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Battery Durability and Reliability Under Electric Utility Grid Operations: 20-Year Forecast under Different Grid Applications

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Integrate field data with lab testing to predict lifetime BESS

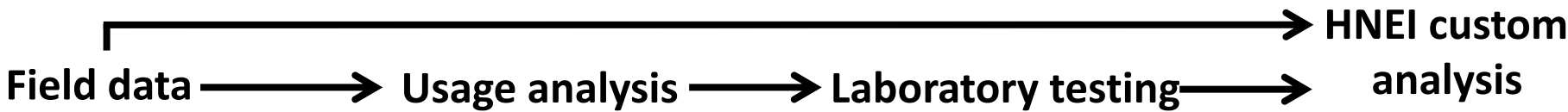
Objective/Significance

Evaluate degradation & lifetime of BESS in support of grid scale deployment
 Improve economic understanding of future commercial & base deployments

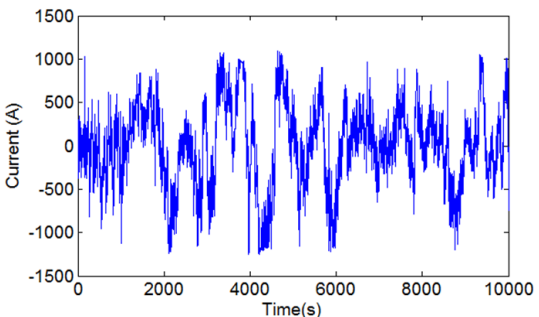


Approach

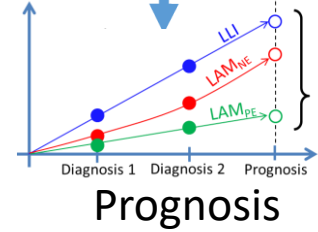
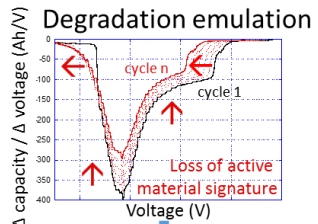
Assess battery performance in BESS and under controlled conditions
 Analyze degradation using non-destructive methods
 Link controlled and deployed degradation to forecast remaining useful life



Understand how the cells were utilized in the field

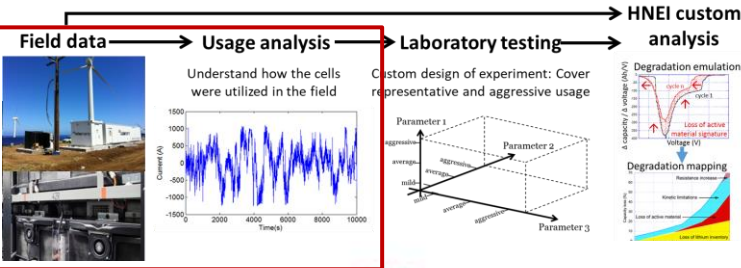


Custom design of experiment: Cover representative and aggressive usage



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Field data



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O'ahu, HI (grid: 1.1TW)
1MW/250kWh,
Commissioned in February 2016
Altairnano GEN2 60Ah cells, 384(7P)S1P
Volt-VAR, Power quality



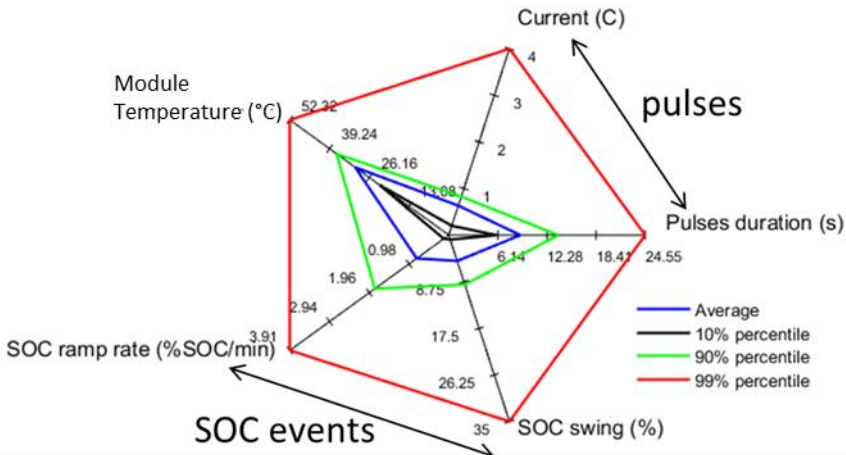
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Moloka'i, HI (grid: 5.5MW)
2MW/330kWh, Commissioned in February 2016
Altairnano GEN2 60Ah cells, 416(7P)S1P
Reserve, Fault response



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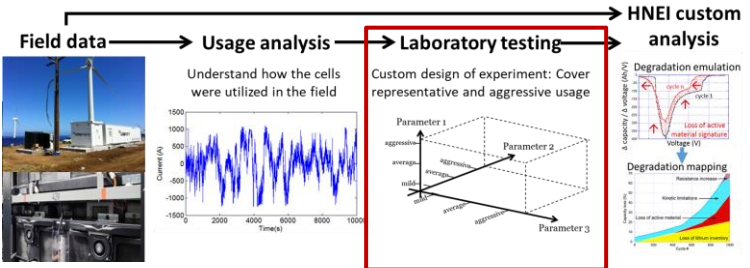
Big Island, HI (grid: 190MW)
1MW/250kWh, Commissioned in
December 2012
Altairnano GEN1 50Ah cells,
384(7P)S1P
Frequency regulation, Wind
Smoothing



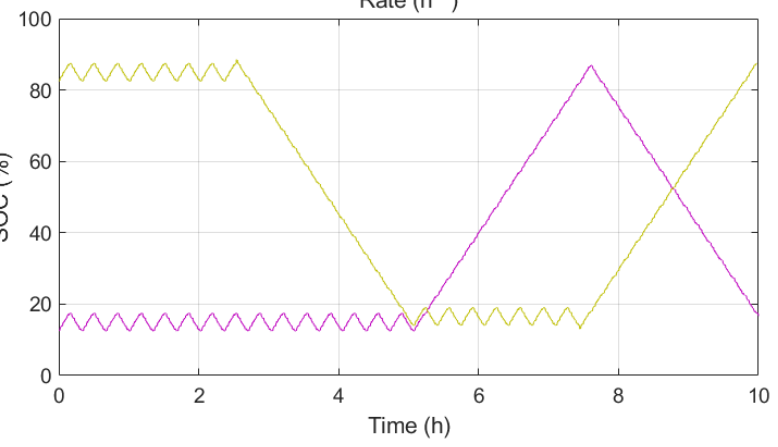
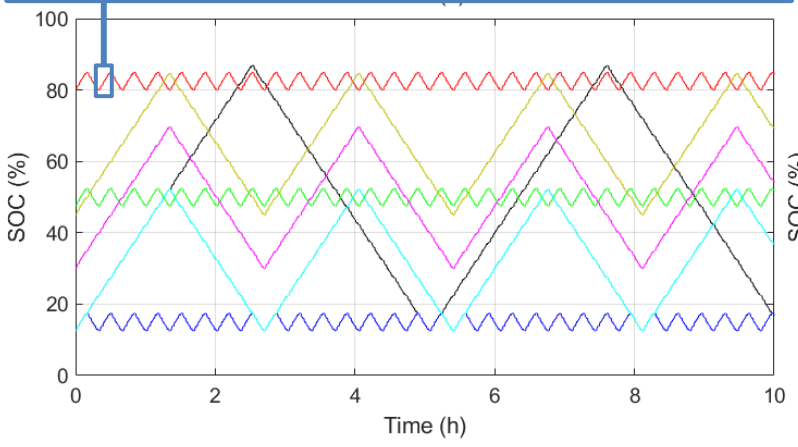
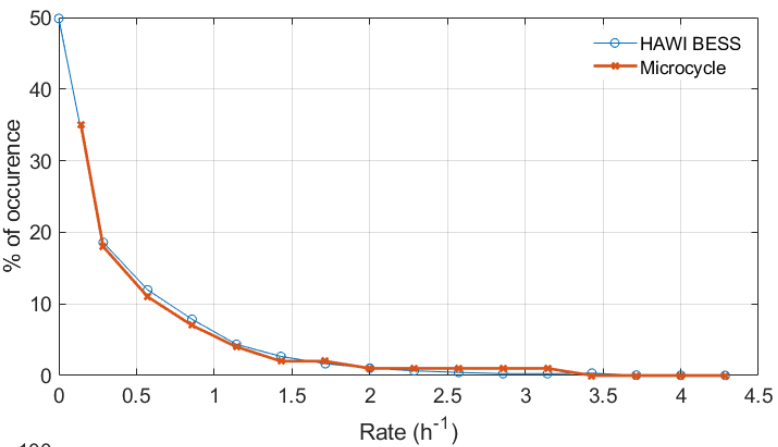
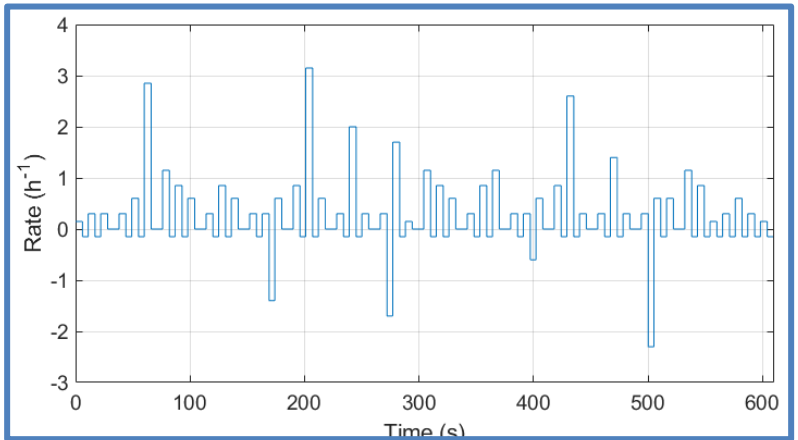
Demonstrated over 8000 full cycles equivalent operation

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Laboratory testing – Cycle aging

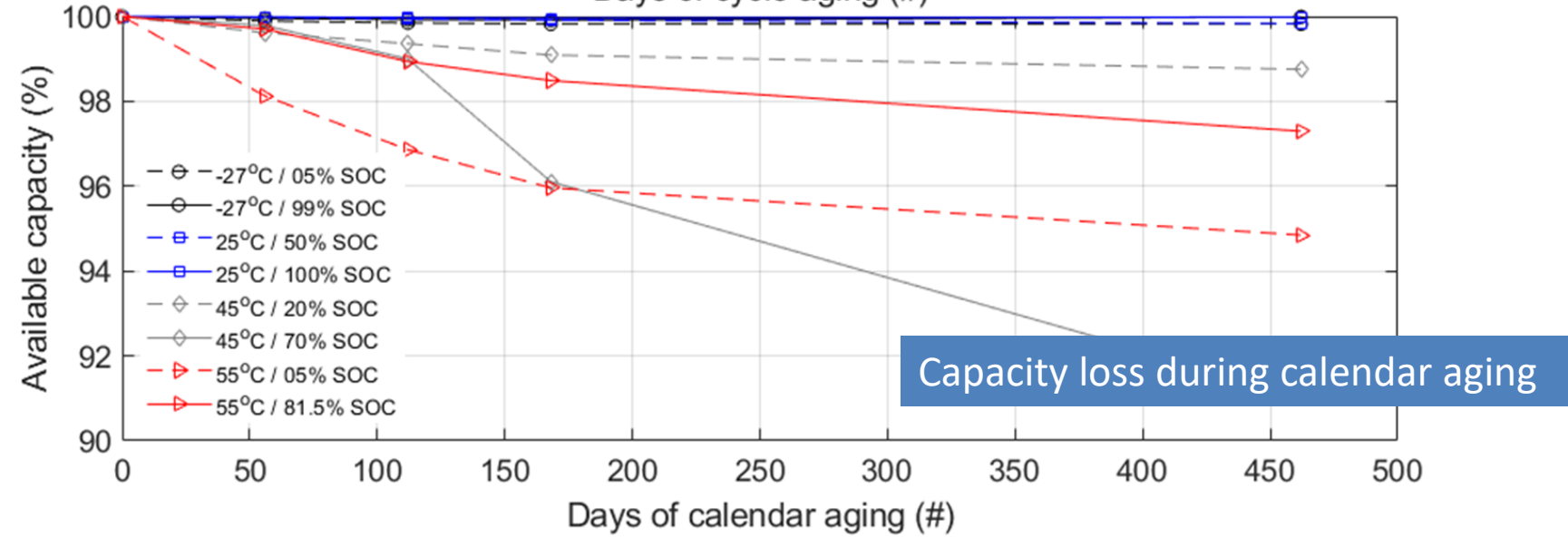
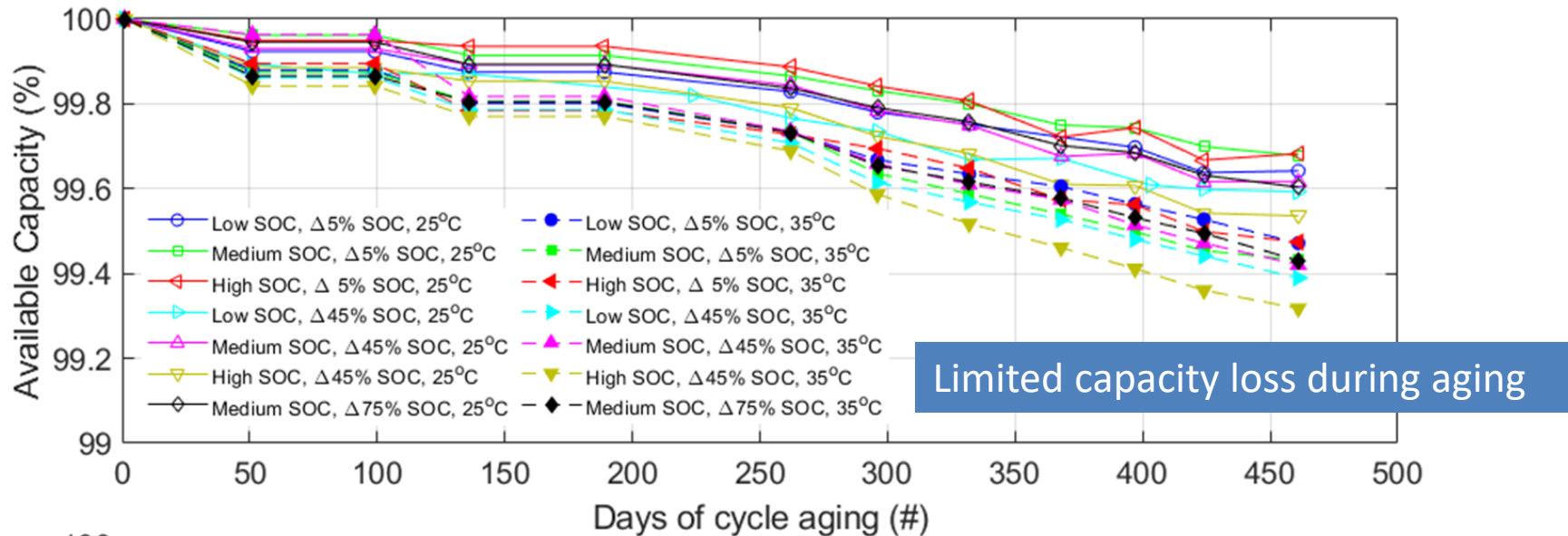


Laboratory testing encompassing a wide range of grid applications including frequency regulation, reserve and peak shaving.



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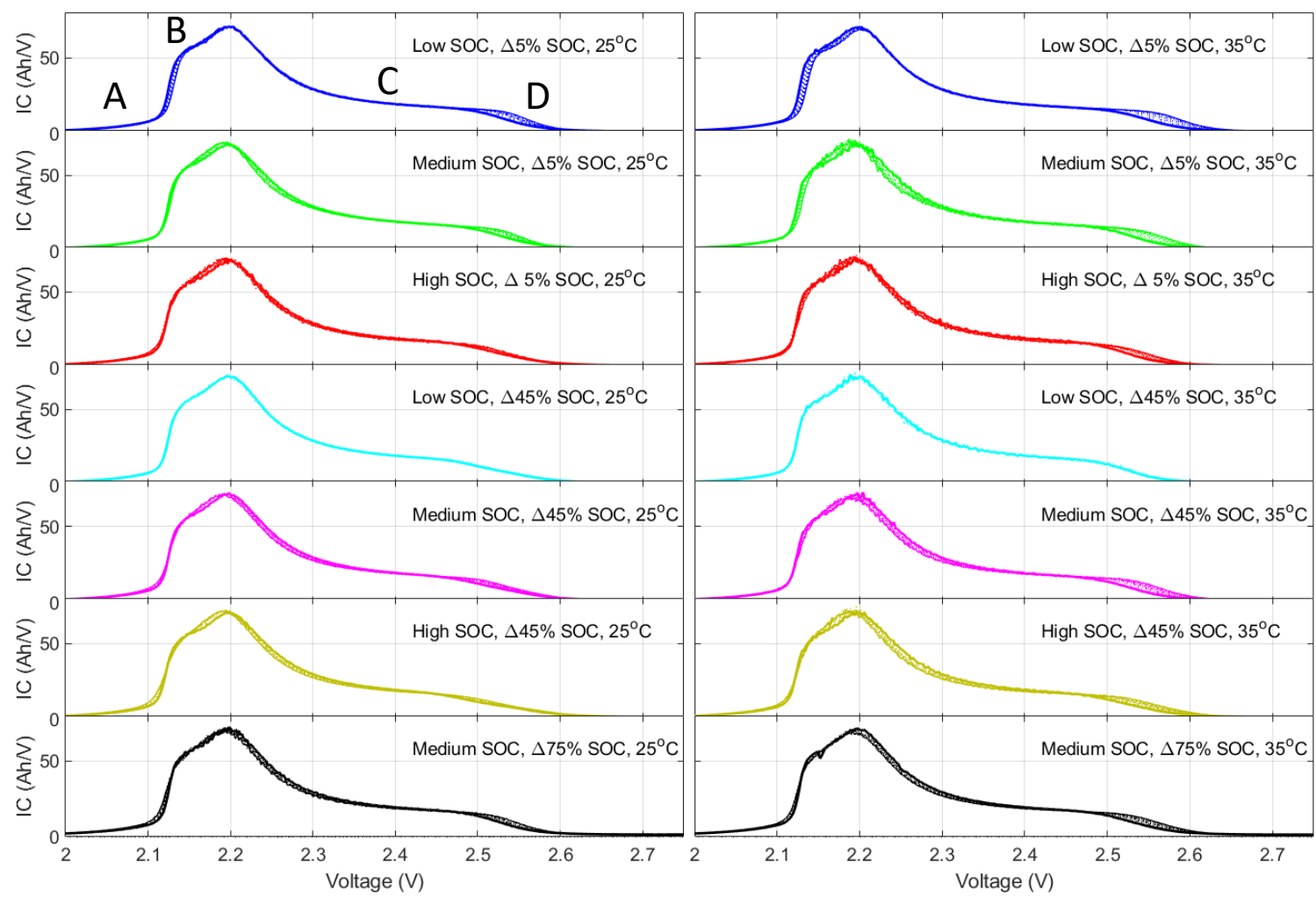
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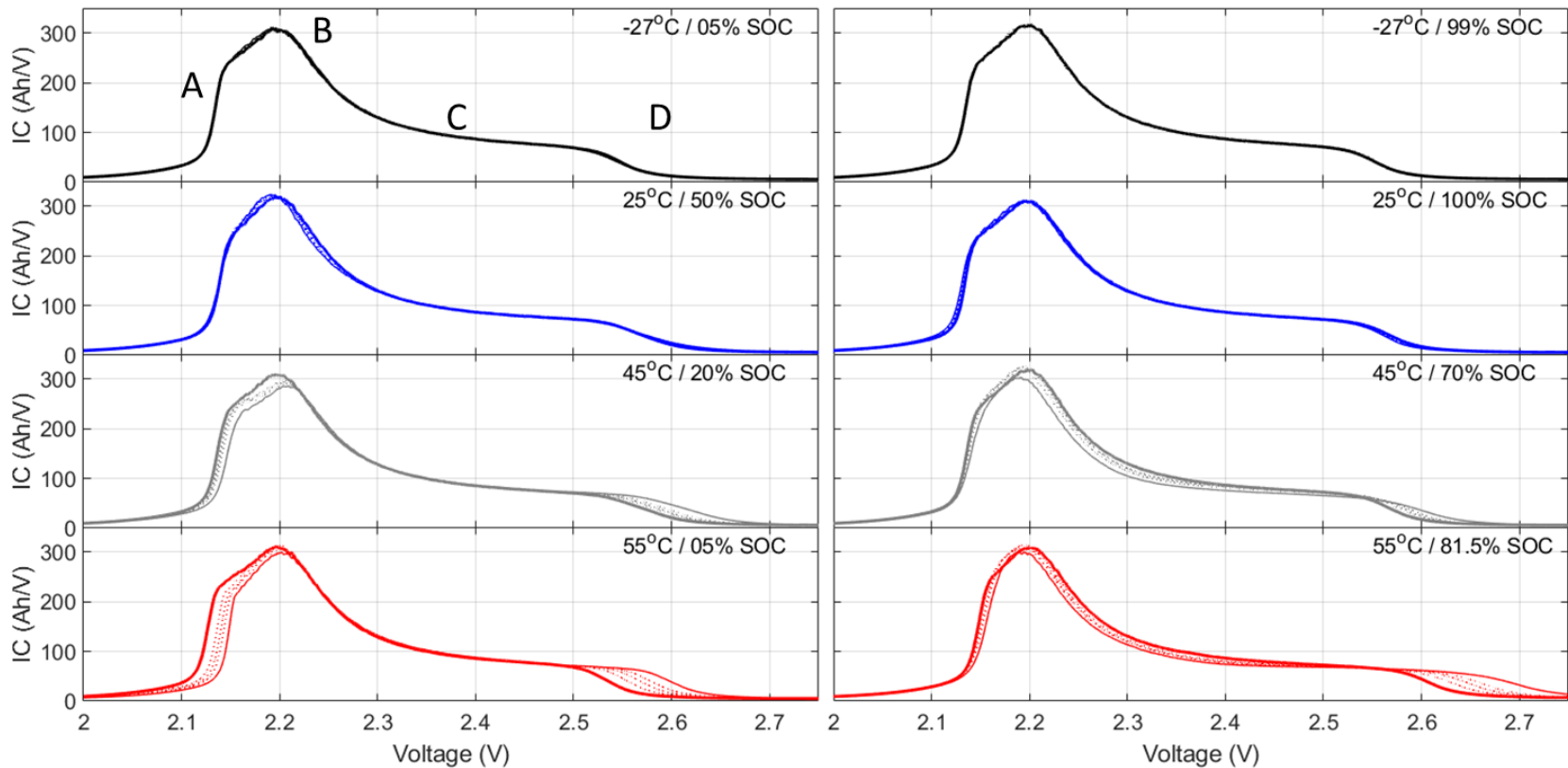
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Laboratory testing – Cycle aging

No capacity loss do not mean no degradation...



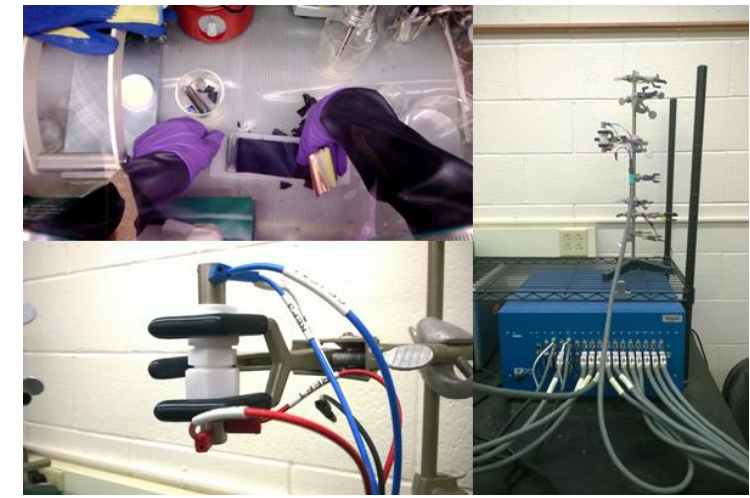
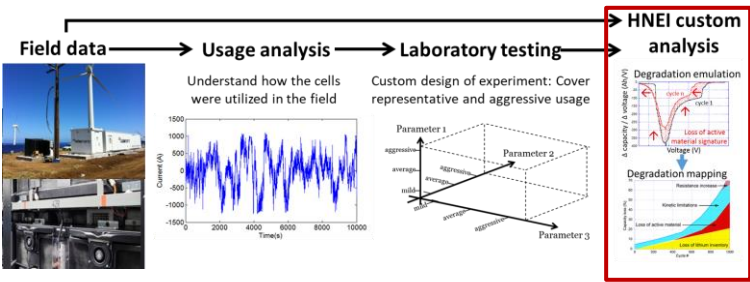
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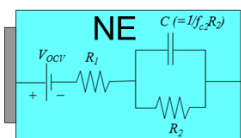
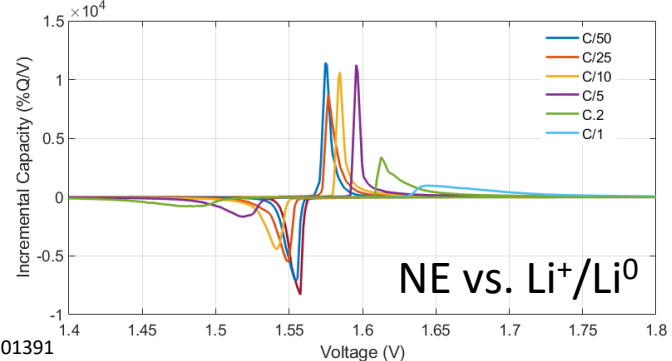
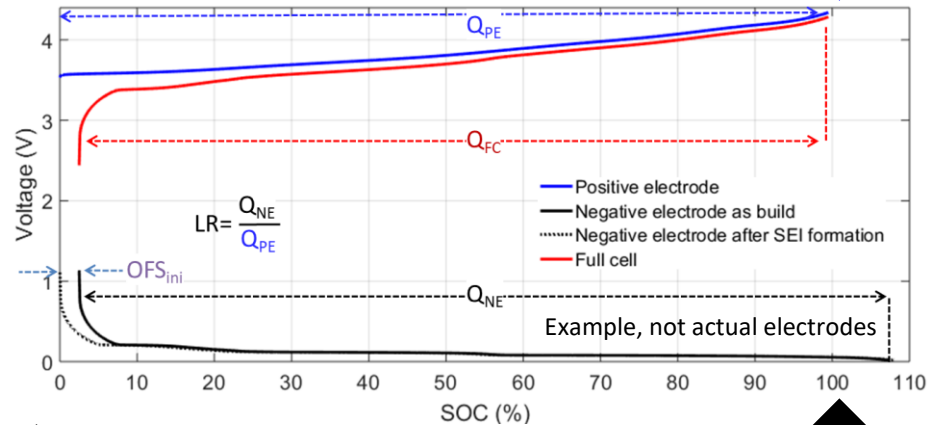
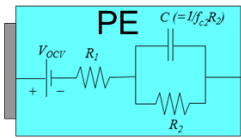
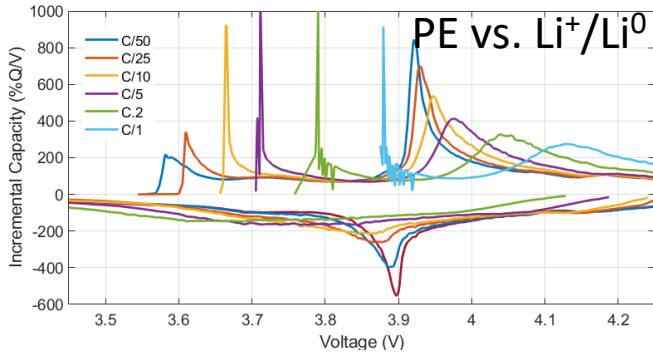
Voltage variations differ in between cells: different degradations
Effect on remaining useful life?

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Mechanistic modeling

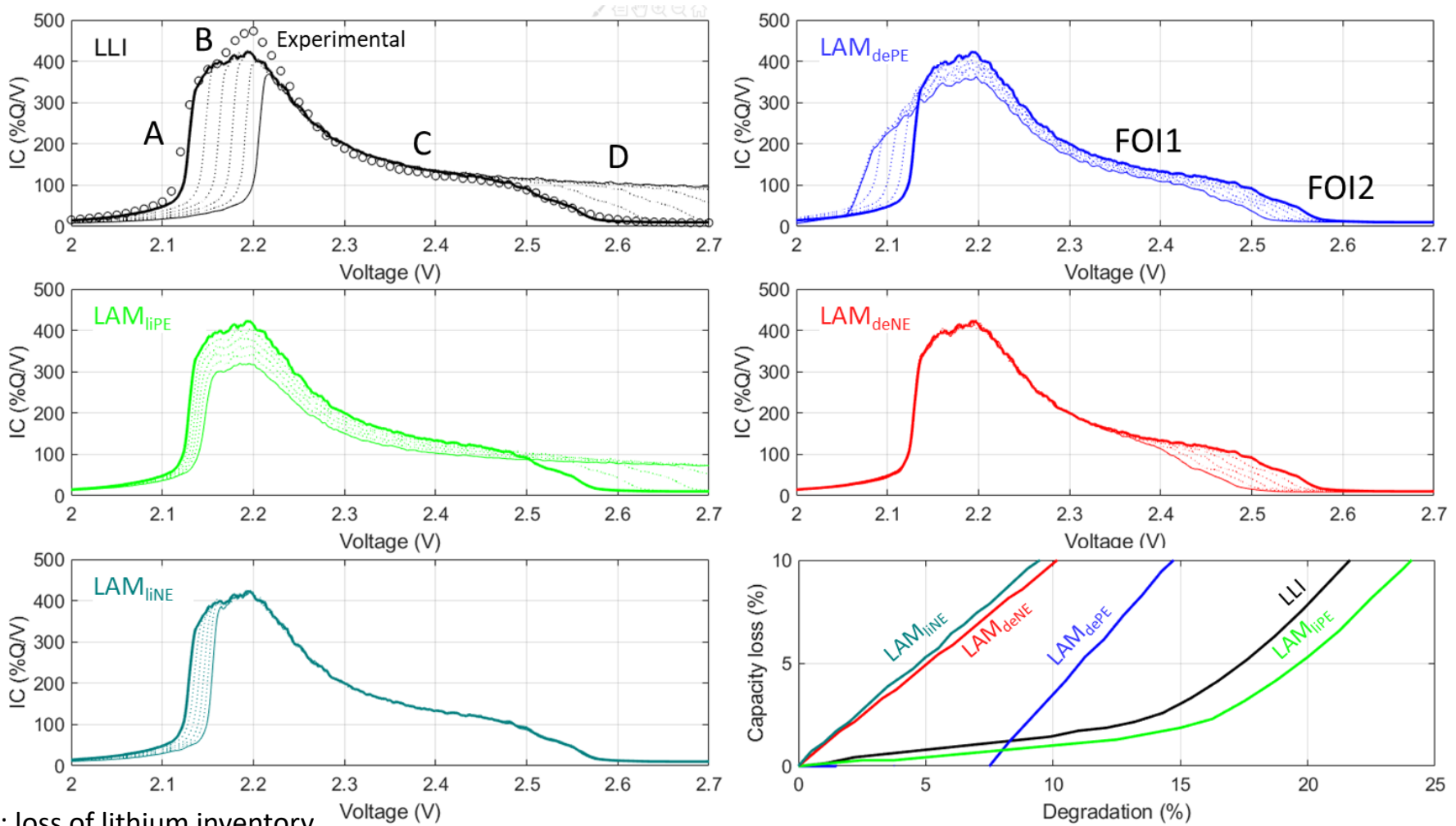


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Mechanistic modeling: Predict voltage response under different degradations

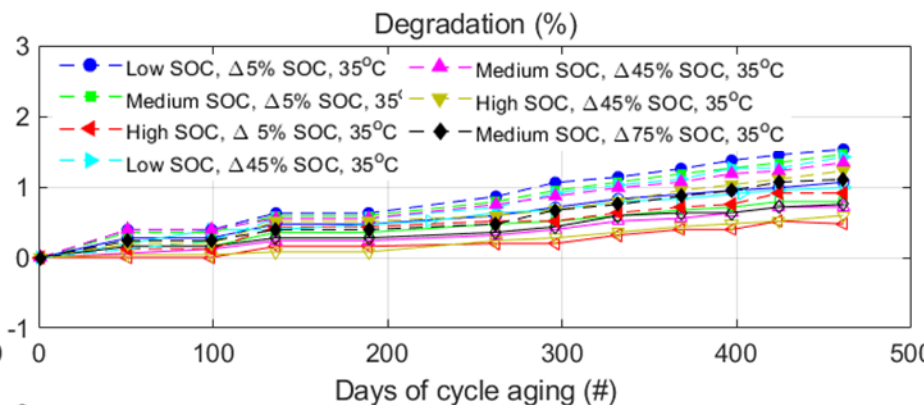
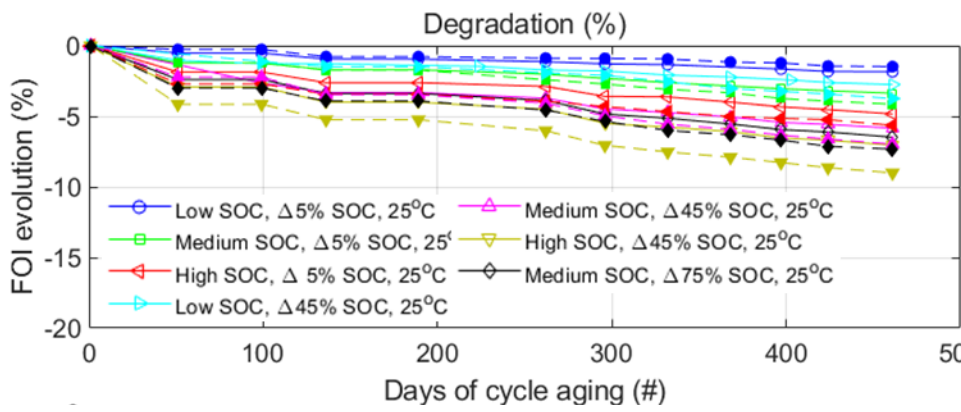
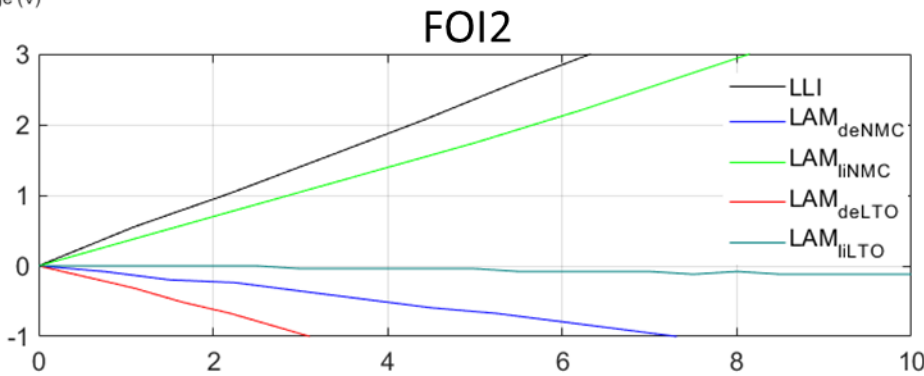
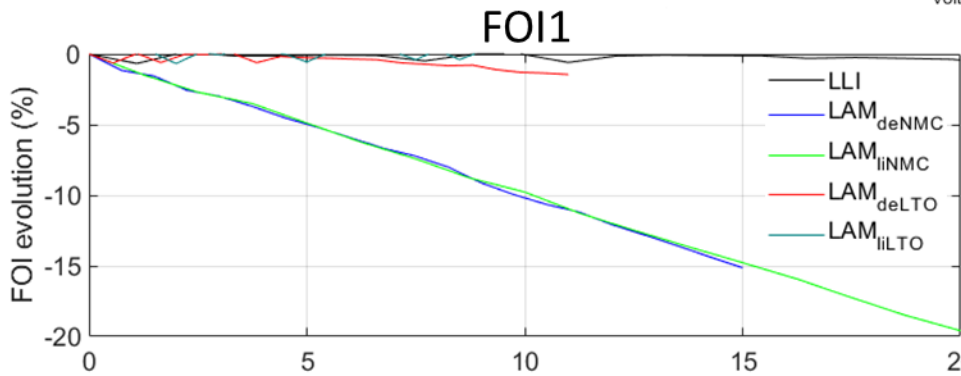
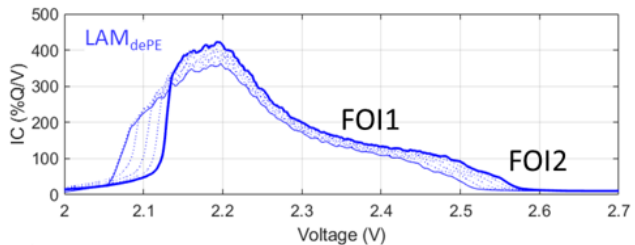


LLI: loss of lithium inventory
 LAM: loss of active material

Assessed the impact of each active component of the cell

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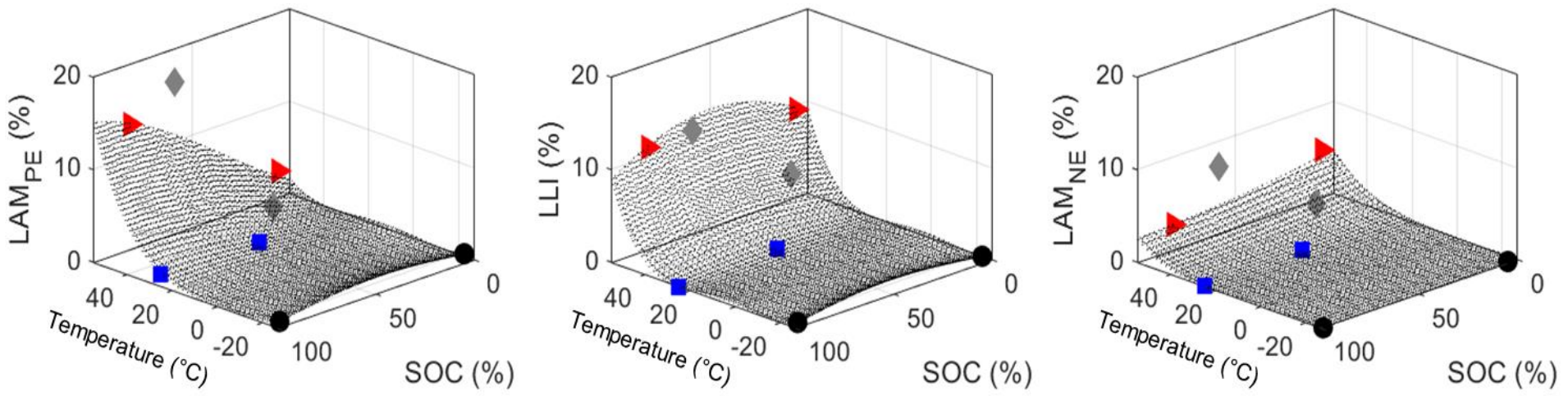
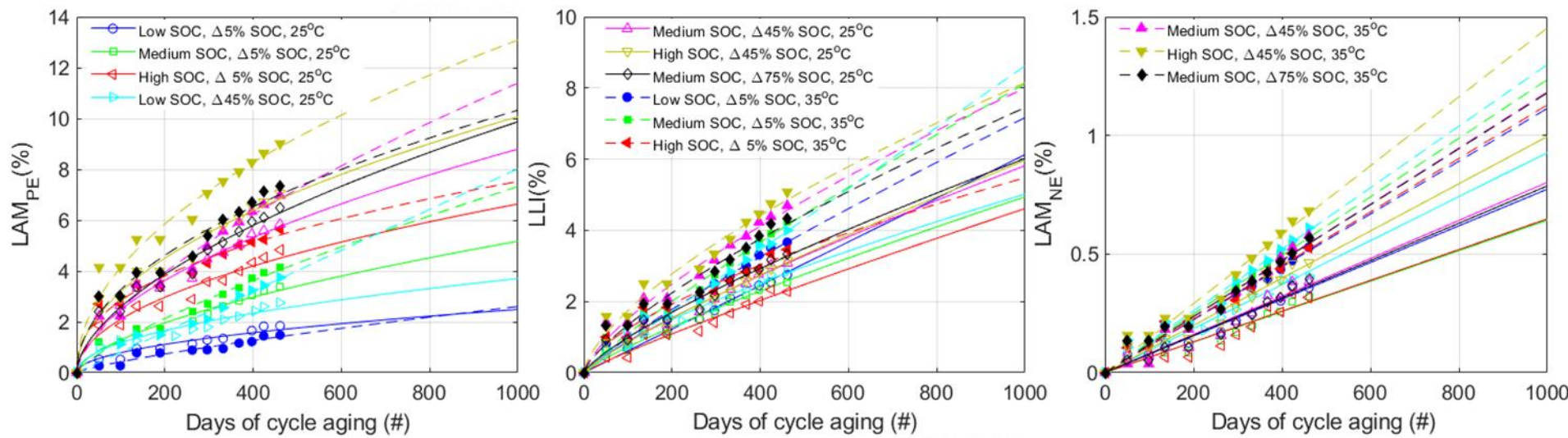
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Both LAMs and LLI can be automatically quantified

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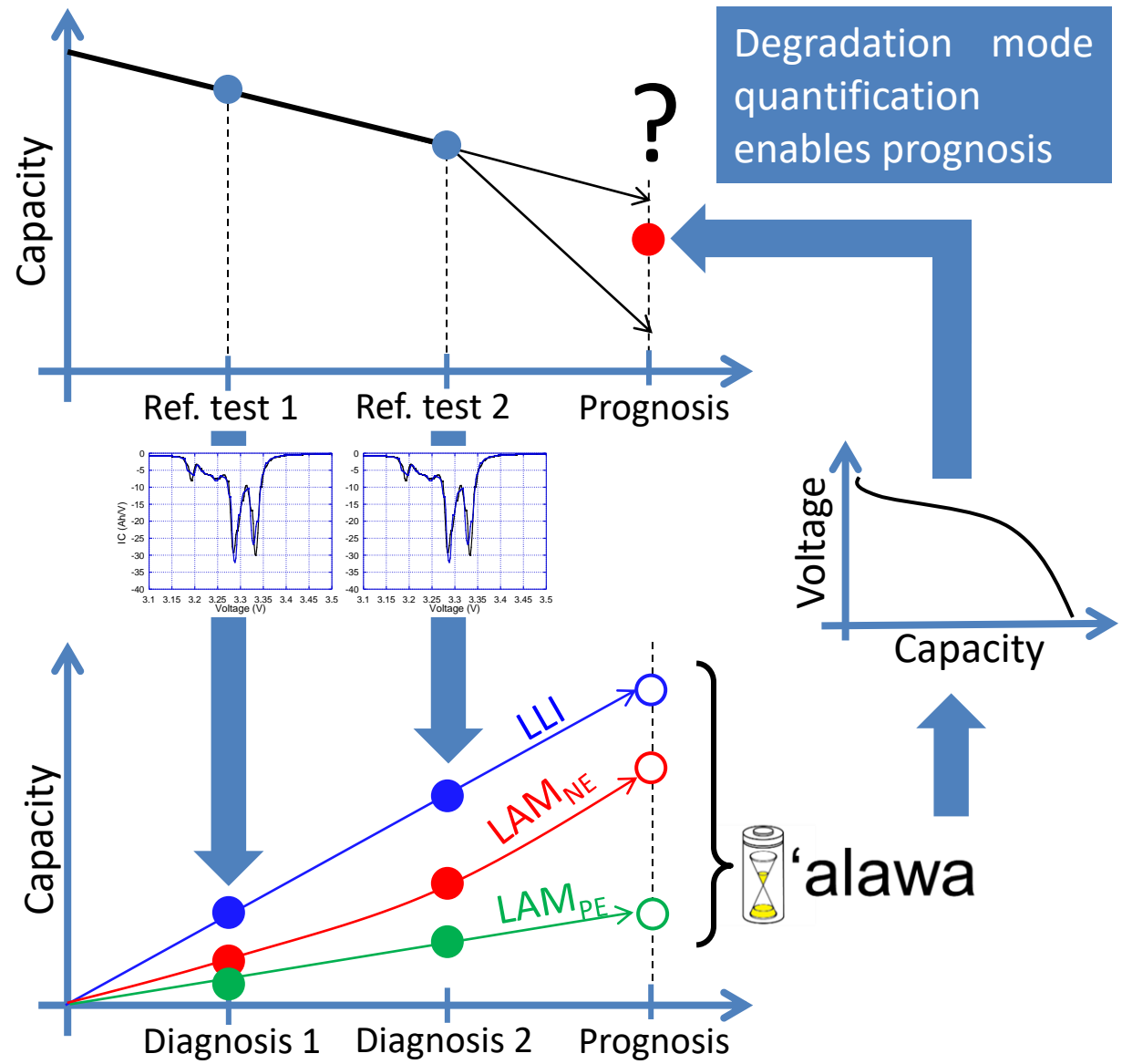
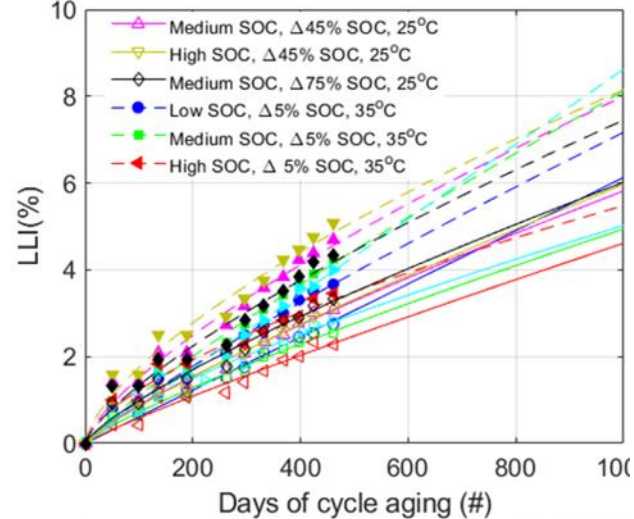
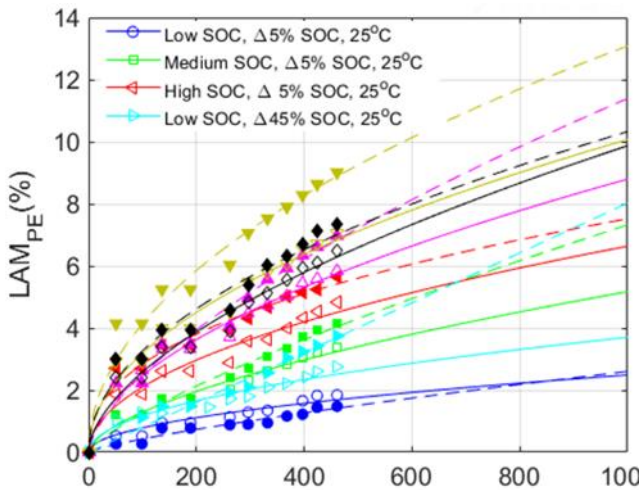
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Impact of duty cycle on LAMs and LLI deciphered

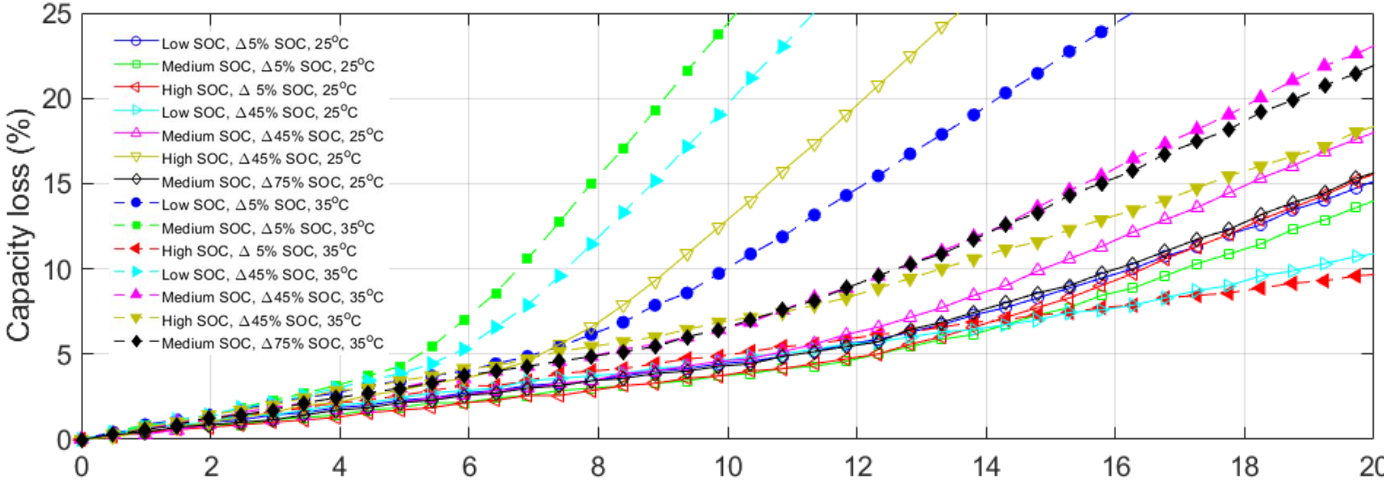
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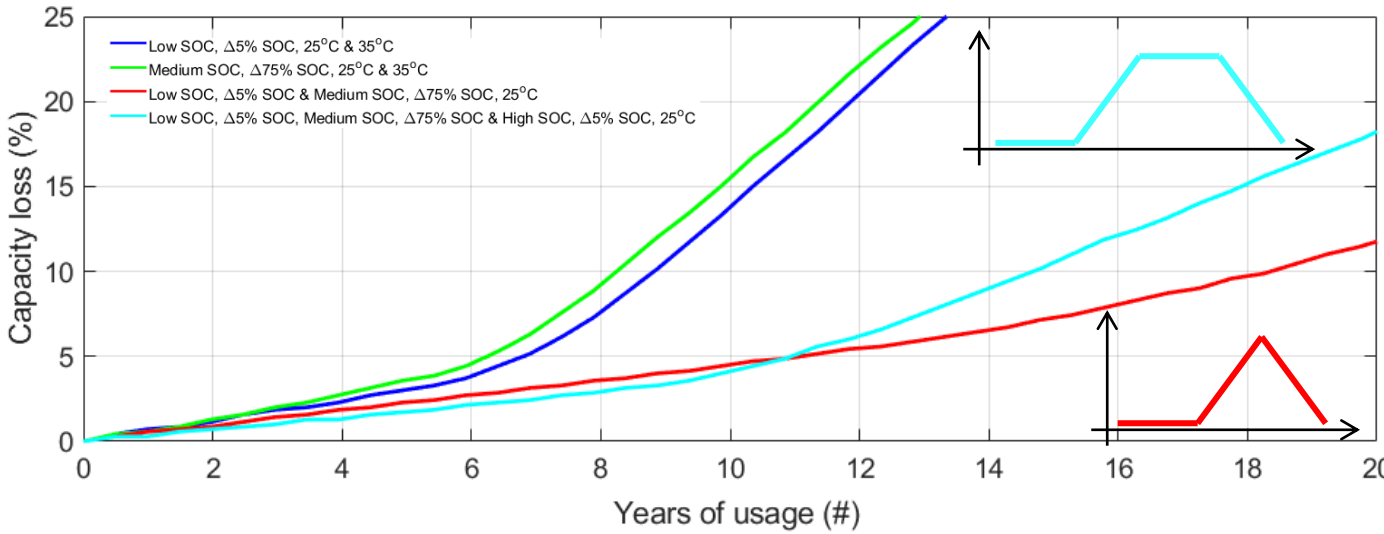


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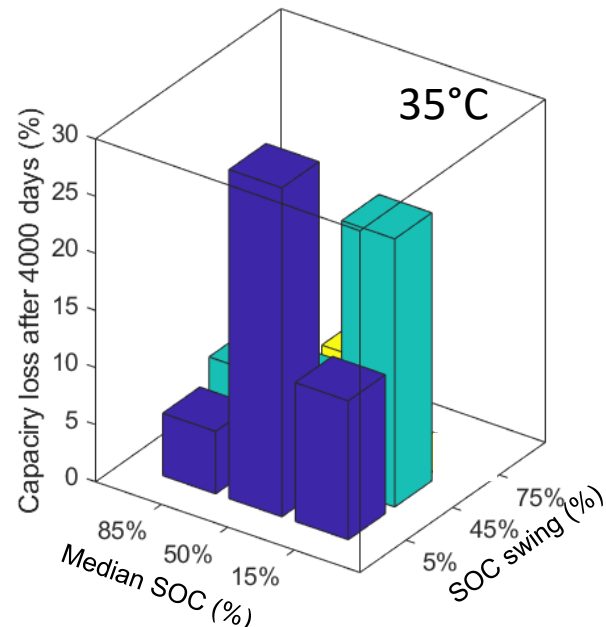
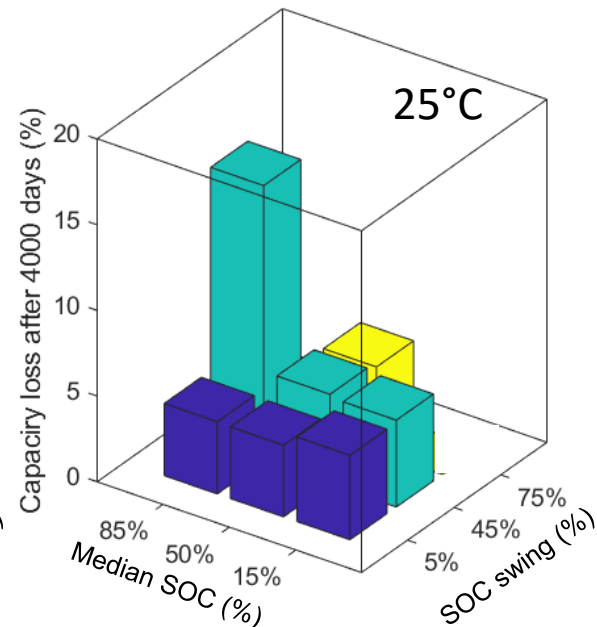
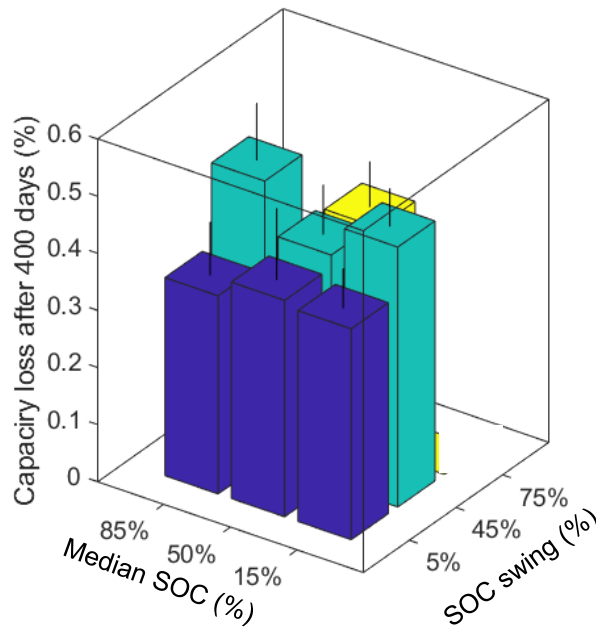
Degradation mode quantification enables prognosis



Varied duty cycles showed degradation close to the ones of the main experiment

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Worst conditions could not have been deciphered from testing alone

Frequency regulation: OK at 25°C except for 45% swings around high SOC
At 35°C, high SOC seems to be a better alternative.

Load Shifting / Curtailment: OK at 25°C and 35°C

Reserve: OK at 25°C and 35°C

Knowledge can be used to forecast impact under different applications

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Conclusions & Perspective

Conclusions

- Cell tested under conditions representative of the various grid usages
- Remarkably low capacity loss after more than 450 days of cycle-aging testing
- 20- year prognosis showed possibility of accelerated aging for some cells
- Cells adapted for most grid usages

Perspective

- Model performance based on laboratory testing
- Compare lifetime performance model to field data to determine BESS SOH
- Optimize BESS control strategies to limit degradation

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