

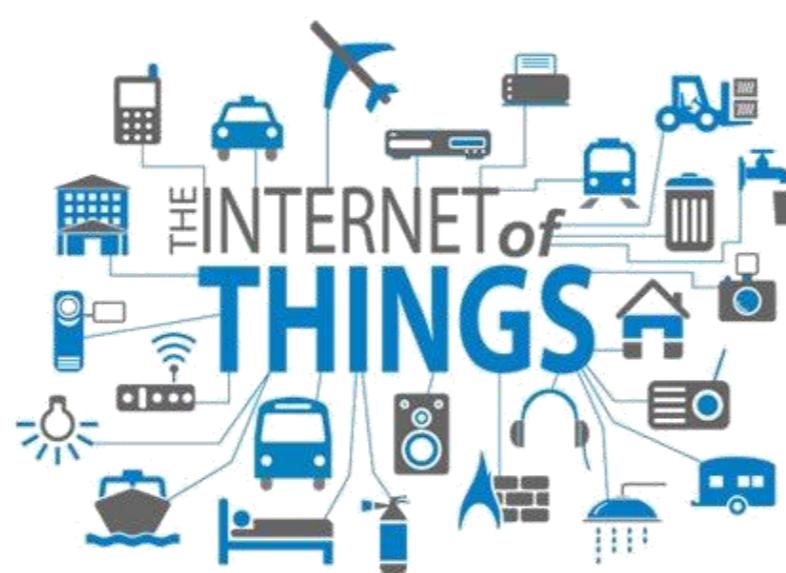
# Electrode and Electrolyte Materials for Thin Film Microbatteries

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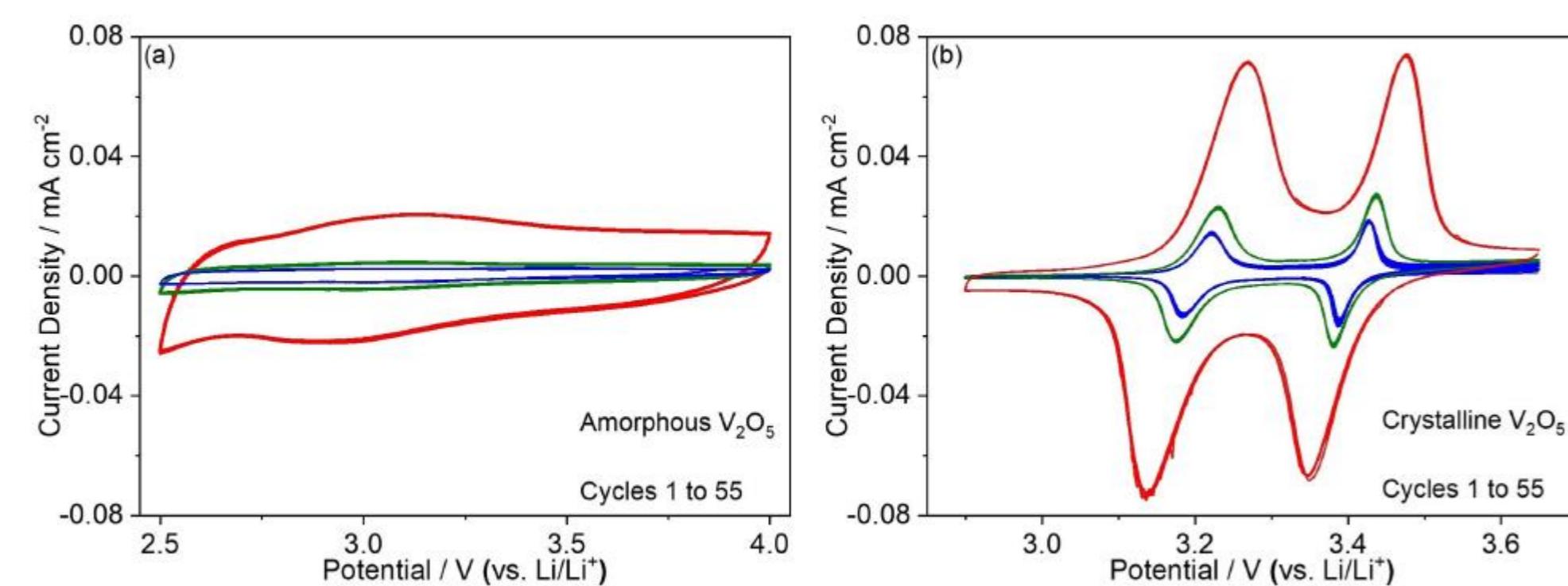
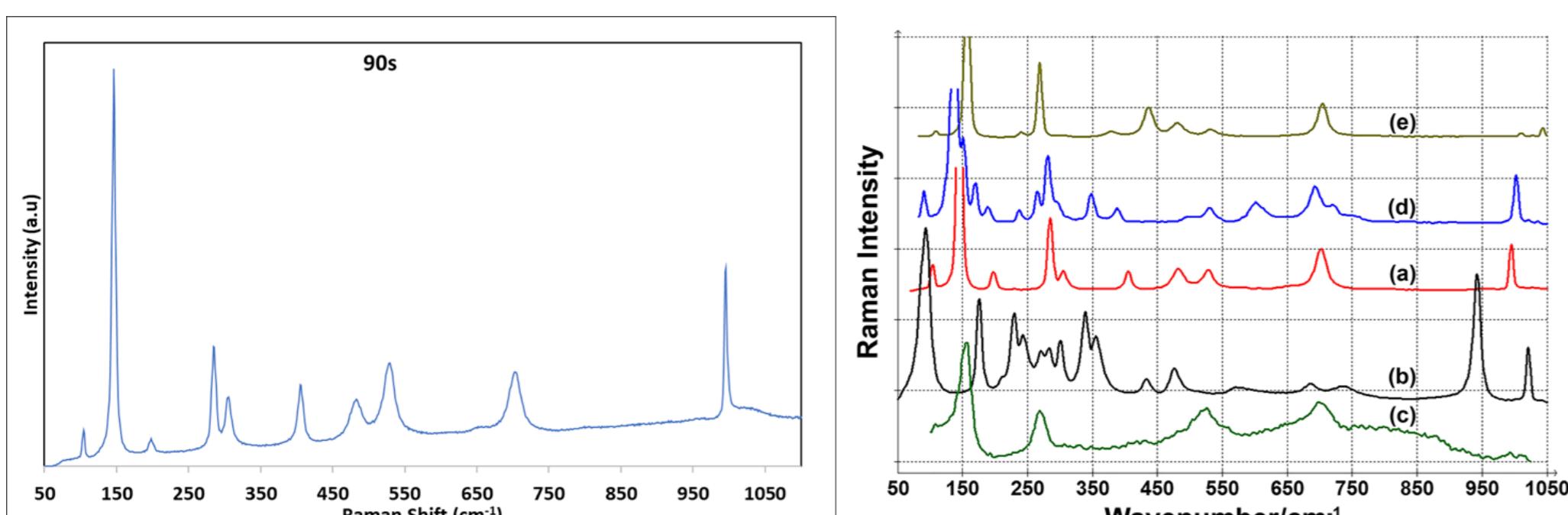
## Challenges facing IoT wireless sensors

To enable long-life Internet of Things (IoT) sensors need to integrate energy storage solutions with energy harvesters and appropriate power management systems.



## Electrodes for lithium microbatteries

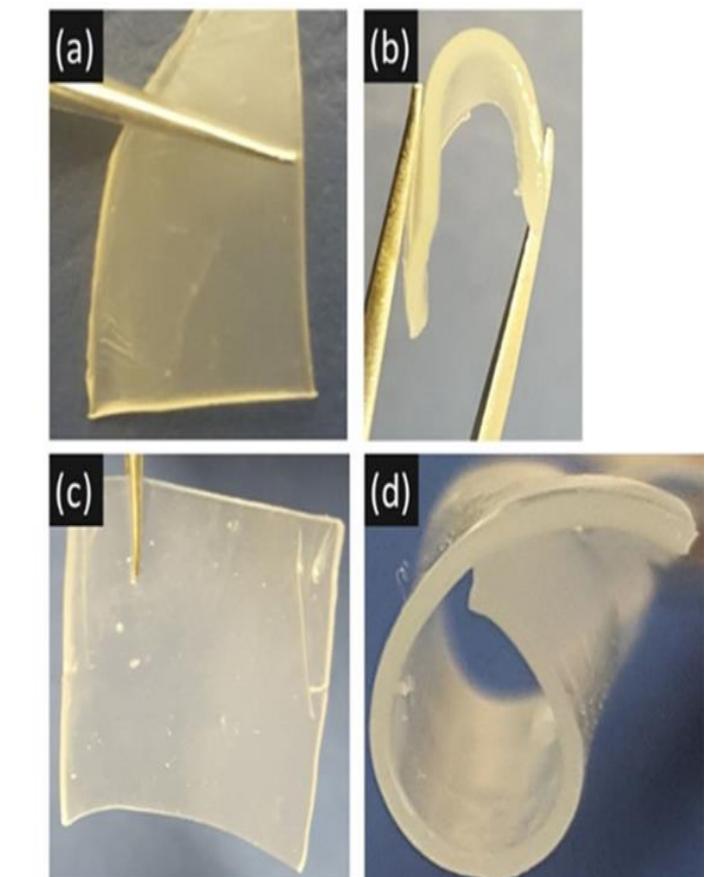
High energy density required for thin film microbatteries. Investigated Li metal anode and  $V_2O_5$  cathodes



Amorphous and crystalline plated  $V_2O_5$  cathodes

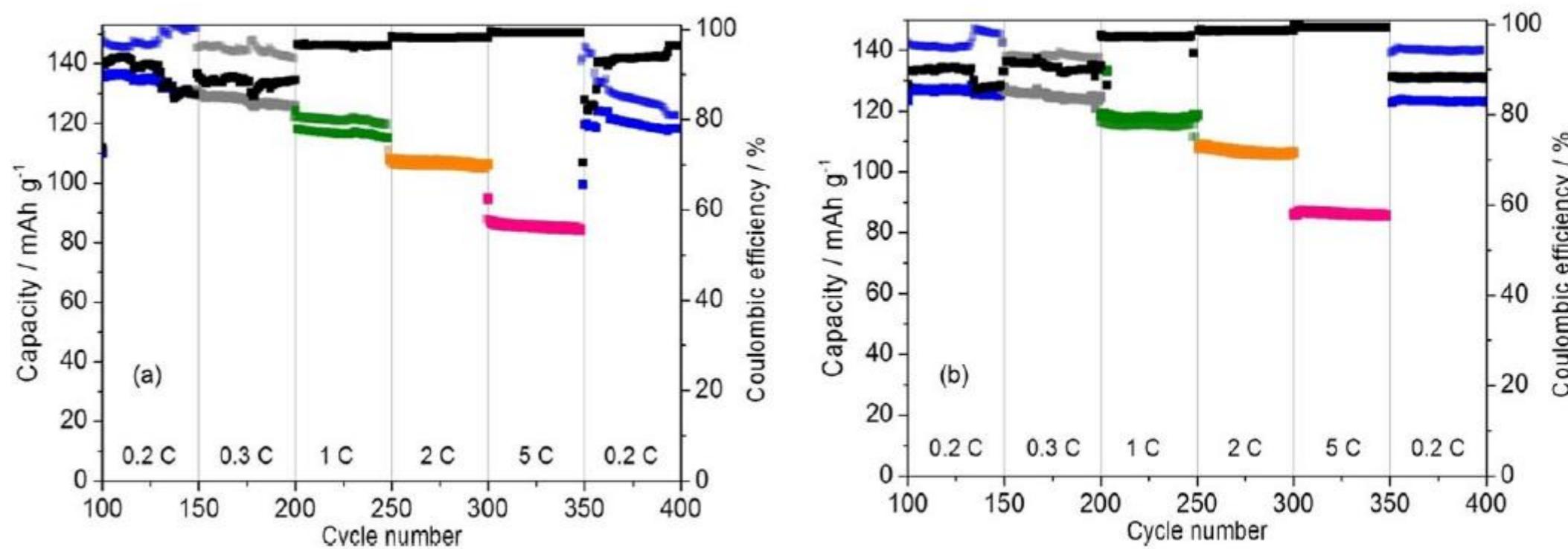
## Electrolytes for lithium metal microbatteries

Ionic liquid electrolytes and polymer gel versions can be utilized with lithium metal anodes and  $V_2O_5$  cathodes



## Full cell rate capability

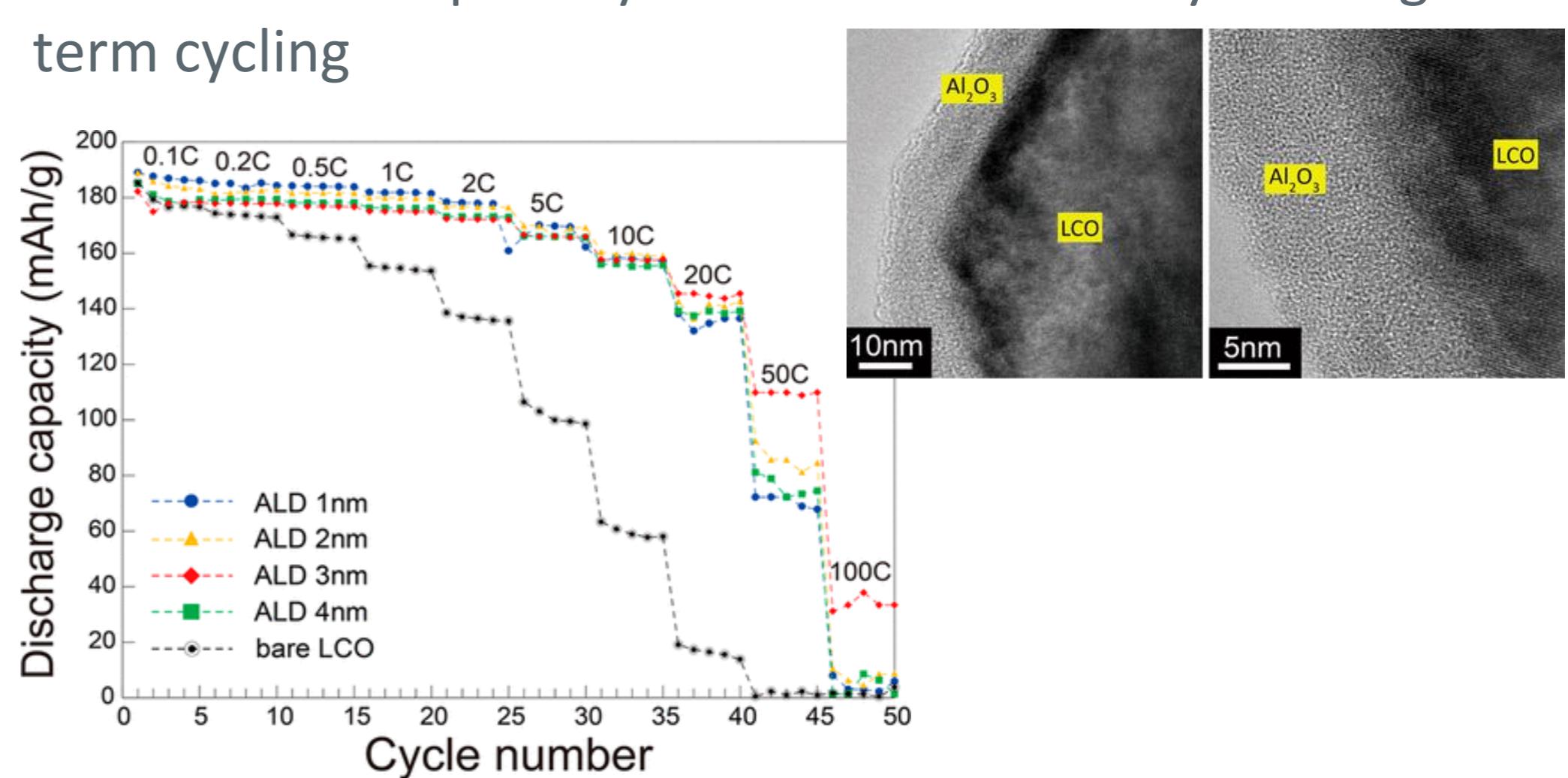
Cells with ionic liquid or polymer gel electrolyte retain high coulombic efficiency during high rate charge and discharge



Ionic liquid based 0.5 M LiTFSI in  $C_4$ mpyrTFSI and polymer gel with lithium metal anode and crystalline  $V_2O_5$  cathode

## Next steps

Interface engineering using atomic layer deposition to enhance rate capability and enhance stability for long term cycling



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