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# ***Chemical Storage Science: current status***



basic research needs workshop for  
**Electrical Energy Storage**

**Plenary Closing Session**  
**April 4, 2007**

# ***Chemical Storage Science:*** **current status**

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- NiMH to be replaced by Li-ion in HEVs?
- HEVs will continue to penetrate automotive markets
- If PHEV, and grid backup become commercial reality, the volume and revenue associated with battery technology will be staggering
- U.S. and Europe far behind (absent) Japan, Korea, and China in the commercialization advanced batteries.
- There is a pressing national and global need for investments in energy storage technology.
- Battery development is becoming increasingly sophisticated and as such will be driven by fundamental advances.
- Long incubation period for translation of fundamental advances to commercial reality highlights the need for immediate action.



# High Performance Electric Transportation

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**Burn rubber,  
not gasoline.**

Introducing the Tesla Roadster:

- 100% electric
- 0 to 60 in about 4 seconds
- 135 mpg equivalent
- 250 miles per charge
- about 1¢ per mile\*

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# ***Chemical Storage Science:*** **technology challenges**

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- **Increasing the energy and power density of secondary batteries without comprising safety or calendar life.**
- **Extremes of temperature (poor performance or premature failure).**
- **Cost**
- **Current HEVs utilize Ni/MH systems which have cost, energy content, and life limitations that prevent broad acceptance.**
- **Existing battery technologies do not satisfy the requirements for PHEV, or EV applications: breakthroughs are needed**
- **For grid backup current battery systems are life-limited and still too costly - breakthroughs are needed.**



# ***Chemical Storage Science:***

## **basic-science challenges, opportunities, and needs**

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- Identification of potential “breakthrough” chemistries through fundamental science: provide guidance and accelerate the process.
- The progression to higher energy and power density batteries pushes materials to the edge of stability (energy storage must be safe, long-lasting and inexpensive).
- Thermodynamic and kinetic data to guide system design & elucidate rapid self-disassembly (flamethrower laptops).
- There is a pressing need for in-situ tools and approaches to look at the structure and stability of interfaces and dynamic processes under realistic conditions
- Explore and understand fundamental life-limiting phenomena in multi-component battery materials and systems.
- A theoretical description of the SEI (solid electrolyte interphase).



# ***Chemical Storage Science:***

## **basic-science challenges, opportunities, and needs**

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- The use of computational tools to predict properties and guide rational design
- Exploit advances in characterization tools to expose underlying phenomena that limit life and performance and integrate this information with computational modeling work for validation and predictive fidelity.
- Explore and elucidate the role of nanomaterials in chemical energy storage
- International collaboration
- Feedback loop from basic science through engineering and development to validate models



# ***Chemical Storage Science: Novel System Design Towards Performance and Efficiency***

## **Scientific challenges**

New fundamental understanding of the interplay of materials and charge transport for electrochemical energy storage systems enabling:

- Ultra high energy and power density
- Robust, long life and safe
- Low lifetime cost

## **Potential scientific impact**

- New understanding of mixed conductivity and transport in macro and nanocomposite electrodes and polymers
- New understanding of the physical integration of structure and high degrees of charge transfer
- Novel multifunctional design motifs which may impact other energy technologies (PV, electrochromics, etc. )

## **Summary of research directions**

- Multifunctional components and materials
- Higher voltage energy density multielectron redox electrodes
- New electrode and cell designs and processes inspired by nature
- Novel electrochemical couples for Li, non-Li, and flow batteries

## **Potential impact on EES**

Elimination of inactive non-redox components

- improved energy density and lower cost

Multifunctional Separators and Binders

- polymer with shuttle capability, getters and dendrite control
- improved safety and efficiency

Extreme energy and power density

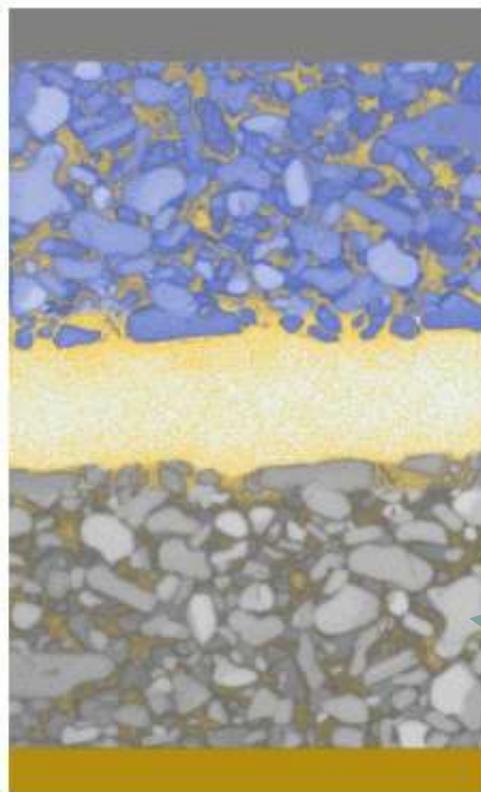
- Enabling new application, functionality and performance of power systems for transportation and grid

3-D and Self Assembled batteries

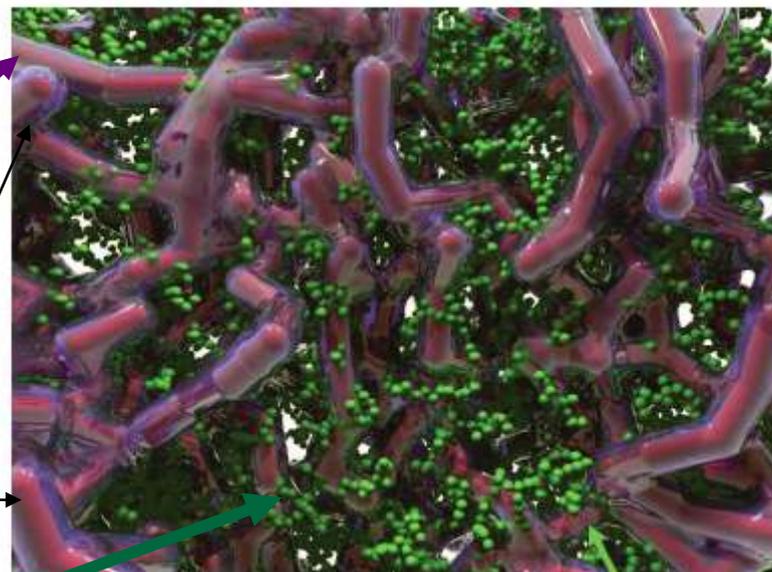
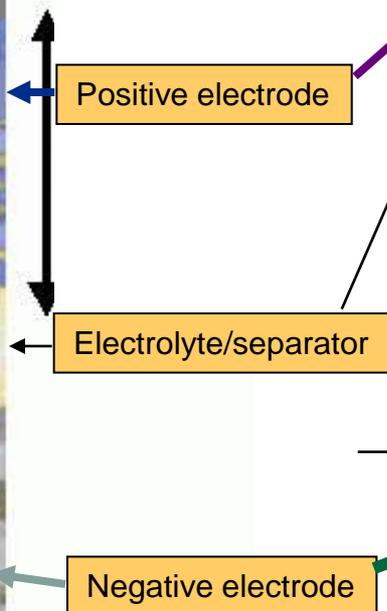
- lower cost and higher efficiency



# ***Chemical Storage Science:*** **technology challenges**



**Present day Electrochemical  
Cell Structure**



**3-D Battery Self Assembled Electrochemical  
Cell Structures Containing Multifunctional  
Components.**



# ***Chemical Storage Science:***

## **PRD: New Materials, Chemistries and Strategies**

### **Scientific challenges**

- **Electrode capacity limitations (energy)**
- **Design stable electrode-electrolyte interfaces**
- **New materials/electrochemical couples required for 'breakthrough' improvements through innovative synthesis procedures**
- **Paradigm shift away from conventional solid state**

### **Potential scientific impact**

- **Understand electrochemical phenomena at the nano-scale**
- **New synthetic strategies and processes for particle, morphological and functional control**
- **New structural configurations for superior hydrogen storage, catalysis, supercapacitors**

### **Summary of research direction**

- **Create/tailor high potential materials (4.2-5.5 V vs. Li<sup>0</sup>) with >1 e<sup>-</sup> transfer per redox center**
- **Design nanomaterials to increase capacity and power and fabricate multifunctional surfaces**
- **In-situ measurements of dynamic processes**
- **Model structure, ion transport, electrode design to maximize performance**
- **Explore recyclable chemistries, e.g., composites, organics, liquids, metal-air (Li/O<sub>2</sub>)**

### **Potential impact on EES**

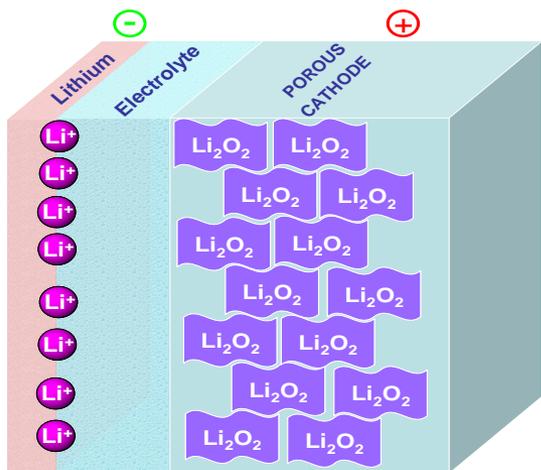
- **Improve energy, power, safety, efficiency, life, operating temperature, cost**
- **Enable related energy technologies**
- **Timescale for success: 10 years or more**



# Chemical Storage Science:

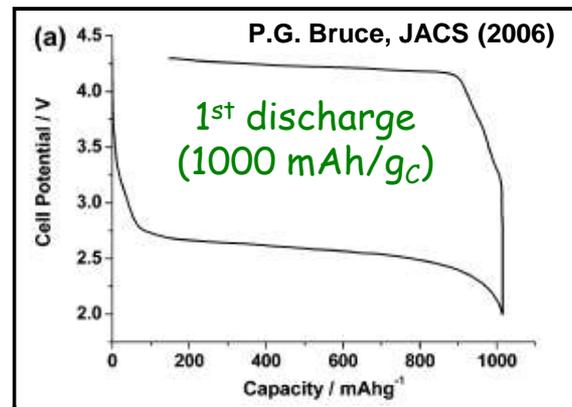
## PRD: New Materials, Chemistries and Strategies

Li/O<sub>2</sub> cells: A step towards the holy grail?

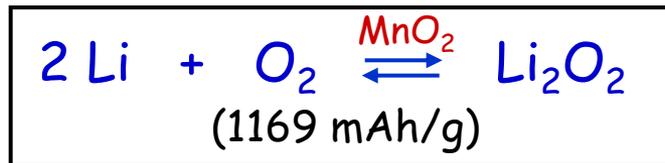


Proof of concept

Future direction



- Design nanomaterials to increase capacity and power and design multi-functional surfaces



- New electrochemical couples required for 'breakthrough' improvements
- Paradigm shift away from conventional solid state



Design of porous catalyzed 3-D nanoarchitecture as air cathode



# ***Chemical Storage Science:***

## **Rational Design of Interfaces and Interphases**

### **Scientific challenges**

**Understand interface/interphase dependence on electrode materials, electrolyte components & additives (intra-cell and intra-electrode)**

**Separate the impact of the interface/interphase from the cell level behavior**

**Elucidate the role of the electrode interface in governing charge-transfer to solid-state and liquid-state electrolytes**

***In-situ* probes of interface behavior**

### **Potential scientific impact**

**New discoveries will lead to advances in other field involving charge-transfer interfaces**

**New dynamic in-situ probes will impact other interface-dependent fields (fuel cells, electrocatalysis, biological membranes)**

### **Summary of research direction**

**Strategies for electrode-electrolyte synergy for novel non-carbon anodes and next-gen cathodes**

**Design of new anodes, solvents, salts and additives for SEI stabilization and wide temperature/ large potential window operations**

**Understand electrode/ electrolyte (SEI) and intra-electrode interfaces (active↔binder↔conductive add.)**

**Develop characterization tools and approaches to probe the interface under dynamic conditions**

### **Potential impact on EES**

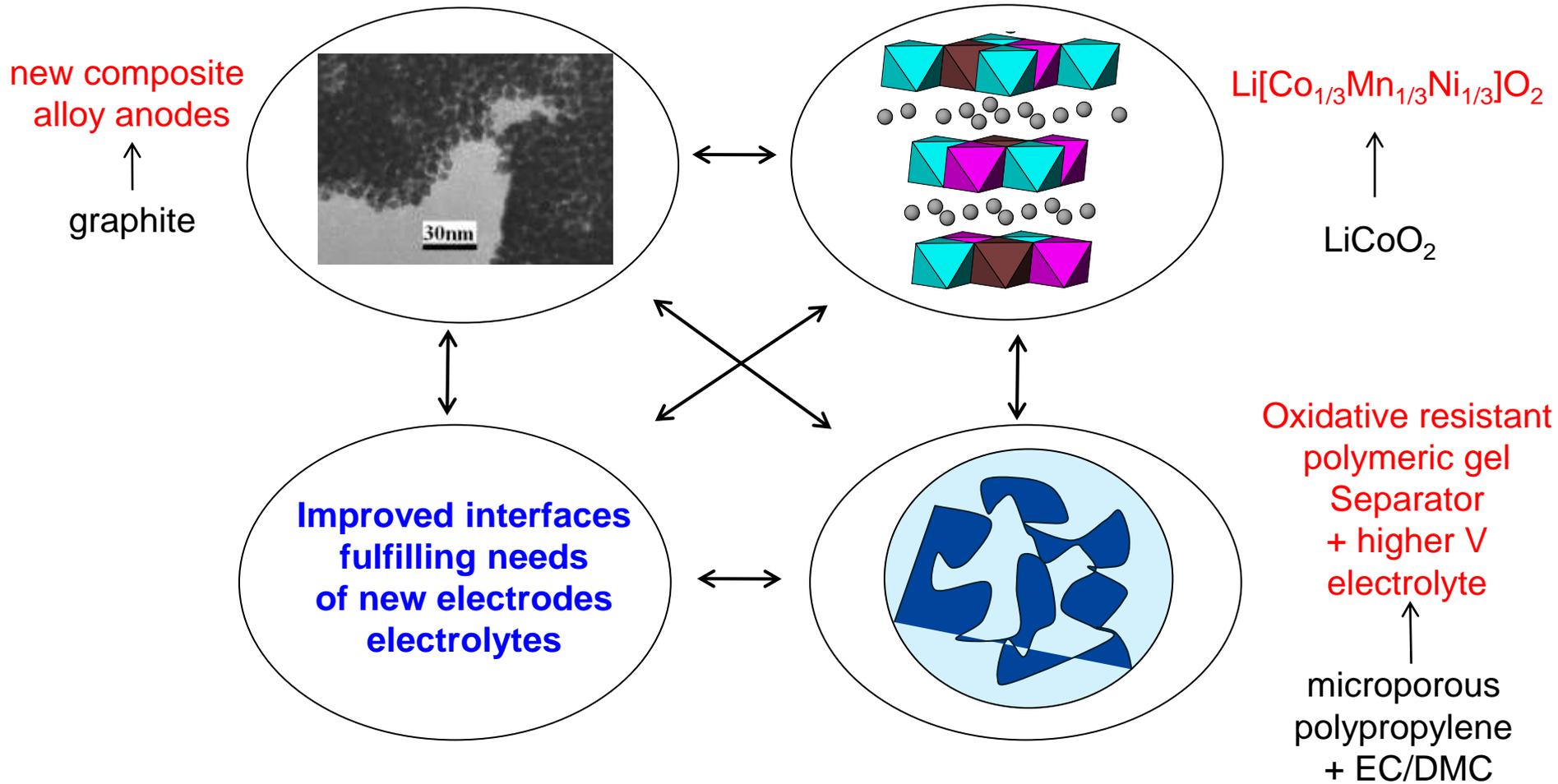
**Tailor-designed interfaces for future energy storage systems**

**Longer life and safer energy storage systems that provide higher energy density**



# Chemical Storage Science: Synergetic Electrode-Electrolyte Research

1991  
- 2007

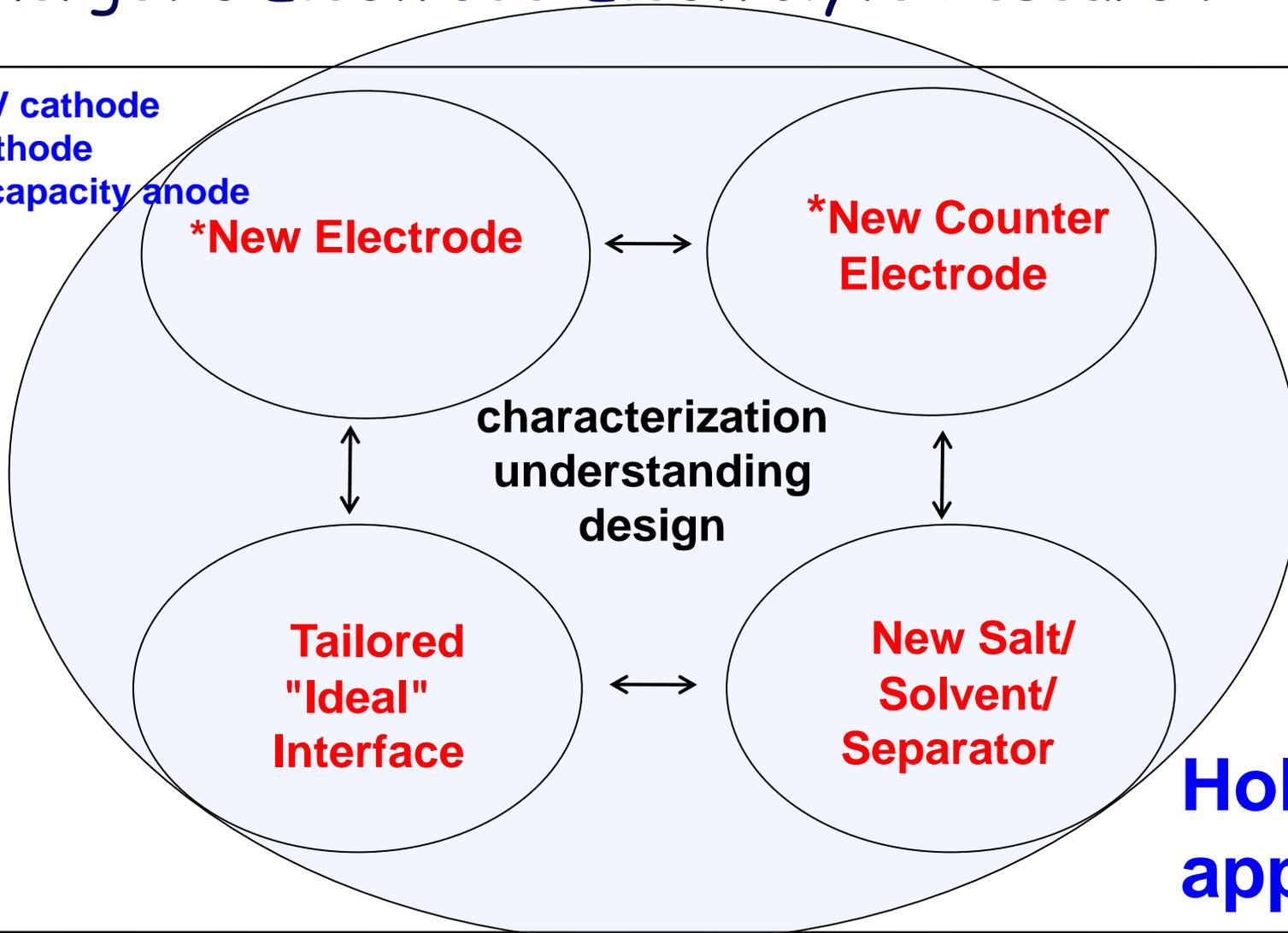


# ***Chemical Storage Science:***

## **Synergetic Electrode-Electrolyte Research**

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- high V cathode
- air cathode
- high capacity anode
- Etc.

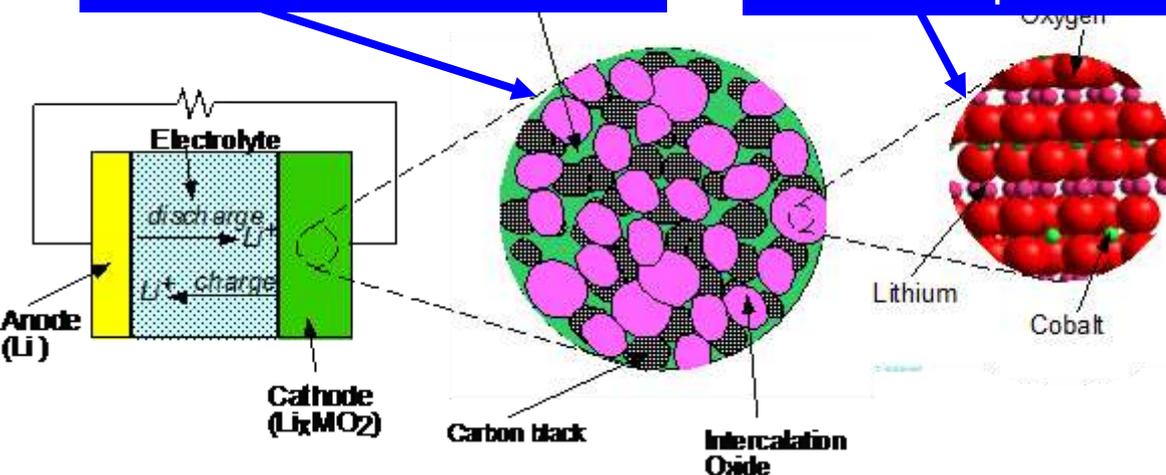


# Chemical Storage Science:

Rational materials design through theory and modeling

**Objective:** Combined mechanical, electrical, and transport modeling of electrode

**Objective:** Fully predictive performance and stability modeling of active component



## How to get there

- Predictive Kinetics of phase changes
- Electrochemistry at the nano-scale
- Charge transport in mixed conductors
- Computational materials design
- Transport and evolution in electrode microstructures
- Structure and role of reaction interfaces (SEI)

Enables:

Modeling of performance, lifetime and safety  
Accelerated innovation in new materials and new designs for higher energy and power at lower cost



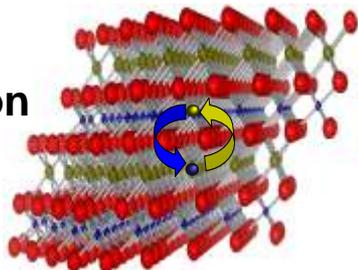
# Chemical Storage Science:

## Rational materials design through theory and modeling

### Scientific challenges

Development of knowledge and computational tools to predict properties, performance, evolution and lifetime of materials for chemical energy storage

*vision: computationally driven materials design and analysis*



### Summary of research direction

- Predictive Kinetics of phase changes
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- Electrochemistry at the nano-scale
- Charge transport in mixed conductors
- Inverse and computational materials design
- Modeling of spectroscopic methods

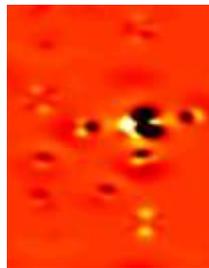
### Potential scientific impact

Insight into behavior of nanomaterials

Novel numerical techniques for integrated kinetics modeling in multi-phase systems.

*Impact on other fields*

Computationally driven materials design



### Potential impact on EES

- Higher **energy** and **power** density storage
- Accelerated lower cost design of **novel materials** and rapid screening of new ideas
- Prediction of **lifetime and failure mechanisms**.
- Enable evolution from microscopic to molecular design and **assembly of batteries**



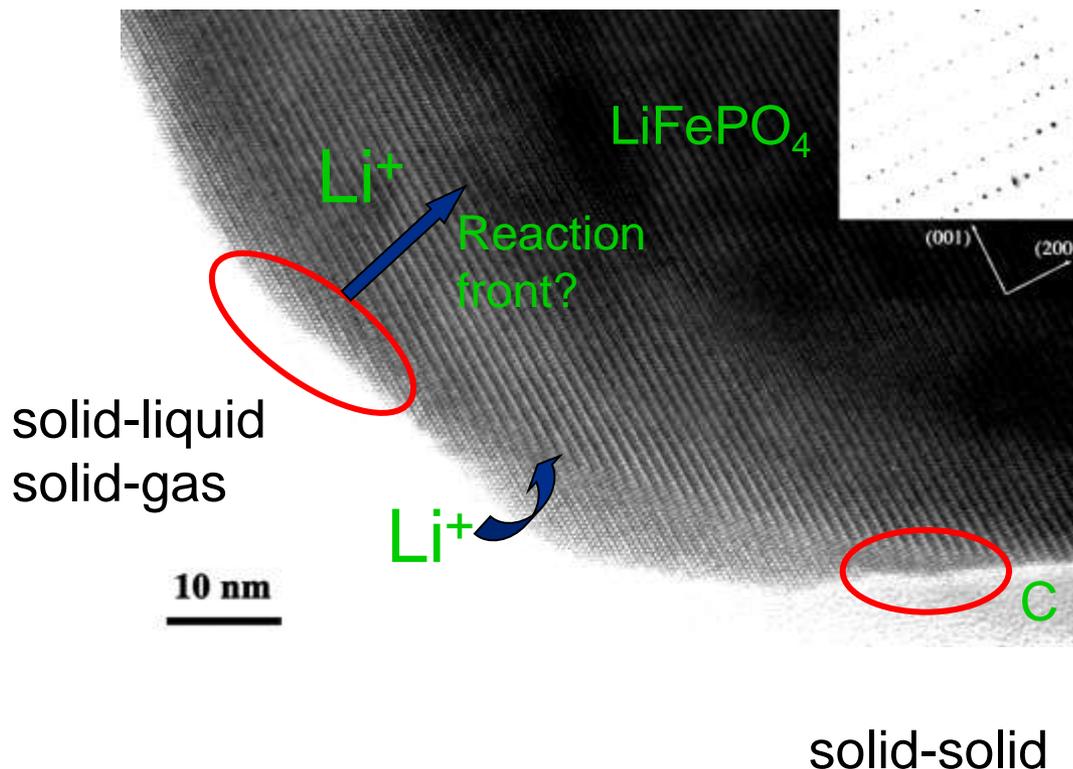
# Chemical Storage Science: Novel Characterization Approaches

## Scientific challenges

### Interfacial structure and processes:

- How do we characterize local processes with increased sensitivity, in real time?

- How do we identify the important phenomena that occur over wide ranging timescales, and that contribute to battery failure?



# Chemical Storage Science: Novel Characterization Approaches

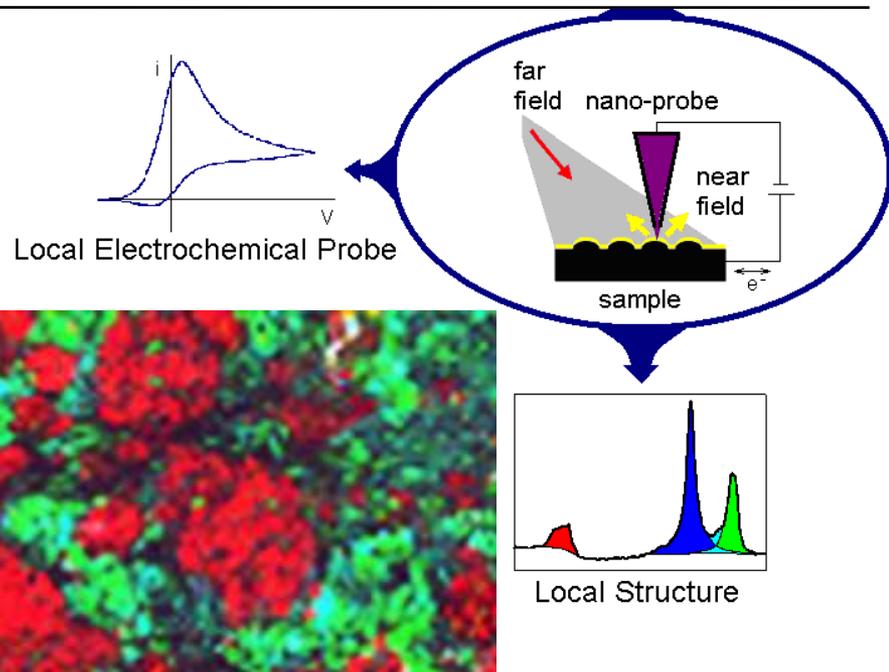
imaging +  
spectroscopy

## Summary of research directions

- Multi technique, *in situ* methods.... sensitive to structure and dynamics at interfaces
- Push timescale (fs – s) of *in situ* methods
- Examine response to electrochemical perturbations
- Couple with theory
- Design model experiments to extract different lifetime-dependent failure modes

## Potential scientific impact

- Fundamental understanding of intercalation/conversion reactions
- Ability to tune and design interfacial processes
- New time- and spatially- resolved techniques to examine interfaces



## Potential impact on EES

- Revolutionize the design of interfaces, surfaces, morphologies
- Rational design of high-rate materials with longer lifetimes



# Chemical Storage Science:

## What makes nano different for chemical energy storage?

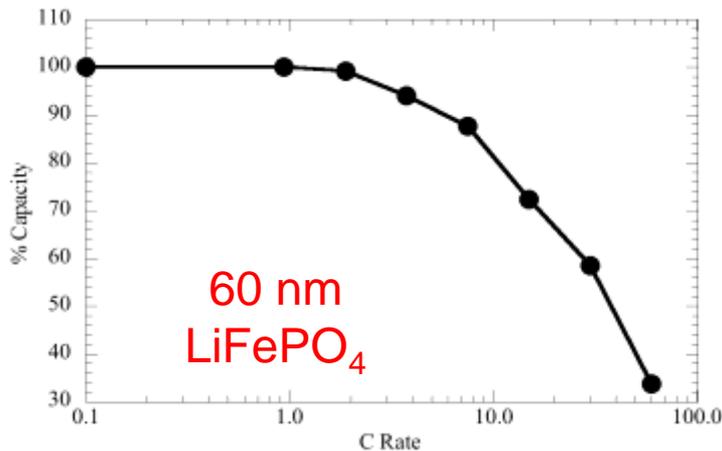
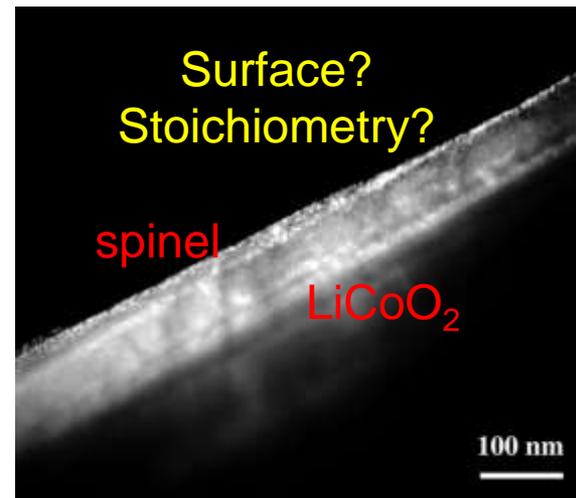
### Scientific challenges

Understand phenomena at the nano-to-atomic lengthscale and the consequences of utilizing nanoparticles and composites in battery systems

- Exploit rapid reaction kinetics to enable new electrochemistries?

- Pseudo-capacitive vs. storage effects?

- How do we characterize nano particles and composites?  
Structure at the 5 Å – 5 nm length scale?



Transport?

Structural relaxation?

Electronic?

M. S. Whittingham, J. Mater. Chem., in press (data from Kim & Kim)



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### Summary of research direction

#### Characterization:

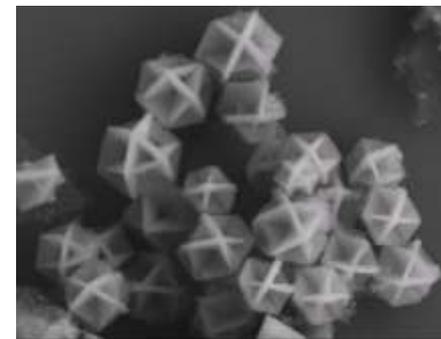
- Develop local structural and interfacial probes and tools that separate surface and bulk effects.
- Combine multiple structural probes

#### Synthesis:

- Engineer particles, heterostructures, and composites with new morphologies, controlled sizes, engineered surface properties, to develop **new properties** and **understand** properties

#### Modeling:

- Push method development and application to understand structure/electronic size effects



### Potential scientific impact

- Fundamental understanding of nanoscale phenomena
- Extensions to interfacial processes in related fields, e.g., catalysis, fuel cells, PV cells etc.

### Potential impact on EES

- **New** electrochemical processes and storage mechanisms
- Higher rate batteries

