

# Qualification Results of the LSE12x Cell New 12Ah Size Cell from GS Yuasa

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# GS Yuasa Corporate Highlights and Global Network



## GS Yuasa Corporation (2004)

Develops management plan and strategy for GS group and administrate the group companies to enhance the total value of the group.

## GS Yuasa International

Manufacturing and sales of automotive & industrial batteries, power supply systems, switch gear, lighting & ultra violet systems, specialty equipment and other electrical equipment

### Lithium Energy Japan (JV) (2007)

Development, manufacturing and sales of large lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles

### Blue Energy Co., Ltd (JV) (2009)

Development, manufacturing and sales of lithium-ion batteries for hybrid electric vehicles

### GS Yuasa Technology Ltd. "GYT"

Manufacturing and sales of specialty batteries



Japan Storage Battery Co., Est. 1917

Yuasa Battery Manufacturing, Est. 1915

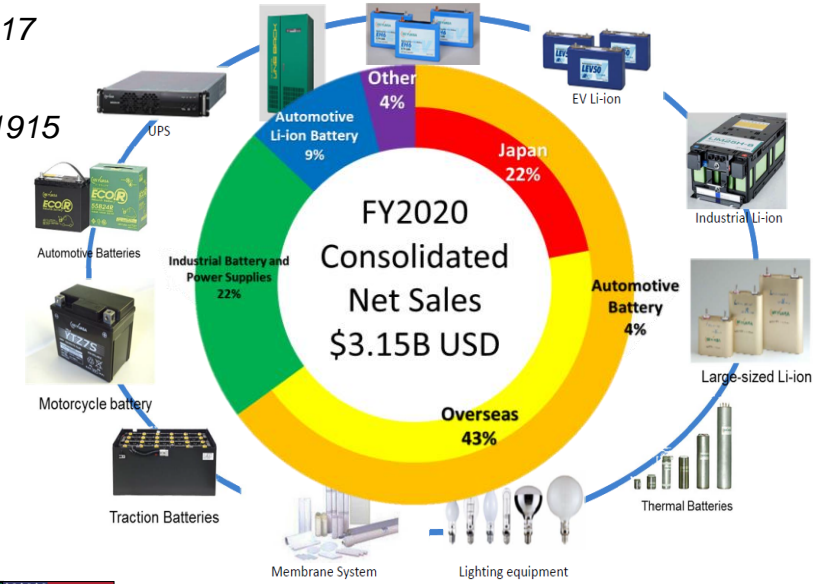
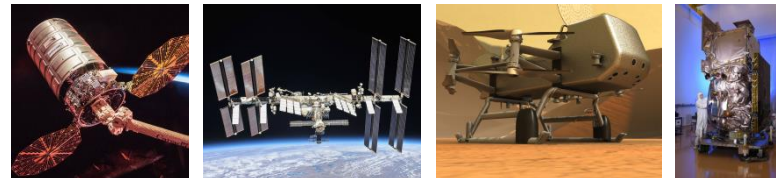
**37** Overseas affiliates  
**19** Countries

### GS Yuasa Energy Solutions (2019)

Sales of automotive, industrial and power-sports batteries

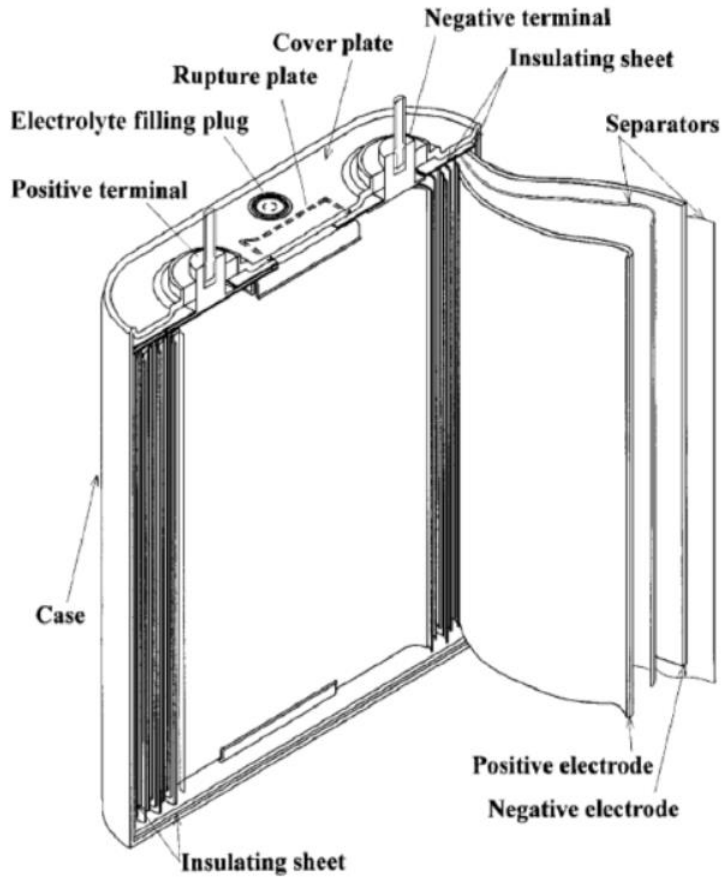
### GS Yuasa Lithium Power "GYLP" (2006)

Li-ion battery manufacturing and sales  
North American aerospace and defense applications



# LSE Cell Heritage

Two Decades of Trusted Performance



**Wound electrode in an elliptical cylindrical case**



All cells share the same primary features:

- Al-case
- Wound prismatic construction
- Ceramic terminals
- Case neutral
- LCO chemistry

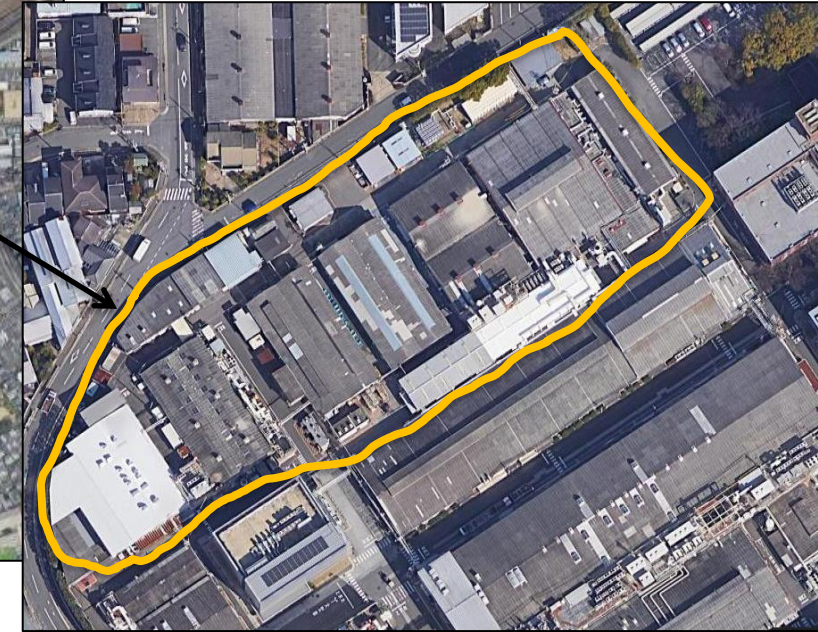
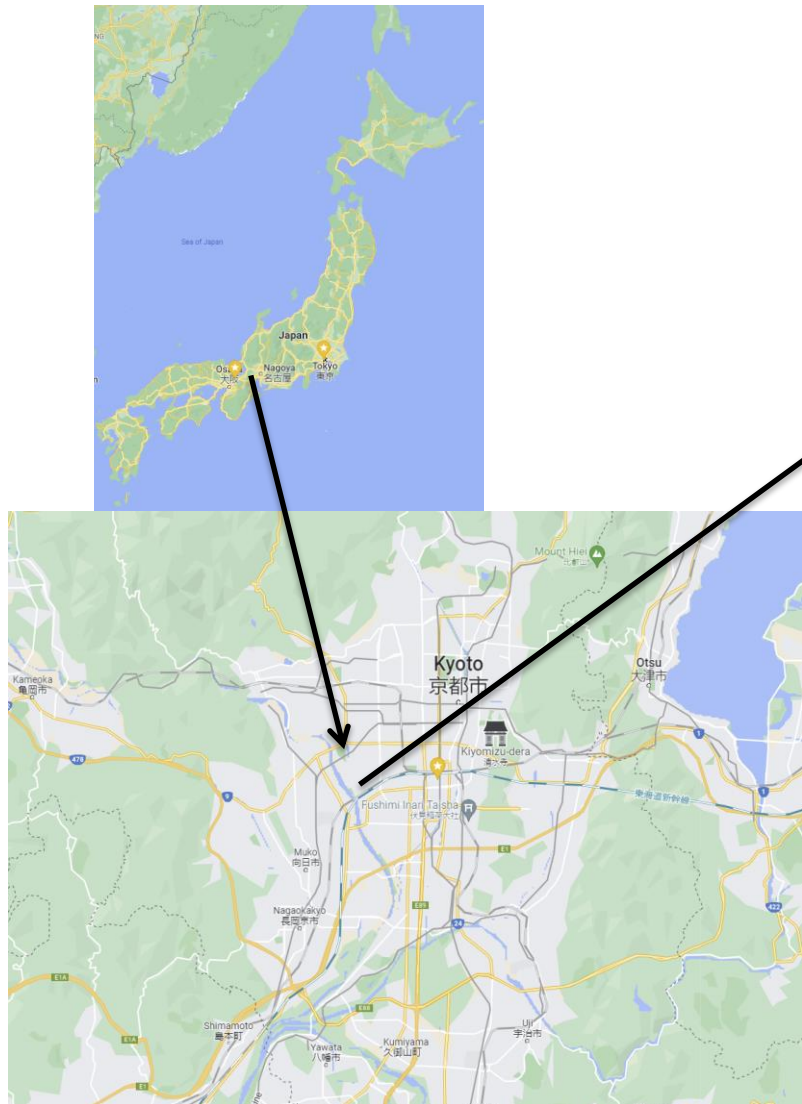
The LSE Li-ion cell portfolio consists of various sizes that share analogous design and manufacturing characteristics.

Approximate Nameplate Cell Capacities (left to right)  
Gen 3: 35Ah, 55Ah, 190Ah, 145Ah, 110Ah  
Gen 4: 40Ah, 60Ah, 205Ah, 160Ah, 120Ah



# LSE Cell Manufacturing Location

GS Yuasa Technology LTD. Kyoto, Japan



Green: GS Yuasa Main Campus –  
Engineering, Manufacturing, R&D, Sales

Orange: LSE Cell Manufacturing and Testing



# GS Yuasa Space Flight Heritage Update



## GS Yuasa is a world leader in Li-ion energy storage for space vehicles

Number of satellites.....	220+
- LEO/MEO.....	102+
- GEO.....	117
1 <sup>st</sup> satellite on-orbit.....	Servis 1 (30 Oct. 2003)
Longest satellite on-orbit (yrs).....	>16yr (IPSTAR, 11 Aug. 2005) still operational
Li-ion Watt-hours flown in space.....	>4.4 MWh (world leader)
Cell-hours flown in space.....	>510 million hours
Space cell qualification programs.....	>27
Cell sizes (Ah) flown.....	35; 50; 55; 100; 102; 110; 134; 145; 175; 190; 200
Performance to date.....	No failures
Backlog (Wh).....	>1.5 MWh



## Launch vehicles & number of satellites

Ariane-5ECA	47	Falcon-9 v.1.2	14	Soyuz-2-1b Fregat	3	H-2A-2024	2	Atlas-5(421)	1
Soyuz-2-1 Fregat	24	Antares 230	10	Zenit-3SLB	3	H-2A-204	2	Delta II-7420	1
H-2B-304	13	Proton-M Briz-M (Ph.4)	6	Antares 120	2	H-IIA	2	Dnepr	1
H-2A-202	20	Atlas-5(401)	5	Ariane-5ECA+	2	Rokot-KM	2	Epsilon CLPS	1
Proton-M Briz-M (Ph.3)	18	Falcon-9 v.1.1	5	Atlas-5(431)	2	Zenit-3SL (2)	2	GSLV Mk.2	1
Soyuz-STB Fregat-MT	17	Proton-M Briz-M (Ph.2)	4	Epsilon	2	Ariane-5GS	1	Proton-M Briz-M (P1 M1)	1

Metrics updated February 2022

# LSE12x Lithium-ion Cell for Space Design Overview

Goal: Design and qualify a cost competitive small form factor cell that aligns with the market's expansion toward smaller and high power spacecraft.

Cell should achieve the following objectives:

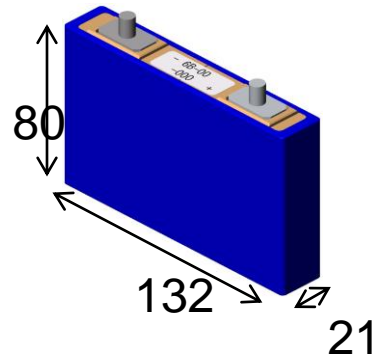
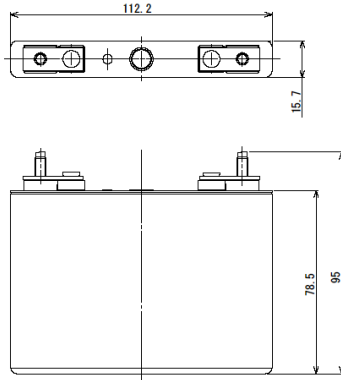
- Maintain LSE cell reputation for ultra high reliability
  - Leverage heritage mechanical piece parts and processes to reduce risk
  - GS Yuasa's Generation 4 LCO-Graphite Space chemistry
- Minimize user's program risk through complete configuration control and material traceability
- Design for manufacturability and cost competitiveness



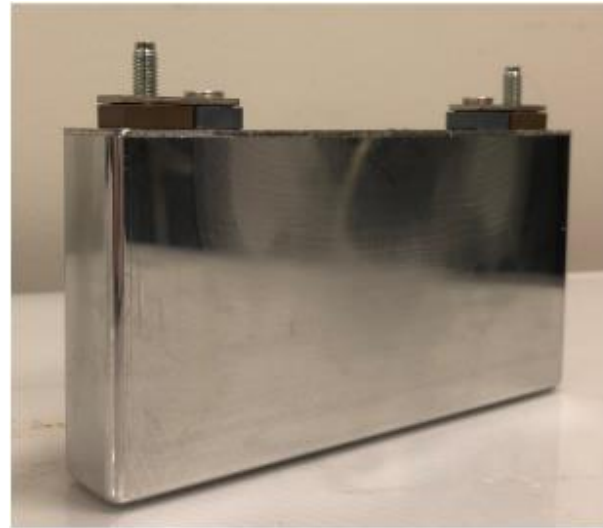
# LSE12x Case Design

## Fusion of Aviation and Automotive Cells

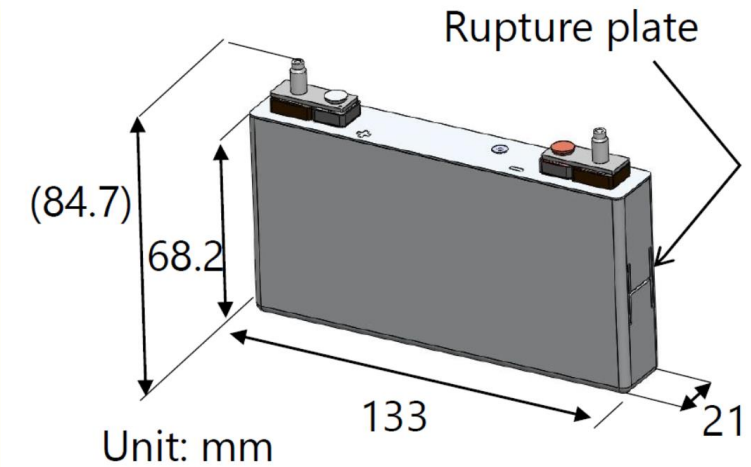
 **Blue Energy**  
- EH5 Ultra high power cell for Honda/Acura hybrids



- LVP10 Cell for Aviation Applications



- Aluminum Case
- Case Neutral Design
- Hermetically Sealed
- Ruggedized Current Collectors

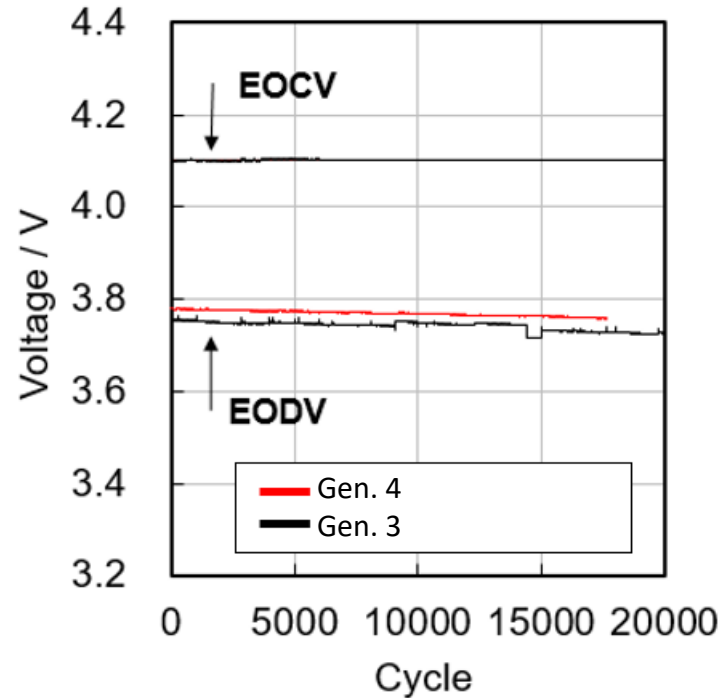


# LSE12x Generation 4 LCO-Graphite Chemistry



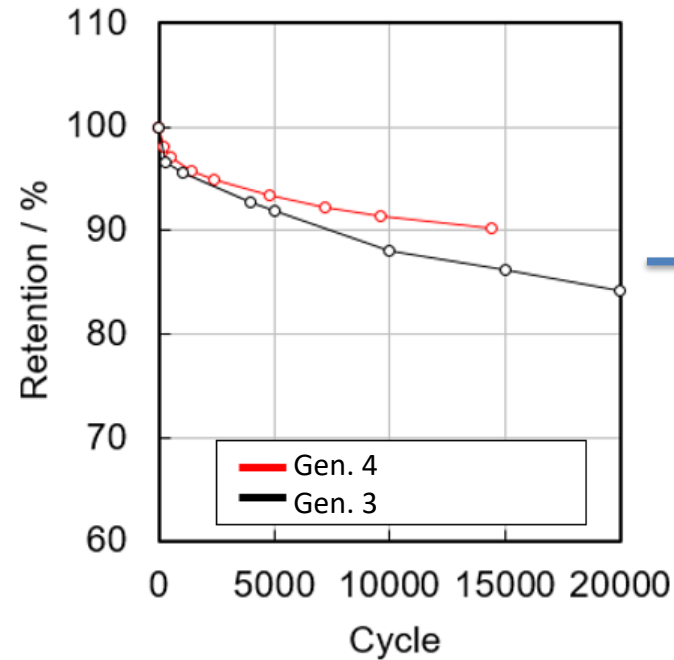
## Improved Cycle Life and Voltage Performance

### 40% DOD Cycle Life Test



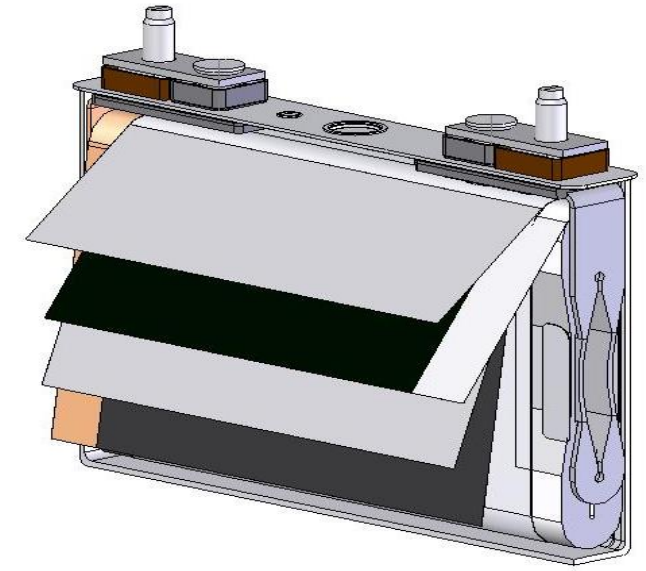
#### 40% DOD LEO Cycle Profile

Charge: 0.5 CA, 4.1V, CC/CV, 1 h  
Discharge: 0.8 CA, 0.5 h  
Temperature: 20 deg. C



#### Periodic capacity check

Charge: 0.2 CA, 4.1V, CC/CV, 8 h  
Discharge: 0.5 CA to 2.75V  
Temperature: 15 deg. C

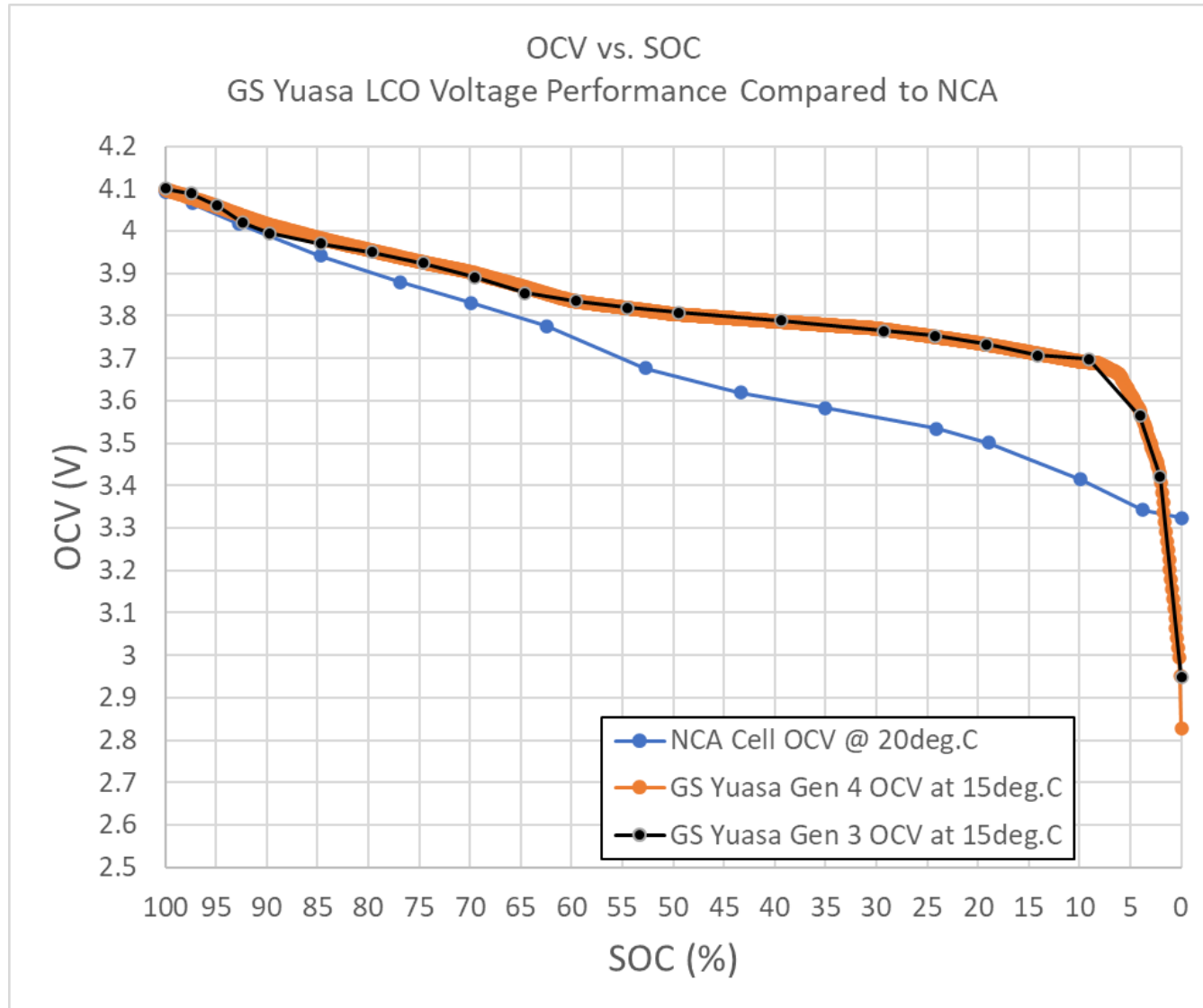


See GS Yuasa's SPW2021 Presentation for more Gen 4 Cycle Life Performance

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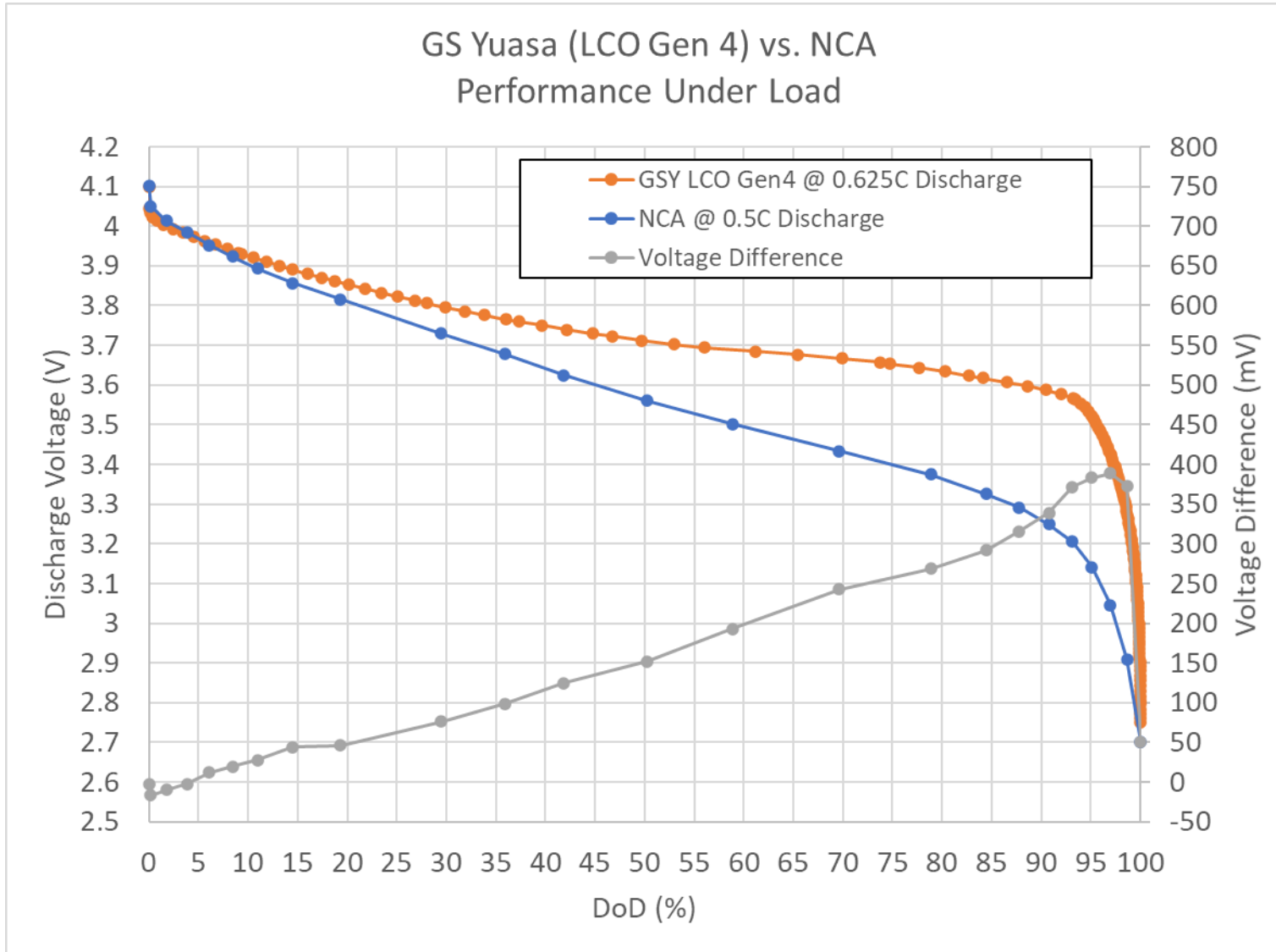
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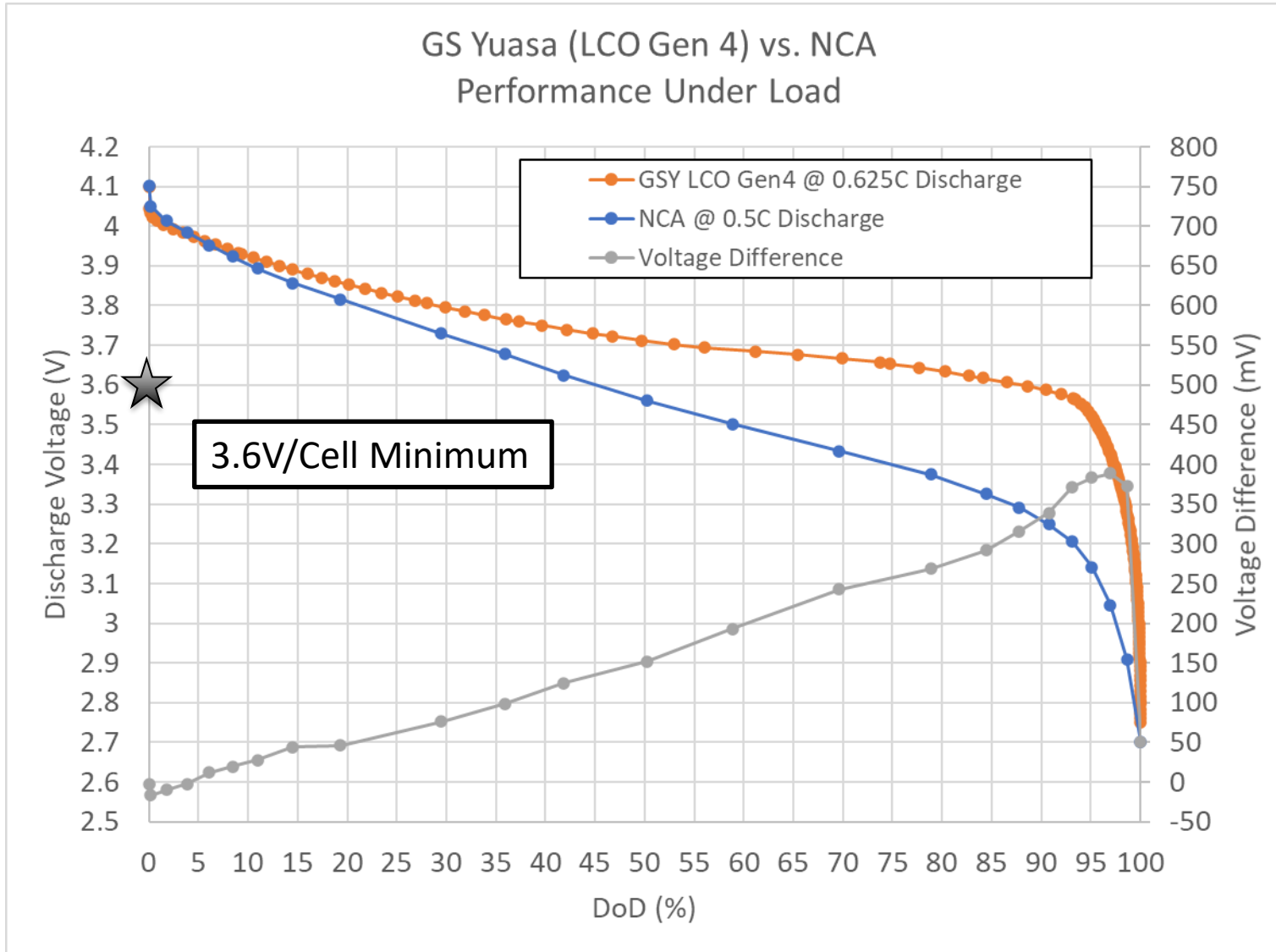




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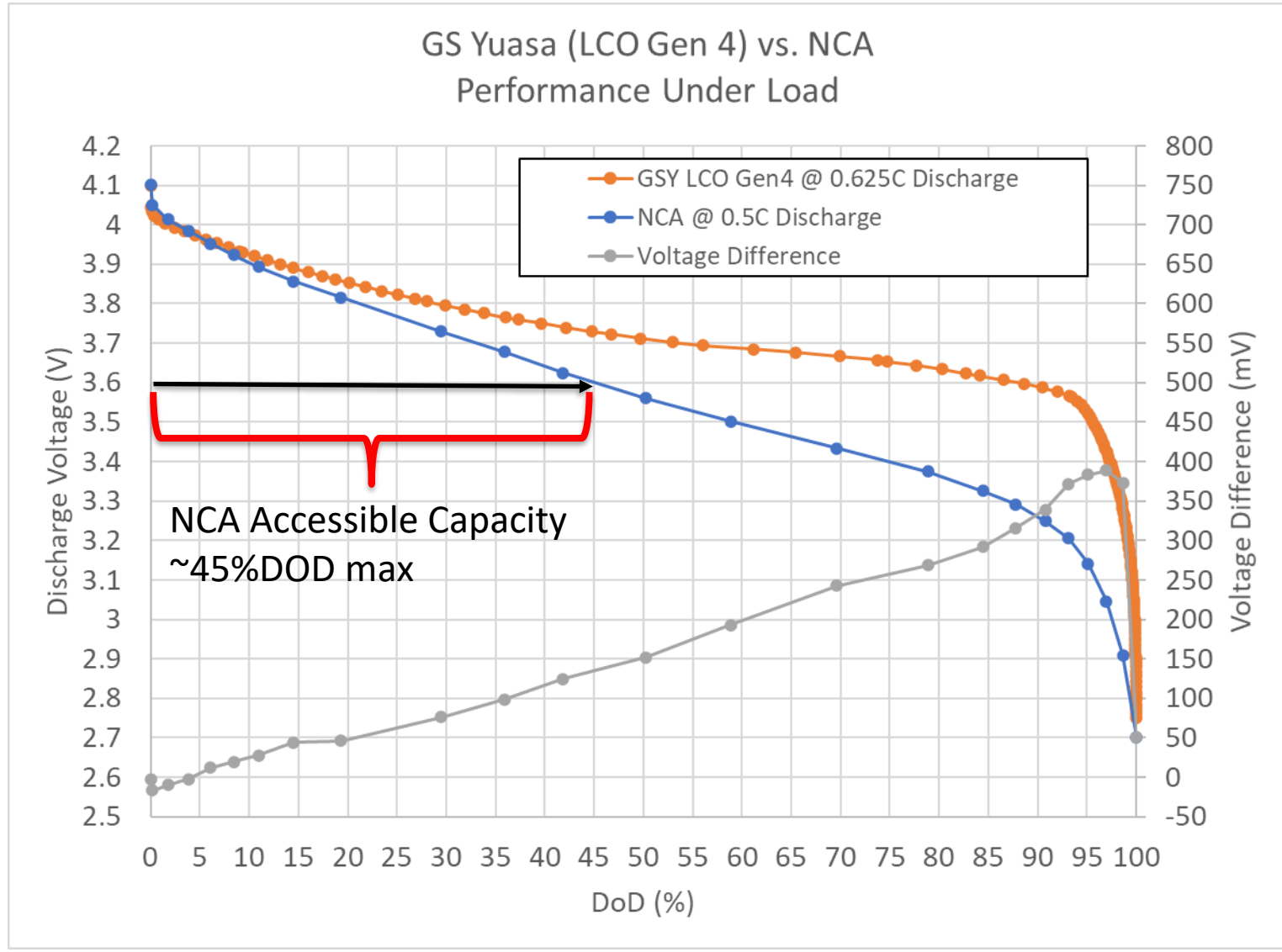
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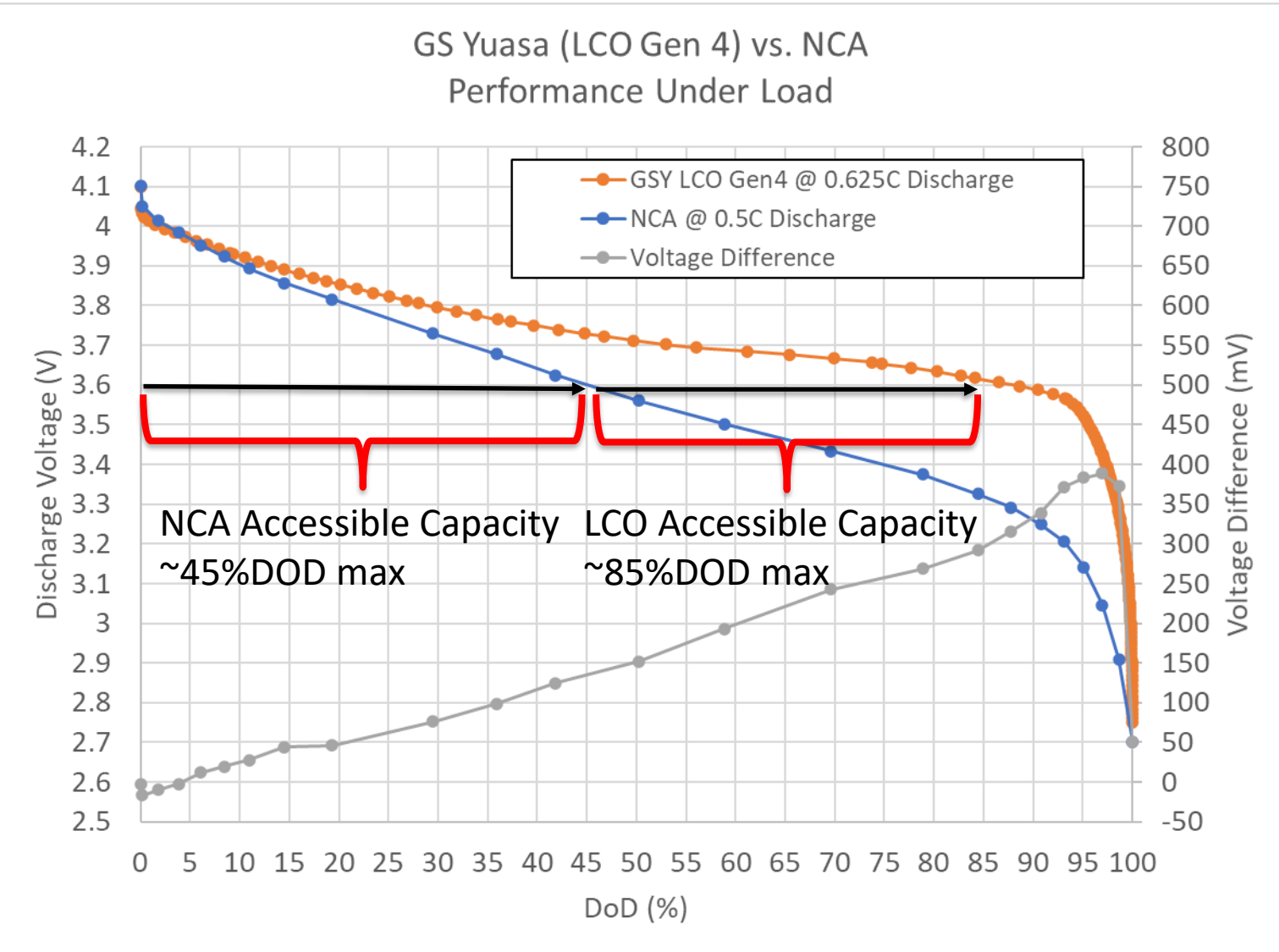
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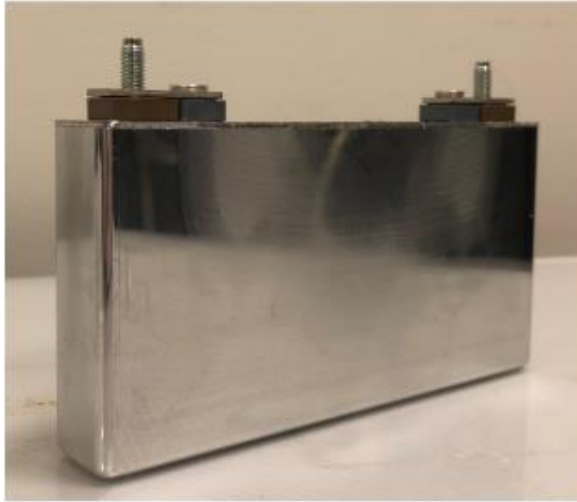


## Voltage Performance vs. NCA



# LSE12x Cell Design

## Features and Specifications Summary



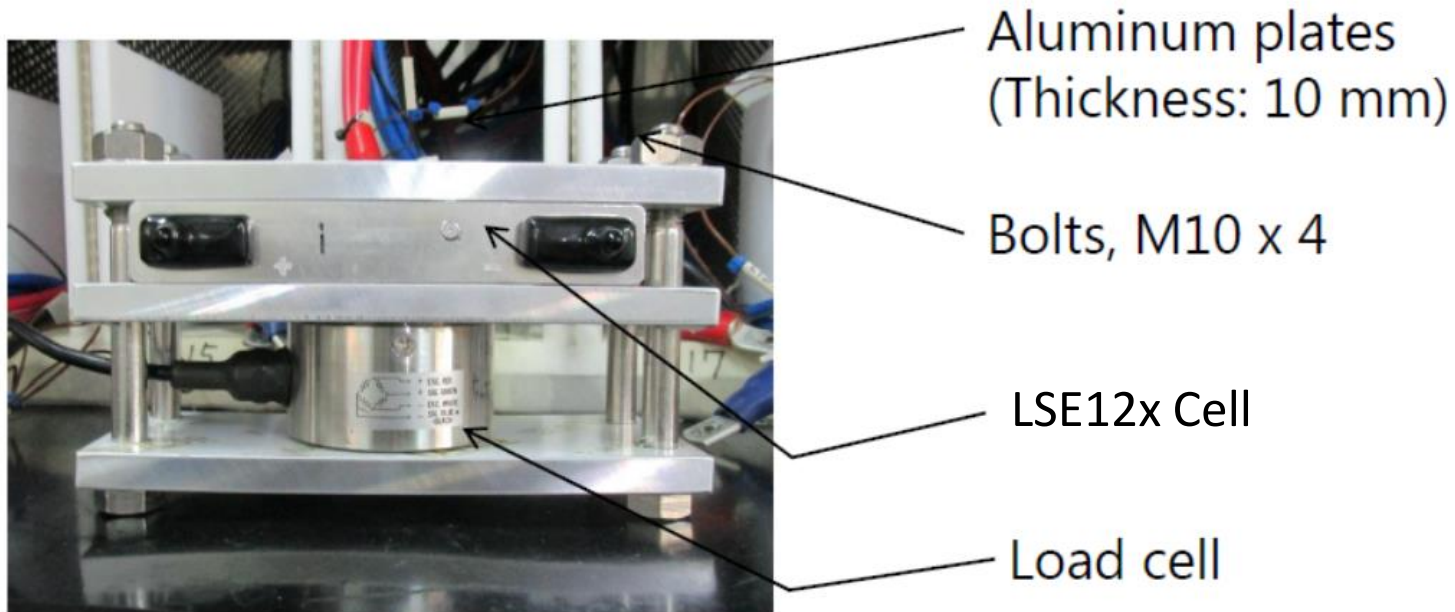
### LSE12X Performance Specification

BOL Capacity	4.1V-2.75V	13.6 Ah, 51.0Wh
	*4.2V-2.75V	15.0 Ah, 56.3Wh
Nameplate Capacity		12 Ah, 45Wh
Nominal Discharge Voltage		3.75 V
Continuous Charge Rate, 15°C		6A
Continuous Discharge Rate		24A
Pulse Discharge Rate		60+A
DCR @ 50% SOC, 15°C		<6 mΩ
Nominal Cell Impedance		1.1mΩ
Mass		0.390 kg

- Inspired by mature commercial cell designs; Enhanced for space
  - Case neutral design
  - Radiation hardened
  - Hermetically sealed
- GS Yuasa's Generation IV Lithium Cobalt Dioxide Chemistry
  - Extremely low DCR
  - Excellent cycle & calendar life
  - High discharge voltage
    - ✓ Ideal for unregulated bus applications
- Suitable for all space vehicles

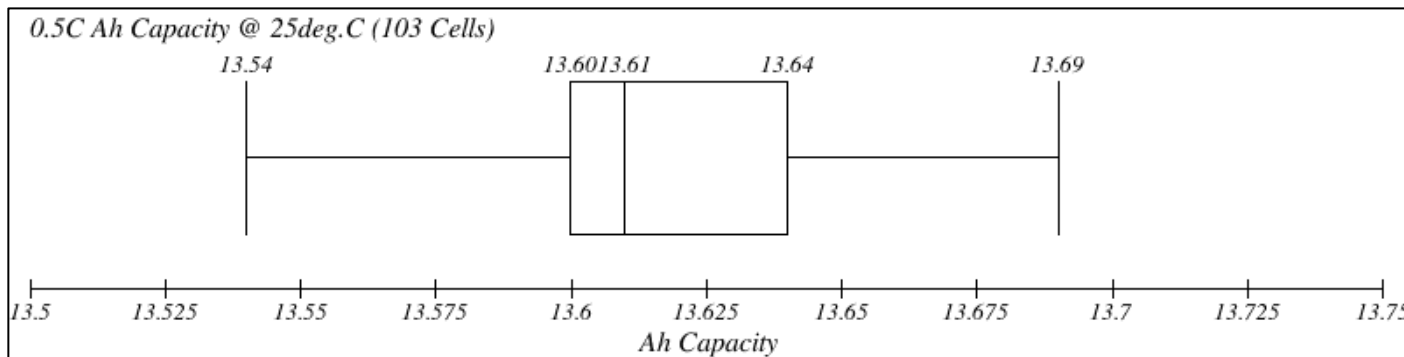
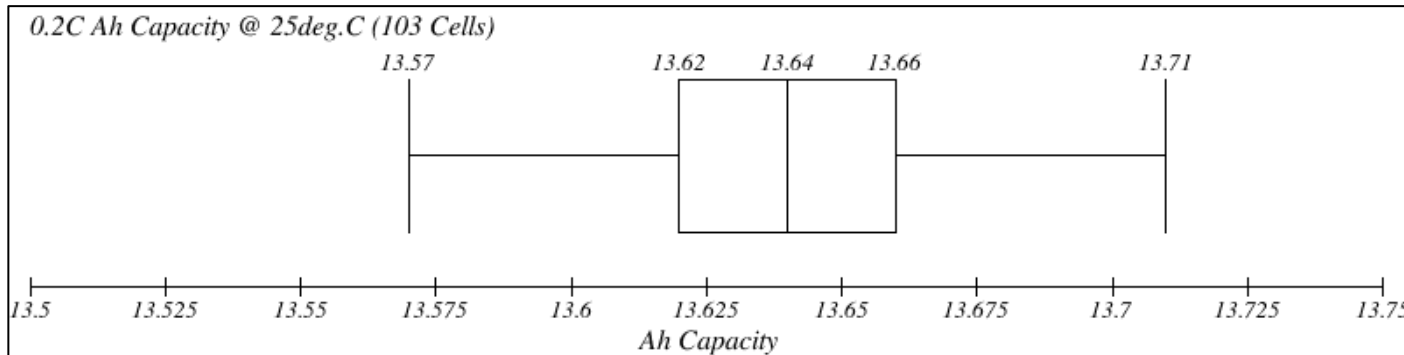


# LSE12x Lithium-ion Cell for Space Qualification Results



Lot Number	Activation Date	Lot Size
001 (QM cell lot)	4/2021	103

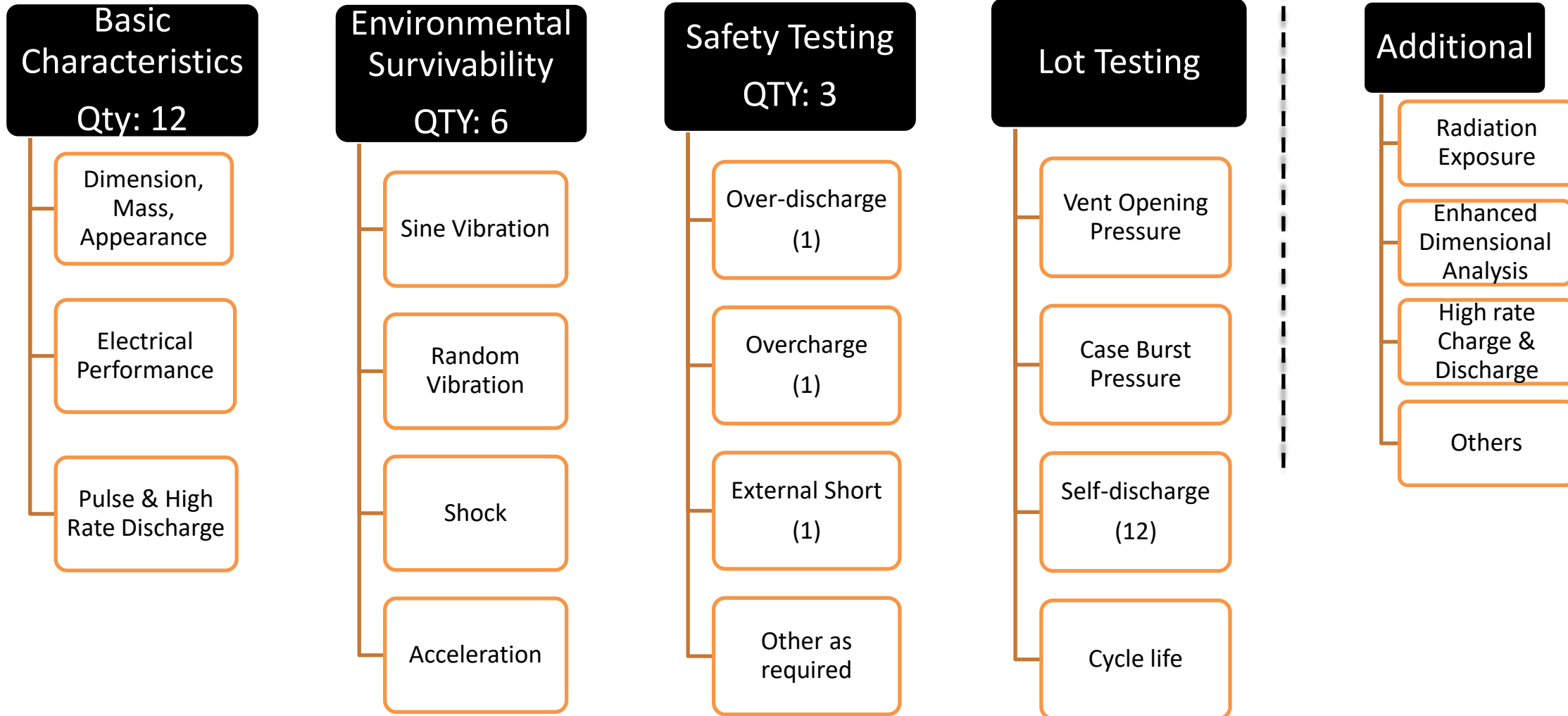
- 103 Cells manufactured in QM cell lot
- 12 Cells selected for primary qualification test program
  - Remaining cells used for:
    - Life testing
    - Special supplemental qual tests
    - Battery development activities
  - Configuration control and full traceability allows qualification data to remain applicable to future Flight production lots.
    - Minimizes costly recertification testing.



# Cell Qualification Test Areas

## GS Yuasa Typical In-house Space Cell Qualification Program

Performance Qualification of Li-ion cells consist of four major testing areas



# LSE12x Basic Characteristics

## Dimensions/Mass/Appearance

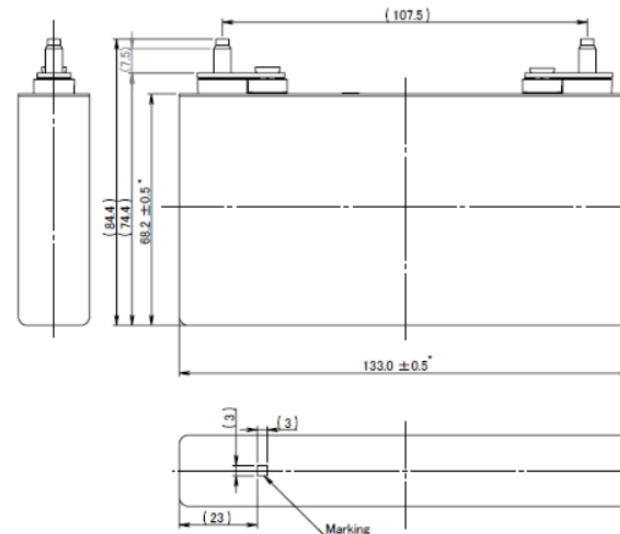
### Basic Characteristics

Dimension, Mass, Appearance

Electrical Performance

Pulse & High Rate Discharge

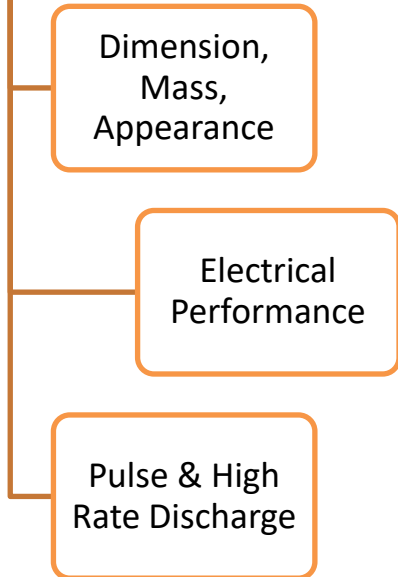
	Criteria	Average	Min/Max
Length	21.0 +1.5/-0.5mm	21.29mm	21.22/21.50mm
Width	133±0.5mm	133mm	132.95/133.05mm
Height	68.2±0.5mm	68.19mm	68.16/68.22mm
Mass	386±13	386.5	386.1/386.9g
ACz	<1.7mΩ	1.08mΩ	1.07/1.09mΩ
Appearance	Conformed to drawing. No appearance anomalies.		





## Electrical Performance at Various Temperatures

### Basic Characteristics



Step	Operation	Type	Current / A	Voltage / V	Time	Temp.
1	Charge	CC/CV	1.2A @-10°C 2.4 A @>+5°C	4.10	6 hours @ -10°C 4 hours @ >+5°C	-10°C +5°C 15°C 25°C 30°C 40°C (One cycle at each temp)
2	Rest	-	-	-	10 min or more	
3	0.2C Discharge	CC	2.4A	2.75	-	
4	Rest	-	-	-	10 min or more	
5	Charge	CC/CV	1.2A @-10°C 2.4 A @>+5°C	4.10	6 hours @-10°C 4 hours @ >+5°C	
6	Rest	-	-	-	10 min or more	
7	0.5C Discharge	CC	6.0A	2.75	-	

Using the discharge voltage and current measurements from the 0.5C and 0.2C capacity test calculate the DCR by  $dV/dI$  of the cell at 20% 50% and 80% discharged states.

- $DCR (m\Omega) = (V_{0.2C} - V_{0.5C}) / (I_{0.5C} - I_{0.2C}) * 1000$

*Report Ah Capacity and DCR*

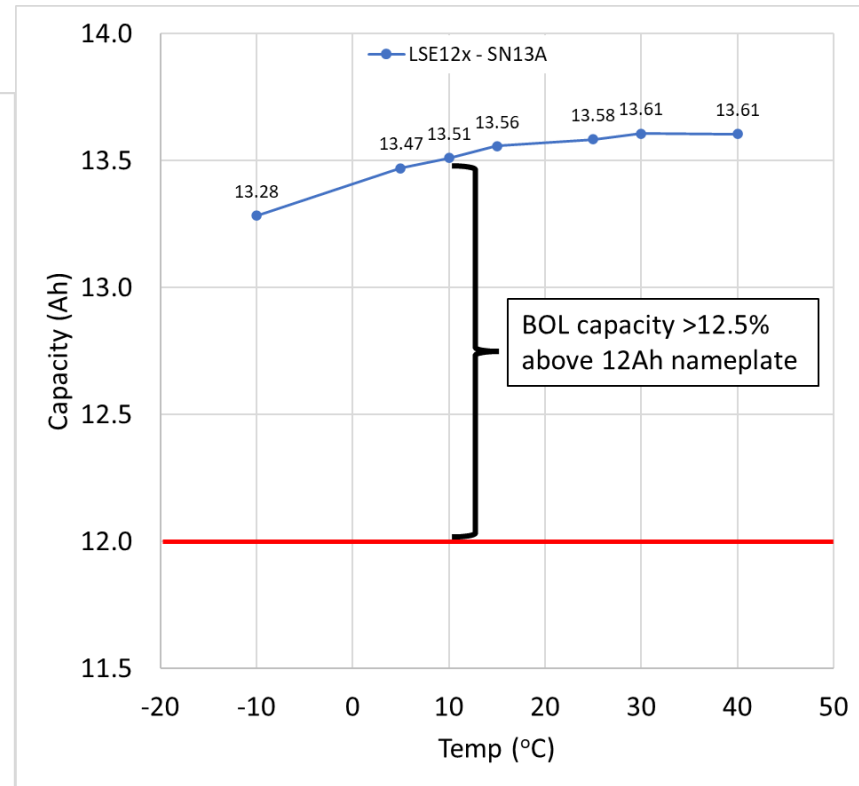
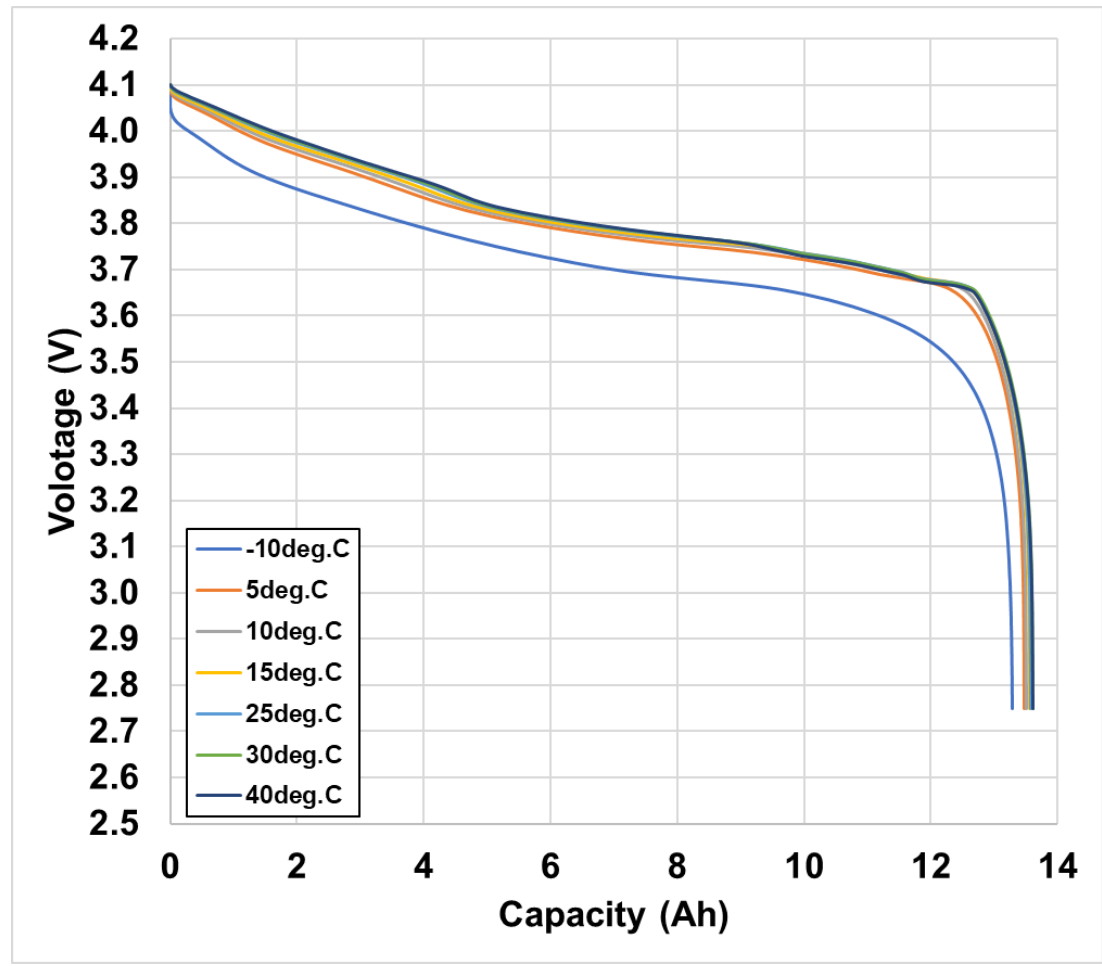
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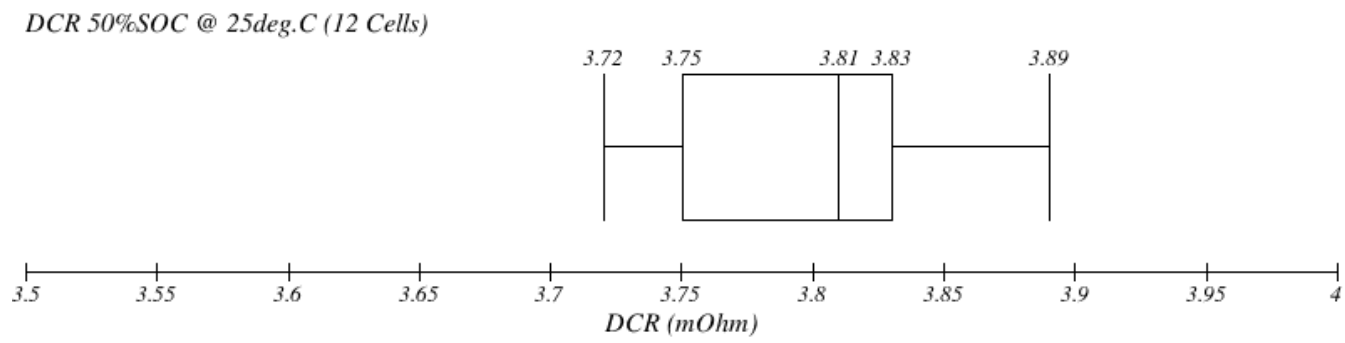
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0.5C Capacity	-10°C	5°C	10°C	15°C	25°C	30°C	40°C
Average (Ah)	13.23	13.43	13.48	13.52	13.55	13.57	13.56
Max (Ah)	13.26	13.46	13.51	13.55	13.57	13.59	13.59
Min (Ah)	13.16	13.37	13.41	13.46	13.49	13.51	13.51
Criteria (Ah)	>10.6	>12.0	>12.0	>12.6	>12.6	>12.6	>12.6

DCR 50% SOC	-10°C	5°C	10°C	15°C	25°C	30°C	40°C
Average (mΩ)	19.56	9.62	7.07	5.51	<b>3.80</b>	3.24	2.54
Max (mΩ)	19.97	9.78	7.22	5.64	<b>3.89</b>	3.33	2.61
Min (mΩ)	19.19	9.39	6.92	5.36	<b>3.72</b>	3.17	2.58
Criteria (mΩ)	Ref	Ref	Ref	<8.0	<b>&lt;8.0</b>	<8.0	<8.0



# LSE12x Basic Characteristics



## Pulse & High Rate Discharge Performance

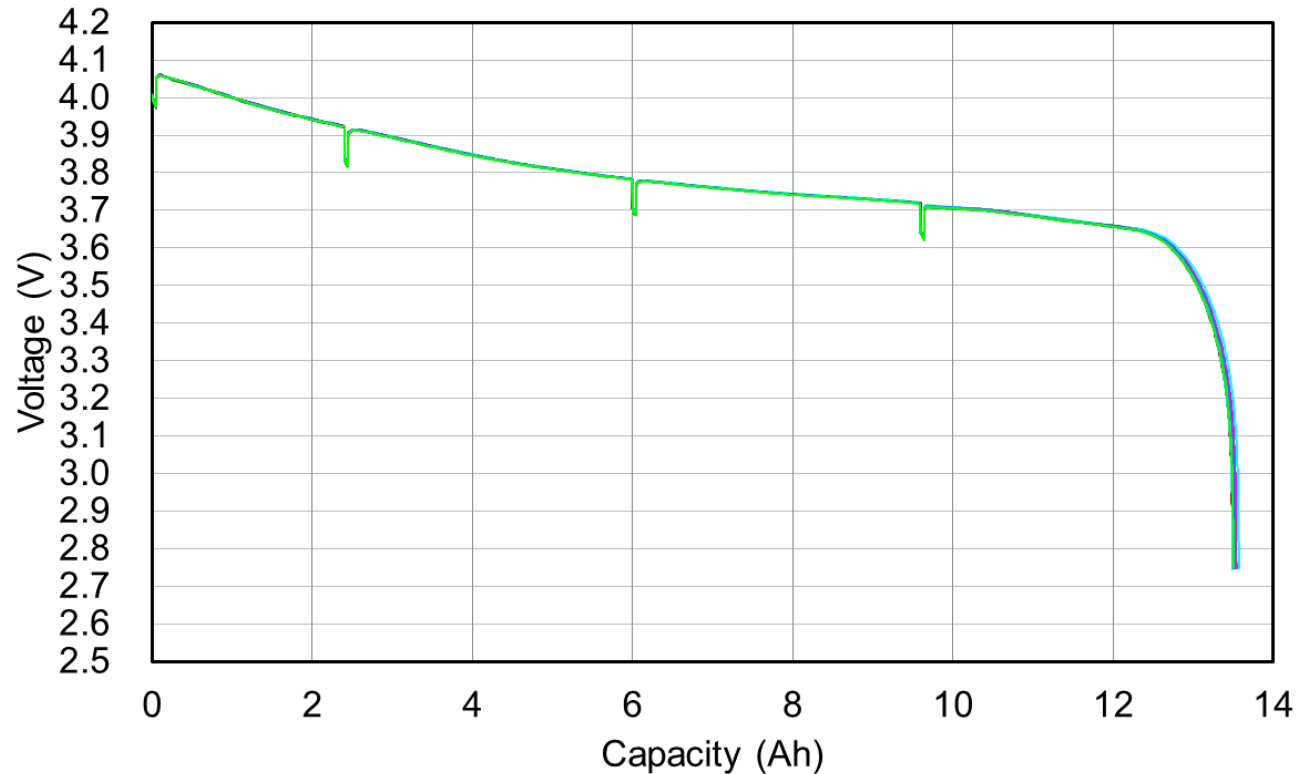
Step	Operation	Type	Current / A	Voltage / V	Time	Temp.
1	Charge	CC/CV	6.0A	4.10	4 hours	+15°C
2	Rest	—	—	—	10 min or more	
3	3.0C Discharge	CC	18A	--	5 sec @ DOD 0%, 20%, 50%, 80%.	
4	0.5C Discharge	—	6A	2.75	Between pulses	

### Basic Characteristics

Dimension,  
Mass,  
Appearance

Electrical  
Performance

Pulse & High  
Rate Discharge



BOL Cell is capable of 3C pulses at 80% DOD while remaining above 3.6V



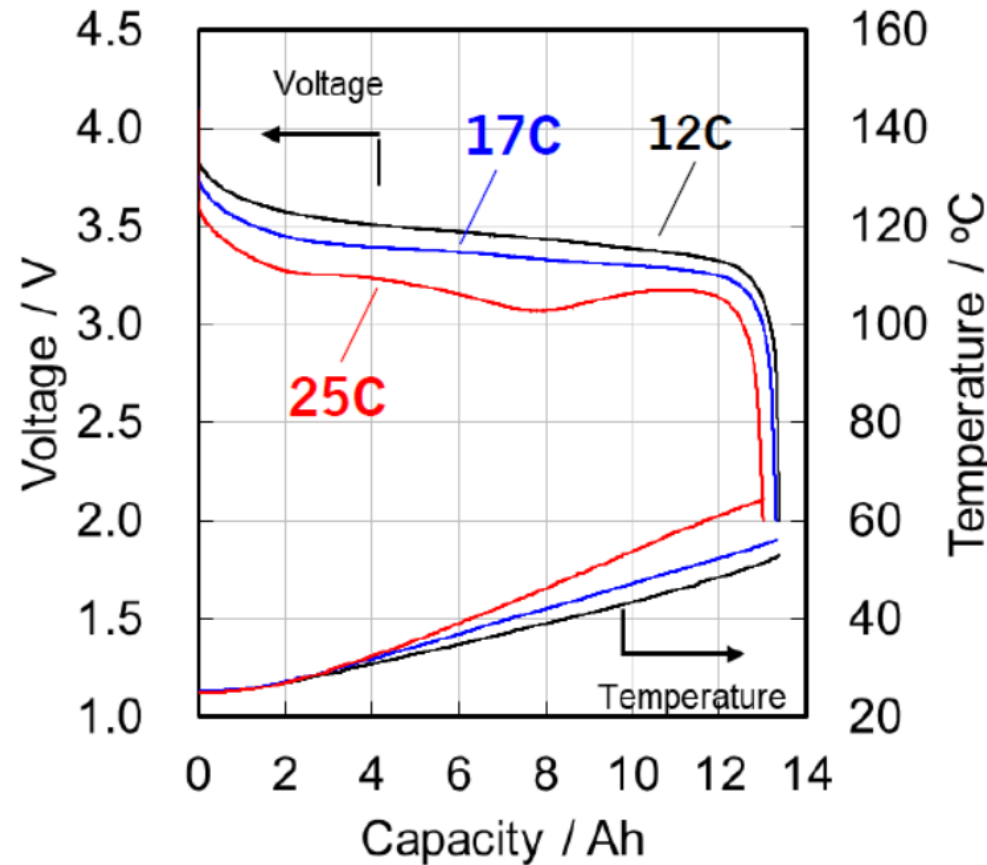
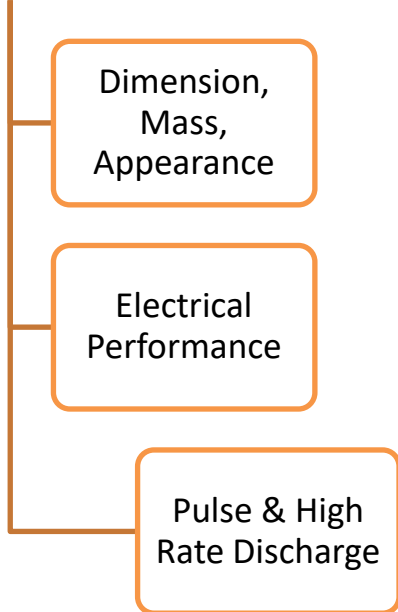
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## Pulse & High Rate Discharge Performance

Step	Operation	Type	Current / A	Voltage / V	Time	Temp.
1	Charge	CC/CV	6.0A	4.10	4 hours	+25°C
2	Rest	—	—	—	10 min or more	
3	Discharge	CC	144A, 204A, or 300A	2.75	--	

### Basic Characteristics



- LSE12x is capable of sustained ultra high rate discharge.
- Pulse discharge at these rates is possible.
- Continuous cycling has not yet been evaluated.

# LSE12x Environmental Testing

## Major Equipment Overview & Capabilities



- Vibration Test:
  - Sine: 0.1-20kHz
  - Random: Max 20kHz
- Shock Test:
  - Accel: 29-166713m/s<sup>2</sup>
  - Time: 0.1-60ms
- Acceleration:
  - Accel: 2.4-240G
  - Max Weight: 30kg



Prior to dynamic exposure cell basic electrical characteristics are confirmed again (Capacity, DCR, ACz, self discharge)

Cells are compressed and charged to 4.10V during exposure to each of the below environments.

Cell electrical performance is again confirmed after environmental exposure and compared to prior measurements.

## Sine Vibration

Frequency / Hz	Level
5 to 27.9	6.4 mm (Single amplitude)
27.9 to 100	196 m/s <sup>2</sup> (20g)

Sweep rate: 2 oct/min

## Shock (Impact)

Frequency / Hz	Level
200	392 m/s <sup>2</sup> (40 g)
200 to 2000	+9.296 dB/octave
2000 to 7000	13,720 m/s <sup>2</sup> (1400 g)

## Random Vibration

Frequency / Hz	Level	Grms
20 to 58	+6 dB/oct	23.63 (231.57 m/s <sup>2</sup> rms)
58 to 700	48.02 (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>4</sup> )/Hz (0.5 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz)	
700 to 2000	-6 dB/oct	

Period: 3 minutes

## Acceleration

Direction	Level
±X, ±Y, ±Z	30G for 5 Min

# LSE12x Environmental Testing

## Sine and Random Vibration Test Set-up



### Sine Vibration

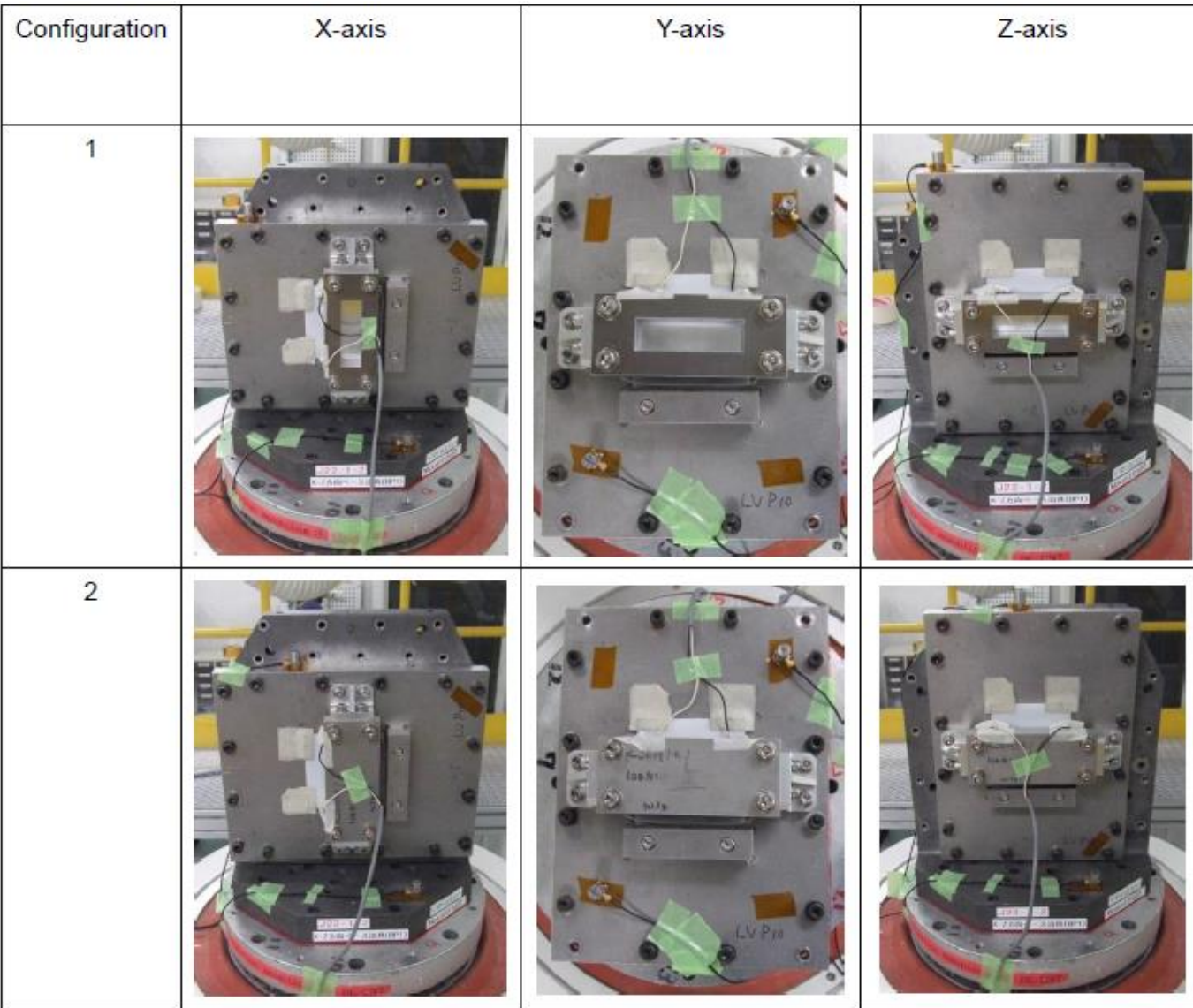
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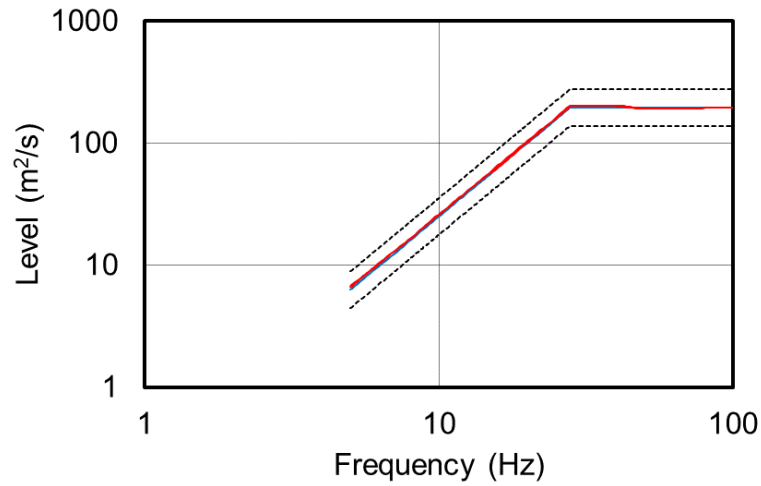


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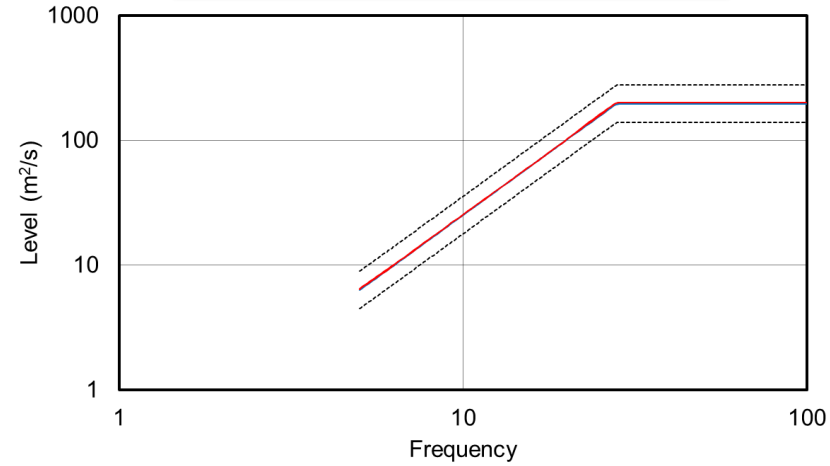


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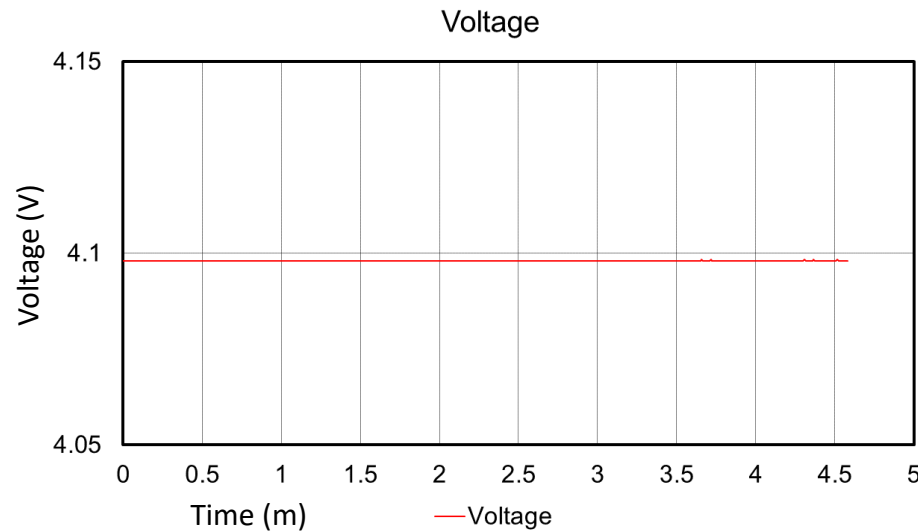
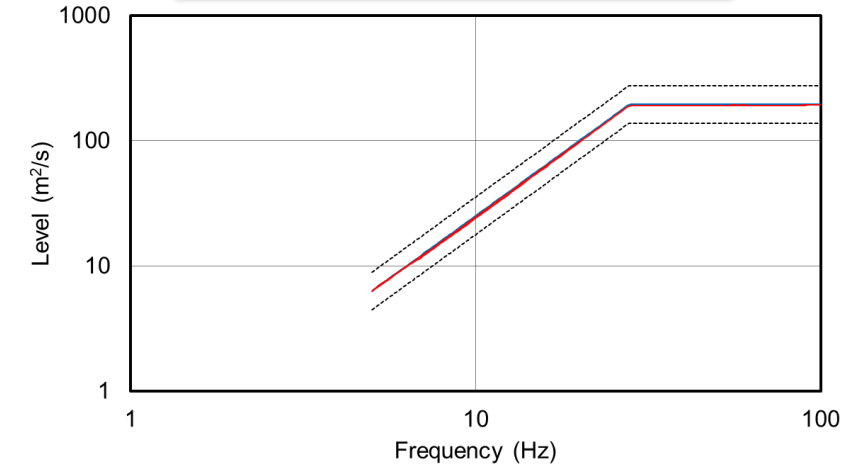
Response of cell x-axis random vibration



Response of cell y-axis random vibration



Response of cell z-axis random vibration

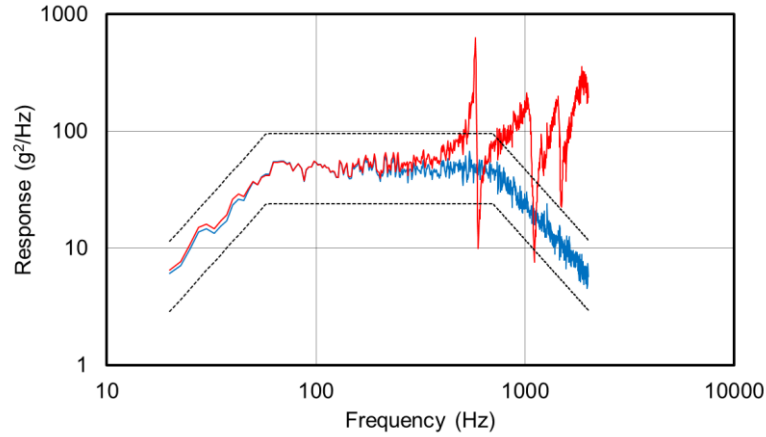


**Voltage profile shows no abnormal activity while exposed to the Sine Vibration environment.**

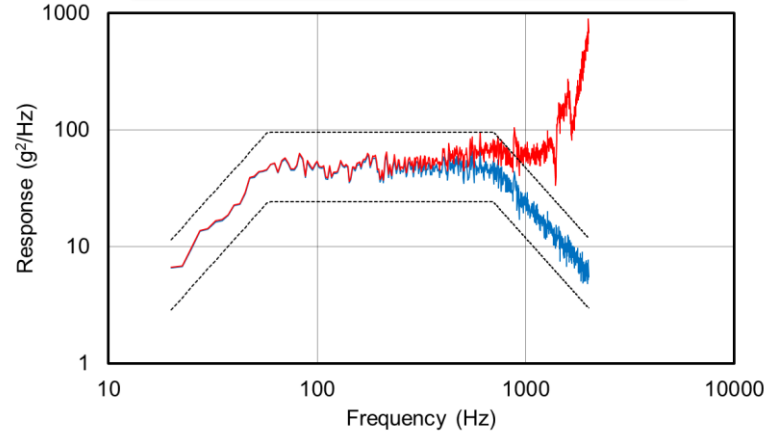


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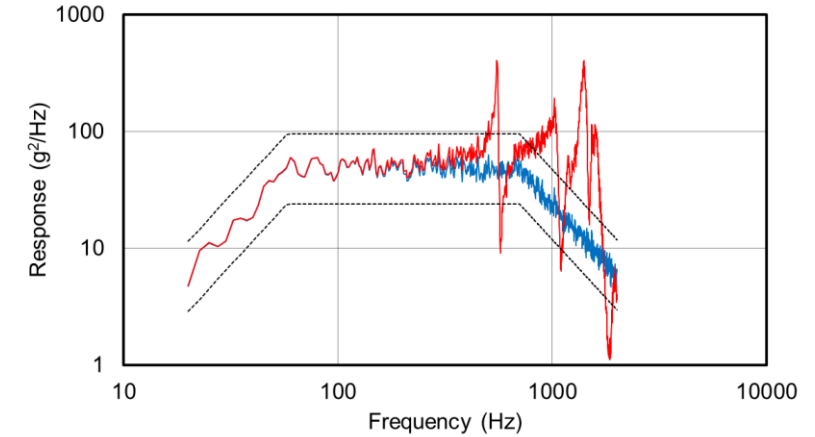
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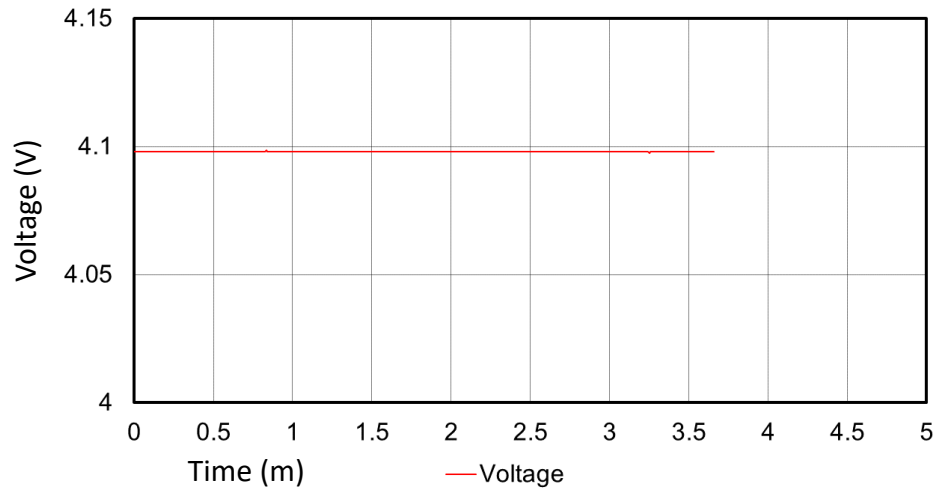
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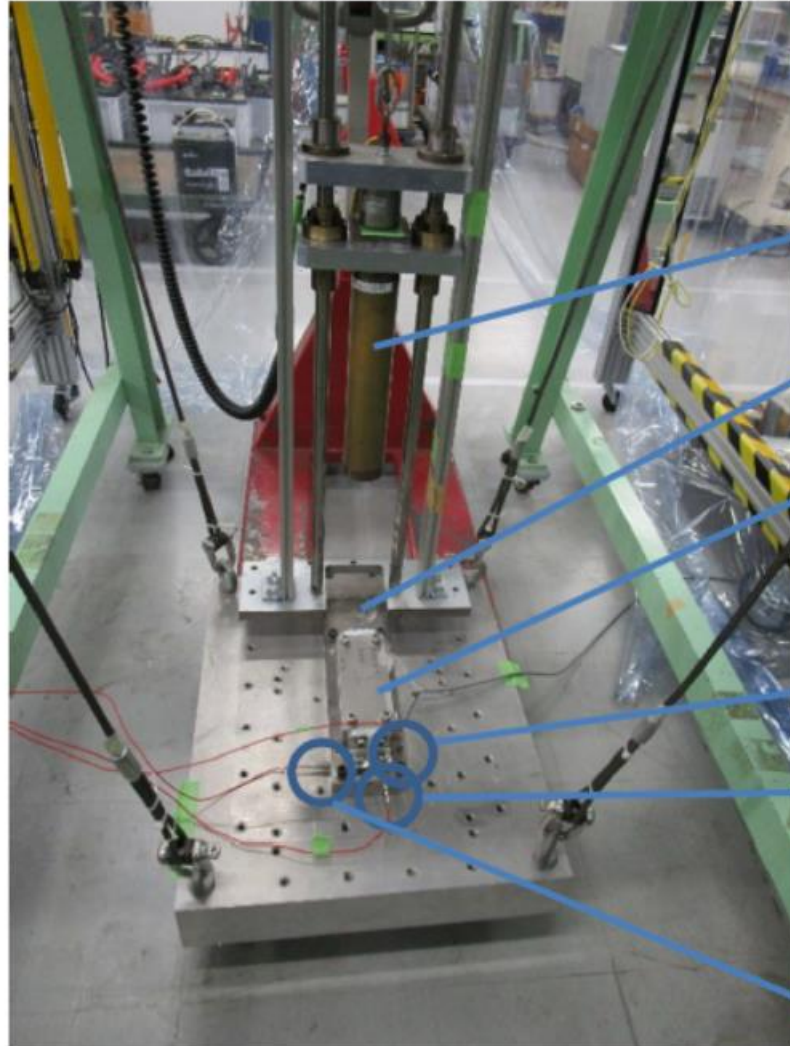


Voltage



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## Shock Test Set-up



Hammer

Shock test jig

LSE12x-401 cell

Accelerometer

Accelerometer

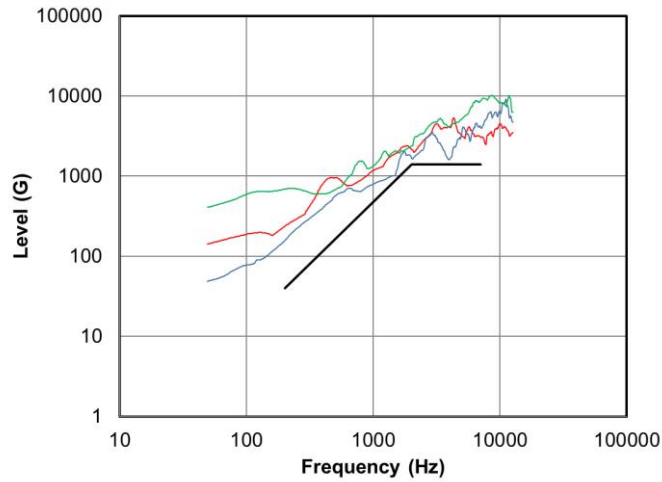
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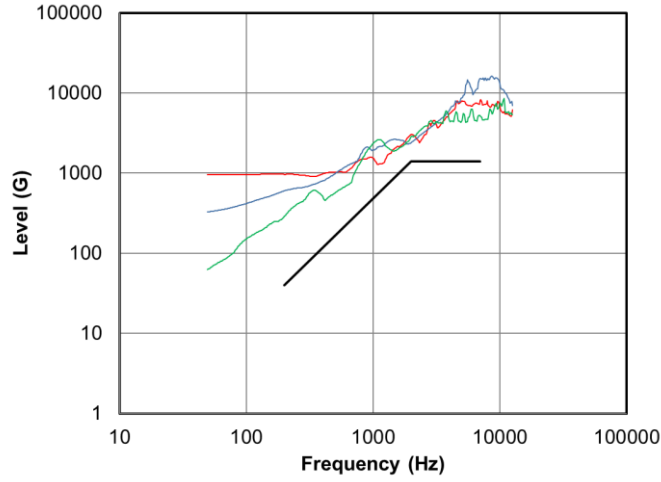
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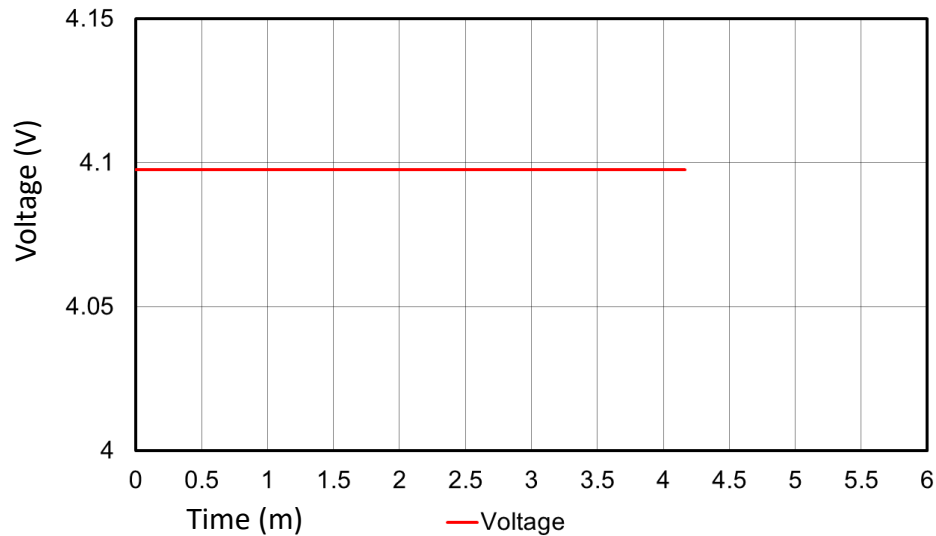
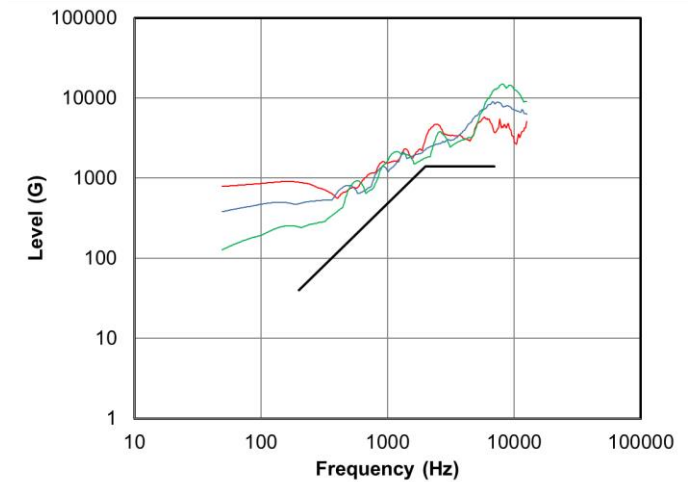
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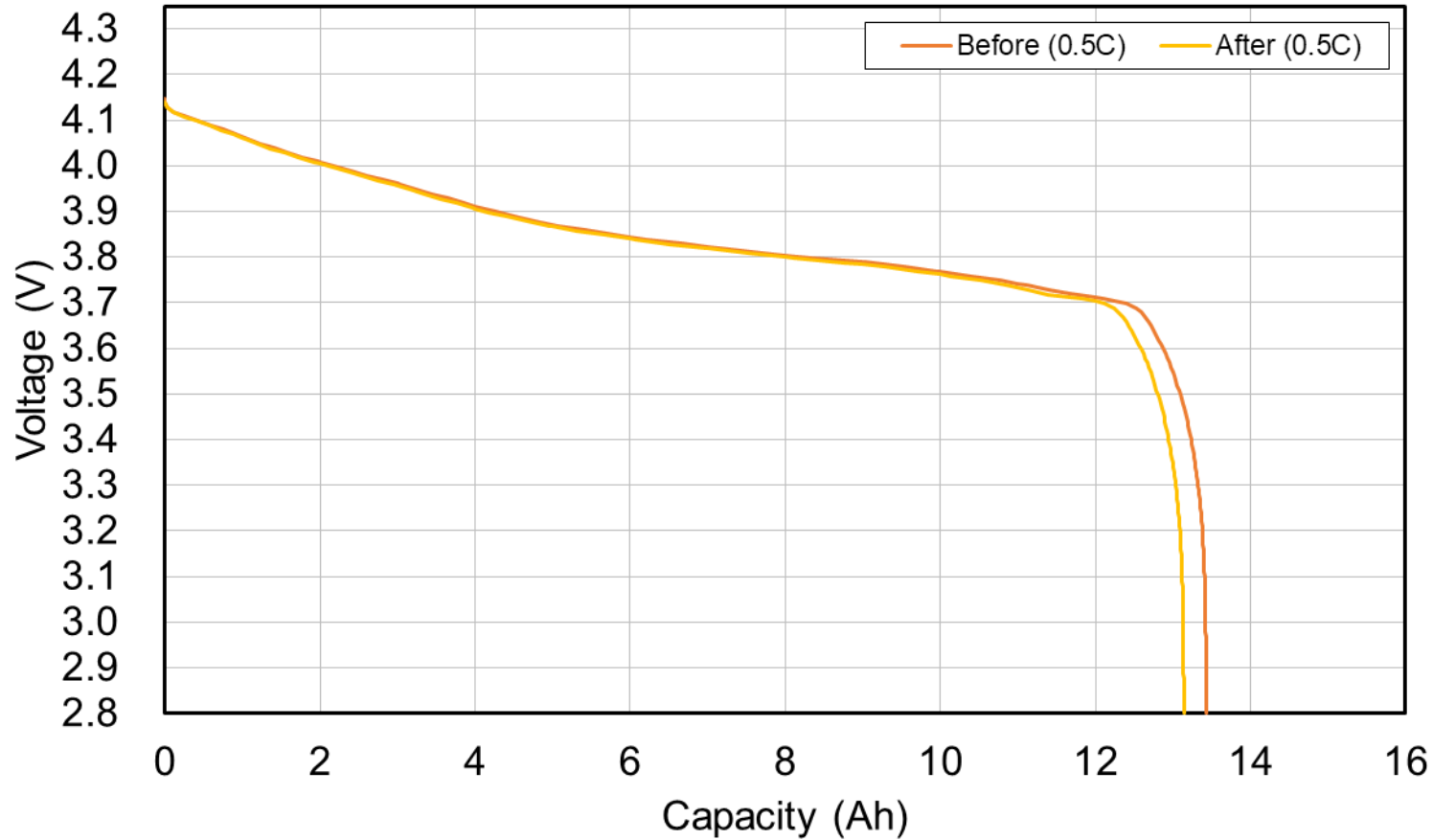
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**Voltage profile shows no abnormal activity while exposed to the Shock.**

# LSE12x Environmental Testing

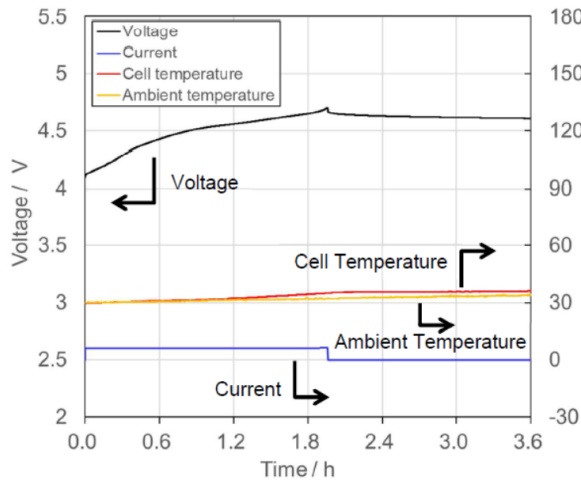
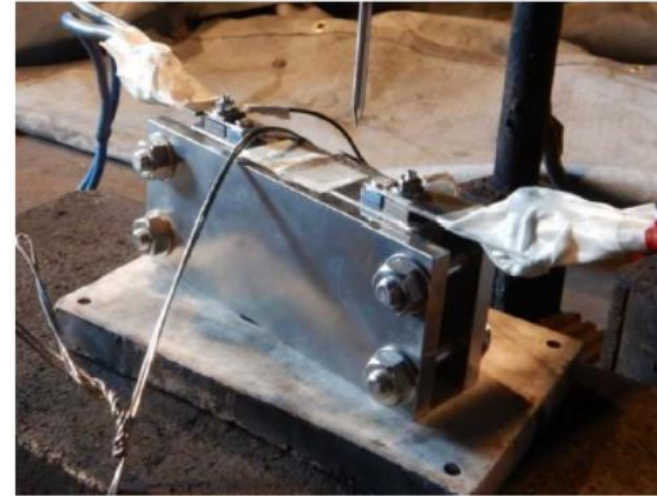
## Effect of Environmental Exposure



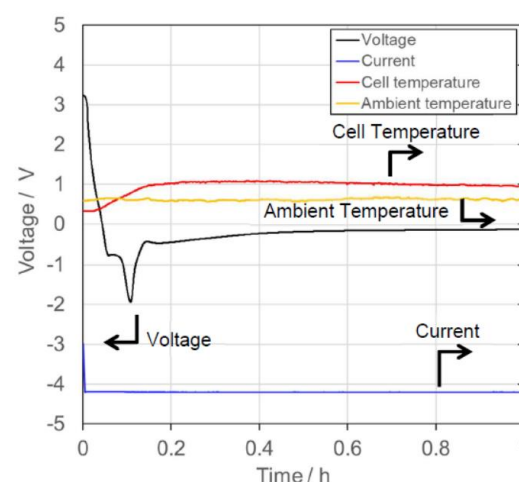
LSE12x Qty:6	0.5C Capacity (Ah)		DCR @ 50% (mΩ)		ACz (mΩ)	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
Average	13.43	13.14	3.78	4.02	1.10	1.14
Max	13.46	13.23	3.91	4.15	1.11	1.15
Min	13.38	13.25	3.68	3.87	1.10	1.14

**Slight change due to nominal aging effects accumulated over the test period. No attributable differences caused by environmental exposure.**

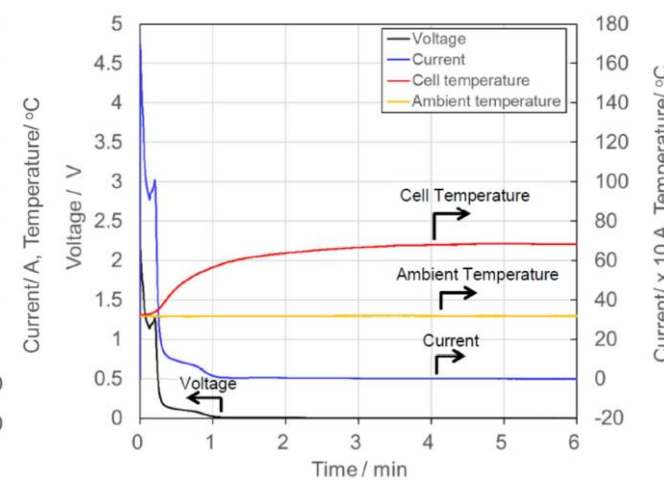
Cell Safety Qualification Tests (ERW 127-1)	Overcharge	Cell did not vent. Cell voltage reached 4.7 volts after ~+12 Ah charge above 100% SOC. No significant temperature increase was observed during overcharge.
	Over-discharge (Forced Discharge)	Cell did not vent. Cell acts as a resistor due to short circuit caused by copper dissolution and plating.
	External short 1.25 milliohm	Cell did not vent. Cell completely discharged in ~1minute. Peak current of 1700A.



**Overcharge to 4.7V**



**Forced Discharge**



**External Short**



# LSE12x Cycle Life

## Ultra high DOD Cycle Life



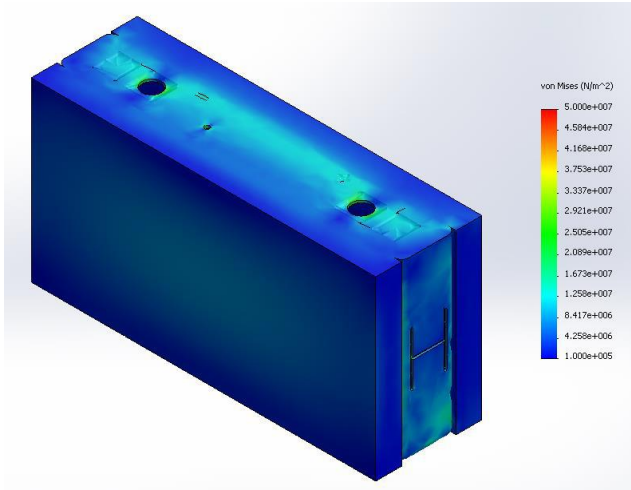
Test Name	Cell Type	Test Conditions						Ambient Test Temp	Remark
		Charge Condition (CCCV unless noted)			Discharge Condition				
		EoCV	Rate	Time	EoDV	Rate	Time		
40%, 50%, 60%, & 70% DoD LEO	LSE12x	4.1V	Various	1.0Hr	N/A	Various	0.5hr	15°C	Ultra high DOD LEO Cycle



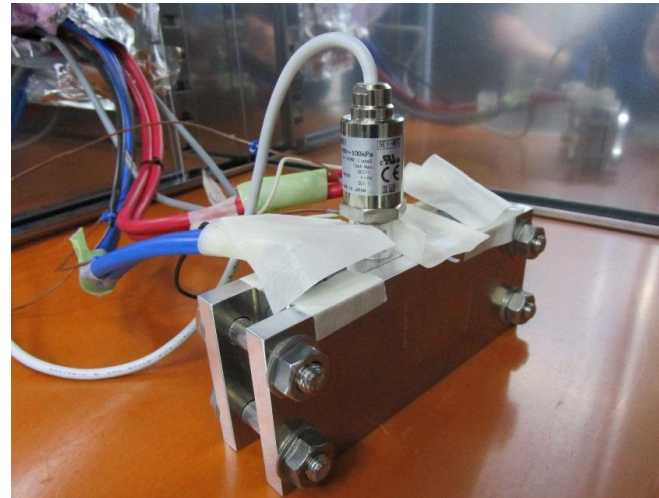
Cycle	Discharge	Charge
40%DOD	0.8C (9.6A) for 0.5hr	0.5C, 4.10V, CC/CV, 1hr
50%DOD	1.0C (12.0A) for 0.5hr	0.6C, 4.10V, CC/CV, 1hr
60%DOD	1.2C (14.4A) for 0.5hr	0.7C, 4.10V, CC/CV, 1hr
70%DOD	1.4C (16.8A) for 0.5hr	0.8C, 4.10V, CC/CV, 1hr

Ultra high DOD cycling supports LSE12x use in high power missions or to support off-nominal operations.

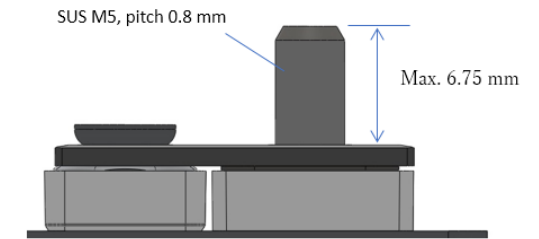
# LSE12x Additional Qualification Tests



**EOL Mechanical FEA**



**Cycle Internal Pressure Change Evaluation**



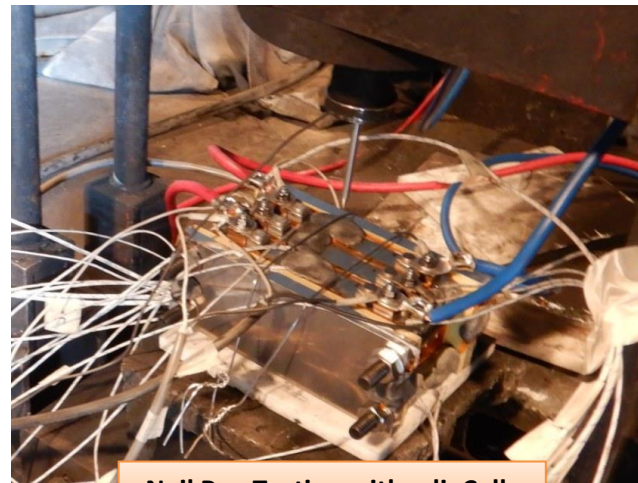
He-leak tests pre- and post- Irradiation (2Mrad, Co-60 source)

	Before	After
0001	$8.59 \times 10^{-10}$ Pa*m <sup>3</sup> /sec	$7.44 \times 10^{-10}$ Pa*m <sup>3</sup> /sec
0002	$9.90 \times 10^{-10}$ Pa*m <sup>3</sup> /sec	$6.40 \times 10^{-10}$ Pa*m <sup>3</sup> /sec
0003	$8.82 \times 10^{-10}$ Pa*m <sup>3</sup> /sec	$7.70 \times 10^{-11}$ Pa*m <sup>3</sup> /sec

**Radiation Tolerance**



**Case Bust Test**



**Nail Pen Testing with adj. Cells**

- The LSE12x cell has successfully completed all qualification testing and specification objectives have been achieved.
- Ready for production
- What next???

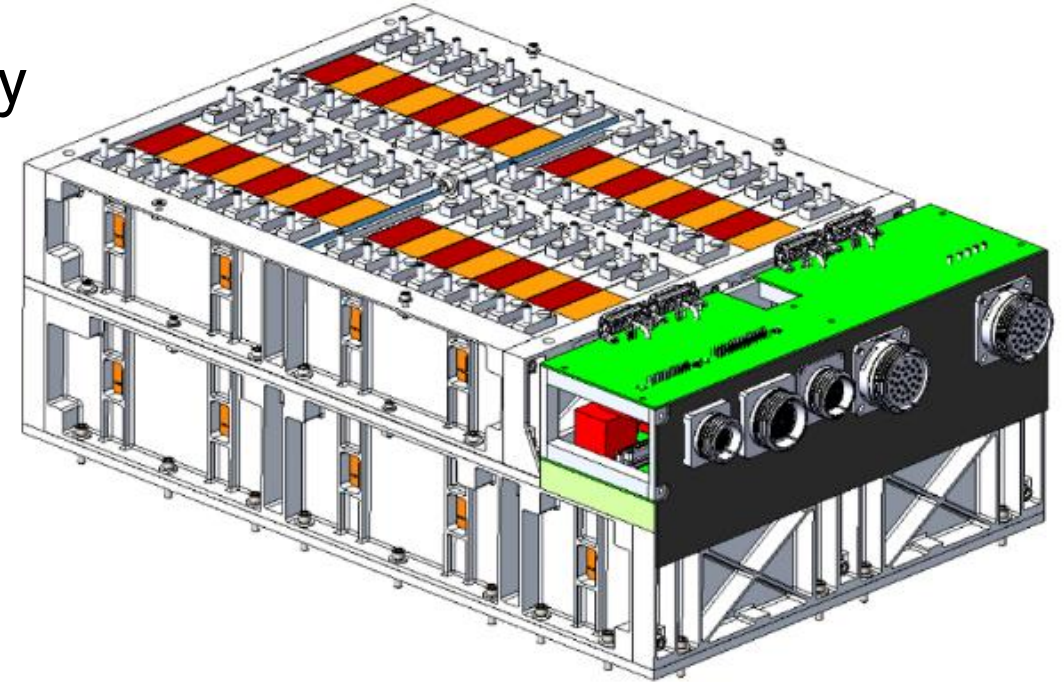


# LSE12x Scalable Battery

Designed by GS Yuasa Lithium Power



- GYLP is currently designing a scalable battery based on the LSE12x cell building block.
- Battery configurations will offer capacities ranging from 360Wh to 4320Wh.
- Electrical configurations to support both low and high voltage applications.
- The design has completed internal Preliminary Design Review (PDR)
- GYLP is preparing for Critical Design Review (CDR) of a 72-cell variant, 8s9p.
- Full battery qualification is anticipated to be complete by Q2 2023.



Qualification unit with connector box  
(cover and inter-cell connects not shown)





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