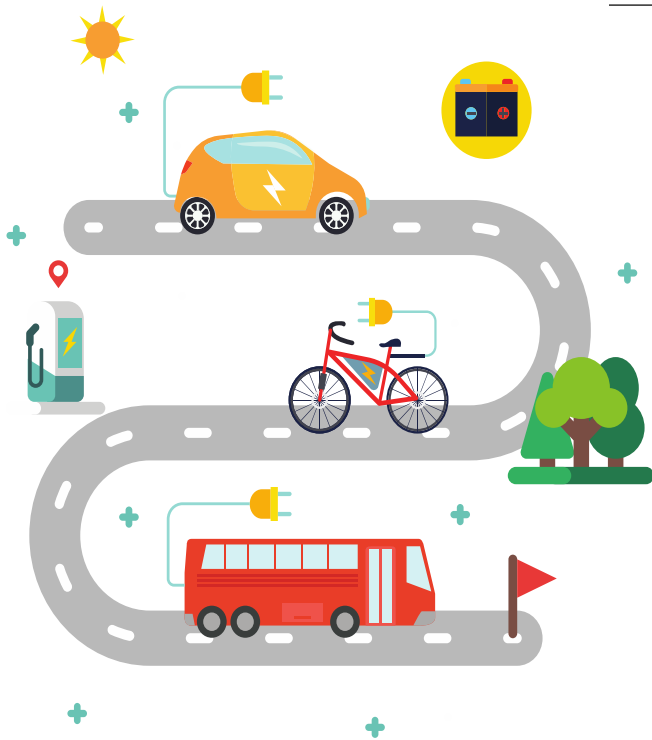


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## Lithium-ion Battery Hazards and Design Challenges for the Electric Vehicle Sector

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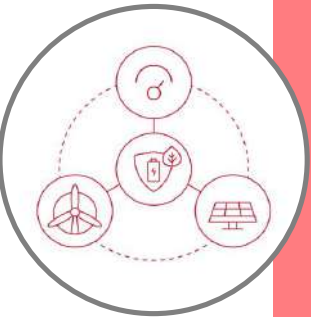
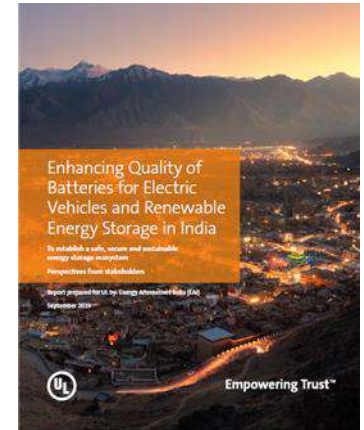
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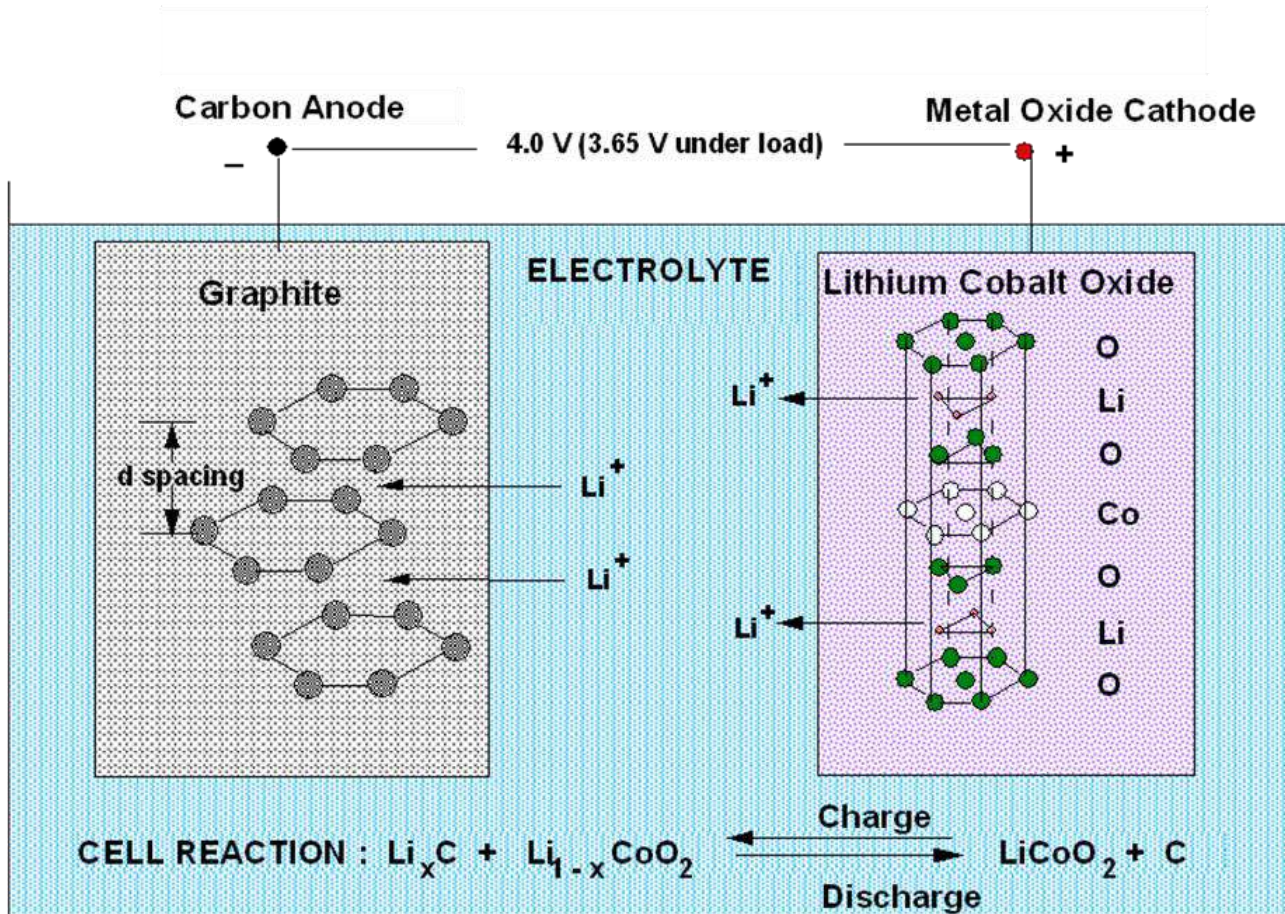
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# Introduction

- Lithium-ion battery chemistry was **first commercialized** in the **early 1990s**.
- Discoveries in the area of Li-ion chemistry started two decades before that.
- Lithium-ion battery chemistry has the **highest energy density** of rechargeable battery chemistries, has **no memory effect**, has **long cycle and calendar life** and **good rate capability**.
- It is used in a myriad of applications today from consumer electronics to electric vehicles and stationary grid energy storage as well as in sea and space applications.
- Associated with the high energy density is their **propensity to experience fire and thermal runaway if not designed or used correctly**.
- The chemistry is still being optimized as there is opportunity to make material improvements to get better performance.
- In addition to improvements for performance, **safety improvements** have also received a lot of attention for almost three decades and all component areas of a Li-ion cell and battery have been looked into for improved safety.

# Charge and Discharge Process for a Lithium-ion Cell

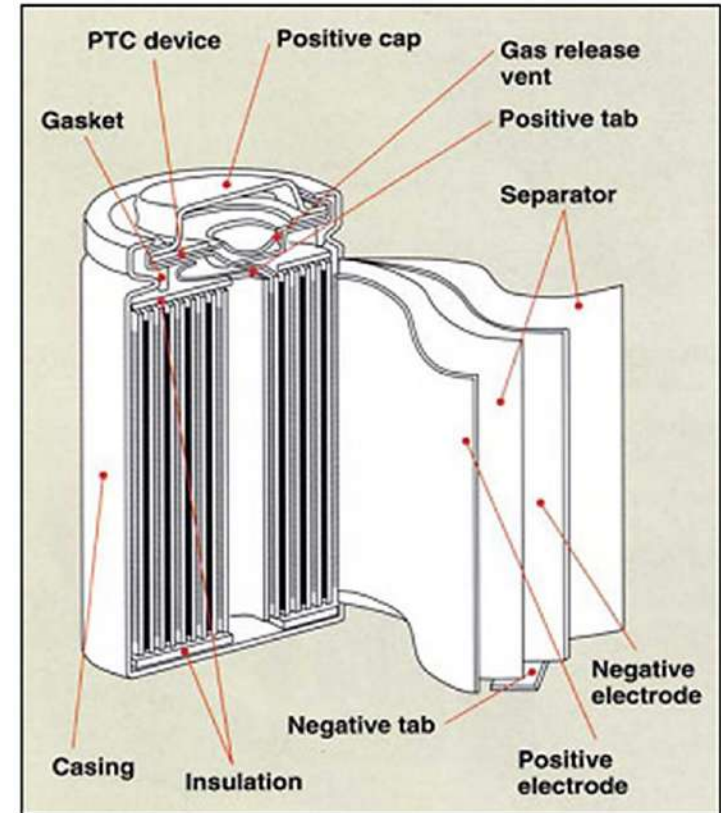


# Factors to Consider in Choosing a Battery

- Performance (voltage and capacity) including any pulse requirements
- Volumetric and Gravimetric Energy Density
- Safety
- Toxicity
- Thermal Capability
- Cycle / Service life
- Calendar life
- Cost

# Components of a Cell

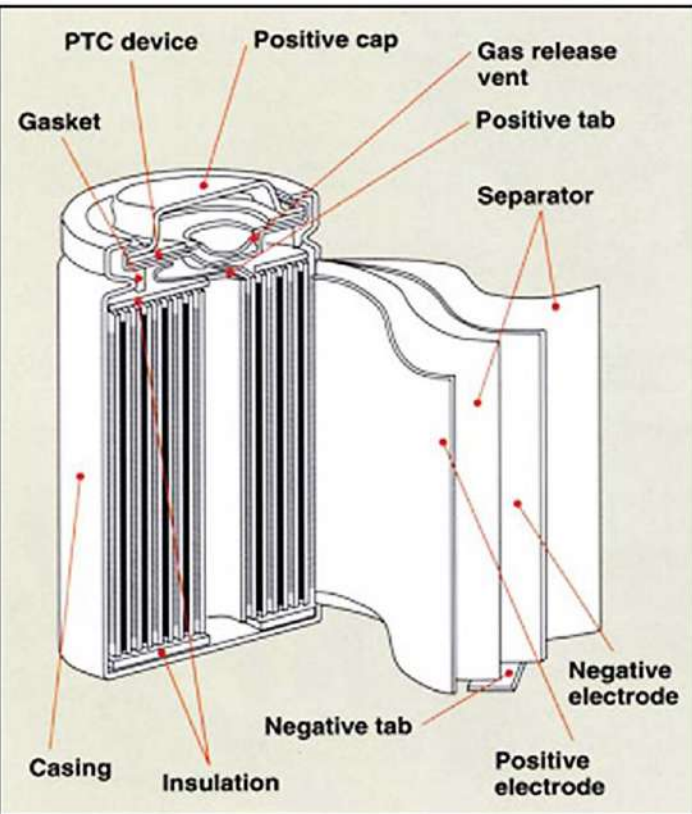
1. **Cathode:** The positive electrode of the cell (for discharge).
2. **Anode:** The negative electrode of the cell (for discharge).
3. **Electrolyte:** The medium that provides the ion transport mechanism between the positive and negative electrodes in a cell. (This can be aqueous or non-aqueous)
4. **Separator:** A microporous material that keeps the cathode and anode from touching each other.



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# Types of Cell Construction

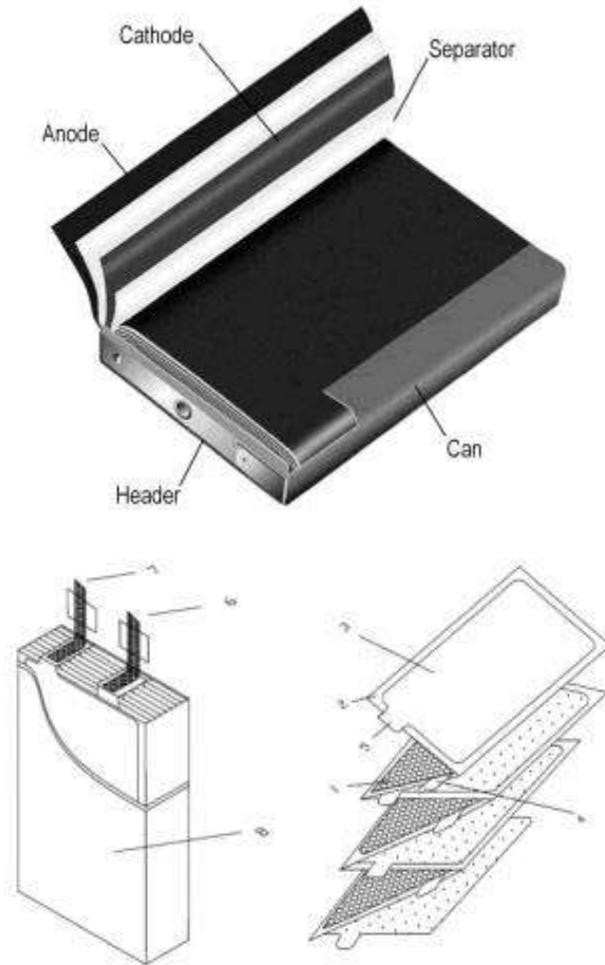
**Cylindrical**



**Prismatic Pouch**



**Prismatic Metal Can**



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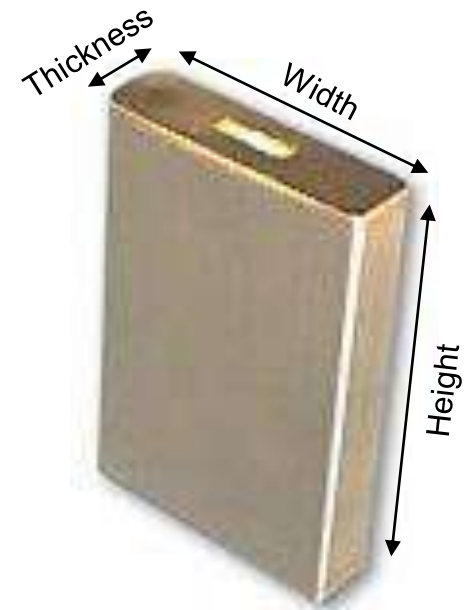
# Lithium-ion Cell Model Designation

According to IEC61960 standard, identification of lithium battery cell as below:

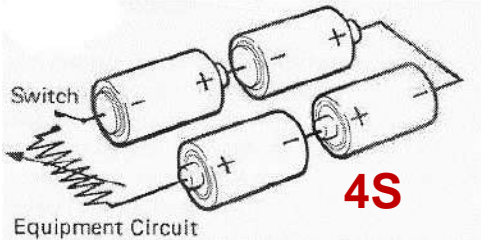
- Battery identification includes 3 letters & 5 numbers for cylindrical battery or 6 numbers for flat battery.
- First letter shows battery anode material, “I” is battery with lithium ion; “L” is lithium metal electrode.
- Second letter shows battery cathode material, “C” is cobalt; “N” is nickel, “M” is manganese, “V” is vanadium.
- Third letter represents battery shape, “R” is cylindrical battery, and “P” is flat battery.
- Number. Cylindrical battery, 5 numbers represent diameter (mm) and height (0.1mm), diameter or height any size (100mm, should add “/” between two sizes).

**Flat battery, six numbers represent thickness, width and height, unit mm, any size (100mm, should add “/”; any size) 1mm, should add “t” before this size, unit 0.1mm.**

- ICR18650 represents cylindrical lithium-ion battery, cobalt cathode, diameter 18mm, height 65mm;
- ICP103450 represents flat lithium ion battery, cobalt cathode, and thickness 10mm, width 34mm, height 50mm;
- ICP08/34/150 represents flat lithium ion battery, cobalt cathode, and thickness 8mm, width 34mm, height 150mm;
- ICPt73448 represents flat lithium ion battery, cobalt cathode, and thickness 0.7mm, width 34mm, height 48mm.

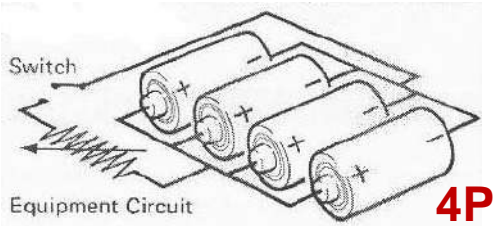


# Battery Configuration



**Voltage is additive**, capacity is not and remains the same as for a single cell.

## Series Configuration (string)

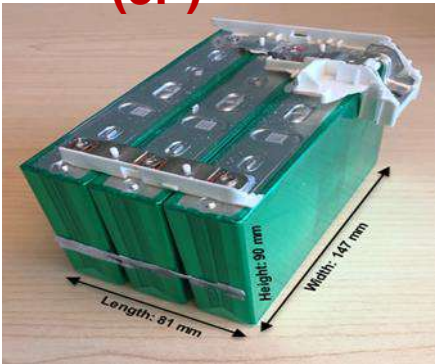


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## Parallel Configuration (bank)



**Module (3P)**



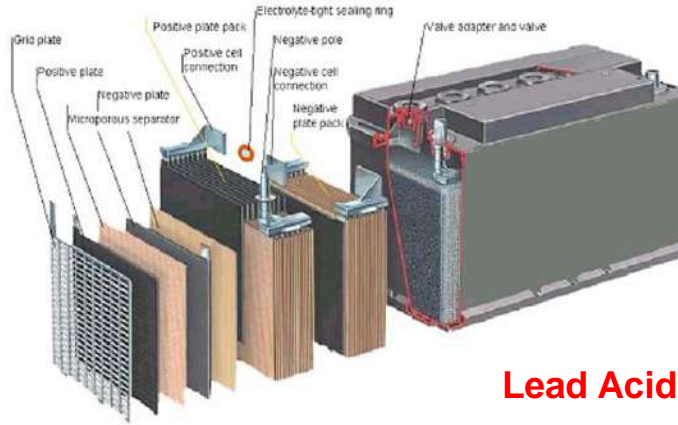
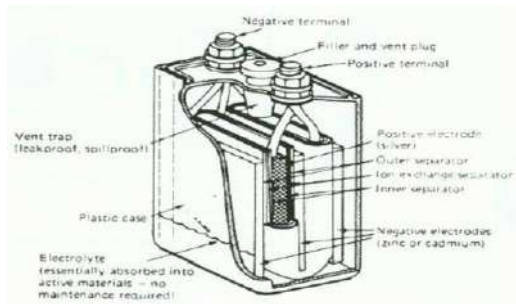
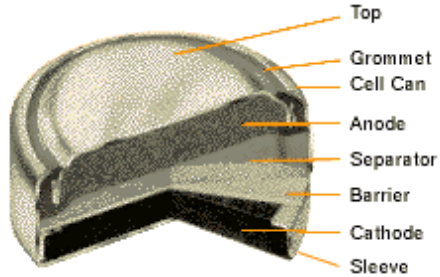
**Battery Pack 3P4S**



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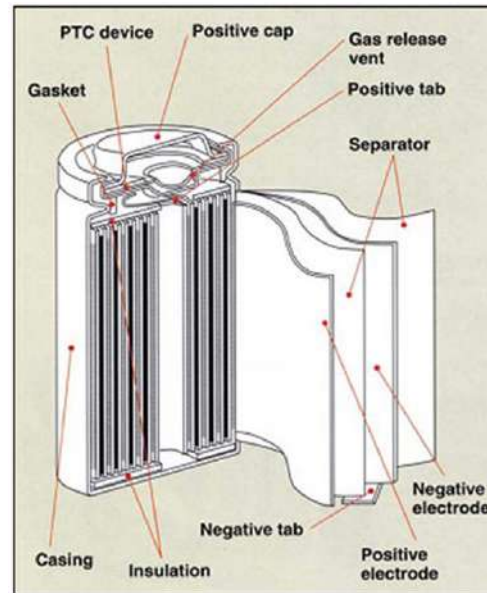
# Rechargeable Battery Chemistries

## Silver Zinc



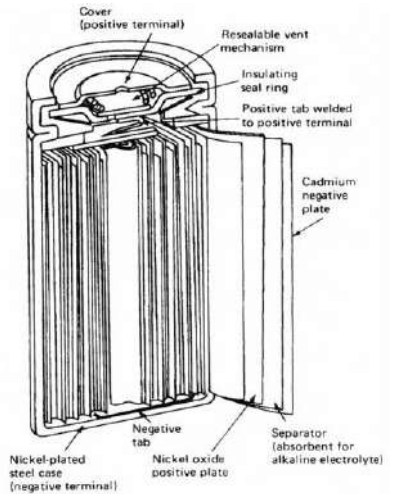
## Lead Acid

## Lithium-ion

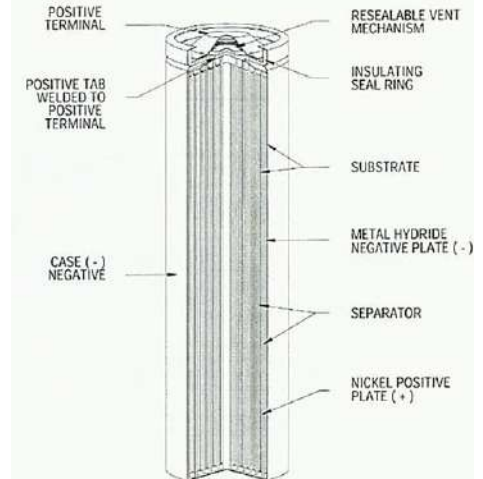


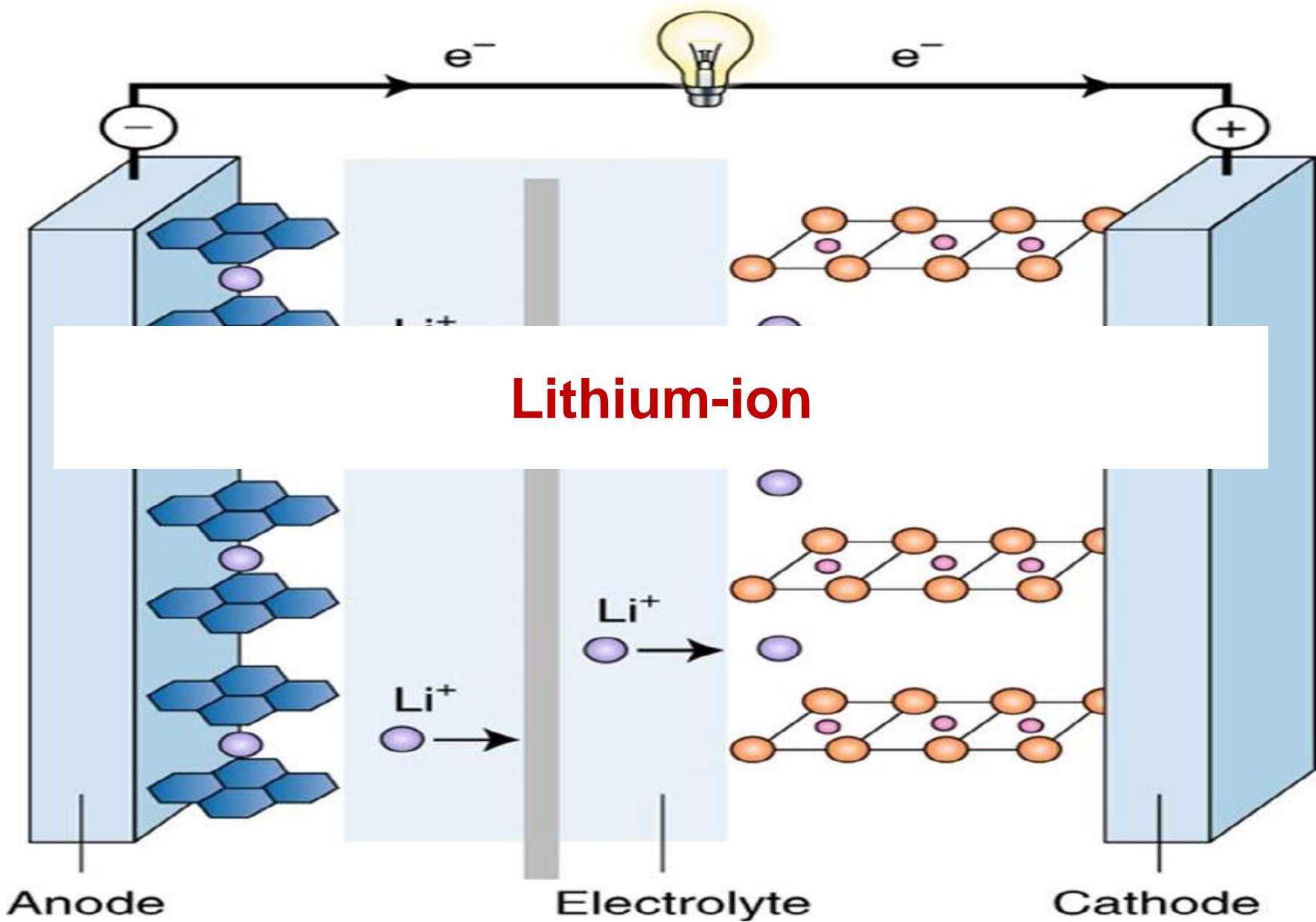
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## NiCd



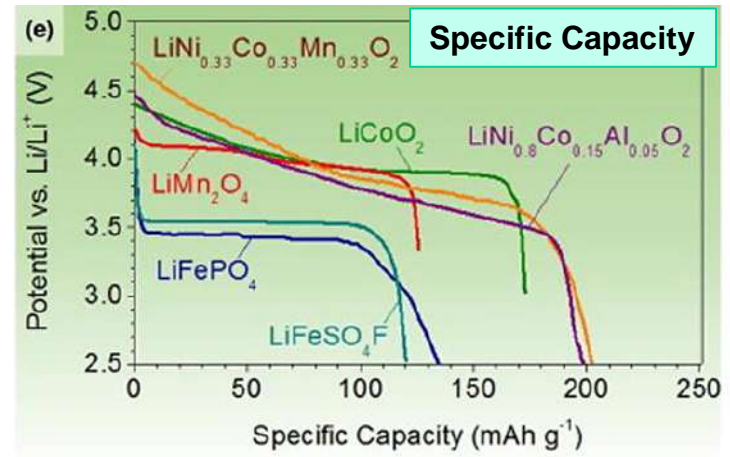
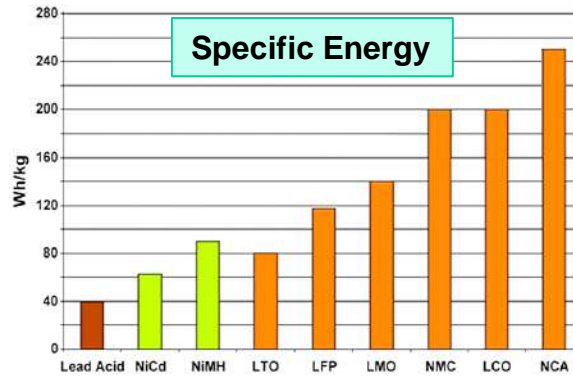
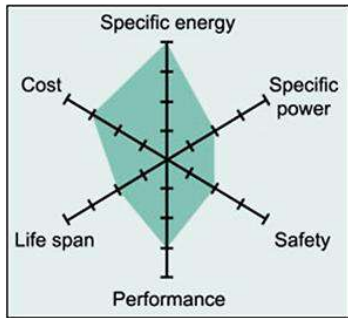
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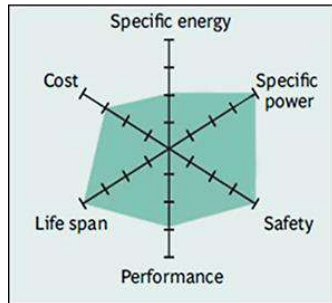
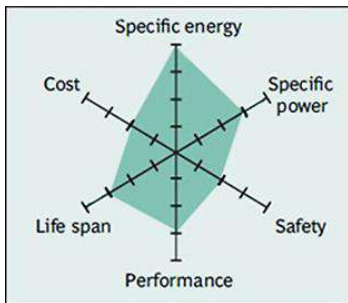
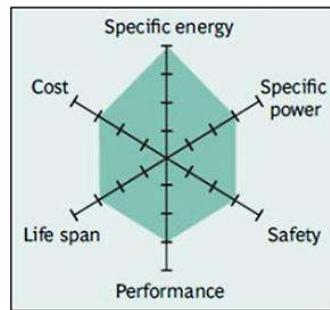
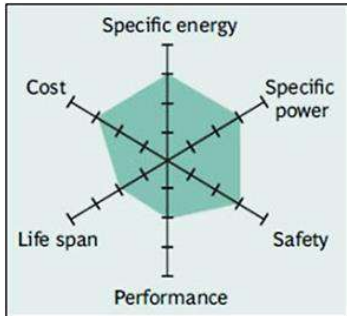


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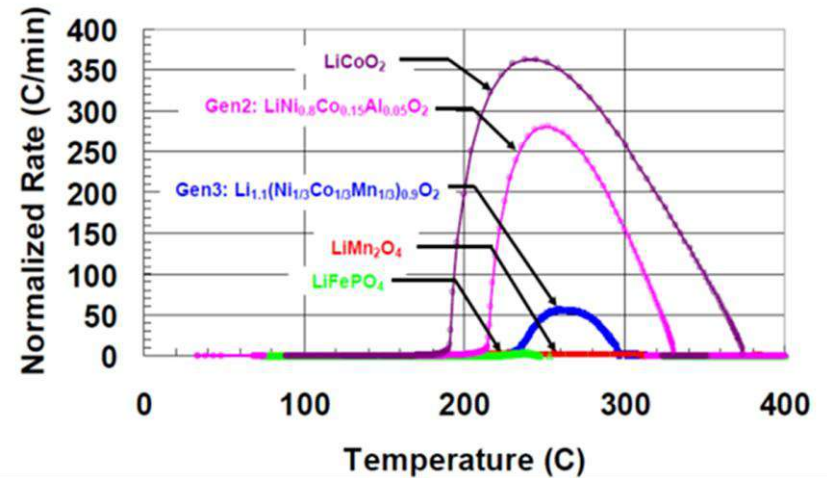
# Trends for Cathode Materials



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## Accelerated Rate Calorimetry Self Heating Trends for 18650 Li-ion cells with Different Cathode Chemistries

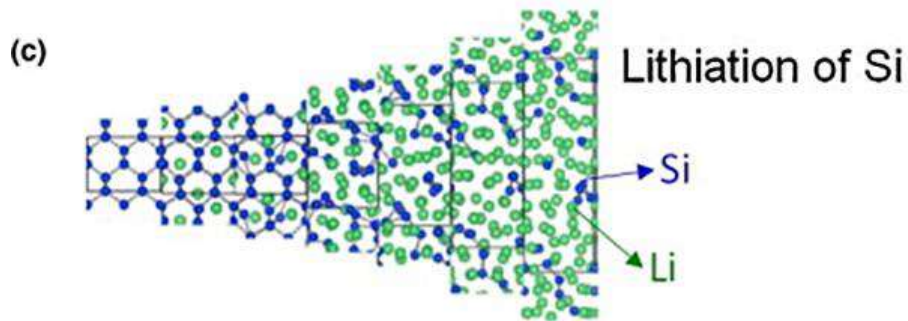
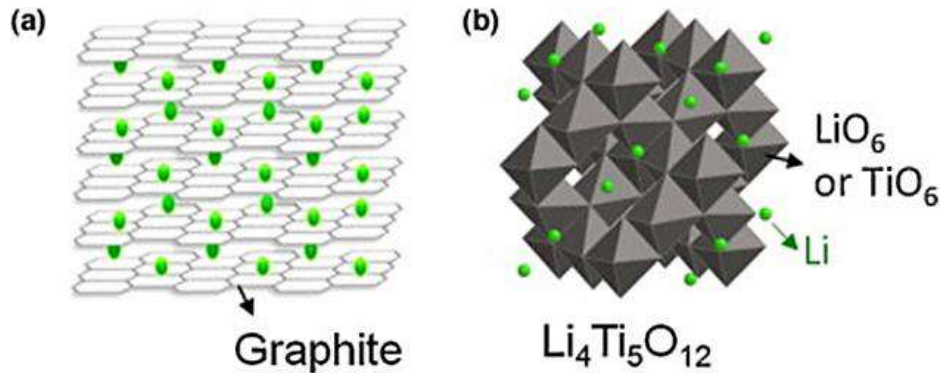


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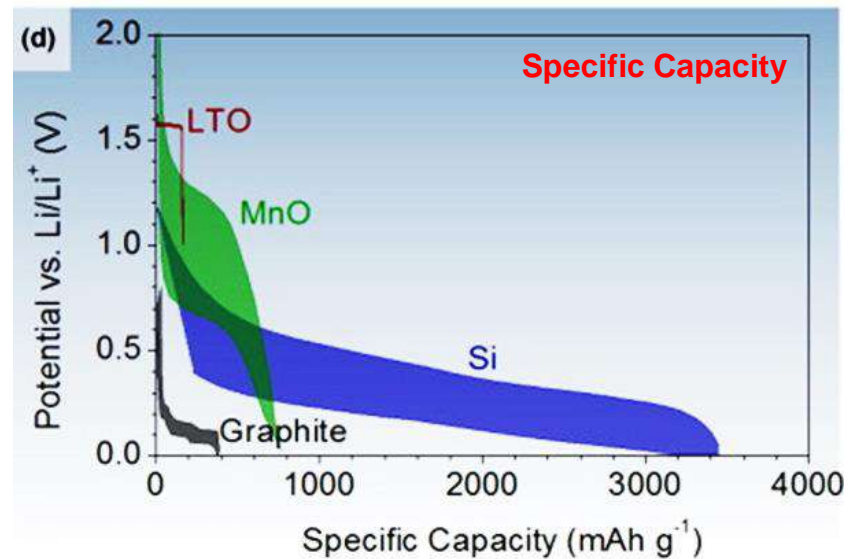
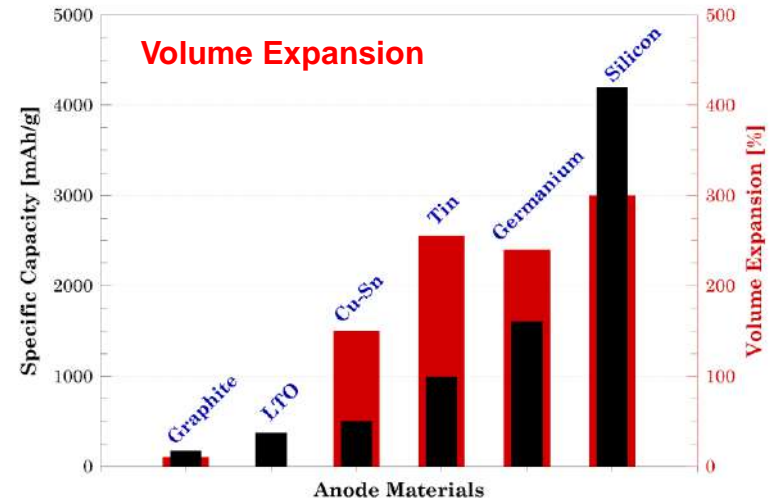


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# Anode Materials



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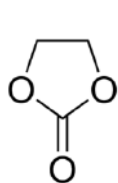


# Electrolytes Used in Lithium-ion Cells

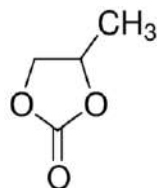
Electrolytes are composed of a combination of solvents with an electrolyte salt.

Typical salt used in Li-ion cells is  $\text{LiPF}_6$  (Lithium hexafluorophosphate).

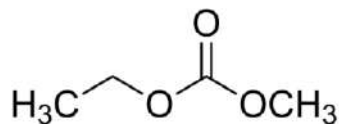
Solvent	FW	$d$ , $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ (25 °C)	$\epsilon_r$ (25 °C)	$\eta$ , $\text{mPa s}$ (25 °C)	$E_{\text{homo}}$ , eV	$E_{\text{lumo}}$ , eV	mp, °C	bp, °C	fp, °C
Ethylene carbonate (EC)	88	1.32 (40 °C)	90 (40 °C)	1.9 (40 °C)	-12.86	1.51	36	238	143
Propylene carbonate (PC)	102	1.2	65	2.5	-12.72	1.52	-49	242	138
Dimethyl carbonate (DMC)	90	1.06	3.1	0.59	-12.85	1.88	5	90	17
Ethyl methyl carbonate (EMC)	104	1.01	3	0.65	-12.71	1.91	-53	108	23
Diethyl carbonate (DEC)	118	0.97	2.8	0.75	-12.59	1.93	-74	127	25



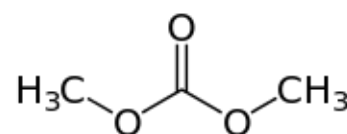
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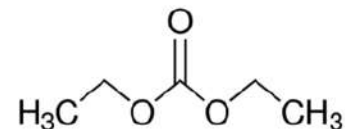
**PC**



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