

# Advancements In Battery Charging, conditioning & Testing

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# Presentation Outline

- Introduction to Midtronics
- Introduction to Conductance technology
- onGUARD & inGEN platforms
- Future needs and opportunities

# Introduction

- **18 years in battery testing, charging and monitoring**
- **Global company based in Willowbrook, IL, plus operations in North Bay, Ontario and IJsselstein, The Netherlands**
- **Quality reputation including ISO9000 and QS9000**
- **Sales offices world wide**



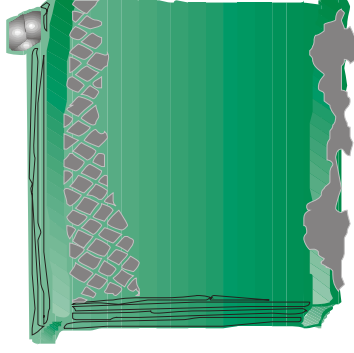
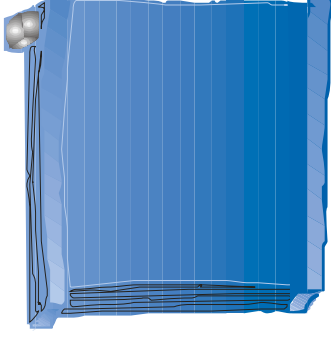
- **Serve multiple industries -  
Automotive, HD Trucks,  
Telecom, Power Utility,  
Cable and Wireless  
Communcations, UPS,  
Military and Railroad**
- **Product development  
focus:**
  - **Vehicle Service Equipment**
  - **Industrial Applications**
  - **OE Integrated Solutions**



- **Engineering focus - innovative solutions**
  - **Conductance Testing Technology**
  - **Conductance Controlled Charging Technology**
- **Growing patent portfolio: 69 issued and 20+ pending**
- **Exclusive concentration on battery testing, charging and engineering applications**

# Conductance Primer

- Conductance relates to the battery's ability to produce power
- Conductance has a linear correlation with the Cold Cranking Amps
- High conductance is an indication of a healthy battery
- Conductance declines as the battery ages and plates degrade and fail



# How is Conductance Measured ?

## Conductance Measurement

- A low voltage A/C Signal is Impressed across the battery terminals ( $V_{AC}$ )
- The A/C Current ( $I_{AC}$ ) Response is measured
- Conductance ( $G$ ) is calculated using Ohm's Law:  $G = I_{AC}/V_{AC}$

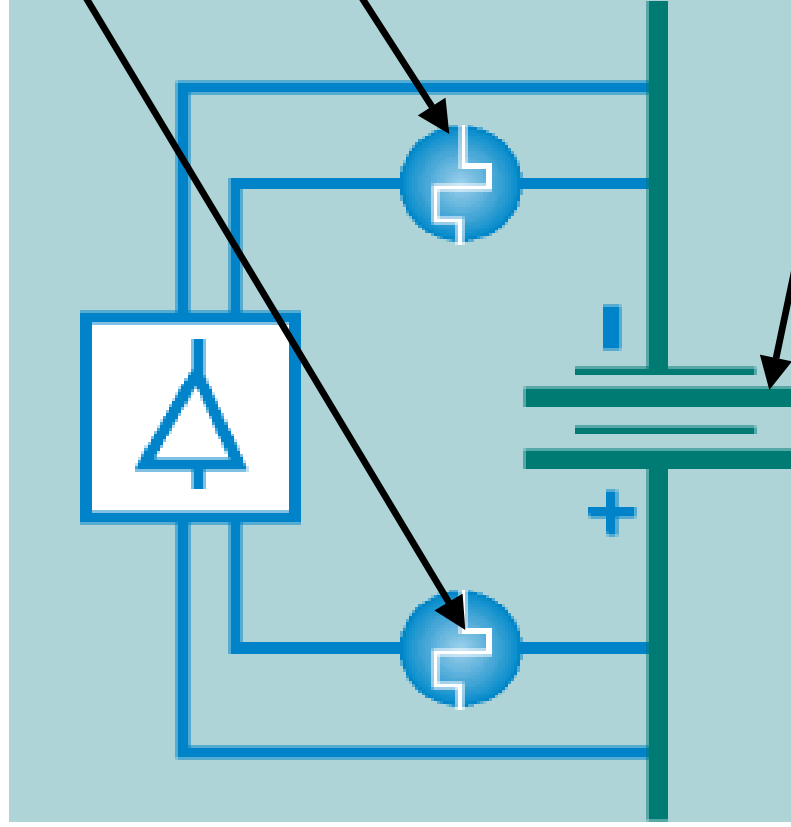


Plate Surface Area

## Conductance Benefits:

- **Passive test is repeatable & non-invasive**
- **No battery discharge, enhanced safety**
- **SOH independent of battery SOC**
- **Batteries measured on-line, all the time**
- **SOC, SOH and other diagnostics**





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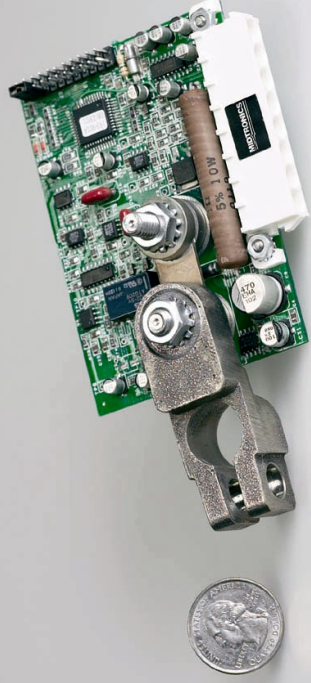
# Emerging Conductance Technologies

**onGUARD**  
Battery-integrated  
Conductance Testing

- The “Smart Battery” solution

**inGEN**  
Vehicle-integrated  
Conductance Power  
Management

- Continuous, real-time  
battery system monitoring



## Circuit measurement inputs:

- **Voltage: 7.0V – 20.0V**
- **Temperature: -40C - +85C**
- **Conductance: 300 – 1500 CCA**



## State of Health LED

## State of Charge LED

❖ *Push to test design with simple indication of Good, Replace, or Needs Charge*

LED lights when charge energy is needed

❖ *Measures battery conductance, voltage and temperature*

## Calibration Done on Battery at Installation

## **onGUARD**

- **Integrated battery unit launched in Japan in first quarter of 2003 for automotive aftermarket**
- **High volume, low-cost voltage sensor ready for production for European battery manufacturer**
- **Wireless data transfer and communication projects underway**
- **ASIC development underway**
- **Licensing available for hardware/circuit design, or SOC/SOH algorithms only**

# iBMS Solutions and Future Integration

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*Midtronics focus is on vehicle-integrated  
and/or on-board technology solutions  
for SOC and SOH data using inGEN*

**- Are there other Options? -**

**Battery Modeling – BUT errors over time and results  
vary per the battery, application and environment**

**Fuzzy logic – BUT battery variables and applications  
may NOT be consistent (see graph on next slide)**

## An increased burden for battery Systems:

- Increasing electrical power demands
  - Comfort and convenience systems
  - Safety systems
  - Fuel Economy
    - ✓ *Idle stop/start function*
    - ✓ *Electric air conditioning, valve control, etc.*
    - ✓ *X-by-wire replacing mechanical systems*
- Automotive OEMs are evolving 42V systems
  - 36V batteries used for essential operating systems
  - Hybrid (HEV) advances

**42V PowerNet**

# Need for Improved Fuel Economy - Lower Emissions

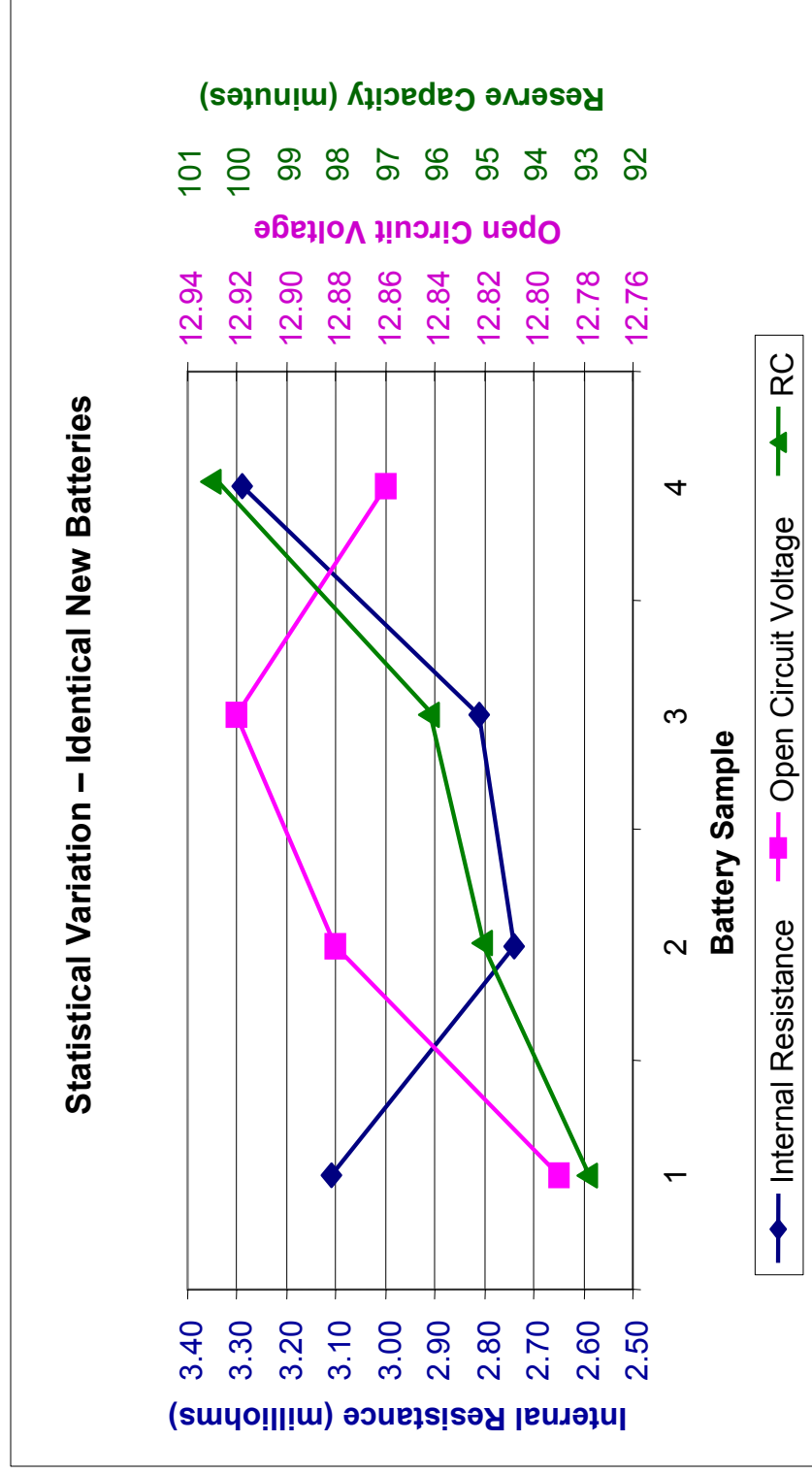
## New demands for the battery:

Assuming lead-acid for cost and availability requirements

- Nominal operation is in >90% SOC range
- 42V/HEV operating in 40-50% SOC range
  - = Current designs lose 90% of their cycle life.
- Varying discharge rates
  - Not just starting - - 2-3KW loads, Must now look at varying electrical system demands, some vary according to each user operating needs
- Regenerative or Rapid charging of battery

# Past Battery Monitoring Techniques and Issues

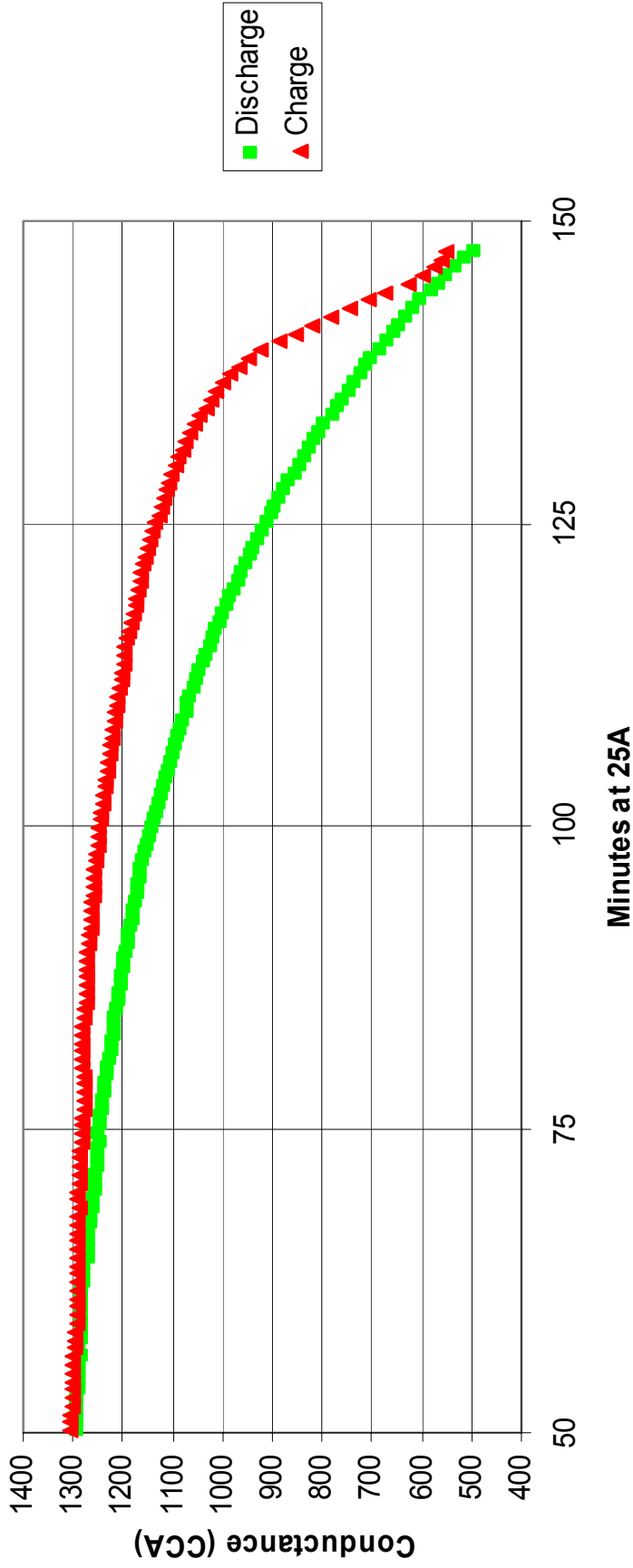
## Modeling/Mapping Issues:





# Hysteresis Effects

Charge/Discharge Hysteresis Effects on Conductance  
Optima Gp31 at Ambient



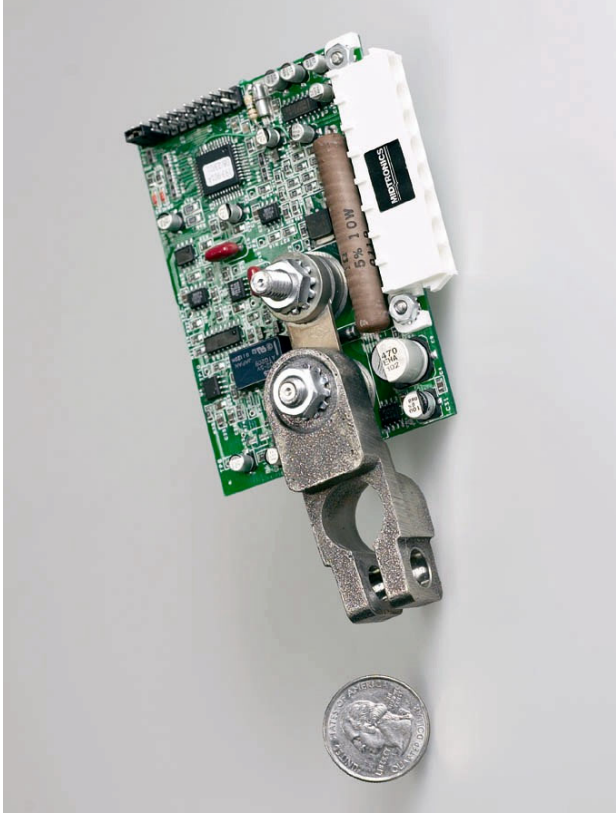
## What's needed? - A battery fuel gauge!

- **iBMS** approach will provide the answers
- **Simplicity** – eliminates variable measurements, provides distinct diagnostics and prognostics
- **SOC and SOH:** variations of these can produce prognostics required for OEM proposed terms like - *Deliverable Energy, Discharge Capability, Charge Acceptance, even Battery State of Life*
- **Accuracy** – Must know beforehand if the battery cannot deliver energy required for the application

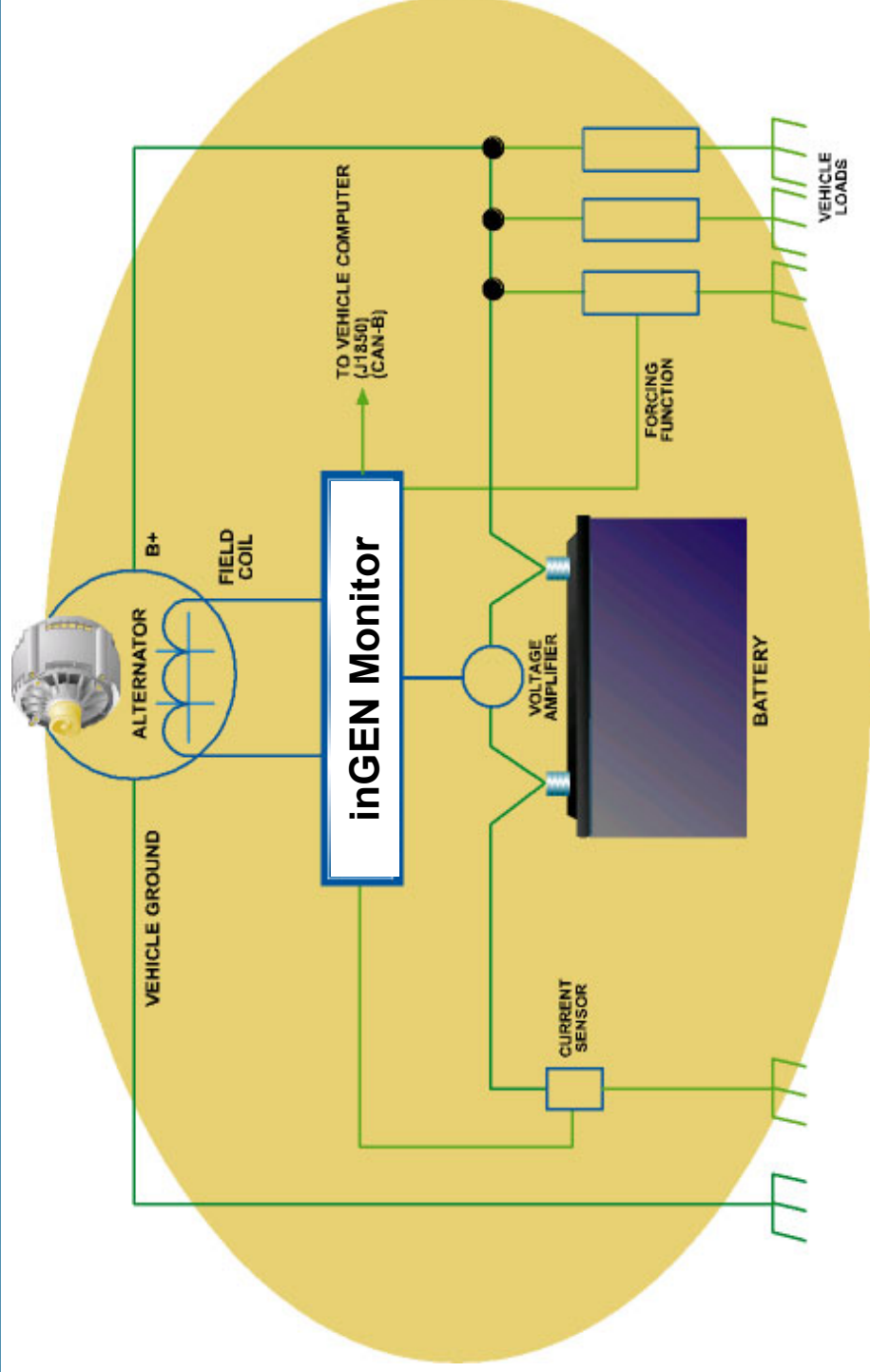
## Continuous, accurate measurement of battery system:

- Voltage (AC/DC)
- Current
- Temperature
- Time
- *Conductance*

— multiple measurements at varying loads



# inGEN System Block Diagram



Standard configuration; other OE integrations are in development

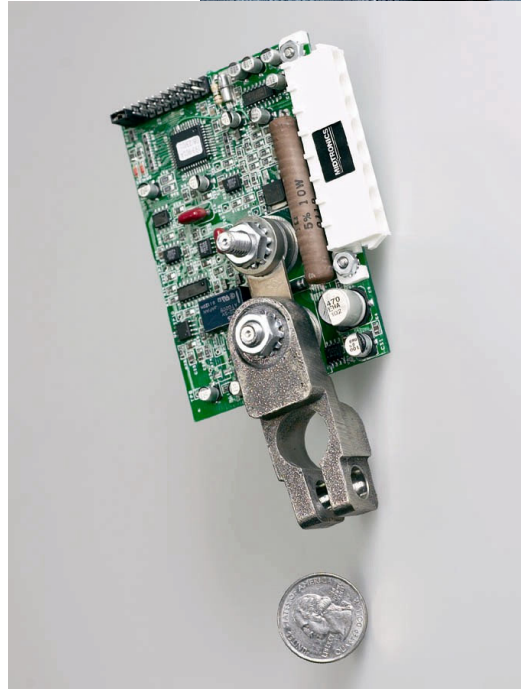
## **Revolutionary advancements in battery monitoring...**

- **Continuous, real-time battery system monitoring during engine operation**
- **Noise immunity**
- **No effect of alternator, regulator or other charging systems**
- **Algorithm provides diagnostics/prognostics, and it is NOT based on specific battery design and data tables**

# What the Diagnostics Mean

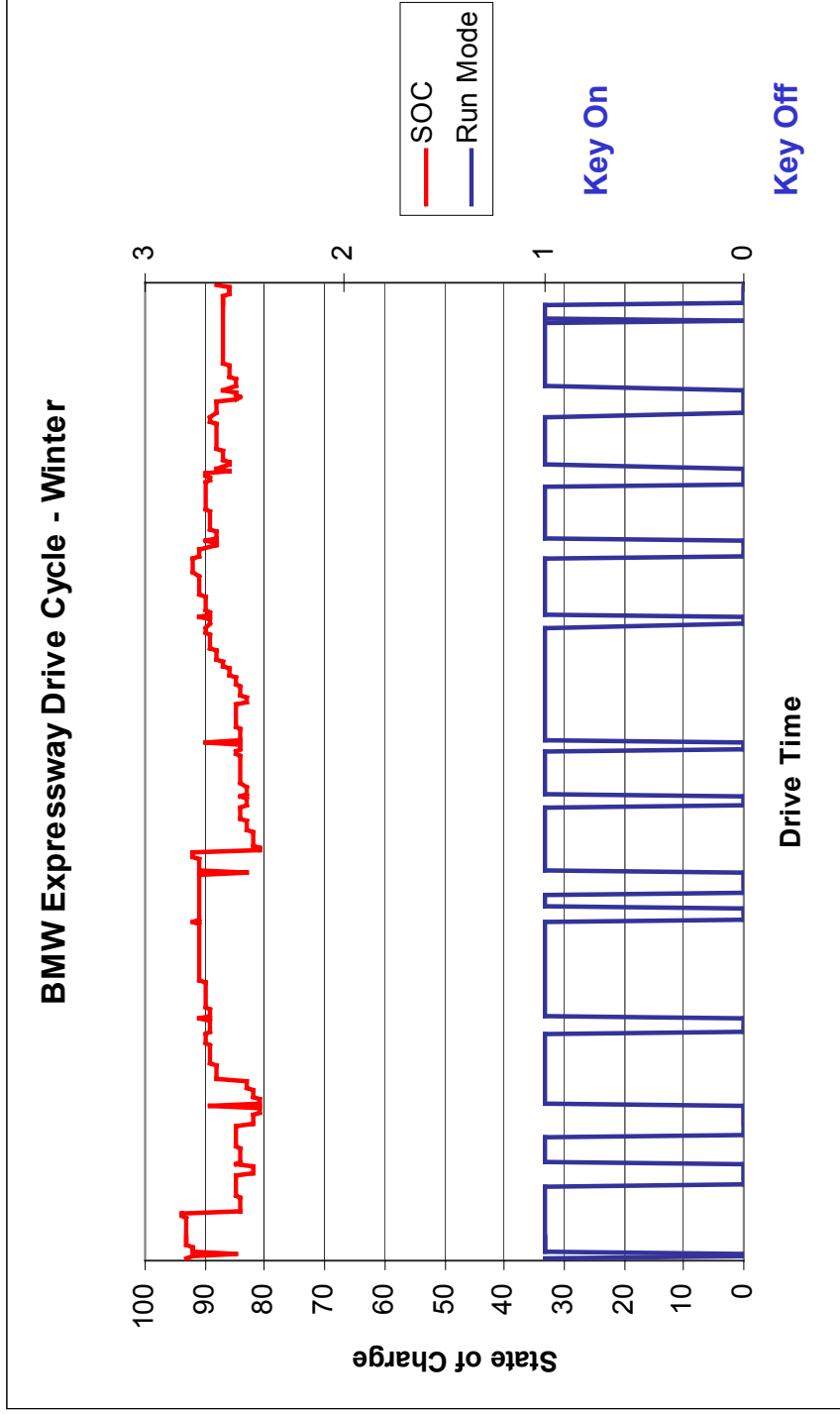
- **State of Charge (SOC)**
  - the % of stored energy which is influenced by the actual battery state of health
- **Cranking State of Health (CSOH)**
  - ensures that the battery has the cranking power needed to start the vehicle (high rate)
- **Reserve State of Health (RSOH)**
  - ensures that the battery has reserve capacity needed to supply all consumers (low rate)

# inGEN Installation



# Expressway Drive Cycle

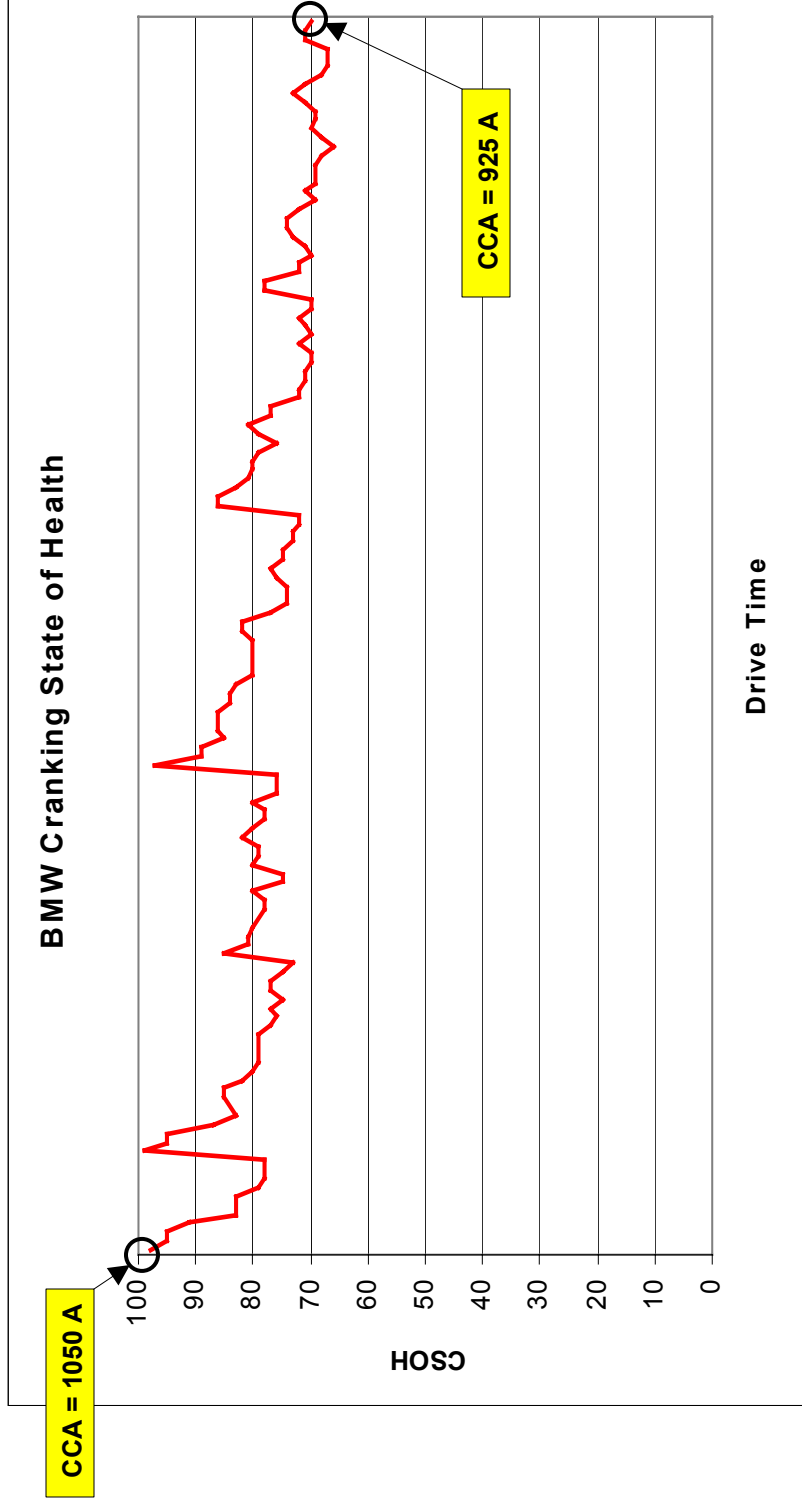
## 1999 BMW - SOC



“Y” axis represents 14 days (Key On Scale / Key Off Scale = 7.5)



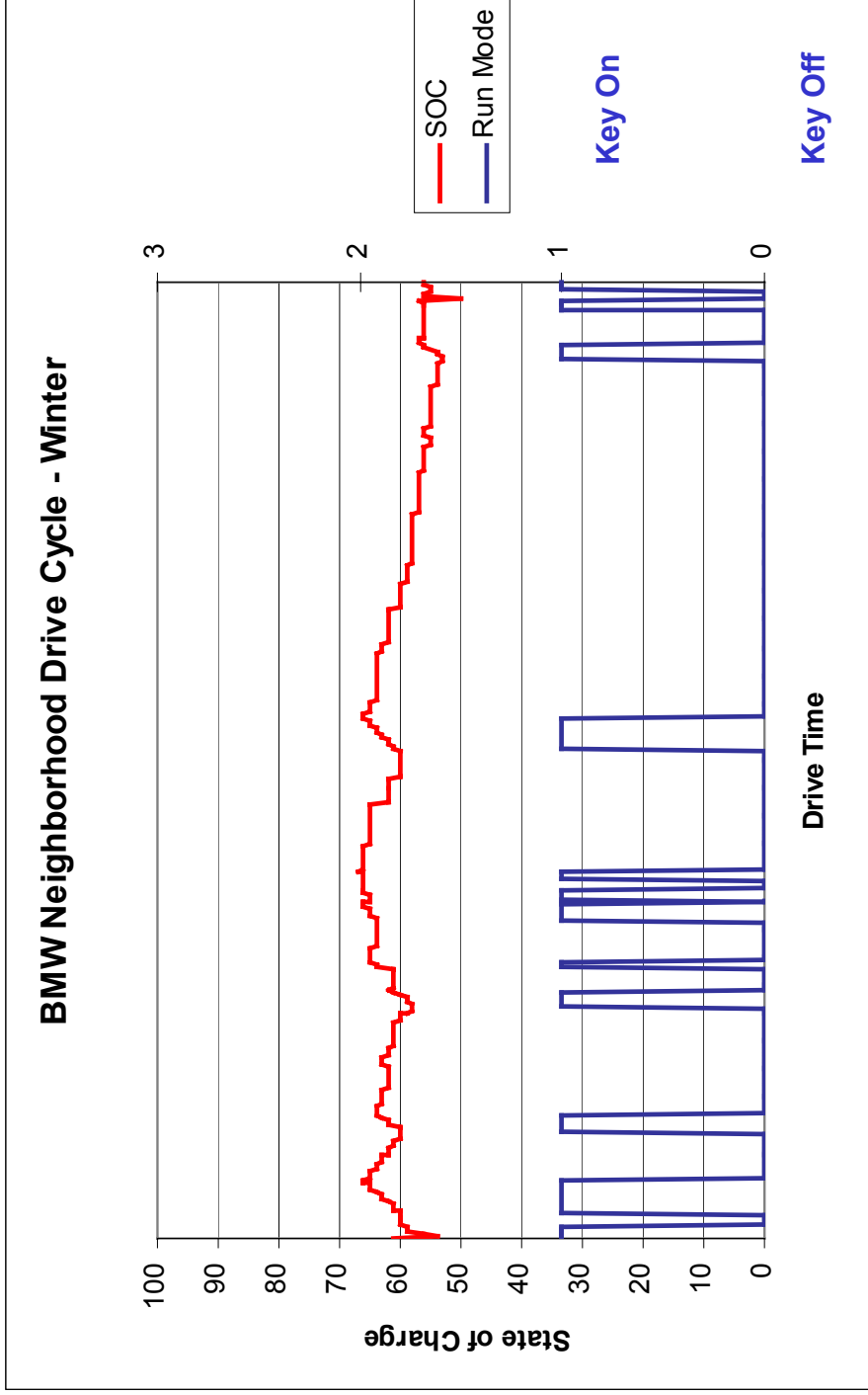
# Expressway Drive Cycle '99 BMW - CSOH



“X” axis represents 6 months; For “Y” axis, 0% or CCA MIN approximately

# Neighborhood Drive Cycle

## 2001 BMW - SOC



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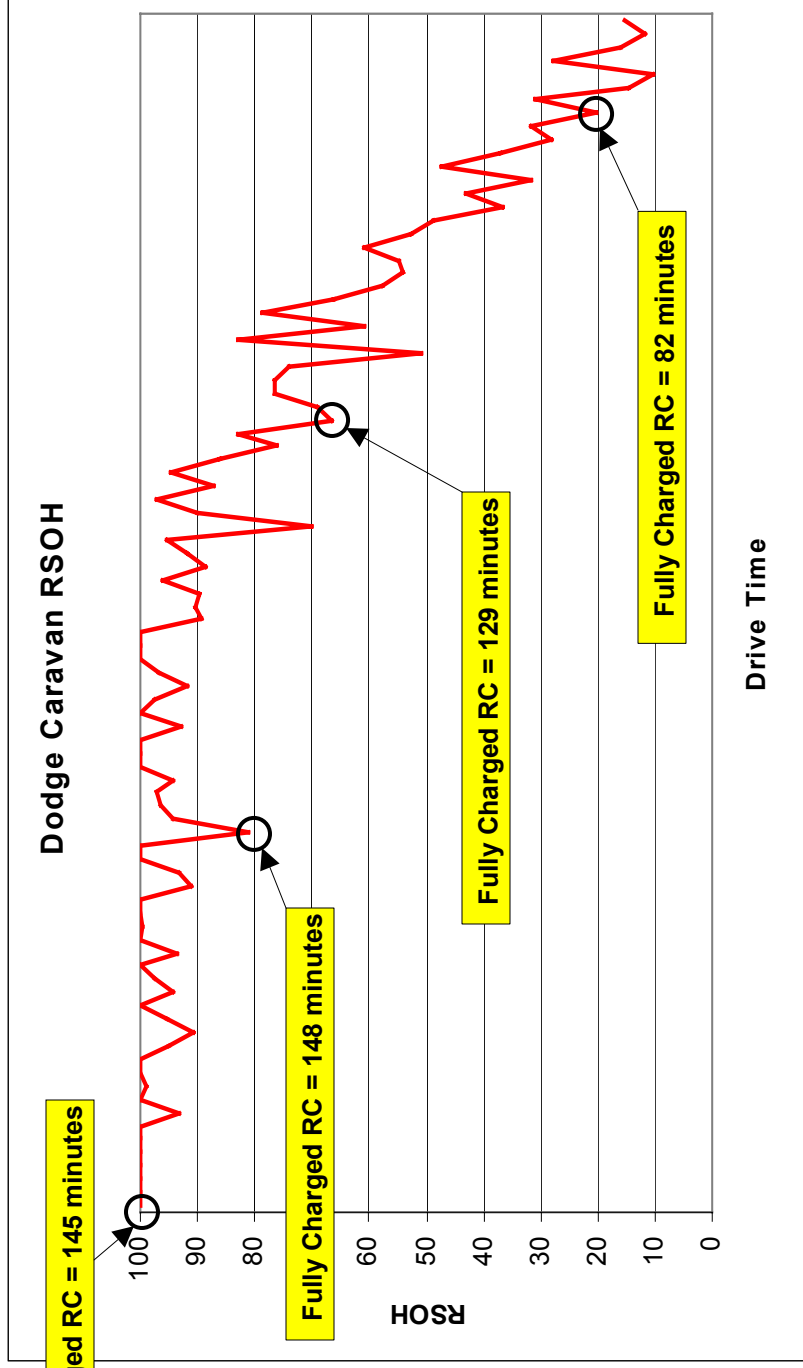
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# 1999 Dodge Grand Caravan



# Engine Compartment Battery

## 99 Dodge Caravan - RSOH



“X” axis represents 11 months

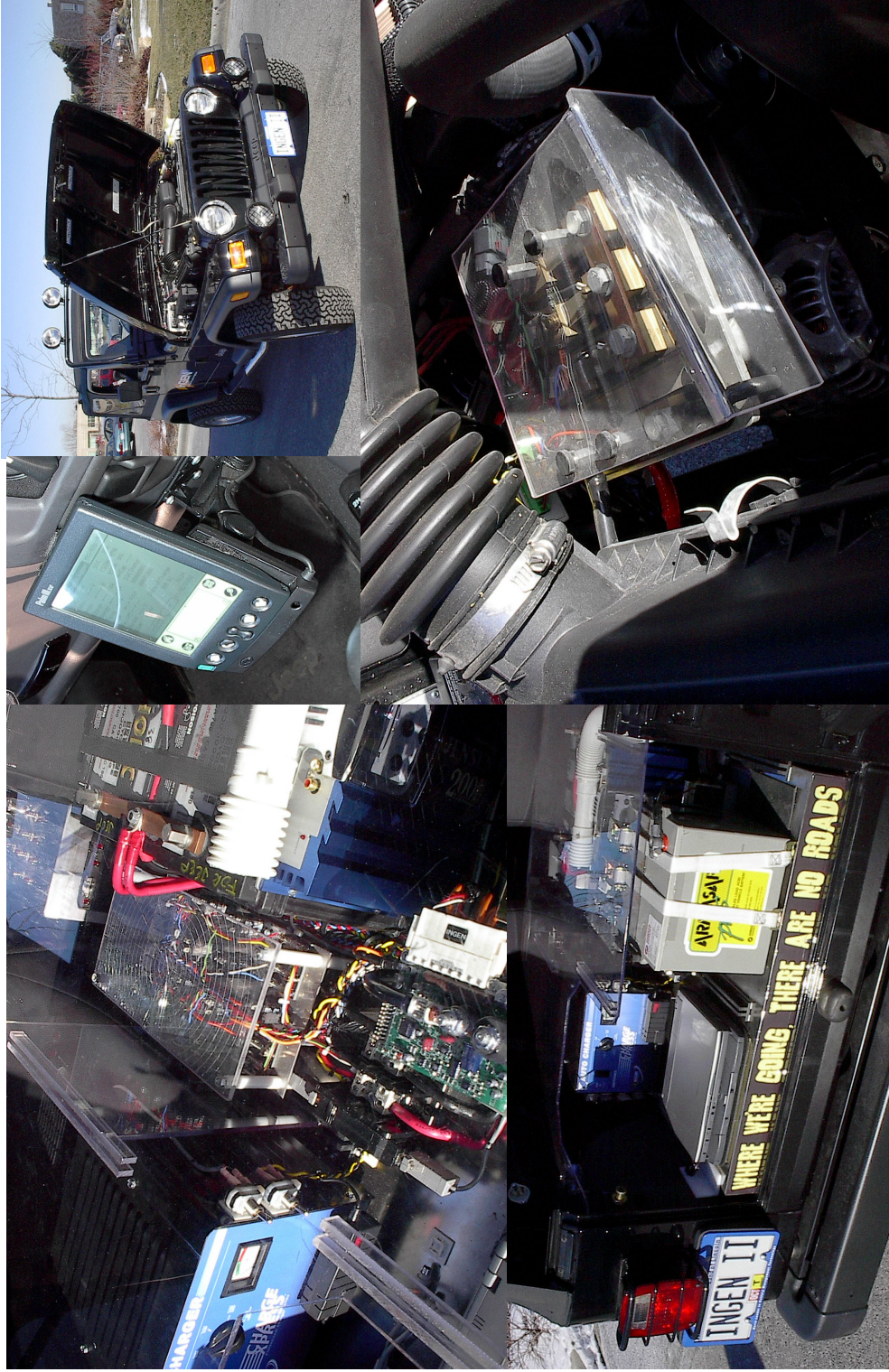
# Jeep Wrangler



# Idle-stop and Variable alternator system

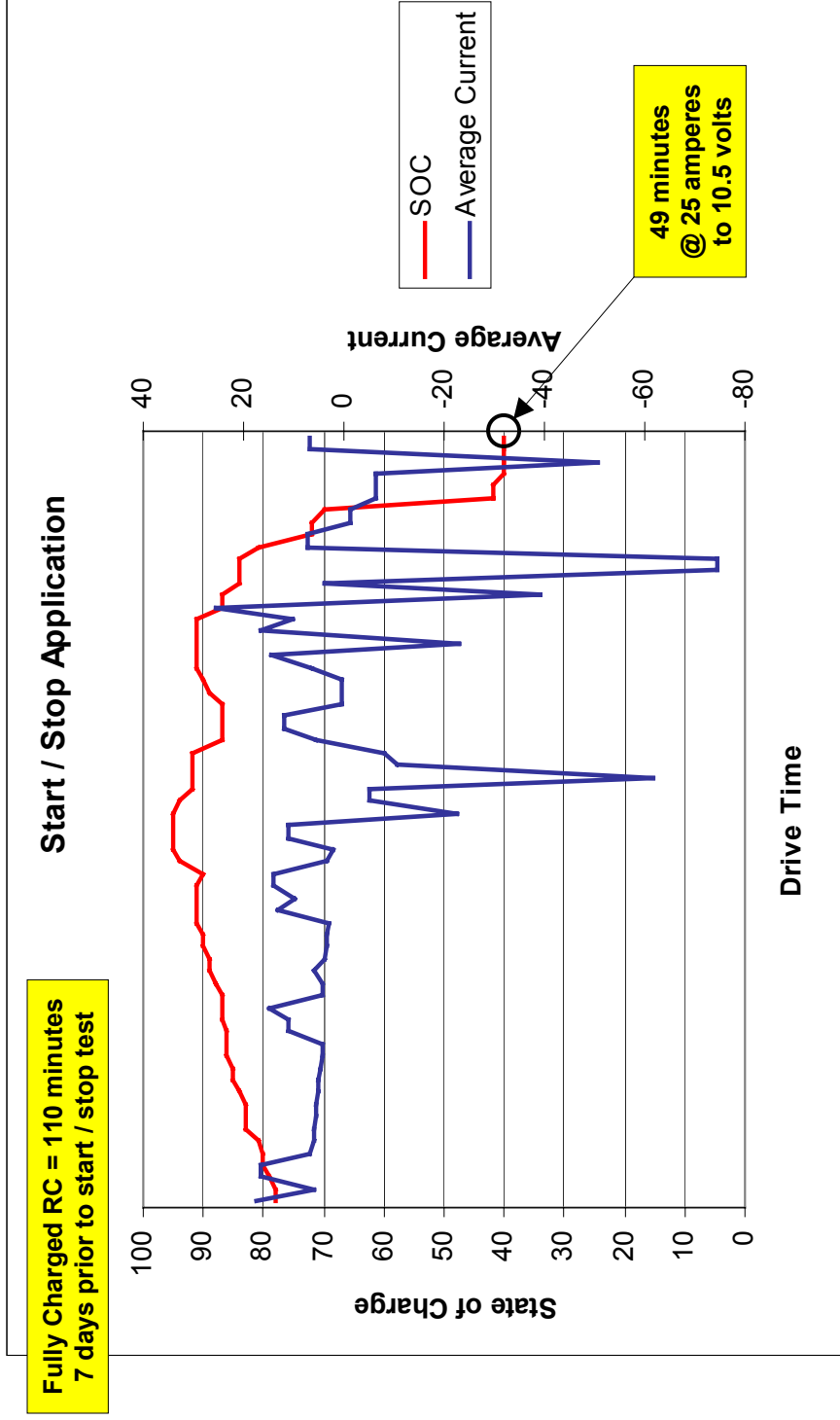
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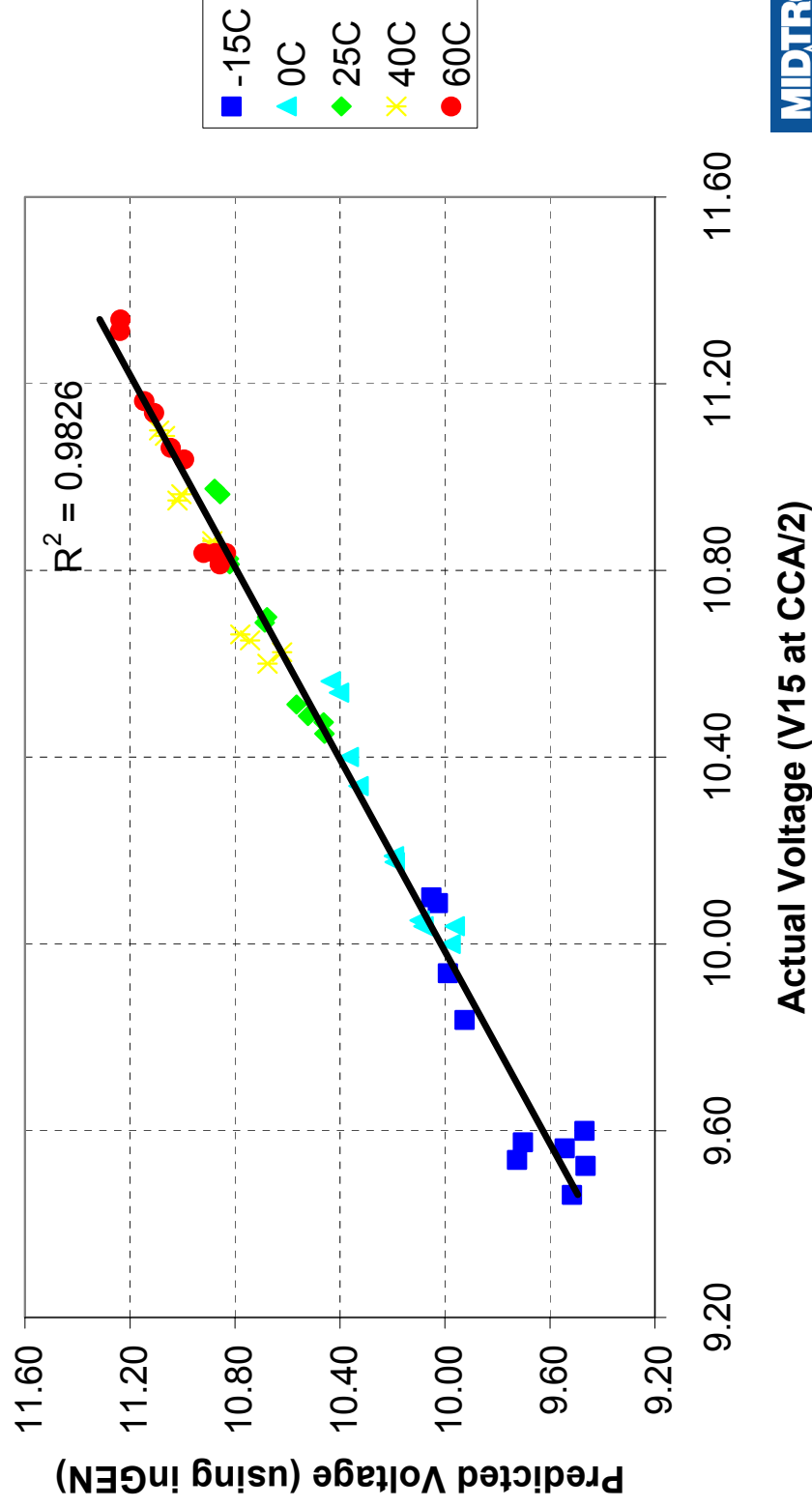
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# “Idle Stop” SOC Data Collection



“X” axis represents 1 hour normal mode, 1 hour start / stop mode

## Voltage Prediction Using inGEN Furukawa Batteries at Various Temperatures

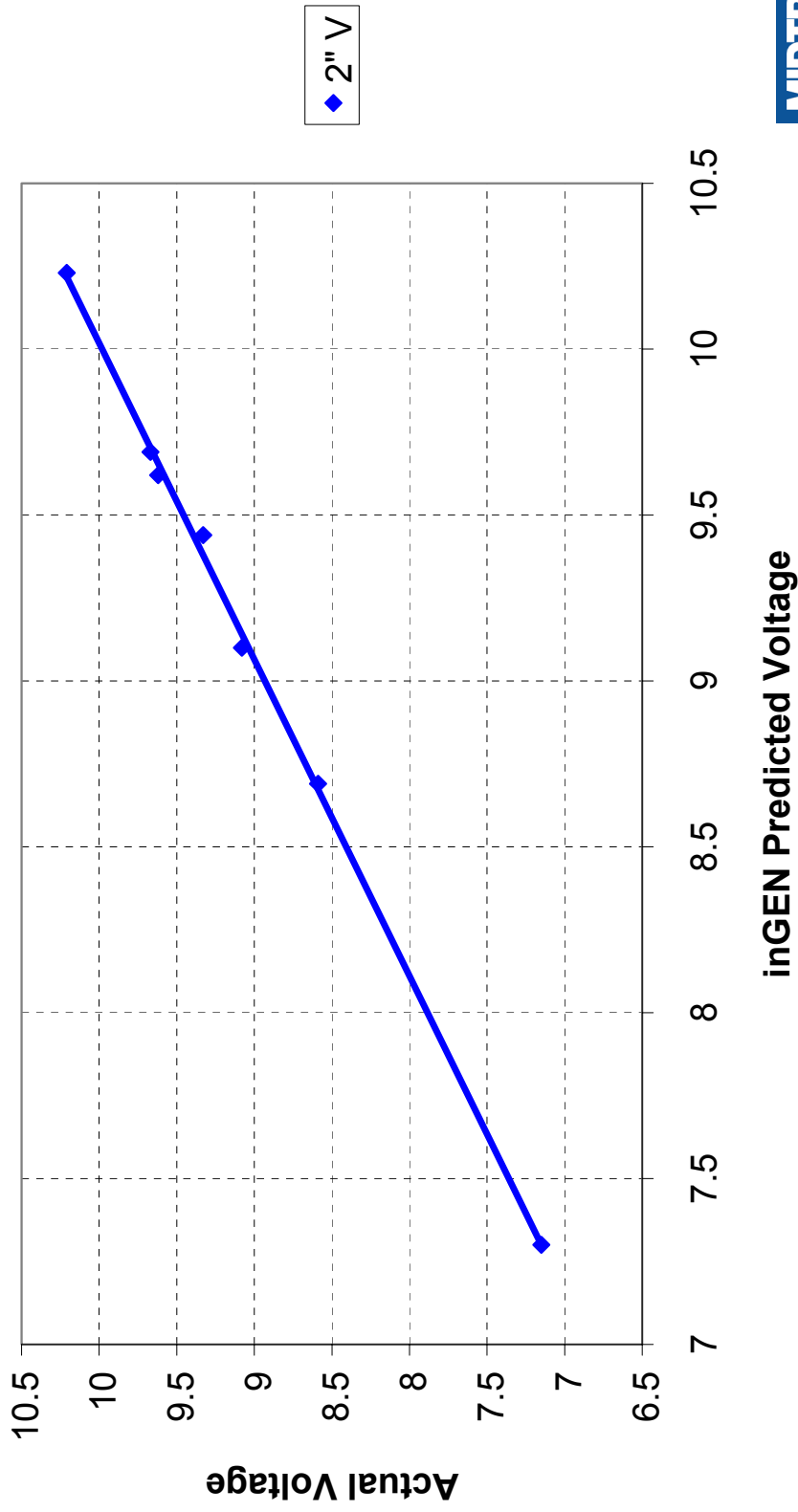




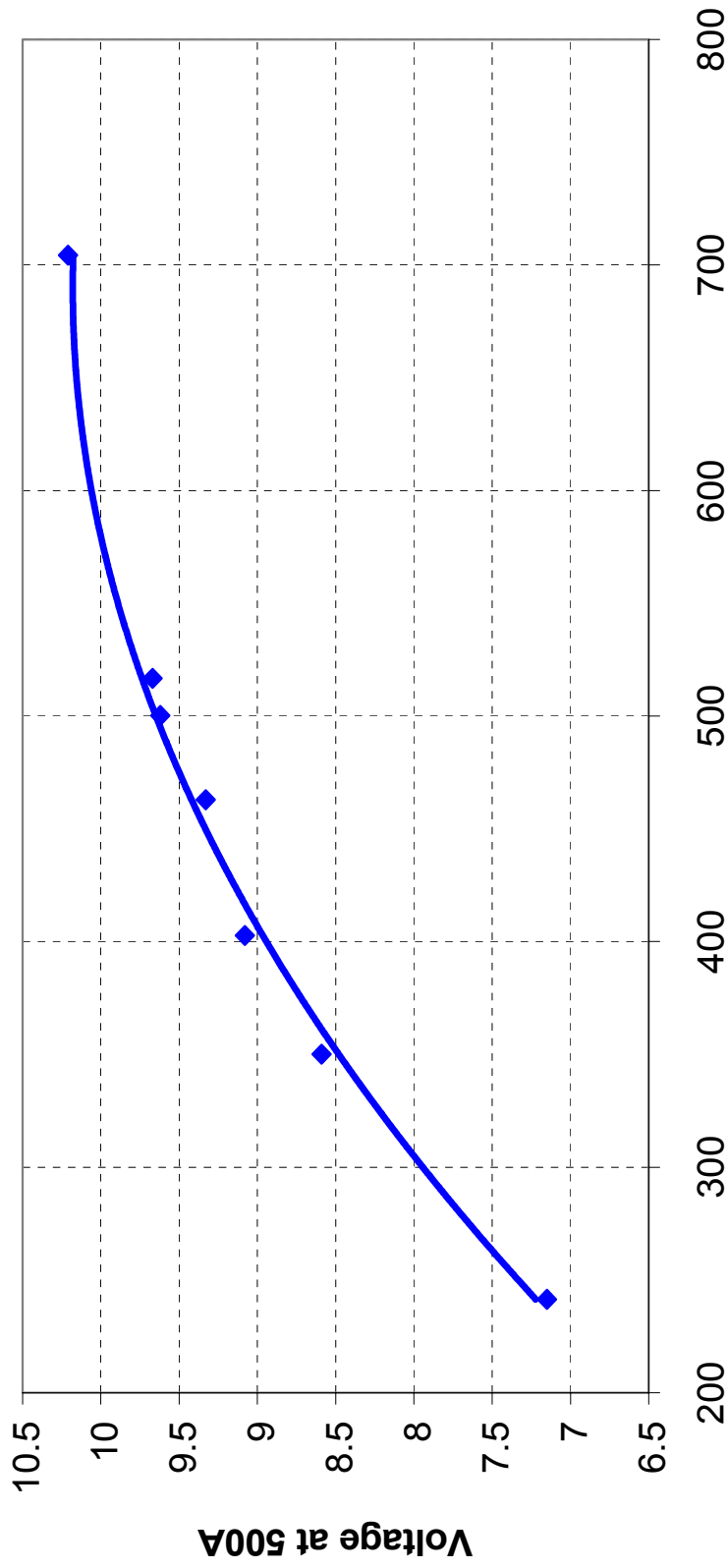
- Voltage prediction - can identify if a battery can deliver the power required to start a vehicle with a known starter draw profile
- Current prediction - at a given voltage - determines if a battery can deliver the required starting current at or above a minimum battery voltage
- Voltage or current predictions can be compared to actual vehicle specifications set at virtually any temperature

- Midtronics has demonstrated inGEN data correlation to high rate (cranking) loads and low rate discharges (hotel and consumer loads) over a wide temperature range
- Work is ongoing to enhance the inGEN data output to match specific customer needs
- inGEN has already demonstrated capabilities in measuring vehicle battery packs with multiple batteries in parallel

## inGEN Predicted Voltage 500A Discharge at 22 deg C

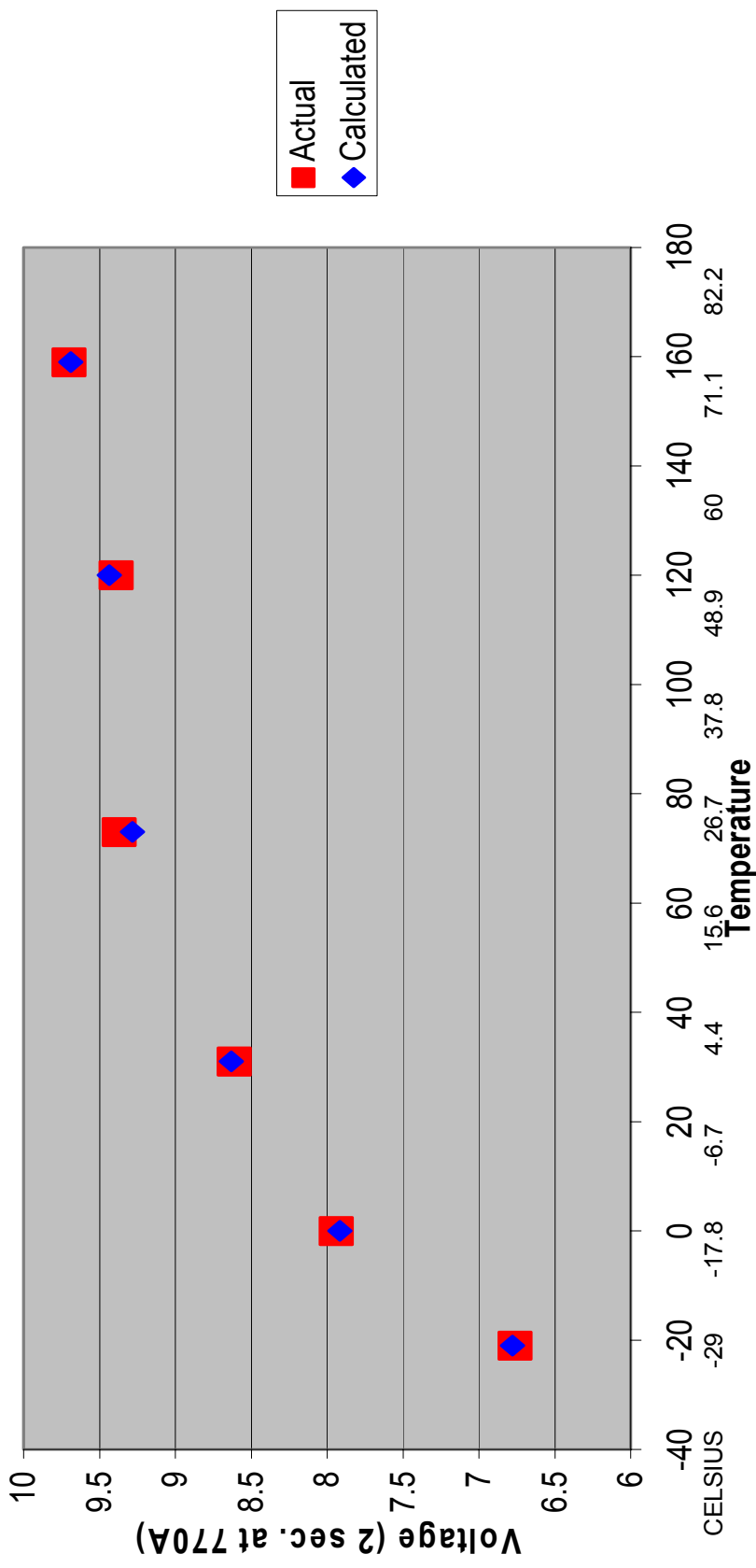


## Voltage vs. inGEN 9.6V Estimated Cranking Current Discharge 500A at 22 Deg C

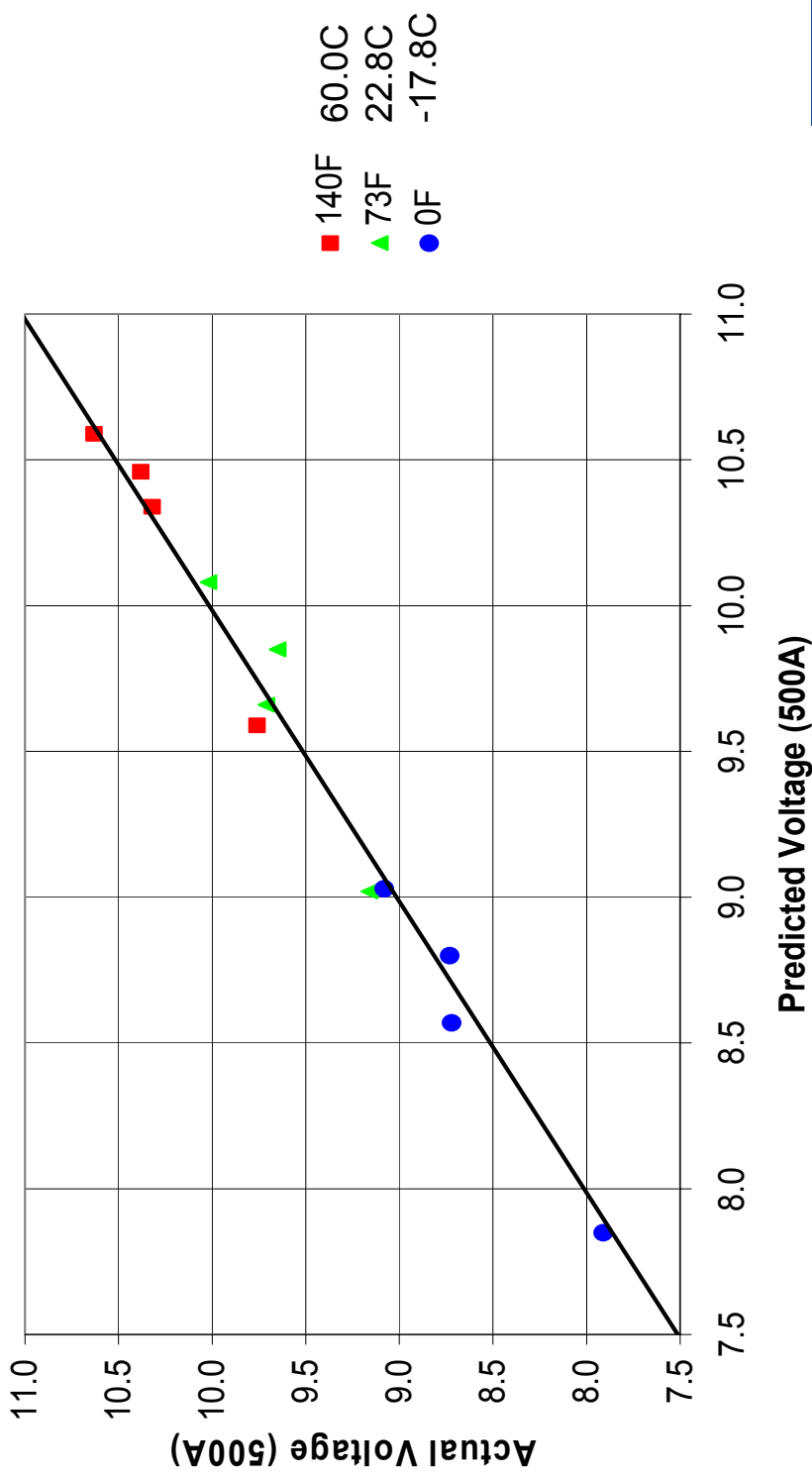


9.6V Estimated Cranking Current

## Actual vs. Calculated Performance Exide L4 Batteries Discharged at 770A

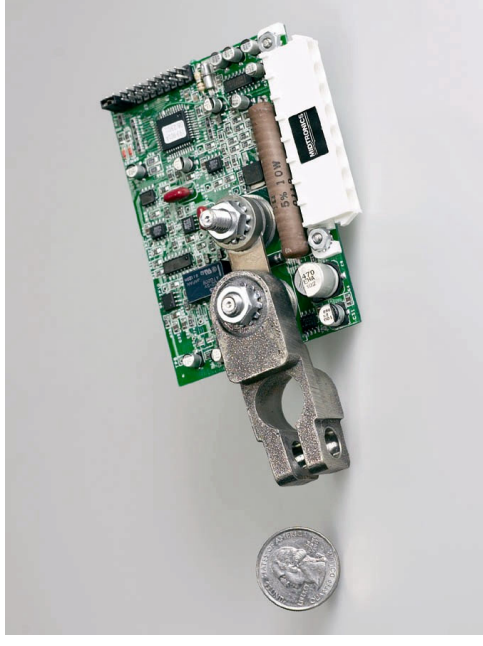


## Actual vs. Predicted Starting Voltage L4 Batteries at Various Temperatures and SOC



# **inGEN data can form the backbone of information used to control and optimize the charging system**

- Eliminate Overcharging
- Eliminate Undercharging
- Increase Battery Life
- Electrical system analysis
- Detect starter/alternator wear-out
- Enable load-shedding or disconnects



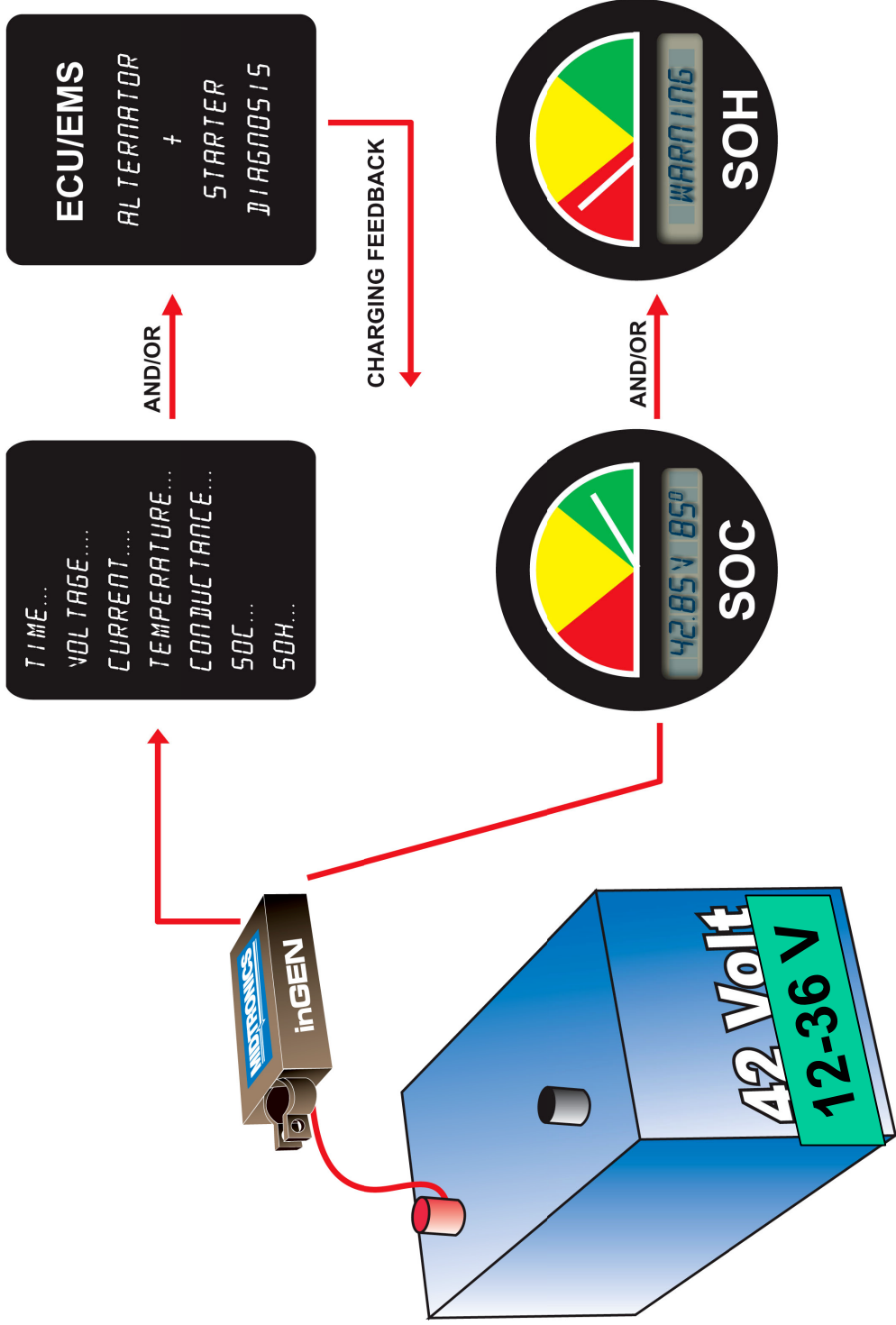
## Key Elements

Time/ Date	Volts	Current (Amps)	Temp (°F)	Conductance (CCA)	SOC (%)	CSOH (%)	RSOH (%)
7:36:00	12.33	23.71	72	773	91	71	100
7:38:02	13.85	04.64	73	760	92	71	100

**Minimal amount of elements represented;  
inGEN technology can also supply other  
measurement variables as required by the  
charging system or application**



# inGEN integration

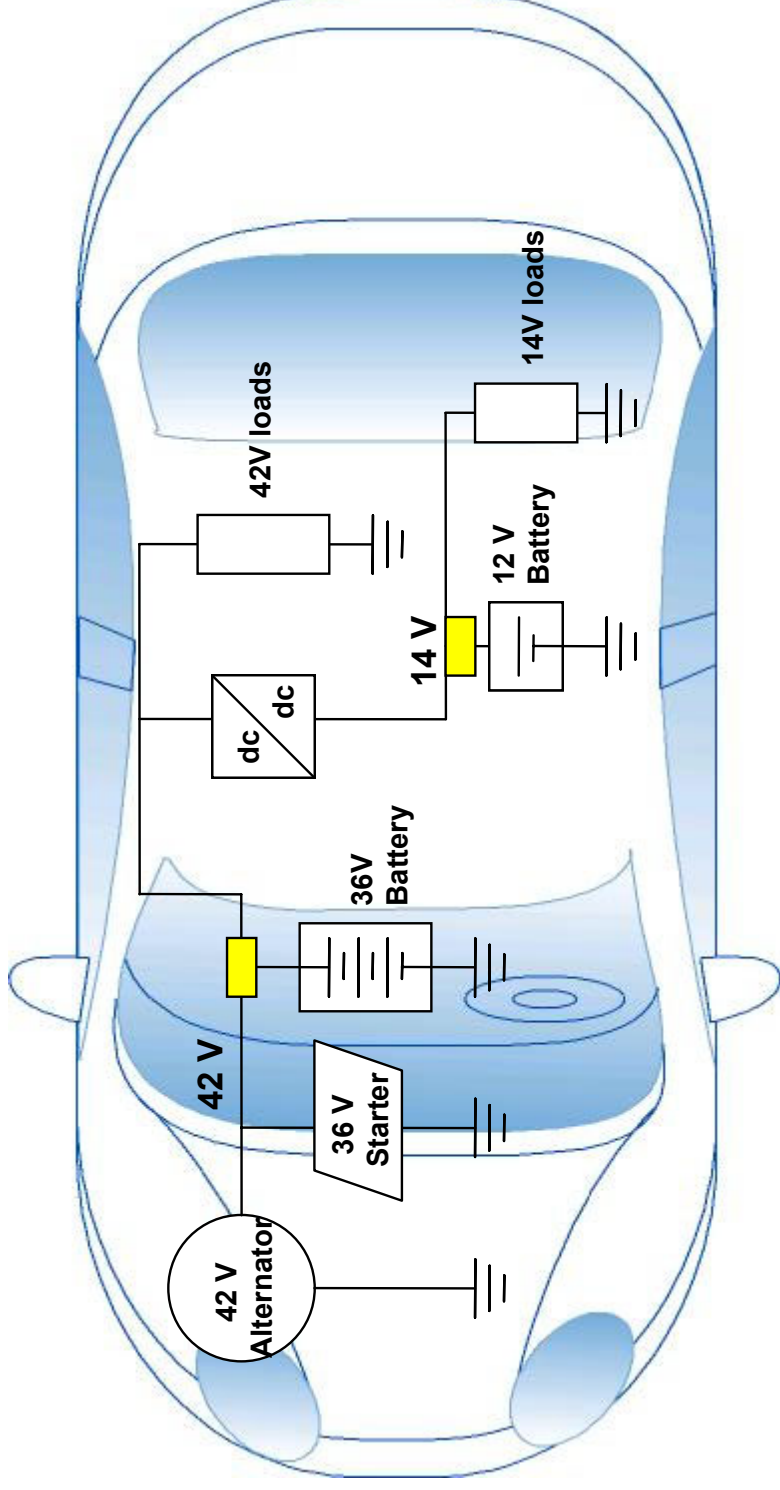


***Focusing on vehicle-integrated or on board technology for SOC and SOH***

**What's needed?: Battery Voltage, Current, Temperature - AND - Conductance**

- **Integrated for accurate SOC measurement**
- **Provides SOH measurement**
- **Can provide cranking prediction**
- **Global OEM standard for battery service**

# 42 Volt inGEN System Block Diagram



## 42V system – Dual Voltage Architecture

## Improvements in:

- **Battery Intelligence**
  - **Real-time Data**
  - **Diagnostics**
- **Battery Performance**
- **System Performance**
- **Weight Performance**
- **Cost Performance**

## **inGEN**

- **Hardware has been tested in-vehicles for over 3 years . ~24 vehicle fleet worldwide.**
- **Prototypes deployed through OEM and Tier 1s around the world**
- **Product is licensed for production in a MY2005 European passenger vehicle**
- **Complete vehicle sensor being produced for military and heavy-duty truck applications**
- **Licensing available for hardware/circuit design, or SOC/SOH algorithms only**
- **ASIC and shunt options for 2003**

- **Technology and innovation**
- **Battery knowledge**
- **Long term relationships with battery manufacturers**
- **Entrepreneurial spirit and vision**
- **Acceptance and support by almost all OEM's – they include .....**



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