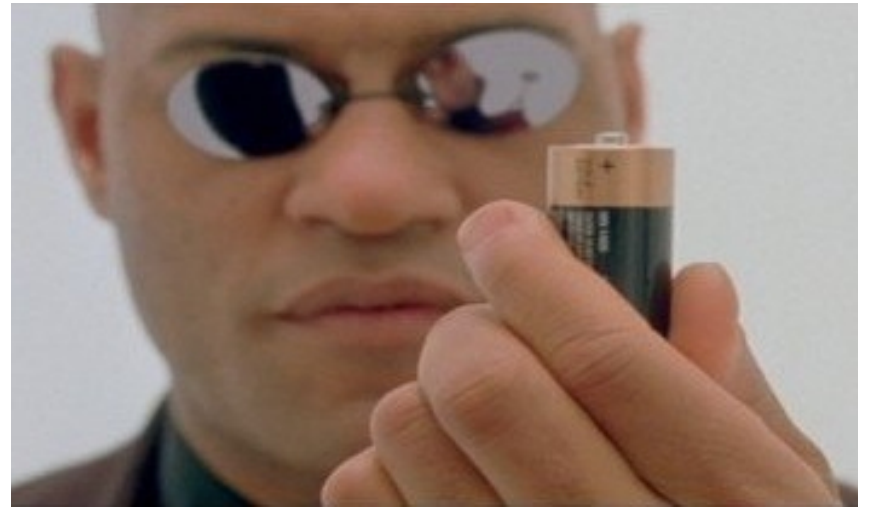


# M3D3: Cathode construction

11/29/2016

1. Quiz
2. Prelab Discussion
3. Construct cathode material (Belcher Lab)
4. Research Proposal Peer Review Exercise  
(20.109 lab)



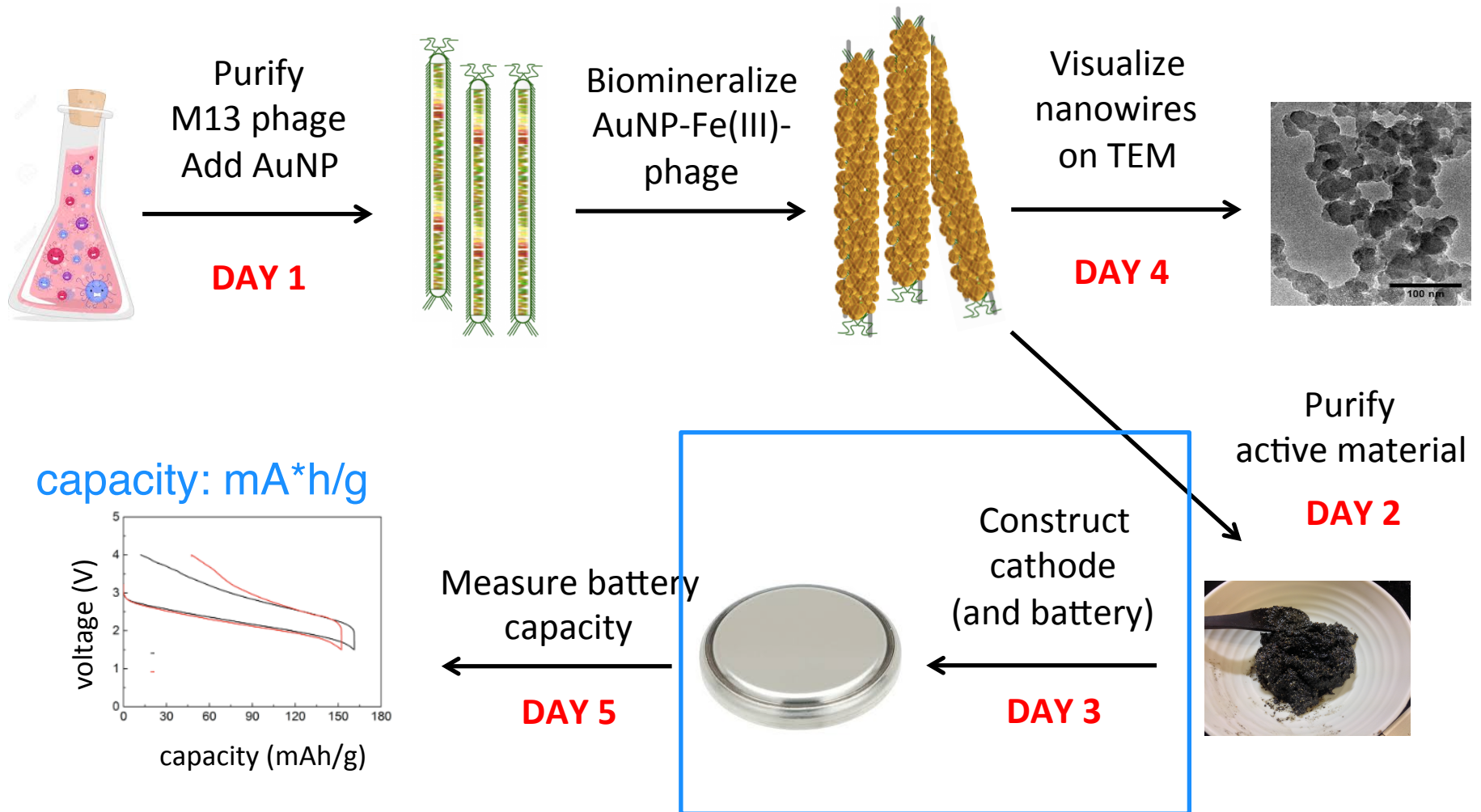
- **M3 major assignments**
  - Research proposal (20%)
  - Mini-report (5%)
  
- **M3D4 Homework**, Both parts submitted as a team
  - Presentation outline (wiki, google doc, evernote)
    - address topics in HW prompt
  - Outline Background and Approach ***with references***
    - <http://belcherlab.mit.edu/publications/>

\*\*Make comm lab apps for feedback

\*\*Deadline for completely changing your proposal is Wed. 5pm

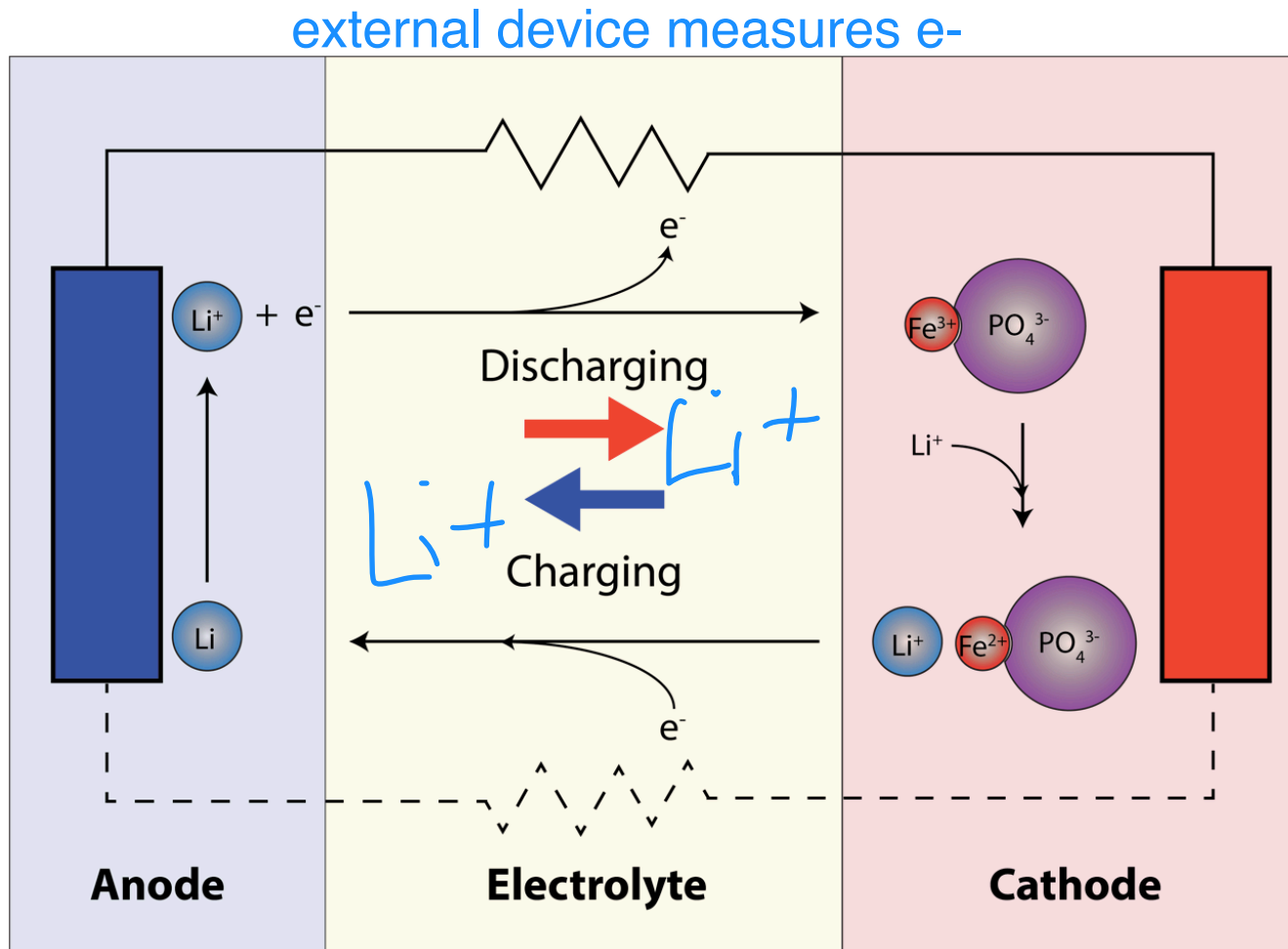
# Module 3: biomaterials engineering

## How does AuNP size affect battery capacity?



# Main components of the M3 battery

pure lithium



Iron phosphate: ion storage

AuNP: electrical conductor

M13 phage: scaffold

allows ions to move between anode and cathode

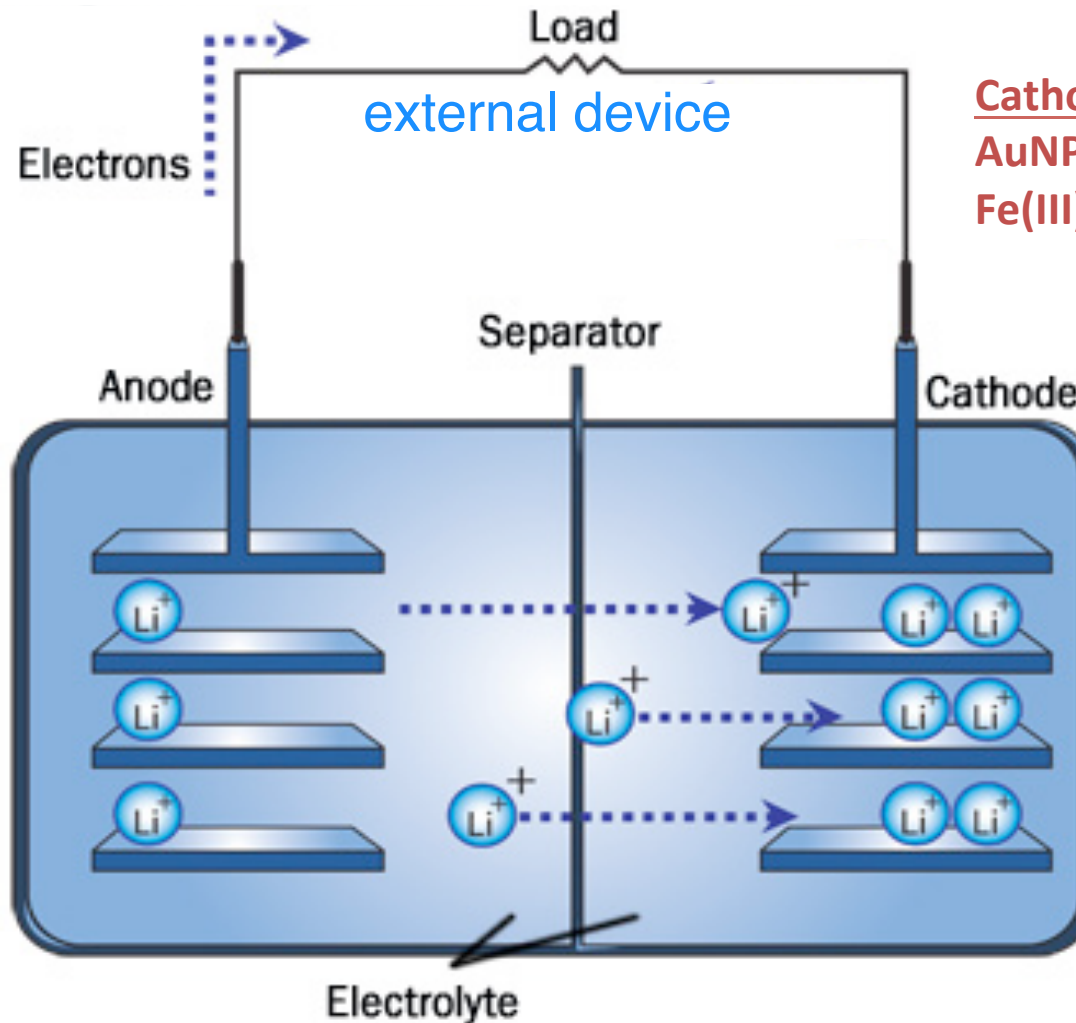
diagram by George Sun, Belcher lab



# Is this battery discharging or charging?

Anode:  
Lithium

Cathode:  
AuNP  
Fe(III) PO<sub>4</sub> / Li Fe(II)PO<sub>4</sub>



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discharge: electrons flow from anode to an external load through the external circuitry to the cathode, "use of the battery"

# Main components of a battery

- Battery consists of two electrodes:
  - When are electrodes defined? **discharge**
  - Cathode = positive electrode= accepts electrons
  - Anode = negative electrode= donates electrons
  - electrolyte allows for flow of ions

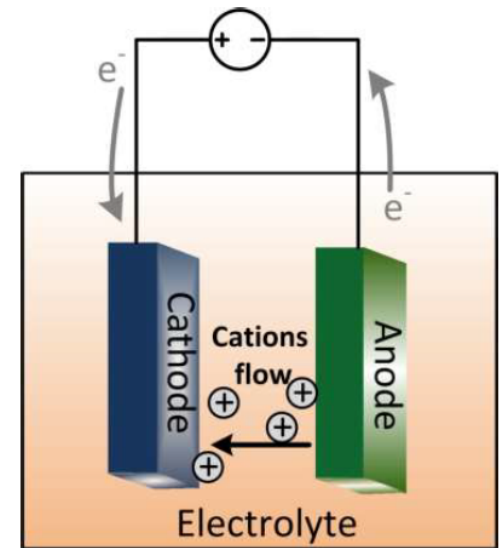
- **What is discharge?**

battery connected to external load, e- flow from anode to cathode, electric circuit completed in the electrolyte by the flow of ions

- **What is capacity?**

amount of charge (quantity of electricity) stored in battery

theoretical capacity for Iron (III) phosphate battery is 178mA\*h/g

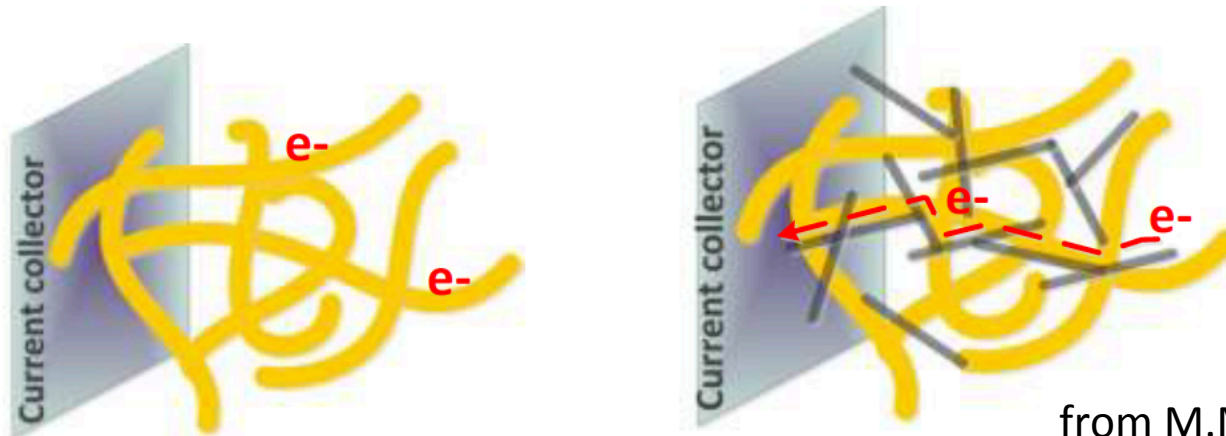


from M.Moradi

# How can a phage scaffold improve current batteries?

- Ion diffusivity → nano structuring active material
  - What is the advantage of nano structures?  
increase surface to volume ratio
- Electronic Conductivity → integrating additives
  - How to phage improve integration of additives?  
screen for binding additives via phage display

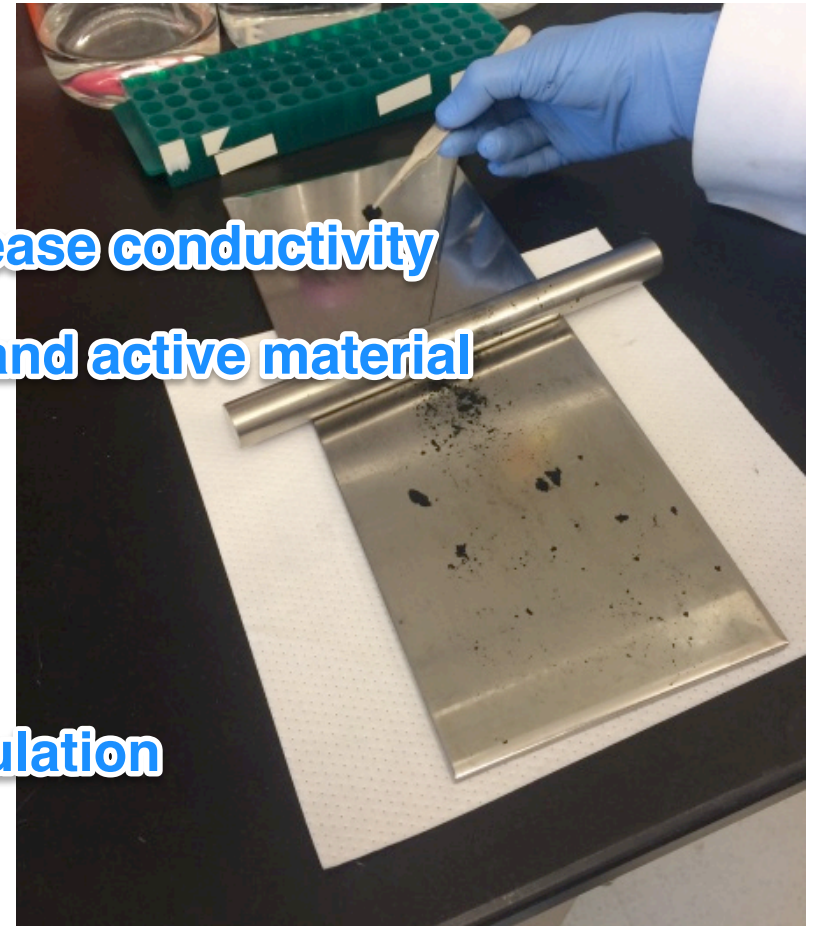
Example: Adding carbon nanotubes to phage cathode



from M.Moradi

# How will you construct your cathode?

1. Weigh AuNP-Fe(III)-phage nanowires (active material)
2. Mix with Super P: carbon, increase conductivity and PTFE: teflon binder, carbon and active material
3. Roll cathode material into thin sheet
4. 'Punch out' cathode disc
5. Weigh cathode: capacity calculation
6. Dry cathode: helps binding



# Today in lab...

- Construct cathode (Part 1)
- Research proposal peer exercise (Part 2)
- Class divided between protocols
  - Part 1 completed in Belcher Laboratory

Part 1	Part 2
Pink	Green
Purple	Yellow
Blue	