

Using Li-ion Battery for Intermittent Renewable Energy Storage: Requirements and Landscape

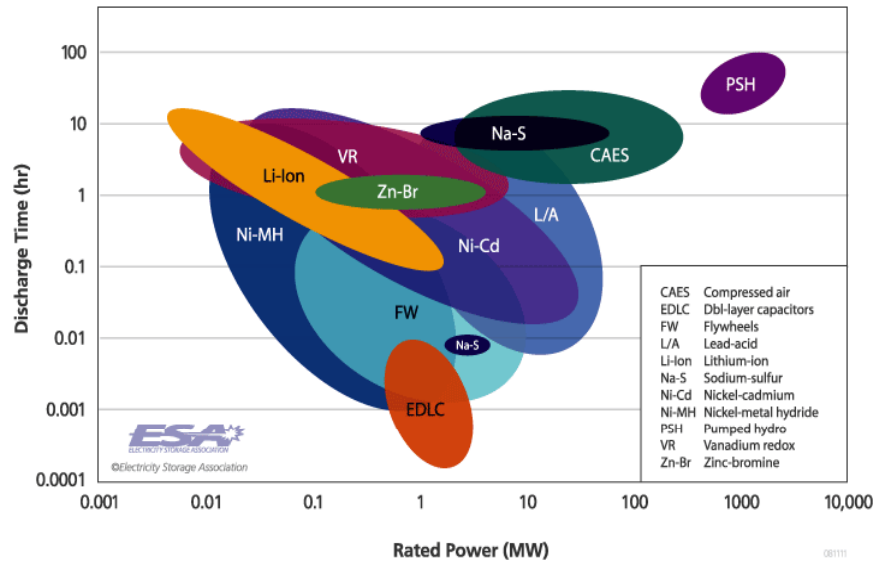
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- Requirements and Landscape of LiB for Stationary Storage
- Role and Comparison of Current Materials and Chemistries
- Near term future: Very High Energy LiB Materials and Cells

Energy/Power Ratings for Intermittent Stationary Storage

System Ratings

Installed systems as of November 2008



Power Quality:

Seconds or less as needed, Continuity of quality power

Bridging Power:

Seconds-Minutes Continuity of Service when Switching

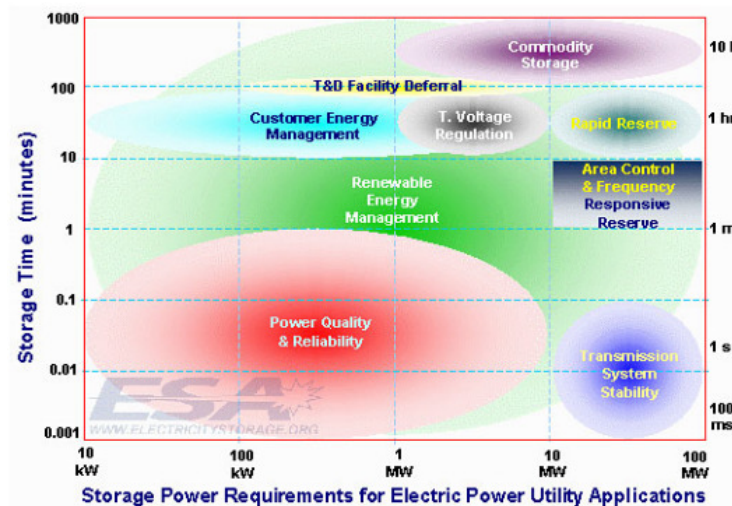
Energy

Management.

Decouple the Timing of Generation and Consumption of electrical energy.

- ~ Load leveling
- ~ Cost Optimization
- ~ Revenue Arbitrage
- ~ Grid-independency for many hours.

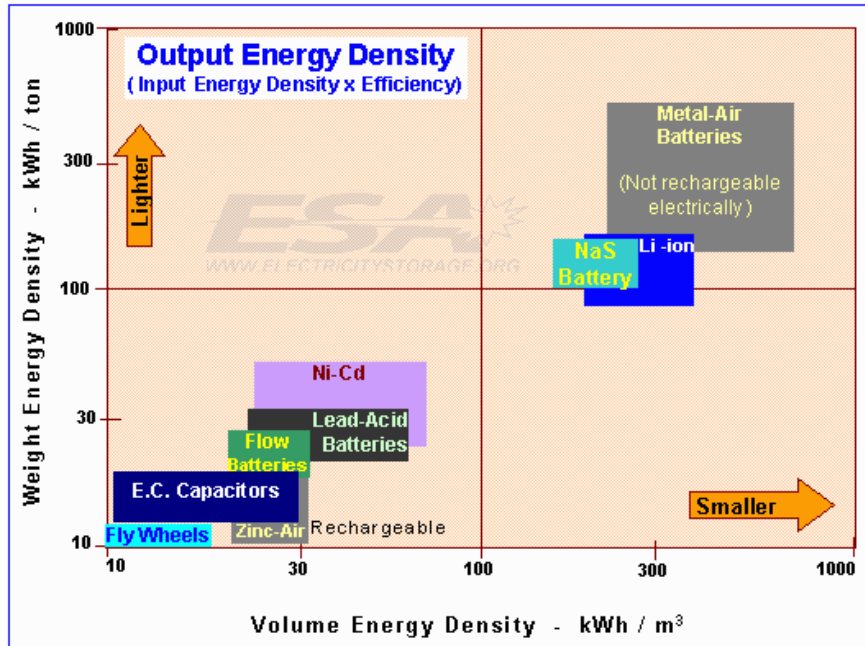
Application Rating



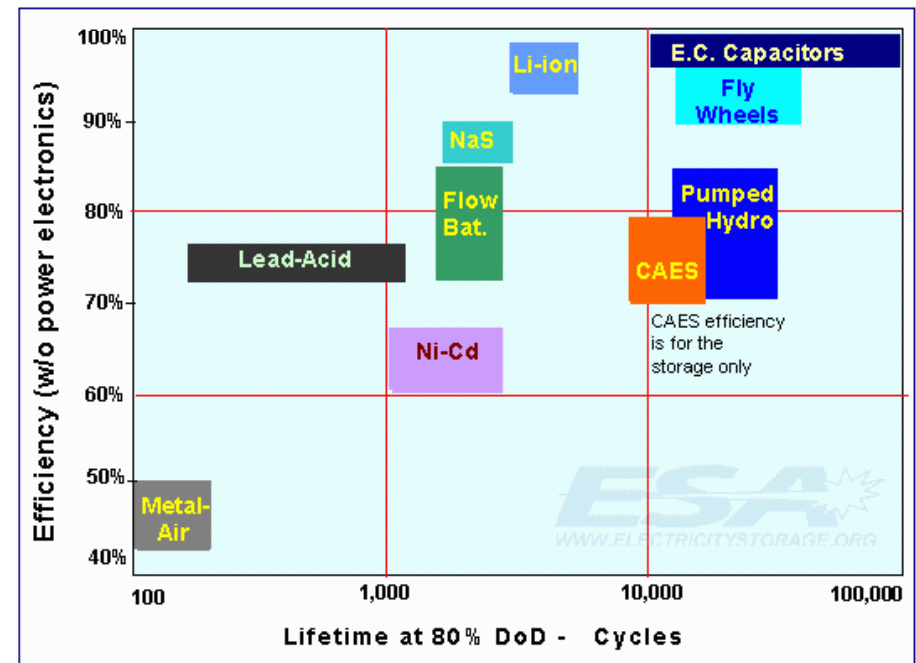
Data from Sandia Report 2002-1314

Size/Weight and Efficiency Considerations

Size and Weight Consideration

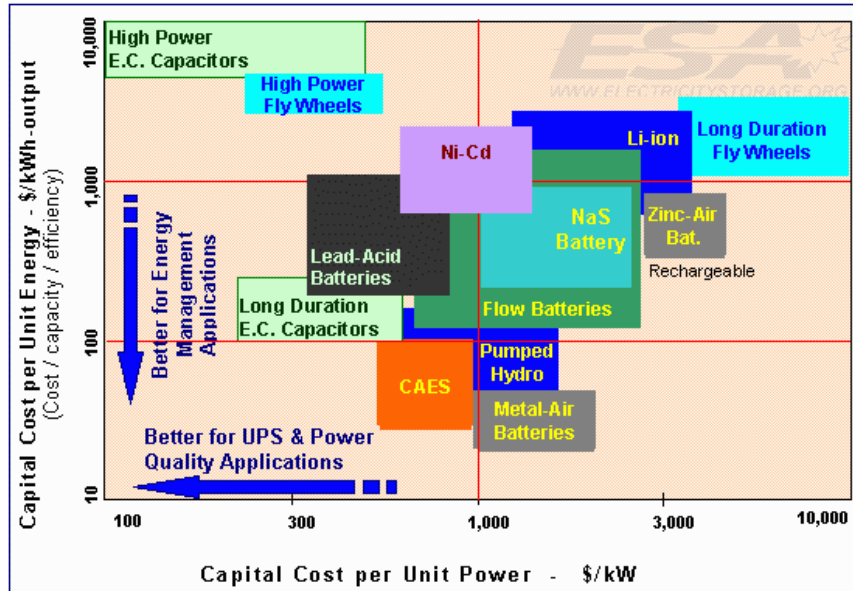


Cycle Life Efficiency

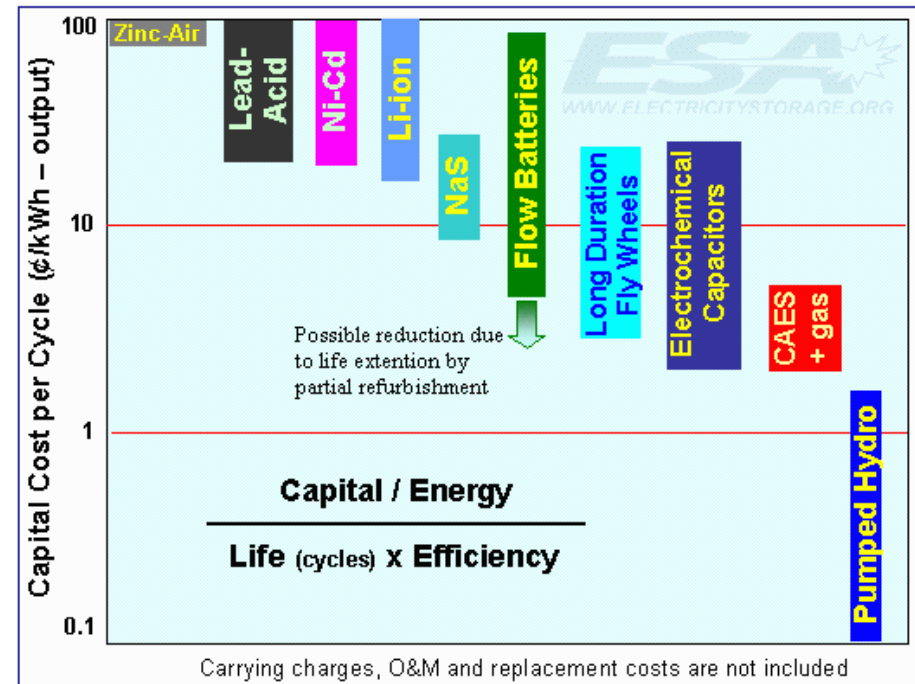


Cost Considerations

Capital Cost/Unit Energy-Power



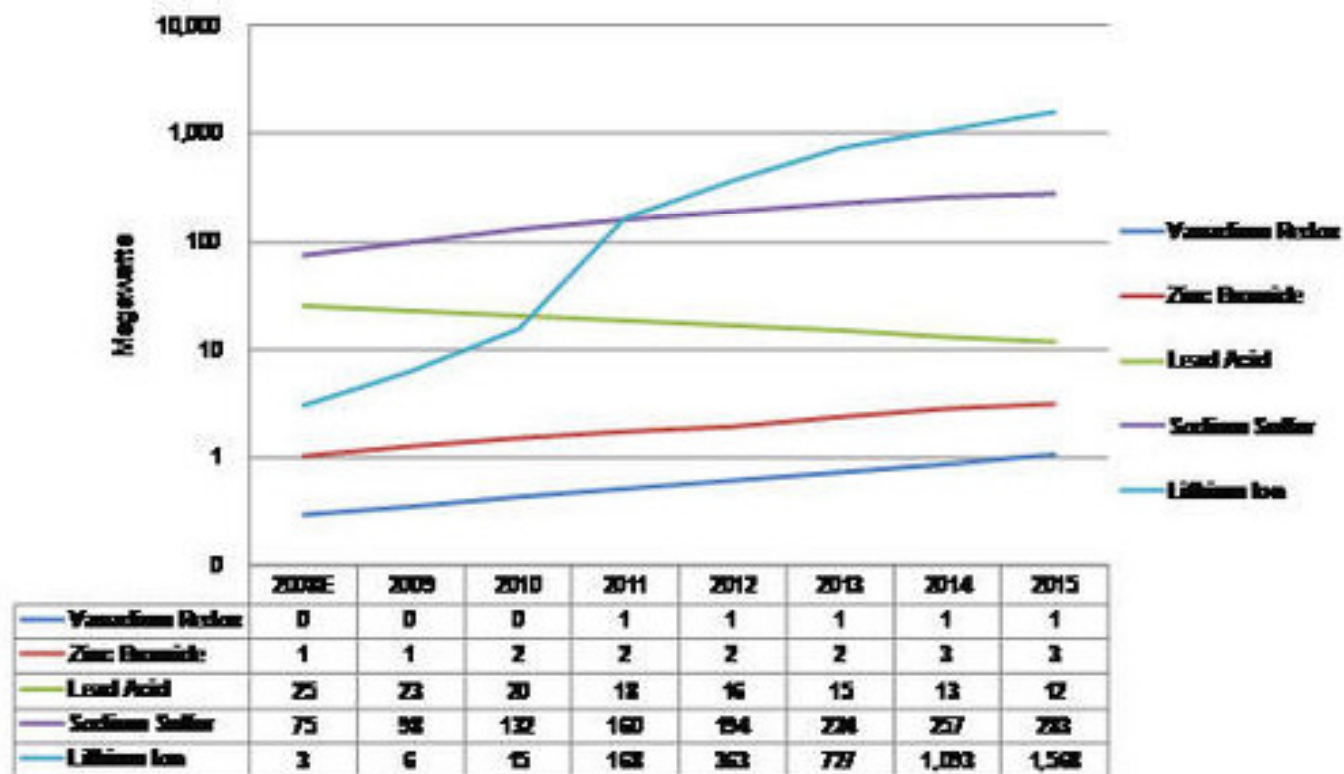
Per Cycle Cost of Stored Energy



Cost basis: 2002 and Changing Fast

Market Considerations: Projections

Stationary Utility Battery Storage Technologies, World Markets: 2008-2015



(Source: Pike Research)

Different Battery Technologies : Materials and Chemistries

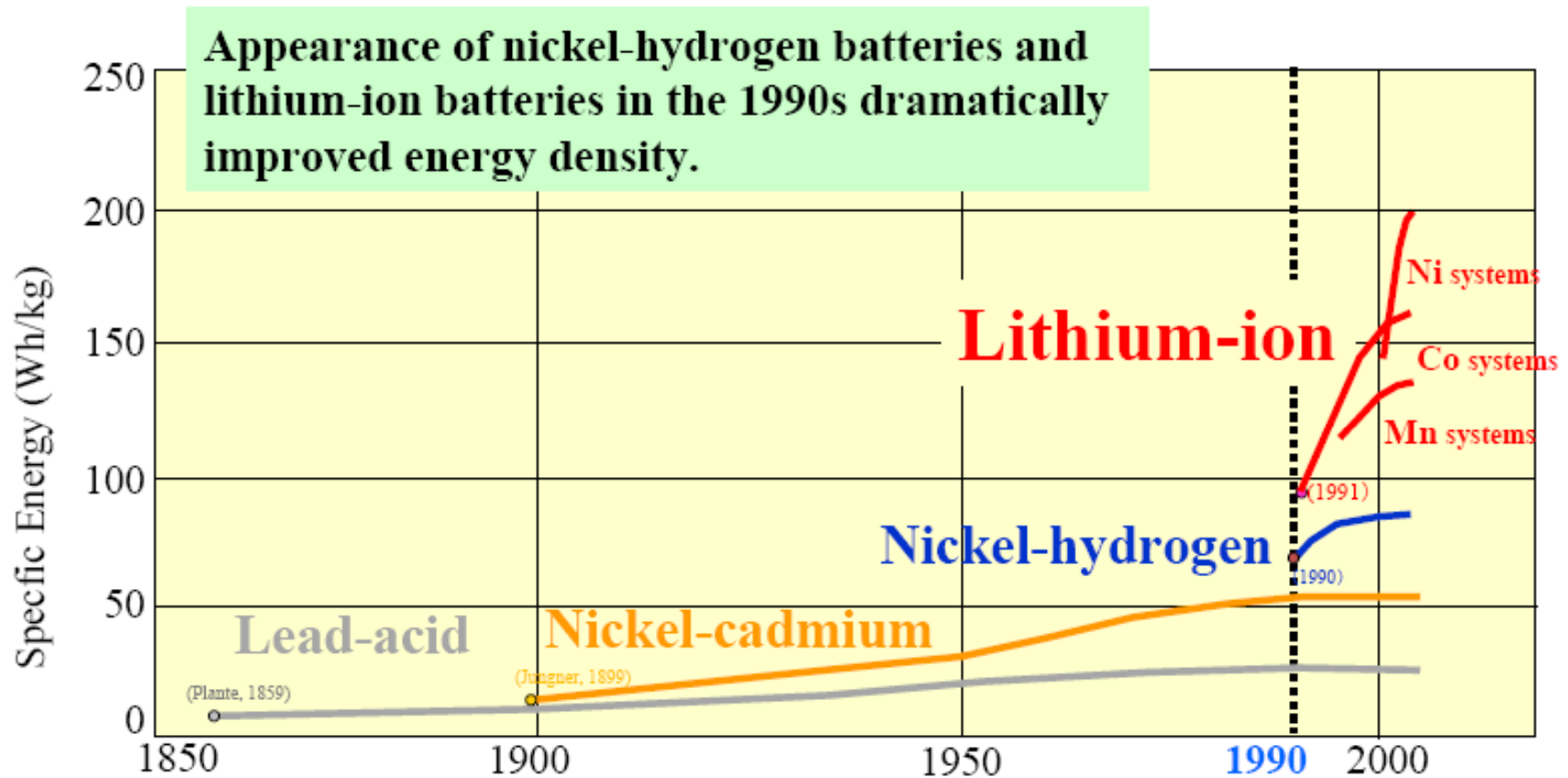
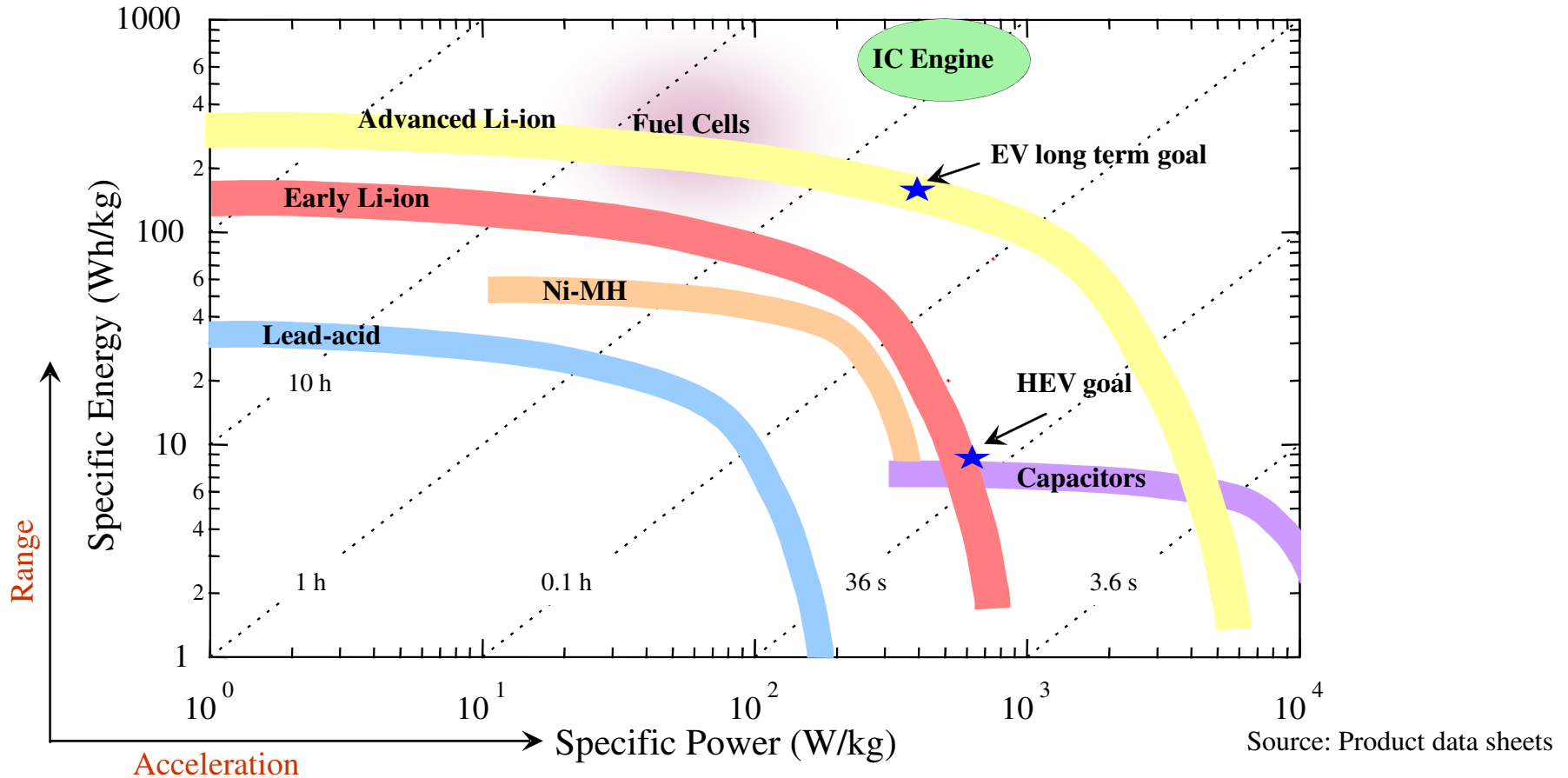
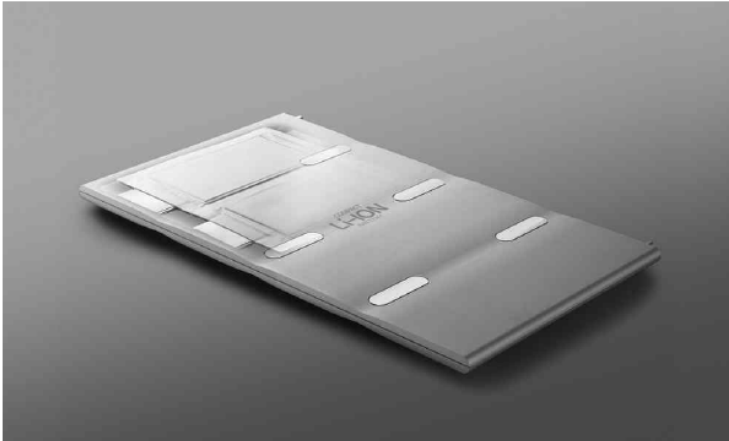
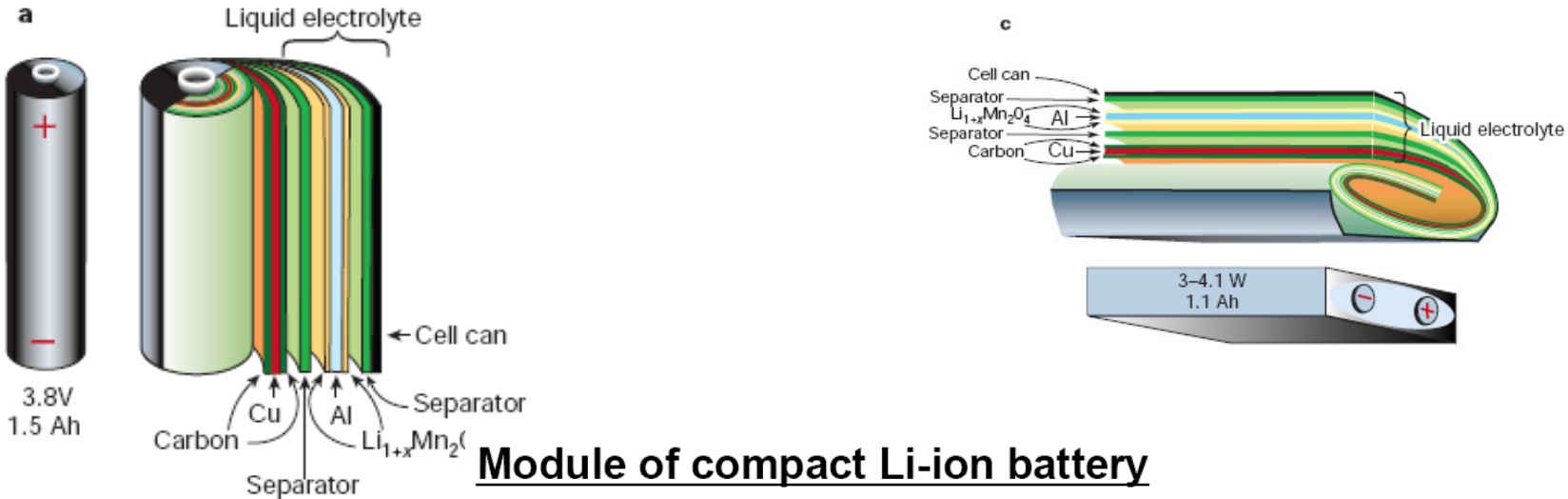


Fig. Improvement in specific energy of secondary batteries

Specific Energy vs Specific Power: Ragone Plot

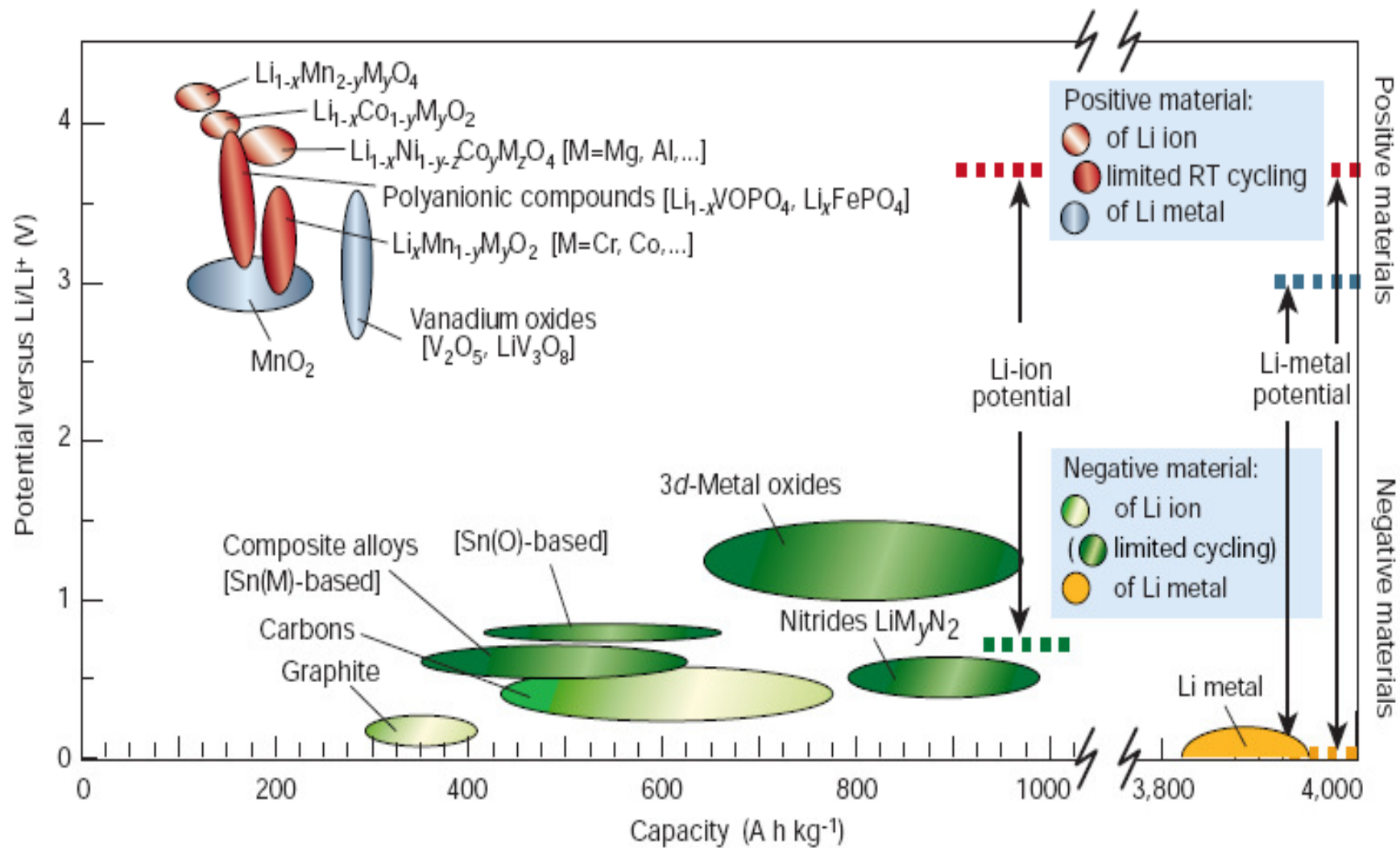


Li-ion Battery Cells



Tarascon et. al, Nature (2001)

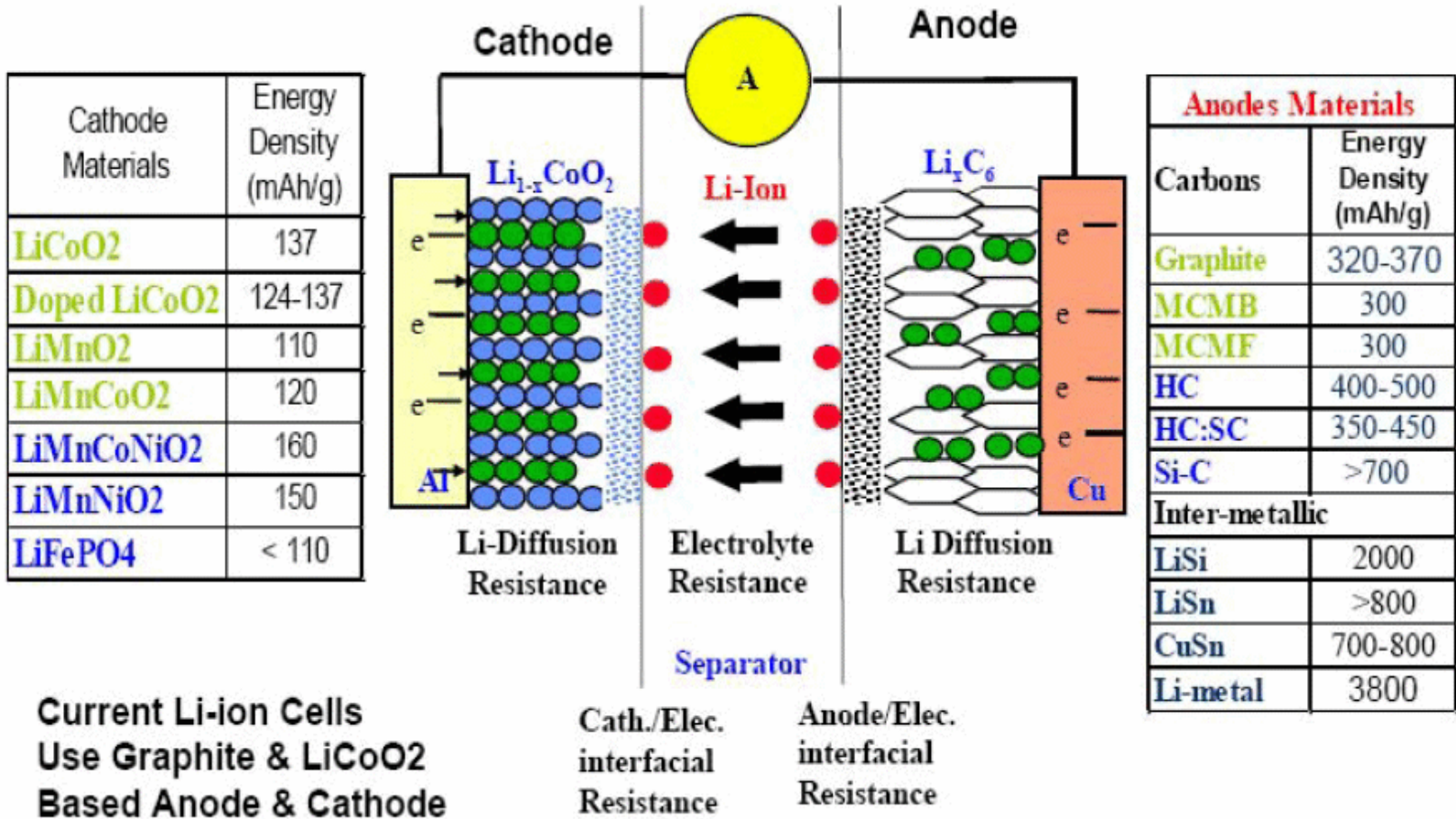
Li-ion Battery: Role of Materials and Chemistries



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Energy Density of NMC Material and Other Materials

Li-ion Cell and Materials



Source: Motorola Portable Energy

Example: Li-ion Battery for Stationary Storage

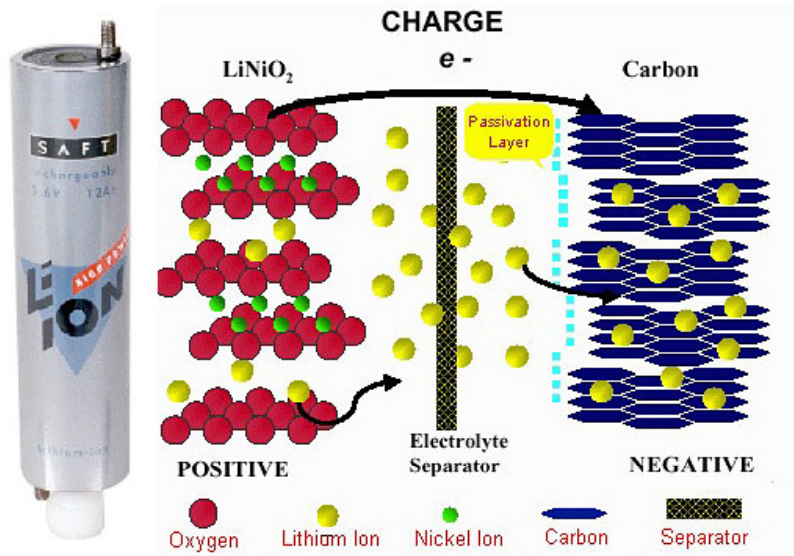


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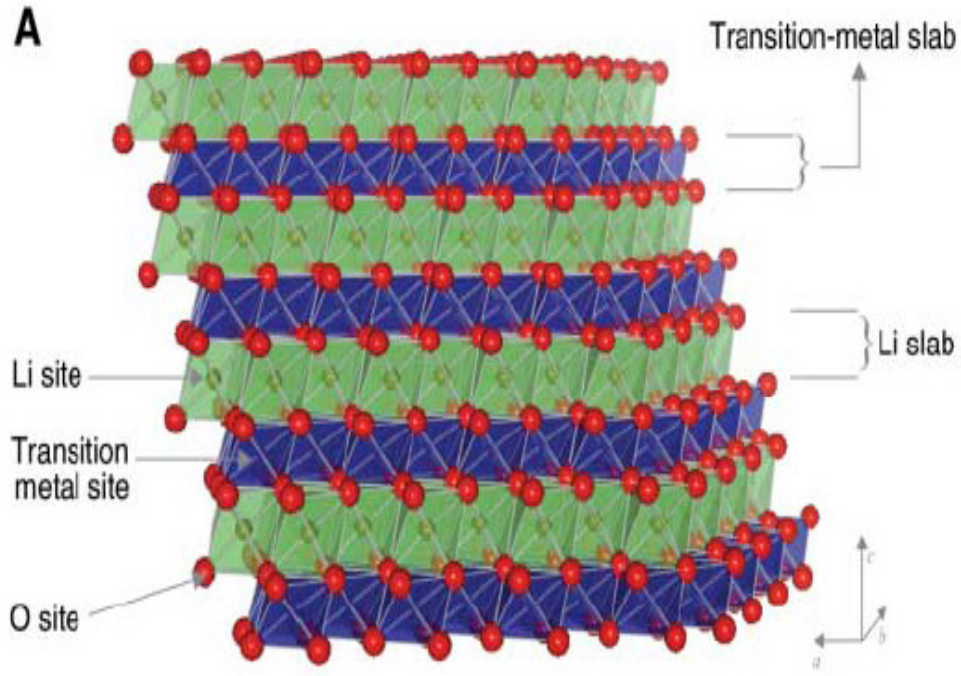
High energy density (300 - 400 kWh/m³, 130 kWh/ton)

High efficiency (near 100%)

Long cycle life (3,000 cycles @ 80% depth of discharge)

Based on LCO or LMO type cathodes and Graphitic/Carbon type Anode and LiPF₆ salts dissolved in carbonate electrolyte

Changing the LiB Oxide Cathode Materials Chemistry



Generic Structure of Layered Oxide Material

- Change the end group
- Change the transition metal
- Ease of Li storage and dynamics with in the lattice ~ capacity and power
- Difficulty of removing O from the lattice ~ safety
- Difficulty of Li – transition metal exchange with in the lattice ~ cycling
- Ionic size ~ structural stability
- Intercalation voltage ~ voltage
- Cost

LiB Materials Chemistries: Oxide Cathode

Table II: Effect of metal substitution on the average intercalation voltage in the α -NaFeO₂ structure

M in LiMO ₂	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu
av. voltage (V)	2.33	2.93	3.22	2.95	3.52	3.73	3.32	3.7

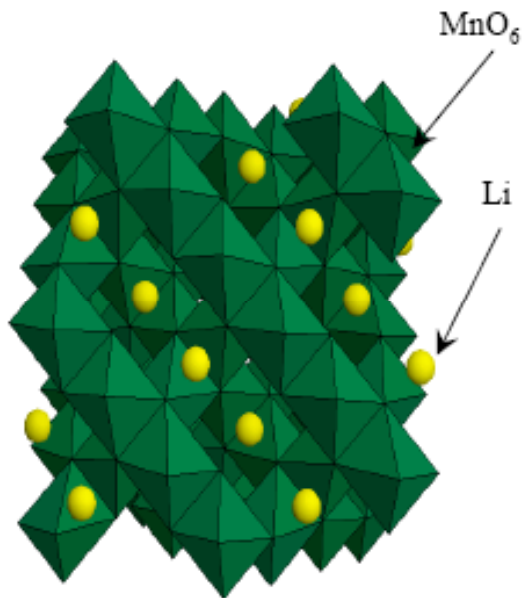
for MO₂ /LiMO₂

Table III: Effect of anion substitution on the average intercalation voltage of LiCoX₂ in the α -NaFeO₂ structure

X in LiCoX ₂	O	S	Se
av. voltage (V)	3.75	2.04	1.46

LiB Materials Chemistries: The Spinel LiMn_2O_4 Cathode

The LiMn_2O_4 Spinel System



Manganese Spinel / Carbon-based

- Well-studied system that has a high power capability and excellent safety, but has low energy
 - Capacity is 110 mAh/g, vs. 180 mAh/g for the nickel-based systems
- Known cycle life problems because of manganese dissolution, exacerbated at higher temperatures
 - Use a mixture of spinel and nickelate to enhance life and increase energy, while maintaining safety
- Could satisfy PHEV-10 energy requirements, but meeting PHEV-40 requirements may be more problematic

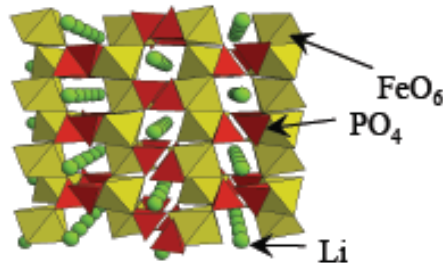
Low energy and poor life are key challenges for use in PHEV-40

Ideas Being Pursued

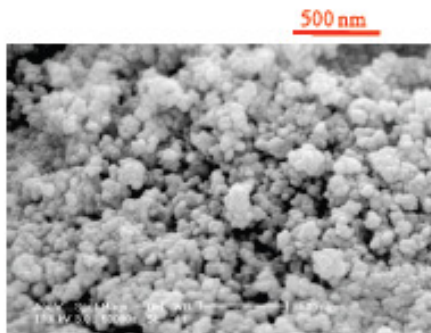
- Use electrolytes that prevent dissolution of manganese
- Move to higher energy anodes (without sacrificing life)

LiB Materials Chemistries: Li-Iron-Phosphate Cathode

LiFePO₄ / Carbon-based



- Best chemistry in terms of safety characteristics
- Excellent power capability due to nanosize
- However, energy is low because of low cathode voltage (3.4 V vs. 3.8 V for nickel-based system)
- Cycle life unknown, with conflicting reports and limited data
 - Life appears to be related to impurities formed during material synthesis, and could be prevented
- Flat voltage leads to cell balancing and SOC determination problems

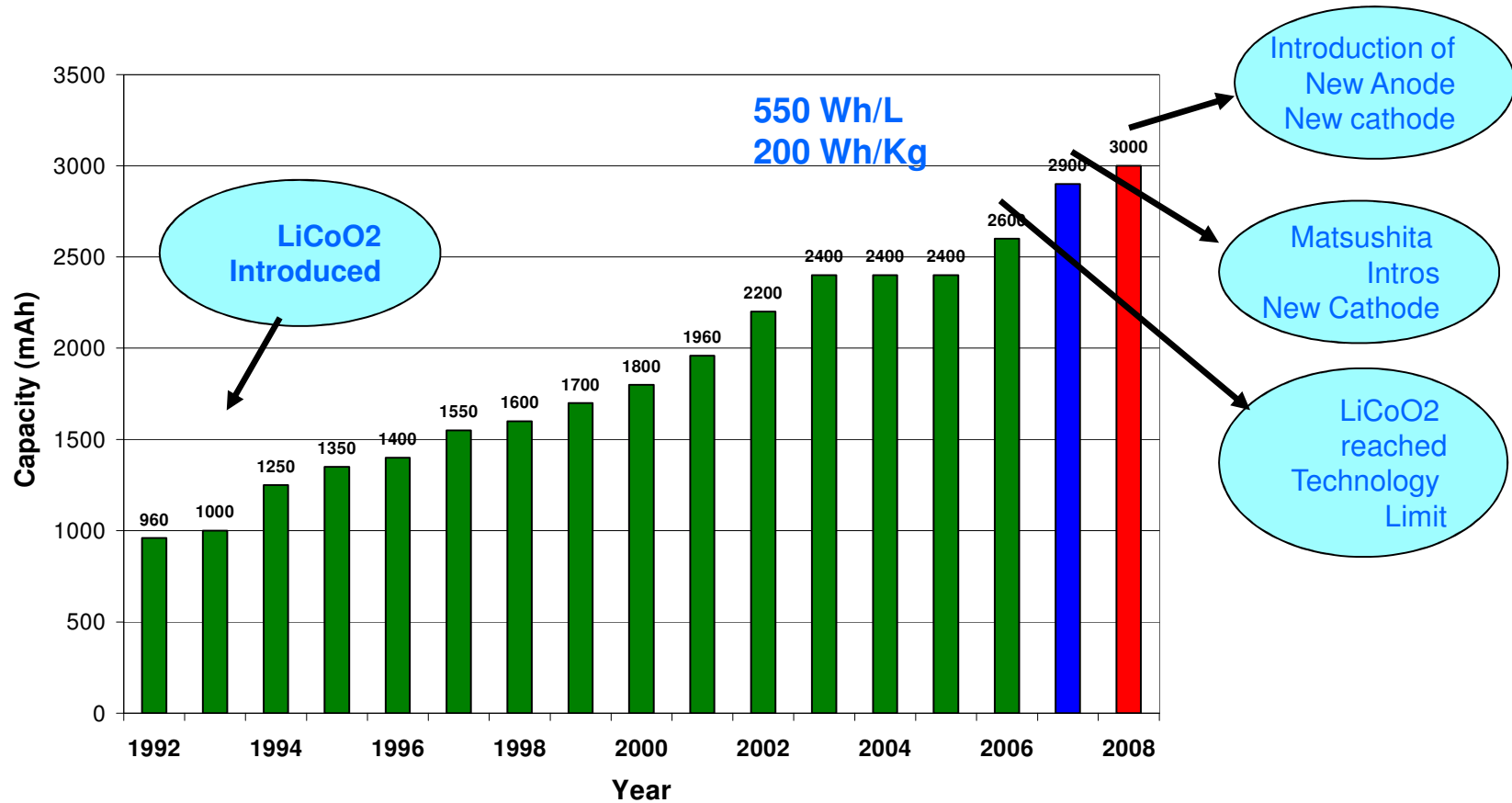


Low energy could impede use in PHEV-40

Ideas Being Pursued

- Move to prismatic designs to increase specific energy and energy density
- Tailor size of nanoparticle to increase tap-density (g/cc of active material)
- Move to alternative phosphates (LiMnPO₄) that have higher energy while maintaining safety

The Lithium-Ion Technology is at the Crossroads

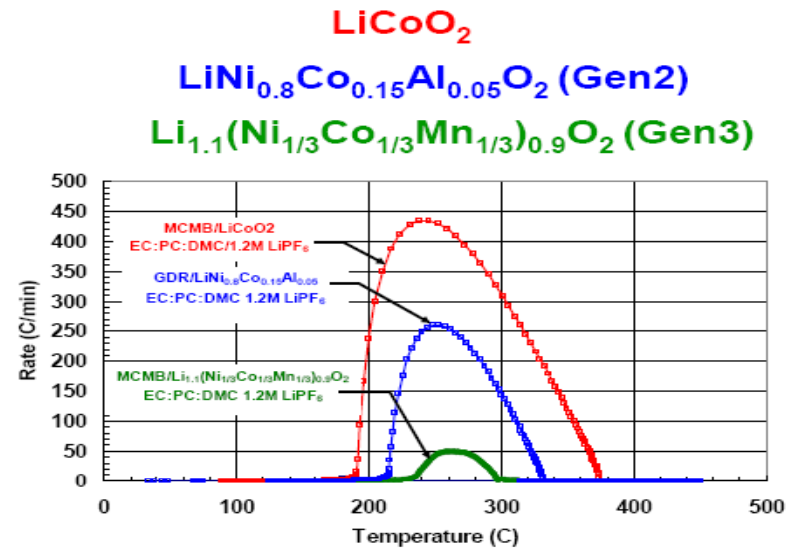


Typically 3-5% performance improvement unless new chemistry or material is introduced

Source: IIT

Gen-3 layer-layer NMC Cathode Materials

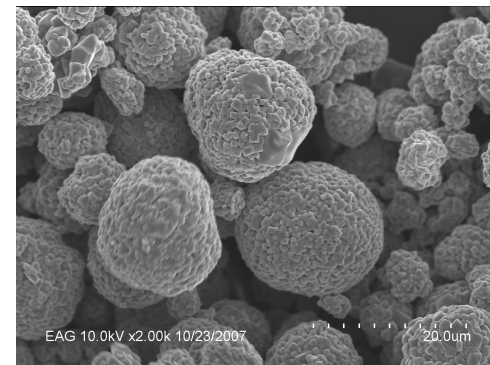
Cathode Materials	Energy Density (mAh/g)
LiCoO ₂	137
Doped LiCoO ₂	124-137
LiMnO ₂	110
LiMnCoO ₂	120
LiMnCoNiO ₂	160
LiMnNiO ₂	150
LiFePO ₄	< 110



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Li-ion Battery for Stationary Energy Storage: Comments

- LiB is an advanced competitive technology in the Bridging Power and Energy Management areas
- Current Applications ratings are especially suitable for:
 - Re-newable Energy Management/Efficiency
 - Customer Energy Management
 - Up to 1MW power rating and Minutes-Hours Interruption
- The above specifications are based on LMO/ Graphite based Chemistries
- Higher power rating (1-10MW) are possible and starting to happen with Olivine (LFPO) and Spinel (LMnO) type cathode and LTO type anode Chemistries
- Nex-gen LIB Cells based on very high energy density composite cathode and Si-alloy based anodes will be game changer and booster in stationary energy storage area by 3-4x improvement in gravimetric energy density and 2x improvement in volumetric energy density at similar or lower cost
- Coating technology needs significant improvement to increase the discharge time ratings to below few minutes interruption