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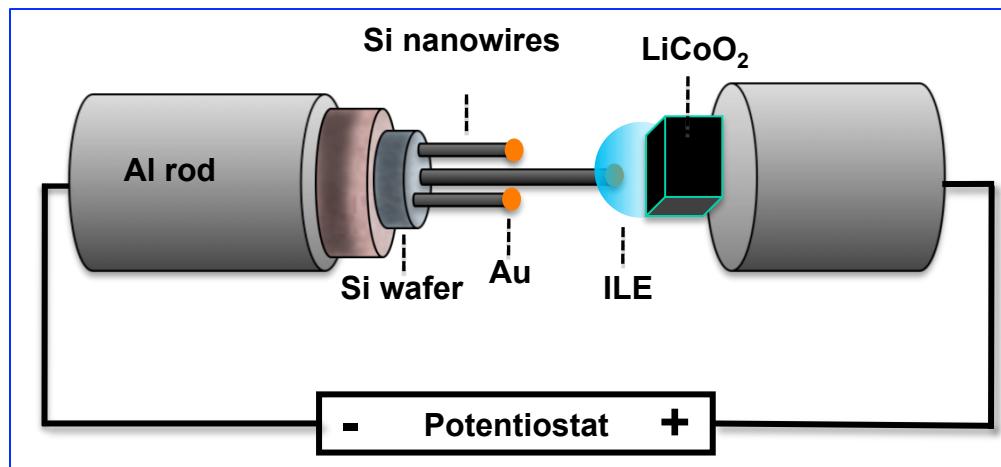
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# Nanobatteries: Science Revealed in Small

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# Challenges facing lithium ion batteries

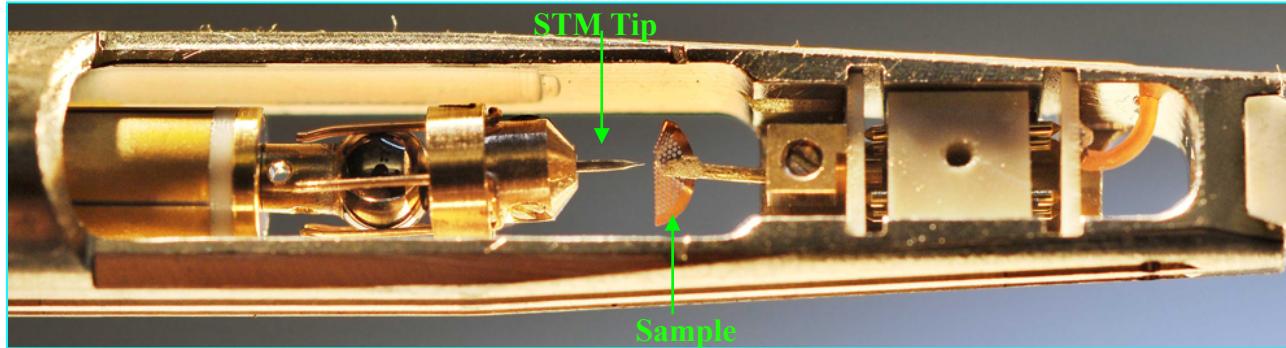
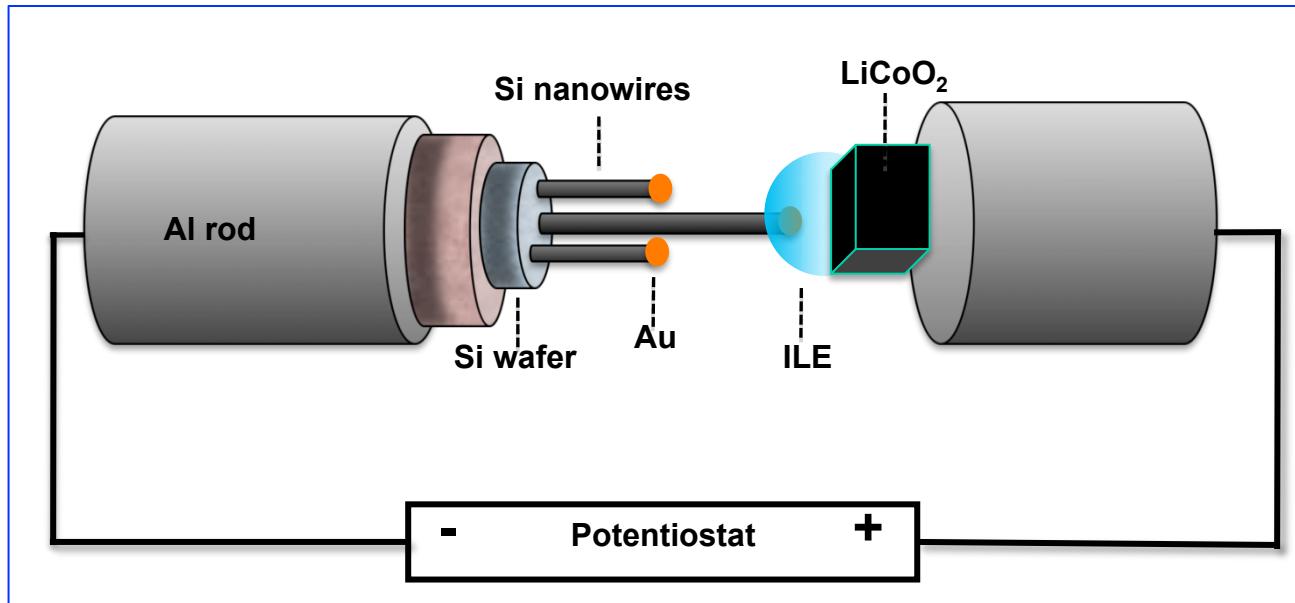
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- Lithium ion batteries (LIBs) are broadly used in portable electronics, but we still face many challenging issues in developing powerful LIBs for electrical vehicle and power backup applications.
- Mechanical failure of high energy density anodes due to large volume expansion
- Lithium ion transport kinetics as a function of nanoscale structure dimension
- Electrode and electrolyte interface (e.g. SEI), how SEI forms, how does it evolve during cycling, and how does it lead to battery degradation?

**We need new capabilities to address these challenges!**

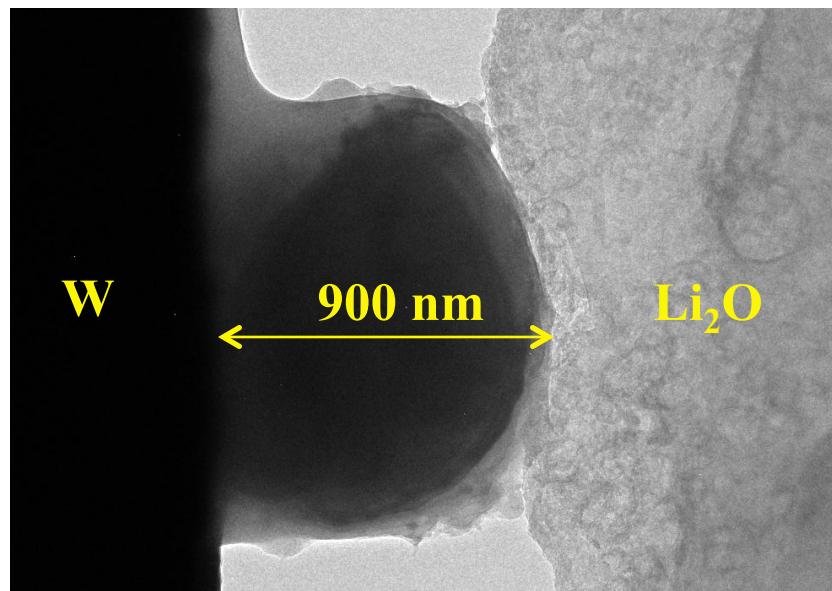
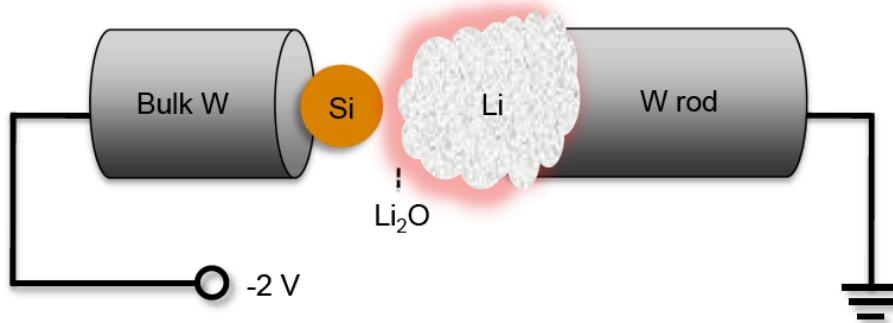
**The first nanobattery inside TEM!**

# Our approach: A single nanowire Li-ion battery (Open Cell)



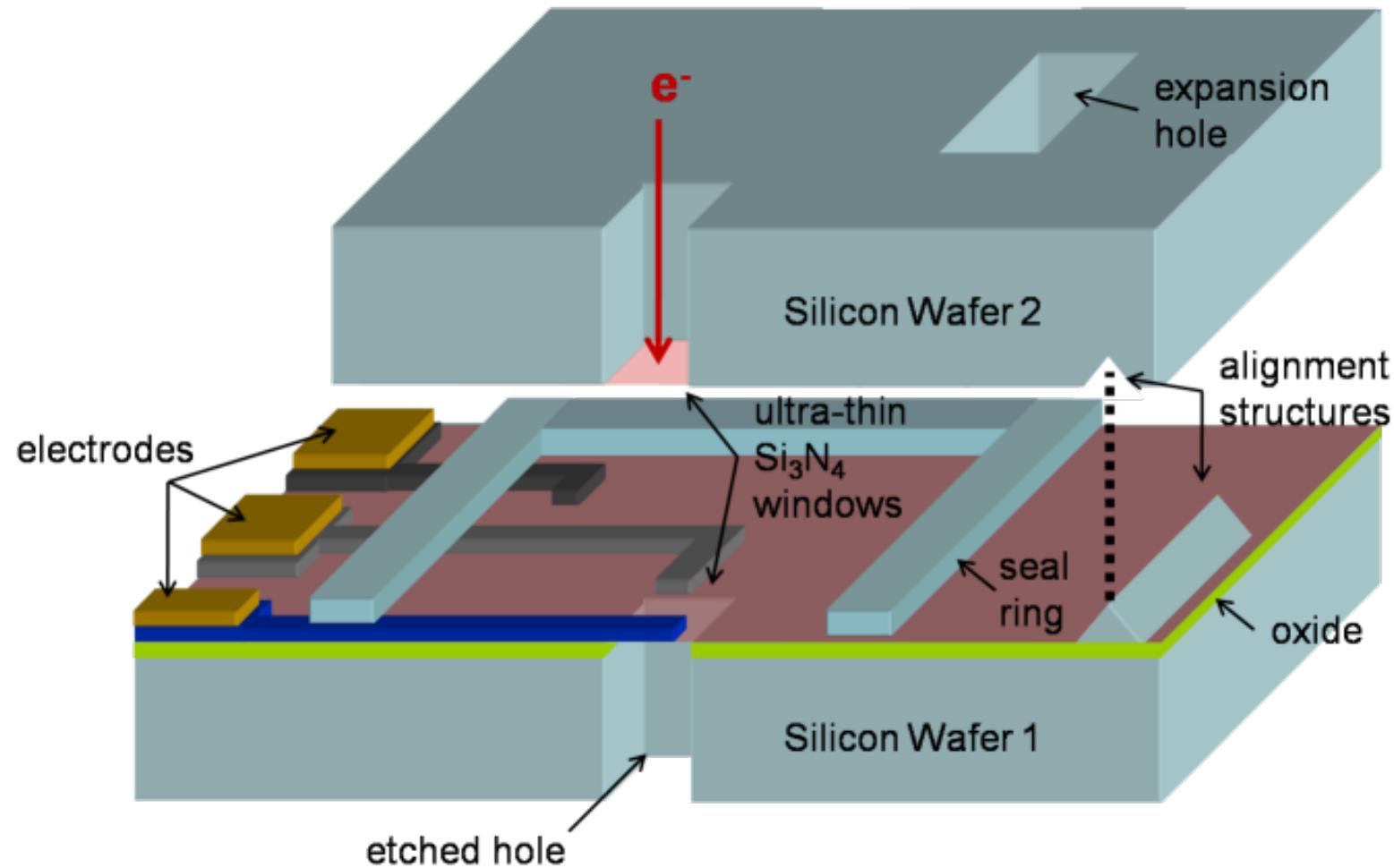
Smallest battery; very clean system, no binder

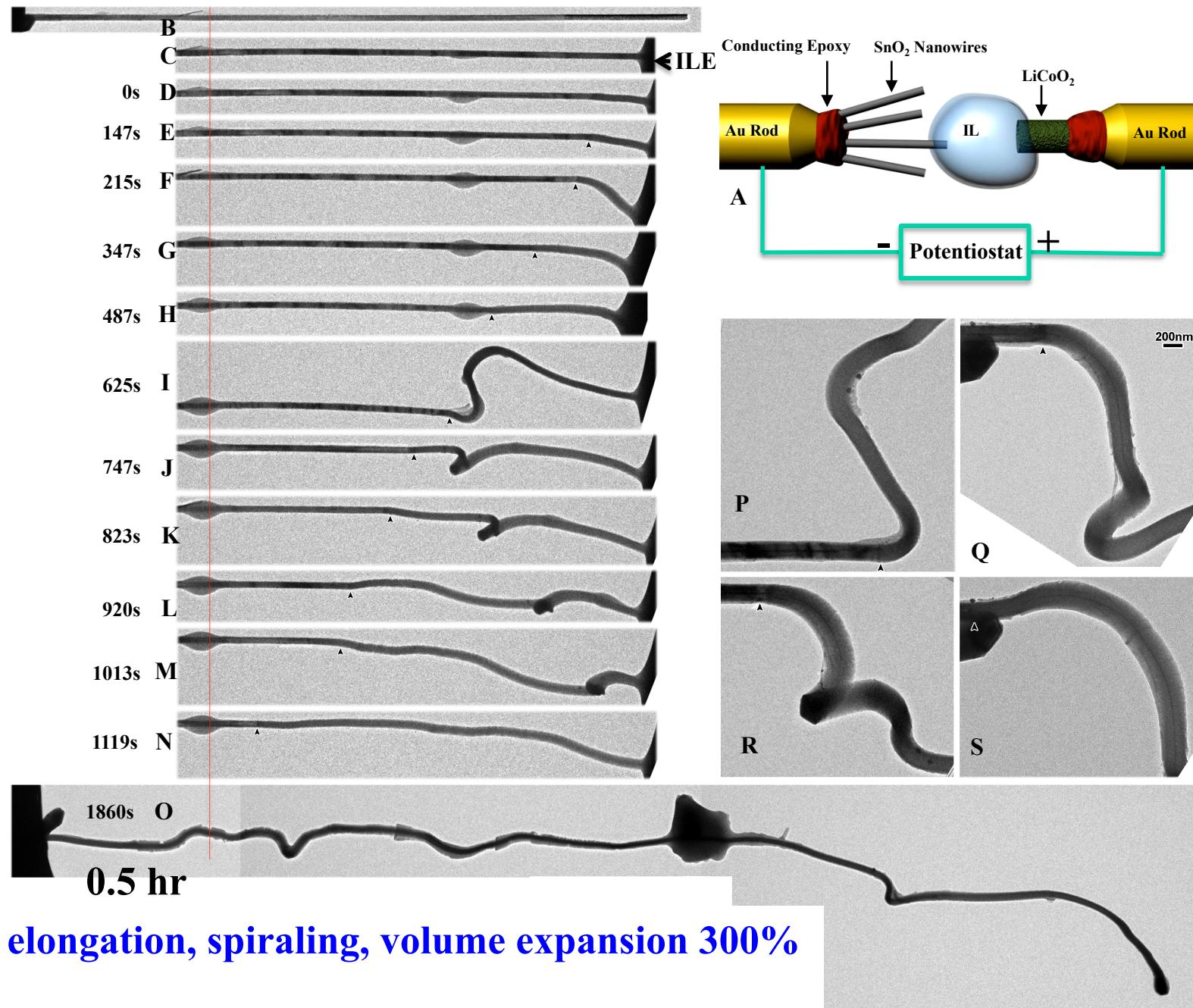
# An all solid electrochemical cell



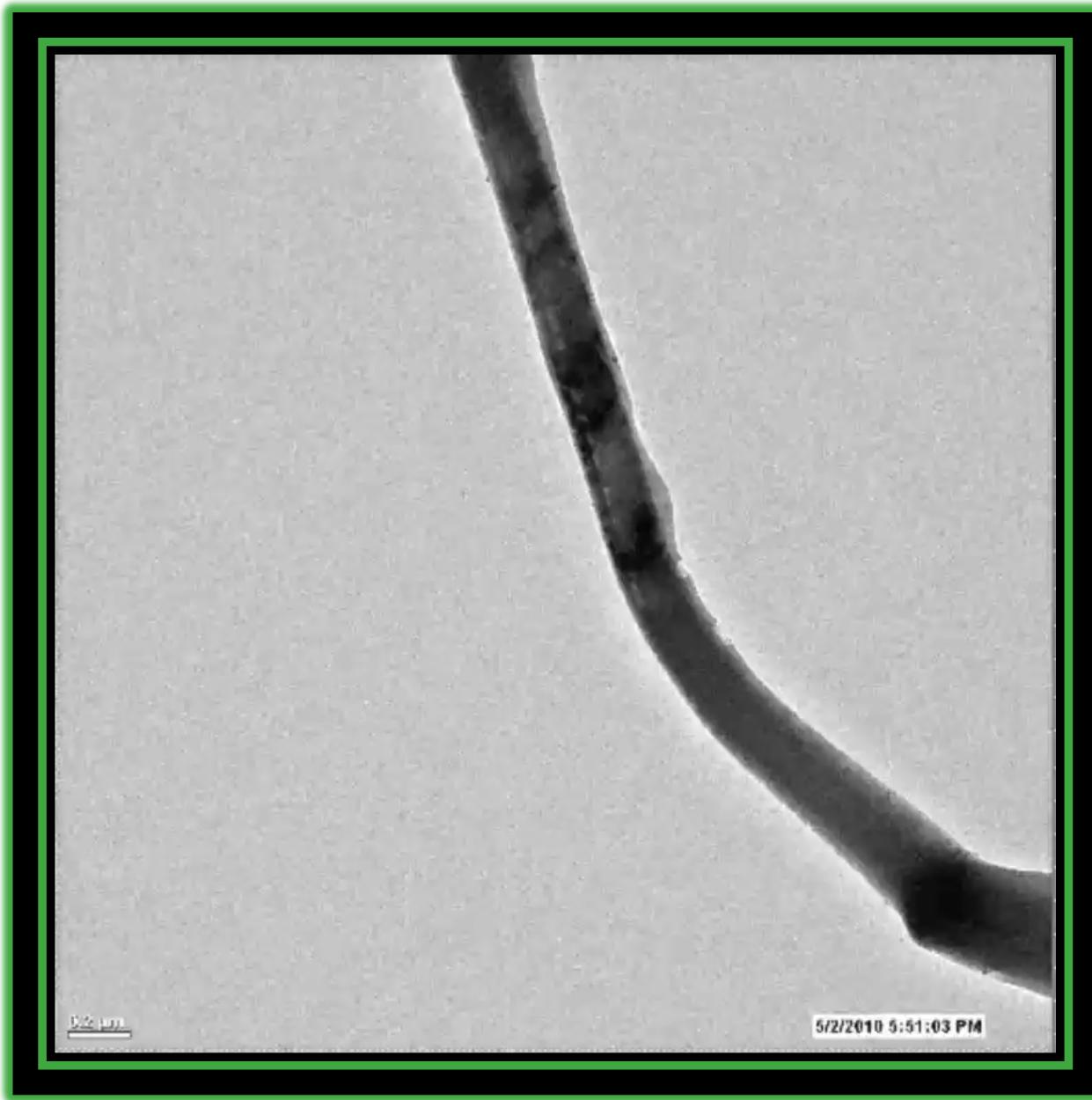
# Future work: liquid electrochemical cell

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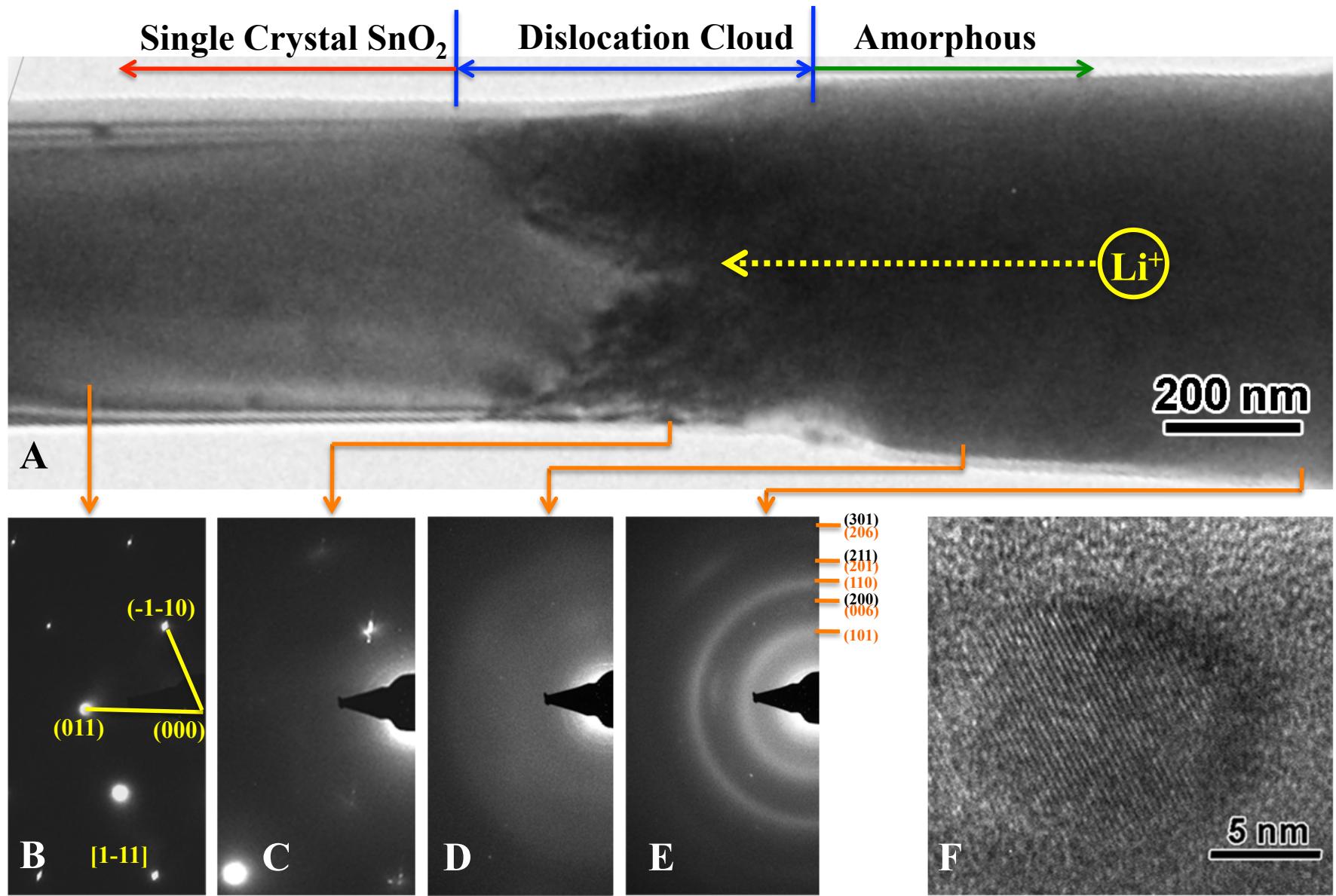




# In-situ TEM charging of a single SnO<sub>2</sub> NW



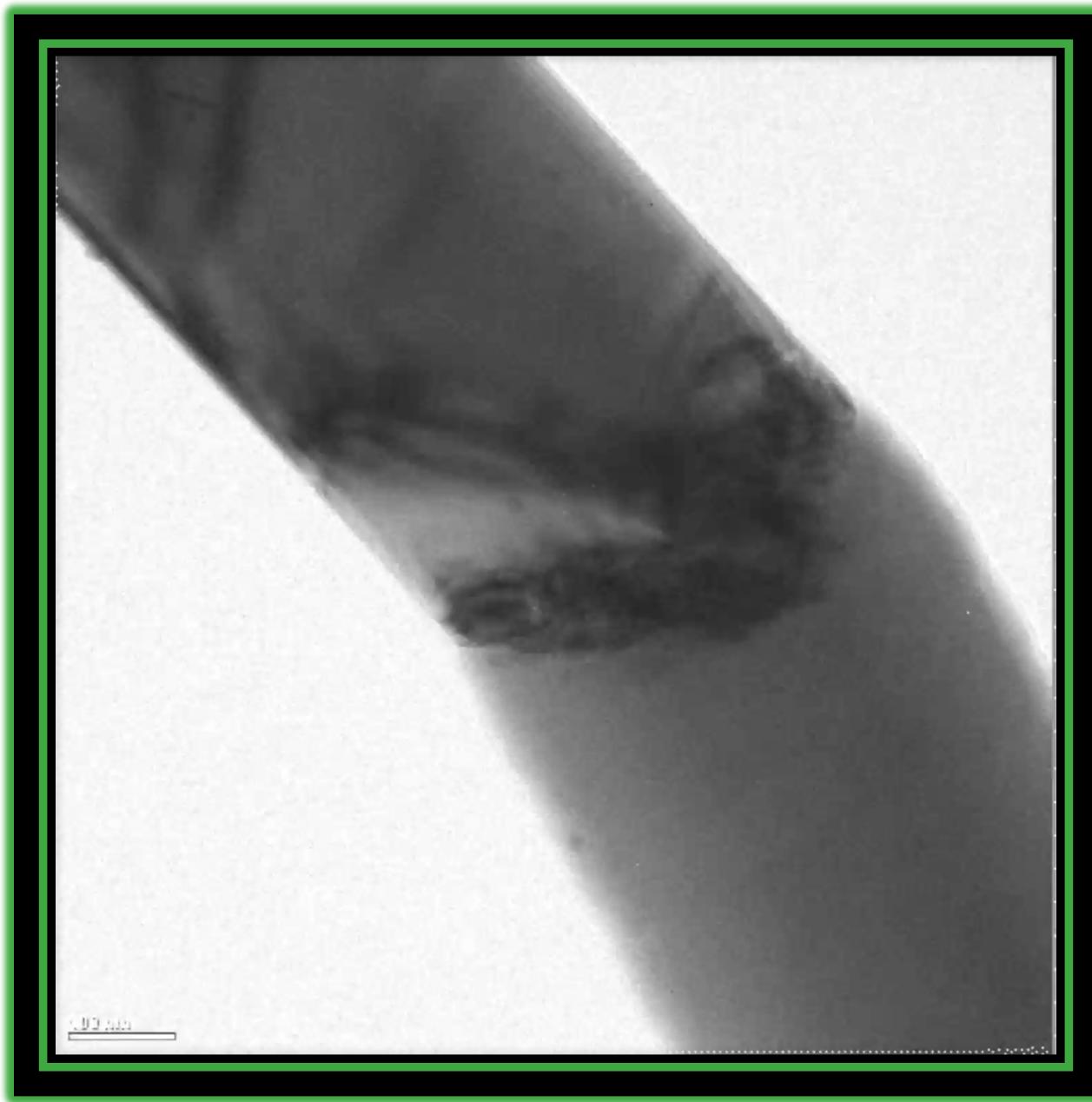
# Forest of dislocations in the reaction front



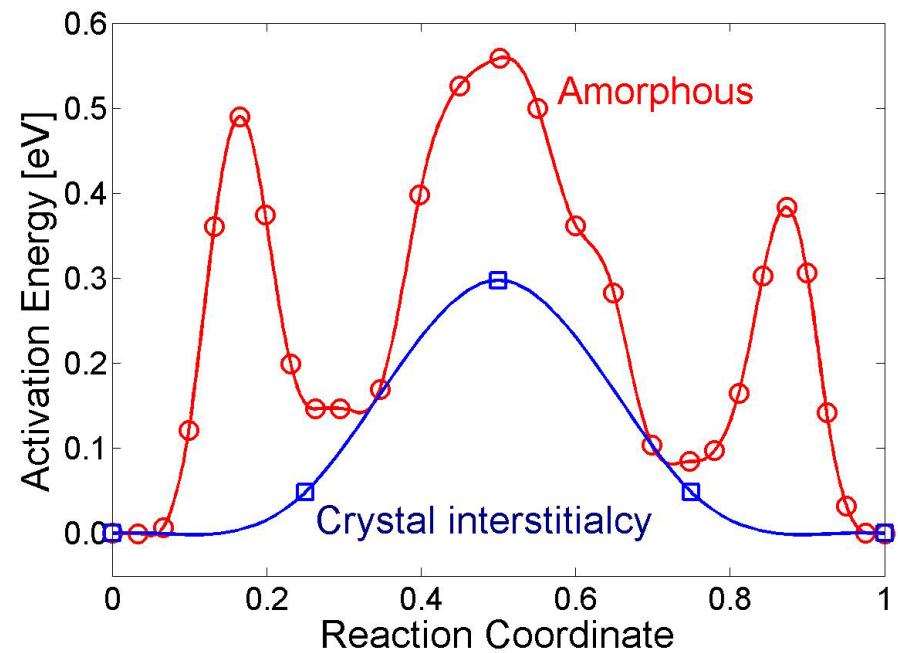
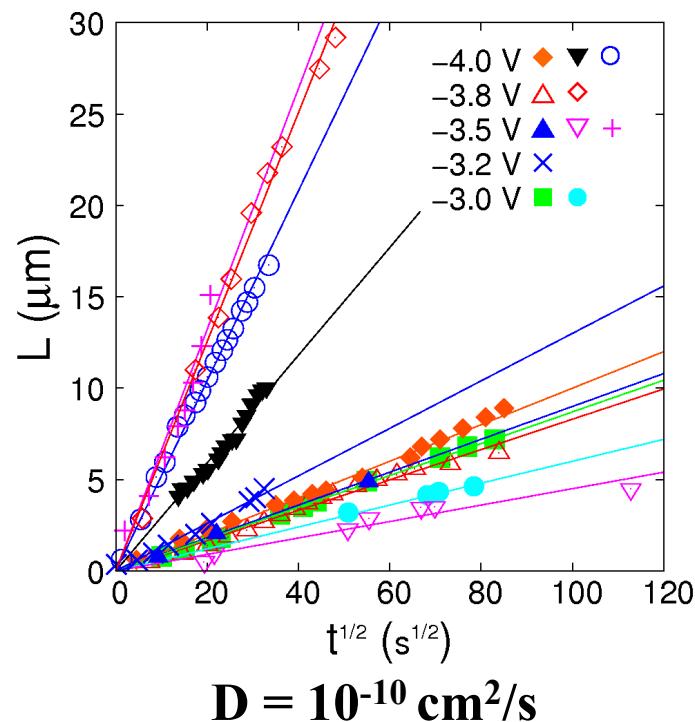
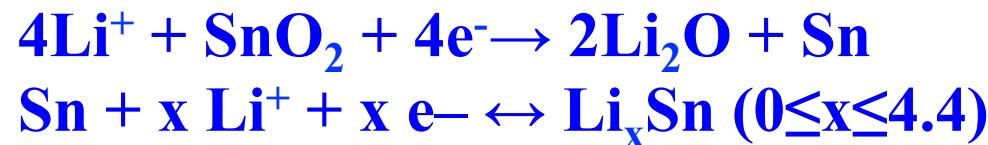
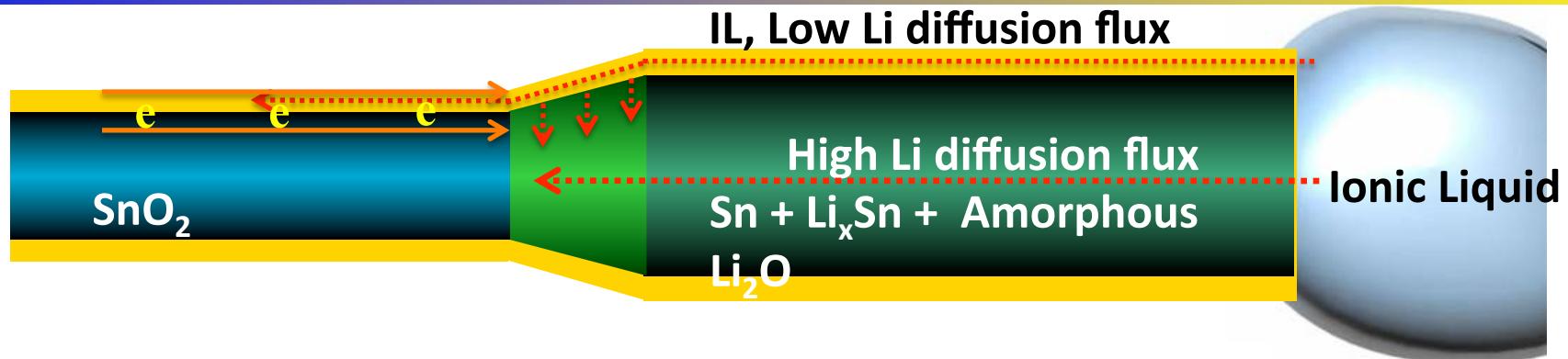
Dislocation cloud; diameter expansion, phase transformation: amorphization

# Dislocation dynamics in the reaction front

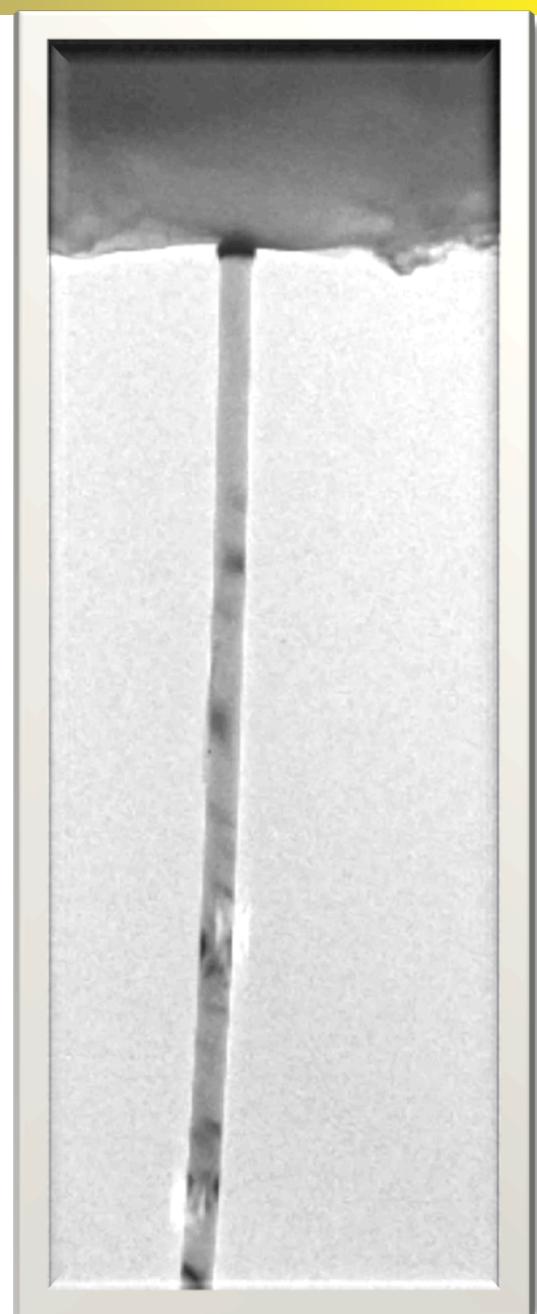
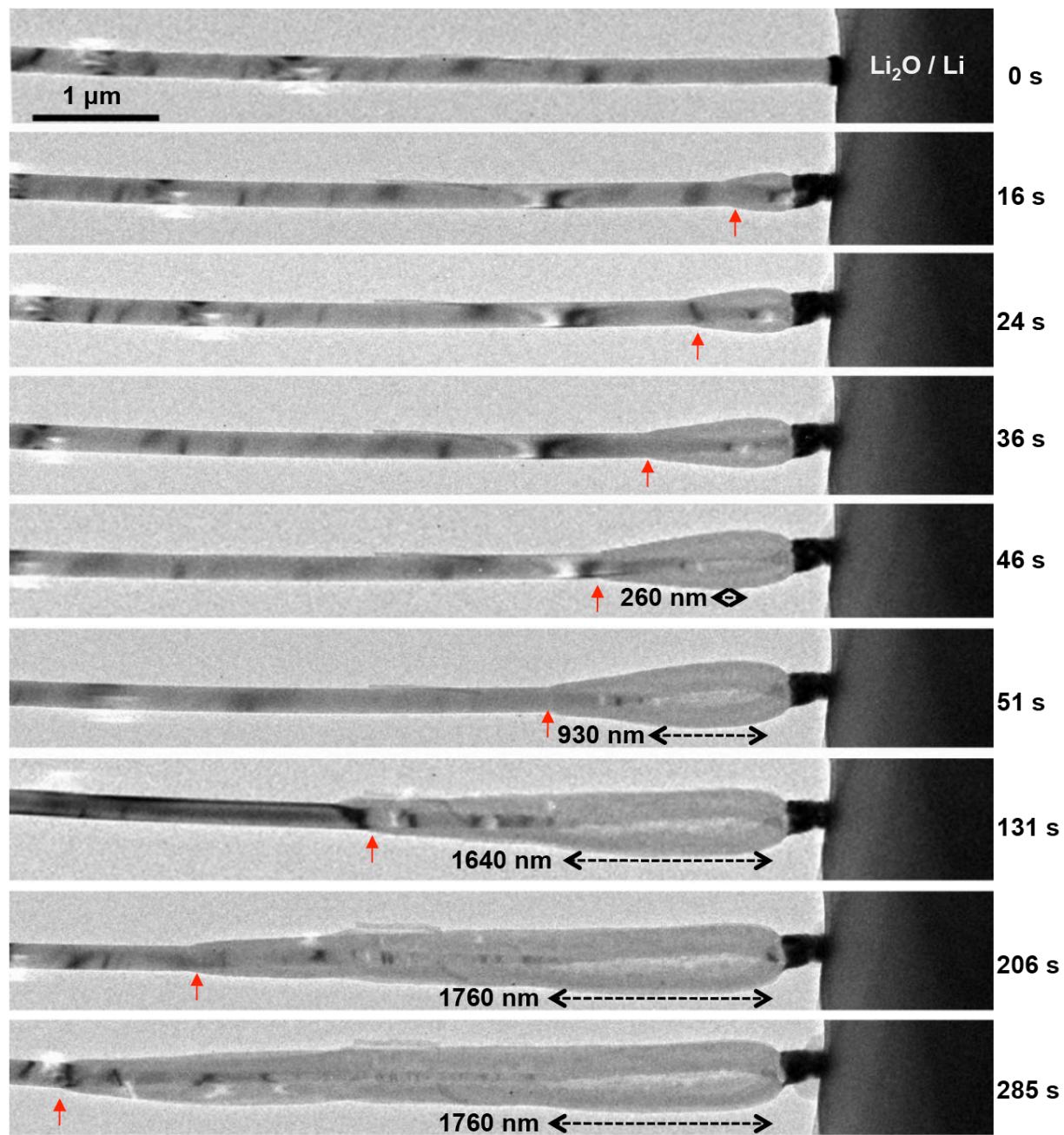
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# How does the $\text{SnO}_2$ NW battery work?

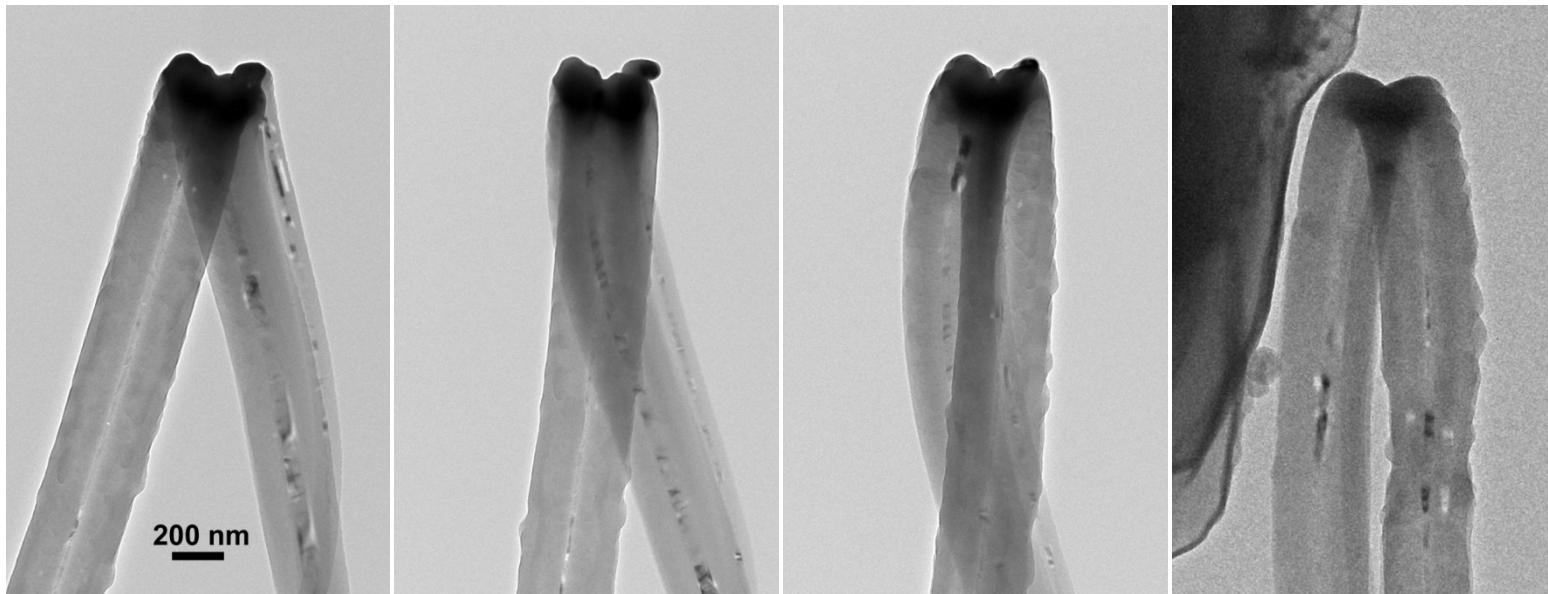


# 1: Anisotropic expansion and crack in Si

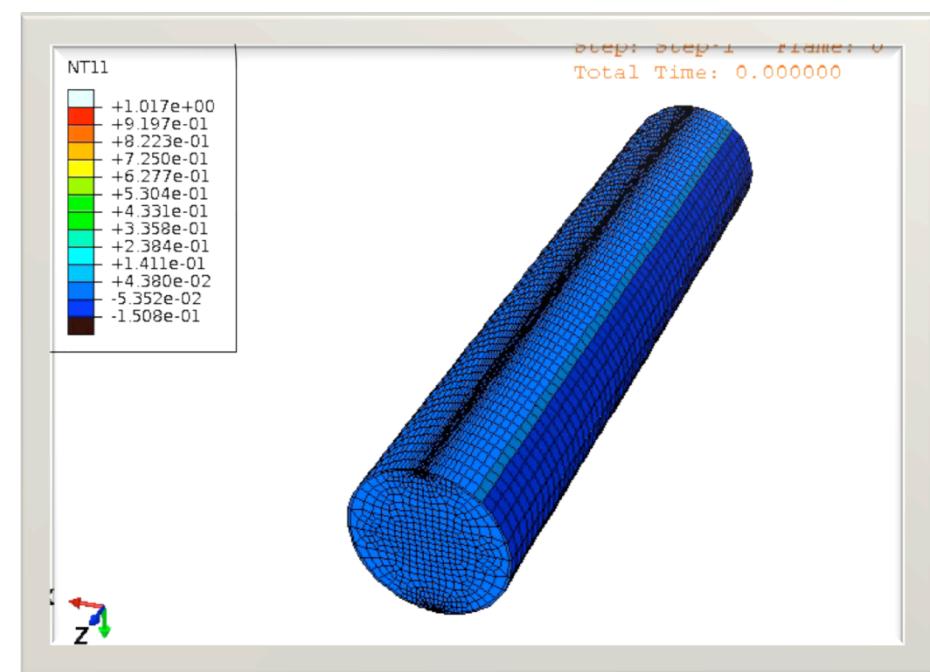
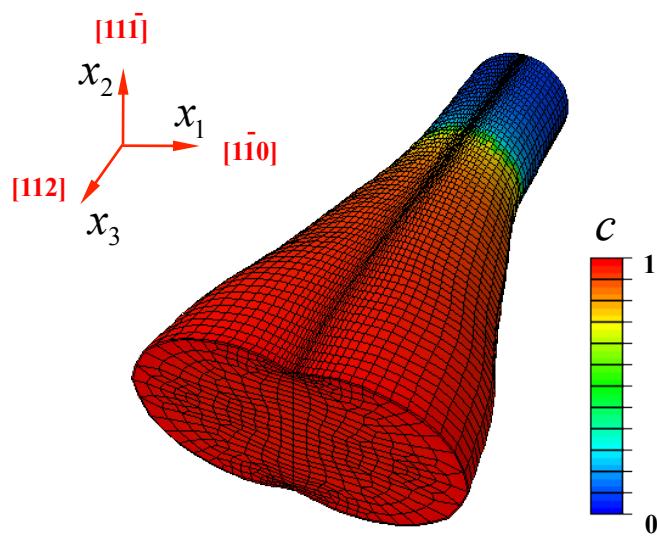


# Anisotropic volume expansion in Si NWs

Liu, Huang, Zhu, Li et al., Nano Lett. 11, 3312 (2011)

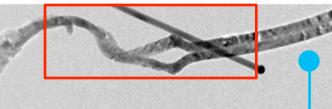


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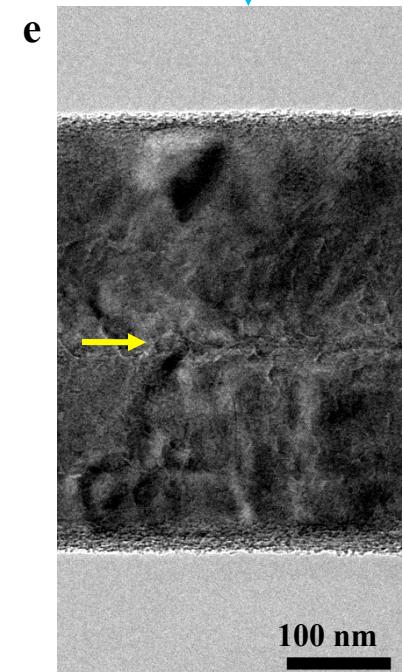
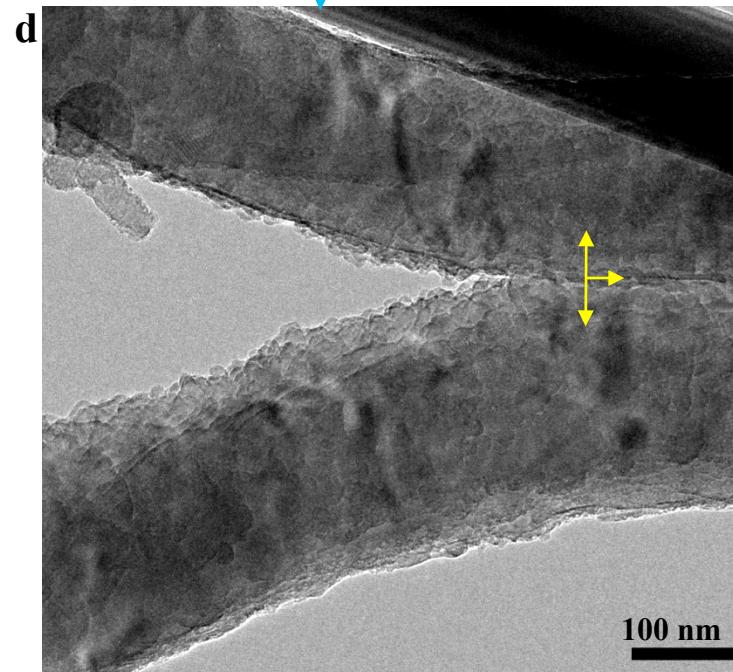
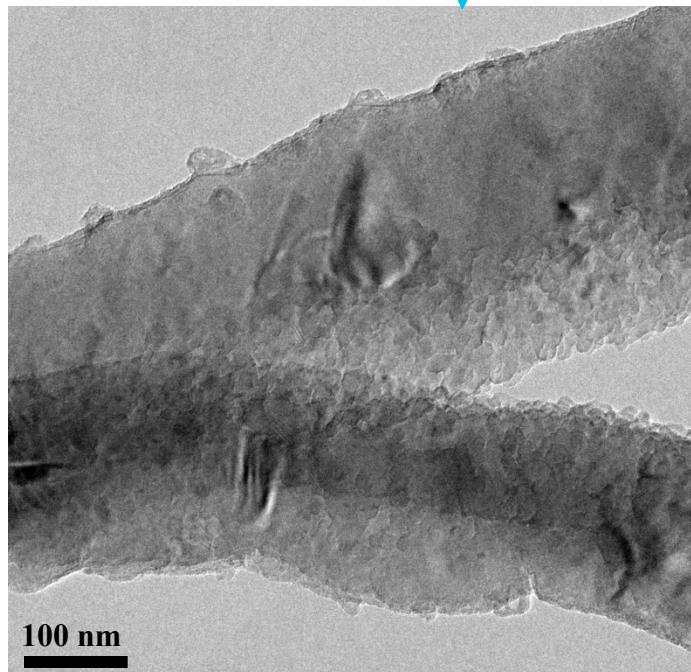
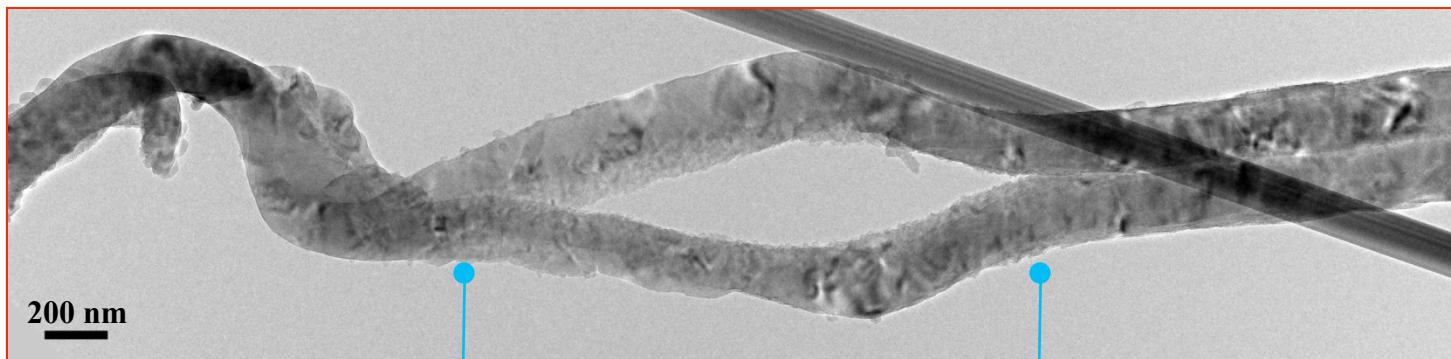


# Crack in Si NWs

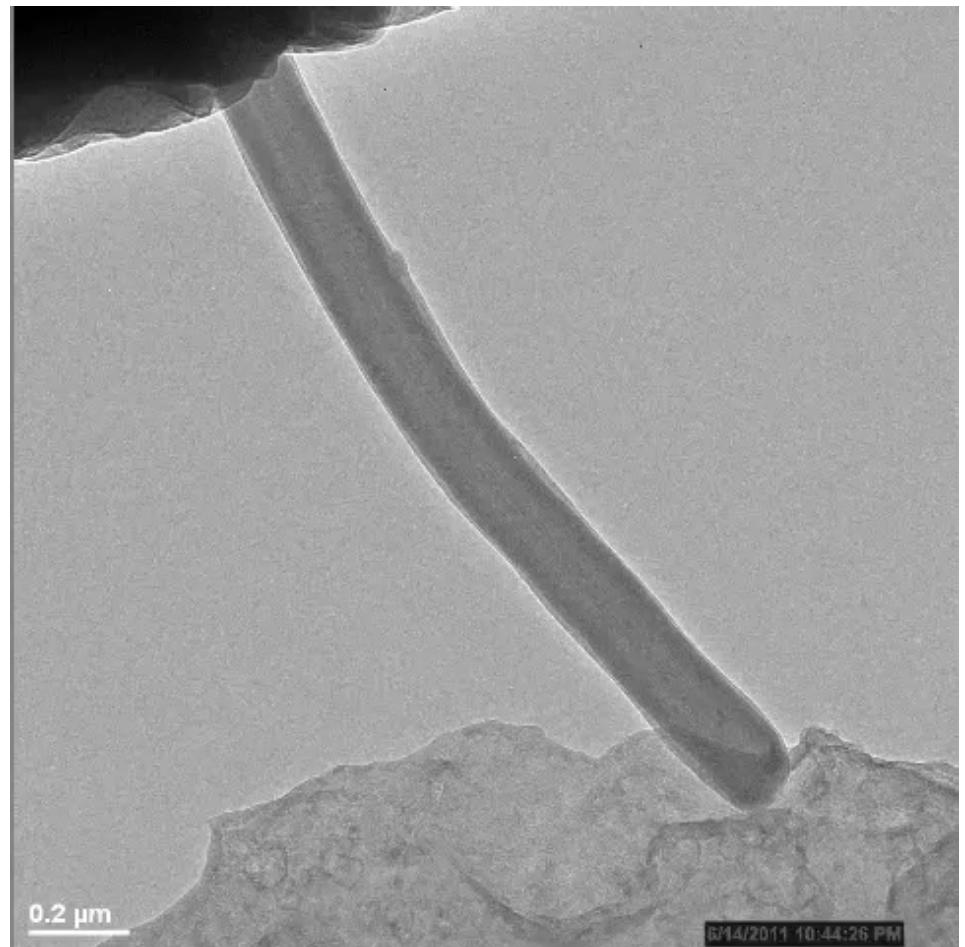
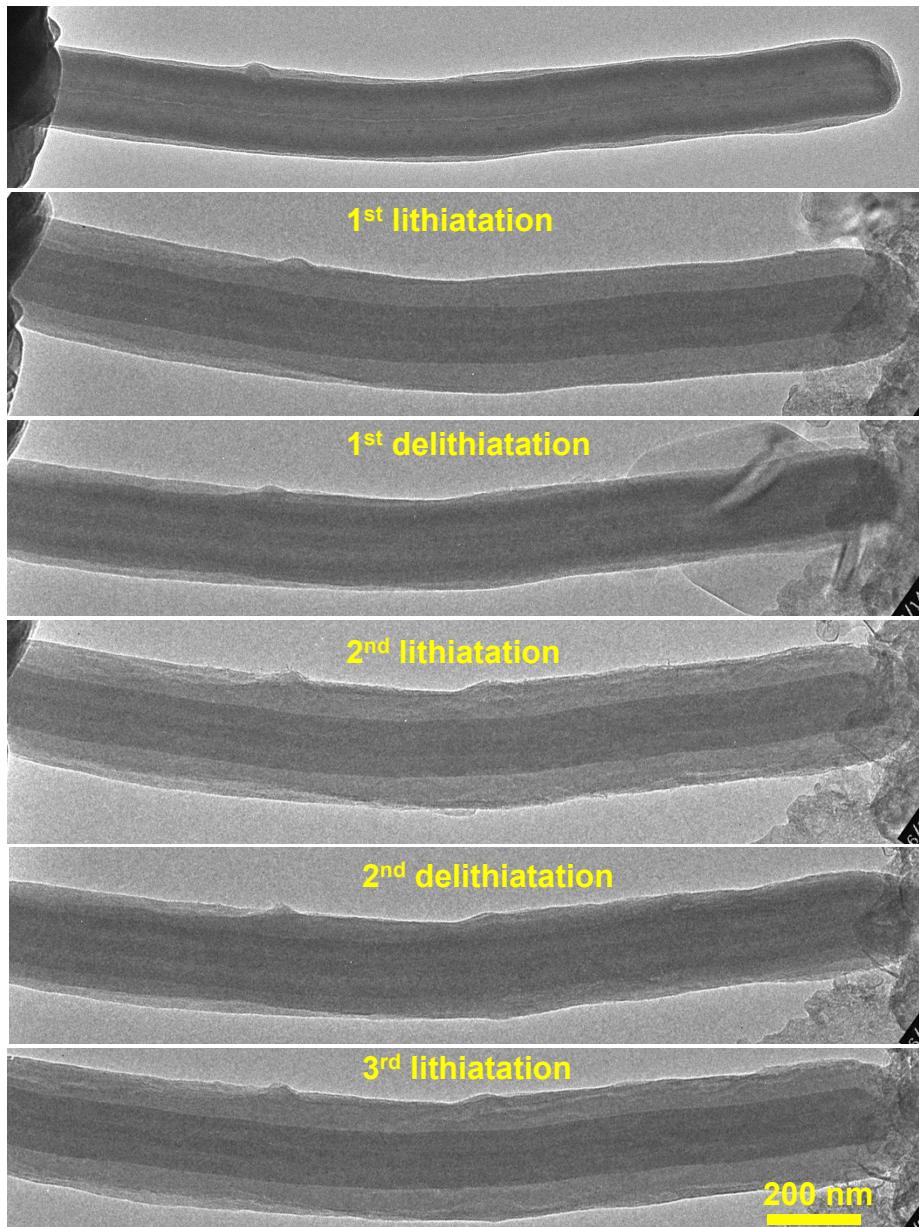
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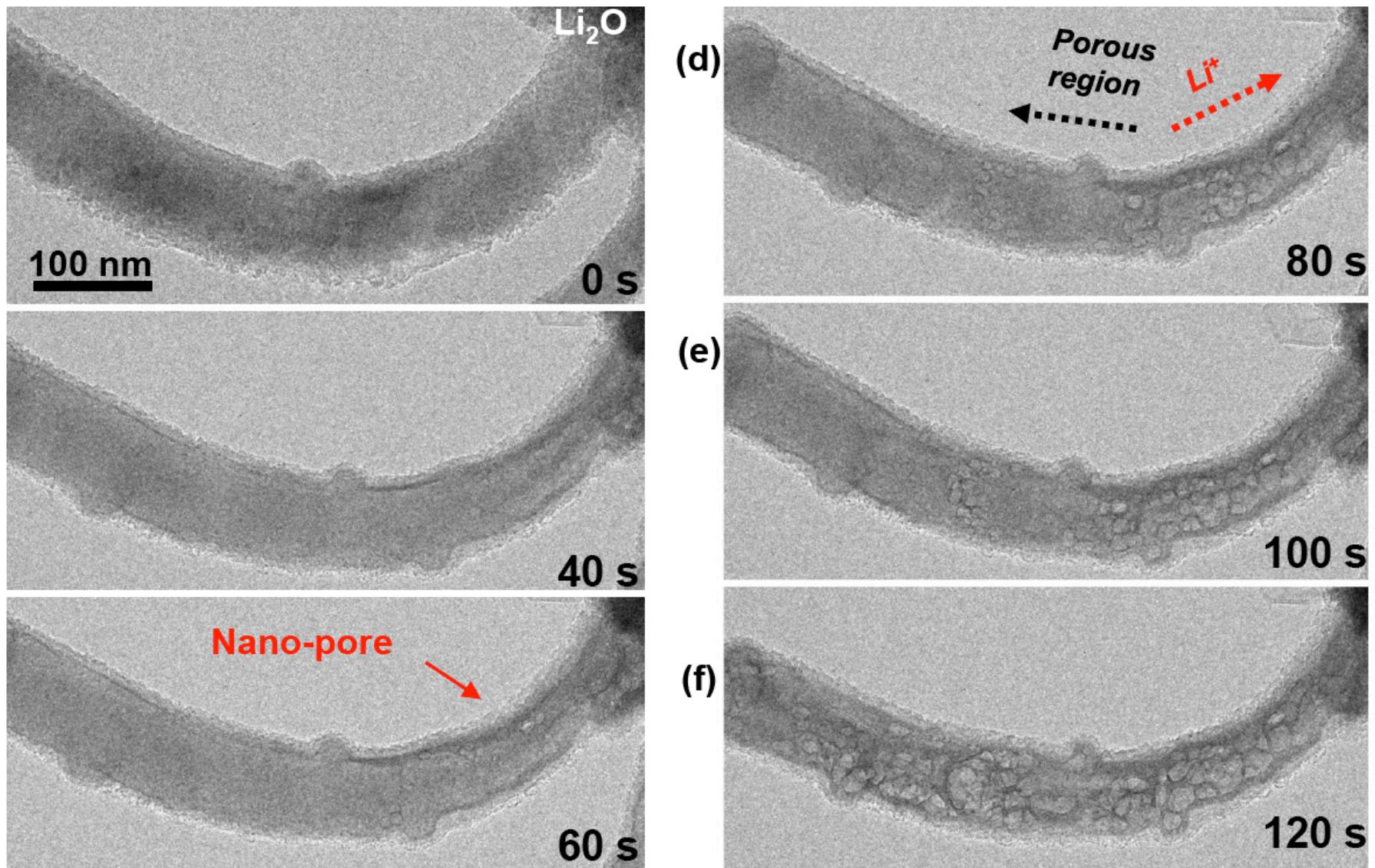


## 2: In-situ cycling of a-Si/CNT electrode (ASI)



J.W. Wang, S.X. Mao, D. Burton, J.Y. Huang, Unpublished

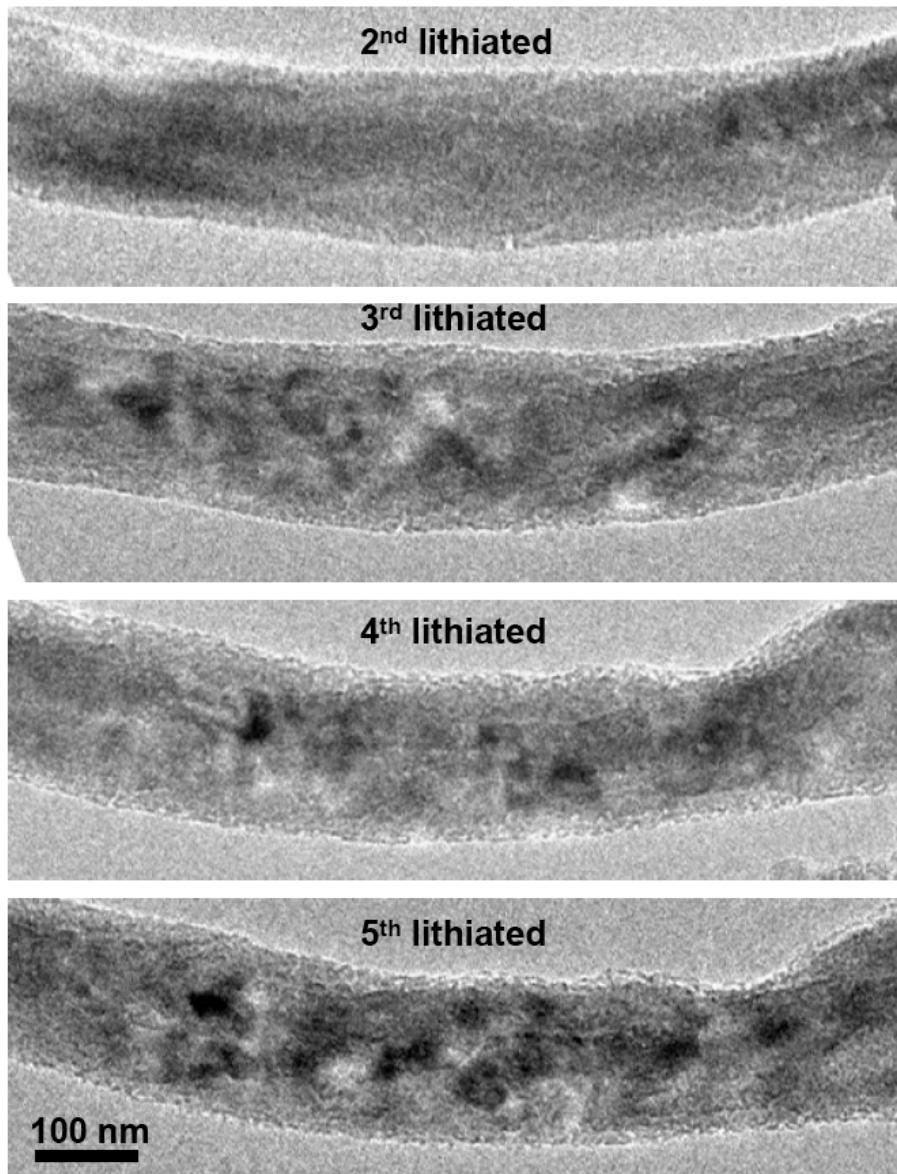
### 3: Reversible nano-pore formation in Ge NWs



Ge: 1384 mA h/g, Graphite: 372, Si: 3579. Electric conductivity 10000 times of Si

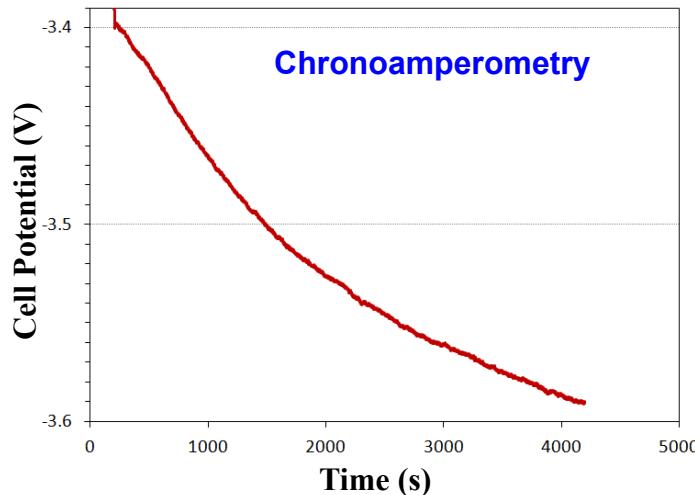
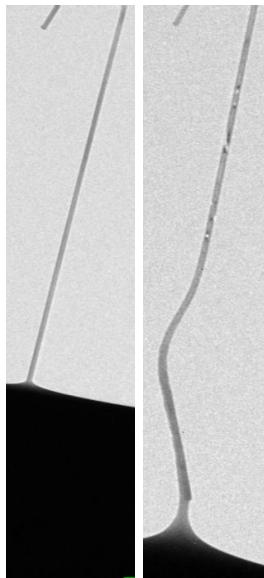
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Ge: long cycle lifetime

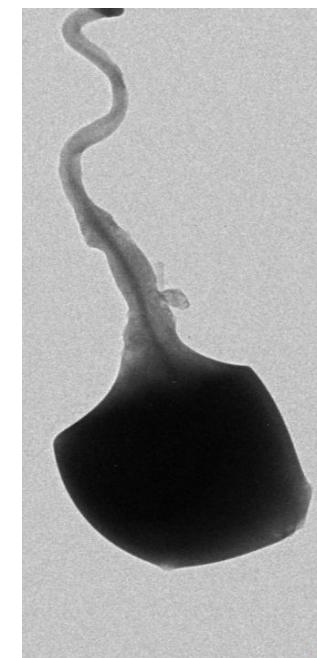
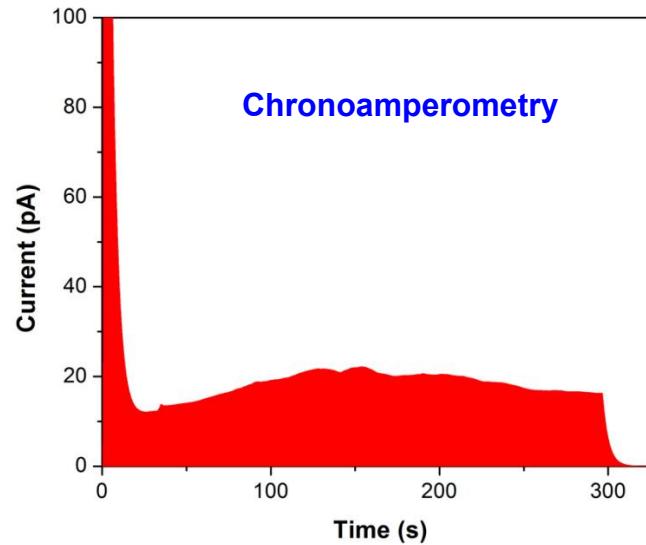
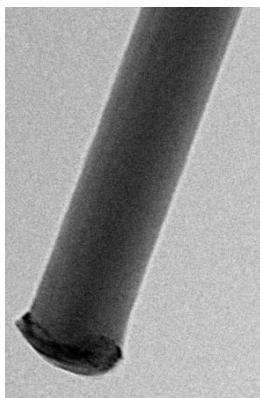
# Quantitative control and measurement in nanoscale electrochemistry



$$Q_{\text{app}} = 7.9 \text{ nC}$$
$$Q_{\text{Li}_{3.75}\text{Si}} = 11.5 \text{ nC}$$

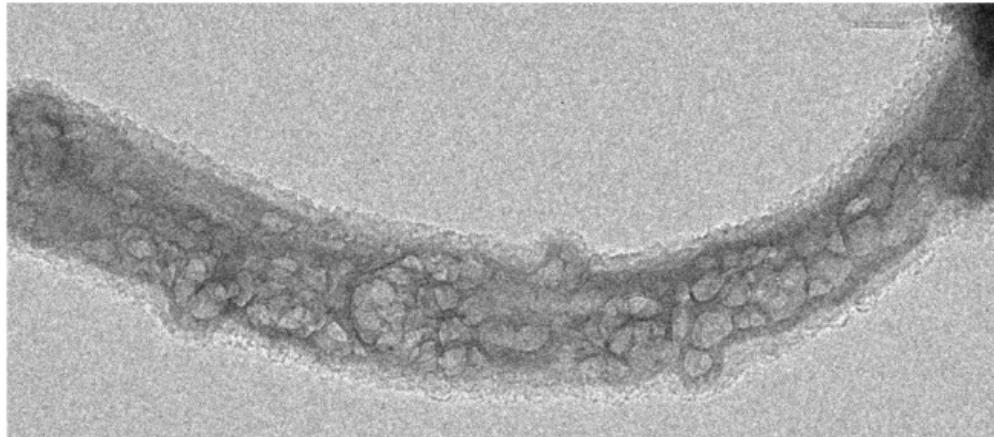
68%

A subset of wires exhibit efficiencies of 60 – 130%  
• Li content  
• Competing red. rxns



Kevin Zavadil, Xiaohua Liu, Yang Liu, Jianyu Huang et al., unpublished

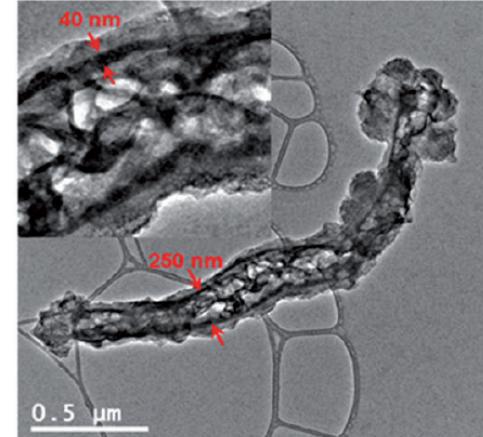
# Relevance of in-situ battery to conventional electrochemical cell



## In-Situ Result

structure for facile stress relaxation, respectively. These results suggest that Ge, which can develop a reversible nanoporous network structure, is a promising anode material for lithium ion batteries with superior energy capacity, rate performance, and cycle stability.

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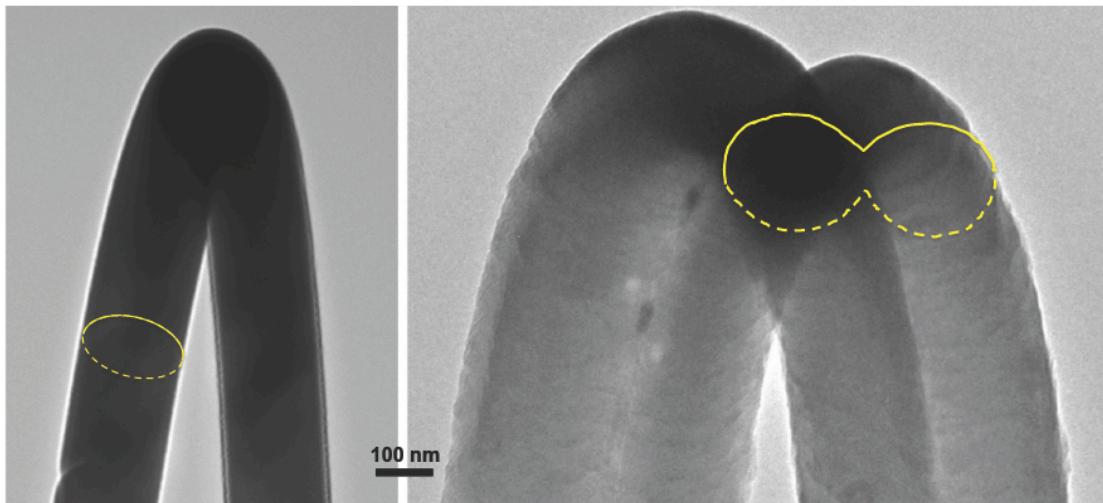


## Conventional Electrochemical Result

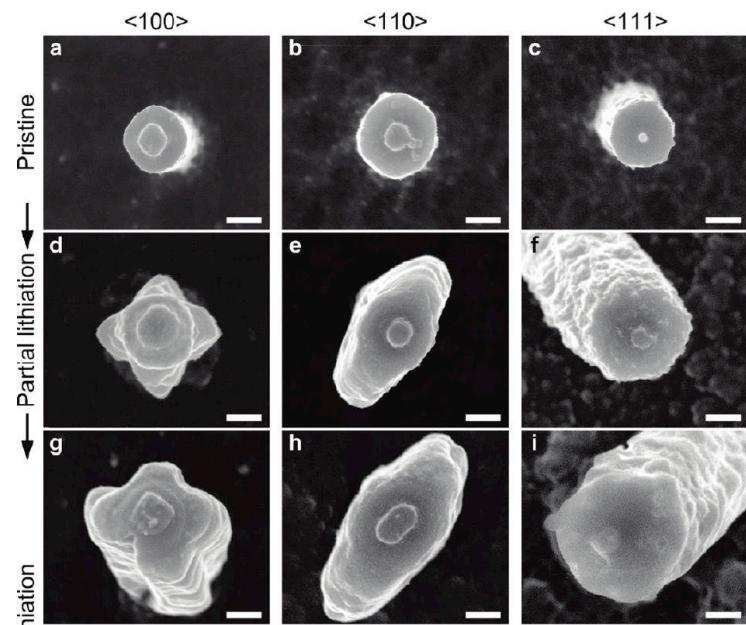
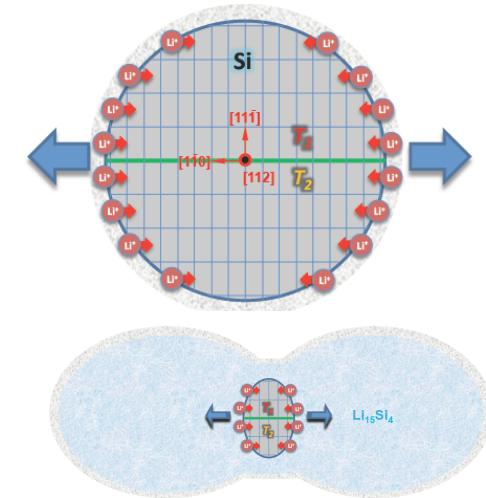
In conclusion, Ge NTs have been synthesized using a high-yield method. The Ge NTs demonstrated exceptionally high rate capability with excellent capacity retention and stability over 400 cycles, suggesting that Ge NTs are ideally suited as anodes for a new generation of high-power lithium-ion batteries for a wide range of applications.

Cho et al., **Angew. Chem.** 10.1002/anie. 201103062

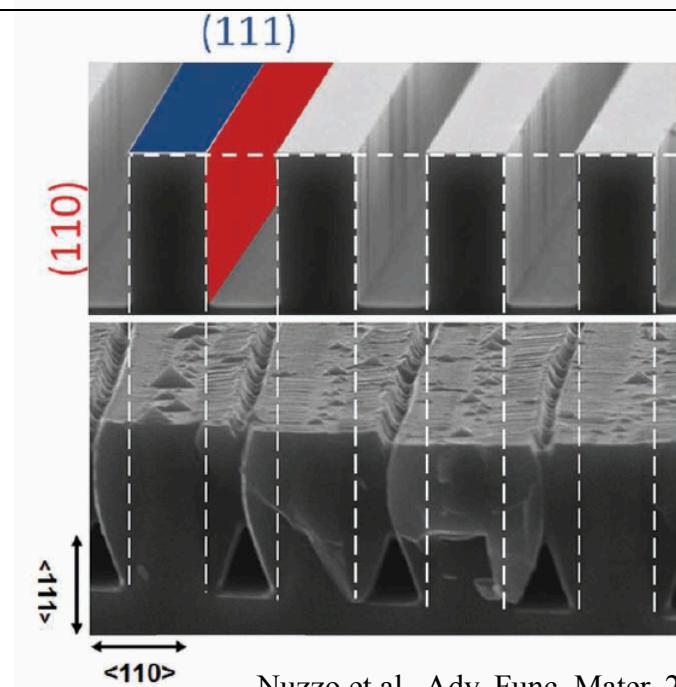
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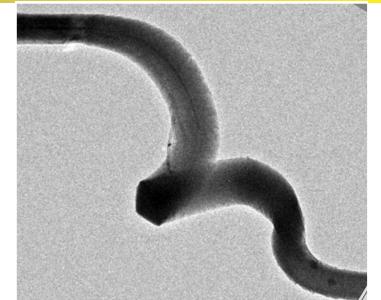
# Nanowires studied and publications



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## In Situ Observation of the Electrochemical Lithiation of a Single $\text{SnO}_2$ Nanowire Electrode

Jian Yu Huang,<sup>1\*</sup> Li Zhong,<sup>2</sup> Chong Min Wang,<sup>3\*</sup> John P. Sullivan,<sup>1\*</sup> Wu Xu,<sup>4</sup> Li Qiang Zhang,<sup>2</sup> Scott X. Mao,<sup>2\*</sup> Nicholas S. Hudak,<sup>1</sup> Xiao Hua Liu,<sup>1</sup> Arunkumar Subramanian,<sup>1</sup> Hongyou Fan,<sup>5</sup> Liang Qi,<sup>6,7</sup> Akihiro Kushima,<sup>7</sup> Ju Li<sup>6,7\*</sup>



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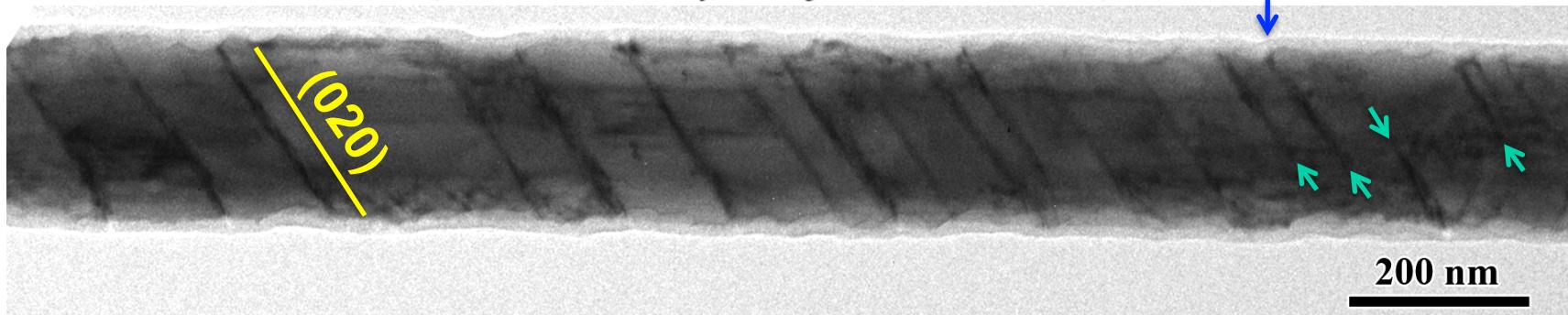
## Multiple-Stripe Lithiation Mechanism of Individual $\text{SnO}_2$ Nanowires in a Flooding Geometry

Li Zhong,<sup>2</sup> Xiao Hua Liu,<sup>1</sup> Guo Feng Wang,<sup>2</sup> Scott X. Mao,<sup>2</sup> and Jian Yu Huang<sup>1,\*</sup>

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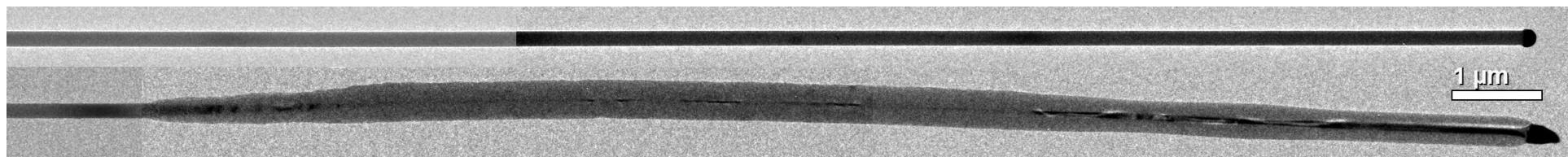


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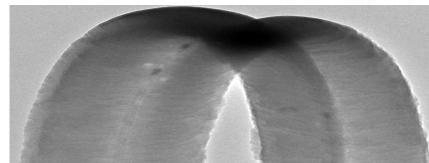
## Ultrafast Electrochemical Lithiation of Individual Si Nanowire Anodes

Xiao Hua Liu,<sup>†</sup> Li Qiang Zhang,<sup>‡,||</sup> Li Zhong,<sup>‡</sup> Yang Liu,<sup>†</sup> He Zheng,<sup>‡,¶</sup> Jiang Wei Wang,<sup>‡</sup> Jeong-Hyun Cho,<sup>§</sup> Shadi A. Dayeh,<sup>§</sup> S. Tom Picraux,<sup>§</sup> John P. Sullivan,<sup>†</sup> Scott X. Mao,<sup>‡</sup> Zhi Zhen Ye,<sup>||</sup> and Jian Yu Huang<sup>\*,†</sup>



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## Anisotropic Swelling and Fracture of Silicon Nanowires during Lithiation

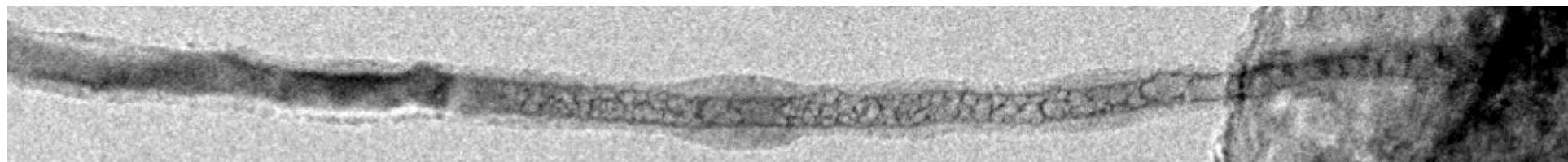


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## Reversible Nanopore Formation in Ge Nanowires during Lithiation–Delithiation Cycling: An In Situ Transmission Electron Microscopy Study

Xiao Hua Liu,<sup>†</sup> Shan Huang,<sup>‡</sup> S. Tom Picraux,<sup>§</sup> Ju Li,<sup>||,⊥</sup> Ting Zhu,<sup>\*,‡</sup> and Jian Yu Huang<sup>\*,†</sup>

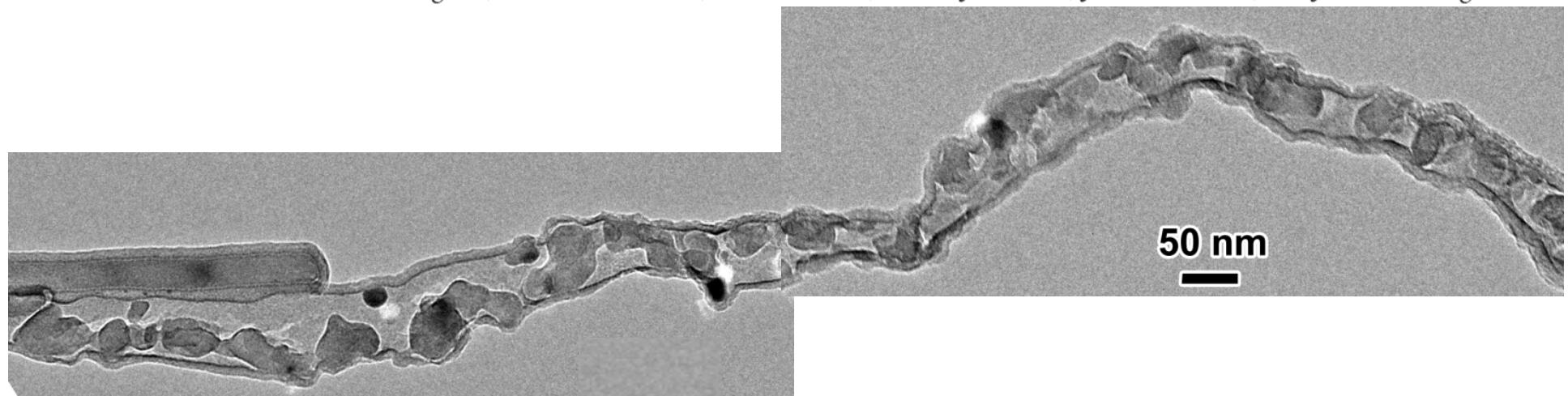


# Nanowires studied and publications

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## In Situ Transmission Electron Microscopy Observation of Pulverization of Aluminum Nanowires and Evolution of the Thin Surface $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ Layers during Lithiation–Delithiation Cycles

Yang Liu, Nicholas S. Hudak, Dale L. Huber, Steven J. Limmer, John P. Sullivan, and Jian Yu Huang\*



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## Leapfrog Cracking and Nanoamorphization of ZnO Nanowires during In Situ Electrochemical Lithiation

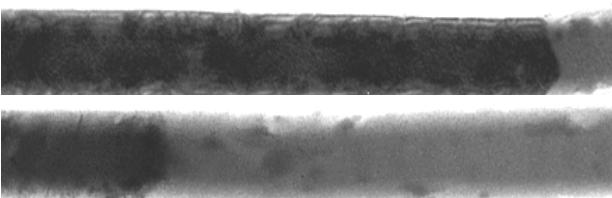
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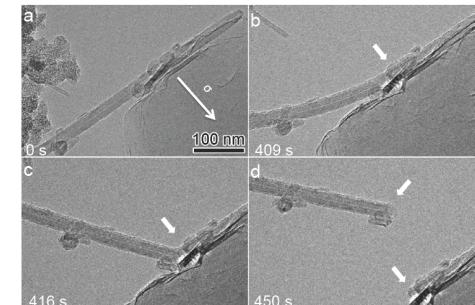
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## Controlling the Lithiation-Induced Strain and Charging Rate in Nanowire Electrodes by Coating

Li Qiang Zhang,<sup>§,¶,#</sup> Xiao Hua Liu,<sup>†,¶</sup> Yang Liu,<sup>†</sup> Shan Huang,<sup>‡</sup> Ting Zhu,<sup>‡,\*</sup> Liangjin Gui,<sup>⊥</sup> Scott X. Mao,<sup>§</sup> Zhi Zhen Ye,<sup>†</sup> Chong Min Wang,<sup>||</sup> John P. Sullivan,<sup>†</sup> and Jian Yu Huang<sup>†,\*</sup>

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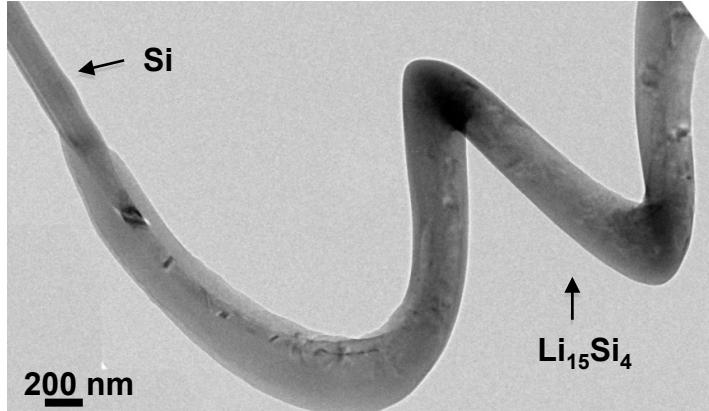
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### *In situ* TEM electrochemistry of anode materials in lithium ion batteries

Xiao Hua Liu\* and Jian Yu Huang\*



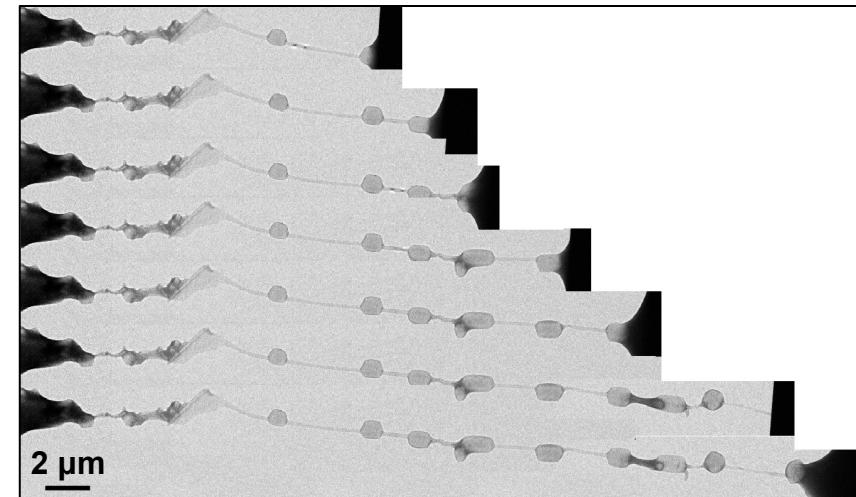
## Lithiation-Induced Embrittlement of Multiwalled Carbon Nanotubes

Yang Liu,<sup>†</sup> He Zheng,<sup>‡,#</sup> Xiao Hua Liu,<sup>†</sup> Shan Huang,<sup>§</sup> Ting Zhu,<sup>§,\*</sup> Jiangwei Wang,<sup>‡</sup> Akihiro Kushima,<sup>⊥</sup> Nicholas S. Hudak,<sup>†</sup> Xu Huang,<sup>||</sup> Sulin Zhang,<sup>†</sup> Scott X. Mao,<sup>‡</sup> Xiaofeng Qian,<sup>†</sup> Ju Li,<sup>⊥</sup> and Jian Yu Huang<sup>†,\*</sup>

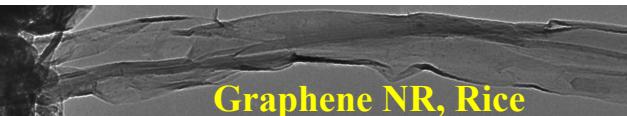
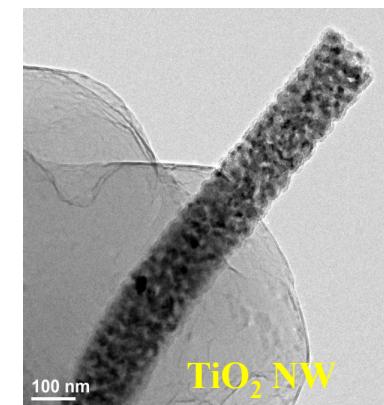
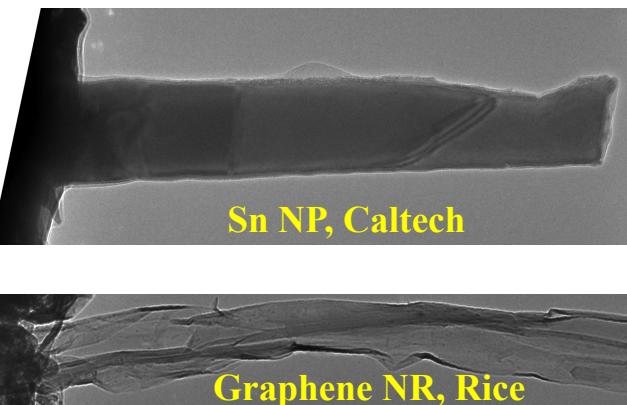
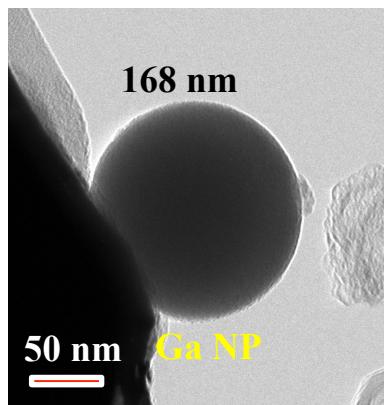
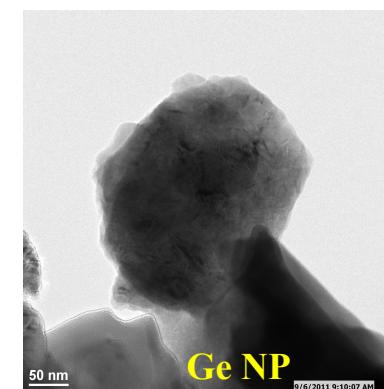
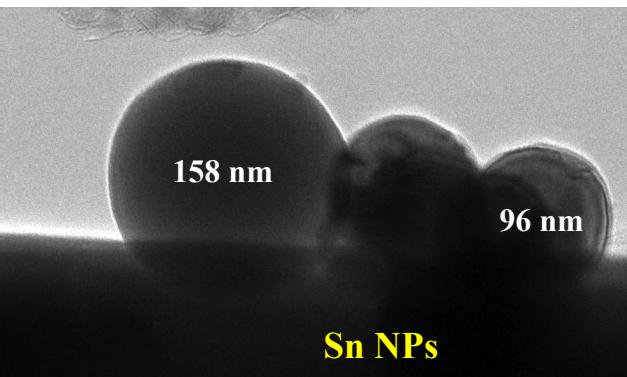
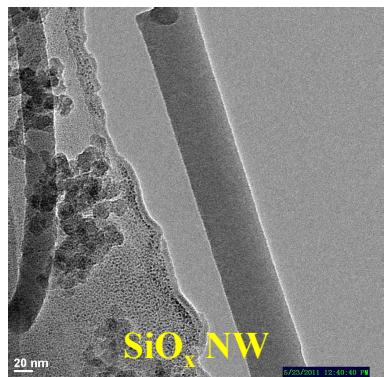
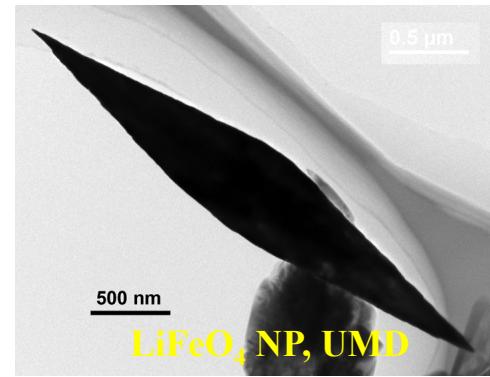
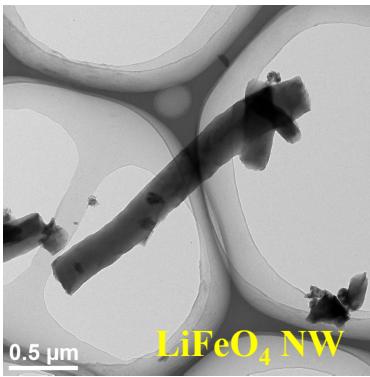
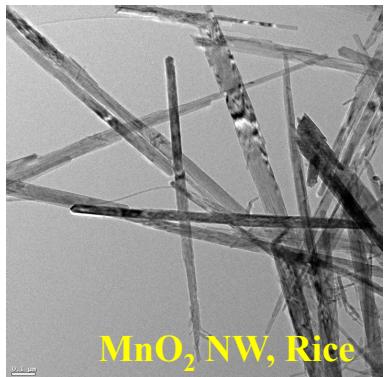
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### Lithium fiber growth on the anode in a nanowire lithium ion battery during charging

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# Nanowires and nanoparticles to be studied in the future



## Summary and Perspective

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- The first working nano battery inside a TEM.
- “See” the effect of ion and electron transport, and how electrode function in real time and high spatial resolution, provide fundamental understandings of LIBs.
- Material, size, crystallographic orientation dependent
- Results directly tied into the design of high energy density and high power density LIBs.
- Can be extended to many other material system, cathode/anode, different electrolyte
- How the ALD coating retaining the capacity? In-situ SEI formation
- Advance science of LIBs, providing important guidance in designing high energy density, high power density LIBs