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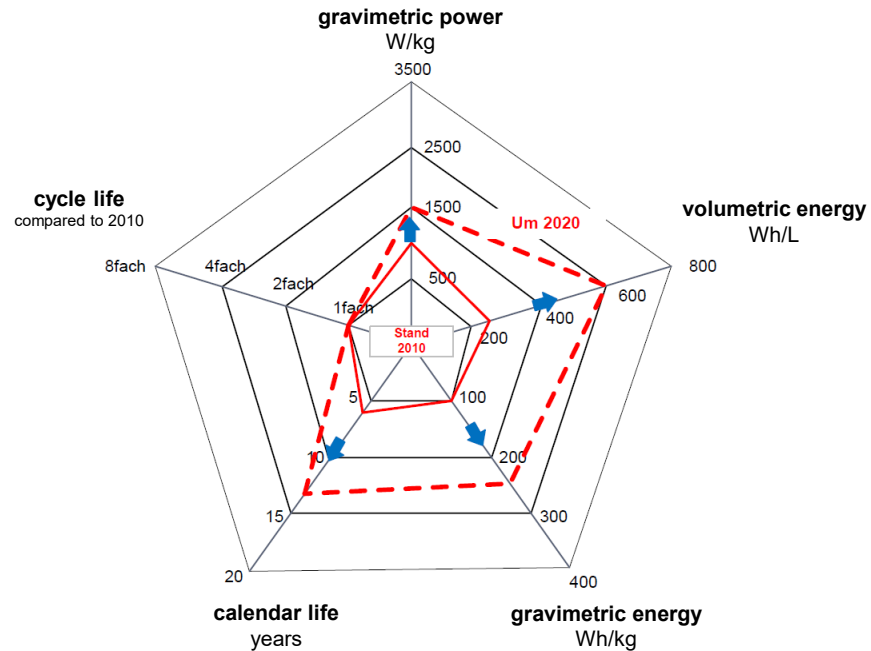
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# The Path to higher Performance and Safety of Batteries - Technological Milestones

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# The path to higher energy density of batteries

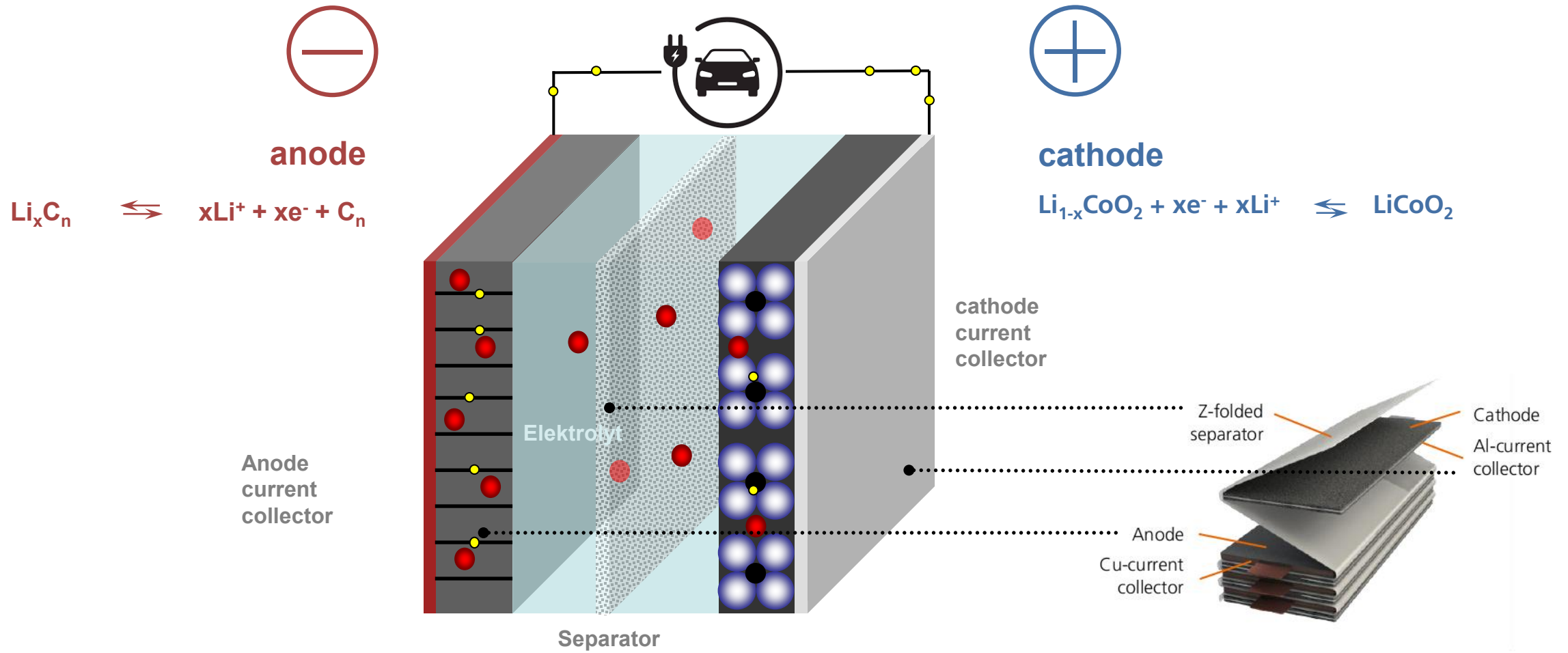
## Requirements for rechargeable batteries



Roadmap of the NEDO (New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization), Japan

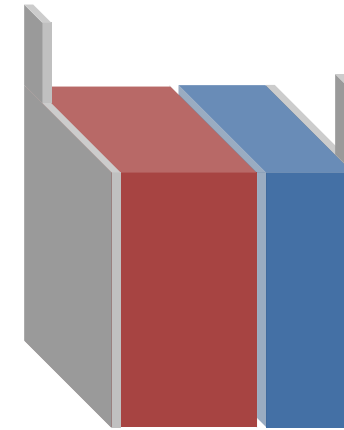
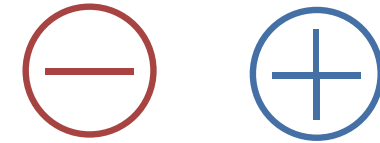
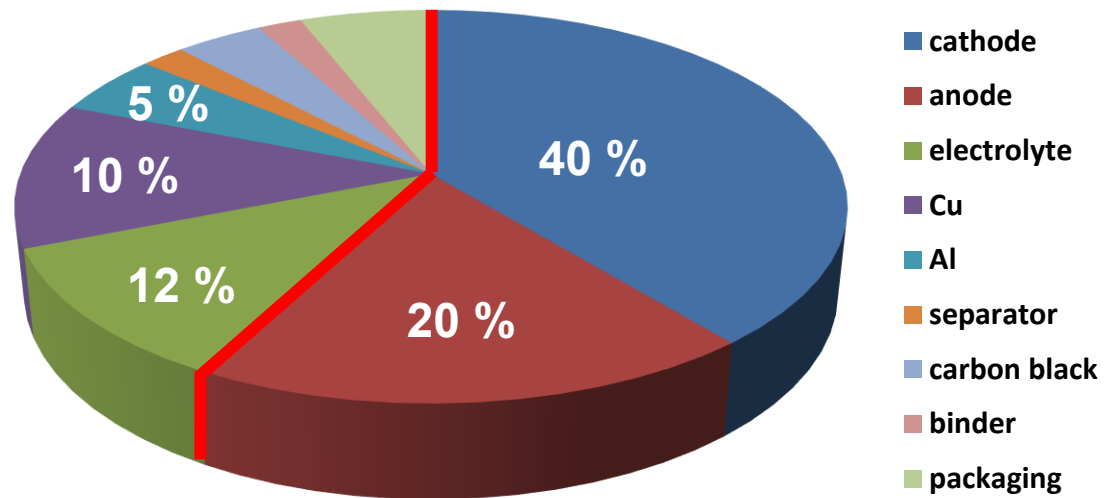
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## Structure and Components of a Lithium-Ion Cell

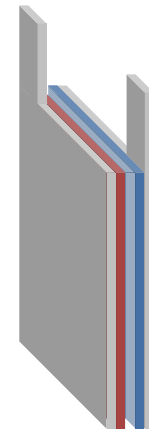


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Composition of a typical pouch cell (mass fractions)



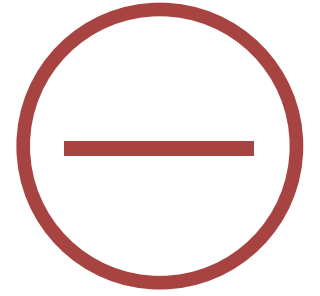
high energy



high power

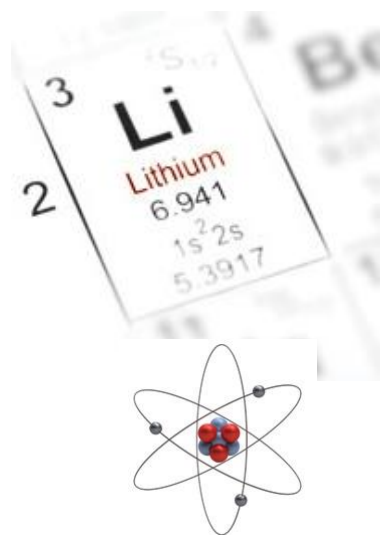
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Anode materials and development trends towards higher energy density



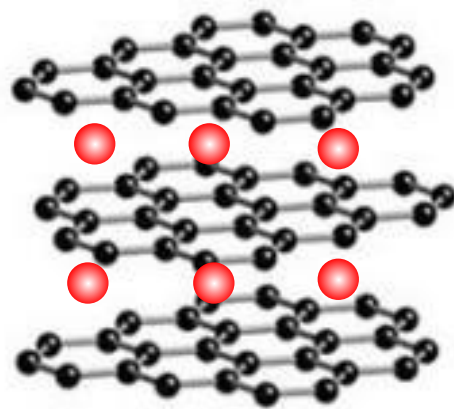
**lithium**

**Li**



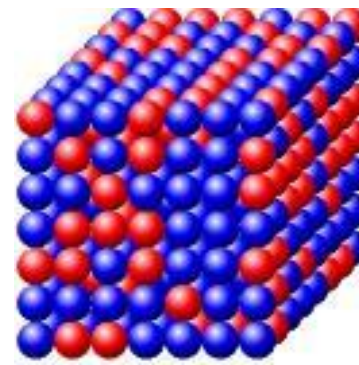
**graphite**

**C**



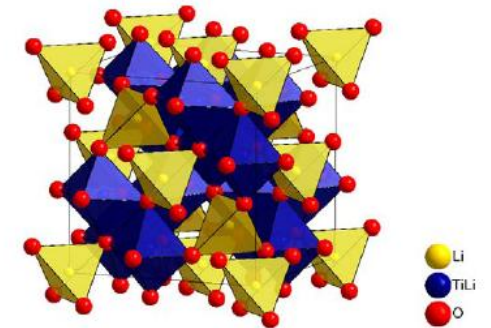
**silicon**

**Si**



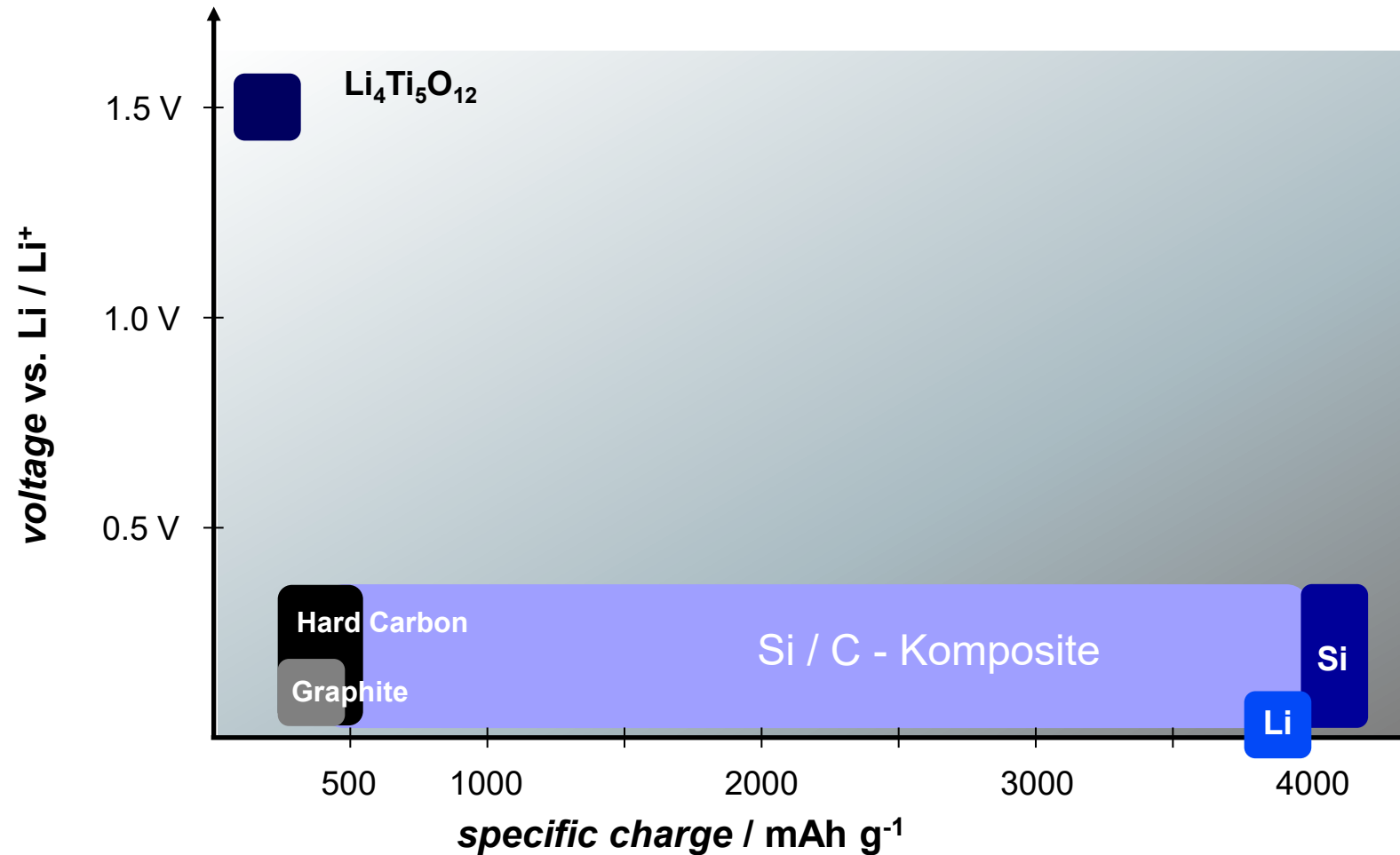
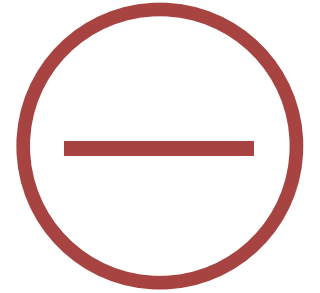
**lithium titanate**

**Li<sub>4</sub>Ti<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub> (LTO)**



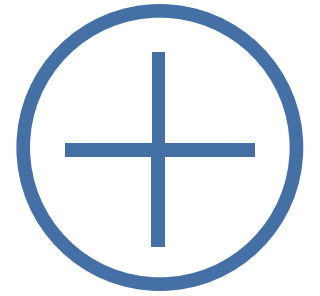
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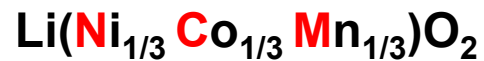
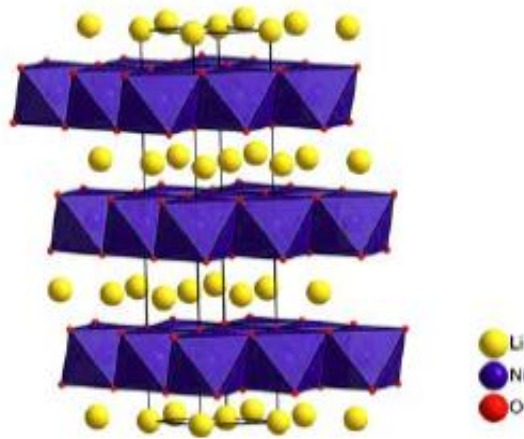


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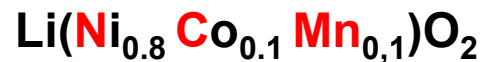
## Cathode materials



### layered structures



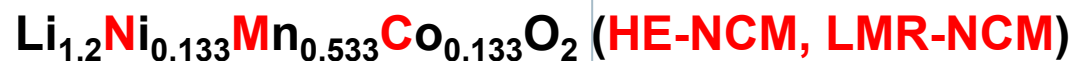
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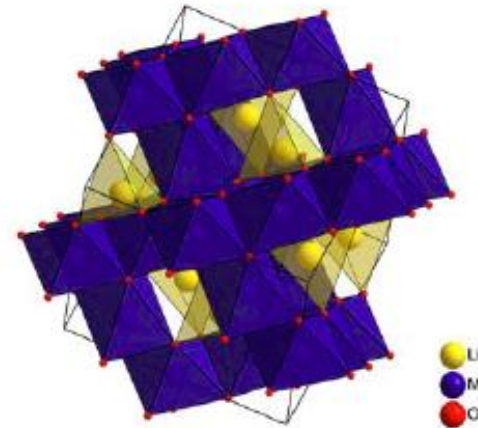
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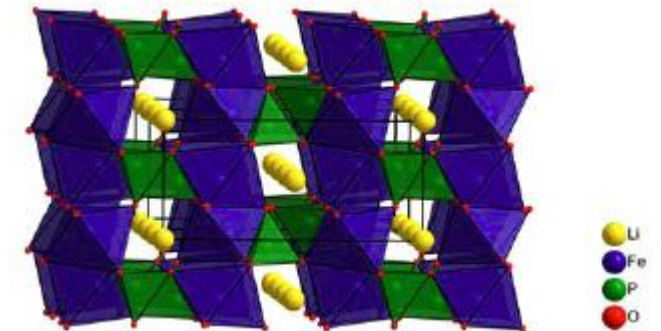
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### spinel

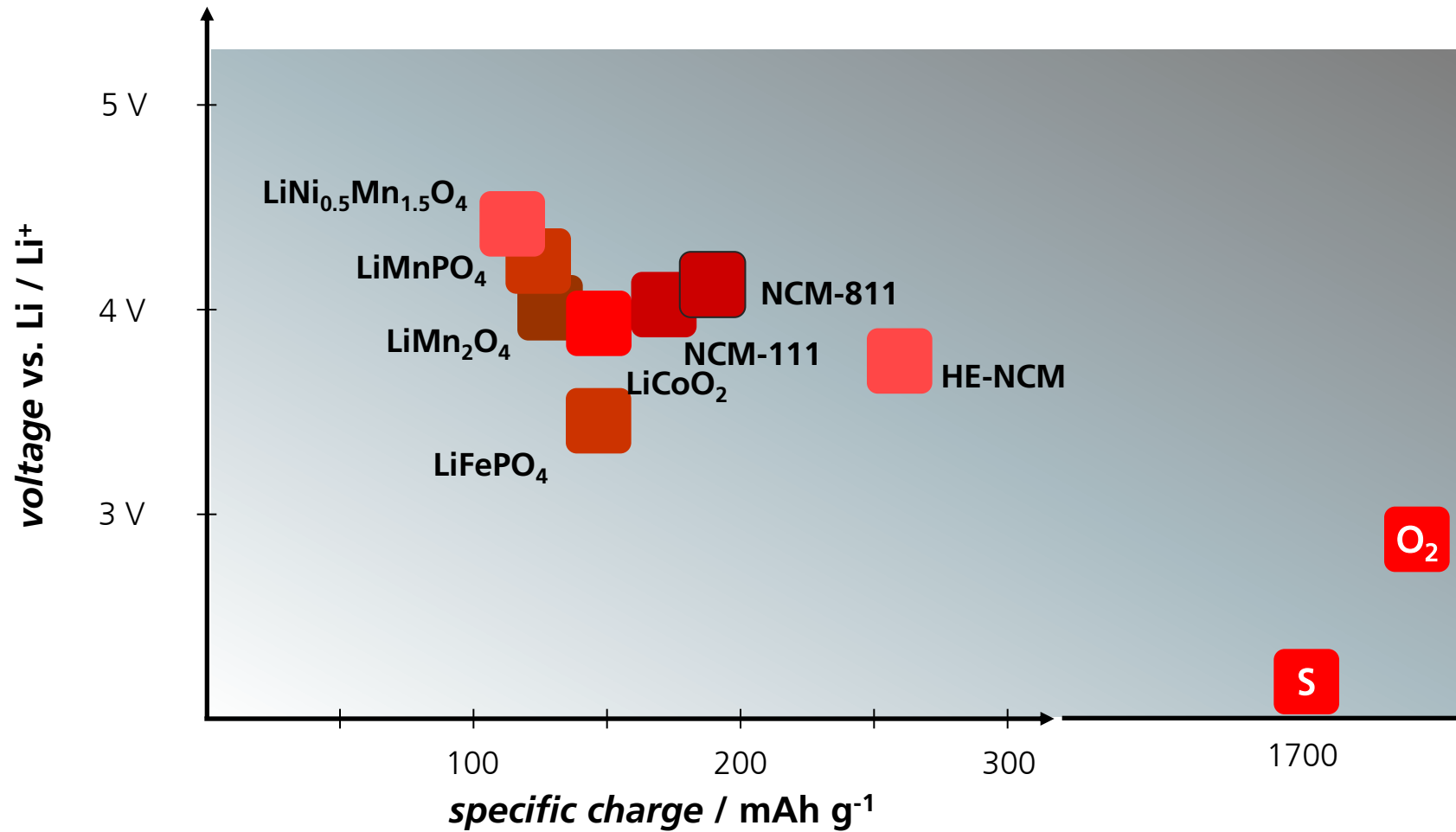
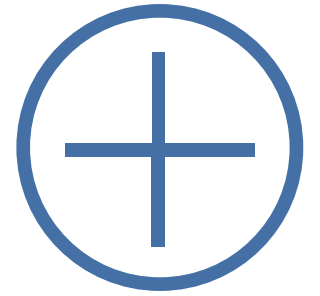


### olivines



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## Safety on Material Level



Lithium cobalt oxide,  
can release oxygen on overcharge



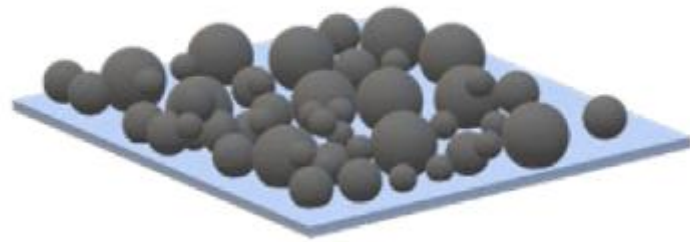
highly flammable,  
combustible electrolyte



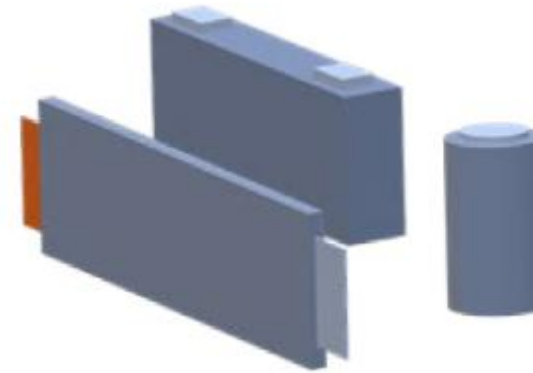
20  $\mu$ m thin, but puncture resistant  
battery separator



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Material

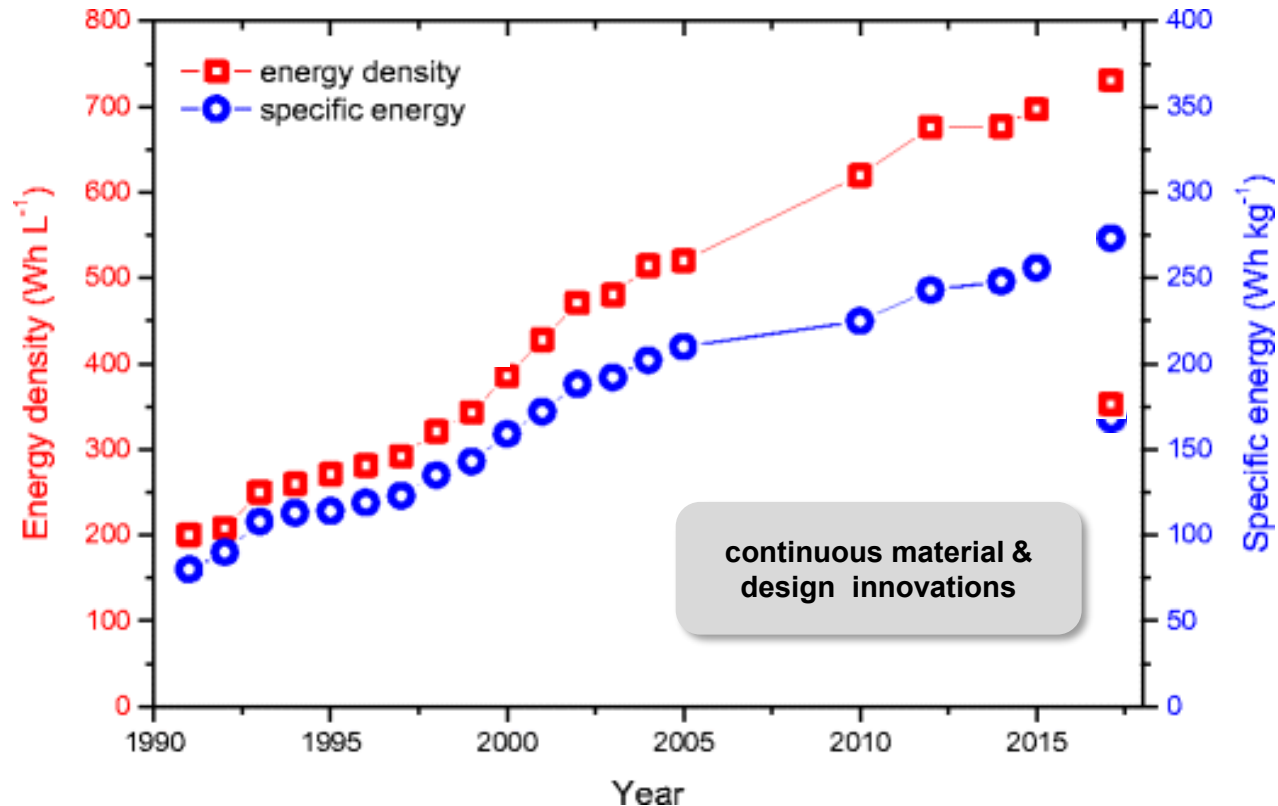


Cell

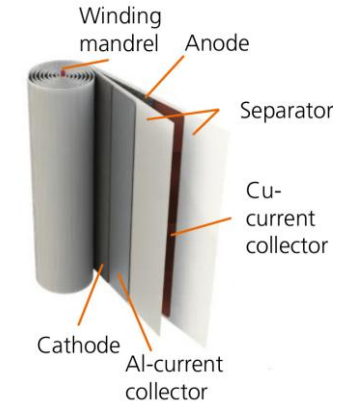
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Material to cell: development of the energy density of a „standard“ cylindrical cell (18650)



18650 cylindrical cells



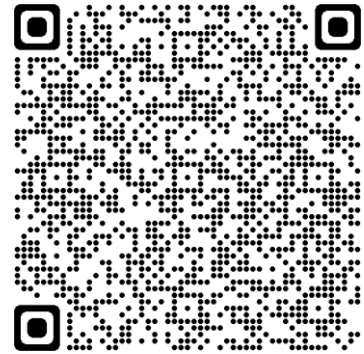
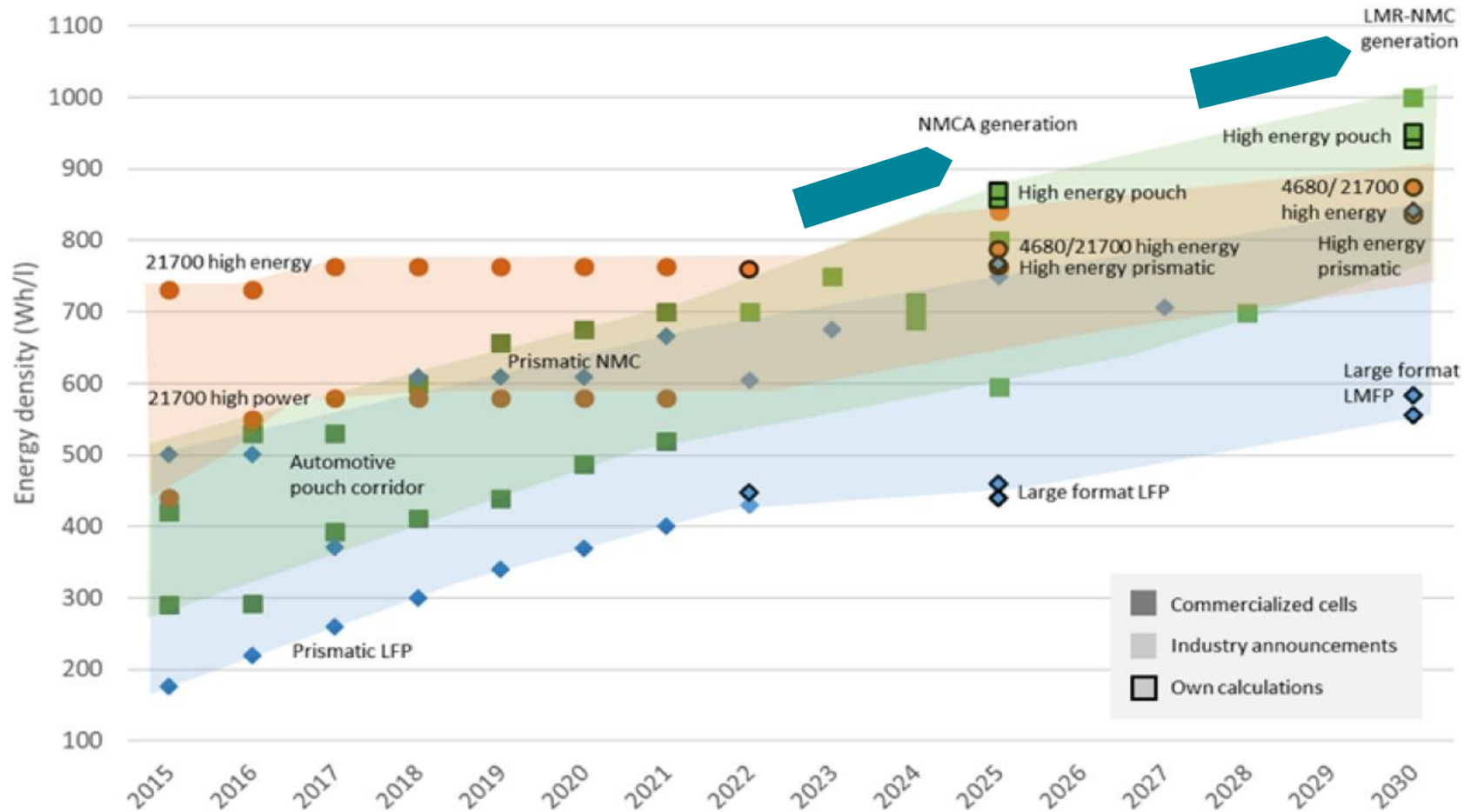
60 Ah prismatic Cell



*J. Solid State Electrochem.* **2017**, *21*, 1939-1964.

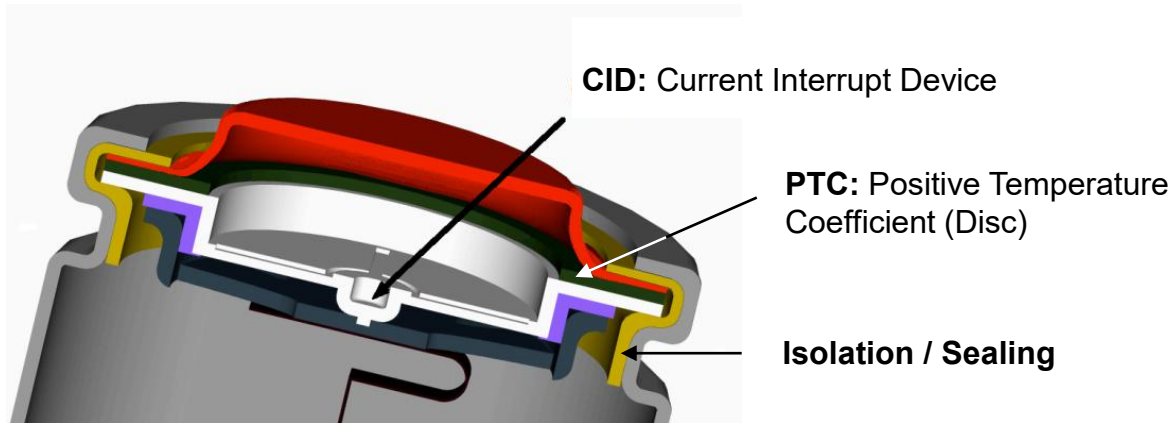
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Fraunhofer – Development perspectives for lithium-ion battery cell formats

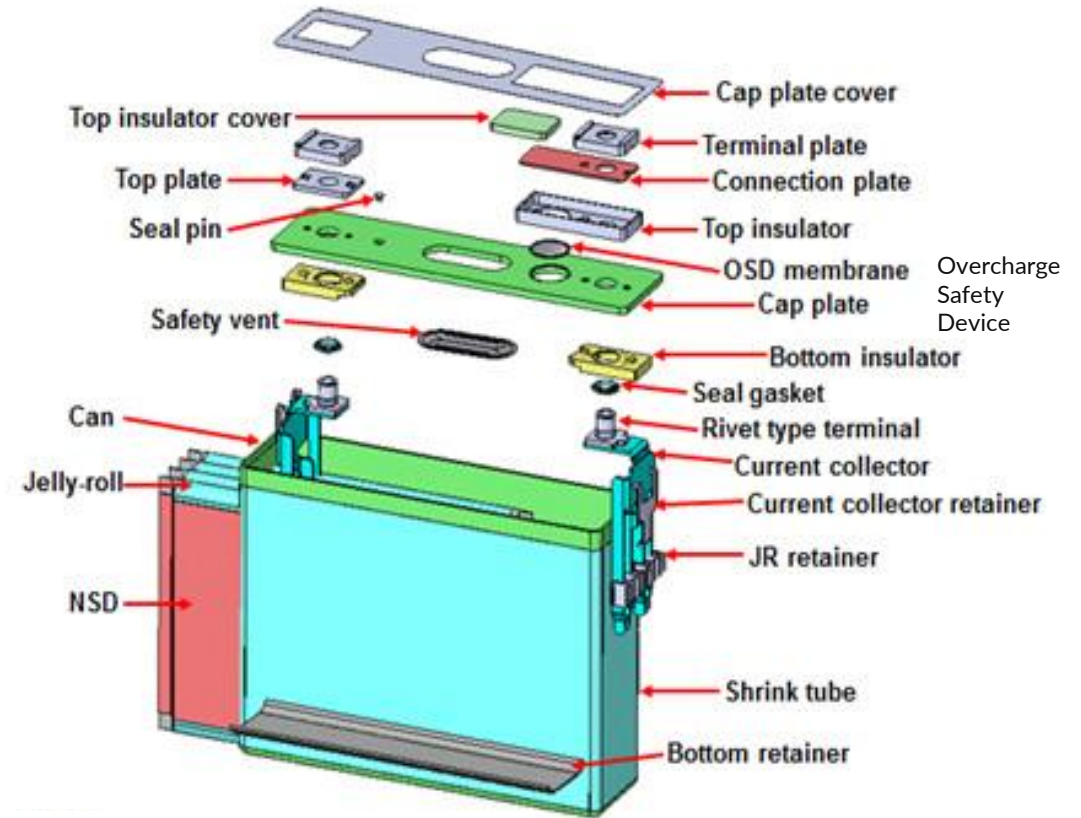


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## Safety on Cell Level



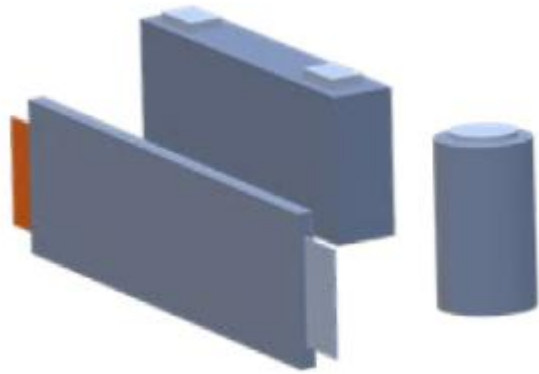
Safety features of a cylindrical cell



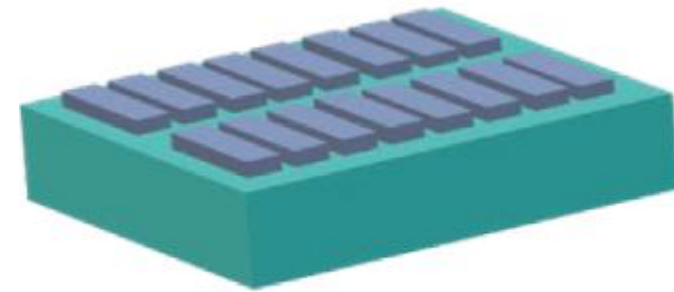
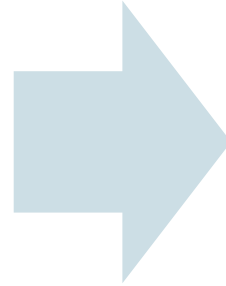
Construction of a prismatic cell



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Cell

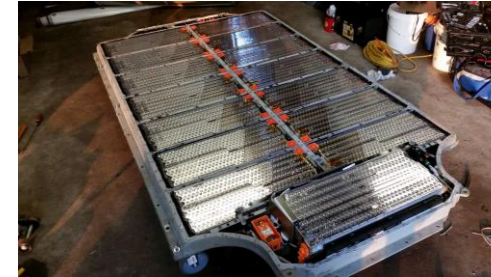
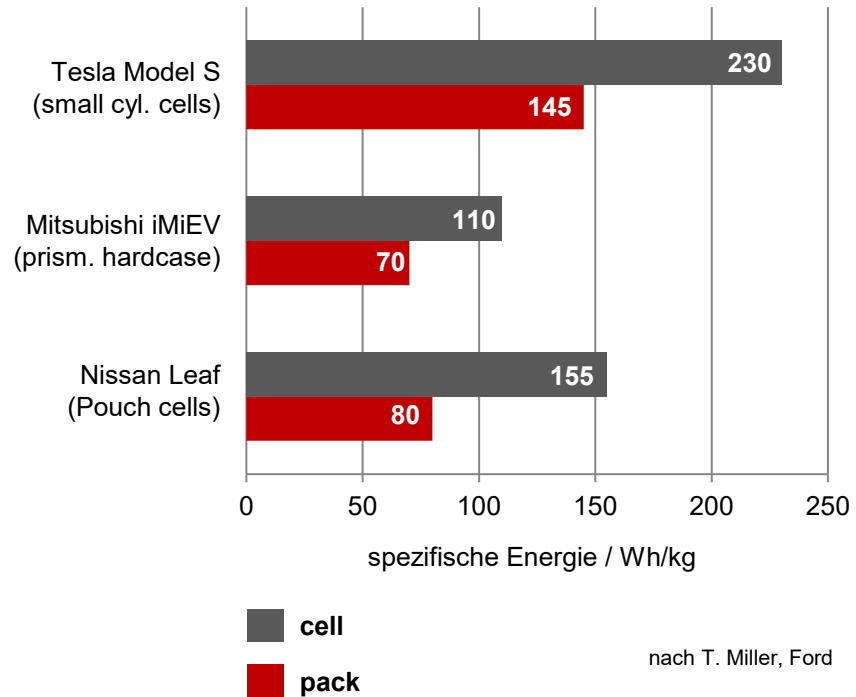


Module / Pack

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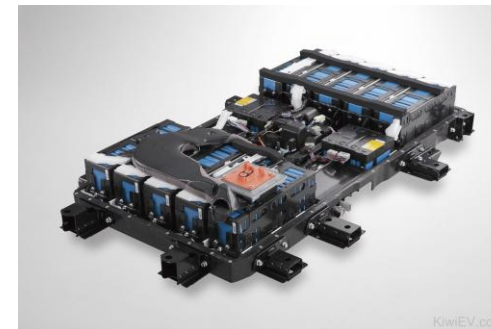
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## Cell to pack – loss of energy density



Tesla Model S Battery Pack, Ricardo Strategic Consulting

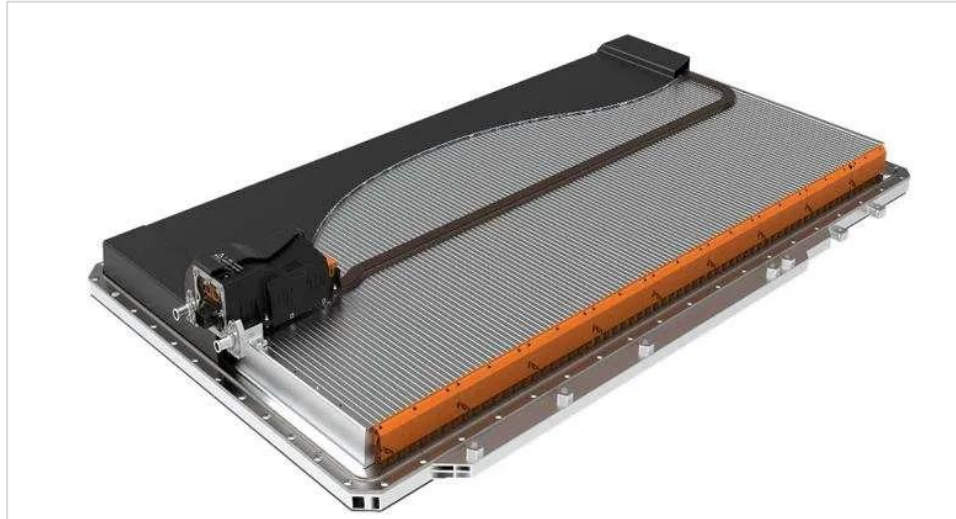
Nissan Leaf Battery Pack



Mitsubishi iMiEV Battery Pack

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From "cell-to-pack" to "cell-to-chassis" technology



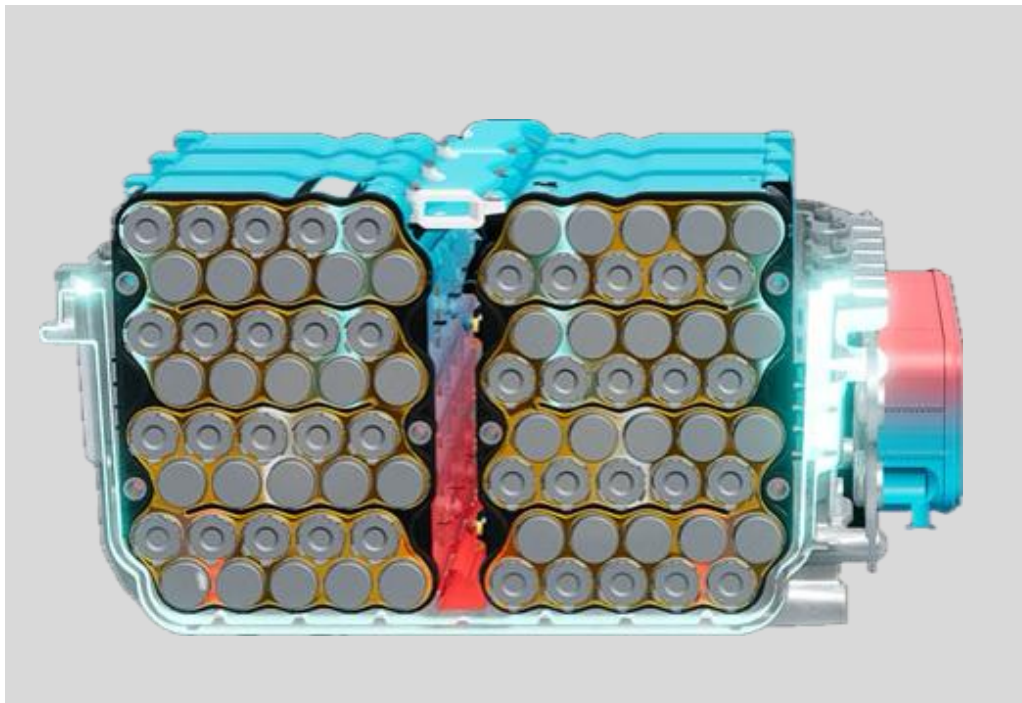
**BYDs "Blade technology" ,  
50 % improved space  
utilisation**



**Teslas "Structural  
Battery" Pack**

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Safety on Pack Level – Thermal Management and Battery Management Systems



Mercedes AMG High Performance Battery – Immersion Cooling



Battery cell voltages and temperatures are monitored by the customized and compact BMS-Slave

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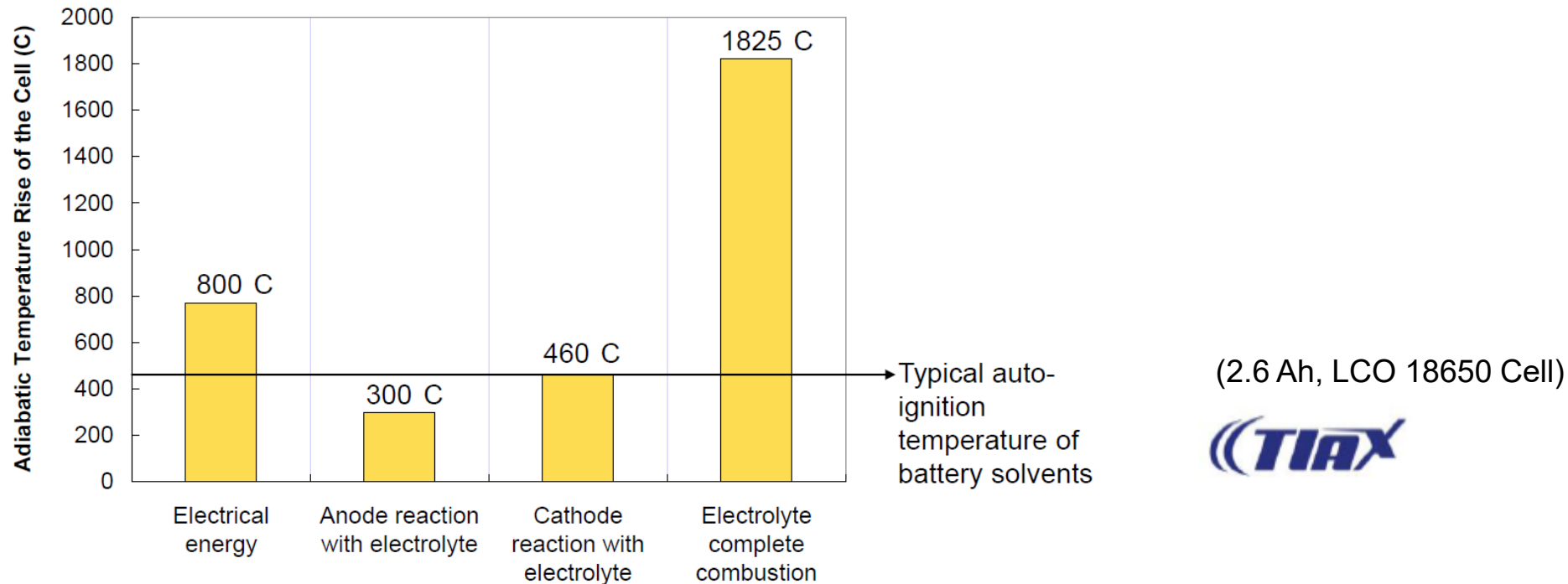
## Safety on Pack Level

### EUCAR Hazard Levels

Hazard level	Description	Classification Criteria & Effect
0	No effect	No effect. No loss of functionality.
1	Passive protection activated	No defect; no leakage; no venting, fire, or flame; no rupture; no explosion; no exothermic reaction or thermal runaway. Cell reversibly damaged. Repair of protection device needed.
2	Defect/Damage	No leakage; no venting, fire, or flame; no rupture; no explosion; no exothermic reaction or thermal runaway. Cell irreversibly damaged. Repair needed.
3	Leakage $\Delta$ mass < 50 %	No venting, fire, or flame*; no rupture; no explosion. Weight loss <50 % of electrolyte weight (electrolyte = solvent + salt).
4	Leakage $\Delta$ mass > 50 %	No fire or flame*; no rupture; no explosion. Weight loss $\geq$ 50 % of electrolyte weight (electrolyte = solvent + salt).
5	Fire or Flame	No rupture; no explosion (i.e., no flying parts).
6	Rupture	No explosion, but flying parts of the active mass.
7	Explosion	Explosion (i.e., disintegration of the cell).

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The impact of various factors on the rise in temperature in a thermal runaway

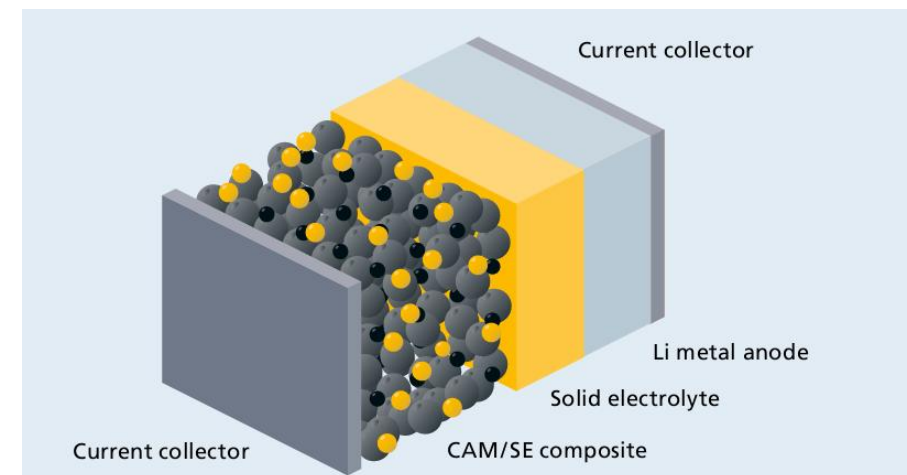
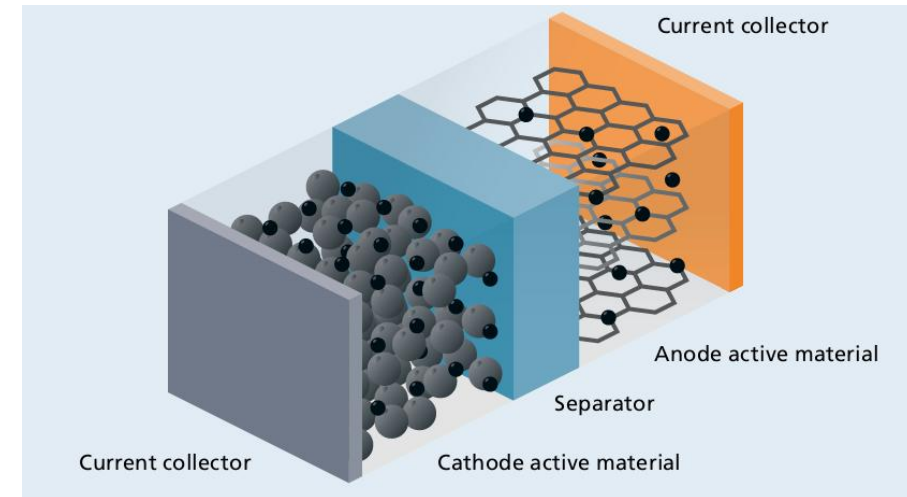


- ▶ The electrical energy of a cell is sufficient to raise the cell temperature above 700 °C under adiabatic conditions
- ▶ The combustion of the highly combustible electrolyte is responsible for the largest proportion of the temperature rise

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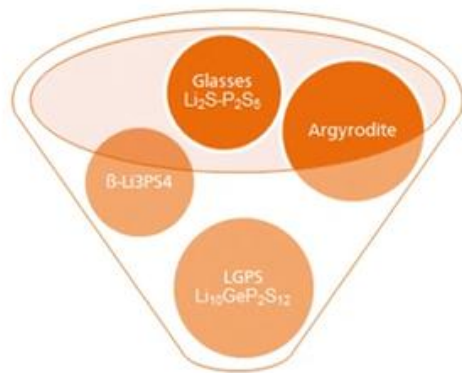
## Solid-State Batteries - advantages

- No highly flammable electrolyte
- Li dendrite-stable membrane
- Higher energy density through the use of metallic lithium
- Improved packaging efficiency, as the cell design can allow in-series stacking and bi-polar structures.



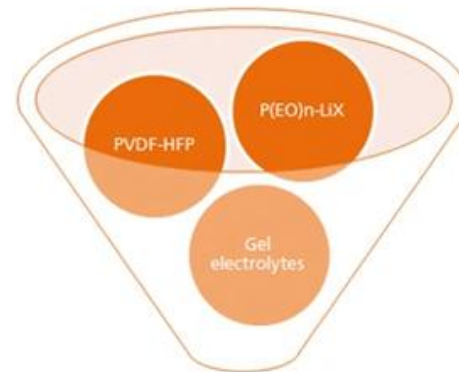
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## Solid-State Batteries – classification of solid-state electrolytes



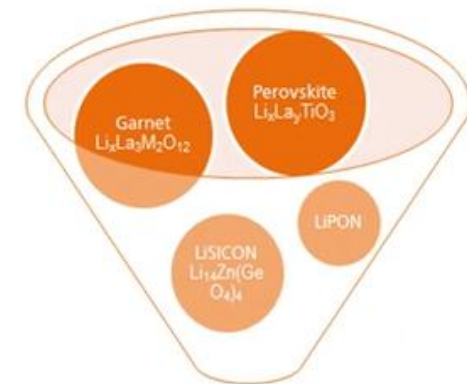
**Sulfides**

**good ionic conductivity**  
**enables thicker, stable layers**  
**not stable in air**  
**elaborate to process**



**Polymers**

**mechanically flexible**  
**easy to process**  
**requires thermal management**  
**only stable up to approx. 4 V**



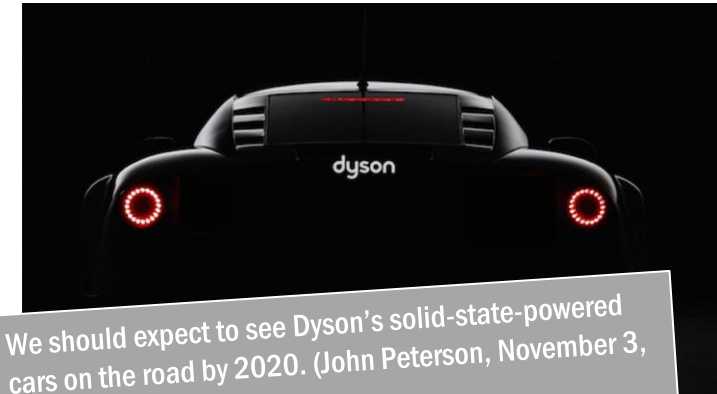
**Oxides**

**good ionic conductivity**  
**stable in air**  
**brittle and difficult to process**  
**Sintering at high temperatures**

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## Lithium Solid-State Batteries

Fisker solid-state battery promises 500-mile range, 1-minute charging



We should expect to see Dyson's solid-state-powered cars on the road by 2020. (John Peterson, November 3, 2017)

... solid-state batteries – believed to be just a few years away ...



„It's the kind of technology where, when you feel like you're 90 percent there, you're almost there, until you realize the last 10 percent is much more difficult than the first 90.“ (Henry Fisker, 26. Februar 2021)

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## Lithium Polymer Batteries – BlueCar EV



- Bolloré/BatsCap: LMP batteries with 30 kWh combined with supercap
- Range: 250 km
- mostly in the Autolib' car sharing programme, > 4000 cars (as of 2017) in Paris, Lyon (305), Indianapolis (282), Bordeaux (201), Turin (80), ...
- Over 200 million kilometres since 2011



Bolloré's BlueCars recharging at Rue des Pyramides, 11, Paris for the Autolib' electric-car sharing service, Sep 2016

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Lithium solid-state battery – Toyota

**NIKKEI**

**2011:** Toyota Motor Corp. has developed a prototype solid-state Li-ion storage battery and aims to improve and then commercialize it in the **2015-2020** timeframe.

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TIMES

**2023:** Toyota announced a “technical breakthrough” for solid-state electric vehicle batteries for their next-generation EVs, which are expected to launch by **2027**



prototype electric kick-board with Solid-state Cells by Toyota

C. Yada, C. Brasse (2014) “Better batteries with Solid-state instead of liquid-based electrolytes,” *ATZelektronik worldwide* 2014, 9 (3), 10-15.

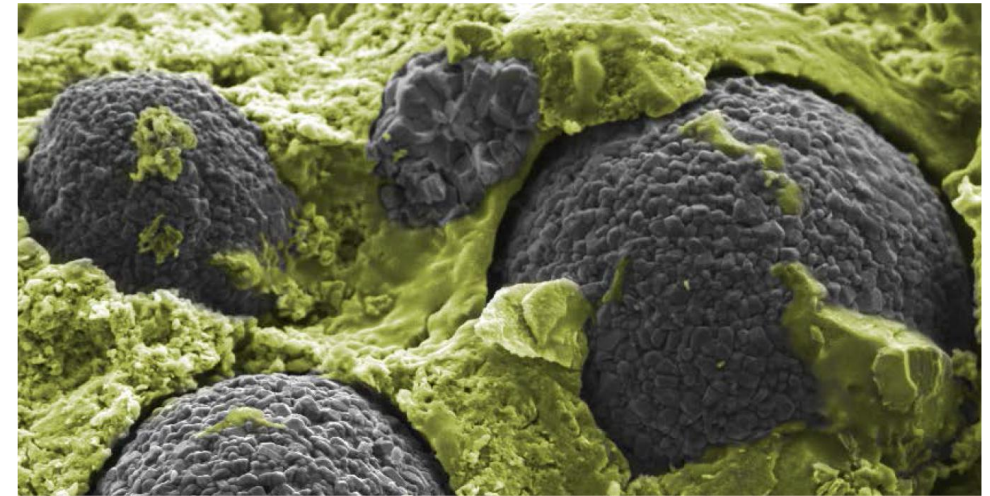
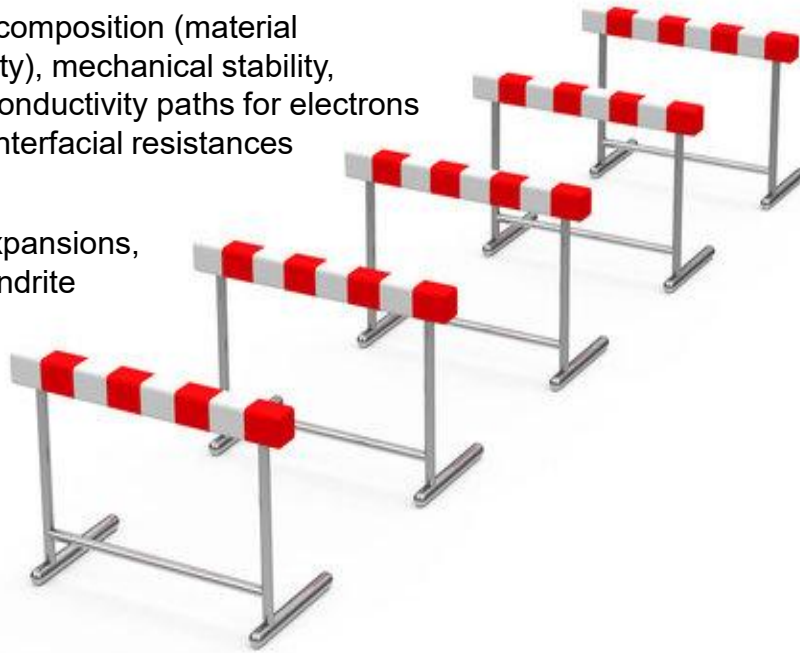
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## Lithium solid-state battery (ceramic) – Hurdles and Challenges

**Separator:** conductivity, thickness, mech. & dendrite stability, boundary layers to anode & cathode (mech. bonding, resistances, chem. stability)

**Cathode:** composition (material compatibility), mechanical stability, coherent conductivity paths for electrons and ions, interfacial resistances

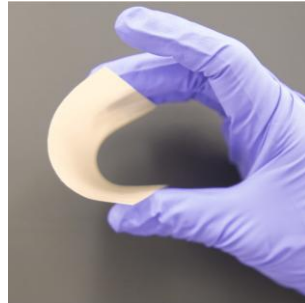
**Anode:** volume expansions, contact losses, dendrite formation



NCM-811 in a bulk-type solid-state battery with  $\beta$ - $\text{Li}_3\text{PS}_4$  as a sulfide-based solid electrolyte after 50 cycles.  
*Chem. Mater.* 2017, 29 (13), 5574 - 5582.

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Lithium solid-state battery (ceramic) – QuantumScape’s history



Founded

2010

World-first demonstration of solid-state separator meeting automotive requirement

2016

Commercial-size single-layer Prototype cell

2020

A0 prototype battery cell, 24-layer

2022

Cobra separator process, shipping QSE-5 B1 samples

2025

Eagle production line inauguration

2026

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Lithium solid-state battery (ceramic) – Specifications of a ~5 Ah QSE-5 B Cell



QSE-5 B Sample

**844 Wh/L**

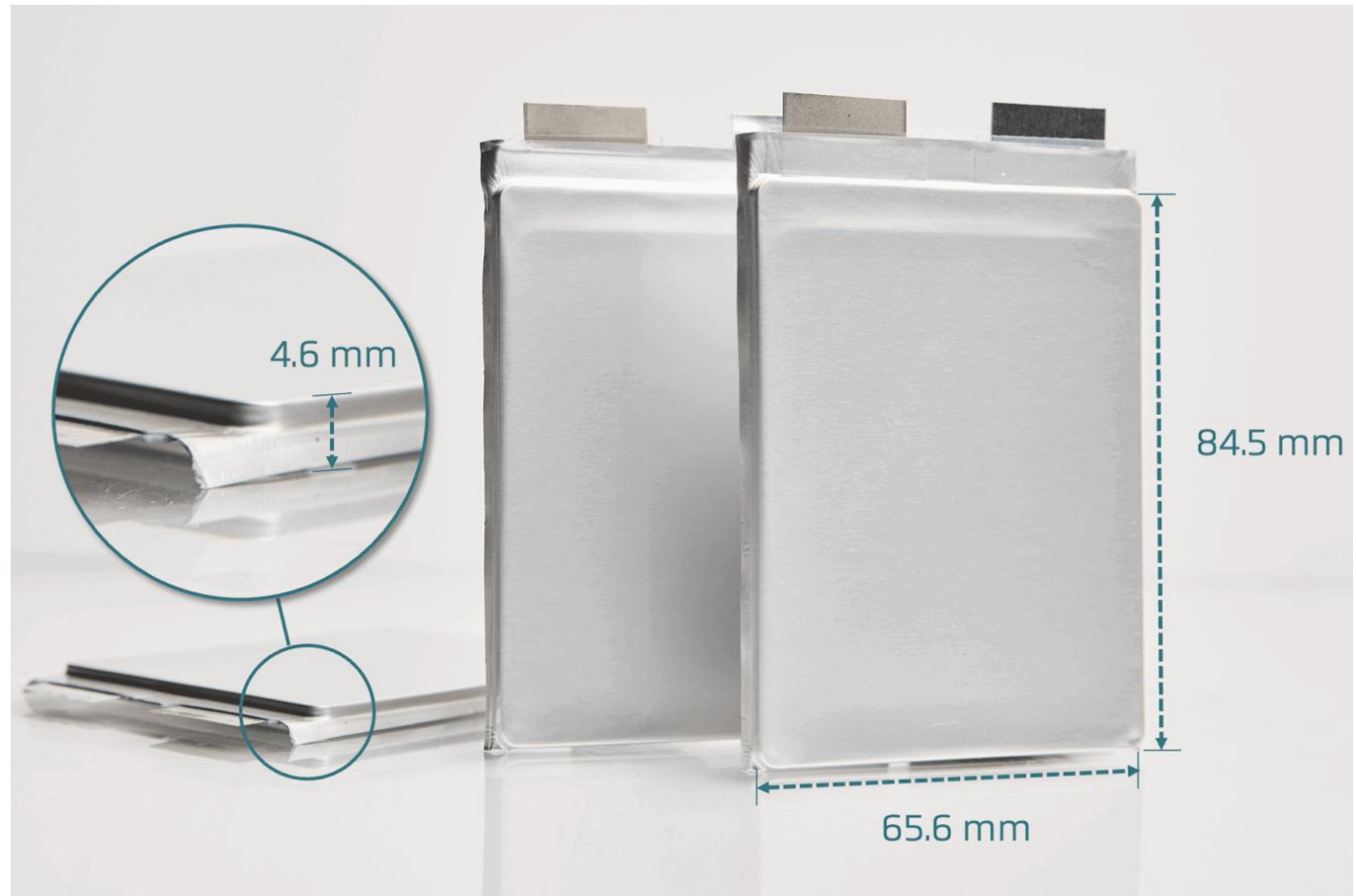
**301 Wh/kg**

**< 15-min fast charge**

## QSE-5 B Sample Product Specs

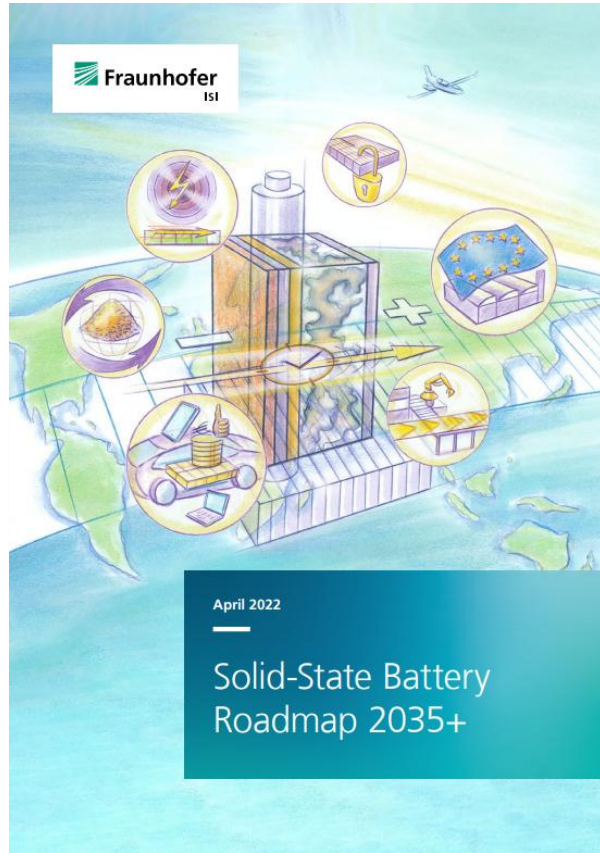
Measured cell energy [C/5, 25 °C]	21.6 Wh
Cell dimensions	84.5mm x 65.6mm x 4.6mm
Mass	71.8 g
Nominal voltage	3.84 V
Cathode loading	6.2 mAh/cm <sup>2</sup>
Operating pressure	< 3.4 atm

Values rounded. Volume at 100% SoC under operating pressure, excluding tabbing area



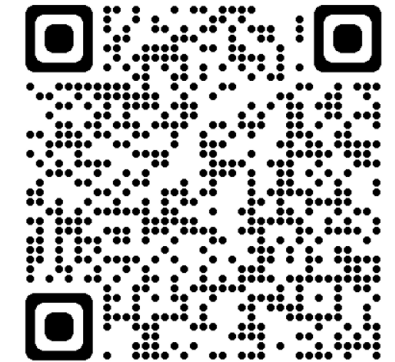
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## Fraunhofer – Solid State Battery Roadmap 2035+



Solid-state battery roadmap "Cell to Application" (discussion in Section 5.2)

	2021/22	short term	2025	medium term	2030	long term	2035	vision
Political Goals			EU goal: Gen.3 350–400 Wh/kg, 750–1010 Wh/l cost at pack level < 100 €/kWh		EU goal: Gen.4 400–500+ Wh/kg, 800–1000+ Wh/l cost at pack level < 75 €/kWh			
LIB market	400 GWh		0.5–2 TWh		1–6 TWh		2–8 TWh	
SSB market	< 2 GWh		0–1 GWh 0–5 GWh 2–15 GWh		5–10 GWh 5–15 GWh 5–30 GWh		10–20 GWh 20–50 GWh 10–50 GWh	
SSB applications	Buses	Industrial applications, e.g. AGV	Stationary storage		Industrial heavy duty & harsh environment equipment Passenger cars Autonomous aircrafts (drones) Passenger cars and trucks		Trucks Passenger aviation	
Cell integration	Safety aspects of metallic lithium and H <sub>2</sub> formation for sulfides in case of accident have to be considered							
	High volume changes have to be compensated → high external pressure required (oxides, sulfides) / small external pressure required (polymers)							
	needs heating to 50–80°C							
KPI LIB	Energy density: 230–300 Wh/kg, 600–750 Wh/l Price: 90–175 €/kWh		Energy density: 250–330 Wh/kg, 650–850 Wh/l Price: 60–130 €/kWh		Energy density: 310–350 Wh/kg, 750–950 Wh/l Price: 45–105 €/kWh		Energy density: 320–360 Wh/kg, 800–960 Wh/l Price: 45–90 €/kWh	
SSB Cell concepts + SSB KPI	[Li metal] / [Polymer SE] / [Polymer SC, LFP] 240 Wh/kg, 360 Wh/l		[Li metal] / [Oxide SE] / [Gel catholyte, NMC] est. values: 315 Wh/kg, 1020 Wh/l		[Li metal] / [Sulfide SE] / [Sulfide SC, NMC] est. values: 275 Wh/kg, 650 Wh/l		[Li metal] / [Oxide SE] / [Sulfide SC, NMC] est. values: 340 Wh/kg, 770 Wh/l	350 Wh/kg, 1140 Wh/l 325 Wh/kg, 835 Wh/l 410 Wh/kg, 1150 Wh/l 500 Wh/kg, 1150 Wh/l



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