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Introduction:

- Large lithium-ion pouch cells in BEVs are subjected to several stress regimes,
- > Increase of the heat generation in the cell,
- > Heterogeneous heat distribution over the cell surface,
- Increase of the stress,
- Decrease of lifetime and performance,
- Need for optimized cell design,
- Assessment analysis of several battery cell design concept,





Figure 1. Configurations of several lithium-ion pouch cells

Figure 3. Comparisons of various configurations





Computational Methods

Multi-Scale and Multi-Dimensional (MSMD) modeling approaches have been investigated to simulate the thermal, current and voltage distributions over the cell.



Figure 5. Thermal distribution at the end of charging



Results:

Configuration 1

- > non-homogeneous distribution
- Wider tabs causes uniform thermal and voltage distribution

Configuration 2

> uniform thermal and voltage distribution

Figure 6. Voltage distribution at the end of charging **Conclusions:**

Extended analysis has been performed,

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- Development of advanced simulation model,
- > Optimization of cell design,
- > Enhancement of battery performances,

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