

A bridge between trust and control: Computational workflows meet automated battery cycling

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Supporting information

This document is part of the Electronic Supporting Information archive for the above manuscript, available on Zenodo under DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.10020712. This document contains the following:

- A set of representative provenance graphs, automatically generated using AiiDA
- A set of supplementary screenshots of the *Experiment* component of the AiiDALab-Aurora user interface
- A figure containing the cell cycling results for all cells in the two studied batches

Further information and data is available on the above DOI. Please contact Peter Kraus for any queries about the ESI.

Automated AiiDA provenance graphs

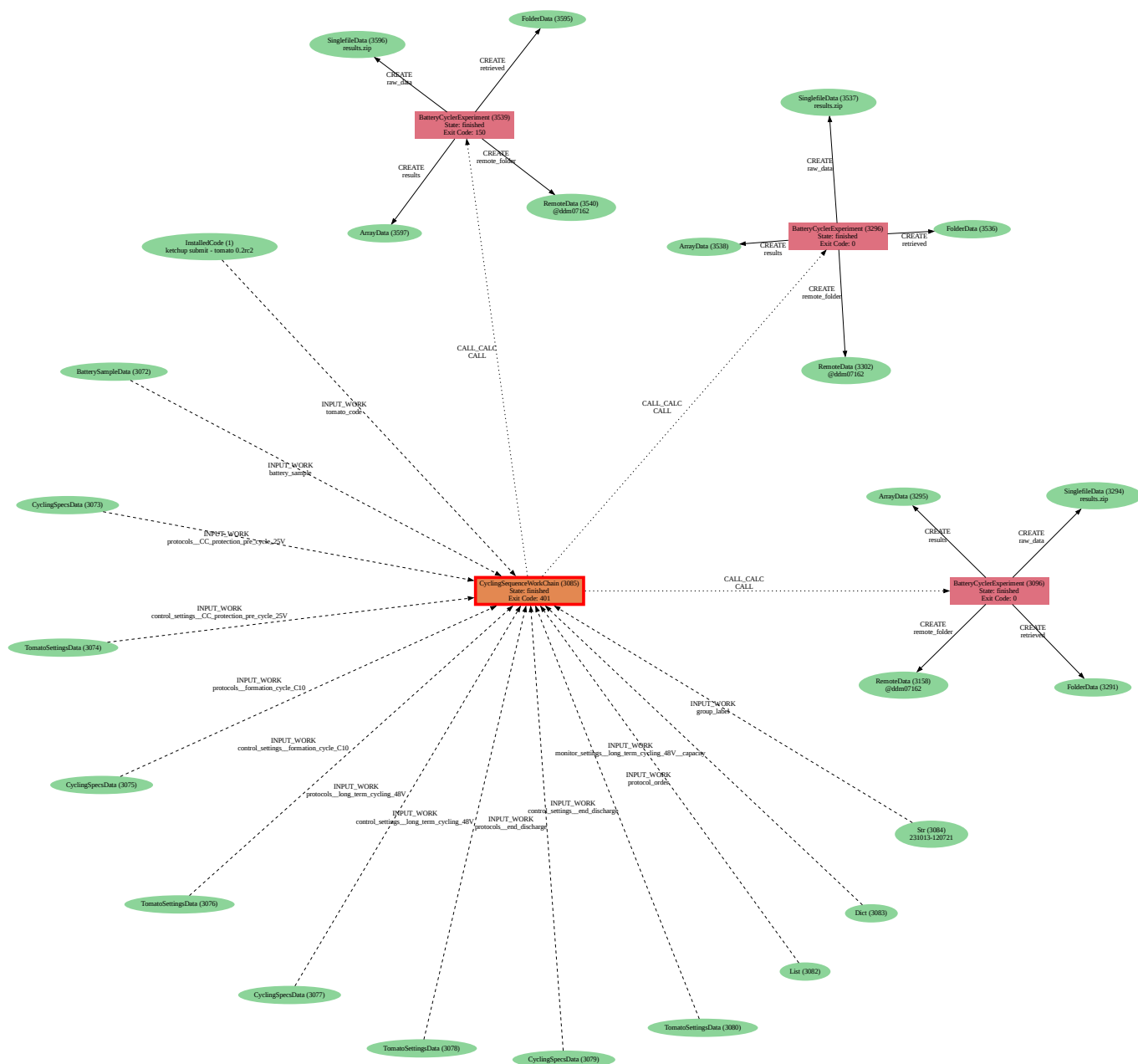


Figure S1: An automatically generated provenance graph for an in-band battery cycling workflow. The central **CyclingSequenceWorkChain** node (orange) corresponds to the overall workflow. It is linked to three **BatteryCyclerExperiment** nodes (red), corresponding to the Protective charge, Formation cycles, and Long-term cycling protocols of the workflow. Note that the Exit Code for the Long-term cycling (upper **BatteryCyclerExperiment** node) is 150, denoting that the task was aborted via job monitoring; the other two **BatteryCyclerExperiments** have an Exit Code of 0, denoting successful completion. The green nodes correspond to the various **Data** nodes, required to assemble the **CyclingSequenceWorkchain**, and retrieve the raw data from the remote host running **tomato**.

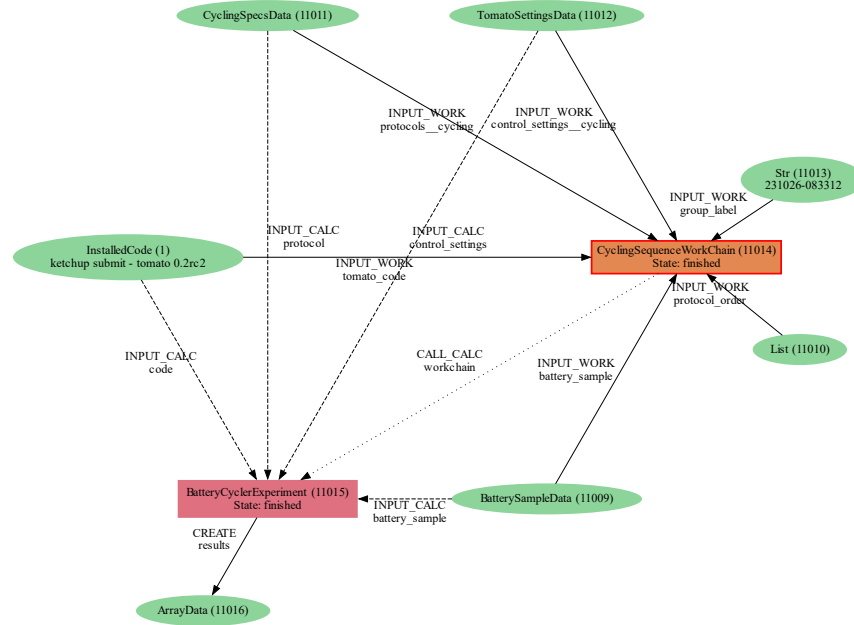


Figure S2: An automatically generated provenance graph for an out-of-band battery cycling workflow. At the centre is a simple **WorkChain** node (orange), linked to a single **CalcJob** node (cf. Fig. S1). However, provided the **Data** nodes used to construct the **WorkChain** contain the relevant metadata information and instructions, **AiiDA** is able to process the out-of-band data into the same internal format as that used for in-band data.

Supplementary AiiDALab-Aurora screenshots

InventoryExperimentResults

Select samples

Filters

Batch

230511 [8]

Sub-batch

4.2V [8]
4.4V [8]
0 [20]

Manufacturer

Empa [8]

Separator

Whatman [8]

Cathode

NMC622 [8]

Anode

Graphite [8]

Electrolyte

1M LiPF6 [8]

Capacity (mAh)

1.456 [8]

By group:

all-samples

From:

mm/dd/yyyy

To:

mm/dd/yyyy

Samples:

Sample	Sub-batch	Manufacturer	Separator	Cathode	Anode	Electrolyte
230511-1	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6
230511-2	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6
230511-3	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6
230511-4	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6
230511-5	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6
230511-6	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6
230511-7	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6
230511-8	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6

Selected:

Sample	Sub-batch	Manufacturer	Separator	Cathode	Anode	Electrolyte
230511-1	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6
230511-4	4.2V	Empa	Whatman	NMC622	Graphite	1M LiPF6

Select protocols

Configure tomato/monitoring

Generate input

Unlock when done?

Experiment group label:

Enter a group label (default: yymmdd-hhmmss)

Select code:

ketchup-0.2rc2

Figure S3: The *Select samples* section of the *Experiment* component of the AiiDA-Aurora user interface. This widget allows for filtering and selection of samples stored in the *Inventory*. The samples listed in the *Selected* section will be part of the workflow.

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Inventory
Experiment
Results

Select samples

Select protocols

Protocol:

cycling_1C_41V
Protocol_short_1
Protocol_short_2
CC_protection_pre_cycle_25V
formation_cycle_C10
long_term_cycling_42V
long_term_cycling_44V
long_term_cycling_46V
long_term_cycling_48V
end_discharge

Selected:
CC_protection_pre_cycle_25V
formation_cycle_C10
long_term_cycling_42V
end_discharge

CC_3 (constant current)
time = 4000.0 s
current = 1C I
record_every_dt = 30.0 s
record_every_dE = 0.1 V
I_range = 10 mA
E_range = +-5.0 V
n_cycles = 0
is_delta = False
exit_on_limit = False
limit_voltage_max = 4.2 V
limit_voltage_min = None
limit_current_max = None
limit_current_min = None

CV_2 (constant voltage)
time = 2000.0 s
voltage = 4.2 V
record_every_dt = 30.0 s
record_every_dE = 0.1 V

Configure tomato/monitoring

Generate input

☐ Unlock when done?

Experiment group label:

Select code:

Figure S4: The *Select protocols* section of the *Experiment* component of the AiiDA-Aurora user interface. This widget allows for selection of protocols from the *Inventory*. The protocols will be executed in the order as listed in the **Selected** section.

Inventory
Experiment
Results

Select samples
Select protocols
Configure tomato/monitoring

Generate input

Samples

id	Creation Date	Creation Process	An. Tot. Mass (g)	An. Net Mass (g)	Cat. Tot. Mass (g)	Cat. Net Mass (g)	C Nominal. (mAh)	C Recipe. (mAh)
1	2023-05-11	Created by robot	0.0278	0.0178	0.0171	0.0091	1.4560	1.5400
4	2023-05-11	Created by robot	0.0279	0.0179	0.0176	0.0096	1.4560	1.5400

Protocols

CC_protector
formation_cyc
long_term_cy
end_discharg

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CC_3 (constant_current)
time = 4000.0 s
current = 1C I
record_every_dt = 30.0 s
record_every_dE = 0.1 V
I_range = 10 mA
E_range = +-5.0 V
n_cycles = 0
is_delta = False
exit_on_limit = False
limit_voltage_max = 4.2 V
limit_voltage_min = None
limit_current_max = None
limit_current_min = None

CV_2 (constant_voltage)
time = 2000.0 s
voltage = 4.2 V

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Settings

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verbosity: INFO
frequency: 7200
prefix: snapshot

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Monitors

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name: capacity
refresh_rate = 7200
check_type = discharge_capacity
threshold = 0.8
consecutive_cycles = 3

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☒ All good!

☐ Unlock when done?

Experiment group label:

Select code: ▶ ✖

Figure S5: The *Generate input* section of the *Experiment* component of the AiiDA-Aurora user interface. This widget allows the user to review the selected samples as well as protocols and their monitoring settings prior to submission via AiiDA.

Complete cell cycling results

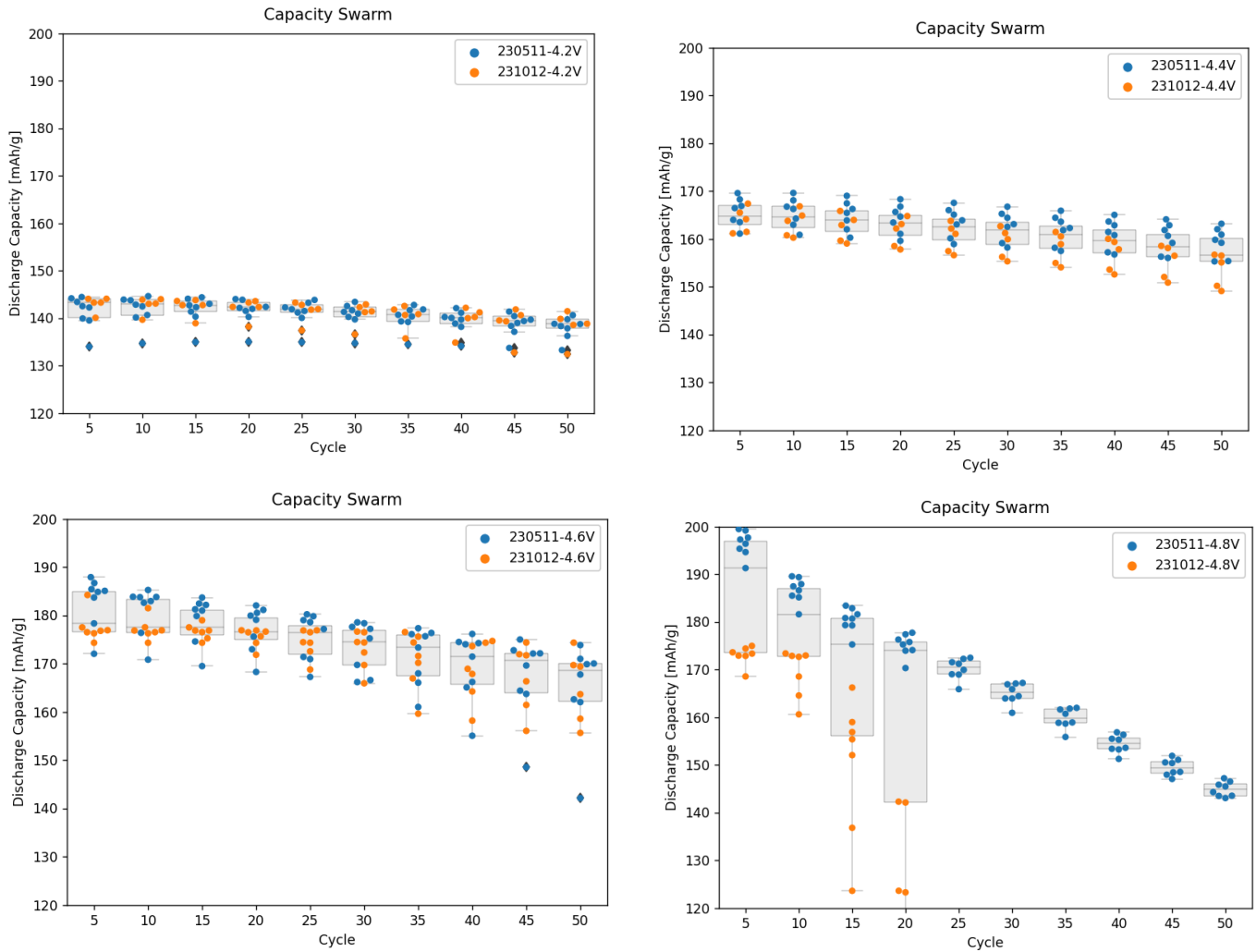


Figure S6: A comparison of the capacity degradation of all cells in the two studied cell batches. The colour of the swarm plots denotes batch of the cells. The data from the 230511 batch (blue) represents out-of-band data, as it has been imported into AiiDA from EC-Lab. The data from the 231012 batch (orange) has been gathered in-band, using an AiiDA workflow. The box plots show the statistics for all cells plotted. The behaviour of the cells cycled up to 4.2 V (upper left), 4.4 V (upper right), as well as 4.6 V (lower right) is consistent between the two batches. However, the cells cycled up to 4.8 V start at a vastly different capacity (~ 175 mAh/g for the 231012 batch, vs ~ 195 mAh/g for 230511), and their capacity degradation also seems to occur at different rates, with all cells in the 231012 batch (orange) stopped by the job monitor within 20 cycles. Note that for the batch 231012 (orange), only 25 out of the 32 assembled cells are shown, as 7 cells have failed before the first cycle, due to an assembly failure or a software error.