

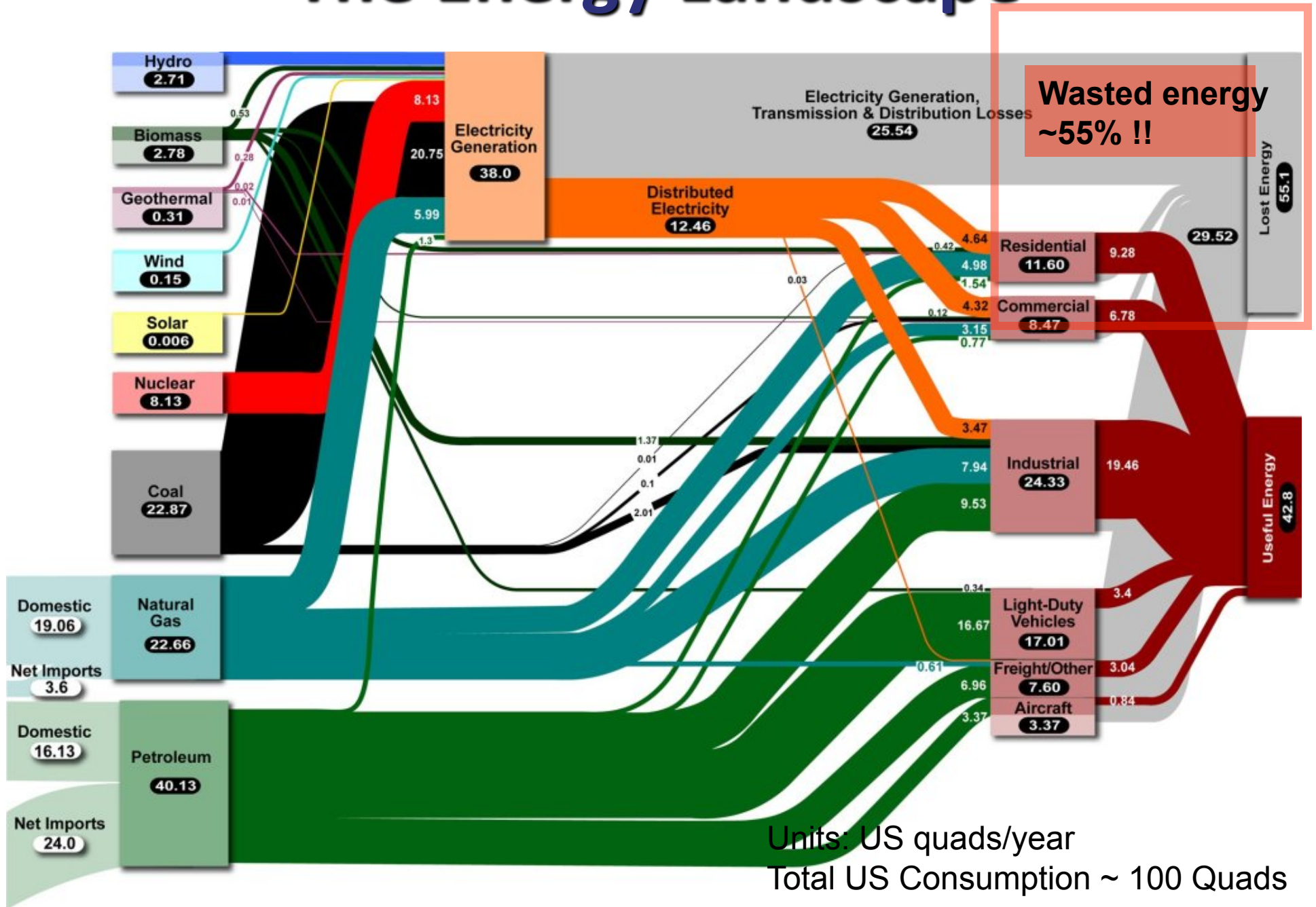
# New Materials

Fundamental Enablers of the Energy Revolution

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# The Energy Landscape



**Wasted energy  
~55% !!**

# Materials Impacting the Energy Landscape

**Efficiency**  
**Thermoelectrics**

**Efficiency**  
**Smart Buildings,  
Transportation**

**Supply and Demand**

- Conversion
- Efficiency
- Storage
- Transport

**Conversion**  
**Solar Energy to Electricity or  
Fuel**

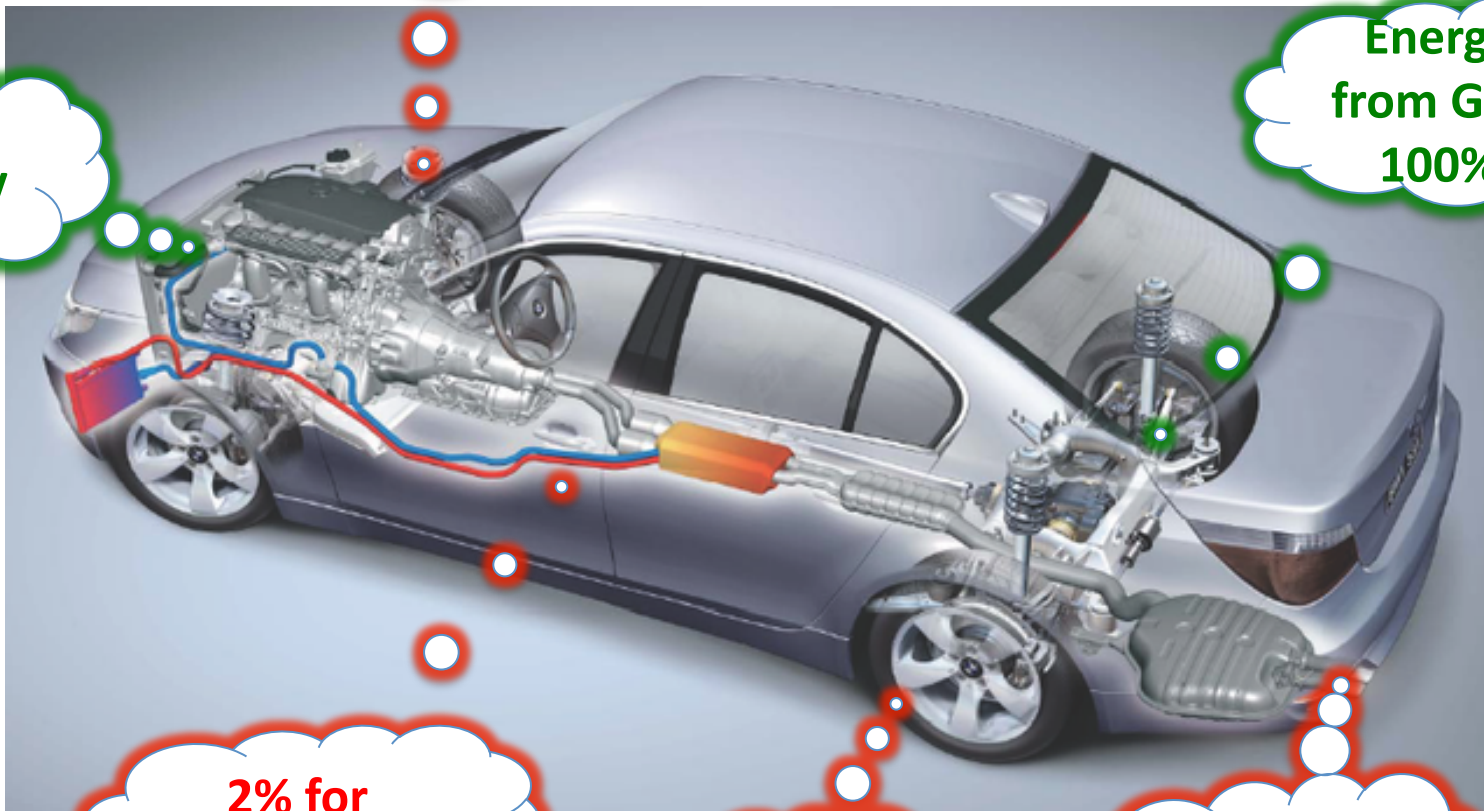
**Storage and Transport**  
**Batteries, Thermal Science**

# Recovering Waste Heat using Thermoelectrics

17% lost to idling

Energy from Gas: 100%

12.6% actually used

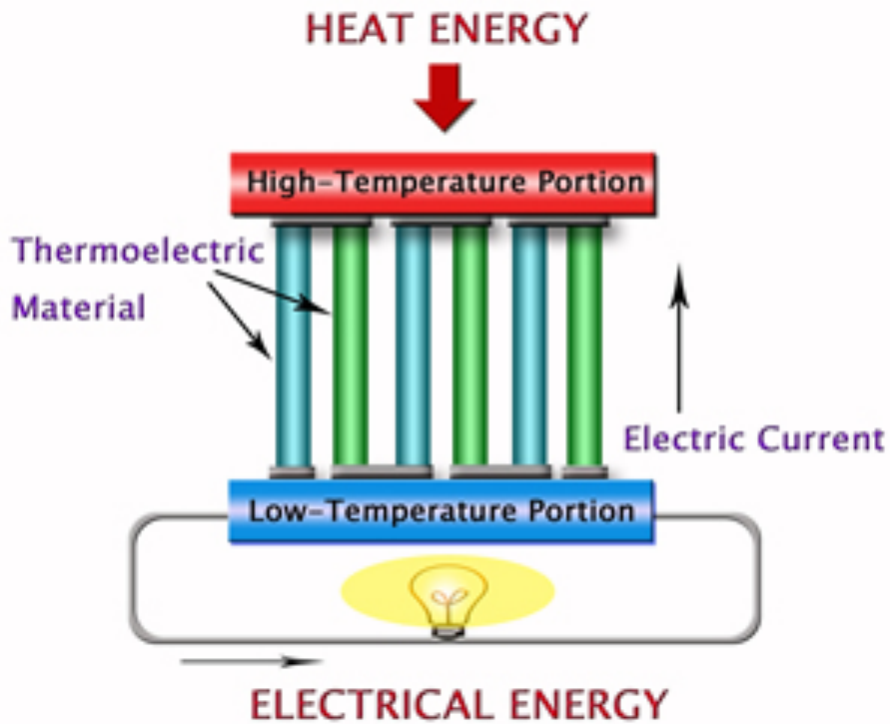


2% for accessories

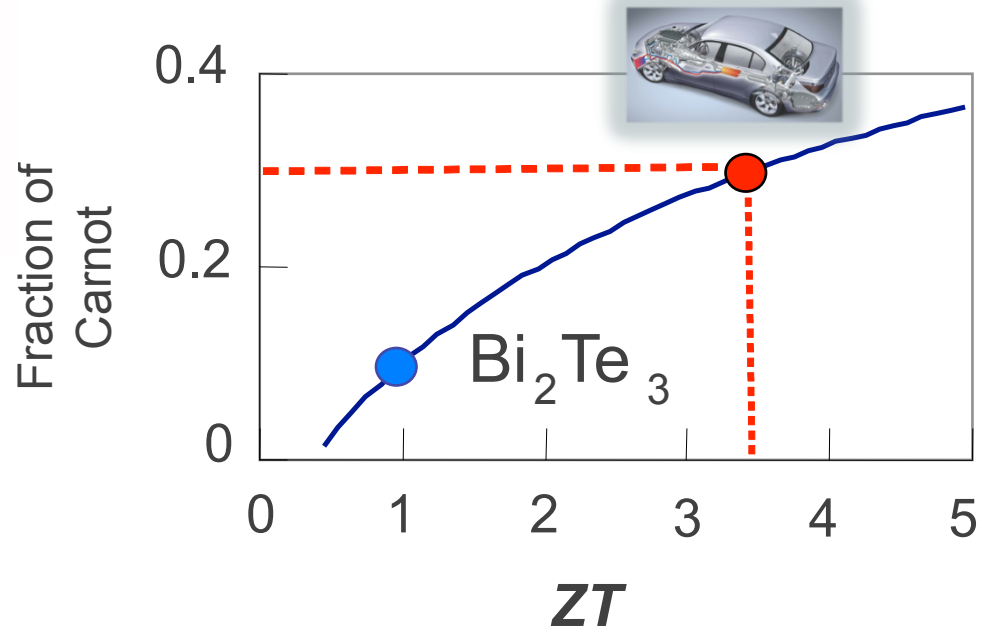
5.6% lost to friction

62% lost to waste heat

# Thermoelectric Energy Conversion

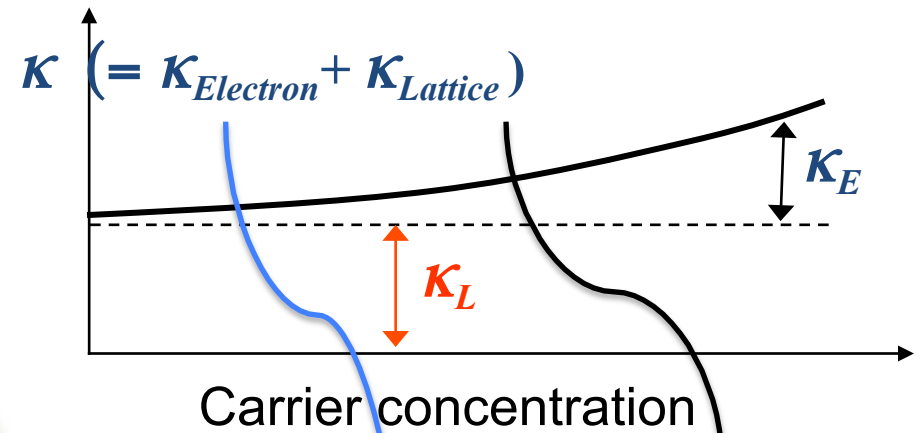
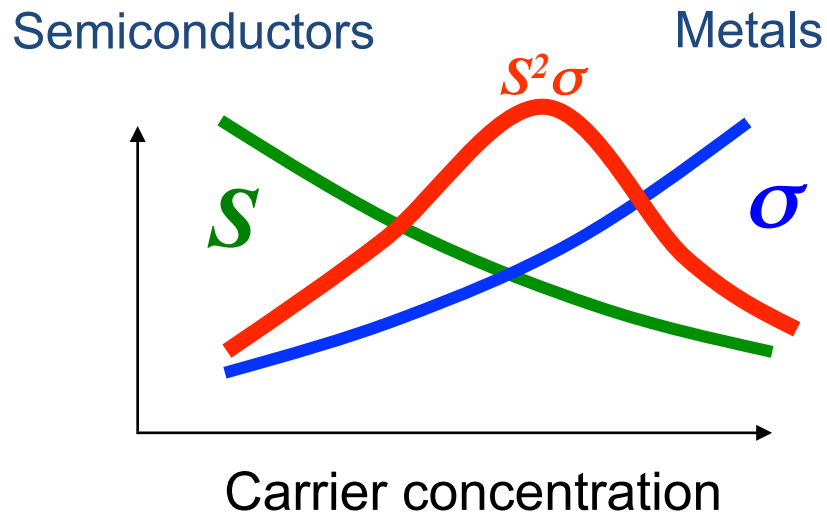


$$ZT = \frac{S^2 \sigma T}{k}$$



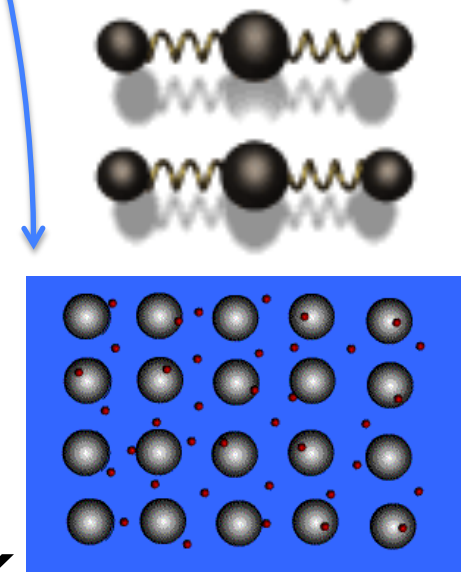
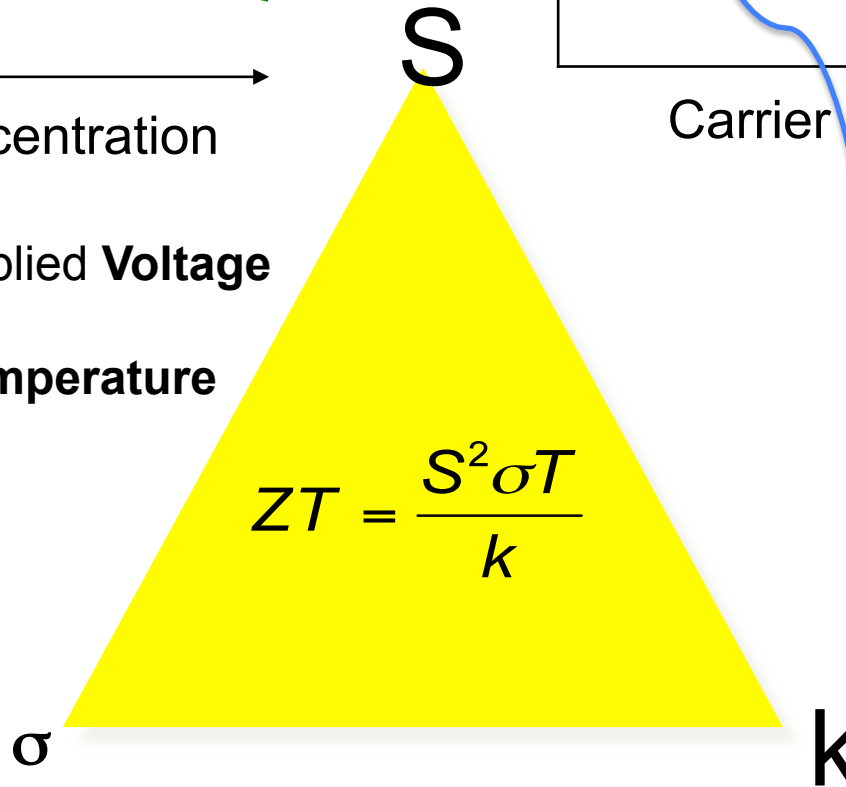
# Mission Impossible ??

## Dealing with Contra-indicating Phenomena



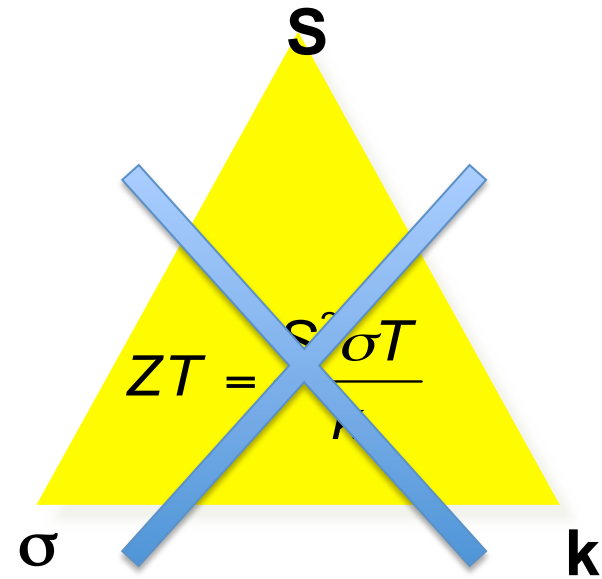
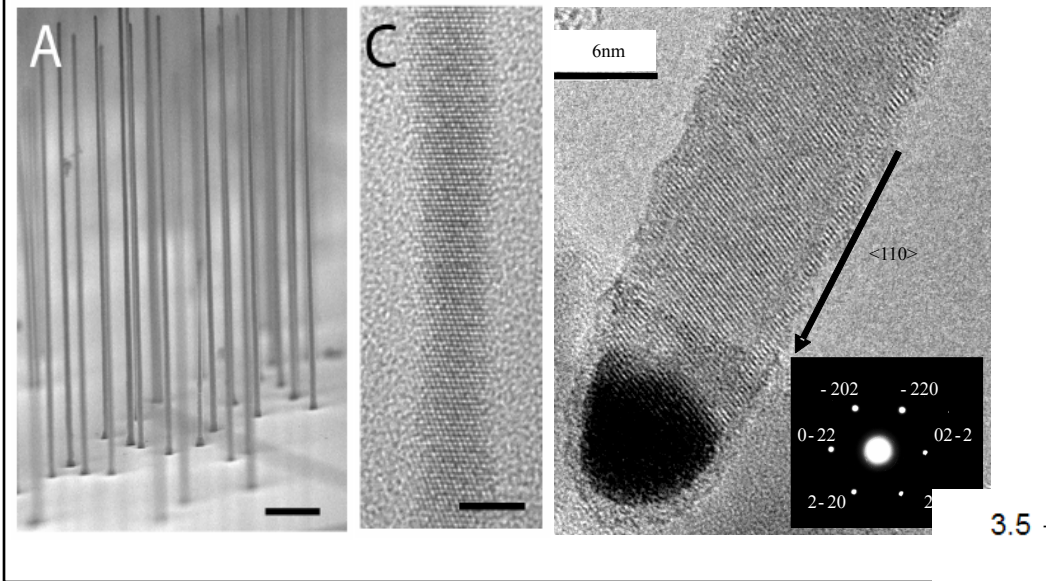
$\sigma$  Current due to applied Voltage

$S$  Voltage due to Temperature difference

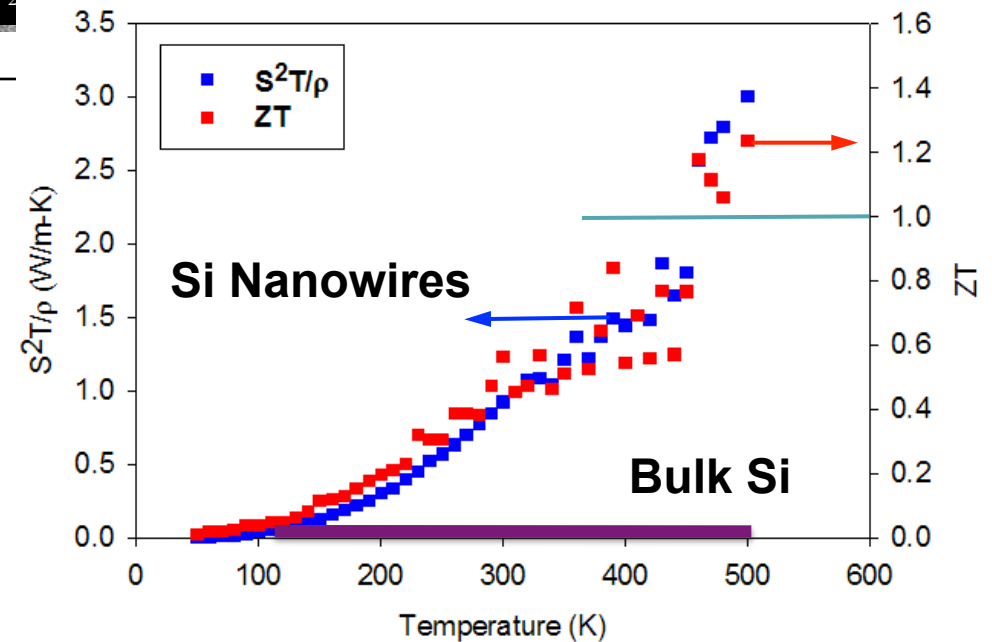


# Nano : Accomplishing the “Impossible”

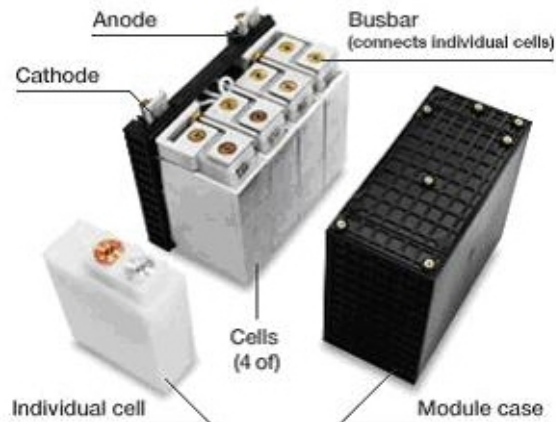
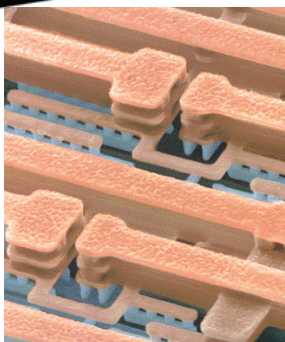
Si nanowires do the trick!!



Peidong Yang  
Matt Scullin (Berkeley)



# Energy and Information Storage

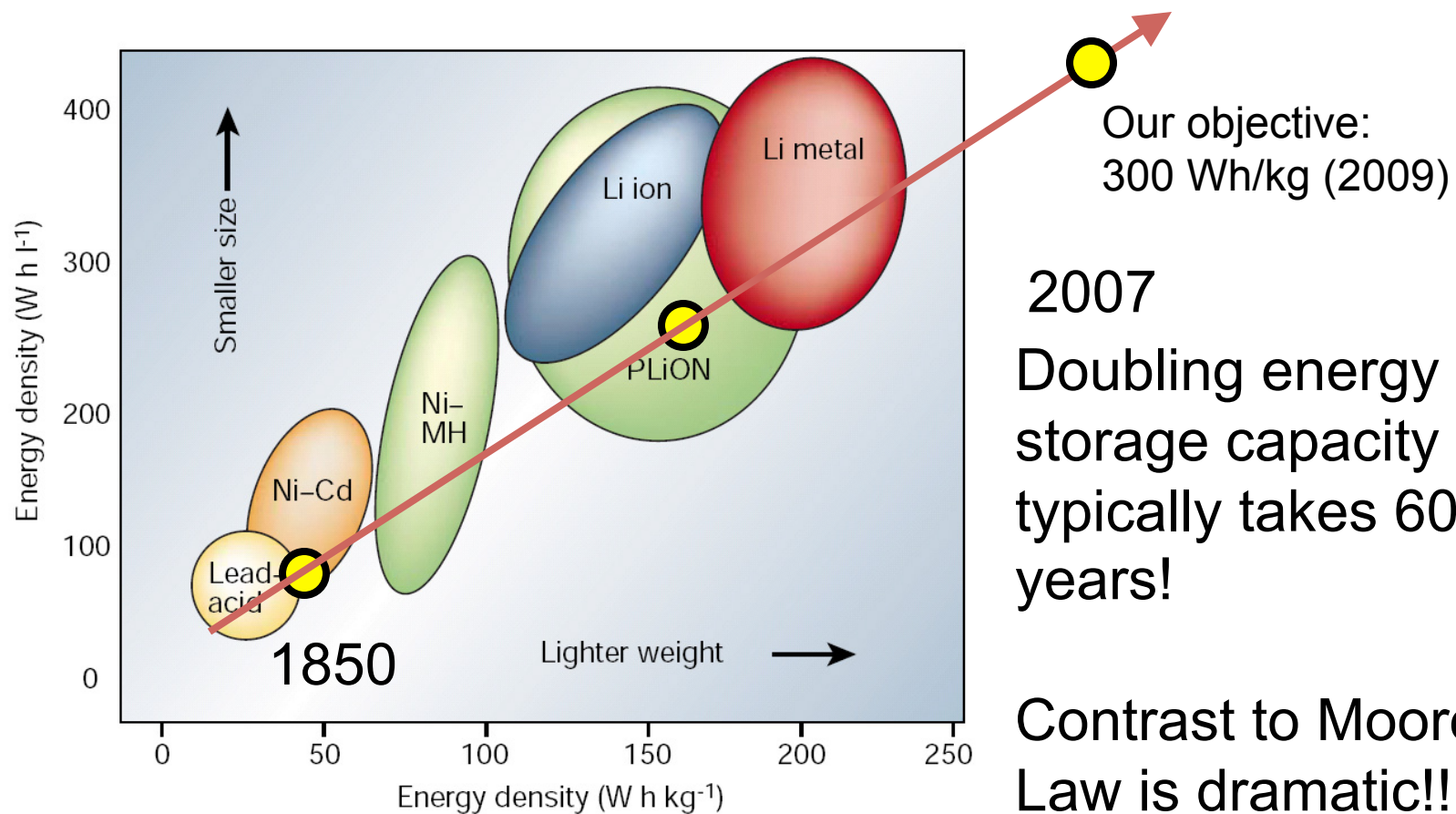


**DRAMs : Solid State Memories**  
**Very reliable!!**

**Batteries**  
**Can they be recharged infinitely??**  
**Can they last for ever??**



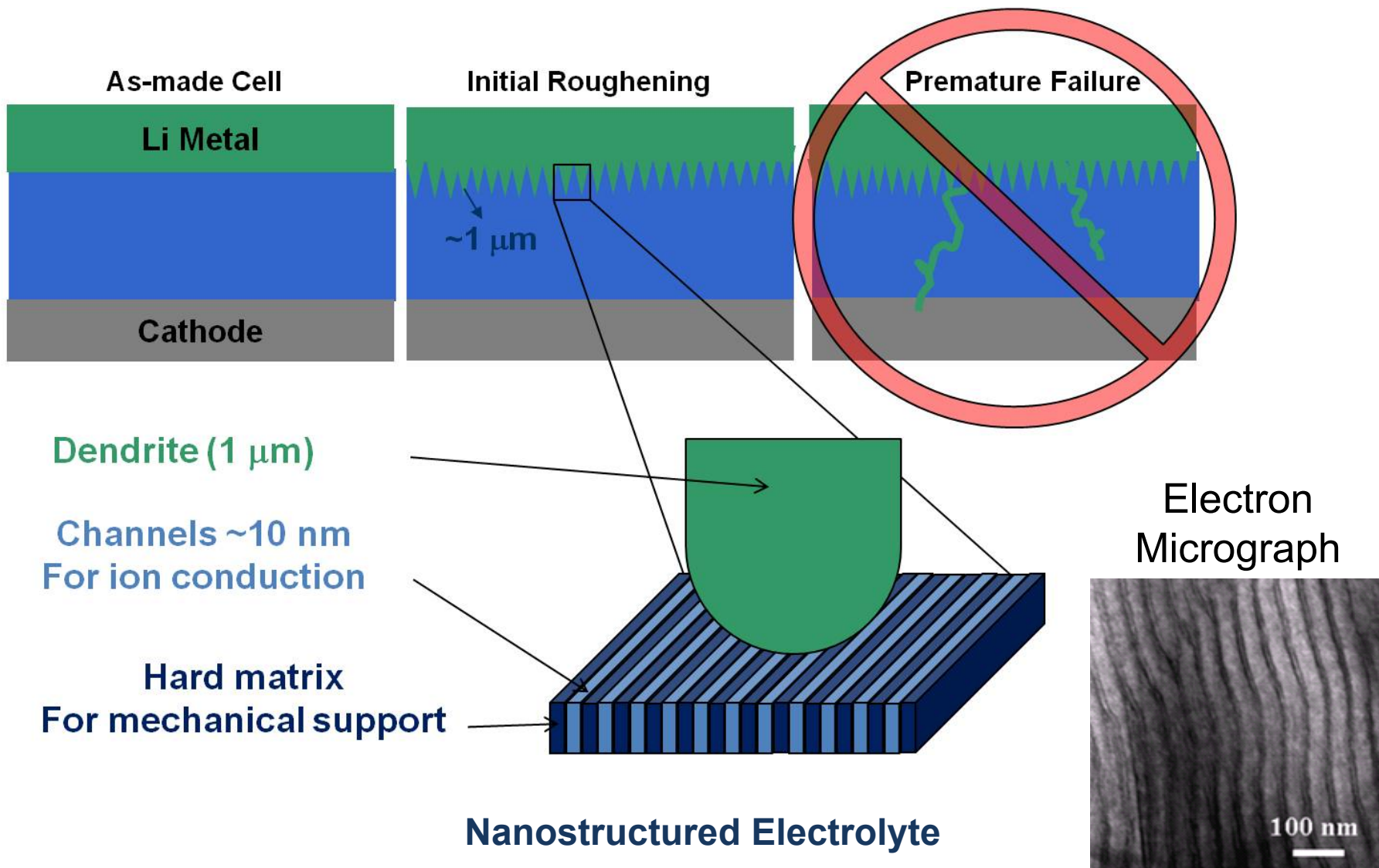
# Energy Storage : Batteries and Beyond



Tarascon, J.-M.; Armand, M. *Nature*  
**2001**, *414*, 359

Courtesy: Nitash Balsara, UCB/LBL

# Solving Fundamental Limitations with Nanoscience



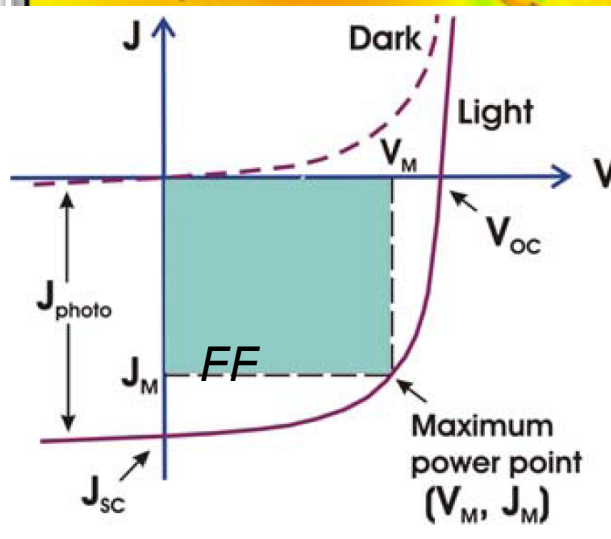
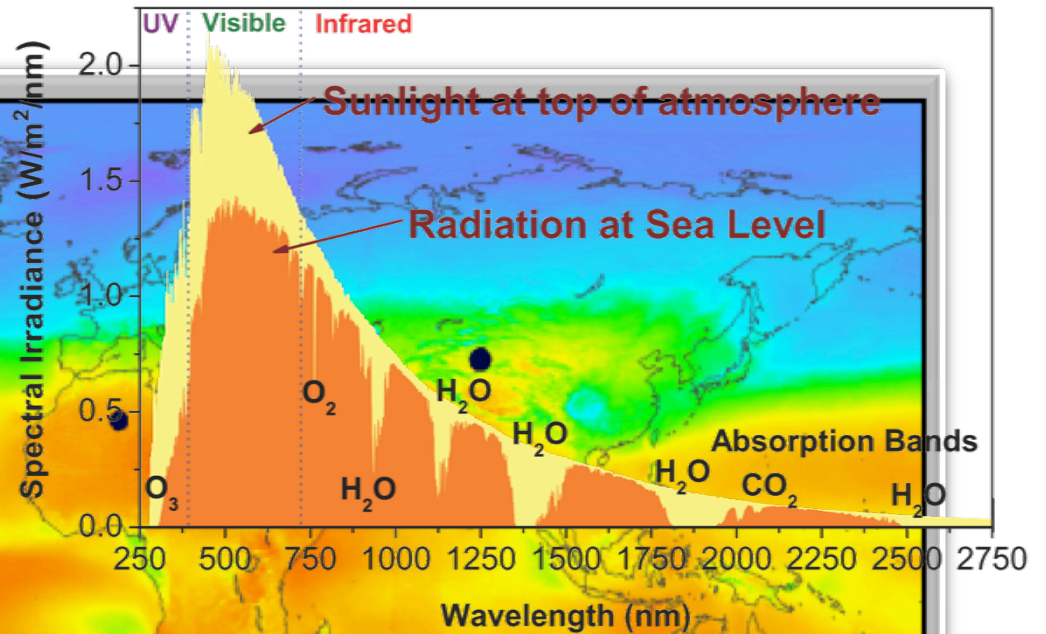
Batteries based on this invention are being taken to market by Seeo, Inc.

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# Capturing the power of the sun

- Global power consumption ~16 TW, expected to double by 2050
- Sun provides 120,000 TW at Earth's surface
- Covering 0.16% of Earth's surface with 10% efficient modules would provide 20 TW power

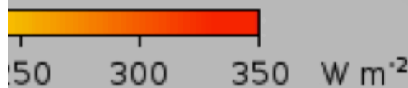
Lewis et al. *Basic Research Needs for Solar Energy Utilization*, DOE (2005)



Efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{J_{SC} V_{OC} * FF}{P_{SUN}} * 100$$

2006



$\Sigma \bullet = 18 \text{ TWe}$

# Can Solar Energy be “dirt cheap”??

## Twenty Most Abundant Elements in the Earth's Upper Crust



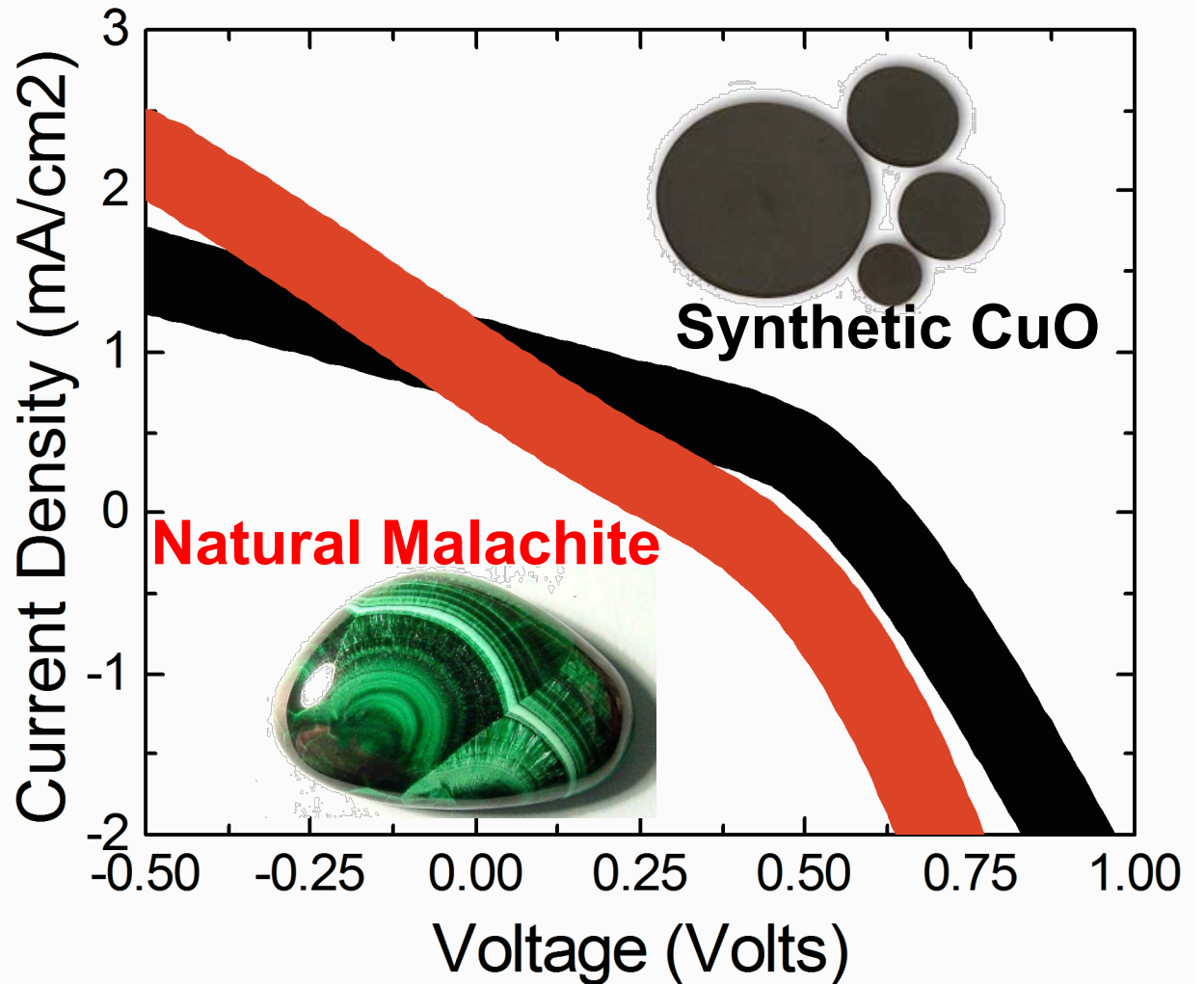
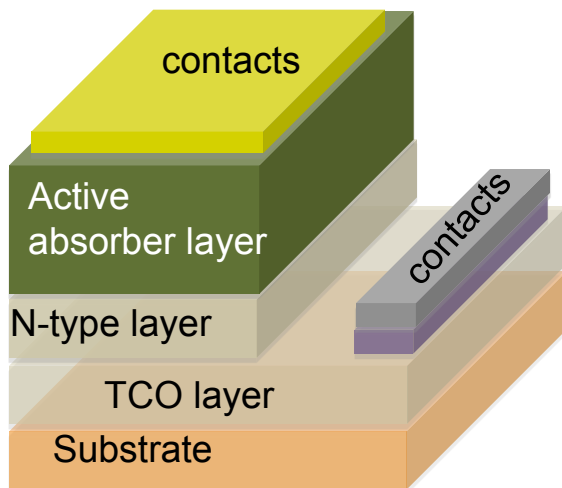
Element	Abundance	Annual Production (Tons)	Element	Abundance	Annual Production (Tons)
1) O	46.6%	10 <sup>8</sup>	11) P	0.11	1.53x10 <sup>8</sup>
2) Si	27.7%	3.88x10 <sup>6</sup> (5000)	12) Mn	0.098	6.22x10 <sup>6</sup>
3) Al	8.17%	1.5x10 <sup>7</sup>	13) C	0.074	8.6x10 <sup>9</sup>
4) Fe	5.22%	7.16x10 <sup>8</sup>	14) F	0.059	
5) Ca	4.11%	1.12x10 <sup>8</sup> (CaO)	15) Ba	0.044	6x10 <sup>6</sup>
6) Na	2.51%	2x10 <sup>5</sup>	16) S	0.041	5.4x10 <sup>7</sup>
7) Mg	2.34	3.5x10 <sup>5</sup>	17) Sr	0.037	1.37x10 <sup>5</sup>
8) K	2.17	200	18) Zr	0.018	7x10 <sup>3</sup>
9) Ti	0.57%	9.9x10 <sup>4</sup>	19) W	0.016	4.51x10 <sup>4</sup>
10) H	0.14%		20) V	0.014	7x10 <sup>3</sup>

Top 10 most widely produced (Millions of tons):

• C (8,600), Fe(716), P (153), Ca (112), S (54), Cu (6.45), Mn (6.22), Ba (6.0), Zn (5.02), Si (5.02, only 0.005 electronic grade)

**Rock forming elements – found in Earth's crust, typically in oxide form... Fossil Fuel-like PV**

# Solar cells from Natural Minerals?



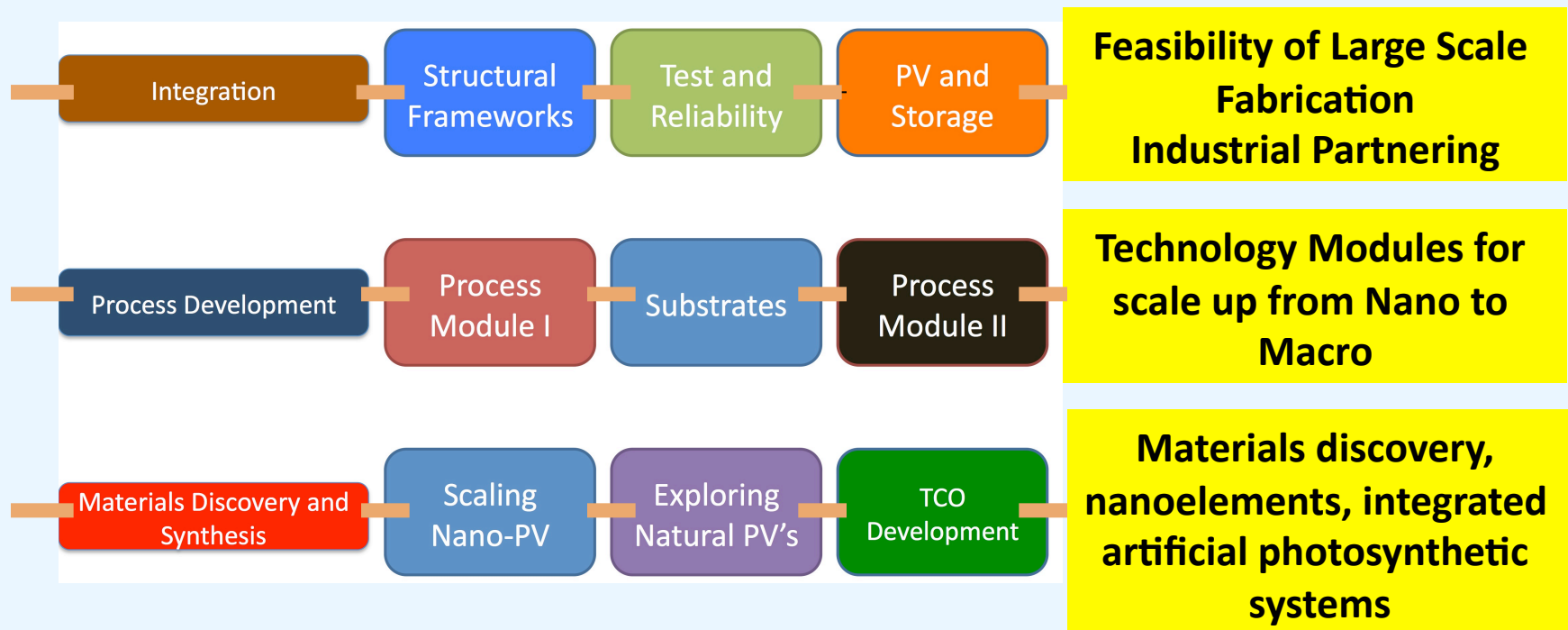
Collaboration among physicists, chemists, materials scientists and device engineers

# A “Hub” for Solar Energy

Materials  
Process  
Product

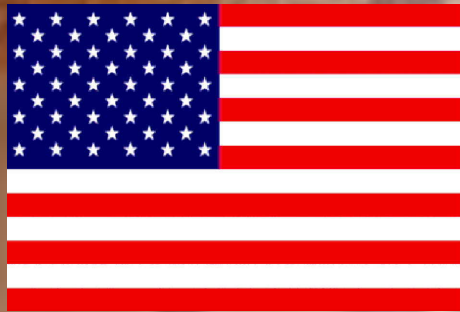
## Bay Area PV Consortium (BAPVC)

Nano to Kilo: Meeting the Solar Energy Challenge



UC Berkeley, Stanford, LBNL, SLAC, NREL, Industry Partners

# RISE : The Power of Partnerships



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ON ENERGY &  
ENVIRONMENT



# Initiatives within RISE

## Conversion

Solar Energy to  
Electricity, Fuel

## Storage

Thermal Storage  
Batteries

## Supply and Demand

- Conversion
- Efficiency
- Storage
- Transport

## Efficiency

Thermoelectrics

## Efficiency

Technologies for  
Smart Green  
Buildings

## Policy and Market Transformation

Clean Energy – Power Sector



# Long Term Vision



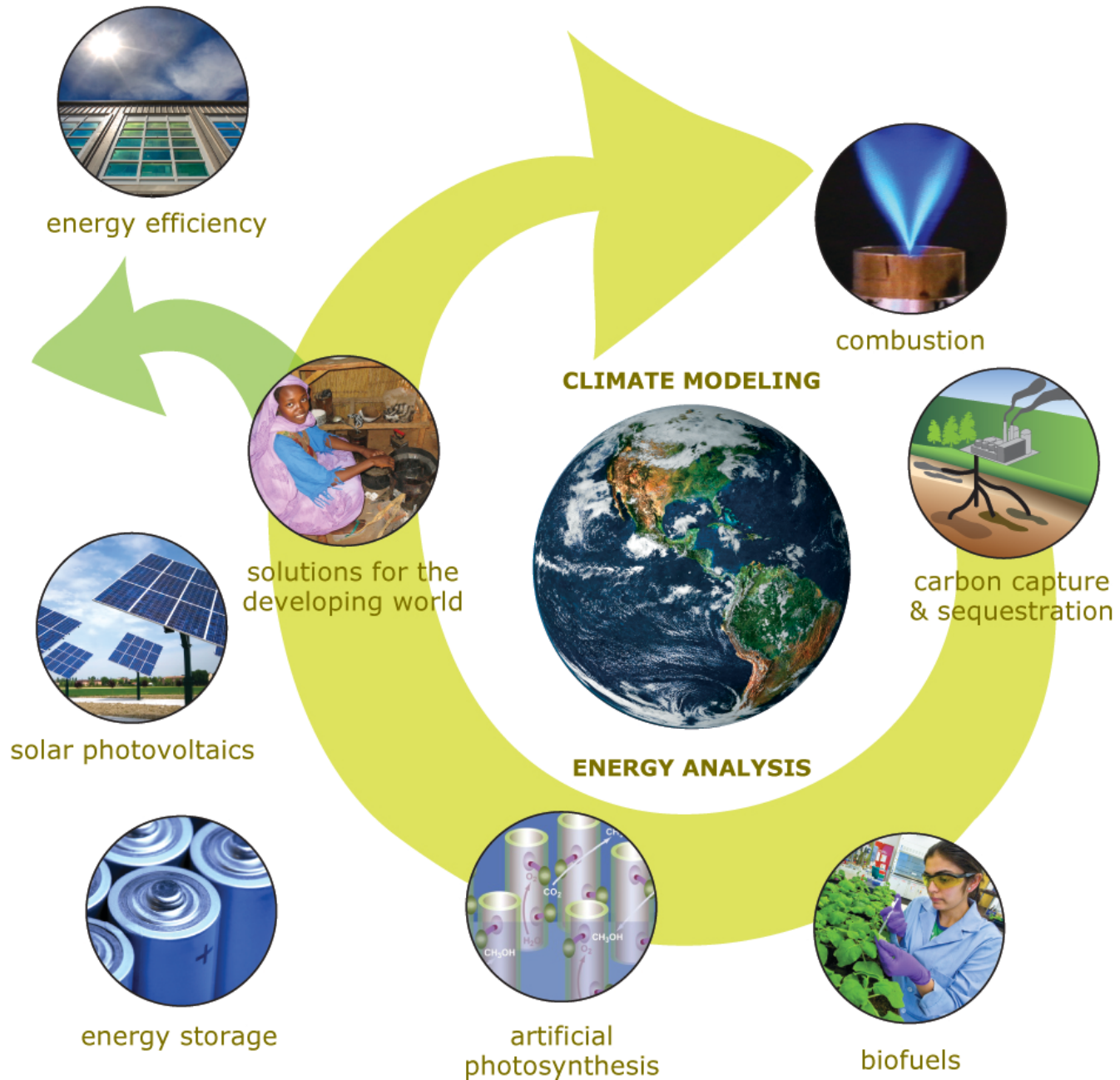
**Explore Science and  
Technology of Matter  
within the broad  
Energy Framework**

**Exploit basic science  
to stimulate device  
technologies**

**Science, Technology  
and Energy Policy**

**Partnerships  
National labs,  
Academia, Industry,  
International**

# Impacting the Energy Landscape



# Research Institute for Sustainable Energy (RISE)

## Core Competencies

Theory and  
Computation  
Group

Materials  
Synthesis  
Group

Process  
Integration  
Group

Prototype  
Design  
Group

Science

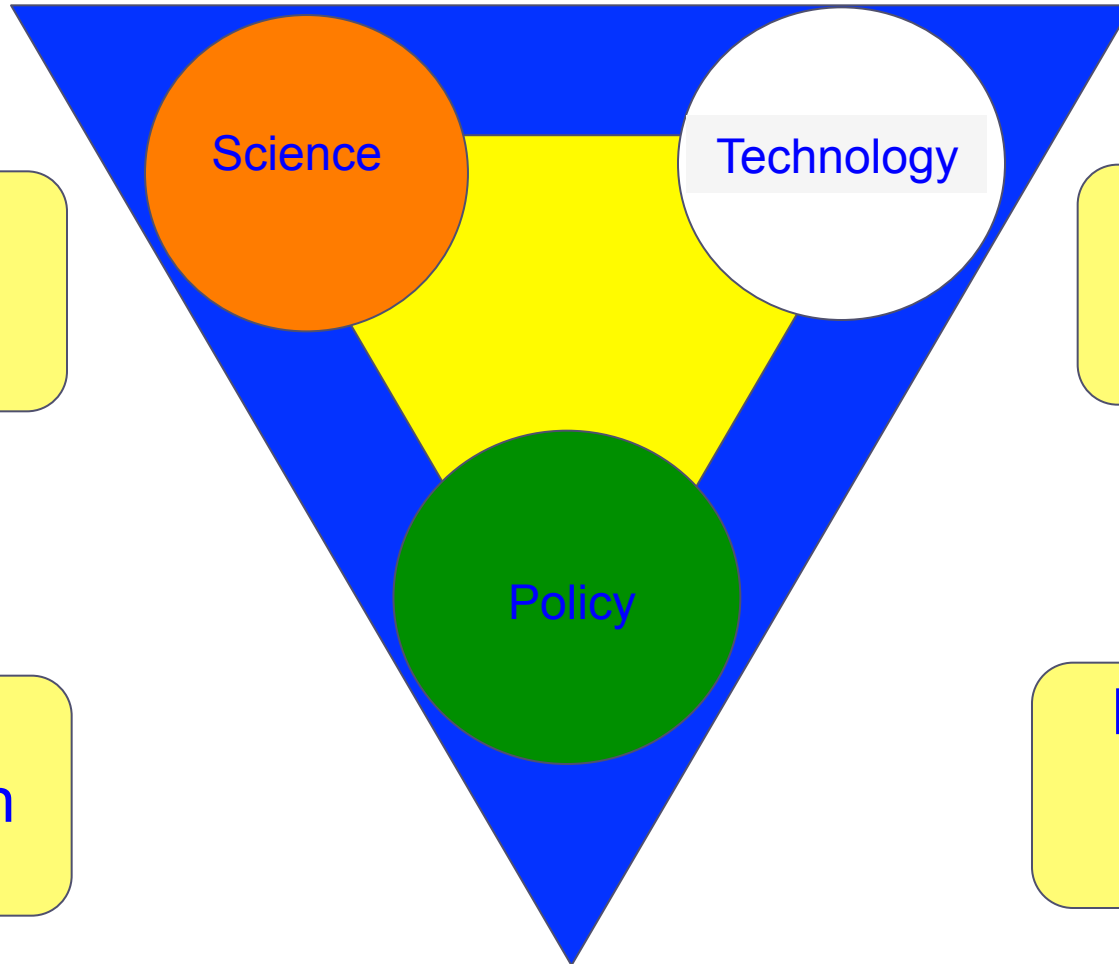
Technology

Advanced  
Metrology  
Group

Systems  
Integration  
Group

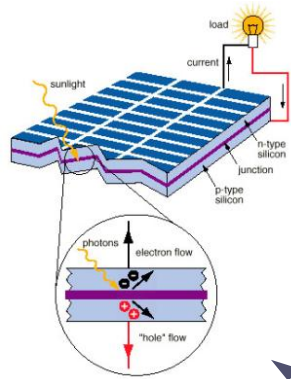
Policy

Policy and  
Analysis  
Group

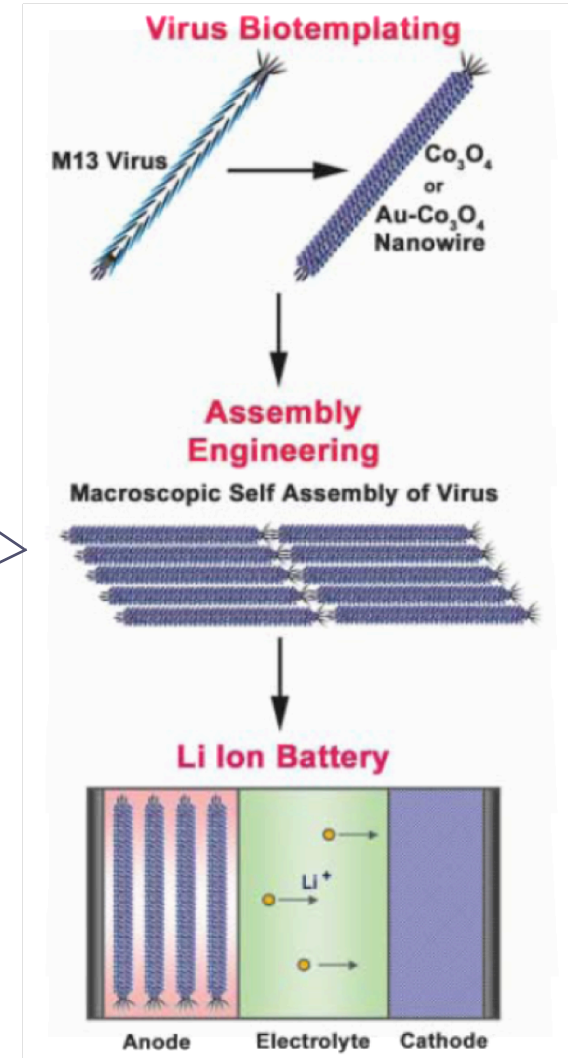


# Biomolecular Approaches to Energy Storage and Conversion

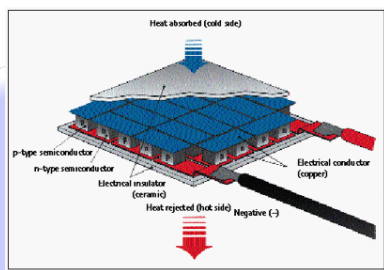
- Interface between biological systems and materials
- Biological systems
- Bioinspired synthesis
- Expand existing systems



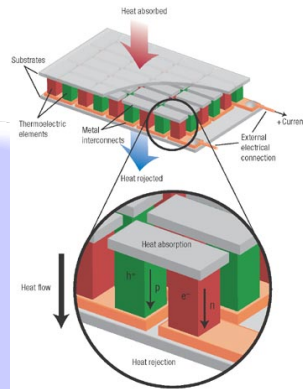
Biologically assisted production of Photovoltaics



Nam, et al. *Science* 312, 885 (2006)



Self-assembly recognition



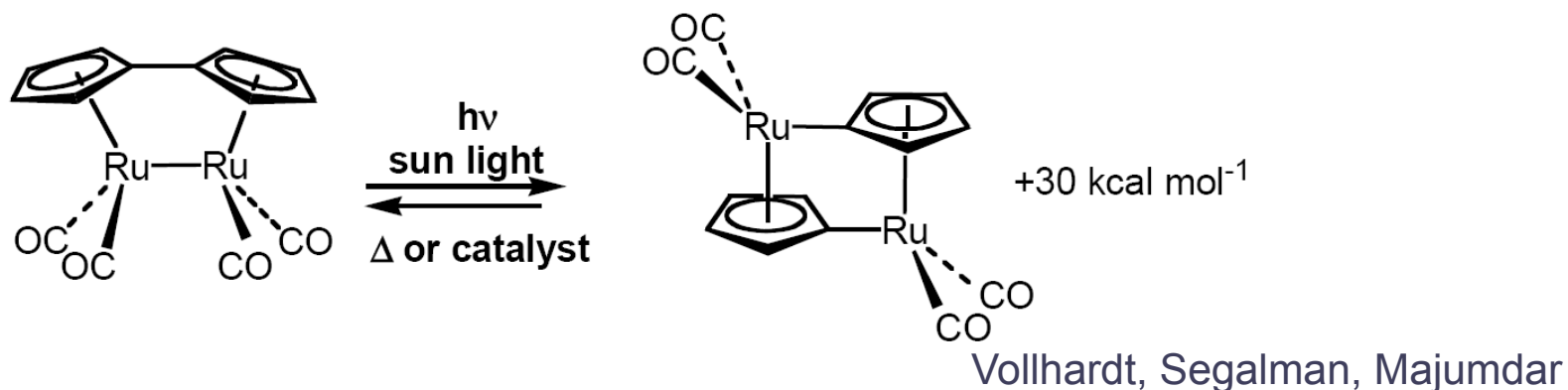
Biologically assisted production of Thermoelectrics

Lee, Zuckerman,...

Engineering: Amplification Fabrication Templated growth

# Energy Storage in Phase Transitions

Explore reversible, controllable phase transformations using light to store energy ...

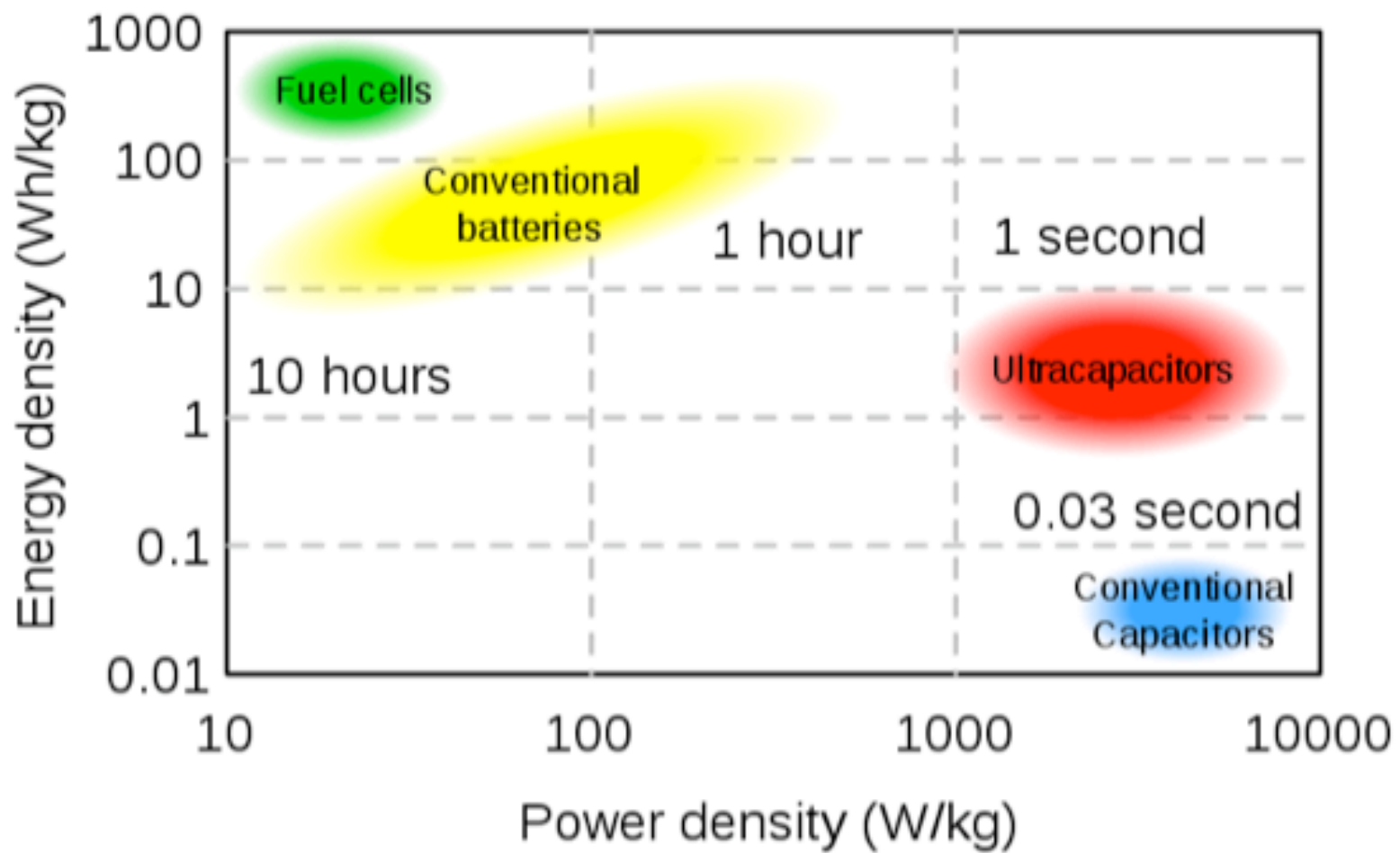


- Capture Solar Energy
- Store in Chemical/Structural/  
Electronic/ Phase Trans

- Release Energy into  
Electrical/Magnetic /Thermal  
Cycle
- Return to Original State

**Vollhardt, Urban,  
Segalman,...**

- Electrocalorics
- Magnetocalorics
- Other Phase Transitions??



# The Energy Landscape

