

Next Generation Energy Storage Materials: From Electric Mobility to Smart Grid

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The Global Scale in the Future

- 50M vehicles per year x 200 kg ~ 2.5 TWh ~ 10 M tons of batteries produced annually in ~ 100 “gigafactories” current annual production of Si – 8M tons; Al – 63M tons
- Grid backup may need ~ hundreds of TWh presumably this is not going to be the same technology likely need to explore electrochemical conversion (hydrogen, methane)
- Electrochemical technologies for ammonia, hydrogen, will be part of decarbonizing the last third of the economy (after generation, transport).

NH₃ production via the Haber-Bosch process consumes 5% of natural gas supply, 1% of world's energy consumption, and releases about 1.5% GHG emissions

Batteries: From Volta to Chevy Volt

Has anything fundamentally changed ?

1800 AD

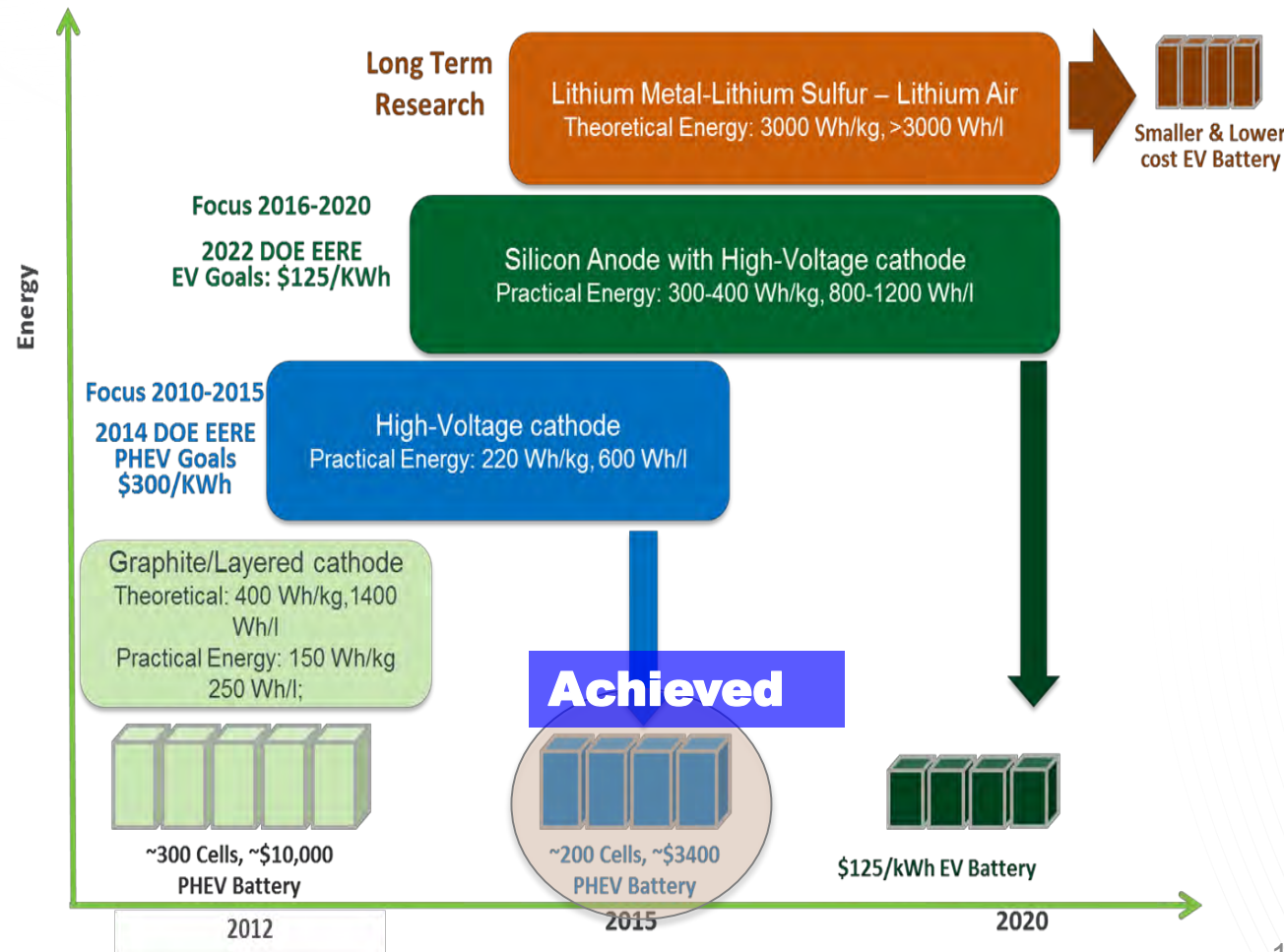


Chevy Volt
Nissan Leaf



Research Roadmap for Electric Vehicles - DOE

Current emphasis: The development of high voltage cathodes and electrolytes coupled with high capacity metal alloy anodes. Research to enable Lithium Metal-Li Sulfur systems.

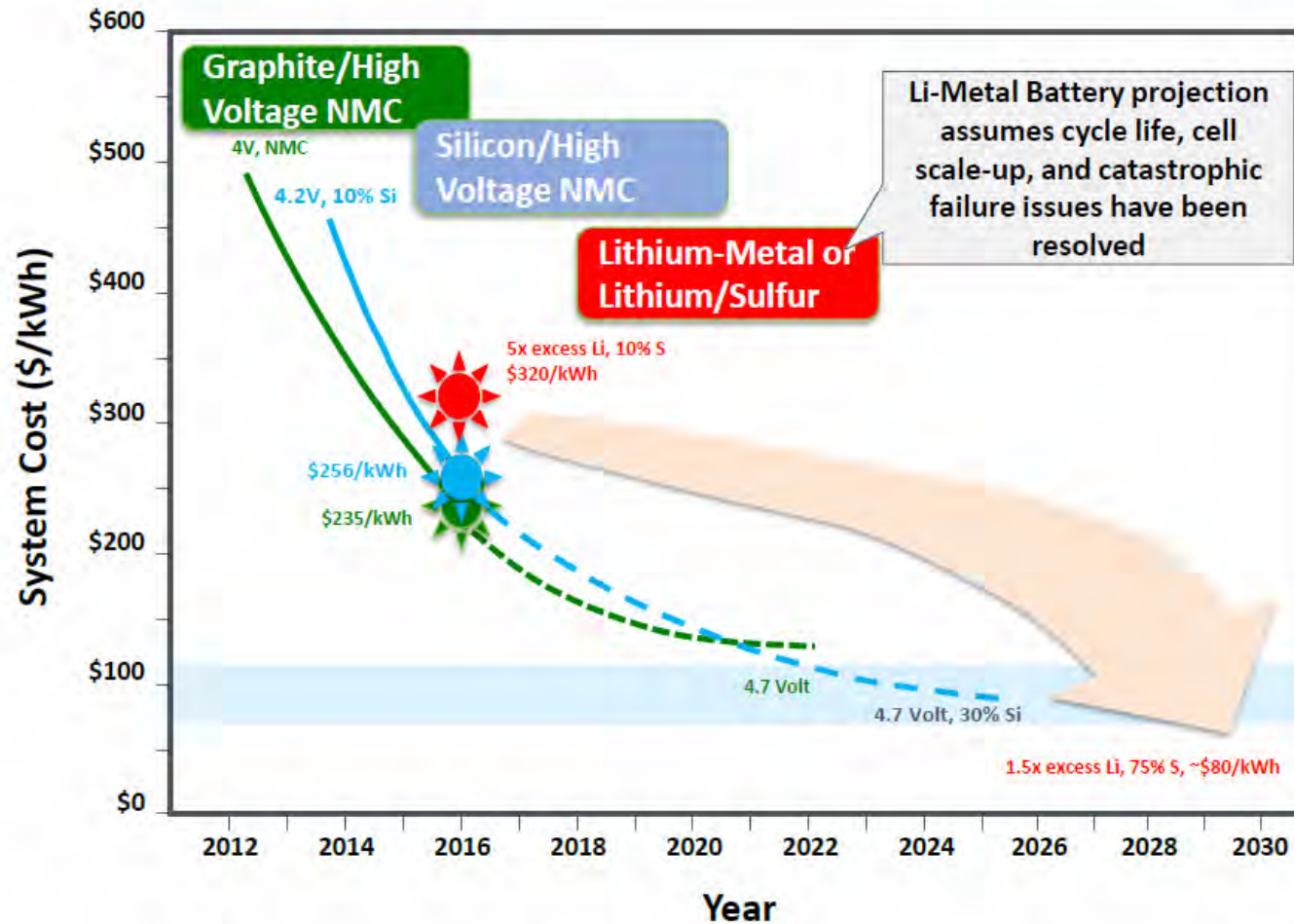


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Cost per KWh for lithium batteries is rapidly decreasing

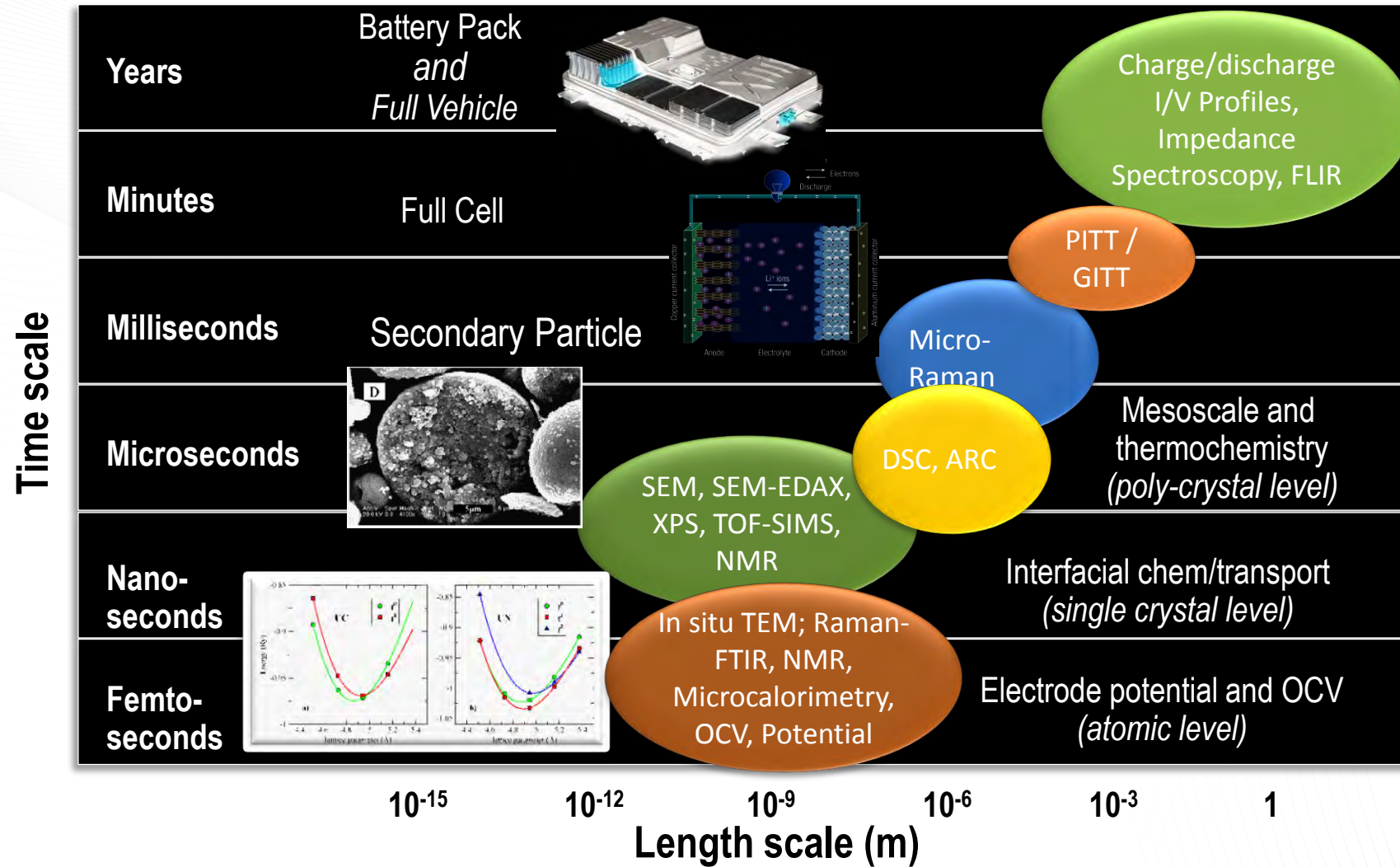
Battery Cost

Cost Trends for Lithium-based EV Batteries



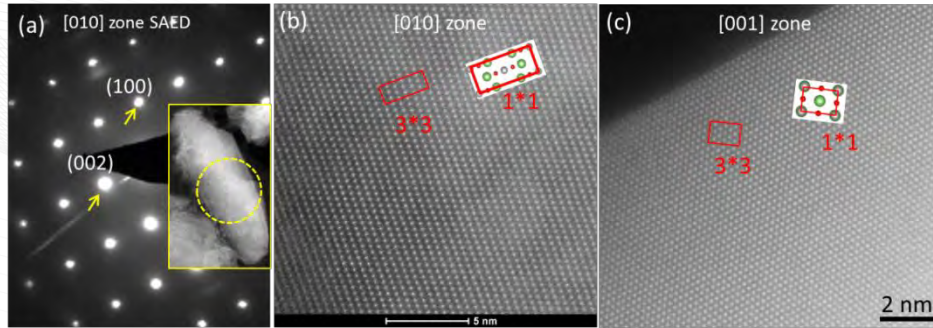
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A battery is a complex multiscale device



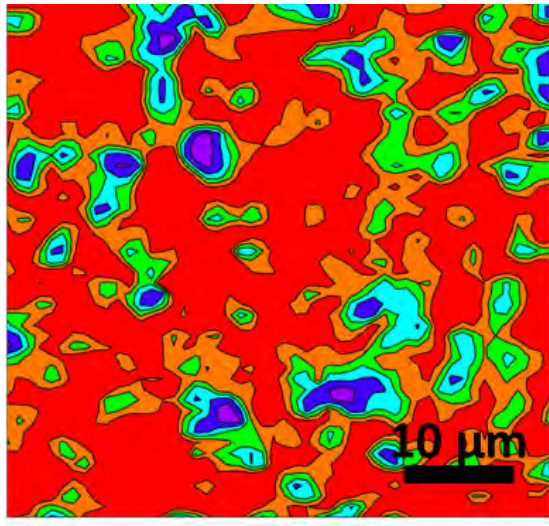
Various electrochemical and transport process in multiple length and time scales

Bridging Material and Electrode Length Scale with Imaging and Microscopy Techniques



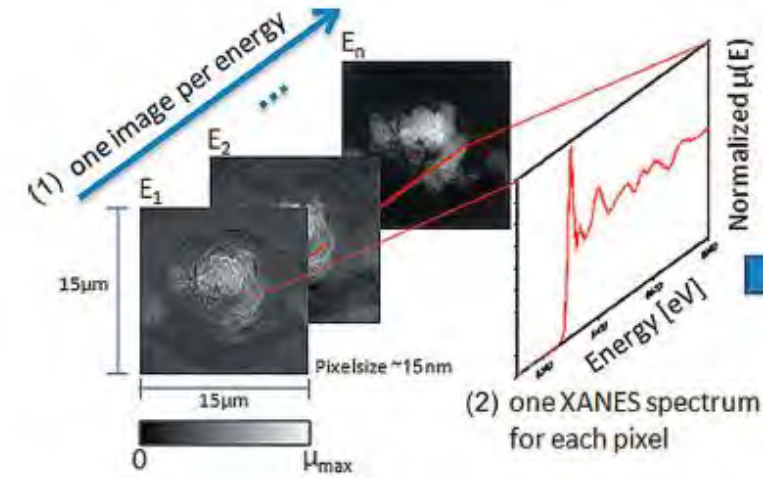
Atomic/Molecular : Electron Microscopy-HRTEM, EELS

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Micro-Raman/SERS/TERS
(10's nm-submicron-micron)

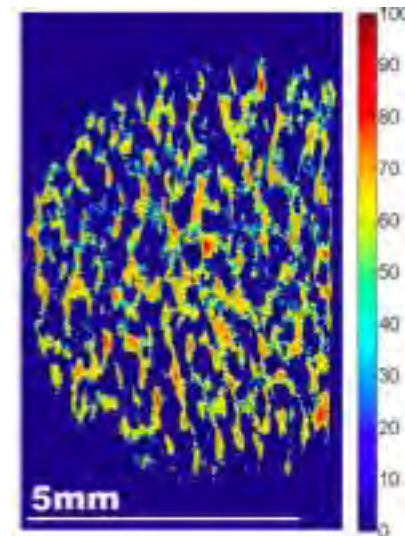
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Transmission X-ray Microscopy + X-ray Absorption Near Edge Spectroscopy (TXM-XANES) - Mesoscale

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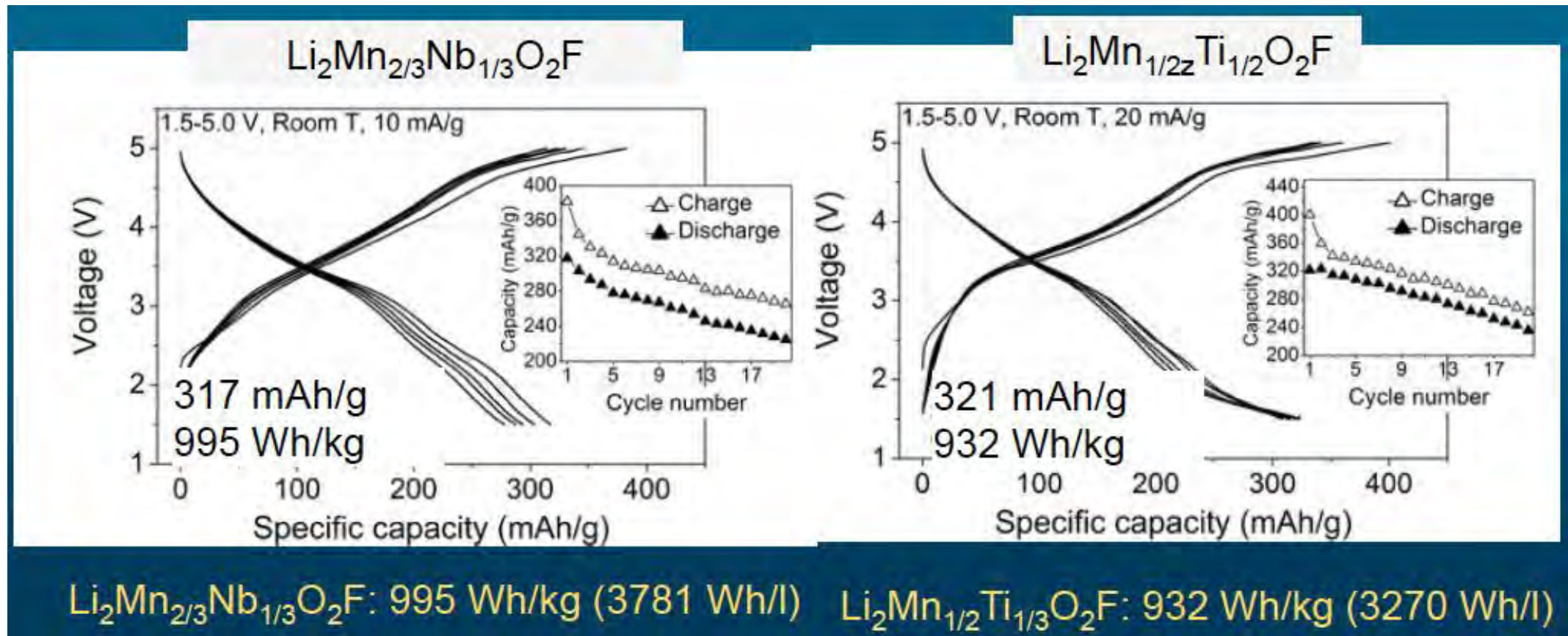
Neutron Imaging
10's of Micron



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Disorder cathode design based on effective charge compensation : An example

- (i) Lower the redox active TM (such as Mn) by high valent substitution – Nb^{5+} , Ti^{4+} Mo^{6+}
- (ii) Lower the anionic charge by replacing O^{2-} with F^{-1}



Mediated Redox Flow Batteries for Grid Storage

Demand for long duration storage is growing for different markets



Military Bases



Remote Islands and Off-grid



A custom redox flow cell was designed to demonstrate a mediated red phosphorus anode

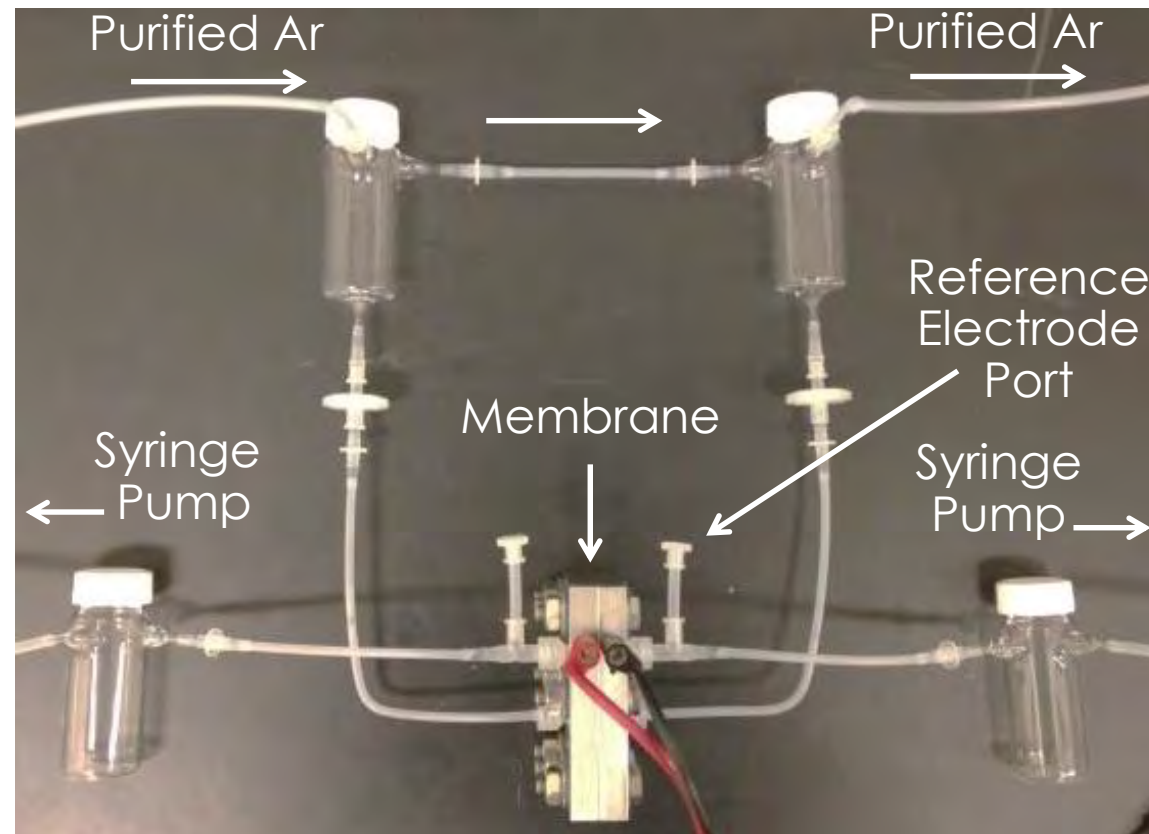
Cell Components:

Working/Auxiliary Electrodes: Porous Ni foam

Reference Electrode: Na in 1 m NaTFS (TEGDME)

Membrane: $\text{Na}^+\beta''\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ Ceramic (Ionotec, 45 x 45 x 1.5 mm³)

Serpentine Flow Channels



**Flow Cell
(connected to potentiostat)**



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