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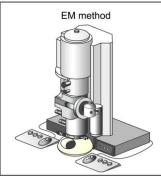
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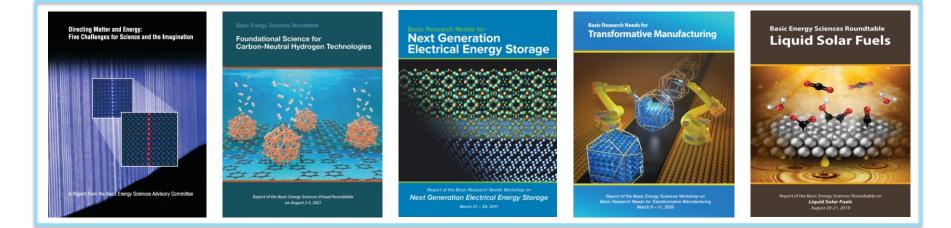
# Operando ElectronMicroscopy for EnergyGeneration, Use, and Storage

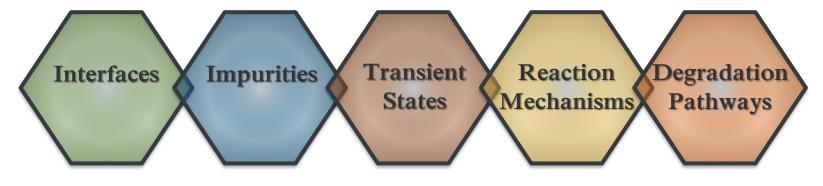
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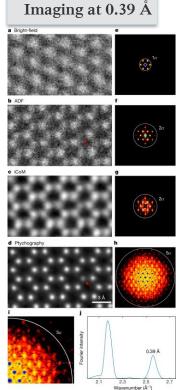
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#### Atomic Scale Foundational Energy Phenomena



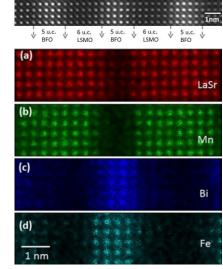


# Why Electron Microscopy? Atomic Scale Detail

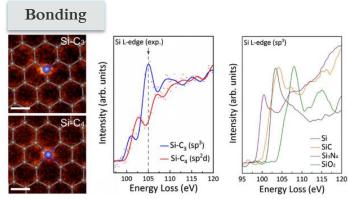


Jiang et al. Nature 559, 343 (2018)

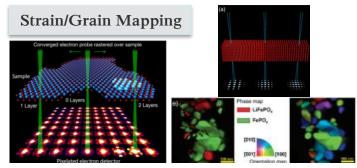
## Composition Maps



Lu et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. 102, 17311 (2013)



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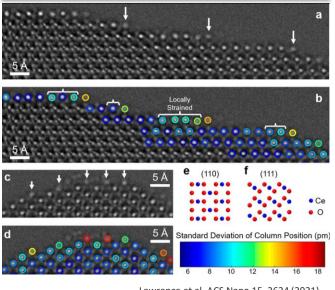
#### Obtain this information for operando phenomena in energy systems?

### **Operando** Electron Microscopy



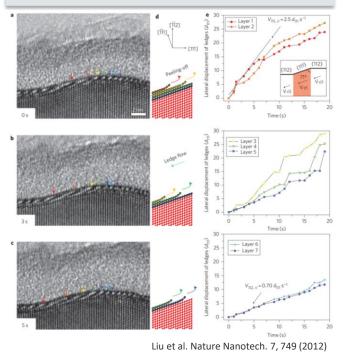
### Atomic Scale Operando Electron Microscopy

#### CeO<sub>2</sub> Catalyst : Atomic Displacements



Lawrence et al. ACS Nano 15, 2624 (2021)

#### Silicon Nanowire: Lithiation



Atomic-scale operando imaging is simpler with electron beam resistant materials/interfaces

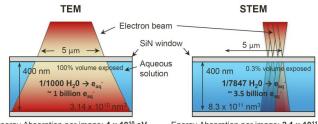
### Limitations with Atomic Scale Operando EM

**Beam Effects** 

#### **Radiolysis of Liquids**

Lithium Metal

 $H_2O \rightarrow 2.7 e_{aq}^- + 2.7 H^+ + 0.61 H + 0.43 H_2 + 2.87 OH + 0.61 H_2O_2 + 0.026 HO_2$ 



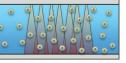
Energy Absorption per image: 4 x 10<sup>10</sup> eV Energy Absorption per image: 2.1 x 10<sup>11</sup> eV \* not drawn to scale, 40 pA beam current 0.00422 e<sub>ag</sub><sup>-</sup>/nm<sup>3</sup> 0.0318 e<sub>ag</sub>-/nm<sup>3</sup>





0.2 µm

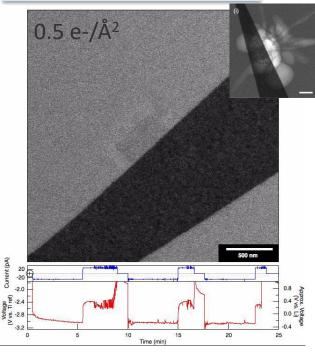




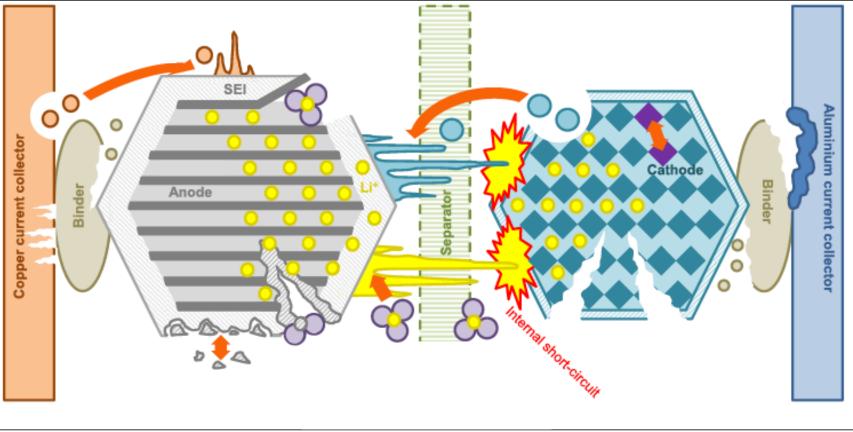
Current (pA)



#### Li Electrodeposition Structure

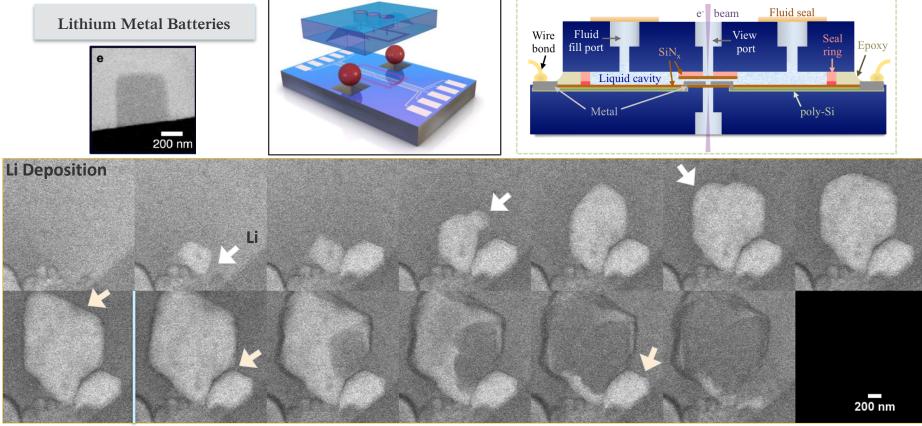


#### **Battery Degradation Pathways**



# **Operando** Information Unlocks Pathways



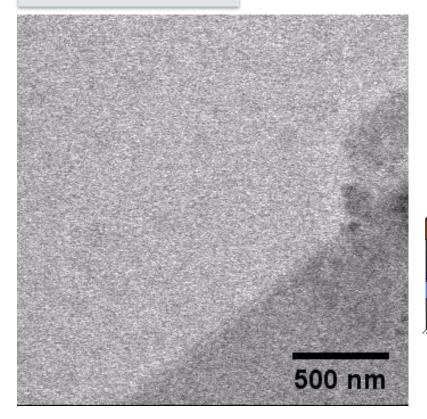


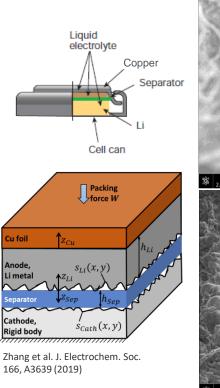
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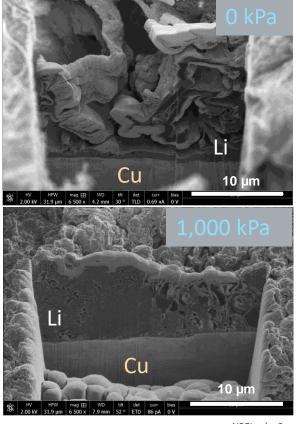
## *Operando* Information Unlocks Pathways

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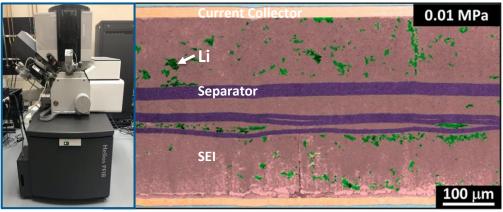
Lithium Metal Batteries



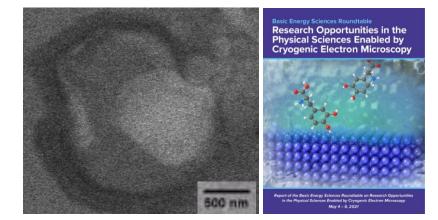


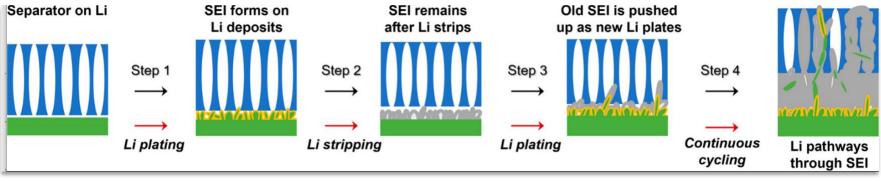


# Operando EM Supported by Cryo EM

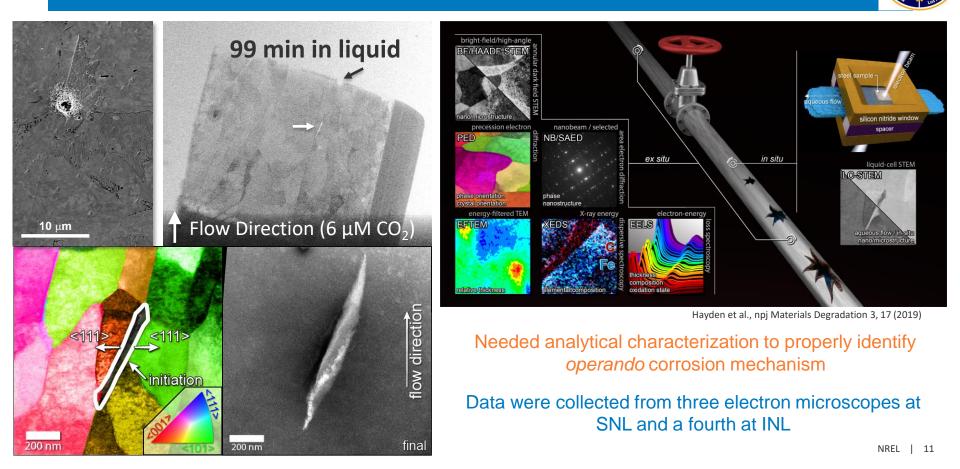


Harrison et al., iScience 24, 103394 (2021)





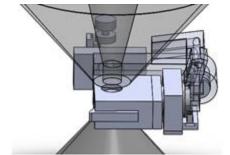
# Often Need Capabilities of Many Optimized EMs



## **Operando** Electron Microscopy at NSRCs



#### **Extreme Environment TEM**





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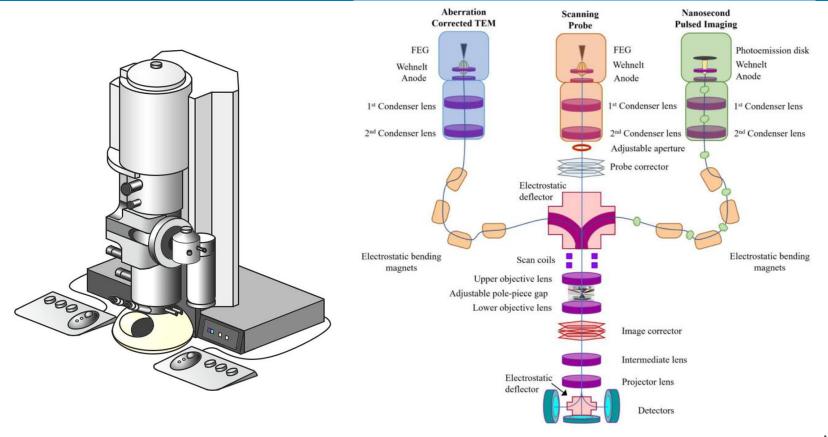


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#### Liquid-He MAC-STEM

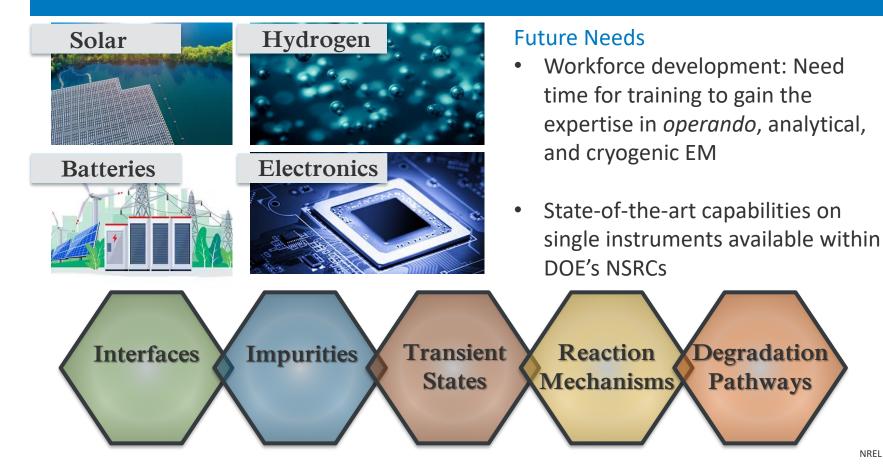


### Optimized Operando Electron Microscope



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## **Concluding Remarks**





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