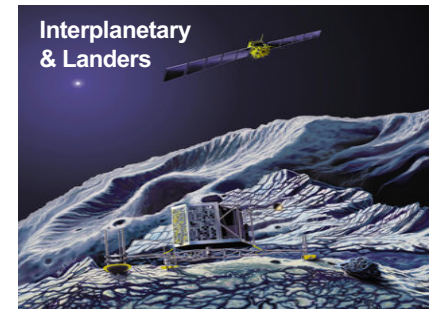
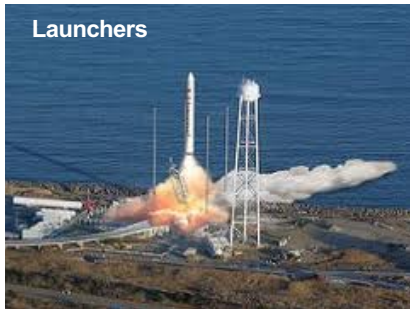


# LEO Cycling Performance after Zero Volt Storage of 8 Series Test Module with EnerSys Lithium Ion Chemistry for the Aerospace Application



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## Outline

- 1. History of product development in EnerSys Advanced Systems (EAS) – ABSL – Quallion**
- 2. Introduction of ZeroVolt technology (Cell level tests)**
  1. ZeroVolt chemistry design verification
  2. ZeroVolt cell characterization for aerospace application
- 3. 8 cell series module evaluation**
  1. 0V storage characterization for 4 months
  2. Module characterization during 20% DOD LEO cycling after 0V storage

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- **Space**

- Launch Vehicles
- Satellites
- Manned
- Interplanetary & Landers



- **Aviation**

- Fixed Wing & Rotary Aircraft including F16/18 & 777
- UAV's & Target Drones



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- Guided Bombs & Projectiles
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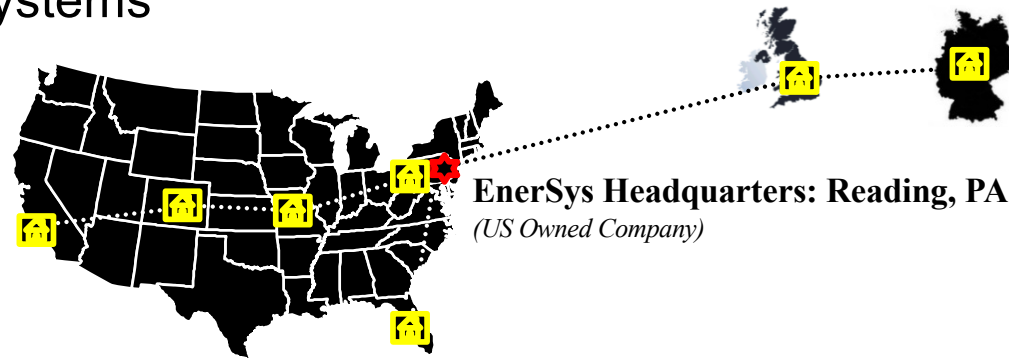
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# Facility Locations

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 **EAS Manufacturing Facilities**

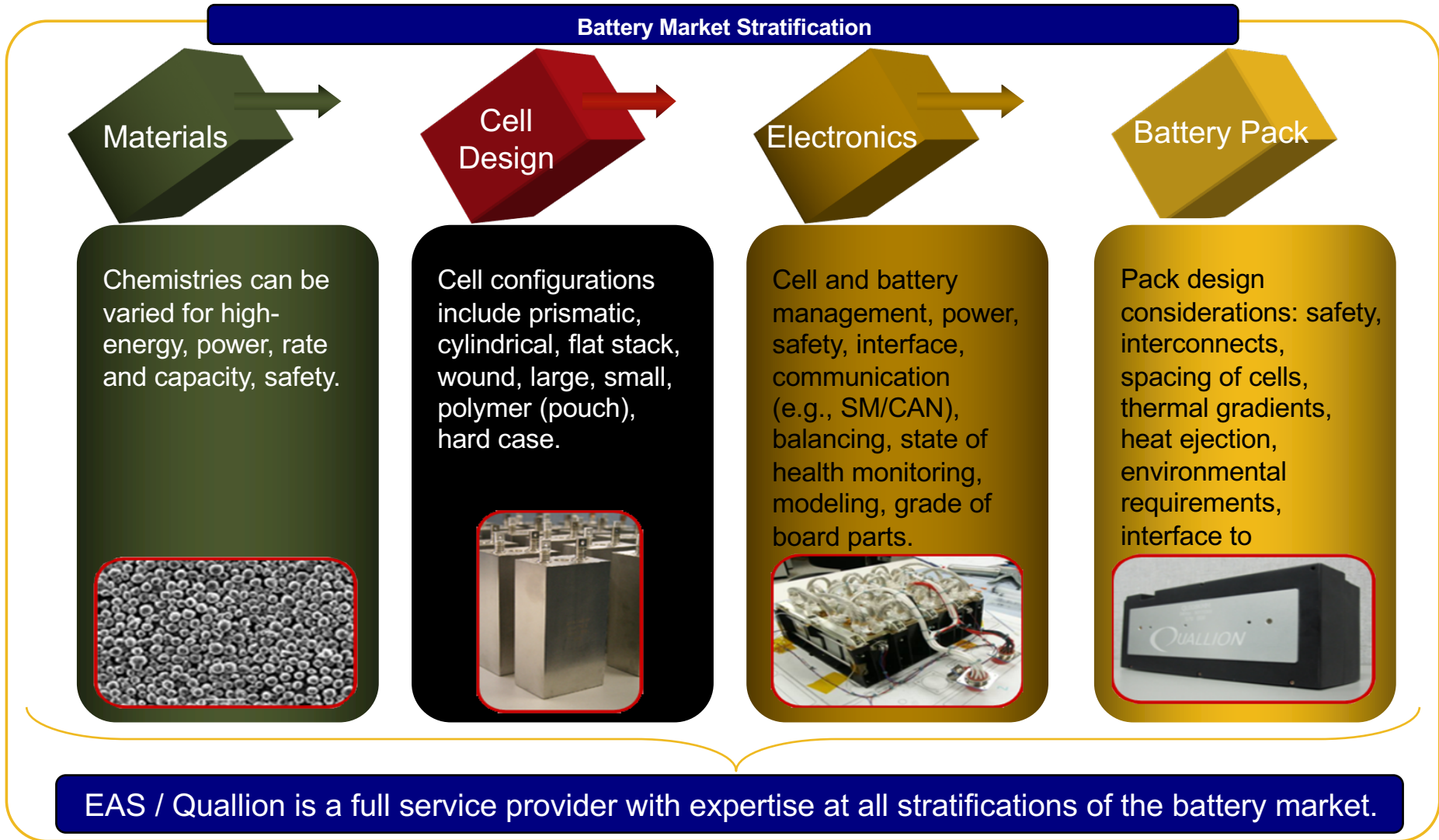
- Sylmar, CA
- Santa Clarita, CA
- Longmont, CO
- Warrensburg, MO
- Horsham, PA
- Tampa, FL
- Culham Oxfordshire, UK
- Newport, UK
- Zwickau, DE

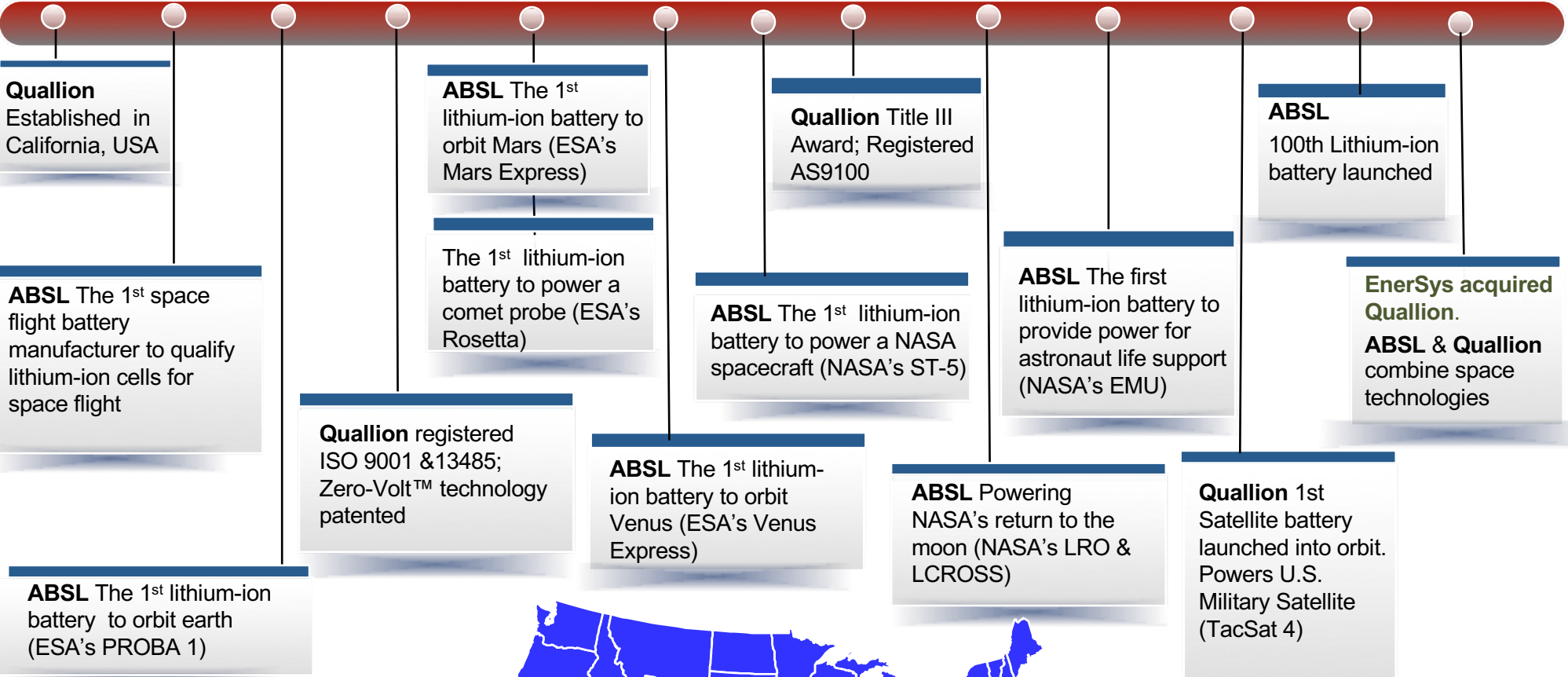


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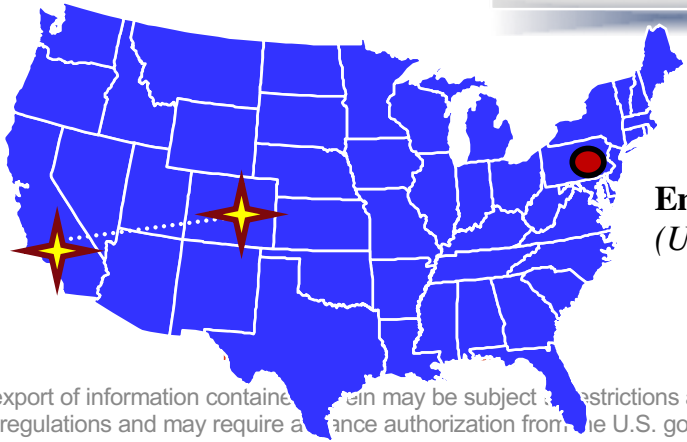
Product Line	Brands	Technology	Main Manufacturing Locations
Space	ABSL/Quallion	Lithium-Ion Materials, Cells & Batteries	Longmont CO, Sylmar CA, Culham UK
Medical	Quallion	Lithium-ion Cells & Batteries	Sylmar CA
Munitions	EAS, Enser	Lithium Primary/Liquid Reserve	Horsham PA, Tampa FL
Land & Sea	Hawker/Armasafe	Lead Acid (Thin Plate), NiZn	Warrensburg MO, Zwickau DE
Aviation	Hawker/Quallion	Lead Acid (Thin Plate), Ni-Cd & Lithium-ion	Warrensburg MO, Sylmar CA, Newport UK, Zwickau DE

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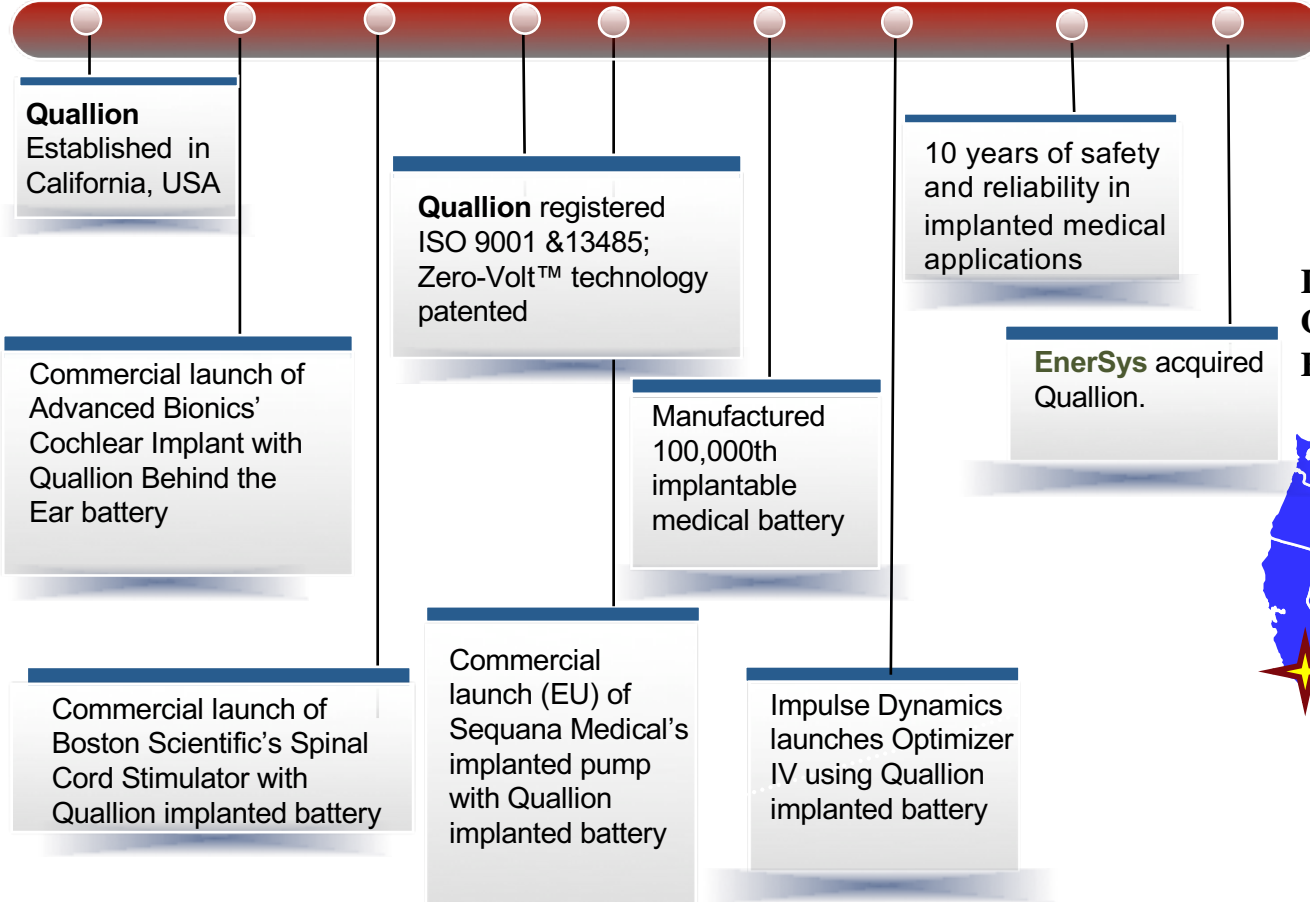




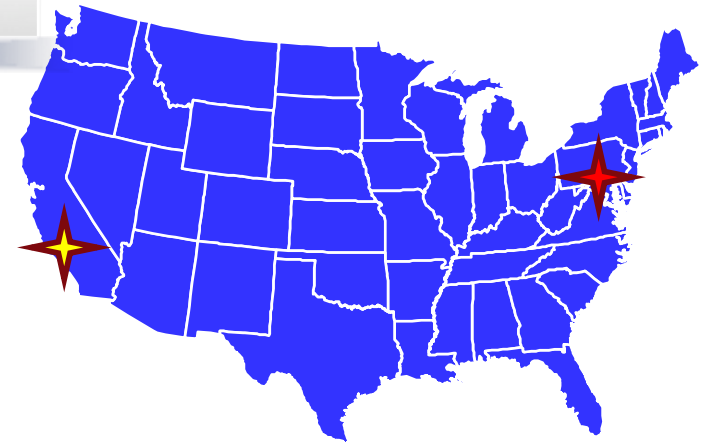
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**Quallion Facility- Los Angeles County, CA**  
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# Single Cell Evaluation

1. ZeroVolt chemistry design verification (Comparison with conventional LIB)
2. ZeroVolt cell characterization for aerospace application
  1. 200mAh test cell, 0V storage + LEO cycling test
  2. 15Ah cell, low voltage storage + LEO cycling test
  3. 75Ah cell, low voltage storage + calendar life test

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## Test sample cell

- Quallion 18650 cell (Zero-Volt™ technology)
- Sony 18650H2 cell (Hard carbon cell)

## Test procedure

1. **Capacity check to determine baseline capacity (before storage)**
  - The cells are cycled three times at room temperature according to the following standard procedures.
    - a) CC charge at C/2 rate to 4.2V
    - b) CV charge at 4.2V with a current cutoff of C/20
    - c) CC discharge at C/2 rate to 2.7V
2. **Simulate 0V state by short-circuiting the cell with a 20 ohm resistor.**
3. **Storage at room temperature for 3 days.**
4. **Charge the cells at room temperature in two steps**
  - CC charge at C/200 rate to 3.0V
  - CC charge at C/20 rate to 4.2V
5. **Repeat the capacity check test from step 1 to determine the cell capacity after 0V storage.**

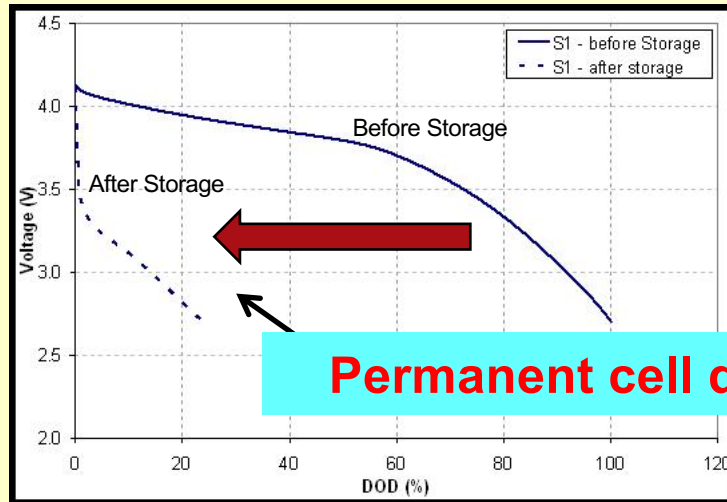


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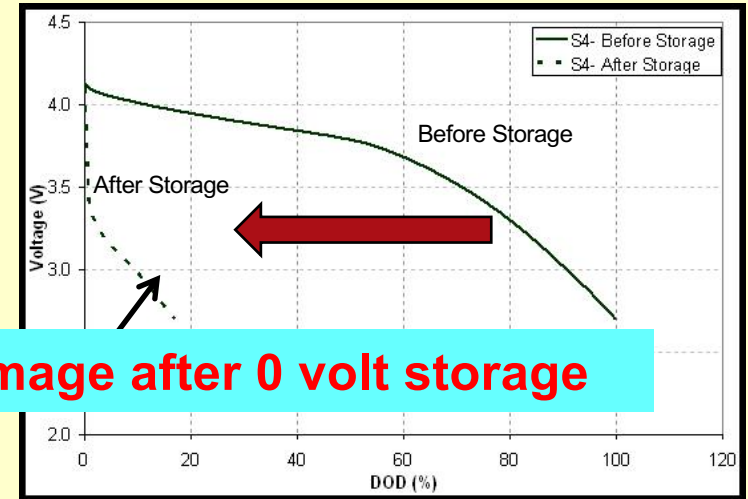
# ZeroVolt Cell Characterization Before and After 3-day Storage at Zero Volt

## SONY 18650

Room temperature storage



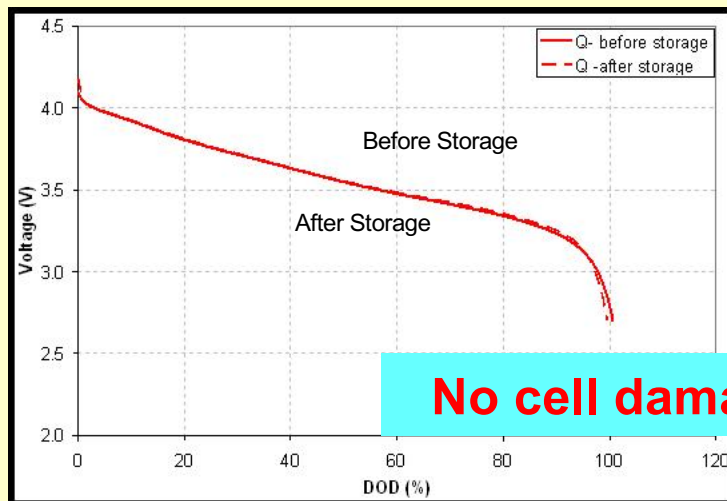
40°C storage



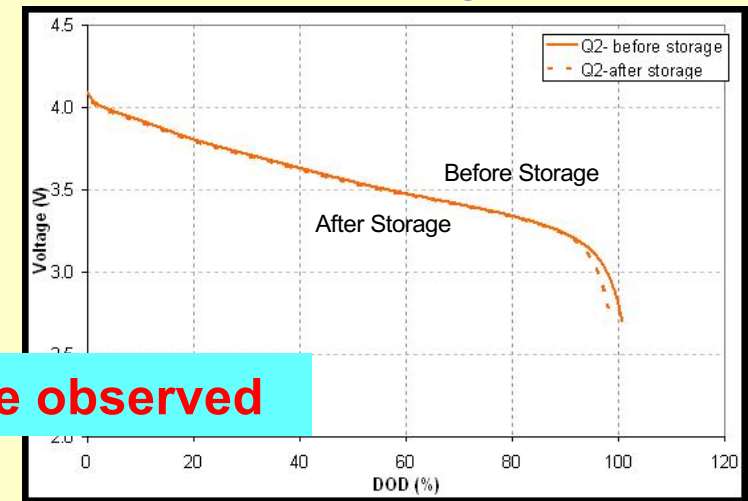
**Permanent cell damage after 0 volt storage**

## Quallion 5A-2 zero-volt 18650

Room temperature storage



40°C storage



**No cell damage observed**

## Test cell

- 200 mAh simulation cell
- Hermetic



50  $\Omega$  resistor attached across the positive & negative terminals of SCS cell

### • Pre-0V storage

1. Take ACIR/OCV measurements
2. Capacity Check Cycling (2 cycles)
  1. Charge: CCCV 0.5C to 4.1 V, 0.05 C cutoff @ 23 °C
  2. Rest: 10 minutes
  3. Discharge: 0.5C to 2.7 V @ 23 °C
  4. Rest 10 minutes

### • 0V storage

1. Characterization for Zero Volt Storage
  1. Discharge: 0.05C to 2.7 V @ 23 °C
  2. Rest 10 minutes
2. Attach 50  $\Omega$  resistor across positive & negative terminals of SCS cells
  - Incubator storage @ 23 °C for **14 or 29 months**

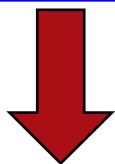
### • Post-0V storage

1. Remove 50  $\Omega$  resistor from SCS terminals
2. Recovery from Zero Volt Storage, Characterization
  1. Charge: CCCV 0.005C (C/200) to 3.0 V @ 23 °C
  2. Charge: CCCV 0.05C (C/20) to 4.1 V @ 23 °C
  3. Rest: 10 minutes
  4. Discharge: 0.5C to 2.7 V @ 23 °C
  5. Rest 10 minutes
3. Run 2 cycles of capacity check
  1. Charge: CCCV 0.5C to 4.1 V, 0.05C cutoff @ 23 °C
  2. Discharge: CC 0.5C to 2.7 V @ 23 °C
4. Proceed to long-term cycling tests

Storage Condition  
 For **29 months**,

- 100% SOC (3 cells)
- 50% SOC (3 cells)
- 10% SOC (3 cells)
- 0V (3 cells)

(at room temperature)



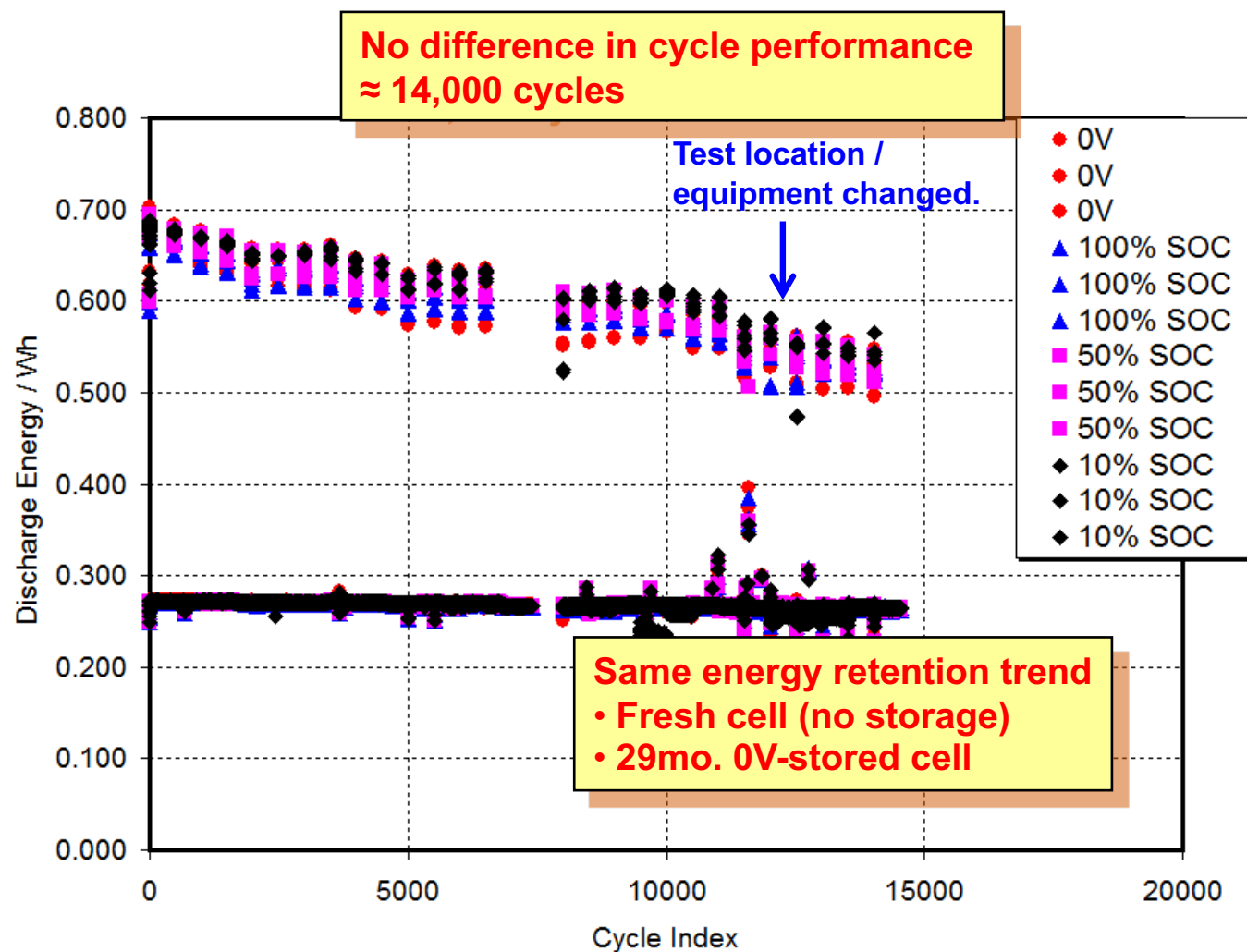
Cycle condition

- LEO cycle (40% DOD)

Capacity check

- 100% DOD

at every 500 cycles  
 (at 20°C)



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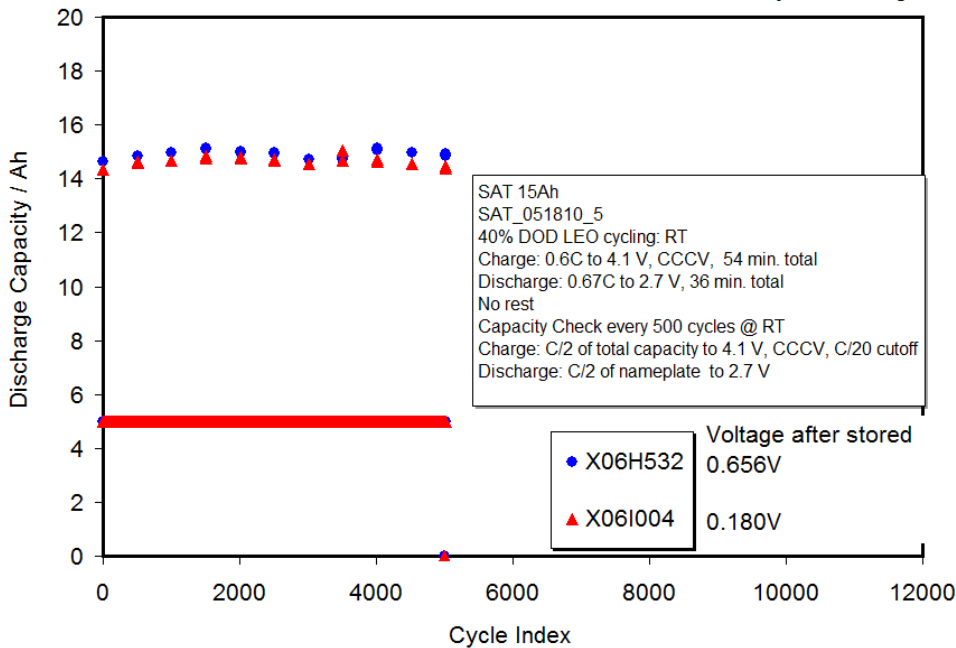
# Zero Volt Capability Capacity Retention and Cell Voltage after 0V Storage (49 months) (QL015KA cell, 40% DOD LEO Cycle Performance)



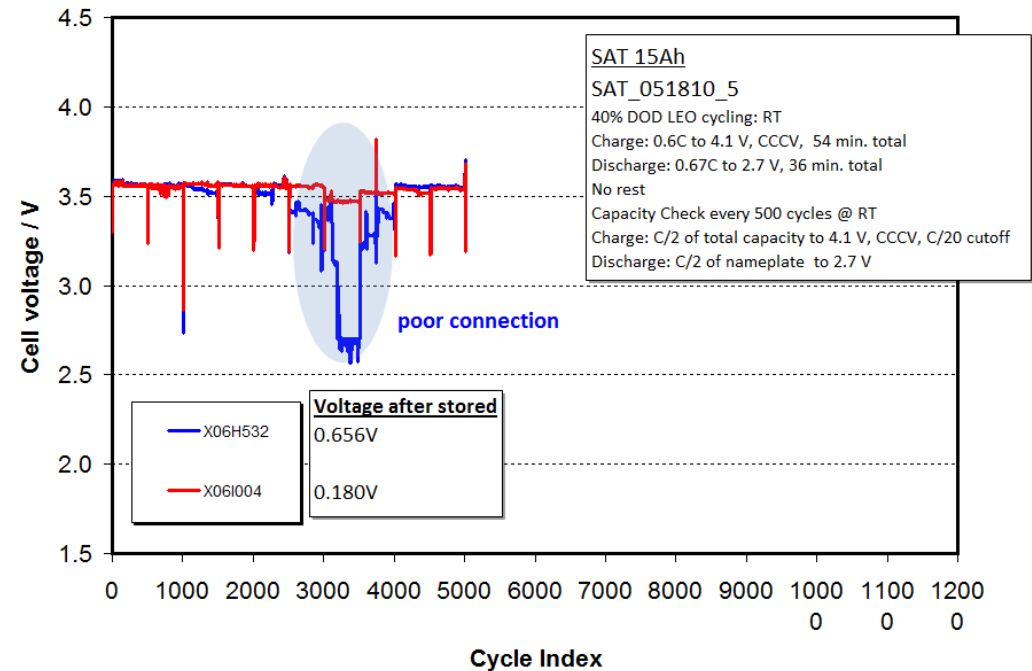
	Cell Voltage during Storage / Volts	Discharge Capacity / Ah		
		Before Storage	After Storage (49 months)	After 5000 cycles
X06H532	0.656	14.6	14.6	14.9
X06I004	0.180	14.7	14.4	14.5

## Discharge Capacity

QL015KA, after 4 years storage at RT

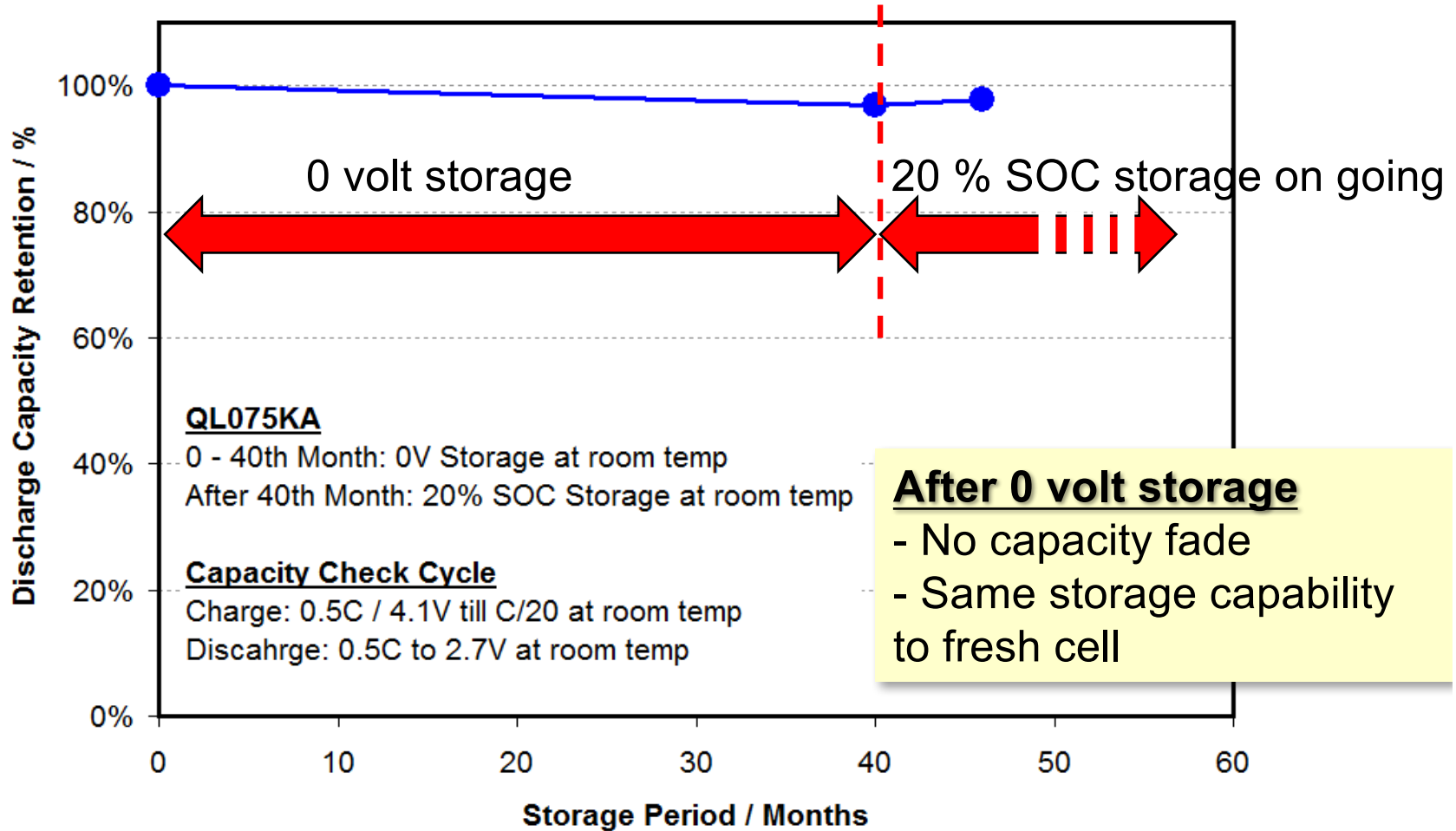


## Cell Voltage @ End of Discharge



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# Zero Volt Capability Capacity Retention after 0V Storage (40 months) (QL075KA cell, 20% SOC Storage Performance)



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## 8 Series Module (200 mAh Test Cell) Characterization

1. 0V storage characterization for 4 months
2. Module characterization during 20% DOD LEO cycling after 0V storage

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## Scope of Work

- 1. To perform 0V storage with 200mAh simulation module configured in series of 8 cells\***
- 2. To understand the influence of 0V storage with module configuration to electrochemical performance at pre-/post- 0V storage**
- 3. To characterize the 8-cell module in 20% DOD LEO cycling after 0V storage**

\*Cell level characterization of 0V storage has been done separately. This study is extension of understanding 0V capability with ZeroVolt chemistry in application use.

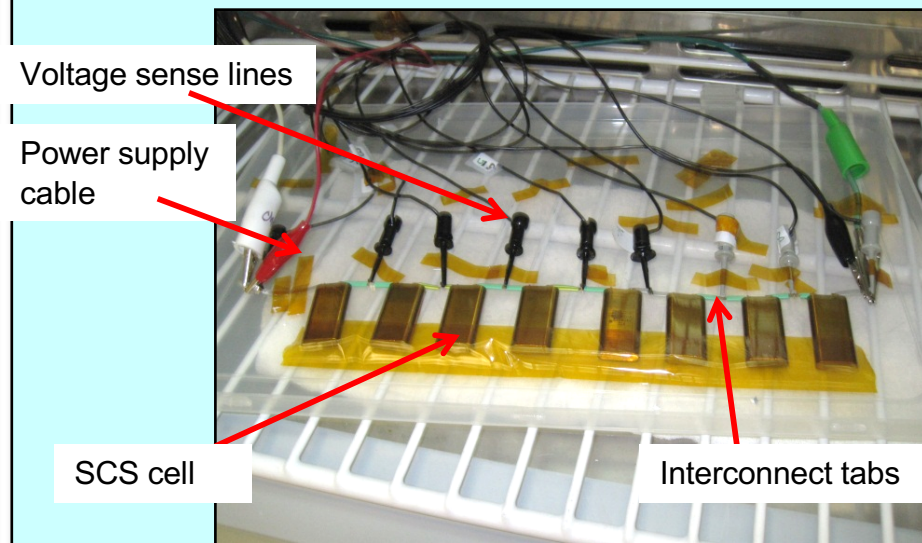
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## Cell Configuration & History of cells selected for 0 V Study:

- Form factor: 200mAh simulation cell (SCS cell)
- Feb ~ Mar/2010: Cell Assembly:  
(Cells under storage at 3.64 - 3.67 V for ~ 2 years before Module assembly and Module 0V storage characterization)
- Jan/2012: Module Assembly
- Jan ~ May/2012: 0V storage
- Jun/2012~: 20% DOD LEO cycling

## 8S Module Assembly



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# 8S 200mAh Test Module

## 0V Characterization Protocol

### 1. Take ACIR/OCV measurements

### 2. Capacity Check Cycling (2 cycles)

1. Charge: CCCV 0.5C until first cell reaches 4.1 V, C/20 cutoff @ 23 °C
2. Rest: 10 minutes
3. Discharge: 0.5C until first cell reaches 2.7 V @ 23 °C
4. Rest 10 minutes

### 3. DCIR Test (1 cycle)

1. Charge: CCCV 0.2C until first cell reaches 4.1 V, C/20 C cutoff @ 23 °C
2. Rest: 10 minutes
3. Discharge: 0.2 C for 30 minutes or to 2.7 V @ 23 °C
4. Pulse: 1C for 5 seconds
5. Repeat Discharge and Pulse until first cell reaches 2.7 V

### 4. Characterization for Zero Volt Storage

1. **Discharge: 0.1C until first cell reaches 0 V @ 23 °C**
2. Rest: 1 hour
3. Take ACIR/OCV measurements
4. **Attach resistance across positive & negative terminals of module**
  - ❑ **8S module: 400 Ω resistance (= 50 Ω per cell)**

### 5. Incubator storage @ 23 °C for specified period

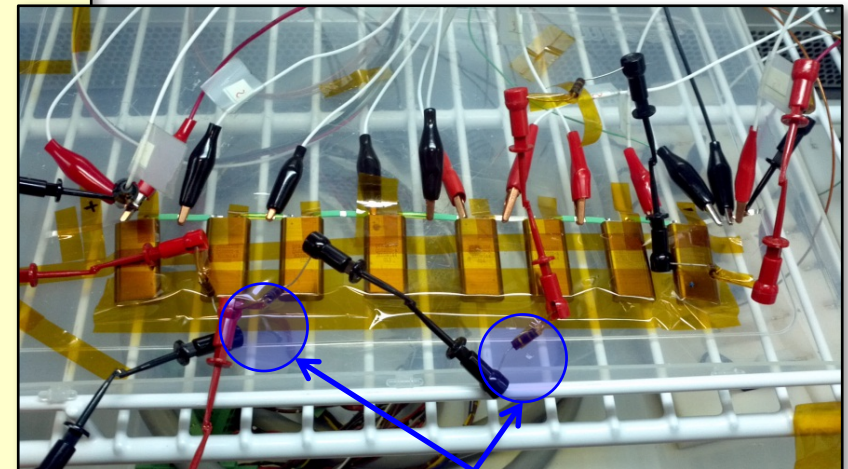
### 6. Recovery from 0V storage

1. After removing resistors, take ACIR/OCV measurements
2. Charge: CC C/200 until first cell reaches 3.0 V
3. Charge: C/20 until first cell reaches 4.1 V
4. Discharge: CC 0.5C until first cell reaches 2.7 V

### 7. After 4 months, 0V storage, place modules on 20% DOD, LEO Cycling

**Current across module with 2.7 V / cell when resistors are attached does not exceed 0.3 C rate**

### 8S Module under 0V Storage



**50 Ω resistors in series across module terminals**

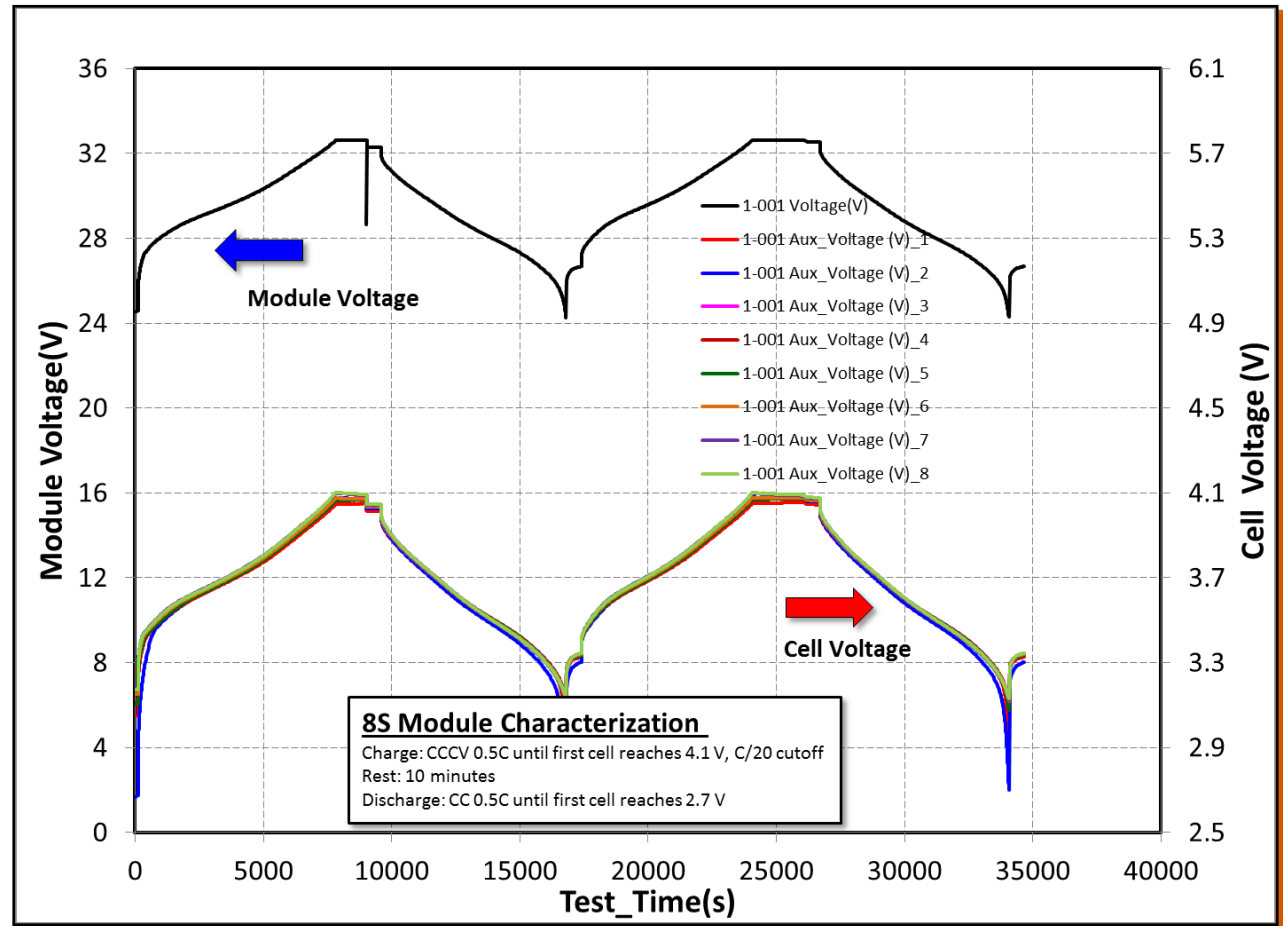
# 0V storage characterization for 4 months

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### 8S Module, Module and Cell Voltage

- Capacity Check Cycling (2 cycles)**

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4. Rest 10 minutes



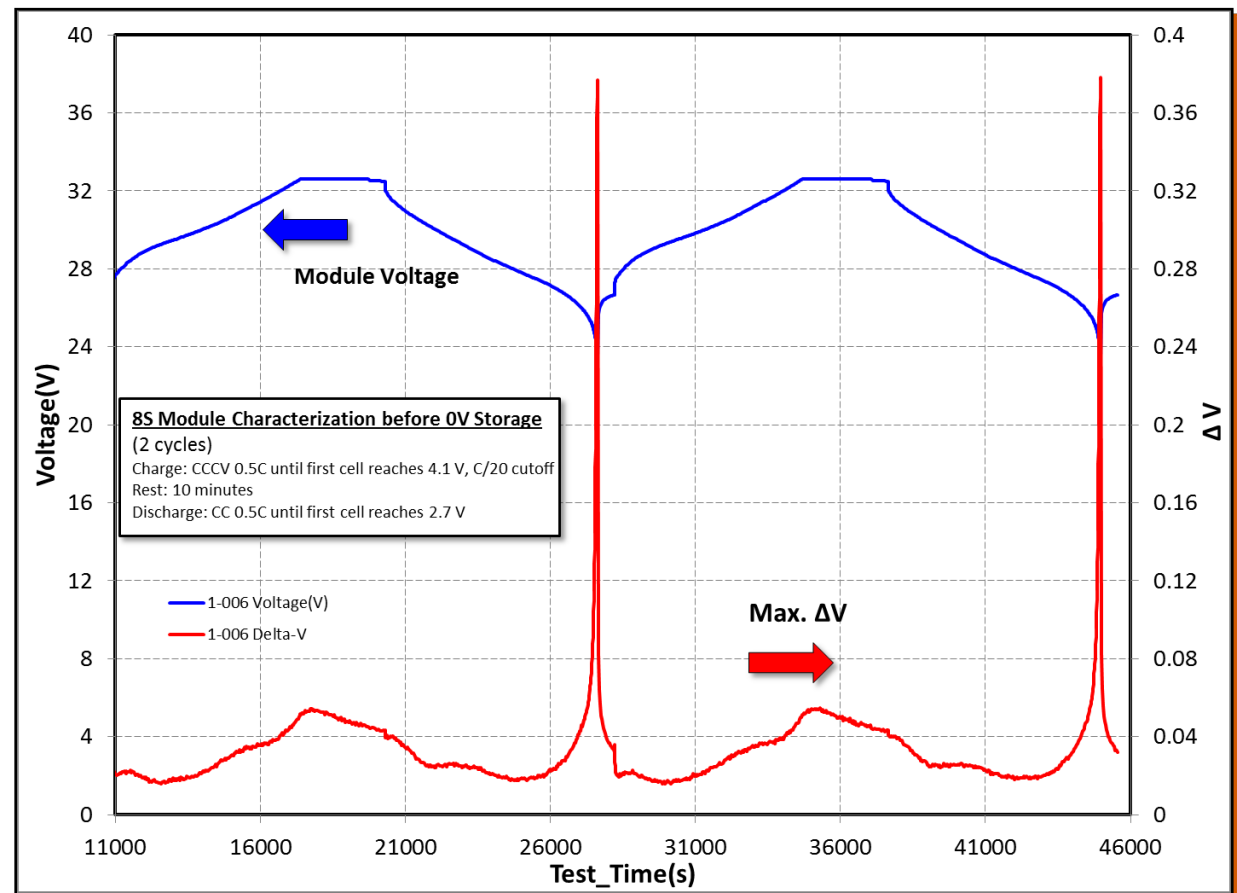
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### 8S Module, Voltage and $\Delta V^*$ vs. Time

$\Delta V$  defined as the max. difference between cell voltages during cycling

- Capacity Check Cycling (2 cycles)

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# Modules after 0V Storage, Months 0 - 4

## Capacity Check Cycling, 8S Modules

### 8S Module, Voltage and $\Delta V^*$ vs. Time

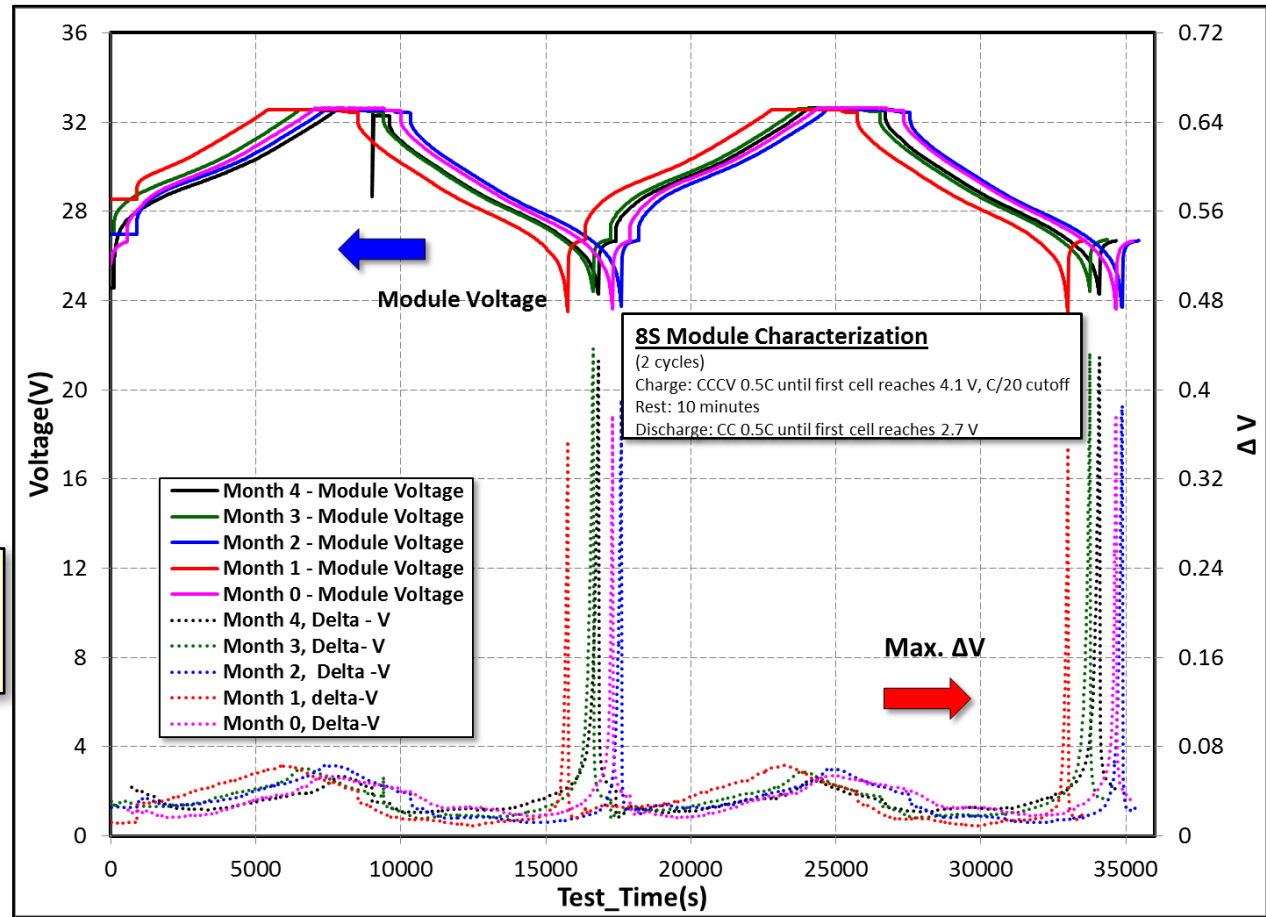
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#### Capacity Check Cycling (2 cycles)

1. Charge: CCCV 0.5C until first cell reaches 4.1 V, C/20 cutoff @ 23 °C
2. Rest: 10 minutes
3. Discharge: 0.5C until first cell reaches 2.7 V @ 23 °C
4. Rest 10 minutes

Max.  $\Delta V$  among 8 cells were in 8S module:

- @ 50% DOD = 10 – 25 mV
- @ 100% DOD, 2.7 V = 360 – 480 mV



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# Characterization of Modules after 0V Storage

## 8S Modules, Month 0

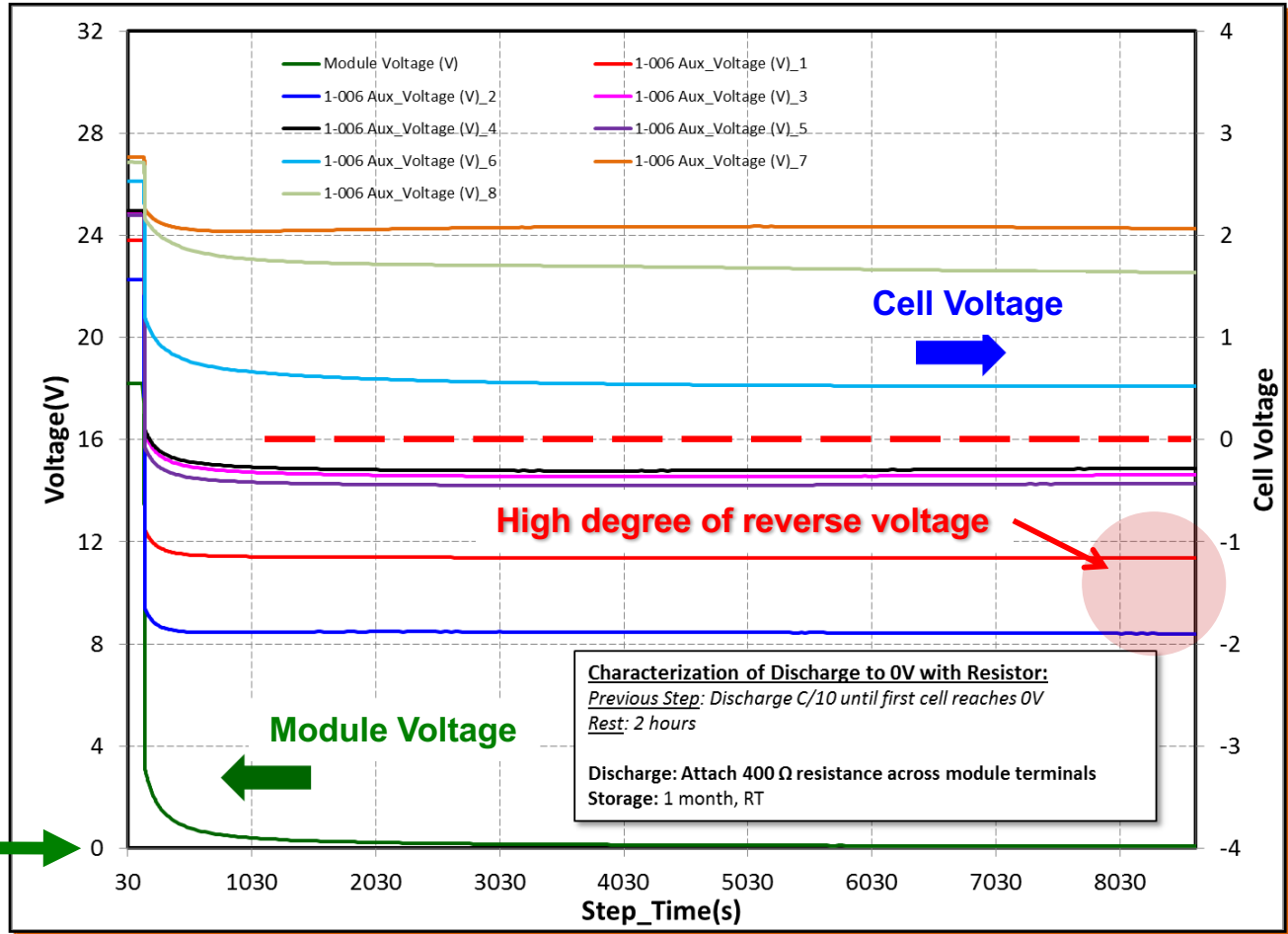
### Cell Voltages during 0V Storage in Modules \*

### 8S Module, Discharge to 0V

\* Voltage profile after attachment of resistors across positive and negative terminals of module during first month of 0V storage

→ 8S module:  
2 cells showed reverse voltage between -1 V and -2 V.

Module Voltage: 0V →

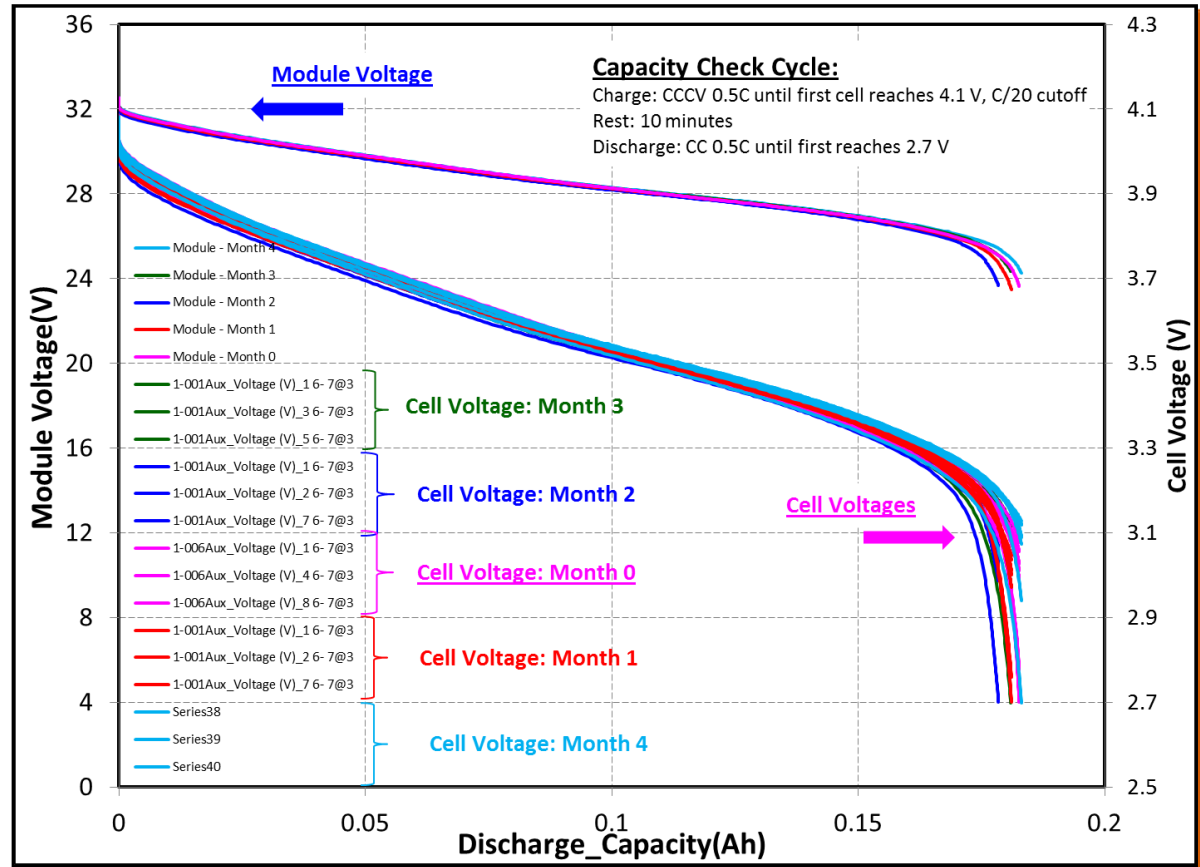


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### Discharge Curves

- Capacity Check Cycling Condition**
  1. Charge: CCCV 0.5C until first cell reaches 4.1 V, C/20 cutoff @ 23 °C
  2. Rest: 10 minutes
  3. Discharge: 0.5C until first cell reaches 2.7 V @ 23 °C
  4. Rest 10 minutes

**Discharge Capacity Retention, 8S Module:**  
No change during 0V storage



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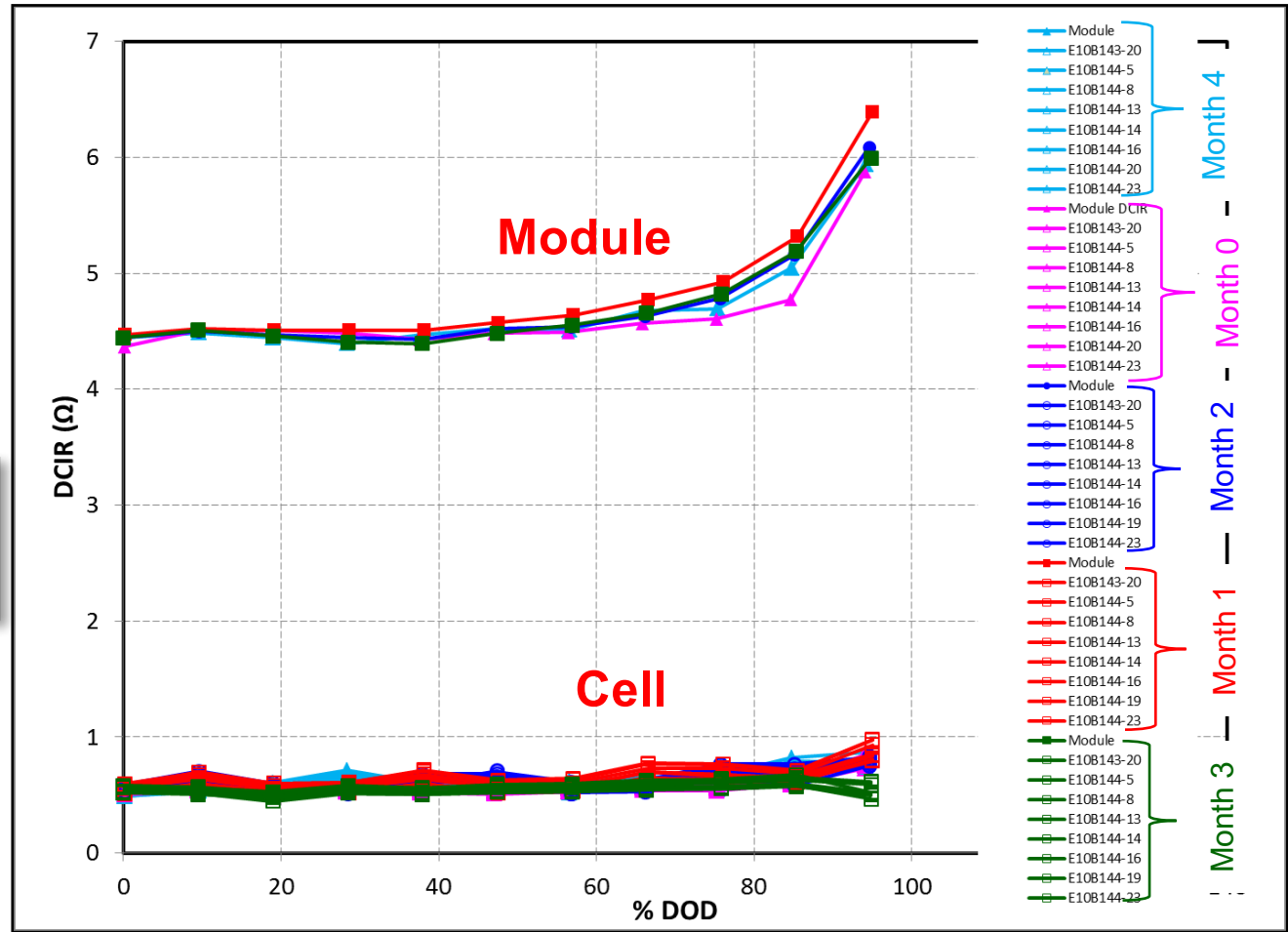


## DC resistance vs. Depth-of-Discharge

- DC resistance test (1 cycle)**

1. Charge: CCCV 0.2C until first cell reaches 4.1 V, C/20 C cutoff @ 23 °C
2. Rest: 10 minutes
3. Discharge: 0.2 C for 30 minutes or to 2.7 V @ 23 °C
4. Pulse: 1C for 5 seconds
5. Repeat Discharge and Pulse until first cell reaches 2.7 V

→ DC-IRs at any DOD did not show any change after 0V, 4 months in 8S module.



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During 0V storage for 4 months, the following were found at periodic characterization (capacity check cycles):

### Discharge Capacity:

**100%** discharge capacity retention for 4 months at 0V

- ❑ Discharge capacity: from 0.183 Ah to 0.183 Ah

### Maximum $\Delta V$ :

**No change** in voltage divergence among 8 cells

- ❑ Max  $\Delta V$  @ 100% DOD = 360 – 480 mV
- ❑ Max.  $\Delta V$  @ 50% DOD = 10 – 25 mV

### DCIR:

**No change** in DC resistance across a range of DOD during 0V storage for 4 months

### AC-IR:

**No change** in AC-IR values was observed.

**→ The test module demonstrated the 0V storage capability without any degradation.**

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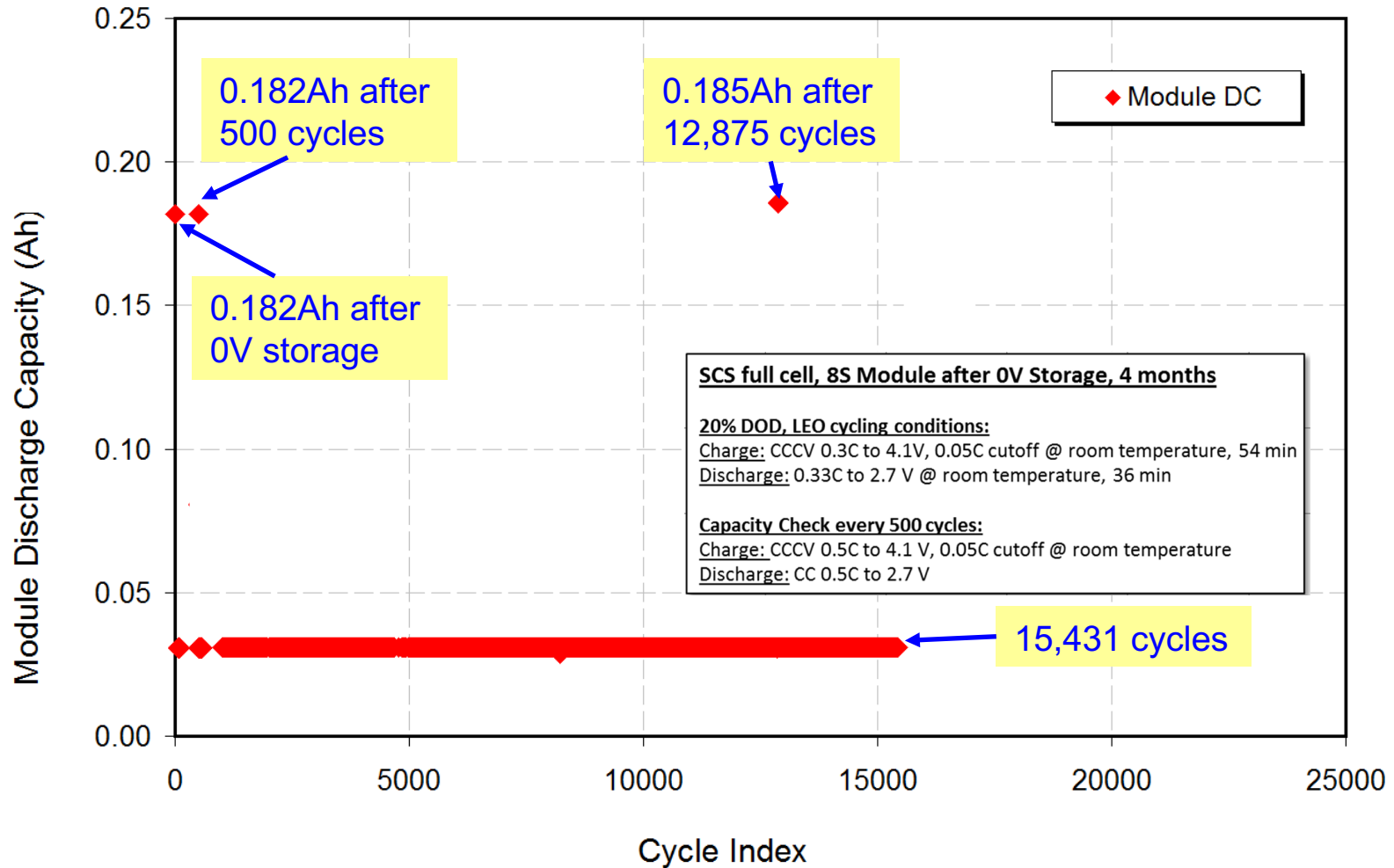
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(15,431 Cycles as of Nov. 2016)

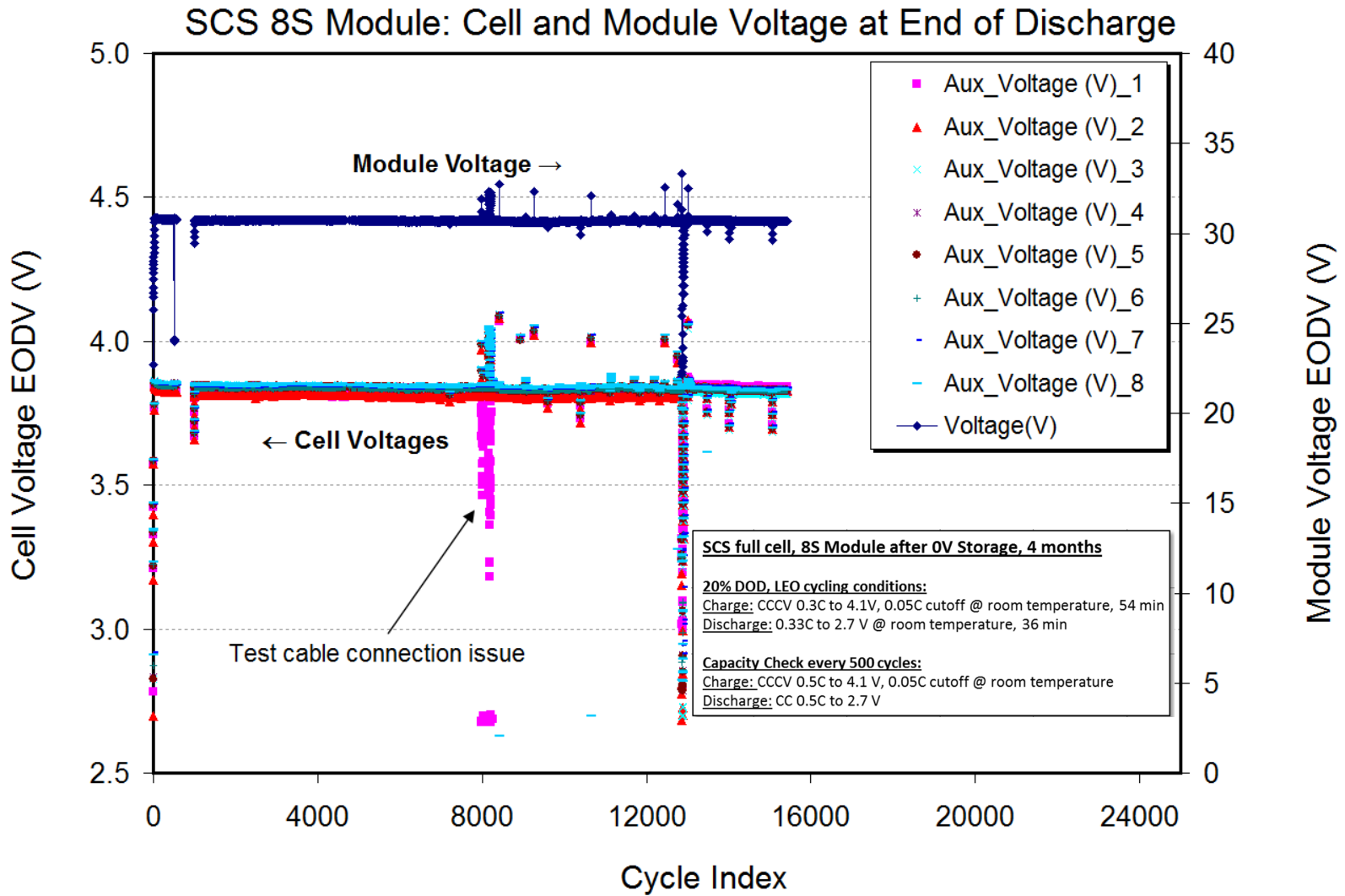
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## Discharge Capacity

SCS 8S Module: Module Discharge Capacity (Ah)

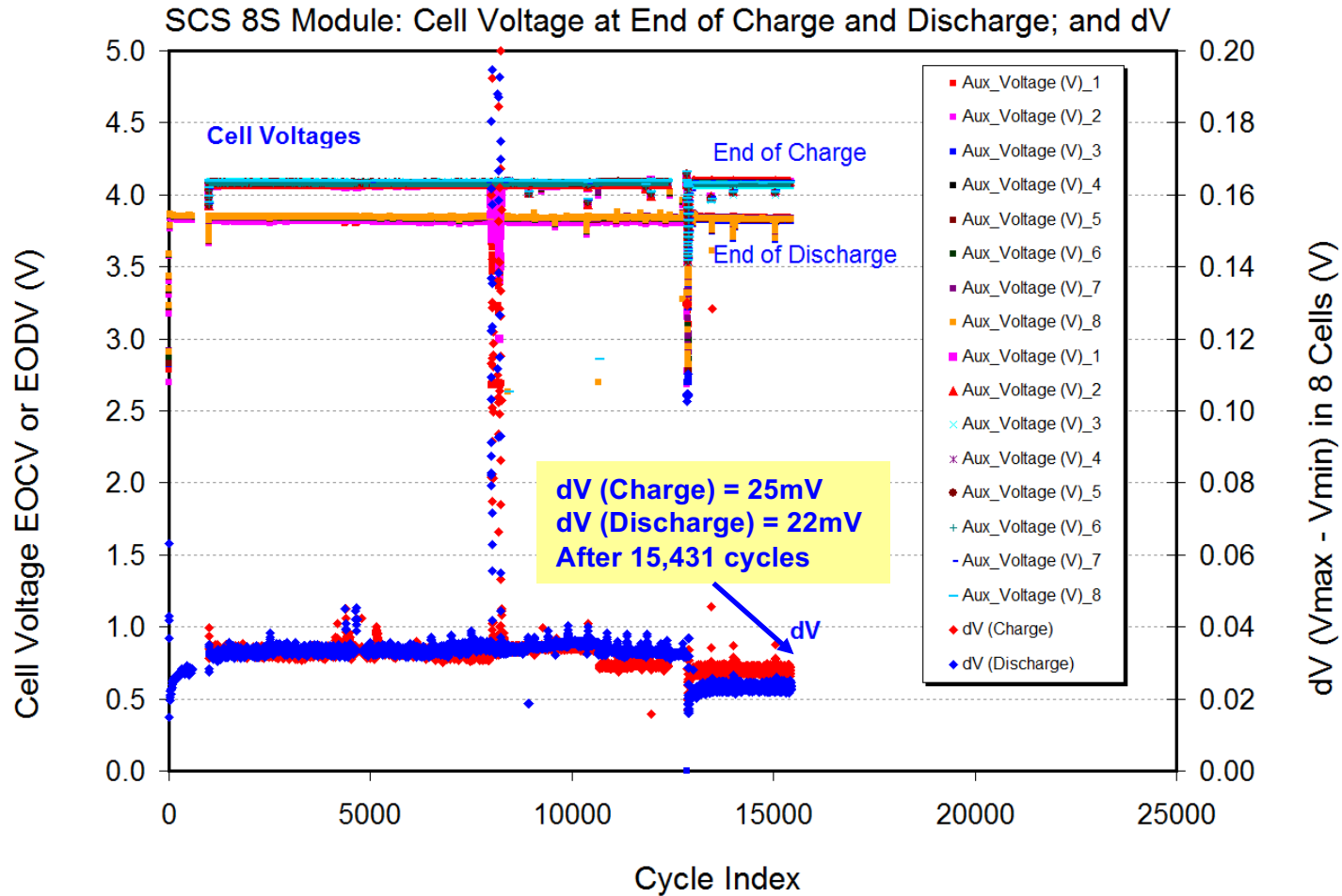


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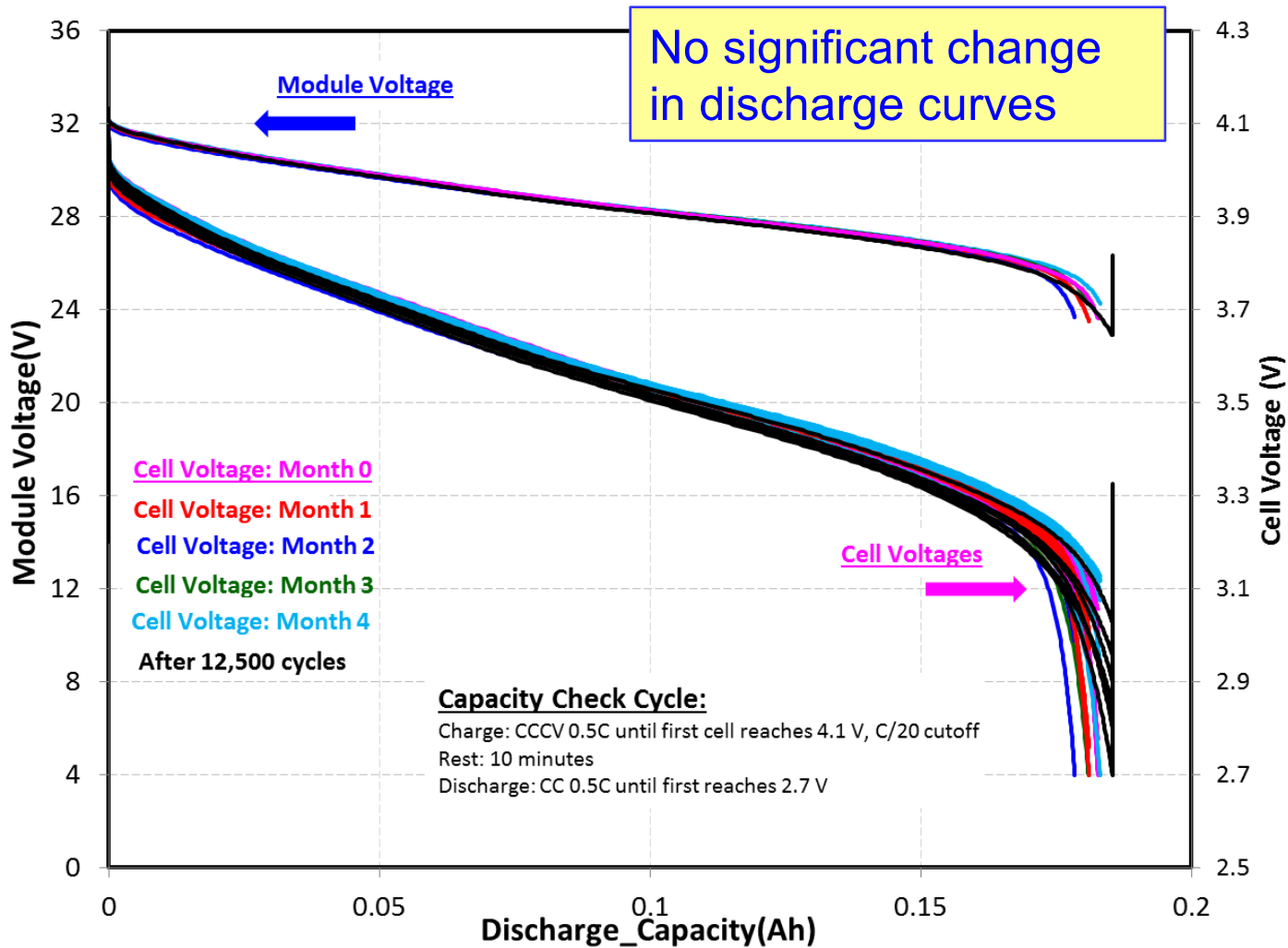
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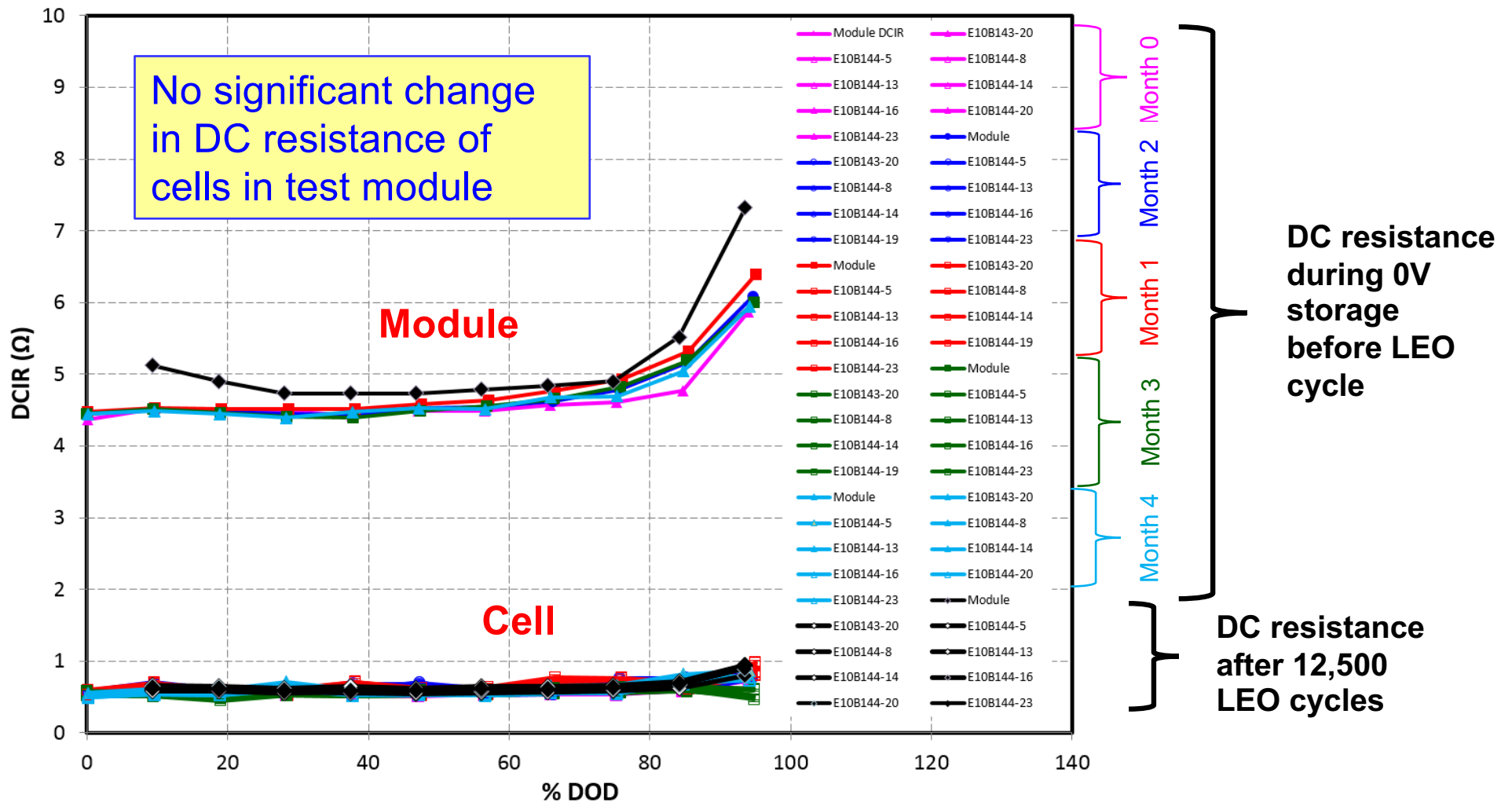


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# 8S Module Characteristics under 20% DOD LEO Cycling after 0V Storage Cell and Module Discharge Curves



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During 20% LEO cycling after 4 months of 0V storage with 8S module, the following were observed:

## Discharge Capacity Retention:

### No change after 12,500 cycles:

- ❑ Discharge capacity in the 8S module: from 0.183 Ah to 0.185 Ah

## Maximum $\Delta V$ during cycling:

### No significant increase of cell voltage divergence in module during 15,451 cycles

- ❑ Max  $\Delta V$  @ end of charge = 25 mV
- ❑ Max.  $\Delta V$  @ end of discharge = 22 mV

## DCIR:

No change in DC resistance of cells across a range of DOD after 12,500 cycles

**→ The test module demonstrated the superior LEO cycling performance for aerospace application after 0V storage.**

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