



Performance and Life Cycle Analysis of Energy Storage Devices

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Mission:

Develop and implement analytics to assess the performance and life of energy storage technologies to advance the adoption of stationary storage solutions.

Problem:

- Current testing methods differ by lab, manufacturer and customer leading to excessive and “apples to oranges” results
- Life of storage technologies uncertain yet critical to validating economics
- Potential storage customers, i.e. utilities, without experience in storage, are reluctant consumers.

Approach:

Develop advances through:

- Test protocols, using direct research and standards activities
- high precision testing spun off as an ARPA-E grant recipient in 2013

Provide ongoing:

- expertise in testing programs to customers
- verification of specific technologies

Participation in Standards Activities

DOE Performance Protocol

- Included broad input from utility and manufacturing side.
- Initial testing and comments are welcome.



In the last two years there has been a call for standard language and testing, with definitions. In response standards development has been a large priority.

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Protocol for Uniformly Measuring and Expressing the Performance of Energy Storage Systems

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Providing reliable, independent, third party testing and verification of advanced energy technologies for cell to MW systems

Testing Capabilities Include:

- Expertise to design test plans to fit technologies and their potential applications
- OE supported testing
- CRADA opportunities
- WFO arrangements

Cell, Battery and Module Testing

- 14 channels from 36 V, 25 A to 72 V, 1000 A for battery to module-scale tests
- Over 125 channels; 0 V to 10 V, 3 A to 100+ A for cell tests



72 V 1000 A Bitrode (2 Channels)



Energy Storage Test Pad (ESTP)

System Testing

- Up to 1 MW, 480 VAC, 3 phase
- 1 MW/1 MVAR load bank

Analysis Laboratory capabilities include:

- 125+ Cell test channels: 0 V to 10 V, 3 A to 100+ A
- 14 Battery test channels: 36 V, 25 A to 72 V, 1000 A

Expanded Capabilities in FY '12:

- 34 test channels from 5 V – 60 V to 15 A – 500 A
- Potentiostat/galvanostats for spectral impedance
- Multimeters, shunts and power supply for high precision testing
- Temperature chambers
- IR camera

Expanded number of test channels by
25% including other lab capabilities



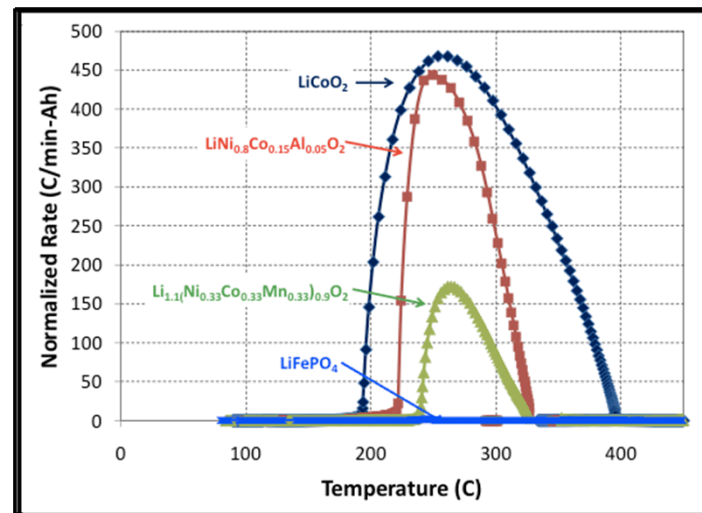
72 V 1000 A Bitrode (2 Parallel Channels)

SNL Battery Abuse Testing Laboratory

Battery testing, cell measurements, and materials development to support the development of inherently safe lithium-ion chemistries

- Safety and abuse tolerance evaluation of energy storage devices from cells to kWh batteries:
 - Mechanical abuse
 - Thermal abuse
 - Electrical abuse
- Understanding degradation mechanisms that lead to cell failure
- Provide experimental data to support abuse and thermal modeling
- Cell prototyping facility for materials development

Understanding abuse tolerance



50 Wh failure event



5 Wh failure event

FY 2015 testing activities

Conventional Li-Ion



Altairnano Lithium-titanate
Gen I 11AH



Altairnano Lithium-titanate
Gen II 13 AH



A123 14 Ah pouch

Advanced Technologies



FY 2016 Projects

<http://www.sandia.gov/batterytesting/>

Apply for testing partnerships: Consulting, analysis and verification of power sources including: cells, batteries, systems, and fielded projects

Advanced Energy Storage Device Testing

Overview

Capabilities

Technical Staff

Safety

Making a Request for Testing

Testing Calendar

Standard Testing Protocols

FAQs

The 2015 fall application will open October 5th and close October 25th for energy storage analysis proposals.

The database is currently open for [FAST-Track Proposals](#). These should be limited in scope and have strong justification for expedited processing.



Advanced Energy Storage Device Testing
Reliable independent evaluation of energy storage solutions.

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TESTING



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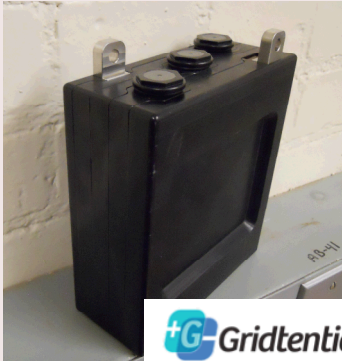
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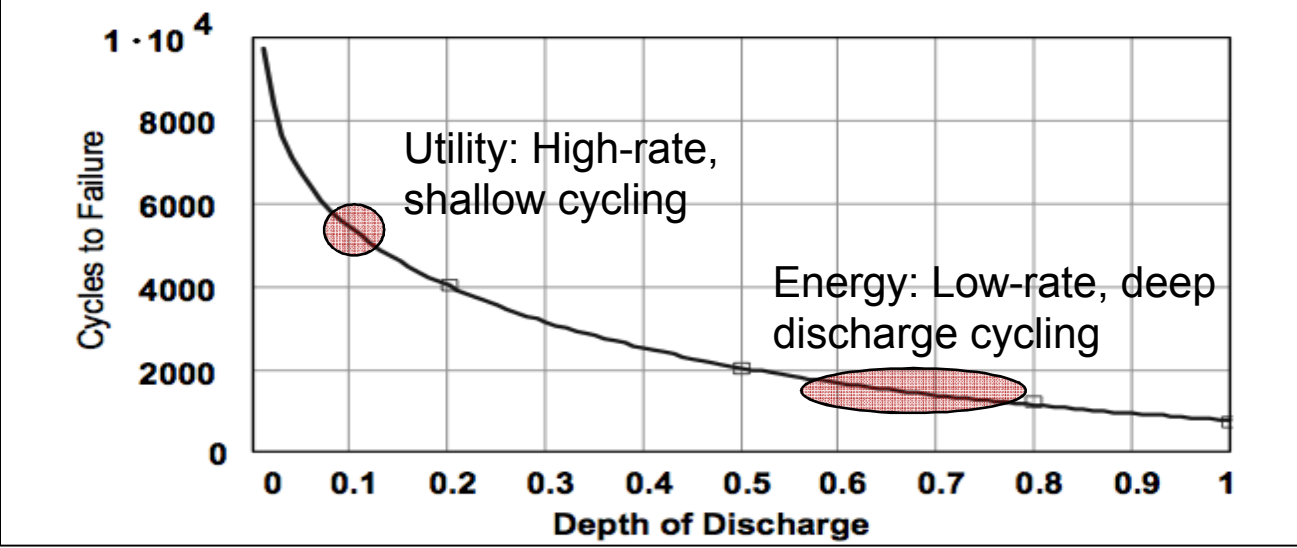
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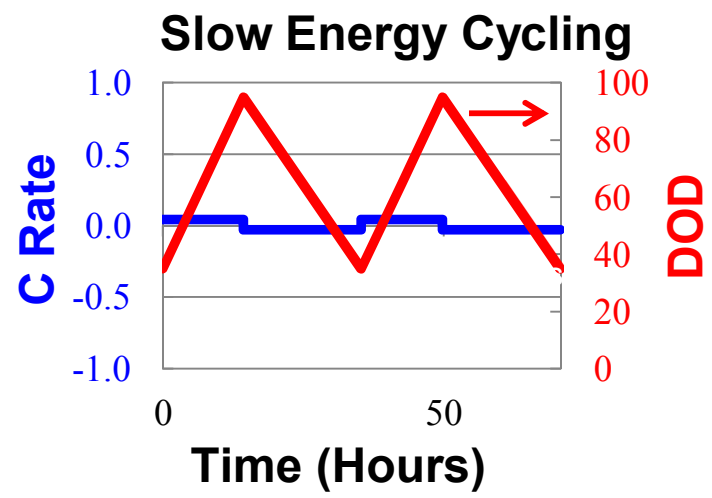
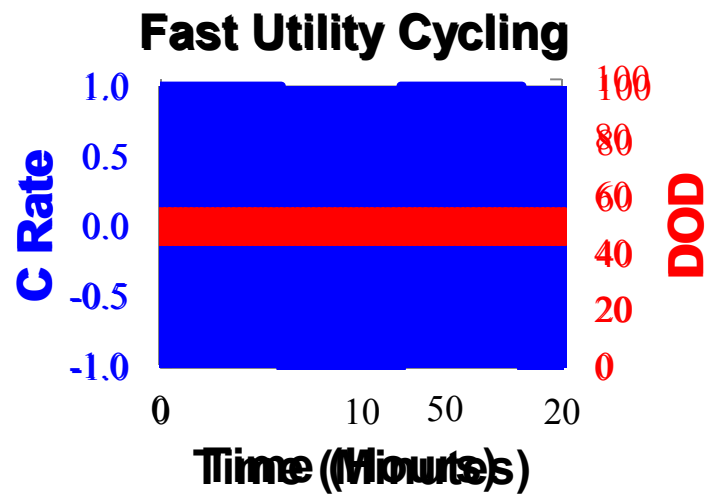
FY 2015 testing activities

Li-Ion Technology	Specs and Chemistry		Advanced Technology	Specs and Chemistry
<p>Lithium Titanate Oxide</p>  <p>ALTAIR NANO</p>	<p>Anode: Nano-LTO spinel</p>	<p>Cathode: 11Ah LiCoO_2 and LiCoNiAlO_2 13Ah LiCoNiMnO_2</p>	<p>Aquious Hybrid Ion</p>  <p>AQUION ENERGY</p>	<p>Activated carbon anode MnO spinel Cathode</p>
<p>Lithium Iron Phosphate</p>  <p>A123 SYSTEMS</p>	<p>EESAT Tuesday</p>		<p>Bipolar Pb-Acid</p>  <p>+G-Gridtential™</p>	<p>Si wafers substrate</p> <p>Bipolar Configuration</p>

Cycling protocols employed in testing

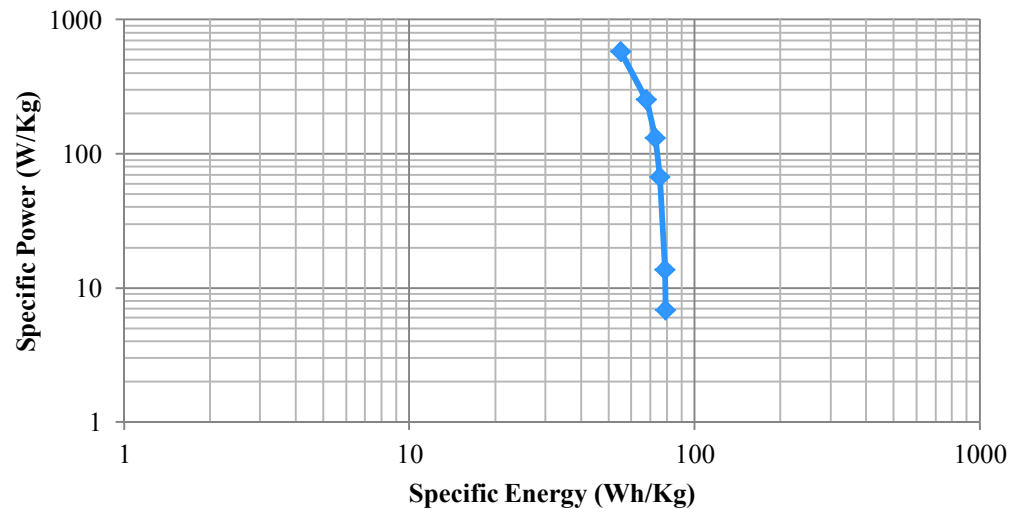


VRLA Life cycle data *S. Drouilhet, B.L. Johnson, 1997 NREL*

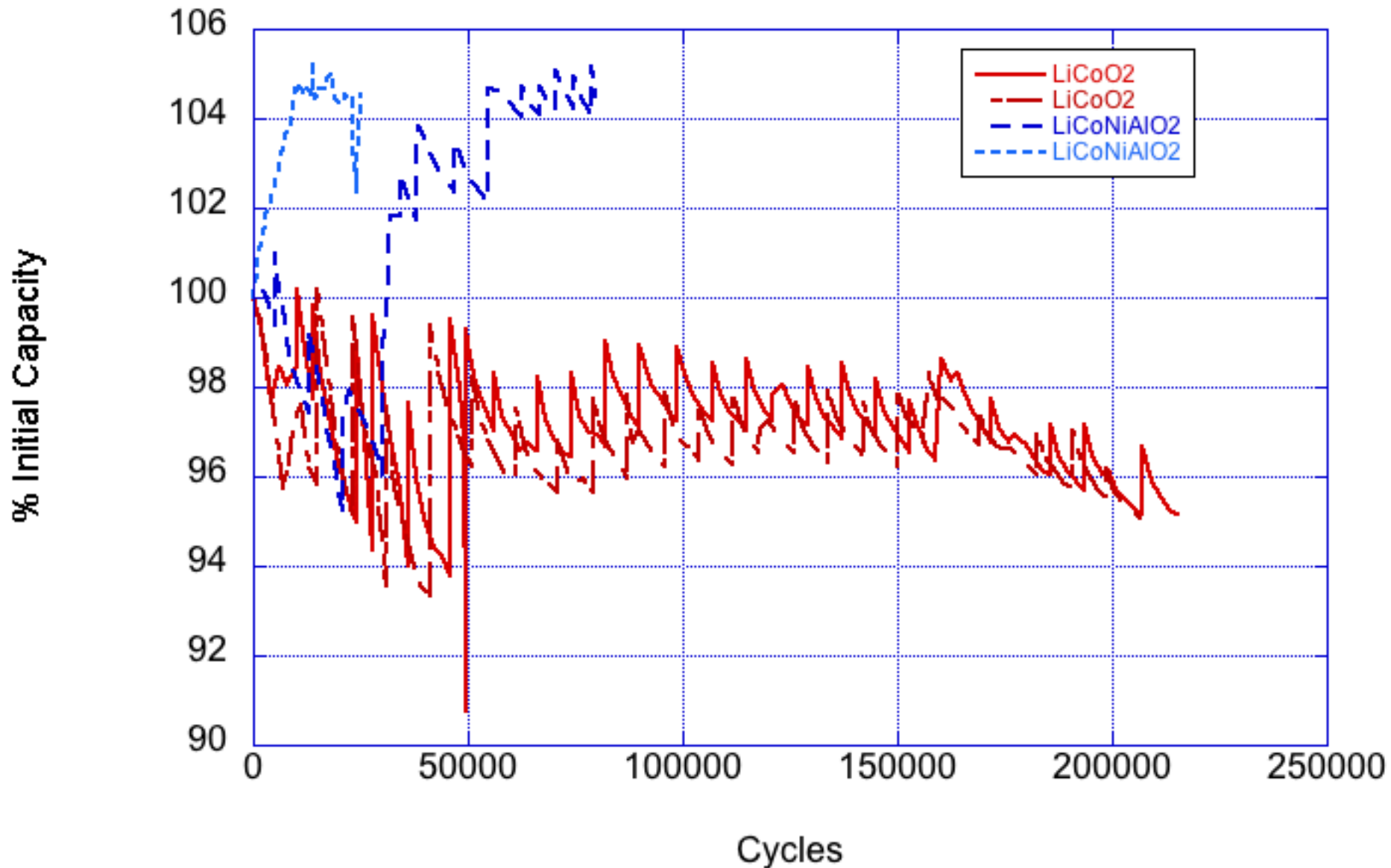


LTO/ LiCoO_2 and LiCoNiAlO_2

	Average	Standard Deviation
Capacity (Ah)	12.58	0.06
Voc (V)	2.531	0.006
R ($\mu\Omega$)	2642	147
Mass (kg)	0.367	0.001
3 Month Self Discharge	4.825%	0.025%

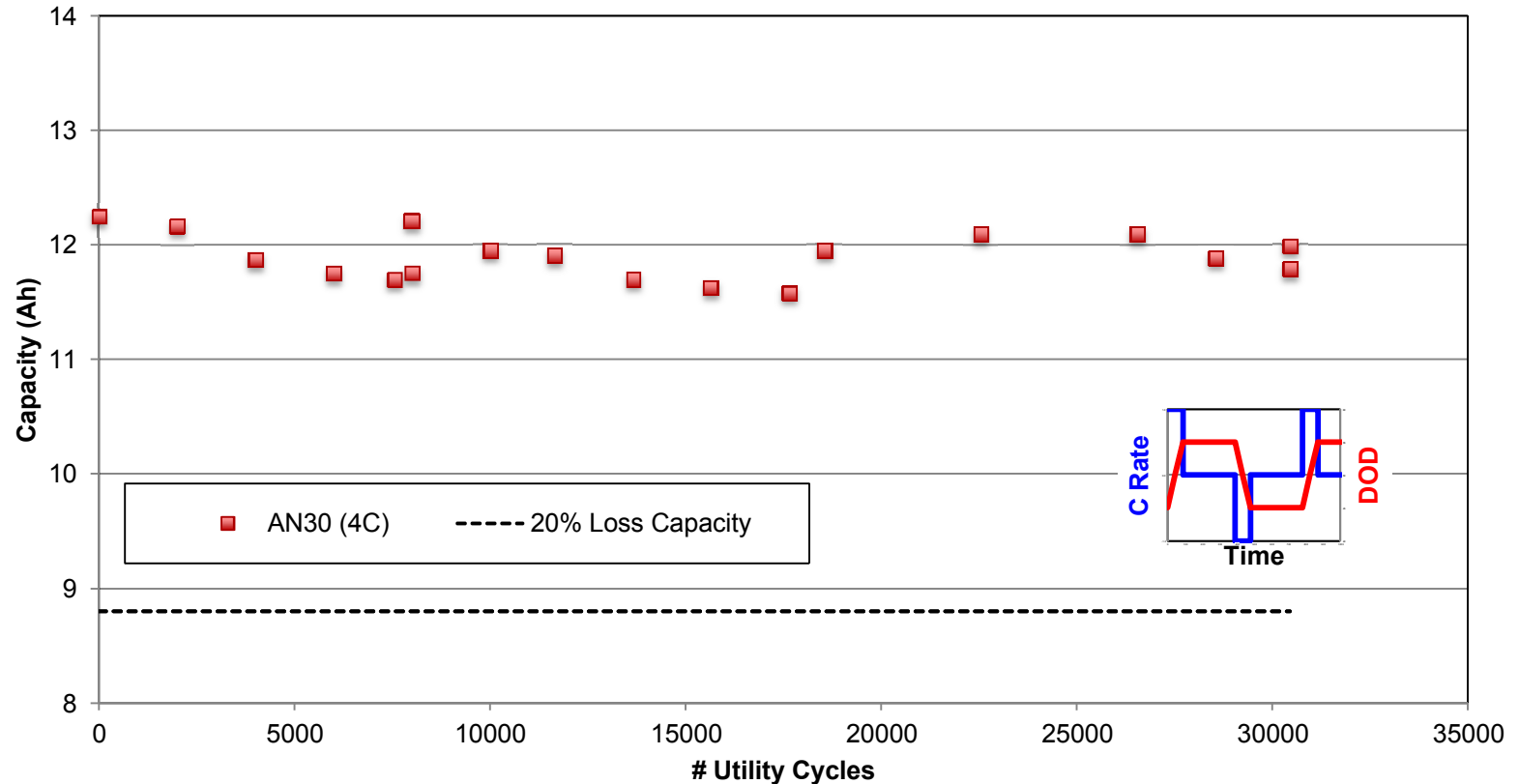


LTO Lifecycle testing continuing



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4C 10% Utility cycles with rests

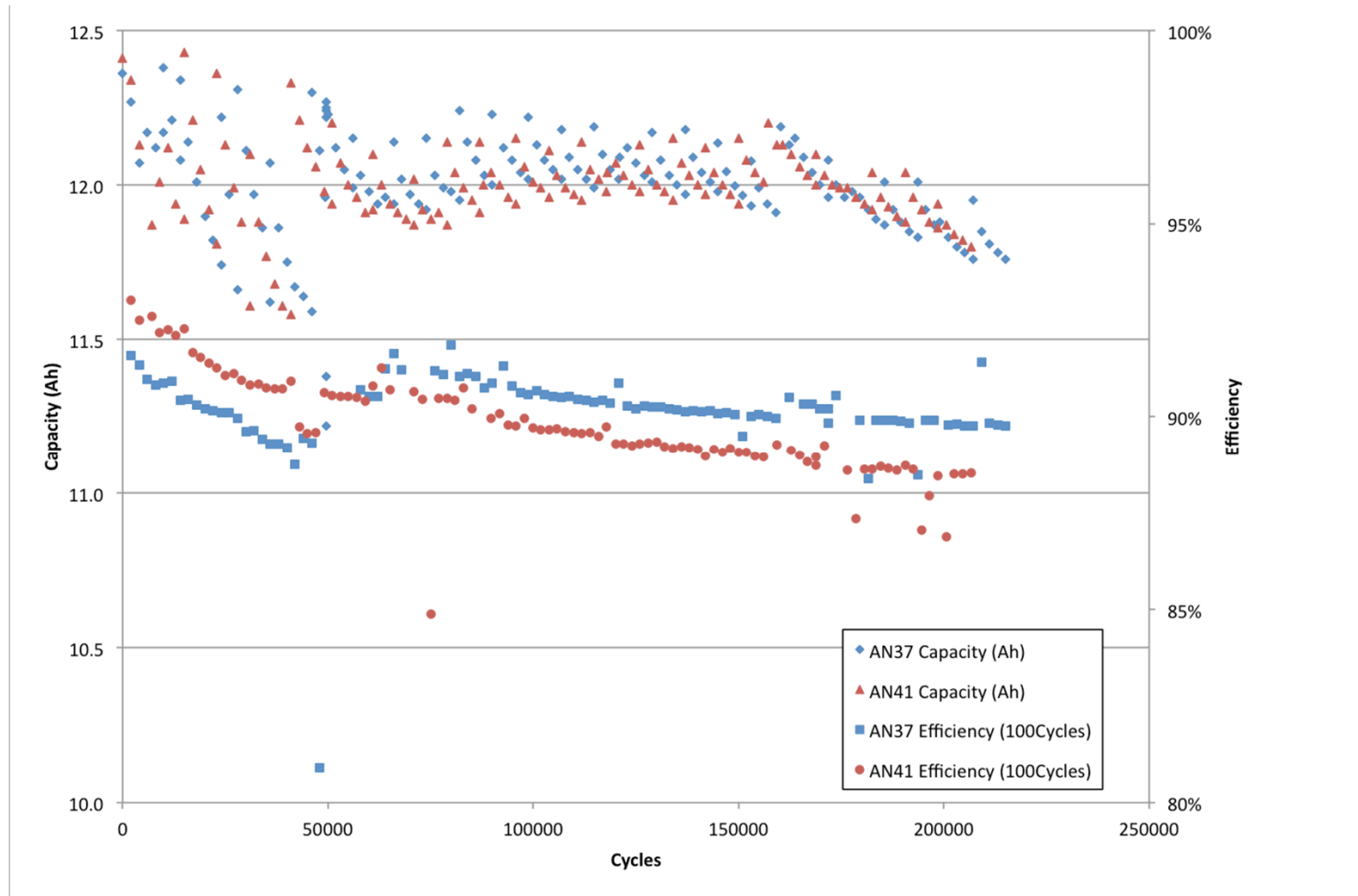


Equivalent throughput energy of 3,000
full discharge cycles

~2% capacity loss after 30K+ cycles

LTO Lifecycle testing

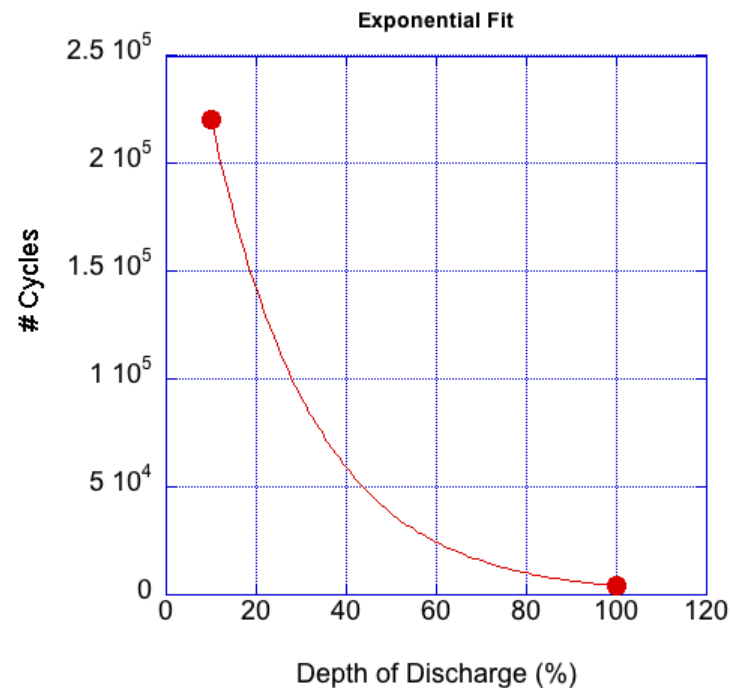
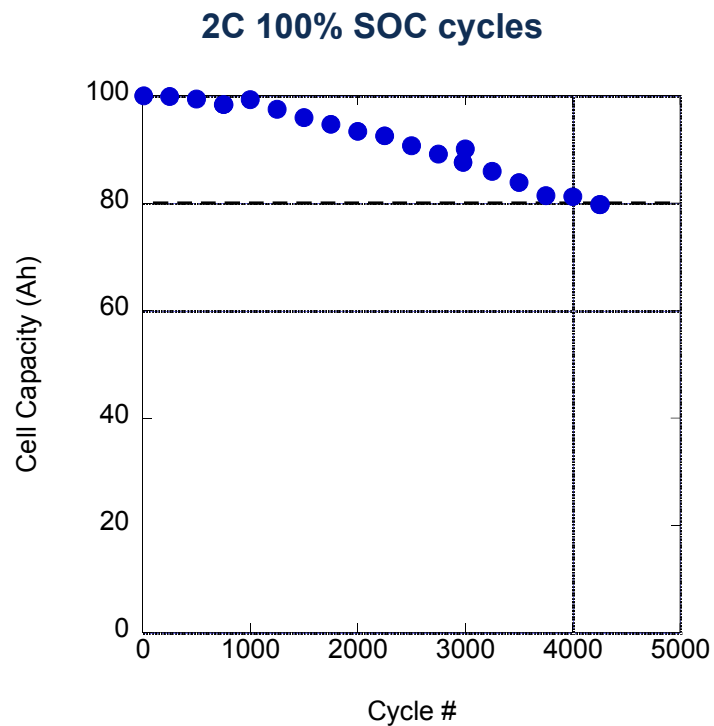
2C 10% Power cycles



Equivalent throughput energy of 20,000
full discharge cycles

~3% capacity loss after 100K+ cycles

LTO Lifecycle testing



Depth of Discharge	# Cycles	% Throughput
10%	220,000+ (5% Cap loss)	2,200,000%
100%	4200	420,000%

AHI Battery PSOC tests

Design

+ CATHODE

Manganese Oxide spinel structure hosts intercalation reaction

+ SEPARATOR

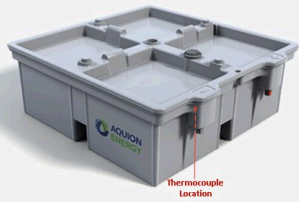
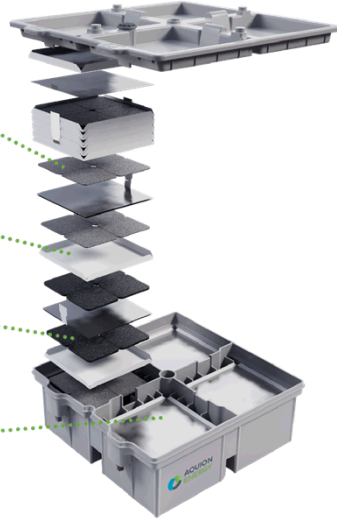
Non-woven cellulosic material

+ ANODE

Activated carbon composite with pseudocapacitive and intercalation reactions

+ ELECTROLYTE

Sodium sulfate in an aqueous solution



Performance metrics

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Time (h)	2	4	8	12	20
Current (A)	9.5	6.1	3.9	3.0	2.1
Capacity (Ah)	19	24.4	31.2	36	42
Energy (Wh)	680	991	1,300	1,480	1,700

Constant Current Discharge, 30°C

Voltage Range	35 to 52 Vdc
Nominal Capacity	42 Ah at C/20, 30°C
Nominal Energy	1,700 Wh at C/20, 30°C

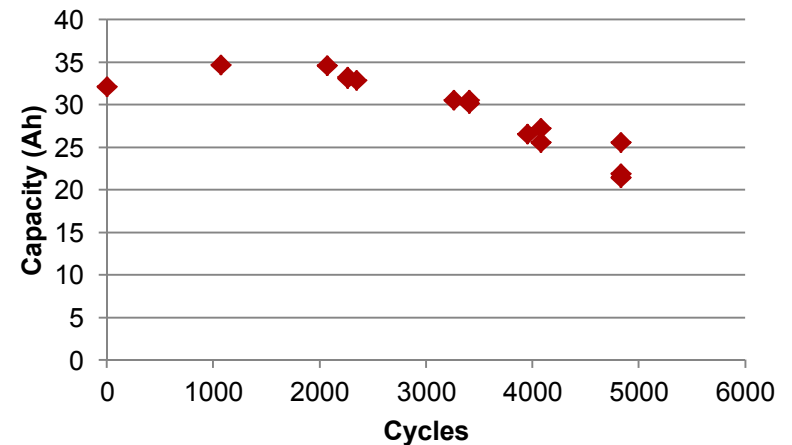
OPERATION & PERFORMANCE

Cycle Life	>3,000 cycles
Operating Temperature Range	-5 to 40°C
Round Trip DC Efficiency	>85% at C/20 rate, 30°C
Charge / Discharge Modes	CC, CP, CV, AC ripple tolerant

Discharge rate (A)	Discharge capacity (Ah)
1	42.8
2	38.1
4	29.4
6	25.8
8	19.3
9.9	21.6
15	12

Life cycle:

Life cycle metrics



Bipolar Pb-Acid Analysis

Alpha

Battery Type: VRLA AGM

Nominal Voltage: 6V (3 cells)

Nominal Power (15 min): 20W/Cell

Rated Capacity:

20-hr (0.36A to 5.25V): 9.6 Ah

10-hr (0.65A to 5.25V): 8.1 Ah

5-hr (0.9A to 5.10V): 7.0 Ah

2-hr (2.7A to 4.80V): 5.4 Ah

Approximate Weight:

4.60 lbs (2.09 kg)

Internal Resistance (approx.):

45 milliohms

Max Discharge Current (5 sec): 30 A

Max Short-Duration

Discharge Current (0.1 sec): 100 A

Charging Voltage @ 68°F (20°C)

Standby Use: 2.25V/Cell

Cycle Use: 2.45V/Cell

Maximum Charge Current: 1.8A

Case: ABS Plastic

Dimensions

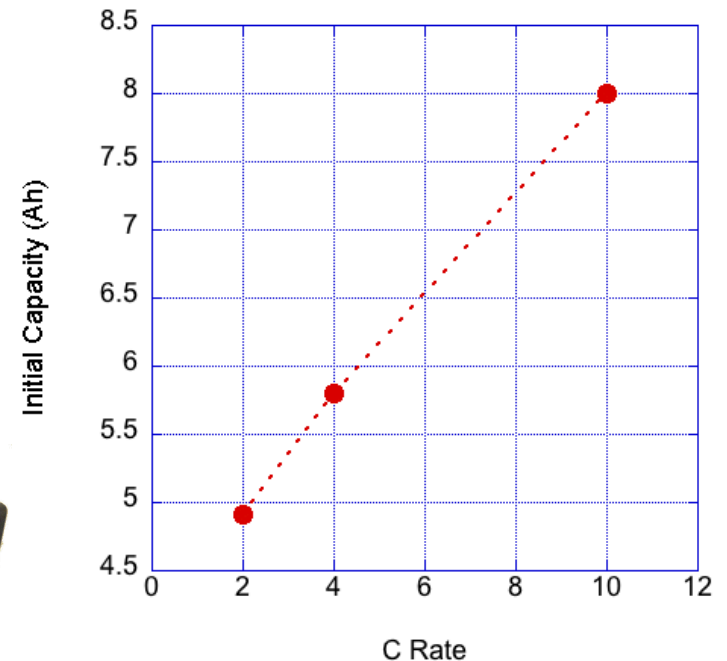
(Tolerances are +/- 0.5mm):

L: 2.27 in (57.7 mm)

W: 5.20 in (132 mm)

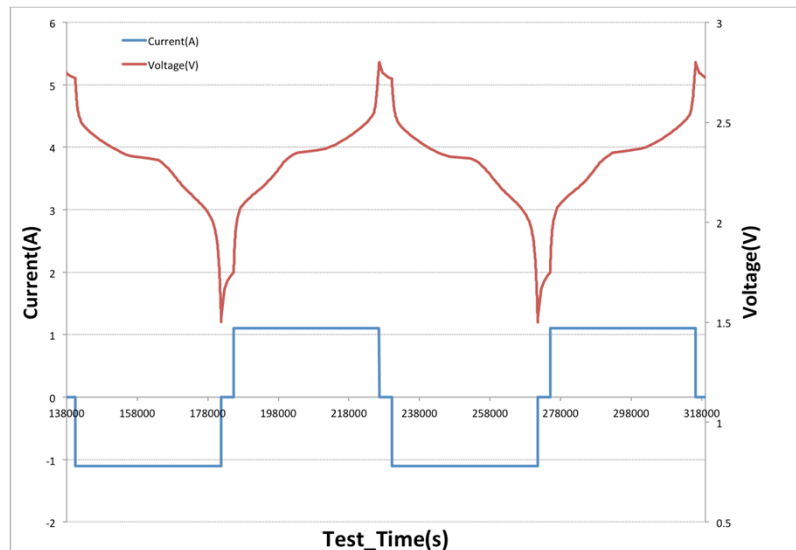
H: 6.38 in (162 mm)

Specific Gravity at 100% SOC: 1.26



High Precision Commercial Tester Development

- With Arbin Instruments and Ford Motor company received an ARPA-E grant to develop and validate a **commercial high precision and high power battery tester**
- Two prototype testers in house
- Goal is fast prognostics of battery life from high precision measurements
- **Available for projects through collaboration**



- DOE pre-protocol report released. Activities in developing and using test regimes is central to our mission. More aggressive tests, and varied protocols including stacked testing under investigation with initial promising results for stacked waveform testing.
- Third party validation and long term cycling continues for a variety of chemistries considered for stationary applications on semiannual basis.
- Longer lifecycles demand efforts in prognostics. Expanded activities in high precision testing supported by outside funds and an objective for FY'16.

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