

Progress on ARRA-funded Facility & Capability Upgrades for the Battery Abuse/Safety Laboratory

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Overview

Timeline

- Project start
15-Apr-2011
- Project end
30-Sep-2012

Barriers & Risks

- Substantial building modifications
- Construction site "turned over to contractors"
- Limited testing activity
- Site returned to "owners"
- ES&H concerns
 - Safety
 - Industrial Hygiene
 - RCRA

Budget

- \$4200K (100% ARRA)
- 100% Funded FY10

Partners

- CH2M Hill – Architect Engineers (Englewood, CO)
- Engineering Constructors Inc. – General Contractor (Albuquerque, NM)
- JB Henderson – Mechanical Contractor (Albuquerque, NM)
- Del Rio Enterprises – Electrical Contractor (Albuquerque, NM)
- Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers (Albuquerque, NM)

Objectives/Relevance

The SNL Battery Abuse/Safety Test Laboratory (BATLab) ARRA-funded Capabilities Upgrade Project provides support for those goals & objectives provided in the *DOE Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Vehicle Technologies Program Multi-Year Program Plan*

[\[http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/pdfs/program/vt_mypp_2011-2015.pdf\]](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/pdfs/program/vt_mypp_2011-2015.pdf)

- Challenges and Barriers (pp 2.1-2 - 2.1-3), specifically:
 - *Abuse Tolerance, Reliability and Ruggedness* - Section D. (p2.1-3)

The BATLab Upgrades will increase capability by increasing:

- 📖 Power (>50KW)
- 📖 Voltage (>400V)
- 📖 Current (>600A)
- 📖 Test throughput
- 📖 Test data reliability
 - 📖 replace obsolete equipment & instruments
 - 📖 provide simultaneous test capability
 - 📖 implement current A/V & data capture standards
 - 📖 install platforms with standardized processing operations & data formats
 - 📖 Safety

For tested cells, modules and packs.

Approach:

The ARRA-funded BATLab Upgrade Project will meet EERE-VT Multi-Year Program Plan Challenges & Barriers by:

- ✓ The acquisition of modern equipment & instrumentation
- ✓ Implementation of standard test protocols & data processing
- ✓ Upgrade the physical plant (BATLab) to provide:
 - Available Power :
 - 480VAC 3Φ 60A (4X)
 - 208VAC 3Φ 60A (4X)
 - 208VAC 1Φ 30A (8X)
 - 110VAC 1Φ 20A (26X)--6 remotely switched
 - HVAC:
 - Increase Air Evacuation Volume & Scrubbing Capacity
 - Increase Air Evacuation Service Points (8 ⇒ 14)
 - Increase Make-Up Air Capacity
 - Equipment, Instrumentation, & Analysis Capability Increase
 - Replace Obsolete Units
 - Add Ability to Test Units Simultaneously
 - Increase Quality & Quantity of Data Acquired
 - ADC (voltage, temperature, stress/strain)
 - Audio/Video
 - Safety Systems upgrade:
 - Fire suppression
 - Power distribution relocation
 - Intrinsically safe lighting

Accomplishments:

AARA Project/Task Update FY2011

ARRA Projects as of 02/25/2011

	TOTAL SPEND PLAN	FY 10 Costs	FY11 Costs YTD	FY11 Commits	Total FY 2010 Costs & FY 2011 Costs + Commits	Total % Spent	Total Remaining Funds for FY2011 & FY2012
148535 - ARRA Operating Project Labor	400,000	5,614	174,067	0	179,681	44.9%	220,319
148634 - ARRA Capital Equipment	2,600,000	1,014,967	132,876	901,340	2,049,183	78.8%	550,817
148804 - ARRA Facilities Project	1,200,000	57,278	110,496	336,340	504,114	42.0%	695,886
Totals	4,200,000	1,077,859	417,439	1,237,680	2,732,978	65.1%	1,467,022



One-Third of timeline completed

- Committed 60% of total funds
- Costed or committed 43% of Facility Upgrade funds
- Costed or committed 80% of Capital funds
- Costed or committed 50% of Capability Upgrade labor
- 55% Facilities upgrades complete

Technical Accomplishments:

ARRA Equipment Acquisitions

Item	Unit cost	quantity	total	ACTUAL COSTS Loaded	
Electrical Test and Abuse Equipment					
Bitrode 48V/20A (8 ch)	\$58,200	1	\$58,200	\$58,240	\$60,511.360
Bitrode 100V/20A (4 ch)	\$36,300	1	\$36,300	\$36,300	\$37,715.700
Bitrode 20V/200A (2 ch)	\$35,000	1	\$35,000	\$63,720	\$66,205.080
Cell Level Tester (Mnacorr - 12 ch)	\$42,000	1	\$42,000	\$41,775	\$43,406.225
Pack Level Cycler (Bitrode)	\$24,000	1	\$24,000	\$26,042	\$27,057.638
Solartron EIS system	\$50,000	1	\$50,000	\$54,865	\$56,796.935
Gas Analysis Equipment					
FTIR	\$80,000	1	\$80,000	\$73,170	\$82,333.450
MS	\$75,000	1	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$77,925.000
Thermal Analysis Equipment					
Thermal Chamber	\$4,500	4	\$18,000	\$24,060	\$25,816.200
Thermal Test Enclosure	\$20,000	1	\$20,000		
Mechanical Abuse Equipment					
Hydraulic Systyem Controller (Crush)	\$45,000	1	\$45,000	\$45,899	\$47,689.061
Data Acquisition					
Data Acquisition System	\$250,000	2	\$500,000		
Data Processing/Display	\$5,000	1	\$5,000		
Calorimetry, Thermal Characterization					
Laser-based in-situ diagnostic system	\$250,000	1	\$250,000		
FT-Xray	\$480,000	1	\$480,000	\$479,150	\$492,990.700
ES ARC	\$157,000	1	\$157,000	\$130,860	\$138,084.580
EV ARC	\$125,000	1	\$125,000	\$119,170	\$134,548.400
Setaram C80 Calorimeter	\$140,000	1	\$140,000		
Microcal	\$119,950	2	\$239,900	\$239,900	\$103,796.100
Glove Box	\$46,000	1	\$46,000	\$47,357	\$49,308.036
Equipment Total			\$2,274,000	\$1,382,848	\$1,436,779
Load	3.9%		\$88,686		
Total			\$2,362,686		
Software development					
Staff Support (50:50 Laser diag./2546)	\$400,000	1	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Facilities	\$1,200,000	1	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000

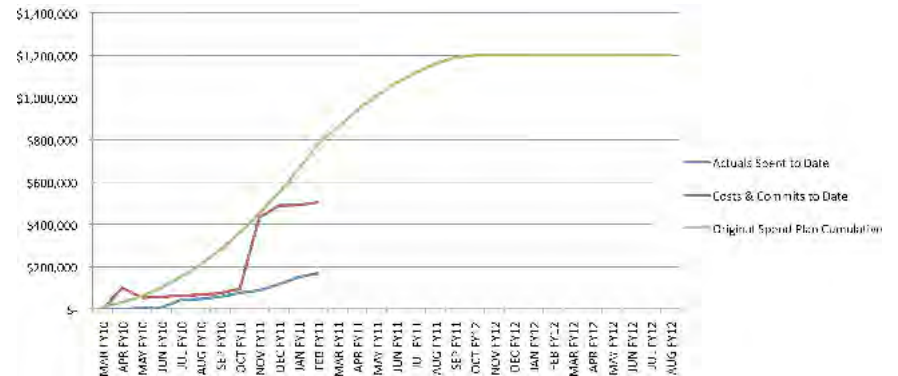
 Costed
 Committed (POs Issued--not delivered)

Accomplishments: Budget Status

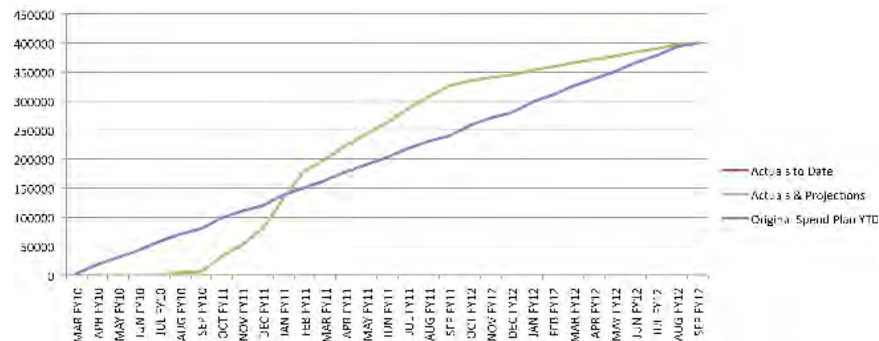
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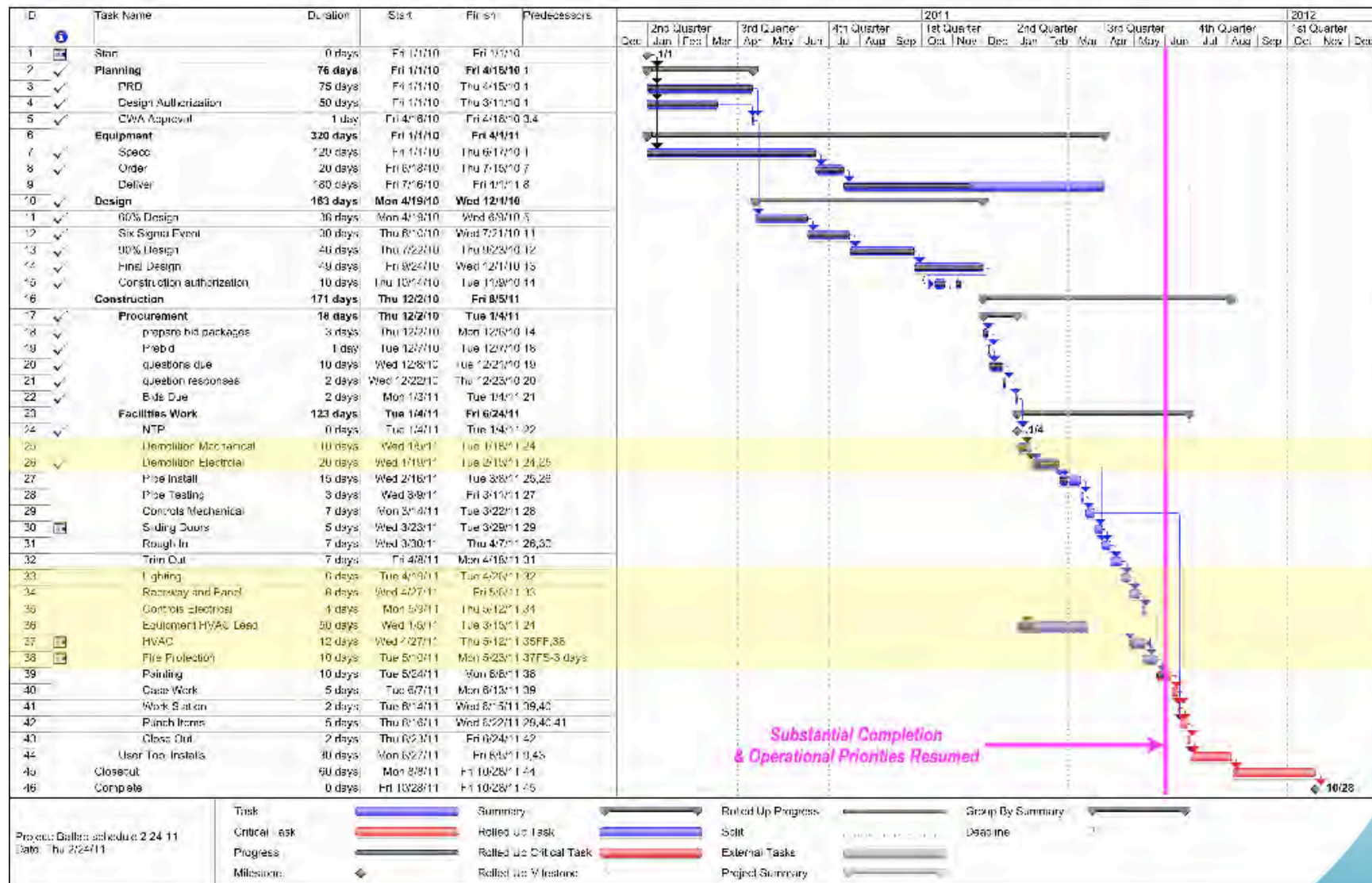
Capital



Capital Labor



Milestones



Battery Abuse/Safety Laboratory (BATLab) Before the Upgrade . . .



Accomplishments: Battery Abuse/Safety Laboratory (BATLab) During the Upgrade . . .



Technical Accomplishments:

Equipment: Bitrode Battery Tester



(A Missouri Company)

- 600 VDC
- 30A
- 4 channels
- Modules
 - Over-charge
 - Over-discharge
 - Cycle testing
- Full Packs
 - Over-charge
 - Over-discharge
 - Cycle testing

Technical Accomplishments:

Equipment: Wrightline Work Stations



- Flexible:
 - 61" to 84" high
 - 20" to 42" shelf depth
 - 24" - 72" shelf width
- 1500 lb. load limit
- Shelf adjustment in 1" increments
- Sturdy casters ... easily moved
- On-board power distribution
- Cable control

A Massachusetts Company

Technical Accomplishments:

Equipment: Maccor Battery Tester 4200



- ▣ 16 channels
- ▣ Remote cell sensors
- ▣ 5V, 10A
- ▣ Formation cycling
- ▣ Test cycling
- ▣ Complex load profiles
- ▣ Control:
 - State of Charge (SOC)
 - Charge /Discharge voltage
 - Charge /Discharge current
 - Charge/Discharge capacity

An Oklahoma Company

Technical Accomplishments:

Equipment: Computed Tomography Xray

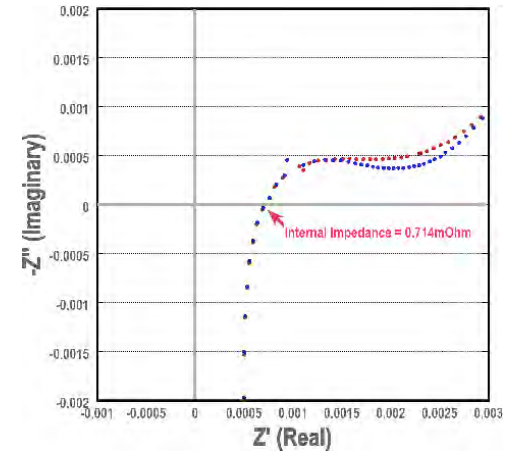


North Star Imaging (A Minnesota Company)

- 📖 0.005mm resolution
- 📖 No. 6 size cell capability
- 📖 2D image: real time
- 📖 3D image: 2-3h
- 📖 Full visualization:
 - Rotation (3D)
 - Zoom
 - Contrast enhancement
 - ID “Z” number range

Technical Accomplishments:

Equipment: Electrochemical Instrumentation



- ±100V
- ±2A
- 0.1 pA Resolution
- EIS:
 - 1MHz - 1μHz
 - ± 100V
 - ± 2A
 - 0.1pΩ Resolution

Subsidiary of Ametek (A Pennsylvania Company)

Technical Accomplishments:

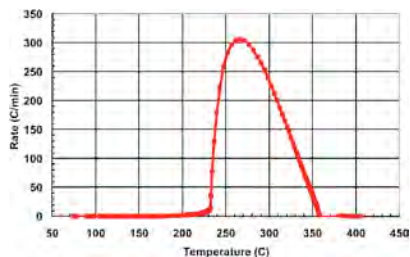
Equipment: Real-Time Microcalorimetry

International Battery Calorimeters (An Arizona Company)



- ▣ Measures heat input/output while charging or discharging cells
- ▣ Resolution: 10^{-6} calories
- ▣ Coin-Cells up to 2032
- ▣ Cylindrical cells up to 18650
- ▣ Other cell holders available

Equipment: ES- & EV- Accelerating Rate Calorimeters (ARCs)



- Thermal sensitivity
- Thermal runaway onset determination
- Total Enthalpy output
- Quantitative gas evolution
- Coupled with Sample Prep Glovebox:
 - Component contributions
 - Component interactions
 - Mechanism elucidation

Technical Accomplishments:

Equipment: Glovebox



(A California Company)



- ✓ Disassembly of fully charged Li-ion cells
- ✓ Partitioning of cell components
- ✓ Resealing cell components
- ✓ Assess cell component contributions (w/ARC)

Technical Accomplishments:

Equipment: Test Control & Data Acquisition/Management System



BATTERY DEVELOPMENT & TESTING



EV Battery Pack

Automotive battery development and testing is a critical part of the overall vehicle development process. The increasing focus on the development of the transportation industry, and the growth in the adoption and usage of hybrid electric vehicle technology will be seen over the next few years, both in the United States and worldwide. Advanced batteries are the key technology enablers for the future of vehicle electrification. Through continuous improvement of the performance and safety of the battery, the next hurdle in widespread acceptance of electric vehicles is the price, performance and reliability of the batteries.

CHALLENGES

Battery testing is a complex task and the performance of the battery life is directly affected by the test conditions. The use of the test equipment is directly related to the test results and the test results are directly related to the test results.

Understanding the challenges facing today's battery testing facilities is essential to develop an effective test and control strategy. With the wide range of test equipment in use, communication between devices is difficult, creating a need for an integrated test system.

One of the main challenges facing today's battery testing facilities is the need for a test system that can handle the wide range of test equipment in use. The test results are then collected and analyzed by the test system, and the test results are then used to make decisions about the test results. Advanced battery testing facilities are needed to handle the wide range of test equipment in use and the test results.

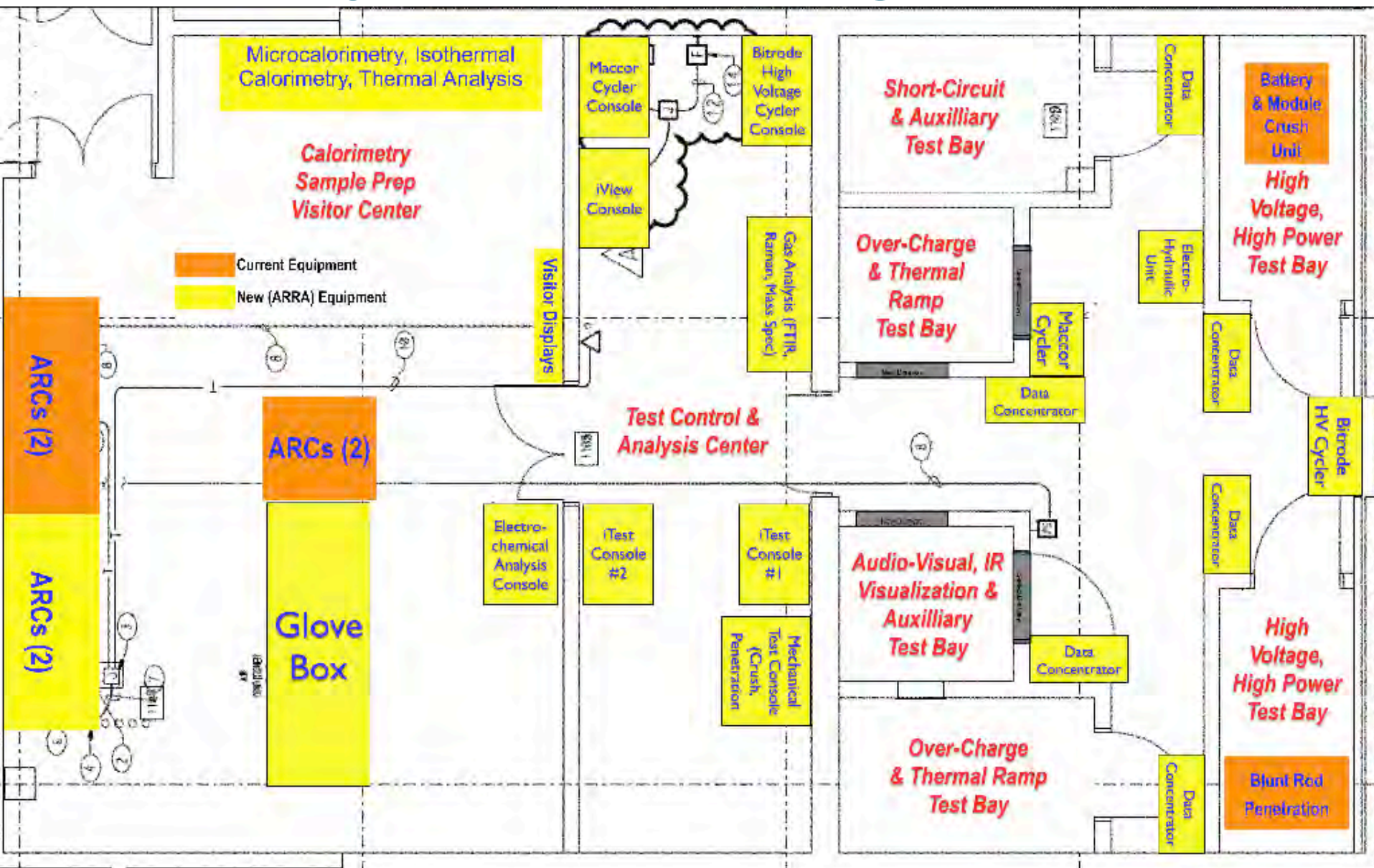
THE ASD SOLUTION

ASD Technology can provide a complete turnkey solution for both EV and HEV testing applications, including design, project management, installation, commissioning and data analysis. Our turnkey test systems combine with our test equipment and our test management and data management and our test results are then used to make decisions about the test results. Our test results are then used to make decisions about the test results.

(A Michigan Company)

Accomplishments:


BATLab Layout . . . After the upgrade



Collaborations/Partnerships

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(Englewood, CO)

 Engineering Constructors - General
Contractor (Albuquerque, NM)

 JB Henderson - Mechanical Contractor
(Albuquerque, NM)

 Del Rio Enterprises - Electrical
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 Bridgers & Paxton Consulting
Engineers (Albuquerque, NM)

Future Work

 Complete facilities upgrade

1 July 2011

 Install & check-out new equipment on hand

31 July 2011

 Resume unrestricted testing activities

31 August 2011

 Complete Capital Equipment Acquisition

30 September 2011

 Initiate upgraded testing productivity

30 November 2011

Summary

At 33% of the project timeline:

- ✓ 44% of Capital Labor costed + 45% committed
- ✓ 44% Capital Equipment costed + 35% committed
- ✓ 14% Facilities Project costed + 28% committed
- ✓ 35% Overall Project costed + 30% committed
- ✓ Limited testing continuing through project upgrades