



eMPROVE – Industrialization of electric vehicles

→ EV battery-packs at low temperature

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Introduction



eMPROVE

Innovative solutions for the industrialization of electrified vehicles

eMPROVE aims at

- innovative solutions for the **industrialization of electrified vehicles**
- **increasing** both **energy** and **cost efficiency**
- focusing on possibilities for future **industrial mass production**.

eMPROVE aims will be accomplished

- by **improving dedicated** vehicle **components** (e.g. transmission, energy storage systems),

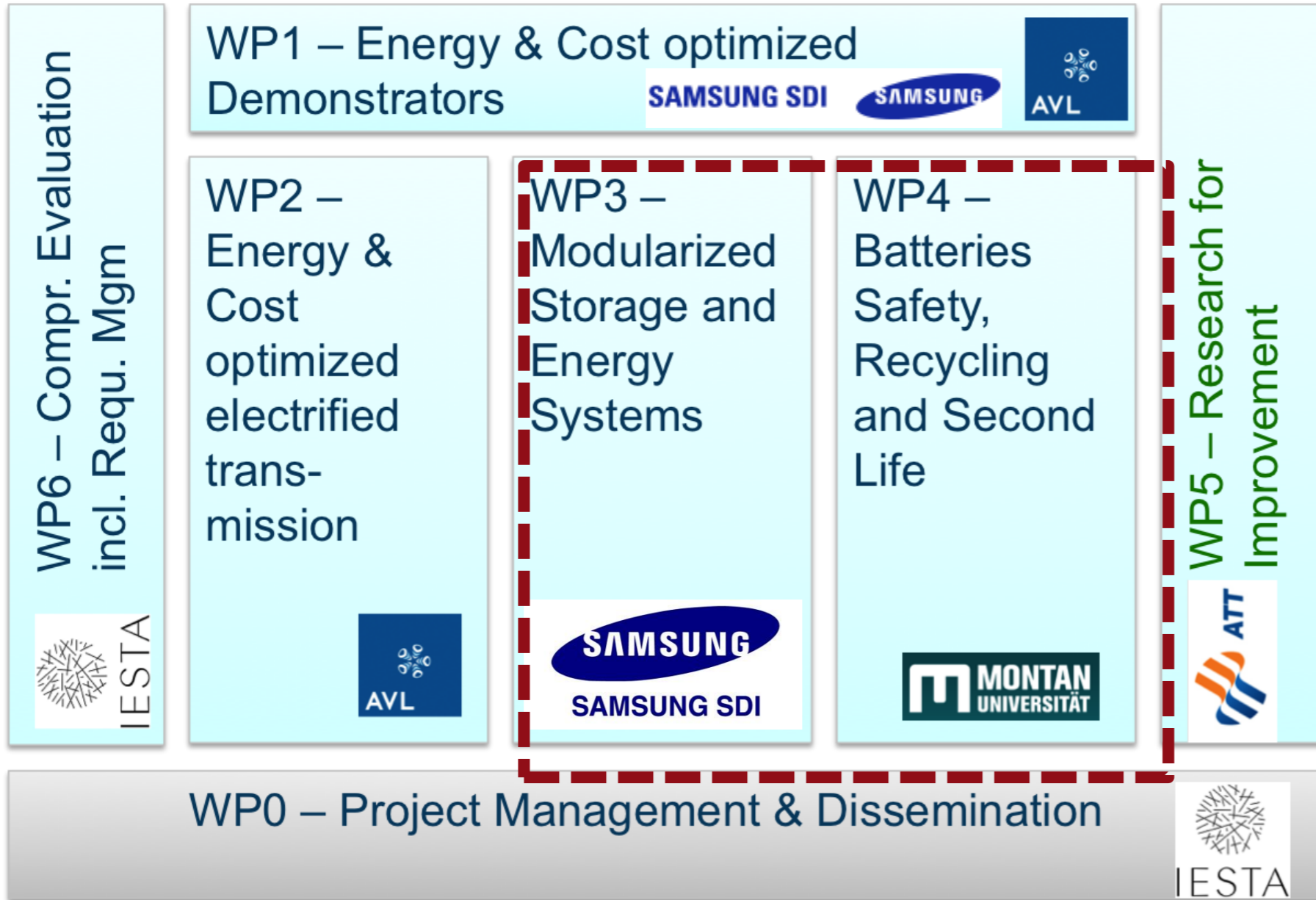
eMPROVE solutions will be demonstrated by

- a **PHEV full vehicle** and a **modularized battery pack system**

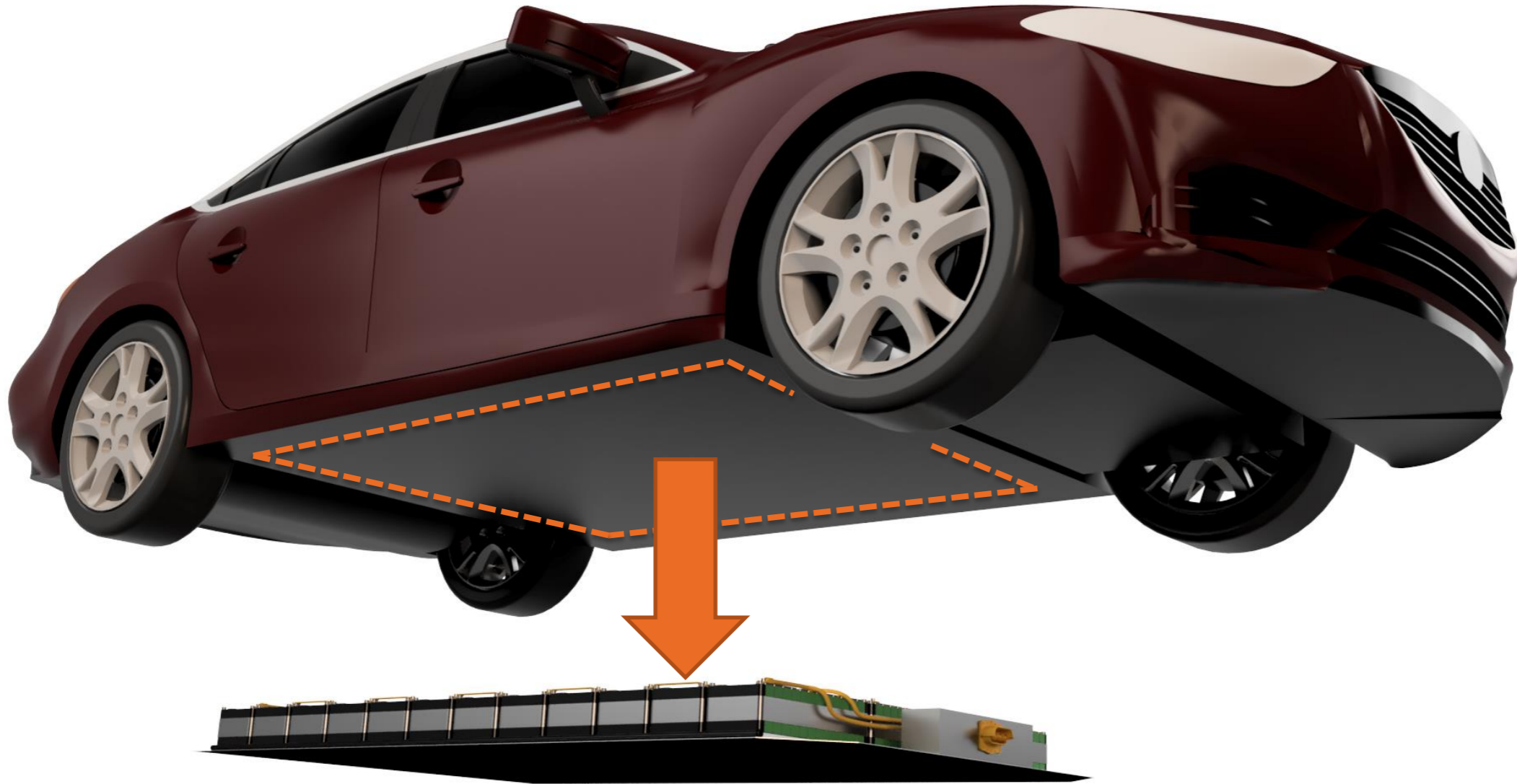
Consortium



eMPROVE Project structure



- **WP3 → Improved Storage and Energy Systems:** Battery **cost reduction** by min. 15%; increase of **energy density** by min. 20%
- **WP4 → Improved Battery Safety, Recycling & Second life:** Establish **safe** recycling processes for batteries and chargers; establish second life concepts for batteries and chargers



Li-ion batteries below 0°C

- **Low power**
- **Risk of Li-plating:**
- **Capacity decrease**
- **Safety risks**



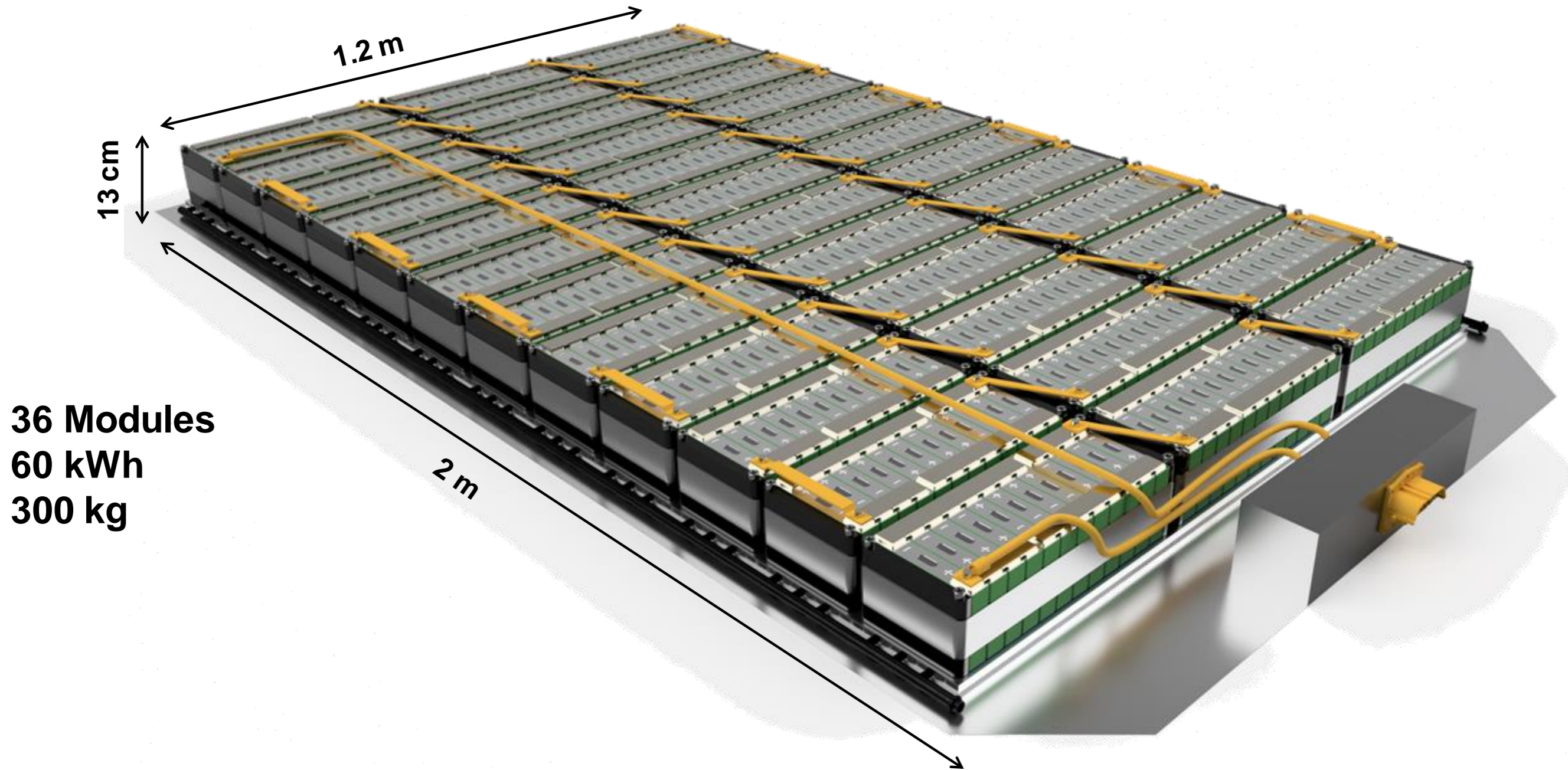
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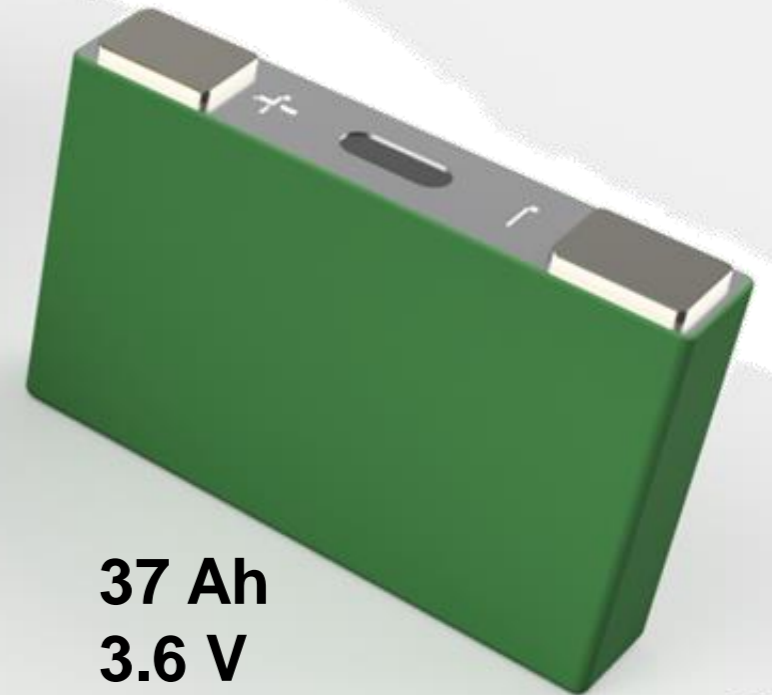
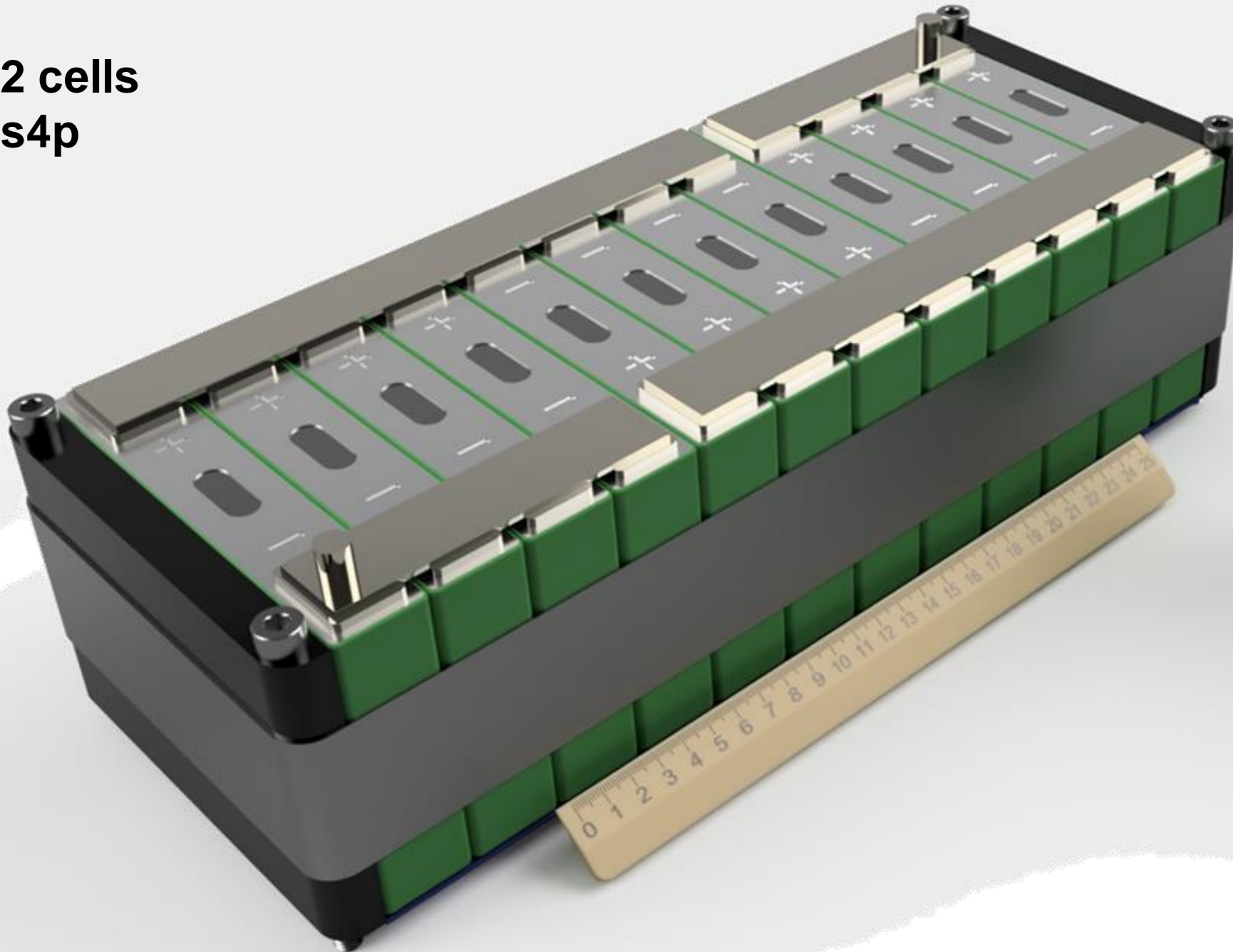


Battery pack for EV



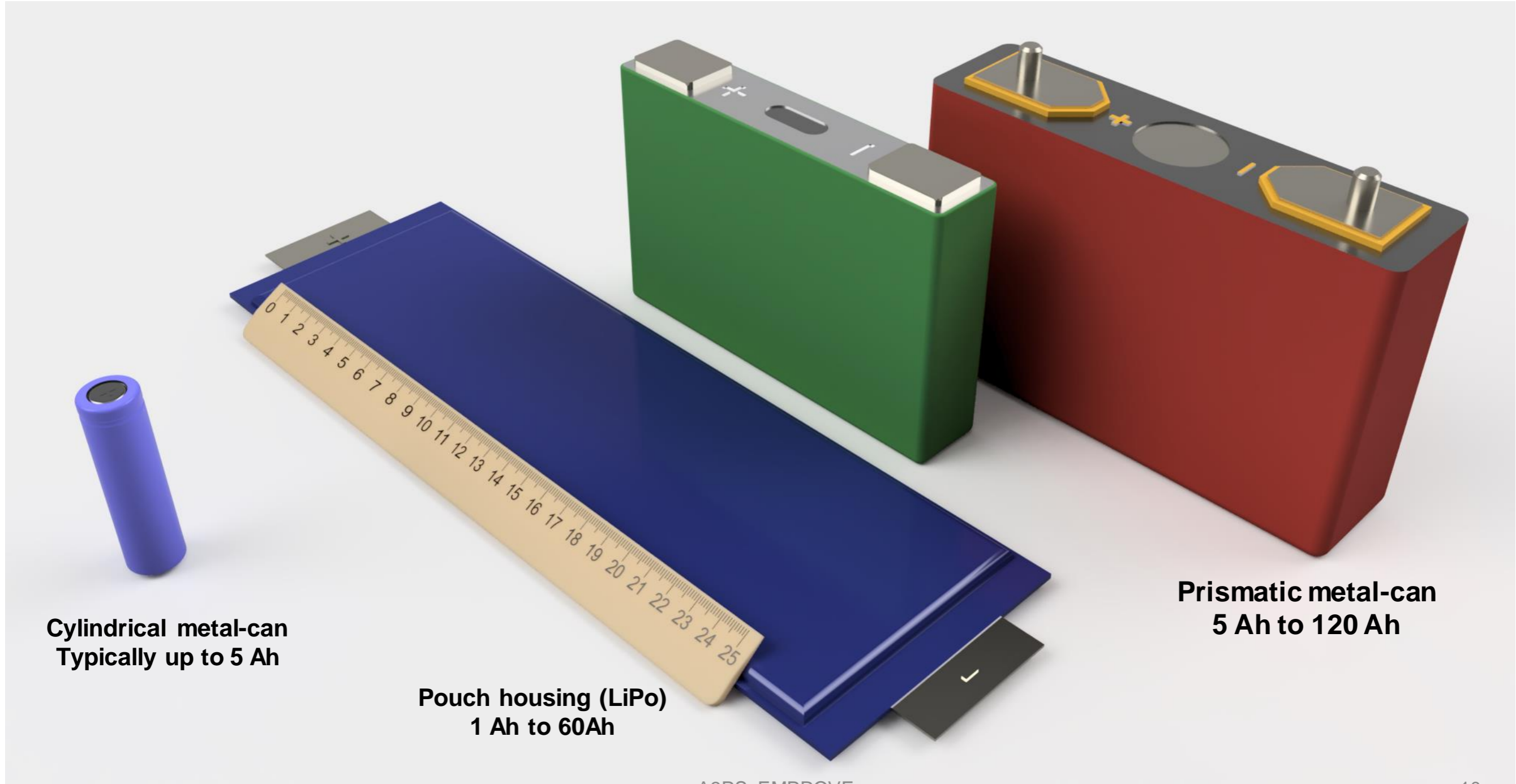
Battery module

12 cells
3s4p



37 Ah
3.6 V
700 g

Different cell geometries

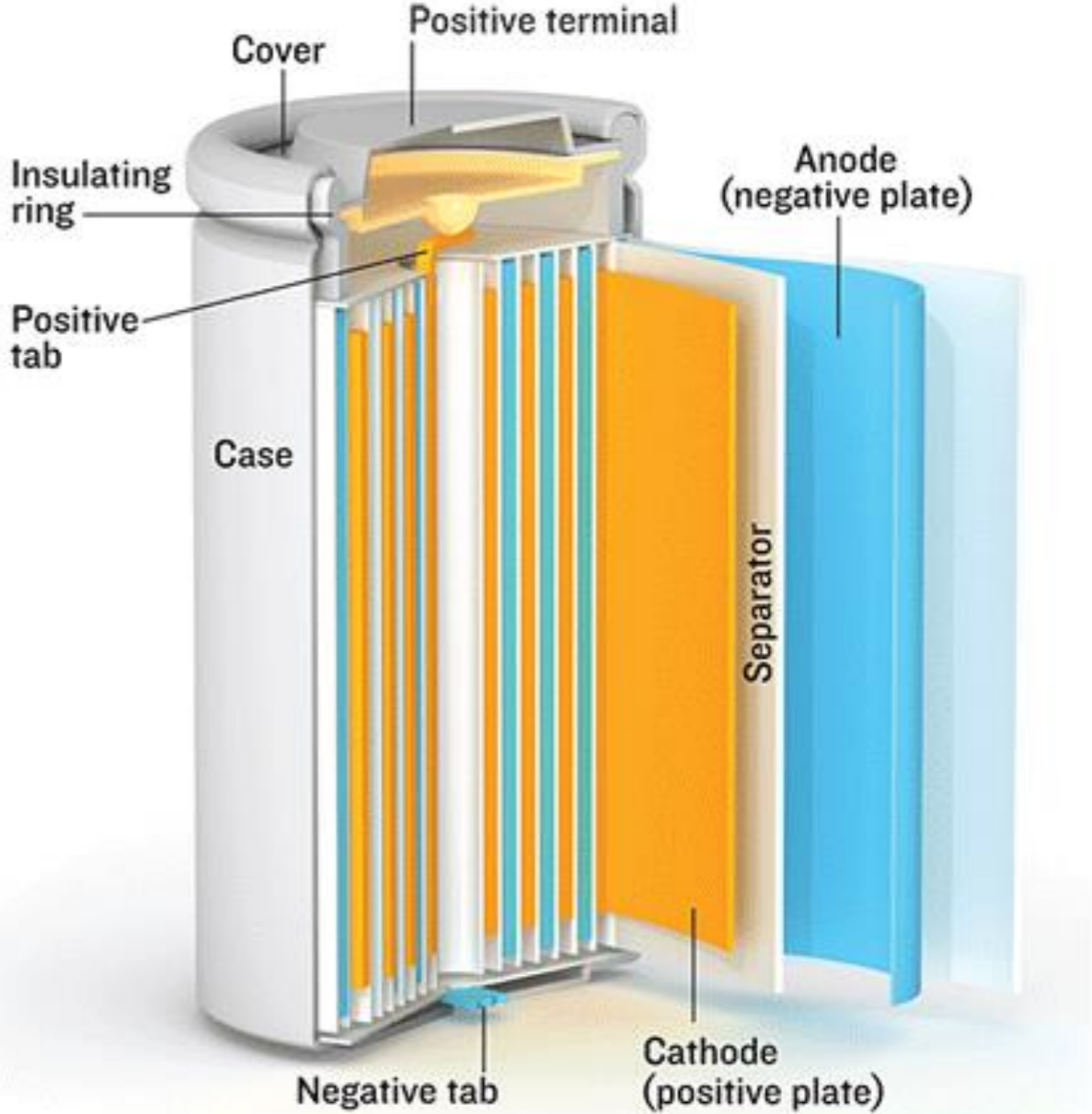


Cylindrical metal-can
Typically up to 5 Ah

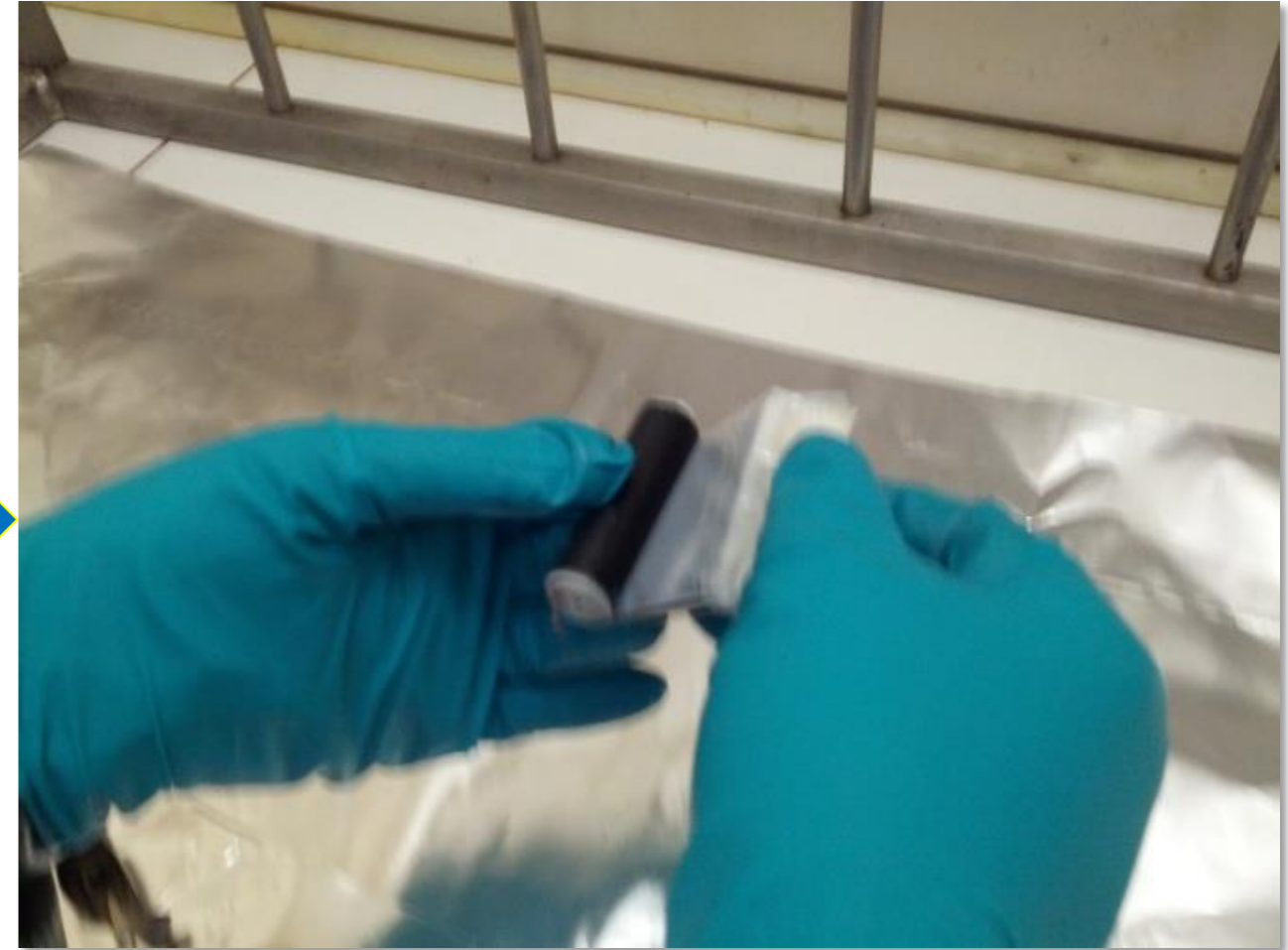
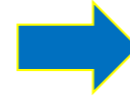
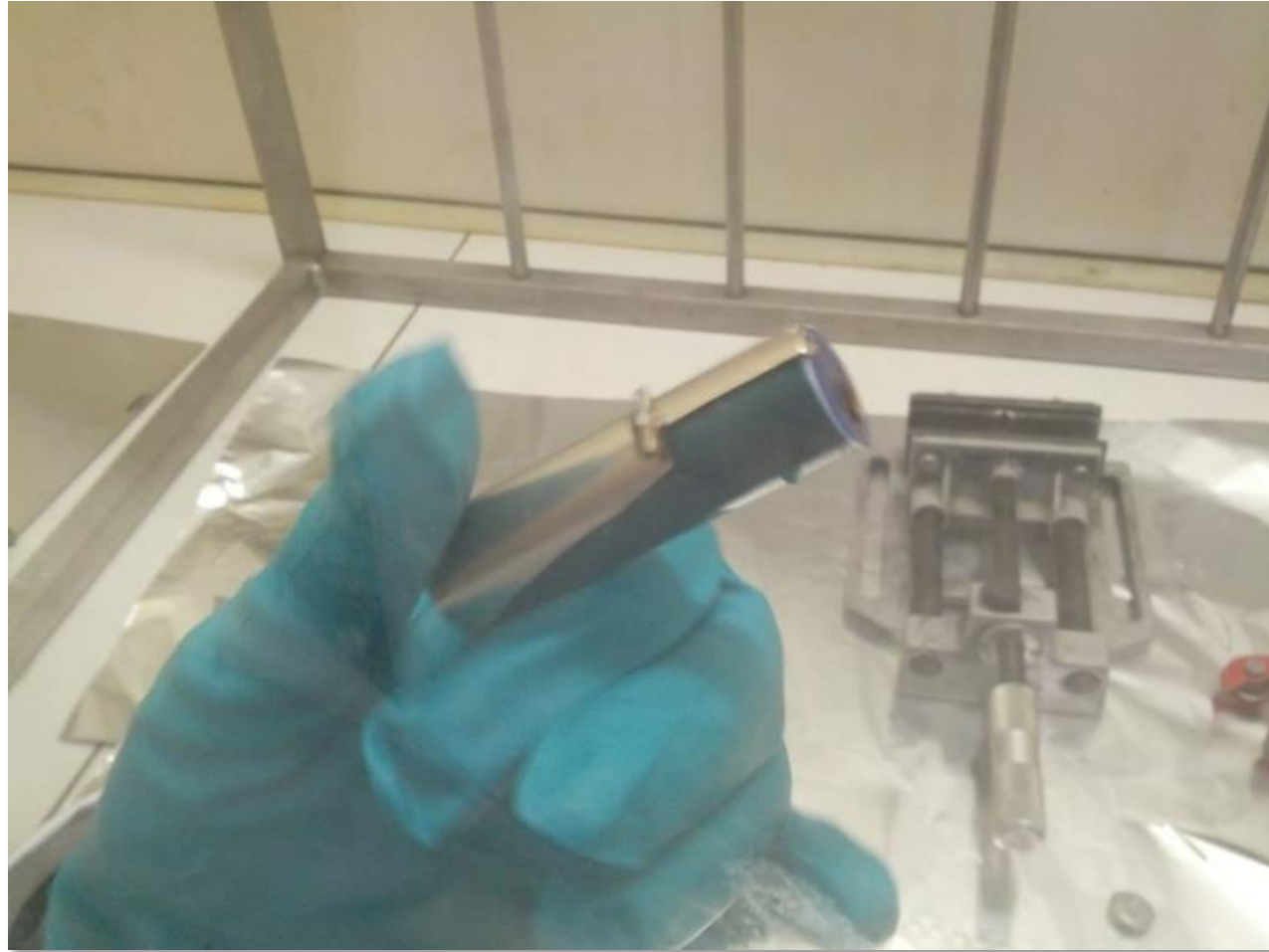
Pouch housing (LiPo)
1 Ah to 60Ah

Prismatic metal-can
5 Ah to 120 Ah

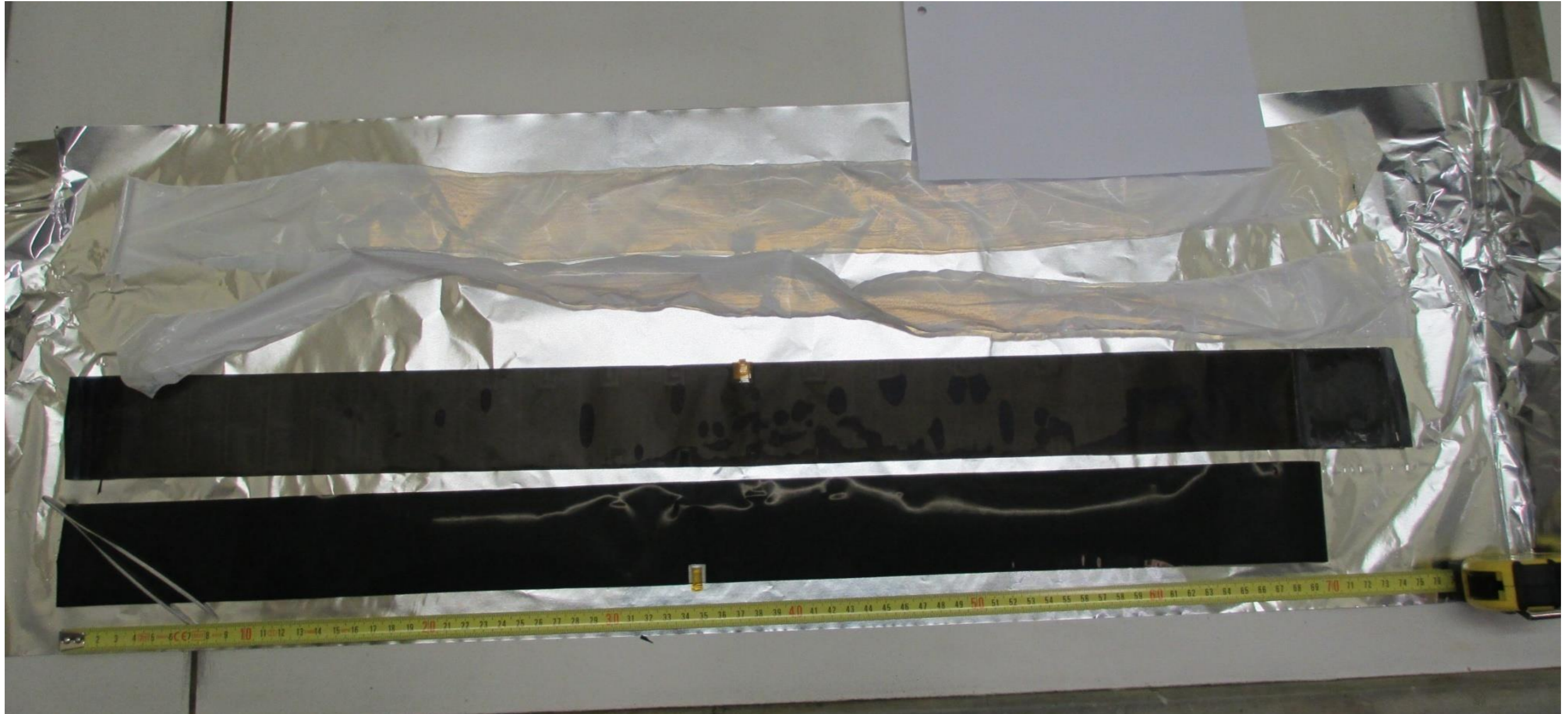
Inside a cylindrical metal-can cell



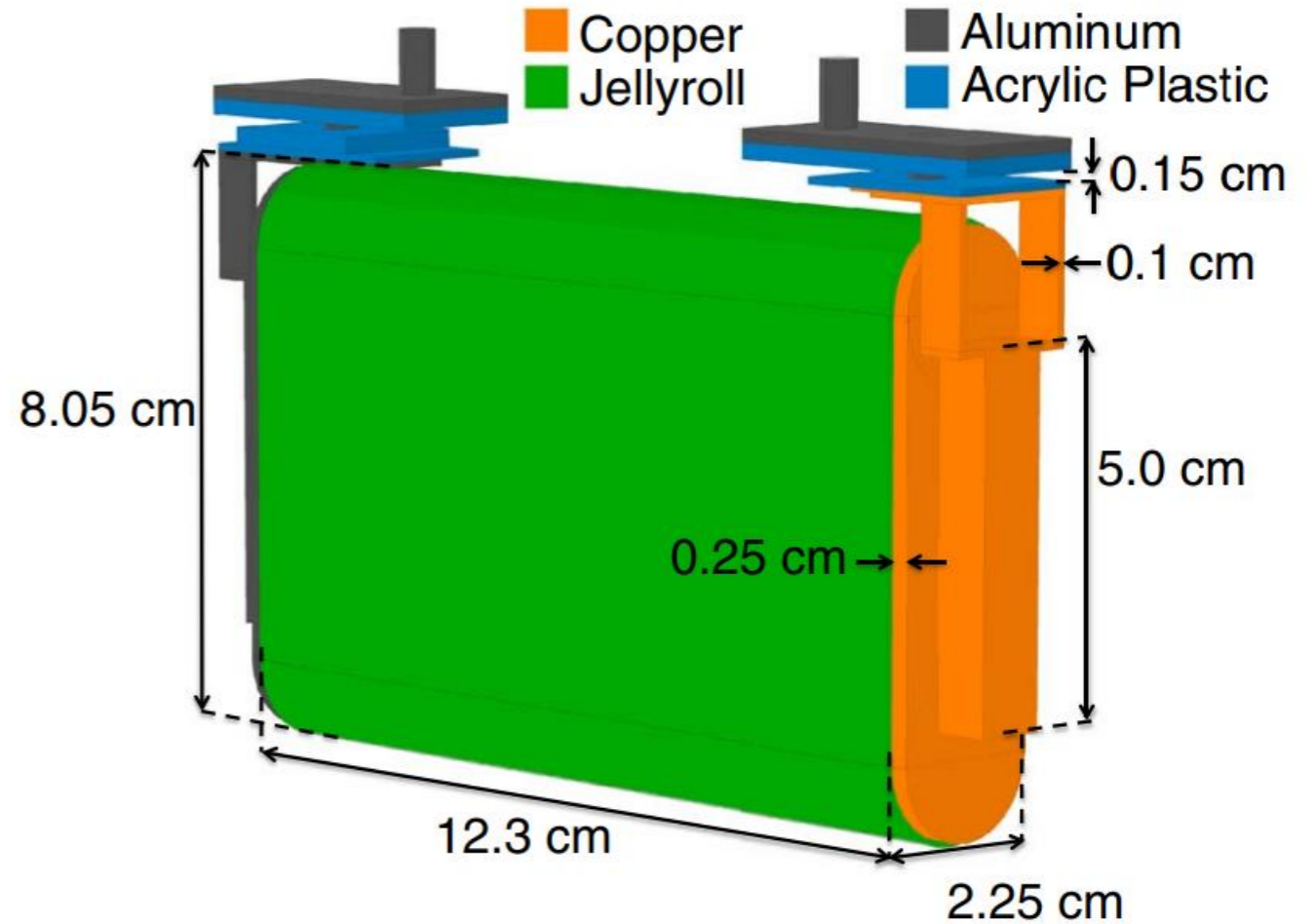
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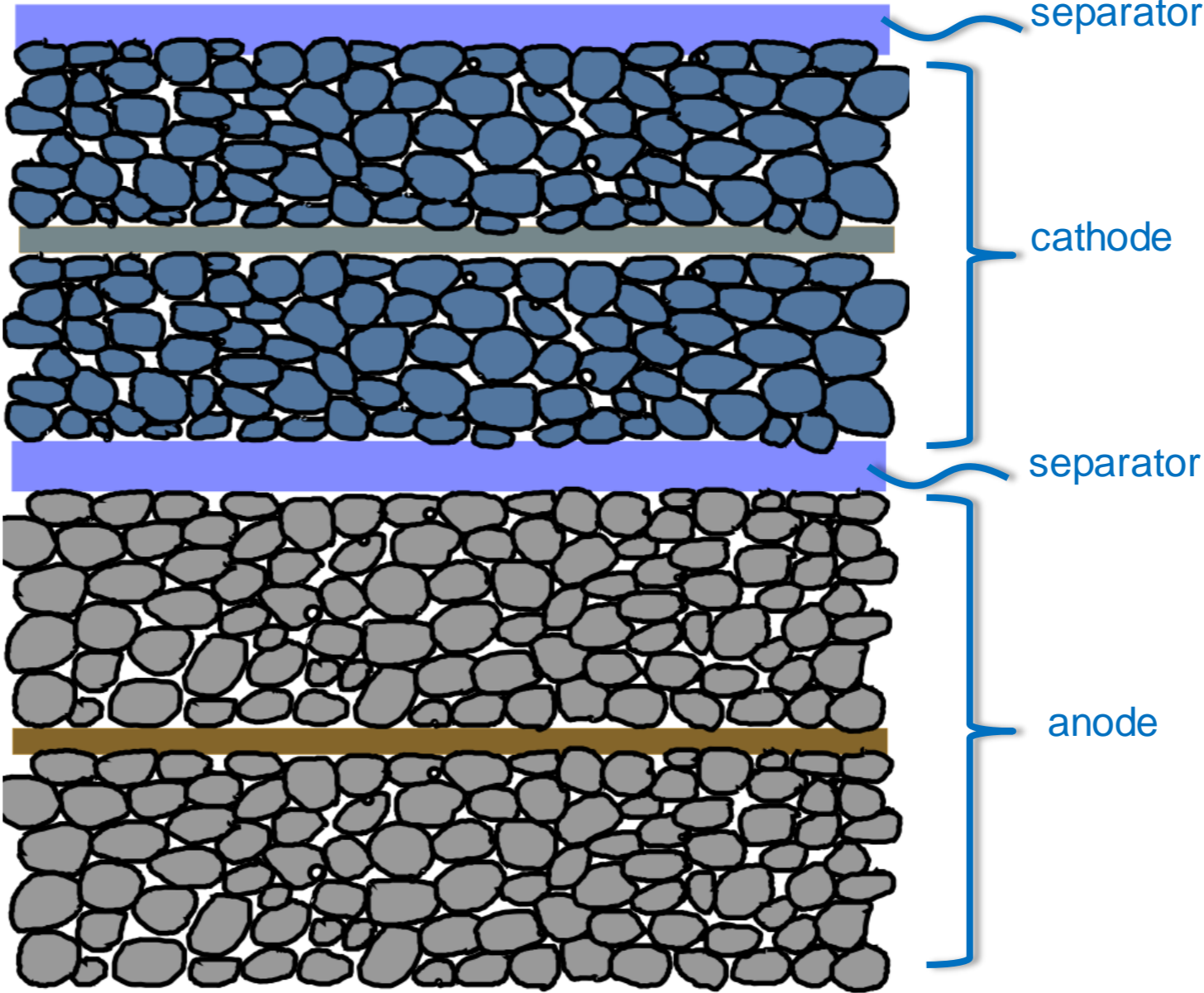
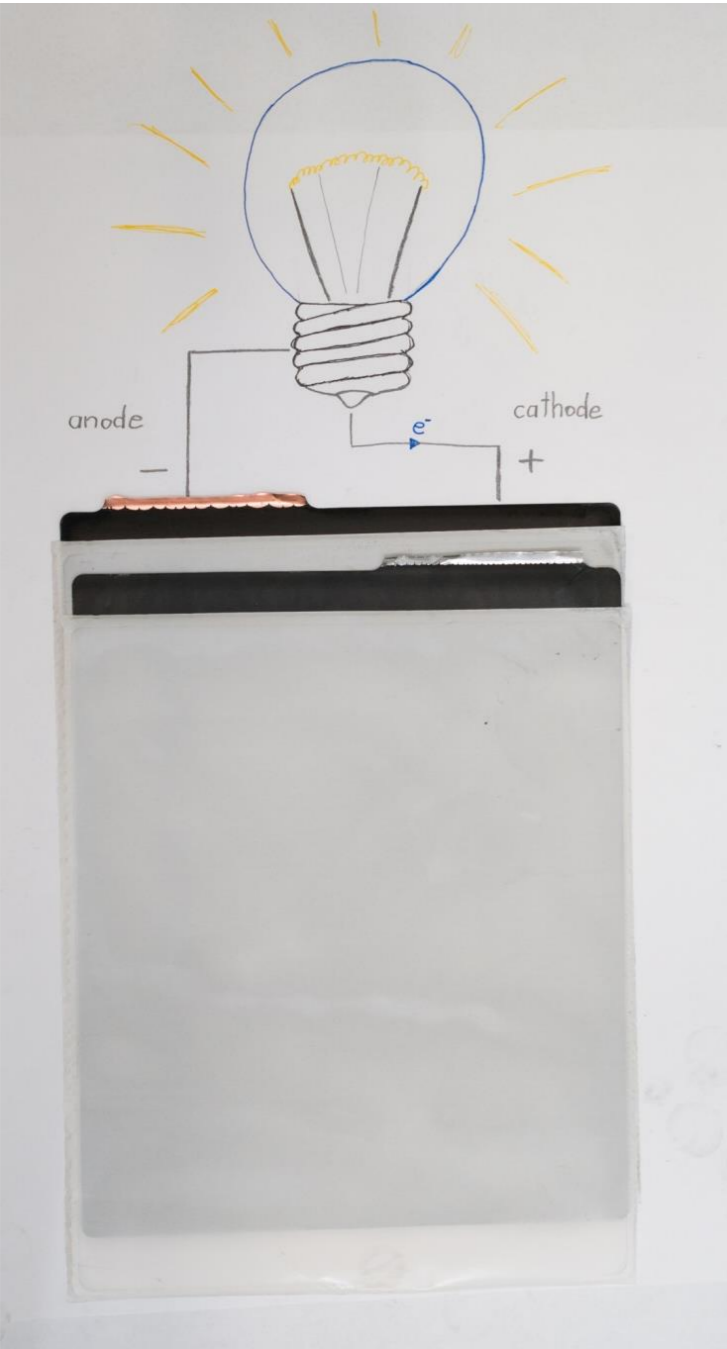


Inside prismatic metal-can cell



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Electrode assembly



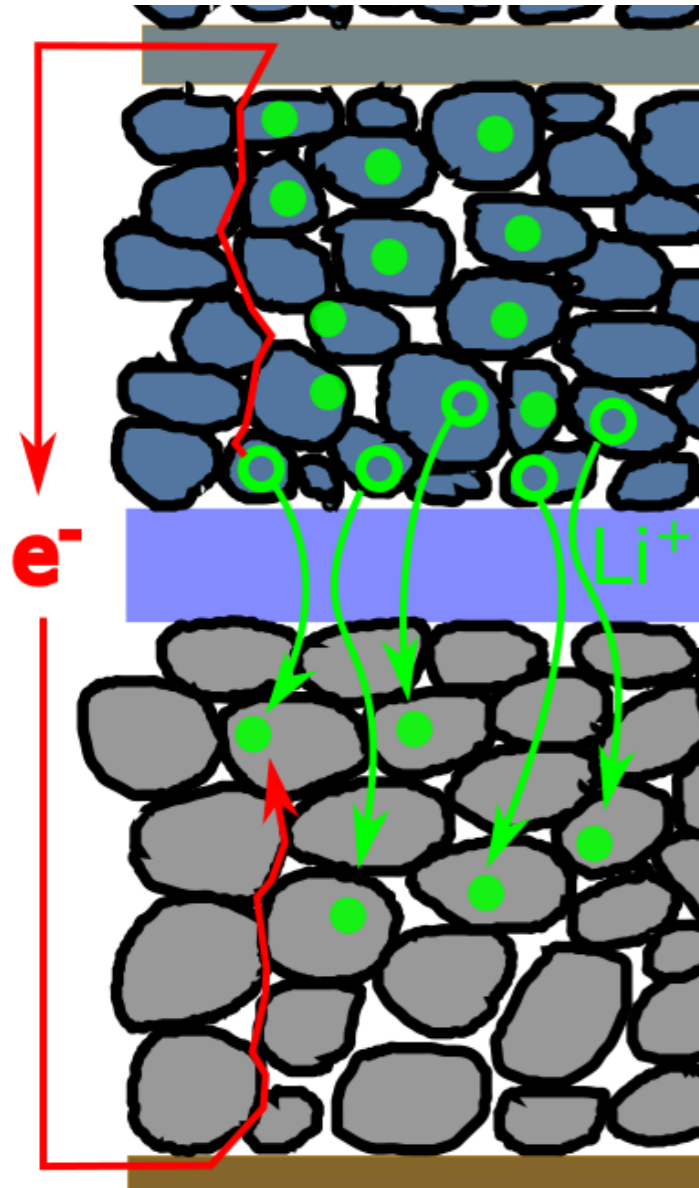
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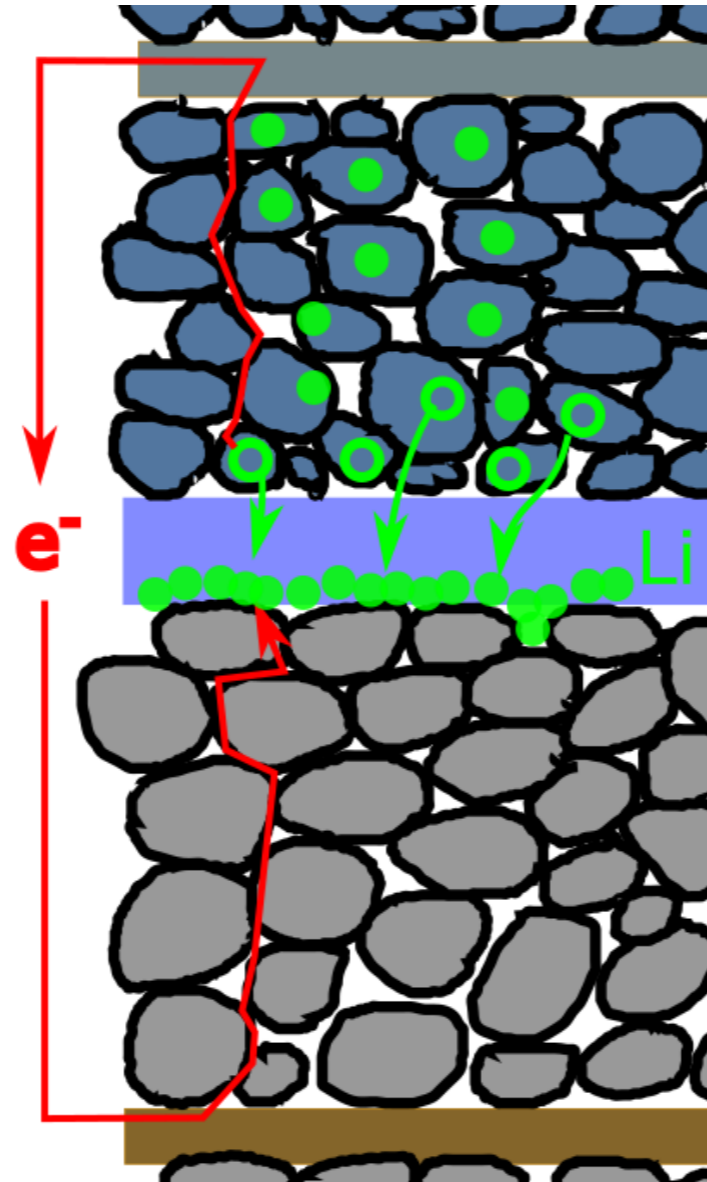
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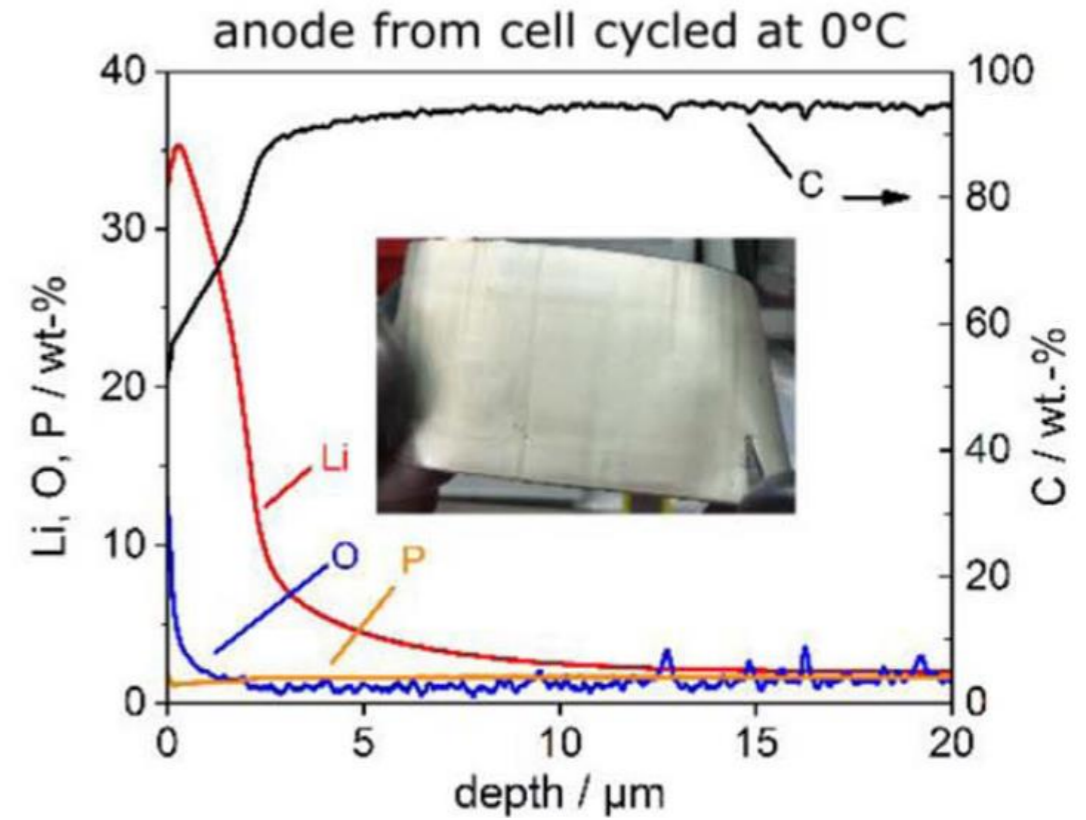
Li-plating during charge



Moderate temperature
Slow charge

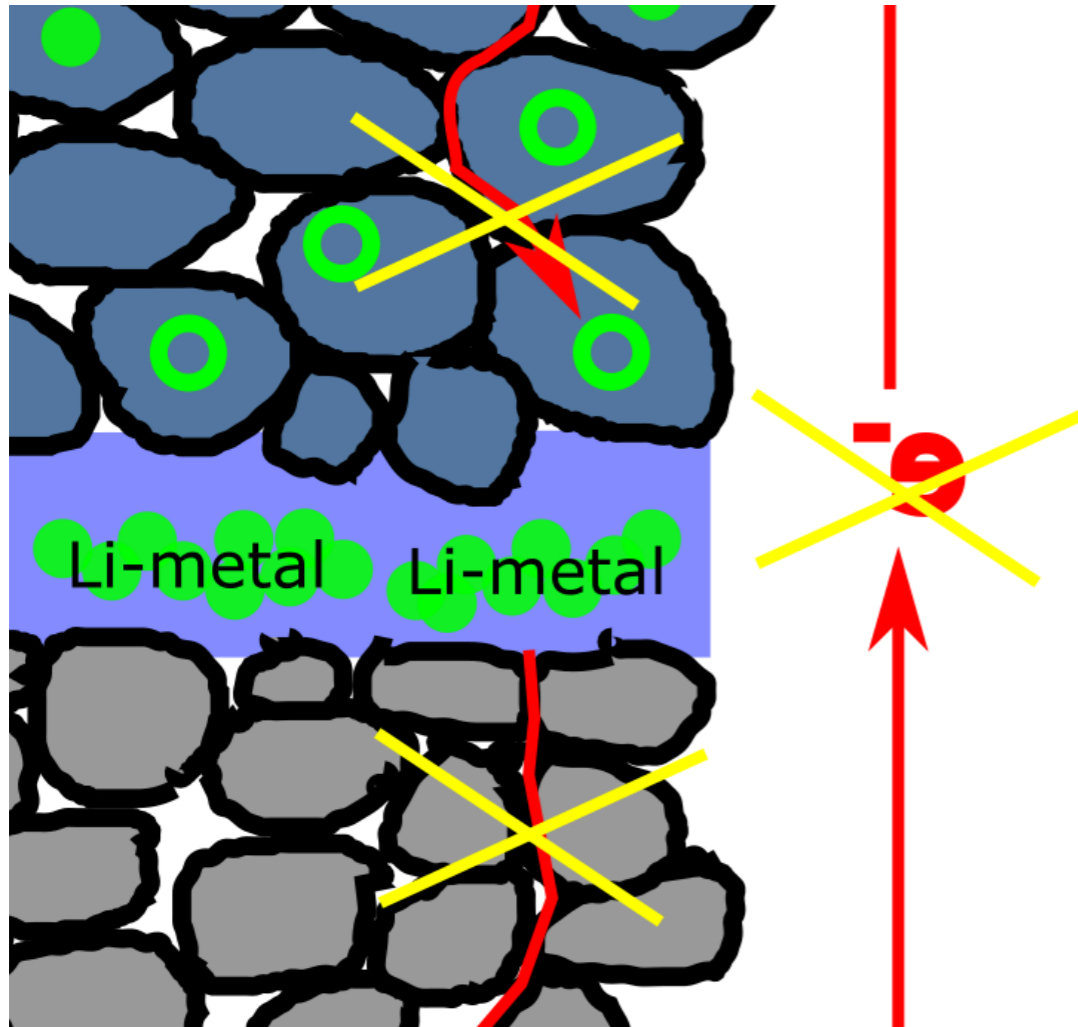


Low temperature
Fast charge

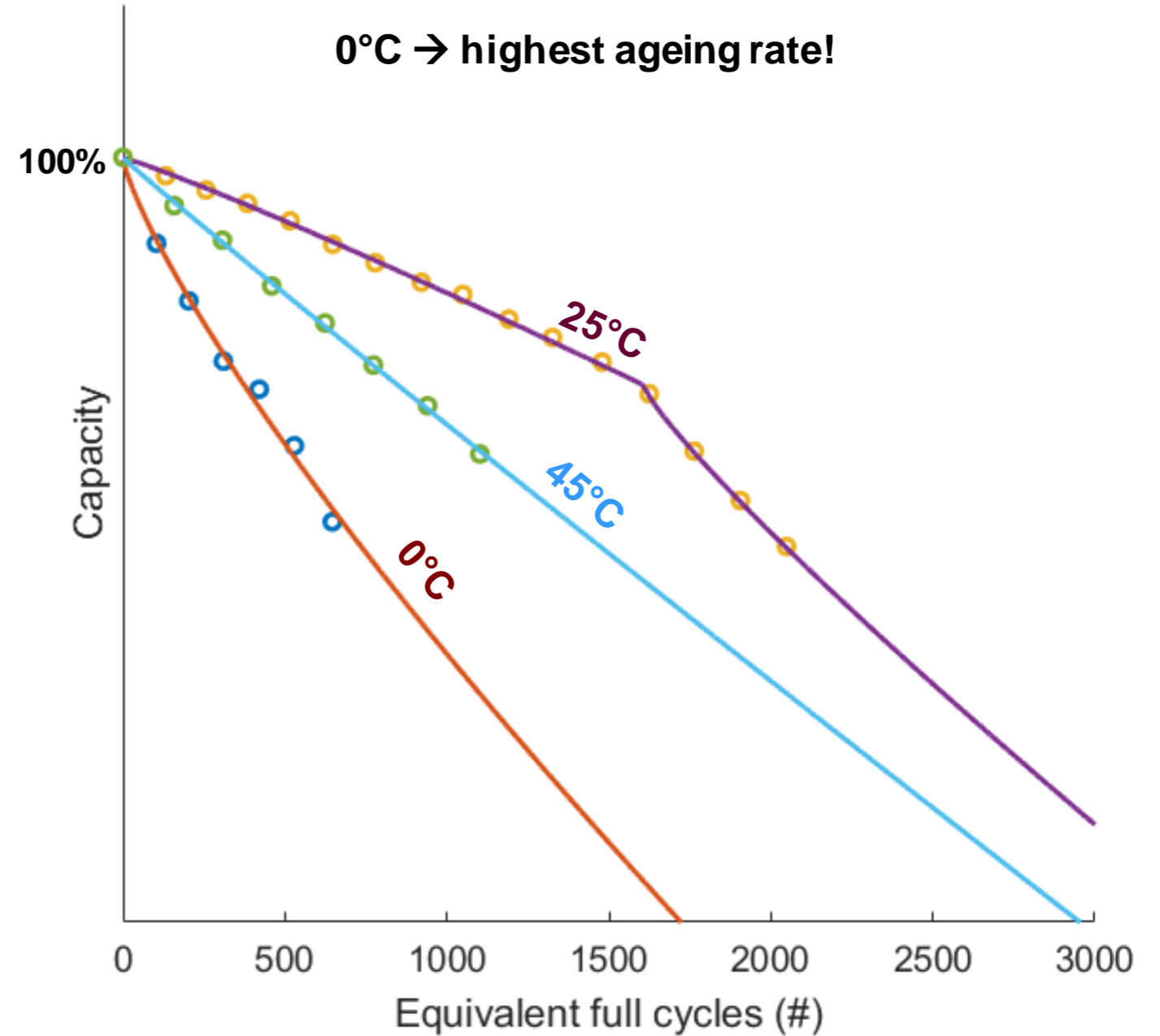


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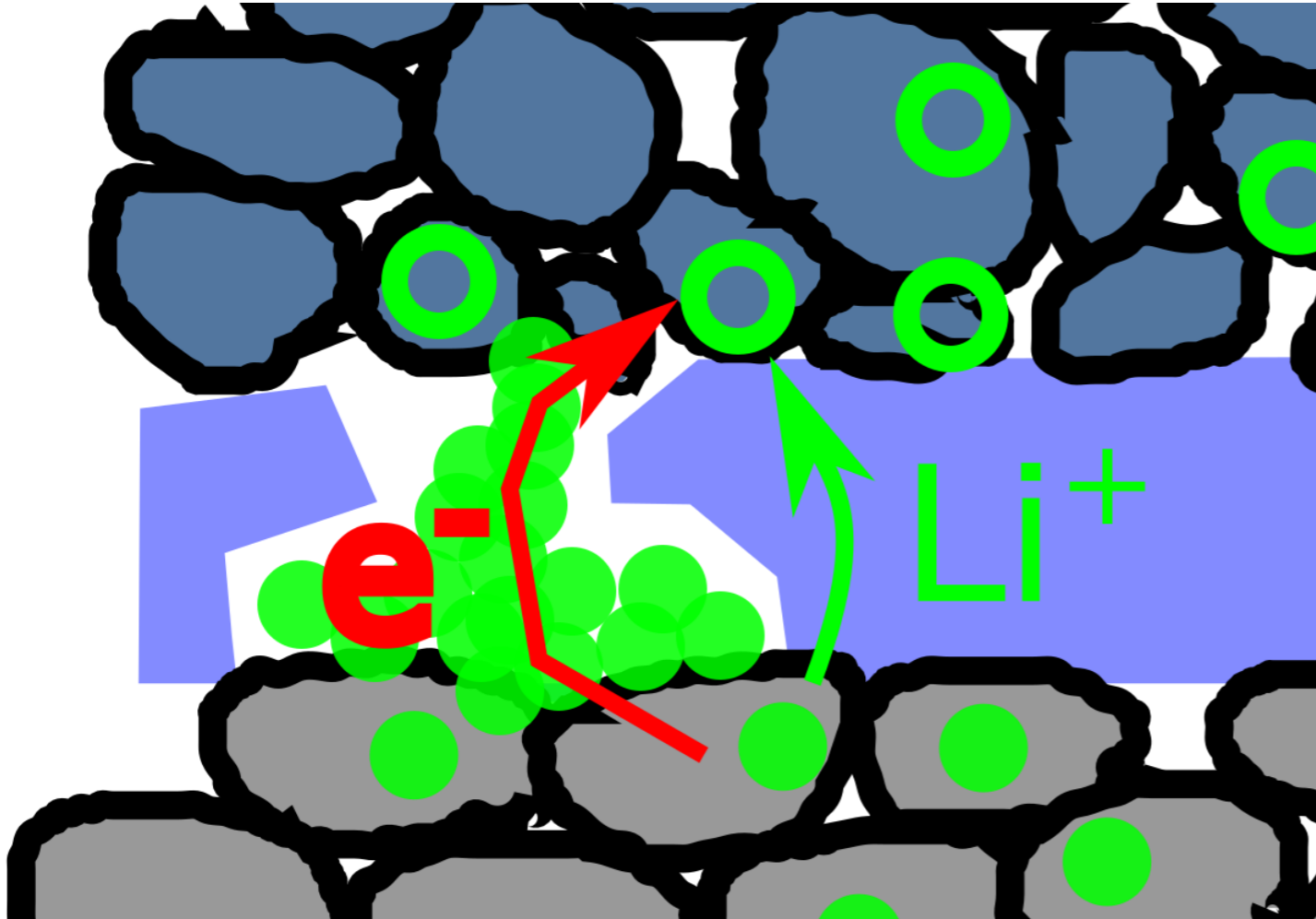
Why is Li-plating bad?



Li-metal becomes electrically disconnected
Can not be discharged → **capacity loss**



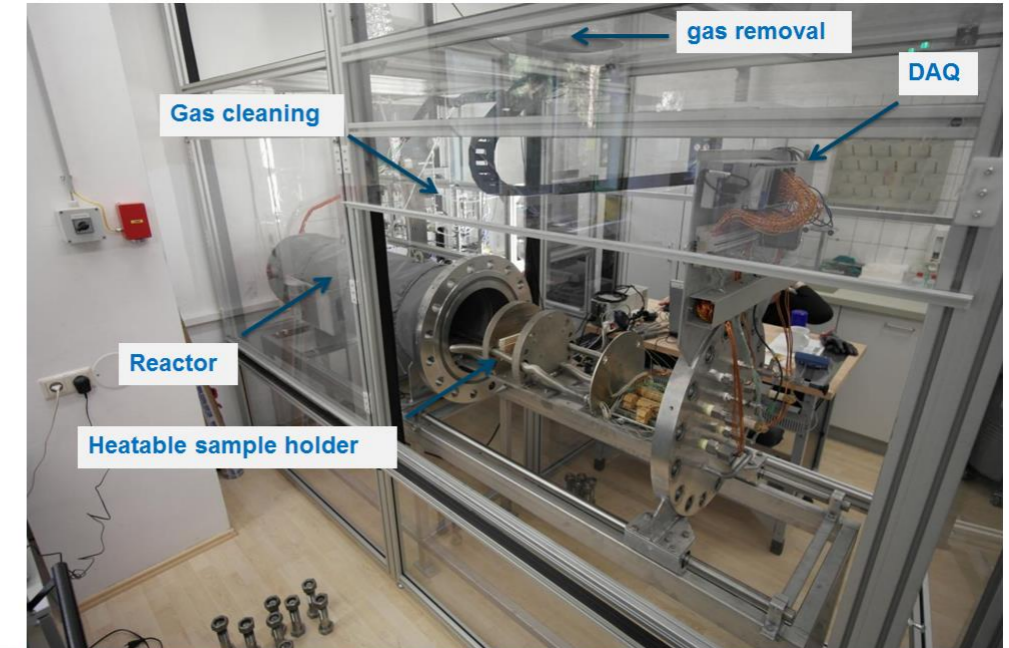
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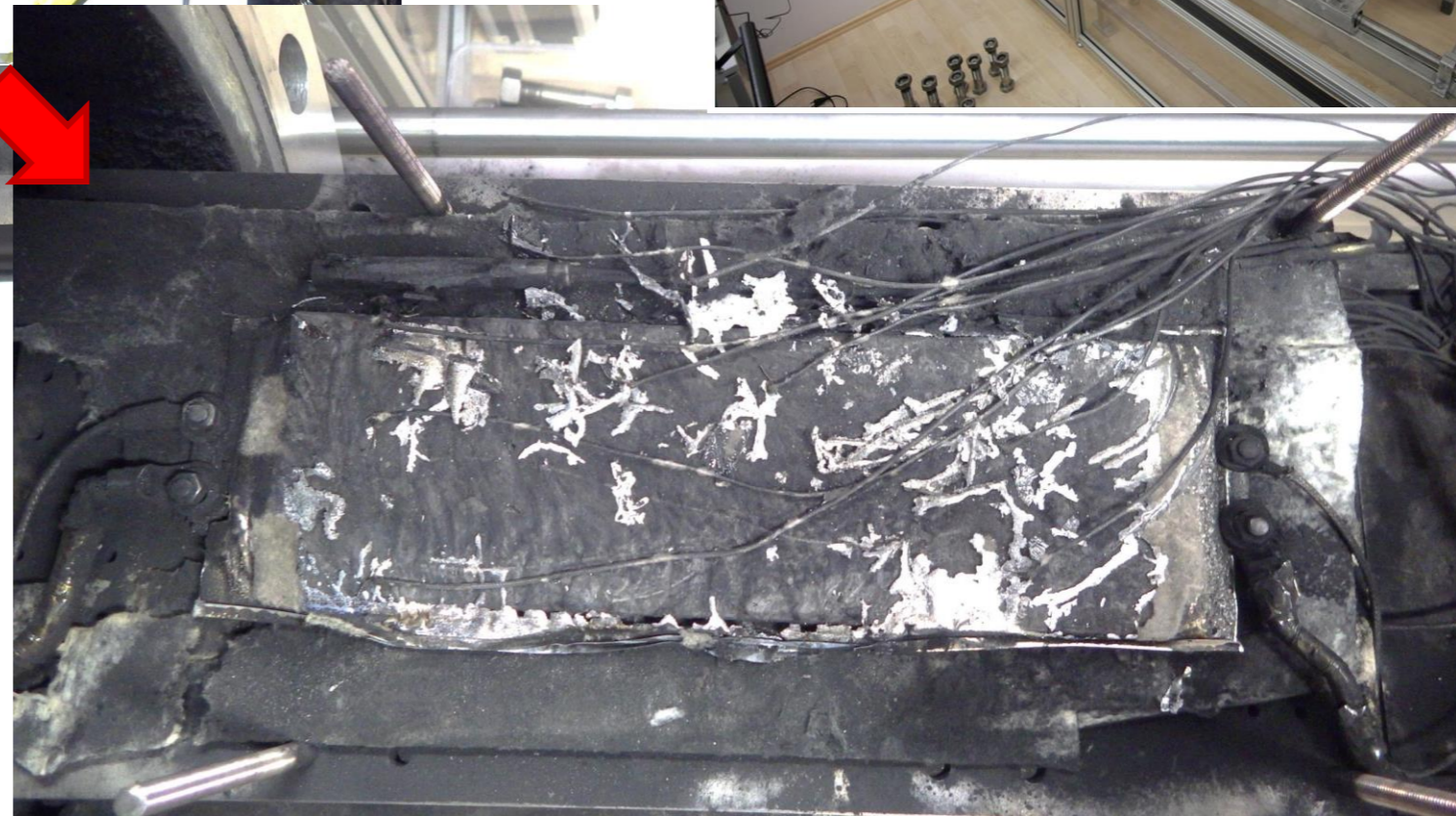
Can damage separator → internal short
Self discharge → **heat up**
Can develop into thermal ruanway

Boeing dreamliner battery after thermal runaway

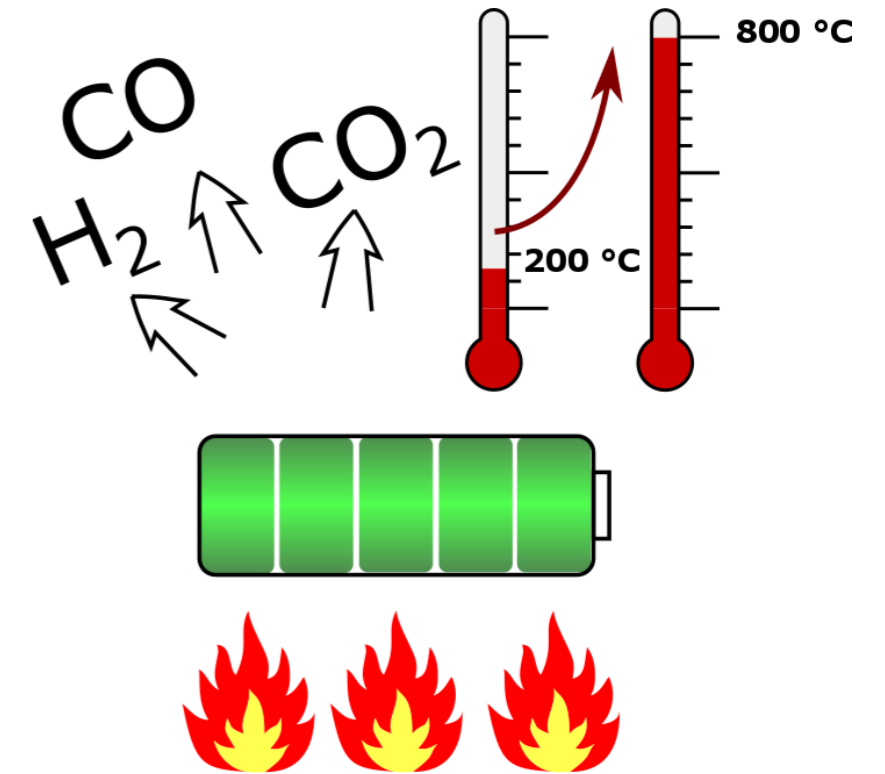
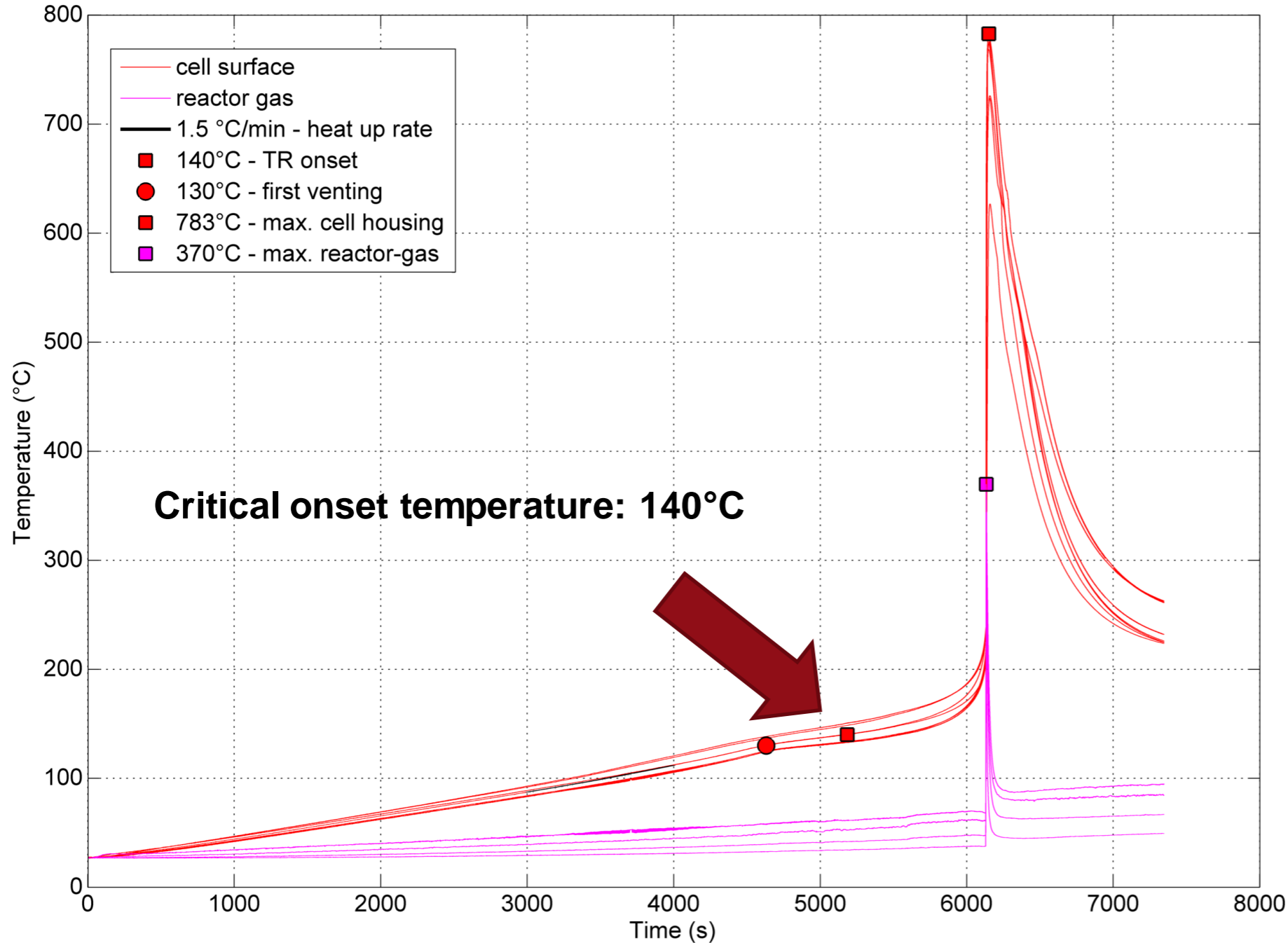
Thermal Runaway of a cell



Results from tests in the **thermal runaway laboratory** at Virtual Vehicle

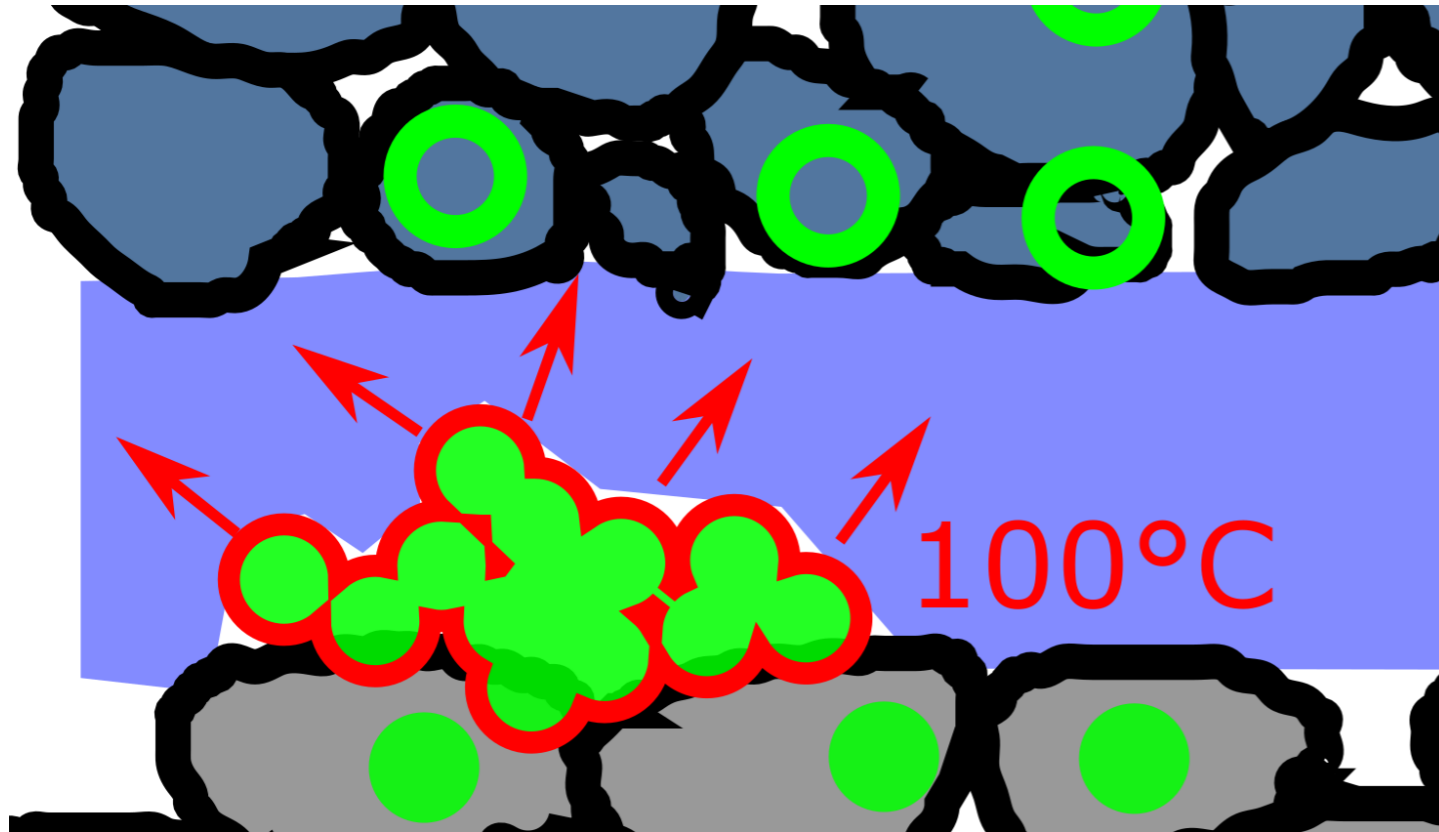


Typical experiment results

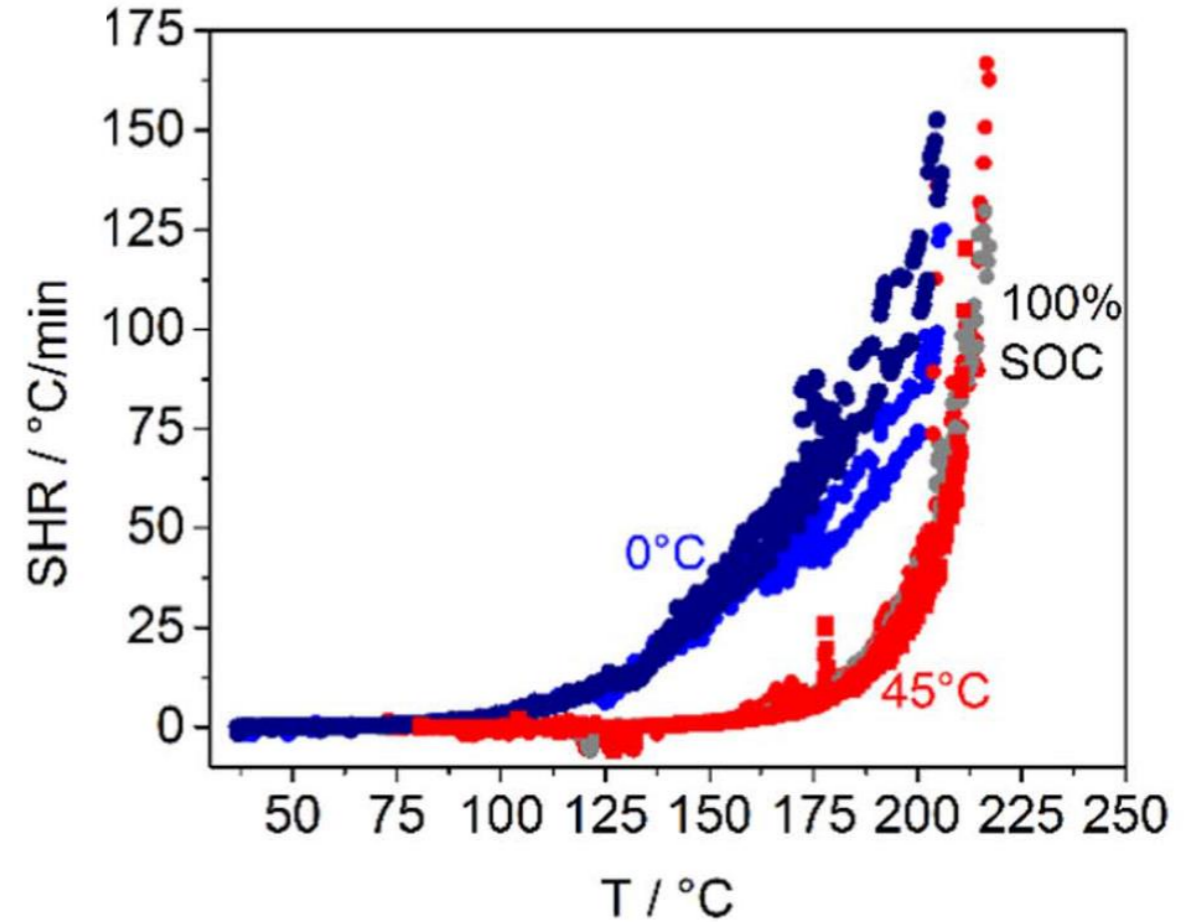


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Why is Li-plating bad?



If heated above 100°C → metallic-lithium starts to react
Promotes further heating → earlier thermal runaway



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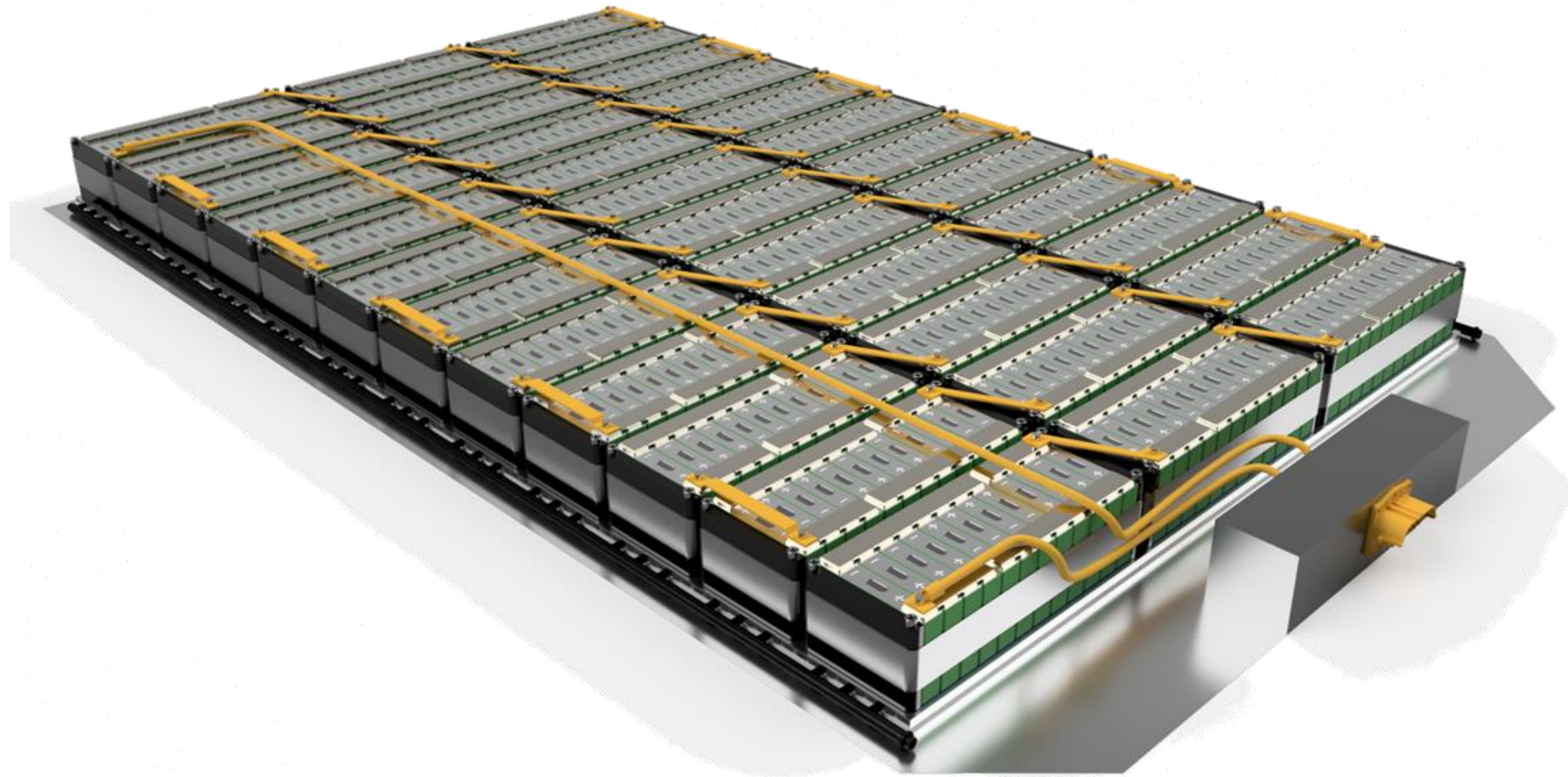
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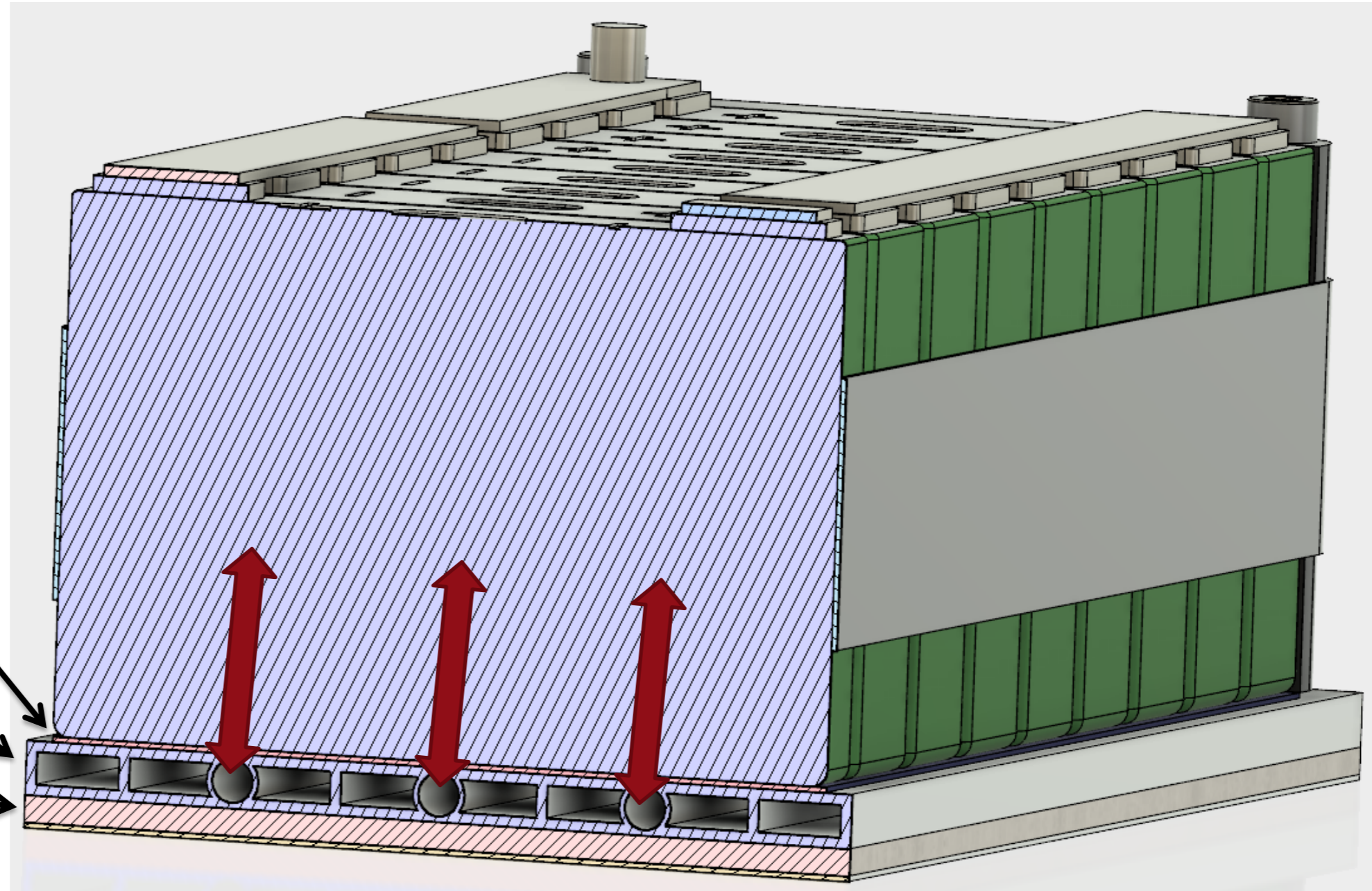


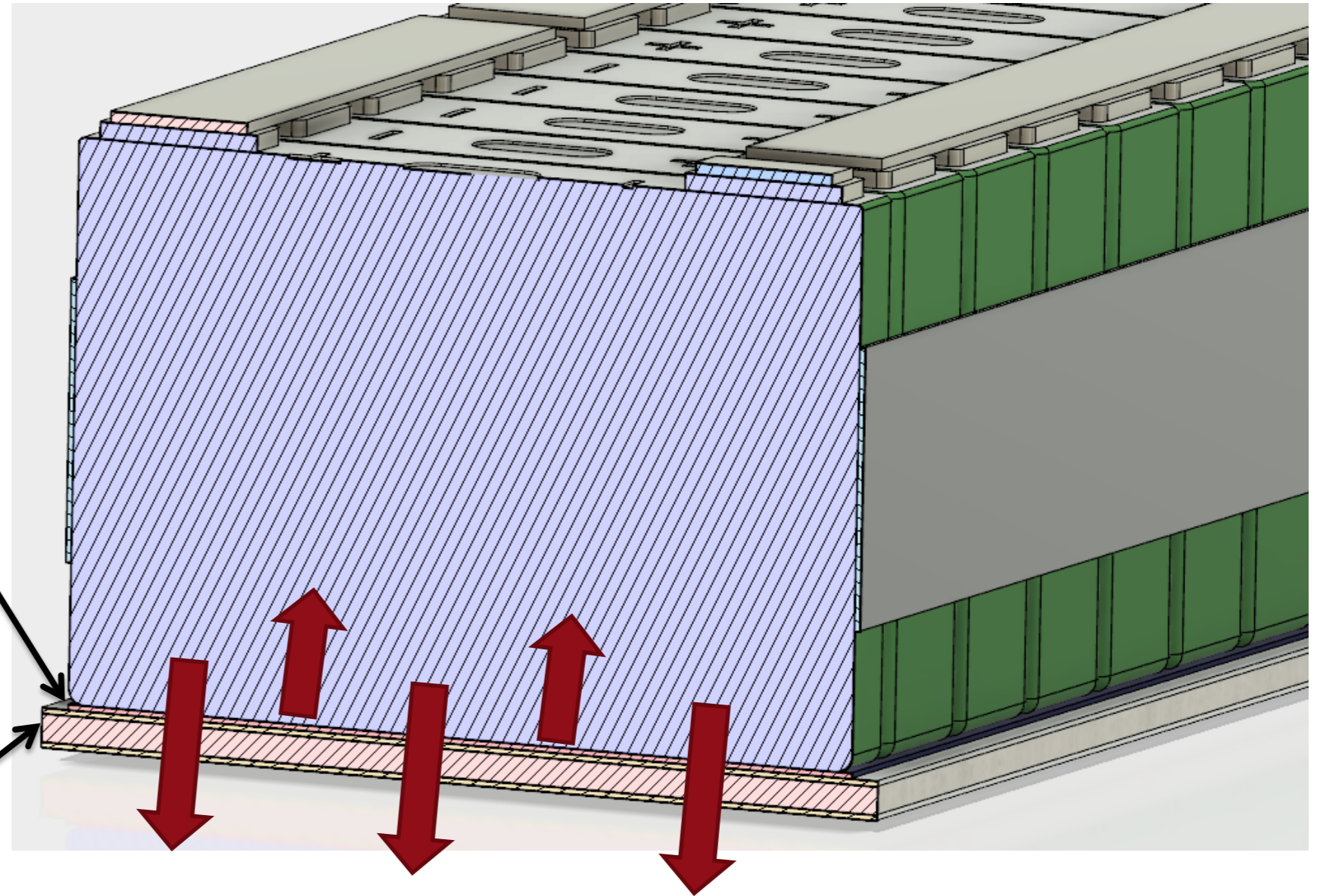
Battery pack for EV



Conventional design

Thermal pad
Liquid cooling/ heating
Thermal insulation





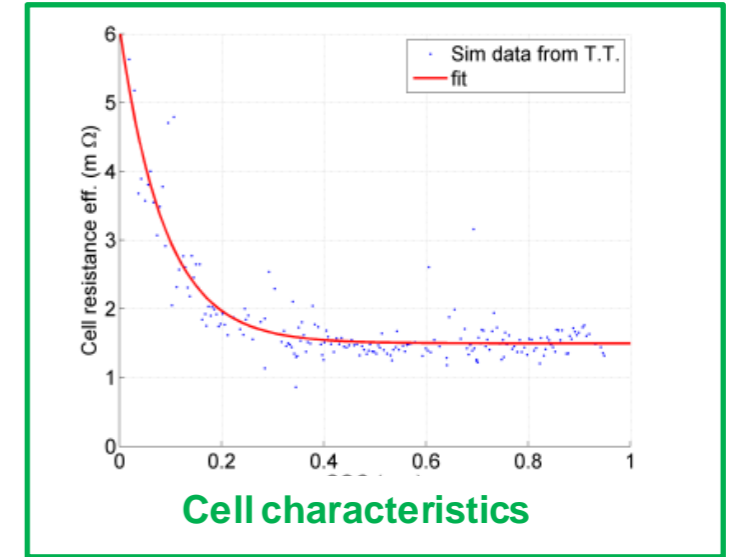
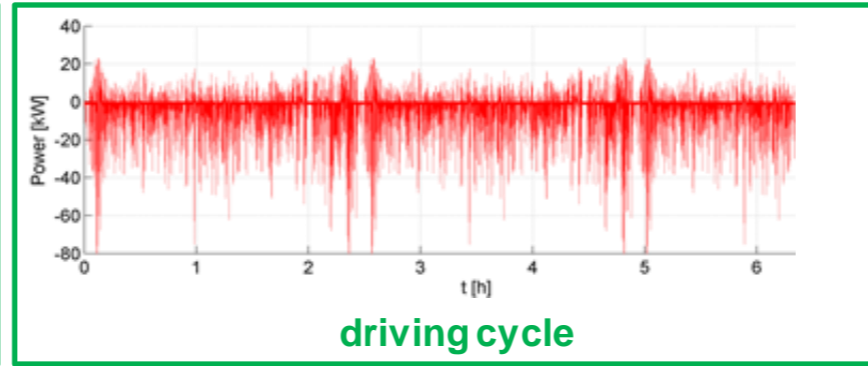
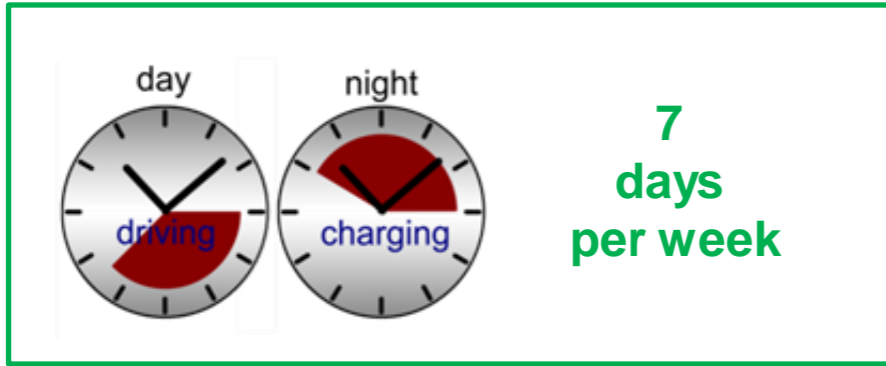
Thermal pad + electric heating foil

Thermal interlayer

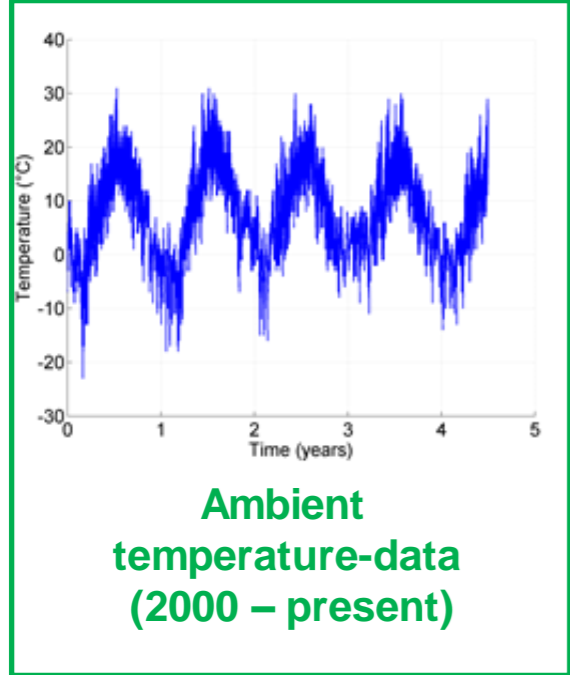
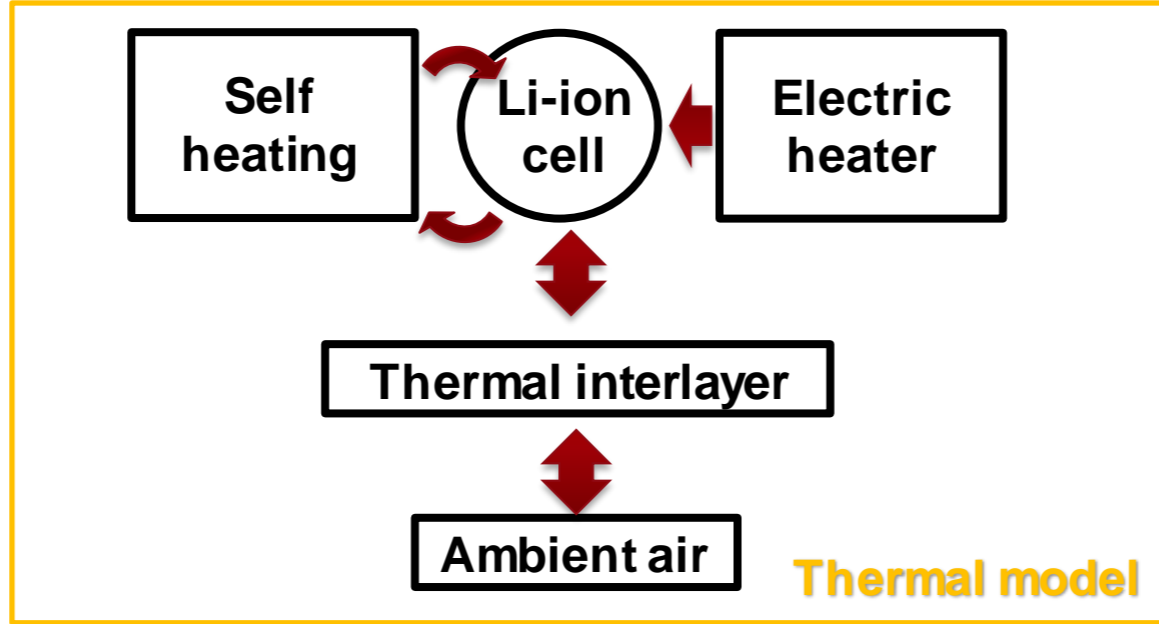
Adjustable heat conductivity

- Put in / remove gases / liquids with different heat conductivity
- Compress / expand thickness

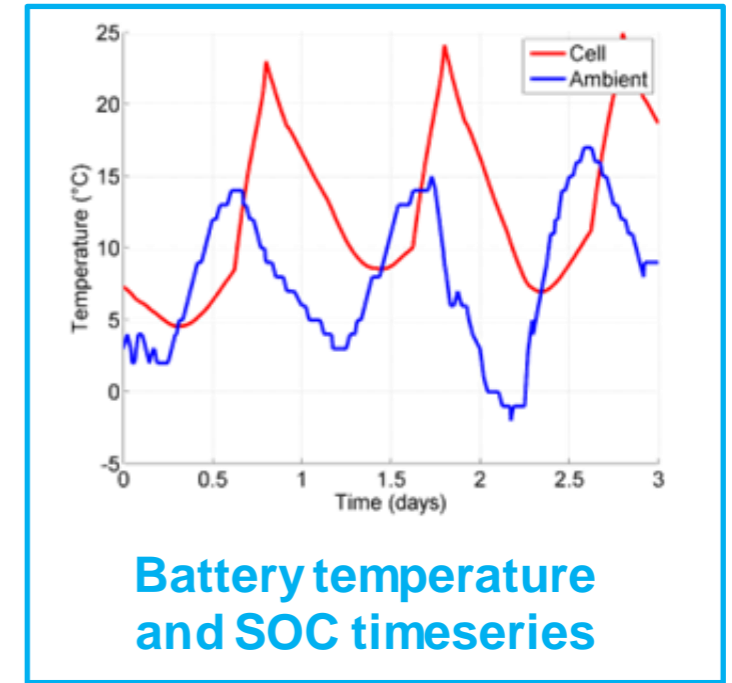
Ageing simulation framework



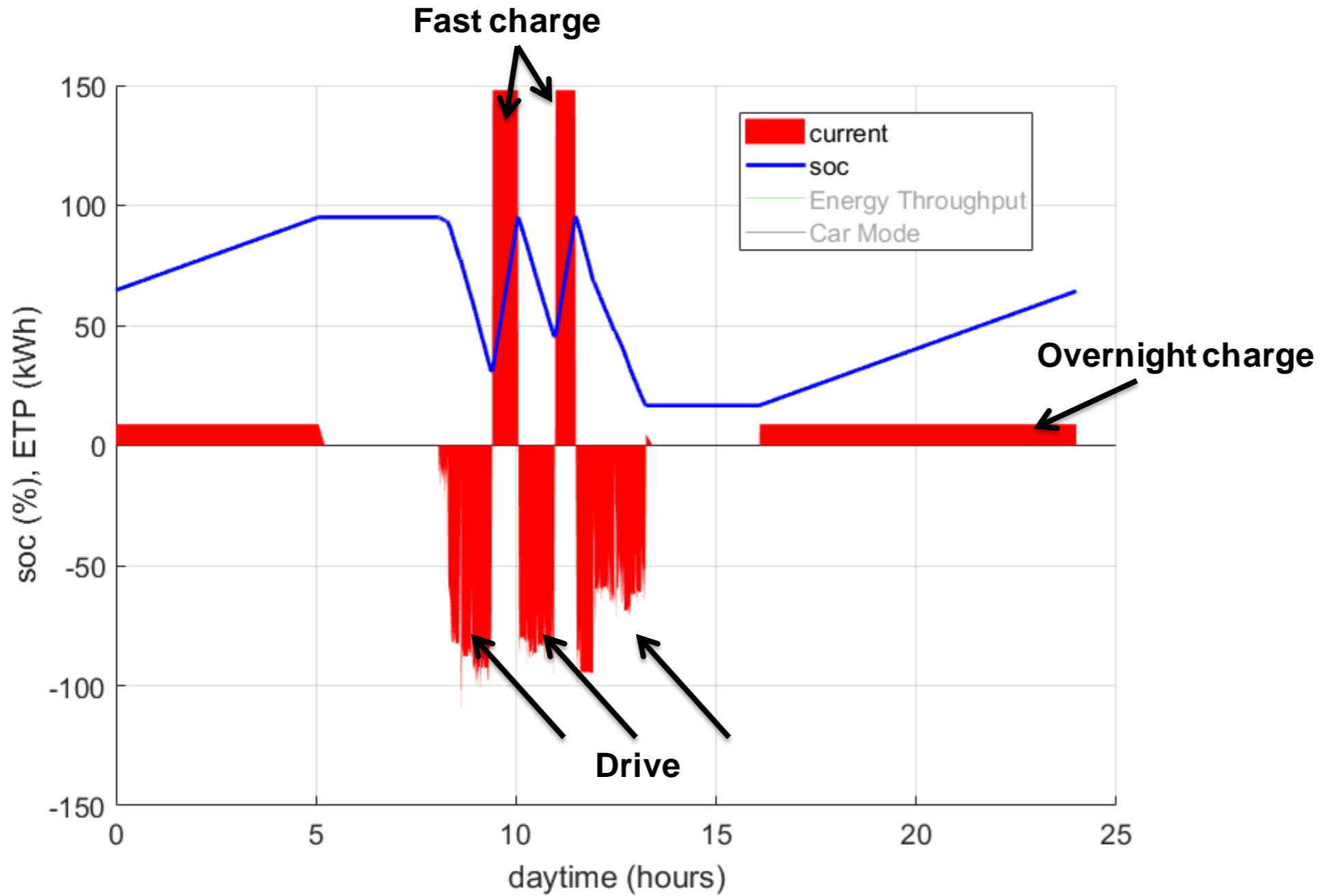
Cooling/heating strategy



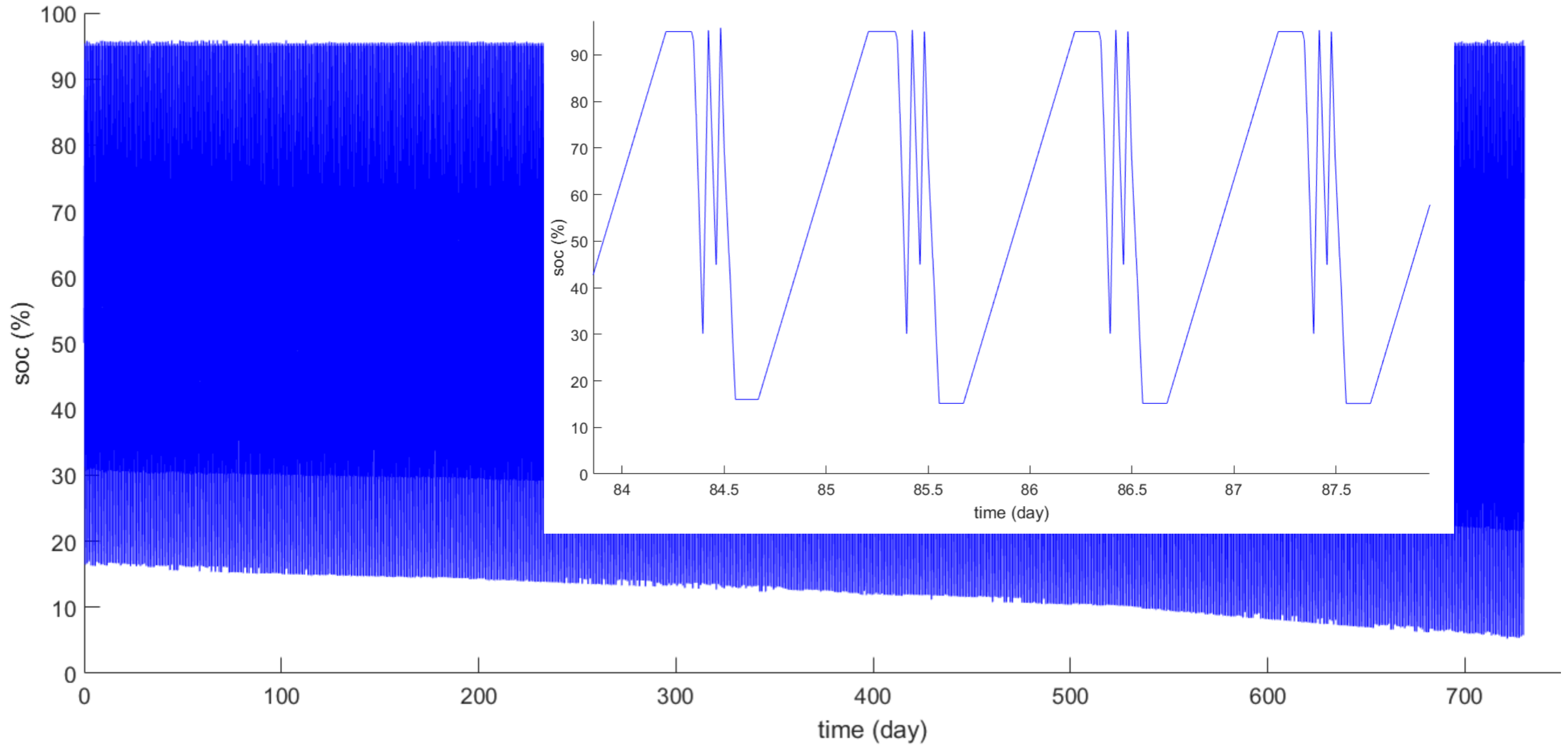
Temperature (and SOC) dependend:
• Aging
• Available power (usability)



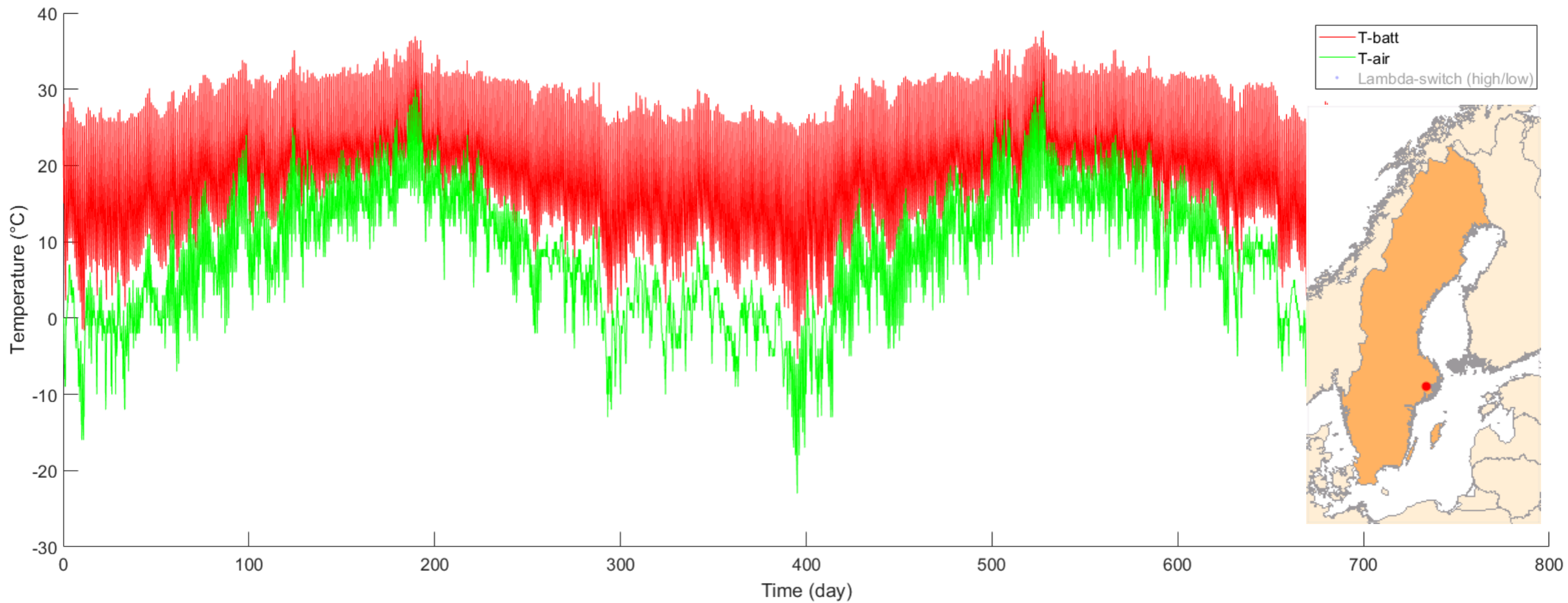
Simulated driving cycle



Simulate 2 years with challenging cycle



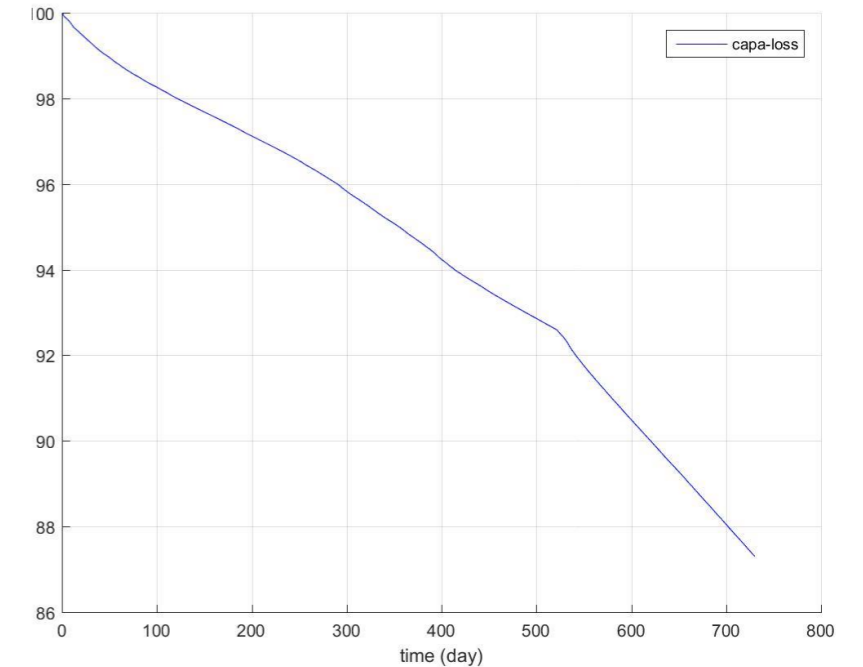
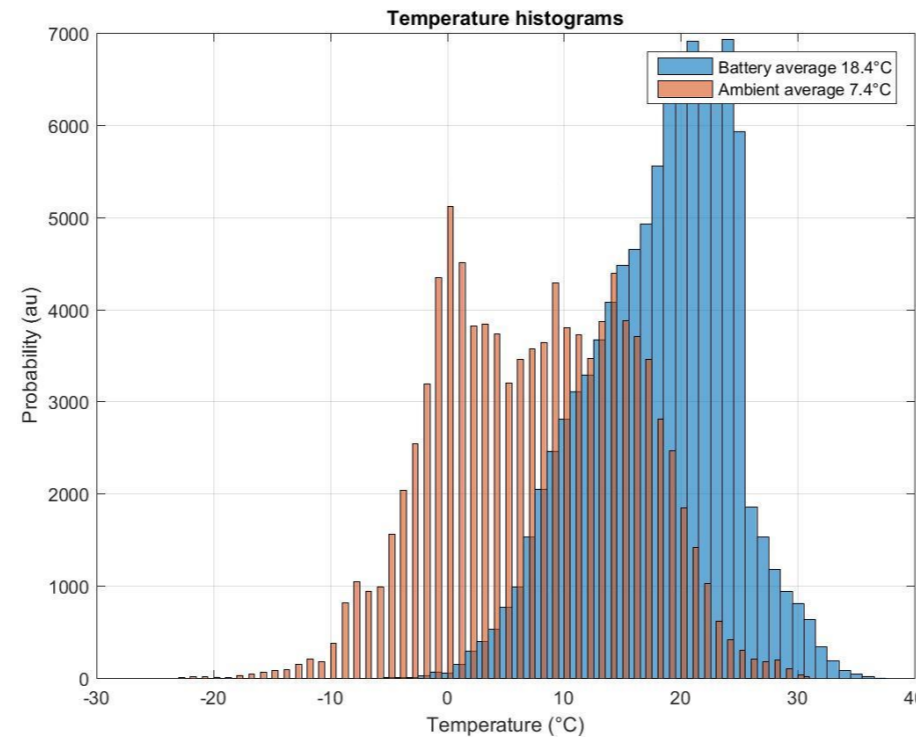
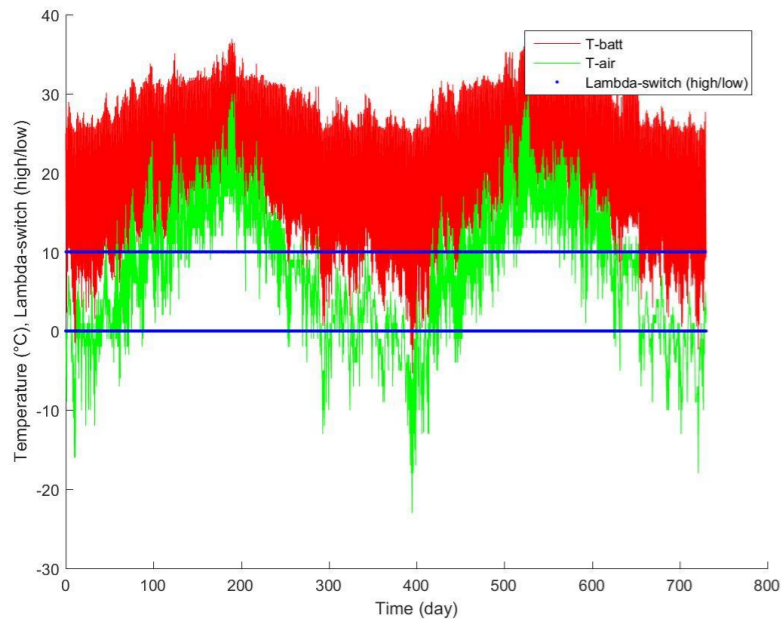
Cell / ambient temperature



Simulated scenarios



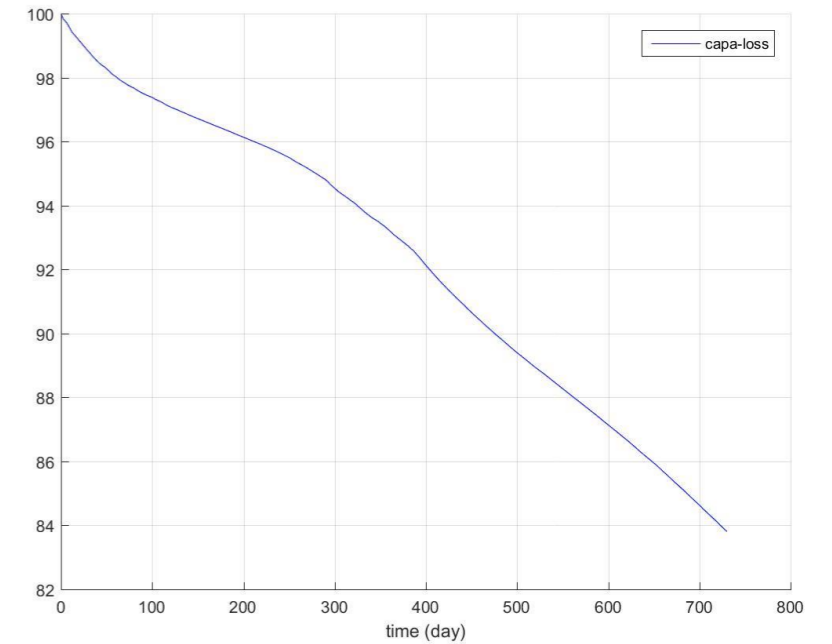
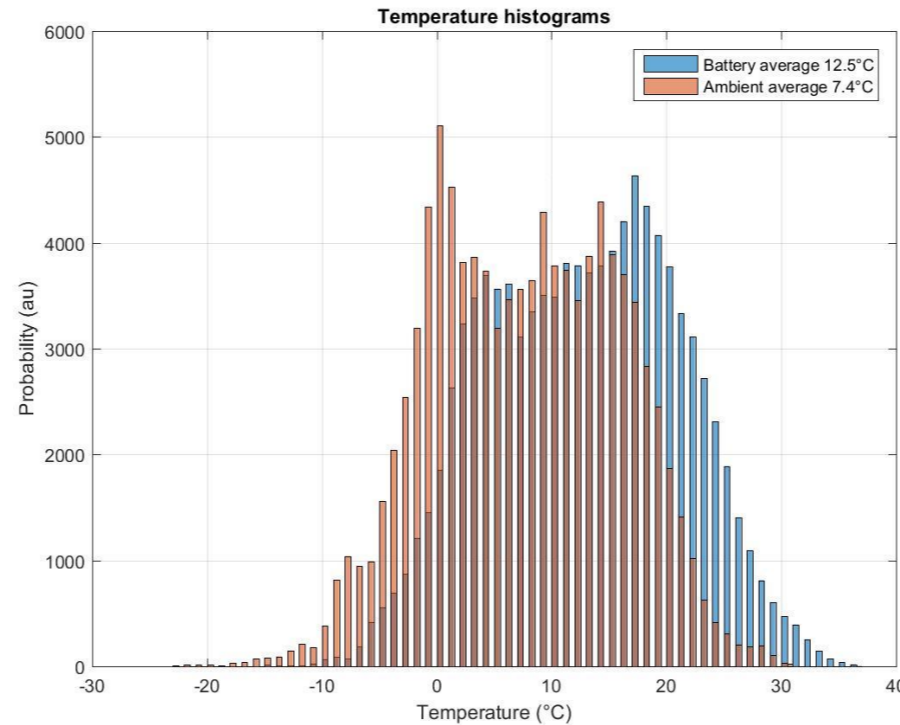
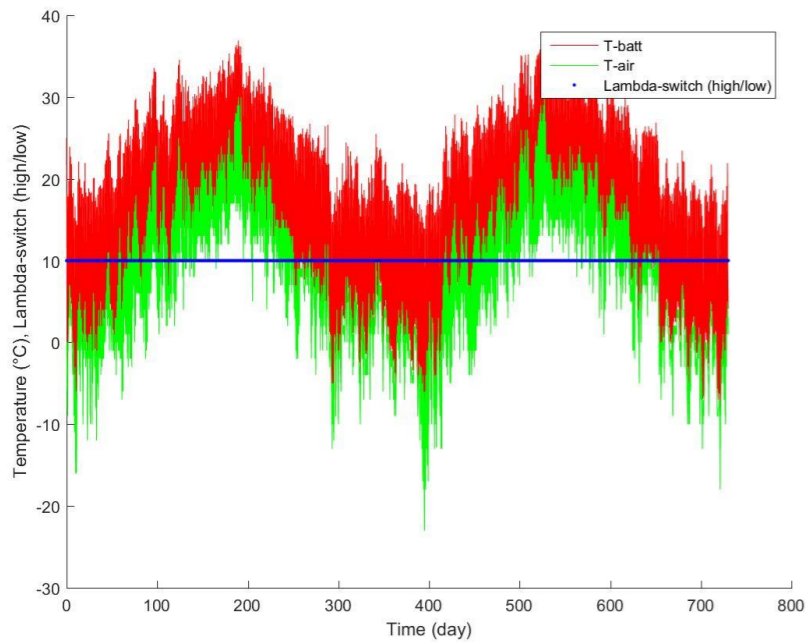
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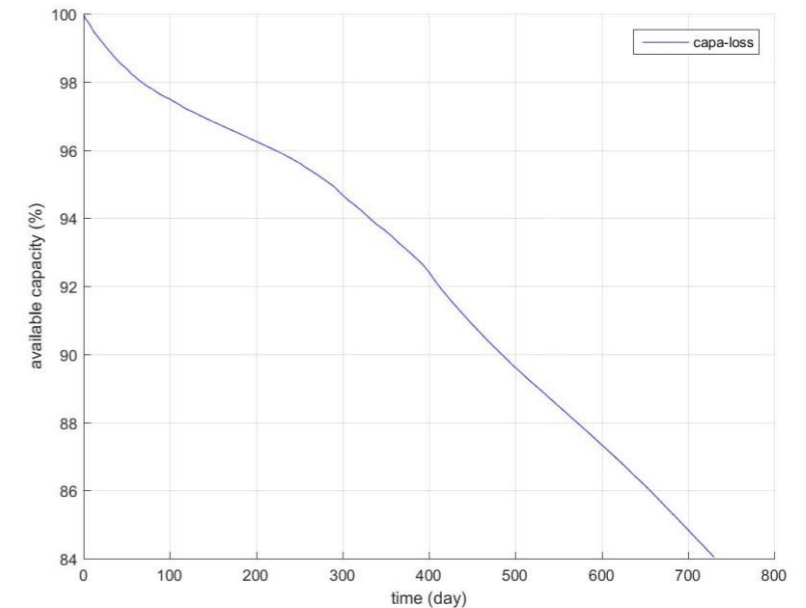
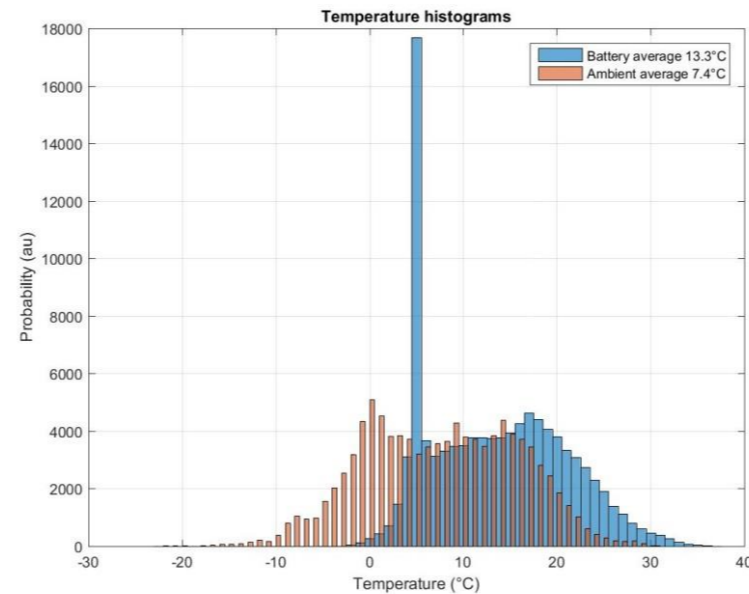
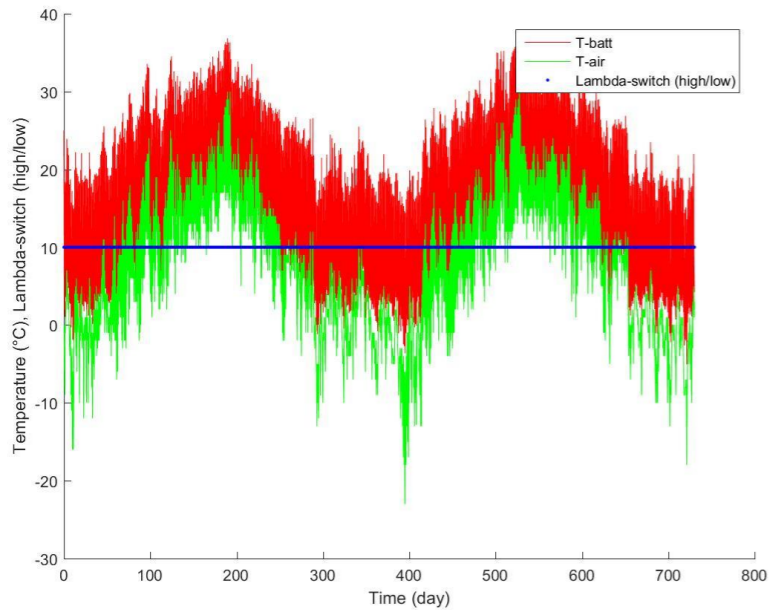


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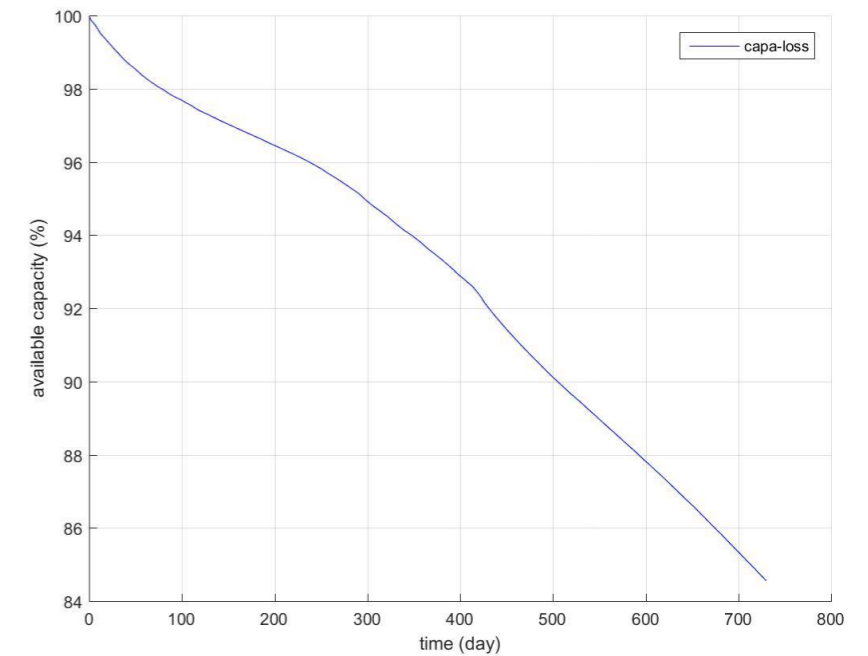
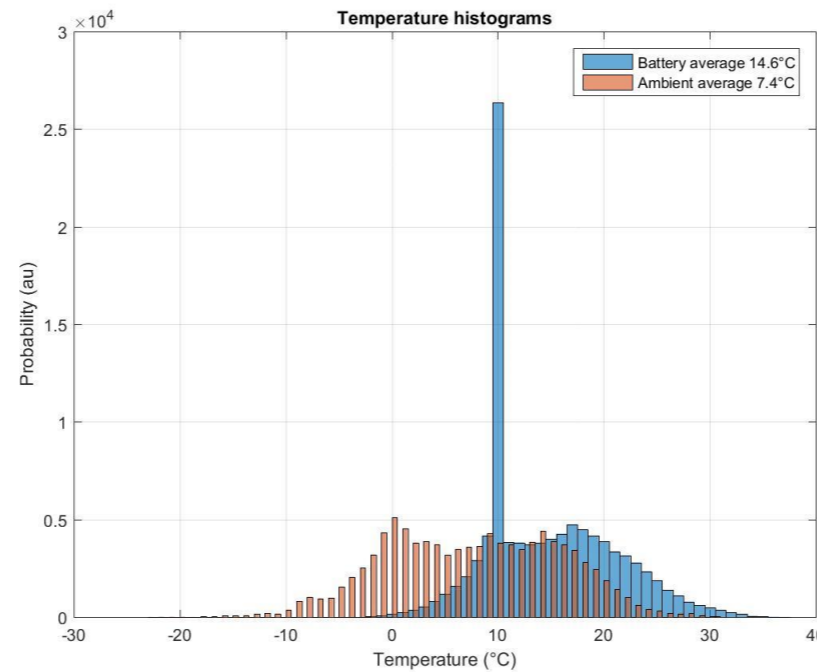
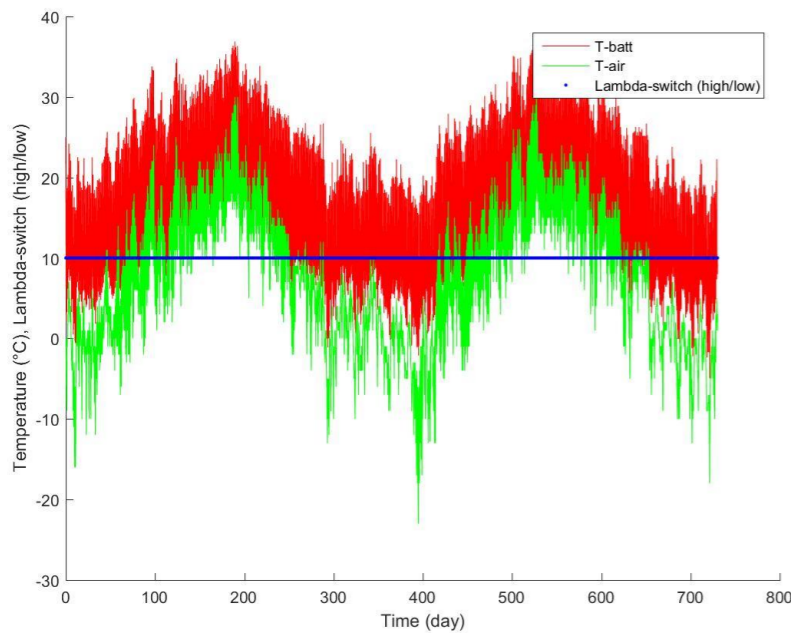
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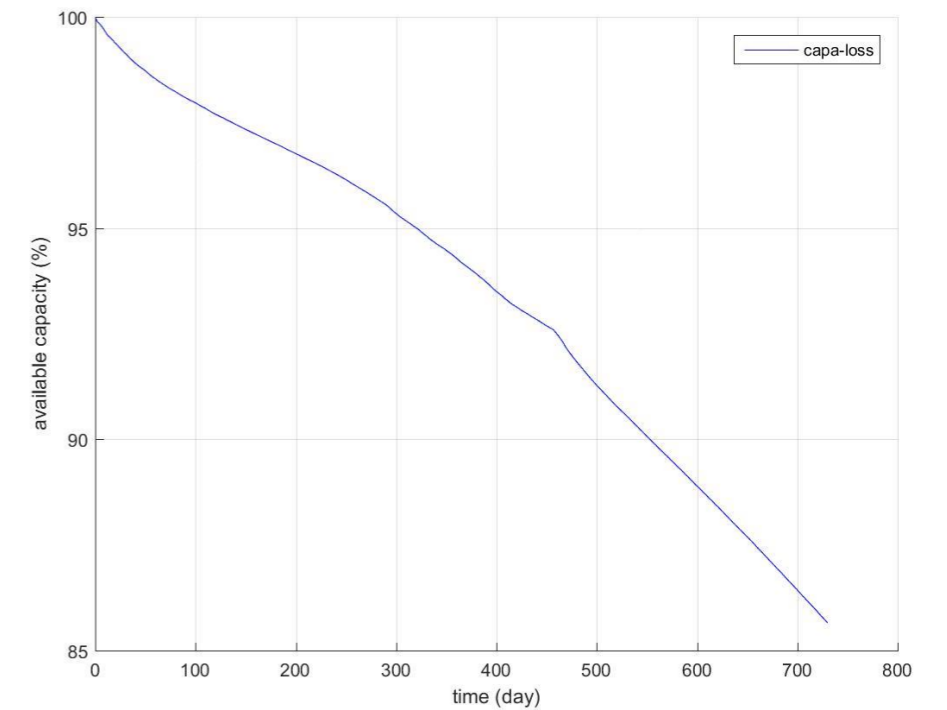
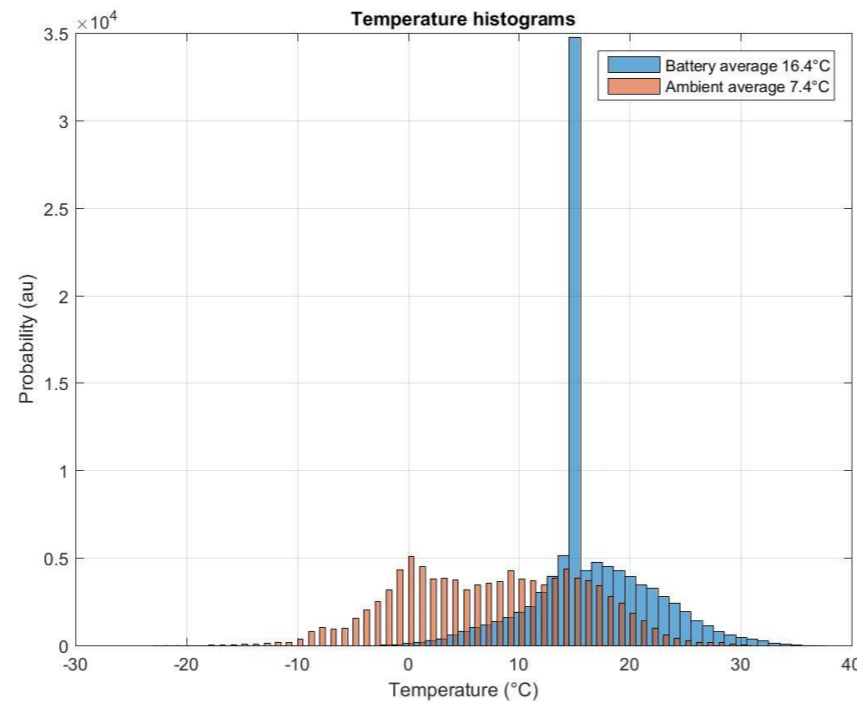
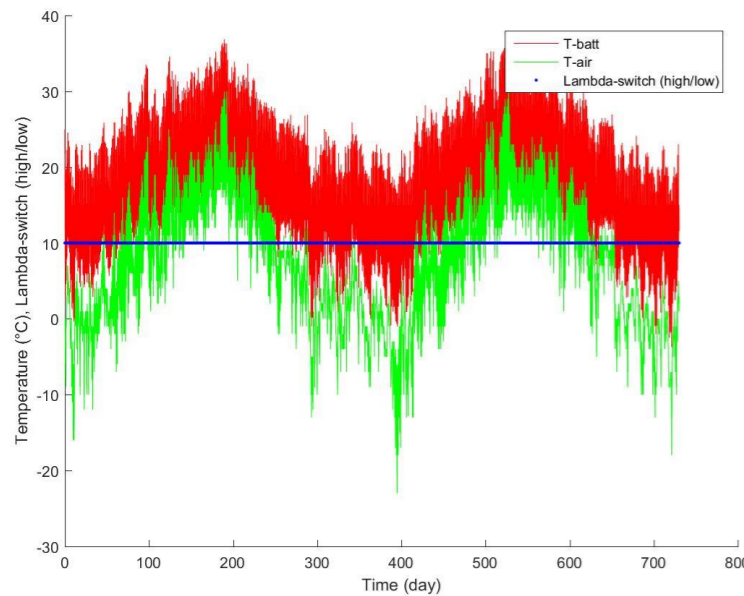
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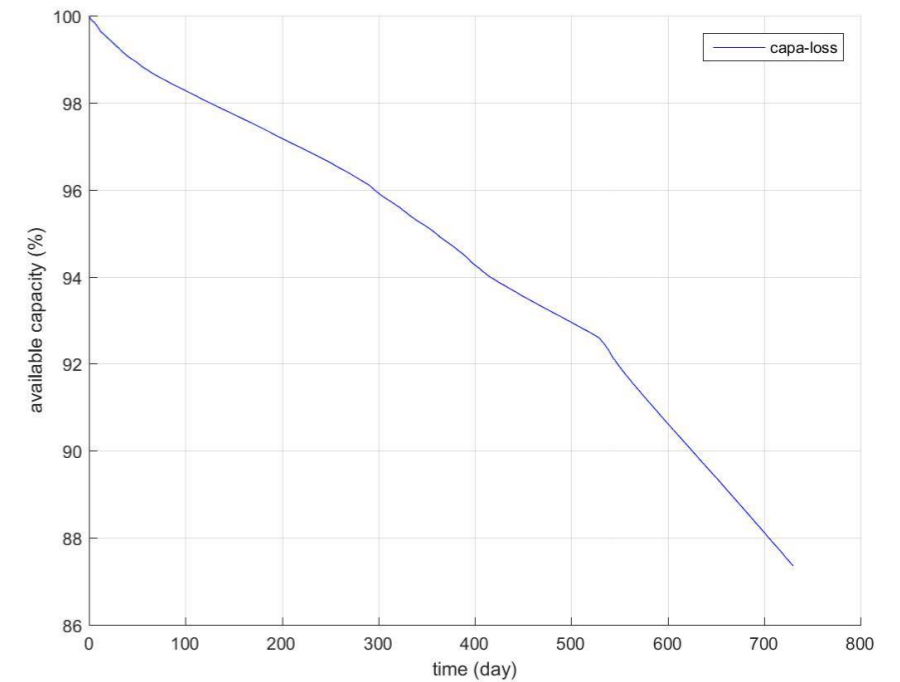
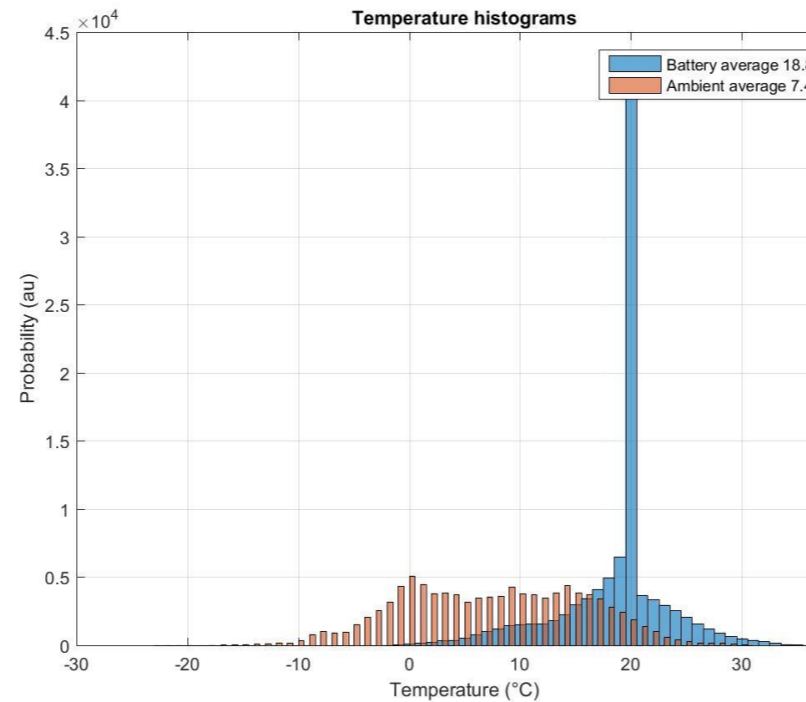
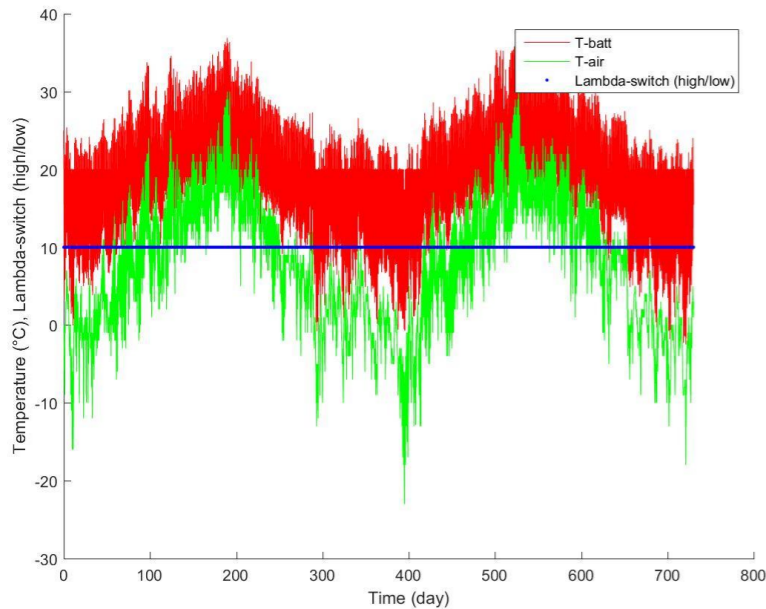
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Li-ion batteries need temperature $> 10^{\circ}\text{C}$ for fast charge

Need complicated thermal management for cold climate

Alternatives are

- **Thermal interlayer with adjustable heat conductivity**
- **Heating foil**



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