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THE SHIFT TO CLEAN ENERGY NEEDS BETTER BATTERIES NOW: We have them!

# Lithium-ion: Sustainable? Practical? Cost-efficient?

**Batteries are** 

full of very

inflammable

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GM asks Chevy Bolt EV owners not to charge overnight or park inside after 2 more fires



## **Recall will cost 2 billion US\$**











Toxic smoke 10 km away









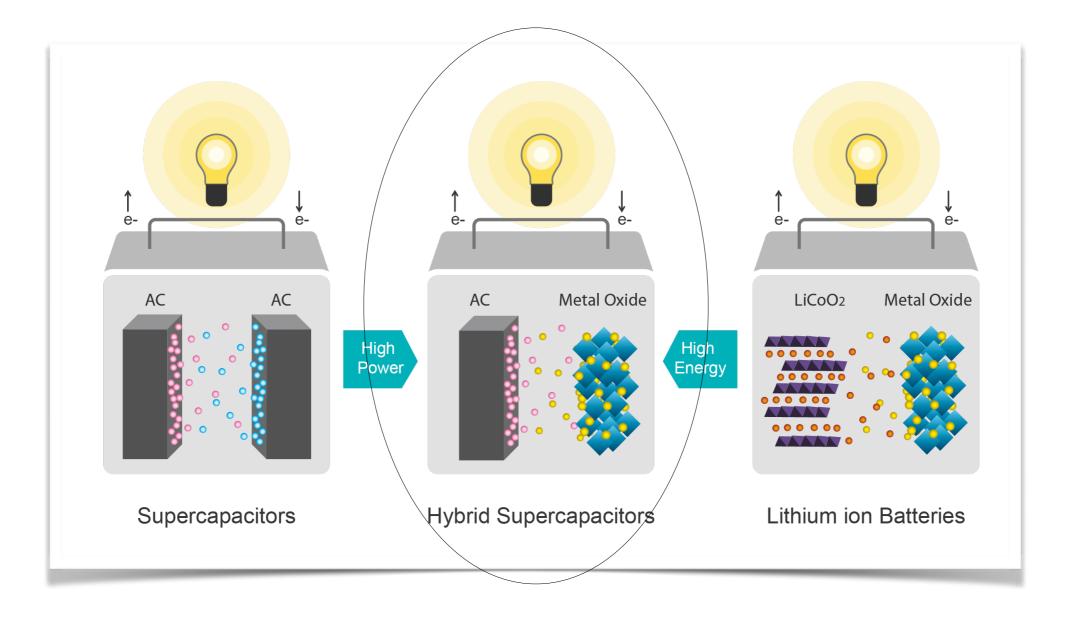
#### From smartphones to warehouses

## Our Power Capacitors are safe, and more...



# The step beyond Lithium-ion batteries

- First cells in 2018
- Unique carbon based hybrid super capacitors with energy of Li-ion
- Customer and volume production snce 2 years





# Game-changing hybrid carbon-based power capacitors A practical and sustainable battery must meet many criteria combined

Lithium-ion battery cells	Hybrid Carbon-based Power Capacitors
Fire risk	NO fire risk
Complex to use	Simple and robust; NO BMS needed
Active cooling/heating	NO need for active thermal management
Short time limited power	Sustained high power capability (up to 20x)
Energy, 60 to 80 % usable	Energy, 100% usable
Limited temperature range	Works from -40°C to +80°C
Fast charging is problematic	Fast charging in 5-10 min
Lifetime too short	1 million km or 20 years and more
Sustainable?	10 to 20X lower environmental footprint
Cost efficient	Lowest cycle life cost
Many announcements	In production since 2 years

## Kurt.energy develops and delivers batteries world-wide

# Small cells, enabling a high potential

# **CARBON BASED** POWER CAPACITORS







application

Hybrid

vehicles

Extreme temperature, lifetime and power requirements

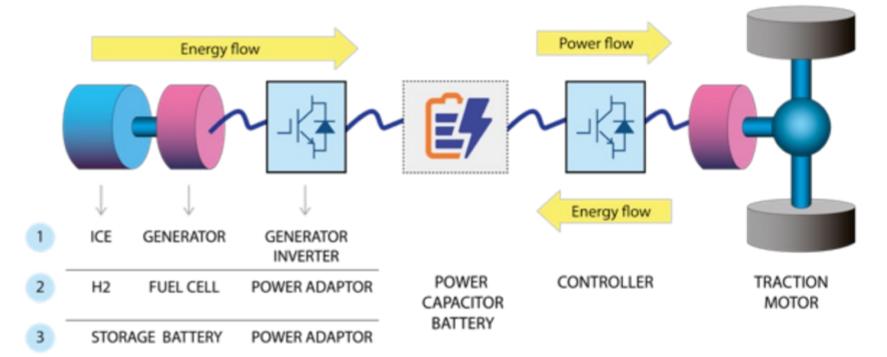


# Hybrid carbon-based power and energy capacitors



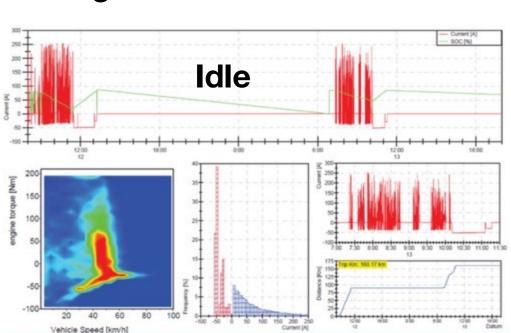


# **Power capacitor = energy + power**



# charging

regen braking



Pull-up

# Unbeatable benefits in hybrid propulsion:

- Safe (H2 fuel cells!)
- Robust
- Power (upto 20C)
- Simple: no BMS, no active cooling
- Works from -40 to +80°C
- Lifetime: upto 30 years

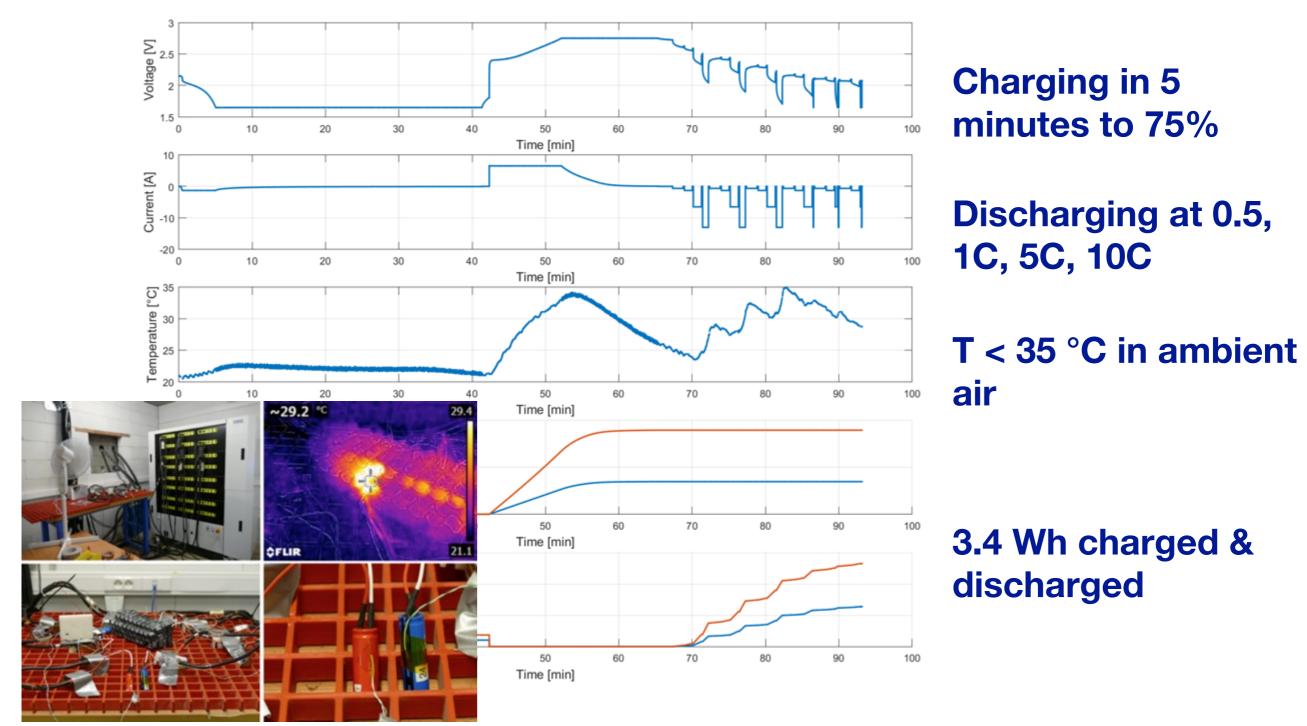
# Power needs happen in bursts: the killer for Li-ion





# **Stress and abuse tests at Flandersmake**

Test 4773 | 18650 | Cell 22 | WLTP test



Charging at 5C (6.5 A), discharging at 0.5C, 1C, 5C, 10C, simulating WLTP cycle Discharging at 2x max. C-rate (40C), overcharging, short-circuit show extreme robustness

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# From 3A to 488A on a non-cooled battery

-mV-0.1C Discharging curves 0.1C-19.5C (3A - 488A) (linear scale) mV-0,25C 3000 Wh-0,25C 2900 2800 -mV-0.5C 2700 Wh-0,5C 2600 -mV-1C 2500 Wh-1C 2400 \_\_\_\_\_mV-2C 2300 Cell\_Voltage (mV) -Wh-2C 2200 -mV-3C 2100 -Wh-3C 2000 1900 \_\_\_\_\_mV-4C 1800 -Wh-4C 1700 mV-5C 1600 -Wh-5C (IW) 1500 -mV-6C 1400 Wh-6C 1300 -mV-7C 1200 1100 Wh-7C 1000 -mV-8C 900 800 700 600 -mV-10C -Wh-10C 500 400 300 mV-18.6C 200 100 -mV-19.25C Wh-19.25C 5.000 10,000 15,000 20,000 25.000 30,000 35,000 40,000 Time (seconds)

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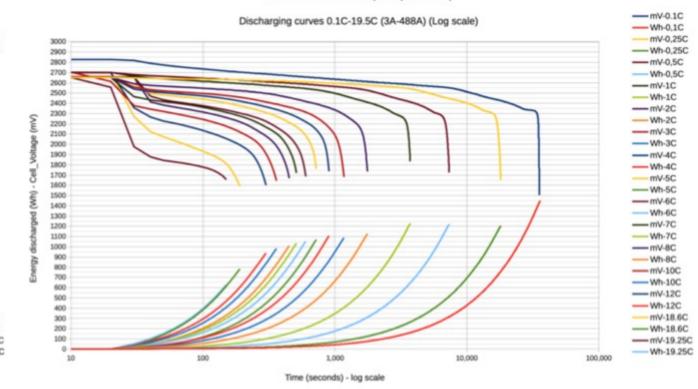
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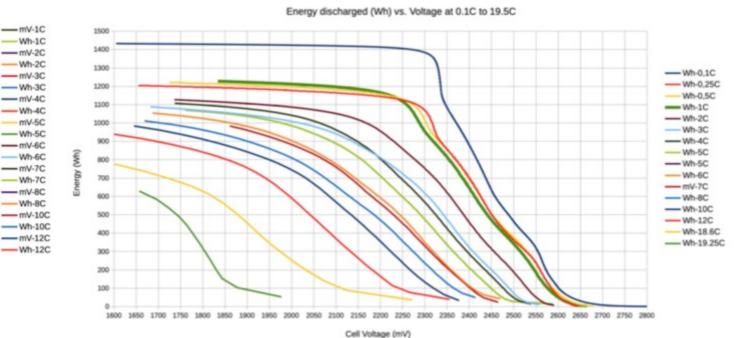


20Sx20P 18650 Powerpack (25Ah/50V)

Discharging curves 1C-12C (25A - 300A) (linear scale)

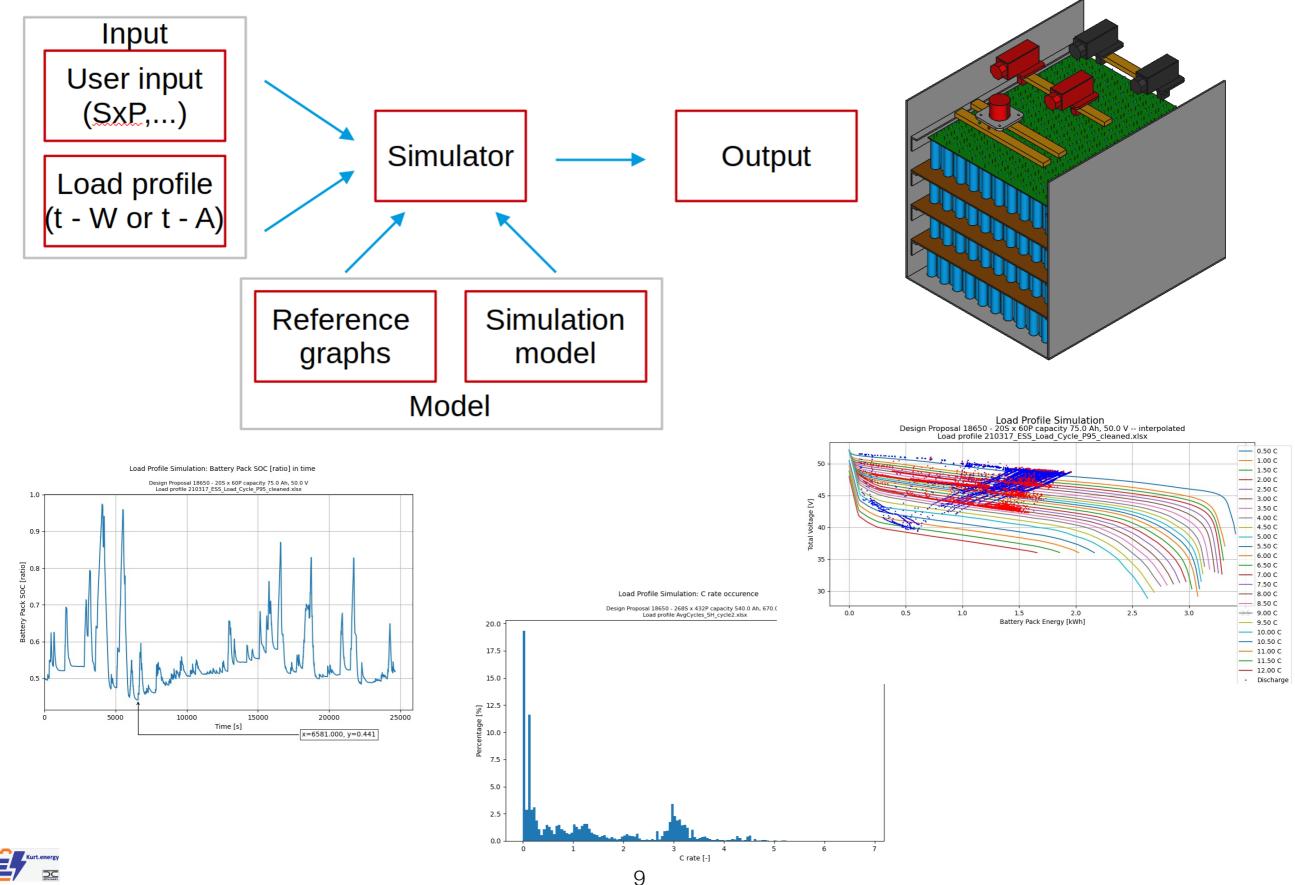
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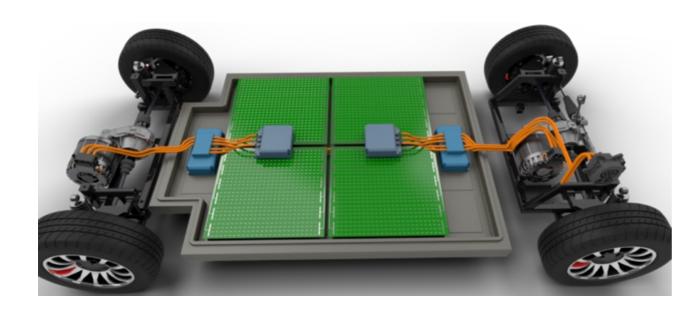
Time (seconds)

# Simulation before building: htpps://batterybuilder.kurt.energy





- Multi-Moby EU H2020 project: a novel modular and autonomous urban class e-vehicle
- Can be charged in 5 to 10 minutes



## Seal of Excellence: Recognition by external experts



Certificate delivered by the European Commission, as the institution managing Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020

> The project proposal 101009152, HybridPower Business Development and Automated Pilot Assembly Line for game changing Carbon –based Hybrid Powercapacitors

submitted under the Horizon 2020's SME Instrument (grant only and blended finance) call H2020-EIC-SMEInst-2018-2020 (H2020-EIC-SMEInst-2018-2020-4) of 19 May 2020 in the area of H2020-EIC-SMEInst-2020-4

H2020-EIC Accelerator pilot -SME Instrument - Green Deal

by ALTREONIC NV GEMEENTESTRAAT 61A BUS 1 3210 LINDEN Belgium

following evaluation by an international panel of independent experts

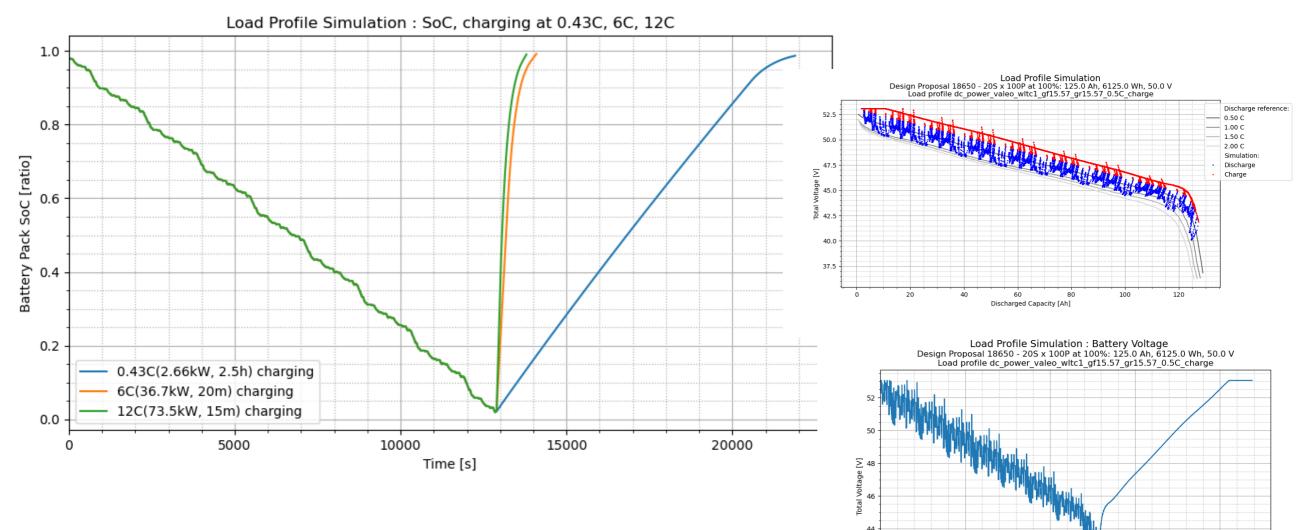
WAS SCORED AS A HIGH-QUALITY PROJECT PROPOSAL IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE <u>EVALUATION PROCESS</u>\*

This proposal is recommended for funding by other sources, since Horizon 2020 resources available for this specific Call were already allocated following a competitive ranking.



# Fast charging @ 6C after 8 WLTC1 cycles 18650: fast charging

Design Proposal 18650 - 20S x 100P: 125 Ah, 6125 Wh, 50V



- 0 75%: 5 min @ 12C, <u>8 min @ 6C</u>
- 0 100 % SoC: 2.5 hrs @0.5C, <u>20 min @ 6C</u>, 15 min @ 12C

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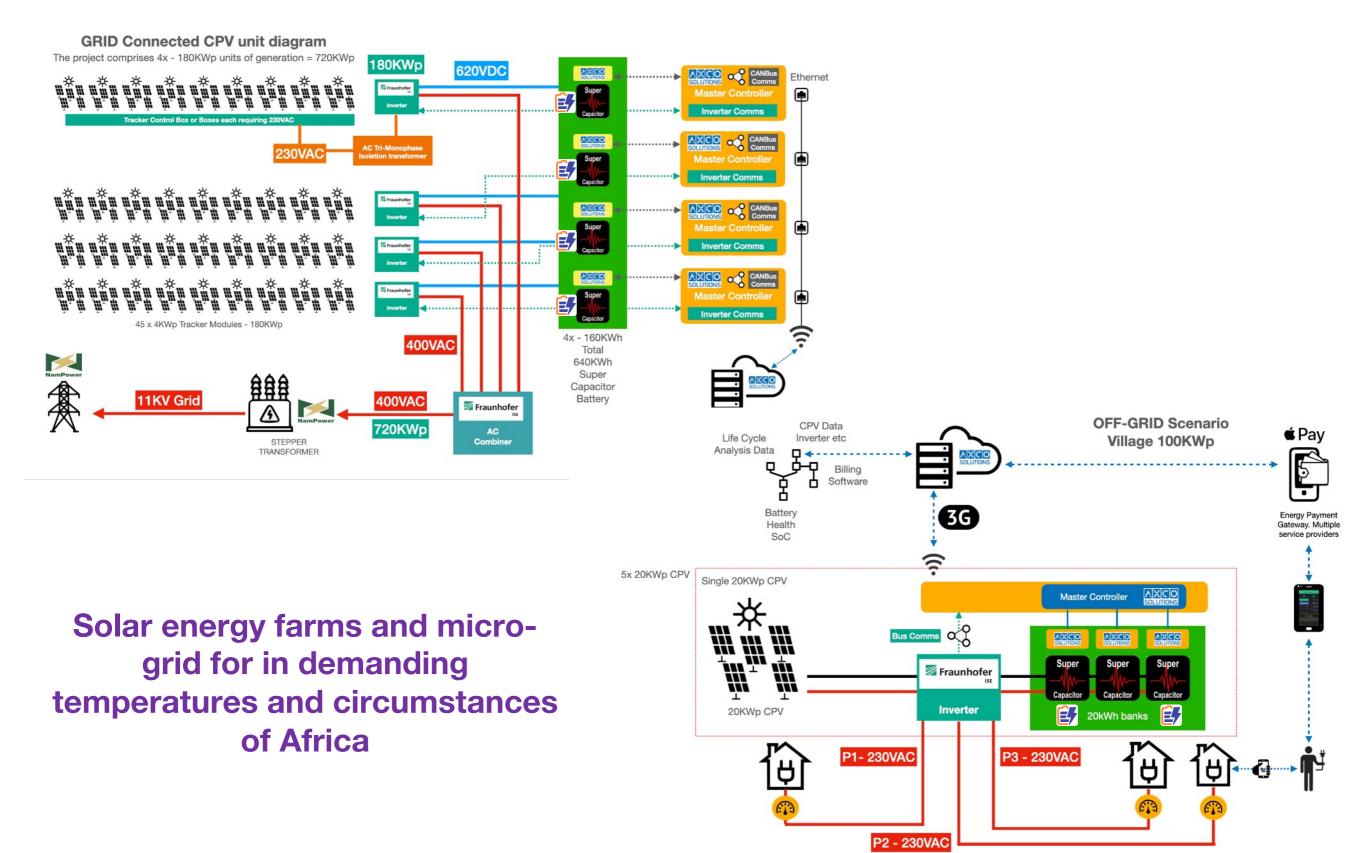
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Time [s]

15000

20000

# H2020 Green Deal project with Fraunhofer



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# **Excellent choice for hybrid energy generation**



**Use case:** 

- 250 KWh hydrogen fuel cells
- 30 kWh / 800V powercapacitor battery
- Delivers 250 kW at cold start
- Absorbs 300 kW upon load disconnect

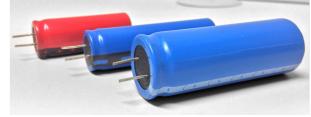
**Use with hydrogen fuel cells:** 

- Safety: no spontaneous fire risk
- Handles high power demands (e.g. cold start)
- Absorbs excess energy
- Robust: no BMS, no active cooling, 20000 cycles, zero maintenance
- Similar with ICE generators, liquid air, ... also for traction

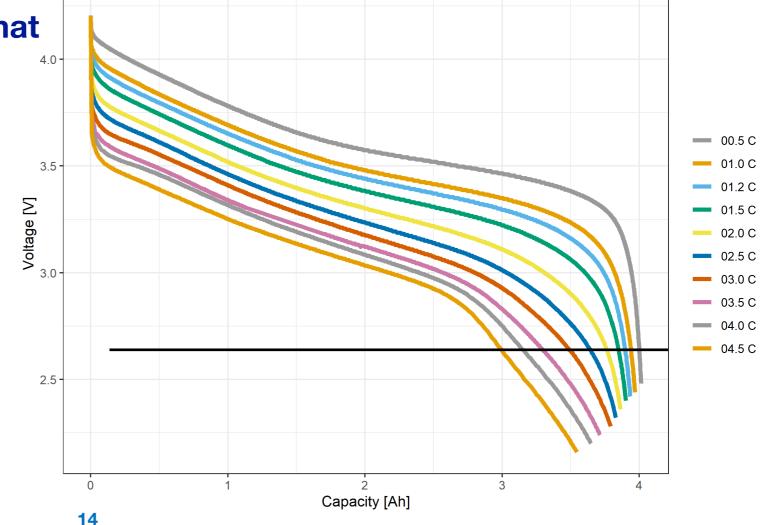


## Task 4.2 New 23680 cells

- 4V / 4 Ah 23680 cell, 1.5C / peak 4C / 200 Wh/kg / hybrid AC+NMC
- Tests done:
  - Capacity measurement @ room temperature (1C) with air circulation
  - Charging/discharging at higher C-rates
  - ESR: 13-15 mOhm
  - Temperature increase: 6.5 °C at 1.25C, 22 °C at 4C
  - Abuse test: discharging > maximum current off datasheet<sup>80G</sup>
  - Also in small pouch cell format





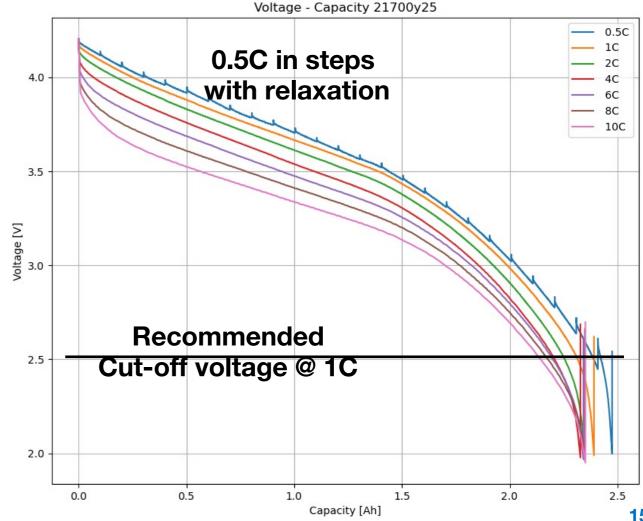


Test in ventilated room air At 22 – 25°C air temp. 41.1°C on skin at end of 10C test

# Task 4.2 New 21700 cells

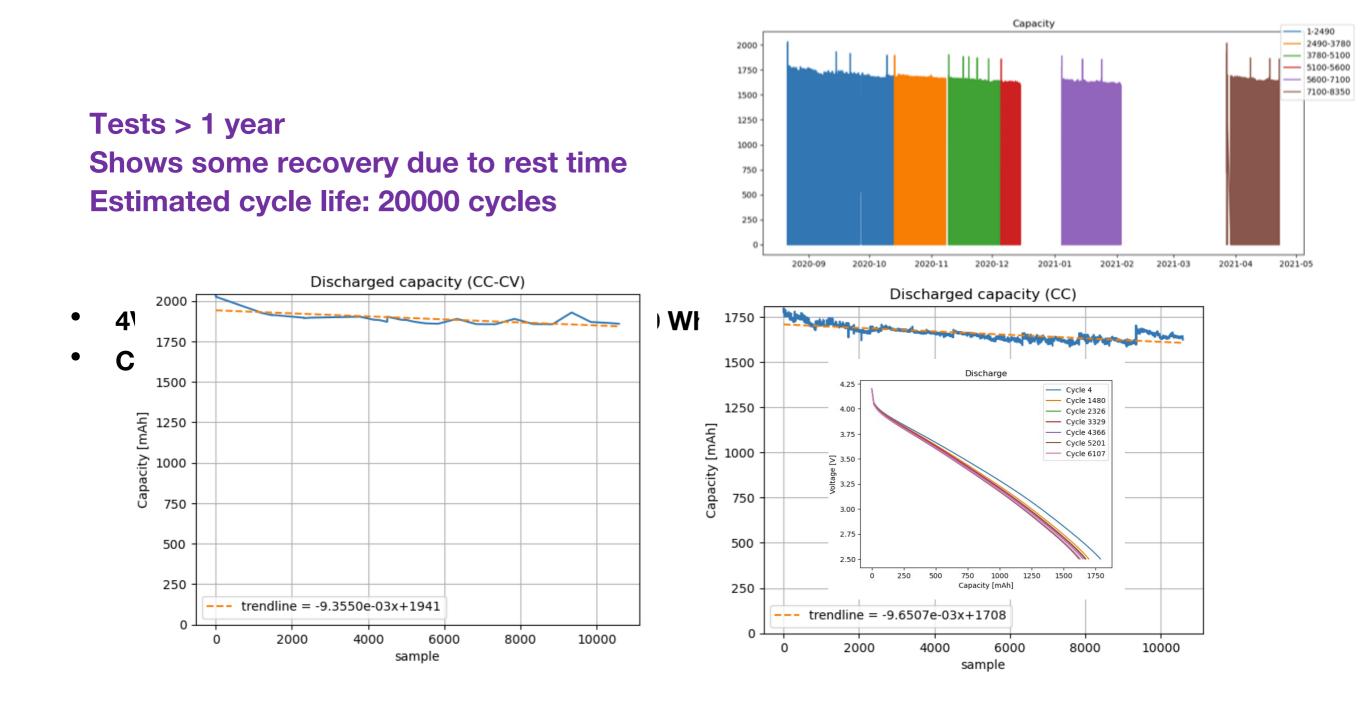
## 4V / 2.5 Ah 21700 cell, 10C / peak 14C / 140 Wh/kg - hybrid AC+NMC **Tests done:**

- **Capacity measurement @ room temperature (1C)**
- **Charging/discharging at higher C-rates**
- ESR: 8 10 mOhm •
- Temperature increase: 6.5 °C at 1.25C, 22 °C at 4C
- Abuse test: discharging > maximum curent on datasheet
- Hard short-circuit test: pass

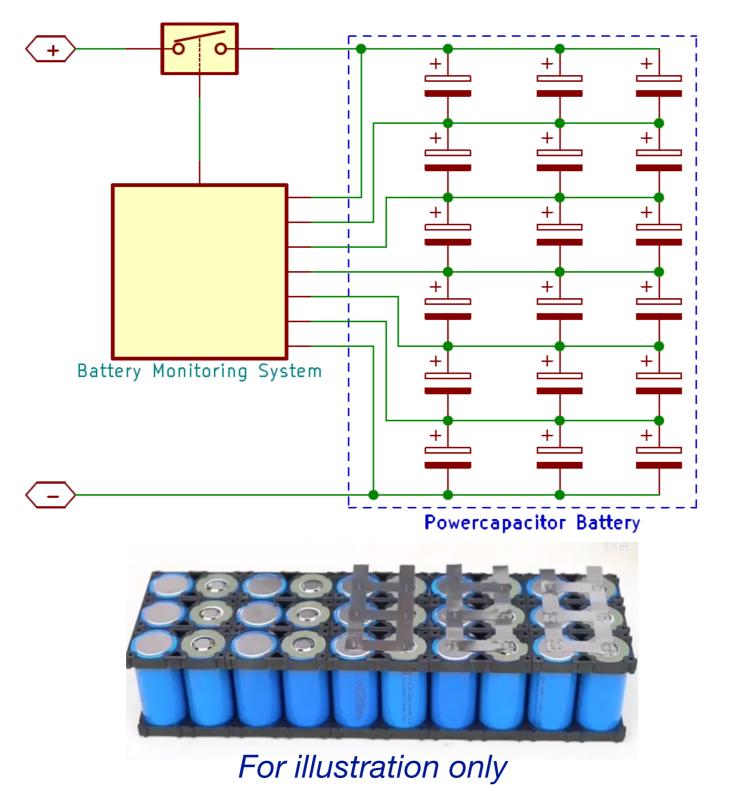




## Task 4.2 New 21700 cells cycle life testing



# **Battery construction**



- Parallel first, then serial at module level
- BMS (active balancing) optional
- Battery Monitoring sufficient
- Paralel modules only at battery level to increase capacity
- Heat aborbing silicon gel inside







Kurt.energy develops customer-specific power capacitor batteries Our customers get trust and a sustainable investment

# **Process flow for customer specific solutions**

# **1.** Requirements collection:

- Understanding the application and the system
- Understanding the boundary conditions

# **2.** Feasibility study:

- Selecting powercapacitor cell types
- Initial battery configuration: (S xP), multi-module, ...
- **3.** Load profile simulations
  - Beginning of Life End of Life
  - Calendar lifetime calculations
- 4. CAD design
  - Enclosure, safety devices, etc.
- **5.** Assembly and test

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