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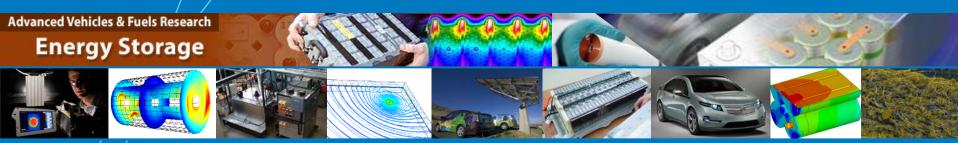
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FY14 Milestone:

Simulated Impacts of Life-Like Fast Charging on BEV Batteries



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Motivation & Objective

 Motivation: Deployment of fast charging networks could significantly improve the utility of BEVs, but the impact of fast charging on batteries is not well understood under real-world conditions.

 Objective: Assess the impact of realistic fast charging scenarios on battery response, including thermal and degradation effects.

Outline

Capabilities Added in FY14

- Cell-level evaluation of electrical, thermal, and life models
- Rerouting travel data to include stops at fast charge stations

Baseline Simulations

- Vehicle Specs, drive profile and infrastructure availability assumptions
- Compare simulated fast charger utilization with real-world data

Fast Charge Impact Analysis

- Evaluate impact of fast charging on battery packs under three thermal management scenarios
- Consider cell heterogeneity in hot climate subject to fast charging
- A closer look at how fast charging impacts max battery temperatures

Summary



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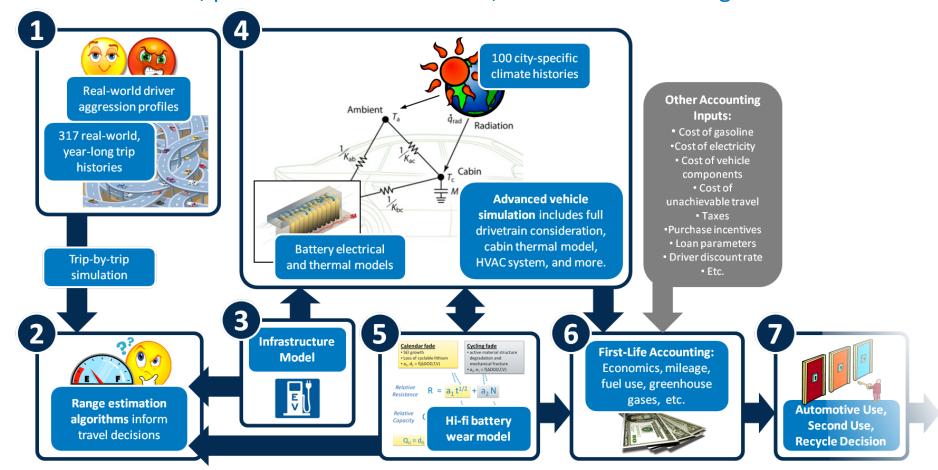
Cell-level evaluation of battery electrical, thermal, and life models

Multi-cell pack modeling

- Motivation: Availability of fast chargers can result in much longer sequences of back-to-back drive-charge-drive events. This is expected to create greater heat generation, thermal gradients, and peak temperatures within the pack. Thermal gradients can lead to heterogeneous degradation of cells within a pack, and thereby lower available capacity and battery lifetime.
- Objective: Add the ability to simulate individual cells within the BLAST-V software package, creating a more accurate depiction of peak battery temperatures and degradation under aggressive fast charge conditions than would otherwise be possible.
- Approach:
 - o Divide previously "lumped" battery mode into flexible electrical and thermal subsets
 - o Include ability to randomize initial conditions of SOC, capacity and resistance values
 - o Simulate temperature, voltage, and SOC for each individual cell
 - Calculate degradation for each individual cell
- March 2014 Milestone: Complete addition of multi-cell code

BLAST-V

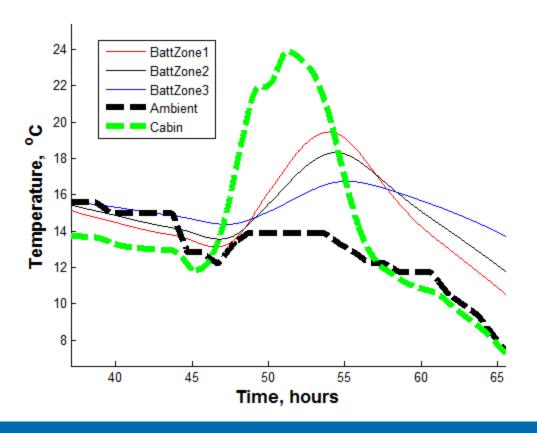
- Battery Lifetime Analysis and Simulation Tool for Vehicles
- **Objective:** Perform accurate techno-economic assessments of HEV, PHEV, and BEV technologies and operational strategies to optimize consumer costbenefit ratios, petroleum use reductions, and emissions savings



Thermal and Electrical Model Separation

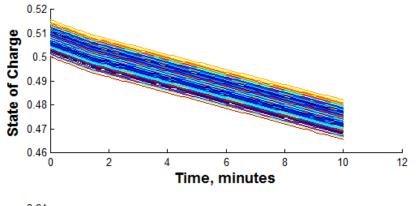
- Thermal model can be separately discretized from electrical model. This can be beneficial for accelerating simulation speed and/or simplifying model validation
- In this example, a 100-node electrical model and 3-node thermal model is employed

Three-node BEV battery thermal response during a parking event

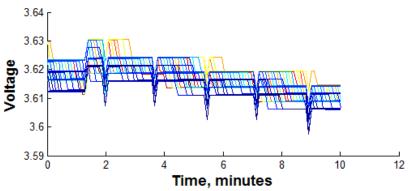


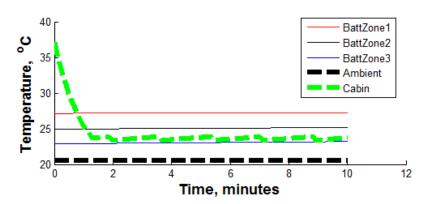
Example Electrical Response

- Electrical model calculates voltage and SOC separately for each individual cell
- The example below shows a closely matched pack at beginning of life



Three-node BEV battery thermal and 100 node BEV battery electrical response during a drive event

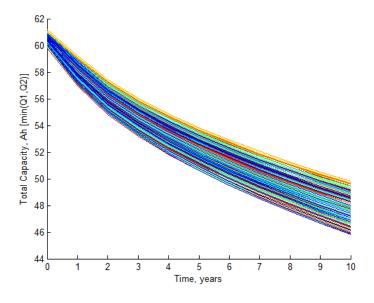


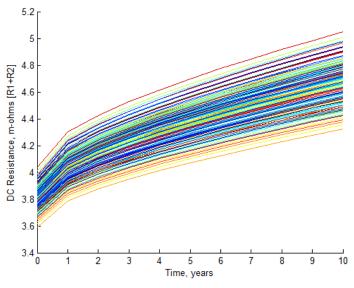


Example Degradation Response

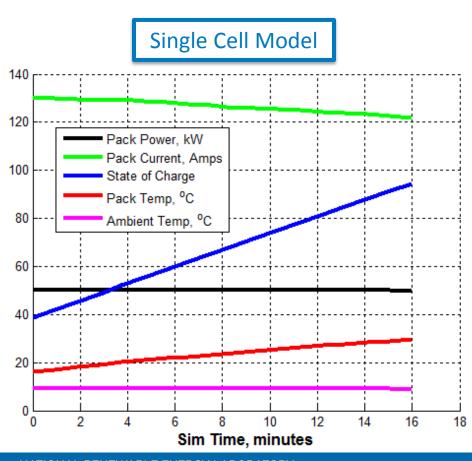
- Different thermal and electrical conditions at each cell implies different degradation rates.
- Thus, cell level calculation of degradation has been included as well

capacity loss and resistance growth in a 100-cell BEV battery model





Example Fast Charge (50kW)

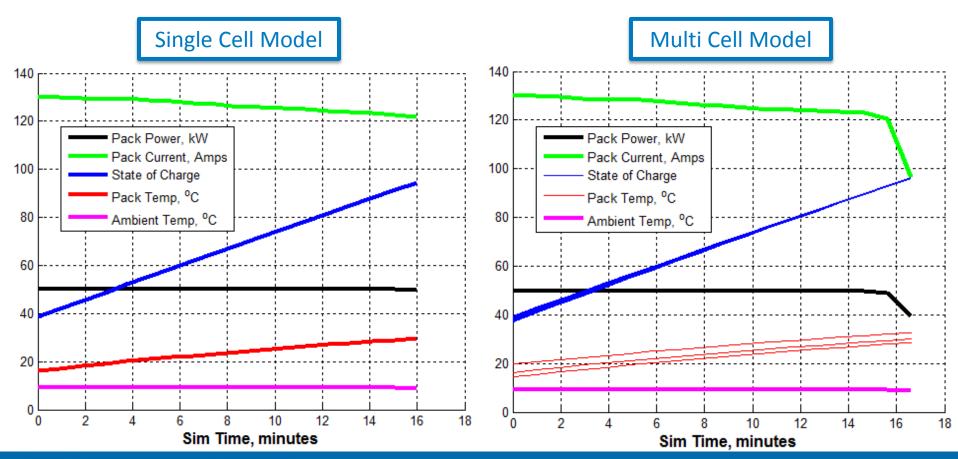


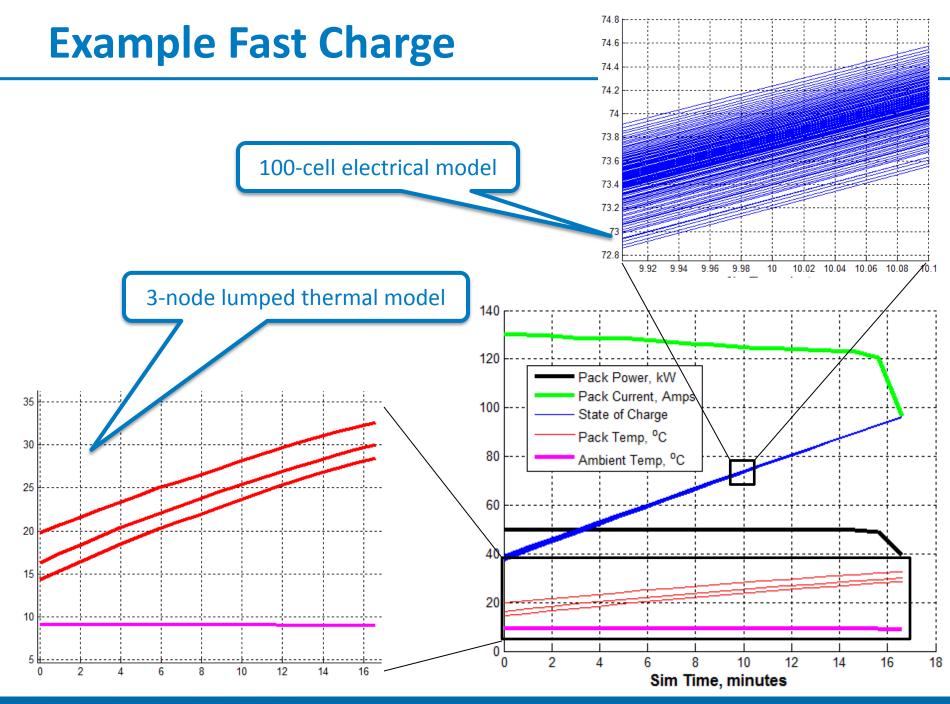
Simulated pack electrical and thermal response to FC event at beginning of life

- Good charge acceptance behavior with taper not occurring until ~90% SOC
- Significant heat generation with thermal model predicting 13°C increase over 16-minute charge

Example Fast Charge (50kW)

- Single and multi-cell models contrasted
 - Multi-cell pack power capability limited by weakest cell
 - Power tapering occurs slightly earlier in fast charge event
 - Predicted max temperature is notably higher







Capabilities added in FY14

Rerouting travel data to include stops at fast charge stations

BLAST estimates BEV utility by making a go/no-go decision before each tour (sequence of trips beginning and ending at home)

A reduced-order electrical model of the battery is used to estimate SOC at the end of each trip in the proposed tour based on initial state of the vehicle, anticipated road and cabin loads, and available charging infrastructure

If estimated SOC is determined to dip below a pre-defined driver tolerance at any point during the tour, the driver elects not to take their BEV on said tour

If estimated SOC stays above tolerance, driver elects to take BEV and high-resolution simulation of battery electrical, thermal, and life behavior is conducted

Example Tour 1

| Depart / Arrive | Miles | Minutes |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| 8:31am / 9:07am | 21.2 | 36.3 |
| 4:33pm / 4:48pm | 9.9 | 15.6 |
| 5:39pm / 6:10pm | 13.7 | 30.9 |

Group trip data into tours, where each tour starts and ends at home

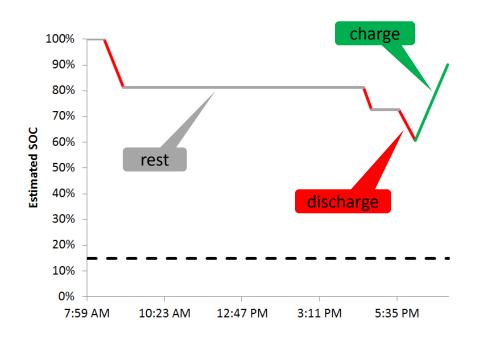
(Assume L2 charging at home)

For each tour, the driver must decide whether or not to take BEV based on estimated range

Assume drivers require battery stay above 15% SOC (or about 15 miles) to select travel via BEV

Example Tour 1

| Depart / Arrive | Miles | Minutes | Estimated SOC |
|-----------------|-------|---------|---------------|
| 8:31am / 9:07am | 21.2 | 36.3 | 100% → 81% |
| 4:33pm / 4:48pm | 9.9 | 15.6 | 81% → 73% |
| 5:39pm / 6:10pm | 13.7 | 30.9 | 73% → 61% |



BLAST estimates SOC through tour using reduced order battery model

If minimum estimated SOC is above driver's range tolerance, BLAST proceeds with simulating the tour, otherwise tour is evaluated as single parked event

Many tours stay above range tolerance without work/public charging

Example Tour 2

| Depart / Arrive | Miles | Minutes | Estimated SOC |
|------------------|-------|---------|------------------|
| 8:14am / 8:40am | 20.0 | 26.3 | 100% → 79% |
| 12:34pm / 1:11pm | 35.0 | 37.0 | 79% → 42% |
| 3:55pm / 4:36pm | 37.3 | 41.2 | 42% → 3% |
| 5:49pm / 6:07pm | 13.6 | 19.0 | 3% → 0% |



Consider a different example tour from the BLAST travel data

If minimum estimated SOC drops below range tolerance, BLAST has the option of rerouting select trips to include stops at fast charge stations

All fast charge stations assumed 50kW in this analysis

BLAST considers two data sources when rerouting tours

- Alternate path of travel combinations using O/D pairs from original travel data and Google Maps Directions API
- 2. User-defined EVSE networks

Using said input data, BLAST reschedules the original tour while attempting to:

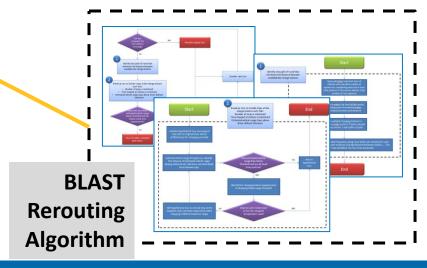
- Keep minimum estimated SOC above driver tolerance
- Minimize number of stops and time spent at FC stations

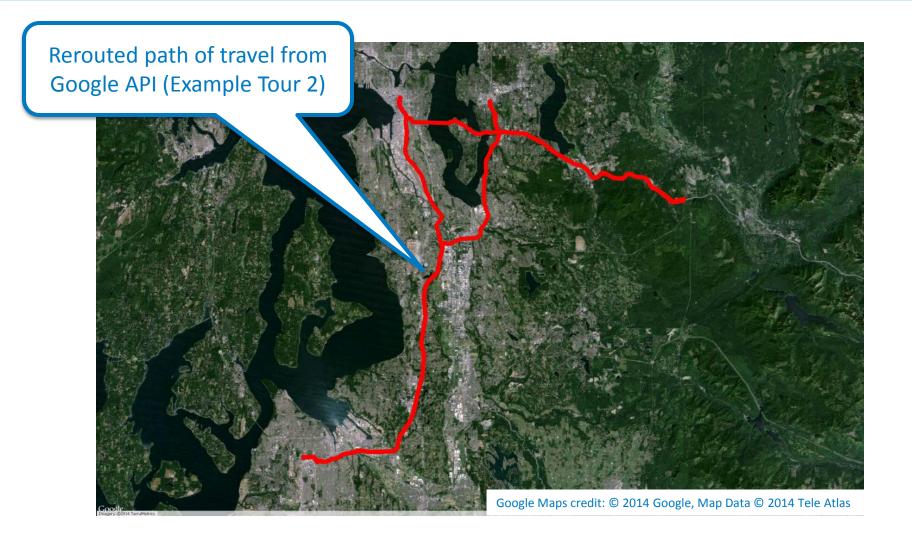
*Constraint is applied that all trip start times be preserved from original travel data





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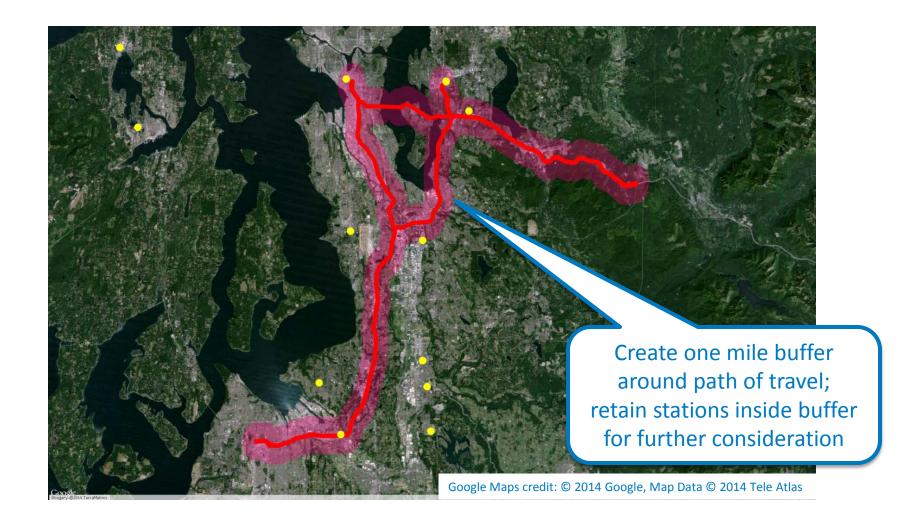


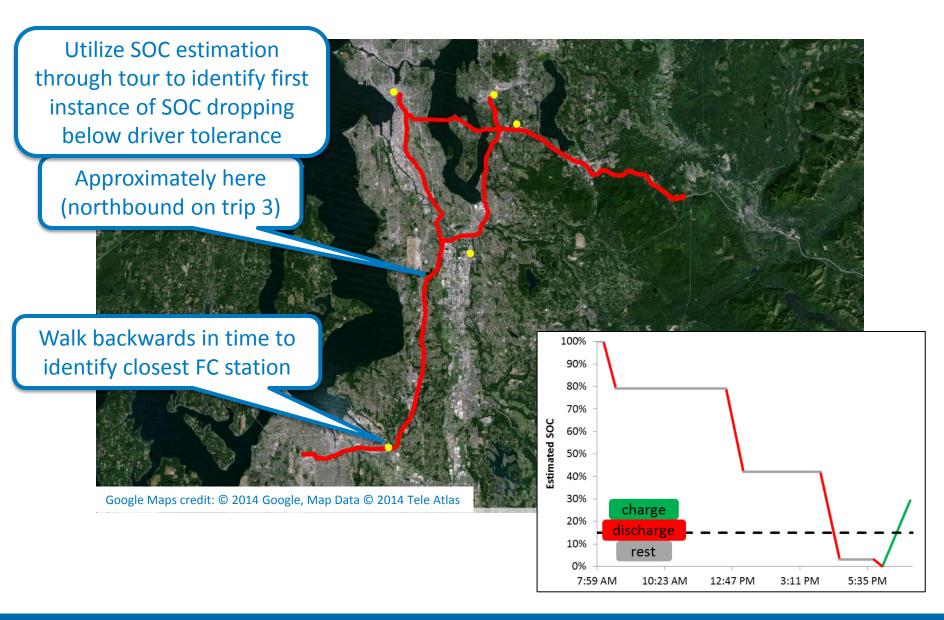


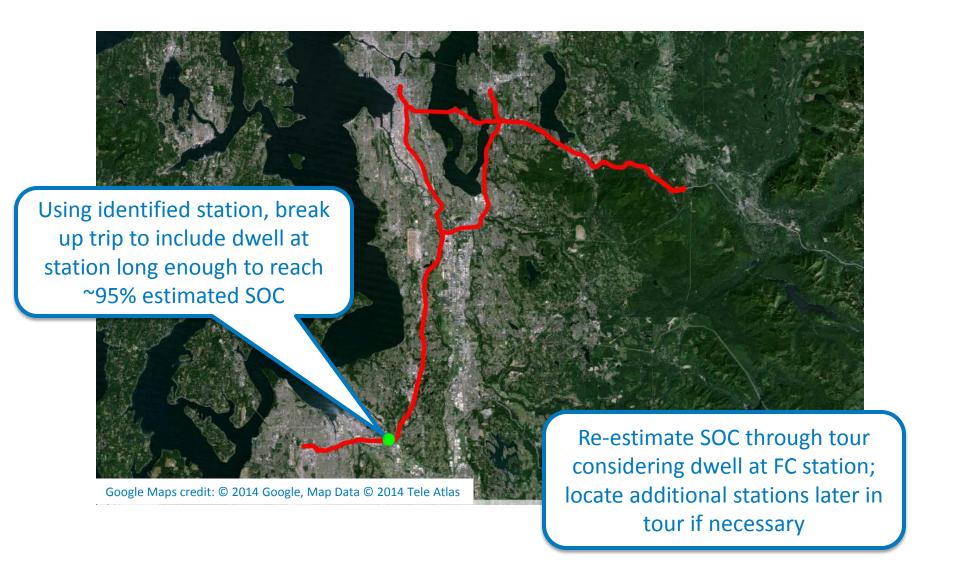


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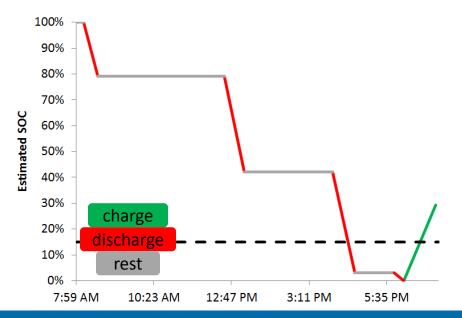


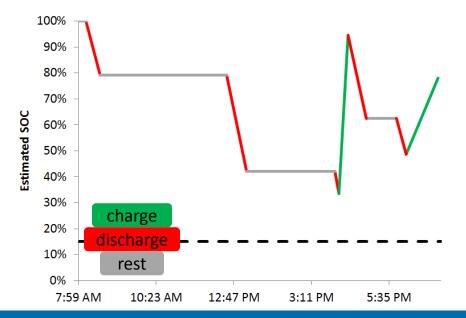
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All trips in rerouted tour start on time (per original data)

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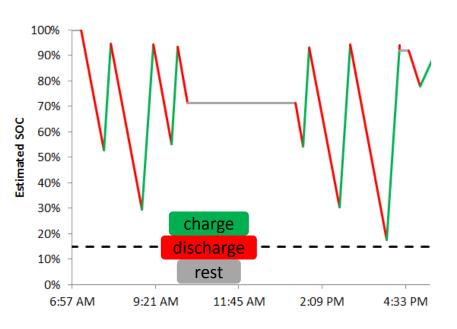
BLAST records statistics on incremental driving time and distance resulting from rerouting and FC stops

Algorithm can also enable very long tours that require several stops at fast charge stations

Example 3 - Original Tour

| Depart / Arrive | Miles | Minutes | Estimated SOC |
|-----------------|-------|---------|---------------|
| 7:13am / 9:55am | 140.1 | 162.0 | 100% → 0% |
| 1:23pm / 3:29pm | 135.2 | 125.8 | 0% → 0% |
| 4:40pm / 5:05pm | 13.7 | 25.6 | 0% → 0% |

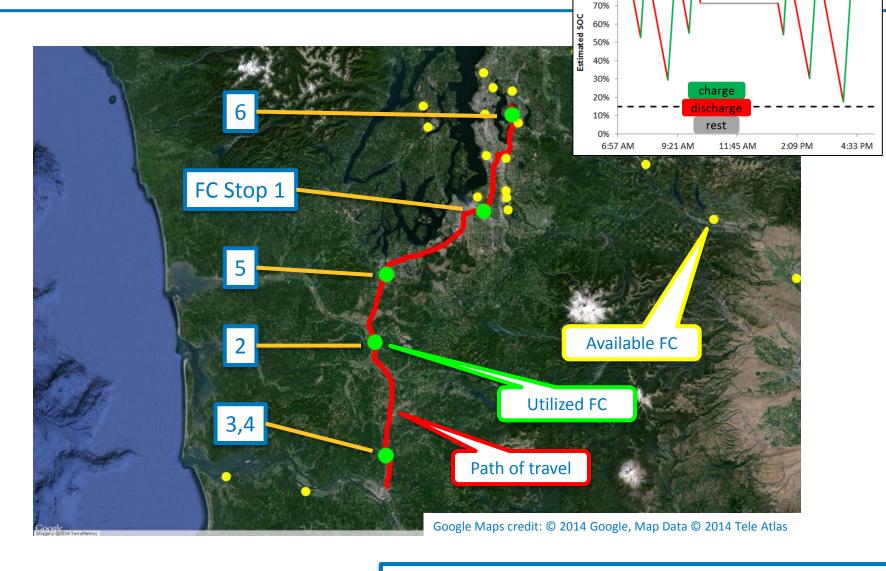
Example of a tour between Tacoma, WA and Portland, OR



While such tours are deemed feasible during tour planning, BLAST will additionally evaluate the thermal and life impacts of such an aggressive cycling profile

Rerouted Tour w/ stops at FC stations

| Depart / Arrive | Miles | Minutes | Estimated SOC |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------|---------------|
| 7:13am / 7:52am 12 minute FC | 39.7 | 39.1 | 100% → 53% |
| 8:04am / 8:59am 18 minute FC | 55.9 | 54.7 | 95% → 30% |
| 9:17am / 9:49am 11 minute FC | 33.4 | 31.8 | 94% → 55% |
| 10:00am / 10:17am | 18.7 | 17.3 | 93% → 71% |
| 1:23pm / 1:37pm 11 minute FC | 14.3 | 13.4 | 71% → 54% |
| 1:48pm / 2:40pm 18 minute FC | 53.9 | 52.3 | 93% → 30% |
| 2:58pm / 4:02pm 21 minute FC | 66.0 | 63.3 | 94% → 18% |
| 4:23pm / 4:24pm | 1.5 | 0.6 | 94% → 92% |
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90% 80%

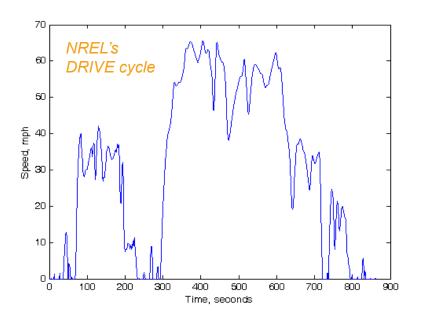


Baseline Simulations

Vehicle Specs, Driving Profiles, & Infrastructure Availability Assumptions

Vehicle Design & Efficiency

- Employing NREL's DRIVE cycle for real-world efficiency prediction
 - See Neubauer & Wood, Accounting for the Variation of Driver Aggression in the Simulation of Conventional and Advanced Vehicles, SAE 2013 World Congress
 - Note: does not account for grade.
- Assuming a year 2020 mid-size sedan for the vehicle platform
- Apply FASTSim to design specific drivetrains
 - NOTE: We apply a 300 W aux load for EPA based sizing, but remove the aux load for DRIVE efficiency calculation. Aux loads are then added as appropriate within the BOM simulations.



Vehicle Model:

9 sec 0-60 mph

75 mile EPA range

22.1 kWh battery

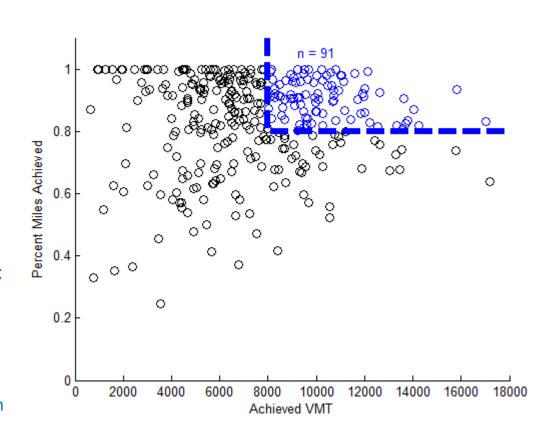
106 kW motor

1576 kg curb weight

220 Wh/mi on DRIVE cycle w/o aux

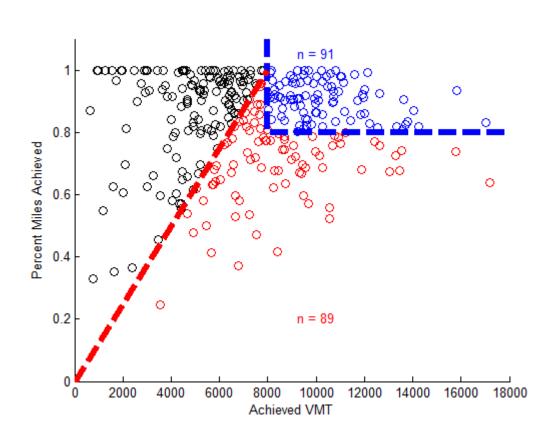
Real-World Driving Data: Trip Distribution Set A

- 317 vehicle-specific, year-long data records were pulled from the Puget Sound Regional Councils Traffic Choices Study
 - Records selected based on availability of 365 consecutive days of data without significant error
- Not all drivers are likely to purchase BEVs; total mileage and percentachievable mileage may be good indicators of likely BEV drivers
- We chose to analyze drive patterns that meet the following criteria:
 - 80% of their year-one driving is achievable with the BEV without infrastructure support
 - More than 8,000 miles are achieved with the BEV in year one
- With these criteria, 91 of 317 (29%)
 drivers were selected as stand-alone
 BEV drivers (shown in blue).



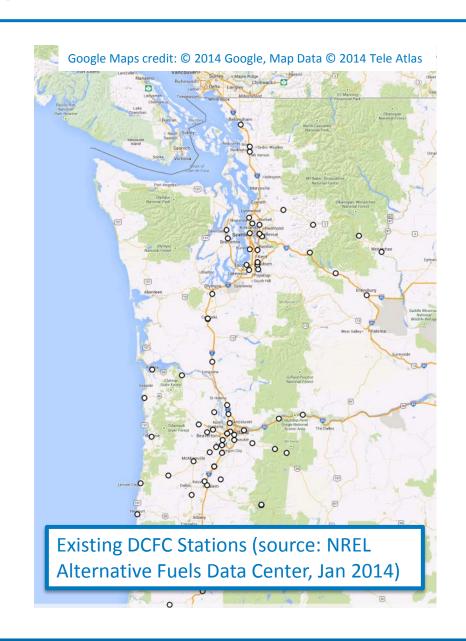
Real-World Driving Data: Trip Distribution Set B

- The previous 80% utility factor counts out some high mileage drivers that could benefit from infrastructure
- We therefore created and added a second set of drive patterns that met the following criteria:
 - Not included in Set A
 - More than 8,000 miles per year are driven with a CV
- With these criteria, an additional 89 of 317 (28%) drivers were selected (shown in red).



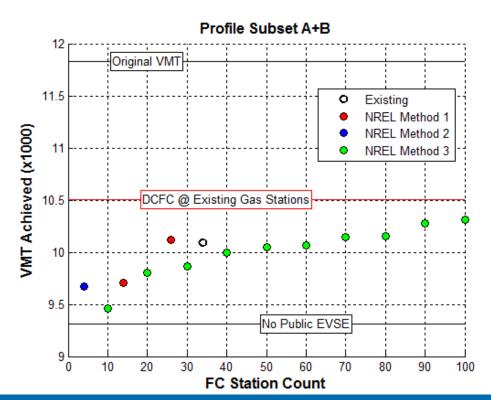
Baseline EVSE Scenario

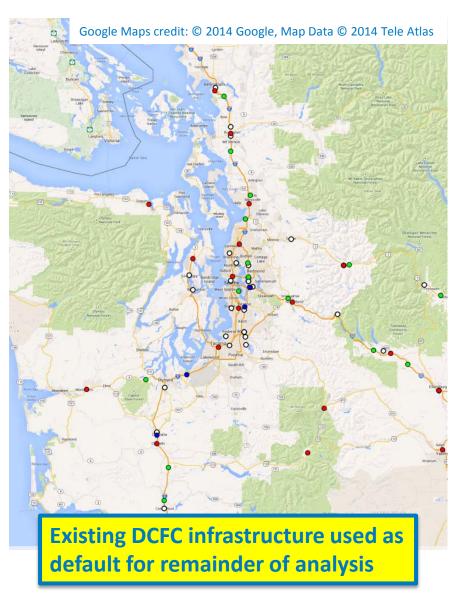
- For analysis of fast charging impact on batteries, it was necessary to select a baseline public infrastructure scenario
- The Pacific Northwest has fairly good geographic coverage of existing FC stations already in the ground
 - 34 existing FC stations in Washington State



Baseline EVSE Scenario

- Incremental utility afforded by existing FC stations was compared to a number of artificial rollouts
- Found existing infrastructure scenario to be sufficient at improving BEV utility with a relatively small number of stations



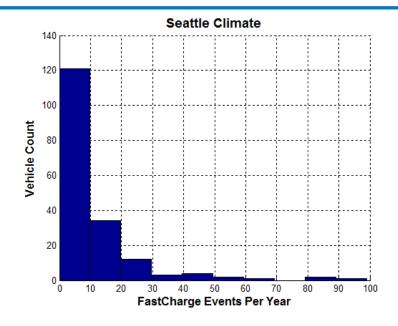


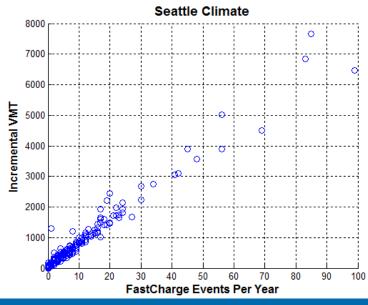


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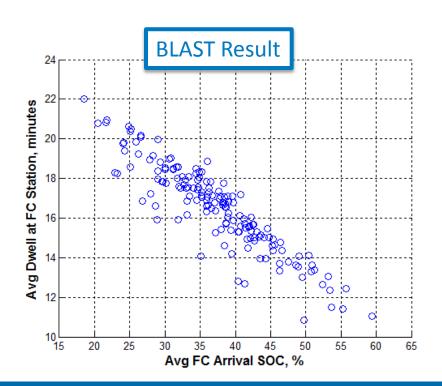
Compare Simulated Fast Charger Utilization to Real-World Data

- Average driver utilized FC 10 times in first year of life
 - Extreme case driver utilized FC at an average rate of 8 times a month
- FC utilization correlates well with incremental VMT
- Some drivers complete 100% of travel w/o need for FC



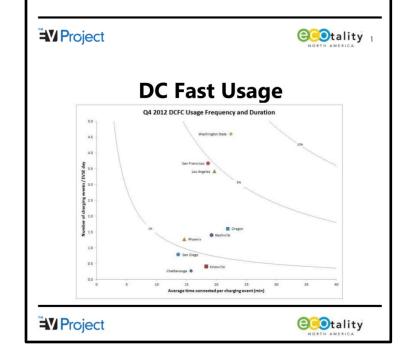


- BLAST runs reveal average FC connection times of 10-22 minutes
 - Dependent on arrival SOC
- EV Project data indicated average FC connection times of 14-24 minutes

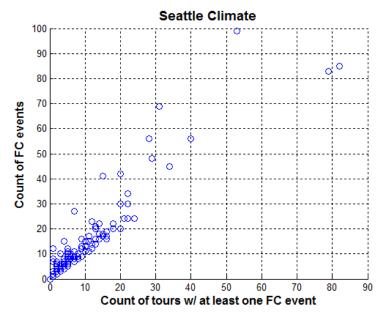


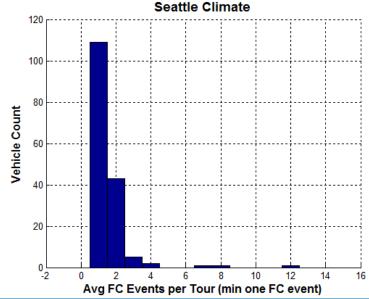
EV Project Data

- This presentation was given for the Navigant Research Webinar on Fast DC Charging for Electric Vehicles
- http://www.navigantresearch.com/webinar/fast-dc-charging-for-electric-vehicles
- April 9, 2013



- BLAST predicts the majority of tours enabled by fast charging to require 1-2 FC events
- One outlying vehicle utilized fast charging 12 times on its average FC-enabled tour

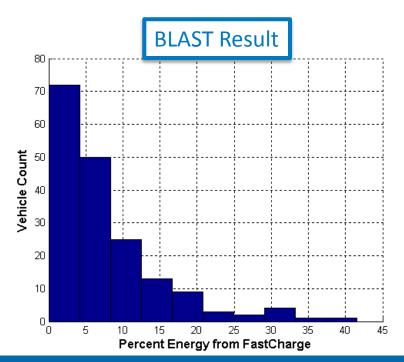


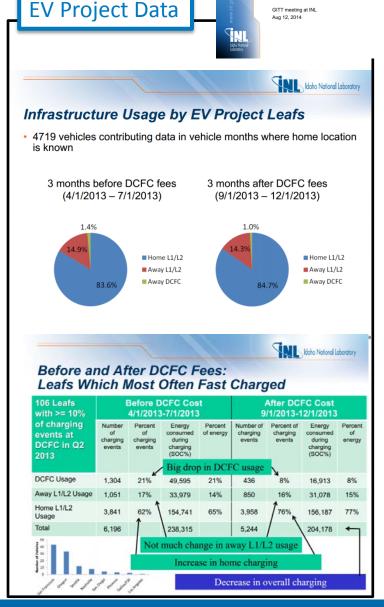


- BLAST aggregates charge energy by location
- Group all FC locations together and average driver receives 7.6% of energy from fast charging

Max: 41.5%Min 0.0%

- EV Project reports fast charges accounting for 1-21% of all charge events for Nissan Leaf's under study that frequently used fast chargers
 - Where a cost for fast charging was present, 8% of charging energy came from fast charging for Nissan Leaf's under study





Latest Insights from The EV Project and ChargePoint America PEV Infrastructure Demos John Smart Idaho National Laboratory



Fast charge impact analysis

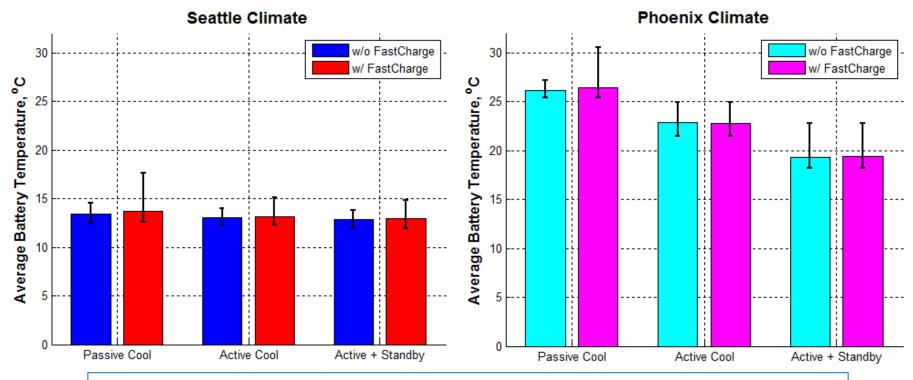
Evaluate impact of fast charging on battery packs under three thermal management scenarios

Simulation Sweep

- Perform 10 years of battery simulations for 180 driving profiles given...
 - o EVSE:
 - L2 home charging
 - L2 home charging + present day FC station availability
 - o Climate:
 - Seattle (coincident with travel data)
 - Phoenix (worst case thermal management)
 - Battery Thermal Management System:
 - Passive cooling
 - High-power liquid cooling (active only when driving)
 - High-power liquid cooling (active when driving & charging)

Results: Average Battery Temp

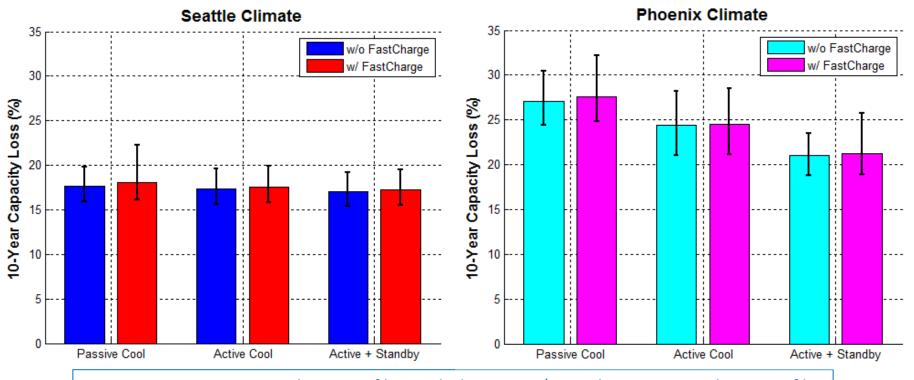
- In Seattle, neither average FC utilization rates nor increased levels of pack cooling capability significantly impacted average battery temperature
 - o Exception: Drivers with very high FC utilization saw slightly elevated impact
- However, subject to a Phoenix climate, we begin to see the impacts of aggressive battery cooling systems on average battery temperatures



Bar = average across 180 driving profiles; Whiskers = max/min value across 180 driving profiles

Results: Battery Life

- Correlating well with average battery temperature trends, battery degradation is largely unaffected by fast charging and battery cooling systems in the Seattle climate, but is strongly affected by battery cooling systems in the Phoenix climate
 - 10-year capacity fade reduces from ~28% to ~21% in the presence of active cooling during driving and charging



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Real-World Comparison

 Compare INL field study with BLAST simulations from Phoenix with fast charging and passive battery cooling

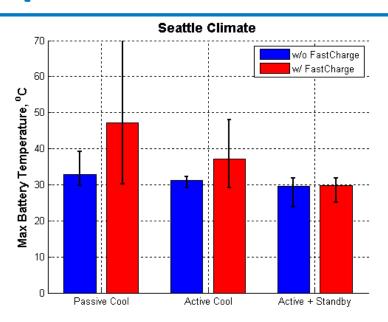
| | | Odometer | Avg FC | Avg Capacity | Avg Capacity |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| | Years | Avg, mi | Events | Loss w/o FC | Loss w/ FC |
| INL Field Test | 1.5 | 50,000 | 526 | 24.8% | 27.4% |
| BLAST Simulation | 10 | 97,157 | 155 | 27.0% | 27.6% |

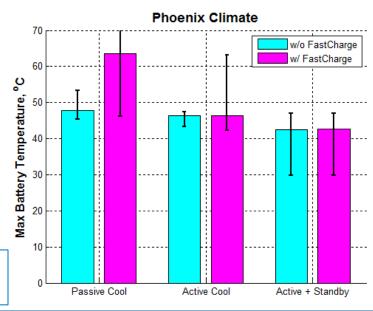
 While experimental and simulated conditions differ in terms of duration, mileage, and fast charge utilization, the common outcome is that fast charging has a relatively minor impact on battery life in both cases

Results: Battery Max Temp

- Impact of FC was most observable in maximum pack temperatures from passively cooled packs
 - Back-to-back sequencing of drive-FC-drive produces significant heat generation resulting in dangerous thermal conditions
- Simulated packs with aggressive cooling systems were able to mitigate heat generation on FC tours and maintain safe thermal conditions

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Fast charge impact analysis

Consider cell heterogeneity in a hot climate subject to fast charging

Model Parameters

 Consider identical vehicle model from previous section with the pack disaggregated into individual cell models with distinct characteristics

Vehicle Model:

9 sec 0-60 mph

75 mile EPA range

22.1 kWh battery

106 kW motor

1576 kg curb weight

220 Wh/mi on DRIVE cycle w/o aux

Battery Model:

100S1P configuration

±2% BOL capacity variation

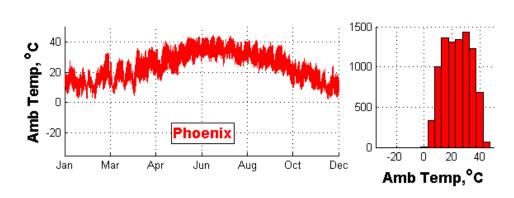
±5% BOL internal resistance variation

±10% life coefficient variation

3 node thermal model

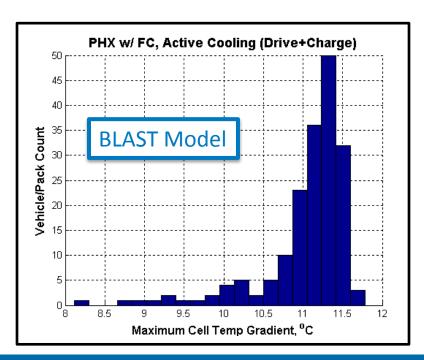
Active cooling BTMS (drive+charge)

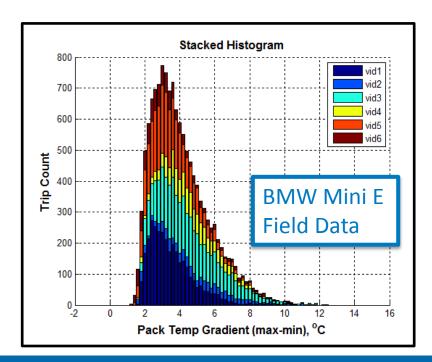
 Simulate 10 years life in Phoenix subject to asnecessary fast charging



Pack Thermal Gradients

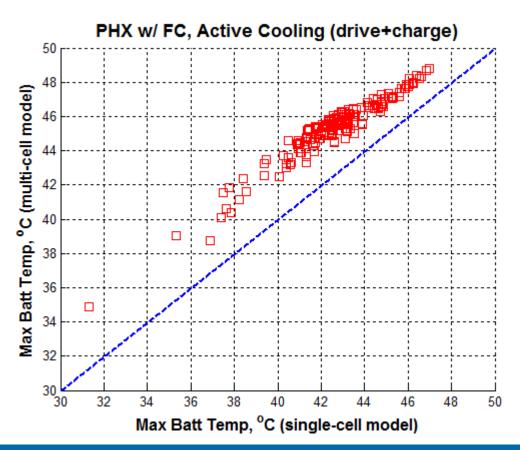
- BLAST simulations resulted in maximum cell-to-cell temperature variation of 11°C on average
- Modeled behavior compares favorably with small field dataset collected by BMW on the Mini E platform

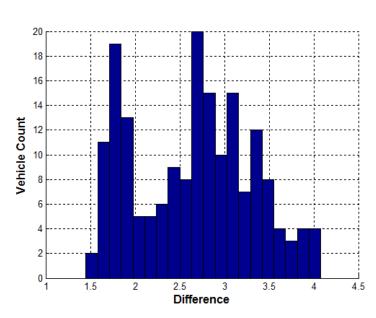




Value of Multi-cell Thermal Model

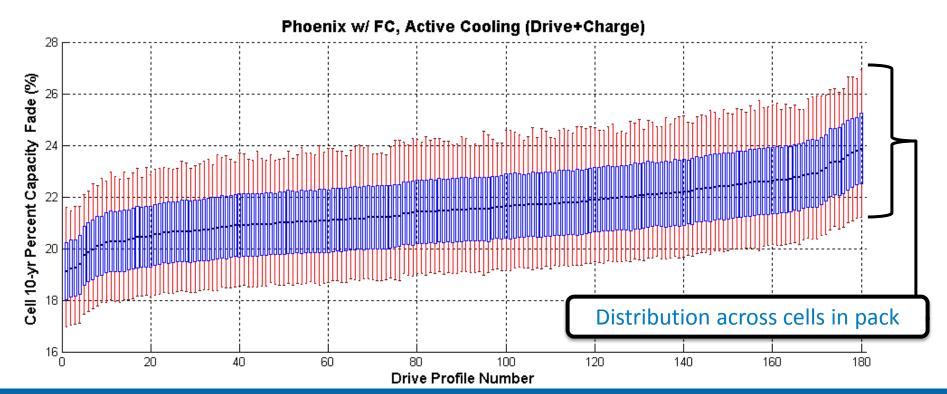
Multi-cell modeling predicts peak temperatures
 1.5°C to 4°C warmer than single-cell model





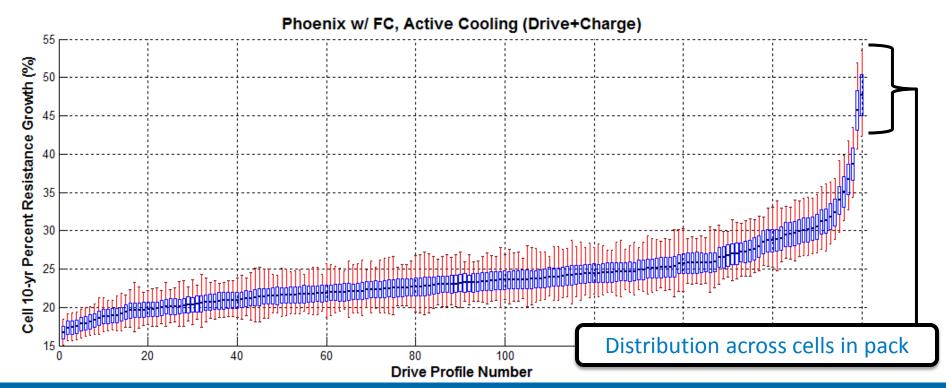
Capacity Loss Results

- Average cells lost 19% to 24% of BOL capacity
 - Best case vehicle/cell combination lost 17% BOL capacity
 - Worst case vehicle/cell combination lost 27% BOL capacity
- Difference in capacity across cells in a pack is typically ~5%
- Capturing minimum cell capacity is important, as this is what will limit range and vehicle utility without advanced balancing



Resistance Growth Results

- Average cells saw 17% to 48% resistance growth
 - Best case vehicle/cell combination saw 15% resistance growth
 - Worst case vehicle/cell combination saw 54% resistance growth
- Difference in resistance across cells in a pack is typically ~6%
- Capturing maximum cell resistance is important, as this is what will limit power (in combination with thermal gradient) without advanced balancing

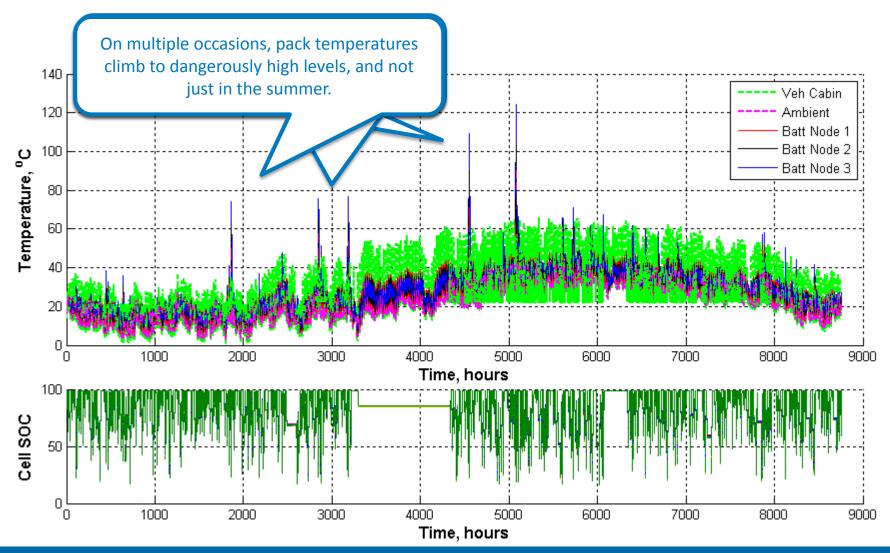




Fast charge impact analysis

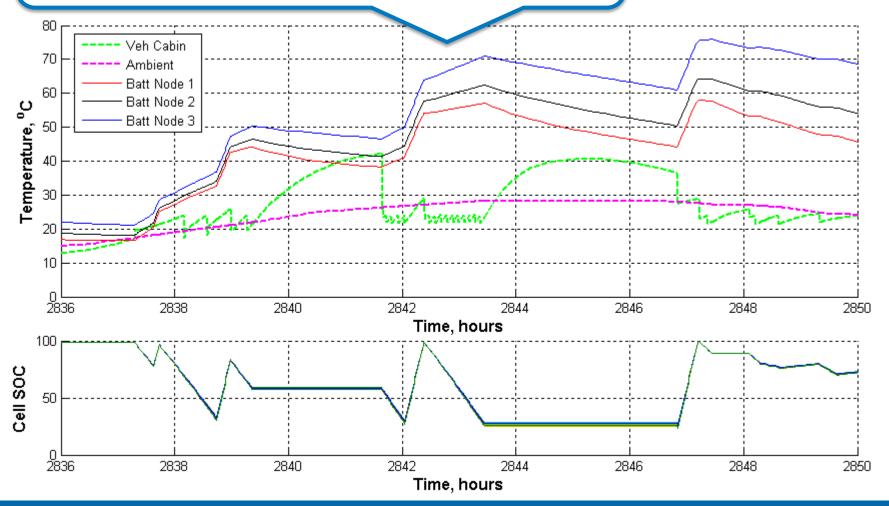
A closer look at how fast charging impacts max battery temperatures

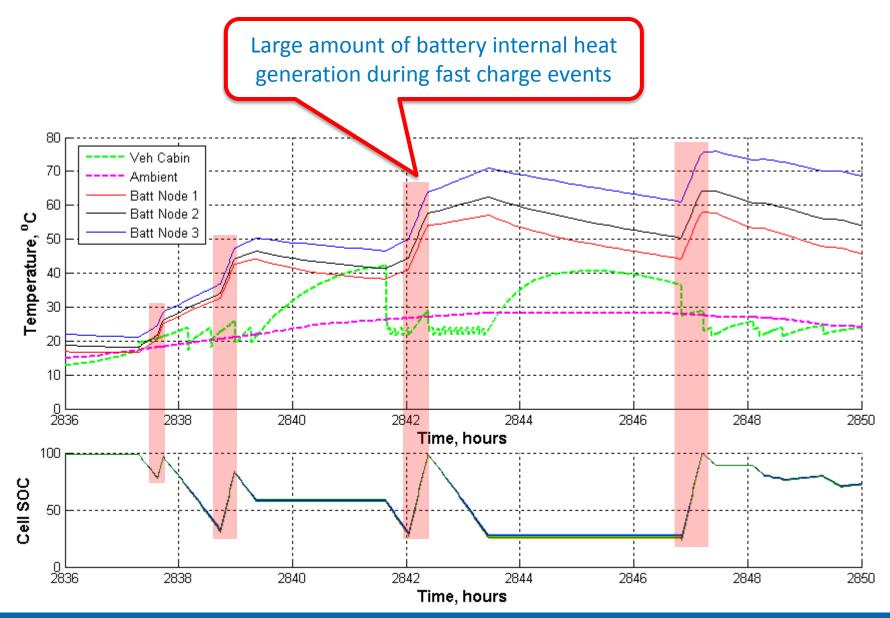
Thermal history of battery w/ passive cooling and fast charging

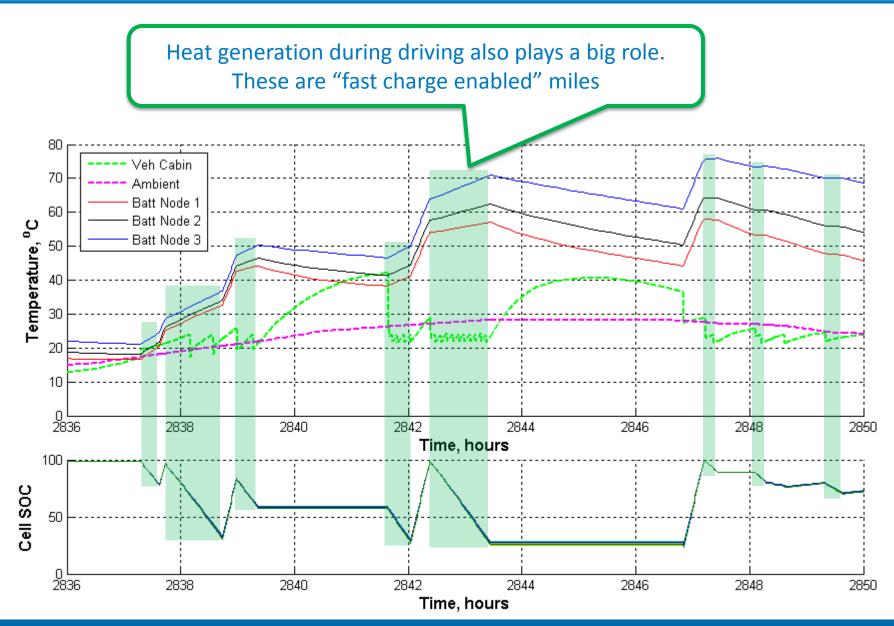


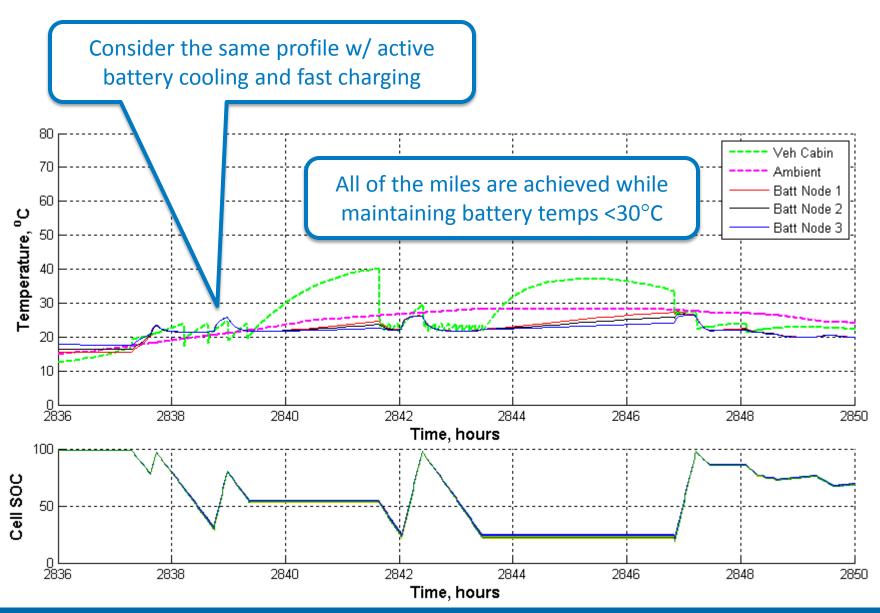
Example Vehicle: Half Day

Zoom in on these temperature peaks and we find sequences of multiple back-to-back drive-then-fast-charge-then-drive-again events (4 fast charge events in <12 hours)









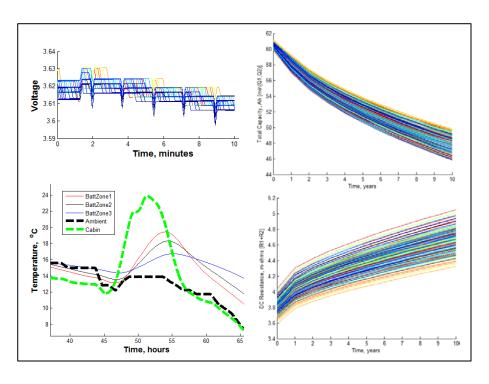


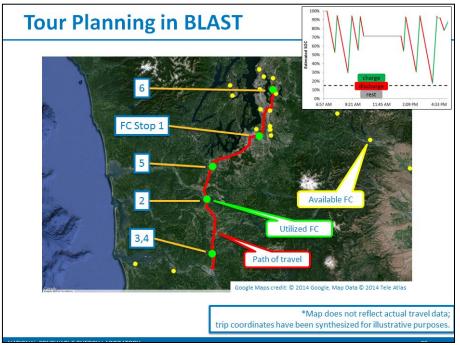
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FY14 New Capabilities

- Demonstrated ability to capture cell level electrical/thermal/life effects in comprehensive ownership analysis
- Developed architecture for evaluating impact of public charging on vehicle and infrastructure stakeholders while accounting for spatial station availability and temporal vehicle demand





Summary: Correlation with Real World Data

- Our new-for-FY14 routing logic produces fast charge usage statistics – particularly time at stations and energy from stations – that agree well with EV Project data
- Our degradation data agrees well with INL's fast charge degradation tests, in that the difference in degradation between cases with and without fast charging is small
- BLAST-V simulations predict much higher maximum battery temperatures than INL's BEV fast charging experiments, but these experiments have multi-hour rests in between fast charging and subsequent driving events

Summary: Analysis Results

- Aggressive active battery cooling is important for constraining maximum battery temperatures, particularly for long fast-charge-enabled tours in hot climates
 - Such conditions could pose a safety risk without aggressive active cooling, though it is more likely that the BMS will intervene to reduce available charging and driving power
- Active battery cooling can also positively impact battery lifetime in hot climates when utilized while parked at a charger in addition to while driving
- Use of multi-cell thermal and electrical models provide additional insight into battery thermal and degradation responses

Moving Forward

- We've completed simulation of multiple cases (multiple drivers, climates, vehicle range, etc.) that can be used to assess the additional utility of fast charging
- Analysis thereof will be conducted in the remaining 2014 calendar year to provide additional information on the overall benefits of fast charging and our expectations for its importance in electrifying the vehicle fleet
- These results and those described herein will be compiled into papers and presentation for the 2015 SAE World Congress

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