# Multi-physical characterization and simulation of battery cells for predicting abuse scenarios

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#### **Testing and Identification**



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# Generation of abuse simulation models of a single battery cell using LS Dyna





#### **Multiphysics of battery cells**





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## Modeling approaches in LS DYNA

	Solid layer model	Tshell model	Batmac model
Keyword	*EM_RANDLES_SOLID	*EM_RANDLES_TSHELL	*EM_RANDLES_BATMAC
Characteristics	<ul> <li>+ Analysis of the different layers is possible</li> <li>- Computational effort</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>+ Benefical modeling of thin cells</li> <li>- Behavior of the layers can not be analyzed in detail</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hodeling with respect to mechanical and thermal problem</li> <li>Behavior of the layers can not be analyzed</li> </ul>



## **Electrical modelling and characterization**

electrical behavior is covered by a circuit model





parameter as well as the OCV-SOC curve are identified from the 4a HPPC test



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### Characteristic of the abuse of a battery cell

Course of voltage and temperature because of overheating



- Characteristic points and effects:
  - **Internal short circuit:** drop of the voltage
  - **Exothermic reaction**: spontaneous increase of the temperature

#### Abuse simulation of a single cell

Modeling of the internal short circuit and the exothermal reaction





# Abuse testing and simulation of a single battery cell



#### **Overheat test of a single battery cell**

- Overheating of a fully charged 18650 battery cell (Panasonic NCR18650B) at the bottom
- Measurement of the temperature at the cell as well as in the chamber with 6 thermocouples
- Measurement of the voltage





**Overheat test of a single battery cell** 

## 18650 battery cell

# fully charged overheating at bottom

#### **Overheat test of a single battery cell**





## **Overheat test of a single battery cell** Experimental results





## **Overheat test of a single battery cell** Comparison of experimental and simulative data



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# Application of a single cell model within the simulation of multi-cell mockups



## Mockup with equal distances Experimental investigation

- Thermal runaway of the center cell induced by heating with a heating wire
- Temperature and voltage measurement at each cell
- Video recording with high-speed camera





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Mockup with equal distances Experimental investigation

# Mock-up with seven 18650 battery cells

## equal distances



## Mockup with equal distances Experimental investigation





## **Mockup with equal distances** Experimental investigation – behavior of all cells





\*Thermocouple at cell 6 was broken within the test

## **Mockup with equal distances** Experimental investigation – behavior of all cells





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## **Mockup with equal distances** Experimental investigation – behavior of cell 1 and 2





## Mockup with equal distances Simulation results





 $\cdot$  experiment — simulation

## **Mockup with different distances** Experimental investigation

- Thermal runaway of the center cell induced by heating with a heating wire
- Temperature and voltage measurement at each cell
- Video recording with high-speed camera







Mockup with different distances Experimental investigation

## Mock-up with seven 18650 battery cells

# different distances



## **Mockup with different distances** Experimental investigation – behavior of all cells







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Mockup with different distances Simulation results





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## **Conclusion and outlook**



#### Conclusion



## Outlook

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- Automatic identification of the parameters required for the resulting FE model
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