

# A metal-free organic crystalline electrode for high energy density batteries

## Applications

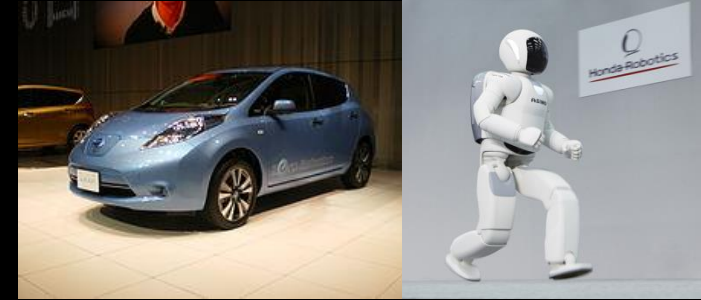
- Large Scale electricity storage devices

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## Advanced secondary batteries for EV/HEV, Robots and iPhones

- high power lithium ion battery
- all solid state LIB
- Mg (multi-valence ion) secondary battery



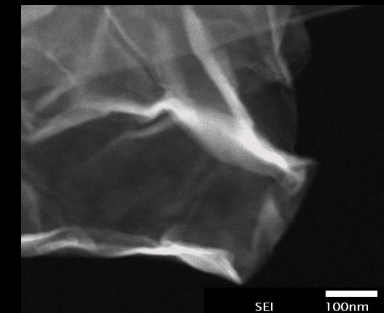
## Super-capacitor for winds & solar renewable energy storage

- aqueous proton capacitor
- redox flow capacitor



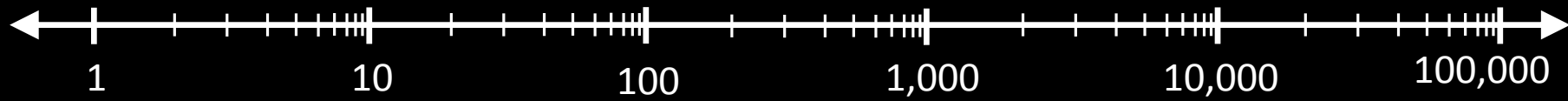
## Nanotechnology for advanced energy materials

- nanoparticles/ ionic liquids
- graphene & nanoporous carbons
- supercritical fluid processing for nanoelectrodes



# Rare metal's price and resources limitation are critical

Prices of Rare (Minor, Critical) Metals (\$/kg)

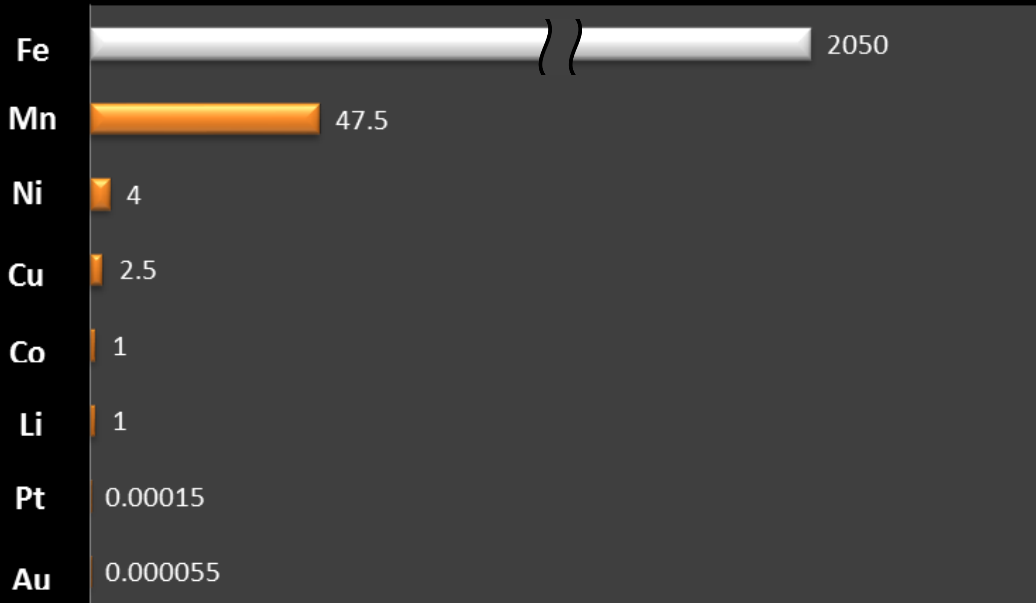


Cheap

Expensive

Super Expensive

Natural Abundance of Metals (Co = 1)



Rare metal news;  
2008-2010

Barbalace, Kenneth;  
"Periodic Table of Elements"

# Organic Crystal as “Green Nanotechnology of Electrode”

## TCNQ crystals

(Tetracyano- quinodimethane)



### TTF-TCNQ (organic metals)

L.B.Coleman et al., *Solid State Commun.* 12, 1125 (1973)

J. Ferraris et al., *J.Am.Chem.Soc.*, 95, 948 (1973)

### (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (organic superconductor)

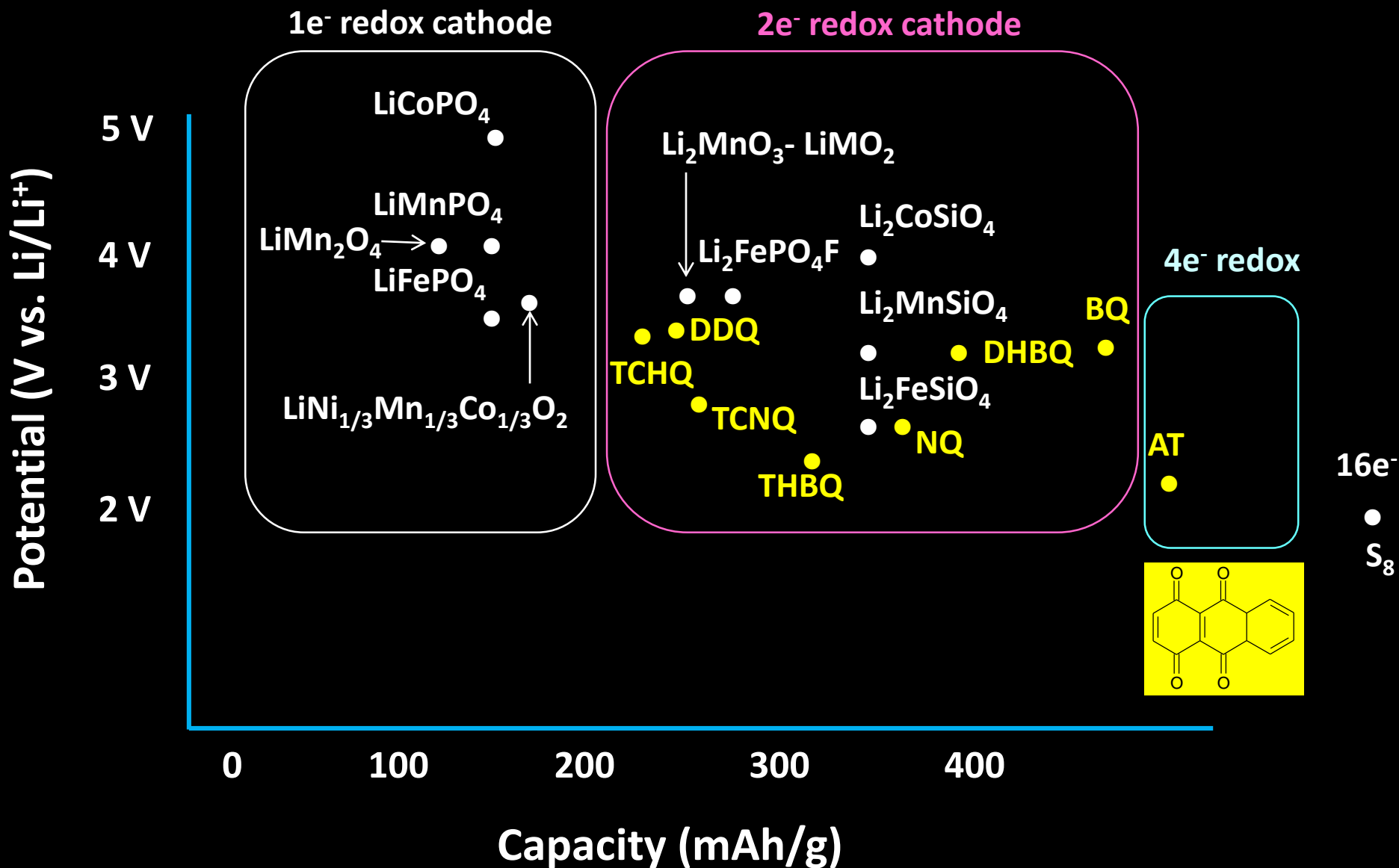
D.Jerome et al., *J.Physique Lett.* 41, L95 (1980)



**Exploration of rare-metal free, low cost & high energy density electrodes**

- Metal free electrodes
- Natural abundance
- Environmentally friendly
- Safety & recyclability
- Cost effective
- No high temperature process

# High Capacity Cathode Candidates of Organic & Inorganic Materials



# January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, B787 flight emergency by LIB burst



<http://news.goo.ne.jp/photo/kyodo/nation/PN2013011901001640.html>



**Accident shows the weakness of B787 “Electric airplane”**

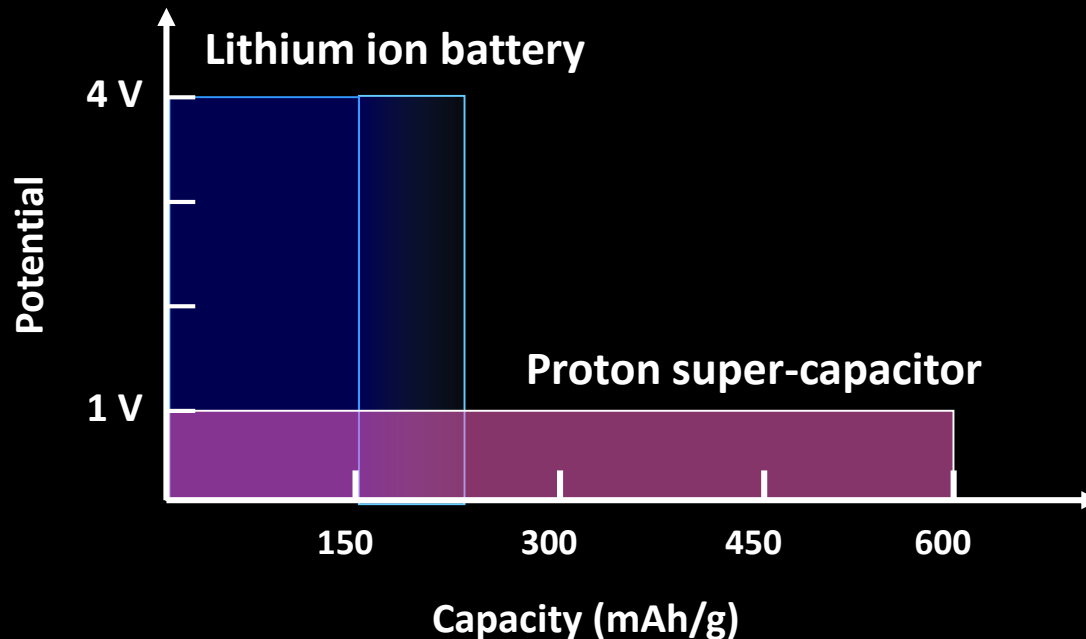
<http://www.asahi.com/business/reuters/RTR201301160063.html>

# More safe, low cost, high energy density battery ?

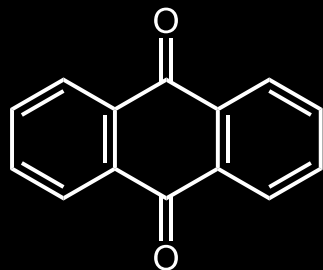
**Aqueous electrolyte in spite of organic**

**H<sup>+</sup> in stead of Li<sup>+</sup>**

**Absolutely metal-free battery  
(employing only 5 elements of H, C, O, Cl, S)**



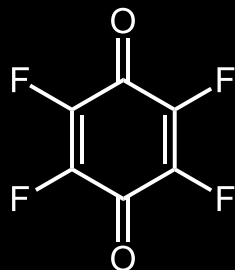
# Large Redox Capacity of Organic Molecular Crystals (Quinone)



257 mAh/g

**AQ**

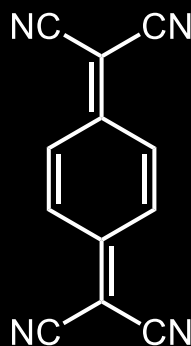
Anthraquinone



295 mAh/g

**TFBQ**

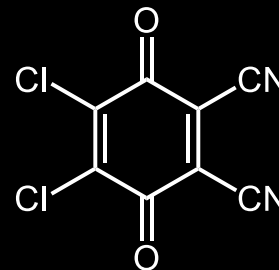
Tetrafluoro-  
benzoquinone



262 mAh/g

**TCNQ**

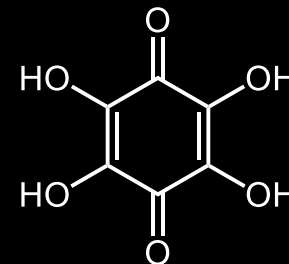
Tetracyano-  
quinodimethane



237 mAh/g

**DDQ**

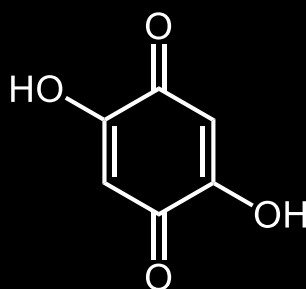
Dichlorodicyano-  
benzoquinone



310 mAh/g

**THBQ**

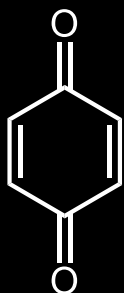
Tetrahydroxy-  
benzoquinone



383 mAh/g

**DHBQ**

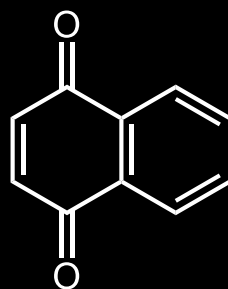
Dihydroxy-  
benzoquinone



496mAh/g

**BQ**

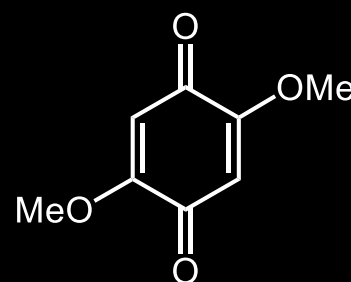
Benzoquinone



339mAh/g

**NQ**

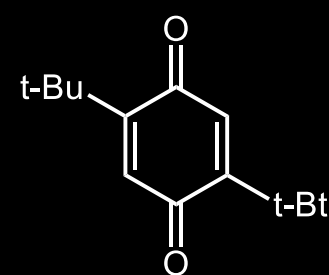
Naphthoquinone



319mAh/g

**DMBQ**

Dimethoxy-  
benzoquinone



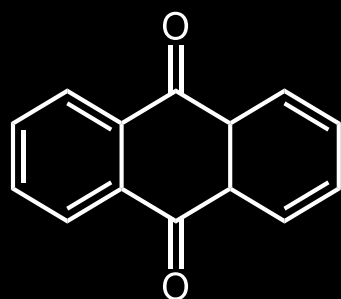
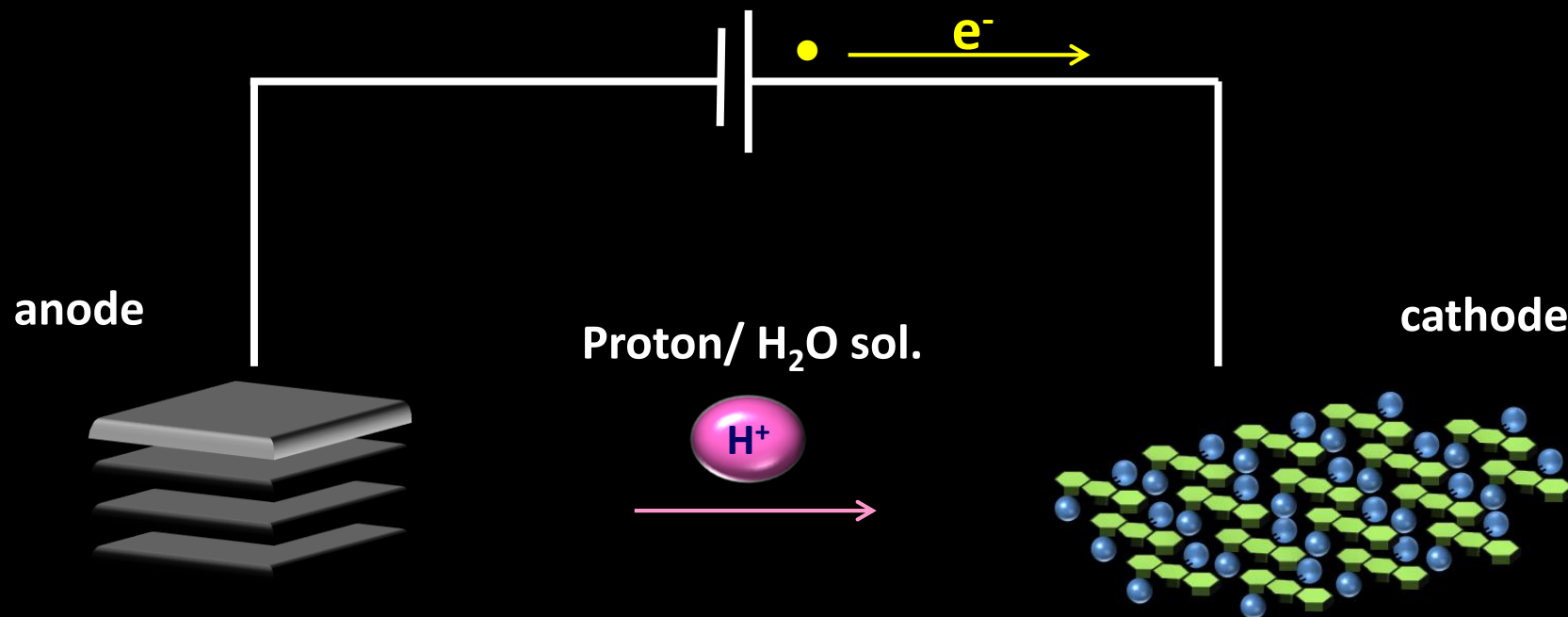
243mAh/g

**DtBu-BQ**

Di-t-Butyl-  
benzoquinone



# Proton shuttle redox-capacitor



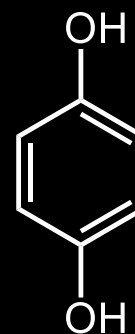
Anthraquinone  
(AQ)

● ● ● ● ● ●  
257 mAh/g

~ 0.6 V

●  
487 mAh/g

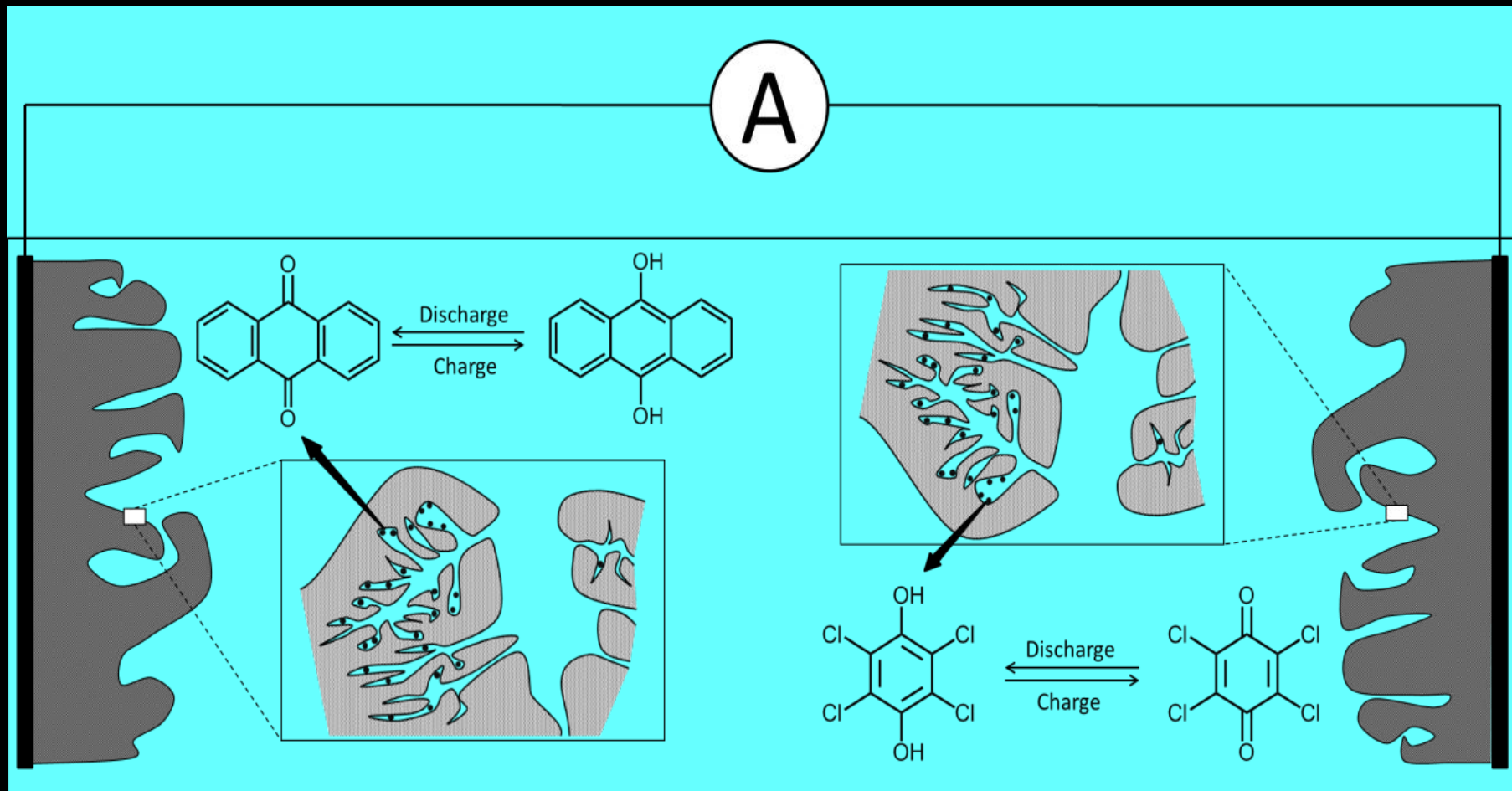
Hydroquinone  
(HQ)



# Organic nanocrystals in Nanoporous carbon electrodes

AQ (27wt.+)/Maxsorb /PTFE

TCHQ (27wt.+)/Maxsorb /PTFE



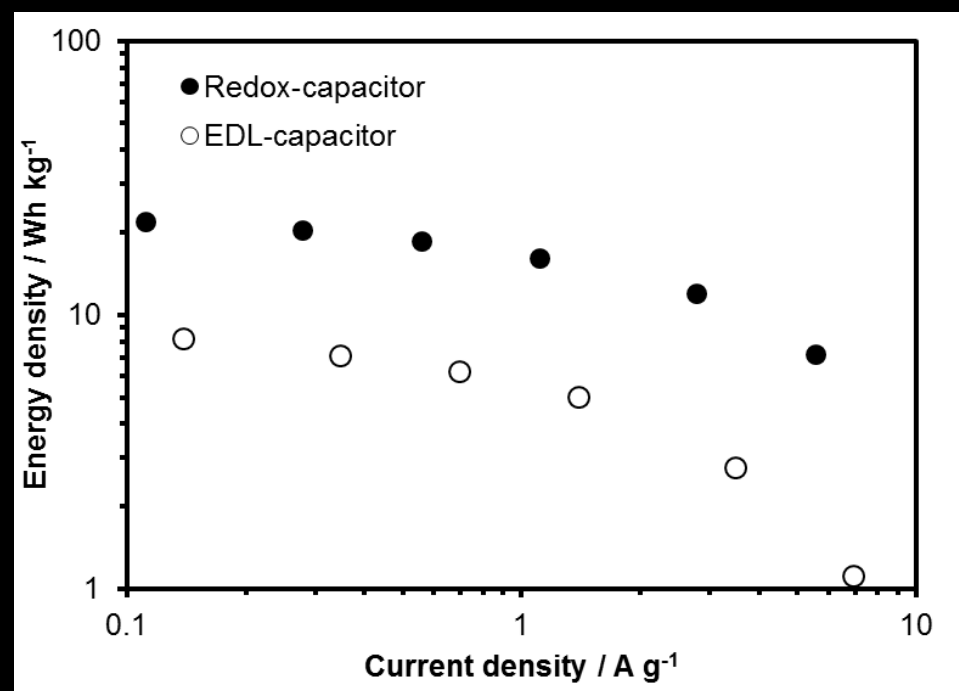
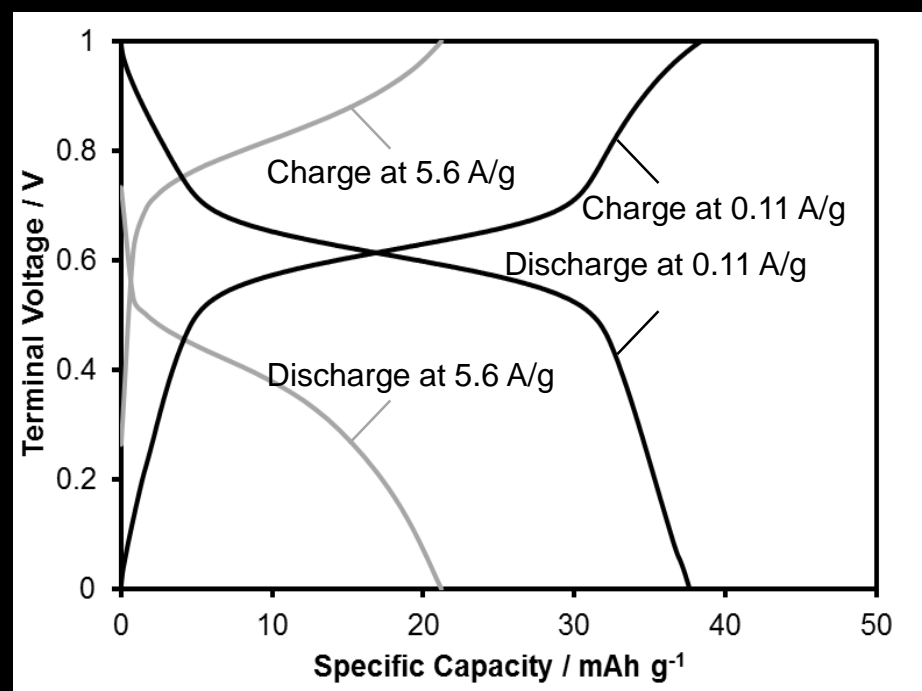
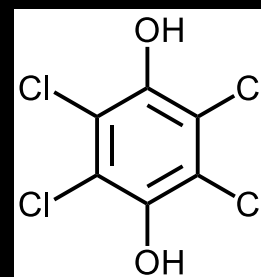
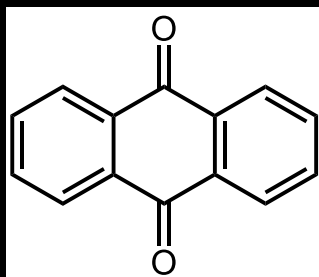
Organic nanocrystals are supported within 1-10nm sized Nanopores of carbon electrodes to suppress dissolution into the electrolyte solution

# Rate capability of proton shuttle redox-capacitor

AQ(anode)

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TCHQ(cathode)



Energy density and power density is larger than that of EDLC capacitor

# Device potential of proton super-capacitor (Proton shuttle redox-capacitor)

Battery device	Energy density	price	Cycle life	safety
EDLC	< 5 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup>	⊙	> 10000	⊙
proton super-capacitor	10-20 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup>	⊙	> 1000	⊙
Pb-acid	20-30 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup>	○	< 1000	⊙
Lithium ion capacitor	10-30 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup>	△	> 10000	△
Lithium ion battery (LIB)	100-150 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup>	△	~ 1000	△

The proton super-capacitor device in this work (**only 5 elements of H, C, O, Cl, S are employed**) is low cost, long cycle life and safety, however, has as same energy density as that of Pb-acid

➔ Applications to stationary electricity storage for the smart grid, renewable energy (solar & wind power)