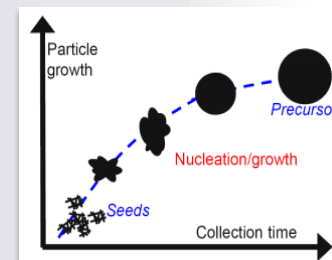
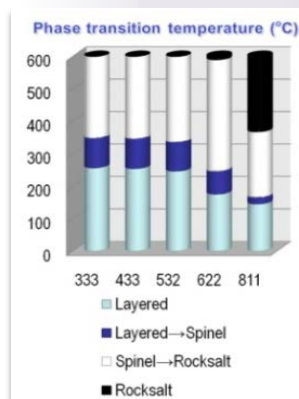
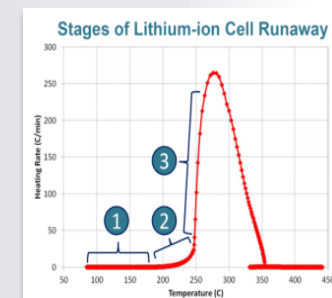


# Overview and Progress of Applied Battery Research (ABR) Activities



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## ABR Program Goals

*By 2014, develop a PEV battery that can deliver a 40-mile all-electric range and costs \$3,400.*

### Timeline

- Start - October 2008
- ABR-phase I finished – September 2014
- ABR-Phase II – starting October 2014

### Objectives

- Understand/develop solutions for issues with existing active electrode materials.
- Develop electrolyte systems that allow access to higher cell capacity.
- Significantly improve cycle & calendar life.
- Improve battery safety by reducing the consequences of a cell runaway or failure event, improving thermal stability of cell materials, and reducing the physical hazards under abusive conditions.

### Barriers

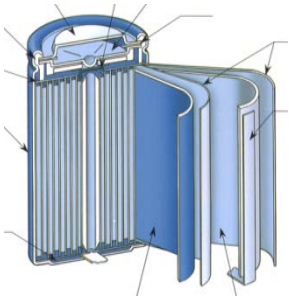
- Need active electrode materials to achieve 200 Wh/kg at the cell level for 40-mile PHEV.
- Need higher voltage electrolytes that are stable in the presence of high-V cathodes.
- Need cell chemistries with high inherent stability to achieve life and abuse tolerance goals.

## Battery/Energy Storage R&D Funding (\$, M)

<b>FY 2012*</b> <b>Enacted</b>	\$90
<b>FY 2013**</b> <b>Full Year CR</b>	\$88
<b>FY 2014***</b> <b>(request)</b>	\$170.5
<p>*FY 2012 SBIR/STTR removed.</p> <p>**FY 2013 full year CR inclusive of SBIR/STTR.</p> <p>*** FY 2014 budget request inclusive of SBIR/STTR.</p>	

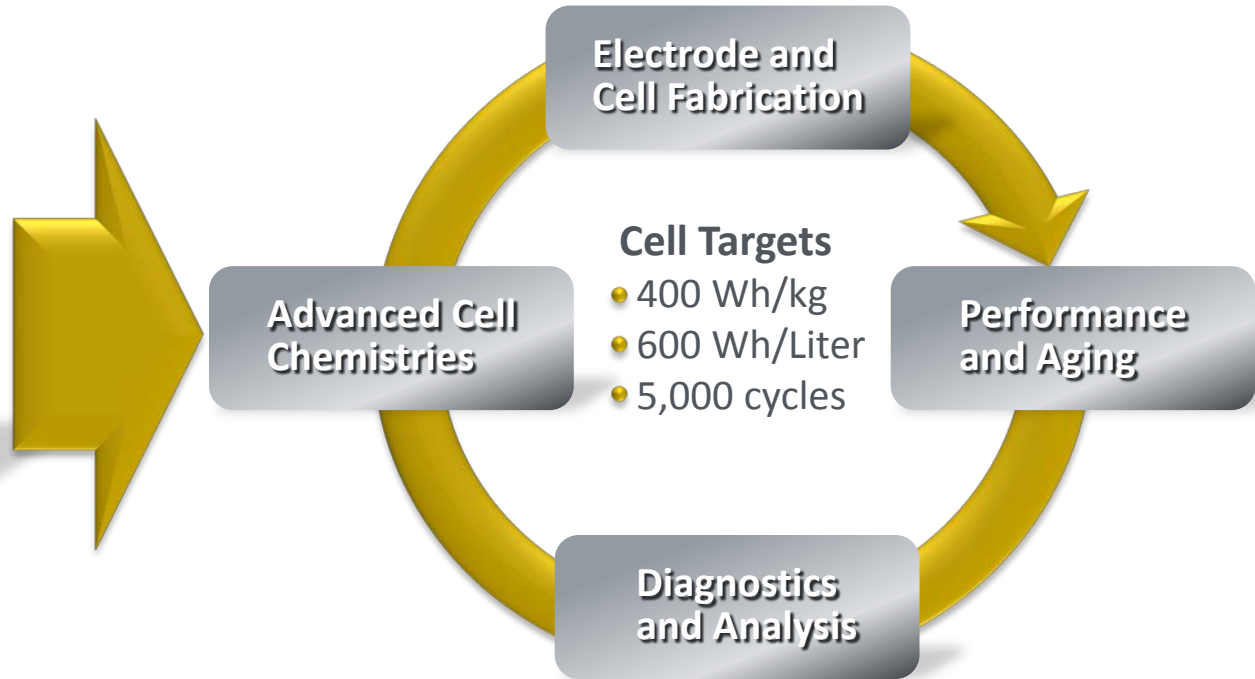
## FY 2013 Energy Storage R&D Budget\*\* (\$88M)





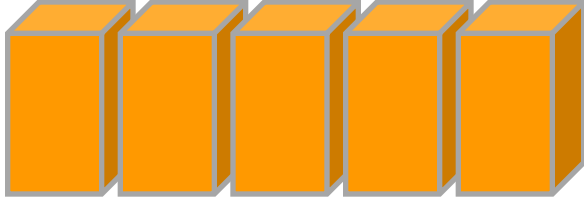
**Expedite commercialization of advanced cell chemistries, cell compositions, and cell processing for transportation based lithium-ion batteries**

**Advanced Anodes**  
(600 mAh/g)  
**Advanced Cathodes**  
(300+ mAh/g)  
**Next Generation Electrolytes**  
(5 volt)

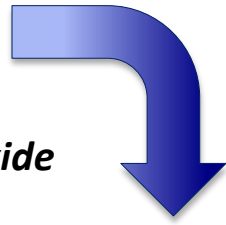


# Current and Near-Term Cell Chemistries

## Current PHEV-40 Battery Size/Cost



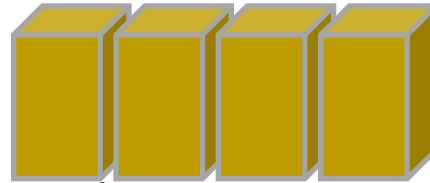
Graphite /  $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4$  + LiNi-Mn-Co Oxide  
300 Cells, ~\$10,000/Battery



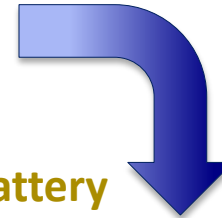
Develop advanced cell chemistries using next-generation materials:

- ☐ 400 Wh/kg, 600 Wh/L cell goals
- ☐ 5,000 cycles, 10+ year life
- ☐ \$300/kWh at the pack level

## Next-Gen Technology Battery Size/Cost



Graphite /  $x\text{Li}_2\text{MnO}_3 + (1-x)\text{LiMO}_2$   
200 Cells, ~\$5,000 – \$6,000/Battery



## Major Issues:

- ☐ High-voltage stability
- ☐ Cycleability (power and energy fade)
- ☐ Electrode and cell fabrication



Nano-Silicon /  $x\text{Li}_2\text{MnO}_3 + (1-x)\text{LiMO}_2$   
100 Cells, ~\$3,000/Battery

## FY2012 ABR portfolio

### 27 projects

- 4 core projects
- 23 ABR-I (phase 1) projects

### 9 national labs

- 7 DOE facilities
- 1 JPL/NASA
- 1 Army

### Significant changes at mid-year

- Voltage Fade project created
- 9 ANL projects down-selected

## FY2013 ABR portfolio

### 14 ABR-I projects

- All to complete FY2013

### 4 core projects

### 1 ABR-II project

- Voltage Fade  
(2 oral & 11 poster presentations)

### VTO-wide Funding Opportunity

- AOI 7 ≡ ABR-II projects

## FY2014 ABR portfolio

### 4 core projects

### 4 to 6 ABR-II projects (FOA 793\*)

### \* FOA 793 (AOI 7)

“Applied Battery Research for Improvements in Cell Chemistry, Composition, and Processing”

\$12M total funding, 4 – 6 two year projects with Oct. 2013 start dates.

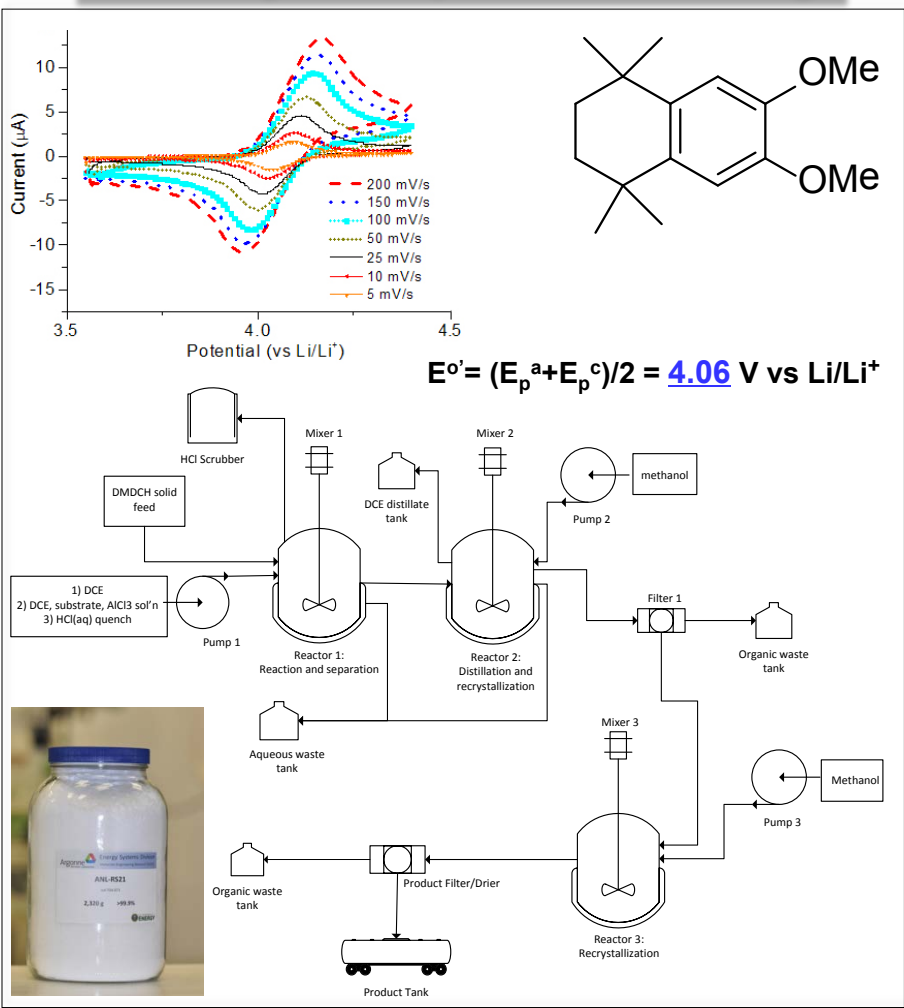
## ABR II

- ❑ Address barriers for next-generation Li-ion batteries for EDVs.
- ❑ Collaborative, iterative, multi-mode applied R&D processes that move materials and advanced chemistries through design, fabrication, performance testing, and diagnostics.

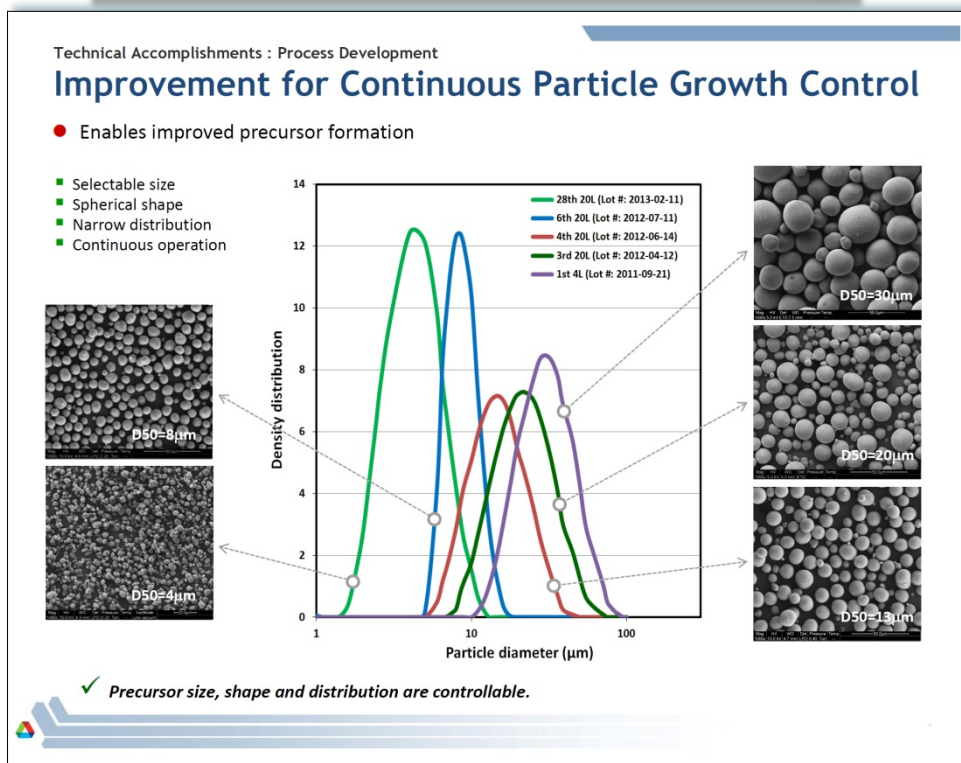


## Materials Engineering Research Facility (MERF)

### Electrolyte Component Processing



### Active Cathode Material Processing



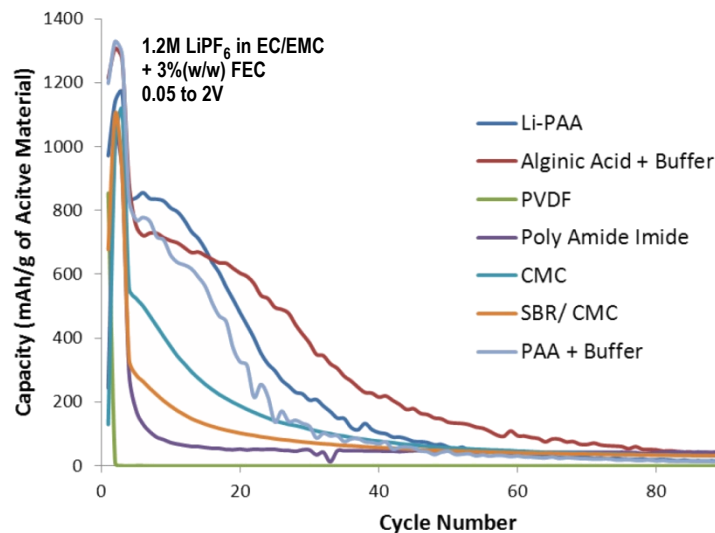
# Highlights – Screening / Benchmarking

## Materials Screening

- Several high energy cathode materials of two major chemistries—composite cathode and high voltage spinel—have been identified and studied.
- Several silicon morphologies and Si-composite materials have been identified. The material validation work on these Si-based negative electrode materials has been incorporated with the binder investigations.
- Other cell components, such as electrolyte solvents and additives, conductive additives, binders, etc., have also been investigated.

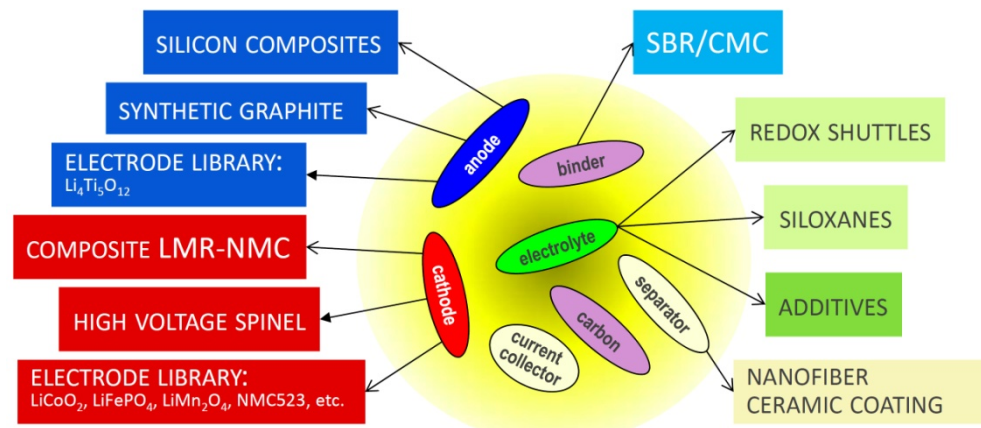
## Silicon Electrodes & Binders

- Silicon-based negative electrodes have a better chance to meet the PEV energy requirements due to their adjustable high capacities.
- Their utilization, however, still waits on developing the high capacity, stable active anode material PLUS developing non-active components (additives & binders), establishing testing protocols, and optimizing electrode engineering.



### Binders tested:

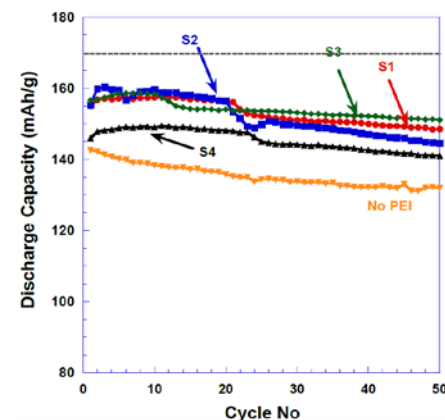
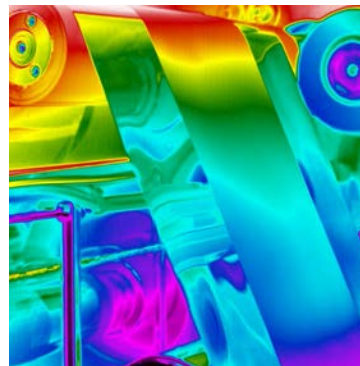
- poly(vinylidene fluoride) (PVDF)
- polyacrylic acid (PAA)
- sodium alginate
- poly(amine imide) (PAI)
- carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC)
- styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR)





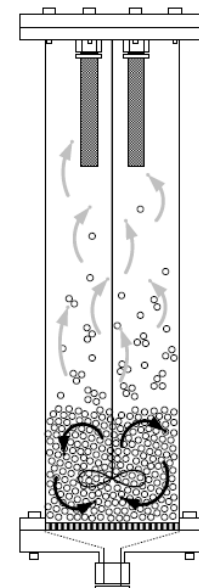
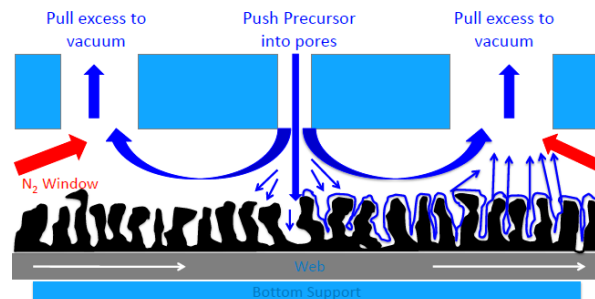


- Overcoming Processing Cost Barriers of High-Performance Lithium-Ion Battery Electrodes
- Roll-to-Roll Electrode NDE and Materials Characterization for Advanced Lithium Secondary Batteries



**National Renewable Energy Laboratory**

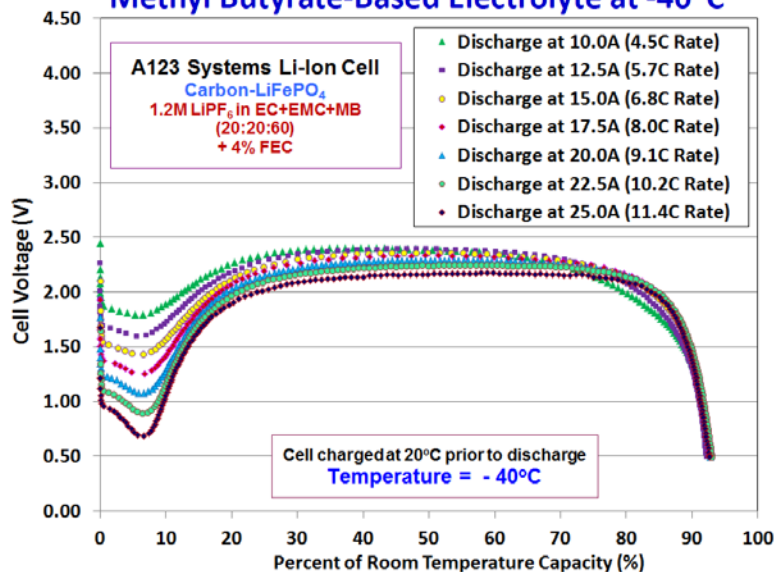
- Development of Industrially Viable Electrode Coatings
- Impact of ALD Coating on Mn-rich Cathode Materials



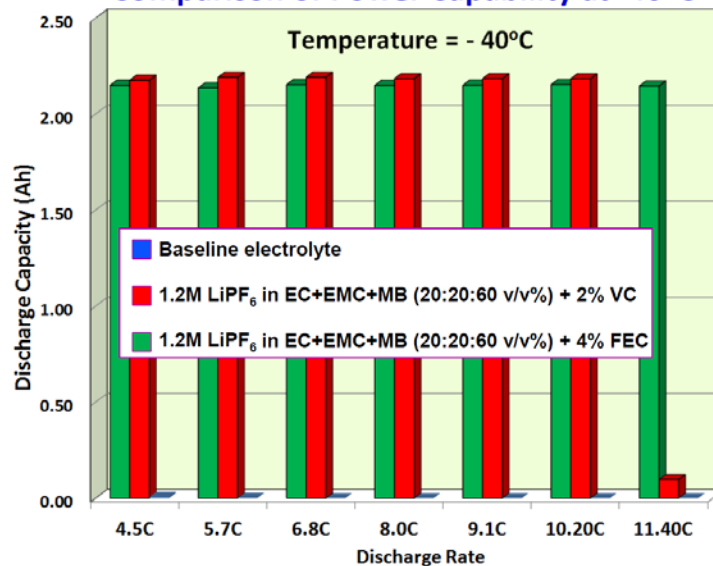


## A123 2.20 Ah High Power Lithium-Ion Cells with JPL Electrolytes Discharge Capability at -40°C

### Methyl Butyrate-Based Electrolyte at -40°C



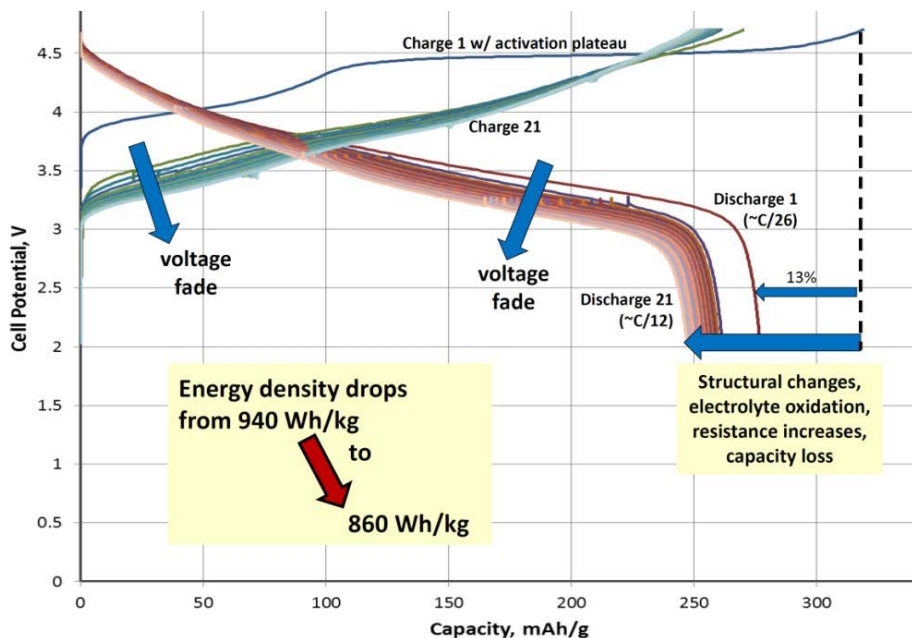
### Comparison of Power Capability at -40°C



- ❑ A123 cells (2.20 Ah) containing JPL MB-based electrolytes were demonstrated to support greater than 11C discharge rates at -40°C, with over 90% of the room temperature capacity being delivered. (1.2M LiPF<sub>6</sub> in EC+EMC+MB (20:20:60) + 4% FEC shown above).
- ❑ The cells were also observed to perform well down to -60°C, with 80% of the room temperature capacity being delivered using a C/10 rate.

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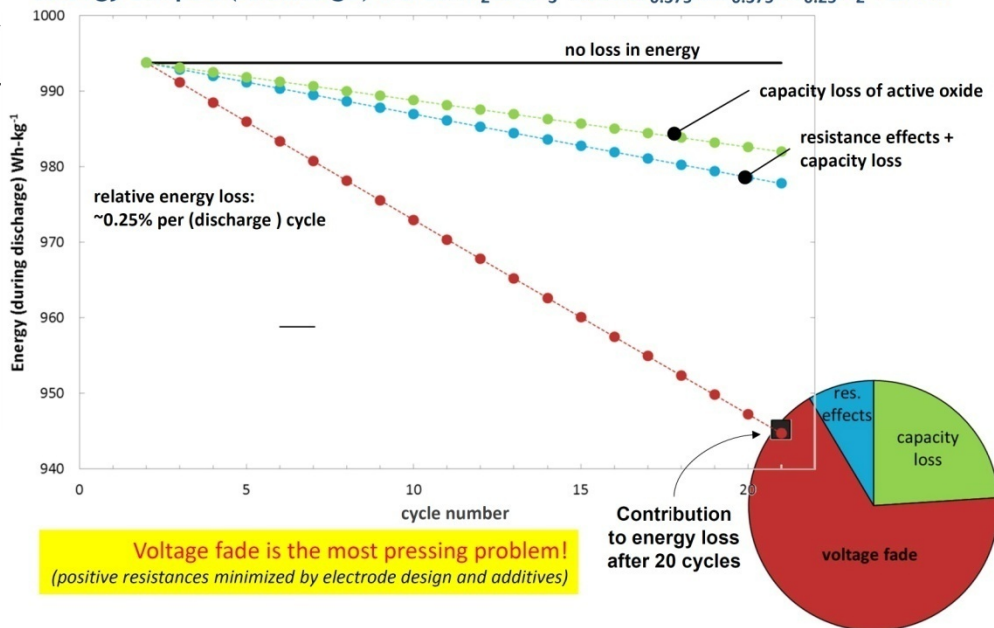
# Highlights – Voltage Fade



## Approach

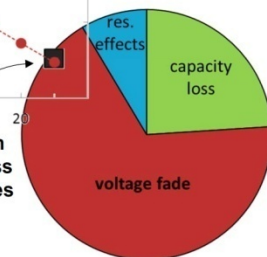
Multi-institution effort to identify factors that contribute to voltage fade in Li- and Mn-rich NMC oxides (LMR-NMC)

Energy output (discharge) for  $0.5\text{Li}_2\text{MnO}_3 \cdot 0.5\text{LiNi}_{0.375}\text{Mn}_{0.375}\text{Co}_{0.25}\text{O}_2$  vs. Li



**Voltage fade is the most pressing problem!**  
(positive resistances minimized by electrode design and additives)

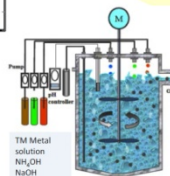
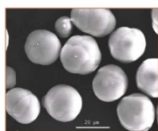
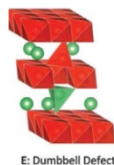
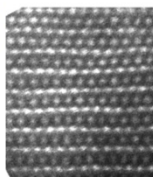
Contribution to energy loss after 20 cycles



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Physicochemical  
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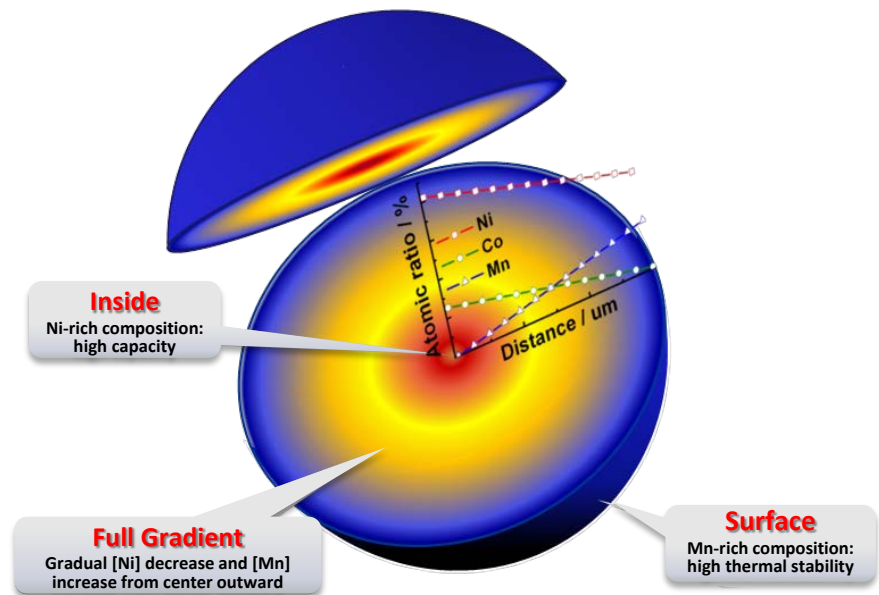
Oxide Synthesis &  
Surface Modification



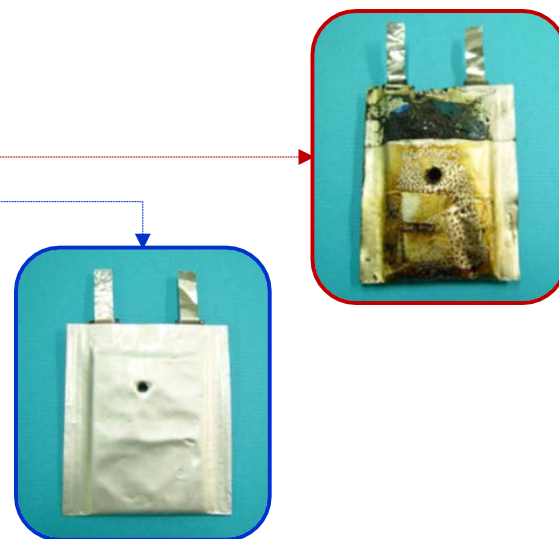
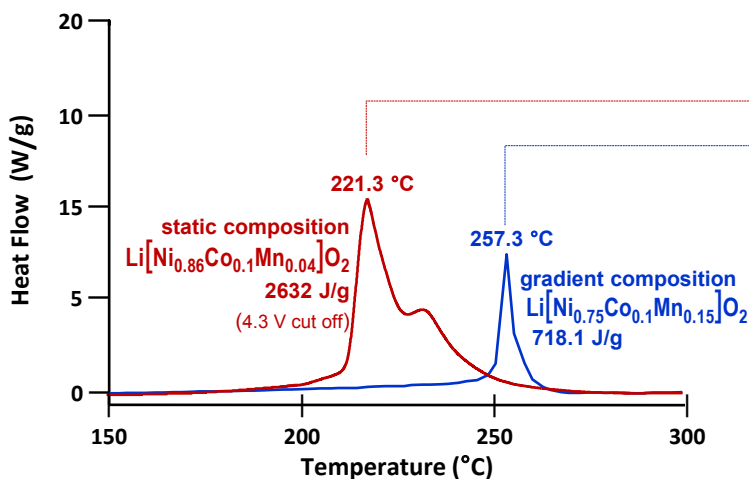
Suggest/implement approaches to mitigate voltage fade

## High-Energy Concentration-Gradient Cathode Material for Plug-in Hybrids and All-Electric Vehicles

*"A new, layered manganese-nickel material, developed by Argonne National Laboratory, Hanyang University, South Korea, and ECOPRO Co. Ltd., South Korea, addresses this problem by providing higher energy and longer life..."*



Khalil Amine, Ilias Belharouak Argonne National Laboratory





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- Translational (benchtop-to-prototype) R&D in next-generation PEV battery cell composition and construction strongly supports the growth of the commercial vehicle electrification in the United States.
- Comprehensive suite of applied R&D activities:
  - full cell calendar, cycling, and abuse performance testing
  - electrode and cell modeling and design
  - materials scale up
  - cell building
  - cell & component diagnostics)
- Continues to enable a flexible, design of experiments approach to resolving issues with high energy couples.
- ABR re-focus at ANL
  - Voltage fade results from multiple investigator, multiple research thrust collaborative effort lead to the following
  - Go/No-Go for post treatment/system level fixes
  - ‘Working tools’ established (test protocols, database, performance metrics)
  - Omnibus peer-reviewed paper in preparation, over 15 authors from > six organizations.
- Seven electrolyte materials/additives produced in high purity and under scalable procedures.
- >150 m<sup>2</sup> of electrode material distributed to US researchers for ABR-relevant study
- Initial projects in process R&D indicate fertile territory
- A major portion of the ABR program will now be competitively awarded.



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