

Ionics+: Interfaces and Crosstalk

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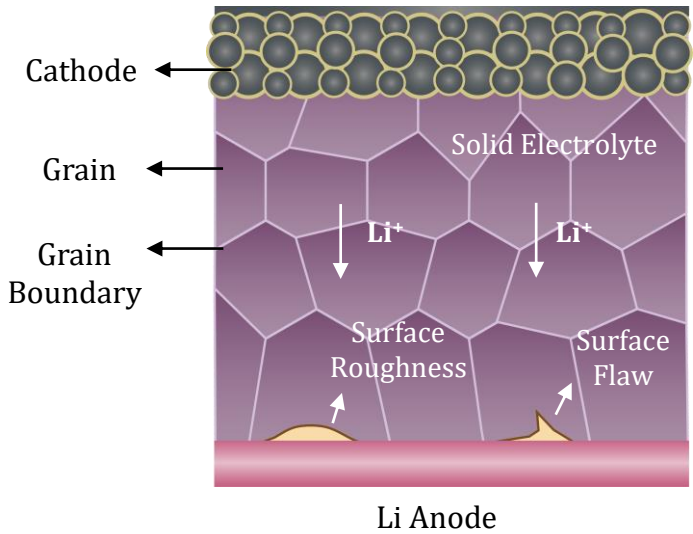
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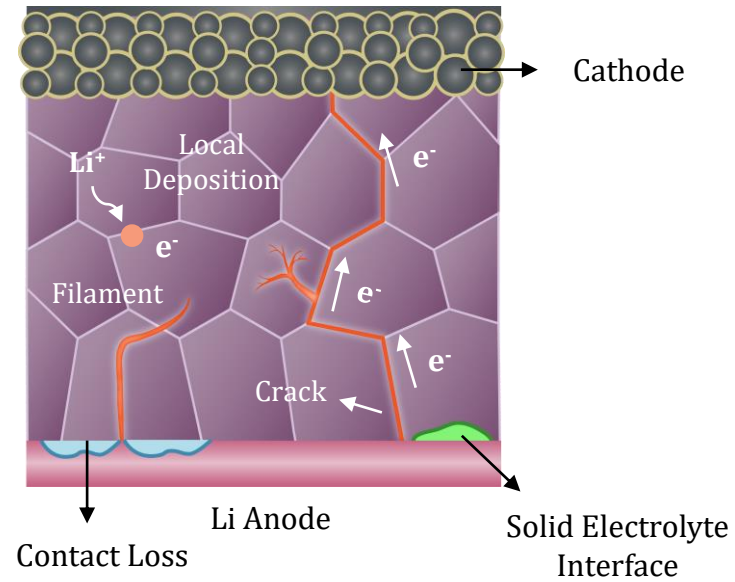
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Challenges in Solid-Solid Interfaces

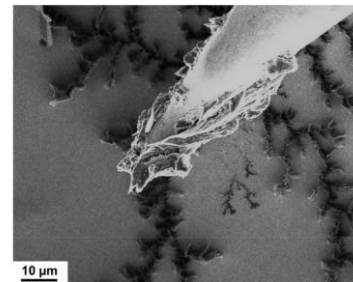
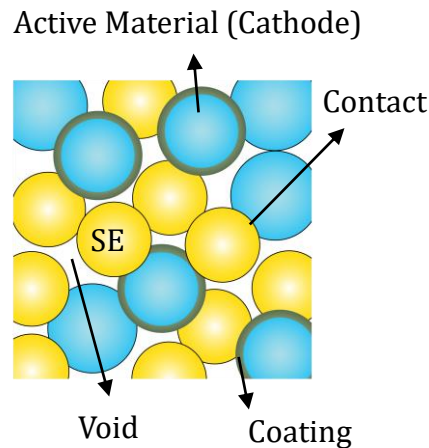
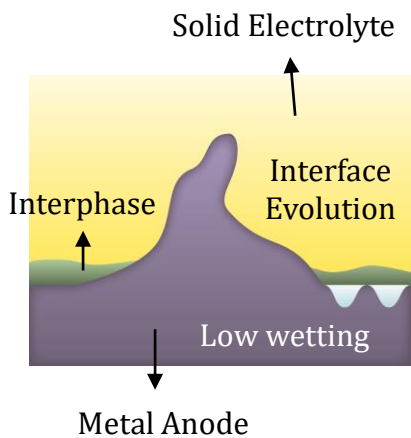


Plating & Stripping

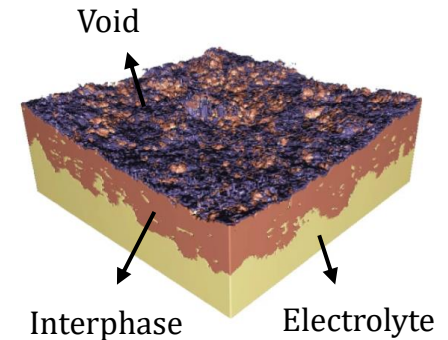
(Void formation, Filament Growth, Mechanical Failure, Interfacial Reaction)



Intrinsic Solid-Solid Interfaces



Filament Penetration



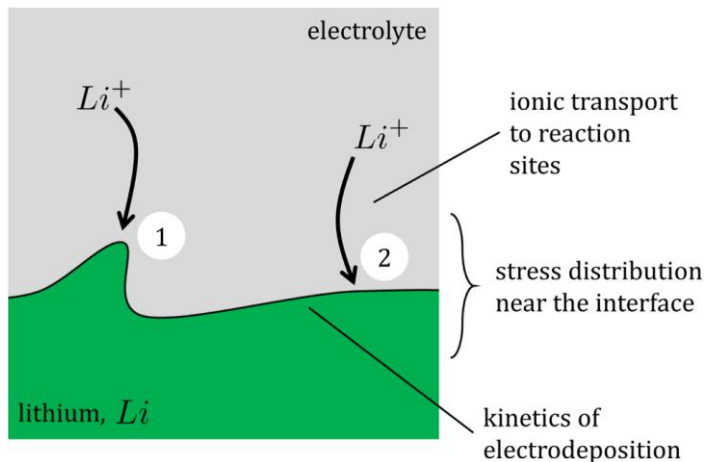
Contact Loss

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Iono-Mechanics Interactions: Electrodeposition

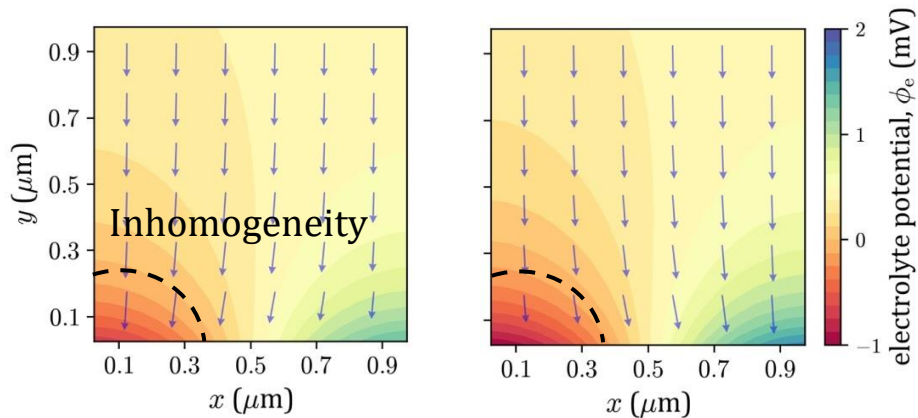
Mesoscale Interactions at the Solid-Solid Interface



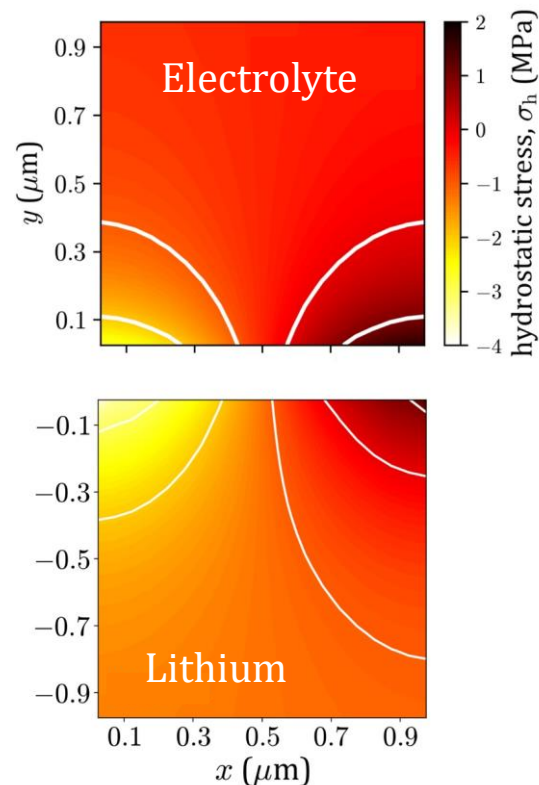
Ionic Fields in the Electrolyte

Unstable

Stable



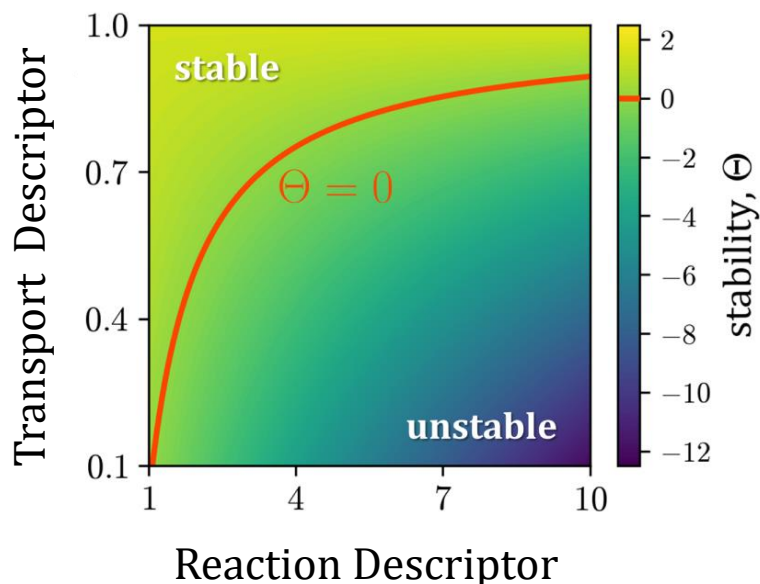
Mechanical Response



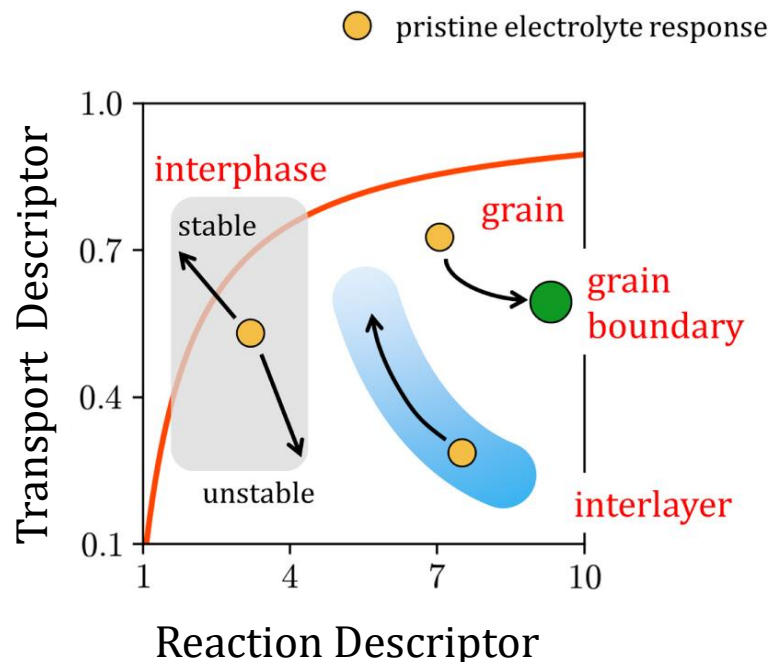
- ❑ Mechanical contribution to the reaction kinetics causes irregular growth.
- ❑ Stress-driven transport counters this tendency.

Electrodeposition Stability and Material Design

Electrodeposition Stability Map



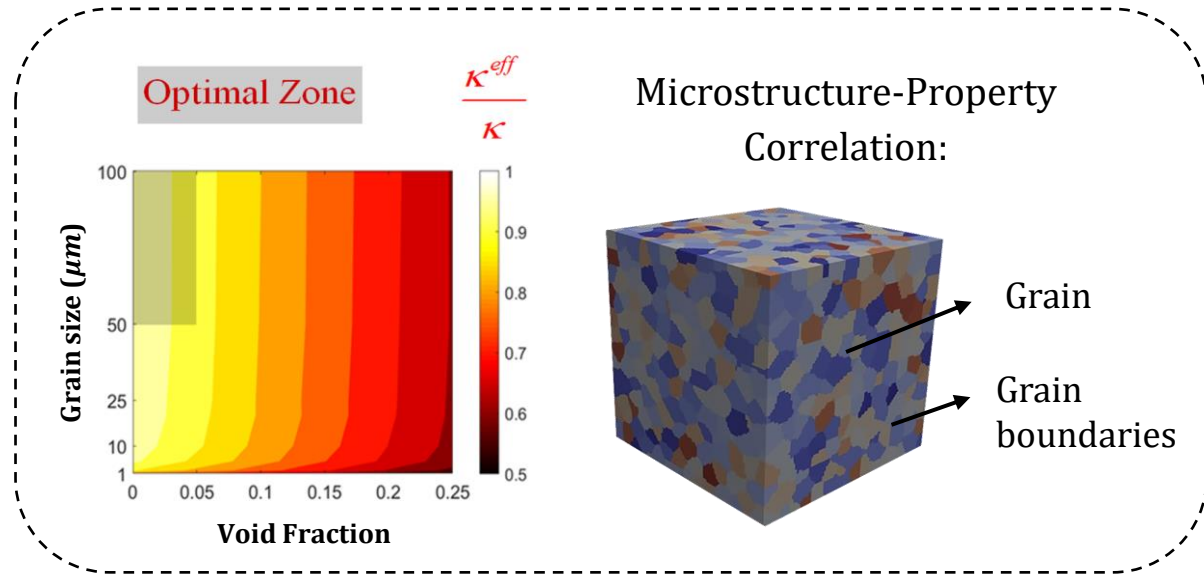
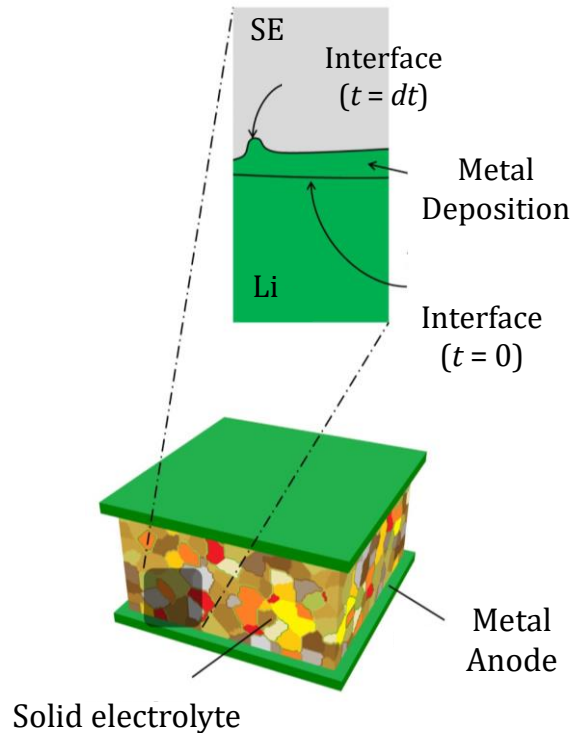
Material Modifications



- ❑ Molar Volume Mismatch – fundamentally responsible for the growth instability.
- ❑ Material inhomogeneities reflect as local variations in exchange current density, cationic molar volume, ionic conductivity, stiffness, etc.

Can thermodynamics (solid electrolyte or interlayer) be favorably tuned to regulate plating morphologies?

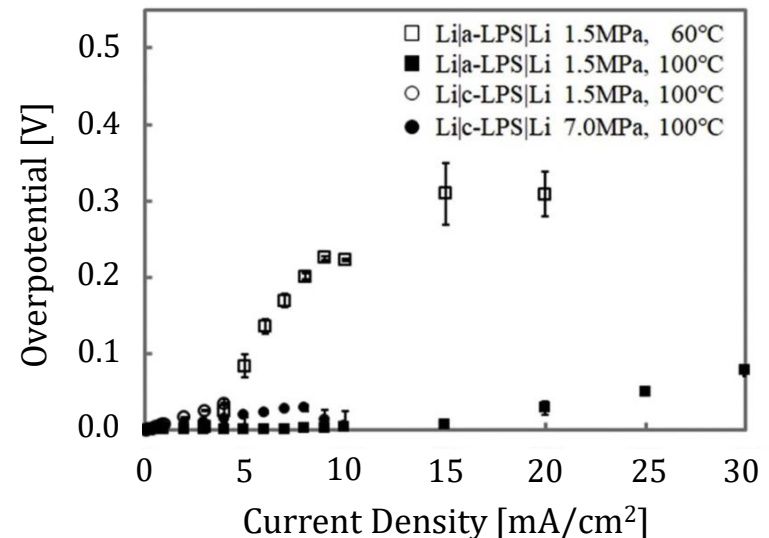
Microstructure-Interface Stability Interactions



Interface Response: Crystalline vs Amorphous

Microstructure of the solid electrolyte has two mechanistic implications:

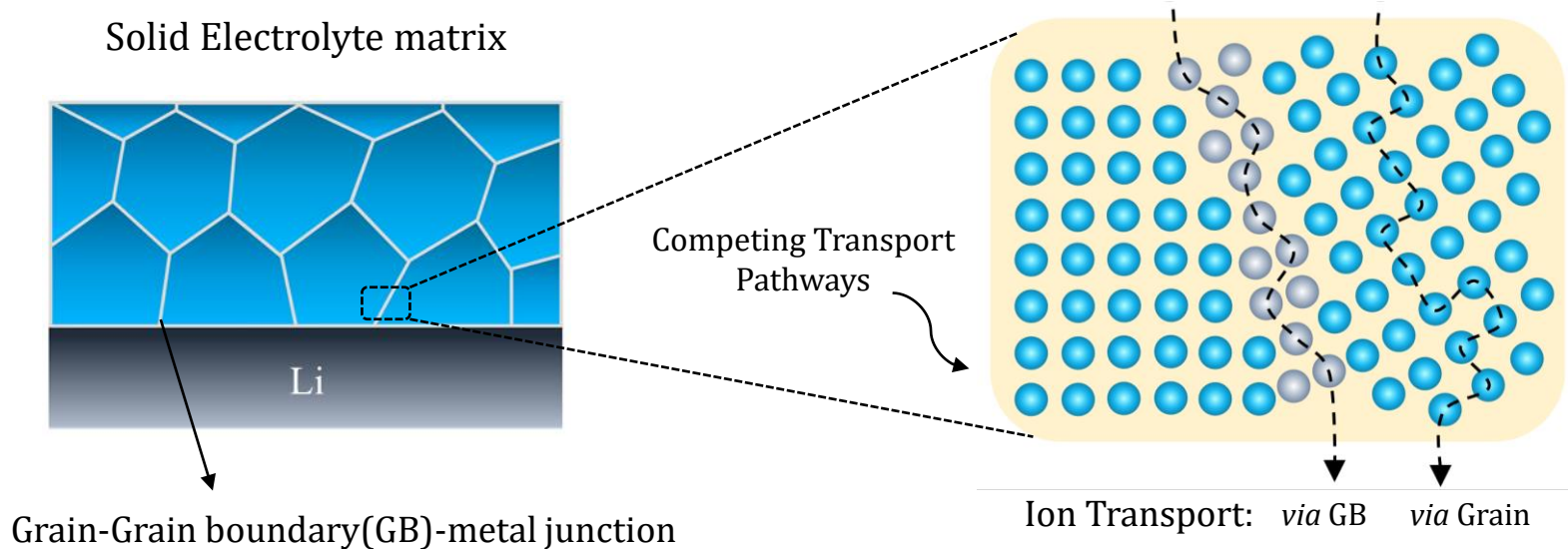
- ❑ Effective ionic conductivity and mechanical properties
- ❑ Local deposition stability at the Li-SE interface



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Interfacial Stability at Grain Boundary Junctions



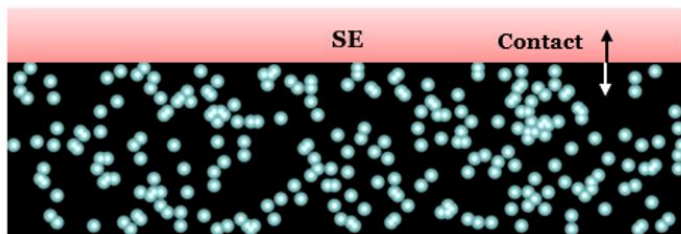
- ❑ Grain boundaries cause a distortion in ionic transport pathways in the solid electrolyte and trigger mechanical strain hot spots in the solid electrolyte.
- ❑ Critical to consider the implications of grain boundaries (& material heterogeneities) in the design of the solid electrolyte matrix.

How can the anode-solid electrolyte interface be synergistically designed to tailor homogenous reaction kinetics?

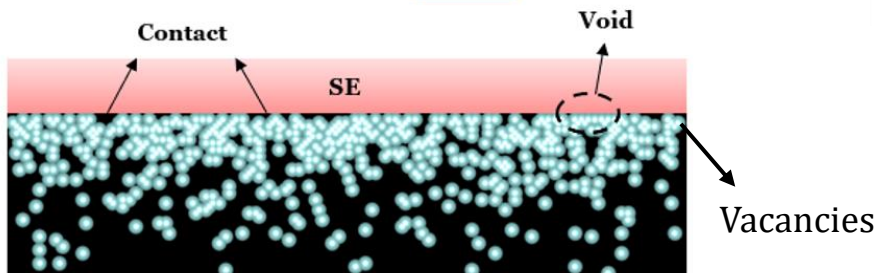
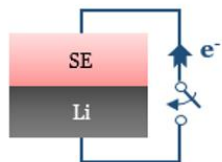
Electrodissolution Kinetics & Contact Loss

Discharge of the Li-SSE system

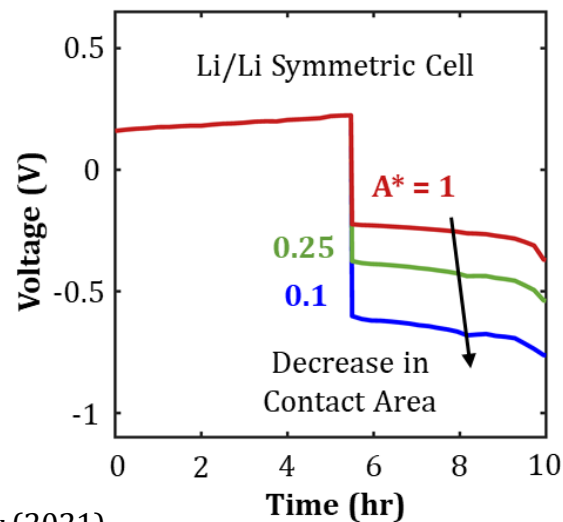
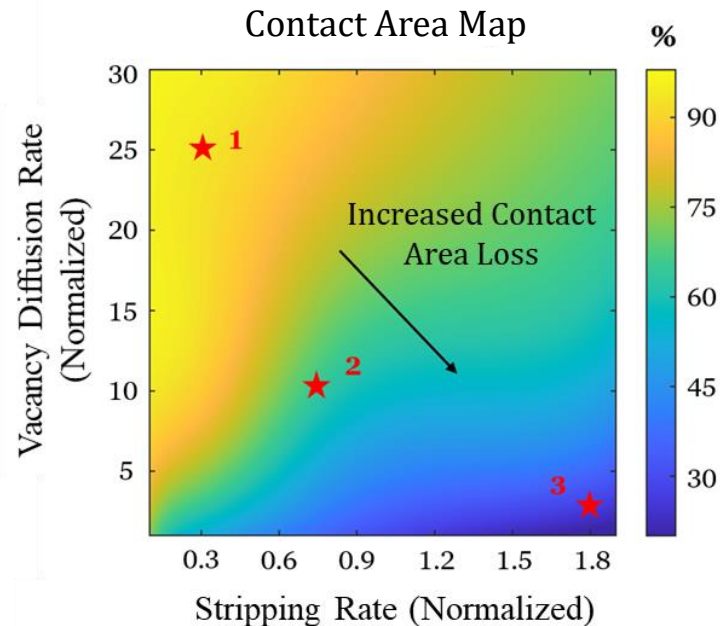
Accumulation of Vacancies at the Interface



Discharge

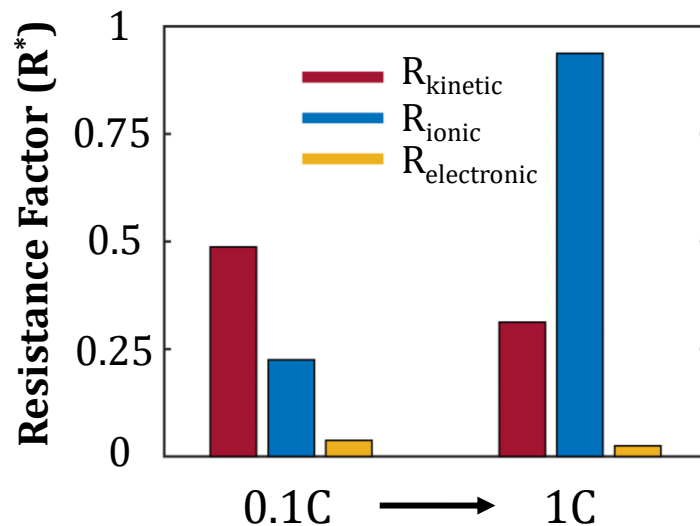
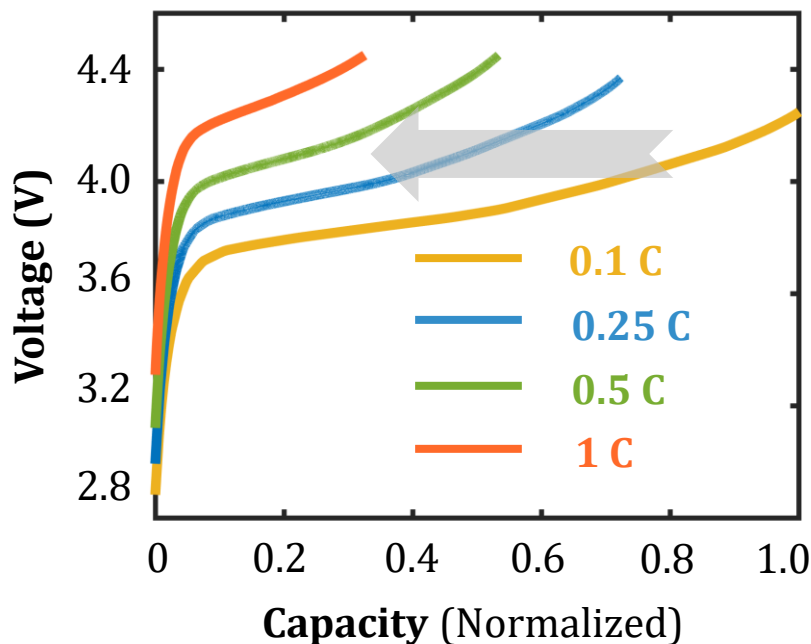


How can we deter the formation of point contacts during stripping?

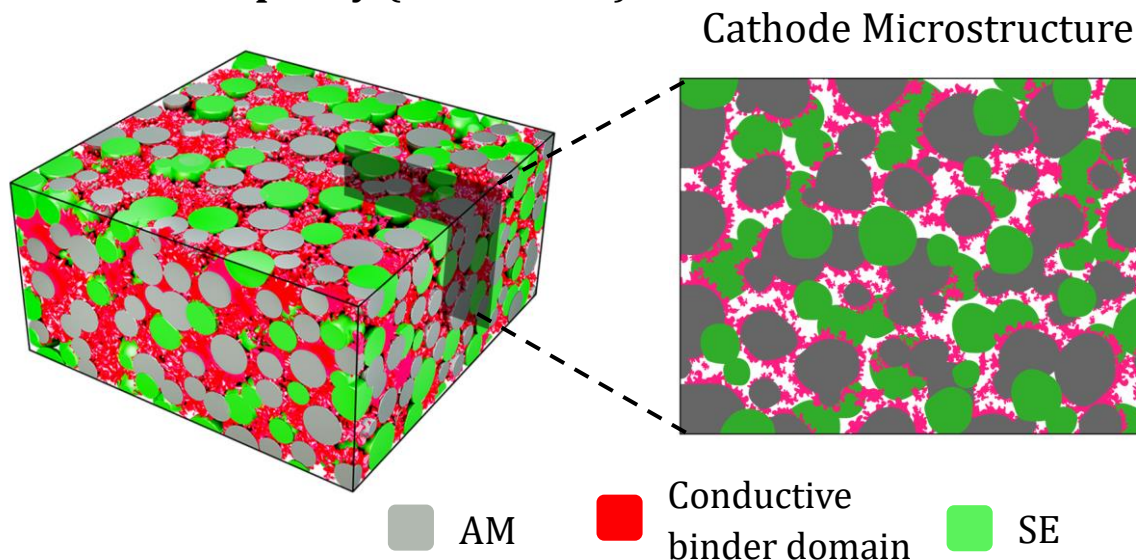


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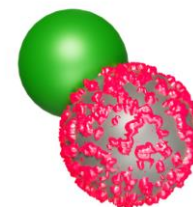
Fast Charge Response: Kinetic-Transport Interactions



Long-range or short-range limitation?



Solid-Solid Contact

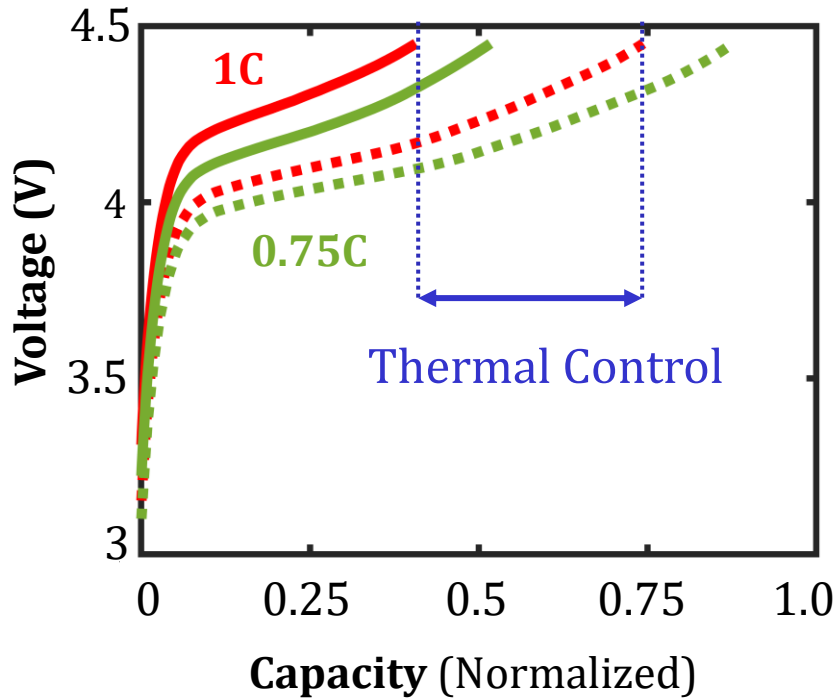


Transport

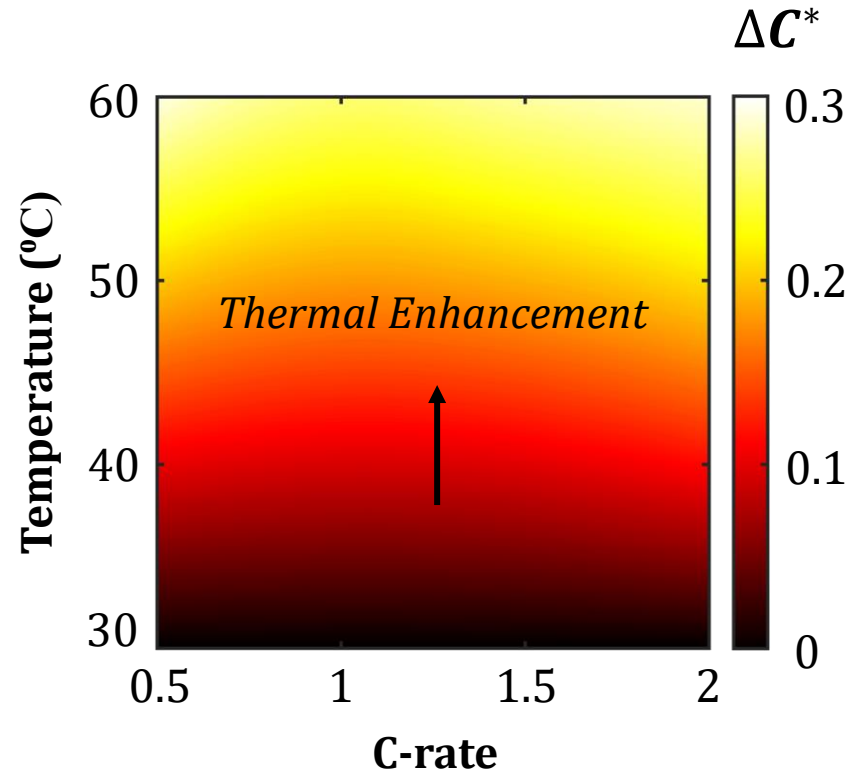


Temperature: Extrinsic Modulator or Crosstalk Enabler?

— $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ - - - $T = 60^{\circ}\text{C}$

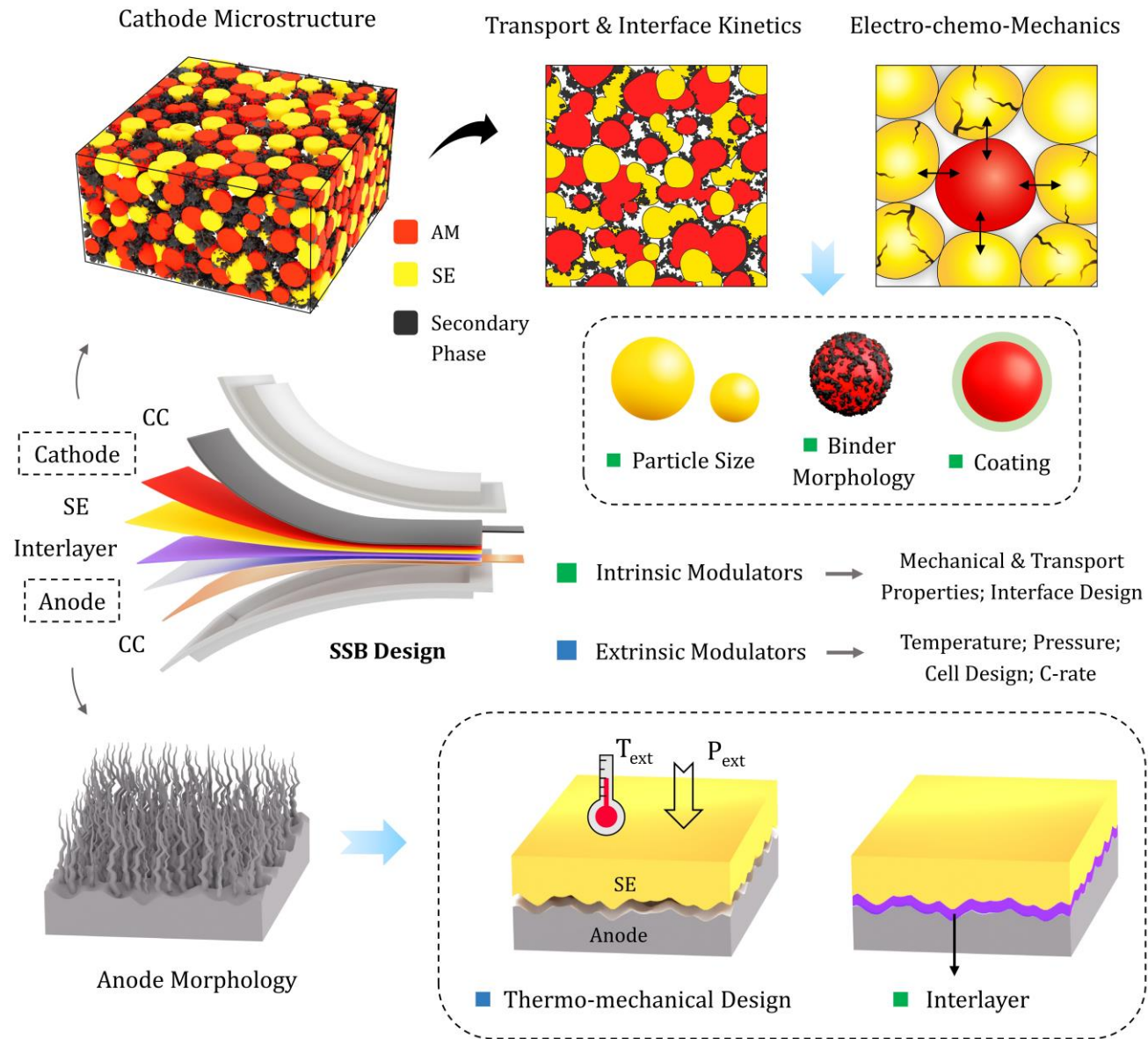


Thermal-Electrochemical Modulation:

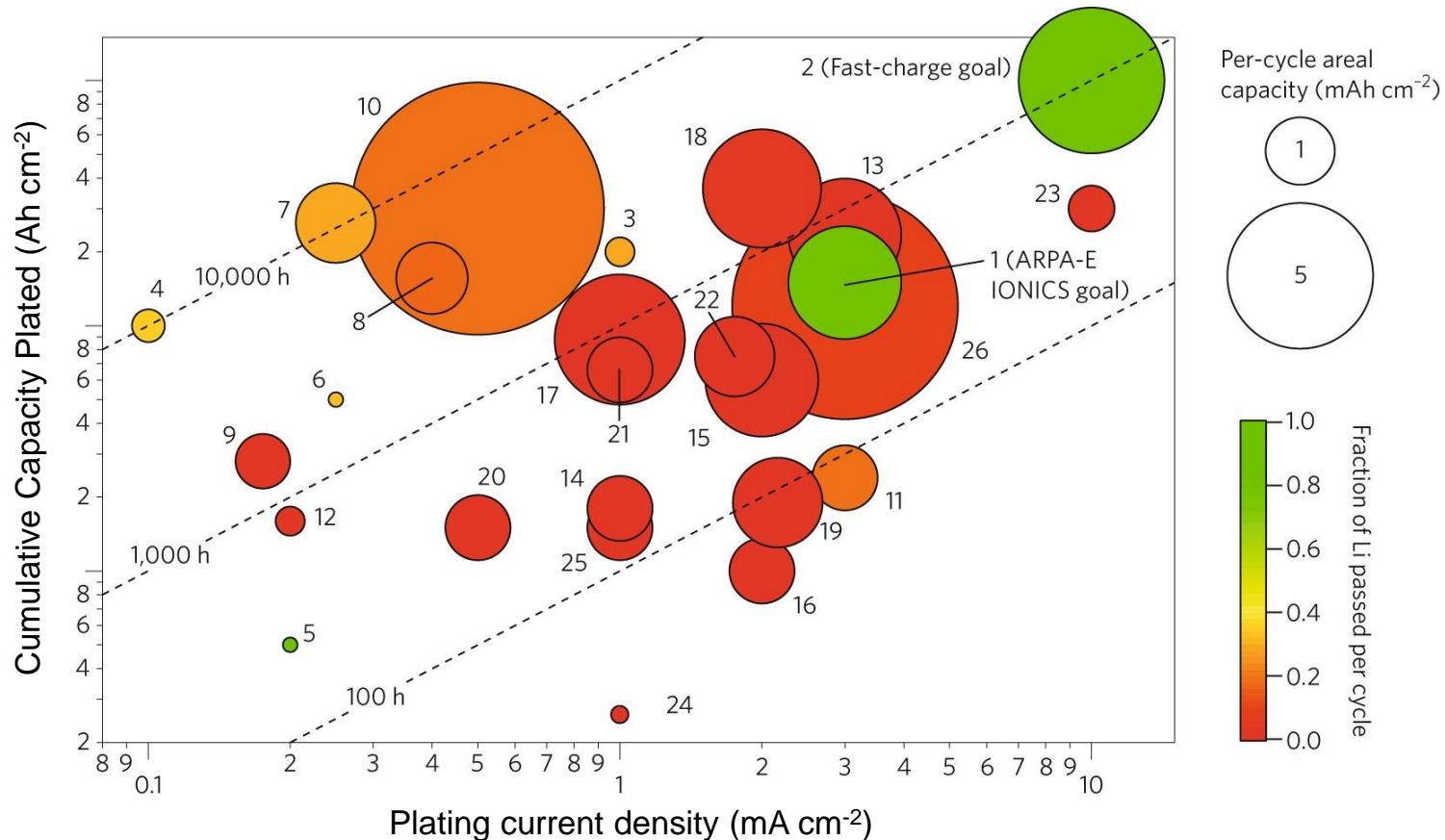


Co-optimizing the electrochemical-thermal interactions could be critical toward achieving fast charging in solid-state batteries.

Design Space to Modulate Fast Charge Response



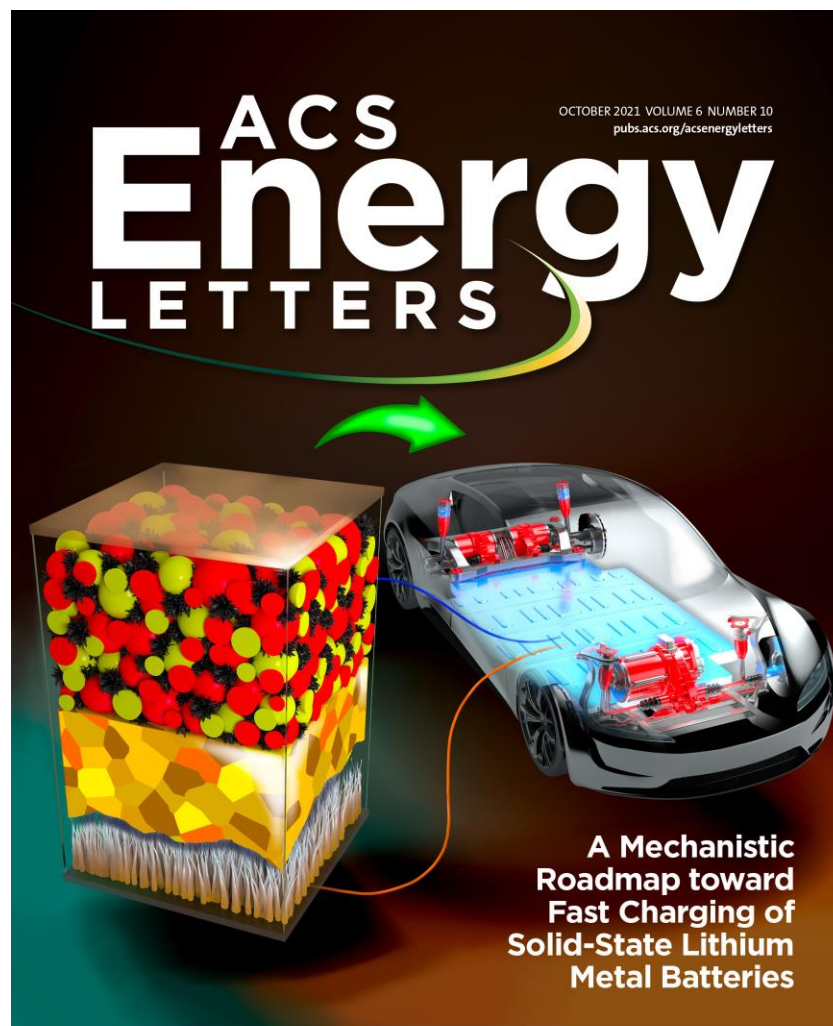
Fast Charge of Solid-State Batteries



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Deconvolving the mechanistic implications of **crosstalk** and **plating-stripping asymmetry** is critical toward achieving fast charge targets and long-term cycling stability of the solid-state battery.

A Mechanistic Roadmap toward Fast Charging of Solid-State Batteries



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