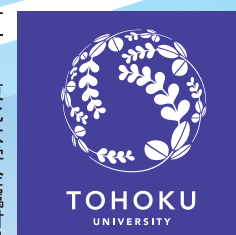


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E-IMR International Workshop 2024
November 2024



Opening address

As a satellite of the Summit of Materials Science (SMS) to be held at the Institute for Materials Research (IMR), Tohoku University on 27th and 28th November 2024, the E-IMR Centre (Collaborative Research Centre on Energy Materials, IMR) is going to hold the “E-IMR International Workshop 2024 (E-IMR IWS 2024)” on the 26th November, the day before SMS.

The recent issues of energy and global warming/climate change have increased the importance of solving these problems, and the research and development of mechanisms for securing new energy sources, energy conversion and storage materials have become urgent tasks. The development of new materials for energy has become an essential issue and is currently a priority area of focus in IMR.

The activities of IMR, which was established in April 2015, will enter its ninth year in FY2024, and from FY2022, when the “Fourth Medium-Term Goals and Plans” of MEXT began, the E-IMR Centre was reorganized, expanded and strengthened as the second phase of its mission. The E-IMR centre was reorganized into four research units: 1. Solar Energy Conversion Materials Research Unit, 2. Energy Storage Materials Research Unit, 3. Materials Evaluation and Analysis Research Unit, and 4. Novel materials unit towards social implantation. In particular, Materials Evaluation and Analysis Research Unit has been newly established, with a team structure that can carry out quantum beam analysis using synchrotron radiation and neutrons, first-principles calculations, as well as materials evaluation and prediction using materials informatics (MI).

Each research unit, which is composed of researchers from the fields of science and engineering, promotes world-class materials research by exploring the research frontiers in the field of energy materials, and employs three specially appointed assistant professors to foster young researchers with advanced research skills in interdisciplinary fields. In addition, we are promoting research in areas not completely covered by IMR, with the participation of faculty members and researchers from research organizations not only inside but also outside IMR, including the Graduate School of Engineering, the Advanced Institute for Materials Research (AIMR), and the International Center for Synchrotron Radiation Innovation Smart (SRIS).

Our mission is to establish innovative energy materials and composite module creation that contributes to maximizing solar energy utilization and the three storages of “heat, electricity, and hydrogen”. Through these research topics, we intend to contribute to the construction of a green energy society using solar energy towards carbon neutrality.

26th Nov. 2024(R6).

Head, E-IMR Centre

Institute for Materials Research, Tohoku University

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On the dynamics of magnets and ferroelectrics

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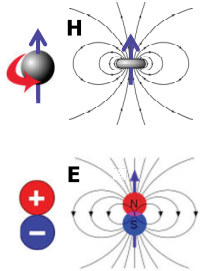
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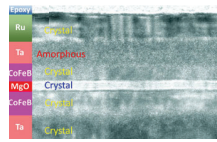


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Magnetic materials of interest

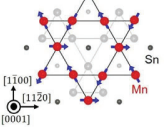
CoFeB



Hematite, Fe_2O_3
(Lebrun *et al.*, 2020)

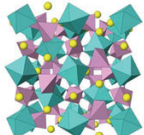


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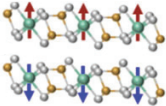


Yttrium iron garnet (YIG)

$\text{Y}_3^{(3+)} \text{Fe}_2^{(3+)} (\text{Fe}^{(3+)} \text{O}_4^{(2-)})_3$



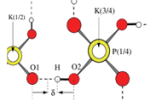
CrPS_4 (de Wal *et al.*, 2023)



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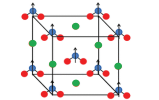
Ferroelectric materials of interest

hopping protons



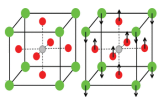
NaNO_2 : $T_c \sim 450$ K

molecular dipoles



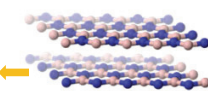
KH_2PO_4 : $T_c \sim 122$ K

soft optical phonons



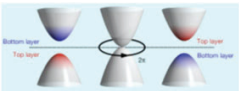
BaTiO_3 : $T_c \sim 400$ K

shift in polar bilayers
(Yasuda *et al.*, 2020)



2BN
 $T_c \sim 1000$ K

Moiré charge-transfer
(Zheng *et al.* 2020; Niu *et al.*, 2022)



BLG
 $T_c \sim 100$ K

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Applications of magnets and ferroelectrics

Information and communication technologies

Technology	Magnets	Ferroelectrics
non-volatile memories	tapes, disks, M-RAMs	F-RAM
sensors and actuators	magnetic fields etc.	vibrations etc.
electronics	inductors	capacitors
computing	p-bits, spin wave interconnects	polarization waves

Energy/heat management

Heat managing	Magnets	Ferroelectrics
quasi-equilibrium/reversible cooling	magnetocalorics	electrocalorics
non-equilibrium/irreversible	Nernst/Ettingshausen effect spin-dependent and spin Seebeck/Peltier effect	?
heat switches	K. Uchida c.s. (2023)	polarization Seebeck/Peltier effect GB <i>et al.</i> (2022) Wooten <i>et al.</i> (2023)

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Spin polarization waves and magnons

Landau-Lifshitz equation: $\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = -\gamma \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}}; \quad \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{\delta F[\mathbf{M}]}{\delta \mathbf{M}}$ free energy

Linearized solution (exchange spin waves):

$\lambda = 2\pi / k$

$\hbar \omega_k = \hbar \omega_0 + Ak^2$

$\omega_0 = \gamma B_{\text{eff}}$

$v_g = \left(\frac{d\omega_k}{dk} \right)_k$

Magnons are the quanta of spin waves with $M_k \approx -\mu_B$ (Bosons):

$n_k = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\hbar \omega_k}{k_B T}} - 1}$

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Electric polarization waves and ferrons (displacive)

Landau-Khalatnikov equation: $\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \omega_p^2} \frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt} = E_{\text{eff}}[\mathbf{P}]; \quad \omega_p^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 V_0} \sum_i Q_i^2; \quad E_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{\delta F[\mathbf{P}]}{\delta \mathbf{P}}$

Linearized solution (polarization waves):

$\hbar \omega_k = \hbar \omega_0 + Ak^2$

$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_{\text{eff}}}$

$v_g = \left(\frac{d\omega_k}{dk} \right)_k$

Ferrons are the quanta of polarization waves with Planck statistics:

$n_k = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{\hbar \omega_k}{k_B T}} - 1}$

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Hellmann-Feynman theorem for magnons and ferrons

Magnon: a quasiparticle that carries a magnetic dipole

Zeeman interaction: $\mathcal{H}_Z = \mathcal{H}_0 - \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ and $\mathcal{H}_Z \psi_i = \epsilon_i \psi_i$

$\Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{M} \rangle_i = -\frac{\partial \epsilon_i}{\partial \mathbf{B}} = O(\mu_B)$

Ferron: a quasiparticle that carries an electric dipole

Stark interaction: $\mathcal{H}_S = \mathcal{H}_0 - \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{E}$ and $\mathcal{H}_S \psi_i = \epsilon_i \psi_i$

$\Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{P} \rangle_i = -\frac{\partial \epsilon_i}{\partial \mathbf{E}} = ?$

Optical phonons in inversion symmetric systems are not ferrons: $\omega_{OP}(E) = \omega_{OP}(-E) \Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{P} \rangle_{OP} = 0$

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First experiments: thermal conductivity

Wooten et al. (OSU, 2023)

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Ferroelectric drag effect (P. Tang *et al.*, 2023)

$\text{Sn}_2\text{P}_2\text{S}_6$

h-BN

graphene

$ZT = \frac{G_{\text{graphene}} S^2 T}{K_{\text{FE}}}$

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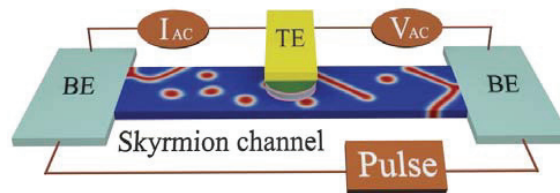
Magnonic vs. ferronics

magnonics

ferronics

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Towards Functional Skyrmion Racetrack Memory



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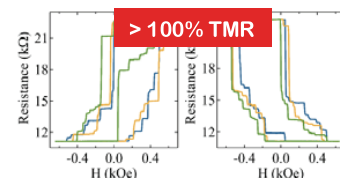
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Application of magnetism

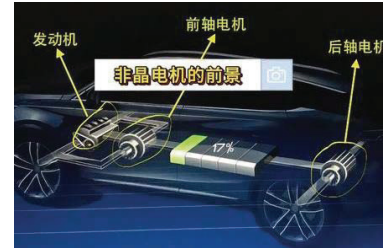
Information technology



Electronics



Electric vehicle



Transportation



Life science



Defense technology



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Spintronics

$$S = -\frac{1}{2}$$



$$S = +\frac{1}{2}$$



Spin up (1)

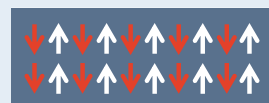
Spin down (0)



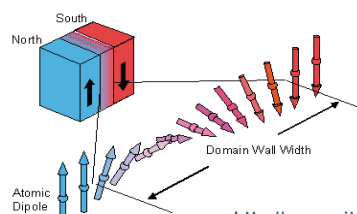
Ferromagnetism
 $M = \sum s \neq 0$



Ferrimagnetism
 $M = \sum s \neq 0$



Antiferromagnetism
 $M = \sum s = 0$



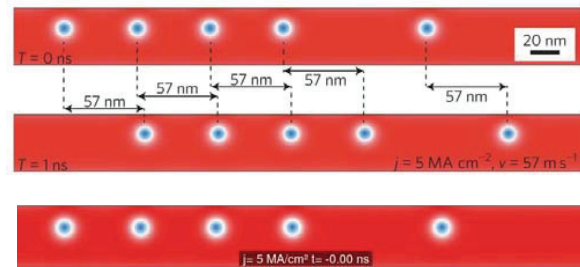
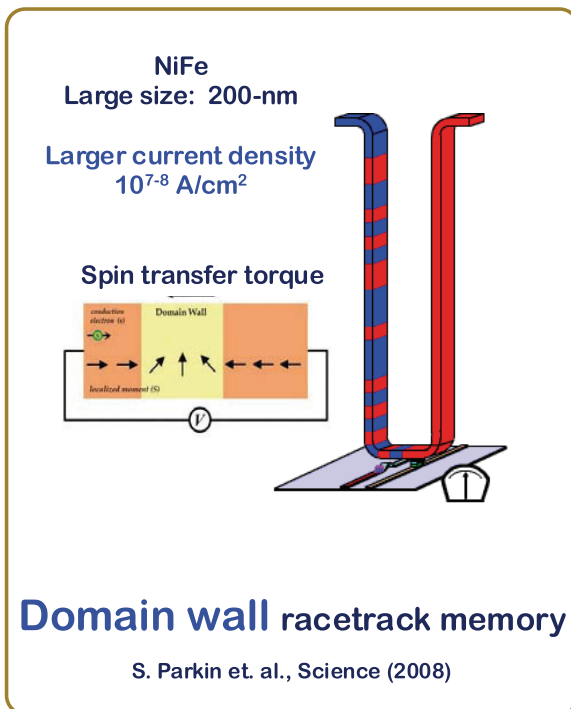
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Nanoscale spin textures

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Racetrack: from domain wall to skyrmion



Non-volatile (topological protection)
Ultra-efficient (spin-orbit torques)
Ultra-dense (0.5 - 5 nm)
C-MOS compatible (thin film)

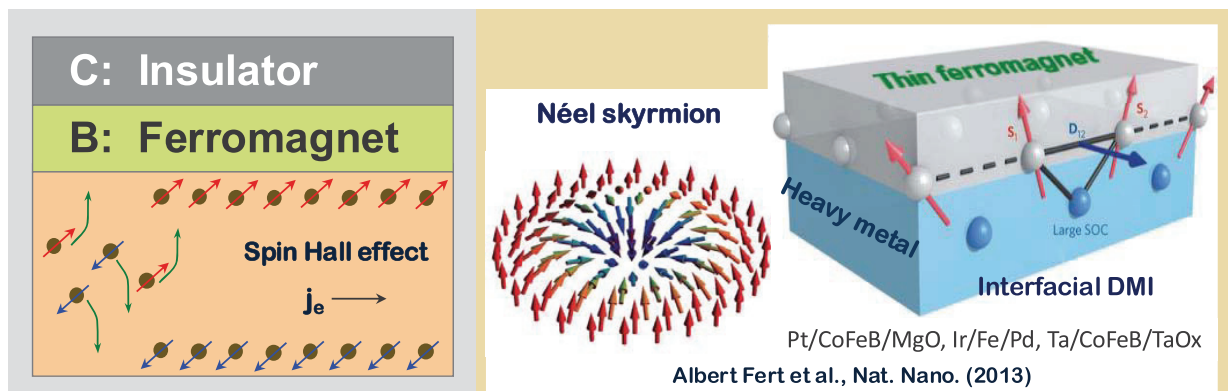
Skyrmion racetrack memory

Albert Fert et al., Nat. Nano. (2013)

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Néel skyrmions in magnetic multilayer



Q. Liu et al., Science (2012)
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IEEE Trans. Mag. 49, 5172 (2013)



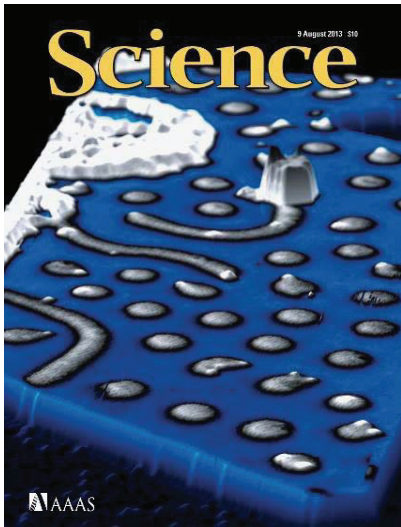
Promising

(room temperature, few nanometers skyrmion,
novel driving mechanism, massive production,)

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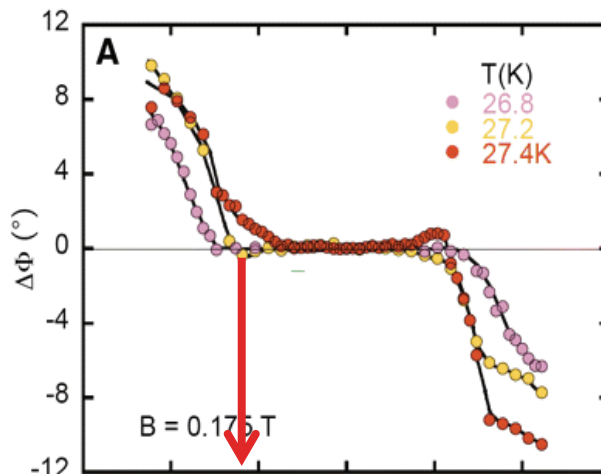
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Nano size and low-power consumption



Romming et al., Science, 2013

**5 nm,
20 K**



J_c (2×10^2 A/cm²)

Jonietz et al, Science, 2010

**0.0001 of MRAM devices,
30 K**

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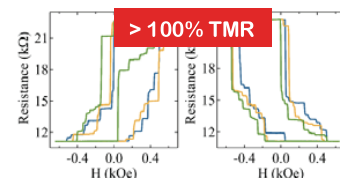
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A simple multilayer: Ta/CoFeB/TaO_x



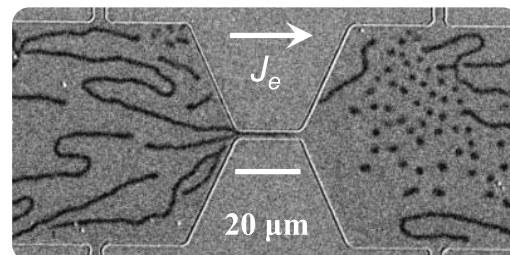
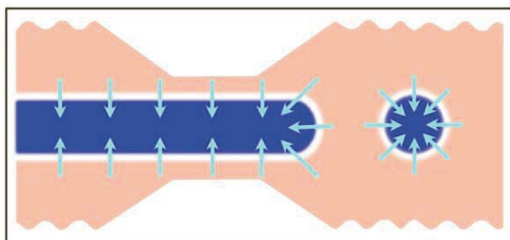
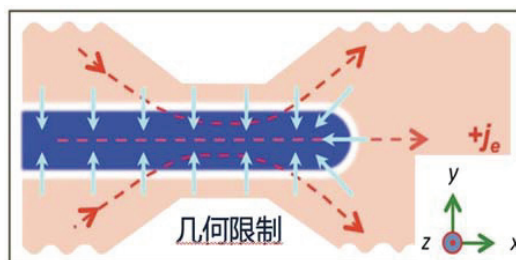
Insulator
Ferromagnet
Heavy metal



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Blowing skyrmion bubbles by currents



Ta/CoFeB/TaO_x, current density $\sim 7 \times 10^4$ A/cm²

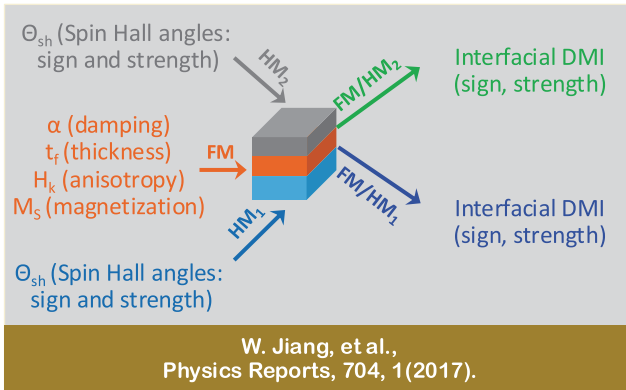
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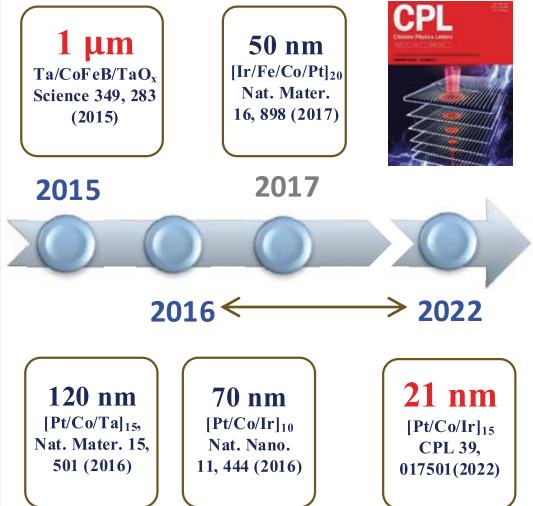
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Emerging skyrmion materials



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Interface optimization: material, thickness, stacking



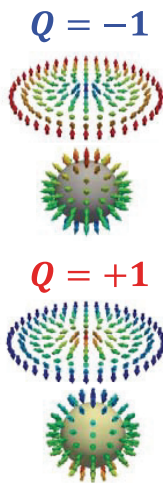
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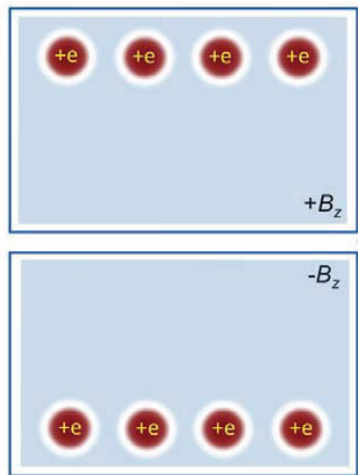
Emerging topological physics

topological charge

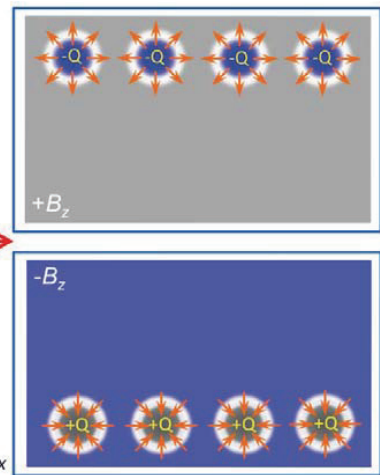
$$Q = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathbf{m} \cdot (\partial_x \mathbf{m} \times \partial_y \mathbf{m}) dx dy$$



electric charge q_e
Lorentz force
 $F_l = q_e (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_z)$



topological charge Q
Magnus force
 $f_m = Q (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{e}_z)$



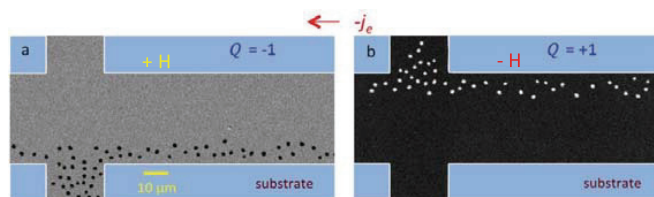
Quasiparticles bring new flavors into the Hall family!

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Skyrmion Hall effect and thermodynamics

Skyrmion Hall effect: New member in the Hall Trio

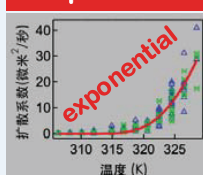


Nonlinear topological thermodynamics of skyrmions

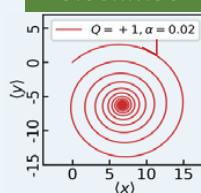
Linear diffusion



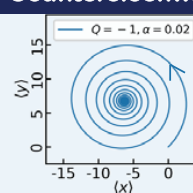
Experiment



Clockwise



Counterclockwise



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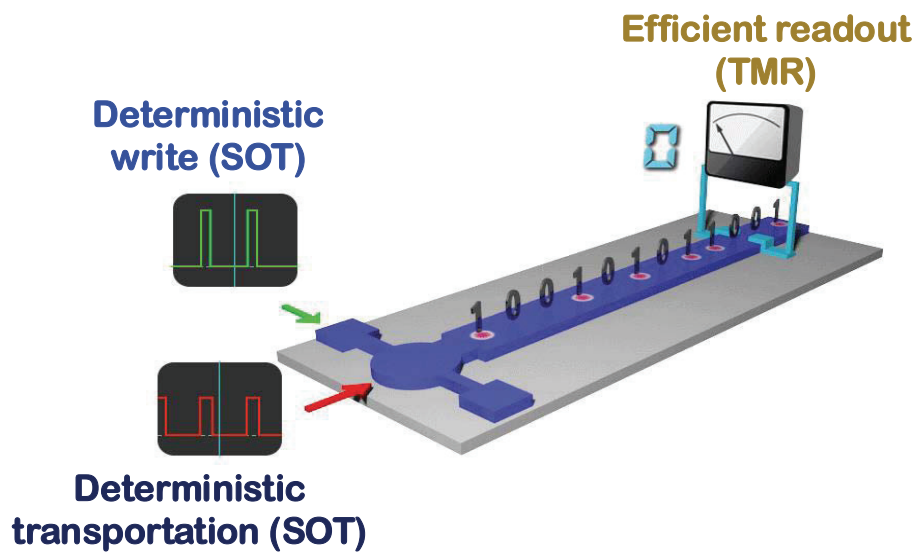
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Skyrmions on the racetrack

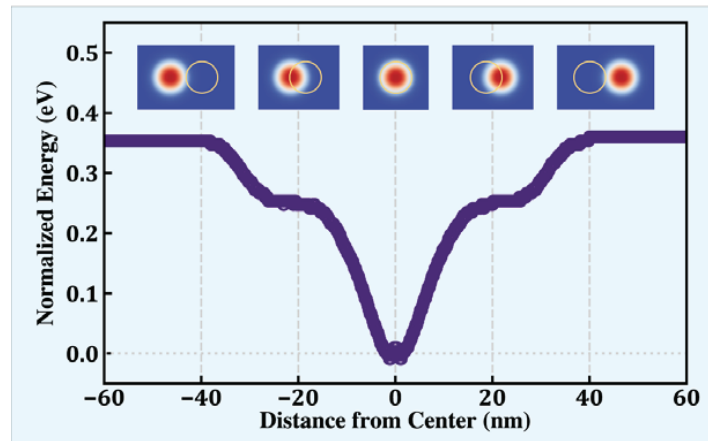
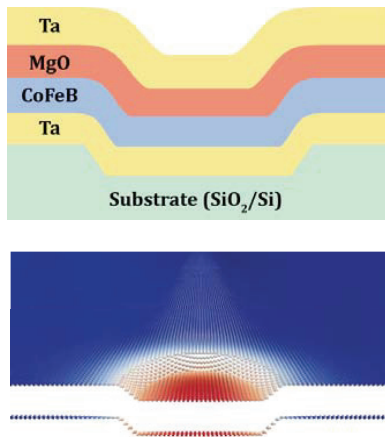


Three key challenges:
bottleneck of device applications

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Multiphysics simulation



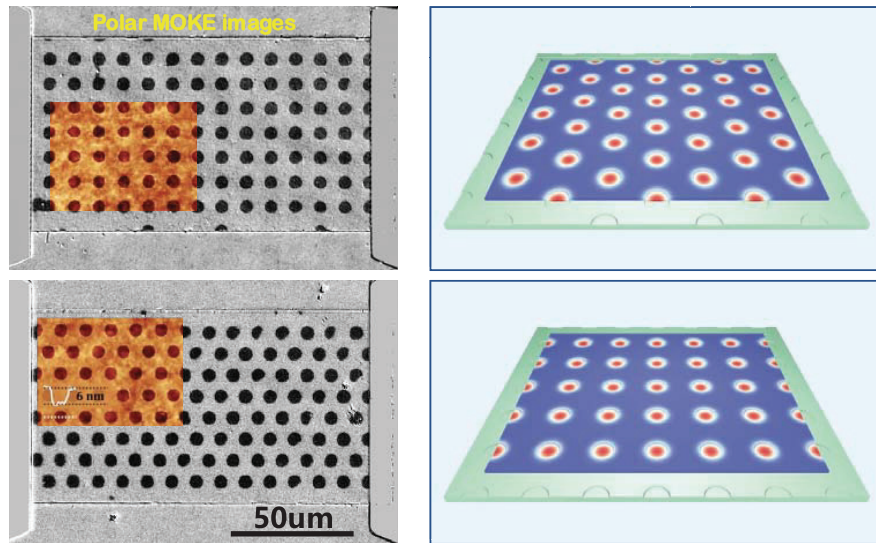
- ◆ Introduce concaved surface **with nm-thick indentations**
- ◆ Subsequent grow magnetic films on these substrate
- ◆ concaved surface generates unflat energy landscape
- ◆ Local energy minima **traps skyrmions**

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Patterning of skyrmion lattice

$B_z = +0.12\text{mT}$ After $J \sim 5\text{ MA/cm}^2$



- ◆ 6nm-thick, 4μm-diameter periodic indentations
- ◆ Designed skyrmions by the geometry of indentations

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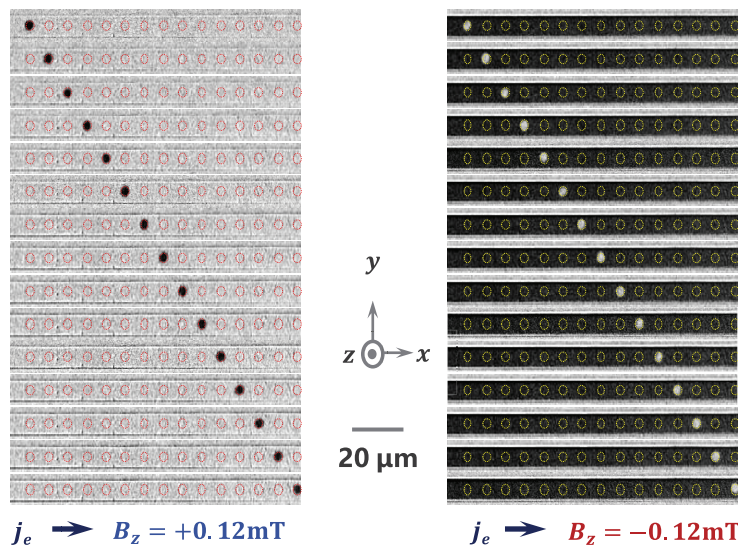
1D skyrmion racetrack

- Deterministic **generation** of skyrmions
- Precisely controlled **transportation**
- Electric detection of skyrmions by TMR

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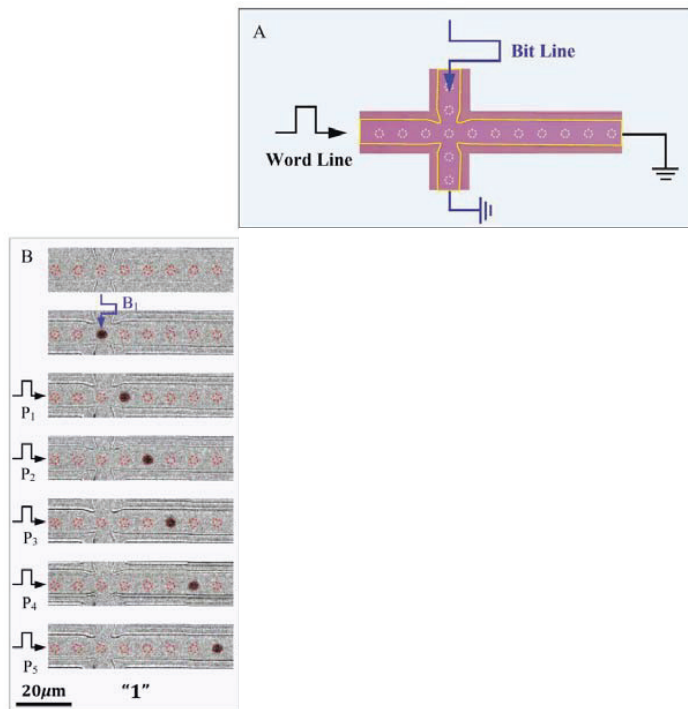
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Skyrmion shift register



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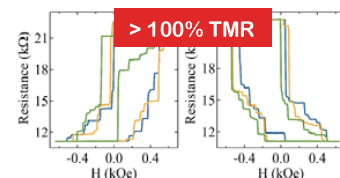
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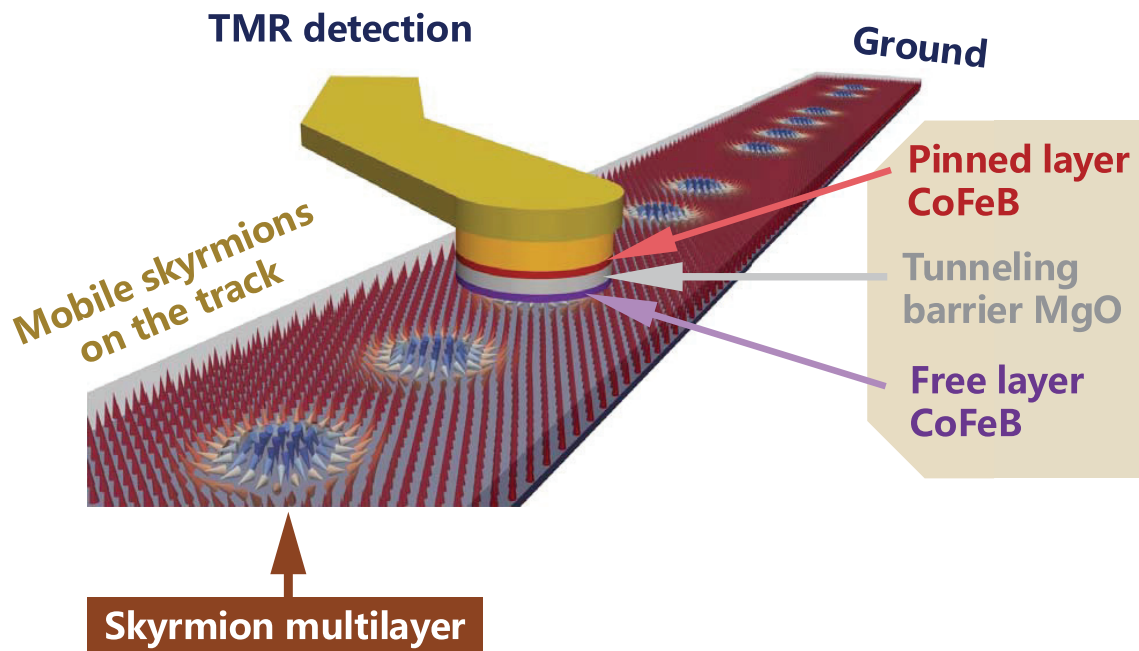
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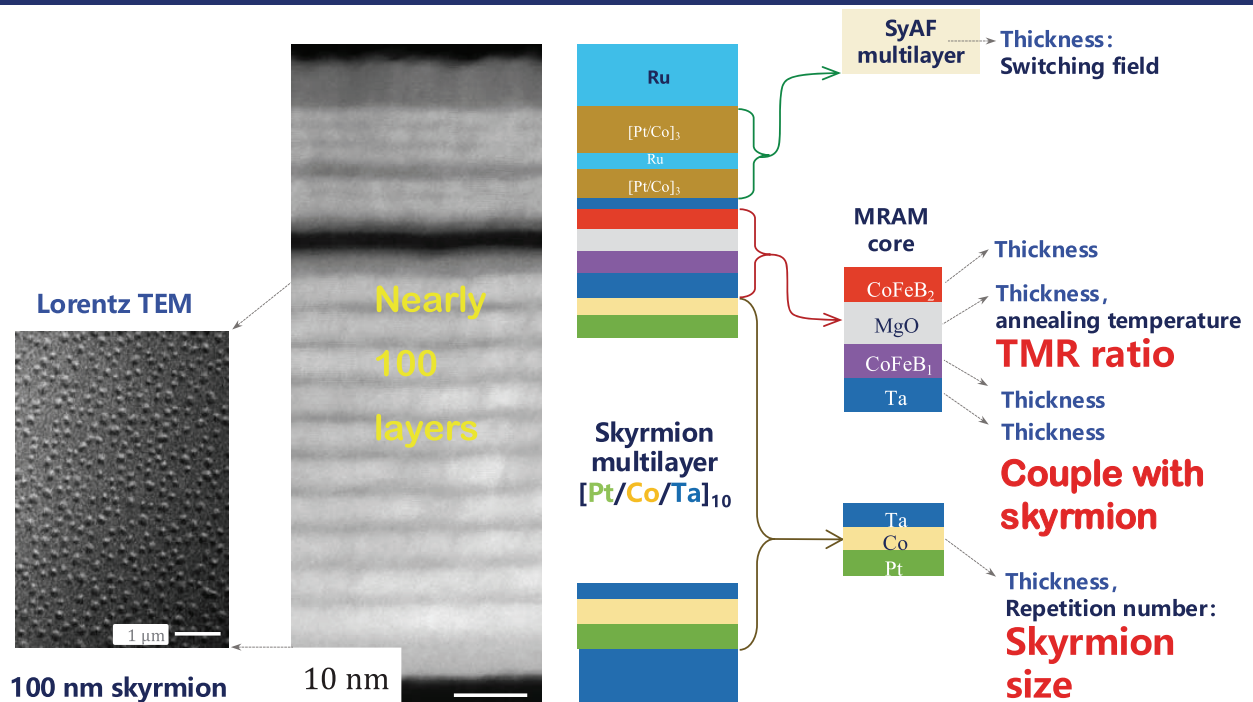
Concept of skyrmion racetrack memory



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Typical Skyrmion MTJ



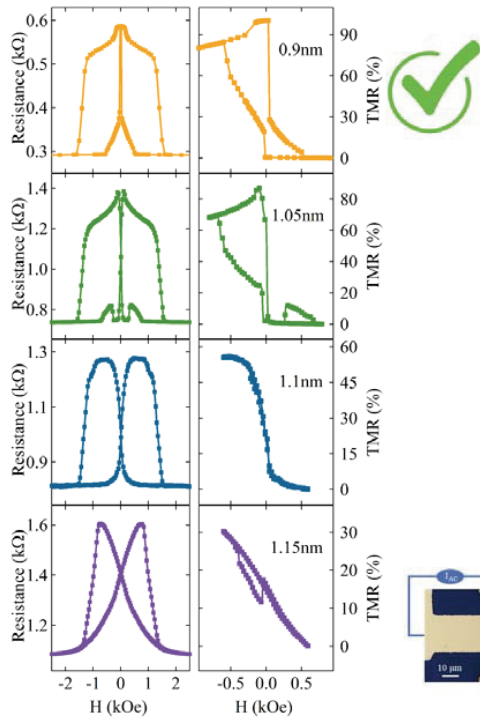
◆ Complex stack, many parameters, challenging to optimize

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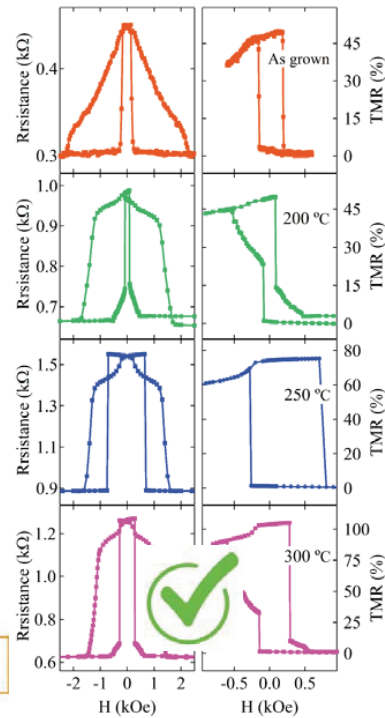
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Optimization of skyrmion MTJ

Thickness of bottom CoFeB



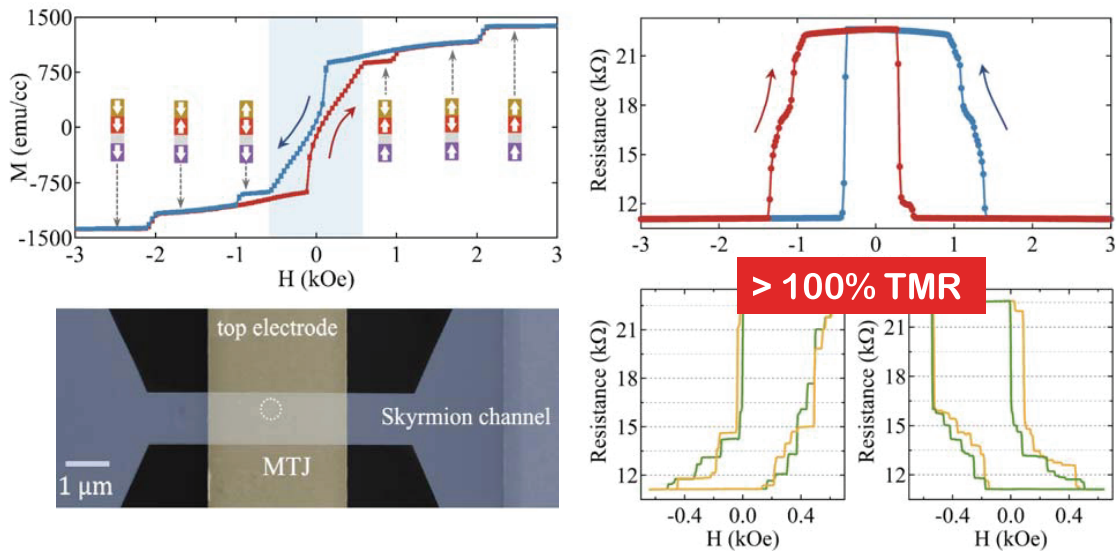
Effect of annealing temperature



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Performance of skyrmion MTJ



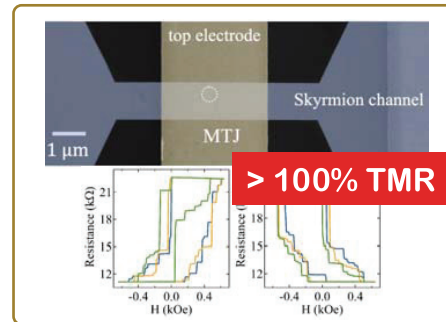
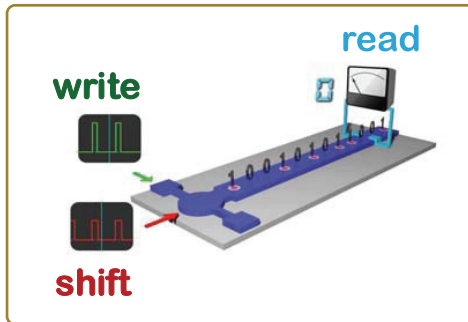
- ◆ Fabricated 500 nm skyrmion MTJ
- ◆ Efficient detection of skyrmions with 100% TMR
- ◆ TMR steps may suggest the existence of skyrmions

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Conclusions

- ◆ Optimized materials and topological physics
- ◆ Deterministic generation and transportation of skyrmions
- ◆ Efficient detection of skyrmions with 100% TMR



Thank you for your attention!

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Dissociative Oxygen Adsorption and Incorporation in Co_3O_4 -Dispersed $\text{BaZr}_{0.9}\text{Sc}_{0.1}\text{O}_{2.95}$ for PCFC Cathode

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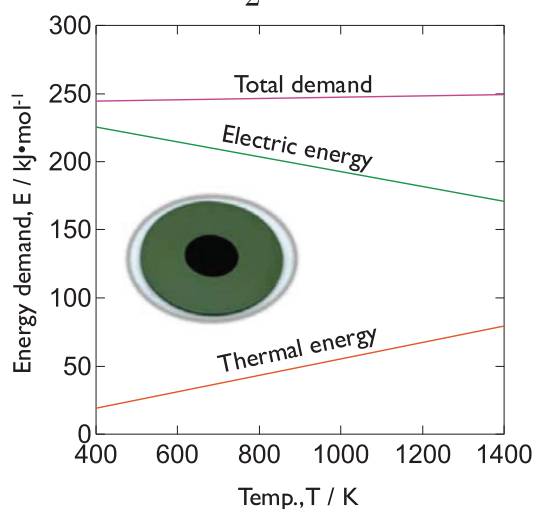
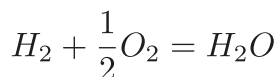
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Solid Oxide Cells (SOCs)



SOC : Highest efficiency • Reversible operation

Funding

USA : Department of Energy (DOE)

FY2021 Hydrogen Shot "1 | 1"

(1\$/1kg in 1 decade)

FY2022 PEM electrolyzer > 620 MW

EU : Clean Hydrogen JU (€150 M)

Target efficiency : $\approx 3.0 - 3.5 \text{ kWh/Nm}^3$

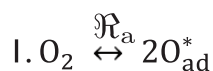
Target cost : 300 \$/kW, 400—500 €/kW

Industries

USA : Bloom Energy, Fuel Cell Energy, etc.

EU : Sunfire, Topsoe, Ceres Power, etc.

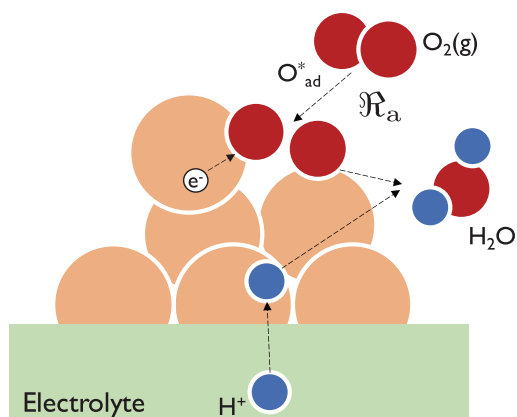
Surface Oxygen Exchange Reaction



Dissociative adsorption reaction



Water generation reaction



Most oxide cathode materials

→ $\mathcal{R}_a$ becomes rate-limiting step^[1]

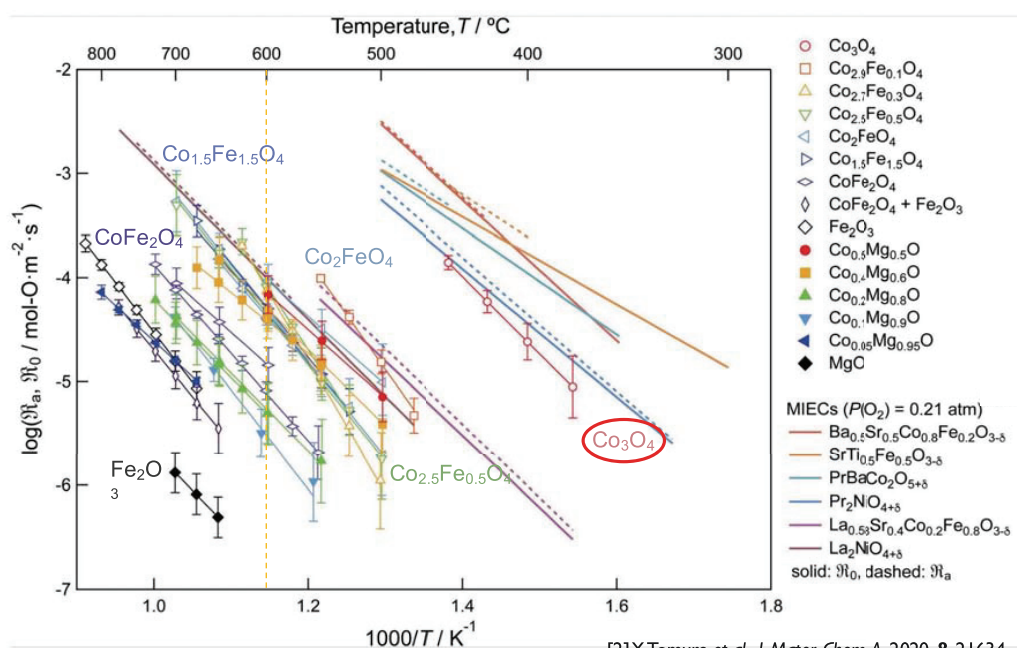
→ Raising $\mathcal{R}_a$ enhances the total surface exchange reaction.

Protonic conductor (PC)

[1] G. Mather et al., *Appl. Sci.*, 2021, 11, 5363.

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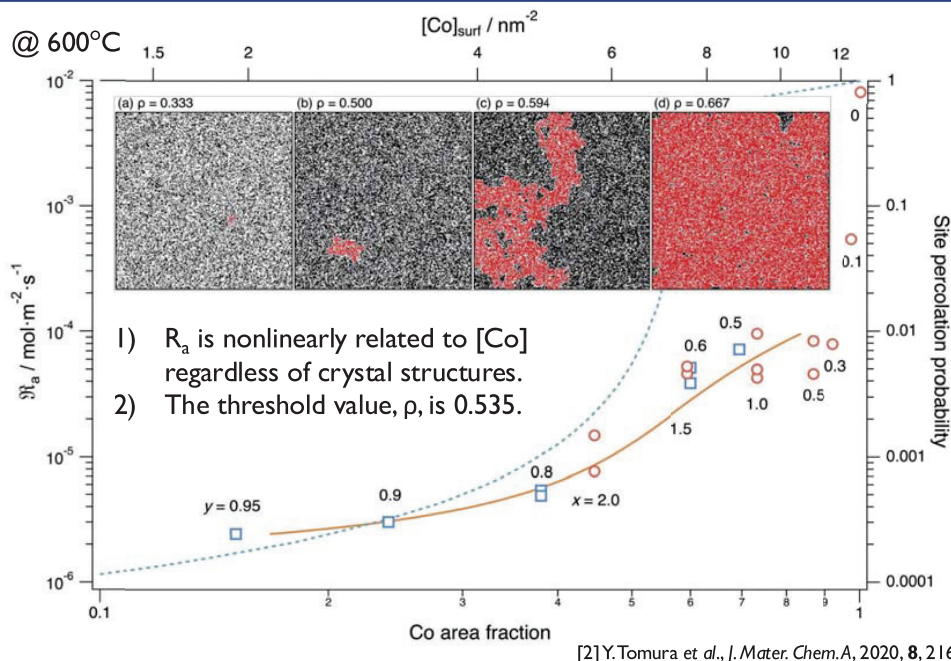
Dissociative adsorption rate of Co-containing oxides



[2] Y. Tomura et al., *J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2020, 8, 21634.

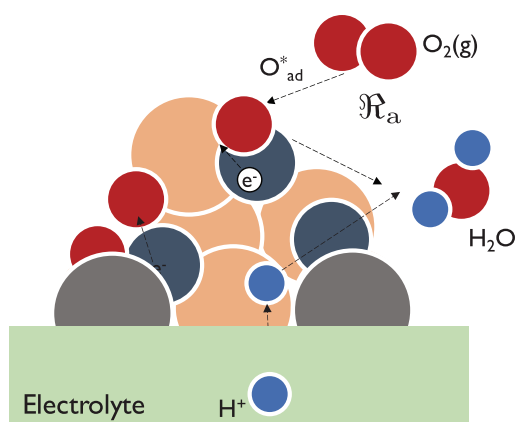
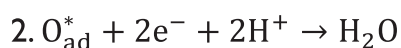
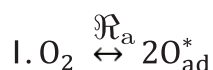
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R_a vs. [Co] for Co-based oxides



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Surface Oxygen Exchange Reaction



The focus of this study:

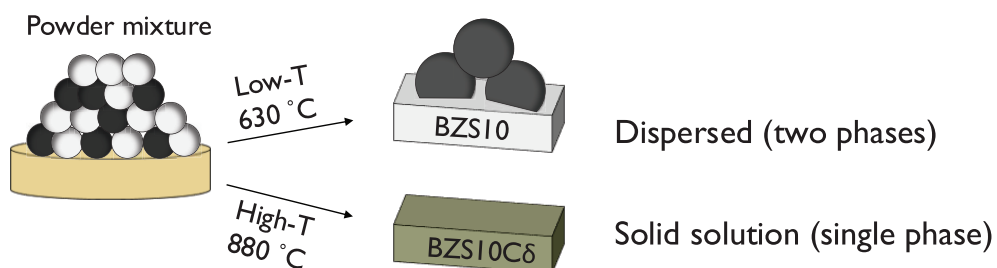
Adding Co_3O_4 with high R_a to enhance the cathode property.

- ⇒ Works as a catalyst to promote surface exchange rate
- ⇒ What amount of Co is required?
- ⇒ Dispersed or solid solution?

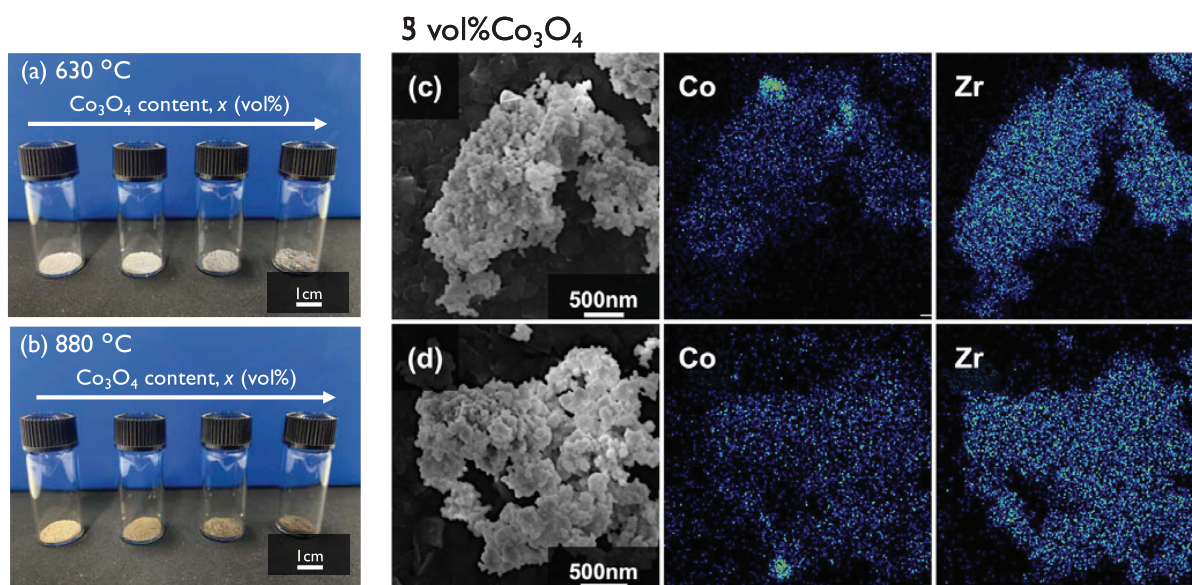
- Protonic conductor (PC)
- Dissociation catalyst (Co_3O_4)
- Solid solution (Co-doped BZ)

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To quantify the effect of Co_3O_4 addition to protonic conductor $\text{BaZr}_{0.9}\text{Sc}_{0.1}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ (BZSI0) on its surface exchange reaction

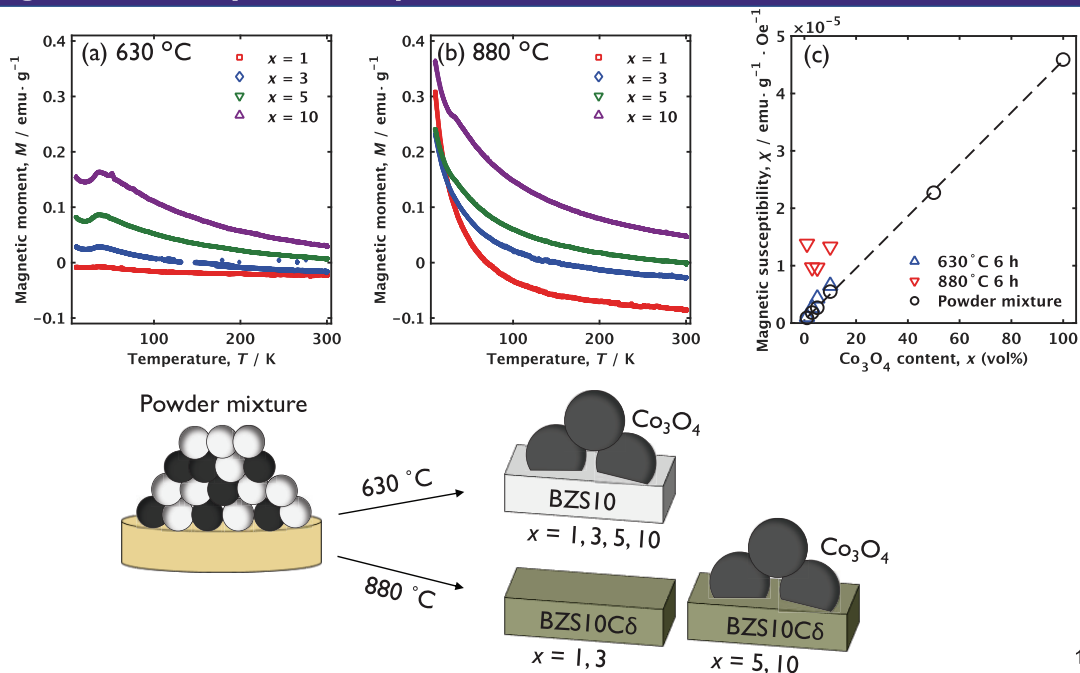


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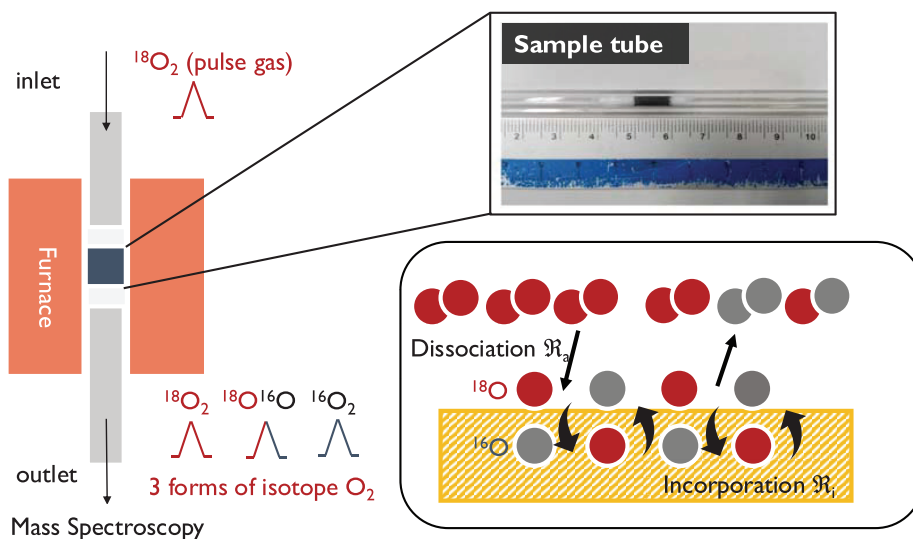


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Magnetic analysis for phase determination

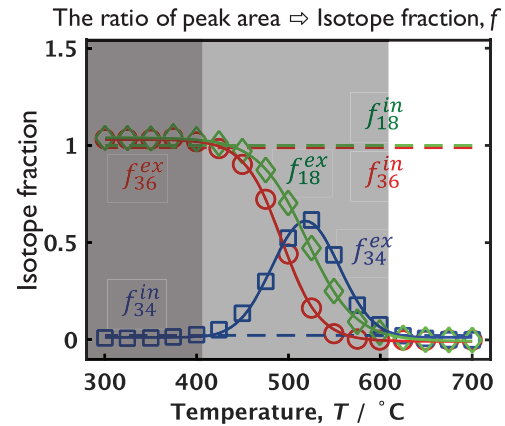
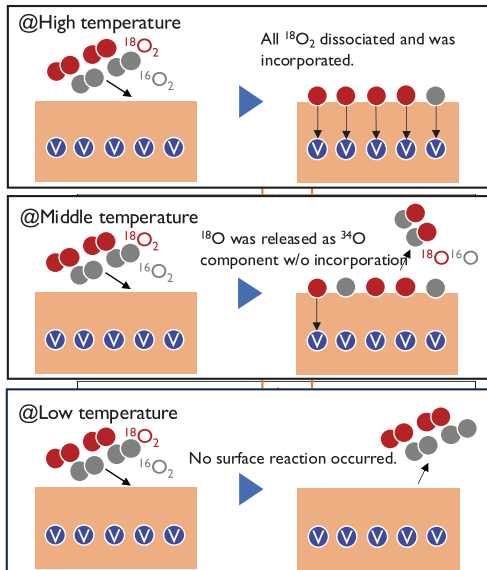


Pulse Isotope Exchange (PIE) [4]



[4] H.J.M. Bouwmeester, et al., *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2009, 11, 9640. 11 / 18

PIE Analysis Procedure (e.g. $\text{BaZr}_{0.9}\text{Sc}_{0.1}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$)

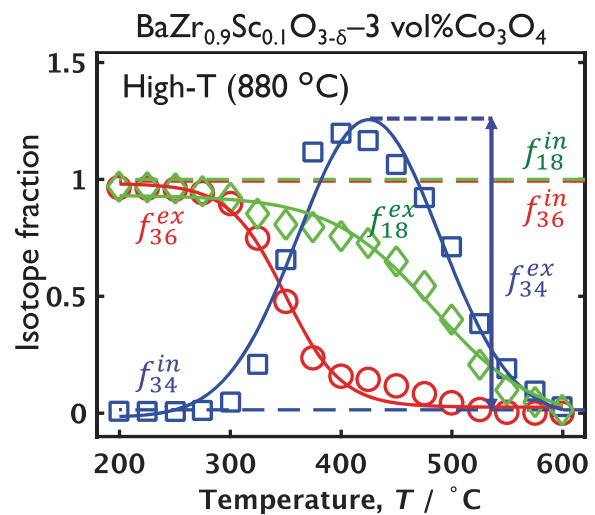
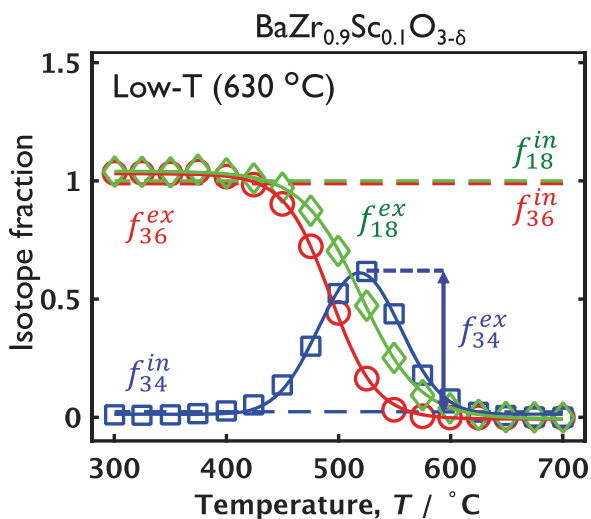


$$f_{18}^{\text{ex}} = f_{36}^{\text{ex}} + \frac{1}{2} f_{34}^{\text{ex}} \quad f_{18}^{\text{in}} = f_{36}^{\text{in}} + \frac{1}{2} f_{34}^{\text{in}}$$

$$\text{Exchange reaction rate, } \mathfrak{R}_0 = \frac{n}{\tau_r S} \ln \left(\frac{f_{18}^{\text{in}}}{f_{18}^{\text{ex}}} \right)$$

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PIE Analysis : Co_3O_4 addition

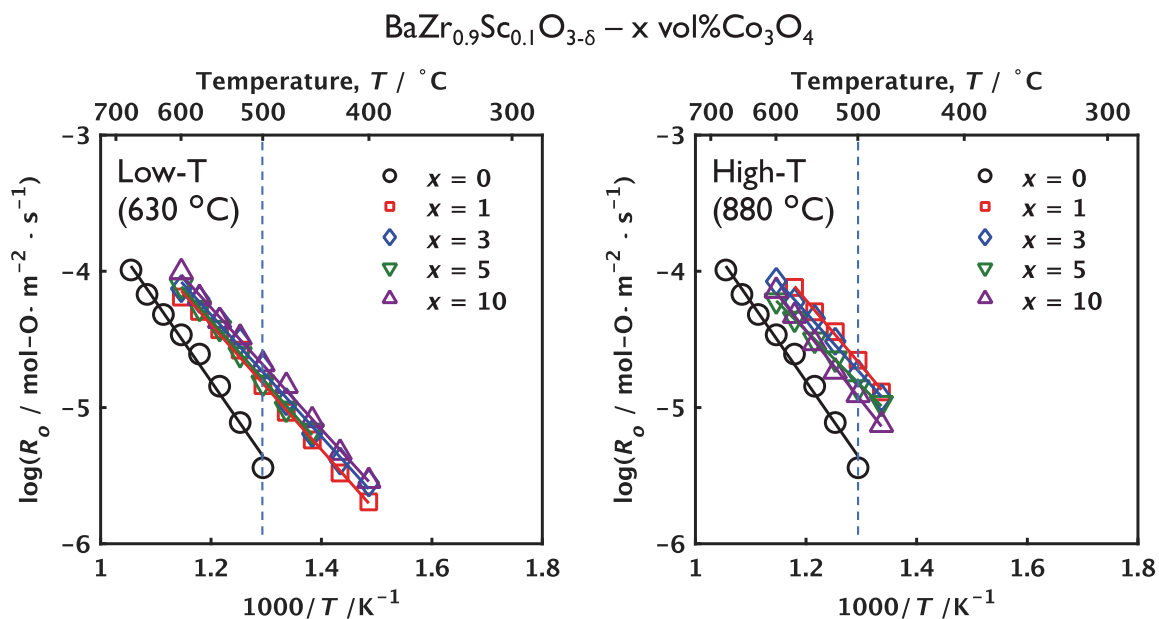


f_{34}^{ex} becomes higher by adding Co_3O_4 by approx. a factor of 2

► Oxygen dissociation was enhanced by Co_3O_4 addition

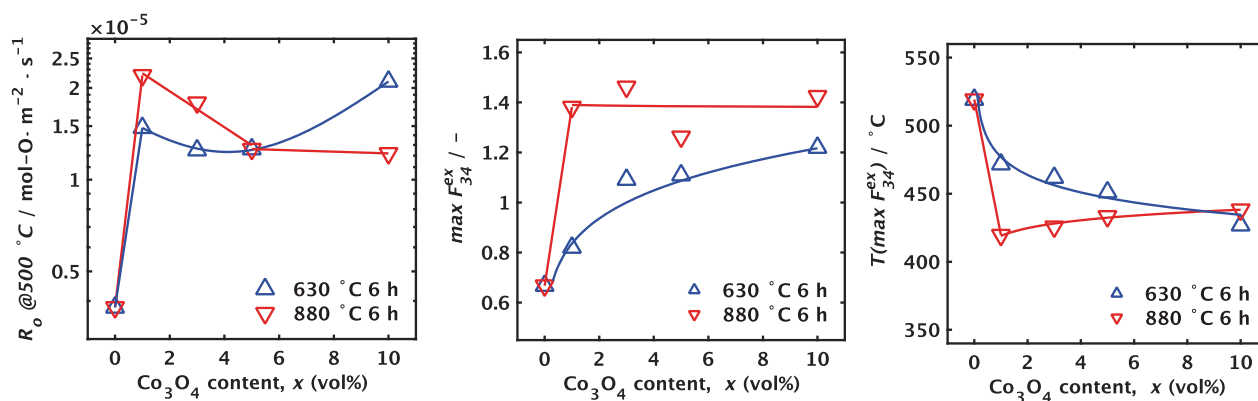
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Arrhenius plot of the exchange reaction rate, $\mathcal{R}_0$



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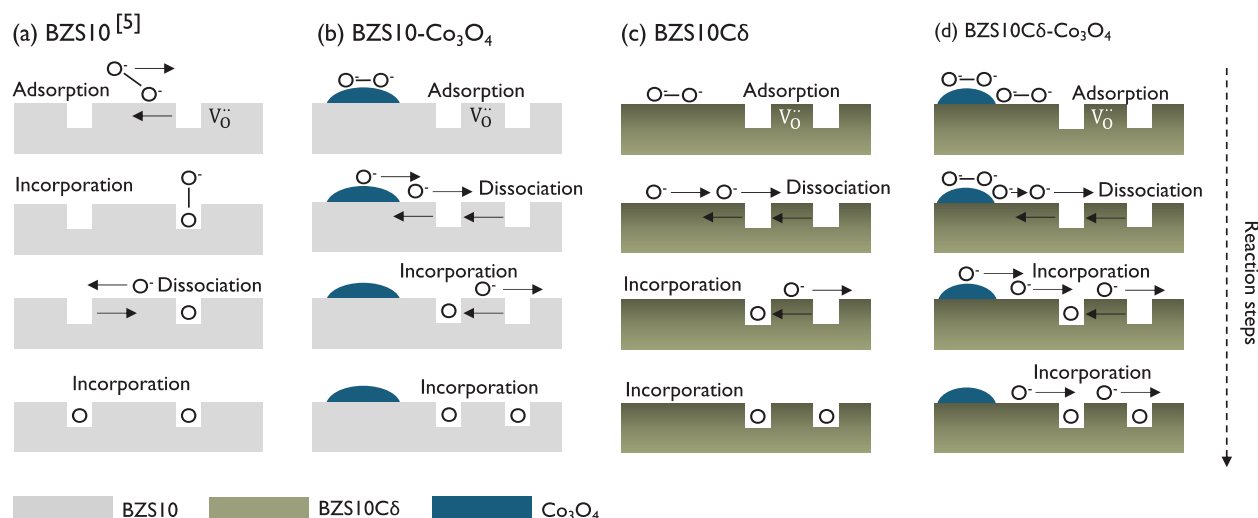
$\mathcal{R}_0@500^\circ\text{C}$ as a function of Co_3O_4 amount



- BZSI0C δ solid solution significantly enhanced $\mathcal{R}_0$ at $x = 1$. However, this enhancement was reduced above $x = 3$. The two-phase composites increased the oxygen dissociation activity as Co_3O_4 content increased.
- Changes in F_{34} as a function of Co_3O_4 content also supported these trends.

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Expected surface exchange process for Co_3O_4 -added BZS



[5] M. Schaubé et al., *J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2019, 7, 21854.

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Conclusions

The surface exchange properties of a protonic conductor mixed with a dissociative adsorption catalyst, $\text{BZS10-x vol}\%\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$, were investigated.

- Co-containing solid solutions, $\text{BZS10C}\delta$, were formed by high-temperature heat treatment ($880\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$); meanwhile, Co_3O_4 existed as separated particles when heat-treated at a lower temperature ($630\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) regardless of x .
- The formation of the $\text{BZS10C}\delta$ solid solution significantly enhanced R_0 at $x = 1$. However, this enhancement was reduced above $x = 3$. This decrease in R_0 was attributed to reduced oxygen vacancies associated with hole compensation by further Co dissolution. The two-phase composites increased the oxygen dissociation activity as Co_3O_4 content increased.
- Doping a large amount of Co is unnecessary to promote the surface exchange reaction itself. Meanwhile, other factors, including electronic conductivity, are also crucial for the cathode to work.

S. Kamohara, A. Ishii, I. Oikawa, H. Takamura, "Dissociative Oxygen Adsorption and Incorporation in Co_3O_4 -Dispersed $\text{BaZr}_{0.9}\text{Sc}_{0.1}\text{O}_{2.95}$ for PCFC Cathode", *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* 2024, 16, 52339.

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Atomically precise layer-by-layer modification of perovskite oxides

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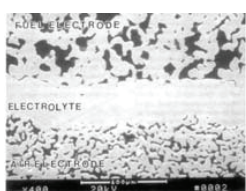
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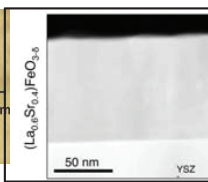
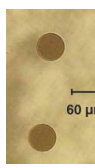
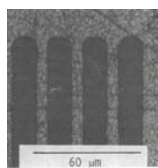
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Challenge: structure control at atomic scale

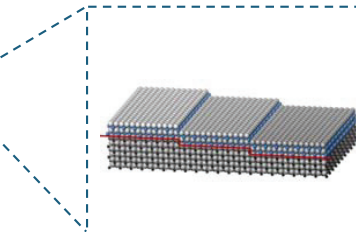
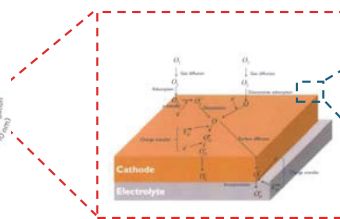
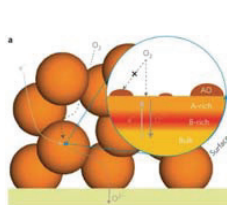
- Missing surface structure leads to conflict structure-activity relationship



Porous electrode

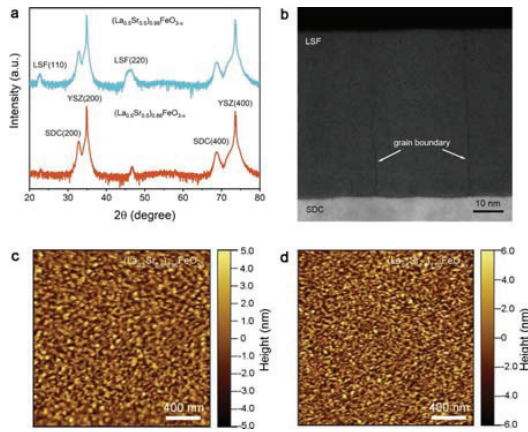


Patterned metal electrode/Thin film oxide electrode



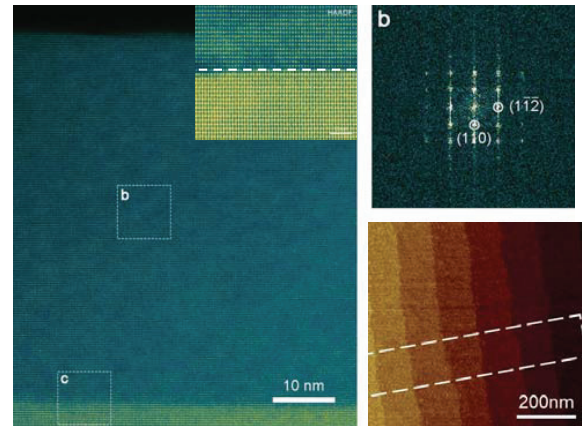
New model system: fully epitaxial thin films

- Polycrystalline thin films



- Multiple grain boundaries;
- Complicated surface terminations;

- Epitaxial single crystalline thin films



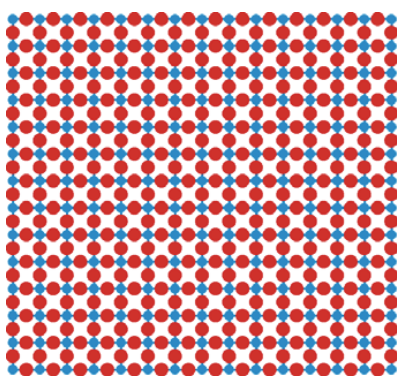
- NO grain boundaries;
- UNIFORM surface terminations;

Mobility and clustering of O and anion vacancies in ABX_3 perovskites as energy materials

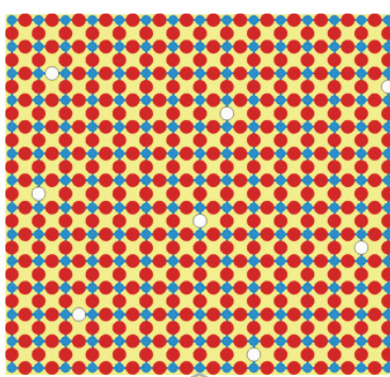
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BX_2 plane

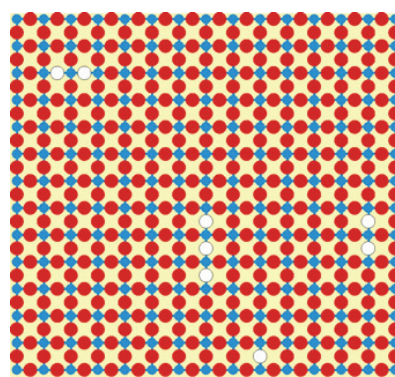


with freely dispersed V_X



mobile electrons
doped by V_X

clustered V_X



slower mobility
smaller doping

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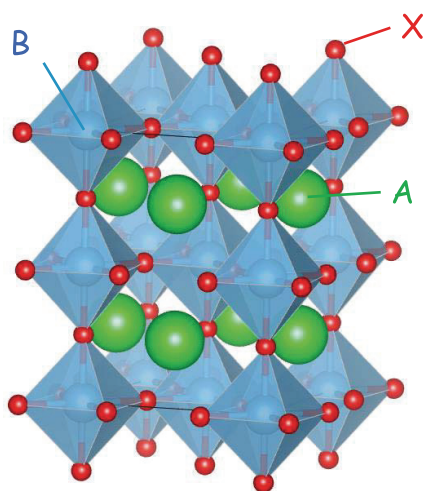
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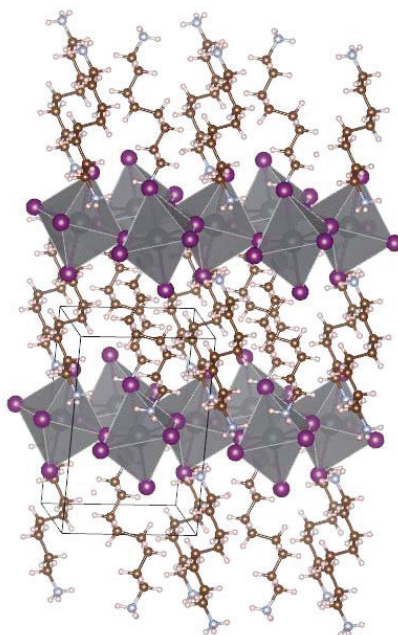
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Perovskite ABX_3 structure

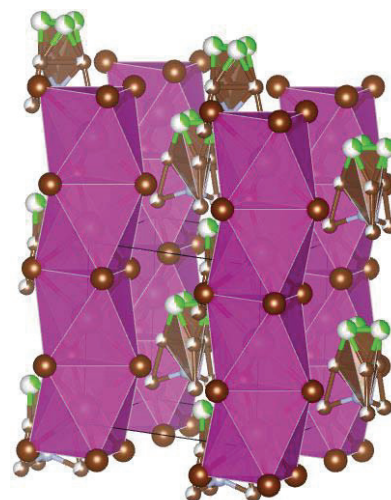
A, B cations X anion
network of BX_6 octahedra



3D



2D



1D

too large A (especially organic)

ABX_3 perovskites as energy materials

	oxides $X = O$	metal-organic halides $X = Cl, Br, I$
supercapacitors	electrode $A = La, Sr, Ce, \dots$ $B = Ni, Fe, Co, Mn, \dots$ [CWS18, ALI21] $LaMnO_{3-\delta}$ (anionic) [MHD14]	electrode $A = MA, FA, Cs, \dots$ $B = Pb, \dots$ [LYS21]
batteries	electrode $AgNbO_3$ for Na^+, K^+ [OKC24]	electrode esp. 2D/1D perovsk $A = MA, FA, Cs, \dots$ $B = Pb, Bi, Cu, \dots$ [TLL22]
fuel cells	electrolyte/electrode $A = Ba, Sr, La, \dots$ $B = Zr, Ce, Y, \dots$	
mechanical energy harvesting	piezoelectric $A = Ba, Pb, Bi, Na, \dots$ $B = Ti, Zr, Mg, Nb, \dots$	piezoelectric $A = \text{organic molecule}$ $B = \text{o.m., Pb, Mn, } \dots$
solar cells		power conversion eff >25% $A = MA, FA, Cs, \dots$ $B = Pb, \dots$ [LYS21]
thermoelectrics		

$ABO_{3-\delta}$ perovskite electrodes/electrolytes for anion exchange

Solid Oxide Fuel Cells

electrolyte/electrode

A = Ba, Sr, La, ...

B = Zr, Ce, Y, ...

J. Tyler Mefford *et al.*, Nature Mater. 13, 726 (2014)

Anion charge storage through oxygen intercalation in $LaMnO_3$ perovskite pseudocapacitor electrodes

Qian *et al.*, J. Energy Chem. 89, 41 (2024)

Emerging perovskite materials for supercapacitors

He *et al.*, Inorg. Chem. 63, 13755 (2024)

Cr-Substituted $SrCoO_{3-\delta}$ Perovskite with Abundant Oxygen Vacancies for High-Energy and Durable Low-Temperature Antifreezing Flexible Supercapacitor

$ABO_{3-\delta}$ perovskite electrodes for alkali intercalation

Pérez-Vicente *et al.*, ACS Appl. Energy Mater. 5, 15749 (2022)

A Comparative View of Alkaline and Alkaline-Earth Element Intercalation into Perovskite-Type $A_xLa_yTiO_3$ (A = Li, Na, or Mg) Based on Theoretical Calculations and Experiments

Li *et al.*, Adv Mater. e2107262 (2022)

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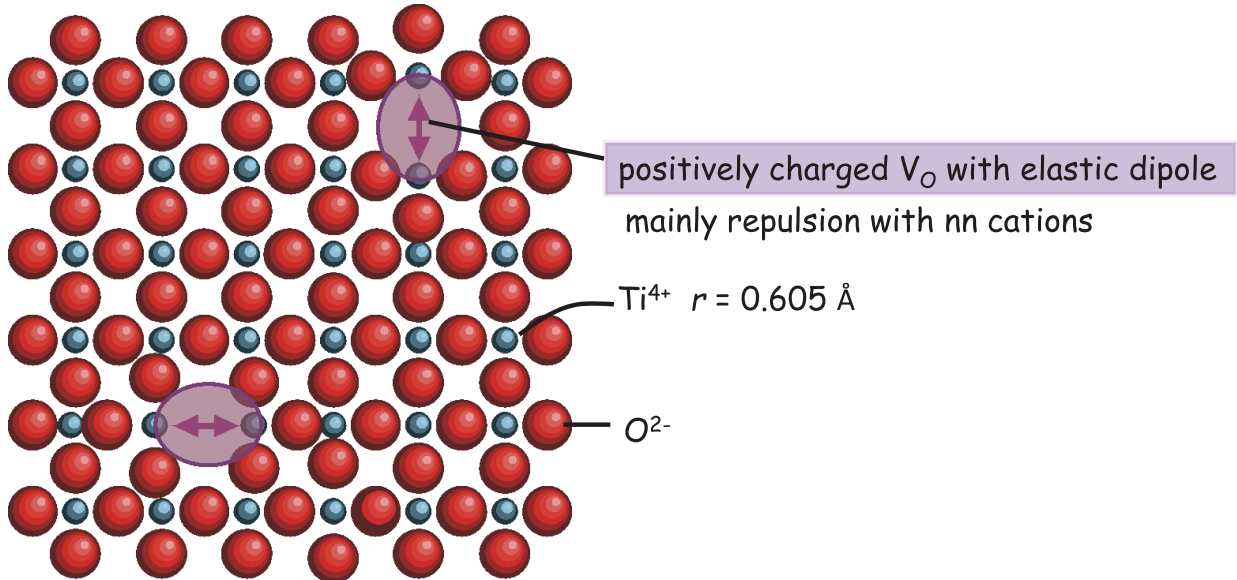
Orbay *et al.*, Batteries & Supercaps e202400602 (2024)

Sodium and Potassium storage behaviour in $AgNbO_3$ Perovskite

Role of V_O in oxide electrodes for alkali intercalation

- V_O may be created during the extraction of the alkali metals from the cathode and degrade it
- modify the electronic properties, enhance the electric conductivity
- expand the lattice $\rightarrow$ enhance the Li^+/Na^+ mobility

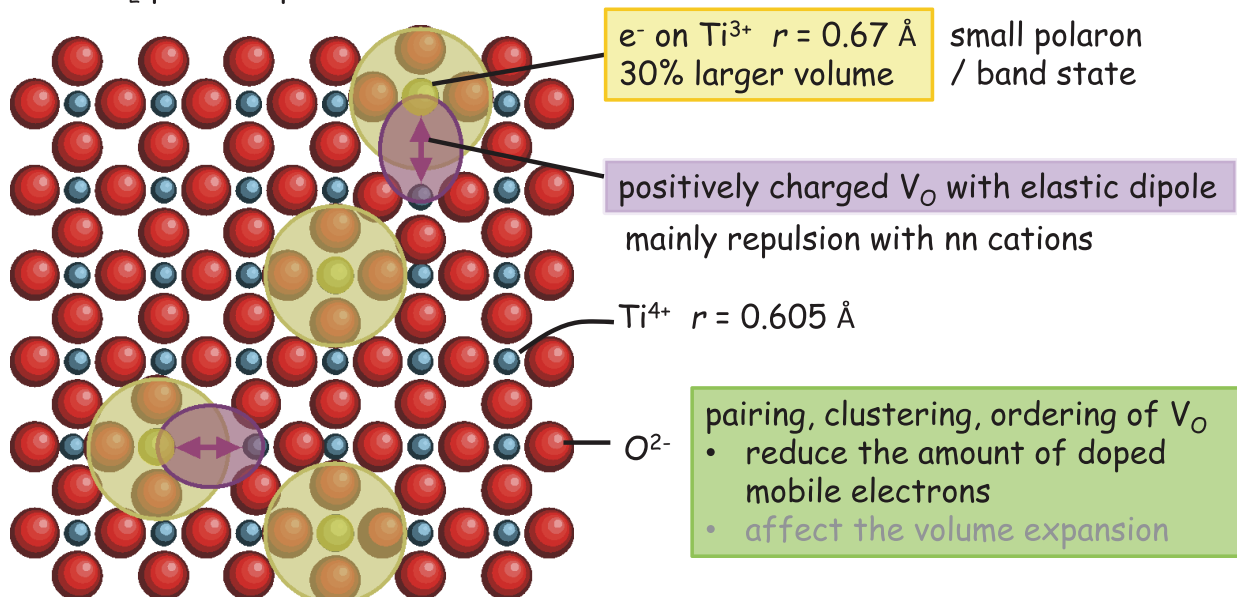
TiO_2 plane of perovskite



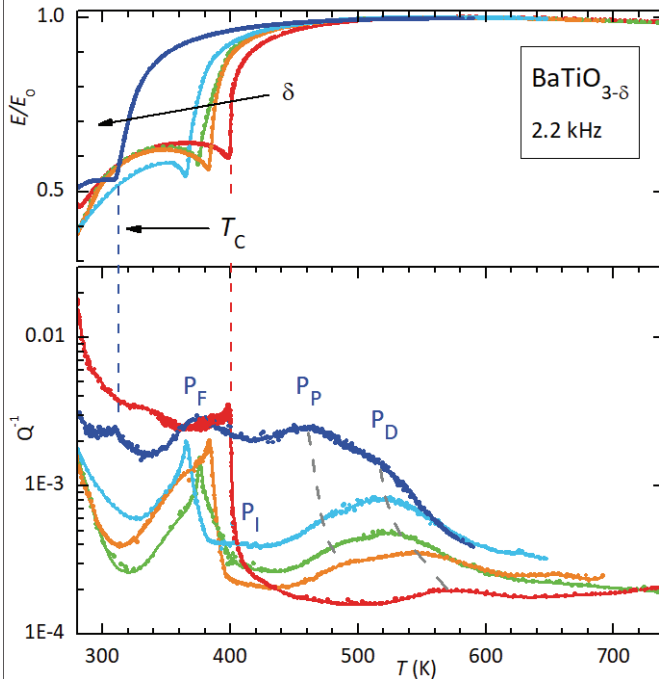
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Dynamic Young's modulus / mechanical spectroscopy



Young's modulus $E = E' + iE''$

anelastic $\leftrightarrow$ dielectric/impedance

$E \leftrightarrow$ electric modulus $= 1/\epsilon$

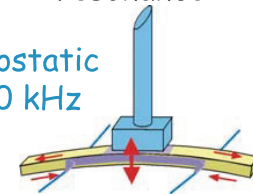
$Q^{-1} \leftrightarrow \tan(\delta)$

elastic energy loss coefficient

$$Q^{-1} = E''/E'$$

free flexural resonance

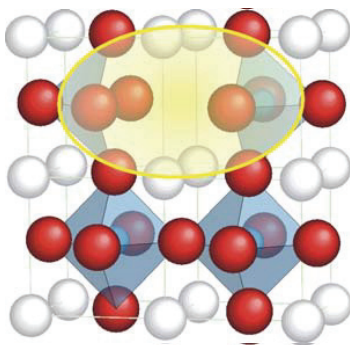
electrostatic
0.1-100 kHz



thermocouple
wires

elastic anomalies $\rightarrow$ phase transitions
peaks in the losses $\rightarrow$ mobility of defects

Debye anelastic relaxation from reorienting elastic dipoles

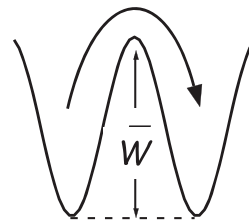


V_O in perovskite

$$\lambda^{(v)} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1$$

elastic dipole λ
= strain per unit
concentration



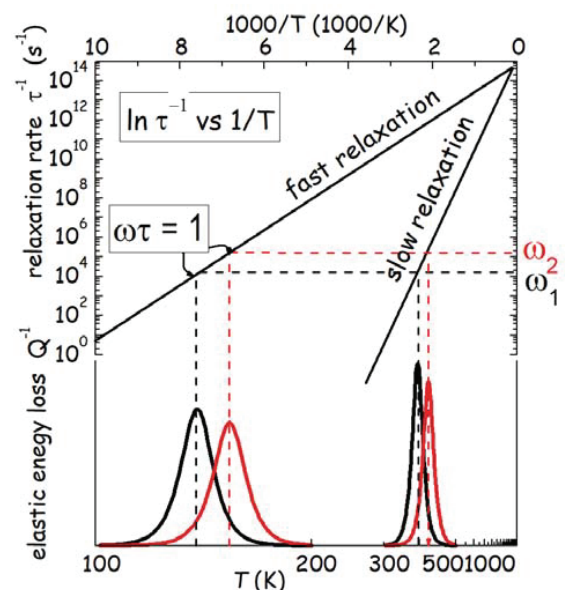
Arrhenius law for the
hopping/reorientation
time:

$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp(W/kT)$$

$$Q^{-1} = \frac{M''}{M'} \propto \frac{(\Delta\lambda)^2}{T} \frac{\omega\tau}{1 + (\omega\tau)^2}$$

Debye peak

maximum at $\omega\tau = 1$





Stable cationic valences → negligible O deficiency δ unless

- acceptor impurities/dopants with charge compensating V_O
- reducing treatment in CO or H_2 atmosphere

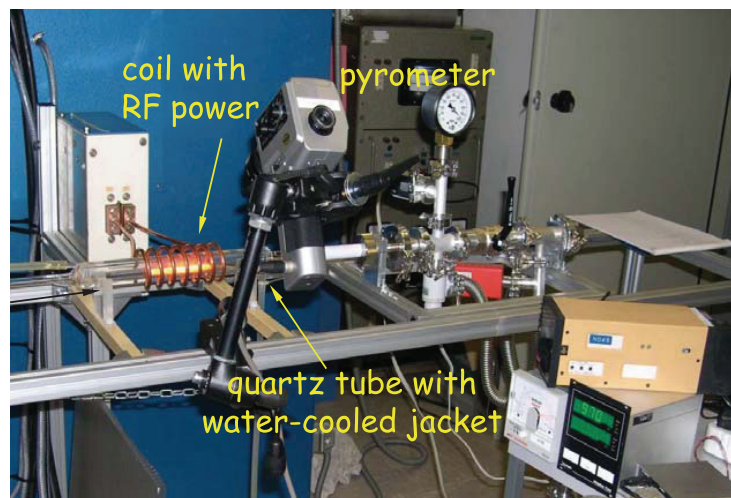
Samples reduction/oxygenation

Induction heating at 900-1250 °C for 0.5-3 h in CO/ O_2 flow
+ homogeneization 800 °C for 1 h

sample on alumina or YSZ plates and inserted in Pt holder



flow of ~1000 mbar
0.1CO + 0.9Ar or O_2



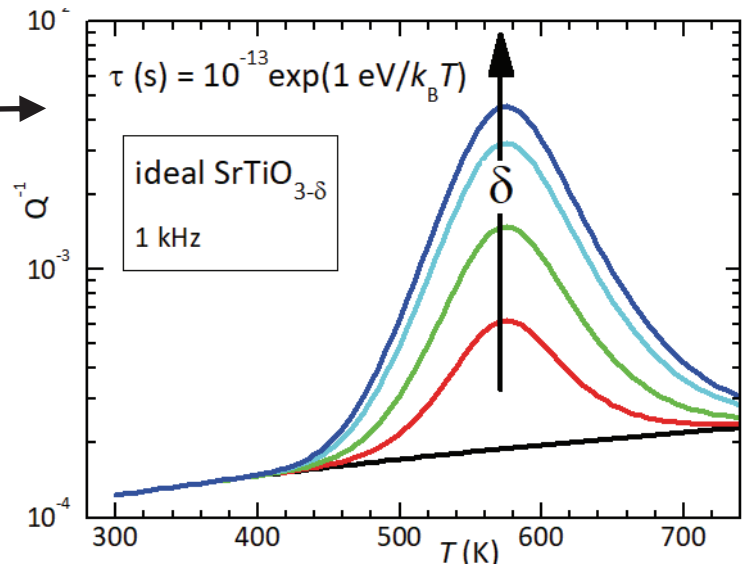
- O stoichiometry:
- mass change after reduction and reoxygenation
 - temperature of the structural phase transition

Expected behaviour of $A^{2+}\text{TiO}_{3-\delta}$ with $\delta < 0.02$

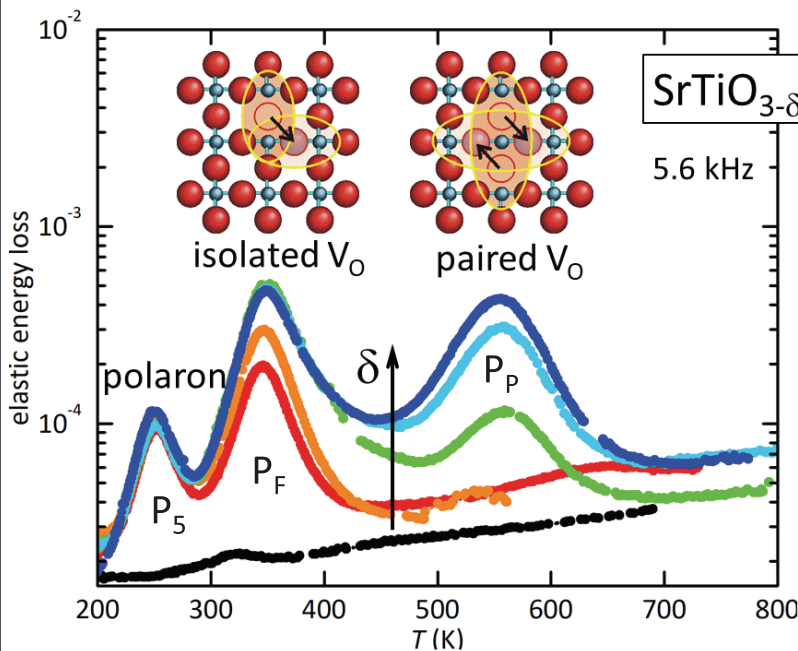
$\text{BaTiO}_{3-\delta}$ becomes hexagonal if $\delta \geq 0.02$

Common belief: with $\delta \sim \text{few \%}$ the V_O in perovskite titanates are randomly dispersed and diffuse over a barrier of $\sim 1 \text{ eV}$

↓
expected
anelastic spectrum



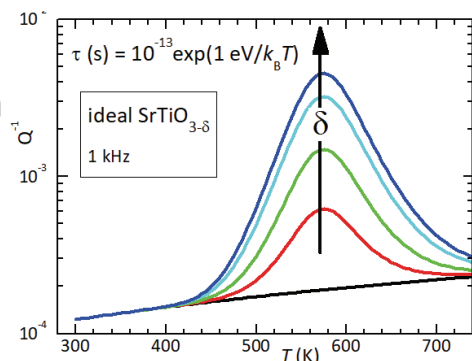
Anelastic spectrum of $\text{SrTiO}_{3-\delta}$



The creation of V_O introduces several peaks:

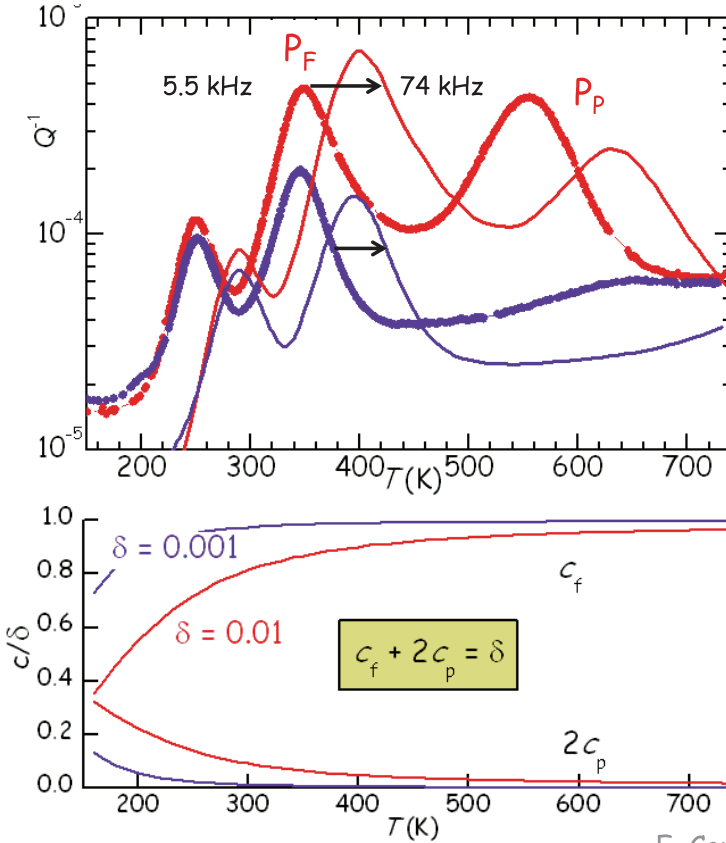
P_F - P_P grow considerably with increasing δ and therefore are due to V_O

P_5 saturates already at $\delta = 0.001$ and has a low activation energy: polarons?



F. Cordero, Phys. Rev. B 76, 172106 (2007)

Explanation of P_F and P_p in terms of free and paired V_O



P_F : free V_O $\Delta(T) \propto c_f/T$

at low δ only $c_f \sim \delta$

P_p is absent

P_F decreases as $1/T$

at high δ $c_f = \delta - 2c_p$

pairs dissociation $\rightarrow$

$c_p(T)$ is a decreasing function

$c_f(T)$ is an increasing function

P_p : paired V_O $\Delta(T) \propto c_p/T$

$c_p(T)$ is a decreasing function

the intensity decreases

faster than $1/T$

F. Cordero, Phys. Rev. B 76, 172106 (2007)

Statistical model for aggregated V_O

Subdivide the crystal into clusters of cells that are small enough to write their grandpartition function Z with all the possible configurations of V_O

$$(1) Z = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \exp\left(\frac{n_{\alpha}\mu - E_{\alpha}}{kT}\right) \quad (2) \mu: \frac{kT}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \mu} = \frac{\sum_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} w_{\alpha}}{\sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha}} = \sum_{\alpha} \bar{n}_{\alpha} = \delta$$

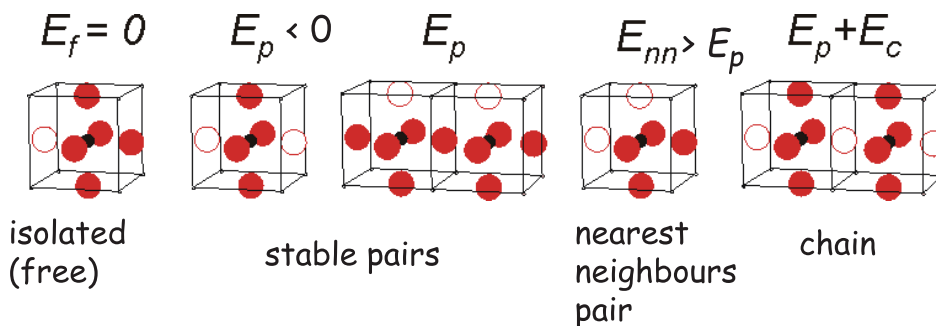
n_{α} occupation number of α -th configuration

m_{α} multiplicity

E_{α} energy

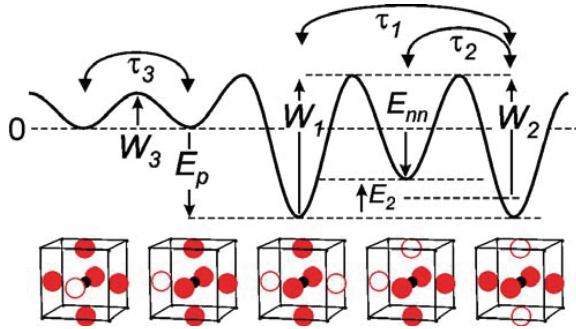
w_{α} statistical weight

μ chemical potential from the implicit equation (2)



F. Cordero, Phys. Rev. B 76, 172106 (2007) + Phys. Rev. B 47, 7674 (1993)

Anelastic relaxation



Three relaxations corresponding to P_F , P_P and P_I :

$$Q^{-1} = \frac{2}{9} \frac{c v_0}{s_{11} k_B T} (\Delta\lambda)^2 \frac{\alpha (\omega\tau)^\alpha}{1 + (\omega\tau)^{2\alpha}}$$

parameters:

W_1 = barrier for free hopping

W_3 = barrier for pair reorientation

W_2 = barrier for intermediate step

E_p = pair binding energy

E_c = binding of additional V into a chain

τ_0 = preexponential factors

α = Fuoss-Kirkwood broadening

$\Delta\lambda$ = change of elastic dipole for isolated V

$(\Delta\lambda)_I \approx 2\Delta\lambda =$ " for pair reorientation

P_I between states differing by $E_2 = W_1 - W_2$:

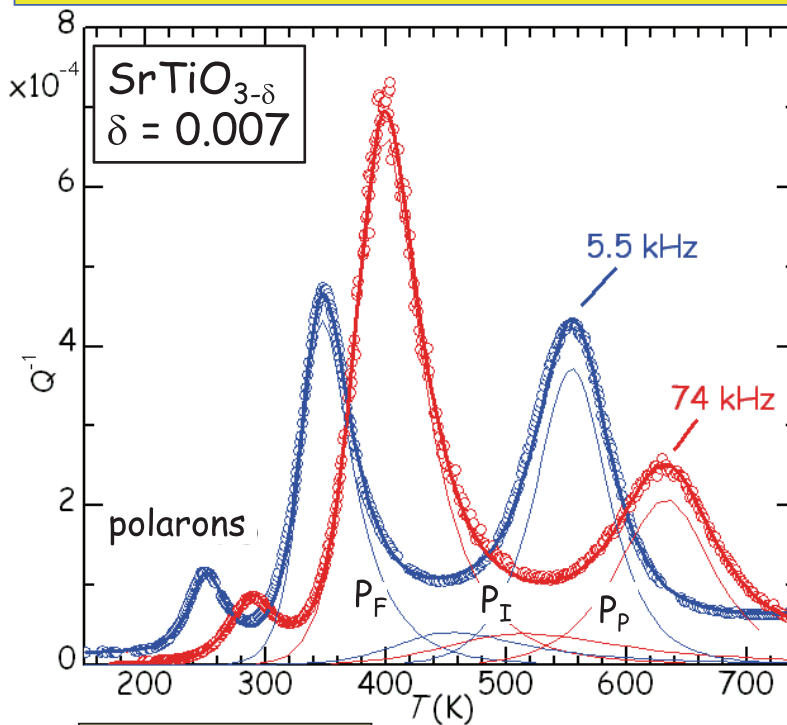
$$\Delta(T) \propto \frac{c_p}{T \cosh^2(E_2 / 2kT)}$$

$$\tau^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-W_2 / kT) \cosh(E_2 / 2kT)$$

scripts for calculating μ , concentrations, and Q^{-1} peaks written in Origin C and integrated in the non linear fitting tool

F. Cordero, Phys. Rev. B 76, 172106 (2007)

Fit



binding energies

$$E_p = 0.184 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_c = 0.26 \text{ eV}$$

free isolated V_O (P_F)

$$c = c_F$$

$$W_F = 0.60 \pm 0.007 \text{ eV}$$

$$\tau_{OF} = (5 \pm 1) \times 10^{-14} \text{ s}$$

$$\alpha \geq 0.95$$

$$(\Delta\lambda)_F = 0.026$$

pair reorientation (P_P)

$$c = c_p$$

$$W_p = 0.97 \pm 0.04 \text{ eV}$$

$$\tau_{OP} = (7 \pm 4) \times 10^{-14} \text{ s}$$

$$\alpha \geq 0.95$$

$$(\Delta\lambda)_p = 1.87 \times (\Delta\lambda)_F$$

intermediate (P_I)

$$c = c_p$$

$$W_p \sim 0.86 \text{ eV}$$

$$\alpha \sim 0.35$$

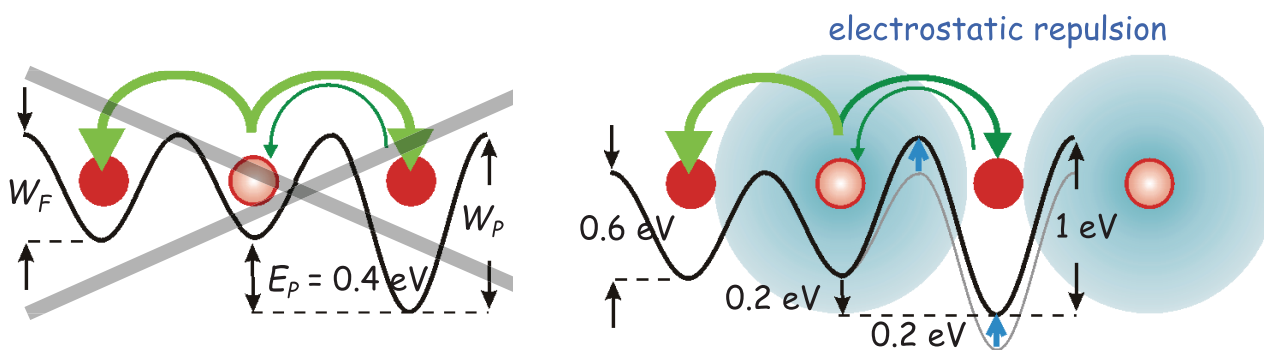
$$(\Delta\lambda)_p = 5 \times (\Delta\lambda)_F$$

same parameters
for all $\delta > 0.001$!

other configurations
contribute to P2:
 $c > c_p$ and $(\Delta\lambda)_p \sim (\Delta\lambda)_F$

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The electrostatic repulsion between V_O hinders the formation of pairs



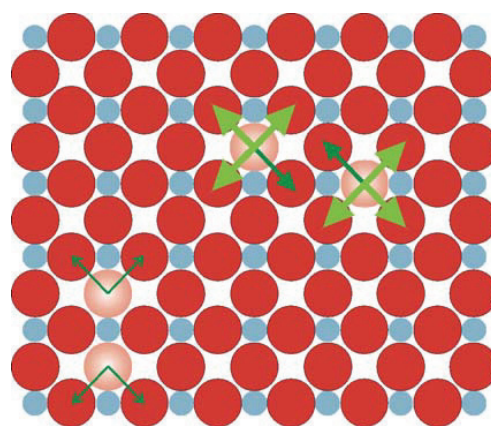
pair binding energy E_p

$$E_p \sim 0.2 \text{ eV} < W_p - W_F = 0.4 \text{ eV}$$

the free V_O hop very fast, but avoid the jumps next to another V_O to form a pair



slower approach to equilibrium for the concentrations of pairs and chains



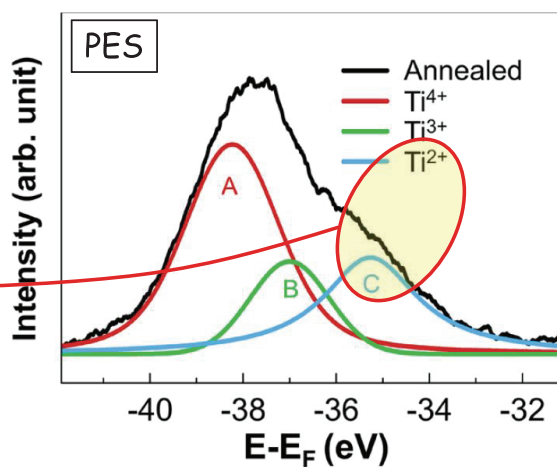
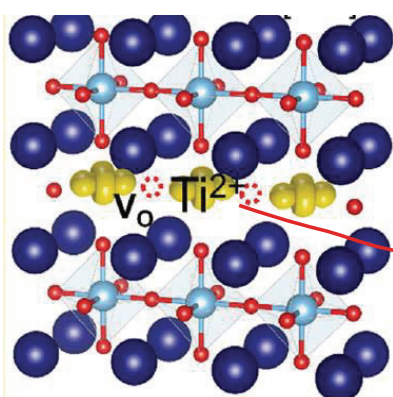
V_O pairs confirmed by DXRS and PES in $\text{SrTiO}_{3-\delta}$

Highly O deficient SrTiO_3 films obtained by PLD at low p_{O_2}

V_O - Ti^{2+} - V_O pairs and chains

diffuse X-ray scattering: linear defects

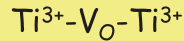
Photoemission spectroscopy : Ti^{2+}



Eom et al. "Oxygen Vacancy Linear Clustering in a Perovskite Oxide"
J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 8, 3500 (2017)

Electron doping depends on the V_O aggregation

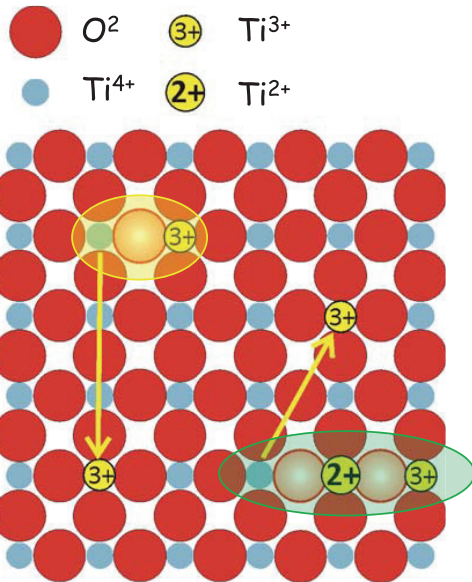
isolated V_O :



Ti^{3+} mobile as polaron or band state
→ electrical conductivity

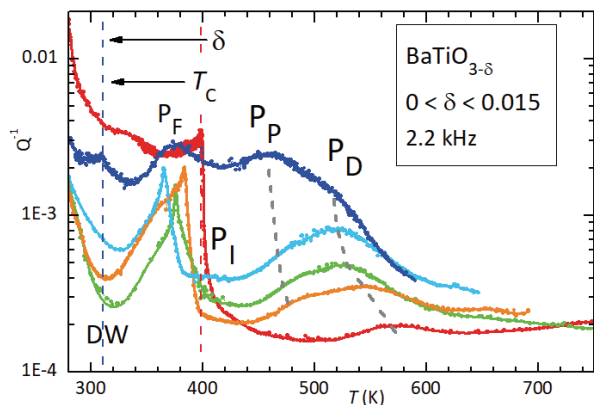
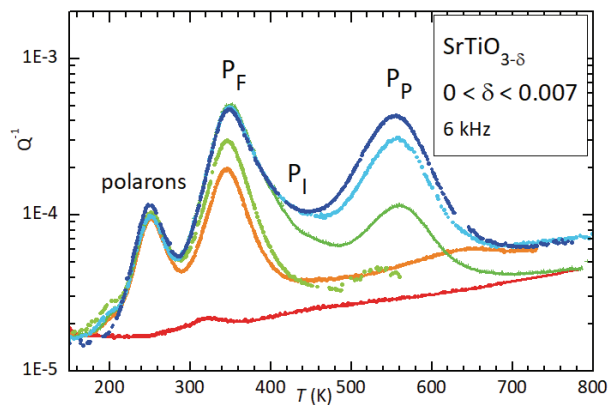
pairs/chains of V_O : $\text{Ti}^{3+}-V_O-\text{Ti}^{2+}-V_O-\text{Ti}^{3+}$

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→ each pair or chain segment subtracts two electrons from conduction



the V_O aggregation reduces doping

Comparison between ST, BT and BCTZ



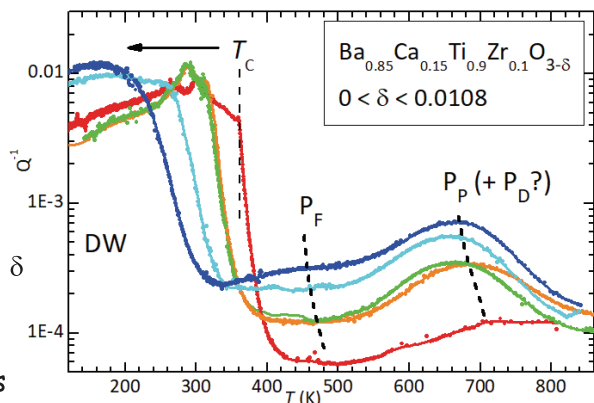
F = hopping of free/isolated V_O
 P = reorientation of paired V_O
 I = intermediate stage for pair reorientation
 D = native defect- V_O pair, e.g. $V_{\text{Ba}}-V_O$
 DW = domain walls below T_C

ceramic BT vs crystal ST:

- peaks ~10% broader
- the activation energies decrease increasing δ
- $(\Delta\lambda)_{\text{BT}} \sim 3 \times (\Delta\lambda)_{\text{ST}} \rightarrow$ larger intensities

ceramic BCTZ

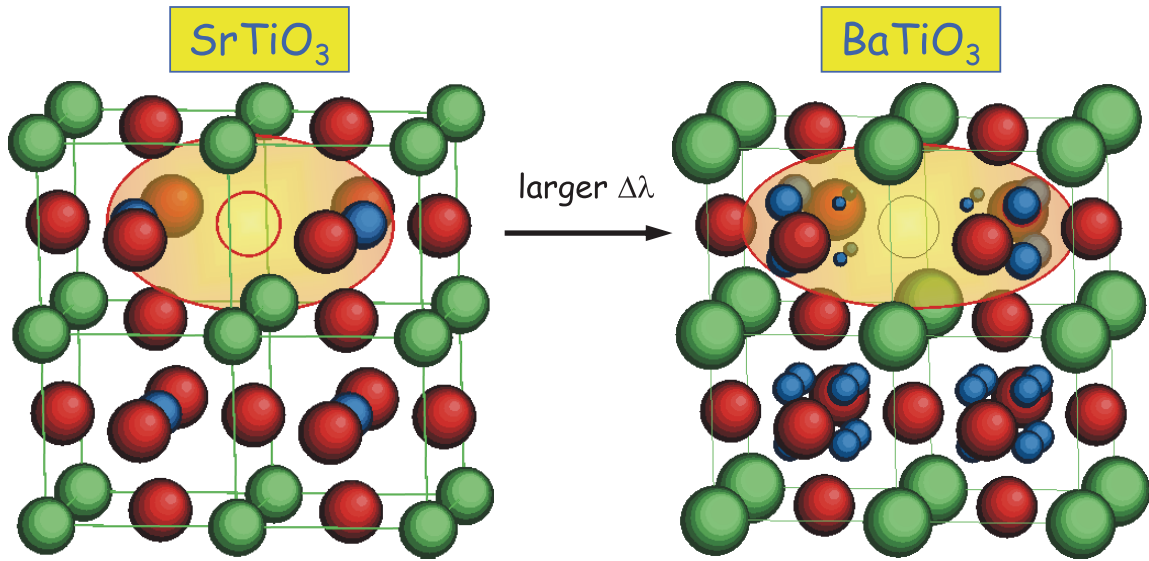
much broader peaks, larger activation energies



BT: F. Cordero, F. Trequattrini, D.A.B. Quiroga, P.S. Silva Jr., J. Alloys Compd. 874, 159753 (2021)

Magnitude of the elastic dipole of V_O

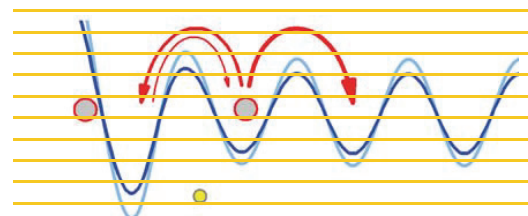
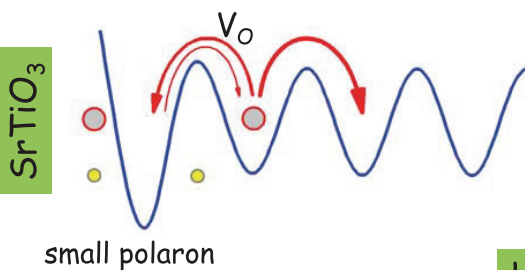
Major contribution to the anisotropy $\Delta\lambda$: the positively charged V_O pushes outwards the nn Ti^{4+} atoms. Easier in $BaTiO_3$



In $BaTiO_3$ the nn Ti atoms may populate only the outward off-centre sites, increasing their outward displacement

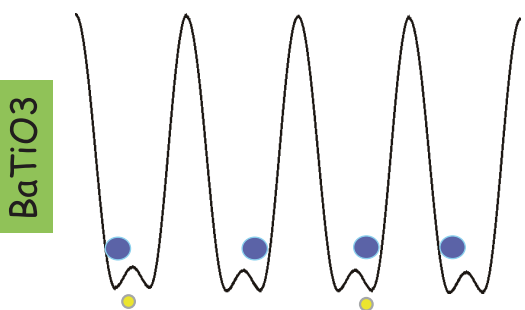
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Decrease of activation energies with doping

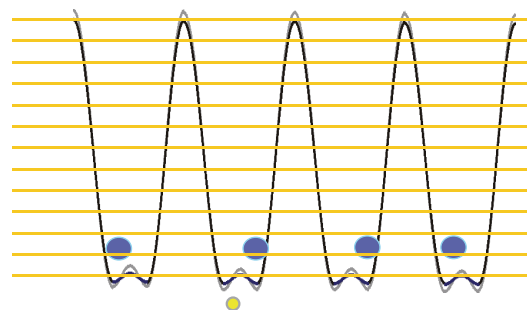


small polaron + band

the potential is washed out by screening → smaller barriers (minor effect in $SrTiO_3$)



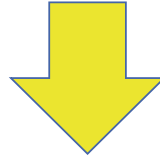
8 site potential for Ti



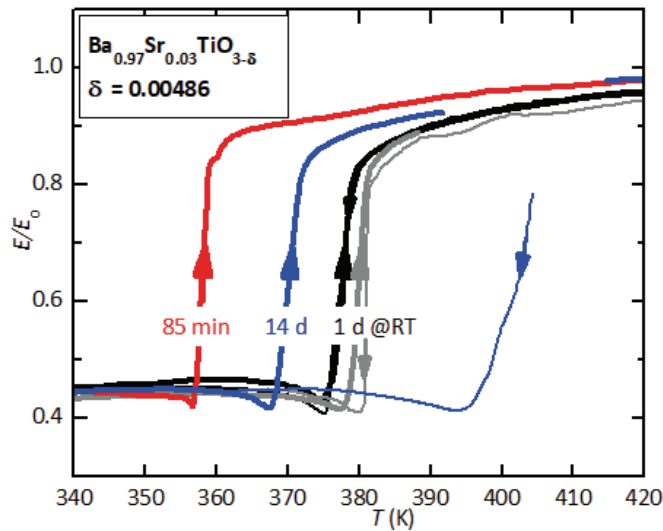
larger effect on the small barriers of off-centre Ti, responsible for the lowering of T_c

- Ti off-centering in undoped $BaTiO_3$ → larger relaxation around V_O → larger barrier and $\Delta\lambda$
- doping reduces off-centering and all these effects

The V_O introduce a strong dependence of T_C on history



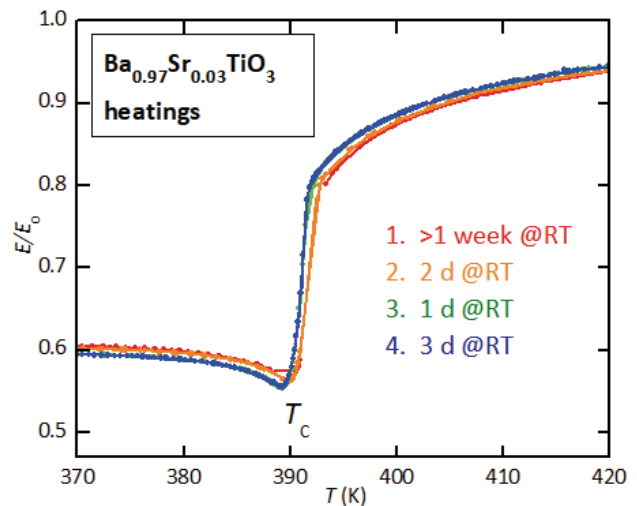
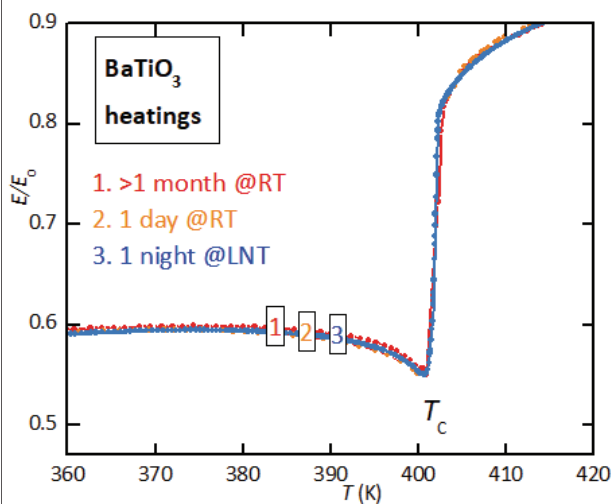
The doping of mobile electrons depends on V_O clustering



Here T_C spans a range >40 K with up to 30 K of reverse thermal hysteresis (blu)

No dependence of T_C on history when $\delta = 0$

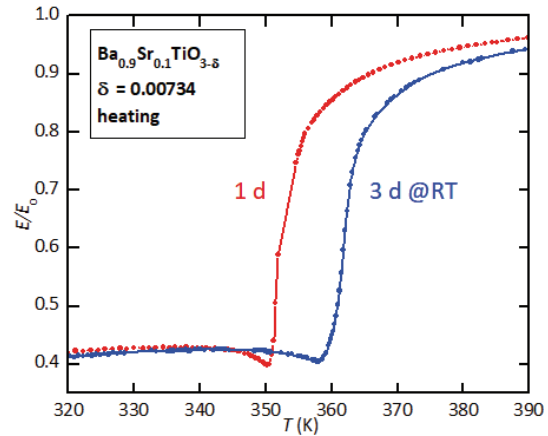
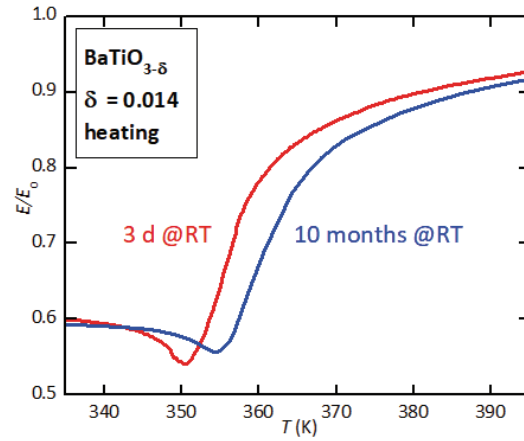
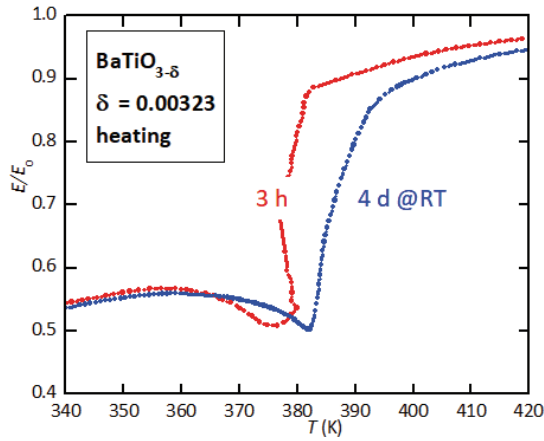
heatings after different aging times in the FE phase



>1 month at RT
 <1 day at RT
1 night at LNT

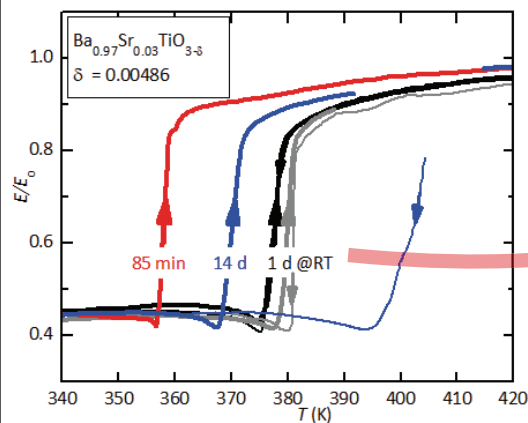
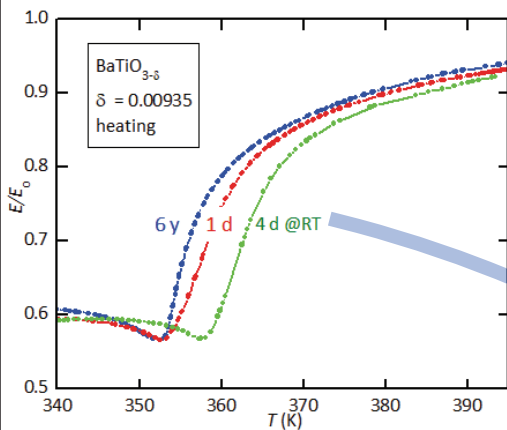
T_C changes of <1 K
(<2.5 K in BST)

Increase of T_C with the permanence in the FE phase

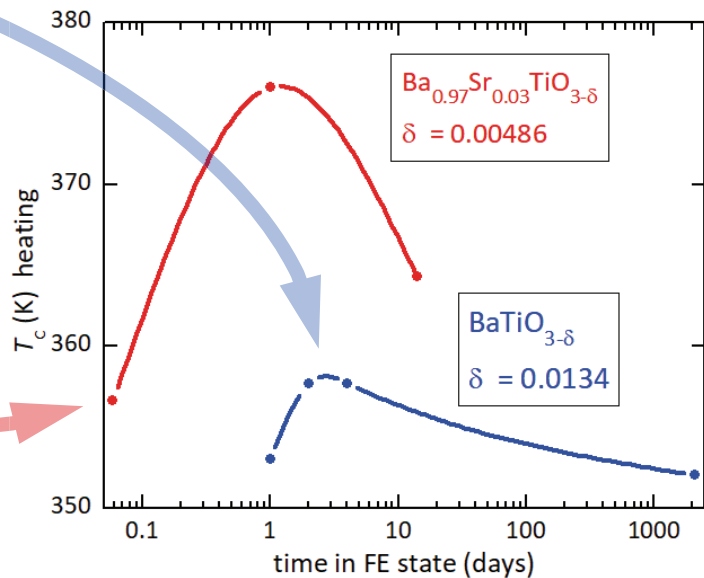


- ~0.3% V_O sufficient to introduce history dependence of T_C
- over hours to days (months?) T_C increases with the permanence at room temperature in the FE state

Smallest T_C after long permanence in the FE phase



T_C increases with aging in the FE state for days or months, beyond which it decreases

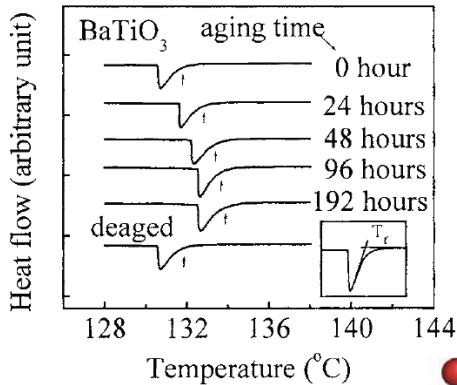


Mobile dipolar defects stabilize the FE state $\rightarrow$ enhance T_C

“Stabilization effect in ferroelectric materials during aging in ferroelectric state”

Dazhi Sun, Xiaobing Ren, Kazuhiro Otsuka

Appl. Phys. Lett. 87, 142903 (2005)

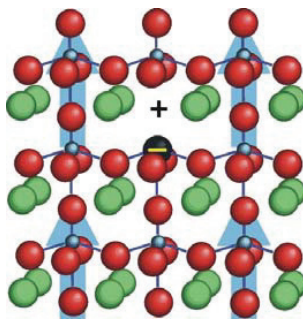


aging a BaTiO_3 crystal with $\text{Fe}_{\text{Ti}}' - \text{V}_{\text{O}}''$ defects increases T_C of 2.5 K

the V_{O} slowly jump around Fe^{3+} reorienting the electric dipoles of the defect pairs parallel to the internal field of the domains

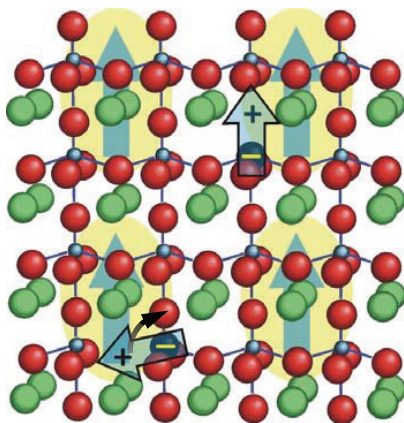
additional bias field that stabilizes the domains

enhancement of T_C



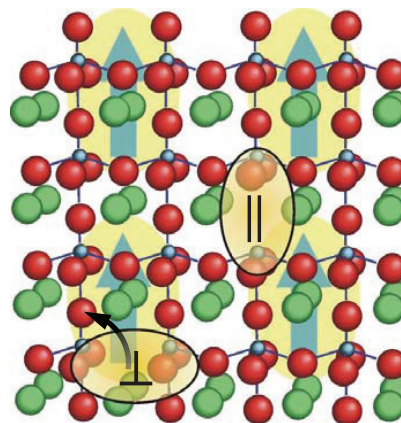
Stabilization of the FE state: acceptor- V_{O} vs V_{O}

$\text{Fe}_{\text{Ti}}' - \text{V}_{\text{O}}''$ pairs: electric dipoles orient parallel to the polarization



lowering of the electric energy
stabilization of the FE-T domains
increase T_C
 $\Delta T_C \leq 2.5 \text{ K}$

only V_{O} : elastic dipoles orient parallel to the tetragonal strain

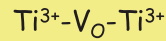


lowering of the elastic energy
stabilization of the FE-T domains
weaker than electric
 $\Delta T_C \leq 20 \text{ K}$

there must be another mechanism for the increase of T_C with only V_{O}

Doping and T_c depend on the V_O aggregation

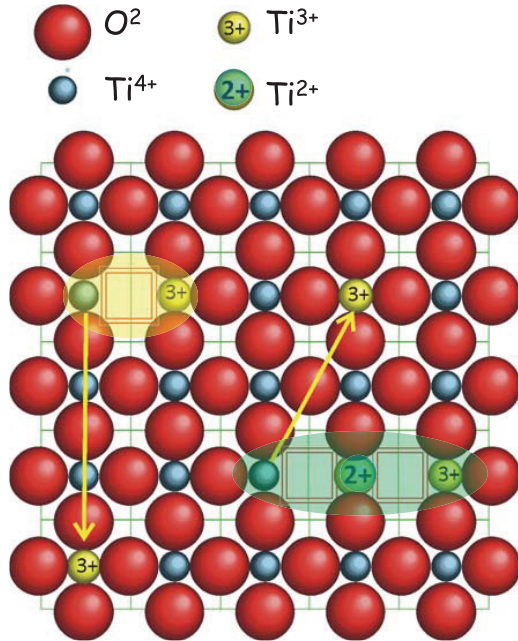
isolated V_O :



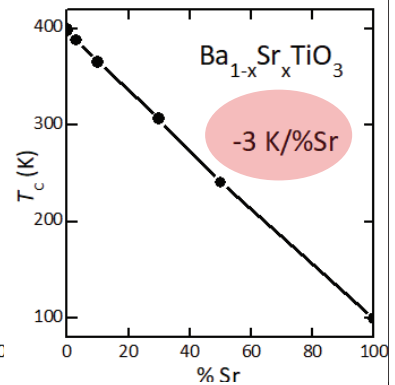
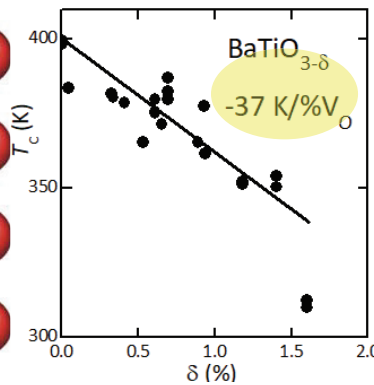
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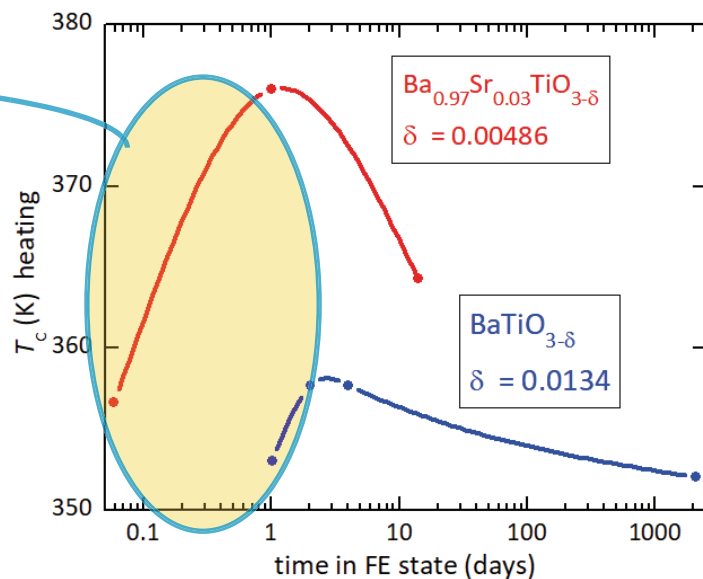
T_c is mainly reduced by the free charges, which screen the FE dipoles, rather than by V_O themselves



V_O aggregation enhances T_c

Initial slow aggregation of V_O → rise of T_c

- when cooling through T_c , the kinetics for the aggregation of the charged V_O is slowed by their electrostatic repulsion
- at RT the aggregation into pairs and chains proceeds for hours and days
- mobile charges are removed
- T_c rises



What mechanism for lowering T_c after long aging?

We need a slower mechanism that dissociates the pairs

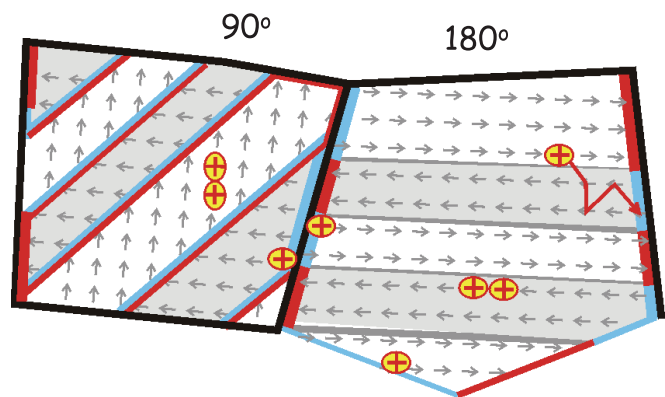
Hypothesis: the lowest energy for V_O in the FE state is not aggregated in pairs within the domains but isolated at domain walls

- after the DWs have settled down, the V_O migrate from within the domains to decorate the DW
- slow process through multiple dissociations of pairs
- final V_O dissociation at the DW releases mobile electrons
- T_c decreases

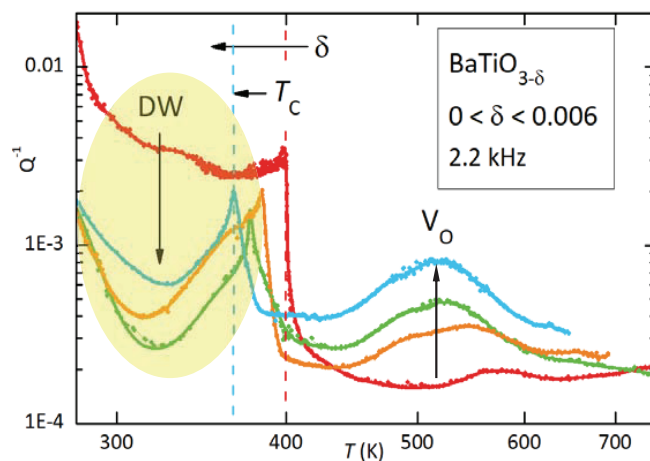
First-principles calculations:

- V_O mainly attracted by 90° DWs
- binding energy comparable or larger than that of pairs.

Chandrasekaran *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. B 93, 144102 (2016)

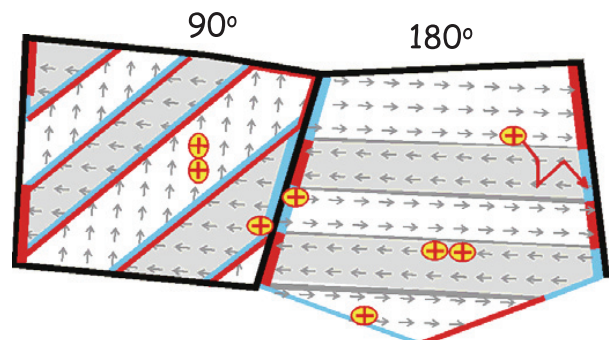


The V_O pin the 90° domain walls



pinning of 90° domain walls
(drop of DW relaxation)

why should V_O at 90° DW prefer
to be isolated rather paired ?



90° domain walls are optimally decorated by isolated V_O

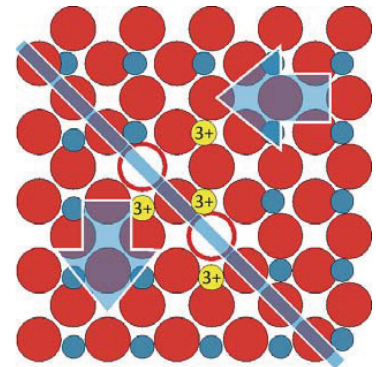
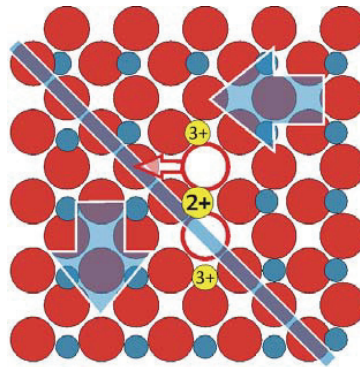
Pairs are along $\langle 100 \rangle$ do not match
90° DW along $\langle 110 \rangle$ and split



insulating $Ti^{2+} \rightarrow 2$ conducting Ti^{3+}



T_C decreases



Slow mechanism that lowers T_C : V_O pair splitting for decorating DWs

When cooling through T_C , most of the V_O are aggregated in pairs and chains

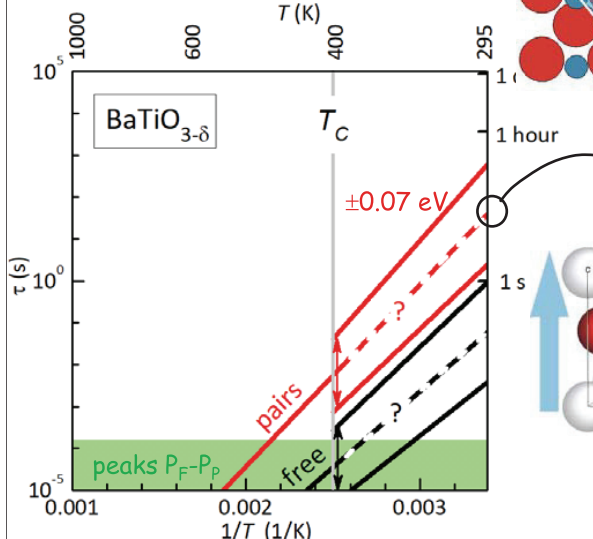
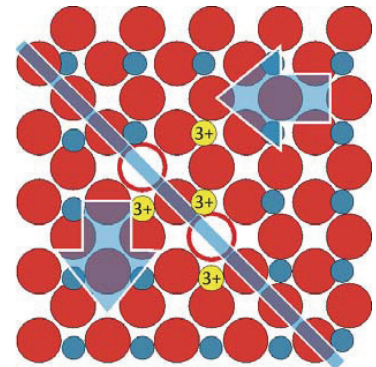
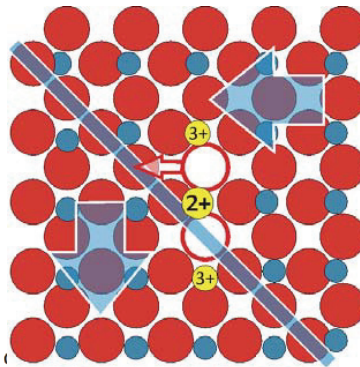
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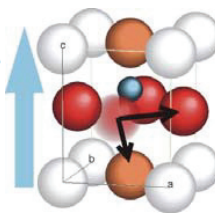
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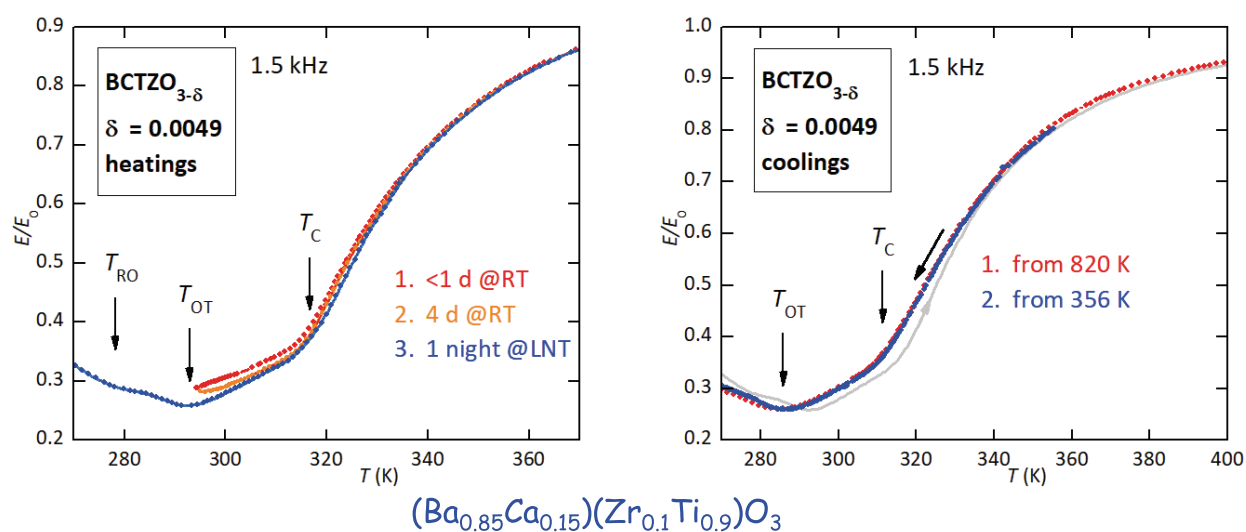


The mean splitting time extrapolated from the PE phase is one minute, but many steps are required for all the pairs to reach the DW.



in the FE phase jumps within and out of planes perpendicular to the polarization are different
splitting of the activation energies

No anomalies in T_C of BCTZ



no anomalies in T_C : the V_O pairs are static at RT

Hopping rates: aging in BT but not in BCTZ

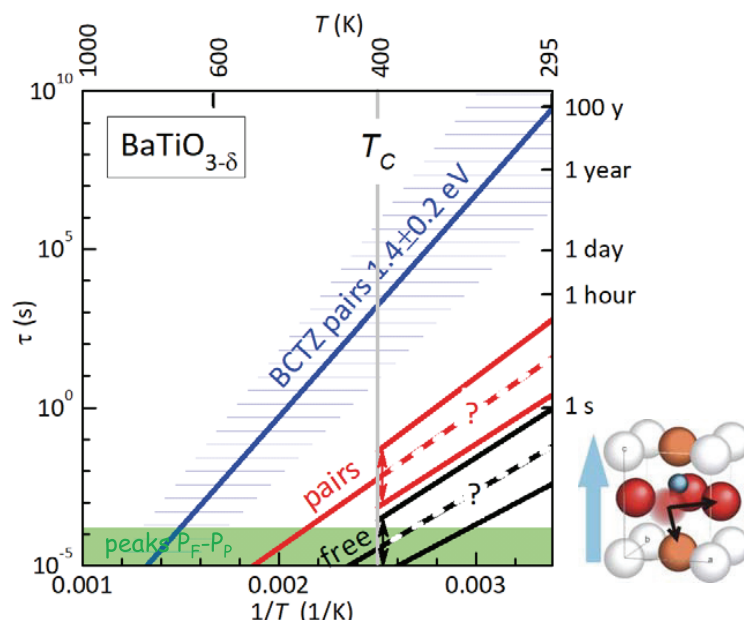
When cooling through T_C most V_O are aggregated

↓
the rate determining process for diffusion of V_O to DWs is pair splitting:

minutes for BaTiO_3

10^2 years for BCTZ

DWs may adapt fast to nearly static V_O but they are not flexible enough to pass through all of them



V_O jumps in the PE phase		activation energy (eV)	mean time @RT
BT	free hopping	0.72 eV	ms
BT	pair reorientation/splitting	0.86 eV	min
BCTZ	"	1.4 eV	100 years

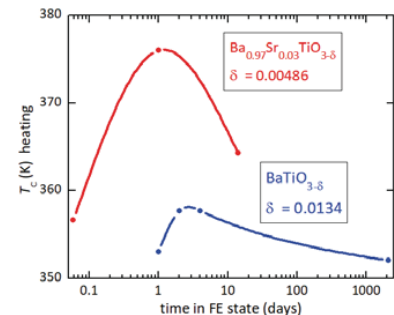
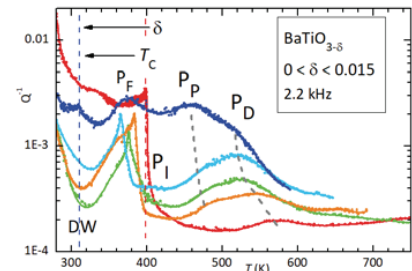
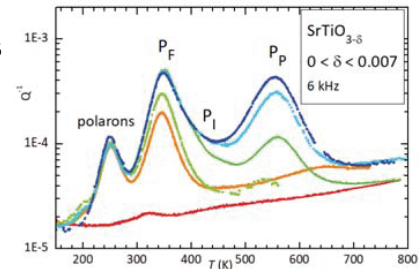
Conclusions

The anelastic spectra of O deficient $\text{SrTiO}_{3-\delta}$, $\text{BaTiO}_{3-\delta}$ and BCTZ contain the same peaks due to isolated and paired V_O . In FE BT there is an additional dependence of the activation energies on δ (off-centre Ti).

V_O pairing occurs also at $\delta < 0.01$ and slows the kinetics for O diffusion and for reaching equilibrium even in the absence of trapping dopants

T_C of O deficient BT has a peculiar dependence on the aging time in the FE state, which is explained in terms clustering of V_O in the PE phase and slow dissociation to decorate the 90° DWs in the FE phase.

V_O pairing reduces the doping of mobile electrons from 2δ (all V_O isolated) to δ (all paired).
→ electric conductivity, cell volume, hopping barriers



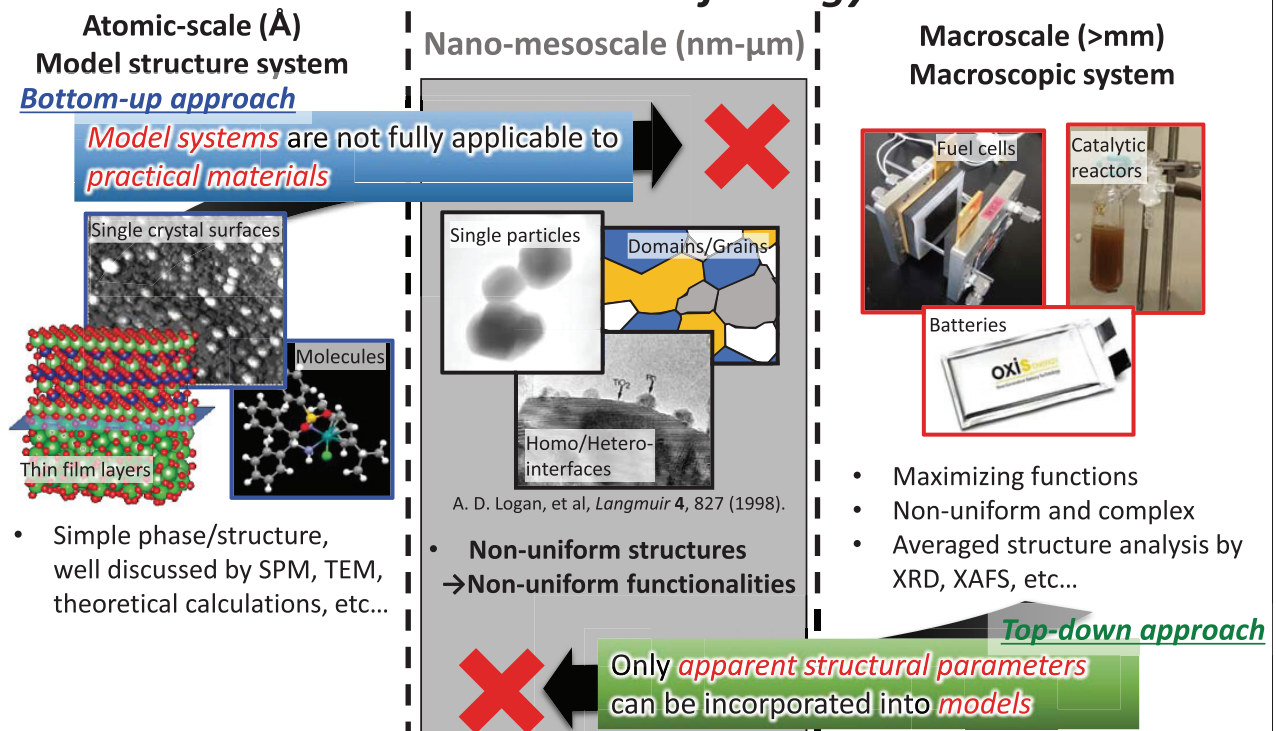
Nanostructure and chemical state imaging of energy materials by coherent X-ray diffraction

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Multi-scale Structures of Energy Materials

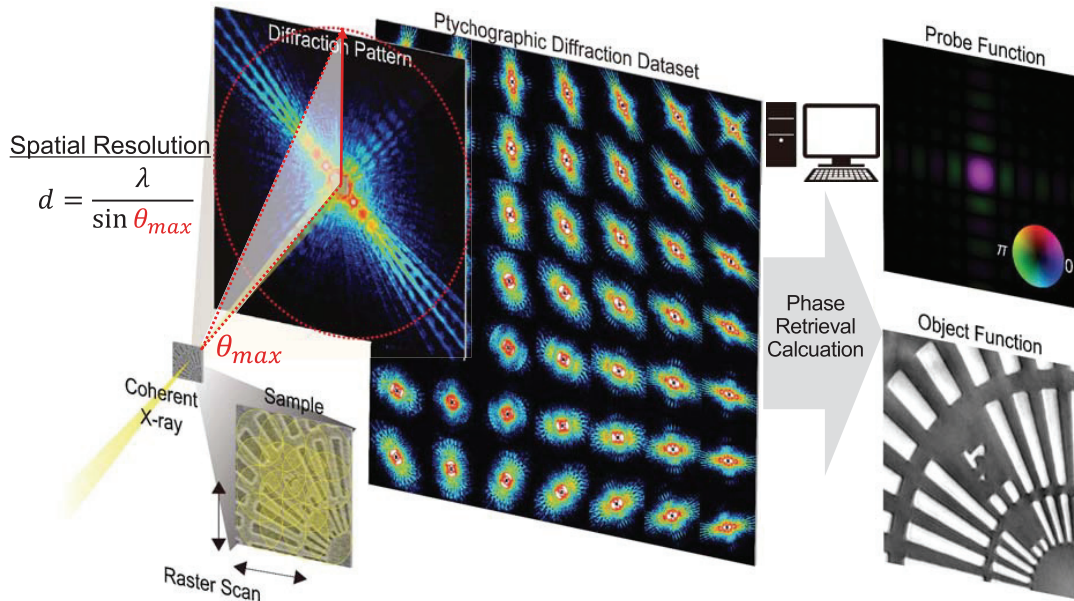


Required measurement/analyzing methods to understand physics/chemistry in nano-mesoscale

- High-resolution, large field-of-view observation in three dimension
- Identification of hidden correlations between structural factors and material functions using big-data analysis

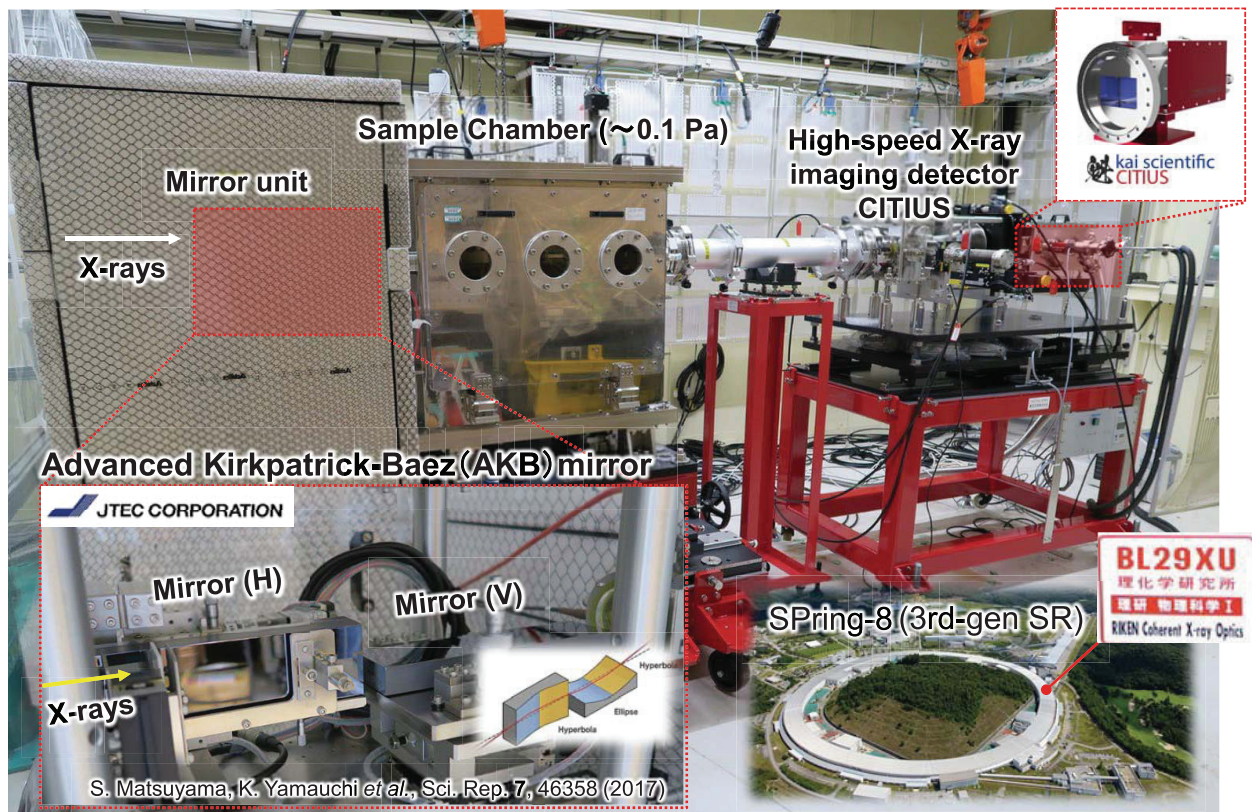
Coherent X-ray Diffraction Imaging: Breakthrough of Spatial Resolution of X-ray Microscopy

Scanning Coherent X-ray Diffraction Imaging (X-ray Ptychography)



- Computation substitutes for X-ray imaging lens
- Spatial resolution does not depend on accuracy of X-ray lens fabrication
- High-intensity coherent X-ray beam to achieve high-spatial resolution

High-resolution X-ray ptychography apparatus at SPring-8

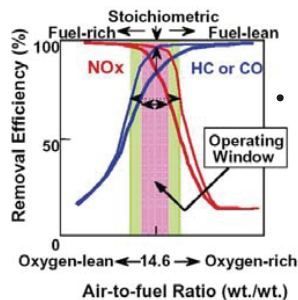


M. Hirose, N. Ishiguro, Y. Takahashi *et al.*, *J. Synchrotron Rad.* **27**, 455-461 (2020).
Y. Takahashi, M. Abe, T. Hatsui *et al.*, *J. Synchrotron Rad.* **30**, 989-994 (2023).

Catalyst material: $\text{Ce}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_x$ Solution Oxide (CZ-x)

- Stoichiometric oxygen storage/release in the crystal bulk structure (efficiency: $\sim 90\%$)
- Used as co-catalyst of automobile exhaust purification three-way catalyst

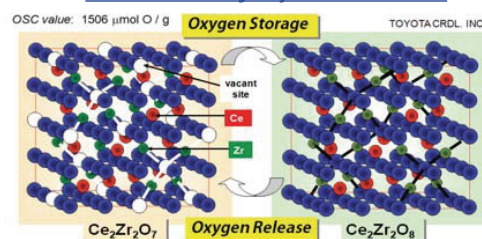
Expanding operation window



- Control the oxygen concentration in catalyst system

A. Suda, *et al.* *J. Ceram. Soc. Jpn.* 110, 126 (2002).

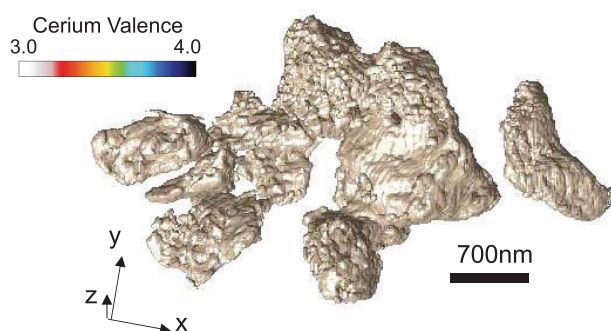
Framework of crystal structure



Pyrochlore-type
Ce³⁺

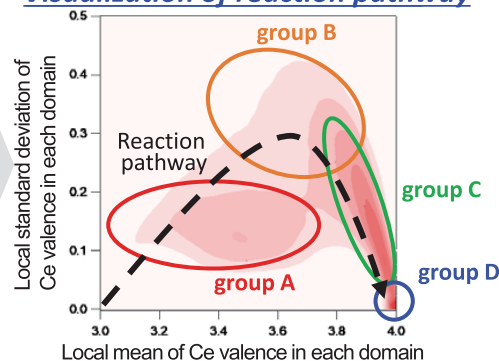
κ-phase (fluorite-type)
Ce⁴⁺

3D Spectroscopic ptychography



Data mining

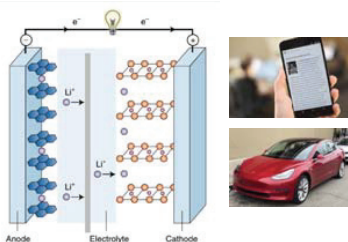
Visualization of reaction pathway



M. Hirose, N. Ishiguro, H. Dam, M. Tada, Y. Takahashi *et al.*, *Communs. Chem.* 2:50 (2019)

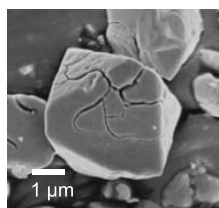
Battery material: Spinel-type $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ (LNMO)

- Rechargeable battery using the reversible reduction of lithium ions to store energy
- Development of cathode materials for higher capacitance, higher voltage, and higher energy density



John B. Goodenough, *Nat. Electronics* 1, 204 (2018)

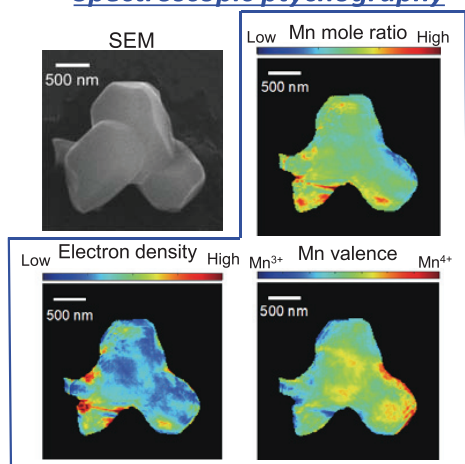
Spinel-type $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ (LNMO)



- ✓ High energy density, high working voltage ~ 5 V
- ✓ Rapid capacity fade during charge/discharge cycling
- ✓ Cracks, Dissolution of Mn³⁺ in electrolyte

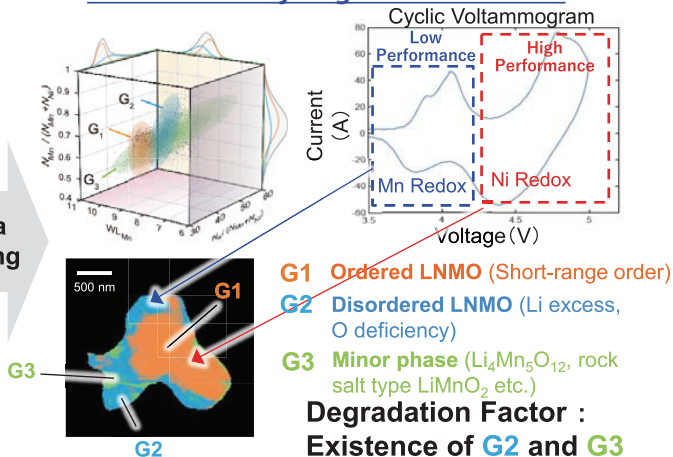
S. Kuppan *et al.*, *Nat. Commun.* 8, 14309 (2017)

Spectroscopic ptychography



Data mining

Visualization of Degradation Factor



H. Uematsu, N. Ishiguro, Y. Takahashi *et al.*, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 12, 5781–5788 (2021)

From SPring-8 to NanoTerasu

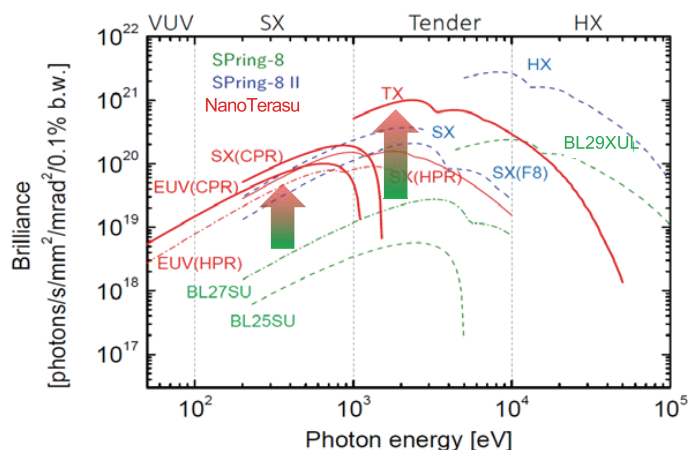
SPring-8(3rd-gen SR)



NanoTerasu(4th-gen SR)



First Beam: December 2023
User Operation: April 2024

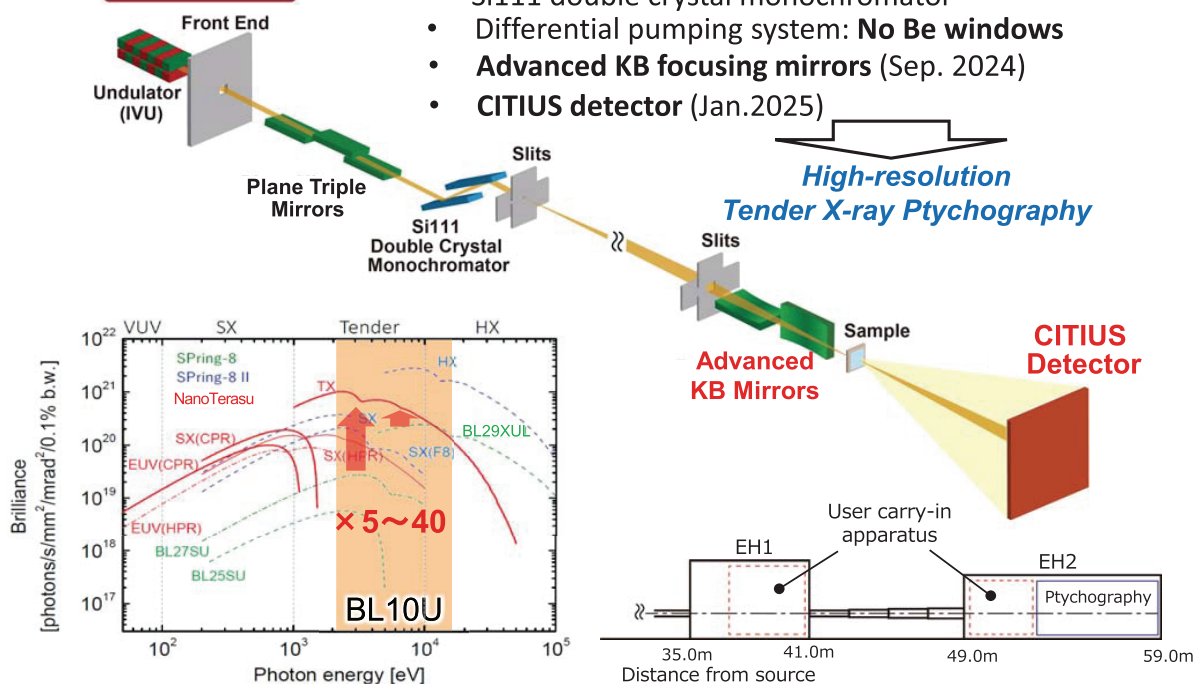


- Soft and tender X-rays at NanoTerasu are significantly brighter than SPring-8
- Tender X-ray at NanoTerasu would be still brighter than SPring-8- II

BL10U: X-ray Coherent Imaging BL in NanoTerasu

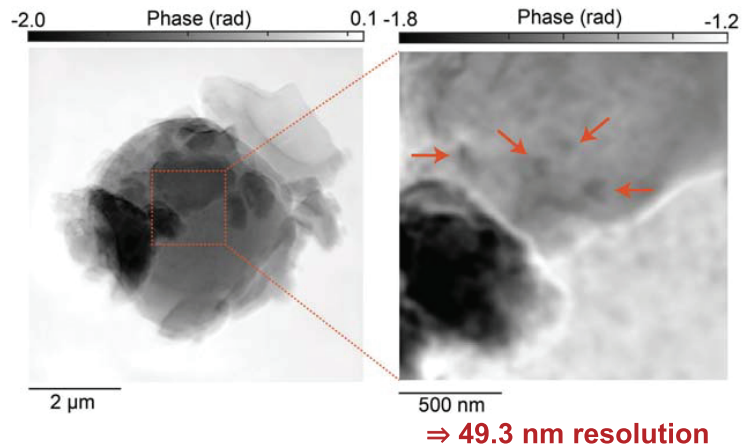
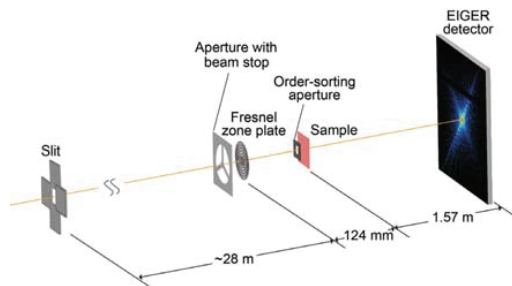


- In-Vacuum Undulator
- Energy range: 2.1keV~15keV
- Fixed-exit harmonic rejection plane triple mirrors and Si111 double crystal monochromator
- Differential pumping system: **No Be windows**
- **Advanced KB focusing mirrors** (Sep. 2024)
- **CITIUS detector** (Jan.2025)



First Experiment of Tender X-ray Ptychography at NanoTerasu BL10U April 9th-11th, 2024

- X-ray energy: 3.5 keV
- Sample: sulfurized polymer



	April 2024		Near Future
Ring Current	160 mA	× 2.5	400 mA
Focusing optics (Effective Focusing Efficiency)	FZP (~0.2%)	× 303	AKB mirrors (~66%)
Detector (Measurement Efficiency)	EIGER 1M (~33%)	× 2.9	CITIUS 840k (~97%)
Effective flux (photons/s)	2.8×10^7 photons/s	× 2200	6.1×10^{10} photons/s

Diffraction intensity decays at q^{-4} → $49.3 \text{ nm} / (2200)^{1/4} = 7.2 \text{ nm} !!$

N. Ishiguro, F. Kaneko, M. Abe, Y. Takahashi *et al.*, Appl. Phys. Express **17**, 052006 (2024)

First Paper on Experiments Using Synchrotron Radiation at NanoTerasu

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LETTER

Towards sub-10 nm spatial resolution by tender X-ray ptychographic coherent diffraction imaging



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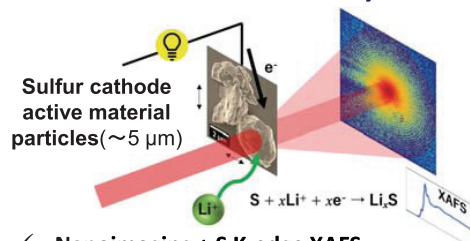
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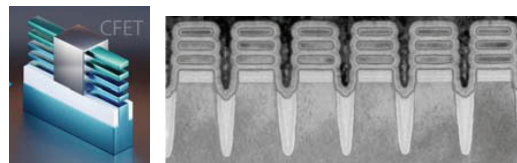
Visualization of unexplored areas using tender X-ray ptychography

Visualization of reactions in lithium-sulfur battery materials



- ✓ Nanoimaging + S K-edge XAFS
- ✓ Use of data mining
- ✓ Electrochemical operando measurement

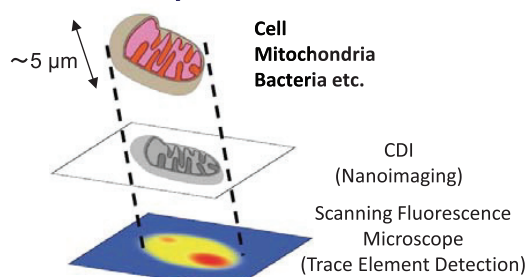
Non-destructive internal inspection of advanced semiconductor devices



https://www.tel.co.jp/museum/magazine/report/202407_02/?section=1

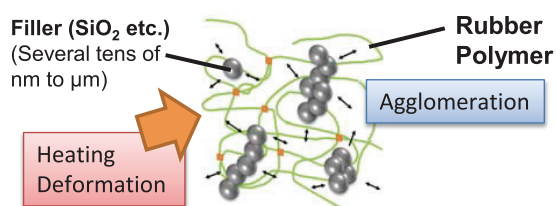
- ✓ Three-dimensional visualization by computed tomography/multi-slice method
- ✓ Visualization of device internal structure without cross-sectional processing

Nanoscale structural and elemental analysis in vivo



- ✓ Visualization of distribution and transport of phosphorus, sulfur, etc.

Observation of filler diffusion and aggregation within tire rubber



- ✓ sub-sec to msec temporal resolution + nanoscale resolution imaging
- ✓ Nanostructure-mechanical property correlations

Layered Manganese Dioxide as a Heat-Storage Material Utilizing Environmental Water Vapor



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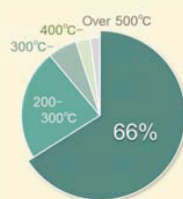
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Harvesting Energy from Waste Heat



Low-grade waste heat (100–200°C)

needs to be **recovered & reused** for achieving a sustainable society.

C. Haddad *et al.*, *Energy Procedia*, **50**, 1056–1069 (2014).

- **Thermoelectricity** Conversion from temperature difference to electricity
Limited by Carnot efficiency & no storage
- **Thermal energy (heat) storage** Without conversion
On-demand spatially & temporally

➤ Potential applications

Waste heat from factories

can be used as an auxiliary heat source in other manufacturing sites.

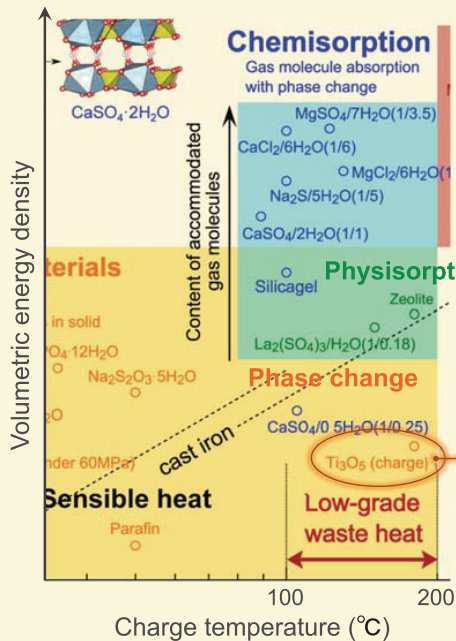
Natural thermal energy

The heat stored during the day or in summer can be reused at night or in winter.

Automobile engines/batteries

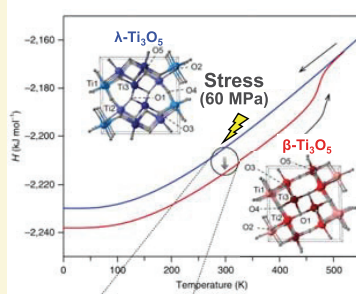
The stored waste heat can be used to preheat the engine. Due to the limited space available, a high-density heat storage material is desirable (> 1000 MJ/m³).

Phase Change (Latent Heat) Type



Latent heat between solid/liquid or liquid/gas: **good reversibility**
However, maintaining the supercooled (high entropy) state is difficult.

Solid-solid allotropic transformation



H. Tokoro, S. Ohkoshi et al., *Nat. Commun.*, **6**, 7037 (2015).

Reaction triggered by applying stress
• On-demand use of released heat
Solid/solid structural transformation
• Fast reaction
⇒ High heat-release rate is expected.

Entropy gap (ΔS) between solid states is usually small.

⇒ δQ ($\sim \Delta H$) is inevitably small.

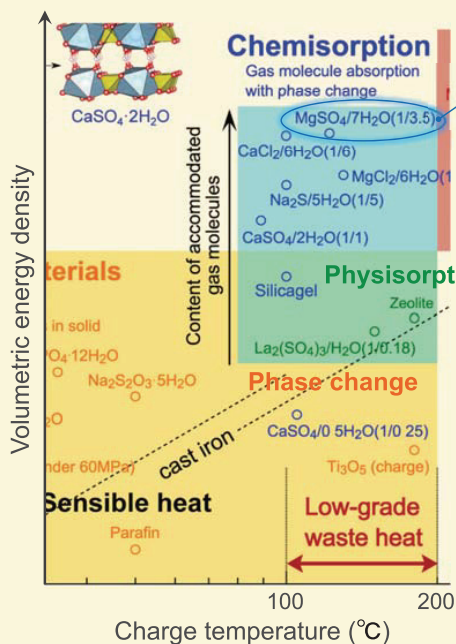
$$\Delta H = T_{\text{charge}} \Delta S_{\beta \rightarrow \lambda} = 460 \text{ K} \times 25 \text{ J/K} \cdot \text{mol-Ti}_3\text{O}_5$$

cf. Ice's melting entropy: 22 J/K·mol-H₂O

Energy density: 320 MJ/m³

Utilization of gas phase (large ΔS) is desired!

Chemisorption Type



Example of water absorption



$$\Delta H = T_{\text{discharge}} \Delta S_{\text{vap}} = 300 \text{ K} \times \sim 145 \text{ J/K} \cdot \text{mol-H}_2\text{O} \times 5$$

Sublimation entropy
(gas $\leftrightarrow$ solid)

[Merit]

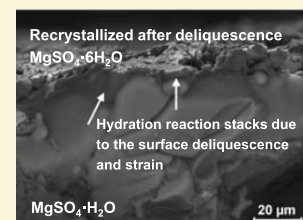
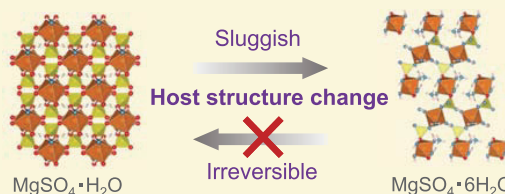
- Sublimation entropy for water absorption is large.
- Large amount of **H₂O (5 mol)** absorbed per mol-MgSO₄

⇒ **High energy density**

[Demerit]

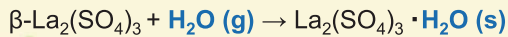
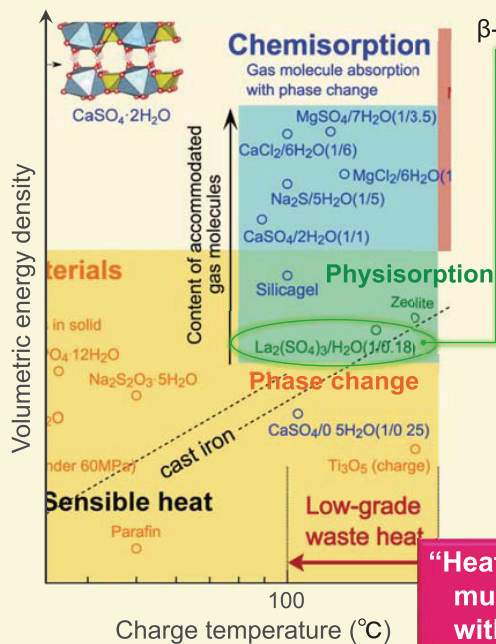
- Highly deliquescent
- Large structural/volumetric changes upon water absorption/release

⇒ **Sluggish & irreversible**



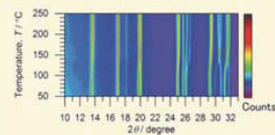
M. Steiger et al., *Crystal Growth & Design*, **8**, 1 (2008).

Physisorption Type



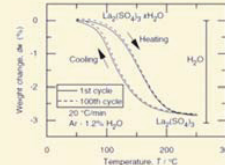
N. Hatada, K. Shizume, and T. Uda, *Adv. Mater.*, **29**, 1606569 (2017).

In-situ HTXRD @3% H_2O in O_2



Host structure maintained

TG @1.2% H_2O in Ar



Single phase reaction

[Merit]

- Small structural/volumetric changes upon water absorption/release

➔ **High reaction rate & reversibility**

[Demerit]

- Small amount of H_2O (<1 mol) absorbed per $\text{La}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ (17 atoms/u.f.)

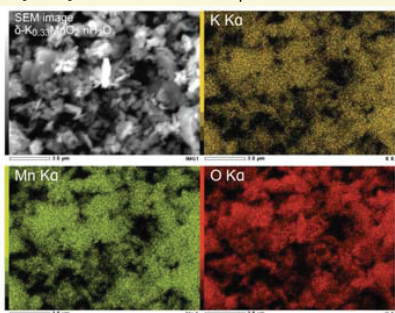
Ratio of number of atoms, host : guest = 17 : 3 = 1 : 0.18

➔ **Low energy density**

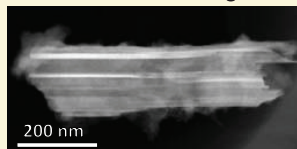
“Heat-storage material with reversibility and large energy density” must be capable of absorbing/releasing a large amount of water with minimal structural/volumetric changes.

Layered Manganese Dioxide ($\delta\text{-K}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_2$)

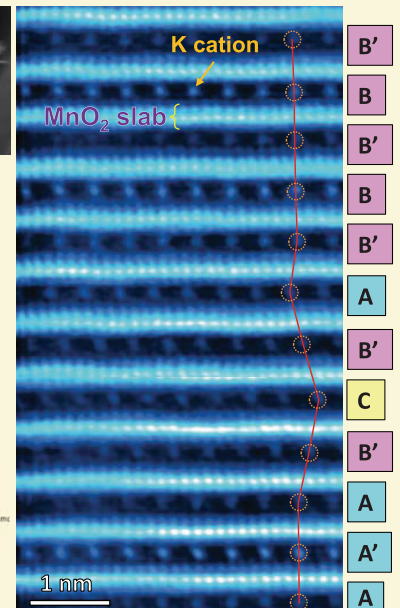
Pyrolysis of KMnO_4 at 700°C



STEM-HAADF Image



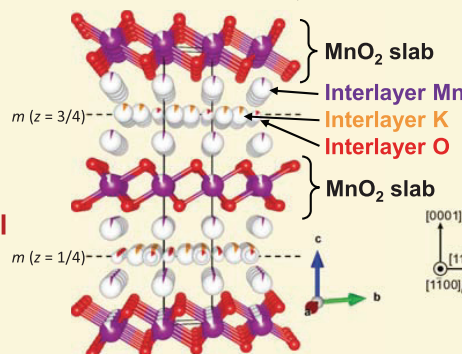
Atomic resolution STEM-HAADF



Reported structure ($\text{K}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_2$)

Space group: $P6_3/mmc$ (#194)

Lattice constants: $a = 2.84 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 14.03 \text{ \AA}$



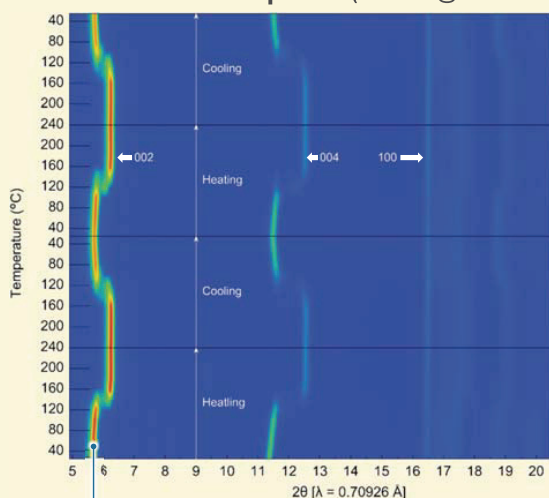
**“Crystal water” has been known to exist in $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$, but is it released *without* structural change (intercalation)?
Water release temperature?
Hydration enthalpy?**

A.C. Gaillot et al., *Chem. Mater.*, **15**, 4666 (2003).

N.L. Okamoto et al., *Energy Storage Mater.*, **61**, 102912 (2023).

Structural Changes during Hydration/Dehydration: In-Situ XRD

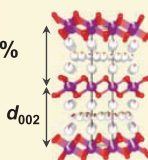
In ambient atmosphere (R.H.60%@25°C = 1.8% H₂O)



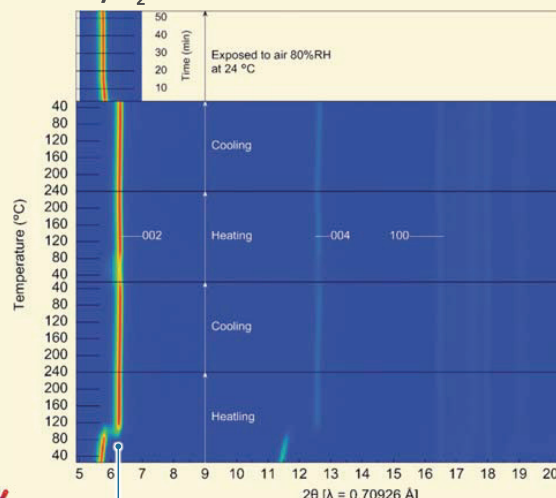
Interlayer distance shrinks/expands by 9% upon hydration/dehydration.

The layered structure is maintained.

“Water intercalation”



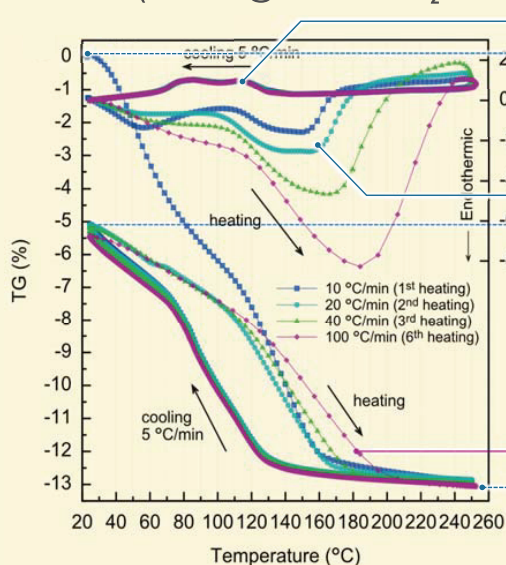
In dry N₂



Interlayer distance is irreversible due to the absence of water molecules.

Water Absorption/Release Behavior under Controlled Humidity

TG-DTA (R.H.70%@25°C = 2.2% H₂O in N₂)



Heat release upon water absorption

Amount of initial H₂O release
0.83 H₂O / $K_{0.33}MnO_2$

Heat absorption upon water release

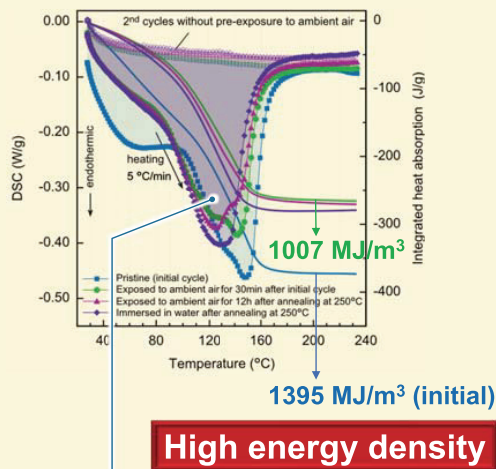
Amount of **reversible** H₂O absorption/release
0.5 H₂O / $K_{0.33}MnO_2$

Heating rate: 100°C/min
Charge completed within 3 min.

High rate property

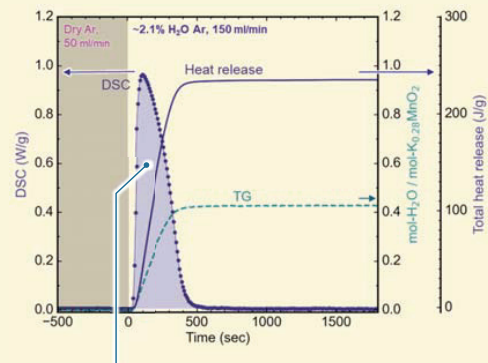
Amount of Heat Storing/Release Upon Water Release/Absorption

Heat storage (DSC in dry Ar)



The amount of absorbed heat: **61.7 kJ/mol-H₂O**
(corresponding to the reversibly released/absorbed water = 0.50 mol-H₂O)

Heat release (exposed to humidified Ar @28°C in DSC)

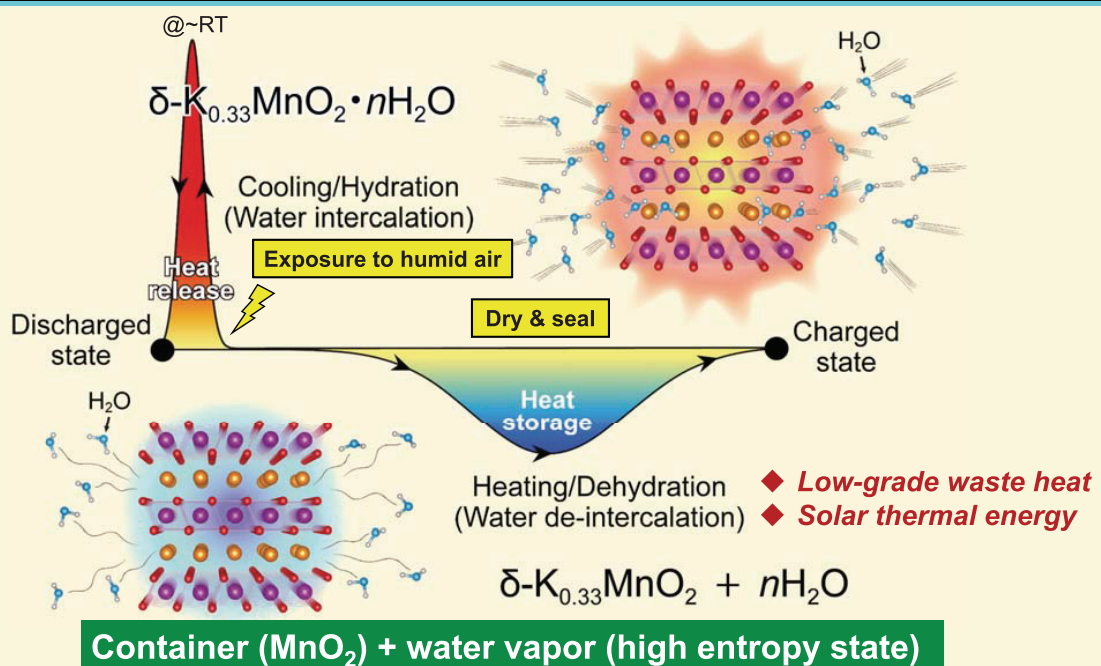


The amount of released heat: **59.4 kJ/mol-H₂O**
 $\Rightarrow \Delta S = 145.0 \text{ J/K/mol-H}_2\text{O}$

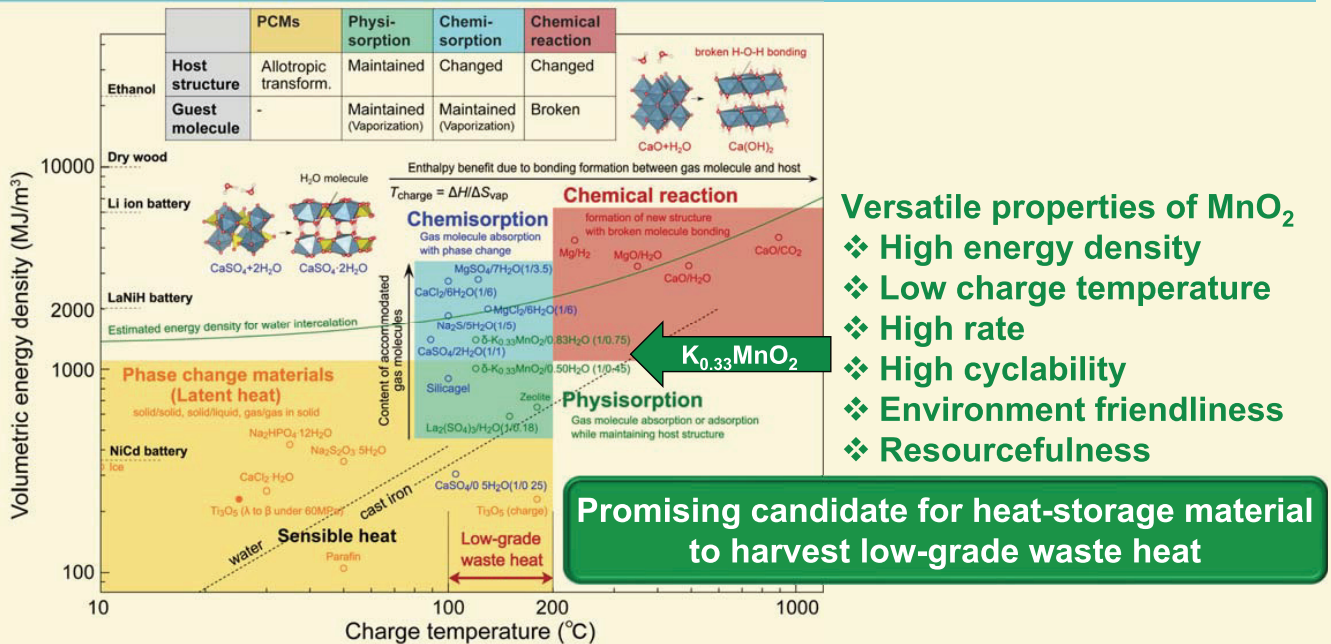
$\approx$ Sublimation entropy of ice (0°C): 140.5 J/K/mol
State of the interlayer water molecules in K_{0.33}MnO₂ is: **"Solid-like"**

c.f. Evaporation entropy of water (100°C): 109 J/K/mol
Melting entropy of ice (0°C): 22 J/K/mol

Heat Storage/Release Mechanism Utilizing H₂O Molecules in Air



Comparison with Existing Materials



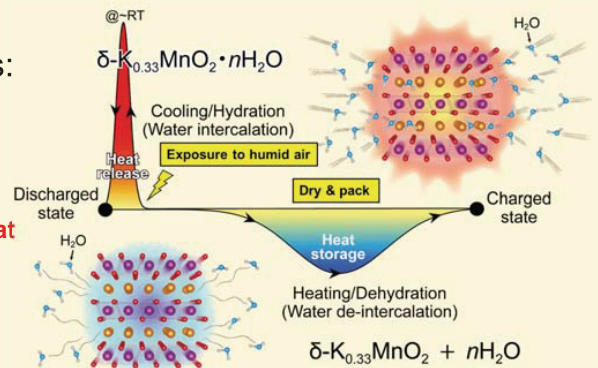
T. Hatakeyama, N. L. Okamoto, H. Li, T. Ichitsubo et al., *Nat. Commun.*, **13**, 1452 (2022).

Summary

Layered MnO_2 is a promising candidate for heat-storage material to harvest low-grade waste heat.

The salient features of the K-containing layered MnO_2 are:

- ❑ It can store/release heat via the **water intercalation mechanism**, in which water molecules in a moist atmosphere are inserted into and removed from the interlayers.
- ❑ It exhibits an **excellent balance** of various properties required for heat-storage materials:
 - ❖ High energy density: 1000 MJ/m^3
 - ➡ Large entropy gap between water vapor and “ice”
 - ❖ Low charge temperature: $100\text{-}160^\circ\text{C}$
 - ➡ Suitable for harvesting low-grade waste (solar) heat
 - ❖ High rate & cyclability
 - ➡ Subtle structural change upon water intercalation
 - ❖ Excellent environmentality & resourcefulness
 - ➡ Water, oxide & abundant Mn



MEMO

A new AB₃-based alloy with reversible hydrogen absorption/desorption reactions and less degradation

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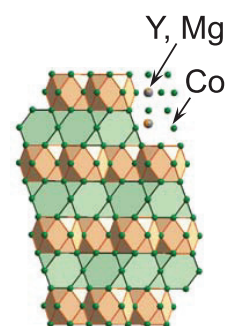
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Reversible hydrogen absorption and desorption reactions

Narrow hysteresis

Less degradation up to 100 cycles

Gravimetric hydrogen density: 1.68 mass% (< 10 MPa)



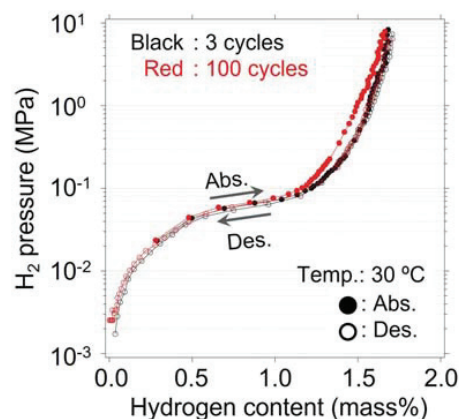
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Hydrogen storage methods

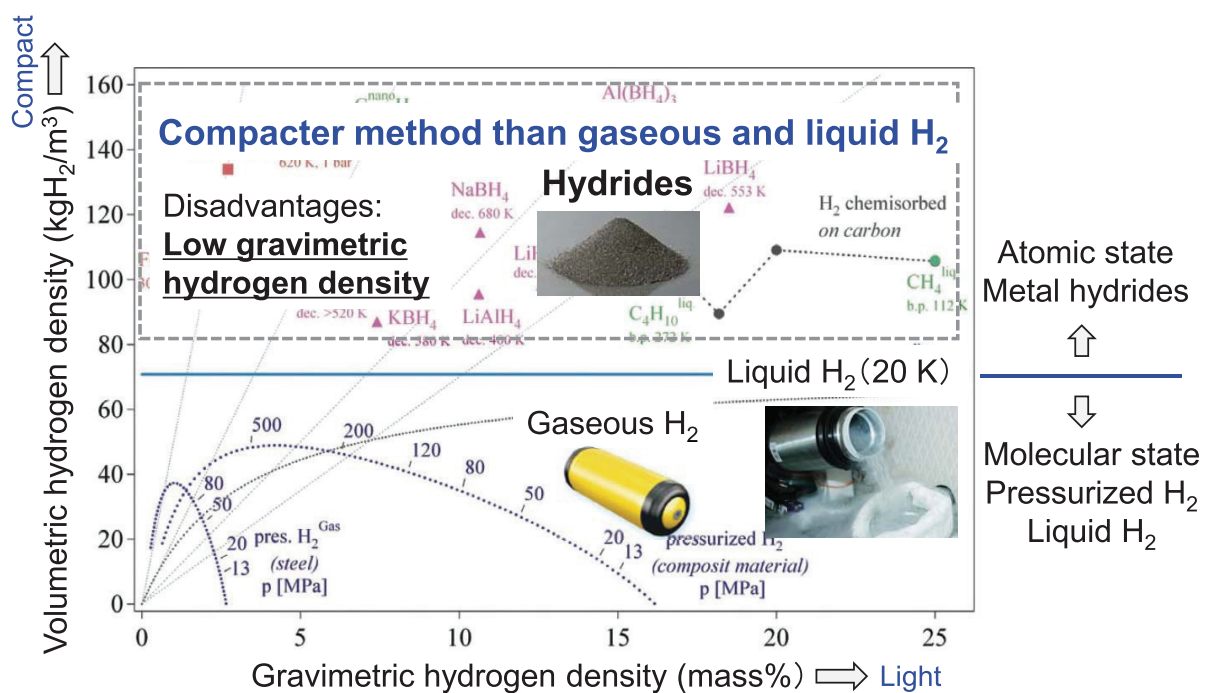
	Hydrogen storage as Molecular state		Hydrogen storage as Atomic state
	Gaseous H ₂	Liquid H ₂	Hydride
			
Adv.	Gravimetric density	Volumetric density	Volumetric density
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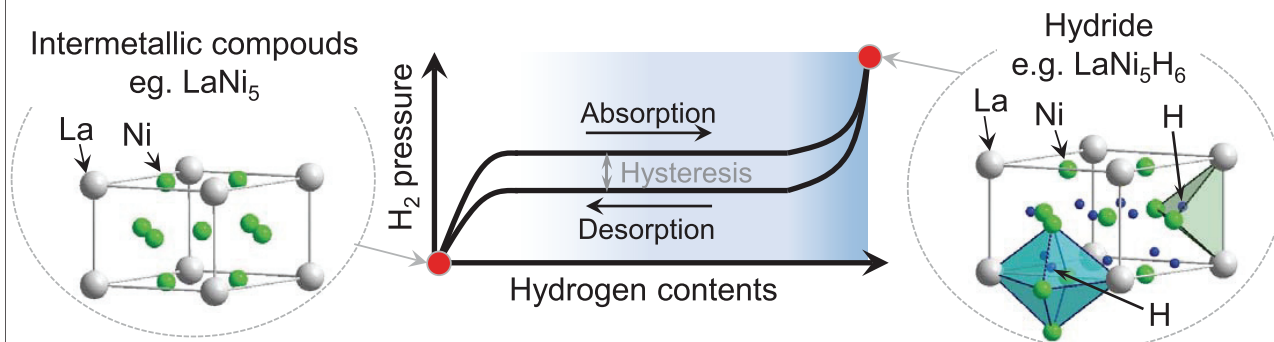
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Hydrogen storage capacity



Candidates for hydrogen storage materials

Hydrogen absorption/desorption reactions



Key issues

- Low gravimetric hydrogen density (LaNi_5 : 1.4 mass%)
- Temperature
- Hysteresis
- Degradation after hydrogen absorption/desorption reactions

Candidate materials

Intermetallic compounds (e.g. LaNi_5H_6), **Complex hydrides** (e.g. NaAlH_4), **Ionic hydrides** (e.g. MgH_2), **Porous materials** (e.g. MOF-5), etc.

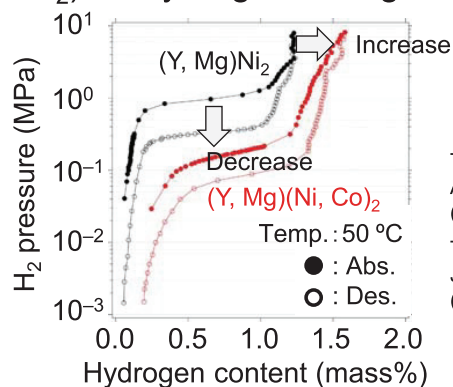
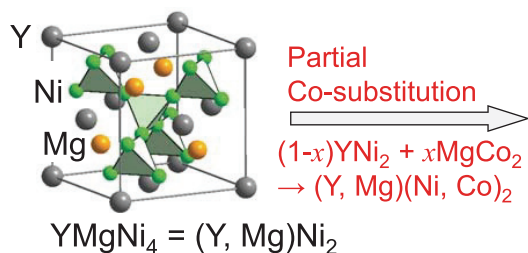
Intermetallic compounds for hydrogen storage material

Typical intermetallic compounds for hydrogen storage materials: AB_2 , AB_3 , AB_5

Higher affinity to hydrogen					Lower affinity to hydrogen												
←					→												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
H																	He
Li												B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Component A					Component B												
↙					↘												
AB _x (x = 1–5)																	

Our studies on (Y, Mg)Co₃ as a hydrogen storage material

- Studies on YMgNi₄-based alloys ($\approx$ AB₂) for hydrogen storage materials

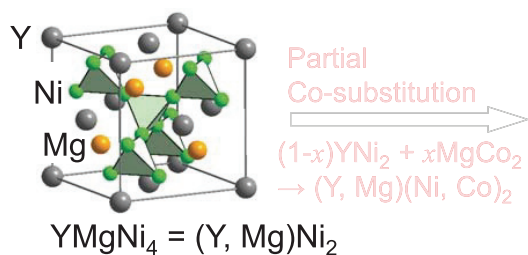


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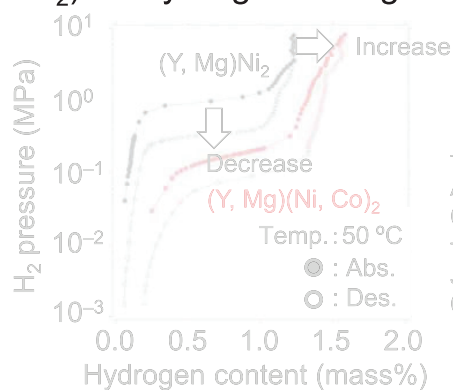
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Ni replaced by Co

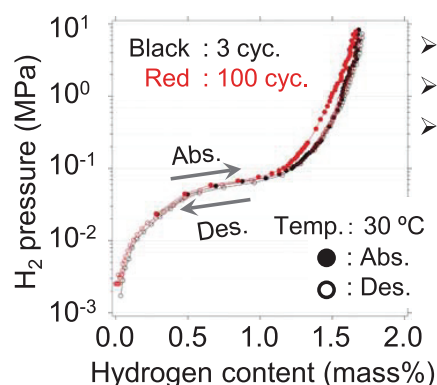
Reaction between
 $(1-x)\text{YCo}_2 + x\text{MgCo}_2$ at 900 °C

- (Y, Mg)Co₃ (AB₃-based alloy)



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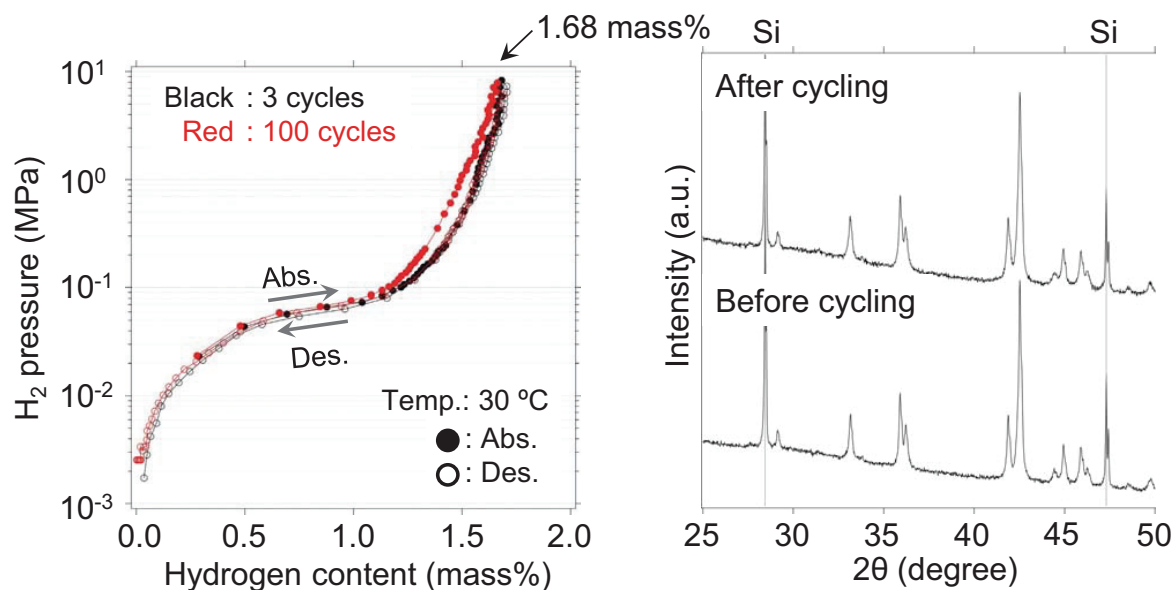
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- Reversible
- Narrow hysteresis
- Less degradation (< 100 cycles)

Sato et al.,
in preparation

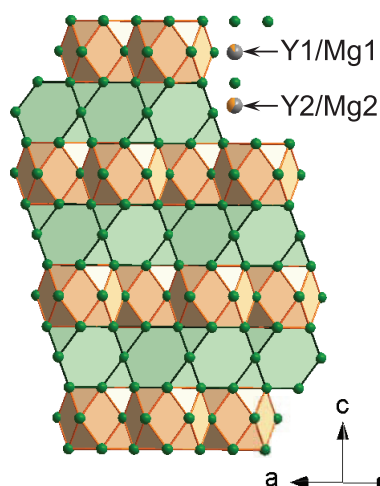
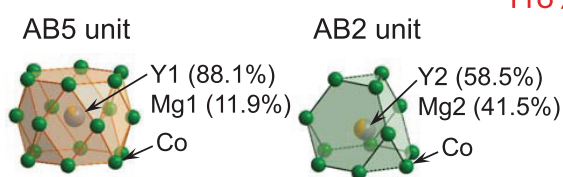
Cycling at 30 °C ($1.2\text{YCo}_2 + 0.8\text{MgCo}_2$)



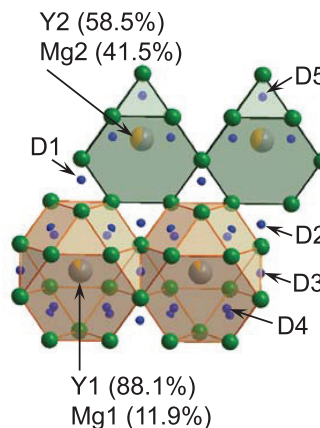
Less degradation after the cycling up to 100 cycles

Crystal structures (Neutron diffraction in D_2 pressure)

$\text{Y}_{0.68}\text{Mg}_{0.32}\text{Co}_{3.00}$ (Trigonal)
 $a = 4.99719(67) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 24.16062(533) \text{ \AA}$
 $V = 522.51(18) \text{ \AA}^3$



$\text{Y}_{0.68}\text{Mg}_{0.32}\text{Co}_{3.00}\text{D}_{3.76}$ (Trigonal)
 $a = 5.27370(64) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 25.68827(553) \text{ \AA}$
 $V = 618.72(22) \text{ \AA}^3$



D atoms (Site, Occu.)	location
D1 (6c, 33%)	Inter-unit
D2 (6c, 33%)	Inter-unit
D3 (9e, 54%)	Intra-unit AB5 unit
D4 (18h, 78%)	Intra-unit AB5 unit
D5 (18h, 61%)	Intra-unit AB2 unit

Conclusions

➤ Syntheses

AB₃ based alloys, (Y, Mg)Co₃ : Synthesized from YCo₂ and MgCo₂
(Y and Mg ratios: controlled by initial material ratios)

➤ Hydrogen storage properties

Cycling : Less degradation up to 100 cycles

Hydrogen storage capacity : 1.68 mass% at 30 °C

➤ Crystal structure

Mg atomic positions : The same positions with Y atoms

D atomic positions : spaces in the inter- and intra- AB₂ and AB₅ units
(D atoms: AB₅ units > AB₂ units)

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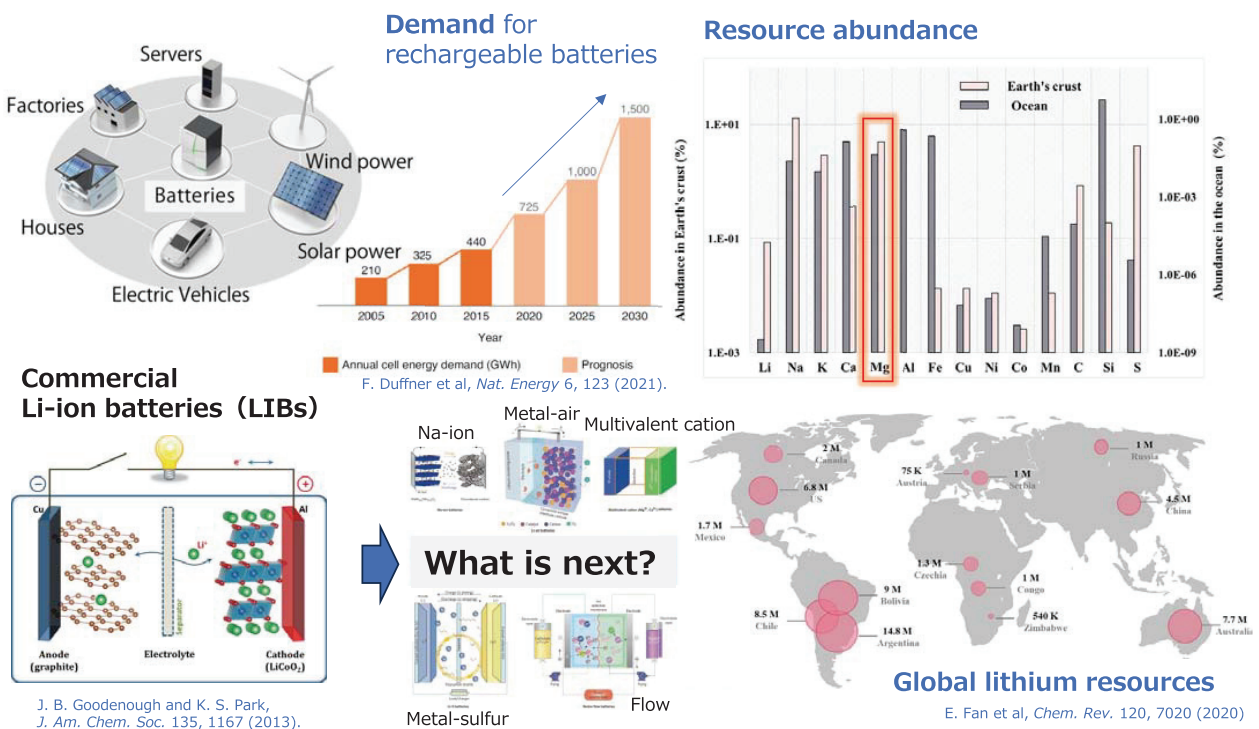
Interface Design for Room-Temperature Rechargeable Magnesium Batteries with Transition Metal Oxide Cathodes

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Norihiro L. Okamoto, Tetsu Ichitsubo

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Rechargeable batteries with minimal resource constraints



Rechargeable Magnesium batteries are a promising candidate for constructing low-cost large-scale energy storage systems.

Prototype of rechargeable magnesium batteries



D. Aurbach et al. *Nature* **407**, 724 (2000).

Anode

Electrolyte

Cathode

Mg metal

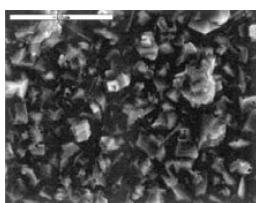
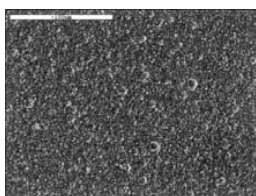
$\text{Mg}(\text{AlCl}_3\text{R})_2$ or $\text{Mg}(\text{AlCl}_2\text{RR}')_2/\text{THF}$
 $\text{R} = \text{C}_4\text{H}_9, \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ etc.

Mo_6S_8

Aurbach's prototype

Deposition morphology

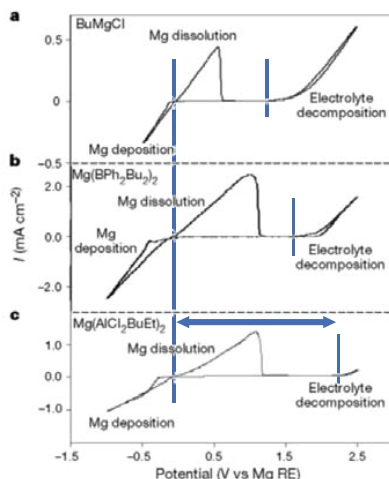
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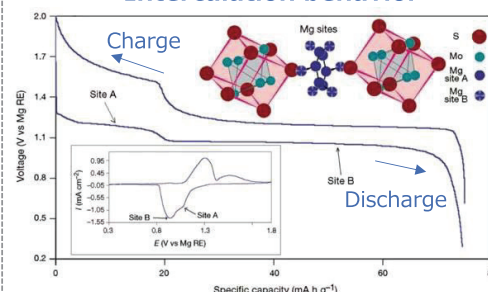
D. Aurbach et al. *J. Power Sources* **97-98**, 269 (2001).

- Non-dendritic
- Up to ~ 2.4 V
- Reversible Mg deposition and dissolution

Potential window



Intercalation behavior



- High reversibility
- Low capacity
- Low operating potential

Energy density (based on active materials)

$\text{Mg}||\text{Mo}_6\text{S}_8 \sim 130 \text{ Wh kg}^{-1}$

Lower than LIBs

e.g. $\text{C}_6||\text{LiCoO}_2 \sim 386 \text{ Wh kg}^{-1}$

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Developing electrolytes with reversible Mg anode and high stability



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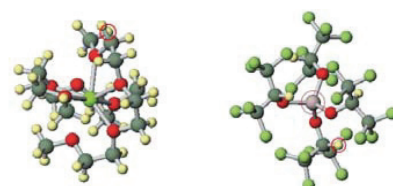
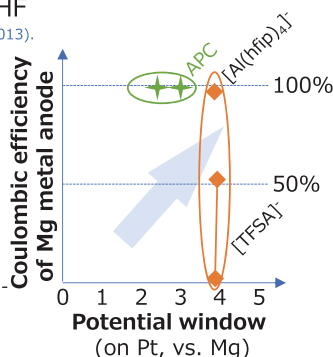
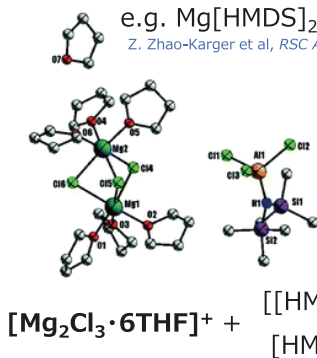
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 $\text{MgTFSA}_2 - \text{MgCl}_2$ I. Shterenberg et al, *J. Electrochem. Soc.* **162**, A7118 (2015).

Cl-free

Solvent: THF, DME, Triglyme(G3) etc.

$\text{Mg}(\text{BH}_4)_2$ R. Mohtadi et al, *Angew. Chemie Int. Ed.* **51**, 9780 (2012).
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e.g. $\text{Mg}[\text{HMDS}]_2 - \text{AlCl}_3/\text{THF}$
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$[\text{Mg}(\text{G3})_2]^{2+}$ $[\text{Al}(\text{hfp})_4]^-$
 Solvent-separated ion pair (SSIPs)

- Reversible Mg deposition
- Corrosive • Poor stability

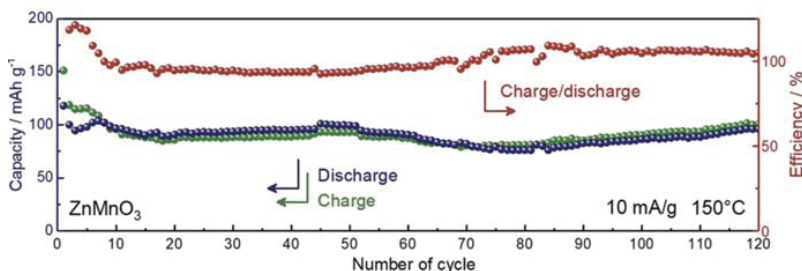
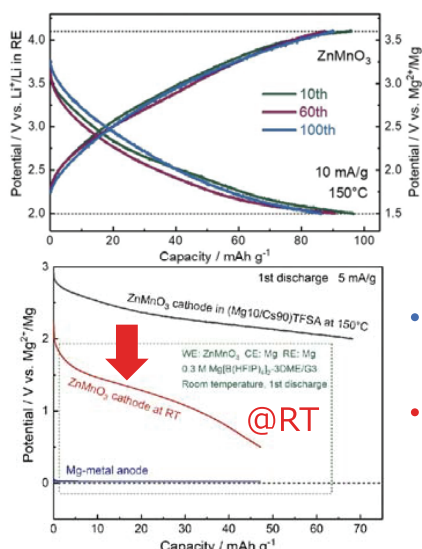
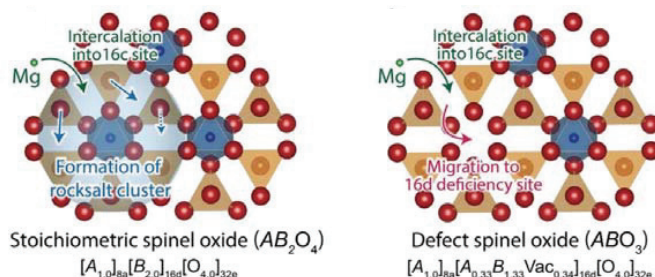
- Good stability
- Easily passivation

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Spinel-type oxides

MgCo_2O_4	S. Okamoto, T. Ichitsubo et al, <i>Adv. Sci.</i> 2, 1500072 (2015)
ZnFe_2O_4	K. Shimokawa, T. Ichitsubo et al, <i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 7, 12225 (2019)
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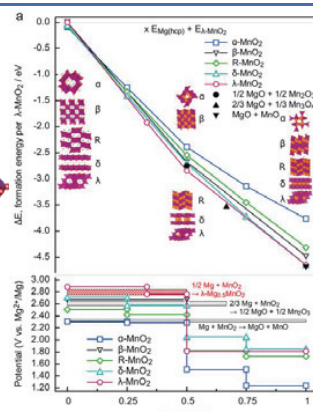
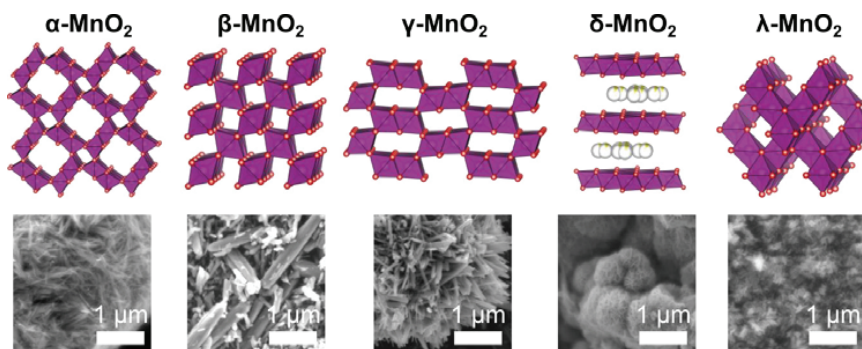
- Reversible Mg^{2+} intercalation has demonstrated at elevated temperature ($\sim 150^\circ\text{C}$).
- Operating potential and capacity are markedly decreased at room temperature due to the sluggish Mg^{2+} migration in host structure.

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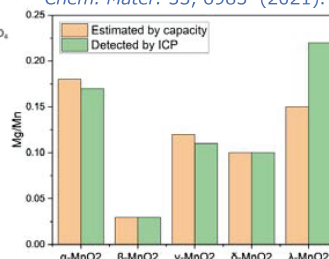
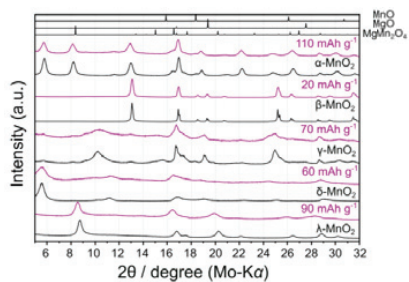
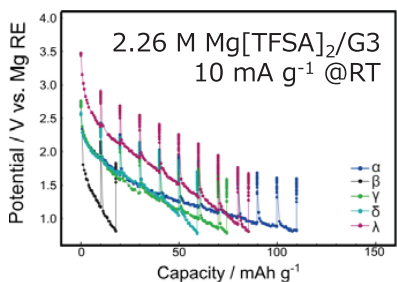
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Suitable host structure for room-temperature operation

MnO_2 polymorphs



T. Hatakeyama, H. Li, T. Ichitsubo et al, *Chem. Mater.* 33, 6983 (2021).



X. Ye, H. Li, T. Ichitsubo et al, *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* 14, 56685 (2022).

$\alpha\text{-MnO}_2$ showed a metastable phase transformation pathway for genuine Mg^{2+} intercalation and a reversible capacity over 100 mAh g^{-1} at RT.

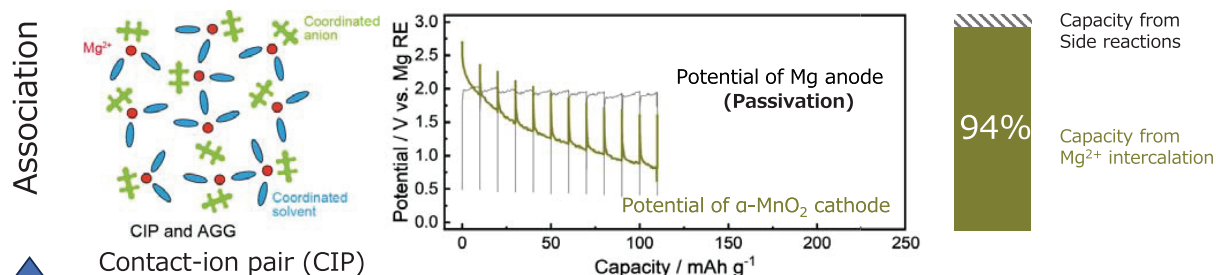
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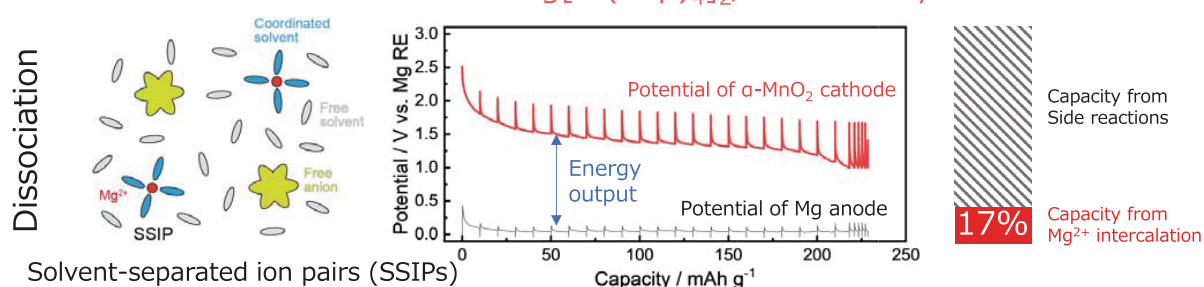
Combination of α -MnO₂ cathode and SSIP-dominated electrolytes



In CIP-dominated 2.26 M Mg[TFSA]₂/G3 electrolyte



In SSIP-dominated 0.3 M Mg[Al(hfip)₄]₂/G3 electrolyte

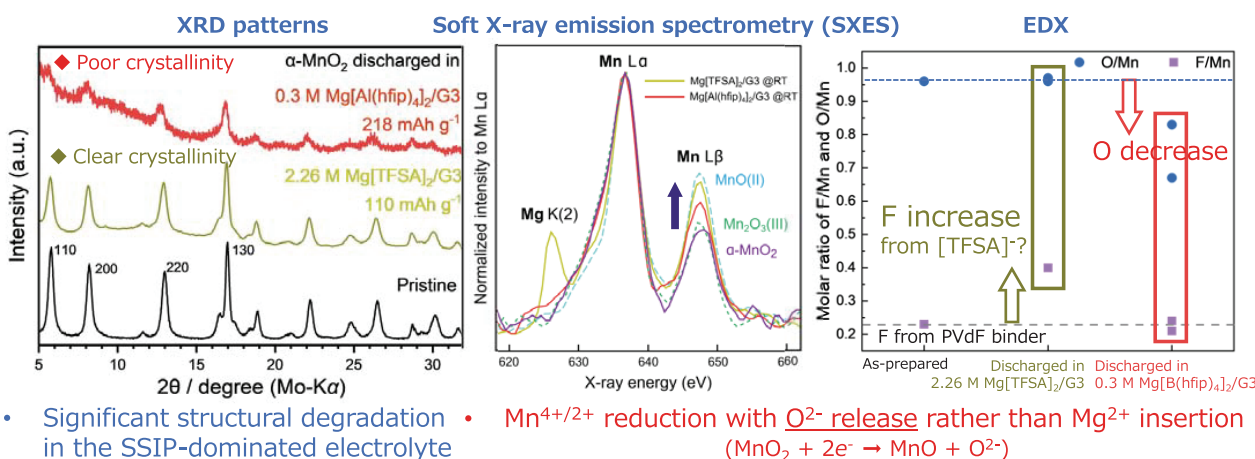


Large discharge capacity was obtained without corresponding Mg²⁺ intercalation, suggesting the occurrence of side reactions.

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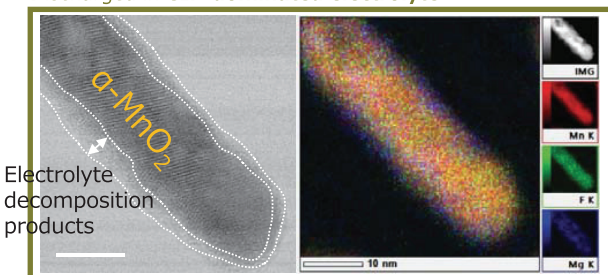
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Clarifying side reactions in SSIP-dominated electrolytes



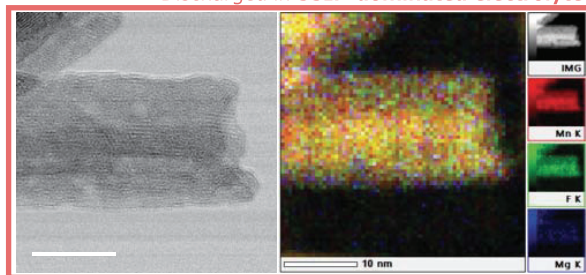
- Significant structural degradation in the SSIP-dominated electrolyte
- Mn^{4+/2+} reduction with O²⁻ release rather than Mg²⁺ insertion (MnO₂ + 2e⁻ → MnO + O²⁻)

Discharged in CIP-dominated electrolyte



STEM-EDX images

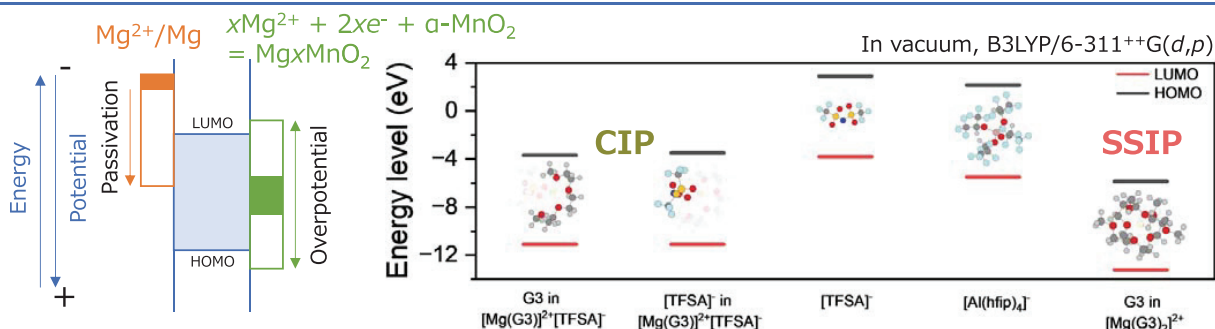
Discharged in SSIP-dominated electrolyte



Amorphous surface layer formed on α -MnO₂ crystal Degraded crystallinity with no obvious surface layer

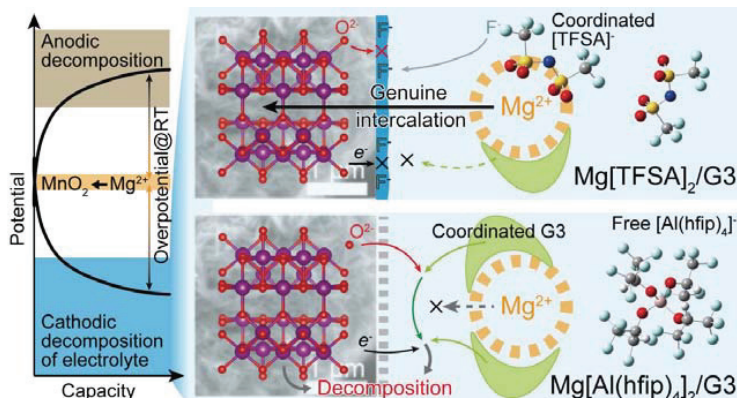
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Cathodic decomposition occur on both sides during discharging

Anions are involved in cathodic decomposition in CIP-dominated electrolyte



CIP-dominated electrolyte

Anion-derived decomposition products **protect** $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2$ but **passivate** Mg metal

SSIP-dominated electrolyte

Solvent-derived decomposition products **cause side reactions** on $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2$ but **prevent the passivation** on Mg metal.

Interface design is required to use the $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2$ cathode in SSIP-dominated electrolytes

Summary

- The combination of transition metal oxide cathodes ($\alpha\text{-MnO}_2$) and SSIP-dominated electrolytes is a promising approach for the construction of room-temperature rechargeable magnesium batteries.
- In SSIP-dominated electrolytes, ether solvent is involved in the cathodic decomposition during discharging, where a stable passivation film is difficult to form to block the electron and oxygen (ion) conduction from the oxide cathodes to the electrolyte.
- These side reactions cause significant structural degradation of the oxide cathode and impede the genuine Mg^{2+} intercalation.
- Preparing an artificial interface on $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2$ cathodes is a promising strategy to suppress the side reactions and enhance the performance.

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Recent advances of silicon crystal for solar cells

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Si solar cells

- In 1954, Si solar cells with the efficiency of ~ 6% were invented in Bell Lab by D. M. Chapin et al.



Gerald Pearson, Daryl Chapin, and Calvin Fuller (left-to-right), inventors of the Bell Solar Battery. Photo credit: NREL, The Silicon Café, Turns 50, with permission from AT&T Bell Labs

Simple and Efficient—The Bell Solar Battery is made of thin, specially treated slices of silicon, an important element of common sand. It needs no fuel other than the light from the sun itself. Since it has no moving parts and nothing is consumed in delivery, the Bell Solar Battery should theoretically last indefinitely.

New Bell Solar Battery Converts Sun's Rays Into Electricity

Bell Telephone Laboratories demonstrates new device for using power from the sun

Scientists have long reached for the secret of the sun. For they have known that it sends us nearly as much energy daily as is contained in all known sources of coal, oil and uranium.

If this energy could be put to use there would be enough to run every wheel and light every lamp that mankind would ever need.

Now the dream of the ages is closer to realization. For out of the Bell Telephone Laboratories has come the Bell Solar Battery—a device to convert energy from the sun directly and efficiently into usable amounts of electricity.

Though much development remains to be done, this new battery gives a glimpse of future progress in solar fields. Its use with transistors (also invented at Bell Laboratories) offers many opportunities for improvements and economies in telephone service.

A small Bell Solar Battery has shown that it can send waves over telephone wires and operate low-power radio transmitters. Made to cover a square yard, it can deliver enough power from the sun to light an ordinary reading lamp.

Great benefits for telephone users and for all mankind will come from the first step in harnessing the limitless power of the sun.

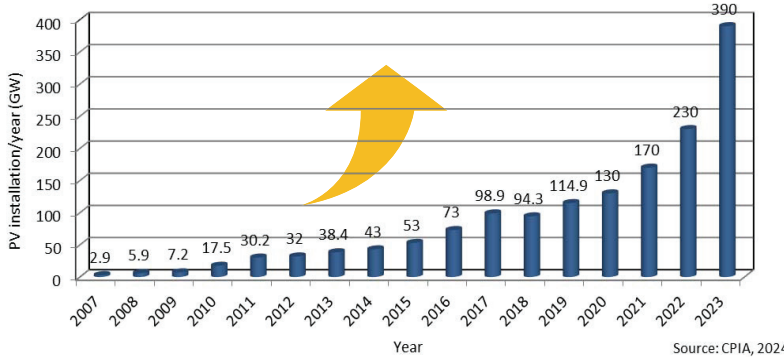
BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



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PV Installation



➤ **Annual Installation: ~ 130**

- In 2007, 2.9 GW
- In 2023, 390.0 GW

➤ **Accumulated installation: ~140**

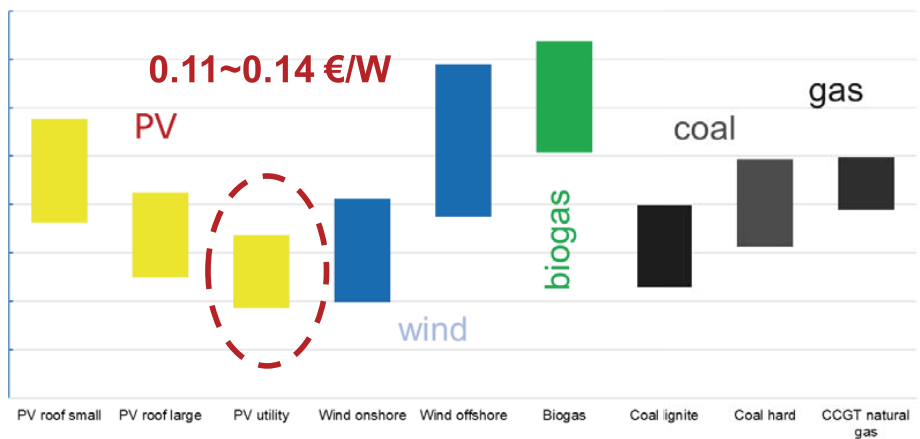
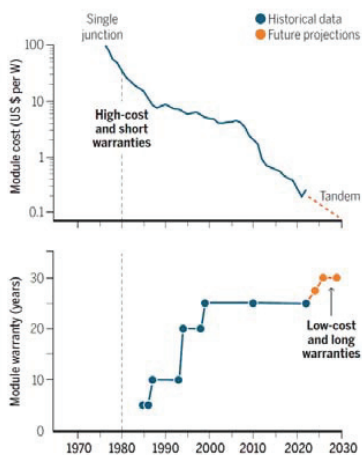
- 2007年
- 2023年, 1546 GW



Levelized cost



Levelized cost of electricity for Germany
In EuroCent/kWh, source: Fraunhofer ISE, March 2018



Aydin et al., Science 383, 162 (2024)

Crystal Si for solar cells



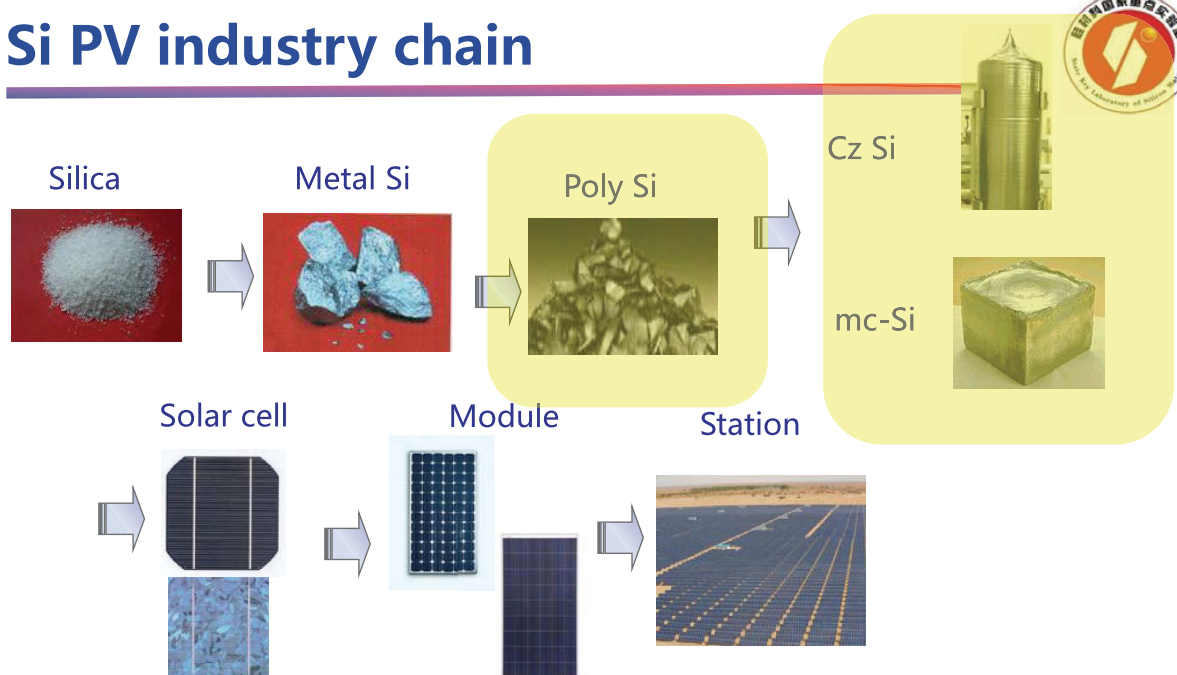
- Crystalline Si
- Thin film
 - GaAs
 - CdTe
 - CuInGaSe (CIGS)
- New concept
 - Perovskite
 - Organic



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Si PV industry chain



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Polycrystalline Si



- Trichlorosilane (TCS) process:
rod -- (Siemens process)



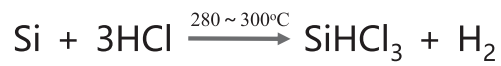
- Fluidized bed silane (FBS) process:
granular



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Trichlorosilane (TCS) process



- Large production (200 kiloton /line)
- Low energy consumption (~50 kilowatt/kg)
- Lower cost (~4 US\$/kg)

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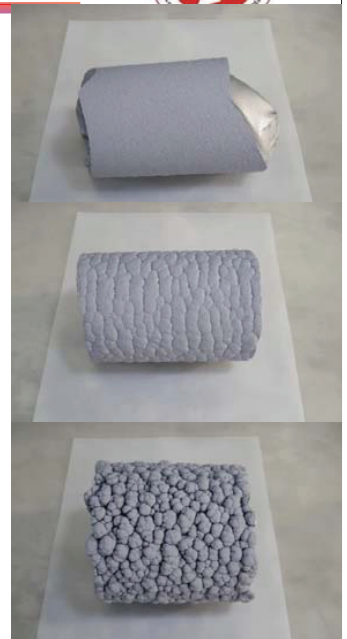
Trichlorosilane (TCS) process



- 48 or 72 pair rods
- 600~1000 kg/furnace
- more than 50% for N-type Cz Si
 - Reduction power consumption: 37~44 kWh/kg-S
 - Total power consumption: 50~56 kWh/kg-Si
 - Si consumption: ~1.08 kg/kg-Si

Source: 2024 Development Report on Chinese PV Technology

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Fluidized bed silane (FBS) process:



- Simple process
 - More lower energy consumption (~40~50% TCS)
 - Easy treatment of waste gases
 - Continuous working process (> 200 days)
- Drawback: fire and explosion**

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Fluidized bed silane (FBS) process:



➤ Technical challenge:

- Reduce Si powder
- Decrease hydrogen conc.
- Decrease surface metal conc. and carbon conc.

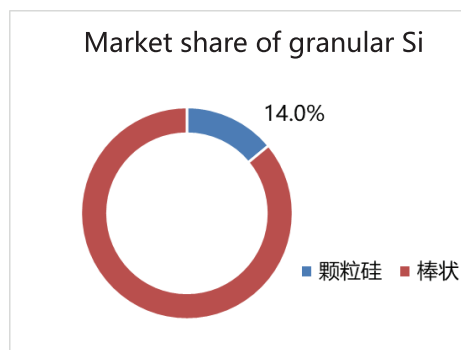
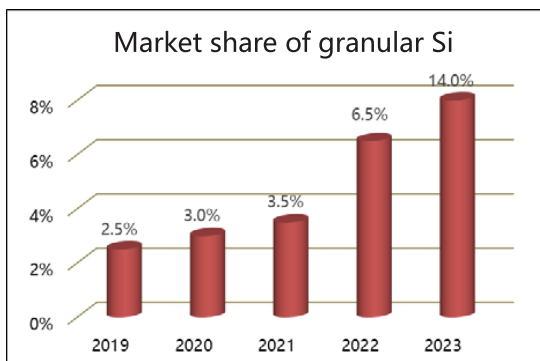


Diameter: ~ 2 mm

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Granular (FBS) Si (2023)



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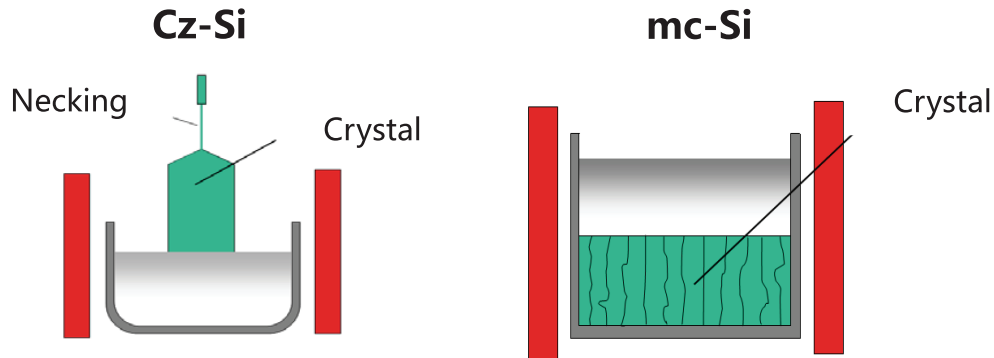
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Cz Si and mc-Si



- Cz-Si: better crystal quality, high efficiency, but high cost
- mc-Si: low cost, but inferior quality, low efficiency

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3.1 Czochralski silicon (Cz-Si)

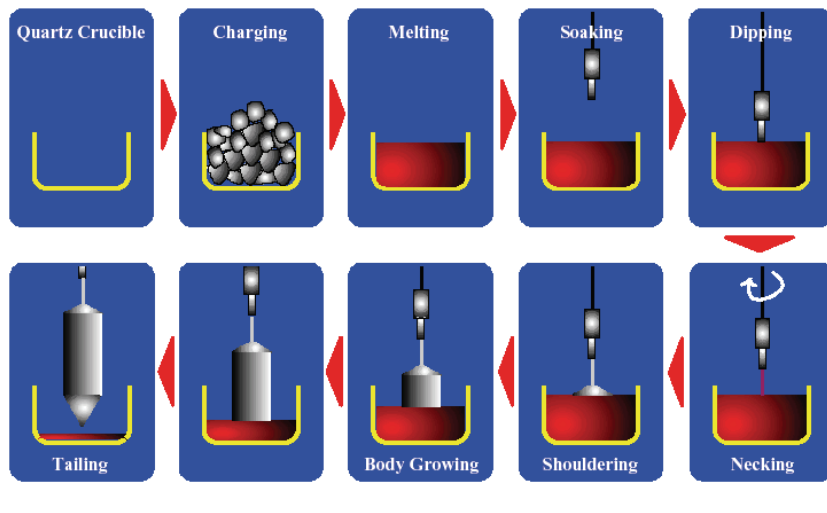


- In 1917, Polish scientist Czochralski invented.
- In 1952, Teal and Buehler successfully grew Czochralski (Cz) single-crystal silicon.
- In 1958, Dash proposed the dislocation free single-crystal silicon growth process, known as the "necking" technique.

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Progress of Cz Si



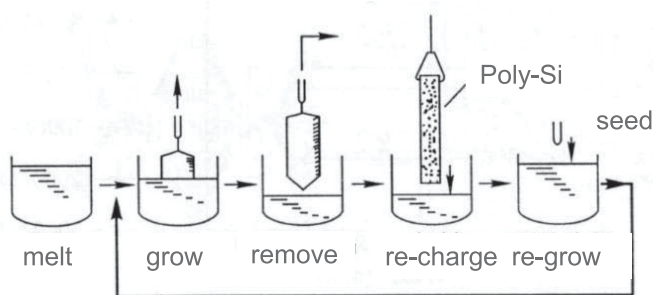
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Cz-Si Growth Technology: RCz-Si



➤ Recharge Czoehralski (RCz-Si)



6100 mm (Liton)



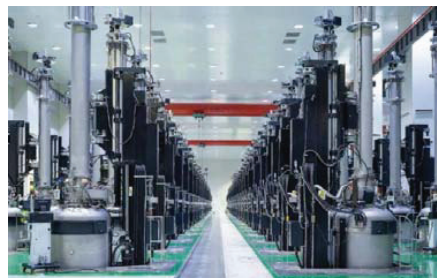
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RCz-Si Growth



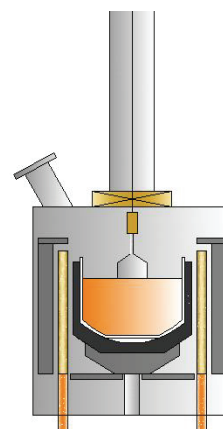
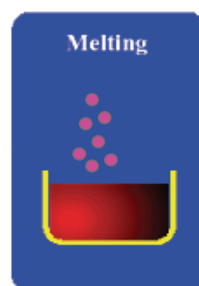
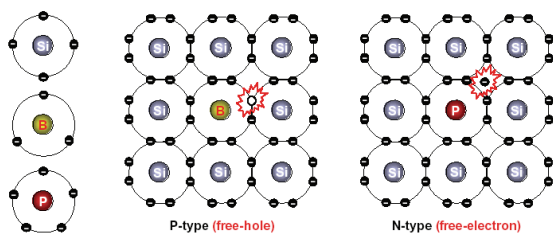
- Inner diameter of furnace: 1600 ~1800 mm
- Crucible size: 32/36 Inch
- Pulling time: > 500 hours
- Production yield: 6 ~ 7 kg/h
- Power consumption: 23.9 kWh/kg-Si



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Dopant of Cz-Si

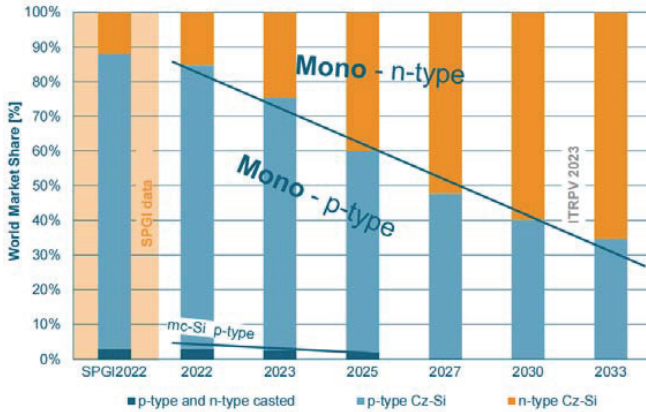


- P type: Ga instead of B
- N type: Sb instead of P

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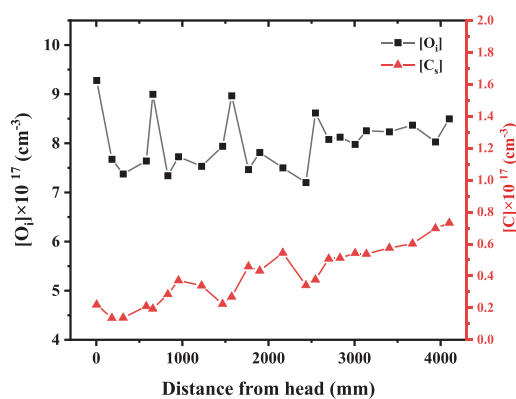
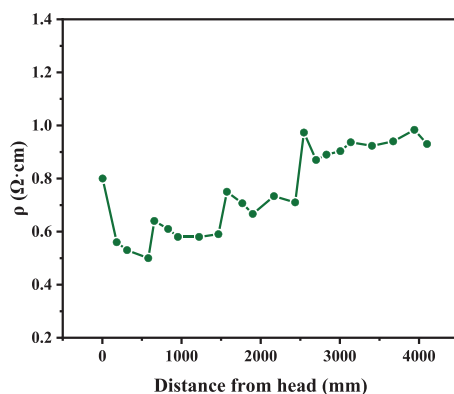
p-type and n-type Cz Si



- *p*-type Si will stay mainstream as base for p-PERC technology at least until 2025.
- *n*-type Si expected to dominate after 2026.

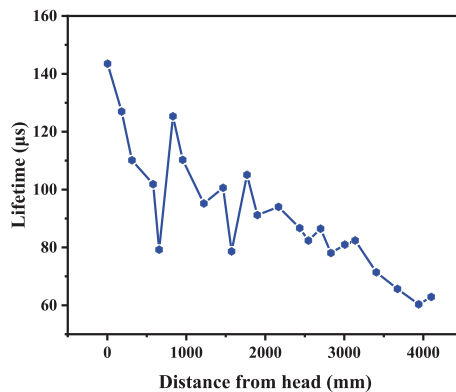
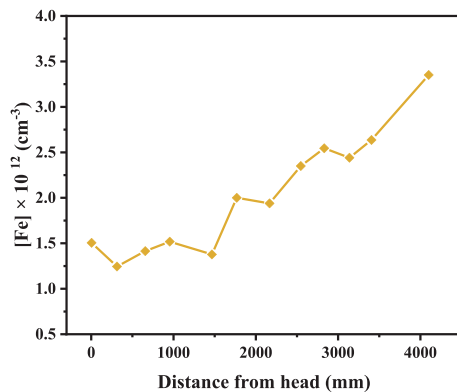
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Property of CCz-Si



- 8-inch *p*-type CCz-Si, Ga-doped, pulling rate 1.45 mm/min

Property of CCz-Si

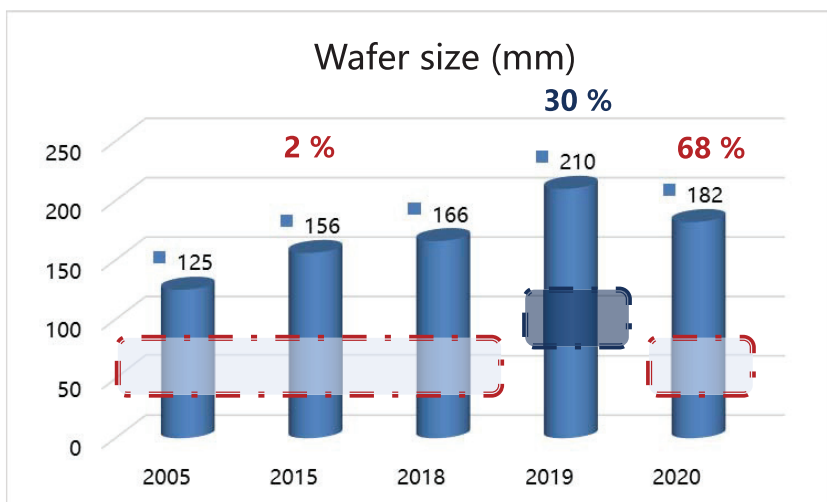


- 8-inch *p*-type CCz-Si, Ga-doped, pulling rate 1.45 mm/min

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Wafer size of Cz-Si (2023)

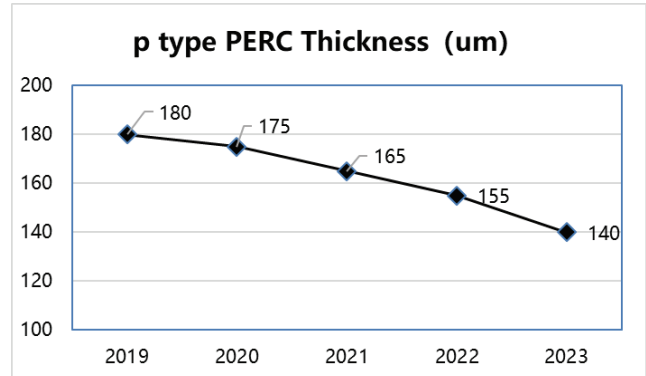
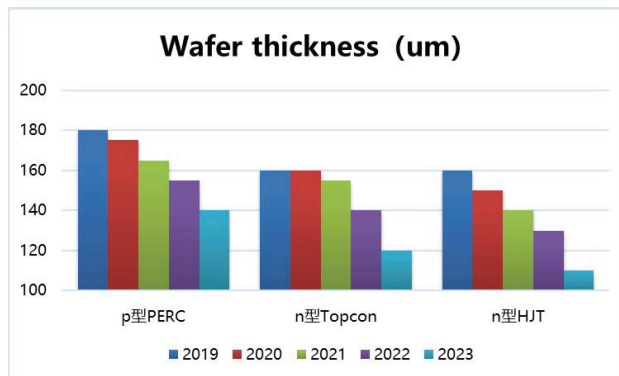


- Compare to M2 wafer, area increase:
12.2%, 80%,
35.1%, respectively

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Wafer thickness of Cz-Si (2023)



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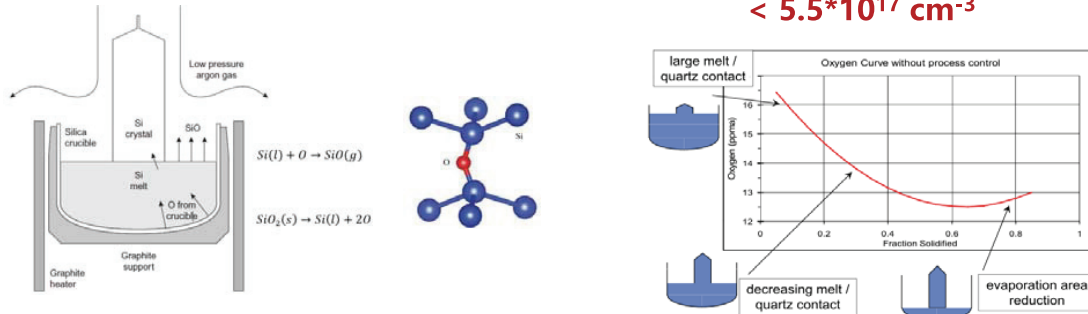
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3.2 Oxygen in Cz-Si



$< 5.5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

- Oxygen mainly comes from the quartz crucible.
- Interstitial oxygen concentration $[O_i] = 10^{17} - 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.
- $[O_i]$ distribution: High $[O_i]$ in head, low $[O_i]$ in tail.

A. Borghesi et al. *Journal of Applied Physics*, 1995, 77(9): 4169-4244.

M. Tilli et al. *Handbook of silicon based MEMS materials and technologies*. Elsevier, 2020.

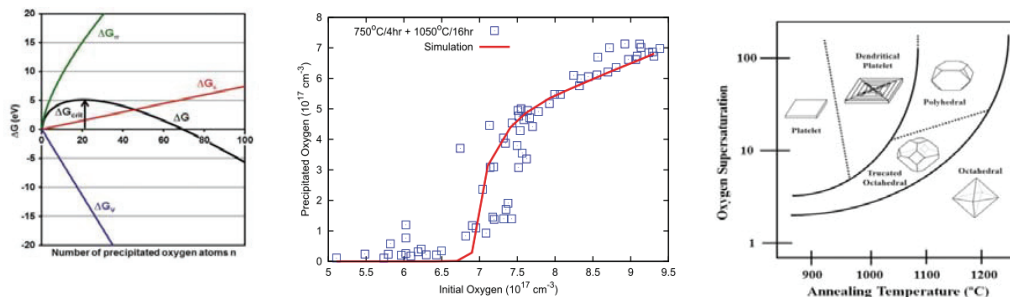
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Oxygen precipitate (OP)



- Formation temperature: 600~1100°C



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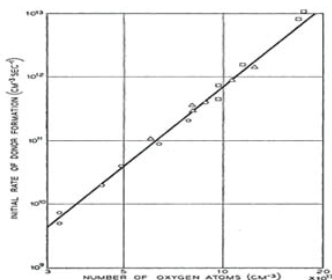
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Thermal donor (TD)

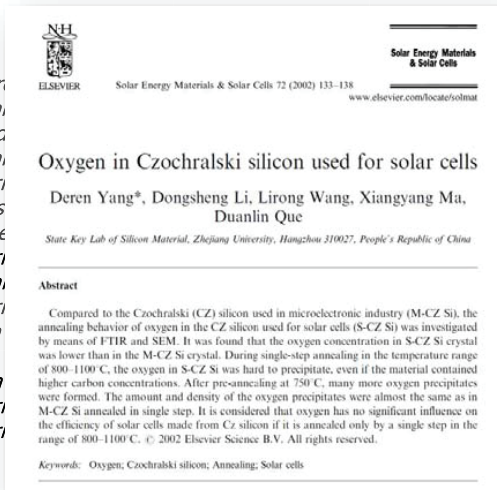


- Formation temperature: 300~500°C



Kaiser et al. Physical Review, 1958, 112(5).

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RCz-Si



➤ Difference of Cz-Si and RCz-Si

- Ga-doping
- Fast growth rate (1.5-1.8 mm/min)
- 7~10 ingots using one crucible
- Length: ~ 4.5 m

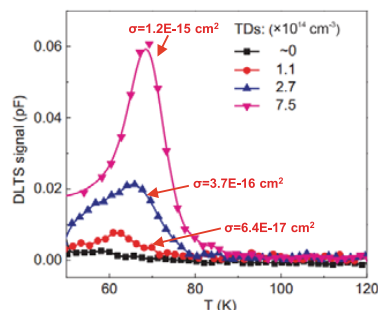
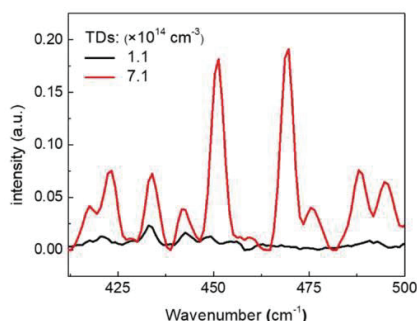
6100 mm (Liton)



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Thermal donor (TD)



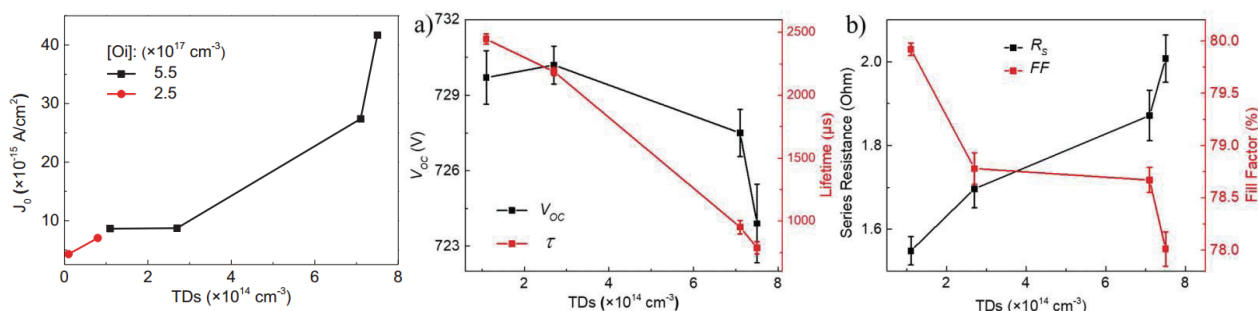
- TDs showing ionization levels at about 0.04–0.07 eV.
- σ of TD-related energy level increase with the increase of TD concentrations.

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Thermal donor



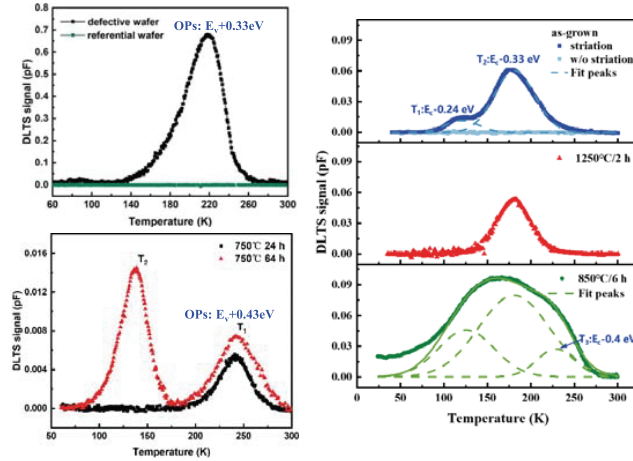
- TDs cause recombination centers. With the increase of [TD], J_0 , and R_s increase, V_{oc} and FF decrease

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Oxygen precipitates: Electrical



➤ p-type Cz-Si

- $E_T = E_V + 0.33 \text{ eV}$, $\sigma_p = 2.3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2$
- $E_T = E_V + 0.43 \text{ eV}$, $\sigma_p = 4.3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2$

➤ n-type Cz-Si

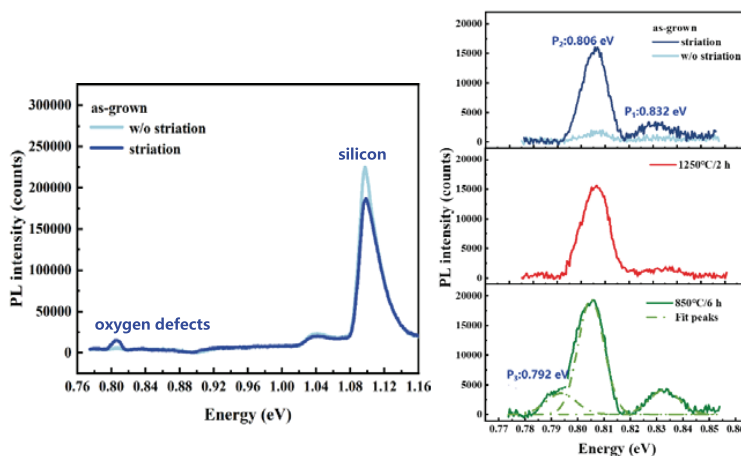
- $E_T = E_C - 0.24 \text{ eV}$, $\sigma_n = 5.1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$
- $E_T = E_C - 0.4 \text{ eV}$, $\sigma_n = 8.8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2$

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Oxygen precipitates: PL



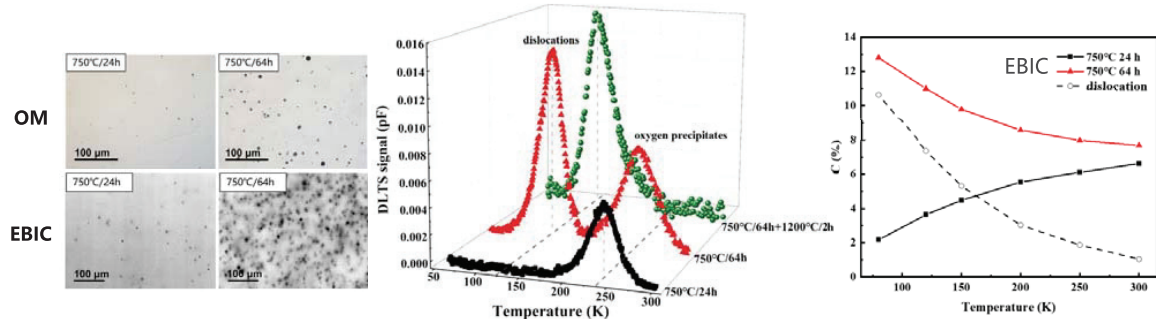
➤ PL peaks at 20K:

- OPs: 0.832 eV, 0.792 eV
- OPs induced dislocation: 0.806 eV

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Oxygen precipitates: dislocation



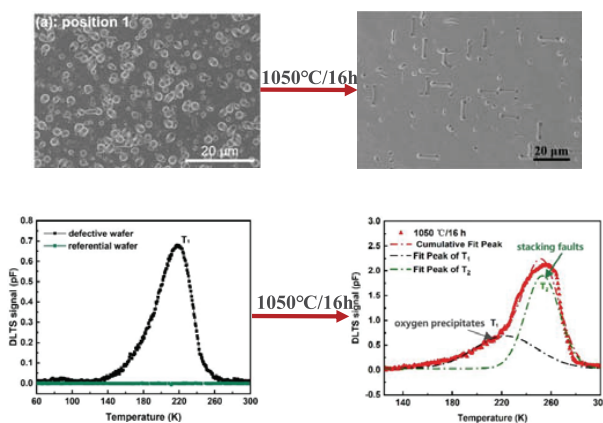
- Dislocations: $E_T = E_V + 0.26 \text{ eV}$, $\sigma_p = 6.8 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$.
- Dislocations enhance the defect recombination activity at low temperature.

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Oxygen precipitates: stacking faults



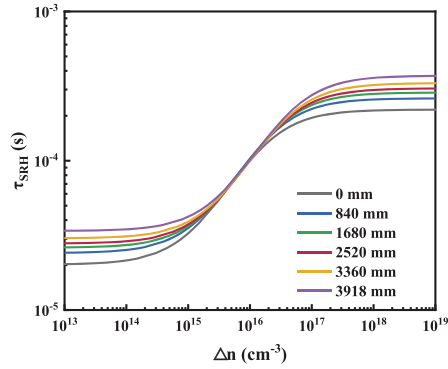
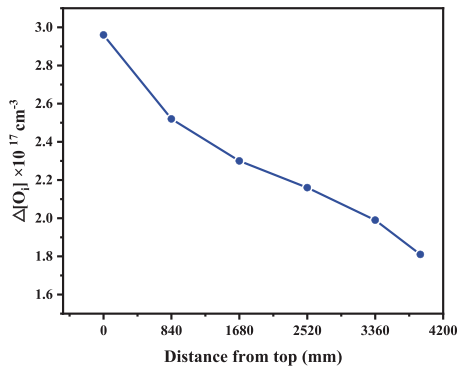
- Stacking faults will be induced during high temperature growth ($> 1000^\circ\text{C}$) of oxygen precipitates.
- Stacking faults: $E_T = E_V + 0.42 \text{ eV}$, $\sigma_p = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^2$.

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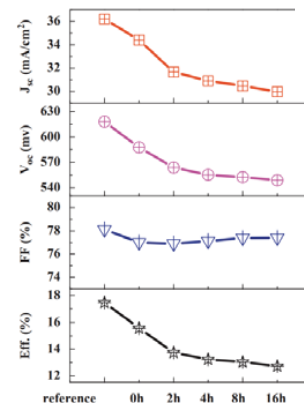
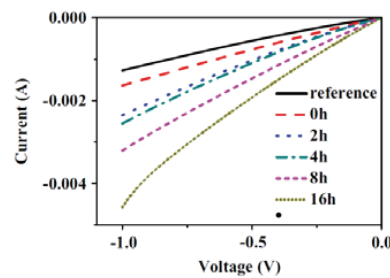
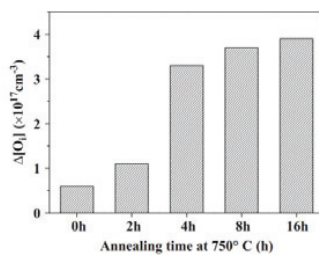
Oxygen precipitates: lifetime



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Oxygen precipitates: cell performance



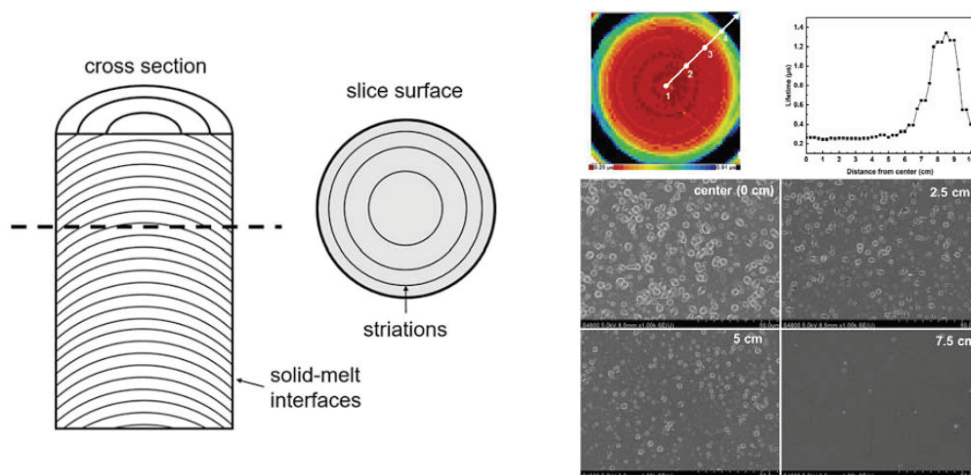
- The higher the OP density, the more pronounced the leakage current.
- OPs reduce the J_{sc} , V_{oc} , FF, and efficiency of solar cells.

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Formation of Swirl striations



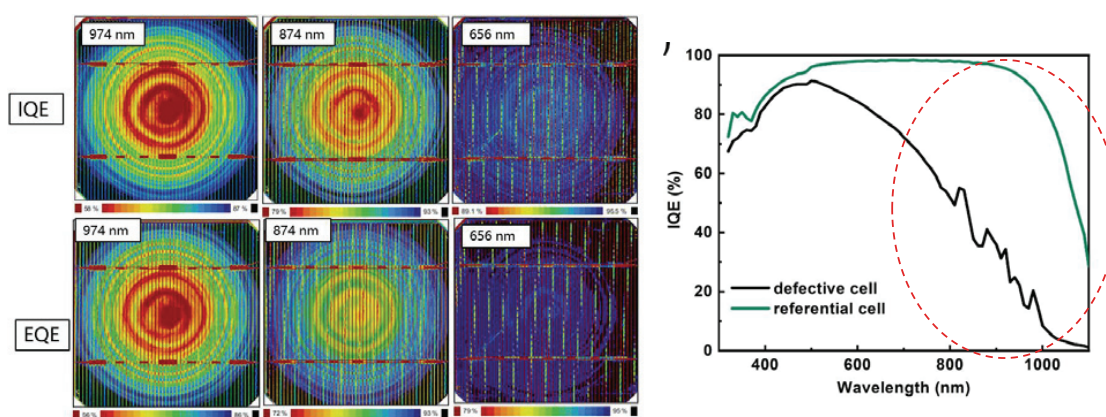
- Oxygen precipitates are the vital component of the striations.

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Swirl Striations



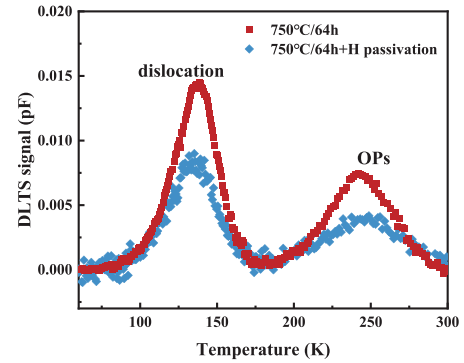
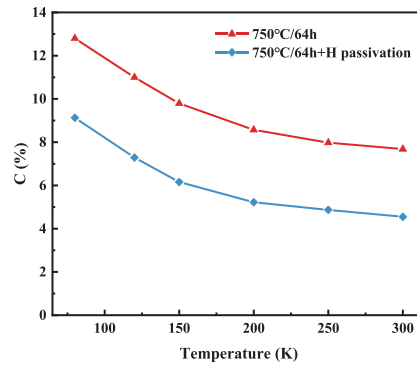
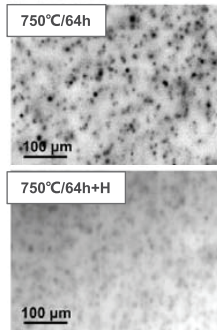
- Swirl defects lead to a decrease in QE, especially in the long wavelength range.

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Oxygen precipitates: H passivation



- Hydrogen can successfully passivate about one-third of the oxygen precipitates defect states and about half of the dislocation defect states.

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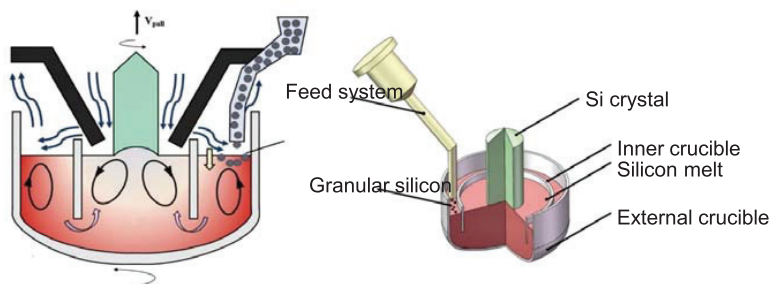
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Cz-Si Growth Technology: CCz-Si



➤ Continuous Czochralski (CCz-Si)



- Better uniformity of resistivity
- Better uniformity of oxygen along with growth direction
- Ingot: 8~10

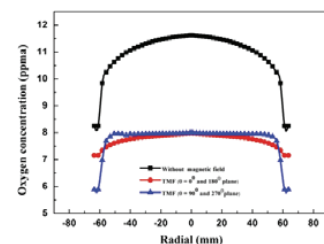
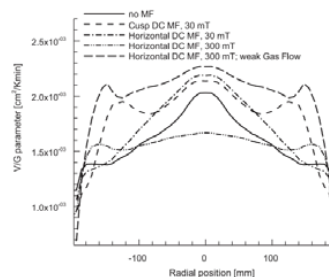
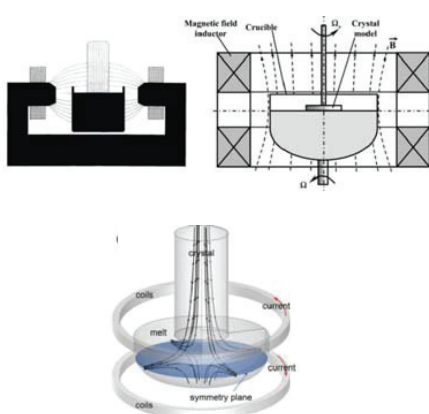
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Cz-Si Growth Technology: MCz-Si



➤ Magnetic field applied Czochralski (MCz)



- Restrain the convection
- Reduce oxygen content

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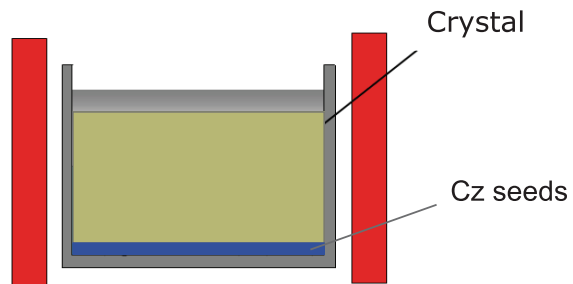
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Cast mono Si technology



➤ Cast mono:

- quasi-single crystalline Si
- mono-like Si



➤ Inheriting the advantages of both Cz-Si and mc-Si.



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Direct Si wafer



- Poly Si wafer
- Acid texture
- Effi: 20.1%

- In 2021, Rebuilt to be Cubic PV, Si based perovskite

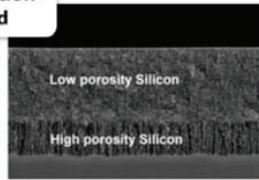
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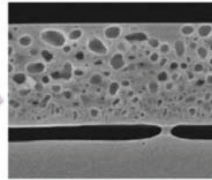
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Epi-Si wafer

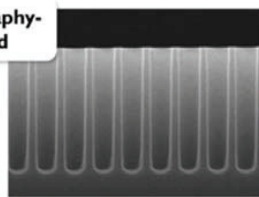
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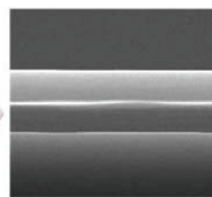
1130°C



Lithography-based



1130°C



Crystal Solar, SPB, NexWafe

- 50 μm
- 效率: 20.5%

J. Govaerts et al., Energy Procedia 77 (2015) 871 – 880

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Summary



- Cz-Si is currently the mainstream material for PV.
- Oxygen related defects, including thermal donors, oxygen precipitates and swirl defects have a negative impact on the performance of solar cells.
- Except for Cz technique, several new growth techniques of crystal Si have been developed, but have not applied in mass production.

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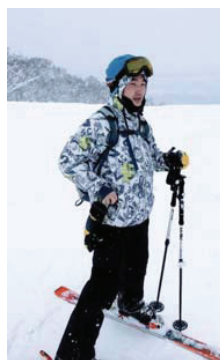
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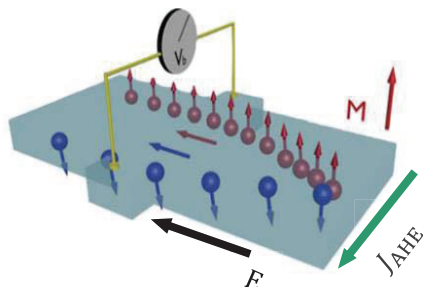
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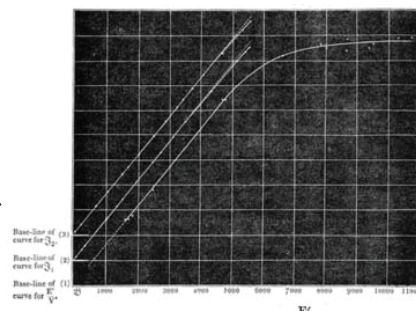
Anomalous Hall effect



Dr. E.H. Hall
1855 –1938



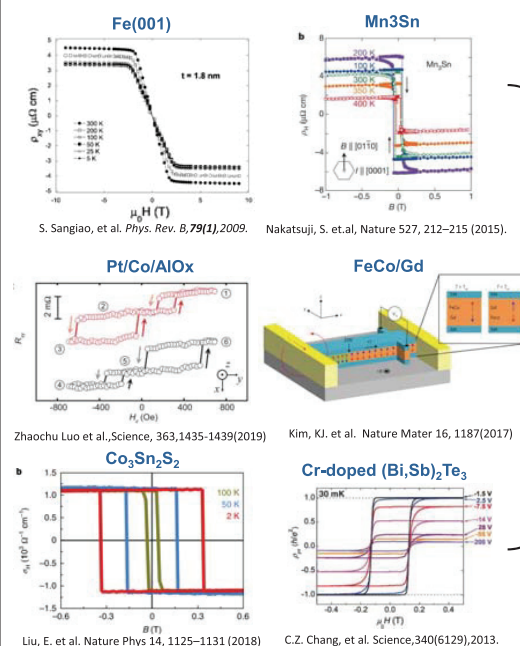
$$\rho_{xy} = R_0 H_z + R_s M_z$$



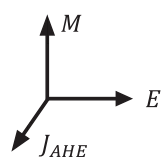
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Anomalous Hall effect: characteristics and applications

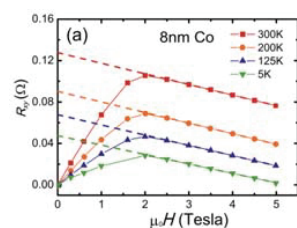


① Orthogonality

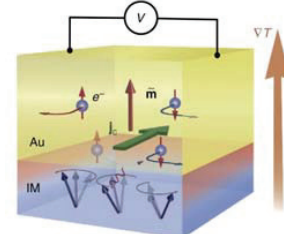


② Linear to M

$$J_{AHE} \propto E \times M$$



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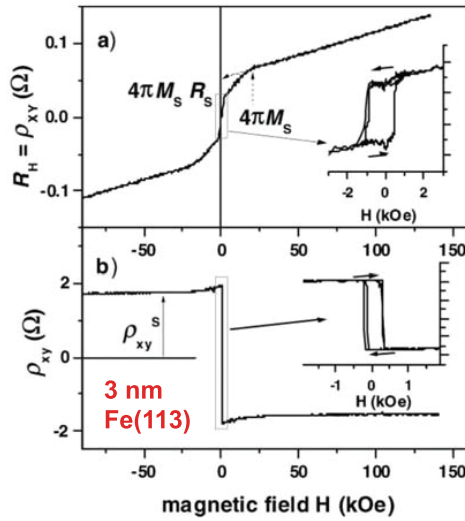
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The AHE sensitizes to **out-of-plane M**

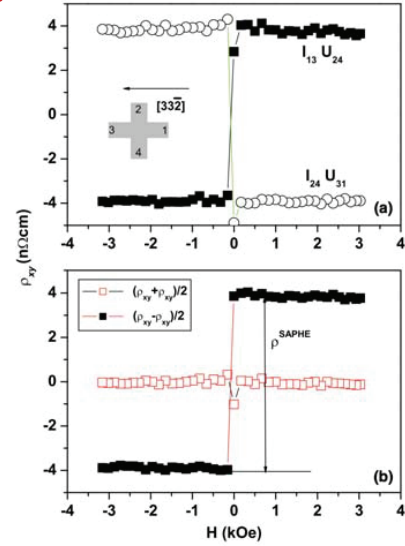
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AHE signal induced by in-plane M , Why?

10nm Fe(113)/GaAs(113)



K-J Friedland *et al.*, Physica E 10 442 (2001)



K-J Friedland *et al.*, JPCM, 18, 2641 (2006)

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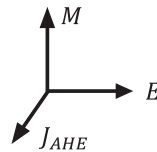
Anomalous Hall effect: characteristics and applications

Consider the conductivity tensor:

$$\vec{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} & -\sigma_{zx} \\ -\sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} & \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{zx} & -\sigma_{yz} & \sigma_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\sigma}_{AHE} = (\sigma_{yz}, \sigma_{zx}, \sigma_{xy})$$

① Orthogonality



② Linear to M

$$J_{AHE} \propto E \times M$$

Phenomenological formulation of the AHE

$$J_{AHE} = \sigma_{AHE} \times E$$

Assuming a **linear response** of M in σ_{AHE} :

$$\sigma_{AHE} = pM = \sigma_{AHE} \hat{M}$$

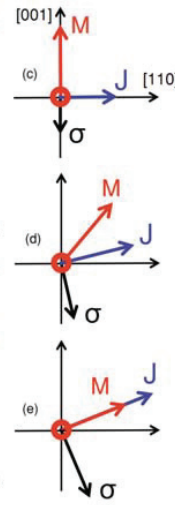
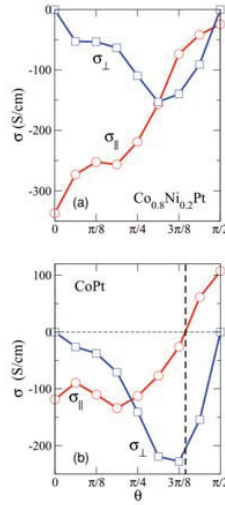
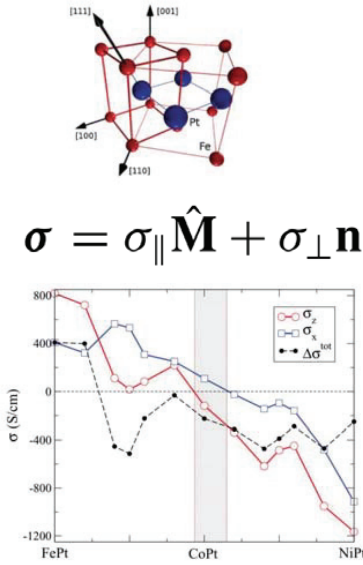
Effectively we have:

$$J_{AHE} = \sigma_{AHE} \hat{M} \times E$$

That is why AHE sensitizes to **out-of-plane M**

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Anisotropy of the Anomalous Hall effect



$$\vec{\sigma}_{\text{AHE}} = p\mathbf{M} = \sigma_{\text{AHE}} \hat{M}$$

$$\vec{\sigma}_{\text{AHE}} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \vec{M}$$

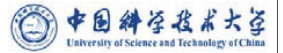
$\sigma \nparallel M$ or $\sigma \perp M$

Eric Roman, Yuriy Mokrousov, and Ivo Souza, PRL 103, 097203 (2009)

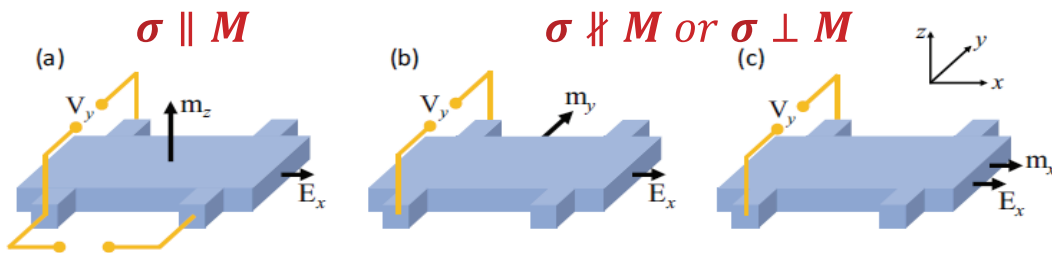
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Recent proposal of the In-plane Anomalous Hall effect



When symmetry of the ferromagnet is low enough, in-plane AHE can appear



H.X. Tan, Y.Z. Liu, and B.H. Yan. Phys. Rev. B, 103(21), 2021

$$\vec{\sigma}_{\text{AHE}} = p\mathbf{M} = \sigma_{\text{AHE}} \hat{M} \quad \vec{\sigma}_{\text{AHE}} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \vec{M}$$

But most ferromagnets, e.g. Fe and Ni, are highly symmetric.....

in-plane AHE seems impossible

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Let us have a close look at the linear dependence: **Multipolar Anisotropy in Anomalous Hall Effect from Spin-Group Symmetry Breaking** Arxiv: 2408.08810

$$\sigma_{\text{AHE}} = p\mathbf{M} = \sigma_{\text{AHE}}\hat{M}$$

The Onsager relation dictates that:

$$\sigma_{\text{AHE}}(-\mathbf{M}) = -\sigma_{\text{AHE}}(\mathbf{M})$$

So there can also be higher-order terms of $\mathbf{M}$ in σ_{AHE}

$$\sigma_H = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_n \int \frac{dk_x dk_y}{2\pi} \Omega_n f(E_{n\mathbf{k}})$$

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(Dated: August 19, 2024)

Berry curvature multipole in magnetization space

$$\sigma_{\text{AHE}}^i = p_{ii_1}^{(1)} P_{i_1}^{(1)} + \sum_{N \geq 3}^{\text{odd}} p_{ii_1 i_2 \dots i_N}^{(N)} P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N}^{(N)}$$

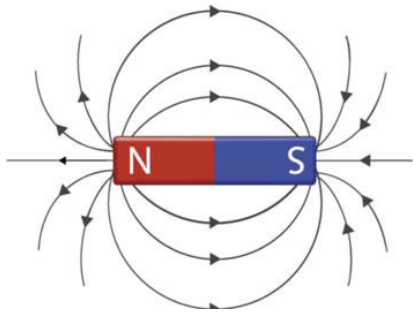
TABLE I. The Hall-type current due to the multipole of the Berry curvature in the momentum and magnetic-order space.

	in momentum space	in magnetic-order space
Monopole c_i	$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{c}$ [6]	Zero
Dipole p_{ij}	$\mathbf{J} = \tau \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{E}$ [62]	$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}$
Quadrupole q_{ijk}	$\mathbf{J} = \tau^2 \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}$ [63, 64]	Zero
Octupole o_{ijkl}	$\mathbf{J} = \tau^3 \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{o} \cdot \mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}$ [64]	$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{o} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{M}}\hat{\mathbf{M}}\hat{\mathbf{M}}$

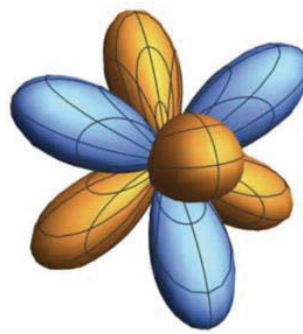
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How to imagine the multipolar structure of Berry curvature in M-space?

Dipole



Octupole



$$\sigma_{\text{AHE}}^i = \underbrace{p_{ii_1}^{(1)} P_{i_1}^{(1)}}_{\text{Dipole}} + \underbrace{\sum_{N \geq 3}^{\text{odd}} p_{ii_1 i_2 \dots i_N}^{(N)} P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N}^{(N)}}_{\text{Higher-order poles}}$$

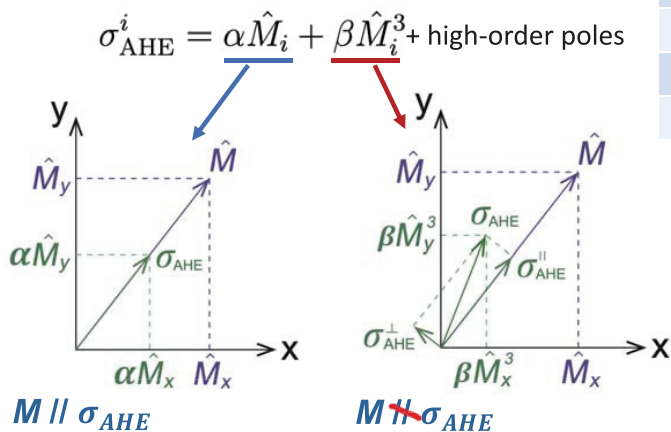
cubic FM, e.g. Fe, as example:

$$\sigma_{\text{AHE}}^i = \alpha \hat{M}_i + \beta \hat{M}_i^3 + \text{high-order poles}$$

Dipole **Higher-order poles**

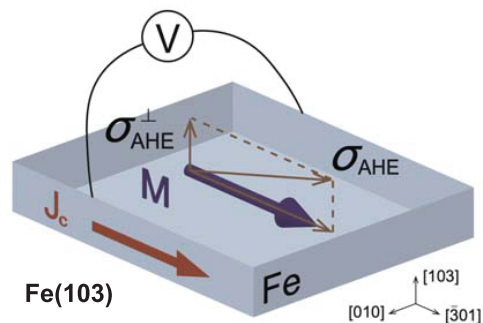
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Let us reconsider the AHE in Fe:

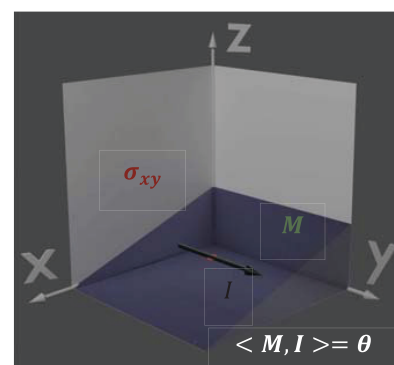
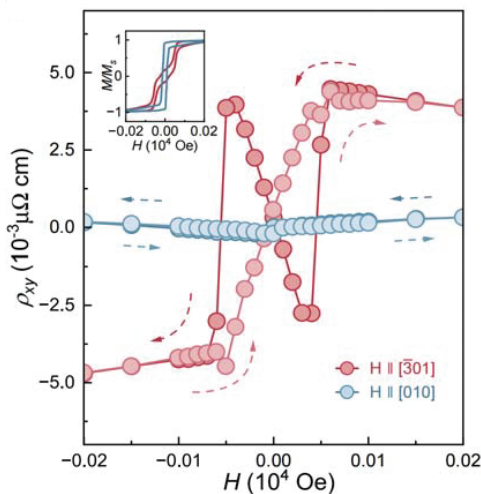
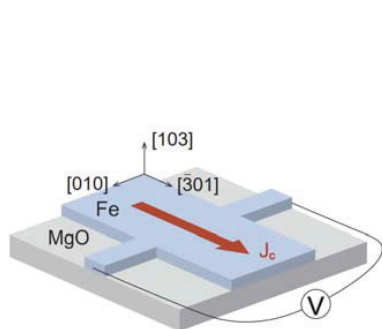


M	(M_x^3, M_y^3, M_z^3)	alignment between M and (M_x^3, M_y^3, M_z^3)
(001)	(001)	Collinear
(111)	(111)	Collinear
(103)	(1,0,27)	Non-collinear
(112)	(118)	Non-collinear

Practical design for the in-plane AHE measurement in Fe

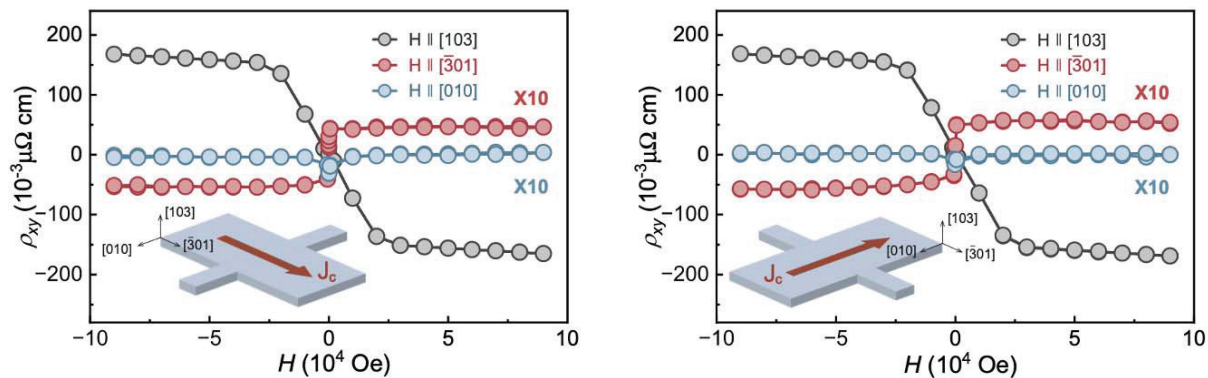


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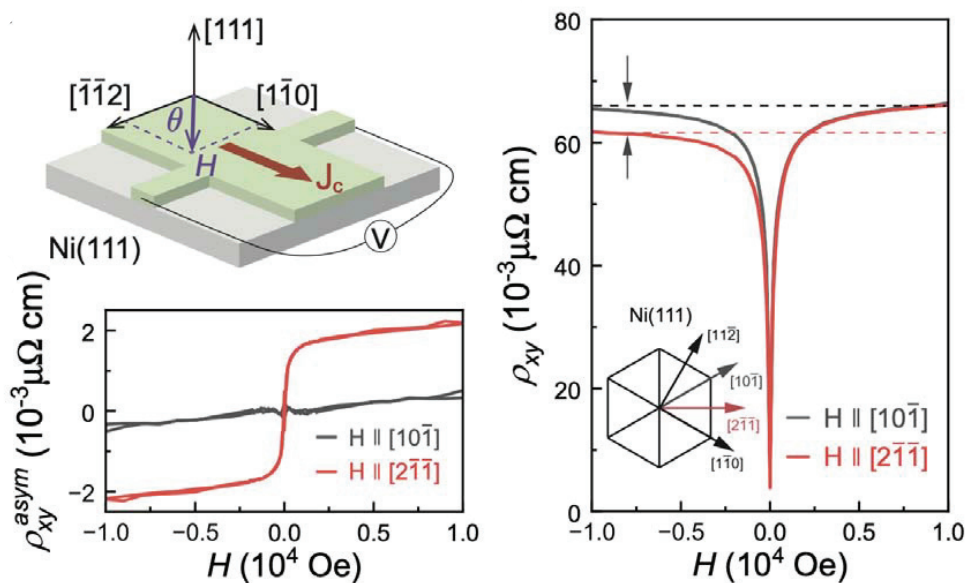
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Excluding the trial origin of the AHE by tilting out-of-plane *M*

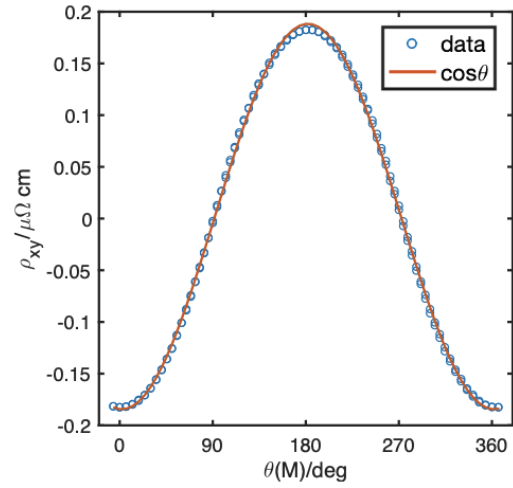
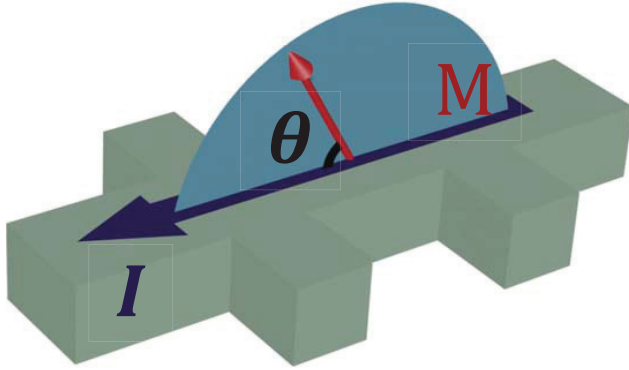
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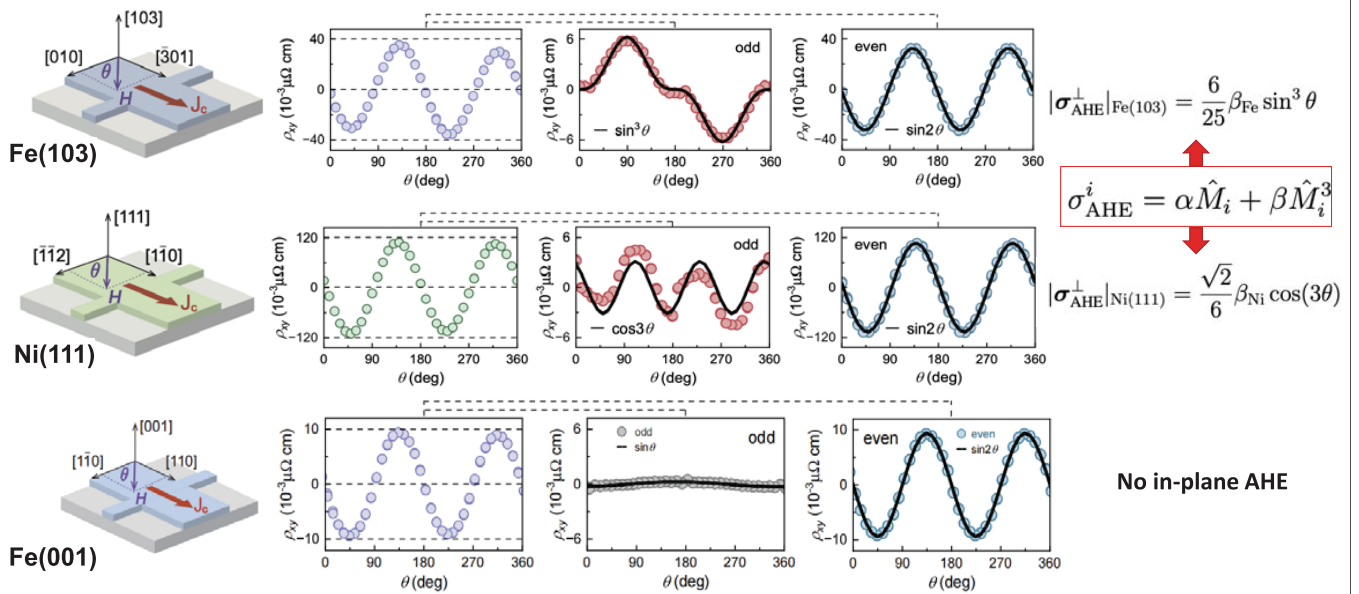


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Fe(001) @ $|H| = 90000$ Oe

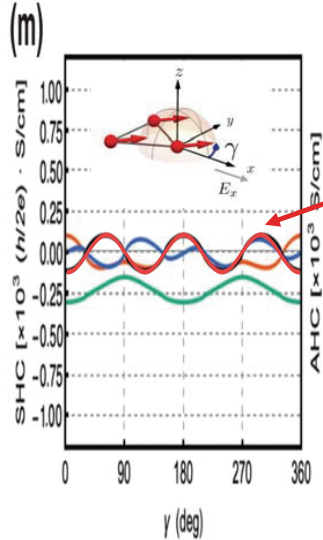
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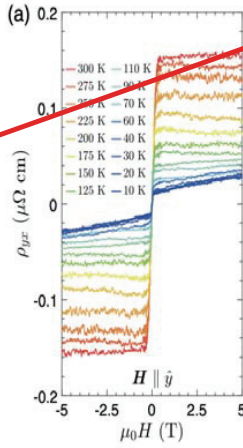
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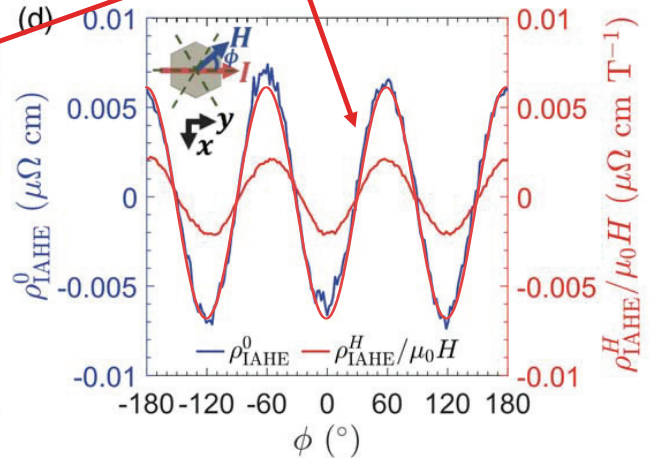
$\text{Co}_3\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_2$



Fe_3Sn_2



$$\rho_{\text{AHE}} = A \cos(3\phi)$$



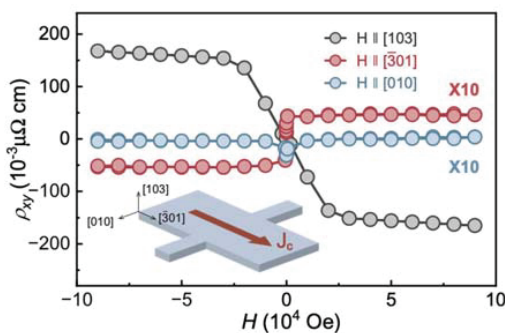
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Discussion

$$\sigma_{\text{AHE}}^i = \alpha \hat{M}_i + \beta \hat{M}_i^3$$

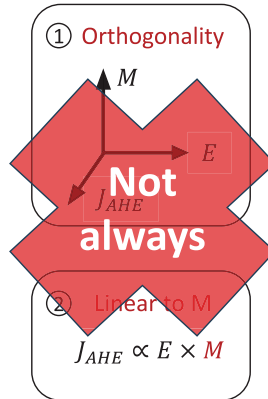


$$\alpha = 840.682 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$\beta = -136.811 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1} \quad \text{in Fe}$$

Octupole AHE contribution is significant!

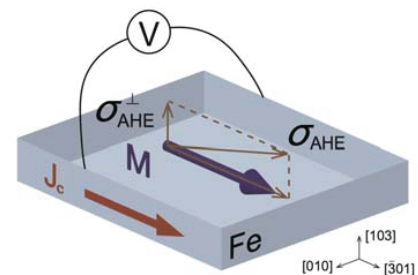
① Orthogonality



② Linear to M

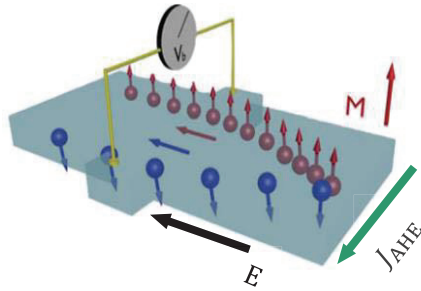
Features of the Octupole AHE:

- Hall measurement of in-plane $\mathbf{M}$
- Allowed in all space groups
- Showing various angle dependence



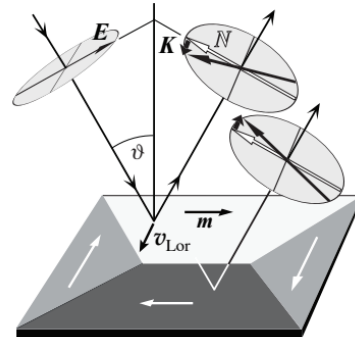
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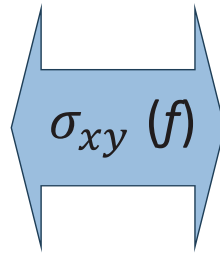


$$E_{xx} \rightarrow E_{xy} @ \text{few Hz}$$

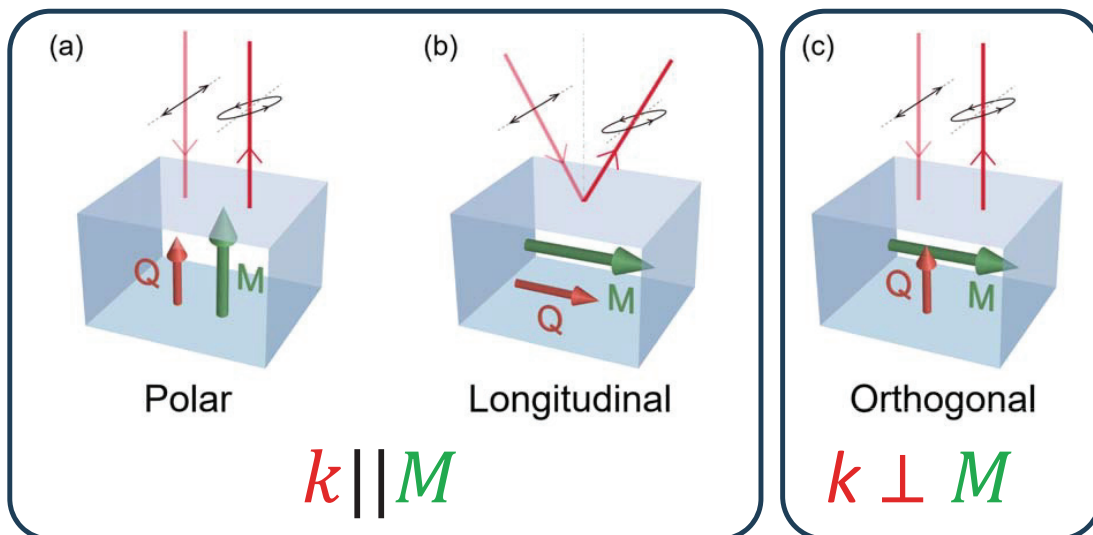
Magneto-optical Kerr effect(MOKE)



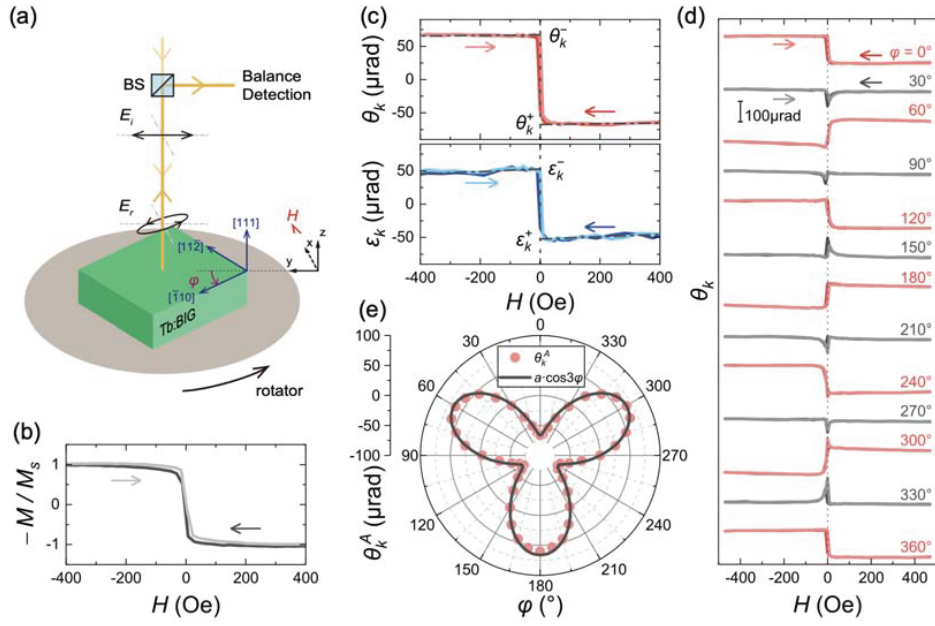
$$E_{xx} \rightarrow E_{xy} @ \sim 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$



Orthogonal MOKE: a new geometry of magneto-optical effect

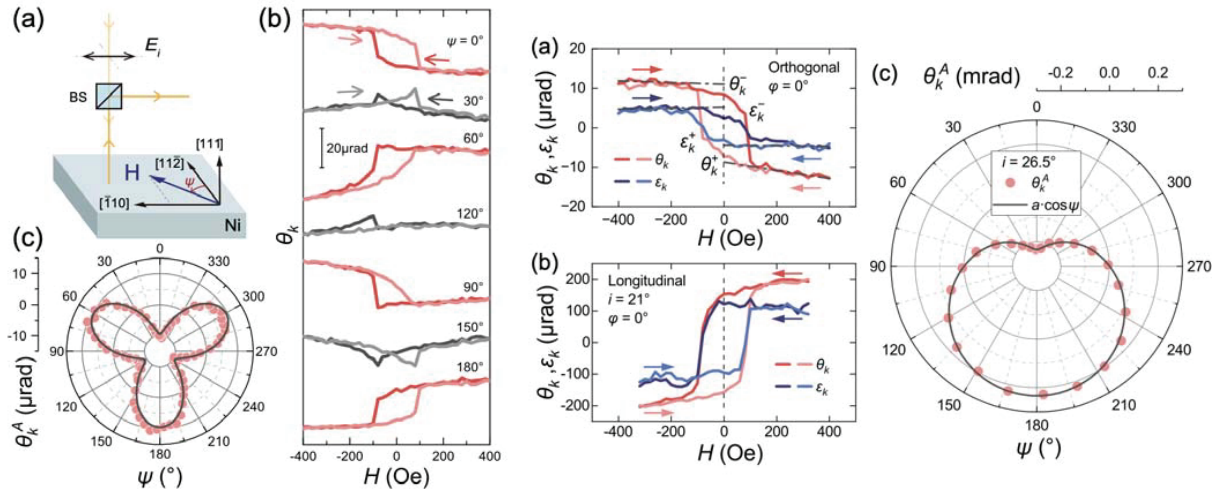


Orthogonal MOKE in Tb:BiG



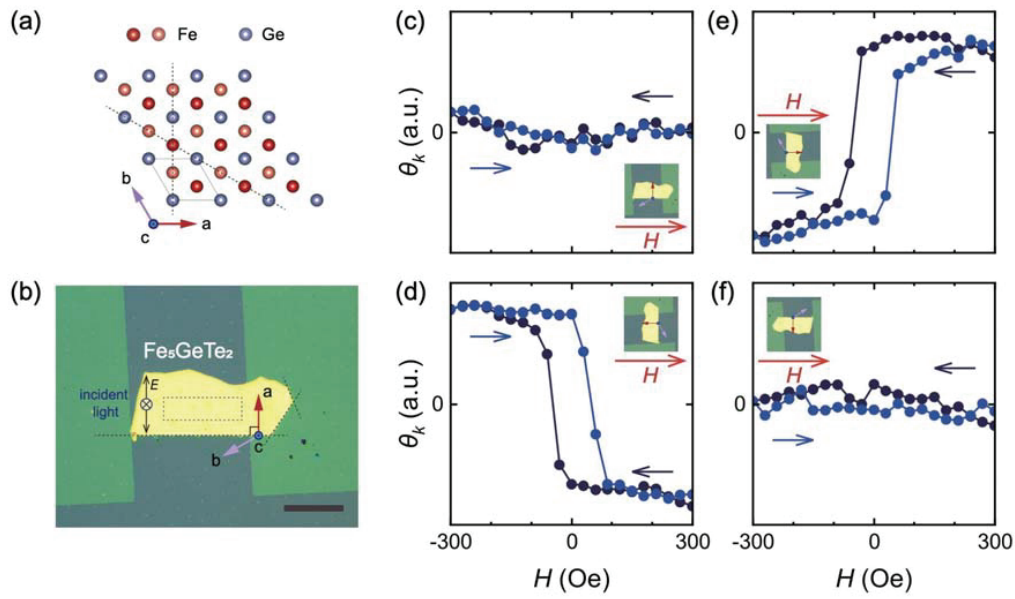
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Orthogonal MOKE in Ni(111)



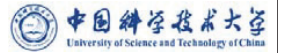
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Orthogonal MOKE in FGT



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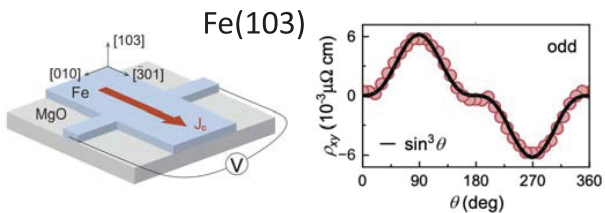


$$\sigma_{\text{AHE}}^i = p_{ij} \hat{M}_i + \frac{1}{15} o_{ijkl} \hat{M}_j \hat{M}_k \hat{M}_l \dots$$

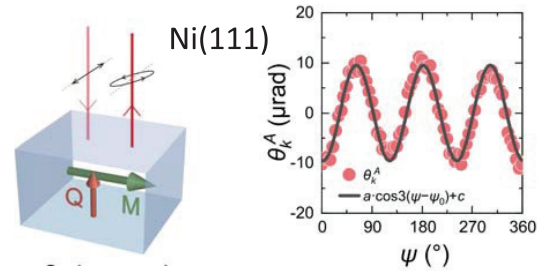
Dipole

Multipolar structure

In-plane AHE



Orthogonal MOKE

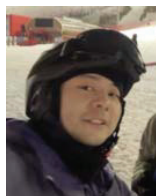


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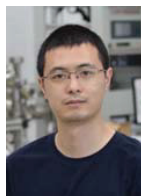
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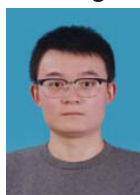


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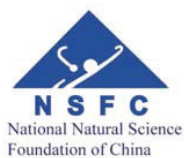
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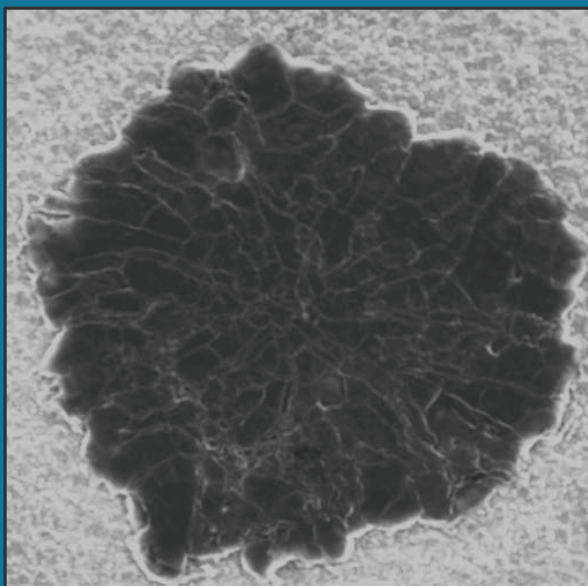
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Lithium plated on Cu

Formation Rate as a Key Factor in Enhancing the Stability of Anode-Less Lithium Metal Batteries

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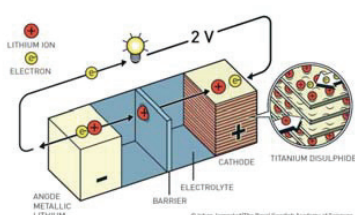
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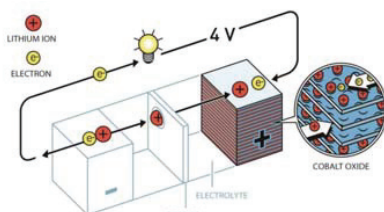
What are anode-less batteries?

Historic perspective (three contributions to Nobel Prize):

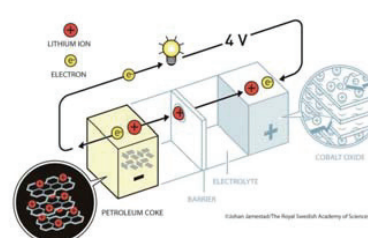
Stanley Whittingham (1973)



John B. Goodenough (1980)



Akira Yoshino (1991)



Dramatic improvements possible by revisiting 50 year old anode technology

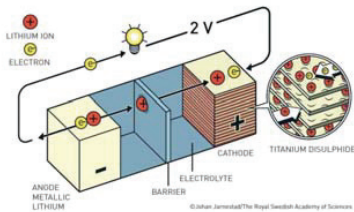
Past 30 years only industrial anode development has been on adding Si to Gr and controlling SEI better



What are anode-less batteries?

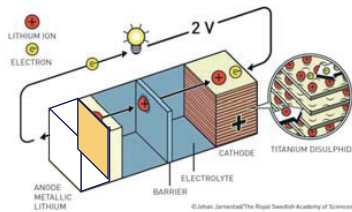
Historic perspective

Whittingham (1973) / Half-cell



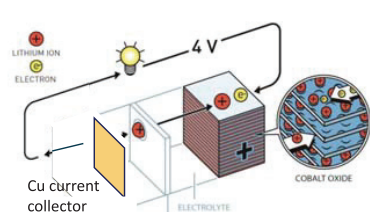
>250 μm Lithium

Li metal anode



<50 μm Li on Cu foil

Anode-Less



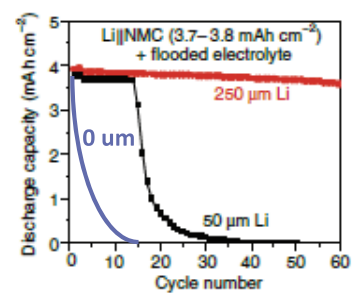
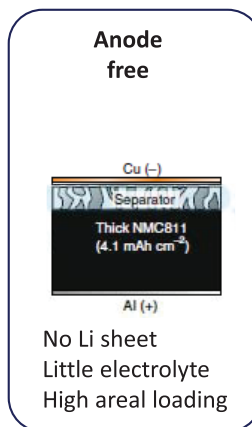
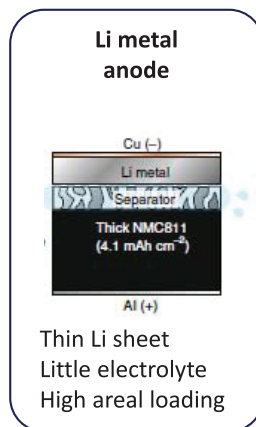
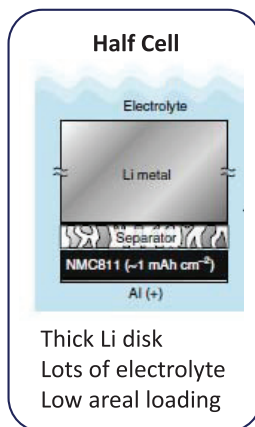
Only Cu foil

Why Anode-less (anode free) rather than Li metal?

- Manufacturing thin lithium foils (<50 μm thickness) over large areas is challenging
- Processing batteries with Li metal foils requires controlled environment
- N/P ratio = 1, lean design, but no additional Li inventory to artificially increase lifetime



“Half cells” versus “Li metal anode” versus “Anode free”



Half cells are very different from Anode Free!

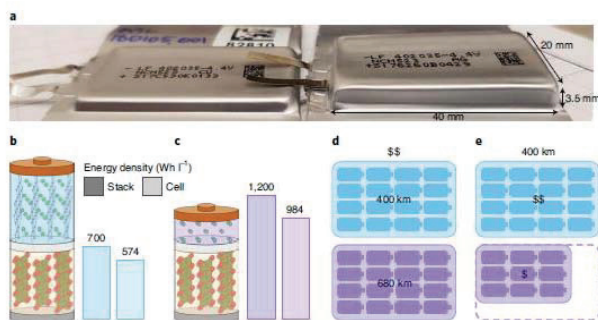
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[Adapted from J. Liu, Nature Energy | VOL 4 | MARCH 2019 | 180-186]

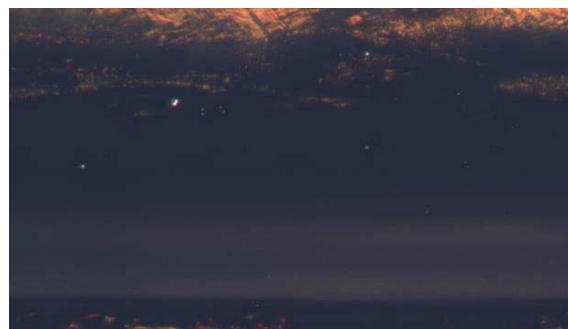
What are the benefits if we get anode free batteries right?

The benefits:



[R. Weber, Nature Energy, 4, 683–689, 2019]

The challenge:



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Existing strategies to extend lifetime of anode-less batteries

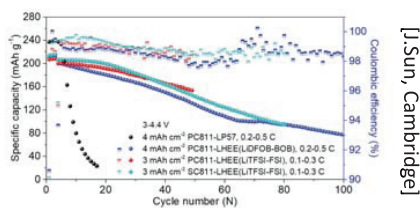
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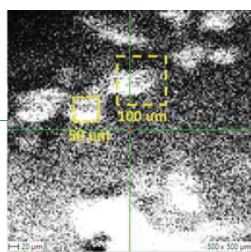
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SEI, Current collector

Formation & Cycling protocols



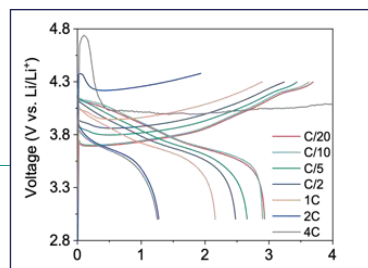
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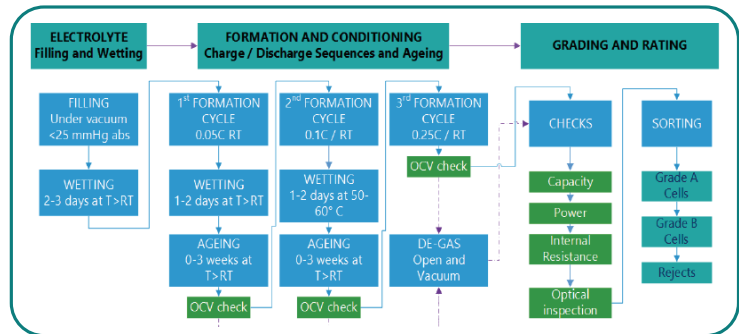
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Formation protocol background



Cell formation has a strong impact on battery life time

- In academia:
 - Rest cells ~ 1 day after electrolyte filling
 - Cycle 3 times at C/10
- In industry:
 - Protocols are much more complex
 - C/20, C/10, C/4 with long rests and de-gassing
 - Protocol kept secret
- Common understanding:
 - Slow charge/discharge improves Graphite SEI



Anode-less literature: Suggests temperature control is important

Our approach: Check if slow formation protocols developed for Gr are good for anode-less

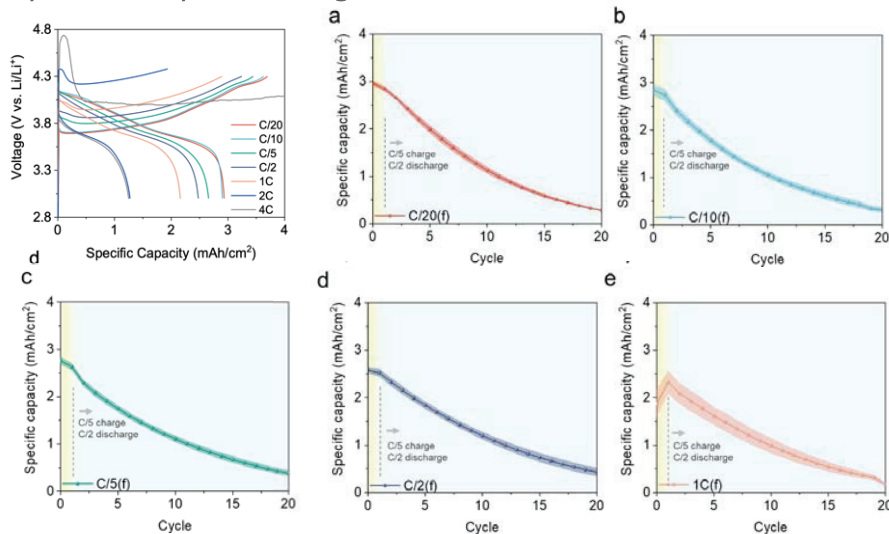
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Cycling results: Cycling protocol



One formation C-D at different C-rates (C/20 to 4C) + Asymmetric cycling at C/5 and D/2

Only the first cycle is changed



Cell design:

NMC 811 vs Cu

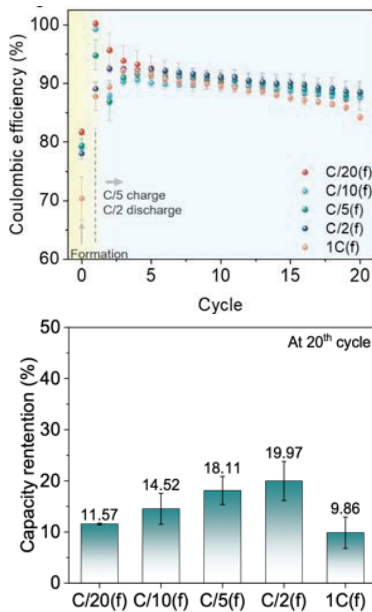
Areal capacity: 3 mAh/cm²,

1M LiPF₆ in EC:DEC, 1:1, v:v

(2C and 4C formation failed)

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Cycling results: Coulombic efficiency



Observations:

- Small difference in formation rate has huge impact on CE!
- Very slow and very fast formation leads to poor performance
- Highest capacity retention (20%) @ C/2 formation
- Capacity retention can be doubled by changing the formation cycle

Hypothesis:

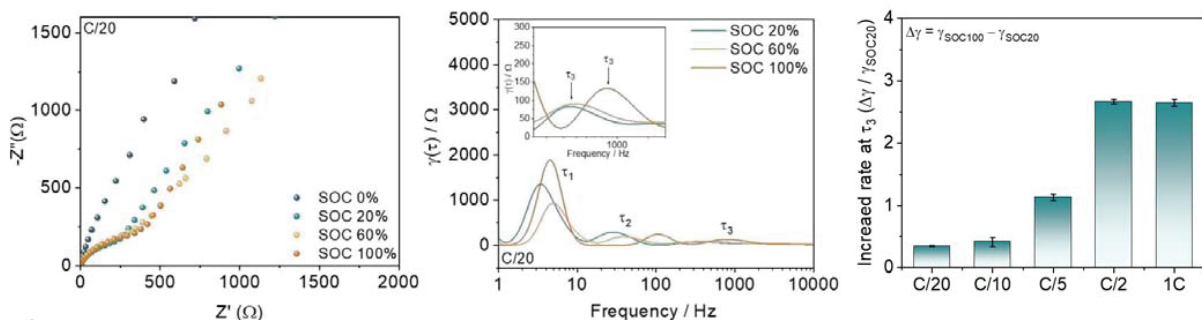
- Initial Li deposition leave traces templating subsequent plating

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EIS – DRT Analysis



Impedance analysis to study SEI formation



- EIS: Data overlaps, therefore moved to DRT analysis.
- DRT: Distribution of relaxation times. τ_3 supposedly captures interfacial phenomenon
- τ_3 peak increases more with SOC at fast formation than C/2, which suggesting a different behaviour of the SEI

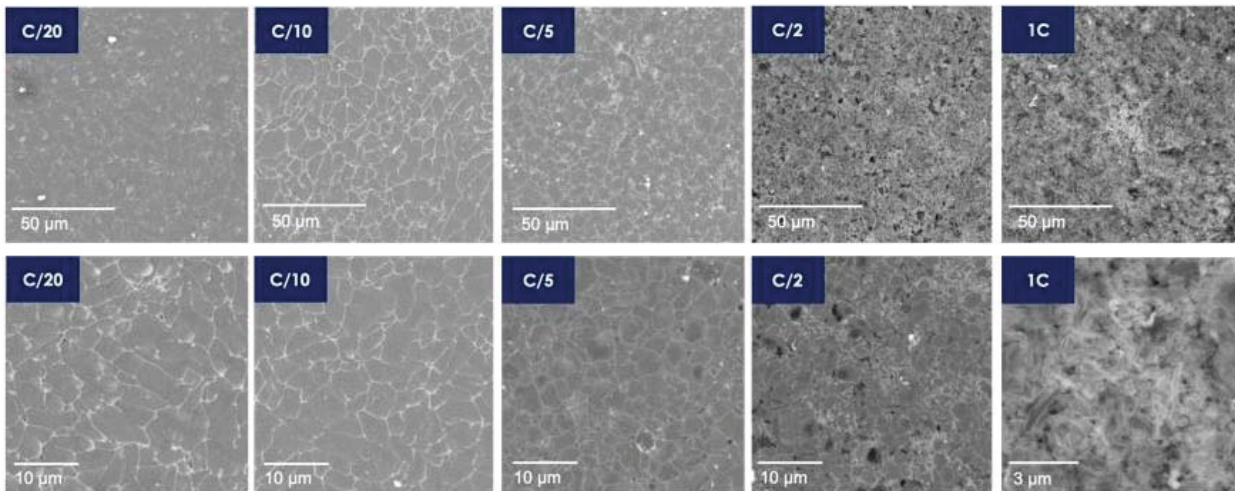
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Post-mortem SEM analysis: First Plating



Plated Li structure decrease in size with C-rate

At 1C dendrites are observed (in agreement with low CE)

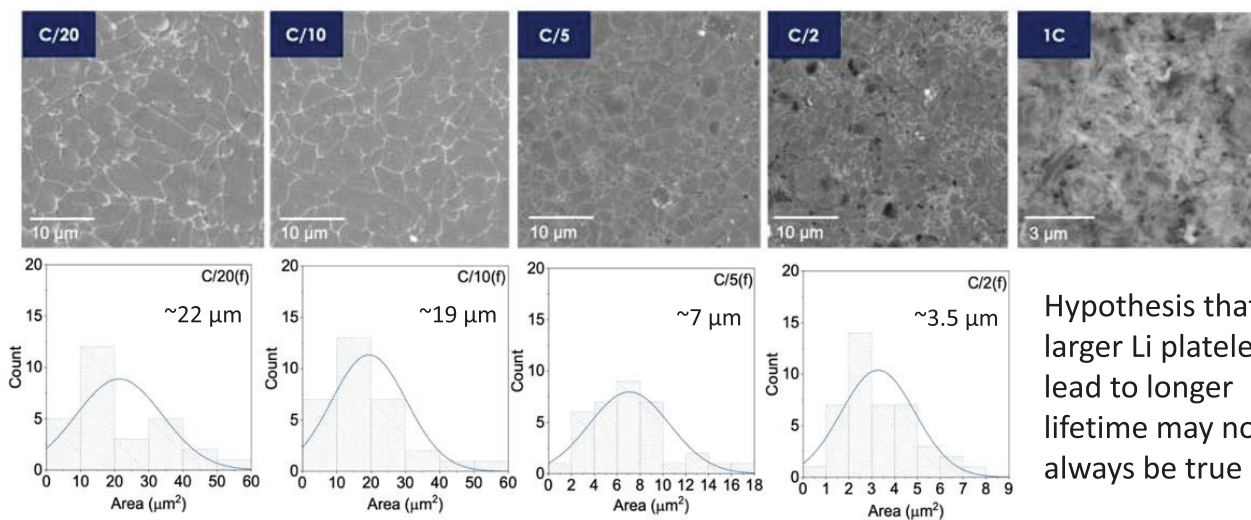


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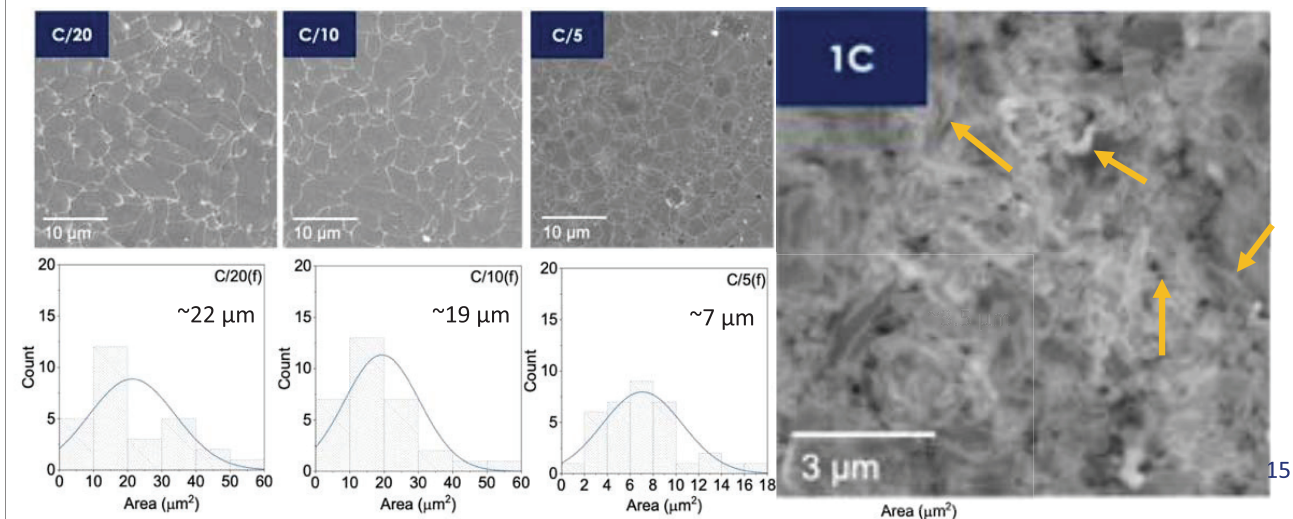


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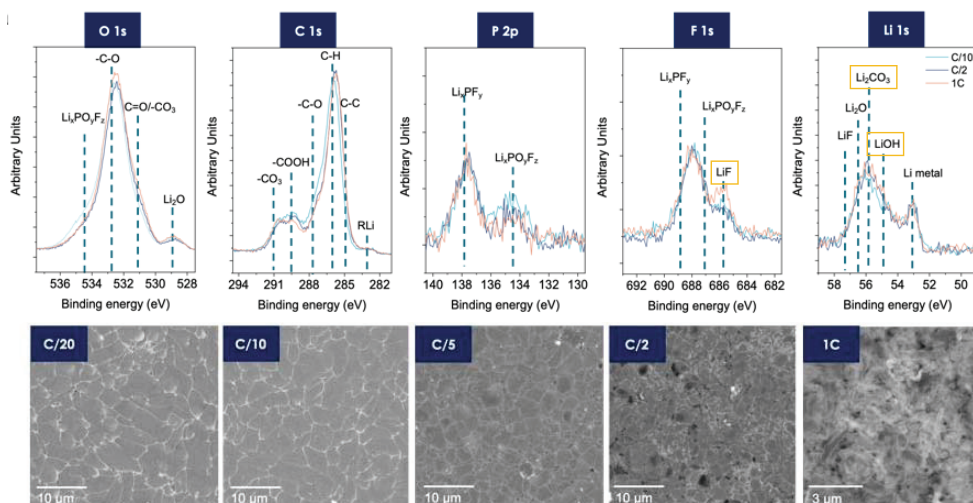


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Post-mortem SEM analysis: First Plating SEI



High rate, LiF , Li_2CO_3 , and LiOH , signal increases.

Inorganic SEIs are known to improve anode-less LIB cycling stability.

This is reflected in higher CE

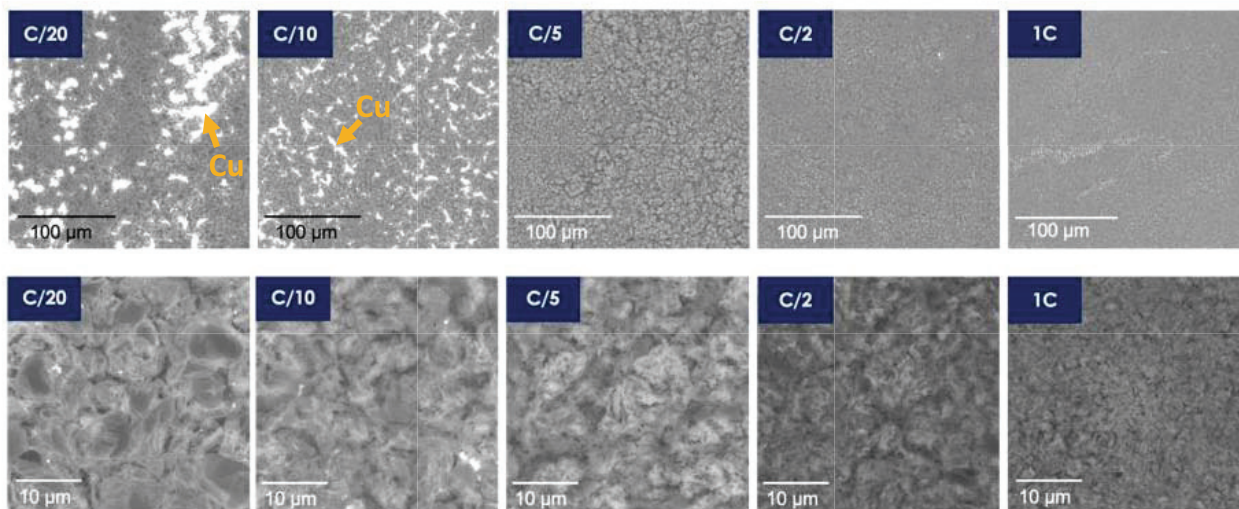
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Post-mortem SEM analysis: First Stripping



Stripped Li after formation at different C-rates

At low C-rate Cu is exposed, which may lead to preferential deposition on Li residues

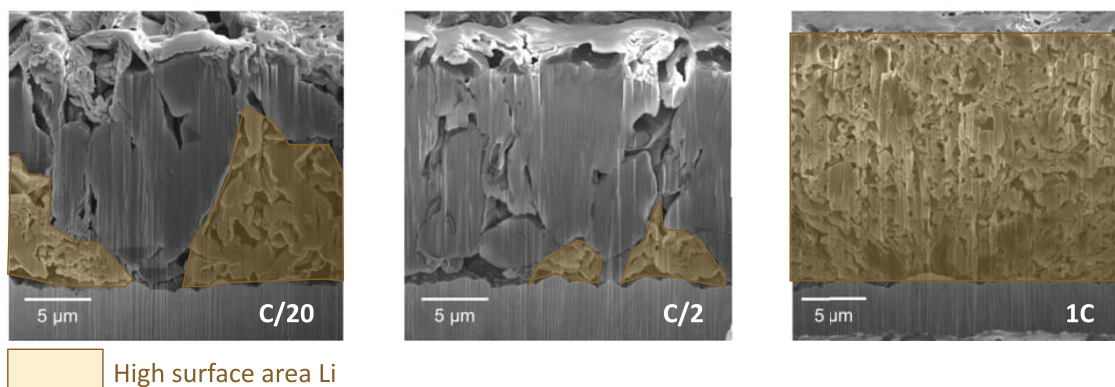


Cross-section SEM @ 2nd Charge



Differences in substrate after first formation, lead to very different second plating

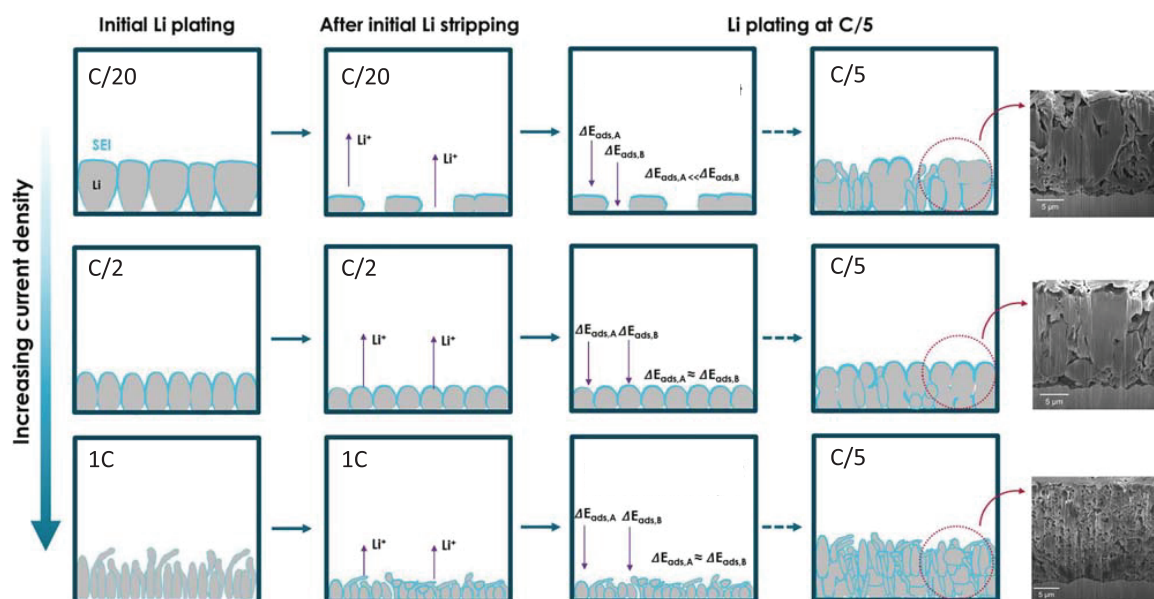
These Cross section after second plating **all @ C/5**



First cycle has large impact in subsequent cycles which explains differences in CE

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Proposed Li morphology evolution



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Is this trend universal or specific to one electrolyte?



Repeated formation and cycling protocol on:

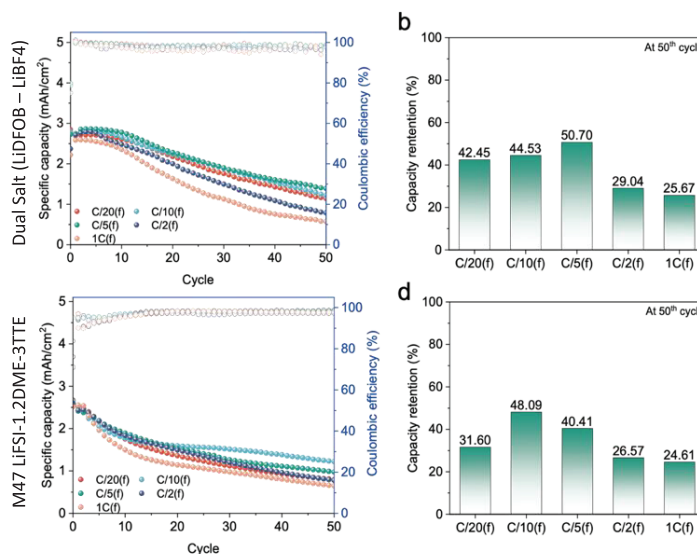
- Dual Salt LiDFOB-LiBF₄
- Localised high concentration LiFSI-1.2DME-3TTE (M47)

Optimal formation rates are different

- C/5 for dual salt
- C/10 for M47

for 3 mAh/cm² cells

Are the trends on the Li morphology the same as observed previously?

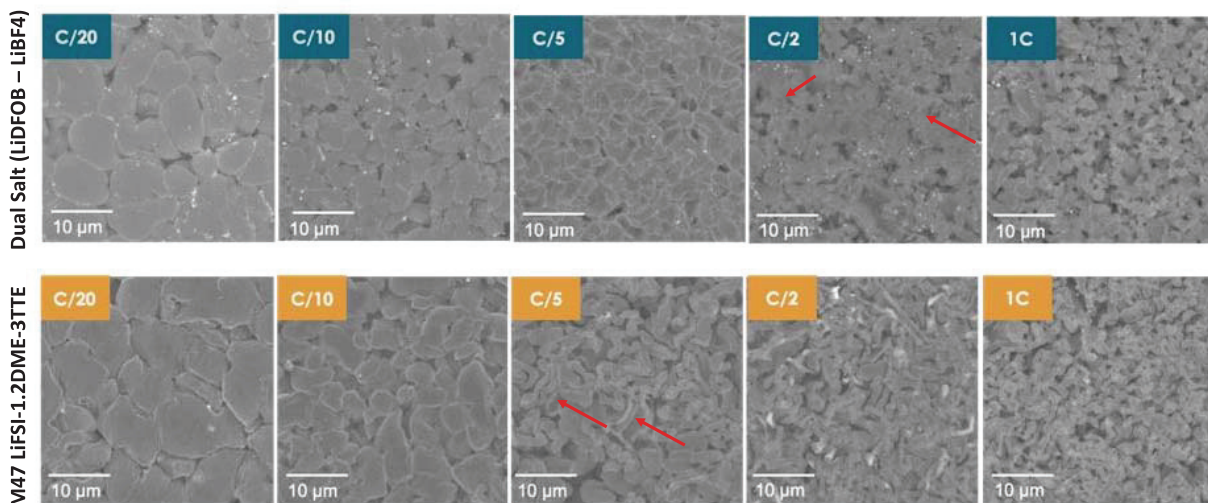


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Li plating morphology



Electrolyte influences plated Li morphology



Largest platelets do not lead to best cycling performance

Best formation always at fastest rate prior to dendrite formation

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Summary: The secret life of anode-less batteries

Anode less batteries are very different from Graphite and Li-metal cells!

- Formation cycles should be as slow as possible
- Fastest rate that does not lead to dendrite formation gives best capacity retention for 3 families of electrolytes tested
- The initial plating and stripping dictates plating behaviour in subsequent cycles
- Optimised formation can double battery life-time

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