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# ADVANCES IN BATTERY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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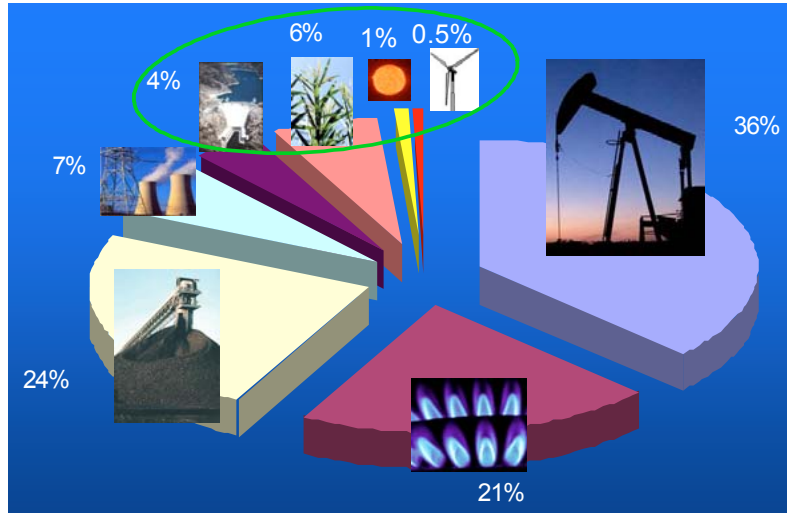
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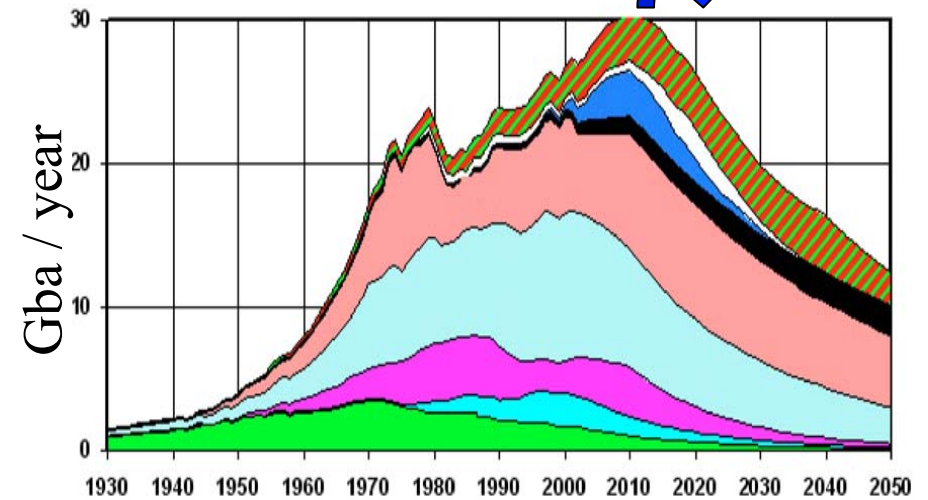
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# Oil: social and economic stakes

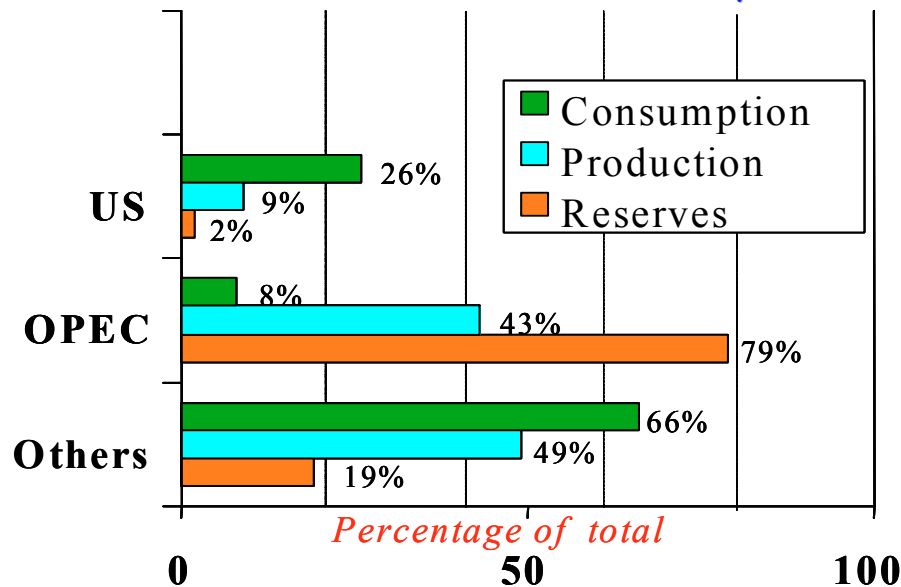
The energy forms used in the World today?



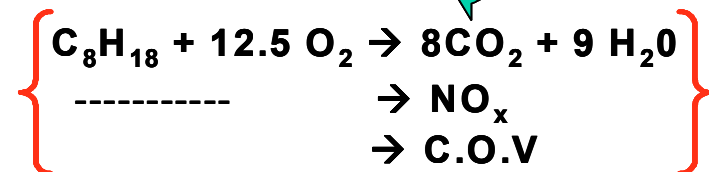
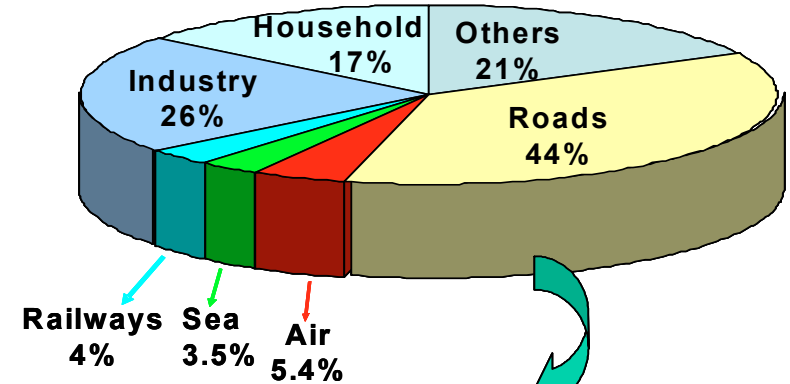
Worldwide production of oil & natural gas



World oil reserves/consumption

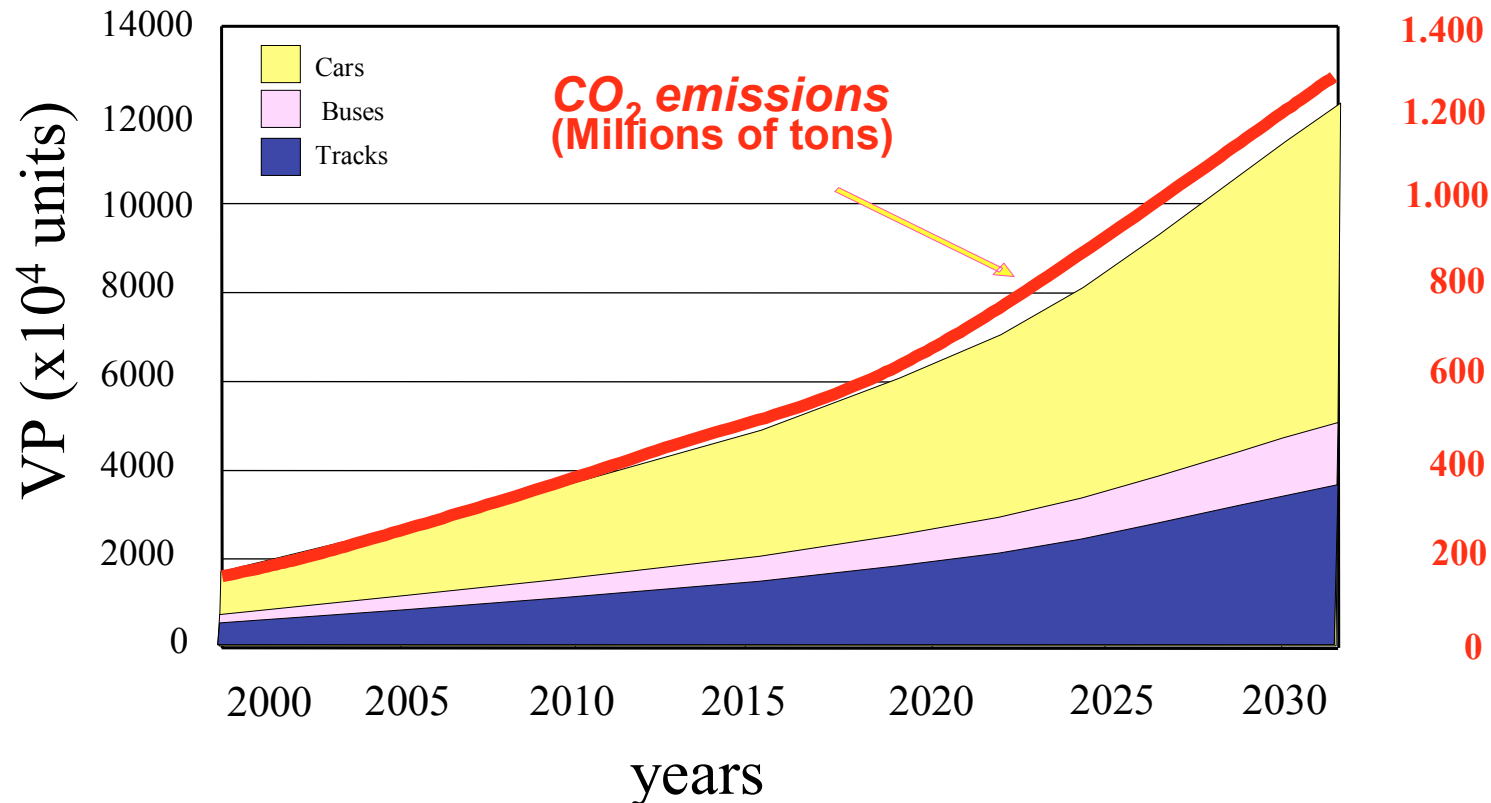


Detailed oil consumption



# Foreseen evolution of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions linked to transportation in the World

Millions of cars circulating in 2004:  
294 in Europe and 307 in the U.S.



Courtesy of Dr. J-M. Tarascon, Amiens



México, D.F.



## The ten most polluted cities in the world!

1. Taiwan

2. Milan

3. Beijing

4. Urumchi

5. Mexico

6. Lanzhou

7. Chongqing

8. Jinan

9. Shijizhuang

10. Teheran

**7 in China!**

Source: J-M. Tarascon, CNRS Amiens

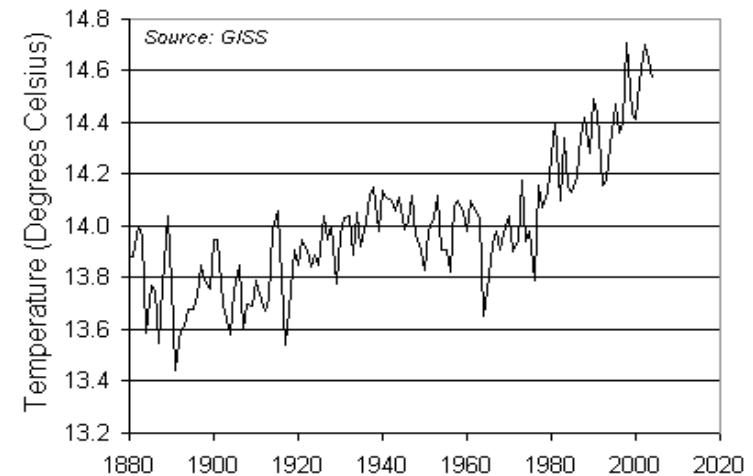
# The CO<sub>2</sub> issue

Air pollution in large urban areas



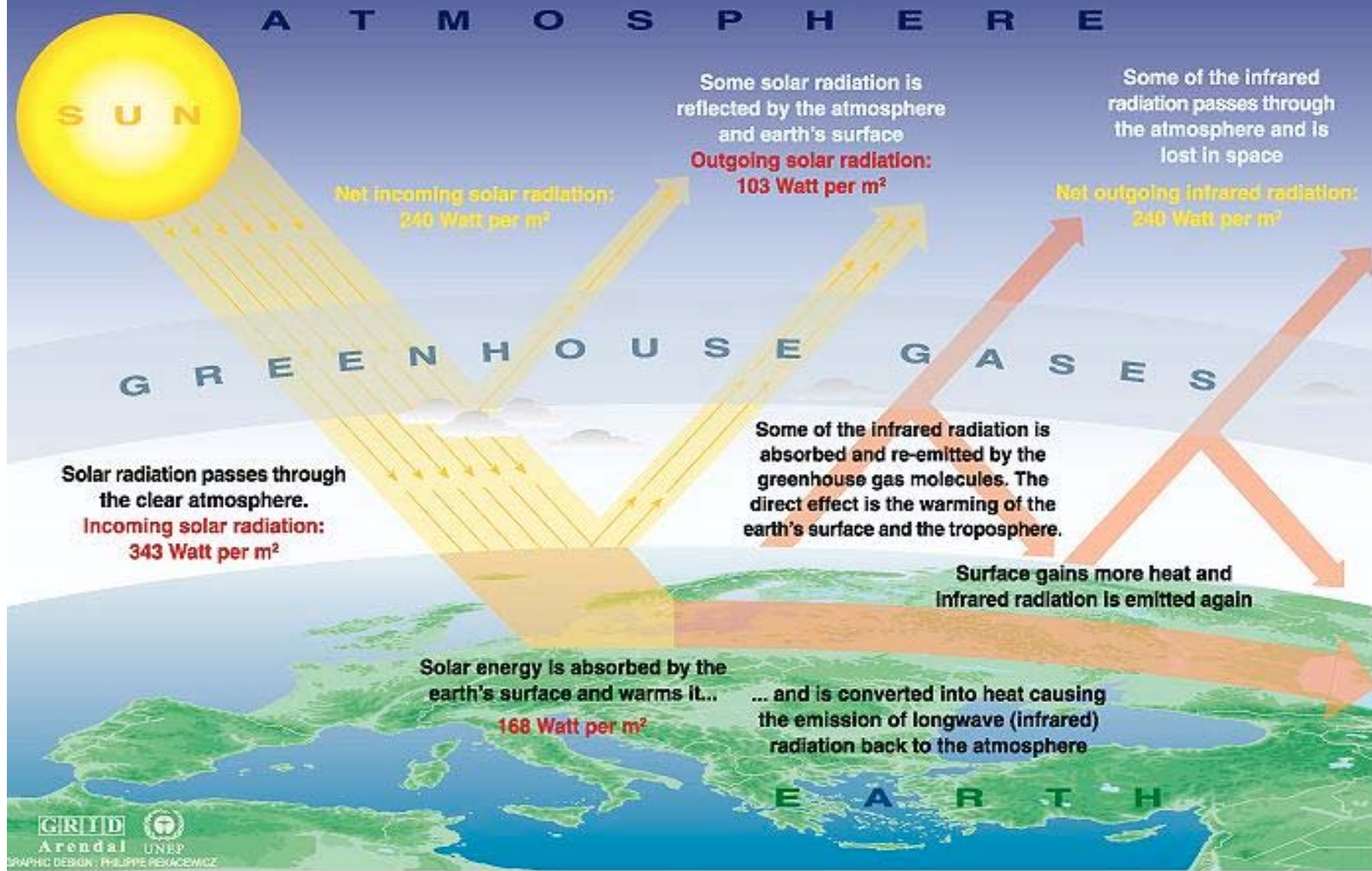
Increase of global warming  
(Greenhouse effect)

Average Global Temperature, 1880-2004





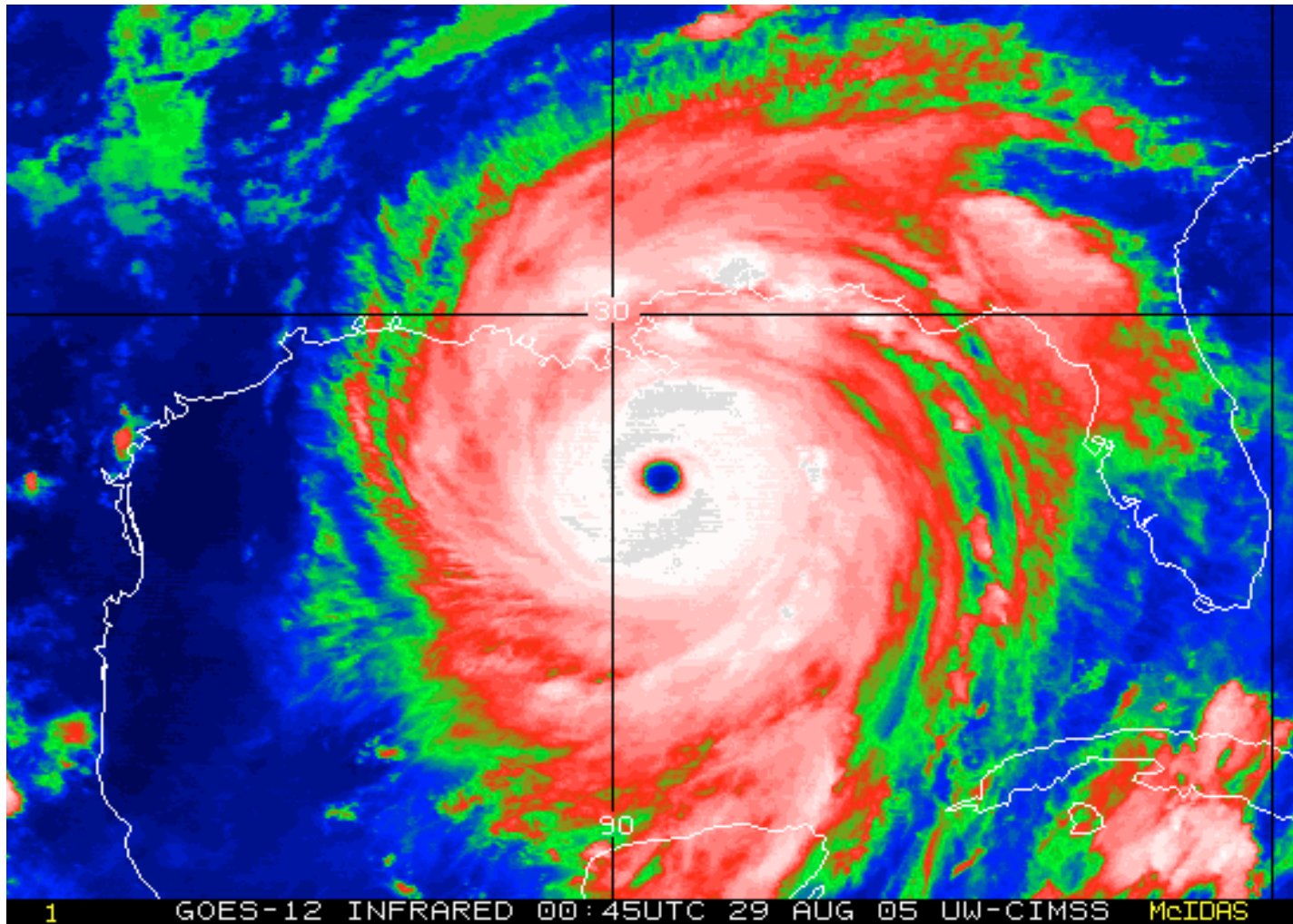
# The Greenhouse effect



Sources: Okanagan university college in Canada, Department of geography, University of Oxford, school of geography; United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington; Climate change 1995, The science of climate change, contribution of working group 1 to the second assessment report of the intergovernmental panel on climate change, UNEP and WMO, Cambridge university press, 1996.



Hurricanes get energy flux from water evaporation  
from the oceans



Pseudo-color IRF image of Katrina in the Gulf  
(from NASA)



# New Orleans flood





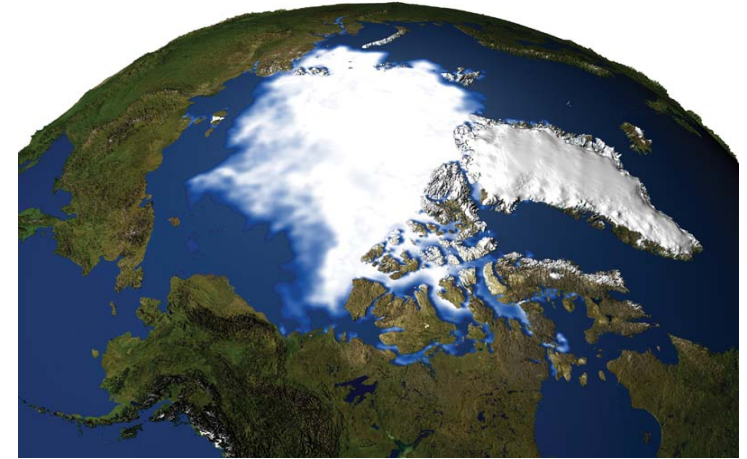
# Hurricane Rita in Cuba



## The CO<sub>2</sub> issue

Unusual natural disasters!

Icecap melt in Arctic



Glacier extension in N.P.

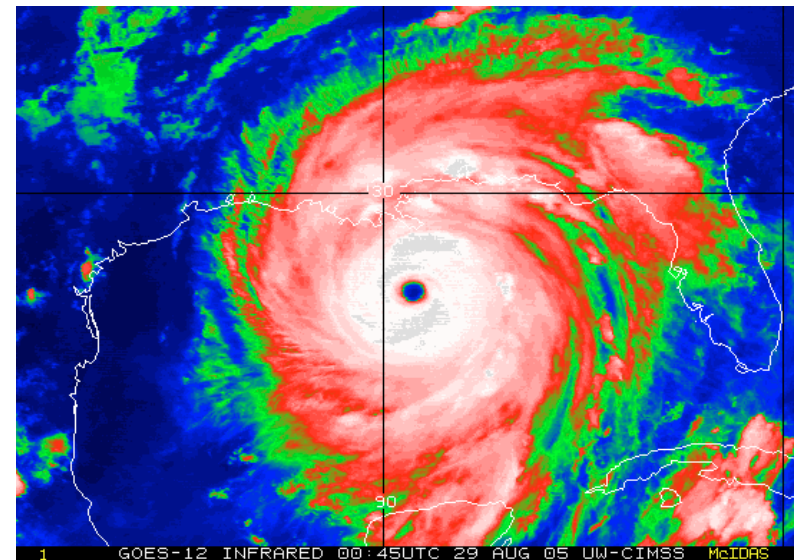
Devastating hurricanes



Drowning of rivers



Amazon river in Brazil



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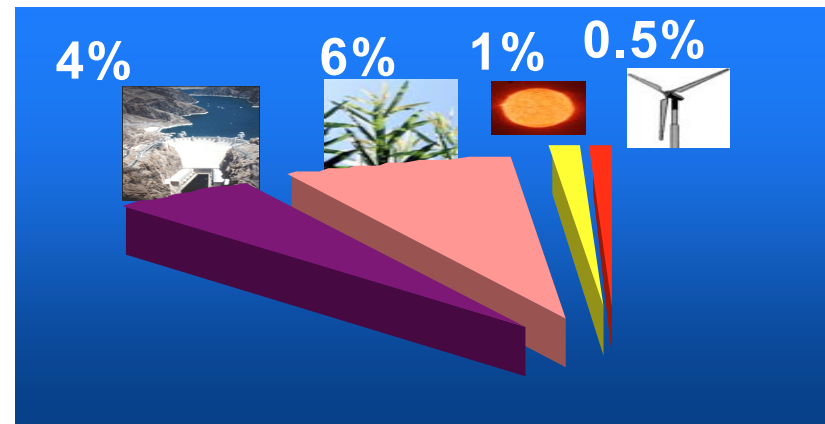




To control environment pollution and..



..to better implement renewable energies in our day-to-day lives  
Sun doesn't shine on demands...  
Wind doesn't blow every days..

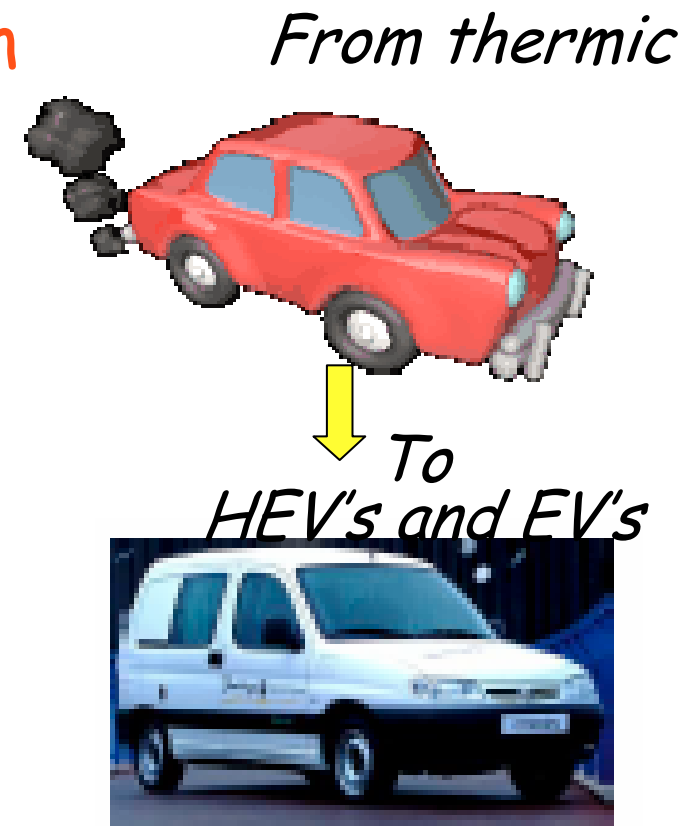


Cost-efficient, long-life, high-power energy electrochemical power sources (e.g. batteries or fuel cells) are urgently needed!

How we can we address the  $CO_2$  issue and control the pollution in urban area ?

Among other actions, the replacement of a large fraction of internal combustion vehicles with zero or controlled-emission cars, i.e. EVs or HEVs, is urgently needed!

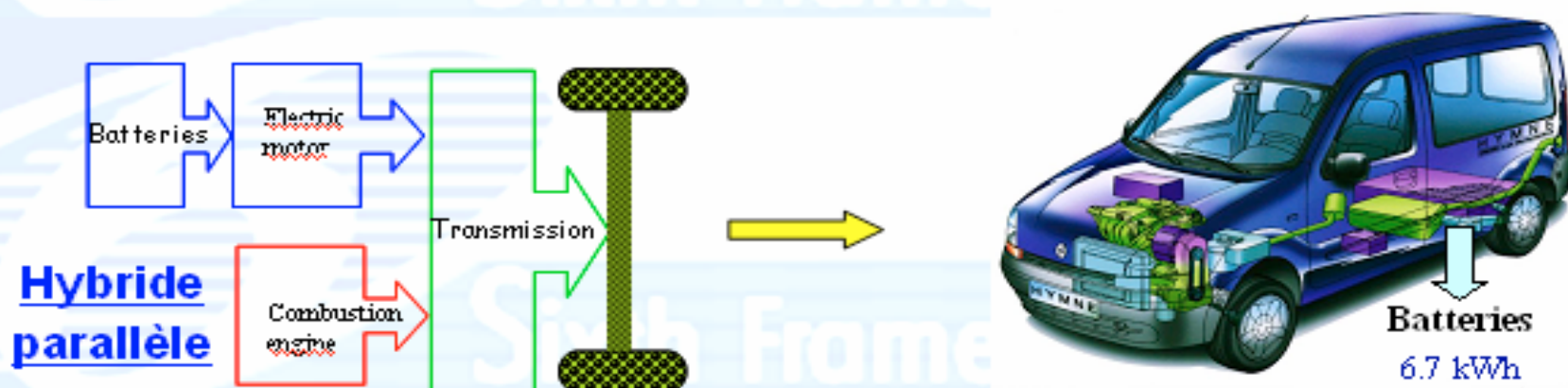
Advanced energy storage systems, i.e. cost-efficient, long-life, high-power energy storage batteries, are requested to power these cars!



# State-of-the-art in Electric Vehicles: mechanical aspects

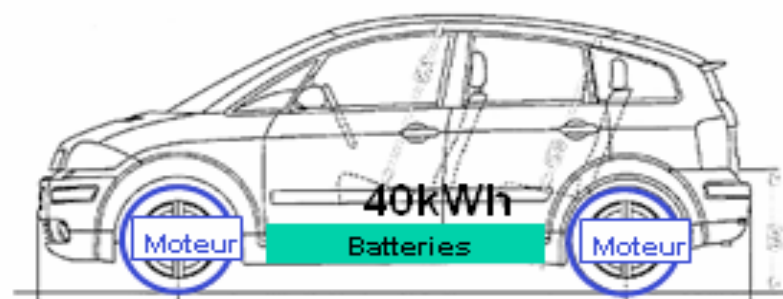
(1)

**Hybrid electric vehicle: HEV**  
(hybrid motorisation): **Long distance**



(2)

**Electric vehicle : EV**  
*In town*



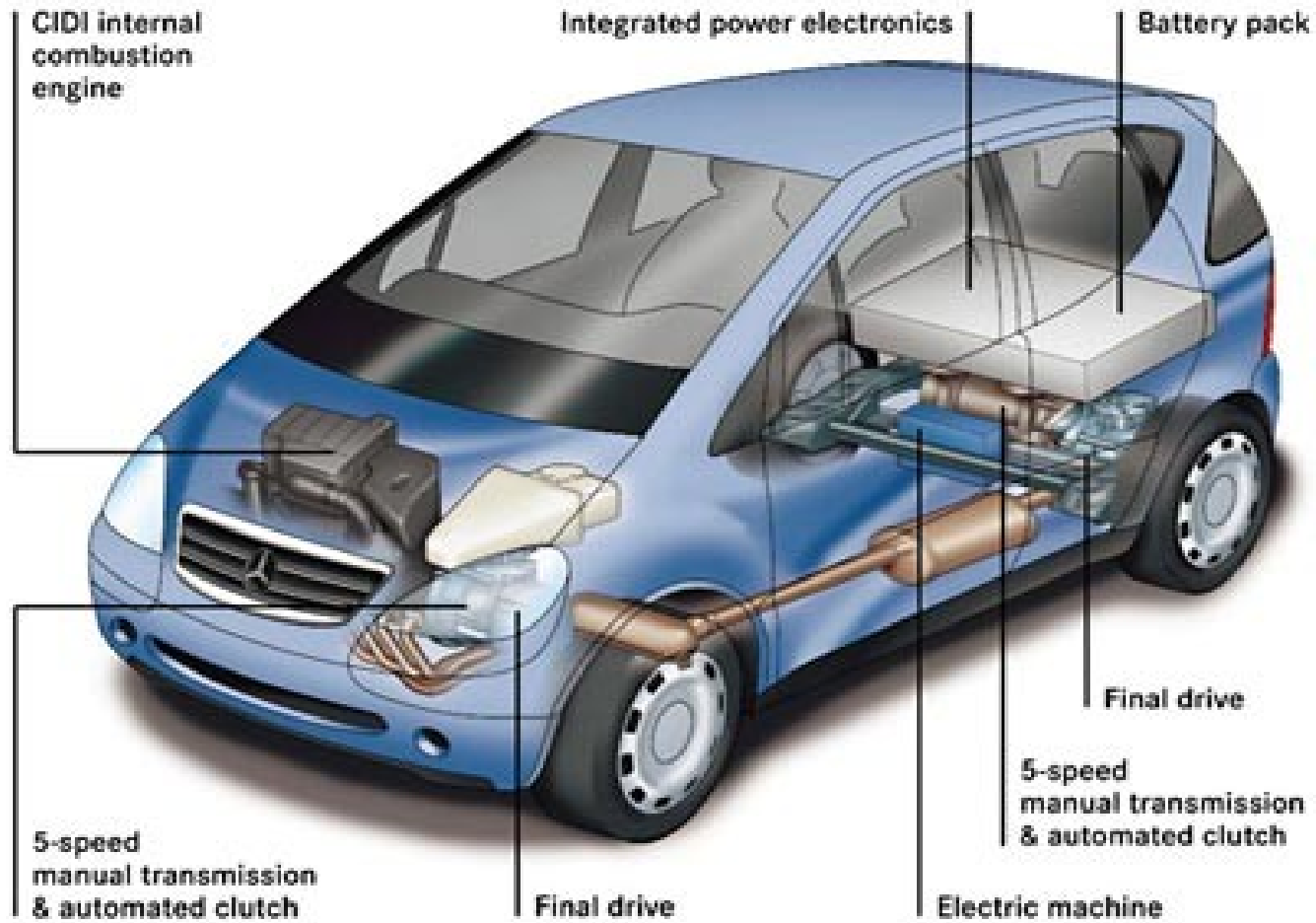
**On-board energy storage :**

**Cost efficient long-life, high-power energy storage systems, batteries**






JM Tarascon

# The Hybrid Car (HEV)





	Fuel* (estimated per year)		Vehicle emissions (estimated, per year in pounds)				
	Con- sumption	Cost	<u>Carbon dioxide</u>	<u>Carbon monoxide</u>	<u>Nitrogen oxides</u>	<u>Hydro-carbons</u>	What if...
<b>1998 MERCEDES-BENZ SL500</b> (18.0 mpg, Tier 1) 12,500 miles/year	695 gal	\$966	13473 lb	344.5 lb	31.7 lb	22.3 lb	not applicable pre 1998
<b>2002 TOYOTA PRIUS</b> (48.6 mpg, SULEV) 12,500 miles/year	258 gal	\$358	4990 lb	79.9 lb	0.8 lb	0.8 lb	
<b>2002 HONDA CIVIC HYBRID</b> (47.8 mpg, ULEV) 12,500 miles/year	262 gal	\$364	5074 lb	135.0 lb	9.4 lb	3.3 lb	

\* Actual fuel consumption and emissions will vary depending on the specific vehicle configuration, how well the vehicle is maintained, and your driving habits. (See [methodology](#) for details.) Fuel cost is based on a national average fuel price of \$1.39 (as of June 11, 2002, from the Energy Information Administration).

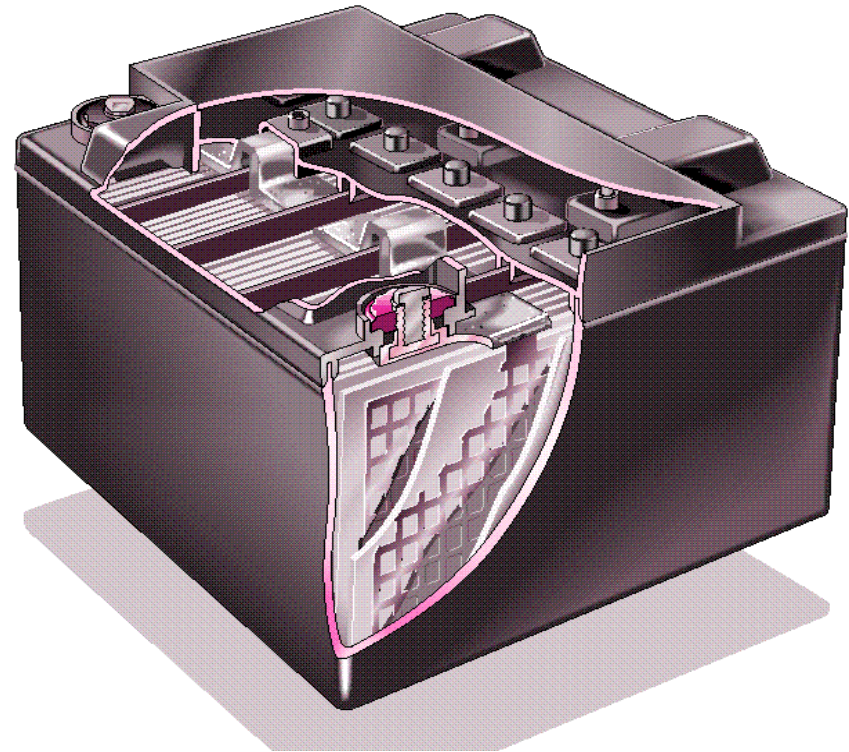
You now have a choice. The Toyota Prius and Honda Civic are hybrid-electric vehicles of similar size to the car(s) you've selected for comparison, and each have superior environmental performance. Both incorporate the best, cutting-edge, mainstream technologies available to automakers. The Prius achieves the highest fuel economy of any compact car sold in America and emits far less pollution than the typical vehicle, making it one of the cleanest vehicles available today. Just behind the Prius in terms of environmental performance is the Civic Hybrid. It also achieves impressive fuel economy and reduced tailpipe emissions, well above the average automobile.

Low cost, high energy  
batteries are needed for  
an efficient electric or  
hybrid car operation.

BATTERIES

# Conventional batteries

Lead-acid batteries:  
 $\text{Pb} / \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 / \text{PbO}_2$   
Voltage: 2 V  
too heavy;  
low energy density,  $\approx$   
40 Wh/kg





# Conventional batteries

Nickel-Cadmium:  
Cd / KOH / NiOOH  
Voltage: 1.6V  
too heavy, low  
energy density,  $\approx 50$   
Wh/kg and  
toxic components  
(Cd)

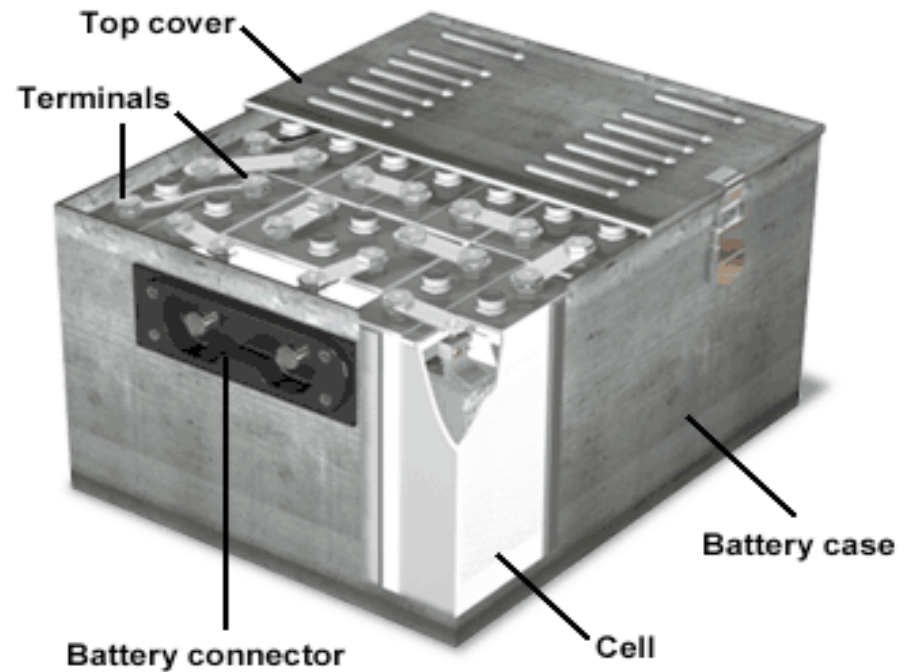
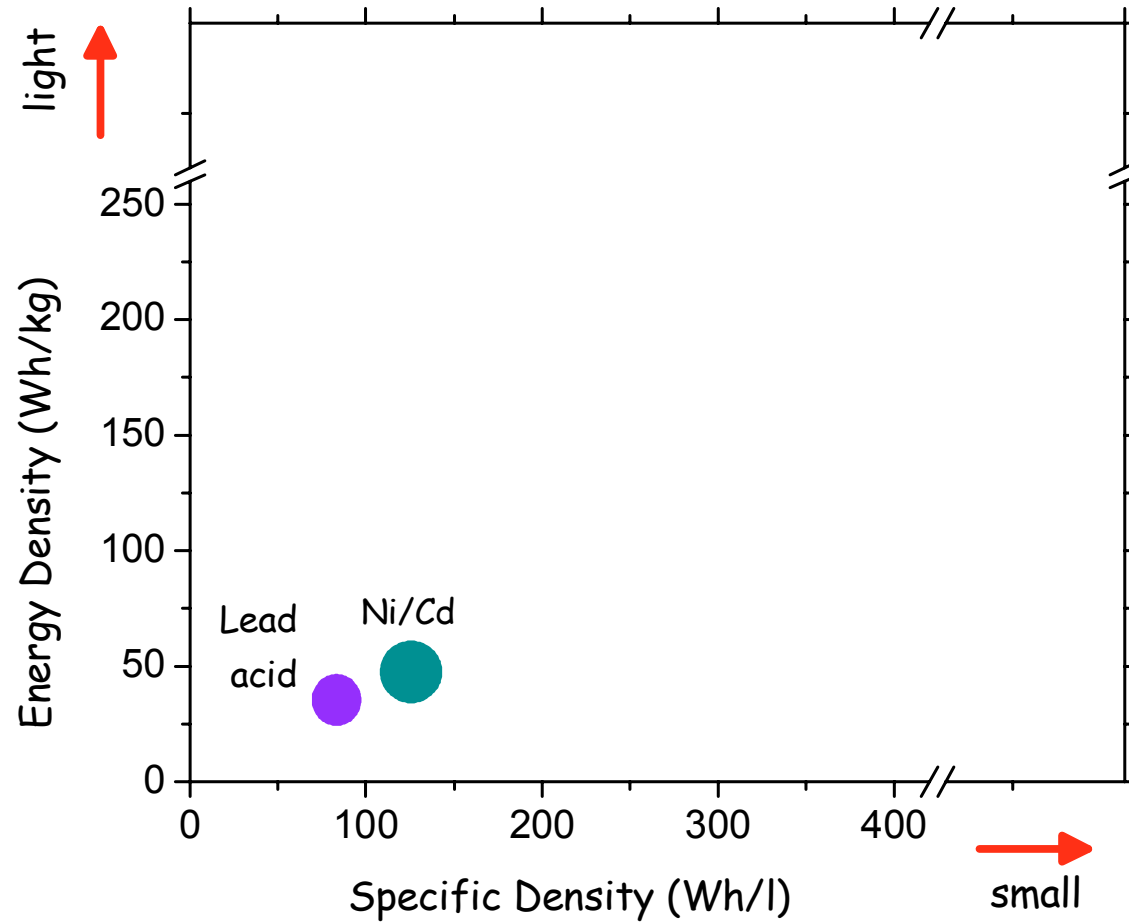


Figure 1

# Energy diagram for conventional batteries



## Alternative battery:

Nickel-Metal Hydride

NiOOH / KOH / MH

Voltage: 1.6 V

moderate energy

density:

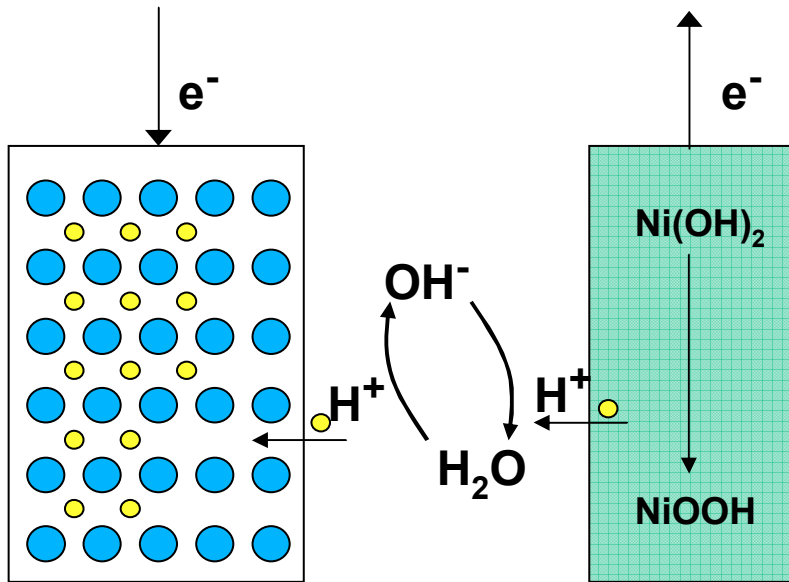
≈ 60 Wh/kg

high cost

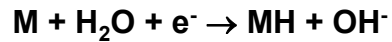


# Ni/MH charge - discharge mechanism

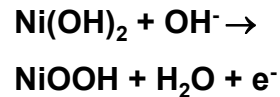
## CHARGE REACTION



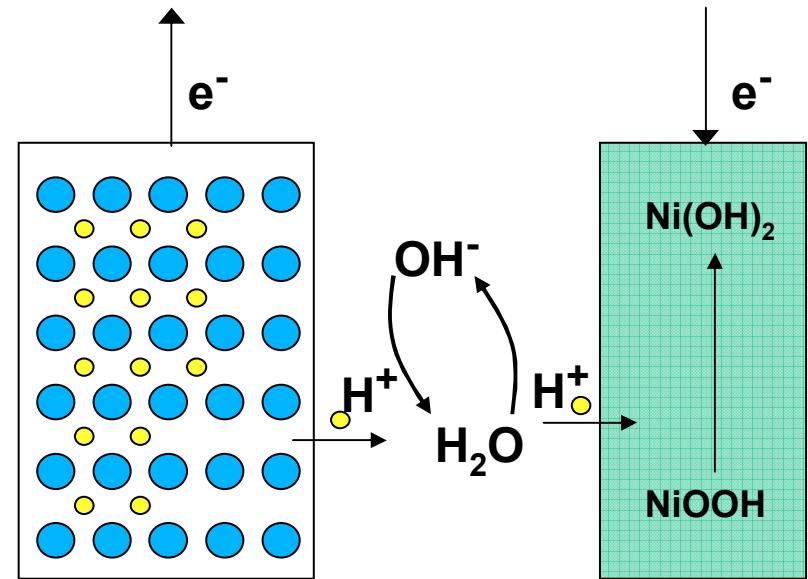
Metal Hydride Electrode



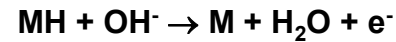
Nickel Electrode



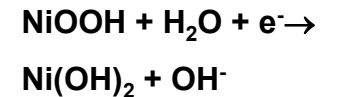
## DISCHARGE REACTION



Metal Hydride Electrode



Nickel Electrode

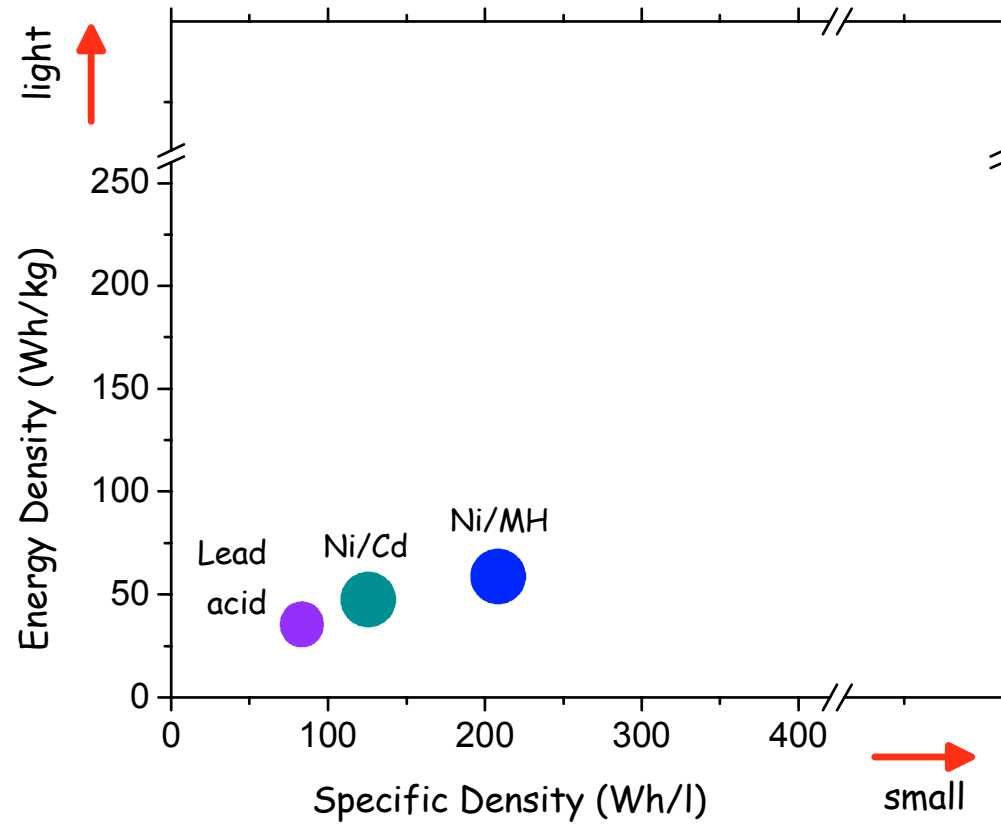


● M: Hydrogen Absorbing intermetallic alloy

● H: Hydrogen Atom



# Energy diagram for conventional batteries



A nickel-metal hydride battery is presently used as the energy storage unit in HEVs .....

**INSTRUMENTS**  
Dashboard gauges alert you when the battery is recharging or assisting the engine



**GAS ENGINE**  
The 1.3-liter, four-cylinder engine is 25% smaller than a standard Civic's

Cars that run on both gas and electricity are finally catching on. TIME takes the newest models out for a spin.



**ELECTRIC MOTOR**  
The 5-cm-wide, 13-h.p. motor is sandwiched between the engine and the transmission

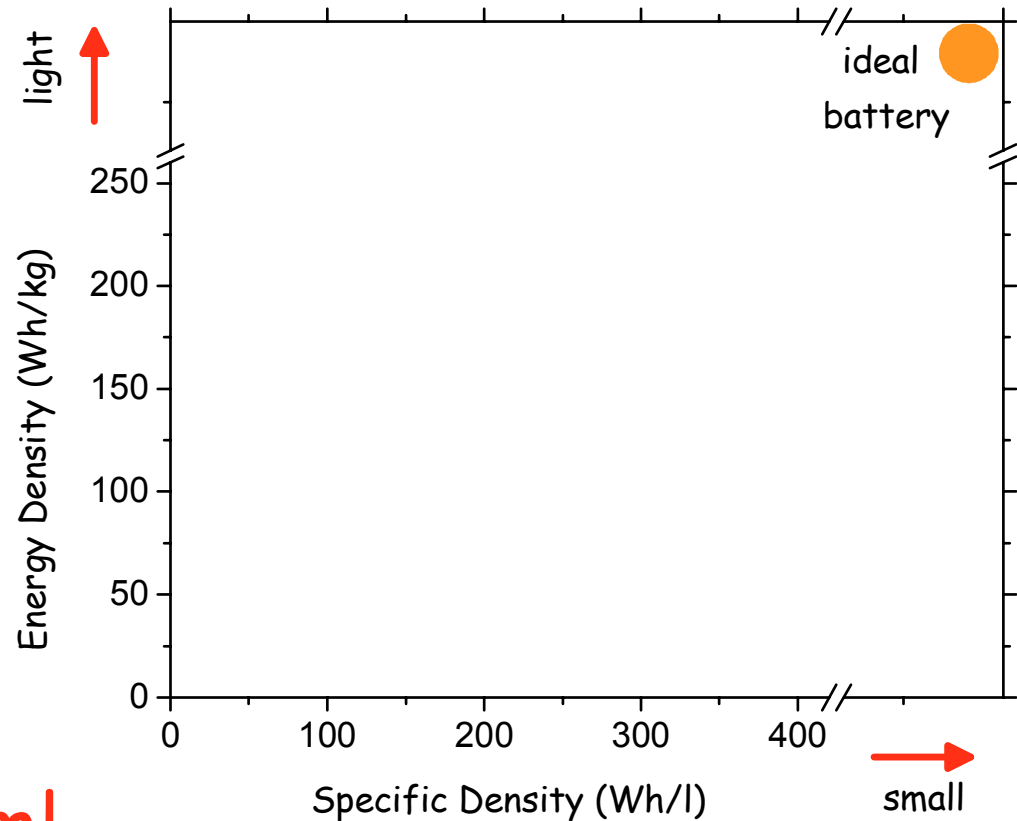
**BATTERY**  
The 28.6-kg nickel-metal-hydride battery and controller power the electric motor

**GAS TANK**  
With its 50-liter tank and rating of 21.7 km/L (highway), the Civic can cover up to 1,062 km between fill-ups

.... however, new types of batteries having higher energy density and lower cost than Ni-MH, are urgently needed to assure high performance and market competitiveness.

# The ideal battery

No mass !      No  
volume !      No  
cost ! Infinite  
voltage! Infinite  
life!



The ultimate dream!



# Advanced batteries

Lithium-ion batteries

C /LiPF<sub>6</sub> in EC-DMC /LiCoO<sub>2</sub>

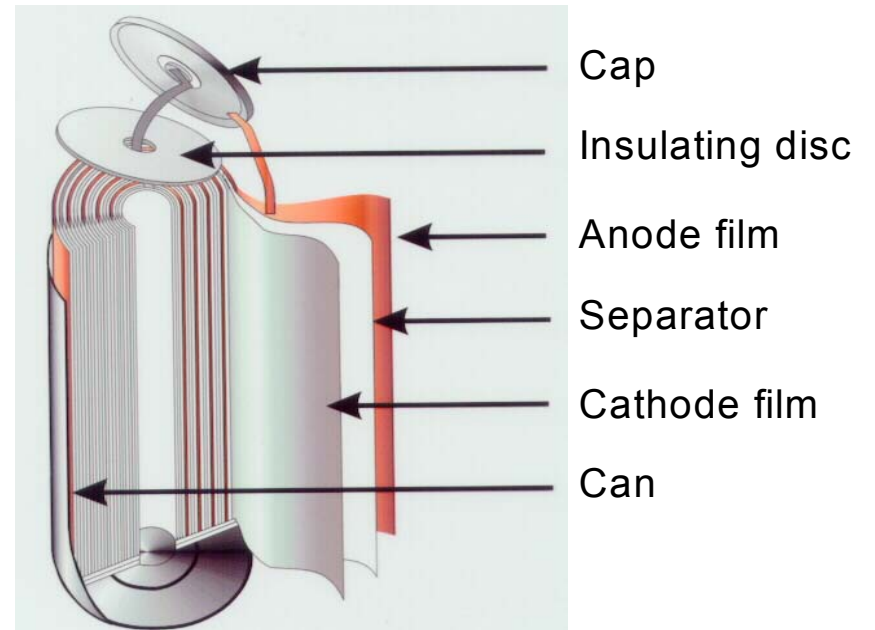
Voltage: 3.5V

light, ,compact

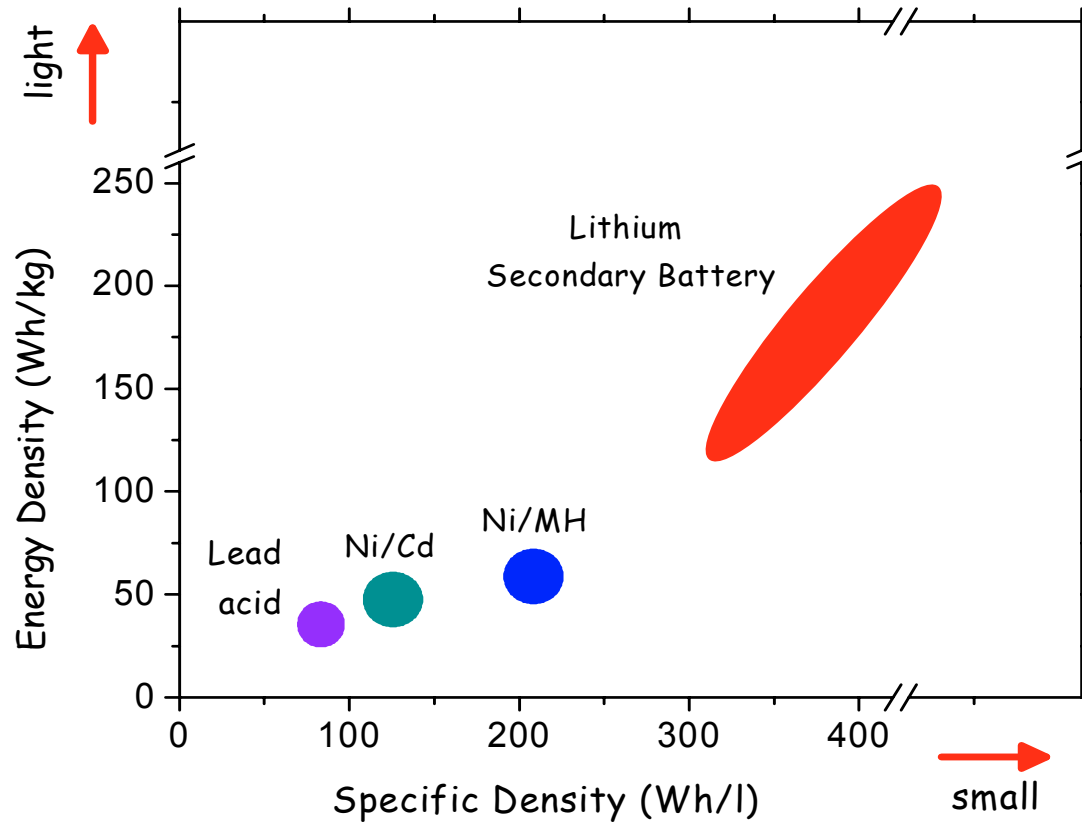
high energy density,

≈150 Wh/kg

Safety concern ?



# Energy diagram for lithium batteries versus conventional batteries



# Lithium Batteries



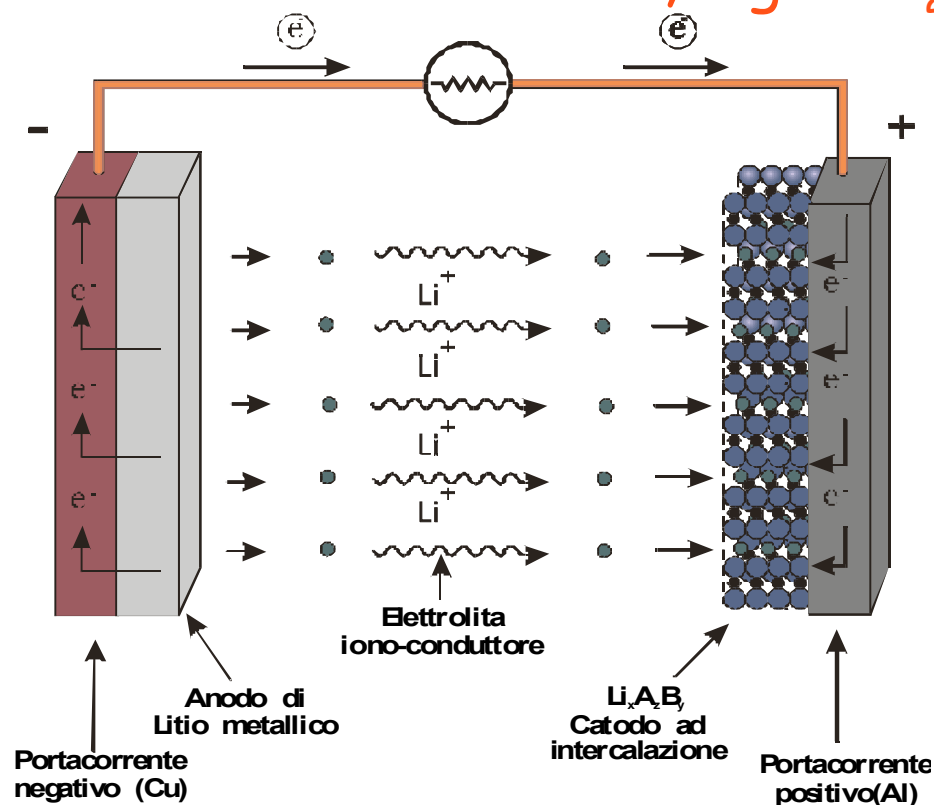
The success of the lithium batteries is in the choice of their components which are all based on innovative electrochemical concepts.

New concept in the electrode components:

the intercalation electrodes:

compounds having a soft structure with capability of accepting and releasing guest species, e.g. lithium ions and electrons with reversible structural and electronic changes.

## Scheme of the electrochemical process in an intercalation electrode, e.g. $\text{TiS}_2$ .

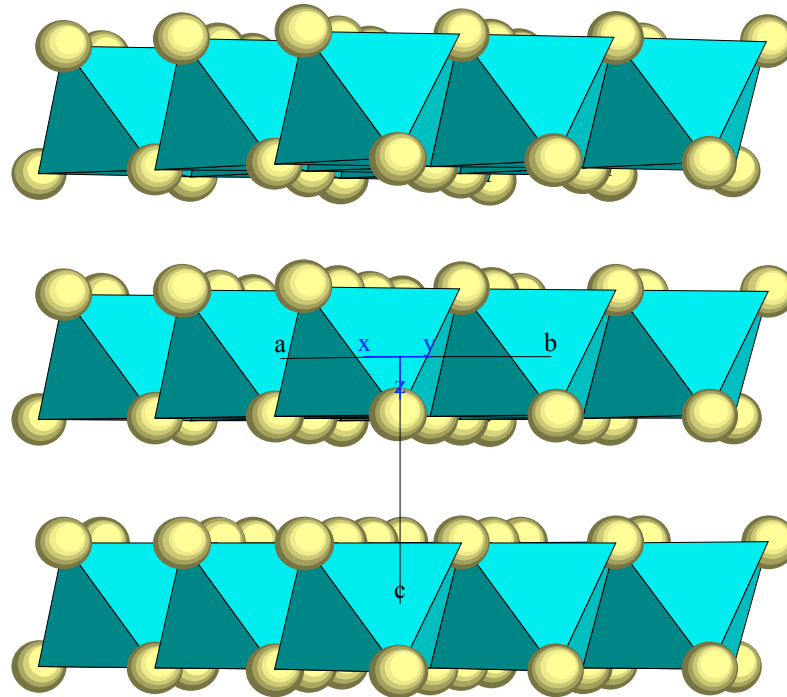


**INTERCALATION ELECTRODE:** (e.g.  $\text{TiS}_2$ ), (negative)

**CONTER ELECTODE:** metallic lithium (positive)

**ELECTROLYTE:** solution of a lithium salt (e.g,  $\text{LiPF}_6$ ) in an organic solvent mixture (e.g., ethylene carbonate-dimetyl carbonate, EC-DMC mixture)

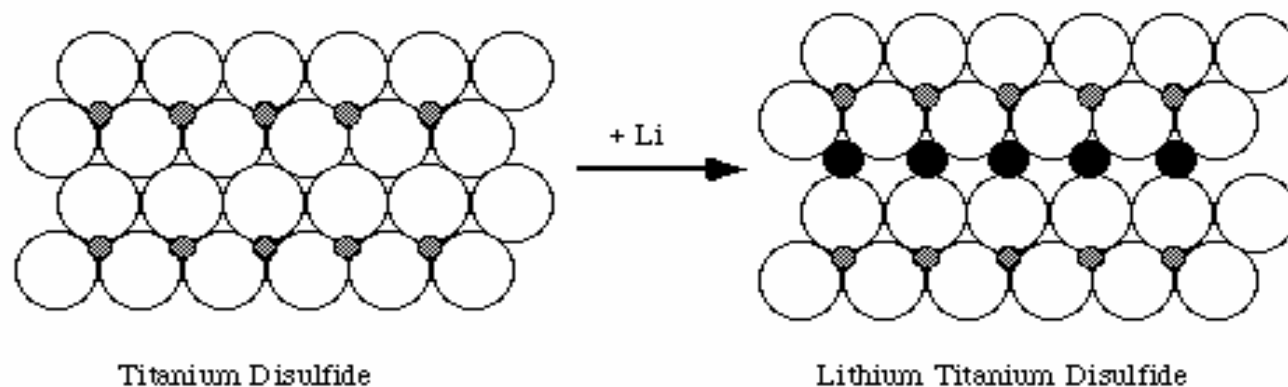
# Layered titanium sulphide: a typical intercalation electrode



Structure of TiS<sub>2</sub> (P-3m1)



Scheme of the electrochemical intercalation process of the  $\text{Li}^+$  ion in a layered structured compound, e.g.,  $\text{TiS}_2$



To be noticed that the guest specie, here the lithium ion, keeps its charge when is intercalated in the  $\text{TiS}_2$  structure. Thus, the electrons which arrive to the intercalating electrode do not reduce the intercalated specie, i.e.  $\text{Li}^+$ , but rather modify the electronic structure of the intercalating specie, i.e.  $\text{TiS}_2$ . Practically, the insert of the ion is accompanied by a variation of the oxidation state of the transition metal which passes from  $\text{Ti(IV)}$  to  $\text{Ti(III)}$ .

## Intercalation electrodes

To be effective in terms of reversibility, an intercalation electrode must fulfill the conditions outlined below.

i) The lithium intercalation process must occur with a minimum, yet reversible, perturbation of the structure of the host material.

ii) The intercalation of the guest species, i.e. the lithium ions, should not influence the bonding orbitals of the host material.

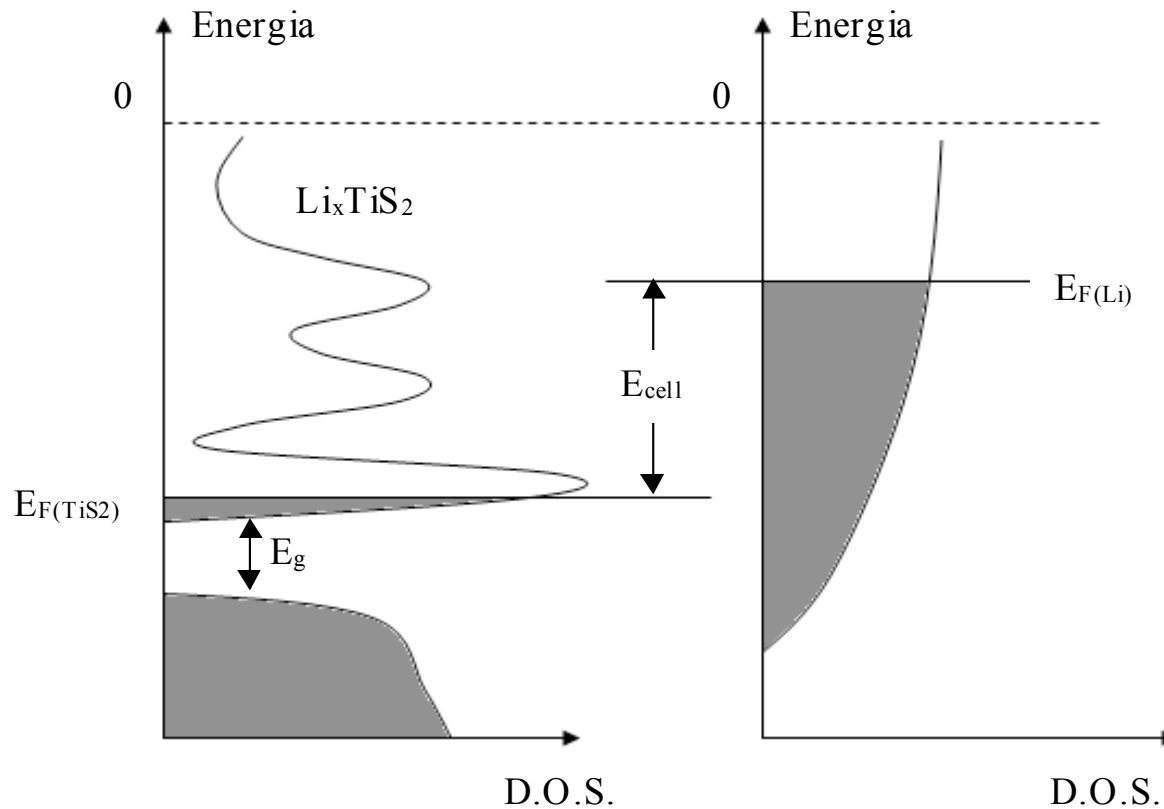
iii) In the course of the charge transfer, the electrons should be accommodated in large bands having a high density of states.

iv) The changes in the electronic structure of the host material must be limited to progressive and reversible occupational increase of the anti-bonding conduction band and not to its deformation.

In synthesis, to be effective, the intercalation process should not influence the orbitals of the host material but mainly lead to the progressive filling of the anti-bonding conduction band (*rigid band model*).

In this prospect, the most promising materials are those having a gap separating a full covalent valence band by an empty anti-bonding band. Good examples are materials with  $d$  bands and narrow anti-bonding bands, such as the chalcogenides of transition metals of group V, e.g.,  $\text{TiS}_2$ .

Scheme of density of states of the intercalation electrode ( $\text{TiS}_2$ ) and of the counter electrode (Li) in the electrochemical cell.



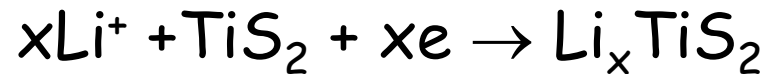
The cell potential  $E$  is given by the difference between the Fermi level of lithium  $E_{F\text{Li}}$  and the Fermi level of  $\text{TiS}_2$ ,  $E_{F\text{TiS}_2}$ . When the external circuit is closed, electrons pass from lithium to the titanium sulphide, where they fill the wide anti-bonding band which has a large density of free states. As the process proceeds, the Fermi level of the metal decreases while increases that of the dichalcogenide and thus, the cell potential progressively decreases.

## Electrochemical intercalation process of $\text{Li}^+$ in $\text{TiS}_2$ .

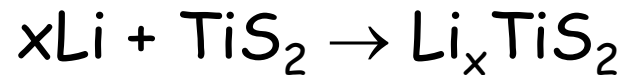
Positive electrode (lithium metal):



Negative intercalation electrode ( $\text{TiS}_2$ ):



Total process:



$x$  = intercalation degree

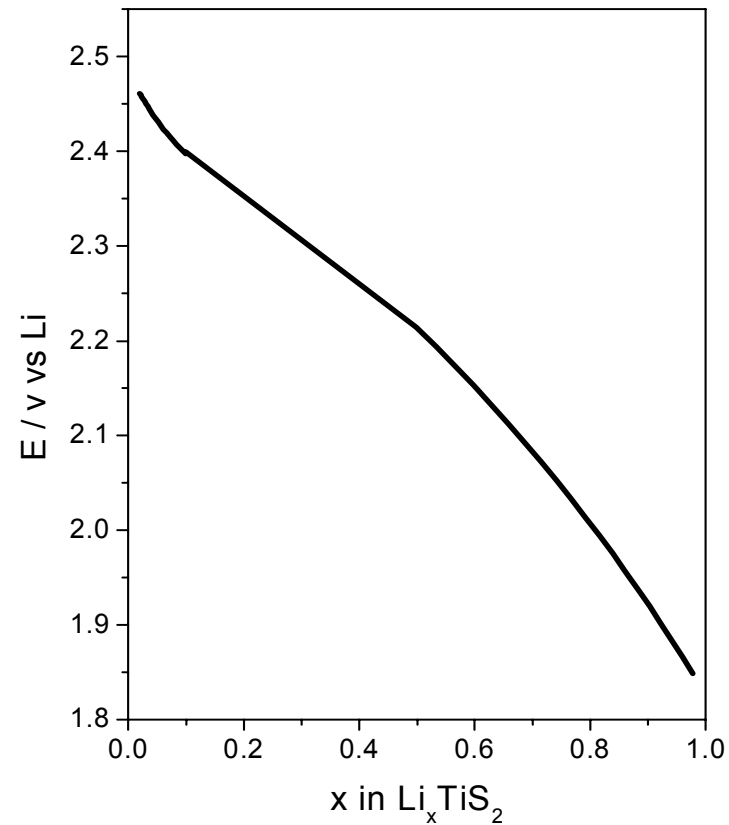
The potential is expressed by the Nernst equation:

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{xe} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Li}^+}(\text{Li}_x\text{TiS}_2)}{a_{\text{Li}} \cdot a_{\text{TiS}_2}} \cong E^\circ - \frac{RT}{xe} \ln a_{\text{Li}^+}(\text{Li}_x\text{TiS}_2)$$

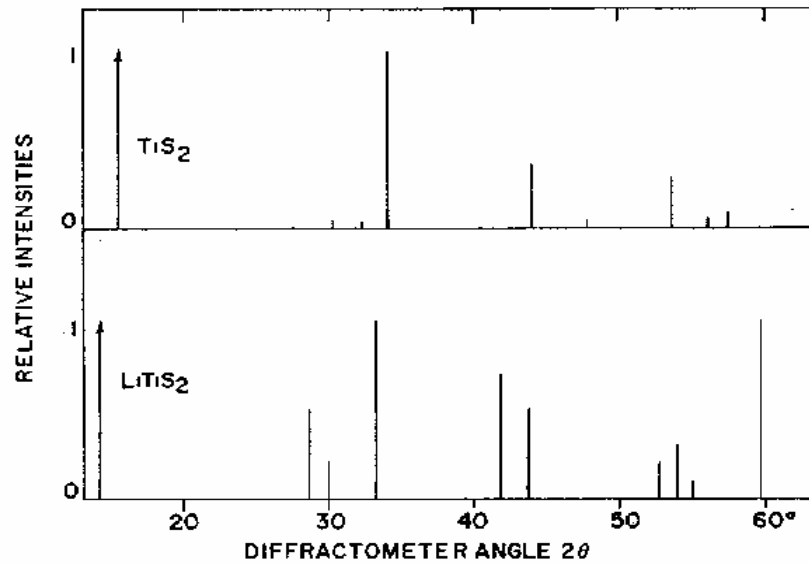
As the intercalation proceeds, the activity of  $\text{Li}^+$  in  $\text{Li}_x\text{TiS}_2$  increases and thus,  $E$  decreases.



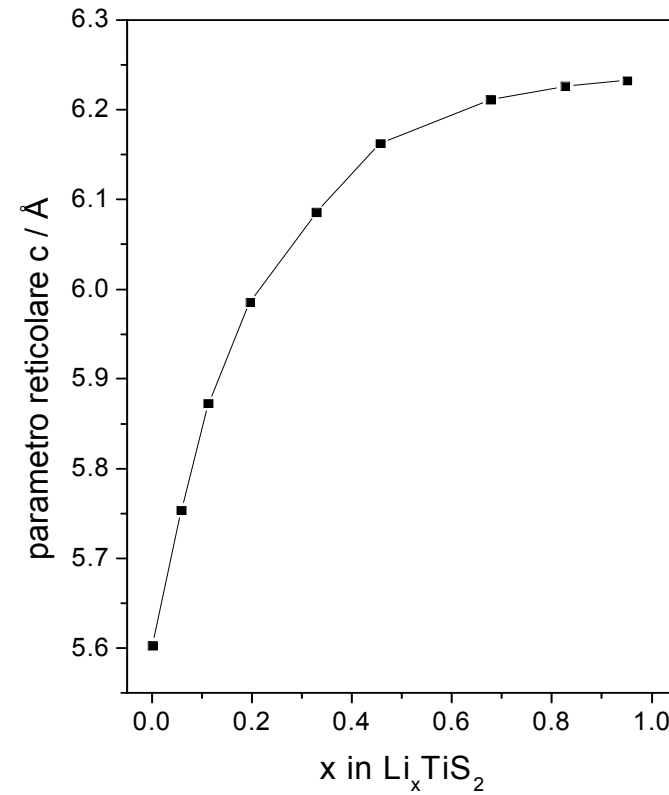
Change of the  $\text{Li}_x\text{TiS}_2$  potential (vs.  $\text{Li}^+/\text{Li}$ ) as a function of the intercalation degree,  $x$



The lithium intercalation process in  $\text{TiS}_2$  is accompanied by a reversible structural expansion along the c axis



XRD of  $\text{TiS}_2$  and of  $\text{Li}_x\text{TiS}_2$ .

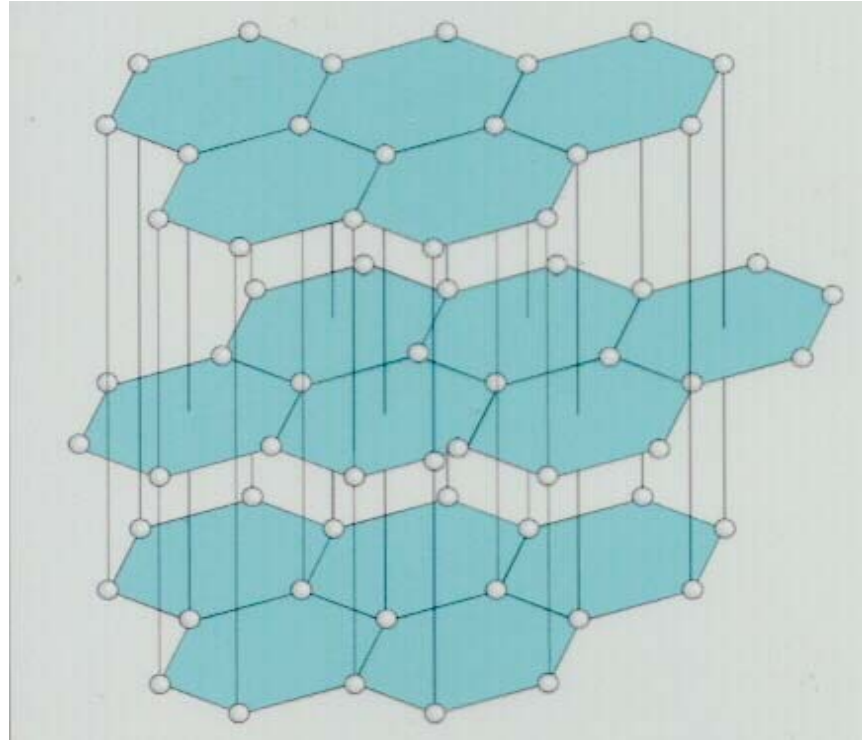


Change of the c axis with the intercalation degree in  $\text{Li}_x\text{TiS}_2$

# Lithium ion batteries

The most successful lithium battery technology relies today on cell configurations based on two intercalation electrodes, i.e., a lithium accepting electrode, e.g. graphite (replacing lithium metal), combined with a lithium donating electrode, e.g., a layered lithium metal oxide.

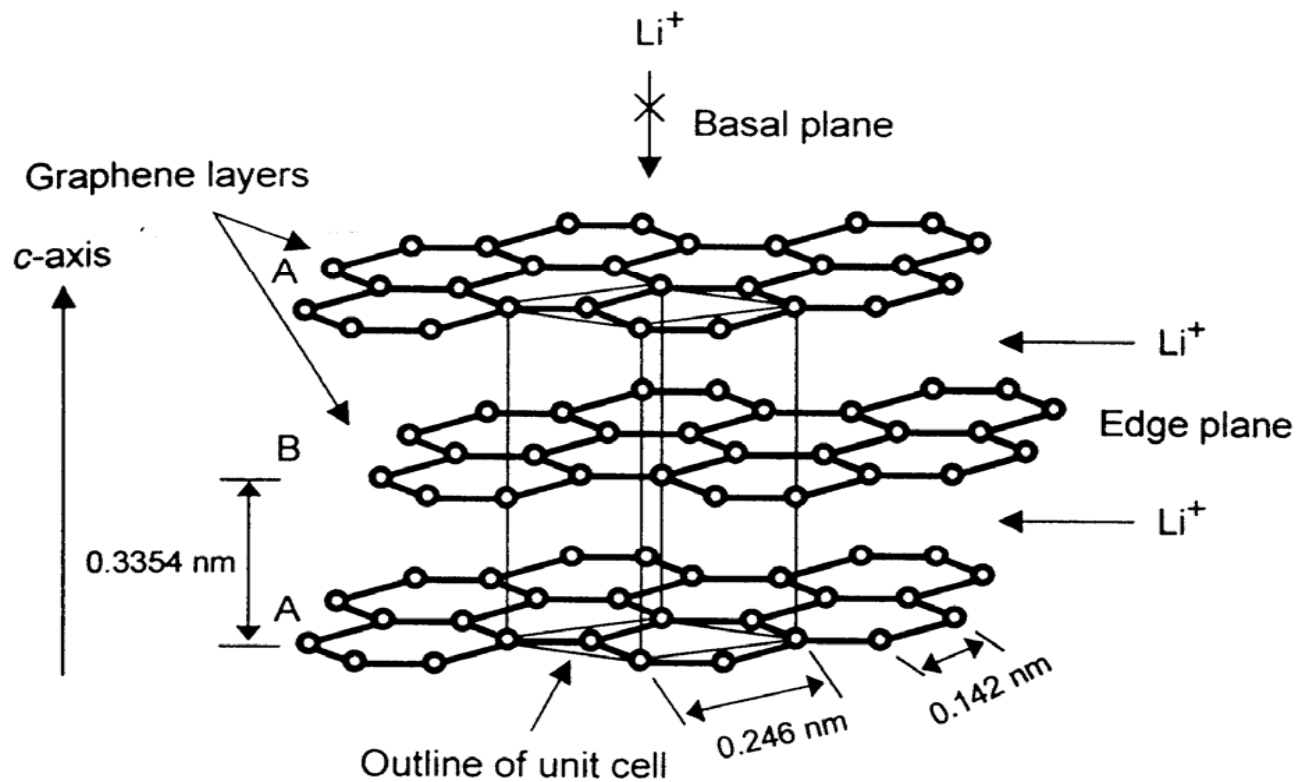
## Scheme of graphite structure



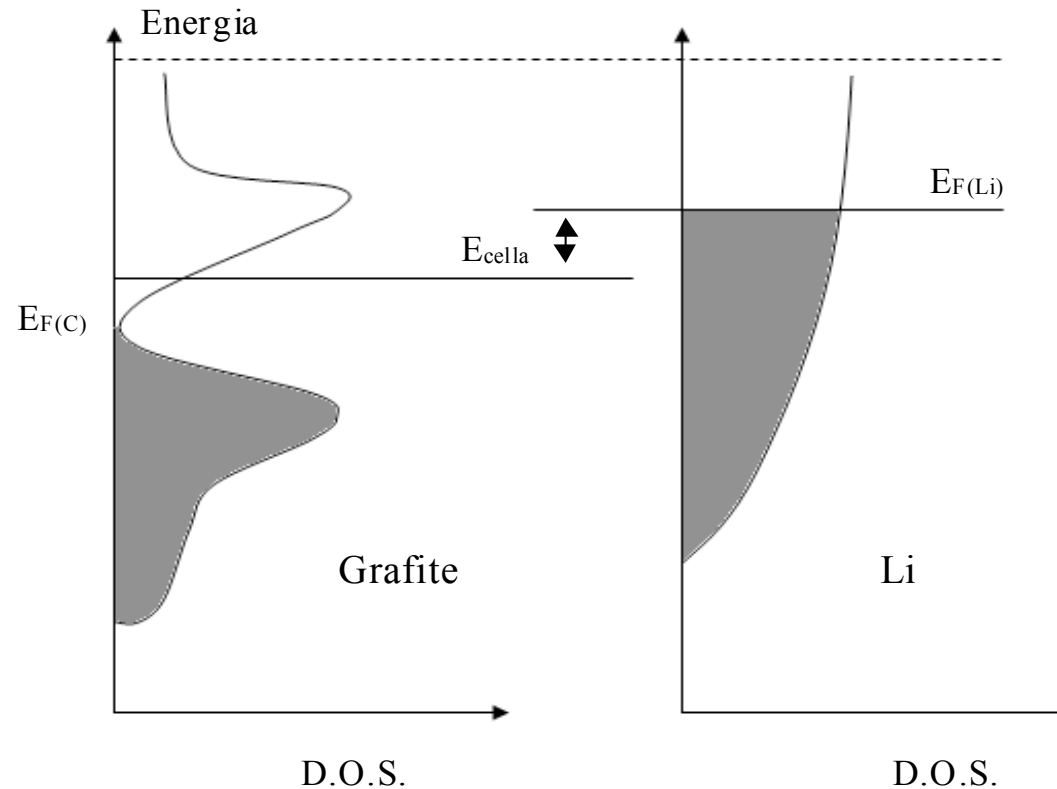
The graphene layers are separated by loose bonds and provide space enough to accept lithium ions:  $x\text{Li}^+ + y\text{C}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{Li}_x\text{C}_y$ , where  $x$  may extend to 1 and  $y=6$



Scheme of the structure of graphite. The unit hexagonal cell ( $P6_3/mmc$ ) is evidenced with the related *ABAB* packaging and the interplanar distance  $c/2=0.3354\text{nm}$

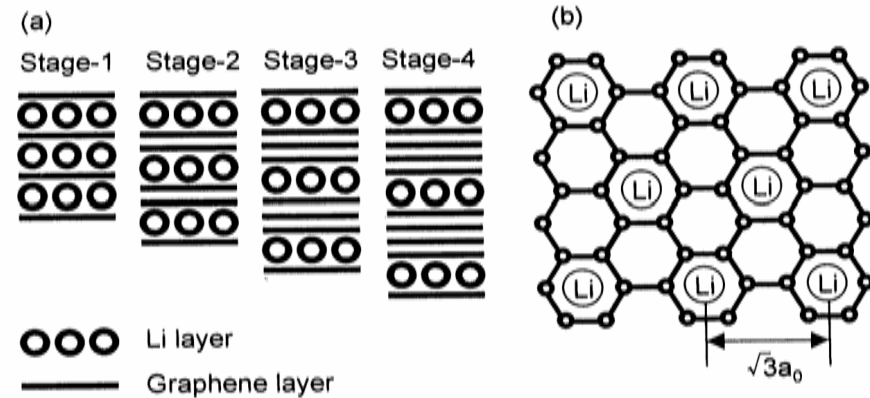
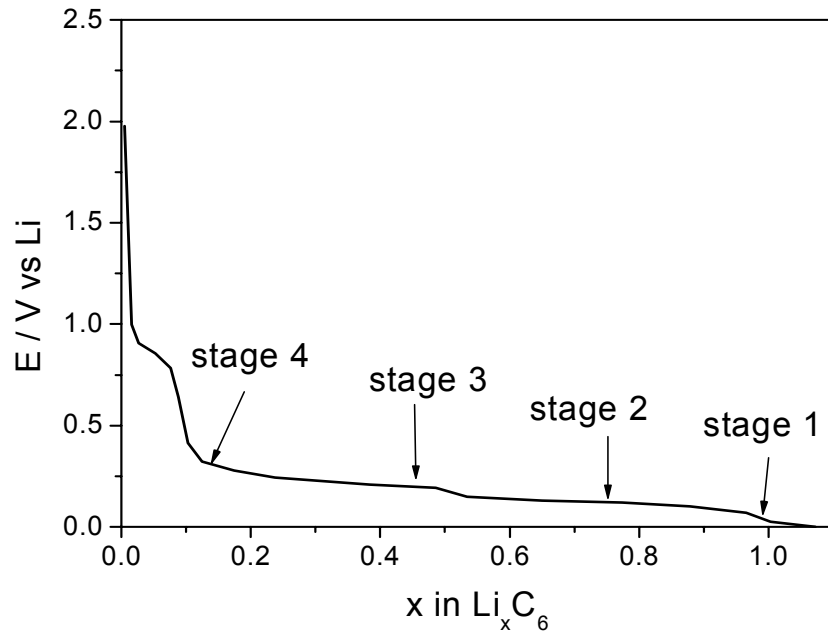


## Scheme of density of states of graphite in comparison with those of a lithium metal



Similarly to the general scheme, as the intercalation process proceeds the electrons fill the empty band of graphite and accordingly, the potential (versus  $Li/Li^+$ ) decreases.

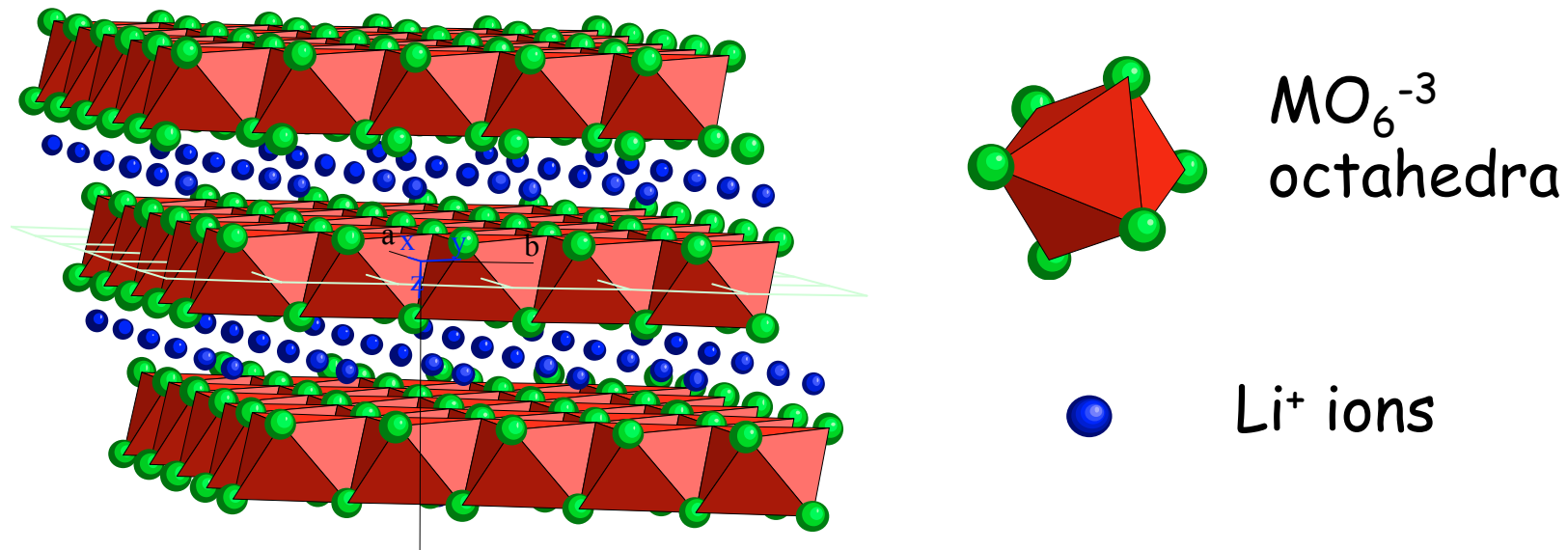
# Change of the $\text{Li}_x\text{C}_6$ potential (vs. $\text{Li}^+/\text{Li}$ ) as a function of the intercalation degree, $x$



The voltage vs. composition curve develops along various plateaus which are representative of the graphite staging intercalation process.

Proper electrode operation requires the formation of lithium-conducting passivating films on the electrode's surface (**Solid Electrolyte Interface, SEI**).

## Scheme of layered $\text{LiMO}_2$ ( $M = \text{Co}, \text{Ni}, \dots$ )



Lithium is situated in between the  $\text{MO}_6$  slabs and can be easily released and accepted back, according to the following de-intercalation-intercalation process:



Again, the removal of lithium ions is accompanied by a change in the electronic structure, i.e. by the variation of the oxidation state of the  $M$  transition metal. The potential varies from around 4V vs. Li to 3.5V vs. Li, depending on the value of  $x$ .



# The lithium ion battery

The electrochemical system:

Anode: graphite

liquid solution of a lithium salt  
solvent mixture

lithium metal

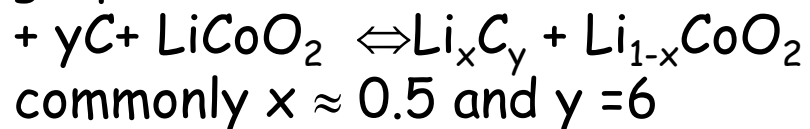
Electrolyte:

in an organic

Cathode: layered  $\text{LiMO}_2$

oxide, e.g.  $\text{LiCoO}_2$

The electrochemical process involves the reversible transfer of lithium ions from lithium cobalt oxide to graphite :

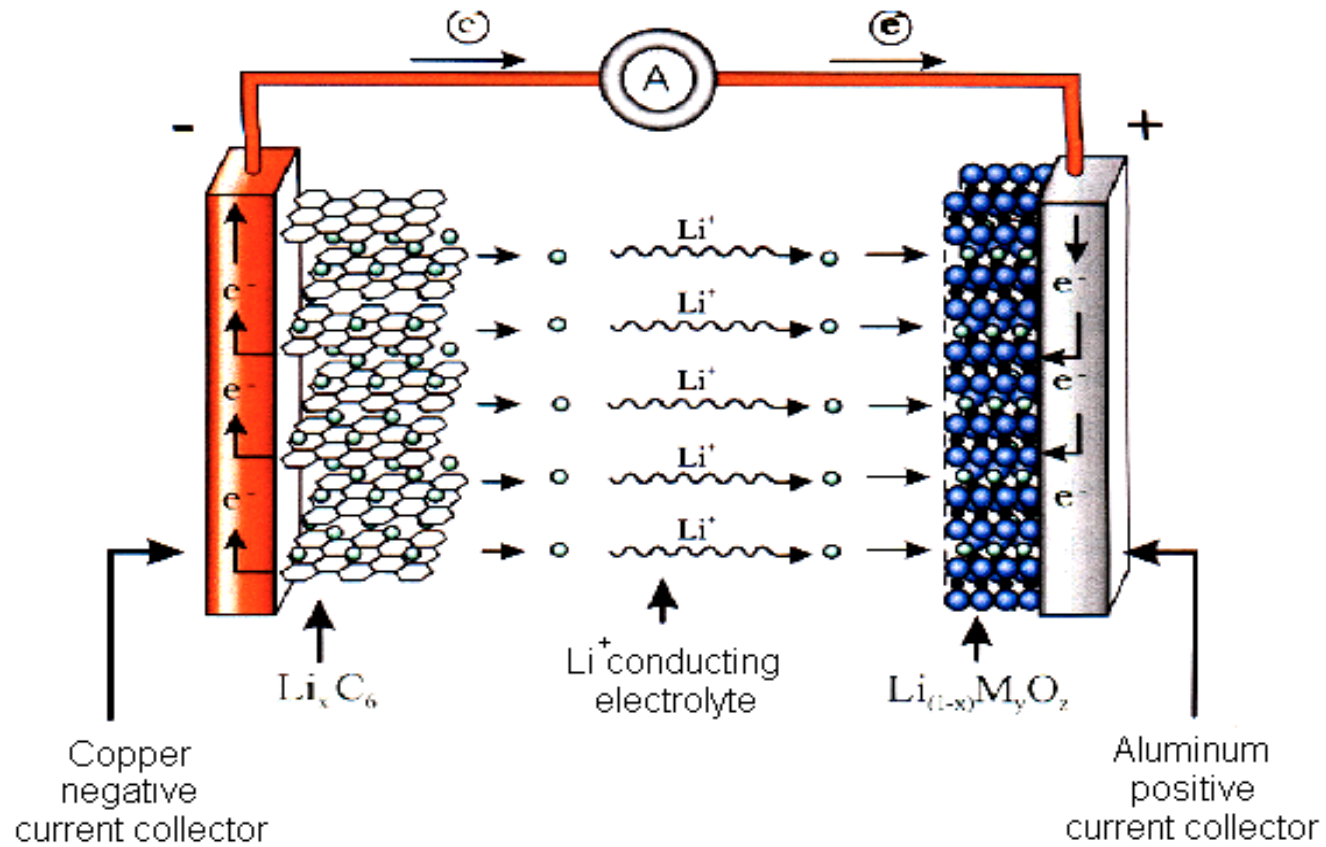


$x\text{Li}$

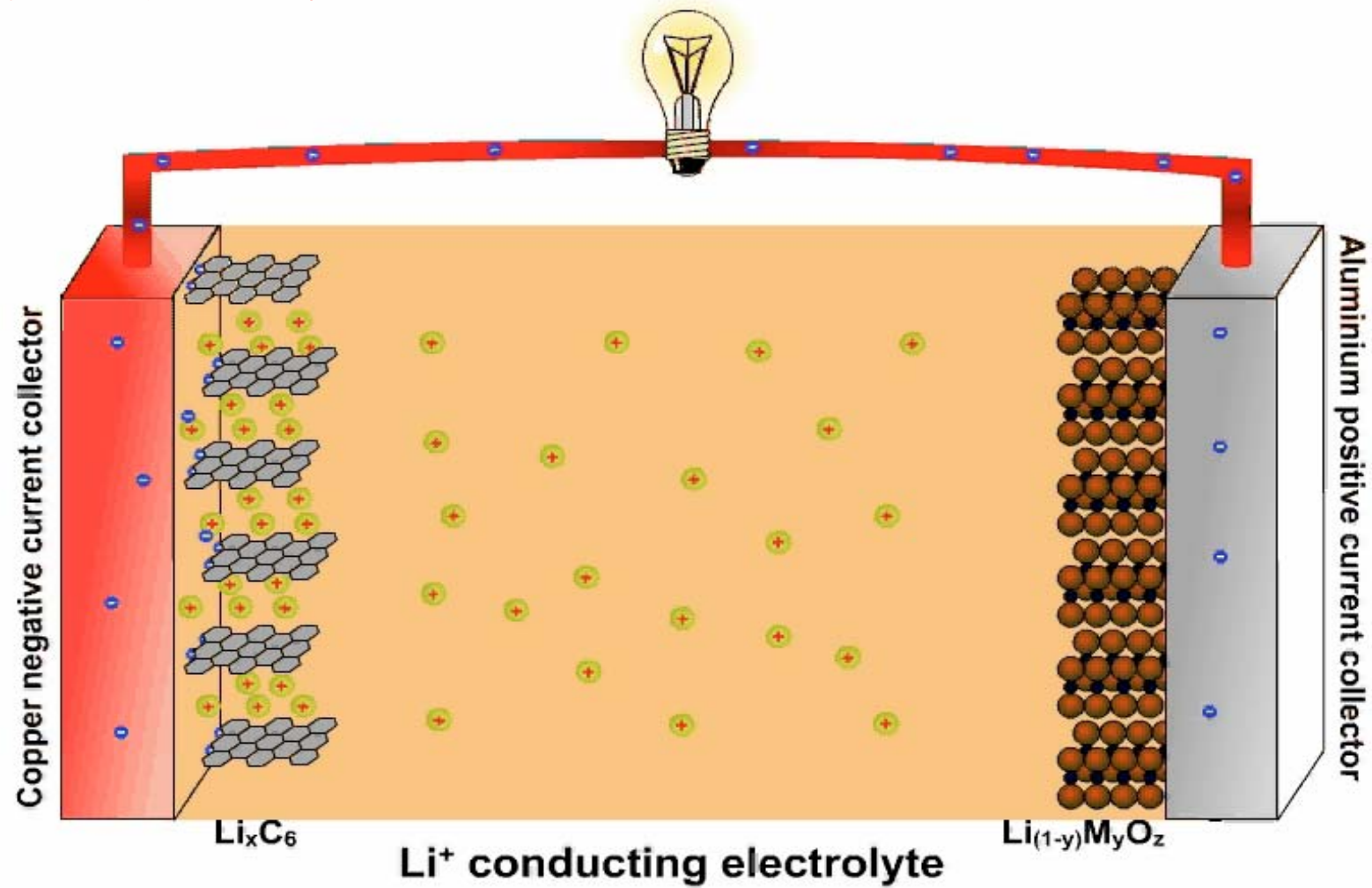
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Since the intercalation of lithium in graphite develops with a potential evolving around 0.1 V vs. Li and that of  $\text{LiCoO}_2$  around 3.6 V vs. Li, the combination of the two gives a 3.5 V battery.

# The lithium-ion rechargeable battery



# Batterie litio-ione



## discharging process

Cu current collector



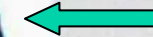
Graphite  
anode film



Separator



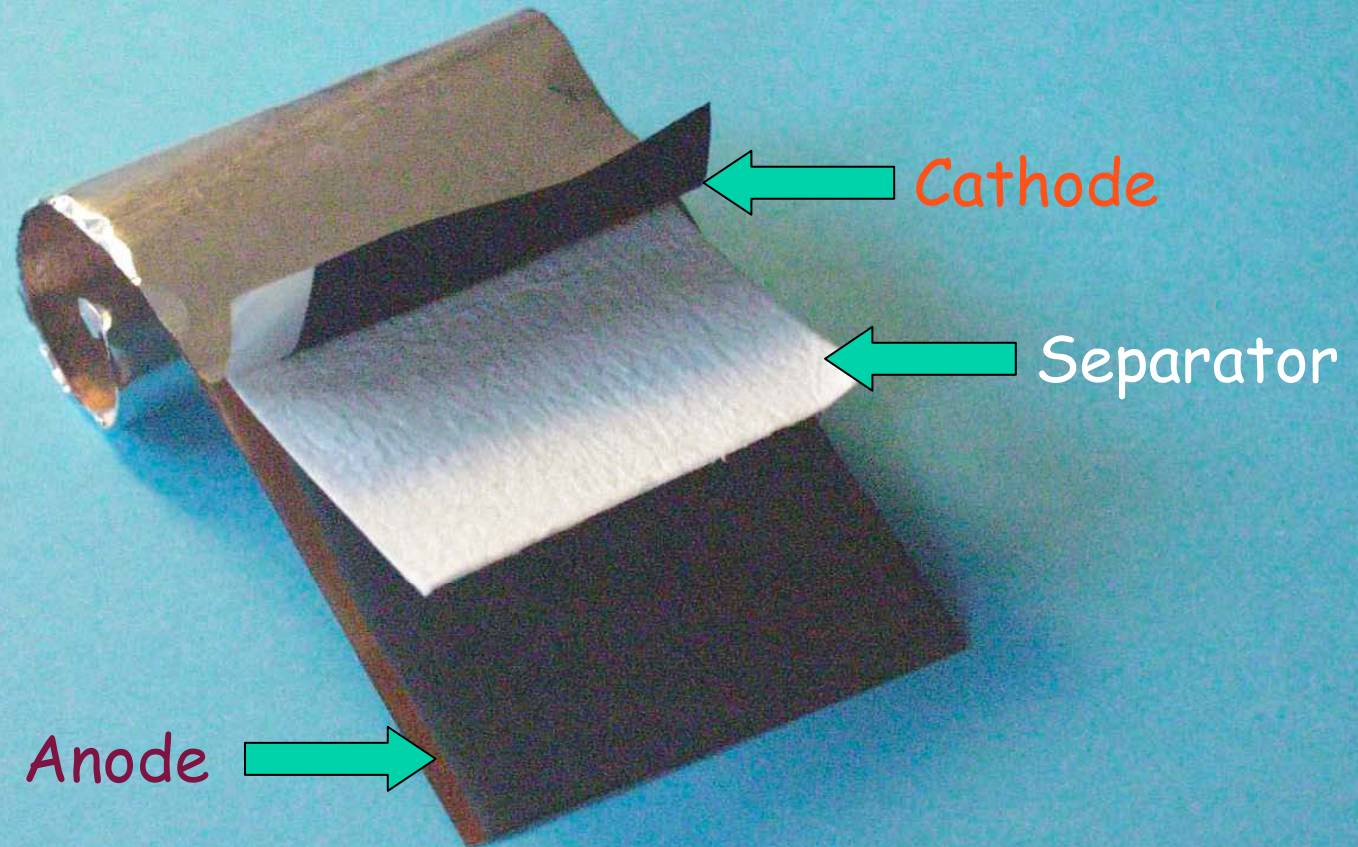
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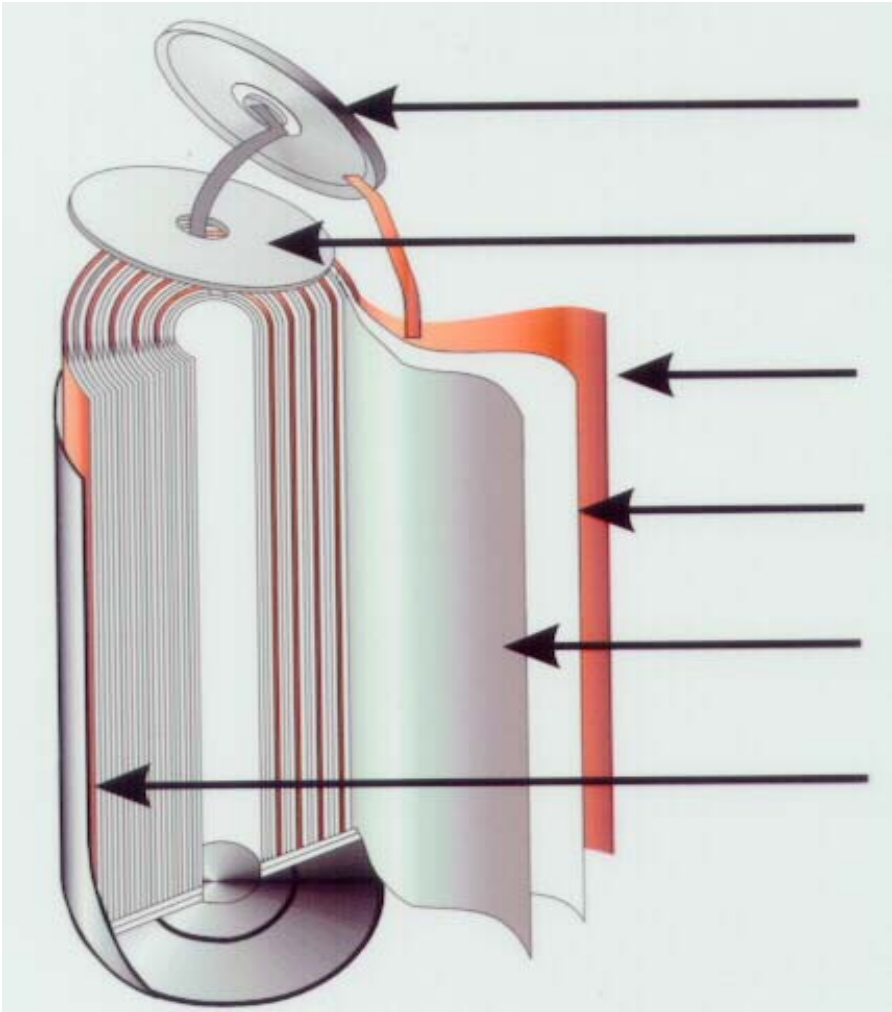
LiMoO<sub>2</sub>  
cathode film



# Lithium ion cell assembly







Cap

Insulating disc

Anode film

Separator

Cathode film

Can

## Progress in packaging materials and methods for lithium ion batteries



Polymer battery



Case material	steel, SUS	aluminum	Al/resin laminated film
Seal method	crimp	laser welding	heat seal
Features		thin lightweight	very thin

# Where do we stand after two centuries of evolution of batteries ?



**Alessandro Volta, 1801**  
(Cu/Zn)

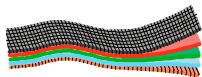
- 1839 Fuel cell
- 1859 Pb battery
- 1899 Ni-Cd
- 1973 Li metal
- 1975 Ni-MH
- 1979 Li-polymer



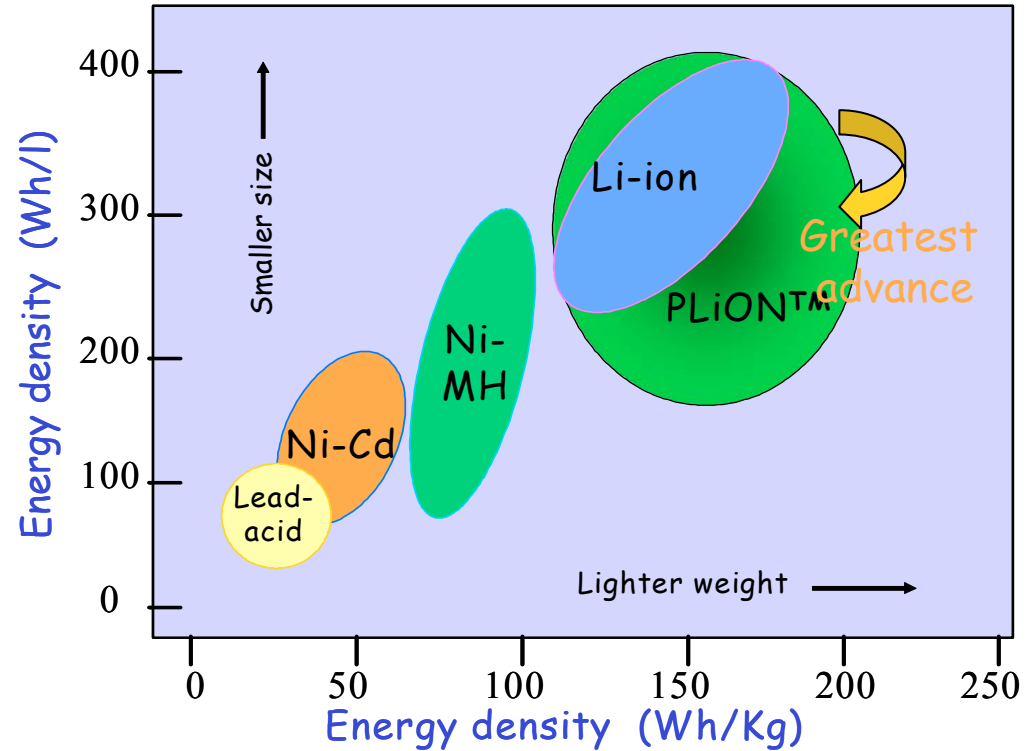
**Li-ion:**  
Sony 1990



**Plastic Li-ion:**  
2000



Courtesy of Dr.  
J-M. Tarascon,  
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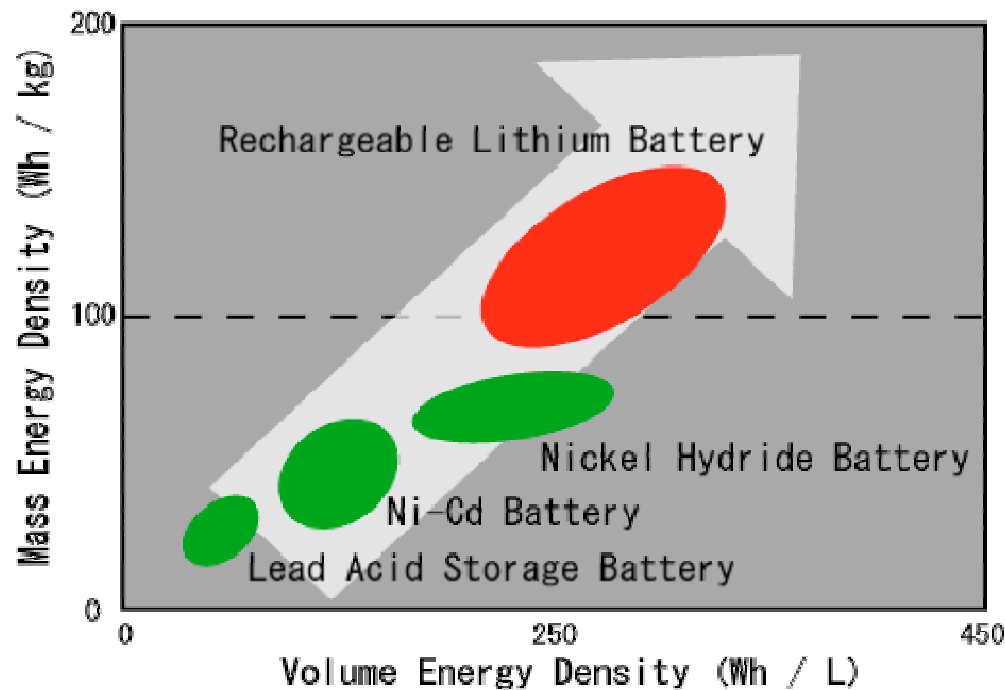
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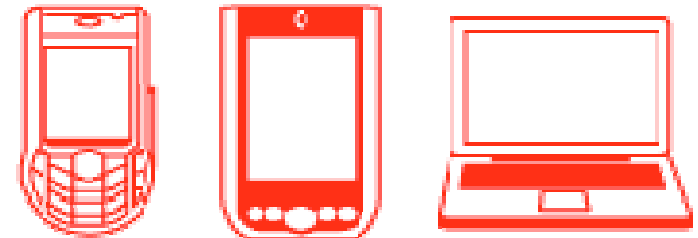
Lithium-ion batteries are produced at a rate of several millions per year in a variety of shape configurations.



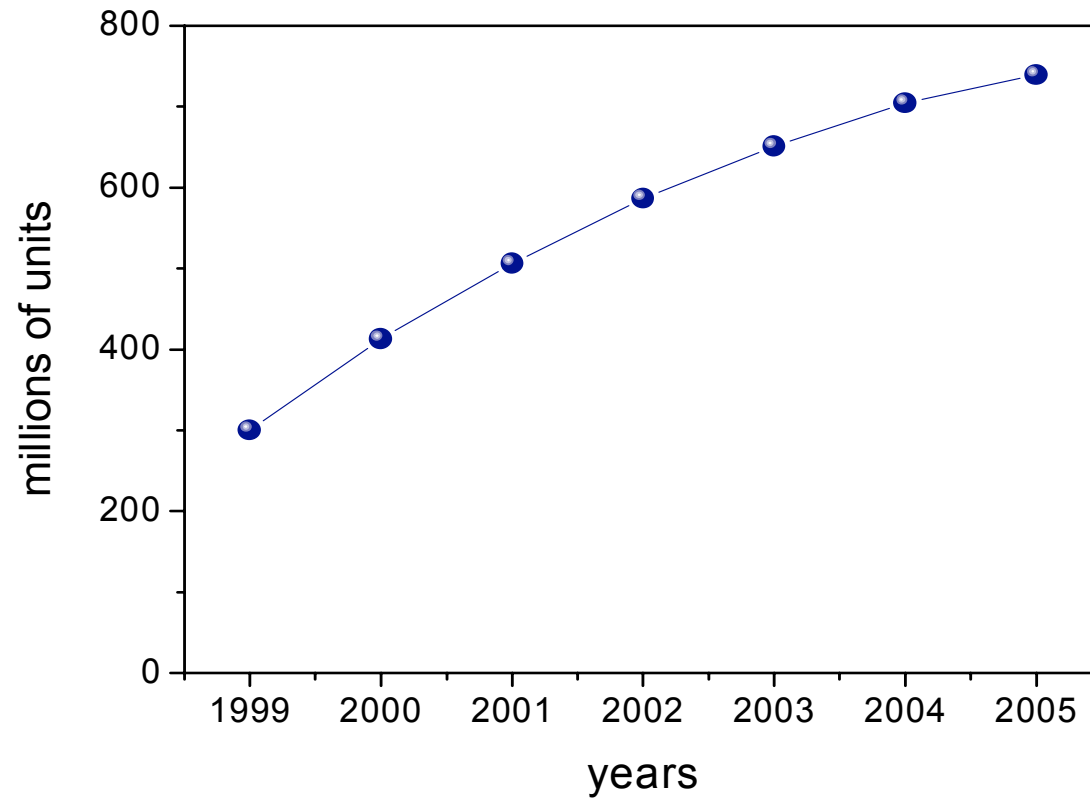
These batteries are the power sources of choice for portable electronics, e.g. cell phone, PDAs, laptops.



Cell Phone, PDA, Laptop

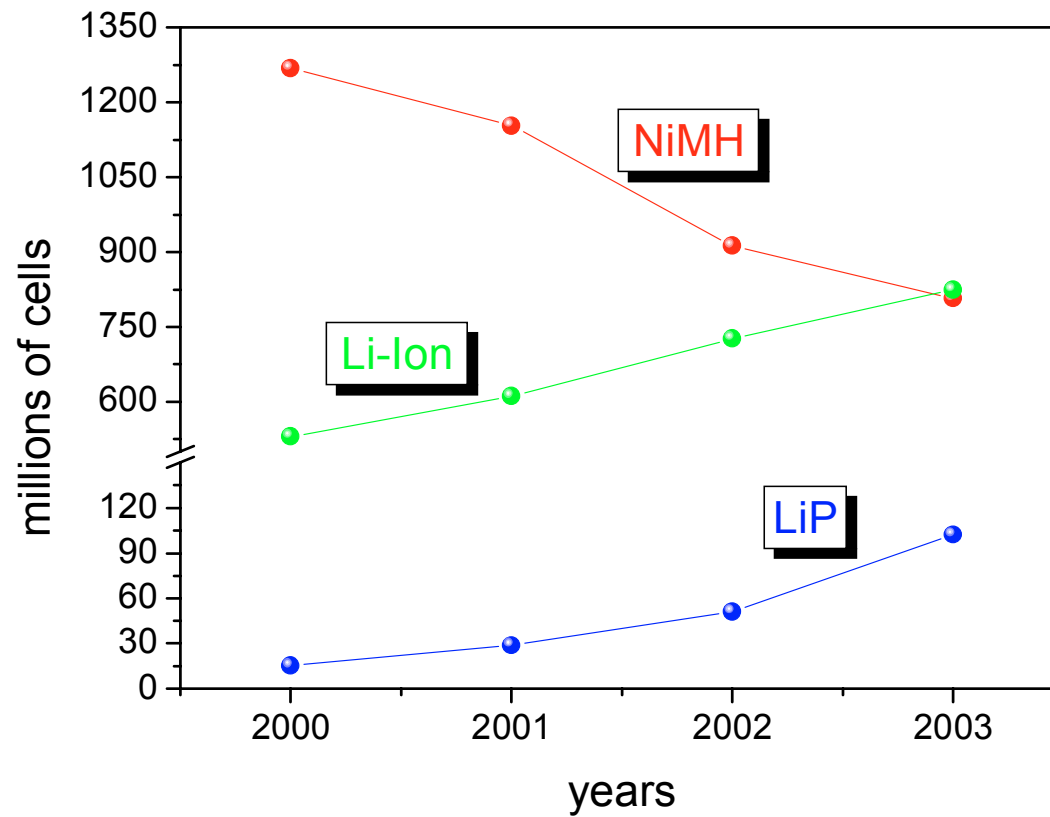


# Sale prospect of cellular phones (millions of units)



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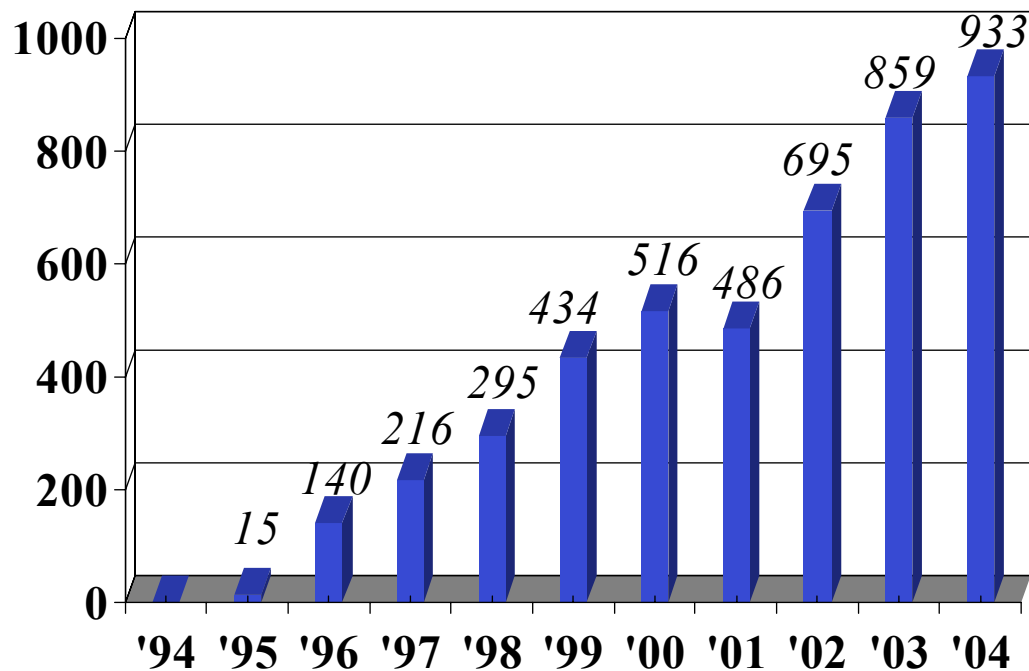
# Sale prospect of batteries for portable electronics



Source: Takeshita



## Lithium ion battery sales (millions)



Lithium-batteries: a multi-billion dollar market for popular devices, e.g. cellular phones, PDAs, laptops....

FY (Apr.- Mar.)

Source: Japan Battery Association

This winning technology may be applied to more demanding systems, e.g. electric cars (EVs) or hybrid cars (HEVs)

Success in these area requires improvements in terms of safety, cost, environmental compatibility.

Effectively, lithium ion battery modules are presently under development for EV and HEV applications.

### LIPB Pack System for HEV Applications



Items	Specification
Pack Voltage	144V
Nominal Capacity	7.5Ah
Pack Weight	28kg
Pack Volume	28L
Operating Temp	-30°C ~ 60°C
Discharge Power(10s)	25kw
Regen. Power(10s)	17kw
Self-discharge	< 10%/7days

## The hybrid car, HEV

A nickel-metal hydride batteries is presently used as the energy storage unit in HEVs .....

... however, new types of batteries having higher energy density and lower cost than Ni-MH, are urgently needed to assure high performance and market competitiveness.

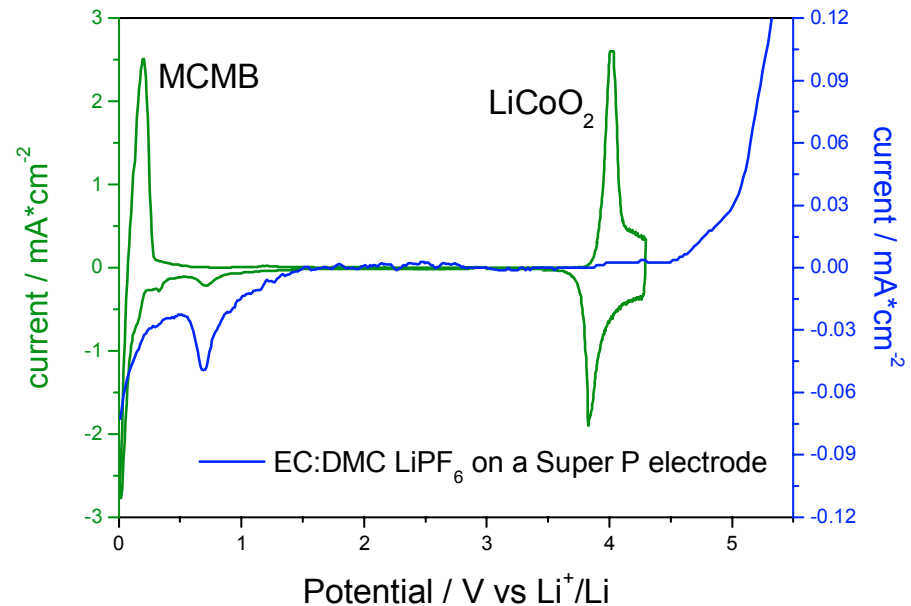
Lithium batteries can do the job.....

...provide that they can assure **safety**, high energy, low cost and high rates!

# SAFETY

A conventional C/  $\text{LiPF}_6$ -EC-DMC/  $\text{LiCoO}_2$  lithium-ion battery operates *beyond* the stability window of the electrolyte.

Proper cell operation requires the formation of lithium-conducting passivating films on the electrodes' surface (Solid Electrolyte Interface, SEI).



Cyclic response of the C and the  $\text{LiCoO}_4$  in a  $\text{LiPF}_6$  in EC-DMC electrolyte

The films result from the decomposition processes of the electrolyte with the release of sub-products; these processes may affect the safety of the battery!

Safety is the major concern in the use  
of lithium ion battery modules for  
HEV!

The electrode materials, both anode and  
cathode, operate in voltage ranges  
which extend beyond the stability  
window of the electrolyte.

Safety hazards in lithium ion battery  
operation are associated to electrolyte  
decomposition phenomena.

## Approaches to improve safety:

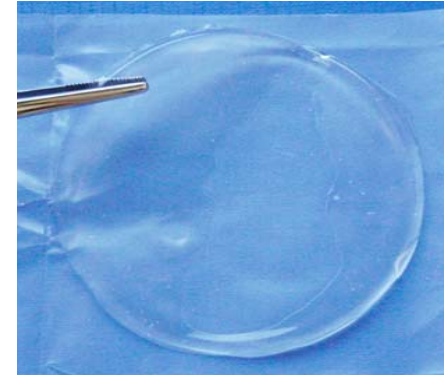
Development of liquid electrolytes having stability windows exceeding 5V vs. Li (*difficult to achieve*)

Use of a solvent-free polymer electrolyte (*plastic lithium metal rechargeable batteries*)

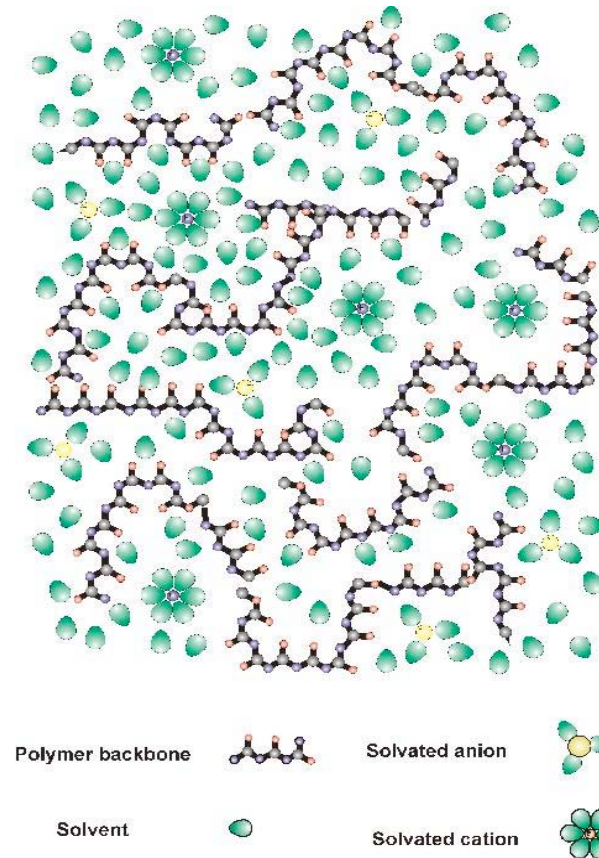
Use of electrode combinations operating within the stability window of the (polymer) electrolyte (*plastic novel types of lithium-ion batteries*)



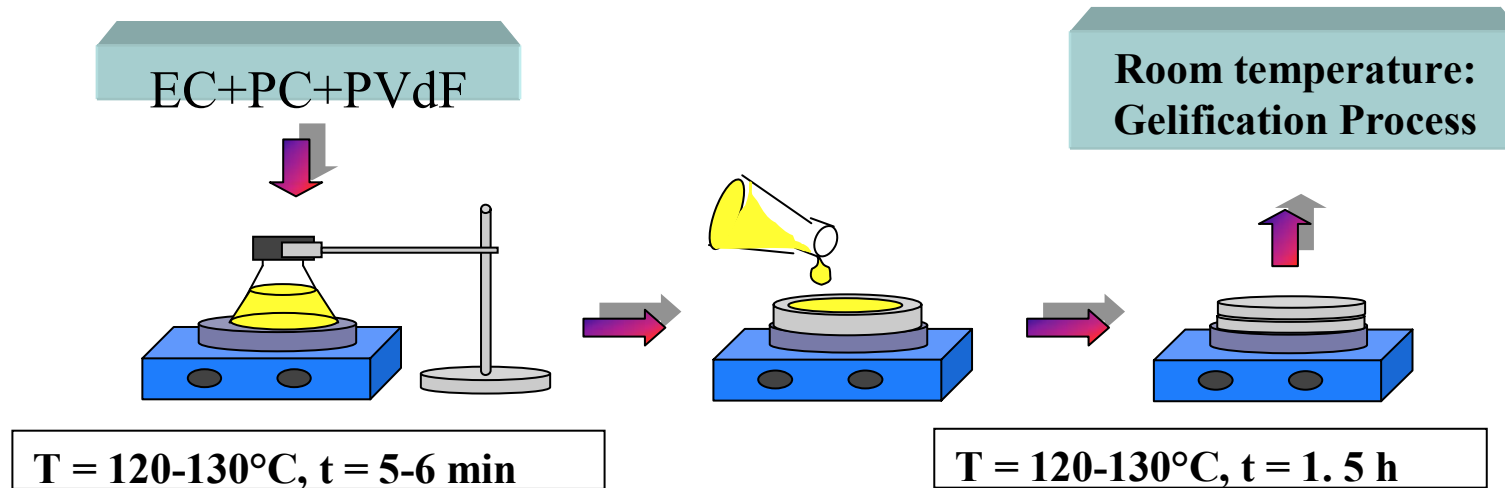
Gel-type membranes, formed by trapping liquid solutions (e.g., a  $\text{LiPF}_6\text{-PC-EC}$  solution ) in a polymer matrix (e.g. a poly(vinylidene fluoride), PVdF matrix (*GPE*).



## SCHEMATIC OF GEL POLYMER ELECTROLYTE STRUCTURE



## Preparation of PVdF-based Gel Polymer Electrolytes

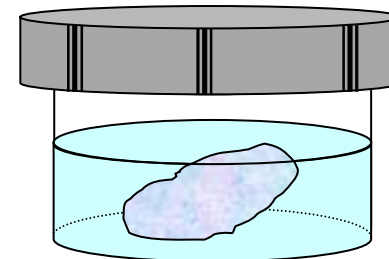


### Preparation of Gel Polymer Electrolyte membrane:

The Gel Polymer membrane is dipped into a swelling solution: EC-PC (1:1 w/w),  $\text{LiPF}_6$  1M.  
Swelling time: 2 hours.

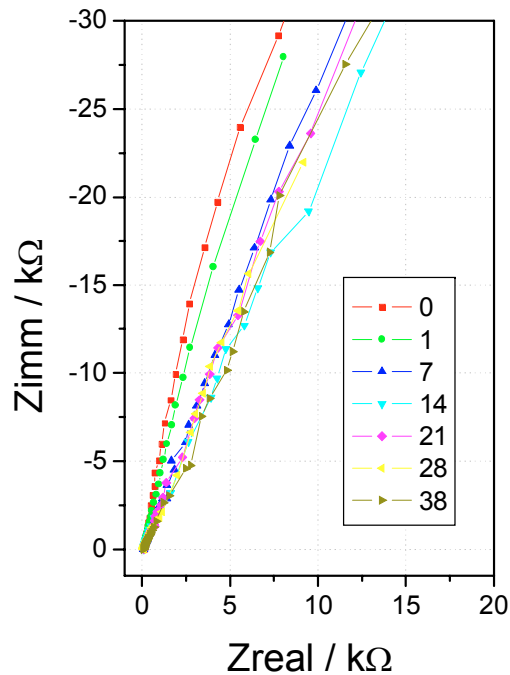
### Gel Polymer Electrolyte composition:

Membrane: 80 wt% EC-PC (1:1 w/w), 20 wt% PVdF;  
Swelling solution: EC-PC (1:1 w/w),  $\text{LiPF}_6$  1M.

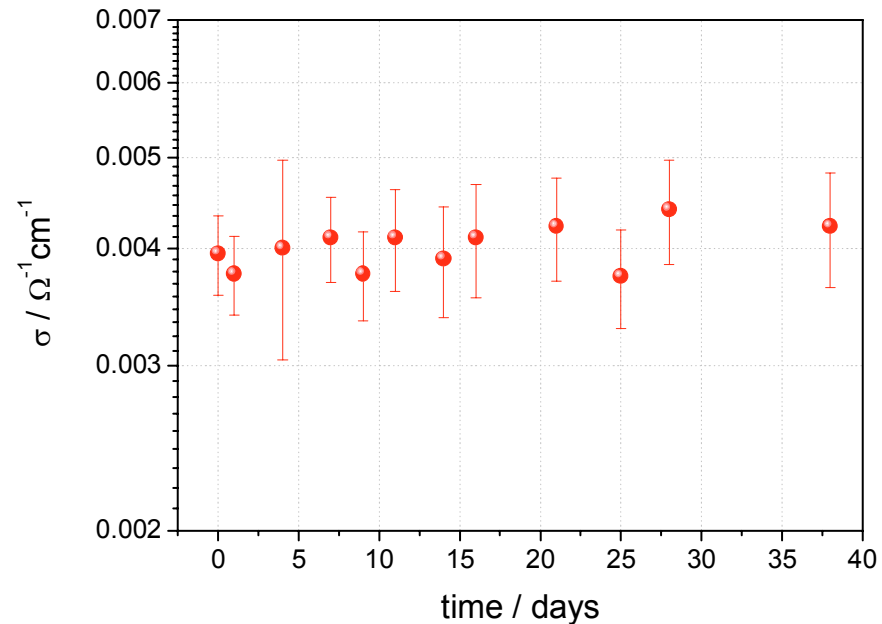


Polymer gel electrolyte:  
membrane formed by trapping a  $\text{LiPF}_6$ -PC-EC solution  
into a poly(vinylidene fluoride) PVdF matrix  $\text{LiPF}_6$ -PC-EC  
-PVdF PGE

Conductivity

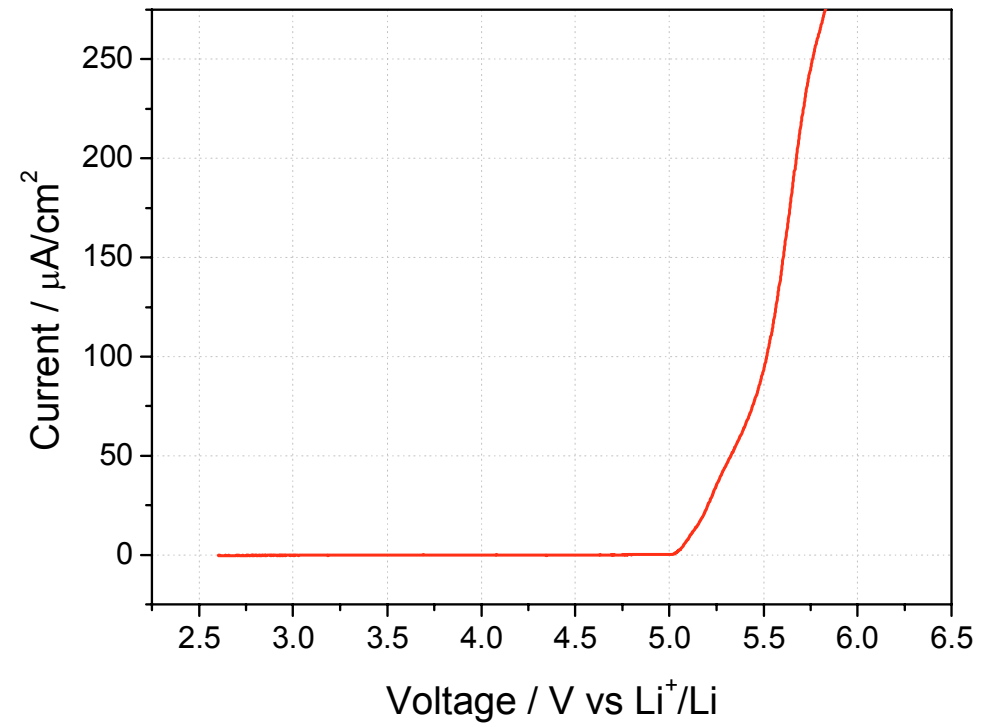


Impedance response versus time



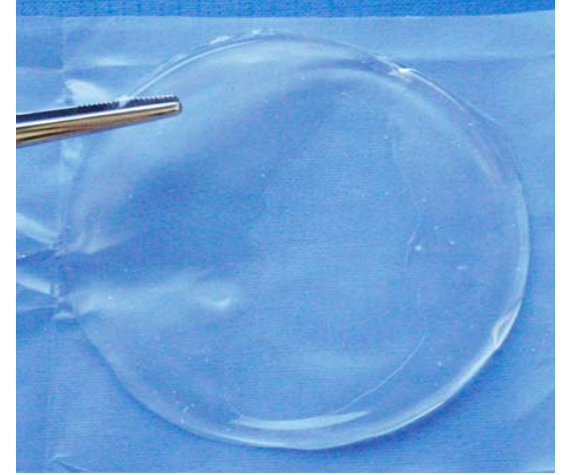
Time dependence of conductivity

# LiPF<sub>6</sub>-PC-EC -PVdF PGE



Stability window exceeding 5 V vs. Li!

# Polymer electrolyte



Gel-type, lithium conducting membrane

High conductivity,  
high stability

# High safety lithium ion batteries

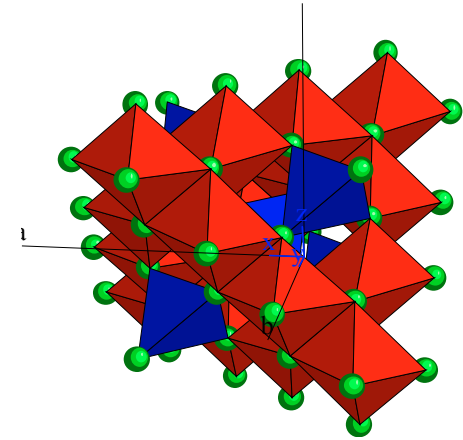
Cell combination based on a  
 $\text{Li}_{4/3}\text{Ti}_{5/3}\text{O}_4$  anode and a  
 $\text{LiFePO}_4$  cathode and a gel-  
type polymer electrolyte

F. Croce, L. Persi, B. Scrosati .Electrochem.Solid State Lett, 2000  
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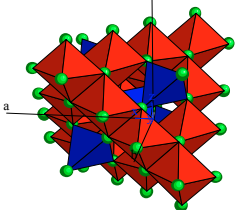
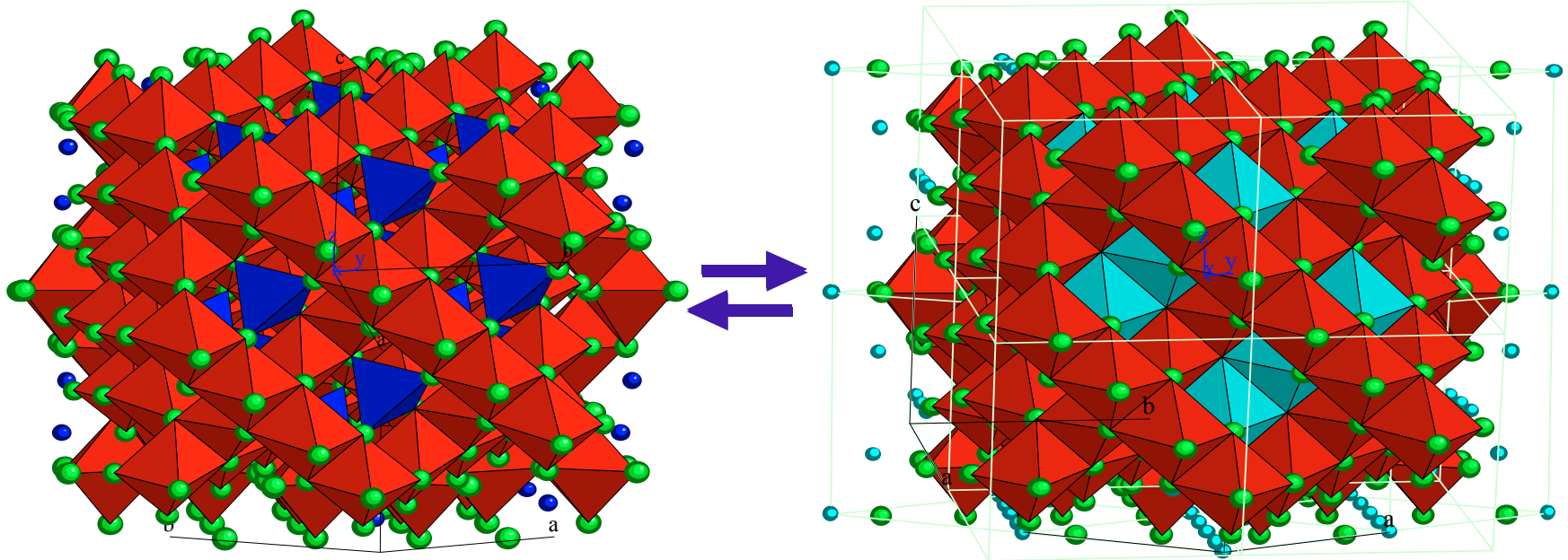
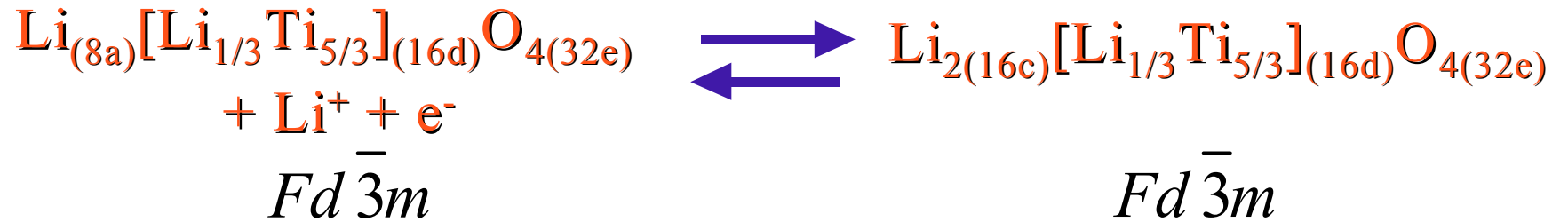


Structure, morphology  
and characteristics of  
the electrode materials

Anode:  
Lithium Titanium Oxide

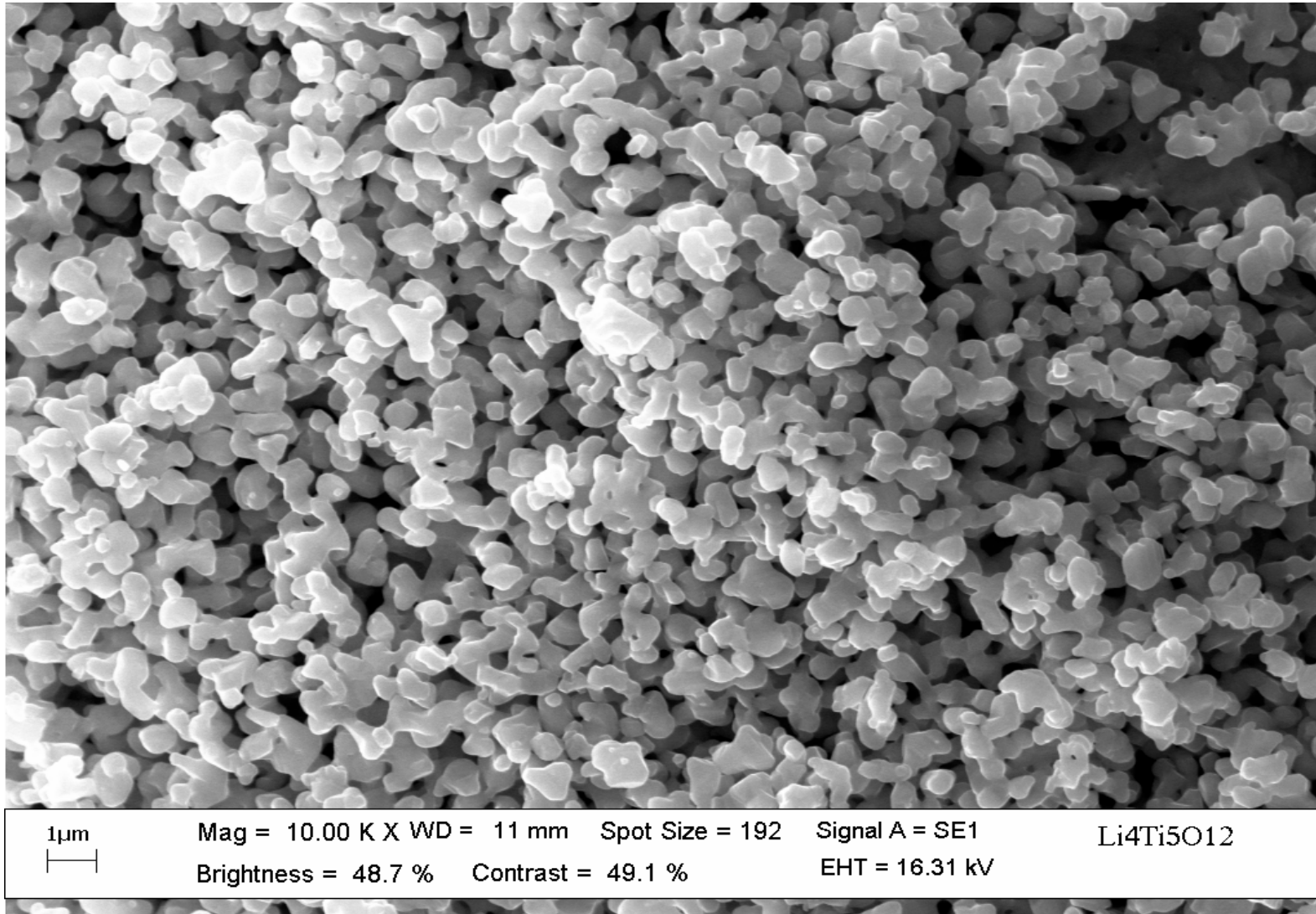


Two-phase process (constant  
voltage: 1.5 V vs.  $\text{Li}^+ / \text{Li}$ )

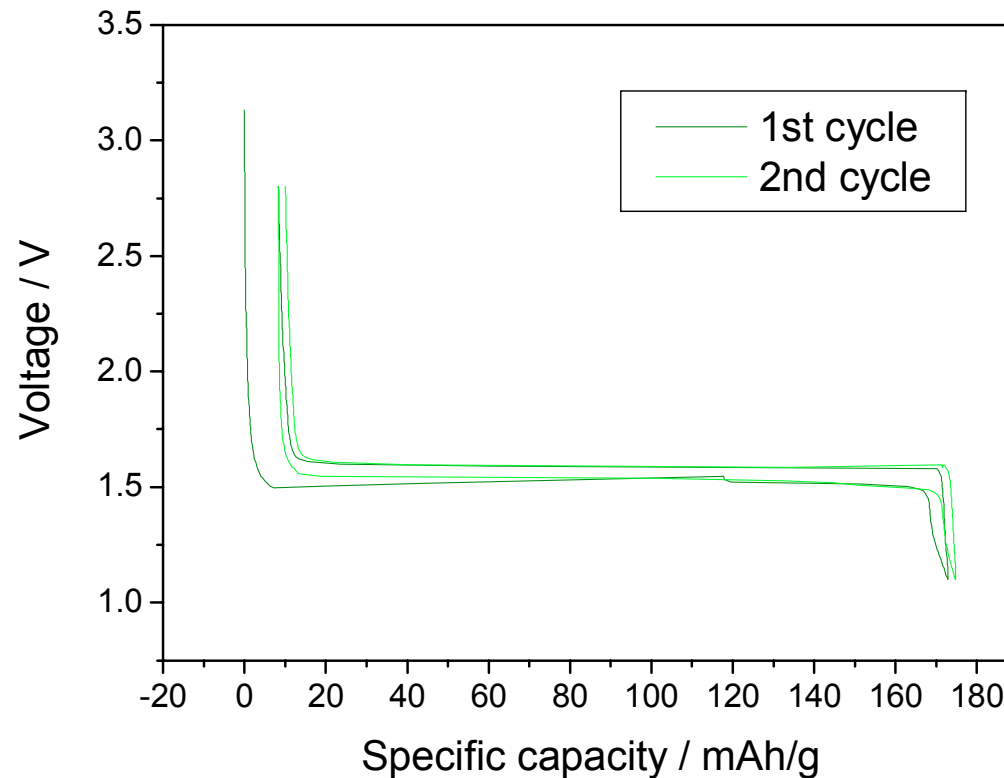


Two phase process  $\Rightarrow$  constant voltage (1.56V vs  $Li^+/Li$ )

# $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ electrode

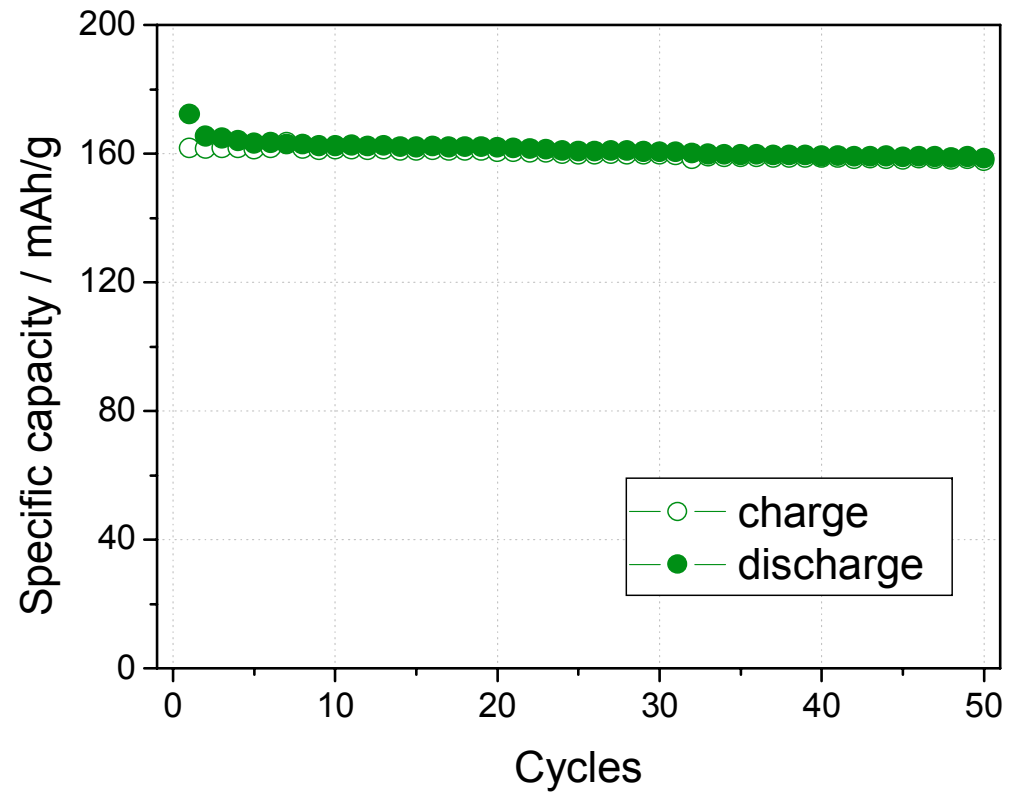


## $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ electrode



Voltage evolution (vs. Li) of the electrochemical process (lithium uptake) - (lithium removal) in a Li/  $\text{LiPF}_6$ -PC-EC -PVdF gel cell. Current rate: C/20. Room temperature.

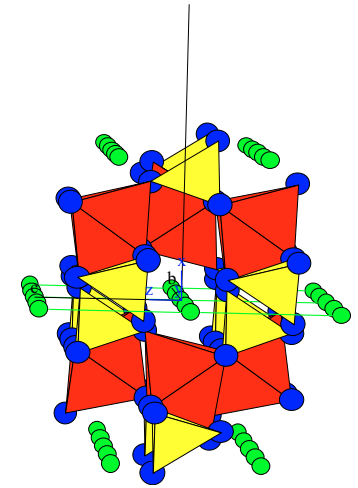
# $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ electrode



Galvanostatic cycles at C/5 in a Li/  $\text{LiPF}_6$ -PC-EC -PVdF gel cell. Room temperature.

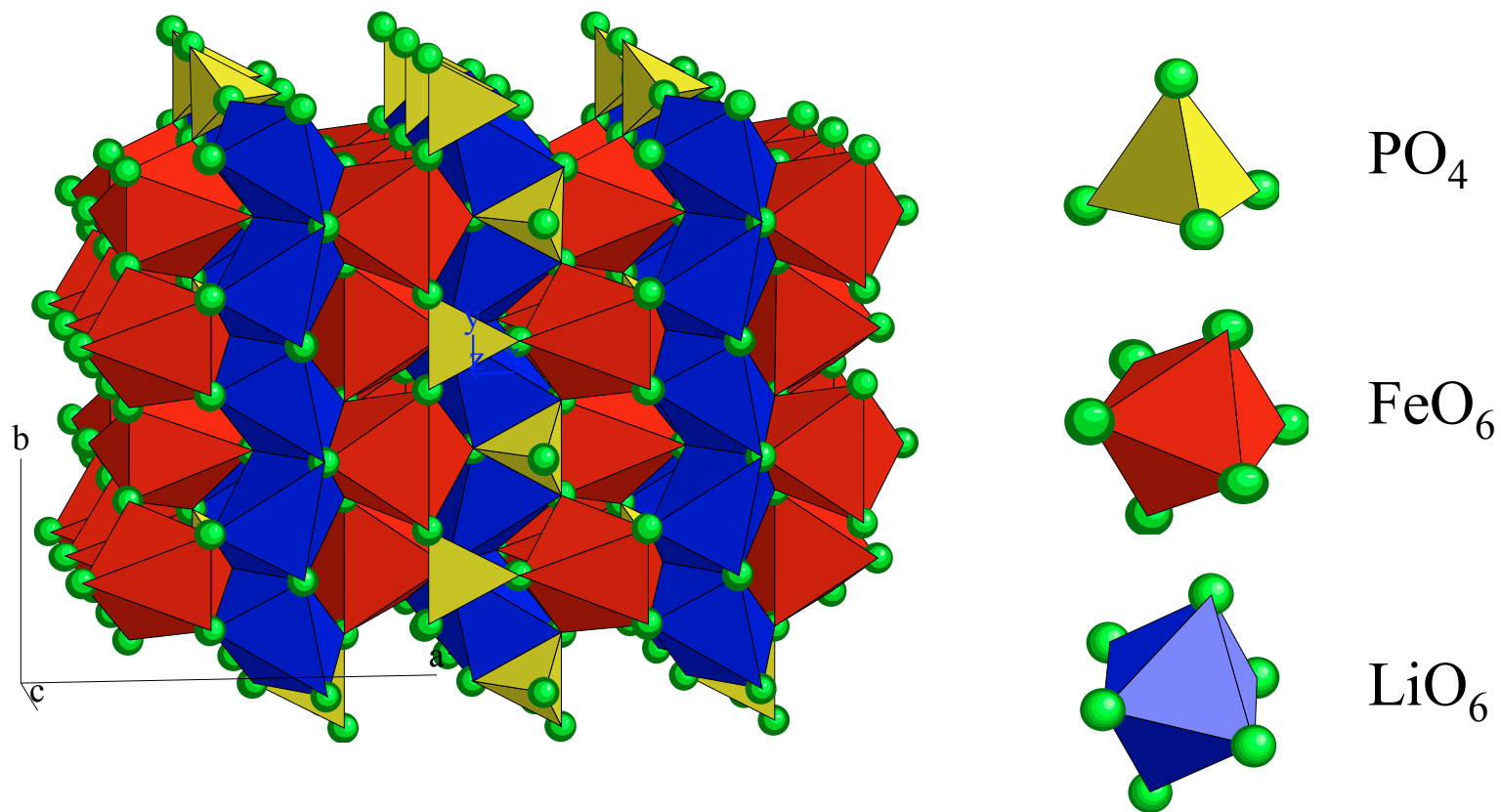


Cathode:  
Lithium iron phosphate



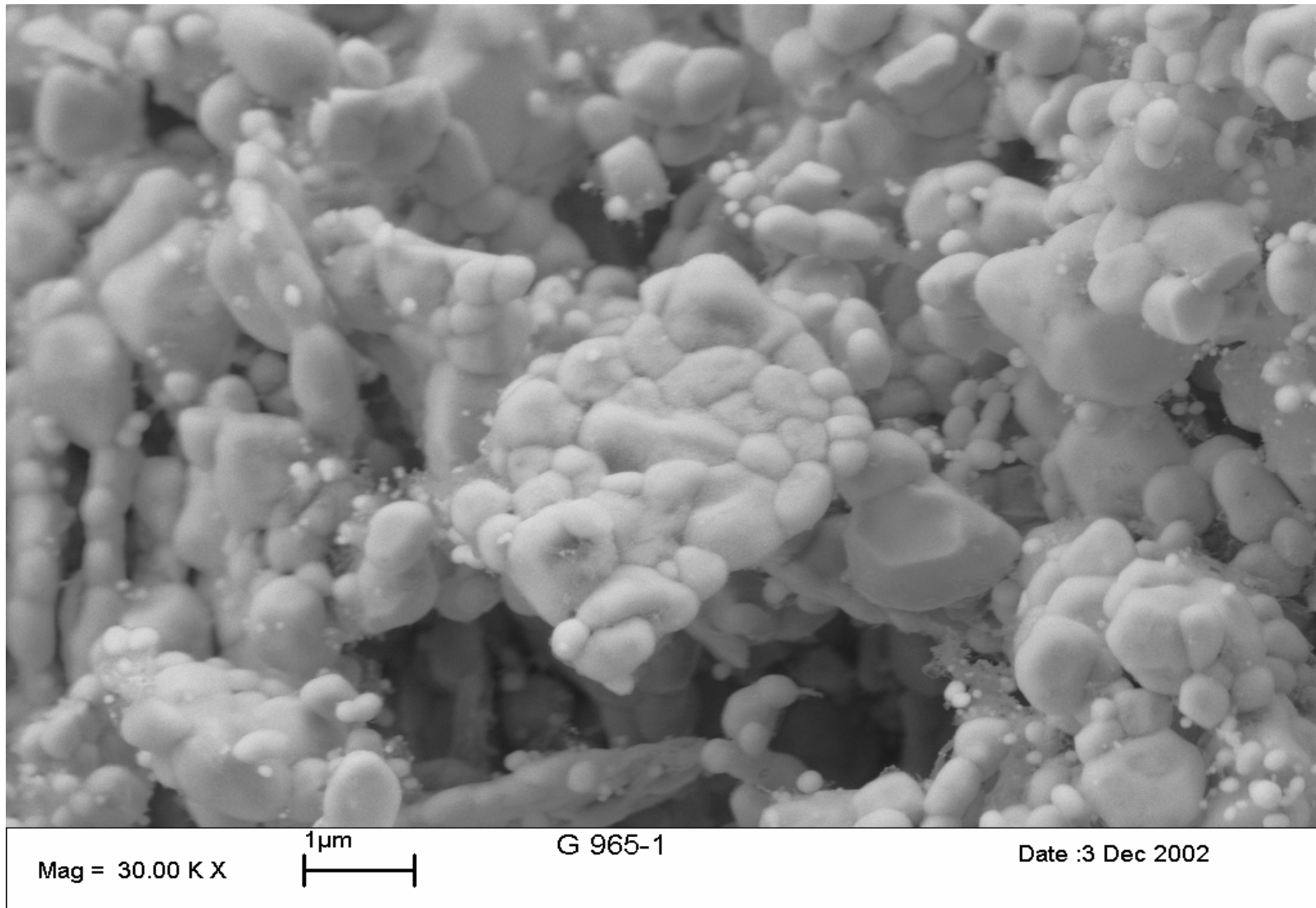
Two-phase process (Constant  
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# Olivine lithium iron phosphate



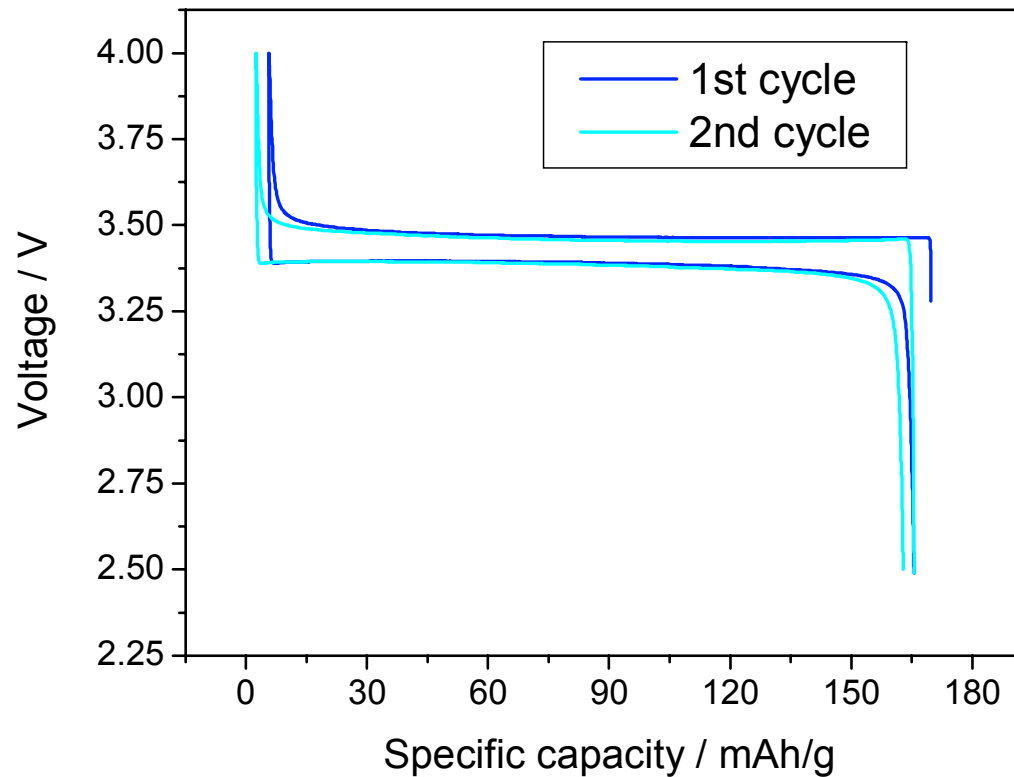
Two-phase process (3.5 V vs. Li<sup>+</sup> /Li)

# LiFePO<sub>4</sub> electrode



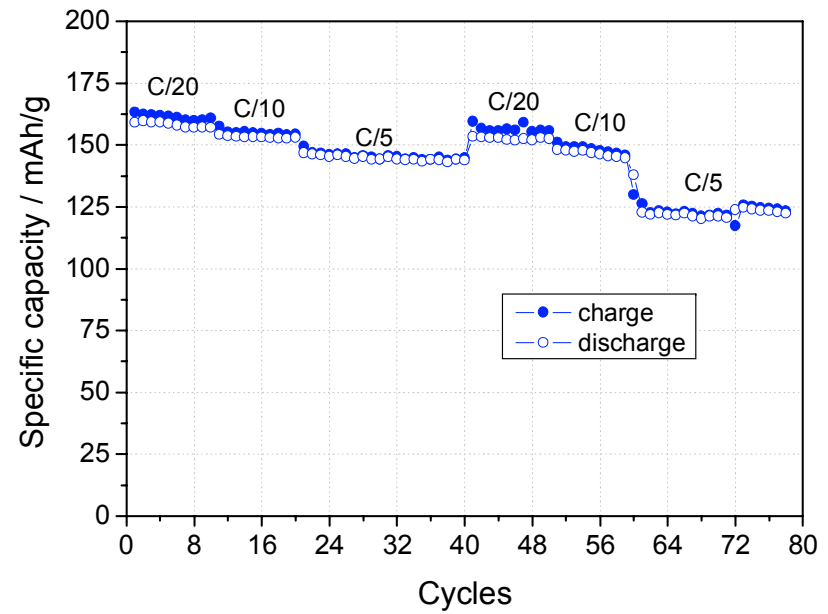
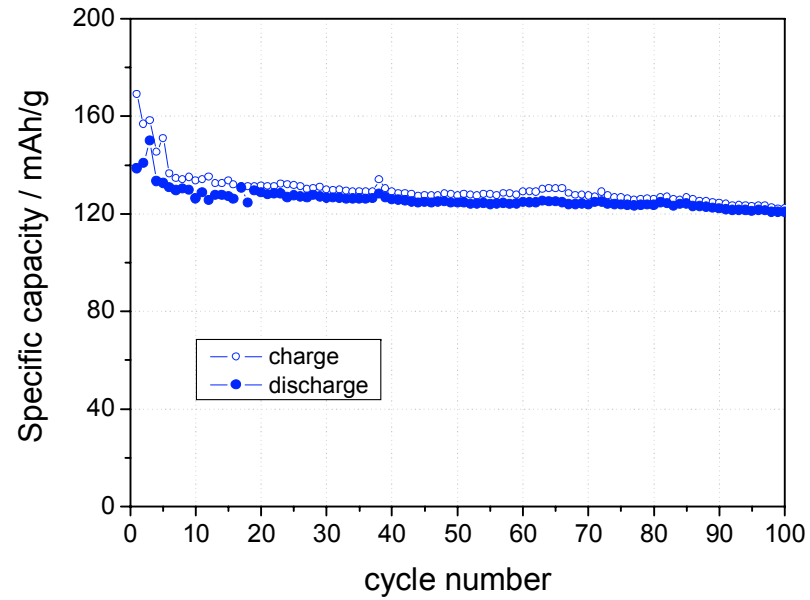
Material prepared in Professor Garche's Laboratory, ZSW, Ulm

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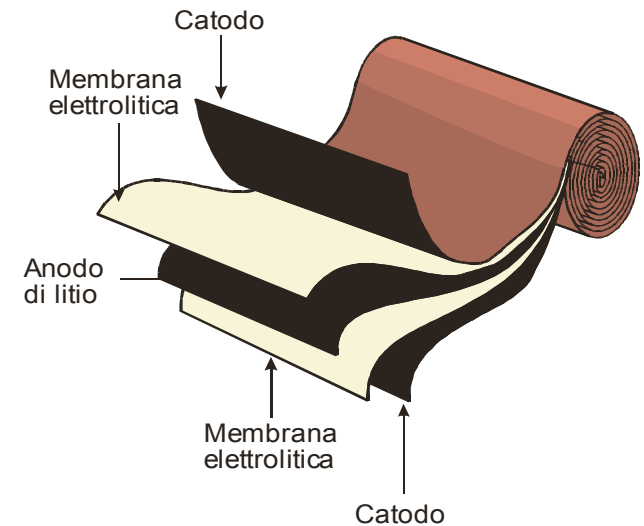


Galvanostatic cycles at various rates in a Li/ LiPF<sub>6</sub>-PC-EC -PVdF gel cell. Room temperature.

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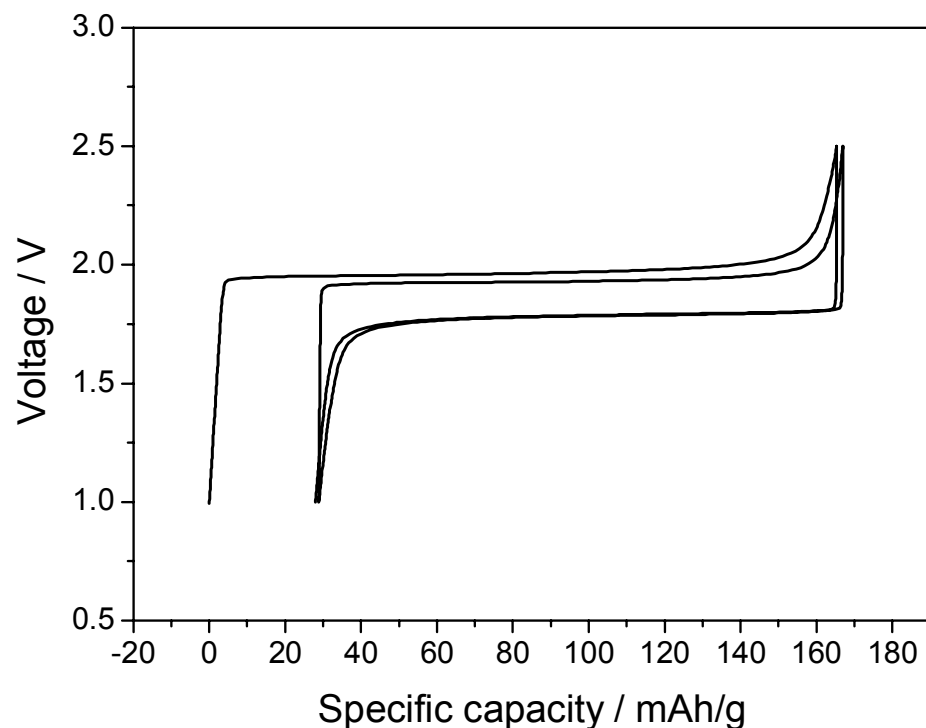
lithium ion polymer cell

Combination of a 1.5 V anode  
with a 3.5V cathode gives a  
2V battery!





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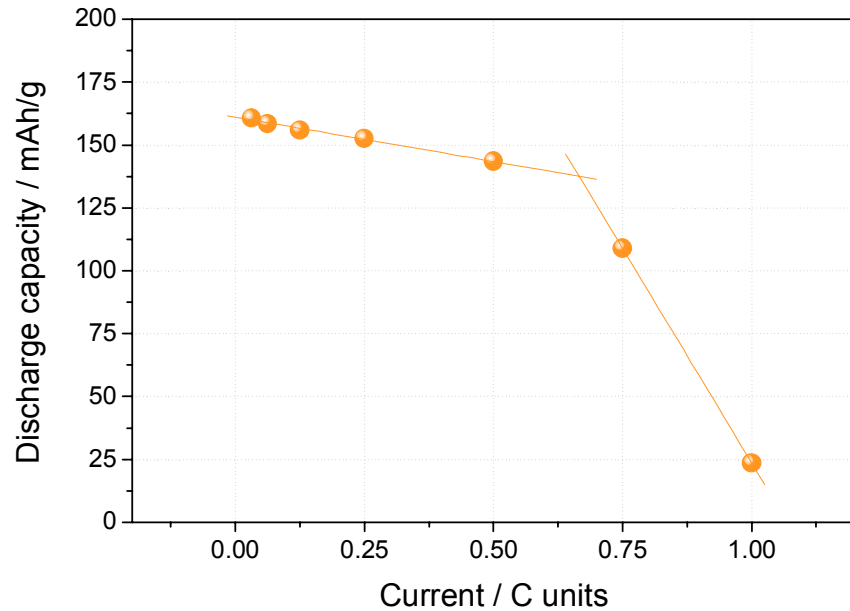


Galvanostatic charge-discharge voltage profile

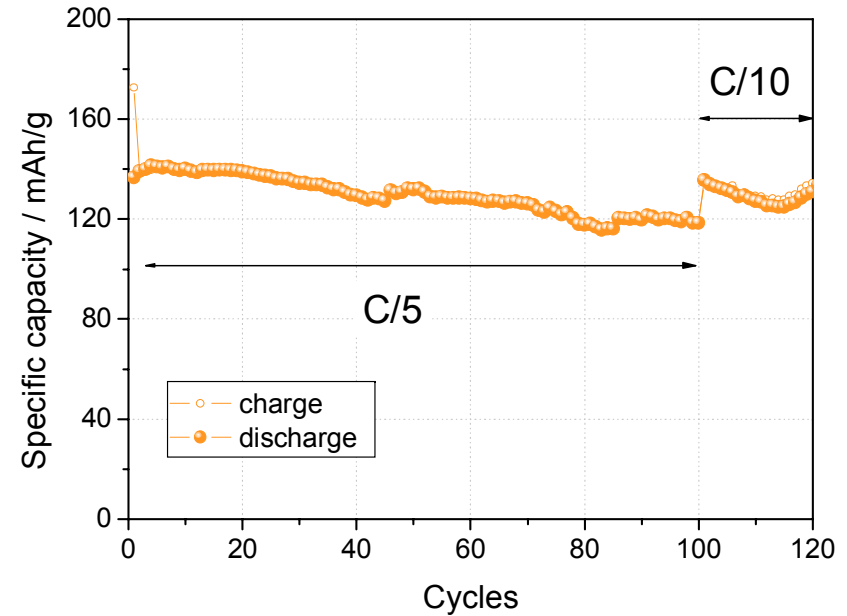
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# $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ / $\text{LiPF}_6\text{-PC-EC-PVdF}$ / $\text{LiFePO}_4$ lithium ion polymer cell



Discharge capacity vs current rate.  
Room temperature.



Capacity versus cycle number. Room temperature.

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## High safety lithium ion batteries

Electrode combination based on a  $\text{Li}_{4/3}\text{Ti}_{5/3}\text{O}_4$  anode and a  $\text{LiFePO}_4$  cathode.

Both electrodes operate within the stability window of the electrolyte, are cheap, not toxic and evolve along a flat, two-phase lithium acceptance-removal process with minor structure modifications.

Extra step towards reliability and cell design modularity is achieved by moving from the standard liquid-like electrolyte to a polymer electrolyte configuration.

Reliable and safe batteries.

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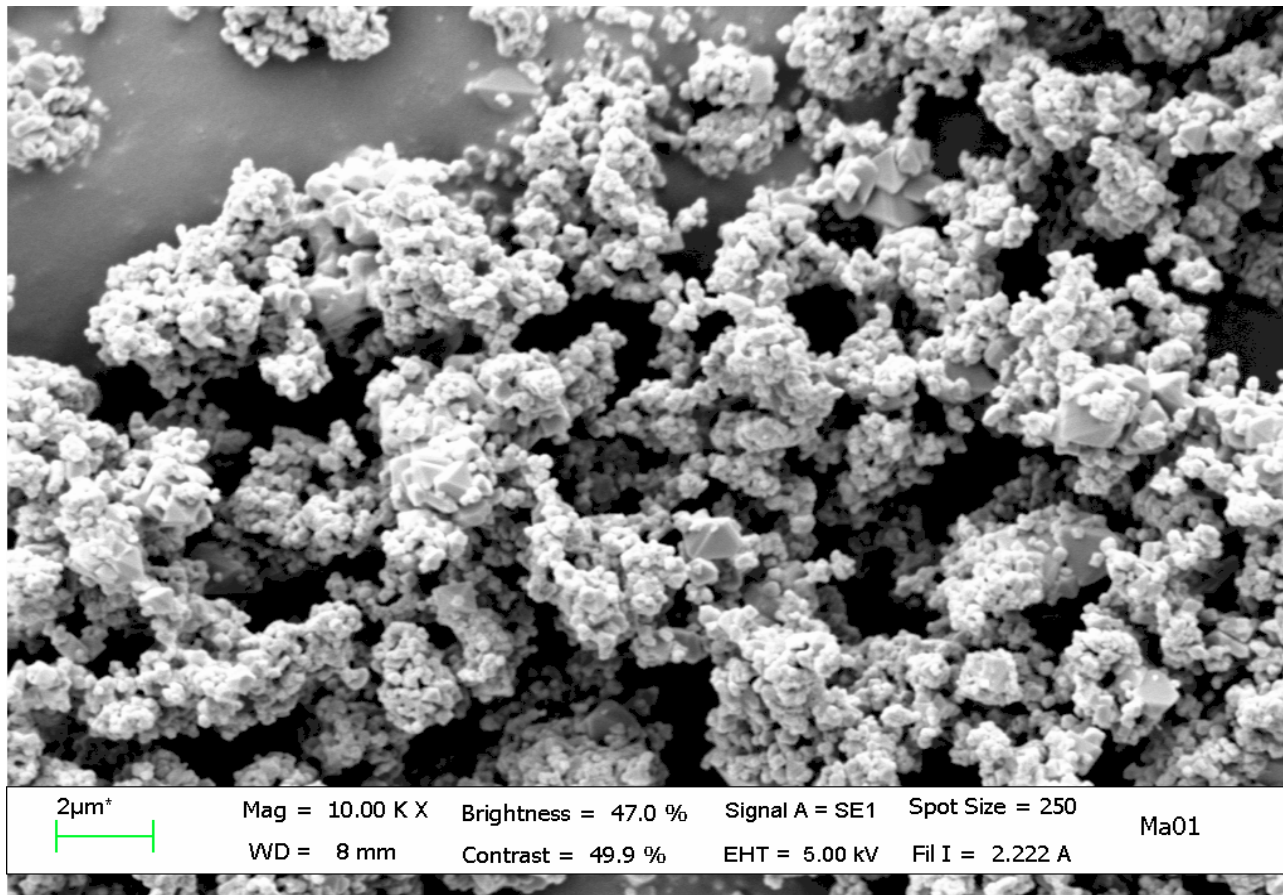
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High voltage cathodes (higher voltage)

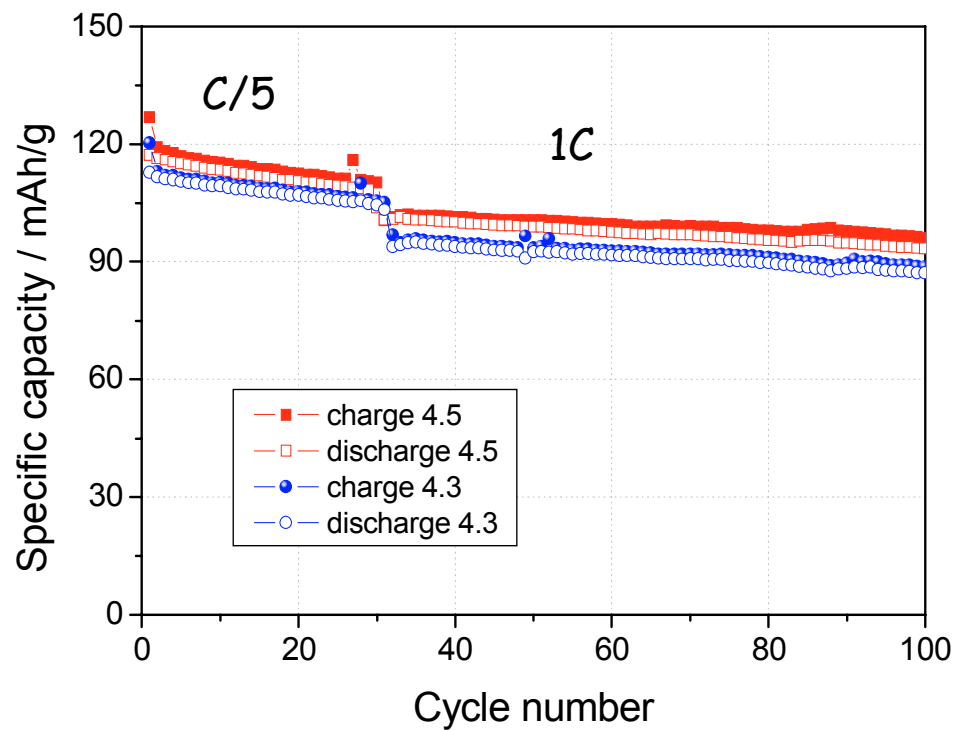
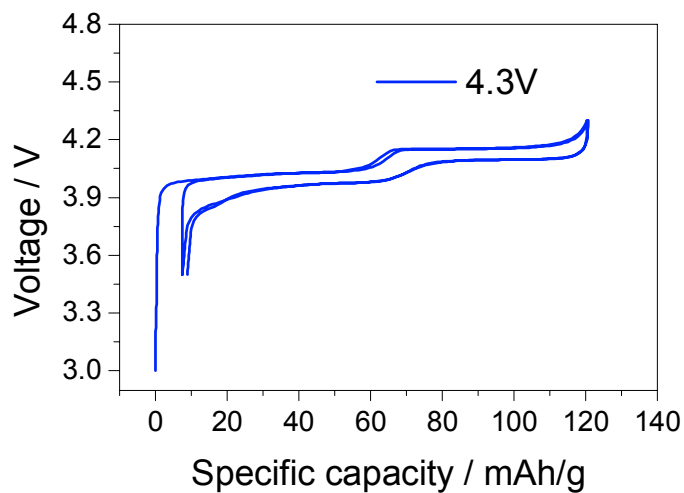
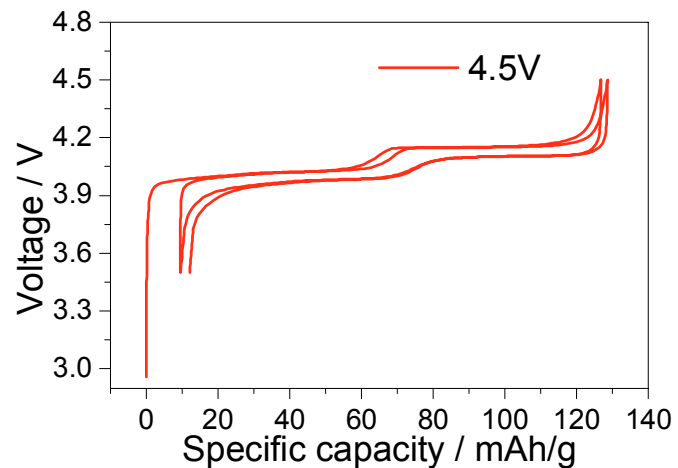
Electrode nano morphology (higher rate)

4V volt cathodes  
 $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4$  - solid state synthesis

Li : Mn = 0.98 : 2



# Voltage evolution vs. Li of the electrochemical process



Solid State

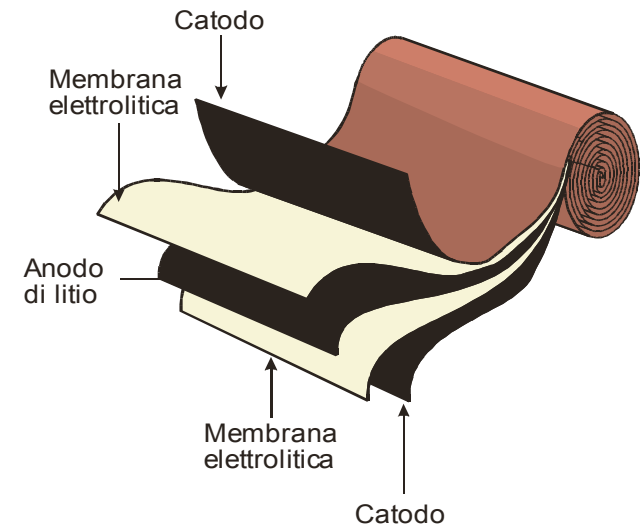




$\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$  /  $\text{LiPF}_6\text{-PC-EC-PVdF}$  /  $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}$

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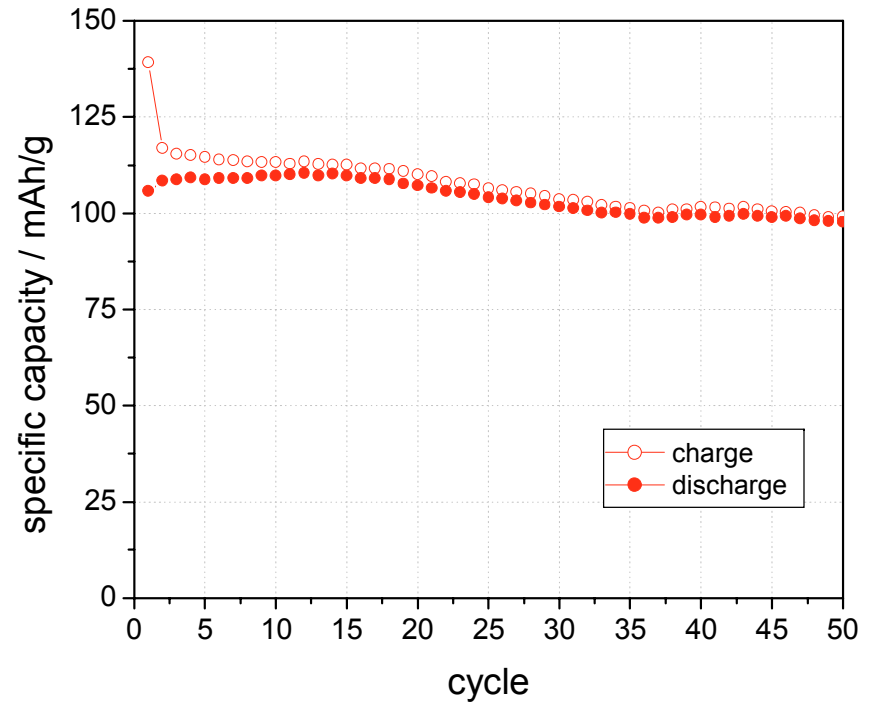
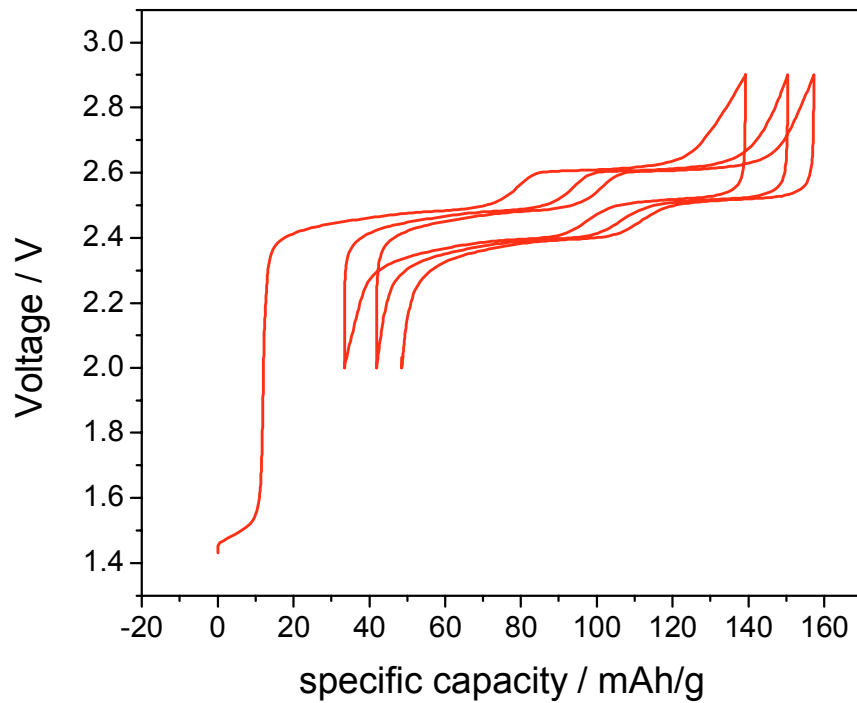
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# Lithium-ion battery

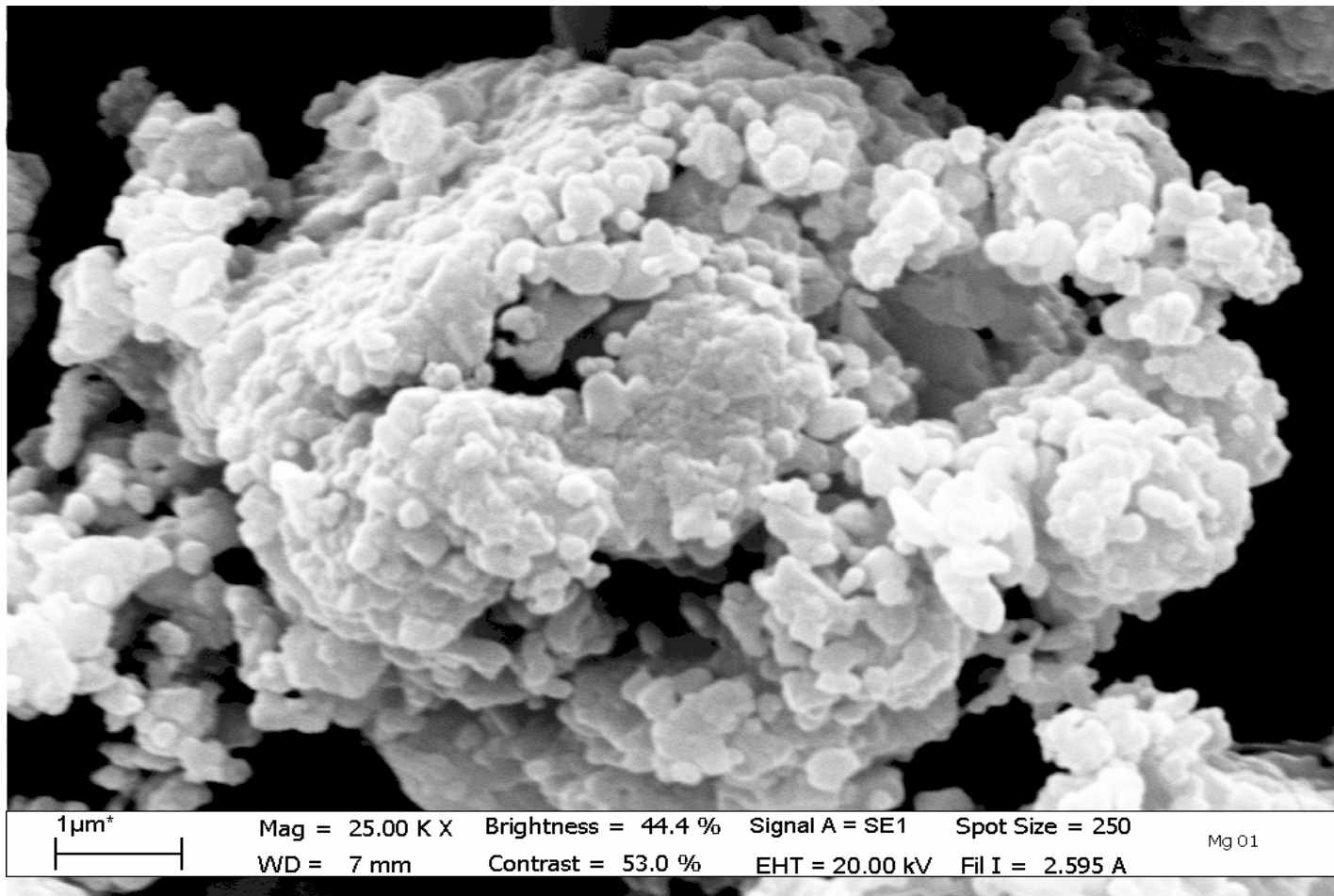
$\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$  /PVdF EC:PC  $\text{LiPF}_6$  /  $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4$

Galvanostatic cycles at **C/5** respect  $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4$   
2.0-2.9 V voltage range

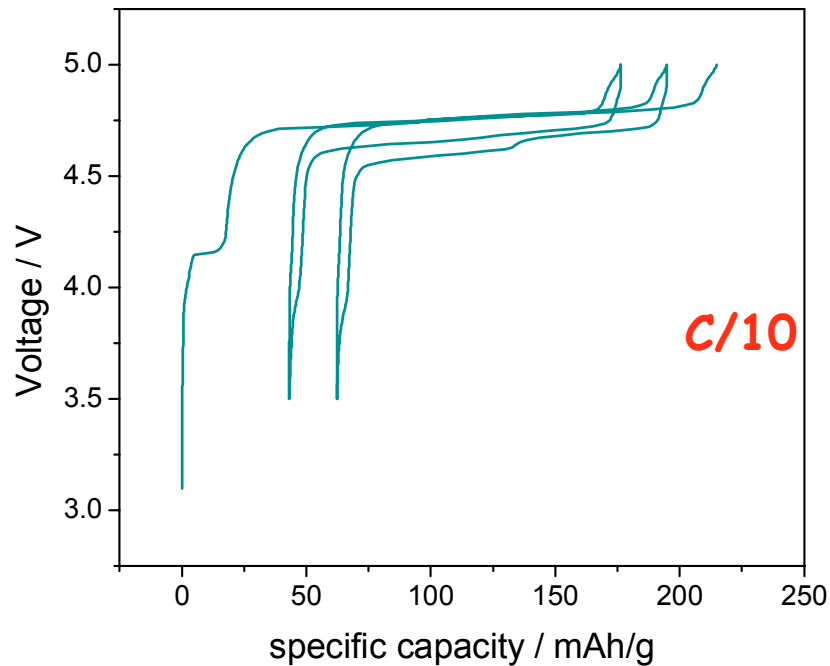


# 5V cathodes $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ - Wet chemistry

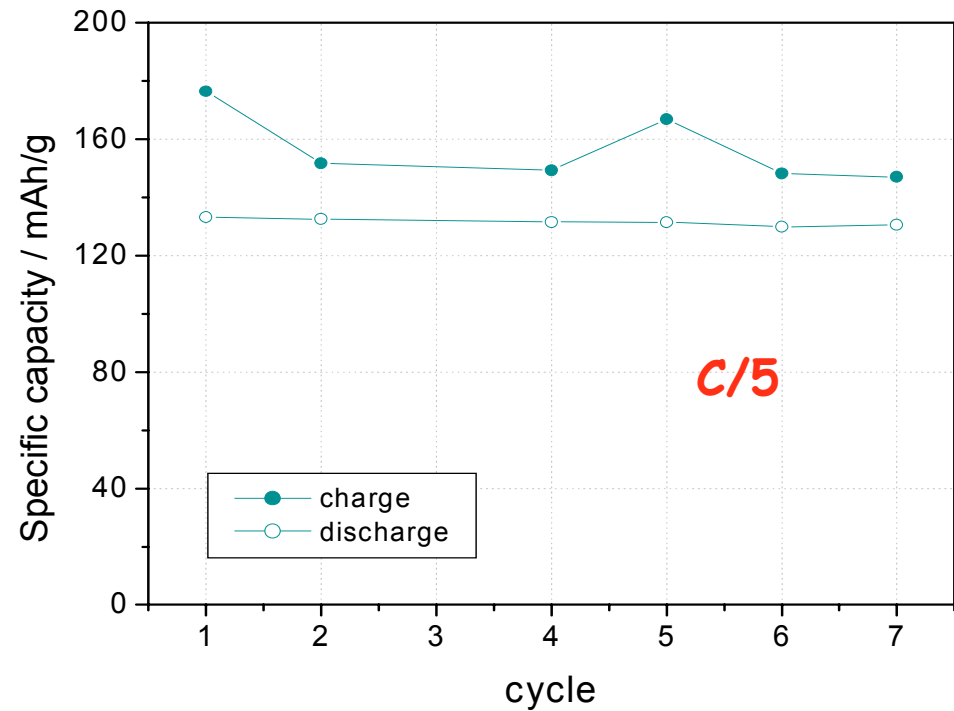
ICP analysis:



# Galvanostatic cycling of $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ in a lithium cell.



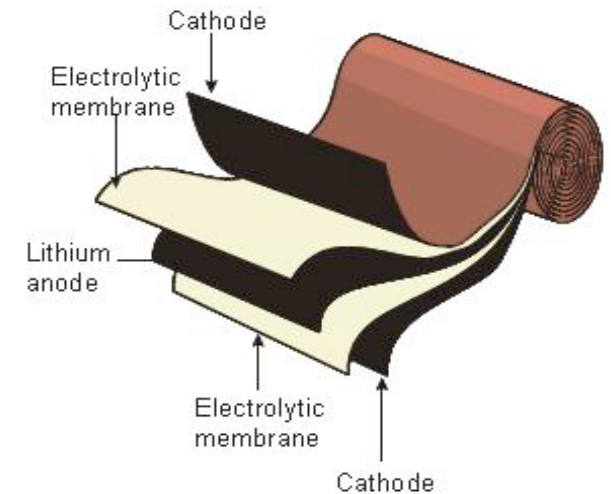
Voltage profiles  
vs. Li



Capacity vs. cycle  
number

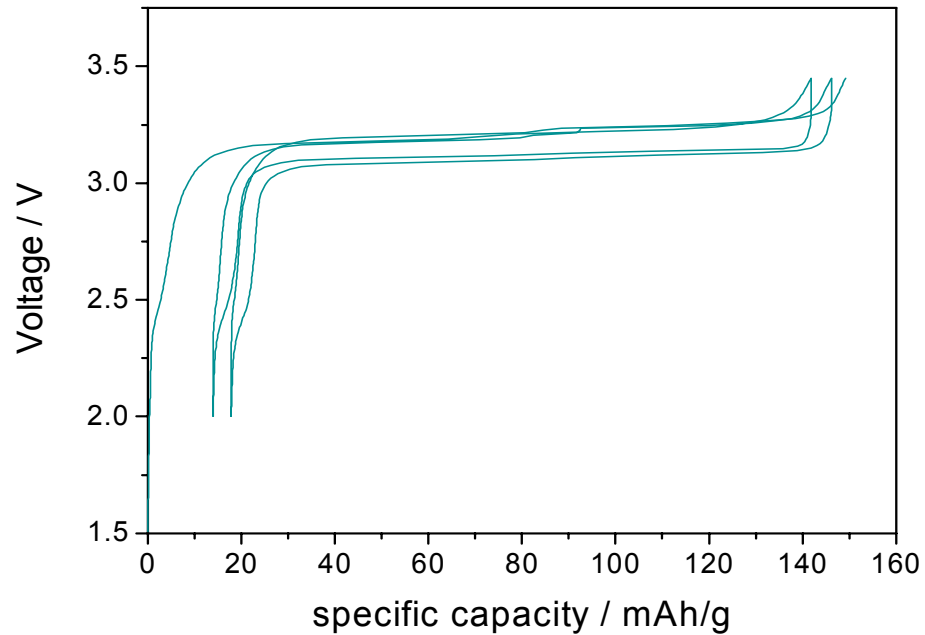
$\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$  / PGE /  $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$

lithium ion polymer cell

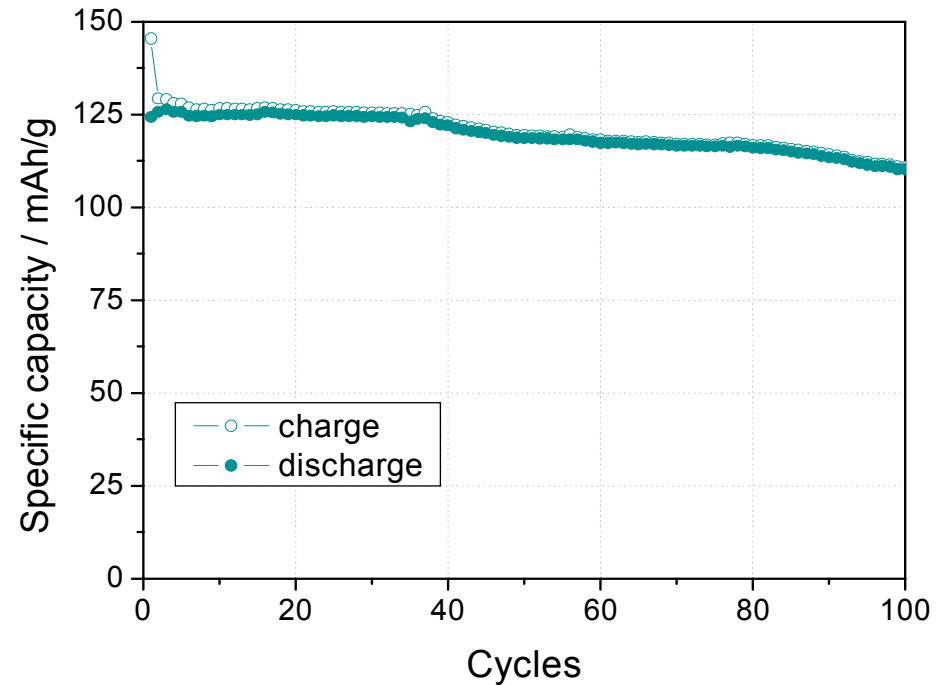


Combination of a 1.5 V anode  
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3V safe battery!

$\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$  / GPE /  $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$   
lithium ion polymer battery



Galvanostatic charge-discharge voltage profile. Current rate: C/20. Room temperature.



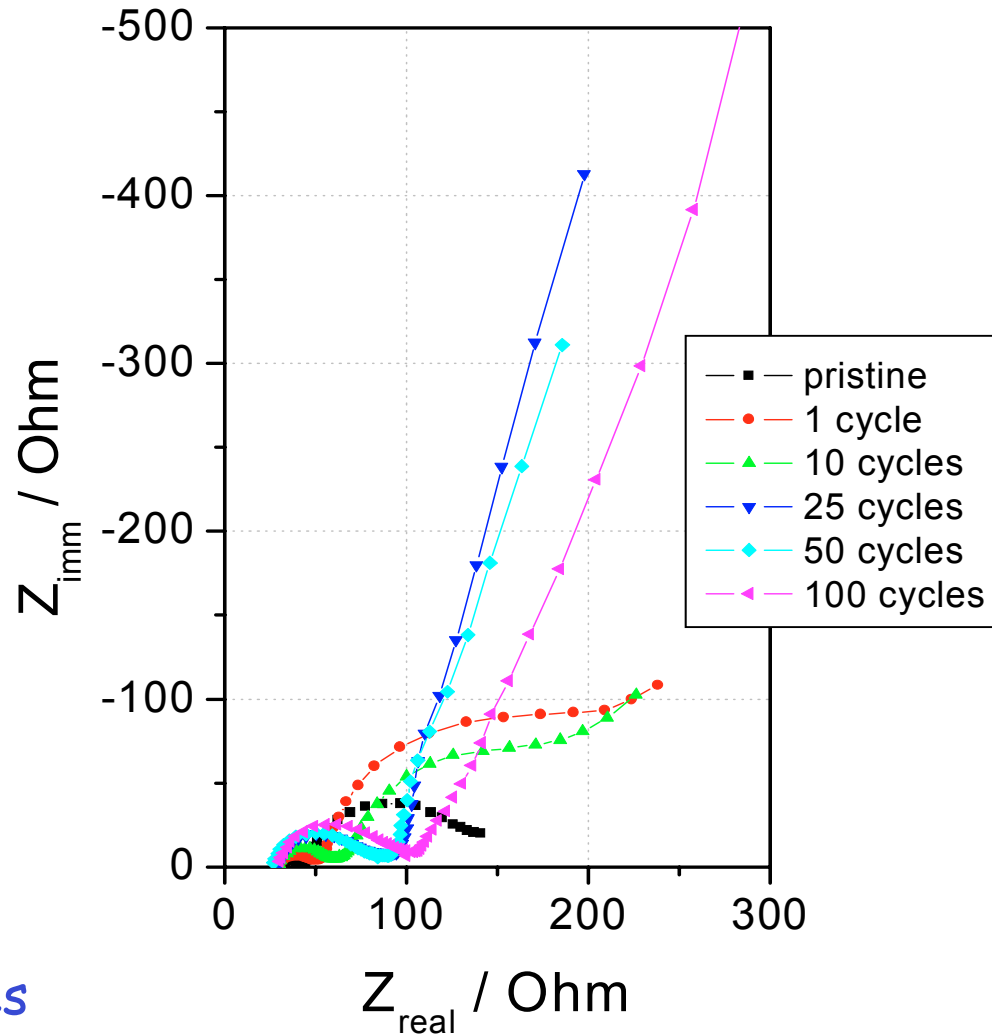
Capacity versus cycle number at C/5. Room temperature.



# $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ / GPE / $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ Battery

## *Specific features*

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- low cost
- long cycle life
- environmental compatibility
- high stability
- acceptable rates

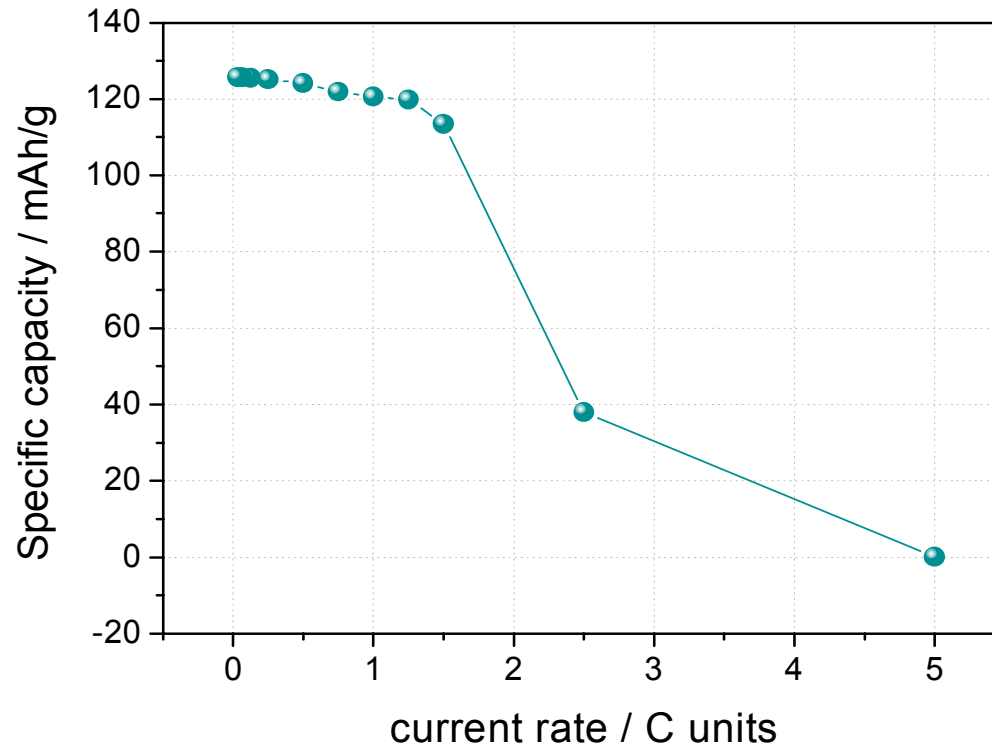


Impedance response recorded at various cycles. Frequency range: 50kHz-50mHz;  $\Delta V=10\text{mV}$ . Room temperature.

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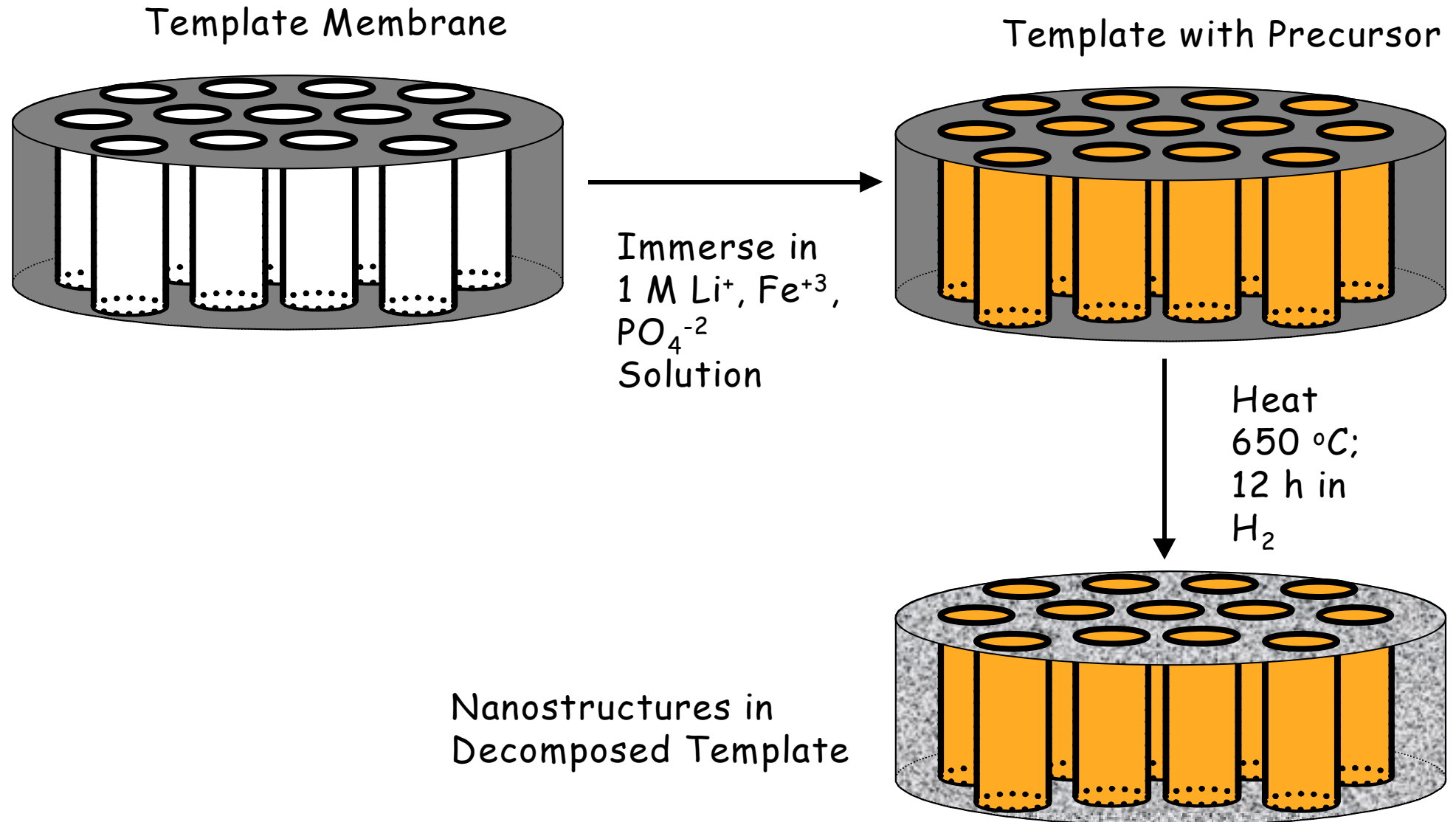
Discharge capacity vs current rate of the lithium ion  $\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$ /GPE/ $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$  battery. Room temperature.

# High safety lithium ion batteries

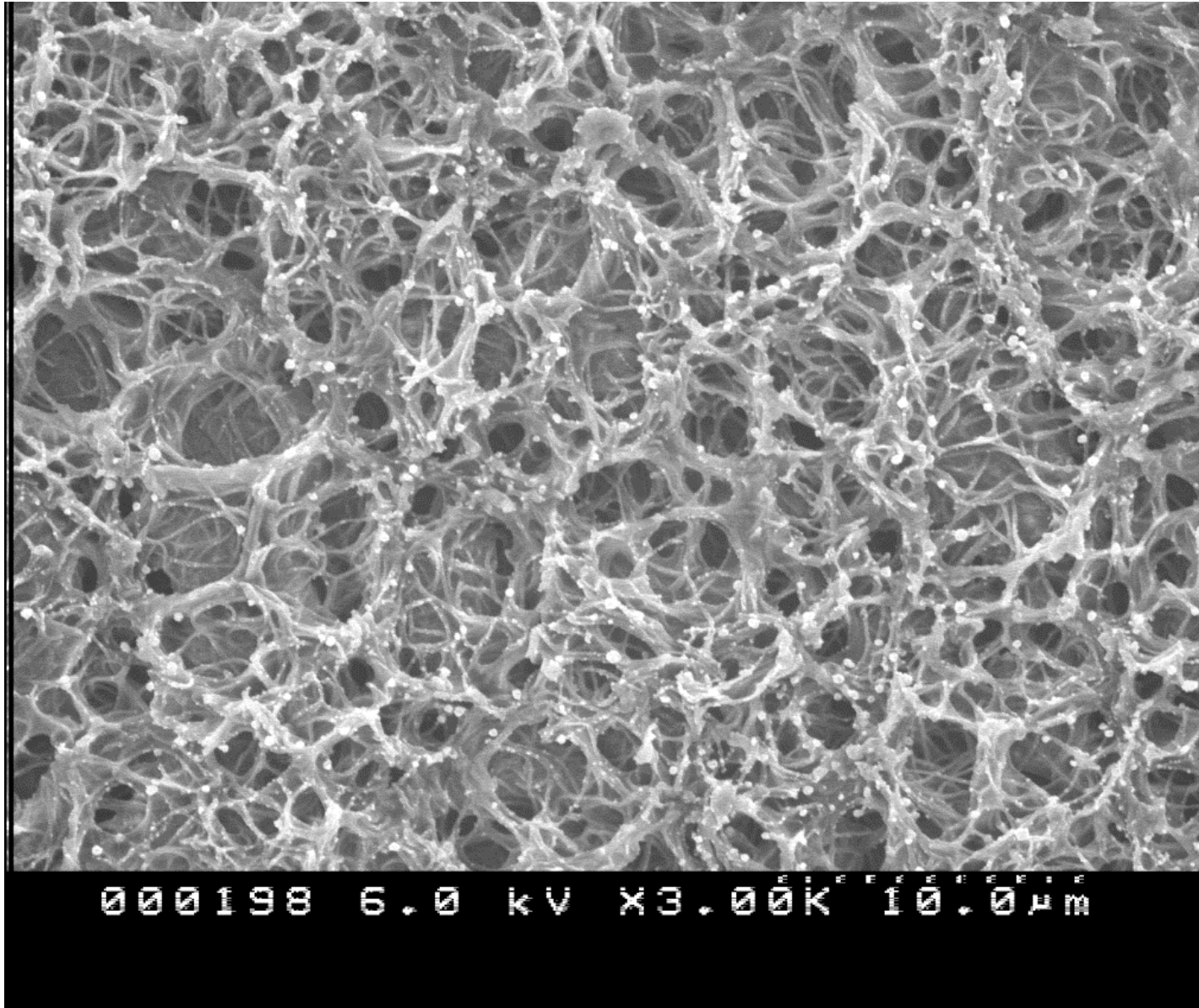
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# Schematic of Template Synthesis of $\text{LiFePO}_4$ Nanostructures in Carbon

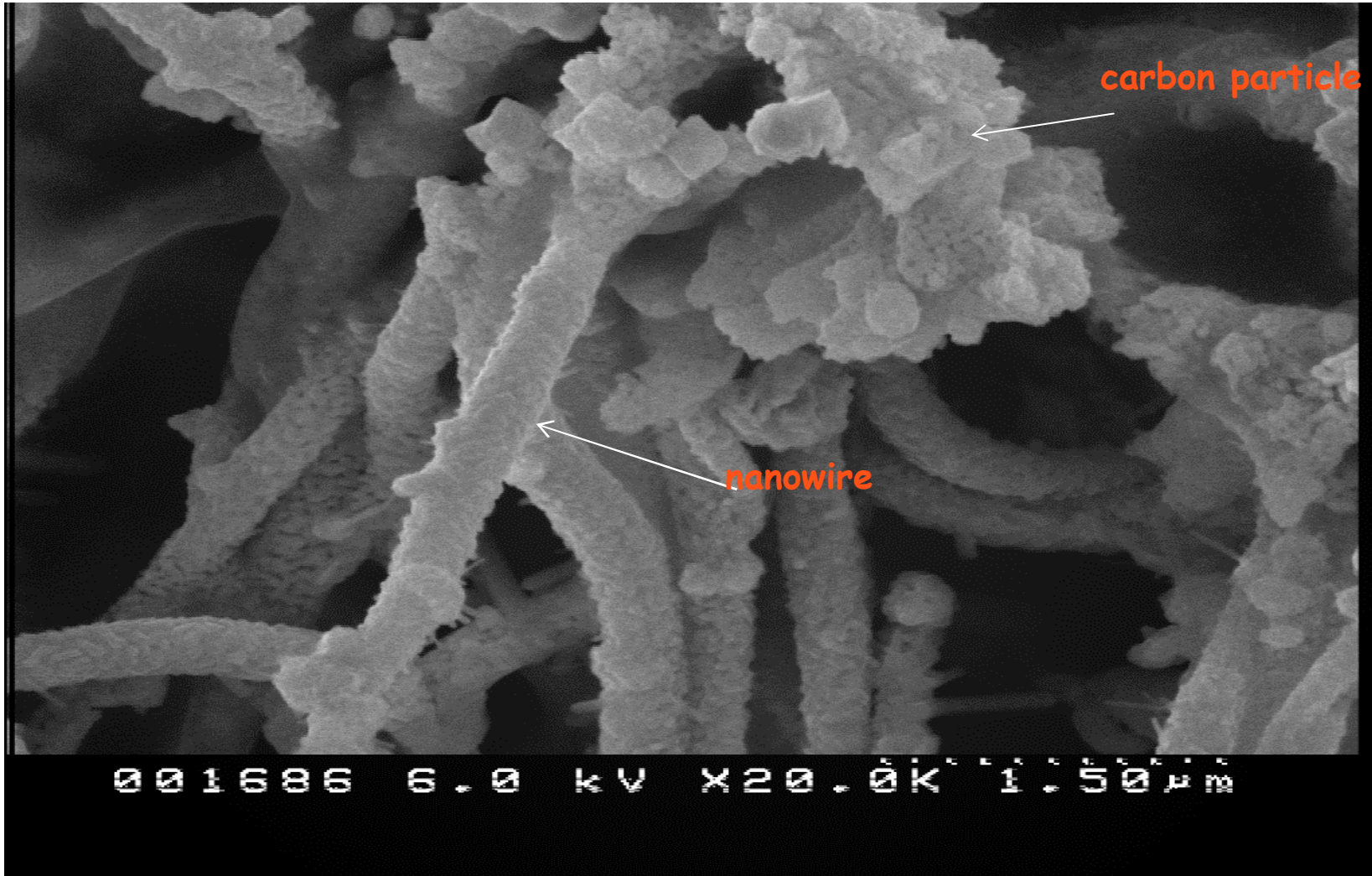


## Morphology of nanostructured $\text{LiFePO}_4$



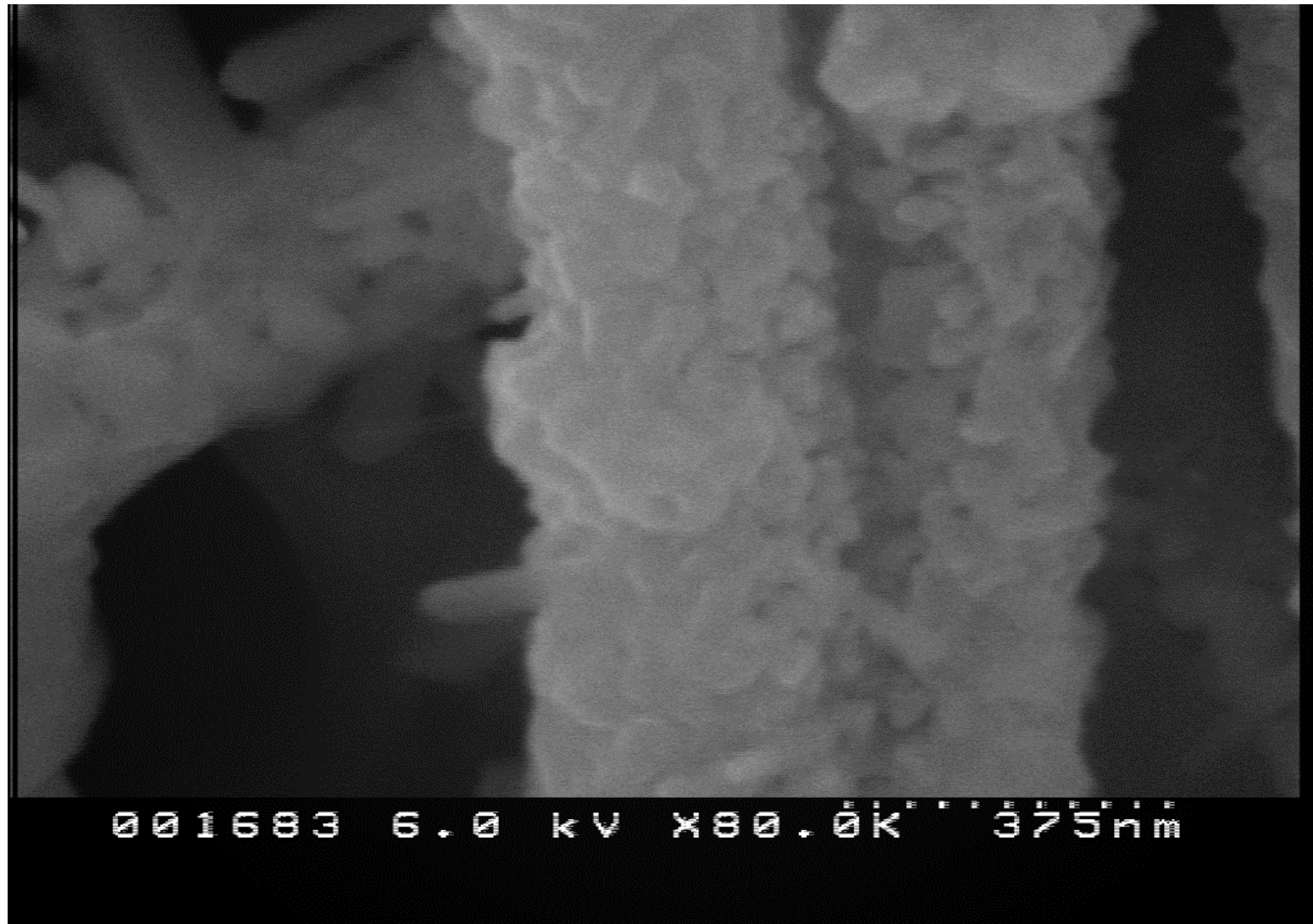


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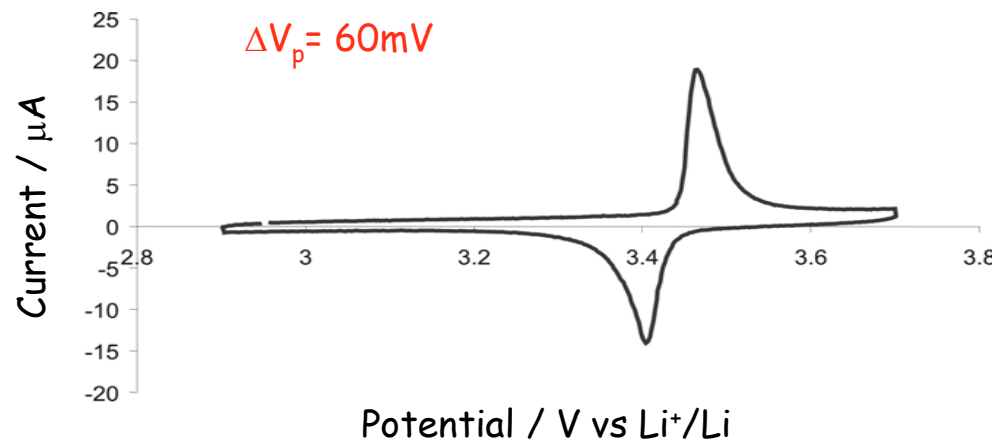
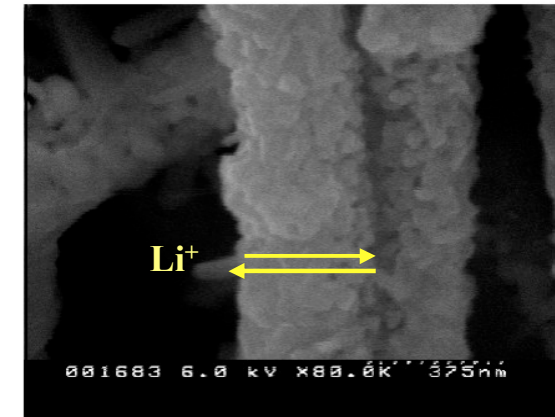




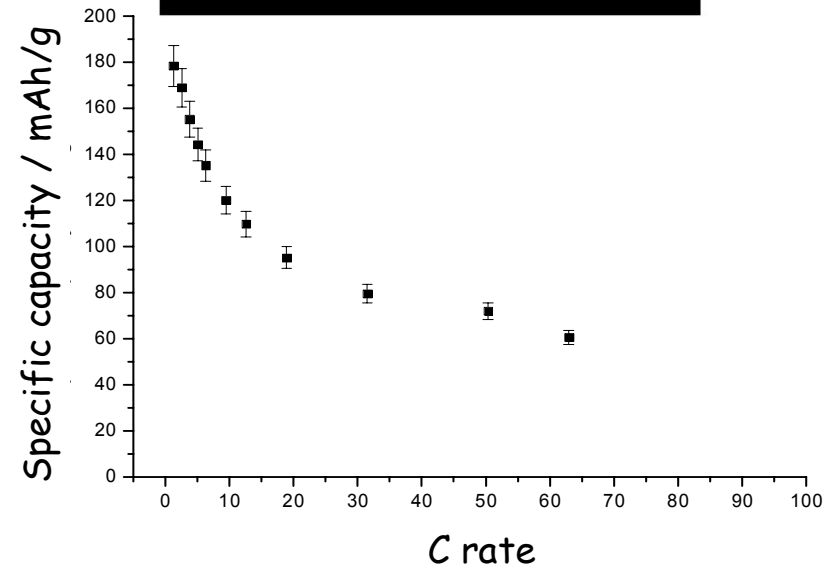
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Nanostructured, lithium iron phosphate: reduced lithium ion diffusion length: fast kinetics!



High reversibility



High power

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## Conclusion

Optimized, advanced lithium batteries are needed to assure progress in HEV technology.

Valid approaches:

use of modified solvent-free polymer electrolytes for the development of *long-life, reliable lithium polymer batteries*

use of gel-type electrolytes in combination with selected electrodic couple for the development of *stable lithium-ion polymer batteries*

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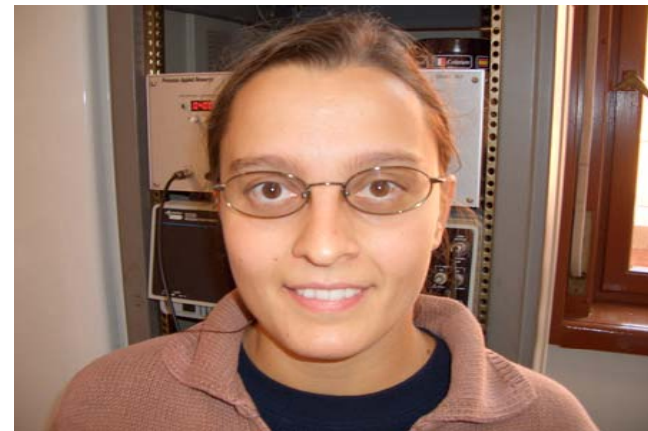
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