



High Energy Density, Asymmetric Supercapacitors

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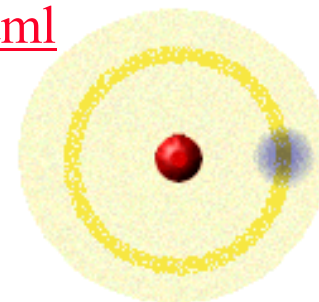
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Objectives and Tasks

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- Explore methods to maximize properties of nitride or carbide based active materials;
- Develop methods for fabrication of cathodes containing high surface area nitrides or carbides, and anodes containing Mn or Ni oxides;
- Design and assemble asymmetric prototype cells using appropriate electrolytes;
- Evaluate the performance of prototype for technologically relevant load profiles.

Tasks for funding cycle:

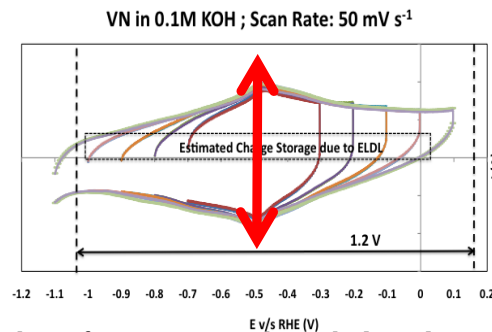
- Fabricate prototype cells incorporating nitride and oxide electrode materials;
- Characterize prototype functional properties including capacitance, energy density and coulombic efficiency;
- Characterize prototype functional properties including cycle-life and low temperature tolerance



Asymmetric Capacitor Design

- High Surface Area Electrodes → Enhanced Capacitance

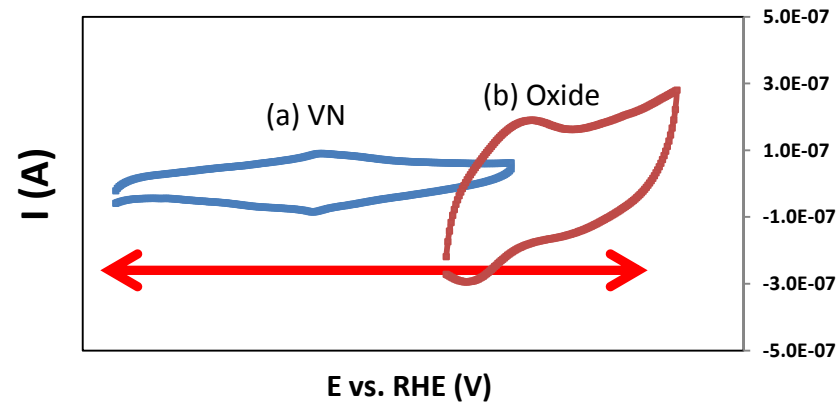
$$E = \frac{CV^2}{2}$$



- US 5,680,292 High Surface Area Nitride Carbide and Boride Electrodes and Methods of Fabrication Thereof
- US 5,837,630 High Surface Area Mesoporous Desigel materials and Methods for Their Fabrication

- Asymmetric Design → Widened Potential Window

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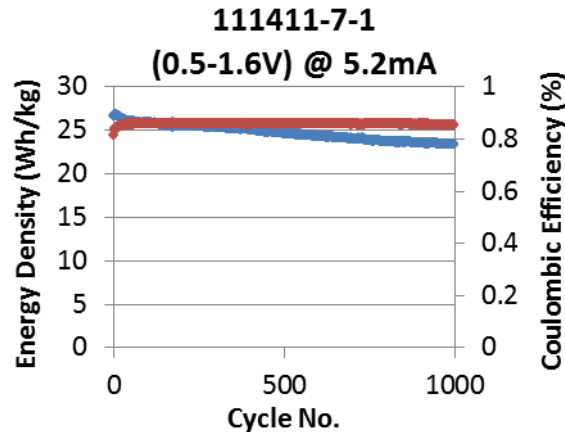


- US Patent Pending High Performance Transition Metal Carbides/Nitrides based Asymmetric Capacitors

- Aqueous Electrolytes → Cheap, Non-flammable and high ionic conductivity



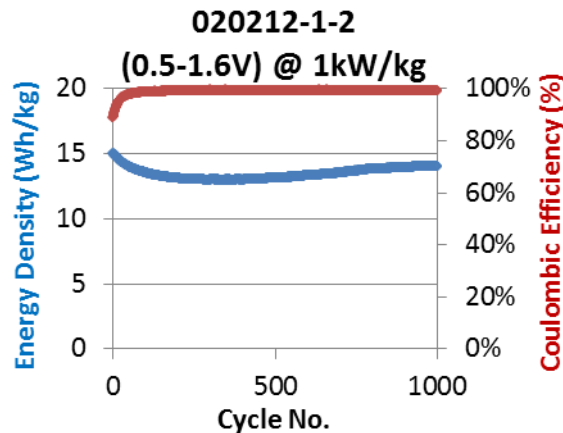
Asymmetric Capacitors



Cell #	NiOOH (mg)	VN (mg)	Mass Ratio	A/g	Potential (V)	Wh/kg* @1000 cycle
111411-7-1	2.6	2.6	1.0	1.0	1.6 - 0.5	23.4

* Based on active material using button cell.

1. PVDF as binder
2. Ni current collector



Cell #	NiOOH (mg)	VN (mg)	Mass Ratio	Potential (V)	Wh/kg* @ 1 kW/kg* & 1000 cycle
020212-1-2	69.1	65.0	1.1	0.5-1.6V	14.1

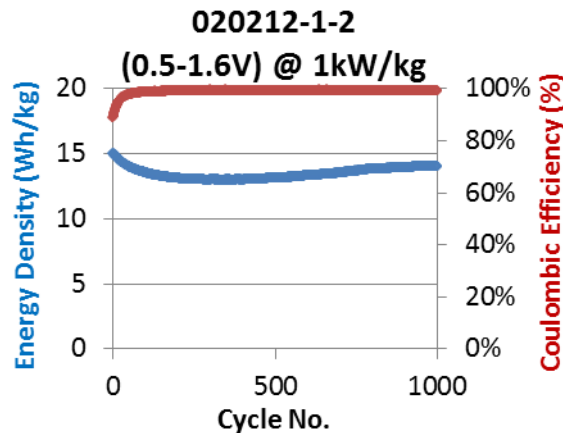
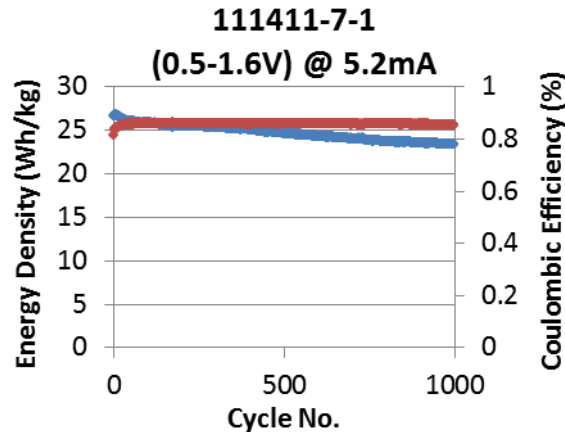
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1. PTFE (Teflon) as binder
2. Ni foam current collector

Optimize components (e.g. binder, foam) and processes (e.g. mass ratio)



Asymmetric Capacitors



Anticipated Performance

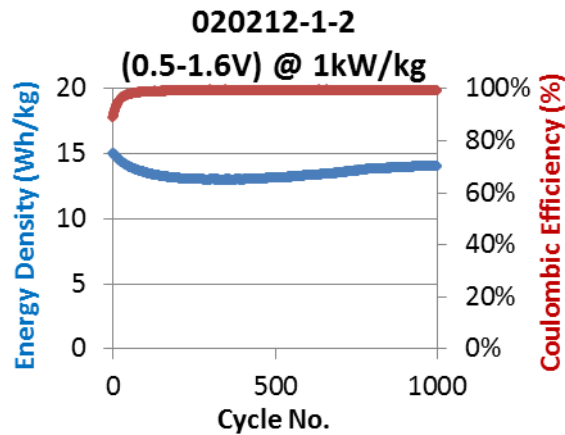
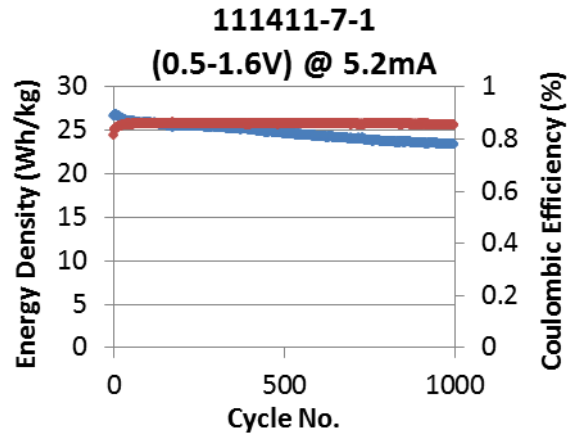
Cell Dimensions	5.1 cm x 7.6 cm x 2.1 mm
Cell Weight	22.9 g
Cell Volume	7.8 ml
Total Active Material	7.9 g
# of Electrode Pairs	3
Total Energy	0.1 Wh
Gravimetric Energy*	4.8 Wh/kg
Volumetric Energy*	14.2 Wh/L
Packaging Efficiency	35%
Peak Power	1728 W/kg

* Power density of 1 kW/kg (per active material)

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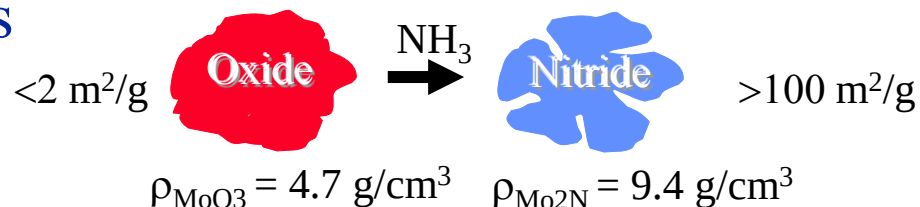


VN Synthesis

- High surface area nitrides and carbides

- Pseudomorphic reactions

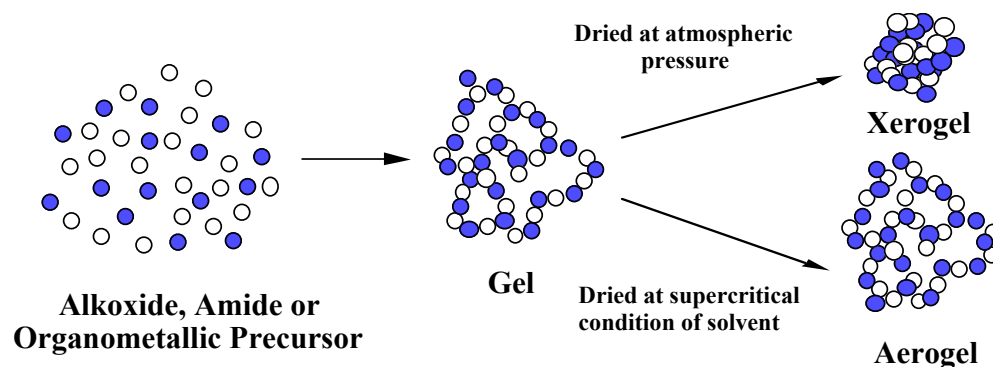
Volpe and Boudart, 1985



- Solution Chemical Methods

- Sol-gel synthesis

Thompson et al, 1998



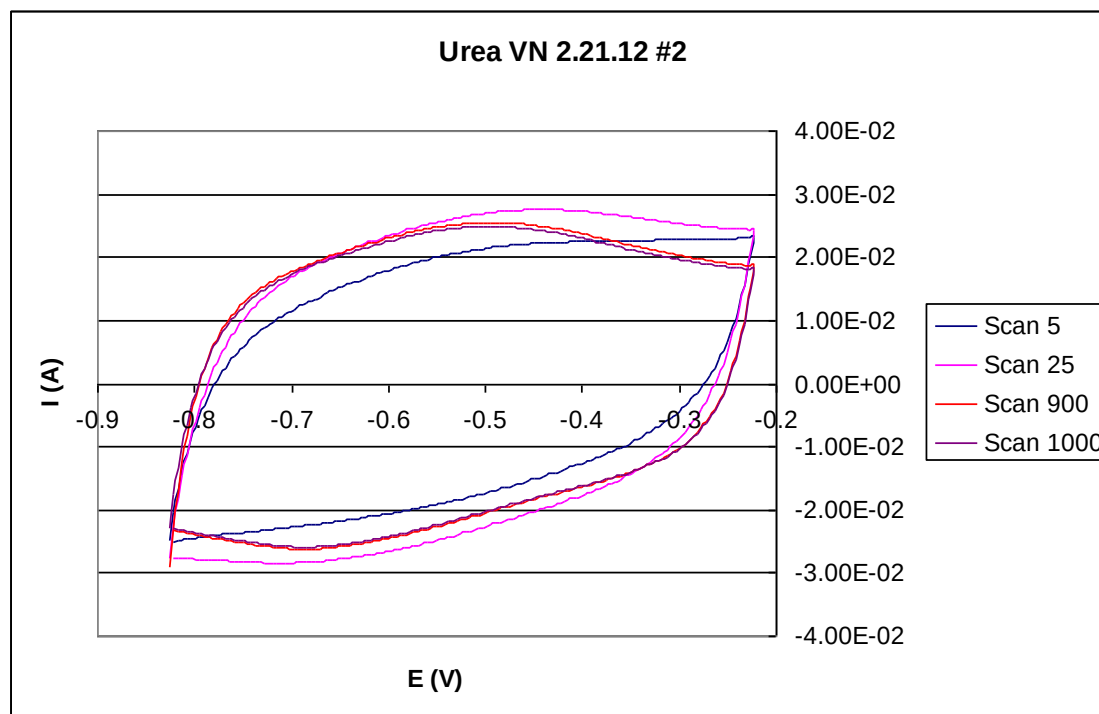
- Urea method

- Ethanol, vanadium oxy-trichloride (VOCl_3) and urea
- Age for 12-18 hr
- Heat to 800°C @ $3^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ for 3 hours under flowing N_2



Synthesis of VN

- Surface area: 222 m²/g
- Capacitance: 239 F/g



1M potassium hydroxide
Hg/HgO reference electrode
Platinum counter electrode
50 mV/s



Charge Storage Mechanism

Material	Stability Window (V)	Capacitance (F/g)	Surface Area (m ² /g)
VN	1.1 (KOH)	210	38
VC	0.8 (KOH)	2.6	6
Mo ₂ N	0.8 (H ₂ SO ₄)	346	152
W ₂ C	0.7 (H ₂ SO ₄)	79	16
W ₂ N	0.8 (KOH)	25	42

- Double-layer capacitance typically $\sim 25 \mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$ ($0.25 \text{ F}/\text{m}^2$)

¹Conway B E; *Electrochemical Supercapacitors*; (1999).

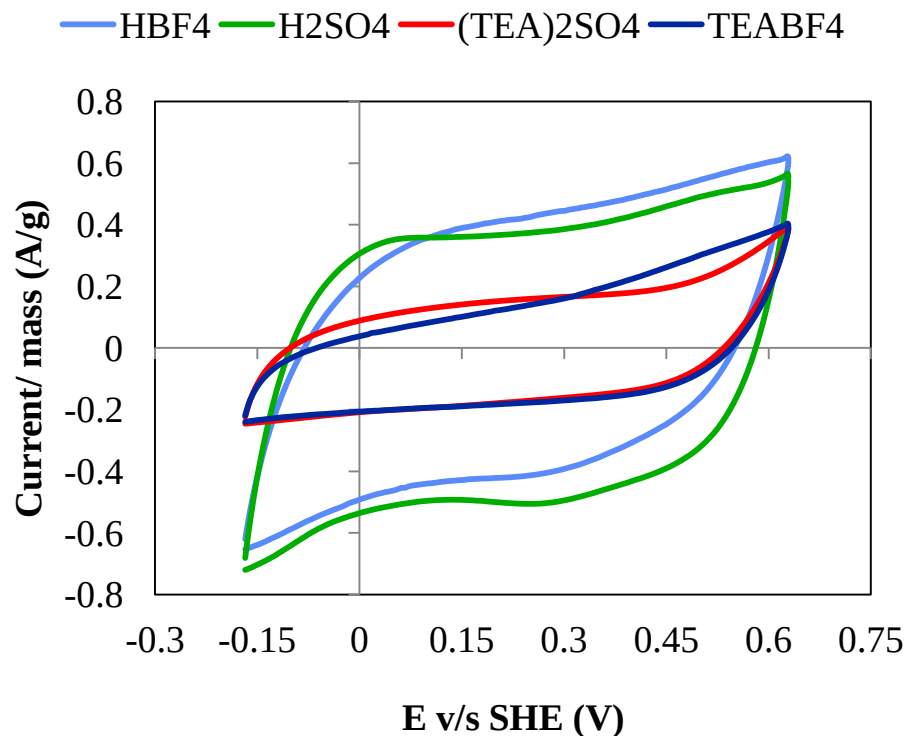
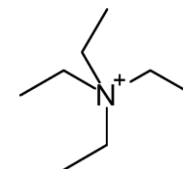


Storage Mechanism: Ion Isolation

Mo₂N

ANION \ CATION	(SO ₄) ²⁻	(BF ₄) ⁻
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Tetraethylammonium⁺



Constant ionic strength/ pH
Scan rate: 2 mV/s

Pande et al., JECS (2011)

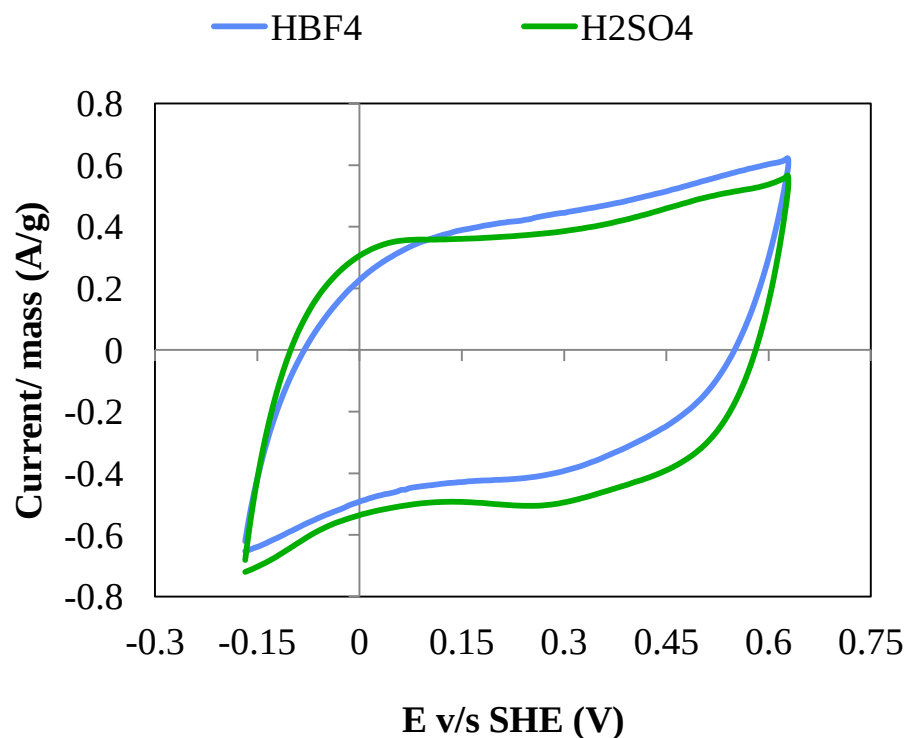
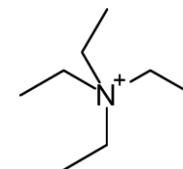


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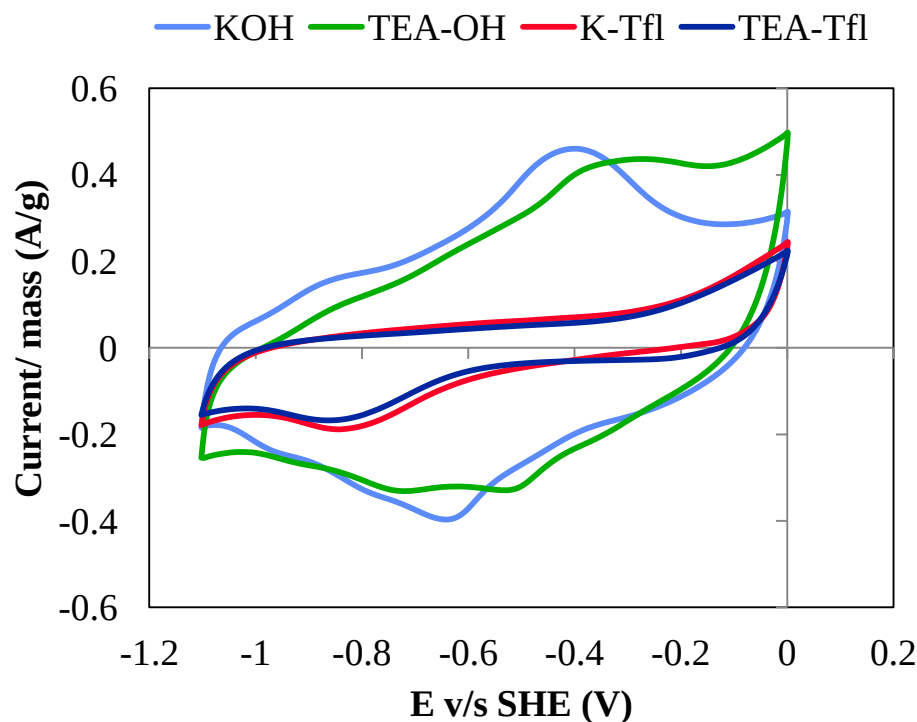


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VN

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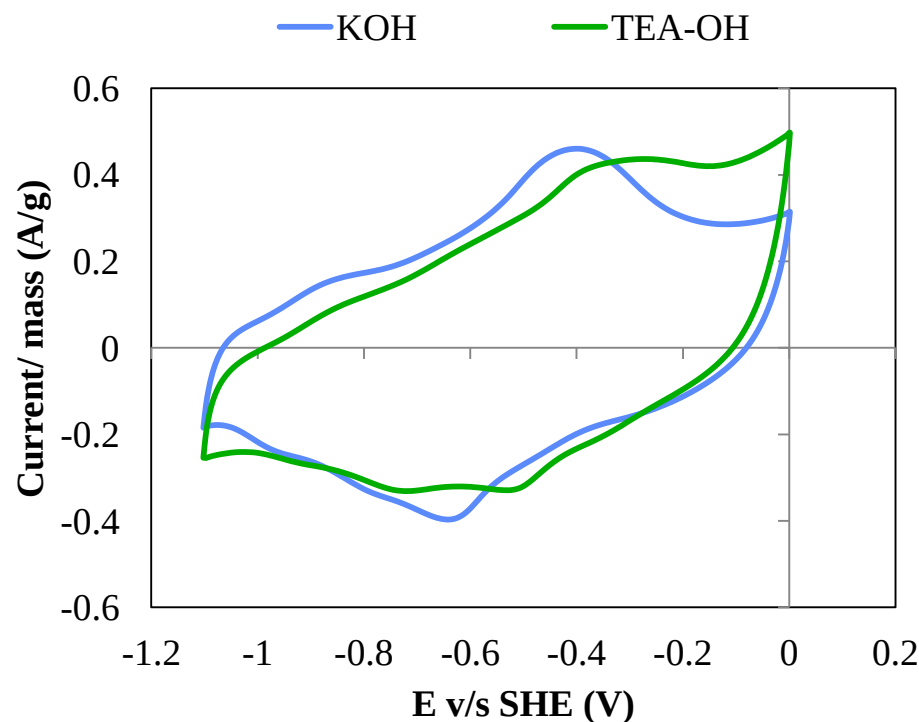
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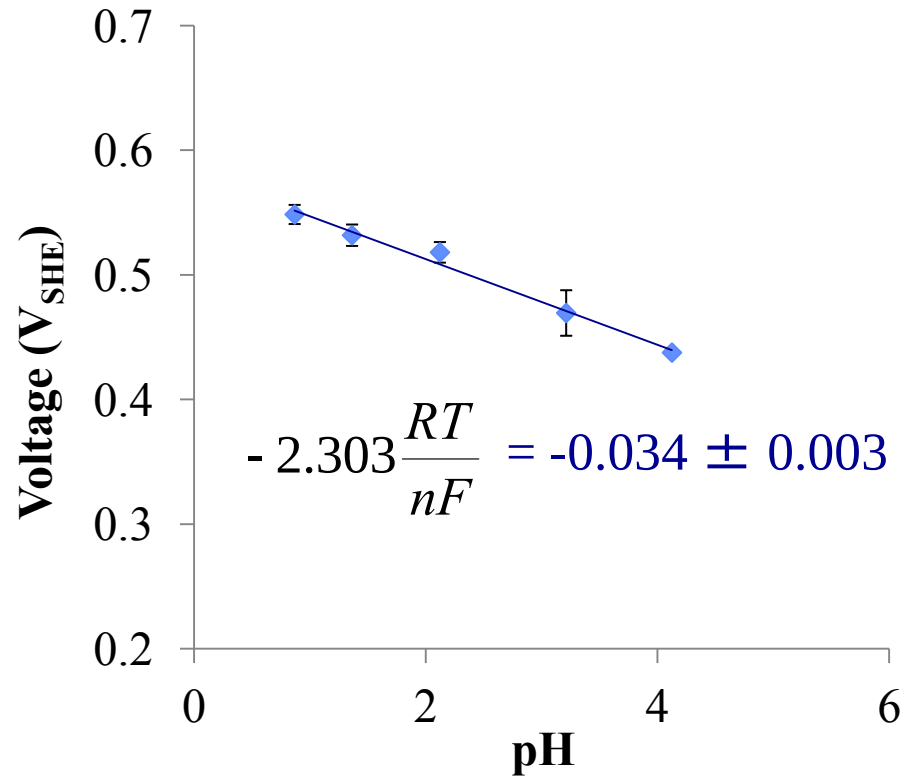
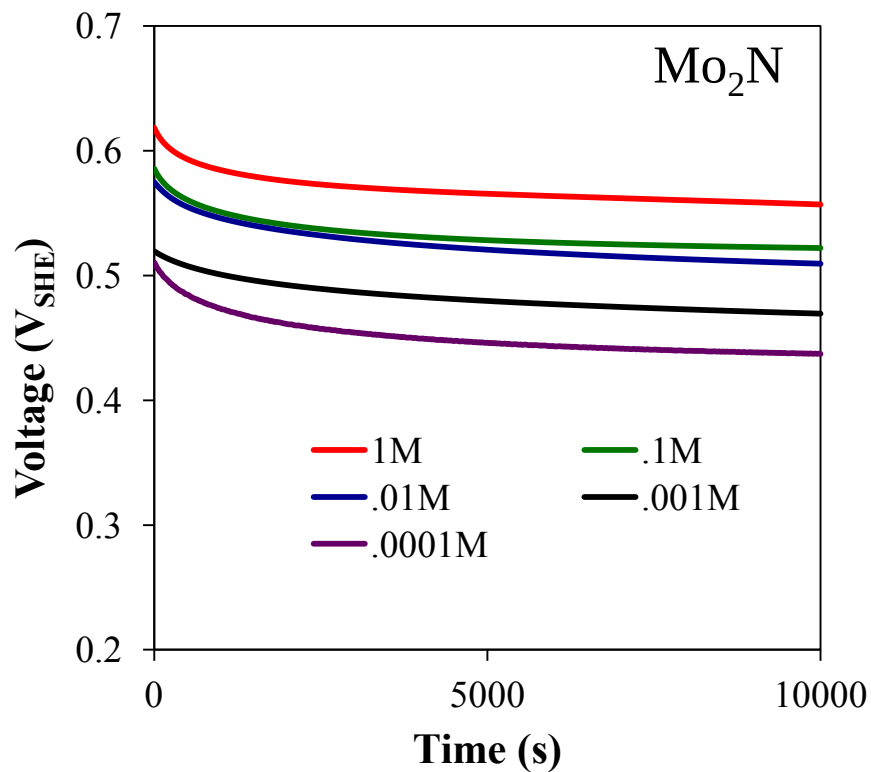


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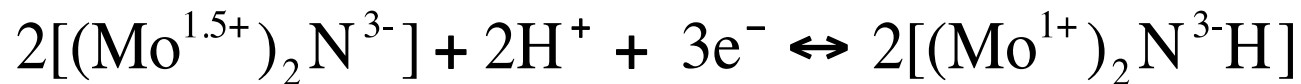
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Storage Mechanism: Charge Transfer

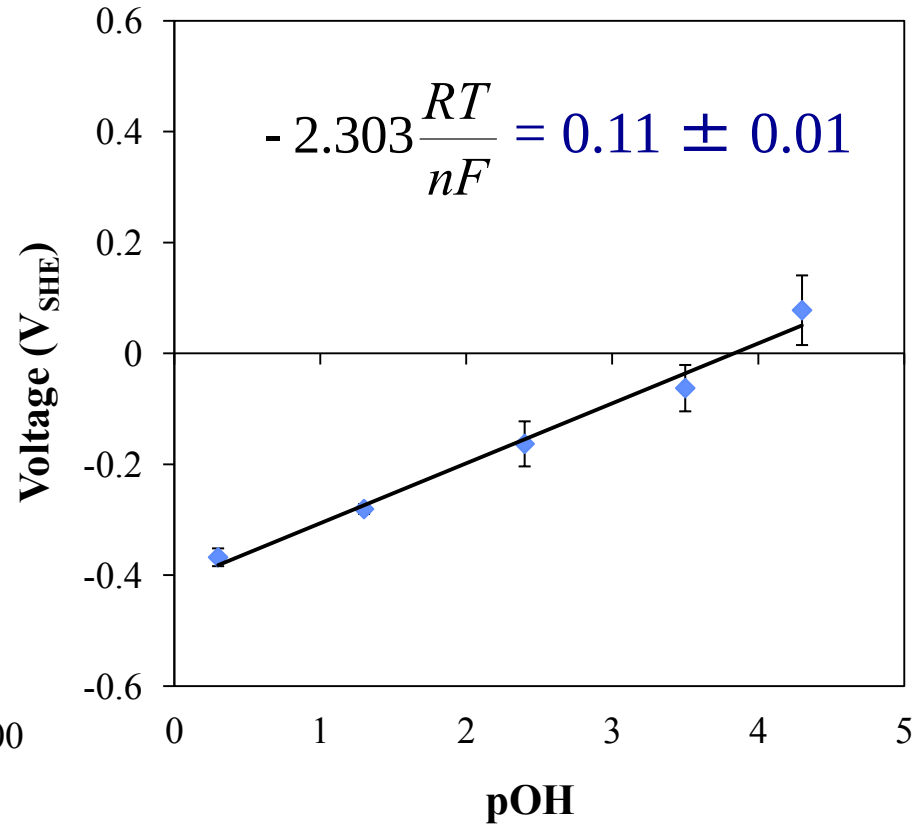
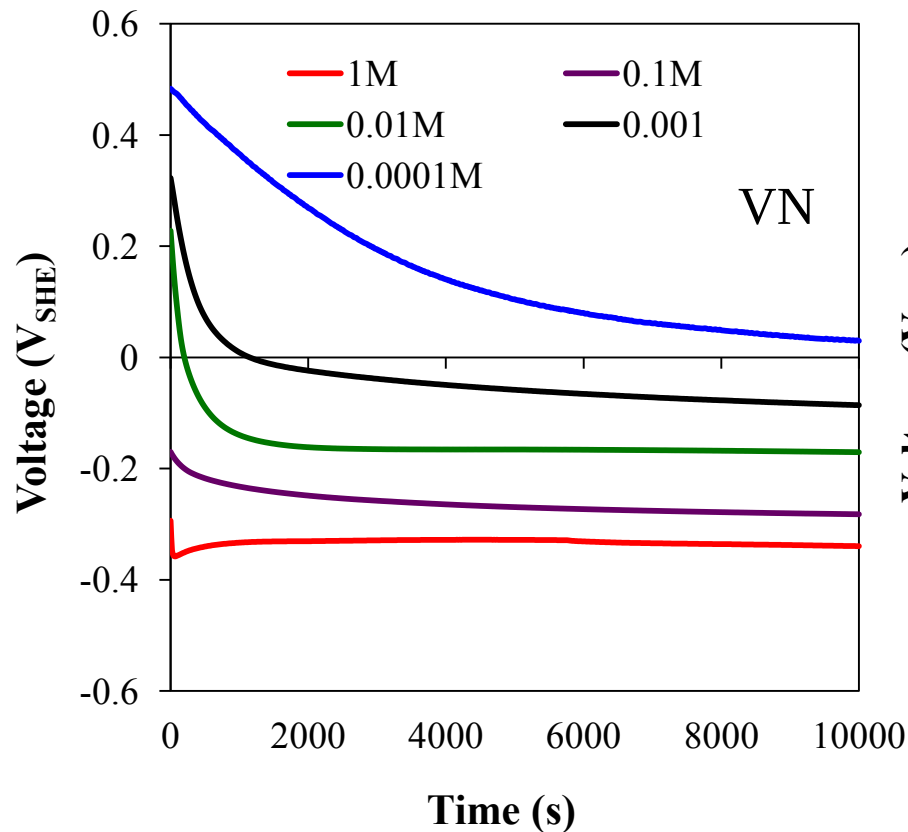


$$n = 1.7 \pm 0.2 \longrightarrow 1.5$$

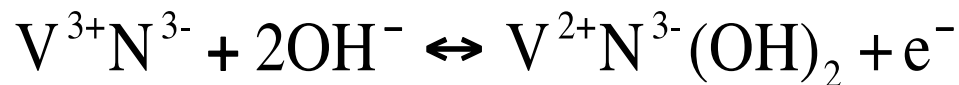




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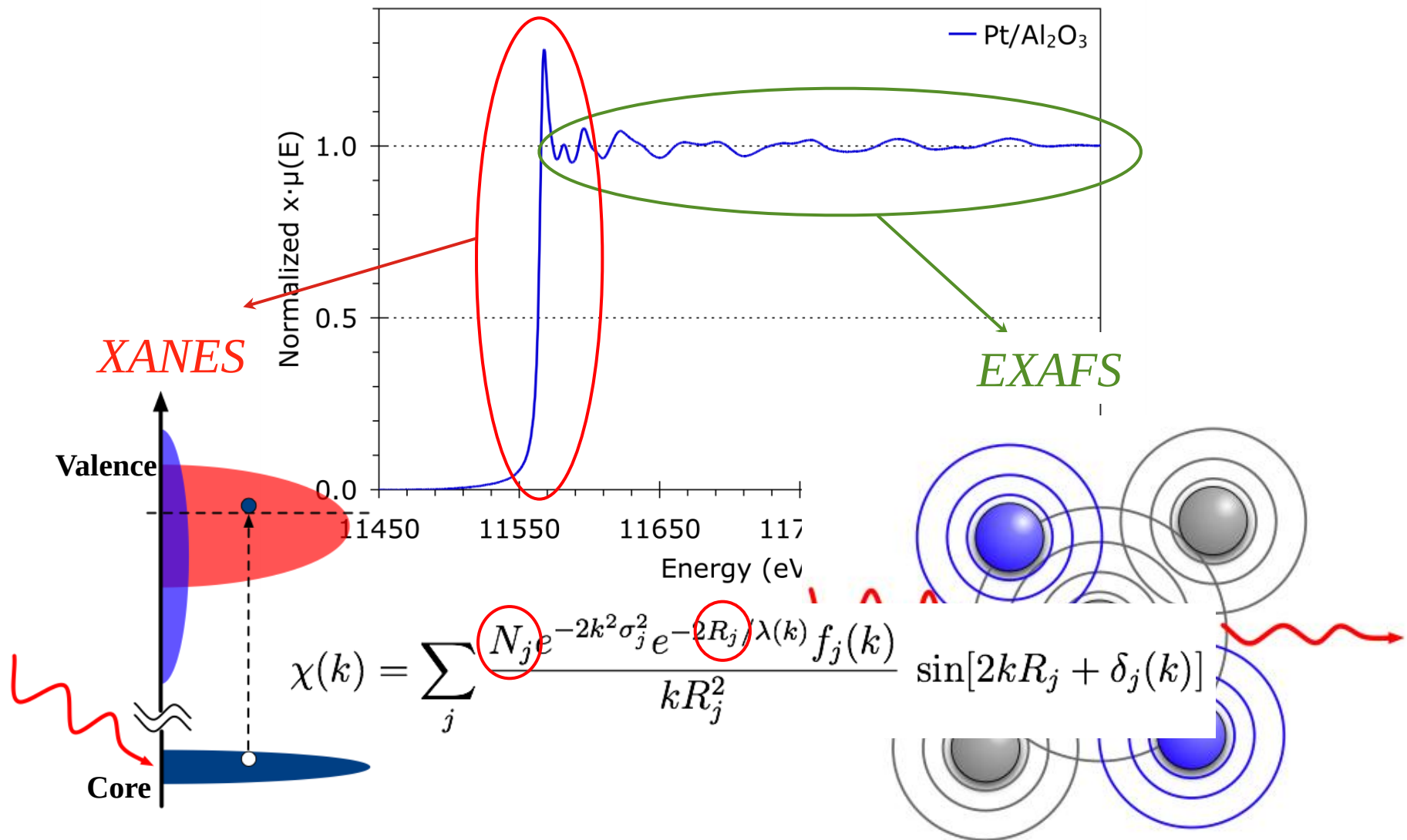


$$n = 0.54 \pm 0.08 \longrightarrow 0.5$$



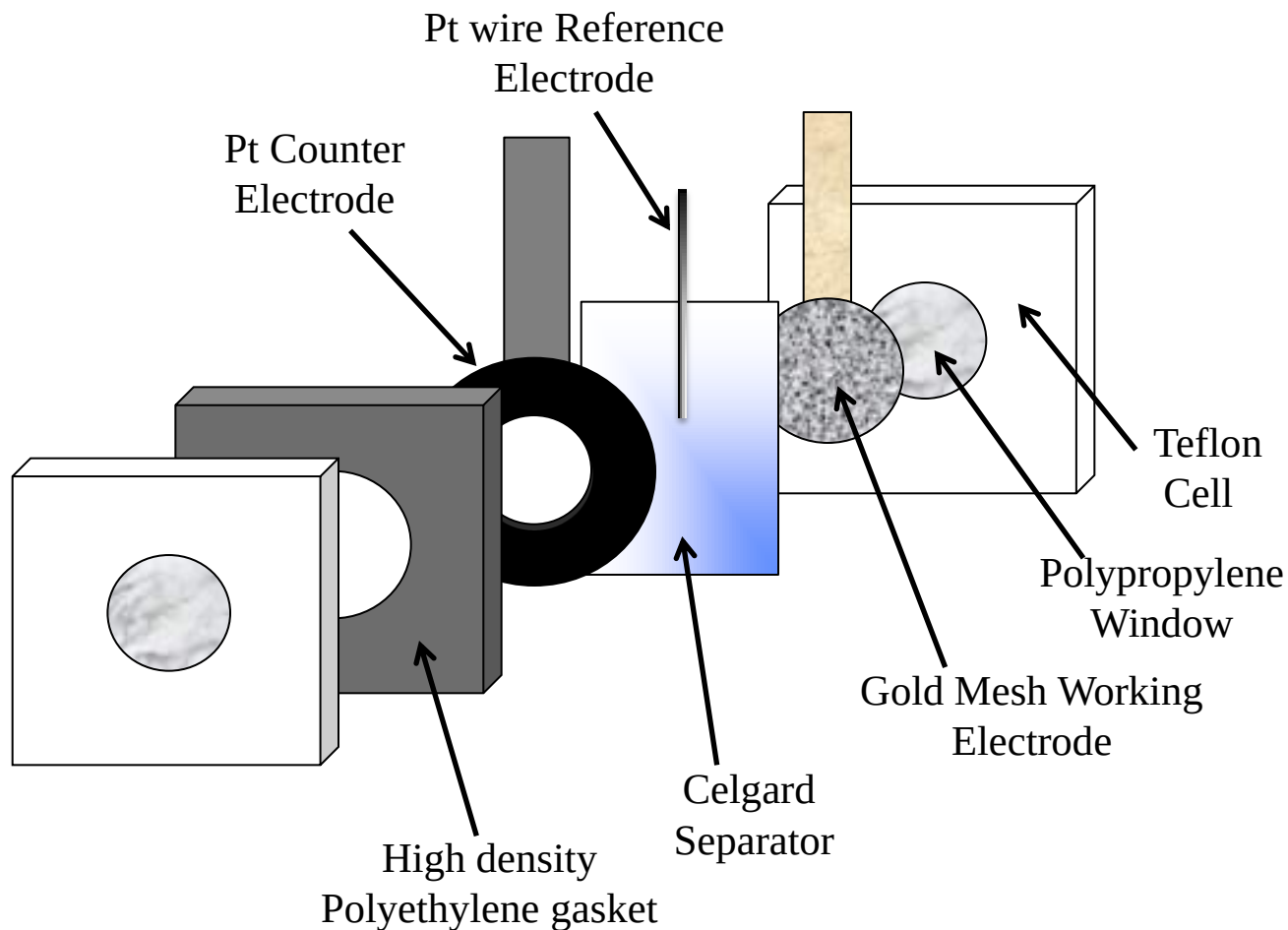


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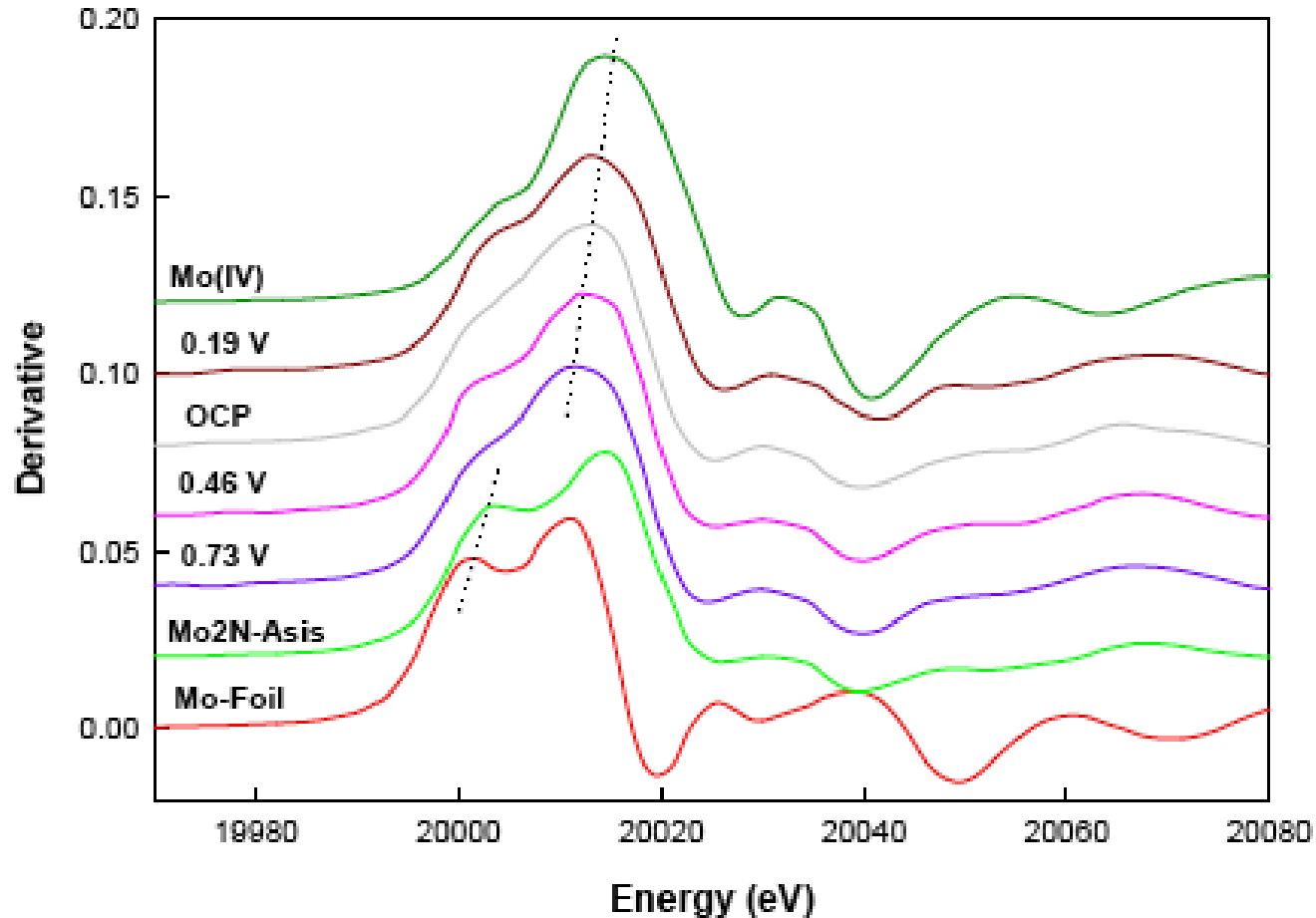
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Mo₂N

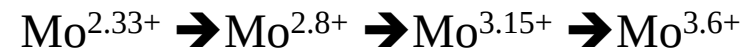
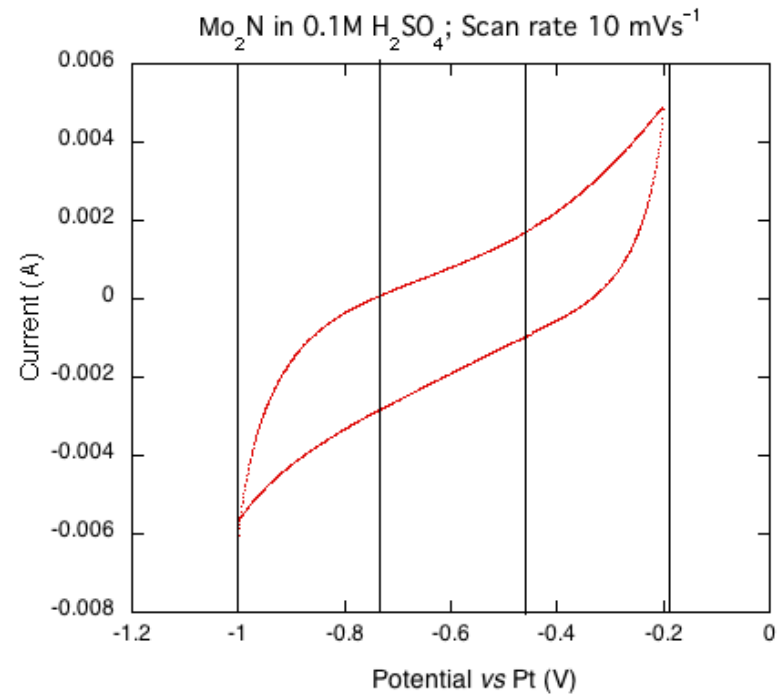
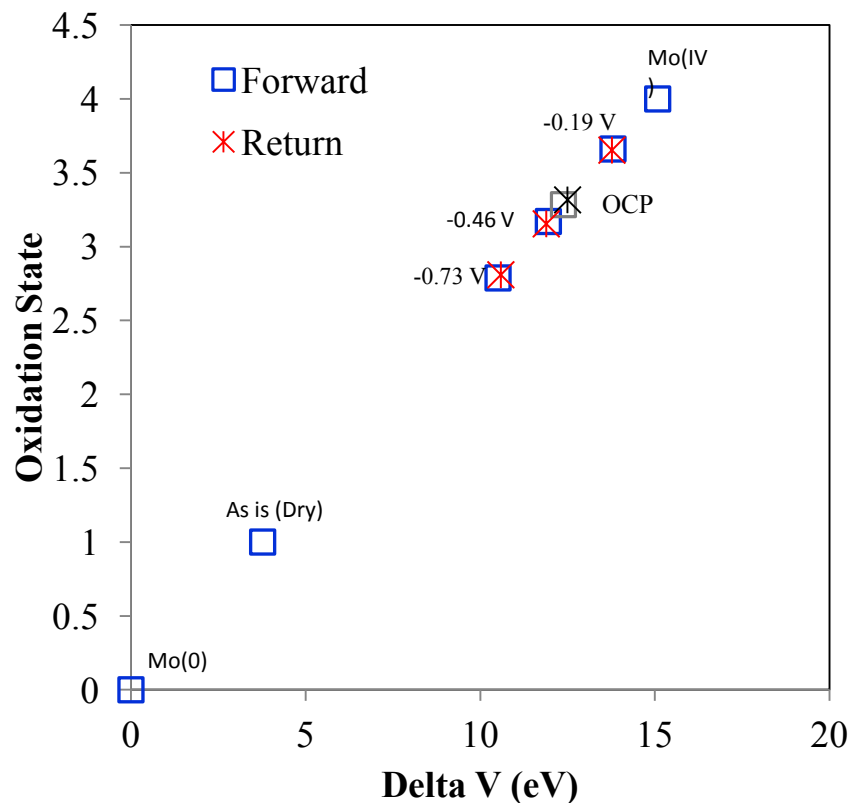


0.1M H₂SO₄
Voltage vs Pt reference



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Summary

Tasks for funding cycle:

- Fabricate prototype cells incorporating nitride and oxide electrode materials
 - Synthesized VN and oxides for use in supercapacitors
 - Assembled cells using Ni foil with >23 Wh/kg
 - Assembled cells using Ni foams with >14 Wh/kg
 - Demonstrated solution chemical method for production of high surface area VN
- Characterize prototype functional properties including capacitance, energy density and coulombic efficiency;
- Characterize prototype functional properties including cycle-life and low temperature tolerance
- Characterize charge storage mechanisms for VN and Mo₂N
 - Determined active species
 - Observed redox of metals in VN and Mo₂N