# **Turning CO<sub>2</sub> into Critical Materials:**

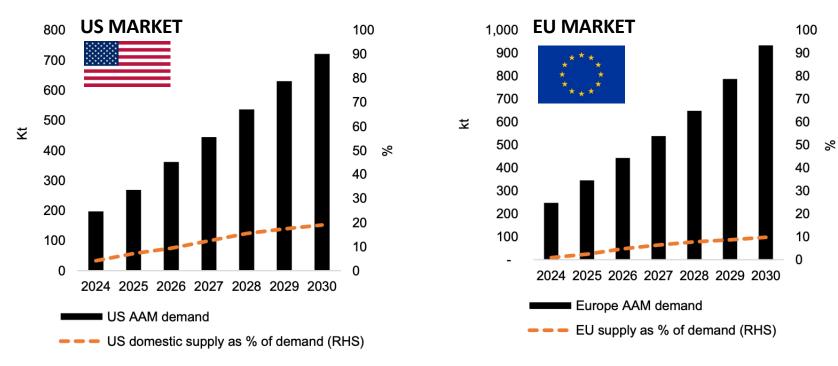
Local, Green Carbon for Tomorrow's Supply Chains

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#### **Global Problem**

## **Every EV requires Graphite – local demand vs local supply**



Source: Benchmark Minerals

# TOTAL DEMAND OF DOMESTIC MARKETS ONLY MET BY 10-20% OF DOMESTIC SUPPLY



#### **CHALLENGE #1: SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY**

#### The EU does not produce graphite

The EU, the US, Japan and Korea have declared graphite as a critical raw material.

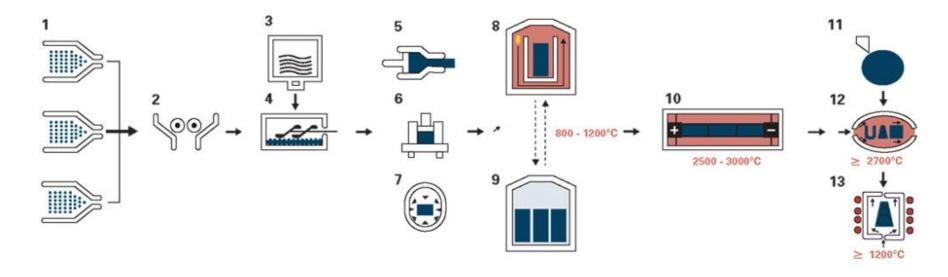
China curbed graphite exports from 1st of December 2023.

77% of the global graphite need comes from China.



#### **CHALLENGE #2: CARBON EMISSIONS**

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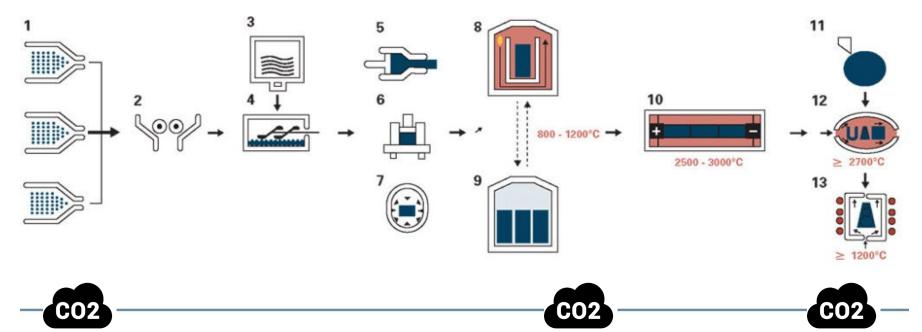
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### **CHALLENGE #2: CARBON EMISSIONS**

Conventional Graphite and Nanotube production methods emit large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>

**GRAPHITE** 

million tons of annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2030

**MWCNTs** 

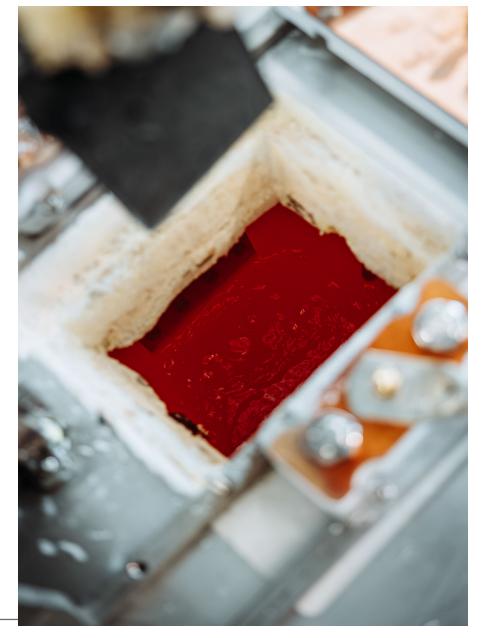
#### UP Catalyst: Turning CO₂ into Critical Materials

Split CO<sub>2</sub> molecule into oxygen and carbon

$$CO_2 \longrightarrow C + O_2$$

At the lowest temperatures

Low Energy — Lowest Cost

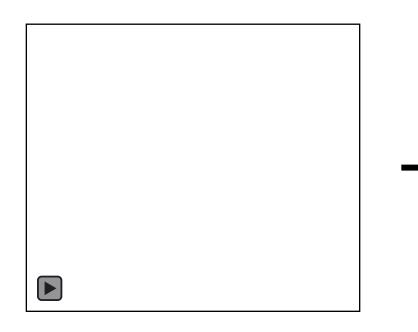




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Renewable electricity

CO<sub>2</sub> emission from hard-toabate industries



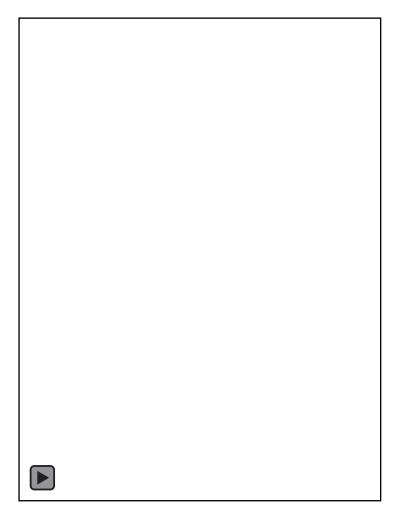
**Sustainable Graphite** 

**Sustainable MWCNTs** 

## **SCALABLE TECHNOLOGY**

#### Known technology and already applied in

- Aluminium
- Magnesium



Scalable reactor design

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Molten salt electrolysis: Known and already applied in

- Aluminium
- Magnesium

**Deployable Pilot Reactor** 



## OUR IMPACT: Localized supply chain of sustainable raw materials

GRAPHITE		CO <sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS PER TON OF MATERIAL	FEEDSTOCK	
	Benchmark, synthetic	20 tons Fossil		
MWCNTs		0.07 ton	CO <sub>2</sub>	
	Benchmark, CVD method	170 tons	Fossil	
		0.7 ton	CO <sub>2</sub>	



#### **Emission Avoidance**

# **Emission avoidance through CO<sub>2</sub> utilisation**

Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per ton of material produced

Synthetic Graphite 25-50 t

Natural Graphite
10-15 t\*

Graphite 0.07 t\*\*

\*Carrère, et. al, (2024). https://doi.org/10.1016/j.est.2024.112356

\*\*LCA validated by Research Institutes of Sweden (RISE) and Bureau Veritas (2024)



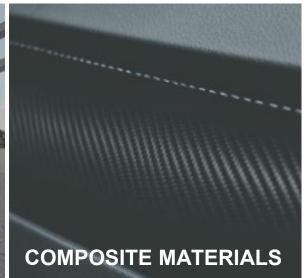
## **OUTLOOK: MARKET OPPORTUNITY**

Market opportunity is larger than for battery applications alone











# Leading the world to renewable carbon