

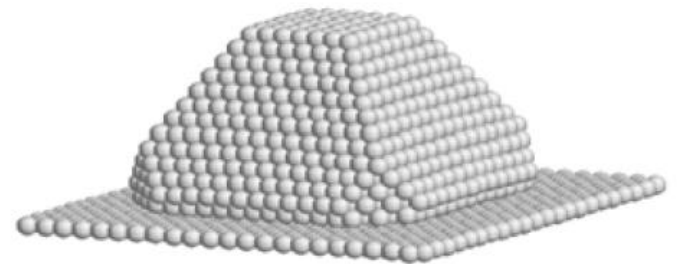


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TMT4320 Nanomaterials **September 28th, 2016**

- TNN4: Energy-related applications: Fuel Cells and Batteries



Last lectures

- Characterization of Nanomaterials: TEM, SEM, XPS, STM, AFM, XRD, SAXS, EDX, EELS, Nanoindentation
 - Electron Microscopy:
 - Transmission/Scanning Electron Microscopy (TEM/SEM)
 - Scanning tunneling Microscopy
 - Atomic Force Microscopy
 - Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy (EDS/EDX)
 - Electron loss energy spectroscopy (EELS)
 - X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)
 - Small angle X-Ray scattering (SAXS)
 - Nanoindentation
 - Many others: FIM, SPM, IR, RAMAN, HR-TEM, ED, SIMS, LEIS, ND, etc...

Today lecture

Fuel Cells

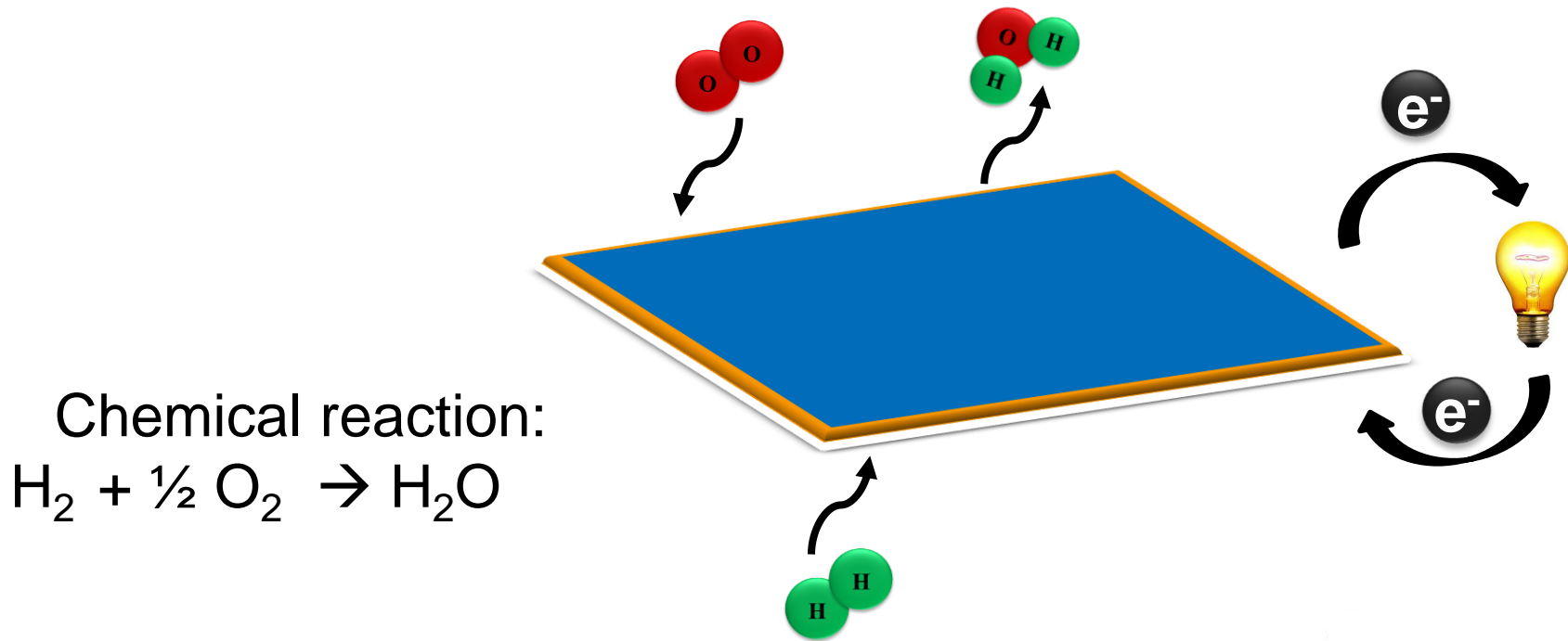
- High Temperature Fuel Cells: O_2 and H^+ -SOC
- Fuel cell mode: Electricity
- Electrolysis mode: H_2 production

Batteries

- Lithium Batteries
- Other batteries: Metal-air batteries

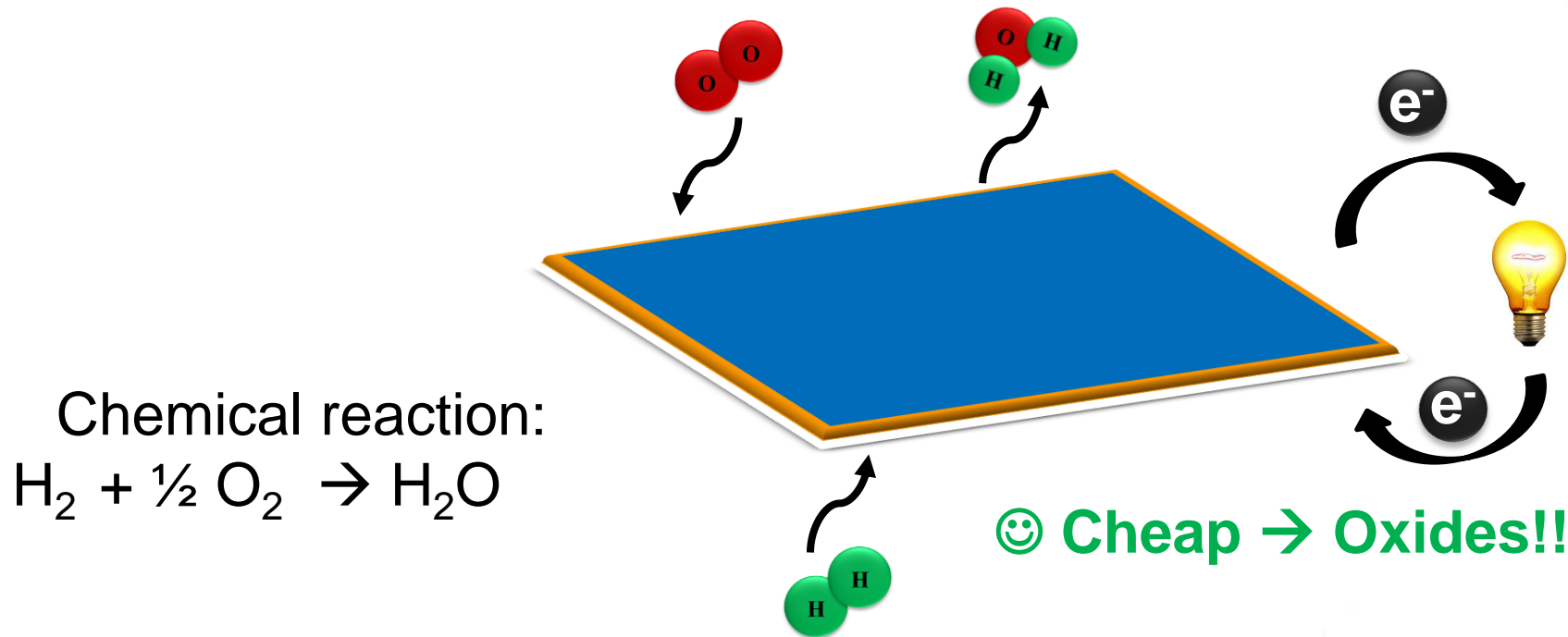
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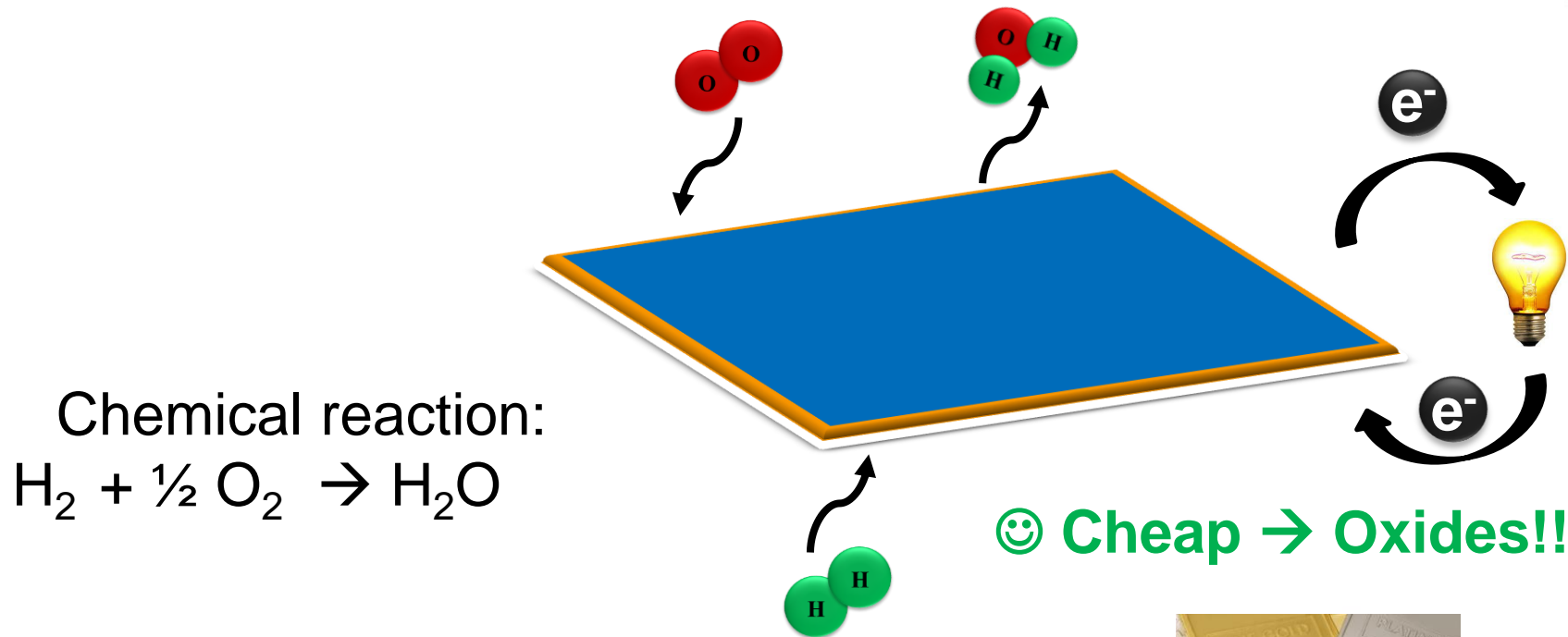
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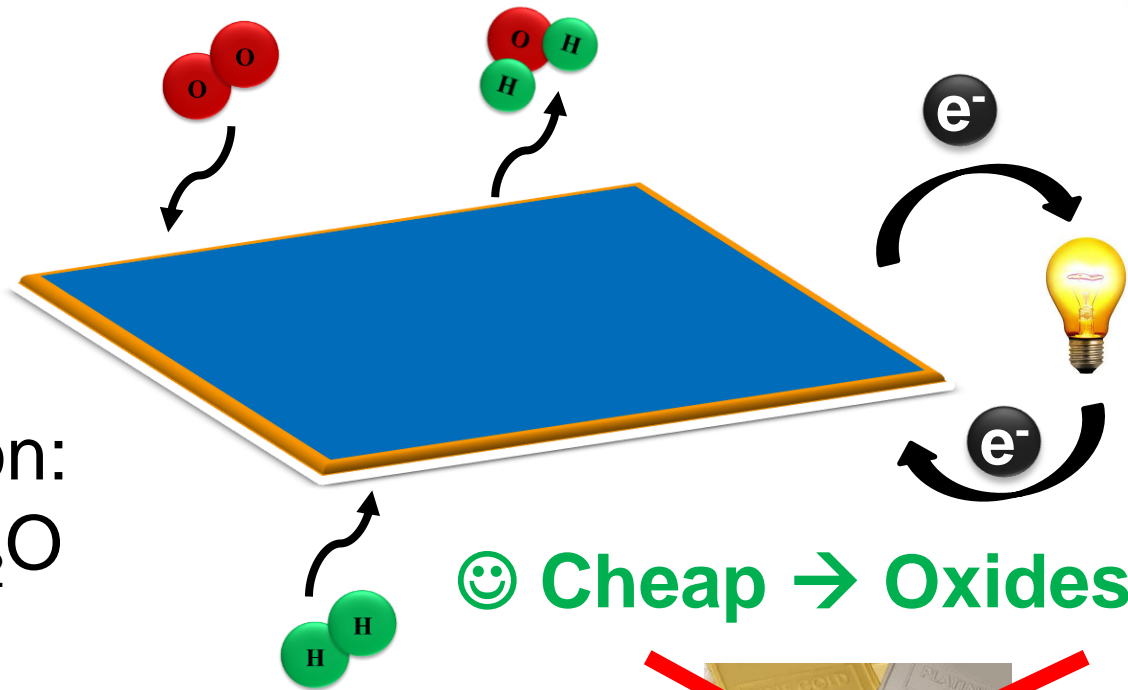


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Chemical reaction:
$$\text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

😊 Cheap → Oxides!!

Low temperature Fuel Cell uses noble metals

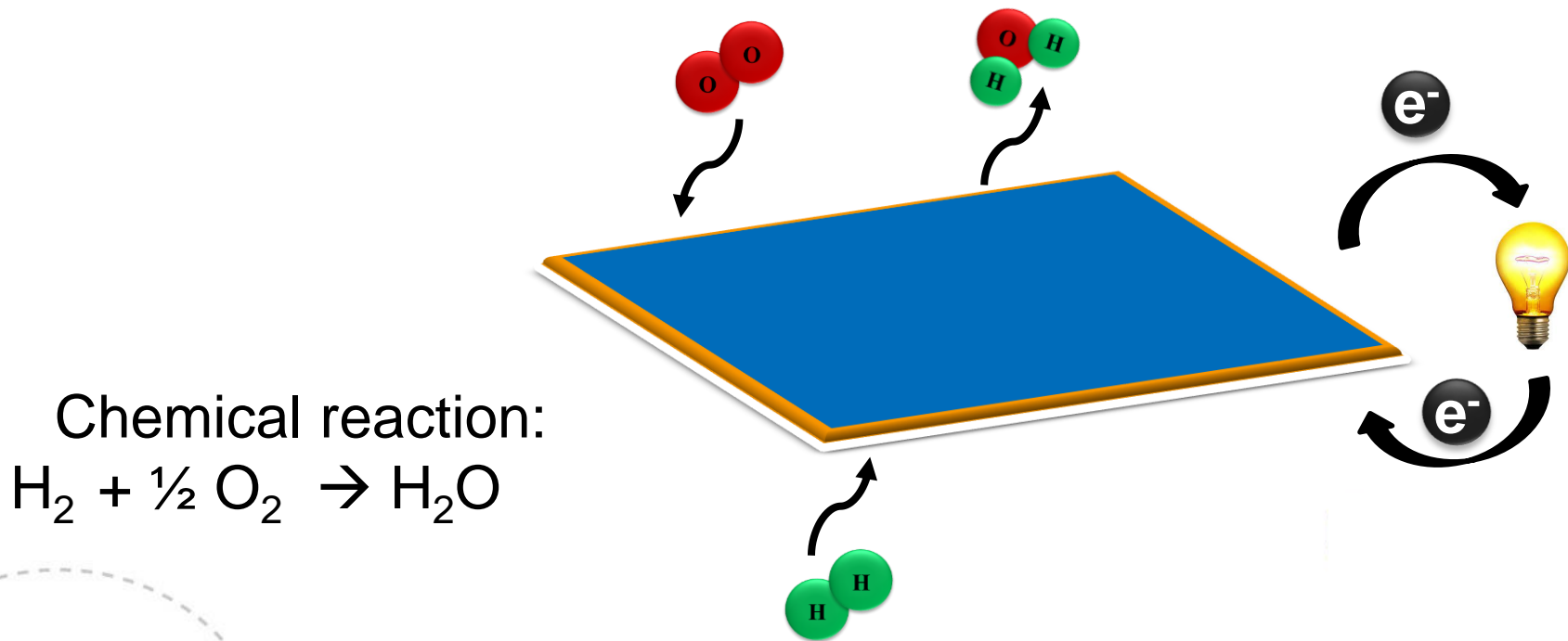


What is a Solid Oxide Fuel Cell?

Two main types depending of the electrolyte:

O²⁻-SOFC: Electrolyte conducting O²⁻

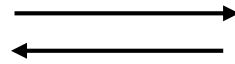
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O₂-Solid Oxide Fuel/Electrolysis Cell

800 °C

O₂-SOFC

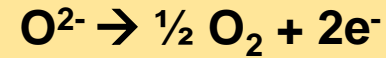
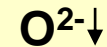
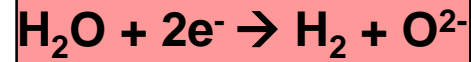
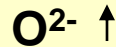
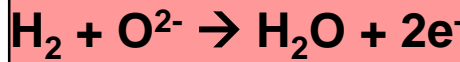


O₂-SOEC

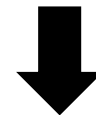
H₂ CO H₂O CO₂

H₂O CO₂ H₂ CO

Fuel electrode
Electrolyte
Air electrode



Air



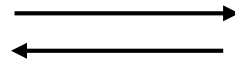
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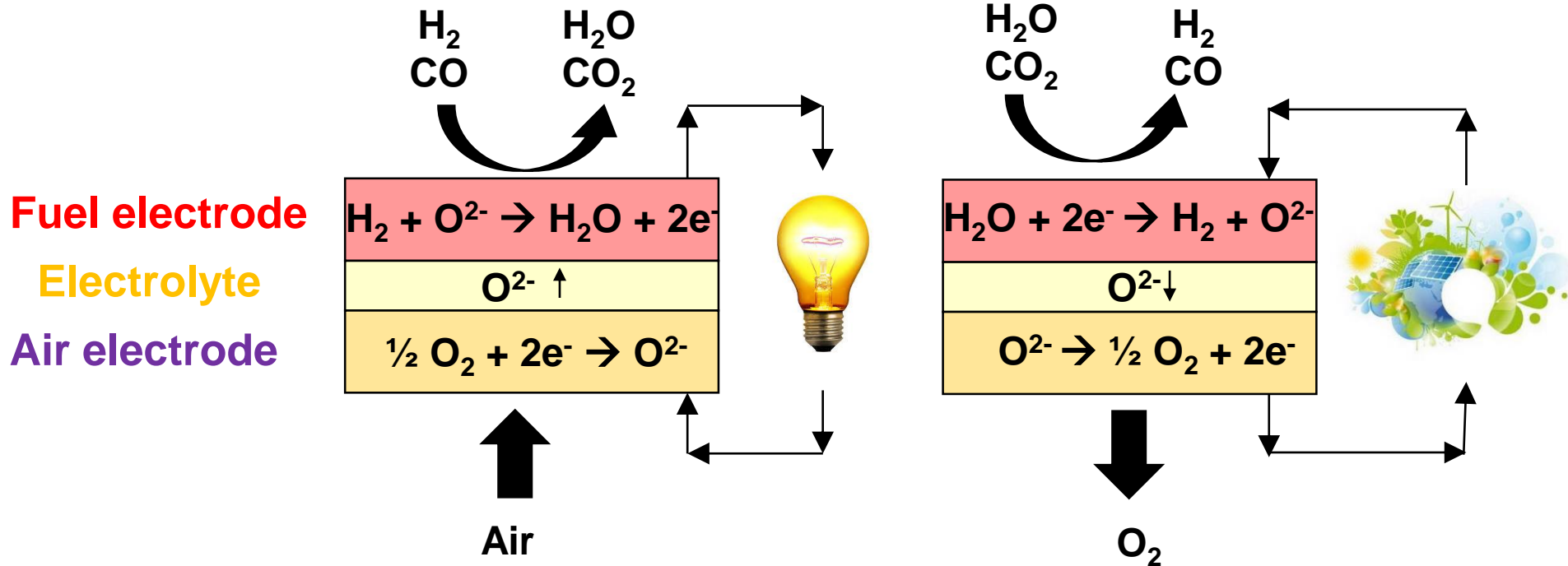
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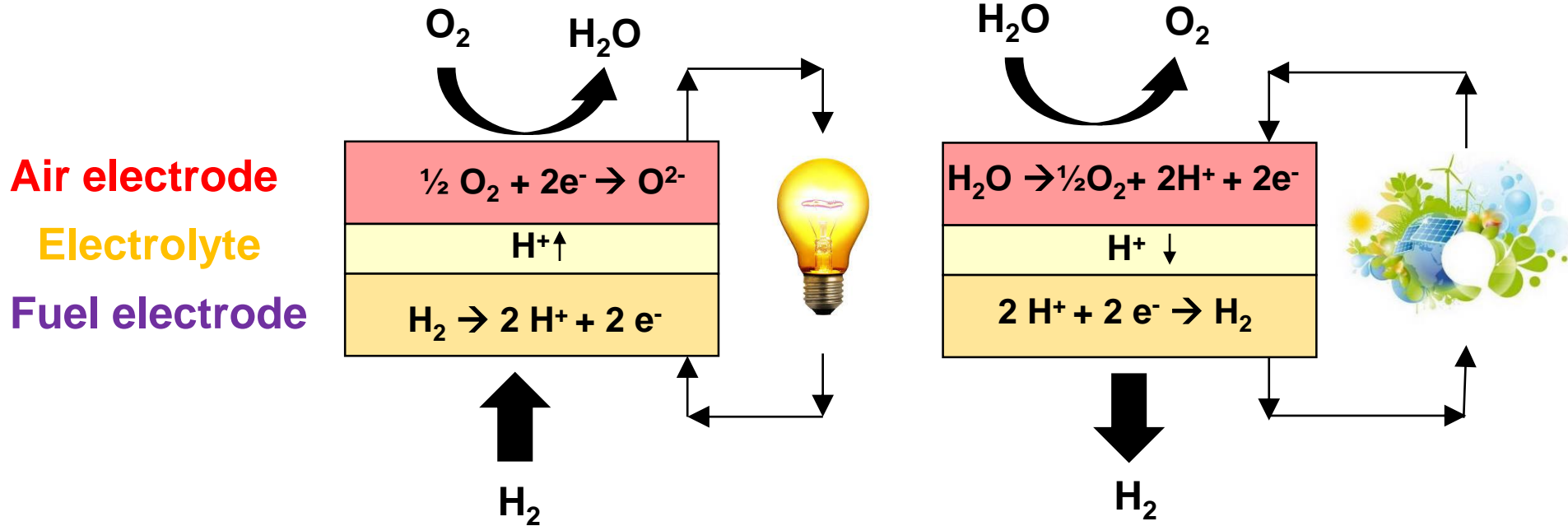
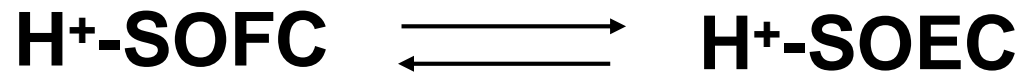
Main challenge:

- **Lower operation temperature** while keeping **high performance**

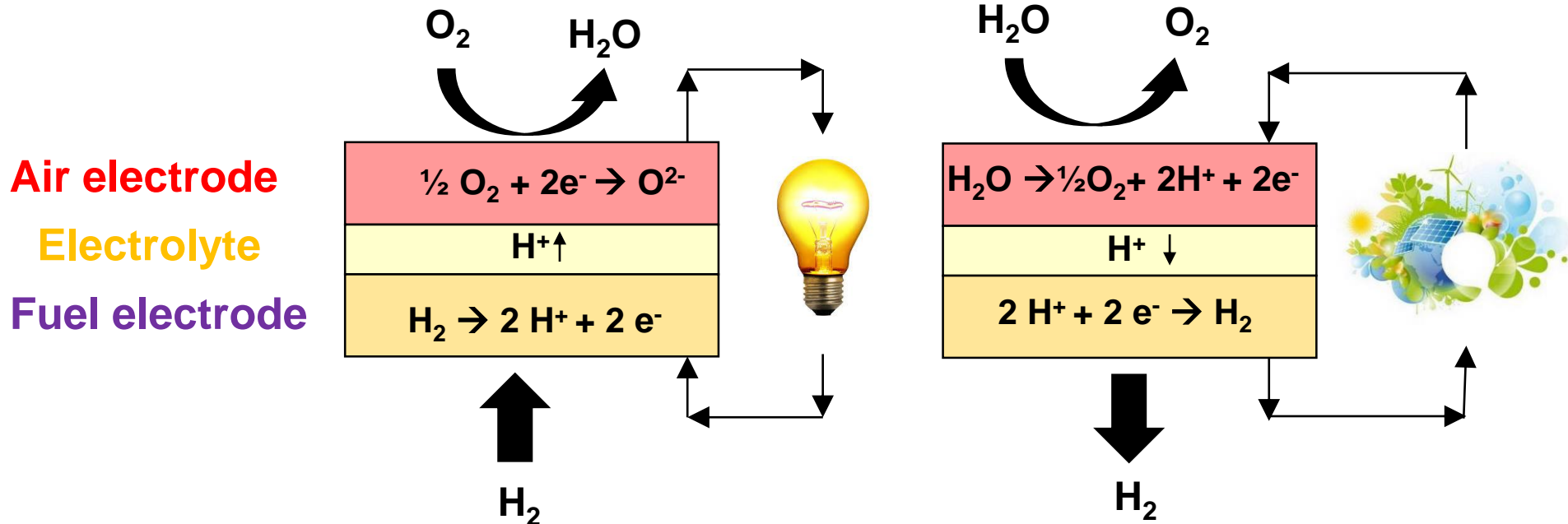
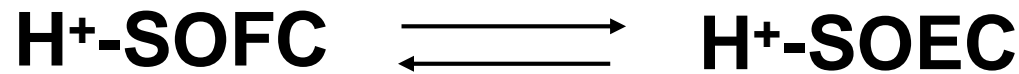


Alternative H⁺-SOC technology

H⁺-Solid Oxide Fuel/Electrolysis Cell



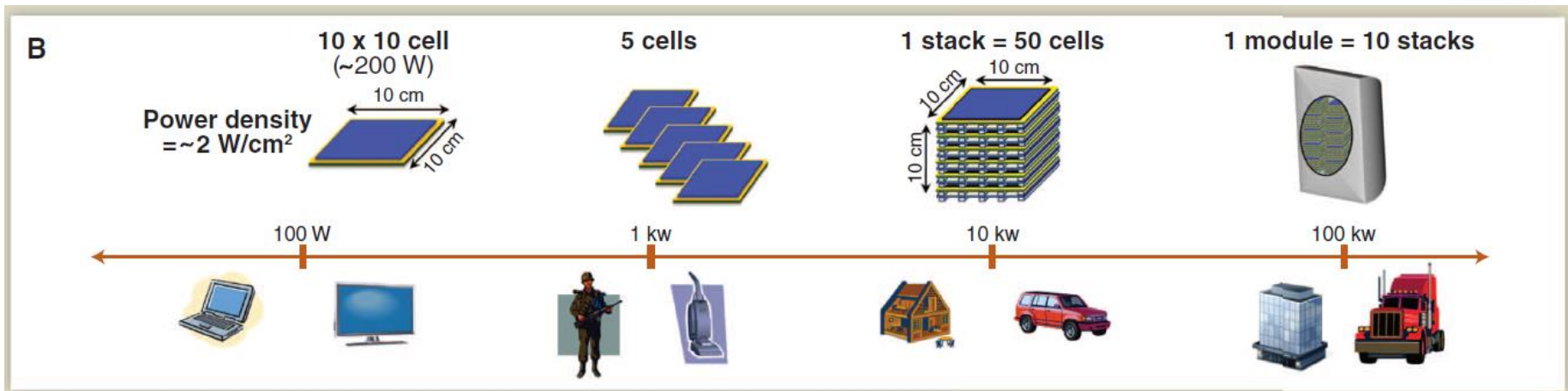
H⁺-Solid Oxide Fuel/Electrolysis Cell



- Lower temperature operation (400-600 °C).
 - Avoid fuel dilution.
- Poor cathode materials → Use mixed O²⁻/e⁻ conductors without H⁺ conduction

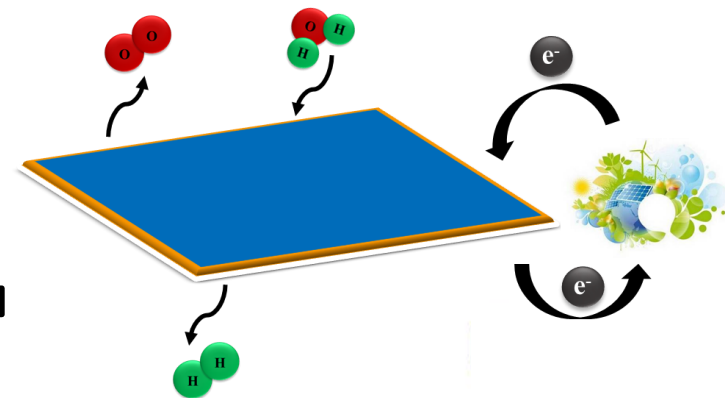
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Stationary energy → Energy to power a house



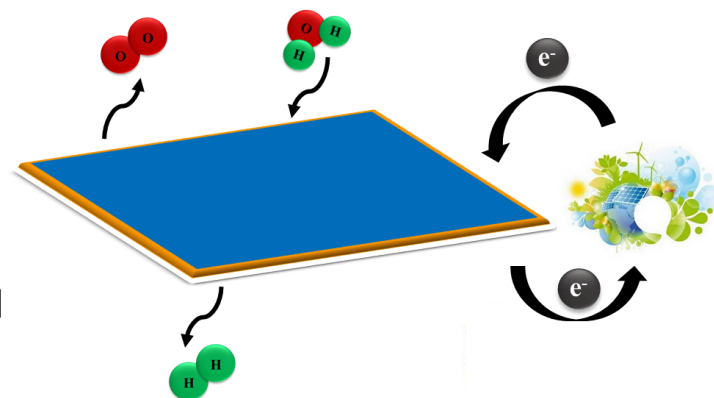
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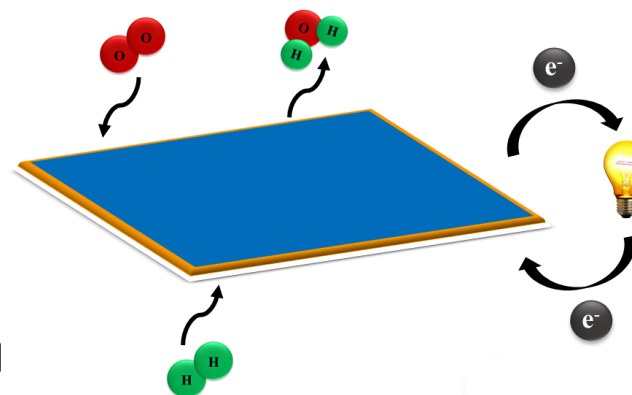
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Fuel production with excess energy

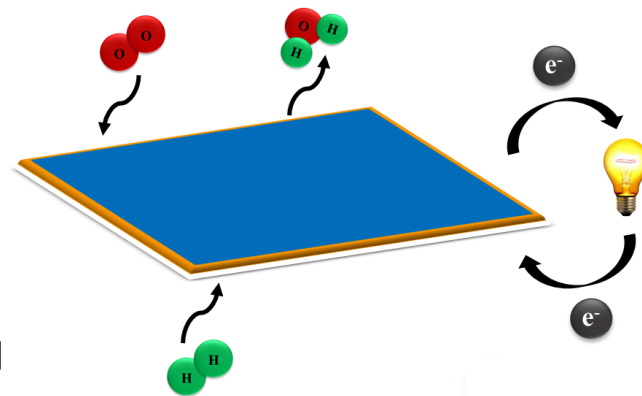
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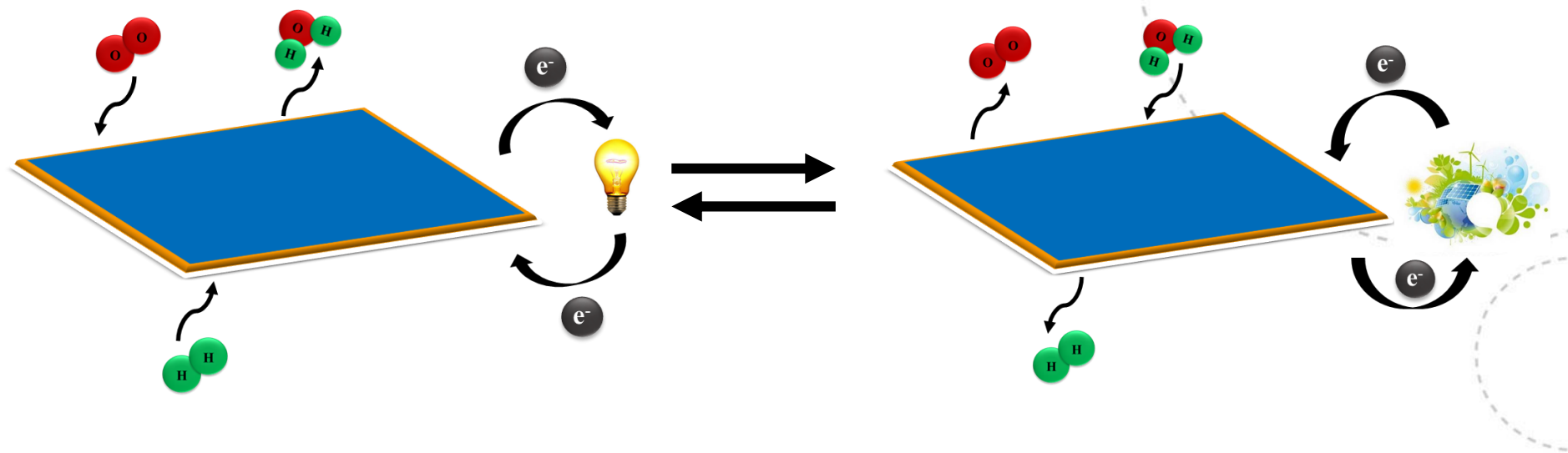
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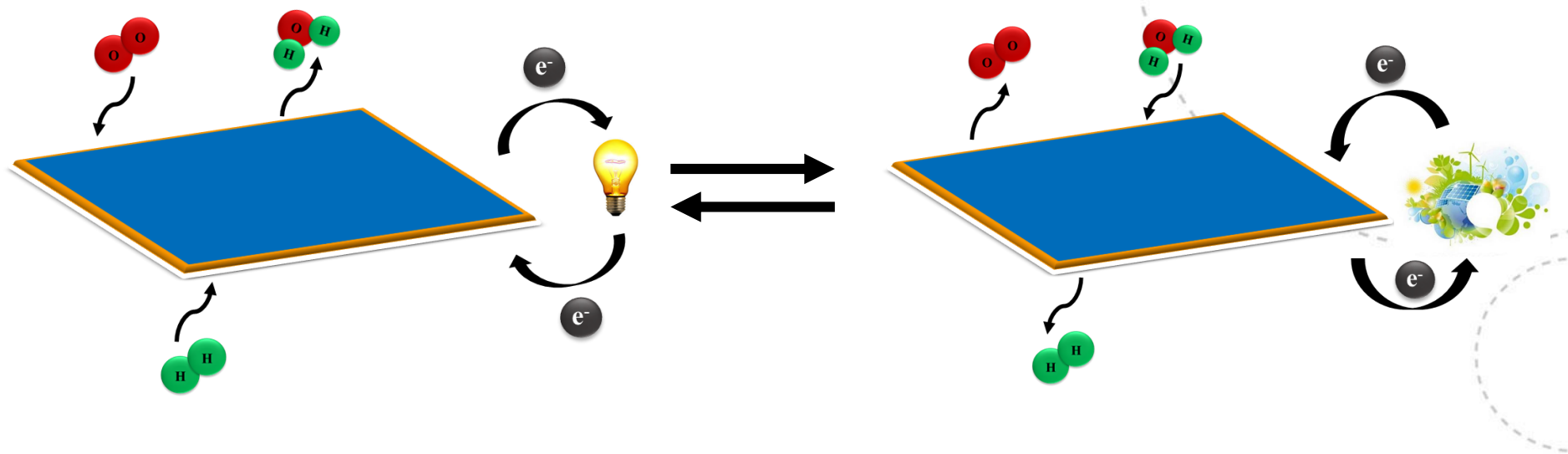


Use of fuel to generate electricity

Research challenges



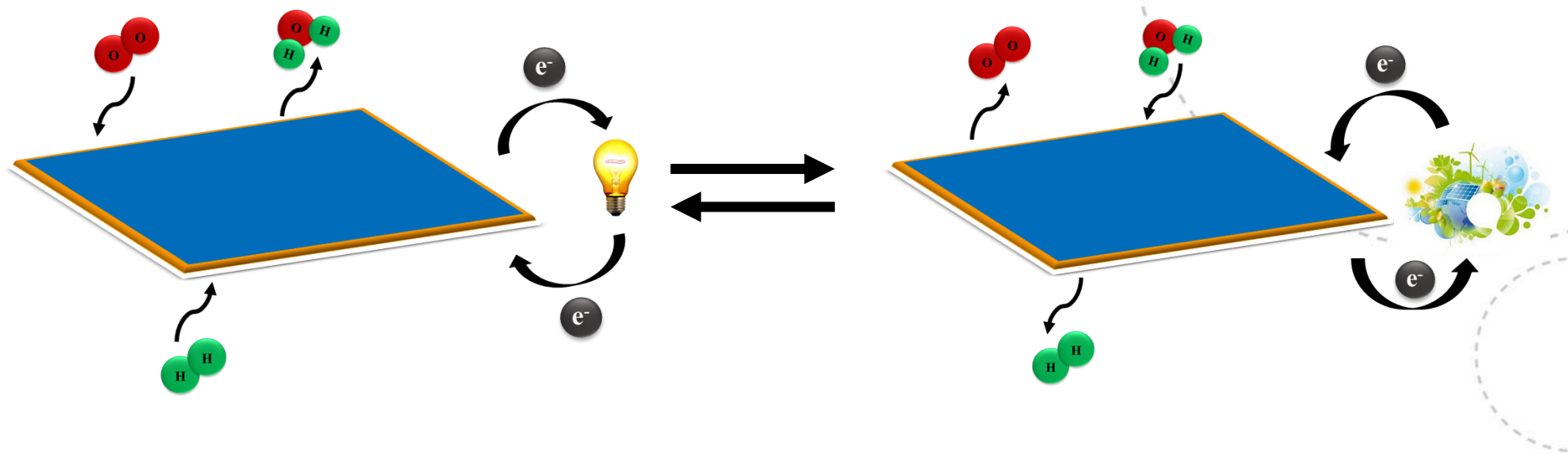
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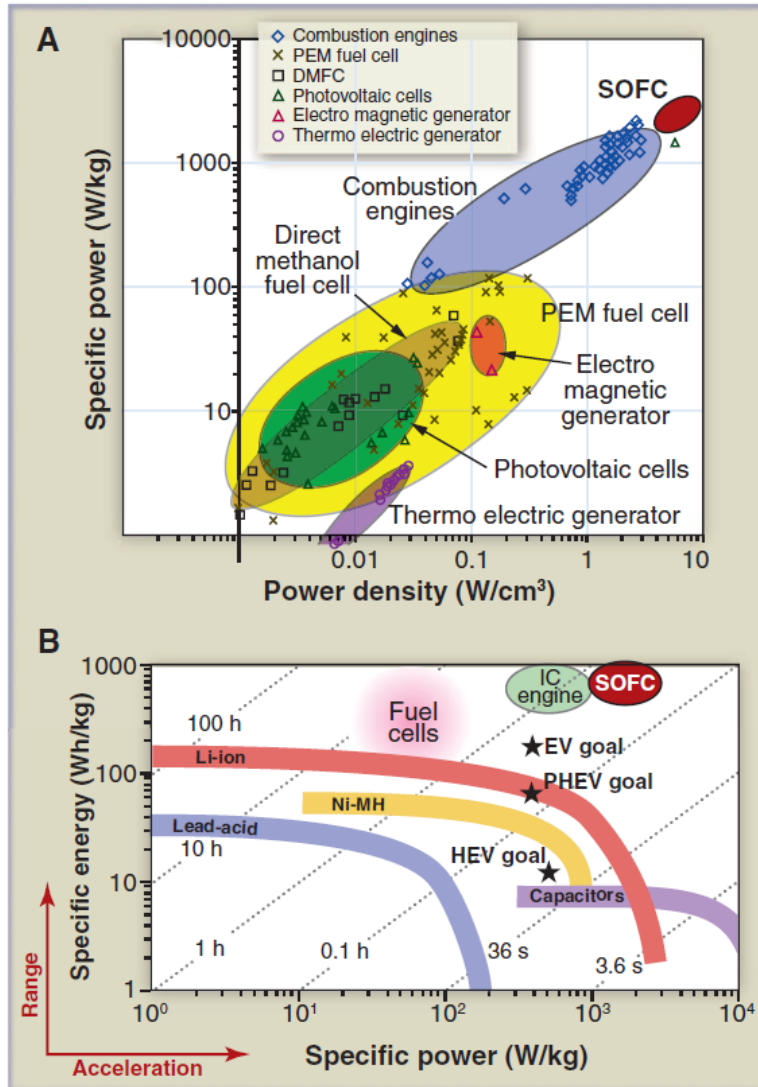


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**Need to obtain novel materials
with higher performance →
Nanomaterials**



Comparison



Very promising technology



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Electrochemical characterisation of solid oxide cell electrodes for hydrogen production

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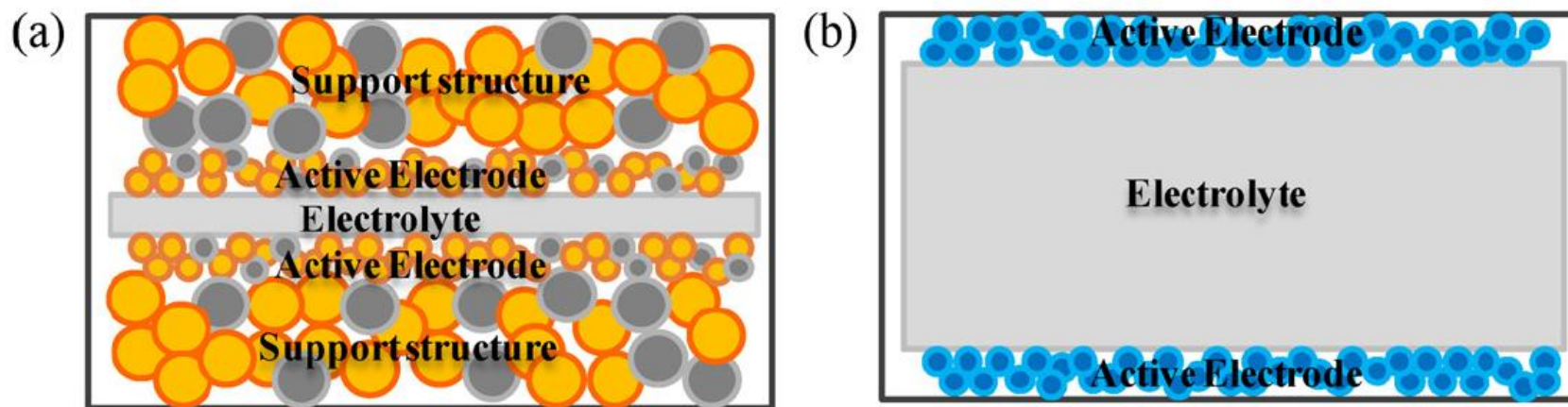
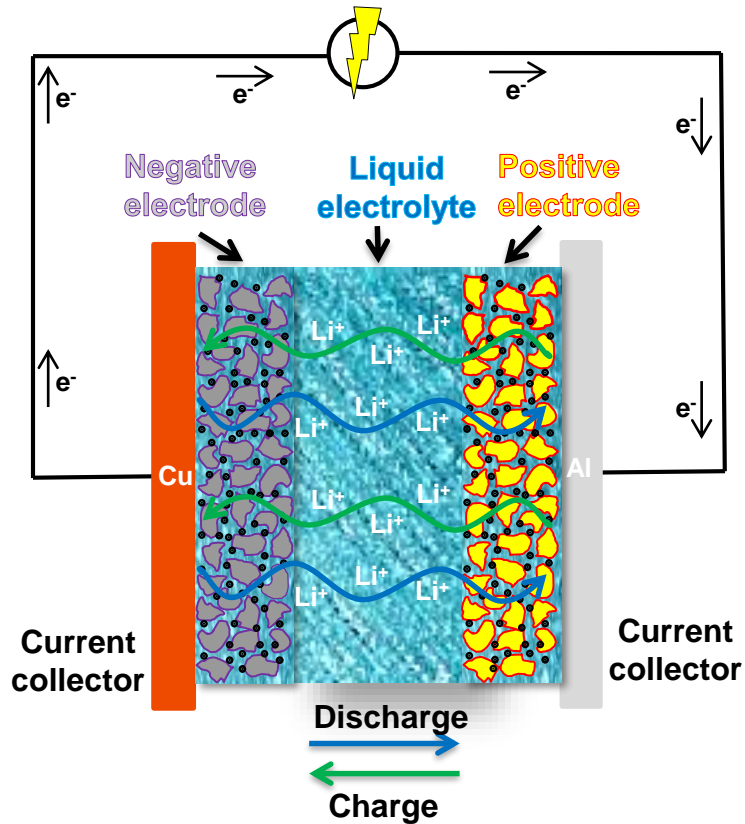


Fig. 1. Schematic of the symmetric cell configuration for the (a) oxygen electrode and (b) steam electrode cells.

Batteries

Current LIB



Liquid electrolyte limitations:

- **Safety:** flammable organic components
- **Performance:** limited stability window
- **Cost:** Expensive and polluting materials

Batteries



A BETTER BATTERY

*Chemists are reinventing rechargeable cells
to drive down costs and boost capacity.*

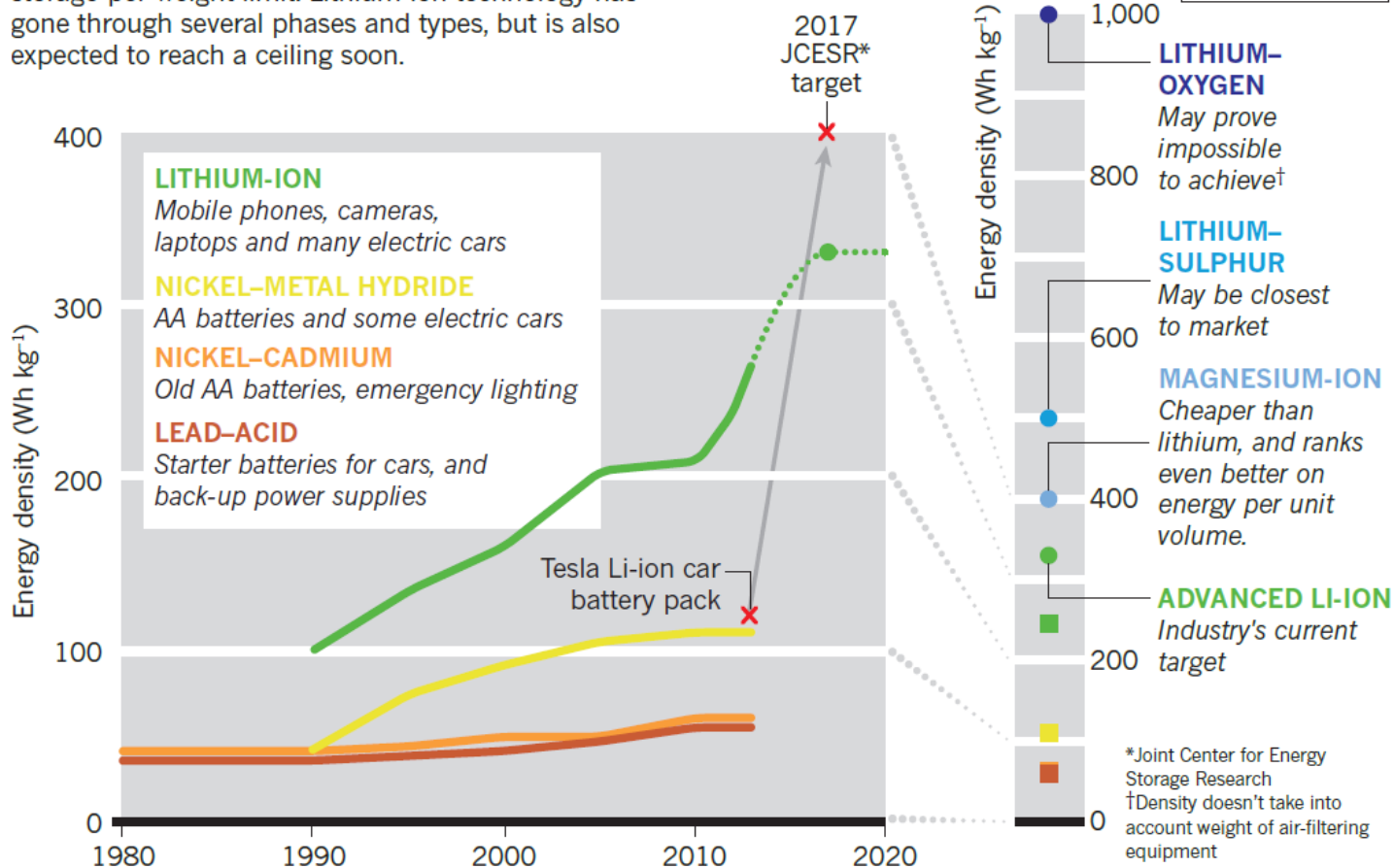
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<http://www.nature.com/news/the-rechargeable-revolution-a-better-battery-1.14815>

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POWERING UP

Portable rechargeable batteries tend to hit an energy-storage-per-weight limit. Lithium-ion technology has gone through several phases and types, but is also expected to reach a ceiling soon.



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Nanomaterials for Rechargeable Lithium Batteries**

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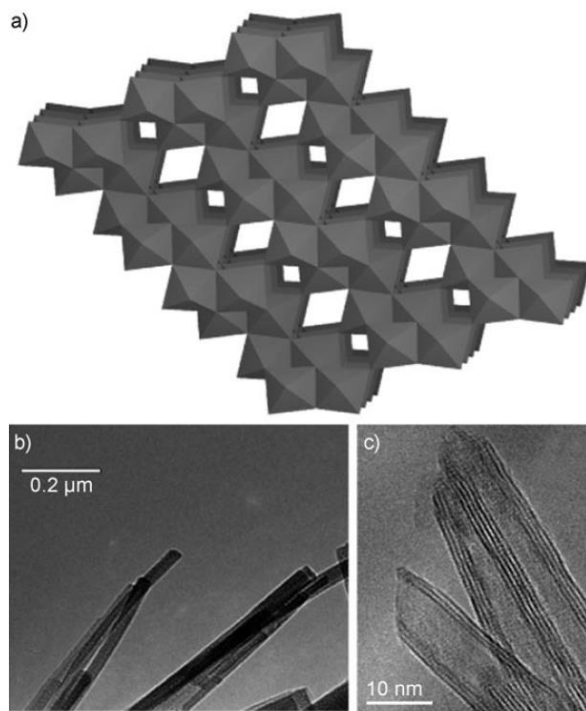


Figure 4. a) Crystal structure of $\text{TiO}_2\text{-B}$, TEM images of $\text{TiO}_2\text{-B}$ b) nanowires and c) nanotubes.

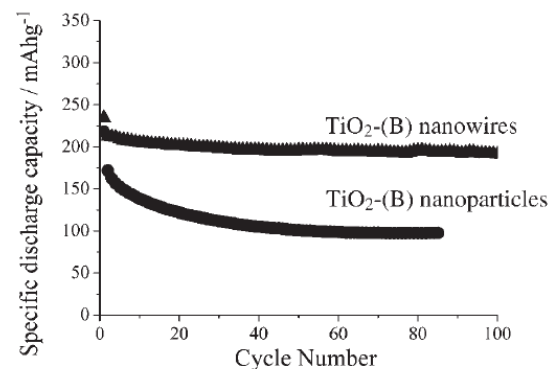


Figure 5. Charge (lithium) stored in the intercalation hosts, $\text{TiO}_2\text{-B}$ nanowires and nanoparticles, on cycling (intercalation/deintercalation) at a rate of 50 mA g^{-1} (ca. $C/4$). The size of the nanoparticles is the same as the diameter of the nanowires.

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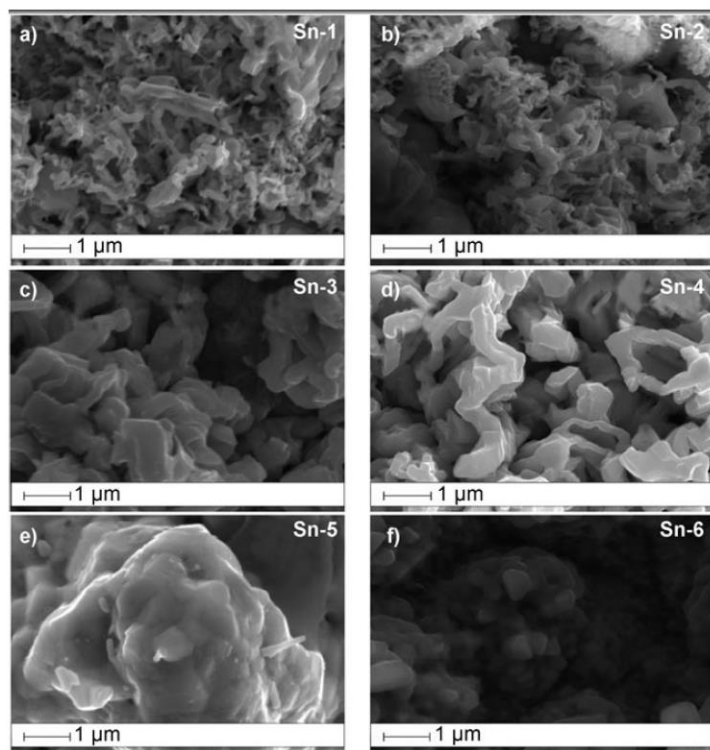


Figure 7. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of various tin samples prepared under different electrodeposition conditions: a) 0.5 mAcm^{-2} ; 60 min; b) 1.0 mAcm^{-2} ; 30 min; c) 2.0 mAcm^{-2} ; 15 min; d) 3.0 mAcm^{-2} ; 10 min; e) 6.0 mAcm^{-2} ; 5 min; f) 15 mAcm^{-2} ; 2 min.

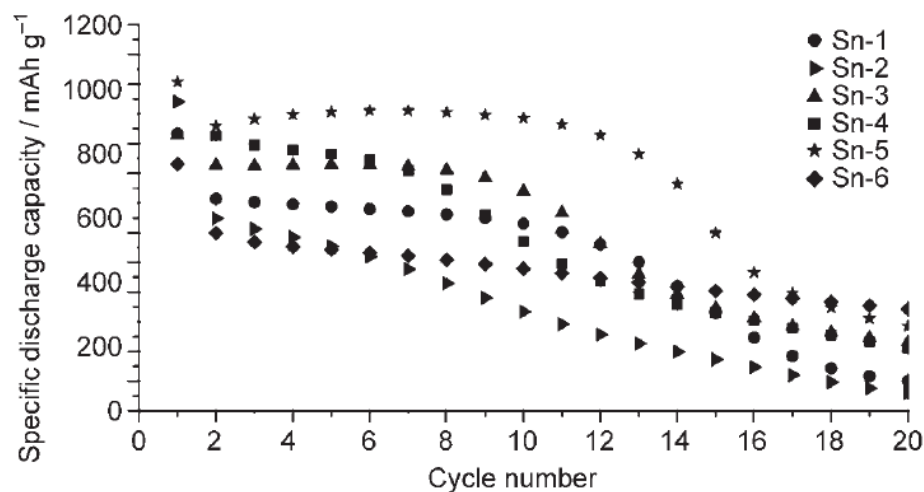


Figure 8. Specific discharge capacity versus cycle number for lithium cells using samples Sn-1, Sn-2, Sn-3, Sn-4, Sn-5, and Sn-6 (see Figure 7.), respectively, in EC:DMC 1:1 LiPF₆ electrolyte. Charge-discharge current density: $1 \text{ Acm}^{-2} \text{ g}^{-1}$, rate: ca. 0.8 C. For the identification of the samples, see Figure 7.

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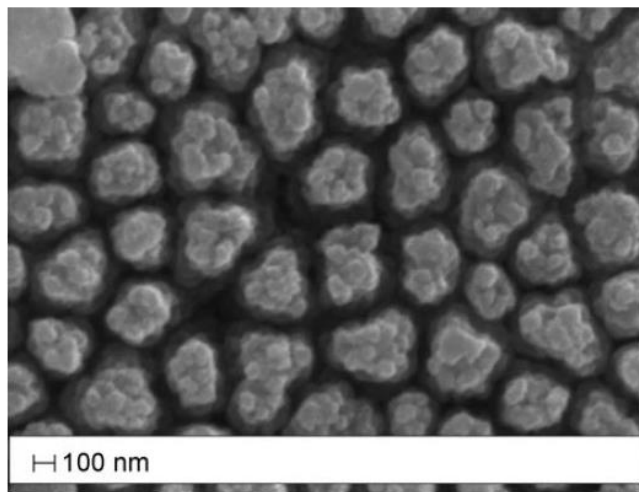


Figure 9. SEM image showing a top view of Ni_3Sn_4 electrodeposited on a copper-nanorod current collector.

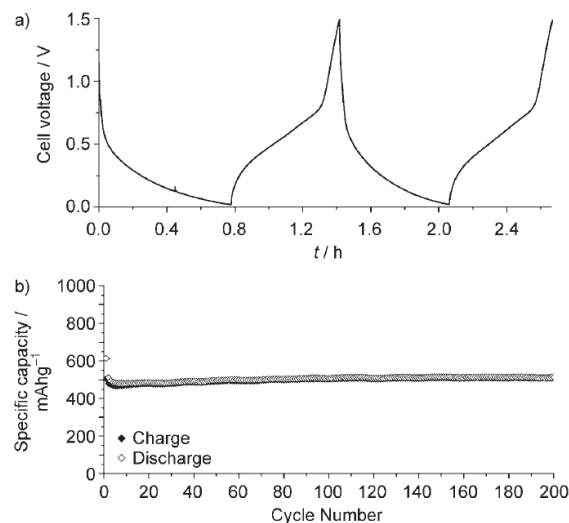


Figure 10. a) Voltage profiles of the first two cycles and b) capacity delivered upon cycling of nanostructured Ni_3Sn_4 used as the electrode in a lithium cell.

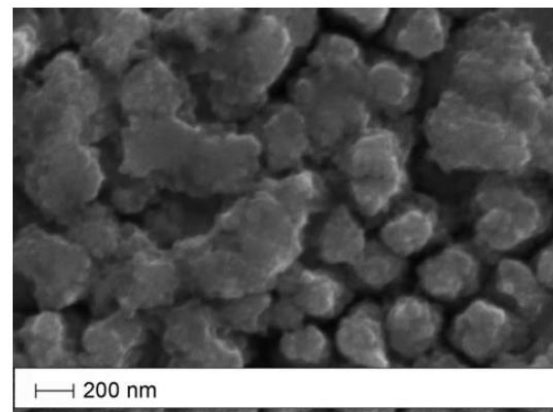


Figure 11. SEM image of the top view of the nanostructured Ni_3Sn_4 electrode after cycling as shown in Figure 10. No evidence of any appreciable change in the morphology is apparent (compare Figure 9). From reference [26].

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RADICAL REDESIGNS

Lithium-ion batteries are today's best choice for portable, rechargeable applications. Better batteries could be made by changing the electrodes, the electrolyte or the charge-carrying ions. Researchers are also pursuing other designs.

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY

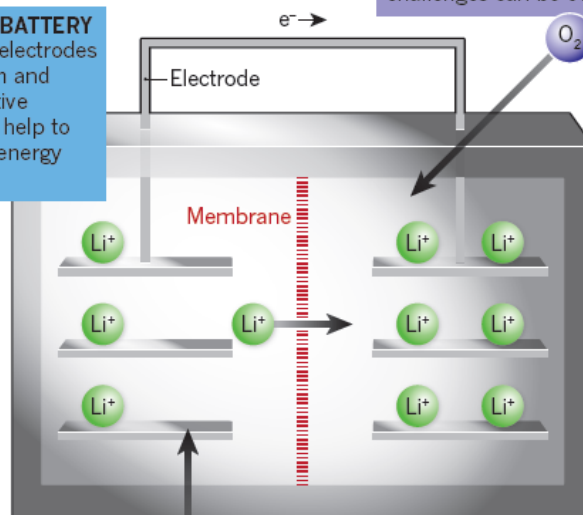
A chemical energy gradient drives lithium ions through a membrane from a graphite electrode to a metal oxide one, causing electrons to flow around a closed circuit.

LITHIUM-OXYGEN

Batteries that pull in oxygen from the air could pack a serious punch, if major technical challenges can be overcome.

LI-SULPHUR BATTERY

Changing the electrodes to solid lithium and chemically active sulphur could help to pack in more energy per kilogram.



MAGNESIUM-ION BATTERY

Redesigning the electrodes and replacing the lithium with heavier ions that carry more charge, such as magnesium, could double the energy carried per volume.

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-Other batteries: High temperature Metal-air battery

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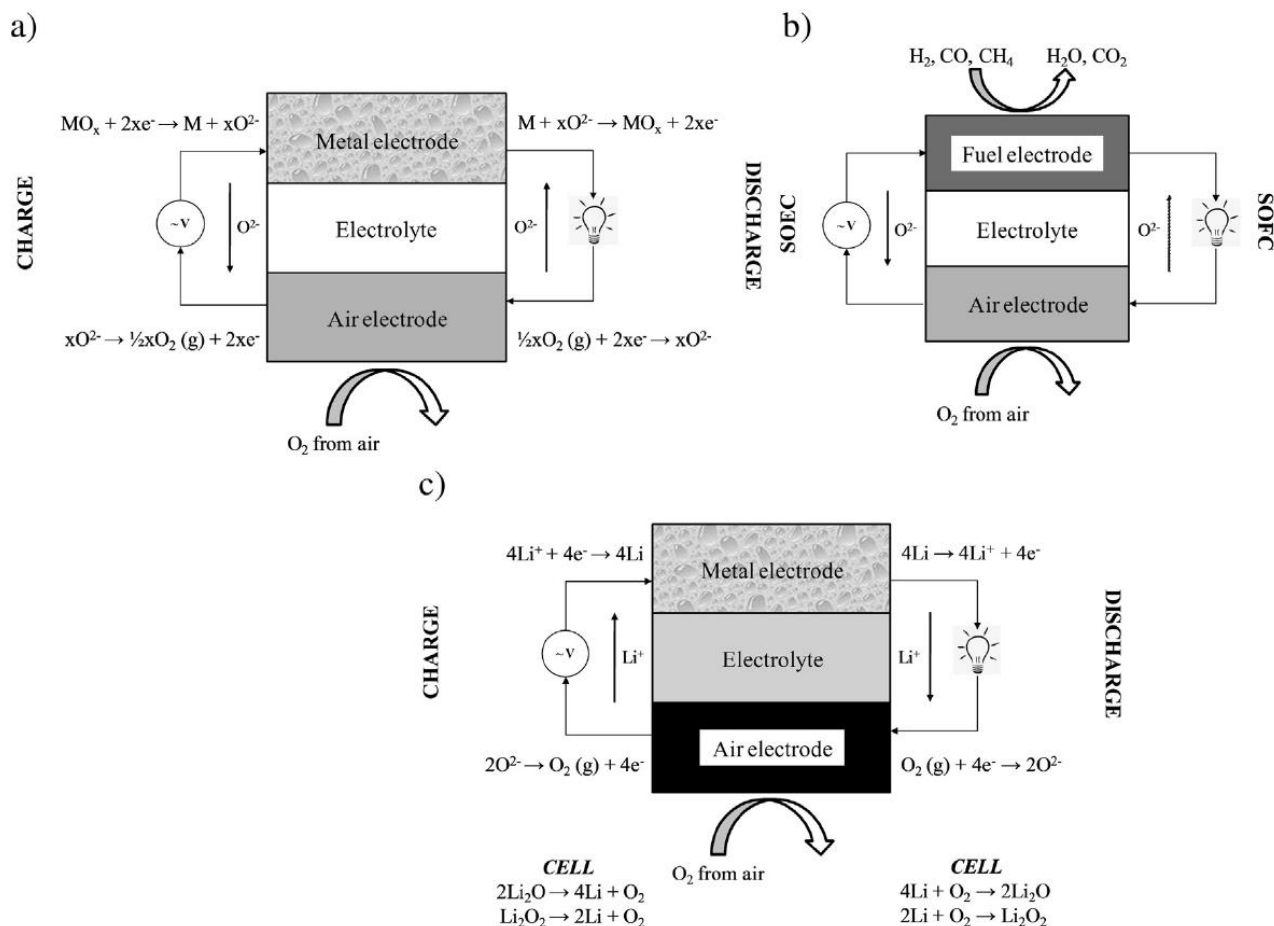


Fig. 1. (a) Electrochemical reactions in HTMABs, (b) SOFCs and (c) lithium-air batteries.

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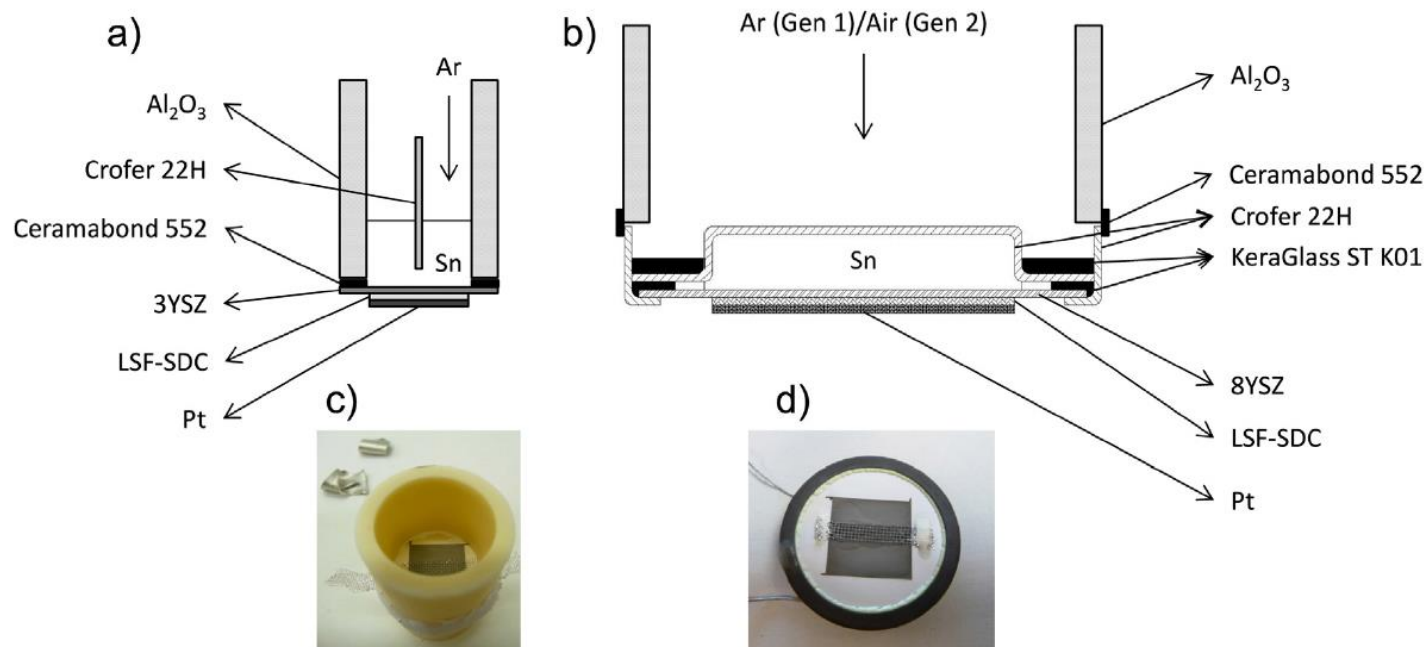


Fig. 1. (a and c) Lab-scale HTMAB device. (b and d) HTMAB prototype (Ceramabond 552 and Ar supply correspond to Gen 1 cells while in Gen 2 cells the whole device is exposed to ambient air).

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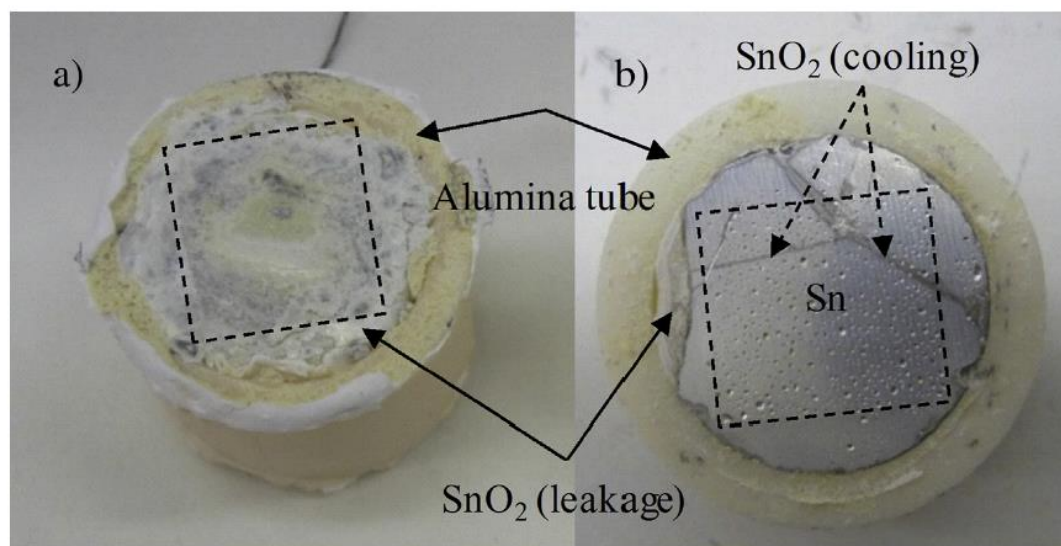


Fig. 3. Images of Sn surfaces which were in contact with the electrolyte. The metallic part is Sn and the white powder corresponds to SnO₂. The square in dashed lines indicates the active area. (a) Cell #1 with deficient sealing and (b) #4 with improved sealing system.

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