



***Advanced NiMH
Power Battery for High
Rate Applications***

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Who is G4 Synergetics?

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Charge

**G4 Manufactures Ultra
High Power, Rechargeable
Advanced NiMH Batteries**

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Discharge

Company Overview

- Long history of nickel battery development
 - General Electric
 - Energizer
 - Gates
- Team consists of battery veterans with over 150 years experience
- Based in United States (Alachua, FL)



Land: 103 acres
Facility: ~40,000 sq. ft.



Why did G4 select Ni-MH?

Proven battery technology for high power applications



- The HV battery, battery control module are covered for **8 years/100,000 miles.**

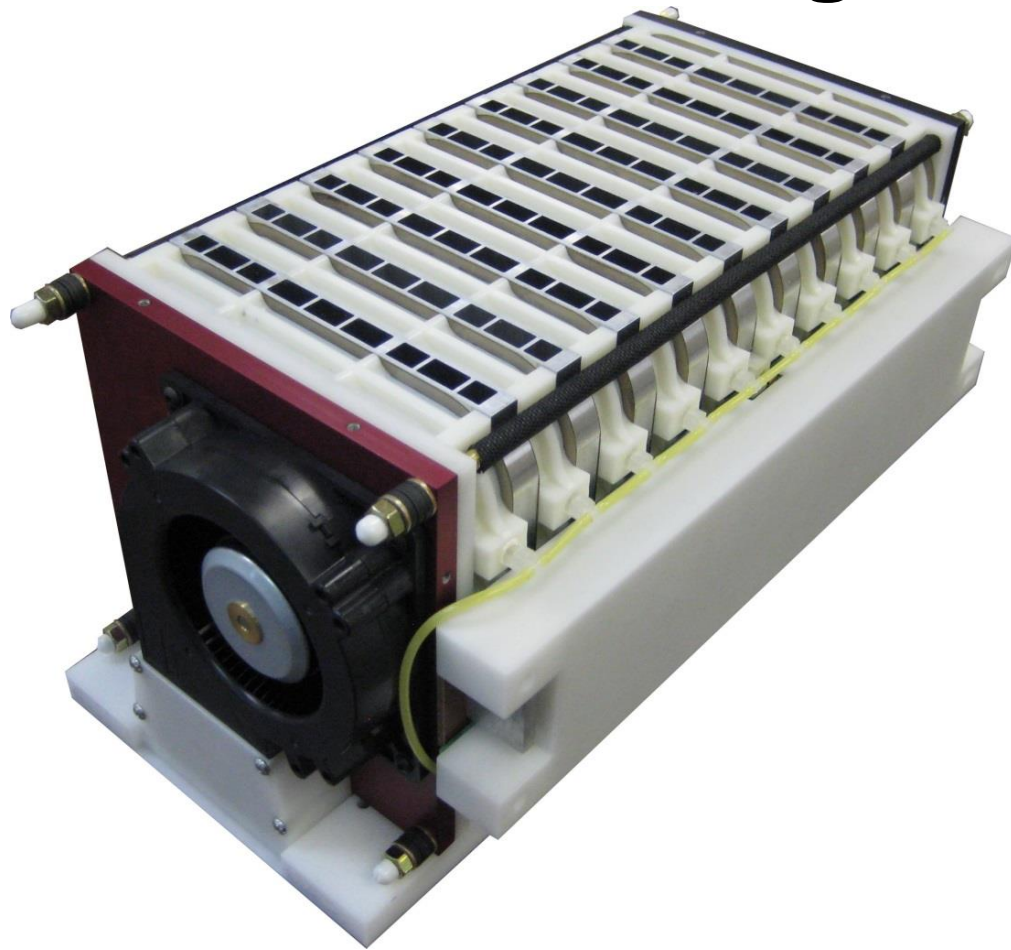
Source (April 2014): www.toyota.com

**Commercially Proven Chemistry for
Safe and Long Cycle Life Performance**

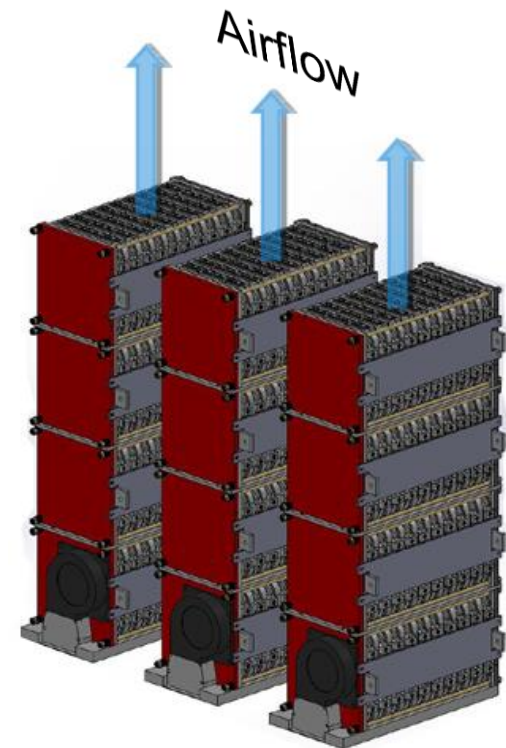


**What is unique about
the G4 design?**

Stacked Configuration w/BMS



45Ah, 12V Module



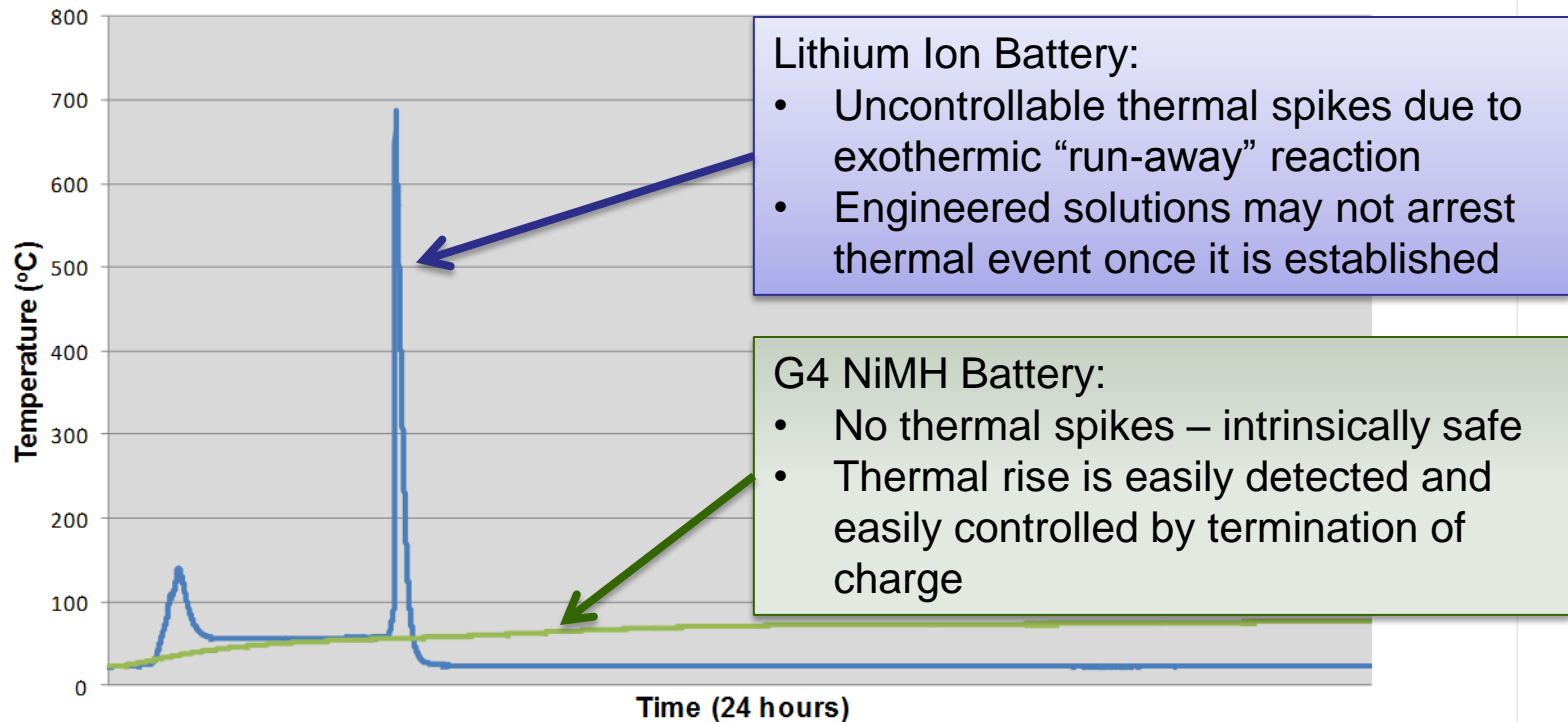


**What does this battery
architecture actually
achieve?**

Chemistry	Lead Acid	Standard Lithium Ion	EDLC (Super-capacitor)	LTO Lithium Ion	NiMH
Positive Electrode	PbO ₂ /PbSO ₄	LCO, LMO, LFP, NMC	Activated Carbon	LCO, LMO, LFP, NMC	NiOOH
Negative Electrode	Pb/PbSO ₄	Graphite	Activated Carbon	LTO	Metal hydride
Cost at system level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High energy • Low cost • Slow charge 		>\$8,000 per kWh (complete chg/disch <90s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High power 	
Strengths:	Low cost solution	High volume production and decreasing system cost	Can be charged and discharged very quickly	Can be charged quickly	High power Long life
Weaknesses:	Cannot be charged quickly. Low gravimetric energy density	If charged faster than C/2.5 lithium plating can occur and safety/cycle life is compromised	Low energy density at low cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate energy • Reasonable cost 	

G4 Unique Safety Features

UL 24 Hour C-Rate Overcharge Safety Test
(Li-Ion Battery vs G4)



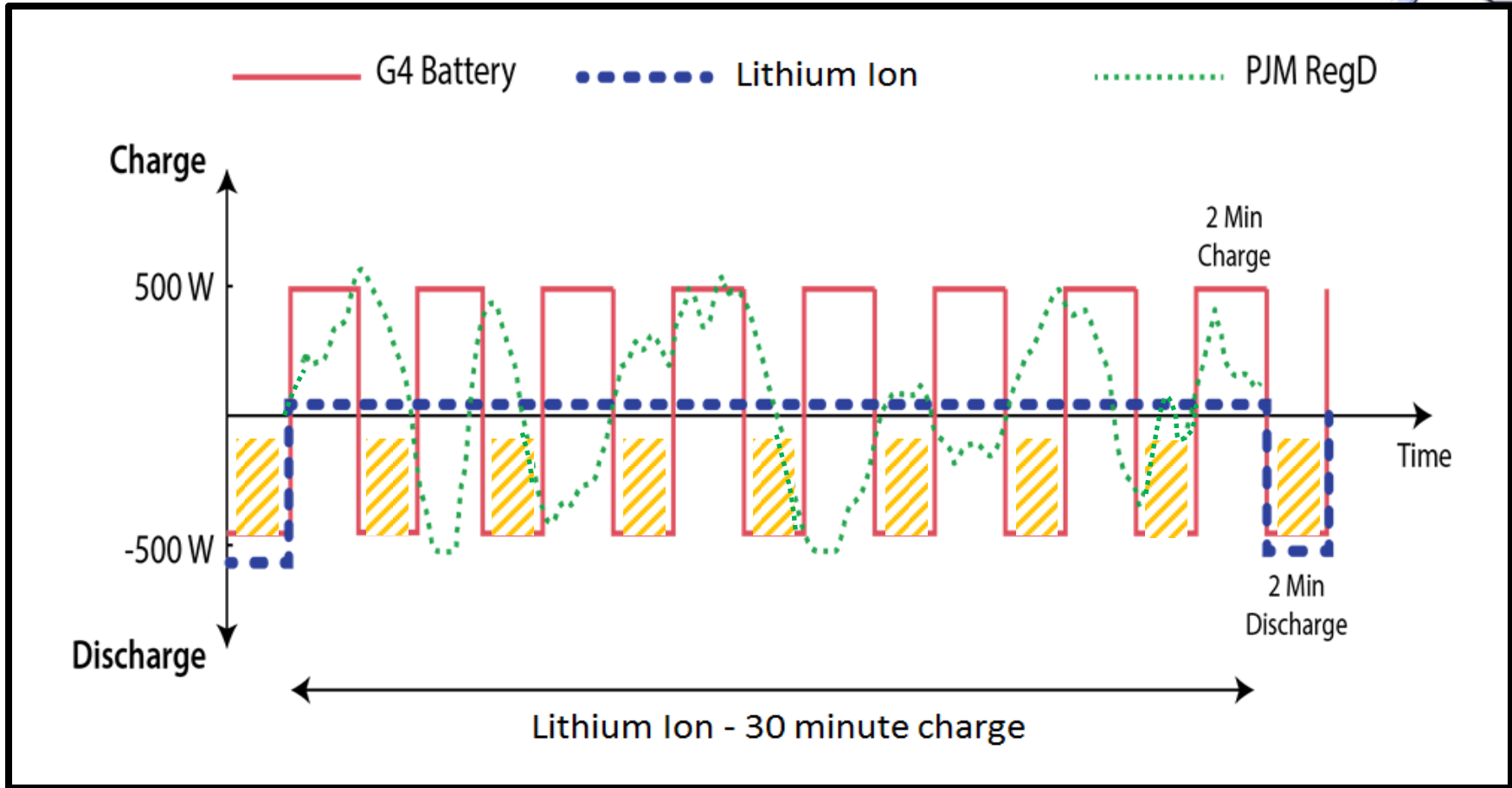
Lithium Ion Battery:

- Uncontrollable thermal spikes due to exothermic “run-away” reaction
- Engineered solutions may not arrest thermal event once it is established

G4 NiMH Battery:

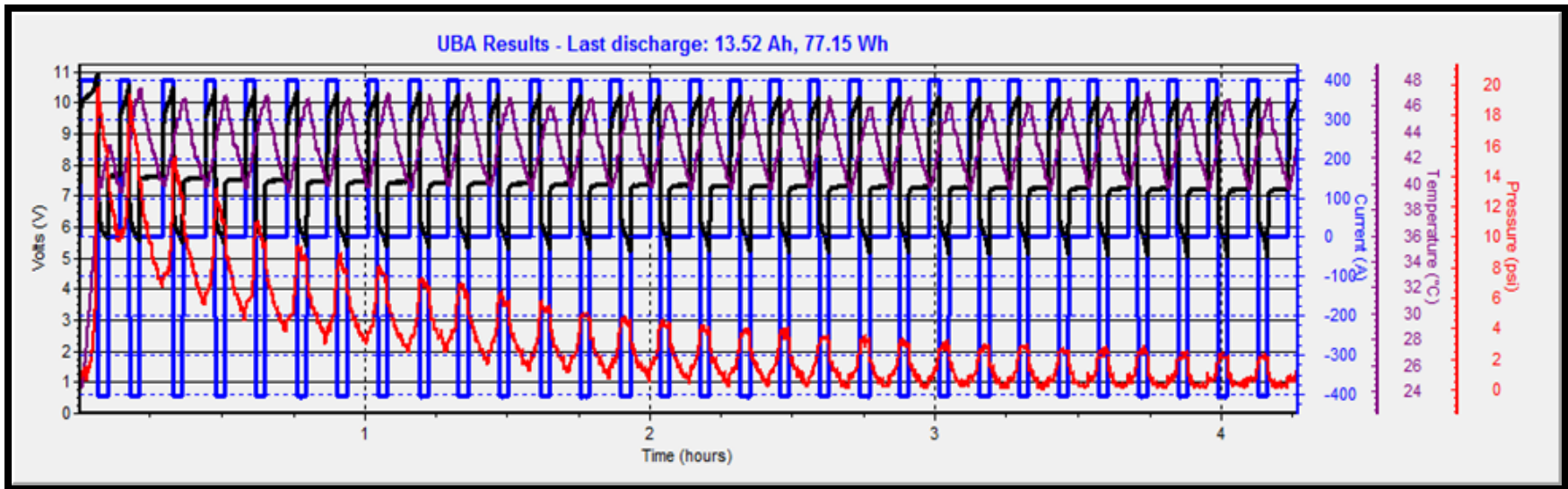
- No thermal spikes – intrinsically safe
- Thermal rise is easily detected and easily controlled by termination of charge

**2-Cell Li-Ion battery had a violent event after ~6 Hours,
G4 architecture allowed continuous, safe venting**



In this model, G4 delivers ~7 times more energy than competitive Lithium-Ion polymer batteries (LPB) at nearly the same discharge power

D1301: High Rate, 6-Cell, 25Ah, Battery @ 400A, 30 Cycles Test (fans on)

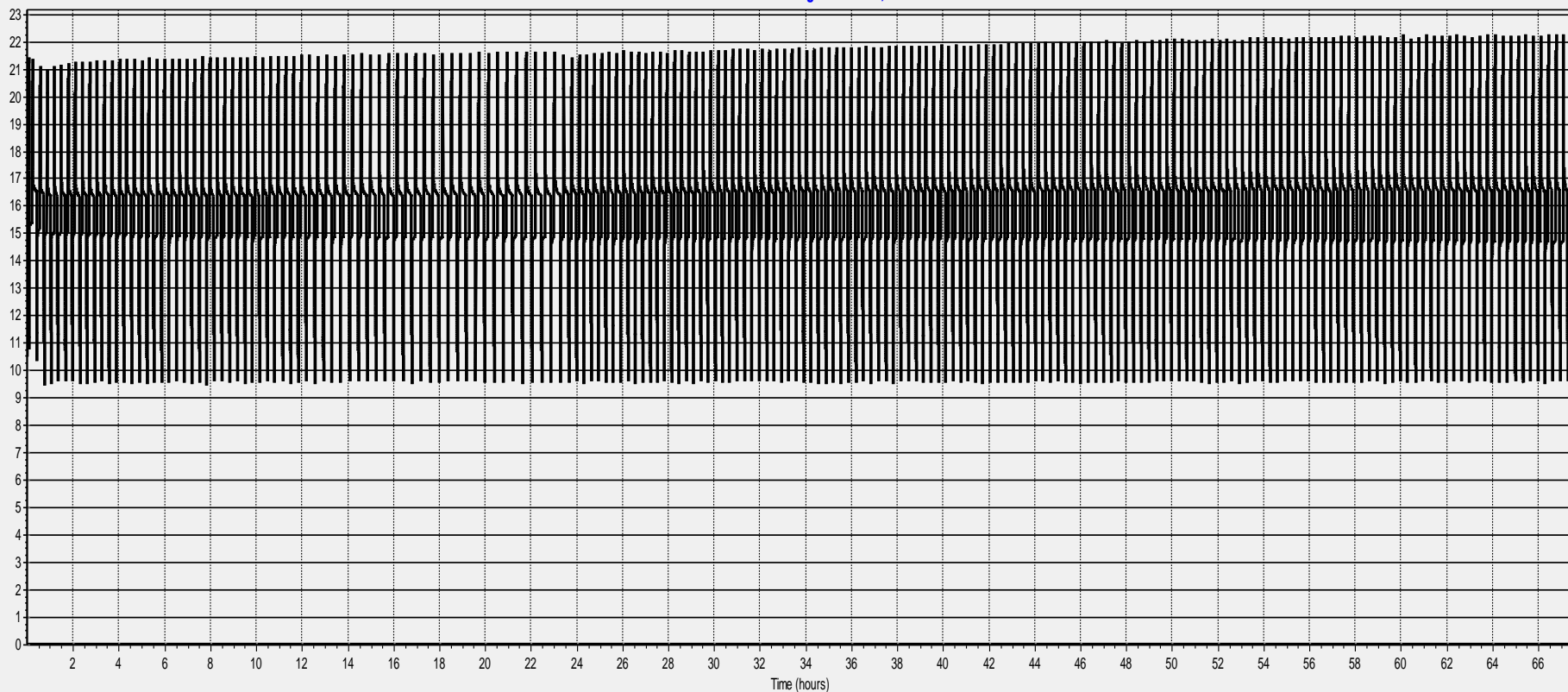


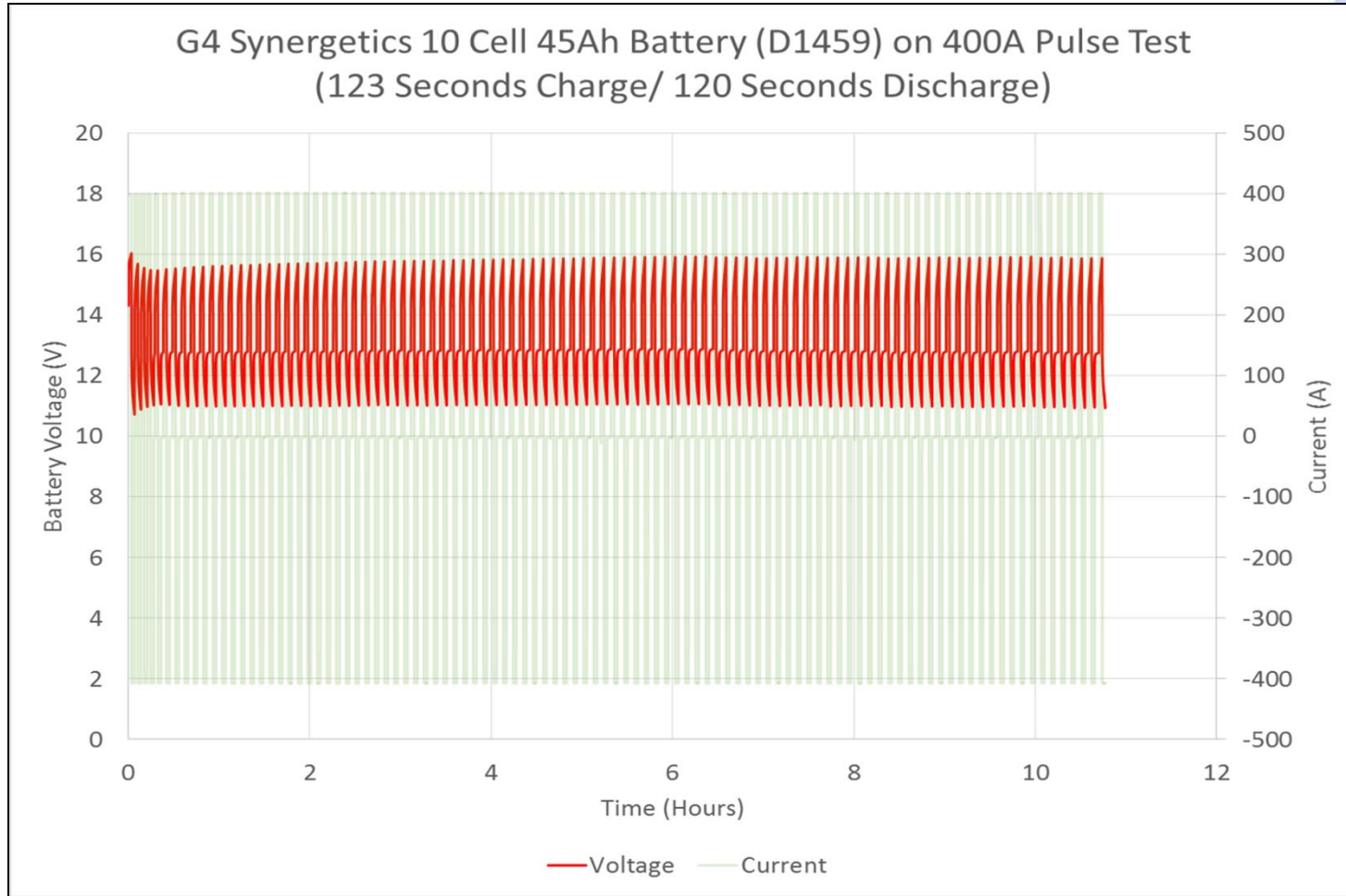
**2 min pulses at 400 Amps, 5 minute
dwell period between pulses**



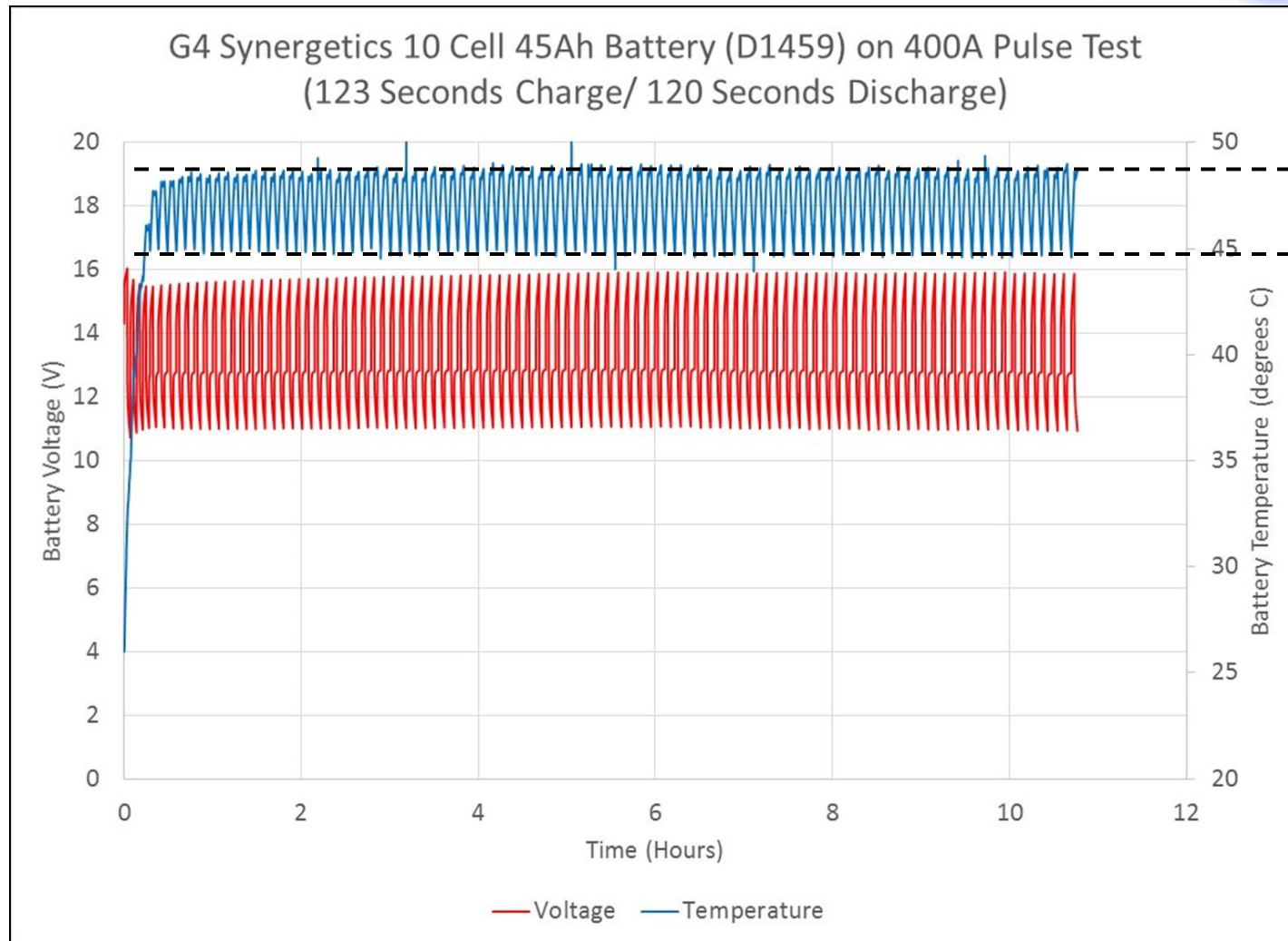
D1251:12-cell G4 Battery:400A,2 Minute Test (Fans on) for 200 Cycles

UBA Results File - Last discharge: 10.54 Ah, 114.7 Wh





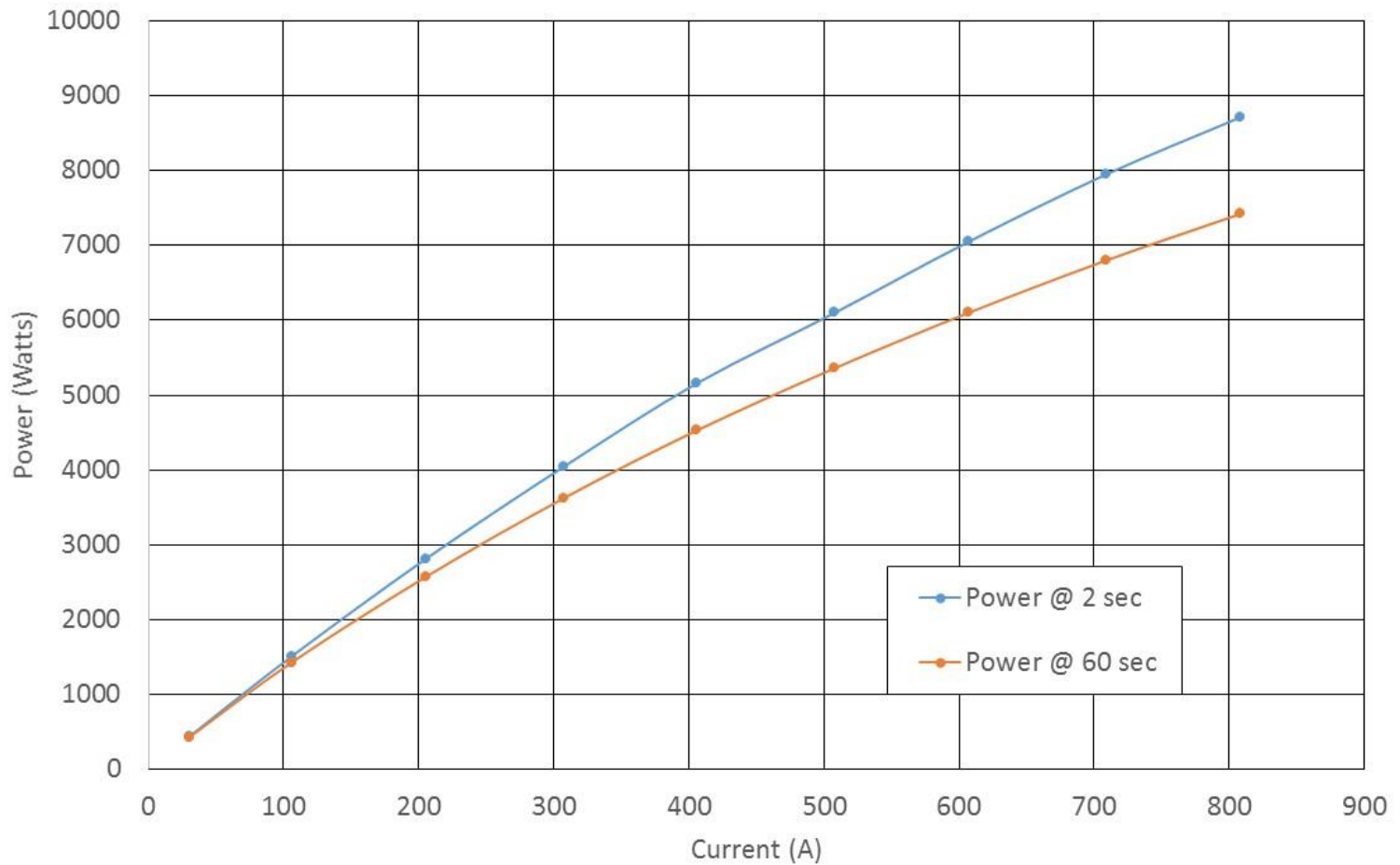
~2 minutes dwell period v. 5 minutes in 25Ah design



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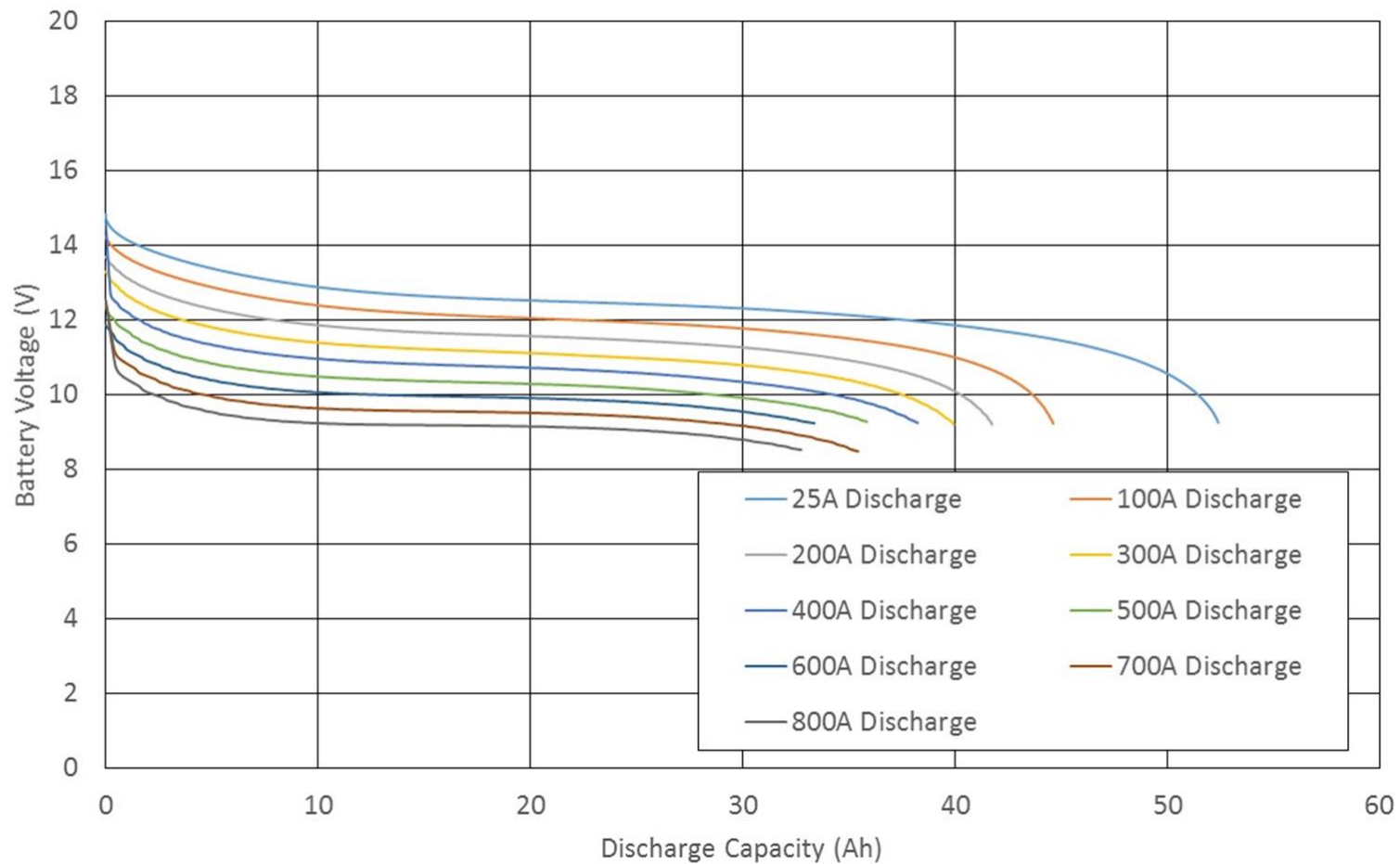
Battery cooled to 45°C between discharge/charge

10 Cell 45Ah Discharge Pulse Power Delivery

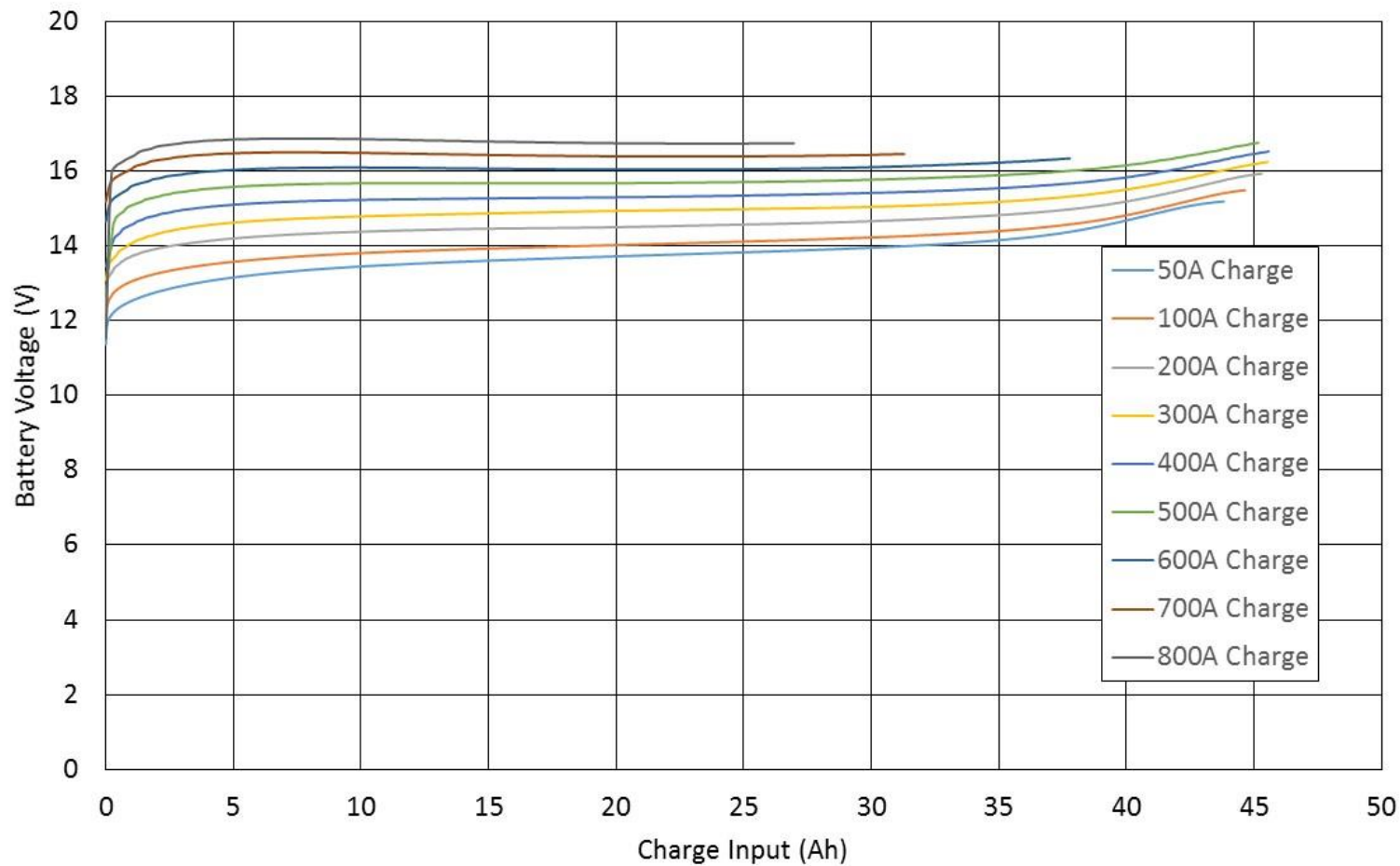




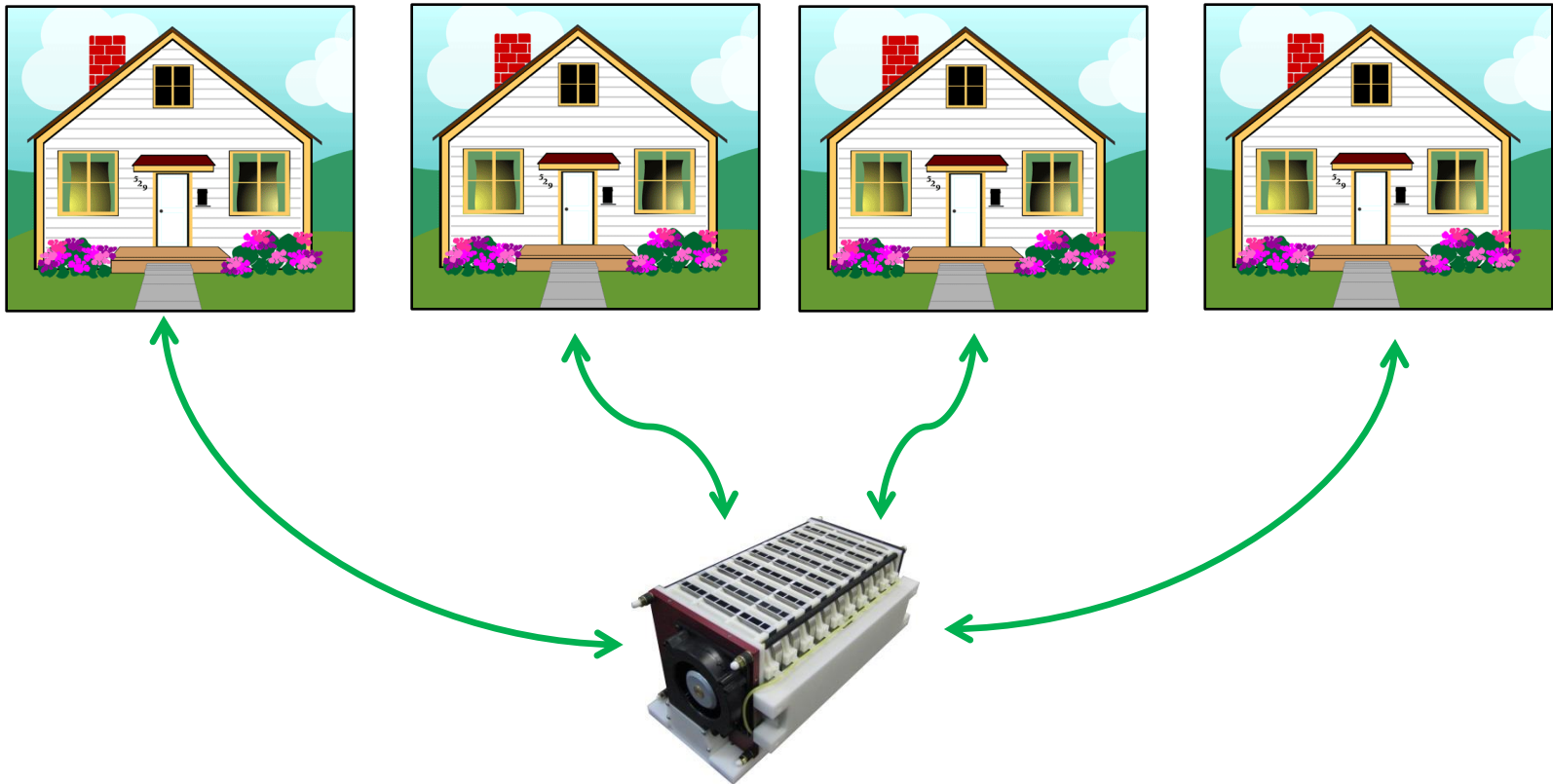
G4 Synergetics: 10 Cell 45Ah Battery: Discharge Rate Dependency at Room Temperature



G4 Synergetics: 10 Cell 45 AH Battery: Charge Rate Dependency at Room Temperature

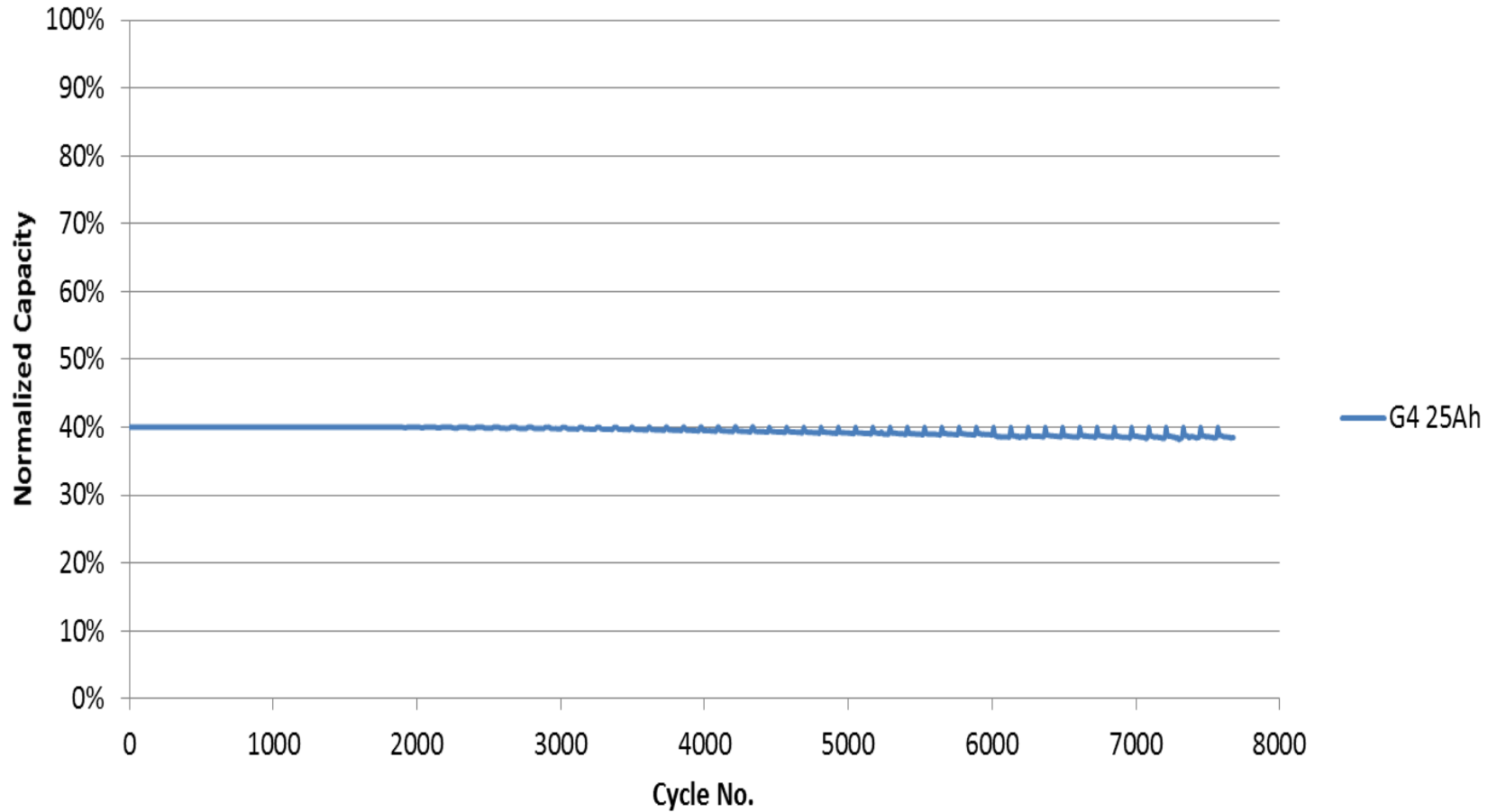


How much current is 800A?

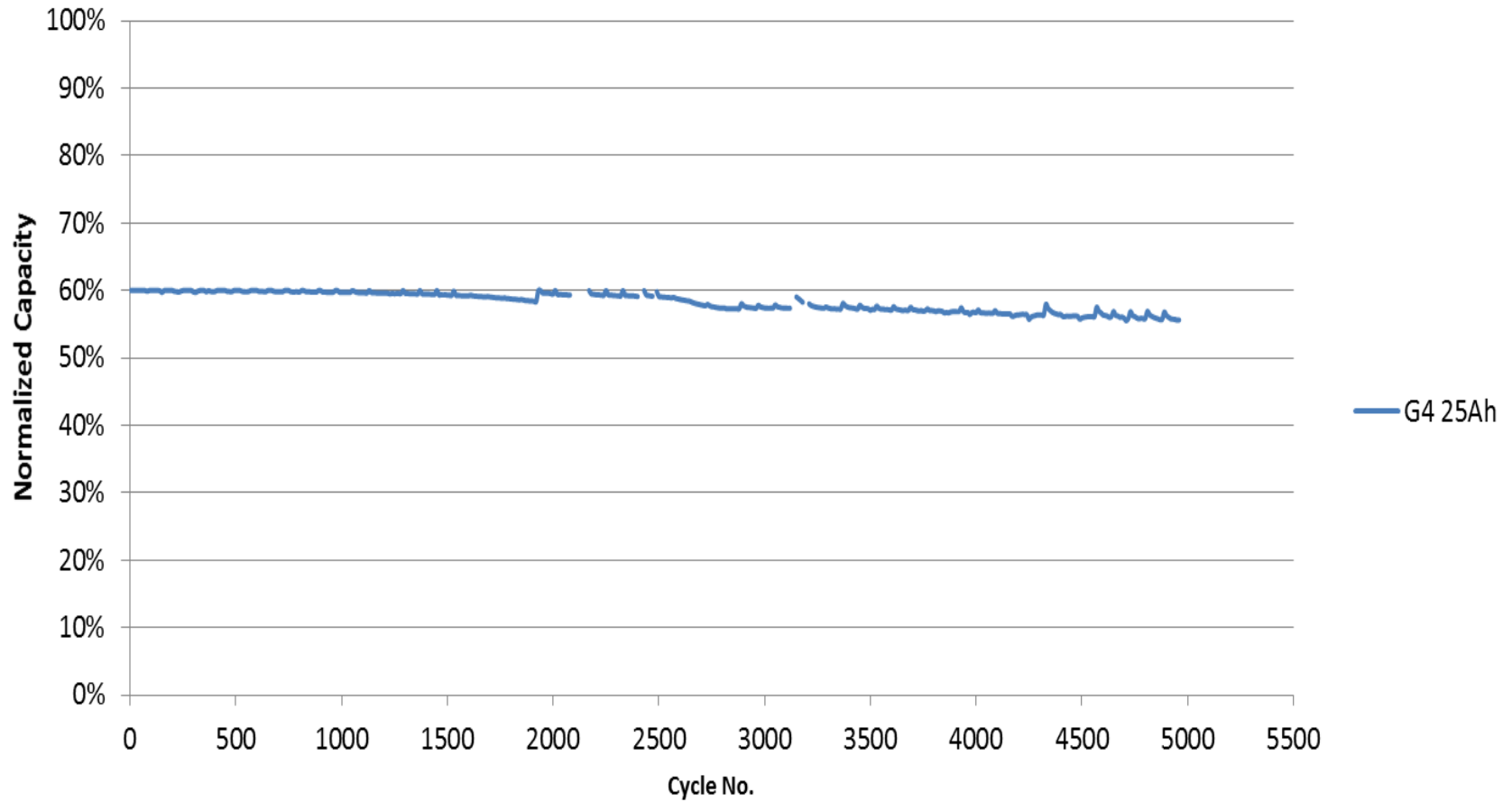


45Ah, 12V Module

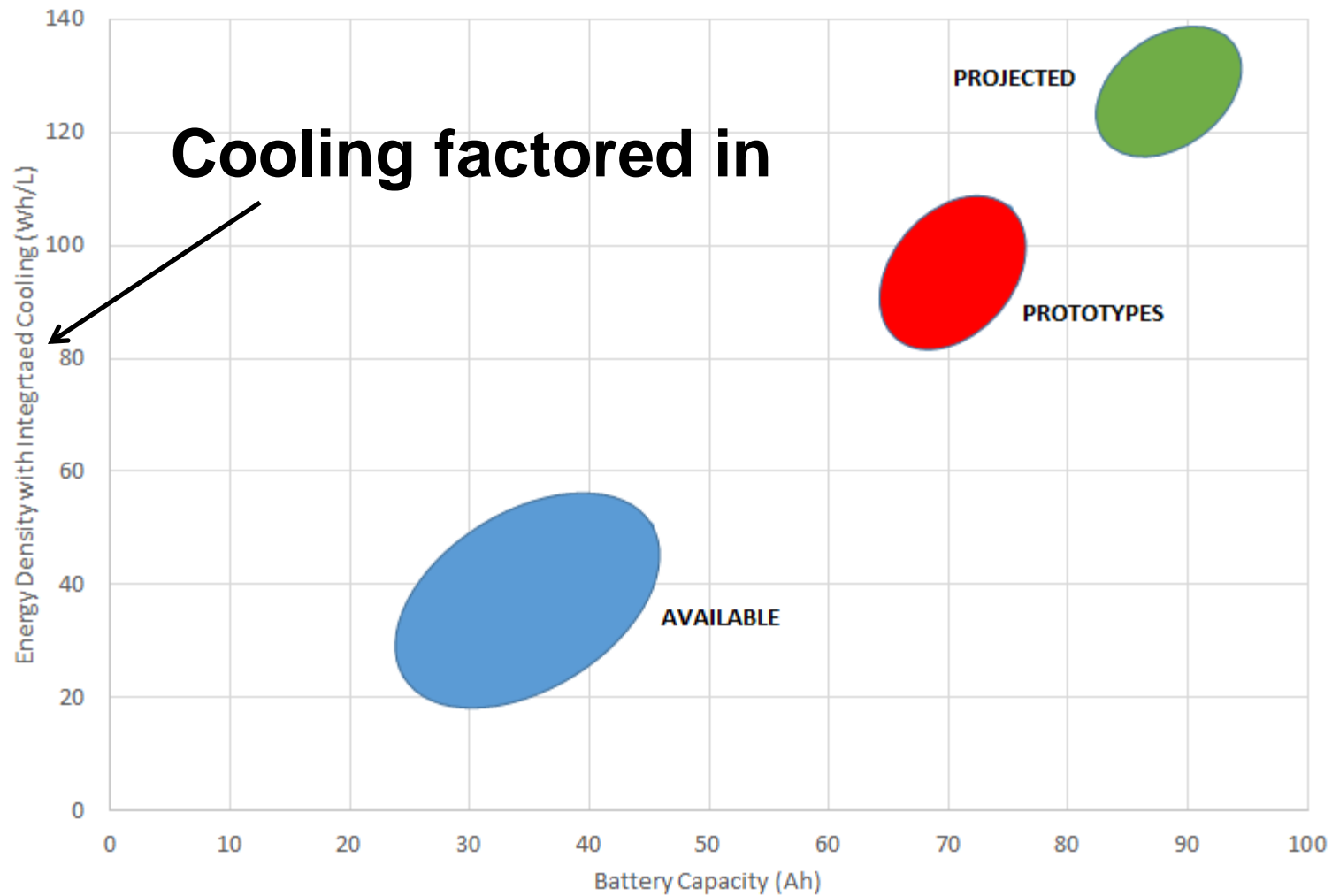
40% DoD RT Cycle Life - Normalized Capacity



60% DoD RT Cycle Life - Normalized Capacity



G4 Synergetics Energy Density Roadmap





**So What? You made
us snooze with all
this data!**



**The Real Question is:
“What can the G4
battery do for the
warfighter?”**



Military Investigations:

- 1. Pulsed power weapons and applications - in evaluation stage at UTA**
- 2. Rapid recharge capability at high rates could re-deploy assets in rapid fashion**
- 3. For FOB/facilities, smoothing/firming of intermittent energy sources (PV, wind), power/voltage stability**
- 4. Potential to circumvent stringent and costly testing criteria – DOT “friendly”**
- 5. Strategic applications that G4 is not privy to**



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