

# Transitioning Electrochemical Acoustic Analysis into a Predictive Technique for Understanding Complex Behaviors

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# Thanks in Advance



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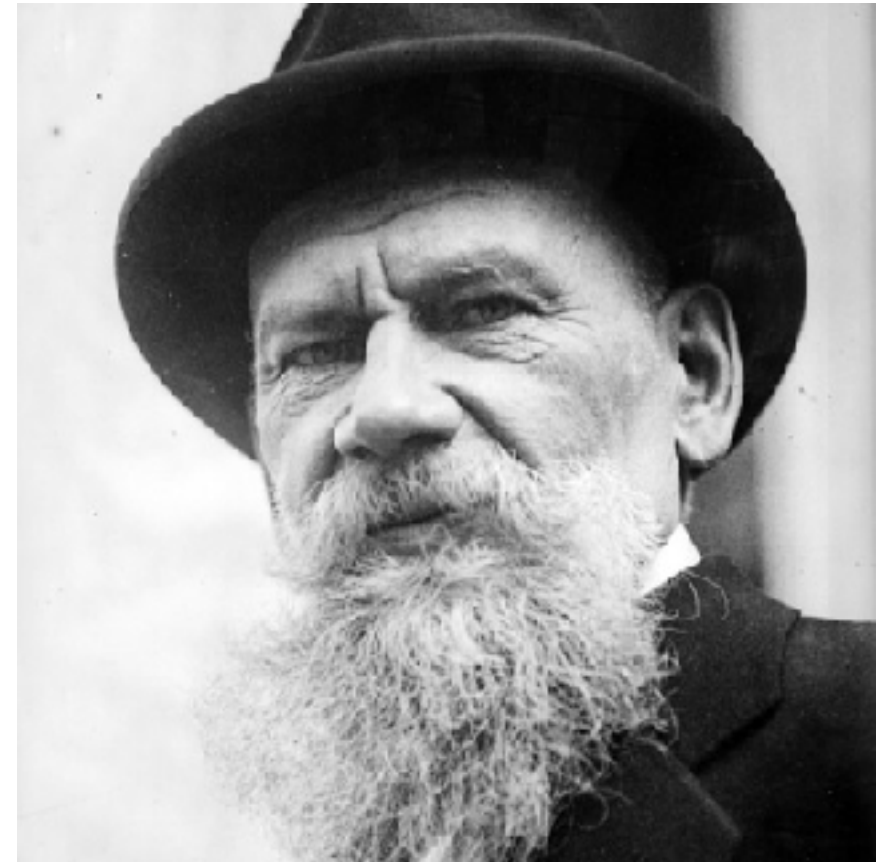
# Anna Karenina was a Battery

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“All happy families are alike;  
each unhappy family is  
unhappy in its own way”

“If you look for perfection,  
you'll never be content”

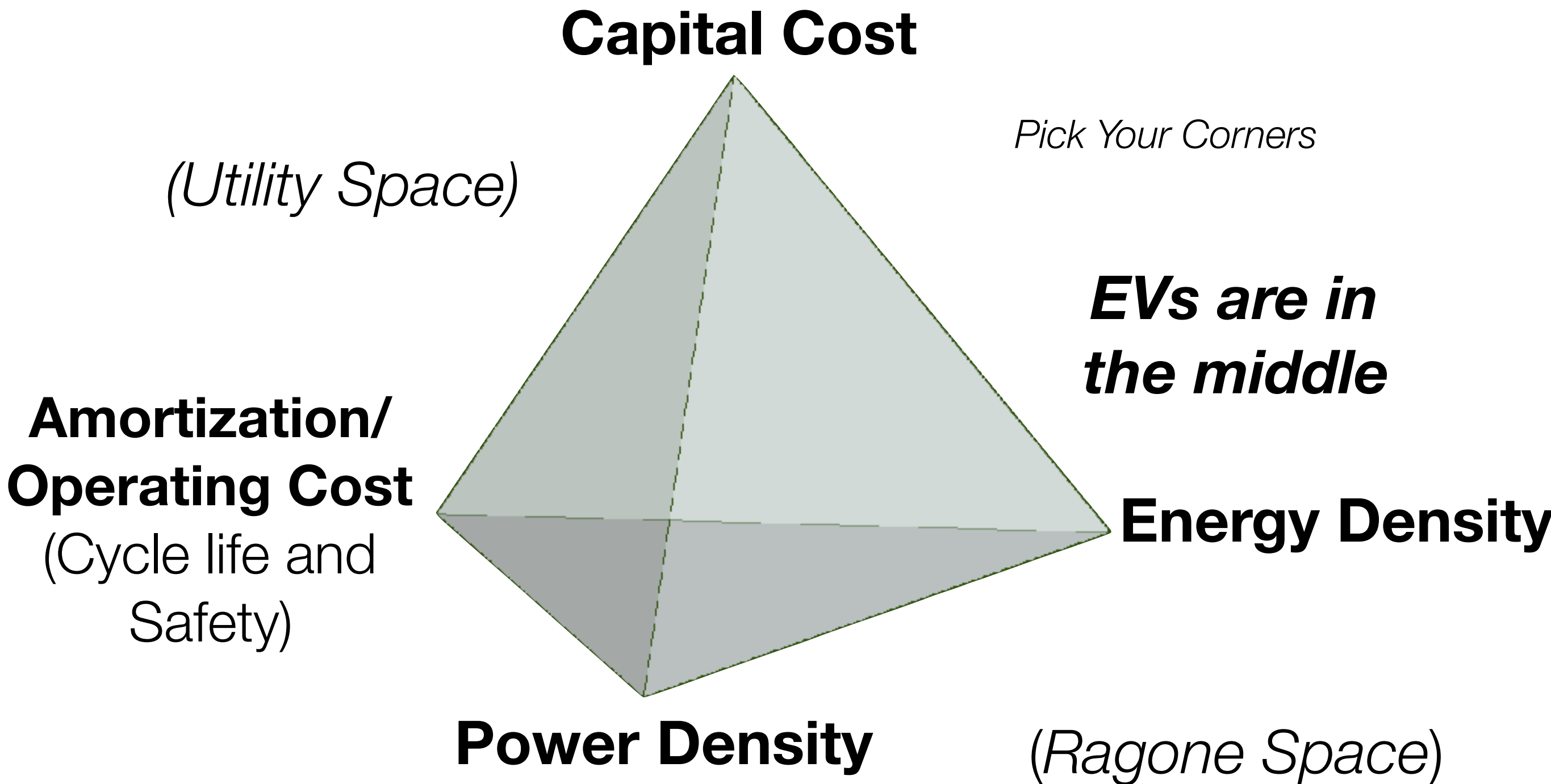
“Anything is better than lies and deceit!”



# Group Hypothesis

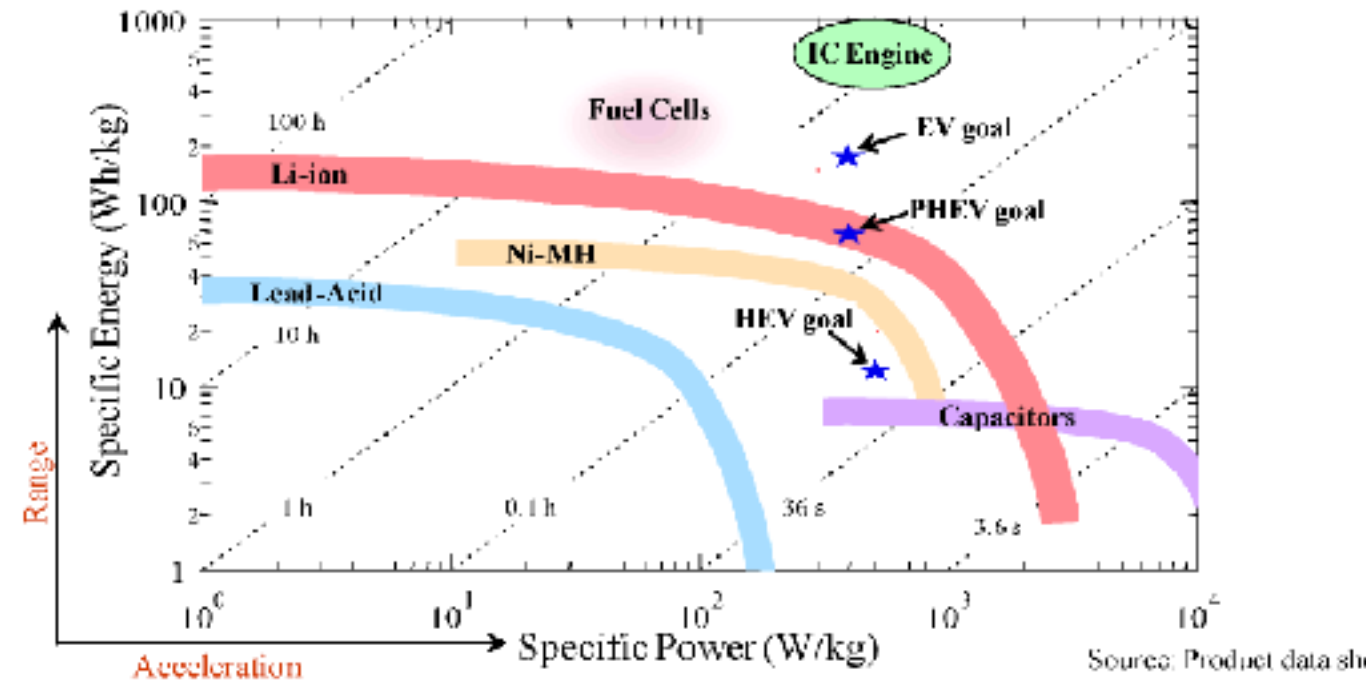
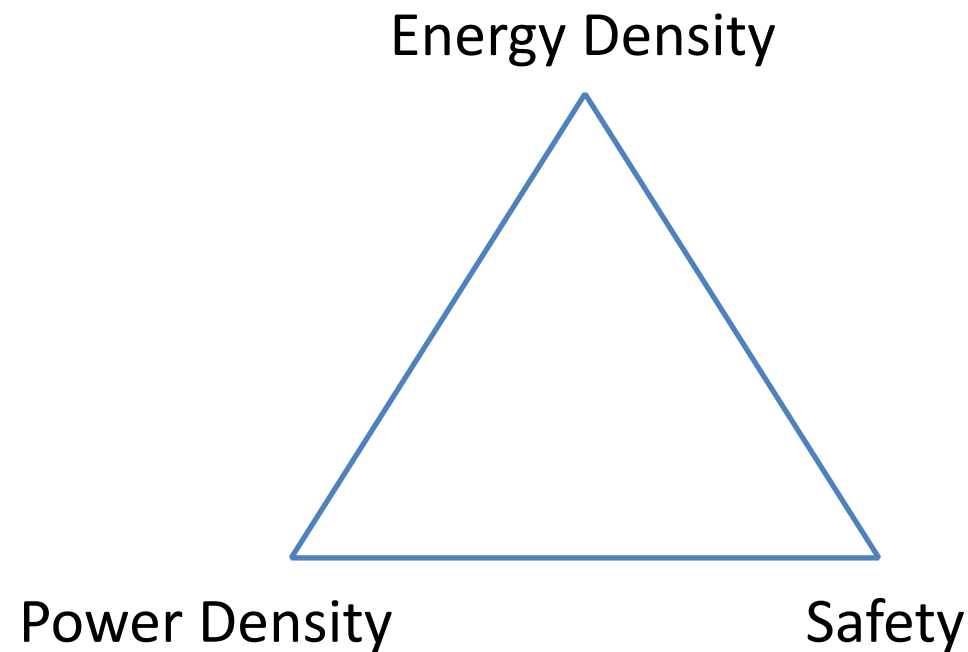
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*Many Couplings Create An Unfortunate Tetrahedron*





# The Hidden Metric in Ragone



V. Srivansan, GigaOM, 2012

More Energy @ Unlimited Rate

$$\frac{\Delta E}{C_p * m} = \Delta T$$

Less Mass

# State Estimation

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doctor pilot @pilotbacon · 33m

i made it home from manhattan to queens  
with 1% on my phone the whole time and  
now i feel like i finally understand the story  
of Hanukkah



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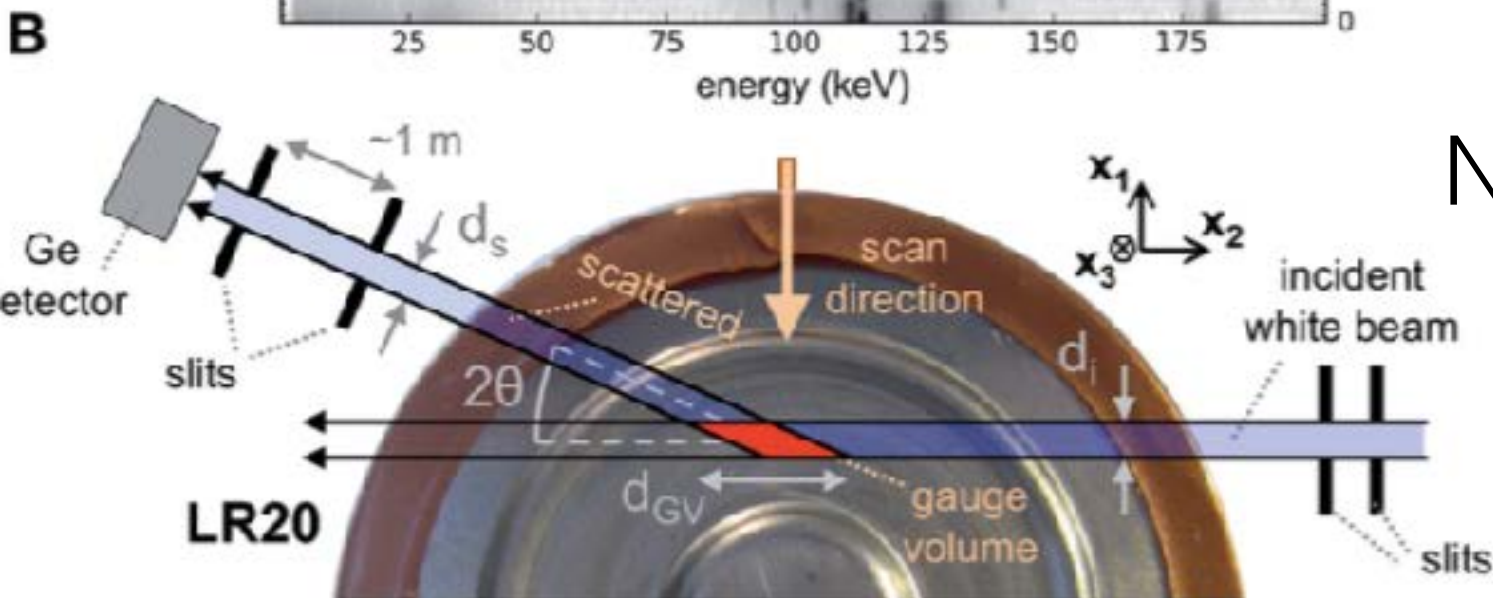
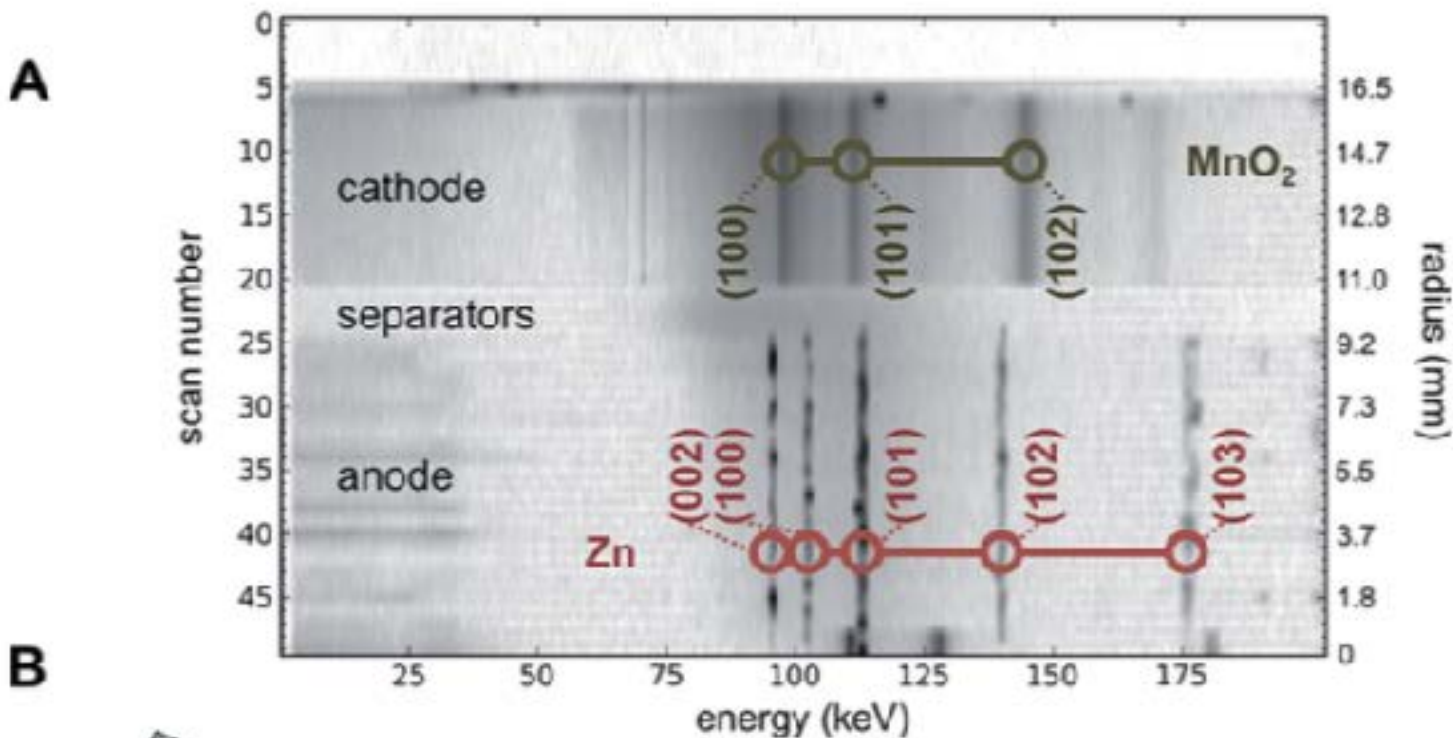


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# Cost No Object Tool: EDXRD

$$d = \frac{n\lambda}{2 \sin \theta}$$



	$\theta$	$\lambda$
<b>EDXRD</b>	Fixed	Varied
<b><math>\theta</math>-2<math>\theta</math></b>	Varied	Fixed

Near real time reconstruction  
of a full cell in operation

Requires White Beam  
And Serious Flux

Hope the Wiggler Stays Up

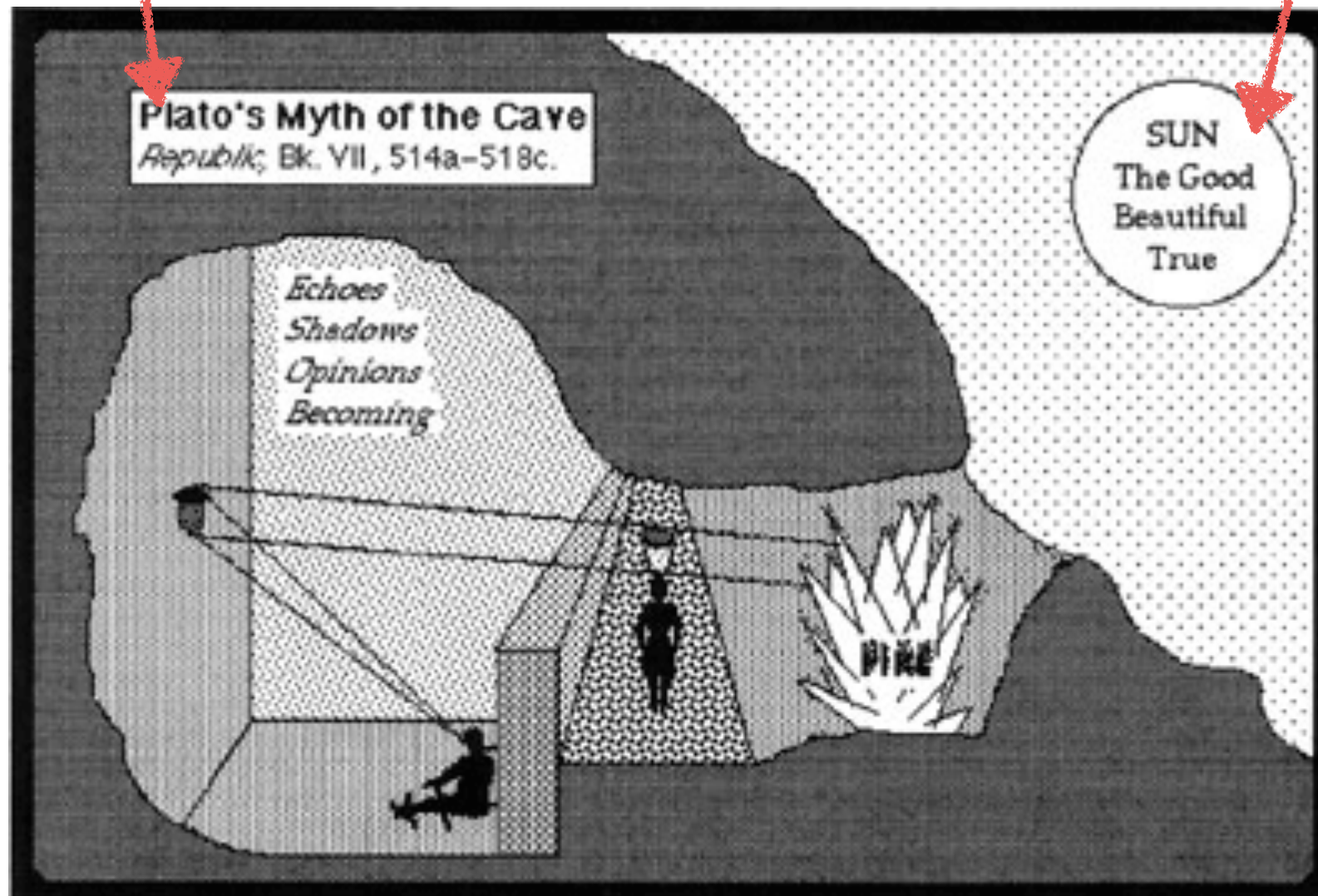


# The Allegory of The Cell

(You Cell Phone Estimator)  
(Cheap Stuff)

(Synchrotron Radiation)  
(Neutron Sources)  
(Fancy Stuff)

Working  
Systems



(Generally)  
Deconstructed  
Systems

<http://www.jupiterjenkins.com/spelunking-with-ray-bradbury/>

truth is expensive but uncalibrated estimation is dangerous

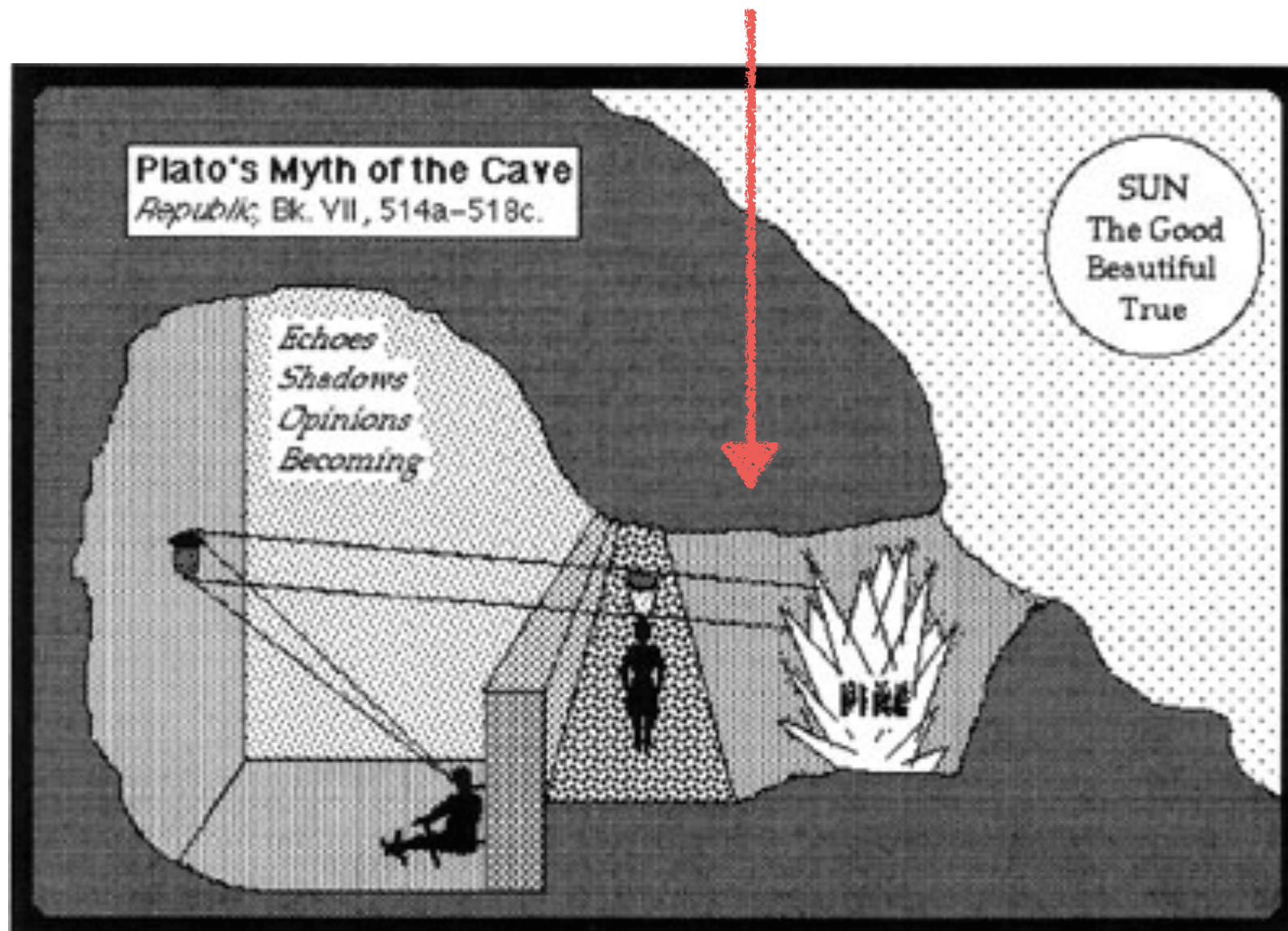


# The Allegory of The Cave

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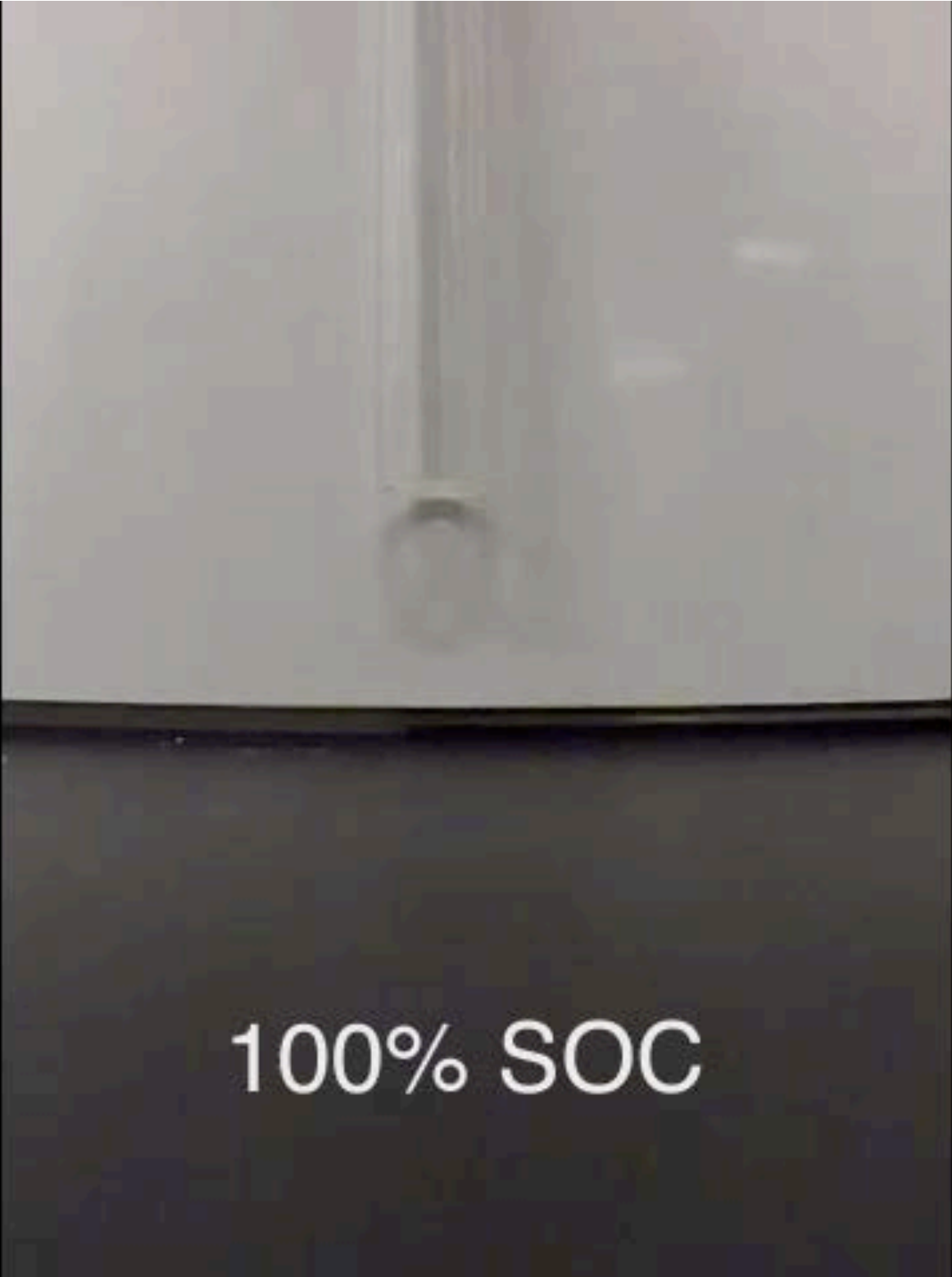
What Can Bridge?

For “real systems” I’d argue that the default is EIS



# Why Does This Happen?

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A blurry, low-resolution image of a battery status indicator. It shows a horizontal bar that is almost completely filled, with a small gap at the end. The text "100% SOC" is overlaid on the bottom left of the bar.

100% SOC

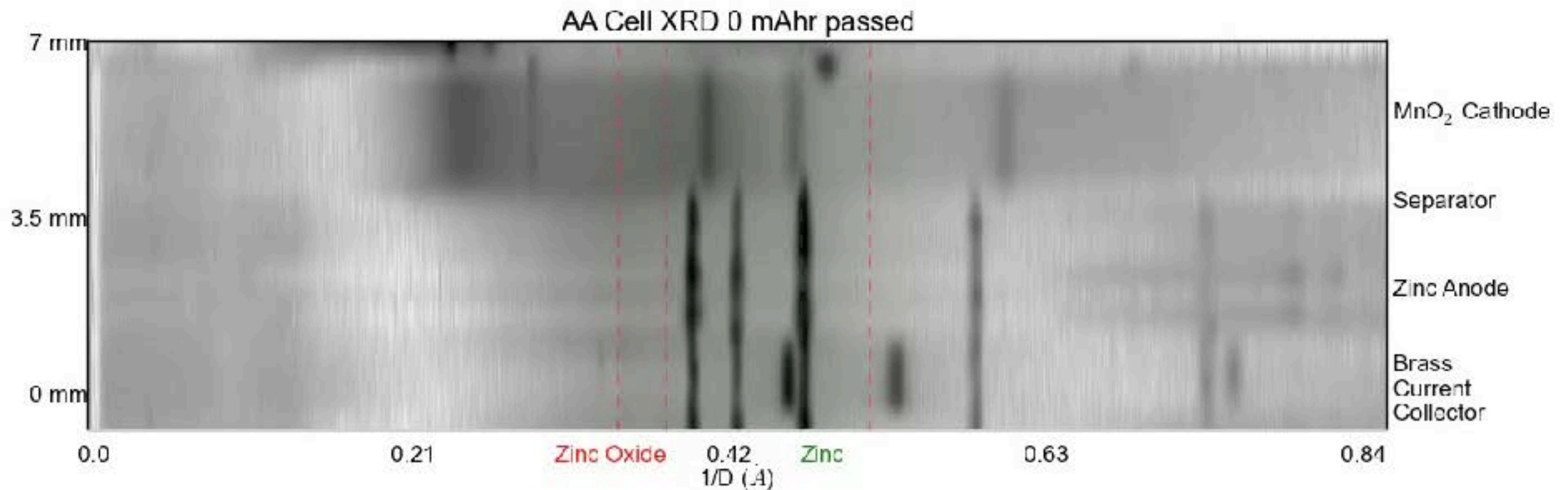
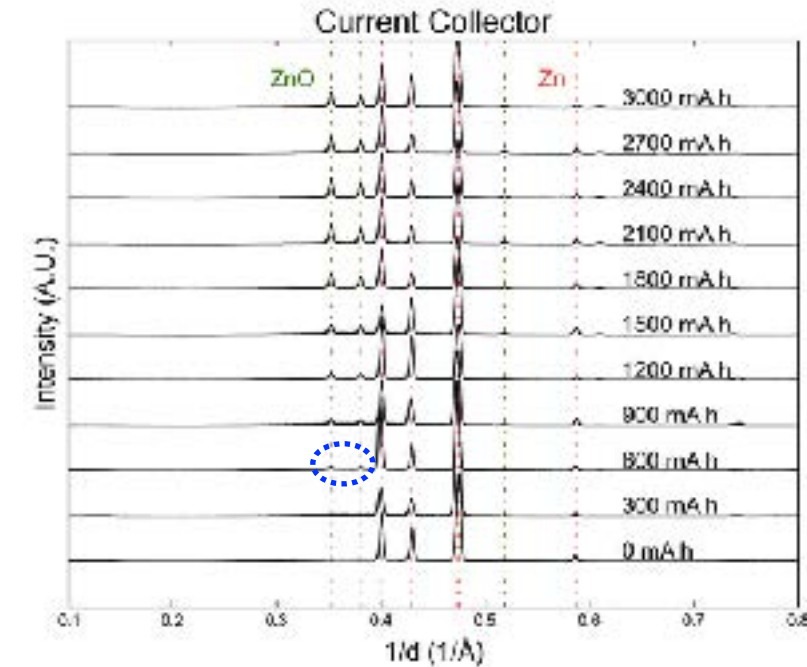
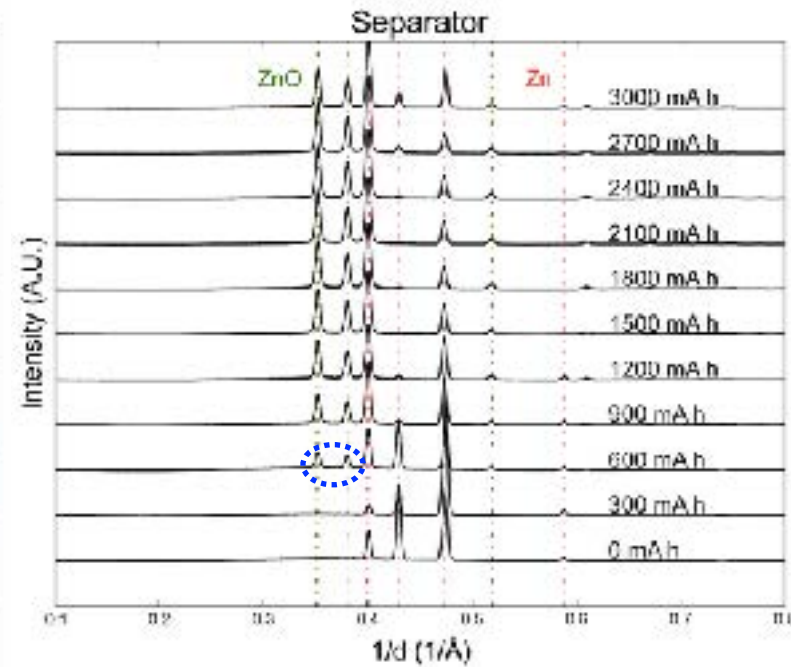
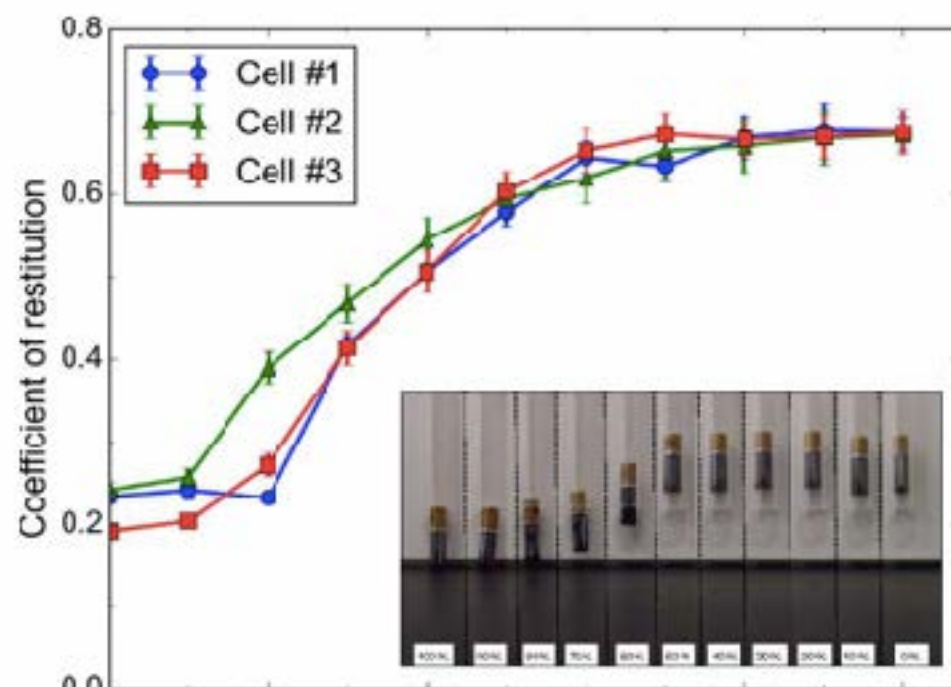
# Why does this happen?

State of Charge

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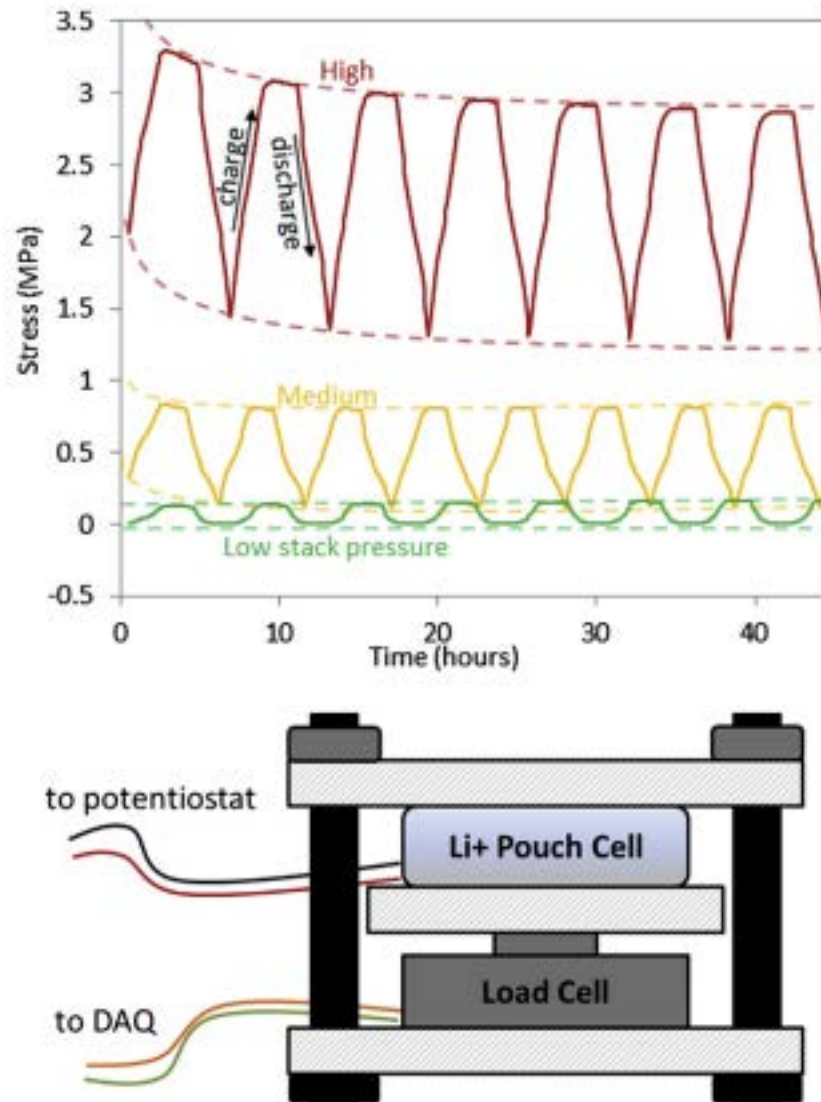


# A Complex Story



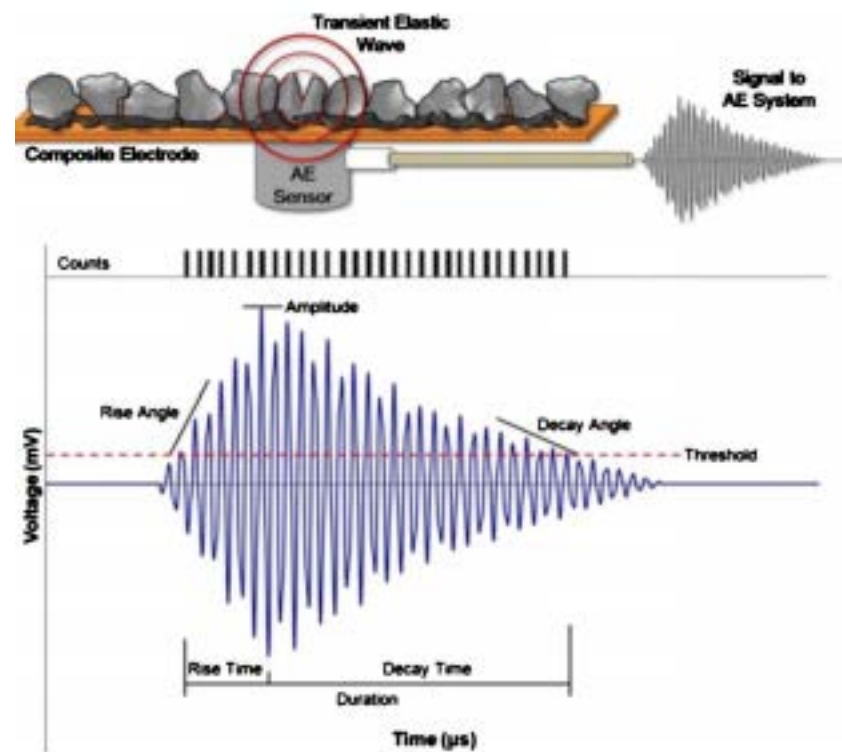
# Mechanics and Batteries

## Stress-strain



Cannarella et. al. *JOPS* 2014

## Acoustic emission



Rhodes et. al. *JECS* 2010

## Large-scale delamination

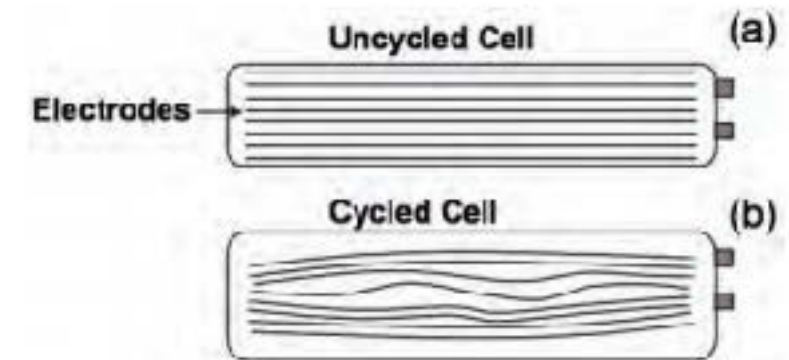
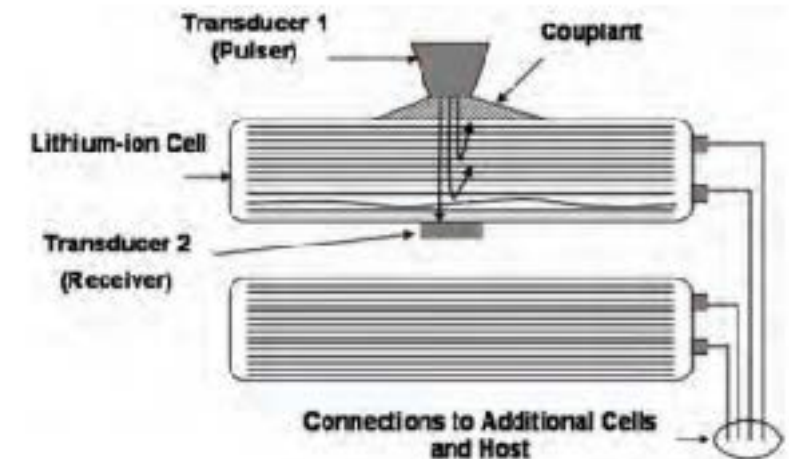


Fig. 2 Illustration of (a) a new cell and (b) a cell after multiple charge/discharge cycles



Sood et. al. *IEEE* 2013

# Is there a global connection?

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- Is there a way to study the electrochemical & mechanical behavior of *all* closed batteries, regardless of chemistry and geometry?
- Can we detect the subtle changes that occur in a battery during cycling?

Thoughts about closed batteries during cycling:

- Density distribution *must* shift
- Modulus distribution will change as well



# Basic Acoustics

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Sound  
speed

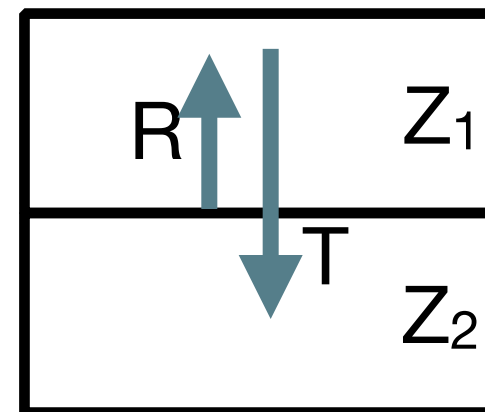
$$c = \sqrt{\frac{K + \frac{4}{3}G}{\rho}}$$

Longitudinal/Shear Modulus

Density

Acoustic  
impedance

$$Z = \rho \cdot c$$



## Hypothesis:

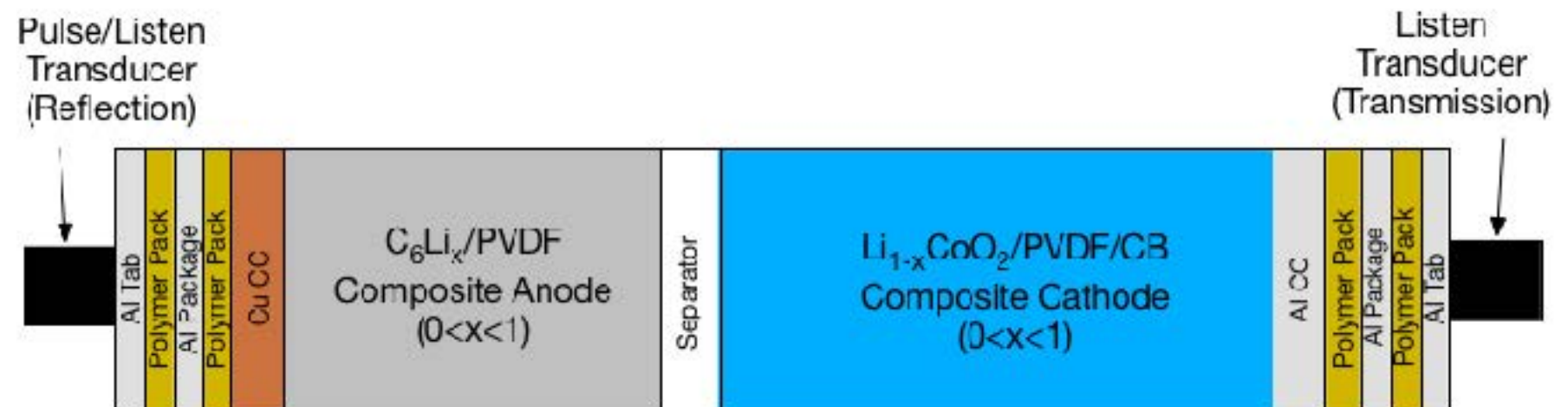
Cycling will affect the behavior of sound traveling through a battery

# Simulation of pulse through a cell

1D continuity  
equations\*

$$p_t + B \cdot u_x = 0$$

$$u_t + \frac{1}{\rho} \cdot p_x = 0$$



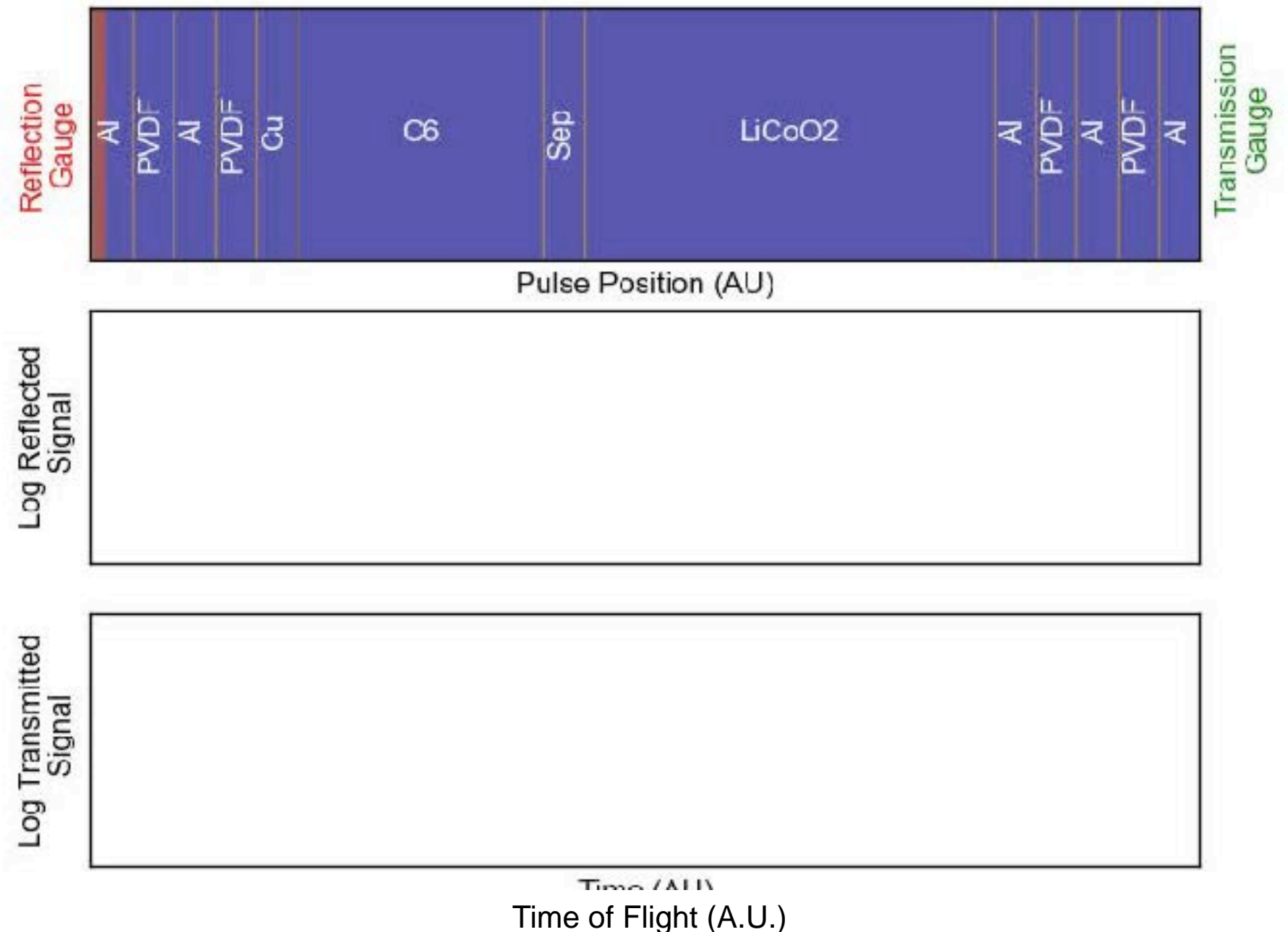
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\*solved in Clawpack

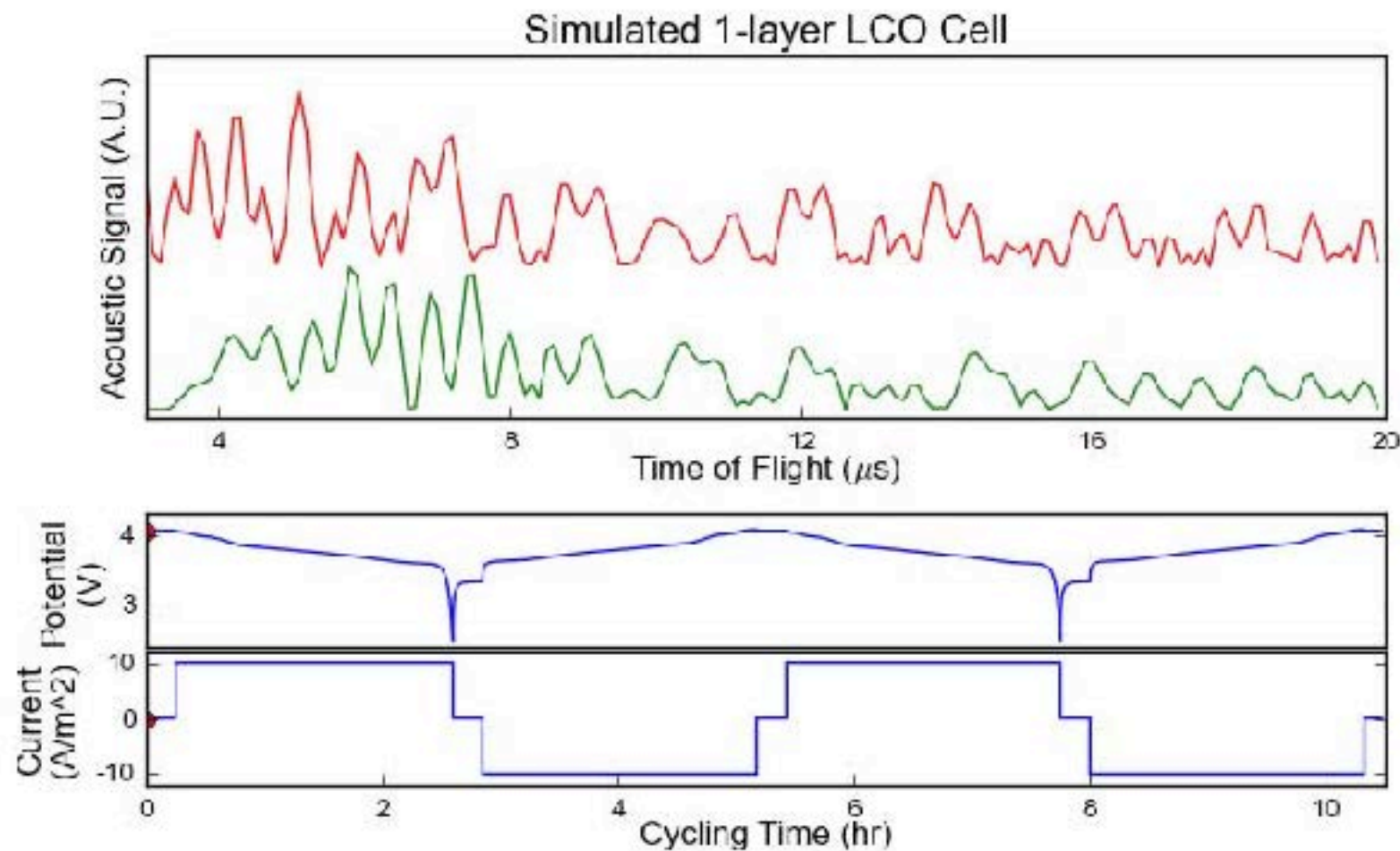


\*Constant SOC



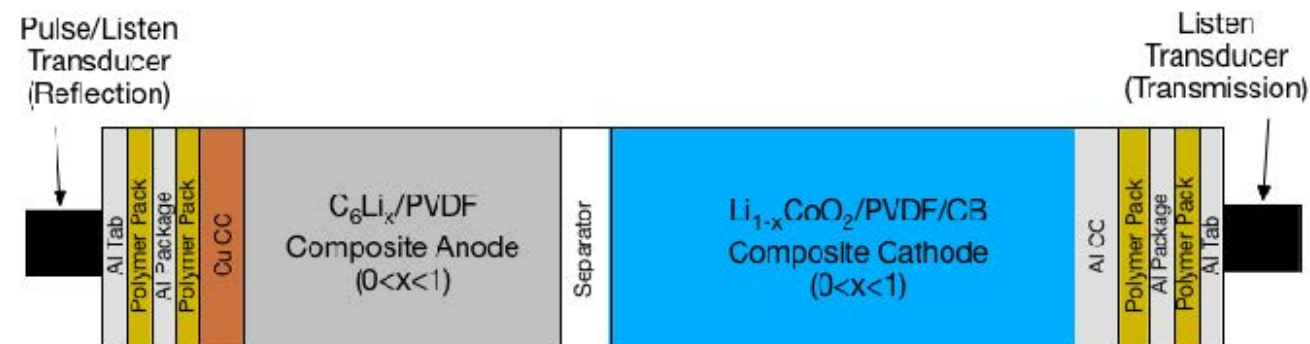
# EA Simulation

Waveform evolution  
as  $f(\text{SOC})^*$



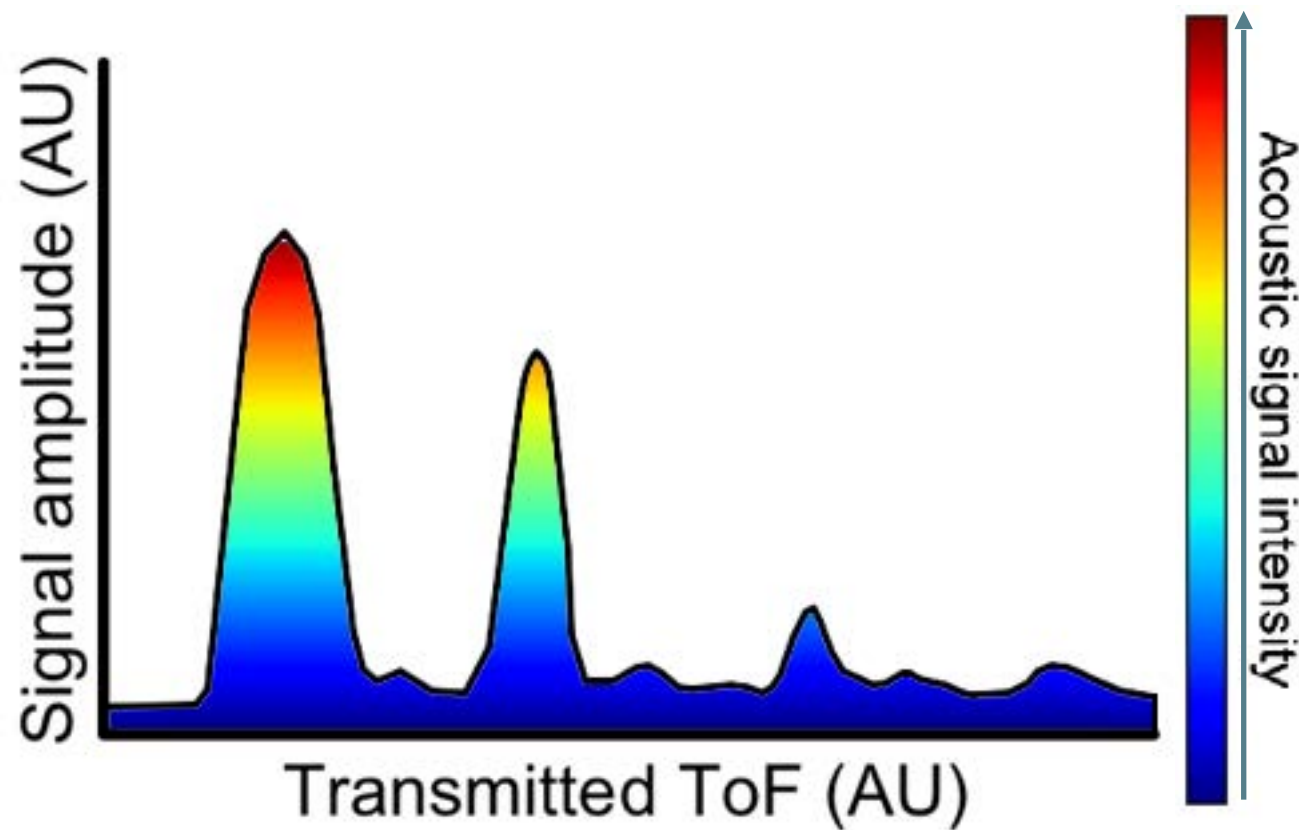
\*calculated assuming  
only density changes

\*  $t_{\text{ToF}} \ll t_{\text{cyc}}$

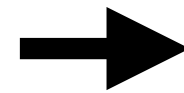


# Visualizing EA data

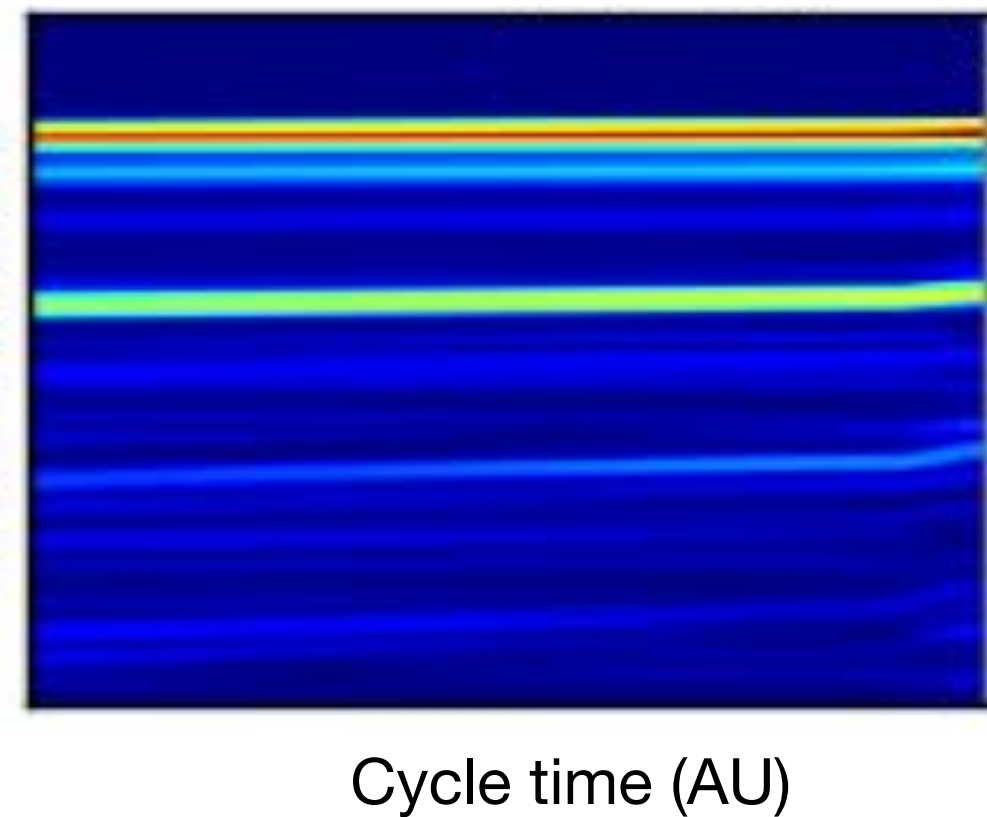
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snapshot in cycling time, single SOC

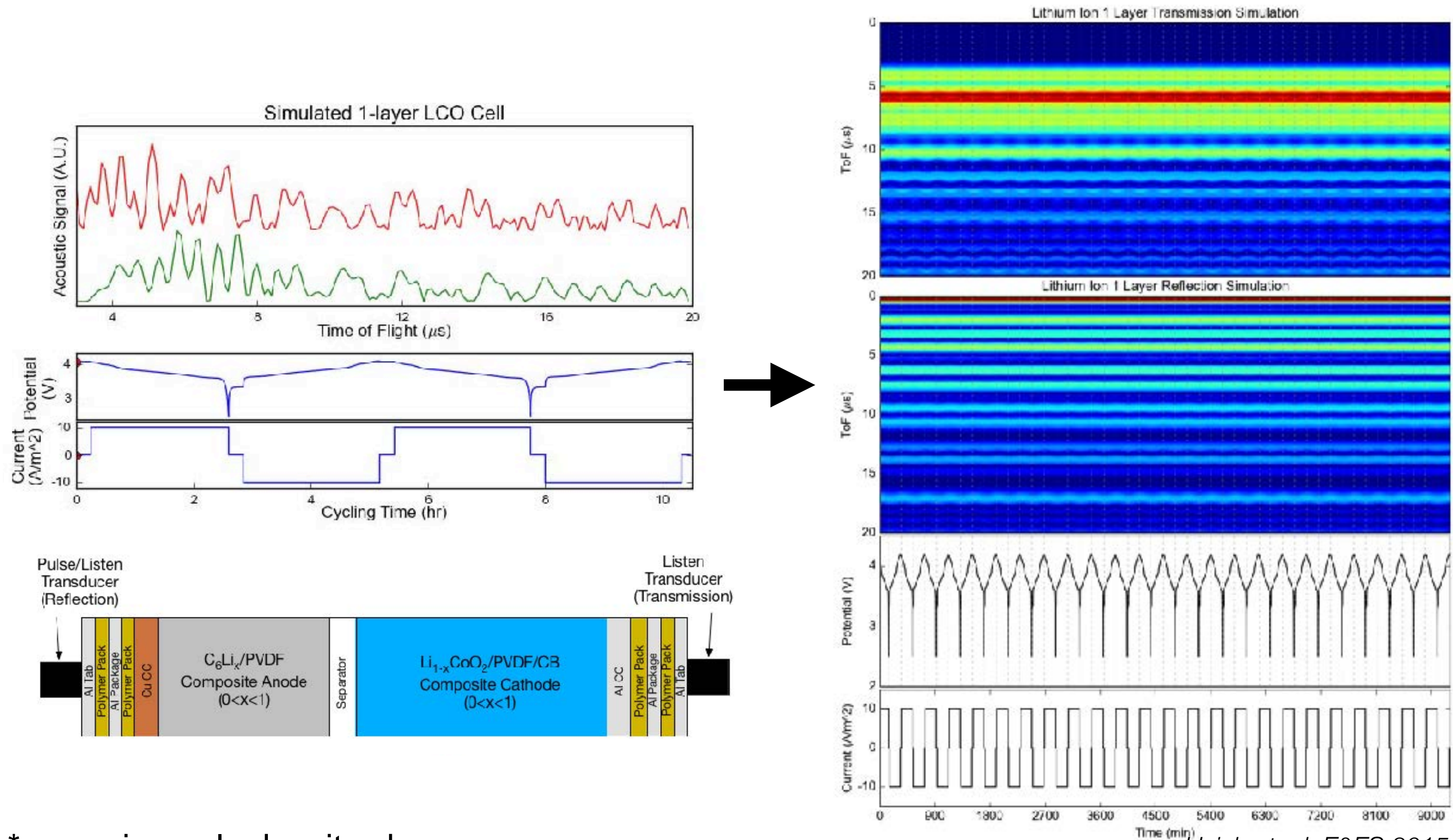


Transmitted ToF (AU)



time-resolved, changing SOC

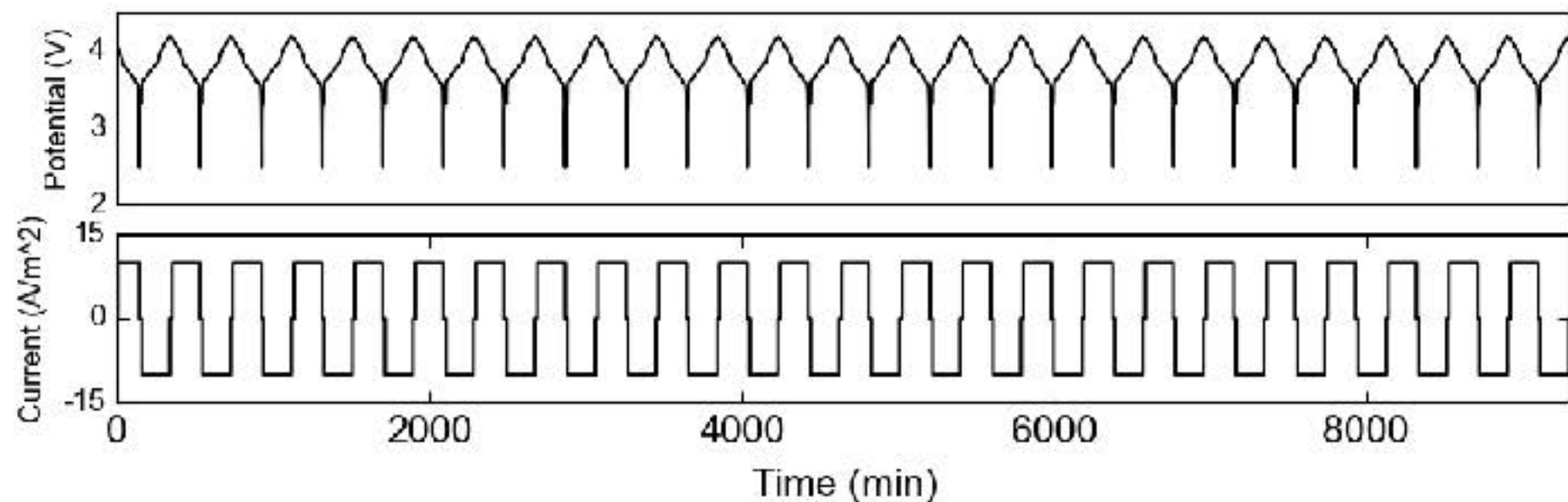
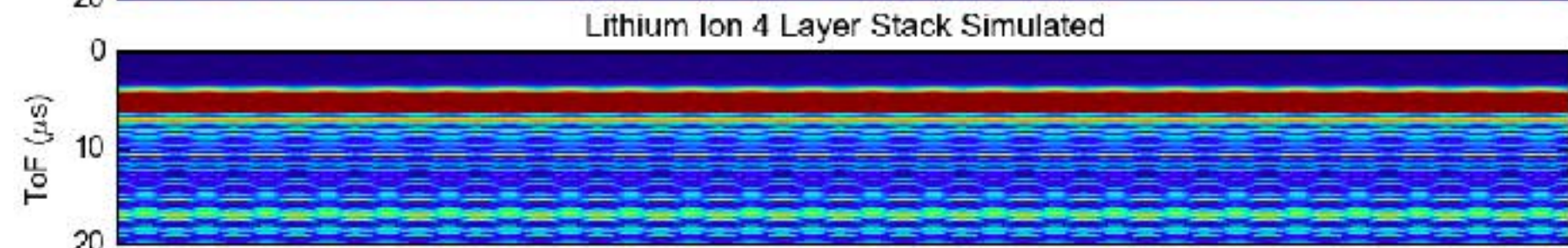
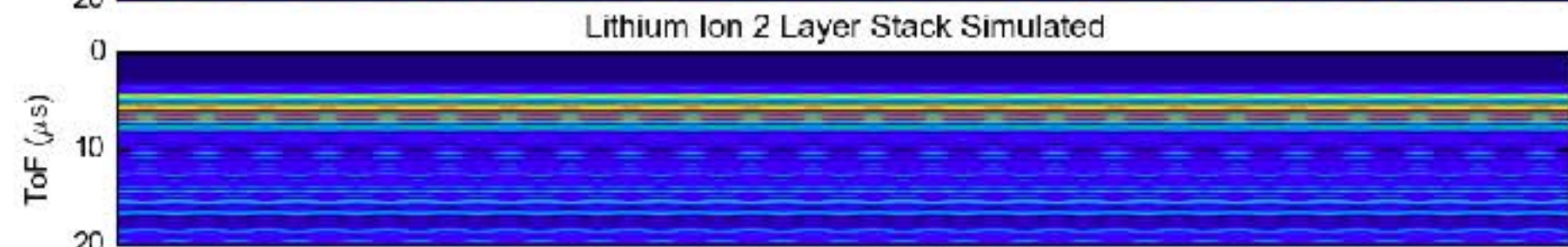
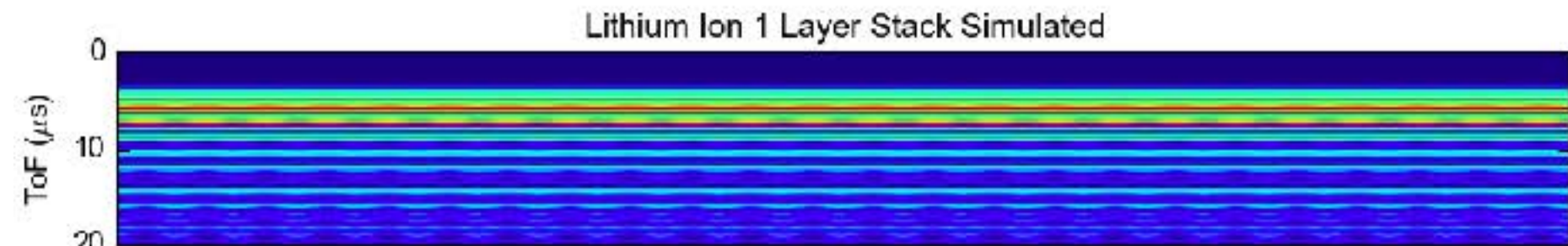
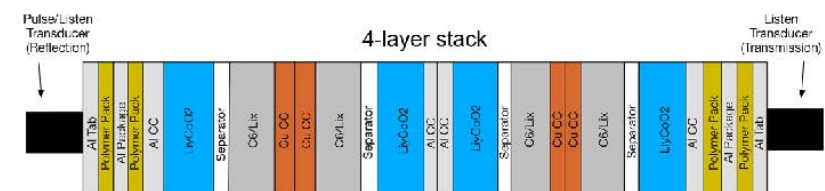
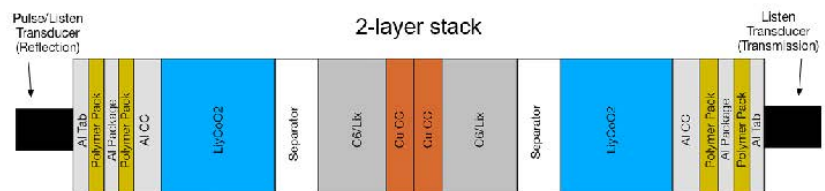
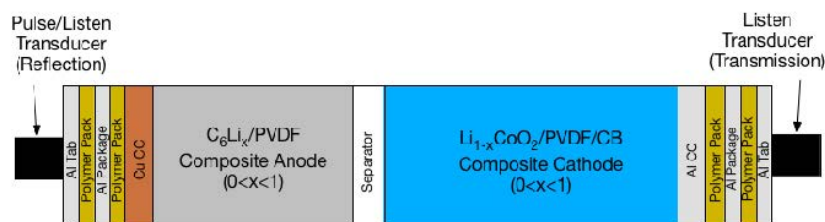
# EA Simulation



\*assuming only density changes

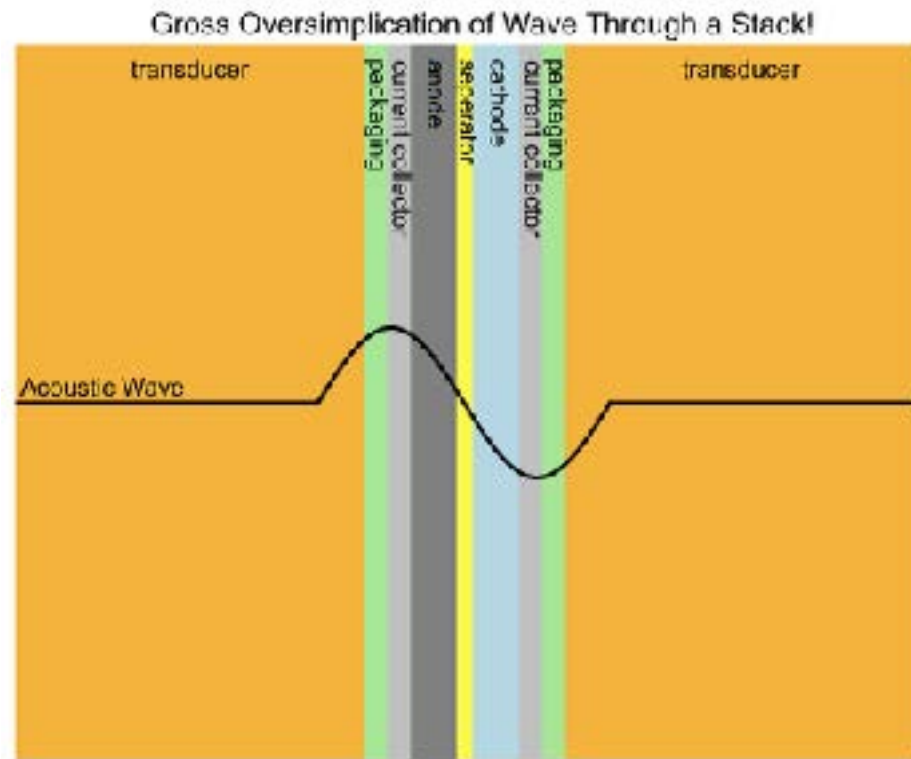


# More layers, more complexity



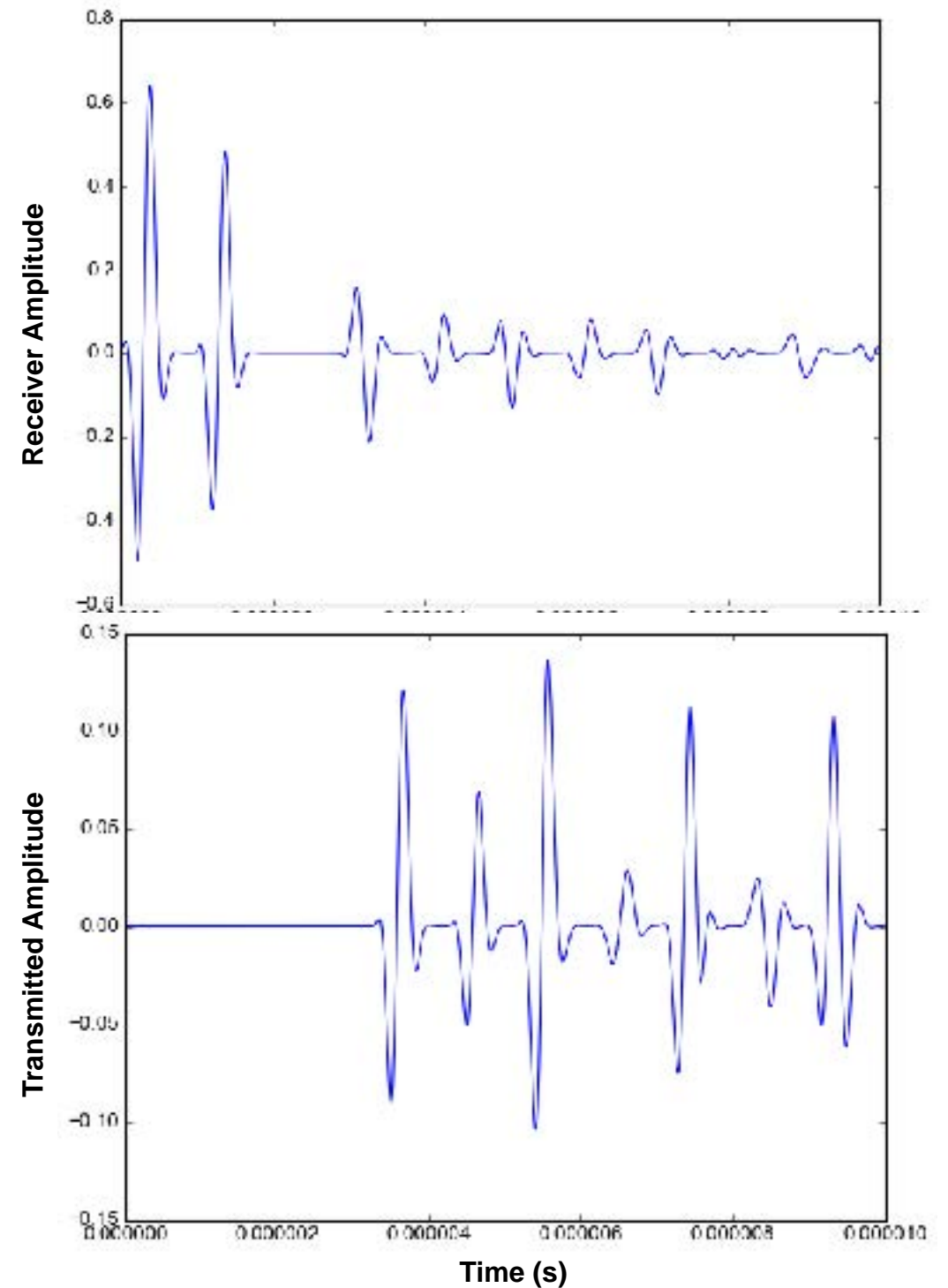
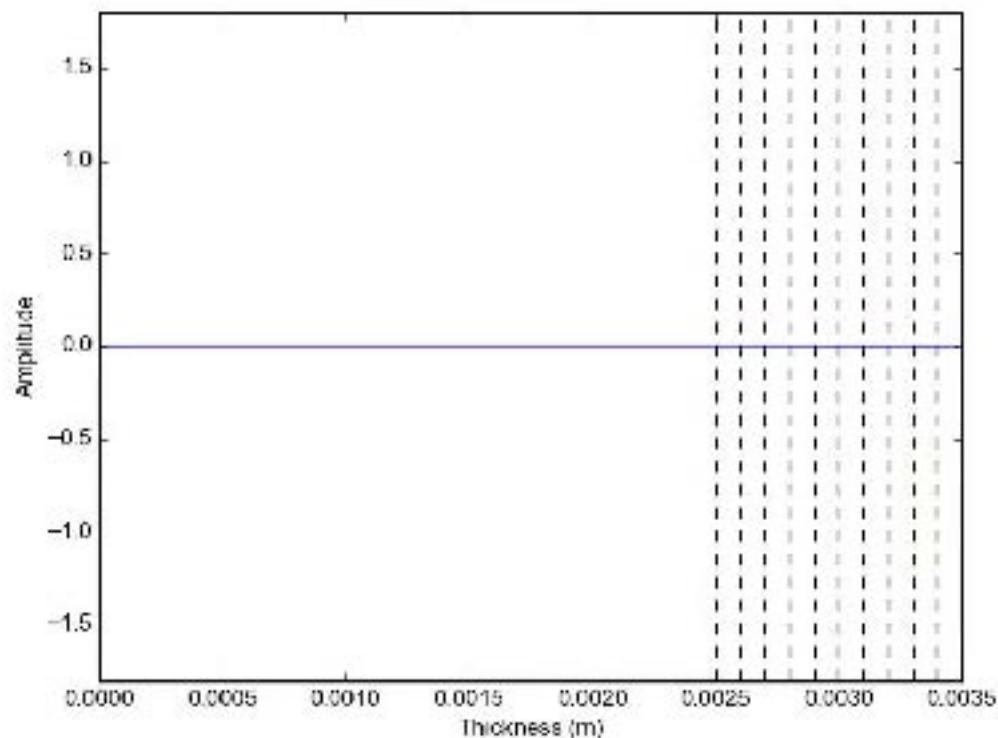
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# Sub Wavelength Handwave



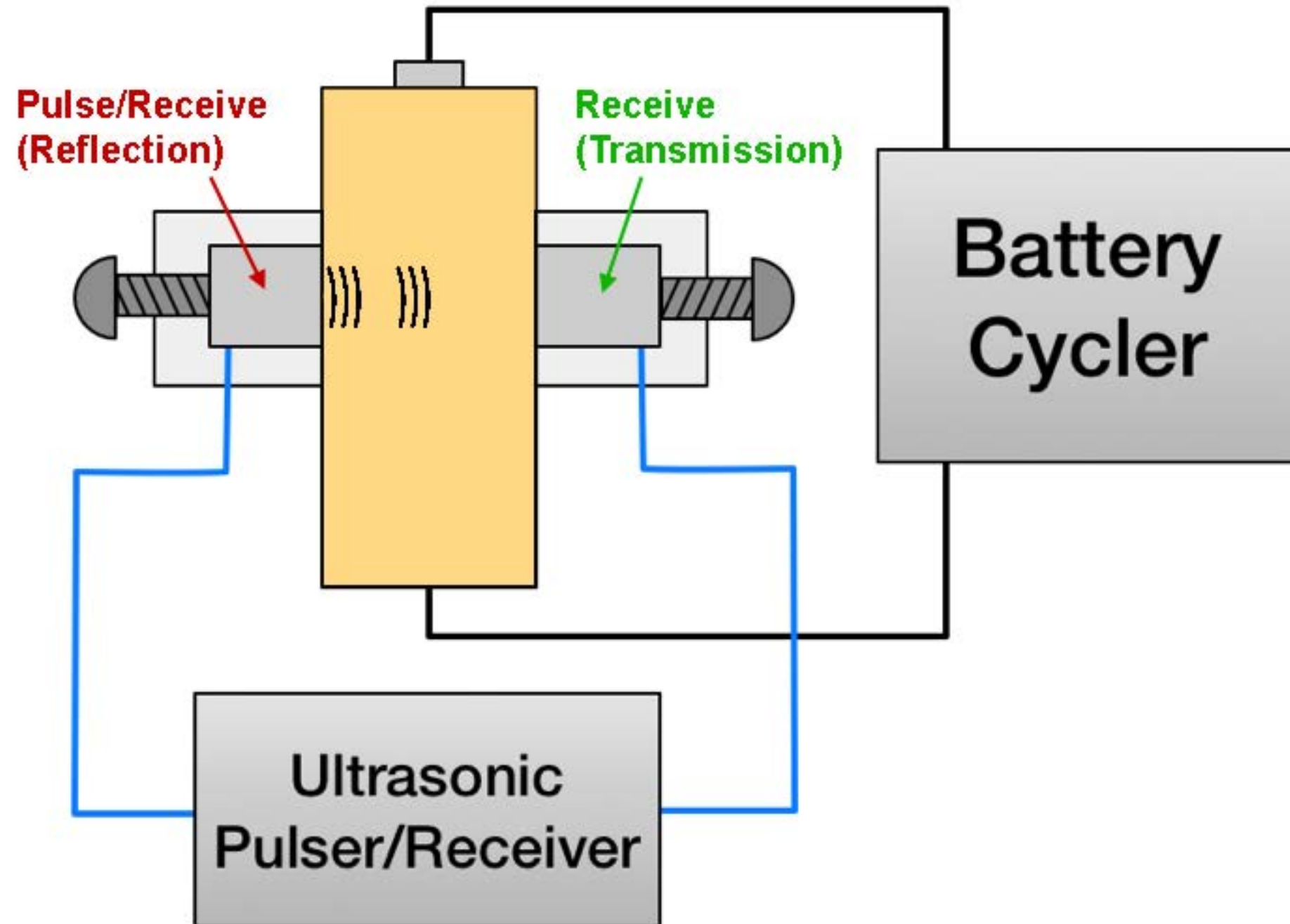
Effective Density Change *doesn't* show up if the frequency is too low (mass is conserved)

Elastic Modulus has no need to be conserved, so at low frequencies we are measuring a composite stack



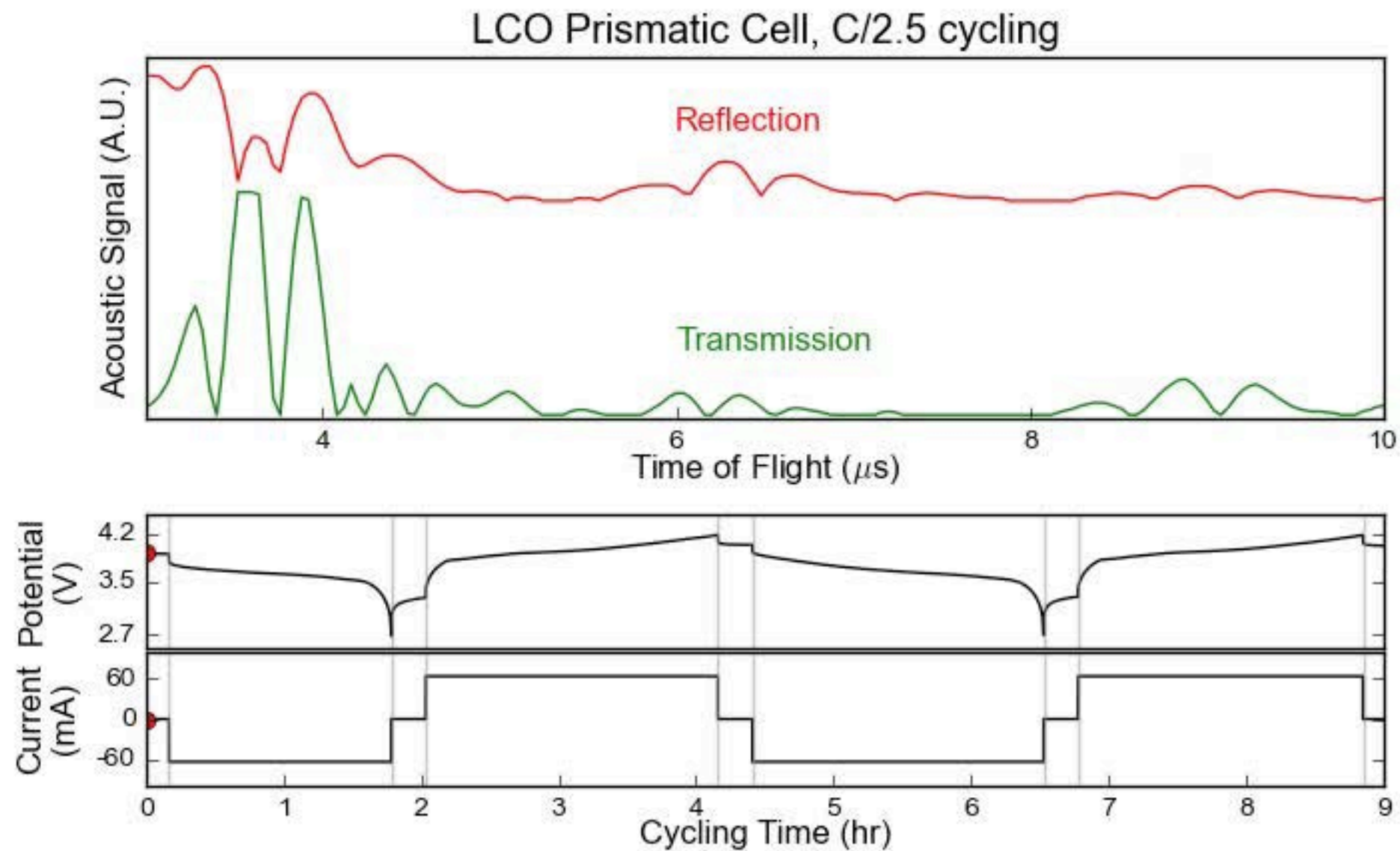
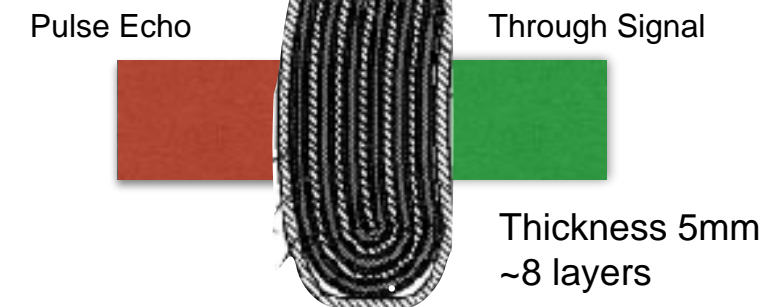
# Experimental Setup

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# LCO Prismatic





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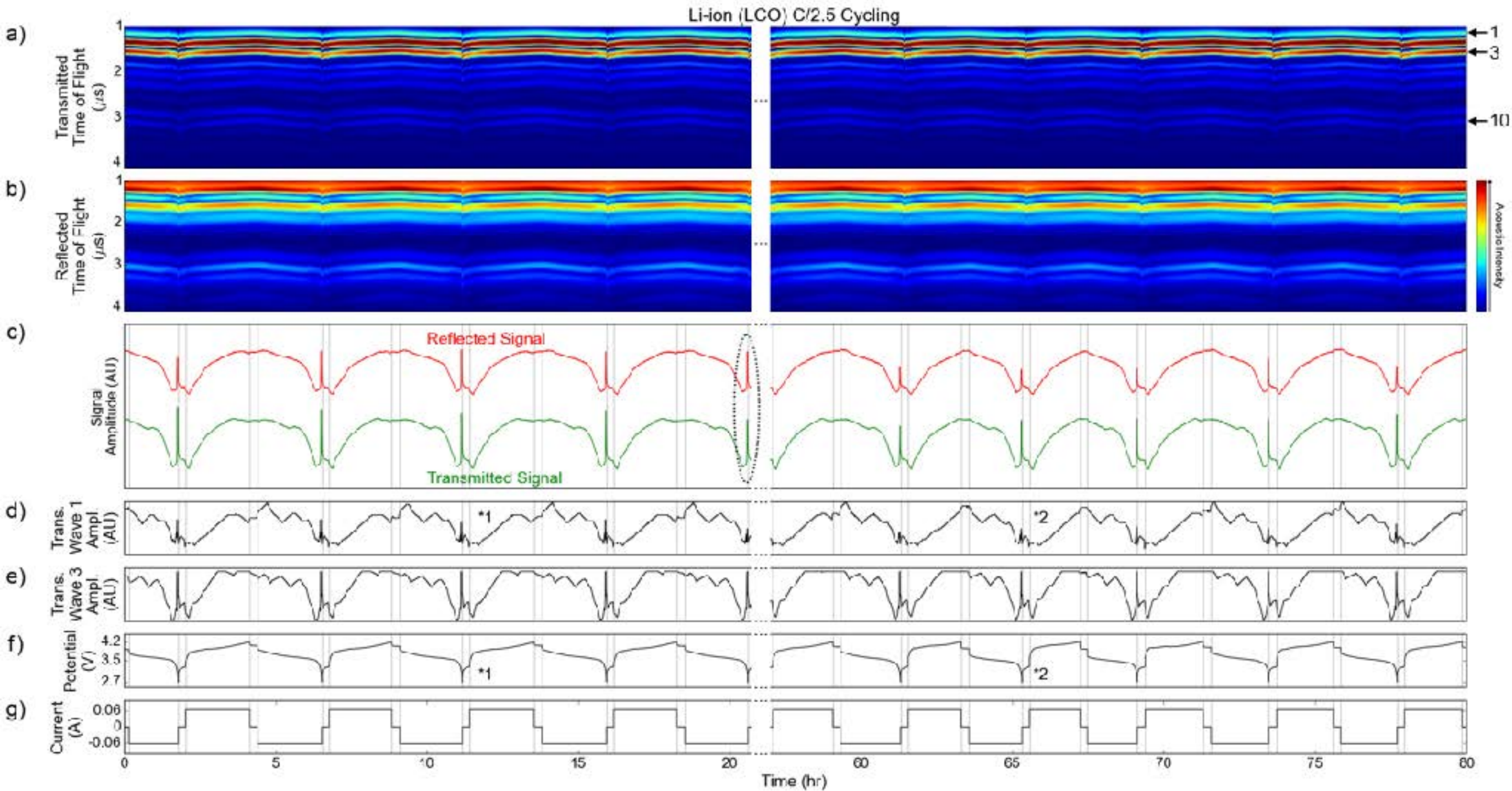
Pulse Echo



Through Signal

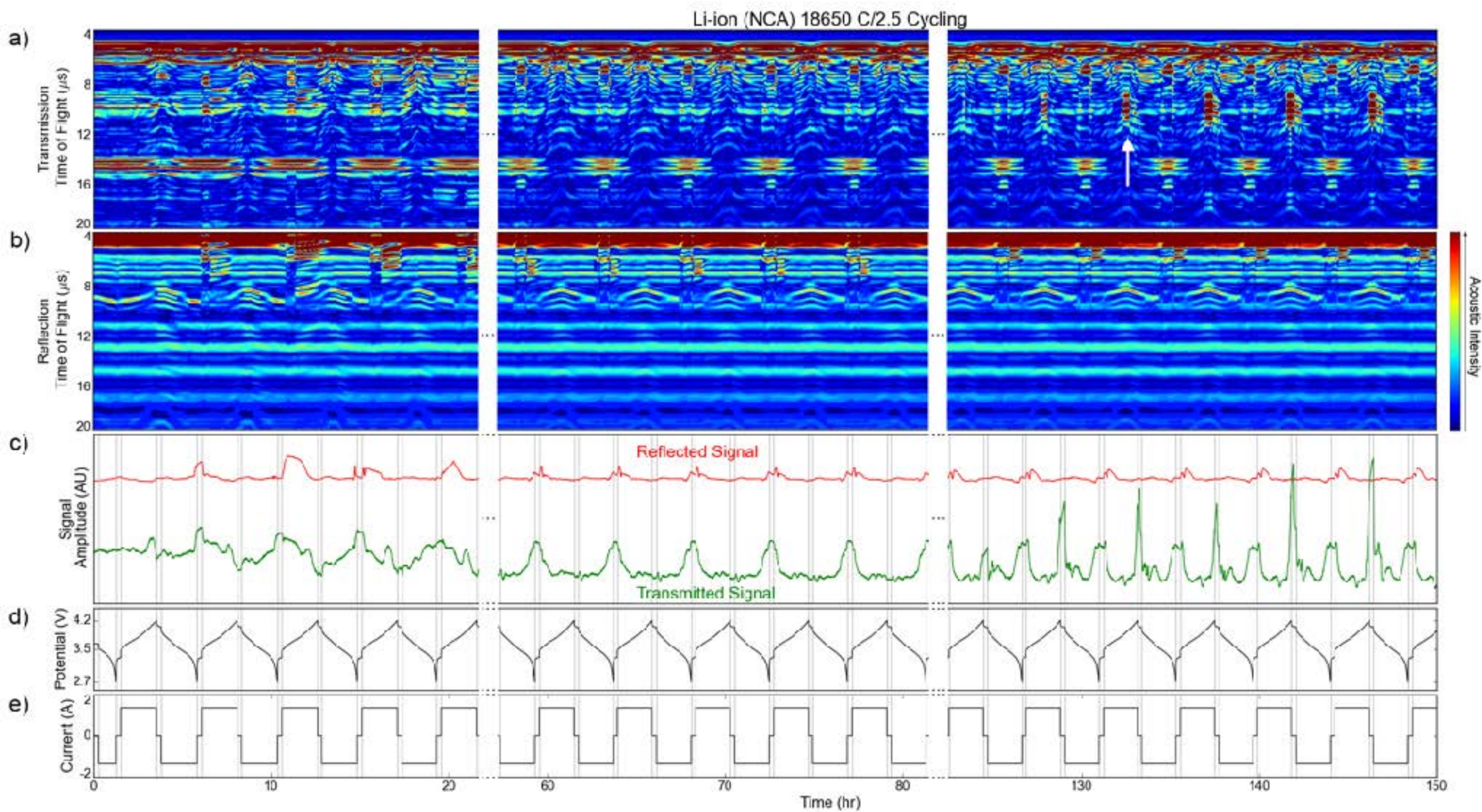
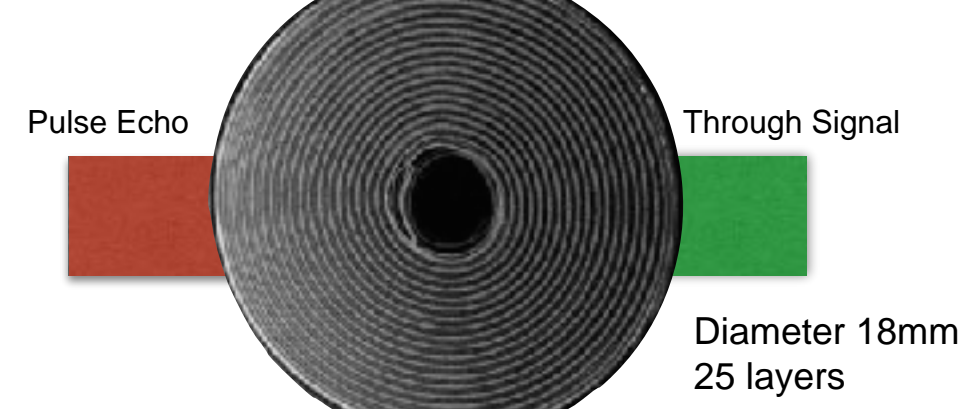


Thickness 5mm  
~8 layers



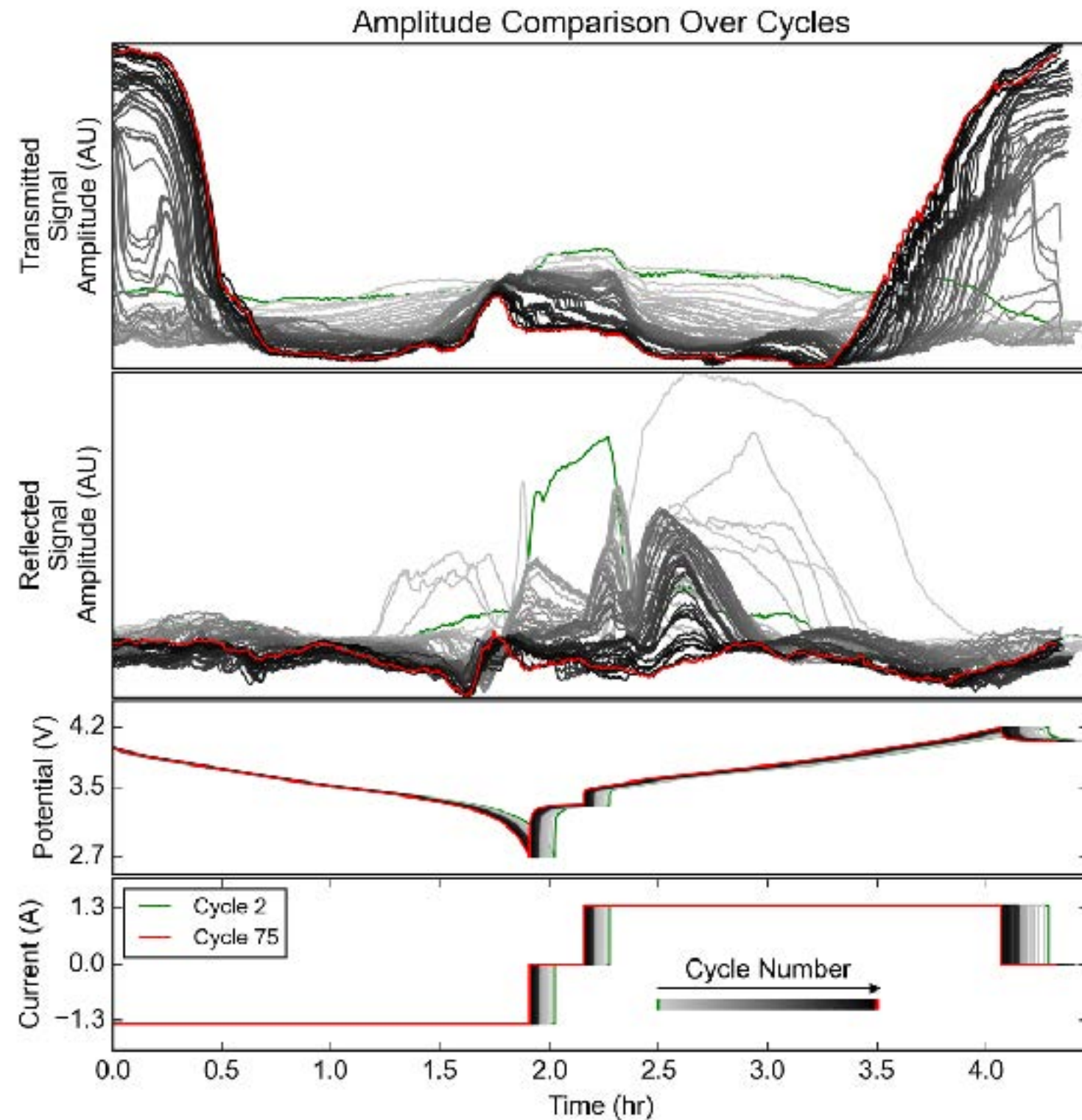


# NCA 18650

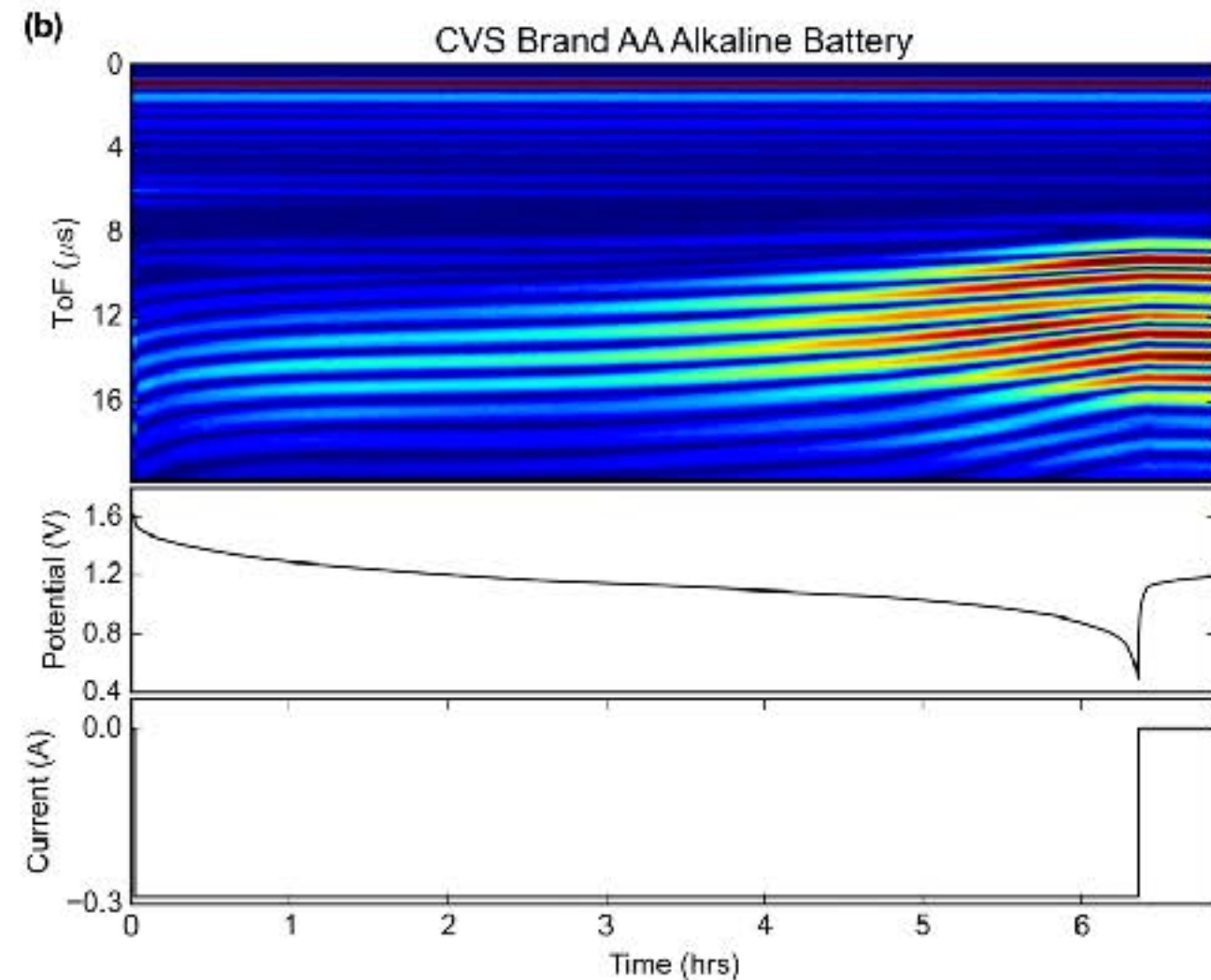
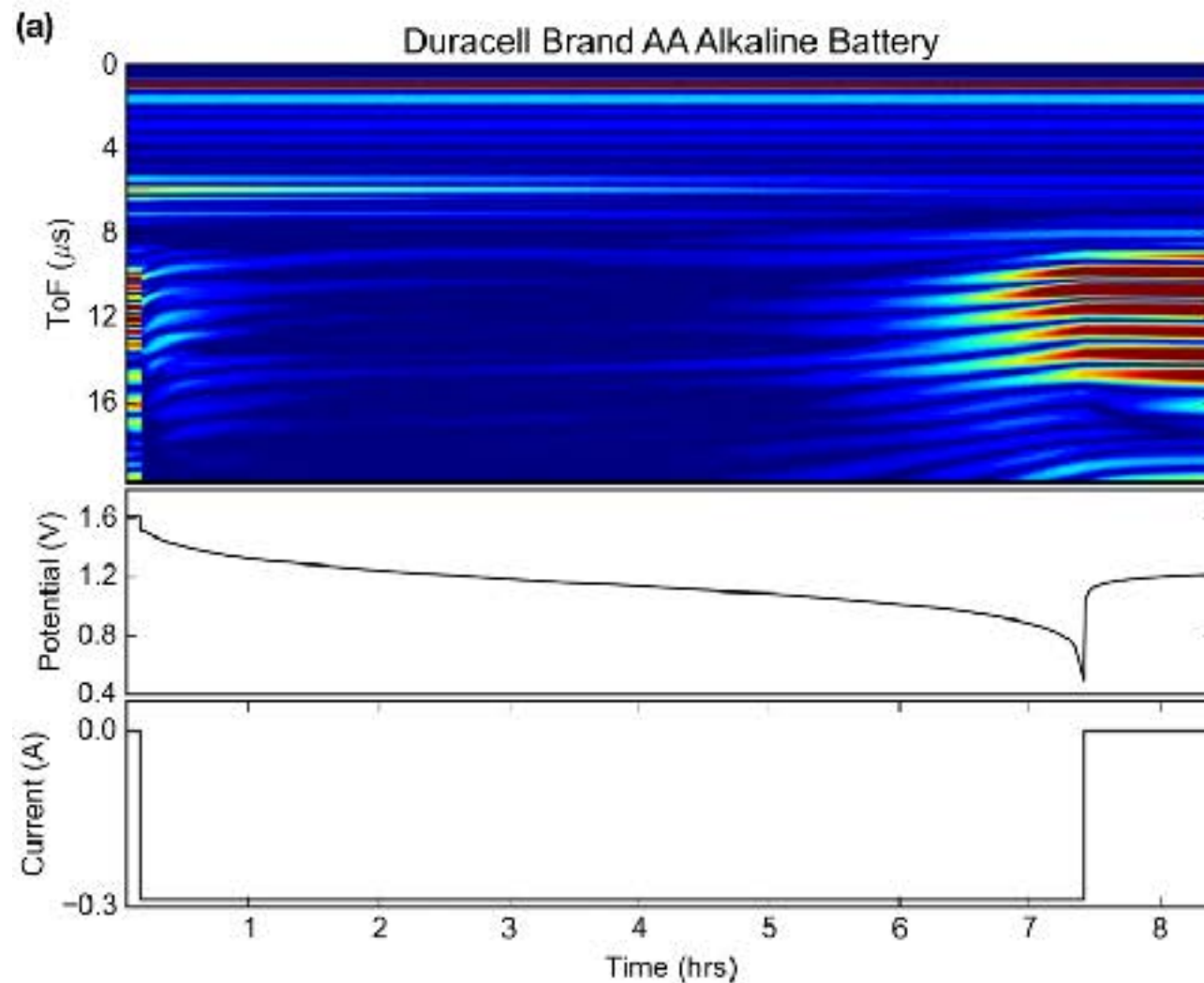




# NCA 18650 - cycle by cycle



# Alkaline Brand Comparison

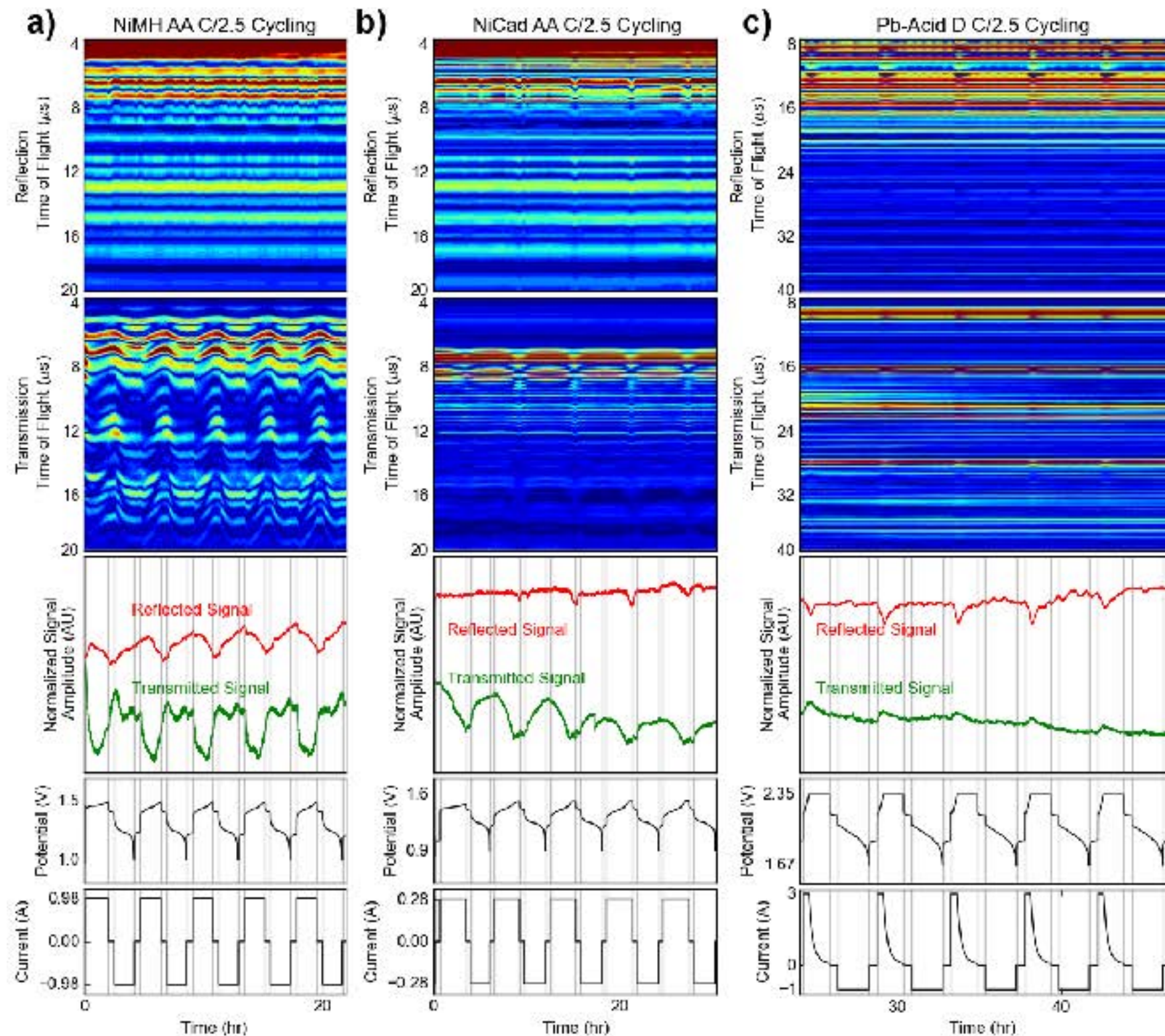


Hsieh *et. al.* E&ES 2015

Bhadra *et. al.* JMCA 2016



# Chemistry/geometry specific



# Summary

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- Sound *must* be an indicator of battery structure, state of charge, and state of health due to the basics operation of a closed electrochemical energy storage
- In combination with traditional tools, we can provide direct structural information on real batteries, in real time.