

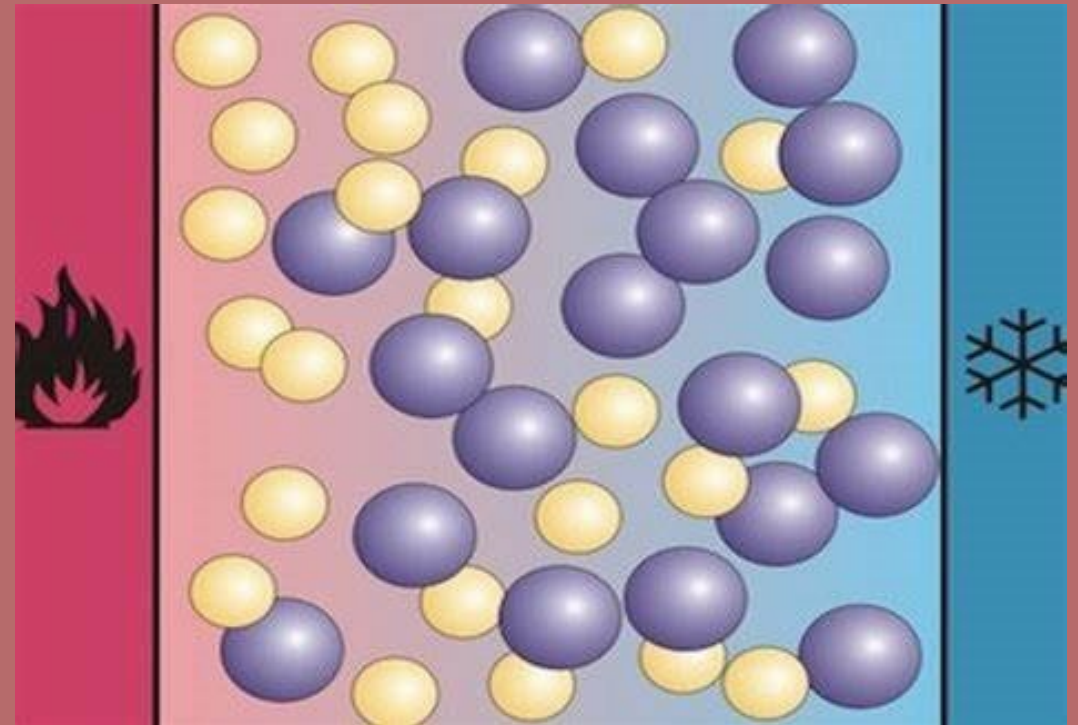
# Analyzing the Soret Coefficient using time resolved FTIR-ATR Data

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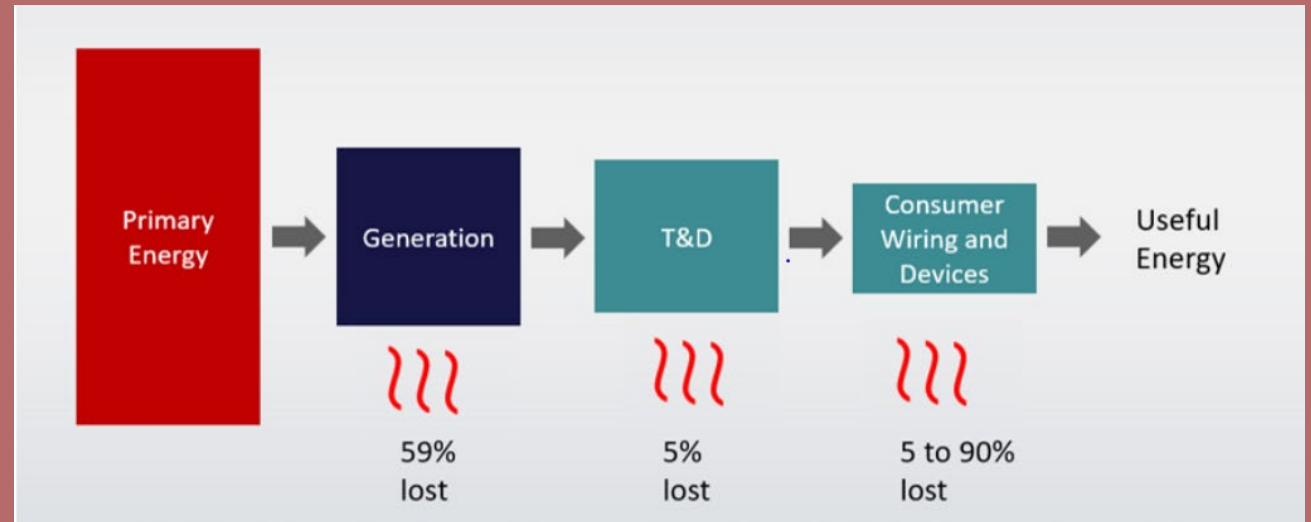
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# How to decelerate Energy Consumption?

“66% of the primary energy used to create electricity is wasted by the time the electricity arrives at the customer meter.”

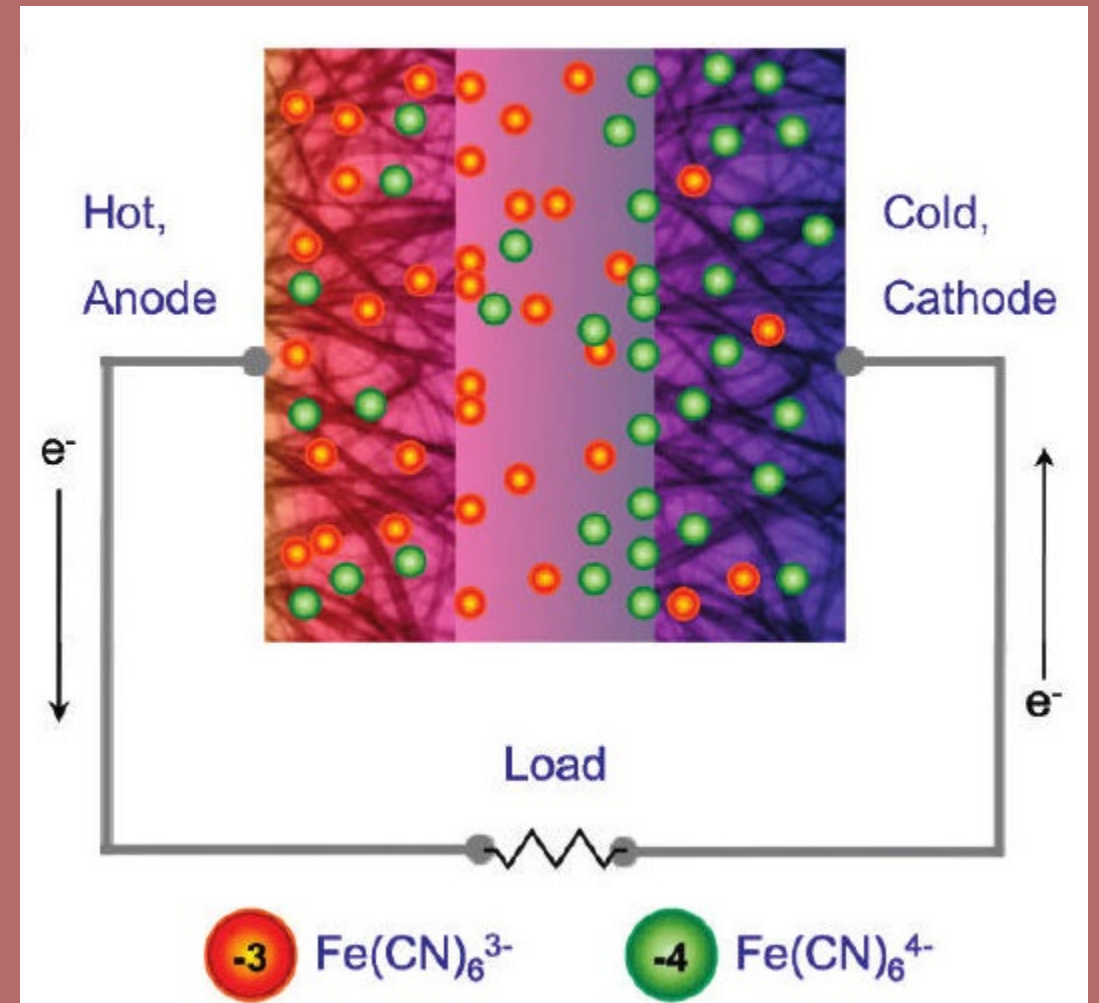
- Recapture waste heat
- Capital loss
- Land loss
- Fossil fuels



How Much Primary Energy Is Wasted Before Consumers See Value from Electricity? - Enerdynamics, "www.enerdynamics.com. [https://www.enerdynamics.com/Energy-Currents\\_Blog/How-Much-Primary-Energy-Is-Wasted-Before-Consumers-See-Value-from-Electricity.aspx](https://www.enerdynamics.com/Energy-Currents_Blog/How-Much-Primary-Energy-Is-Wasted-Before-Consumers-See-Value-from-Electricity.aspx)

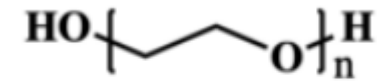
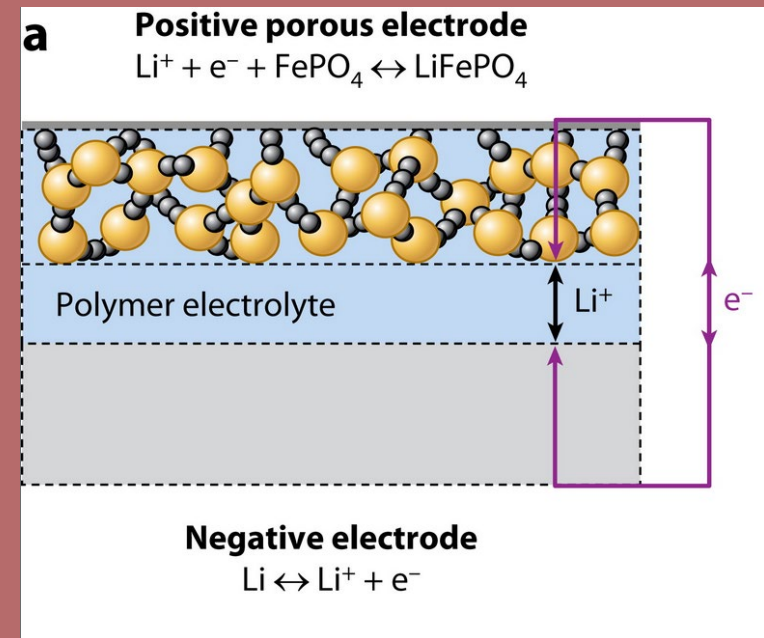
# Soret Effect

- Thermal Diffusion/Fickian Diffusion
- Steady state
- Application:
  - Solid state thermogalvanic cells

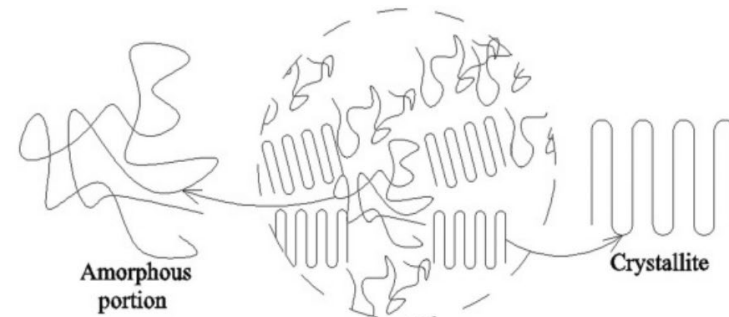


# PEO/LiTFSi

- Poly(ethylene oxide) – repeat units
- Polymer electrolyte
- Molecular design and cation transport
- Solid state electrolytes advantageous over liquid electrolytes

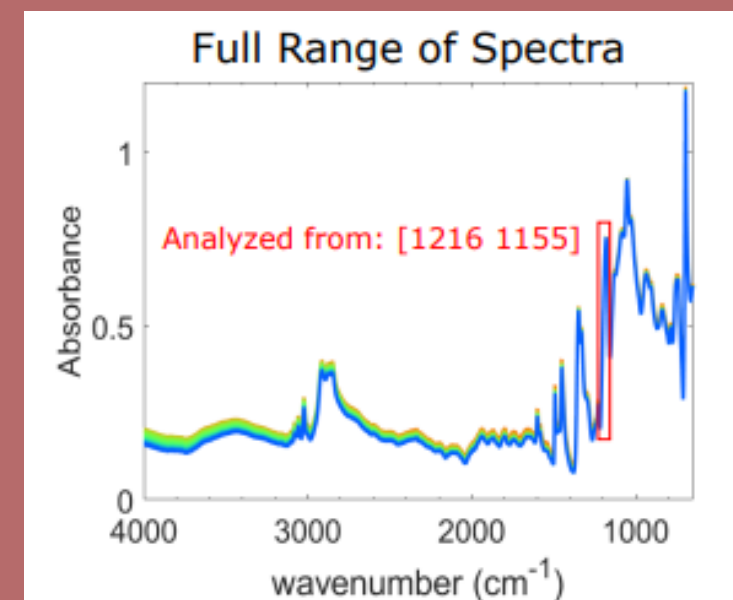


Poly(ethylene oxide)



# FTIR-ATR

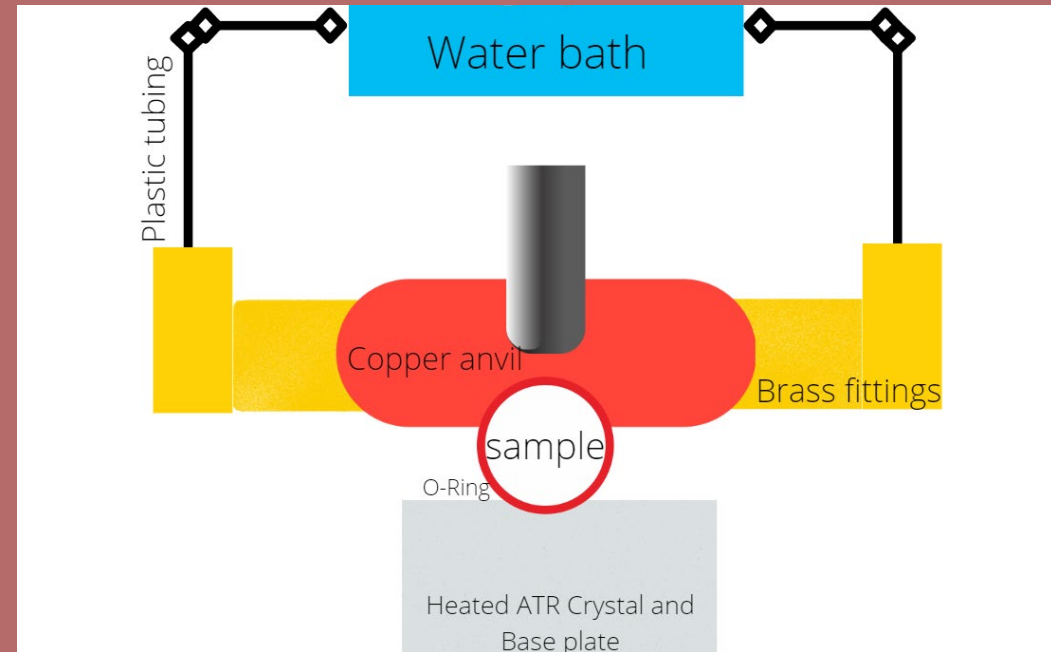
- Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy
  - attenuated total reflectance
- Novel method diffusion coefficient measurement developed from prior work<sup>1</sup>
- Infrared Absorbance
- Polymer Electrolyte Samples
- Beer lambert law
- Wave number: [1216 1155]



<sup>1</sup>Kim, K.; \*Hallinan, D. T., Lithium Salt Diffusion in Diblock Copolymer Electrolyte Using Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy. *The Journal of Physical Chemistry B* 2020, 124 (10), 2040-2047, DOI: [10.1021/acs.jpcc.9b11446](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jpcc.9b11446).

# Methods: FTIR

- Heated Golden Gate ATR Accessory
- Custom copper anvil
- Initial Calibrations
- Mercury cadmium telluride (MCT detector)
- Gradient induced, returned to isothermal state
- 6 hours

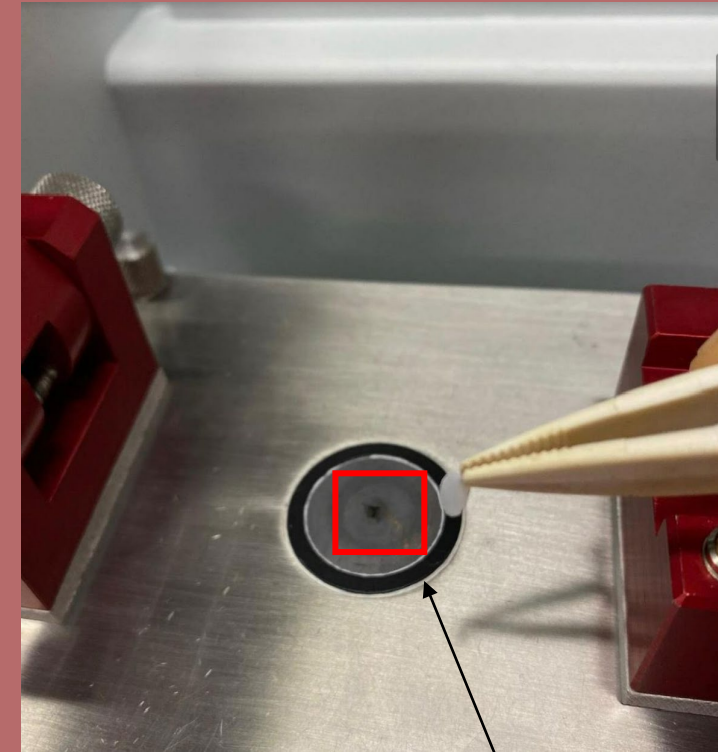


Water Bath Temp (°C)	Golden Gate Temp (°C)
65	75
62.5	77.5
60	80

# Methods: Samples

Sample Prep:

- Glovebox
- Polystyrene-b-poly(ethylene oxide)(SEO), and lithium bis-trifluoromethanesulfonylimide (LiTFSi)
- molar ratio:  $r=0.10$  []
- Punched disks & pressed



Concentration $r=0.10$	Thickness (mm)
1	0.103
2	0.283
3	0.294
4	0.302
5	0.273

ATR  
Crystal



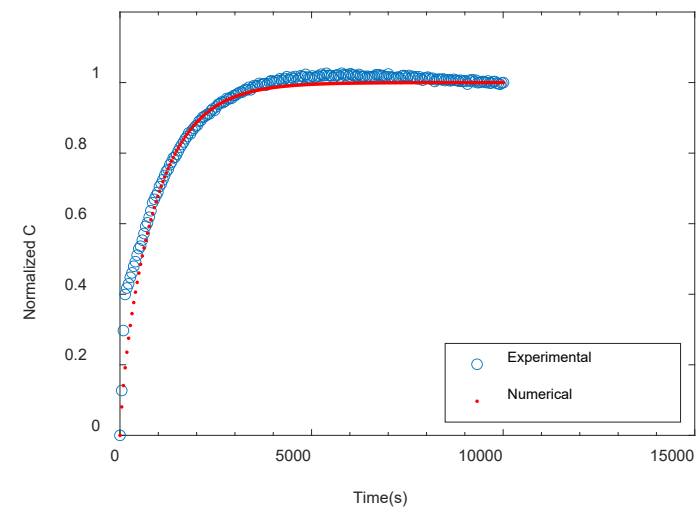
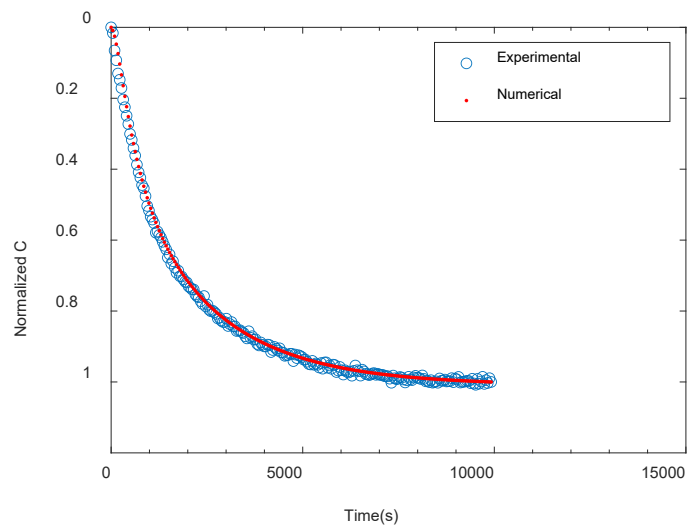
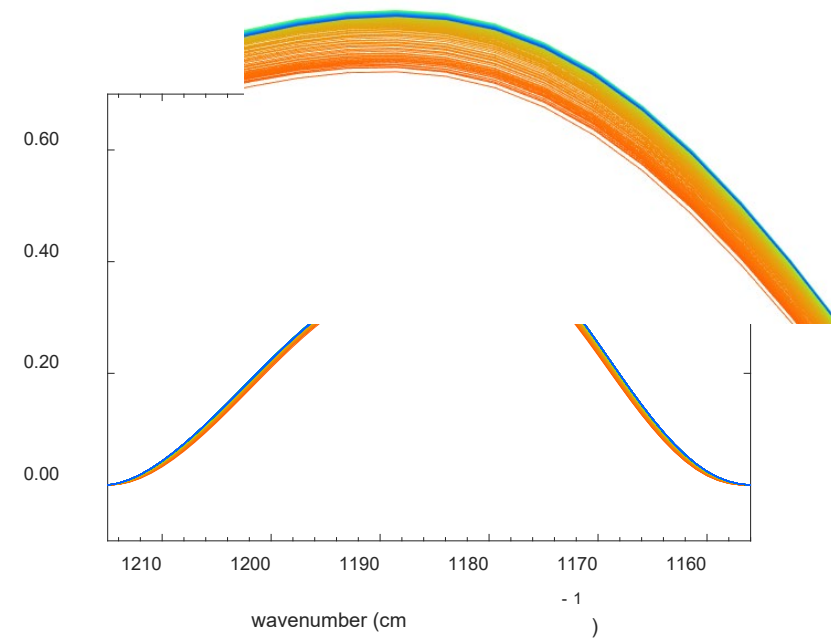
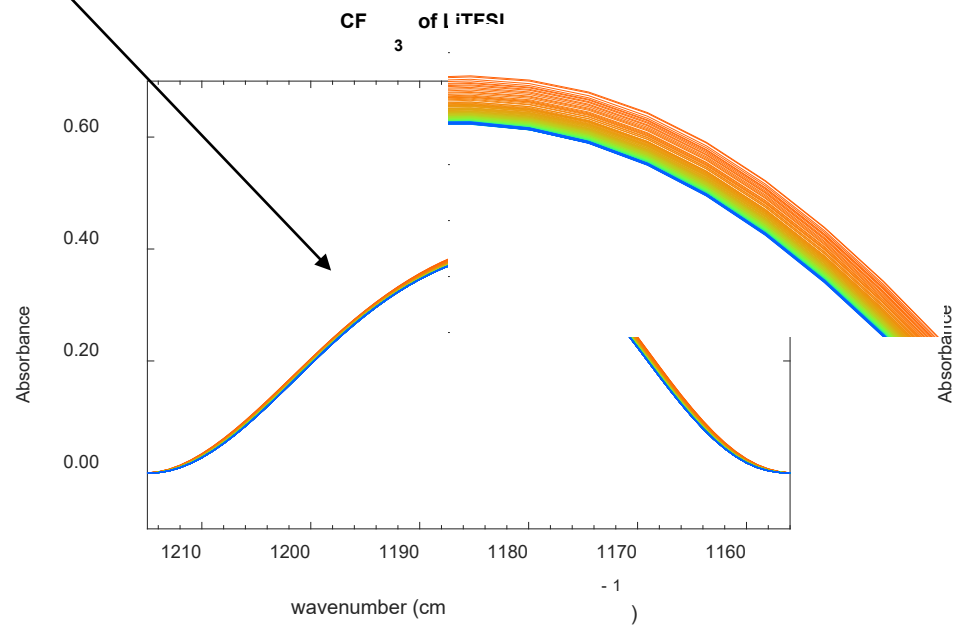
## Thermal Diffusion (70/70 $\rightarrow$ 60/80)

## Fickian Diffusion (60/80 $\rightarrow$ 70/70)

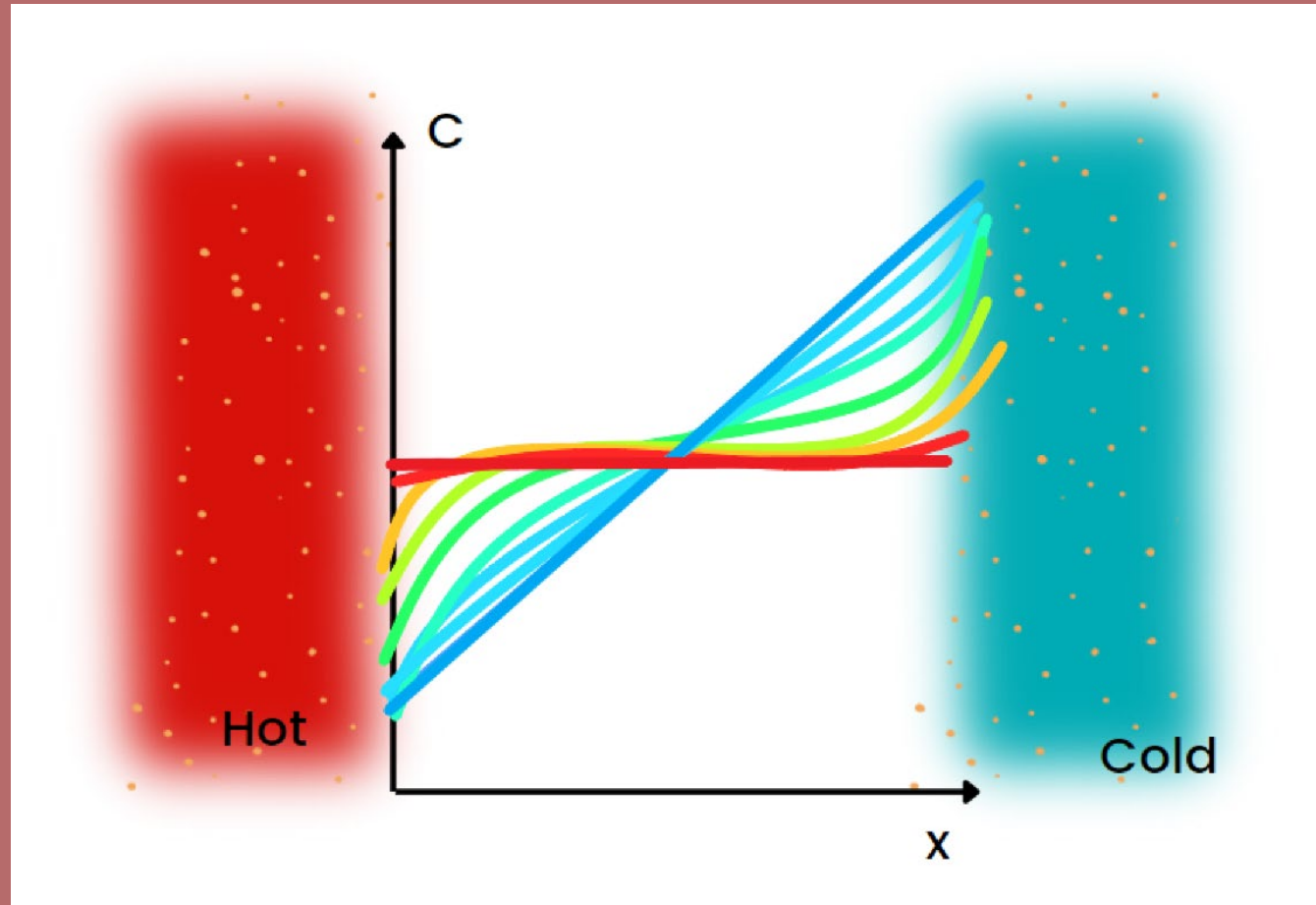
5 Step MATLAB  
Script:

Data transfer  
conversion  
integration  
Numerical  
Analytical

TIME



## FTIR-ATR



$$C(t) \propto C(x)$$

# Results: Fickian Diffusion

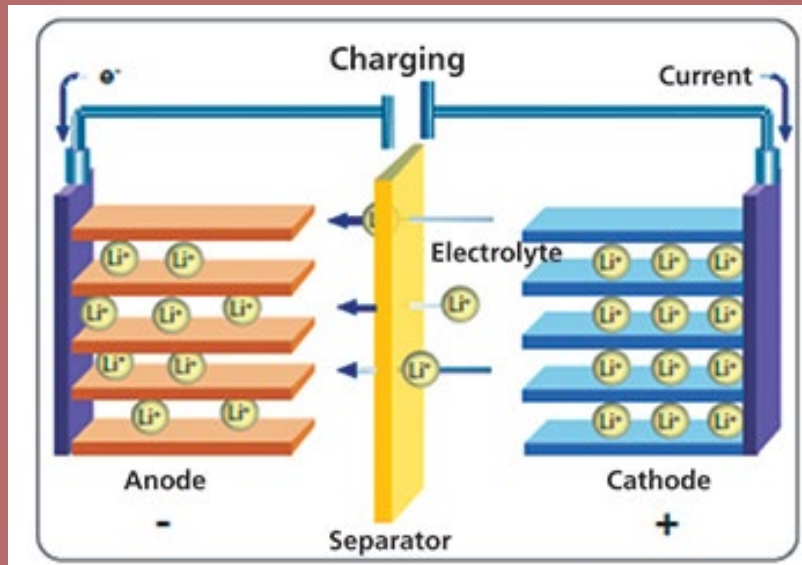
62.5/77.5 → 70/70

Experiment Number	D ( $\frac{cm^2}{sec}$ )	Average	Standard Deviation
1	1.92E-08	5.47E-08	2.62E-08
3	4.00e-08		
4	7.99E-08		
5	7.99E-08		

60/80 → 70/70

Experiment Number	D ( $\frac{cm^2}{sec}$ )	Average	Standard Deviation
1	1.52E-08	4.88E-08	2.39E-08
3	4.00e-08		
4	7.99E-08		
5	5.99E-08		

# Future Work



## Research:

- Thermal Diffusion MATLAB Code
- Backward time step
- Concentrations
- Molar masses

## Presentations:

- ECS Conference
- AIChE National Student Conference
- Submitting to Journal: November

# Special Thanks



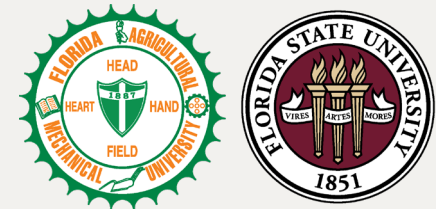
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