

Almacenamiento de Energía: Baterías de Litio

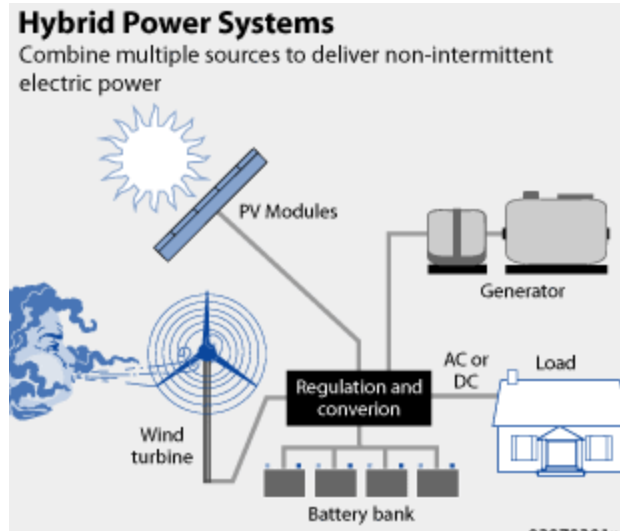
“ENERGÍA SUSTENTABLE Y TRANSPORTE”

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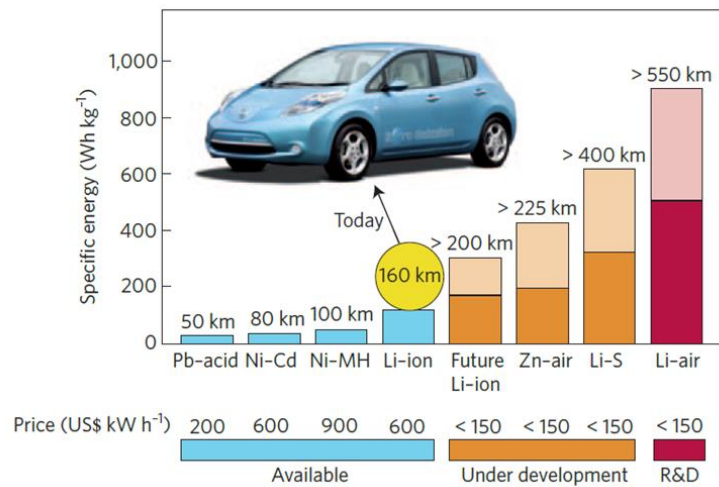
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Remote Electrification (7.5 GWh market in South America)

Portable Electronics



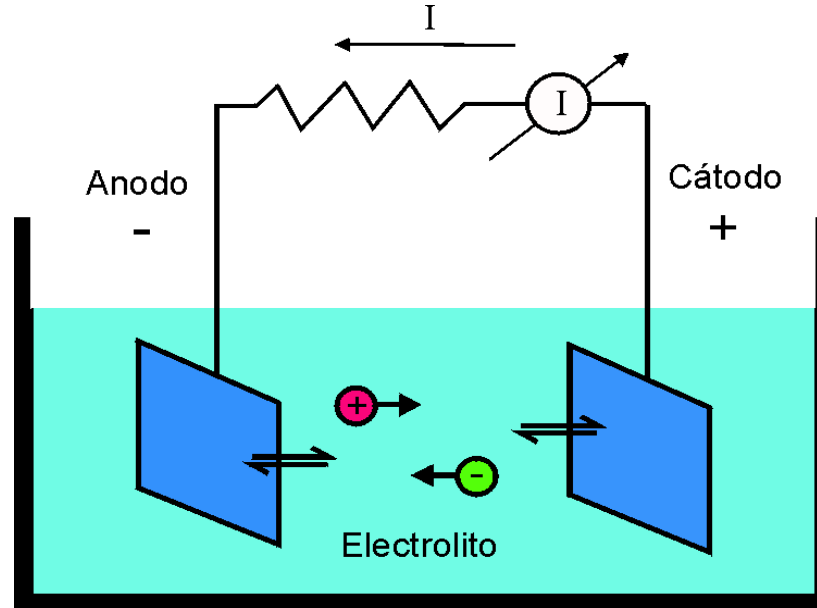
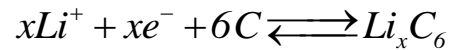
Electric Vehicles

Why is Lithium strategic for Energy Storage?



¿ Dónde esta la química en mi celular?

Las baterías de ion litio desarrolladas por Sony en 1991 se utilizan ampliamente en dispositivos electrónicos portátiles como celulares, tabletas, laptops, herramientas, etc. Su funcionamiento se basa en la inserción de iones litio en la red cristalina de óxidos en el cátodo o carbono en el ánodo.



BATERÍAS

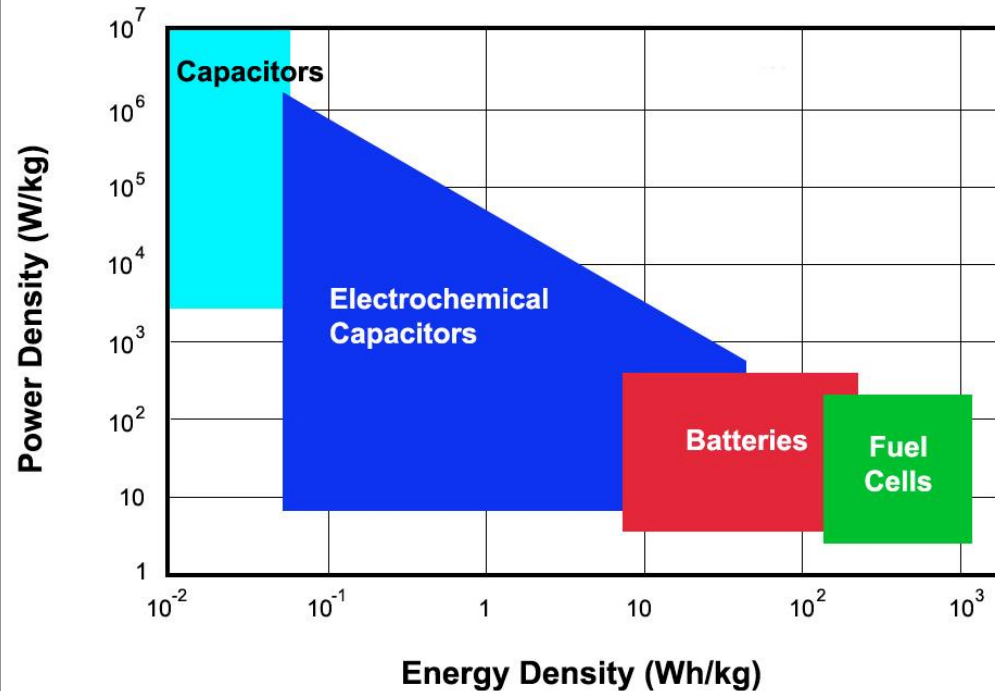
- Las baterías almacenan energía en compuestos químicos capaces de generar carga eléctrica.
- Poseen alta densidad de energía.
- Existe una gran variedad de baterías.

- **Baterías Primarias (No recargables)**

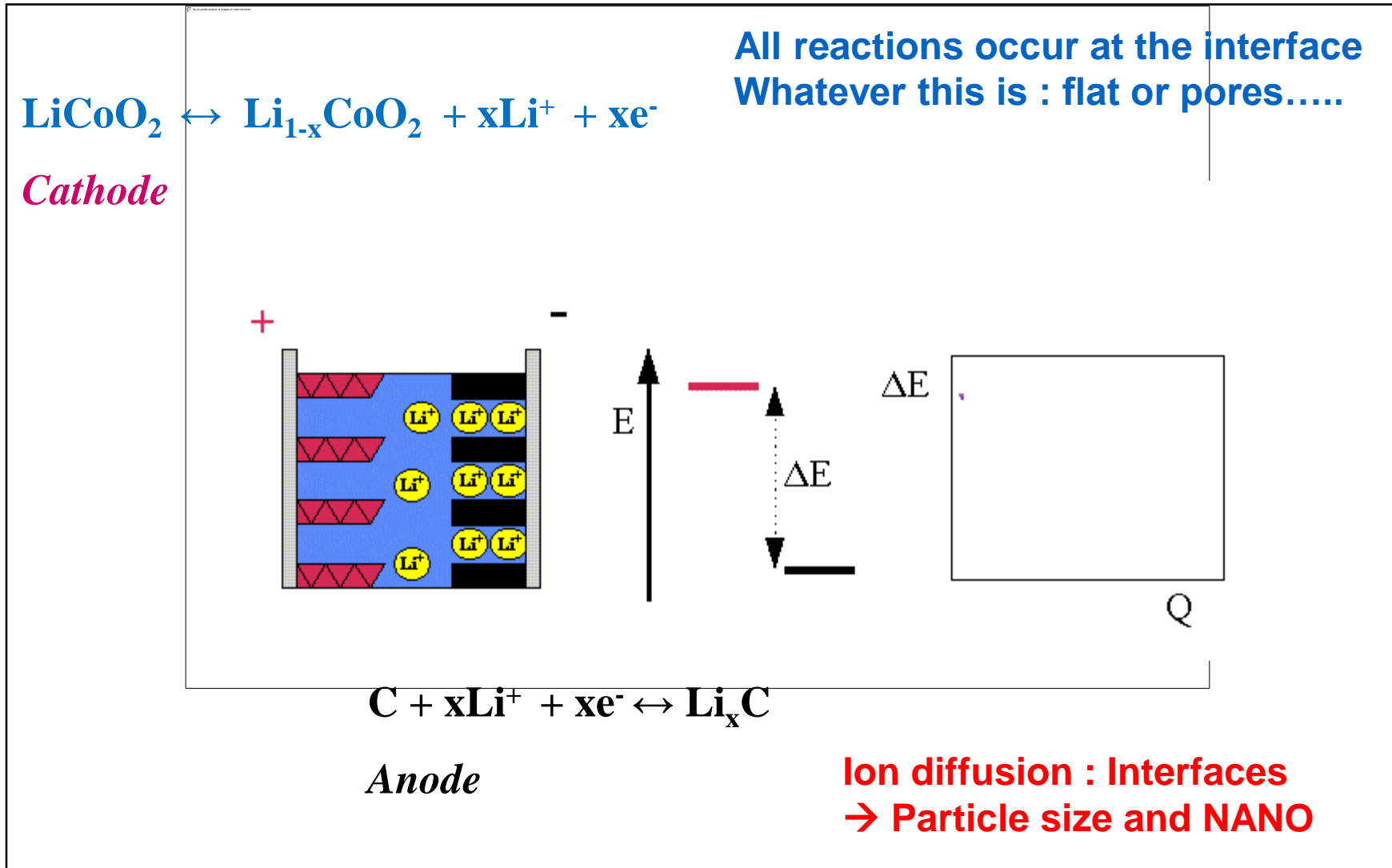
- Zn/carbon 1,5 V, 0,13
- Zinc/aire 1,4 V
- Zn/MnO₂ (alcalinas), 1, 5 V
- Li/O₂, 2,91 V
- Li-SOCl₂ , 3,5 V

- **Baterías Secundarias (Recargables)**

- PbO₂/PbSO₄, 2,1 V
- Ni/Cd, 1,2 V
- Ni/MHx (AA), 1,2 V, 1,3 Ah
- C₆Li_x/LiCoO₂, 3,7 V
- Li/LiFePO₄, 3,3 V
- Li/O₂, 2,91 V (futuro para vehículos)



Batterias de ion Li^+



EL OBJETIVO PARA AUTOS ELECTRICOS

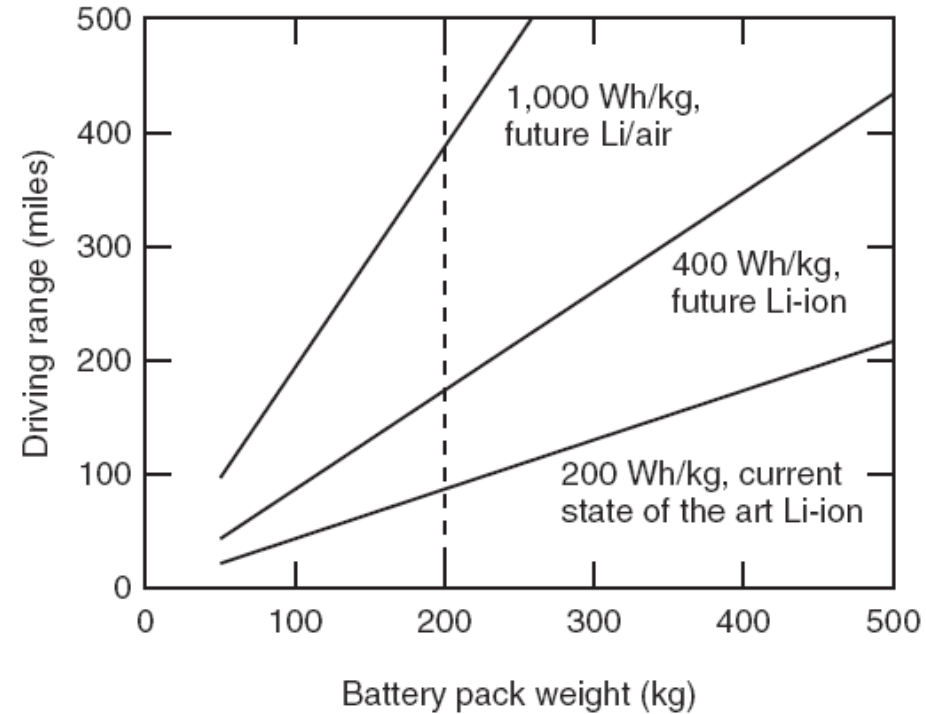
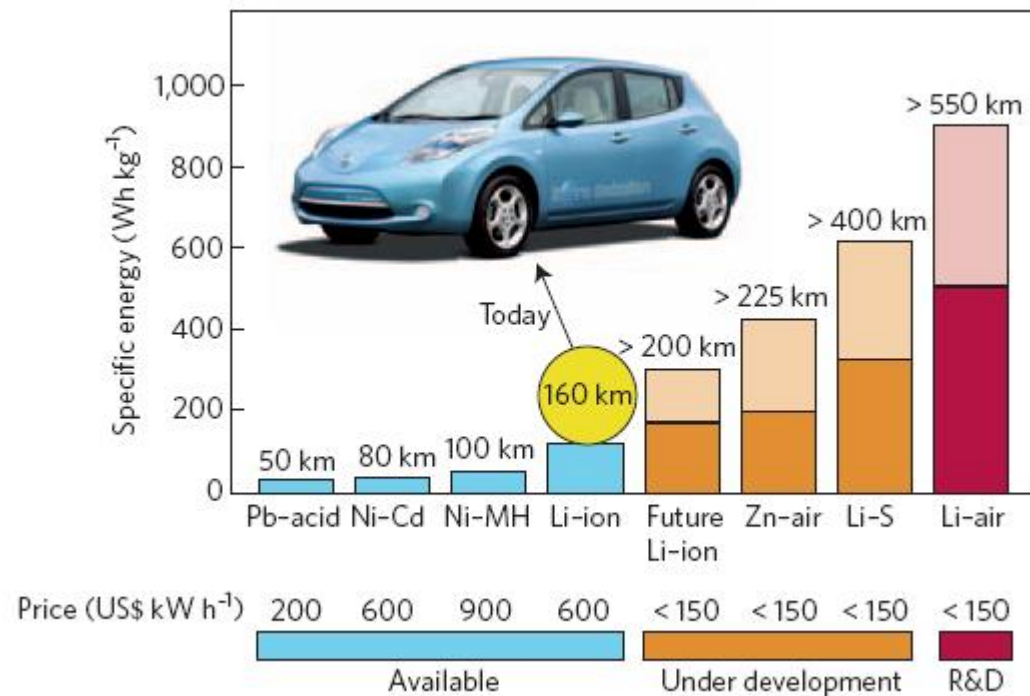


Figure 1. Driving range and battery weight for different cell-level specific energy values. It is assumed the battery cells weigh 70% of the battery pack, the Li/air cell has an 83% energy efficiency, the Li-ion cells have a 93% energy efficiency, and 300 Wh/mile are required from the battery. The range is given at the beginning of a battery's life and assumes 100% of the capacity can be used; in practice not all the energy can be used, and the available energy falls with increasing battery age. The US Department of Energy has a goal for an EV battery of 200 kg.¹⁷⁶

A Critical Review of Li/Air Batteries

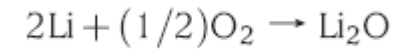
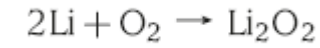
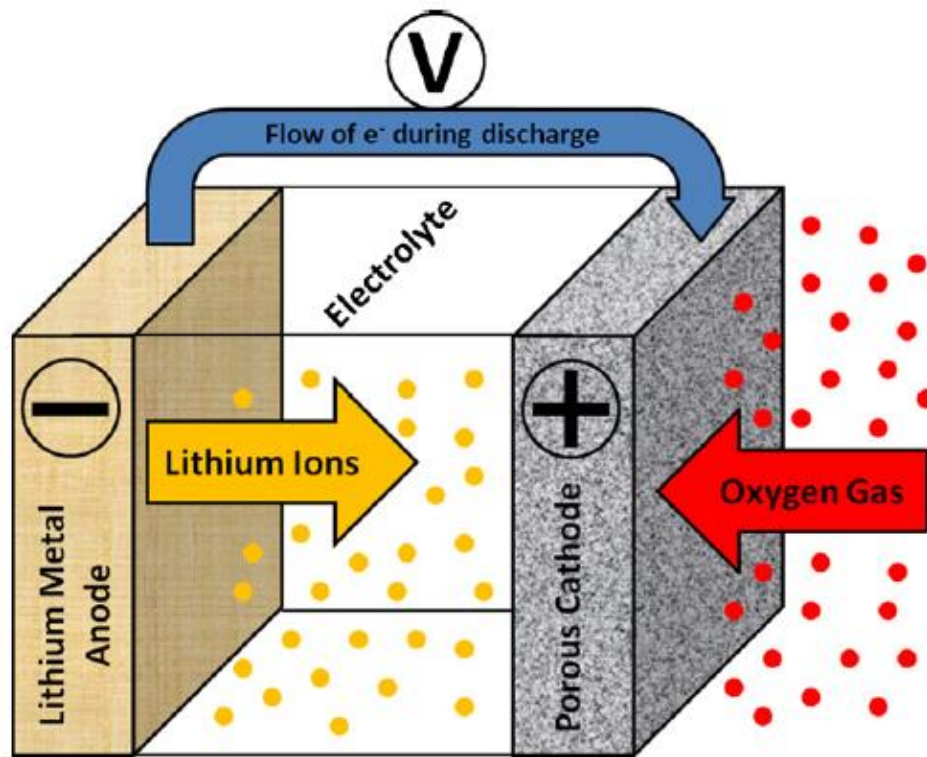
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Battery	Cell voltage (V)	Theoretical specific energy (Wh kg ⁻¹)	Theoretical energy density (Wh l ⁻¹)
Today's Li-ion $\frac{1}{2}C_6Li + Li_{0.5}CoO_2 \leftrightarrow 3C + LiCoO_2$	3.8	387	1,015
Zn-air $Zn + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \leftrightarrow ZnO$	1.65	1,086	6,091* (ZnO)
Li-S $2Li + S \leftrightarrow Li_2S$	2.2	2,567	2,199† (Li + Li ₂ S)
Li-O ₂ (non-aqueous) $2Li + O_2 \leftrightarrow Li_2O_2$	3.0	3,505	3,436‡ (Li + Li ₂ O ₂)
Li-O ₂ (aqueous) $2Li + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + H_2O \leftrightarrow 2LiOH^§$	3.2	3,582	2,234 (Li + H ₂ O + LiOH)

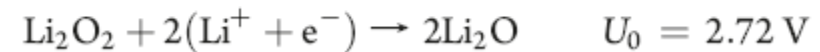
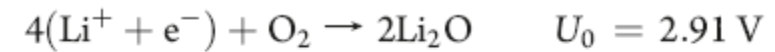
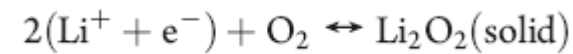
Baterías Recargables de Li Aire



Anodo



Catodo



DESAFIOS TECNOLÓGICOS

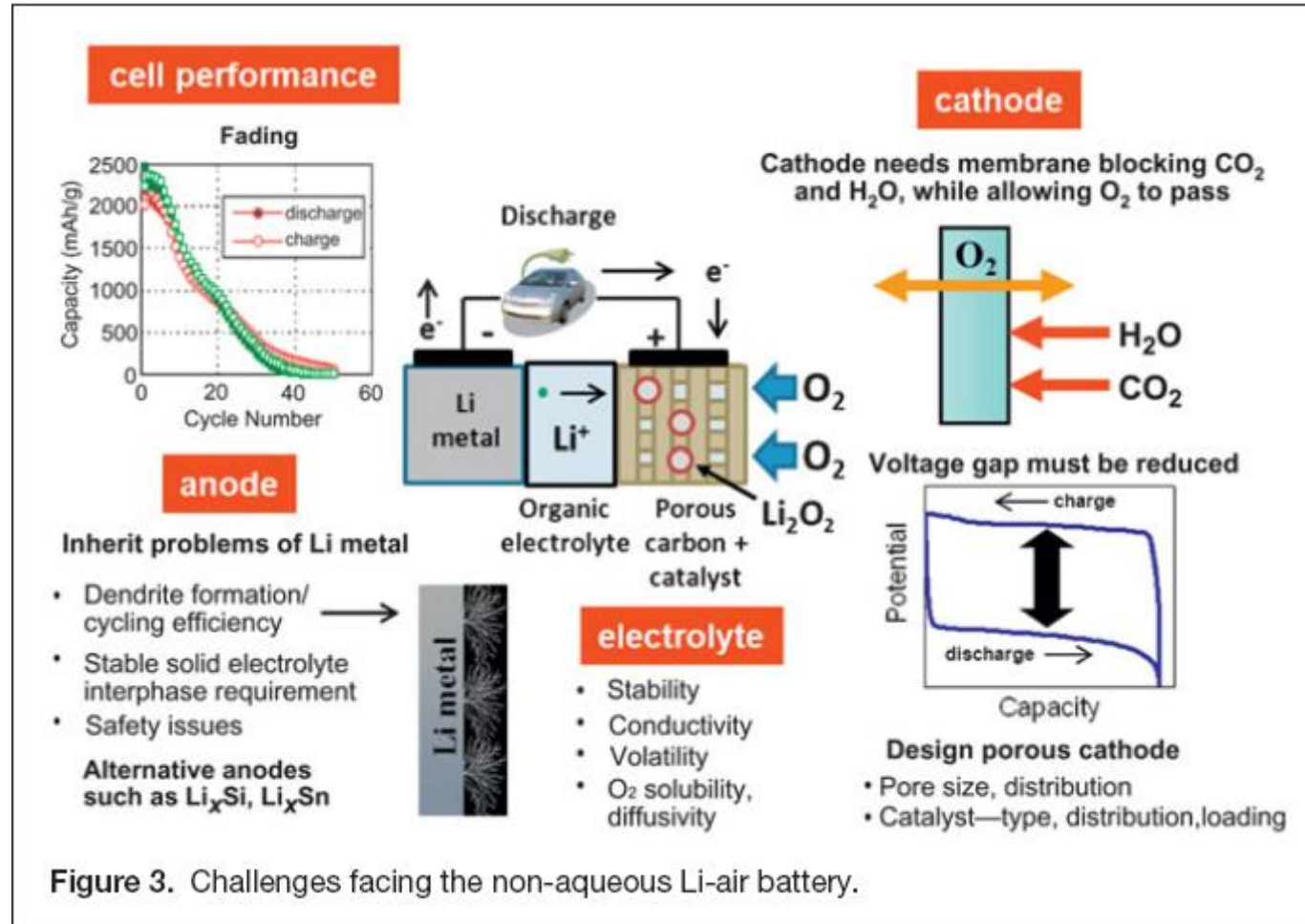


Figure 3. Challenges facing the non-aqueous Li-air battery.

¿COMO ES UNA BATERIA DE ION LITIO POR DENTRO?

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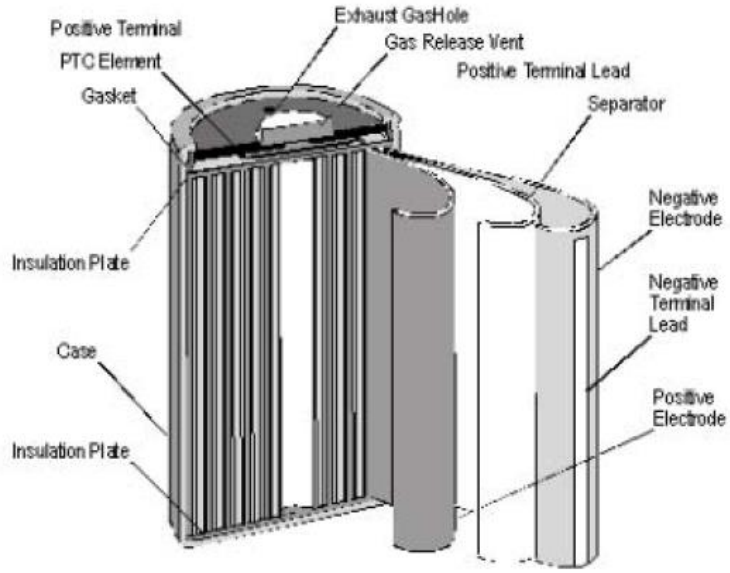


Figure 3-1: Cross-section of a classic NiCd cell.

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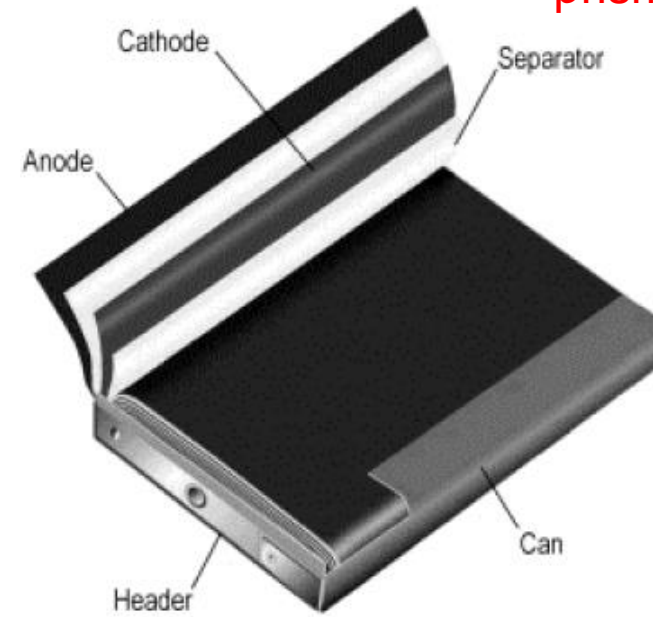


Figure 3-3: Cross-section of a prismatic cell.

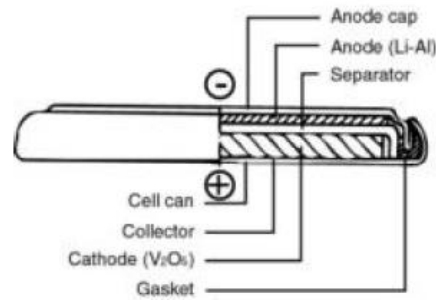


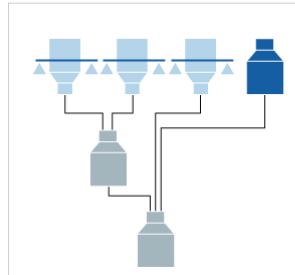
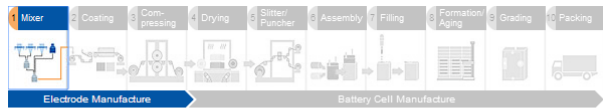
Figure 3-2: The button cell.

boton



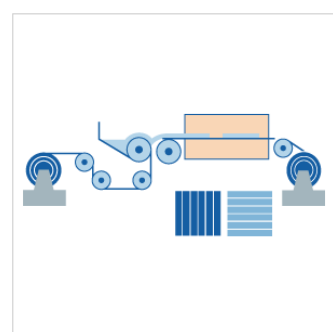
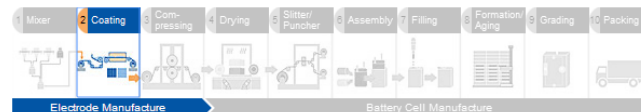
Swiss roll

Fabricación de Baterías de Ión Litio



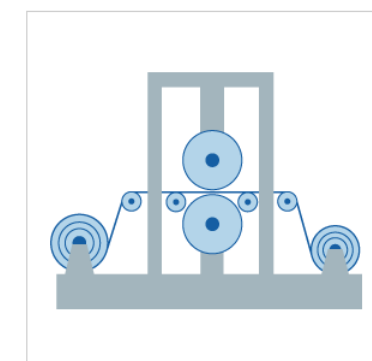
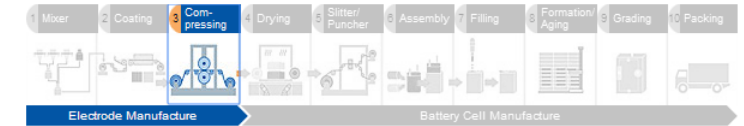
1: Mixer

- Mixing of the electrode material:
Main share anode: Carbon
Main share cathode: Lithium metal oxide with conductive binding agent
- Challenge: No dissolution or breakup of particles
- Target: Distribution of constituents with maximum homogeneity



2: Coating

- Coating of the substrate:
Anode: Copper
Cathode: Aluminum
- Challenge: Tolerance for coating thickness deviations from 1 to 2 μm
- Target: Homogenous coating thickness from 150 to 300 μm

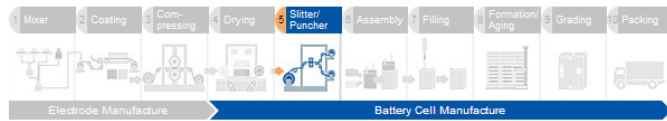


3: Compressing

- Drying of the solvent in the drying tunnel (in steps up to 150°C); minimization of porosity by means of compression
- Challenge: Cracking of the material surface
- Target: Homogenous, highly precise material properties

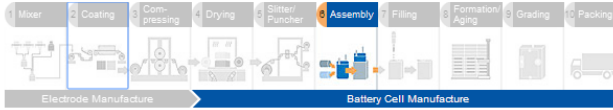
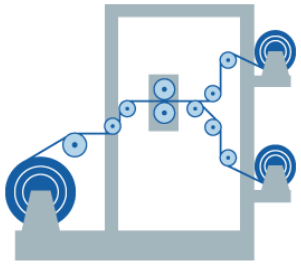


Planta piloto de baterías de ion litio en Potosí, Bolivia.



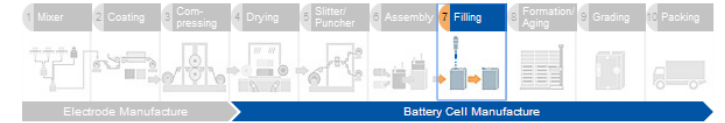
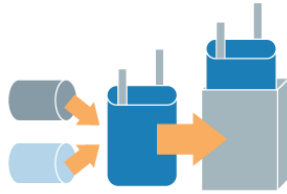
5: Slitter/Puncher

- Film cutting by means of highly precise cutting / punching / laser tools
- Challenge: Avoidance of burr formation, fraying of edges or material particles on the surface



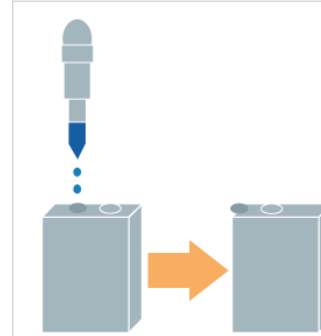
6: Assembly

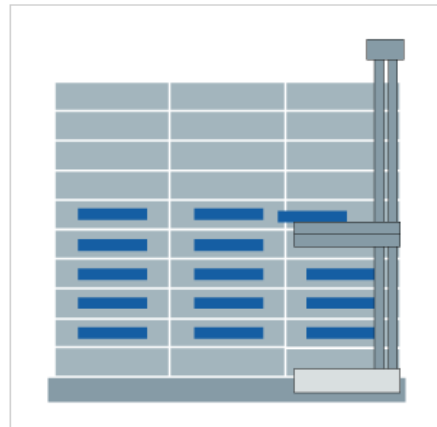
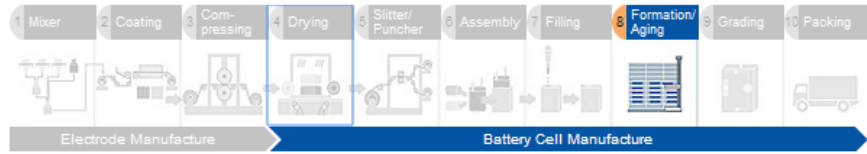
- Stacking of cells; integration in housing, contacting of electrodes; partial sealing of housing
- Challenge: Positioning accuracy of ~ 0.1 mm
- Target: Stacking process with approx. 80 layers per cell at maximum speed



7: Filling

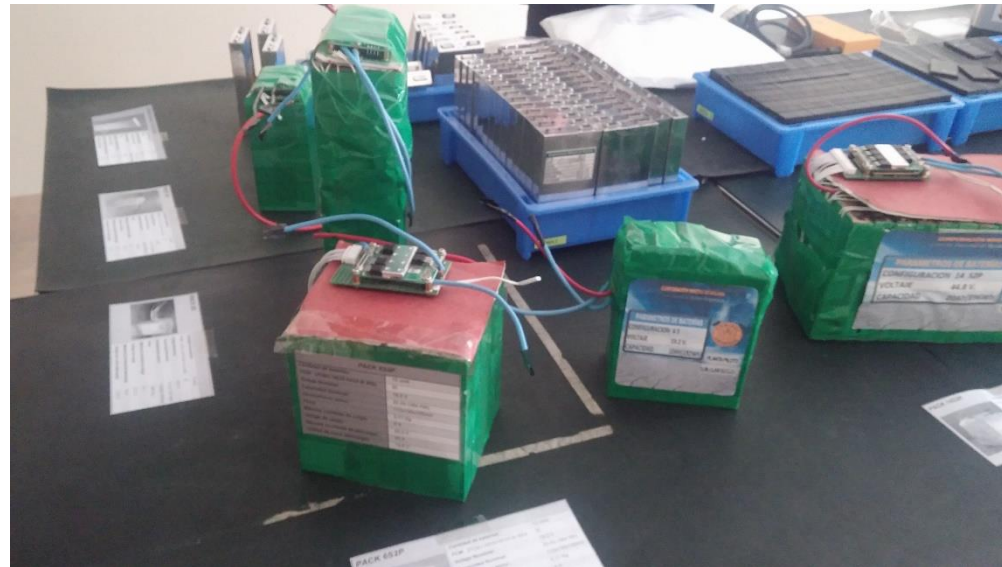
- Evacuation, electrolyte filling, sealing and cleaning of the cell in the dry room
- Challenge: Toxic reaction with air humidity! Varying absorptivity, blistering
- Target: Rapid and homogeneous filling of the cell





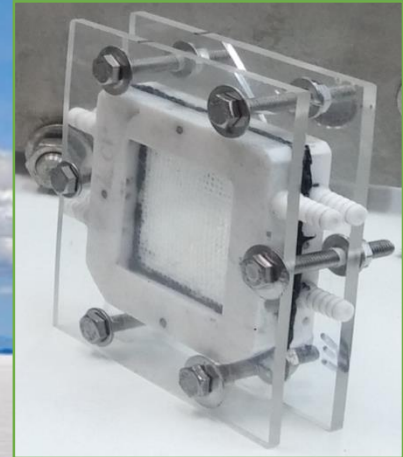
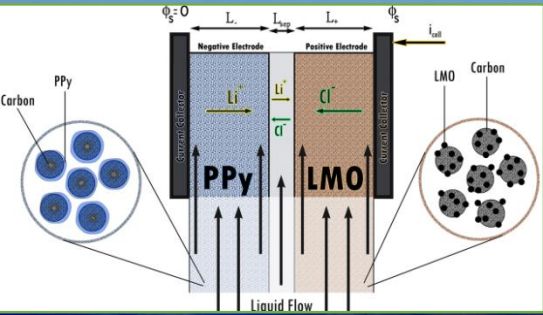
8: Formation/ageing

- Activation by means of charging / discharging routines with gradually increasing voltage storage for 2 to 4 weeks
- Challenge: High time and cost expenditures, increased risk of fire
- Target: Assurance of operability; preparation for categorization



Lithium extraction process for renewable energy storage

A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION FROM INQUIMAE



Lithium battery storage enables renewable energy

- Mobile Electronics
- Remote Electrification
 - Electric Vehicle

- Clean
- Fast
- Li ion Selective
 - Modular
- Social Responsibility

25,000 cars in the quarter january-march 2017

Lithium Batteries for Electric Car

450 kg battery 400 V cc. 60/75/90 kW (156 Wh/kg)

7104 cellx x 2,4 V = 17.050 Ah

4,453 g Li

Lithium Battery for a cell phone

4.9 Wh

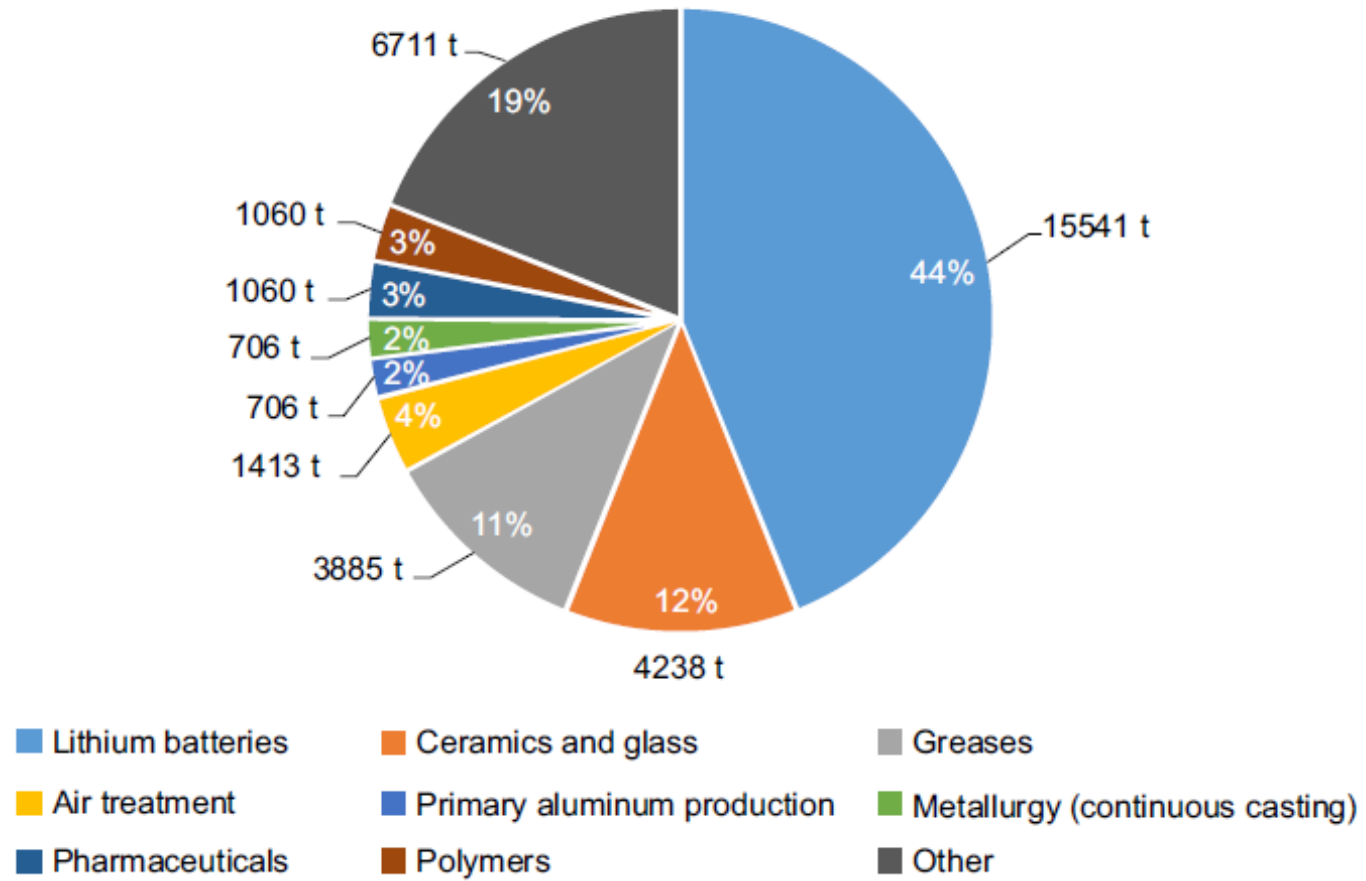
1.32 mAh

0.344 g

With the mass of lithium in 1 car we can supply the energy of 17.000 cell phones



USES OF LITHIUM



Li-ion battery market 2016 87 GWh

PORTABLE ELECTRONICS (1990's-2010's)

Mobile Phones

Smart Phones (iphone)

Tablets

Increasing battery capacity (saturated market)

ELECTRIC VEHICLES (Emission Targets)

Hybrid

Plug.-in

Full electric (XEVs) (Tesla)- Electric Bus China

2012 7% Li-ion batteries

2014 27% “

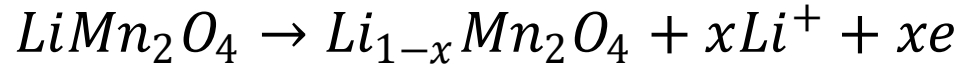
2016 50% “

2026 1 TWh (1000 GWh)

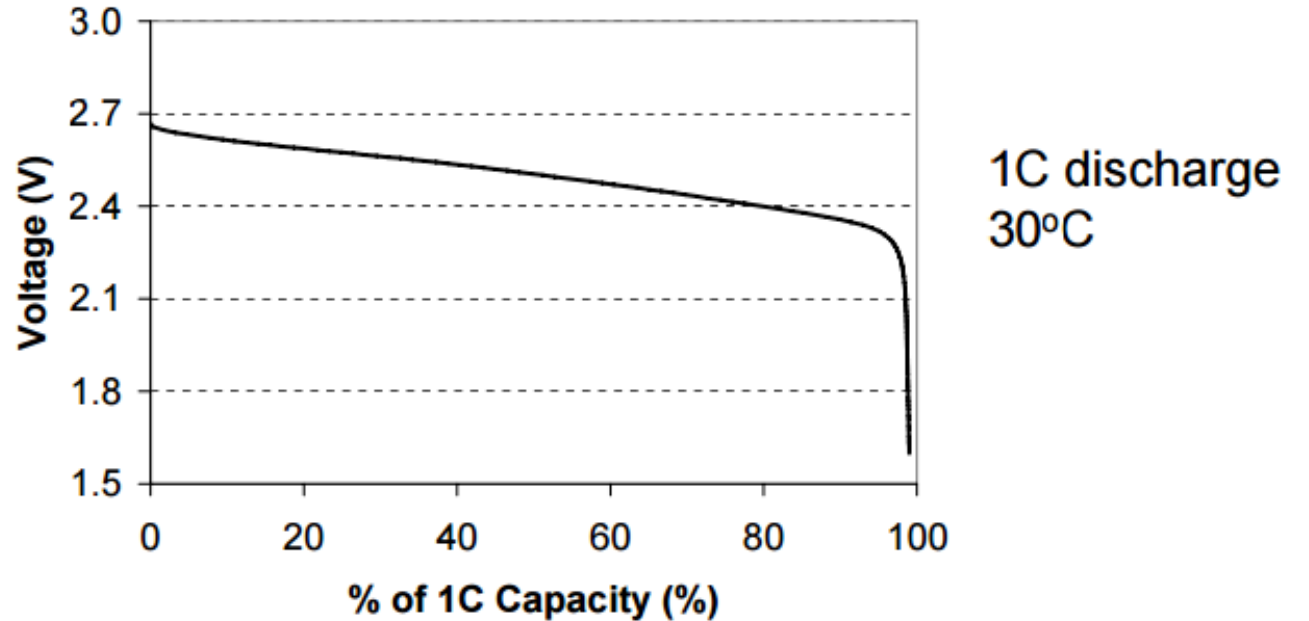
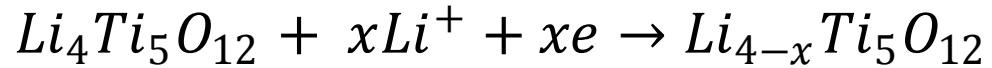
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LITHIUM BATTERY FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY STORAGE

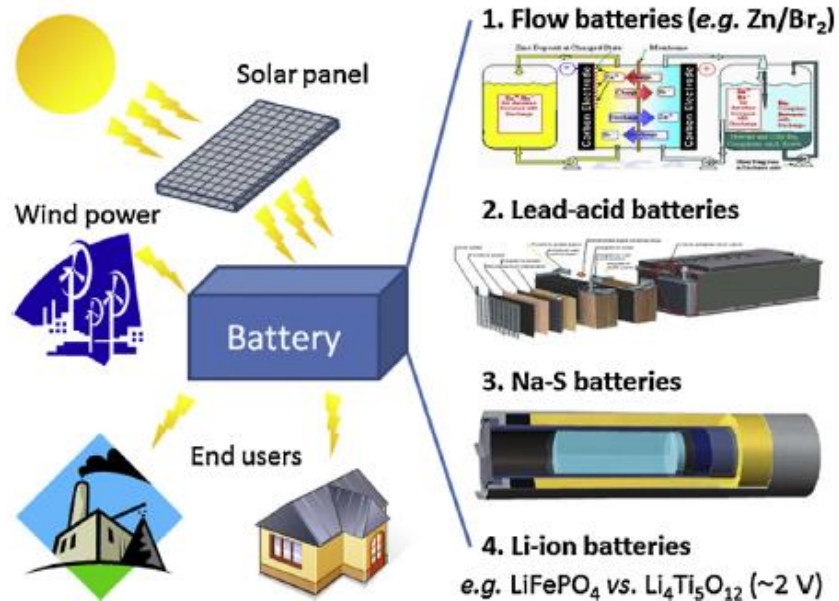
Positive Active Material (LMO):



Negative Active Material (LTO):



$$E_{\text{cell}} = 2.5 \text{ V}$$



LTO/LMO battery

Much higher available energy and voltage than Ni-MHO

- **Advantages LTO**

- High Power, less impedance than graphite
- Outstanding Safety
- No SEI layer. No lithium dendrites
- Remote risk of thermal runaway
- Stable active materials
- Long Life
- Zero strain material (LTO ~ 0.2 % volume change) vs. Graphite ~ 9% volume change)
- Low temperature performance
- More electrolyte choices
- Disadvantages
- Lower Energy Density ☒
- Low Cell Voltage. (1.5V on negative)

- **Advantages LMO**

- High Voltage
- High voltage profile to couple with lithium titanate
- Low Cost Low LMO (3/4 of LiFePO₄, 1/2 of LiNiCo Oxide, 1/3 of LiCoO₂).
- Power Capability
- Outstanding Safety
- O₂ under high temperature.

BATERIAS EN FLUJO

International Flow Battery Forum in Karlsruhe
Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology ICT



20 MWh all vanadium redox flow cell for stationary applications

for 2 MW wind turbine

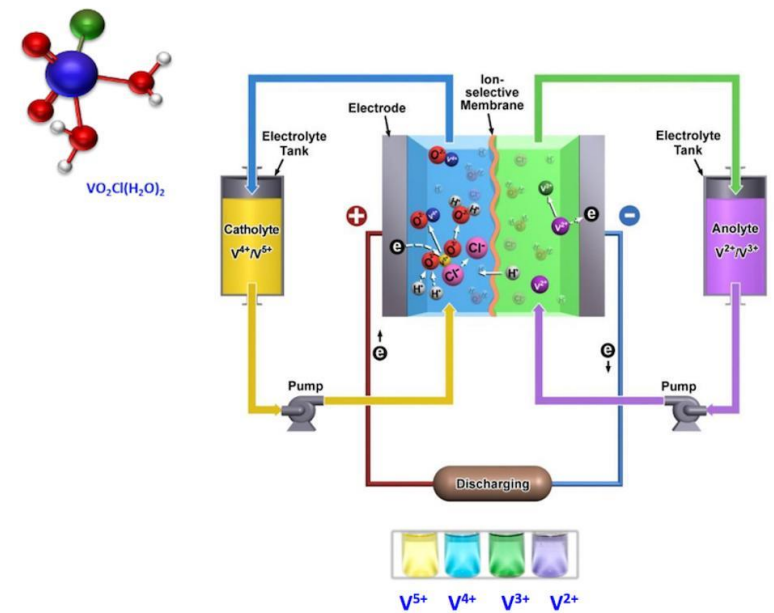
75% efficiency in current technical solutions

10,000 additional cycles

Cost 0.05 \$/kWh

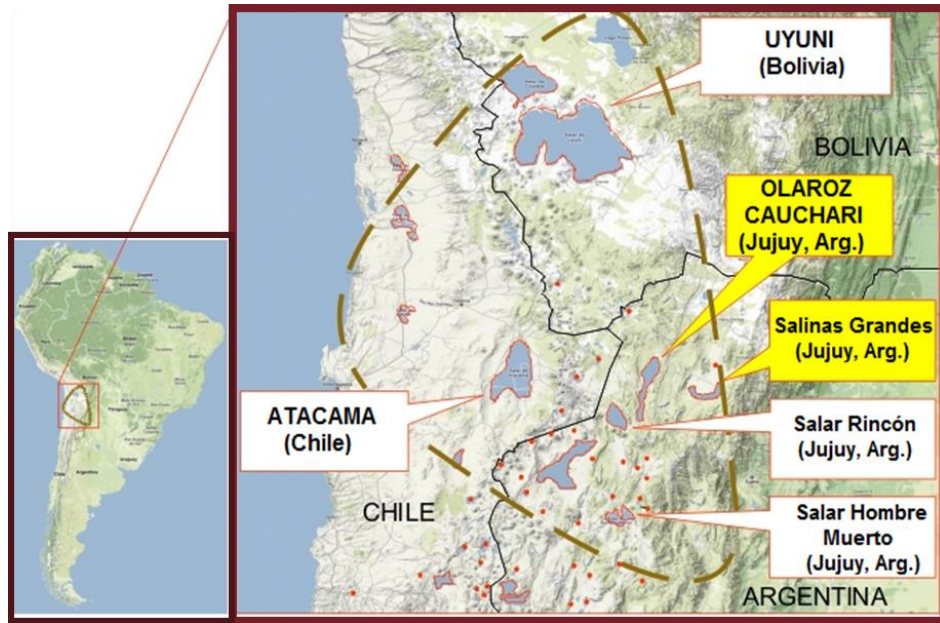
[UniEnergy Technologies \(UET\)](#) of Seattle, 2MW/8MWh

Dalian China planned by [Rongke](#), 200MW/800MWh.



System	Reactions	E_{cell}^0	Electrolyte
Redox			Anode/Cathode
All Vanadium ³	Anode: $V^{2+} \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} V^{3+} + e^-$ Cathode: $VO_2^{2+} + e^- \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} VO^{2+}$	1.4 V	H_2SO_4/H_2SO_4
Vanadium-Polyhalide ⁵	Anode: $V^{2+} \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} V^{3+} + e^-$ Cathode: $\frac{1}{2} Br_2 + e^- \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} Br^-$	1.3 V	$VCl_3-HCl/NaBr-HCl$
Bromine-Polysulfide ⁶	Anode: $2 S_2^{2-} \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} S_4^{2-} + 2e^-$ Cathode: $Br_2 + 2e^- \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} 2 Br^-$	1.5 V	$NaS_2/NaBr$
Iron-Chromium ⁷	Anode: $Fe^{2+} \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} Fe^{3+} + e^-$ Cathode: $Cr^{3+} + e^- \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} Cr^{2+}$	1.2 V	HCl/HCl
H_2-Br_2 ⁸	Anode: $H_2 \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} 2H^+ + 2e^-$ Cathode: $Br_2 + 2e^- \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} 2Br^-$	1.1 V	PEM ^a -HBr
Hybrid			
Zinc-Bromine	Anode: $Zn \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$ Cathode: $Br_2 + 2e^- \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} 2 Br^-$	1.8 V	$ZnBr_2/ZnBr_2$
Zinc-Cerium ⁹	Anode: $Zn \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$ Cathode: $2Ce^{4+} + 2e^- \xrightleftharpoons[discharge]{charge} 2Ce^{3+}$	2.4 V	CH_3SO_3H (both sides)

Where?



In South America
Salt flats at 4000 meters above sea level
65% of the world lithium reserves
80% of lithium containing brines

Argentina (Puna)
Bolivia (Uyuni)
Chile (Atacama)

Why?

30 million people off grid, i.e., a 7.5 GWh market for remote electrification
Lithium batteries for off peak energy storage with > 15 year life time
Lithium ion batteries are well suited for this.

Salar Hombre Muerto. FMC
Catamarca, Argentina



WORLD LITHIUM PRODUCTION

Country/year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Australia	49.205	66.530	68.127	67.594	70.708	71.320 (40%)
Chile	55.938	68.659	70.256	59.611	61.208	67.594 (38%)
China	21.023	22.035	23-951	25.015	12.242	11.709 (6,6%)
Argentina	15.701	15.701	14.370	13.306	17.032	20.225 (11,4%)

World extractable resources 10 million tons (2010 Stanford University)

10 ³ x Ton	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Supply	171	166	184	189	201	205	207
Demand	164	171	180	188	204	229	258
	+7	-5	+4	+1	-3	-24	-51

Roskill Company Report 2016

International Price rose from 6.000 to 15-20.000 per ton of lithium carbonate

Present Extraction Method

“Lime Soda” lithium extraction process from salt flat brine

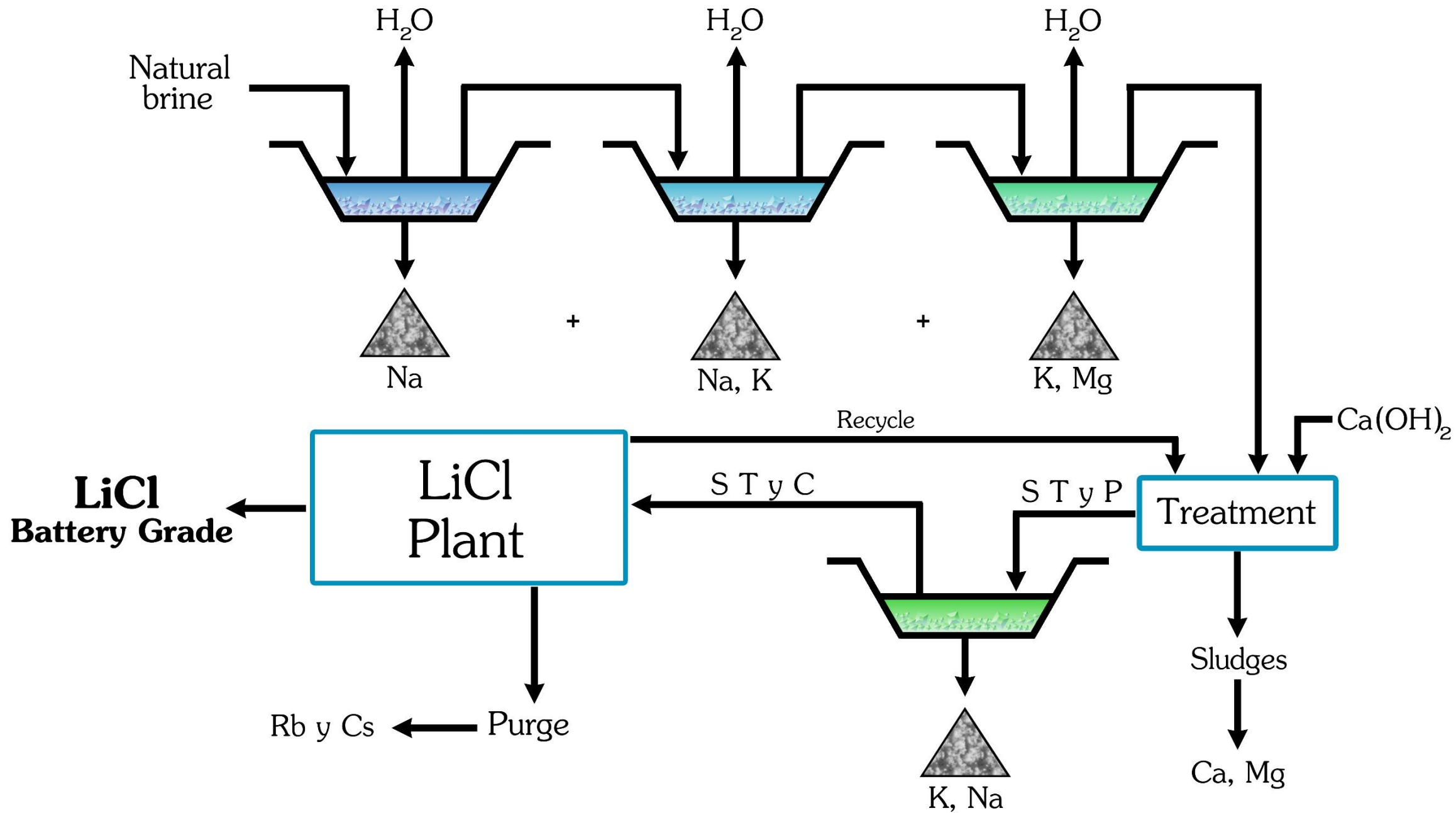
very slow (8-12 months evaporation)

chemicals added (lime, solvay)

waste generation (CaSO_4 , NaCl , $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$)

water loss (millions of gallons per ton)





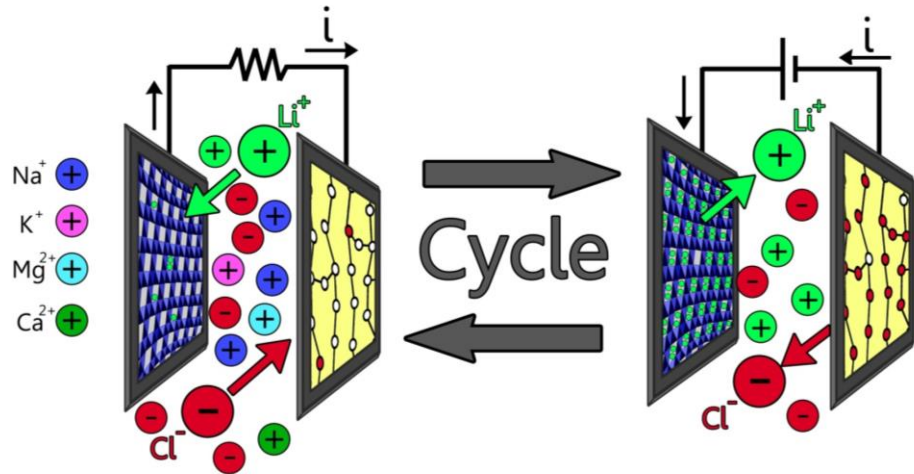
CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF BRINES FROM SALT FLATS

	Atacama	Uyuni	Hombre Muerto	Cauchari	Olaroz	Rincón
Na	7,60	8,75	9,79	9,55	9,46	9,46
K	1,85	2,72	0,617	0,47	0,656	0,66
Li	0,150	0,035	0,062	0,082	0,033	0,033
Mg	0,98	0,65	0,085	0,131	0,323	0,303
Ca	0,031	0,046	0,053	0,034	0,059	0,059
Cl	16,04	15,69	15,80	14,86	18,06	16,06
SO ₄	1,65	0,85	0,853	1,62	1,015	1,015
B	0,064	0,020	0,035	0,076	0,040	0,040
K/Li	12,33	20,57	9,95	9,04	20,12	1,220
Na/Li	50,6	250	158	116	286	286
Mg/Li	6,53	18,6	1,37	2,52	9,78	9,29

OUR SOLUTION

Two step electrochemical process

1. Extraction from Brine
2. Recovery in dilute electrolyte



Battery generates energy

Consumes energy

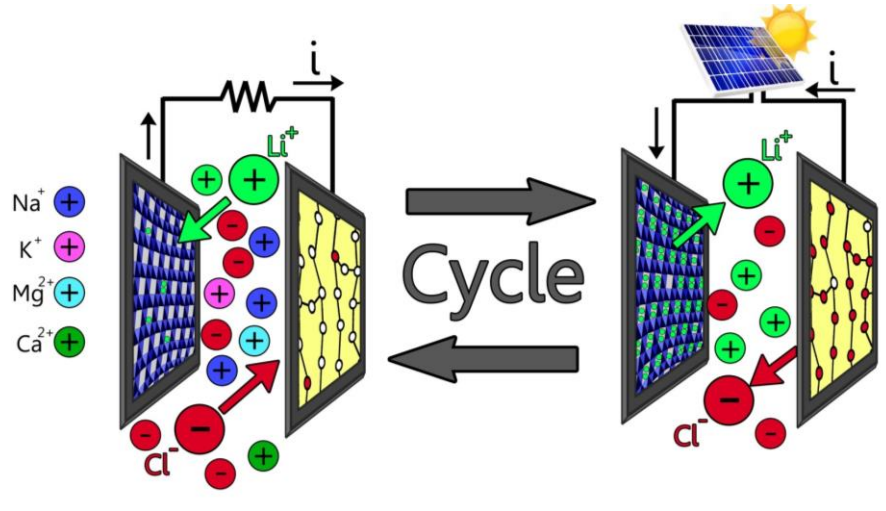
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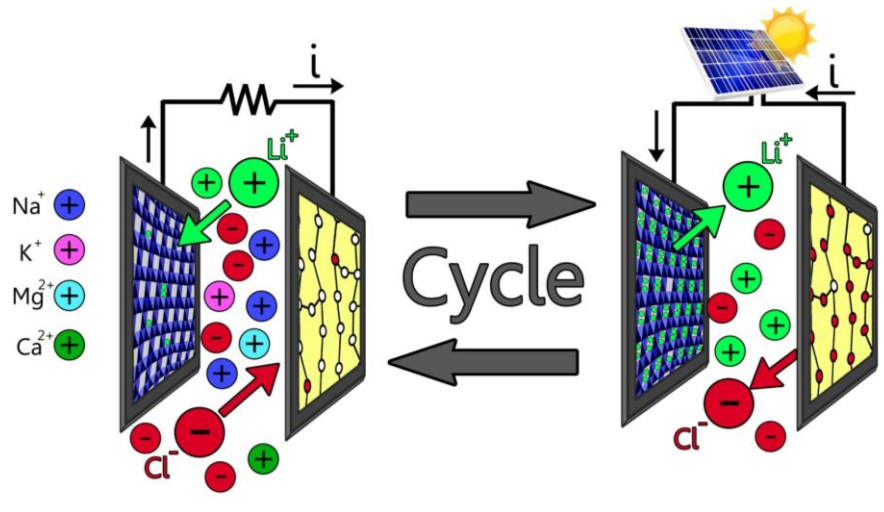
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What is unique?

- Fast
- Environmentally Friendly
- Low Energy Cost
- Highly Selective for lithium

Premium Solar energy

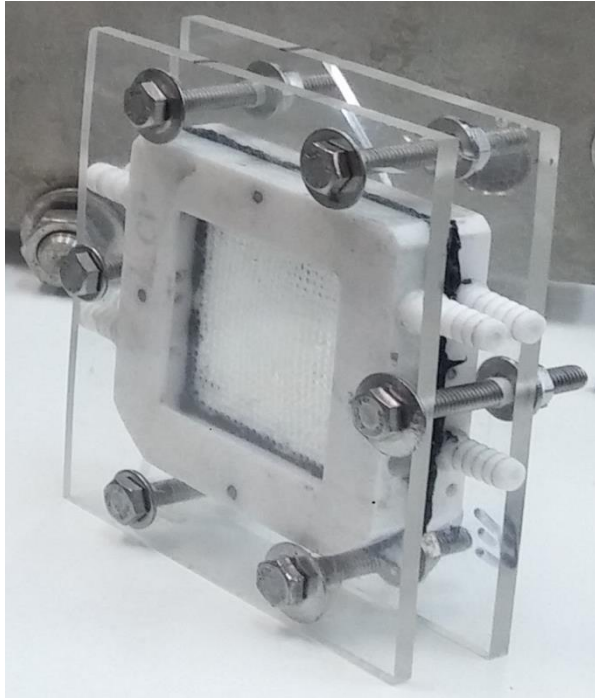
Extract lithium chloride

Lithium batteries

Intermittent renewable energy storage

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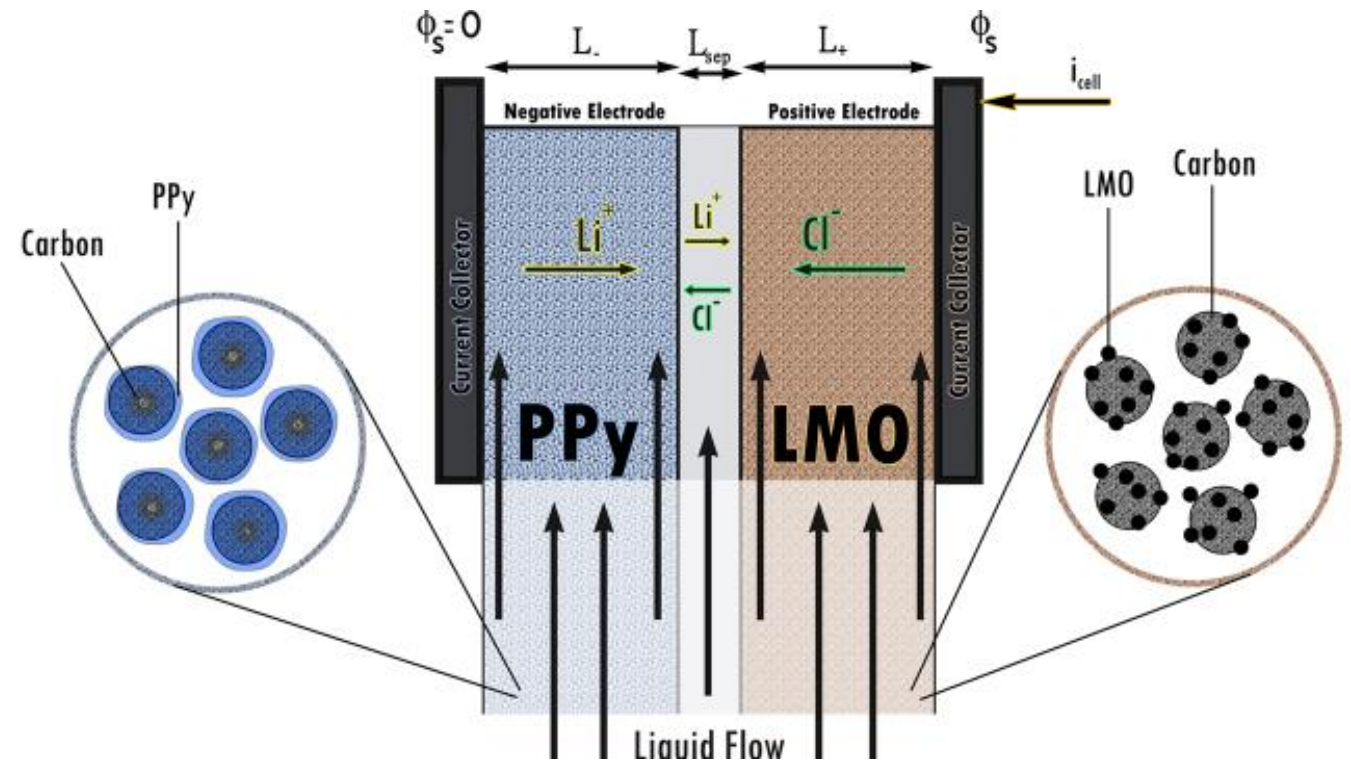
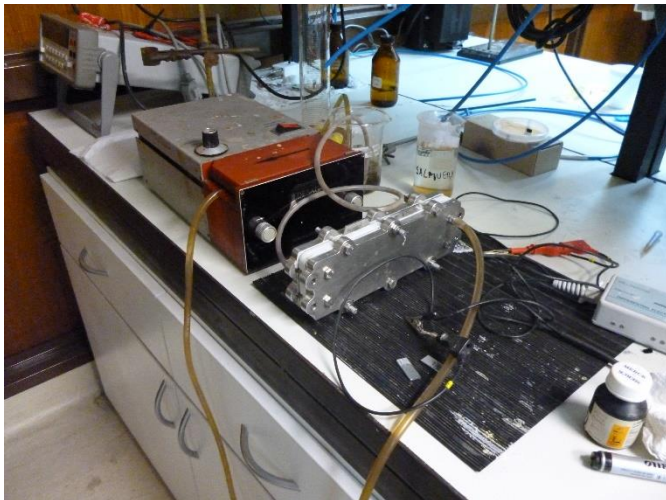


ELECTROCHEMICAL REACTOR

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POLYPYRROLE (PPy) CHLORIDE SELECTIVE SUPERCAPACITOR
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ELECTROLYTE SEPARATOR

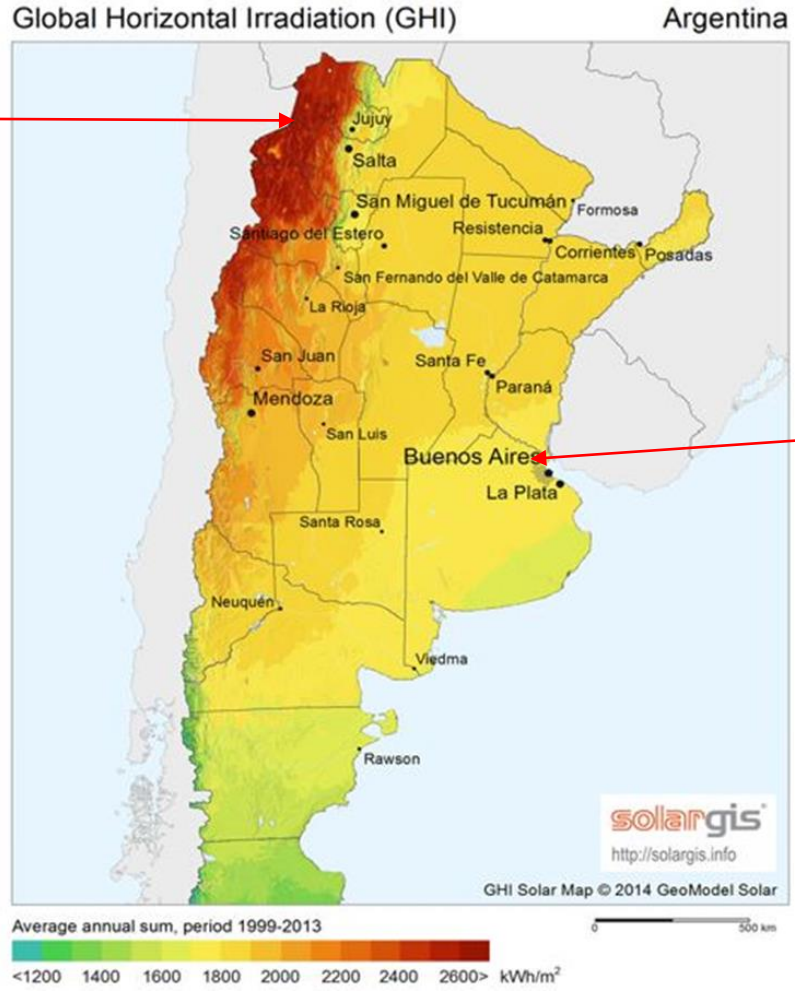


A REGION WITH PREMIUM SOLAR ENERGY (> 2600 kWh/m²)

Li rich brines in
Salt Flats
at 4000 meters

Solar Radiation
> 2600 kWh/m²

New CONICET
Center for
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University of Buenos
Aires
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Science and Technology

ENERGY COST

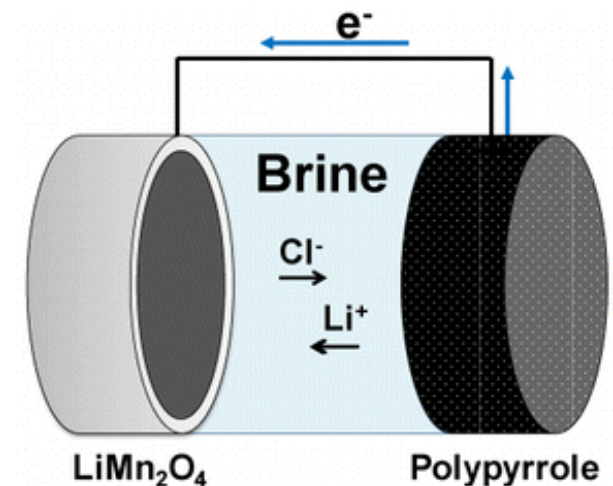
Low energy consumption 0.7 kWh/Kg of Li (power an iphone once a day for a year)

At 10 cents of dollar per kWh, it will cost **70 \$** to produce a ton of lithium salt at a world market value of **10,000-20,000 \$ per ton**.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT 10 \$us/ton!!

The electricity needed for the novel extraction process from solar panels

- 700 Kwh/metric ton Li
- Solar Panels at 2000 \$us/ kW
- 50 kW → 700 kWh/day → 1 Ton Li/day
- Investment 100.000 \$us → 800 m² → 30 years → 11.000 Ton



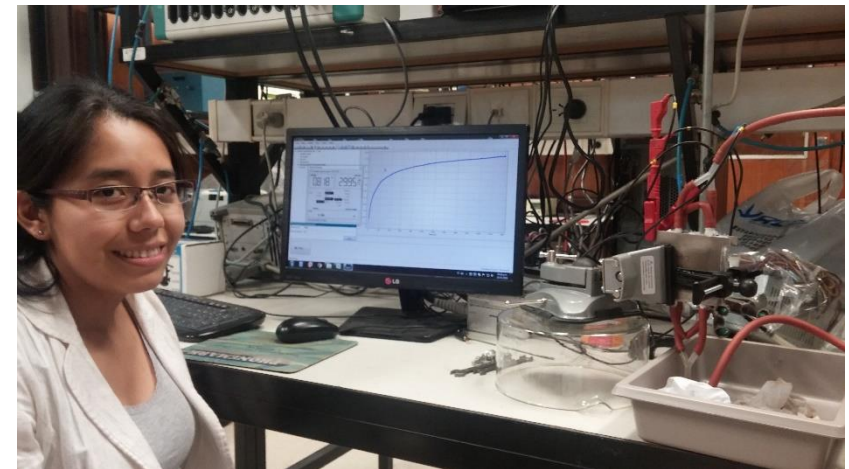
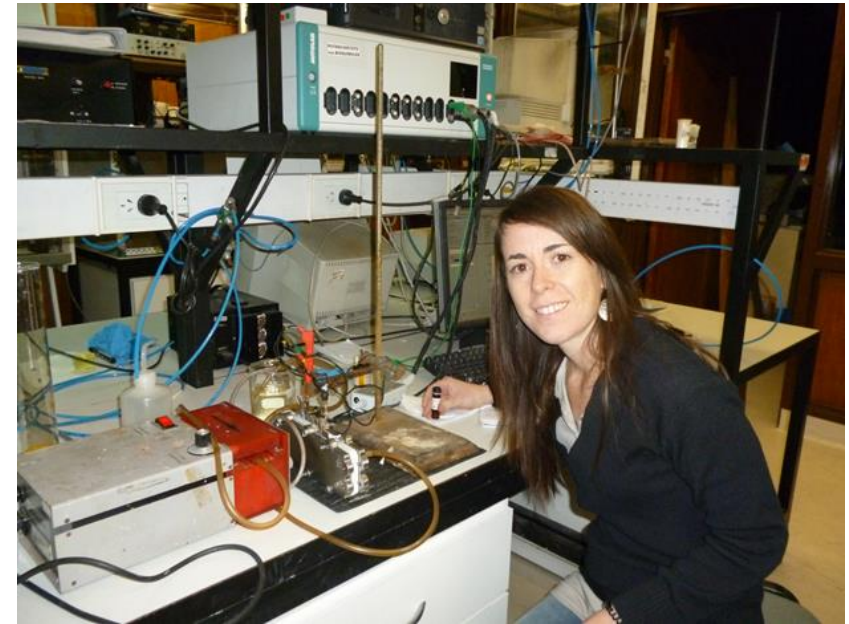
Who will benefit?

Local communities
local governments
companies extracting lithium
manufacturing and using lithium batteries

Scientific and technology activities at the new lithium research center in Jujuy, Argentina will attract PhD students and young researchers worldwide.

Environmental advantage to preserve a pristine environment: Electrochemistry is a clean technology

Extra bonus: Can we also fix CO₂ from the atmosphere into lithium carbonate?



WHERE ARE WE?

Basic Science

Design of
Electrochemical
Method

Proof of Concept
Validated & patents

Lithium Research
Center

Bench Top
Modelling

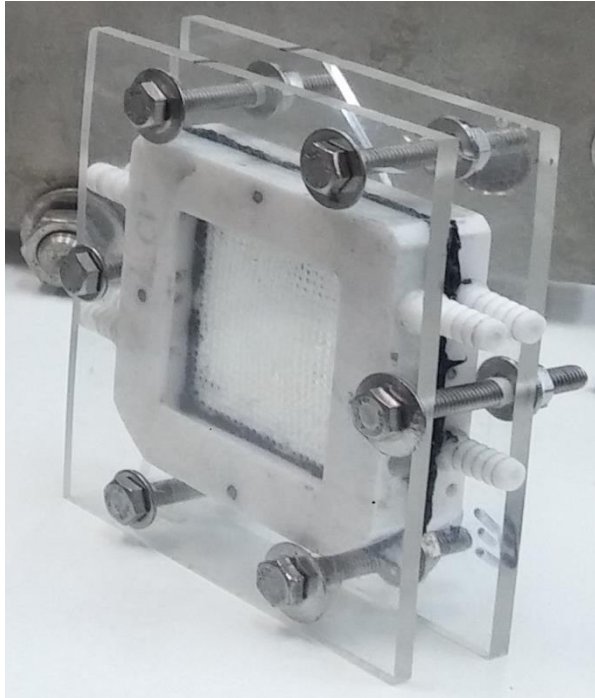
Electrochemical
Engineering

Unit Process

WHERE WE WANT TO GO?

NEXT STEP

Small self-contained
mobile demonstration
pilot plant at 4000
meters above sea level
in the salt flat to scale
up to an industrial
process from brine to
lithium salts

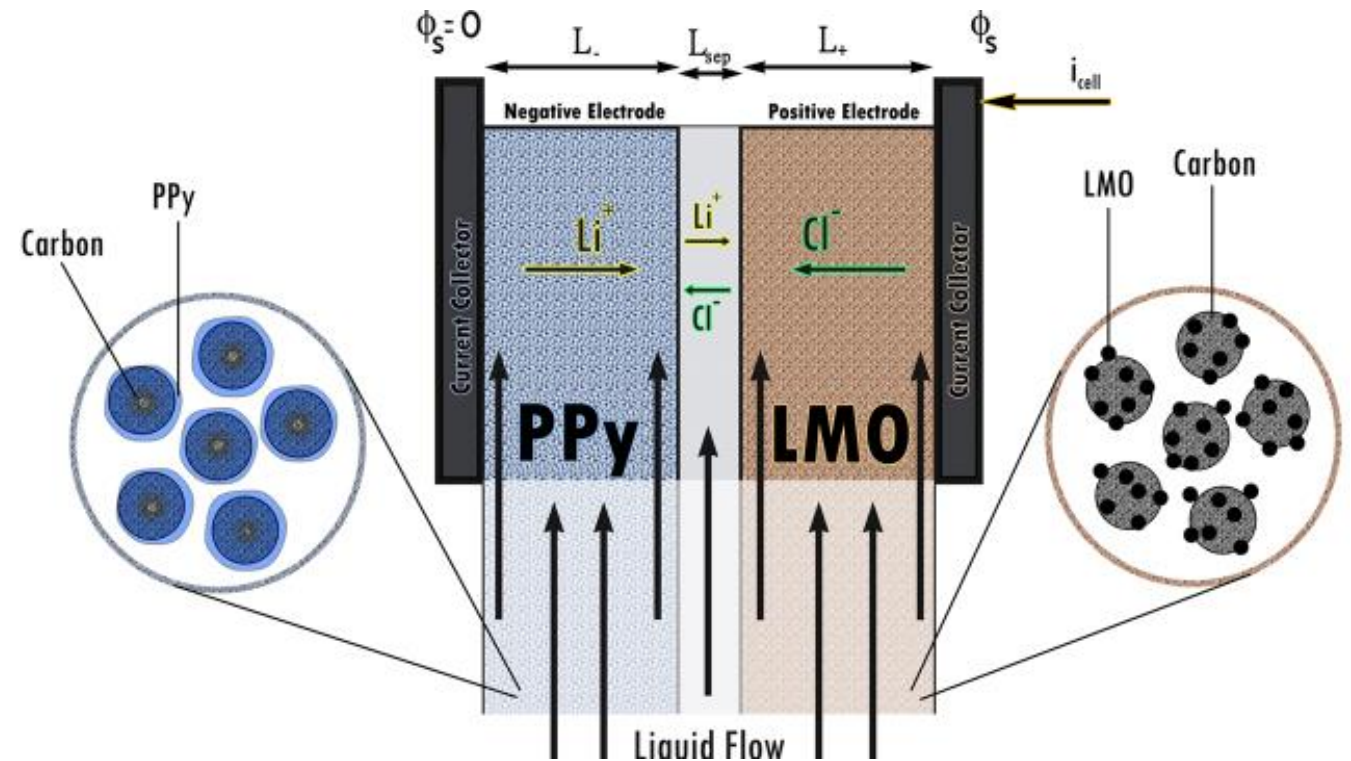


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MUCHAS GRACIAS

