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## LITHIUM – MADE IN THE USA

Building an American Source of Lithium Hydroxide to  
Power the Energy Storage Transformation

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**LiOH**

# AGENDA

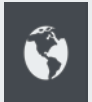
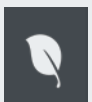
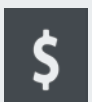
- Intro to Piedmont Lithium
- Market Dynamics
- Localization of the Li-Ion Battery Supply Chain
- Why this matters
- Q&A





# PIEDMONT LITHIUM AT A GLANCE

Building America’s Leading Source of Lithium Hydroxide to Power the Electric Vehicle Transition

|                                                                                     |                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | An American company – based in Gaston County, NC            |
|    | Strategic lithium assets in three critical locations        |
|    | Only U.S. integrated mine-to-spodumene-to-hydroxide project |
|    | ~40% interest in Canada’s largest lithium project           |
|   | Earning 50% of Africa's best-located lithium business       |
|  | Industry-leading ESG profile                                |
|  | Strong balance sheet to fund growth                         |

## RESOURCE

- Shallow Quarry
- Pure Spodumene
- Exploration Ongoing

## LOCATION

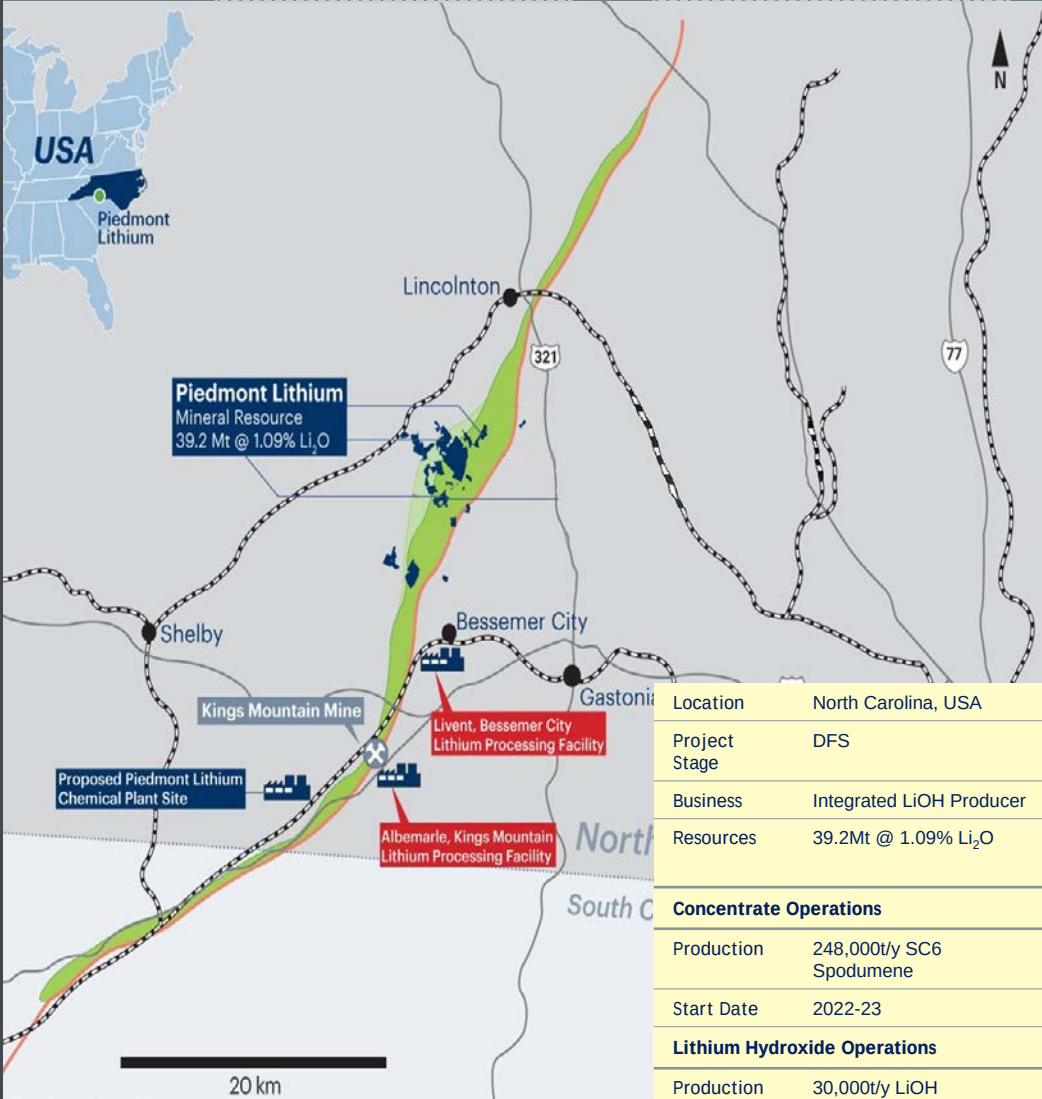
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- Vast Infrastructure
- Transport Distances
- Skilled Local Labor
- Favorable Climate

## ECONOMIC

- Zero State Royalties
- Low Corporate Taxes
- By-product Credits

## WORLD-CLASS TECHNICAL PARTNERS

|                            |               |         |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------|
| PRIMERO                    | Metso:Outotec | SGS     |
| MARSHALL MILLER ASSOCIATES | HDR           | MINVIRC |

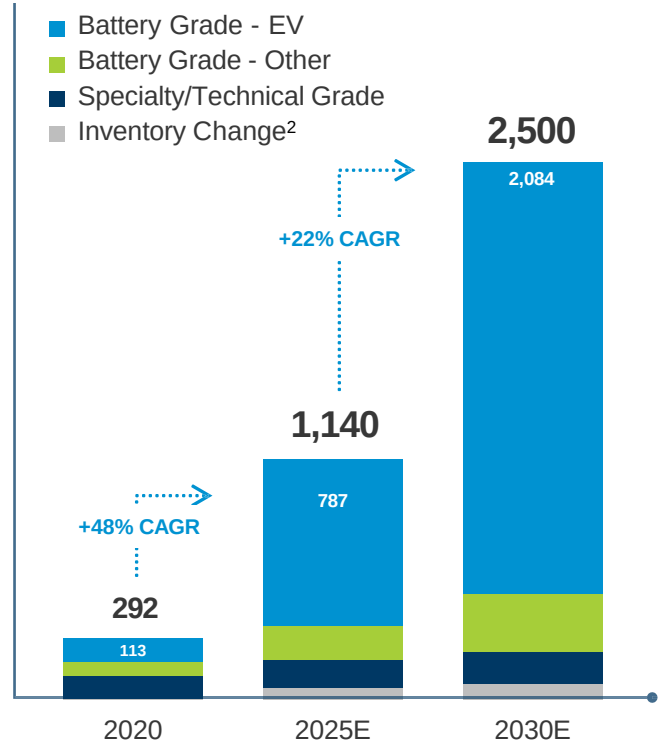


|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Location                            | North Carolina, USA              |
| Project Stage                       | DFS                              |
| Business                            | Integrated LiOH Producer         |
| Resources                           | 39.2Mt @ 1.09% Li <sub>2</sub> O |
| <b>Concentrate Operations</b>       |                                  |
| Production                          | 248,000t/y SC6 Spodumene         |
| Start Date                          | 2022-23                          |
| <b>Lithium Hydroxide Operations</b> |                                  |
| Production                          | 30,000t/y LiOH                   |

# LITHIUM DEMAND DRIVEN BY EV PENETRATION AND BATTERY SIZE

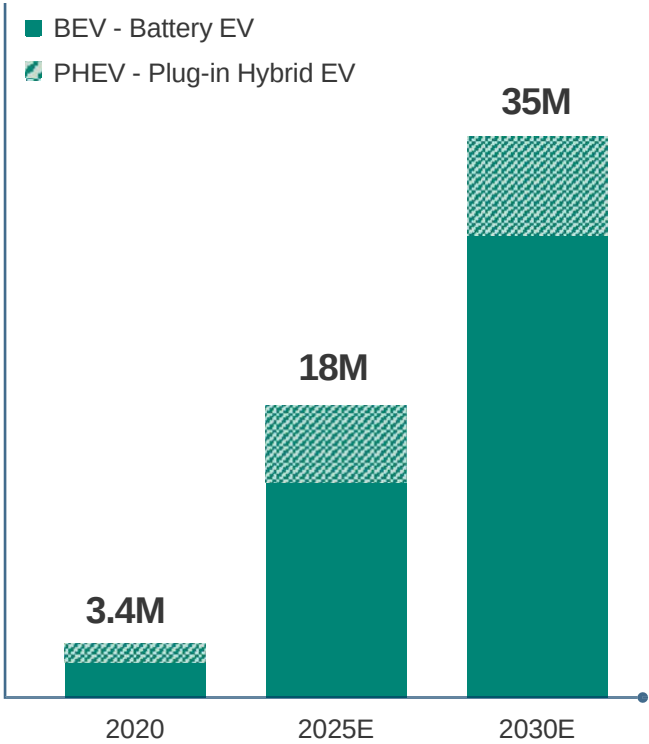
## Lithium Demand by Application<sup>1</sup>

(ktpa LCE)



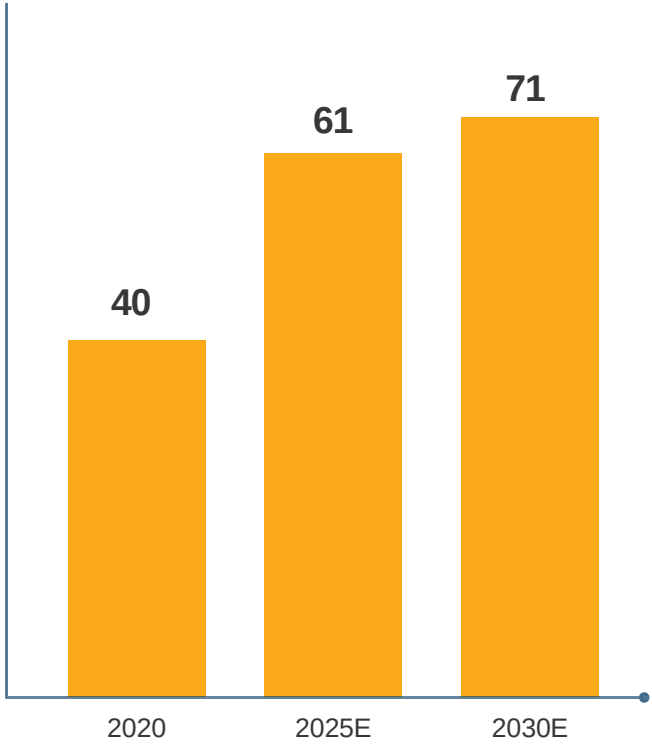
## EV Production<sup>1</sup>

(Vehicle Units)



## Battery Size (EV Average)<sup>1</sup>

(kWh per EV)



**Strong EV demand growth is expected to continue through the decade**

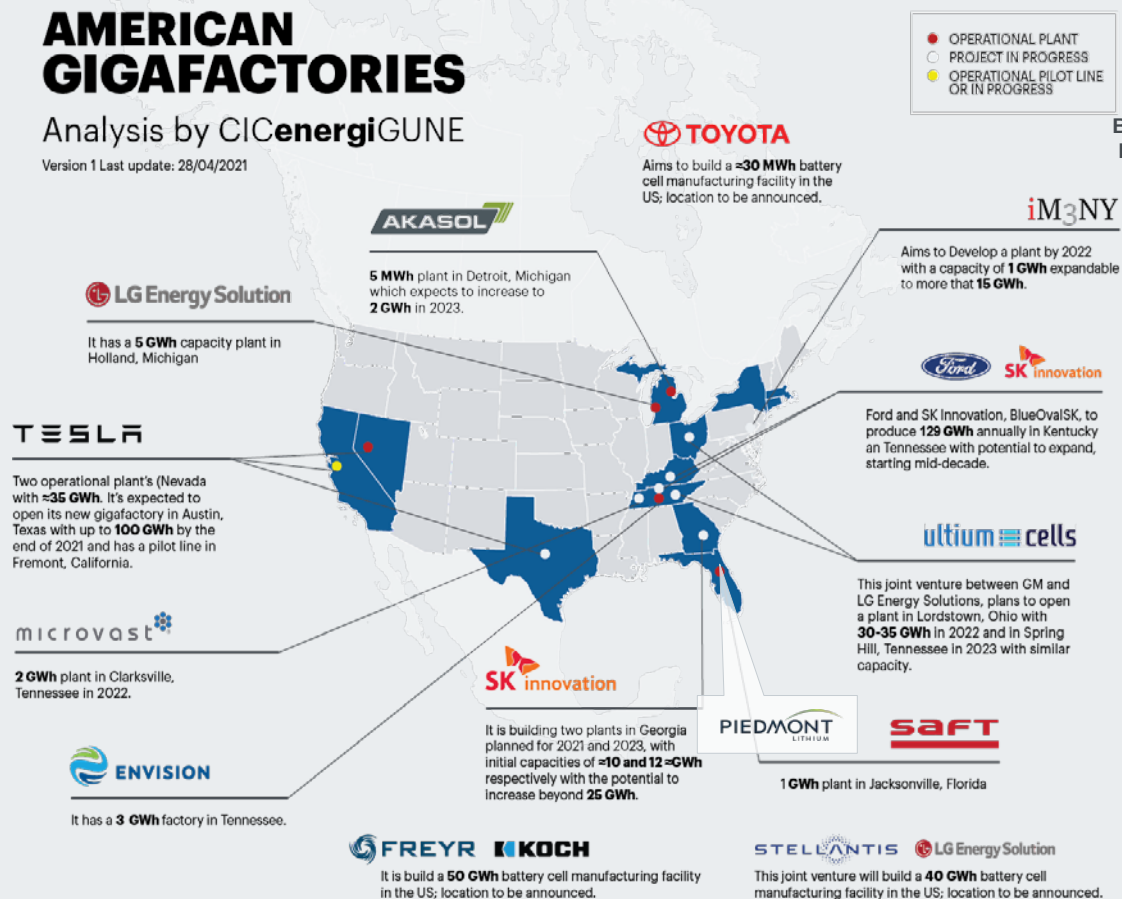
<sup>1</sup> IHS Markit, Roskill, B3, CRU, BNEF, BMI. **Lithium Intensity of Energy Storage Demand:** 0.83, 0.83, and 0.86 kg LCE/kWh in 2020, 2025, and 2030, respectively; calculated from demand model output of total lithium demand (total real consumption and YOY inventory change), which accounts for lithium consumption of different technologies and applications. <sup>2</sup> Inventory change assumes an average three-months of available inventory.

# DOMESTIC SHORTFALLS ANTICIPATED

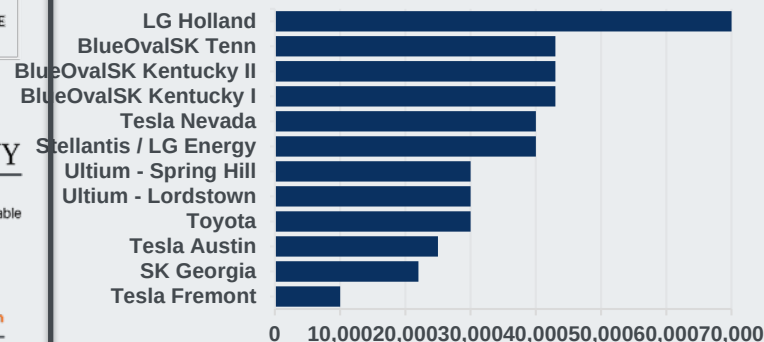
## AMERICAN GIGAFACTORIES

Analysis by CICenergigUNE

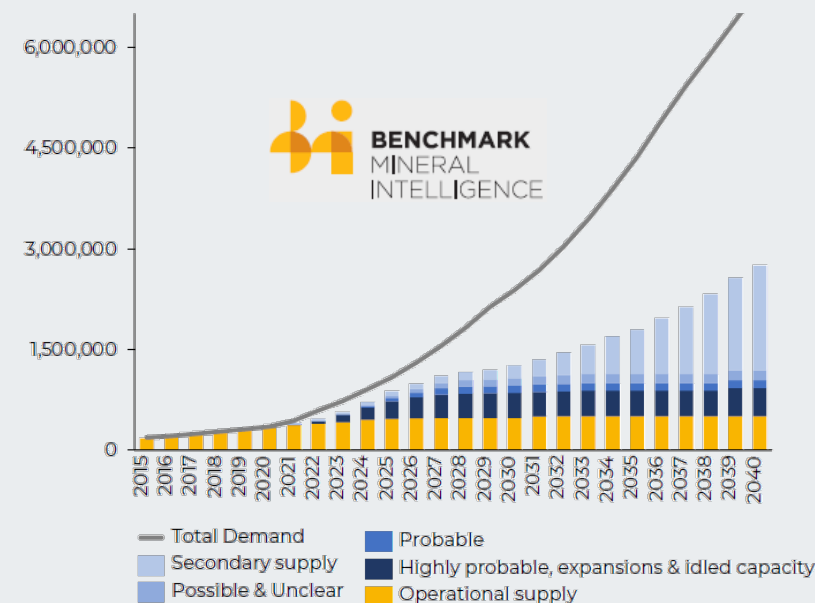
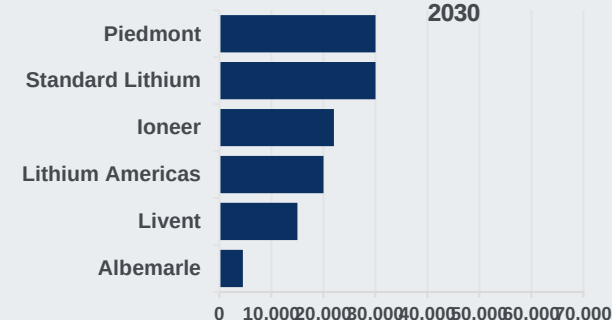
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## LiOH REQUIRED BY SELECTED GIGA-FACTORIES BY 2025+



## SELECTED US LITHIUM HYDROXIDE SUPPLY BY 2030



Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence – Lithium Forecast, Q3 2021, company announcements and Piedmont Lithium estimates

# SPODUMENE PROJECTS EXIST WORLDWIDE, BUT NEARLY 100% OF LiOH CONVERSION OCCURS IN CHINA

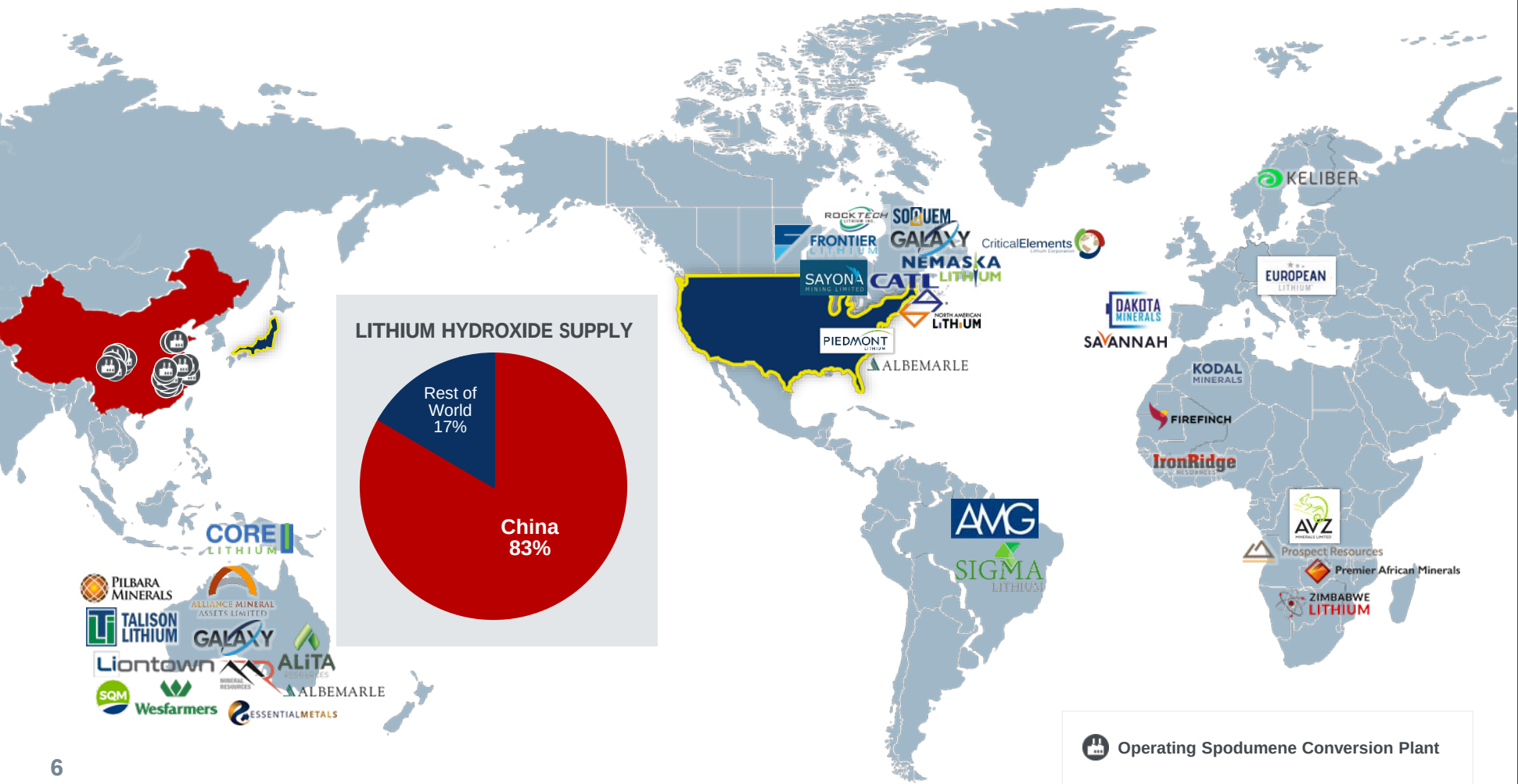


~100%  
OF WORLD SPODUMENE PRODUCTION  
IS CONVERTED  
IN CHINA

CHINA  
PRODUCES MOST OF THE WORLD'S  
LITHIUM HYDROXIDE

US AND EUROPEAN  
AUTO COMPANIES SEEKING TO  
LOCALIZE SUPPLY CHAINS

NORTH CAROLINA  
IS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR  
HYDROXIDE PRODUCTION





# USA SUPPLY CHAIN SUPPORTIVE POLICY BACKDROP

**Biden infrastructure plan proposes spending \$174B to boost America's EV market**

**CHUCK SCHUMER WANTS TO REPLACE EVERY GAS CAR IN AMERICA WITH AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE**

**Energy Secretary Granholm says U.S. needs to produce more EV minerals**

*The Age of Electric Cars Is Dawning Ahead of Schedule*

**Record Electric Vehicles Sales in USA!**

**Ford announced plans to invest \$29B toward electric & autonomous vehicles**

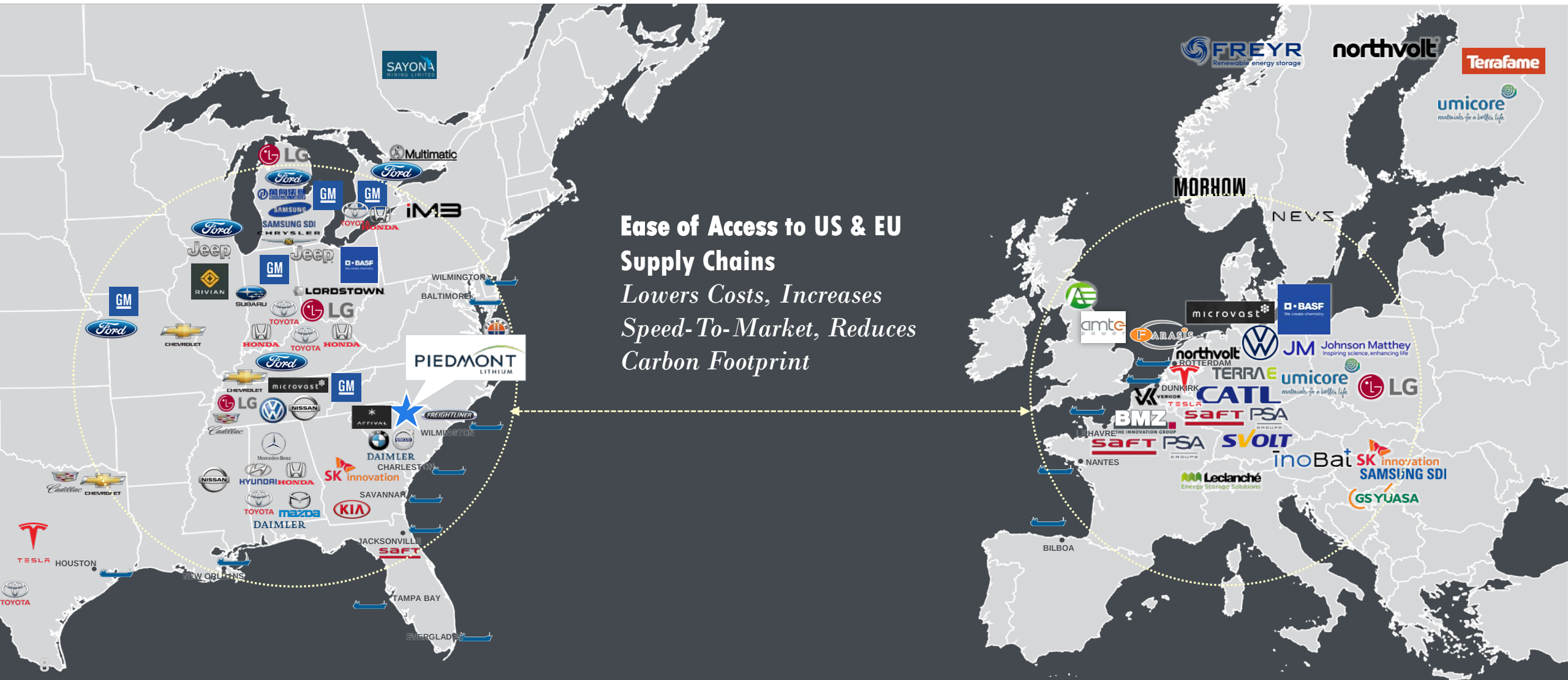
**EVs Shifting into Overdrive: can commodity supply keep pace?**

**US Committed to build Local Li-Ion Battery Supply Chain**

**GM Aims to Go All Electric by 2035**

# ELECTRIFICATION DEMANDS REGIONALIZATION

United States – Sustainable location and business friendly environment)





# ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Automakers are rapidly transitioning into the growing electric vehicle market.

With several vehicle manufacturing companies planning to go all-electric by 2035, there is a sudden increase in the demand for lithium.

Piedmont Lithium would be America's #1 lithium supplier.

## MATERIALS



## CATHODES



## BATTERIES



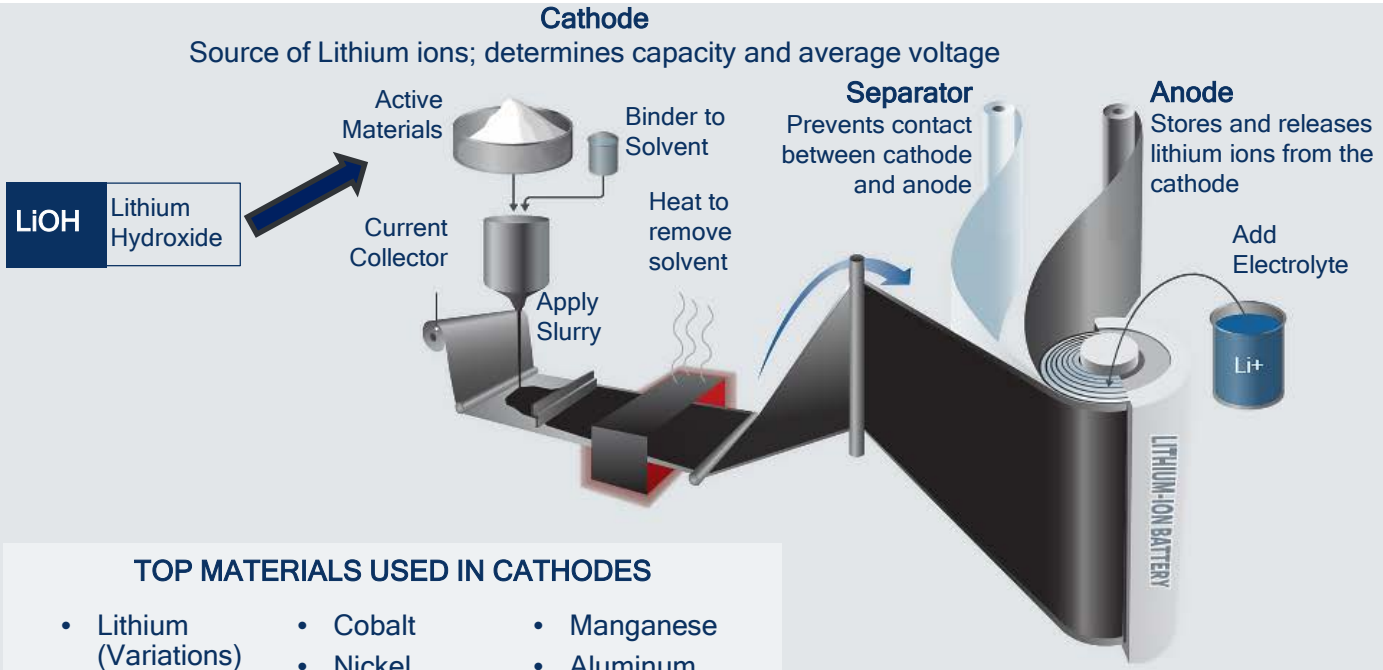
## VEHICLES



## AFTER MARKET



## RECYCLING



# WHY IS ALL THIS IMPORTANT?



## PROJECTIONS

- Bloomberg projects worldwide sales of 56 million passenger EVs in 2040, of which 17 percent (about 9.6 million EVs) will be in the U.S. market.
- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) foresees roughly 320 million EVs on the road by 2040.

## OPPORTUNITY

- If all batteries for Bloomberg's projected 9.6 million U.S. passenger EVs were manufactured abroad, that would result in roughly \$100 billion in imports. **FCAB's Vision and Goals need to be a National Priority.**
- For 9.6 million EV's, assume average battery size ~65kwh, that equals to ~630Gwh of Battery capacity, requiring **550kta of Lithium Hydroxide.**
- By 2050, every 2<sup>ND</sup> car on the streets in the world could be electric. This would reduce global CO2 emissions by ~1.5 gigatonnes per year, which is equivalent to the total current CO2 emissions of Russia.

## TRANSPORTATION

# WHY IS ALL THIS IMPORTANT?



## PROJECTIONS

- Total annual U.S. electricity generation from wind energy increased from about 6 billion kWh in 2000 to about 338 billion kWh in 2020.
- In 2020, wind turbines were the source of about 8.4% of total U.S. utility-scale electricity generation.
- Solar and Wind installations are highly inefficient due to limitations of the grid and ability to supply the consumers.

## OPPORTUNITY

- Energy Storage and Lithium-Ion Batteries. Use energy storage batteries to store and dissipate solar and wind energy generation (**replace Peaker power plants**) back into the Grid.
- **Enable micro-grid systems** to more efficiently and effectively generate, store and distribute energy to the consumers.

## ENERGY STORAGE



# WHY IS ALL THIS IMPORTANT?



## PROJECTIONS

- Between 2003 and 2007, one in twenty-four fuel convoys ended in a US casualty and attributed more than three thousand US military and DoD contractor deaths to fuel convoys in Iraq and Afghanistan during that time.
- The military requires thousands of unique types of Li-Ion batteries each year resulting in over \$200 million in annual procurements from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), which is only a portion of overall annual demand.
  - Many of the batteries and ‘materials’ used to produce these batteries are from **China** and other Asian nations.

## OPPORTUNITY

- Power and energy supply via energy storage (ie...Lithium-Ion Batteries). This includes comms equipment, vehicles, etc...to **minimize ‘refueling’**.
- Development of a **local Lithium-Ion Battery supply chain** and resultant materials (starting with Lithium)

## NATIONAL SECURITY

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME



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# APPENDIX

# SUPPLY SHORTAGES ANTICIPATED – ACCELERATED DEMAND

“New projects will be unable to respond fast enough as the recent low-price environment has led to underinvestment.”

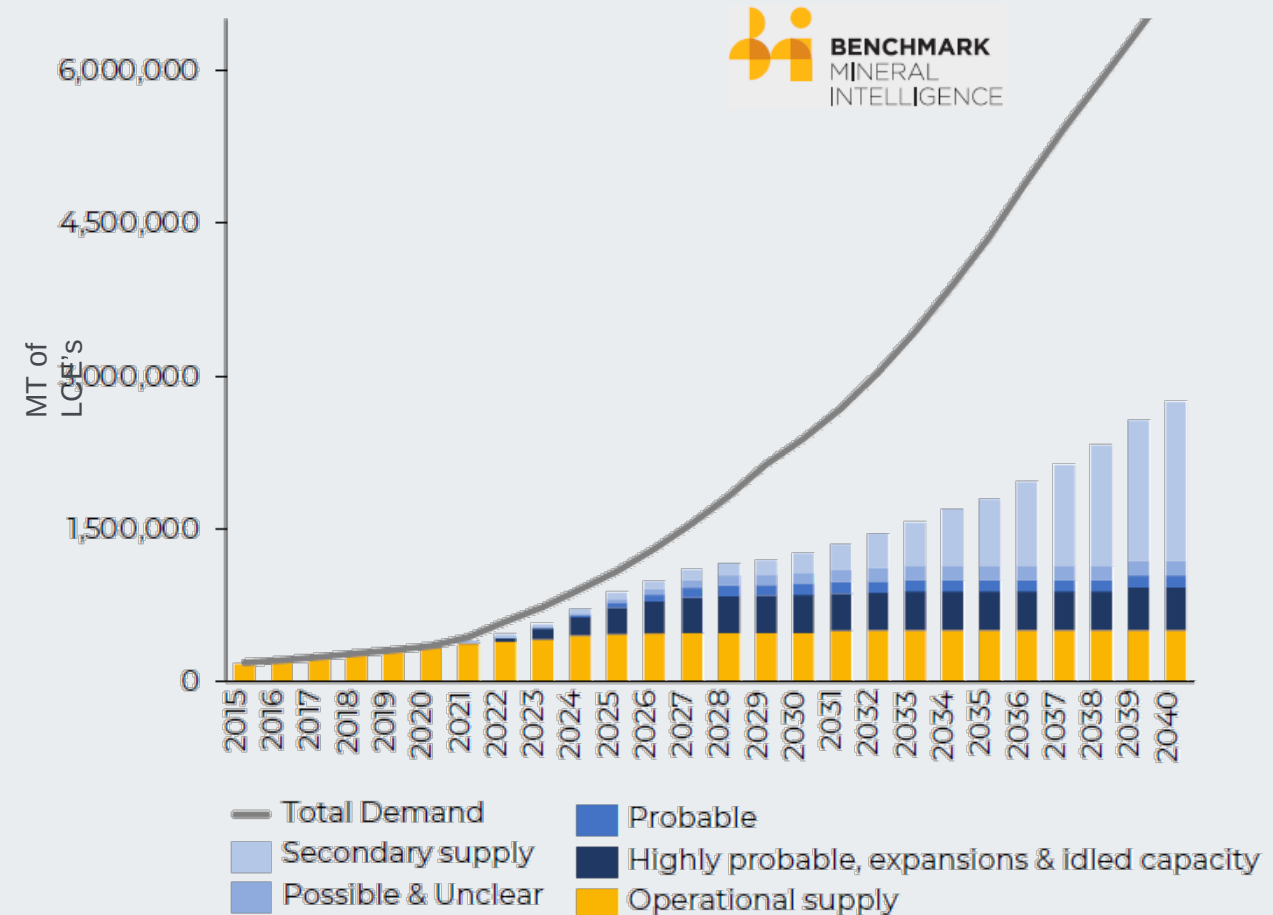
*Benchmark Minerals Intelligence – March 2021*

“Beyond 2025, we continue to forecast significant market deficits, noting a ~7x increase in supply is required to meet our 2030 demand forecast.”

*Canaccord Genuity – February 2021*

“It seems inevitable that battery-grade lithium prices will rise above \$15/t over the coming months.”

*RK Equity – March 2021*

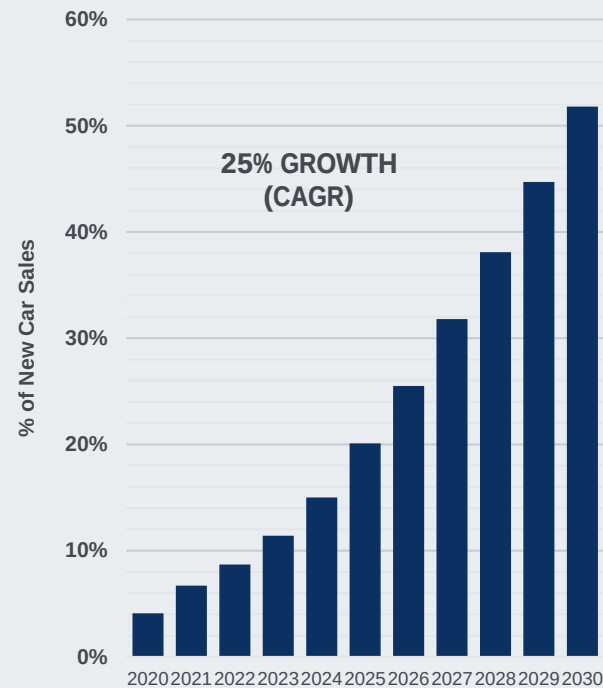




# ELECTRIFICATION & ENERGY STORAGE IS A GLOBAL MEGA-TREND WITH RAPID GROWTH

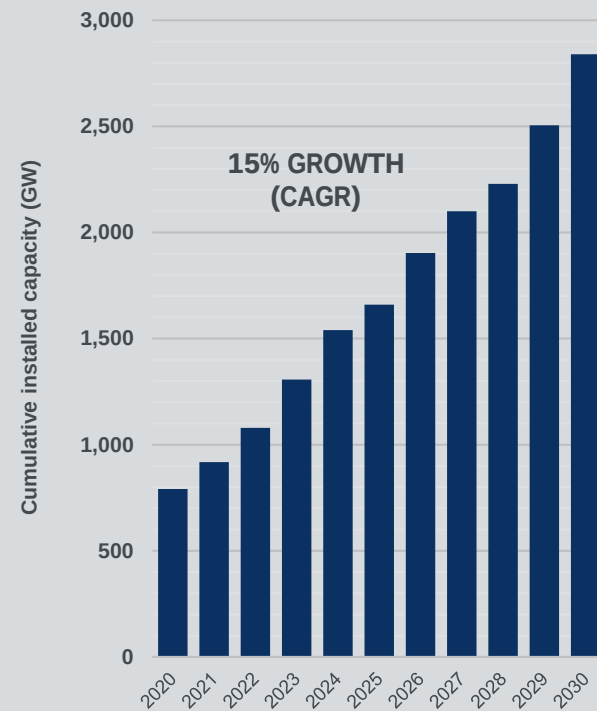


EV PENETRATION GROWTH RATE



Source: UBS Research

RAPID GROWTH IN SOLAR INSTALLATIONS



Source: IRENA's renewable energy statistics (IRENA, 2019c) and future projections based on IRENA's analysis (2019a).



# PIEDMONT LITHIUM

## Carolinas Lithium Project

### RESOURCES

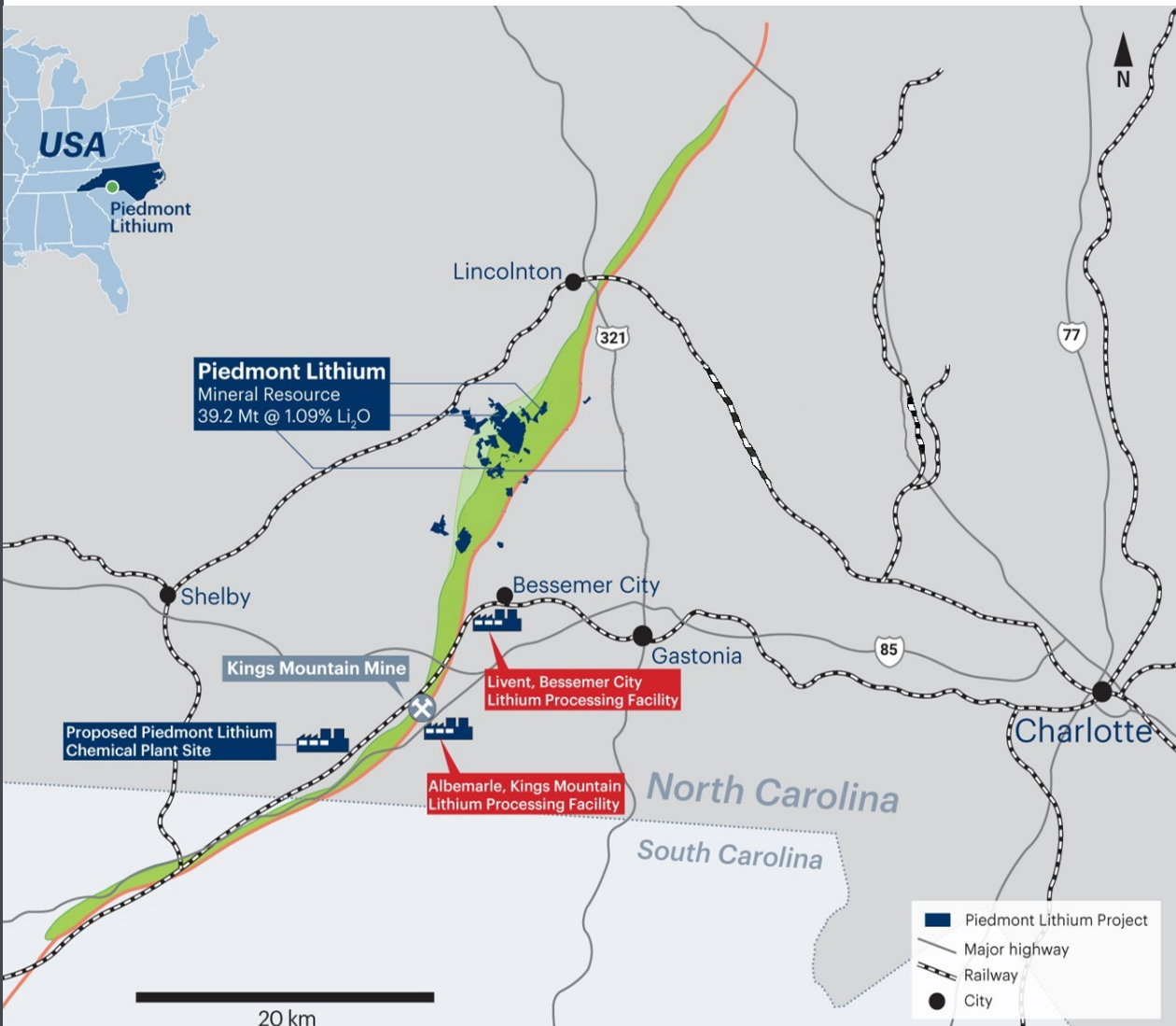
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# MASSIVE CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUIRED

EV Revolution Won't Happen Without Indispensable Raw Materials

## MATERIALS

PIEDMONT  
LITHIUM

ALBEMARLE

Livent

SQM  
Solutions  
for human  
progress

>\$20B Investment Required  
(2019 – 2024)

## CATHODES

SMM

BASF

Panasonic

umicore

JM Johnson Matthey  
Inspiring science, enhancing life

Investment Announced  
>\$15B (2019 – 2024)

## BATTERIES

FREYR  
Clean battery solutions

microvast

ROMEO  
POWER TECHNOLOGY

QuantumScape

ENERVIX

Panasonic

CATL

SK innovation

LG Chem

Investment Announced  
>\$150B (2019 – 2024)

## VEHICLES

TESLA

RIVIAN

FIAT

LORDSTOWN

CANOE

HYLIION

LION

ARRIVAL

WORKHORSE

PROTERRA

XL Fleet

JOBY  
AVIATION

LUCID

Faraday Future

ELMS

Investments Announced  
To-date - >\$350B

## AFTER MARKET

blink

chargepoint+

EVBOX

volta

EVgo

NUVE

Investment Required - TBD

## RECYCLING

Li-Cycle

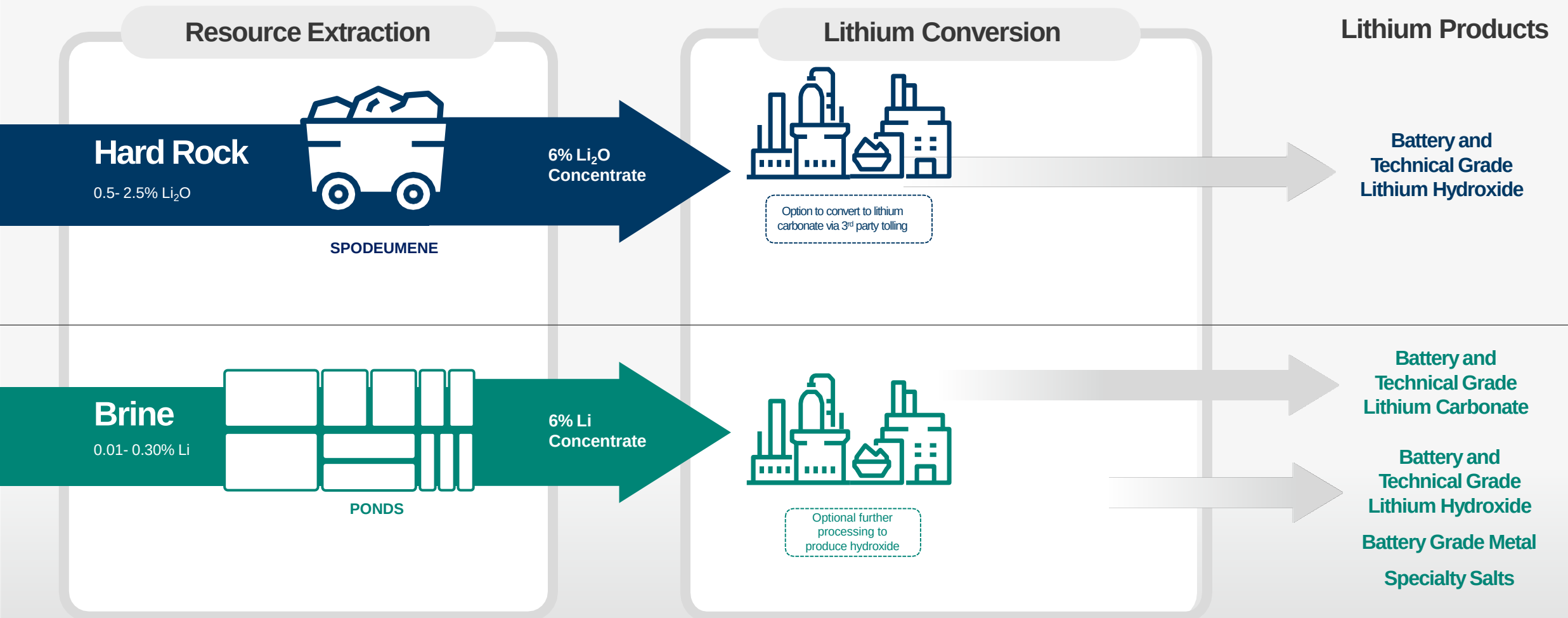
REDWOOD  
MATERIALS

ReCell  
ADVANCED  
BATTERY RECYCLING

BATTERY RESOURCE

Investment Required - TBD

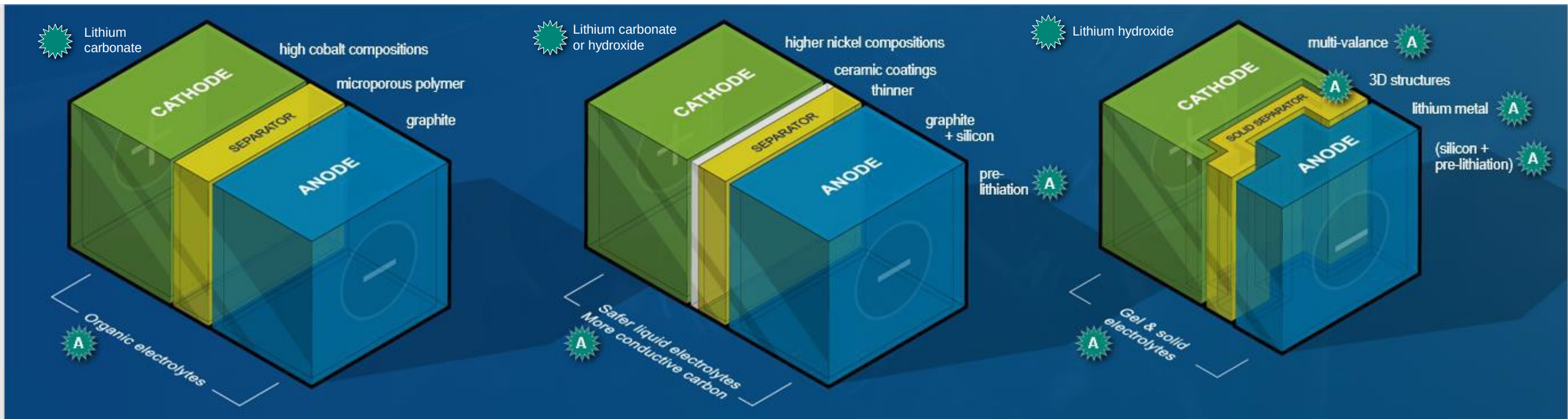
# PROCESSES FOR CONVENTIONAL RESOURCES EXTRACTION





# NOVEL MATERIALS TO ENABLE NEXT GENERATION BATTERY PERFORMANCE

| Legacy                                                                               | Advanced                                                                                                  | Next Generation                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Established Technologies in Use (Current)<br>e.g., LFP and higher cobalt chemistries | New Technologies in Commercialization (~2020-2025)<br>e.g., NMC 622, NMC811 and higher nickel chemistries | New Technologies in Development (2025+)<br>e.g., Li metal anode, solid-state |
| Low \$100's/kwh <sup>1</sup>                                                         | 20-40% improved energy density & improved costs <sup>1</sup>                                              | 2x energy density, ½ cost <sup>1</sup>                                       |



Improving safety, energy density, affordability, and charging speed to enable broad EV adoption

<sup>1</sup> Based on management estimates.