Energy Storage Performance Science at Idaho National Laboratory



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- 890 square miles •
- 111 miles of electrical • transmission and distribution lines
- 579 buildings •
- 177 miles of paved roads ٠
- 14 miles of railroad lines •
- 3 reactors •
- Mass transit system •
- Security •
- Museum •
- 300 metric tons of used • fuel
- Educational and research • partnerships – CAES





Our Identity

Develop world-class Nuclear Energy capabilities





Preeminent Internationally-Recognized Nuclear Energy RDD&D Laboratory









Major center for National and Homeland

Security technology RDD&D

Lead clean energy systems RDD&D laboratory and a regional resource

Research – Development – Demonstration – Deployment

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Quality. Creativity. Impact.

Environmental Sustainability Research to provide transparency and management of environmental consequence

Efficient Manufacturing

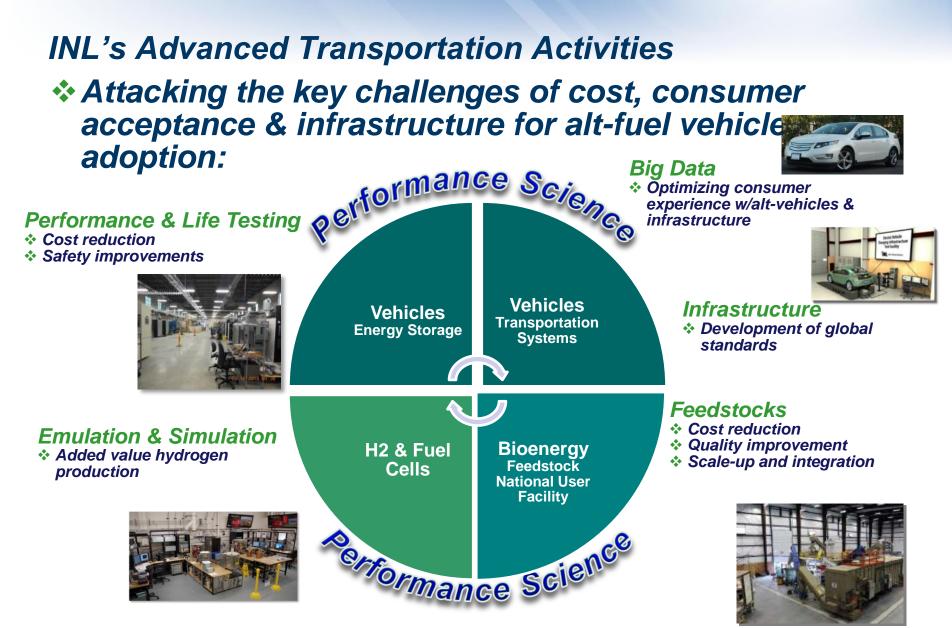
Research that creates efficient, environmentally sustainable, and secure manufacturing solutions Advanced Transportation Research to develop and deploy diverse fuels and advance energy storage and

vehicle efficiency options

Clean Energy Innovation

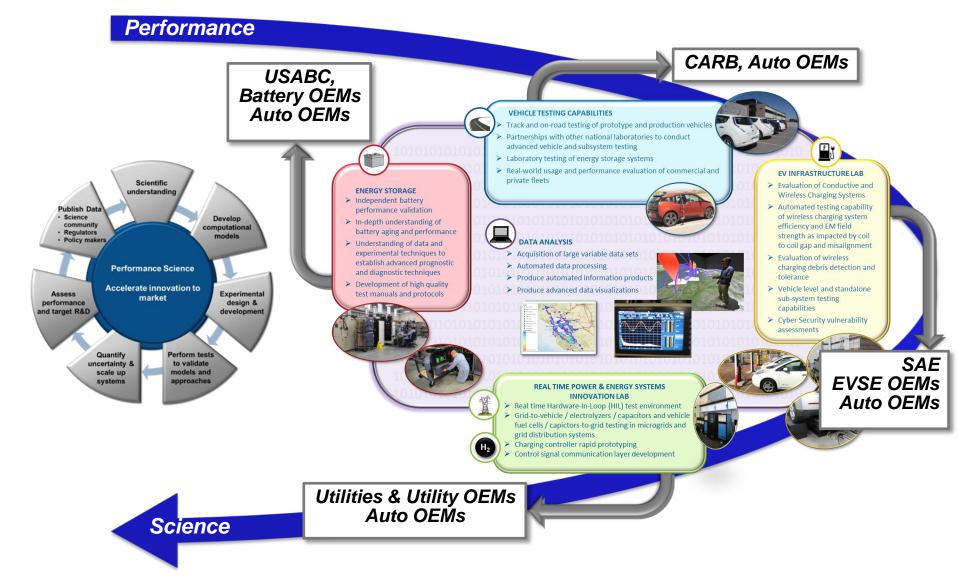
Research to develop, integrate and deploy next generation clean energy systems and technologies







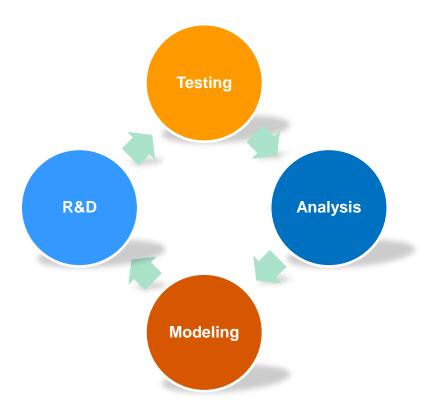
Advanced Transportation at INL Enabling Disruptive Technologies





Technical Challenge

- Advanced battery chemistries are being introduced at an accelerated rate
 - DOE supported battery research is a major reason for this positive trend
 - Transitioning chemistries from the lab to the consumer often fails due to inadequate testing early in the R&D cycle



Quality testing/validation/analysis is critical for adoption/success in the market



Technology Assessment

INL/EXT-12-26503

Independent, science-based performance assessment of energy storage devices.

Protocols & Procedures

U.S. Department of Energy Vehicle Technologies Program

Battery Test Manual For 12 Volt Start/Stop Vehicles INL Core Capabilities

Assessment



Quality Results





INL Battery Test Center Facilities and Equipment



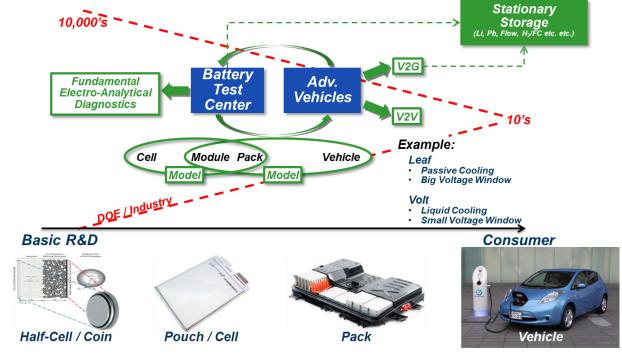
Vibrational Assessment





Where does INL fit

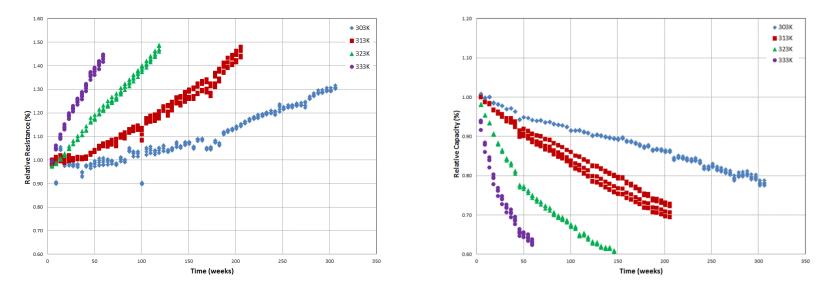
- High fidelity testing to specific application requirements
 - Performance Science Understanding how system performance can be impacted chemistry, environment and use
- Improved understanding of battery health
- Understanding and enhancing battery safety
 - Electrolyte performance and phosphazene chemistry Reducing the risk of catastrophic failure





Accelerated Aging Protocols

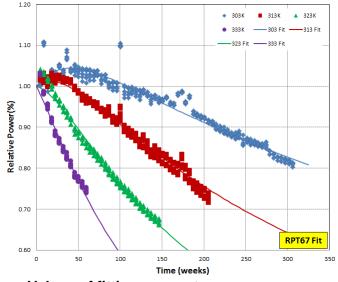
- Calendar-life capability 15 years at 30°C.
- Understanding intended application and stressors which impact performance
- Maintaining controlled environment to understand degradation.
- Statistically relevant.
 - At least 3 cells per test condition





Battery Life Models

- Multiple models/mechanisms to evaluate performance
- Non-linear model fits were used to estimate battery life:
 - Capacity:
 - Resistance:
 - Power:
- Degradation parameter becomes limited by reactive materials.
- A 90% statistical confidence window was used to estimate life at 30°C (303K).

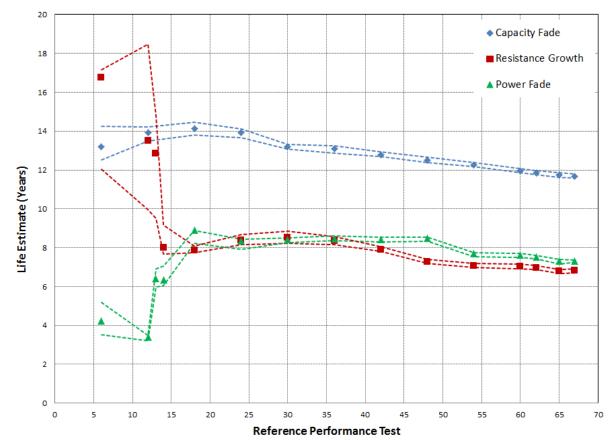


- Values of fitting parameters:
 - B0= 14.6
 - B1= -6560.2
 - B2= 1.25
 - B3= 0.12
 - B4= -9.10
 - r² = 0.969
- Life estimate:
 - 95% LCL: 7.2 yrs
 - 95% UPL: 7.4 yrs
 - Weighted Avg.: 7.3 yrs



Battery Life Predictions

- The resistance power model prediction appears to converge on 7 to 8 years at ~RPT15
 - 480 days of calendar life aging.

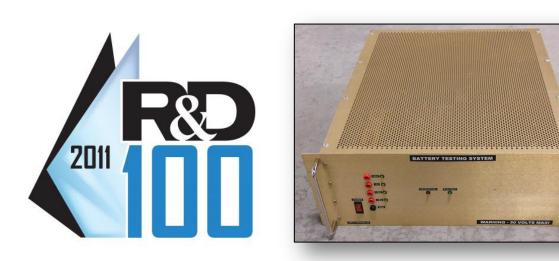


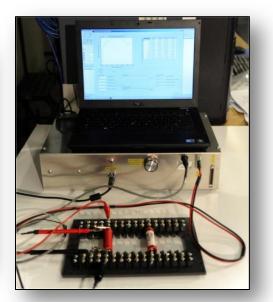


Advanced Diagnostics

Advanced Diagnostics Sensors

- Advanced, onboard battery management systems still need development.
- Rapid impedance spectrum measurement techniques have been developed for state-of-health and state-of-stability assessment.
- Hardware now capable of measuring modules up to 50V
- Miniaturized / embedded system architecture envisioned.

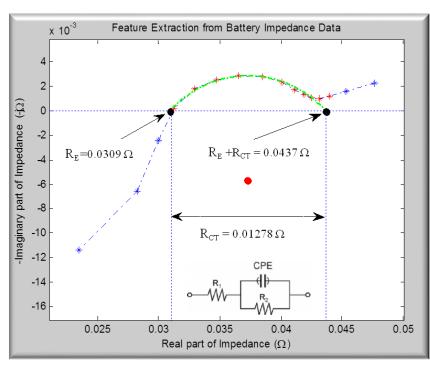




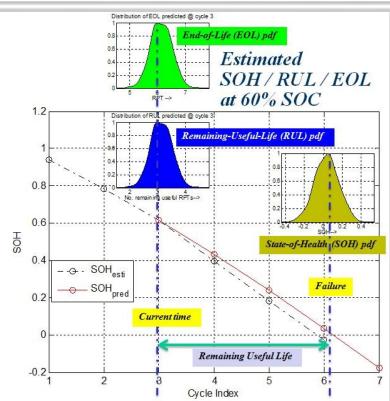


Battery SOH Assessment Architecture

- To illustrate, predictive estimations of battery SOH and remaining useful life (RUL) have been applied to Li-ion cell data.
 - With a stochastic framework that combines several SOH metrics, confidence in the life prediction can also be ascertained.



Feature Extraction

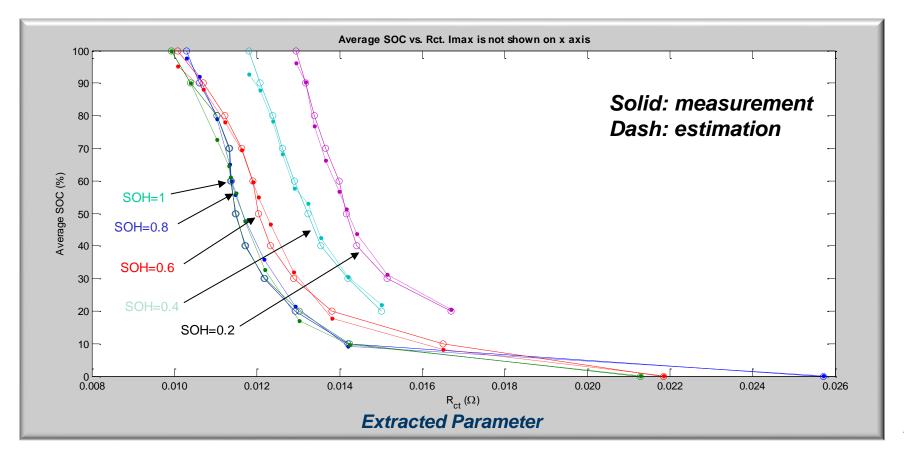


SOH Assessment



Battery SOH Assessment Architecture

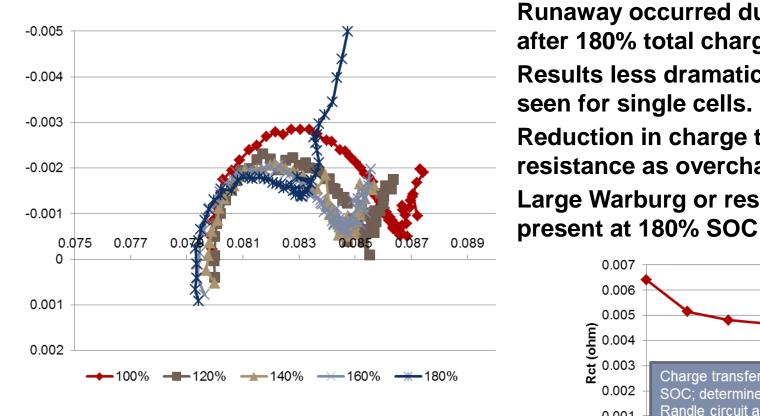
- The estimated SOC compares well with the measured SOC for these lithium-ion cells as a function of SOH.
 - An extracted parameter is used in this estimate, which is primarily influenced by kinetic reactions at the electrodes.





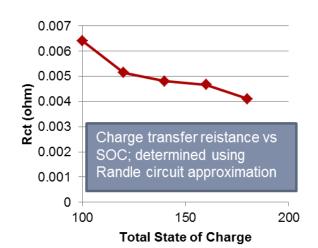
Diagnostics (IMB)

Preliminary results show promise in using impedance data as a means of identifying bad strings within a module/pack.*



*Data acquired at SNL using standard impedance measurement tools.

Runaway occurred during charging after 180% total charge Results less dramatic than those seen for single cells. **Reduction in charge transfer** resistance as overcharge increases Large Warburg or resistive element



Approach



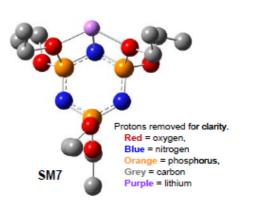
Advanced Electrolyte Materials Phosphazenes

Benefits:

- Inherently stable and non-flammable
- Very low vapor pressure
- Choice of R groups (pendant arms) has a profound influence on properties
- Good lithium salt dissolution

Challenges:

- High viscosity
- Need to attenuate N-Li⁺ attraction that occurs due to electron doublet transfer



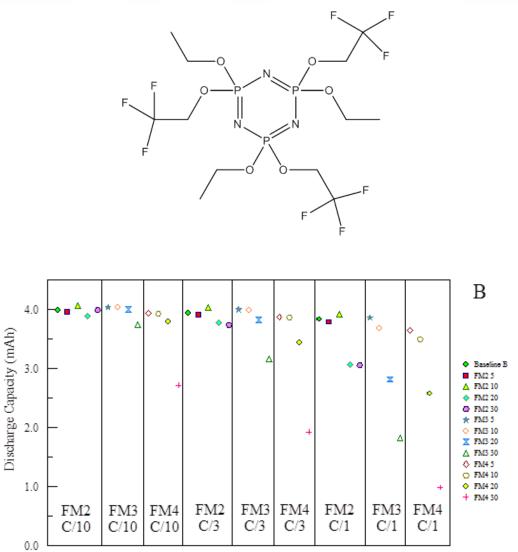
Selected Series of INL Phosphazene Compounds

- **SM:** employs ether groups attached to the phosphorus centers
- AL: employs unsaturated analogues of the SM series
- FM: employs fluorinated analogues of the SM series



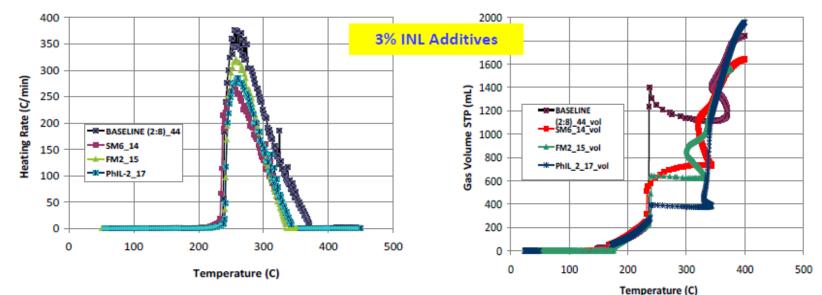
Cycling performance

- Ability to maintain rate capability up to 10% loading
 - Viscosity becomes a key limiting factor (above 20%)
 - Inhibition of degradation processes through radical scavenging
- Smaller molecules provide opportunity to improve upon early work
- Significant reduction in gas evolution and thermal heating rate during abuse overcharge

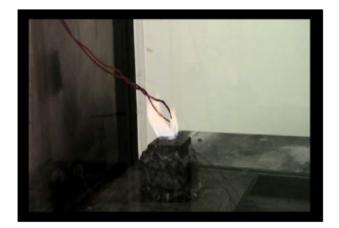


Tech. Accomplishments

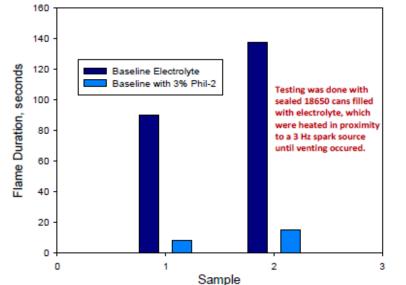
INL additives lower both the heating rate and gas production during thermal runaway.....



...and can significantly reduce flame duration.



Short-lived ignition of electrolyte with PhIL-2 (the vent was very subtle and difficult to observe).



• Testing performed by SNL (Orendorff).

• All Cell Results: NMC/carbon, with **3% additives** in EC-EMC (1:4) + 1.2M LiPF₆.



Using Science to Ensure Performance

- INL Battery Test Center is the DOE Core Capability Laboratory for advanced automotive battery performance testing.
- Independent, science-based performance assessment of energy storage devices.
- Internationally accepted manuals for performance assessment of energy storage systems.
- Flexible state-of-the-art energy storage test facility capable of supporting current and future development activities.
- **Temperature controlled testing** for reliable and repeatable results.
- In-depth knowledge of new technology use and limitations
- Ability to identify issues prior to failure
- Means to reduce safety risk
- STIMS #INL/CON-15-35387, INL/CON-15-34632, INL/CON-15-35145





Vibrational Assessment

Assessment of vibration on performance

- Diminished performance
- Safety related failure
- Non-traditional use
- Multi-axis movement
- 8 Channel Data Acquisition
- Ability to test both small and large items

• Armature (640 mm or 25.2 in diameter)

- Sine force peak: 13,000 lbf
- Random force peak: 12,500 lbf
- Half sine peak shock force: 26,660 lbf
- Velocity sine peak: 1.8 m/s (70.9 in/s)
- Acceleration peak:
- Sine: 392 m/s²
- Random: 392 m/s² (40g_n)
- Displacement (continuous) peak to peak:
- 63.5 mm (2.5 in)





Equipment



Tester Mfr.	Tester Capability	# of Testers	# of Channels
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 5A	1	8
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 5.5A	3	152
Maccor	0-10V, +/- 12.5A	3	72
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 25A	2	48
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 30A	1	96
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 50A	1	24
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 60A	6	144
Maccor	0-7V, +/- 90A	2	48
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 100A	1	8
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 180A	1	8
Maccor	0-5V, +/- 250A	6	47
Maccor	0-7V, +/- 250A	1	8
Maccor	0-7V, +/- 300A	1	8
PEC	0-50V, +/- 80A	1	8
Maccor	0-55V, +/- 220A	2	8
Maccor	0-65V, +/- 250A	1	4
Maccor	0-60V, +/- 275A	1	4
Bitrode	0-100V, +/- 500A	3	3
Bitrode	0-500V, +/- 350A	3	3
Bitrode	0-1000V, +/- 500A	2	2
Energy Systems	0-500V, +/- 500A	2	2
Total # of Testers/Channels		44	705

Equipment



Walk-in Environmental Chambers

- Temperature control range:
 -68 to 85°C
- Humidity control range:
 5 to 94% relative
- Interior volume:
 1054 ft³
- Programmable humidity and temperature ramping profiles

