

# 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
<b>148535 - ARRA</b> Operating Project Labor	<b>400,000</b>	5,614	174,067	0	179,681	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>220,319</b>
<b>148634 - ARRA</b> Capital Equipment	<b>2,600,000</b>	1,014,967	132,876	901,340	2,049,183	<b>78.8%</b>	<b>550,817</b>
<b>148804 - ARRA</b> Facilities Project	<b>1,200,000</b>	57,278	110,496	336,340	504,114	<b>42.0%</b>	<b>695,886</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,200,000</b>	1,077,859	417,439	1,237,680	2,732,978	<b>65.1%</b>	<b>1,467,022</b>

#### 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
<b>Electrical Test and Abuse Equipment</b>					
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 (Mnacor - 12 ch)	\$42,000	1	\$42,000	\$41,775	\$43,406.235
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
<b>Gas Analysis Equipment</b>					
FTIR	\$80,000	1	\$80,000	\$73,170	\$82,331.650
MS	\$75,000	1	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$77,925.000
<b>Thermal Analysis Equipment</b>					
Thermal Chamber	\$4,500	4	\$18,000	\$24,260	\$25,856.200
Thermal Test Enclosure	\$20,000	1	\$20,000		
<b>Mechanical Abuse Equipment</b>					
Hydraulic System Controller (Crush)	\$45,000	1	\$45,000	\$45,899	\$47,689.061
<b>Data Acquisition</b>					
Data Acquisition System	\$250,000	2	\$500,000		
Data Processing/Display	\$5,000	1	\$5,000		
<b>Calorimetry, Thermal Characterization</b>					
Laser-based in-situ diagnostic system	\$250,000	1	\$250,000		
FT-Xray	\$480,000	1	\$480,000	\$479,150	\$497,990.300
ES ARC	\$157,000	1	\$157,000	\$130,860	\$139,086.580
EV ARC	\$125,000	1	\$125,000	\$119,170	\$134,638.400
Setaram C80 Calorimeter	\$140,000	1	\$140,000		
Microcal	\$99,500	2	\$199,000	\$99,900	\$103,796.100
Glove Box	\$46,500	1	\$46,500	\$47,337	\$49,308.036
	<b>Equipment Total</b>		<b>\$2,274,000</b>	<b>\$1,382,848</b>	<b>\$1,436,779</b>
Load		3.9%	\$88,686		
Total			\$2,362,686		
Software development	\$150,000	1	\$150,000	\$180,000	\$150,000
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

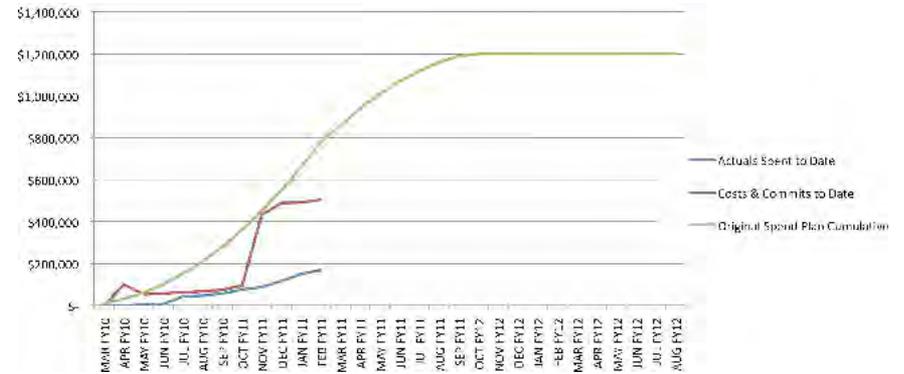
 Costed  
 Committed (POs Issued--not delivered)

# Accomplishments: Budget Status

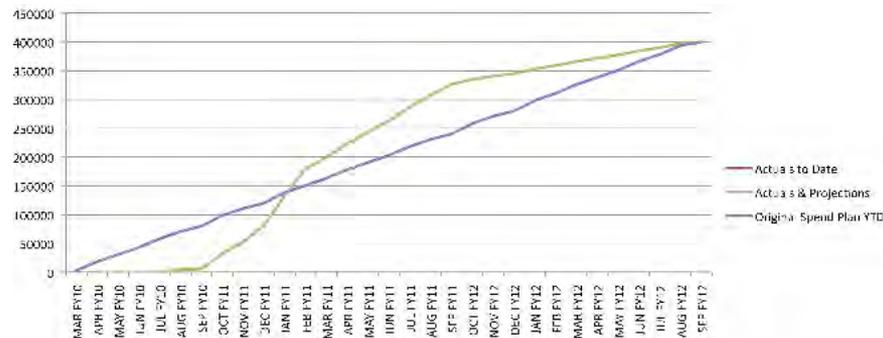
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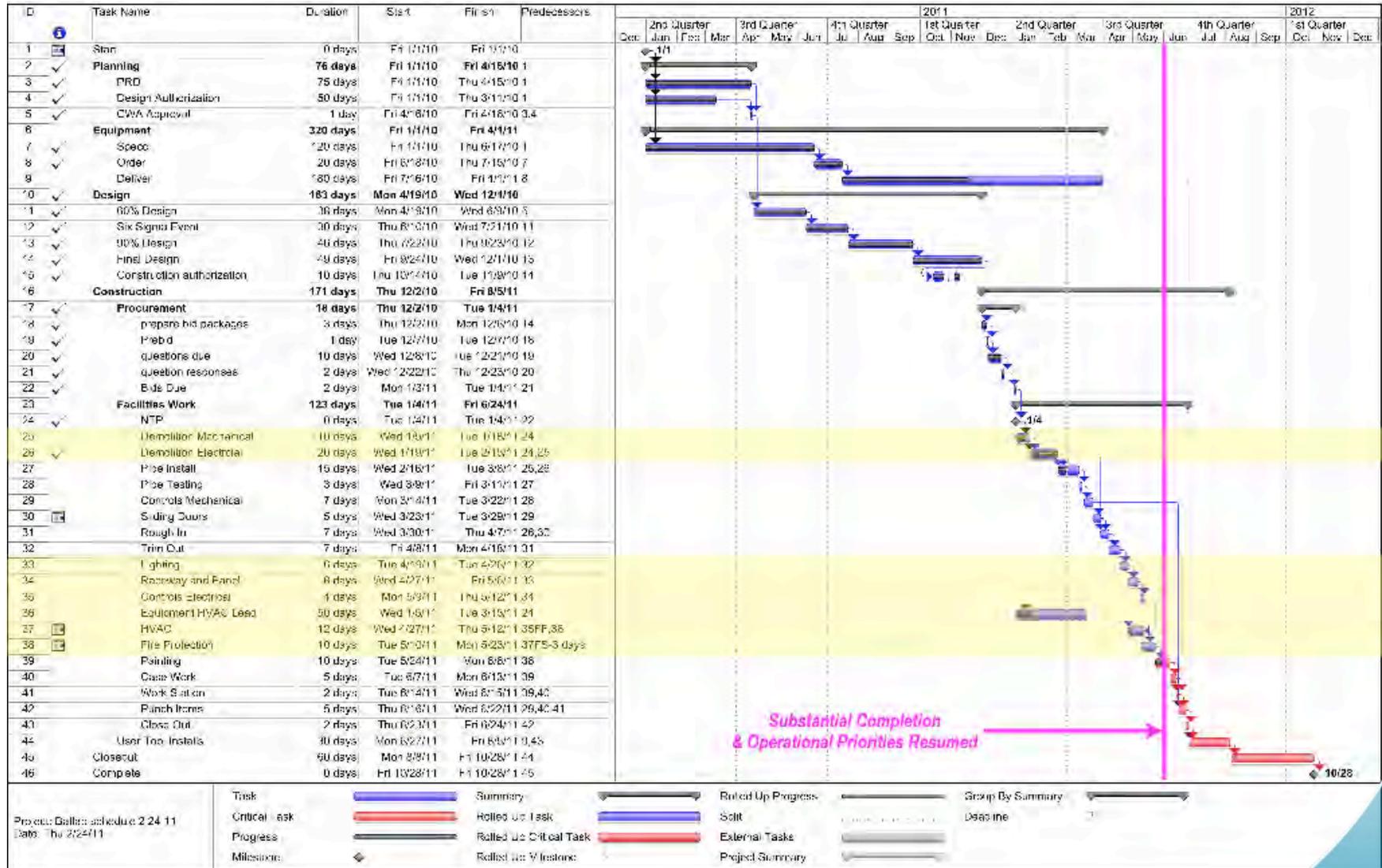
## Capital



## Capital Labor



# Milestones



Substantial Completion & Operational Priorities Resumed

# 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



**EATON**  
Powering Business Worldwide

wright · line  
An Eaton Brand

- 📖 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

# MACCOR

BATTERY & CELL TEST EQUIPMENT WORLDWIDE



- 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

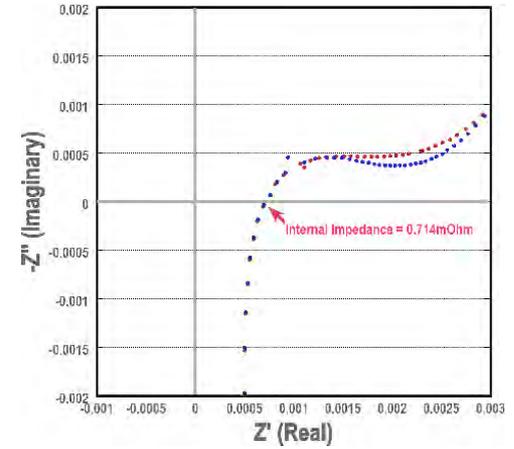


### North Star Imaging (A Minnesota Company)

- 📖 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:

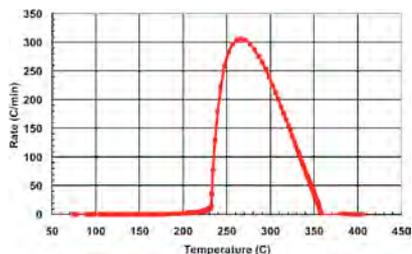
## Equipment: Real-Time Microcalorimetry

### 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



DMR 1200 W

As a result of a fast growing market, economic and political impact of petroleum, and our fast-growing fleet, there has been an increasing focus on the development of the transportation industry. Dramatic 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 potential is underway. The next hurdle in widespread acceptance of electric vehicles is the price, performance and reliability of the batteries.

### CHALLENGES

With battery manufacturing costs and lifespans the major issues. Battery life and energy performance is affected by use and environmental conditions. Use of the information charge to accurately estimate, which is critical with our demand for good performance and life cycle.

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

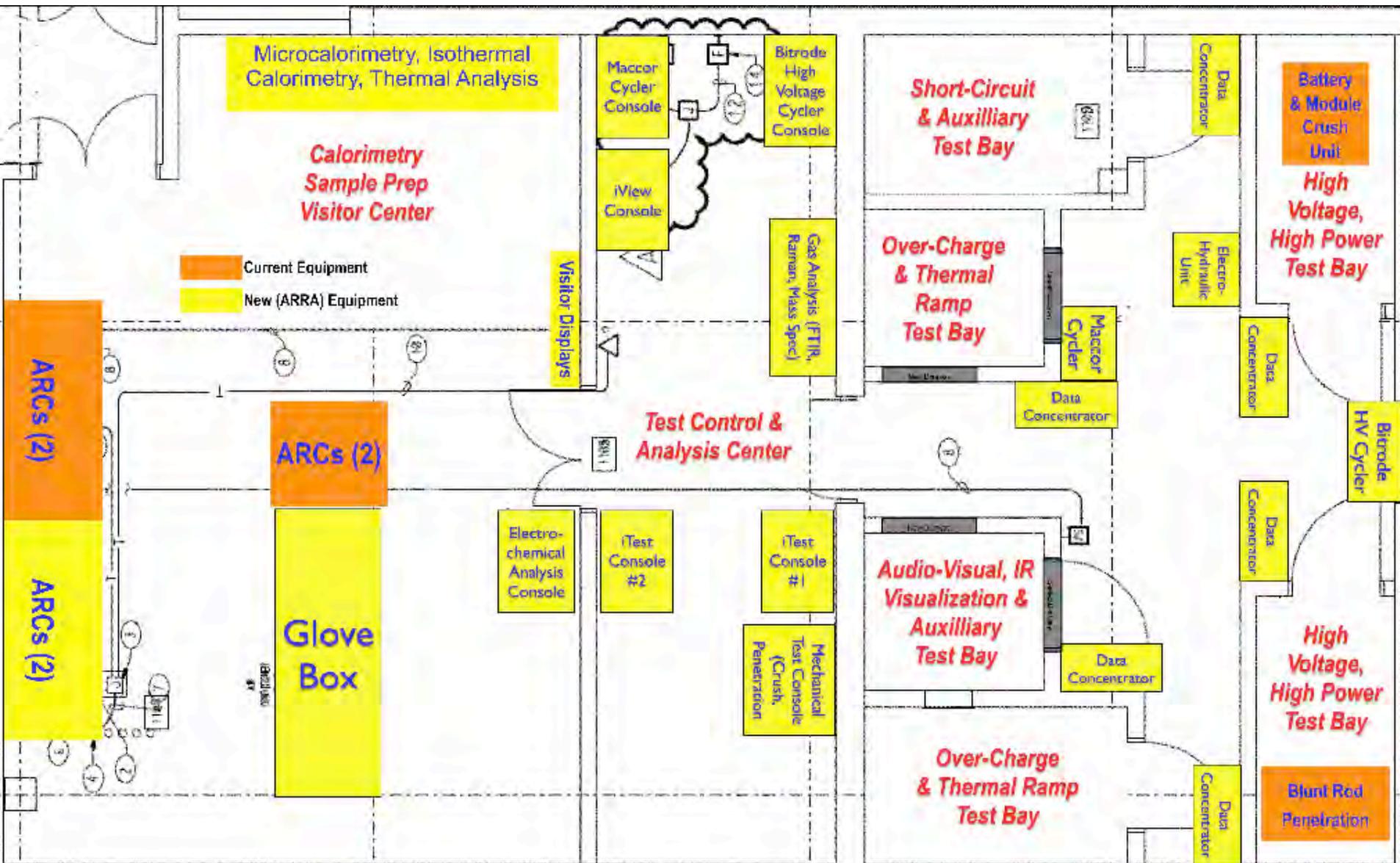
Cost reduction, because they are generally quite new, requires high accurate techniques to both monitor and test the system. The test results are then collected, generated in a different format for each piece of test equipment, and data is difficult to view, compare, and use. In order to fully understand the test results, advanced safety systems are required, which means a significant investment in software, hardware, and test procedures.

### THE A&D SOLUTION

A&D Technology can provide a complete turnkey solution for both EM and EMI testing applications, including design, project management, installation, commissioning and on-site support. Our advanced, flexible systems combine with our capabilities and provide full management and data collection and analysis. They are designed to be complete, flexible, easy-to-use, and easy-to-integrate with existing test equipment and systems. Our systems are designed to be scalable, flexible, and easy to integrate with existing test equipment and systems.

(A Michigan Company)

# Accomplishments: BATLab Layout . . . After the upgrade



# Collaborations/Partnerships

-  CH2M Hill - Architect Engineers  
(Englewood, CO)
-  Engineering Constructors - General  
Contractor (Albuquerque, NM)
-  JB Henderson - Mechanical Contractor  
(Albuquerque, NM)
-  Del Rio Enterprises - Electrical  
Contractor (Albuquerque, NM)
-  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