DC Fast Charging Effects on Battery Life and EVSE Efficiency and Security Testing

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Overview

Timeline
• Start Date: 10/2012
• End Date: 9/2014
• Percent Complete: 60%

Barriers
• Cost
• Infrastructure
• Constant Advances in Technology

Budget
• FY13 – $ 1.4M
• FY14 – $ 0.9M
• Spent to Date: $ 1.15M

Partners
• Intertek Testing Services
• DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
• DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE)
• Industry partners
  • Delta, Eaton, General Electric, Siemens
• Idaho National Laboratory (INL) - Lead
Objectives/Relevance

- Minimize uncertainty by quantifying the impacts of DC Fast Charging on EV battery capacity (range) and power capability (performance)
  - Barrier addressed: Cost, Infrastructure
    - Provide information to model cost-benefit of fast charging
    - PEV consumers, infrastructure providers
- Support modeling and research efforts among VSST labs by collecting and analyzing driving, charging, and battery lab data
  - Barrier addressed: Constant advances in technology
    - Develop test methods to characterize new technologies
    - Results data to support modeling/simulation for current study, future work
- Enable informed investments in advanced infrastructure development that address barriers to PEV adoption
  - Barriers addressed: Cost, Infrastructure
    - Providing independent, common reporting to DOE on efficiency using standardized testing methods
    - Vulnerability assessments to advanced technology developers
## Milestones

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**Approach – DC Fast Charge Effects**

- Accumulate comparable on-road mileage on dedicated vehicles
  - Two 2012 Nissan Leafs exclusively DC Fast Charged (50 kW)
  - Two 2012 Nissan Leafs exclusively AC Level 2 Charged (3.3 kW)
  - Same route twice daily (AM, PM), in pairs (DCFC car, AC L2 car)
  - Minimize effects by rotating drive pairing, drivers, order

- Characterize vehicle performance when new, and at conclusion of testing
  - Track testing – constant speed range, acceleration

- Measure battery capacity, characterize internal resistance and power capability when new, at 10,000 mile intervals
  - Lab testing – constant current $C_3$ capacity, pulse power and low peak power tests (USABC procedures)

- Laboratory cycling and testing
  - 2012 Nissan Leaf battery packs (2)
  - Constant temp (30° C)
  - Same ‘drive’ cycle, only charge differs between packs (50kW, 3.3kW)
**Approach – EVSE Testing**

- Conduct functionality, efficiency, and cyber security testing of Smart Grid Capable EVSE in support of FOA-554
  - Functionality and efficiency tests
    - Stand-by power consumption
    - Power consumption during charging
    - On-board energy meter accuracy
    - Functionality per J1772 standard
      - Emulated J1772 communications
      - Production PEV functionality
  - Cyber Security testing
    - Identify severity and cause of vulnerabilities
      - Hardwired connection
      - Wireless communication
      - Invasive investigation
      - Firmware and back-office vulnerability testing
Technical Accomplishments – DCFC Effects

- Interim lab battery tests at 10k mile intervals - Static Capacity, HPPC, LPP
- Results-to-date reporting on battery capacity changes on AVTA website
- INL Lab cycling and testing underway
  - Bitrode FTF power processing machines
  - Cincinnati SubZero walk-in thermal chambers

@50k  24.6% Capacity Loss  vs  27.6% Capacity Loss
~3miles range difference between DCFC, AC L2
Technical Accomplishments – DCFC Effects continued

- Baseline Track Vehicle Performance & Lab Battery Testing
- 50,000 Miles of on-road mileage accumulation and data collection
  - Consistency in operation among vehicles confirmed via data
  - Battery utilization for all vehicles very similar for driving segments
- 50k Track testing in-progress at time of submission
Technical Accomplishments, Smart Grid EVSE Testing

- Testing designed with calibrated instrumentation
  - Hioki Power meter (0.13% accuracy)
  - Eaton Energy meter (0.2% accuracy)
- J1772 functionality testing completed
  - Grid Test EVE-100L
  - 2012 Chevrolet Volt
- Testing completed, fact sheet published
  - Power Consumption while not charging
  - Average efficiency while charging
  - Evaluation of EVSE internal energy meter

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Technical Accomplishments – Smart Grid EVSE continued

• Cyber Security testing was completed for the one EVSE delivered
  – Identified severity and cause of vulnerabilities
    • Hardwired connections
    • Wireless communication
    • Invasive investigation internal to EVSE
    • Firmware and back-office vulnerability testing
  – Report to EVSE manufacturer
• The reviewer asked whether running four vehicles for 30,000 miles of a single chemistry with a single Battery Management System is going to conclude much about the fundamental effects of fast charging. Also, the reviewer asked would the research be better served to have more varieties of packs under more controlled conditions with key parameters identified by battery chemists. The reviewer added that the road approach is expensive, less controlled and thus sample limited. Another reviewer observed that battery technology is changing and improving. The reviewer added that this project may be measuring something that is always changing.

  – The on-road testing, while providing useful data on specific current technology, also gives researchers data that, when combined with the complementary laboratory testing, enable further development of test methods. Such methods in lab testing would allow larger sample sizes, diverse chemistries, and lower costs simultaneously with a linkage, through this project’s data, to real-world benchmark testing. This project has also been extended to 70k miles, to add two more lab tests.
Responses to previous year reviewer comments, cont’d

• Reviewer stated: “…future work was identified for most of the projects as time dependent on others for the evaluations. INL appeared to be ready for evaluations and not the cause for any delays.”
  – *Response:* The one EVSE that was delivered to INL was tested and evaluated in a timely manner. The other three EVSE had not yet been delivered at the time this presentation was prepared.

• This reviewer said that questions on the methodology (and what can be concluded) may require more core scientific interactions with battery expert groups; this is not clear.
  – *On-road and laboratory data are being analyzed by electrochemical battery experts at INL to examine changes to the battery over time, and explore linkages between usage and degradation. Expansion of this effort would influence testing methods being developed to allow smaller scale, laboratory testing to address different battery chemistries and configurations*
Collaboration

• Smart-grid capable EVSE testing – INL, ANL Complementary testing
  – Idaho is testing efficiency, functionality, and cyber security while Argonne is testing other aspects of functionality and smart-grid communication protocols

• DC Fast Charge Study – INL, Intertek Testing Services
  – Intertek is the sole subcontractor providing on-road testing, lab battery testing, and track testing for the four on-road vehicles
  – INL is the project lead for analysis and for lab pack cycling

• DC Fast Charge Study – INL, VSST Labs
  – Driving and charging thermal data, power profiles available
  – Discussions with NREL, Argonne

• DC Fast Charge Study – INL, USABC (OEMs, National Labs, DOE)
  – Project presented to USABC TAC meeting, anticipate another meeting
  – Incorporates pre-release procedures (EVPC)
Remaining Challenges and Barriers

- Effects of fast charging on other types of batteries
- Lab cycling results remain to be seen
  - Isolate temperature variation
  - Further isolate cycling variation
- Data points to-date include less than two years
  - Expansion will allow about two calendar years
  - Better certainty on seasonal (temperature) effects
**Future Work**

- Testing and reporting pending delivery of the other three EVSE from the FOA-554 awardees (Eaton, Delta, and Siemens)
- Expanded DC fast charge effects study to 70k to include two more intervals and battery tests
- Continued Lab cycling
- Report on full results of on-road and lab testing at completion
- Propose deep-dive of on-road data to examine more subtle changes beyond capacity, power capability, i.e. resistance growth
- Propose work to link cell or module testing to full-pack testing
  - Ideally enable lower cost testing of other technologies
- Planned peer-reviewed paper on key findings of study
Summary

• Four smart-grid EVSE evaluated for efficiency, functionality, and cyber security.
• On-Road operation of 4 identical EVs, dedicated to DC-Fast or AC Level-2 Charged
• Laboratory cycling and testing of 2 identical EV packs: DC-Fast or AC Level-2 Charged
• Comparison of battery performance between types of charging at 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 thousand miles. Continuation to 70k.
• Lab testing at constant, moderate temps to remove temperature variability – compare trends back to on-road tested packs as secondary study
• Complete data logging on-board to understand ambient conditions and usage, to then link to lab results.
• Additional EV driving and charging data available to AVTA partners
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More Information
http://avt.inl.gov
Technical Back Up Slides
Backup Slide 1

• “......A goal of the OE Smart Grid Research and Development (R&D) Program is to develop and implement smart grid technologies to support transportation electrification. A near-term objective of the program is to reduce electric charging infrastructure costs in support of the President’s initiative of putting one million electric vehicles on the road by 2015....”
Backup Slide 2
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**Critical Assumptions and Issues**

- Fast charging, while intended to enable more electric miles driven daily, may negatively impact battery capacity to an unknown extent. This could affect the cost/benefit analysis of owning an electric vehicle for some.
  - Collect the data necessary to determine the cost of fast charging, in terms of range reduction. Fast charging more frequently than needed by a typical consumer should provide an extreme estimate of degradation.

- Relevance of this study depends on electric vehicles being sold with fast charging capability.
  - All indications point to future models incorporating the fast charge feature, at different power levels and frequency recommendations.