

TI Live! BATTERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS SEMINAR

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BATTERY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT TRENDS





Agenda

New battery technology development

- Capacity and impedance trends.
- What is available now:
 - Highest energy: phones, tablets.
 - Cost reduction: multi-cell.
 - Higher charge/discharge rates.
 - High longevity: backup, grid management, automotive.
- Next 5 years.
- Futuristic technologies.





18650 Li-lon cell capacity development trend



- 18650: Cylindrical, 65 mm length, 18 mm diameter. •
- 120 mAh/year average increase rate until 2007, slowed down to 75 mAh/year until • 2015 and and slightly decreasing since then.
- Most new developments are focusing on pouch cells except in automotive space. • Tesla is in mass production with 2170 cell, in future moving to tabless 4680.

18650 Cell





Average pouch cells energy density overtook 18650 cells



*Data summarized from TI chemical ID database



Normalized impedance distribution



How many IDs fall close to the resistance

R normalized to 1000mAh

- Impedance for same cell type is inversely ulletproportional to capacity.
- To compare different capacity cells, impedance data for all existing chem IDs is normalized to 1000 mAh.
- Impedance values correspond to low ulletfrequency (1 mHz) and depth of discharge (DOD) of 70%.



Normalized resistance increase with energy density – high rate vs. high energy compromise



Energy density, Wh/l

*Resistance is normalized by scaling it to 1000 mAh cell size. Pouch cells data are used for comparable design.



Effect of battery impedance on run-time



- High internal resistance causes large I × R drop.
- End of discharge voltage (EDV) is reached too early, reducing useable capacity.





Useable capacity increase using Impedance Track™ gauge with rate compensation



- Typical fixed termination voltage: 3 V
 Use of this termination voltage results in runtime loss that increases with impedance of battery
- Commonly used in notebooks power supplies have minimal operation voltage 2.2 V/cell for 3 s pack
- Early termination is done not because of system needs but because of wrong estimation of true state of charge based on voltage
- Use of true capacity estimation would increase useable capacity from 200 mOhm to 500 mOhm battery by: 2%, 6%, 11%, 17%
- This effect is increased with battery age and at higher discharge rates
- Set in data flash Terminate Voltage = Minimal System Voltage to take full advantage of Impedance Track run time increase



Each battery has a "critical" charging C-rate where **CV** threshold is reached instantly



1 C



Normalized resistance effect on shortest possible charge time for CC/CV charge



Normalized resistance, mOhm



Charge rate limitation due to Li-plating



Good Graphite anode OCV ♦♦♦ Anode potential during charge

- Graphite open circuit potential is above Li potential during entire charge period
- However, at high charge rates, low temperatures or for aged **cells**, I × R drop across anode can cause anode potential to go below zero potential, causing Liplating



Li-plating caused by resistance increase of an aged cell



- Exponential capacity drop due to Li-plating
- Possible Li-dendrite formation, safety issues
- With the same 1 C peak current, MaxlifeTM prevents capacity drop



State of the art



Present market snapshot: Probability of open circuit voltage (OCV) based on chemistry occurrence in the market



* Hotter color means more common



Highest energy choice now – LiCoO₂ charged to 4.45 V



- Improved electrolytes and ceramic coating on separator enabled higher voltages
- Highest energy is provided due to high voltage and increased capacity due to higher cathode utilization
 - Instability of LiCoO₂ at higher voltages will likely prevent further increases



Cost reduction: Replace more Co – NCA, NMC, enable with lower termination voltages



- Replacing some Co with Ni and Mn reduces cost, for example in NMC 532: LiNi_{0.5}Mn_{0.3}Co_{0.2}O₂
- High system shut down voltages in the range of 3.2-3.4 V are favoring LiCoO₂ vs Ni-based chemistry
- This is one reason why Ni-containing chemistries (NCA, NMC) have little penetration in single-cell smart phone or tablet systems, but lots of use in 2-4 cell laptops and automotive
- Future improvements in power management such as use of step-up regulators can open opportunities for lower voltage cells



Higher nickel content and higher voltage – future energy increases in NMC ($333 \rightarrow 811$)







Higher charge/discharge rate and high-safety battery

- Fine-tune the cell for either high discharge rate or high capacity
 - 3 C rate charge and 10 C rate discharge are available with Ni/Co/Mn (NMC) cathodes / carbon nanotube additives
- Use an optimized chemistry A123 Systems company: 26650 A lithium iron phosphate LiFePO₄





Discharge capacity %



Power backup applications – longevity, high rate capability is needed



Li-titanate anode, $Li_4Ti_5O_{12}$ Pros:

- Cycle life over 20000 cycles \bullet
- Lowest impedance \bullet
- Best low temperature performance \bullet Cons:
- High price of titanate
- Low energy density due to voltage range from 2.6 V to 1.5 V
- NMC is a cheaper alternative, with less cycle life. Used solar backup batteries and in server backup applications. Usually charged to 4.1 V or less for better calendar life.

*Altairnano, Batteries 2012, October 24th-26th 2012, Nice, France



Where do we go from here in the near term (<5 years)?





Choices in materials to increase capacity Intercalation Conversion



*Li-ion battery materials: present and future Naoki Nitta et al. Materials Today, 18/5, 2015





Higher capacity by improving anode material: Si is on its way



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Latest news on Si: Nanowires and nanoparticles



- Si-nanowires achieve good cycle ability and Si-utilization.
- Several startup companies are working on reducing cost of Sinanowires synthesis.
- Mass production using carboncoated Si particles material started - cell is used in a fitness tracker.

Cross section of Si-nanowires electrode (Photo: Global Silicon Nanowires Market 2018)



Latest news on Si: Micromatrix method



- Micromatrix with high Si-content has emerged as a cost-effective method to achieve good cycle life.
- High Si cells have advantage of fast charging due to Li-alloying reaction, high surface area and potential that is far from Li level.
- A startup company is partnering with automotive cell makers with a high silicon cell: 750 Wh/L, 5 min charge to 75%.
- Another startup is utilizing nano-scale metalloids (Sn, Si, others) to achieve 10 C rate, 5 min. charge.

Cross section of Enevate's HD-Energy Anode utilizing a silicon-dominant micromatrix (Photo: Business Wire)



Rate and temperature performance of Si-cells

Not for single-cell devices: most capacity is below 3.5V

Micro-matrix design Si cell



Great at low temperature: Close to 50% capacity still available at -20C

*Enevate, "Ultrafast Charging Silicon-Dominant Anode and Li-ion Cell Technology for EV Applications", International Battery Seminar and Exhibit, Florida 2017

Conventional graphite anode cell





Pushing nickel content in NCMx to the limit: NCMA89



*Un-Hyuck Kim,Liang-Yin Kuo,Payam Kaghazchi,Chong S. Yoon, and Yang-Kook Sun, ACS Energy Lett. 2019, 4, 576–582

- More Ni is cheaper and more available.
- Can we go beyond 80% Ni?
- NCA89 and NCM90 are unstable, but if you layer them together – excellent cycle life.
- NCMA with 89% Ni will by used by two large EV automakers in 2022.



Longer cycle life without sacrificing energy: single crystal NMC532 (LiNi_{0.5}Mn_{0.3}Co_{0.2}O₂)



SEM image of single crystal NMC532 powder (SC-532)

5000 full cycles with only 10% capacity loss



Figure 1. Long-term cycling data plotted as percent initial capacity versus equivalent full cycles for NMC/graphite cells as described in the legend. The

*Journal of The Electrochemical Society, 166 (13) A3031-A3044 (2019), Jessie E. Harlow, Xiaowei Ma, Jing Li, Eric Logan, Yulong Liu, 1, 2 Ning Zhang, Lin Ma, Stephen L. Glazier, Marc M. E. Cormier, Matthew Genovese, Samuel Buteau, Andrew Cameron, Jamie E. Stark, and J. R. Dahn



Million mile capable automotive battery enabled



Figure 23. Worst-case scenario lifetime and total driving range projections for the NMC532/graphite cells with 2% VC + 1% DTD at 20 and 40° C.



Low cost for storage: Sodium-ion battery



1: Adv. Energy Mater. **2016**, *6*, 1501555, Marlou Keller , Daniel Buchholz ,* and Stefano Passerini 2: Sharp Labs of America, Dr. JJ Lee, DOE symposium 2015

- Sodium is much cheaper and more available than Li.
- Will always have lower energy density (larger weight), but could be good for solar/wind storage.
- Different cathodes are being considered, including layered mixed oxides and Prussian blue, Na₂MnFe(CN)₆ (particularly CATL).
- Can achieve 190 Wh/I and 145 Ah/Kg.



Looking to the future



Periodic table cathode and anode selection



- Pick anode from top (lightest) left (strongest electron donor).
- Pick cathode from top (lightest) right (strongest electron acceptor).



Highest theoretical energy densities



*K.M. Abraham, Twenty Seventh International Battery Seminar, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2010



Futuristic chemistries: Li-sulfur

- Theoretical energy density 2550 Wh/kg and 2862 Wh/l.
- Practical cells are still at 325 Wh/kg and 320 Wh/l because of low conductivity of sulfur.
- Low cycle ability and issues with reaching capacity targets.
- Safety concerns about using metallic lithium.
- High self discharge.
- Safety is problematic due to toxic SO₂ production when burning – OK for remote storage batteries.
- Recent improvements to cycle life due to suppression of self-discharge with lithium nitrate, self-healing by saturated LiS_x solution and by using yolk-shell or other nano-encapsulation.
- One startup company has pilot production, improved electrolytes and protective layers.





Ultra Light, Rechargeable Li-S Pouch Cell

Key Features

- Ultra Light Li-S Cell (325 Wh/kg already proven)
- Safe
- Full 100% Discharge Capability
- Ideal for use in Portable Batteries, Electric Vehicles, Defence, Aviation and Satellites
- Large format size available
- Bespoke cell sizes available
- Nominal Voltage: 2.1V
- UN38.3/IEC62133 Certification

*From Oxis web-site



Yolk-shell encapsulation



- Yolk-shell encapsulation can be used for both cathode (shown for sulfur) and anode (like Si, Sn), already used by ulletSila nanotechnologies.
- Eliminates main degradation mechanism due to cracking of passivating layer from expansion/contraction, since • outer shell stays constant.

*A Yolk-Shell Design for Stabilized and Scalable Li-Ion Battery Alloy Anodes, Nian Liu, Hui Wu,⊥ Matthew T. McDowell, Yan Yao, Chongmin Wang, and Yi Cui



Futuristic chemistries: Li-air



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Futuristic chemistries: Li-air and Li-Li peroxide

(1)

(2)



 $LiO_2 + 3Li^+ + 3e^- = 2Li_2O \quad U_2^0 = 2.88 V$

- Li / air rechargeable battery is being actively developed. Since Li is the lightest high-energy metal, this battery has the highest theoretically possible energy density for any battery.
- Low discharge rate due to air cathode intrinsic low rate capability.
- Cycle ability issues due to exposure of aggressive materials to air.
- Li-safety: progress with solid electrolyte with conductivity similar to liquid by Goodenough group and other researchers.
- First likely as a low-rate primary battery to displace Zn/Air used in hearing aid applications.
- Li Peroxide / Li can be assembled in passive state as neutral Li₂O / Cu current collector and than charged to peroxide LiO₂ / Lithium. Theoretical capacity 1341 Ah/kg, e.g. at 2.5 V average voltage 3352 Wh/kg higher than Li / S.

*Nature Energy, 2016, Ju Li, Zhi Zhu at MIT

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Ceramic solid electrolytes – solid state battery



- *John B. Goodenough, Long Wang, DOE Vehicle Technologies Annual Merit Review Meeting
- **M. H. Braga, N. S. Grundish, A. J. Murchisona and J. B. Goodenough , Energy Environ. Sci., 2017, 10, 331-33

- Main safety hazard comes from organic electrolyte (burning 10 times more energy when compared to electric energy).
 - Solid electrolyte can not burn, but power capability is reduced because of low conductivity compared to liquid.
 - Allows to use metallic Li, which has higher energy density than graphite.
 - One startup company demonstrated 20 layered cell using sulfur-based solid electrolytes
 - Another startup has demonstrated 20 min. charge rate and good cycle life over 500 cycles probably using $Li_7La_3Zr_2O_{12}$ (LLZO)
- **Cost and manufacturability** remain main problems that make the mass production of such large size brittle ceramic films with perfect quality to assure protection from Li-dendrites highly questionable



Battery trends summary

- 18650 Li-ion cell reached 3516mAh, growth stopped in year 2015 and remains unchanged ۲
- In 2021 new developments are focused on pouch cells, targeting cell phones, tablets, ultrabooks. Energy density of pouch cell exceeded 18650! •
- Normalized cell impedance peak is increasing from 200 to 400mOhm due to high energy cells. Needs for impedance aware power management!. ۲
- Now: •
 - Mixed cathodes with high Ni and Mn content are mainstream in multi-cell designs as low-cost option (NCA, NMC)
 - Lower voltages (down to 2.5V) need to be supported to take advantage of NMC and NCA Ni-rich cathodes and Si-anode full capacity —
 - Further increase of Ni-content in NMC (333 ->532 > 811) and increase of charging voltage will keep energy density increasing and cost decreasing. Safety has to be addressed!
 - Si and SiO anode now 3-5% addition to carbon. Several Startups show good cycle life and charge rate results with high Si-content cells. Large EV maker committed to high-Si for next gen anodes.
 - High charge rate capability: **3C** Manganese spinel (low cost), NMC, Li-titanate of LiFePO4, **10C**: high Si and nano-metal containing cells
 - Power backup and Grid energy management (high longevity, low cost): Li-FePO4 and Li-titanate. ____
- **Near term** (up to 5 years from now): •
 - Low utilization Li / sulfur (10% of theoretical): One startup is in pilot production now —
 - **High Si-content** cells using nano-technology or particles in matrix. —
 - Higher Ni cathodes (NCMA89) higher voltage Ni-cathodes made stable using particle nano-structure engineering
 - single crystal NMC532 gives long life high energy option! Million mile car battery possible!
 - Low cost for storage: sodium-ion batteries
- Long term: Li / sulfur, Li / air, Li / peroxide, solid electrolytes





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