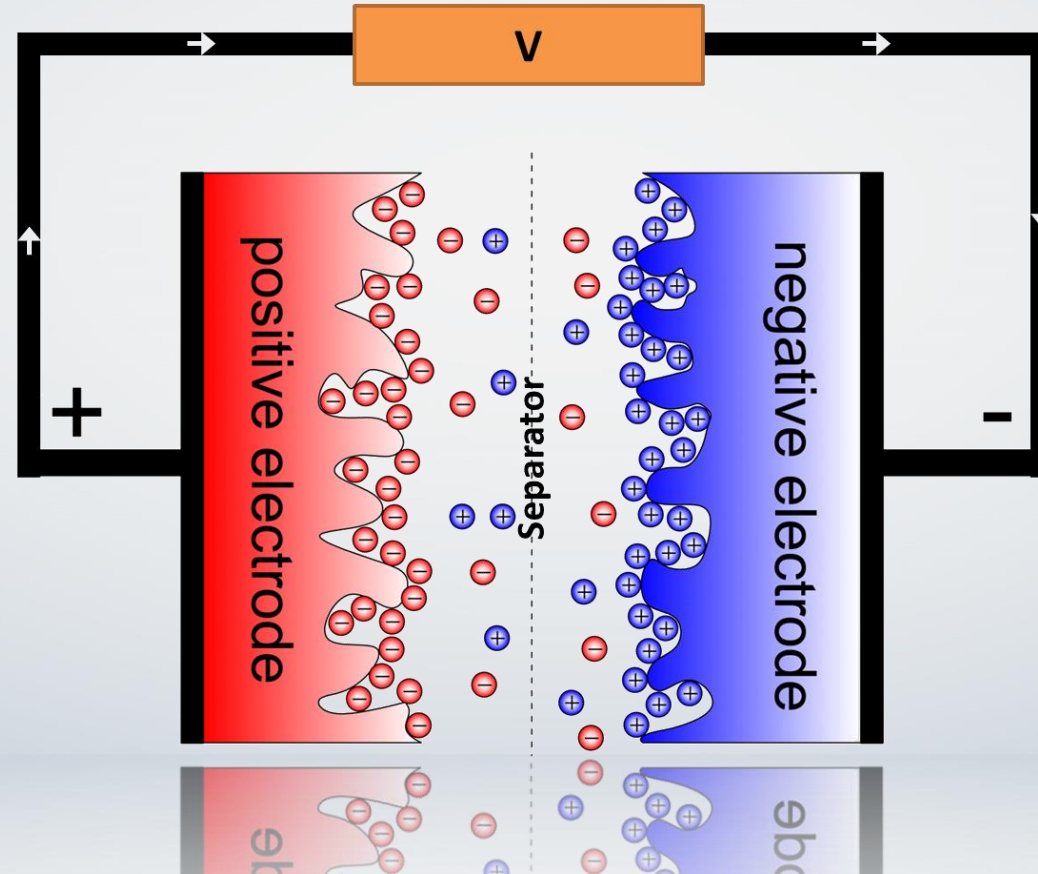
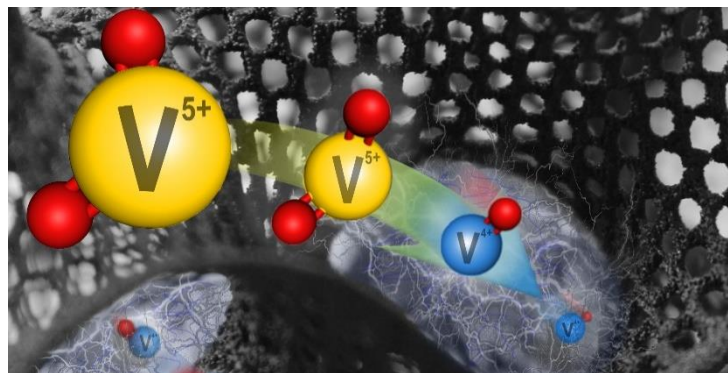




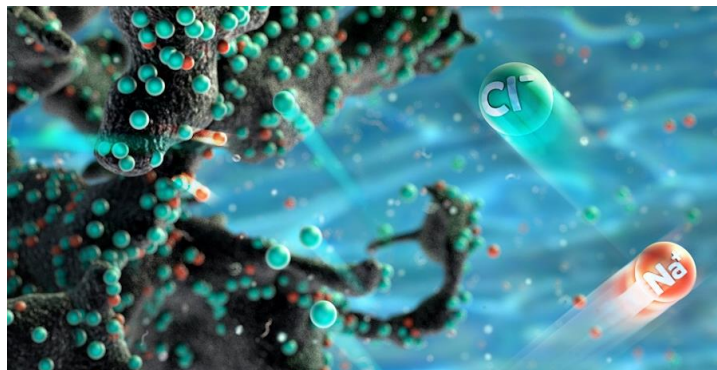
► NanoBioMaterials: ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER CAPACITORS (EDLCs)

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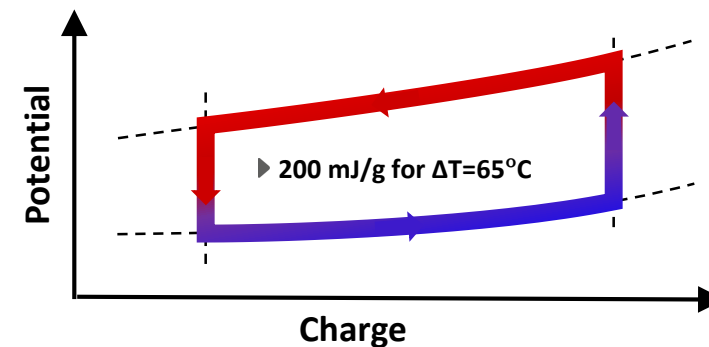
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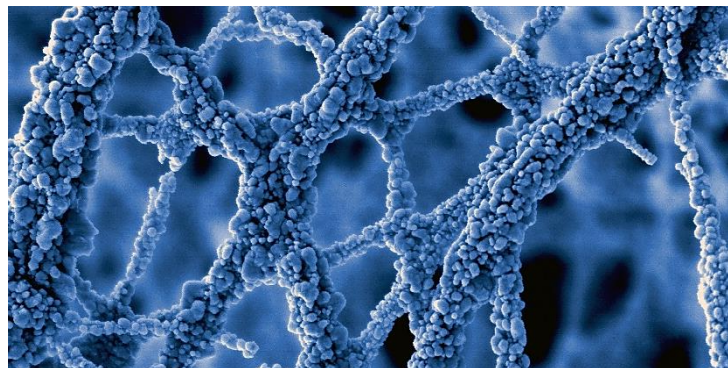
Electrochemical water treatment



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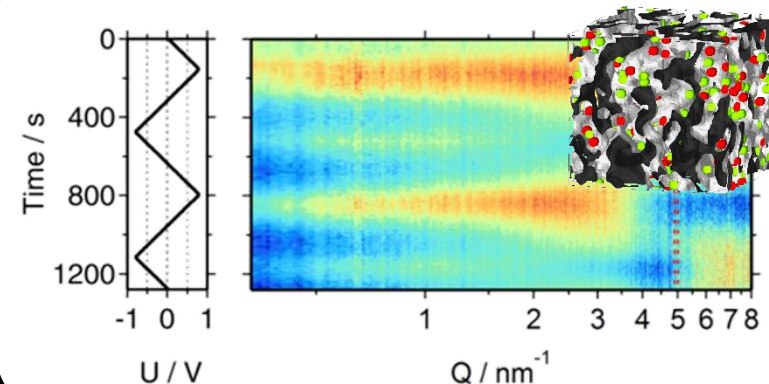
Nanomaterials design



Electrochemical benchmarking



in situ techniques & modelling





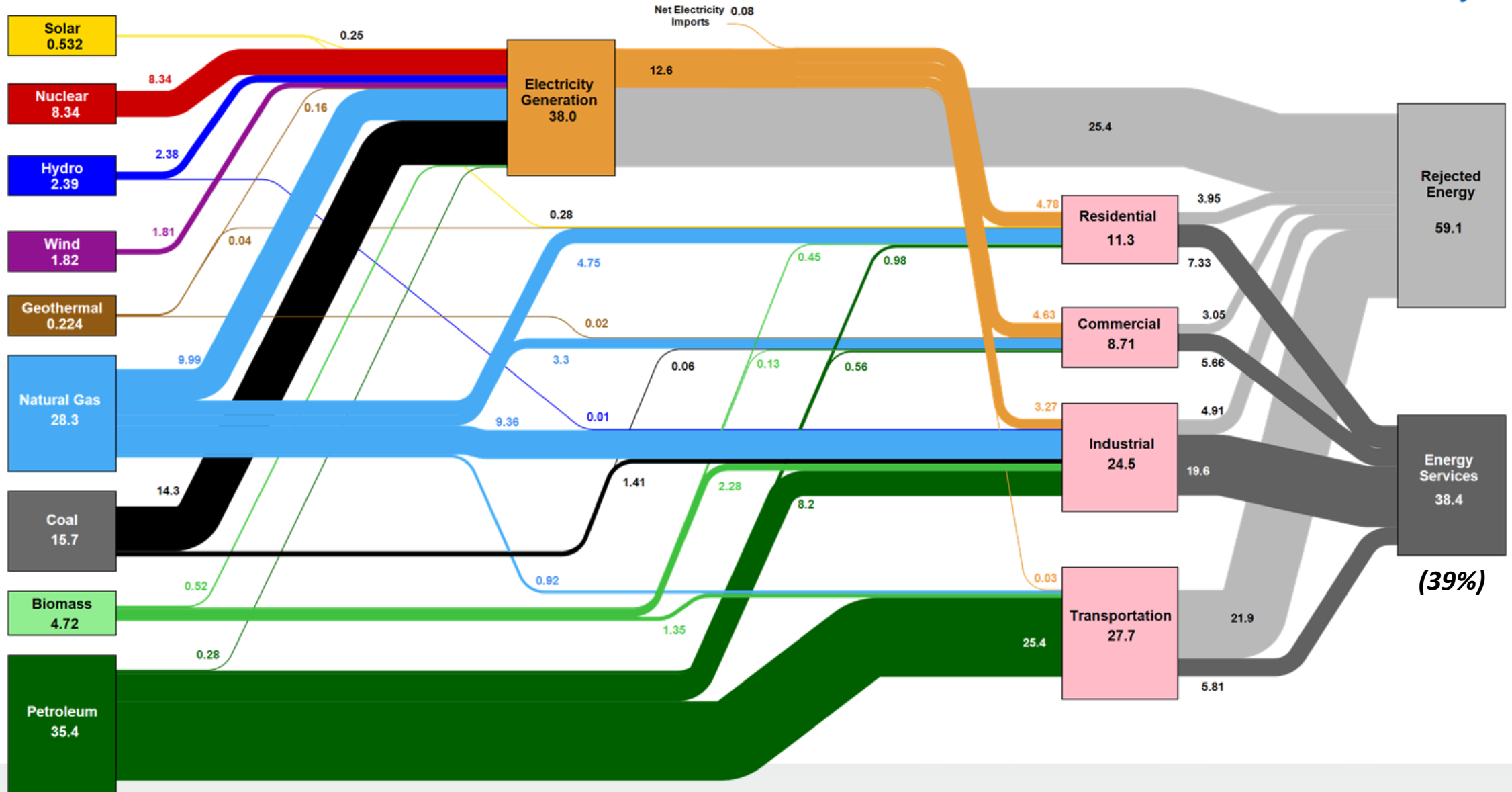
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Estimated U.S. Energy Consumption in 2015: 97.5 Quads



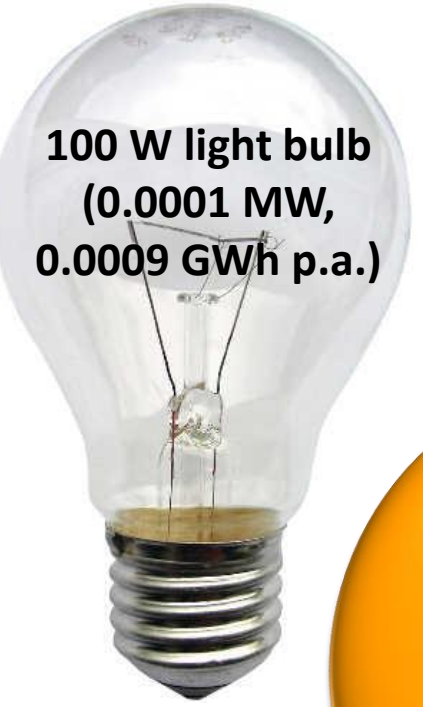
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ENERGY STORAGE



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GLOBAL NUMBERS



100 W light bulb
(0.0001 MW,
0.0009 GWh p.a.)

Compressed air
(440 MW,
3,857 GWh p.a.)

Batteries
(508 MW,
4,453 GWh p.a.)

Pumped hydroelectric energy
(127,000 MW,
1,113,258 GWh p.a.)

Global energy generation
(2,400,000 MW,
21,037,951 GWh p.a.)

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ENERGY STORAGE – A PROBLEM ON ALL SCALES

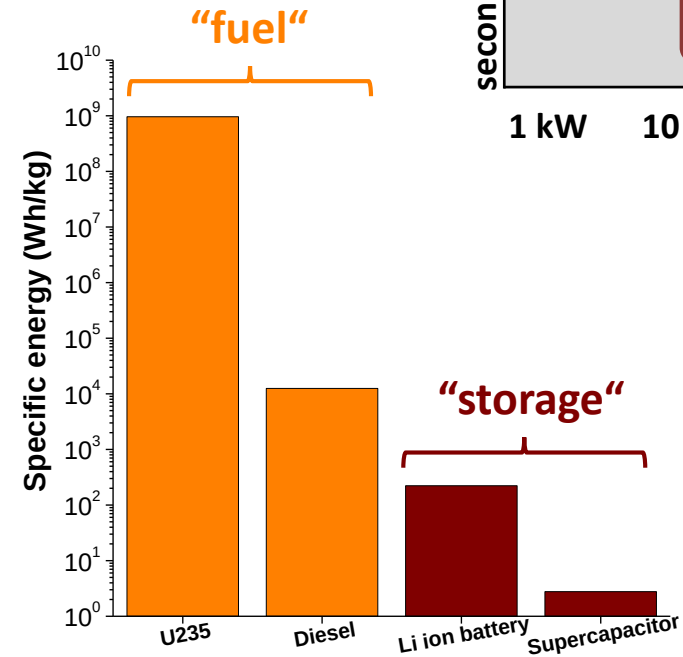
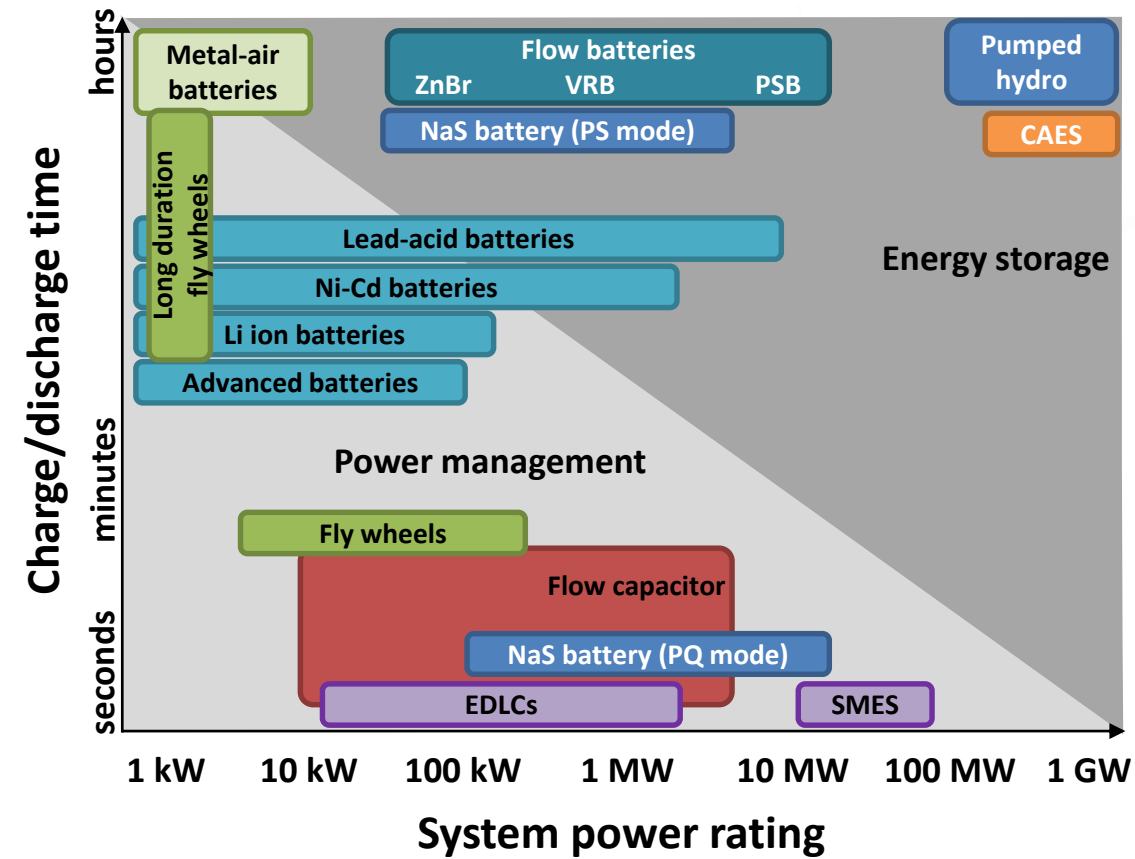


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ENERGY STORAGE PORTFOLIO

70 kJ of energy

- = 2 t car travelling at 30 km/h
- = 1 mL of diesel fuel (1 g)
- = 1 tea spoon of sugar (4 g)
- = 1 D-cell battery (140 g)
- = 22 kF supercapacitor (4.6 kg)



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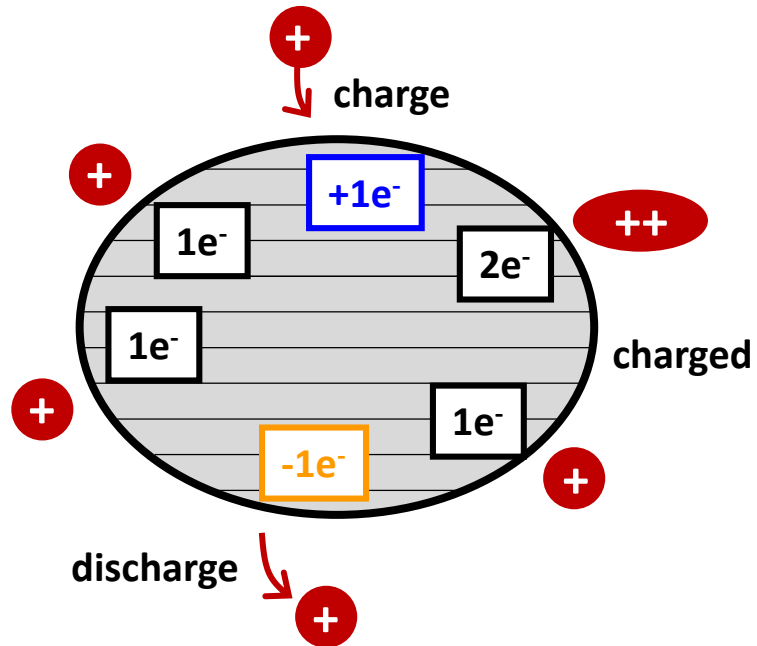
COMPETITION OF TECHNOLOGIES



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INTERFACIAL ELECTROCHEMISTRY

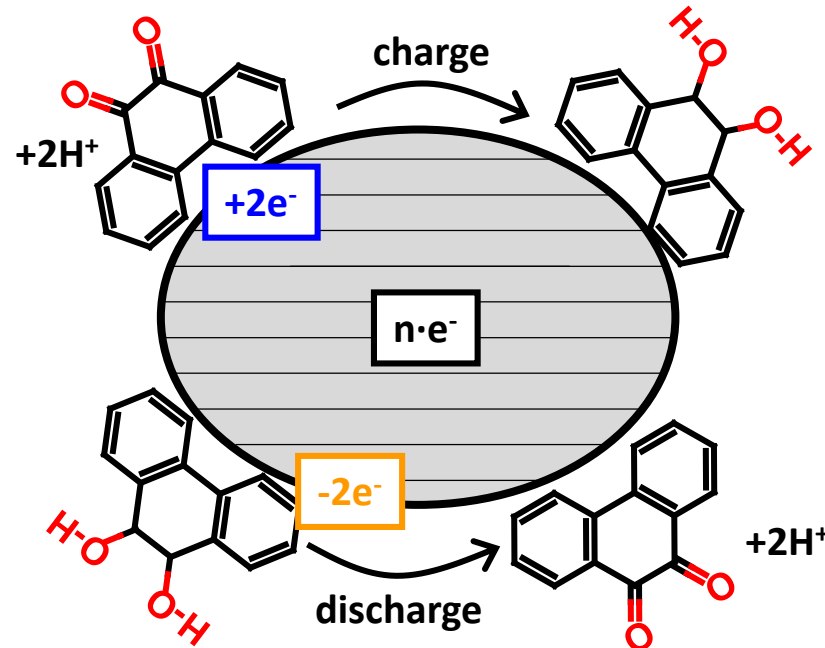
► Double-layer capacitance



non-Faradaic

EDCL

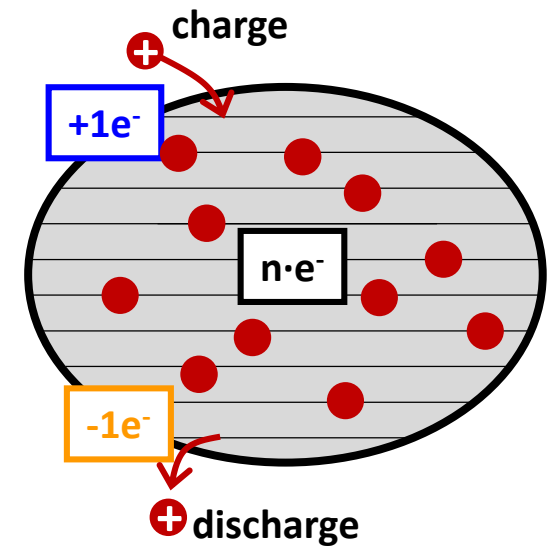
► Surface redox capacity



Faradaic

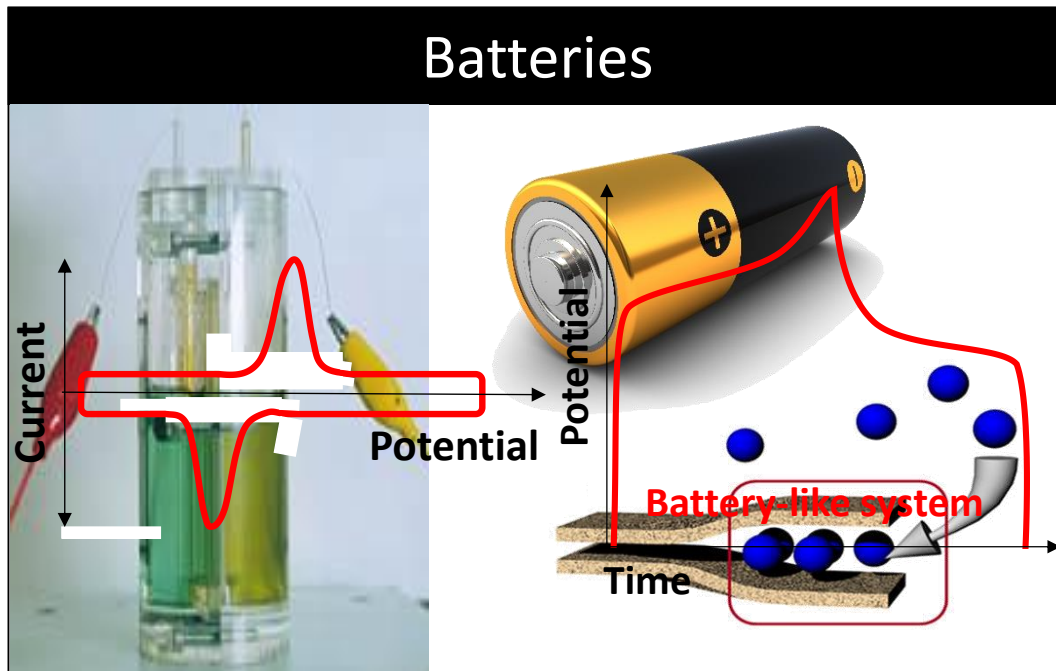
Battery-like (sometimes: pseudocapacitive)

► Intercalation capacity

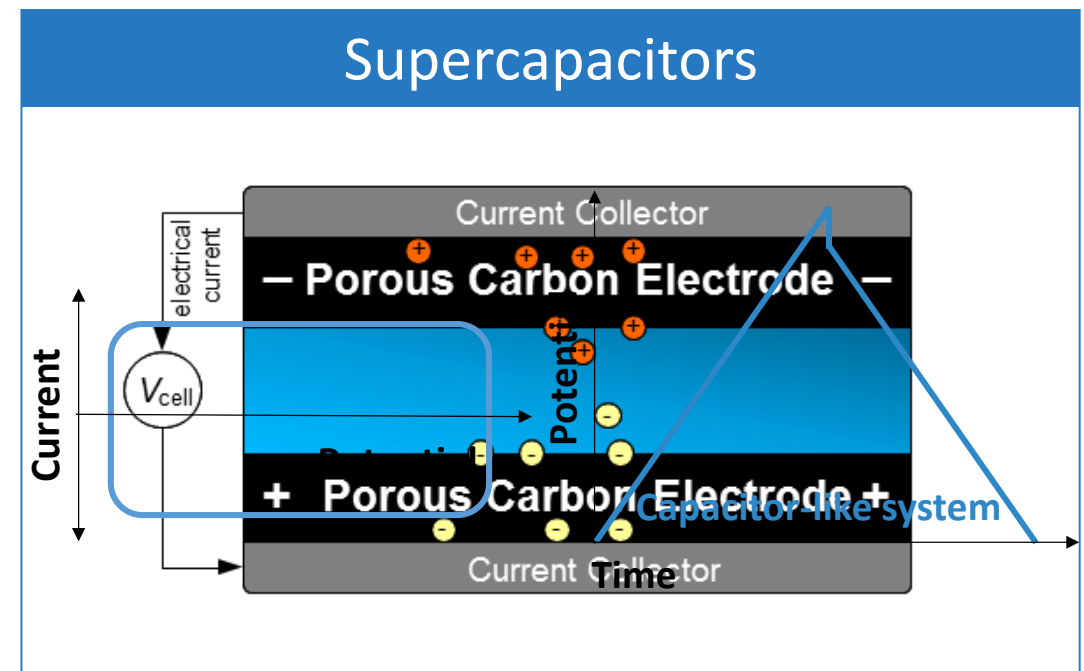


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BATTERIES VERSUS SUPERCAPACITORS



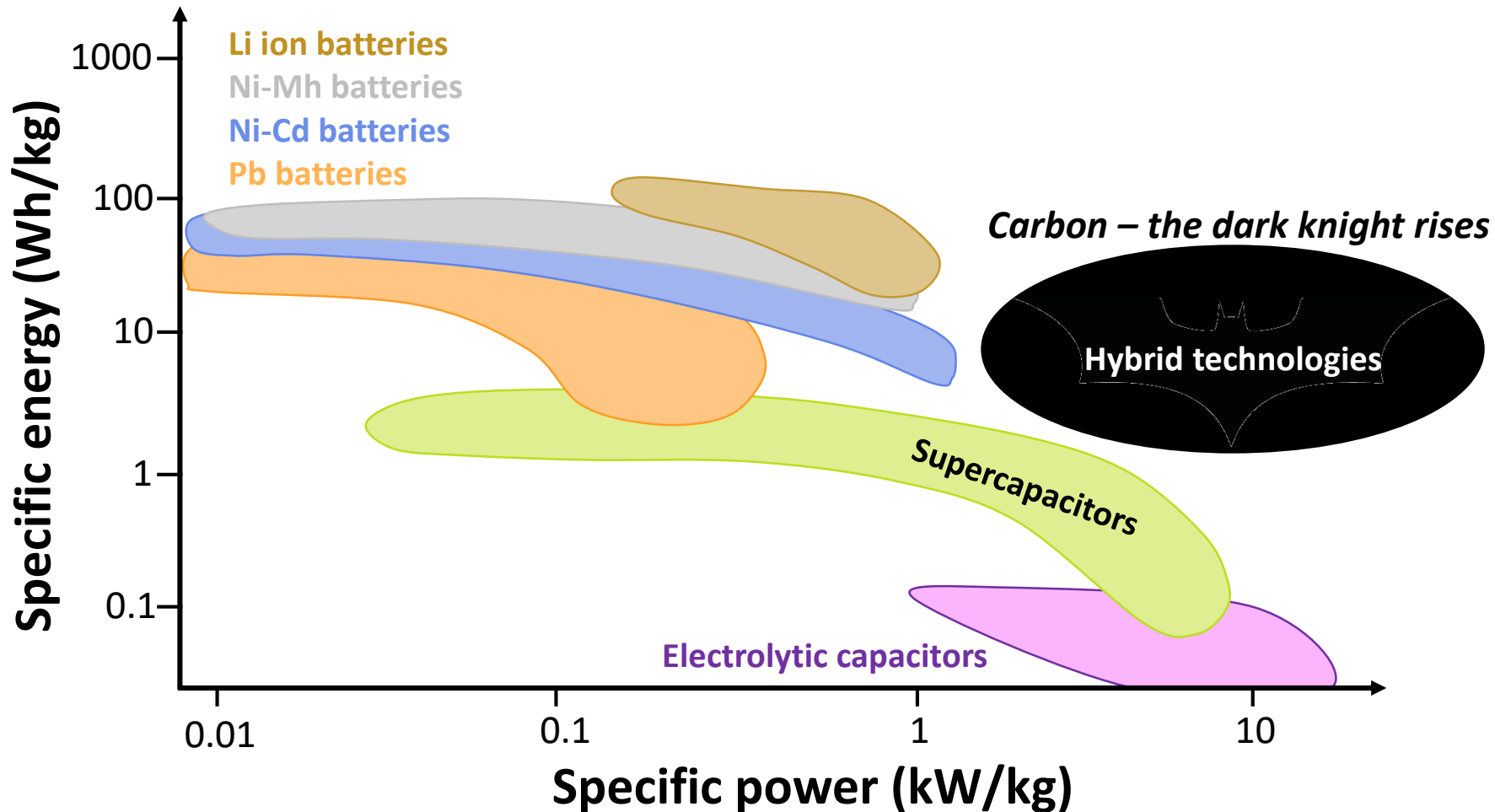
- Chemical reactions / ion insertion
- High energy density (100 Wh/kg)
- Low power density (1 kW/kg)
- Limited cycle lifetime (below 10,000)



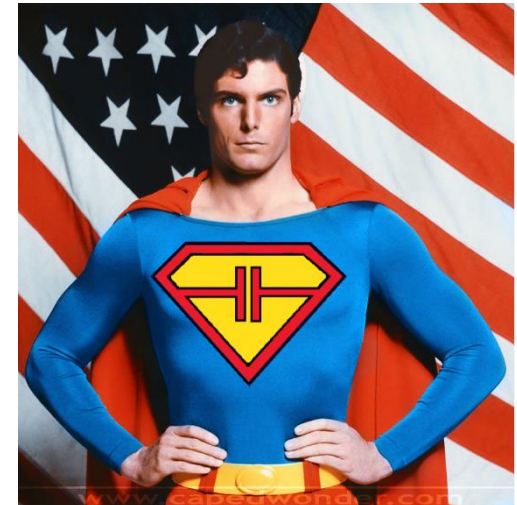
- Electrosorption of ions and / or pseudocapacitance
- Low energy density (5 Wh/kg)
- High power density (10 kW/kg)
- Long lifetime (above 100,000)

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WHY ARE SUPERCAPACITORS “SUPER” OR “ULTRA”?



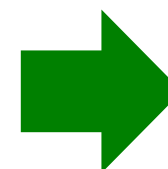
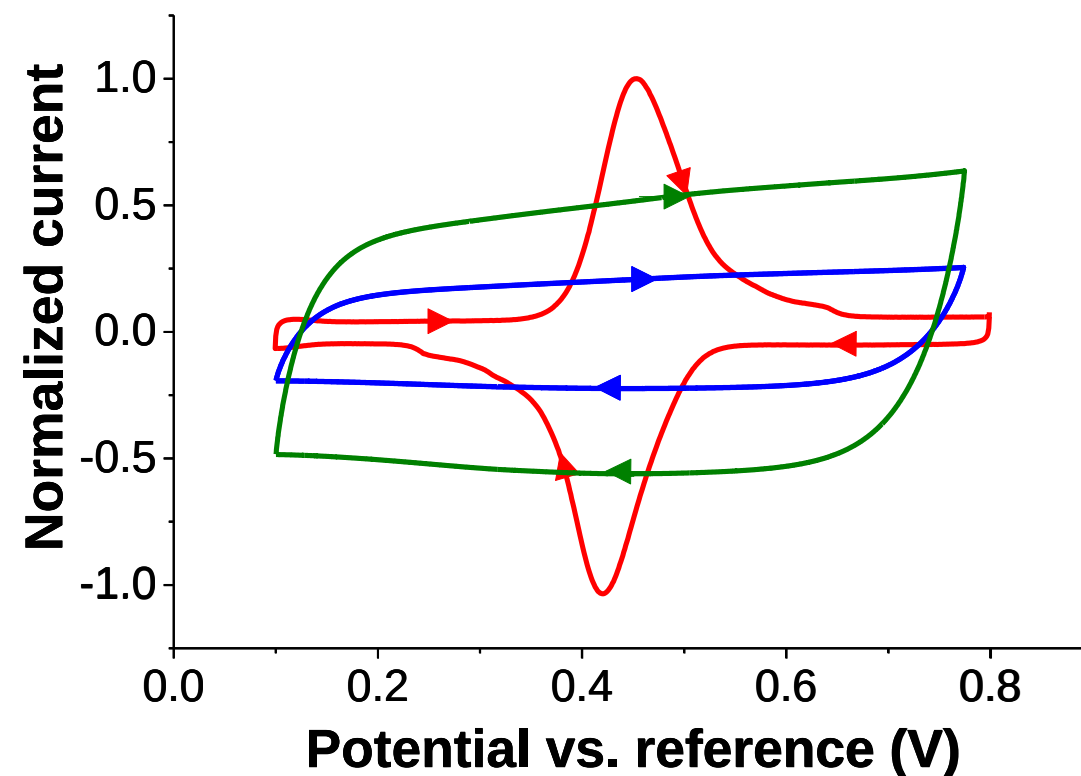
David V. Ragone
Pronunciation: ru-GO-nee



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THE CURRENT USE OF “PSEUDO” IN THE SUPERCAPACITOR COMMUNITY

- A capacitor is a system with linear and monotonic correlation between charge and voltage (i.e., the concept of Farad [F] is valid)
- A redox system is characterized by a large amount of charge transfer at a certain redox potential (i.e., the concept of Coulomb [mAh] is preferred)
- A system that behaves like a capacitor but actually accomplished faradaic charge transfer is called pseudocapacitor



Pseudocapacitor: the ultimate capacitor look alike

► INTRODUCTION

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Batteries show redox peaks, supercapacitors do not
- Batteries are ideal for high energy storage density, but low power density
- Supercapacitors are ideal for high power density, but low energy storage density

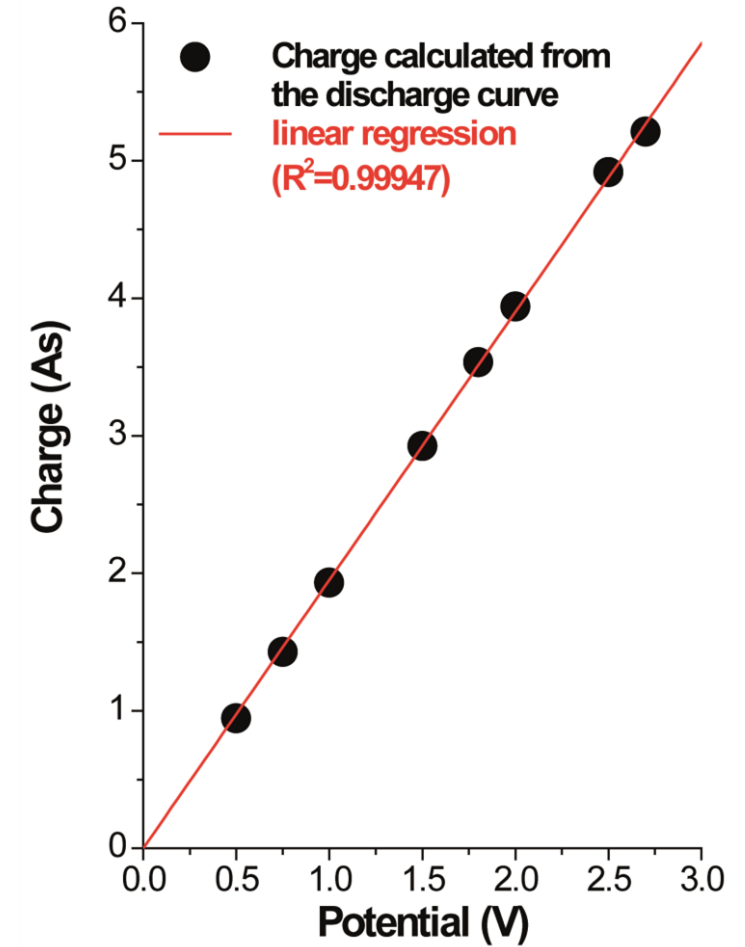
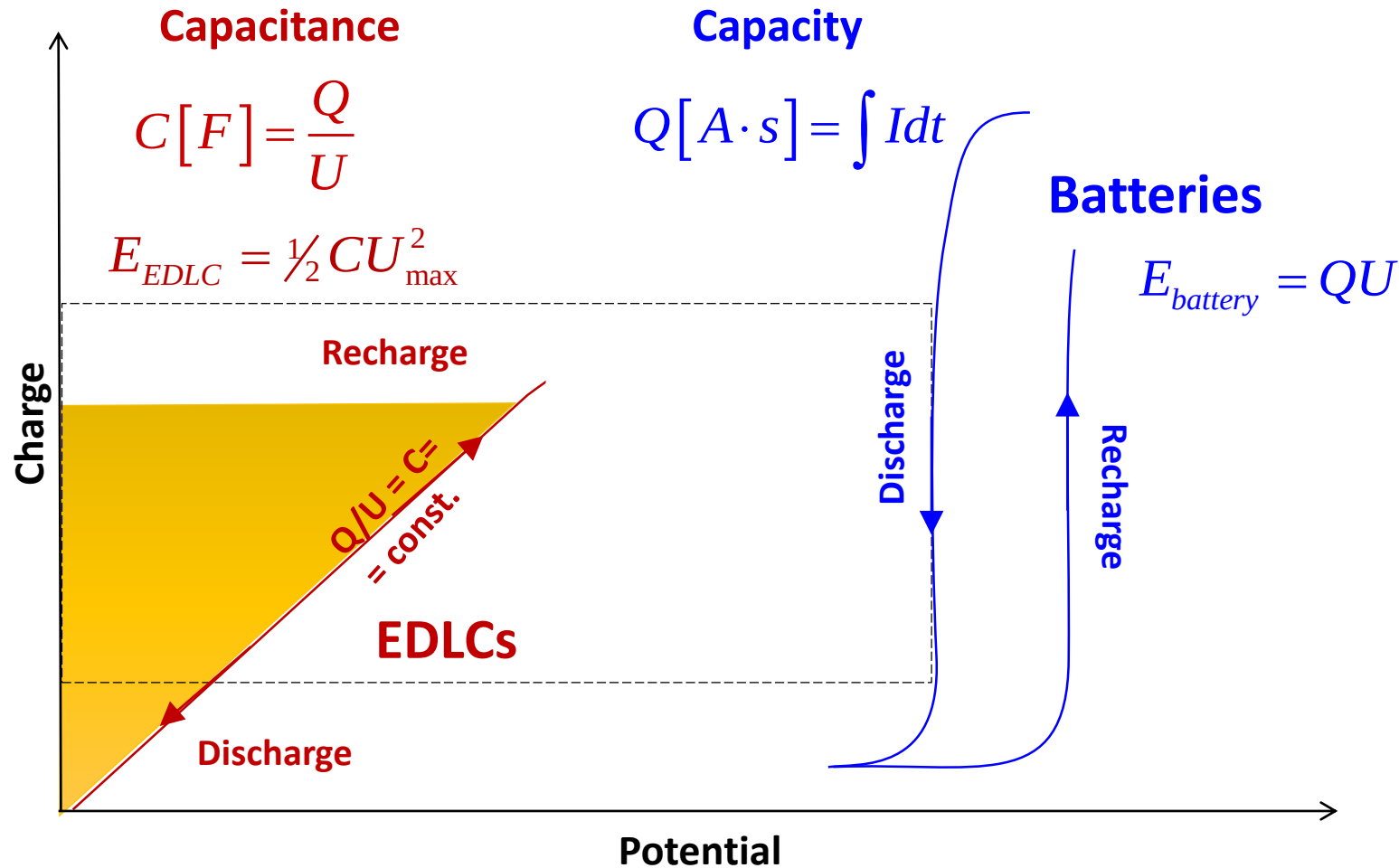




The electrical
double layer

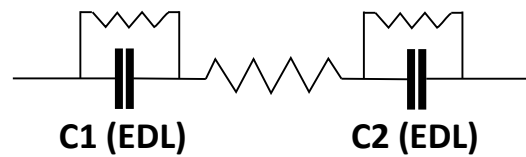
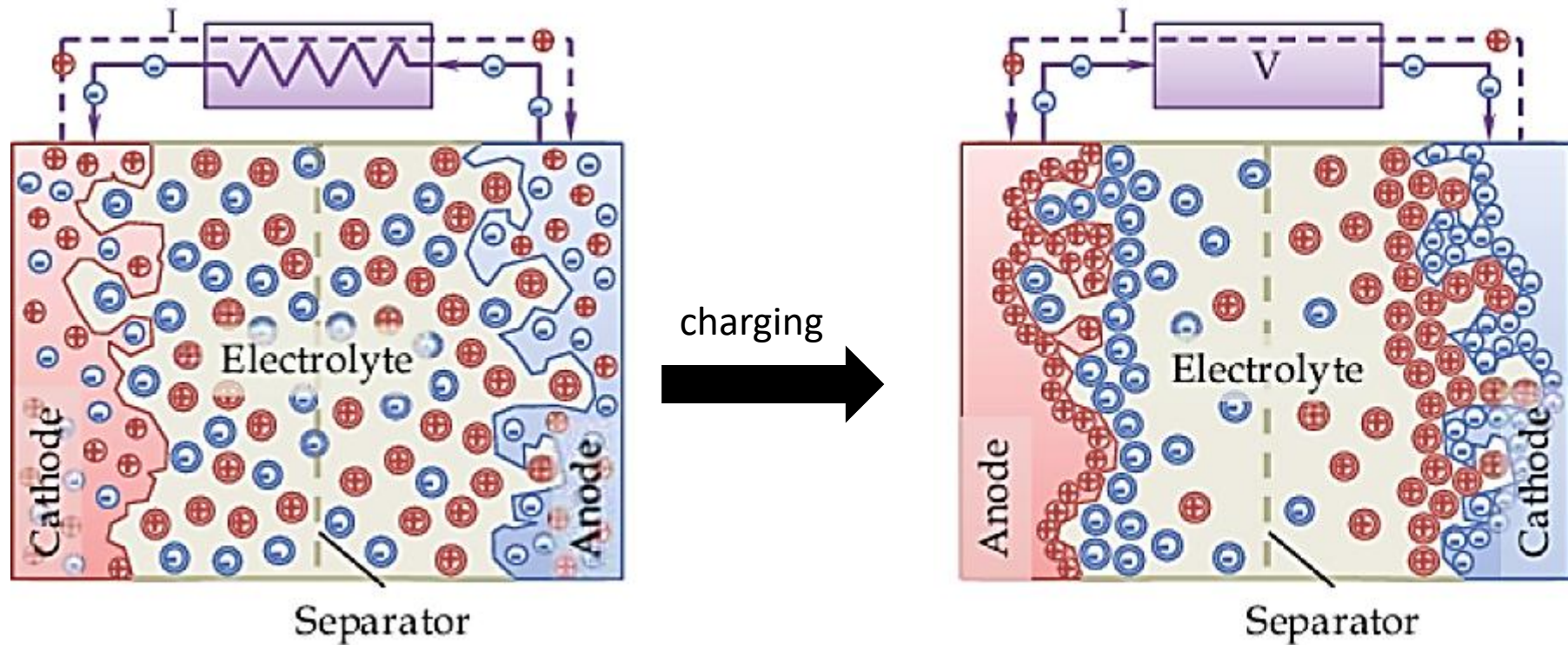
► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

CAPACITANCE VERSUS CAPACITY



► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

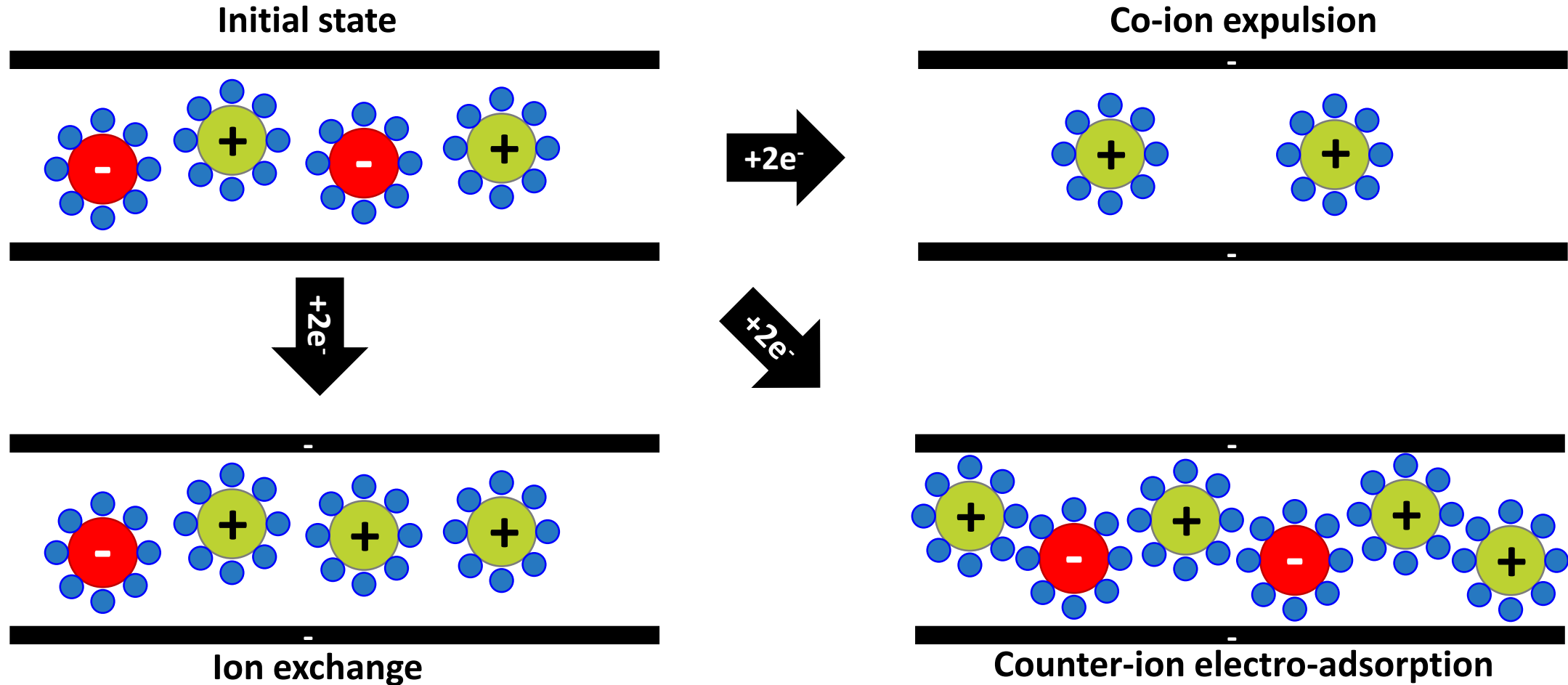
CHARGE STORAGE MECHANISM



$$P = \frac{U^2}{4 \cdot R} \quad E = \frac{1}{2} \cdot C \cdot U^2$$

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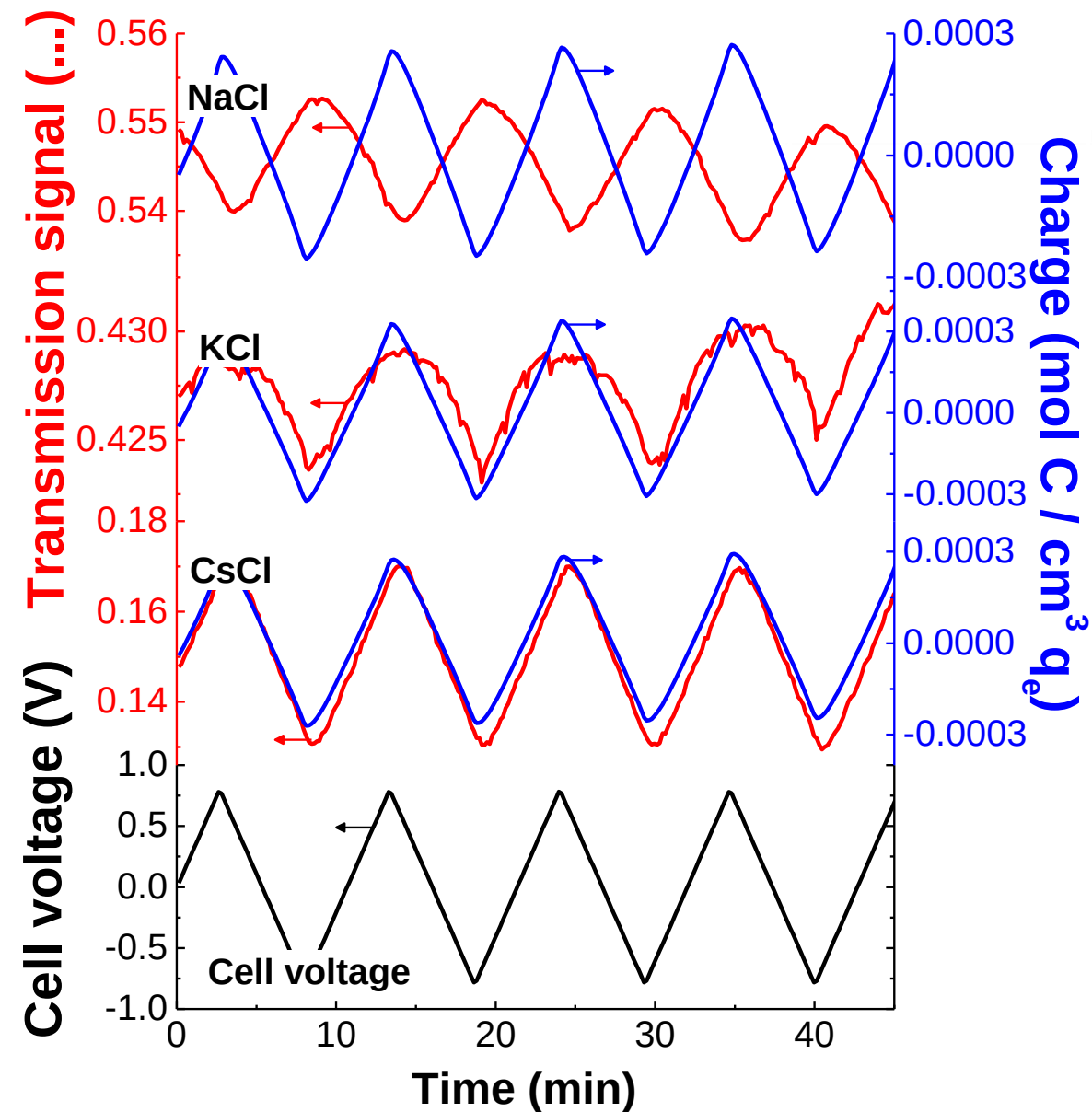
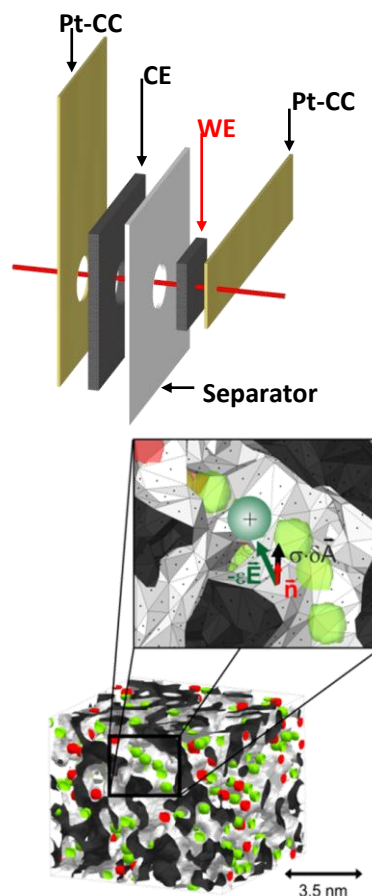
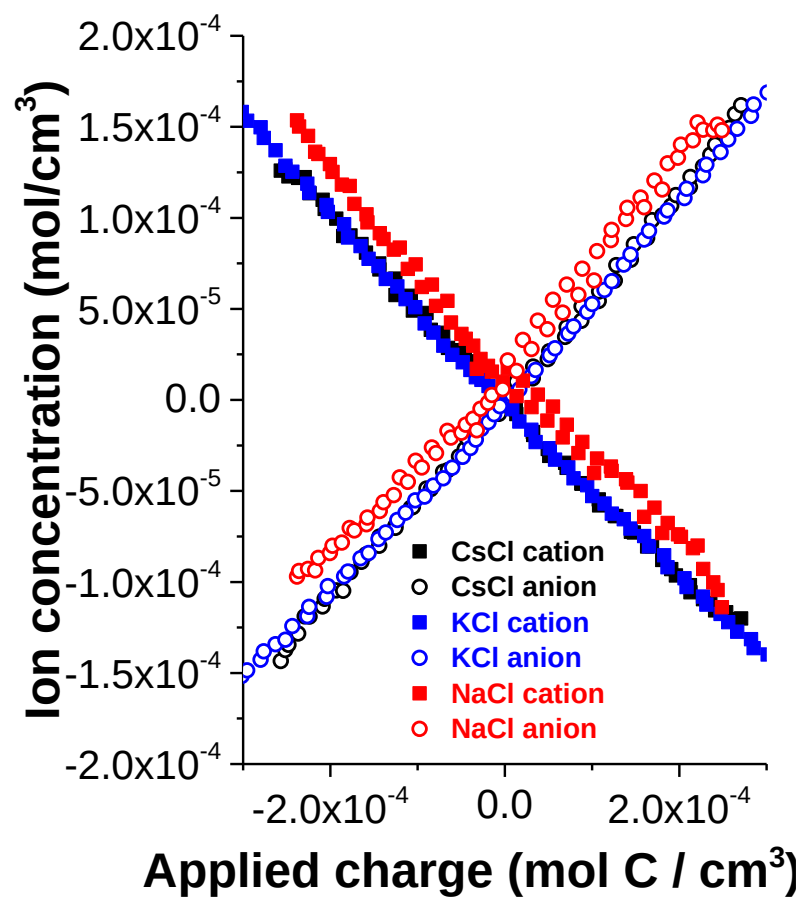
CHARGE STORAGE MECHANISM



► IN SITU RESEARCH PORTFOLIO

IN SITU SMALL ANGLE X-RAY SCATTERING

► Quantification of ion electrosorption in carbon nanopores



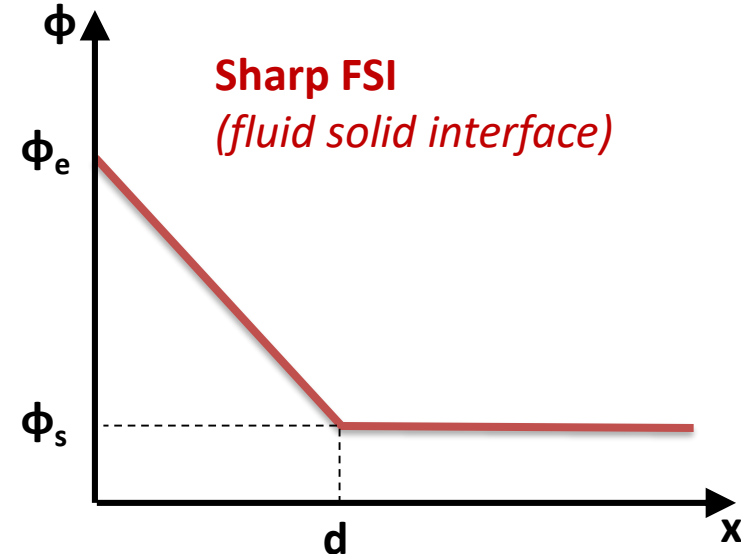
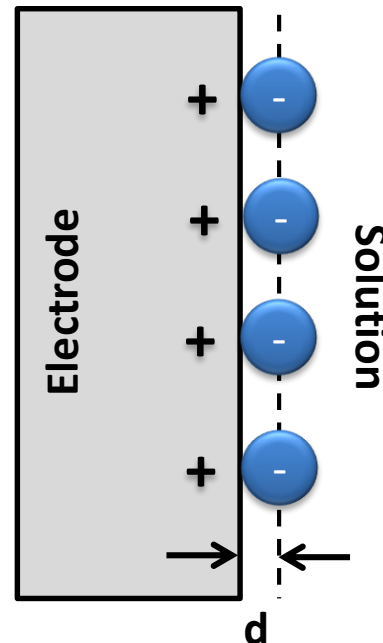
► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

HELMHOLTZ MODEL (1853-1879)

- Helmholtz first coined the phrase “double layer” (1853): two layers of charge at the interface between two dissimilar metals and later expanded this to metal/aqueous solution interface (1879)
- Fluid-Solid-Interface: sharp layer of electrons at the surface of the electrode, and a monolayer of ions in the electrolyte

$$\frac{Q}{U} \left[\frac{As}{V} \right] = C[F] = \frac{A \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot \epsilon_r}{d}$$

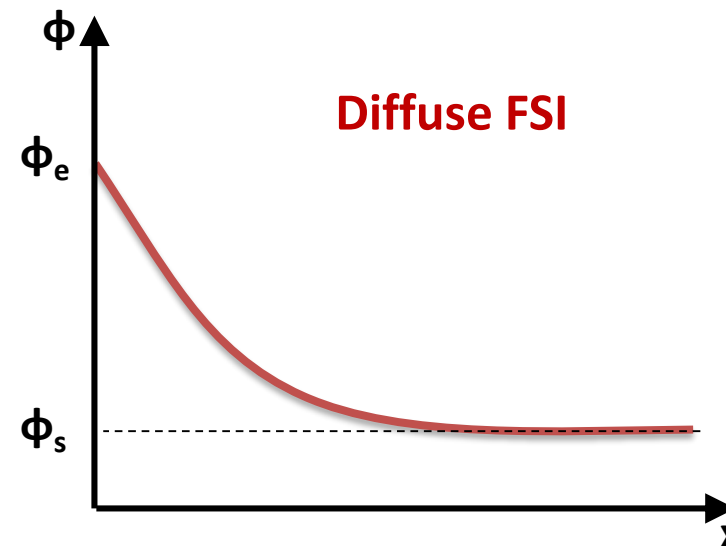
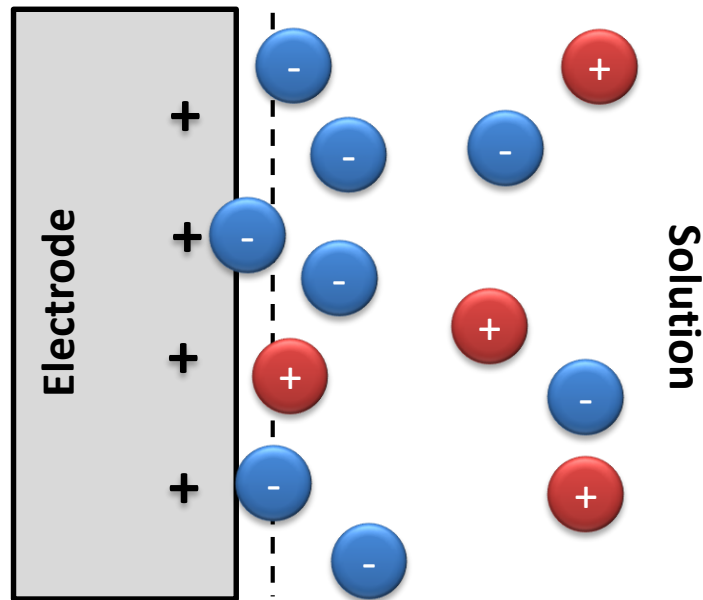
d : distance of closest approach of the charges = ionic radius
 ϵ_r : relative permittivity
 ϵ_0 : permittivity of vacuum
 ϕ_e : potential at the electrode
 ϕ_s : potential in the solution (ad infinitum)



▶ ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

GOUY-CHAPMAN MODEL (1910-1913)

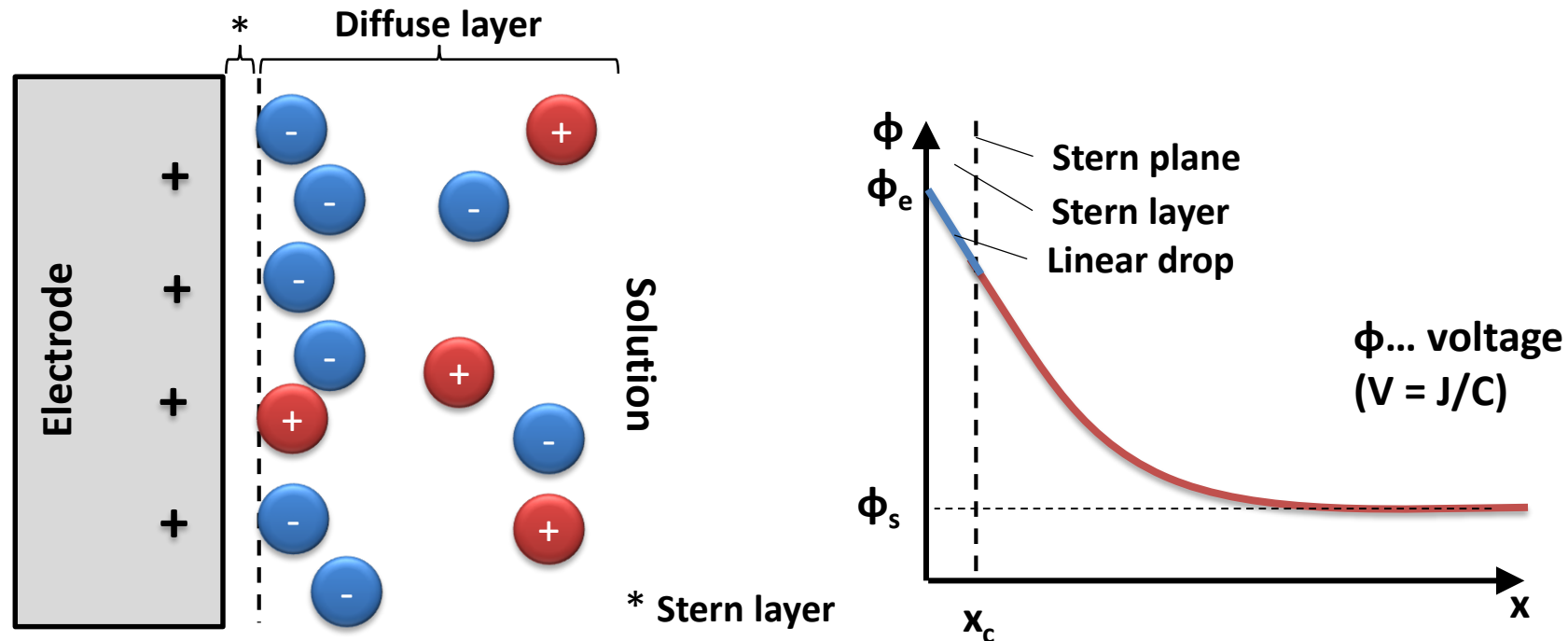
- ▶ Capacitance depends on the applied potential AND the ionic concentration
- ▶ Thermal motion as driving force for diffuse space charge
- ▶ Poisson equation: relating potential to charge density
- ▶ Boltzmann equation: distribution of ions
- ▶ Ions: point charges with no volume



▶ ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

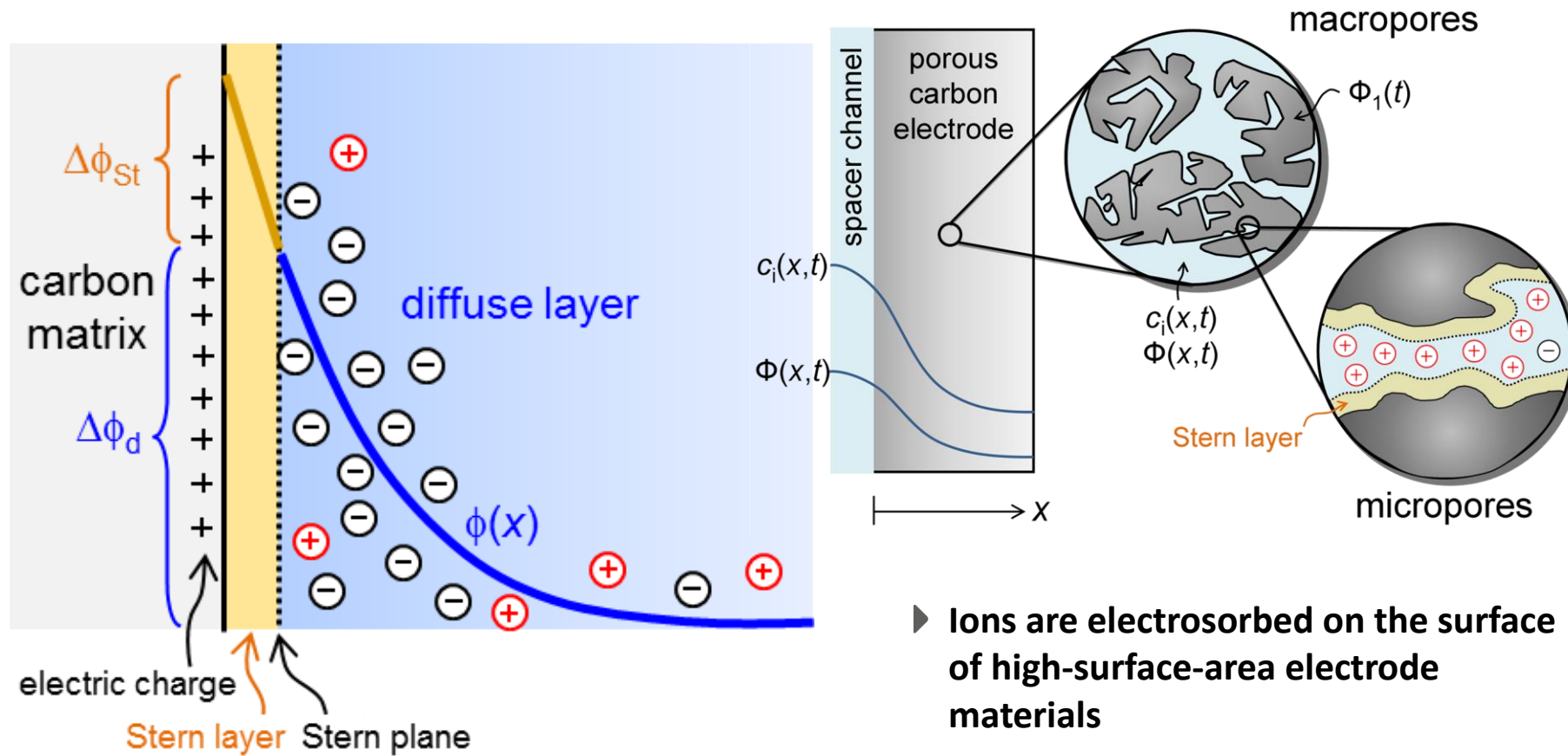
GOUY-CHAPMAN-STERN MODEL (1924)

- ▶ Combination: condensed layer = Stern layer and diffuse layer = GC model
- ▶ Ions: point charges with no volume in the Diffuse layer
- ▶ Point of closest approach (radius of the ion) up to the Stern plane
- ▶ No ions or other charge (with their center) exactly in the Stern plane, neither in the Stern layer



► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

GOUY-CHAPMAN-STERN MODEL (1924)



- Ions are electrosorbed on the surface of high-surface-area electrode materials
- Ion desolvation in micropores

► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

GOUY-CHAPMAN-STERN MODEL (1924)



$$\sigma \left[\frac{\text{Coulomb}}{\text{m}^2} \right] = C_{\text{stern}} \left[\frac{\text{F}}{\text{m}^2} \right] \cdot \Delta \phi_{\text{stern}} [\text{V}]$$

$$C_{\text{stern}} = \frac{\epsilon_r \cdot \epsilon_0}{\chi_C}$$

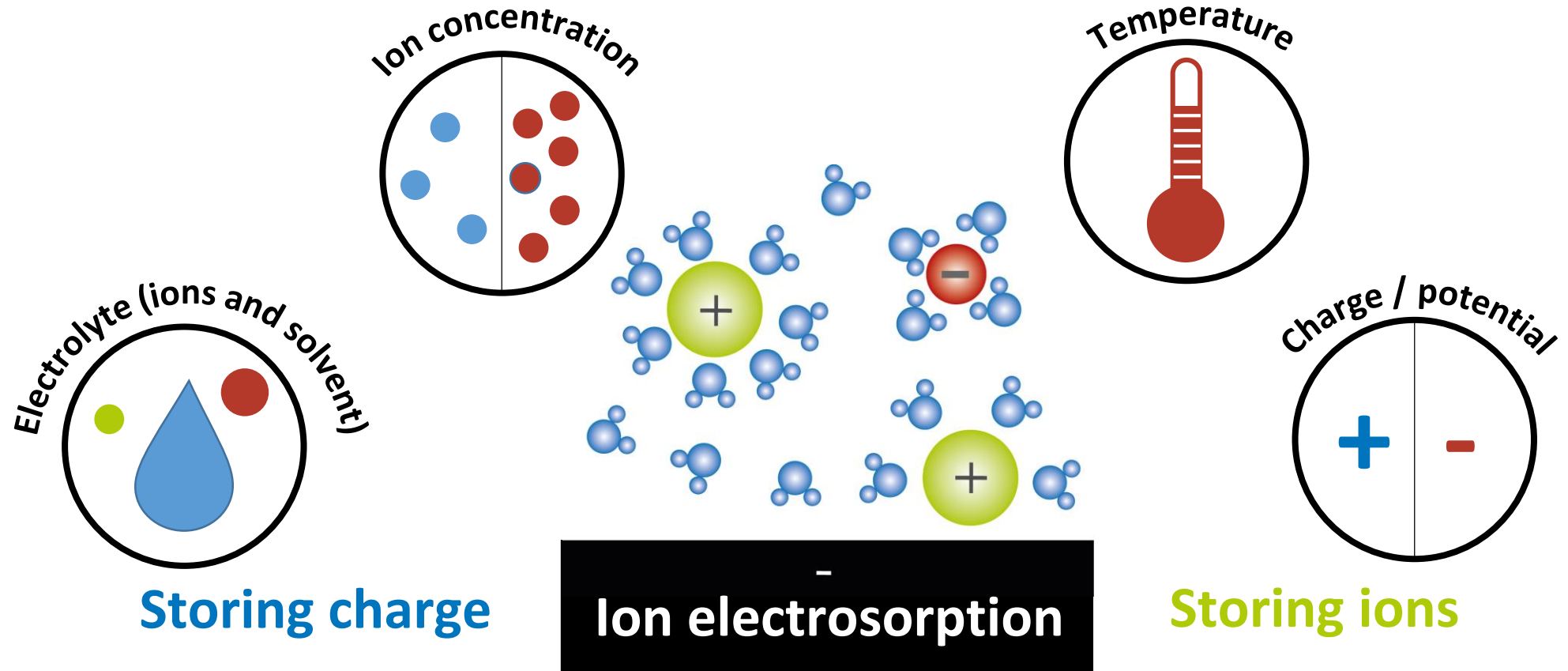
$$\sigma = \sqrt{8 \cdot \epsilon_r \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot R \cdot T \cdot c_{\text{inf}}} \cdot \sinh \left(\frac{F \cdot \Delta \phi_{\text{diffuse layer}}}{R \cdot T \cdot 2} \right)$$

$$\phi_x = \frac{2 \cdot F}{R \cdot T} \cdot \operatorname{arcsinh} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{8 \cdot \epsilon_r \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot R \cdot T \cdot c_{\text{inf}}}} \right)$$

- σ : surface charge (C/m²)
- R: gas constant
8.314 J/(mol·K)
- T: temperature (K)
- F: Faraday constant
96485 C/mol
(NOT the unit Farad!)
- c_{inf} : bulk solution
concentration ad infinitum
- ϵ_0 : 8.854·10⁻¹² C/Vm
- ϵ_r : water = 78

► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

THE NATURE OF THE ELECTRICAL DOUBLE-LAYER



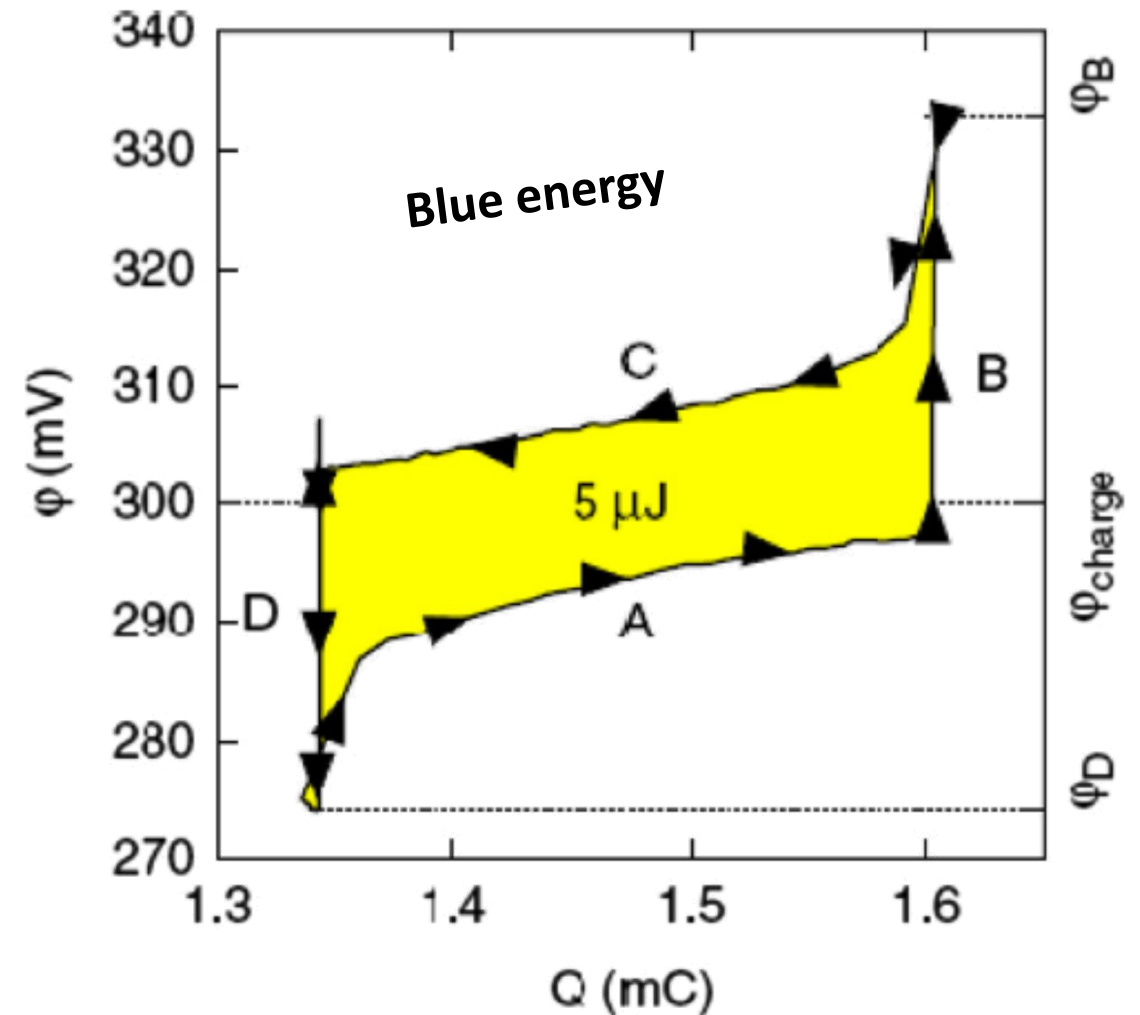
The electric double-layer “communicates” with the environment & vice versa
Unique potential for energy harvesting, sensors, etc.

► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER EXPANSION

► Double layer capacitance depends on the ionic strength

- Phase A: The cell is filled with high salinity water. The electrodes are charged from 274 mV to 300mV
- Phase B: The circuit is open. The cell is flushed with low salinity water. The voltage increases to 333 mV
- Phase C: The capacitor is discharged, towards 300 mV
- Phase D: The circuit is open. The cell is flushed with high salinity water and the voltage drops to 274 mV

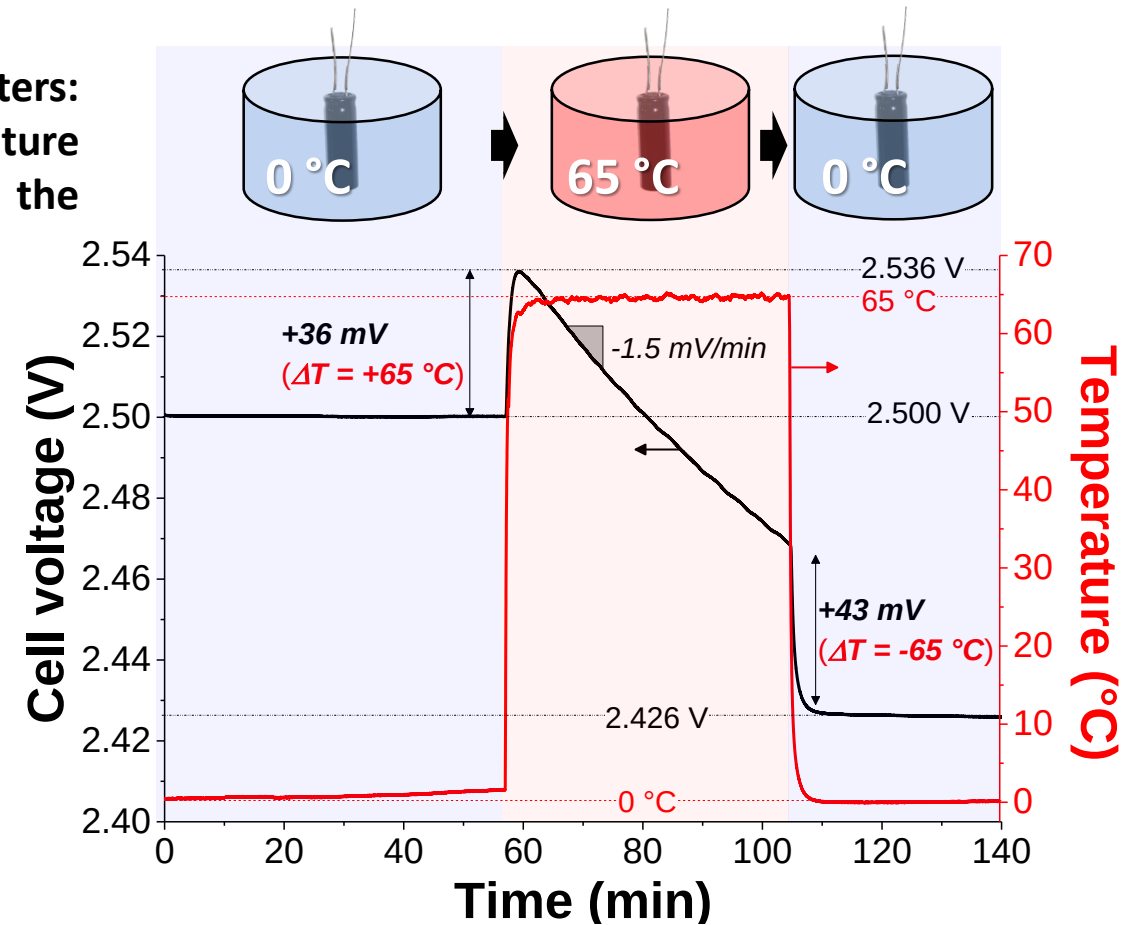
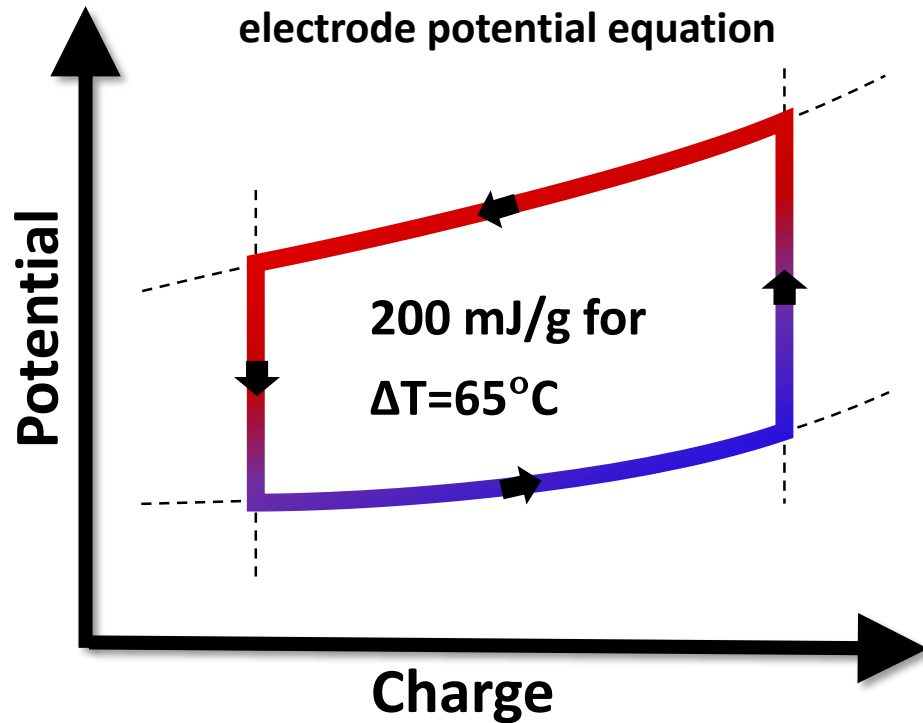


► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER EXPANSION

► Double layer capacitance depends on the temperature

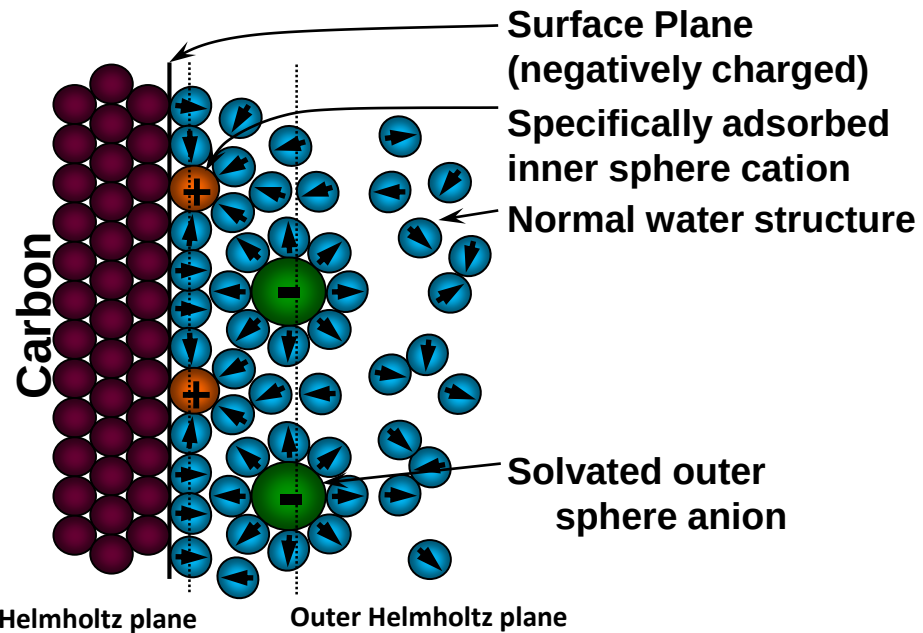
- Actually, this is because of two influencing parameters: the dielectric permittivity of water is temperature dependent (decreases with T) and T is a factor in the electrode potential equation



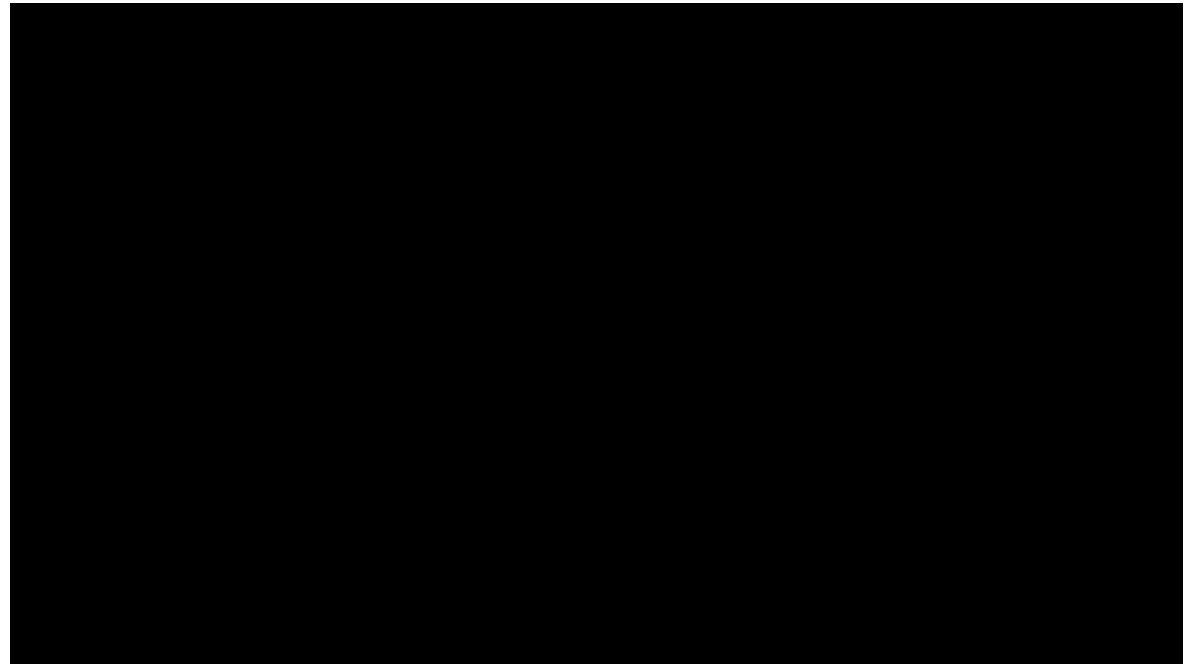
▶ ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

ADVANCED MODELS

EDL Model (static)

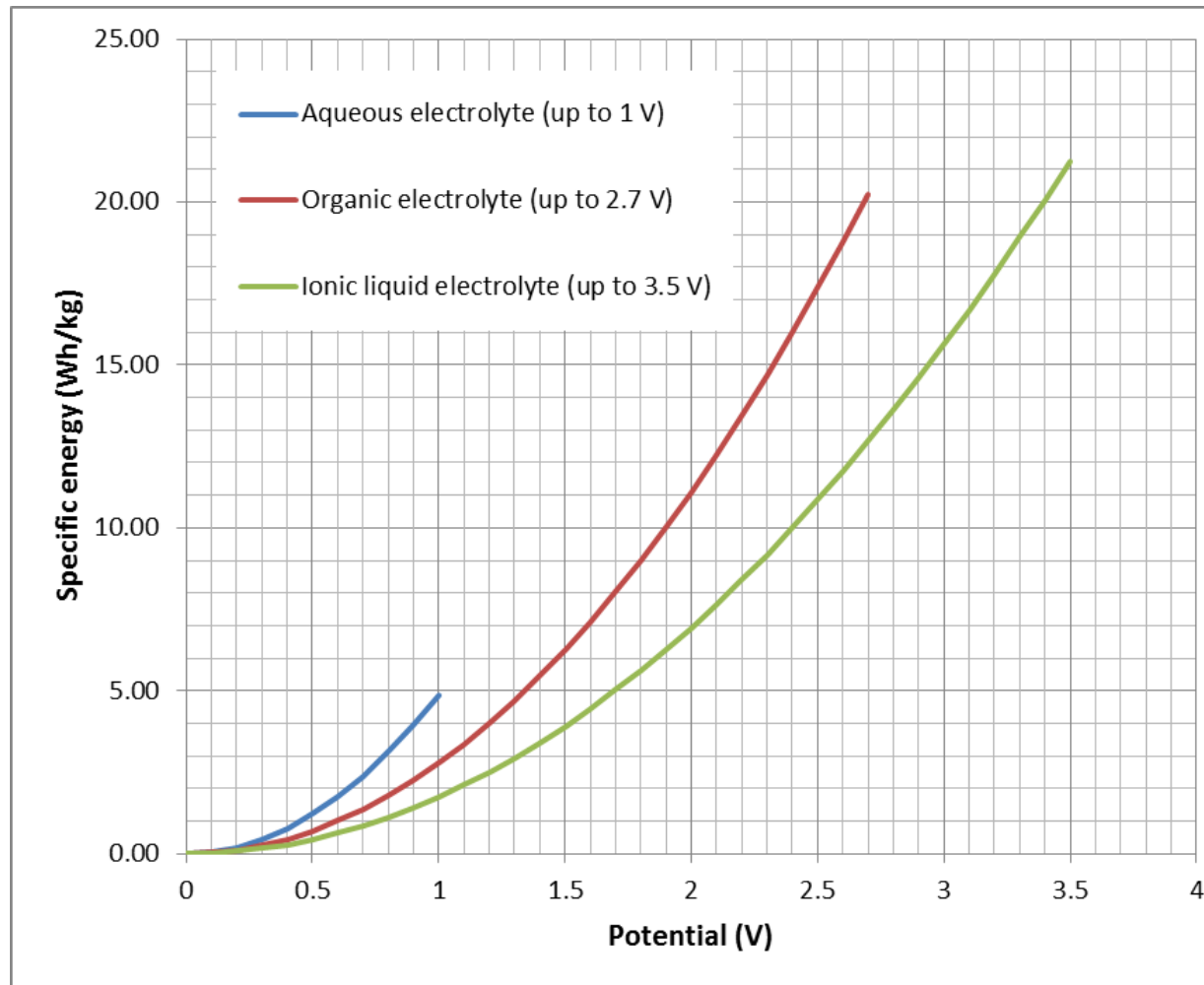


FSI Models (dynamic)



► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

SPECIFIC ENERGY



$$C_{\text{aqueous}} > C_{\text{organic}} > C_{\text{liquid}}$$

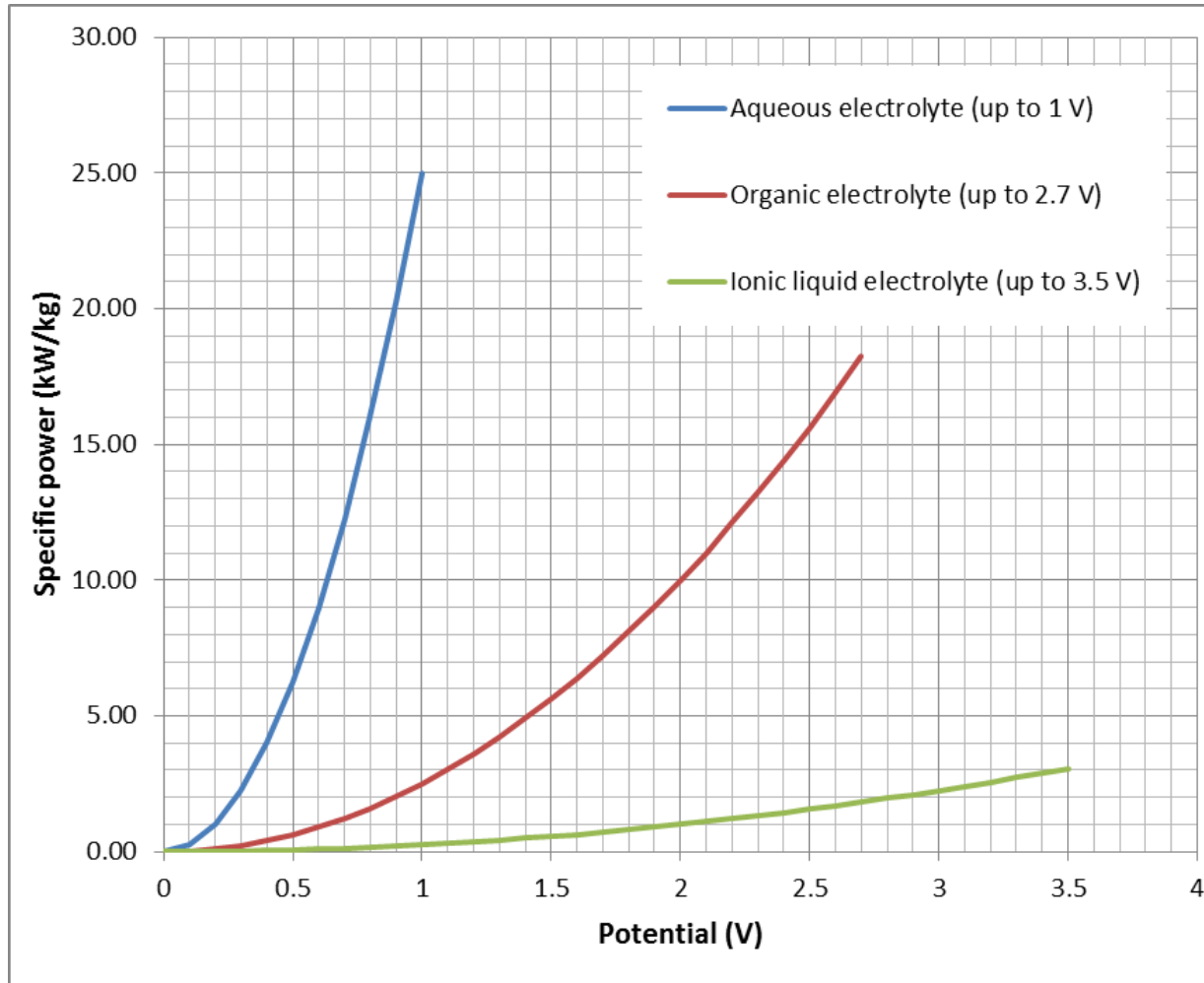
Calculation for C_{aqueous} :

- 1.0 V: 4.9 Wh/kg
- 2.0 V: 19.4 Wh/kg
- 3.5 V: 59.6 Wh/kg

$$P = \frac{U^2}{4 \cdot R} \quad E = \frac{1}{2} \cdot C \cdot U^2$$

► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

SPECIFIC POWER



$$R_{\text{aqueous}} < R_{\text{organic}} < R_{\text{liquid}}$$

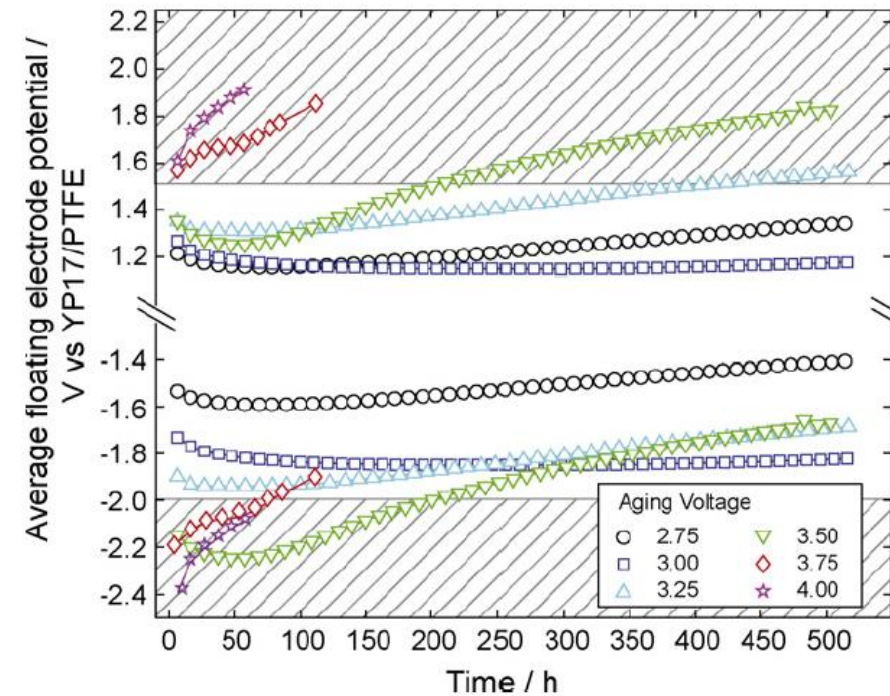
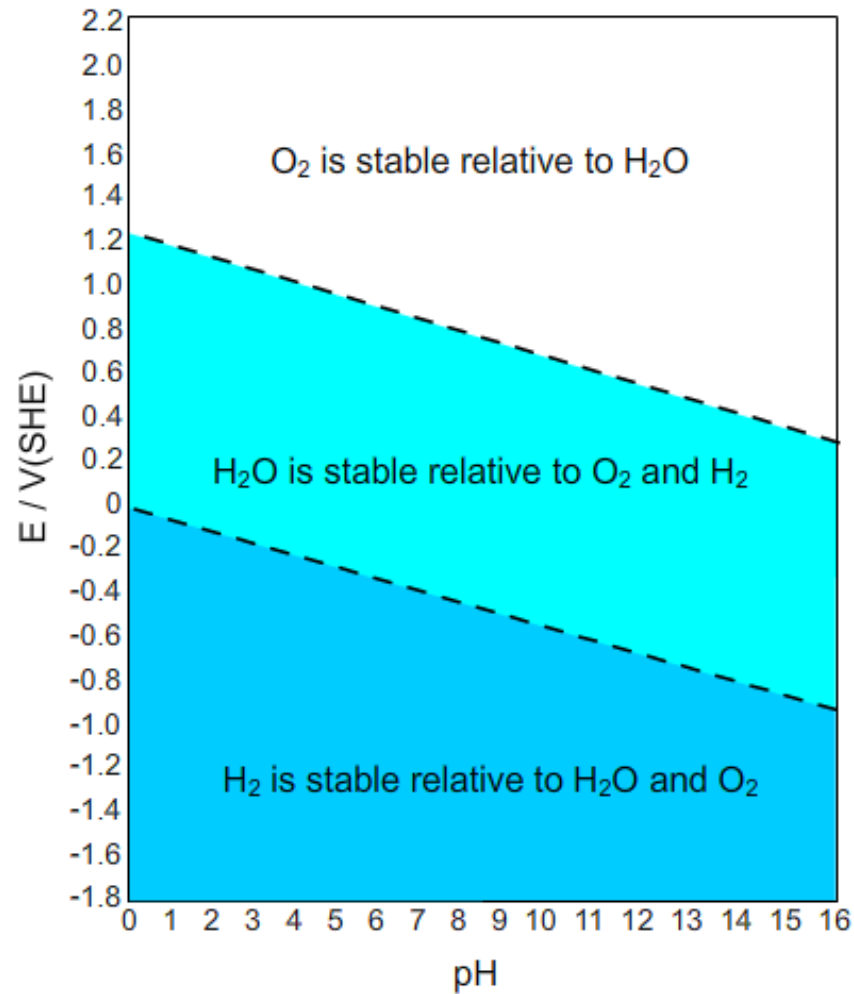
Calculation for C_{aqueous} :

- 1.0 V: 25 kW/kg
- 2.0 V: 100 kW/kg
- 3.5 V: 306 kW/kg

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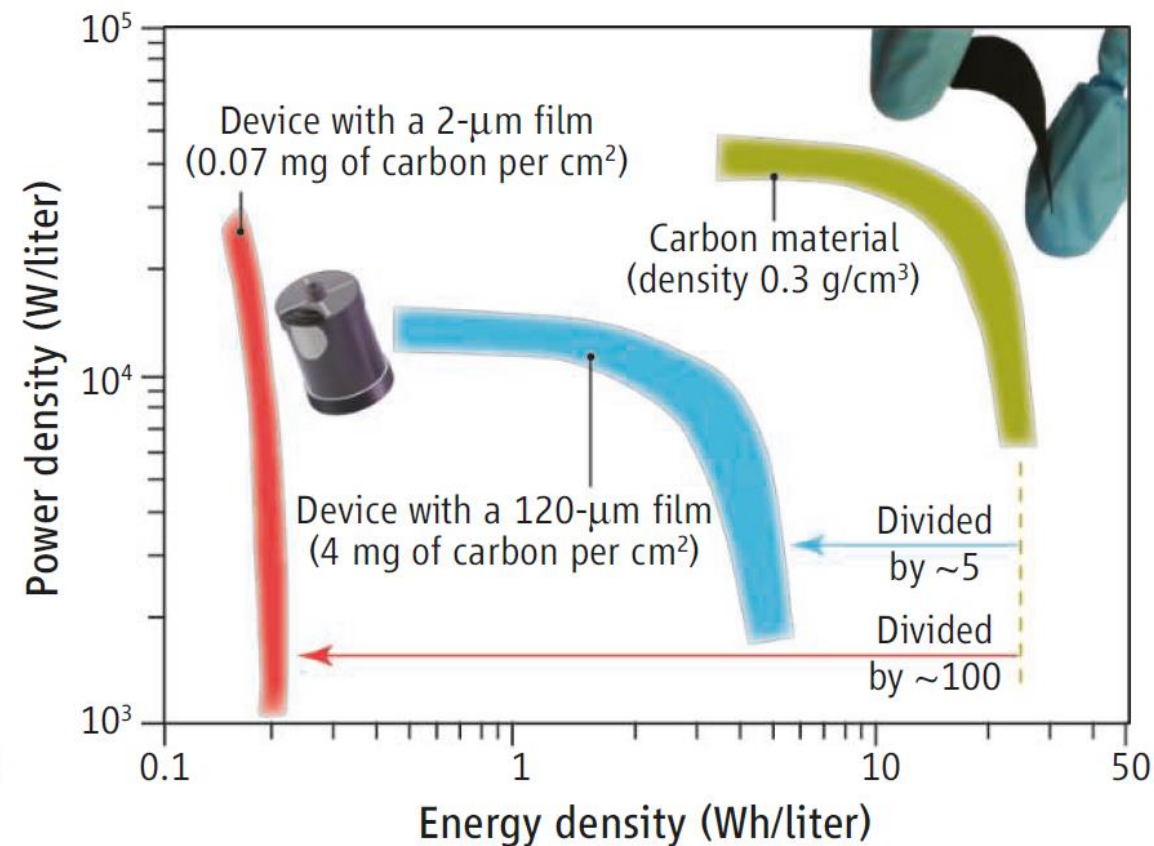
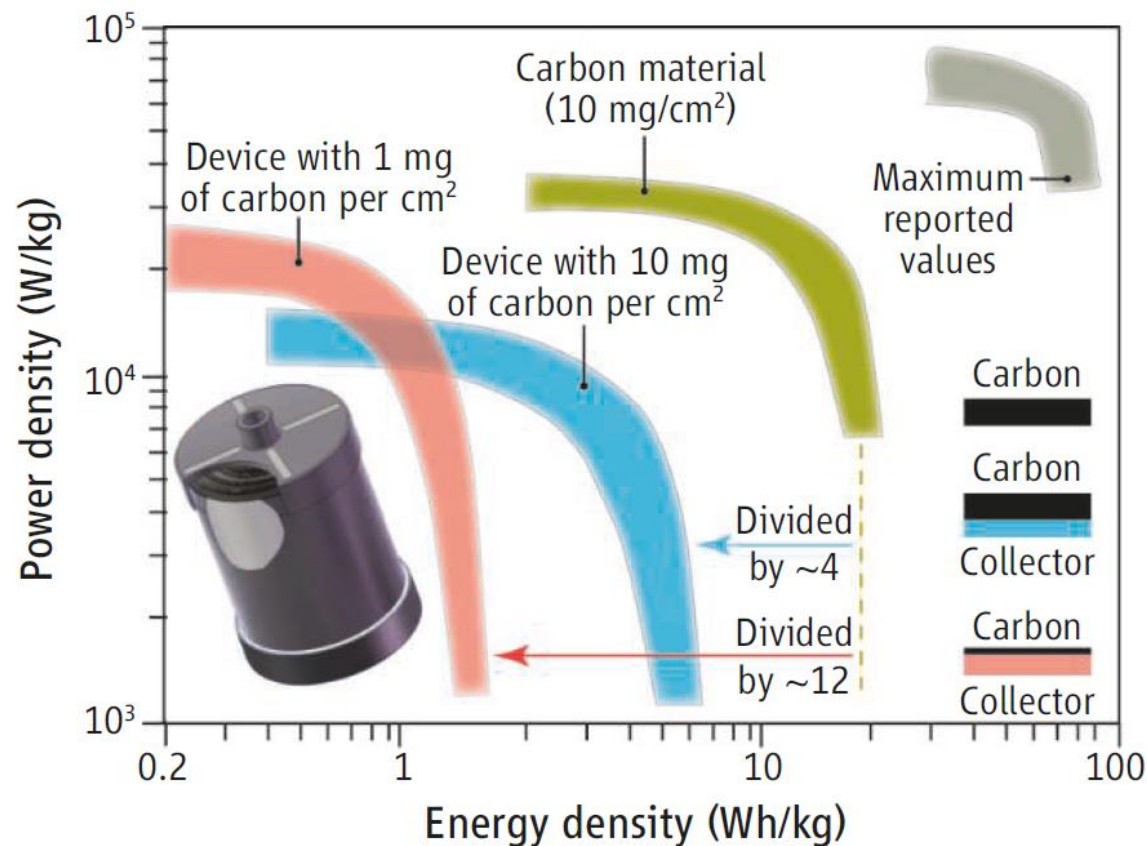
► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

VOLTAGE WINDOW



▶ ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

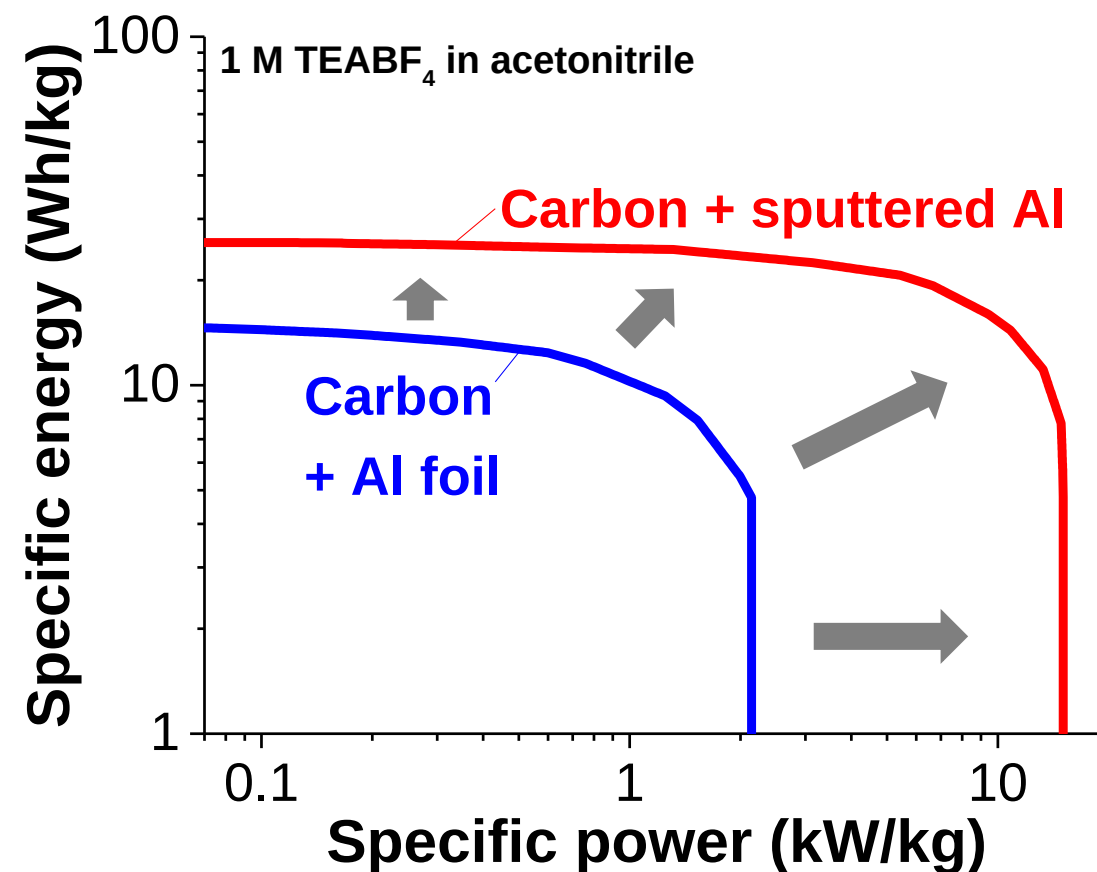
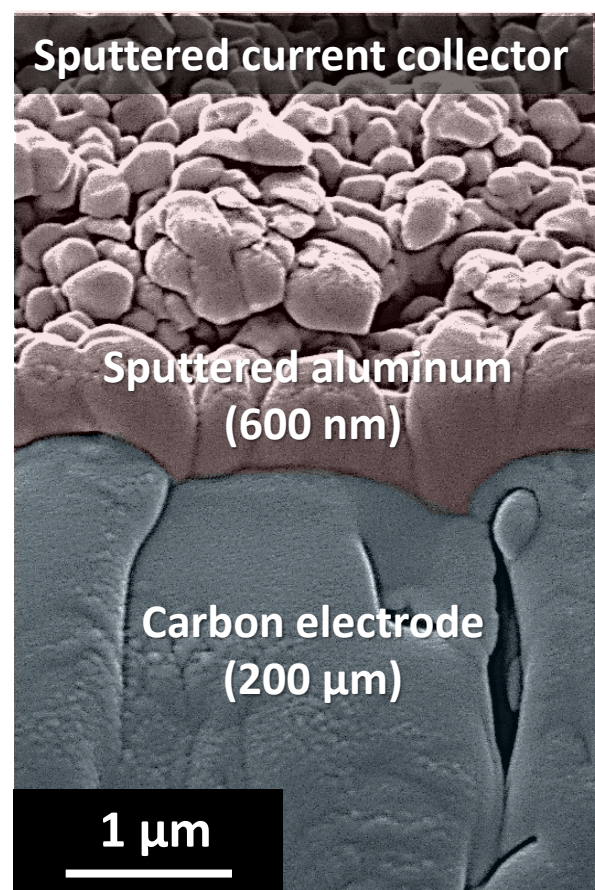
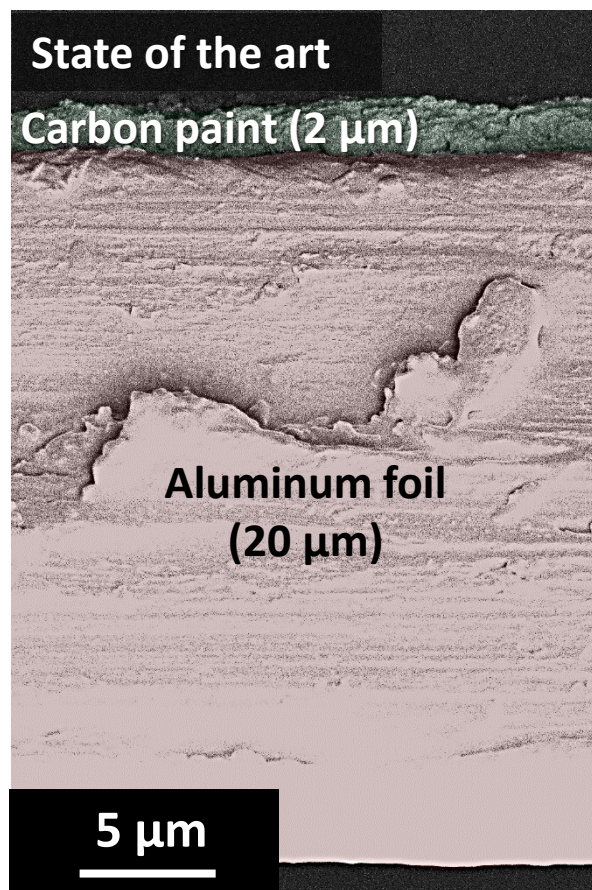
RAGONE PLOT



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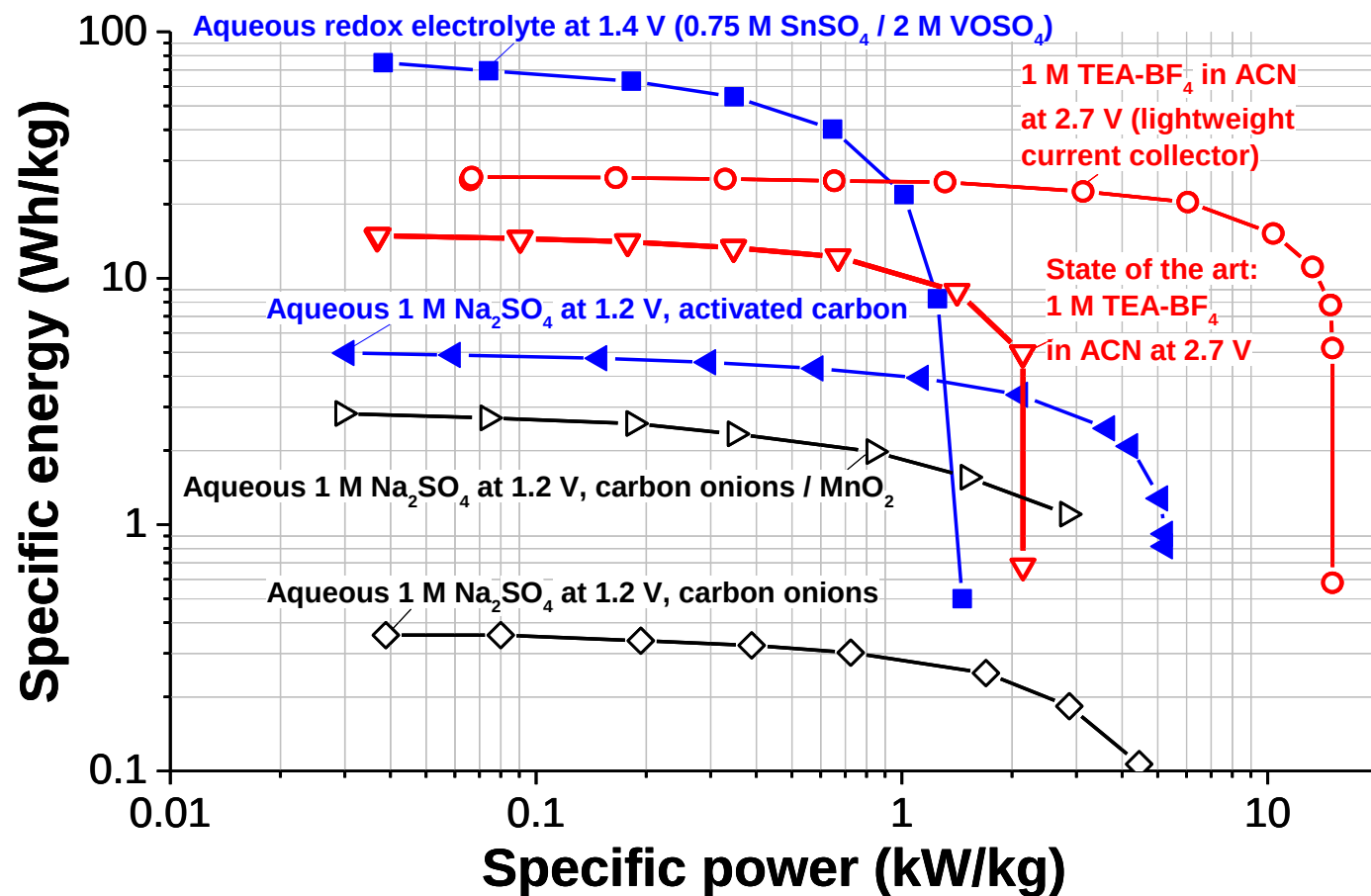
LIGHTWEIGHT AND COMPACT DESIGN OF THE CURRENT COLLECTOR

► Magnetron sputtering of thin film Al current collector boosts power and storage capacity of carbon supercapacitors



► ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

RAGONE CHART FOR CARBON BASED ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES



► By engineering: more compact and lightweight results in higher power handling and higher energy ratings

► By use of redox-active electrode materials: more energy stored than in supercapacitors, but longevity often limited

► By use of redox-active electrolytes: faster than batteries and more energy stored than in supercapacitors

► By use of sulfur, chlorine, and fluorine free binders without need for toxic solvents: improved environmental friendliness

▶ ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Ion electrosorption is the energy storage mechanism of double-layer capacitors
- The capacitance depends on electrolyte, surface area, and temperature
- High energy often sacrifices high power



Nanoporous carbon

► NANOPOROUS CARBON

CARBON IS VERSATILE

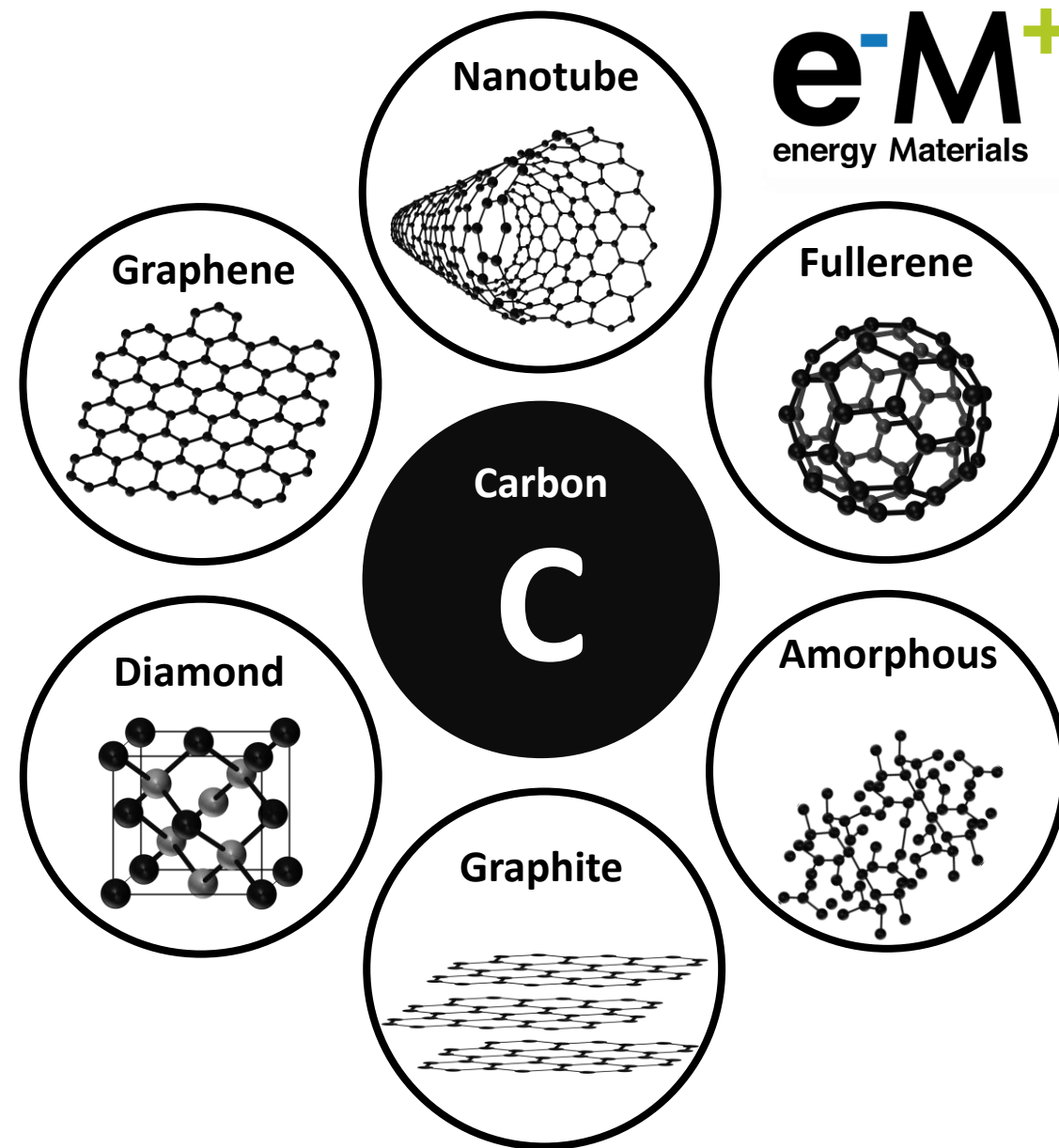
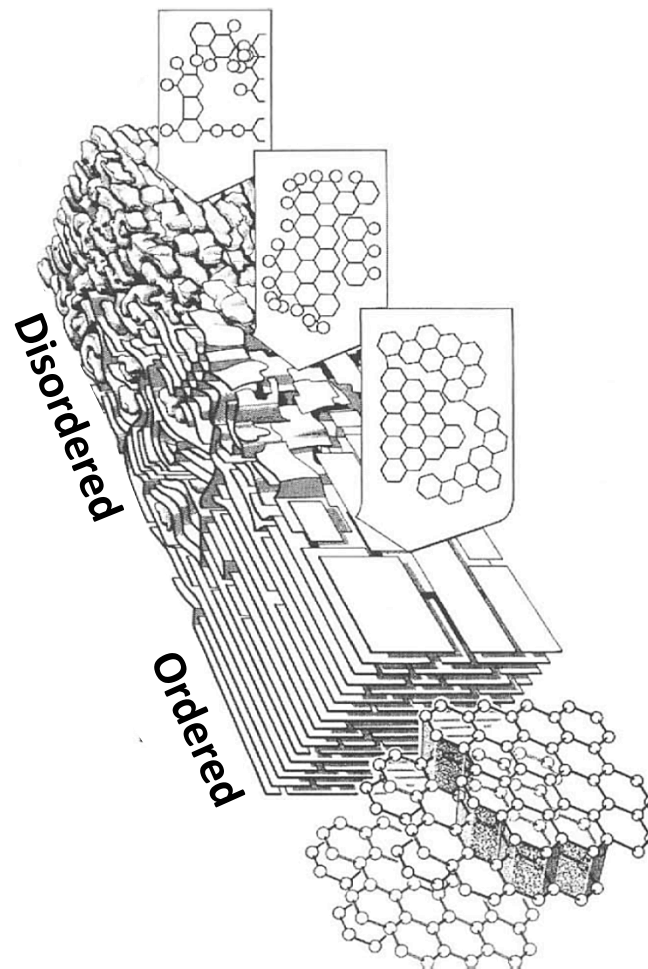
► Tunable

- sp^2/sp^3
- porous / dense
- outer / inner porosity
- nano / meso / macro
- conductive / isolative

► Scalable synthesis

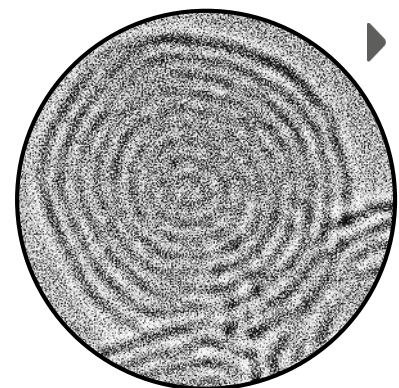
► Abundant sources

► Potentially “green”



▶ NANOPOROUS CARBON

CARBON NANOMATERIALS & NANOCARBONS

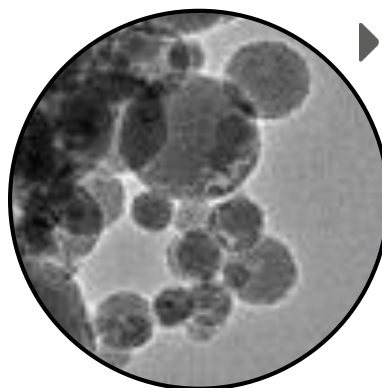


▶ Carbon onions

$\varnothing$ 5-10 nm

$\leq 500 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$

2 nm

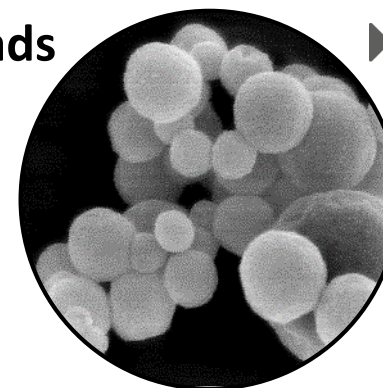


▶ CDC emulsion beads

$\varnothing$ 20-200 nm

$\leq 2300 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$

100 nm

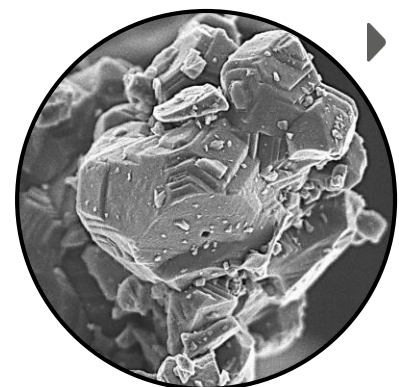


▶ NovoCarb beads

$\varnothing$ 50-200 nm

$\leq 3100 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$

200 nm

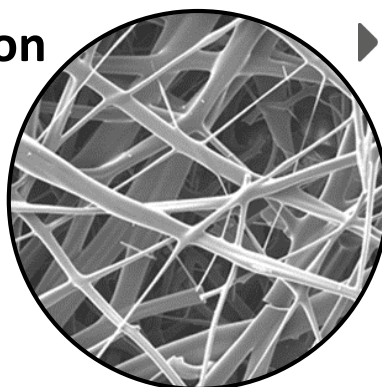


▶ Carbide-derived carbon

$\varnothing$ μm range

$\leq 2600 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$

5 μm



▶ CDC ultrafine fibers

$\varnothing$ μm range

$\leq 3000 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$

25 μm



▶ NovoCarb monoliths

$\varnothing$ mm-cm range

$\leq 2800 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$

0.5 cm

► NANOPOROUS CARBON

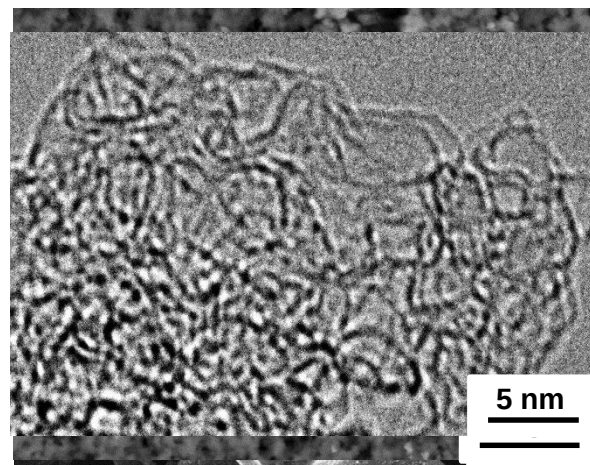
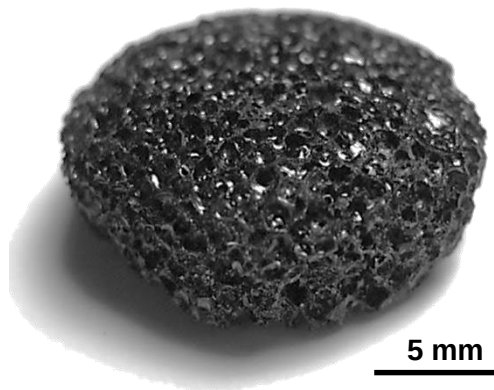
CARBON MATERIALS

Size nomenclature (IUPAC)

   **Macropore:**
larger than 50 nm

   **Mesopore:**
2 – 50 nm

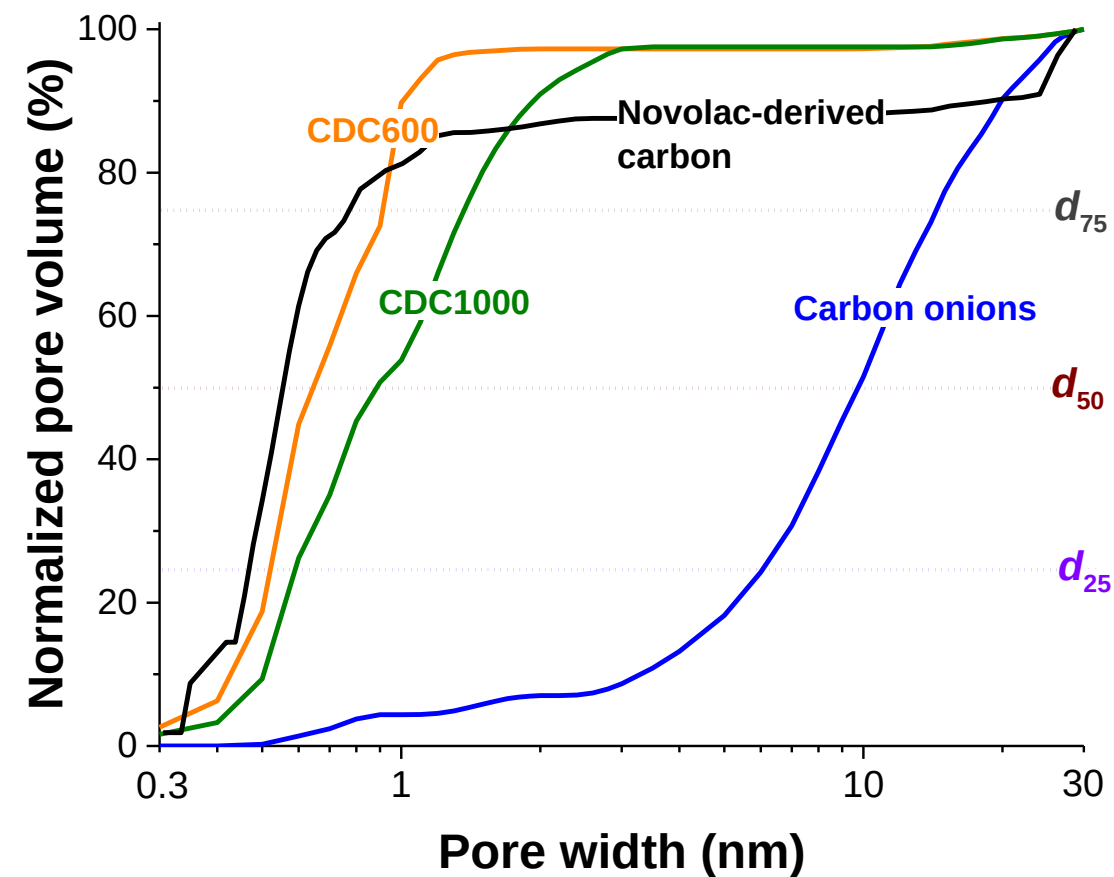
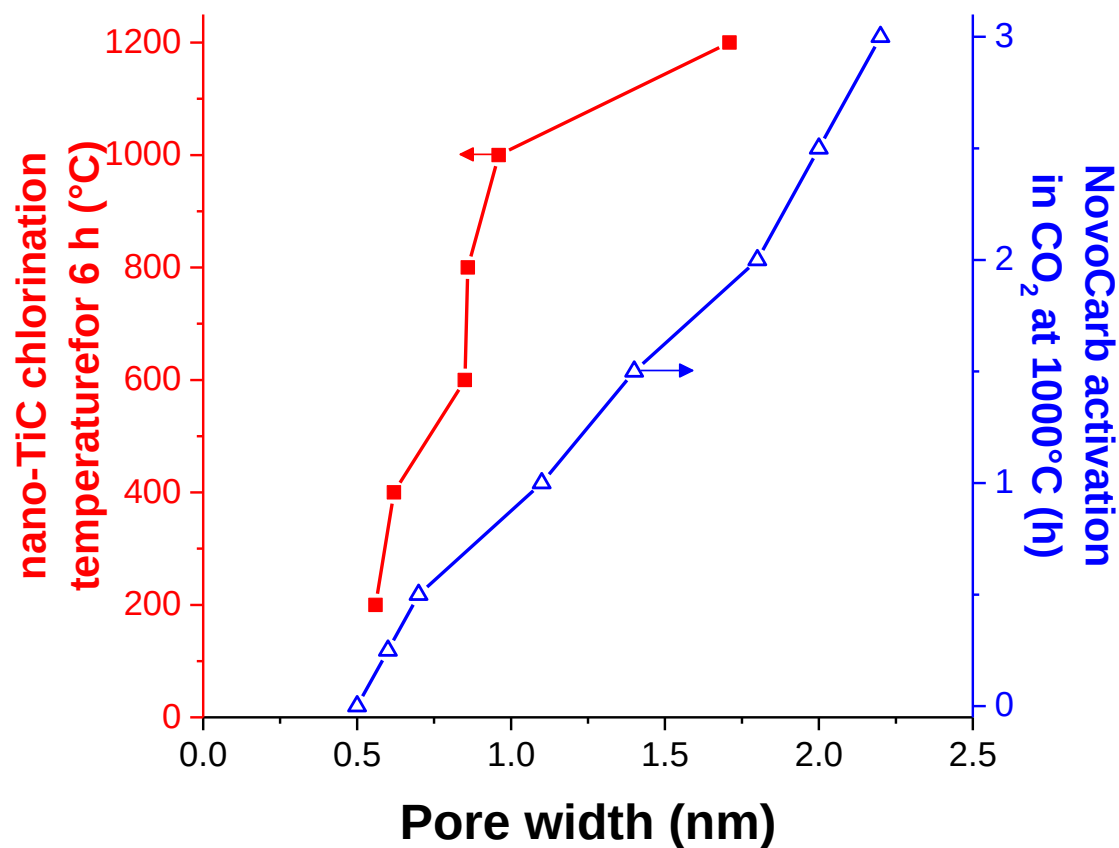
   **Micropore:**
smaller than 2 nm



▶ NANOPOROUS CARBON

BESPOKEN CARBON POROSITY

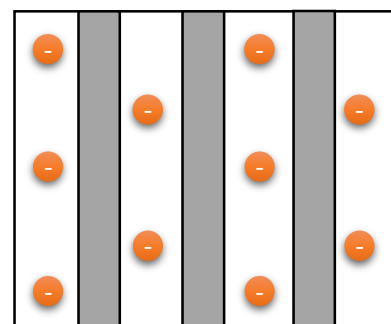
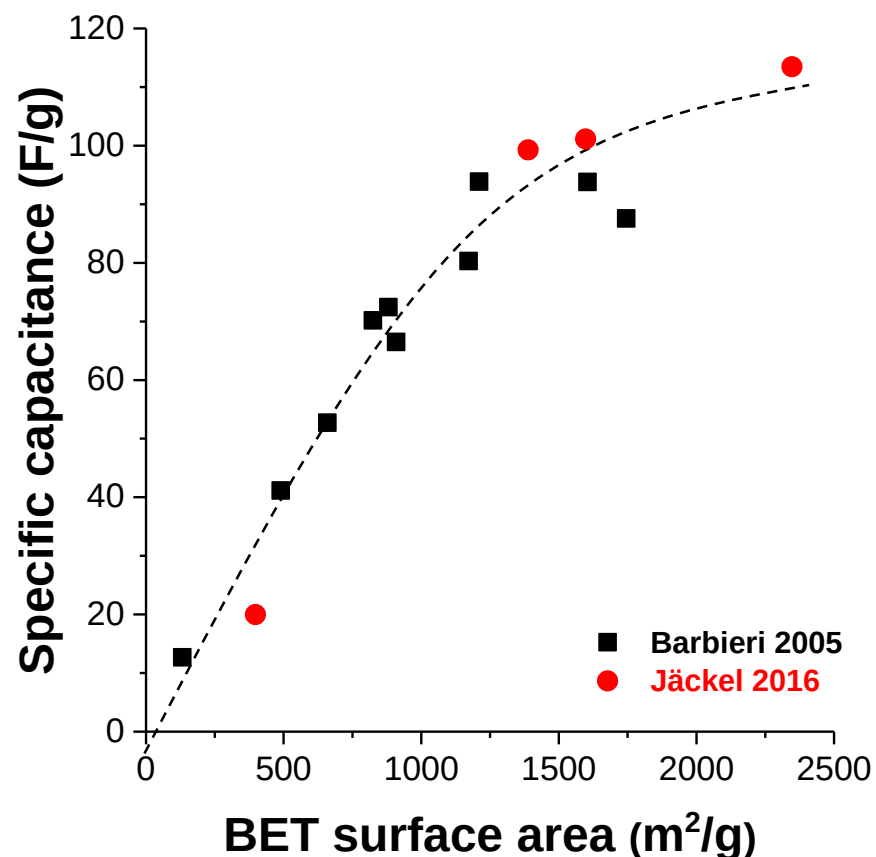
▶ Tuning carbon nanopores per activation parameters / synthesis strategy



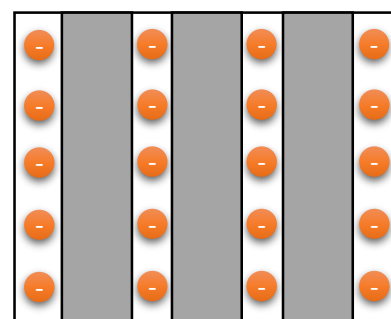
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ELECTRICAL DOUBLE-LAYER CAPACITANCE

- ▶ Limited charge screening ability of carbon materials

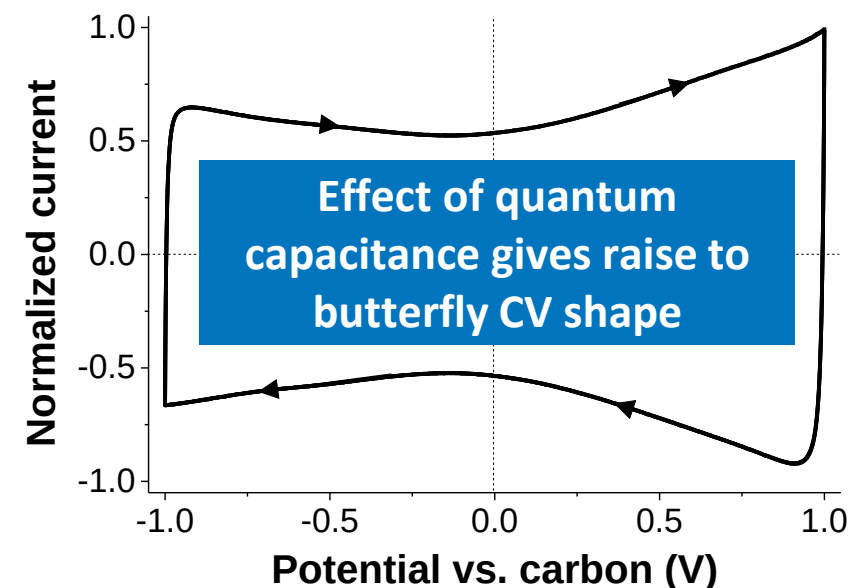


VS.



Some complications:

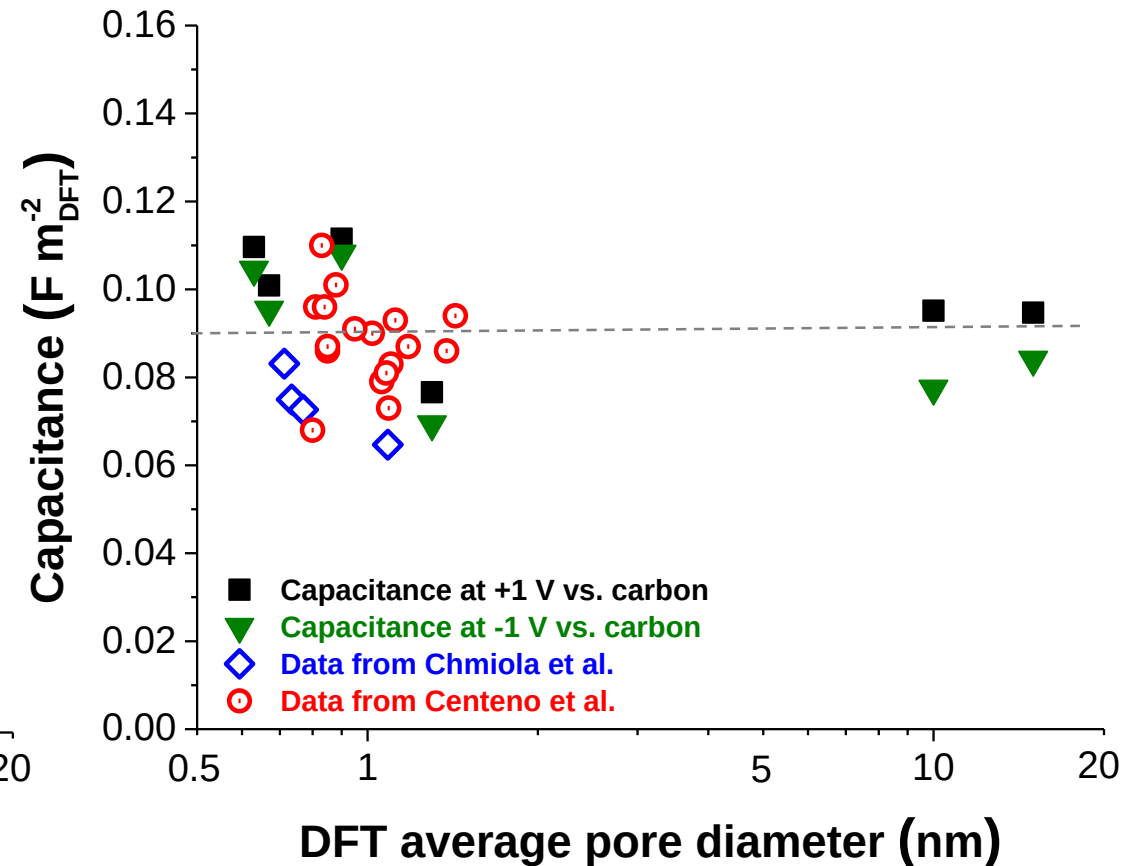
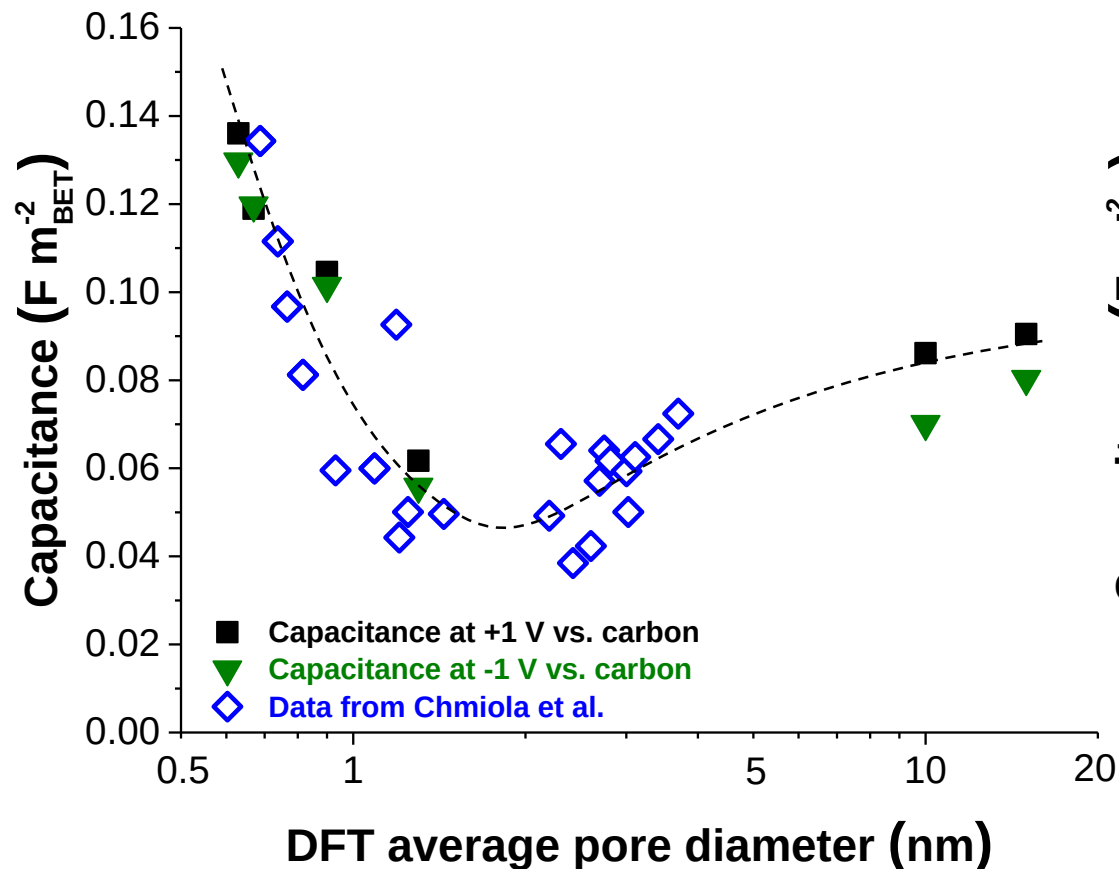
- ▶ Capacitance dependent on electrolyte
- ▶ Voltage-dependency of differential capacitance
- ▶ Equilibrium or kinetic capacitance?
- ▶ Normalized to (what?) area or (which?) mass



► NANOPOROUS CARBON

ROLE OF CARBON POROSITY

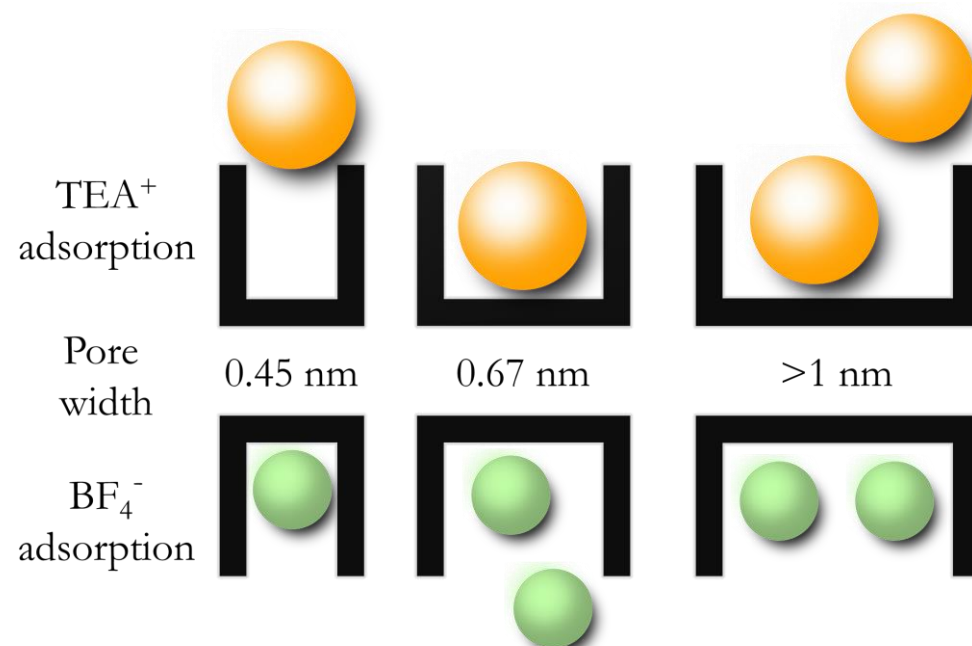
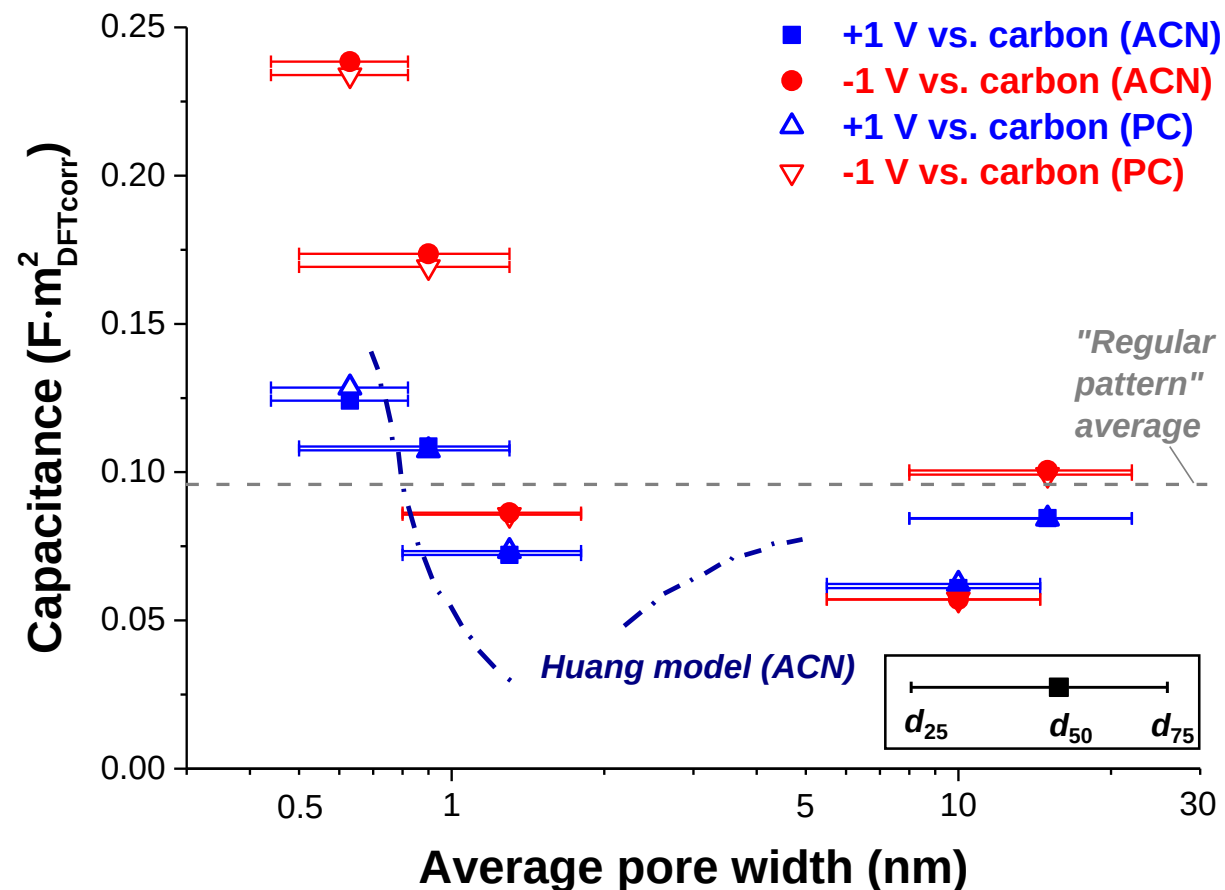
► Two conflicting views in the literature: regular vs. anomalous dependency of capacitance on pore size



► NANOPOROUS CARBON

ROLE OF CARBON POROSITY

► Big picture: “anomalous” pattern is true, but we also have to consider different ion sizes for anode and cathode



▶ NANOPOROUS CARBON

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Capacitance is pore size dependent
- Carbon shows a very limited charge screening ability
- Optimized performance only when carbon is matched to a certain electrolyte

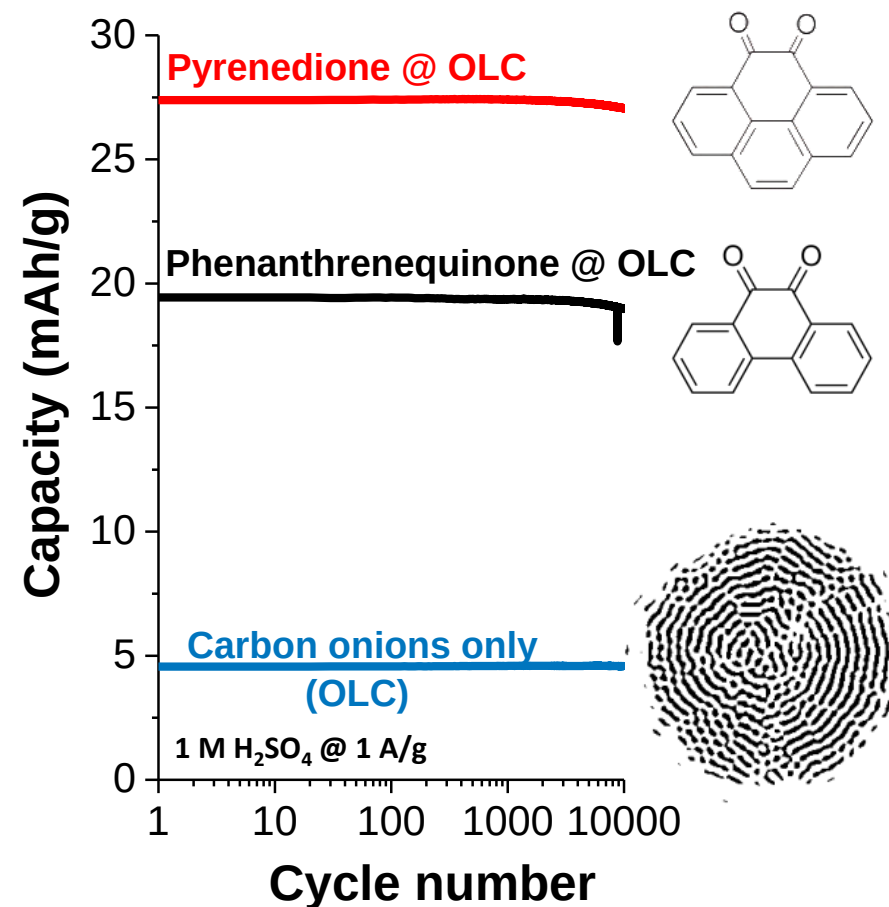
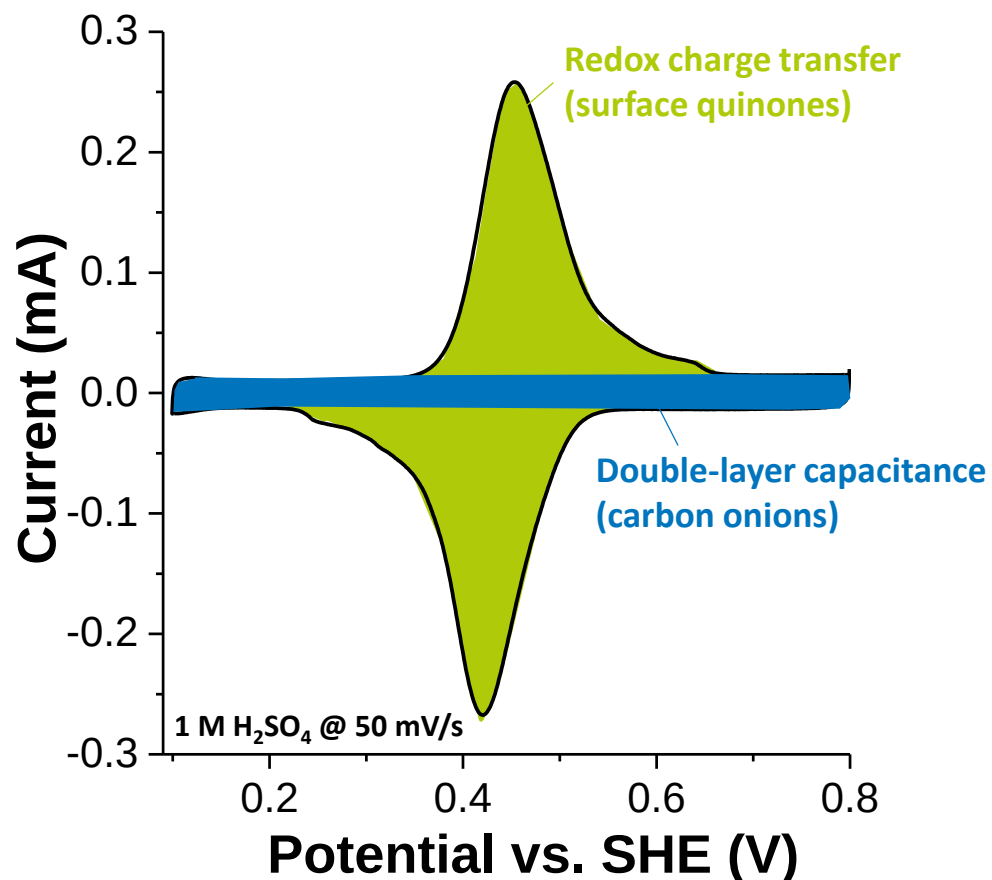
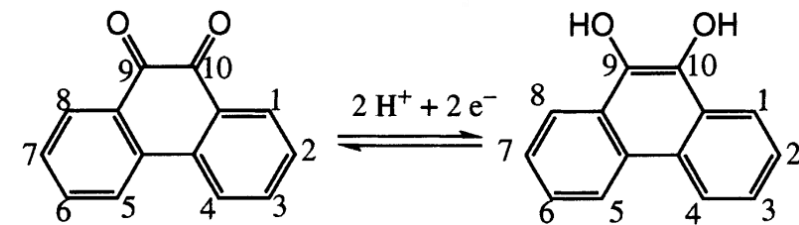


Redox enabling EDLC

► REDOX-ENABLING EDLC

QUINONE-DECORATED CARBON ONIONS

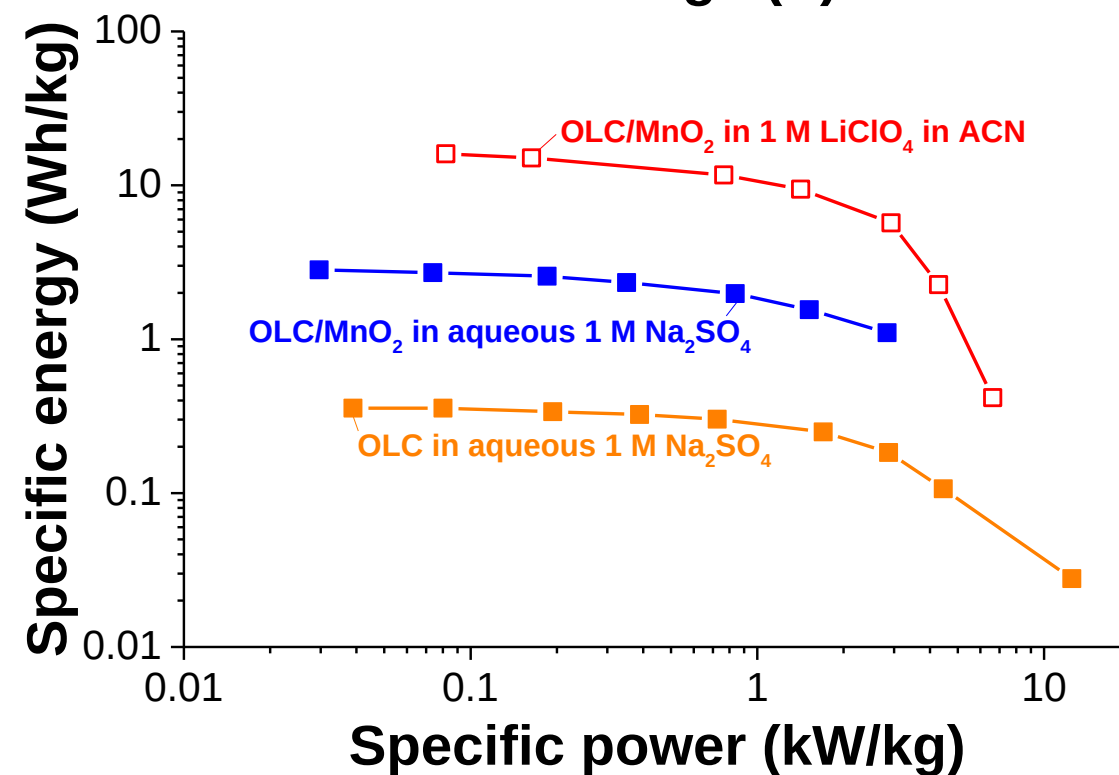
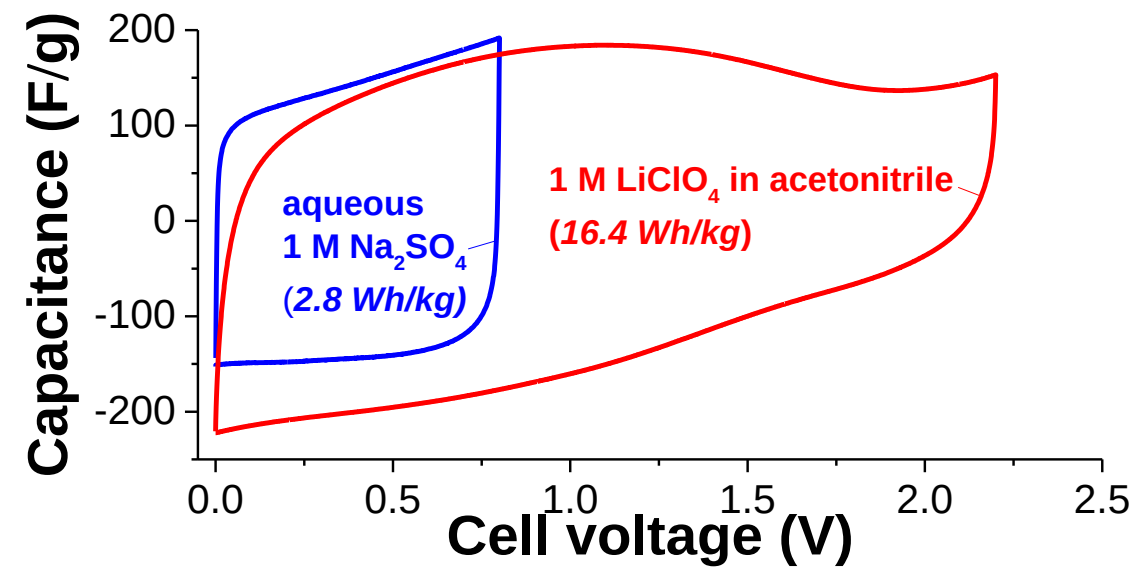
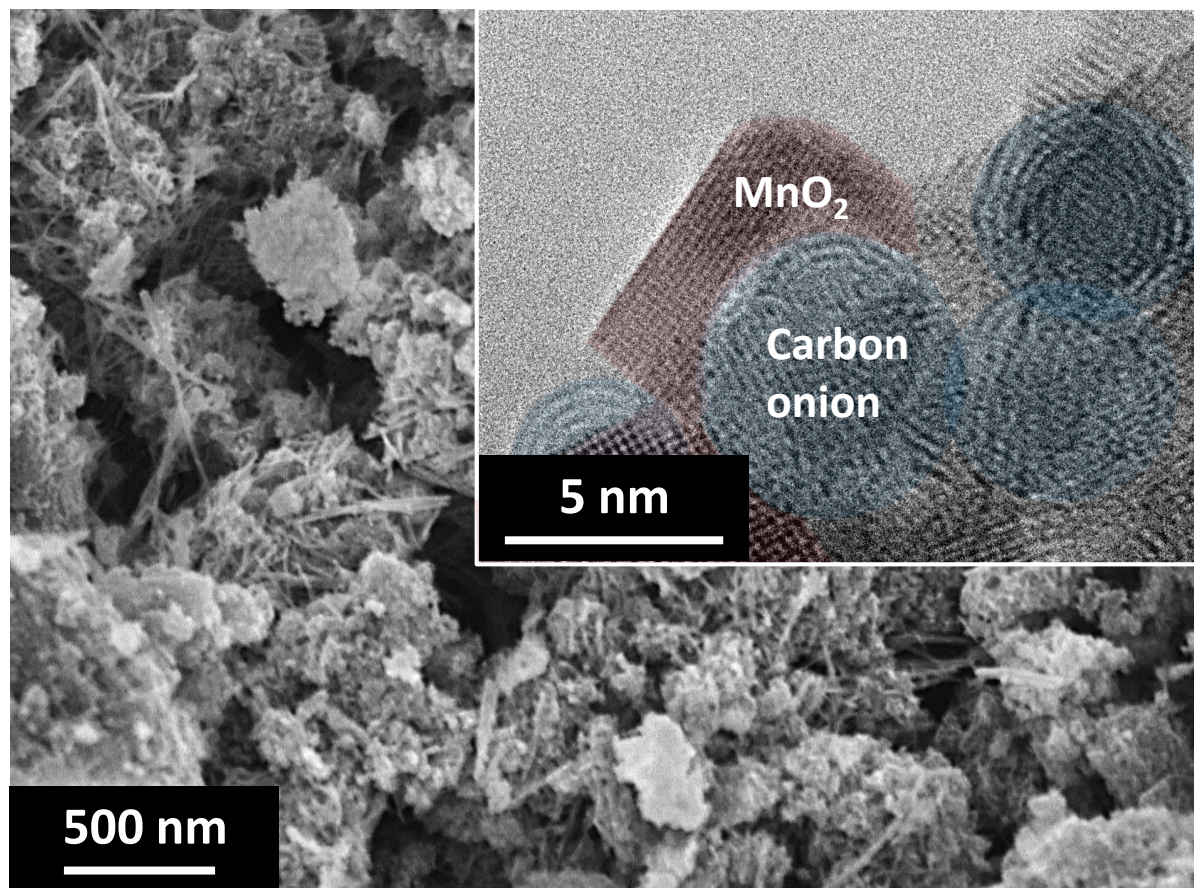
- 9fold increase in capacitance and very stable cycling performance



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METAL OXIDE / CARBON ONION HYBRID

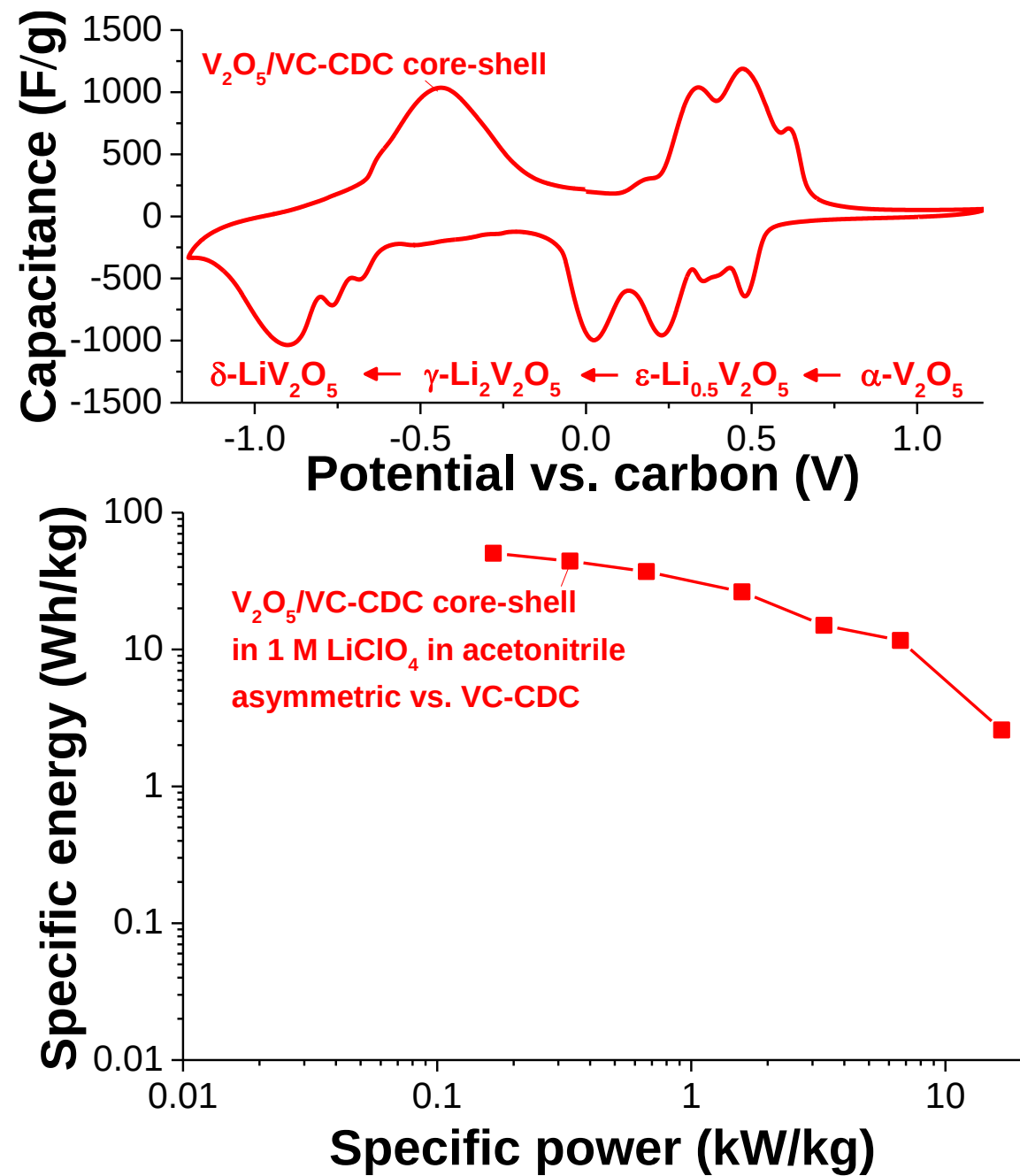
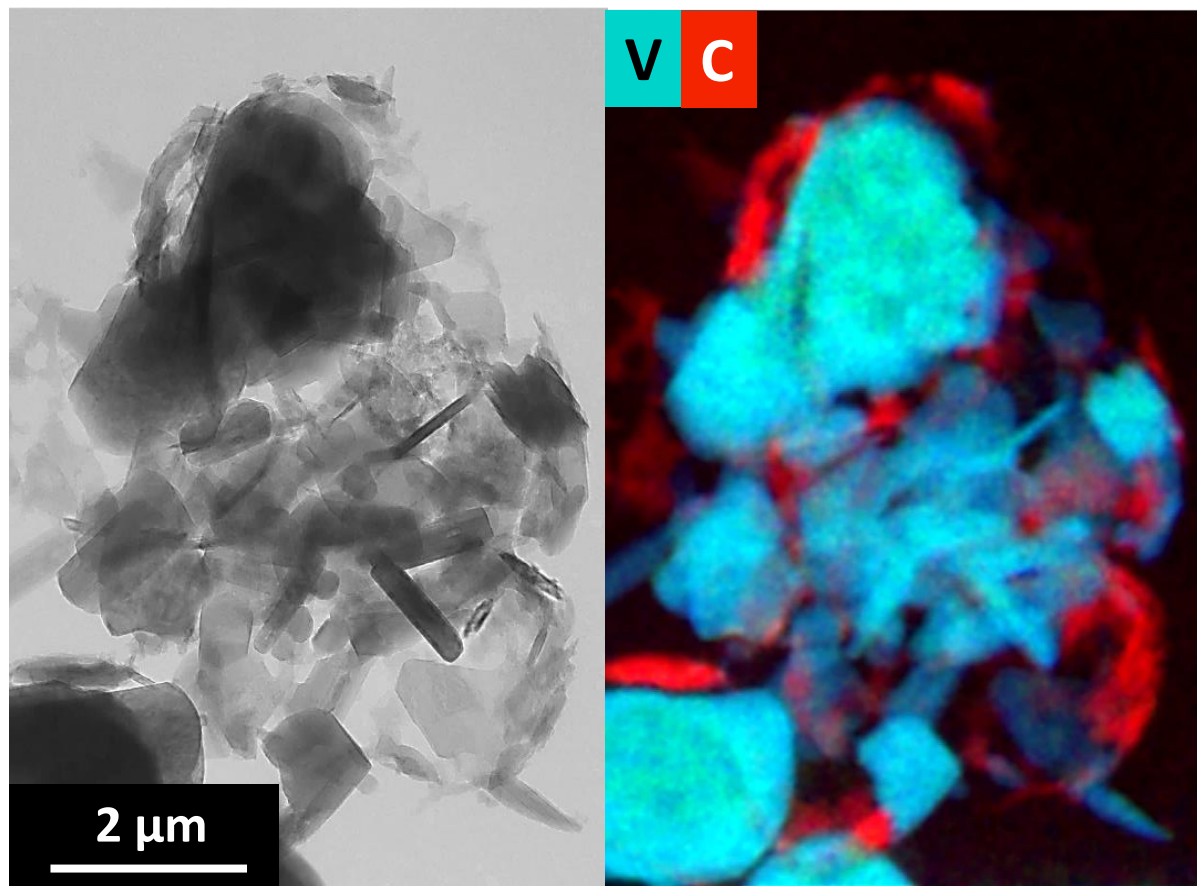
► Hydrothermal synthesis of MnO₂/carbon onion hybrids



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METAL OXIDE / CDC HYBRID

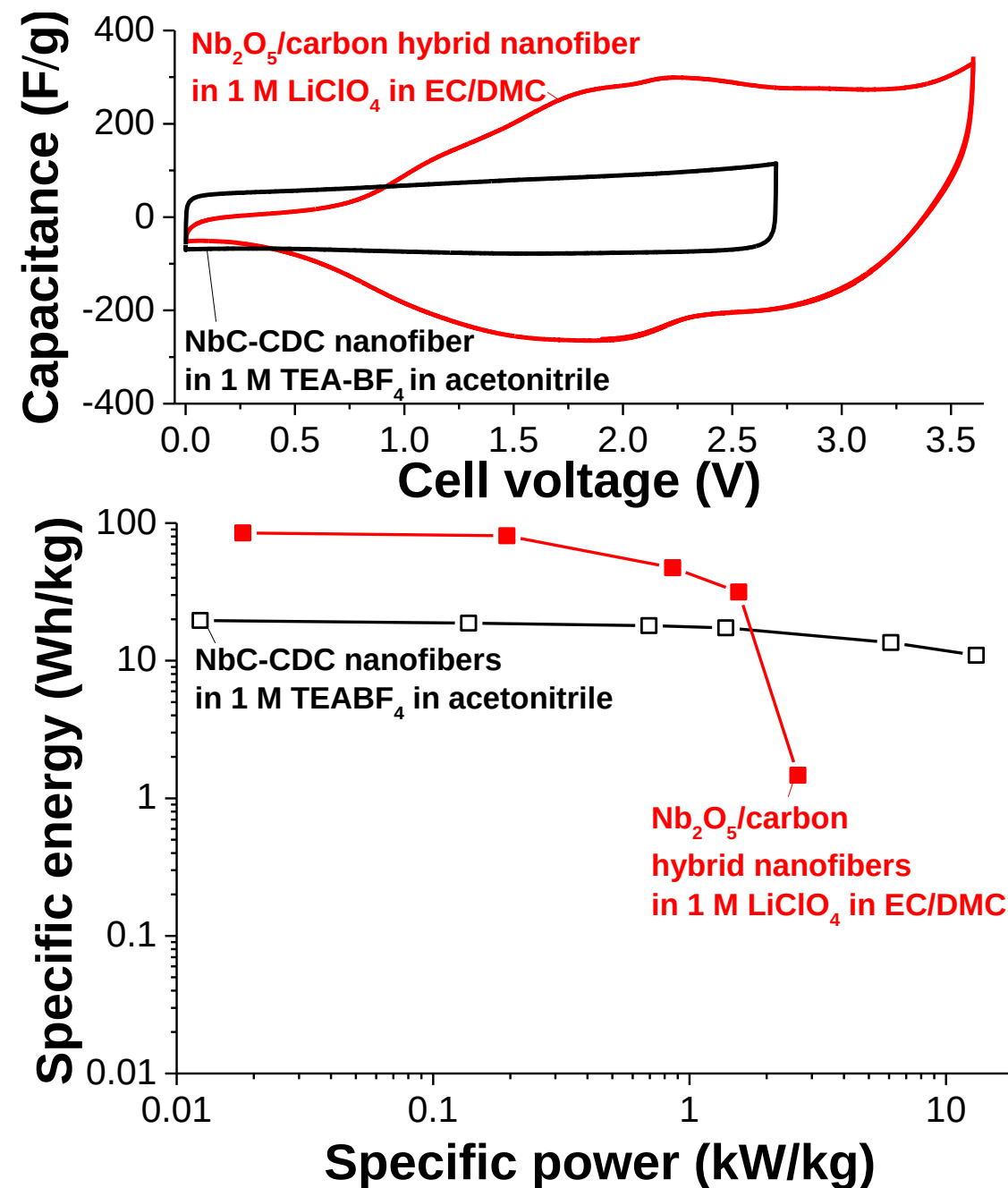
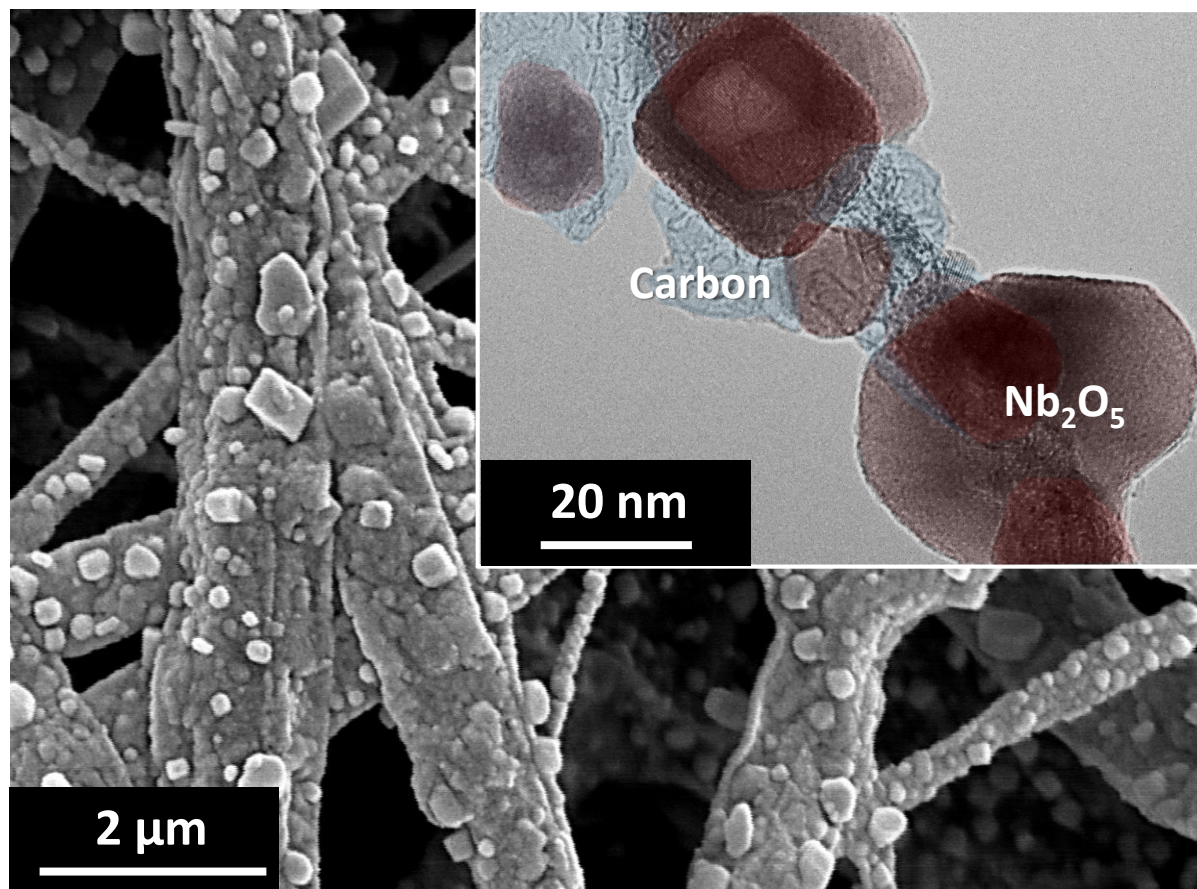
▶ VC-derived V_2O_5 /VC-CDC core-shell particles



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METAL OXIDE / CARBON FIBER HYBRID

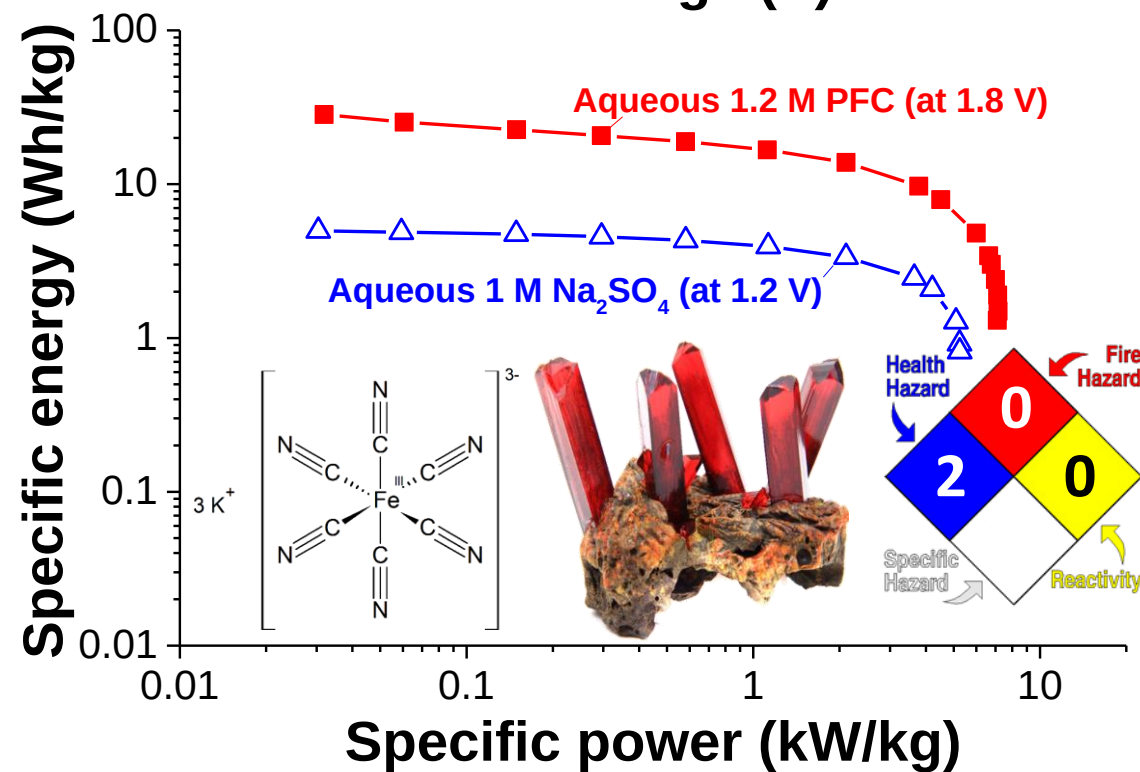
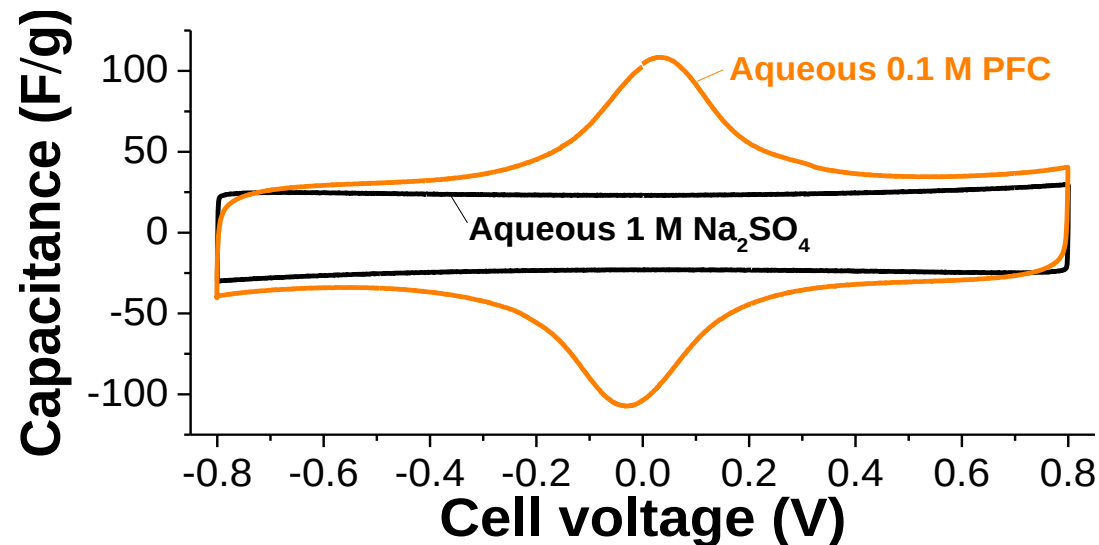
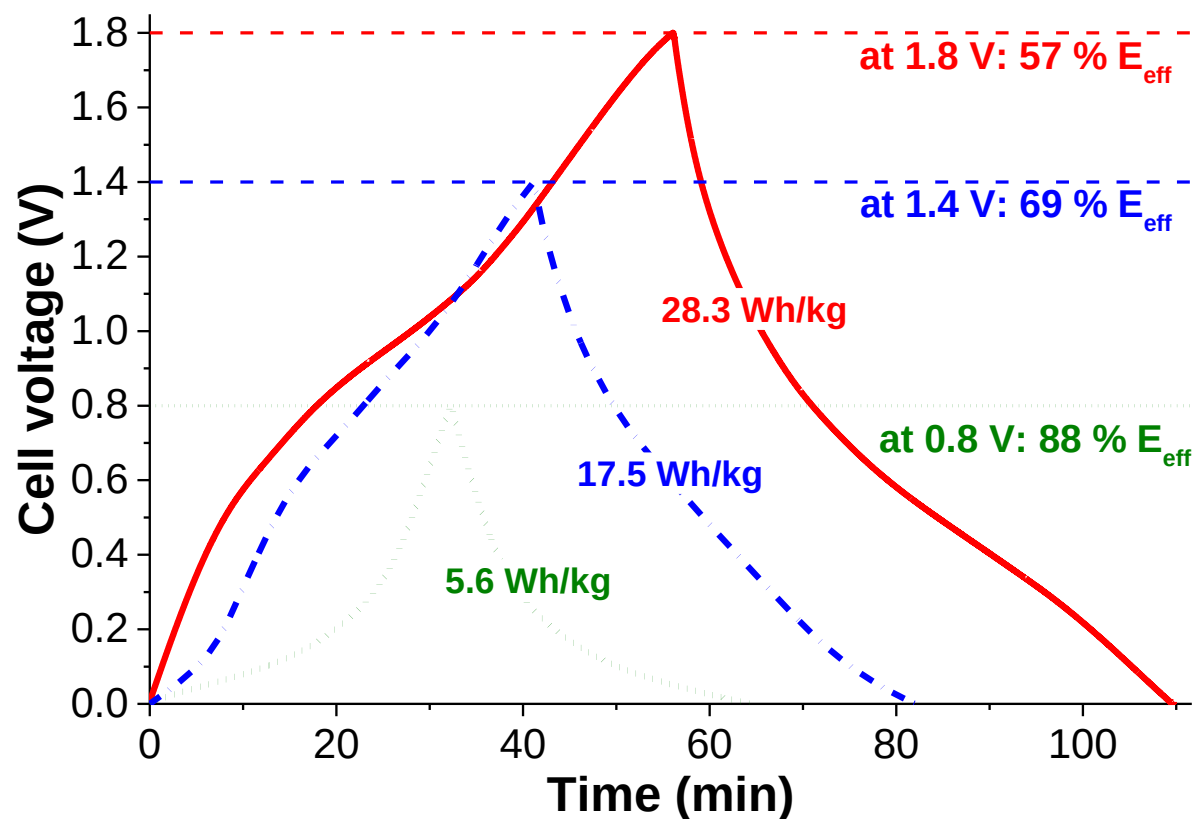
► Electrospun Nb₂O₅/carbon nanofibers



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POTASSIUM FERRICYANIDE (AQUEOUS)

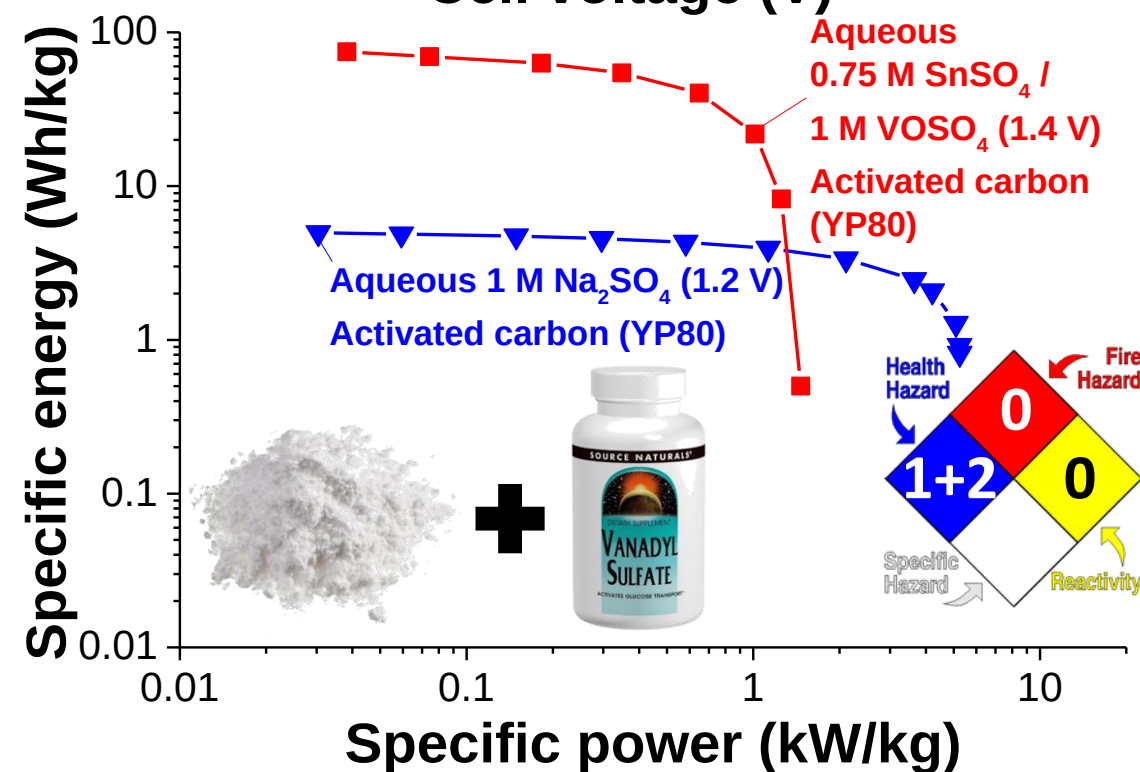
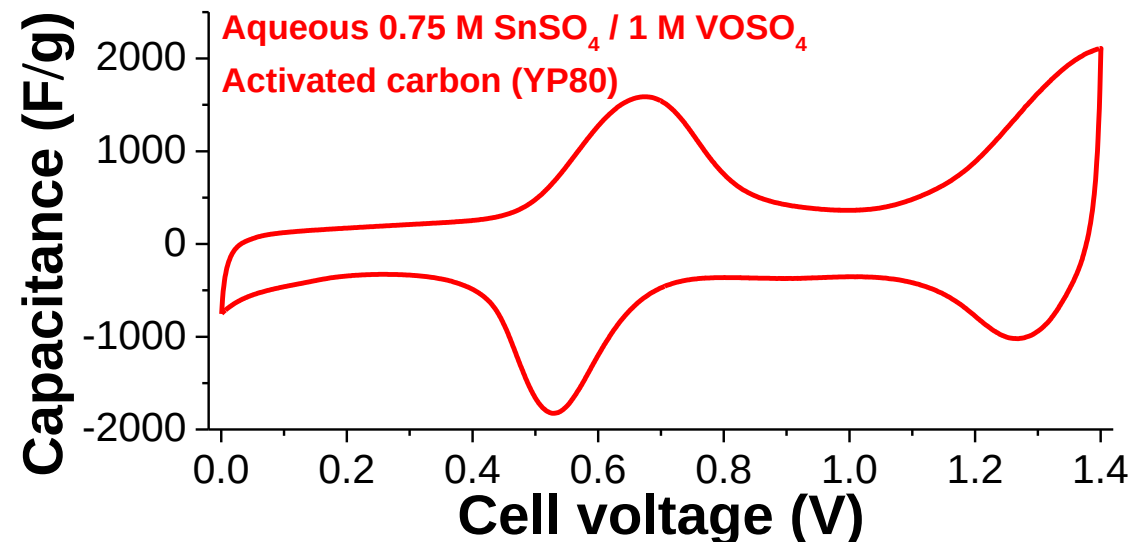
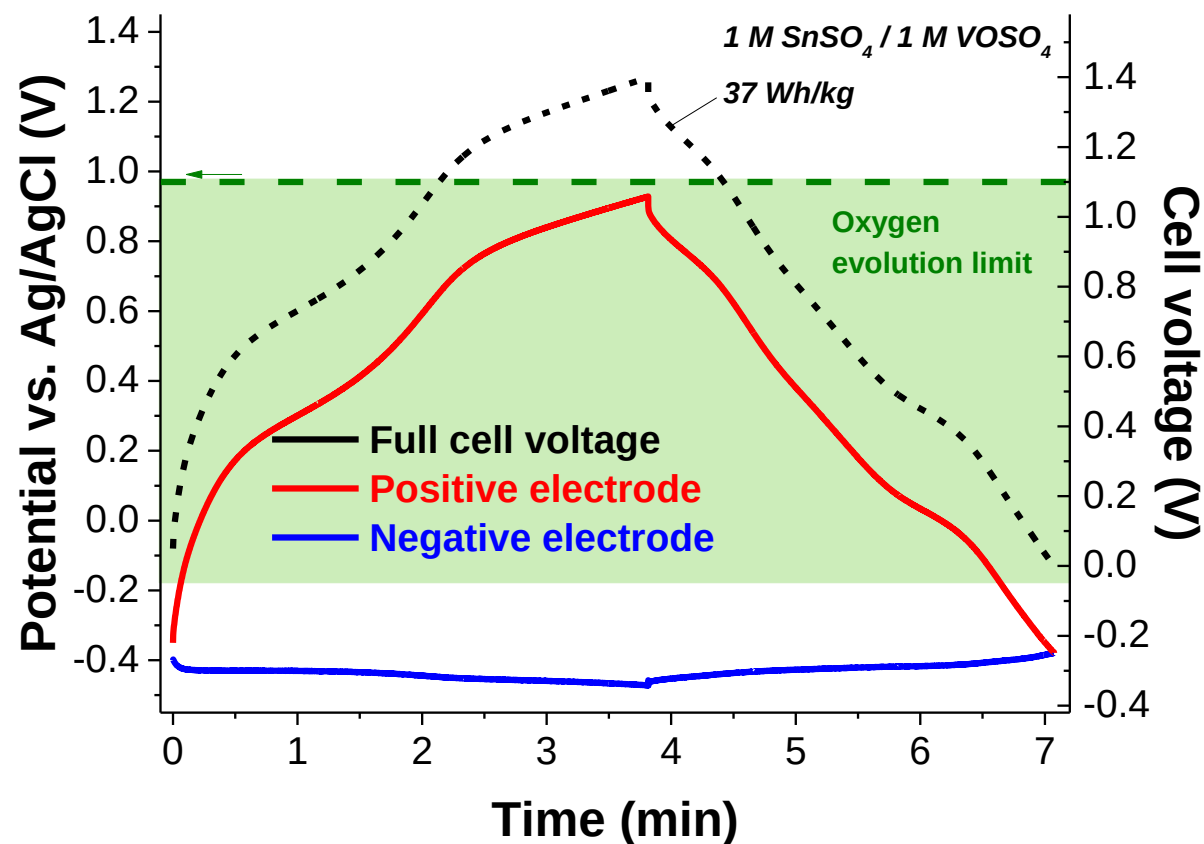
► Using conventional activated carbon (YP80)



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TIN / VANADYL SULFATE (AQUEOUS)

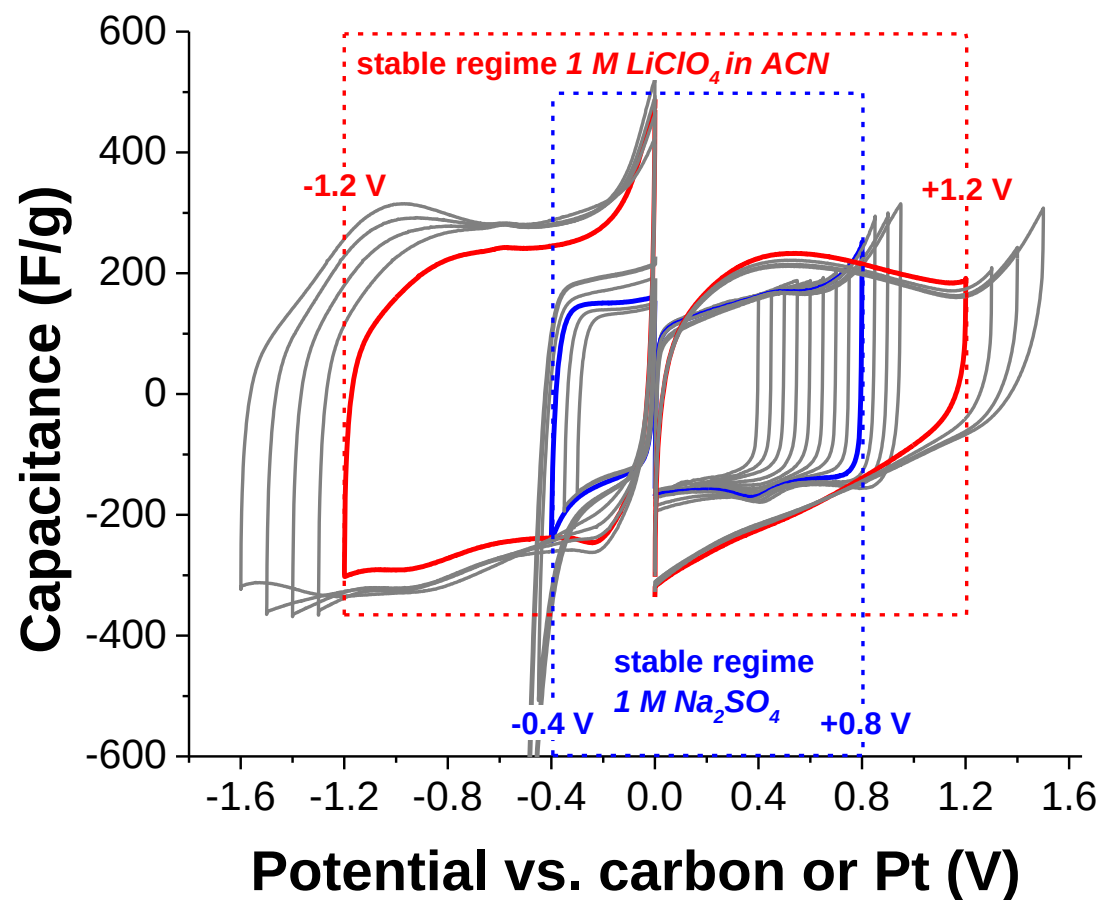
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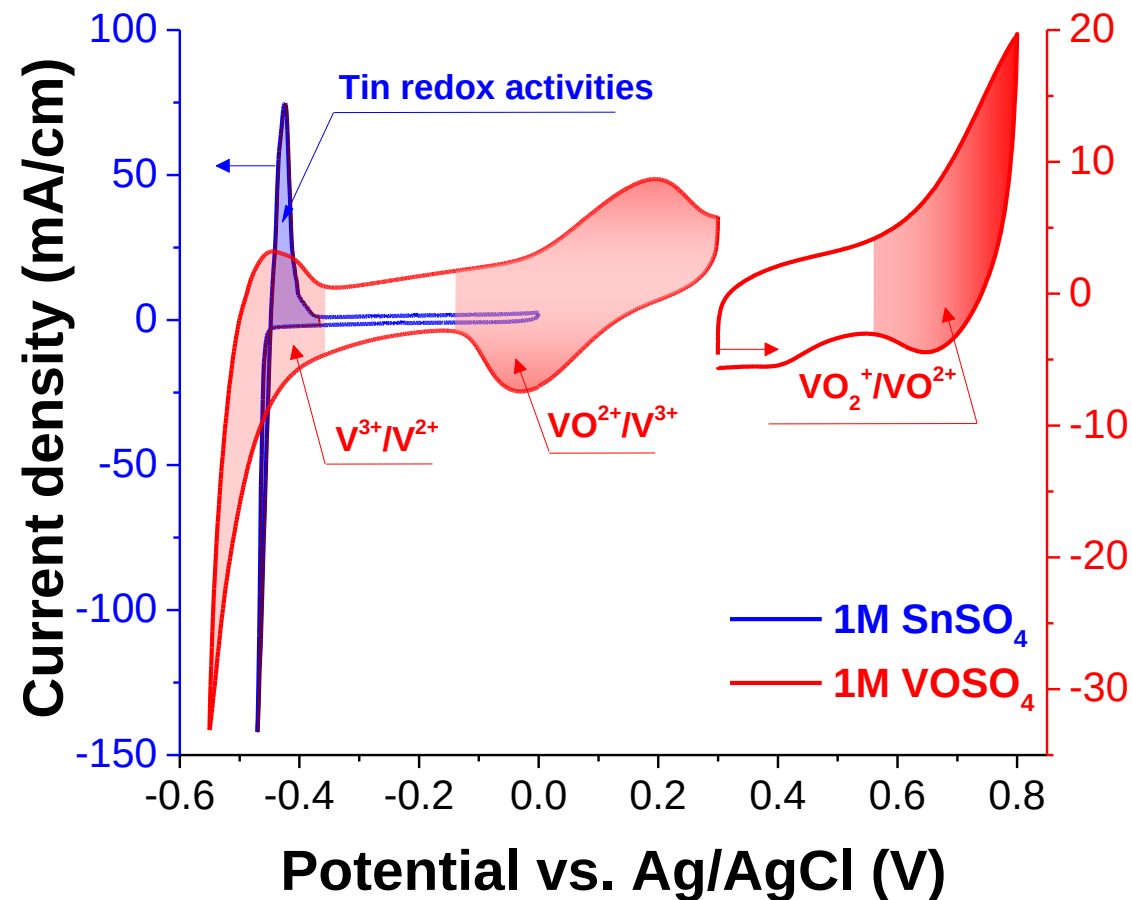
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CELL BALANCING AND VOLTAGE WINDOW OPTIMIZATION

▶ Electrode balancing to compensate stability



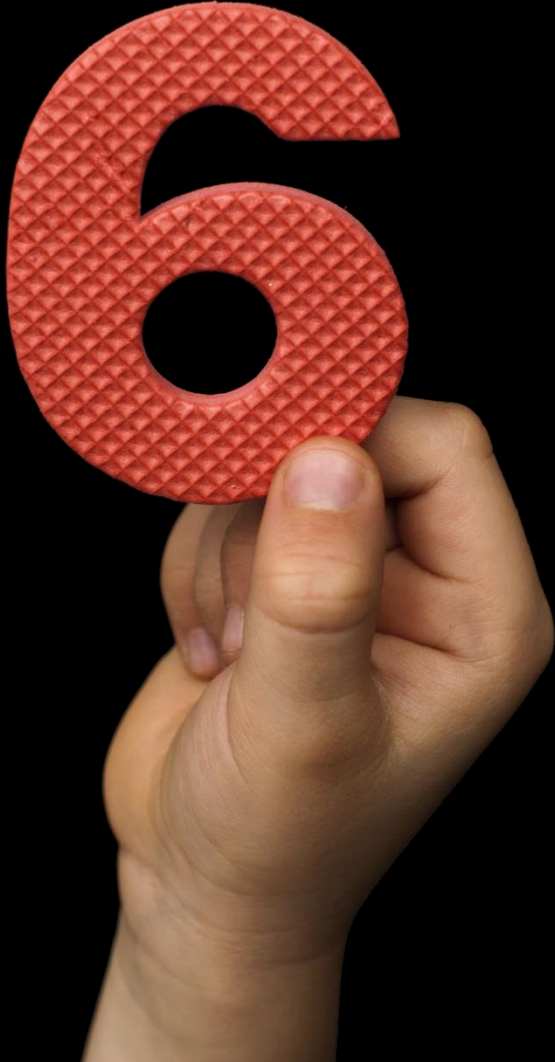
▶ Electrode balancing to maximize storage capacity



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TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Redox processes can severely boost the energy storage capacity
- Careful design of cell (electrode balancing / voltage window) is needed
- Redox processes in liquid phases particularly attractive



“Green” energy storage?

► “GREEN” ENERGY STORAGE?

ACTUALLY, A DAILY QUESTION!



Glass



Plastic



Aluminum

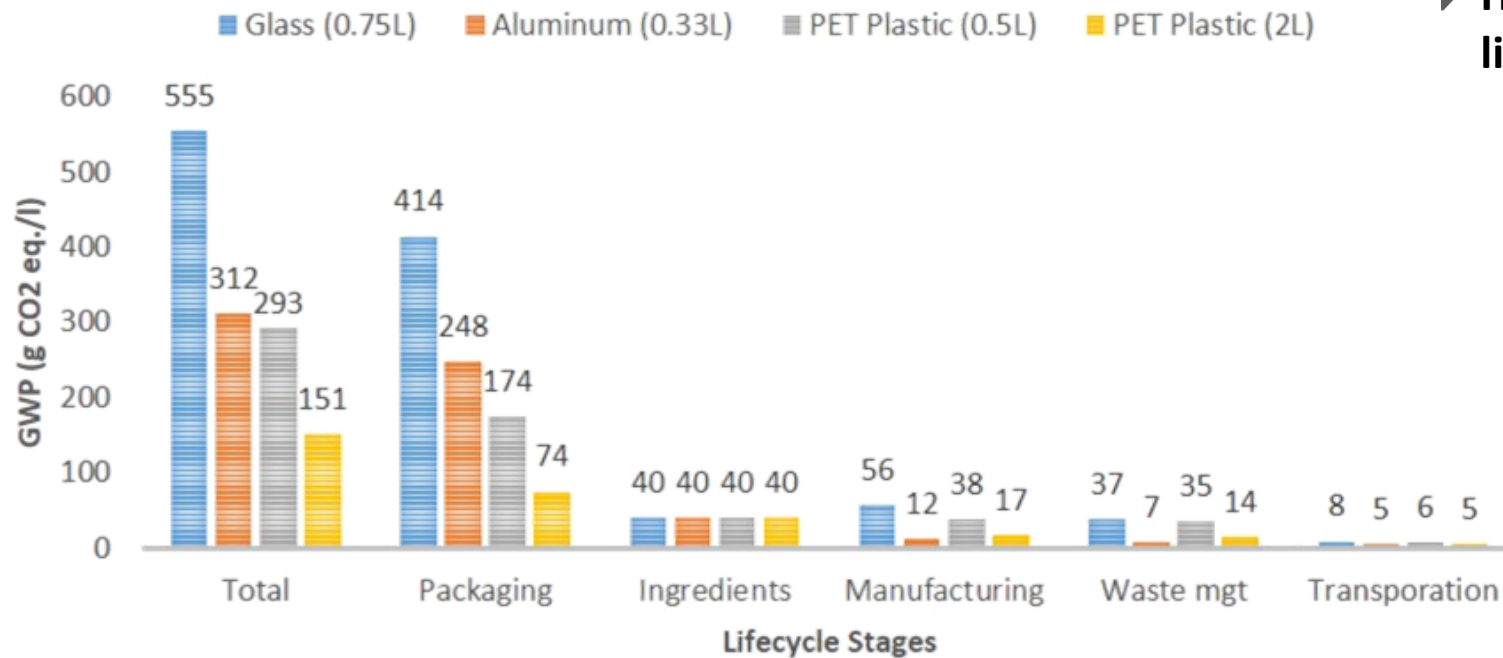
- Energy for mining / production
- Energy for packaging
- Energy for transport
- Energy for use
- Energy for recycling / disposal

- Light vs. heavy
- Abundant vs. rare
- Sustainable vs. non-renewable
- Local vs. far-far-away
- Toxin release vs. harmless

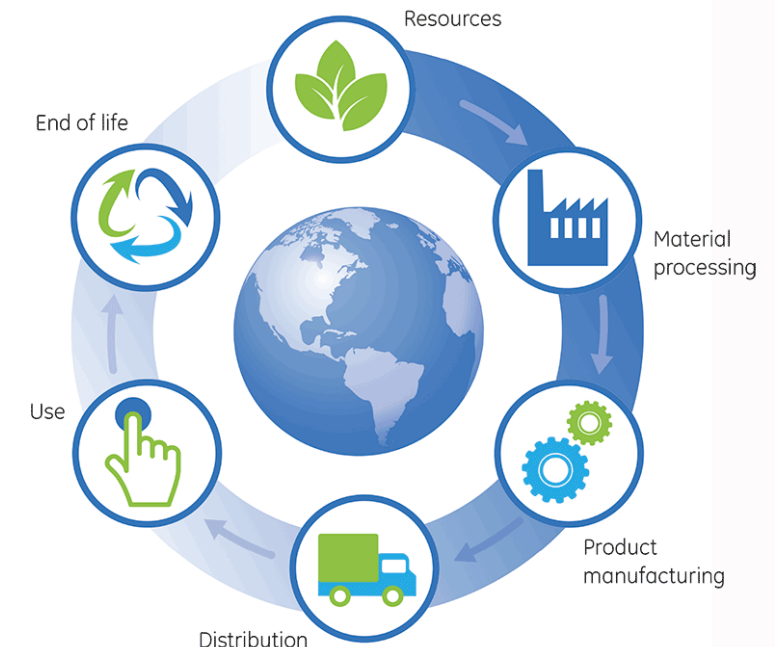
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GLASS VS PLASTIC VS ALUMINUM

GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL OF BEVERAGE BOTTLES



- A glass bottle needs to be recycled at least 20-times to come down to the carbon footprint of a single-use PET bottle
- High need for comparable and realistic full-life-cycle assessment



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LITHIUM ION BATTERY VS LEAD ACID ACCUMULATOR

► For just one cycle (1 Wh)

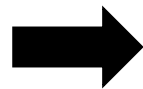
- Energy needed for LIB is 2.7-times higher than for lead acid accumulator!
- High energy costs for lithium ion battery (LIB) processing (electrode materials)
- High energy costs for transport (esp. for lead acid battery, LAB, from Asia)

► Factoring in device lifetime

- Lithium ion battery: 10.000 > Lead acid battery: 2.000

► Thus, for a “normal” usage profile:

- Time for a device to turn “green” = when just the same amount of energy is stored as was needed for production:
 - LIB: 0.65 years
 - LAB: 1.86 years



**Light beats heavy
Local beats long-distance**





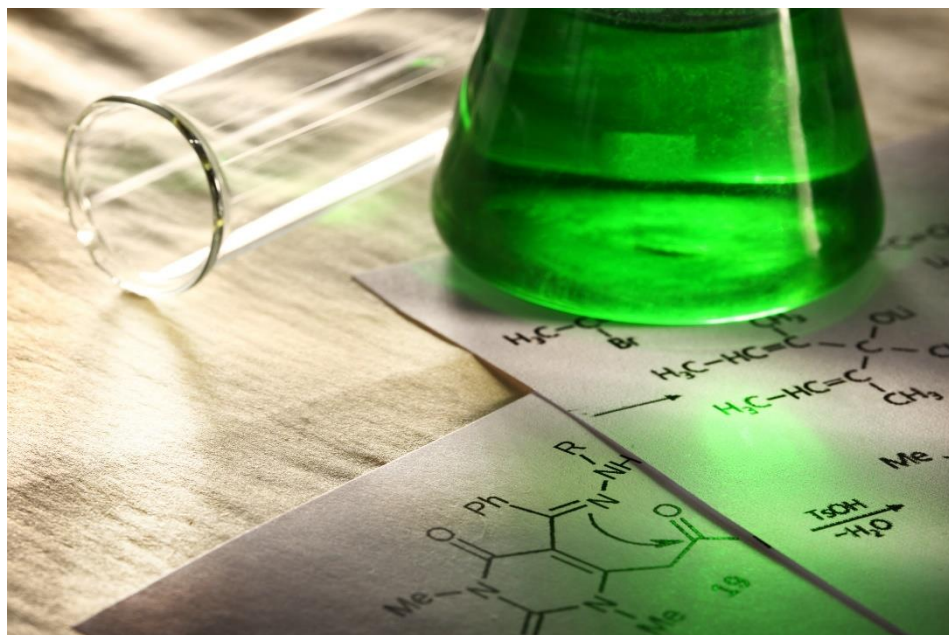
Locally Grown

► “GREEN” ENERGY STORAGE?

SOME GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

► The challenge

- Sustainability without higher price
- Green synthesis compatible with existing processes
- No decrease in performance (stability & ratings)



► Saving material by needing fewer cells

- Improved energy & power ratings
- Improved efficiency

► Saving energy related to transport

- Lightweight construction
- Use of local materials

► Saving energy related to production

- Improved materials synthesis
- Improved cell construction

► Sustainable chemistry

- Green materials: Environmentally-friendly end-of-use
- Green synthesis: Relaxed production processes

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NOT ALL CARBON IS GREEN

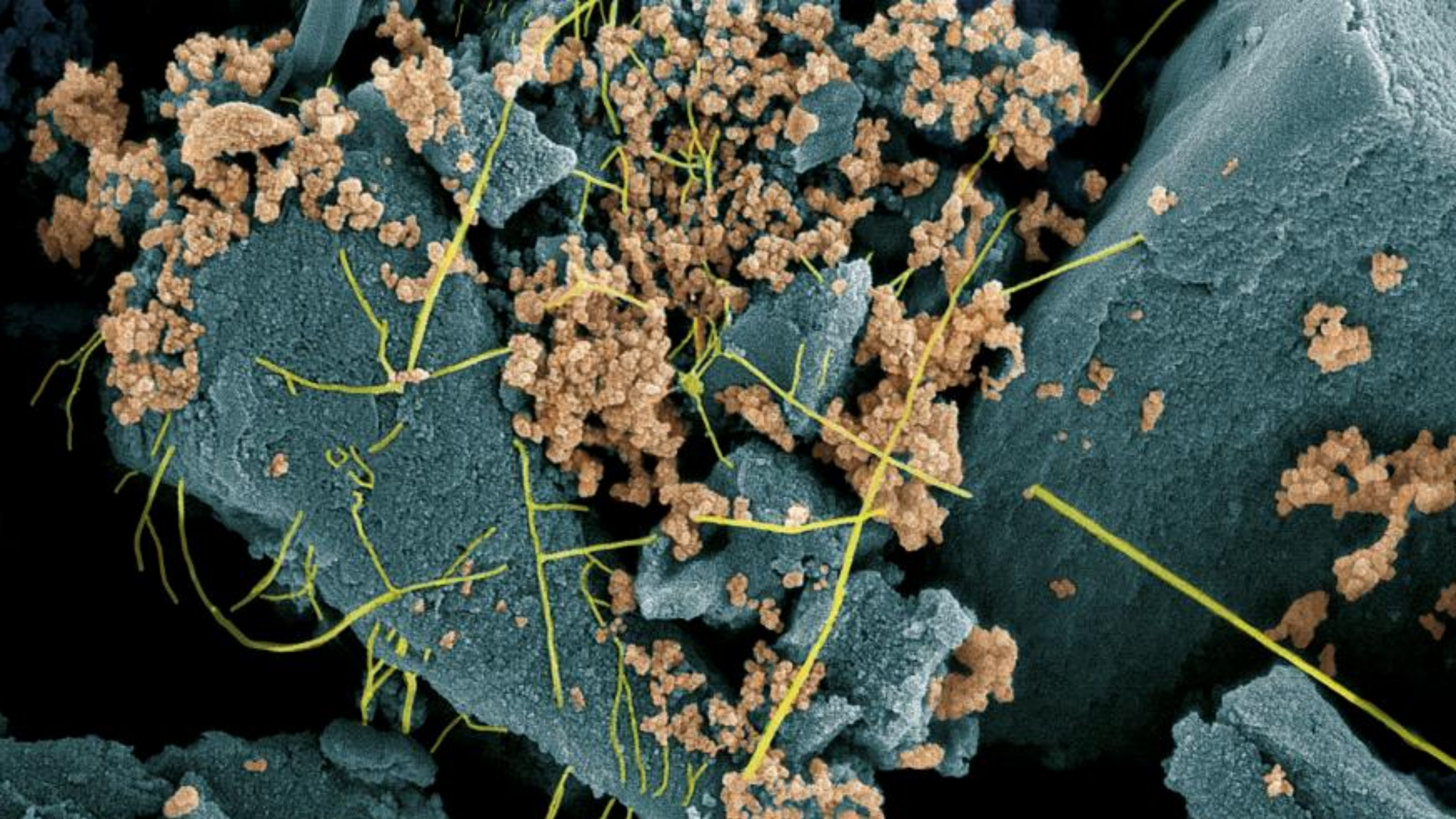
► Palm plantation



► Crude oil

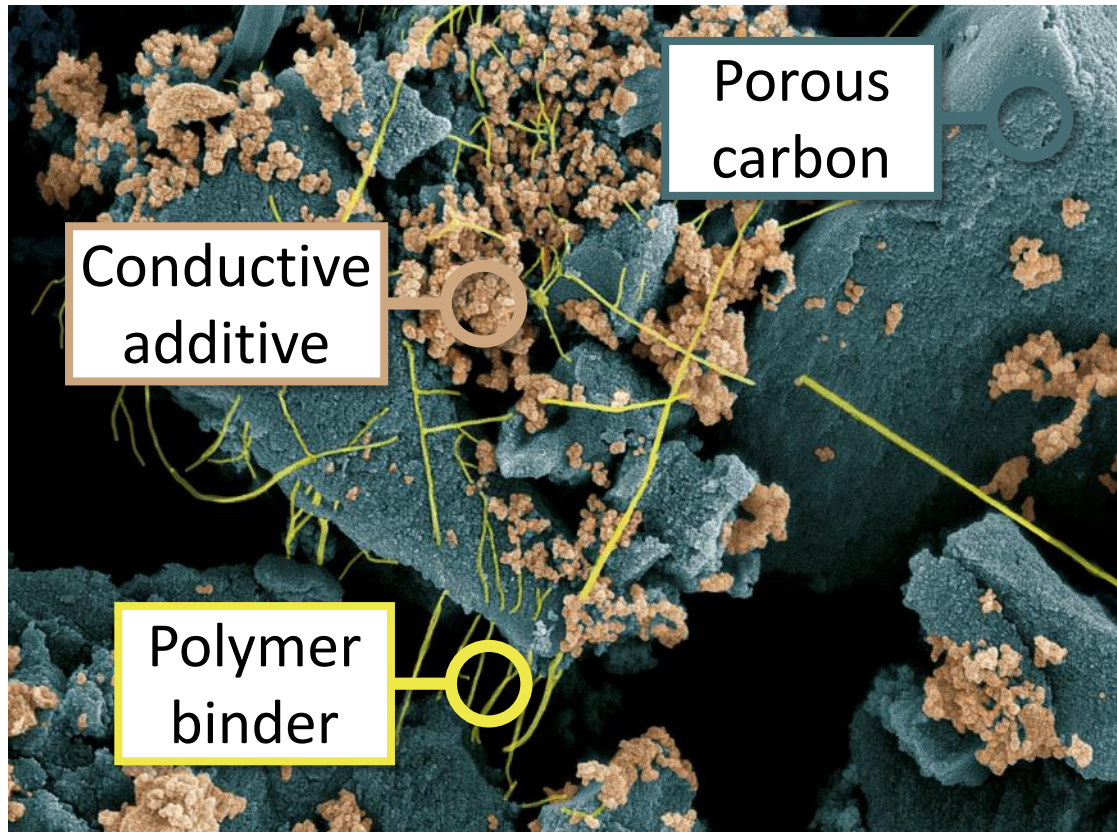






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CONDUCTIVE ADDITIVES AND BINDER MATERIALS



► Conductive additive

- Improves electrode conductivity
- Usually employs carbon black or nanographite
- Commonly 5-10 mass% added
- Complications:
 - Dead mass -> reduced energy ratings
 - Lowered electrochemical stability

► Binder

- Enables film coherence and processing
- Usually employs fluoropolymers
- Commonly 5-10 mass% added
- Complications:
 - Dead mass -> reduced energy ratings
 - Lowered electrical conductivity

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TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Improved environmental friendliness is more realistic than targeting ideal green devices
- Greener processing is just as important as the use of green materials
- Water based electrolytes, esp. redox electrolytes, show great promise

Go green!

Go lightweight!

Go local!

Appreciate progress!