

# MATERIALS SCIENCE AND MATERIALS CHEMISTRY CHALLENGES FOR LARGE SCALE ELECTROCHEMICAL ENERGY STORAGE

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# Summary of New Scientific Opportunities in Related to Storage

## Low-Cost Materials & Chemistry

Beyond Lithium  
Rechargeable Air Systems  
Surfaces and Reactions

## Minimize Need for Storage

Better Modeling, Simulation  
and Control Algorithms

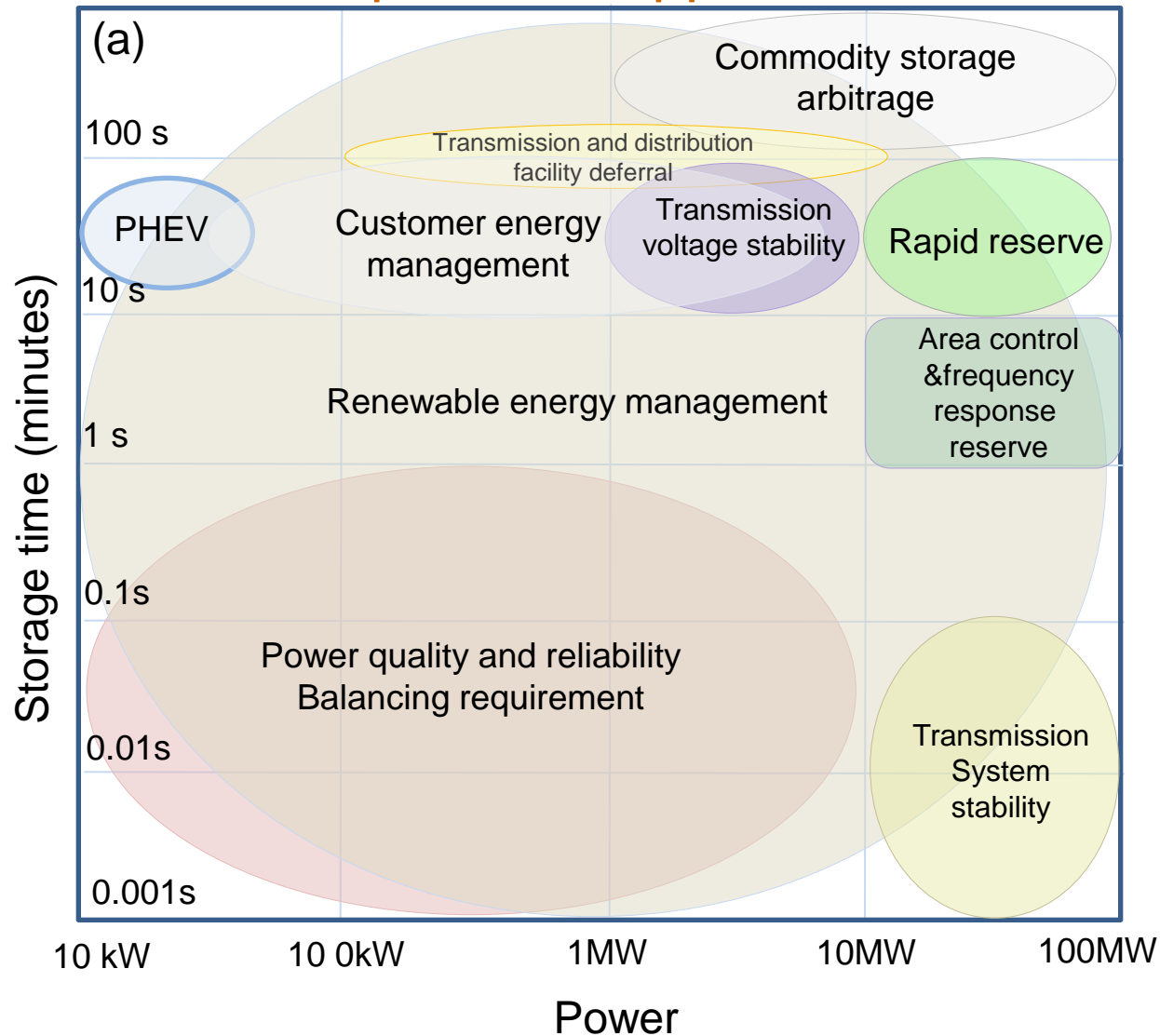
## Test-bed Capabilities

From Lab-scale to Power  
Lines

## System Level Integration

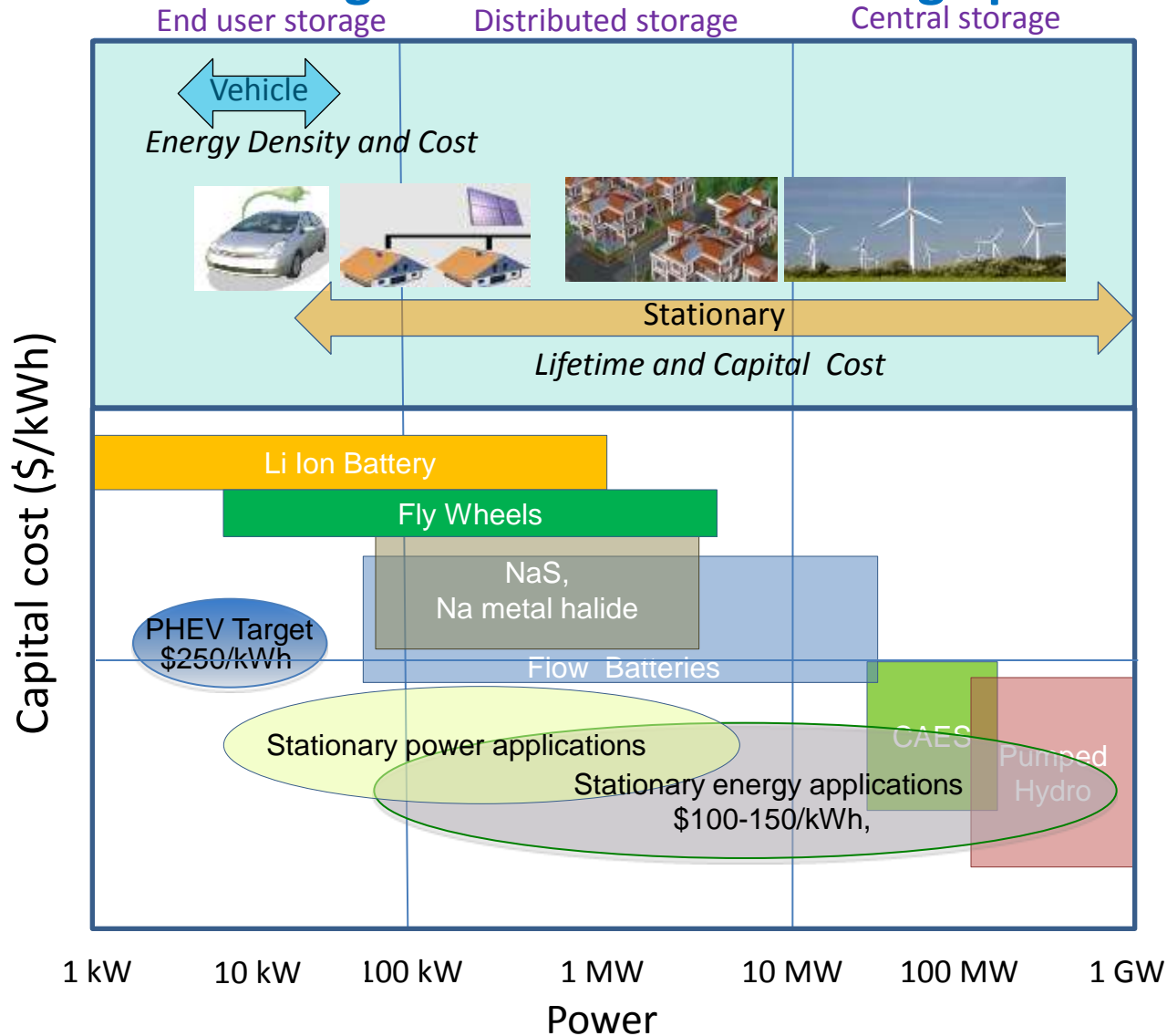
Across traditional  
boundaries,  
ex. Vehicle to Grid

# Stationary storage applications are very wide compared to transportation applications



P. Butler, J. L. Miller, P. A. Taylor, *Energy Storage Opportunities Analysis Phase II Final Report A Study for the DOE Energy Storage Systems Program*, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185 and Livermore, California 94550, 2002.

# Different technologies will have different applications. There will not be a single answer for the storage problem.



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# Analysis Results for Pacific Northwest Region

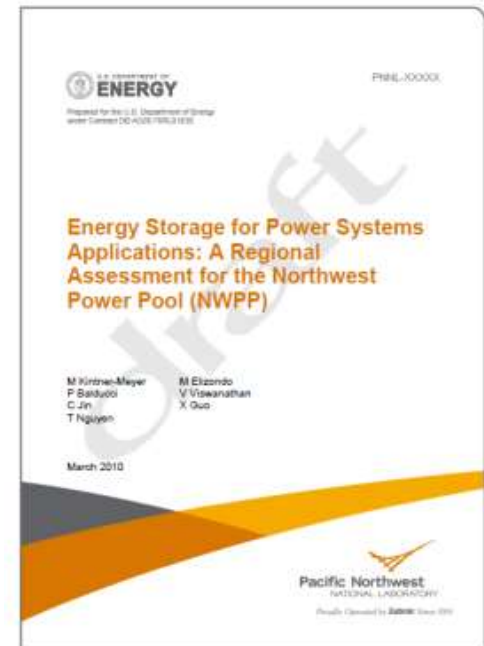
## Questions:

- how much total load balancing requirements are necessary to accommodate an assumed expansion of wind energy resources of 14.4 GW in the Northwest Power Pool (NWPP) in 2019?
- what are the most cost effective technological solutions for addressing load balancing requirements?  
and
- can energy storage be cost-effectively employed for arbitrage opportunities?

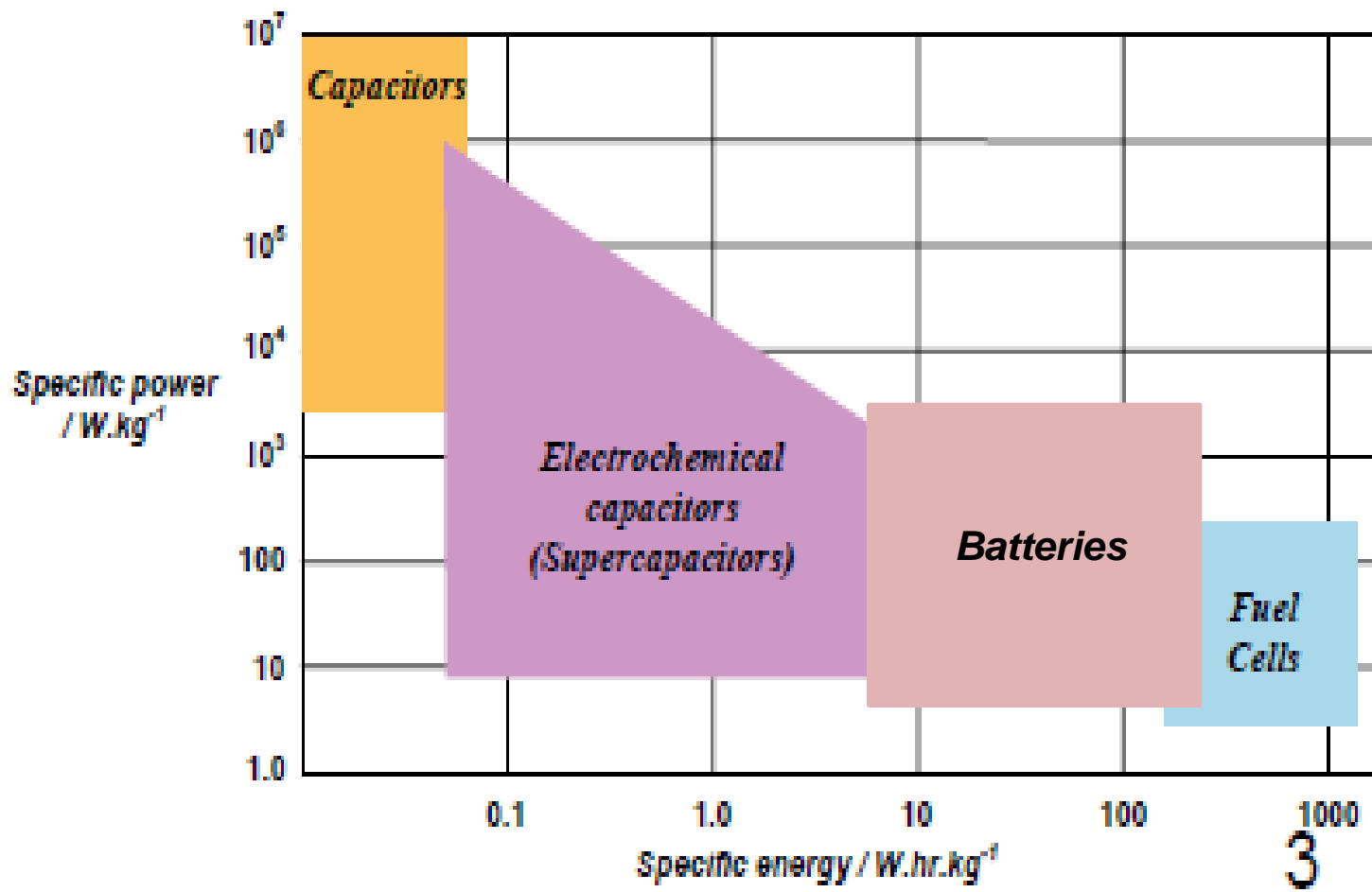
## Preliminary answers:

- Balancing requirements are estimated to be about 4 GW;
- Current practice is not the least expensive option;
- Electrochemical storage can be cost competitive;
- Possible solutions:  
NaS, NaS+DR, NaS+PH, Li-ion+DR, NaS+PH+DR
- Arbitrage not economical in the near future (by 2019).

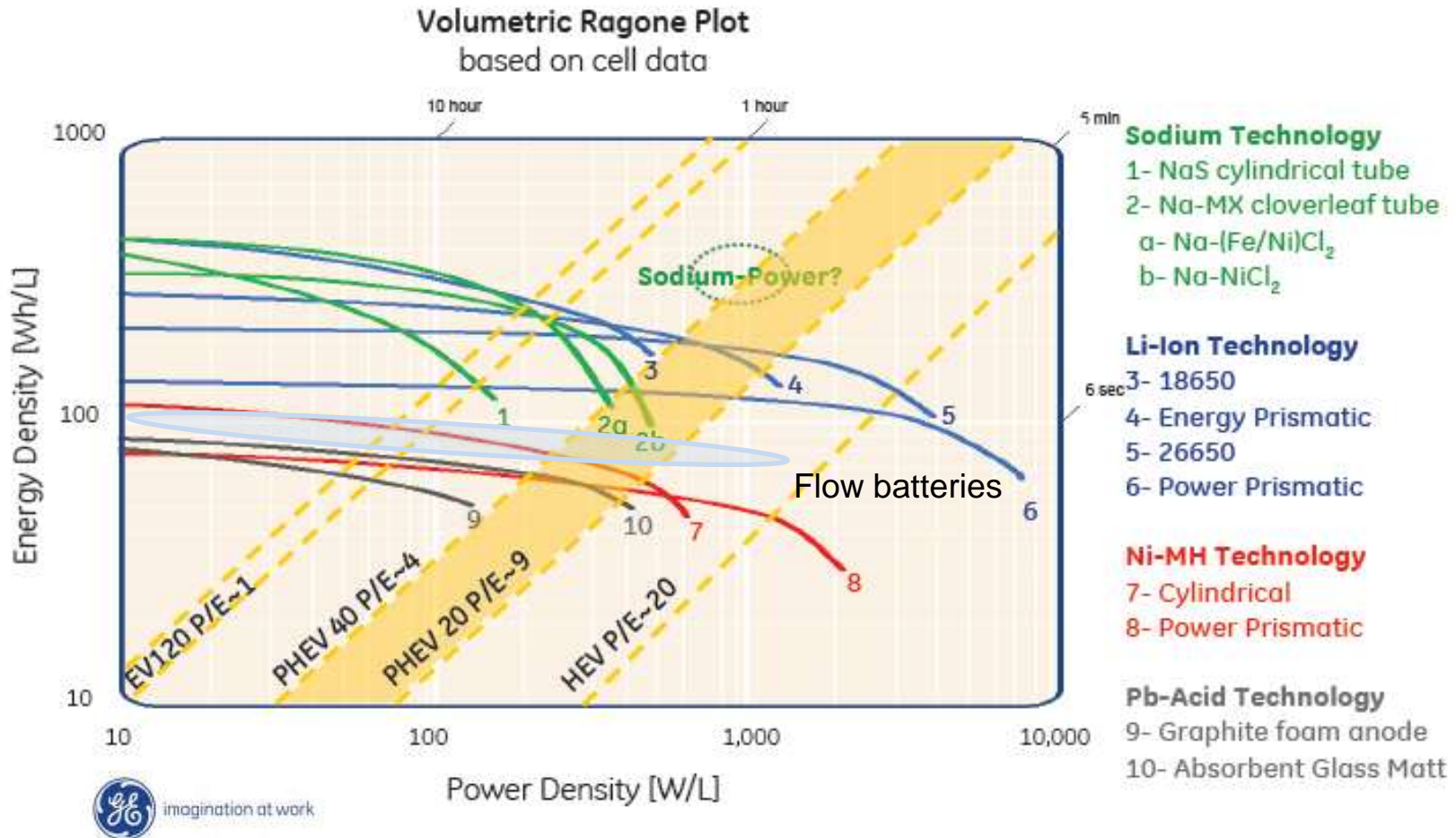
Three Gorge Dam:  
\$25B investment  
18GW capacity



# Different methods for electrochemical energy storage



# Four major battery technologies: Li, Na, Pb-acid and flow batteries

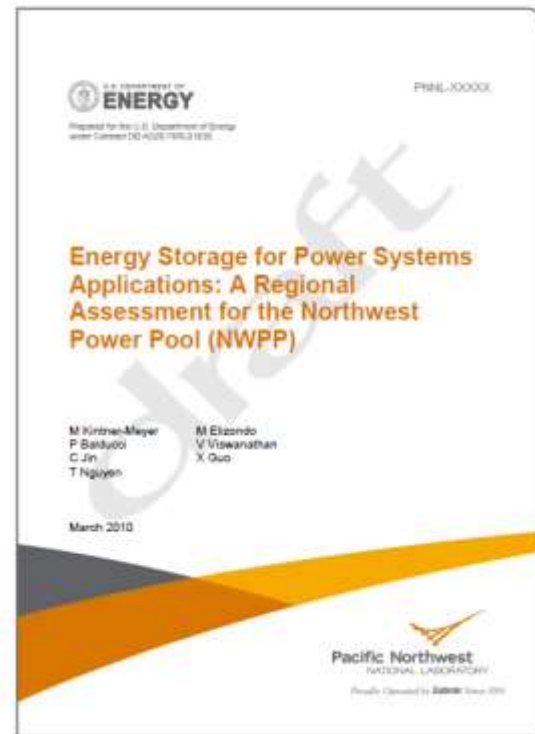
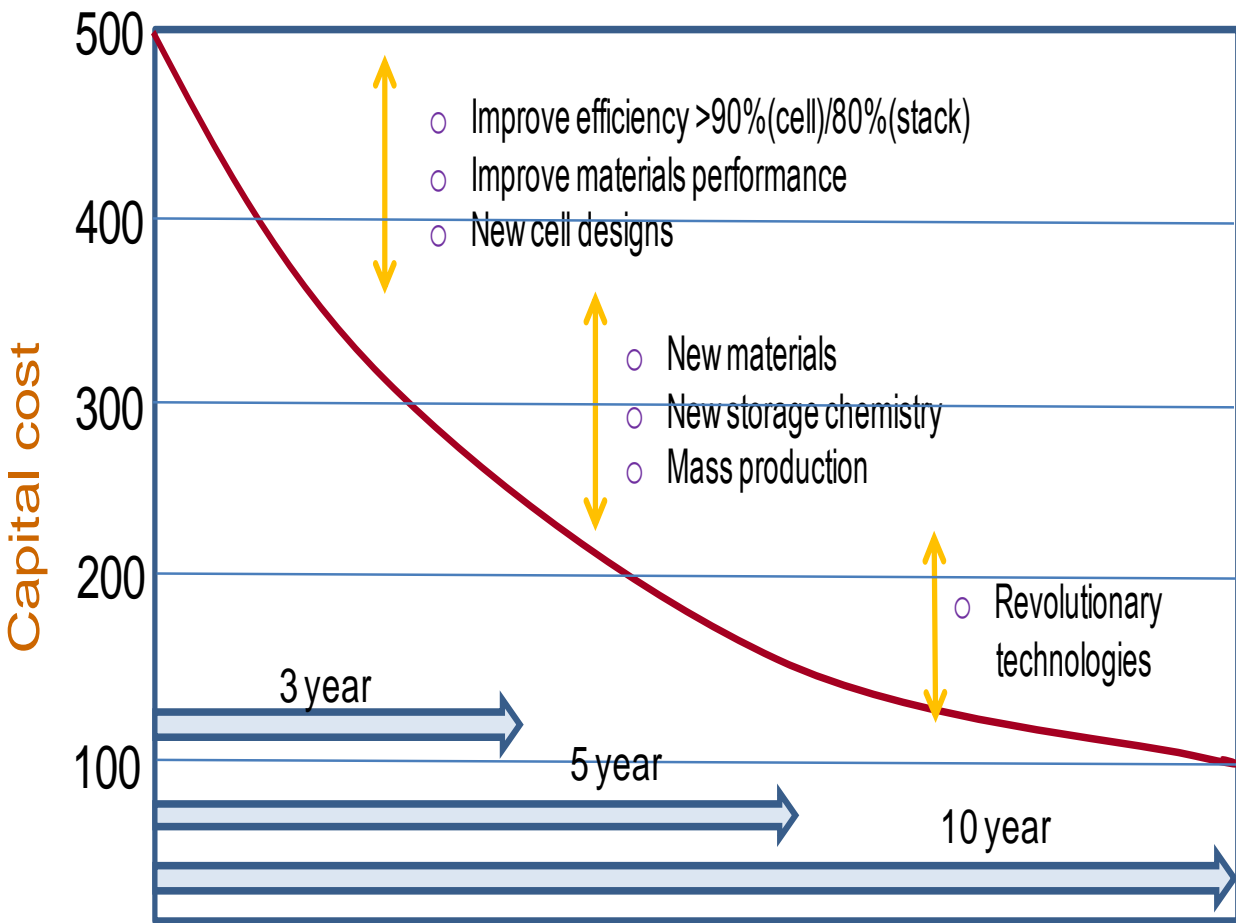


Mohamed Rahmane and Chuck Iacovangelo  
 GE Global Research, Niskayuna, NY



# Storage technologies could be developed and implemented in several stages depending on the market requirements

Balancing requirement    Other power applications    Energy applications





# Grand Challenges for Large Scale Energy Storage

Fundamental understand of the materials properties and chemical processes in complex, reactive environments and systems;

New materials, chemistry and components to significantly improve the efficiency, reliability, safety and life span of current and future storage systems;

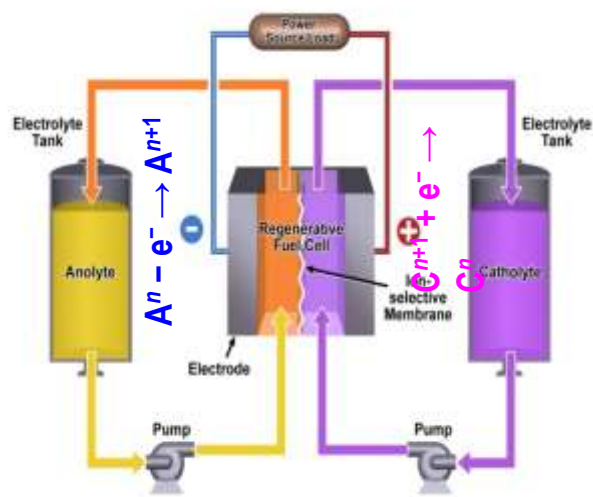
Revolutionary designs, concepts and architectures that can significantly reduce the system and maintenance cost: of large energy storage systems;

Novel energy storage mechanisms, energy storage technologies that are environmentally friendly and that are not dependent on materials and chemicals of limited supply;

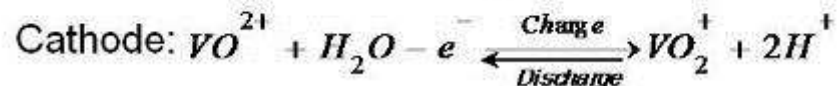
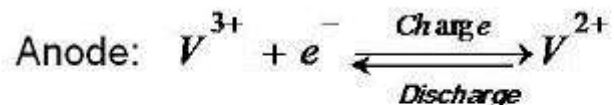
Tools and methodologies to predict and analyze the economics of specific technologies for different scales/different applications and guide smart grid integration.

State-of-the-art characterization and modeling tools should be used to understand the fundamental chemistry in aggressive and concentrated electrolyte solutions encountered in redox flow batteries, Na-S batteries and Na-metal halide batteries.

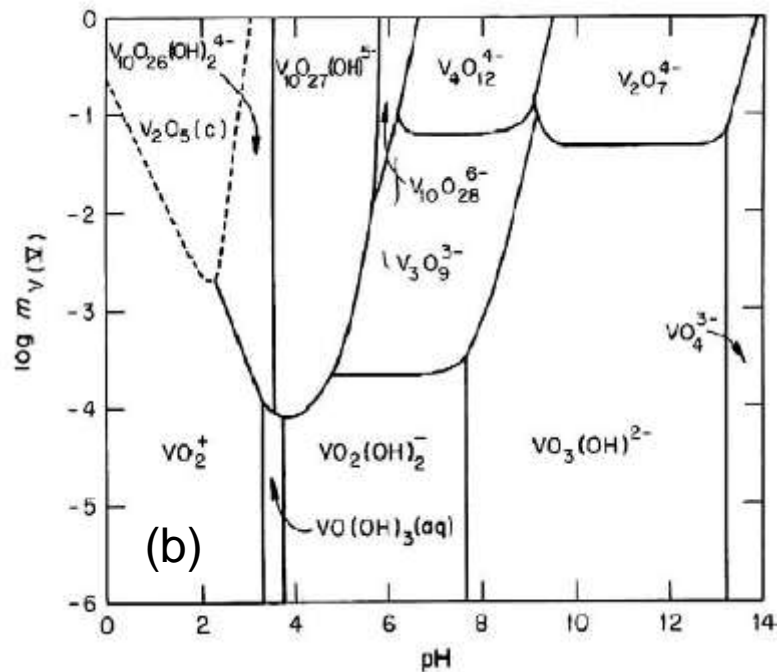
### Redox flow battery



Redox reaction in V flow battery:



More from Professor Maria Skyllas-Kazacos

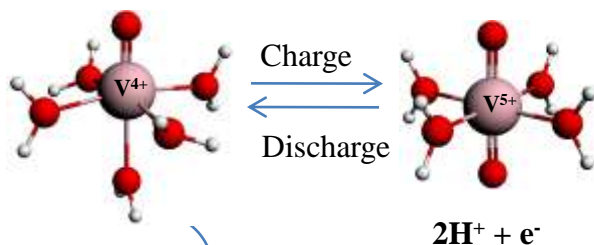
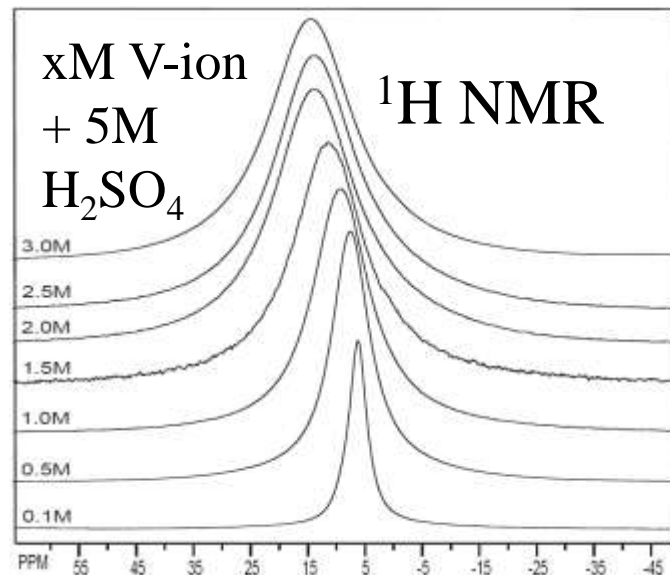
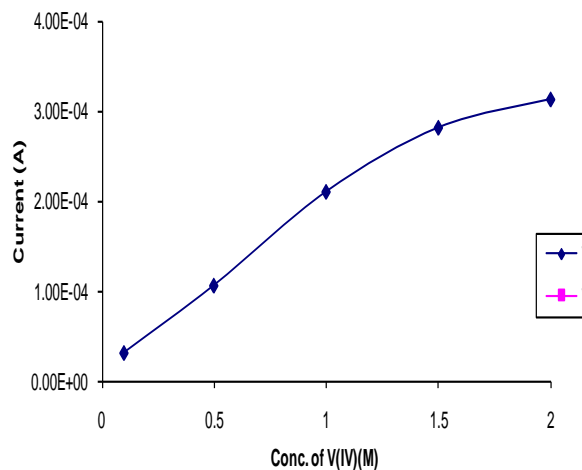


The energy density is limited by the solubility, but the solution chemistry is poorly understood in concentrated acids and salts

C. F. Baes Jr, R. E. Mesmer, *The Hydrolysis of Cations*, Robert E Krieger Publishing Company, Malabar, Florida 1986.

# High field NMR technique is a powerful tool to study the chemical speciation and reactions in the flow batteries.

The efficiency, durability, activity are limited by the poor understanding of the chemical speciation, chemical and materials reactions.



Axial Water Molecule has Faster Exchange with solvent

Careful study of electrolyte chemistry has led to significant increase of all V flow battery (from under 2M to 3M)

M. Vijayakumar, S.D.Burton, C. Huang, L. Li, Z. Yang, G. L. Graff, J. Liu, J. Z. Hu, M. Skyllas-Kazacos, *Journal of Power Sources* 2010,

# Redox chemistries and exiting technologies

- ❑ VRB:  $V^{2+}/V^{3+}$  vs.  $VO_2^+/VO^{2+}$
- ❑ ICB:  $Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$  vs.  $Cr^{3+}/Cr^{2+}$
- ❑ ZBB:  $Br^-/Br^{2-}$  vs.  $Zn^{2+}/Zn$
- ❑ PSB:  $Br_2/Br^-$  vs.  $S/S^{2-}$

Up to 100 kw or  
multi-MW  
demonstrated

Others:

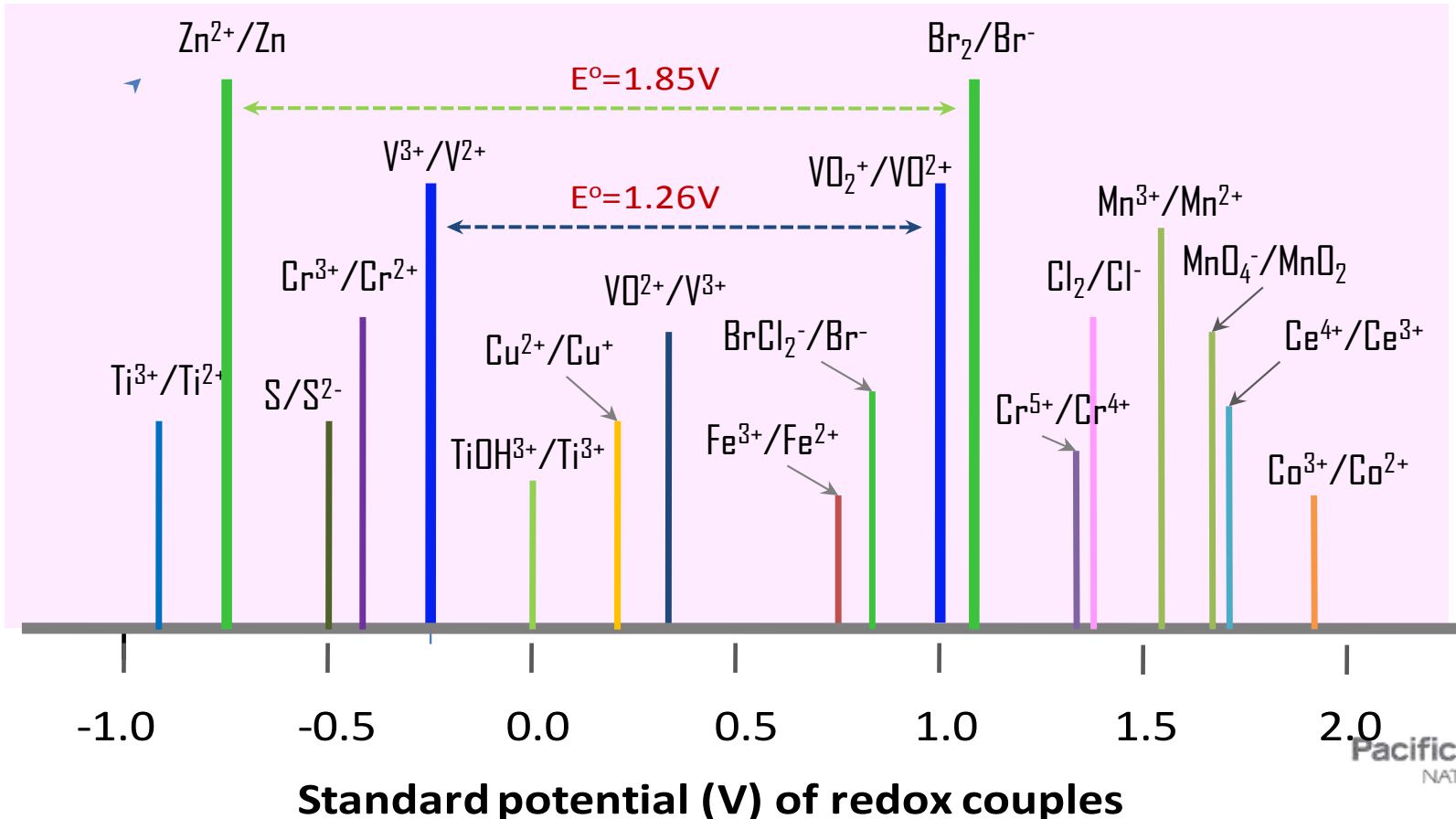
$V^{2+}/V^{3+}$  vs.  $Br^-/ClBr_2^-$ ;

$Ce^{4+}/Ce^{3+}$  vs.  $V^{2+}/V^{3+}$ ;

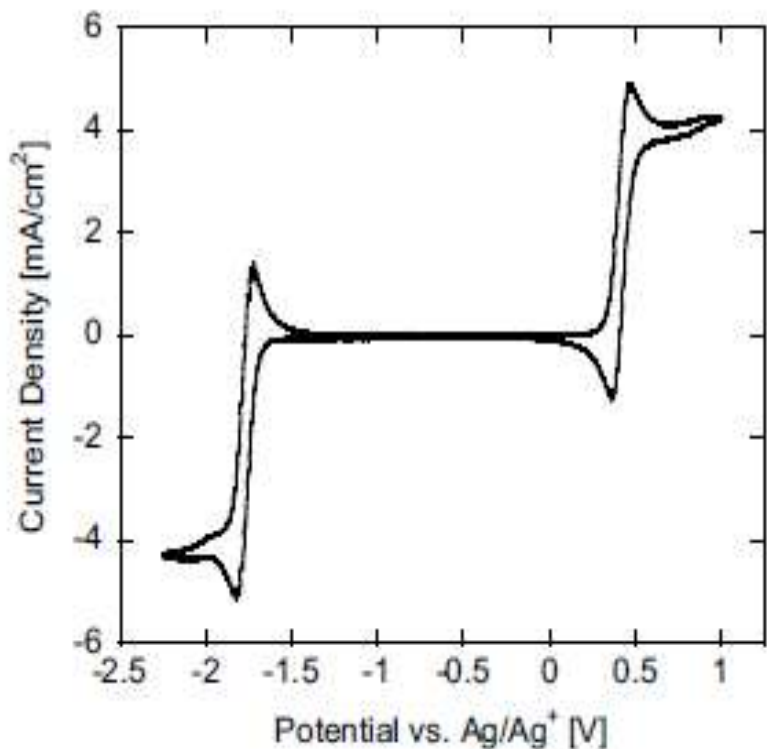
$Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$  vs.  $Br_2/Br^-$ ;

$Mn^{2+}/Mn^{3+}$  vs.  $Br_2/Br^-$ ;

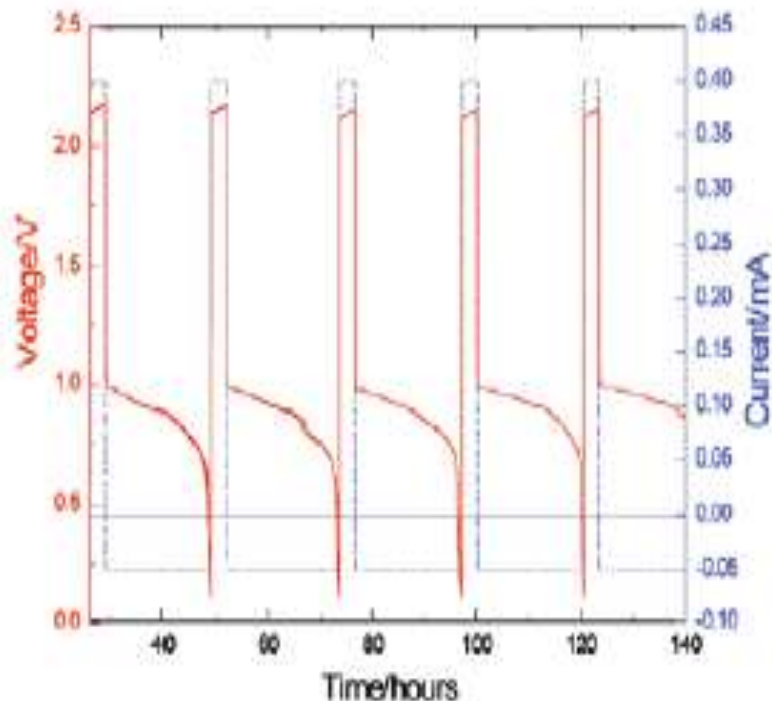
$Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$  vs.  $Ti^{2+}/Ti^{4+}$ , ...



# Non-aqueous electrolytes for redox flow batteries with wide operation voltage range



**Figure 1:** A non-aqueous all-vanadium redox flow battery chemistry supports a cell potential of 2.2 V. Cyclic voltammograms (100 mV/s) for 0.01 M vanadium acetylacetonate, supported by 0.05 M tetraethylammonium tetrafluoroborate in acetonitrile, in contact with a gold microelectrode.



**Figure 2:** High coulombic efficiency is achieved at low depth of discharge. Constant current charge/discharge experiments with 0.4 mA charge current and 0.05 mA discharge current. The system consisted of 0.1 M vanadium acetylacetonate supported by 0.5 M tetraethylammonium tetrafluoroborate in acetonitrile solvent. Charged to 4% theoretical state of charge.

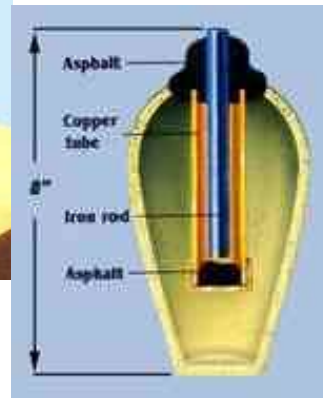
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## Requirement of energy storage materials.

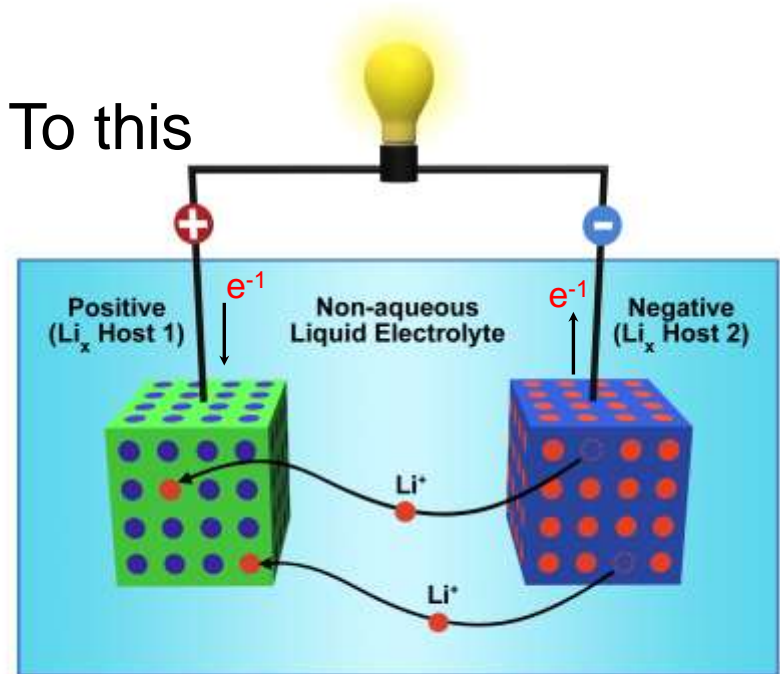


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2000 year old  
Baghdad “battery”

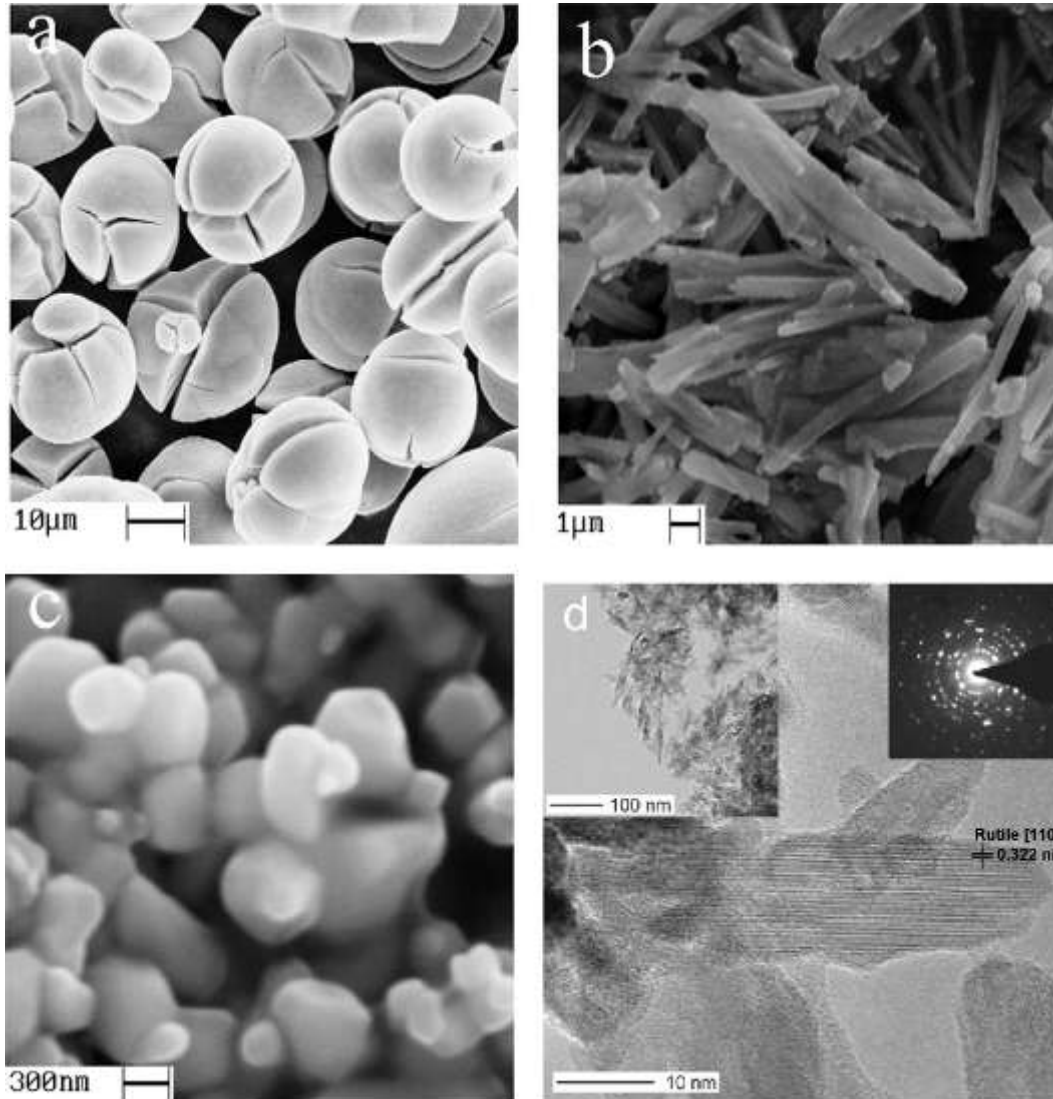
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- Controlled hierarchical architectures for maximum flow
- High surface area
- Multifunction: electron and ion conductivity,
- Multi-component
- Chemical, thermal and mechanical stability

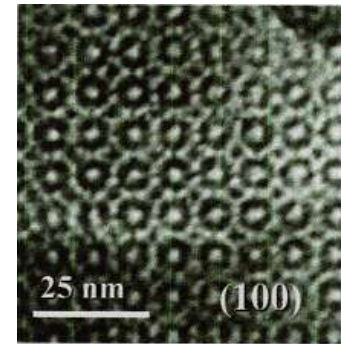
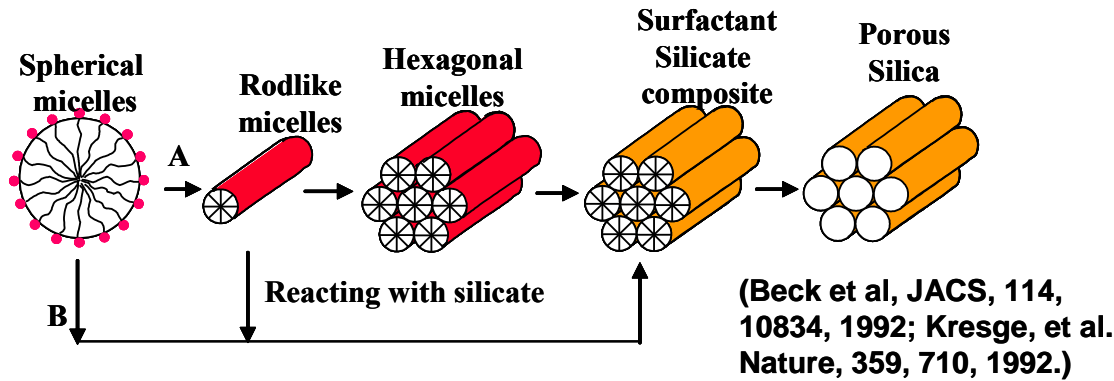


# TiO<sub>2</sub> anode materials prepared by hydrothermal methods

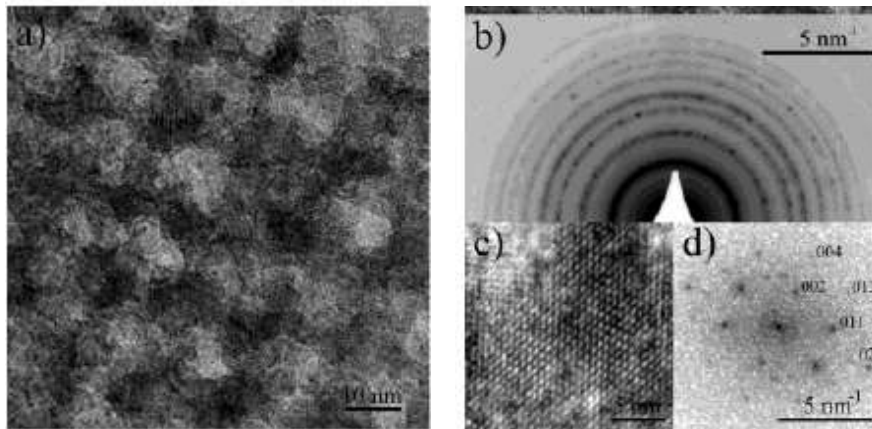




High quality mesoporous silica can be easily made with surfactant templated, self-assembly approaches, but other crystalline materials are very difficult.



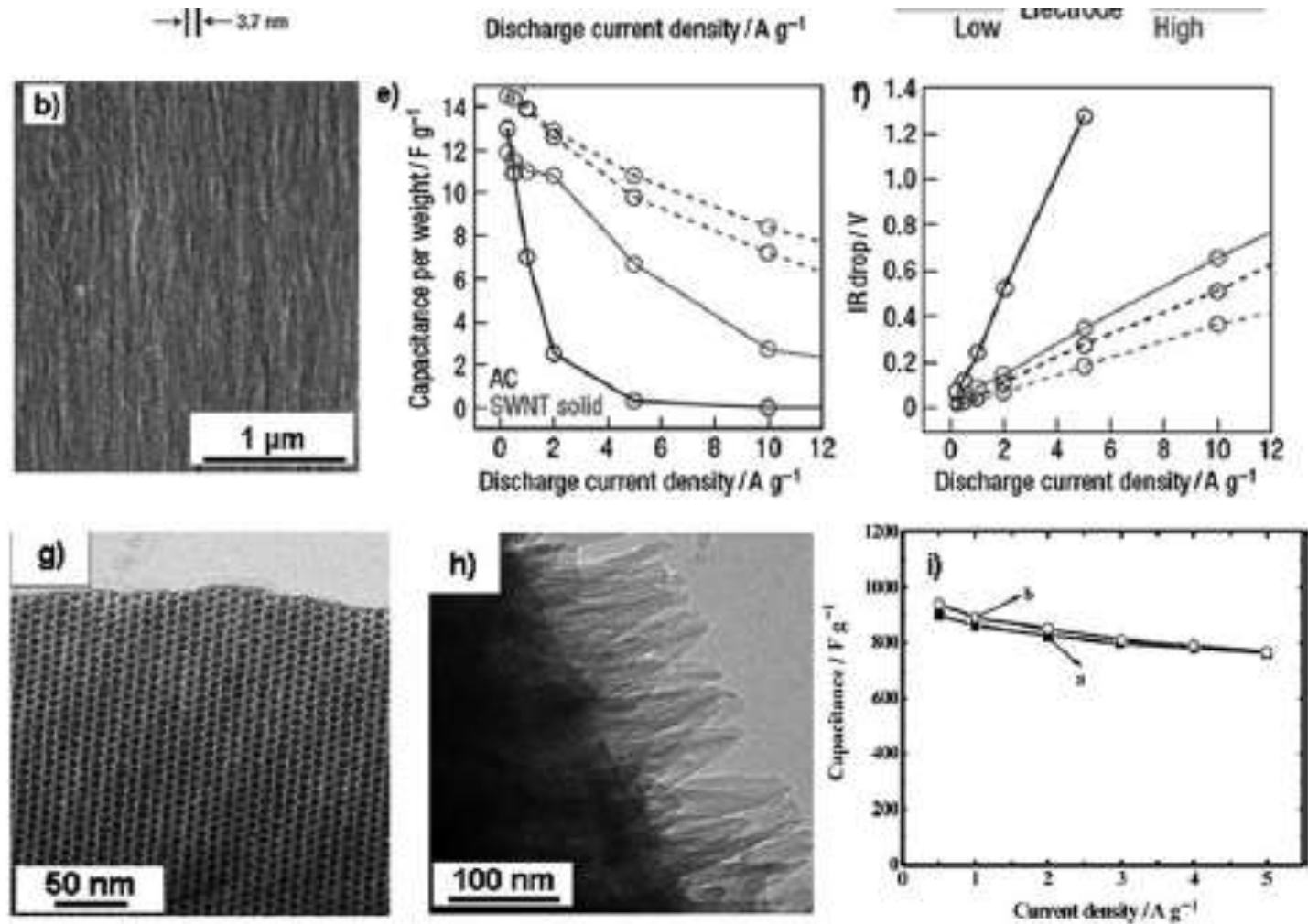
Lu et al., Nature 1997



Surfactant templated mesoporous  $\text{TiO}_2$  is usually made of nanocrystalline, anatase walls. Crystal growth and phase transition causes pore structure collapse during heat treatment.

B. Smarsly et al, Chem. Mat., 2004, 16, 2948

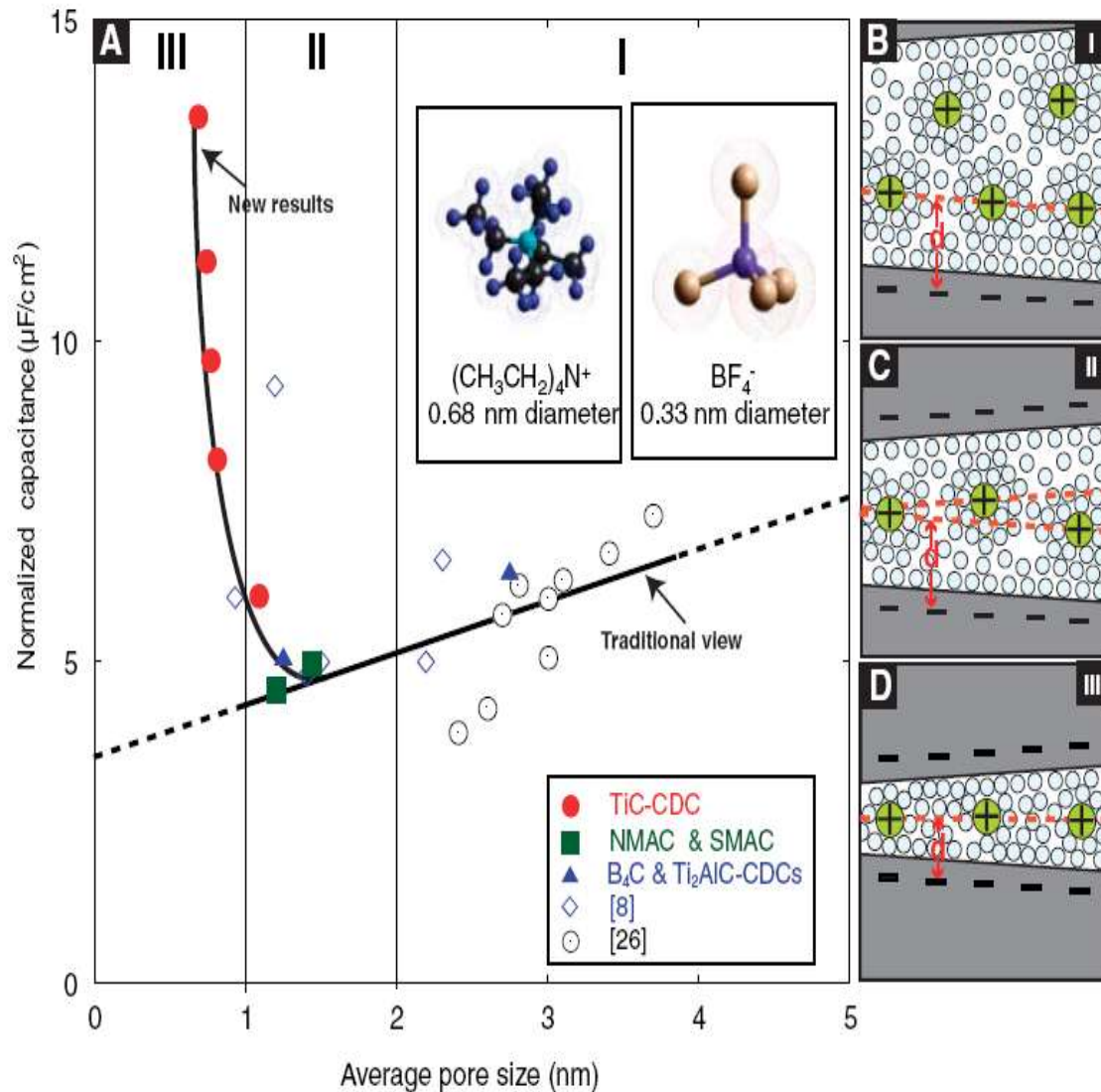
# Novel nanoporous carbon materials have potential for high energy density and high power



D. N. Futaba, K. Hata, T. Yamada, T. Hiraoka, Y. Hayamizu, Y. Kakudate, O. Tanaike, H. Hatori, M. Yumura, S. Iijima, *Nat. Mater.* **2006**, *5*, 987.

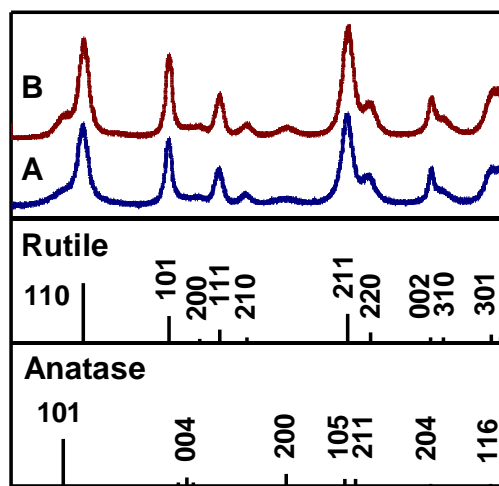
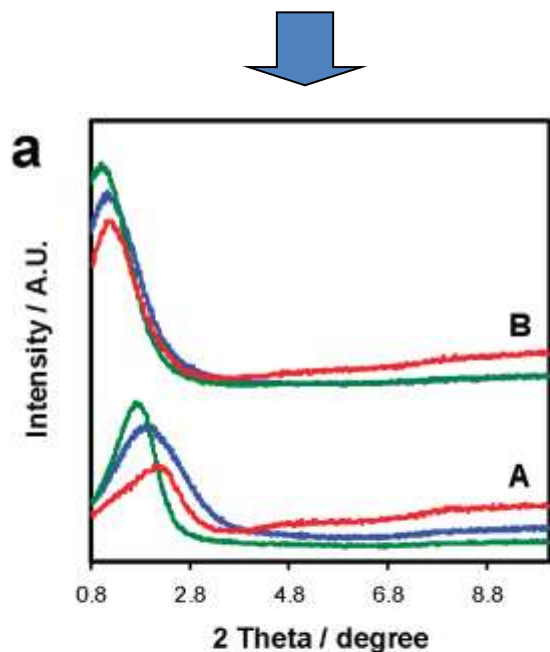
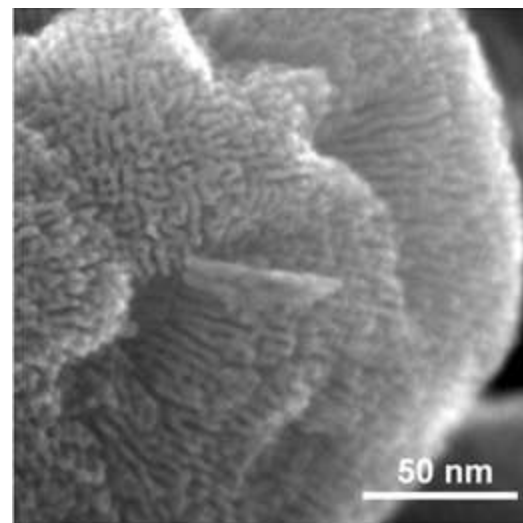
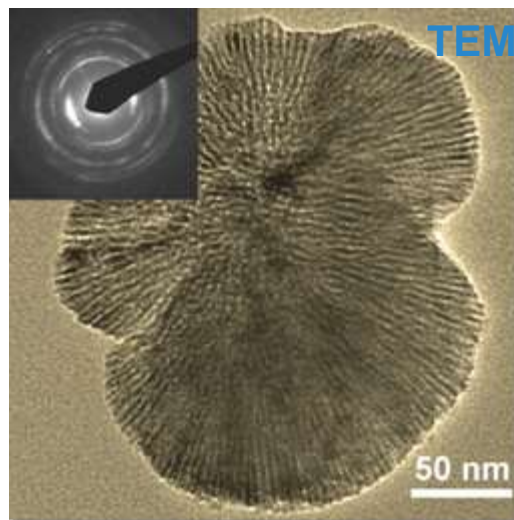
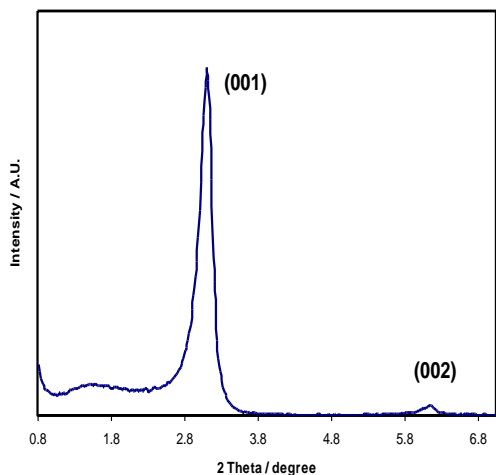
[248] Y. G. Wang, H. Q. Li, Y. Y. Xia, *Adv. Mater.* **2006**, *18*, 2619.

# Pore sizes matters for transport properties



J. Chmiola, G. Yushin, Y. Gogotsi, C. Portet, P. Simon, P. L. Taberna, *Science* 2006, 313, 1760.

# Highly Crystalline Mesoporous TiO<sub>2</sub>



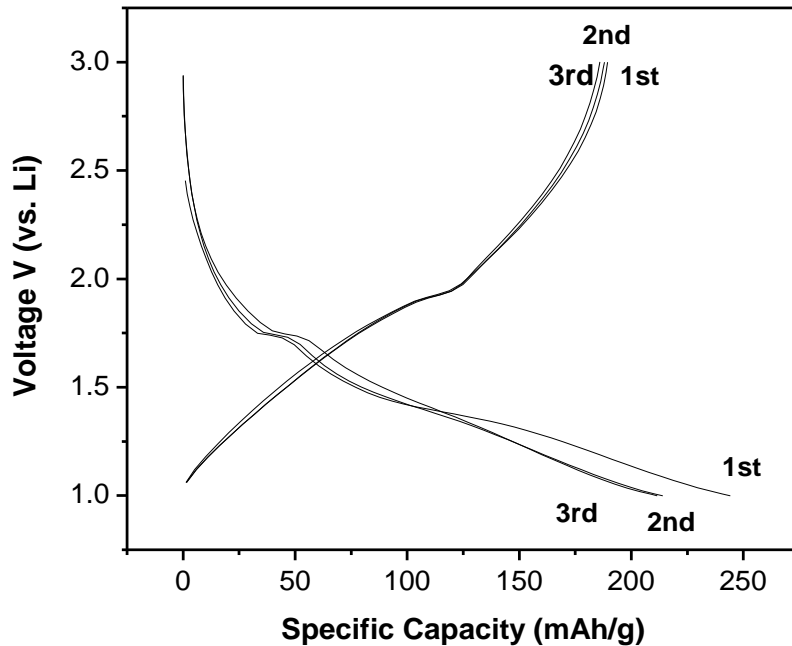
High angle XRD

SEM

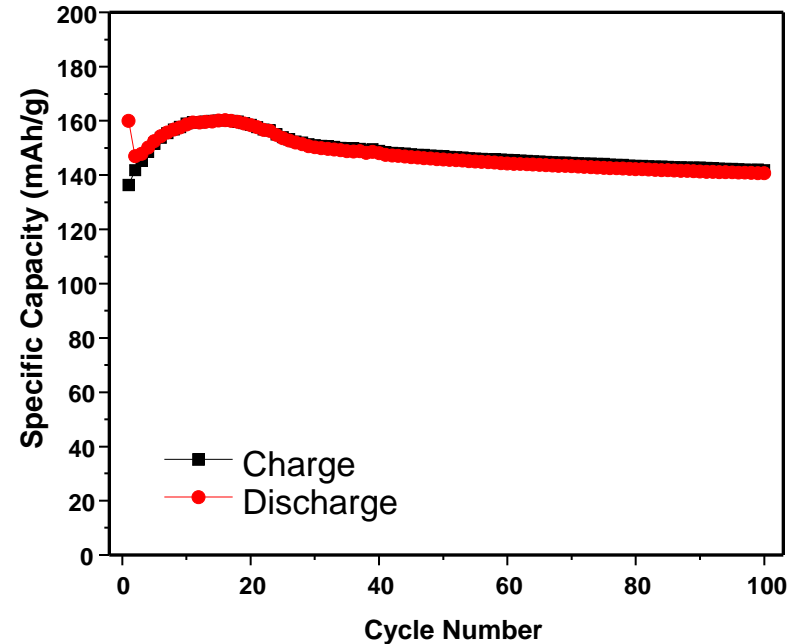
**Crystalline rutile phase  
before and after  
calcination.**

Wang, D. Liu, J. et. al,  
Chem. Mater. 2008.

# Electrochemical Performance of Mesoporous Rutile ad Anode for Li-ion Battery



Voltage-capacity profile at C/5 rate

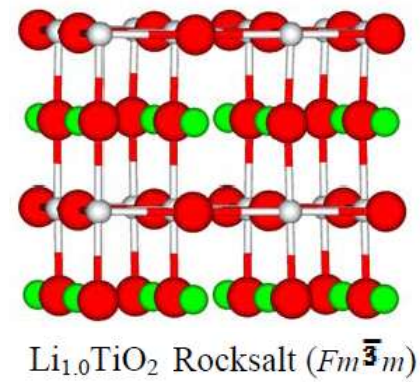
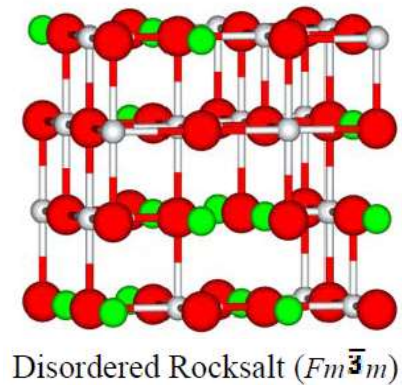
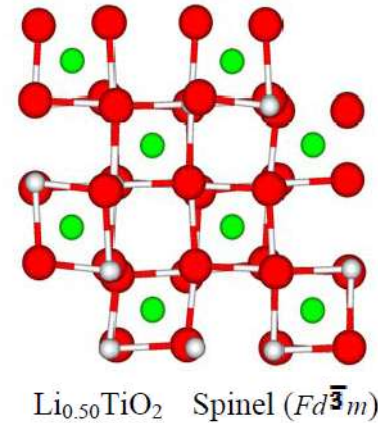
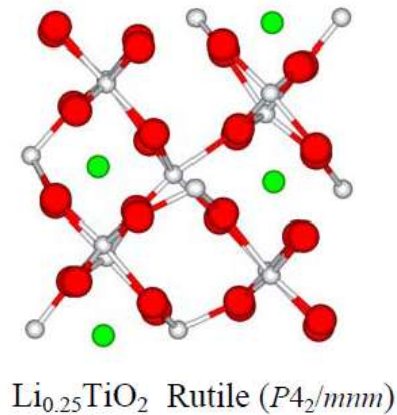


Low capacity loss (8%) after 100 cycles at 1C charge and discharge rates

- ❑ **Excellent structure and interface stability — good cyclability, low fade rate**
- ❑ **Capacity higher than theoretical value of bulk anatase (168 mAh/g) at C/5 rate.**

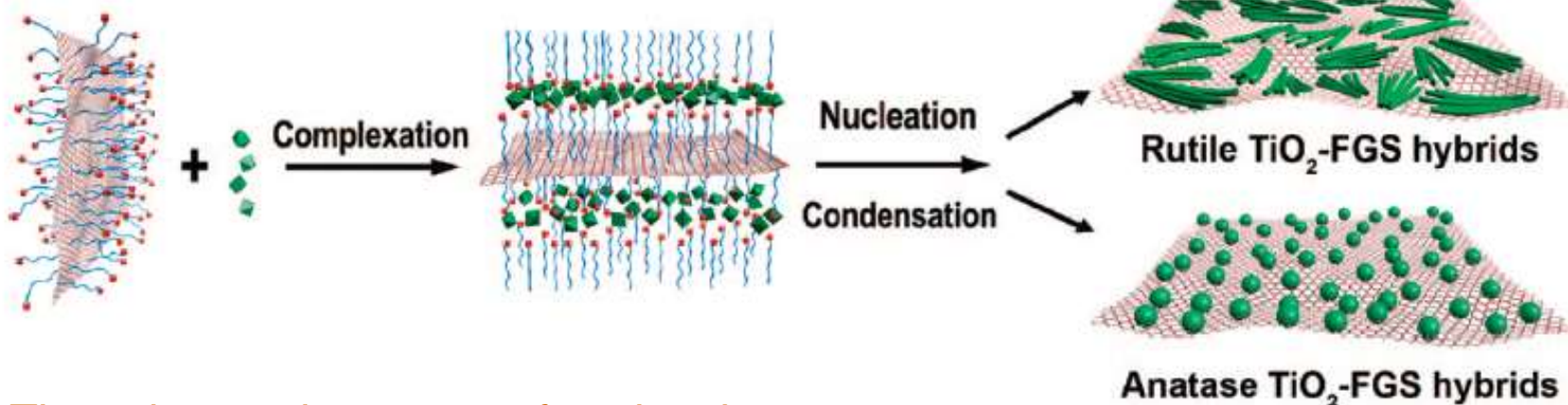
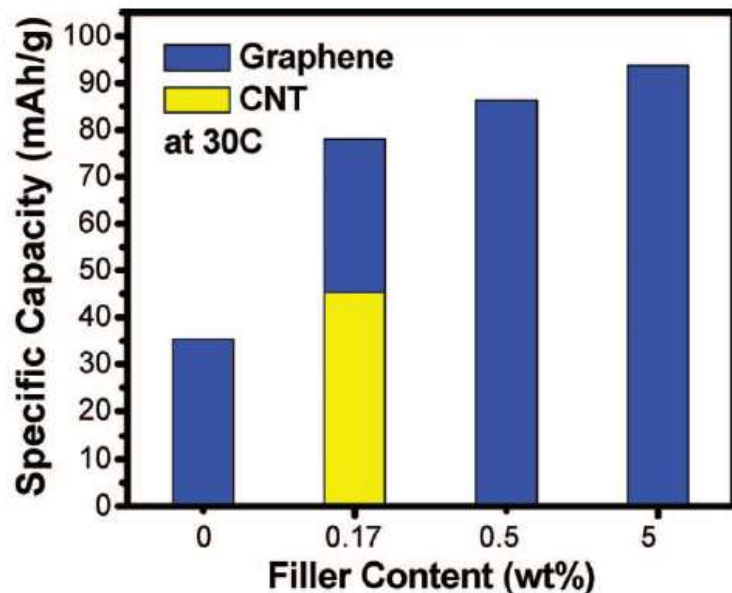
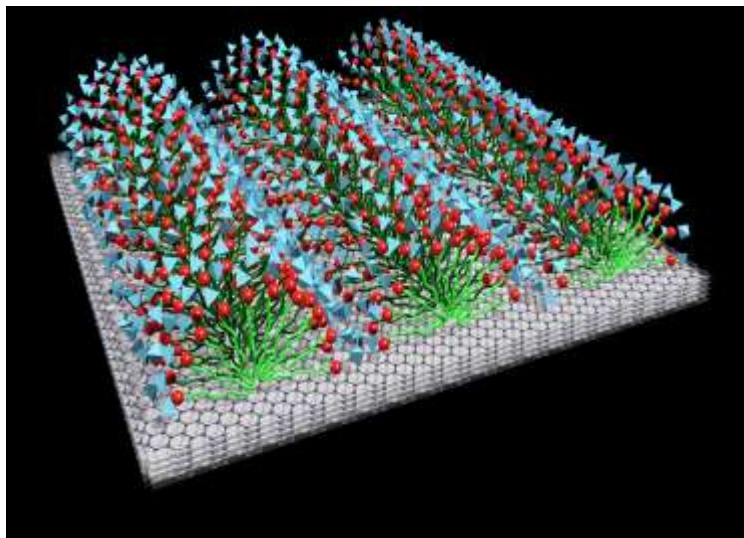


Modeling of charge transport and structural evolution complements experimental results from electrochemical characterization and NMR.



Rock salt cubic structure should have a capacity high than 300 mAh/g

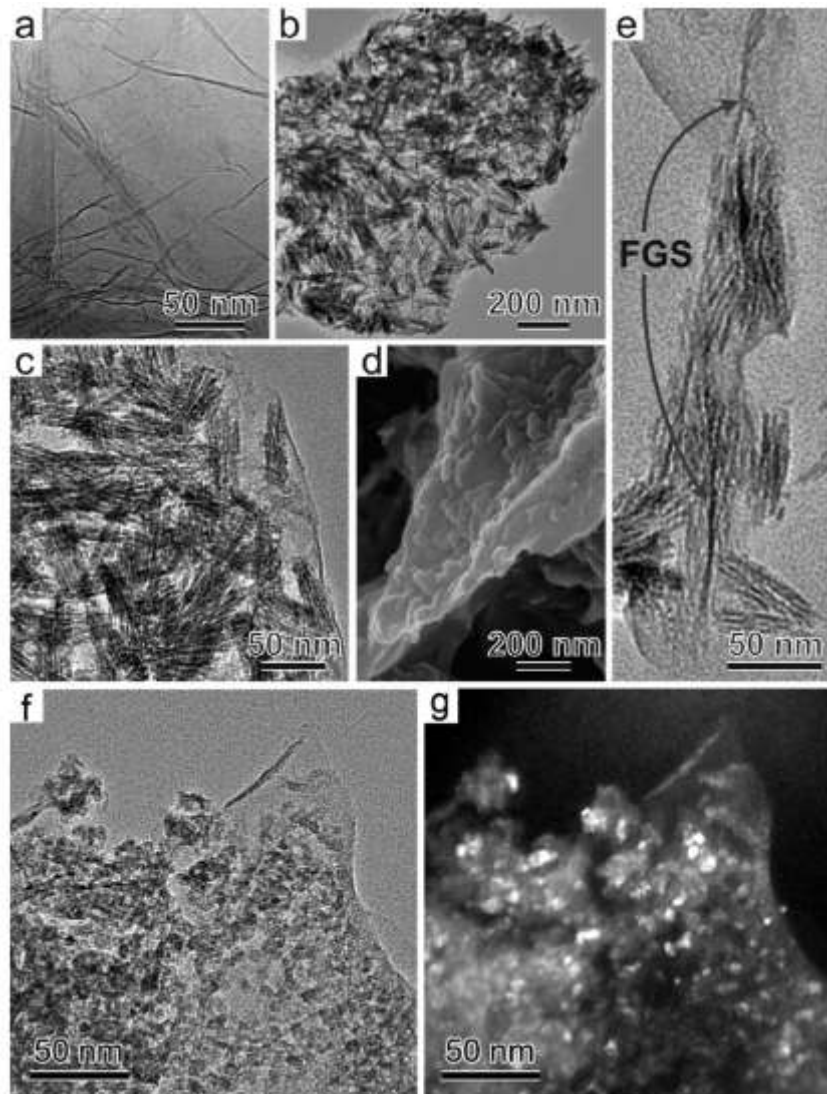
# Step 3: From single phase to multiphase self-assembly using extended nanostructural building blocks



The substrate becomes a functional component

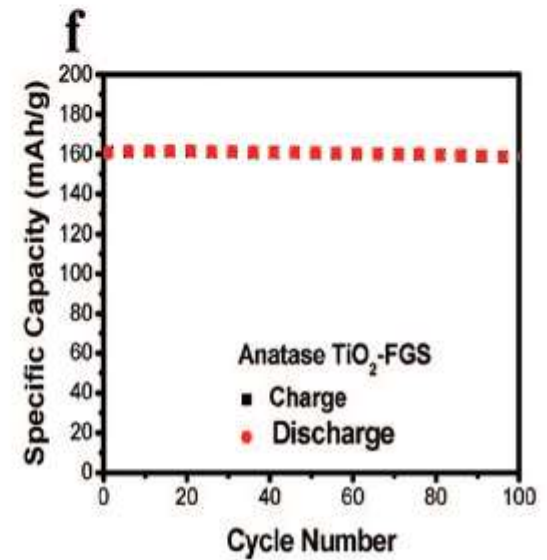
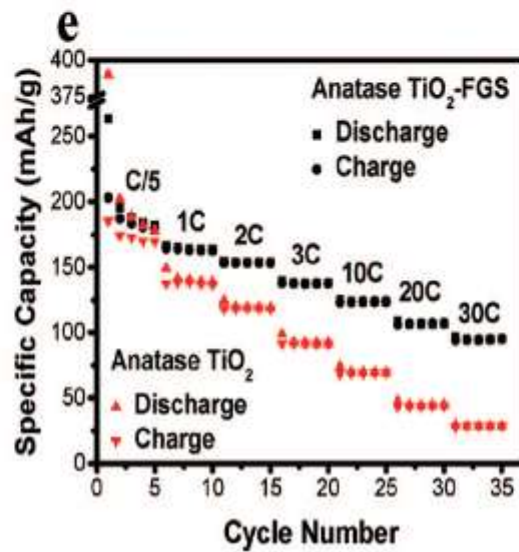
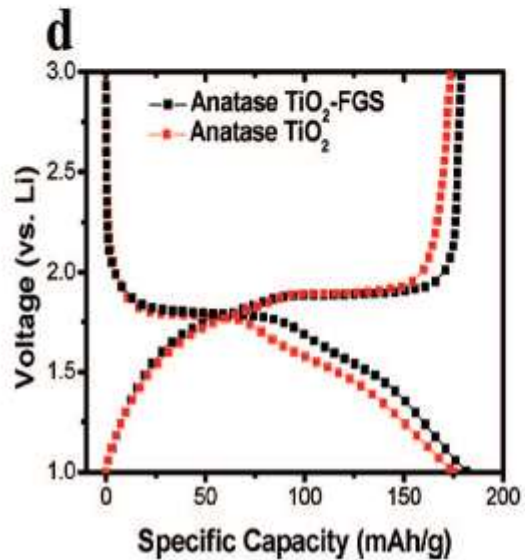
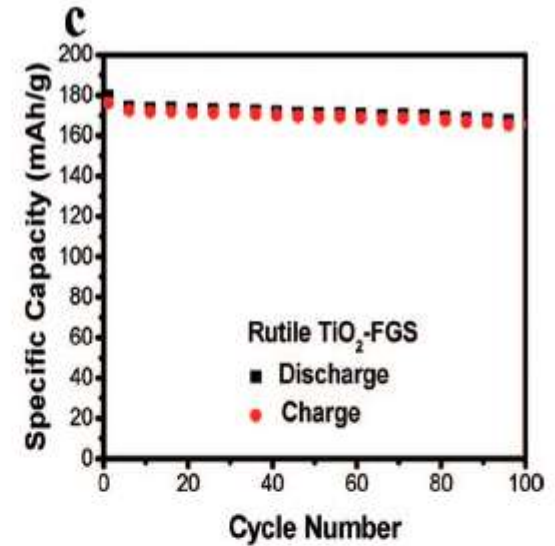
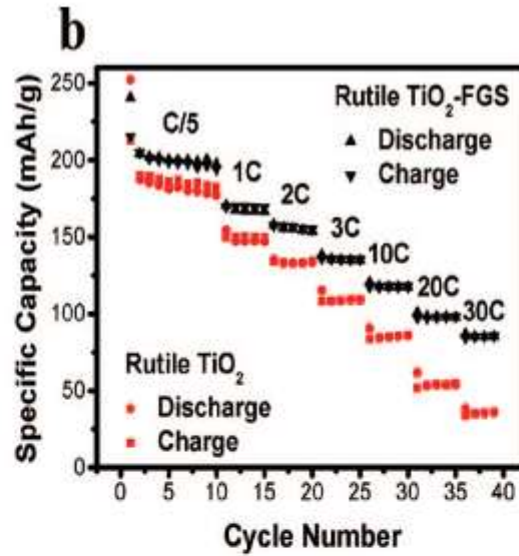
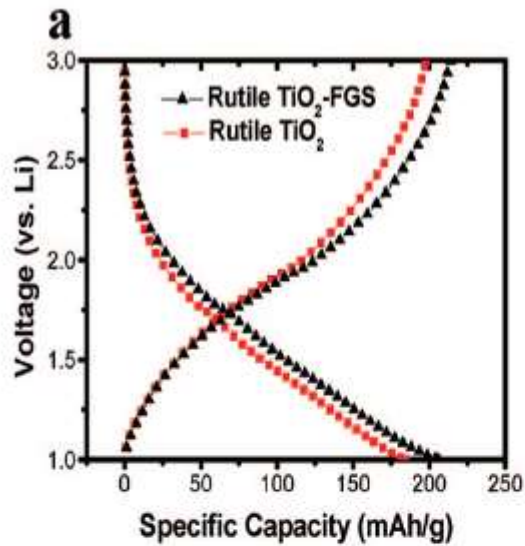


# Graphene TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposites



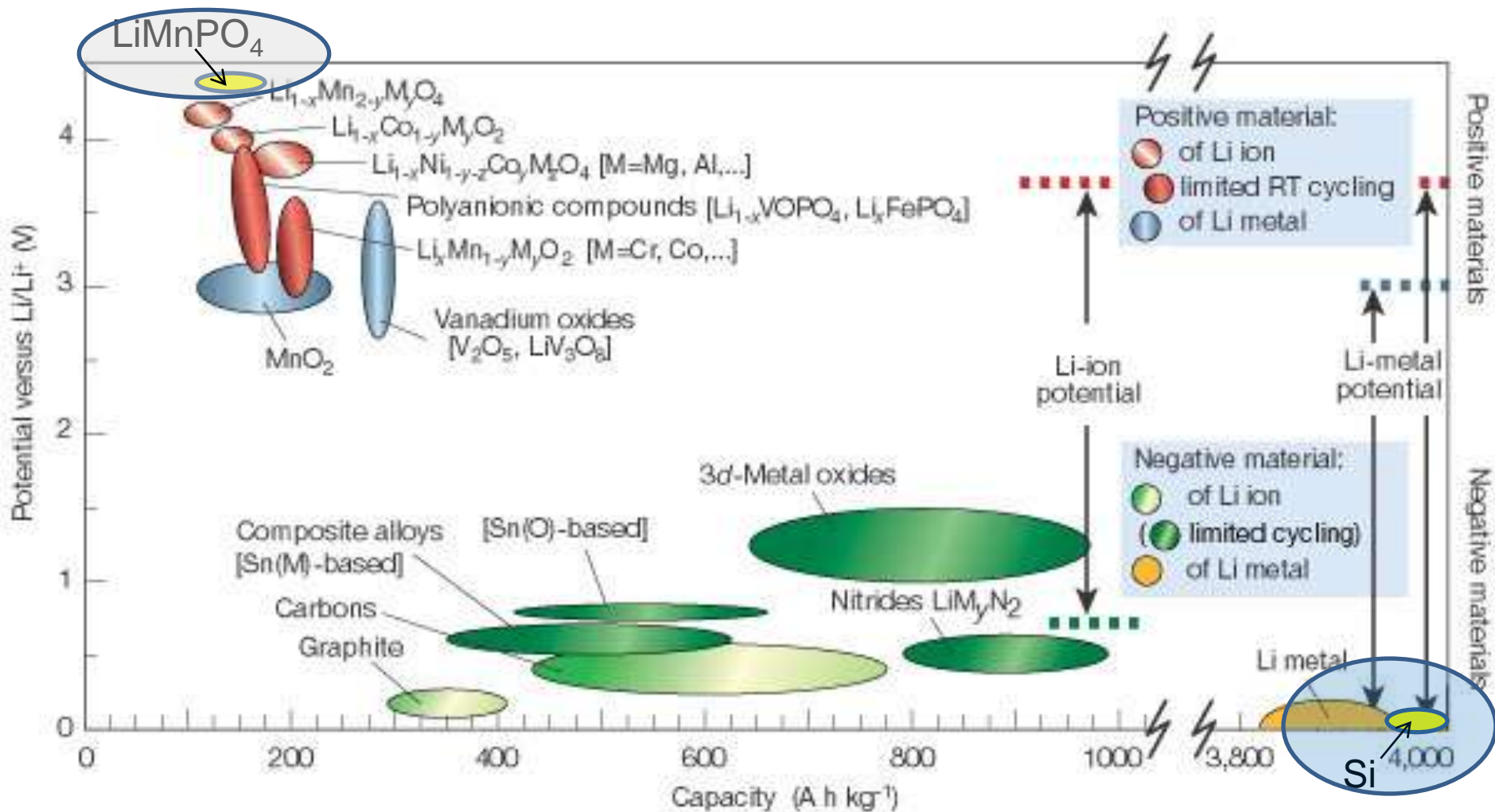
Want et al, ACS Nano, 2009

# Improvement of high charge rate behavior for Both rutile and anatase





# Challenges for Li-ion batteries: high voltage, high capacity cathode materials, and stable anode materials

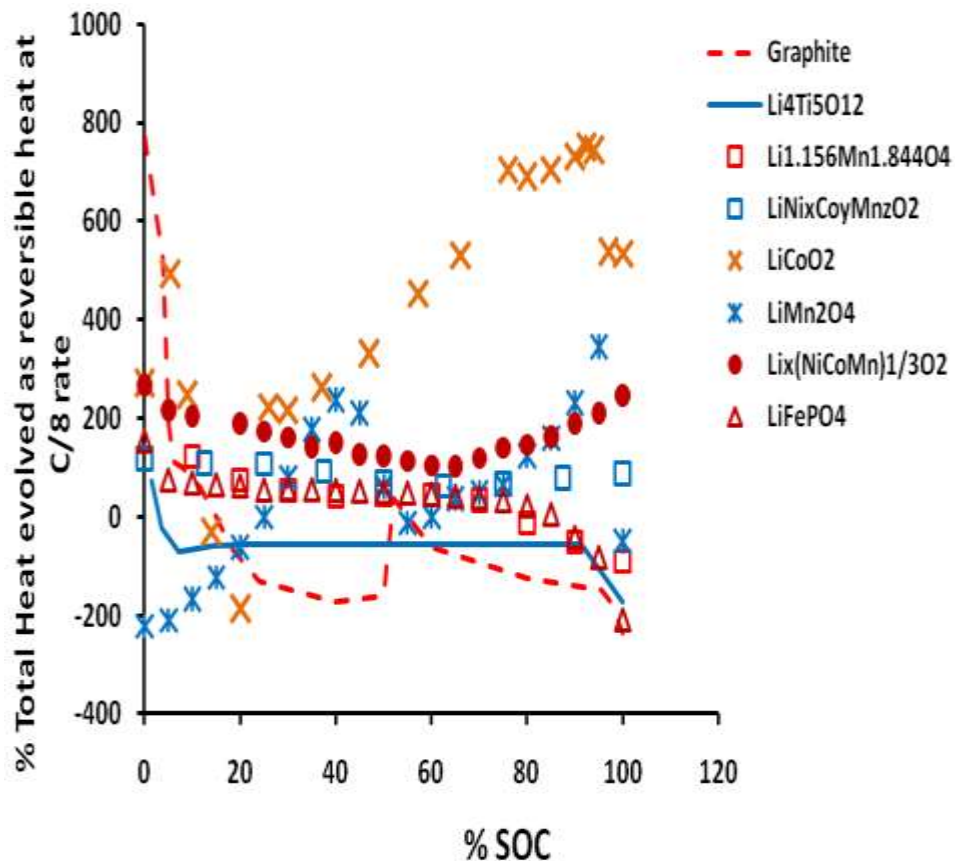
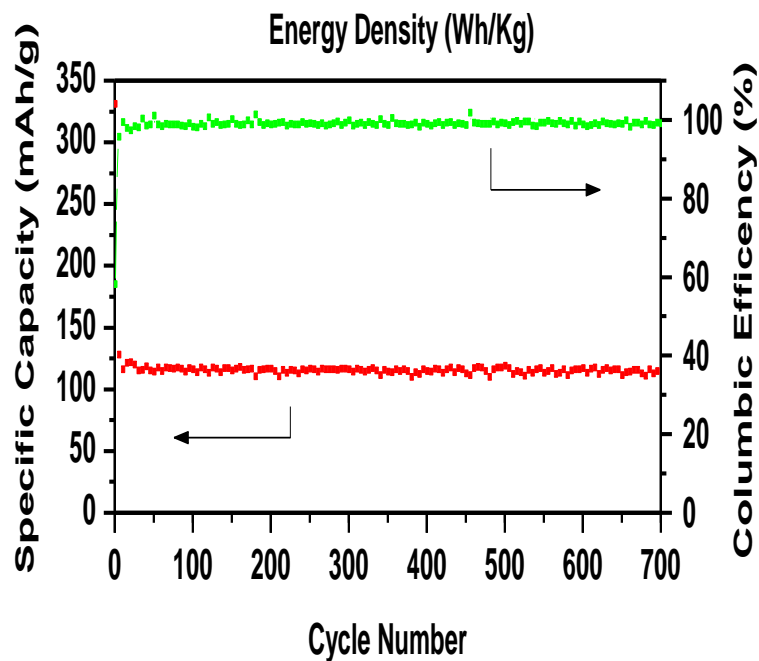
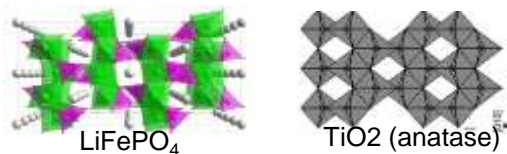


Tarascon & Armand, Nature 2001 414, 359-367

More cathodes work from Dr. Mike Thackeray

# Potential low cost long lasting Li-ion batteries based on $\text{LiFePO}_4$ and $\text{TiO}_2$

More on safety from SNL

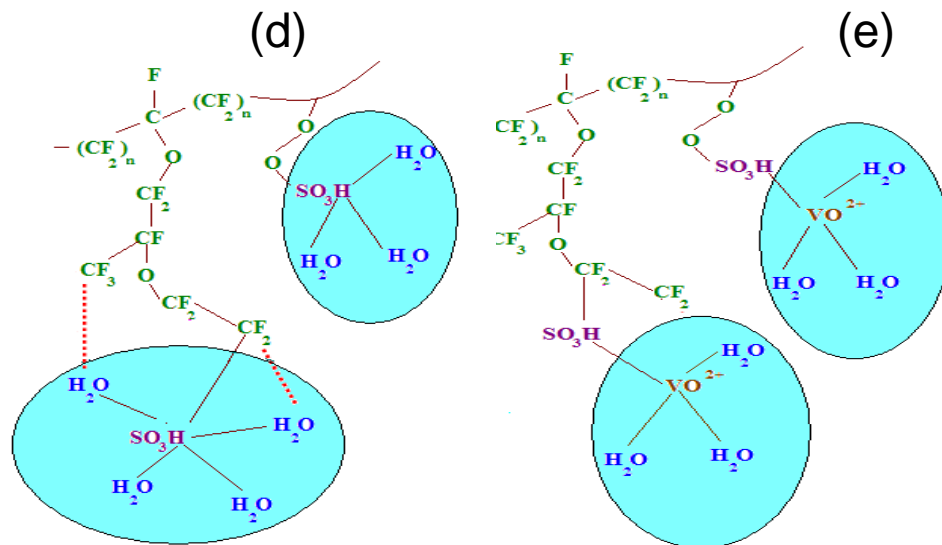
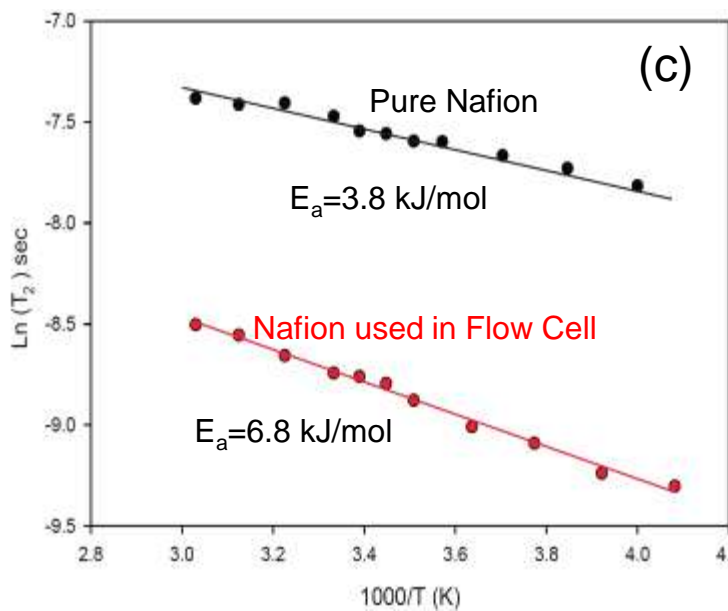
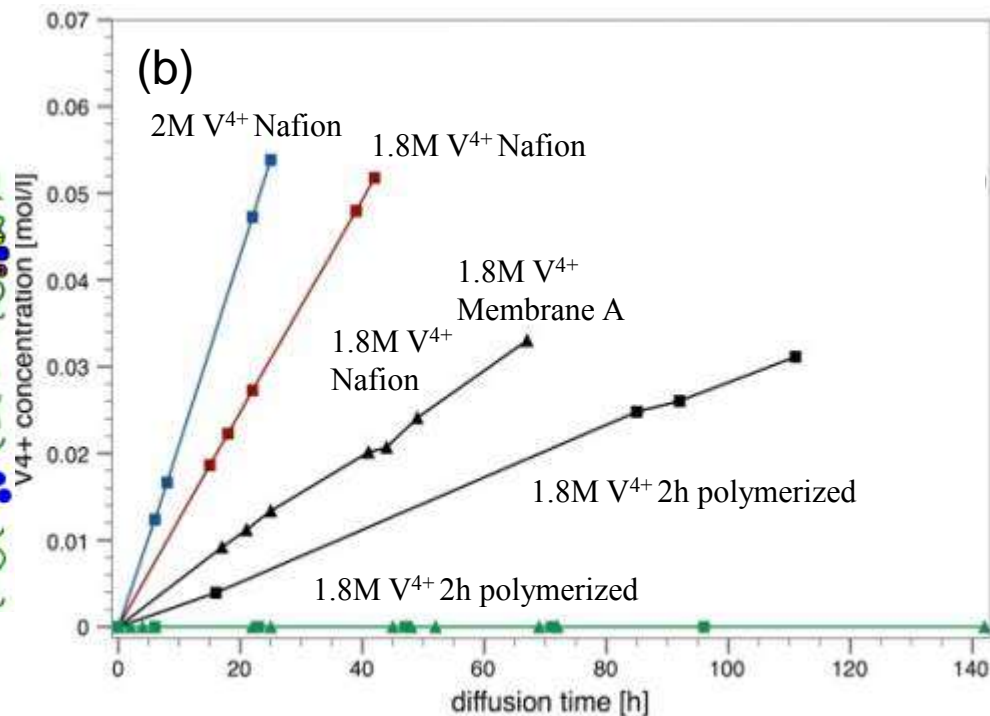
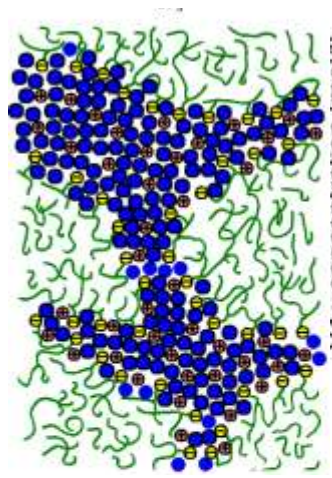
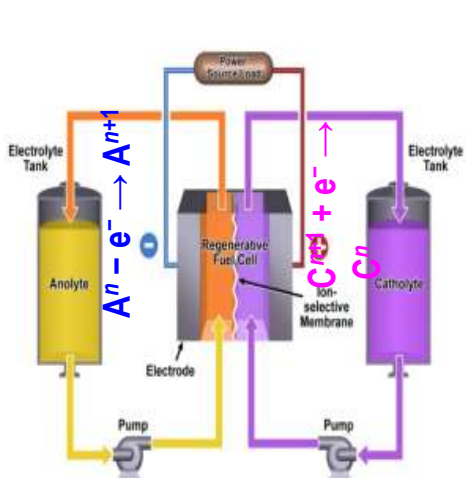


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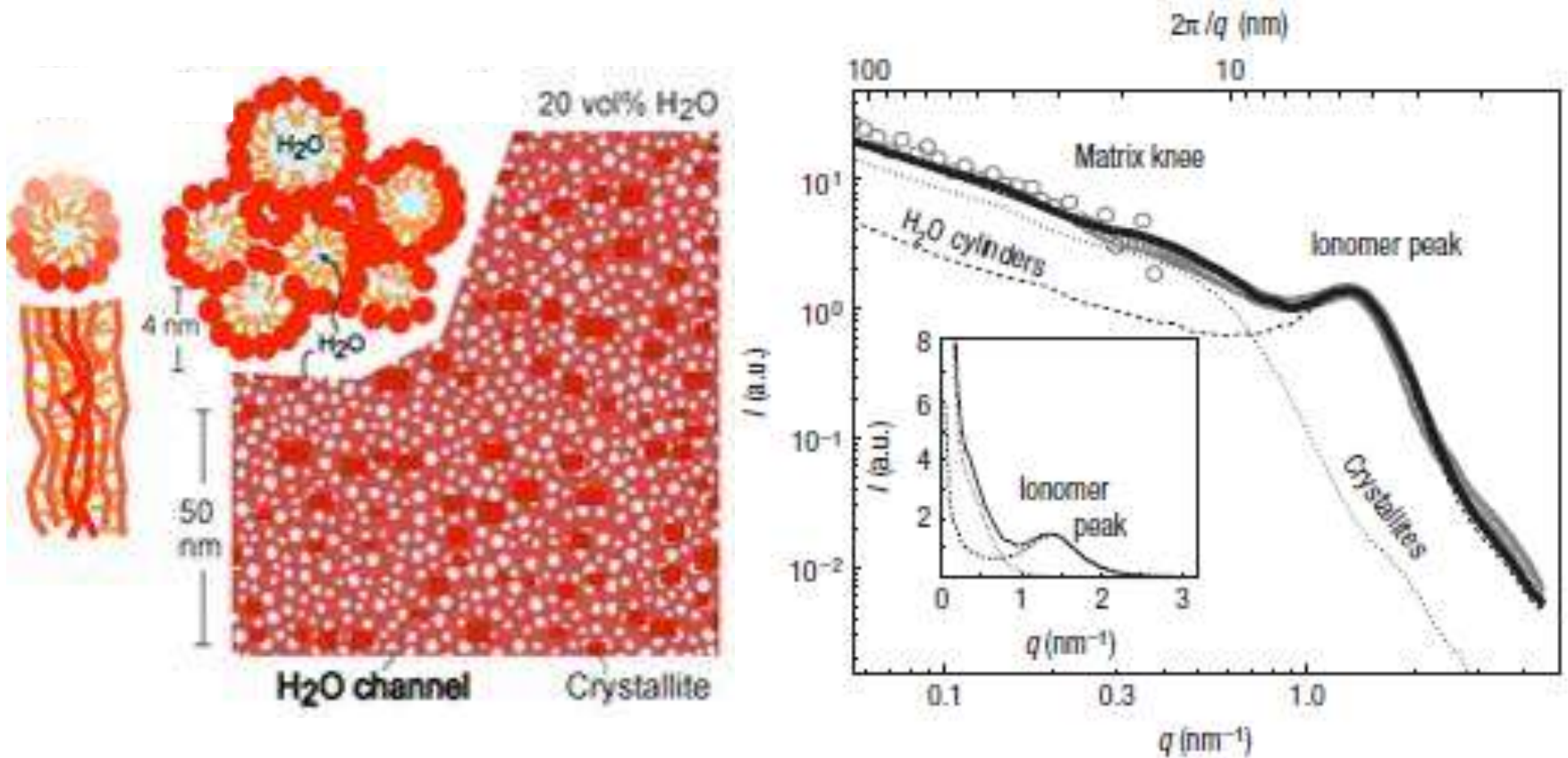
R. E. Williford, V. V. Viswanathan, J. G. Zhang, *Journal of Power Sources* 2009, 189, 101.

# Separators and membranes are widely used, but suffer cross-contamination and fouling.

Schematic of Nafion membrane



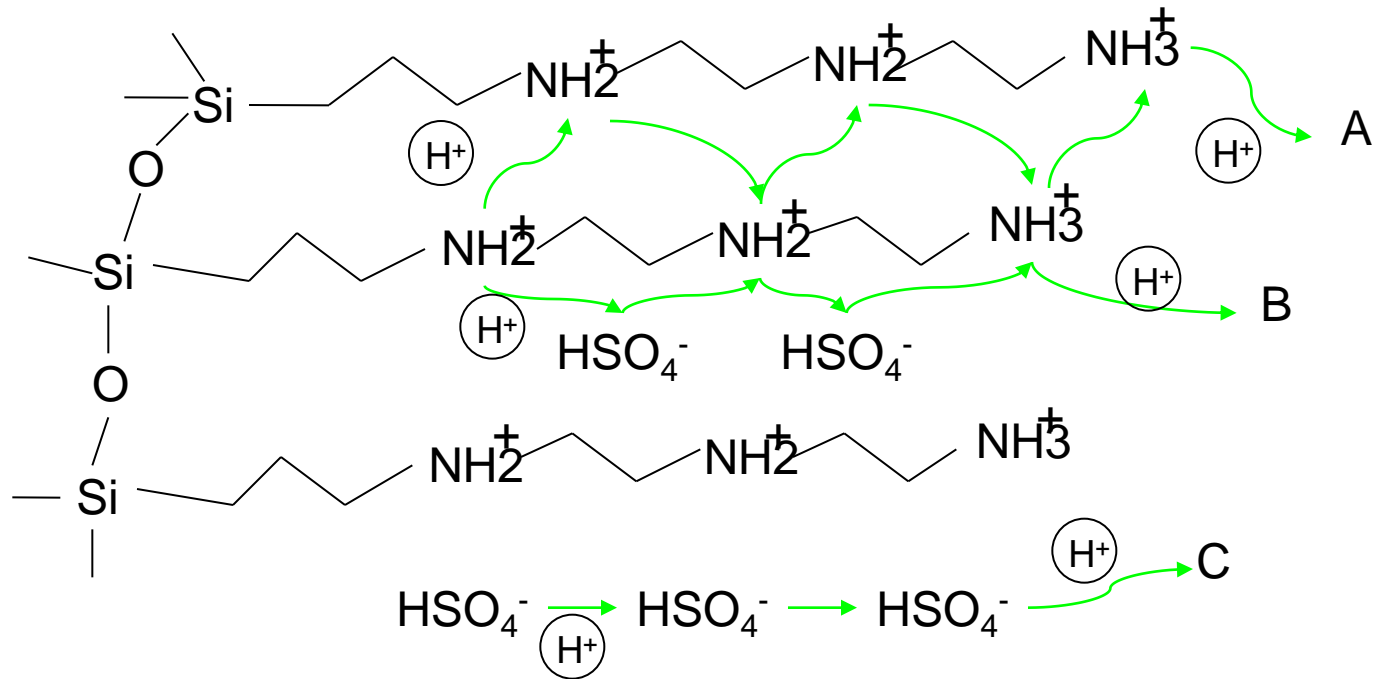
New understanding of Nafion membranes: wide pore channels (2.4 nm), suggesting the importance of water diffusion for H conducting. Such water diffusion mechanism will also favor the diffusion of hydrated cations.



K. Schmidt-Rohr, Q. Chen, *Nature Materials* **2008**, *7*, 75.

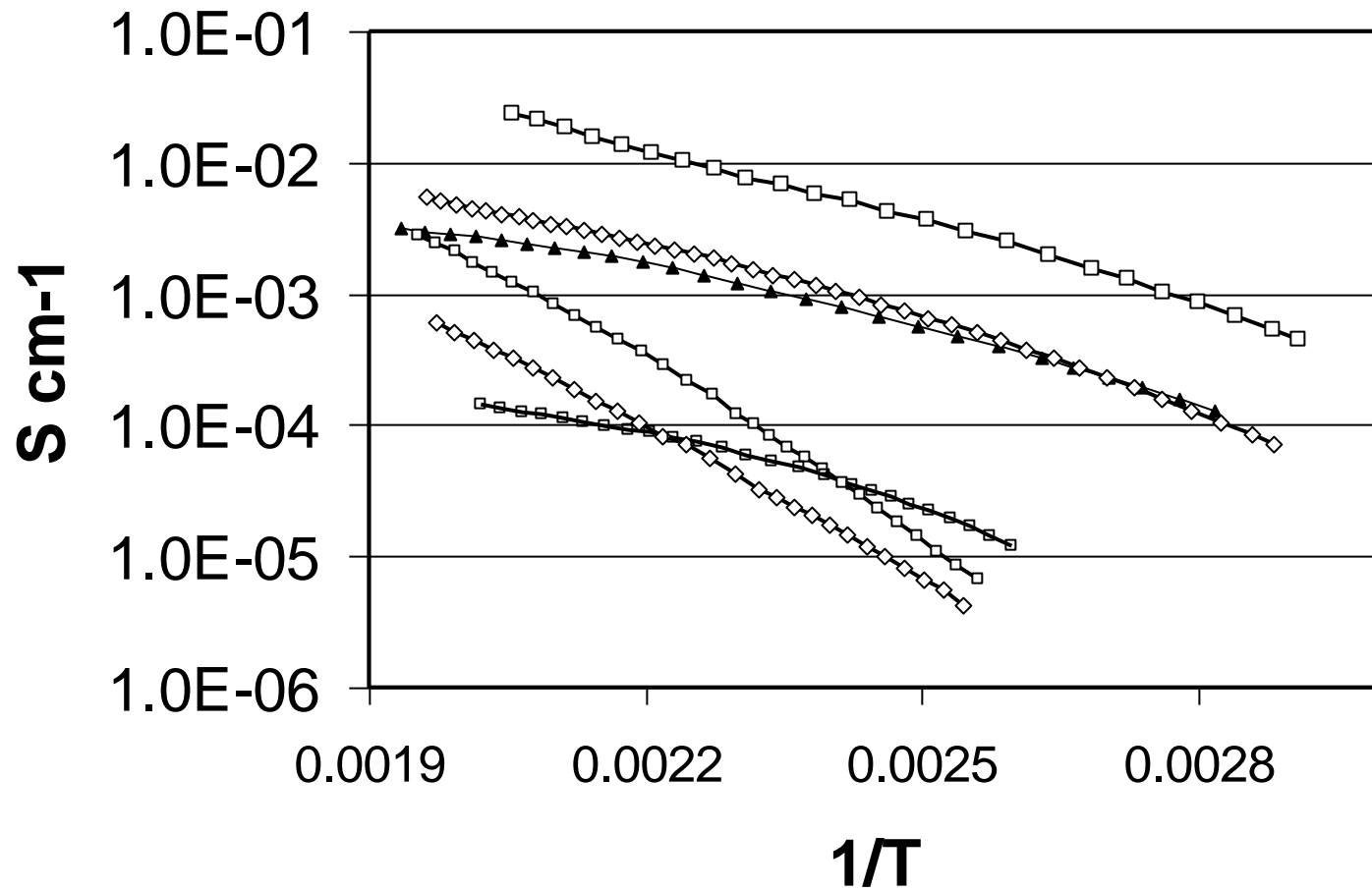
More membrane work from Dr. Thomas Zawodzinski

Is it possible to make proton conducting materials that is not dependent on water diffusion?

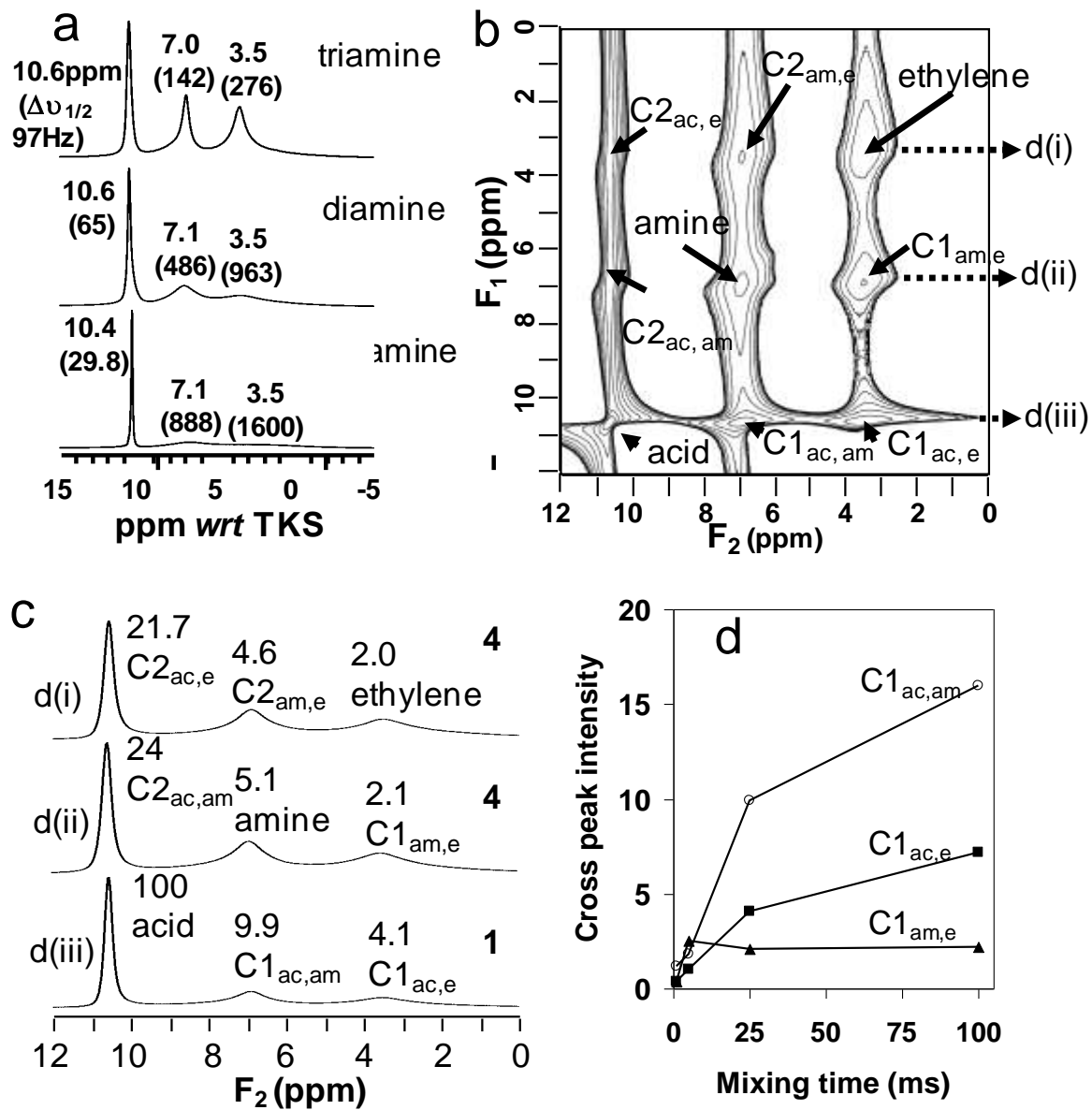




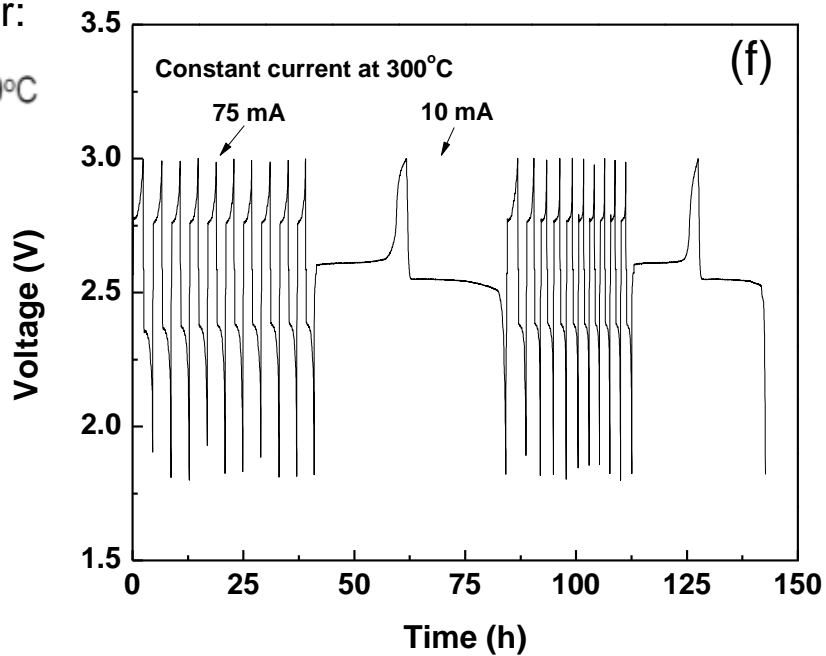
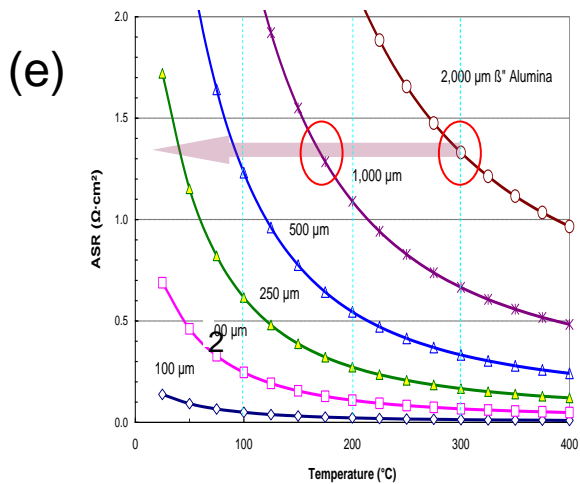
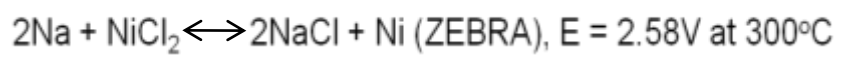
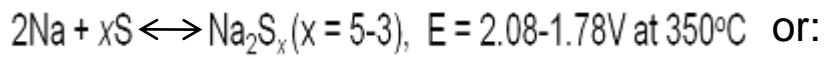
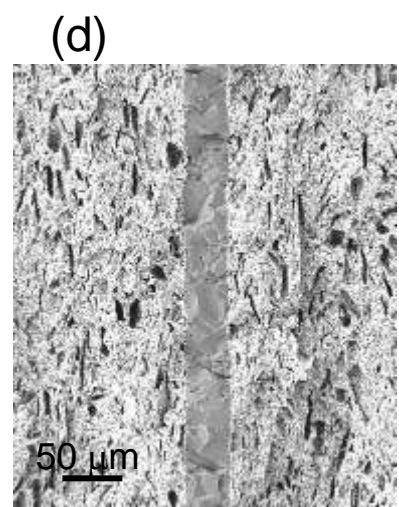
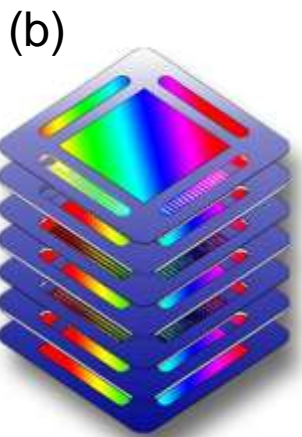
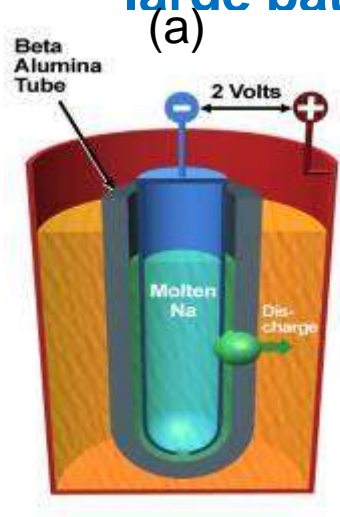
# Proton conductivity of solid state silica based materials



# The proton hopping mechanism is supported by high resolution and 2D NMR spectroscopy results



# New designs and architectures: new thinking is needed on how the large batteries work much more efficiently and safely



More from EaglePitcher (Dr. Jim Degruson)

# Beta" alumina – Design considerations

## Design considerations

Performance, reliability and cost

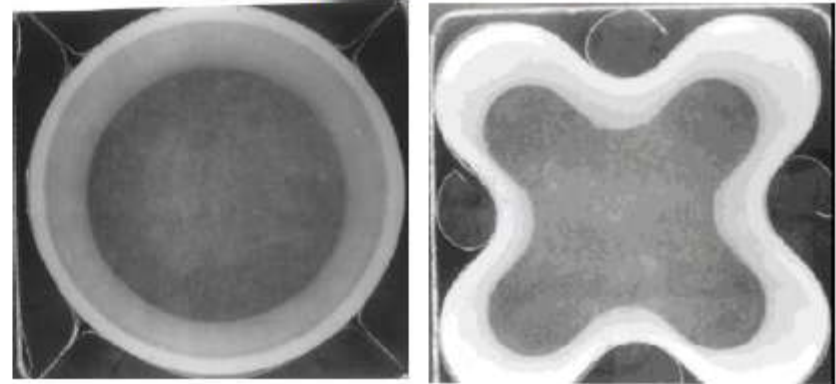
## Performance (power)

- Na<sup>+</sup> conductivity (increase Na<sup>+</sup> flux)
- Shape (Increase surface area while maintaining minimum required tube strength)

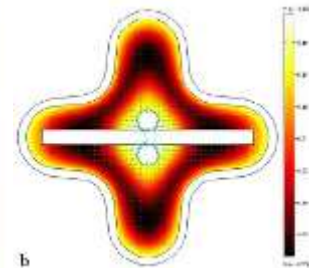
## Reliability

- Strength (Material & shape)
- Cell assembly (Residual stress from sealing process)
- Pressure cycling during cell operation
- Current density

After J. Sudworth (2001)



Increased surface area → Increased power density



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imagination at work

J. Sudworth, *J. Power Sources*, 100 (2001) p 149

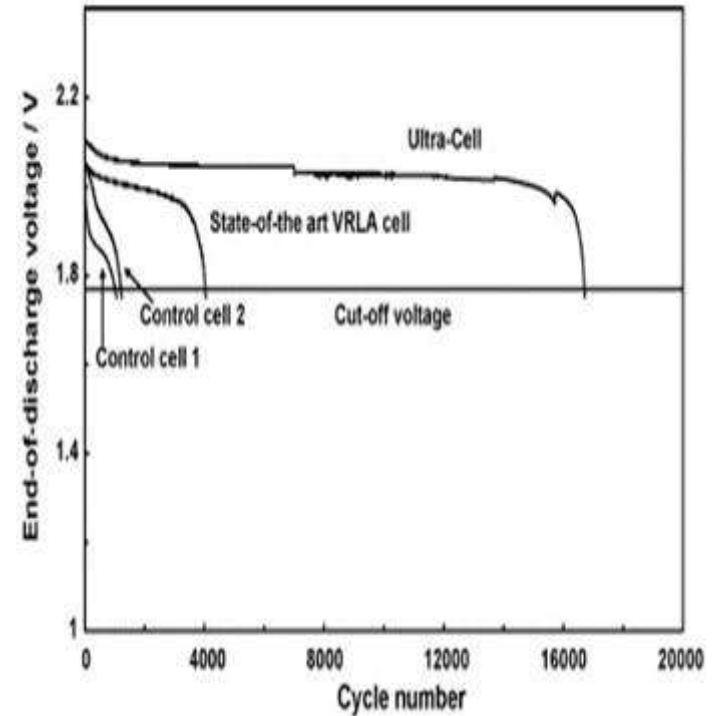
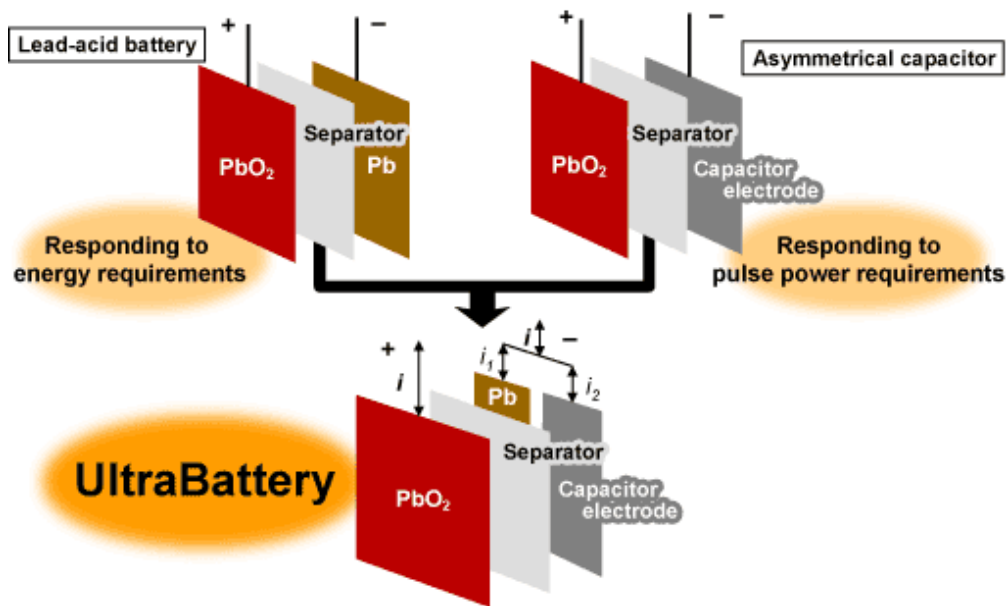
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*GE Global Research, Niskayuna, NY*

More from GE (Dr. Glen Merfeld)

# Lead-carbon batteries

- ❑ Asymmetric capacitor – hybrid of lead-acid and carbon ultra-capacitor
- ❑ Lead electrode in lead-acid replaced by carbon electrodes of capacitor
- ❑ Energy stored at anode by double layer and possible H<sup>+</sup> pseudo-capacitance
- ❑ Carbon electrode acts as a buffer to charge/discharge currents, preventing high rates on lead negative electrode
- ❑ Improved cycle life and power



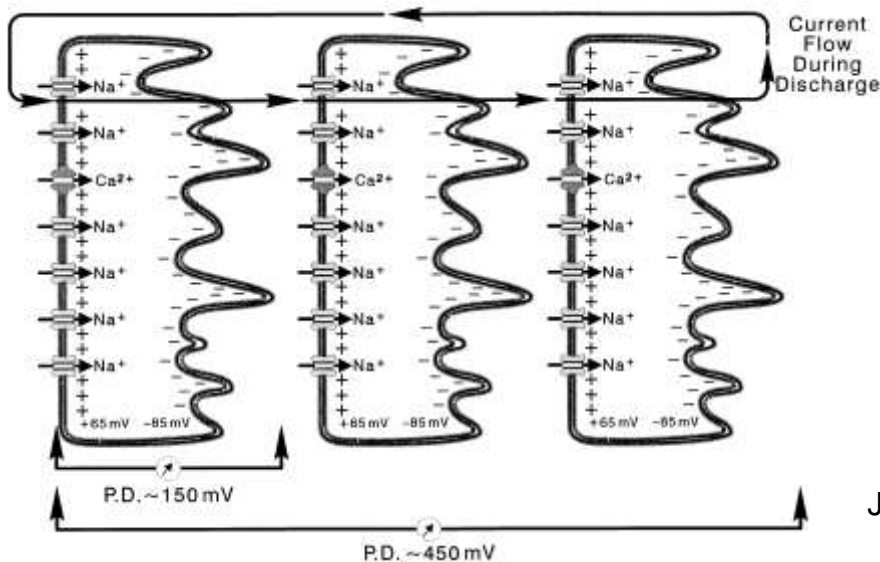
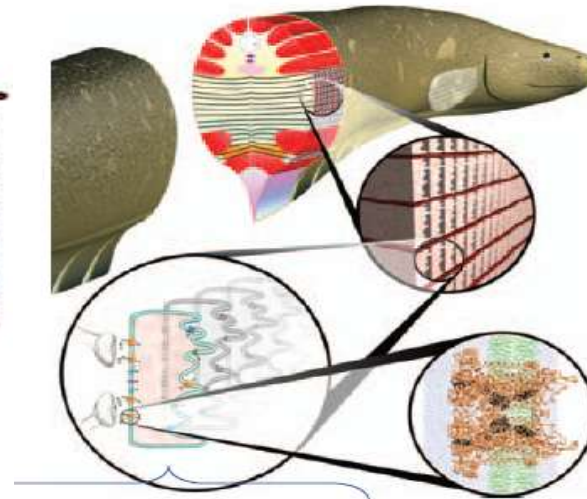
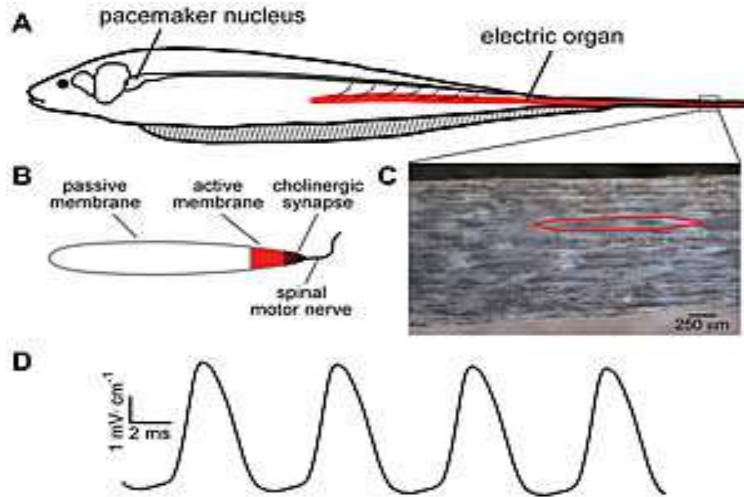
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# Fundamental discoveries and total new mechanisms could lead to room temperature batteries for \$100/kWh for large scale applications?

Biology stores energy with Na, K, Ca ions, not Li ions (electrical eels).

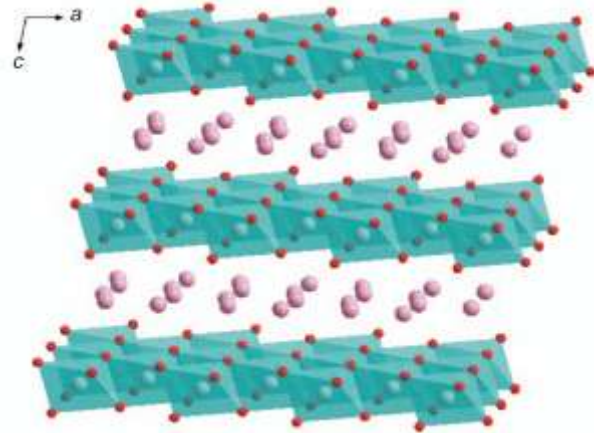
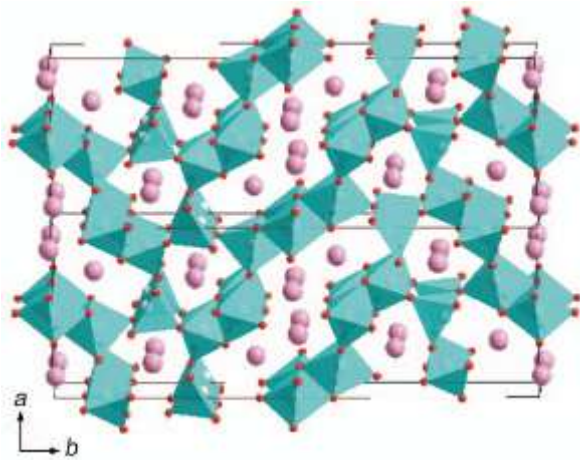
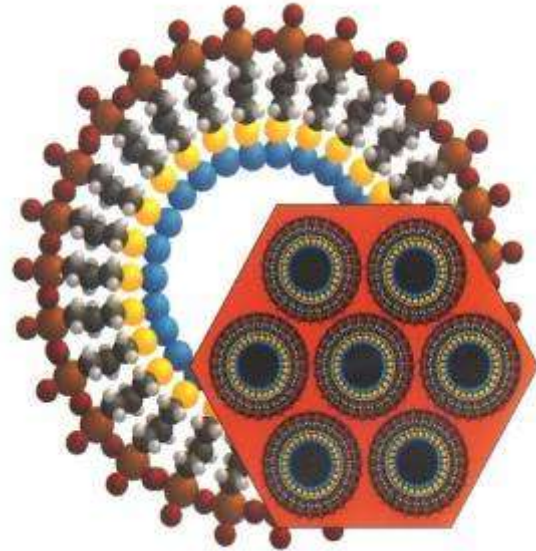
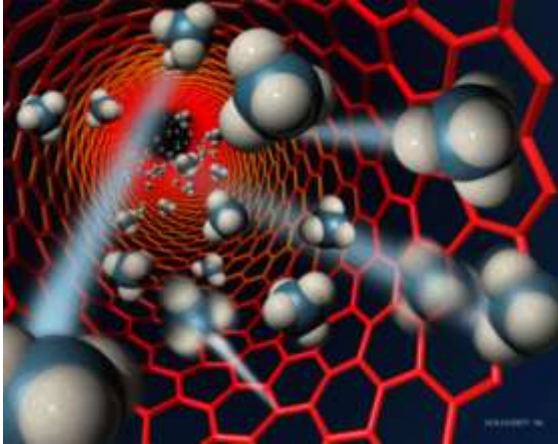


Storing large amount of energy using NaCl?



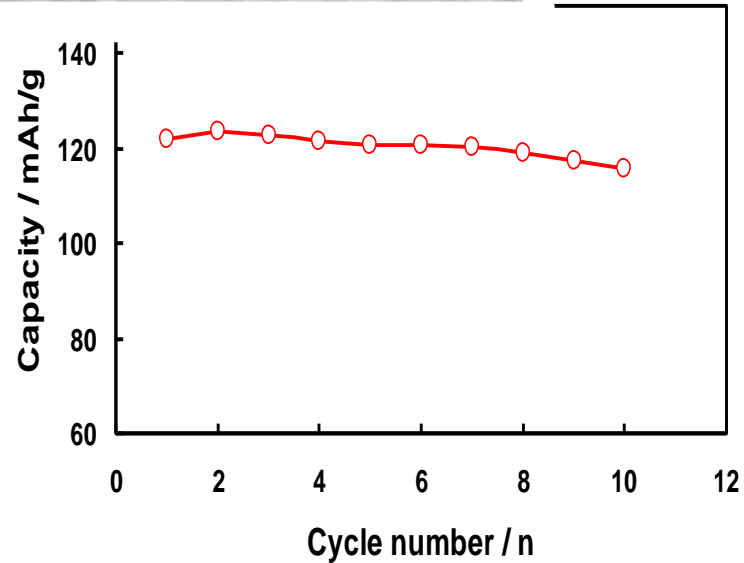
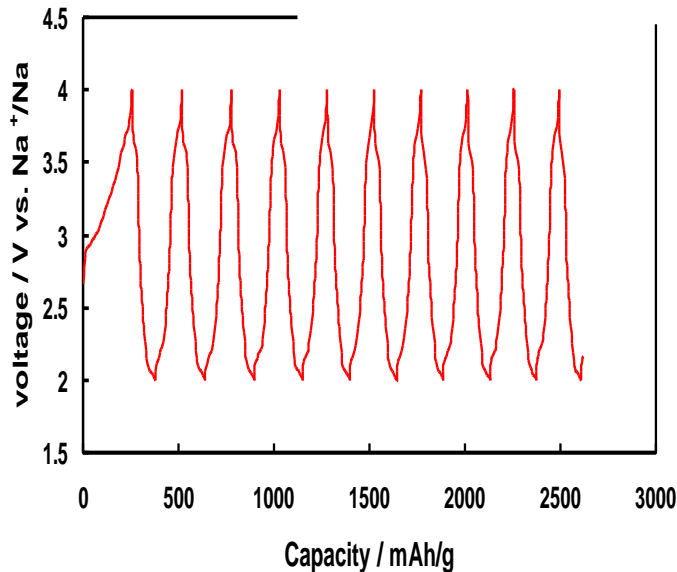
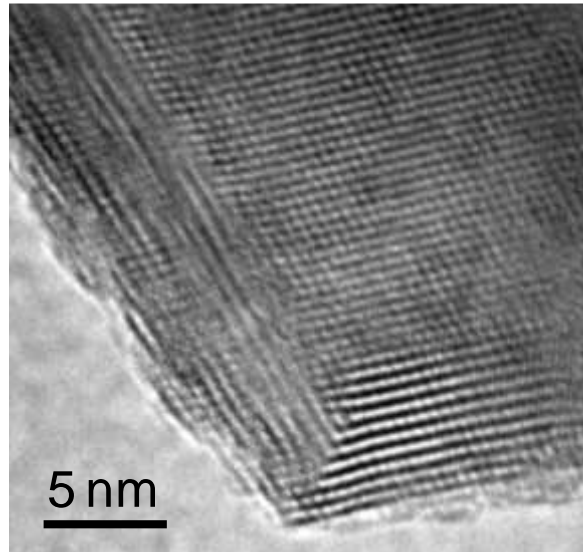
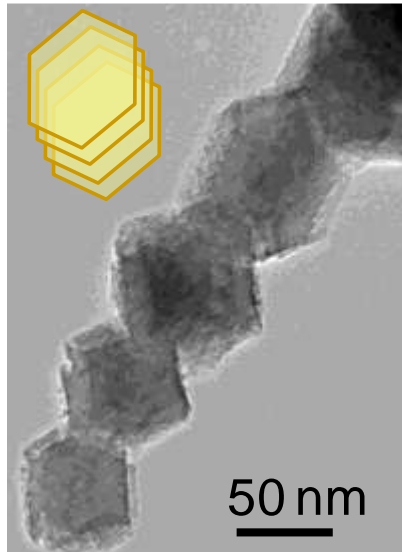
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A wide range of host materials can be used to Na ion storage





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A whole new class of materials that can store energy using Na ions or other environmentally friendly materials are yet to be discovered.

# Grand Challenges for Large Scale Energy Storage

Fundamental understand of the materials properties and chemical processes in complex, reactive environments and systems;

New materials, chemistry and components to significantly improve the efficiency, reliability, safety and life span of current and future storage systems;

Revolutionary designs, concepts and architectures that can significantly reduce the system and maintenance cost: of large energy storage systems;

Novel energy storage mechanisms, energy storage technologies that are environmentally friendly and that are not dependent on materials and chemicals of limited supply;

Tools and methodologies to predict and analyze the economics of specific technologies for different scales/different applications and guide smart grid integration.