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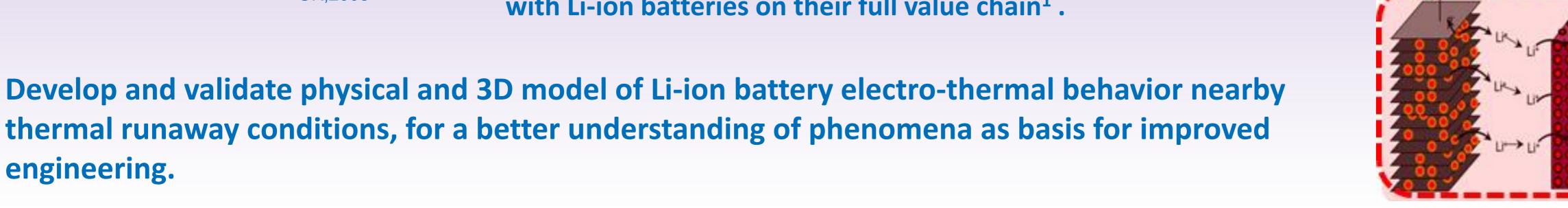


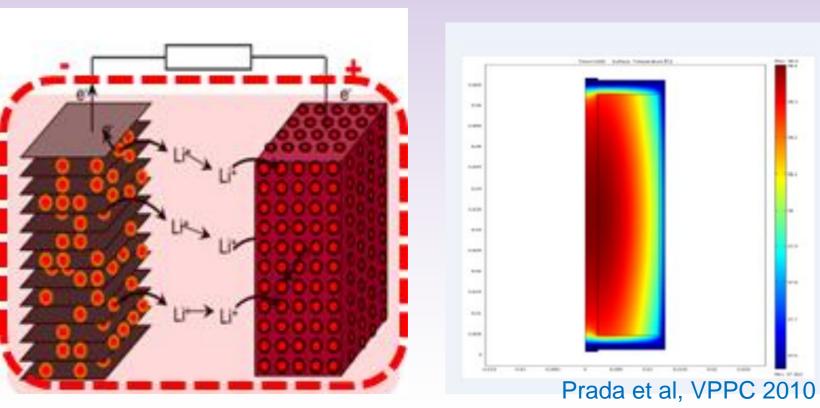
## **CONTEXT & GOAL**

• Li-ion rechargeable batteries are currently the preferred solution to store electrical energy.

Modeling

- Many incidents on different applications are related to battery safety.
- The thermal runaway has been identified as a major safety concern with Li-ion batteries on their full value chain<sup>1</sup>.



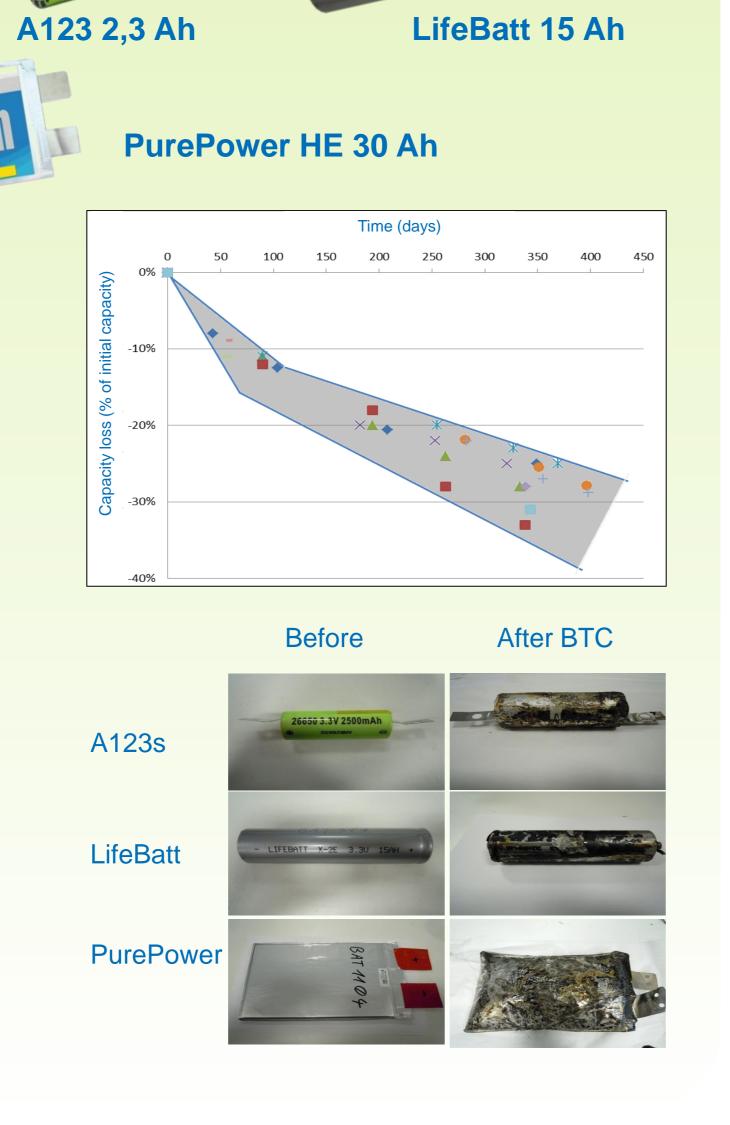


### COUPLED MODELING/EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH

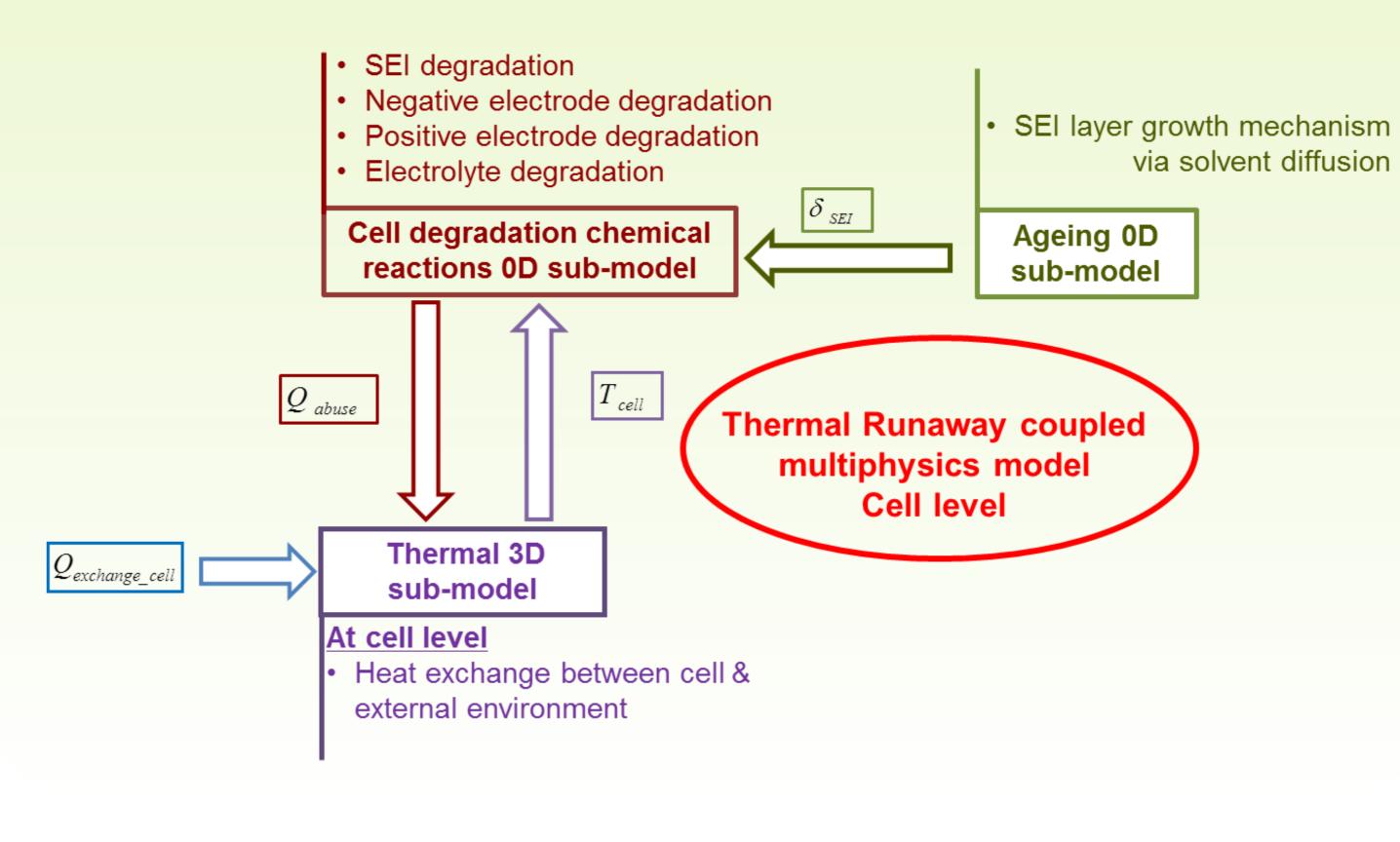
## **Experiments**

- Choice of 3 relevant technologies
  - 2 LFP/C cells
  - 1 NMC/C cell
- Calendar aging of cells
  - Accelerated aging
    @ high State of Charge (SOC): 100%
    @ high Temperature : 60 ° C
  - In order to reach 2 aging targets:
    - 10 % of capacity loss
    - 30% of capacity losses
- Abusive tests
  - Heat-Wait and Search on Battery
    Testing Calorimeter (BTC) device for
    model calibration and validation



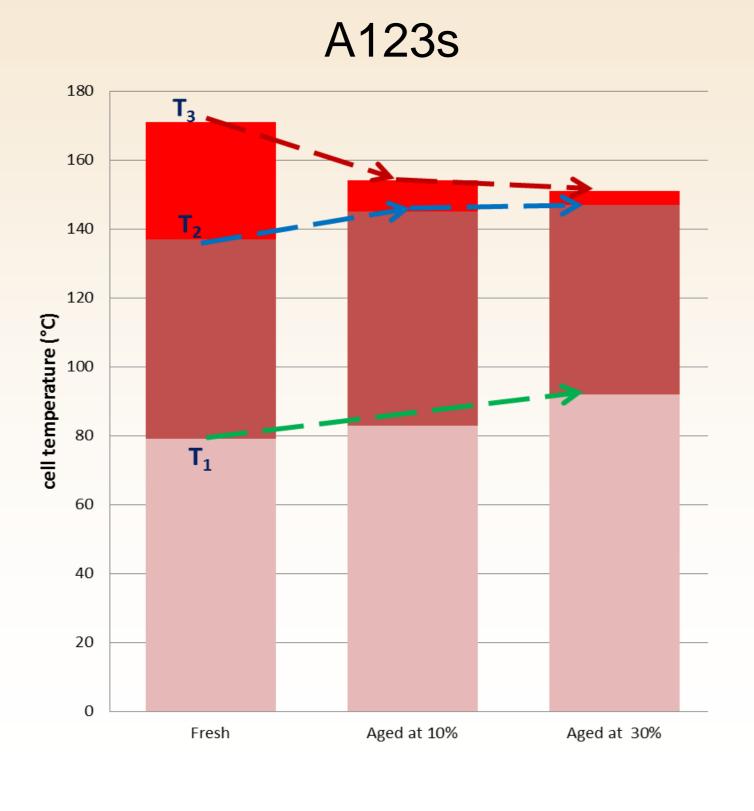


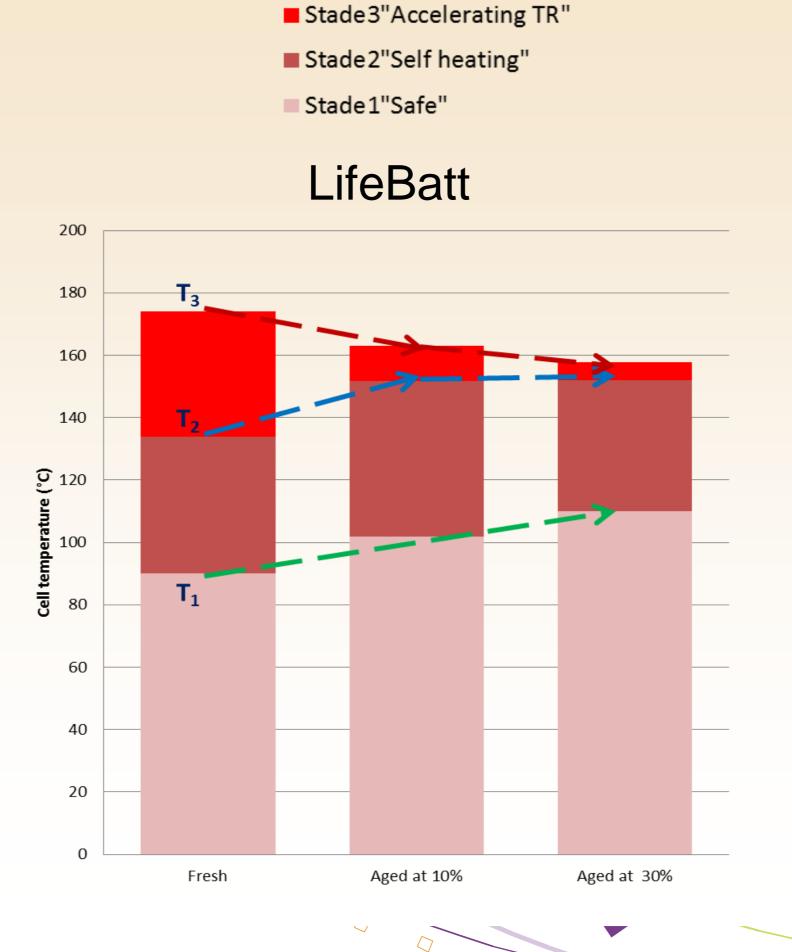
# Coupling of 3 submodels 3D thermal model Static aging submodel Taking into account the formation of a SEI layer on the negative electrode OD cell chemical degradation model Based on the four main degradation mechanisms



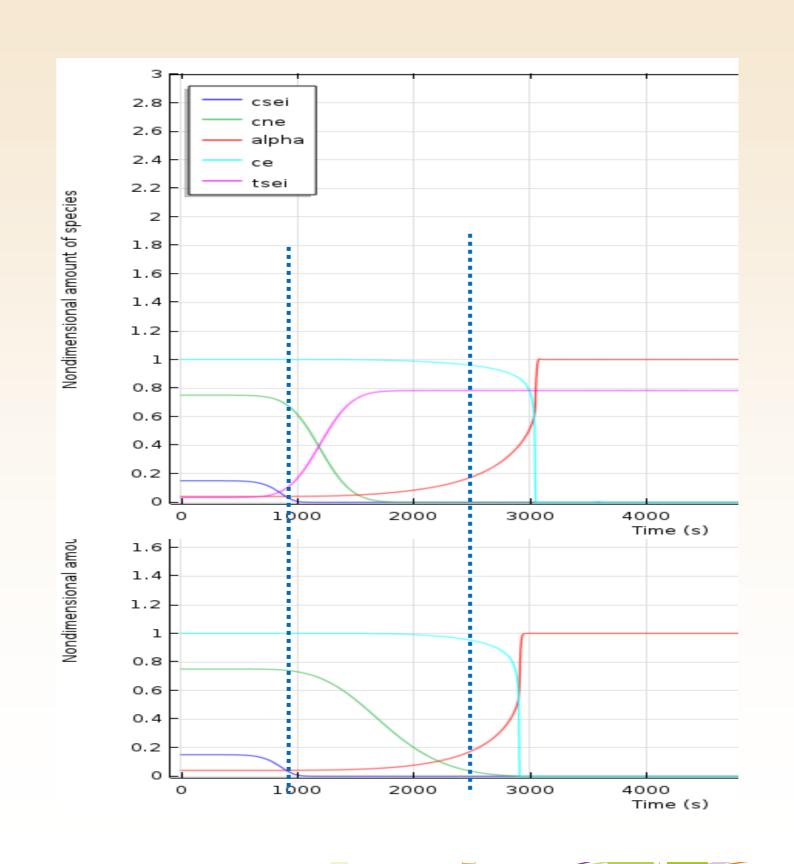
#### **RESULTS**

- Evidence of 3 key temperatures on BTC tests for all cells:
  - T<sub>1</sub>: First exothermal reaction / end of safe phase
  - $\circ$   $\mathsf{T}_2$ : Fusion of the separator
  - T<sub>3</sub>: Thermal runaway





- Using of modeling to further discuss the experiments:
  - First exothermal reaction posponed in aged cells
    - Passivation effect of the SEI layer formed during aging
    - The second degradation reaction is slower



Fresh A123s cell

Aged A123s cell (30% capacity fade)

#### **CONCLUSIONS AND PERSPECTIVES**

- An original experimental/modeling approach was developed to understand the effect of aging on Li-ion batteries safety
- the coupled thermal runaway model was validated at the cell level on BTC tests at INERIS testing plateform
- the validated model was used in order to discuss why aged cells appear safer than fresh ones
- Further work has to be done to take into account cycling aging:
- Study of safety degradation linked to cycling aging (Li plating...)
- Study of high energy cells with up-to-date Li-ion technologies



