

# Energy Storage Testing and Analysis High Power and High Energy Development

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# Overview

## Timeline

**On-going Activity  
Began in 1985**

## Budget

**FY 2008: \$2M**

**FY 2009: \$2M**

## Barriers

Testing and analysis strategies are critical to accurately characterizing the **performance, life, reliability and cost** of advanced energy storage devices for vehicles.

## Partners

### **Argonne National Laboratory**

- Procedures, Analysis, Applied Research, Life Prediction Tools

### **Sandia National Laboratories**

- Abuse Tolerance, Life Validation Methods

### **National Renewable Energy Laboratory**

- Thermal Imaging, Analysis, Models

### **USABC- Energy Storage Technical Team**

### **Various Universities and Industry**

- Life Prediction Testing, State-of-Health and Models





# Objectives

- **Support Vehicle Technologies Program, Energy Storage Technology Development:**
  - Develop and validate the testing and analysis procedures used to track progress of program deliverables against DOE goals and objectives (technical targets).
  - Validation and diagnostic testing of United States Advanced Battery Consortium (USABC) deliverables in scheduled phases of the development projects (Batteries and Ultracapacitors).
  - Benchmark testing of non-USABC prototype devices of interest on a case by case basis.
  - Support the development of life prediction models for technologies of interest (Also part of the ABRT presentations).
  - Maintain a flexible state-of-the-art energy storage test facility at the INL capable of supporting current and future development activities.
  - Closely coordinate these activities with other national laboratories to maximize the value to development projects.
  - Help identify technologies capable of meeting technical targets



# Milestones

- **Manuals for Testing, Analysis, and Life Predictions focused on supporting technology development aimed at meeting the DOE/United States Advanced Battery Consortium (USABC) Technical Targets for batteries.**
  - Plug-in HEV procedures manual (rev. 0) published 2008
    - Revision expected 2010
  - Battery Life Estimation (BLE) manual (w/ANL), Sept. 2009
  - TLVT procedures manual (INEEL-EXT-04-01986) revision after BLE completed and new round of validation tests conducted 2010.
- **Testing of Program Energy Storage Device Deliverables**
  - Annual testing status report on all testing projects to DOE in November.
  - Quarterly testing status reports to USABC Tech Team.
- **Diagnostic Testing and Applied Research activities**
  - Reported under Applied Battery Research for Transportation Program
  - Related poster presentations esp\_03\_gering, and esp\_05\_gering



# Approach

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## Testing

USABC and Other program deliverables

- Batteries
- Ultracapacitors

Cells, Modules, and Full Size Systems

Testing protocol is driven by customer needs (USABC and DOE).

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## Analysis

Standards developed for data acquisition, analysis, quality, and management.

Data accuracy and uncertainty analysis.

Huge amounts of data are generated.

Software analysis tools have been developed.

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## Modeling

Key modeling tools:

- Arrhenius Analysis
- Equivalent Circuit Models
- Life Prediction Models
- TLVT protocol
- Chemical Physics Models
- Kinetics Models

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## R&D (ABRT)

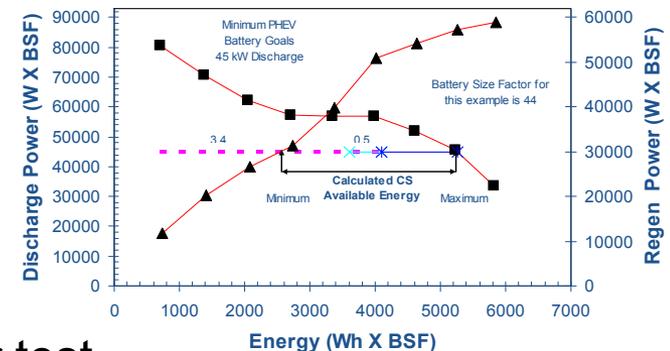
Applied research explores basic issues of battery performance and aging.

- Specialized diagnostic tests and measurements
- Interfacial Regions (SEI, DL)
- Coin Cell Testing
- Molecular-scale modeling



# Accomplishments/Progress/Results

- Developed and issued draft Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) battery test procedures
  - Ref: “U.S. Department of Energy FreedomCAR & Vehicle Technologies Program, FreedomCAR Battery Test Manual For Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles”
    - Validation and review ongoing in FY09
    - First official version was published March FY08
      - INL/EXT-07-12536
    - Revision expected in FY10
      - USABC Work Group for procedures reviewing
- Ongoing support to program participants for other test manuals:
  - FreedomCAR Battery Test Manual For Power-Assist HEV’s
    - DOE/ID-11069
  - FreedomCAR Ultracapacitor Test Manual
    - DOE/NE-ID-11173





# Accomplishments/Progress/Results

- **Testing of USABC Deliverables In FY2008/2009**
  - Johnson Controls – Saft, HEV Power Assist, Lithium-Ion
    - Long-Term combined calendar/cycle life testing on FY2001 technology
      - 24 cell study, ongoing, quarterly and annual reports delivered
    - VL7P cell technology for calendar and cycle life testing, FY2006/07 technology
      - 32 cells, design process improvements for cost reduction, calendar life and low temperature performance.
      - Completed, reports delivered
    - VL7P cell technology for cycle life testing, FY2008 technology
      - 3 cells, design process improvements for cost reduction, calendar life and low temperature performance.
      - Ongoing, quarterly and annual reports delivered

## ■ Testing of USABC Deliverables In FY2009

- Johnson Controls Saft, HEV Battery, Lithium-Ion
  - VL7P battery pack technology for cycle life testing
  - 344 V to 210 V, 6.8 Ah system
  - Recent start, March 2009





# Accomplishments/Progress/Results

## ■ Testing of USABC Deliverables In FY2008/2009

### – Enerdel, HEV Power Assist, Lithium-Ion

- Calendar life study of new novel chemistry, FY2007 technology
  - 10 cells, Enerdel low cost electrode materials, complete
  - Reports delivered
- Calendar and cycle life testing of Argonne National Lab (ANL) anode technology delivered to Enerdel for cell construction and optimization.
  - 20 cells, complete, ANL developed low cost anode material
  - 4 modules, starting in July 09
  - FY 2007 technology, quarterly and annual reports
- PHEV Calendar and cycle life testing of Argonne National Lab (ANL) improved anode technology delivered to Enerdel for cell construction and optimization.
  - 20 cells, starting in Apr 09, ANL developed low cost anode material



# Accomplishments/Progress/Results

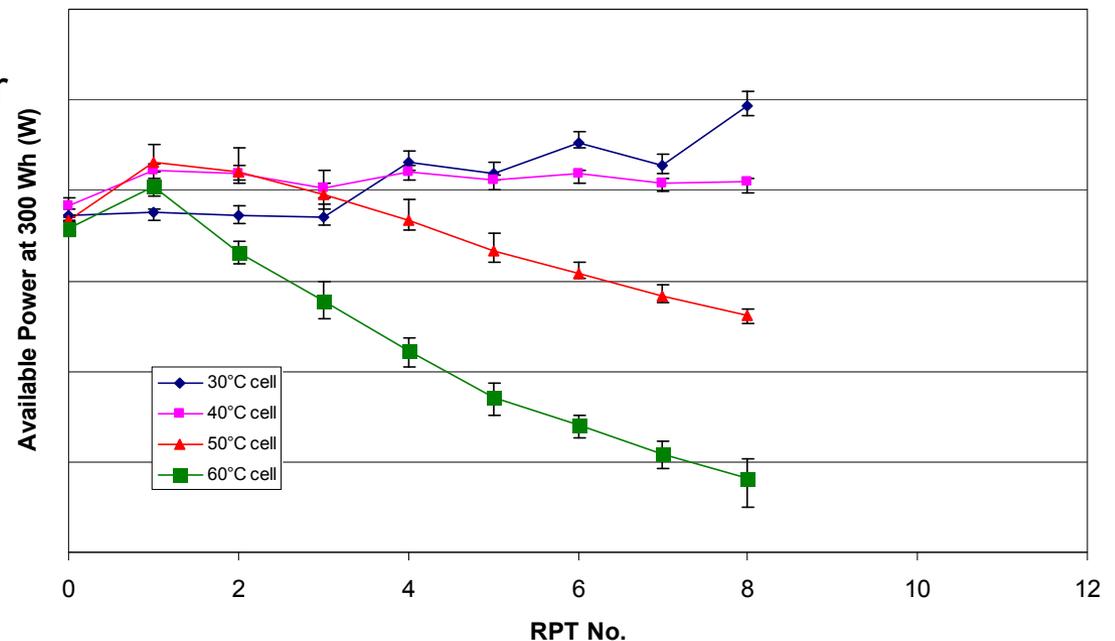
## ■ Testing of USABC Deliverables In FY2008/2009

### – Compact Power, HEV Power Assist, Lithium-Ion

- Calendar life focused testing on FY2007 technology from large battery manufacturer, unique approach
  - 12 cells, complete, reports delivered
- Calendar and Cycle life focused testing on FY2008 technology from large battery manufacturer, unique approach
  - 20 cells, ongoing, quarterly and annual reports delivered
- PHEV cycle and calendar life focused testing on FY2008 technology from large battery manufacturer, unique approach
  - 40 cells, ongoing, quarterly and annual reports delivered

## ■ Example Test Results From Li-Ion Battery Using the Accelerated Protocols - Available Power vs Time/Temp.

- Calendar life test consisted of 1 pulse per day at the 5C rate
- Data covers about 8 months of testing
- Available Power results are from the L-HPPC test
- The calendar life at 30°C shows no degradation
- The initial increase in power is generally attributed to a secondary mechanism that tapers off early on in testing.
- Increased temperature results in increased power fade.





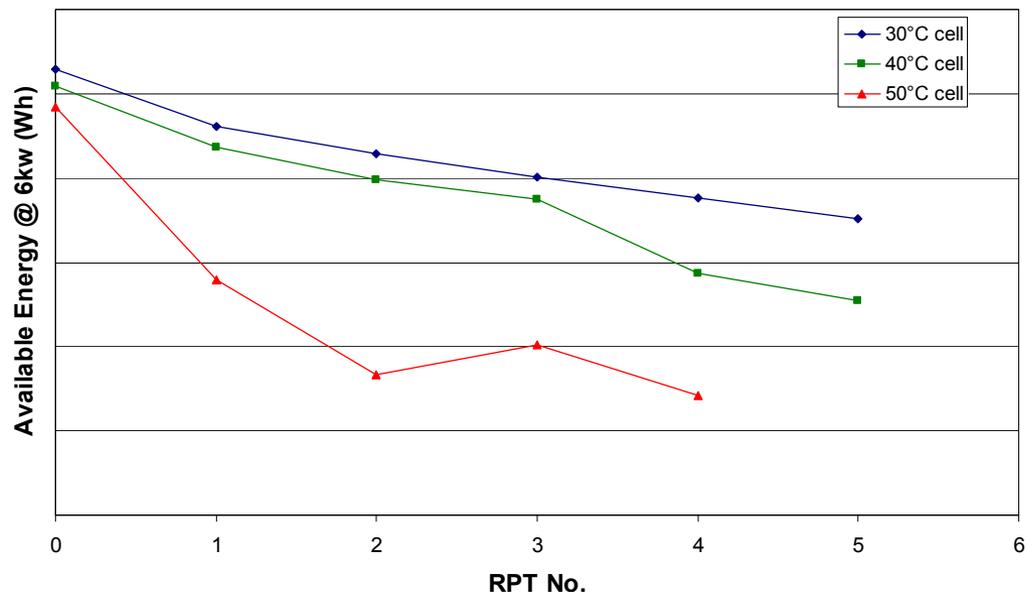
# Accomplishments/Progress/Results

## ■ Testing of USABC Deliverables In FY2008/2009

- Ultracapacitors, Carbon based double layer capacitors
  - JSR Micro, FY2008/09 technology
    - 3 cells to be delivered in April 2009
  - NessCAP, FY2006/07 technology
    - Cycle and calendar life testing, energy density improvements
    - 8 cells and 2 modules in study aimed at improving energy and studying effects of temperature on performance.
    - Complete, reports delivered

## ■ Example Test Results From High-Energy Ultracapacitor Using the Accelerated Protocols - Available Energy vs Time/Temp.

- Cycle life test was performed with the UC10 profile, 75k cycles per RPT
- Available Energy results are from the L-HPPC test
- Capacitors have completed 375 k cycles
- The cycle life at all temperatures show high cell variability
- Increased temperature results in increased energy fade.





## ■ Benchmark Testing of Non-USABC Deliverables

- NLE (Japan) Power Assist, Lithium-Ion
  - Novel materials for cycle life and calendar life testing
  - 2, 48 volt modules
  - Cycle life testing completed, report delivered
  - Calendar life testing ongoing, quarterly and annual reports delivered
  
- Sanyo (Japan) Minimum PHEV, Lithium-Ion
  - PHEV Manual validation testing, ongoing
  - 85, 18650 size cells
  - Calendar and cycle life testing start 2009, quarterly and annual reports will be delivered



# Accomplishments/Progress/Results

## ■ Benchmark Testing of Non-USABC Deliverables

### – Altairnano Power Assist (HEV), Lithium-Ion

- Novel materials for cycle life and calendar life testing
- 20, 3.5 Ah cells
- Calendar and cycle life testing started, quarterly and annual reports will be delivered

### – Altairnano Minimum PHEV, Lithium-Ion

- Novel materials for cycle life testing
- 20, 11 Ah cells
- Charge Depleting cycle life testing started, quarterly and annual reports will be delivered

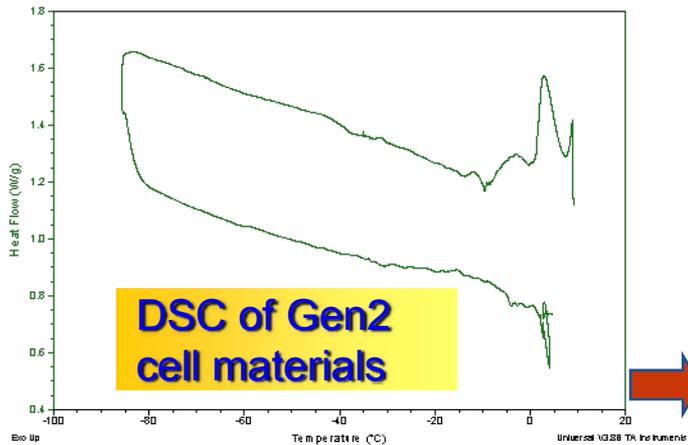
## ■ Benchmark Testing of Non-USABC Deliverables

- Advanced Lead-Acid Battery Technology (Micro-hybrid applications)
  - Collaboration with Pb-Acid Battery Consortium (ALABC) to study performance improvements from doped carbon electrodes.
  - Deliverables expected for testing 2009/2010
  - Ultrabattery
    - Unique battery-carbon capacitor electrode configuration
    - 2, 12 volt modules
    - Life testing ongoing, quarterly and annual reports delivered
  - Firefly (ANL)
- Limited industry data suggests improvements in power/energy and cycle life
- Limited performance and life testing at INL and ANL

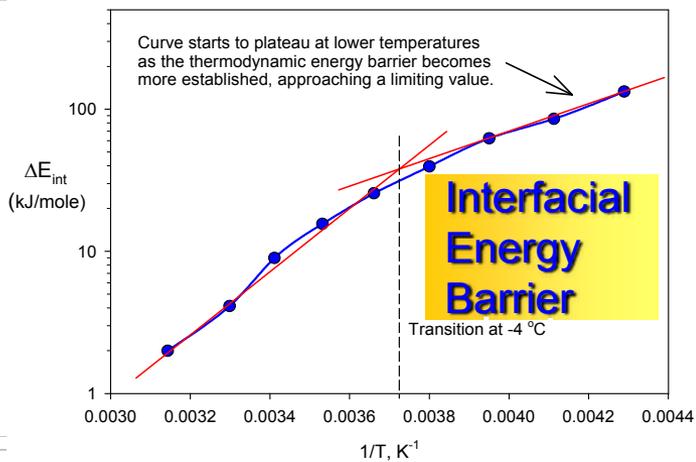
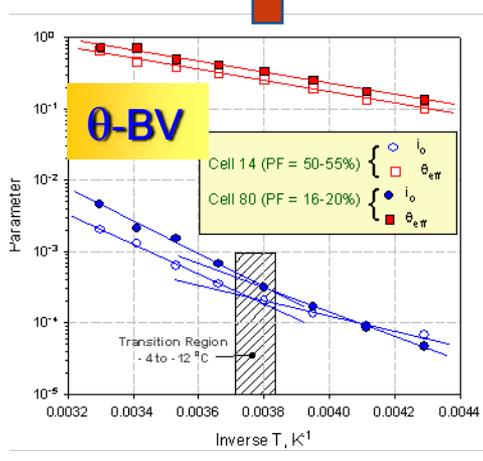
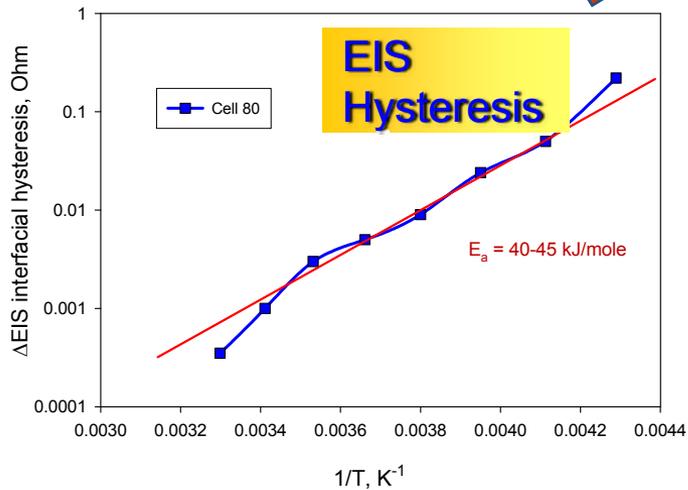
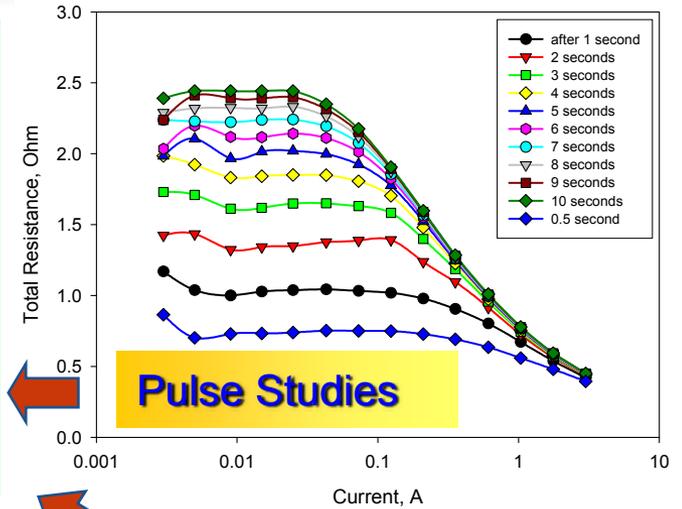


## ■ INL Focus on Diagnostic Testing (DT)

- Tools used to determine fundamental mechanisms that govern performance of Li-ion cells.
- Highly focused, well-designed experiments or test conditions that target specific issues toward mechanistic-level knowledge of device performance, and,
- A self-consistent theoretical and mathematical framework that enables intelligent data analysis and modeling.
- DT can be designed to gain knowledge regarding the effect of
  - chemistry on performance
  - interfacial behavior
  - aging mechanisms
  - thermodynamic processes
  - kinetic limitations etc.



These results infer one or more *thermodynamic processes* occur to increase interfacial impedance at lower temperatures (e.g., increased solvent ordering, rearrangement, adsorption, or phase formation at electrode interfaces and inside porous regions).



## ■ Diagnostic Testing

- Gen3 Enerland Pouch Cells: Cycle-life testing of cells at 45°C complete; cells at 25°C remain on test through mid-April 2009.
- Diagnostic Testing and Modeling of Gen2 18650 cells provided powerful insights into true kinetic limitations at low temperatures.
- Robust equivalent circuit models have been developed and validated over the temperature regime, using Gen2 data (coin cell & 18650).
- Advanced Electrolyte Model has been used to support electrochemical cell modeling, predict properties of new electrolytes, and has been further adapted to perform transport calculations for critical interfacial regions (DL).
- Statistical model for Gen3 Enerland formation process can now predict cell capacity and resistance for off-matrix conditions and can predict conditions for time-minimized formation protocol.
- Currently, a large suite of Diagnostic Testing is underway for Sanyo 18650 Li-ion cells.
- Diagnostic testing and modeling point to thermodynamic mechanisms effecting performance.



- **Technology Life Verification Testing (TLVT)  
FY2008/2009**
  - Collaboration with ANL,SNL,LBNL
  - Accelerated testing and modeling for life prediction
  - Battery Life Estimator Manual
    - New Battery Life Estimator Manual nearly complete
    - Will be published in FY09
  - Supported the development of life estimation software tool
    - ANL lead
  - Validation testing
    - TLVT validation testing is expected to begin in May 2009
    - Supported by focused diagnostic tests
  - Life prediction modeling activities ongoing



## ■ Smart Battery Status Monitor

- Method/hardware to quickly and accurately predict the remaining life of energy storage devices (battery or capacitor).
  - Rapid in-situ impedance measurement techniques
  - Determine impedance at multiple frequencies accurately
    - Two promising methods are under development and have been verified under no-load conditions using available lithium ion cells at INL.
  - Collaborative effort between INL, Montana Tech, and Qualtech Systems, Inc.
  - Three new invention disclosures have been submitted for real-time estimation of battery impedance.
  - Upgraded hardware/software impedance monitoring device is scheduled to begin validation testing in May 2009.
    - Transition to on-board impedance monitoring with standard HPPC/EIS measurements using available cells.



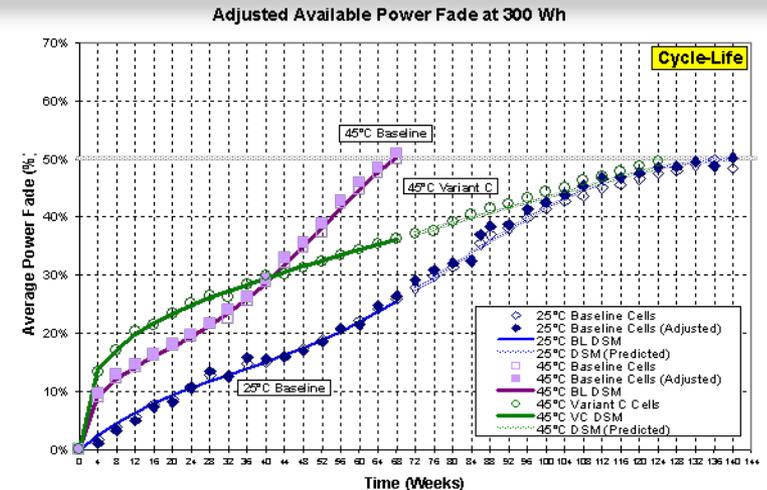
# Activities for Next Fiscal Year

- Develop and validate the testing and analysis procedures used to status program deliverables against DOE goals and objectives (technical targets).
  - Continue to refine, modify, or add testing and analysis procedures to the PHEV Test Manual as user comments and issues are resolved. A Manual revision is expected in the FY10 timeframe.
  - Develop BLE and revised TLVT Manuals
  - Continue to support the HEV Power Assist and Ultracapacitor Test Procedures Manuals.
- Validation testing of USABC deliverables in scheduled phases of the development projects.
  - Cycle Life testing of JCS 340V Battery Pack
  - Project deliverables expected from Compact Power and Enerdel. Cells first and eventually prototype vehicle packs are planned.
  - Provide test procedure and analysis support to A123 and Johnson Controls – Saft PHEV projects at ANL.
  - Performance and life testing on deliverables under the HEV Power Assist projects from Johnson Controls – Saft, Compact Power, and Enerdel.
  - Complete testing of Ultracapacitors from the NessCAP project.

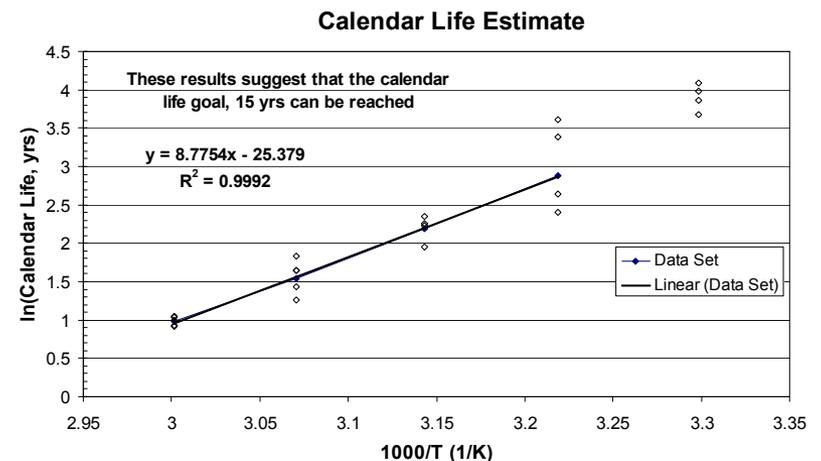


# Activities for Next Fiscal Year

- Continue to conduct benchmark type testing of non-USABC prototype devices of interest on a case by case basis.
  - Novel chemistries and designs
  - Ultracapacitors
- Continue to support the development of life prediction models for technologies of interest.
  - As empirical models become more robust and true physical models emerge, accelerated testing becomes more accurate and efficient.
    - Arrhenius Methods
    - TLVT methodology
    - Predictive Kinetics approaches (DSM)
    - Others



Average power fade vs. time for DOE-ATD Li-ion cells for test data (symbols) and predictions made by the DSM model (curves). The “adjusted” notation refers to data adjusted to true test temperature.





# Activities for Next Fiscal Year

## Diagnostic Testing Activities

- Support high-voltage electrolyte development and modeling for high energy Li-ion PHEV cells
- Support performance and life modeling of high energy Li-ion PHEV cells.
- Support cycle-life and calendar-life evaluation of high energy Li-ion PHEV cells.
  
- Key aspects of cell performance will be targeted by Diagnostic Testing, with the aim to determine mechanistic-level information regarding both optimal and limited performance.
  
- **Primary Targets**
  - **Interfacial Phenomena as Surmised through Molecular Processes**
  - **Kinetic Limitations as a  $f(T, SOC, \text{current}, \text{aging}, \text{chemistry})$**
  - **Contributions by Competing Thermodynamic Processes**
  - **Aging Mechanisms of Capacity Fade and Impedance Rise (and Path Dependence thereof)**
  - **New Electrolyte Solvents as Additives for Abuse Tolerance**
  - **Effects of thermal cycling on aging**



# Activities for next fiscal year

- Technology Life Verification Testing/Manual Validation (TLVT)
  - Continue validation testing and methods development.
    - Supplemental testing to include various cell chemistries to evaluate the effects of path dependence, thermal cycling, cold cranking, others to determine effects on the life estimation.
    - Study affects on life estimations from high energy PHEV profiles.
    - Revise TLVT Manual.
- Battery Life Estimation (BLE) Manual
  - Support ANL in development of standardized battery life estimation methods. Beta testing of ANL software tools and models.
- Smart Battery Status Monitor (SBSM)
  - Continue efforts to develop and verify real time impedance measuring techniques on various cell chemistries.
  - Verify that methods are effective at predicting state-of-health real time during extended life cycling conditions.
  - Testing and analysis will follow TLVT testing schedules.



## Summary

- Advanced batteries that meet or exceed DOE Vehicle Technologies Program goals and objectives will have a significant effect on vehicle fuel use nationally.
  - Testing is critical to the success of this effort.
- The broad testing activity is under constant review and is improved or modified annually as needs change.
  - Targets, Procedures, Analysis Tools, Models etc.
  - USABC Deliverables, Benchmark Testing of promising technologies
  - Diagnostic Testing and applied research to identify key performance issues
  - Uncertainty and accuracy measurements are used.
  - Close coordination with National Labs and suppliers.
- Technology Transfer occurs due to direct collaboration between DOE, suppliers, automobile industry, and the test facilities.
- FY09/10 – continue to improve, expand, and advance testing/analysis and diagnostic testing capabilities.