

# Solid State Energy Storage Devices: A Perspective

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## Abstract

Also highlighted is the wettability of Li metal, the most promising anode material, with LLZO. The internal short circuit issue with the ASSB caused by Li metal penetrating through the LLZO pellet during charge as well as discharge cycles is the last topic we'd like to cover. It's crucial to understand this phenomena in order to develop useful all-solid-state batteries. Practically, attention will be given to the garnet electrolyte  $\text{Li}_7\text{La}_3\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_{12}$  (LLZO), which is considered as the most promising solid electrolyte. Second, because of the surface nature of LLZO pellets, several deposition processes, including as chemical vapor deposition (CVD) but also physical vapor deposition (PVD), are utilized to create electrode layers. Here, a brand-new aerosol deposition (AD) method for coating LLZO electrolyte with a cathode layer is described. In order to develop rechargeable batteries that are secure and have a high energy density, numerous organizations have conducted research on all solid state batteries (ASSB). Sulfides and oxides are the two primary categories of inorganic electrolytes employed in ASSB. We'll go through the most recent developments in ASSB using oxide electrolytes. From the perspectives of  $\text{Li}^+$  conductivity, high chemical stability, plus compatibility for Li metal anode, the state of solid electrolytes will first be reviewed.

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## I. Introduction

Lead acid battery charging is a challenging process that, like charging other battery, if done wrong may dramatically shorten the battery's lifespan. As we have seen, if the charging is done at a voltage that is too high, water loss will occur. There are varying opinions on the optimum method to charge lead acid batteries, thus it is crucial to ask the manufacturer for guidance after a battery has been selected. Multiple stages charging is the lead acid battery charging method that is most often utilized. This procedure involves charging the battery until the cell voltage reaches a certain level. Afterwards the

current is turned off. as well as the current is then turned back on after allowing the cell voltage to drop to another specified level.

Two or more electric cells connected together form a battery. Chemical energy is transformed into electrical energy by the cells. Positive and negative electrodes are connected because of an electrolyte to form the cells. DC electricity is produced by the chemical interaction between the electrodes as well as the electrolyte. With secondary or rechargeable batteries, the chemical process may be stopped by switching the current, which will charge the battery once again. While there are several types of rechargeable batteries, the "lead acid" battery is the most used. There are a huge variety of materials and electrolytes that may be mixed to produce a battery, but the initial electric car employing rechargeable batteries was developed more than 25 years before the creation of the rechargeable lead acid battery. Just a tiny number of combinations, nevertheless, have been made into commercial rechargeable electric batteries that may be used in automobiles. Currently, they include sodium sulphur, sodium metal chloride, lead acid, nickel iron, nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium polymer, and lithium iron. The many forms of energy storage technologies are discussed in this lecture. This lecture covers the following subjects:

- Overview of Batteries
- Battery Parameters
- Lead acid batteries
- Lithium ion batteries
- Metal air batteries
- Battery Charging

After the electric bus designer's point of opinion the cordless can be preserved as a "black box which has a range of performance criteria. These criteria will include:

- specific energy
- energy density
- specific power
- typical voltages
- amp hour efficiency
- energy efficiency
- commercial availability
- cost, operating temperatures
- self-discharge rates
- number of life cycles
- recharge rates

The designer also needs to understand how energy availability varies with regard to:

- ambient temperature
- charge and discharge rates
- battery geometry
- optimum temperature
- charging methods
- cooling needs

However, at least a basic understanding of the battery chemistry is very important, otherwise the performance and maintenance requirements of the different types, and most of the disappointments connected with battery use, such as their limited life, self-discharge, reduced efficiency at higher currents.

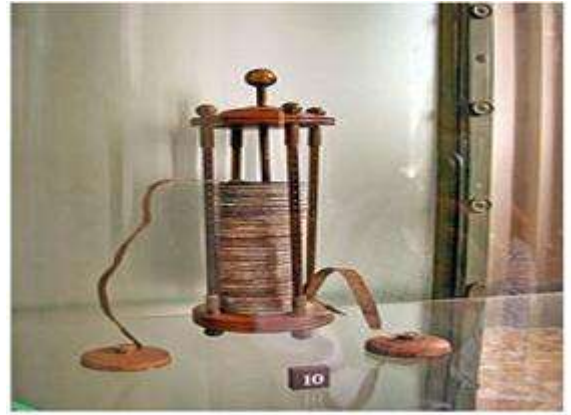
## II. History of The Battery

One important classification for batteries is by their life cycle. Primary batteries can produce current as soon as assembled, but once the active elements are consumed, they cannot be electrically recharged. The development of the lead-acid battery and subsequent "secondary" or "rechargeable" types allowed energy to be restored to the cell, extending the life of permanently assembled cells. The introduction of nickel and lithium based batteries in the latter 20th century made the development of innumerable portable electronic devices feasible, from powerful flashlights to mobile phones. Very large stationary batteries find some applications in grid energy storage, helping to stabilize electric power

distribution networks.

Batteries provided the main source of electricity before the development of electric generators and electrical grids around the end of the 19th century. Successive improvements in battery technology facilitated major electrical advances, from early scientific studies to the rise of telegraphs and telephones, eventually leading to portable computers, mobile phones, electric cars, and many other electrical devices.

Scientists and engineers developed several commercially important types of battery. Wet cells were open containers that held liquid electrolyte and metallic electrodes. When the electrodes were completely consumed, the wet cell was renewed by replacing the electrodes and electrolyte. Open containers are unsuitable for mobile or portable use. Wet cells were used commercially in the telegraph and telephone systems. Early electric cars used semi-sealed wet cells.

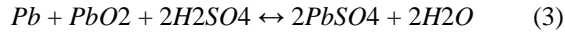


A voltaic pile, the first chemical battery

## III. Energy Storage Batteries

The best known and most widely used battery for electric vehicles is the lead acid battery. Lead acid batteries are widely used in IC engine vehicles and as such are well known. However for electric vehicles, more robust lead acid batteries that withstand deep cycling and use a gel rather than a liquid electrolyte are used. These batteries are more expensive to produce. In the lead acid cells the negative plates have a spongy lead as their active material, whilst the positive plates have an active material of lead

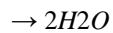
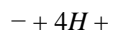
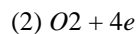
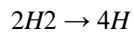
dioxide. The plates are immersed in an electrolyte of dilute sulphuric acid. The sulphuric acid combines with the lead and the lead oxide to produce lead sulphate and water, electrical energy being released during the process. The overall reaction is:



The reactions on each electrode of the battery. In the upper part of the diagram the battery is discharging. Both electrode reactions result in the formation of lead sulphate. The electrolyte gradually loses the sulphuric acid, and becomes more dilute. When being charged, as in the lower half and the electrodes revert to lead and lead dioxide. The electrolyte also recovers sulphuric acid, and the concentration rises. The lead acid battery is the most commonly used rechargeable battery in anything but the smallest of systems. The main reasons for this are that the main constituents (lead, sulphuric acid, a plastic container)", are affordable, that it functions dependably, as well as a cell voltage that is quite high at around 2V.

#### IV. Hydrogen Fuel Cells: Elementary Ideologies

*Electrode reactions* "We have seen that the basic principle of the fuel cell is the release of energy following a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen. The key difference between this and simply burning the gas is that the energy is released as an electric current, rather than heat. How is this electric current produced? To understand this we need to consider the separate reactions taking place at each electrode. These important details vary for different types of fuel cell, but if we start with a cell based on an acid electrolyte, we shall consider the simplest and the most common type. At the anode of an acid electrolyte fuel cell the hydrogen gas ionizes, releasing electrons and creating H<sup>+</sup> ions (or protons).



(3) Clearly, for both these reactions to proceed continuously, electrons produced at the anode must

pass through an electrical circuit to the cathode. Also, H<sup>+</sup> ions must pass through the electrolyte. An acid is a fluid with free H<sup>+</sup> ions, and so serves this purpose very well. Certain polymers can also be made to contain mobile H<sup>+</sup> ions.

#### V. Different Electrolytes

The situation now is that six classes of fuel cell have emerged as viable systems for the present and near future. Basic information about these systems is given in Table I. As well as facing up to different problems, the various fuel types also try to play to the strengths of fuel cells in different ways. The PEM fuel cell capitalizes on the essential simplicity of the fuel cell. The electrolyte is a solid polymer, in which protons are mobile. The chemistry is the same as the

acid electrolyte fuel cell of Fig. 1. With a solid and immobile electrolyte, this type of cell is inherently simple; it is the type that shows by far the most promise for vehicles, and is the type used on all the most impressive demonstration fuel cell vehicles. This type of fuel cell is the main focus of this chapter. PEM fuel cells run at quite low temperatures, so the problem of slow reaction rates has to be addressed by using sophisticated catalysts and electrodes.

The reactions given above may seem simple enough, but they do not proceed rapidly in normal circumstances. Also, the fact that hydrogen has to be used as a fuel is a disadvantage. To solve these and other problems many different fuel cell types have been tried. The different types are usually distinguished by the electrolyte that is used, though there are always other important differences as well.

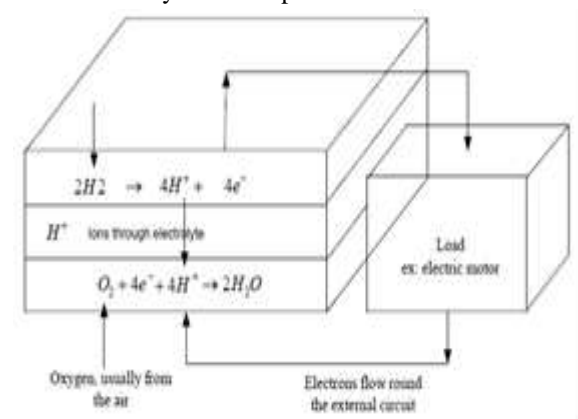


Table I: Data for different types of fuel cell

Fuel cell type	Mobile ion	Operating temp.	Applications and notes
Alkaline (AFC)	OH <sup>-</sup>	50-200 C	Used in space vehicles, e.g. Apollo, Shuttle
Proton exchange membrane (PEMFC)	H <sup>+</sup>	30-100 C	Vehicles and mobile applications, and for lower power CHP systems
Direct methanol (DMFC)	H <sup>+</sup>	20-90 C	Suitable for portable electronic systems of low power, running for long times
Phosphoric acid (PAFC)	H <sup>+</sup>	220 C	Large numbers of 200kW CHP systems in use
Molten carbonate (MCFC)	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	650 C	Suitable for medium to large scale CHP systems, up to MW capacity
Solid oxide (SOFC)	O <sup>2-</sup>	500-1000 C	Suitable for all sizes of CHP systems, 1 kW to multi MW

Platinum is the catalyst, but developments in recent years mean that only minute amounts are used, and the cost of the platinum is a small part of the total price of a PEM fuel cell. One theoretically very attractive solution to the hydrogen supply problem is to use methanol as a fuel instead. This can be done in the PEM fuel cell, and such cells are called direct methanol fuel cells. Direct because they use the methanol as the fuel as it is, in liquid form, as opposed to extracting the hydrogen from the methanol using one of the methods. Unfortunately these cells have very low power, and for the foreseeable future at least their use will be restricted to applications requiring slow and steady generation of electricity over long periods. A demonstration DMFC powered go-kart has been built, but really the only likely application of this type of cell in the near future is in the rapidly growing area of portable electronics equipment. Although PEM fuel cells were used on the first manned spacecraft, the alkaline fuel cell was used on the Apollo and is used on the Shuttle Orbiter. The problem of slow reaction rate is overcome by using highly porous electrodes, with a platinum catalyst, and sometimes by operating at quite high pressures. Although some historically important alkaline fuel cells have operated at about 200°C, they more usually operate below 100°C. The alkaline fuel cell has been used by a few demonstration electric vehicles, always in hybrid systems with a battery. They can be made more cheaply than PEMFCs, but they are lower in power, and the electrolyte reacts with carbon dioxide in the air, which make terrestrial applications difficult. Fuel cell electrodes

Fig. 2 is another representation of a fuel cell. Hydrogen is fed to one electrode, and oxygen, usually as air, to the other. A load is connected between the two electrodes, and current flows. However, in practice a fuel cell is far more complex than this. Normally the rate of reaction of both hydrogen and oxygen is very slow, which results in a low current, and so a low power. The three main ways of dealing with the slow reaction rates are: the use of suitable catalysts on the electrode, raising the temperature, and increasing the electrode area. The first two can be applied to any chemical reaction. However, the third is special to fuel cells and is very important. If we take a reaction such as that of Eq. 3, we see that oxygen gas, and H<sup>+</sup> ions from the electrolyte, and electrons from the circuit are needed, all three together. This ‘coming together’ must take place on the surface of the electrode. Clearly, the larger the electrode area, the more scope there is for this to happen and the greater the current. This is very important. Indeed, electrode area is such a vital issue that the performance of a fuel cell design is often quoted in terms of the current per cm<sup>2</sup>. The structure of the electrode is also important. It is made highly porous so that the real surface area is much greater than the normal length × width. As well as being a large surface area, and highly porous, a fuel cell electrode must also be coated with a catalyst layer. In the case of the PEMFC this is platinum, which is highly expensive. The catalyst thus needs to be spread out as finely as possible. This is normally done by supporting very fine particles of the catalyst on carbon particles”.

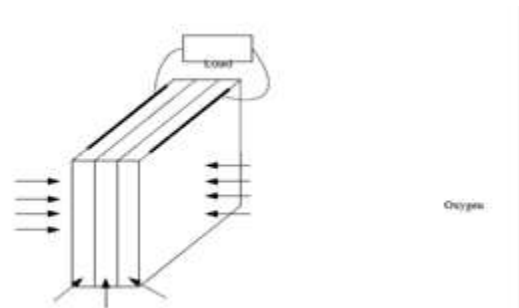


Fig. 2: Straightforward cathode-electrolyte-anode construction of a fuel cell

“The reactants need to be brought into contact with the catalyst, and a good electrical contact needs to be

made with the electrode surface. Also, in the case of the cathode, the product water needs to be removed. These tasks are performed by the gas diffusion layer, a porous and highly conductive material such as carbon felt or carbon paper, which is layered on the electrode surface.

## **VI. Alternative and Novel Energy Sources**

Photovoltaics Photovoltaic cells are devices that convert sunlight or solar energy into direct current electricity. They are usually found as flat panels, and such panels are now a fairly common sight, on buildings and powering roadside equipment, to say nothing of being on calculators and similar electronic equipment. They can also come as thin films, which can be curved around a car body. Solar radiation strikes the upper atmosphere with a value of  $1300\text{Wm}^{-2}$  but some of the radiation is lost in the atmosphere and by the time it reaches the Earth's surface it is less than  $1000\text{Wm}^{-2}$ , normally called a 'standard sun'. Even in hot sunny climates solar radiation is normally less than this. Typical solar radiation on a flat plate constantly turned towards the sun will average around  $750\text{Wm}^{-2}$  on a clear day in the tropics and around  $500\text{Wm}^{-2}$  in more hazy climates. For a flat plate such as a solar panel placed on a car roof, the sun will strike the plate at differing angles as the sun moves around the sky, which halves the amount of energy falling on the plate. The exact average will depend on the latitude, being larger on the equator and less at higher latitudes. Solarradiation is split into direct radiation which comes from the direction of the sun which is normally prominent on cloudless days, and indirect radiation which is solar radiation broken up by cloud and dust, comes from all directions and is prominent on cloudy days.

In addition to conventional electrical power sources for electric vehicles such as batteries and fuel cells, there is a range of alternative options including solar photovoltaics, wind driven generators, flywheels and supercapacitors. There are also older systems which may be important in the development of electric vehicles, particularly electric supply rails either with mechanical pick-ups or modern ones with an

inductive supply. In this lecture, considering stores of electrical energy, energy conversion devices, and energy transfer systems.

The following topics are covered in this lecture:

- Solar Photovoltaics
- Flywheels
- Supercapacitor Solar

## **VII. Conclusion**

Today, many researches have been started around the world. Unfortunately, we cannot precisely image the final design and materials for all solid state battery at this moment. But, there are many researches to clarify the interfacial and bulk phenomena taking place in all solid state battery. In future huge number of rechargeable batteries will be utilized to many applications, not only electric vehicle and smart grid, but also new portable applications. In such case, all solid state battery is suitable due to its extremely high durability, high safety and long cycle life. All solid state battery has been developed by using sulfide solid electrolyte and now the cell can be fabricated. Within a few years, the all solid state battery with sulfide solid electrolyte may be commercialized. However, the sulfide solid electrolyte has some disadvantages, such as high sensitivity to moisture and release of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  toxic gas". As a result, oxide solid electrolyte has to be studied. Some benefits of LLZO include its high stability towards Li metal as well as relatively good conductivity for  $\text{Li}^+$  ions.

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