

As **battery demand** shifts towards **high energy** cathodes, the limitations of graphite require **silicon** additives to achieve high energy density.

In fact, silicon based anode materials are being introduced by more and more companies.

NIO & GAC announce "inorganic pre-lithiated silicon carbon negative electrode technology"

Carbon-coated **silicon oxide (SiO_x/C)** & **silicon-carbon (Si/C)** particles are by far the most commercially **successful** graphite composite materials.

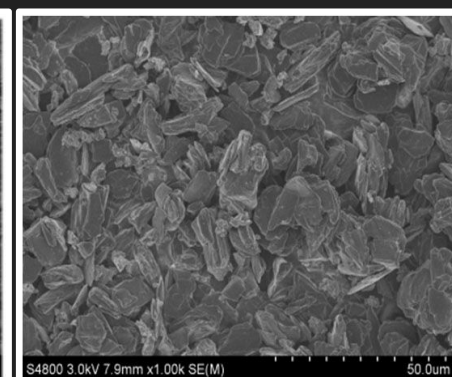
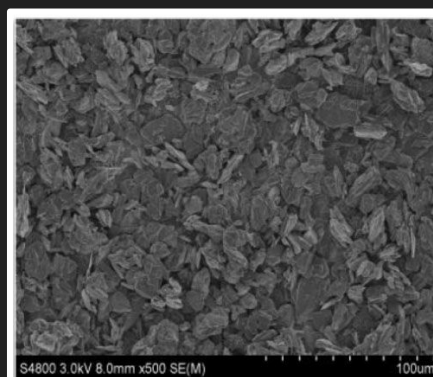
The degree of difficulty at maintaining battery performance increases as **silicon content increases** from Si < 10% Tesla/Panasonic to 30% academic research.

Pure silicon anodes still been a number of years away.

Graphite > \$7k USD/ton
Silicon battery materials > \$20k USD/ton

LG chem [SiOx](#)

| Graphite Composites | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Carbon Coated Silicon | Carbon coated SiOx |
| High Capacity 400-600mAh/g@0.1C | High Capacity 420-500mAh/g@0.1C |
| 1st Efficiency 84-90% | 1st Efficiency 90-92.5% |
| High rate | Lower expansion |
| Cycle Life <1000 | Cycle Life >1000 |
| | Lower expansion |



Road to > 300Wh/kg is paved with little bits of Silicon

CATL: High Nickel cathode combined with silicon carbon anode with specific energy ≥304Wh/kg.

Lishen High Nickel cathode combined with silicon carbon anode with specific energy ≥303Wh/kg.

Guoxuan Hi-Tech: High nickel cathode (Ni₈₀-Ni₉₀) combined with silicon carbon anode with specific energy ≥300Wh/kg.

China Suppliers

Other Suppliers

Material Country



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| SILA | Si/C | USA |
| GROUP14 | Si/C | USA |
| BTR | Si/C | China |
| UPI | Si/C | S.Korea |



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| DAEJOO | SiOx/C | S.Korea |
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| ShinEtsu | SiOx/C | Japan |
| OTC OSAKA Titanium | SiOx/C | Japan |
| BTR | SiOx/C | China |