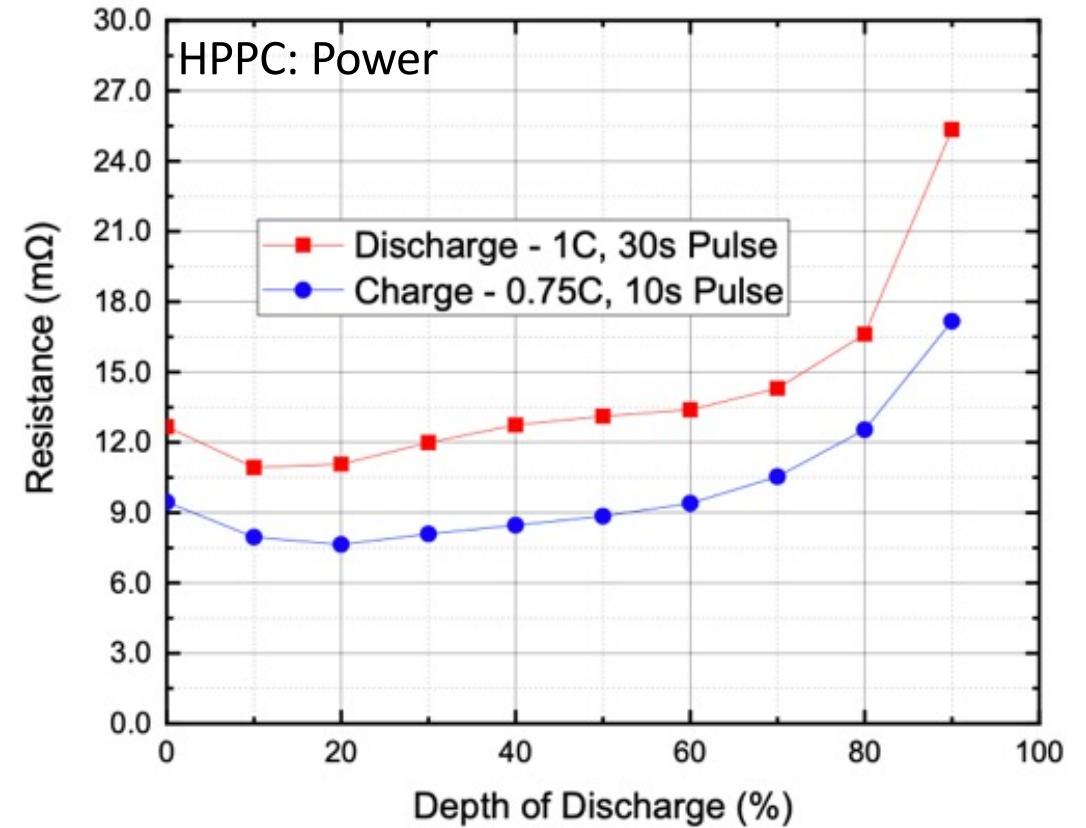
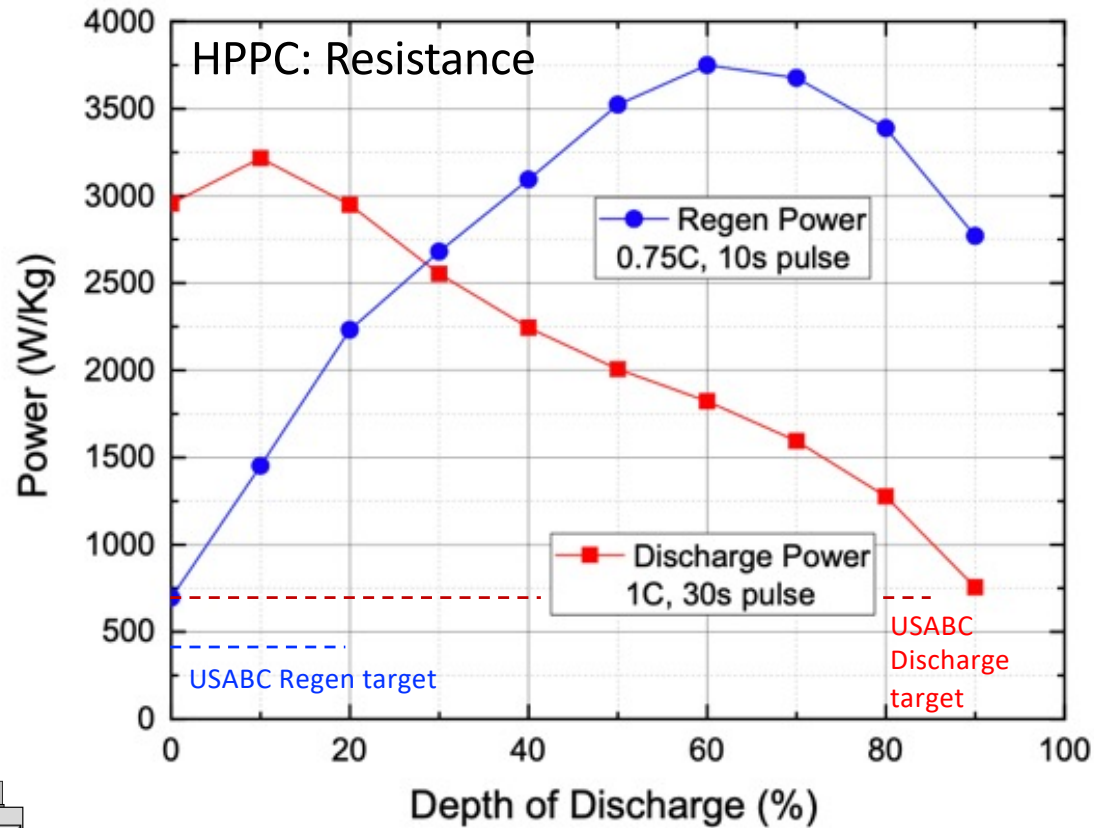
Charge Rate



- **11.2 Ah capacity & 335 Wh/Kg** (at C/3 rate) EV cells
- Cells can recover ~80% of their capacity in **10 min charge**



Power Performance

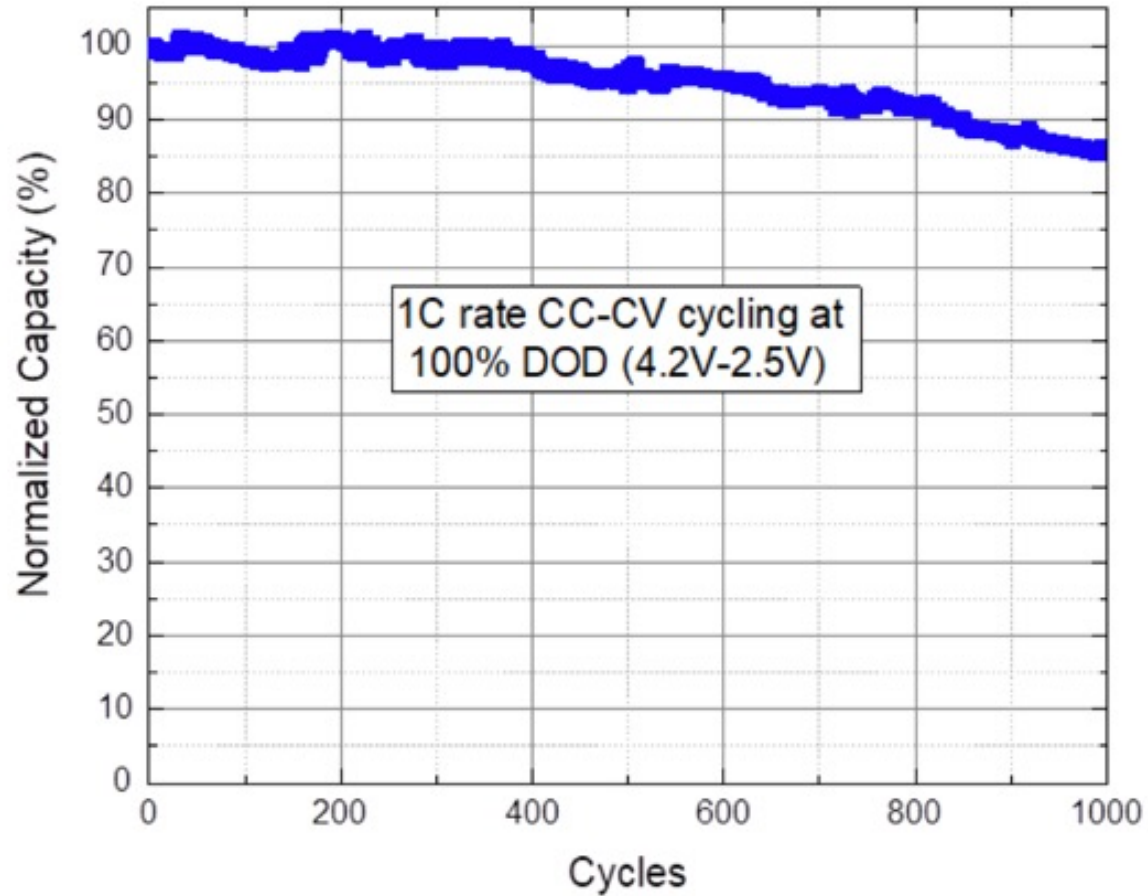


- **11.2 Ah capacity & 335 Wh/Kg (at C/3 rate) EV cells exceed the USABC Discharge (700 W/kg) and Regen (300 W/kg) power requirements at BOL**
- Voltage window of 4.2 V to 2.5 V tested at 30°C

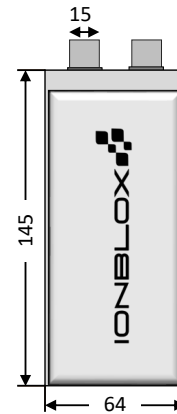


Cycling Performance (100% DoD)

1C/1C rate cycling at 30°C



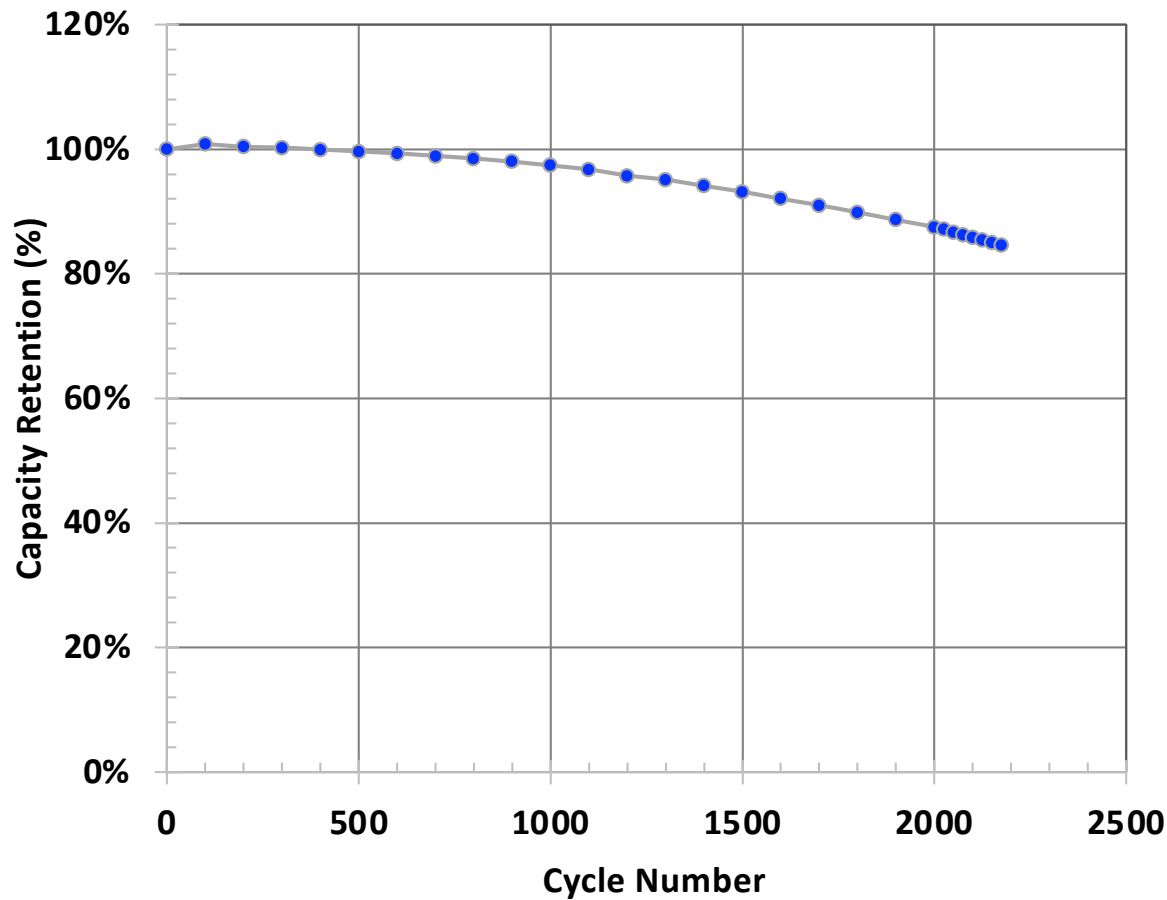
Cycled 1000 cycles at 1C/1C rate, 30°C
Cells cycled at full 100% DOD from 4.2V to 2.5V
Cycling results validated by National Labs



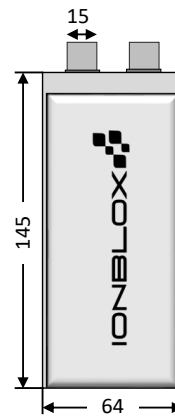


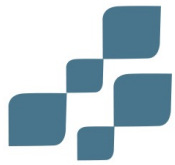
Cycling Performance (80% DoD)

1C rate Charge/2C rate Discharge cycling at 25°C



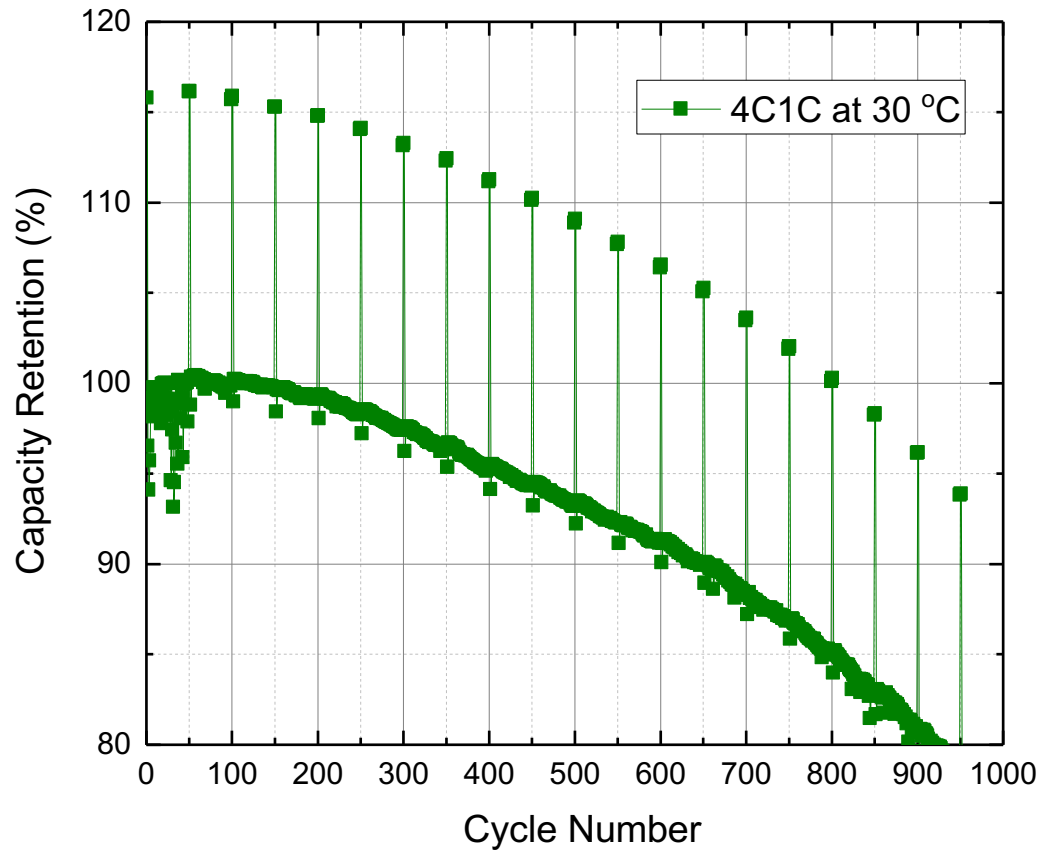
- 11 Ah pouch cells have completed ~2200 cycles and continue to cycle.
- **Projecting ~2400 cycles to 80% capacity retention** enabling long endurance applications.
- Cell cycling at 80% DoD from 100% to 20% SOC or 270 Wh/Kg from full 340 Wh/Kg cell specific energy.
- Capacity checks are performed at a C/3 rate, 25°C, and every 100 cycles.



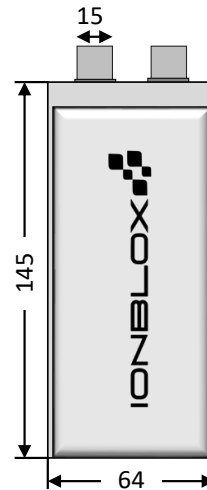


15-min Fast Charge Cycling Performance (100% DoD)

4C/1C rate cycling at 30°C (15-minute charge)

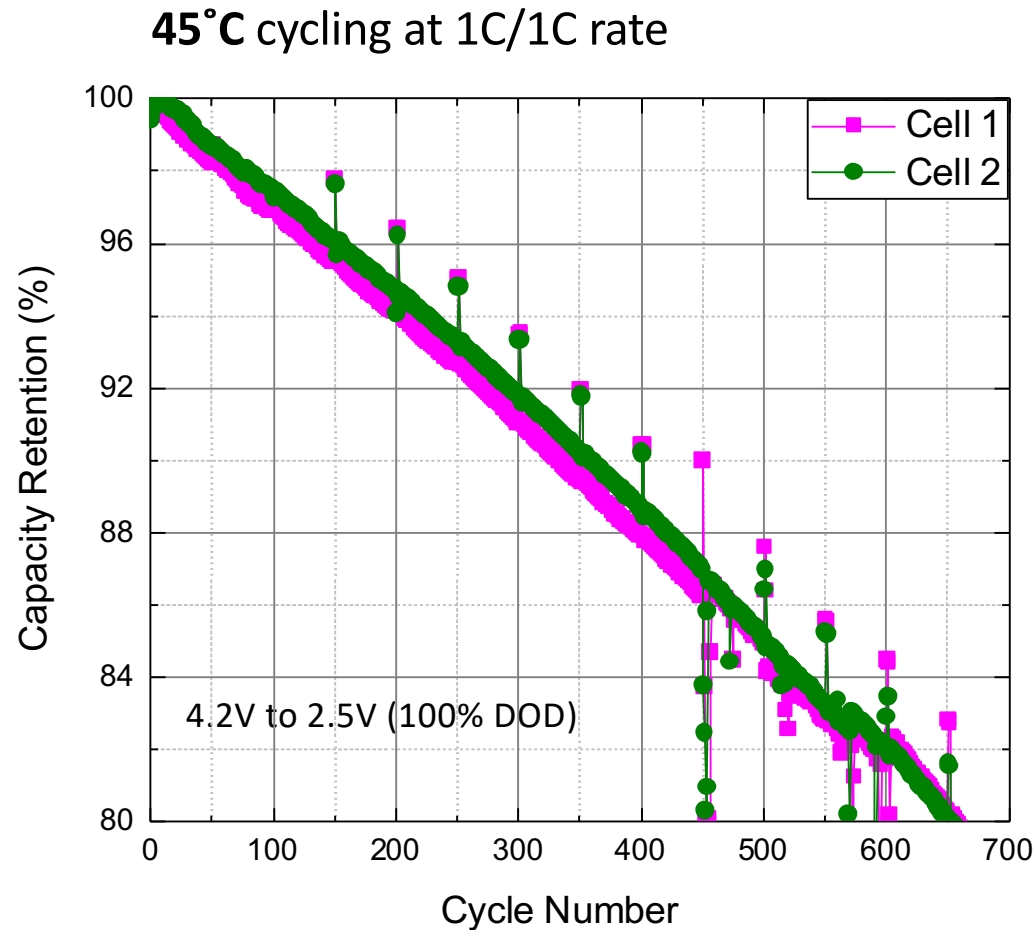


- Cycled 900 cycles under a 15 min fast charge conditions while maintaining 80% capacity retention
- Cells cycled at full 100% DOD from 4.2V to 2.5V

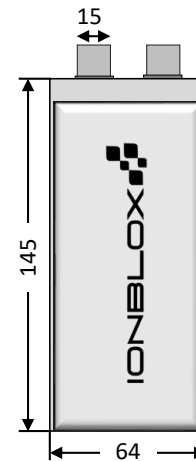




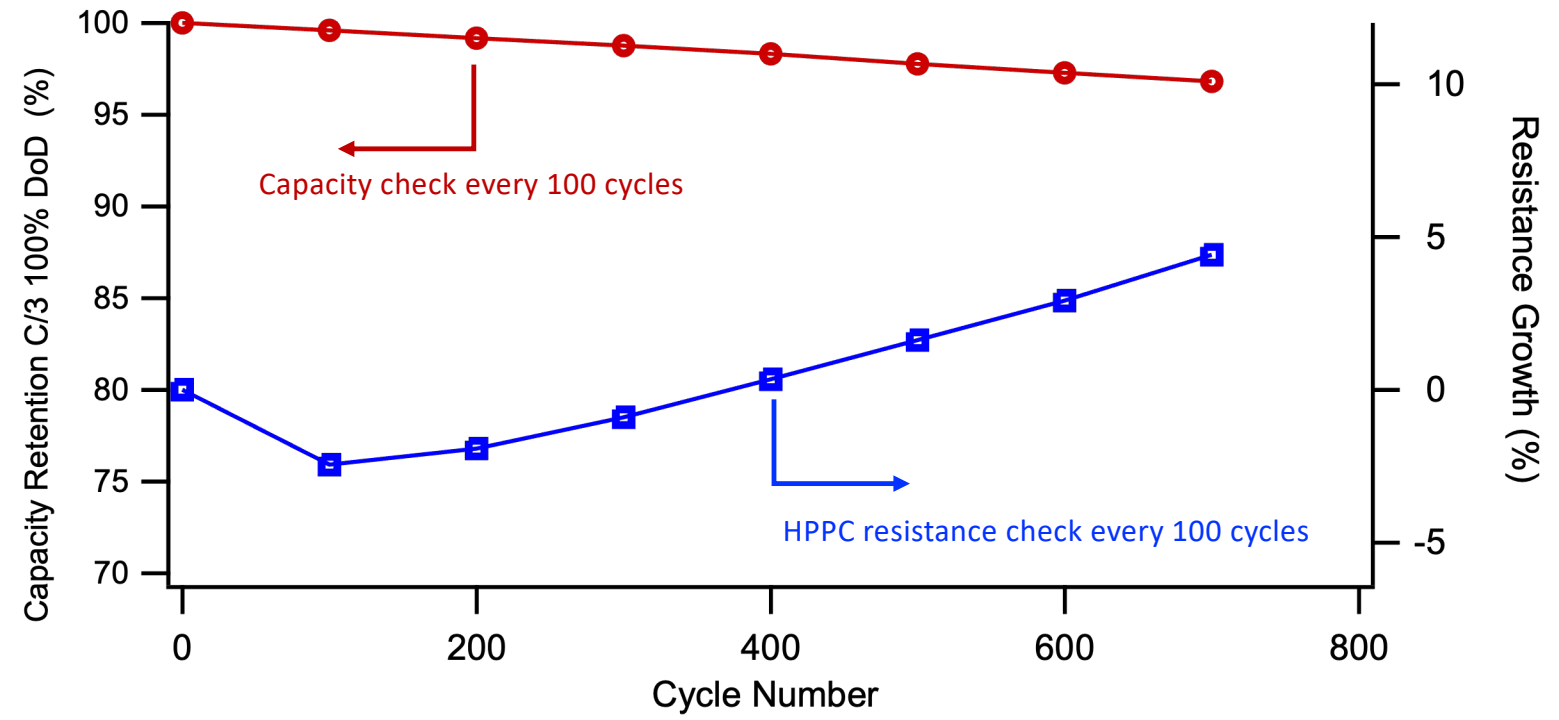
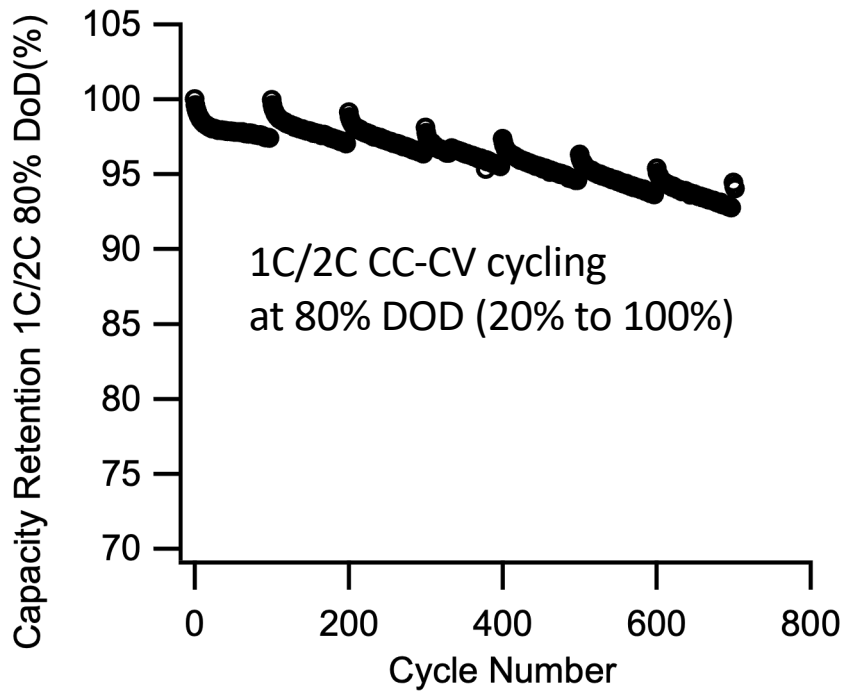
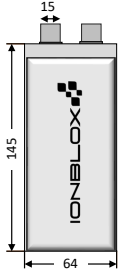
High Temperature Cycling Performance (100% DoD)



- NCM811–SiO EV Cell
- **Cycled 650 cycles at 45°C** at a 1C/1C rate
- Cells cycled at full 100% DOD from 4.2V to 2.5V
- Cells can also be cycled at 65°C (1C - Ch/Disch rate)



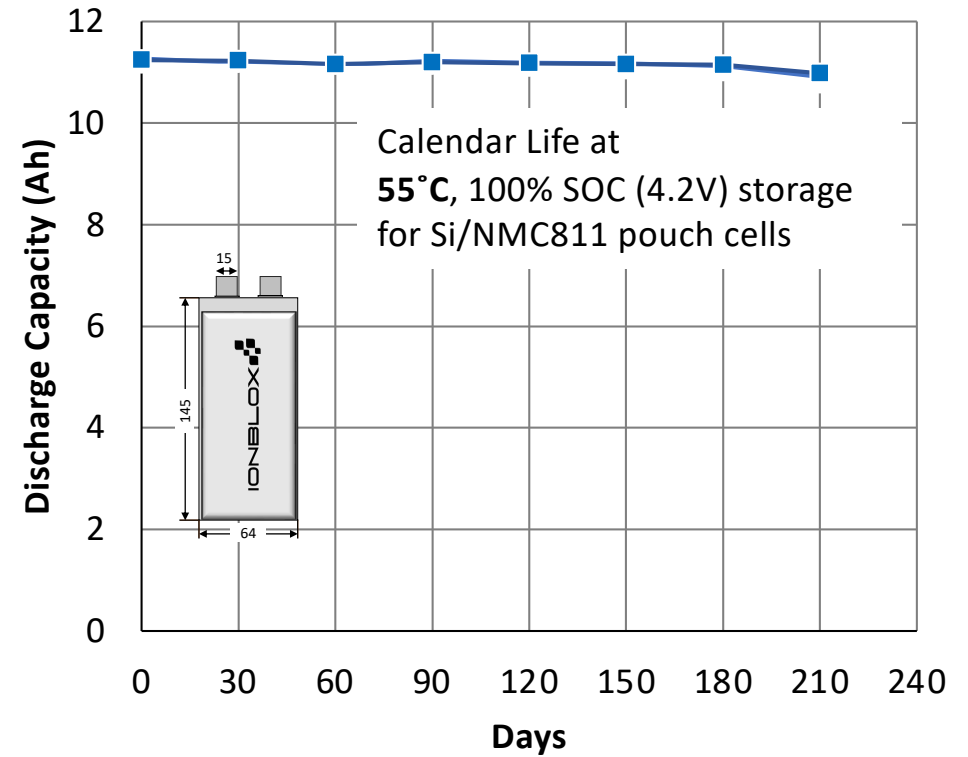
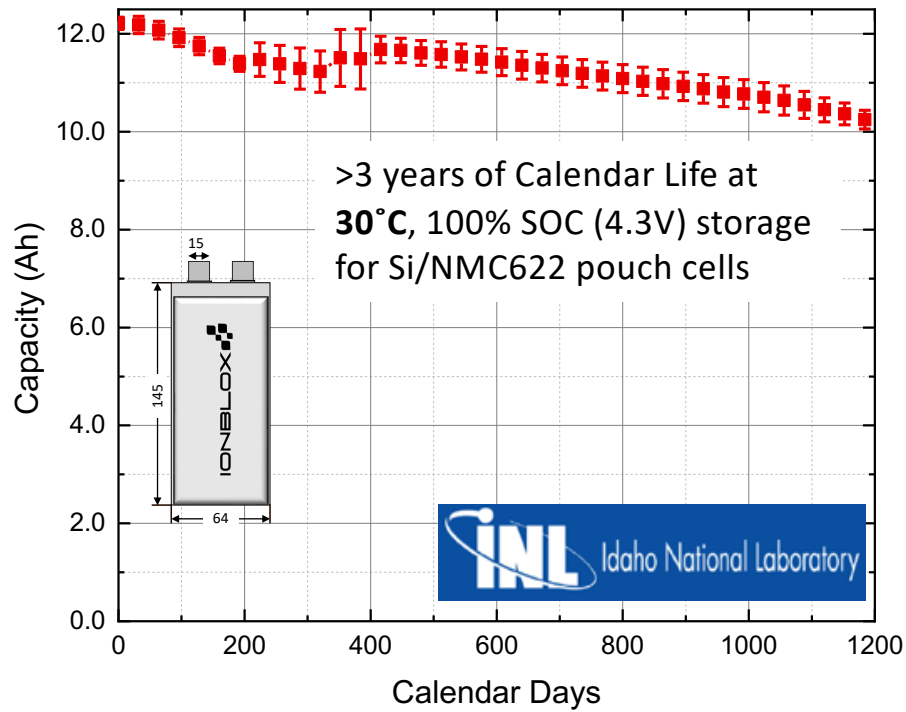
Resistance Growth vs Cycling (80% DoD)



- Resistance growth is <5% and 95% capacity retention after 700 cycles
- HPPC testing at every 100 cycles with 30 sec, 1C pulse



Calendar Life of Si-dominant Cells

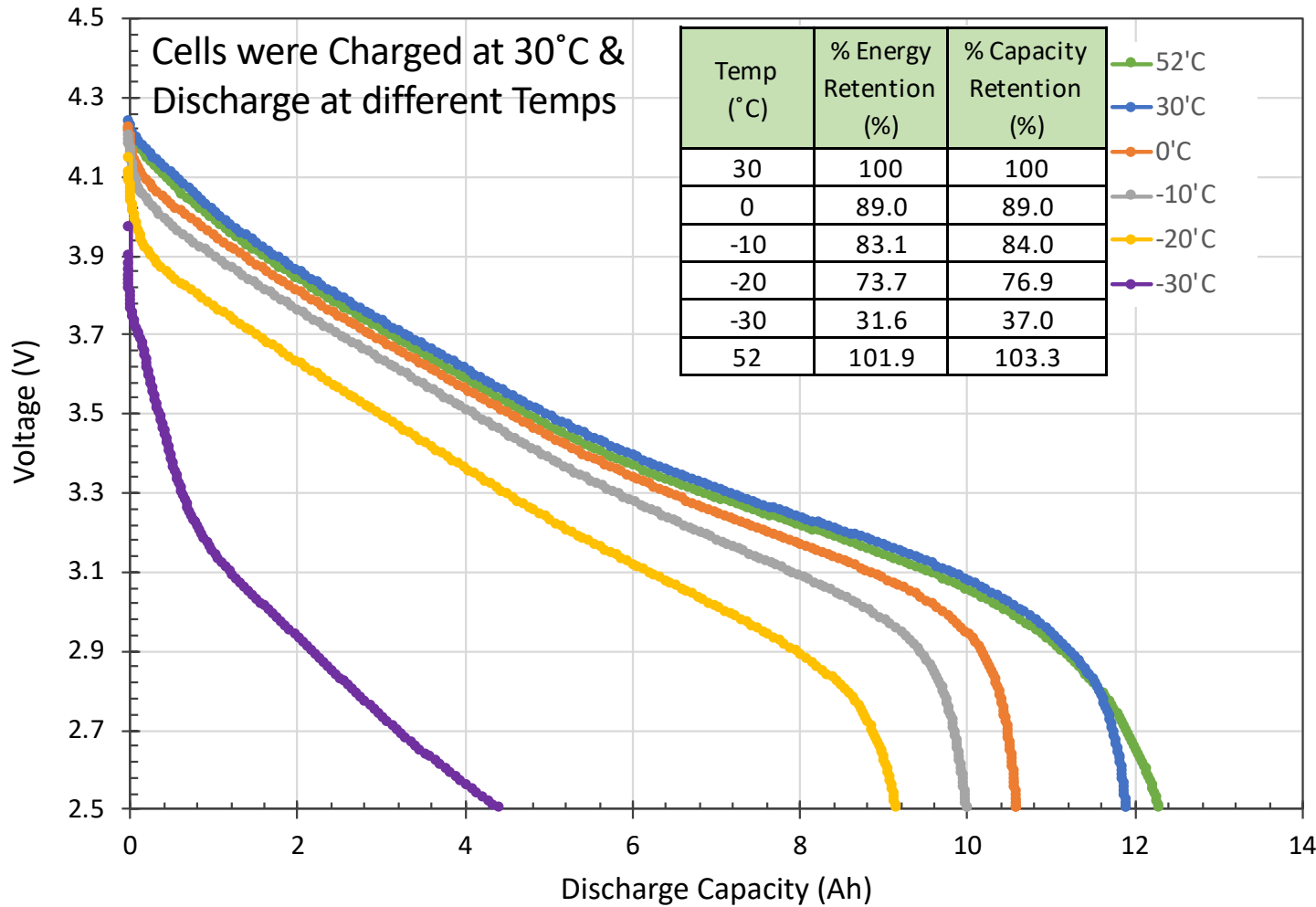


- **>3 years of calendar life** at 30°C and 100% SOC (with a daily trickle charge)
- 12Ah, 315 Wh/Kg (at C/3 rate), Si/NMC622 pouch cells tested by INL in USABC program (testing started in 2019)

- <5 % capacity drop, over 200 days of storage at high temperature (55°C) and 100% SOC
- **11.2 Ah, 335 Wh/Kg** (at C/3 rate), Si/NMC811 pouch cells. Testing continues.

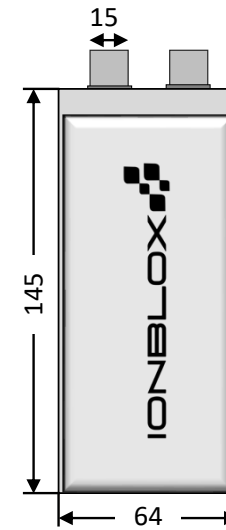


Thermal Performance



>70 % of the 30°C Capacity and Energy obtained at -20°C

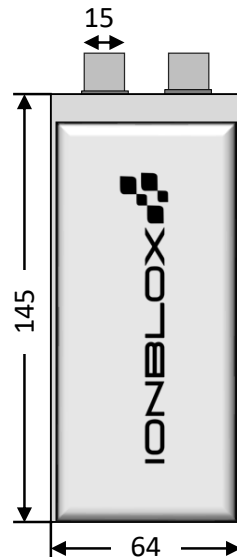
Zenlabs 12Ah EV Cells	
Vmin (zero/pulse)	2.5/2.4 V
Vmax (op/pulse)	4.3/4.4 V
Vnominal at C/3	3.456 V
Rated C/3 capacity	12 Ah
Weight	0.1345 Kg
Volume	0.0605 L
Chemistry	NMC622/SiO _x -L





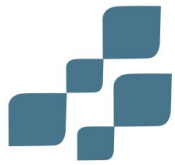
Cell Safety Testing

Passed UN 38.3 testing

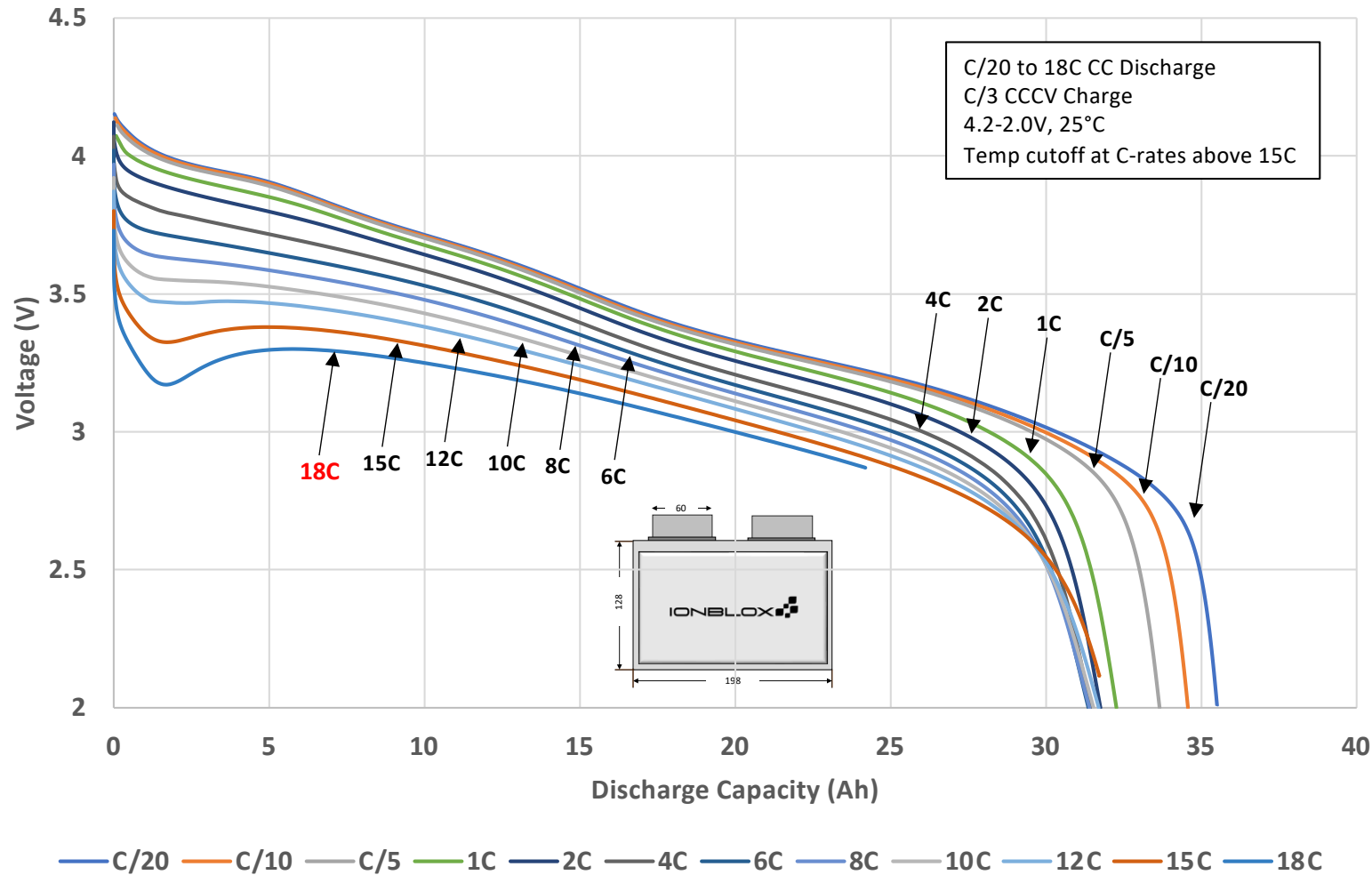


Lithium cell or battery test summary in accordance with sub-section 38.3 of Manual of Tests and Criteria		UL Solutions
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Phone number	240-285-1948	
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Testing laboratory:		
Name	UL Solutions Northbrook	
Address	333 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062 United States	
Phone number	(847) 272-8800	
Email	ULCTech@ul.com	
Website	https://www.ul.com	
Test report number	4790713181	
Test report date	2022-07-05	
Edition of UN Manual of Tests and Criteria used	ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7+Am. 1	
Description of cell or battery:		
Physical description	Secondary Lithium Ion Polymer Battery Pack	
Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> lithium metal / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lithium ion	
Mass	0.121kg	
Lithium content (for lithium metal) ..	N/A	
Wh rating (for lithium ion)	N/A	
Cell configuration (X-S/Y-P)	N/A	
Model / type reference	IBX-14640	
Ratings	3.45 Vdc, 11.4 Ah, 39 Wh	
List of tests conducted and results: (Pass, Fail, or N/A - not applicable)		
T.1: Altitude simulation	Pass	
T.2: Thermal test	Pass	
T.3: Vibration	Pass	
T.4: Shock	Pass	
T.5: External short circuit	Pass	
T.6: Impact / Crush	Pass	
T.7: Overcharge	N/A	
T.8: Forced discharge	Pass	
Remarks	N/A	
Assembled battery testing	N/A	
Test summary date	2023-06-07, 2023-06-08, 2023-06-16, 2023-06-19, 2023-06-20, 2023-06-21, 2023-06-22	
Test summary by (name + title + signature)	Molly Quillin, Project Handler	<i>Molly Quillin</i>
Approved by (name + title + signature)	William E. Platts, Reviewer	<i>William E. Platts</i>

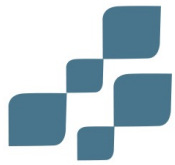
Extreme Fast Charge (XFC)
High-Energy & High-Power Results
NCM811 cathode & 100% SiOx dominant anode



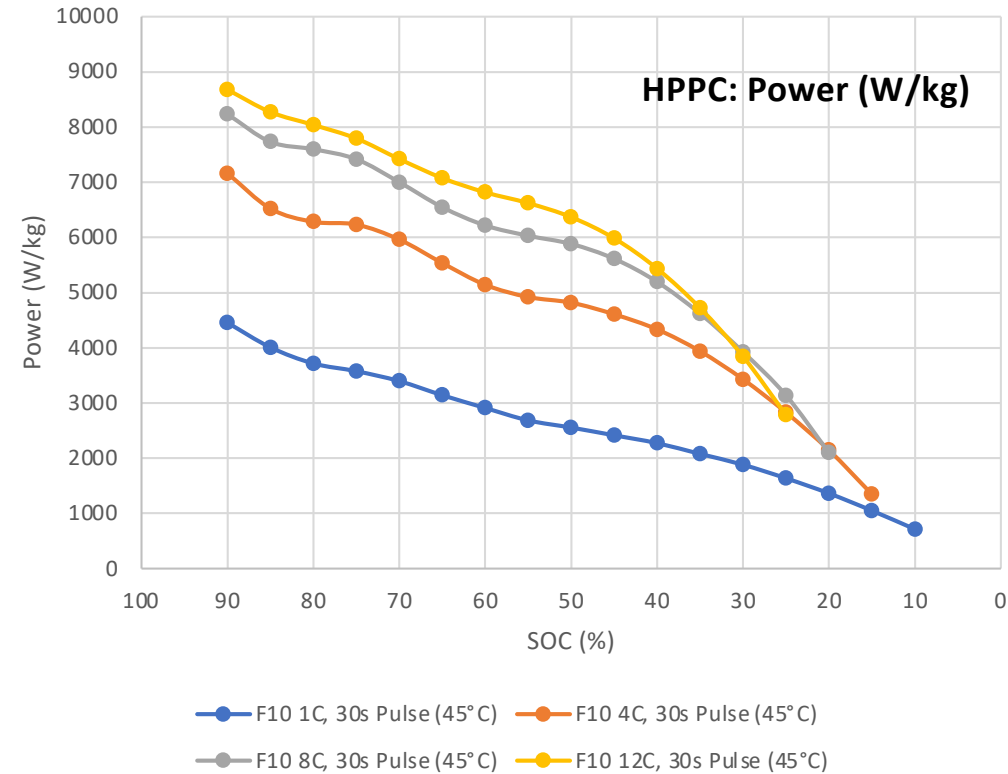
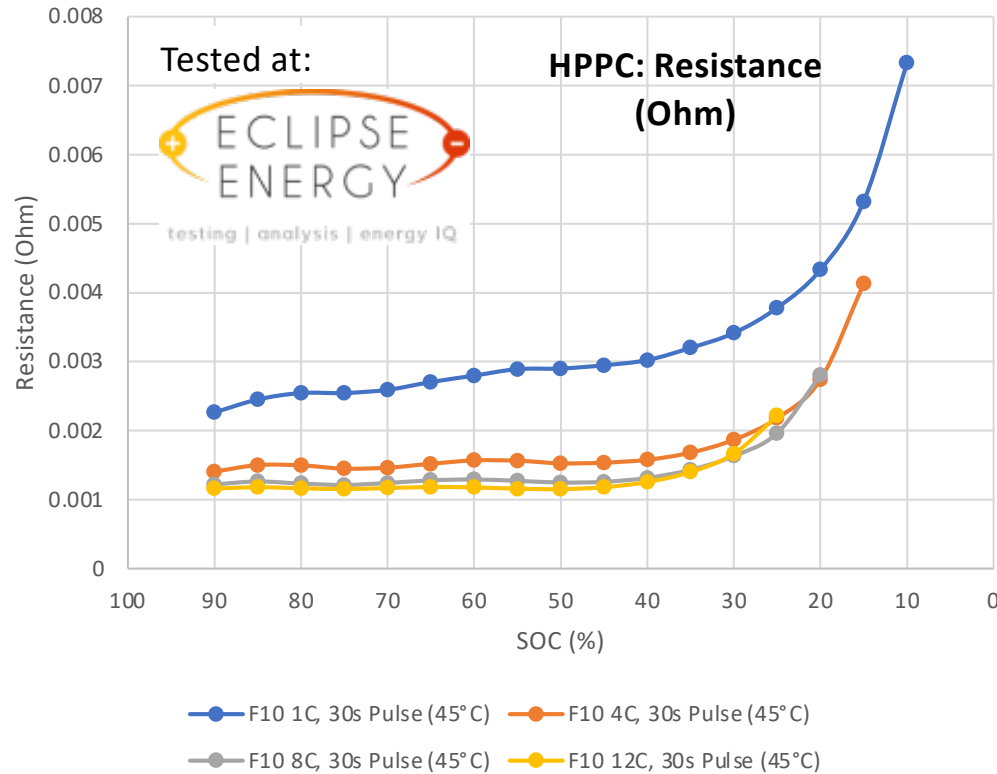
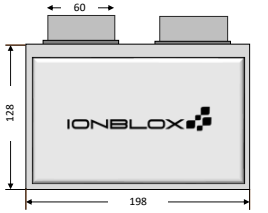
New Extreme Fast Charge (XFC) Cells



- **Ultra High-power**
- **High Usable Energy**
- Continuous Discharge Rate tested from C/20 to 18 C rate



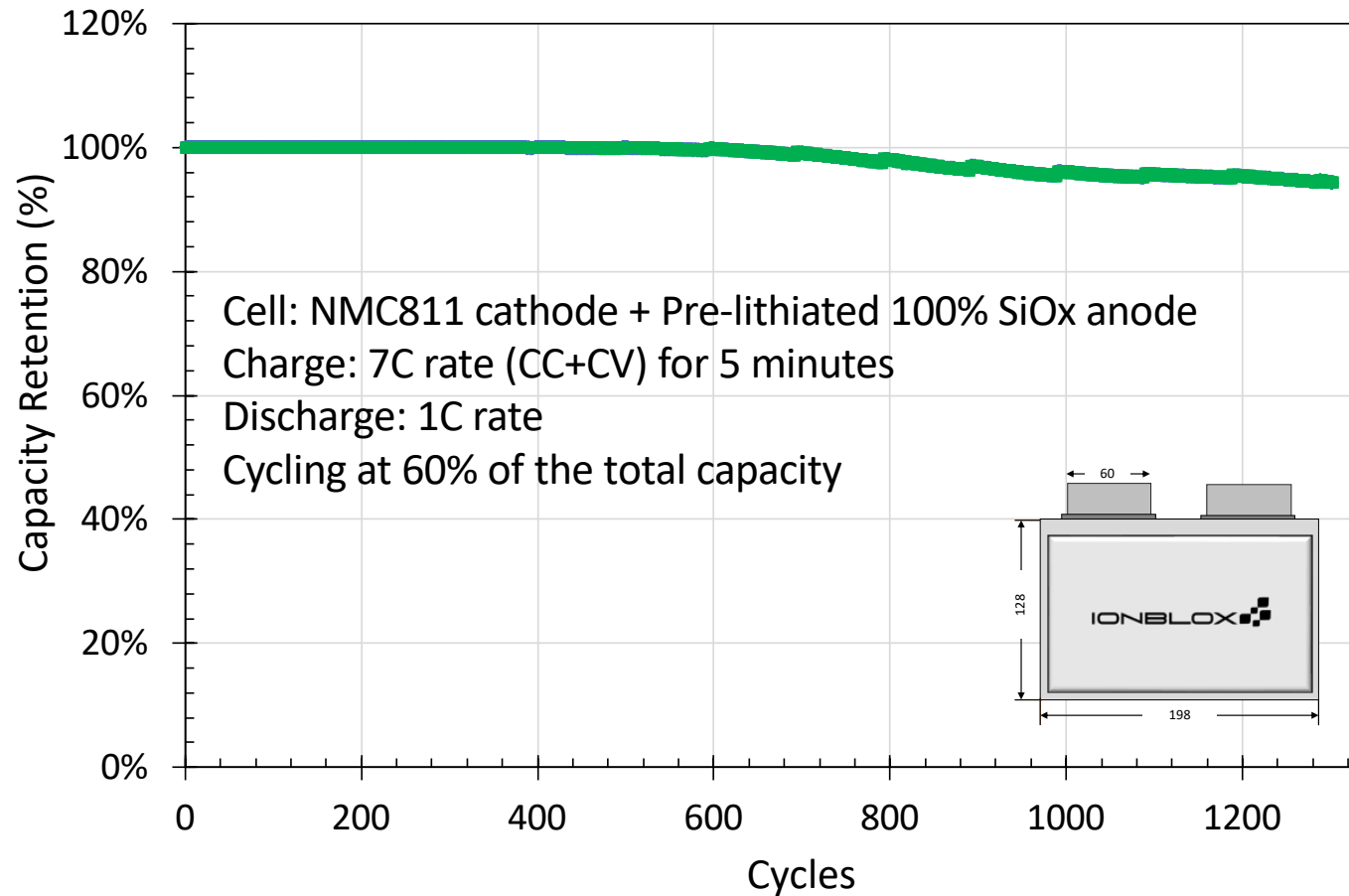
XFC Cell: Power and Resistance



- **32 Ah capacity** showing **Low Resistance and High Power**
- High usable energy under high power requirements
- HPPC tested from 1C to 12C rate – 30 s pulses at 45°C from 4.2V to 2.0V



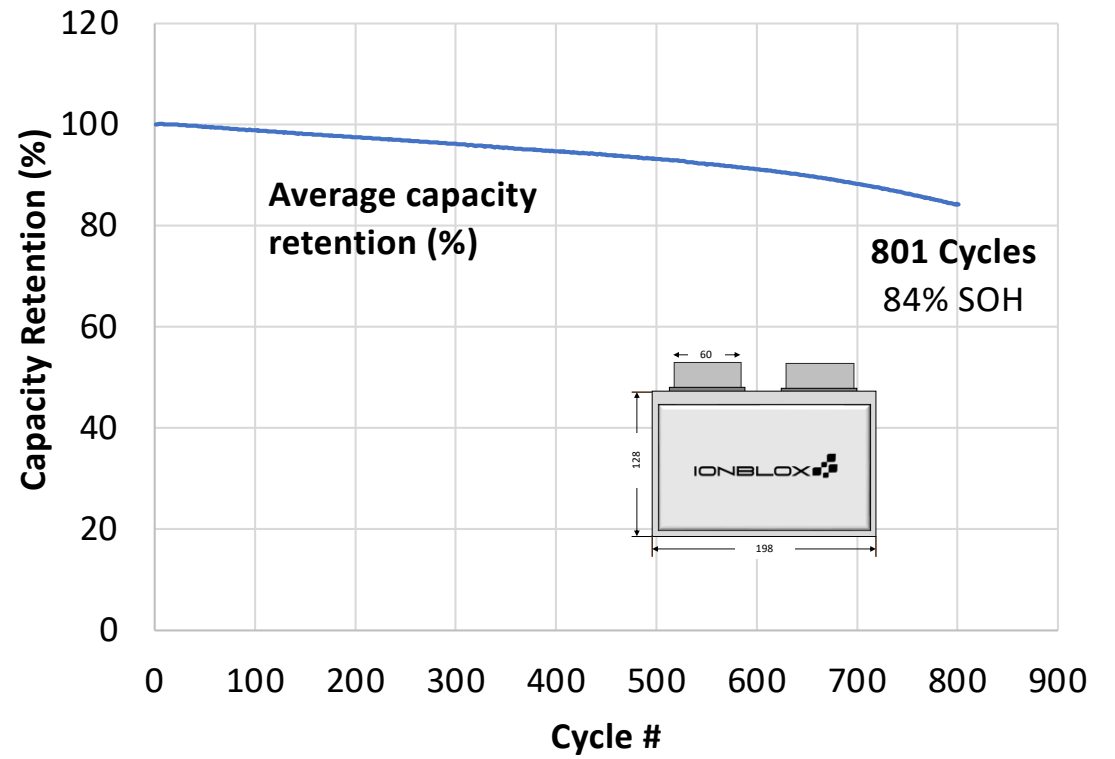
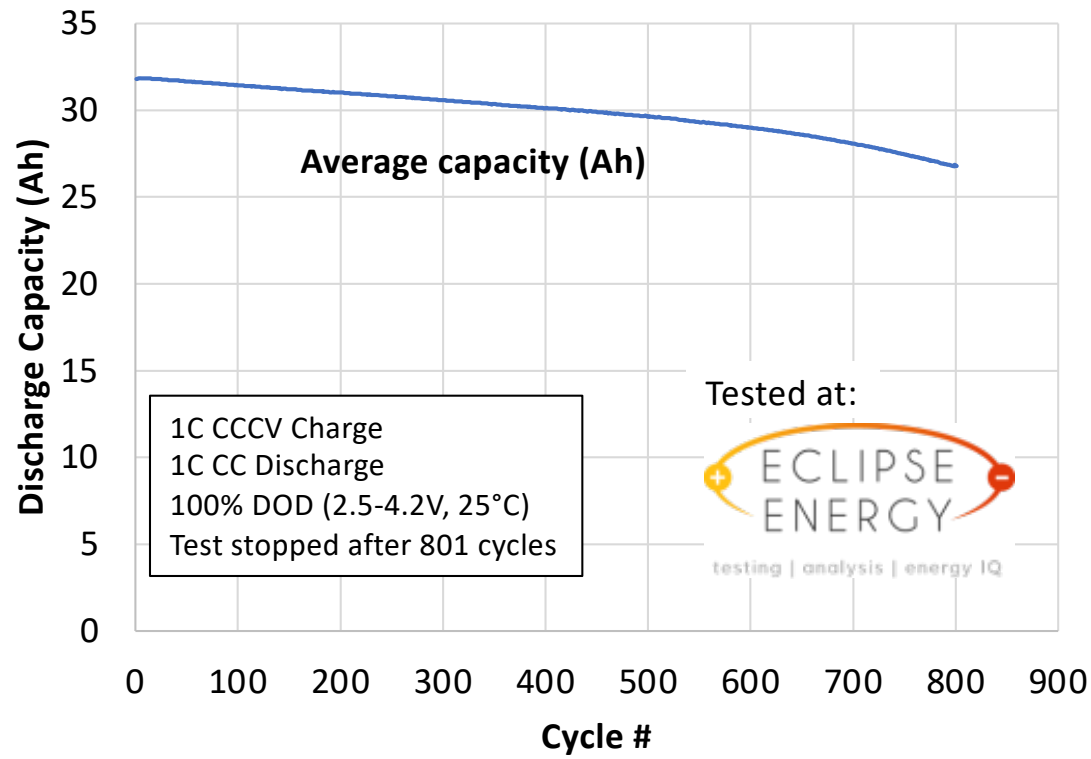
XFC Cell: 5 Min-Extreme Fast Charge Cycling



- **5-min XFC cycling** in voltage window 20% to 80% DoD (~60% of capacity)
- 1300 continuous XFC Cycling with minimal degradation



XFC Cell: 1C /1C Cycle Life (100% DoD)

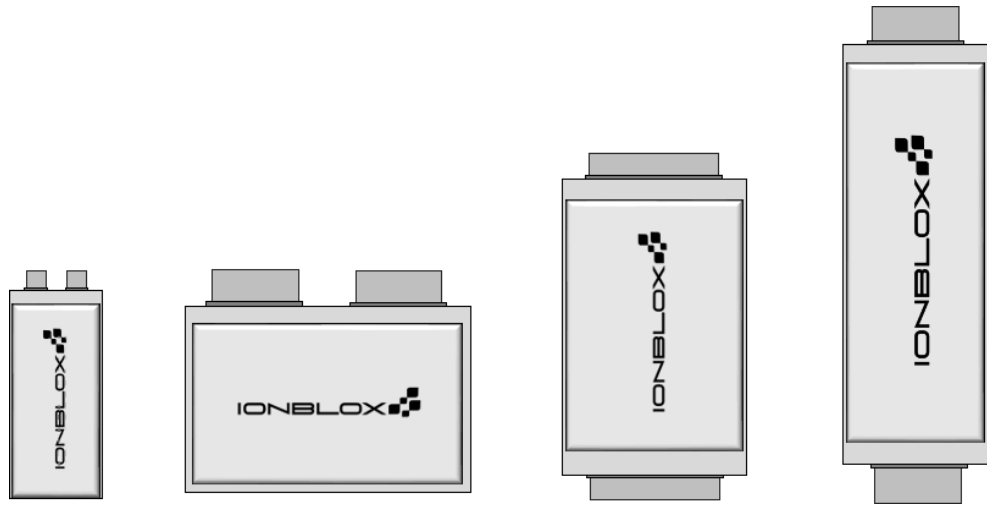


- 84% SOH after 801 cycles at 1C1C CC-CV, 100% DOD (25°C)



Conclusions

- Ionblox has solved the Silicon anode cycling and swelling challenges. Possess strong IP coverage for pre-lithiated Silicon anodes.
- Ionblox simultaneously meets key cell performance attributes, from the all-in-one cell, addressing the **AAM, EV, e-Truck, & Military** markets:
 - ✓ High Specific Energy: >330 Wh/Kg
 - ✓ High Specific Power: >3000 W/kg over wide range of SOC
 - ✓ Fast-charging: 5 min XFC from 20 % to 80% SOC or >80% SOC in 10 min
 - ✓ Long cycle life: 1000 cycles at 100% DoD, >2000 cycles at 80% DoD, >1300 XFC cycles
 - ✓ Calendar Life: >3 years at 30°C and 100% SOC, >200 days at 55°C and 100% SOC (<5% drop)
- Ionblox is scaling up cell production for the different markets with strategic partners and is in the planning stages for USA manufacturing.



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