Performance Characteristics of Lithium-Ion Prototype Batteries for Mars Surveyor Program 2001 Lander

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- Cell Performance and Battery Requirements
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- Cycle Life Performance Tests
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- Cell Charge Characteristics
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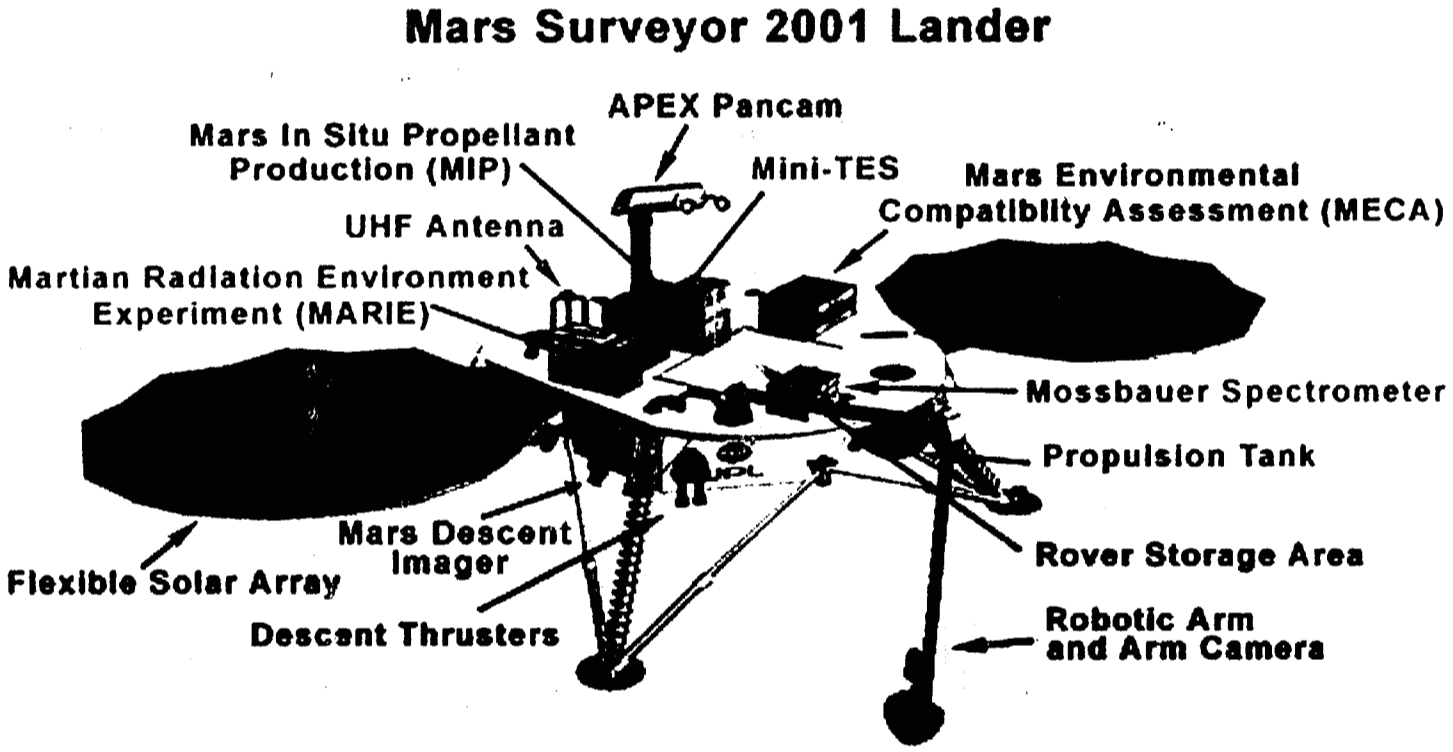
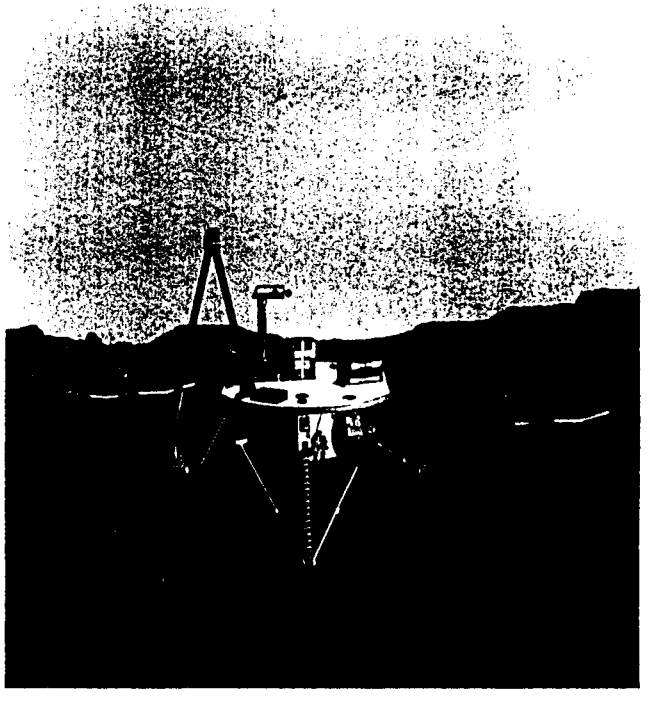
- Summary and Conclusions

Mars Surveyor 2001 Lander- Scientific Payload



Mars Surveyor 2001 Lander

- Scheduled launch date April 10, 2001; Expected landing Jan 22, 2002.
- Lander has an imager to picture the surrounding terrain of the landing site during rocket-assisted descent.
- Platform for instruments and technology experiments designed to provide key insights to decisions regarding human missions to Mars.
- In-situ demonstration test of rocket propellant production.
- Martian soil properties and surface radiation environment



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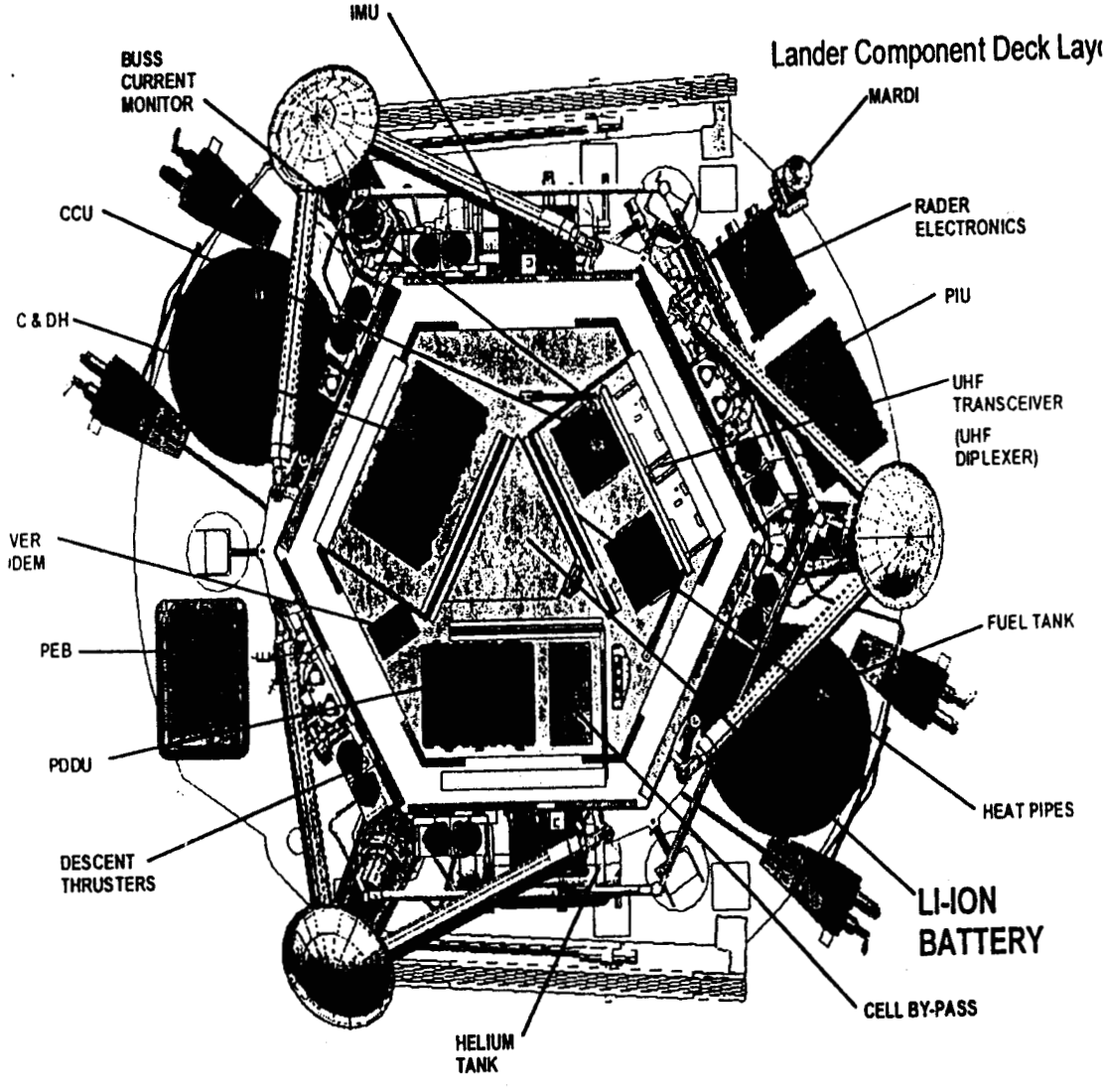
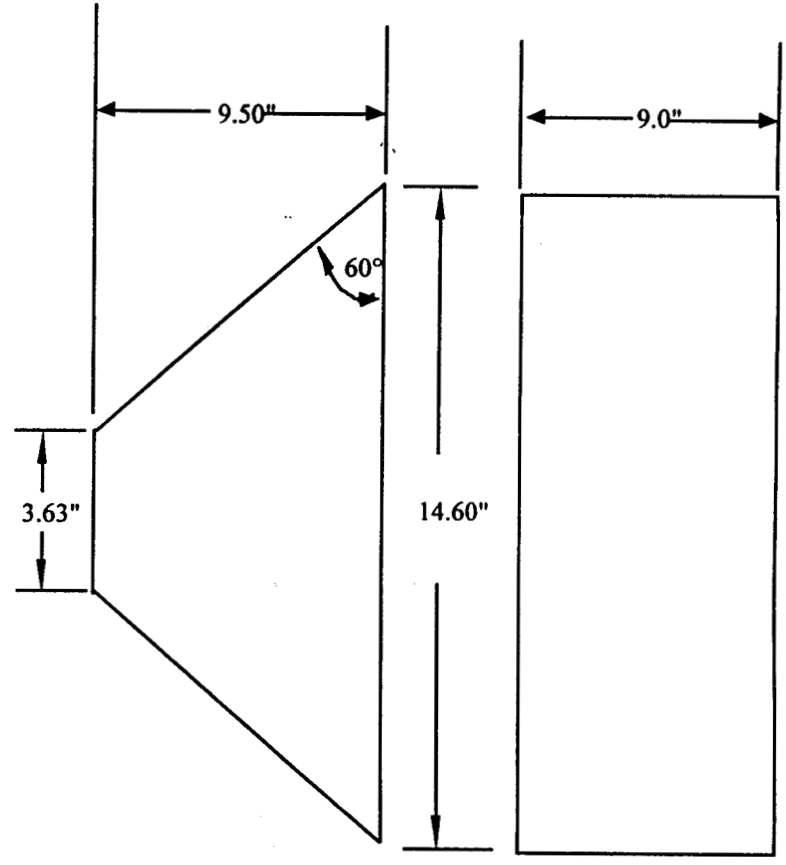


MSP 2001 Lander Battery

- Two 25 Ah, 8-Cell Li Ion Batteries (N+1)
- Individual Cell Monitoring and control via Cell Bypass Unit (CBU) to prevent overcharge
- Individual Charge Control Unit (CCU)
- Constant Voltage Charging at - 32.8 Vdc
- 16 Selectable V/T curves.
- Amp Hour Integration.

Battery Envelope



MSP 2001 Lander Power System Battery Challenges

- *High specific Energy*
  - 800 Wh in 7.94 Kg (100 Wh/kg)
- *Low Temperature Performance*
  - Op. Temperature : -20 to +40°C
  - Capacity of 25 Ah -20°C at C/5
- *Good Cycle Life*
  - 200 Cycles @ 70%
- *Long Calendar Life*
  - Two years of storage (1 year cruise) before battery operation
  - Low temperature performance after storage (final phase of the mission)

NASA-DOD Interagency Li-Ion Program

Objectives

- DEVELOP HIGH SPECIFIC ENERGY AND LONG CYCLE LIFE Li -ION BATTERIES
- ESTABLISH U.S. PRODUCTION SOURCES
- DEMONSTRATE TECHNOLOGY READINESS
  - LANDERS BY 2001
  - ROVERS BY2003
  - GEO MISSIONS BY 2003
  - AVIATION/UAV's BY 2001
  - MILITARY TERRESTRIAL APPLNS's BY 2001
  - LEO MISSIONS BY 2003

Technology Drivers

Mission	Technology Driver
Lander Rover	Low Temperature Operation High rate Pulse Capability
GEO S/C	10-20 Year Operating life Large Capacity cells (50-200 Ah)
LEO PlanetaryS/C	Long Cycle life(30,000) Medium Capacity Cells (50 Ah
Aircraft	Low temperature Operation High Voltage Batteries (270 V
UAV	Large Capacity cells (200 Ah) High Voltage Batteries (100V)

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Program Objectives

- Assess viability of using lithium-ion technology for future Aerospace applications.

- Demonstrate applicability of using lithium-ion technology for the MSP 2001 Lander application.

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Performance Evaluation Tests

- **Cycle Life Performance**
  - Room temperature cycle life (23° +/- 2°C)
  - Low temperature cycle life (-20°C)
  - High temperature cycling (40°C)
  - Variable temperature cycling
- **Electrical Performance Characterization**
  - Range of charge and discharge rates (C/2, C/3.3, C/5 and C/10)
  - Range of temperatures (-30, -20, 0, 23, 40°C)
  - Pulse capability (40 and 60A)
  - Impedance measurements
- **Storage Characteristics**
  - * 2 Month storage test (0 and 40°C, 50 and 100% SOC)
  - * Accelerated storage test: at different SOC (50, 70,100% SOC), temperatures (25, 40, 55°C), and storage conditions.
- **Quality Control**
  - Reproducibility of cell results
  - Cell to cell performance performance variations

Cycle Life Performance Tests

Requirement **: Deliver > 200 cycles on surface of Mars**

- **100% DOD cycling (3.0-4.1V, C/5-C/10)**
- **Wide temperature range (-20°C to 40°C)**
- **At end of life should deliver 25 Ah**

Approach**:**

100 % DOD cycling @ 23°C (C/5 charge, C/5 discharge)
100 % DOD cycling @ -20°C (C/10 charge, C/5 discharge)
100 % DOD cycling @ 40°C (C/5 charge, C/5 discharge)
Variable temperature cycling (temperature extremes)
Mission simulation cycling

Possible Evaluation Criteria**:**

Initial capacity (must exceed 25 Ah)
Capacity after 200 cycles (Ah)
Capacity fade rates
Capacity delivered over range of temperatures

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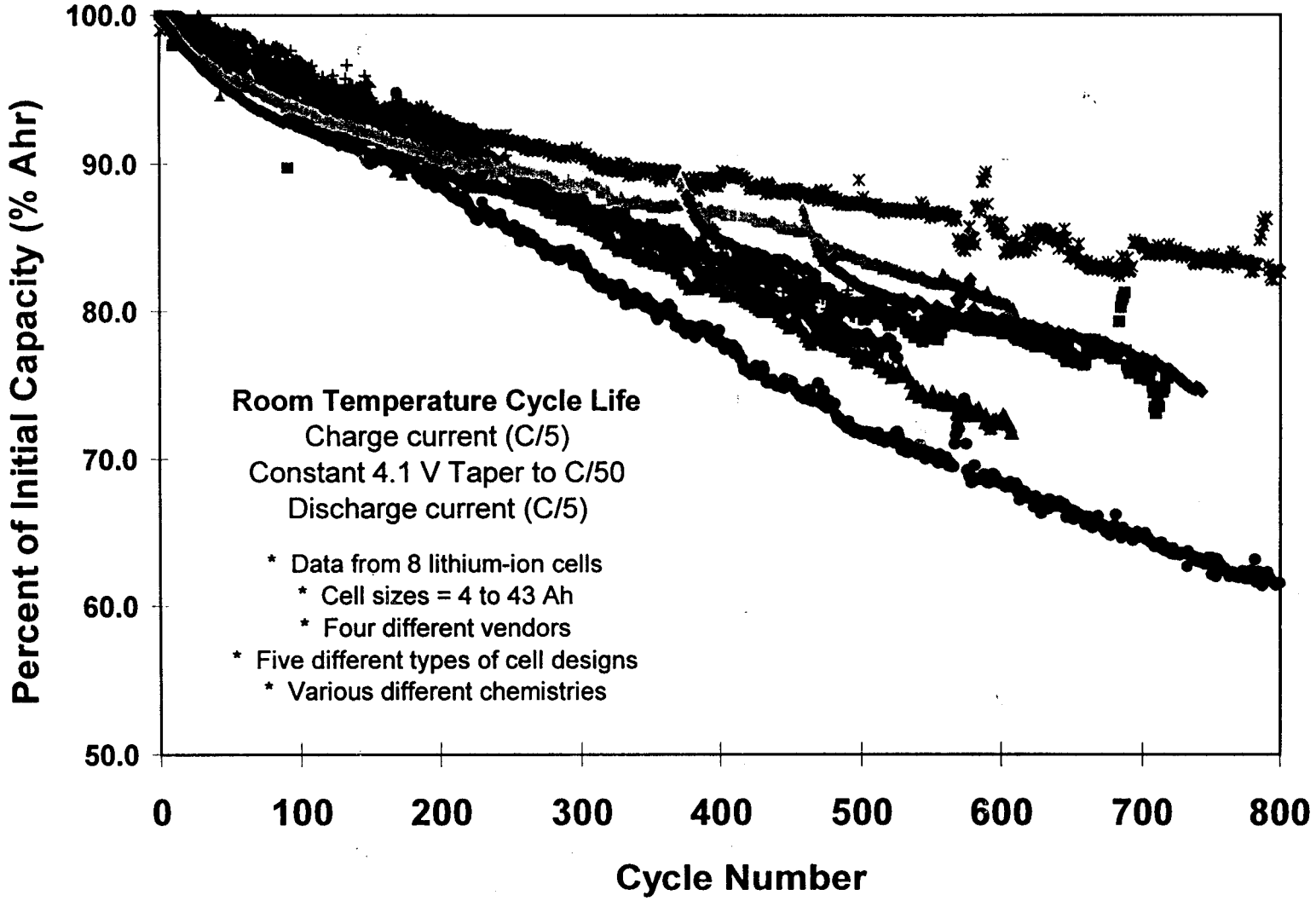
Room Temperature Cycle Life Performance
Comparison of Different Cell Designs and Sizes



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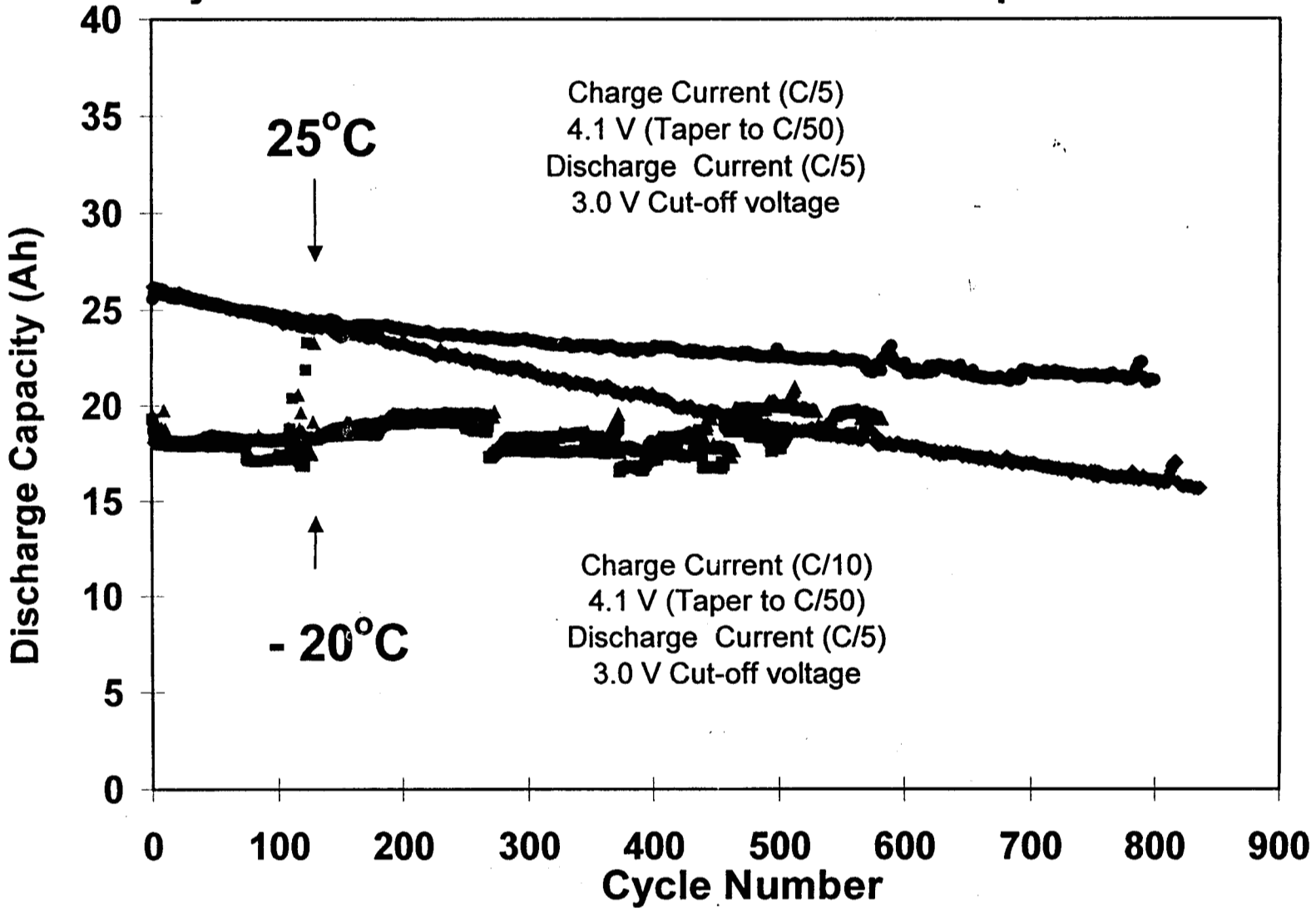
Cycle Life Performance at Different Temperatures



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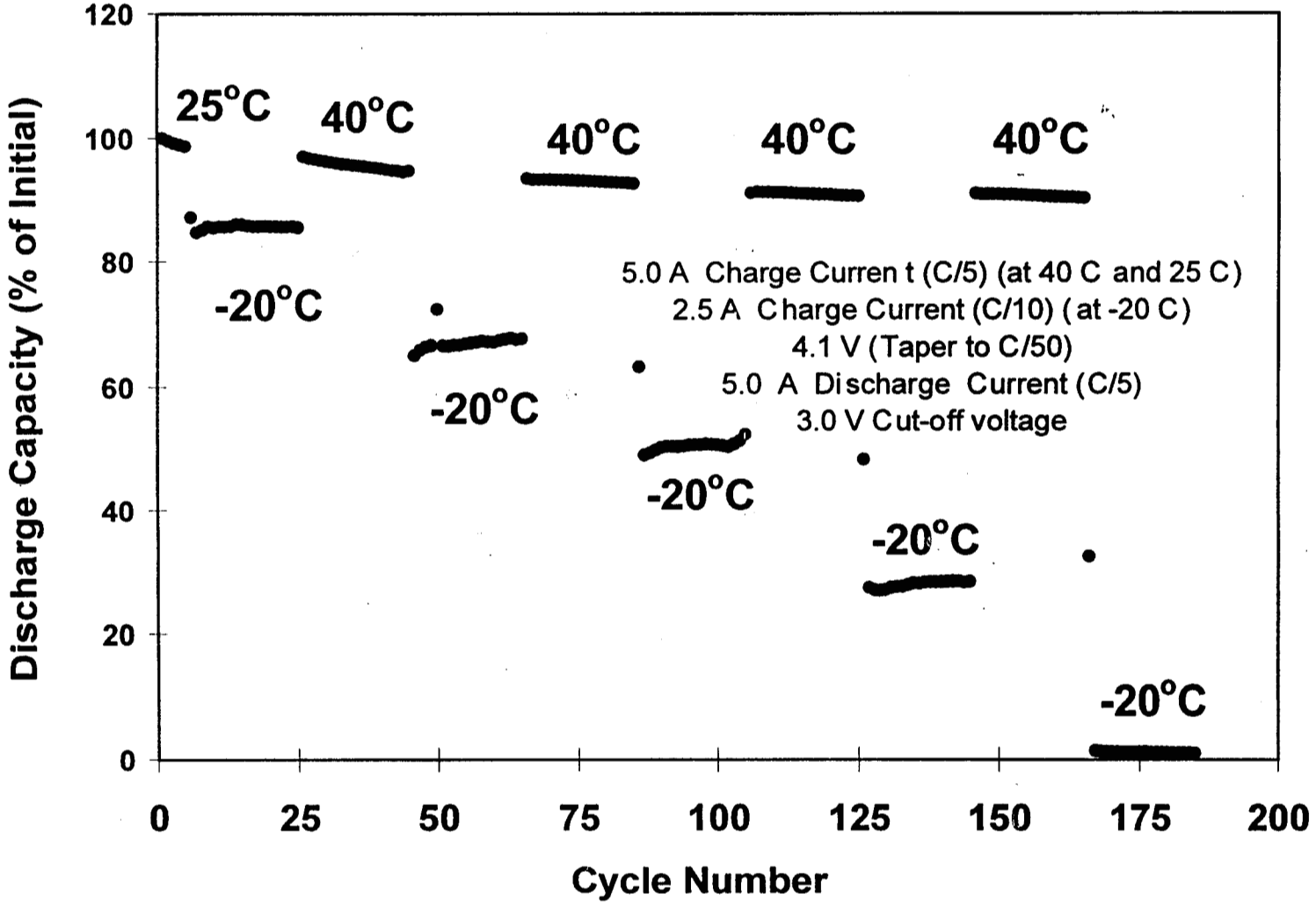

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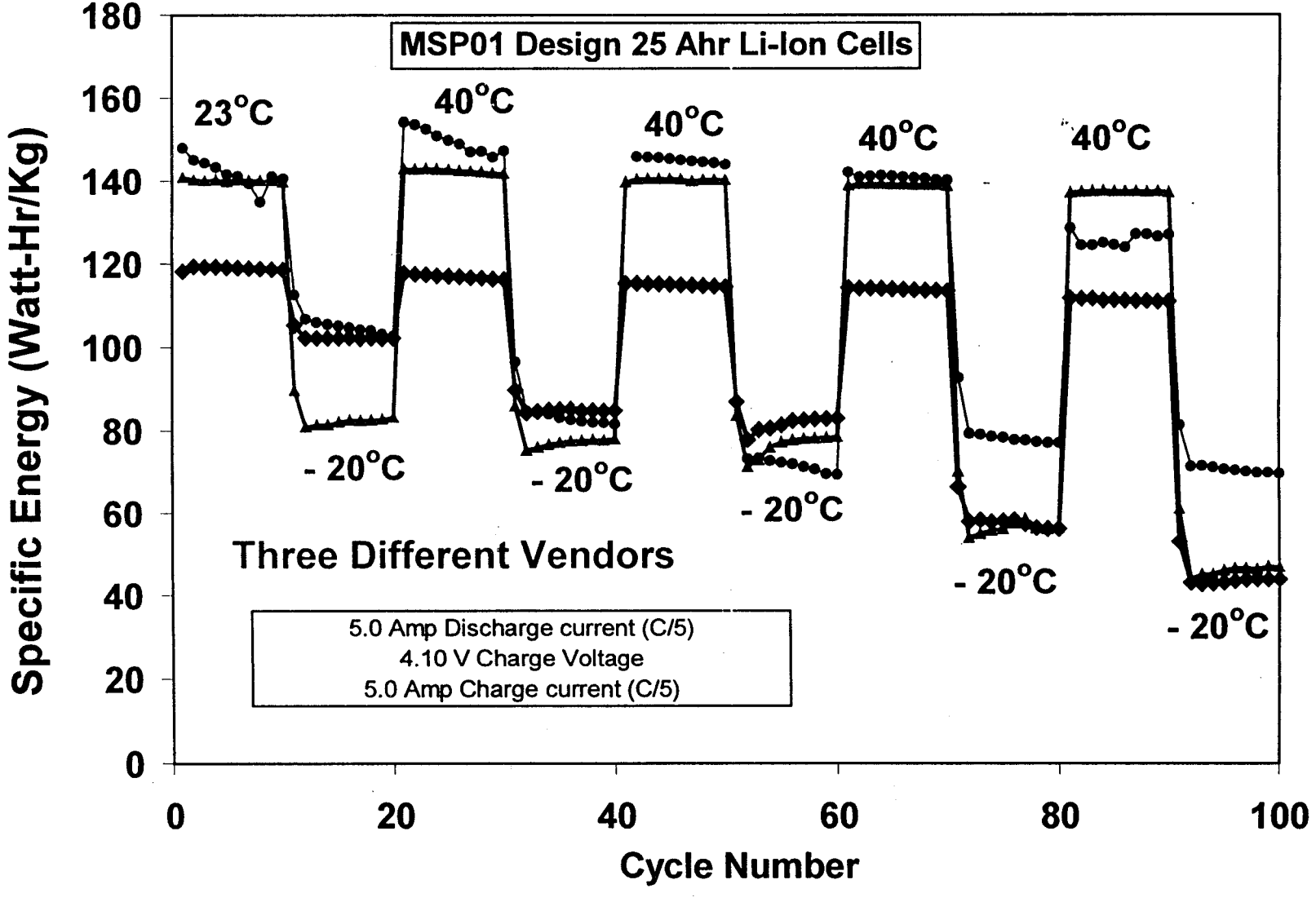

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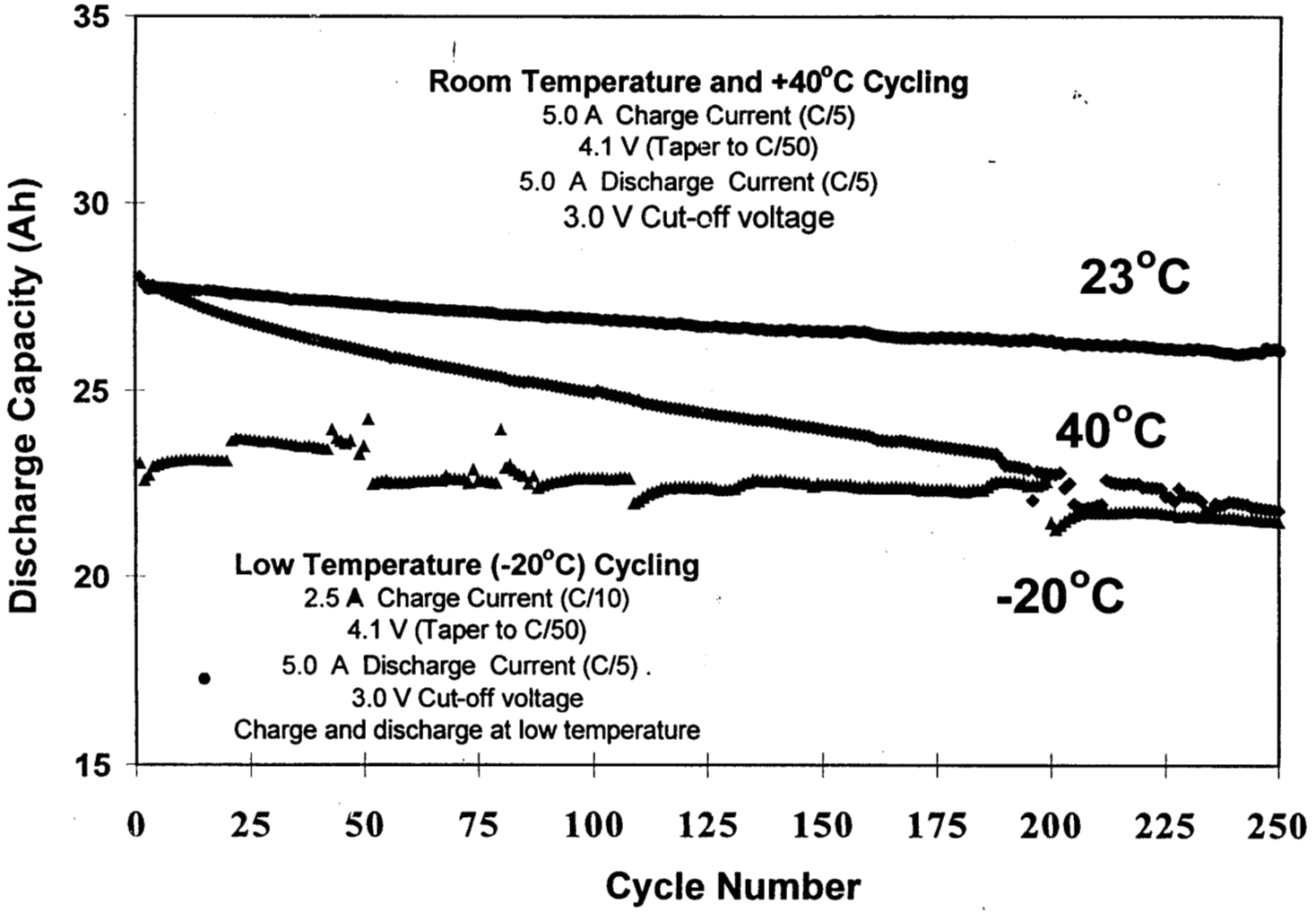

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Low Temperature Performance Evaluation

Requirement :

- Provide 25 Ah over wide range of temperatures (-20°C to 40°C)
- Provide 25 Ah at C/2 rate - C/10 rate
- Should be capable of meeting mission profile

Approach:

Rate characterization at various temperatures (-20, 0, 20 and 40°C)
Range of charge and discharge rates (C/2, C/3.3, C/5 and C/10)

Possible Evaluation Criteria:

Low temperature discharge capacity (@ -20°C)
Low temperature charge characteristics
Capacity delivered over range of temperatures
Discharge energy (Wh/Kg)
Watt-hour efficiency (round-trip efficiency)
Heat generation
Effect of cell history upon rate capability

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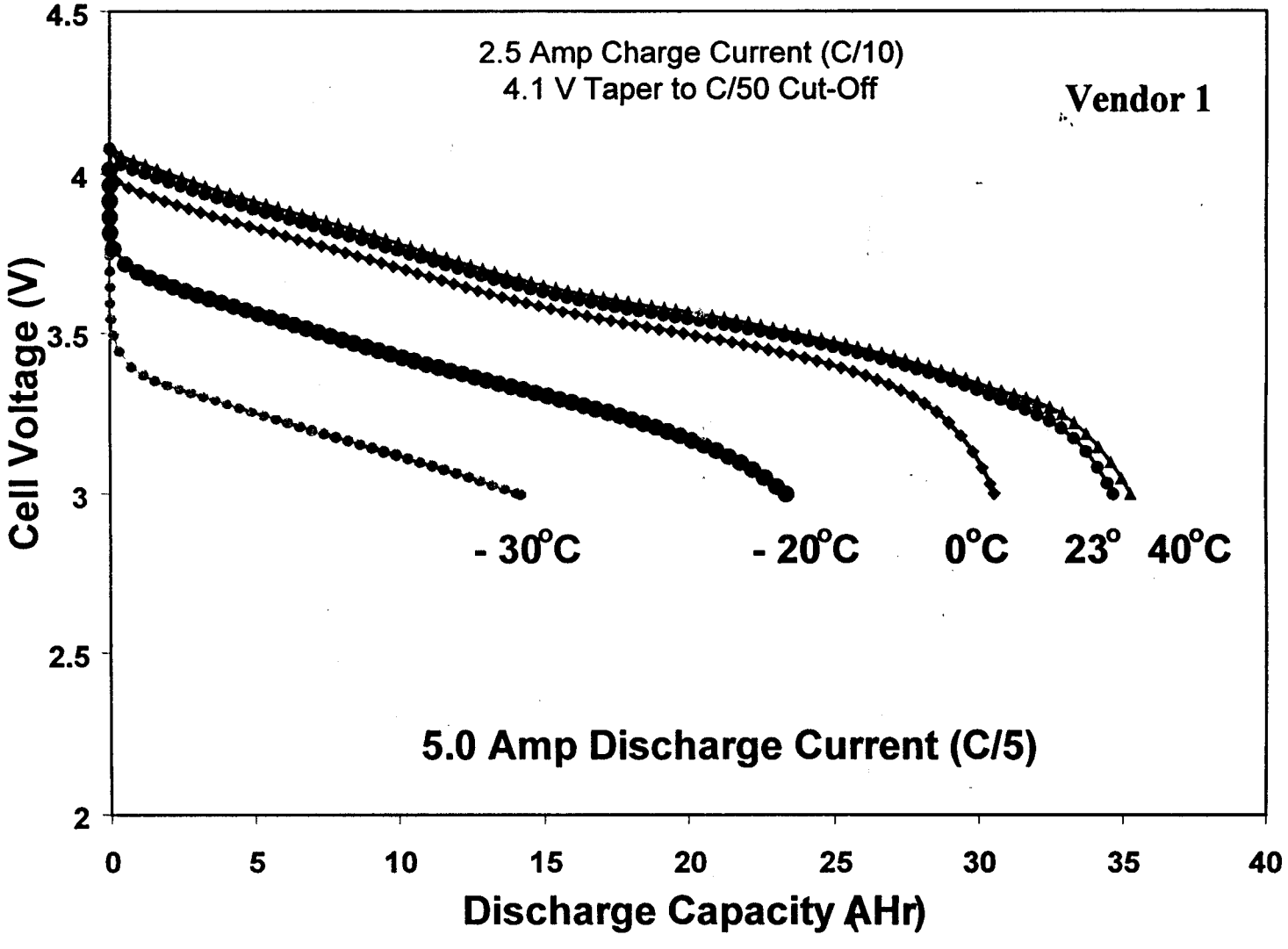
Rate Capability at Different Temperatures



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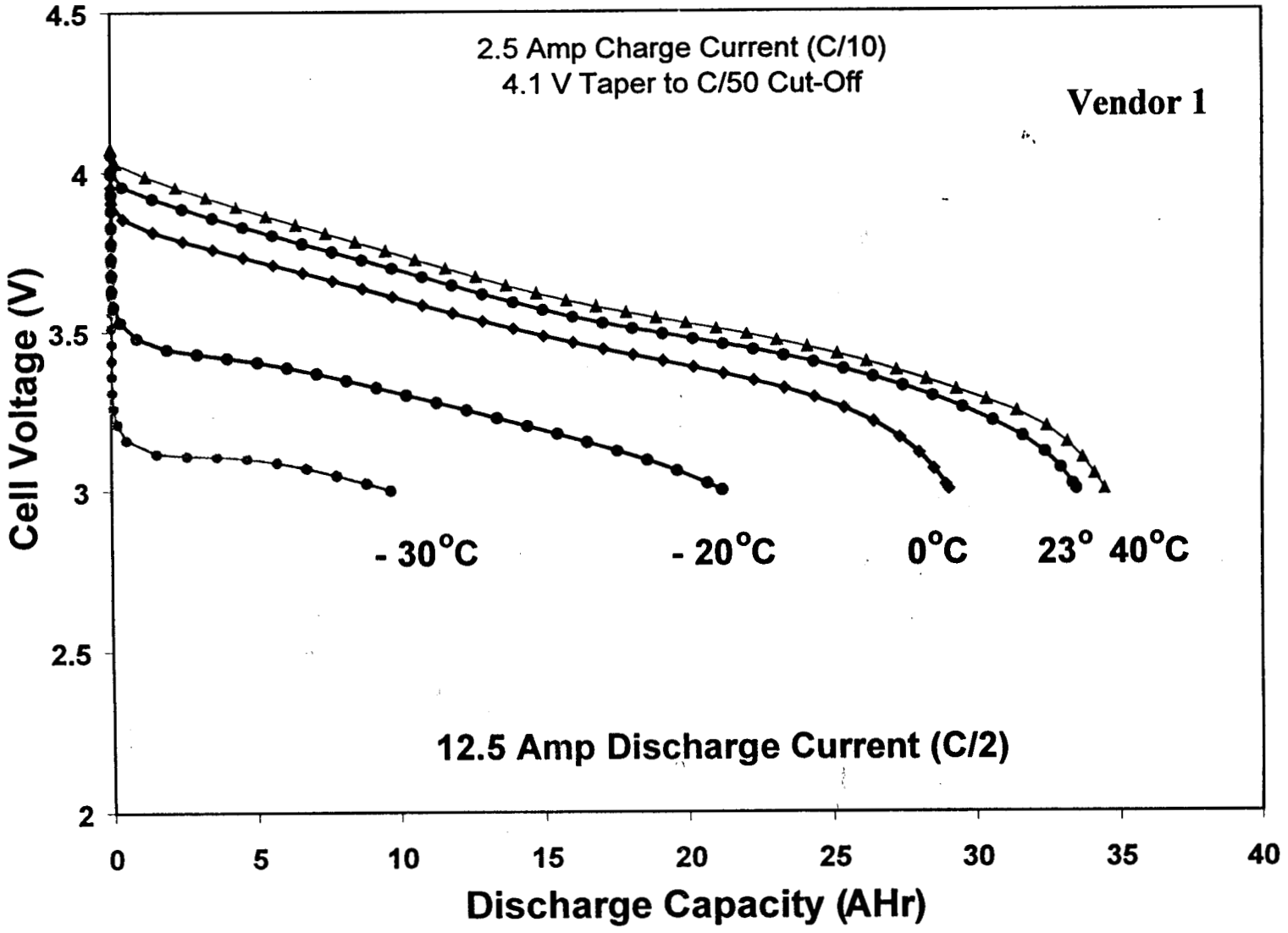

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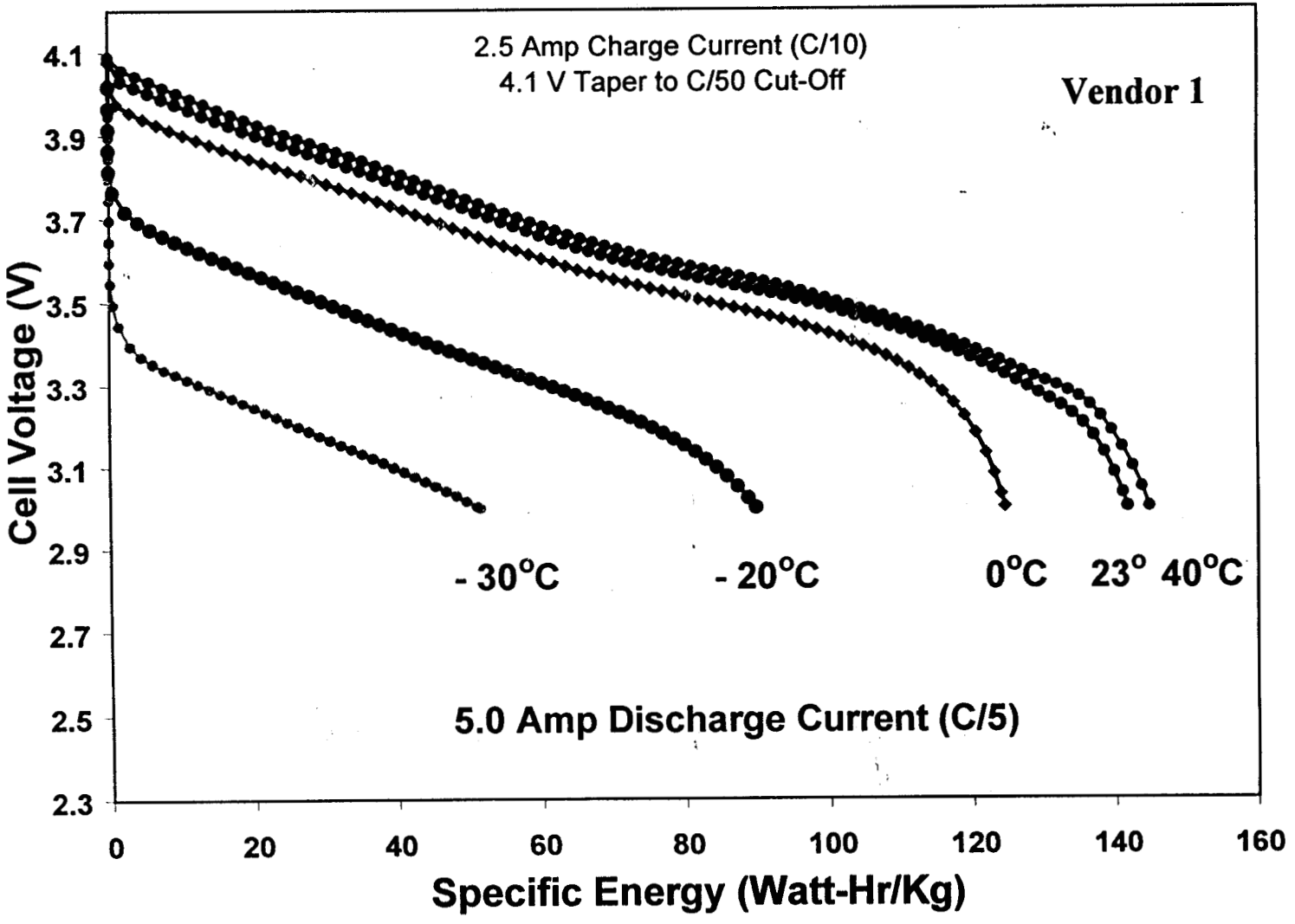
Cell Specific Energy as a Function of Temperature



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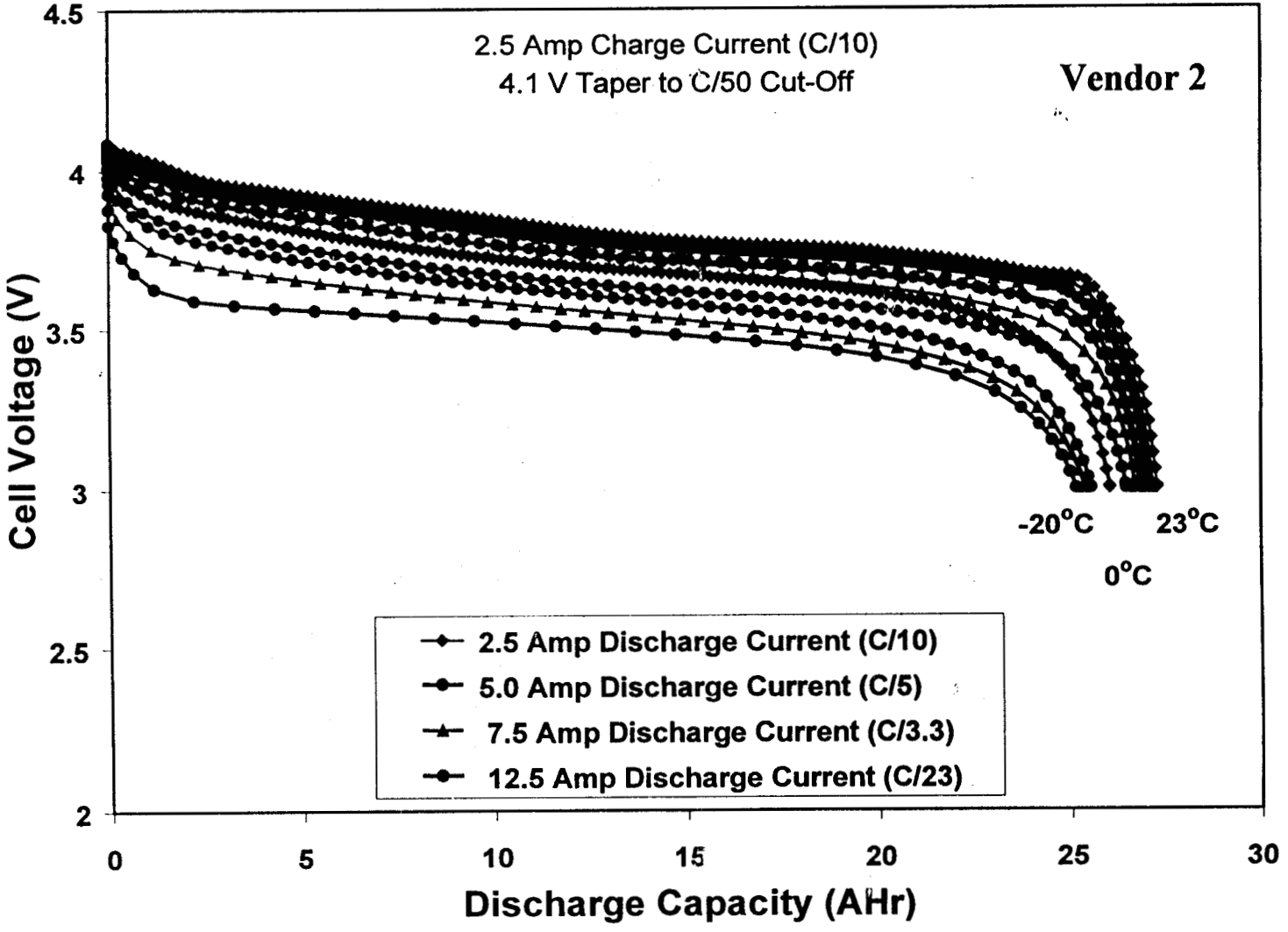

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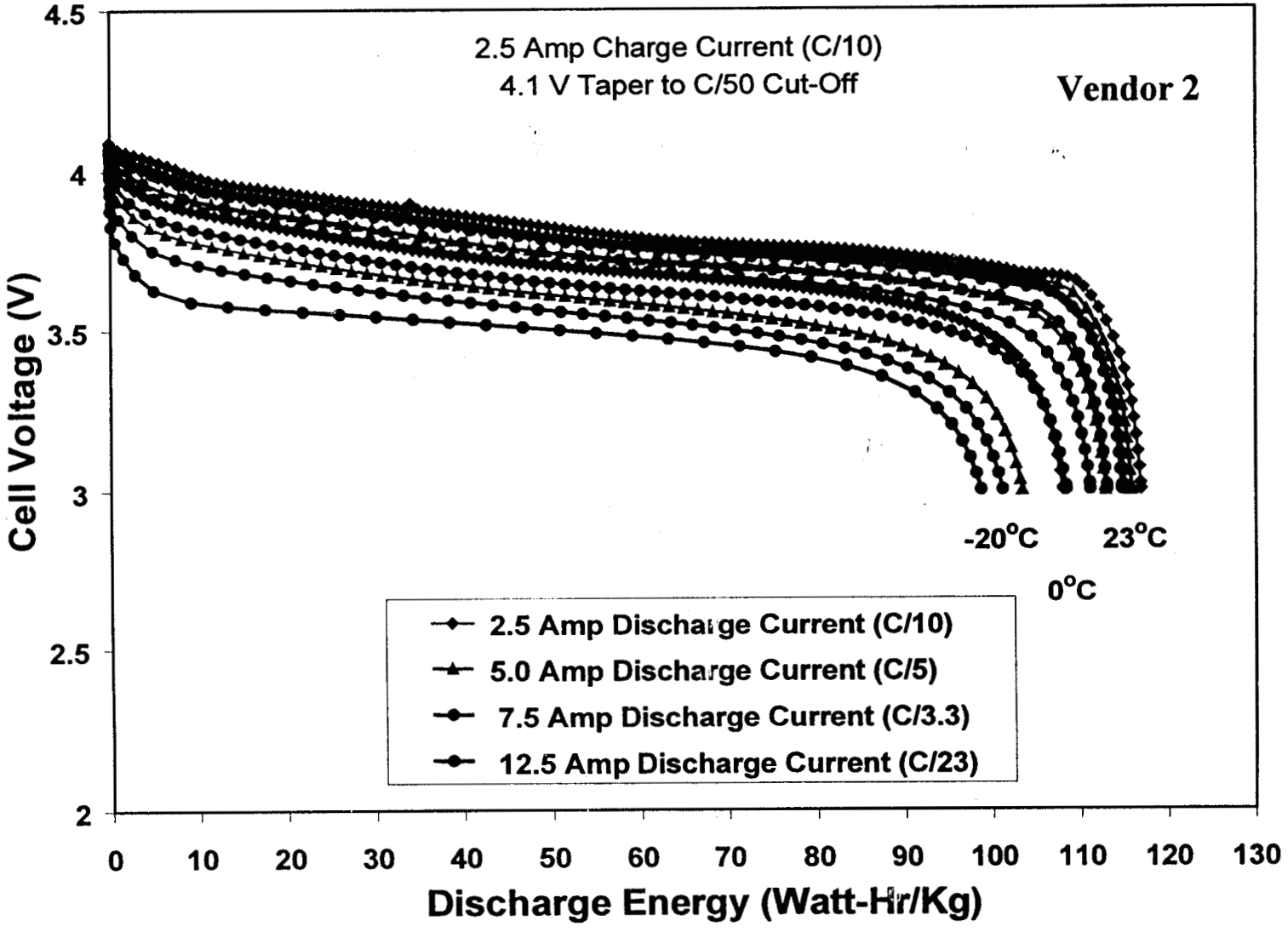

Cell Charge Characteristics

- Charge acceptance at various rates and temperatures
- Effect of cycle life upon charge characteristics
- Effect of charge voltage upon cell performance
  - V/T characterization
- Effect of charge methodology

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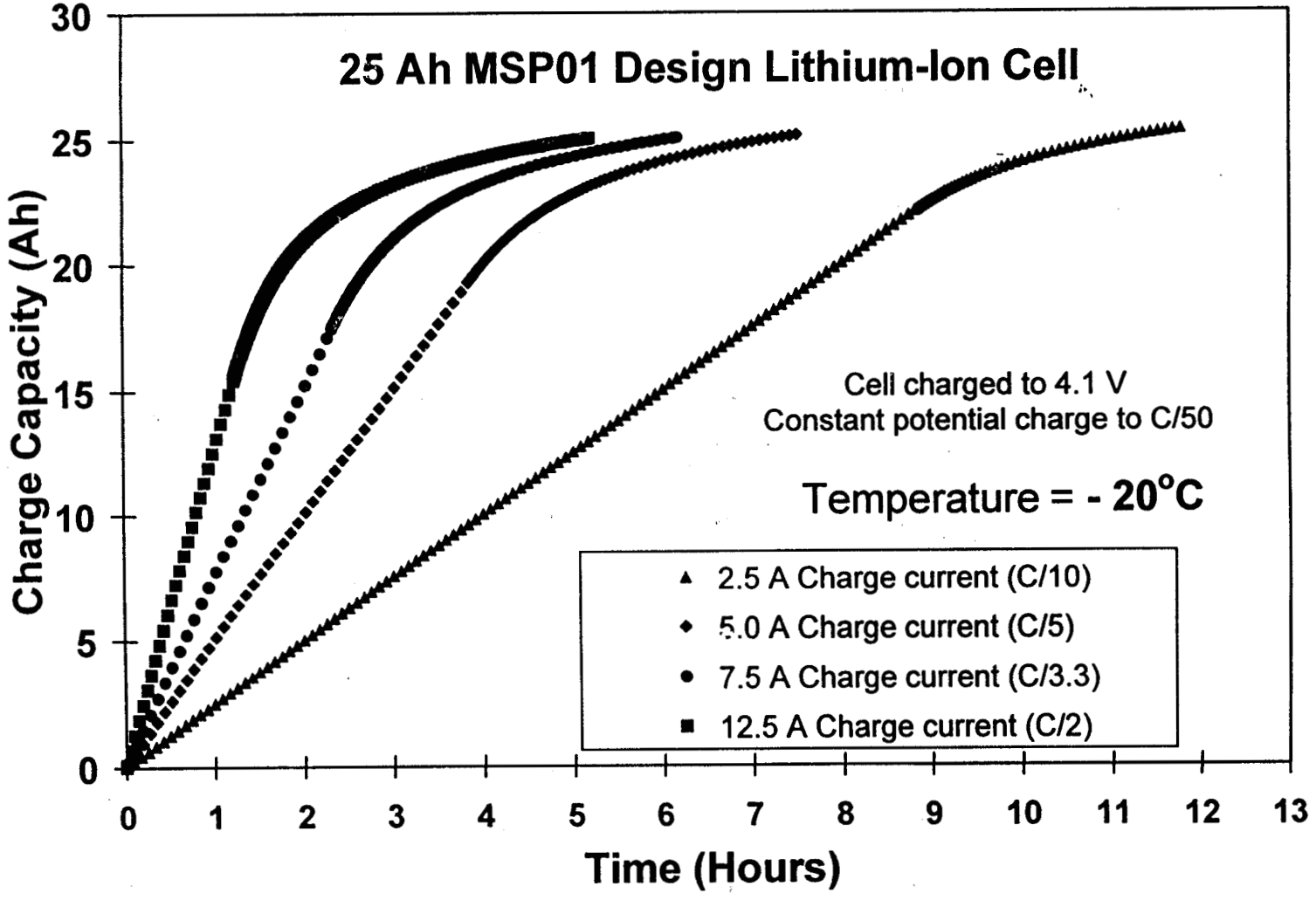
Low Temperature Charge Characteristics



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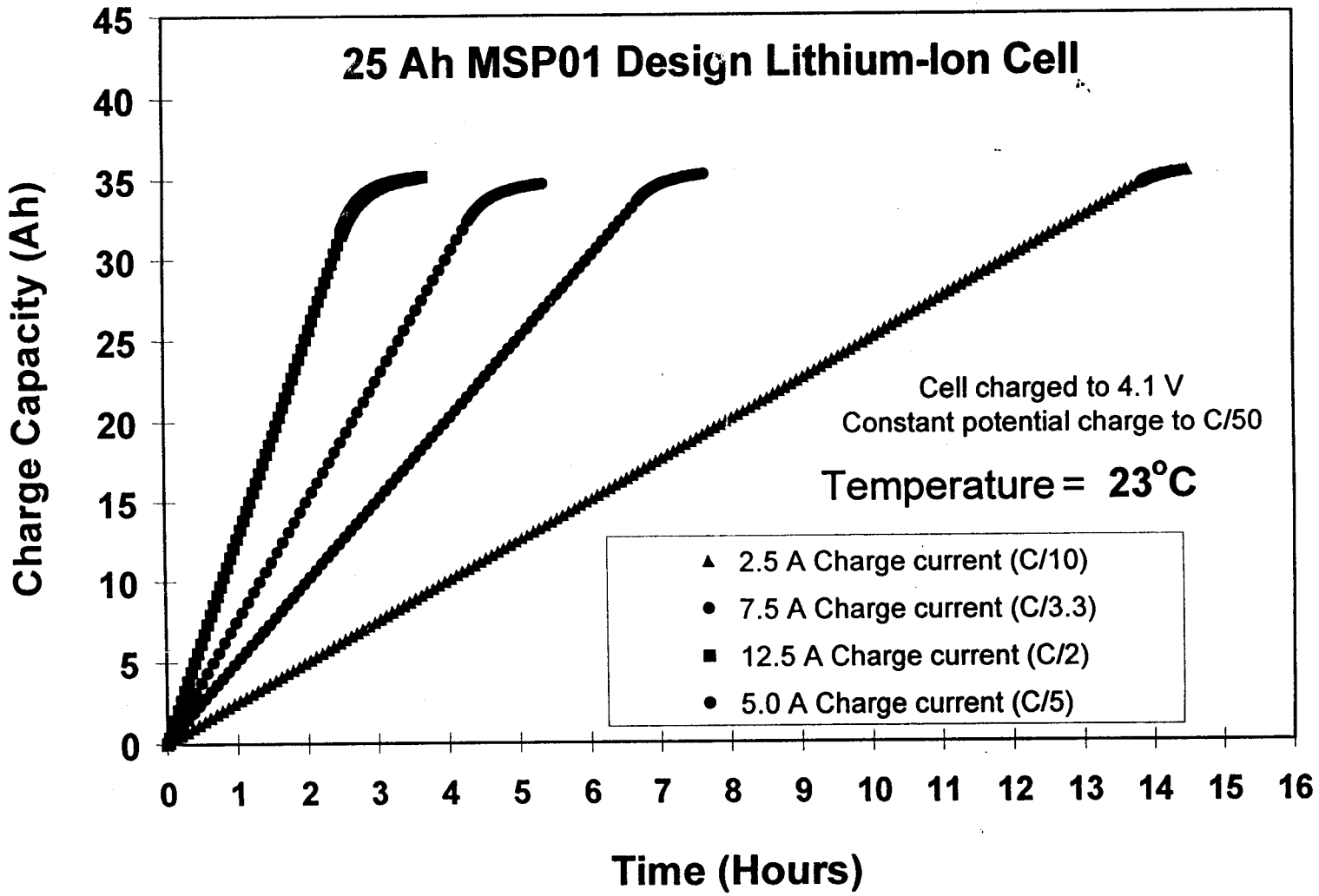

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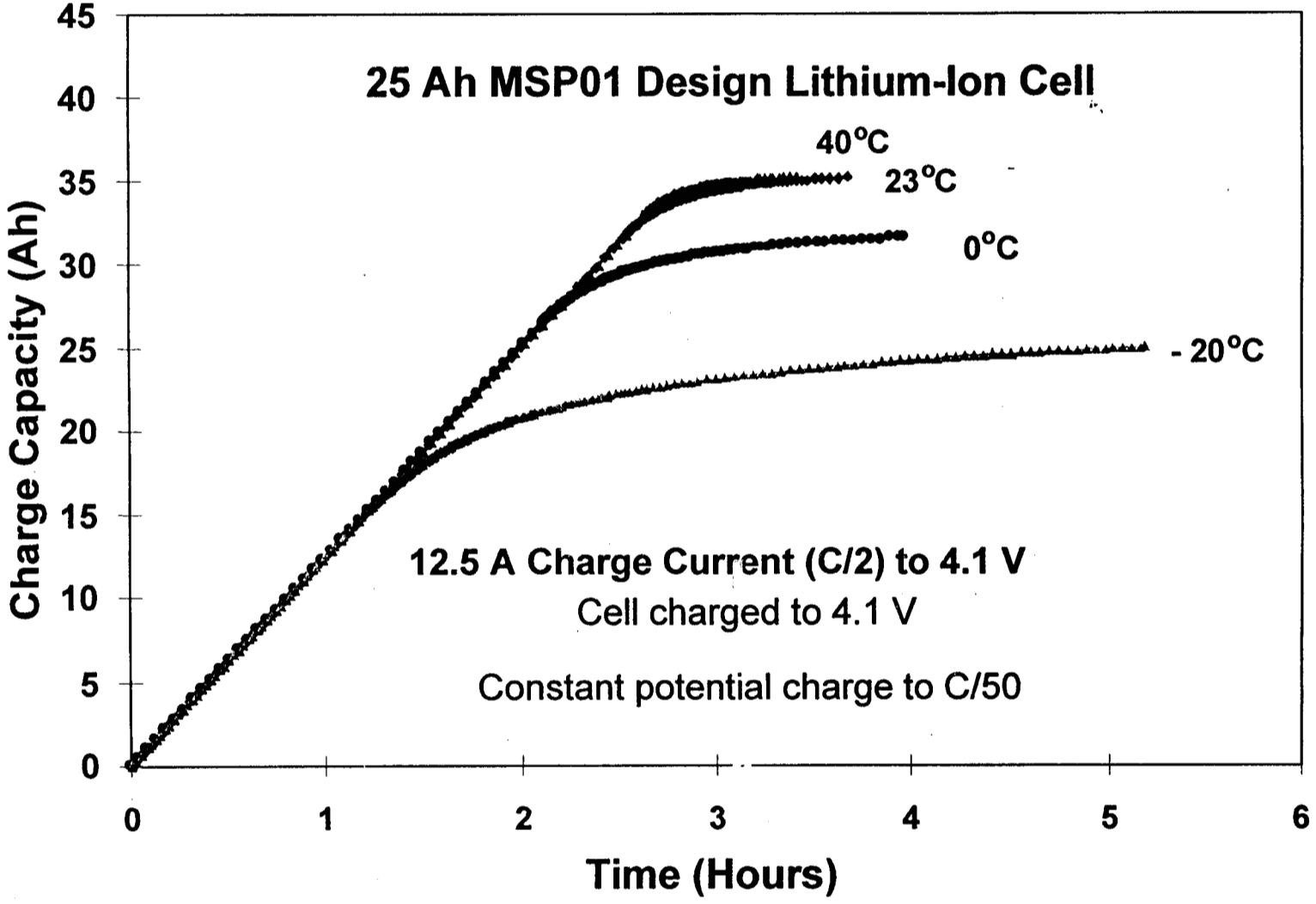

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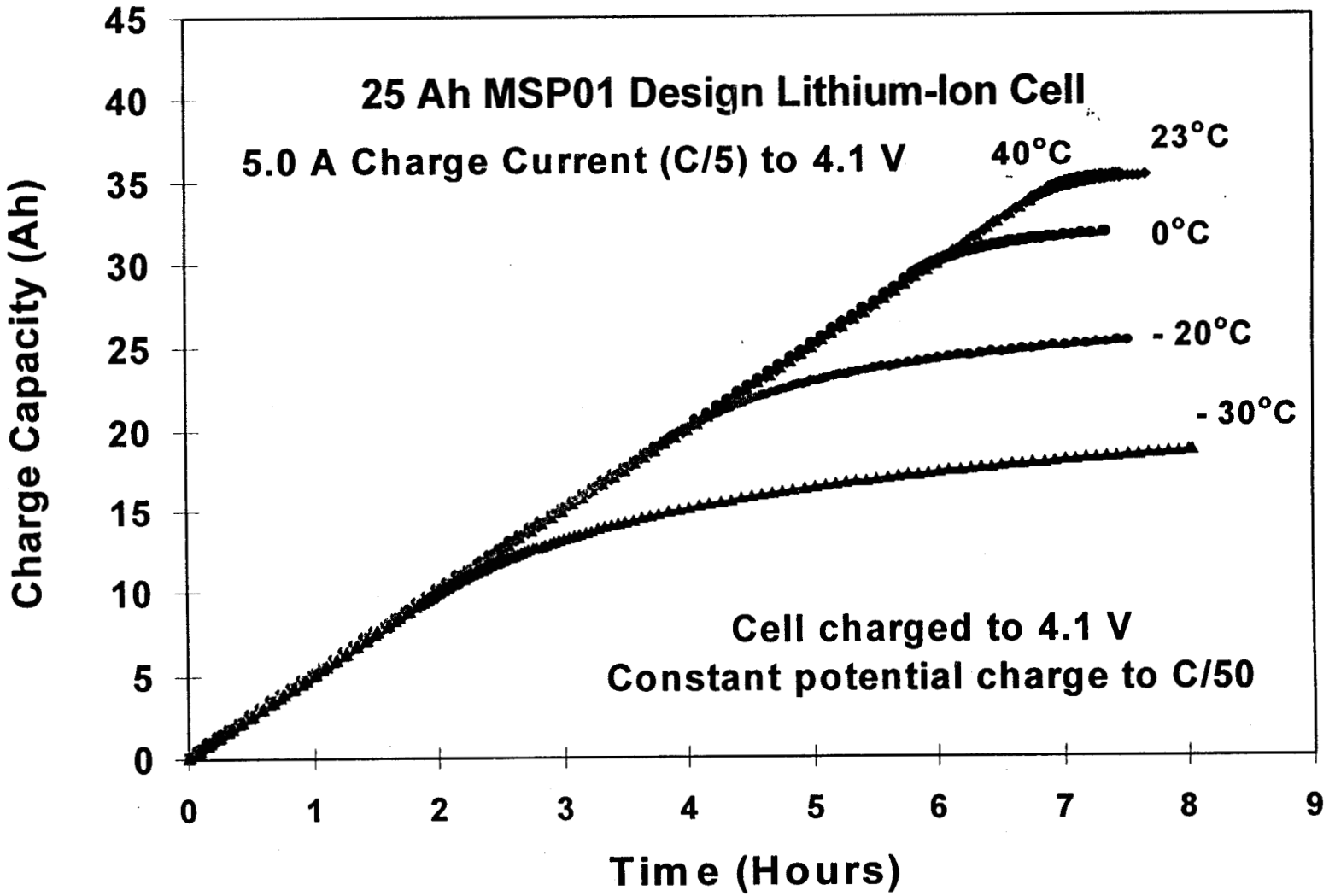

Large Capacity Lithium-Ion Cells for Mars Lander Applications
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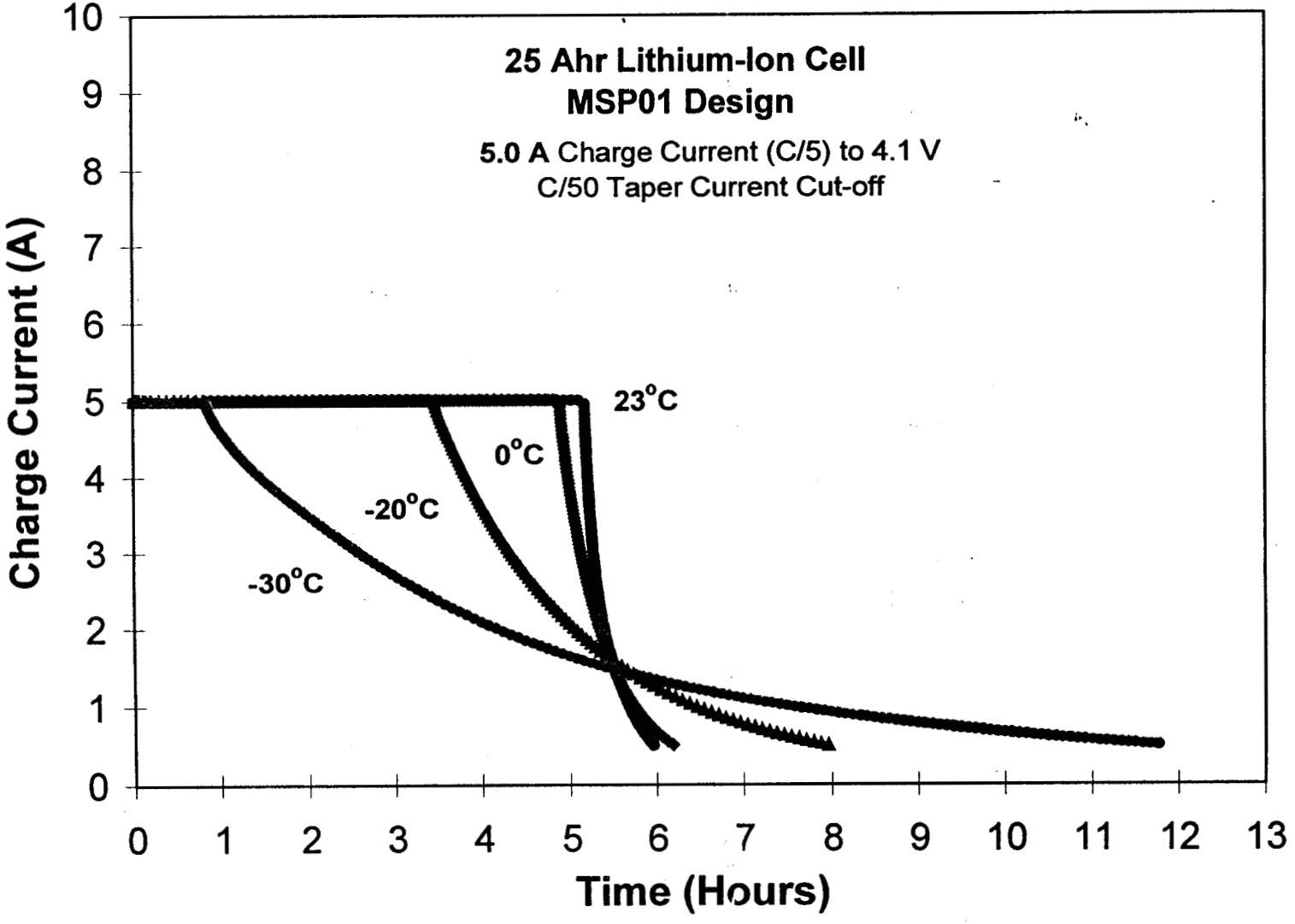

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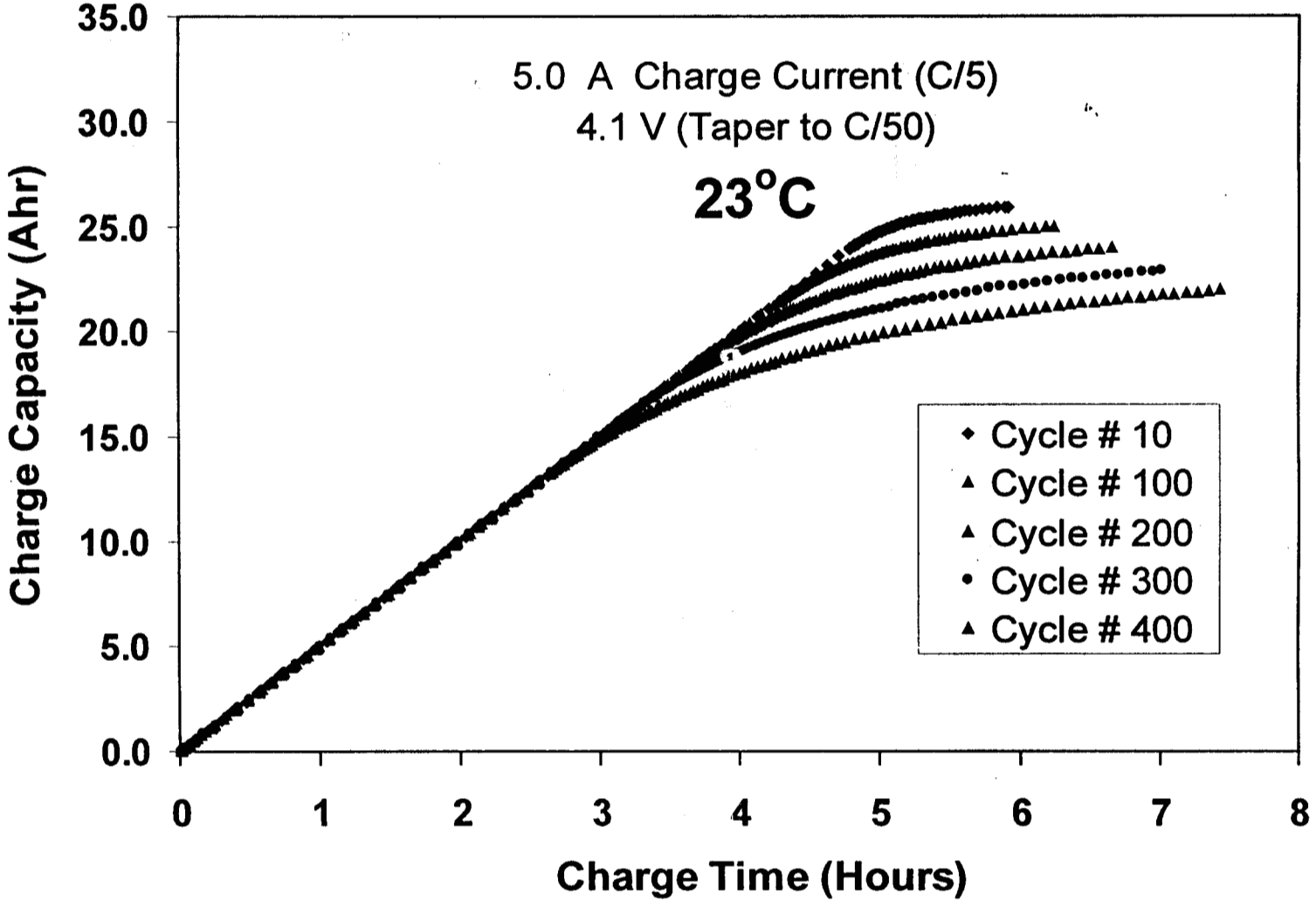

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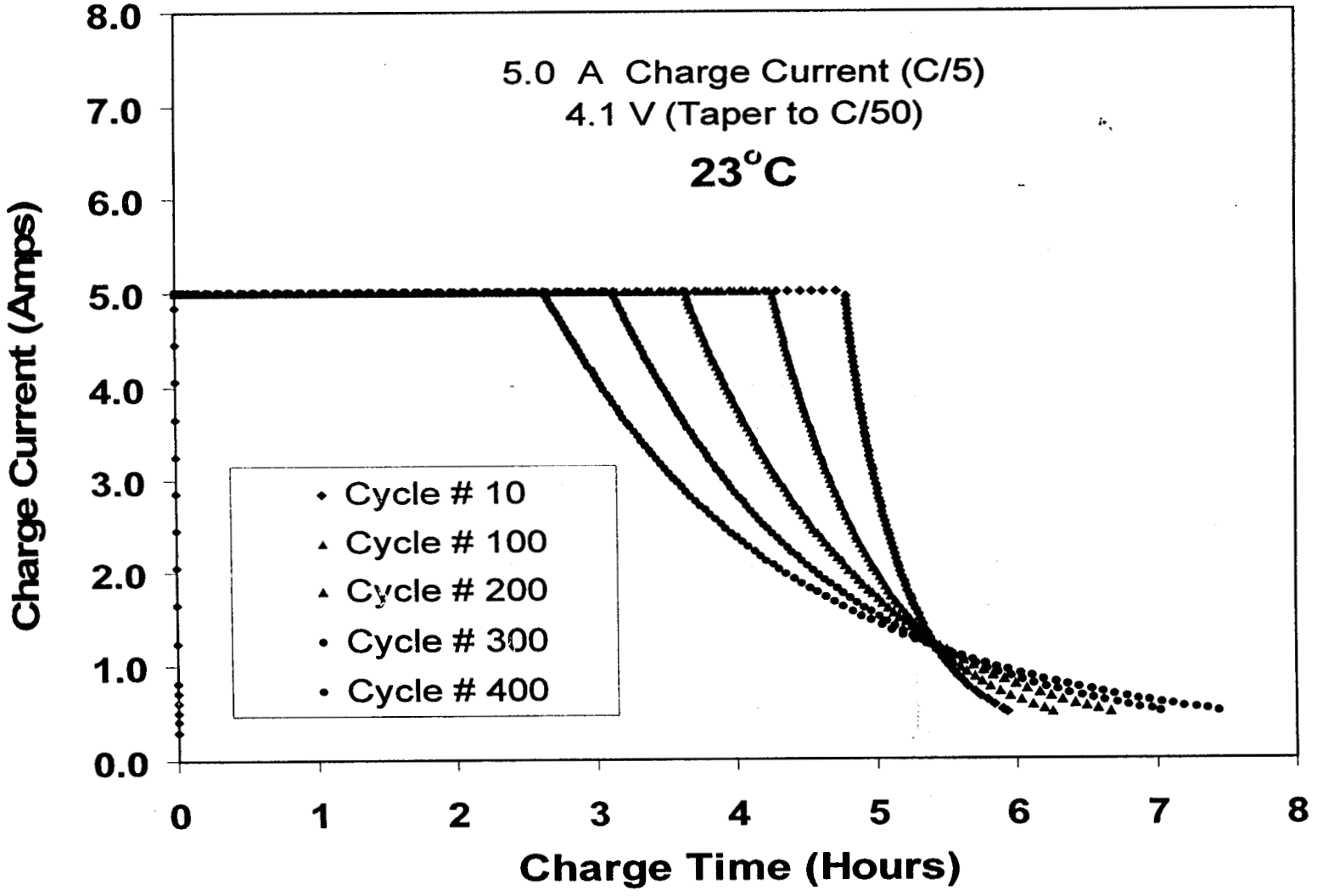

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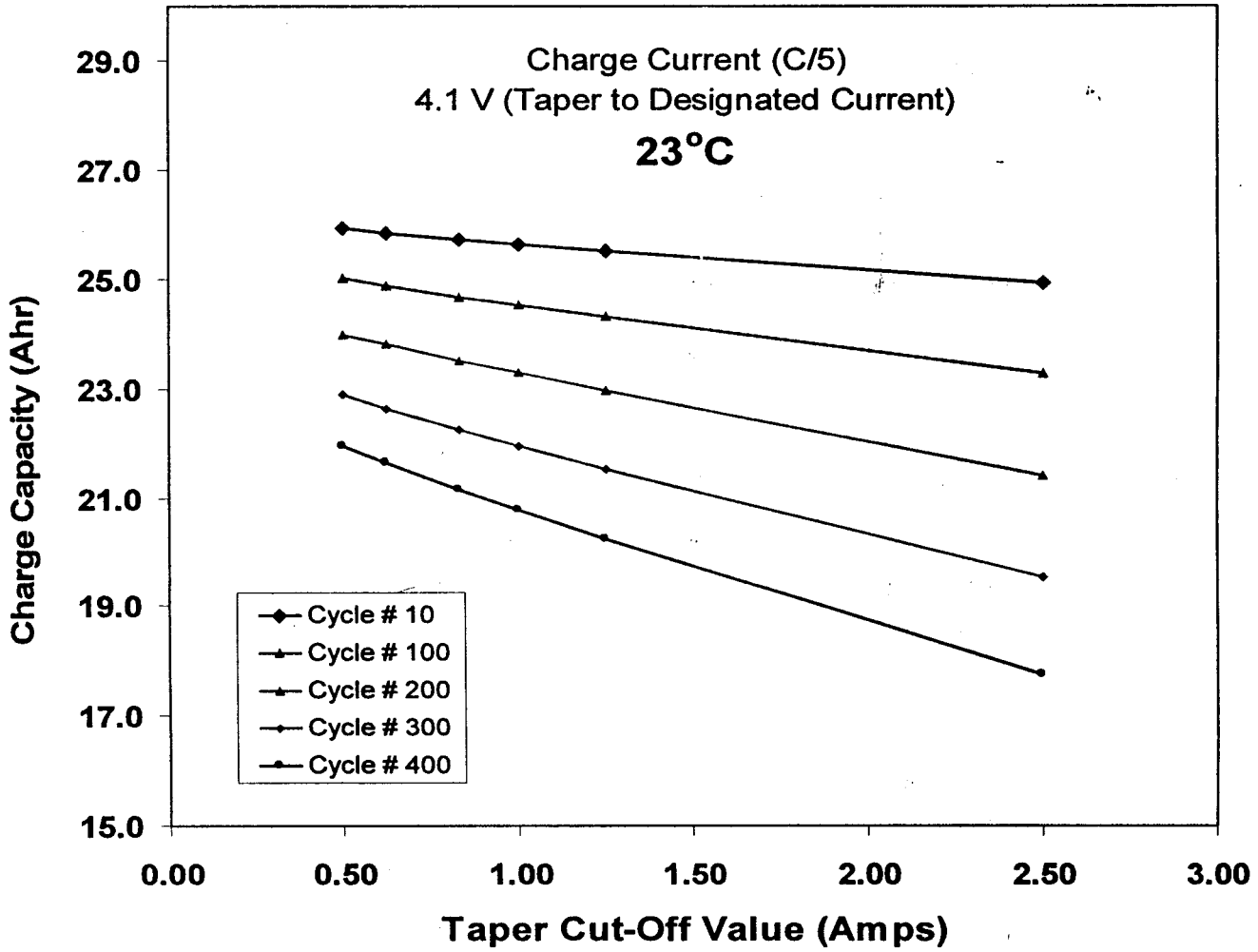

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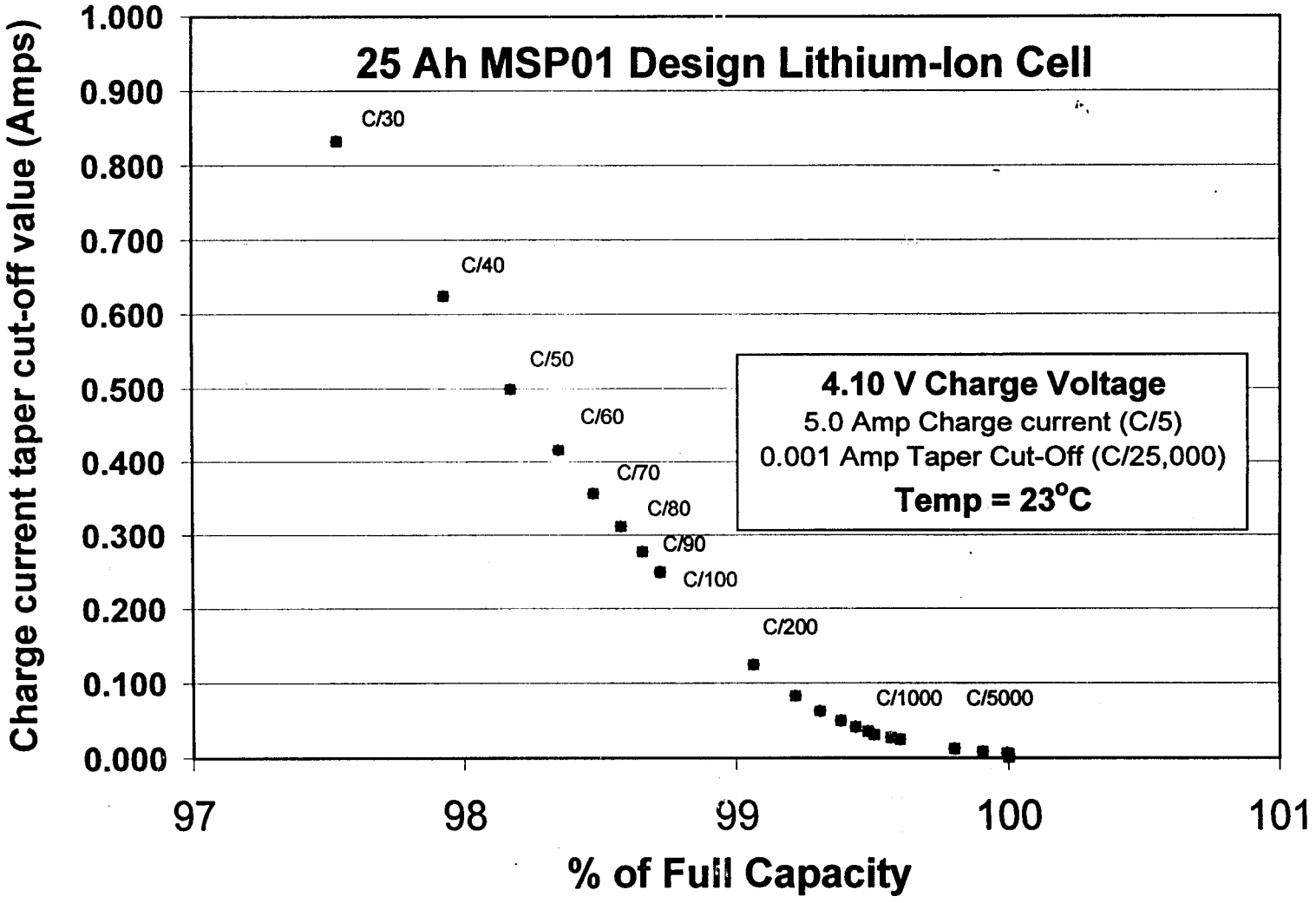

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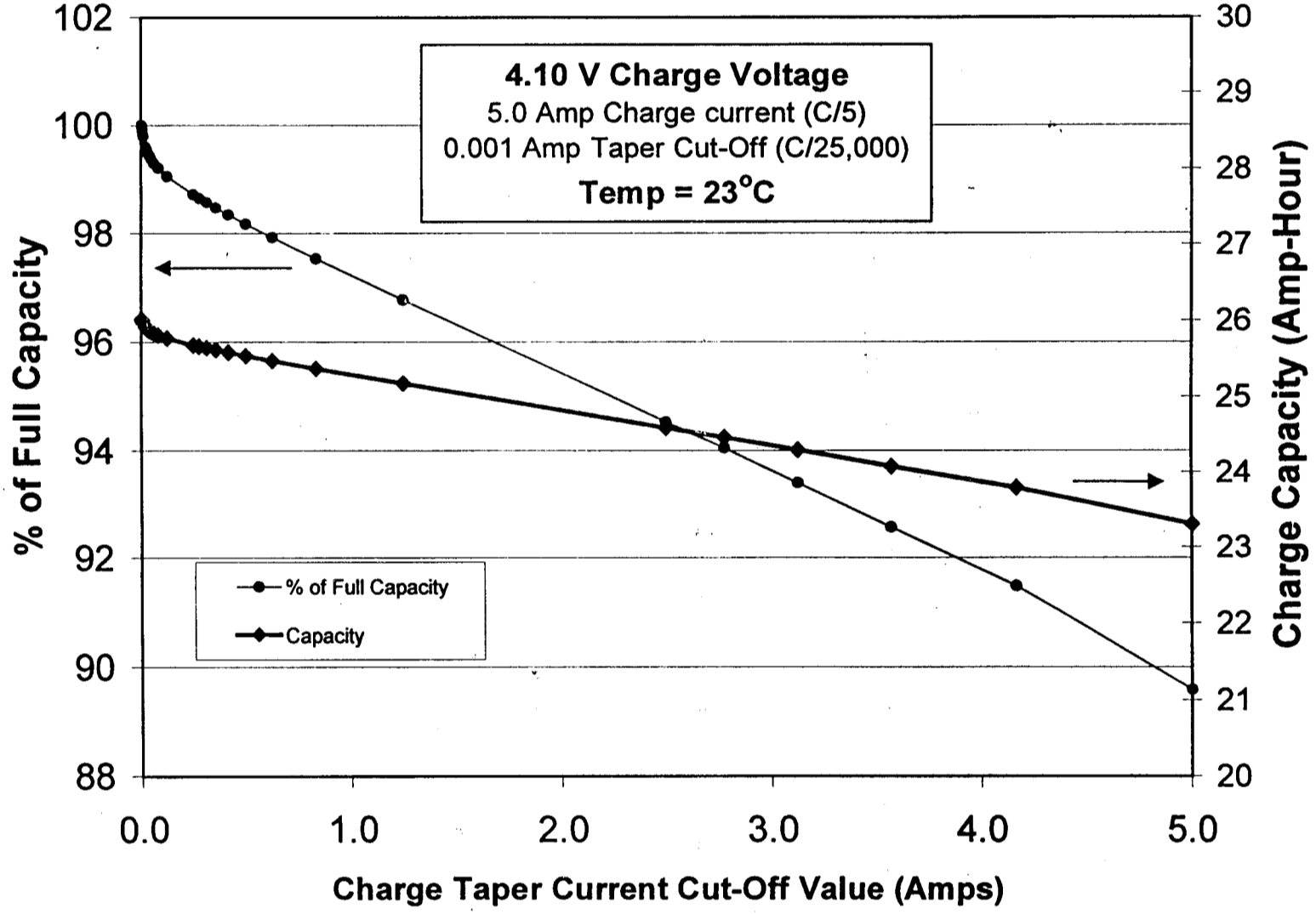

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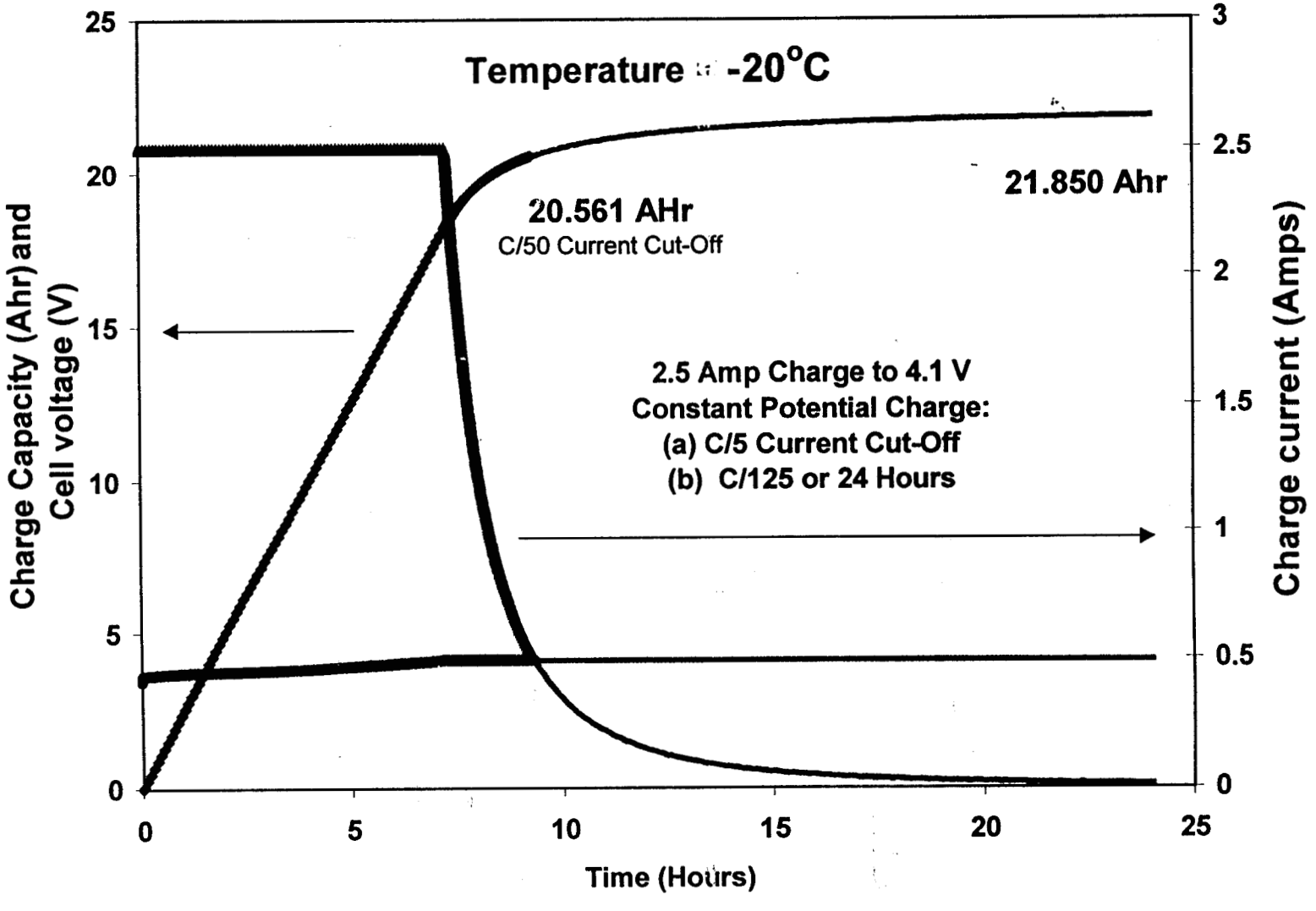

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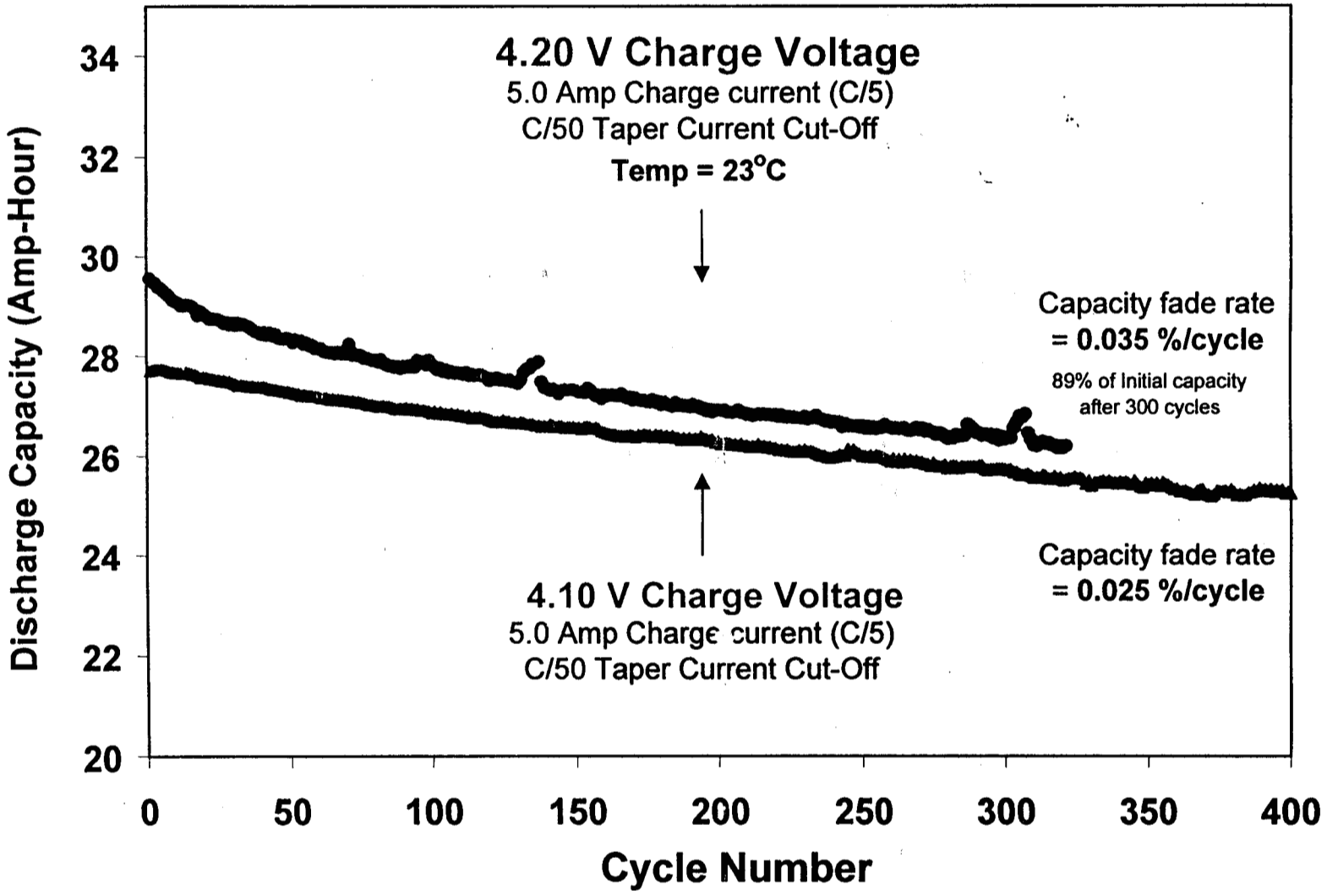
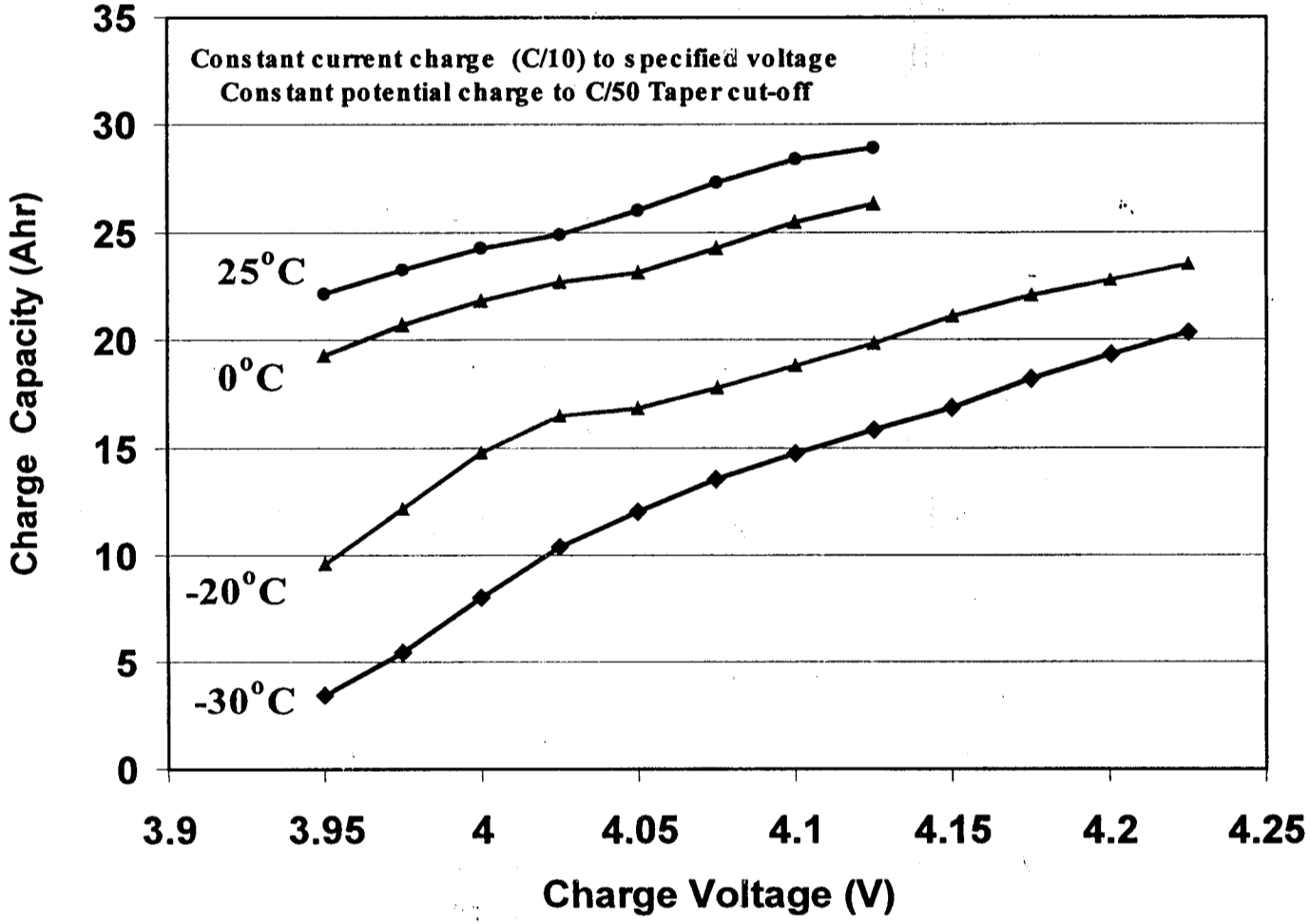
Effect of Charge Voltage Upon Cycle Life Characteristics



V/T Curves of Li Ion Cells



- Are higher charge voltages justified at lower temperature ?
- Need to define specific conditions under which lithium plating can occur (rate and system dependent).

Lithium-Ion Cells for Mars Surveyor 2001 Lander Capacity Retention Characterization Tests

Requirement :

- Should be capable of meeting all other requirements after prolonged storage period (>10 months)

Approach:

- Identify optimum storage conditions
- Quantify performance degradation due to storage
  - 2 Month storage test (0 and 40°C, 50 and 100% SOC)
  - 10 Month storage test (0 and 40°C, 50 and 100% SOC)
  - Accelerated storage test: (at different SOC (50, 70,100% SOC), temperatures (0, 25, 40, 50°C), and storage conditions.

Possible Evaluation Criteria:

- Self-discharge of stored capacity
- Permanent loss of reversible capacity
- Impact upon low temperature performance

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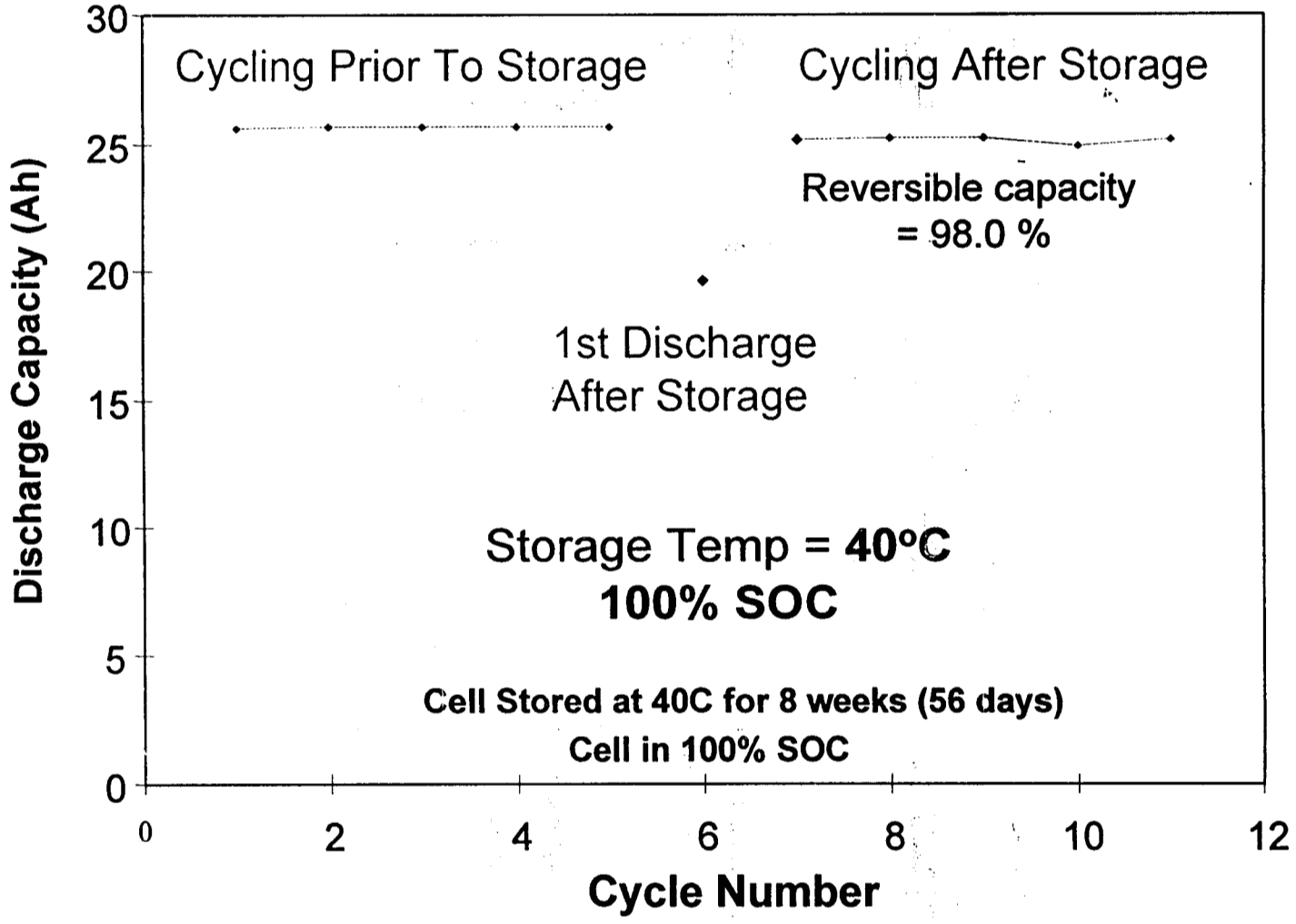
Storage Characteristics - Capacity Retention



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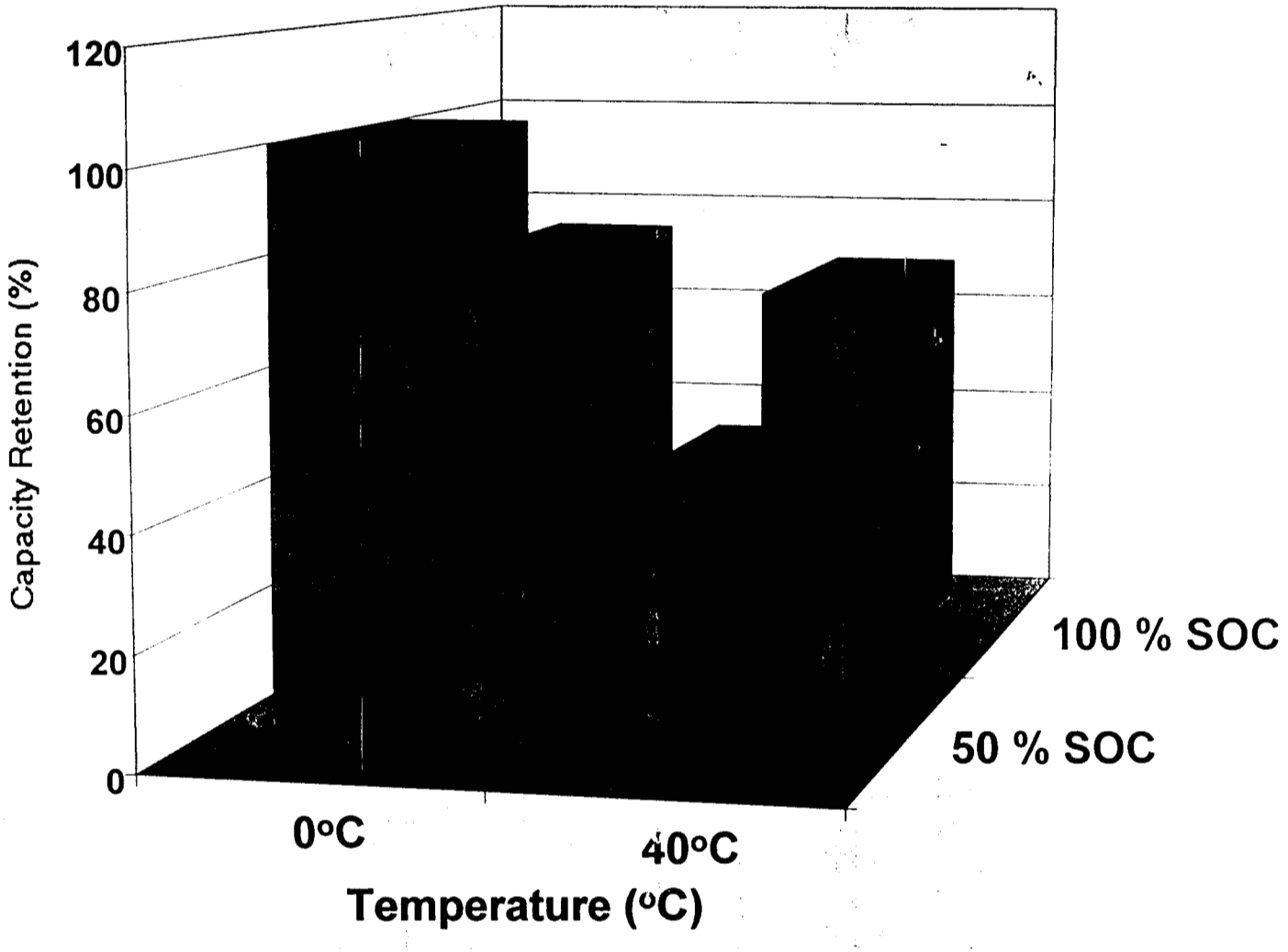

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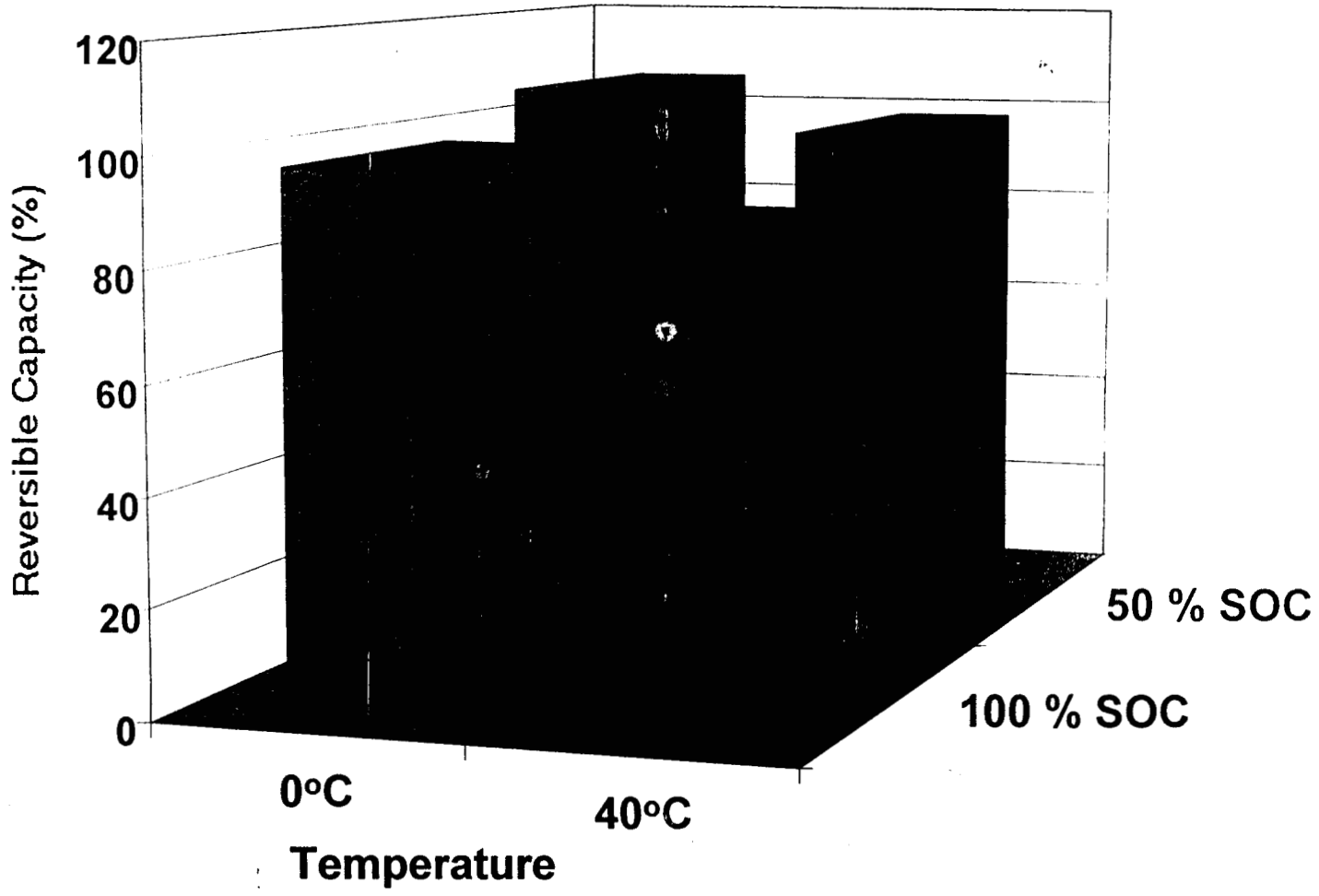

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Storage Characteristics - Capacity Retention
25 Ah Prototype Cells

Storage Temp (°C)	State of Charge	Capacity Loss (Ah)	Reversible Capacity
0	50 %	12.03 Ah	98.4 %
0	100 %	6.10 Ah	97.1 %
40	50 %	14.00 Ah	99.4 %
40	100 %	2.37 Ah	98.0 %

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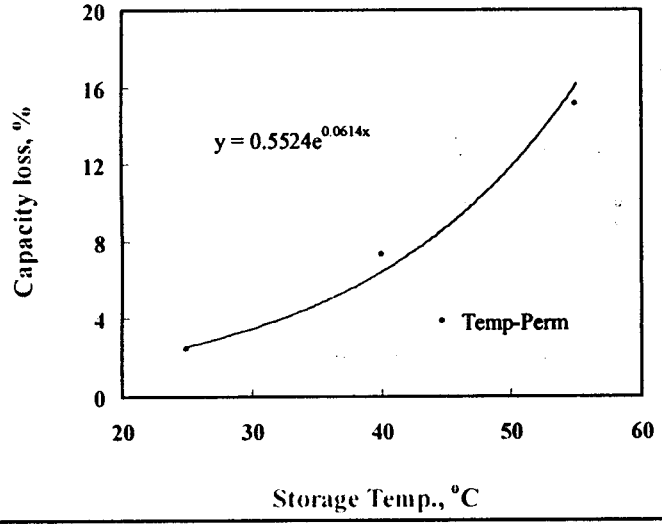
Design Experiments for Cruise Conditions

Experiment #	Storage time, weeks	Storage Temp	State of charge	Storage condition
1	2	25	50	Open Circuit
2	2	40	70	On Buss
3	2	55	100	Cycling
4	4	25	70	Cycling
5	4	40	100	Open Circuit
6	4	55	50	On Buss
7	6	25	100	On Buss
8	6	40	50	Cycling
9	6	55	70	Open Circuit

Parametric Storage Studies

Effect of Temp on Permanent capacity loss



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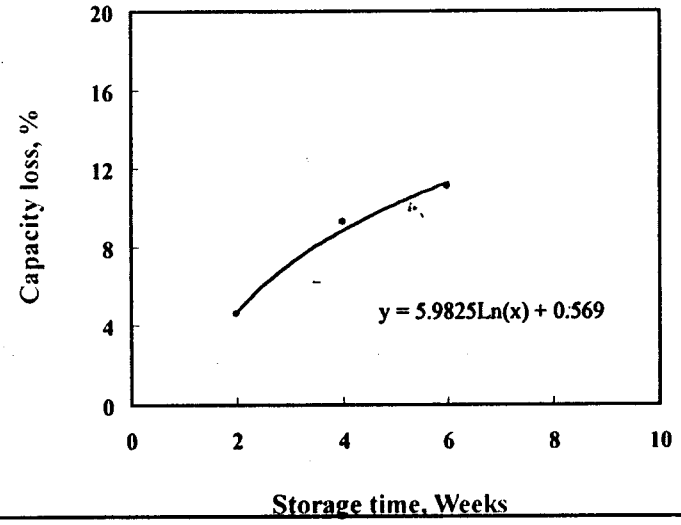

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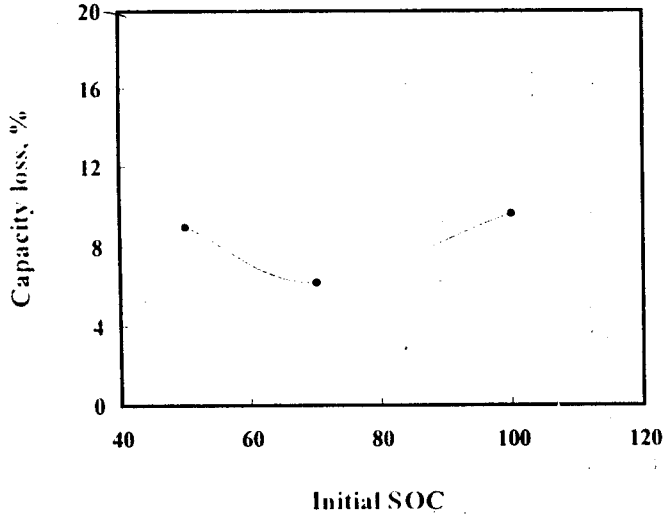

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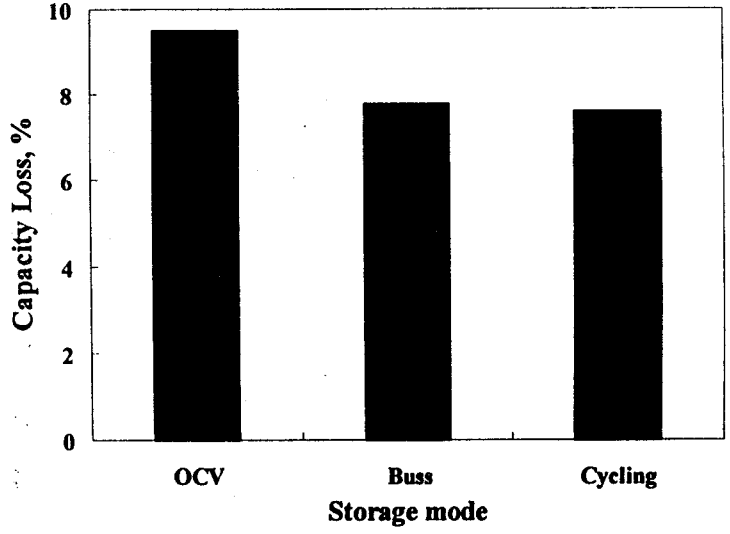

SUMMARY

- *Li Ion cells meet the MSP 2001 Lander mission requirements in*
  - *Cycle Life Performance*
    - Room Temperature = Excellent (>90% @ 200 cycles)
    - Low Temperature (-20) = Sufficient
    - High Temperature (40°C) = Sufficient (>70% @ 200 cycles)
  - *Discharge Rate Capability at Various Temperatures*
    - Room Temperature = Excellent
    - Low Temperature (-20) = Sufficient (~ 24 Ah @ C/5 rate)
    - High Temperature (40°C) = Excellent
  - *Storage Characteristics*
    - Demonstrated minimal reversible capacity loss (2 months)
    - Identified temperature as most crucial storage parameter
    - Demonstrated efficacy of storage "on the buss"
  - *Mission simulation (Variable Temperature Cycling)*
    - Identified potential performance limiting conditions (worst case)
    - Implemented characterization test to quantify behavior

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