

Performance analysis of Lithium-ion-batteries: status and prospects

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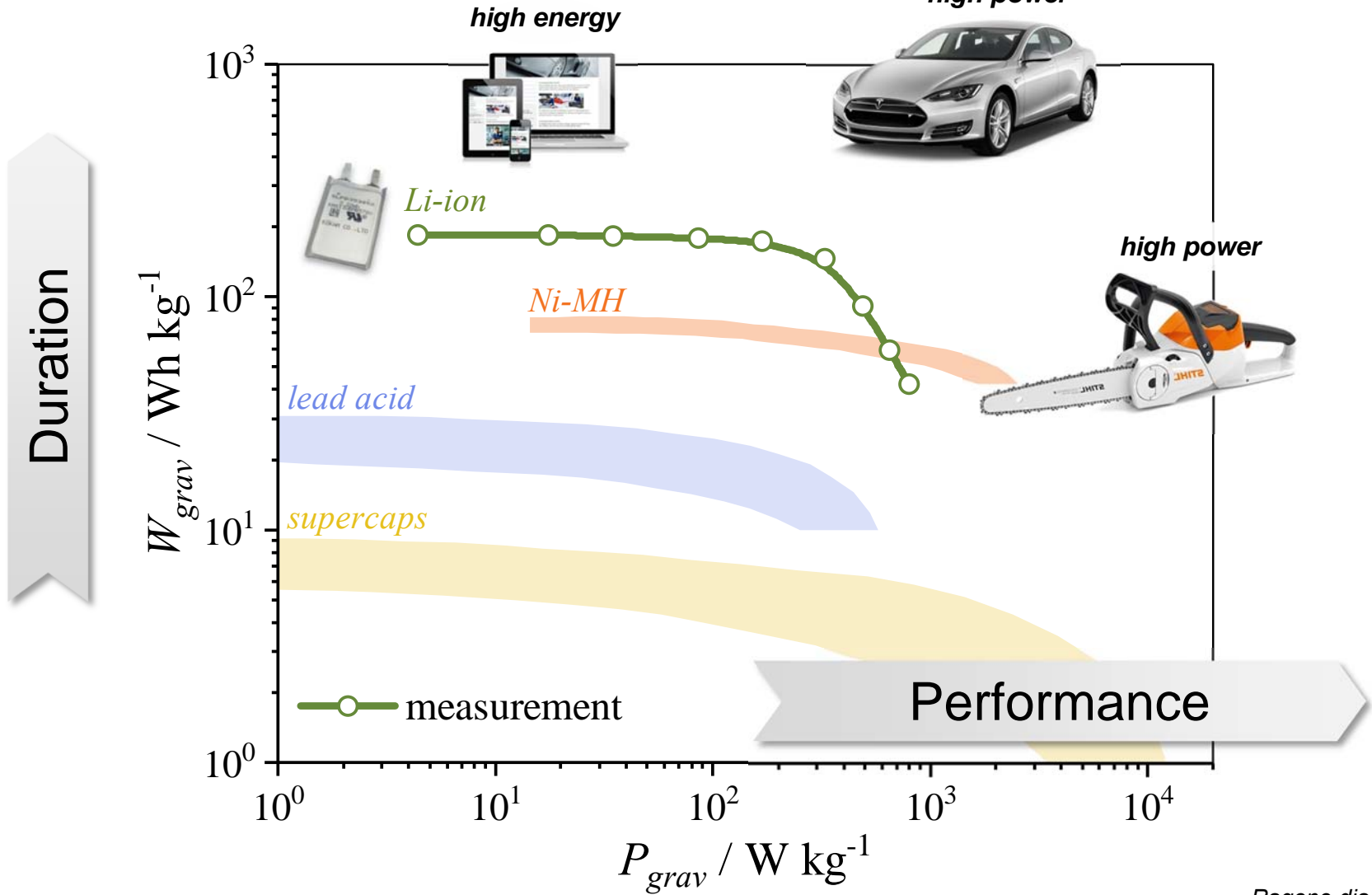
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Motivation

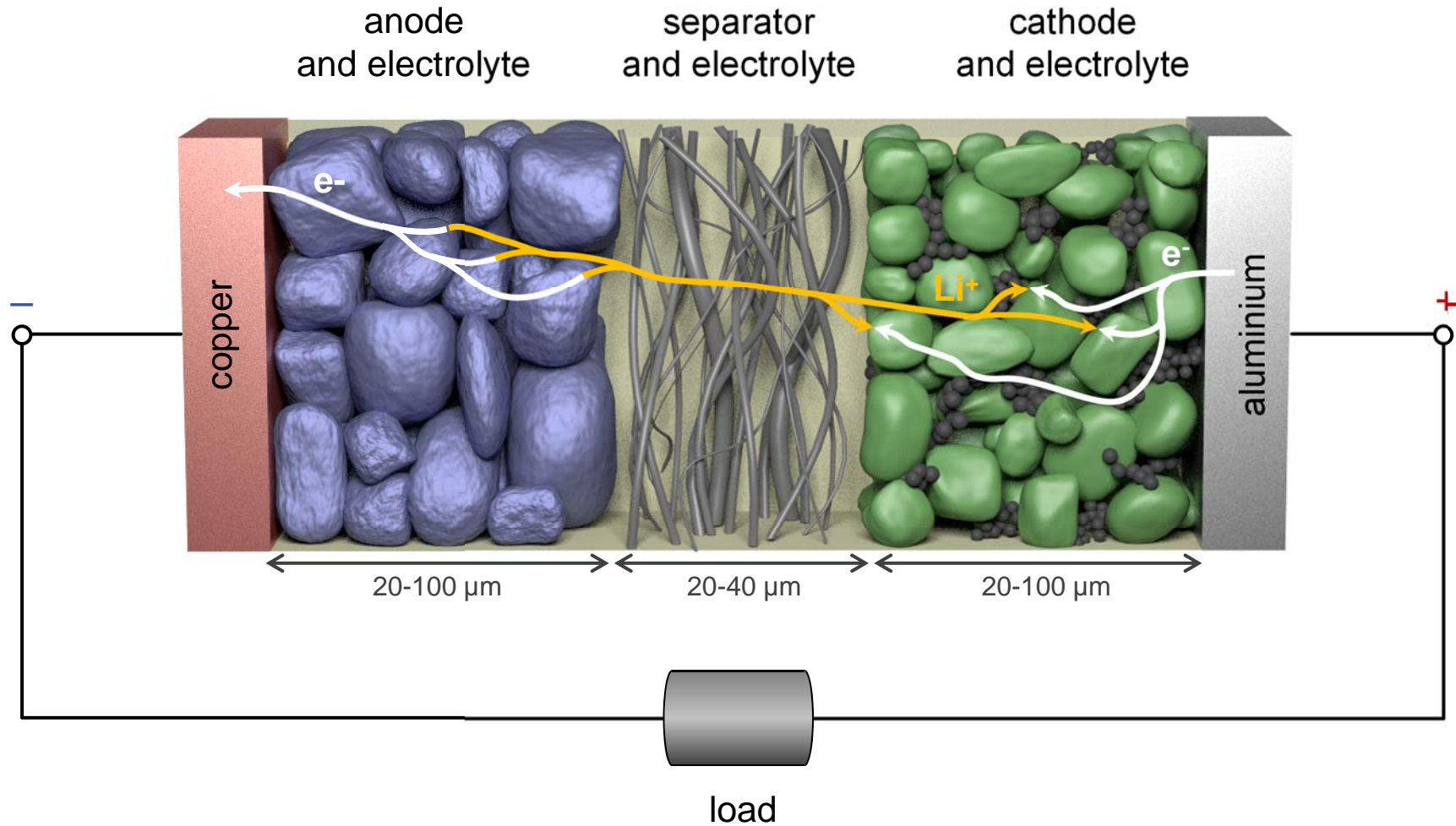
Ragone Diagram



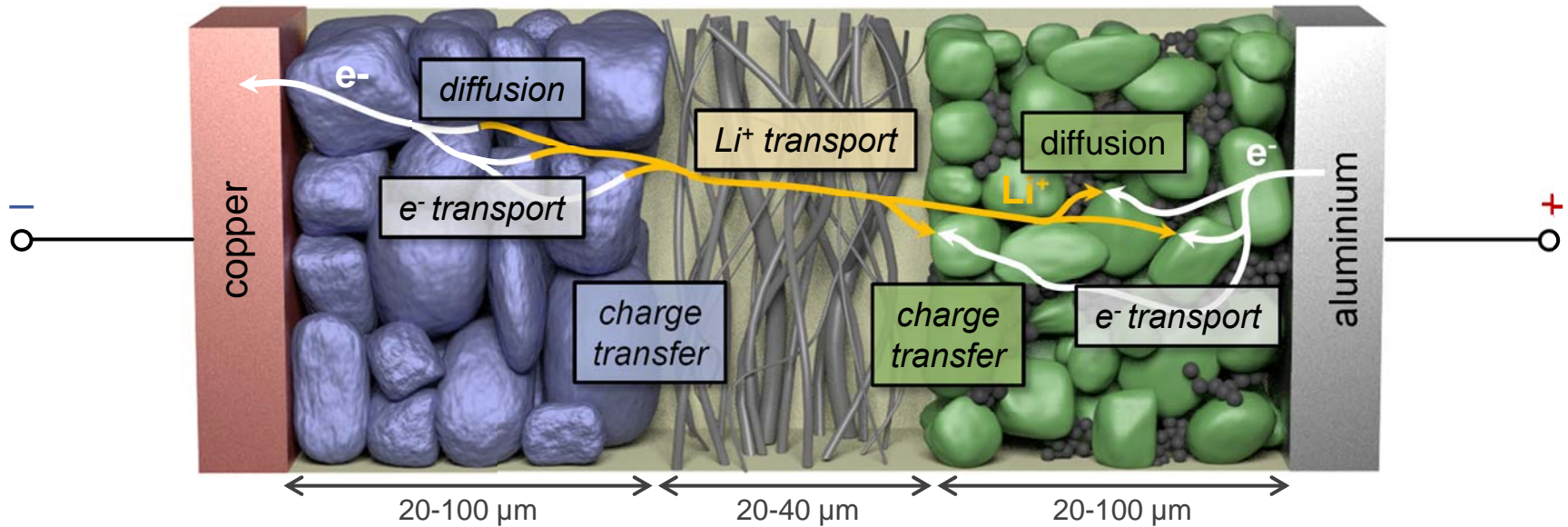
Ragone diagram on cell level

The Lithium-Ion Cell

Resistance Contributions



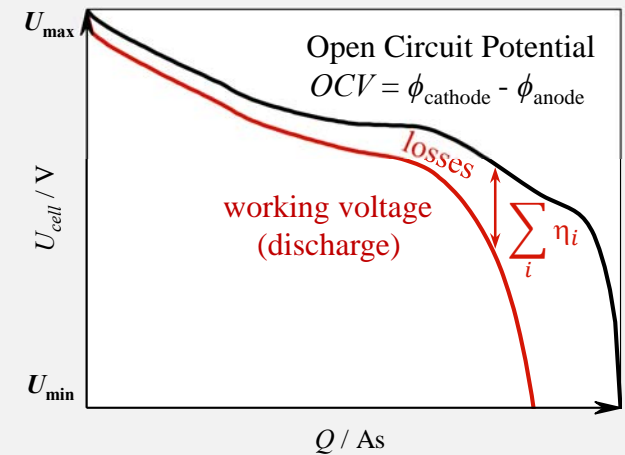
The Lithium-Ion Cell overpotential



Loss processes

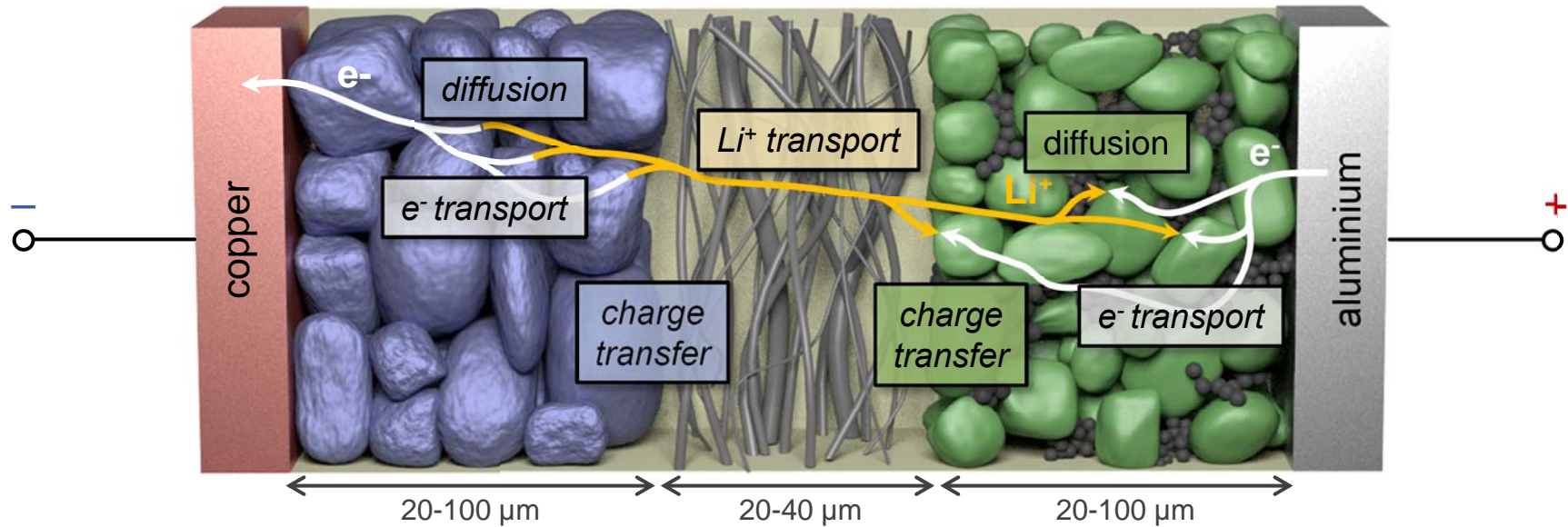
- Transport (Li^+ , e^-)
- Charge transfer (Li^+)
- Diffusion (Li^0)

$$\text{overpotential } \eta = I_{\text{discharge}} \cdot \sum_i R_i$$



The Lithium-Ion Cell

energy- and power density

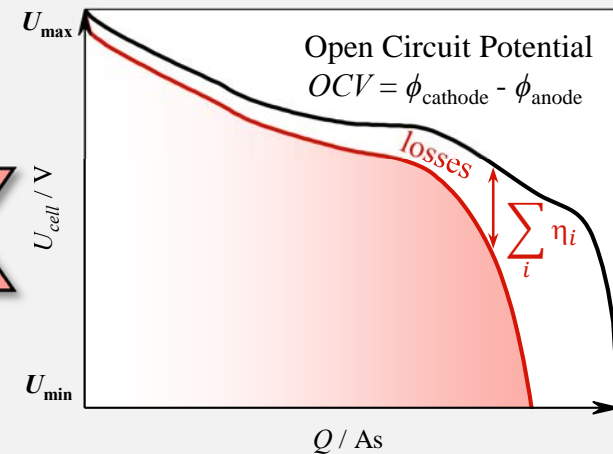


Energy- and Power-density

$$W_{grav} = \frac{\text{energy}}{m_{cell}} = \frac{\int OCV - \sum_i R_i \cdot I_{discharge} dQ}{m_{cell}}$$

$$P_{grav} = \frac{\text{energy}}{t_{discharge} \cdot m_{cell}} = \frac{\int OCV - \sum_i R_i \cdot I_{discharge} dQ}{t_{discharge} \cdot m_{cell}}$$

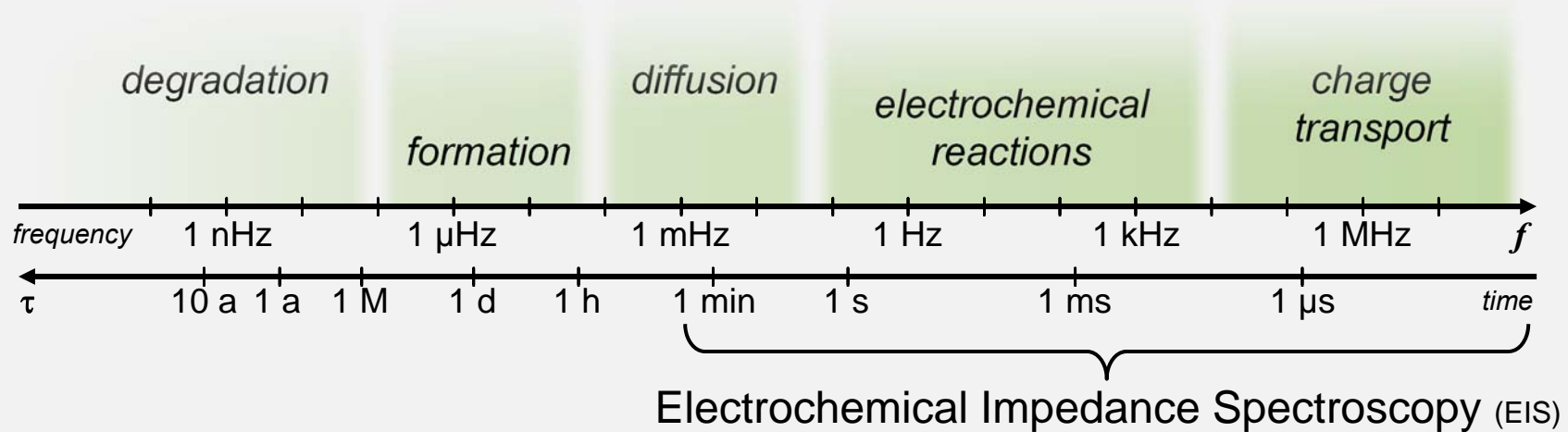
$$\text{energy} = \int U dQ$$



Characterization of Lithium-Ion Cells

Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)

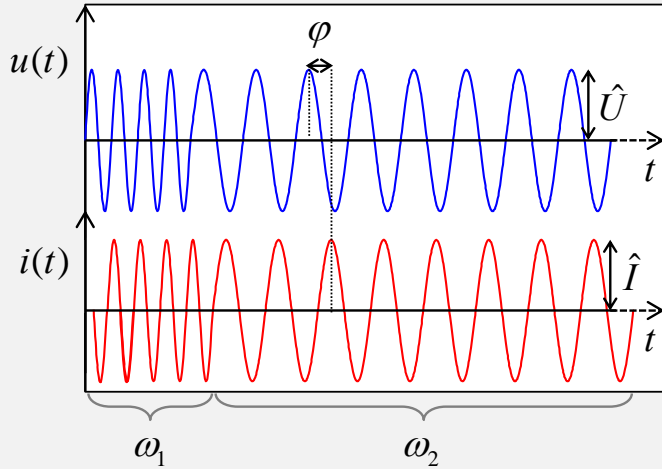
Characteristic time constants of different loss mechanisms in Lithium-ion cells:



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AC Small Signal Perturbation:

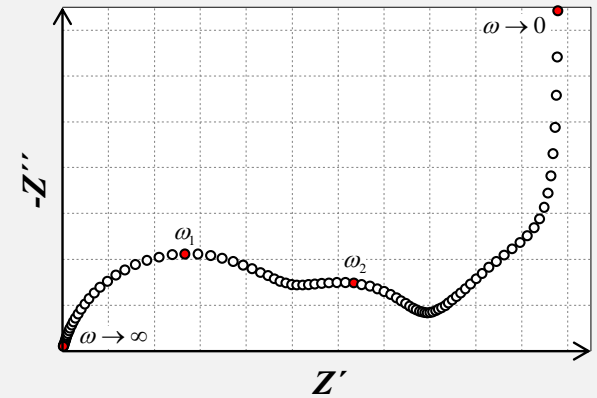


Frequency Response Analyzer:

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{\hat{U}(\omega)}{\hat{I}(\omega)} \cdot e^{j\varphi(\omega)}$$

$$= Z'(\omega) + jZ''(\omega)$$

Nyquist Plot:

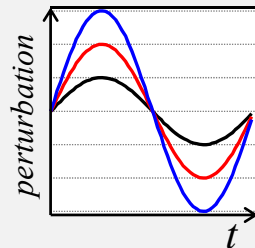


synthetic battery-like spectrum

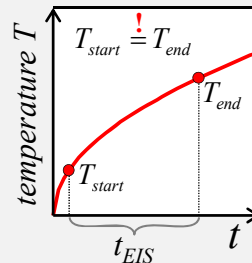
System Requirements:



causality



linearity



time invariance

Kramers-Kronig Validity Test:

$$Z_{\text{Re}}(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega' \cdot Z_{\text{Im}}(\omega')}{\omega^2 - \omega'^2} d\omega'$$

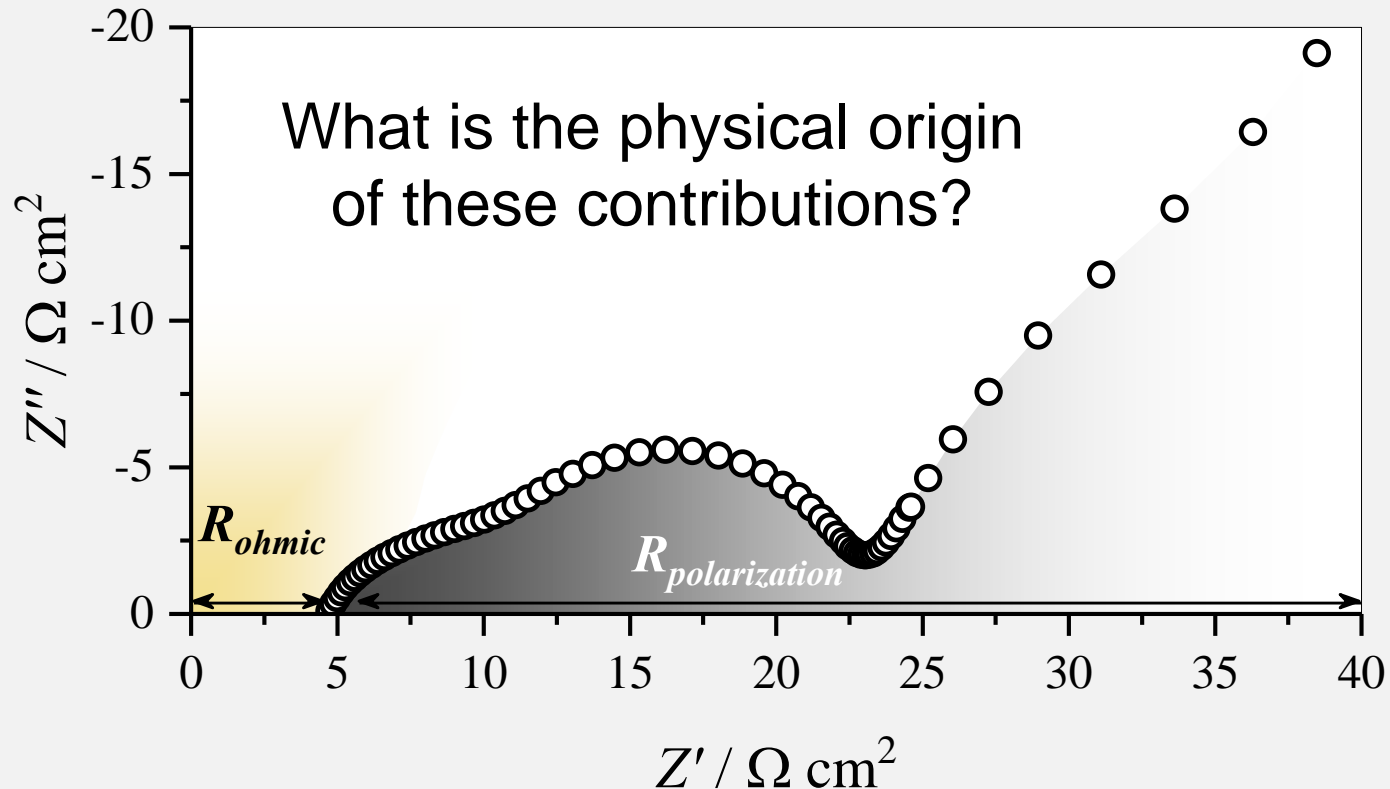
$$Z_{\text{Im}}(\omega) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega \cdot Z_{\text{Re}}(\omega')}{\omega^2 - \omega'^2} d\omega'$$

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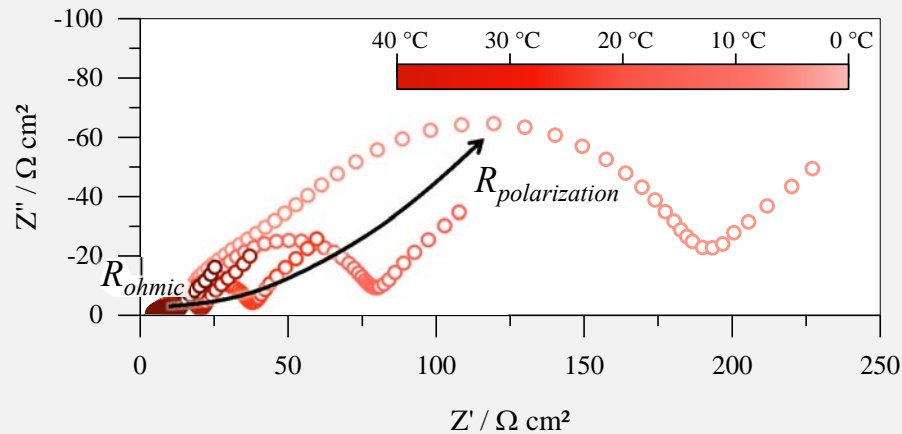
Impedance Analysis:



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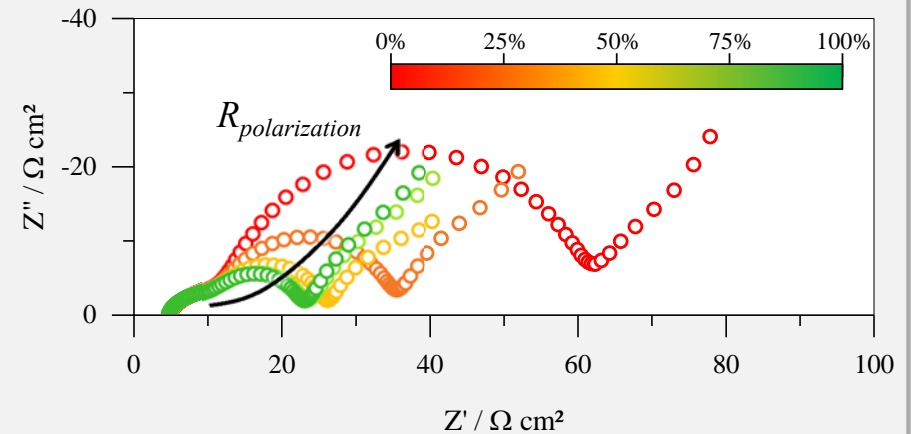
Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)

Temperature variation at SoC 80 %:



→ Strong dependency of R_{ohmic} and $R_{polarization}$ on temperature

State-of-charge (SoC) variation at 25 °C:



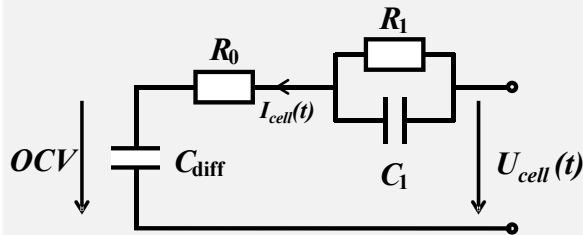
→ Strong dependency of $R_{polarization}$ on SoC

→ How to predict the performance of lithium-ion cells?

Behavior Model

“Simple” Equivalent Circuit Model:

- *no physical meaning*
- + *simple parameterization*
- + *very short computation time*



“Advanced” Equivalent Circuit Model



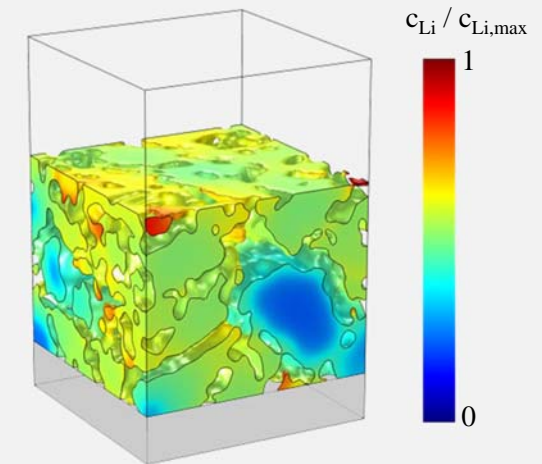
Transmission Line Models:

- + *physically motivated*
- + *feasible parameterization*
- + *short computation time*

Multiphysics Model

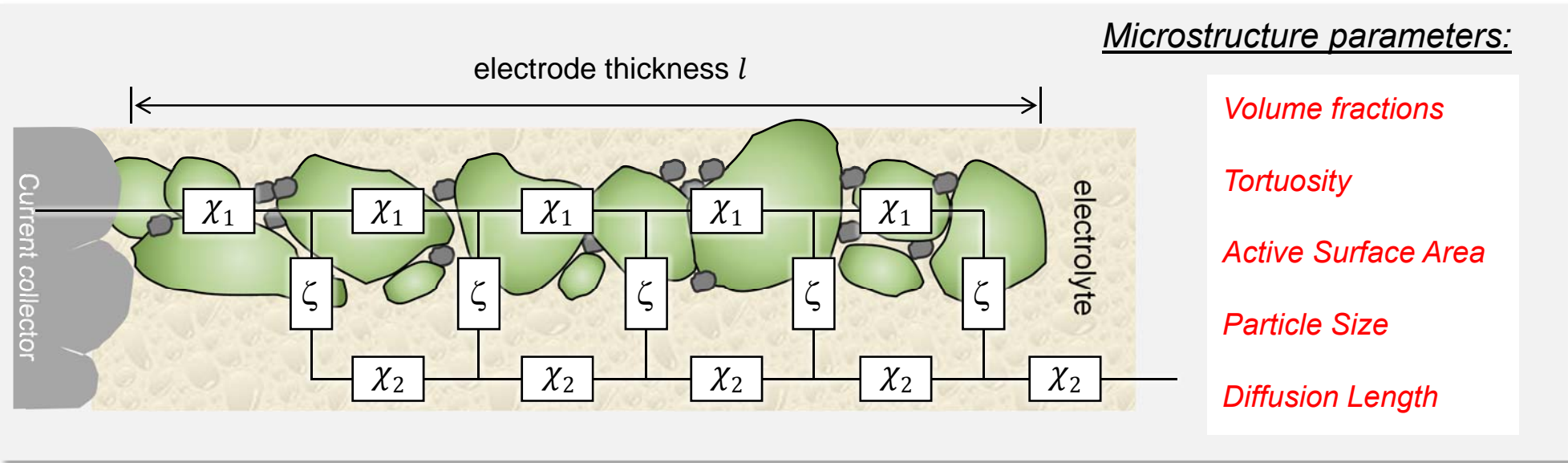
Finite Element Method:

- + *physically correct*
- *challenging parameterization*
- *long computation time*



Modeling of Lithium-Ion Cells

Transmission Line Model (TLM)



ionic path

$$\chi_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_{ion}} \cdot \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} \cdot \frac{1}{A}$$

τ tortuosity (pore)
 ϵ volume fraction of pores
 A electrode area

charge transfer

$$Z_{CT} = \frac{\rho_{CT}}{V \cdot a_{AM}} \cdot l$$

ρ_{CT} specific charge transfer resistance
 a_{AM} active surface area per unit volume
 V electrode volume

solid-state diffusion

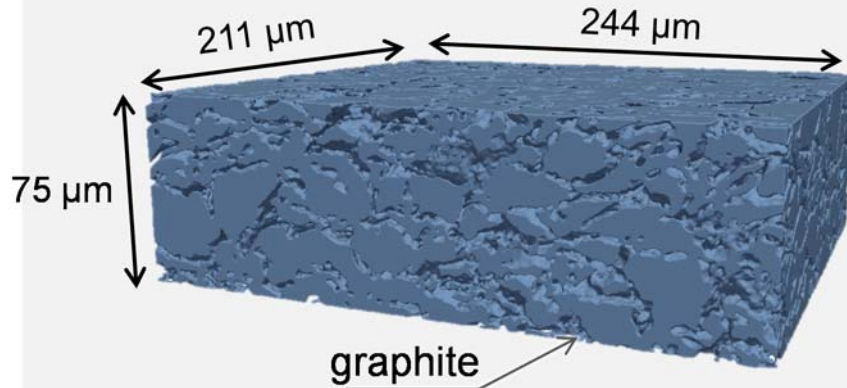
$$\lambda = \frac{j \cdot \omega \cdot l_{Diff}^2}{D_{Diff}} \quad Z_{Diff} = \frac{1}{C_0} \cdot \frac{l_{Diff}}{D_{diff}} \cdot \frac{I_0 \cdot \sqrt{\lambda}}{\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot I_1 \cdot \sqrt{\lambda}}$$

l_{Diff} diffusion length
 D_{Diff} diffusion coefficient
 C_0 differential capacity
Finite-Space Warburg Impedance

Characterization of Lithium-Ion Cells

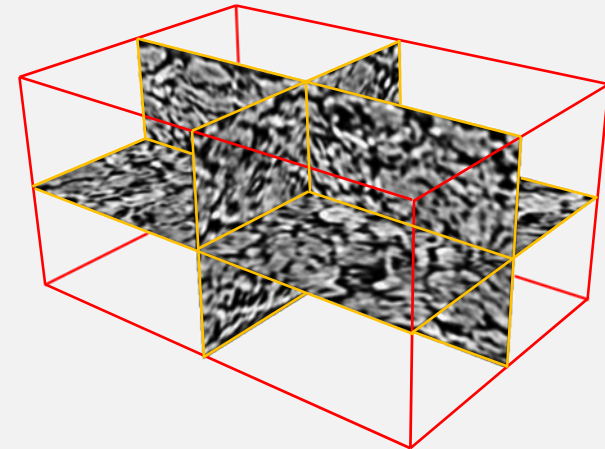
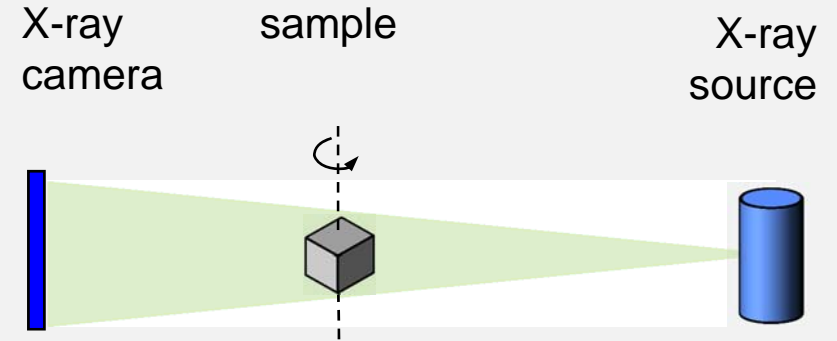
Microstructure: Anode

Anode: Graphite



electrode thickness	$l_{\text{electrode}}$	= 90 μm
volume fraction	$\epsilon_{\text{graphite}}$	= 0.75
	ϵ_{pore}	= 0.25
tortuosity	τ_{pore}	= 5.12
active surface area	a_{graphite}	= 0.314 μm^{-1}
particle size	$d_{\text{graphite,vol-av}}$	= 12.07 μm

X-ray nano-tomography:

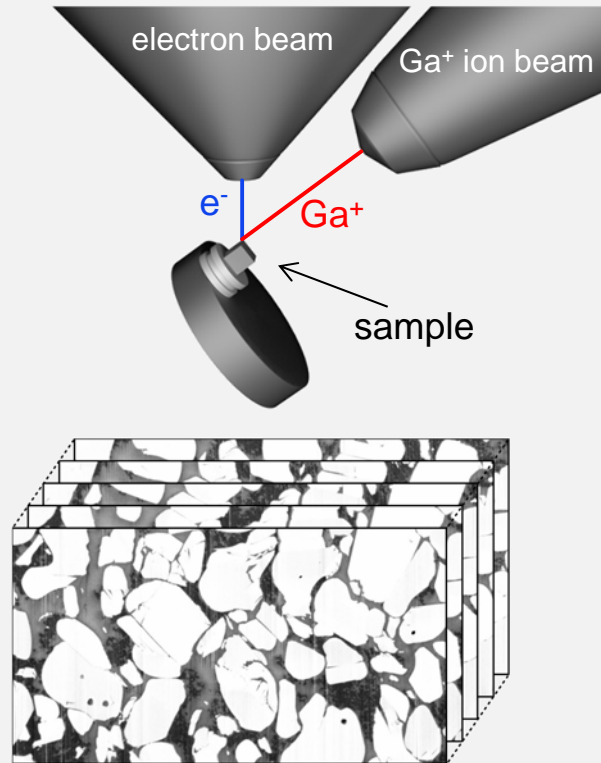


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Characterization of Lithium-Ion Cells

Microstructure: Cathode

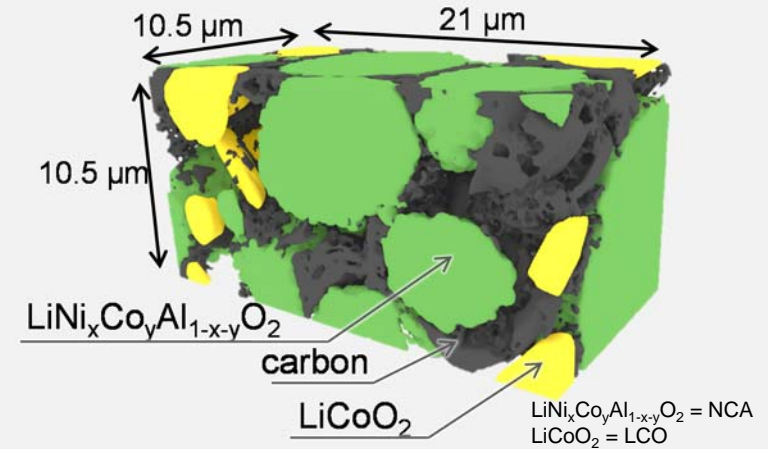
Focused ion beam (FIB) tomography:



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Cathode: NCA/LCO Blend

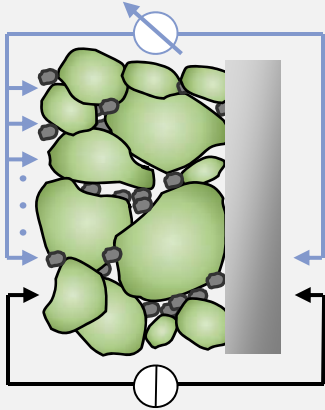


<i>electrode thickness</i>	$l_{\text{electrode}}$	= 75 μm
<i>volume fraction</i>	ϵ_{AM}	= 0.57
	ϵ_{carbon}	= 0.17
	ϵ_{pore}	= 0.26
<i>tortuosity</i>	τ_{pore}	= 4.29
<i>active surface area</i>	a_{AM}	= 0.73 μm^{-1}
<i>particle size</i>	$d_{\text{AM},\text{vol-av}}$	= 4.06 μm

Characterization of Lithium-Ion Cells

Parametrization of transition line models

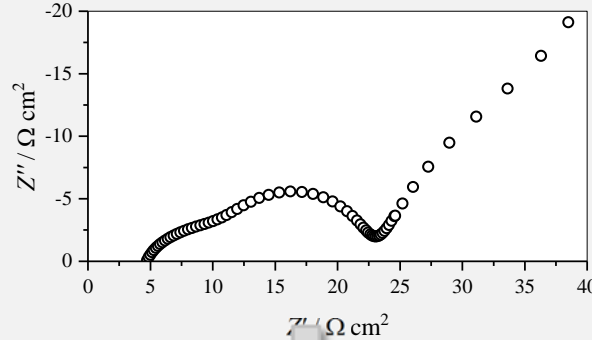
e⁻ conductivity



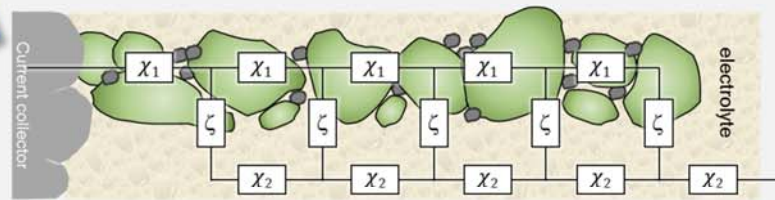
electronic conductivity σ_{e-}

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impedance measurement



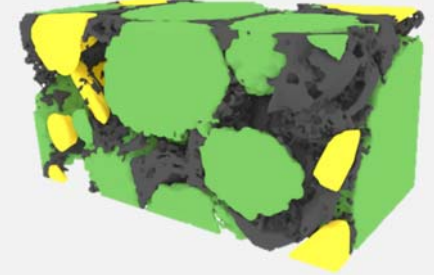
transmission line model (TLM)



conclusion

Electrochemical and microstructure parameters for anode and cathode are determined

microstructure



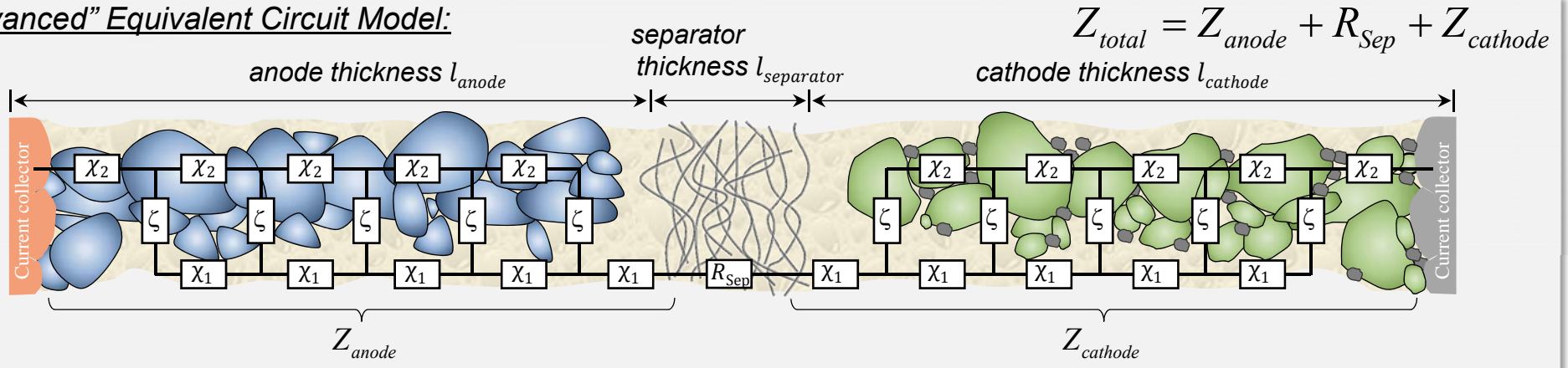
- \mathcal{E} volume fractions
- τ tortuosity
- l electrode thickness
- a_V active surface area
- PS particle size

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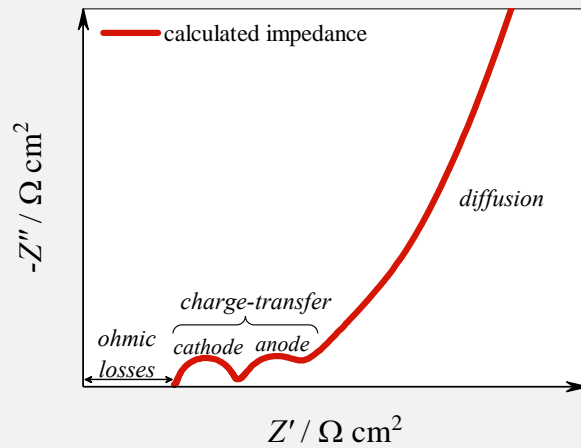
Li-Ion Battery Model

Homogenized 1D Model

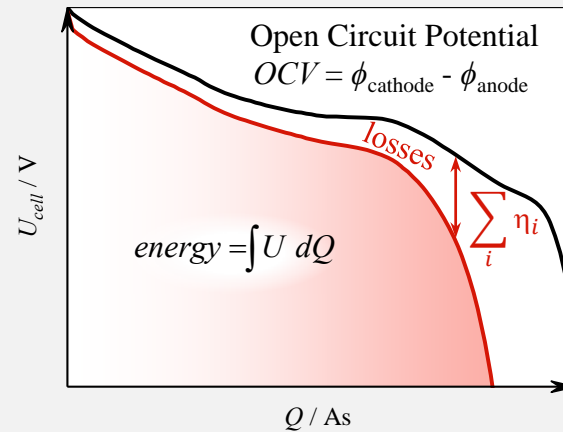
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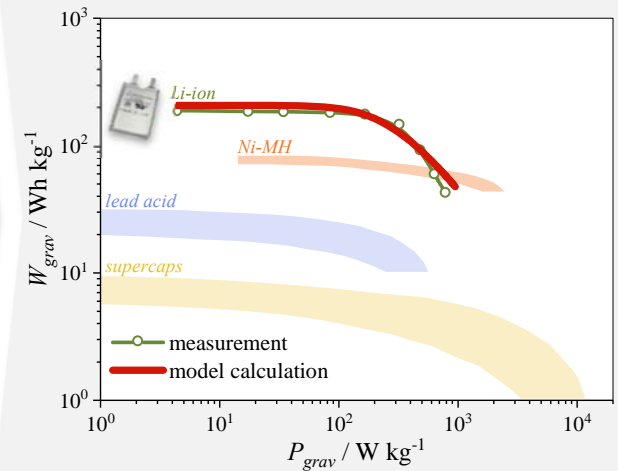
Impedance:



Discharge curve:

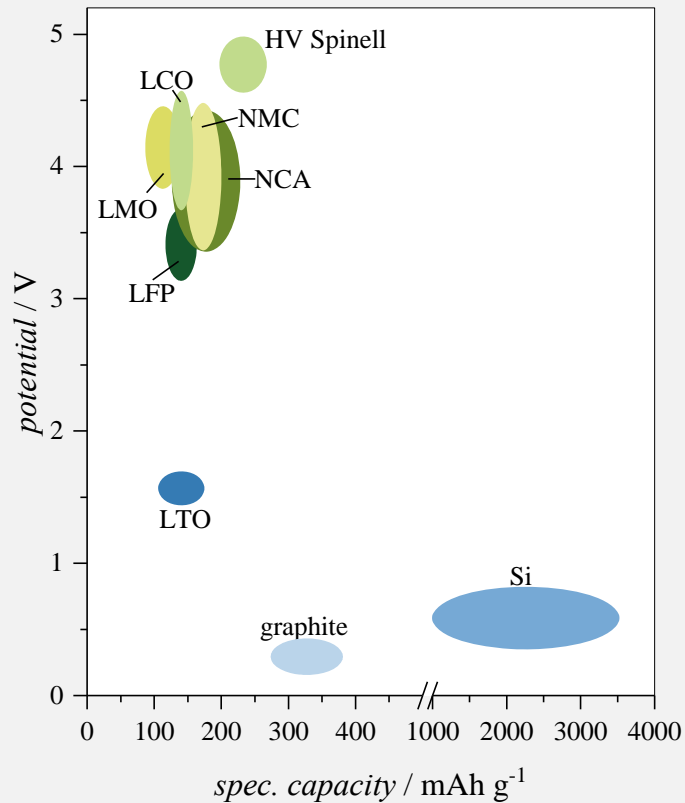


Ragone Plot:



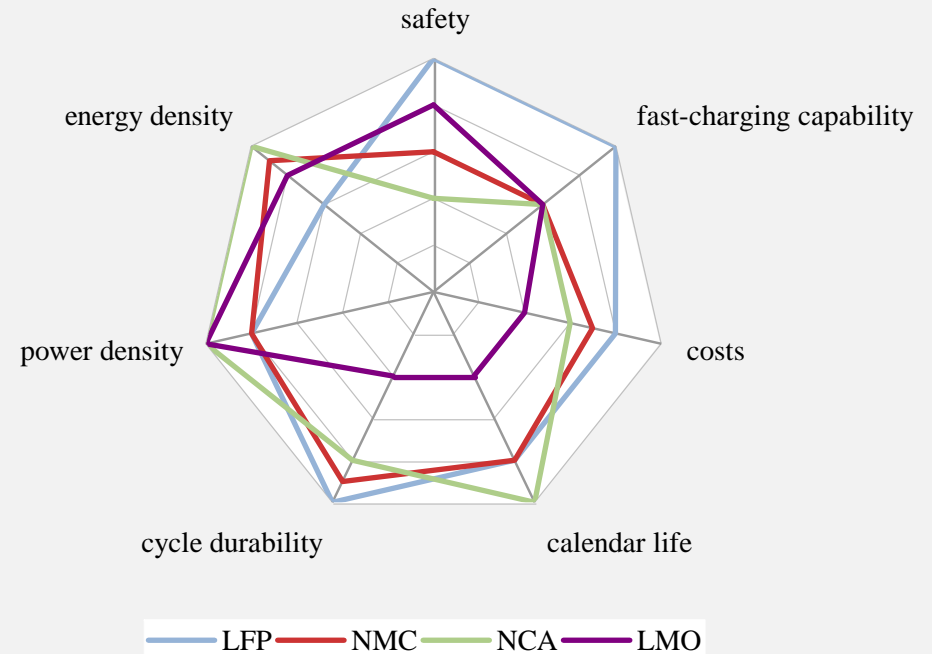
Energy Optimization

$$energy = \int \overbrace{\phi_{cathode} - \phi_{anode}}^{y\text{-axis}} \overbrace{dQ}^{x\text{-axis}}$$



Relevant Design Factors

Example: cathode active materials



LFP: LiFePO4

NMC: LiNi_{1-x-y}Co_xMn_yO2

HV Spinell: 0.3Li2MnO3 0.7LiNi_{0.5}Mn_{1.5}O4

NCA: LiNi_{1-x-y}Co_xAl_yO2

LMO: LiMn2O4

Model-Based Optimization

→ change parameters of “state-of-the-art” active materials

Anode

Cathode

Passive Components

High Energy

Optimization

Increase capacity
Reduce mass

Specific Capacity:

graphite (350 mAh g⁻¹)

+ 30%

graphite + 15% Si
(450 mAh g⁻¹)

Specific Capacity:

LCO / NCA (145 mAh g⁻¹)

+ 40%

NMC811 (200 mAh g⁻¹)

Volume Fractions:

57% NCA/LCO → 70% NMC811
+ 20%

current collectors:

$I_{cc} = 20 \mu\text{m}$

- 50%

$I_{cc} = 10 \mu\text{m}$

High Power

Optimization

Increase surface
area
Reduce
electrode
thickness

Particle Size:

12.1 μm → 0.5 μm
- 95%

Thickness:

90 μm → 40 μm
- 55%

Particle Size:

4.1 μm → 0.5 μm
- 88%

Thickness:

75 μm → 30 μm
- 60%

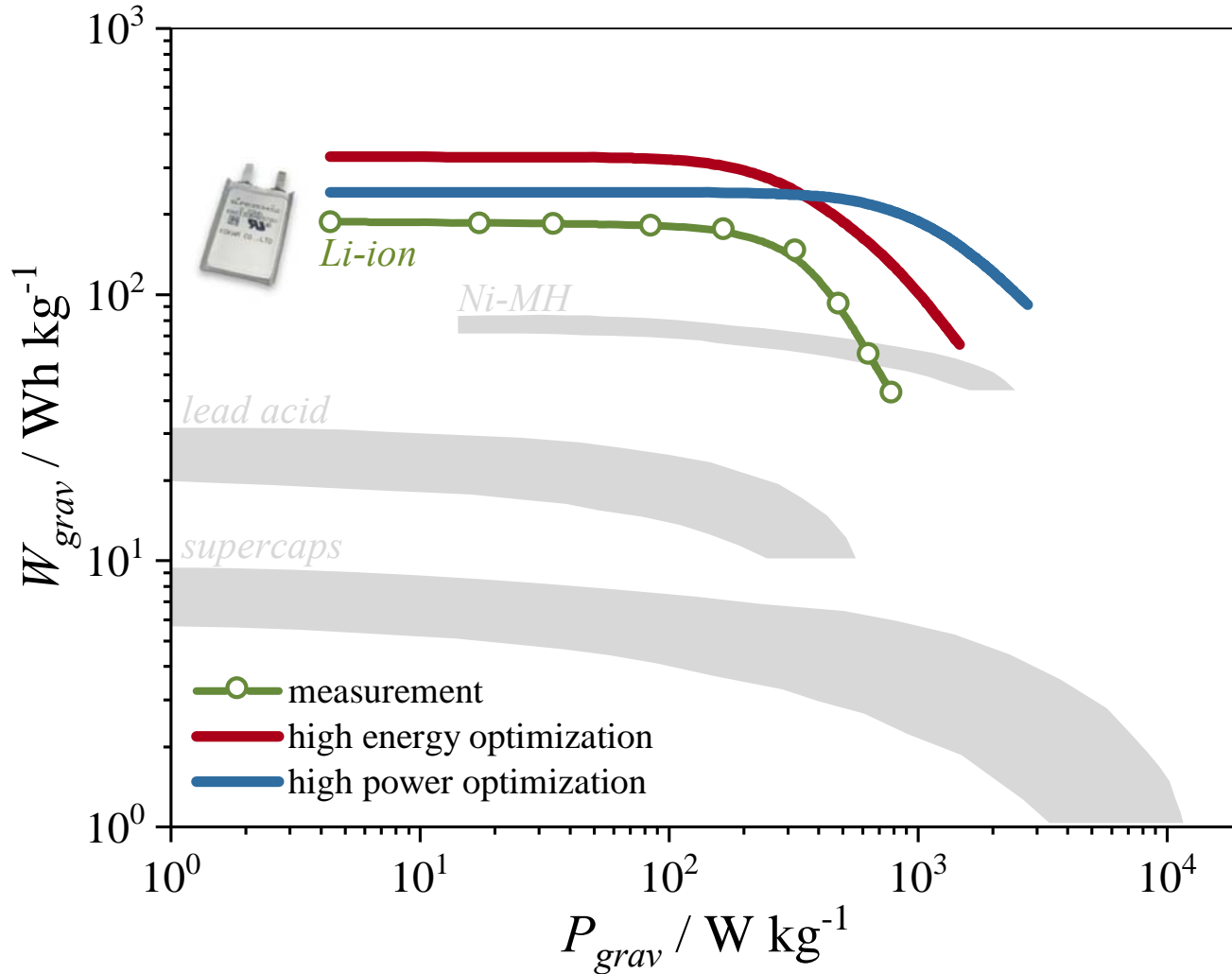
+

*all high energy
optimization steps*



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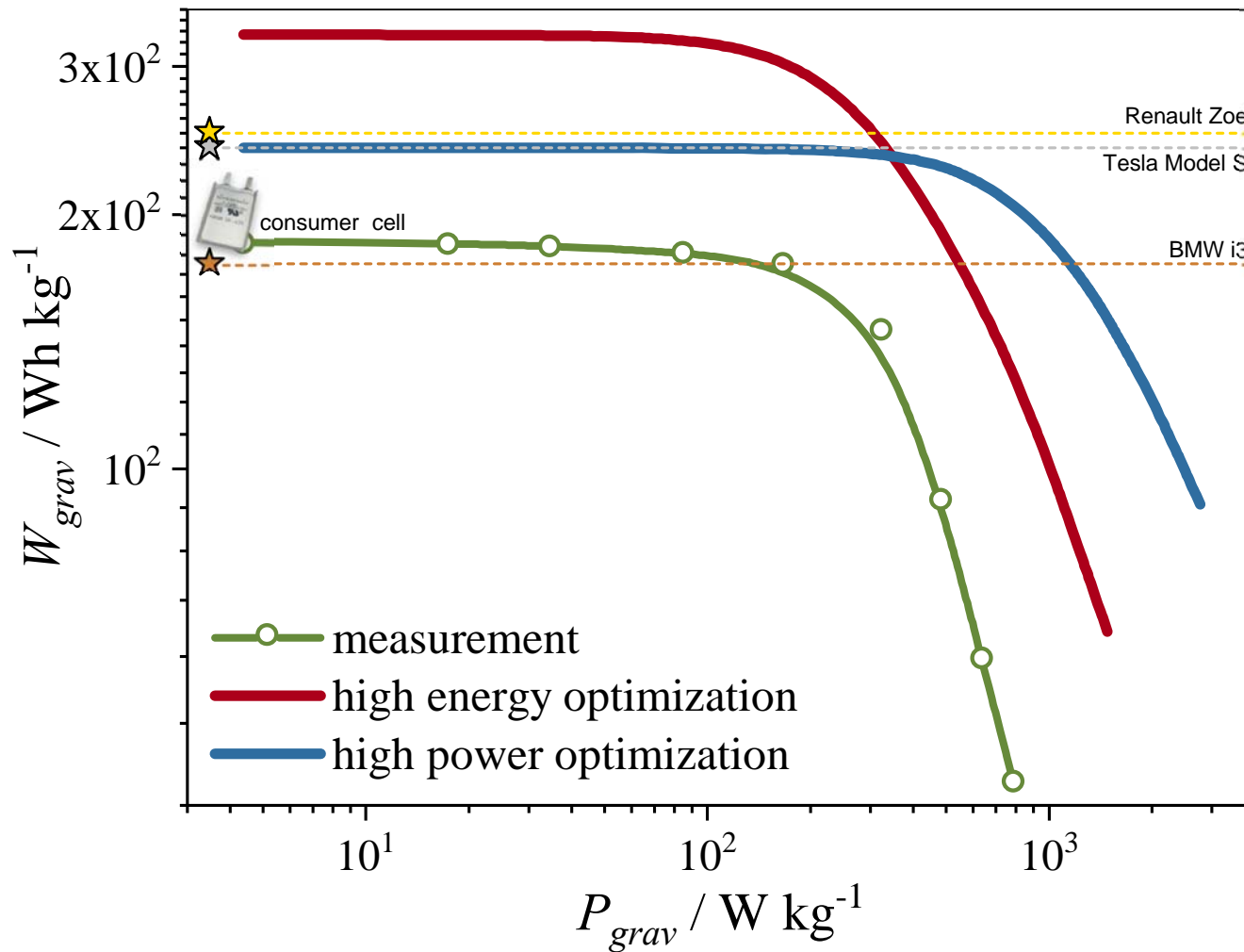
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Ragone diagram on cell level

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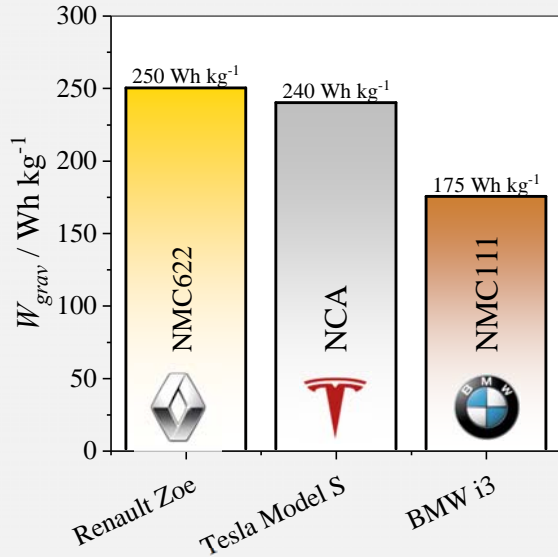


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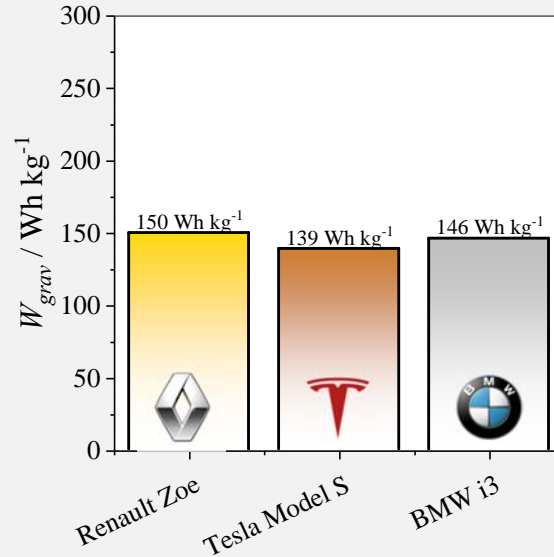
State-of-the-arte electric vehicles

comparison from cell to car

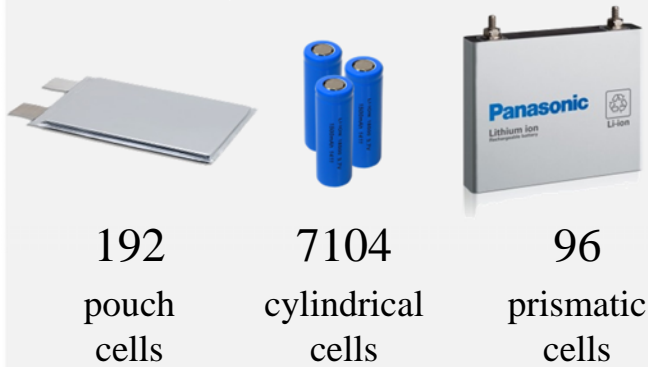
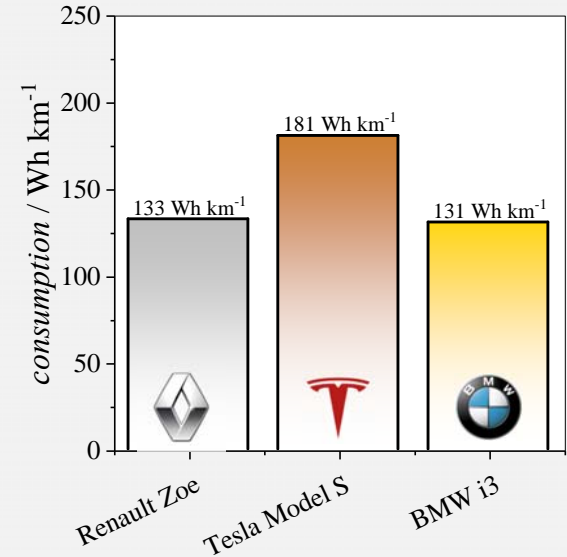
Energy-Density: Cell-Level



Energy-Density: Battery-Level

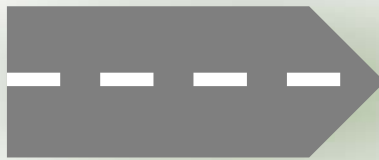
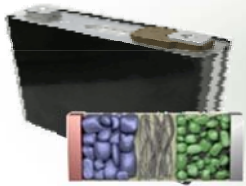


Consumption



Electric Range Prediction

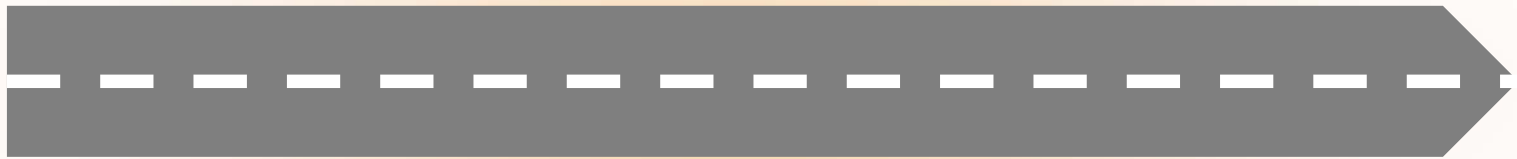
State-of-the-art Battery



200 km



Future Prospects



800 km

(calculated by volume*)





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