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## The end of range anxiety thanks to fast charging and immersion cooling in BEVs

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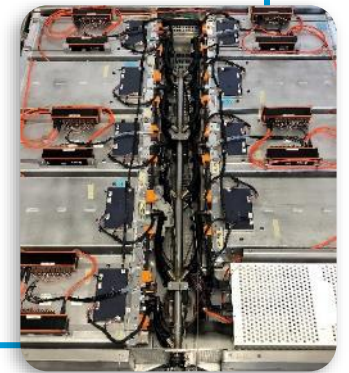
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- An expert in **advanced thermal systems**
- Worldwide customer database (35% in France)
- Awarded by **11 customers: OEMs, fluid makers and cell makers** for advanced engineering on batteries and heat pumps
- Engineering on:
  - | Component simulation & design
  - | Prototyping
  - | Tests & model calibration



- Sells & manufactures immersion-cooled battery packs
- Markets:
  - Racing
  - Premium cars
  - Mass market (licensing)



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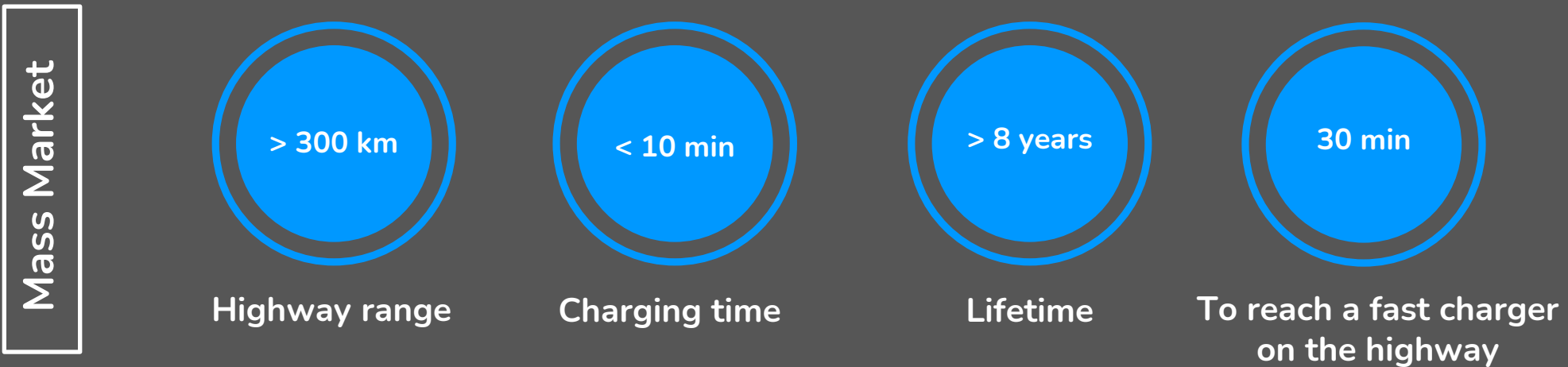
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Industrialization

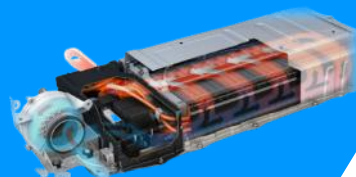


Narrowing the user experience gap between fossil fuel vehicles and BEVs is key  
Improved battery thermal management is one of the keys



### Air-cooled

- Simple and easy to implement
- Low heat transfer
- Low compactness



### Water/Glycol



- Most common nowadays
- More compact and better efficiency than air
- Simplified vehicle thermal system with one-fluid-for-all



- High heat-transfer and cooler
- Difficult to apply to large batteries
- No preheating mode

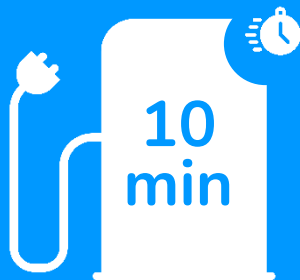
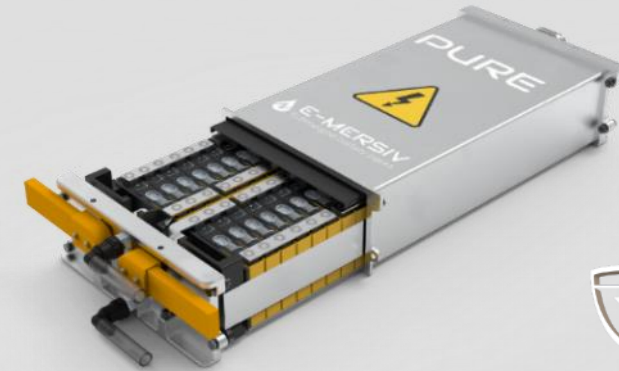
### Refrigerant



## Immersion cooling technology

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- 🔥 Direct cooling of cells & busbars
- 🔥 No fire propagation
- 🔥 Ultra fast charging enabled for BEVs
- 🔥 High C-Rates for HEVs
- 🔥 Already in use on motorsport and high-performance supercars



Charging Time



Power to Energy ratio

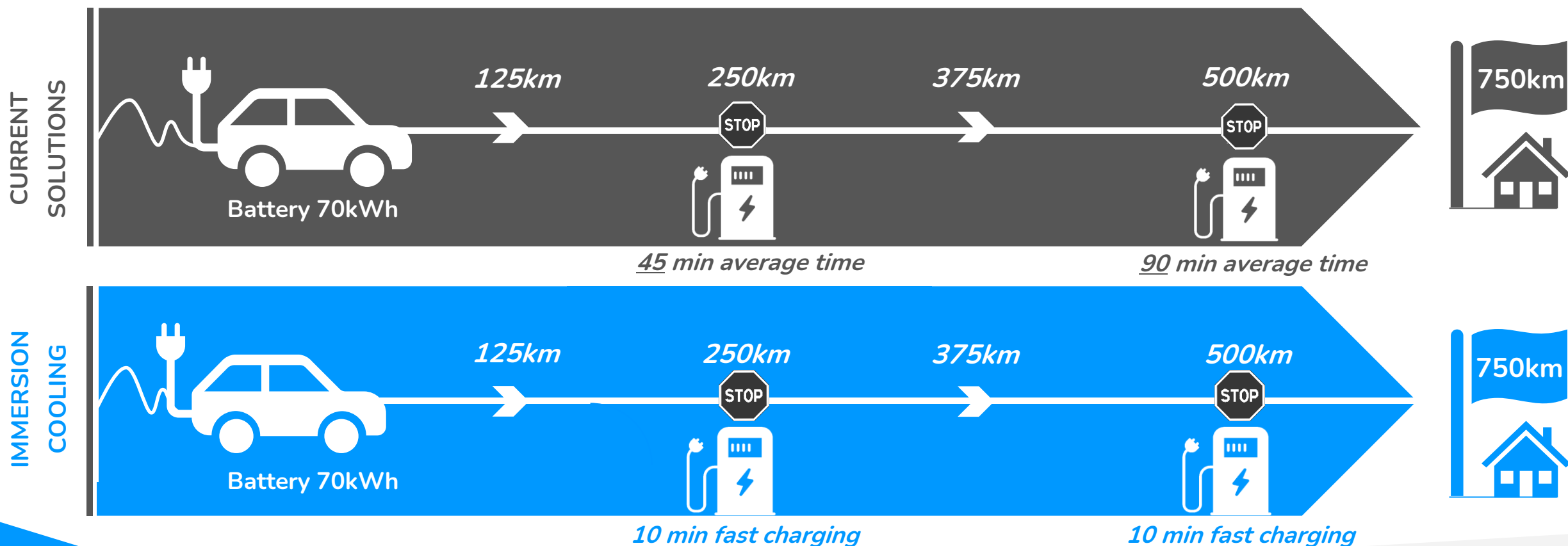


Safety

**SAFER**  
For end customer

## No more range anxiety on highways with immersion

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**10 minutes break every 2 hours of driving**

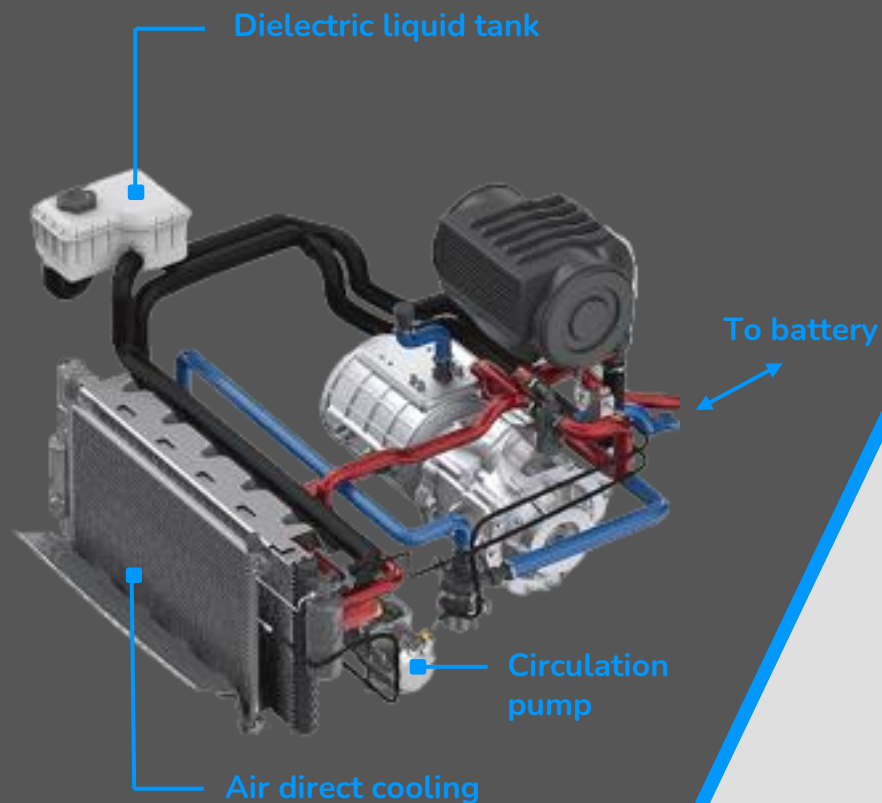
How does the technology work ?



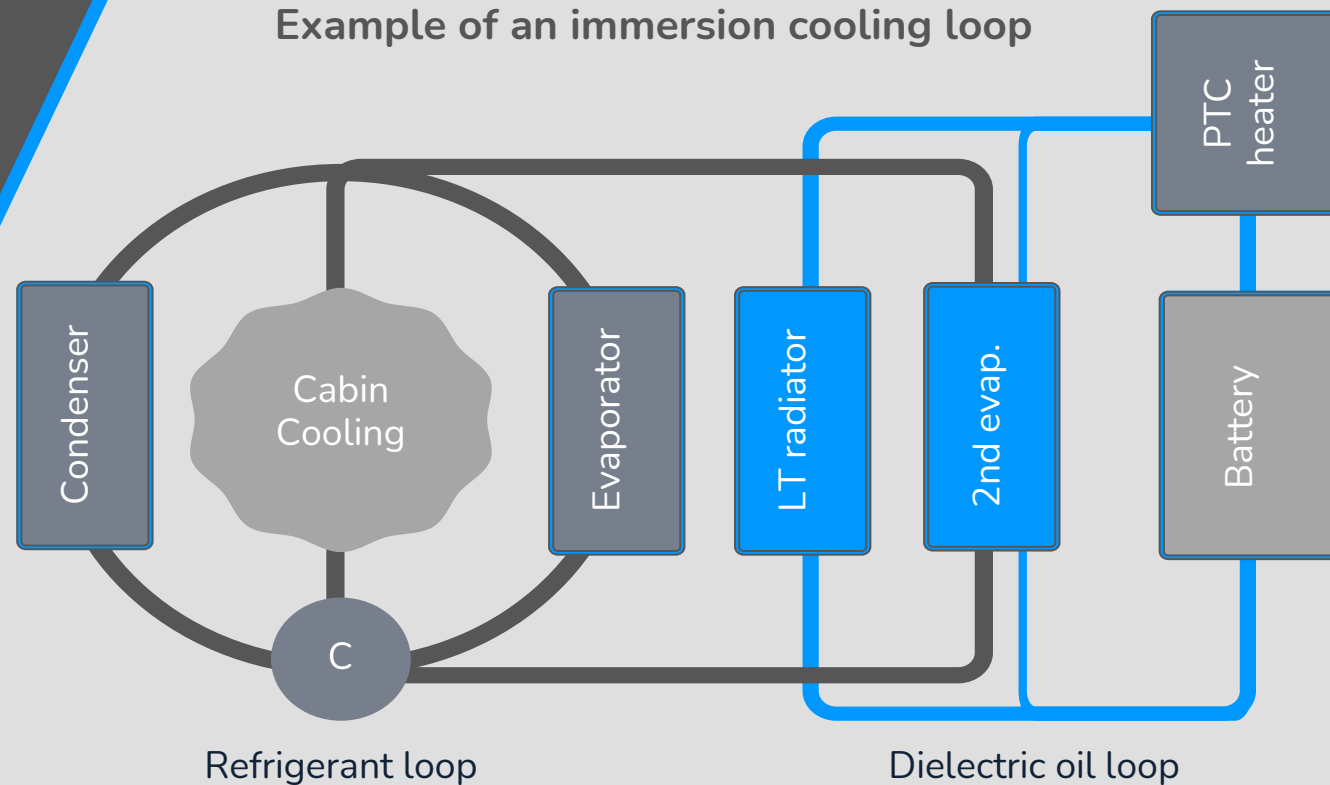
# How Does Immersion Cooling Work?

At vehicle level

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Example of an immersion cooling loop

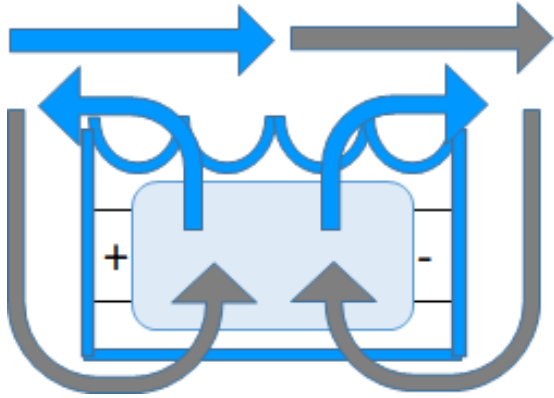




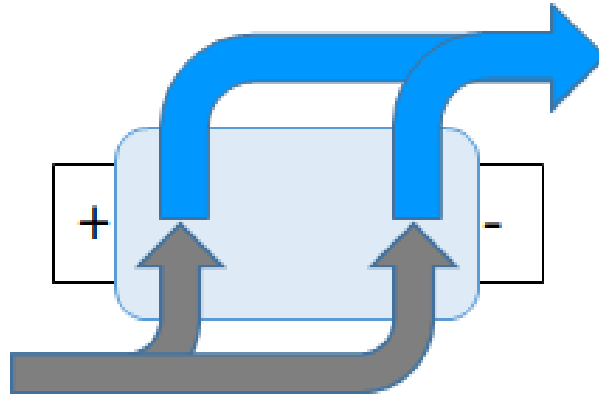
## How Does Immersion Cooling Work?

At battery level

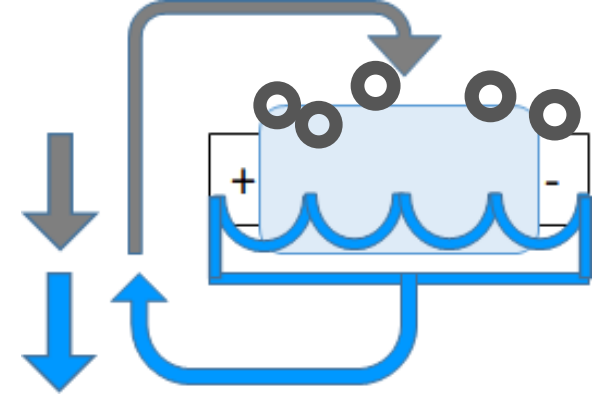
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Static bath



Full immersion



Spray / Jet cooling

Technology selection based on:

Cost

Weight

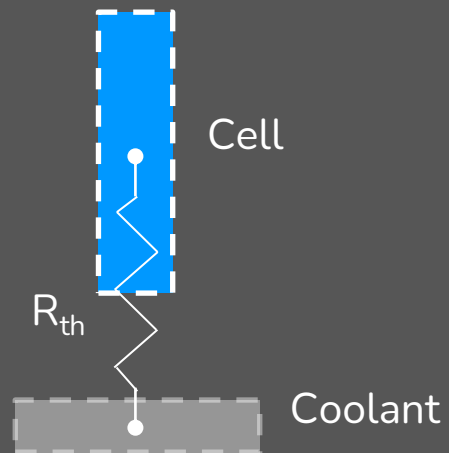
Safety level

System performances

Cell to pack vs modular

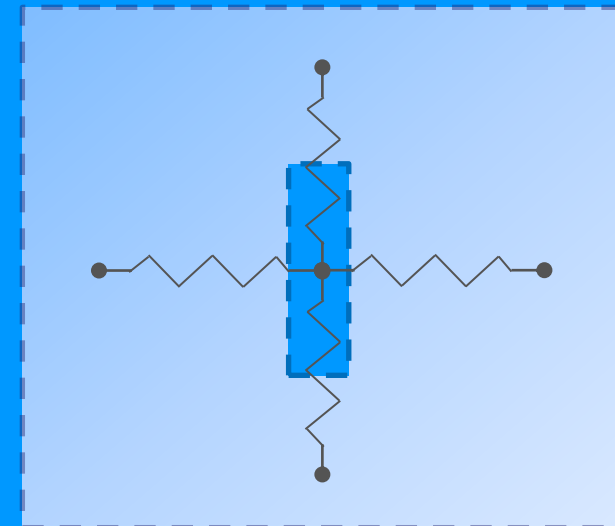
Immersion reduces the battery thermal resistance for better cooling:

### Cold plate cooling



Thermal resistance typ.  $>0.8 \text{ K/W}^*$   
& busbar not cooled

### Full immersion cooling



Thermal resistance typ.  $<0.2 \text{ K/W}^*$   
& hot spots cooling

Immersion cooling is 2 to 5x better than cold plates

\*: Calculated on prismatic cell – PHEV2 format

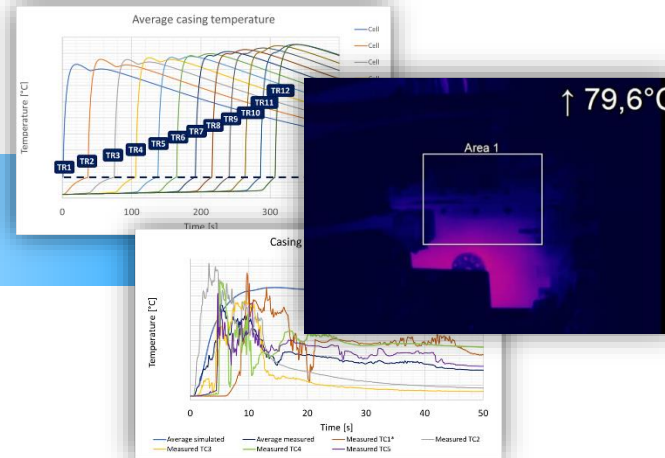
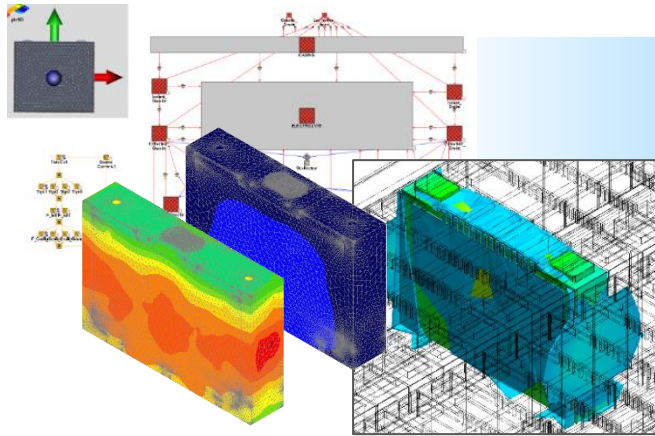
Our experience developing robust immersion-cooled  
modules and battery packs



We correlate all our models for increased fidelity and maturity from early concept stages

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## Modelling Capabilities



## Testing Capabilities

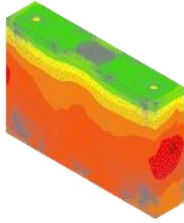


Proprietary correlated Model Based Development combined with comprehensive testing capabilities to support accelerated xEV Thermal Management Systems development from Advanced Engineering to SOP

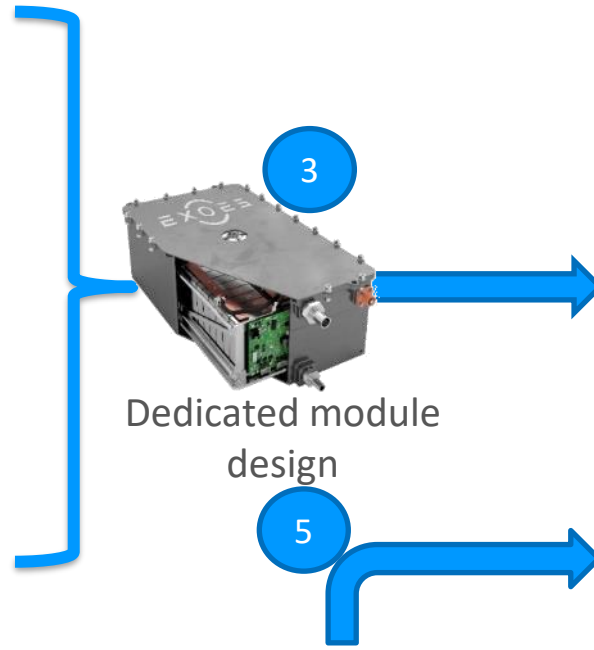
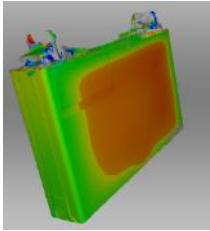
# Development process

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1 Thermohydraulic assessment (0D, 1D, 3D CFD)



2 Swelling and internal stress (FEA)



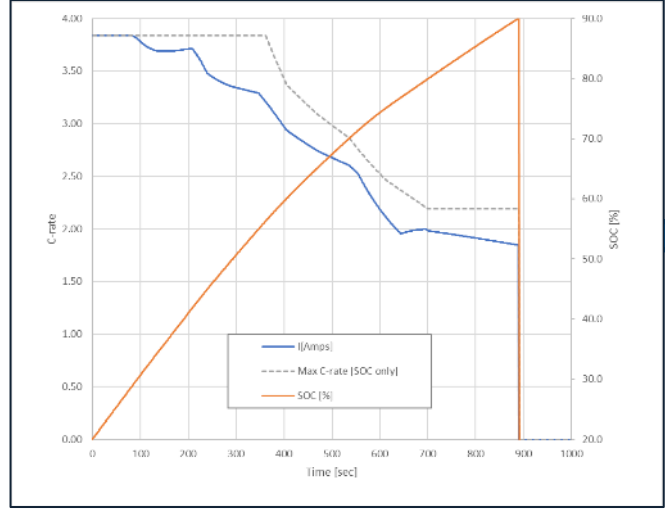
4 Physical model of anode potential



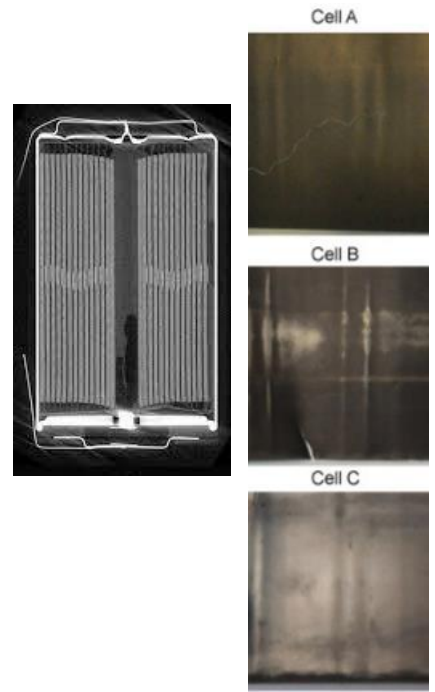
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30	14	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35	37	39	41	43	45	47	49	51	53
35	15	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54
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BMS integration

6 Actual tests  
Performance / Aging / Abuse / Vibration



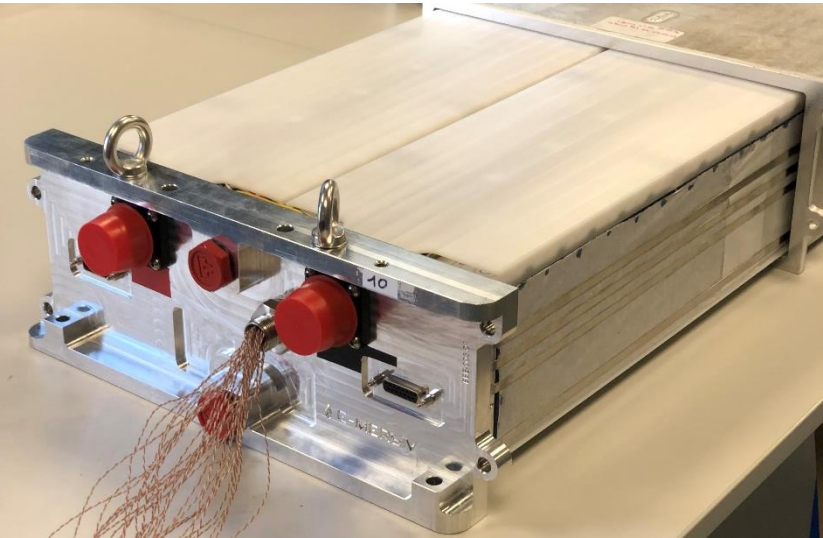
7 Validation w/  
Swelling/Plating analysis  
after X fast-charging cycles





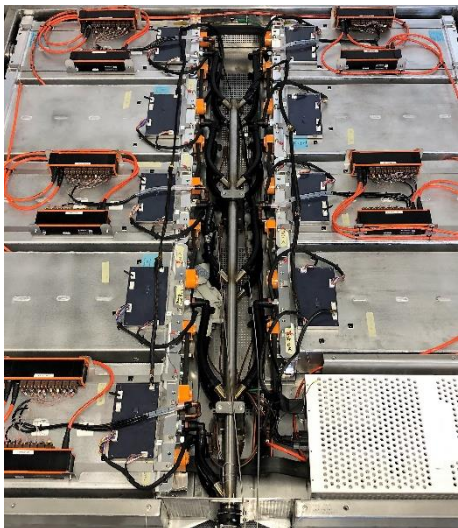
## Our last battery pack design

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a module made  
of 36x NMC  
prismatic cells  
(3p12s)

A ruggedized product  
to supply the specialty vehicle markets



a 60kWh battery  
made of 9x  
modules

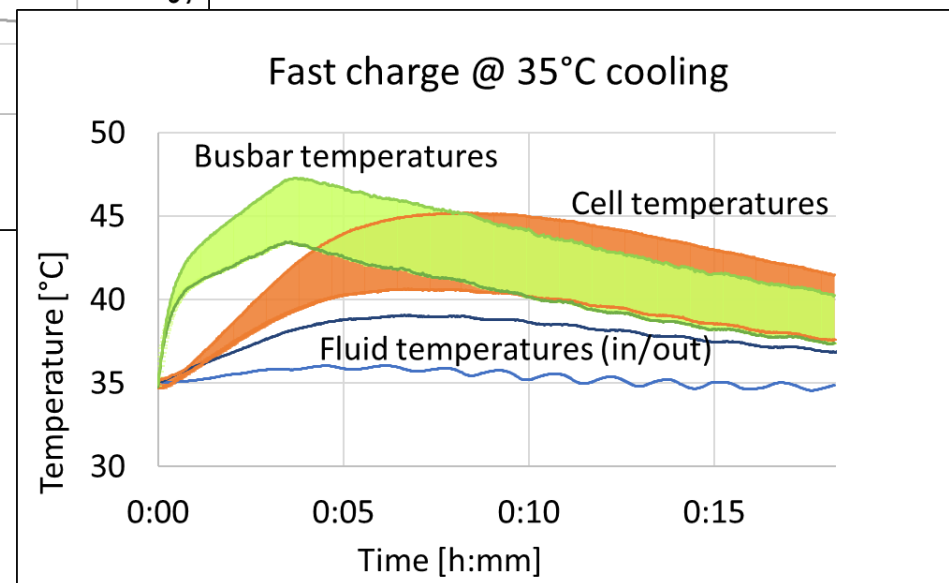
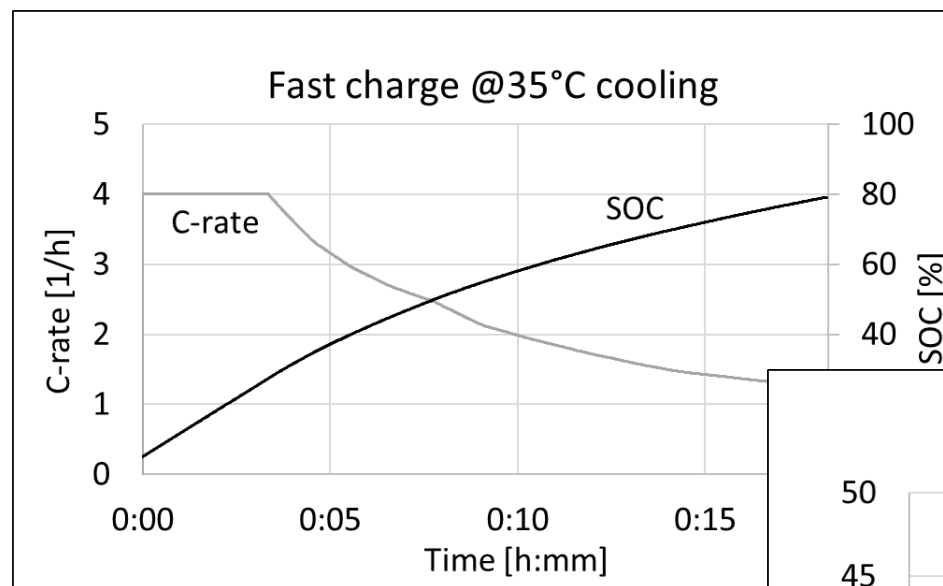


## Test Conditions

- ⚡ Charge 5 to 80%
- ⚡ Initial temperature 35°C
- ⚡ Cooling at 0.3L/min/cell
- ⚡ Cooling at 35°C

## Results

- ⚡ Max cell temp. <45°C (max cell limit is 55°C)
- ⚡ Max  $\Delta T$  on cells <5K
- ⚡ Average C-rate = 2.5C
- ⚡ Peak C-rate = 4C



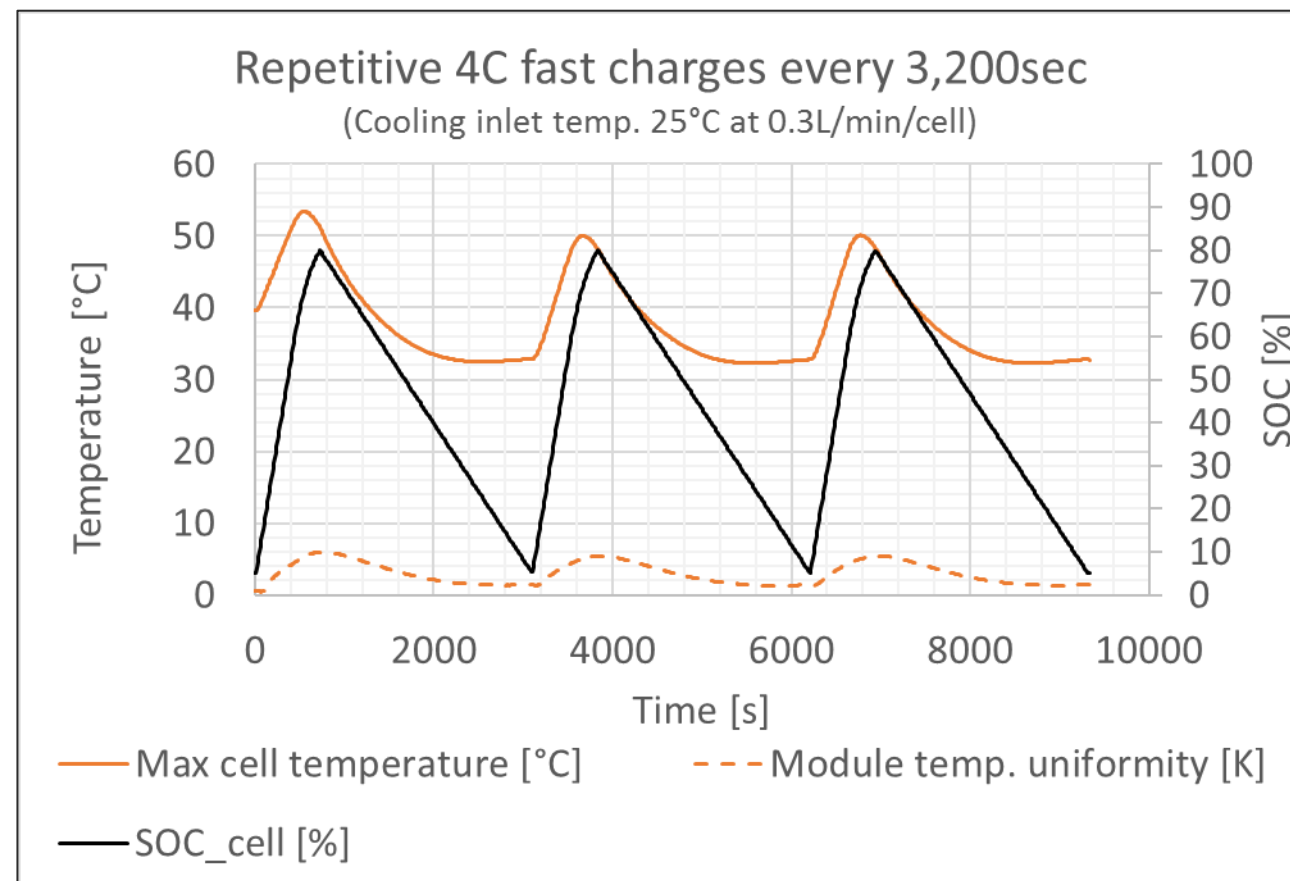
➤➤➤ 4C peak charge accessible:  
➤➤➤ From 5 to 80%SOC in 18min30sec (Average 2.5C)

## Test Conditions

- ⚡ 4C charge from 5 to 80%
- ⚡ Followed by 1C discharge
- ⚡ Cooling at 0.3L/min/cell
- ⚡ Cooling at 25°C

## Results

- ⚡ Max cell temp. <55°C (max cell limit is 55°C)
- ⚡ Max  $\Delta T$  on cells <6K
- ⚡ No derating !



»»» Repetition of 4C charges accessible  
»»» Back to initial state in less than 30min



## Feasibility of racing cycle

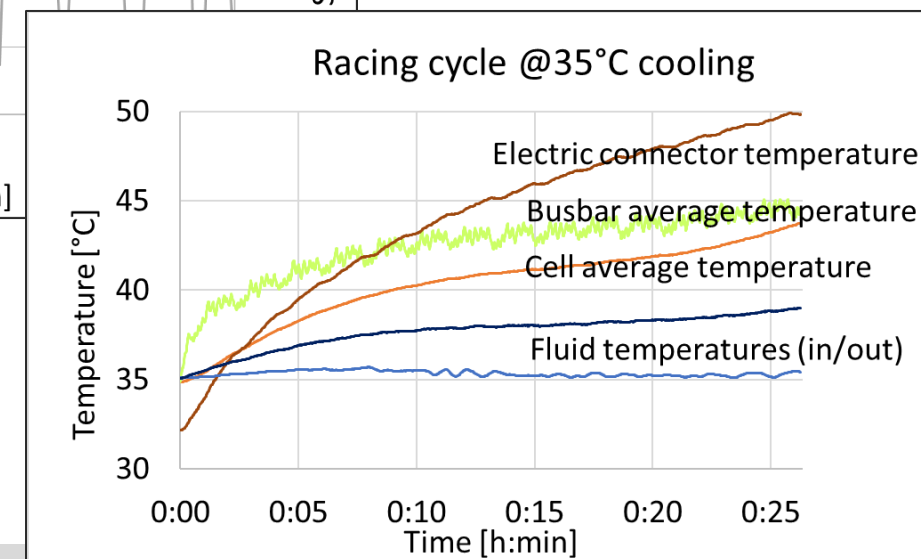
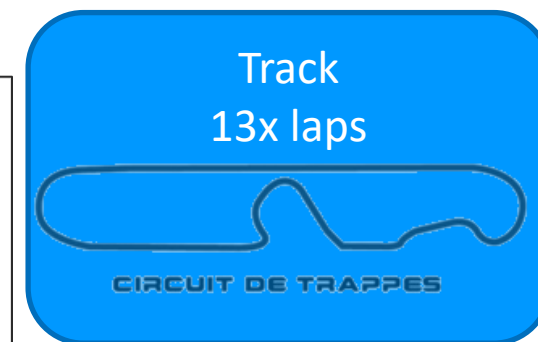
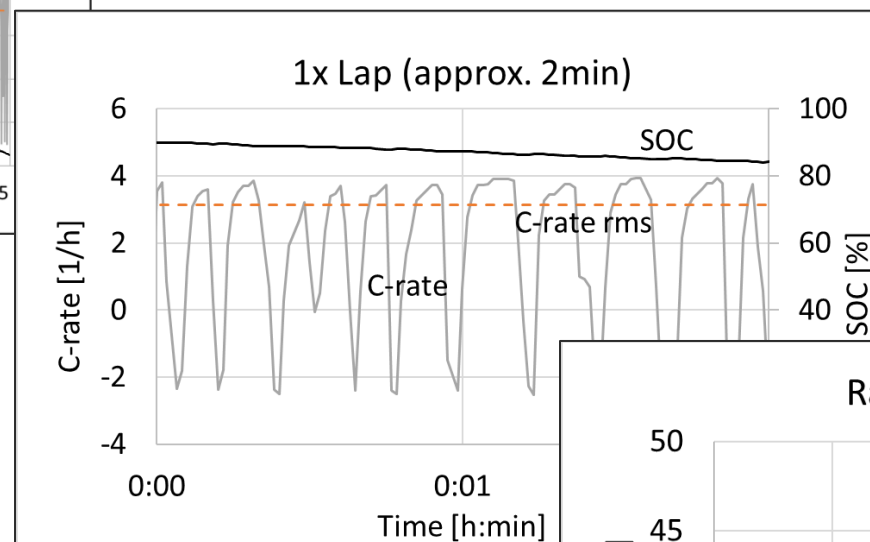
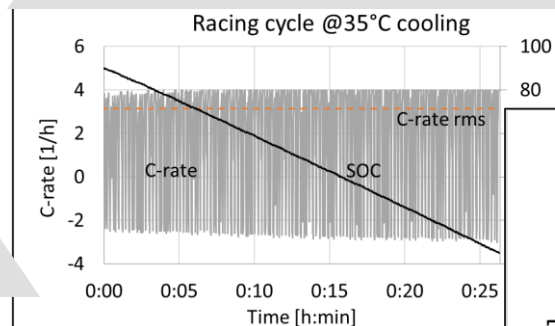
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### Test Conditions

- ⚡ Racing cycle from 90% to 5% SOC
- ⚡ Vehicle 950kg / 240kW / 60kWh
- ⚡ Initial temperature 35°C
- ⚡ Cooling at 0.3L/min/cell
- ⚡ Cooling at 35°C

### Results

- ⚡ Max cell temp. <45°C (max cell limit is 55°C)
- ⚡ Max  $\Delta T$  on cells <5.5K
- ⚡ Average C-rate = 3.1C
- ⚡ Peak C-rate = 4C



»»» 4C peak discharge and charge possible  
»»» Average 3.1Crms from 90 to 5% SOC

Data courtesy of **MOTUL**

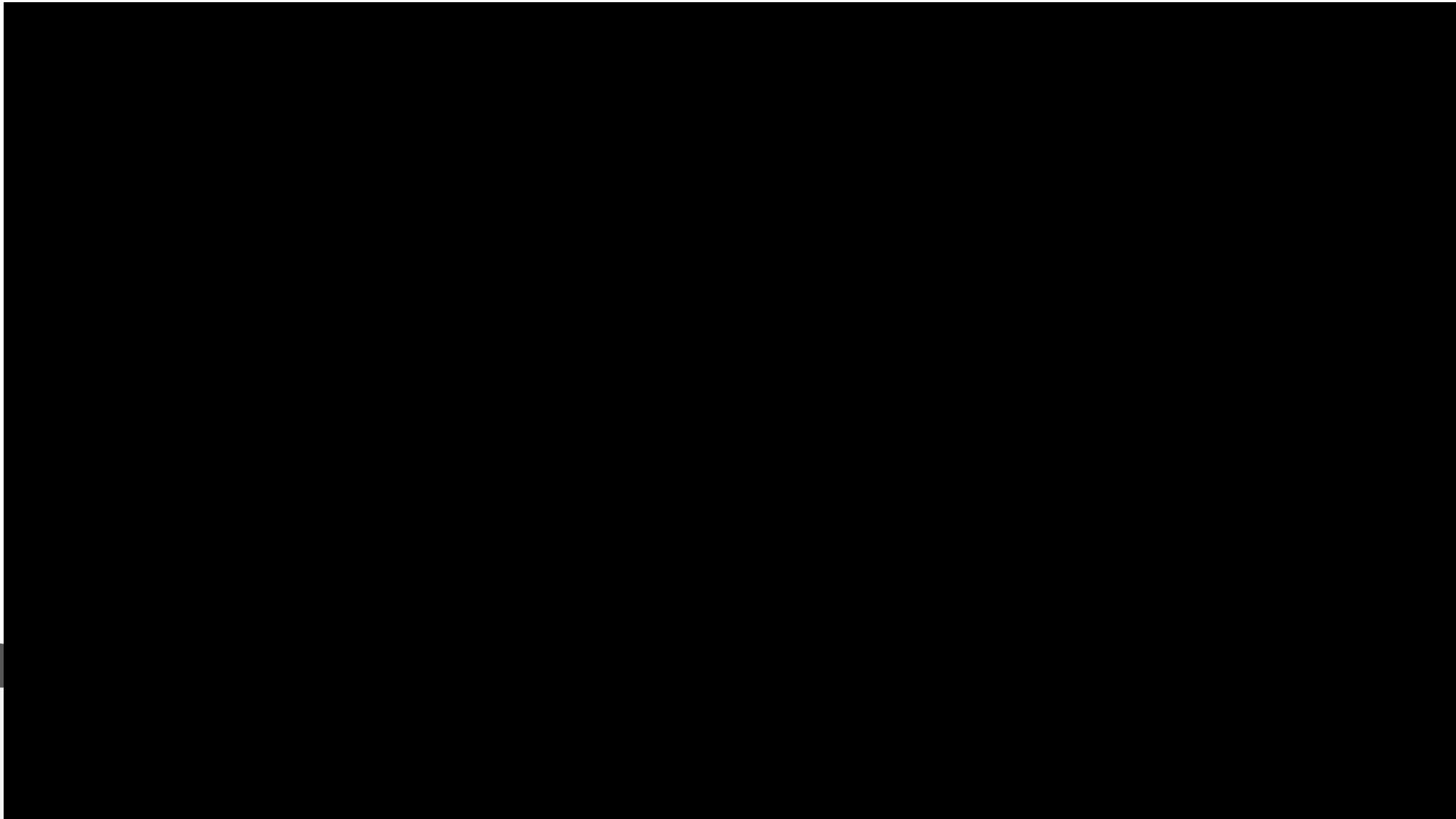
## Nail Penetration Test (NPT)

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## VIDEO - Nail Penetration Test (NPT)

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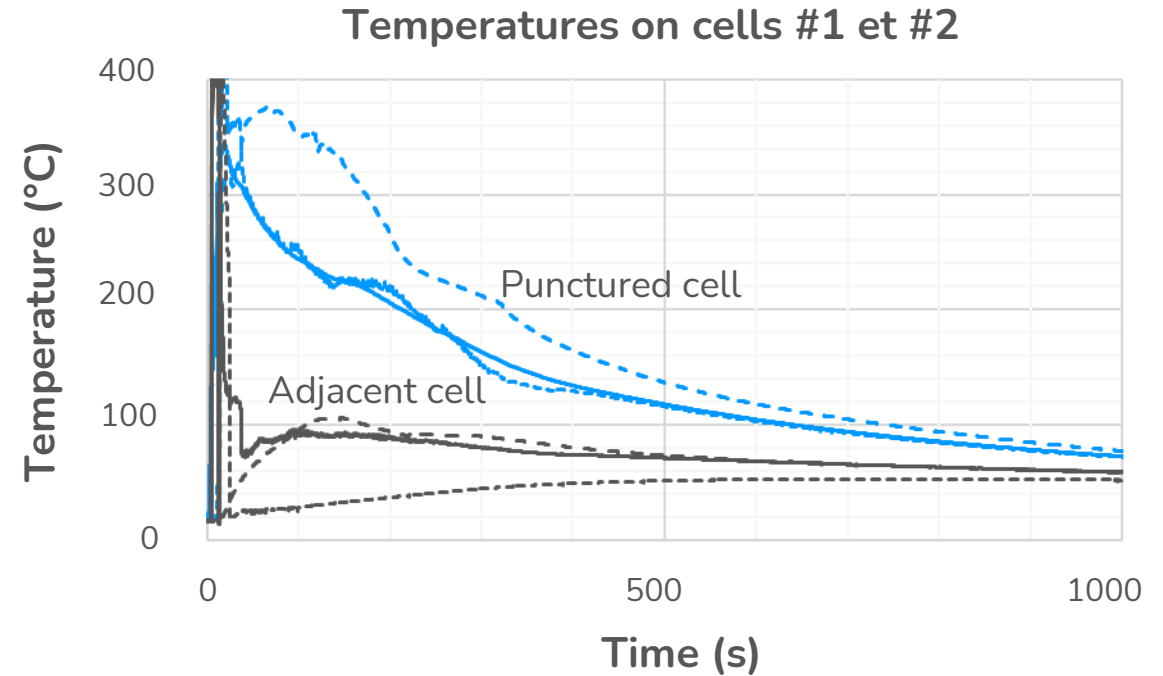


  
Video courtesy of bp

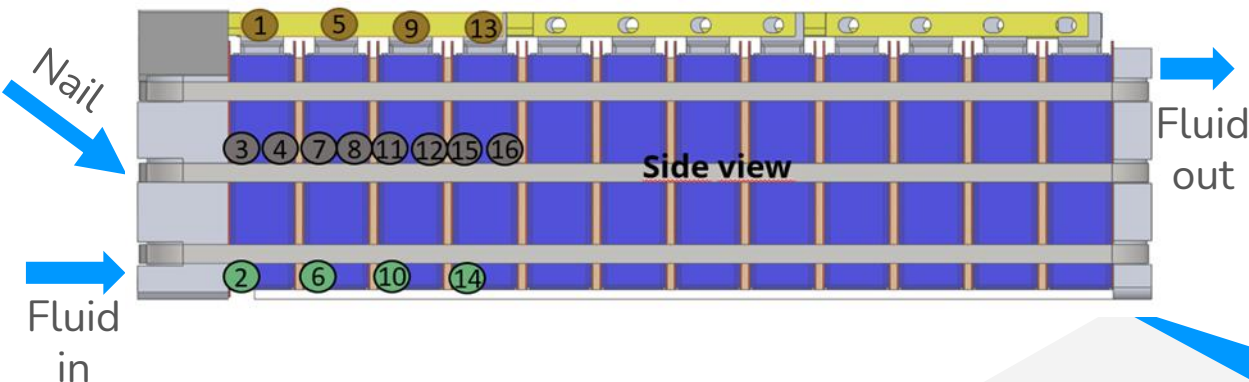
## The cooling prevented the fire propagation

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- ⚡ No Active flow rate by pumping action.  
Flow of 0.025 L/min/cell induced by gravity
- ⚡ Punctured cell temp. increased up to 350°C in 20s after the vent broke
- ⚡ Adjacent cell temp. increased up to 105°C within 100s



Data courtesy of bp



No propagation to the adjacent cell

## The adjacent cell suffered but did not burn

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Data courtesy of 

Battery design

has been improved

for greater robustness

Cell#	Fuse burnt	Internal short circuit	Weight [g]	Swelling [mm]
1	Yes	Yes	731	+3
2	No	No	860	+1
3			860	+1
4			863	Not checked
5			858	
6			860	
7			859	
8			863	
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10			861	
11			861	
12			861	

Lots of ashes, but...



... the adjacent cell is intact !



\* measured after a complete discharge process and a several days of relaxation

**Immersion cooling is a promising technology to enable fast charging and democratize electric mobility**

- We have demonstrated that immersion allows:
  - | Increased thermal performances
  - | Increased safety levels
  - | No extra cost nor weight compared to current battery designs
- **The cooling fluid becomes a key component.** It has to be:
  - Good heat-transfer fluid
  - Robust dielectric properties
  - Easily pumped at all temperatures
  - Safe: not flammable
  - Environment friendly (low LCA)





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## Thank you. Any question?

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