

# Electrochemistry for Materials Technology

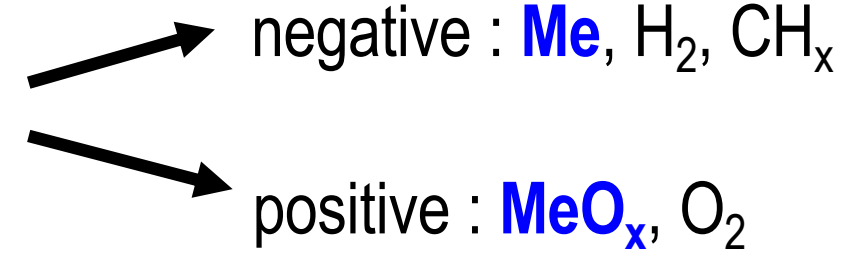
## ENERGY APPLICATIONS

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# **BATTERIES : a brief overview**

# Battery design

- 2 electrodes = 2 active masses
  - 1 electrolyte
  - active mass stock; separation foils
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- negative : **Me**, H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>x</sub>  
positive : **MeO<sub>x</sub>**, O<sub>2</sub>

1) active mass  $\neq$  electrodes (FC)

continuous feed in H<sub>2</sub> (CH<sub>x</sub>), O<sub>2</sub> (air)

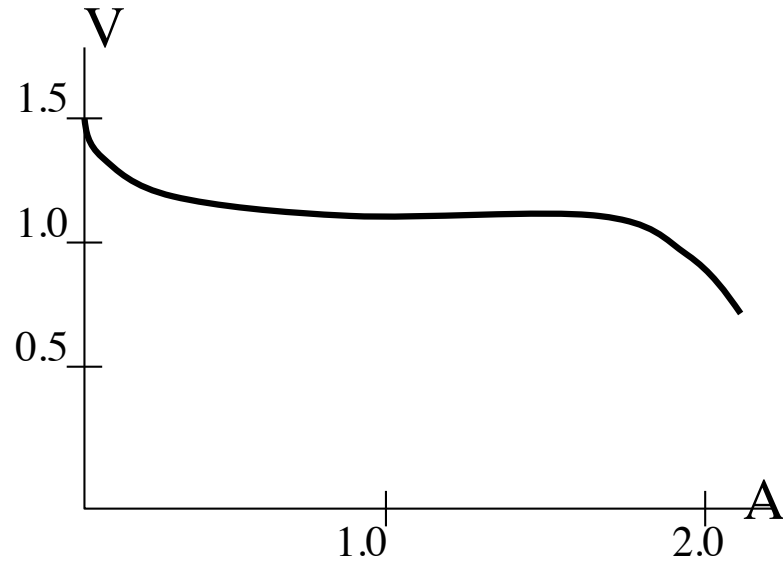
2) active mass = electrodes (battery)

- reversible reactions : rechargable batteries (accumulators, 2° )
- irreversible reactions : primary batteries (1° )

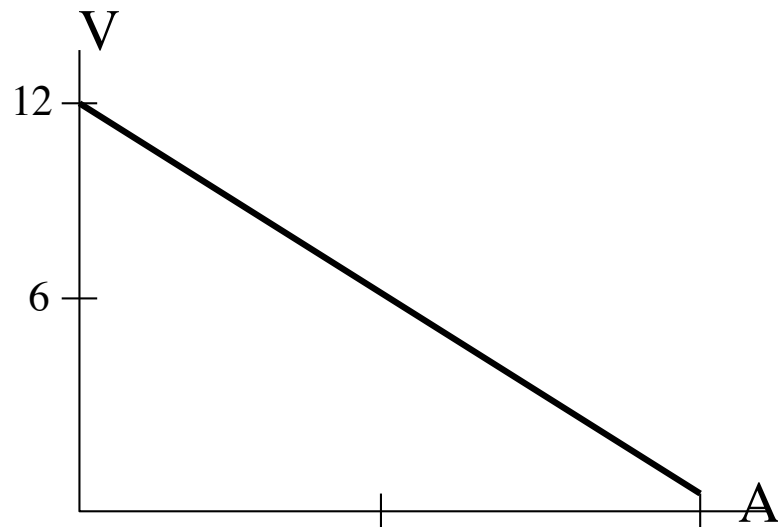
# Desired battery properties

- usually: high current  $i$  density ( $>0.5 \text{ A/cm}^2$ )
  - but not always! Depends on the application
- low overpotentials  $\eta$  ( $<0.1\text{V}$ )
- high rest potential  $E^0$  ( $>1 \text{ V}$ ) (zero current, open circuit)
- very low corrosion (=self-discharge)
- high **energy density** ( $\text{J / L, J / kg}$ )
- high **power density** ( $\text{W / L, W / kg}$ )
- cheap materials
- non-toxic, recyclable

# Discharge behaviour (i-V): examples

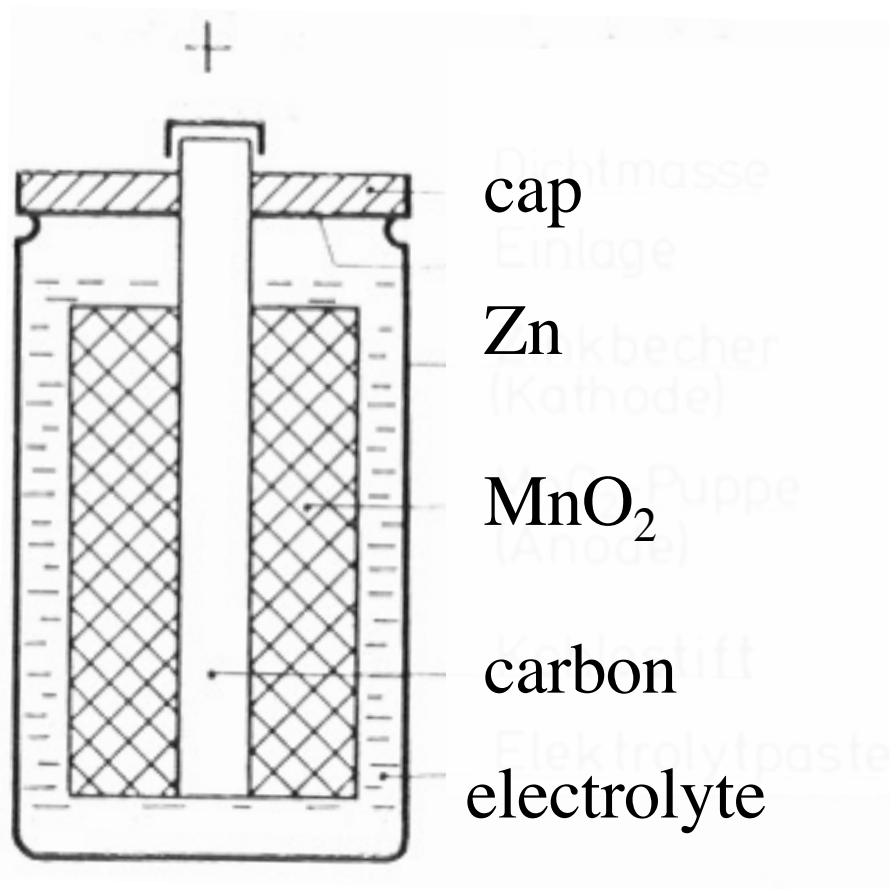
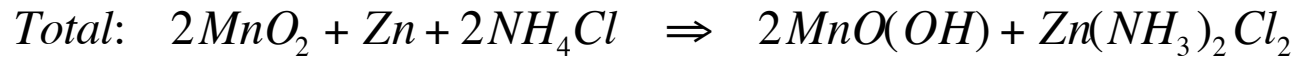
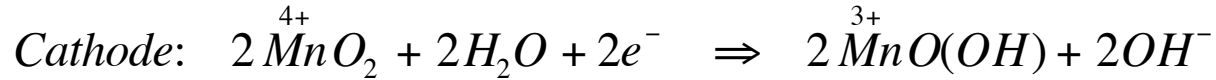
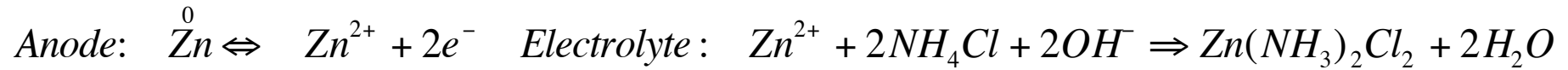


- Leclanché cell  
(AA battery)



- Pb-acid cell  
(car battery)

# Primary battery: Leclanché (alkaline)

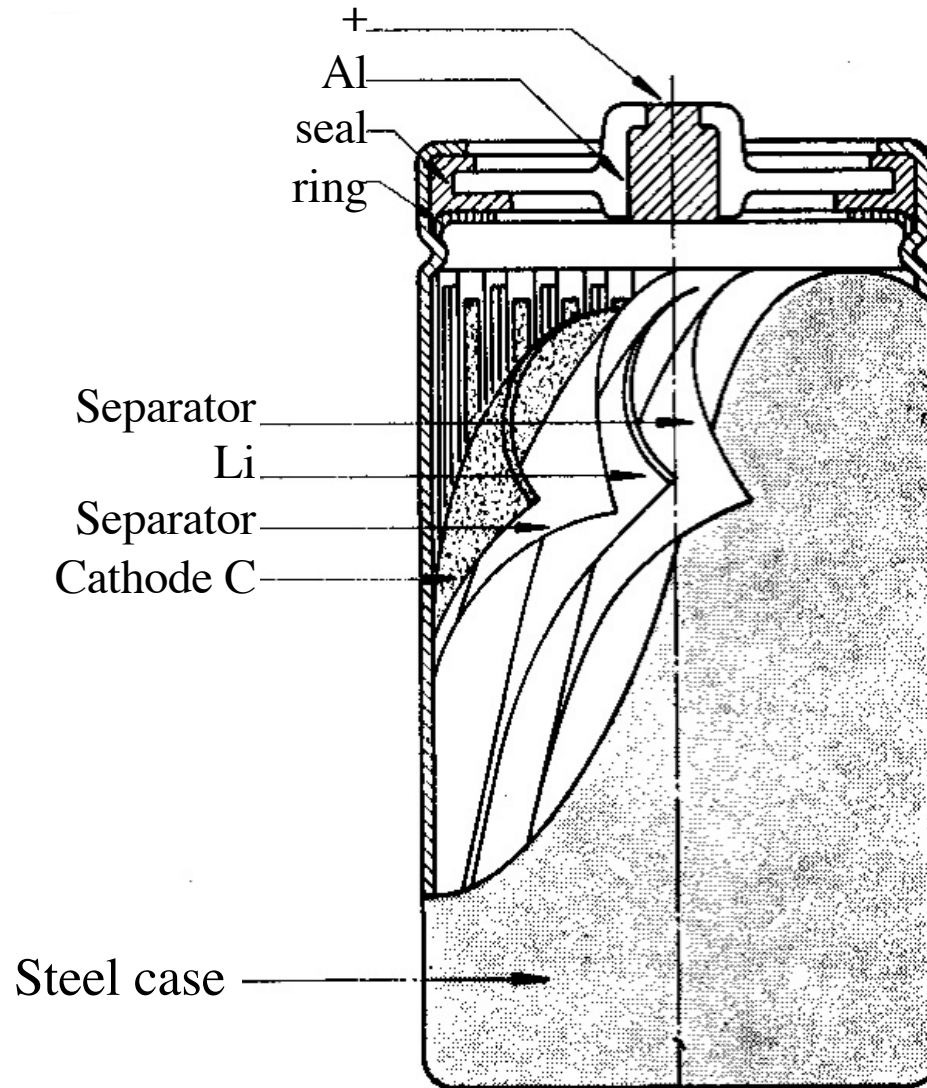


- cathode = carbon rod immersed in cathode paste ( $MnO_2$ ) and electrolyte paste
- container = Zn (or Al, Mg) = anode
- 1.5 V “AA” battery = reverse design (Zn inside)

# Primary Li batteries

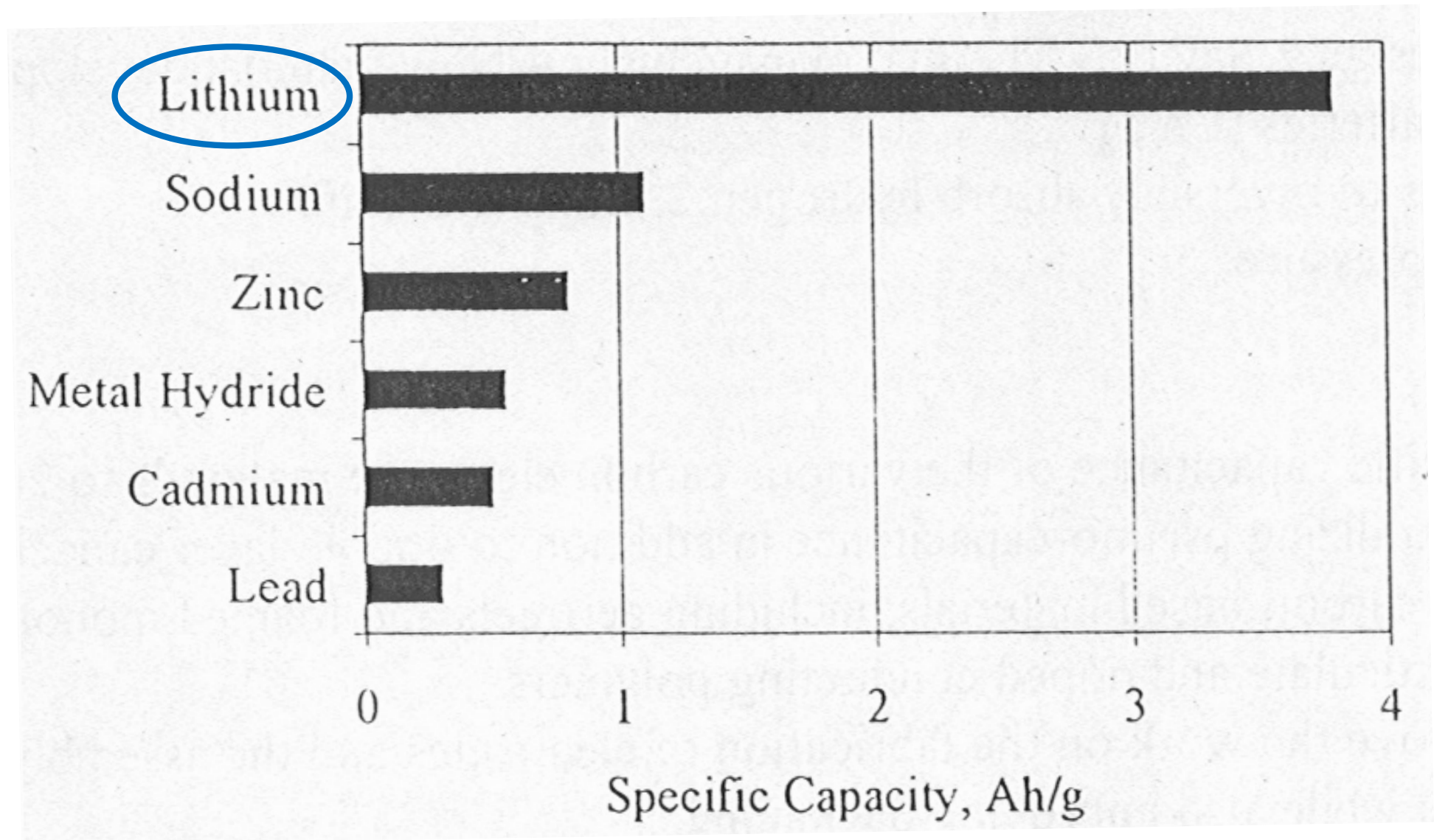
- Li metal as anode
- cathode =  $\text{SOCl}_2$
- **Li** : - low density ( $0.53 \text{ g/cm}^3$ )
  - **most negative potential** of all elements ( $-3 \text{ V}$ )
  - high theoretical energy density ( $300 \text{ Wh/kg}$ )
- electrolyte  $\neq \text{H}_2\text{O}$  !
  - polymer foils, organic solvents
- free of corrosion (life  $> 10$  ans)
- application f.ex. implants (pacemaker,...)

# Li/SOCl<sub>2</sub> primary battery

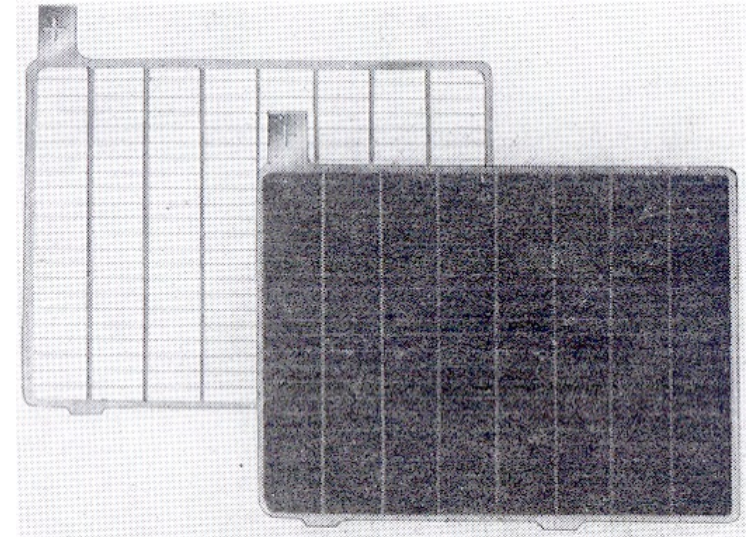


- Li-foil (-);
- separator in polypropylen (PP);
- steel grid (+) enrolled in a steel casing
- electrolyte : LiBr salt, organic solvent, SOCl<sub>2</sub> impregnated in PP foil

# Storage capacity of battery metals



# Pb-acid secondary battery (reversible)

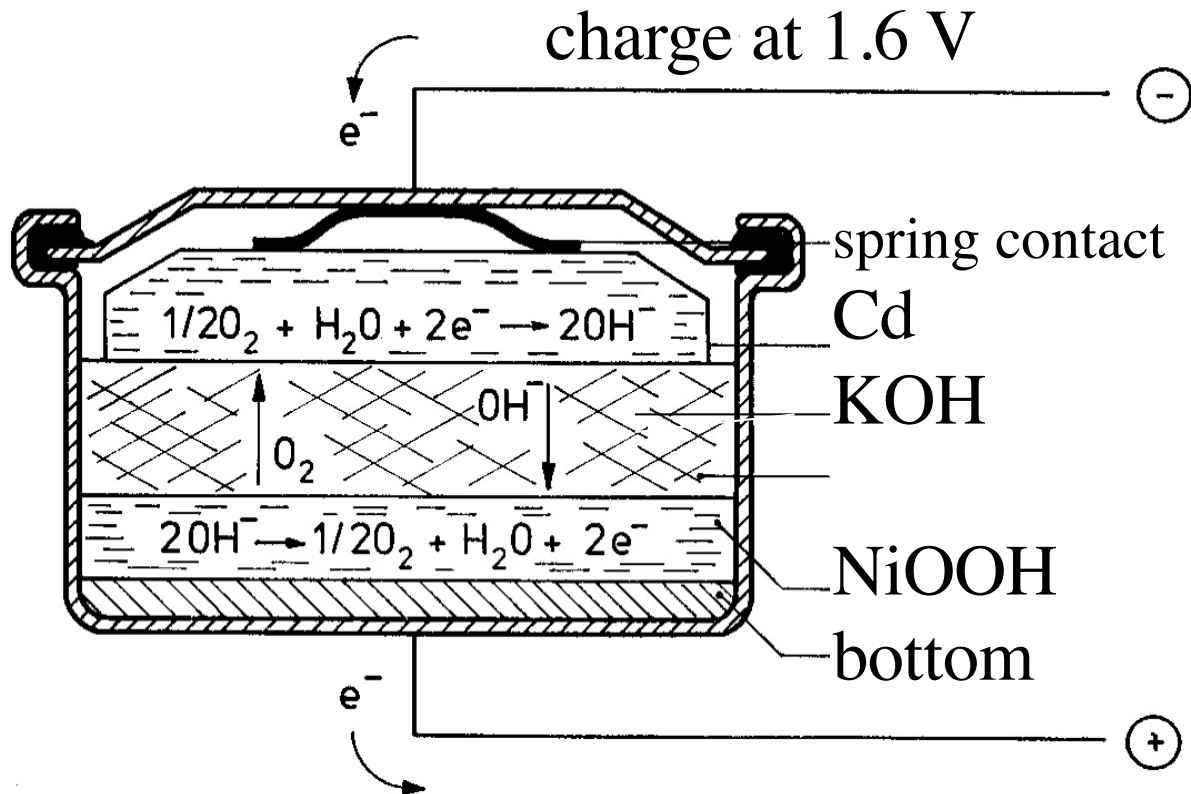


- Pb grids filled with a paste of Pb/PbO/PbSO<sub>4</sub> :  
the active mass is formed during the 1<sup>st</sup> charging process
- self-discharge : 0.5% / day
- **poor energy** density E<sub>s</sub> (40 Wh/kg)
- **high power** density (250 W/kg), 600A @ 6V
- degradation :
  - Pb corrosion (by acid)
  - sulfatation (loss of PbSO<sub>4</sub>)
  - cycles (1000)
- but : cheap and very well studied system

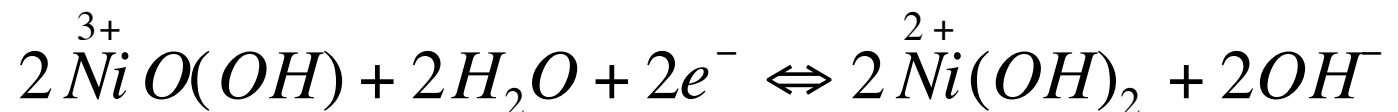
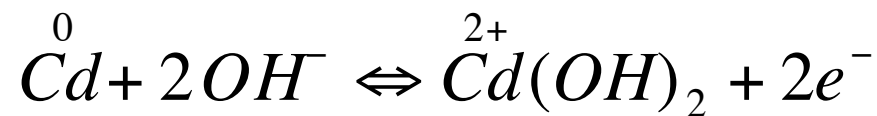
# Ni(+)/Cd(-) (secondary battery )

- Button cells (portable electronics)
- Electric vehicles [www.saftbatteries.com](http://www.saftbatteries.com)
- Cd toxicity : replaced in part by Fe ( ‘steel accumulator’ )
- Ni-Cd now replaced by :
  - Ni-MeH
  - Li ion

# Ni-Cd 'button' cell



- gastight
- protection against overcharge (=formation of O<sub>2</sub> -> risk of rupture) : avoided by a internal short-circuit

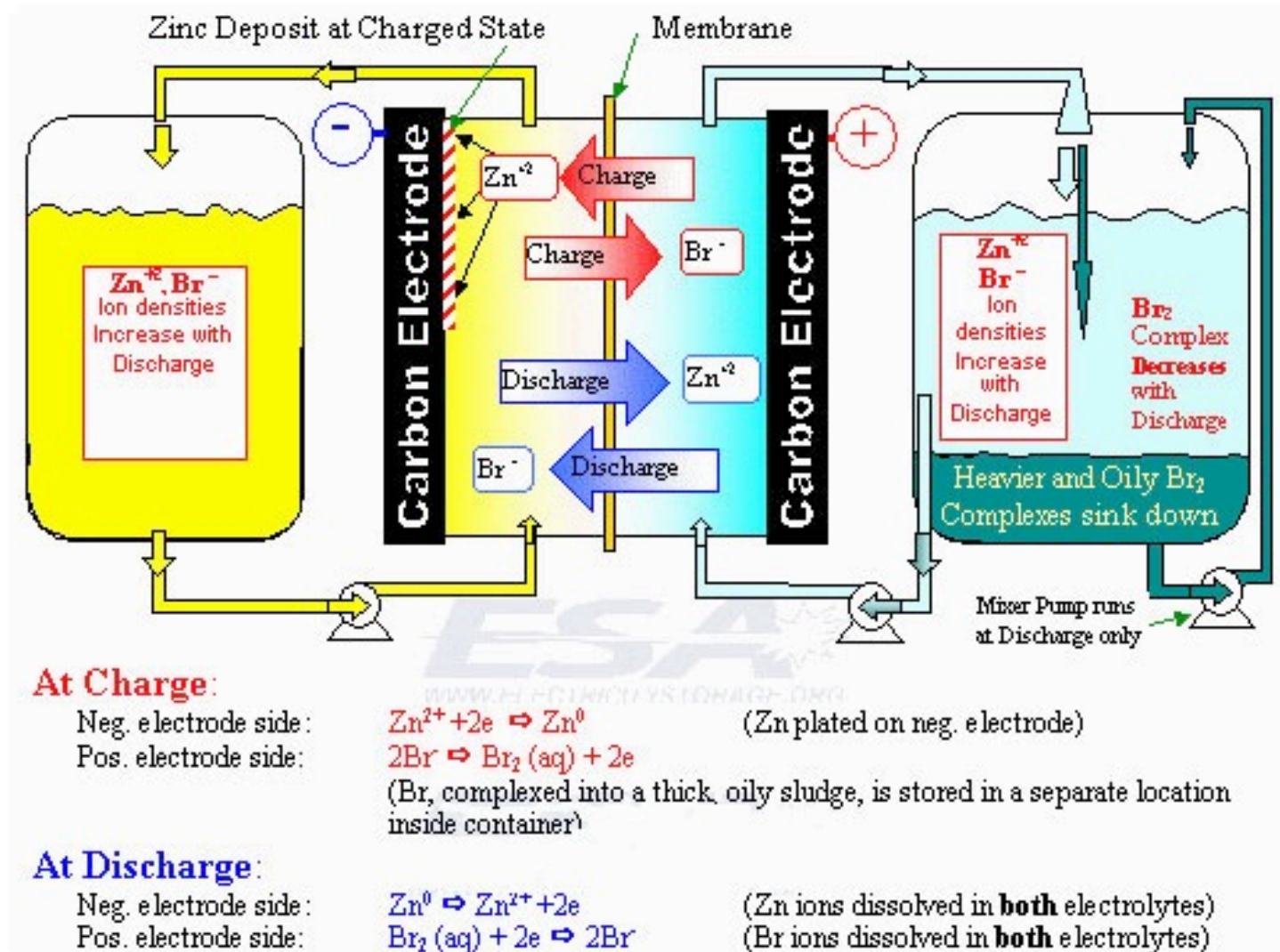


# 'Soluble' accumulators

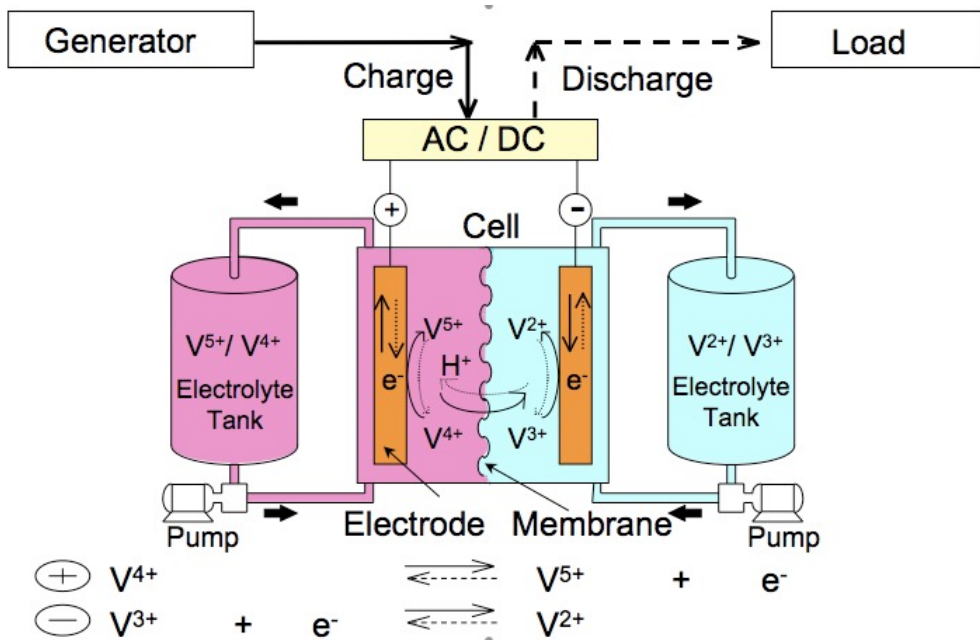
- the active anode mass (**Zn**) is **dissolved** during discharge (f.ex. solution of  $\text{ZnBr}_2$ )  
= **100% utilisation** of the active mass
- system separated in components :  $\text{Br}_2$  reservoir, pump to circulate the electrolyte
- high energy density, low cost : -> vehicles
- limited operation regime (T-range, self-discharge)
- also : good potential in electricity storage  
(**“REDOX FLOW”**)

# “REDOX FLOW”

- net efficiency 75%
- since 1970 (Exxon)
- installations of 1 MW / 4 MWh

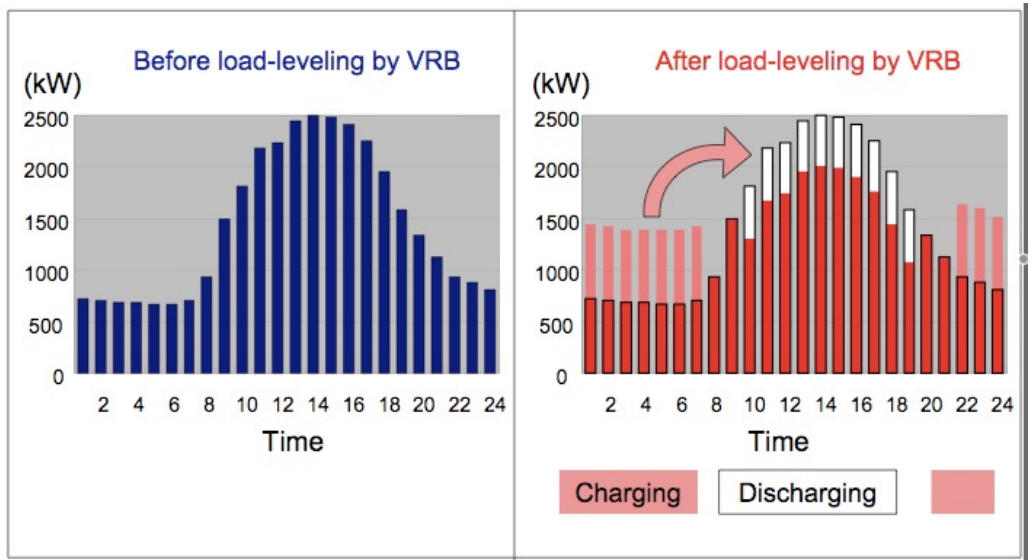


# Vanadium redox flow (VRB)



- 10' 000 cycles (>10 yrs); 85% efficiency
- 25 Wh/kg (low); 0.35 ms response time
- for storage ('load-leveling') or peak power ('peak-shaving', f.ex. 3 MW/2s):
  - Hokkaido (Jap,2005) : 30 MW wind farm, for 4 MW/90 min VRB capacity
  - Castle Valley (Utah,2004): 250 kW/8 h VRB to avoid a 5M\$ transmission line

500 kW/10h



# 'Hybrid' accumulators

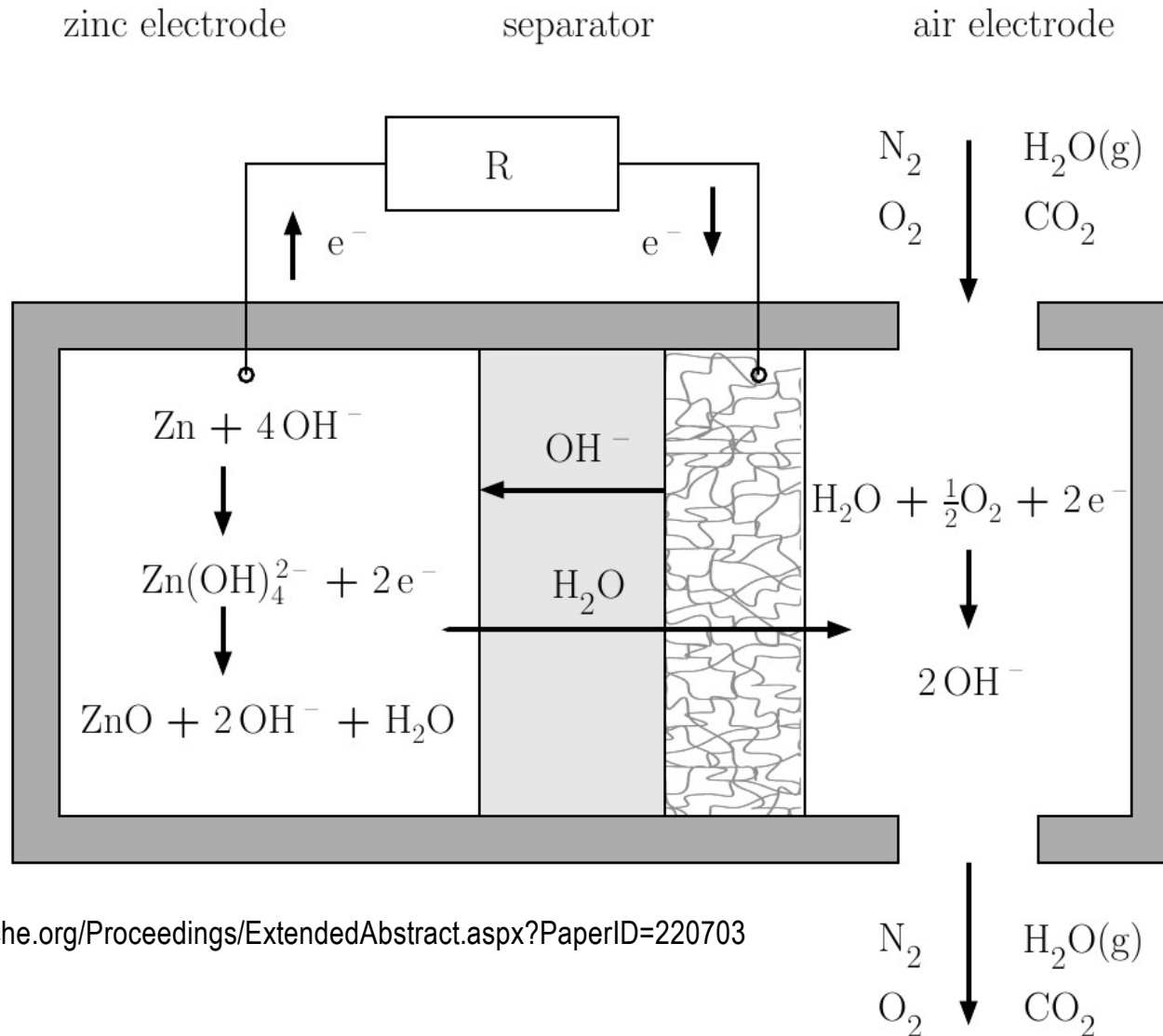
- **Zn/air**

- a battery that “breaths air” ( $O_2$  = active mass) : fuel cell-like  $O_2$  diffusion cathode
- the anode is a Zn paste made as a rechargeable cartridge
- commercialised

- **Ni/MeH (metal-hydrides)**

- $H_2$  stored in special alloys, released by mild heating
- dominates (with Li-ion batteries) the ‘3C’ electronics market (computers, cameras, cellular phones)
- high densities in J/kg and W/kg, rapid recharge, 2000 cycles

# Zn-air battery

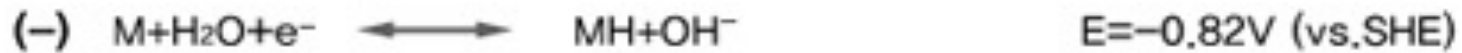
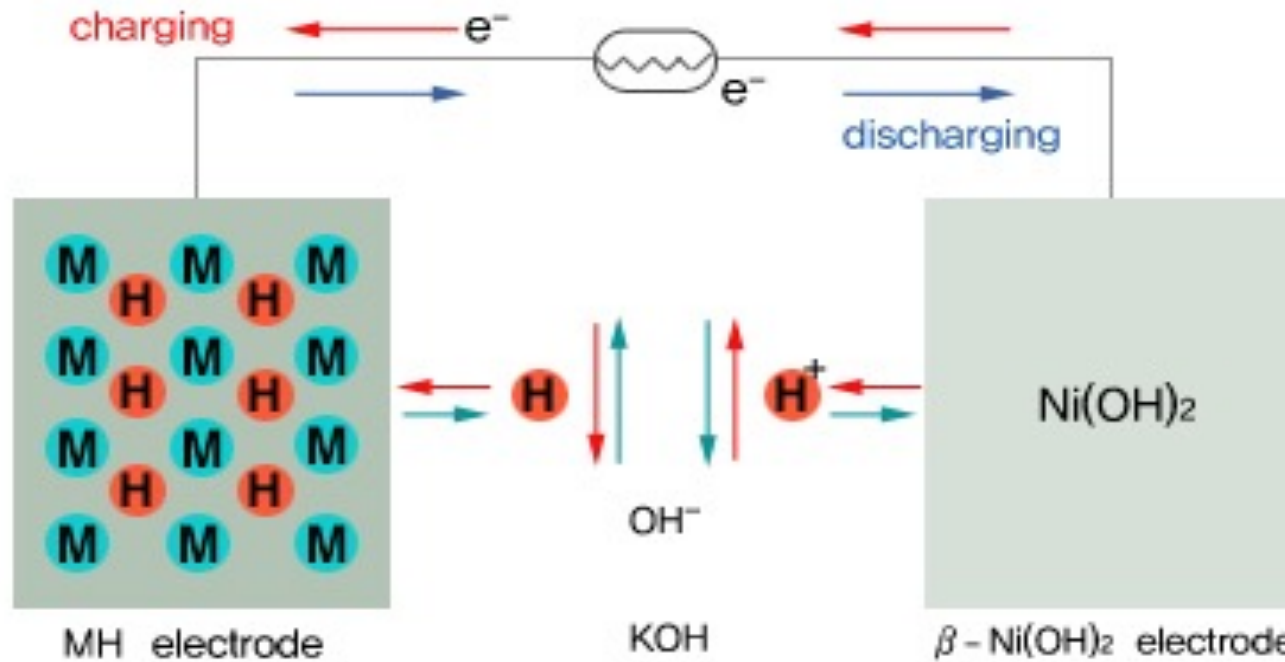


<http://www3.aiche.org/Proceedings/ExtendedAbstract.aspx?PaperID=220703>

# Principle of operation : Ni-MeH

<http://batteryrocket.com/eng/html/tech.php>

hydride battery



# Liquid sodium accumulators (high T)

- Na/S
  - ceramic  $\beta$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  tube filled with  $\text{Na}_{\text{liq}}$
  - $350^\circ \text{C}$
  - $3\text{S} + 2\text{Na}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{S}_3$
  - low cost (-> vehicles)
  - problem : maintenance of temperature
- Na/ $\text{NiCl}_2$ 
  - more advanced
  - **ZEBRA** battery (EV)
  - 100' 000 km, 4 yrs
  - 150 km autonomy
  - commercialised

- 18 kWh
- 280 V
- 195 Wh/kg
- 265 kW peak



<http://www.mpoweruk.com/zebra.htm>

# Secondary Li batteries (rechargeable)

At first:

- Li metal
  - LiAl anode
  - FeS cathode
  - 450° C
  - molten salt electrolyte
- Probleme of Li metal:  
**passivation**

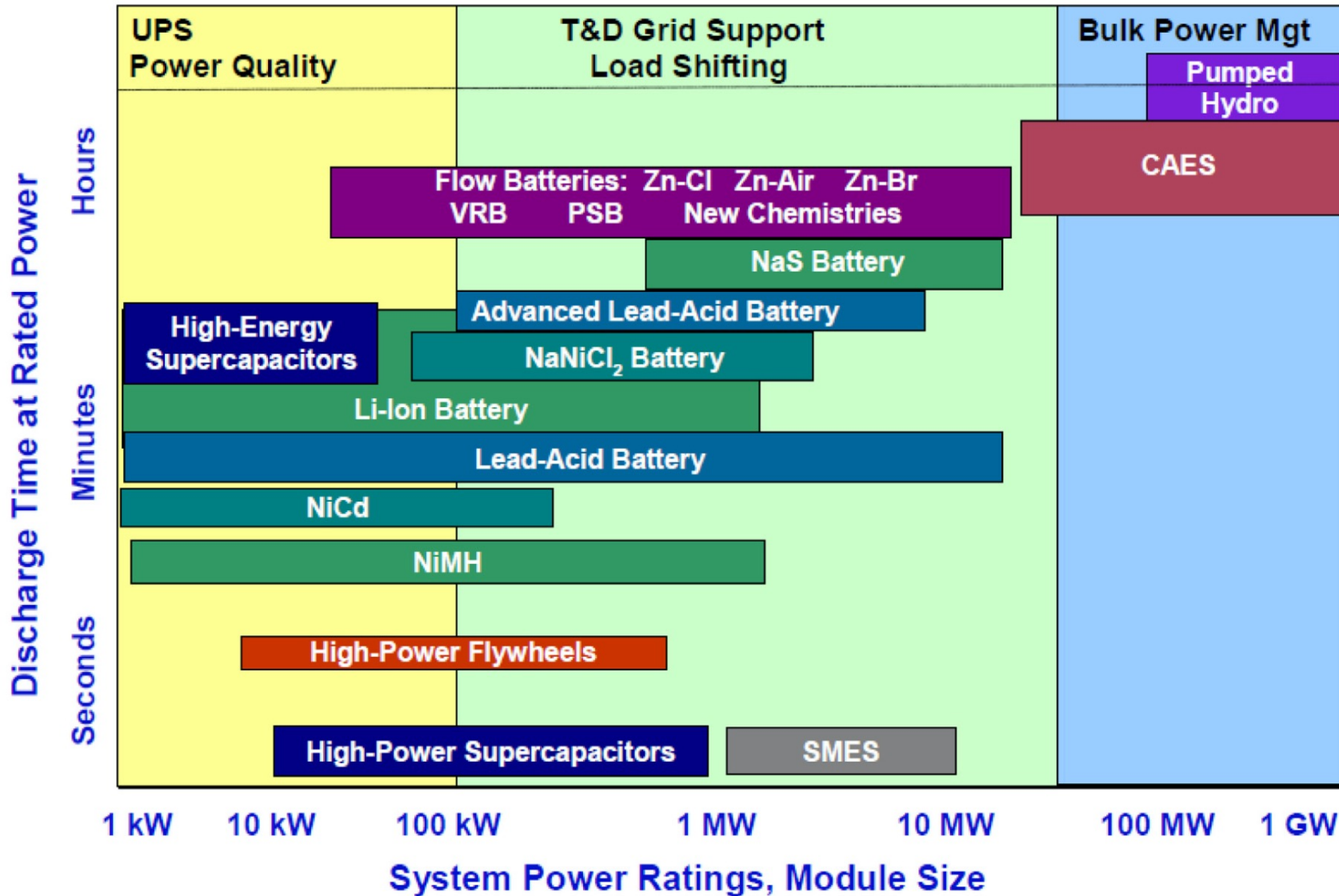
Now :

- Li ion
  - Li storage in layered structures :
    - C (LiC<sub>6</sub> anode)
    - oxides, sulphides (cathode)
  - electrolyte :
    - polymer film
    - organic liquid
- Li moves back and forth in-between intercalation electrodes (“**rocking chair** battery”)

# Possible technologies for electricity storage

A.Z. AL Shaqsi, K. Sopian and A. Al-Hinai / Energy Reports 6 (2020) 288–306

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# Existing electrical storage capacity

**2018: 173 GWe, of which 98% pumped hydro schemes**

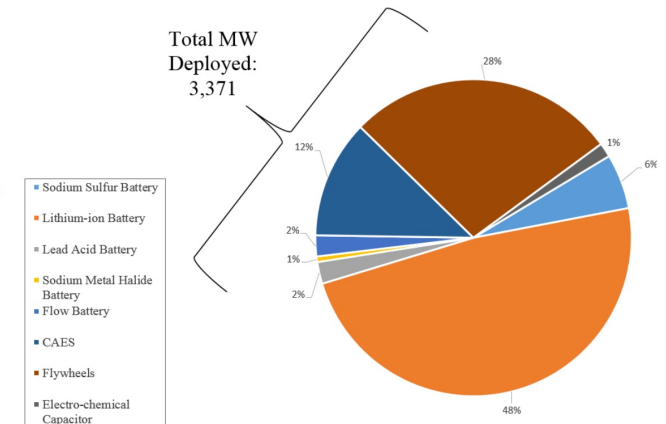
## 2.0 Worldwide Energy Storage Deployments by Technology

As of 2018, nearly 173 GW of energy storage had been deployed across the world. Table 2.1 outlines the current total installed capacity in megawatts by technology type worldwide up to 2018. Information was gathered from the DOE Storage Database (DOE 2018a) and compiled by technology type. Note that some of the records from the database are unverified and therefore the numbers below should be considered approximate.

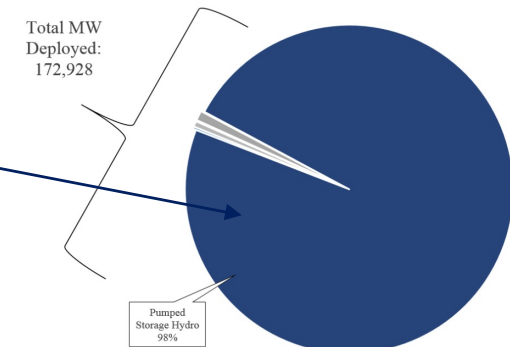
**Table 2.1.** Worldwide deployment by technology type, 2018.

Technology	MW Deployed
Sodium sulfur	189
Lithium-ion	1,629
Lead acid	75
Sodium metal halide	19
Flow battery	72
PSH	169,557
CAES	407
Flywheels	931
Electrochemical capacitor	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,928</b>

Li-ion dominate batteries schemes



Breakdown of energy storage deployed internationally by technology type and excluding pumped storage hydro.



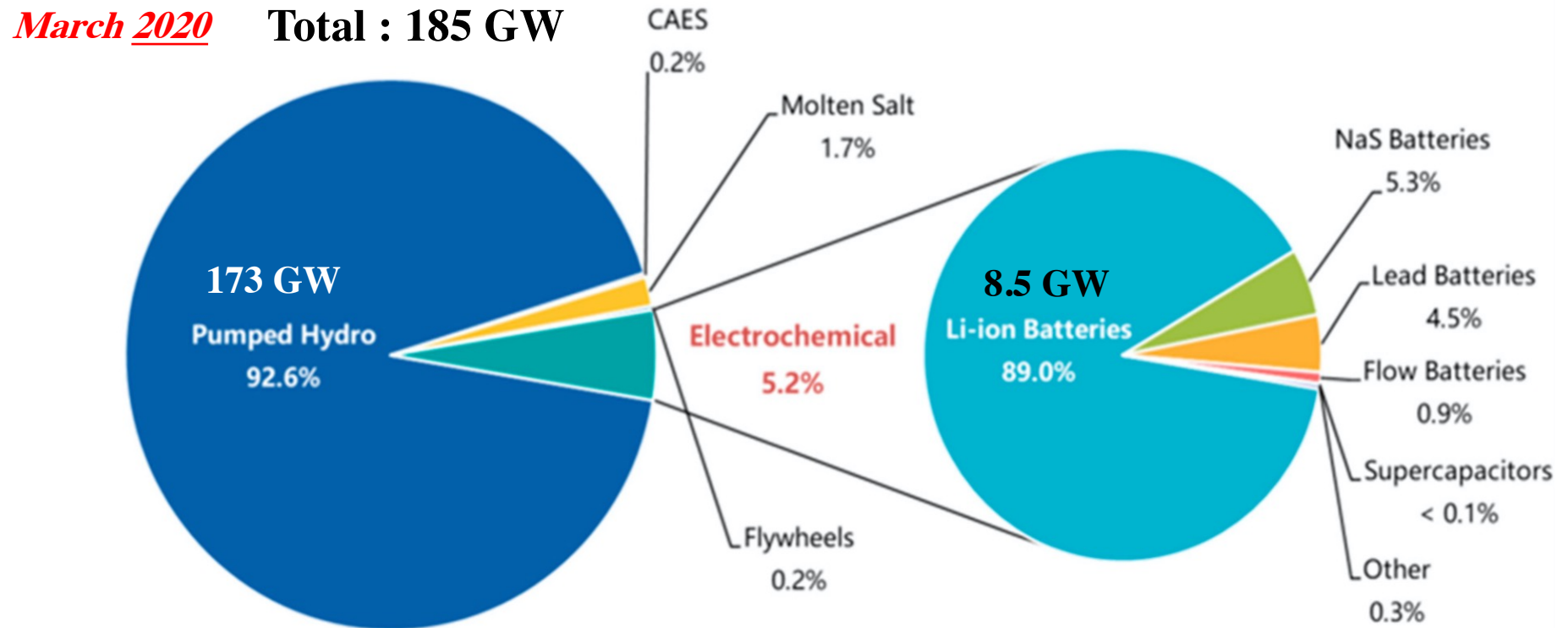
Proportion of megawatts of internationally deployed pumped storage hydro in comparison to other technologies.

Energy Storage Technology and Cost Characterization Report, July 2019

K Mongird, V Viswanathan, P Balducci, J Alam, PNNL-28866

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/hydrowires-initiative>

# Rapid growth in storage capacity (esp. Li-ion)



*Sustainability* 2020, 12, 10511; doi:10.3390/su122410511

A Review of Energy Storage Technologies Application Potentials in Renewable Energy Sources Grid Integration

Henok Ayele Behabtu, Maarten Messagie, Thierry Coosemans, Maitane Bercibar, Kinde Anlay Fante, Abraham Alem Kebede, Joeri Van Mierlo

# LCOES

**PHS / CAES:** slow response time (>10 s) and large minimum sizes (>5 MWe) => not suited for primary response and power quality and small-scale consumption.

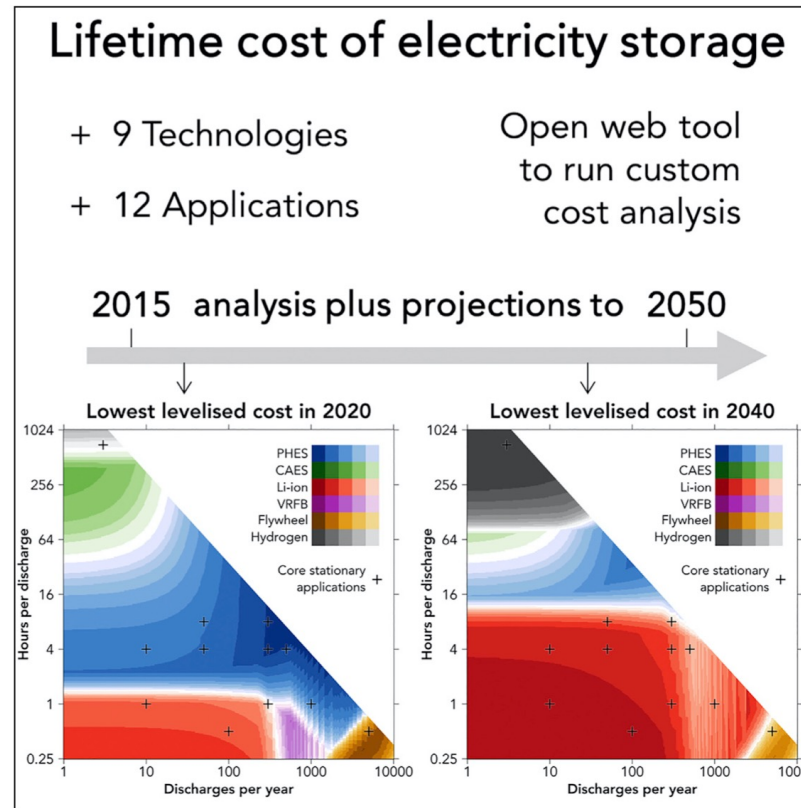
**Flywheels and supercapacitors :** short discharge (<1 h) => not suited for longer-term power.

**Seasonal storage** (months, >700h): only met by technologies where energy storage capacity is fully independent of power capacity. (PtG, H<sub>2</sub>)

Schmidt et al., Joule 3, 81–100  
January 16, 2019 a 2018 Elsevier Inc.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joule.2018.12.008>

## Article

# Projecting the Future Levelized Cost of Electricity Storage Technologies



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### HIGHLIGHTS

Lifetime cost for 9 storage technologies in 12 applications from 2015 to 2050

Lowest lifetime costs fall by 36% (2030) and 53% (2050) across the 12 applications

Lithium-ion batteries are most competitive in majority of applications from 2030

Pumped hydro, compressed air, and hydrogen are best for long discharge applications

# ELECTRIC VEHICLES

- Advantages :
  - efficiency 75% (200Wh/km battery => 150 Wh/km at wheel)
    - 3-4 times better than a gasoline car
  - low pollution (local ! not necessarily global !)
  - low noise
- Limitations :
  - range (**low energy** density)
  - acceleration, slopes (**low power** density)
  - recharging
  - battery materials availability

# Energy densities

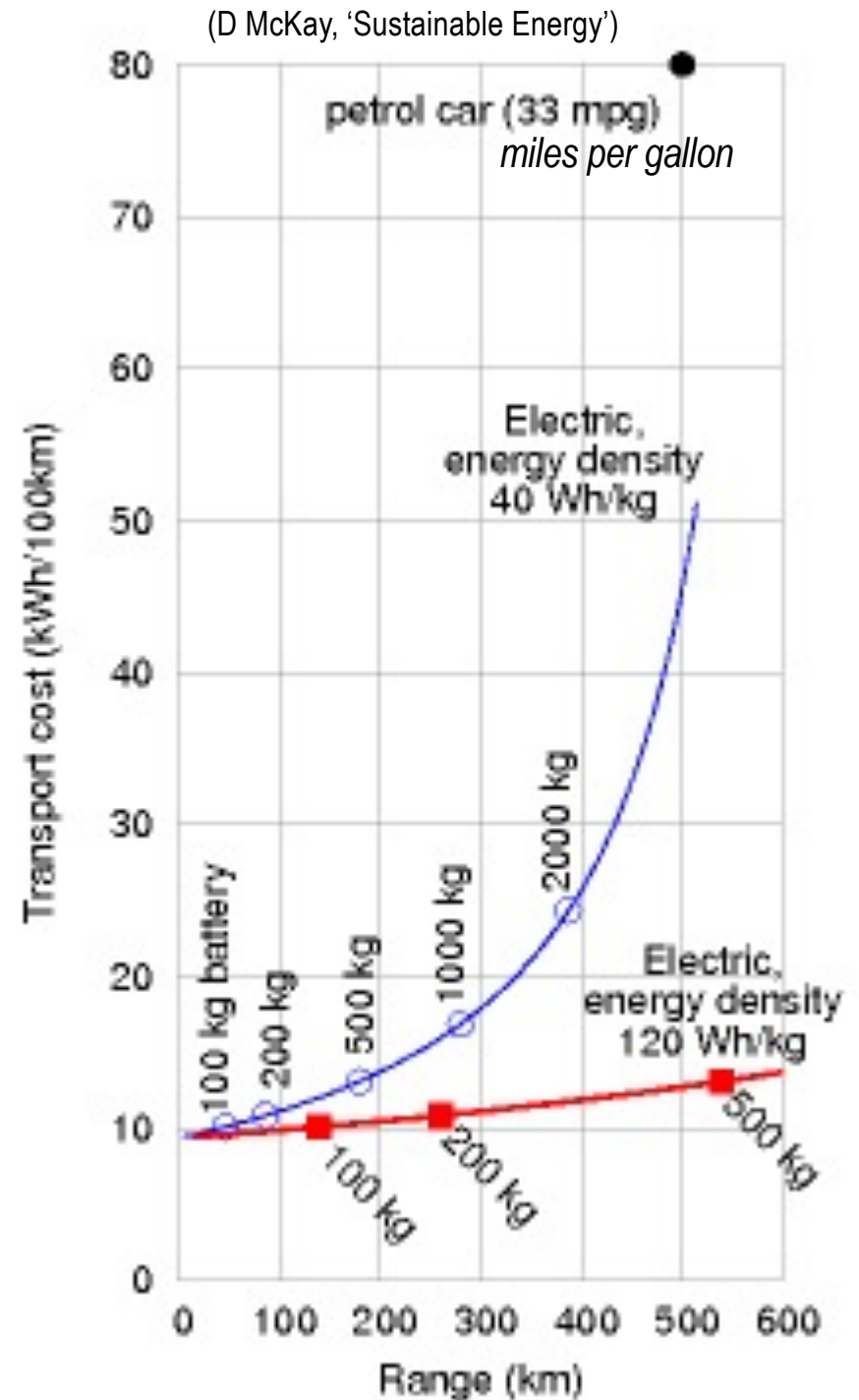
**TABLE 3 : ENERGY DENSITIES OF FUELS**

Fuel	MJ / kg	kWh / L
Gasoline	36	10.4
Diesel	35	10.8
MeOH	16.7	5
LPG	21	7.5
CNG	7.7	2
LH <sub>2</sub>	22	2.8
CH <sub>2</sub>	3.9	0.6
Pb-battery	0.16	0.06
NiMH	0.22	
MgH <sub>2</sub>		4.4

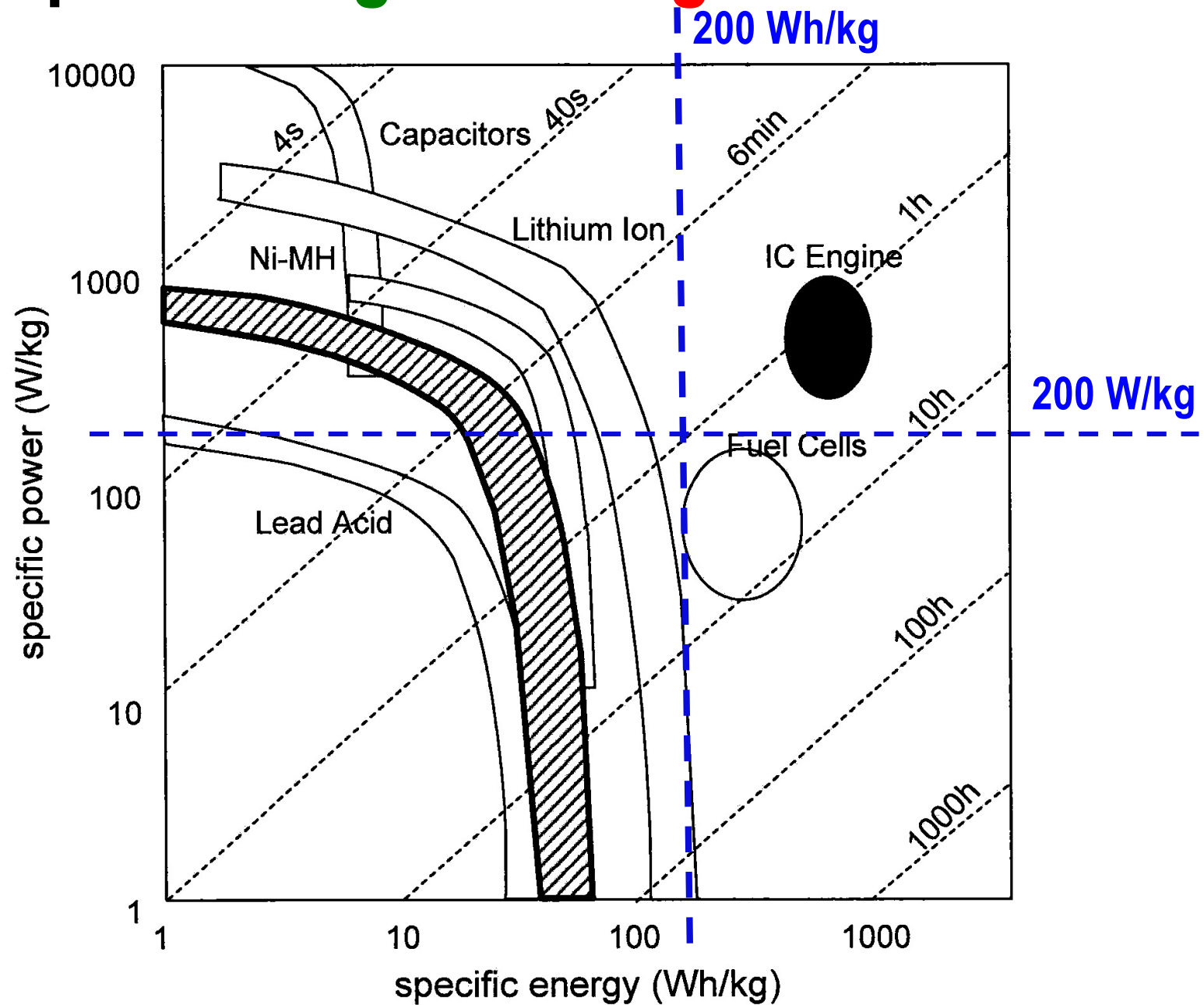
# Battery cars

$m_{\text{car}} = 740 \text{ kg}$ , without batteries  
 $\varepsilon = 0.85$  (charging / discharging efficiency)  
 $c_d A = 0.8 \text{ m}^2$  (air resistance cross-section)  
 $c_r = 0.01$  (road rolling resistance)  
 $v = 15 \text{ m/s}$  (50 km/h)  
 $d = 500 \text{ m}$  (avg. distance btw start-stop)  
(with 50% regenerative braking)

Allow for a 500 kg battery:  
difficult with Pb-acid (40 Wh/kg)  
→ range < 200 km  
possible with Li-ion (120 Wh/kg)  
→ range > 500 km

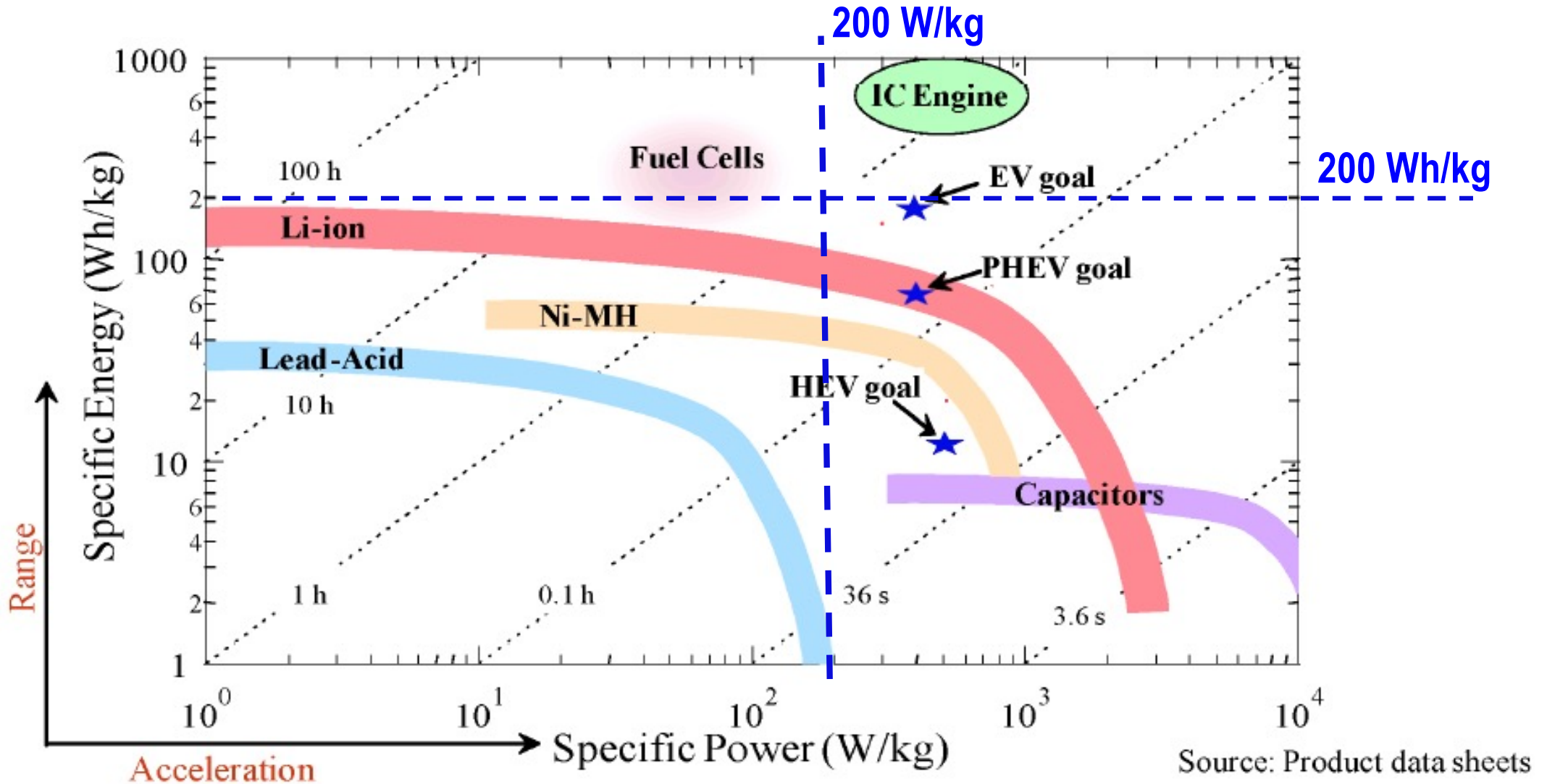


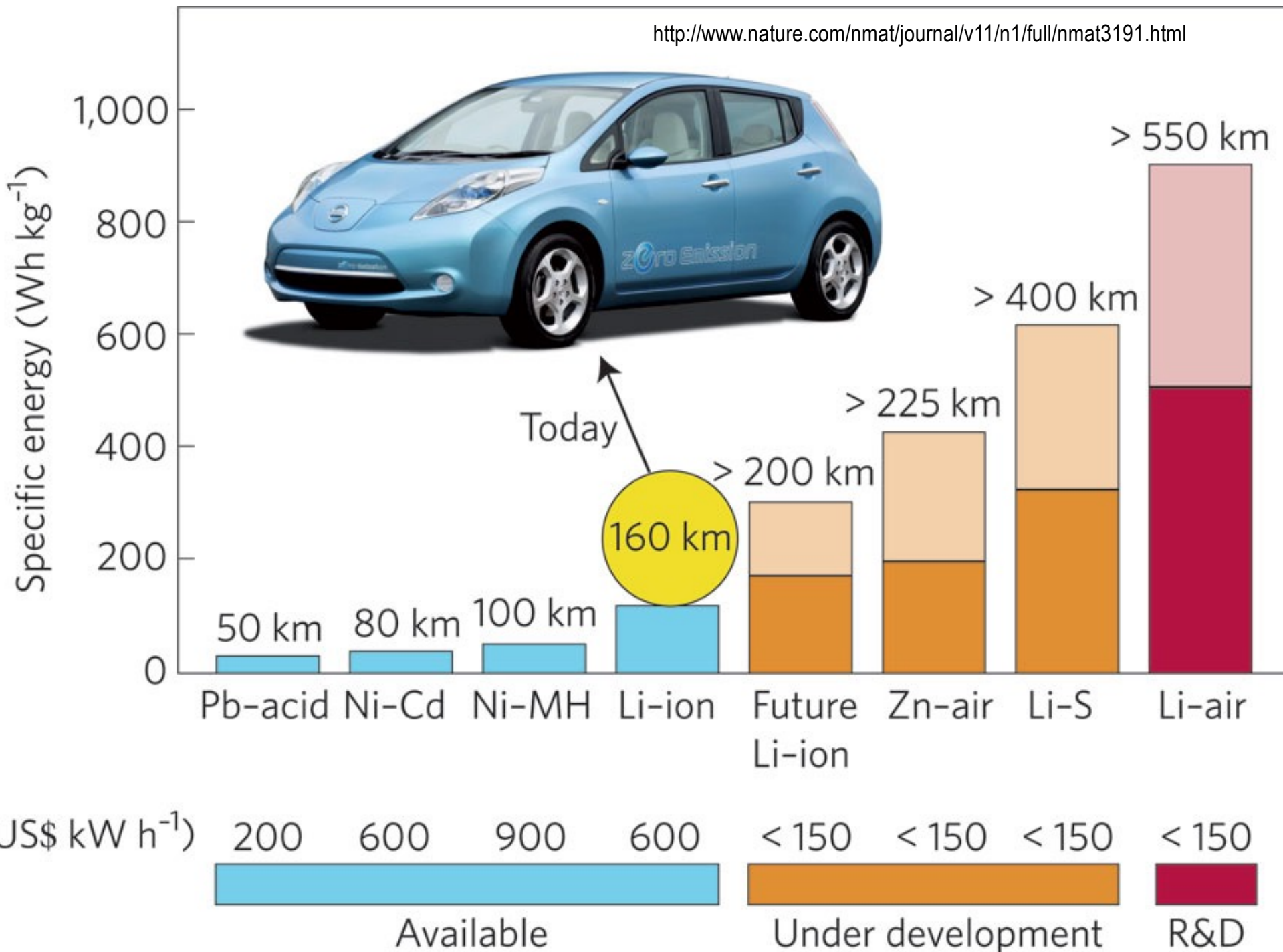
# Ragone plot : **W/kg** vs **Wh/kg**



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<http://physics.ucsd.edu/do-the-math/2012/08/battery-performance-deficit-disorder/>







# Recap on batteries for E-Vehicles

- batteries fulfill conditions for a city car
- to reach the performances of a gasoline car, a huge battery is required, constituting a big part of the weight of the vehicle...
- **electric driving = very efficient** : 0.2 kWh/km  
(gasoline : 0.7 kWh/km)
- recharge ?
  - infrastructure
  - installed power

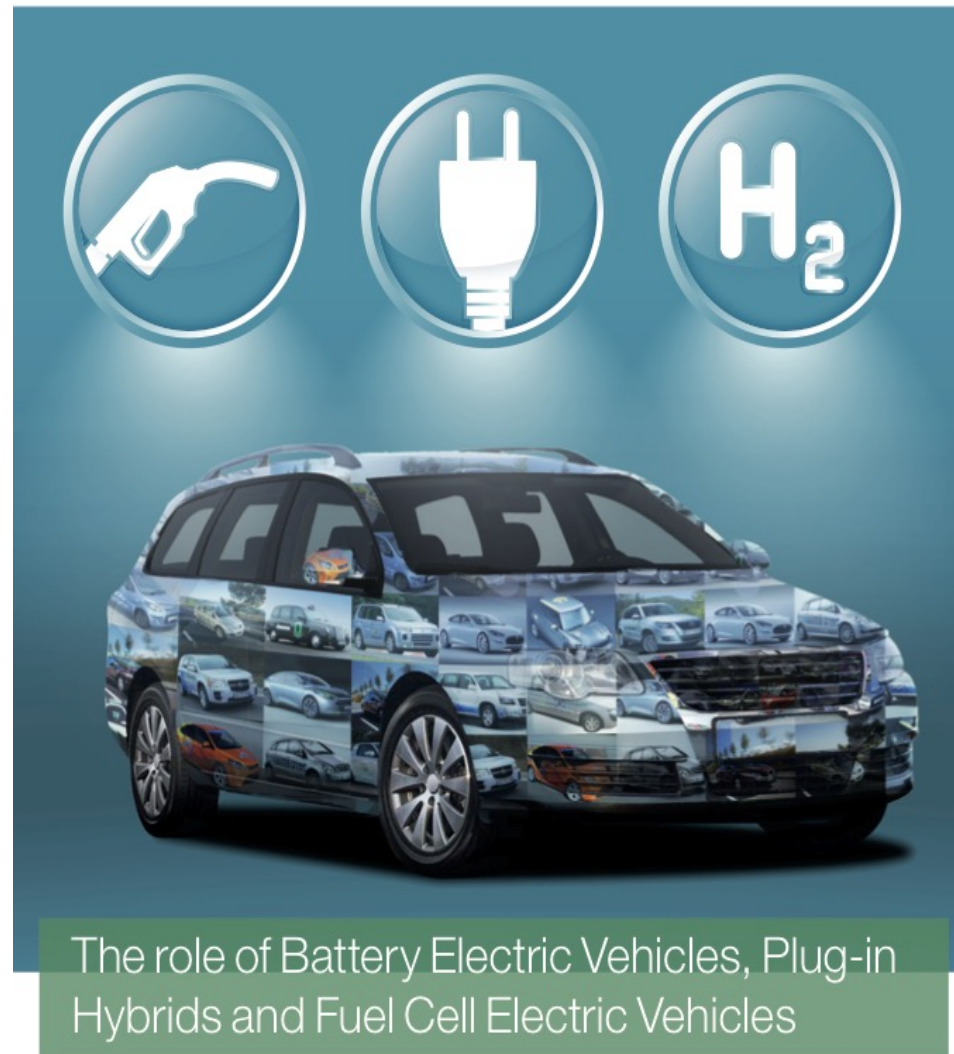
example (CH) : 30 kWh car, recharge time 10 h, charging source of 4 kW,  
30% of the vehicle fleet (1.5 mio cars)



**requires a charging  
source of 6 GW !**

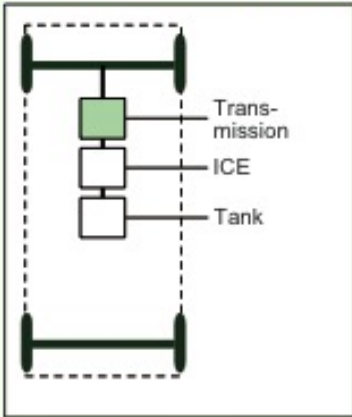
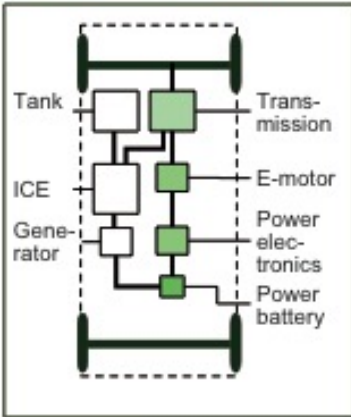
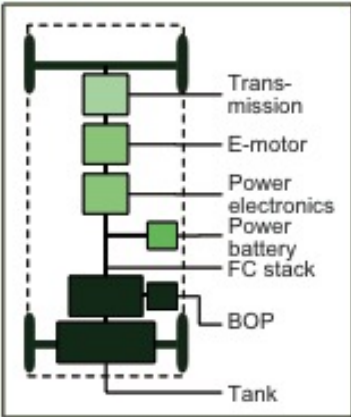
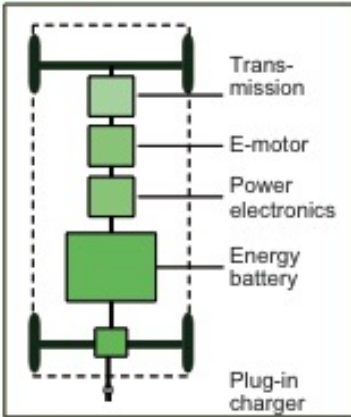
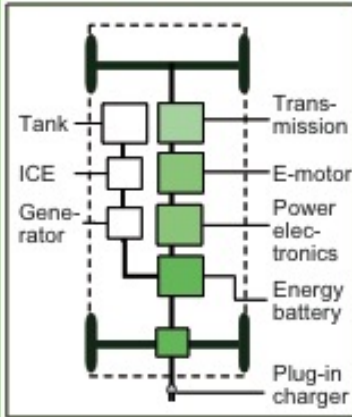
# Annex – EU study report on transport

A portfolio of power-trains for Europe:  
a fact-based analysis



# Possible drive trains: ICE, electric, FC and hybrids

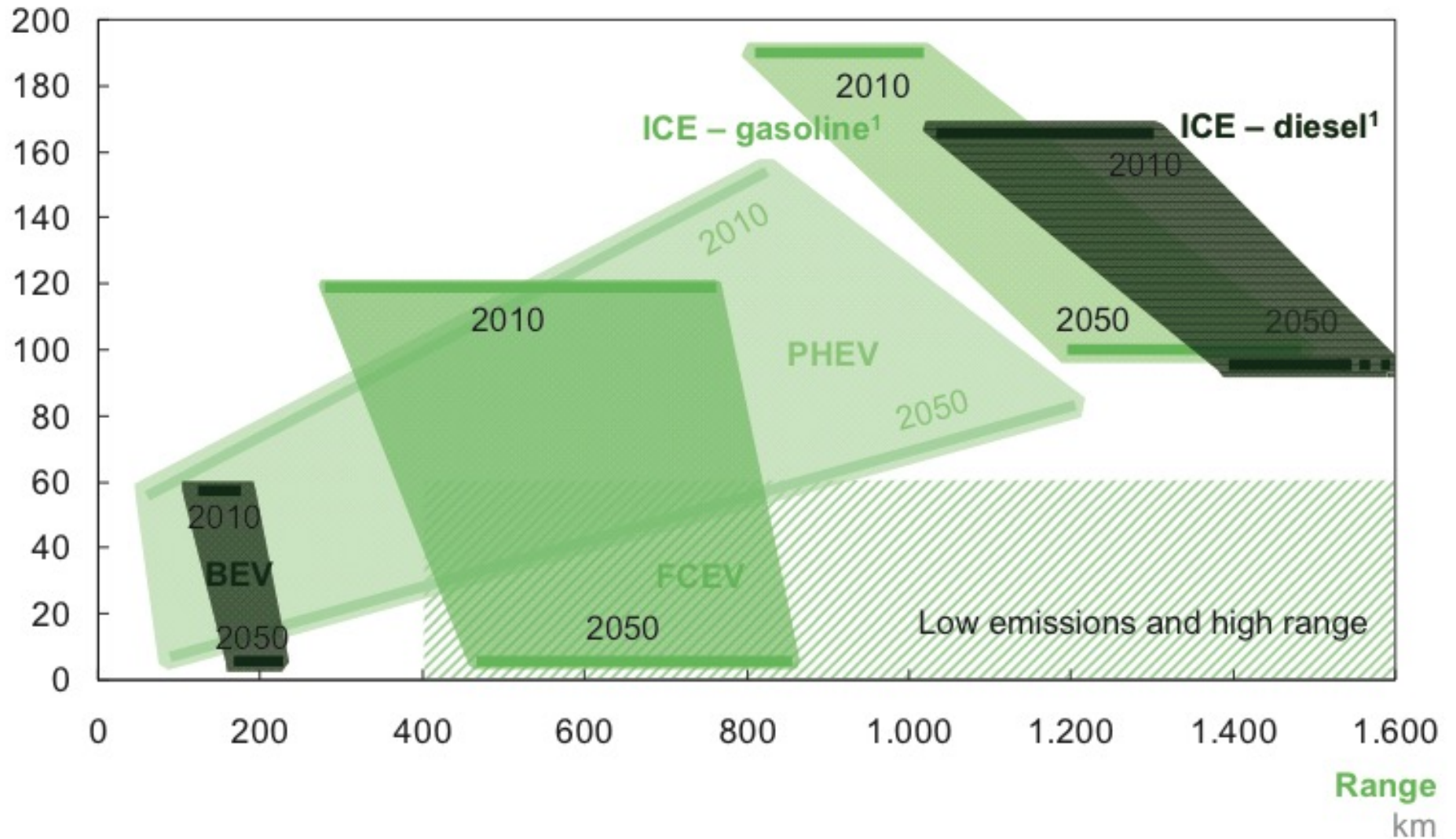
ICE power-train  
  Transmission  
  Electric power-train  
  Battery  
  FC power-train

Internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle Current technology (2010)	Advanced (2015/20)	Fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV)	Battery electric vehicle (BEV)	Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Conventional</b> internal combustion engine</li> <li>▪ <b>No dependency</b> on electric infrastructure</li> <li>▪ <b>High fuel consumption</b> and exhaust emissions</li> <li>▪ <b>High range:</b> typically 800-1200 km</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Parallel</b> hybrid configuration of electric and ICE drive; also known as hybrid electric vehicle (HEV)</li> <li>▪ <b>ICE is primary mover</b> of the vehicle with support from small electric motor</li> <li>▪ <b>Small battery</b> charged by the ICE</li> <li>▪ Fully electric driving only at <b>low speed for smaller distances</b> (&lt;5 km)</li> <li>▪ <b>Better fuel economy</b> than conventional ICE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Series</b> configuration of fuel cell system and electric drive</li> <li>▪ <b>Fuel cell stack</b> based on PEM technology</li> <li>▪ Hydrogen tank pressure typically 350 or 700 bar</li> <li>▪ <b>Medium range:</b> typically 400-600 km</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Purely electric</b> drive</li> <li>▪ Large battery capacity, Li-ion technology</li> <li>▪ Only charging of battery <b>from the grid</b> while stationary<sup>1</sup></li> <li>▪ <b>Short range:</b> typically 150-250 km (based on battery weight of 70-180 kg<sup>2</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Series hybrid</b> configuration of electric and ICE drive<sup>3</sup></li> <li>▪ <b>Smaller battery capacity</b> than BEV, (Li-ion)</li> <li>▪ Vehicle can be <b>plugged-in</b> to charge from the grid</li> <li>▪ <b>Small ICE-based generator</b> for larger range ('range extender')</li> <li>▪ <b>Short range:</b> typically 40-60 km) electric driving. (based on battery weight of 20-80 kg<sup>2</sup>)</li> </ul>

# Main study outcome:

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
gCO<sub>2</sub> / km

Source : EU Report



<sup>1</sup> ICE range for 2050 based on fuel economy improvement and assuming tank size stays constant. Assuming 6% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction due to biofuels by 2020; 24% by 2050

# Annex – Mobility Seminar EPFL Nov 2020

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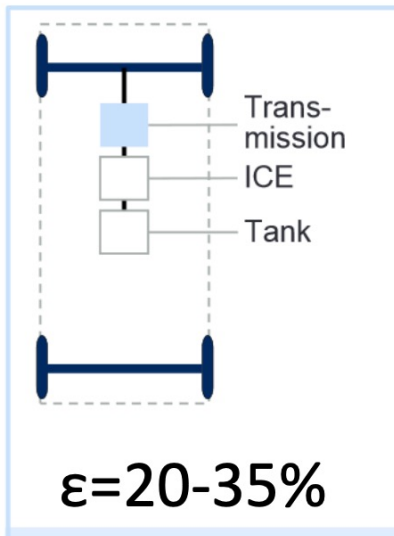
Dr Priscilla Caliandro (BFH, Biel, PhD at EPFL-GEM, 2018)

on (Li-) batteries

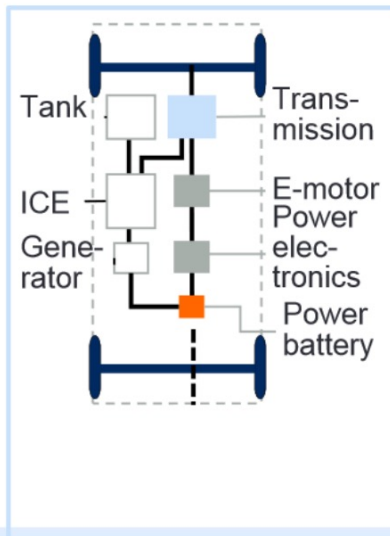
# Vehicle architecture in the different configuration



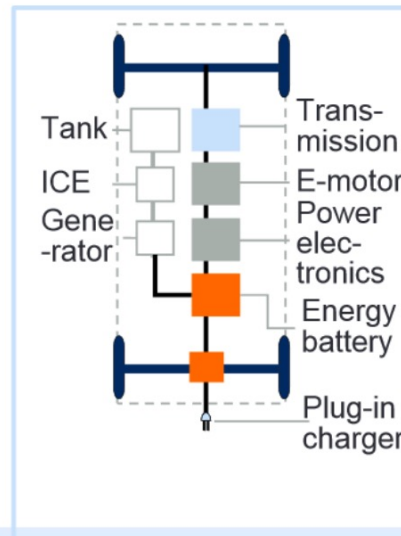
**Internal combustion engine, ICE**



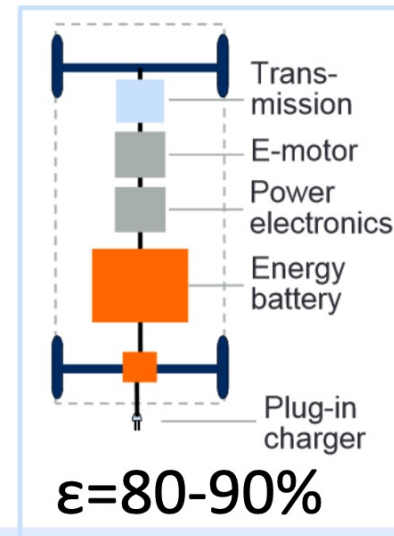
**Hybrid electric vehicles, HEV**



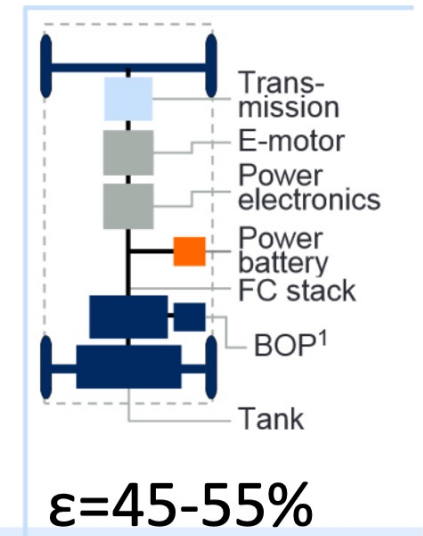
**Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, PHEV**



**Battery electric vehicle, BEV**



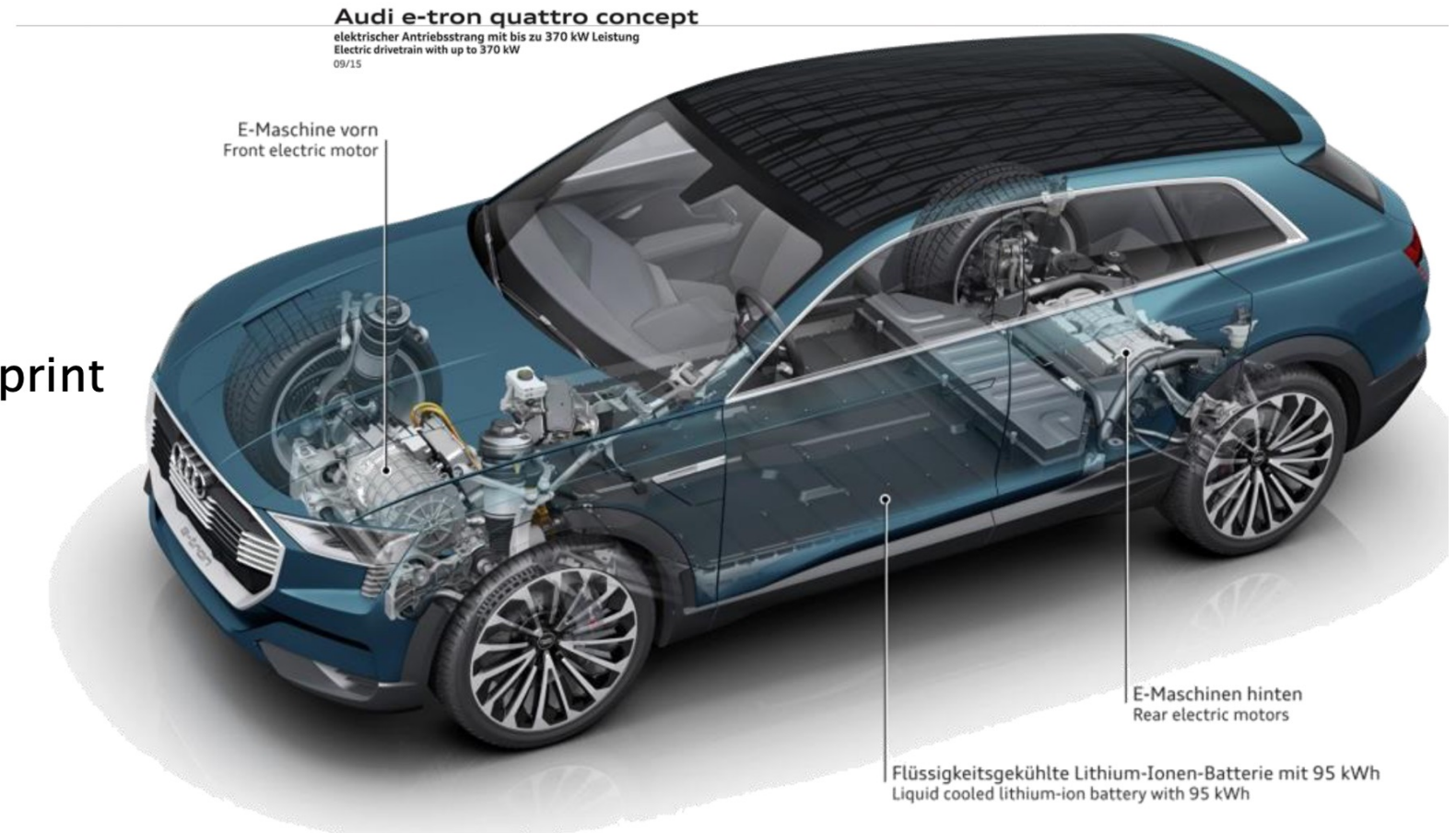
**Fuel cell electric vehicle FCEV**



Source: Electric vehicles in Europe: gearing up for a new phase? Amsterdam Roundtable Foundation and McKinsey & Company The Netherlands April 2014

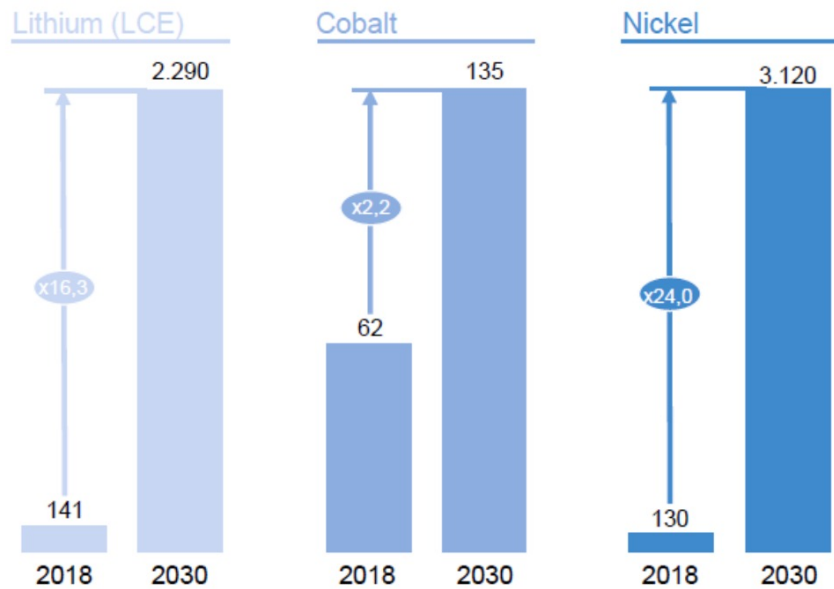
# The battery is the defining component of an EV

- ▶ Range
- ▶ Charging
- ▶ Cost
- ▶ Power
- ▶ Lifetime
- ▶ Environmental footprint

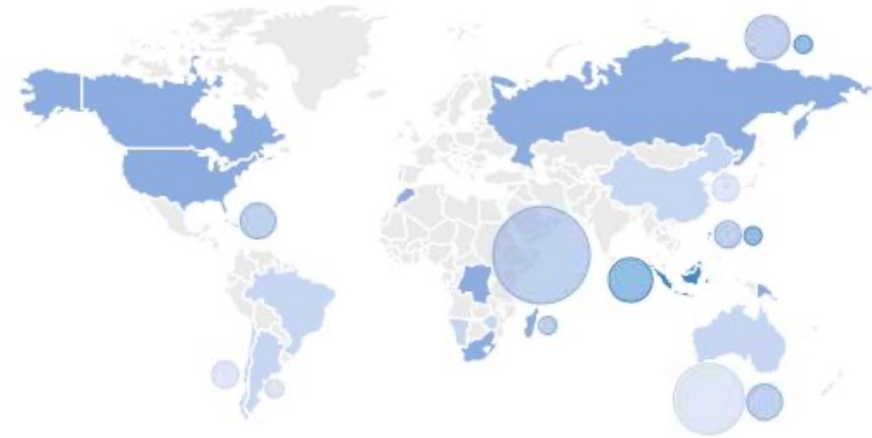


# Resources demand

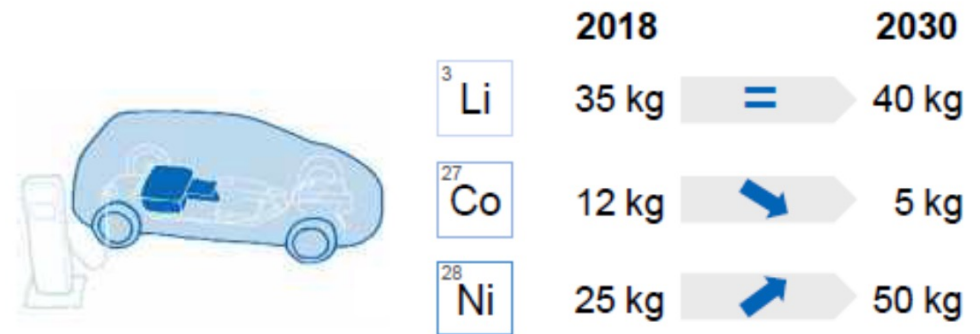
Demand for lithium, cobalt, nickel in 2030  
Demand for raw materials in kilotons per year



Quelle: Global Battery Alliance, Sep 19  
AVICIENNE Energy, Jan 20  
Mining Weekly, Sep 20



## ► Metal consumption per vehicle battery



Quelle: Umicore, Sep 2019

# Examples of metals need

Metal	kg in one EV	Metal production	No. of cars	Reserves
<b>Li</b>	4 kg (Li-battery)	80'000 t/yr	20 million	11 Mt Li
<b>Co</b>	3 kg (Li-battery)	140'000 t/yr	47 million	13 Mt Co
<b>Nd</b>	1 kg (el.motor)	30'000 t/yr	30 million	18 Mt Nd
<b>Pt</b>	3 g (FC-EV)	200 t/yr	67 million	30'000 t Pt

Car production : 70 million / yr

*EV : electric vehicle*

*FC : fuel cell*

What about buses, trucks, bikes, motorcycles?

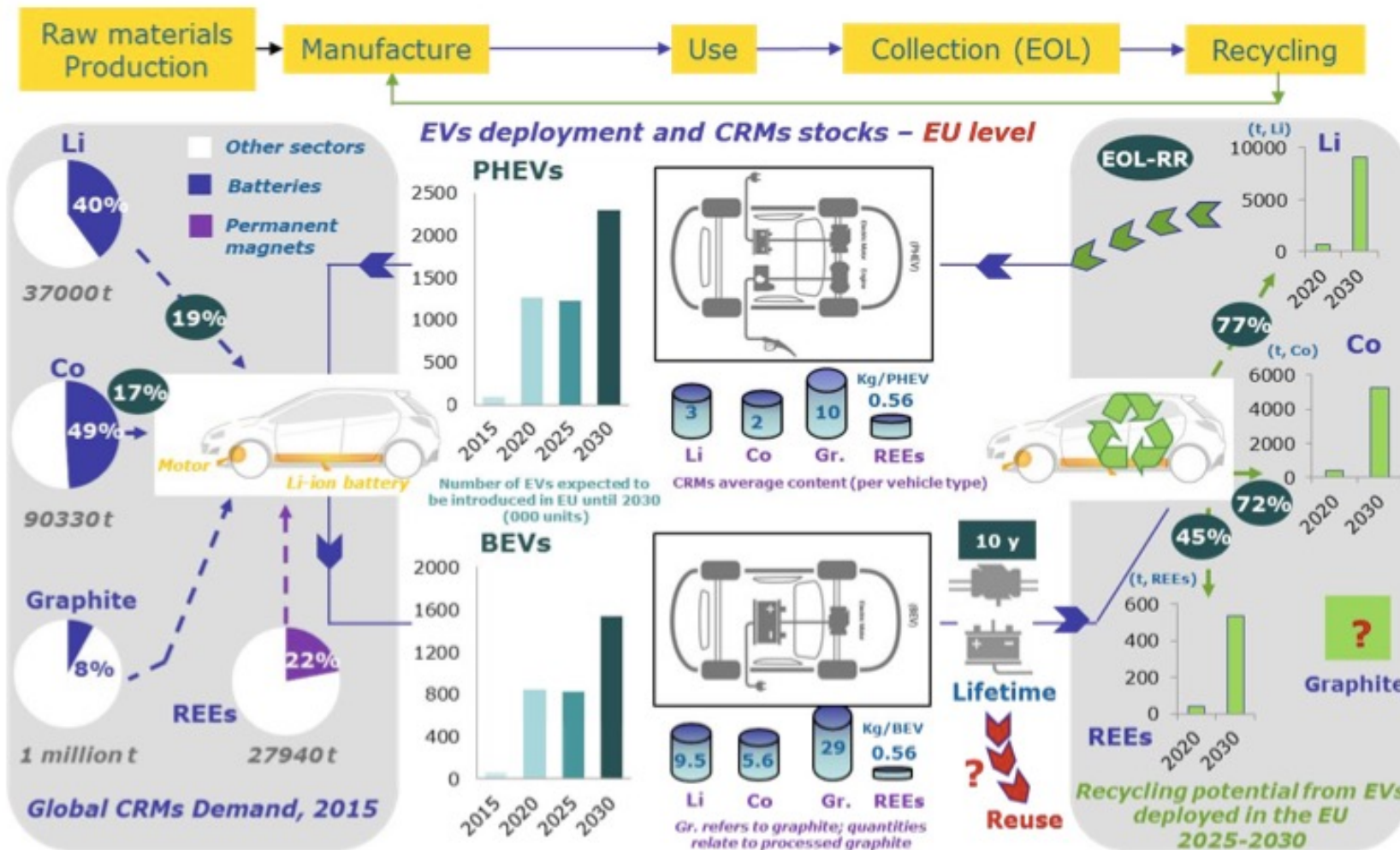
What about the other uses of those metals?

# Automotive sector:

- Biggest metal using sector together with 'Buildings'
- ...but much shorter lifetime (15 yrs vs. 50 yrs)
- 70 million cars/yr, and growing
- 20 million/yr light commercial vehicles, 4 million/yr trucks
- Total fleet : 1 billion cars, 400 mio trucks/buses/light commercial vehicles
  
- for 'high performance materials', the steel cannot be recycled
- Recycling can be done for Al, Cu, Pb

# Critical materials in EV

**Figure 19:** CRMs use in the EVs sector (battery electric vehicles (BEVs), plug-in hybrid vehicles, (PHEVs)) and potential flows resulting from recycling of EVs deployed in the EU<sup>158</sup>



## EU Report on Critical Raw Materials and the Circular Economy

# Growth in EV puts pressure on **Li, rare earths**

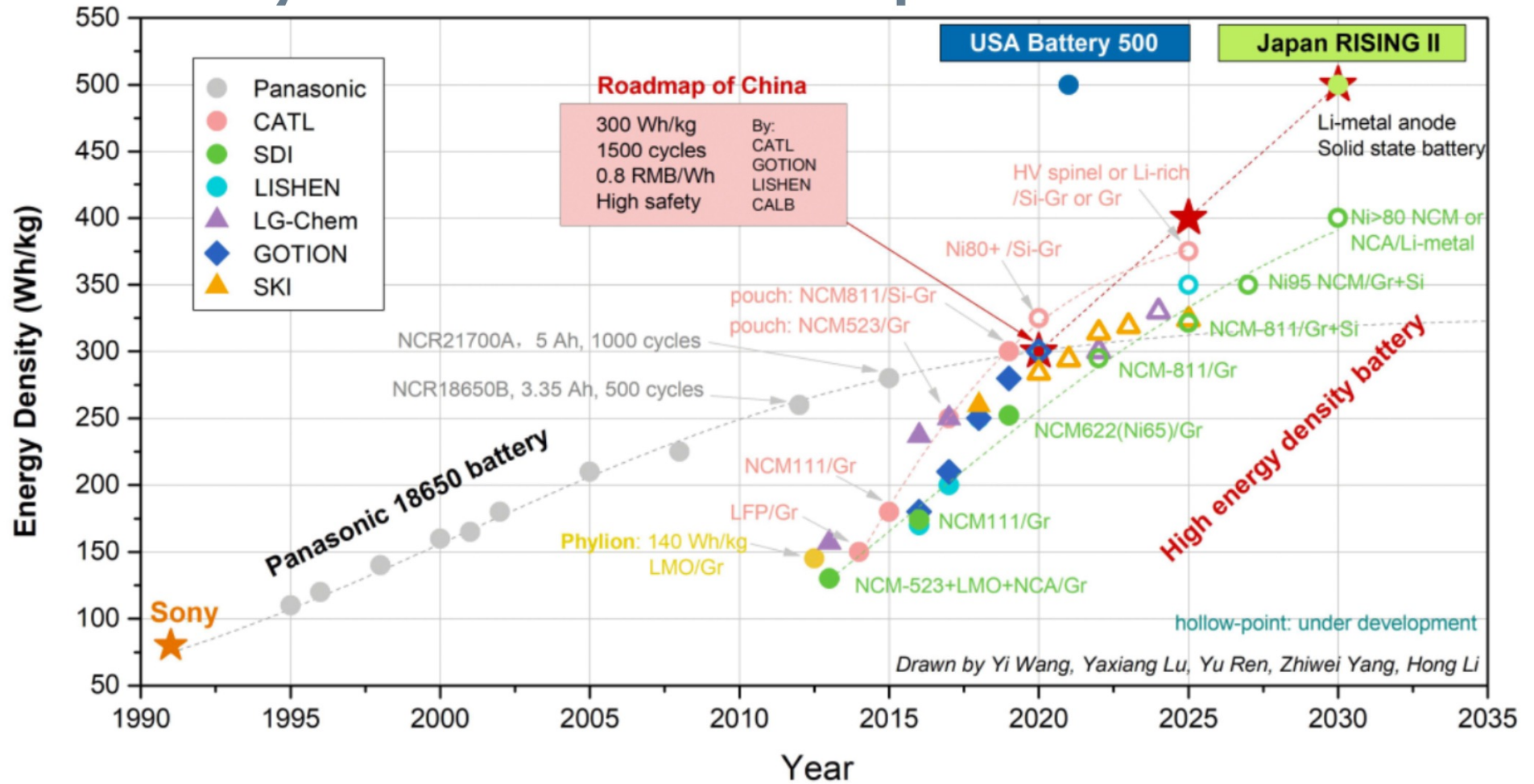
\*0.6 kg Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> for 1 kWh storage

Drive train	kg Li*	kg Ni	kg Mn	kg Nd**
Hybrid EV	2.0	0.4	3.0	1
Plug-in HEV	1.4	2.4	18	
Pure BEV	3.0	5.0	38	
Need 2030	53 kt	88 kt	670 kt	52 kt
Prod. 2019	77 kt	2.7Mt	20Mt	30 kt
% of prod.	70%	3%	3.5%	160%

\*\* Nd is used as permanent magnet in electric motors. Demand is high also in windmills.  
>90% of RE production is in China.

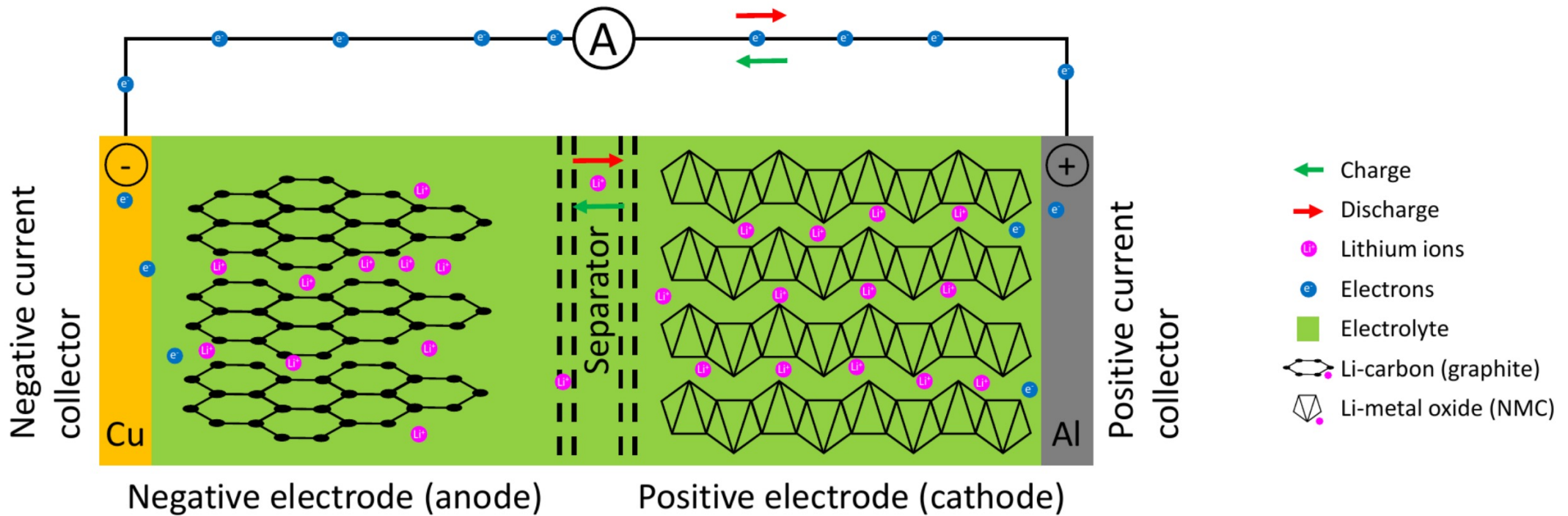
- Li-batteries demand is equally strong in the IT sector.
- Li-batteries require a minimum metal purity.
- Li-reserves are very concentrated (Chile, Bolivia, Argentina)
- NiMnCo-cathodes have alternatives: Li-FePO<sub>4</sub>, C nanotubes

# Li ion battery innovation road map

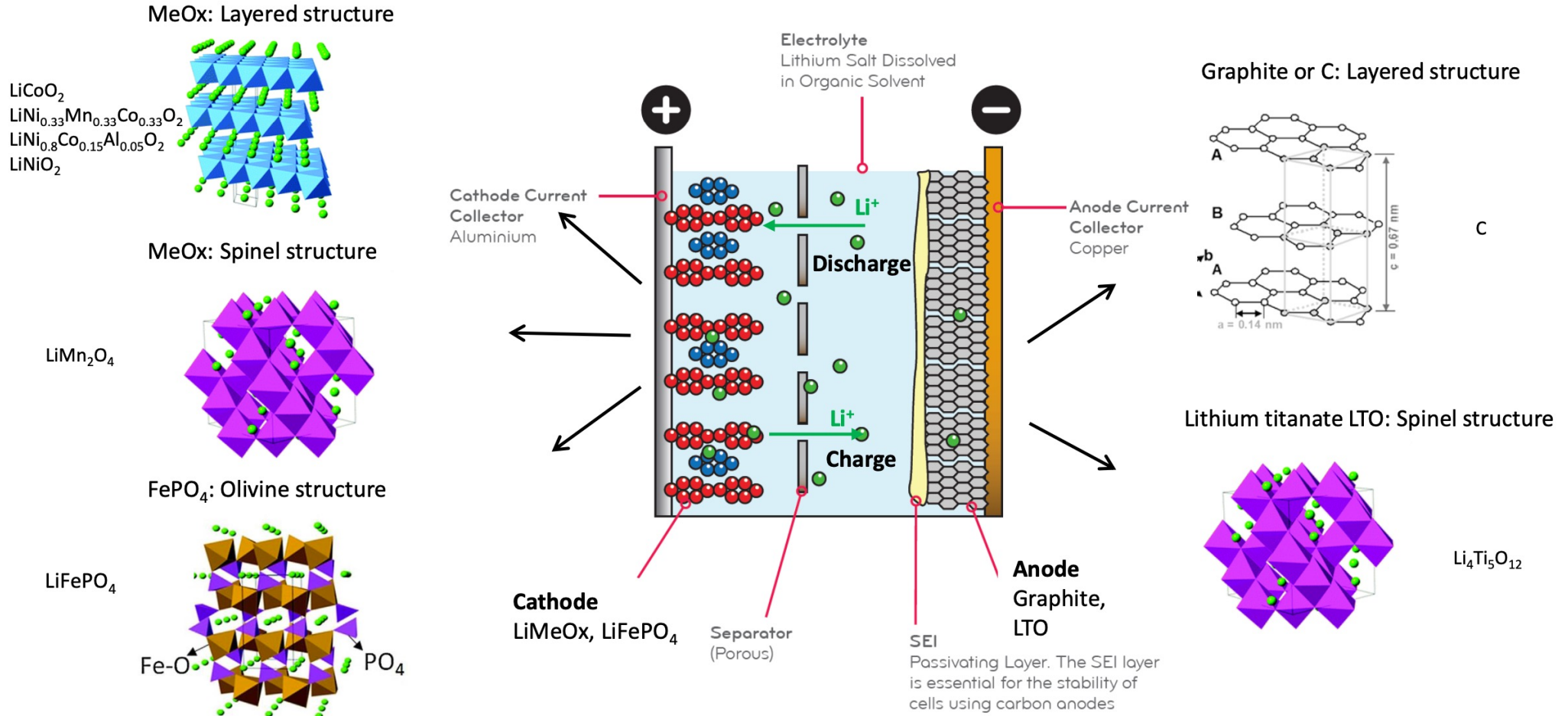


[https://battery2030.eu/digitalAssets/816/c\\_816048-L1-k\\_roadmap-27-march.pdf](https://battery2030.eu/digitalAssets/816/c_816048-L1-k_roadmap-27-march.pdf)

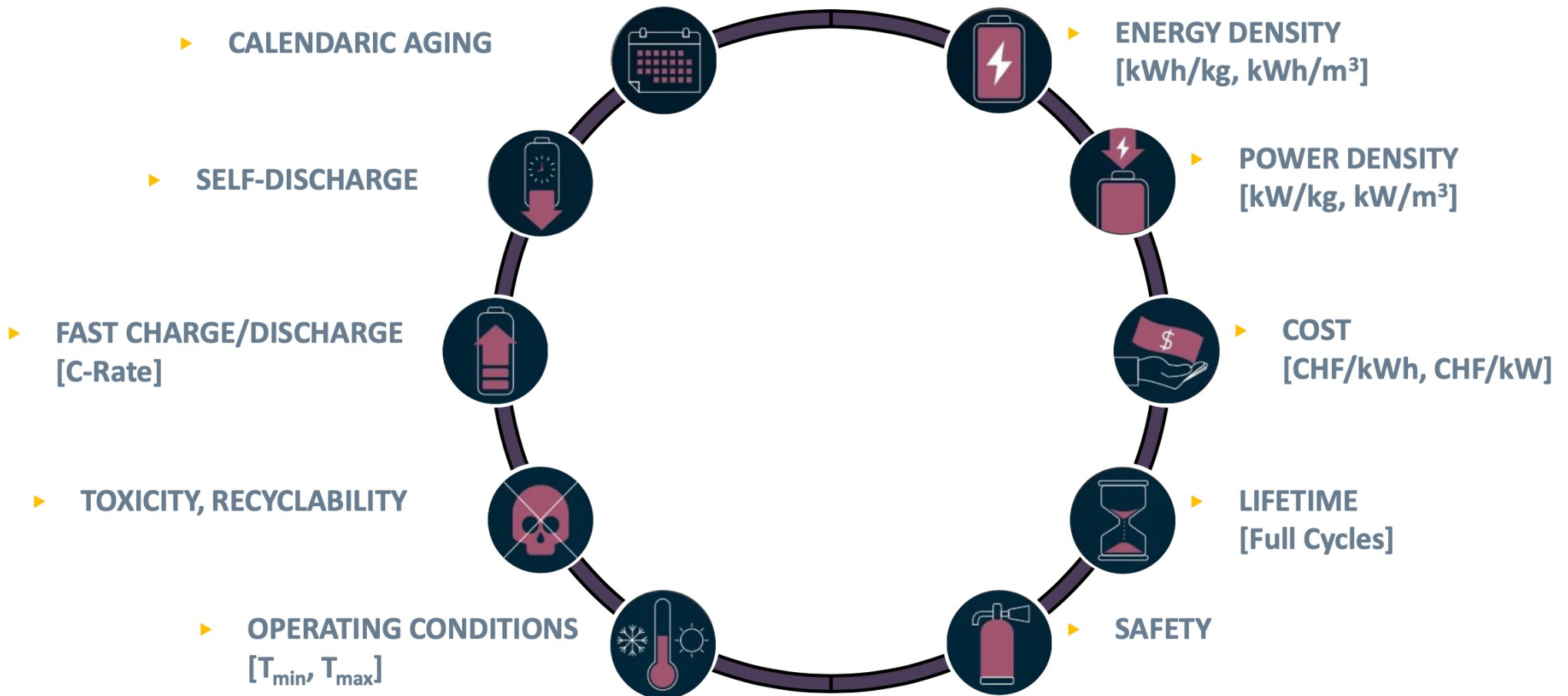
# Lithium-Ion Batteries



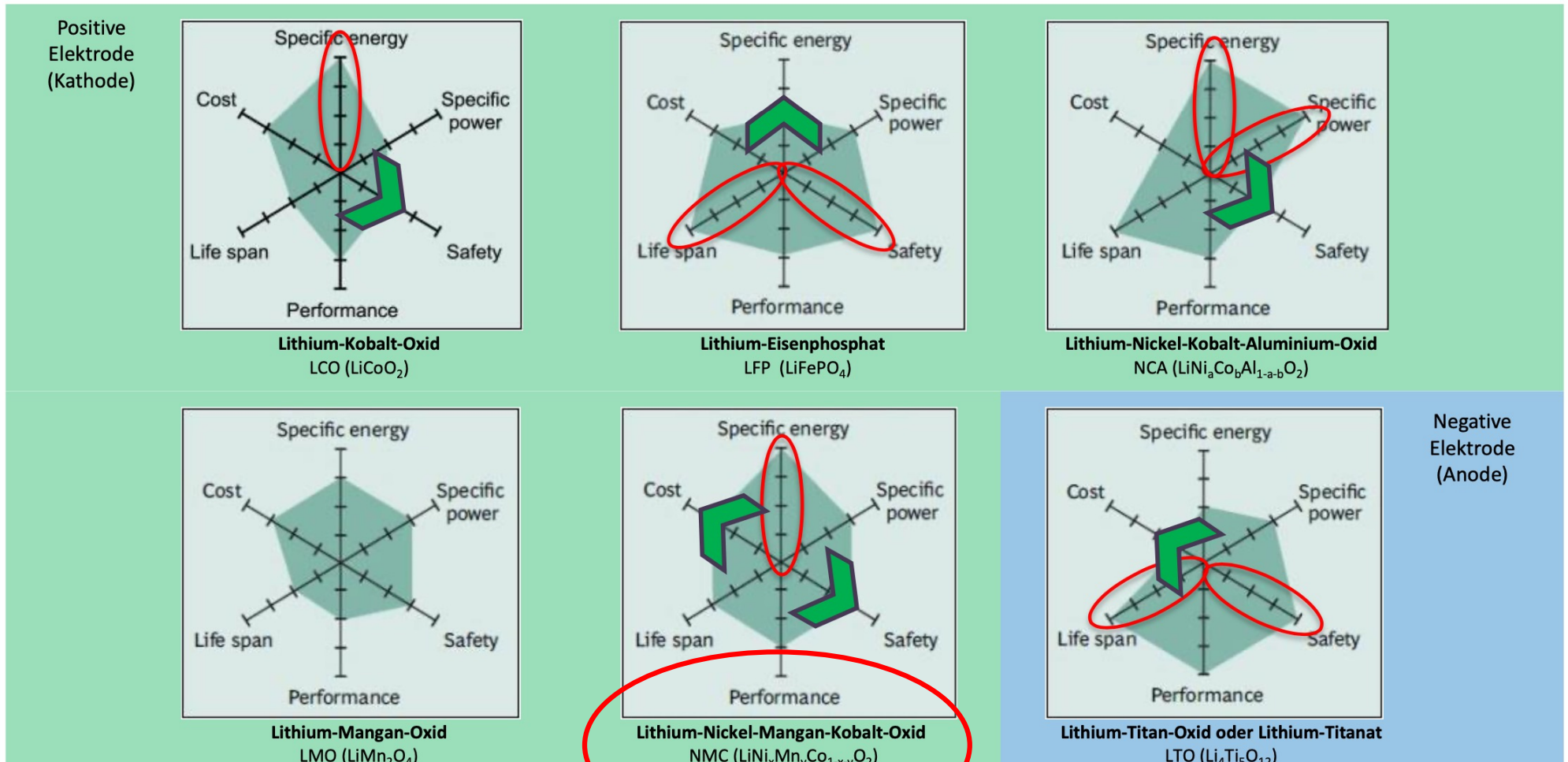
# Electrodes materials of conventional Li ion battery



# Important battery assessment criteria

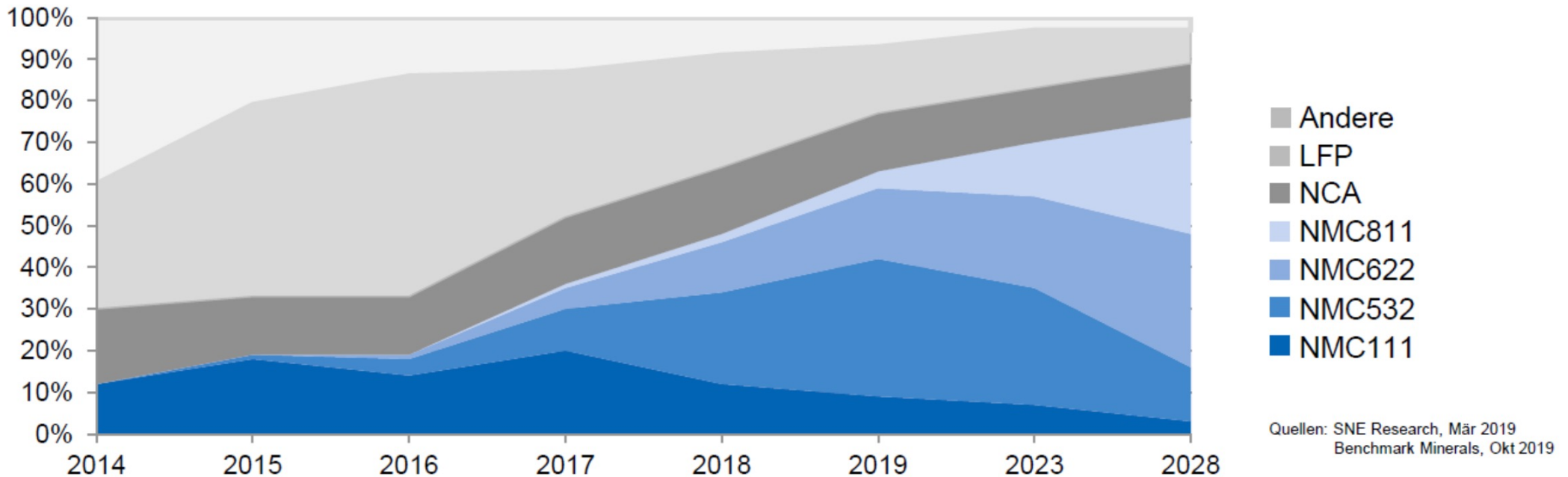


# Versatility of lithium-ion technology



**NMC**

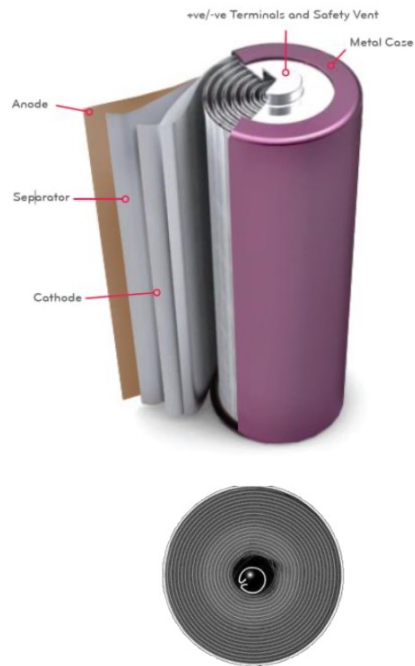
# Market share of individual lithium-ion technologies



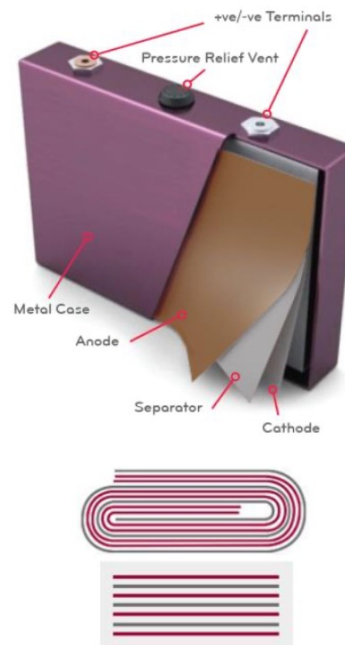
- ▶ Lithium-ion technology will continue to accompany us for some time
- ▶ Reduction of cobalt in the battery
- ▶  $\text{Li N}_1\text{M}_1\text{C}_1 \rightarrow \text{Li N}_5\text{M}_3\text{C}_2 \rightarrow \text{Li N}_7\text{M}_2\text{C}_1 \rightarrow \text{Li N}_9\text{M}_{0.5}\text{C}_{0.5} \rightarrow \text{next ?}$

# Different cell formats

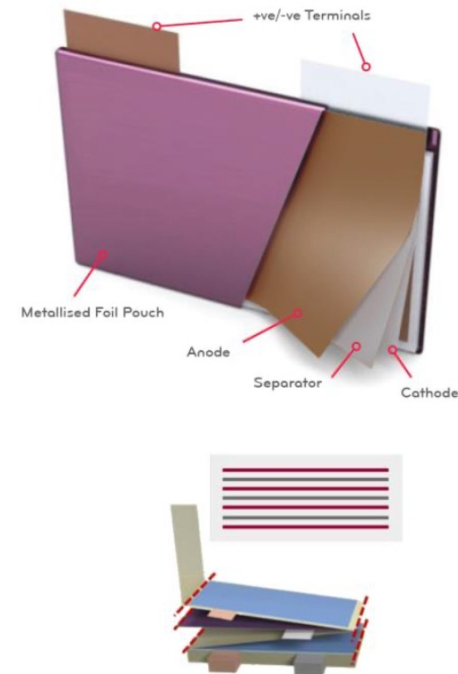
## Cylindrical



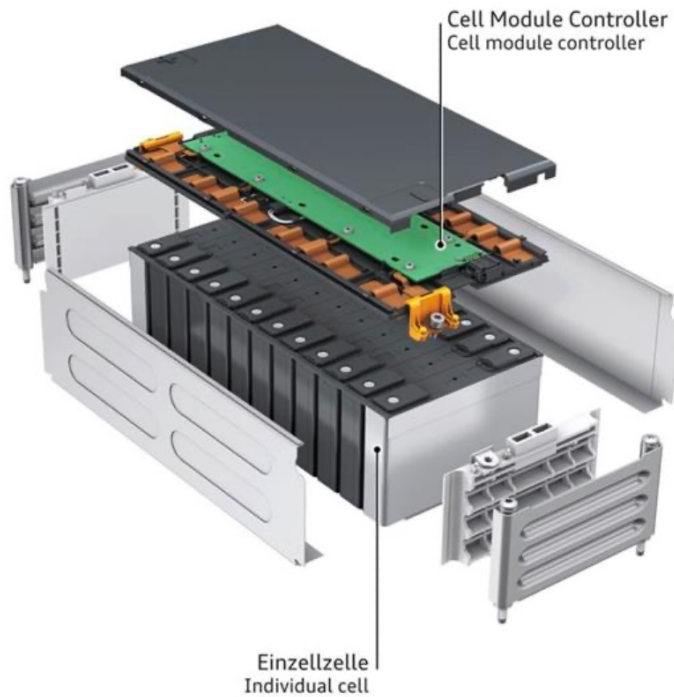
## Prismatic



## Pouch

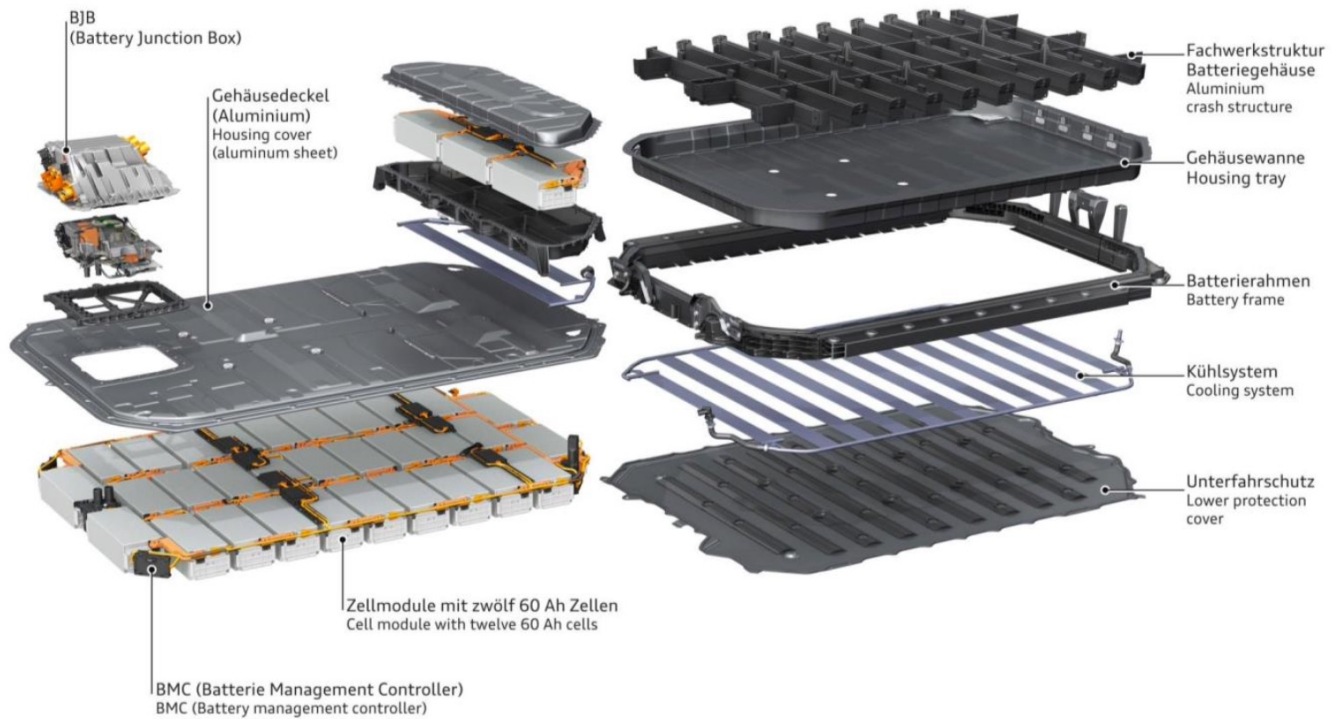


# Battery module



40 – 60 V

# Battery pack



300 – 800 V

# Energy density

$$E = U \times Q$$

$$[\text{Wh}] = [\text{V}] \times [\text{Ah}]$$

- ▶ Battery cell: The smallest component of a battery pack or system. A cell may have ca. 2.5 – 4.2 V.

Voltage: 3.5V  
Capacity: 3.0 Ah } Energy: 10.5 Wh



Voltage: 2.3V  
Capacity: 20 Ah } Energy: 46 Wh

- ▶ Battery pack: cells connected in series and/or parallel

Parallel connection

Voltage: 3.5V  
Capacity: 4 x 3.0Ah  
= 12 Ah } Energy: 42 Wh



Series connection

Voltage:  $3.5\text{V} \times 8 = \underline{28\text{ V}}$   
Capacity: 3.0 Ah } Energy: 94 Wh



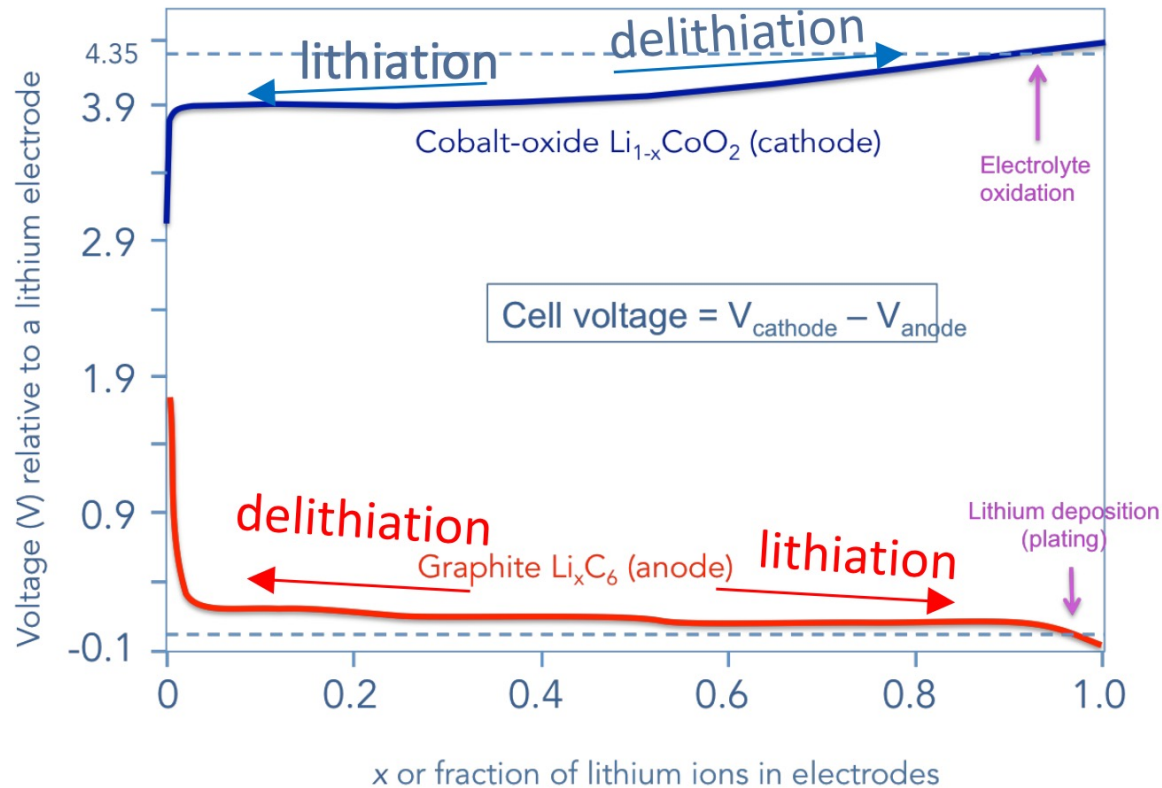
- ▶ Battery (Battery system): battery packs connected incl. batterie management system.

Voltage: 360 V  
Capacity: 60 Ah } Energy: 21.6 kWh



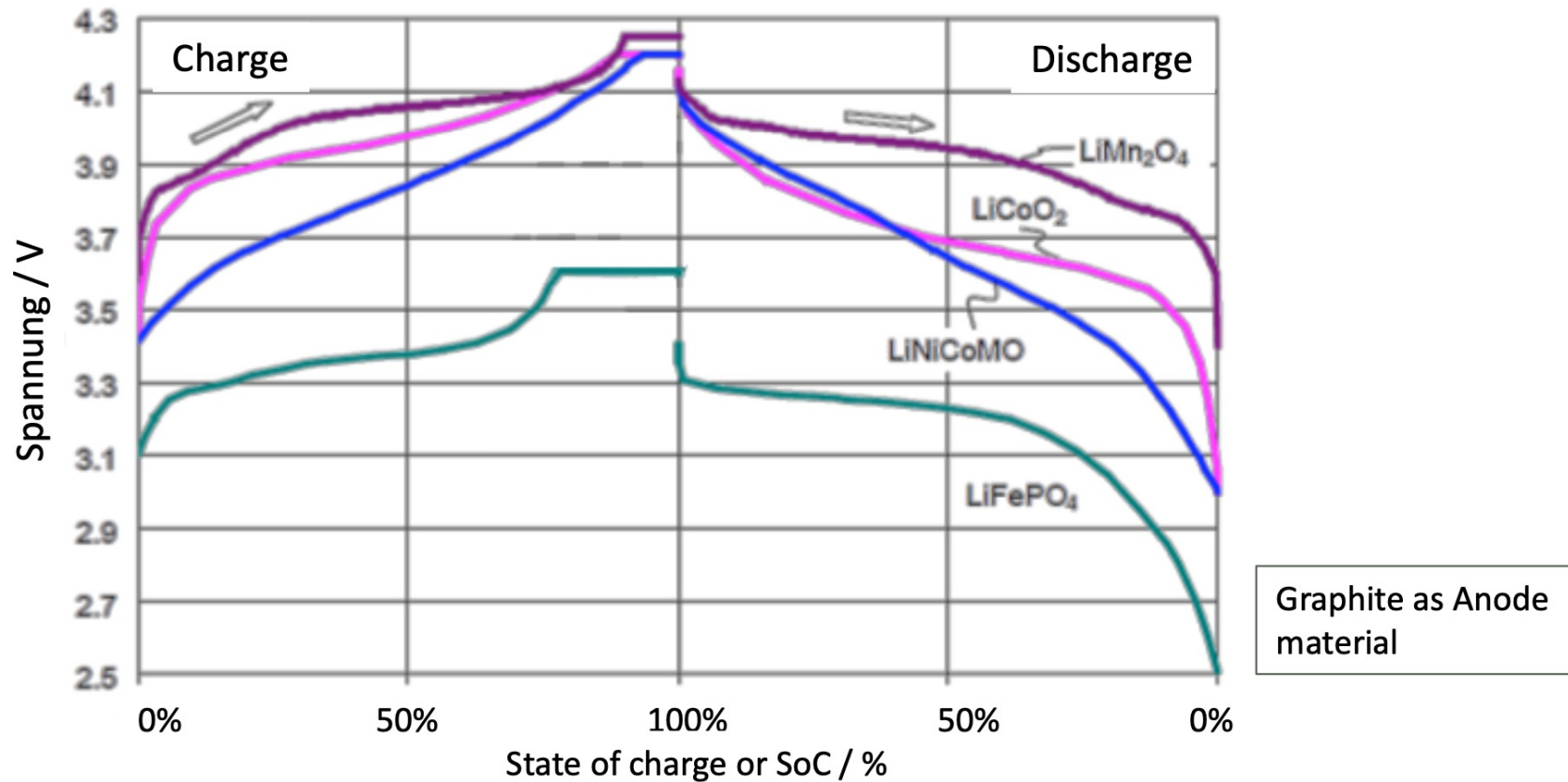
Voltage: 350 V  
Capacity: 230 Ah  
→ Energy: 80.5 kWh

# What is the voltage of a cell composed of?



- ▶ The voltage of a cell is the difference in potential between the two electrodes at any given state of charge.

# Characteristic charging and discharging curves



- ▶ Each cathode material has its own characteristic charge/discharge curve.
- ▶ Charge and discharge parameters must be adapted in suitable monitoring electronics.

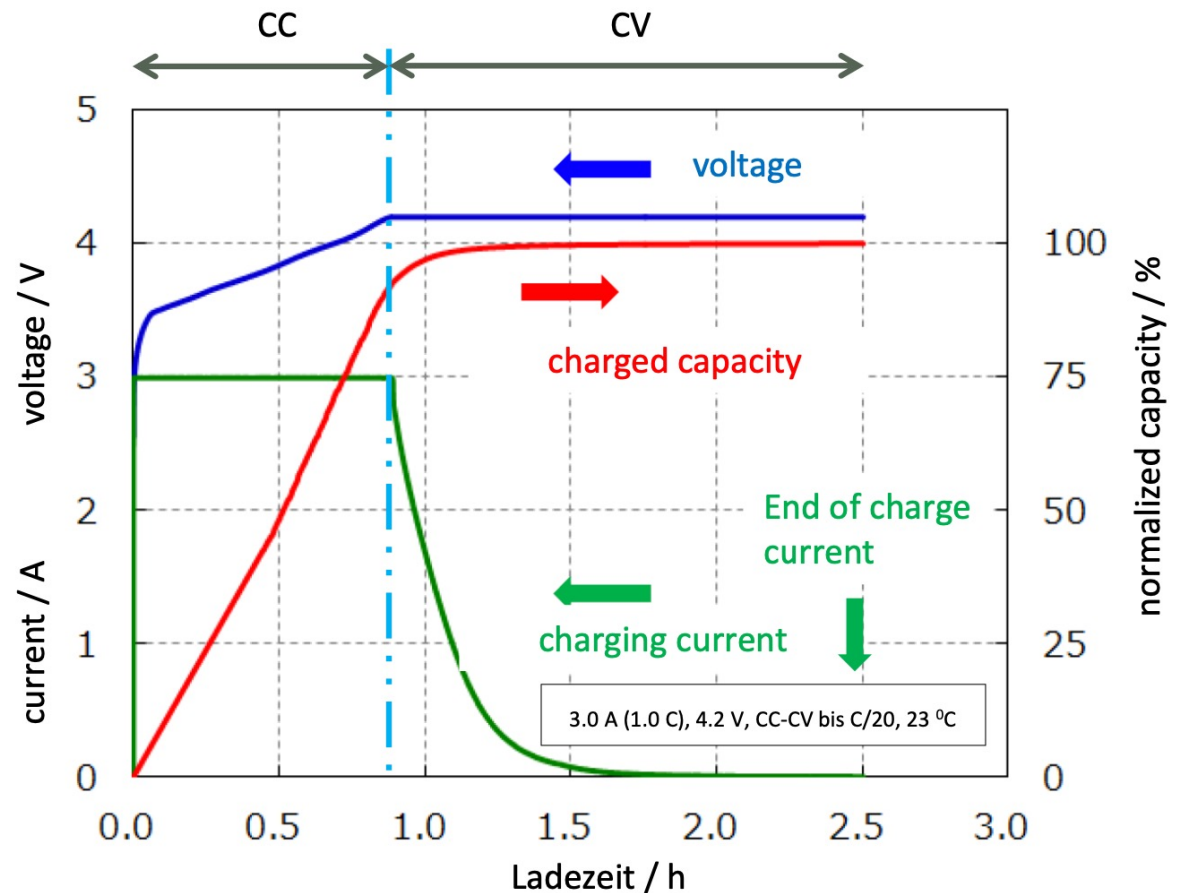
# Charging Lithium-Ion Batteries

- ▶ C-Rate [ $\text{h}^{-1}$ ]: Rate, at which the battery is charged or discharged using a constant current

$$\text{C-Rate} = I / Q$$

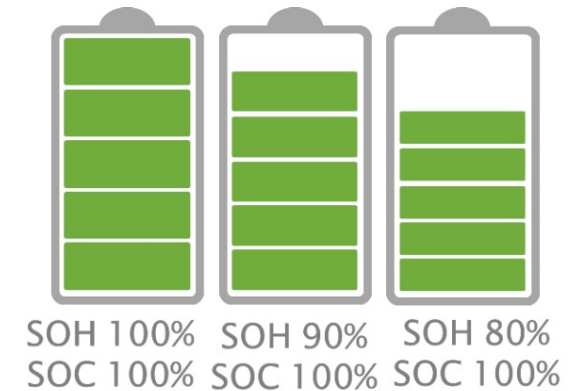
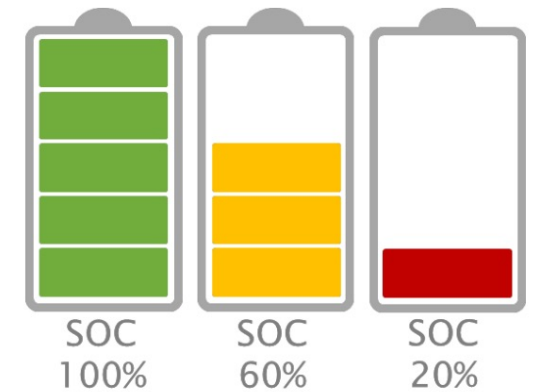
$$[\text{h}^{-1}] = [\text{A}]/[\text{Ah}]$$

- ▶ Lithium-ion batteries are charged with a constant current (CC or constant current) up to the final charging voltage.
- ▶ Once the end-of-charge voltage has been reached, charging continues at a constant voltage (CV).
- ▶ Charging stops when the end-of-charge current is reached → generally C/10 to C/20 or 0.10 C to 0.05 C.



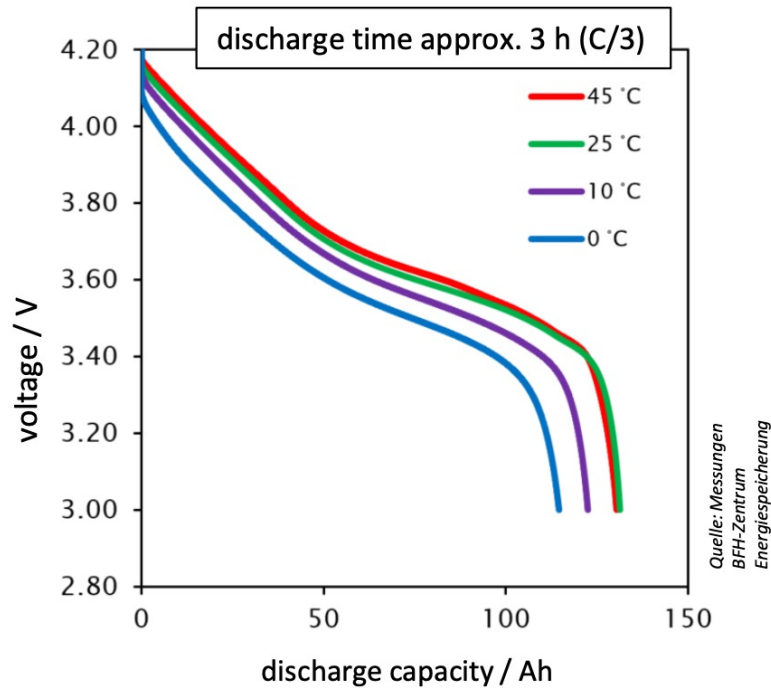
# SOC & SOH definition

- ▶ The SOC is a percentage value that expresses the remaining charge  $Q$  of a battery
- ▶ SOC is something like a dashboard fuel gauge that reports a value from “Empty” (0%) to “Full” (100%) → no sensor is available to directly measure SOC.
- ▶ SOH is defined as the fade of the capacity of the cell or the increase of the internal resistance of the battery

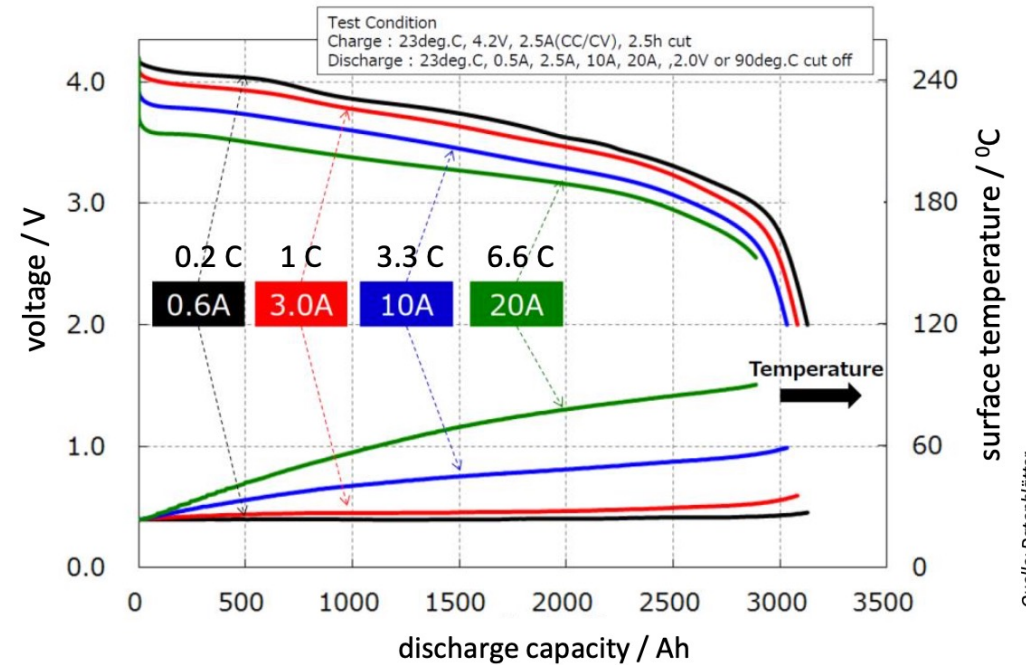


# Capacity depends on load and temperature

## Influence of ambient temperature

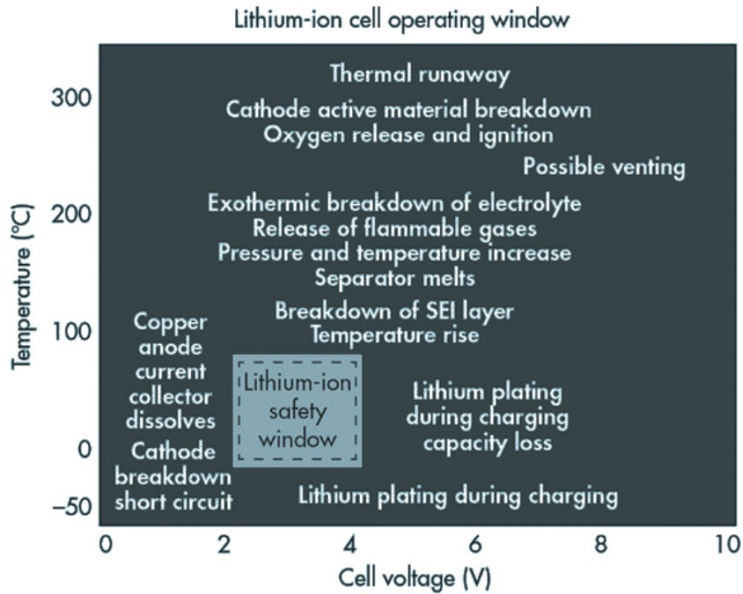


## Influence of the discharge rate



# Safety and reliability of battery systems

[https://www.mpower.uk.com/lithium\\_failures.htm](https://www.mpower.uk.com/lithium_failures.htm)



- ▶ Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries have a limited region of safe operation (light blue area)
- ▶ Danger is mitigated by implementing functionally safety concepts and by monitoring battery states

Battery Management System (BMS) enables batteries to provide **safety** while keeping **high performance** and **long lifetime**.

## Audi e-tron Prototyp

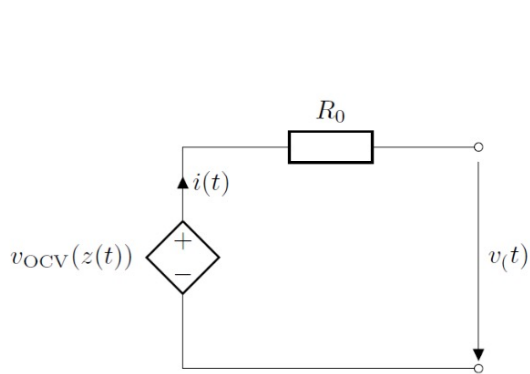
Audi e-tron Prototyp  
Elektrischer Antriebsstrang  
Electric drivetrain  
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E-Maschine vorne mit Leistungselektronik  
Front electric motor with power electronics

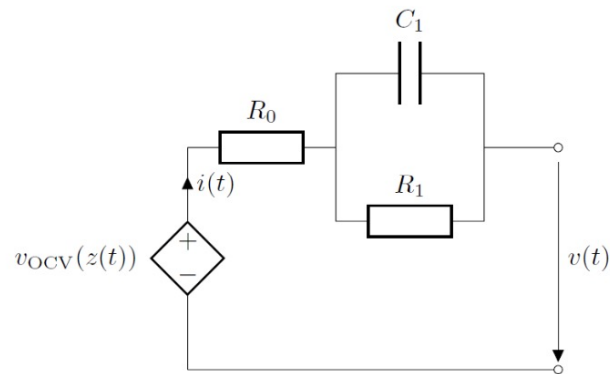
E-Maschine hinten mit Leistungselektronik  
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Flüssigkeitsgekühlte Lithium-Ionen-Batterie mit 95 kWh  
Liquid cooled lithium-ion battery with 95 kWh

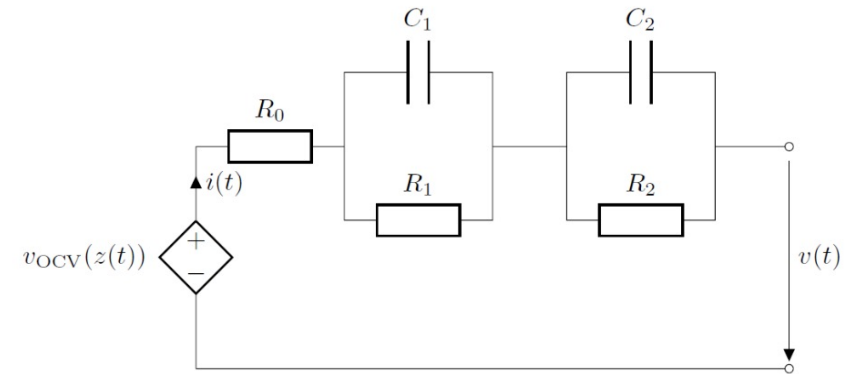
# Equivalent Circuit Models (ECMs)



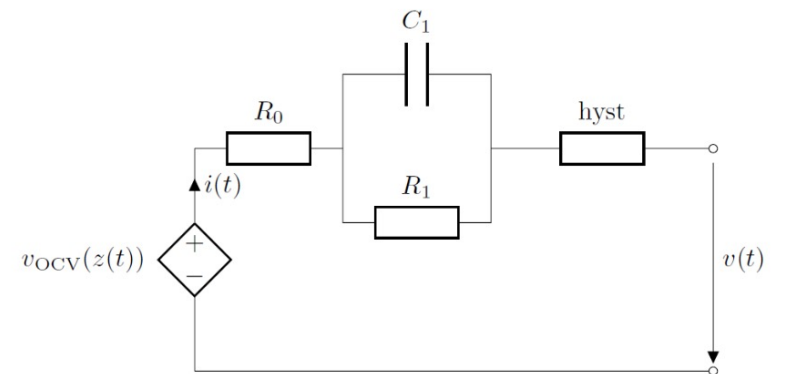
Rint model



Thévenin model



Dual polarization model



Enhanced Self-Correcting (ESC) battery model

## Benefits

- ▶ easy interpretability
- ▶ simple parameter identification
- ▶ robustness against high current changes
- ▶ Low computing power

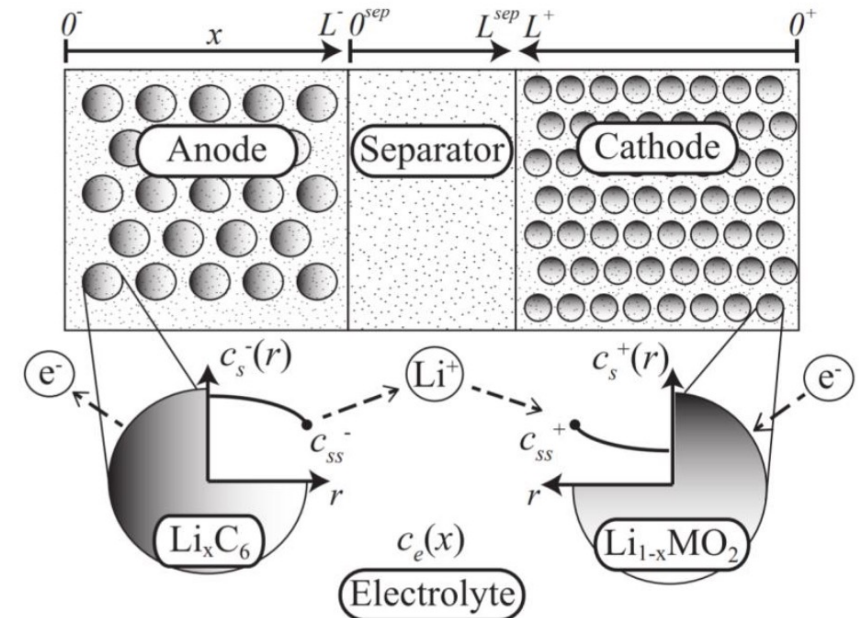
## Drawbacks

- ▶ Lack of representation of electrochemical state like single electrode potentials

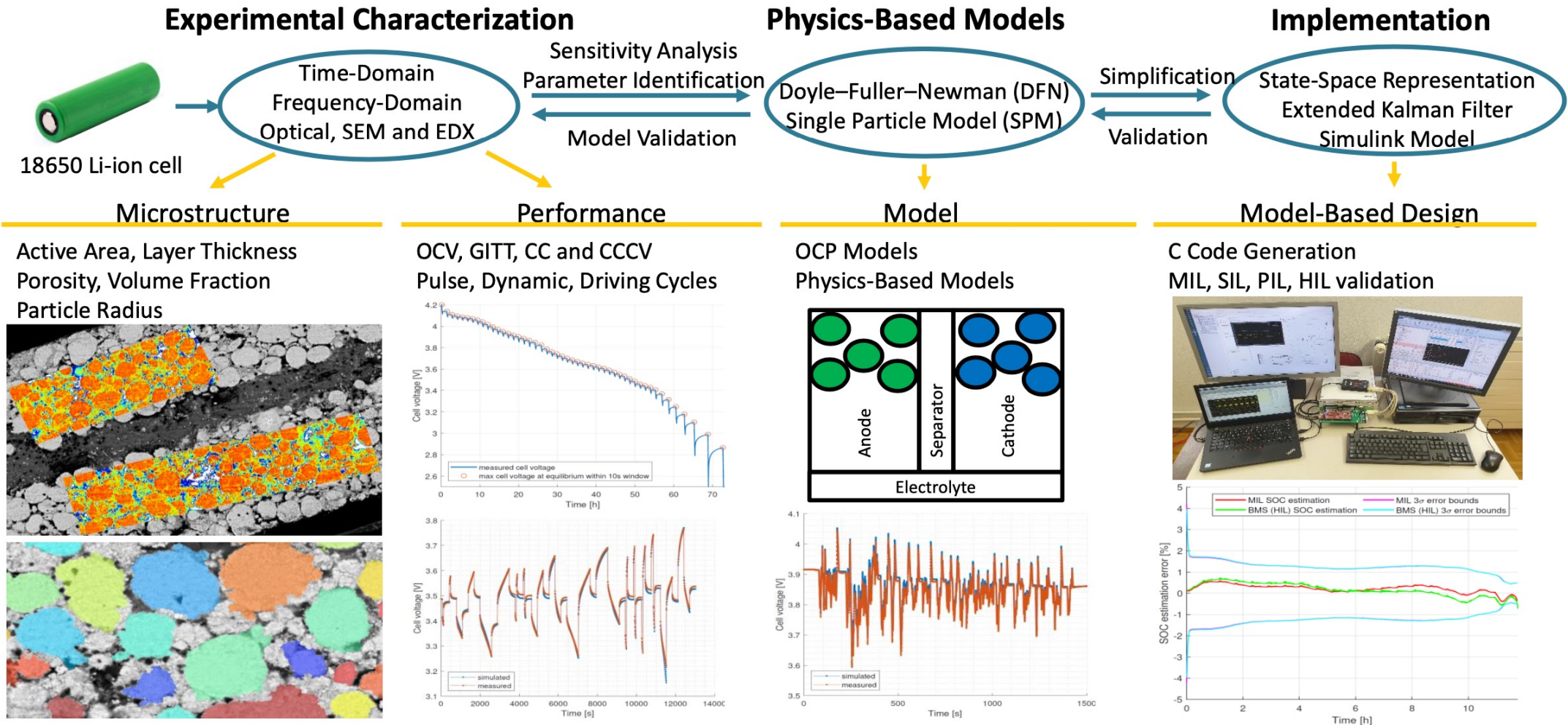
# Physics-Based Battery Models (PBMs)

## Doyle-Fuller-Newman (DFN) battery model

- ▶ Pseudo-2D physics-based battery model
- ▶ Based on multiphase porous electrodes and concentrated solution theories
- ▶ Governed by a set of coupled nonlinear Partial Differential Equations (PDE):
  - ▶ Charge/mass conservation in the homogeneous solid/liquid phase:  
Li concentration in the solid phase  $c_s(x, r, t)$ /Li concentration in the liquid phase  $c_e(x, t)$ /Electric potential in the solid phase  $\Phi_s(x, t)$ /Electric potential in the liquid phase  $\Phi_e(x, t)$
  - ▶ Electrochemical kinetics described by the Butler-Volmer equation:  
Molar flux density at the solid/liquid interface  $j(x, t)$



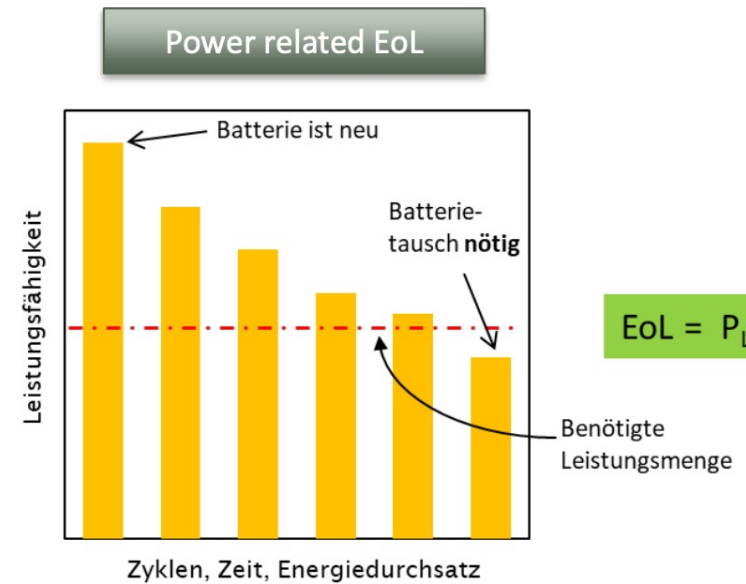
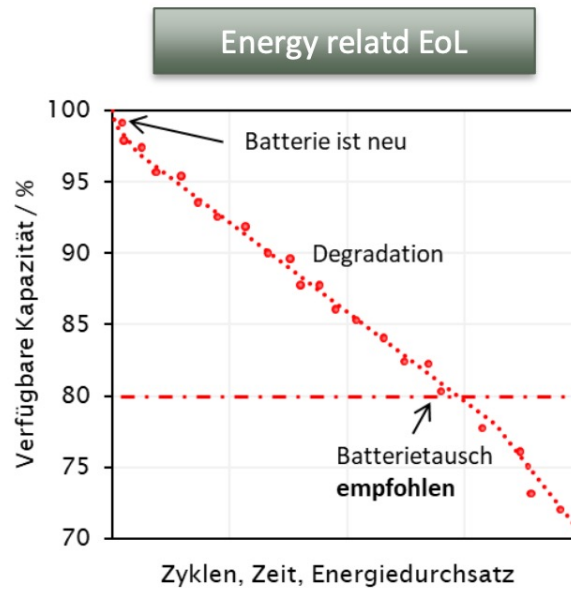
# Enhanced Physics-Based Model for State Estimation of LIB (BFH, D. Luder 2020)



# Definition of Lifetime of lithium-ion batteries

- ▶ EoL: End of Life (end of battery life for specific application)

SoH  $\leq$  0.8  
 EoL =  $Q_{\text{voll}} / Q_{\text{voll,neu}} \leq 0.8$   
 EoL =  $E_{\text{voll}} / E_{\text{voll,neu}} \leq 0.8$



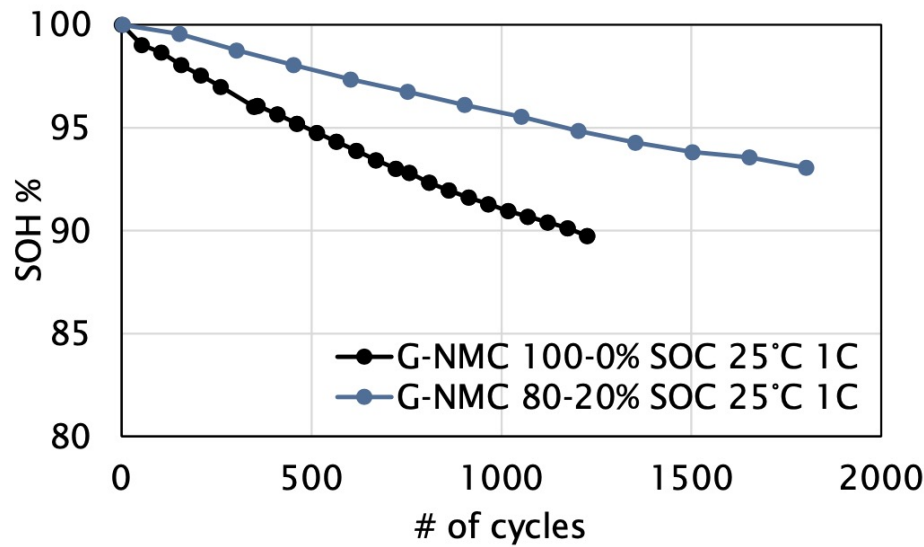
EoL =  $P_{\text{Last}} > P_{\text{Batterie}}$

- Range of vehicle
- Running time (e.g. Smartphone)
- Power applications (e.g.. Starter-Batteries)
- Higher peak speed (e.g. Formula E, swissloop)

# Two types of aging

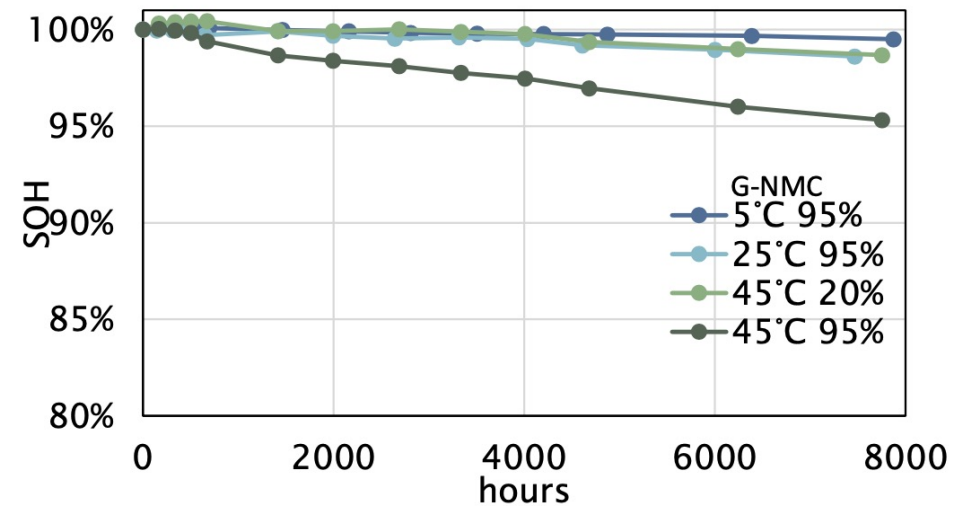
## Cyclic aging

- ▶ Decrease in available capacity due to use (charge/discharge)



## Calendaric aging

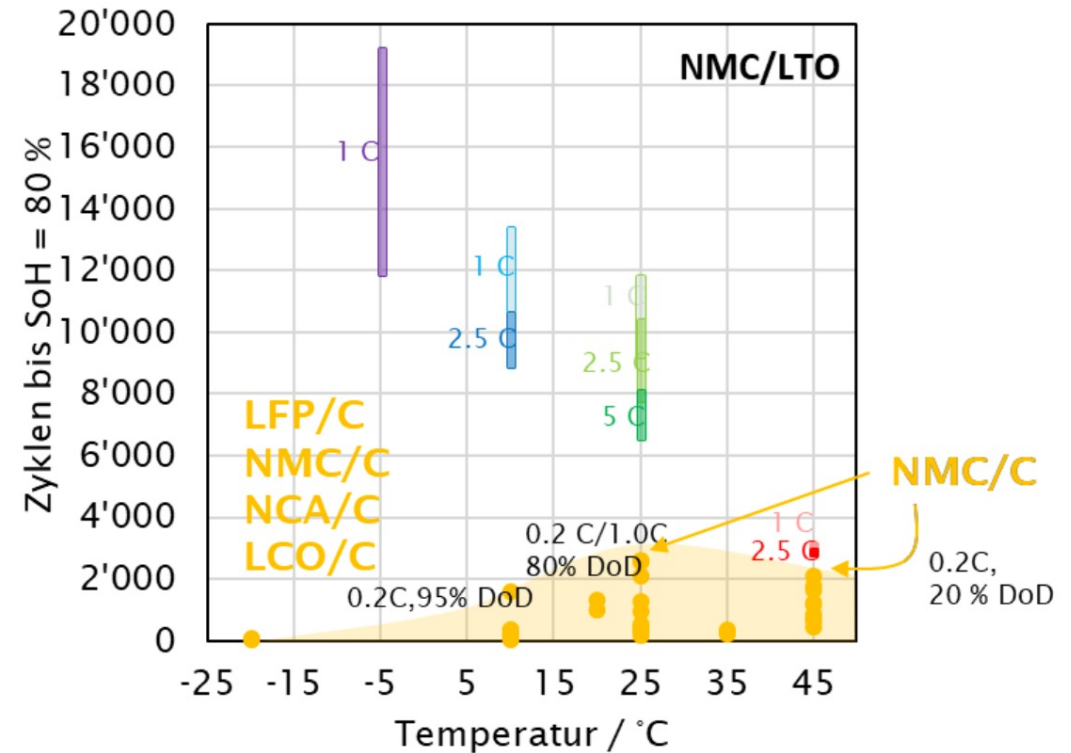
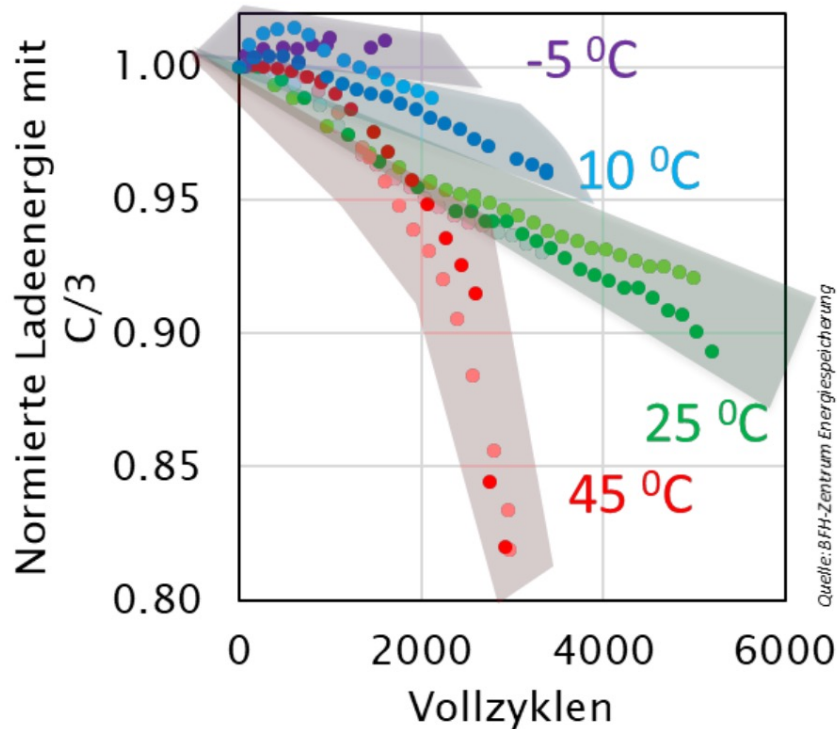
- ▶ Regardless of use
- ▶ Relevant for storage/non-use



Quelle: Lebensdauertests im Auftrag der Industrie am BFH-Zentrum Energiespeicherung

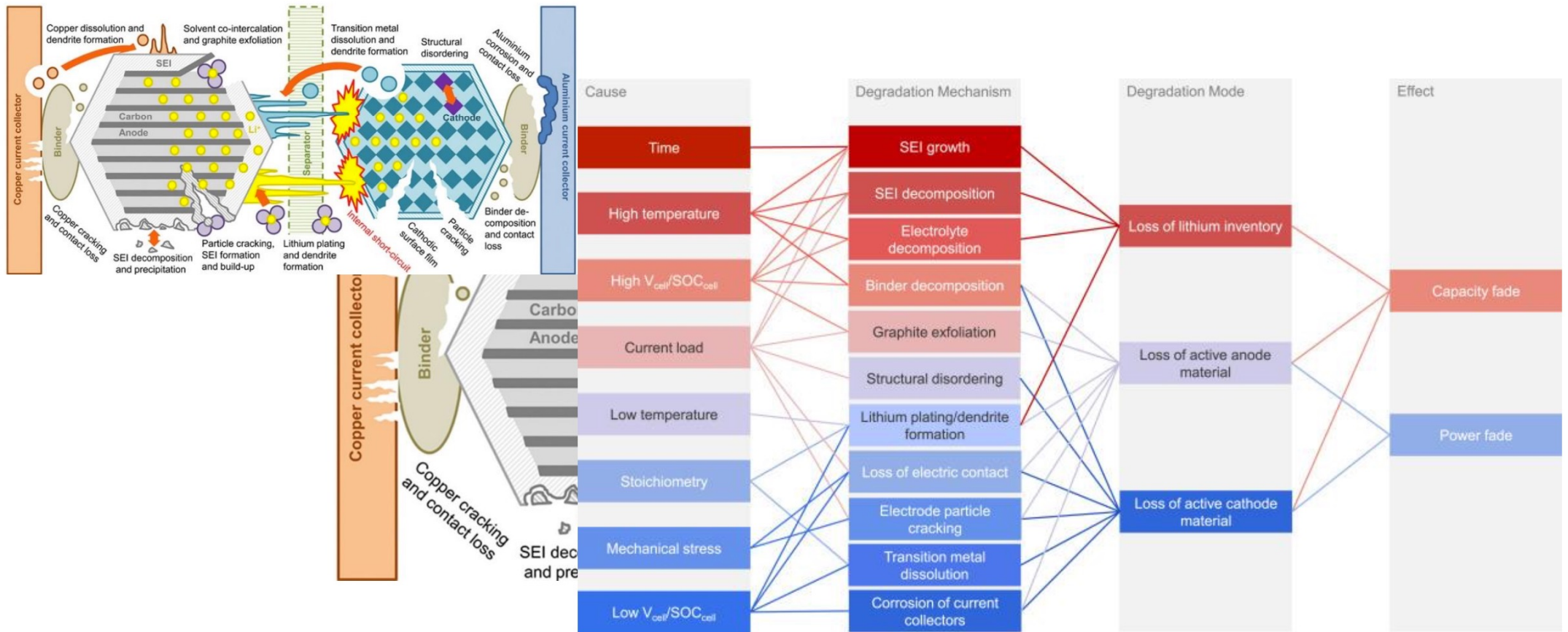
# Impact of temperature and C-Rate on life cycles

NMC/Titanate vs. NMC/Graphite



- ▶ Cycling from 100 – 0 % SoC (charge with CC-CV, discharge with CC), 30min break each halfcycle
- ▶ Extrapolation with normalized energy and capacity values

# Degradation mechanisms

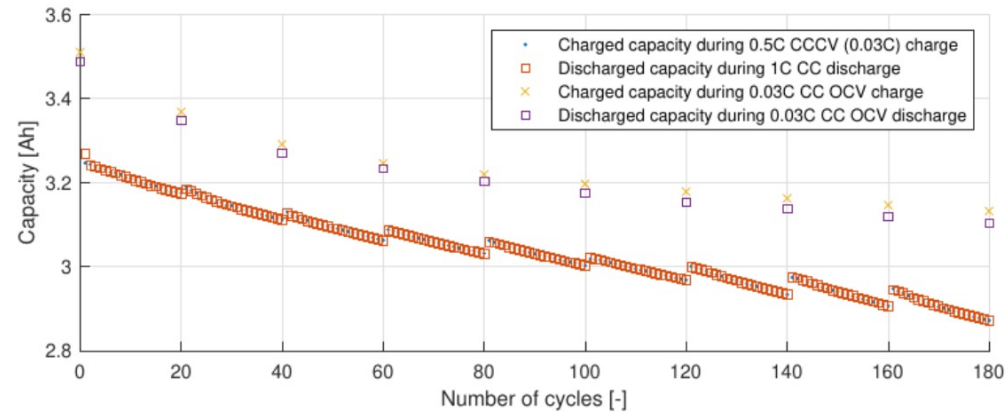


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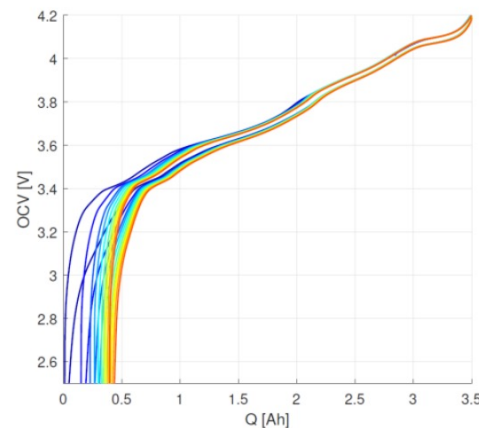
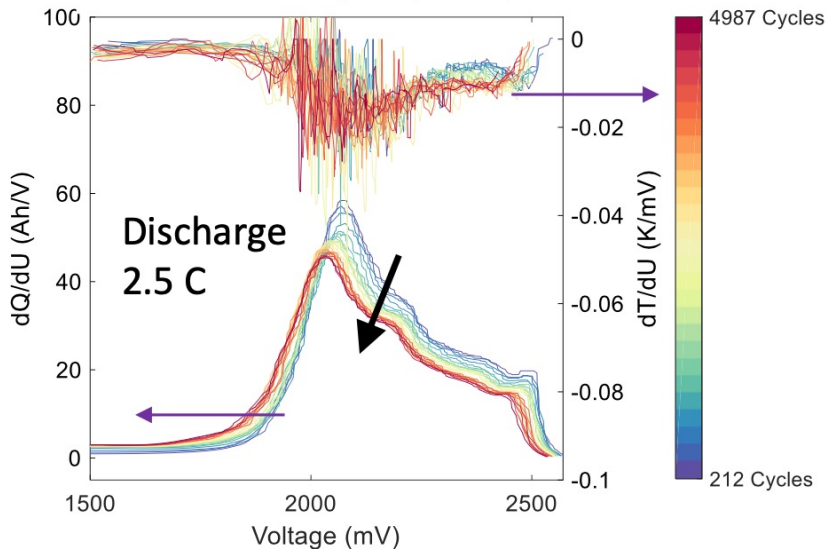
# Aging Tests with intermediate Diagnostic Cycles

Change of  $dQ/dU$  vs.  $U$   
towards the left: increase of internal resistance

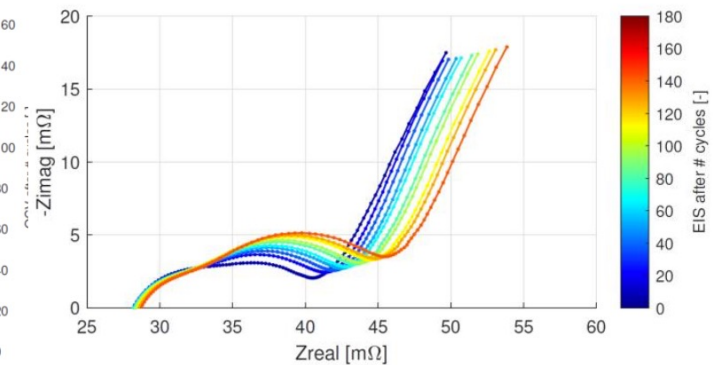
Change of  $dQ/dU$  vs.  $U$   
downwards: material change during operation



Incremental Capacity Analysis



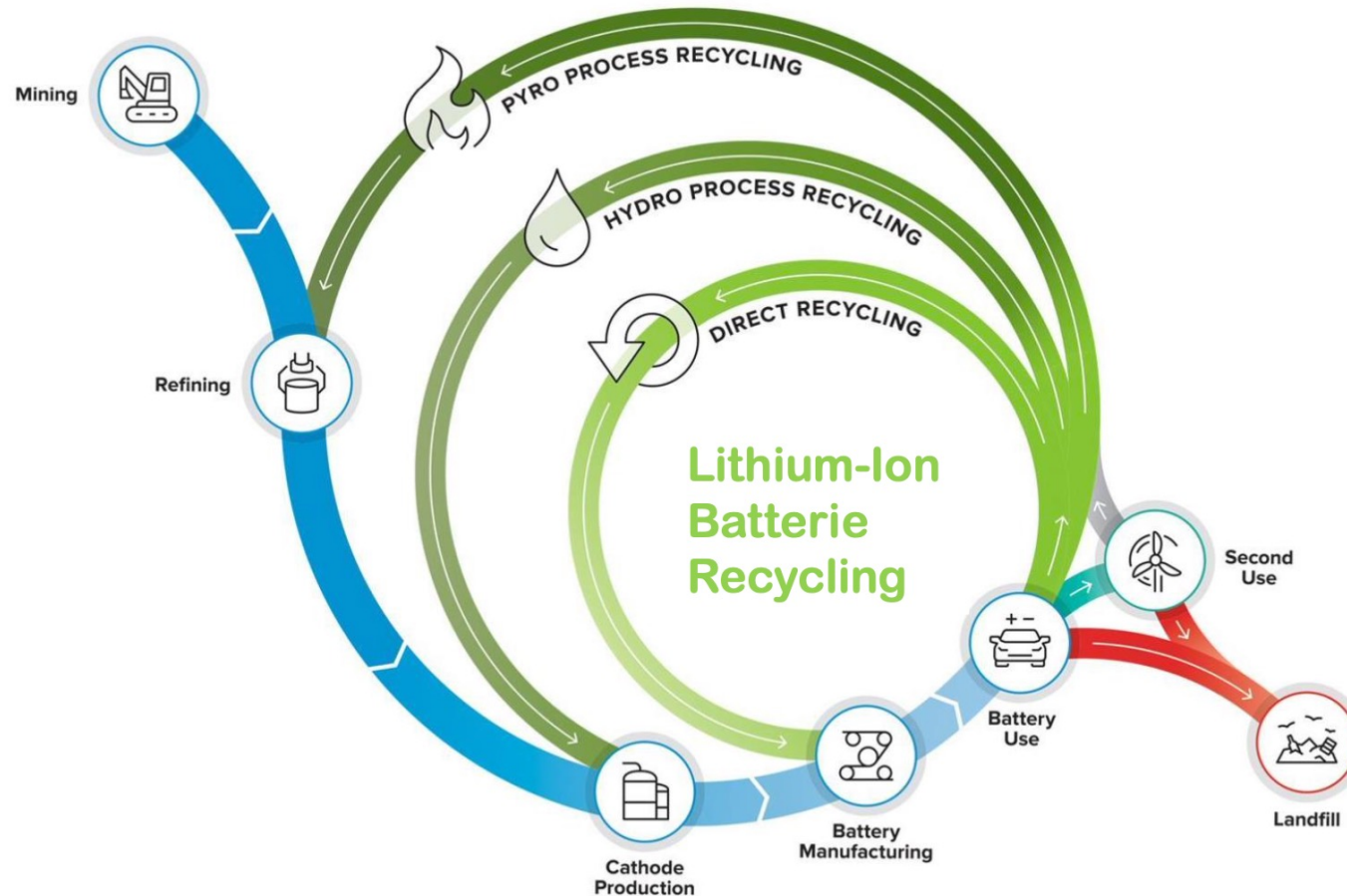
Intermediate OCV



Intermediate EIS @ 10% SOC

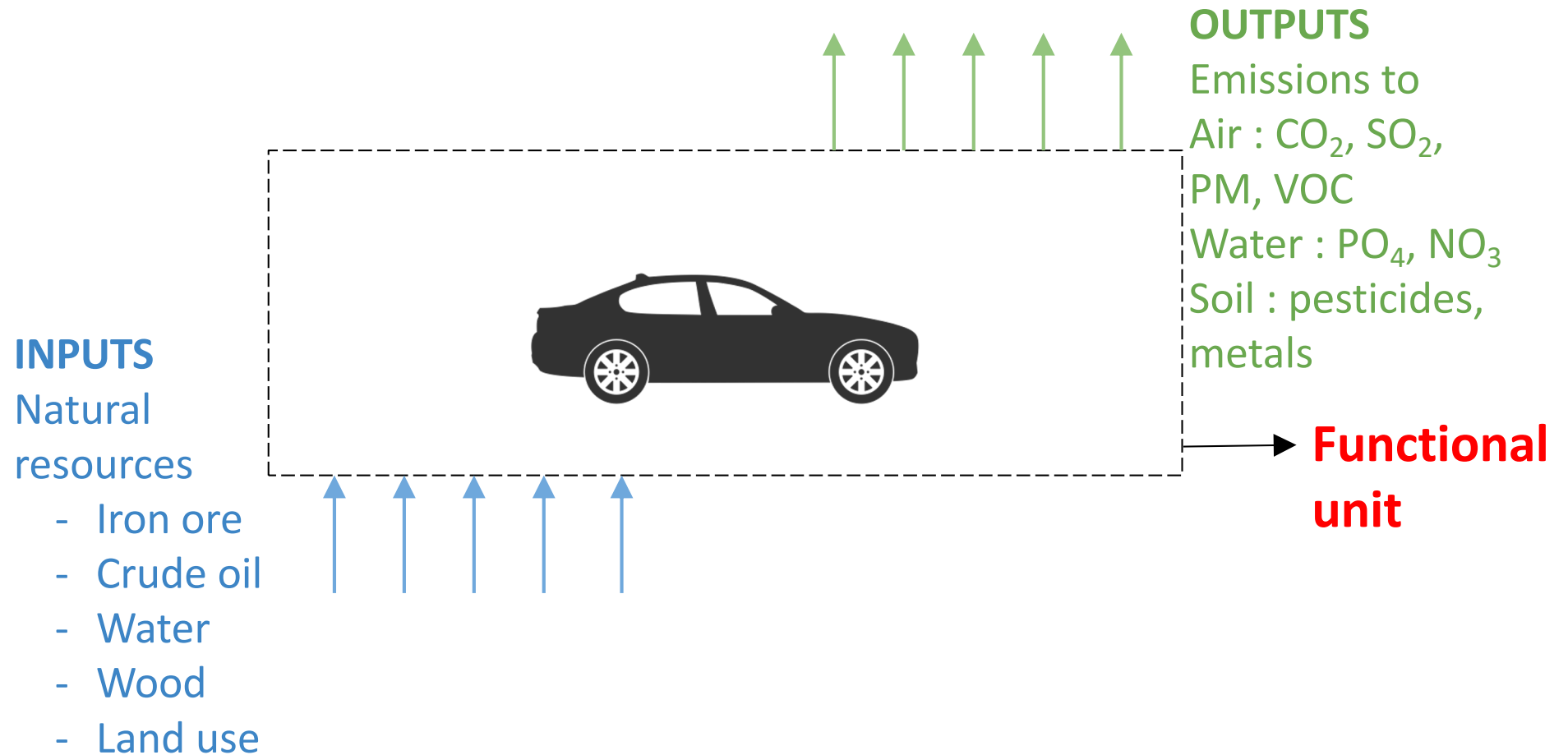
# Product cycle of a lithium-ion battery

Very high energy and resource consumption calls the ecology of the approach into question



Quelle: <https://edu.rsc.org/feature/new-power-old-batteries/4010760.article>

# Life cycle **inventory** of a car



These inputs and outputs can be quantified, compared & aggregated for the entire system

# Life cycle impacts

## Elementary flows

### Inputs:

Iron ore  
Crude oil  
Water  
Wood  
Solar energy  
Land use  
...

### Outputs :

CO<sub>2</sub>  
SO<sub>2</sub>  
PM  
VOC  
PO<sub>4</sub>  
NO<sub>3</sub>  
Pesticides  
Metals  
...



## Impact categories

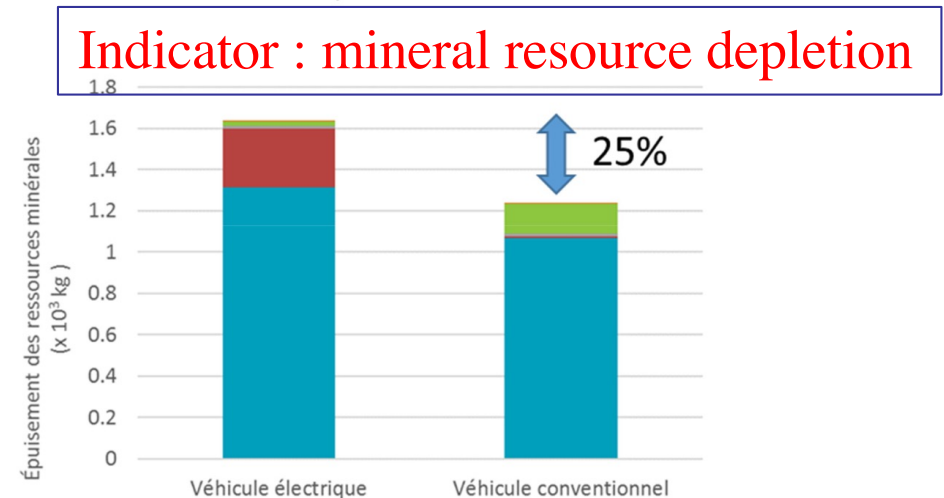
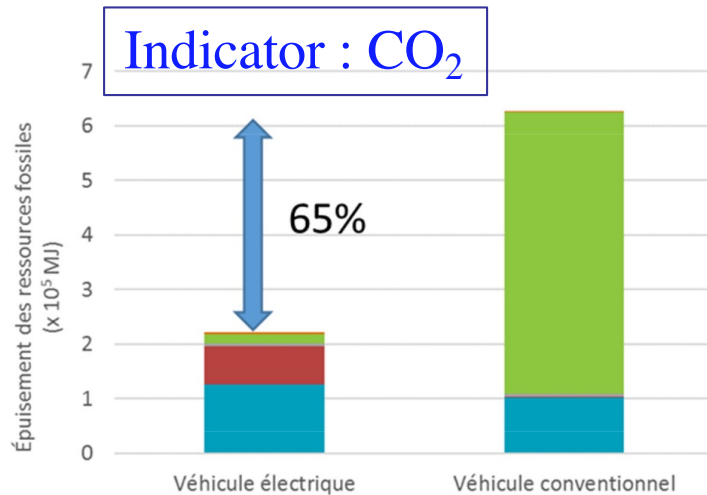
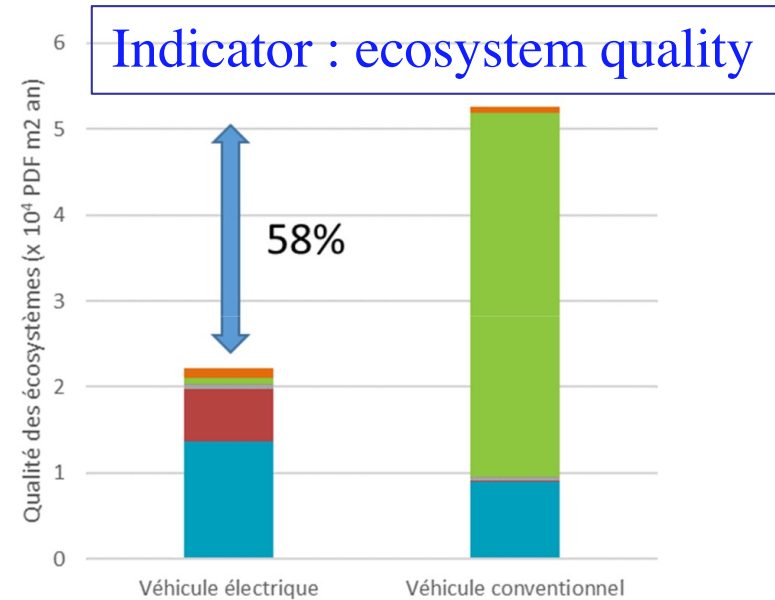
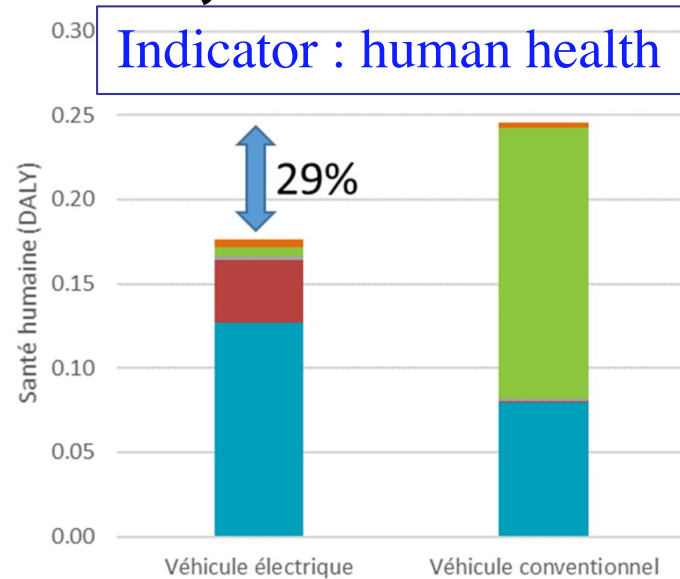
Global warming  
Ozone layer depletion  
Land use  
Natural resource depletion  
Acidification  
Eutrophication  
Photochemical ozone  
generation  
Human toxicity  
Ecotoxicity



Single  
score

# Comparison electric vs. conventional car in Québec, Canada

Functional unit 150,000 km



# Lithium facts

- 20 ppm avg abundance (**rare**)
- Exploitable reserves 4.1 Mt (potential: 11 Mt)
- Production now: 82'000 t/yr (~ **50yrs**)
- Minerals ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ ): 80% salt brines in deserts, 20% in aluminosilicates/clay
- concentrated in few countries: **Chile** (mainly), CHN, AUS, BRA, CAN. **Bolivia** has 47% of base reserves, as yet unexploited.
- Extraction from sea-water ( $0.17\text{g/m}^3$ ) is utopic

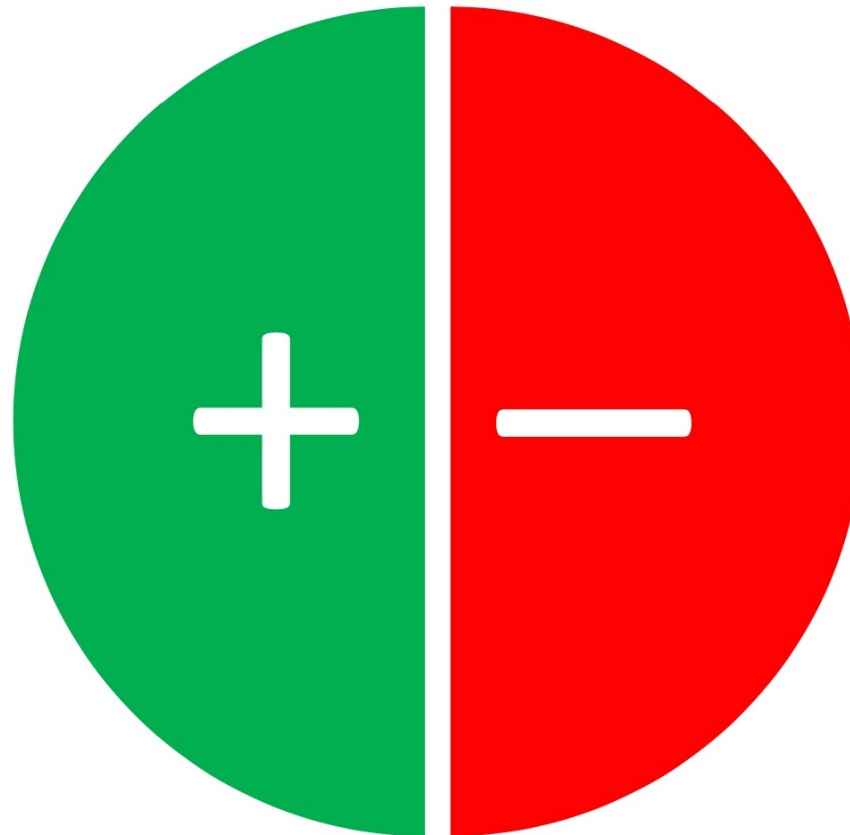
# Uses of Li

- Additive to glasses, ceramics
- Lubricants
- Alloys
- Polymers, pharmacy,..
- BATTERIES
  - @4kg/BEV, hence total world production could equip 20 million BEV
  - alternatives: Ni, Zn, Cd, Pb, ...; H<sub>2</sub> FCEV

# CONCLUSION – SUMMARY

## Battery electric mobility

- ▶ High system energy efficiency (BEV 75-90%, ICE 25-35%)
- ▶ Less harmful to the environment (GHG Well-to-Wheel) <https://www.psi.ch/en/media/our-research/make-way-for-electric-cars>
- ▶ Lifetime <https://youtu.be/pOQQTWYkg08>
- ▶ No local emissions
- ▶ Recuperation
- ▶ Fewer components
- ▶ Less maintenance
- ▶ ...



- ▶ Energy density
- ▶ Long distance
- ▶ Loading times
- ▶ Toxicity
- ▶ Recycling
- ▶ ...