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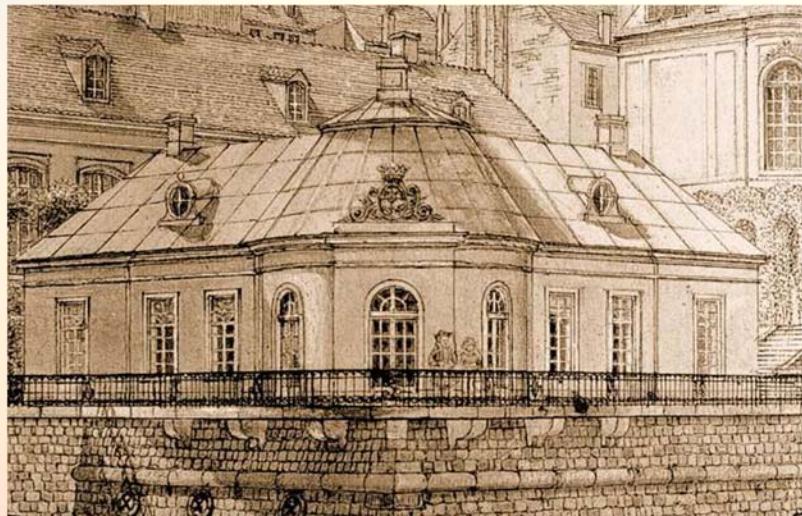
# Li-Battery SAFETY

November 2016

TU Dresden

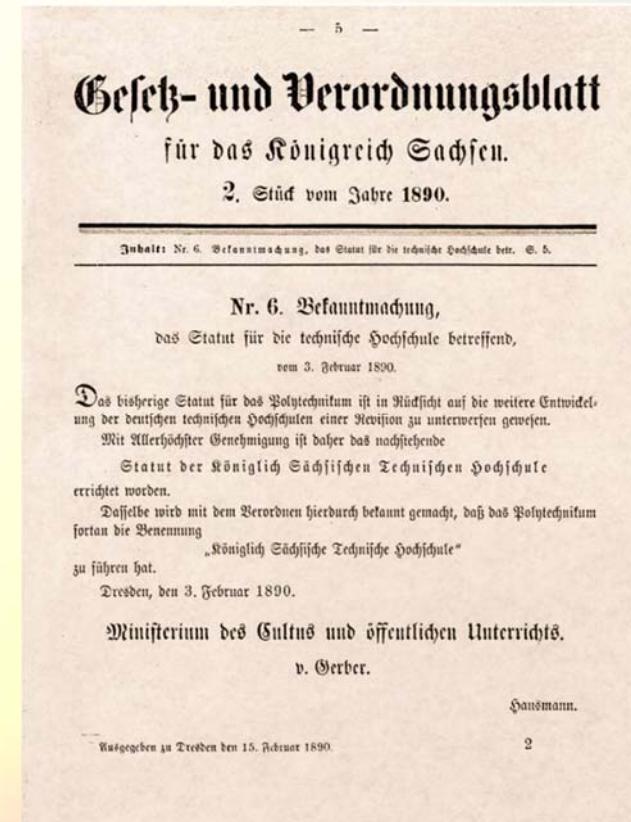
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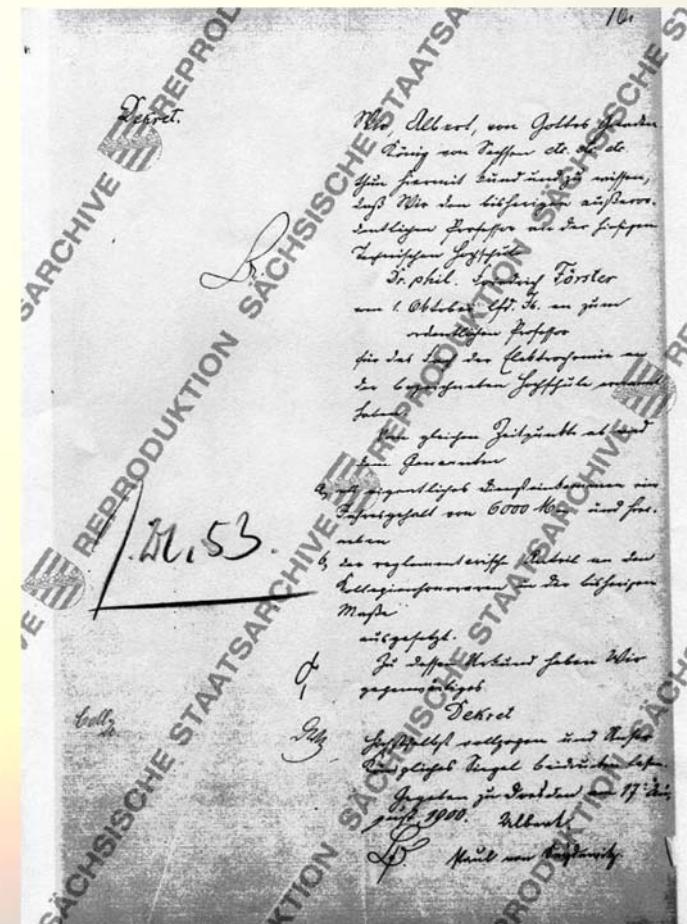
1828 Technische Bildungsanstalt  
Dresden

# Historischer Rückblick – Elektrochemie



1890 Königlich Sächsische  
Technische Hochschule

# Erstes Elektrochemische Institut Deutschlands 1900 - Prof. Dr. Fritz Förster



# **Prof. Dr. Kurt Schwabe (1905 – 1983)**

**Professor für Physikalische und Elektrochemie,  
Rektor TU Dresden**





1965

**5 kW Brennstoffzellen  
(Hydrazin-Luft)  
Gabelstapler**

**TUD - BAE**

# **Li-Primärzellen Fertigung Pirna**

## **(Herzschriftmacher)**

### **Start 1980er**



**LITRONIK**

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**LITRONIK Batterietechnologie  
GmbH**

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Germany

# Content

- Introduction Safety Risks
- Li-Battery Systems and their Risks
  - Li-Metalic Systems
  - Li-Ion Systems
- Main Safety Problems (electrical, kinetical, chemical, thermal)

# Production and Storage



Fire at HELLA in Bockum-Hövel (Germany) 24.11.2007, 18:47 h

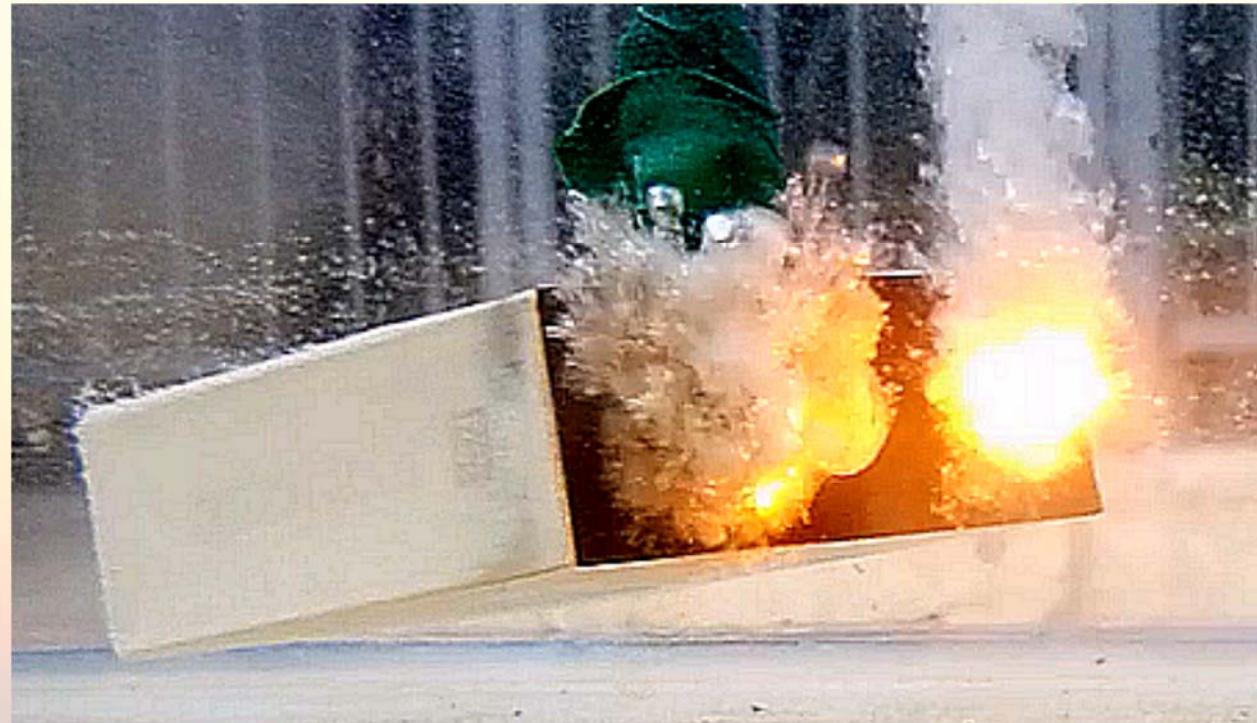
# EV-Use - EV under Water (Storm Tide)

**More Than A Dozen Fisker Karma Hybrids Caught Fire And Exploded In New Jersey Port After Sandy**



Approximately 16 of the \$100,000+ Fisker Karma extended-range luxury hybrids were parked in Port Newark, New Jersey last night when water from Hurricane Sandy's storm surge apparently breached the port and submerged the vehicles. As *Jalopnik* has

# Fire even under Water



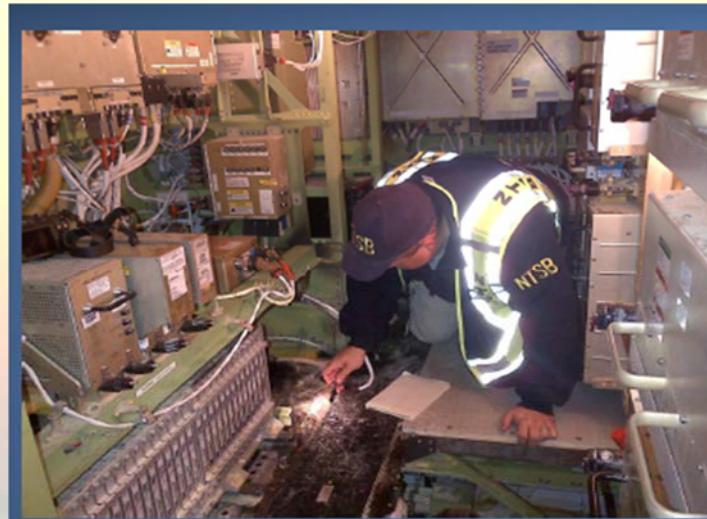
*Fire of a 11.5 Ah LFP cell under salt water (3.5. % NaCl)*

**Boeing 747-400 Cargo  
3rd September 2010  
Dubai  
Li-Battery overheating**

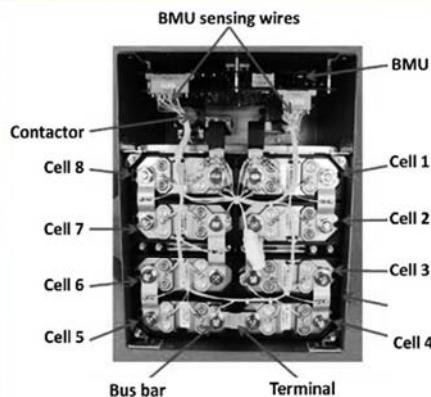




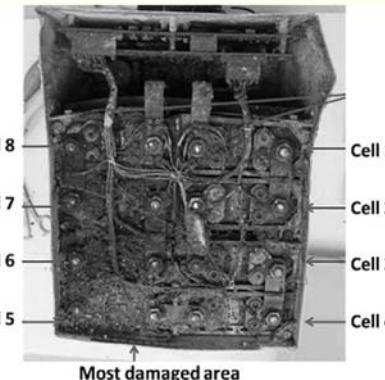
## Boeing Dreamliner B 787



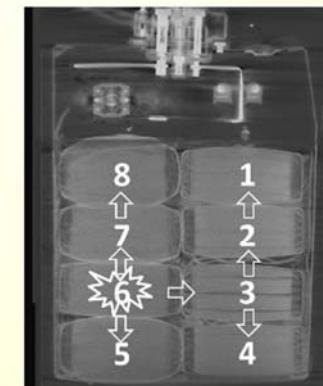
# BOEING Dreamliner – Fire Reasons



(a) The battery pack



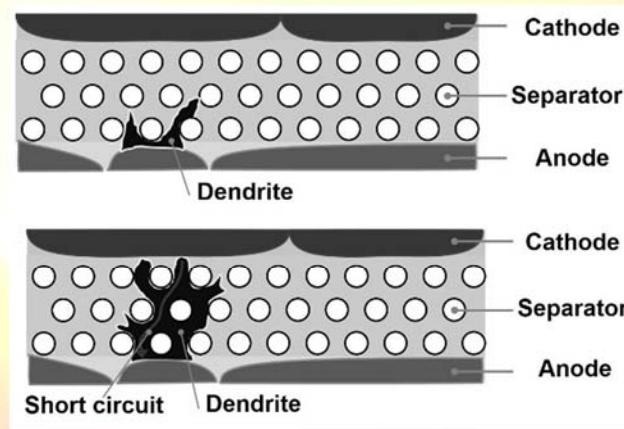
(b) After burning



(c) CT result



(a) A photo of dendrite growth



(b) Internal short circuit caused by dendrite growth

Thermal  
propagation



# Cell/Battery Recalls

Date	Accident device	Recall scale
Aug. 2006	Sony cell in Dell note PC	4.1 M packs
Aug. 2006	Sony cell in Apple note PC	1.8 M packs
Oct. 2006	Sony cell in Toshiba & Fujitsu note PC	3.7 M packs
Dec. 2006	Sanyo cell in Mitsubishi cellular phone	1.3 M packs
Mar. 2007	Sanyo cell in Lenovo note PC	0.2 M packs
Jun. 2007	NEC-Tokin cell in Welcomm cellular phone	0.13 M packs
Jun. 2007	NEC-Tokin cell in KDDI cellular phone	0.07 M packs
Aug. 2007	Panasonic cell in Nokia cellular phone	46 M packs
Mar. 2008	NEC-Tokin cell in Kyocera cellular phone	0.21 M packs
Jun. 2008	Sony cell in note PC	0.438 M packs
Mar., 2010	HP note PC	-
Jul. 2010	Sony cell in note PC	0.055362M packs



**Samsung Expands Recall to All Galaxy Note7 Devices**

Updated – Oct. 13 2016

# Disposal



# **TESLA-S - e.g. 6th November 2013**



# Failures



	Failure Trigger	Example	Reference
1	External heat	1. Tesla wall plug initiated fire	1. Tesla official Statement 10-01-2014
2	Over-Charge	1. US & UK 'Hoverboard' recall	1. Recall notice CPSC 16-218, CTSI press brief
3	Over-Voltage	1. US & UK 'Hoverboard' recall	1. Recall notice CPSC 16-218, CTSI press brief
4	Crush	1. BYD Taxi crash, 2. Samsung S7 note	1. BYD official statement 05-29-2012 2. Samsung Info-graphic "what we discovered" Samsung, 01-23-2017
5	Penetration	1. Tesla Highway debris incident	1. NHTSA investigation: PE13-037
6	Internal short-circuit	1. Boeing 787 Dreamliner	1. NTSB incident report NTSB/AIR-14/01 PB2014-108867
7	Manufacturing Particle	1. Sony Battery warehouse, 2. Samsung S7 note	1. Lithium-ion Hazards and Use Assessment (Springer Science & Business Media, 2012) 2. Samsung Info-graphic "what we discovered" Samsung, 01-23-2017
8	Dendrite	1. Mitsubishi iMiev charging issue 2. Boeing 787 Dreamliner	1. Mitsubishi 'cease charging request' 03-27-2013 2. NTSB incident report NTSB/AIR-14/01 PB2014-108867
9	Separator misalignment	1. Samsung S7 note	1. Samsung Info-graphic "what we discovered" Samsung, 01-23-2017
10	External short-circuit	1. Chevrolet Volt, 2. Honda civic HEV 3. Fisker Karma Recall	1. NHTSA investigation, Doc. Number: DOT HS 811 573 2. NHTSA Recall Number: 07V034000 3. NHTSA Recall Number: 12V241000

# Tesla Fire in France – August 2016



**BUT**  
***ICE-Cars***

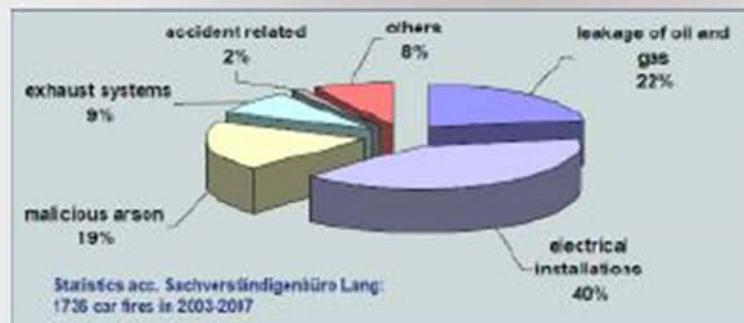
# ICE-Vehicle Fire - Germany

## Accidents: Burning batteries

ICE Cars in Germany 2007: 25'000 fires of passenger cars per year

### Fire of passenger vehicles

- GDV (Gesamtverband der Versicherungswirtschaft):  
25.000 fires of passenger vehicles per year in Germany (2007)
- Exact statistics of reasons for fires of passenger vehicles is not available



~40% electrical installations  
~20% «malicious arson»  
~40% other, ICE-related

**~ 70 ICE-car fires per day in Germany**

- Electrical installation main reason for car fires (ca. 40 %):  
Heating of electrical connections and parts by high current, short circuit

Dr. Claus Rüdiger, BCI Polycarbonates, Bayer MaterialScience AG

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# ICE-Vehicle Fire - USA

## NFPA Data

### VEHICLES

In 2003-2007, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 287,000 vehicle fires per year. These fires caused an estimated 480 civilian deaths, 1,525 civilian injuries and \$1.3 billion in direct property damage annually.



**Every 2...3 minutes there is a ICE-car fire – USA**

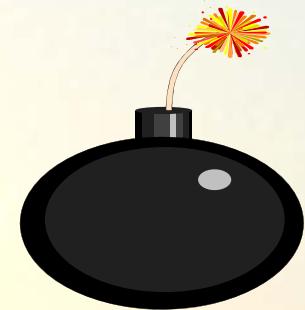
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*- Is the Li-Battery a controlled Bomb?*

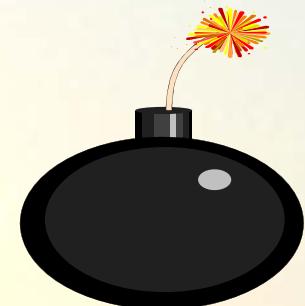
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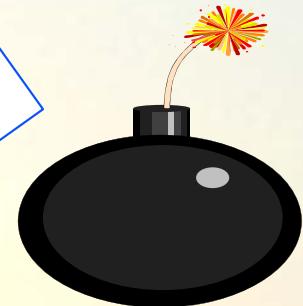
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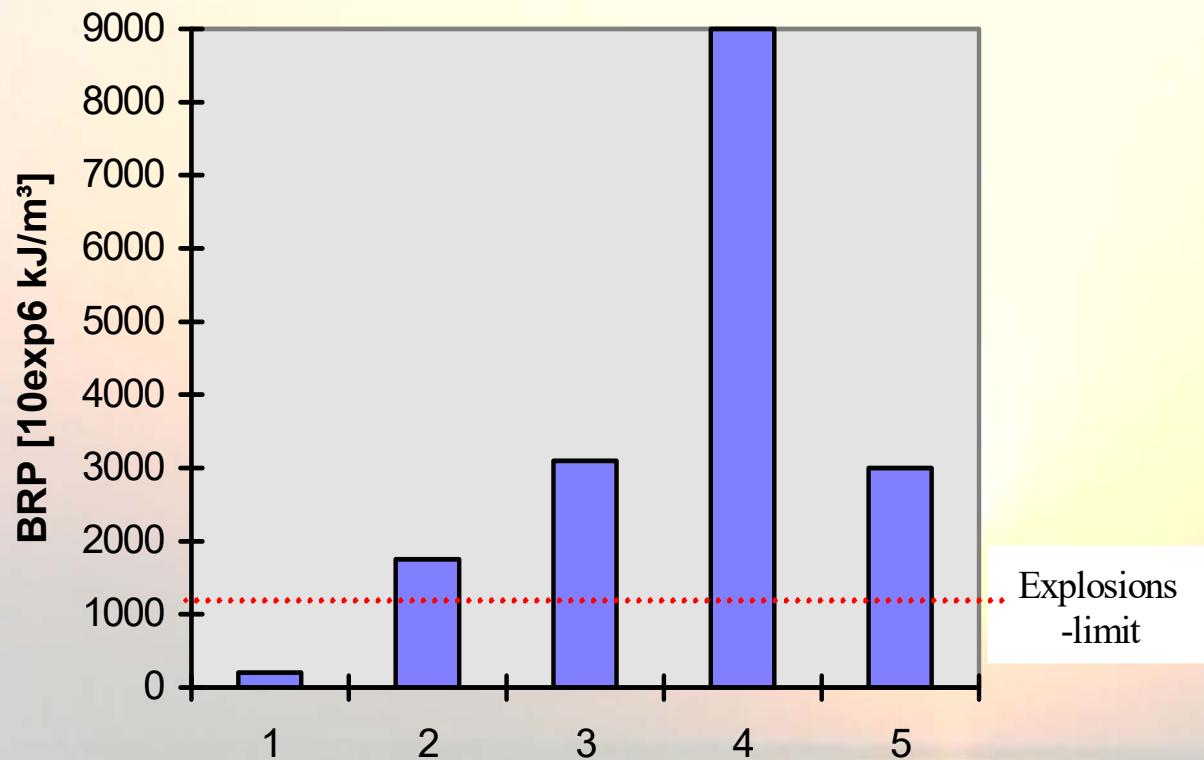
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# High energy densities pose no inherent risk

Explosion risk is given by the Berthelot-Roth Product (BRP)

$$\text{BRP} \sim V_{\text{gas products}} * \Delta H_{\text{reaction}}$$



- 1 : Li / anorg. Elektrolyt /  $\text{LiCoO}_2$
- 2 : LiC / org. Elektrolyt /  $\text{LiCoO}_2$
- 3 : Li /  $\text{SO}_2$  / (C)
- 4 : Li / org. Elektrolyt /  $\text{MnO}_2$
- 5 : Schwarzpulver (  $\text{KNO}_3$ , C, S )

# Li-Ion Cell Safety

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# **Li-Ion Cell Safety**

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**BUT**

1 Tesla S => 7,200 cells

100 Tesla S => 720,000 cells

139 Tesla S => 1,000,000 cells (1 ppm)

„Each 140th Tesla S will burn“



# **Li- Battery Systems**

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# Li-Systems

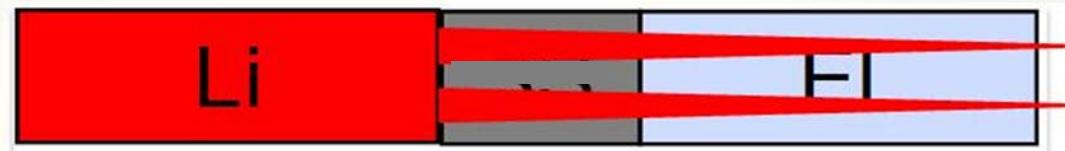
## *Metallic Lithium*

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Protective Layer  
Solid Electrolyte Interphase - SEI

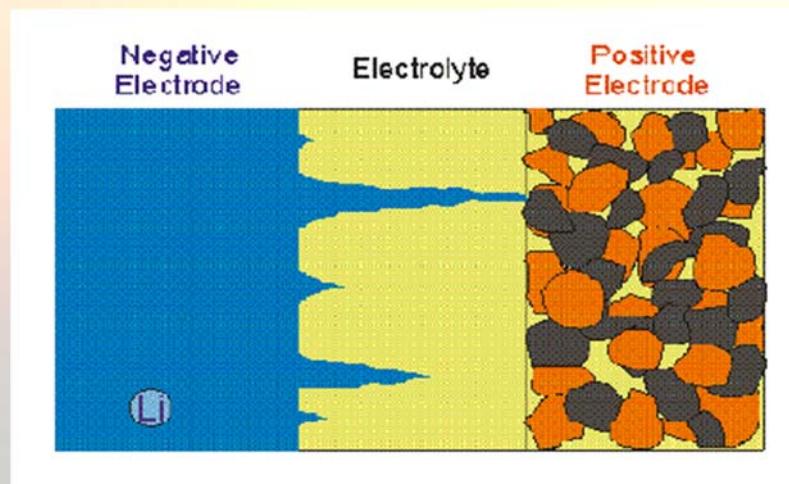
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**Problem:** Dendrites growth through the electrolyte



Source: Russ Chianelli -Exxon

# First Rechargeable Li-Metall MoO<sub>2</sub> Cell – MOLI 1988



Souvenir Sun, Saturday, September 26, 1992

BUSINESS

## MOVING IN ON MOLI

**AR**

Moli, already a legendary mining man and multi-millionaire, had another scientific discovery. Moli was a major molybdenum producer, he understood the enormous commercial potential for the metal.

Moli invested \$25,000 in a new company called Molli Money Has No Country, author Ann Shorrock says early days when it caught the attention of the press.

"B.C.'s high tech jewel, but they were to be a battery blew up — and with it, the promise of a future."

He positioned himself as a champion of Canadian technology.

"I don't think the Japanese have the high-tech field covered," he says. "The only problem is we (in Canada) don't have the population and we don't have the money."

He met the Moli scientists (University of B.C.'s Rudi Herring, Jim Stiles and Klaus Brandt, whom he mentally dubbed "the three musketeers," and began to court Stiles.

"I couldn't even get his name right, he was so close-mouthed," he chuckles. He made the dinner card

**KLAUS BRANDT:** changes delayed

**NORMAN KEEVIL:** not anxious to meet Ro

**ANDREW ITO**

**“**

**Myself, not knowing too much about batteries, I thought this was a piece of cake going into production. That's where we made our mistakes**

Souvenir Sun, Wednesday, October 2, 1991

BUSINESS

## The Death of a Dream

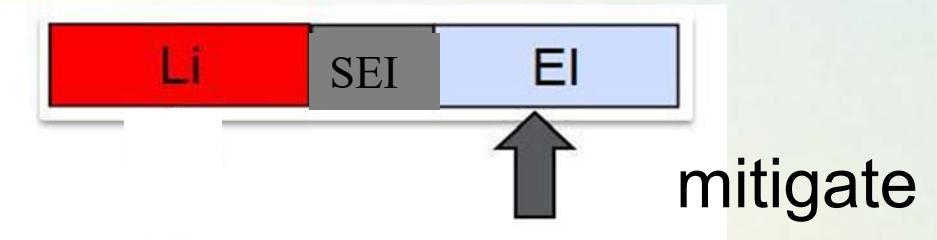
Moli saga reveals how Canadian and Japanese business differs.

Keevil — Dr. Keevil the scientist at Moli — went into overdrive. In classic Canadian entrepreneurial style, he turned to the government for financial support. And what Canadian government wouldn't have jumped at the chance? After all, Moli had announced the battery cell that had cost millions over a half-dozen years, but nonetheless only the rudimentary laboratory stage that Moli was at by 1986. Others seemed to be further.

There were announcements in the trade press of batteries that had been developed and would soon be including some of the Sony group. The nickel-cadmium battery faced with

MOLI 1979: First functional  
Li-MoS<sub>2</sub> Battery – 6V

MOLI 1988: First commercial  
Li-MoS<sub>2</sub> AA-Cell

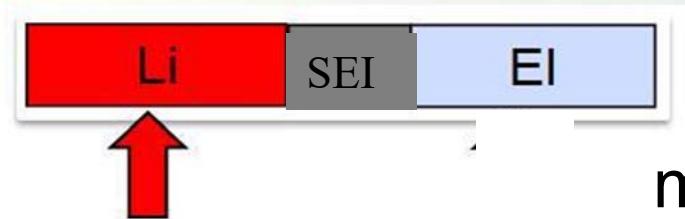


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### **==> Li All-Solid Systems**

A<sub>1</sub> – Solid electrolyte: polymer electrolytes => **Li-Polymer Systems**

A<sub>2</sub> – Solid electrolyte: inorganic crystalline materials/glasses



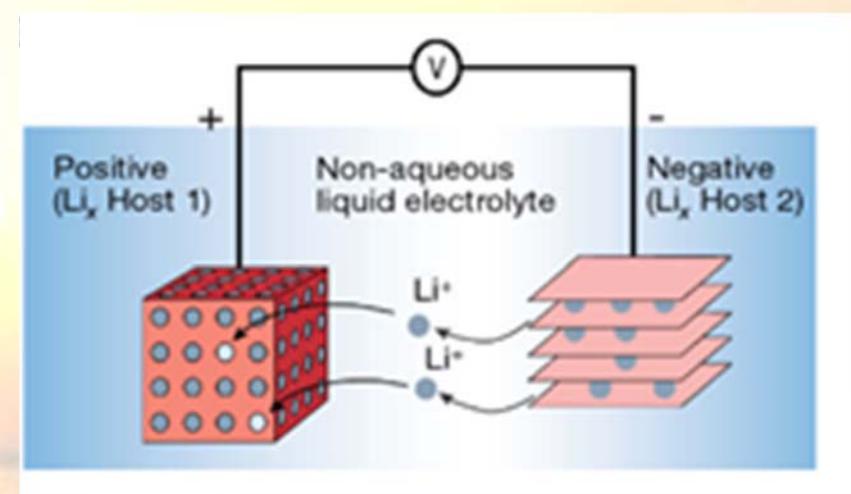
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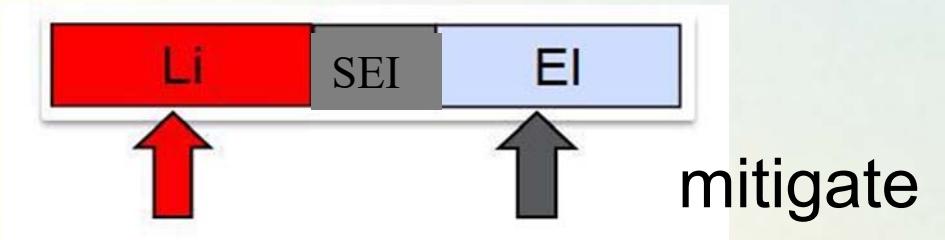
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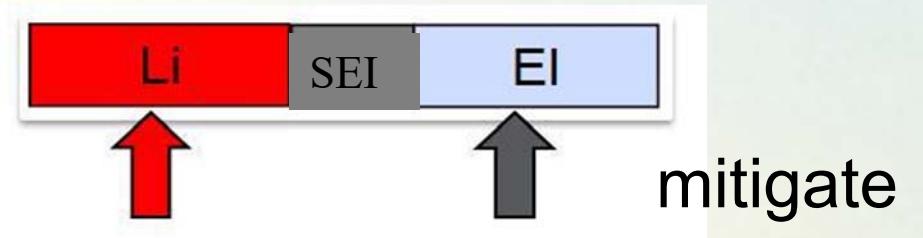
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**==> Li-Ion Systems**





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**==> Li-Ion Polymer Systems**



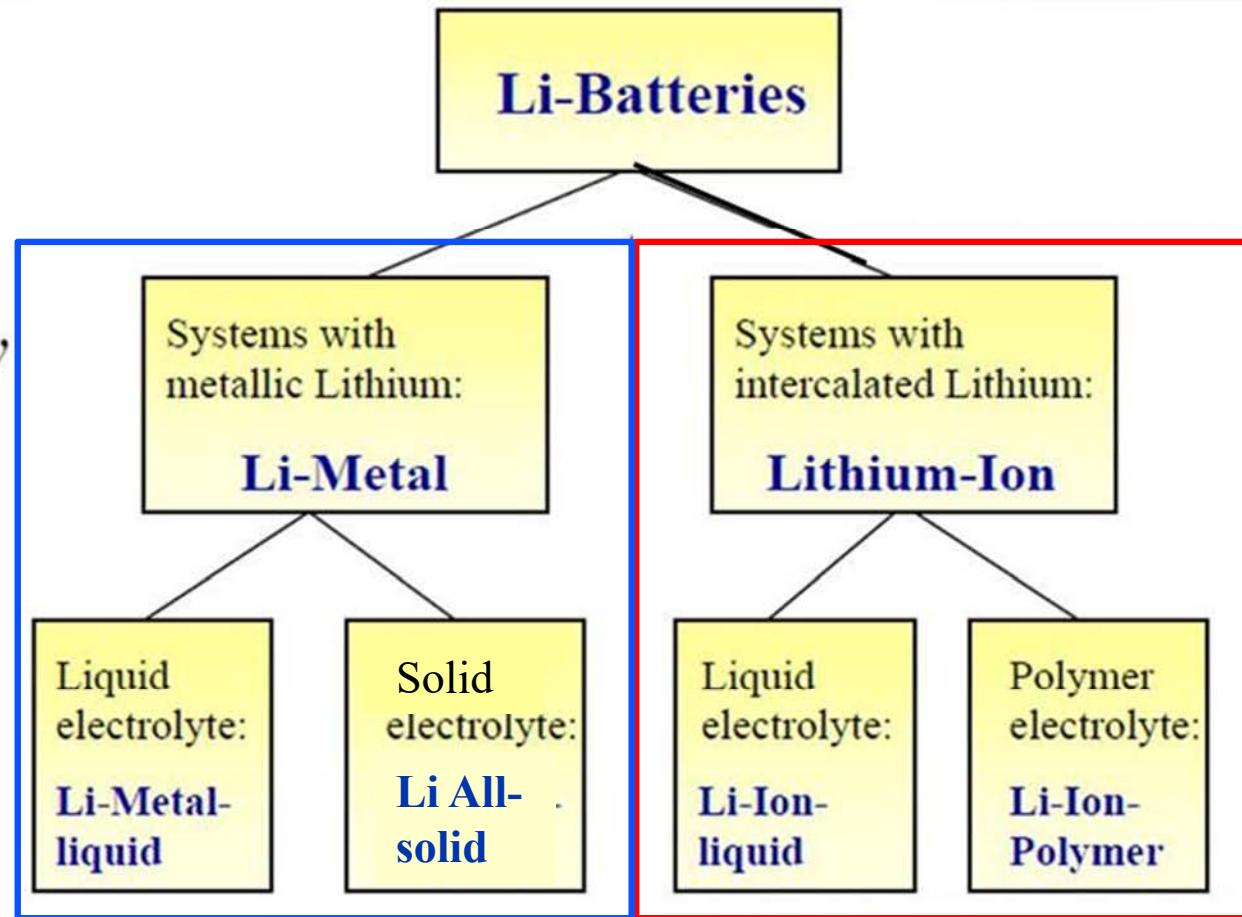
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# Li - Battery Systems

*Differentiation by  
anode material*

**Li-Metal**

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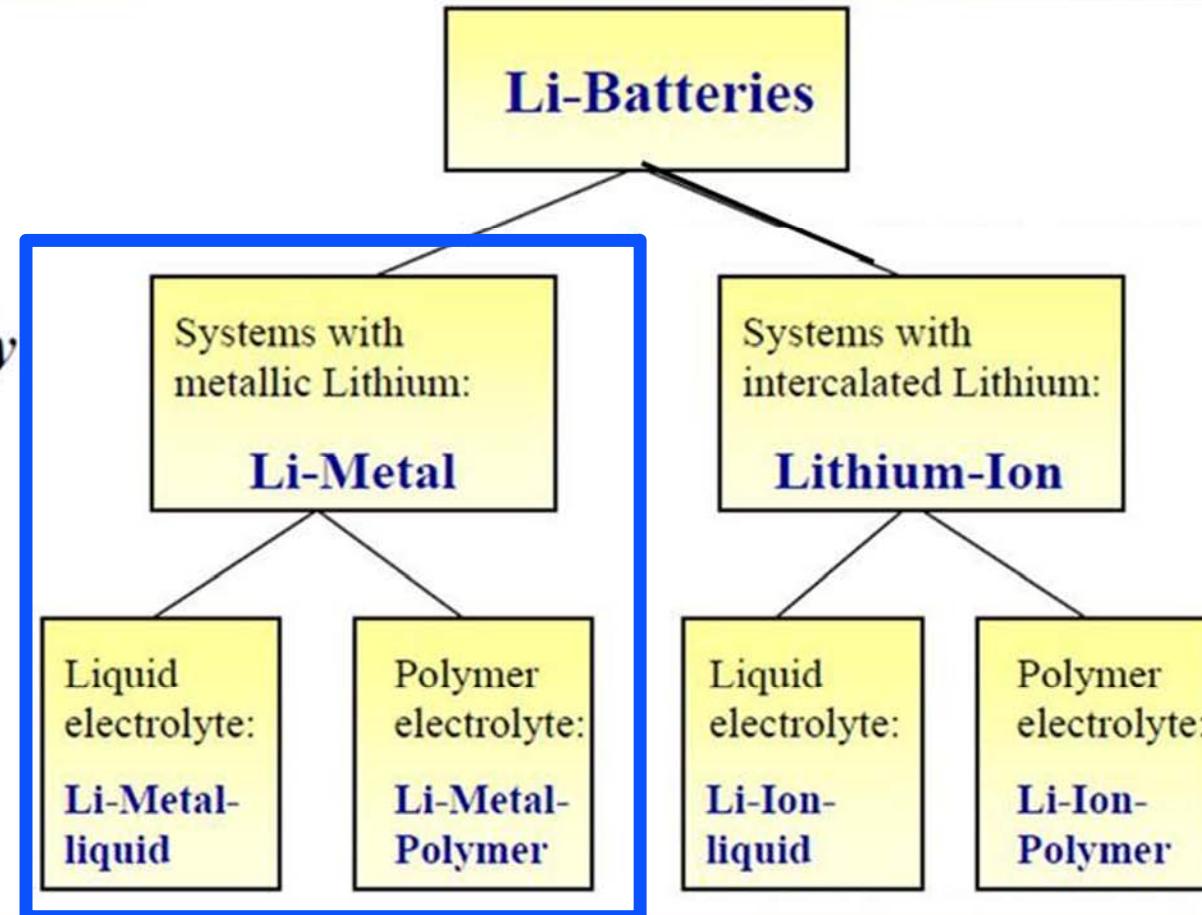


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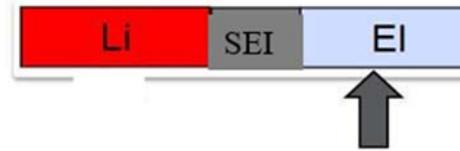
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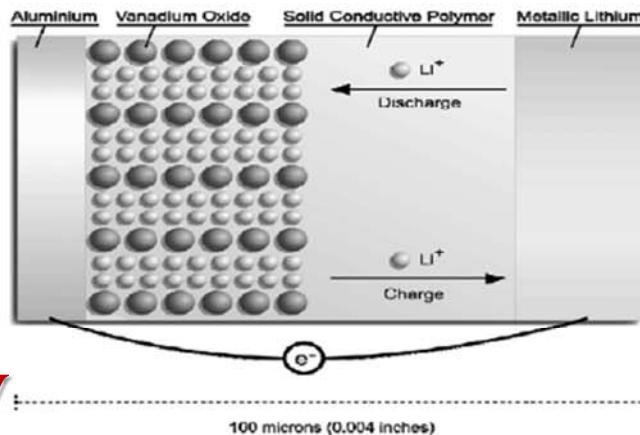
*Only few Li Metal system are under development (coin cells, Bolloré)*

# Li-Metal Polymer System

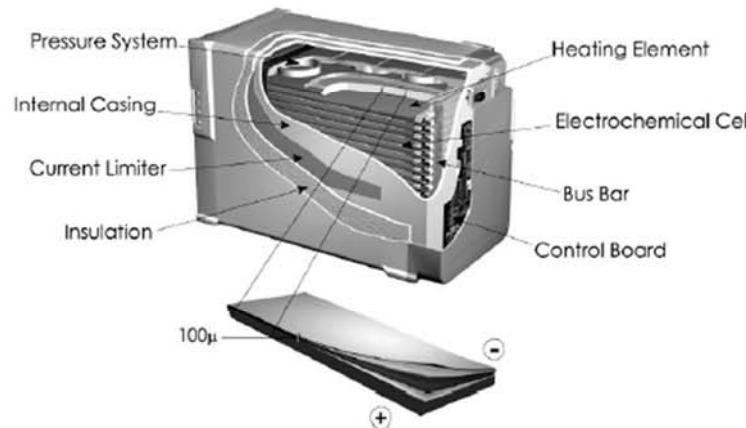
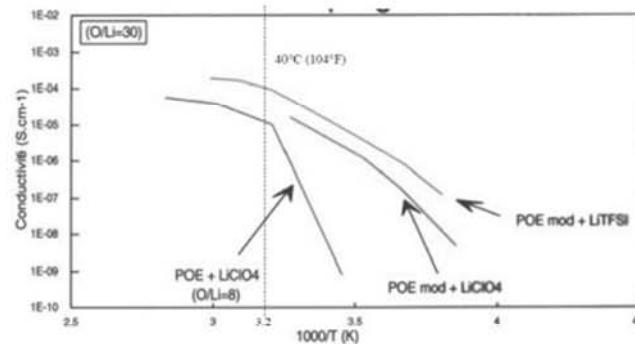


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## Avestor Technology



- 80 Ah, 48 V
- Li/V<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> – PEO/LiTFSI polymer electrolyte
  - 3 V cathode used due to limit of stability of the PEO
  - Heated System to operate above 40°C
  - Stack pressure on flat cells to improve lithium cycling



V. Duval et. al., Avestor, 2004

# Lithium Metal Anodes with Solid Polymer Electrolytes

## The End of the First Commercial Effort

### Avestor Shuts Down

2 November 2006

Avestor, the Canadian developer of Lithium-Metal-Polymer (LMP) battery technology, is shutting down. The company filed with the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy in Montréal with a view to making a Proposal to its creditors on 31 October.



### AT&T Begins Massive Battery Replacement

Routers



NEWS ANALYSIS  
PHIL HARVEY

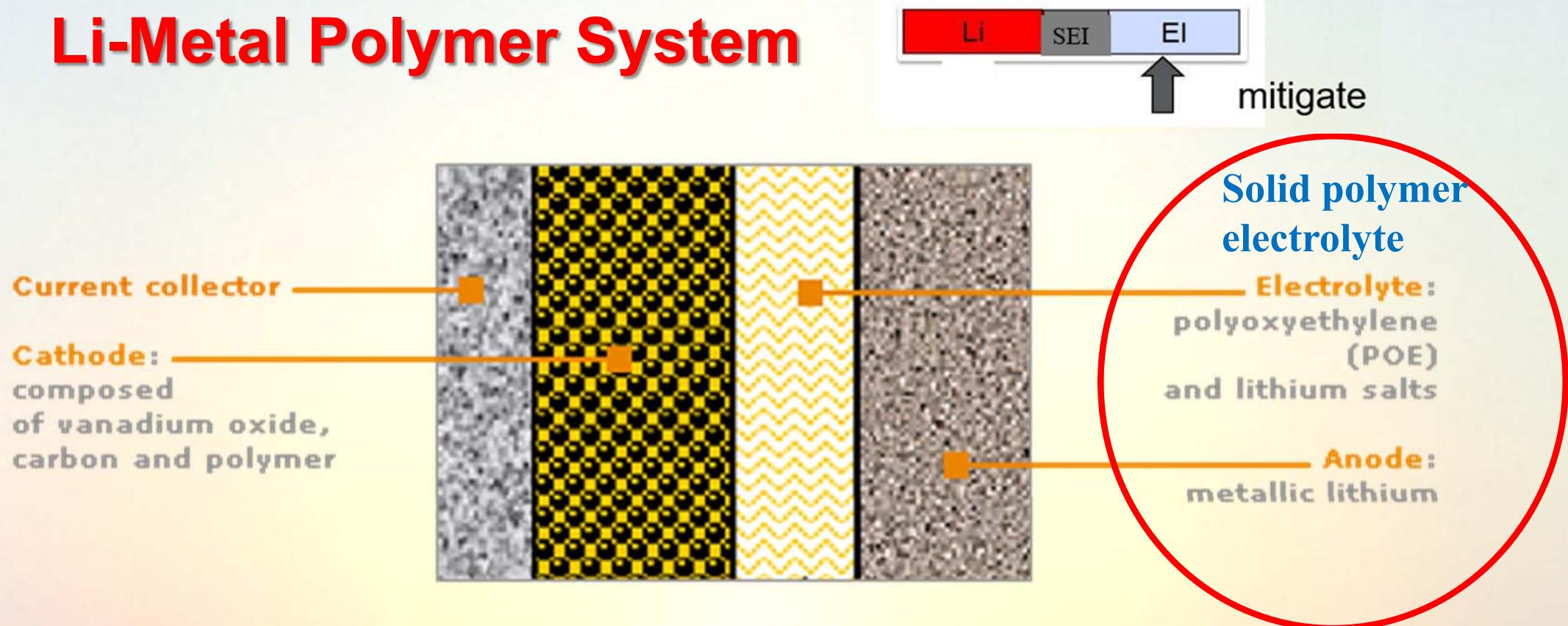
After four equipment fires in two years, including a Christmas Day 2007 explosion in Wisconsin, AT&T Inc. (NYSE: T) says it is no longer comfortable with the batteries that provide backup power to thousands of its equipment cabinets in neighborhoods all over the U.S.

"Following incidents involving batteries used in AT&T U-verse network cabinets, the company is replacing 17,000 similar batteries, all manufactured by Avestor," writes an AT&T spokesman, in an email to *Light Reading*.

March, 5<sup>th</sup> 2007

**The Bolloré Group acquires the assets of Canadian manufacturer Avestor and strengthens its electric battery production activity**

# Li-Metal Polymer System



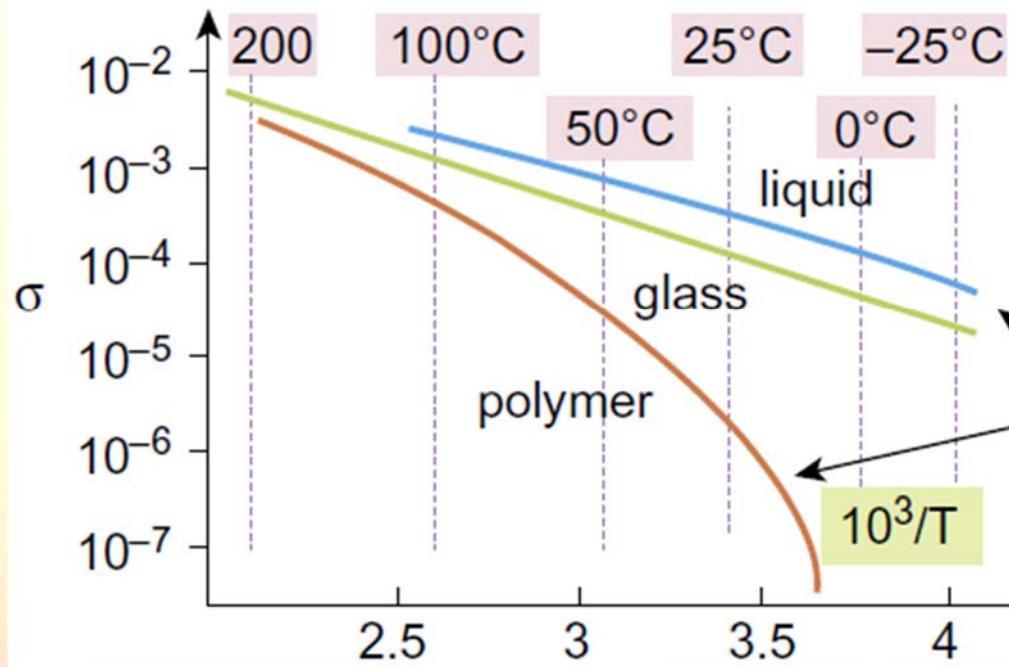
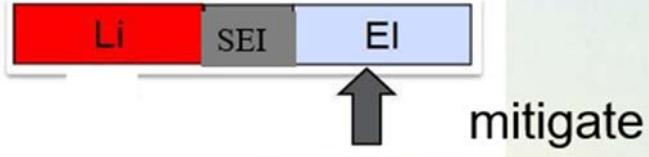
Bolloré (France)

2.8 kWh, 31 V, 25 kg, 25 l,  
 $P_{max}$ : 8 kW, 110 Wh/kg,



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# Li-Metal Polymer System Operating Temperature



Operating temperature: 80°C

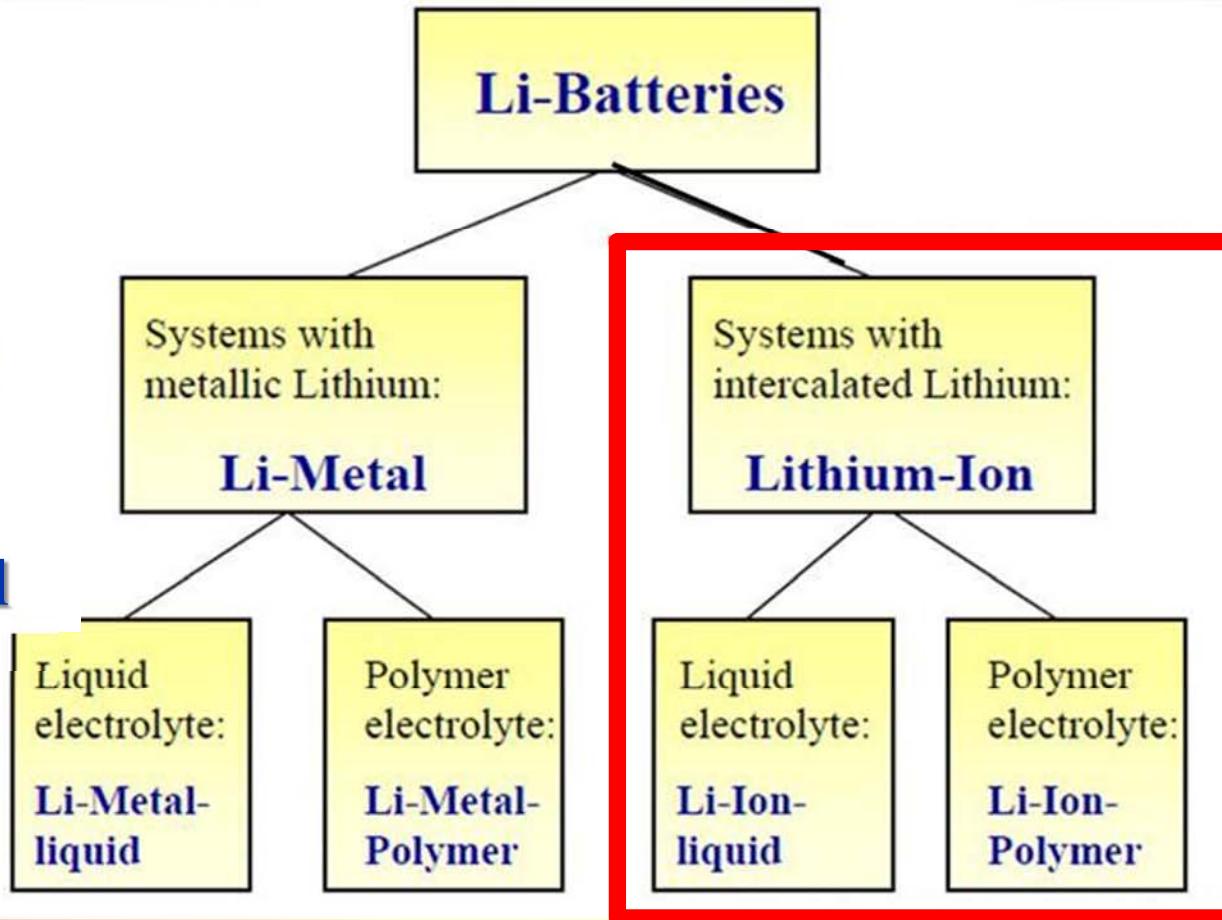
Melting Temperature Li : 180 °C

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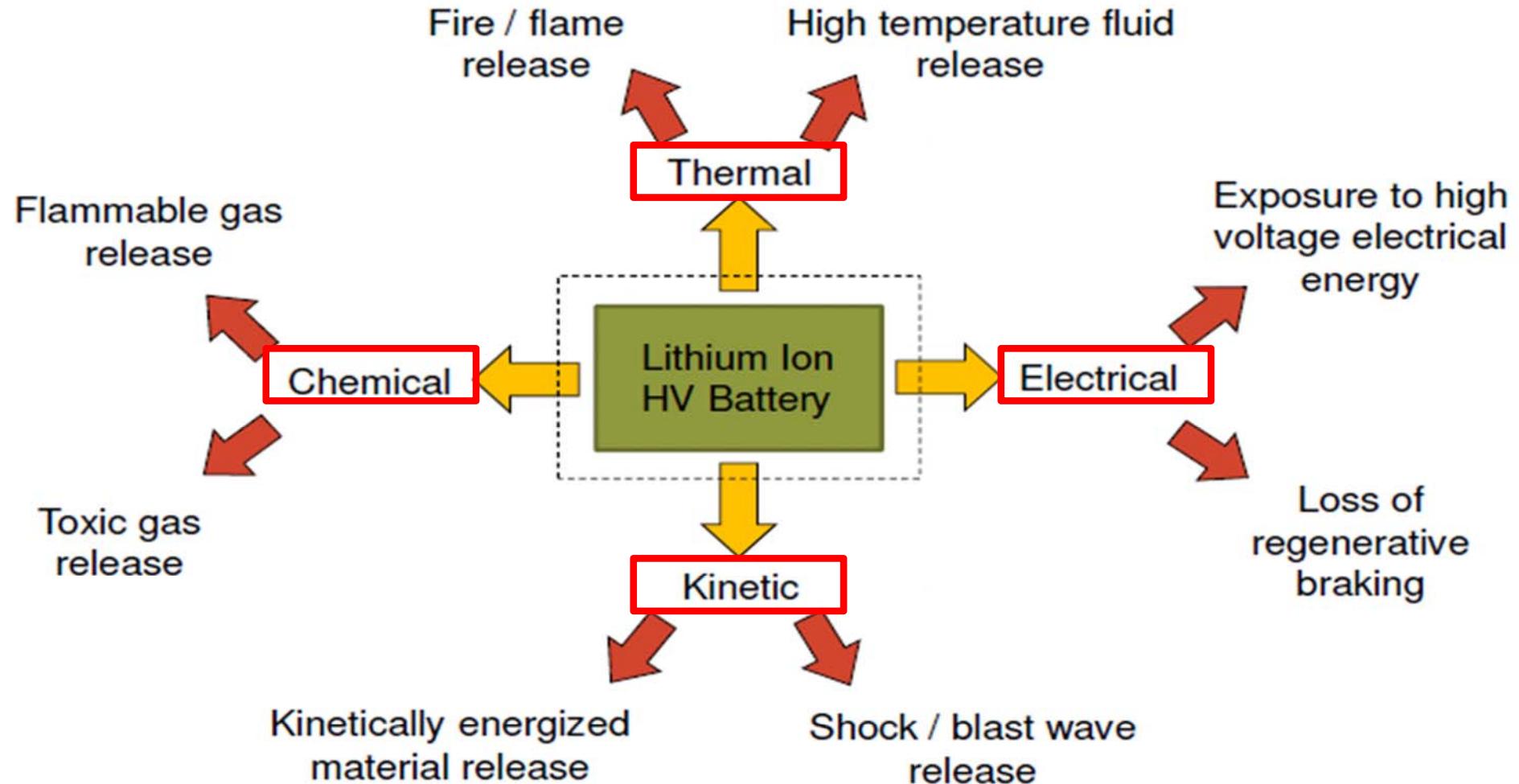
**Li-Metal**

*Differentiation  
by electrolyte*

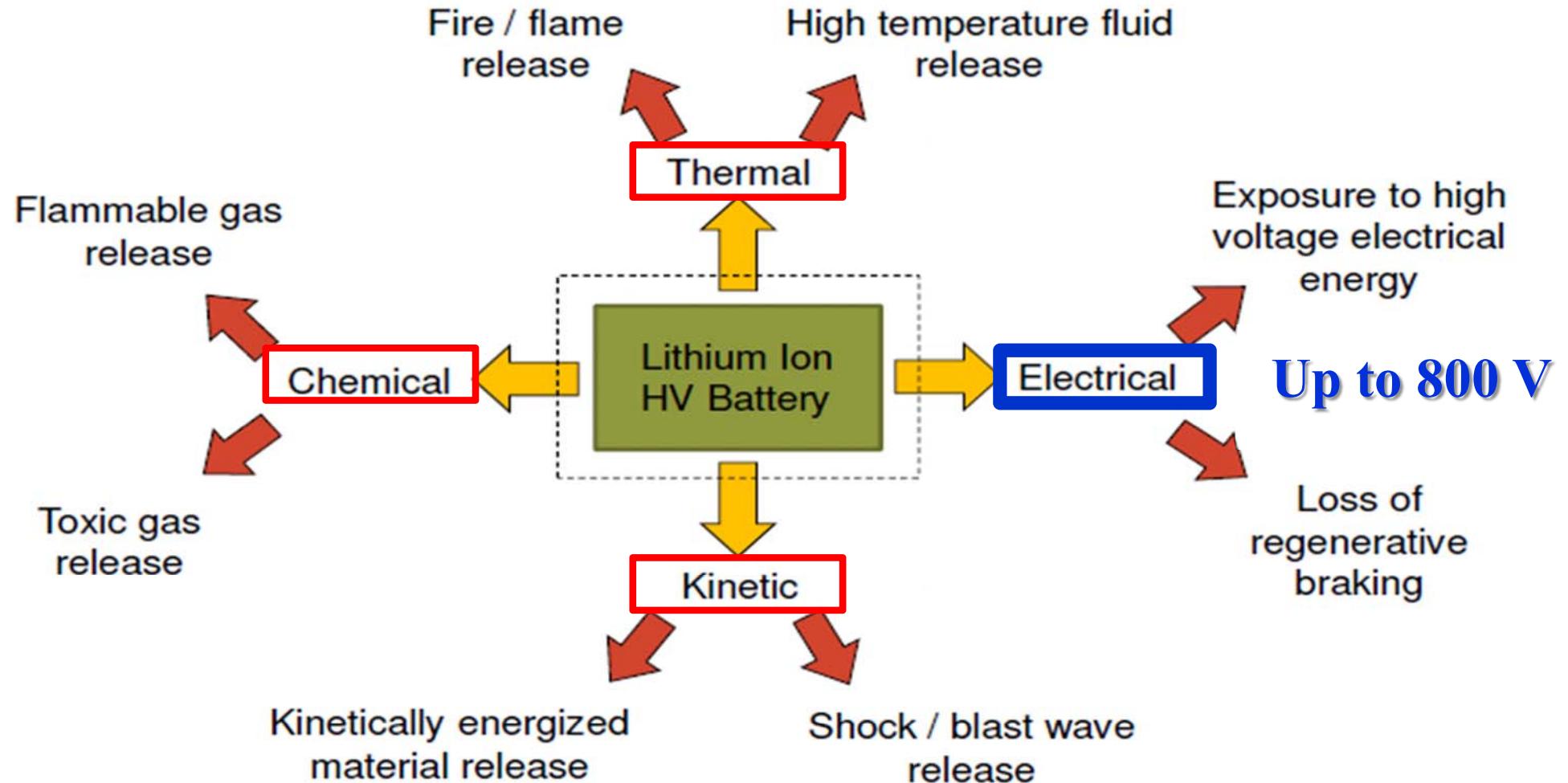


**Li-Ion**  
**> 5 bill. cells/a**

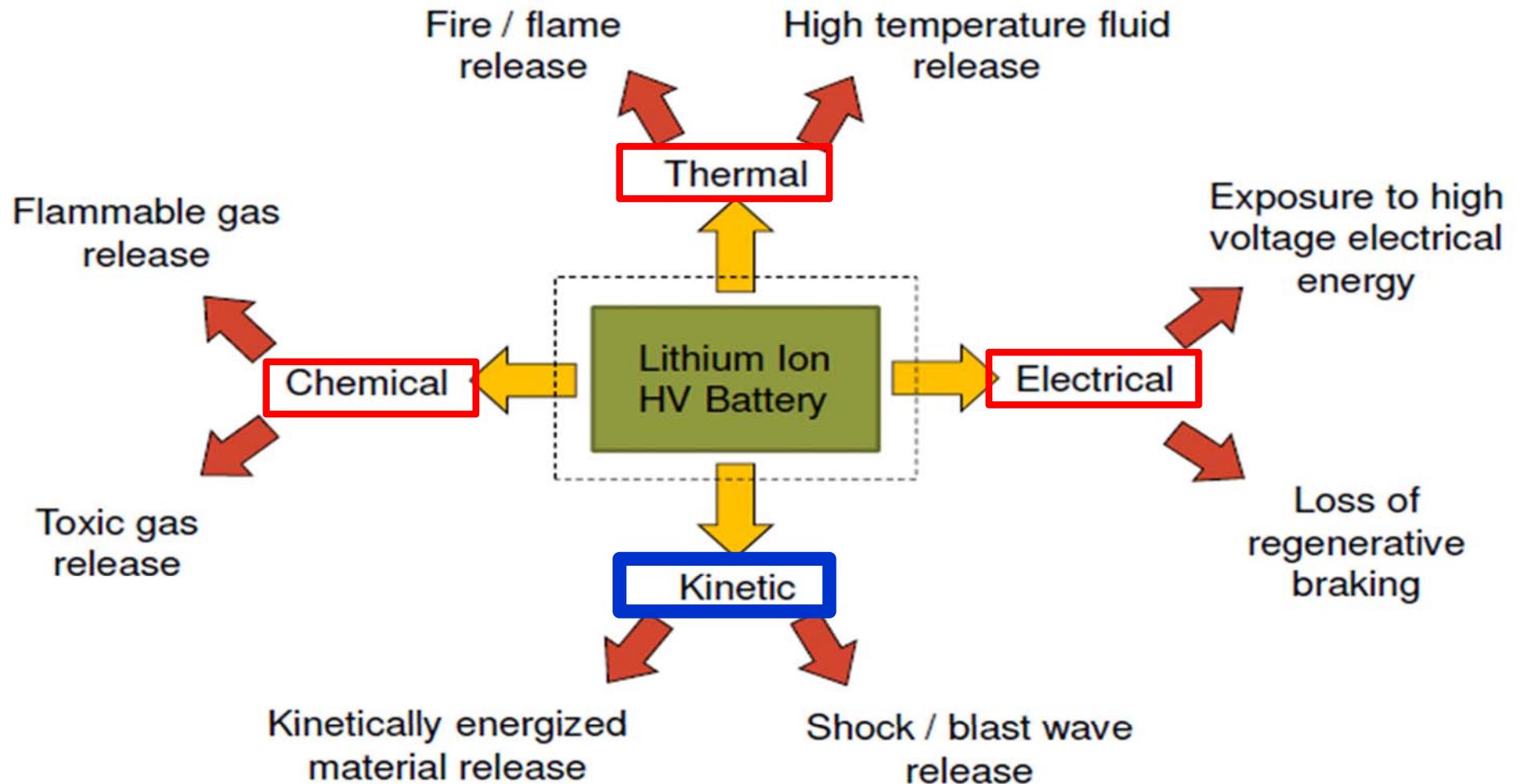
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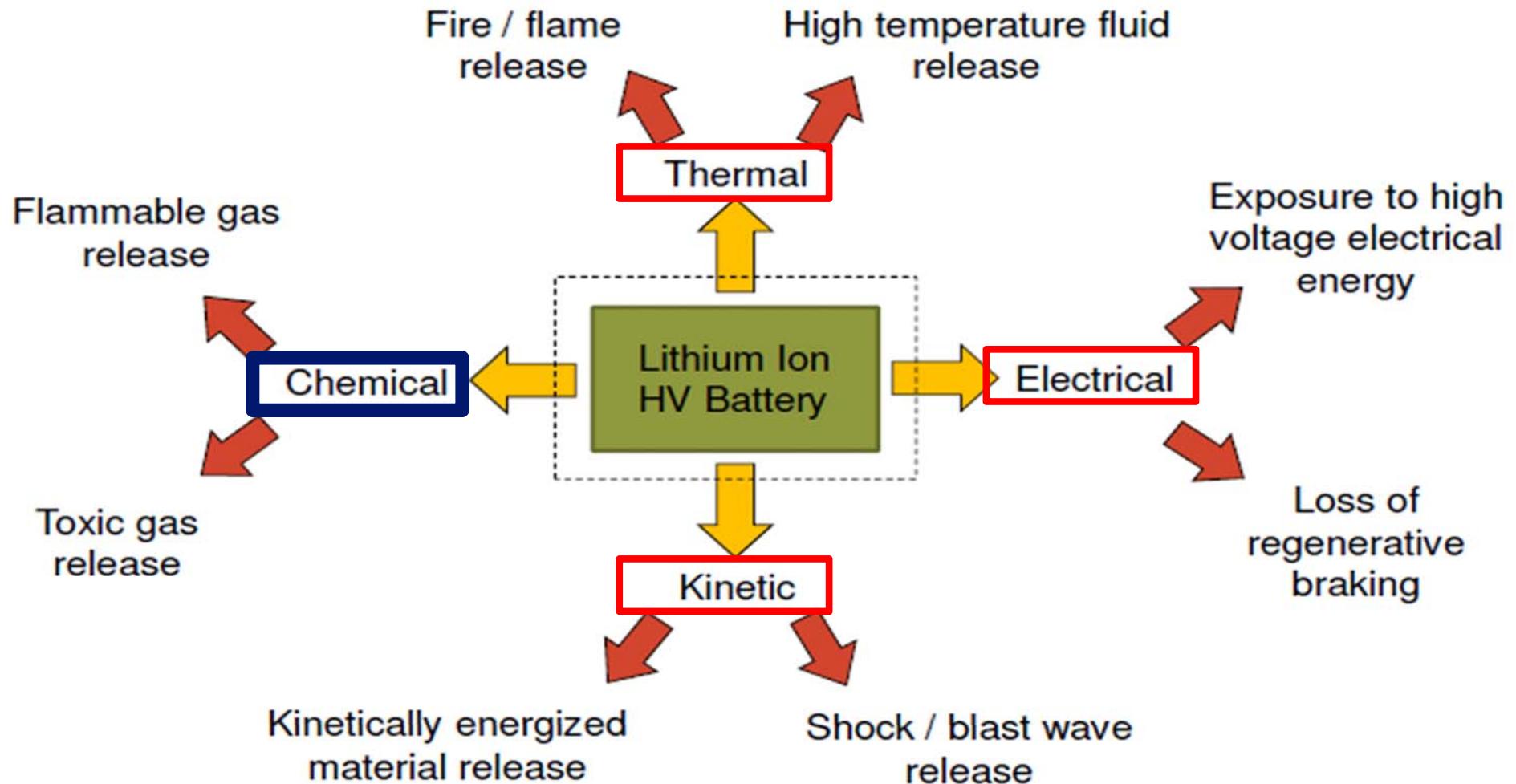
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# NASA Robot October 2016



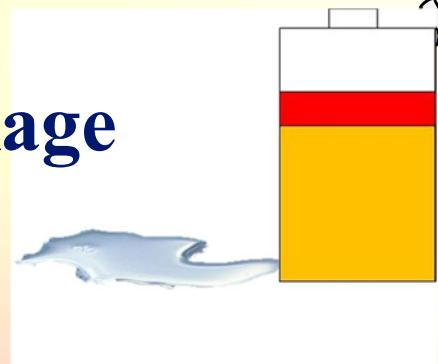
# What are the Main Safety Problems?



# Chemical Risk - Main Source: Electrolyte

Gas Development  
(Pressure, Flammable, Toxic)

Electrolyte Leakage



# Electrolyte

**1-1.5 m LiPF<sub>6</sub> (Salt) in Polycarbonates (Solvent)**

**Li-Salt** - source of Li<sup>+</sup>, LiPF<sub>6</sub>, LiPF<sub>6</sub> => Li<sup>+</sup> + PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>

**Solvent** - helps to dissociate LiPF<sub>6</sub> => Li<sup>+</sup> + PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>

Mixtures of organic polycarbonates as EC, PC, EMC, or DMC

# **Electrolyte Materials - Safety Significance**

**Solvent: Solvent Burning**

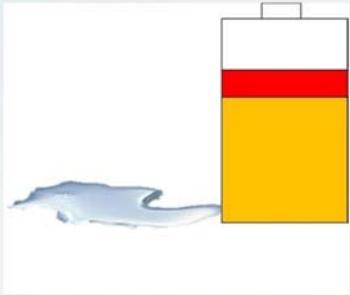
**LiPF<sub>6</sub>: HF and other Fluorid Compounds Formation**

# Solvent

substance	abbrev.	boiling [ °C ]	flash [ °C ]	self- ignition [ °C ]
Dimethylcarbonat	DMC	90	16	465
Ethylencarbonat	EC	250	150	465
Propylencarbonat	PC	240	135	510

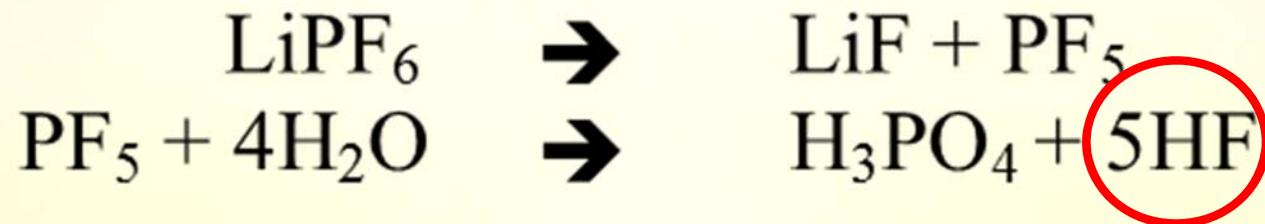


Flammable gas release: Externally supplied ignition



# Electrolyte - Leakage

**Li-Salt** (source of  $\text{Li}^+$ ): 1-1.5 molar solution of  $\text{LiPF}_6$



## HF Hazard related to NFPA 704

MAK-Wert:

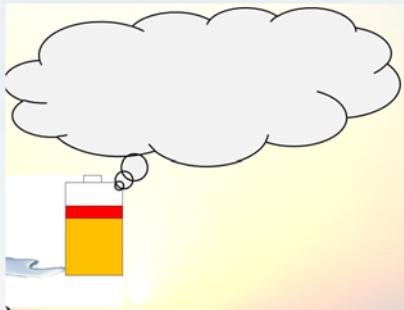
1mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

IDLH – Wert

25 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

(Immediately  
Dangerous to Life  
or Health)

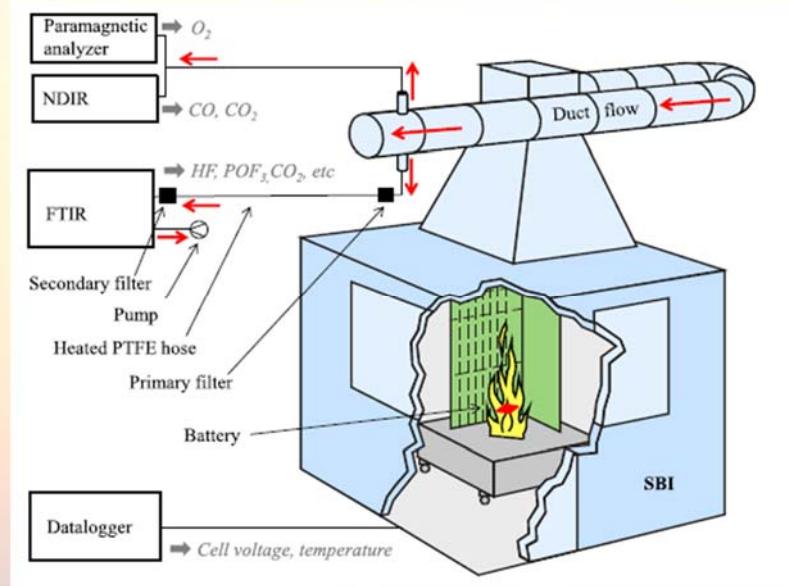




# Experimental Measurement of HF under Thermal Runaway Conditions (Fire) - Cells

## RESULTS

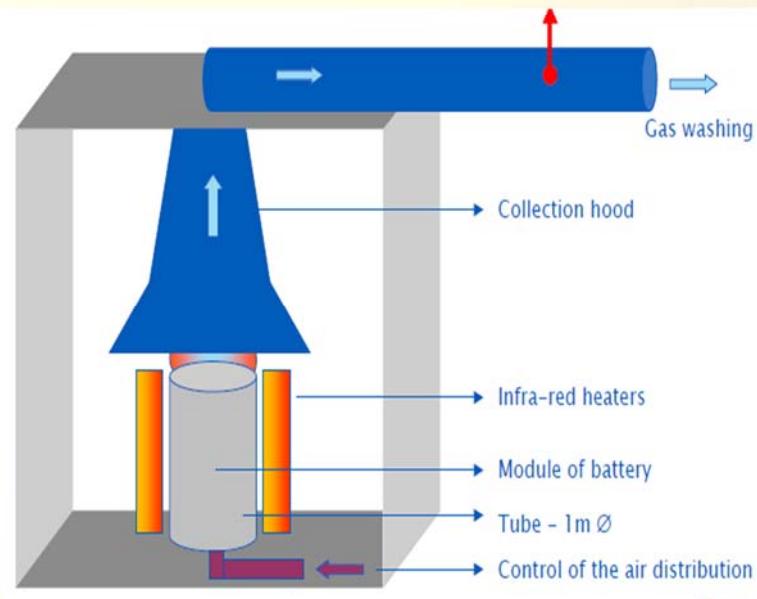
40 – 90 g HF/kWh



**Fire heating (15 kW burner)**  
35 Ah pouch LFP

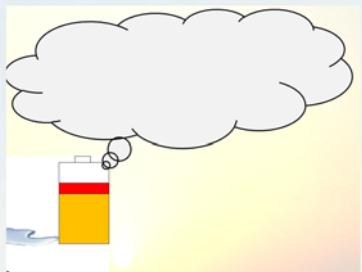
Source: F. Larsson et al., J. Power Sources 271 (2014) 414

40 – 120 g HF/kWh



**IR heating (~350 °C)**  
2.9 Ah pouch LMO

Source: P. Ribiere et. al. Energy Environ. Sci., 5 (2012) 5271

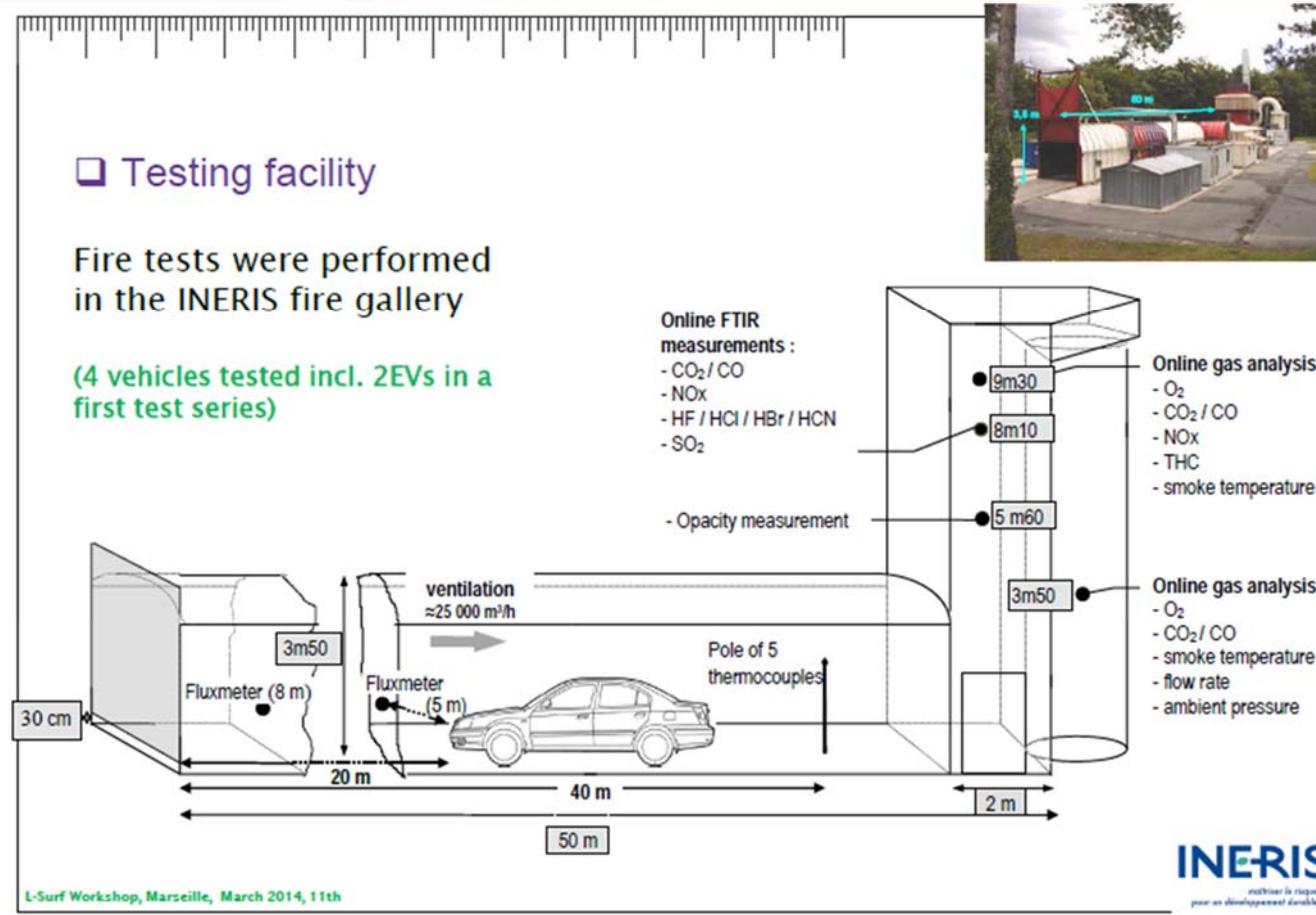


# Experimental Measurement of HF under Thermal Runaway Conditions (Fire) - Cars

## Testing facility

Fire tests were performed in the INERIS fire gallery

(4 vehicles tested incl. 2EVs in a first test series)



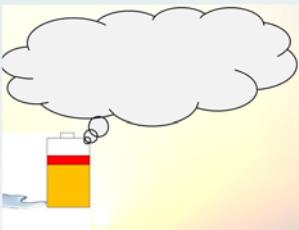
## Results

EV with LFP 23.5 kWh  
28 g HF/kWh

EV with LFP 16.5 kWh  
56 g HF/kWh

$$m(HF_{Batt}) = m(HF_{EV}) - m(HF_{ICE})$$

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# HF-Measurement Results under Thermal Runaway Conditions (Fire)

**Cell 1 – LMO 2.9 Ah pouch**

**40 – 90 g HF/kWh**

*Source: P. Ribiere et. al. Energy Environ. Sci., 5 (2012) 5271*

**Cell 2 – LFP 35 Ah pouch**

**40 – 120 g HF/kWh**

*Source: F. Larsson et al., J. Power Sources 271 (2014) 414*

**EV with Battery 1**

**56 g HF/kWh**

**LFP 16.5 kWh**

**EV with Battery 2**

**28g HF/kWh**

**LFP 23.5 kWh**

*Source: INERIS (<http://hal-ineris.ccsd.cnrs.fr/ineris-00973680/document>)*

**=> 28 – 120 g HF/kWh**

MAK-Wert:  
IDLH –Wert  
(Immediately  
Dangerous to Life  
or Health)

1mg/m<sup>3</sup>.  
25 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.



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# Incomplete Combustion

## Incomplete combustion (in argon)

- HCN, HF and Co concentrations were larger than TLV.

Components	In air Conc.	Ref. In Argon Conc.	Unit	Analytical method
CN <sup>-</sup>	< 0.3( $\pm 1$ )	<b>21</b>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Photometric method
F <sup>-</sup>	1.6	<b>20</b>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ion chromatography
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	< 2( $\pm 1$ )	< 2( $\pm 1$ )	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ion chromatography
Li	0.5	1.3	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ICP-OES
P	< 0.3( $\pm 1$ )	6.0	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ICP-OES
pH(gas components absorbed in aq. soln)	6.1	4.5	-	Glass electrode method

TLV of HCN : 5.2mg/m<sup>3</sup>, HF: 0.4mg/m<sup>3</sup>

The above result suggests that incomplete combustion may generate highly hazardous gasses of HCN and HF.

# Japanese Results

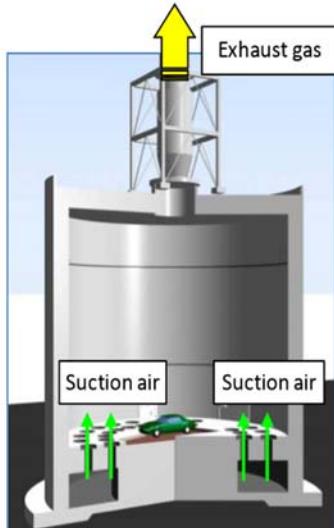
No HF!!!

## Comparison of Fires in Lithium-ion Battery Vehicles and Gasoline Vehicles

Masashi Takahashi, Masayuki Takeuchi, Kiyotaka Maeda,  
Shouma Nakagawa  
Japan Automobile Research Institute



Exhaust gas and smoke treatment equipment



Graphic model of Explosion resistant fire test cell

- Indoor tests are not affected by weather, so highly reproducible data can be obtained.
- The test apparatus is cylindrical with a ceiling height of 16 m and a internal diameter of 18 m.
- The air is blown into the apparatus at a rate of 750 m<sup>3</sup>/min through a suction hole opened under the floor.
- Combustion gasses generated from the fire test are discharged from the ceiling and then sent to the exhaust gas and smoke treatment equipment.

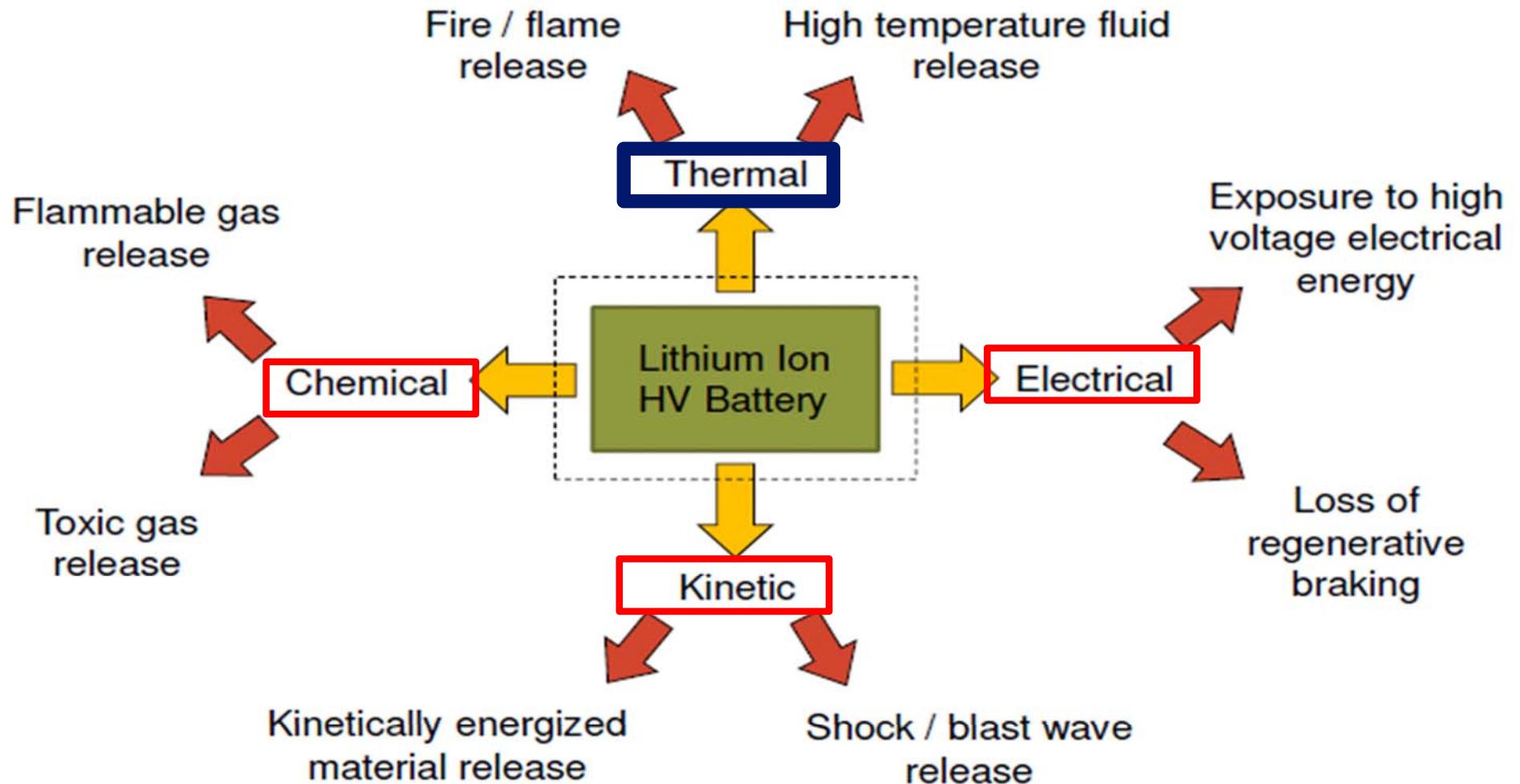
## Results:

**HF concentration** was below the detection limit at all sampling positions.

**CO concentration** was at a distance of 1 m from the vehicle, less than 100 ppm

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# What are the Main Safety Problems?

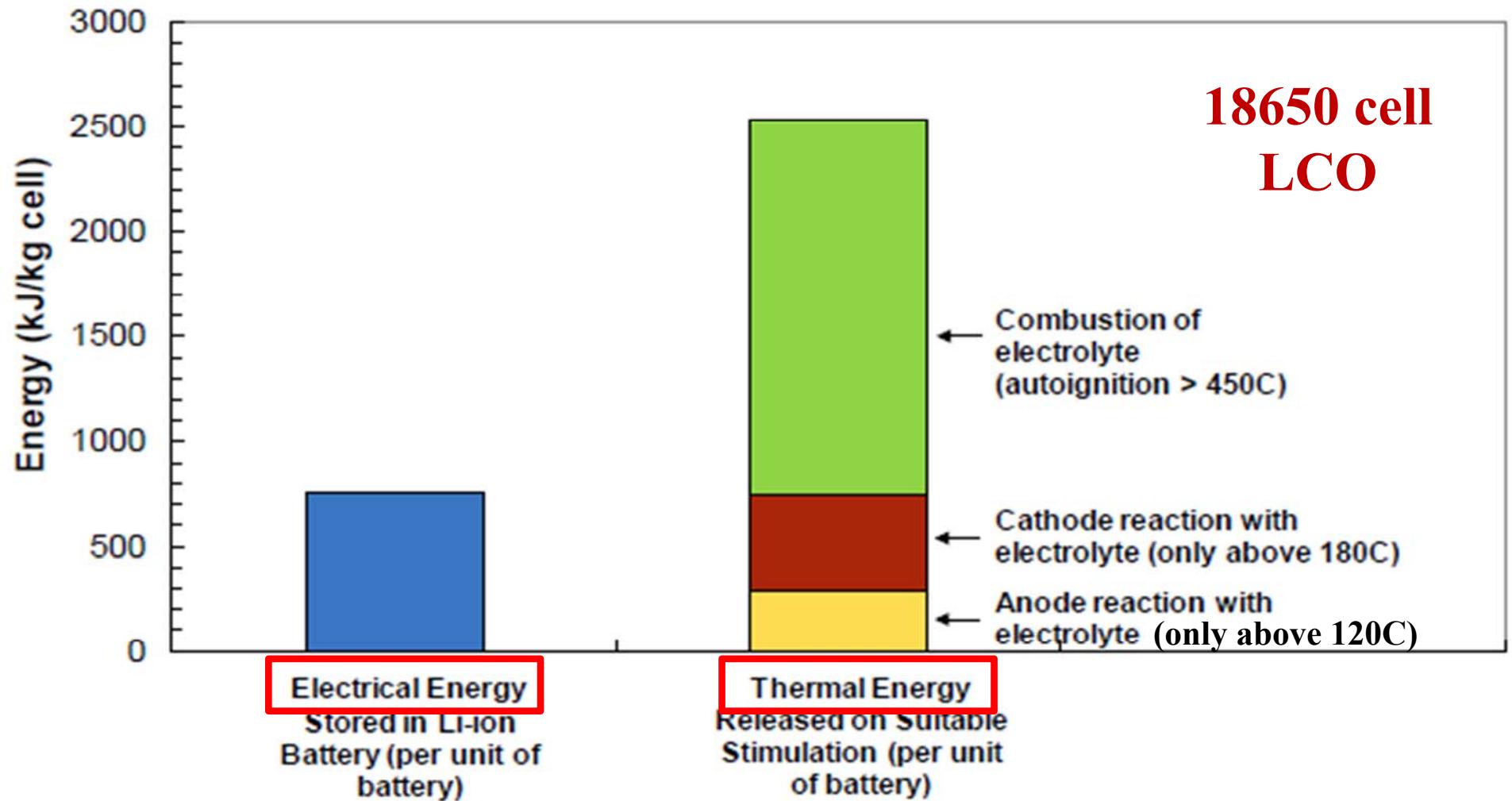


# **What contributes to the Li-Ion Cell Energy (3.3 kJ/kg)?**

**Energy density of advanced batteries**  
**3.3 kJ/cm<sup>3</sup>**



# Electrochemical and Thermal Energy



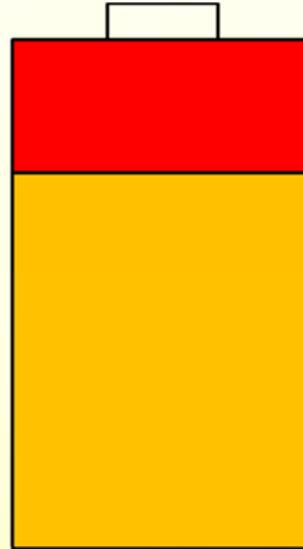
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# 18650 LCO Cell

10 Wh

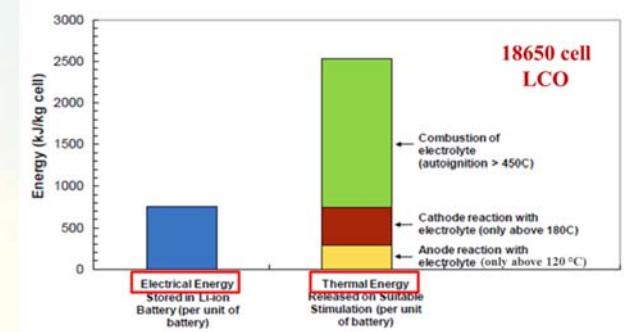
30 Wh

100 % SOC



Electrical  
Energy

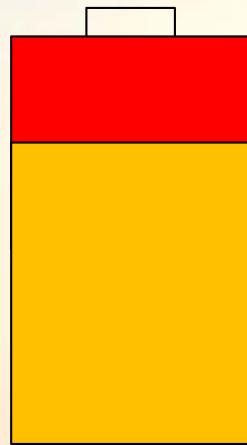
Thermal  
Energy



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# Energy of 18650 Cell (LCO)

10 Wh



„Electro“chemical Energy

(Active mass - EC activ)

*Source for heating up*



30 Wh

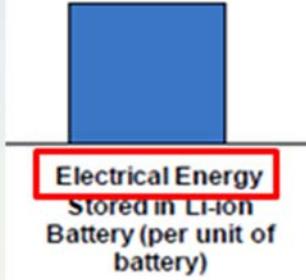
100 % SOC

Chemical Energy

(mostly Electrolyte –  
EC non-activ)

*Source for burning*





Electrical Energy  
Stored in Li-ion  
Battery (per unit of  
battery)

# Electrochemical Energy ⇒ Temperature Increase



100 % SOC

Spec. heat capacity C: ~ 1,000 kJ/kg K

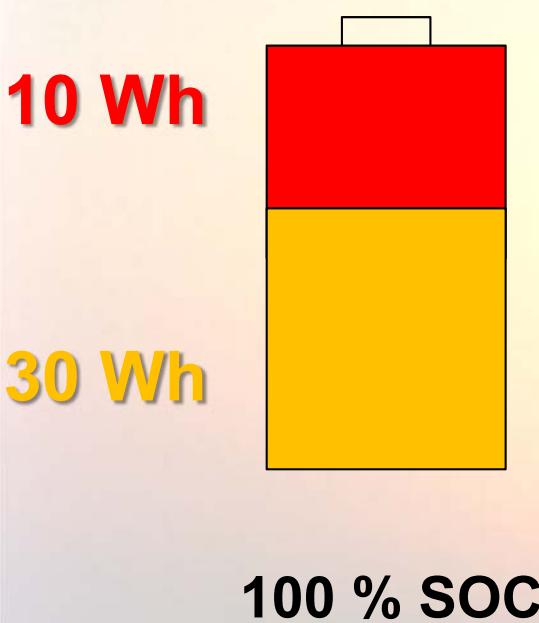
Spec. energy E: ~ 200 Wh/kg

$$E/C = 720 \text{ K}$$

⇒ 1 % SOC increases the cell temperature by 7.2 K (*adiabatic*)

⇒ 100 % DOD increases the cell temperature  
by 720 K (*adiabatic*)





**SOC = 0**

**0 Wh**

**30 Wh**



**The cell should be safe, if SOC = 0  
and no outside thermal trigger**



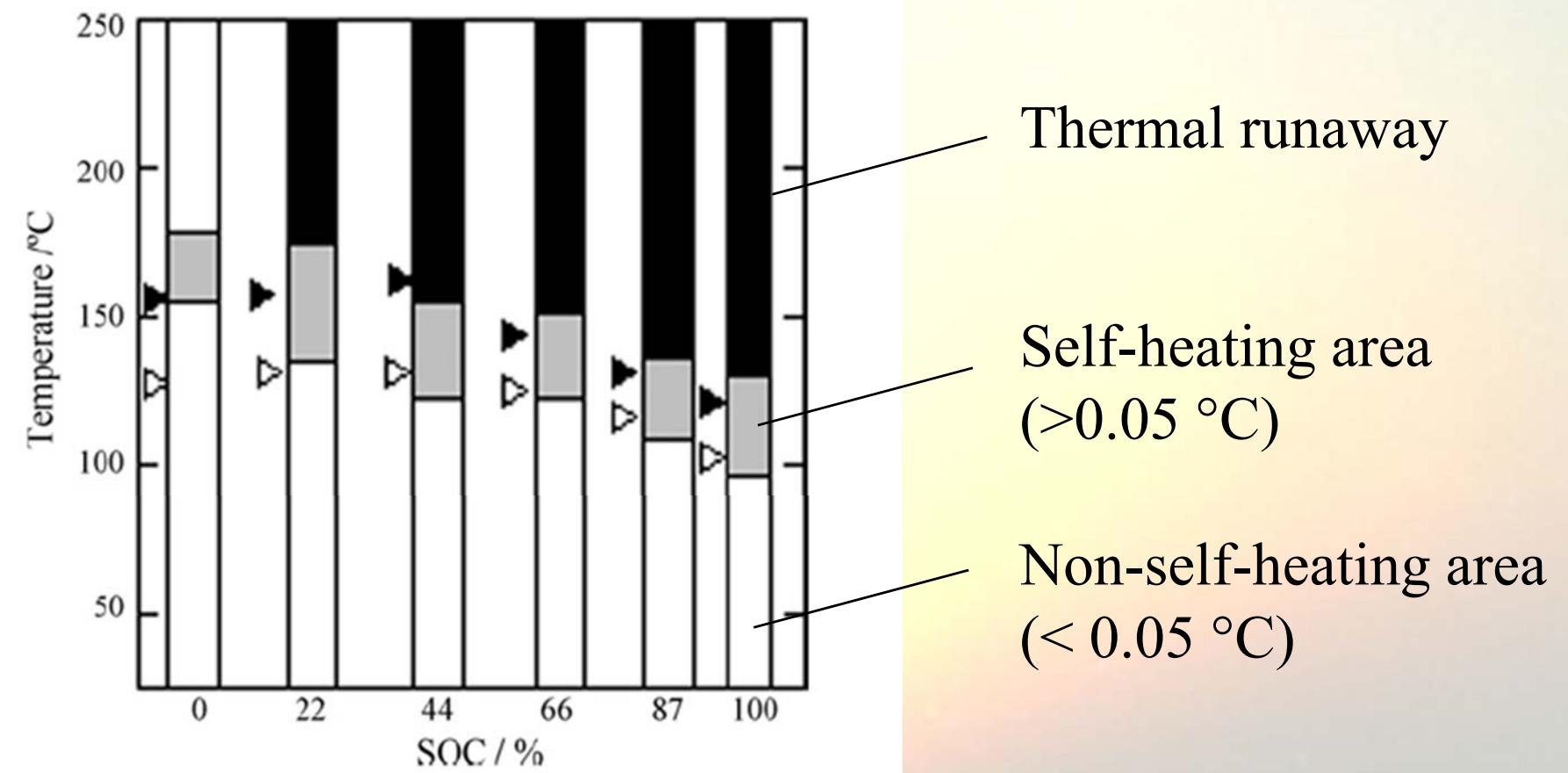
**To be safer –  
We need **incombustible** electrolytes**



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# Safety – SOC dependency

*LCO 18650 Panasonic*

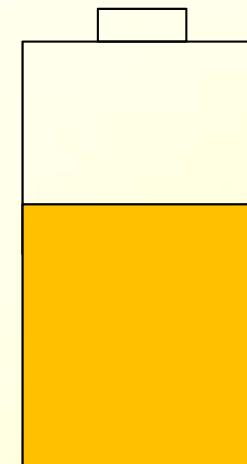


# Storage and Transport at SOC=0 ?

**SOC = 0**

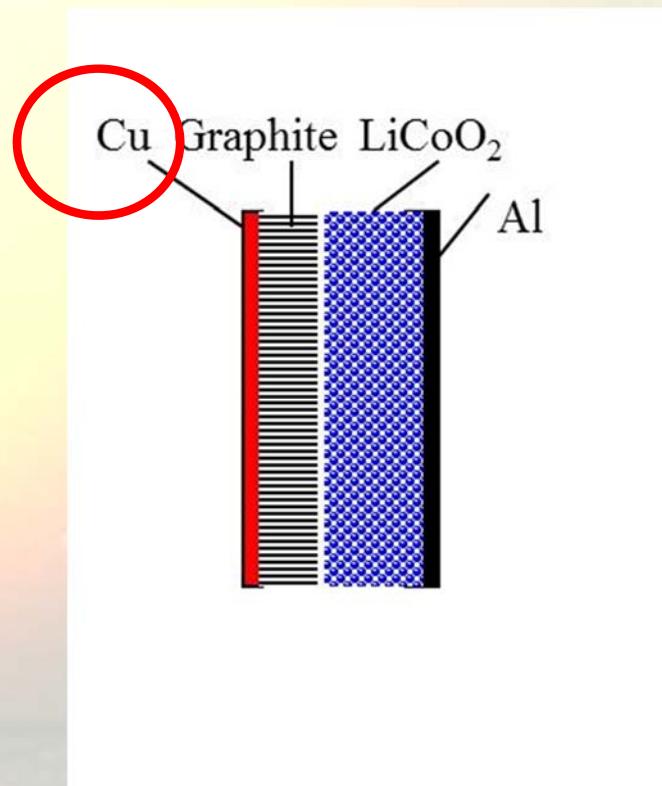
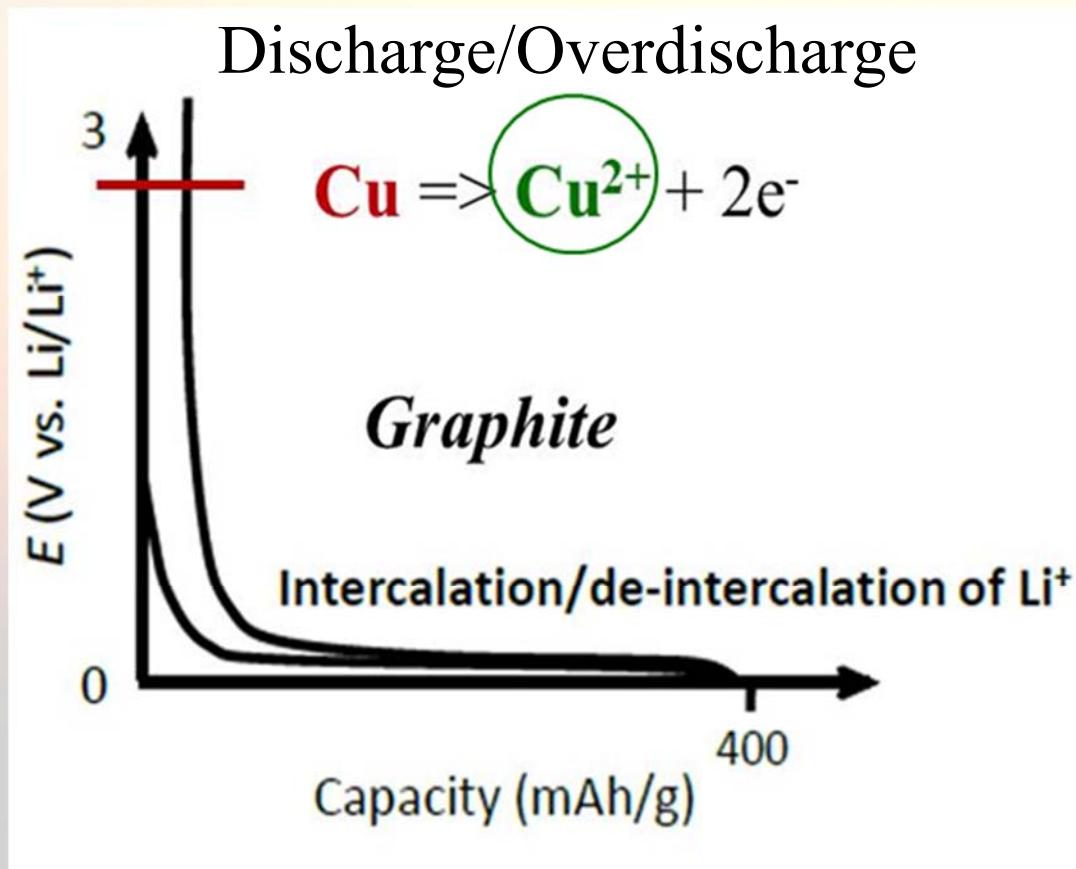
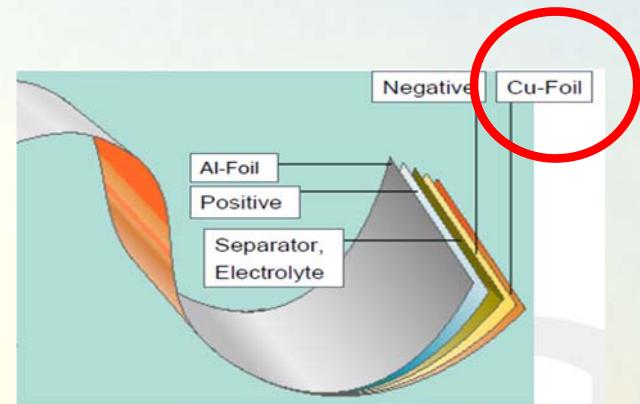
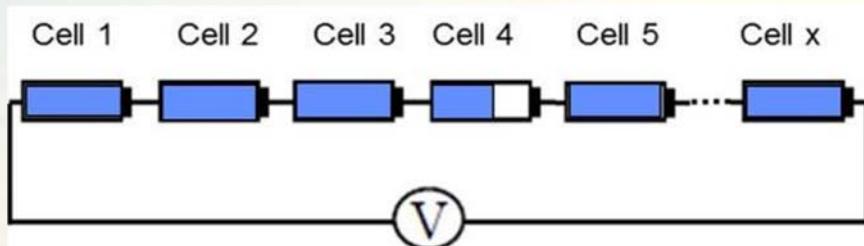
**0 Wh**

**30 Wh**

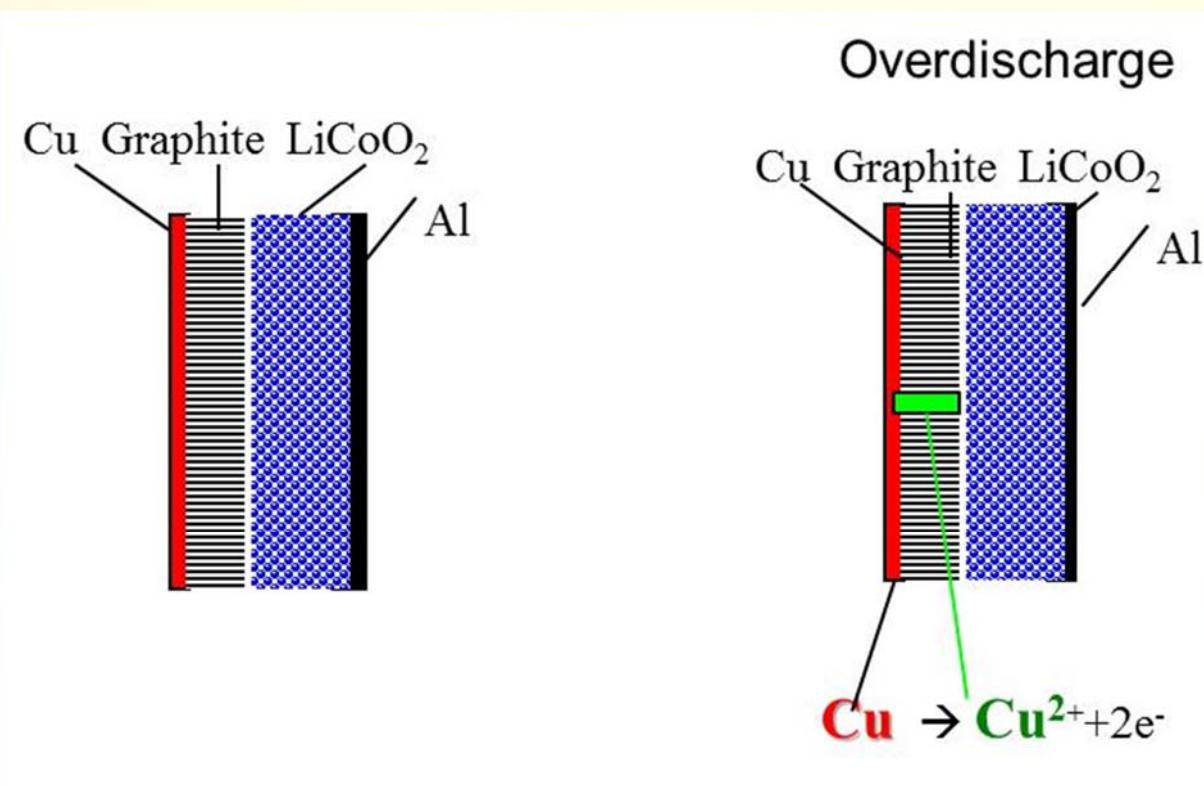
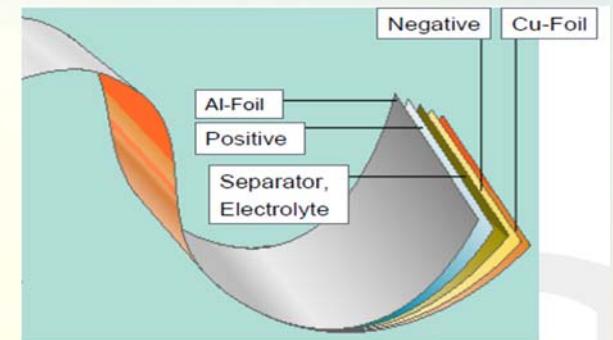
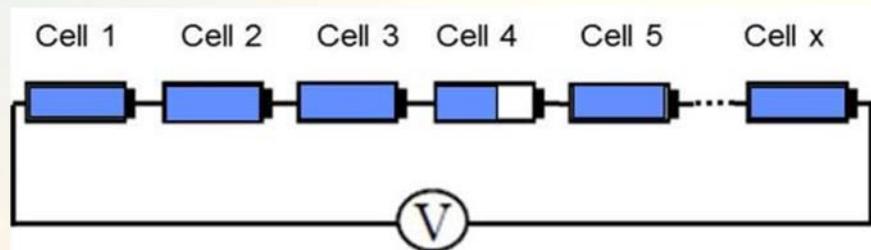


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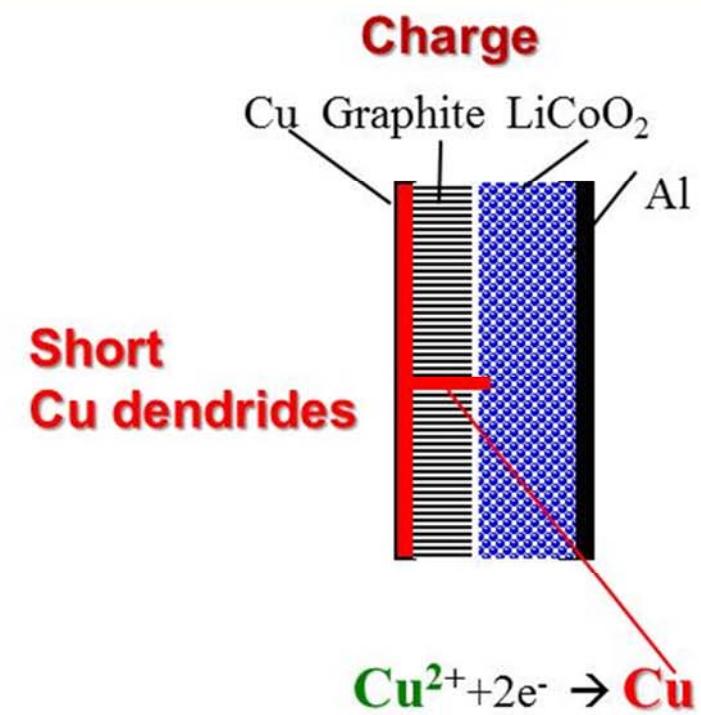
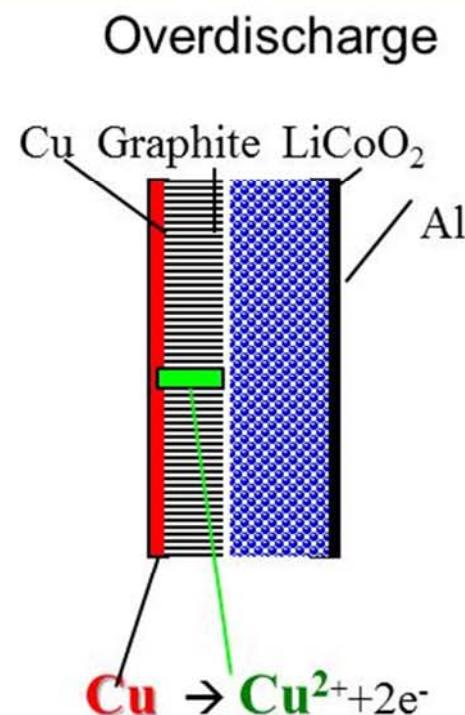
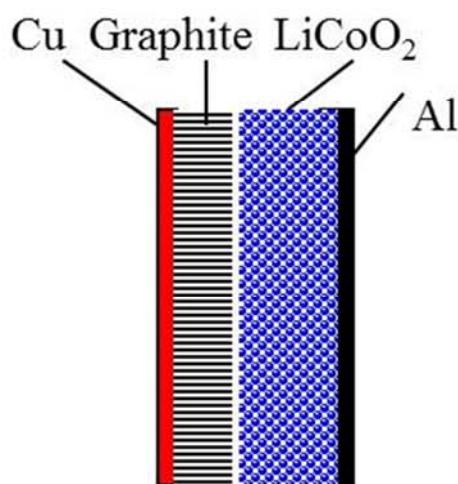
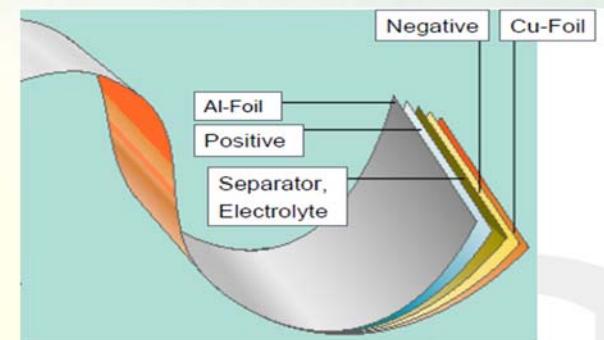
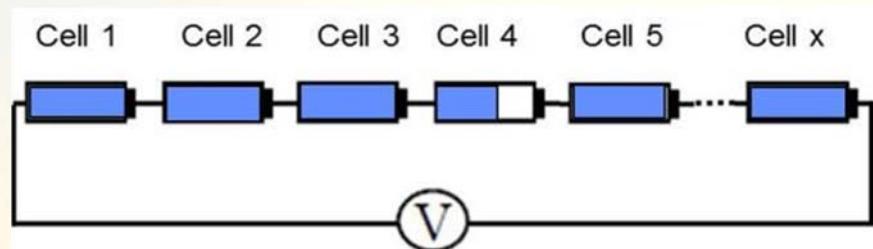
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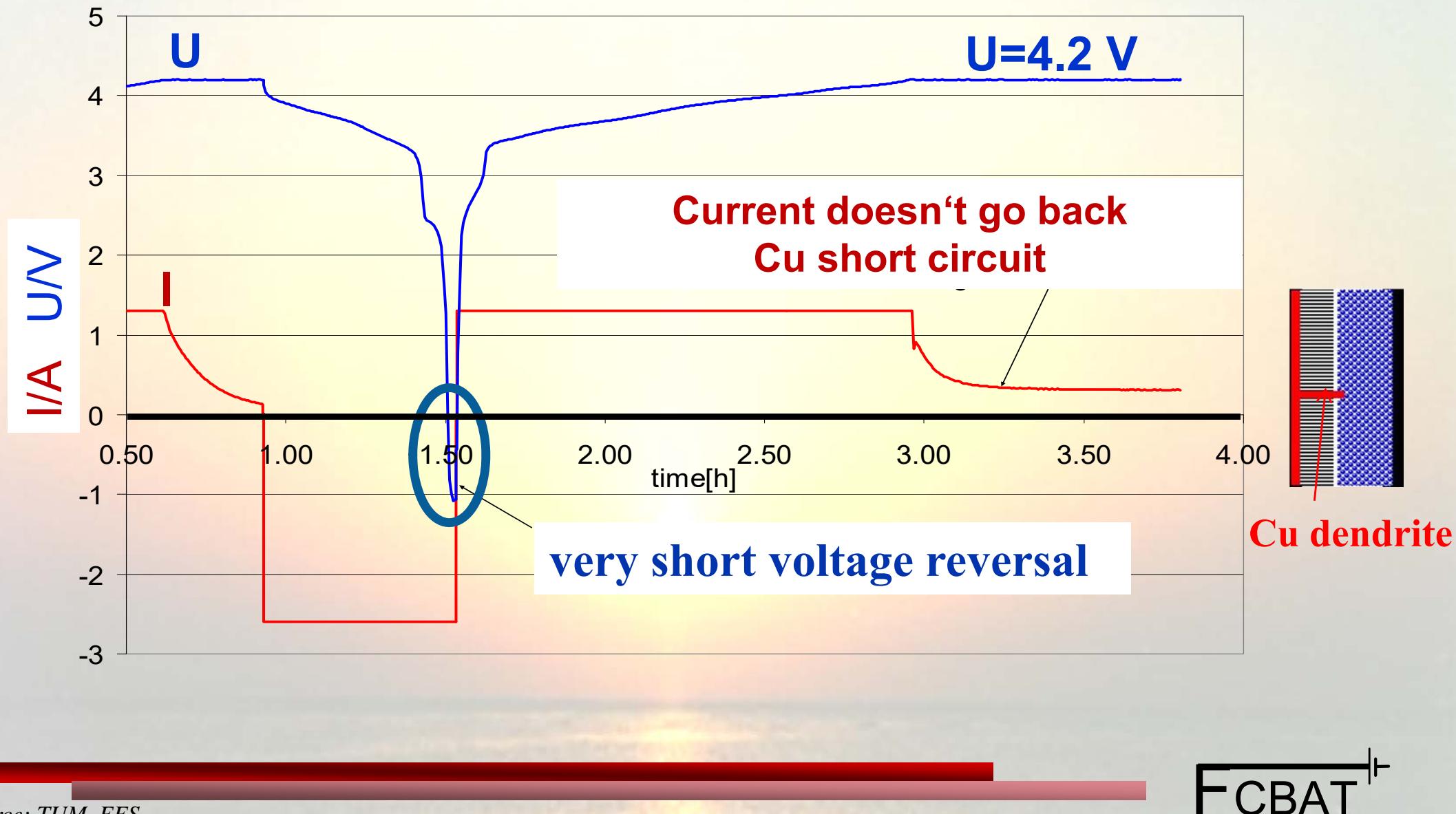


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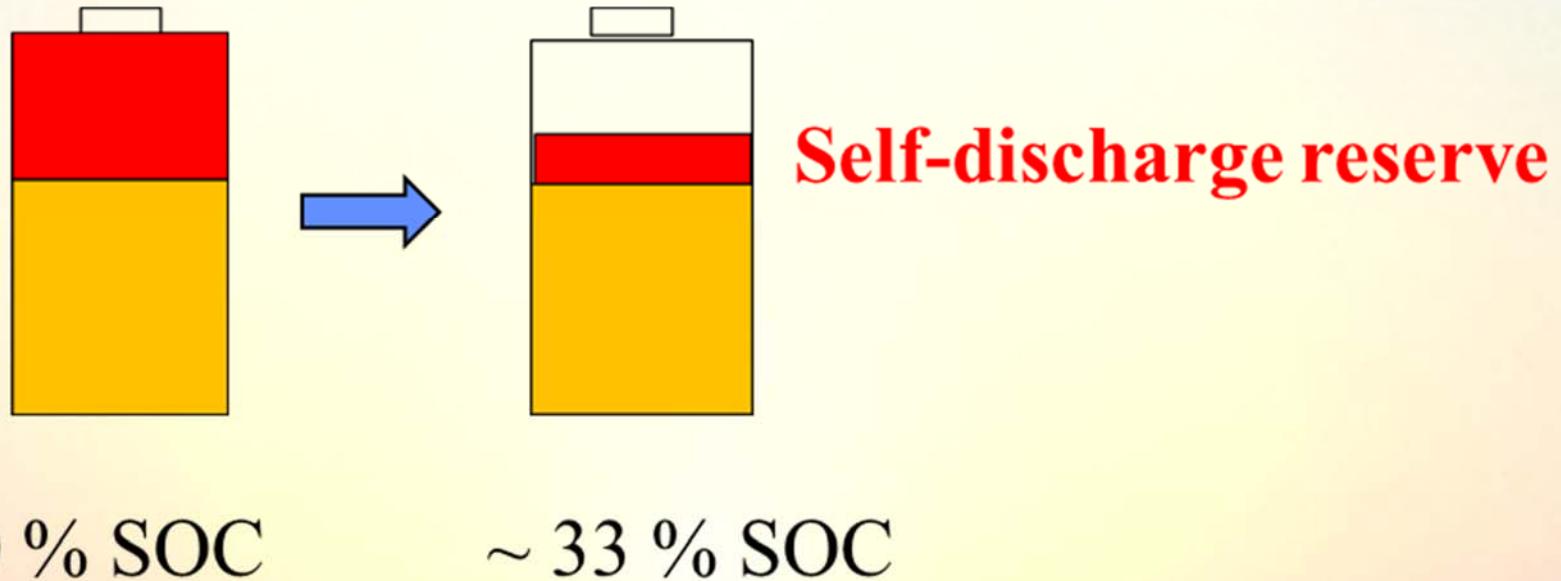


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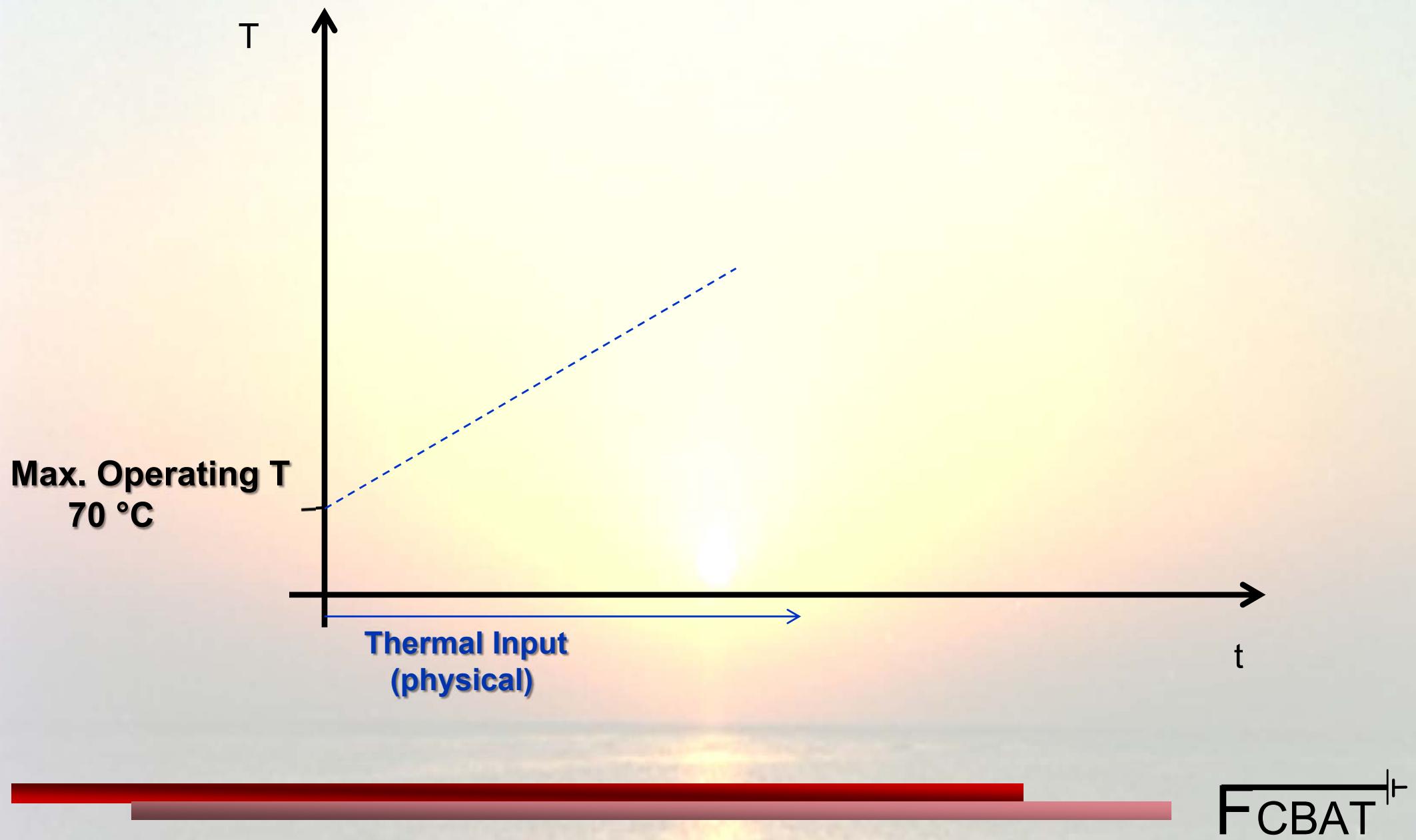


# Storage and Transport at SOC $\approx$ 33 %

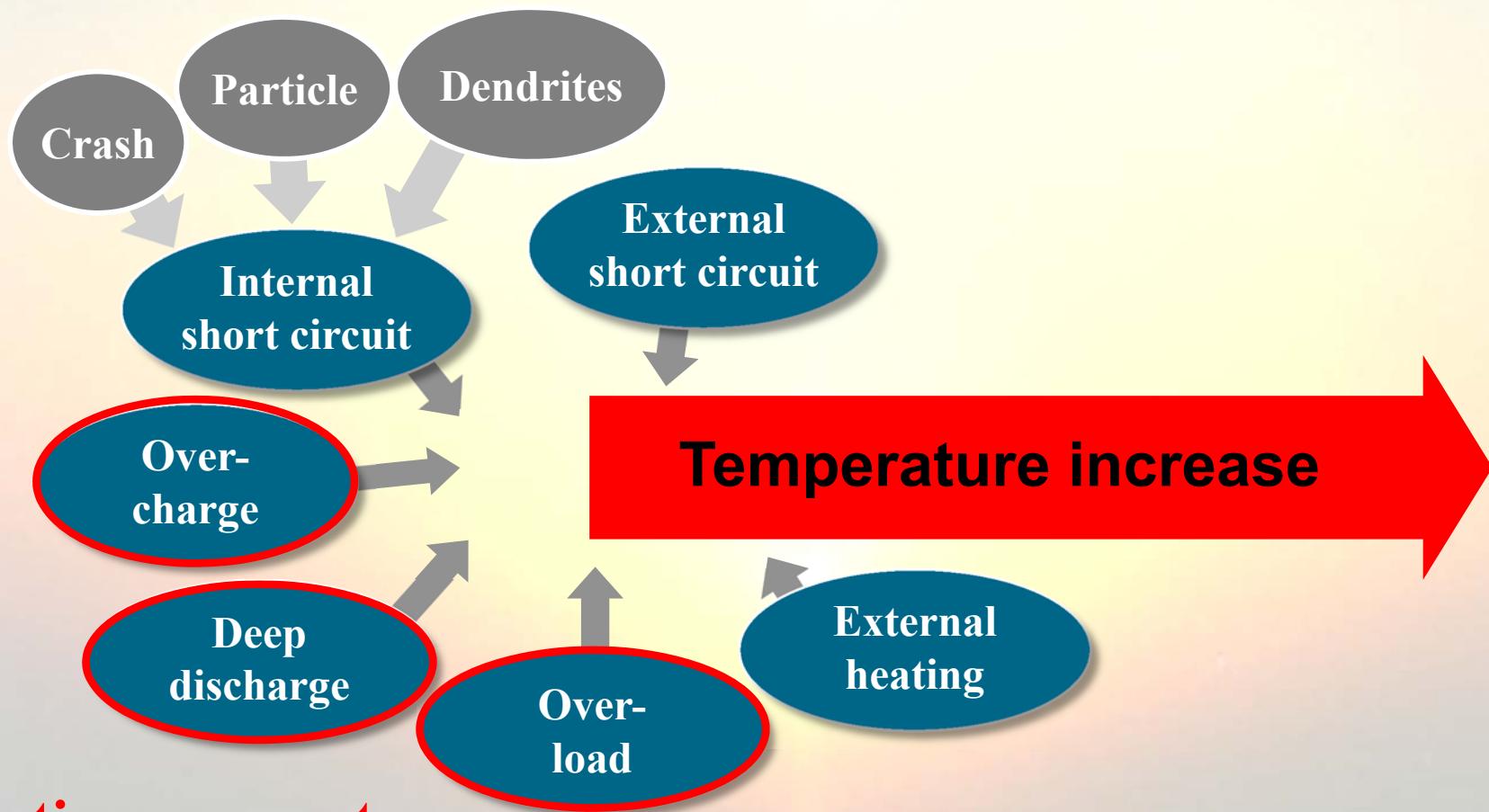


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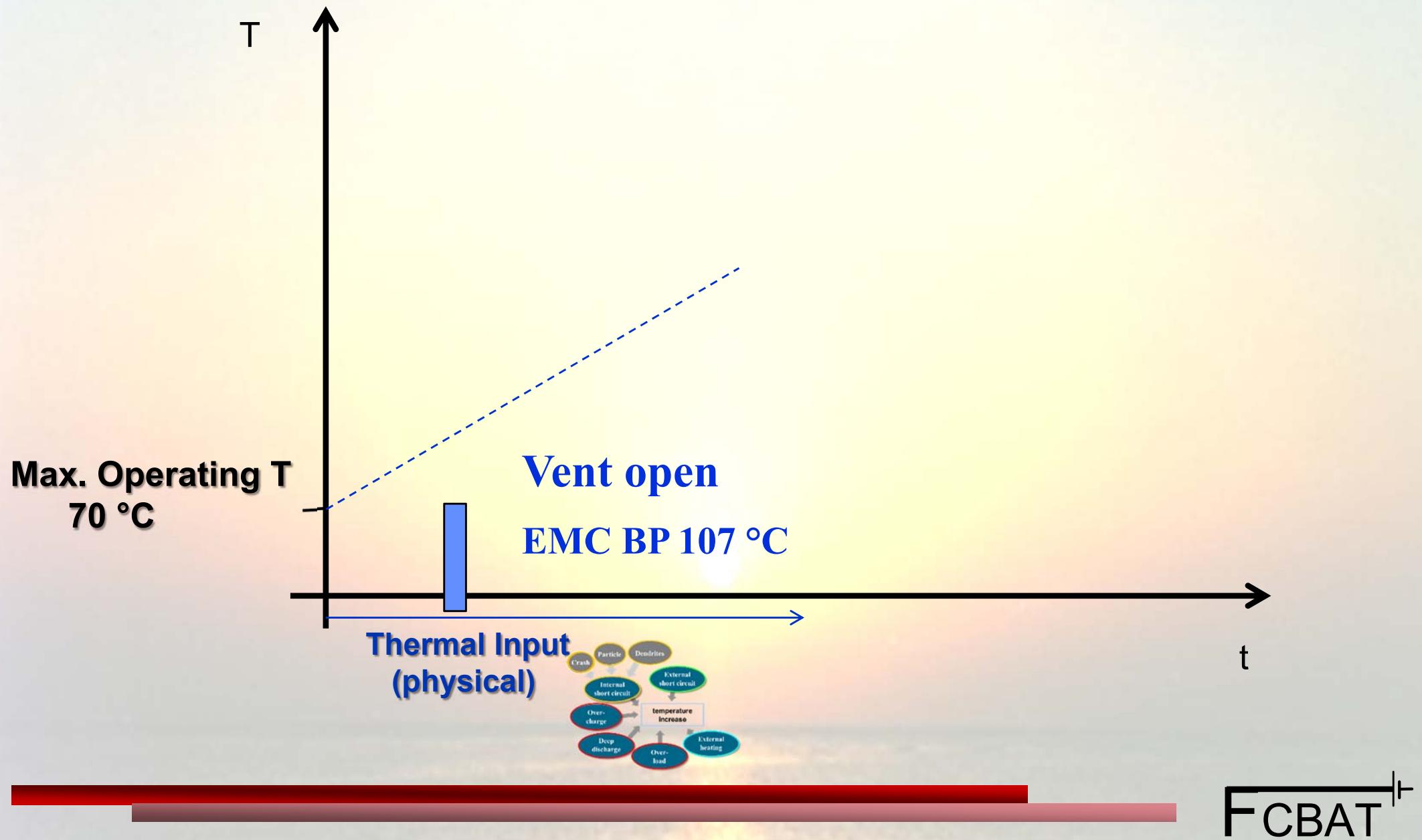


# Reasons for Temperature Increase

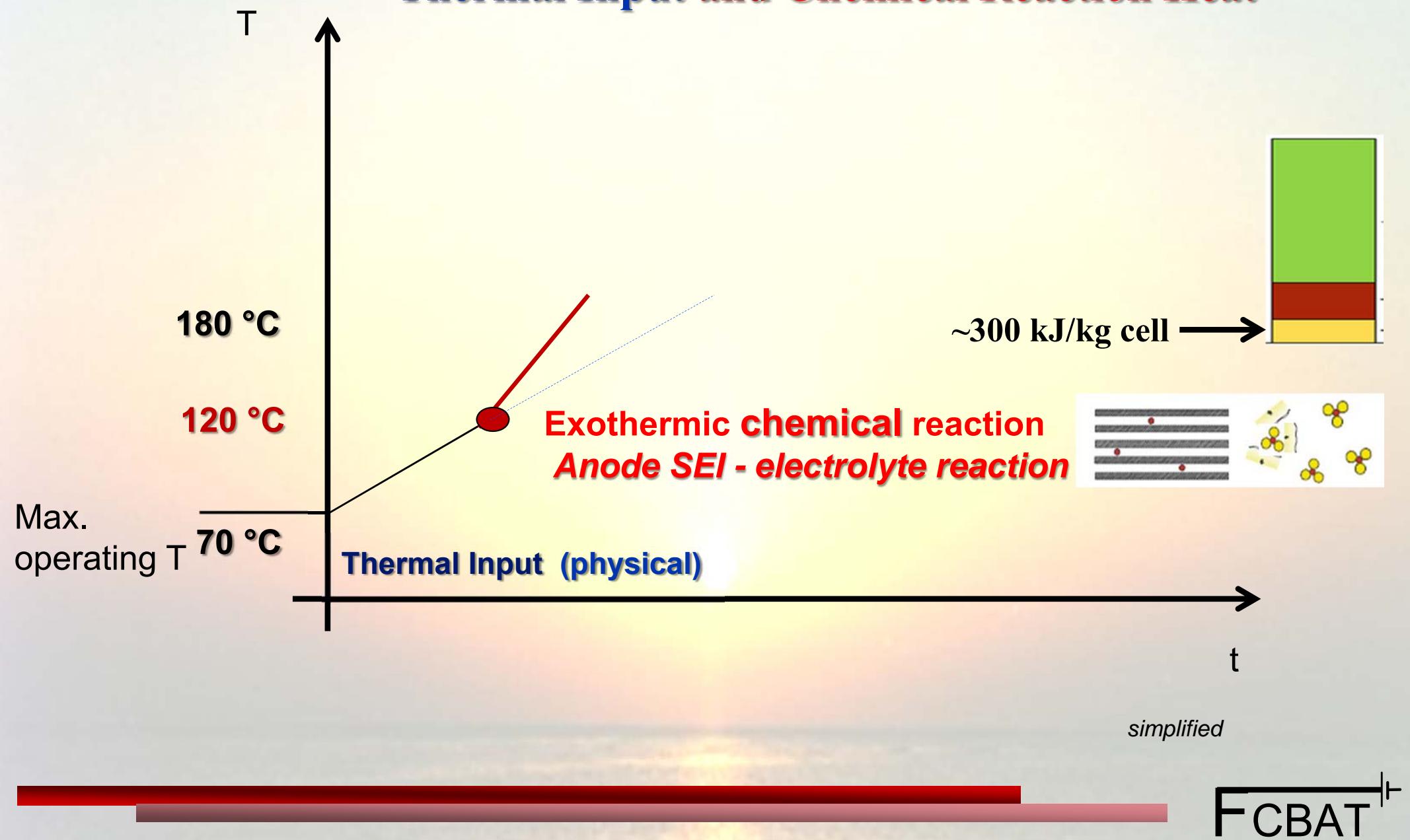


Operating parameter

# Temperature increase of Cell by Thermal Input

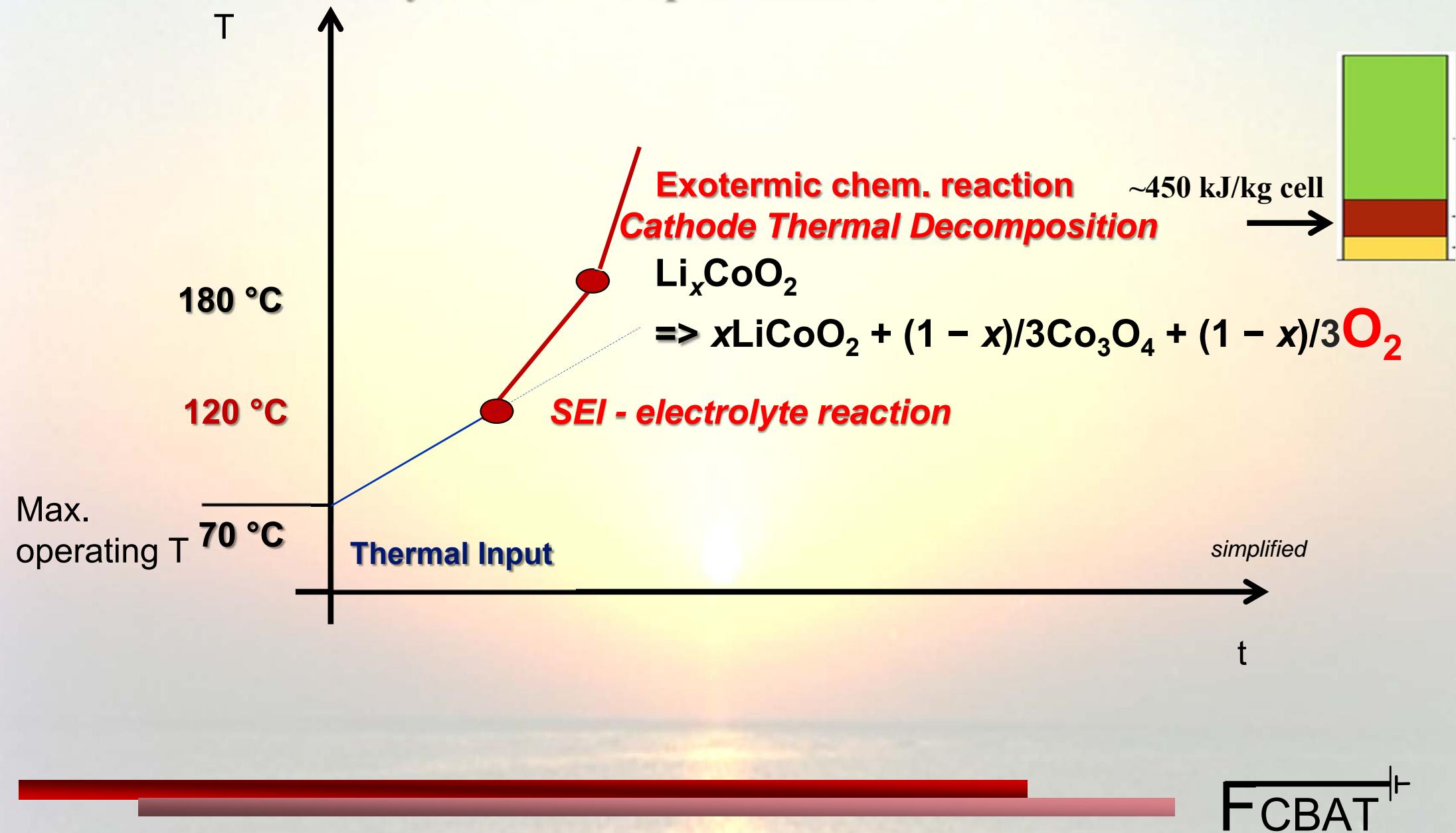


# Temperature increase of Cell by Thermal Input and Chemical Reaction Heat



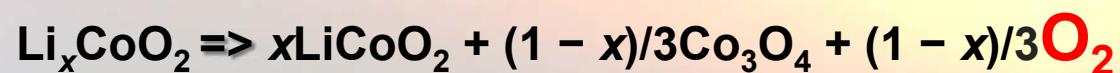
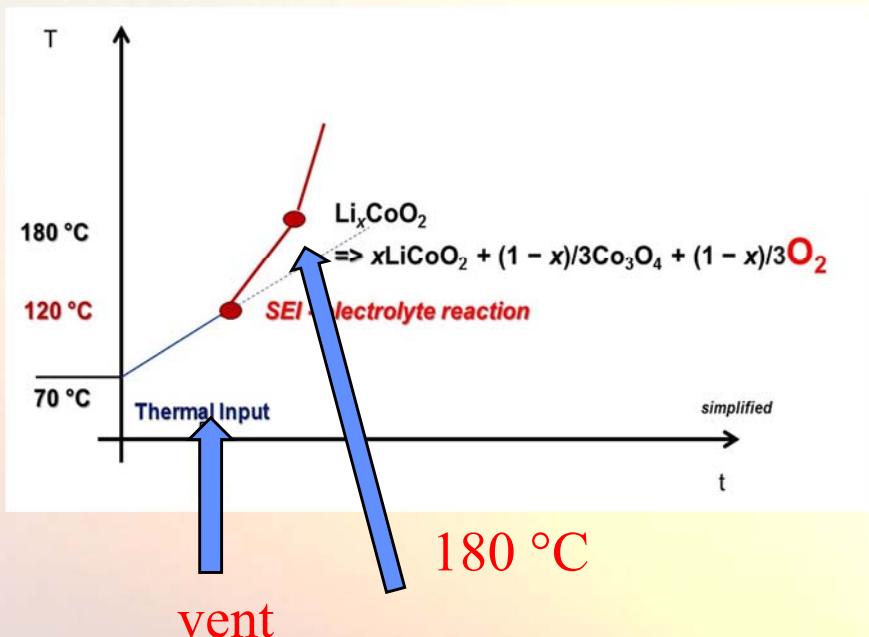
# Temperature increase of Cell

## by Thermal Input and Chemical Reaction Heat

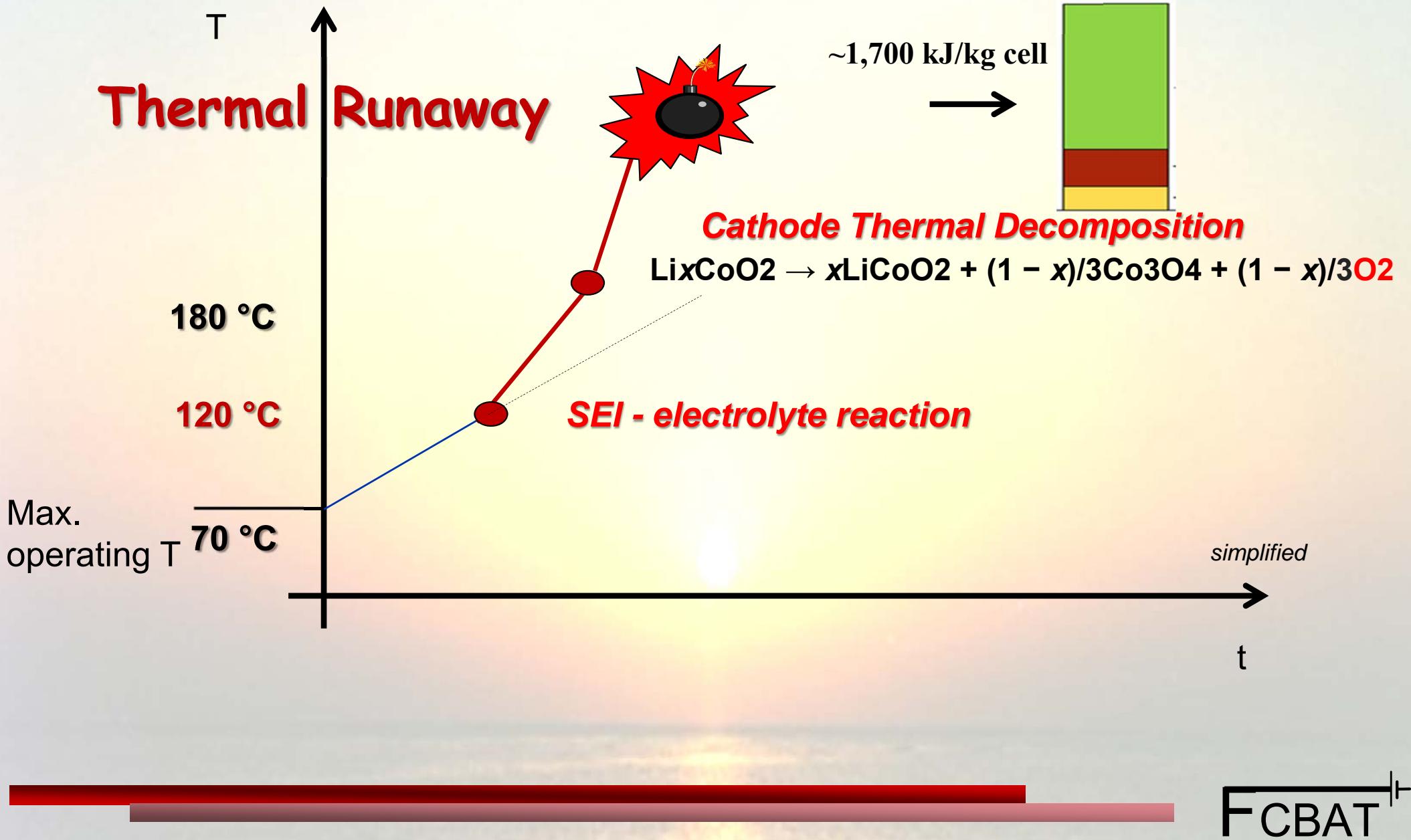


External  
heating

Temperature increase



# Thermal Runaway



## **What to do ?**

**A – Chemical Influence (AM, electrolyte)**

**B – Physical Influence (Active and Passive Safety  
Devices)**

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# **What to do ?**

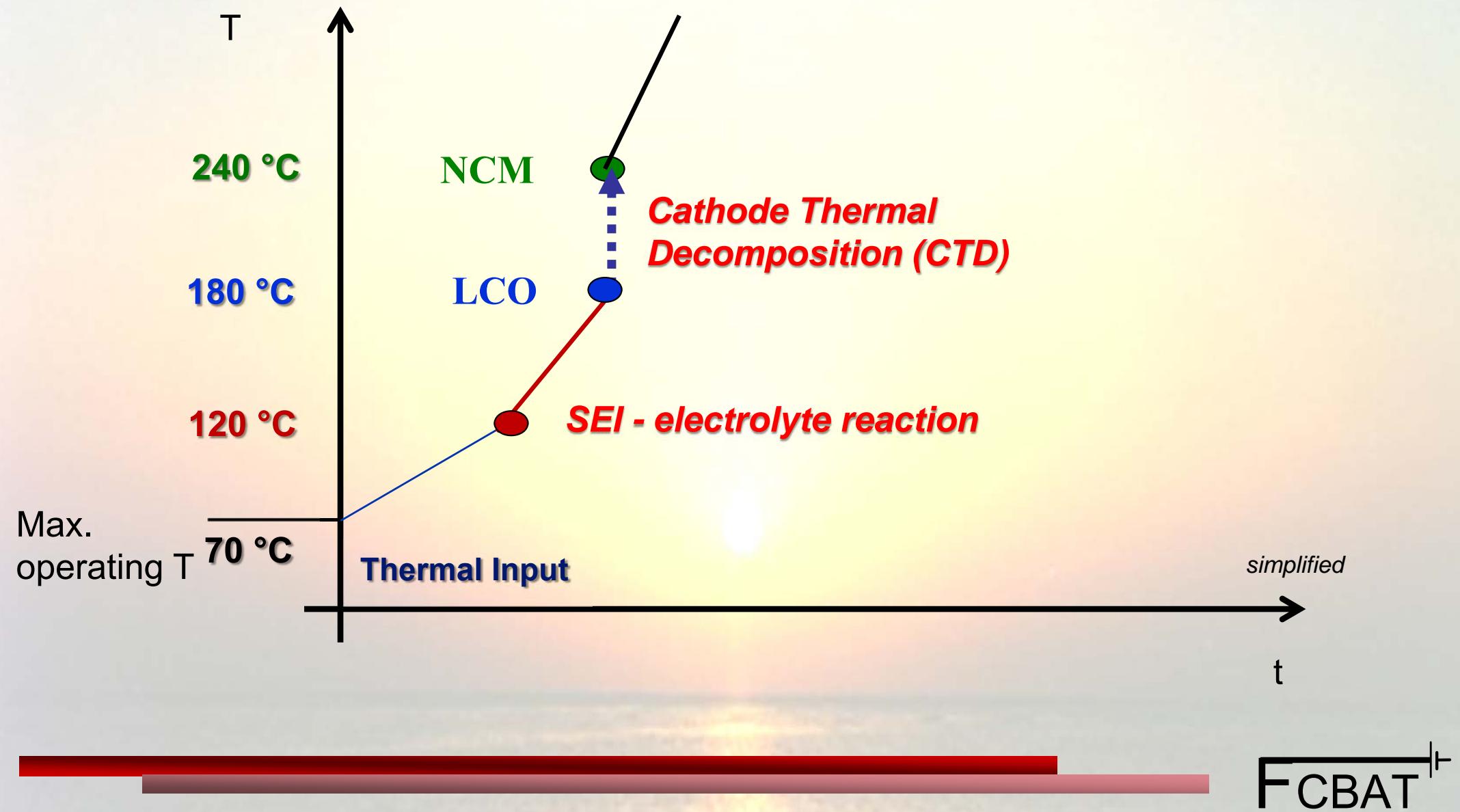
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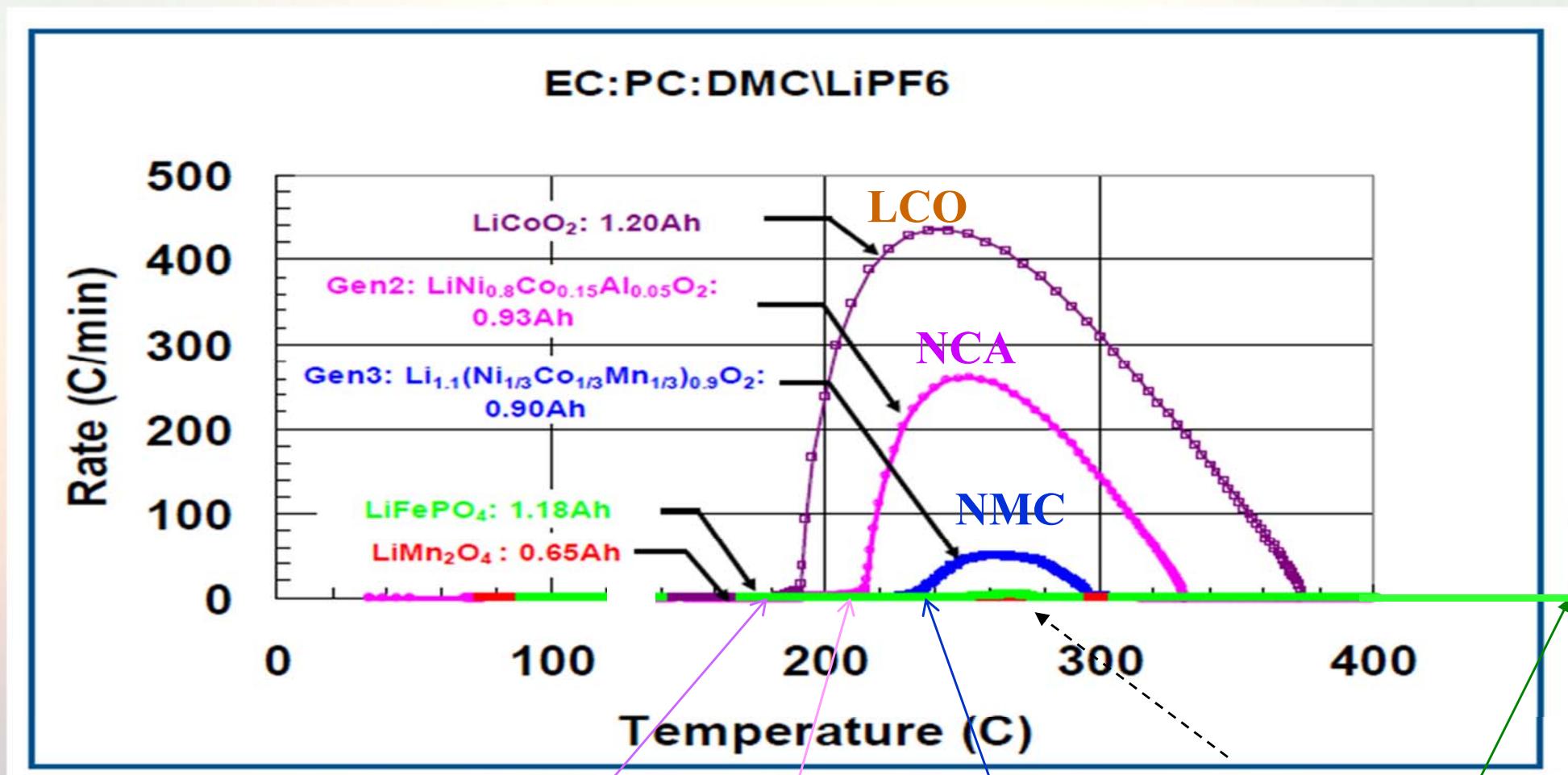
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# What to do ? Increase CTD-Onset



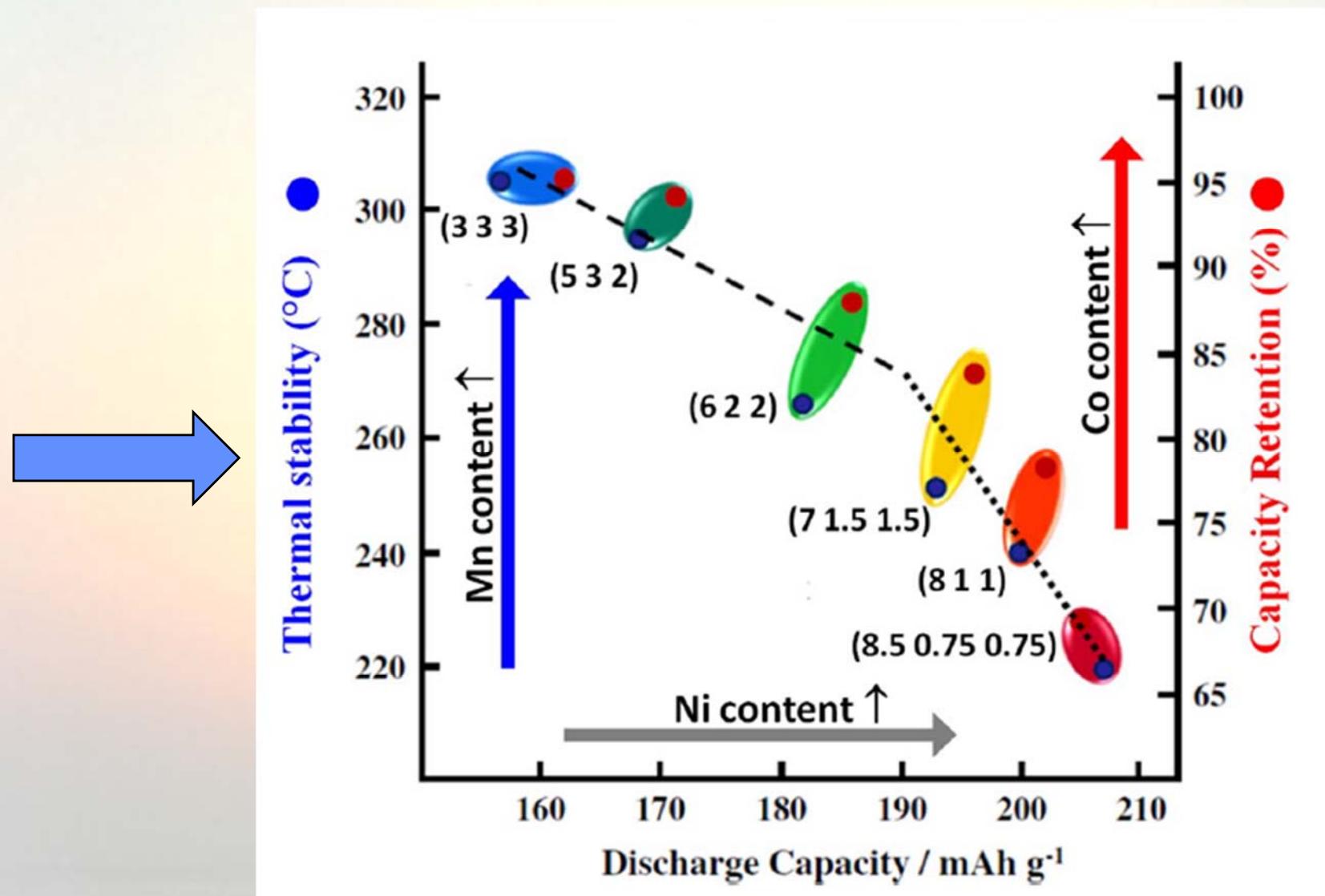
# Cathode Thermal Decomposition (CTD) – Onset T



**CTD Onset T**    **LCO**    **NCA**    **NMC**    **LMO**    **LFP**  
~180 °C    ~220°C    ~240°C    ~ 280 °C(?)    ~ 350 °C

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# $\text{LiNi}_x\text{Co}_y\text{Mn}_z\text{O}_2$ NCM - $\text{N}_x\text{C}_y\text{M}_z$ ( $x+y+z = 1$ )

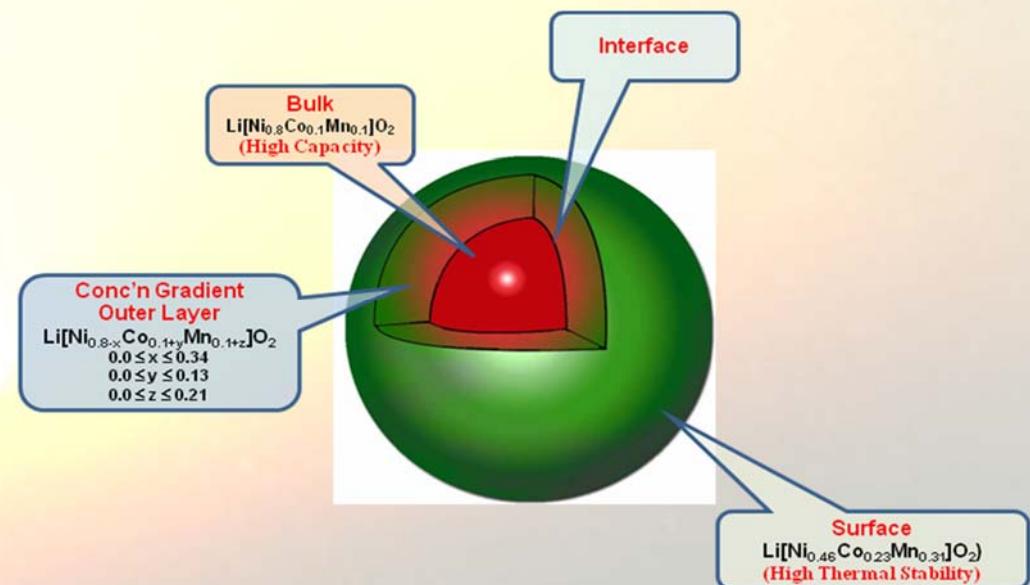
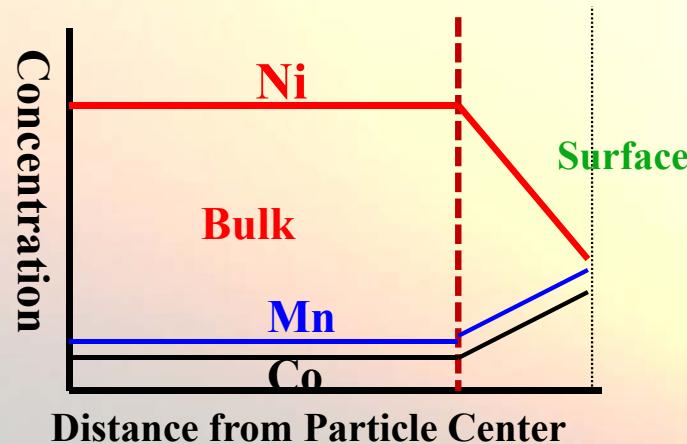
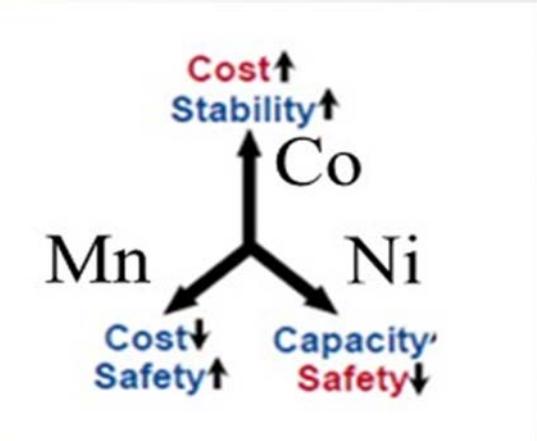


Source: P. Rozier, JM Tarascon, JES 162 (2015) A2490

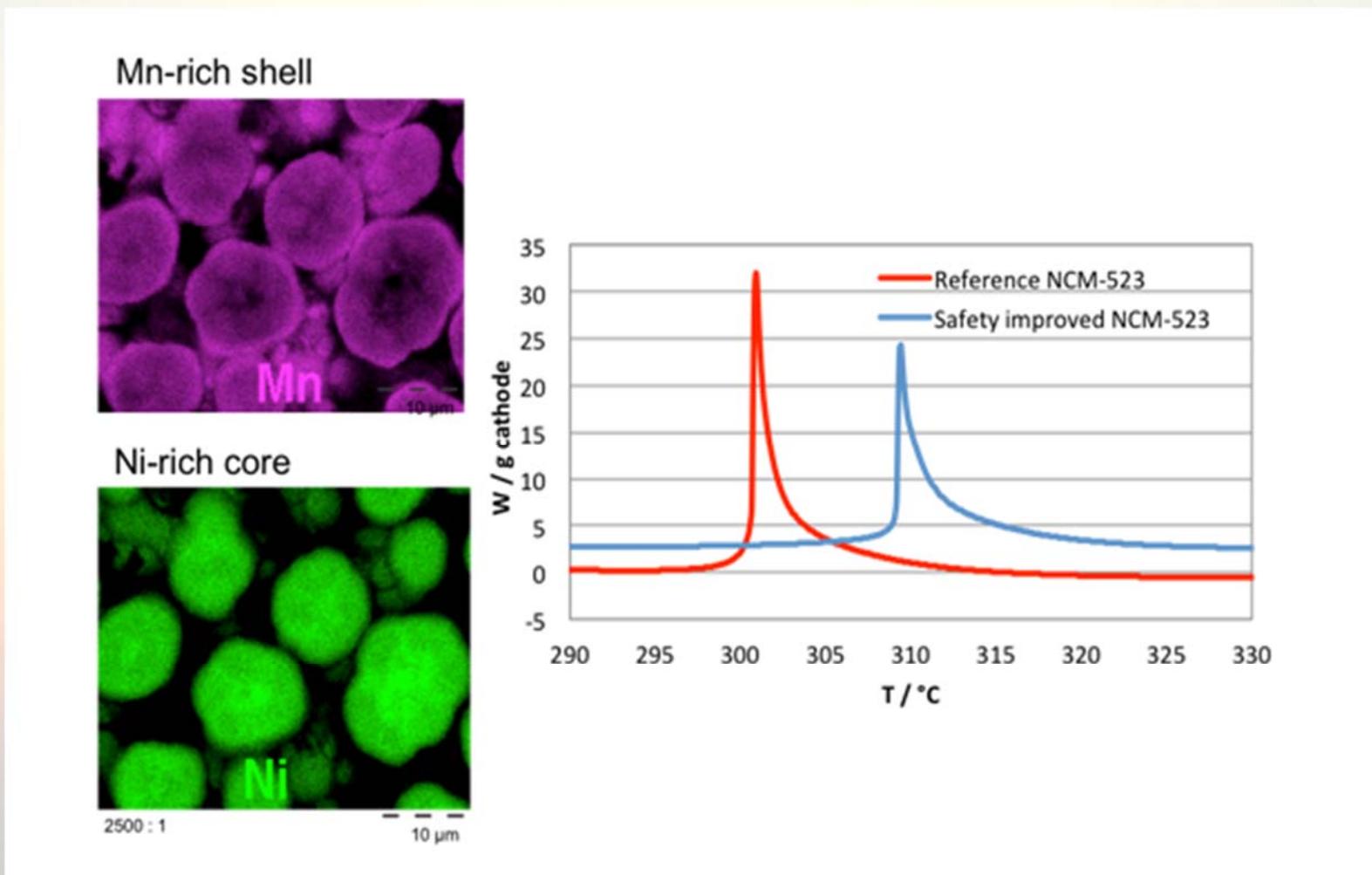
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# Core-Shell Concept (1/2)

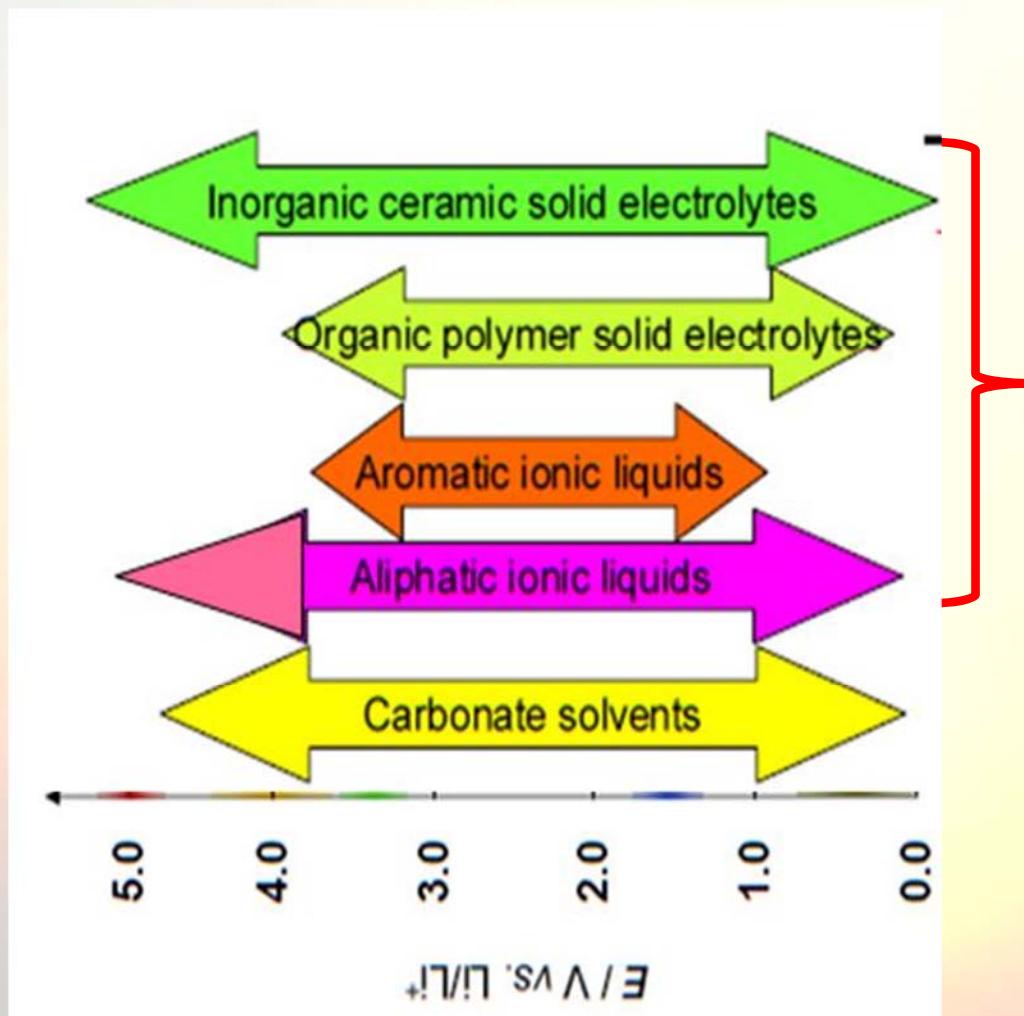
Effect of the metal	
Ni	High capacity, Poor thermal stability & cycling
Co	Structural Stability and conductivity
Mn	Excellent thermal stability & cycling, Low capacity



# Cathode Core-Shell Materials

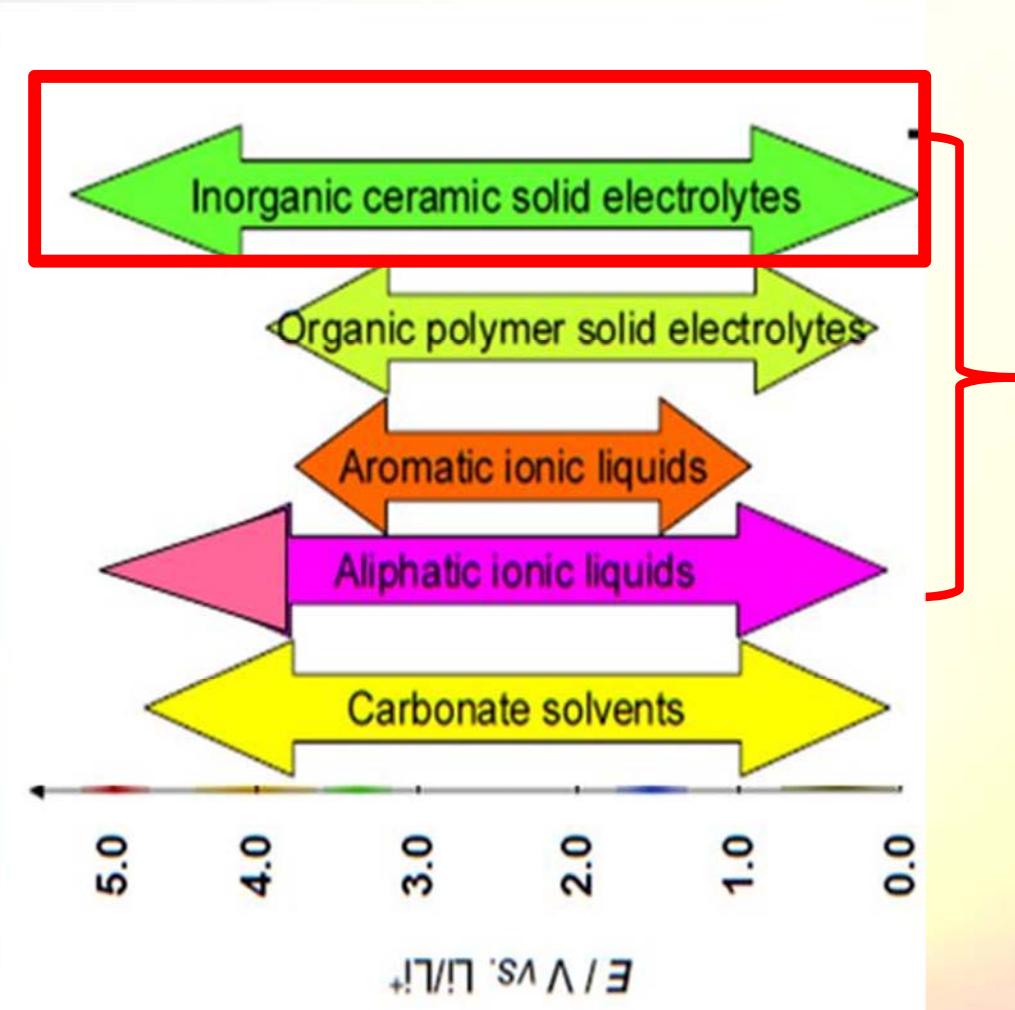


# Non-flammable electrolytes



**Non-flammable**  
– but not commercial  
*(conductivity, stability, costs ...)*

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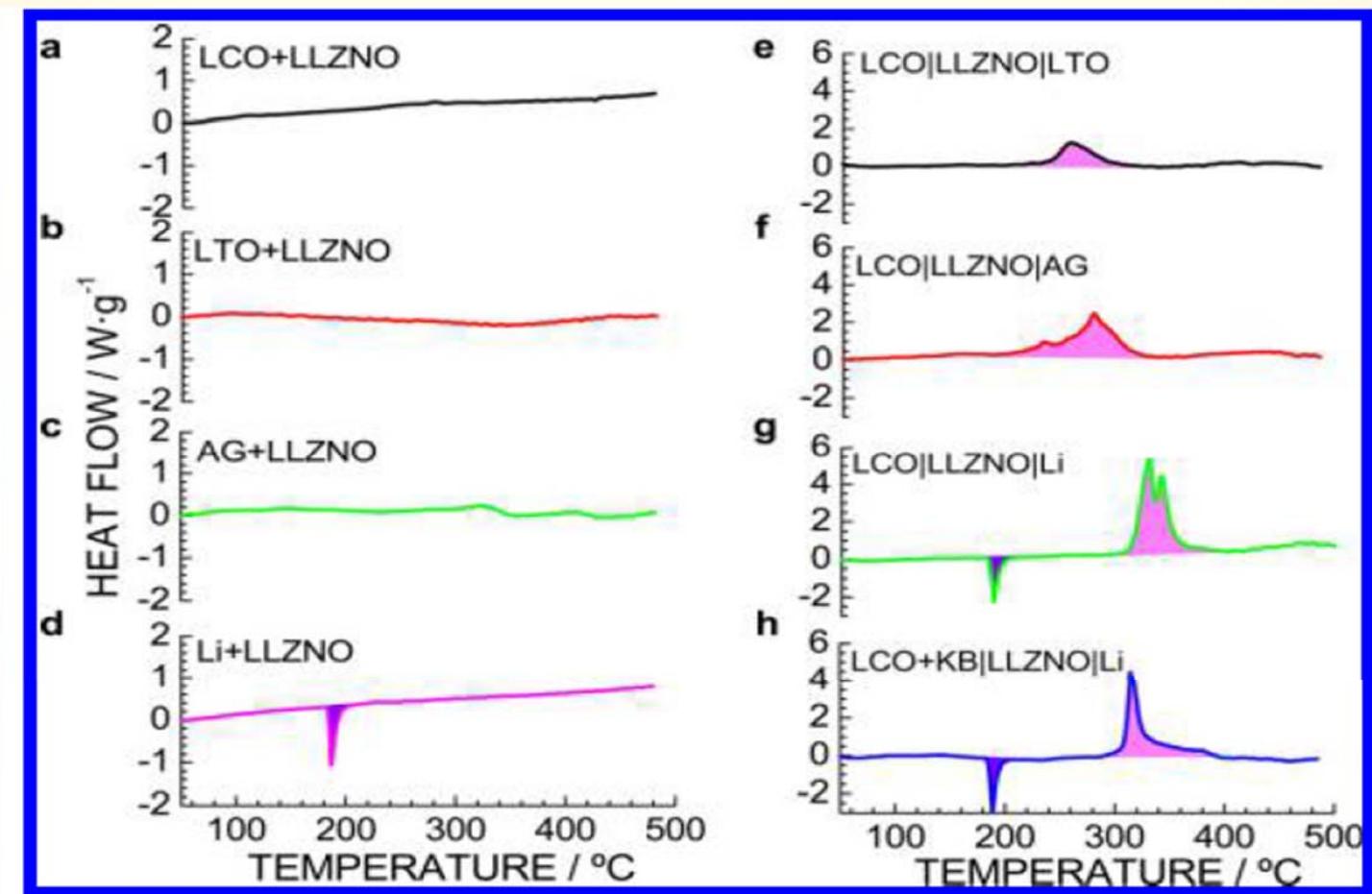
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# Ceramic Solid Electrolyte Cells

$\text{Li}_{6.75}\text{La}_3\text{Zr}_{1.75}\text{Nb}_{0.25}\text{O}_{12}$  (LLZNO)

## Material combinations

## Full cell



Anode

LTO

C

Li

Li

(cathode + KB)

F C BAT

## **What to do ?**

**A – Chemical Influence (AM, electrolyte)**

**B – Physical Influence (Active and Passive Safety Devices)**

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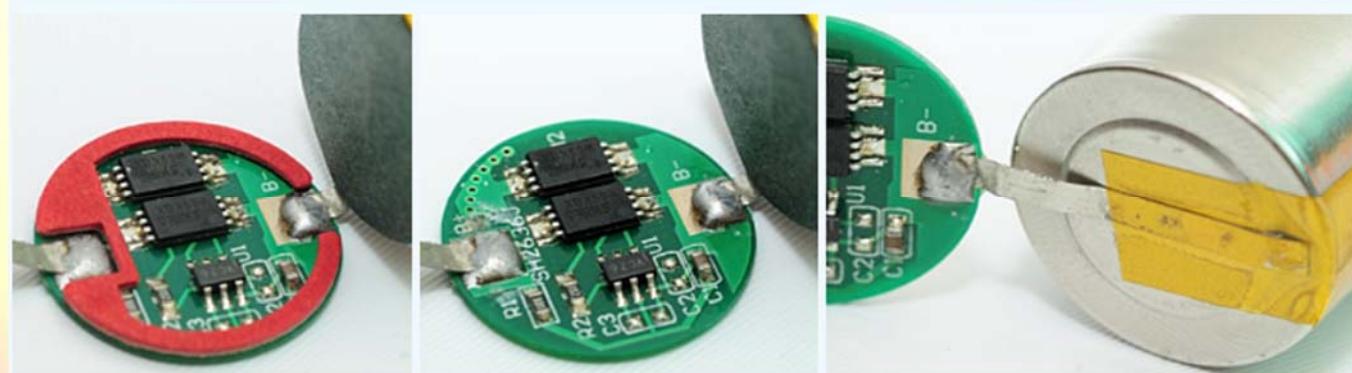
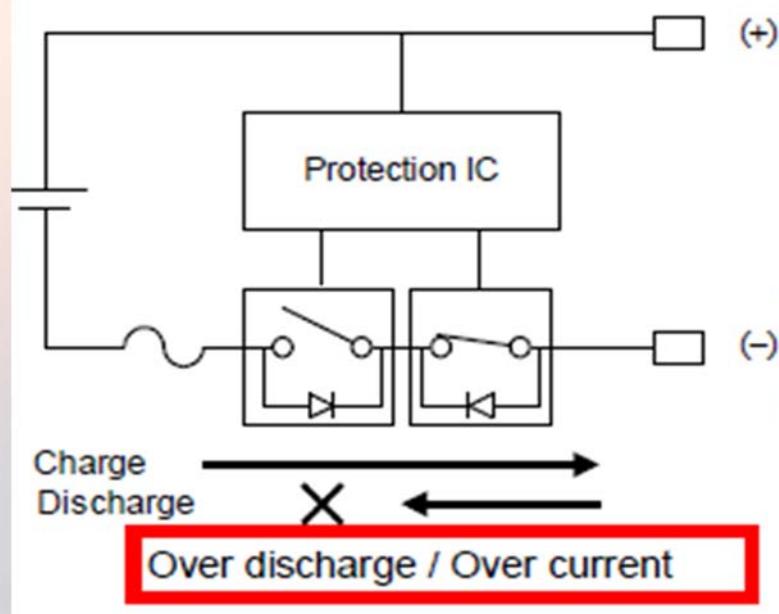
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# Active and Passive Safety Devices

- Protection Circuit Board – PCB
- Positiv-T-Coefficient resistor (PTC)
- Circuit Interrupt Devices (CID)
- Fuses
- Shutdown separators
- BMS (increase cooling, reduction of current, switch-off, etc.)



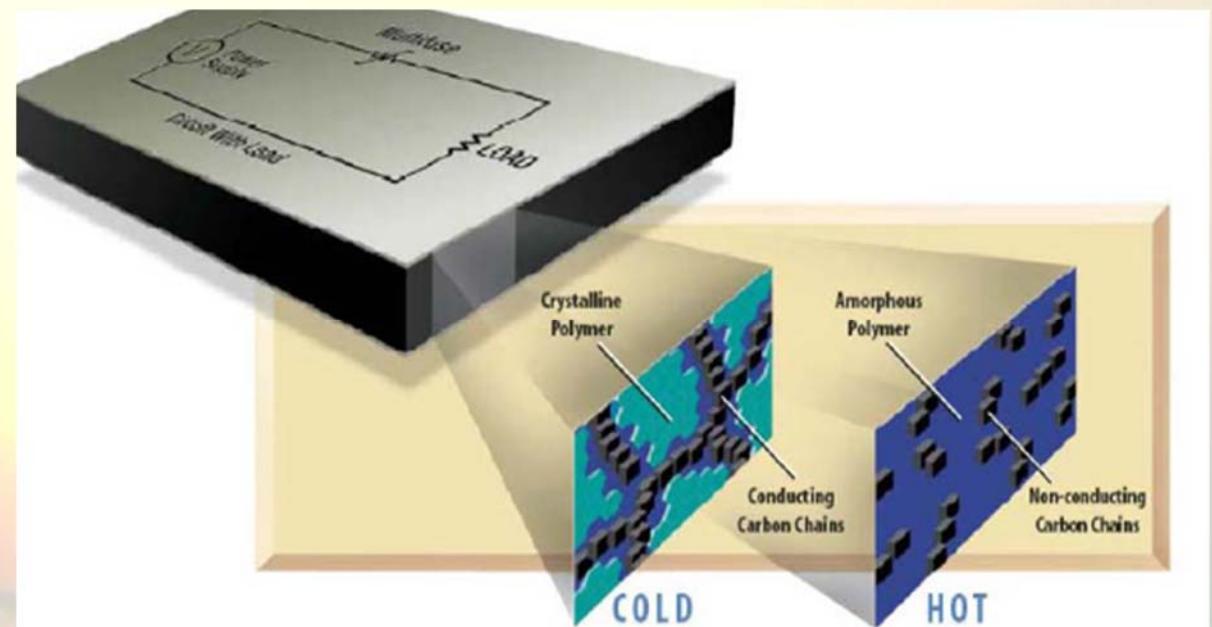
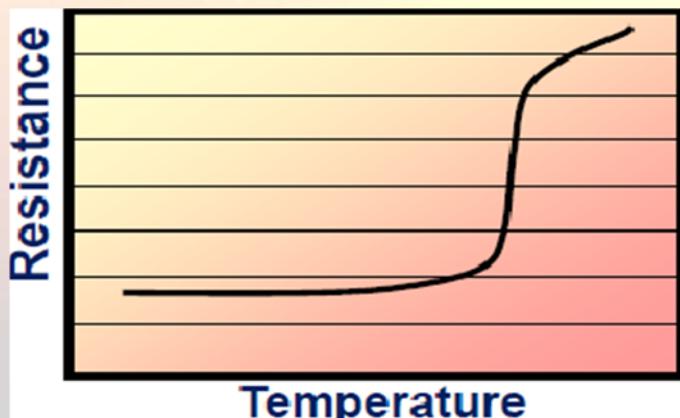
# **Protection Circuit Board - PCB**



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## *Positive Temperature Coefficient Resistor - PTC*

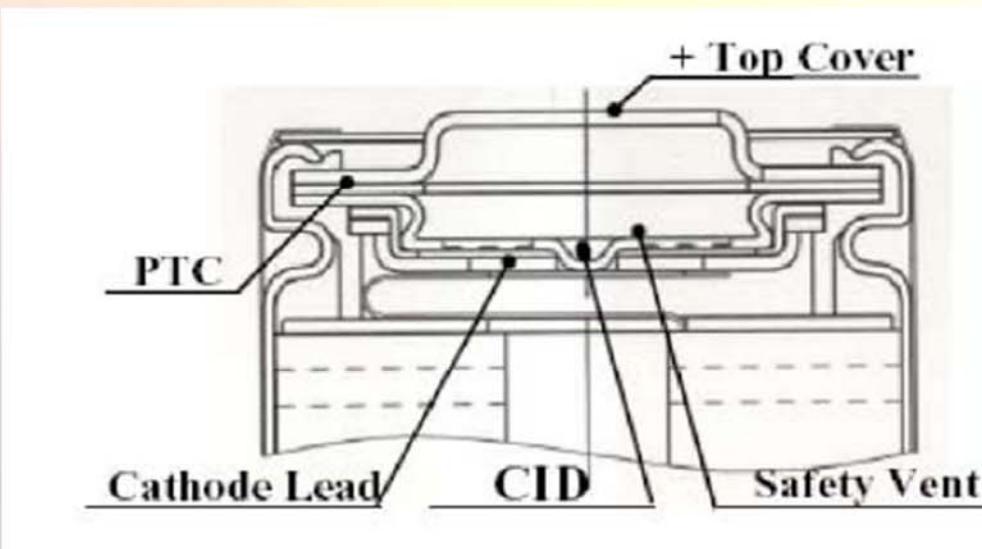


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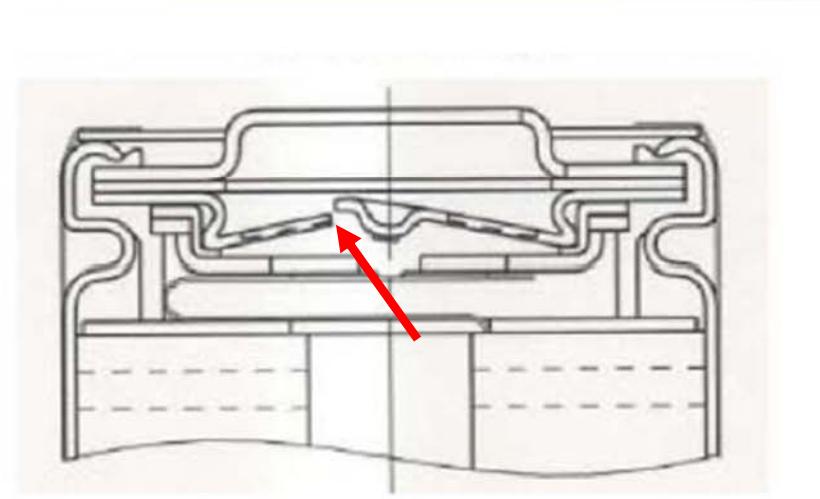


## *Circuit Interrupt Devices - CID*

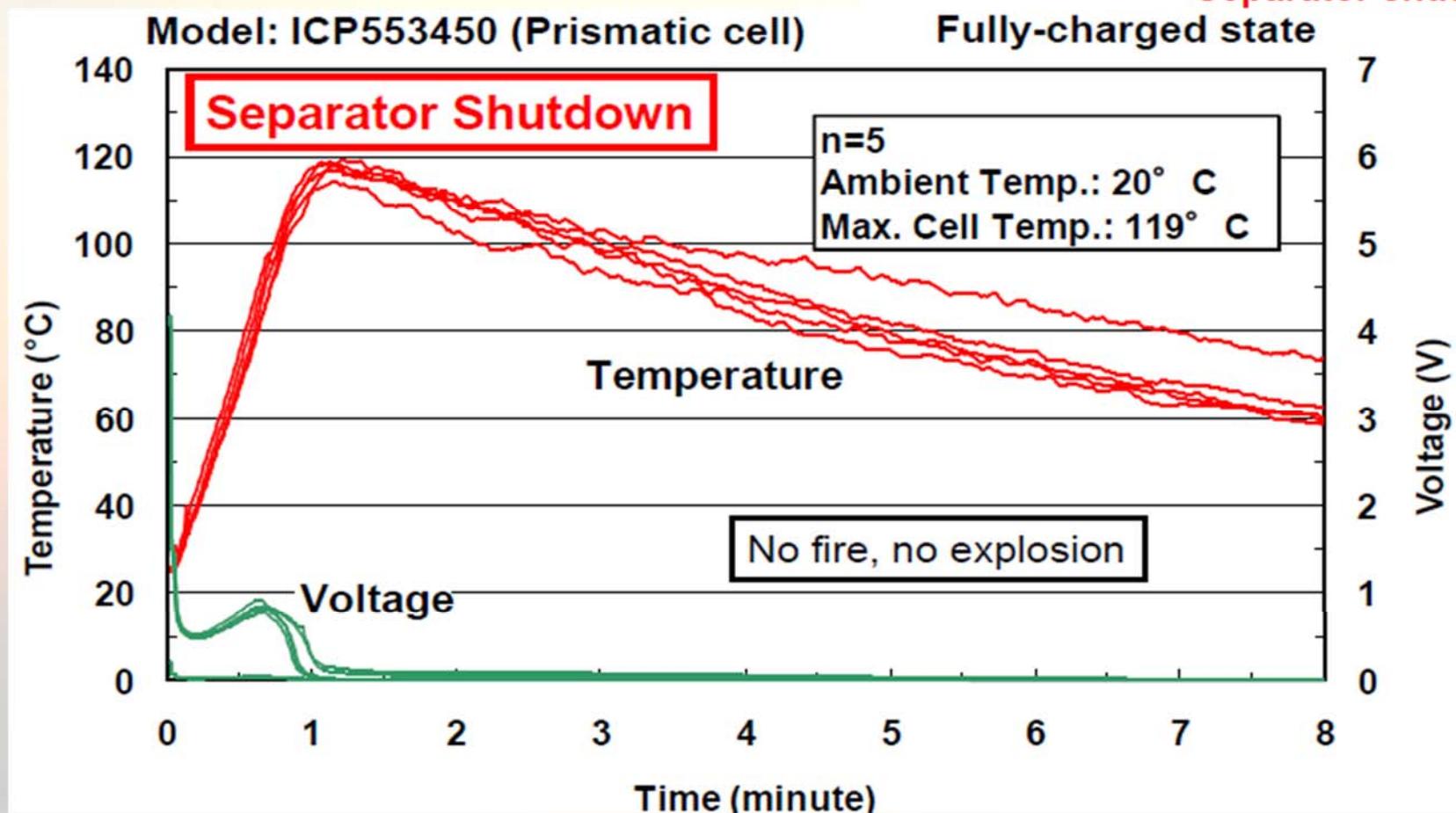
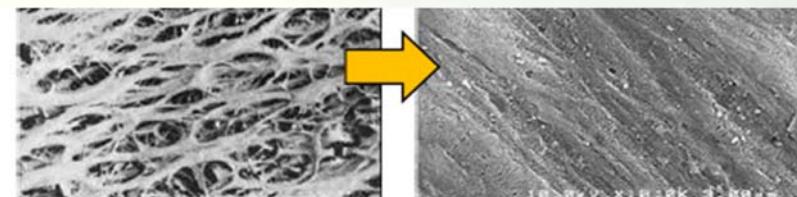
**CID closed**



**CID opened**



# Shutdown Separator



# Active and Passive Devices lead to Safe Systems

Safety is a System Approach



Material



Cell



Module



Pack



Battery

Not all materials are thermal stable

Increasing Number of Safety Devices

burst membrane  
internal cell fuse  
protection circuit  
etc.

mechanical cover  
cell voltage +  
T-sensor, etc.

fuse  
balancer  
main switch, etc.

BMS  
battery case  
cooling, etc.

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# Battery Fire



## Fire preconditions

- Combustible material
- Temperature
- Oxygen

# Battery Fire

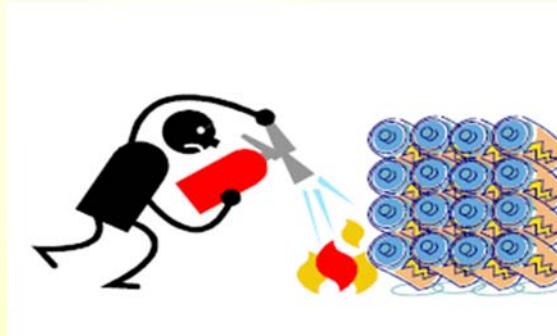
	Primary lithium	Lithium-ion
Fires involving batteries only	Lith-X Class D extinguishing agent, no water	ABC dry chemical extinguisher or water
Fires involving batteries and other materials	ABC dry chemical extinguisher or water	ABC dry chemical extinguisher or water, according to combustible materials involved



**For larger fires**

**Mainly  $H_2O$**

- separated air from battery
- cooled down the battery

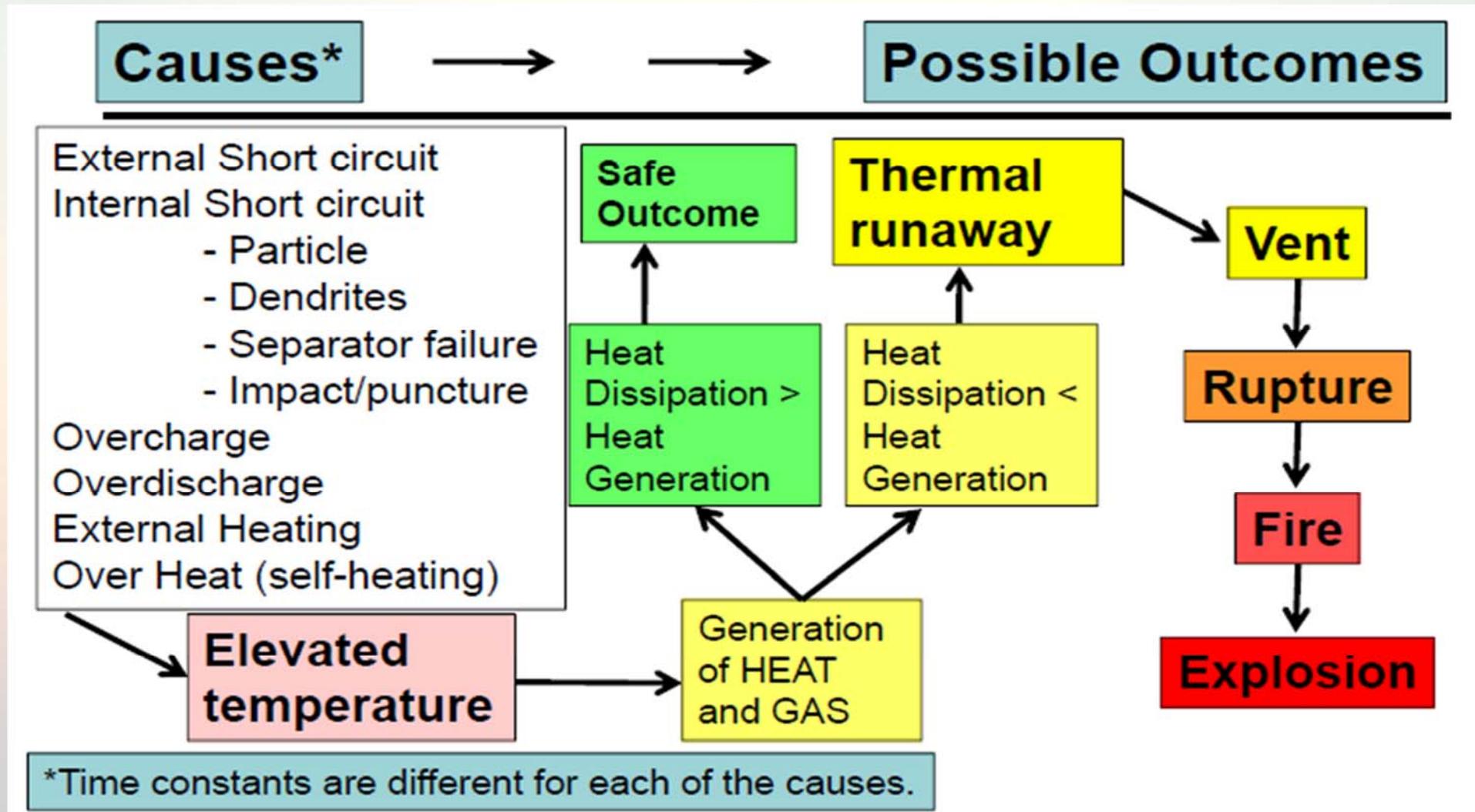


**For smaller fires**

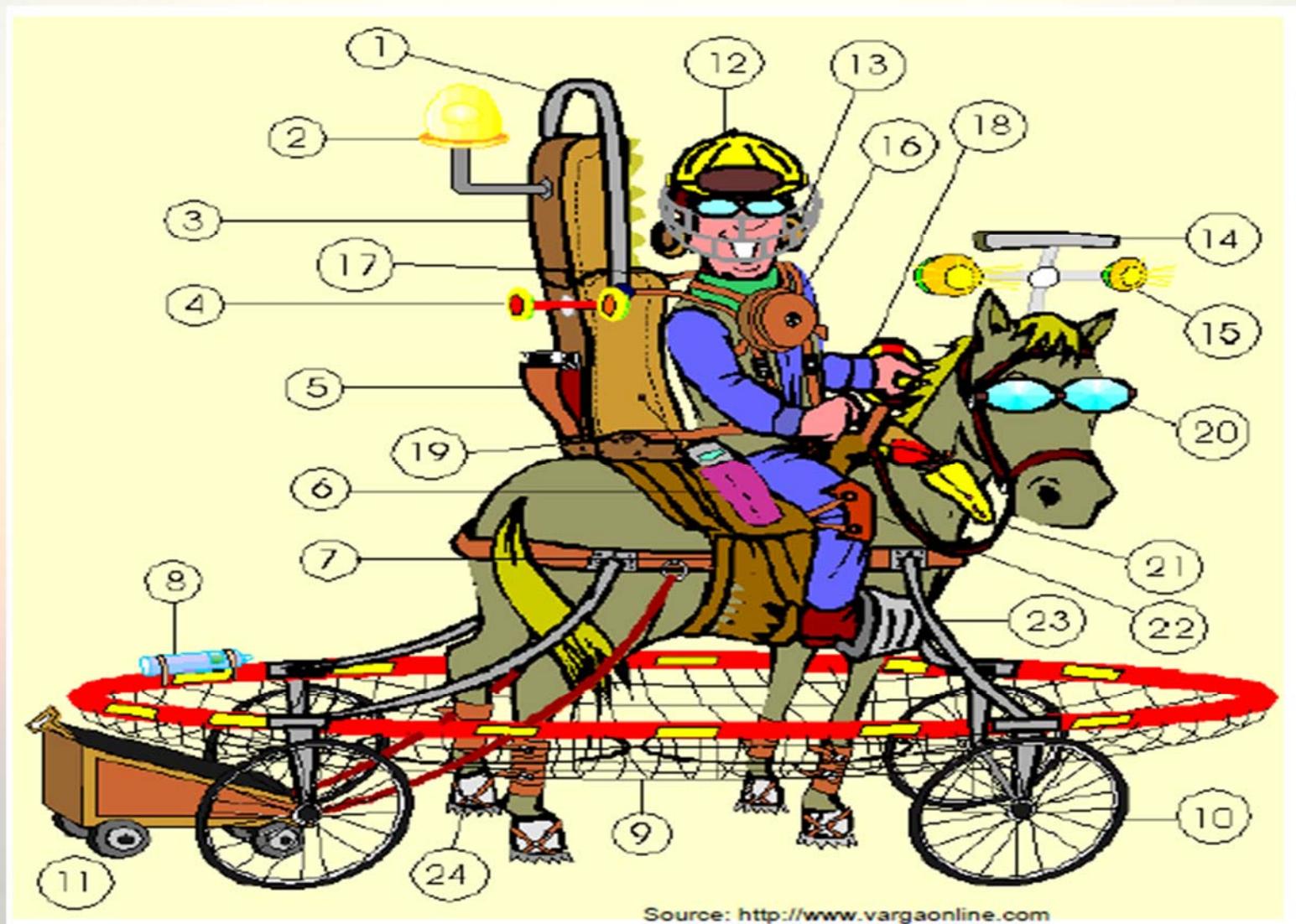
**Mainly ABC Dry Extinguisher**

# Summary

# Anatomy of Cell Failures



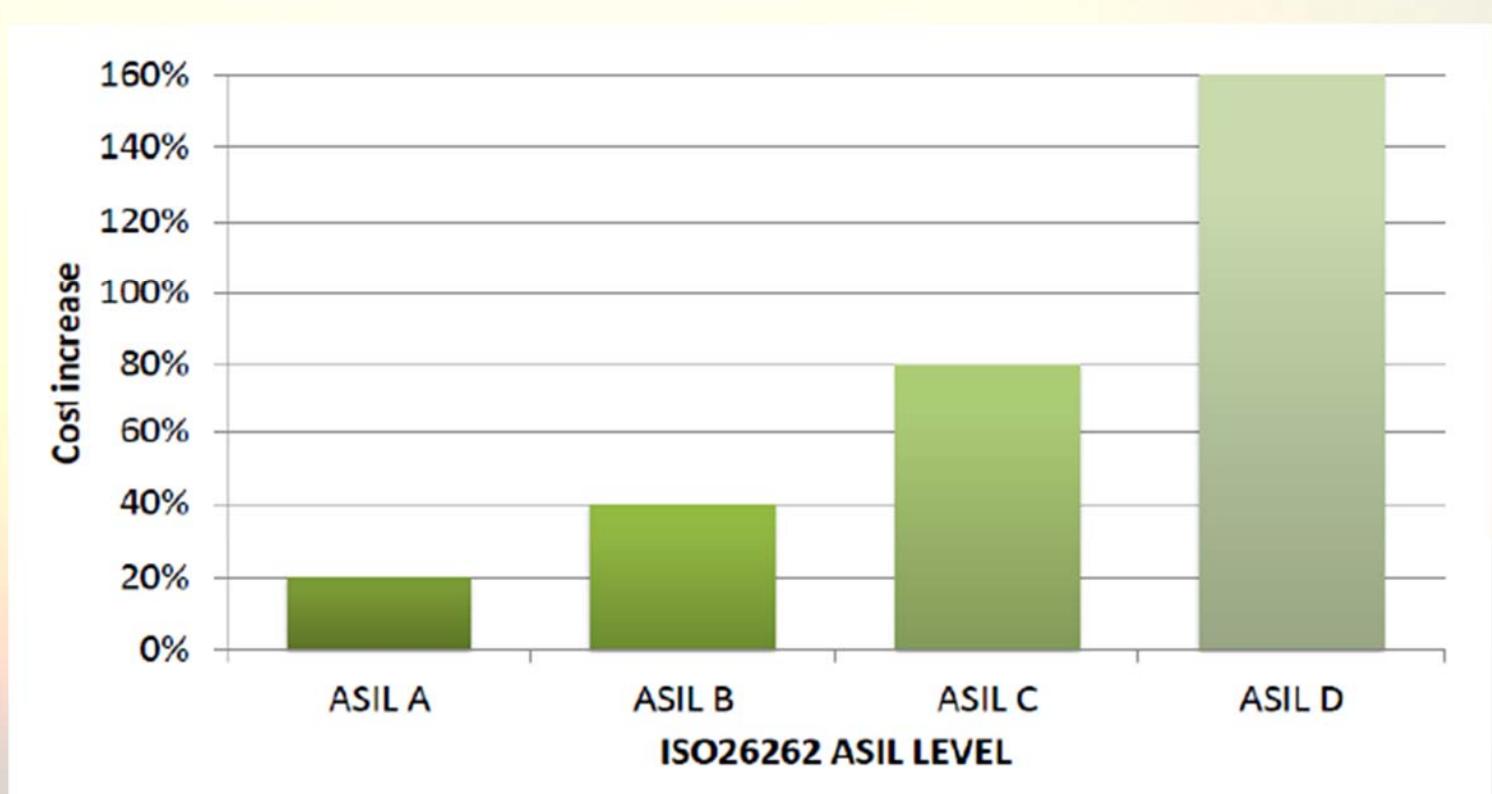
# Full Safety is Possible



# Full Safety is Possible – but not free of Charge

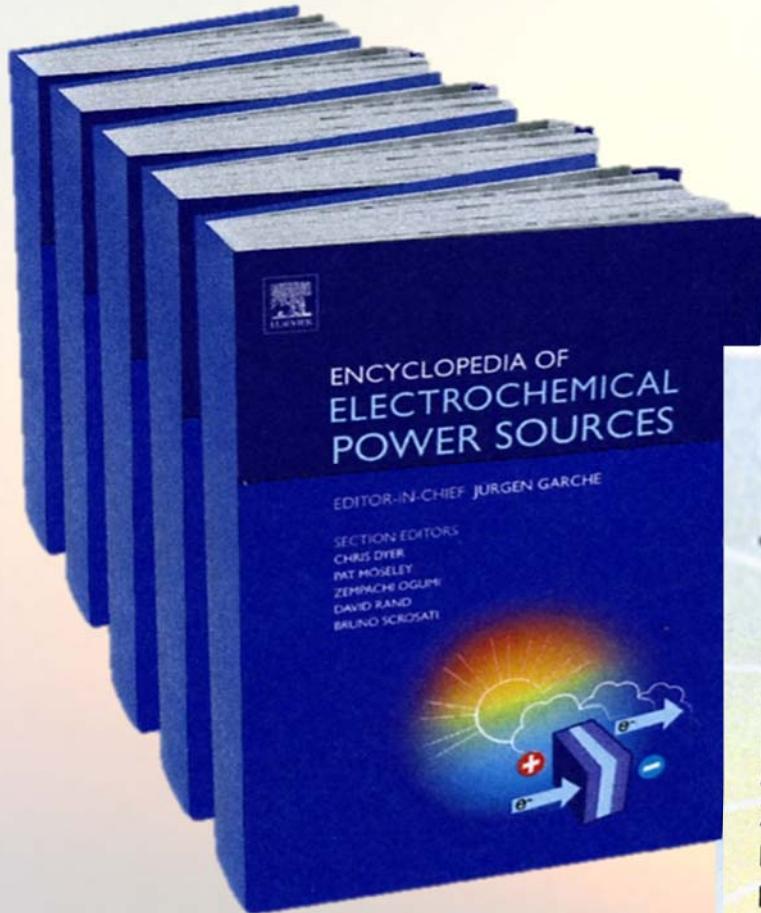
Automotive Safety Integrity Level – ASIL (ISO 26262)

ASIL rating  
based on  
parameters  
- Exposure  
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Increasing Safety Risk

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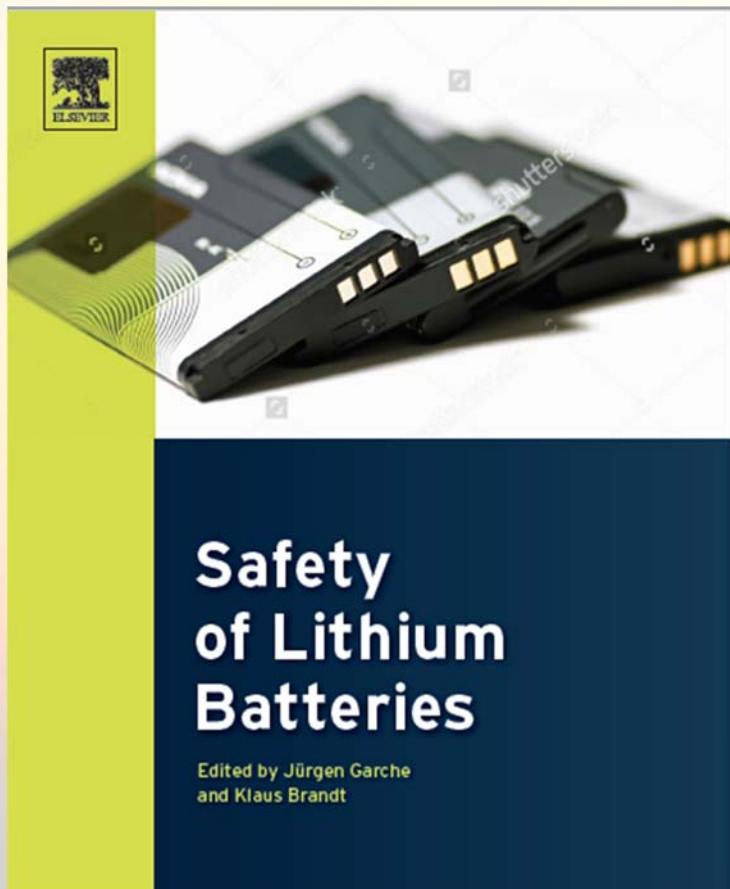
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5 Volumes  
> 350 chapters

Mass: 12 kg  
Cost: 100 €/kg

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**Thank you for your Attention**

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# **Back-up**

# Fire Extinguishing Agents

LIB



European Fire Class	mate- rial	water	water spray	water foam	BC powder	ABC powder	metal fire powder	CO <sub>2</sub>	fate fire exting.
A	solid	green	green	yellow	green	yellow	green	green	green
B	liquid	red	light green	green	green	green	yellow	green	light green
C	gas	yellow	yellow	yellow	green	green	yellow	yellow	yellow
D	metal	red	red	red	yellow	yellow	green	red	red
F	fat	red	green	red	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	green

good applicable

applicable

not applicable

by use hazard

**BC powder**, preferable for **B** and **C** fires, based mostly on sodium bicarbonate

**ABC powder**, preferable for **A**, **B** and **C** fires, based mostly on mono-ammonium phosphate and ammonium sulfate |

# Fire Tests

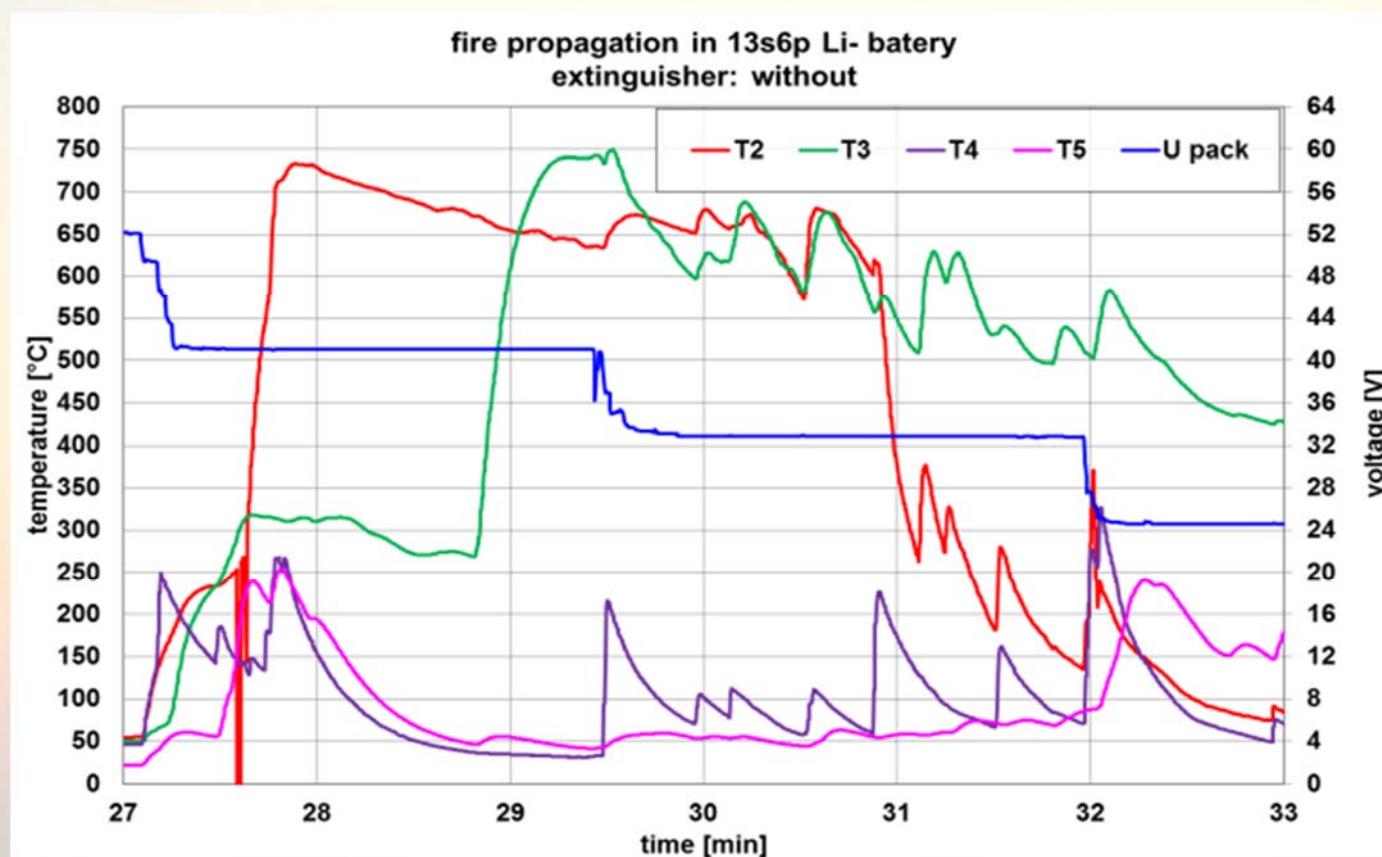
800 Wh NMC battery with 18650 cells in a 13s6p  
6p cell cluster was ignited by overheating



**Fire T measurement**

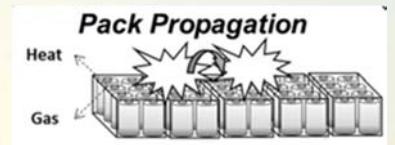
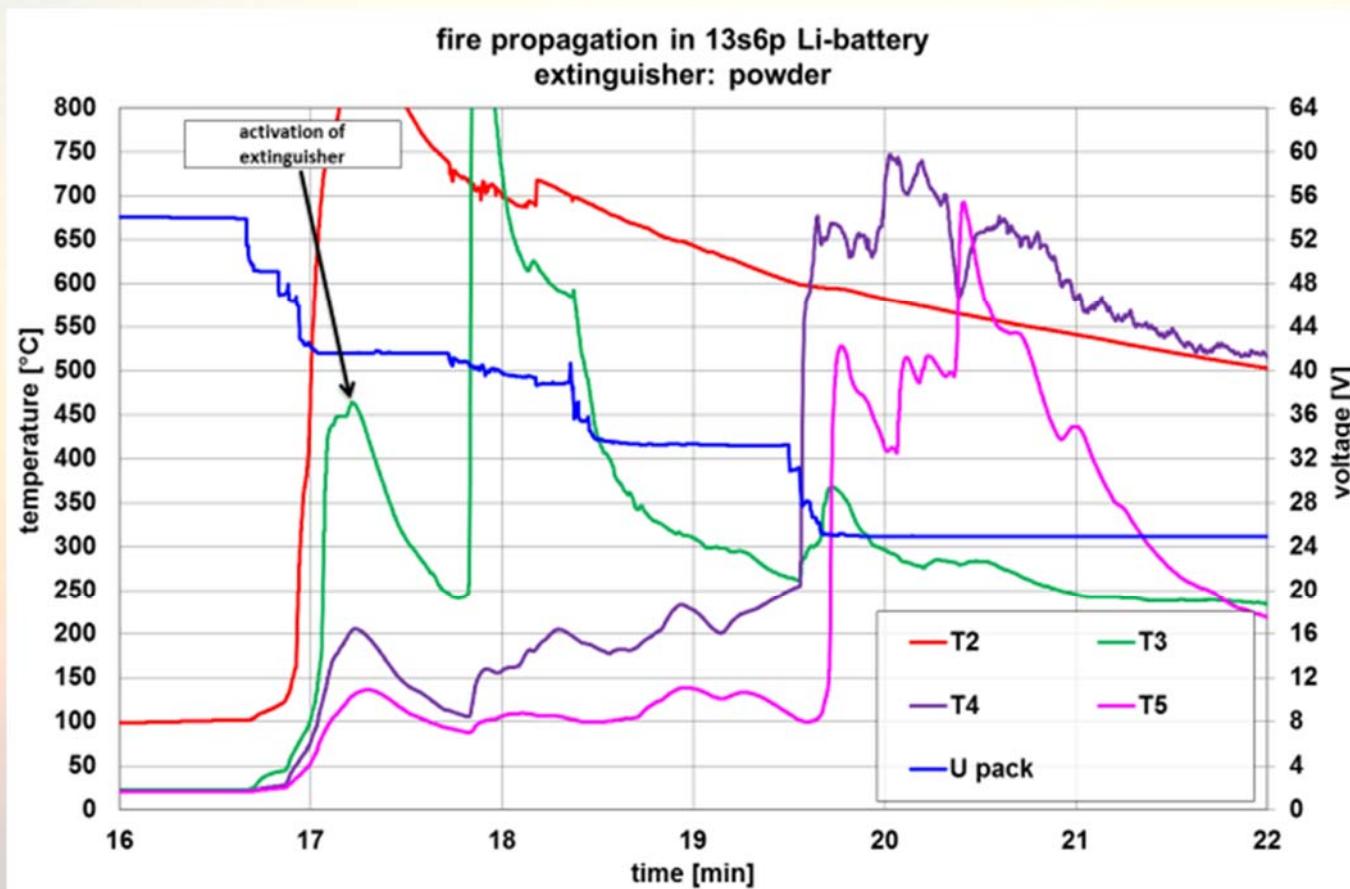
**Fire extinguisher:** 6-8 litre of liquid, or 200 g powder, or 10 kg CO<sub>2</sub>.

# No Extinguishing



Propagation:  
Yes

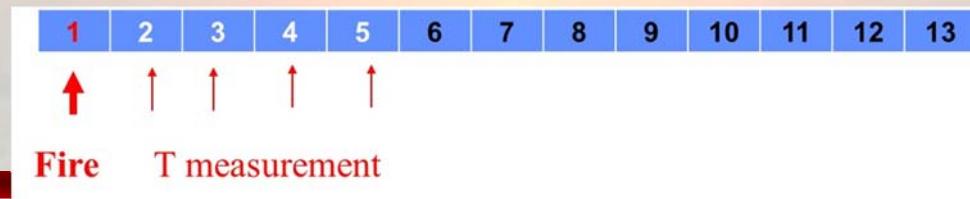
# Powder Extinguisher



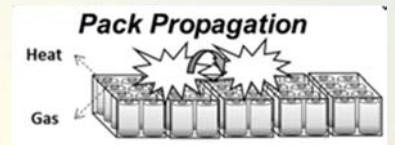
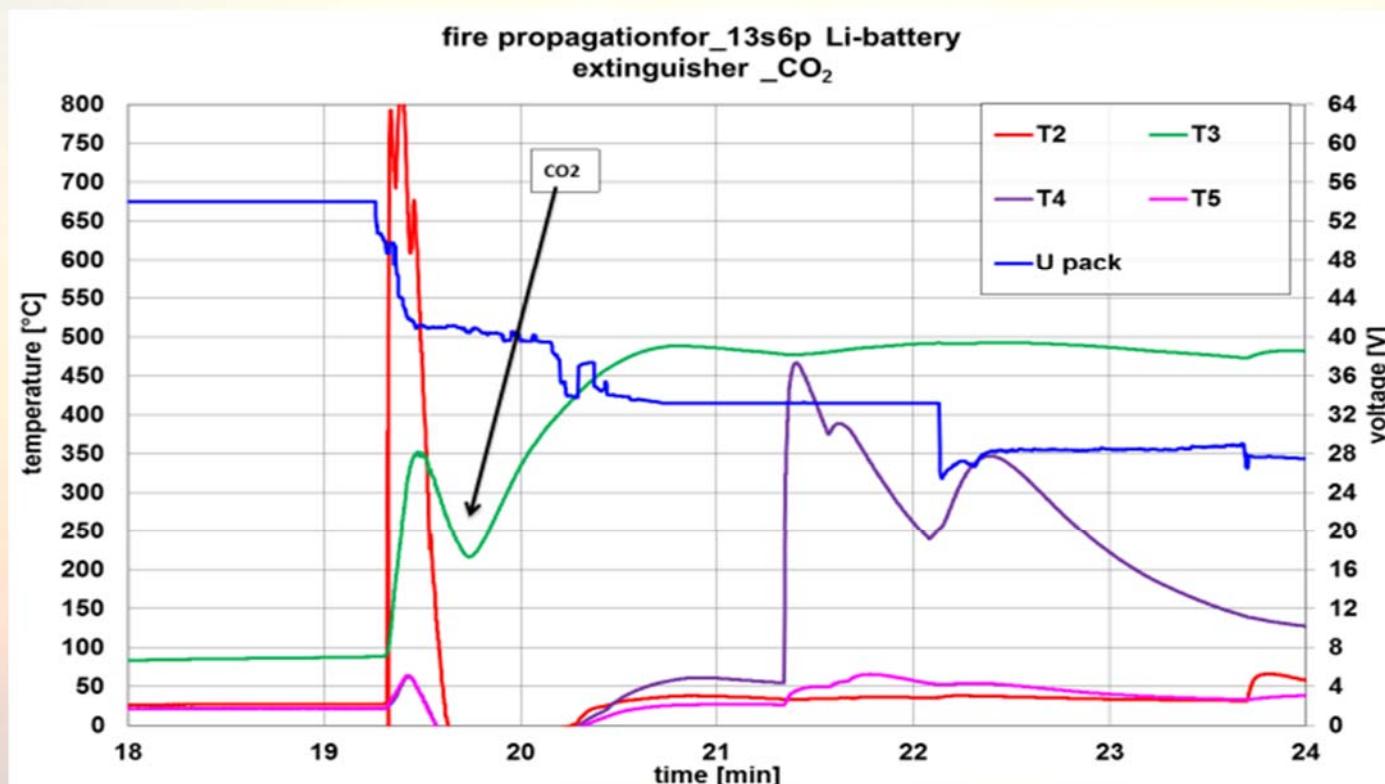
Propagation: Yes

Fire Exting. : Yes

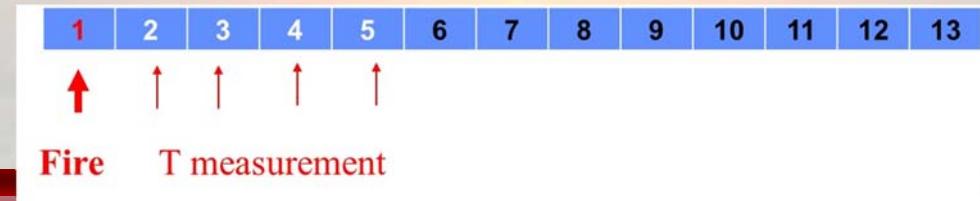
Re-ignition: Yes



# CO<sub>2</sub> Extinguisher

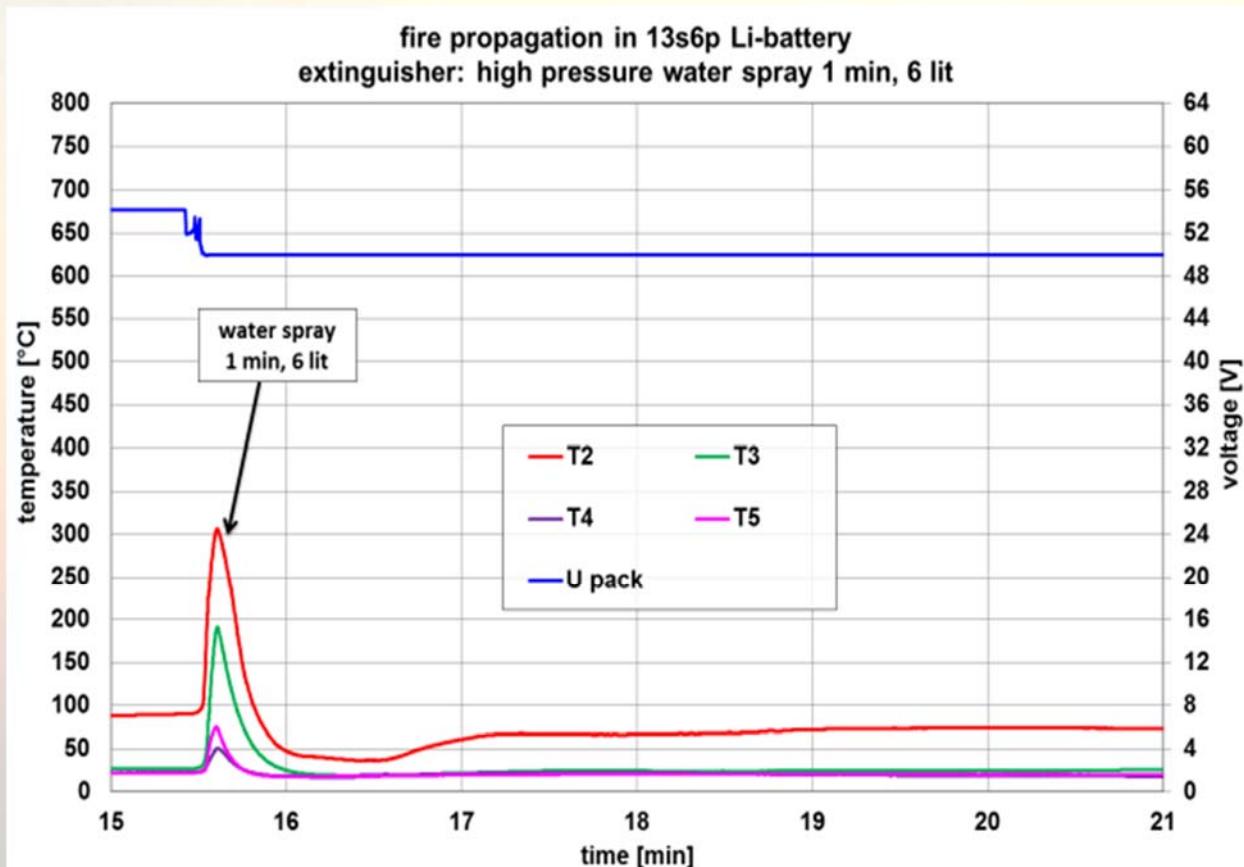


Propagation: Yes  
Fire Exting. : Yes  
Re-ignition: Yes



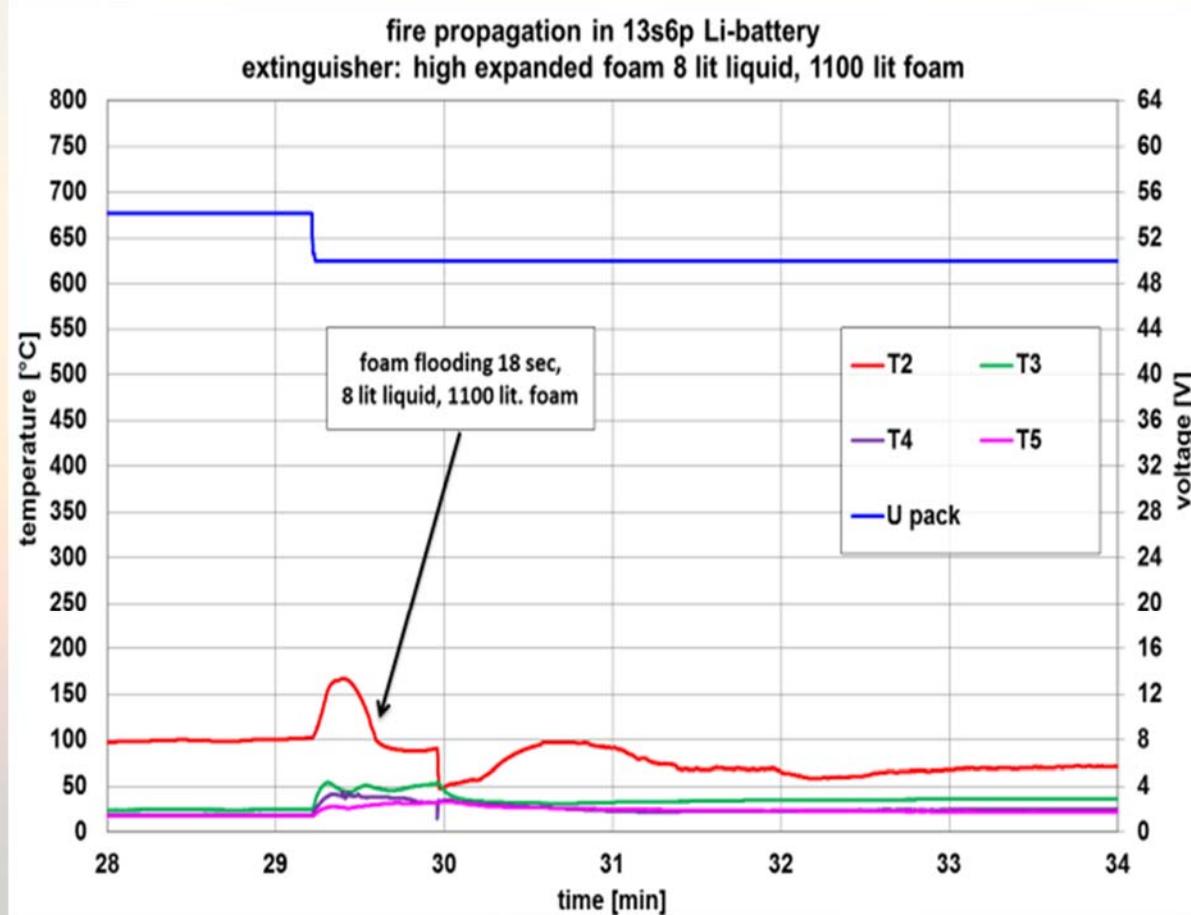
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# High Pressure Water Extinguisher



Propagation: No  
Fire Exting. : Yes  
Re-ignition: No

# High Expanded Foam Extinguisher



Propagation: No  
Fire Exting. : Yes  
Re-ignition: No

# Fire Extinguising Summary

## **Water based agents are successful**

Gaseous fire extinguishing agents and powders are able to extinguish the flames as well, but re-ignition and failure propagation cannot be avoided.