

# Roll-to-roll Advanced Materials — Manufacturing Lab Consortium

Project period: FY16/17

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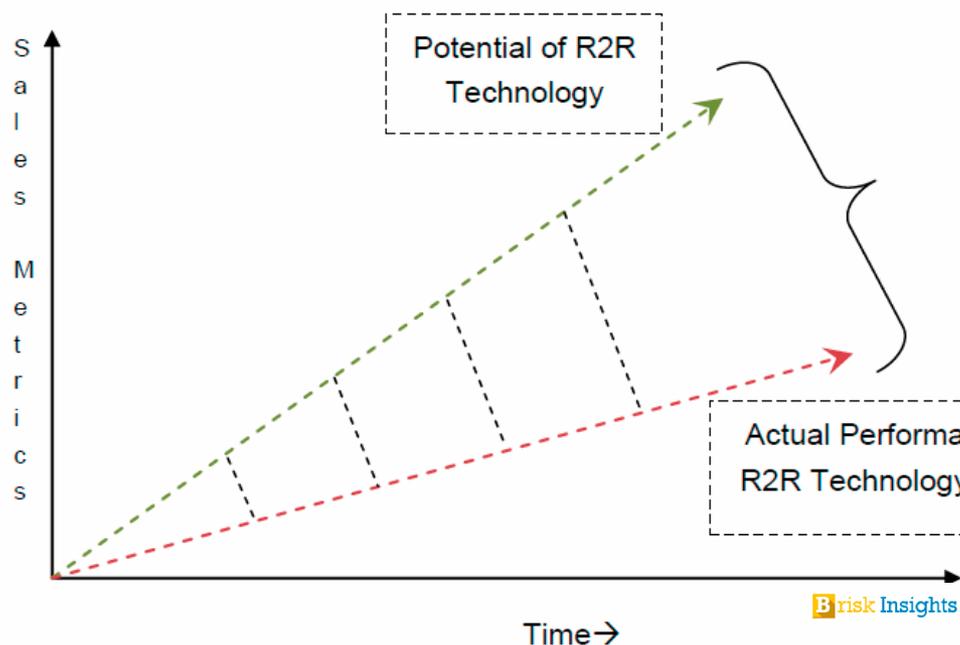


# Project objective

## Overcome technical limitations in batch processing and understand roll-to-roll manufacturing barriers and gaps

R2R Science Challenge: Linking Synthesis and Processing Variables to Device Performance

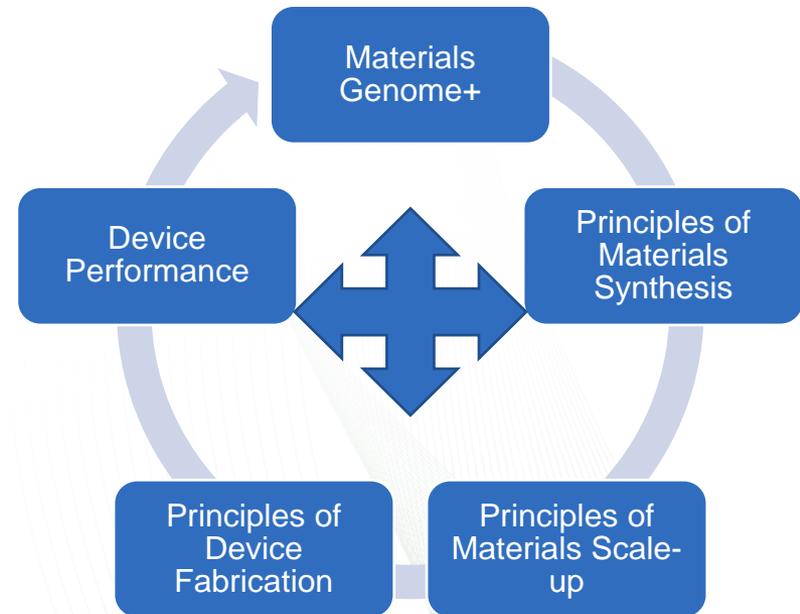
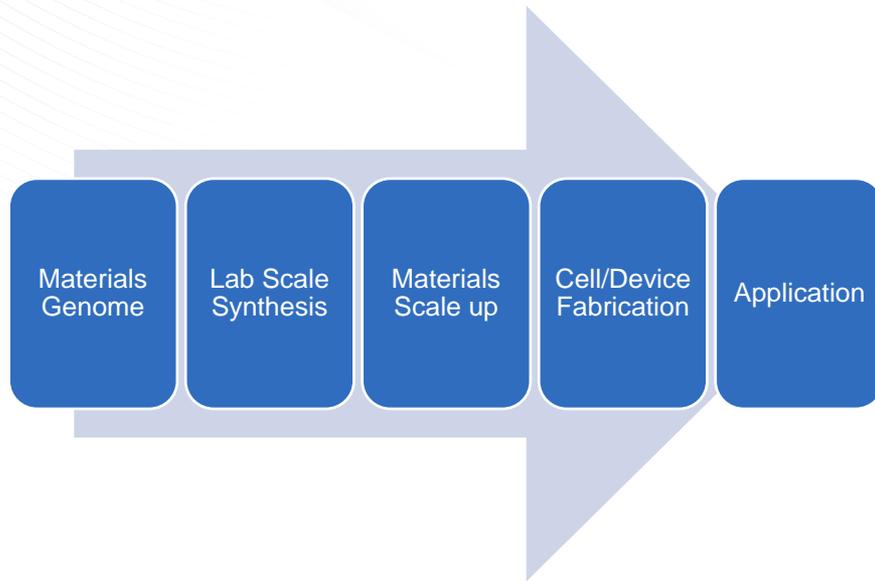
R2R Consortium Goal: Develop R2R Processing Science to Reduce Discovery-to-Devices Timeline



- Enabling R2R potential
- Low manufacturing costs
  - Low energy processes
  - High volume production
  - High throughput due to thinner membranes
  - Compatible with many material platforms
  - Large areas
  - Varying feature sizes and dimensions

## Technical innovation

# 4 lab consortium changes linear approach to AMM type approach for process development



# Technical Innovation Utilization of combined national lab resources to solve complex problem

Materials synthesis  
Device assembly and testing



Materials processing  
Materials characterization



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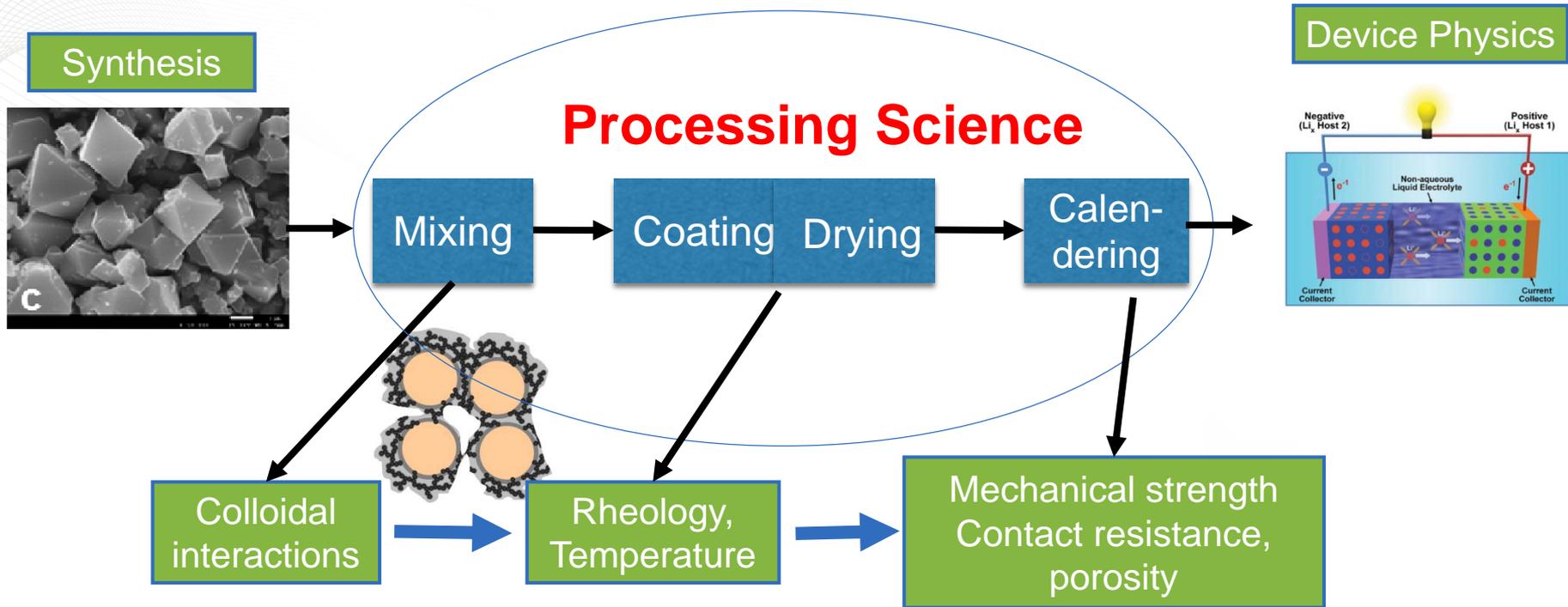


Modeling and simulation of process conditions and resulting performance



Metrology of coatings  
Understand morphology and porosity

# Technical Approach Linking Material Properties to Device Performance



How do we link materials processes to device performance?

- Elucidate colloidal and rheological particle-polymer-solvent interactions in active layer ink formulation and mixing, to improve coating throughput, uniformity and quality
- Understand the physics of scalable coating and drying/curing processes and how they affect active layer morphology and device performance
- Determine the impact that process-based defects in active layer and substrate materials have on performance and lifetime of devices
- Study material-excitation interactions to facilitate the development of real-time instrumentation and measurement of active layer uniformity and properties

# Technical Approach

## Example batteries – contributions from all partners at every step

Mixing

Coating

Drying

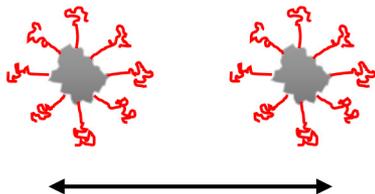
Calendaring



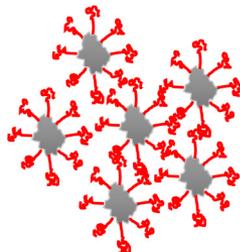
Colloidal interactions

Rheology, Temperature

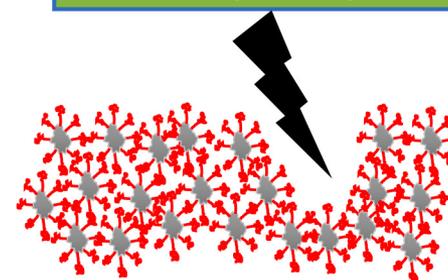
Mechanical strength  
Contact resistance,  
porosity



Colloidal forces



network of colloids  
Rheology  
Speed of deposition  
Dynamics of drying



morphologies of electrode  
performance of battery

# Transition and deployment Lab-industry Partnership started with ORNL-Kodak MOU and is spanning the network to assist commercialization



## EASTMAN BUSINESS PARK – FROM POC TO COMMERCIAL SCALE

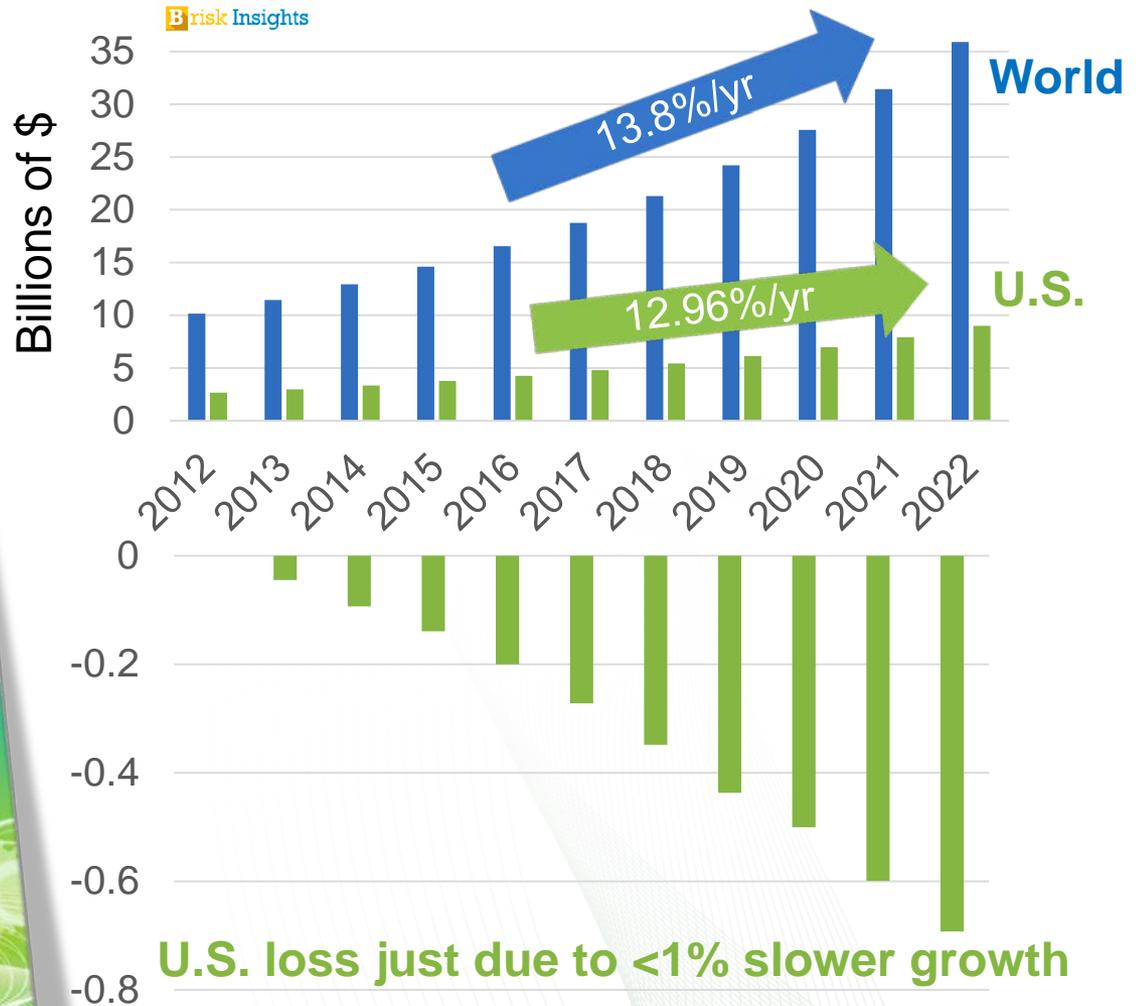
- Extensive suite of tools to assist small companies
- Key set of development apparatus to conduct early and mid-stage pilot work.
- Technical resources in IP friendly manner
- Scale-up through full manufacturing

# Measure of Success

Successful solutions to enable transition from batch to roll-to-roll processing and vastly increasing roll-to-roll manufacturing speed and reliability

Business as usual will result in a minimum loss of \$3.3Bn by 2022 for the U.S. economy.

Mission innovation and clean energy development could easily triple the opportunity.



# Project management & budget

## Current budget: \$4.5M/year – full scope: \$10M/year

\$4.5M/year from AMO – Lab industry consortium (ORNL, LBNL, ANL, NREL, Kodak) with estimated \$5M cost share and \$40+M leveraged investments and programs

Project Support  
Energetics  
(\$100k/year)  
National Lab  
Core Funding  
(\$2.952M/year)  
Eastman Kodak  
Pilot Line  
(\$48k/year)

\$1.4M/year - CRADA Project Solicitation with 1:1  
Cost Sharing for Tackling Specific Industry  
Problems

Consortium to Release  
Annual Solicitation on  
FedBizOpps.gov

Award annual projects to  
Individual Companies  
Based on Consortium  
Matchmaking

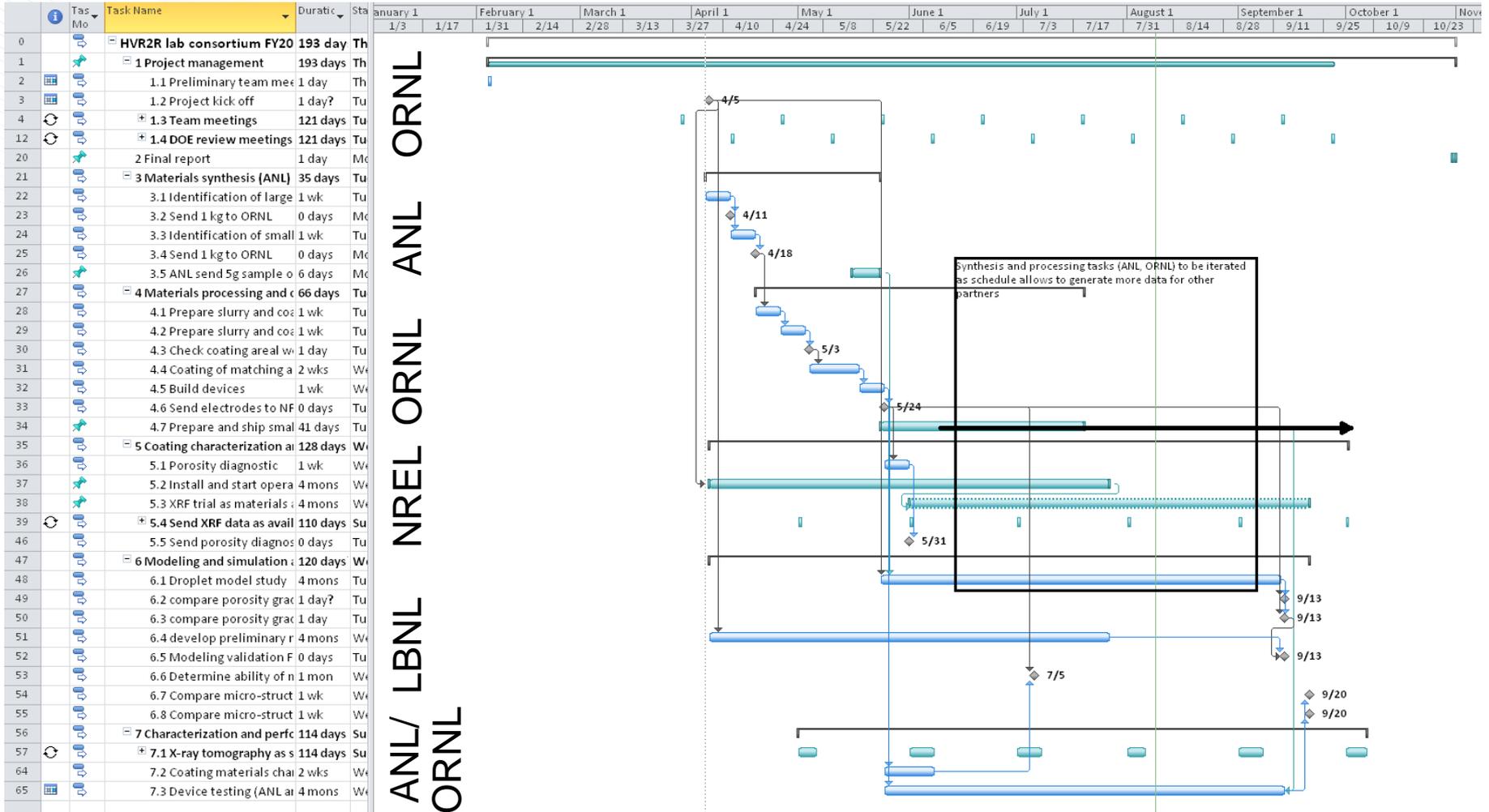
\$1M additional funding for CRADAs on fuel cell specific topics to be coordinated through this effort

FY16 focus:  
Battery electrodes

FY17 focus: Battery electrodes, fuel cell membranes,  
water purification

# Schedule

Start: 4/4/2016



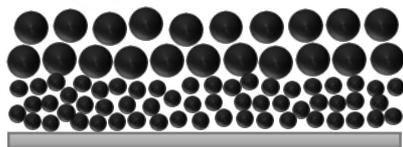
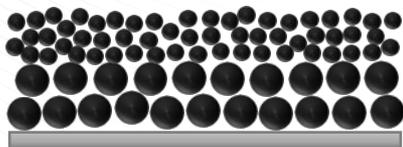
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# Results and accomplishments

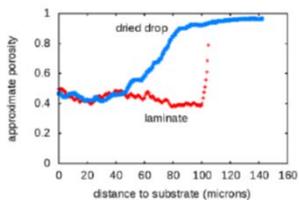
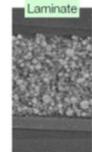
## From theory to full device with understanding of defects and performance limitations

for details – see three posters at the poster session

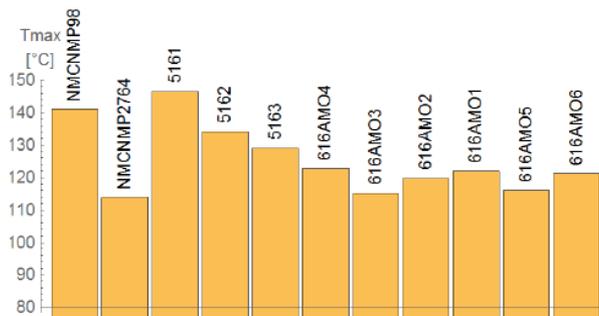
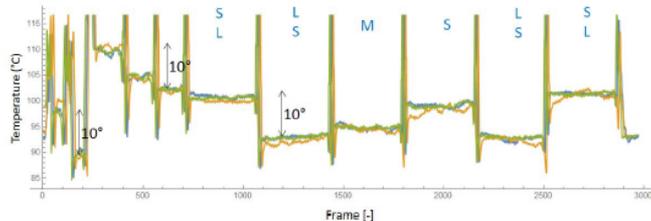
R2R processing and materials assumptions



Modeling, simulation, and in-situ observation



V. Srinivasan et al. J. ECS (2017)



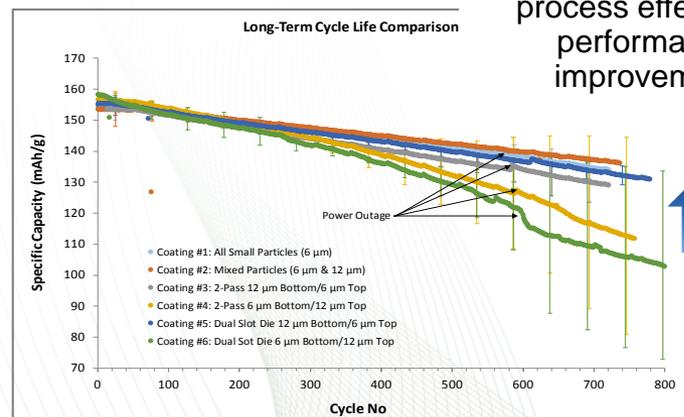
Process validation  
Defect and coating analysis



Final device



Understanding of process effect and performance improvement



# Questions?

## Development Assistance Opportunity for Roll-to-Roll (R2R) Advanced Energy Materials Manufacturing – FedBizOpps.gov

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First co-hort selected, three negotiations starting with Fisker, Navitas, and Solar Windows Technologies

