

Optimization of Paste Formulation for Lead-Acid Batteries Used for Parking Air-Conditioners in Heavy Duty Trucks

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Jinkeli & R&D Profile



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History

1982

- Establishment

1992

- Collaboration with ICCAS

2007

- Jinkeli Battery Engineering Lab

2012-2016

- Strategic partner with Borregaard, Cabot and joint labs

2020

- Jinkeli New Energy Technology Co. Ltd

2019

- Jinkeli (Vietnam) Co., Ltd

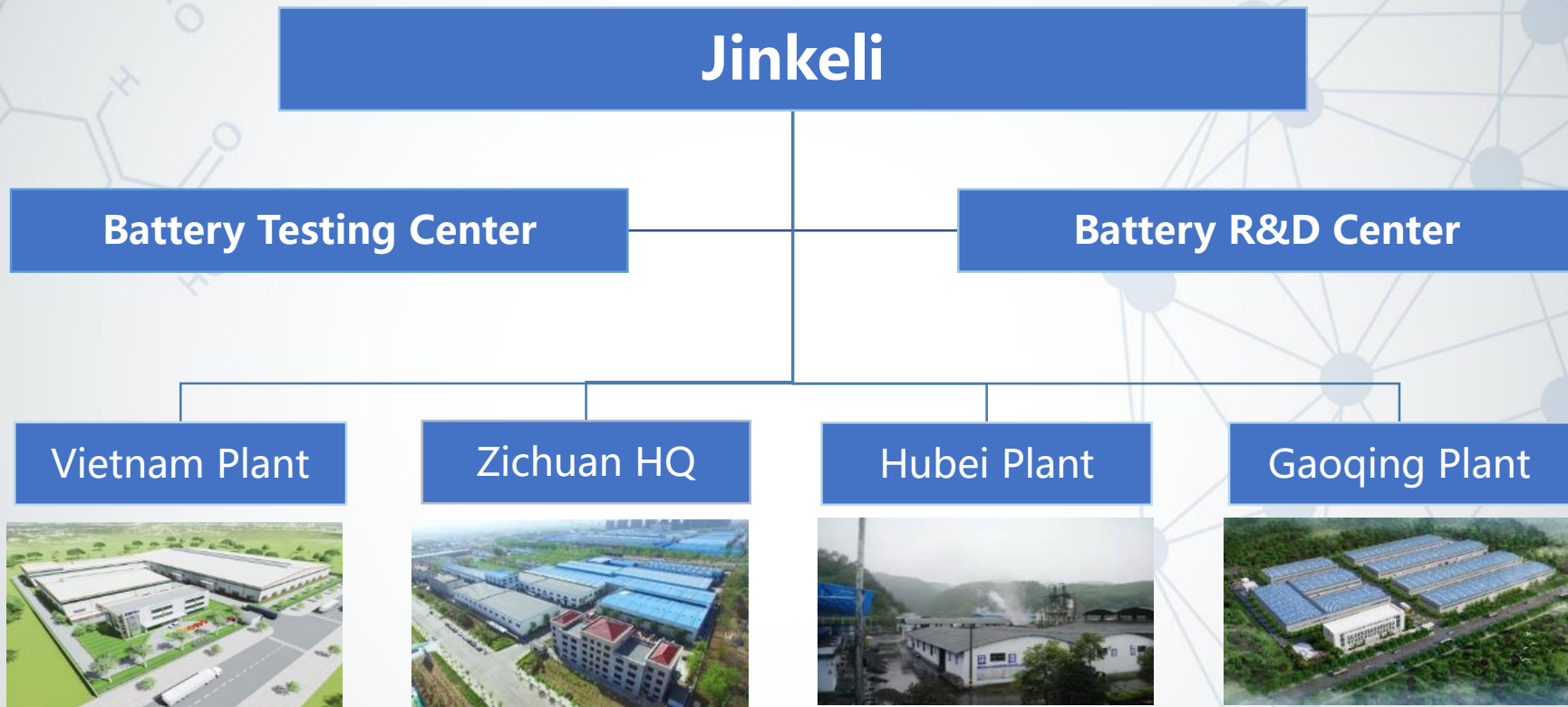
2018

- National standard of battery additives drfter

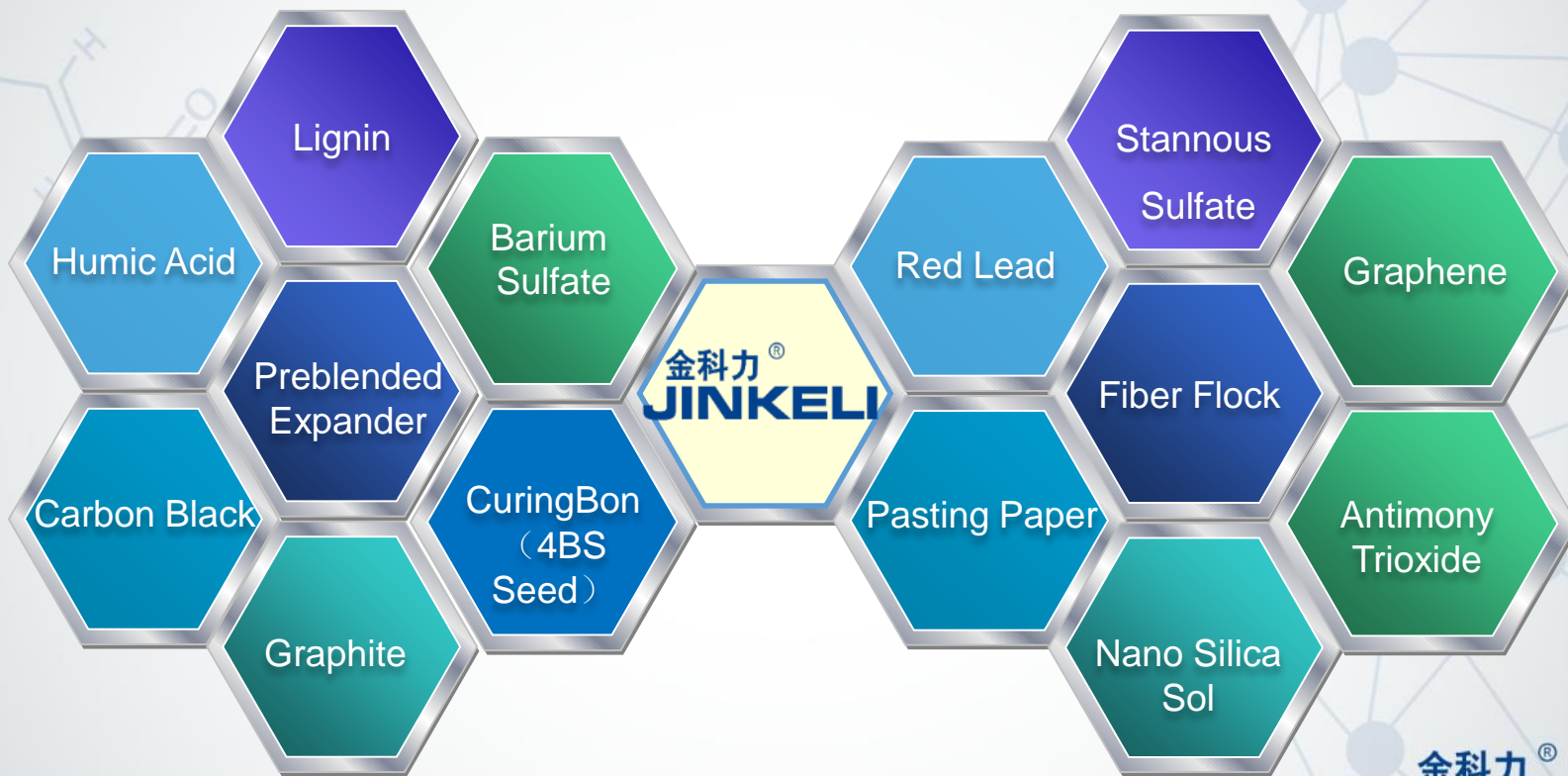
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- R&D center recognized as provincial level lab

Company Structure



Product Solution



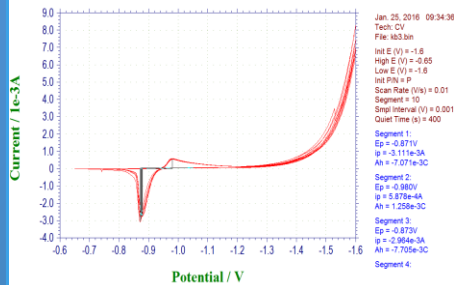
R&D Center

- **Built in 2007**
- **20+ battery engineers and 10 experts as consultant**
- **7 labs and 5 shared R&D platforms, dedicated to R&D of advanced materials, formulation as well as battery new processing and technology to provide turn-key solution to customers**
- **Featured with pre-blended expander, all-round technical support covering applications for SLI, Start-stop, Parking AC, Motive, ESS and Backup.**

Paste Formulation Optimization Process

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Material electrochemical performance selection



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Cells validation



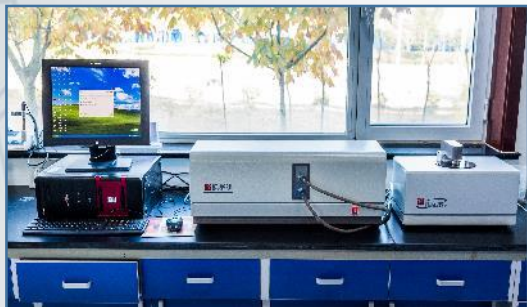
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Battery testing



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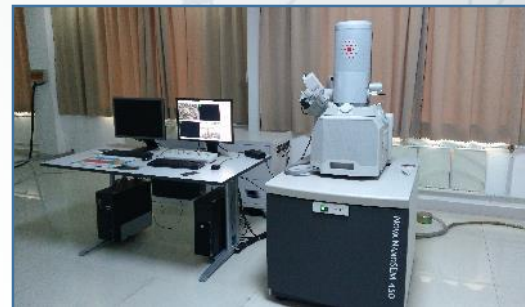
Materials Selection



Laser particle size analyzer



DSC/TGA



SEM



Ultraviolet Spectrophotometer



AAS



XRD

Cells Validation



Paste mixing



Pasting



Curing



COS



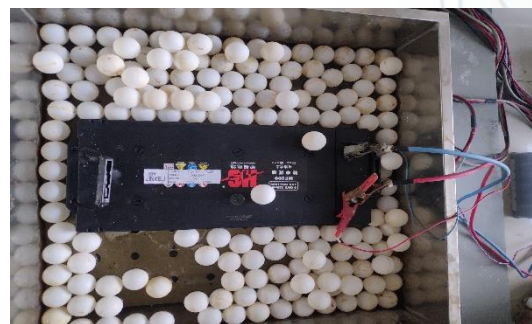
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Formation

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Battery Performance Testing



➤ Testing circuits: 500+

➤ Tests: 30+



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Parking AC Batteries

Market Situation

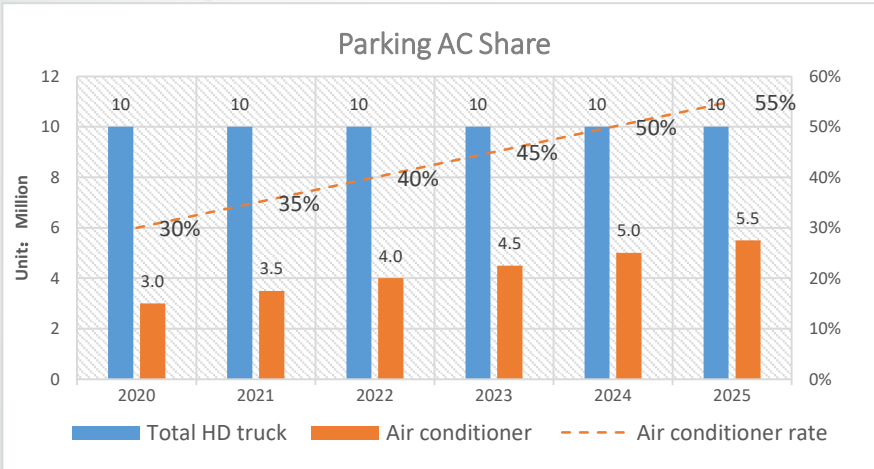
- Original AC's fuel cost is higher during traffic, parking and rest etc, with risk of engine wear and CO poisoning.
- Battery powered AC can reduce fuel consumption and carbon emission.

Air conditioner solution	Advantage	Weakness
Generator	Stable Power supply	1. Cost higher 2. Noise 3. Maintenance
Battery	1. No additional position 2. Quiet 3. Cheap	1. Short Cycle life 2. Difficult cranking after deep discharge



Market Survey

- Parking AC is powered by batteries when parking and taking rest without the engine's on.
- Originally from the drivers' needs for a better and comfortable driving life
- 30% market share by battery powered and keep increasing
- 2 batteries parallel and replace traditional SLI batteries



Market Survey (Source from HV)



Operation Condition of Parking AC Battery

➤ AC :

Top installation: better colling, power 750W around, long period use but high cost

Double mode: power 1000W~1400W, short period use, lower cost

➤ Charging:

Voltage: 14.0V~14.2V, risk of insufficient charge of low voltage

Time: 12h+ for long distance, 4h~6h for short distance

➤ Discharging:

Voltage: 10.5V~11.4V per battery (self-modified), risk of over-discharge

11.5V~11.75V per battery(original equipped), limit the AC using time

Time: 3h~4h Day time, average currnet 27A

6h~8h Night time, average currnet 5A

Parking AC Battery Performance Requirement

Unlike traditional SLI batteries, they operate under partial state-of-charge (PSoC) conditions and a high deep-discharge cycle performance and low-voltage charging and discharging are required. At present, the products on the China market suffer a rapid drop in capacity and a short life.

Application	Requirements for battery	Design solution
Overnight stay with integrated parking cooler: Approx.5 overnight stays/week; battery lifetime 24+ month	1.Excellent deep cycle robustness 2.Excellent cranking performance at low SOC 3.Excellent cycling capability	1. Formulation for deep cycle 2. Expander grid and increase AC wt. 3. Alloy optimization and adjustment 4. Compound separator 5. AGM batteries
Less than 9 hours charging with low charging voltage	1.Excellent dynamic charge acceptance 2.No acid stratification	1. Improvement of charge acceptance 2. Anti stratification 3. Gel addition
Long charging time	Overcharging endurance and water loss	1. Paste formulation adjustment 2. Acid circulation or VRLA type
End of frame installation	Good vibration endurance	1. Plate group fixed structure or use glue 2. Tight assembly

Battery Testing Standard

《T/CPQS E0001 —2019驻车空调器Parking vehicle air conditioner》 standard drafted
 Based on SLI battery , not suitable for AC battery operation condition
 OEM has no standard for deep-cycle performance, battery makers standard varies a lot

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温度	25°C	25°C	25°C	25°C	25°C											
循环电流	50	30	30	55	45											
功率	1200	720	720	1320	1080											
放电深度	78. 64%	66. 82%	46. 82%	50. 00%	54%											
循环次数	无	180	180	180	450次											
终止电压		11. 75	11. 75 7. 2	10	10. 5											
验证起动	常温 600A	无	常温 400A	低温 720A	低温 720A											



After calculations, DOD is 47%~80%.

Battery Testing Standard

Consideration of DOD and Cycling Temperature

- **Flooded:** Operation cycle, Low-vol. char& dis. Cycling, Cycling test II, Deep discharge cycling, 50%DOD cycling
- **AGM:** Low-vol. char& dis. Cycling, operation cycling, 50%DOD cycling, 80%DOD cycling

Operation Cycle

After fully charged, put battery in the water bath setting 25°C for 24h. Then perform below cycle.

- Discharge with 4A constant current for 6h;
- Charging with constant voltage of 14V and limited current of 70A for 6h;
- Discharge with 27A constant current for 3h;
- Then charge with a constant voltage of 14V and a current limit of 70A for 6 hours.

The above steps a-d are one cycle. Cycle terminated till terminal voltage below 11V.

After the test terminated, undertake CCA -18°C test, and the 30s voltage $\geq 7.2V$.

Low-vol. Cycle

After fully charged, put battery in the 25°C water bath for 24h. Then perform below cycle.

- Discharge with 25A current to 11V, then suspend for 10min;
 - Charging with constant voltage of 14V and limited current of 50A for 12h, then suspend for 10min;
- The above steps a-b are one cycle. Cycle terminated till discharge capacity $< 40\%C_e$.

After the test terminated, undertake Cold Cranking -18°C test, and the 30s voltage $\geq 7.2V$.

80%DOD Cycle

After fully charged, put battery in the 25°C water bath for 24h. Then perform below cycle.

- Discharge with 5In constant current for 2h;
- Charging with constant voltage (Flooded 15.6V, VRLA 14.4V) and limited current of 5In for 8h.

The above steps a-b are one cycle. Cycle terminated till terminal voltage below 10V.

After the test terminated, undertake Cold Cranking -18°C test, and the 30s voltage $\geq 7.2V$.

Cycling test (IEC 60095-1:2006 Term 9.6.3) **50%DOD cycling** (IEC 60095-6:2019 Term 9.6.2)



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Materials Selection

Cells design



Table 1 Container Size

Size	L/mm	W/mm	H/mm
Overall	66.0	30.4	107.5
Inner cavity	56.0	20.5	100.0

Table 2 Grid & AM

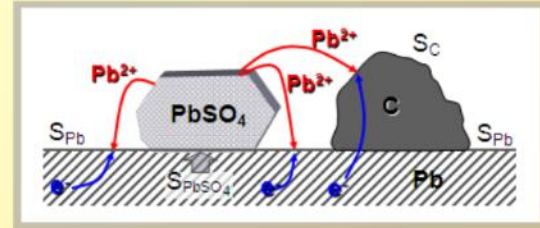
Grid Size	W/mm	H/mm	T/mm	AM Wt./g	Qty/PCS
POS.	44.5	72.0	2.8	27	3
NEG.	44.5	72.0	1.9	19	2

Testing Standard:

GB/T 5008.1-2013、GB/T 22199.1-2017

Carbon Black

Carbon black can increase the effective specific surface area of the negative paste and optimize the micro morphology of the negative electrode. Therefore, carbon material can improve the dynamic charge acceptance and cycle life of the battery



S_C - Carbon contact surface area with solution

$$S_{NAM} = S_{Pb} - S_{PbSO_4} + S_C$$

I - charge/given constant current

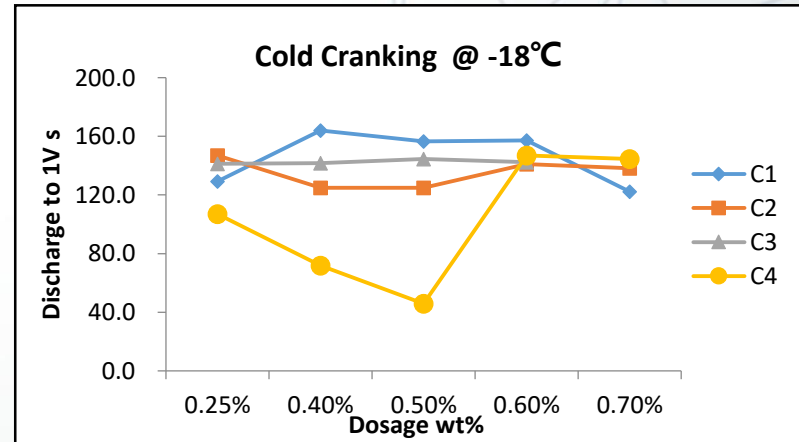
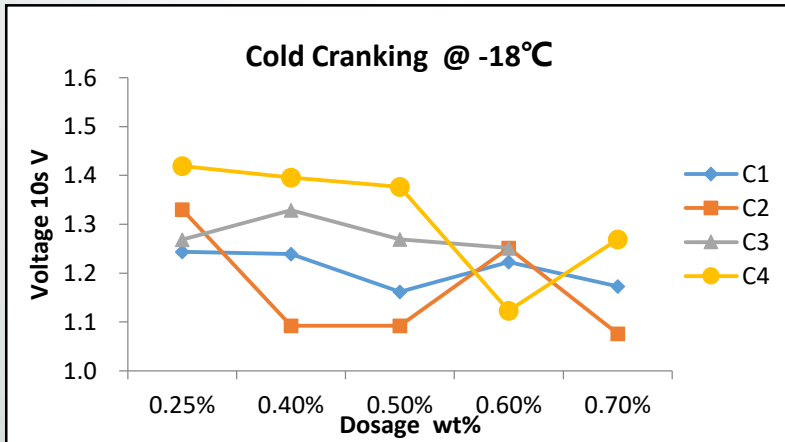
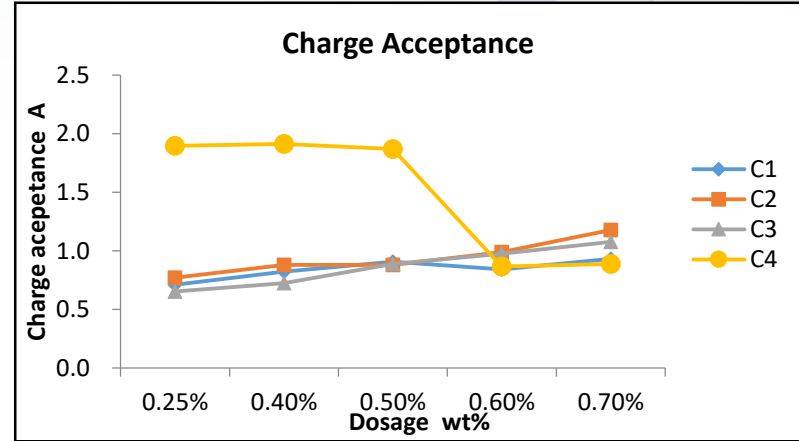
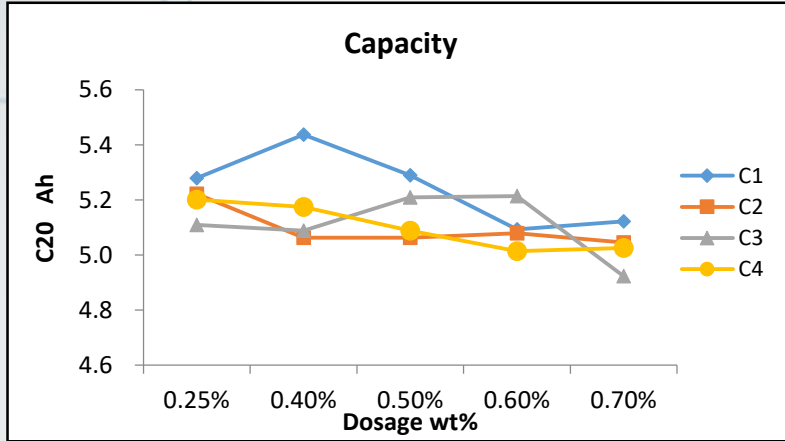
Tafel equation: $\Delta\varphi = a + b \cdot \lg \frac{I}{S_{Pb} - S_{PbSO_4} + S_C}$

Carbon black with different BET and particle size Comparison

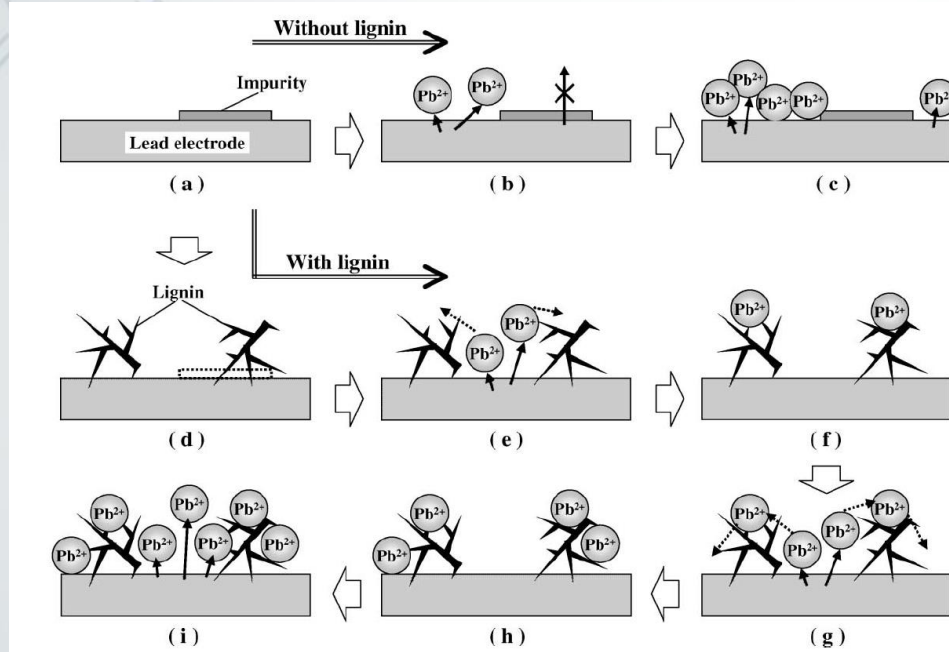
Dosage: 0.25%, 0.4%, 0.5%, 0.6%, 0.7%

Formulation: 0.2%lignin+0.25%humic acid+1.0%barium sulfate

Carbon Black Effect on Battery Performance



Lignin

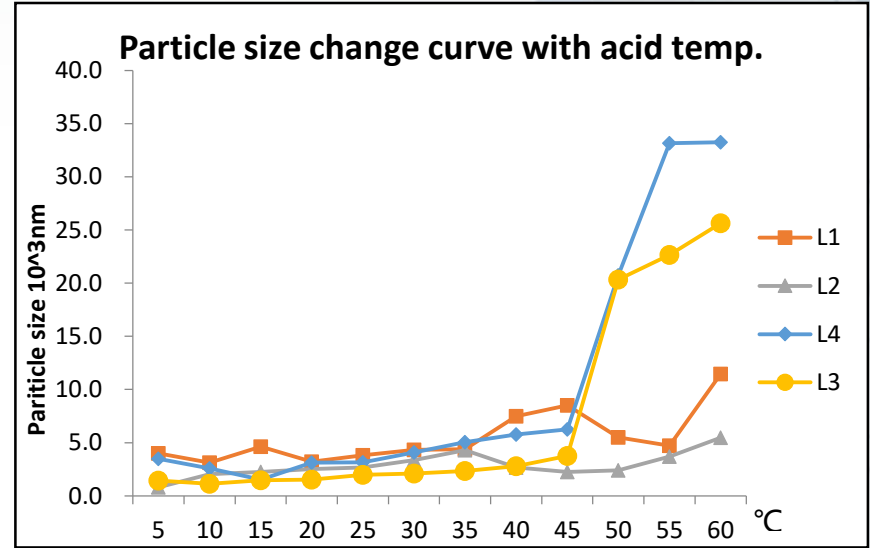
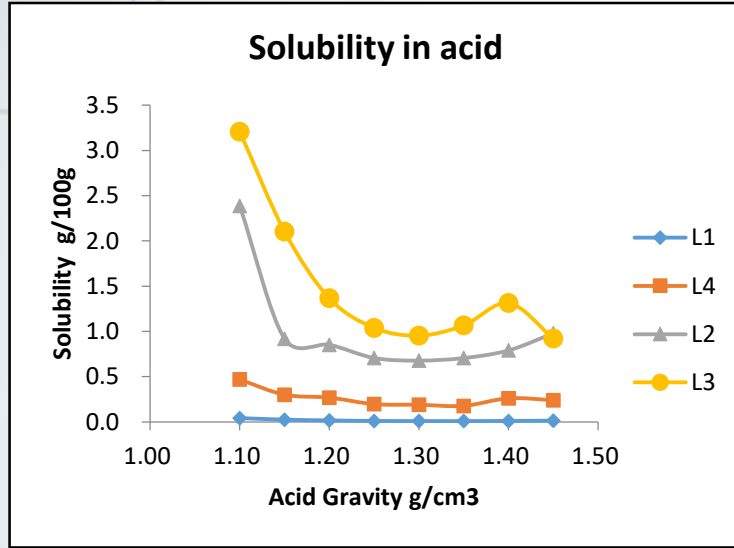


Lead ions are arranged in disorder on the plate (a-c) without lignin. After adding lignin, the lignin effectively prevents the plate from being completely covered by lead sulfate crystals (d-g), thereby improving performance at low temperature.

Lignin effect on plate

(Source: Ref. J. Power Sources 107(2) 167–172)

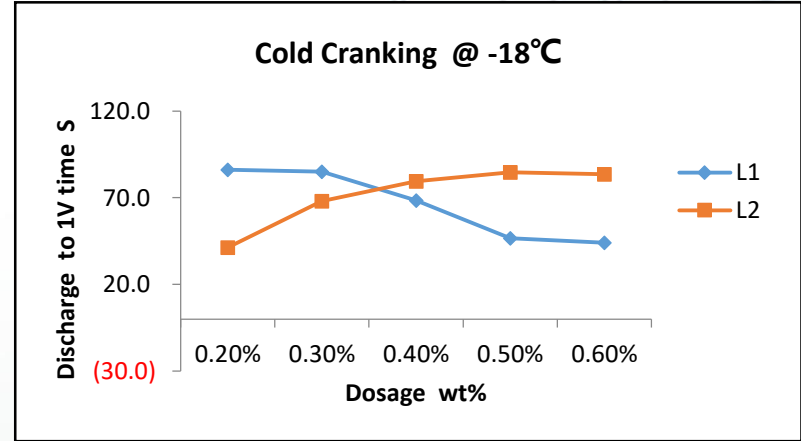
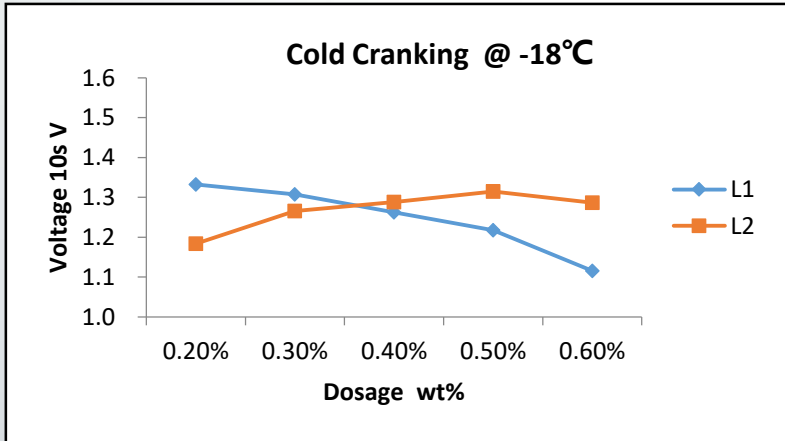
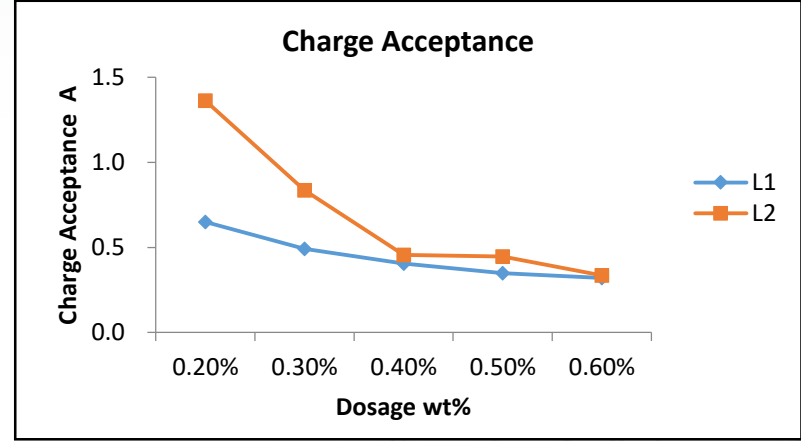
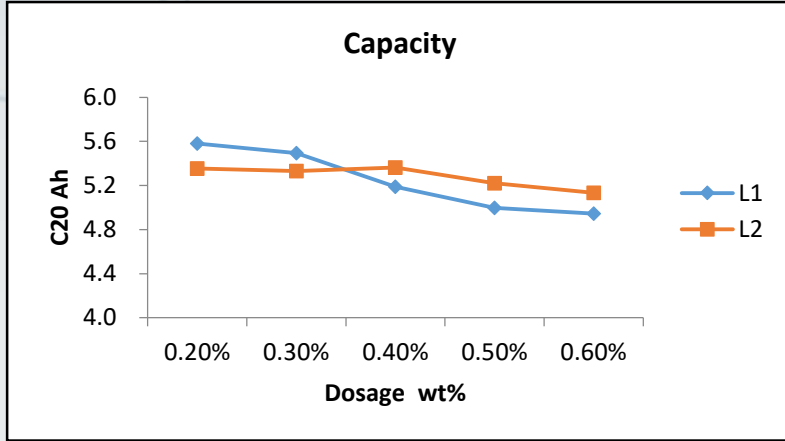
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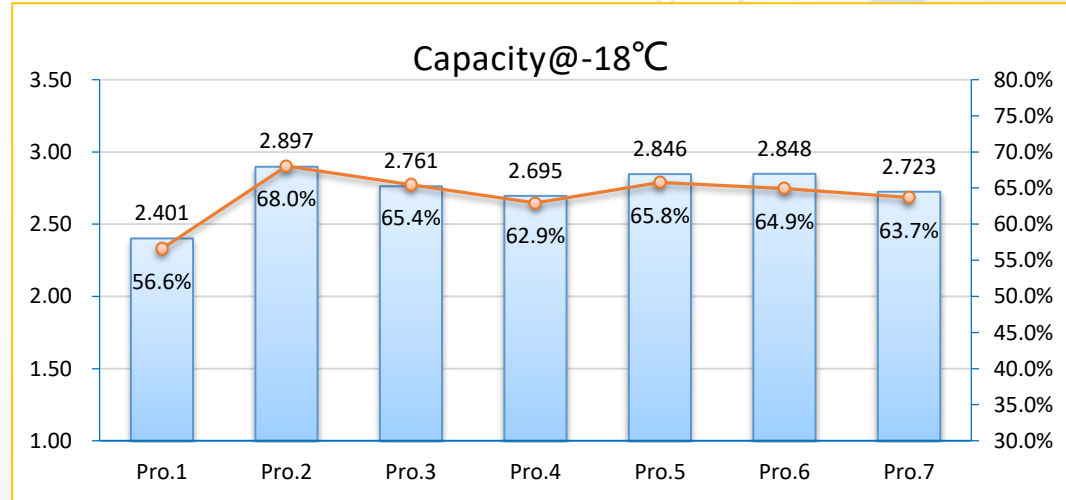
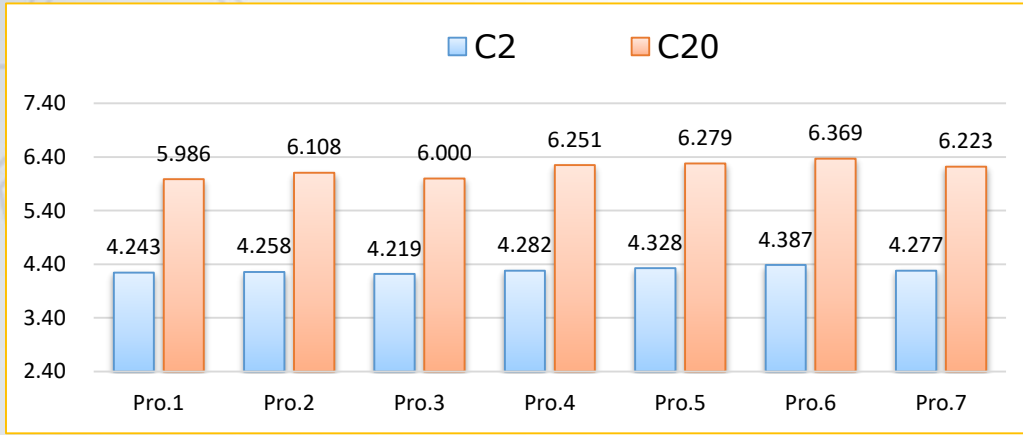
Different lignin comparison

Formulation: 0.25% carbon black + 1.0% barium sulfate

Lignin Effect on Battery Performance

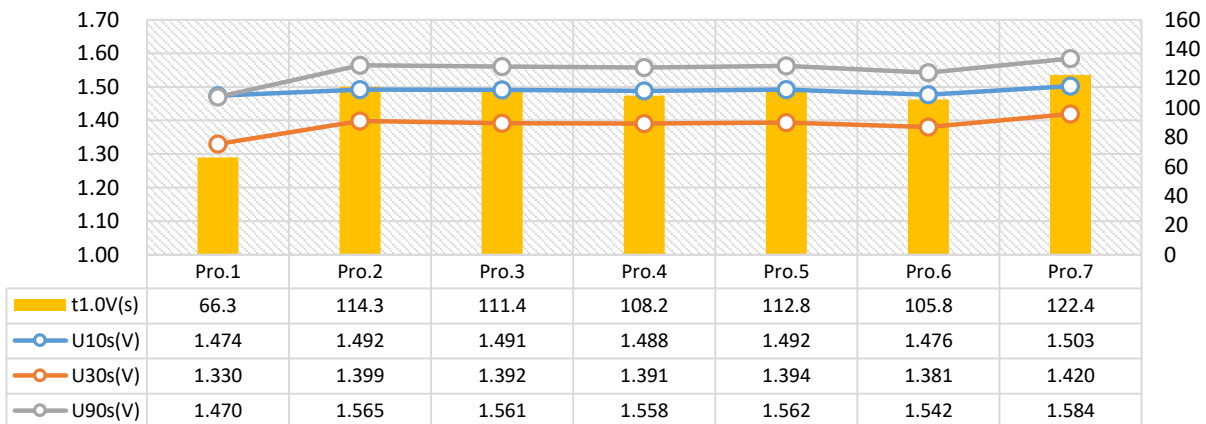


Cell Testing Data (Negative formulation)

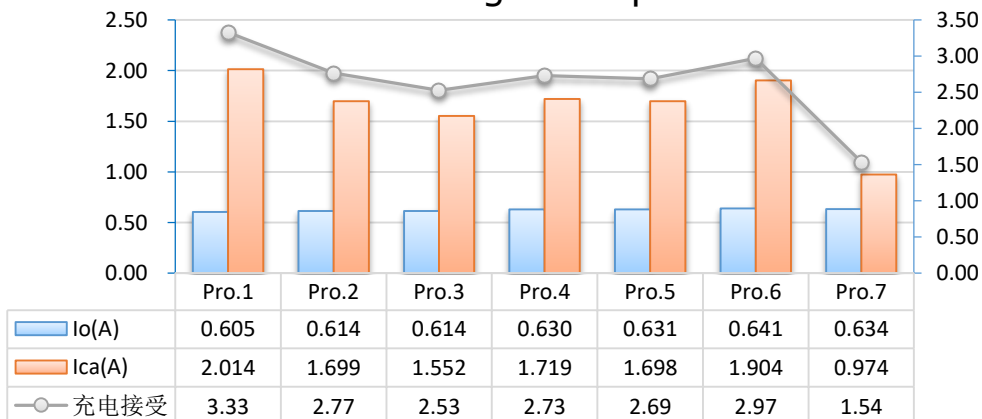


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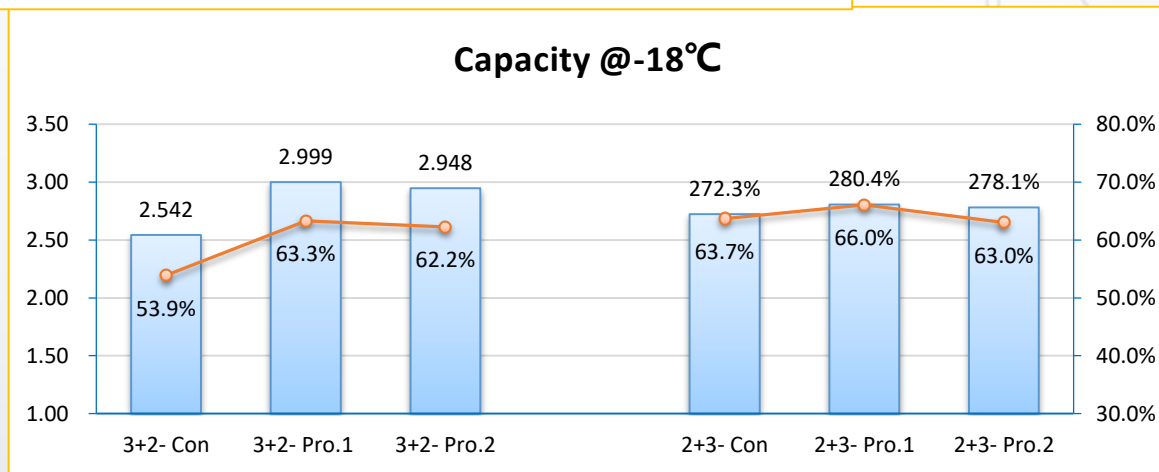
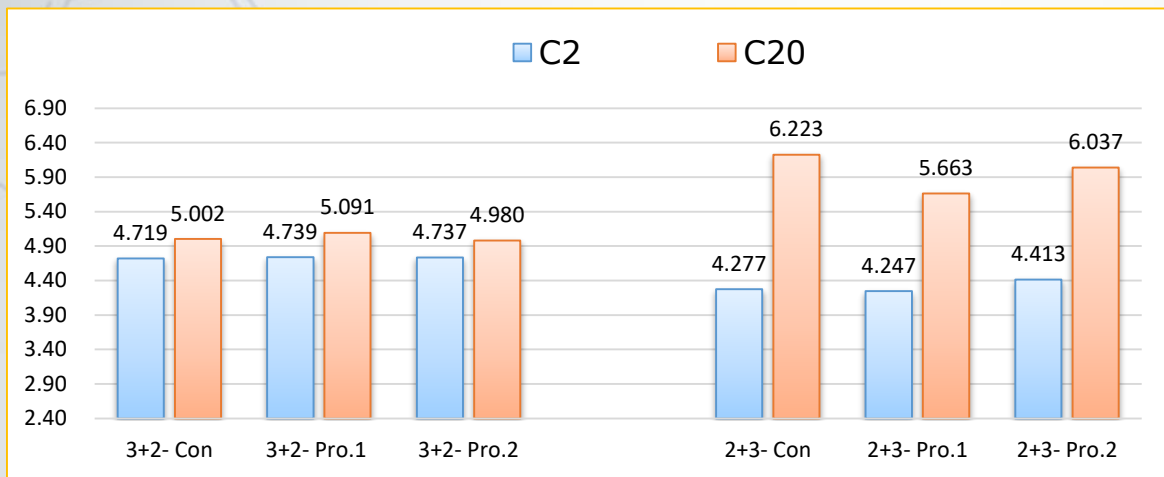
Cold Cranking Performance



Charge Acceptance

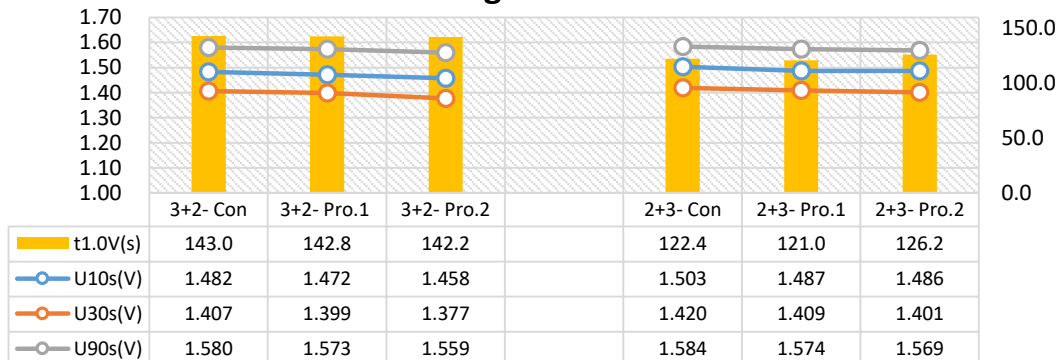


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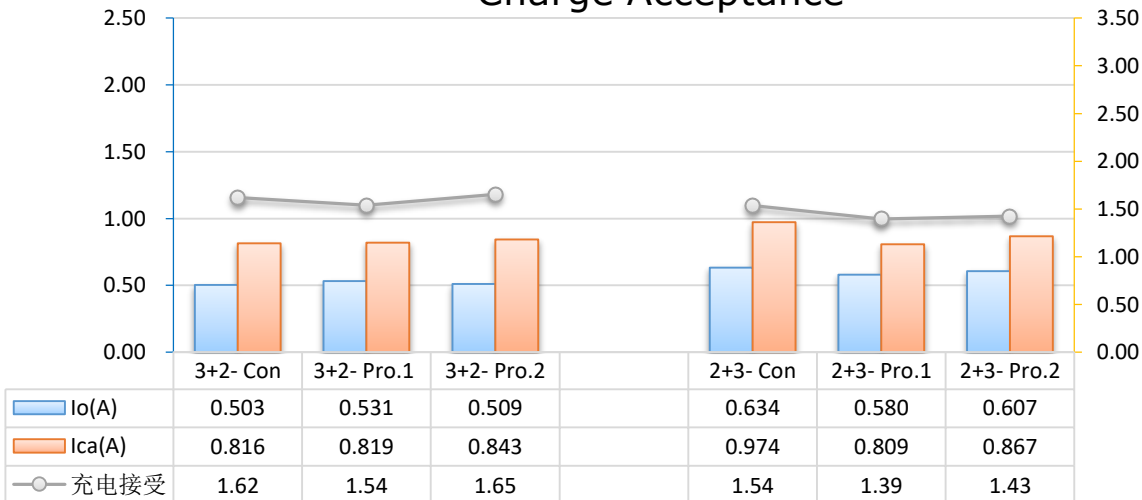


Cell Testing Data (Positive)

Cold Cranking Performance



Charge Acceptance

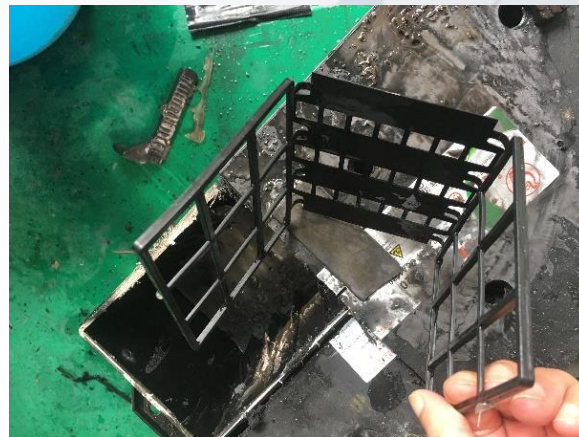




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Battery Testing

Sample Battery

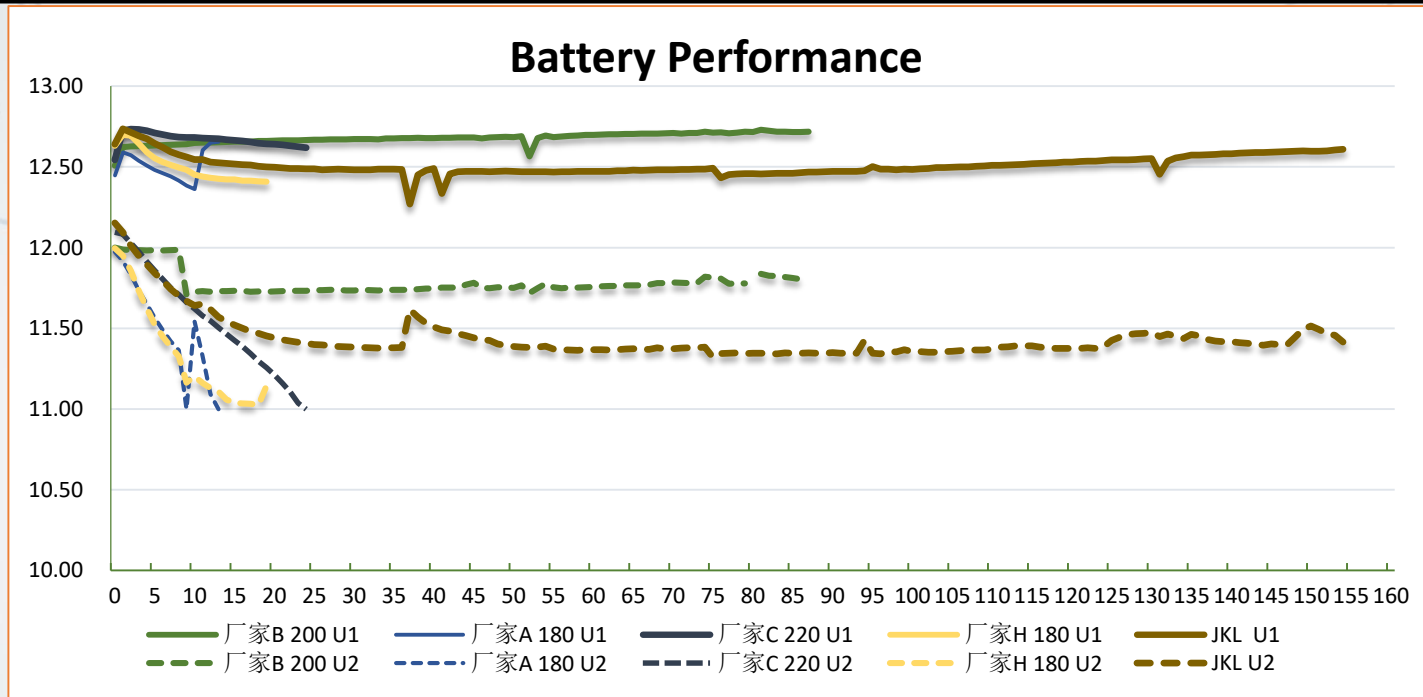


Testing Date	MFR.	Capacity	Type	Plate	Plate Group
2020.9	Y	230Ah	Flooded	Neg. & Pos. same casting 130mm	+17/-18
2021.5	H	180Ah	Flooded	Neg. & Pos. casting 124.5mm	+13/-14 +11/-12
2021.6	K	180Ah	Flooded	Neg. & Pos. casting 115mm	+14/-15
2021.7	R	200Ah	AGM	Neg. & Pos. casting 154mm	+13/-14

Sample Battery Initial Performance

Type	Sample	Spec.	OCV (V)	IR (mΩ)	Weight (kg)	C20 (Ah)	Cold Cranking @ -18°C (1000A, IEC)			CA
							U _{10s} (V)	U _{30s} (V)	U _{90s} (V)	
Flooded	Y	12V 230Ah	12.90	2.00	58.12	234.87	8.785	8.622	9.766	3.02
	Y	12V 230Ah	12.91	2.00	59.12	246.15	8.812	8.652	9.789	3.16
	H	12V 180Ah	12.68	2.34	46.50	181.49	8.545	8.258	9.557	3.25
	H	12V 180Ah	12.68	2.37	46.45	182.08	8.543	8.291	9.547	2.88
	H	12V 180Ah	12.62	2.70	45.13	180.38	7.701	7.306	8.964	2.39
	H	12V 180Ah	12.65	2.57	46.23	185.26	7.738	7.374	9.007	2.53
	MFR:C	12V 220Ah	12.71	2.01	60.00	250.16	9.156	9.036	10.060	2.92
	MFR:B	12V 200Ah	12.71	2.49	51.87	166.31	8.389	7.944	9.137	2.78
	MFR:A	12V 200Ah	12.80	2.60	47.07	176.94	8.449	8.106	9.349	/
	MFR:A	12V 180Ah	12.74	2.33	45.14	153.81	8.434	8.165	9.350	3.18
AGM	MFR:C	12V 330Ah	12.77	1.90	87.00	332.68	8.302	8.064	9.485	2.08
	MFR:B	12V 330Ah	12.88	2.80	81.00	307.15	7.643	7.132	8.815	2.14
	R	12V 200Ah	13.01	2.17	63.42	240.52	/	/	/	/
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Flooded Battery under Simulated Operation Condition



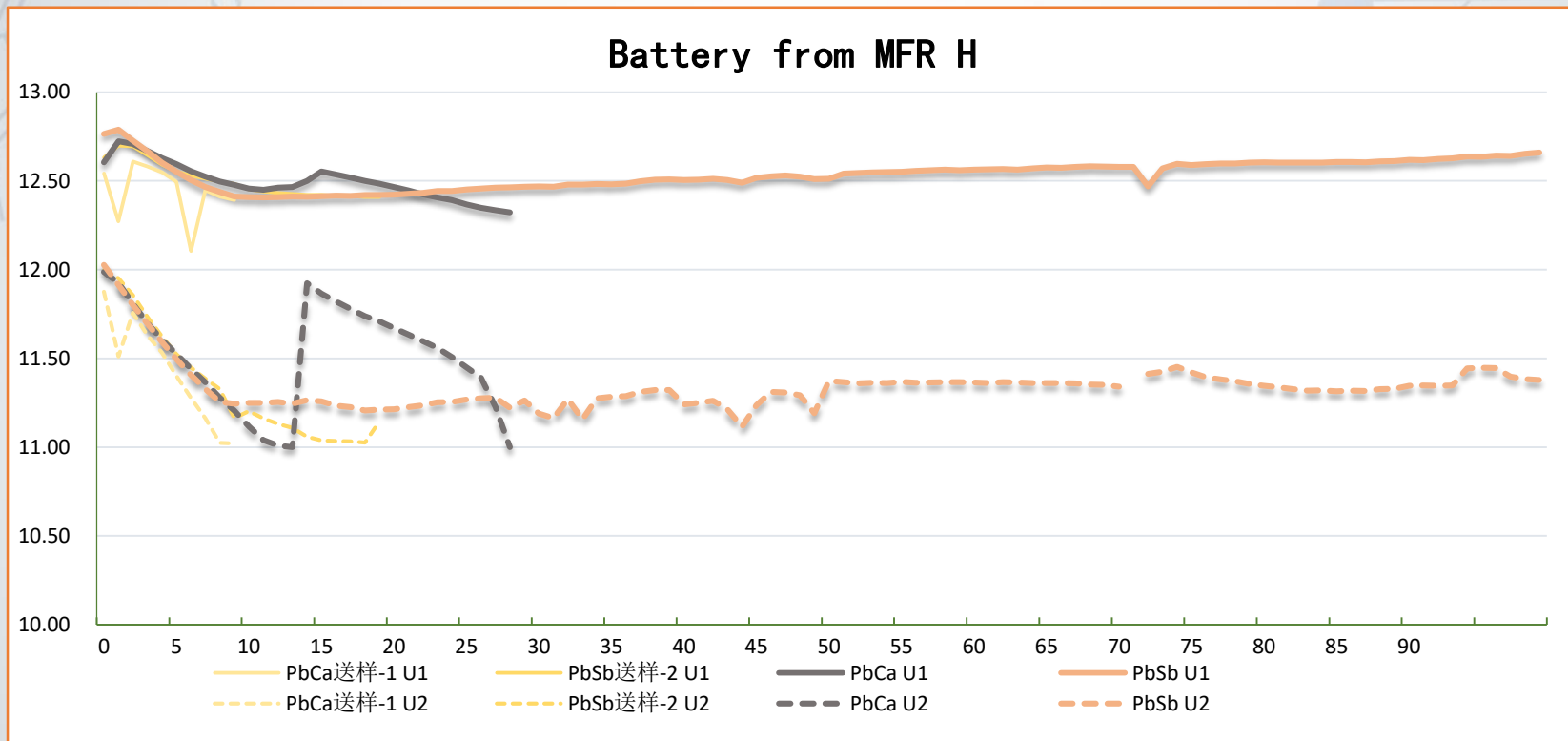
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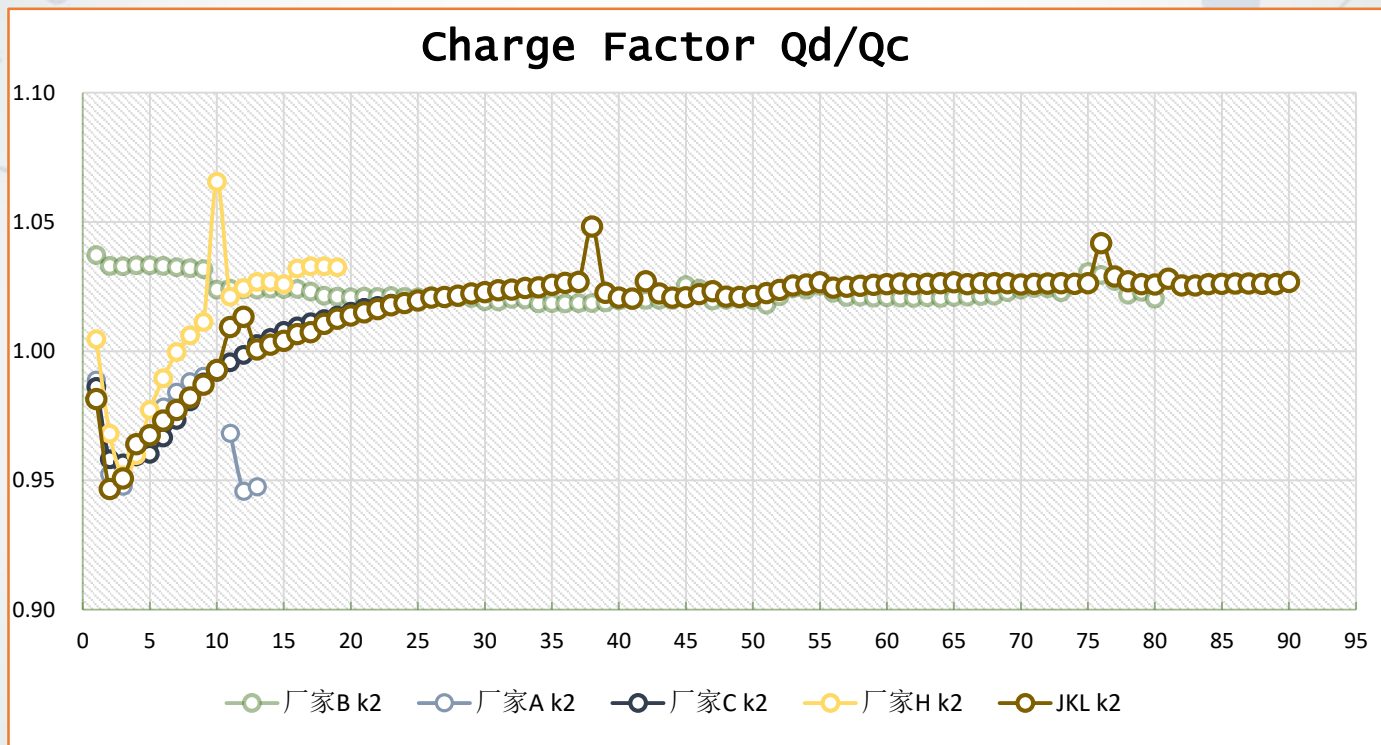
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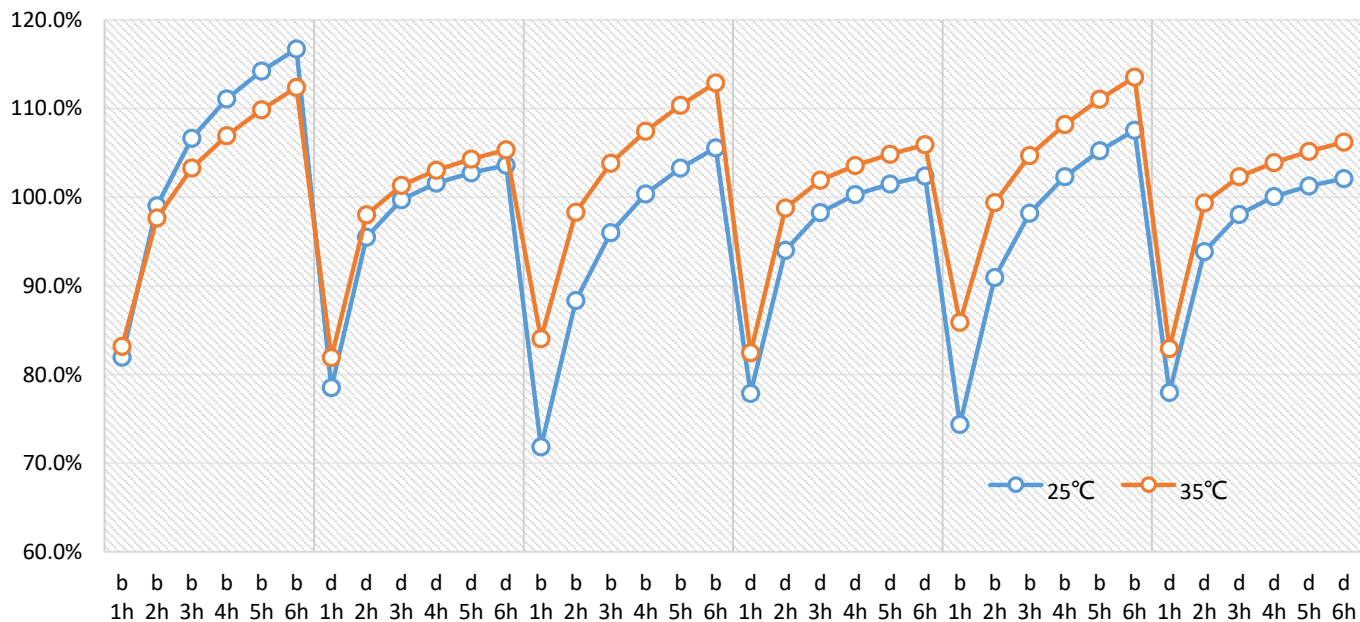


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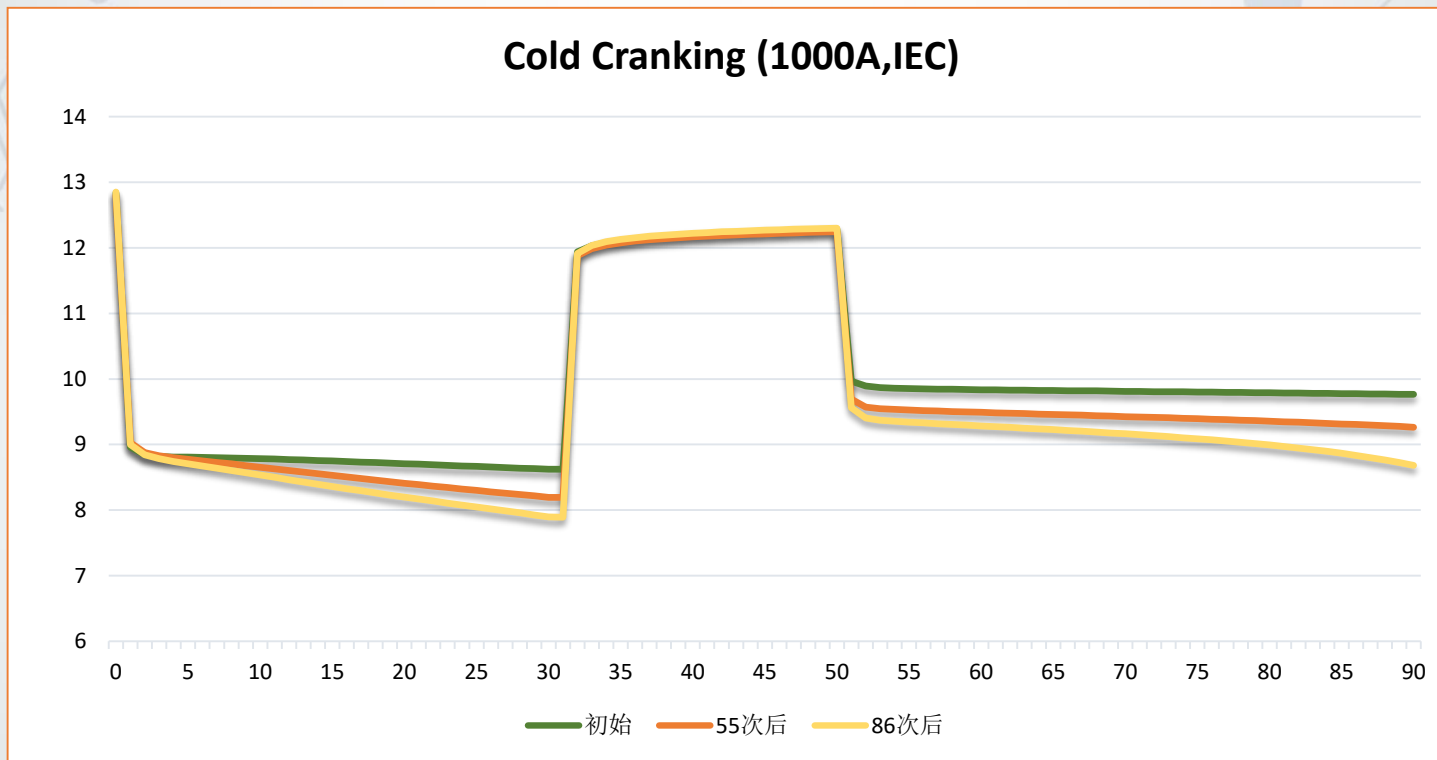


Flooded Battery Operation 1

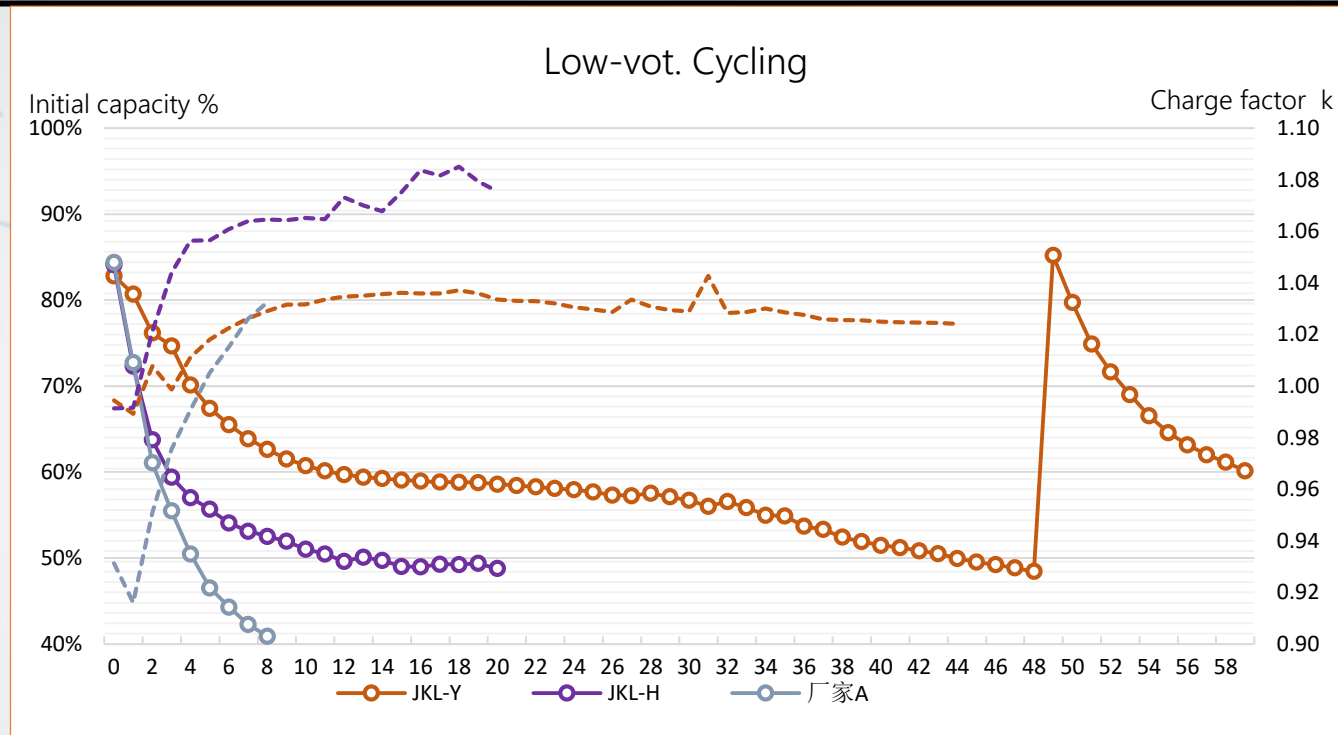
Charge factor @14V under differenet temperatures



Flooded Battery under Simulated Operation Condition



Flooded Battery Low-voltage Cycle



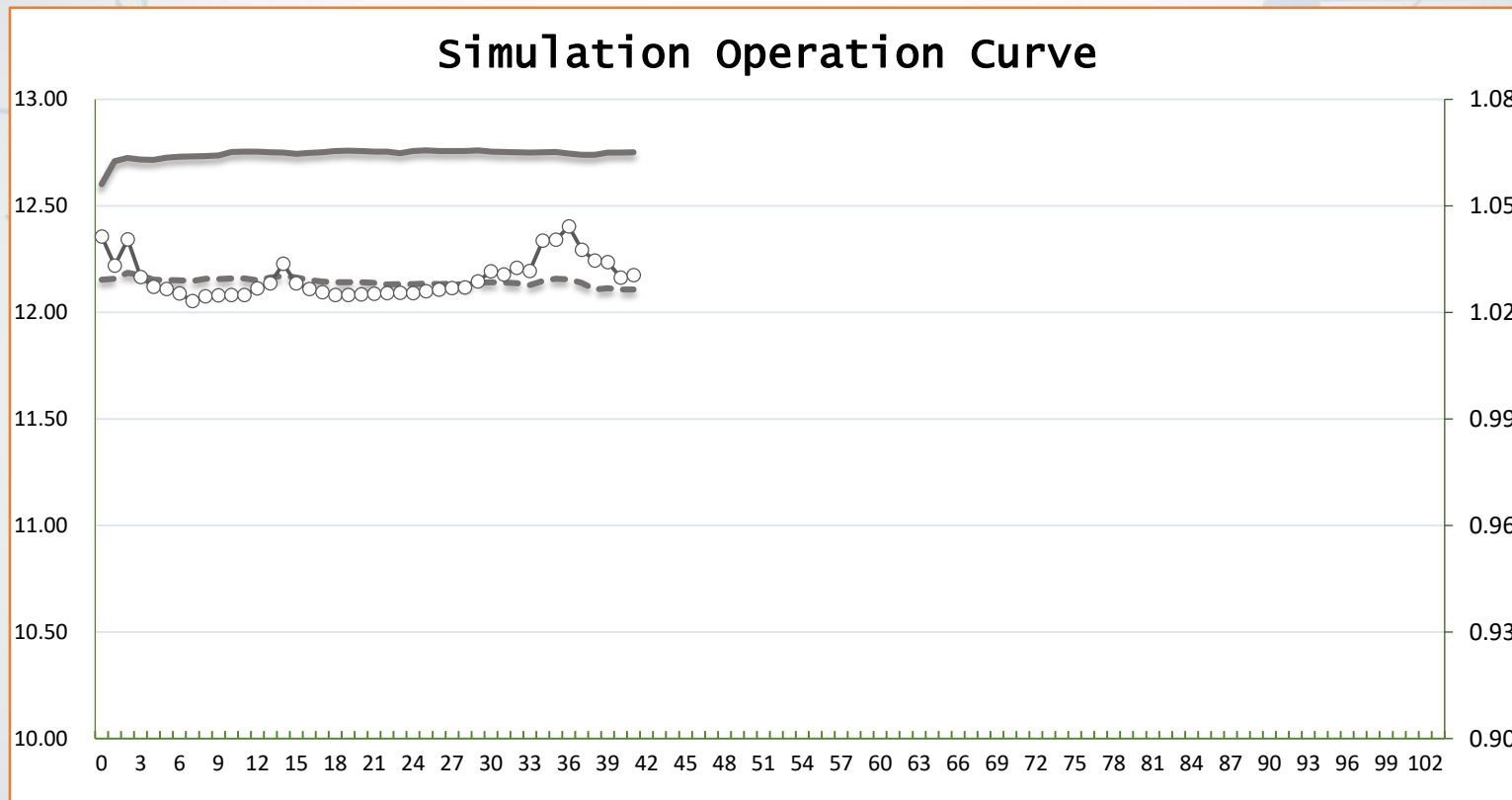
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- Discharge with 25A current to 11V, then suspend for 10min;
- Charging with constant voltage of 14V and limited current of 50A for 12h, then suspend for 10min;

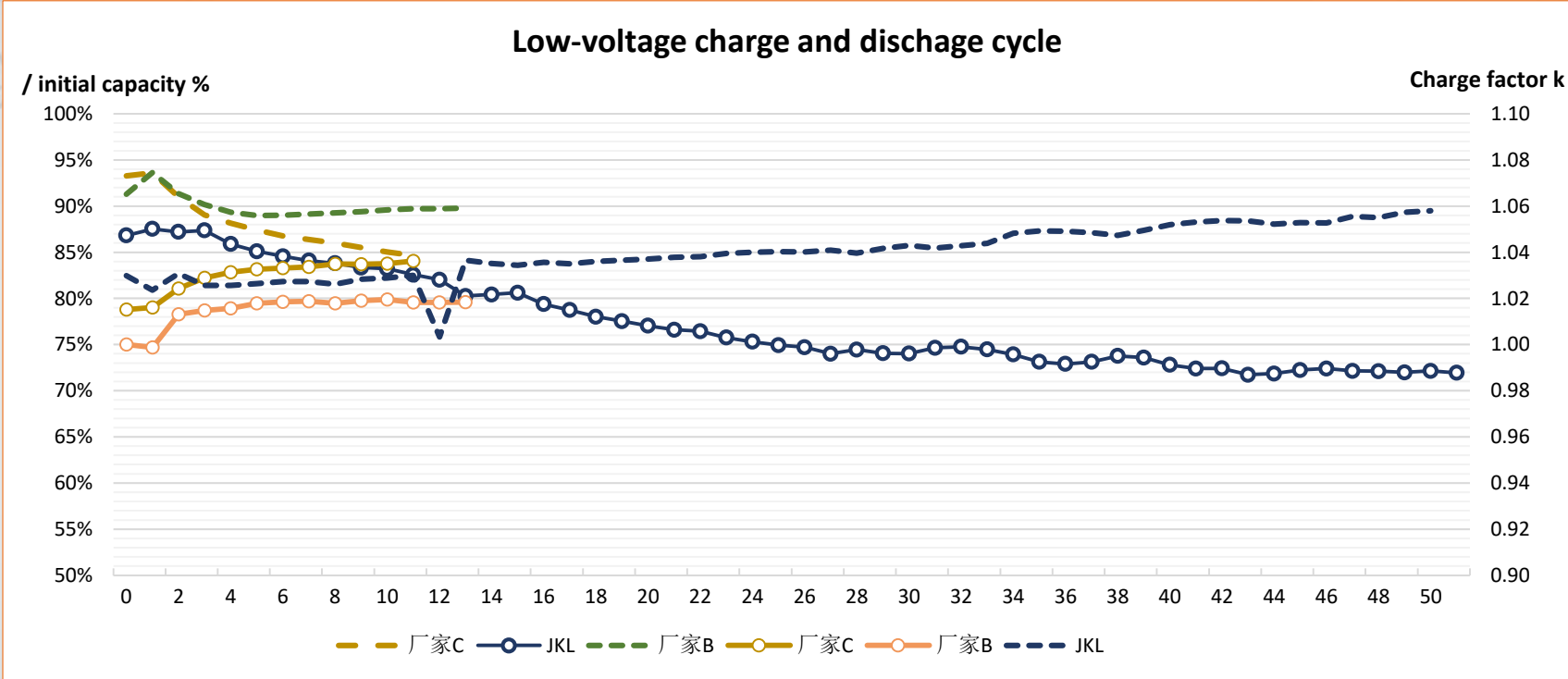
The above steps a-b are one cycle. Cycle terminated till discharge capacity $< 40\%C_e$.

After the test terminated, undertake Cold Cranking -18°C test, and the 30s voltage $\geq 7.2V$.

AGM Battery under Simulated Operation Condition



AGM Battery Low-voltage Cycle



Summary of Life Testing

Item	Capacity	Type	Battery on market	Jinkeli	Standard	Testing Data
Operation Cycle	230Ah	Flooded		Y	≥90	155, terminate
	180Ah	Flooded		H	≥45	104, ing
	200Ah	AGM		R	≥120	25, ing
	180AH	Flooded	MNF: A		≥45	11, failed
	200Ah	Flooded	MNF: B		≥60	83, ok
	220Ah	Flooded	MNF: C		≥90	22, failed
Low-vol. Cycle	180Ah	Flooded		Y	/	72, ing
	180AH	Flooded		H	/	35, ing
	200Ah	Flooded	MNF: A		/	9, failed
	200Ah	AGM		R	/	52, ing
	330Ah	AGM	MNF: B		/	14, ing
	330Ah	AGM	MNF: C		/	12, ing

Conclusion

- **Parking ac battery will gradually expand on market. In addition to capacity and cold cranking performance, a higher cycle life is required. New design of large capacity flooded battery is needed, even a AGM battery.**
- **Unlike the charging and discharging condition of traditional SLI battery, a paste formulation optimization is required to meet deep-discharge and fast charging requirement along with structure and active material wt. adjustment.**
- **Flooded and AGM battery should use different paste formulation for both positive and negative plates.**
- **We suggest setup a uniform testing standard for parking ac battery to evaluate the life of batteries.**



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