



Lithium Universe
LIMITED

PV SOLAR CELL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY





EXCITING OPPORTUNITY WHILE WE WAIT FOR LI MARKET TO RECOVER

- Achieved key areas of lithium business
- Completed Bécancour Lithium Refinery DFS
- Bécancour land option, supply partnerships etc.
- Finalizing spodumene offtake, then OEM Li Carbonate offtake
- Ready for a lithium price recovery - Counter-cyclical strategy
- Presented with exciting PV recycling opportunity
- Can add value while we wait for the lithium market to recover





PV SOLAR PANELS KEY TO TRANSITION

- Australian target of 82% renewable energy by 2030
- Target of 43 per cent reduction in carbon emissions
- PV solar panels key to energy transition
- Renewable electricity generation – quicker, cheapest
- Global PV market - US\$39.8 billion by 2037
- Growing at a CAGR of around 8.2%



AUSTRALIA - PV SOLAR PANELS

- 37% of Australian households - installed PV panels
- 4 million homes and small businesses
- In 2024, 12.4% of Aust electricity came from rooftop solar
- Forecast utility-scale PV to surpass 50 GW by 2030



THE PROBLEM TODAY

- Globally 60-78mt accumulated waste PV by 2050
- Australia 1 Mt end-of-life PV worth \$1B by 2045
- Only 15% of PV cells today are recycled
- Rest ends up in LAND FILL
- Valuable silicon, silver, gallium & indium



15%



SCRAPING VALUABLE SILVER

- About 20 grams of Silver – each PV panel
- Electrical contacts – flow of electricity
- “Fingers” (thin lines) and “busbars” (thicker lines)
- A\$36 of Silver in every panel

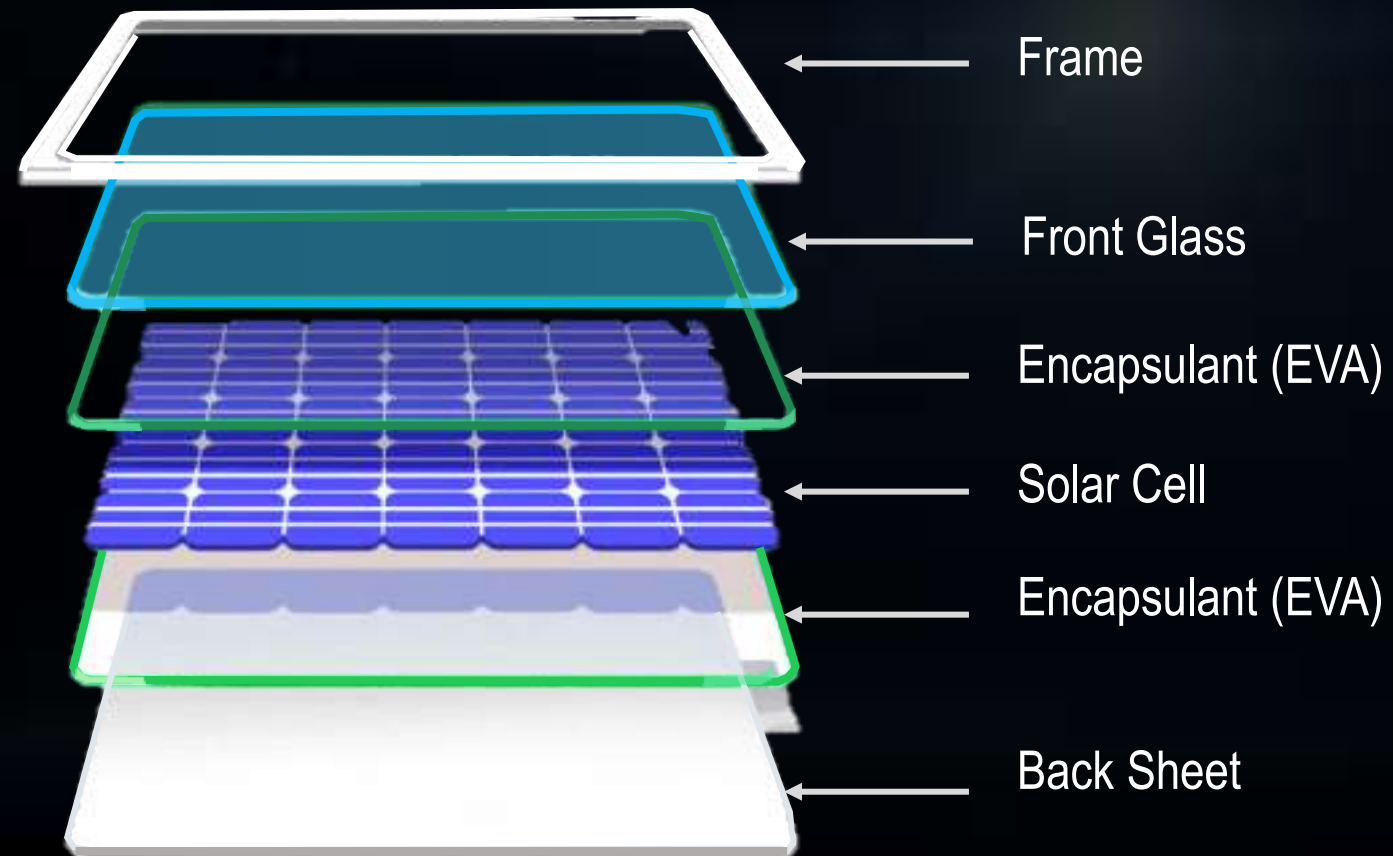


A low-angle shot of a vast solar farm with rows of blue photovoltaic panels stretching towards the horizon. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. A semi-transparent dark rectangle is centered over the middle of the image, containing white text.

“Australia is about to be hit by a Tsunami of Solar Waste”

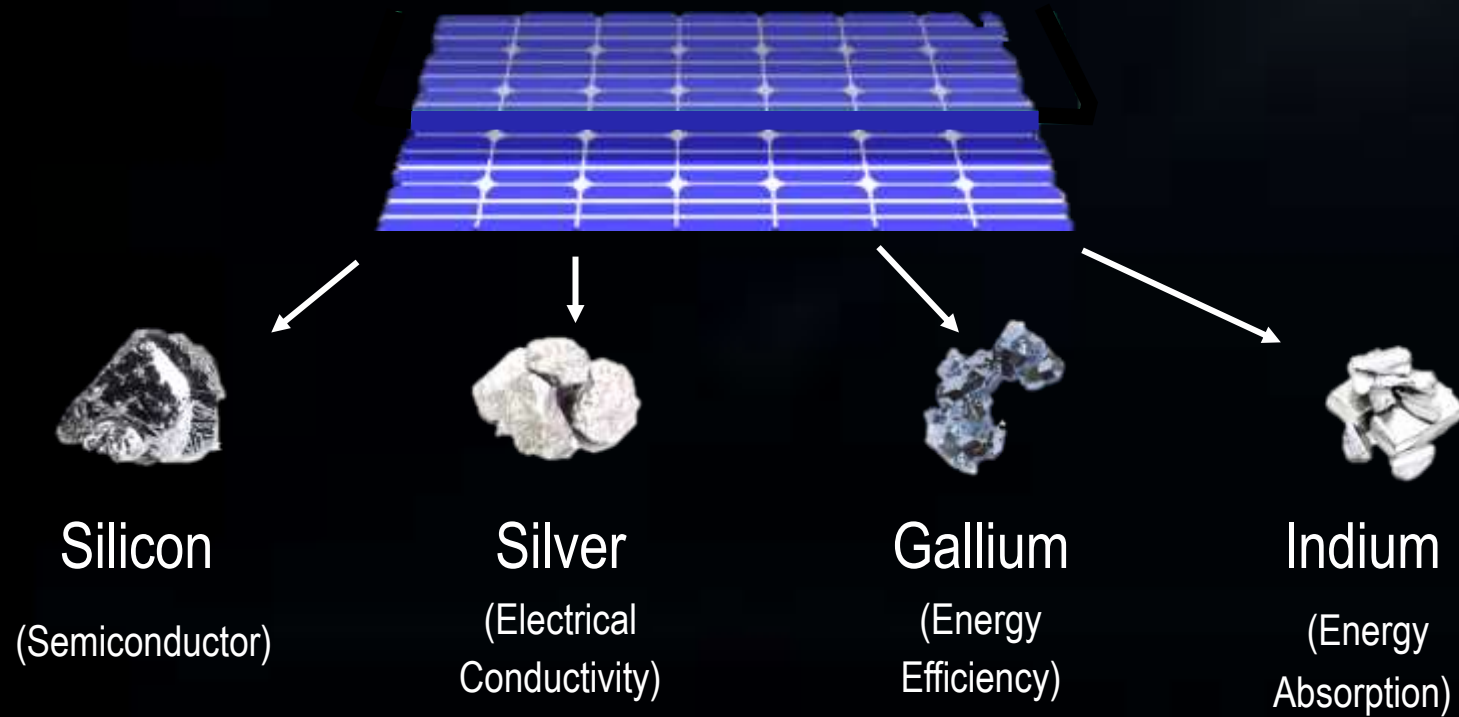
(International Energy Agency)

PV SOLAR CELL





CRITICAL METALS LOST FROM INEFFICIENT RECYCLING



A large array of solar panels is shown from a low angle, looking up towards the sky. The panels are dark blue with a grid of silver lines. They are mounted on a structure that makes them tilt towards the sun. The sky is a vibrant blue, filled with large, fluffy white clouds. The sun is partially visible, creating a bright lens flare effect that streaks across the panels and the sky.

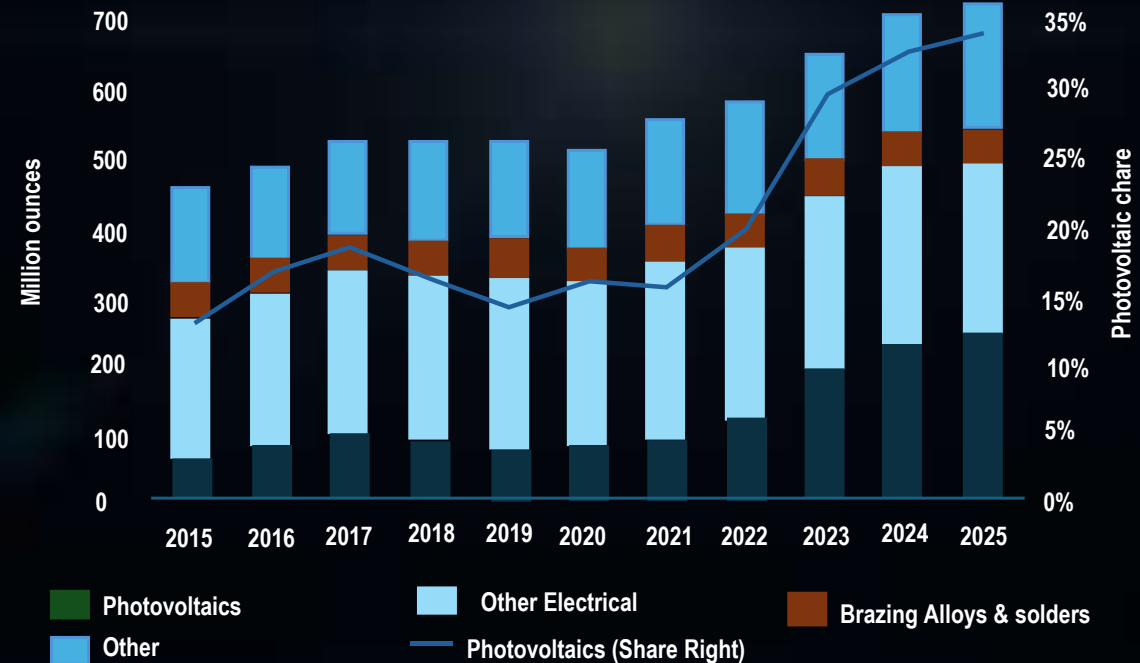
**In Fact, the Silver that's contained inside Solar
Modules equates to in its totality, Australia's Biggest
Silver Mine"**

(Australia Smart Energy Council)



SILVER MARKET

- Record demand 680 million ounces in 2024
- Industrial demand surged by 7%
- Growth is expected to carry beyond 2025
- Photovoltaics and AI as the fastest-growing drivers



Source: Metals Focus, Wisdom Tree, January 2025 Electrical



SILVER MARKET

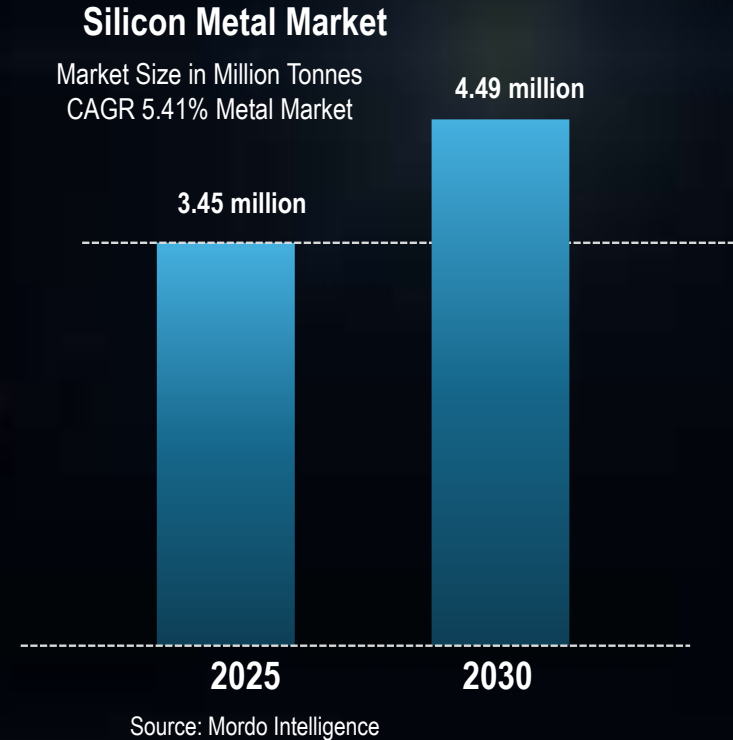
- Demand has started to outstrip supply
- Market deficit 118 mil oz
- Significant silver price increase
- US\$15/oz in 2018 to US\$38/oz 2025
- 153% increase since 2018
- Silver recovery from recycling will become increasingly important





SILICON MARKET

- 3.45 million tonnes in 2025
- 4.49 million tonnes by 2030 growing at CAGR 5.41% pa
- Solar panels projected highest growth rate of 7% til 2029
- Silicon dominance in semi-conductor material in solar cells





TRADITIONAL PV RECYCLING

- Shredding and grinding PV cells
- EVA (binder) is removed by high temperatures
- EVA removed by toxic acid chemicals
- Low value glass applications – insulation, buildings
- Low **silicon and silver recovery**
- Due to complexity, high cost, poor yields



Initial
Dismantling



Mechanical
Breakdown

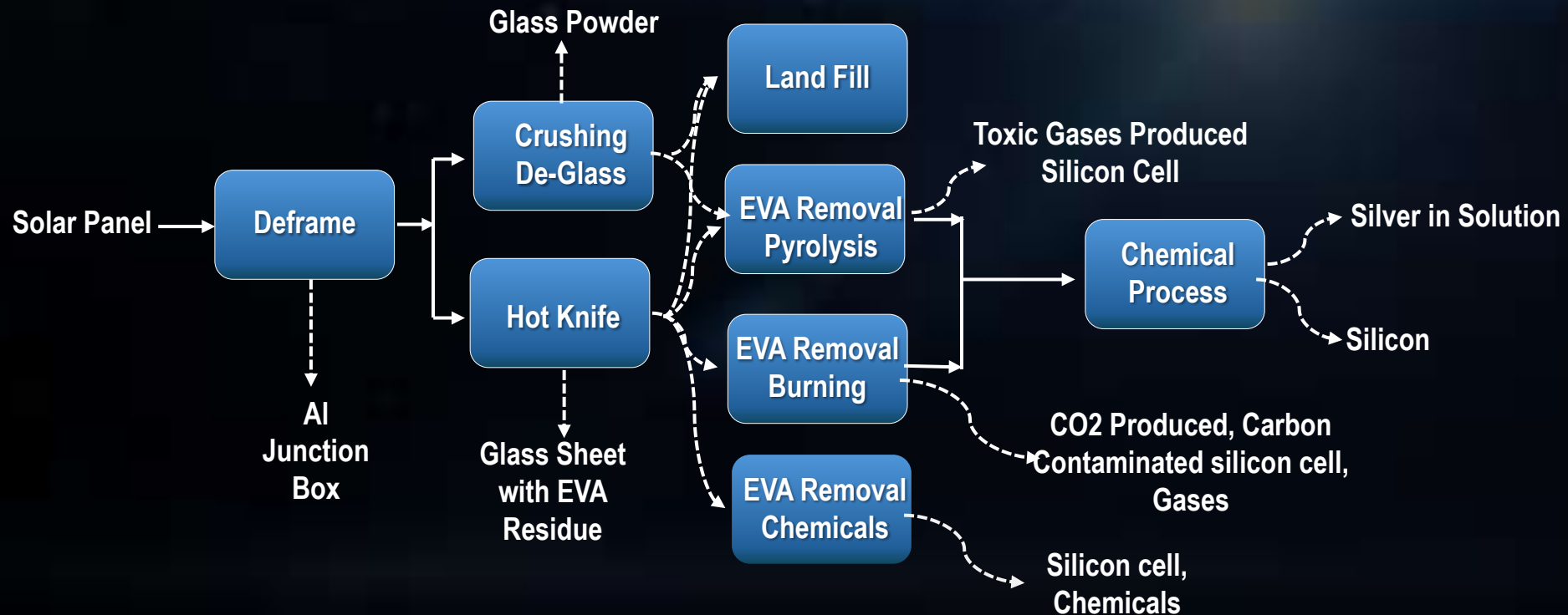


Material
Extraction



TRADITIONAL PV RECYCLING

END WITH FINE UN-USEABLE POWDER





LU7 PV RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY

- Acquired global rights from Macquarie University
- Photovoltaic (PV) solar panel recycling technology
 - 1) Microwave Joule Heating Technology (MJHT)
 - 2) Jet Electrochemical Silver Extraction (JESE)
- Layer by layer separation
- Preserves materials in cleaner separable form
- High value products instead of waste



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AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY

- Led by Dr. Binesh Puthen Veettil (School of Engineering)
- School of Photovoltaics at UNSW and the Australian Centre for Advanced Photovoltaics
- Patent registered and pending
- License agreement with LU7

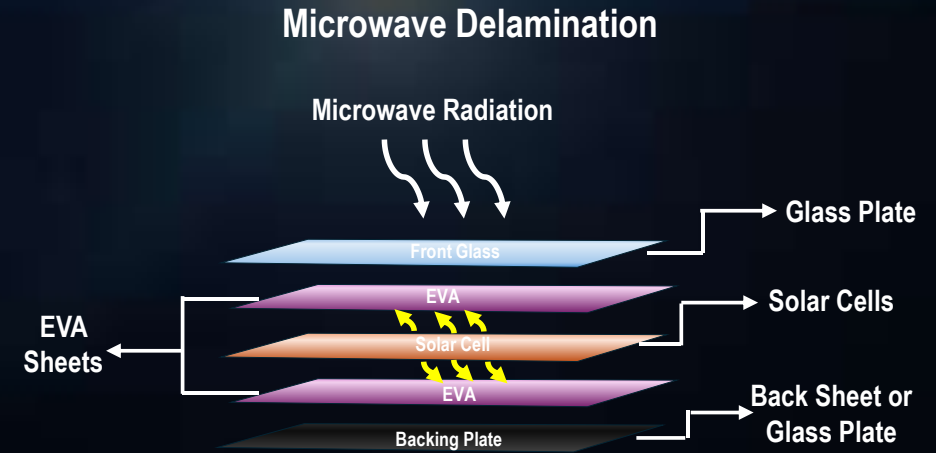


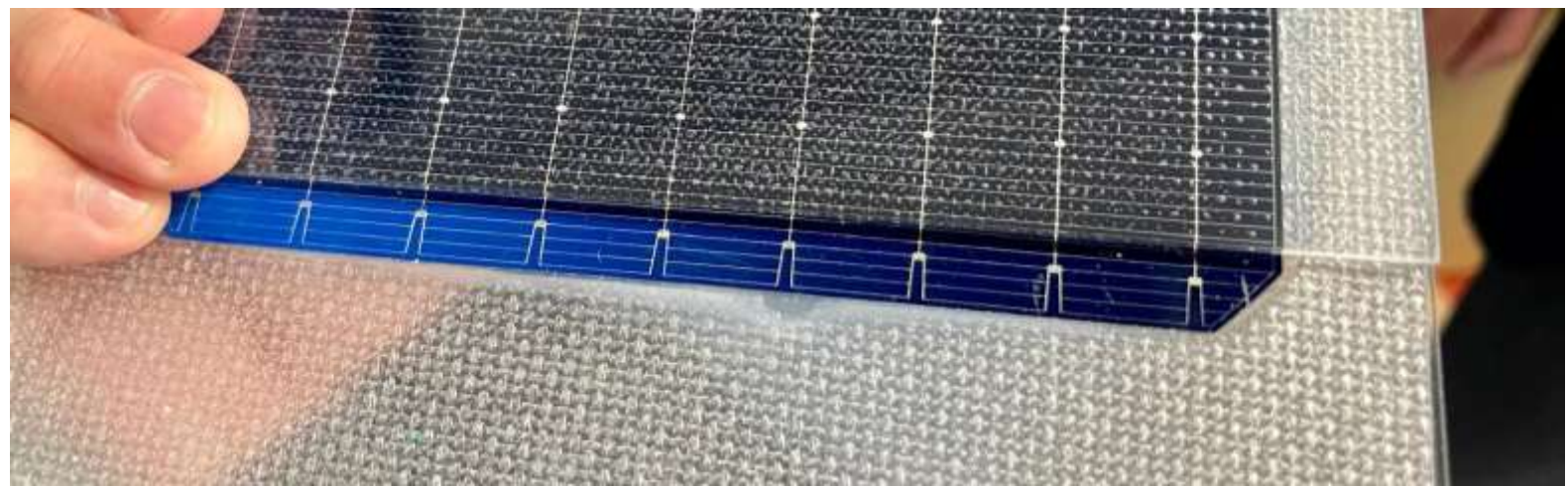
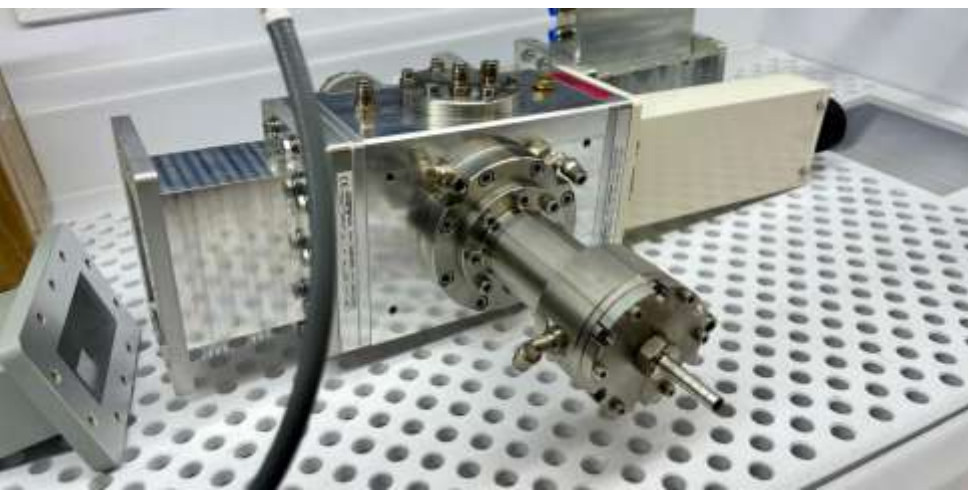
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MICROWAVE DELAMINATION

- Utilizes Microwave Technology
- Selectively heat and delaminates PV cells
- Layer by layer separation
- Preserves materials in cleaner separable form
- High value products instead of waste



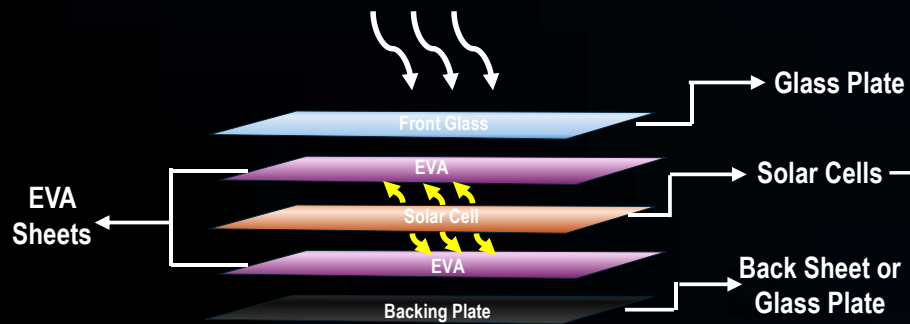




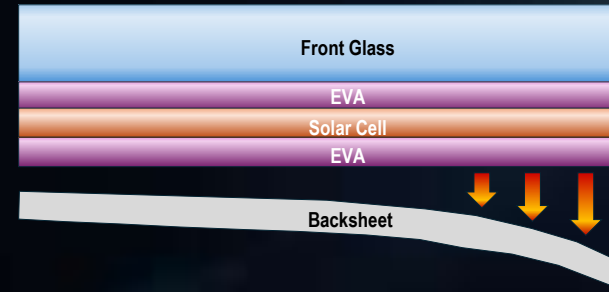
MJHT SELECTIVE DELAMINATION

Microwave Delamination

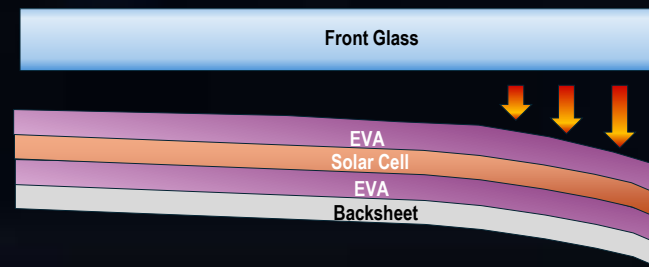
Microwave Radiation



Back Sheet Delamination



Front Glass Delamination



Clean Glass Sheet to be Reused

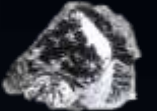
Front Glass

Silicon Wafer

Silicon Wafer for Silver Extraction & Silicon Recycling



Silver
(High Purity)



Silicon
(High Purity)

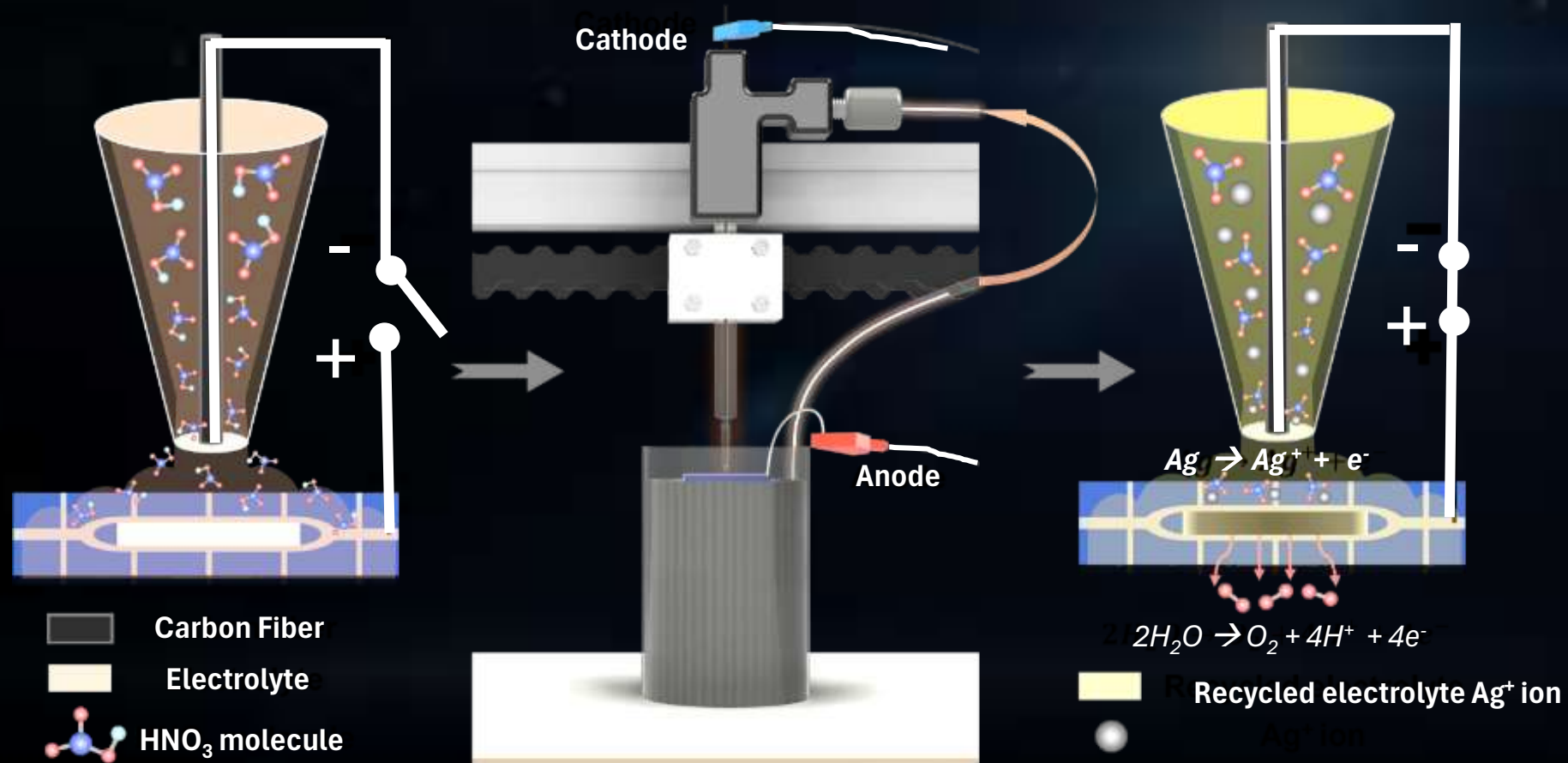


SILVER EXTRACTION TECHNOLOGY

- Silver Extraction (JESE) Technology
- JESE uses electrochemical low-voltage jet to selectively extract silver
- Anodic oxidation of silver - dissolves into dilute nitric acid electrolyte
- Leaves aluminum and other impurities
- High purity silver metal recovered from electrolyte via electrochemical deposition
- Process preserves silicon wafers which minimises contamination for silicon recycling
- High-purity silicon is critical for semiconductor manufacturing

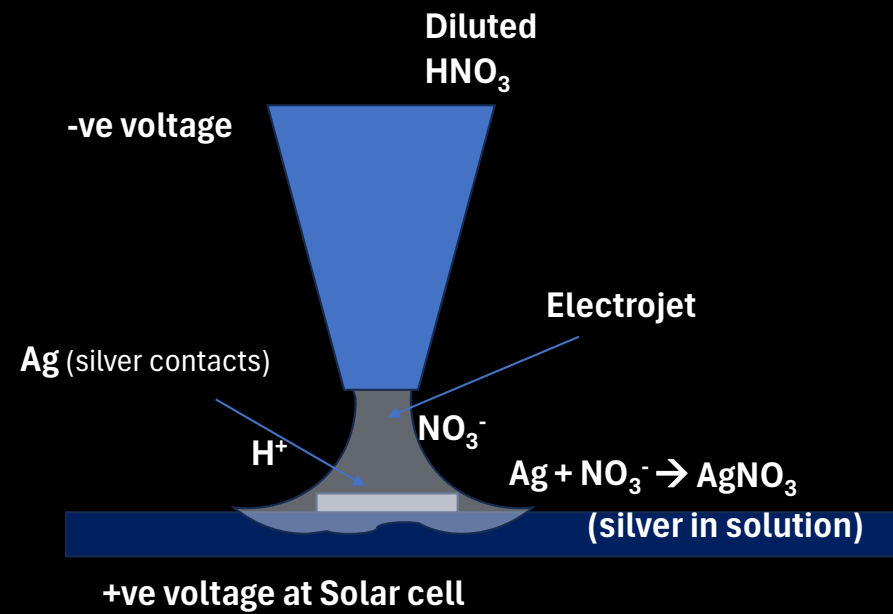


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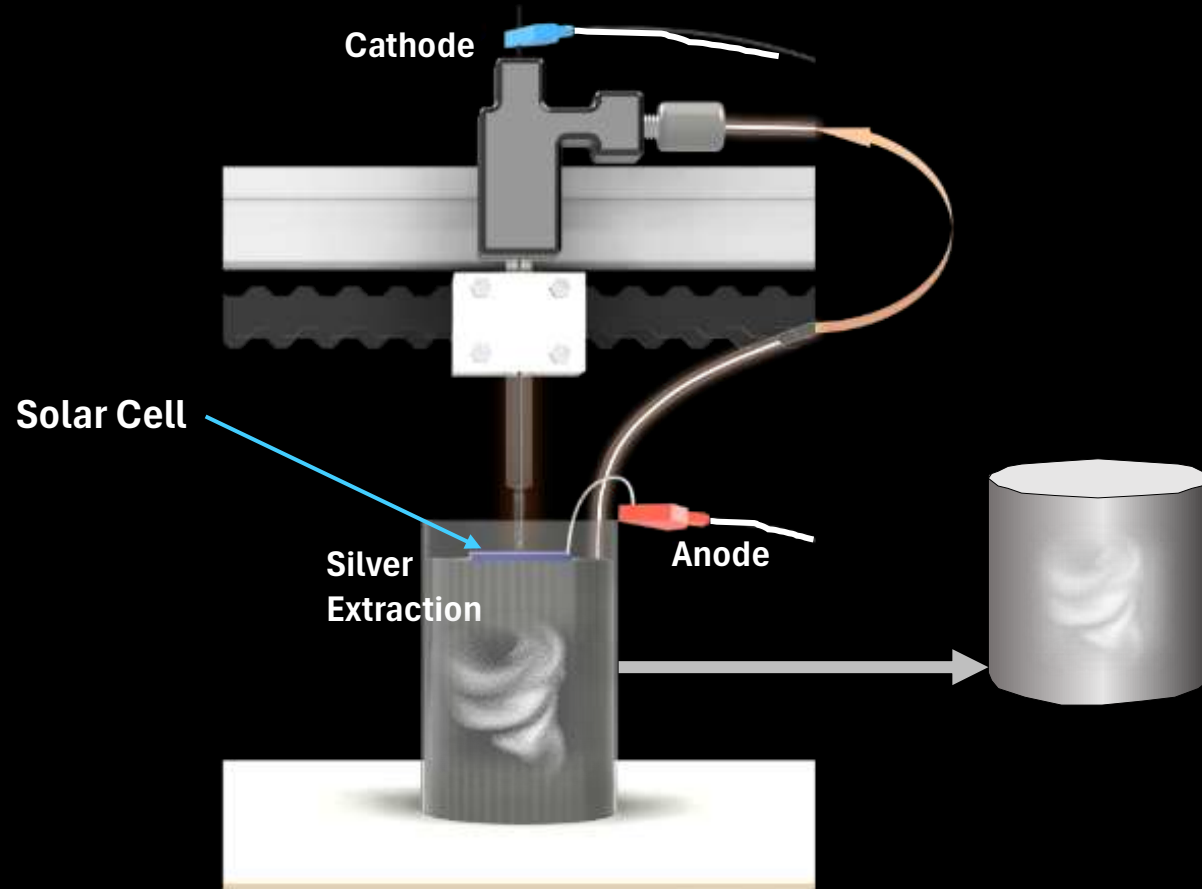


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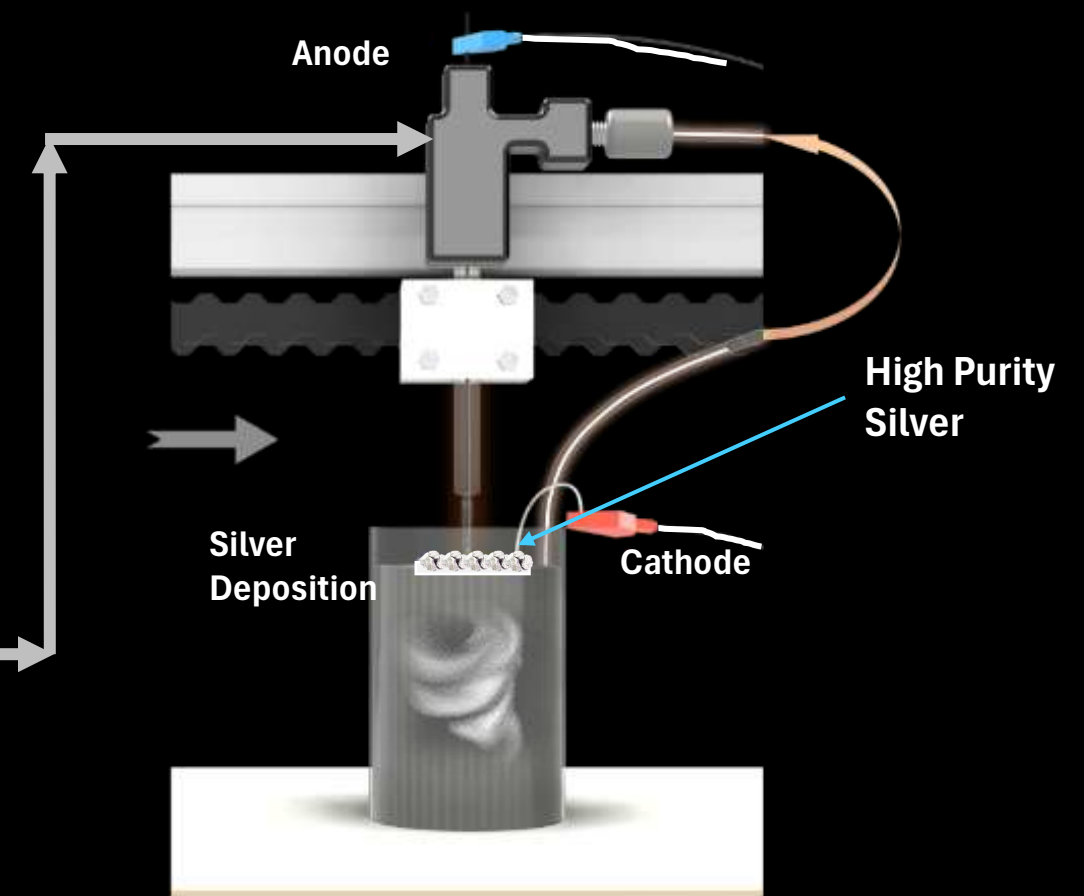




SILVER EXTRACTION



SILVER DEPOSITION



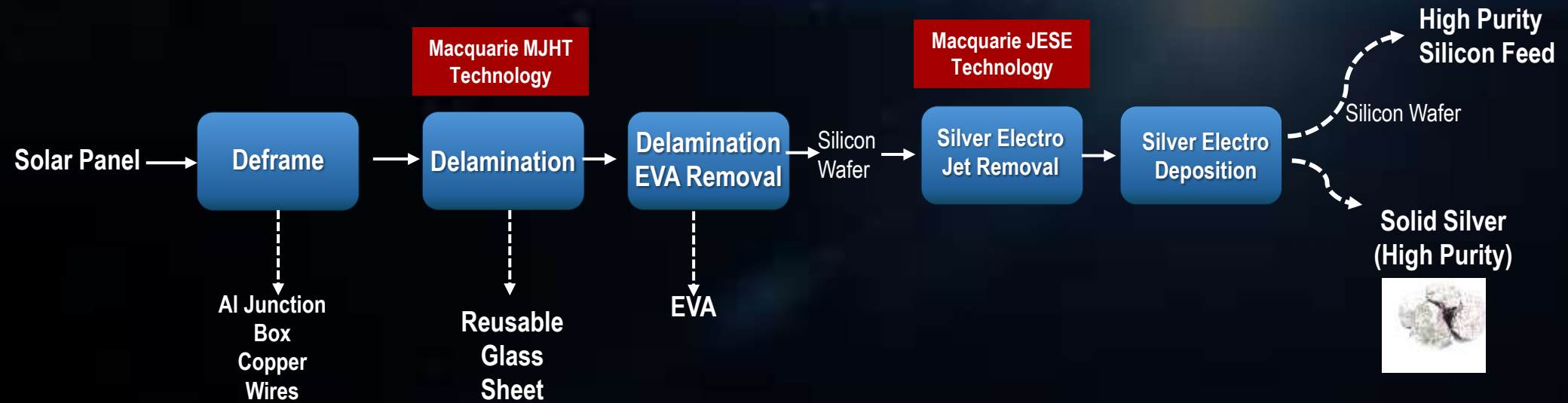


ADVANTAGES OF TECHNOLOGY

- Silver removal leaves impurities – adjust voltage
- Silver deposited at the same process
- Recoveries better than 95%
- High purity of silver deposited
- Dopants can be cleaned off silicon wafer
- Silicon wafer high purity for direct reuse
- All high value separate products



RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY





PROCESS STEPS

- Remove the aluminum frame
- Remove copper wires and connectors
- PV cell in Microwave Heating
- Softens the ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) encapsulant
- Separates glass from EVA / Si wafer / back sheet
- Separates Si wafer from back sheet
- Silver extraction process
- Resulting silicon wafer is buffed to remove dopants
- Silicon wafer is high purity → feed directly wafer manufacturers



ADVANTAGES OF TECHNOLOGY

- Negates the fine unusable powder – conventional recycling
- Layer by layer separation
- Preserves material in cleaner separable form
- Low energy heating – Microwave Technology
- Glass sheet can be reused to make PV cells again
- Glass, Silver, Silicon – all at high purity
- Higher recoveries, less waste
- 3-4 times Value Recovery



PV RECYCLING GROWTH FUTURE

The need for PV recycling is Compelling

TECHNOLOGY IS KEY

Macquarie Microwave Heating Delamination Technology

CHEMICAL EXPERTISE

LU7 Team has Chemical Experience to develop Technology



INVESTOR HIGHLIGHTS



CLOSING THE LITHIUM CONVERSION GAP



THE LITHIUM CONVERSION GAP

MINE SUPPLY

+40 companies Quebec
>500Mt +1% Li_2O resource
Canada, Brazil, Africa

No current lithium converters
Only 100 Ktpa planned
No lithium refining experience

DEMAND

+20 battery manufacturers
1,000GW by 2028
850,000t LCE per year



PROBLEMS FILLING THE GAP

- Many failures, technical difficulties
- Existing Lithium producers
- Relative young industry
- Complex chemical business



Experienced Operators



Proven Technology



CHALLENGES WITH LITHIUM CONVERSION PLANTS TODAY



FAILED CANADIAN Li PROJECTS



North American Lithium

- Shutdown 2015
- Spent circa CAD 250m
- Produced 109 t LC



Nemaska Lithium

- DFS completed 2018
- Spent CAD 411 m
- Failed to start up 2019

THE COMPETITION



TROUBLED LiOH PLANTS



Tianqi Kwinana LiOH

- 8 Years so far
- Capital Cost Blowout
- > A\$1 billion
- Care and Maintenance



Albemarle Kemerton LiOH

- 5 years so far
- Still <20% of design rate
- Shut trains 2,3,4
- Write down US\$1.5 billion



Alkaline Pressure Leach

- New Technology
- Unproven
- 1995 Greenbushes 5Ktpa
- Failed due to scaling

THE COMPETITION



WHY HAVE THESE PROJECTS FAILED?

- Nearly all the expertise is in China
- Lack of operating supervision – design
- Cultural transfer a problem
- Chinese batch → Western continuous

Our Lithium Dream Team are Operators



DESIGN



THE LITHIUM DREAM TEAM



Terry Stark
Head of Mining
Ex Galaxy GM Operations



Roger Pover
Head of Processing
Ex Galaxy Plant Manager



John Loxton
Head of Li Refinery
Ex Hatch Li Carb Plant



John Sobolewski
Chief Financial Officer
Ex Galaxy CFO & Co Sec

HATCH





DREAM TEAM TRACK RECORD

Jiangsu Li Carbonate Plant



- Capital Cost – US\$120 m
- At design rate 20,000 tpa
- Highest quality LC worldwide



Jiangsu Lithium Carbonate Plant





CLOSING THE LITHIUM CONVERSION GAP



MINERAL SUPPLY

AMERICA

CANADA

GREENLAND
(DENMARK)

RUSSIA

PROCESSING

CHINA

UNITED STATES

BATTERY D

CHINA

INDIA

MEXICO

BRAZIL

AUSTRALIA



CLOSING THE LITHIUM GAP

BÉCANCOUR LITHIUM REFINERY

- Replicate the success at Jiangsu
- 18,270 tpa green BG lithium carbonate plant
- Bécancour, Quebec's Battery Hub
- Same flow sheet, same equipment, same suppliers

HATCH



THE LITHIUM REFINERY

BECANCOUR LITHIUM REFINERY

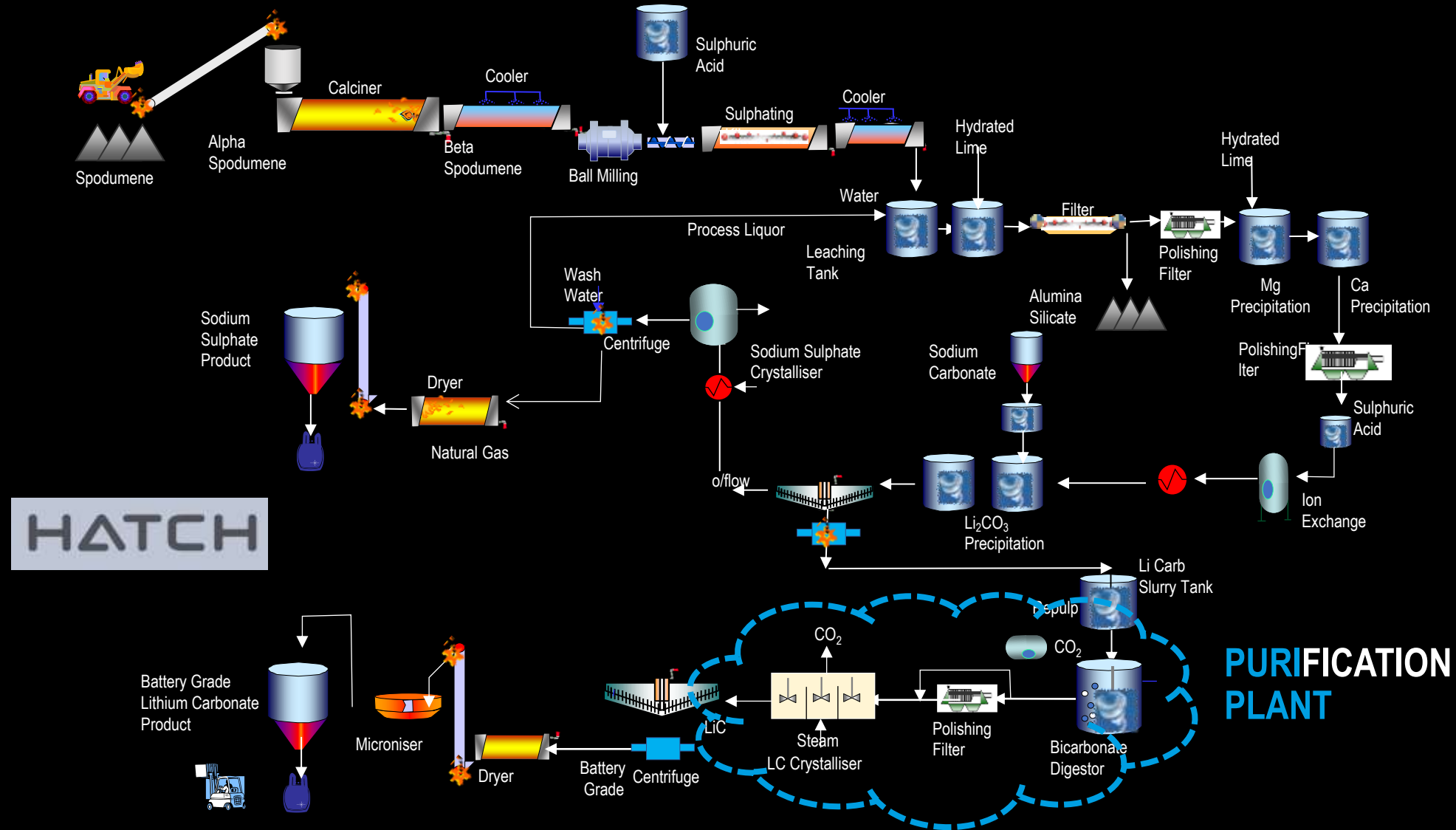


GOOD LOCATION



THE LITHIUM REFINERY

LITHIUM REFINERY FLOW SHEET





BECAINCOUR LITHIUM REFINERY





ROBUST PROCESS

- Refinery to process all types of spodumene
- Sampled - international sources of spodumene
- Imports while Canadian Li industry develops
- Achieve battery grade specs 99.5% Li_2CO_3

1. LU7 ASX Announcement 30 Sept 24 – “Strong Preliminary Feasibility for Becancour Lithium Refinery”

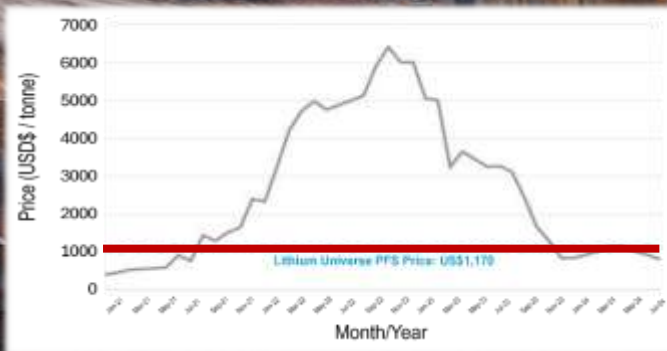
THE **LITHIUM** REFINERY





CLOSING THE LITHIUM GAP

BÉCANCOUR LITHIUM DFS



- SC6 US\$1,170/t LC \$20,970
- Capex US\$ 549 million
- NPV8 US\$ 718 million
- IRR 21% Payback 3.9 years
- EBITDA US\$ 148 million



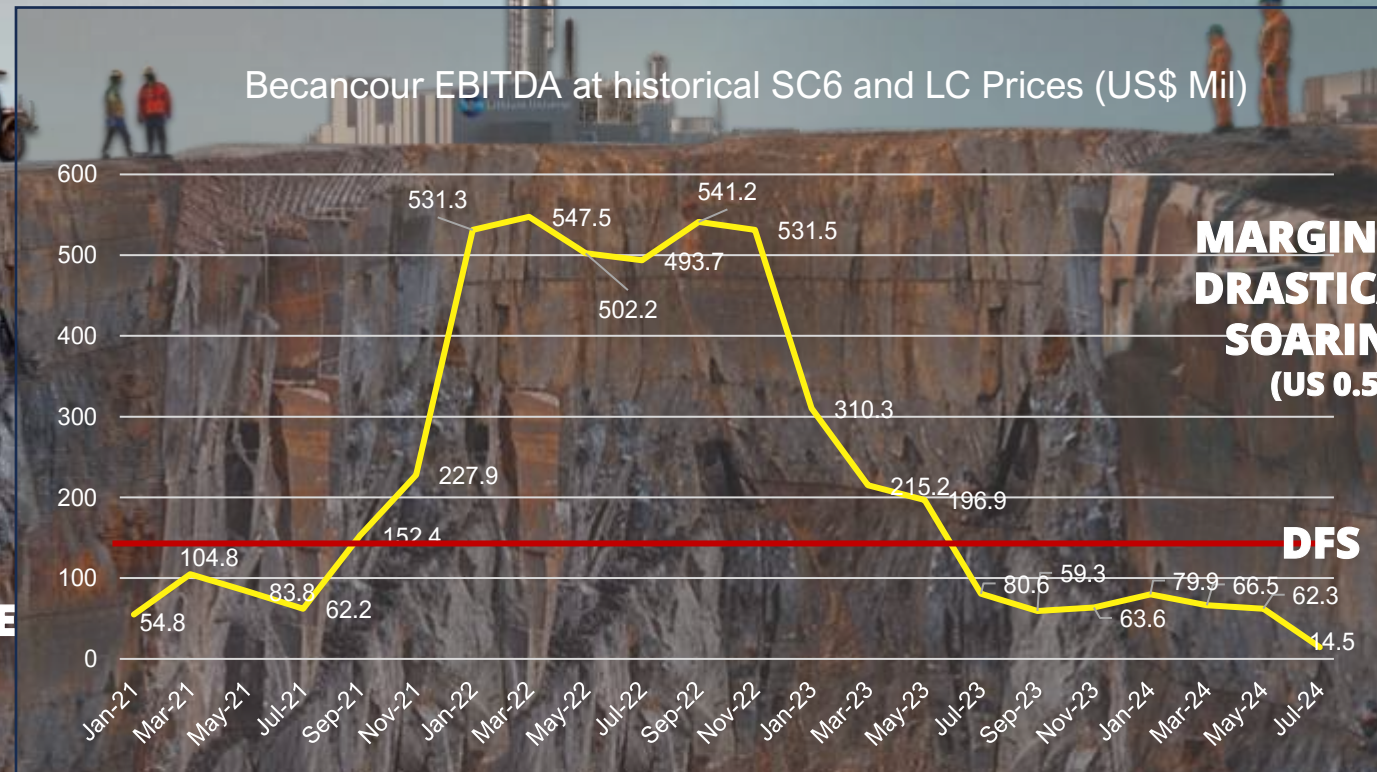


CLOSING THE **LITHIUM GAP**

MARGINS OF A REFINERY

BÉCANCOUR EBITDA AT HISTORICAL SC6 & LC PRICES

**EVEN AT LOW PRICES
THE EBITDA IS POSITIVE**



**MARGIN IMPROVES
DRASTICALLY WITH
SOARING PRICES
(US 0.5B EBITDA)**

DFS



CLOSING THE **LITHIUM GAP**

MARGINS OF A REFINERY

TIANQI GREENBUSHES & REFINERY

TIANQI ANNUAL REPORT EXCERPT

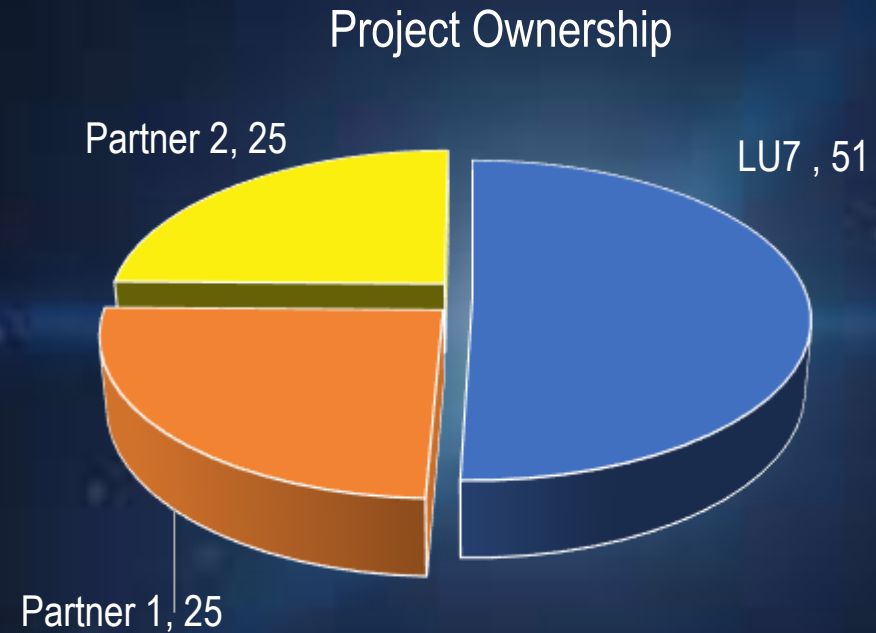
	Gross Margin 2021	Gross Margin 2022
Lithium Concentrates	62.0%	83.9%
Lithium Compounds	61.5%	85.7%

**MARGINS ARE SHARED
WITH REFINING**



FUNDING STRATEGY

- Sell 49% project to 1-2 strategic partners
- Target OEM with final LC offtake
- Equity from sale injected to project
- Debt and Equity of 50/50
- Appointment of debt adviser
- Discussions with various banks





THE BIG WHY's

WHY?

- build a plant – low price environment?
- build a plant - others closing theirs?
- can you compete with China?
- lithium carbonate not hydroxide?





COUNTER CYCLICAL STRATEGY

Why build a plant in a depressed-price environment?

- Been through 3-4 lithium cycles
- Prices have and will always recover
- Li demand from EVs and BESS growth strong
- Develop a project ready for price recovery

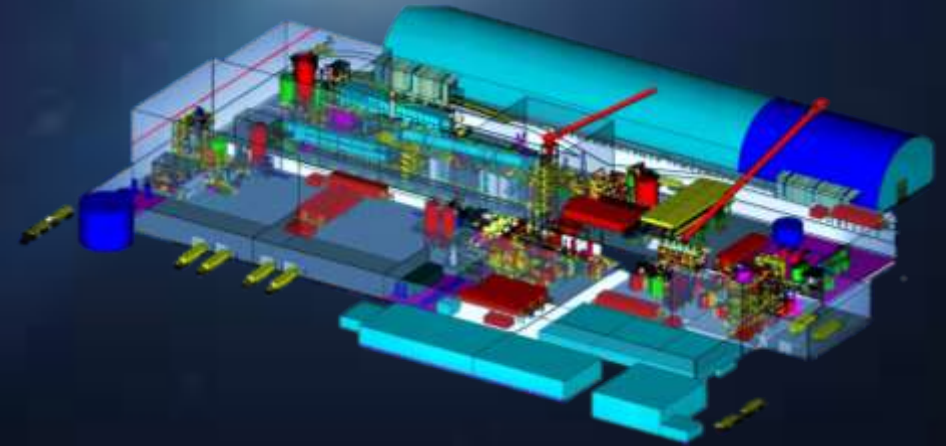




NEW CAPACITY IS REQUIRED

Why build a plant when others are closing theirs?

- Higher costs operations being closed
- Operations not performing, shutting down
- New efficient capacity is required for the growth
- World needs non-Chinese conversion
- Build “off the shelf” conversion that works

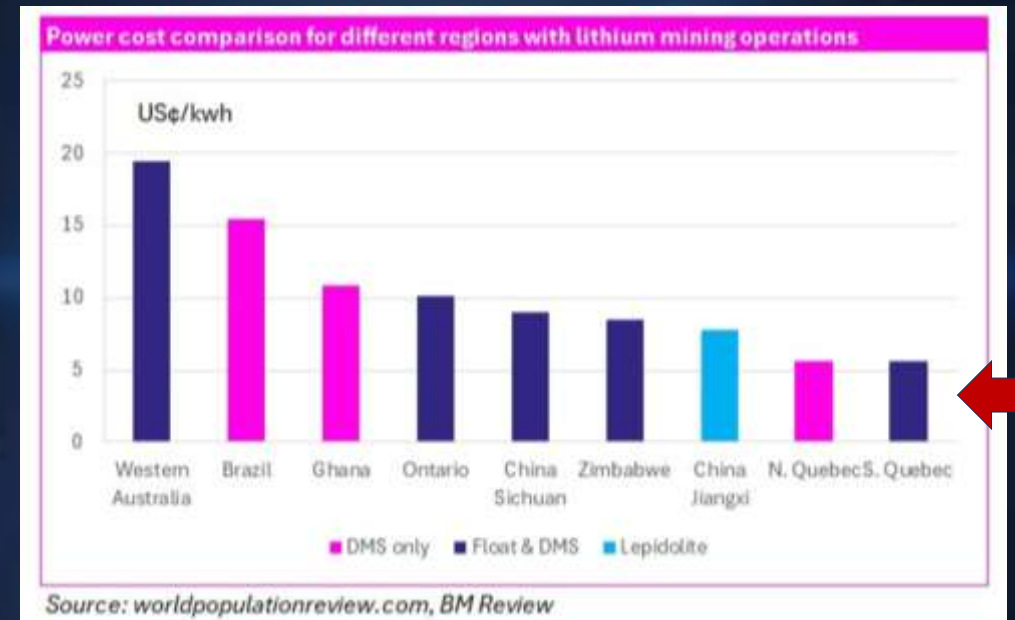




QUEBEC LITHIUM CONVERSION

Why can you compete with China?

- Access to Cheap Green Power
- Nearby feedstock - Canada, Brazil and Africa
- Decrease in transport costs of spodumene
- End market North America



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RECOVERY NOT IF BUT WHEN



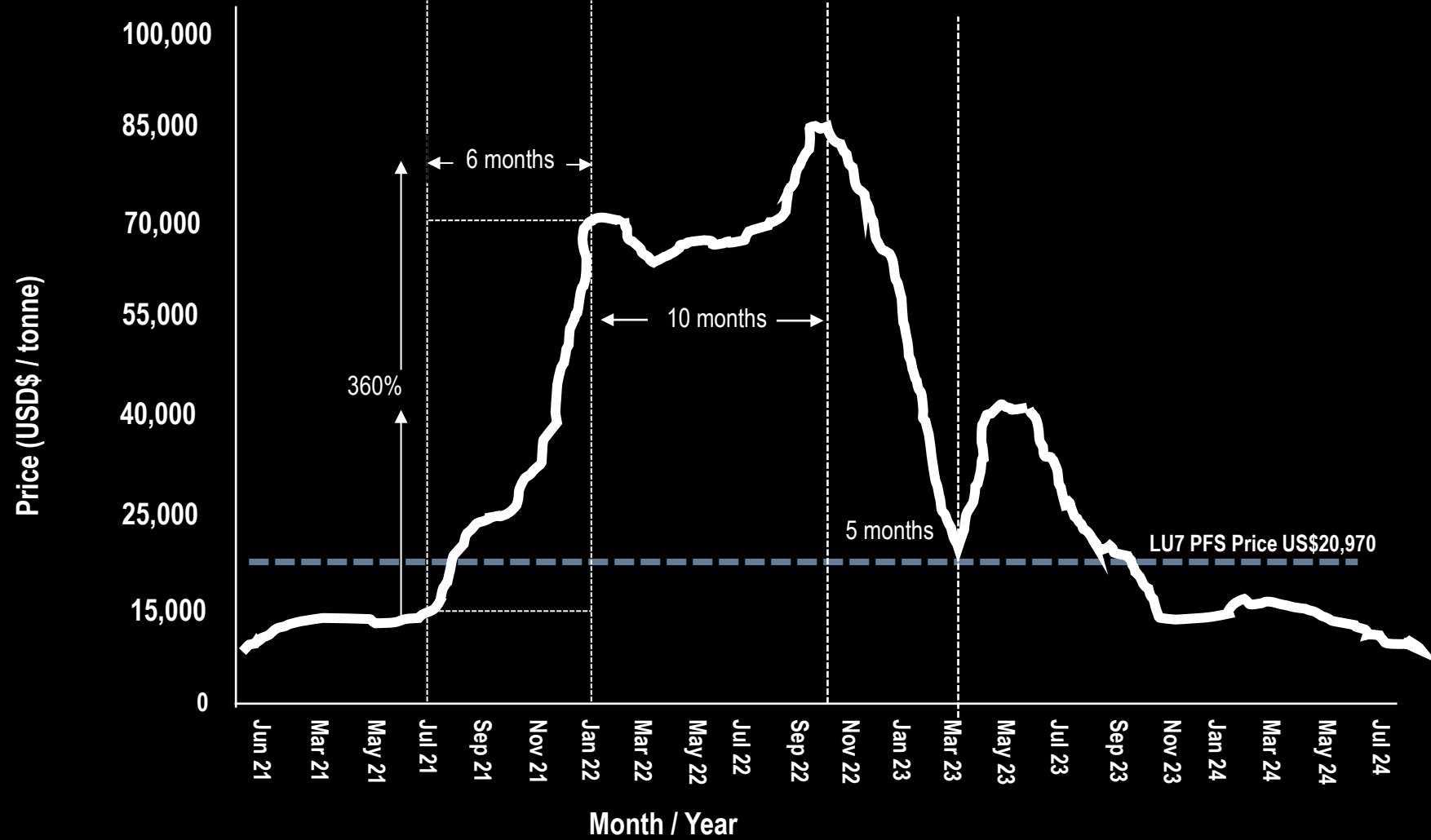
DOUBLE WHAMMY

- Impact of supply reduction under-estimated
- Dramatic reduction 17%, 21% next year
- Delayed project development (low prices)
- Demand is severely under-estimated
- Focus on EV's only, BESS dark horse
- 1.8 TWh of batteries - 600 GWh solar plants



PRICES WILL RECOVER QUICKER THAN EXPECTED

LITHIUM CARBONATE PRICE



LU7 LITHIUM STRATEGY

LITHIUM CARBONATE

Lithium feedstock of choice

- LFP batteries technology got better
- Range and performance improved
- Much safer and cheaper
- Li Carb feed for LFP lithium batteries
- Majority of EVs have switched to LFP batteries
- BESS batteries are all LFP batteries
- LFP 67% of EVs, 87% of BESS

LU7 LITHIUM STRATEGY



PROJECT ADVANCEMENTS

- Application 22.5 MW electricity, Hydro Quebec
- Environmental survey – no showstoppers
- Co-operation with W8banaki First Nation
- Previous farm land
- Permitting should be straight forward

THE LITHIUM REFINERY





PROJECT MOU'S

- Exclusive supply alumina silicate to Lafarge
- Canada's largest cement producer
- Supply of sodium sulphate to Africa
- MOU with Polytechnique for training



THE LITHIUM REFINERY



LITHIUM DREAM TEAM

Proven Lithium Track Record

PROVEN TECHNOLOGY

Derisking Lithium Conversion Technology

BÉCANCOUR LITHIUM REFINERY

Competitive & Closing the Conversion Gap



INVESTOR HIGHLIGHTS



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