

# US Department of Energy Vehicle Technologies Program

## Overview of Battery R&D Activities



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**MISSION:** Advance the development of batteries to enable a large market penetration of hybrid and electric vehicles to achieve large national benefits.

## Vehicle Types and Benefits

HEV



Toyota Prius → ~50 MPG  
• 1 kWh battery  
• Battery Power Rating: 25kW  
• Battery Cost: about \$1,200

PHEV



Chevy Volt → ~100 MPGe  
• 16 kWh battery  
• Battery Power Rating: 120kW  
• Battery Cost: about \$10,000

EV



Nissan Leaf → All Electric  
• ≥ 24 kWh battery  
• Battery Power Rating: ≥ 110kW  
• Battery Cost: about \$15,000

- ❑ **Battery affordability and performance are the keys. Program targets include:**
  - Increase performance (power, energy, durability)
  - Reduce weight & volume
  - Increase abuse tolerance
  - LOWER COST!
- ❑ **2015 GOAL: Reduce the production cost of a PHEV battery to \$300/kWh (70% below 2008 value)**
- ❑ **EV Everywhere: Reduce the production cost of an EV battery to \$125/kWh by 2022**

# Commercialization Activities and Notable Accomplishments

- ❑ Nickel Metal Hydride
  - Cobasys NiMH technology: Every HEV sold uses intellectual property developed in the DOE battery program. The US Treasury received royalty fees.
- ❑ High Power Lithium-Ion (HEVs)
  - JCS nickelate technology: BMW, Mercedes and Azure Dynamics /Ford Transit Connect
- ❑ High Energy Lithium-Ion (EVs)
  - A123Systems nano iron phosphate technology: Fisker, BAE, and Hymotion's Prius, GM Spark
  - CPI/LG Chem manganese technology: GM Volt extended range PHEV & Ford Focus EV

## Commercial Applications

 COBASYS



Prius, Escape, Fusion



Johnson Controls 



Mercedes S400 HEV



A123  
SYSTEMS



Fisker PHEV



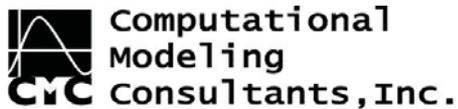
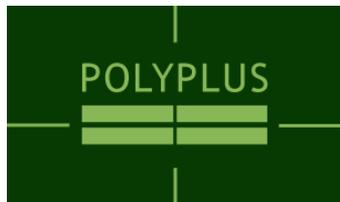
 /  LG Chem



Chevy Volt PHEV



## Science with an Impact



## Licensing of Patents Generated using BATT Funding



# Major Technical Challenges and Barriers

Barrier/Challenge	Potential Solutions
<b>Reduce cost</b> Next Generation lithium ion (e.g., high capacity cathodes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Improve material and cell durability</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Improve energy density of active materials</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Improved manufacturing processes</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Improved design tools/design optimization</li></ul>
<b>Improve abuse tolerance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Non-flammable electrolytes</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> High-temperature melt integrity separators</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Advanced materials and coatings</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Battery cell and pack level innovations such as improved sensing, monitoring, and thermal management systems</li></ul>
<b>Significantly increase energy density</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> 3<sup>rd</sup> generation lithium-ion (e.g., silicon anode)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Lithium-Sulfur</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Lithium-air</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop ceramic, polymer, and hybrid structures with high conductivity, low impedance, and structural stability</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Improved electrolyte/separator combinations to reduce dendrite growth</li></ul>

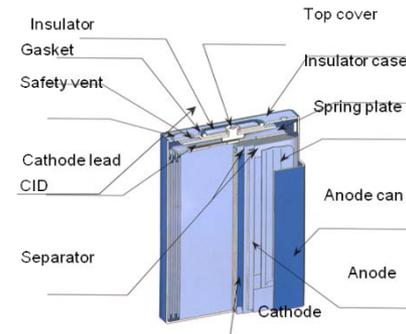
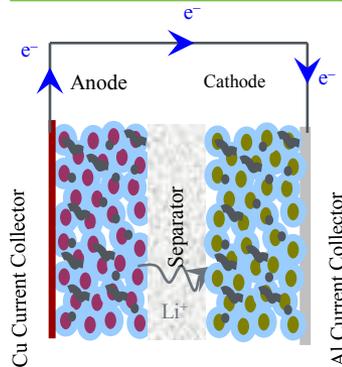
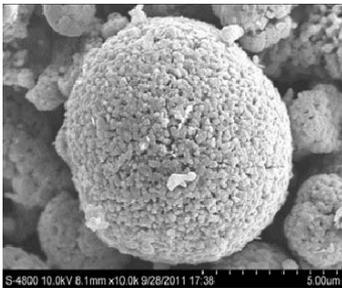
## Energy Storage R&D \$93M

**Exploratory  
Materials  
Research**  
\$26M

**Applied  
Battery  
Research**  
\$16M

**Battery  
Development**  
\$39M

**Testing,  
Analysis &  
Design**  
\$12M



**New Materials  
Research**  
**Diagnostics &  
Modeling**

**Electrochemistry  
Optimization**  
**Power & Capacity**  
**Life, Improvement**

**Next Generation Cell  
Development**  
**Performance & Cost  
Reduction**

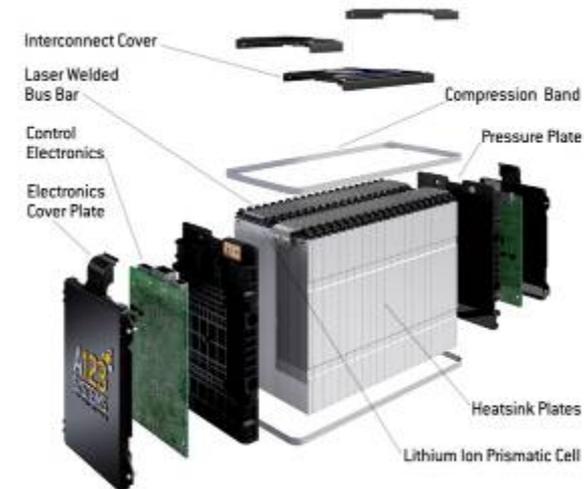
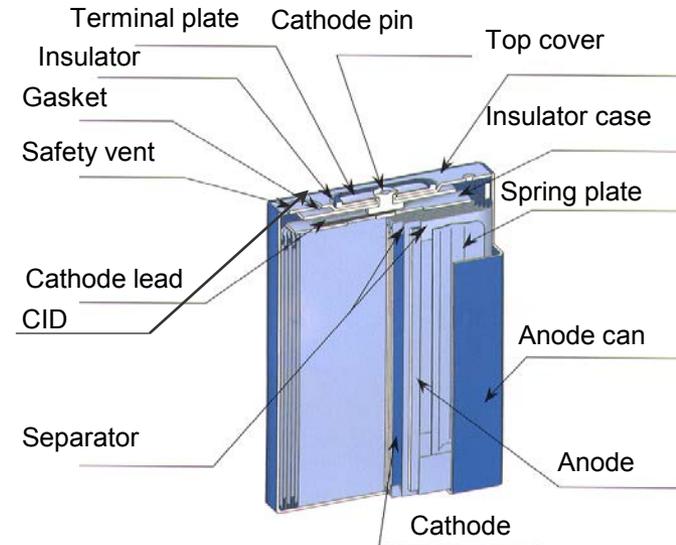
**Standardized Testing**  
**Life/Cost Projections**  
**Design Tools**

## Battery Performance Targets

- EV \$125/kWh (2020)
- PHEV40 \$300/kWh (2015)
- HEV \$20/KW (2010)

## Battery Cell/Pack Development

- Material Specifications & Synthesis
- Electrode Design, Formulation & Coating
- Cell Design/Fabrication
- Module & Pack Design/Fabrication
- Battery Control & Safety Devices
- Detailed Cost Modeling



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## Battery Technical Targets/Status

Data based on the results of the initial PHEV battery development contracts awarded by USABC to A123Systems, LGChem, and Johnson Controls

DOE Energy Storage Targets	PHEV (10 mile AER)		PHEV(40 mile AER)	
	Target	Status (2011)	Target	Status (2011)
Discharge Pulse Power: 10 sec (kW)	45	~70	38	~95
Regen Pulse Power: 10 sec (kW)	30	~40	25	~70
Available Energy (kWh)	3.4	3.4	11.6	11.6
Calendar Life (year)	15	8-10	10+	8-10
Cycle Life (deep cycles)	5,000	3,000-5,000	5,000	3,000-5,000
Maximum System Weight (kg)	60	~57	120	~175
Maximum System Volume (l)	40	~45	80	~100
System Production Price (@100k units/year)	\$1,700	~2,600	\$3,400	~6,850

## Battery Performance Status

- ❑ Initial EV battery development contracts started in FY2011
- ❑ Focus on high voltage/high capacity cathodes & EV cell design optimization
- ❑ Data based on initial work from USABC Envia Systems & Cobasys/SBLimotive contracts

Energy Storage Goals	AEV (2020)	Current
Equivalent Electric Range, miles	200-300	✓
Discharge Pulse Power (10 sec), kW	80-120	✓
Regenerative Pulse Power (10 sec), kW	40	✓
Available Energy, kWh	40-60	✓
Recharge Rate, kW	120	50
Calendar Life, years	10+	TBD
Cycle Life, cycles	1,000 deep cycles	TBD
Operating Temperature Range, °C	-40 to 60	0 to 40
System Weight, kg	160-240	500-750
System Volume, liters	80-120	200-400
Production Cost (@100,000 units/year)	\$125/kWh	< \$600

- ❑ Various companies recently awarded to develop advanced Lithium-ion cells and manufacturing processes which would reduce cost
- ❑ Each award: \$2M - \$5M

## Awardees

### Battery Cells (>300 Wh/kg and >500 Wh/l)

Amprius, Inc.

Dow Kokam (Dow Chemical/ORNL)

Nanosys, Inc. (LG Chem)

3M Company

Seeo, Inc.

Penn. State University (ANL/JCI)

### Low-cost Processing and Design 2x cost reduction (<\$400/kWh)

Johnson Controls (Maxwell/Entek)

Miltec UV Int. (ANL/ORNL)

A123 Systems (Maxwell)

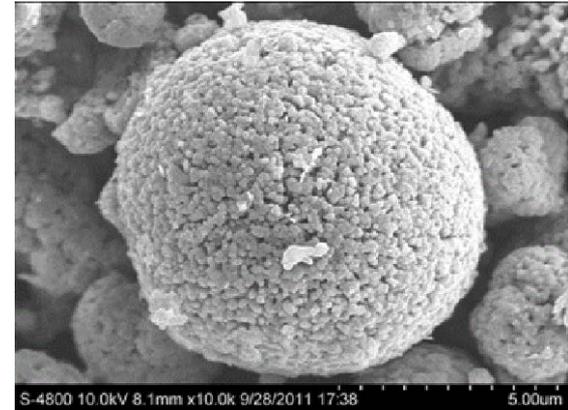
Applied Materials (LBNL/ORNL)

DENSO Int'l America (NREL)

Optodot Corp (Dow Kokam, URI, Madico, ISP)

## High Specific Energy Cathodes (Envia Systems)

- ❑ High Specific Energy Cell
  - Cathode – high capacity layered-layered
  - Anode – graphite
  - Successfully scaled-up cathode material and built large capacity cells (20Ah)
  - Achieved over 200 Wh/kg
- ❑ ARPA-E award to develop very high capacity silicon-carbon anode
  - Record-setting cell specific energy (>400 Wh/kg).



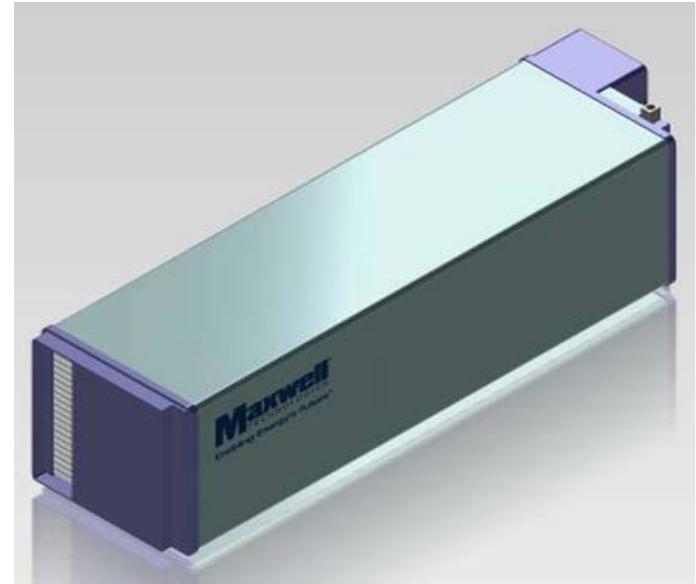
SEM image of cathode #8 used in cell build #2



Envia Systems 45Ah cells

## Ultracapacitor Development (Maxwell Technologies)

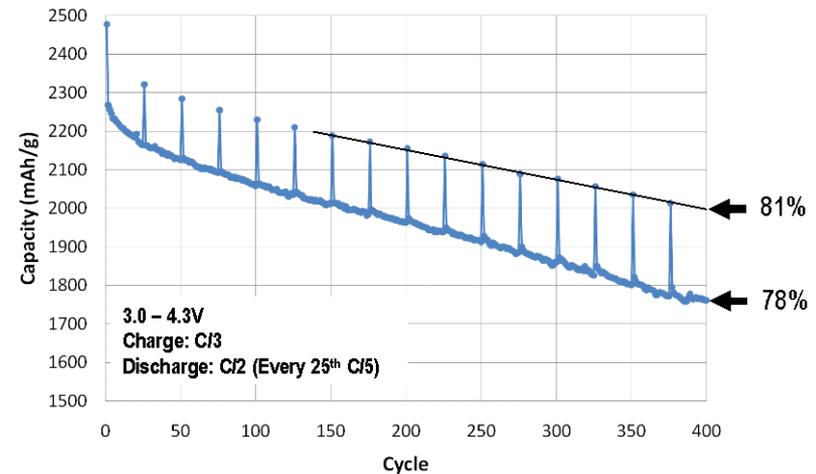
- ❑ Ultracapacitor system for power assist HEVs.
  - Developed 250 Farad prismatically-wound cells using patented dry film electrode coating process.
  - 20% reduction in volume and 17% reduction in cost (over baseline cells).
  - Good low temperature performance at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
  
- ❑ Developed asymmetric capacitor in small laboratory-sized cells using dry film process
  - Cycled at higher voltages than current ultracapacitors.



Proposed pack design including all cells, electronics, and thermal management

## Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. (3M)

- ❑ Developed very high capacity silicon alloy composite anode materials with high cycle-life
- ❑ Si-based alloy design
- ❑ Specific capacity of 2,300 mAh/g and Volumetric Capacity of 1500 mAh/cc after full lithiation and expansion
- ❑ 3M plans to commercialize this material.



Capacity retention for 18650 cell using 3M alloy, L-20772, in 2:1 blend with graphite.

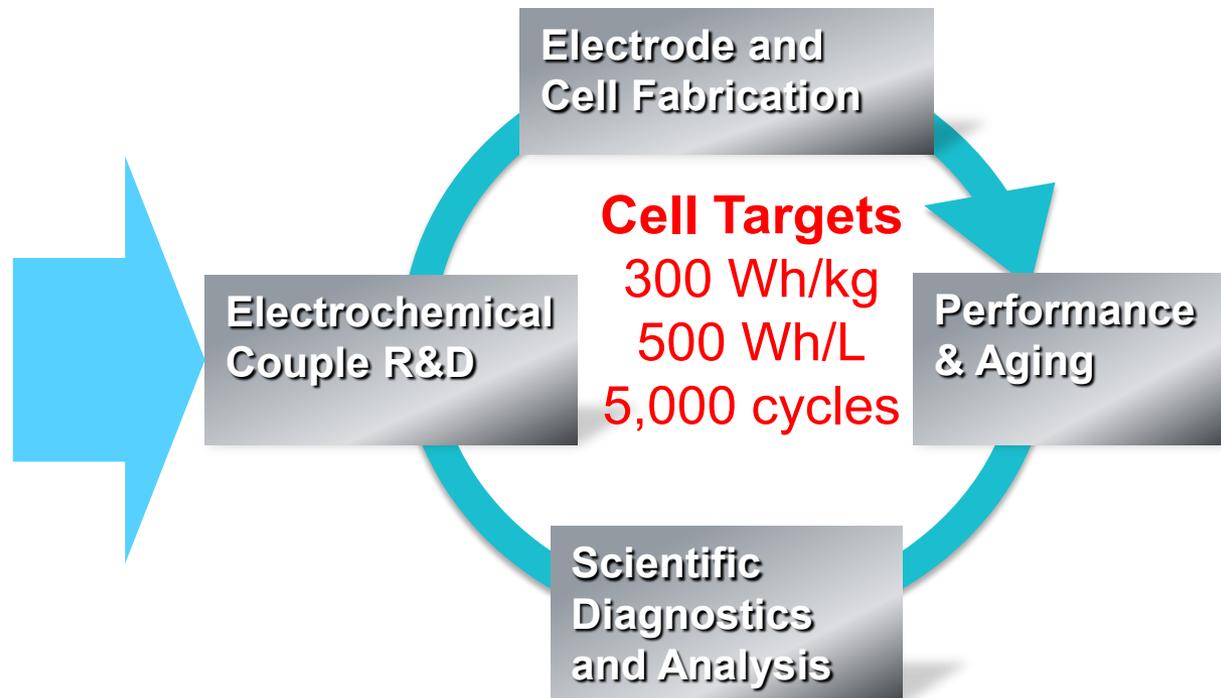
**Goal:** develop and expedite commercialization of advanced materials for electric drive vehicle batteries

## Materials Research

Advanced Anodes  
(600 mAh/g)

Advanced cathodes  
(300+ mAh/g)

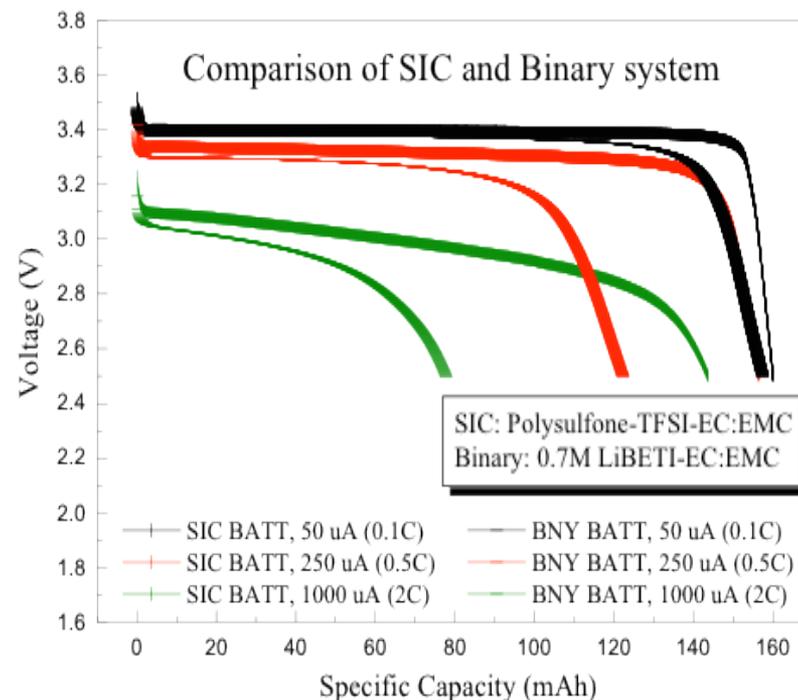
Next Generation  
Electrolytes  
(5 volt)



*Supports R&D at 19 different Universities and 16 different Industry partners*

## High Voltage Single-ion Conducting Electrolytes (LBNL)

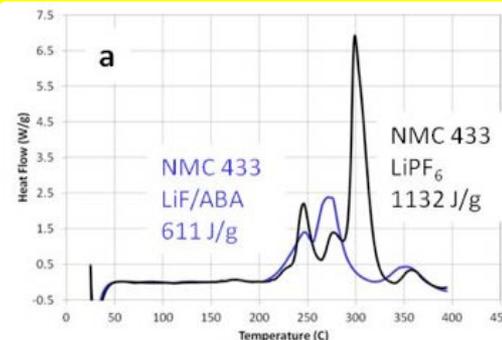
- ❑ High voltage single-ion conductor (SIC) gel electrolytes based on a polysulfone/carbonate blend:
  - Reduces impedance against lithium metal by an order of magnitude.
  - Potential to use as binder to enable thicker electrodes
- ❑ Stable at high voltages up to at least 4.5V
  - Stable with several high energy cathodes, including the spinel-type and composite cathodes.



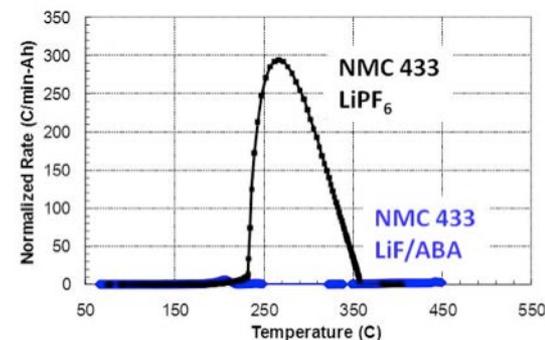
Discharge capacity as a function of rate comparison for single ion conductors versus binary salt electrolytes

## Lithium Fluoride-Anion Binding Agent Electrolytes (SNL)

- ❑ For enhanced abuse tolerance
- ❑ Significant improvements in the thermal stability of cathodes in Lithium Fluoride/anion binding agent electrolytes
- ❑ Improvements in cell runaway response with the same electrolytes
  - The specific heat measured for a NMC433 cathode was reduced almost 50% : from 1132 J/g with  $\text{LiPF}_6$  to 611 J/g using LiF/ABA
- ❑ Collaboration with Binrad Industries.



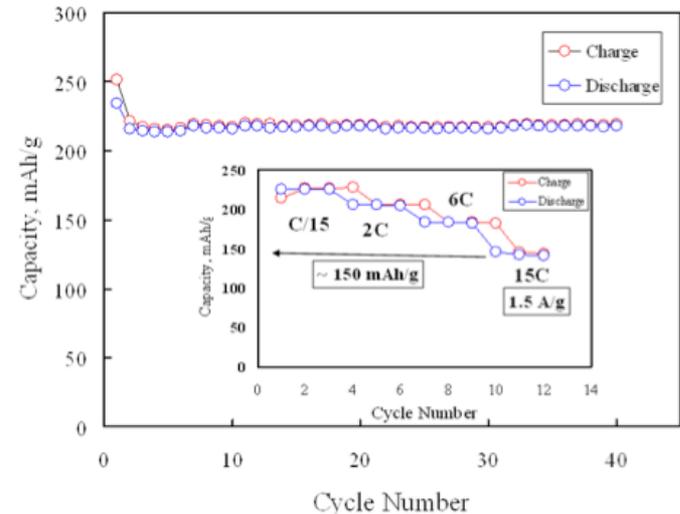
DSC profiles of NMC433 at 4.3 V in 1.2 M  $\text{LiPF}_6$  in EC:EMC (3:7) and 1.0 M LiF/ABA in EC:EMC (3:7)



ARC profiles for NMC433 18650 cells in 1.2 M  $\text{LiPF}_6$  in EC:EMC (3:7) and 1.0 M LiF/ABA in EC:EMC (3:7) at 4.3 V

## High-Energy Composite Cathode Materials (ANL)

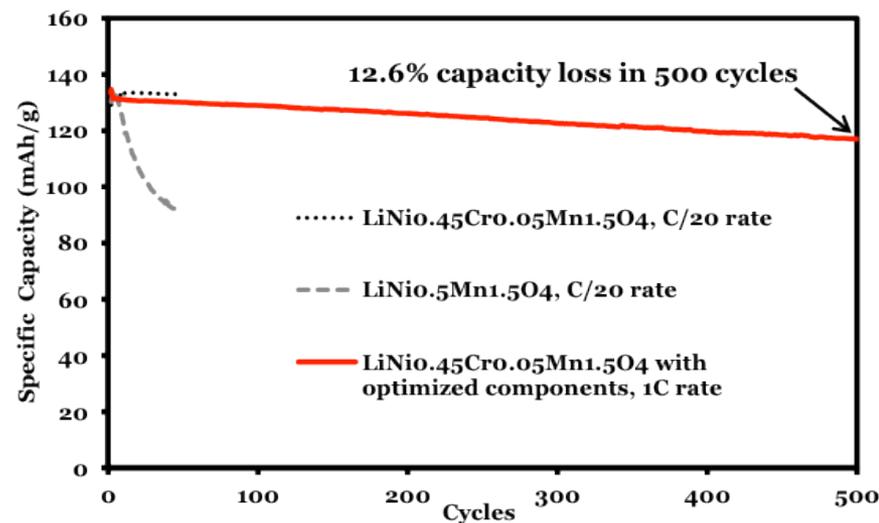
- Li-ion exchange of the layered Na phases ( $\text{Na}[\text{M}]\text{O}_2$ ) used to minimize site disorder in cathodes of layered oxides ( $\text{LiMO}_2$ ) found to cost effectively produce high energy, and high rate cathode materials.
- This new material shows excellent energy density
  - Increase from  $\sim 150$  mAh/g at 3.7 V to  $>220$  mAh/g at 4.8V
  - The material retains 150 mAh.g capacity at 15C rate (inset chart)



Capacity versus cycle number (15 mA/g), and inset is the capacity versus current rate, of Li/IE-LNMO cell between 4.8V and 2.0V.

## Improved Doped High-Voltage Spinel Cathodes (PNNL)

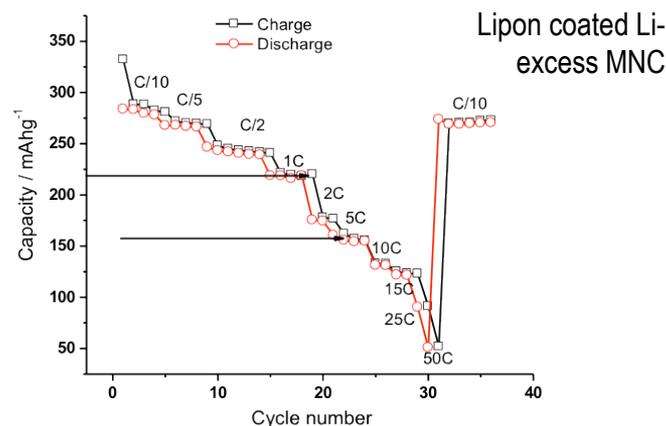
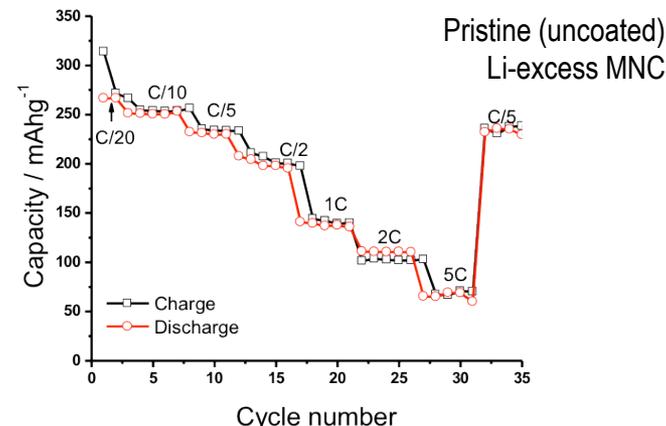
- ❑ Chromium-doped high-voltage spinel,  $\text{LiNi}_{0.45}\text{Cr}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$ , which exhibits stable cycling and greatly improved efficiency.
  - Low concentrations of LiBOB improve its first-cycle efficiency, from 76% to 85%, and the rate capability increases.
  - Improvement in the Coulombic efficiency and cycling stability occur as well.



Comparison of cycling stability for  $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$  (dashed line) and  $\text{LiNi}_{0.45}\text{Cr}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$  (dotted line).  $\text{LiNi}_{0.45}\text{CrMnO}$  tested with optimized electrolyte and other components exhibits excellent stability (solid line)

## High-Energy Lithium-rich Cathodes (ORNL)

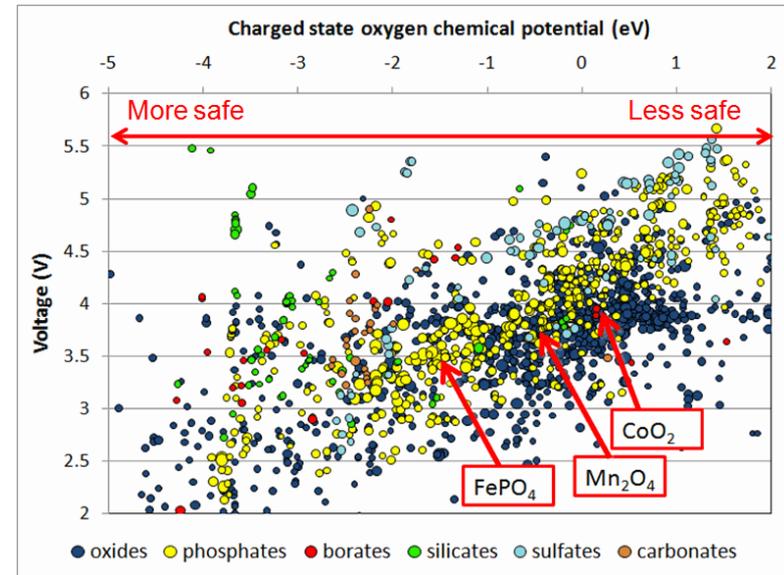
- Surface coating of the high voltage lithium rich material shows improvement rate performance
  - $0.6\text{Li}_2\text{MnO}_3 \cdot 0.4\text{Li} [\text{Mn}_{0.3}\text{Ni}_{0.45}\text{Co}_{0.25}]\text{O}_2$  (~200 mAh/g at C/2)
  - a few nanometer thick layer of Lithium phosphorus oxynitride (Lipon)
  - Uncoated materials capacity retained 50% of its capacity from C/5 to 2C while the Lipon coated cathodes retained 80% of its capacity.
  - Lipon coated sample demonstrated repeatable cycling 120 mAh/g at 15C



Rate Performance Comparisons at 25°C with similar electrode composition (85% active materials, 7.5 % PVDF and 7.5 % carbon (Timcal Super C65))

## Materials Search Engine (LBNL/MIT)

- A Google-like materials search engine
  - Over 15,000 computed compounds.
  - Searchable access to general materials properties.
  - ‘Apps’ designed to aid in materials design for specific application areas such as Li-ion battery technology.
  - Available at LBNL website



Sample graph of a portion of the 15,000 compounds contained in the materials project database

## Major R&D Achievements (2009–2011)

- ❑ Lithium-ion battery cost reduction on track (USABC)
  - Production cost reduced to ~\$650/kWh for 100,000 packs/year
- ❑ Lifetime of lithium-ion batteries extended (USABC/Labs)
  - up to 10-15 years for some technologies
  - 3,000-5,000 deep discharge cycles
- ❑ Cathode technology for Chevrolet Volt battery (ANL)
  - Licensed to GM, LG Chem, BASF, Toda America, Envia
  - Focused R&D effort to solve remaining issues
- ❑ Significantly expanded R&D to develop Silicon Composite & Metal alloy materials and cells
- ❑ Research activity focused on beyond-Lithium-ion technology initiated

# Recovery Act: Battery Manufacturing

Establish U.S.  
EDV battery  
manufacturing  
capacity

ARRA: \$1.5B  
INDUSTRY: \$1.5B

Cell & Pack  
Production

Capacity  
(10 kWh packs)

2008

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2012

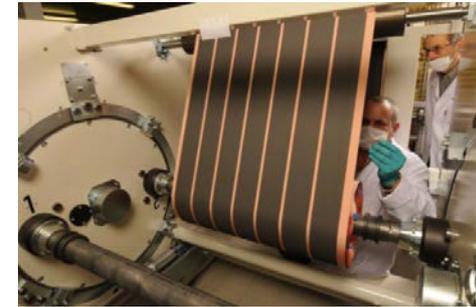
140,000

2015

500,000

~5M kWh / year

- ❑ **Johnson Controls:** cell production and pack assembly at in Holland, MI
- ❑ **A123Systems:** cathode, cell, & pack assembly in Livonia & Romulus, MI
- ❑ **EnerDel:** Cell production & pack assembly at Fishers & Mt Comfort, IN
- ❑ **General Motors:** battery pack assembly at Brownstown, MI
- ❑ **SAFT:** cell production at Jacksonville, FL
- ❑ **Exide:** advanced lead acid battery production established in Columbus, GA
- ❑ **East Penn:** Advanced Lead Acid battery production established in, PA
- ❑ **Dow Kokam:** cell & pack capability in Midland, MI in 2012
- ❑ **LG Chem:** cell & pack capability in Holland, MI in 2012



*Toda America, Inc. Battle  
Creek Facility*



*A123Systems, Livonia Facility*

## Progress

## Materials Production

### Cathode

- TODA: production established
- BASF: *Target: Commission in 4Q*

### Anode

- EnerG2: production established
- FutureFuel: production established
- Pyrotek: production established

### Separator

- Celgard: production established
- Entek: *Engineering scoping completed*

### Electrolyte

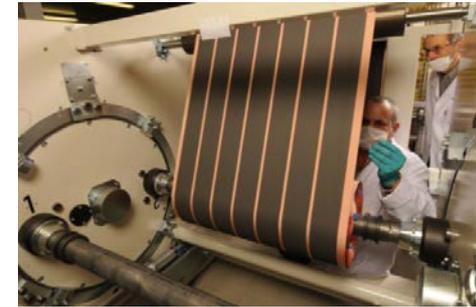
- Honeywell: Li-salt pilot plant operational
- Novolyte: *Equipment installation*

### Lithium

- Chemetall Foote: lithium hydroxide

### Cell Hardware

- H&T Waterbury: production established

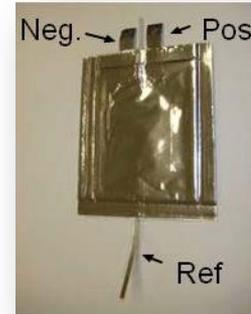


Toda America, Inc. Battle Creek Facility



A123Systems, Livonia Facility

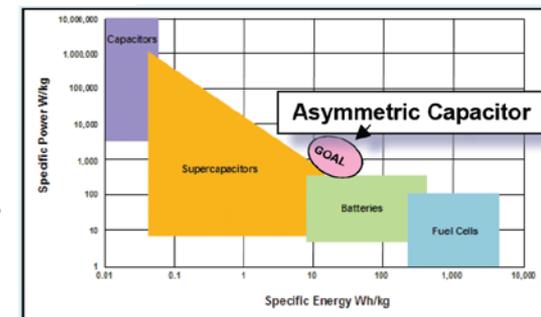
- ❑ Department of Transportation/NHTSA
  - Joint studies, working groups
  - Regulations for battery transportation
- ❑ Department of Defense
  - Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC)
  - U.S. Army Research Laboratory
  - Naval Surface Warfare Center/Carderock
- ❑ Environmental Protection Agency
  - Validated “BatPaC” a Lithium-Ion Battery Performance and Cost Model to support 2017-2025 CAFE and GHG regulations



Volt battery pack being prepared for test



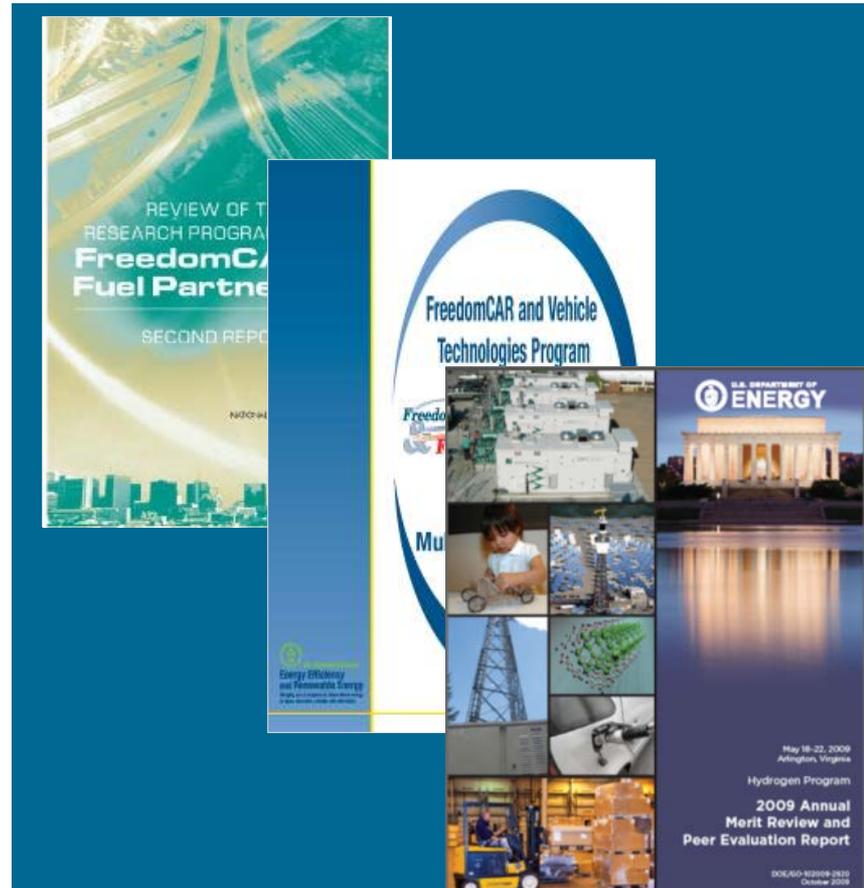
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