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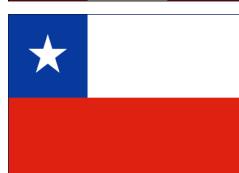
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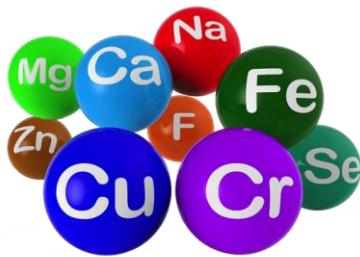


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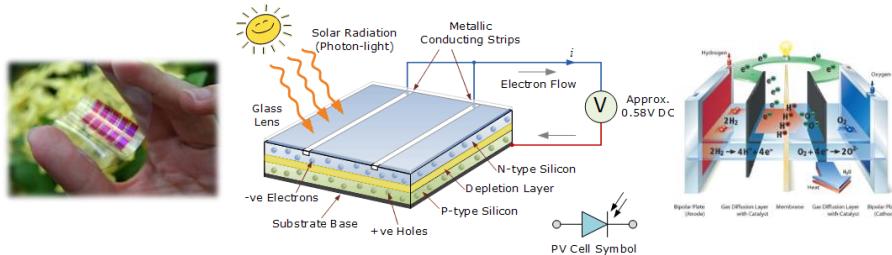


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Tópicos y Plan General

1. Problemas: Necesidades de Energía para el Futuro
2. Sostenibilidad
3. Energía Solar: Viabilidad
4. Células Fotovoltaicas: Tipos e Investigación Actual
5. Células de Combustible
6. Baterías y Condensadores

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Humanity's Top Ten Problems for the next 50 years

- 1. ENERGY**
2. WATER
3. FOOD
4. ENVIRONMENT
5. POVERTY
6. TERRORISM & WAR
7. DISEASE
8. EDUCATION
9. DEMOCRACY
10. POPULATION



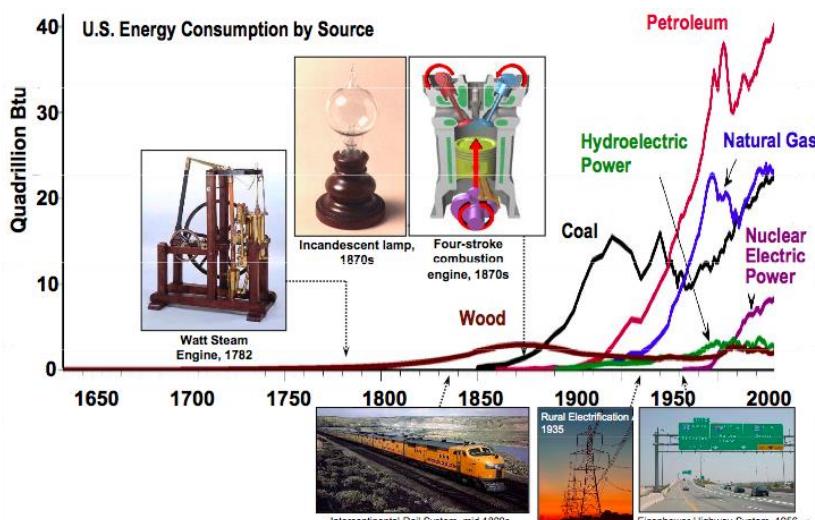
2004 6.5 Billion People
2050 ~10 Billion People

Source: R. Smalley, DOE Nano-summit: Nano-scale science and our energy future

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400 Years of Energy Use in the U.S.

19th C discoveries and 20th C technologies are very much part of today's infrastructure

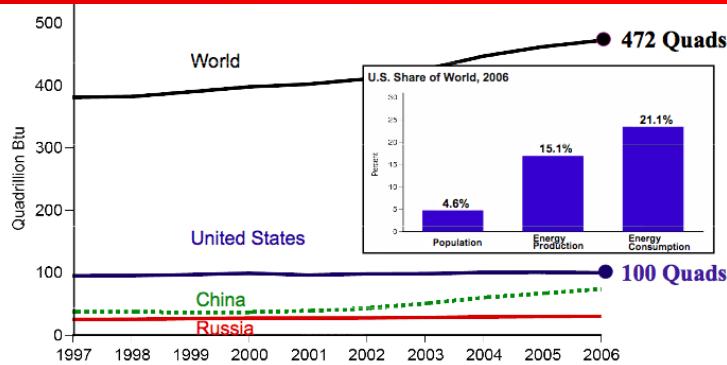


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U.S. and World Consumption Today

With <5% of the world's population, the U.S. consumes 21% of all the primary energy



By 2050 world energy needs will double!

Oil will be mostly depleted in next 50 to 60 years.

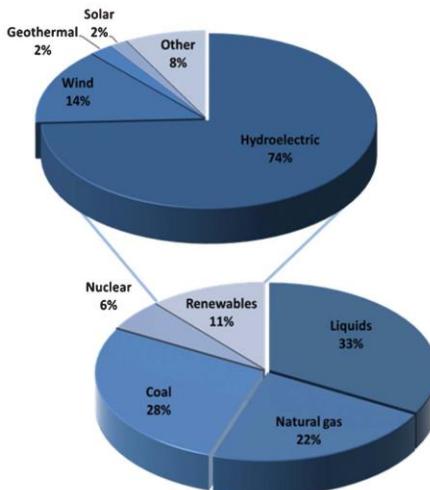
Need new energy sources and more efficient energy conversion & storage.

Must start to plan now! (Actually, we are already late.)

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Energy Sources

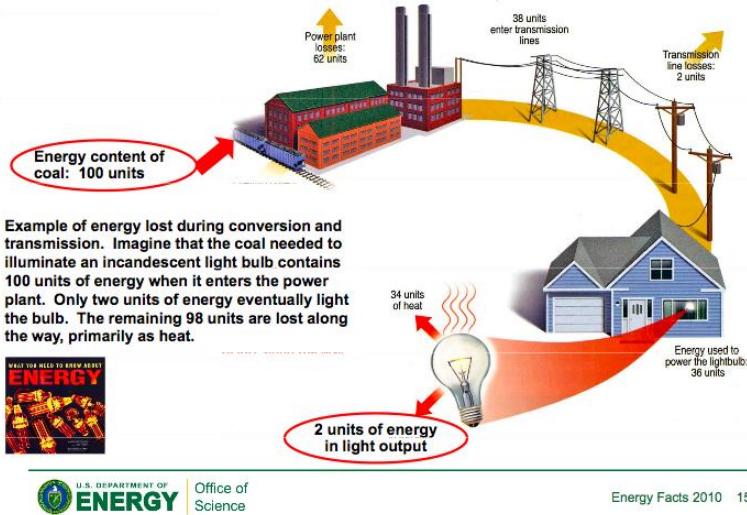


Global energy consumption breakdown by energy source in 2013

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Overall Efficiency of an Incandescent Bulb ≈ 2%

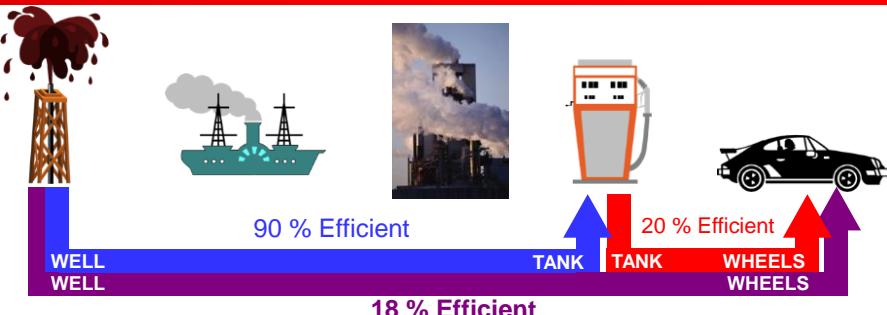
Lighting accounts for 22% of all electricity usage in the U.S.



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Oil Production and Efficiency: “Well-to-wheels” Analysis

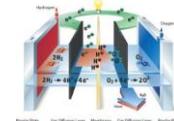


- Analysis based on CO₂ evolution very similar
- Automobile efficiency can be greatly improved
- Advanced combustion techniques will close some of the gap: improved transmissions, hybridization, materials, etc. also important
- Reaching efficiency of 30 % is very challenging, even with hybrids, unless significant breakthroughs occur

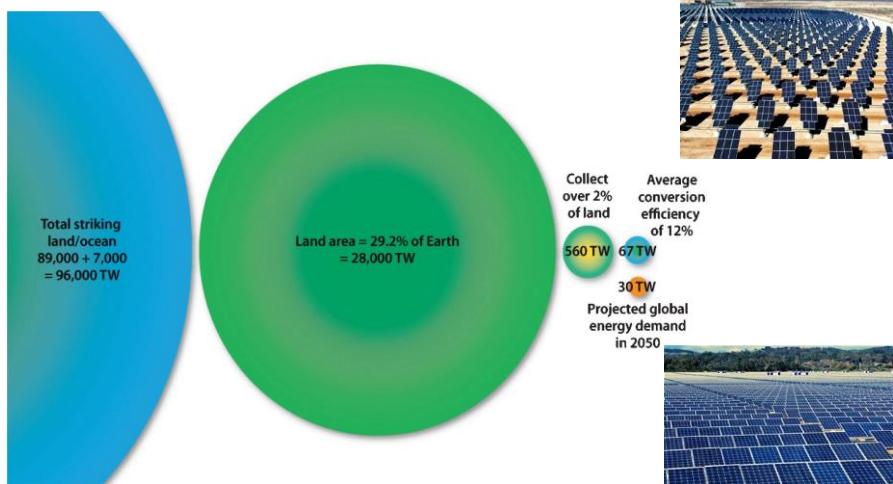
Source: Exxon Research

What options do we have?

- Increase use of renewables:
 - ❖ Solar
 - ❖ Wind
 - ❖ Tidal
- Biomass/biofuels
- Reconsider nuclear fission?
- Nuclear fusion
- Employ more efficient energy conversion and storage devices
 - ❖ Fuel Cells
 - ❖ Batteries



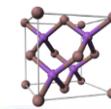
Solar Energy



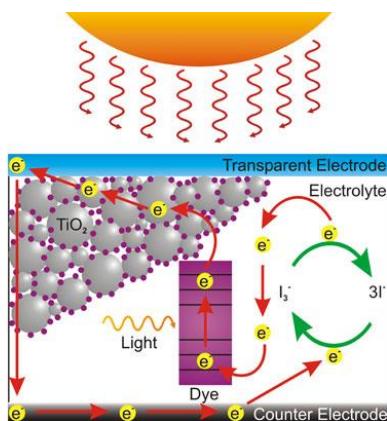
Rough approximation of technically feasible photovoltaic solar energy worldwide supply based on usage of 2% of land area and a power conversion efficiency of 12%

Solar Energy Cells – Photovoltaics (PV)

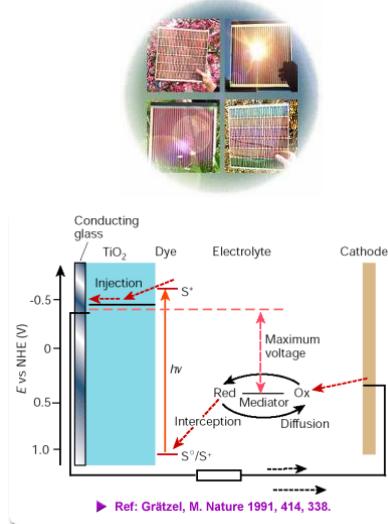
1. Silicon: Monocrystalline, Polycrystalline, Amorphous
2. Cadmium Telluride (CdTe)
3. Copper indium gallium diselenide (CIGS)
4. Gallium Arsenide (very high efficiencies but production issues)
5. Dye Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs)
6. Organic Photovoltaics (OPV)
7. Perovskite Solar Cells



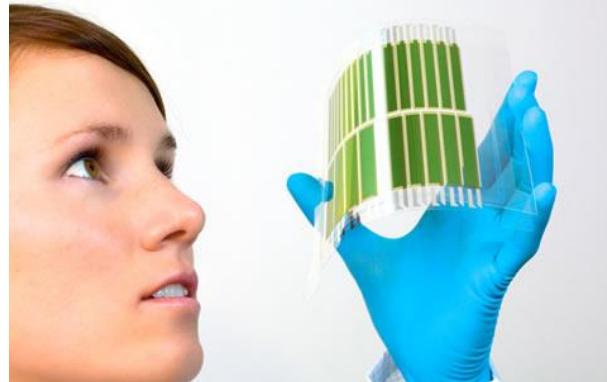
Dye Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs)



Maximum PCEs ~12%



Organic Solar Cells (OSCs)



Flexible, Potential to be Mass Produced, Light (25-50 g/m²), Better Global Energy Balance, Color Flexibility

Image retrieved from: <http://www.oled-display.net/files/u1/heliatek-solarcell.jpg> October 11, 2010

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Bulk Heterojunction Organic Solar Cells (OSCs)

- The cell thickness is typically only 100 nm
- Flexible and lightweight
- Easy to manufacture, scalable
- Inexpensive
- **PCEs ~11%**



• Photoconversion Efficiency (PCE):

$$PCE = V_{\text{Open Circuit}} \times J_{\text{Short Circuit}} \times FF/P_{\text{in}}$$

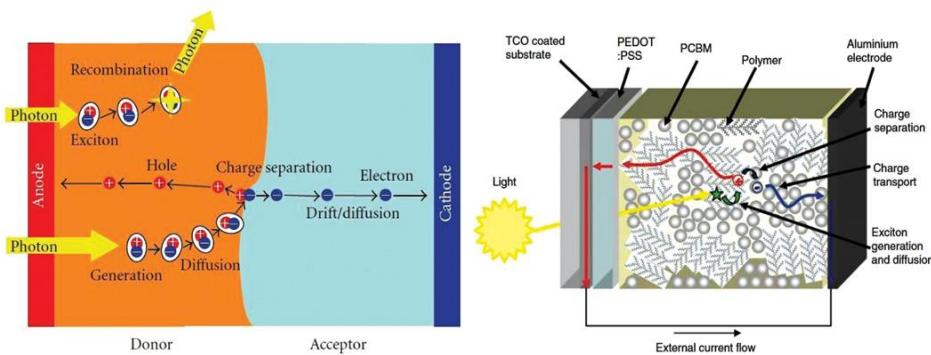


where P_{in} is the input power

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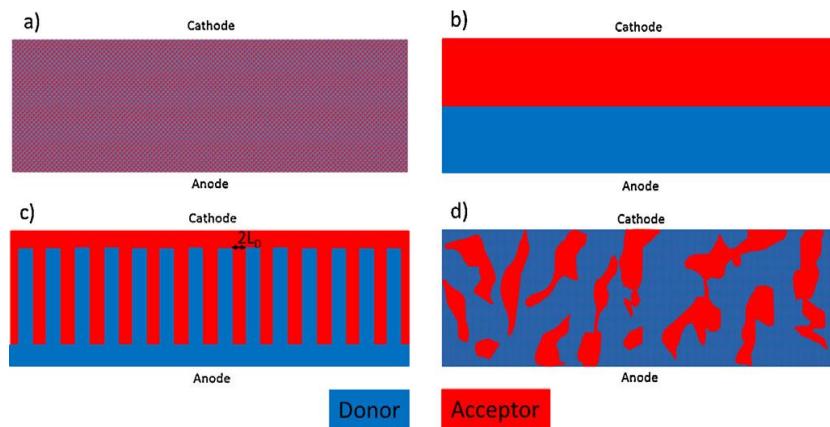
Bulk Heterojunction Organic Solar Cells (OSCs)

Charge transfer in bilayer and bulk OPV (organic photovoltaic) heterojunctions



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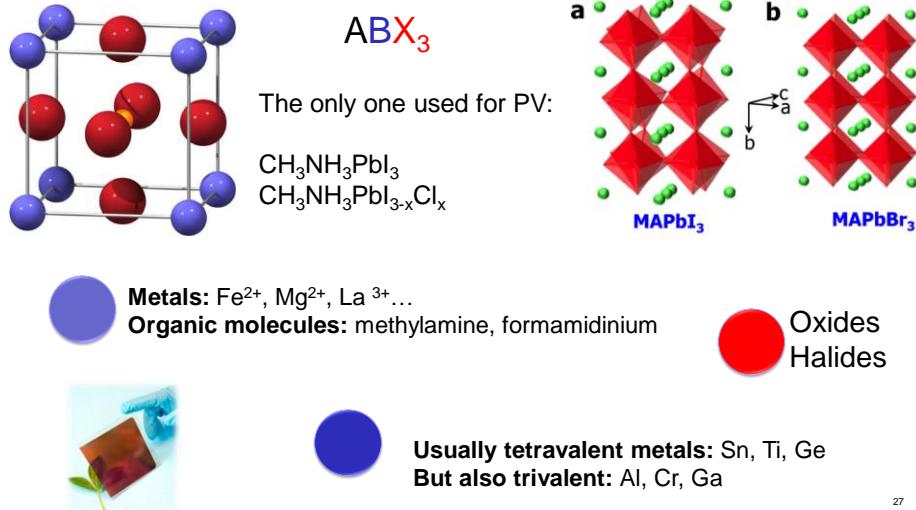


Schematic cross-section of nanomorphologies of bulk heterojunction solar cells. (a) Fine mixture of donor and acceptor molecules, (b) bilayer arrangement, (c) **ideal morphology of a bulk heterojunction solar cell** and (d) typical morphology of solution processed device

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Perovskite Solar Cells

Perovskites (ABX_3): Structure modifications



Perovskite Solar Cells

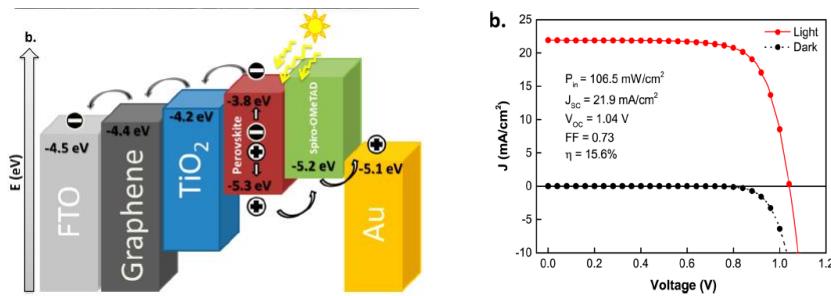
Methylammonium lead halide in photovoltaic devices

Low-Temperature Processed Electron Collection Layers of Graphene/ TiO_2 Nanocomposites in Thin Film Perovskite Solar Cells

Jacob Tse-Wei Wang,[†] James M. Ball,[†] Eva M. Barea,[‡] Antonio Abate,[†] Jack A. Alexander-Webber,[†] Jian Huang,[†] Michael Saliba,[†] Iván Mora-Sero,[‡] Juan Bisquert,[‡] Henry J. Snaith,^{*,†} and Robin J. Nicholas^{*,†}

Current PCE Record = 20.1%!!

Nano Letters



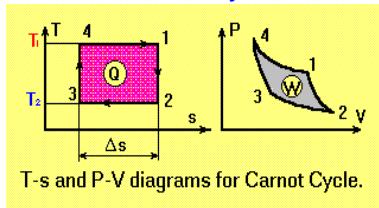
What is a Fuel Cell?

A Fuel Cell is a device which converts the chemical energy in a redox reaction directly to electrical energy.

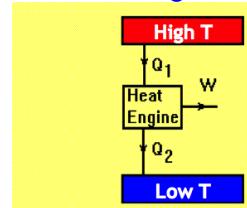
Why Fuel Cells?

In principle, a fuel cell can convert chemical energy to electrical (and thus mechanical) energy more efficiently than internal combustion (heat) engines or even turbines due to Carnot Cycle limitations of heat engines.

Carnot Cycle



Heat Engine



$$Q_1 > W, \quad Q_2 > 0 \quad \text{Thermal efficiency} = T_h - T_c / T_h$$

Internal combustion (cars and trucks): 20 – 25 % efficient

Electrical power generation: 35 – 40 % efficient (52% of US plants are coal fired)

Fuel Cells: 50 - 60 % even 90% or more, depending on type

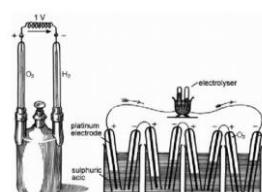
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How Does A Fuel Cell Work?

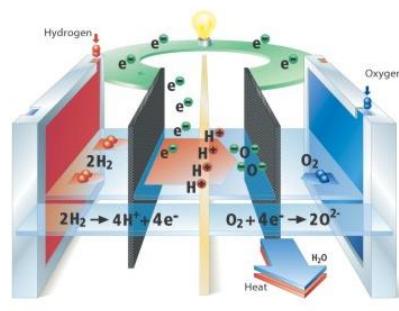


Sir William Grove 1839

A fuel cell physically separates the oxidation and reduction steps:



Thus, two **conducting electrodes** are required for the collection/distribution of electrons – and an **ionically conducting medium** is needed to transport the ions from one electrode to the other



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Potential Markets

- Automotive



- Stationary Energy
(buildings and houses)



- Consumer Electronics



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Challenges for Near Ambient Temperature Fuel Cells

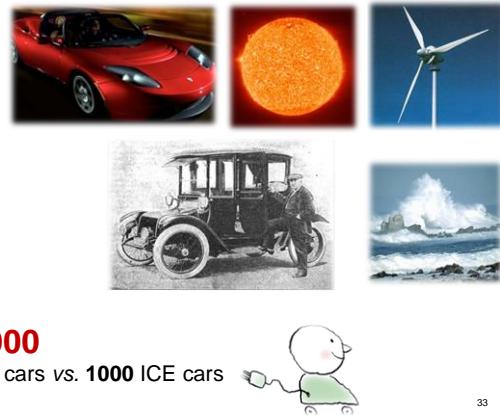
- **Anodes:** So far emphasis on H₂. Need catalysts for renewable fuels such as ethanol. Mitigate “poisoning” by S, Cl and CO.
- **Cathode:** (oxygen reduction) Pt has slow kinetics leading to high overpotentials and 1/3 loss in efficiency.
- **Membranes are not durable.** Degradation during operation leads to loss in performance.
- **System costs are presently too high** by a factor of 5 to 10 depending on application; especially automotive.

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Energy Storage is a Key Need for the nation's Future

Achieving an electric fleet and storing energy from intermittent sources **will not be possible** without innovations in electrical energy storage.

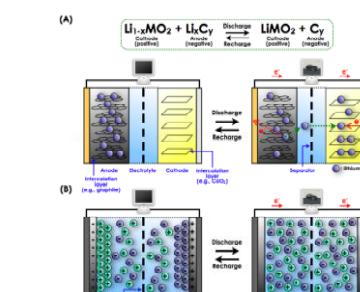
- These applications place great demands on energy storage
- Higher energy and power densities
- Appropriate recharge rates
- Long life cycle
- Reliability
- Safety



Two Major Types of Electrochemical-Based Energy Storage Devices

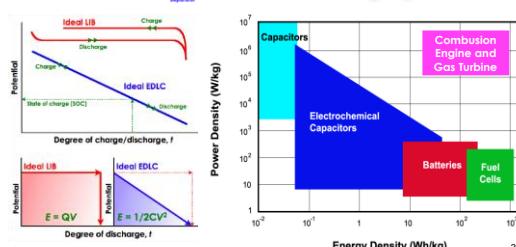
Batteries:

- Store energy in chemical reactants capable of generating charge
- High energy densities
- Many different varieties



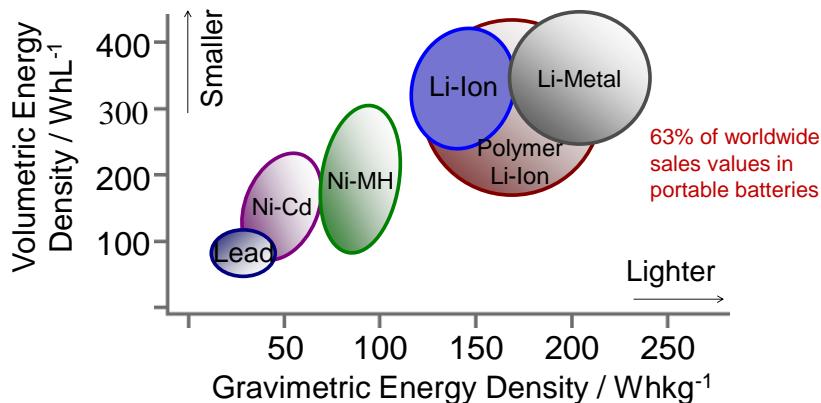
Electrochemical Capacitors:

- Store energy as charge
- High power densities
- Sub-second response time



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Energy Density for Secondary Batteries



J.-M. Tarascon & M. Armand, *Nature*, 414 359 (2001)

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Applications and Key Words for LIBs & Ultracapacitors

Mobile Electronic Devices

- Cell phone
- Laptop Computer
- PDA
- Portable Music Player



Power-Tools

HEV's and PEV's

KEY WORDS

High Power for intensity of use

- More positive redox potential
- Fast charge transfer kinetics

High Energy (High Capacity) for length of use

- More charge per weight/volume

Safety and Cost

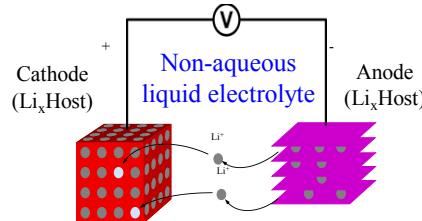
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Limitations of Current Battery Technologies

- Increasing energy and power density without compromising safety or lifetime

ADVANCES WILL REQUIRE:

- Breakthroughs in materials and chemical processes
- Understanding of solid-electrolyte interface
- Control of charge transfer and transport



Rechargeable Li-ion battery schematic

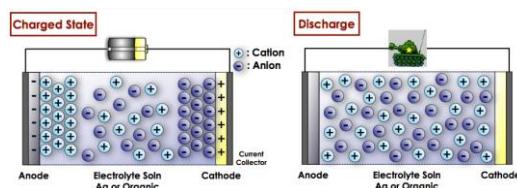


“Charcoal Starter”

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Limitations of Current Electrochemical Capacitors

- Increased energy densities
- Increased lifetimes; shelf-life (self-discharge) and cycles



ADVANCES WILL REQUIRE:

- Understanding of charge storage mechanisms
- Tailored multifunctional materials
- New electrolytes



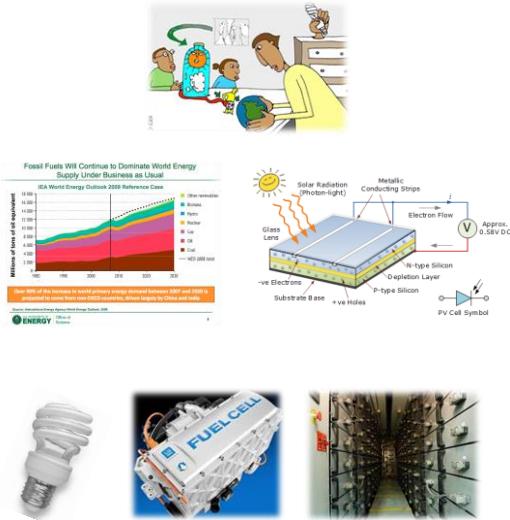
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Conclusions and Outlook

Our current dependence on non-renewable (largely fossil) energy sources is unsustainable.

While for the foreseeable future we will still largely depend on non-renewable energy sources, we must, pave the way to rapidly transition to renewable, sustainable sources, especially solar.

We must transition to and integrate the use of high efficiency devices (compact fluorescence bulbs) and energy conversion (fuel cells) and storage (battery) devices.



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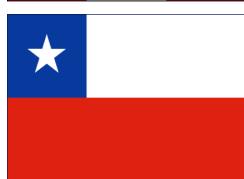


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