

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

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# Overview

The Applied Battery Research portfolio exists to address near-term (< 5 years) opportunities/barriers identified as materials move from R&D to cell construction and validation.

## Objectives

- Understand/develop solutions for issues with existing active electrode materials.
- Develop cell chemistries that allow access to higher cell capacity.
- Significantly improve cycle & calendar life.
- Improve battery safety via cell chemistry modification.

## Components

**Core (AOP) projects:** These leverage significant

- expertise
- infrastructure
- facilities at the national labs

**Financial Assistance (FA) projects**

- competitively awarded in FY2013
- 2 year projects, FY2014 -- 2015

## Budget

- FY 2013 -- \$12.4M
- FY 2014 -- \$9.4M + FOA 793 (\$16M)\*
- FY 2015 -- TBD

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\* FY2013 funds distributed Q4-2013 for FY2014 – 15

## Barriers

- Existing active electrode materials cannot achieve 200 Wh/kg at the cell level for 40-mile PHEVs.
- Cell chemistries do not yet show high inherent stability towards life and abuse tolerance goals.
- Cell components have yet to enable higher voltage, > 4.2 V, operation.

# FA Projects -- Competitively Awarded 2013

## Improvements in Cell Composition, Chemistry and Processing

3M	Advanced High Energy Li-ion Cell for PHEV and EV Applications
ANL	New High Energy Electrochemical Couple for Automotive Applications
Envia	High Energy Lithium Batteries for PHEVs
Farasis	High Energy Density Li-ion Cells based On Novel, High Voltage Cathode Material Systems
Penn State	High Energy, Long Cycle Life Lithium-ion Batteries for PHEV Applications
TIAX	High Energy High Power Battery Exceeding PHEV40 Requirements

### *Program Characteristics:*

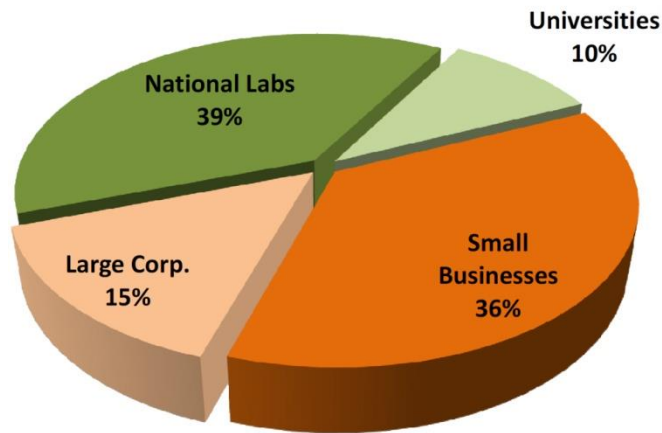
- *Cell chemistry focus*
- *Full cell deliverables—baseline and advanced (~1 Ahr pouch & 18650)*
- *Team-based expertise / workload*
- *24 month duration*
- *10/01/2013 effective start date*

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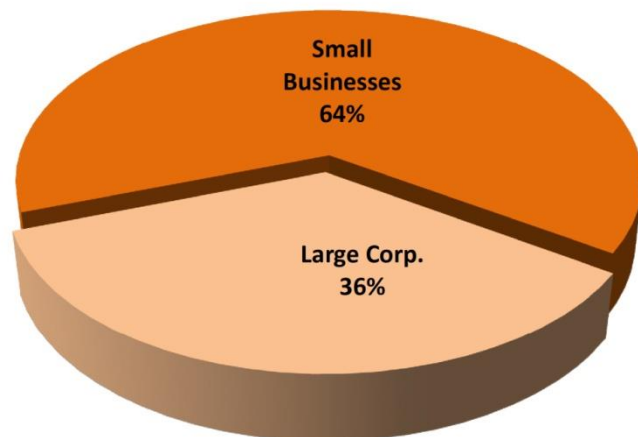
# FA Projects -- Competitively Awarded 2013

## Improvements in Cell Composition, Chemistry and Processing

DOE Funding (\$16.5M)



Cost Share (\$2.7M)



# Core Programs -- National Lab AOP Projects



Core Project: Facility	ANL	Process Development and Scale up of Advanced Cathode Materials
Core Project: Facility	ANL	Process Development and Scale-up of Advanced Electrolyte Materials
Core Project: Facility	ANL	Post-Test Diagnostic Activities
Core Project: Facility	ANL	Cell and Cell Component Activities
Core Project: Processing	ORNL	Overcoming Processing Cost Barriers of High-Performance Lithium-Ion Battery Electrodes
Core Project: Processing	ORNL	Roll-to-Roll Electrode Processing and Materials NDE for Advanced Lithium Secondary Batteries
Core Project: Processing	ORNL	Manufacturability Study and Scale-Up
Core Project: Abuse Study	SNL	Impact of Materials on Abuse Response
Core Project: Abuse Study	SNL	Development of Abuse-resistant Electrolyte Components
Extended Probe & Analysis	ANL	Mitigation of Voltage Fade in Lithium-Manganese-rich Oxide Cathode Materials
Extended Probe & Analysis	ANL	Characterization of Voltage Fade in Lithium-Manganese-rich Oxide Cathode Materials

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## Cell Analysis, Modeling, and Prototyping (CAMP) Facility

- Researchers submit materials with promising energy density
- Small hand-coated electrodes are made
- Coin cells are made and tested

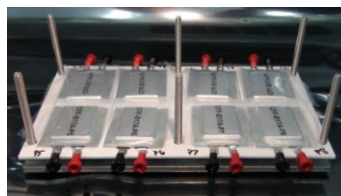
Glove box  
Benchtop

ES-030 Jansen

- Larger material samples are obtained (MERF, partnerships, etc.)
- Longer lengths of electrode are made from scaled materials
- Pouch cell or 18650s are made and tested

Dry Room  
Pilot scale

- Extensive diagnostics and electrochemical modeling on promising technologies

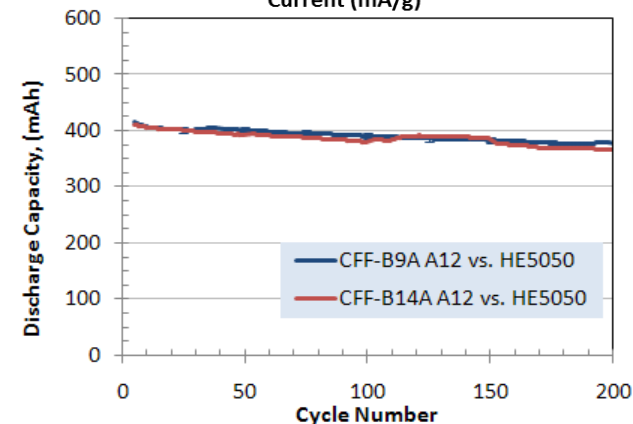
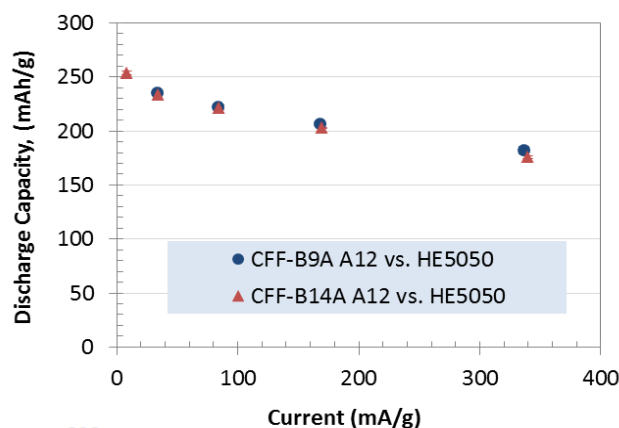
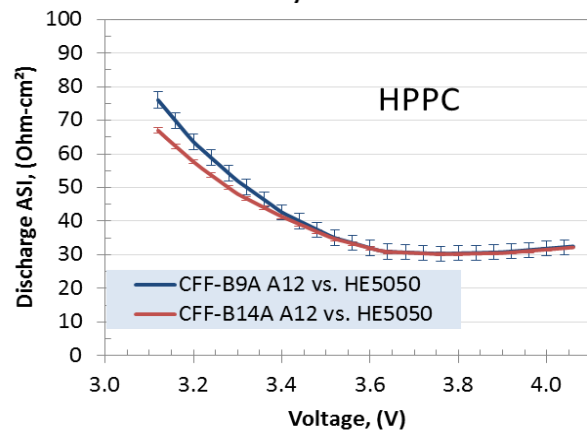
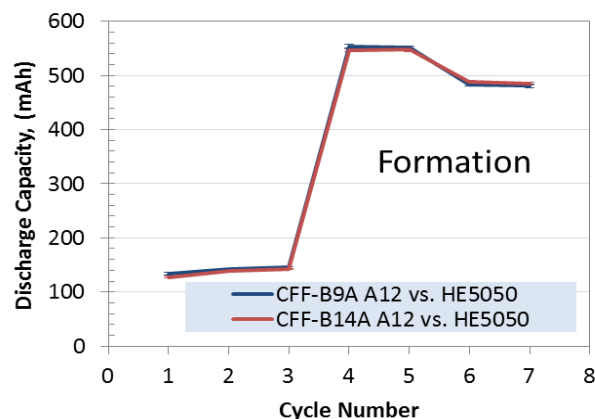


## Battery R&D stakeholders & collaborators utilizing CAMP in 2013 – 2014



## Cell Build Reproducibility Study

A12 Graphite | 1.2M LiPF<sub>6</sub> in EC:EMC (3:7 wt.%) | Toda He5050 (LMR-NMC)  
in xx3450 Pouch Cells



- Build 9 duration < 8 weeks
- Build 14 duration ~ 30 weeks
- Same electrode material batches
- Different electrolyte batches
- 8 cells in B9A, 4 cells in B14A
- Averaged data trends indicated
- Error bars on all data, all plots

## Two projects funded through VTO Energy Storage

### Synthesis and scale-up of organic and polymeric candidates

ES-168 Krumdick

- Electrolyte components – salts, solvents {Li-ion and beyond}
- Polymers – advanced binders, functional electrode and separator components
- Additives – salts, redox shuttles, abuse tolerance, SEI modifiers

### Process development and scale-up of advanced cathode materials

ES-167 Pupek

- Target material #2 ( $\text{Li}_{1.2}\text{Ni}_{0.13}\text{Mn}_{0.54}\text{Co}_{0.13}\text{O}_2$ ) – JPL/UT-Austin
- Target material #3 (layered layered spinel)

## Battery R&D stakeholders & collaborators utilizing MERF in 2013 – 2014

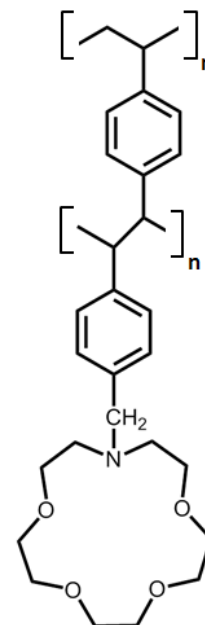




## Synthesis and scale-up of organic and polymeric candidates

### ***Mn ion getter***

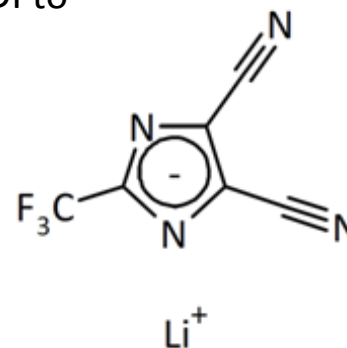
- Rationale: to use tethered chelating agents (crown ethers, cryptands, etc.) to trap—*chelate*—transition metal cations that leach from the positive electrode.
- Polymeric, non-soluble material is to be attached to or incorporated into the separator.



### ***Synthesis and Characterization of LiTDI***

(lithium 2-Trifluoromethyl-4,5-dicyanoimidazolid)

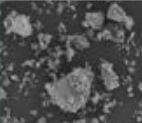
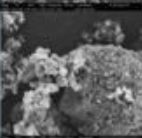
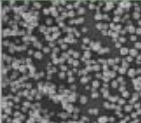
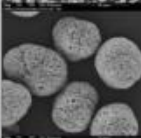
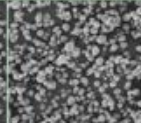
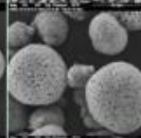

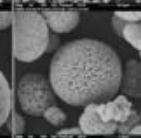
- Rationale: many researchers need access to high purity LiTDI to evaluate benefits.
- Role that amount and nature of final impurities play can be scientifically and openly evaluated.



## Process development and scale-up of advanced cathode materials



- High energy Li-, Mn-rich layered, layered transition metal oxide.
- NASA had no source of this material, VTO-ANL provided materials and developed continuous processes to increase tap density.
- Also serves VTO as a baseline cathode material and as a tool to optimize MERF synthesis capabilities.

	JPL/UTA Target Specification	UTA(18 mo.) uncoated	Commercial Scale-up	ES20130924 Scale-up carbonate	ES20131111-1 Scale-up carbonate	ES20131111-2 Scale-up carbonate
		Bench scale	Pre-pilot	Pre-pilot Preliminary 100g delivered	Pre-pilot Production 1 kg delivered	Pre-pilot Production 2 kg delivered
Composition (by ICP)	$\text{Li}_{1.5}\text{Ni}_{0.1625}\text{Mn}_{0.675}\text{Co}_{0.1625}\text{O}_{2.5}$	$\text{Li}_{1.6}\text{Ni}_{0.14}\text{Mn}_{0.68}\text{Co}_{0.18}\text{O}_y$	x	$\text{Li}_{1.48}\text{Ni}_{0.15}\text{Mn}_{0.68}\text{Co}_{0.17}\text{O}_y$	$\text{Li}_{1.45}\text{Ni}_{0.16}\text{Mn}_{0.67}\text{Co}_{0.16}\text{O}_y$	$\text{Li}_{1.47}\text{Ni}_{0.16}\text{Mn}_{0.67}\text{Co}_{0.16}\text{O}_y$
SEM x1,000 SEM x8,000	Uniform spherical morphology	 	x	 	 	 
$D_{10}/D_{50}/D_{90}$ [μm]	x	1.2/11.1/29.3	x	4.0/6.7/11.4	3.8/6.4/10.8	3.8/6.3/10.7
Tap density [g/cc]	> 1.50	1.70	1.45 <sup>+</sup>	1.84	1.68	1.81
Initial disch. gravi. capacity [mAh/g]	> 240	228	223 <sup>+</sup>	289	299	288
Initial disch. vol. capacity [mAh/cc] <sup>**</sup>	> 360	388	323	532	503	521

<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculated value based on tap density

<sup>+</sup> Data from SPS Battery KDP meeting (June 25, 2012)

## Capabilities

The PTF is capable of systematically studying degradation mechanisms at a multi-scale level. Argonne's unique Post-test Facility has two large connected argon-filled glove boxes with water and oxygen concentrations held below 1 ppm. One glove box is used for the dismantling of cells, both large and small, and the subsequent sample preparation for analysis. Samples are transferred to the second customized glove box (via an air-lock) for XPS, Raman, FTIR and TGA-MS analysis.



## Instrumentation

- XPS
- TEM
- Ultramicrotomy
- SEM/EDS/EBSC
- Cross Section Polisher
- Optical Microscopy
- FTIR
- TGA-GC/MS
- Metallographic equipment
- Coin cell fabrication and test equipment
- Raman
- HPLC-MS

## Battery R&D stakeholders & collaborators utilizing PTF in 2014



# Summary

- Translational (benchtop-to-prototype) R&D in next-generation EDV battery cell composition and construction strongly supports the growth of vehicle electrification in the United States.
- Comprehensive suite of applied R&D activities with substantial resources available to the U.S. battery R&D community through ABR-funded support facilities:
  - full cell calendar, cycling, and abuse performance testing
  - electrode and cell modeling and design
  - materials scale up
  - cell building
  - cell & component diagnostics
- ABR deep-dive 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)
  - Decisions on tactics toward voltage fade issue
- Process R&D core competency established at Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Six competitively awarded projects underway:
  - Improvements in Cell Chemistry, Composition, and Processing
  - Team-based
  - Full cell deliverables
  - Ambitious performance goals

# For more information ...

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