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Data from long time testing of 18650 lithium polymer batteries

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ABSTRACT

This is a data set from long time testing of 18650 Lithium polymer batteries. It includes the following batteries: Samsung ICR18650-30B (2950 mAh), Joy NCR18650A300A (3000 mAh), GP 03624RC 3.6 V (3000 mAh) and EVC 200L06C (2000 mAh). For measurement, four batteries are connected in parallel and are charged and discharged with a controlled current of 1 A per battery. The current is controlled with a NI cRIO control system programmed in LabView. Battery current is measured with LEM LA 55-P current transducers; voltage is measured directly with the cRIO’s analog inputs. The data set contains measurement for between 1200 and 1940 full charging/discharging cycles. The data set can be reused to get information about the dependence of battery capacity vs. number of cycles. Temperature of the battery is measured, therefore the dependence of capacity on temperature can be found out as well.

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This data set is new and original, and the data has not been published elsewhere.

1. Data description

The battery parameters and data set filenames are shown in Table 1. The table lists the setup #, battery model and manufacturer, nominal capacity, charging and discharge cut-off voltage. All batteries were size 18650 cells.

The data file structure is shown in Table 2. The sampling time is 3min.

The raw data was used to calculate the battery capacity that was discharged during the discharging cycle. The discharged capacity was calculated as a time integral of current over the length of the discharging cycle. The average battery temperature is the calculated average temperature during the battery discharging cycle and is calculated from the instantaneous temperature in column 5.

The supplied code was created in Matlab2017a.

For setup #1 the cycle capacity vs. number of charging/discharging cycles is shown in Fig. 1 top, the average battery temperature vs. number of charging/discharging cycles is shown in Fig. 1 bottom.
For setup #2 the cycle capacity vs. number of charging/discharging cycles is shown in Fig. 2 — top, the average battery temperature vs. number of charging/discharging cycles is shown in Fig. 2 — bottom.

For setup #3 the cycle capacity vs. number of charging/discharging cycles is shown in Fig. 3 — top, the average battery temperature vs. number of charging/discharging cycles is shown in Fig. 3 — bottom.

For setup #7 the cycle capacity vs. number of charging/discharging cycles is shown in Fig. 4 — top, the average battery temperature vs. number of charging/discharging cycles is shown in Fig. 4 — bottom.

2. Experimental design, materials, and methods

The block diagram of the charging/discharging experiment is shown in Fig. 5.

Control system cRIO-9073 with analog input module NI 9215 and digital output module NI9472, software LabView version 12, LEM LA 55-P current transducers, Power supply Manson HCS-3602-000G. cRIO system measured the battery voltage and controlled the current. The current is measured with the LEM current sensor. Based on voltage value, the battery was charged/discharged. The charging is stopped when the cell voltage is equal to 4.15V. Then the discharging cycle begins immediately. The discharging is stopped when the cell voltage is smaller or equal to 3.00 V, then the charging cycle starts immediately. Those values were specified by an electric bus manufacturer who first initiated this long time measurement.

The charging and cut-off voltages in Table 1 are taken from the referenced datasheets, when the datasheets are available or public. For setup #3 the datasheet is confidential, for setup #7 the datasheet is not available at all.

Temperature of the batteries was measured with a temperature sensor KTY11 placed under the battery.

The testing is done in a university lab. Without temperature control in the room. The testing is not done in an environmental chamber. Therefore the temperature is varying between summer and winter. Our estimate is between 30 °C in summer on hot summer days and 15 °C in winter. The ambient temperature is not measured. The effect of fluctuations of the ambient temperature is attenuated (not entirely) by the experimental setup. The battery cells are all enclosed in metal PC cases, dimensions

| Table 1 | Battery parameters and data set filenames. |
|---------|------------------------------------------|
| Setup # | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Battery model | ICR18650-30B | NCR18650A300A | GP 03624RC 3,6 V | 200L06C |
| Manufacturer | Samsung | Joy | GP | EVC |
| Nominal capacity (mAh) | 2950 | 3000 | 3000 | 2000 |
| Charging voltage (V) | 4.35 V ± 0.05 | 4.2 ± 0.03 | 4.2 ± 0.03 | Not available |
| Discharge cut-off voltage (V) | 2.75 | 2.5 | Not specified in datasheet, given as “standard discharging method 1C constant current discharge to 2.75V” | Not available |
| Datasheet reference | [5] | [6] | Not publicly available | Not available |
| File name | bat #1.txt | bat #2.txt | bat #3.txt | bat #7.txt |

Table 2
Data file structure.

Column 1 — date, format yyyy-MM-dd
Column 2 — time, format HH:mm:ss
Column 3 - Battery current (A). Positive current = charging, negative current = discharging. 4 batteries are connected in parallel, so individual current is (column 3)/4. The individual battery current is not measured.
Column 4 — Battery voltage (V)
Column 5 — Battery pack temperature (°C), measured with a temperature sensor KTY11 placed under the battery
Column 6 — number of current charging/discharging cycles from the beginning of the experiment for corresponding setup #. When some data (cycles) are missing, the data is not available due to data loss
The acquired data were not filtered.

The placement of temperature sensors under the battery is shown in Fig. 6 right. The sensor is aligned at a distance of 34 mm from the external edge of the + terminal of the battery holder placing it approximately in the center of the battery. The battery length is 65 mm excluding the holder, including the holder it is 75 mm. The temperature sensor is pressed against the battery, there is no heat conductive compound between the sensor and battery.
In each setup the temperature is measured for each battery, so each setup has 4 battery temperature sensors. The temperature in the provided files is the average temperature of all 4 batteries in a single setup.

In order to prevent the measurement of voltage drop between the battery and the battery holder, the batteries have welded tabs. The voltage is measured directly on those tabs to prevent the influence of contact resistance at the holder/battery transition. The measurement setup is shown in Fig. 6 right.

Fig. 3. Processed data for setup #3, top cycle capacity vs. number of charging/discharging cycle, bottom average battery temperature vs. number of charging/discharging cycles.

Fig. 4. Processed data for setup #7, top cycle capacity vs. number of charging/discharging cycle, bottom average battery temperature vs. number of charging/discharging cycles.
3. Expected experimental uncertainty

The current is measured with an LEM LA 55-P current transducer, specified accuracy ±0.90%; the signal is then sampled with the NI 9215 analog input module, the same as for the voltage input.

The voltage is measured directly with the analog input of the control system cRIO-9073 with analog input module NI 9215, specified accuracy ±0.60% of reading (Uncalibrated, typ (25 °C, ±5 °C)), resolution 16 bits in range ±10V.

Temperature is measure with a KTY11 Silicon Temperature Sensor, specified accuracy ±3%

![Block diagram of the charging/discharging experiment.](image)

**Fig. 5.** Block diagram of the charging/discharging experiment.

**Fig. 6.** Left - Experimental setup, the welded tabs are used to measure the battery voltage, right — detail of the temperature sensor placement, batteries removed from battery holders.
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Appendix A. Supplementary data

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Conflict of Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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