## **Battery Lifecycle (BLC) Framework**

The Battery Lifecycle (BLC) Framework is an open-source platform that provides tools to visualize, analyze, and share battery data through the technology development cycle, including data from material characterization, cell testing, manufacturing, and field testing. The BLC framework provides users with a unified view of their data that they can use to optimize materials and cell configurations, validate cell performance under application conditions, and mitigate manufacturing variations and field failures. BLC has four components: data importers, one or more databases, a front-end for querying the data and creating visualizations, and an application programming interface to process the data. BLC supports multiple users with different access permissions. Instead of building the system from the ground up, we developed BLC around Redash, a robust open-source extract-transform-load engine. BLC has been deployed for two applications: (i) tracking the development of a single battery technology from the lab to a manufacturing line and systems installed in the field, and (ii) comparing studies of multiple cells of the same battery chemistry and configuration. The latter implementation is publicly available at <a href="https://www.BatteryArchive.org">www.BatteryArchive.org</a>. This document summarizes the steps needed to install BLC and get started with an implementation similar to the Battery Archive public site. Details about the software architecture can be found De Angelis et. al. [1].

#### Installation guide for the BLC Framework

At the end of this installation guide, you should have two dashboards in an instance of BLC running on a Linux-based system. One dashboard includes a list of cells available in the database (Figure 1), and one dashboard shows graphs for the cells (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Cell List dashboard that links to the cell data

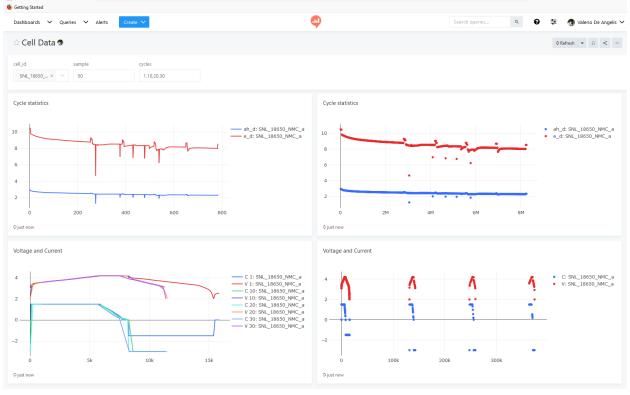


Figure 2: Cell data dashboard

#### 1. Open source files

The open source package is available on GitHub at <a href="https://github.com/battery-lcf/battery-archive-sandbox">https://github.com/battery-lcf/battery-archive-sandbox</a> It contains the following files:

- (1) Blc\_installation\_steps.pdf: this document
- (2) Setup.sh: prepares the environment
- (3) Docker-compose.yml: main installation file
- (4) Sub-folder data/snl
  - a. Cell\_list.xlsx: contains cell and test metadata for 2 cells
  - b. Subfolder SNL\_18650\_NMC1.zip: contains test data for a cell
  - c. Subfolder SNL 18650 NMC2.zip: contains test data for a cell
- (5) Sub-folder datasources/postgres/cell\_data
  - a. init.sql: database schema
- (6) Sub-folder scripts
  - a. data\_import.py: data import from excel to the postgres database
  - b. battery-blc-library.yaml: configuration parameters
  - c. requirements.txt: libraries required by data import.py

The installer will create and start docker containers with redash (the web interface) and a postgres database with a schema designed for battery data. It also contains a script to add data from Excel files generated from the Arbin Tester. The rest of the guide contains the steps to get the system up and running and to gain familiarity with it, so that you can import your data and create more plots.

#### 2. Access a Linux machine

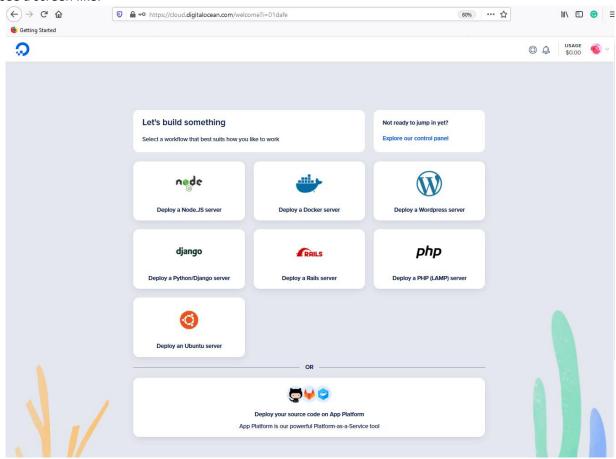
The BLC Framework runs on Linux. You can install the framework on any Linux machine with at least 4 GB of RAM. This guide discusses all the steps necessary to install the software on UBUNTU, but similar steps can be followed to install the software on other flavors of Linux. If you don't have access to a Linux machine, you can get a virtual machine on AWS, Google Cloud, or Digital Ocean. Setting up a virtual machine on Digital Ocean takes about ten minutes. The following

section describes how to get started on Digital Ocean. If you already have a Linux machine, you can jump ahead to "Install required packages."

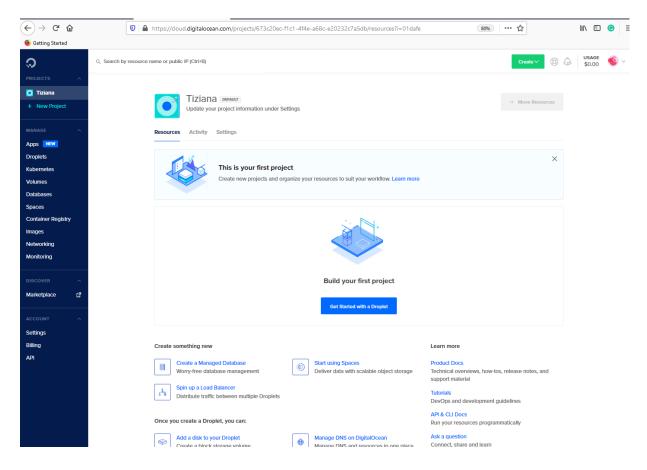
# https://www.digitalocean.com/

Sign up for a new account Add a credit card Click on *Let's make something* 

You will see a screen like:

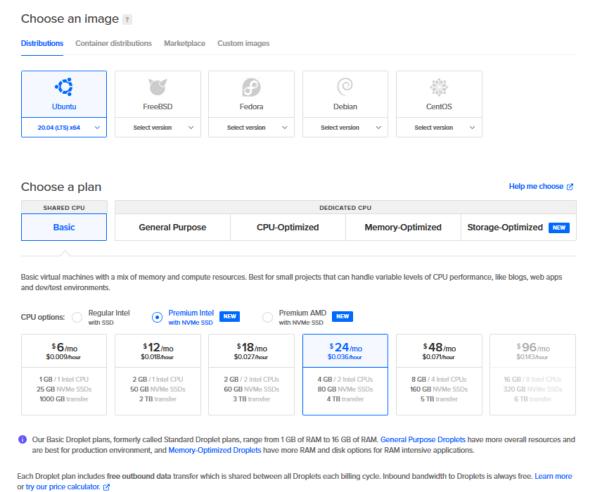


Click on Explore our control panel. You will see a screen like:



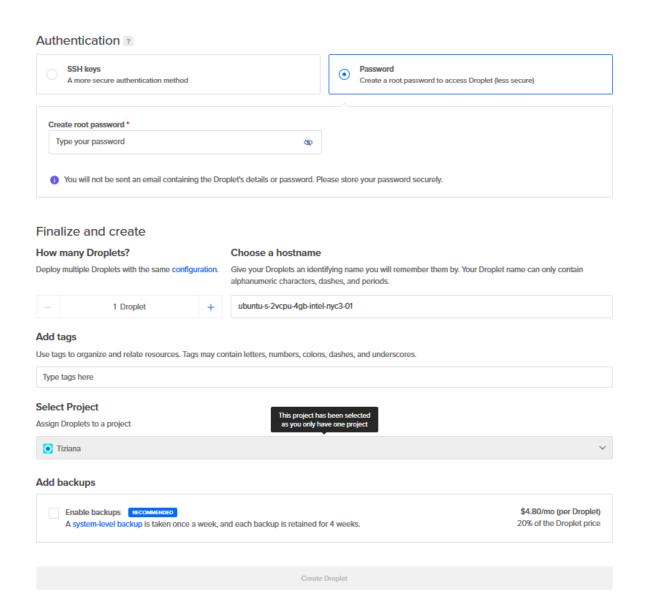
Click on Get Started with a Droplet. You will see a page that looks like:

# Create Droplets



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Select the \$24/m choice to make sure that you have enough RAM (4GB) to run the web interface and the data importer. Keep scrolling. The bottom of the page will look like:



Create a root password that meets the requirements and click Create Droplet (the Create Droplet button turns from gray to green when you have entered an acceptable root password). In the next page, you will see the address of the Droplet you created. Note the IP address. You will need it to access your new Linux machine and later to access the BLC Framework.



Go to a command window (CMD in Windows or Terminal on a MAC) and type:

ssh root@your IP

Follow the steps to login. You will see a screen like:

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root@ubuntu: ~
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(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\vdeange>ssh root@104.236.80.52
root@104.236.80.52's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
root@104.236.80.52's password:
welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-140-generic x86_64)
  Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
  Management:
                  https://ubuntu.com/advantage
  Support:
 System information as of Mon Apr 19 05:21:52 UTC 2021
                                  Users logged in:
 System load: 0.02
 Usage of /:
               8.9% of 48.29GB
                                  IP address for eth0:
                                                                   104.236.80.52
 Memory usage: 90%
                                  IP address for eth1:
                                                                   10.108.0.2
               9%
                                  IP address for docker0:
 Swap usage:
                                                                   172.17.0.1
                                  IP address for br-18c730c062d7: 172.18.0.1
 Processes:
                141
31 packages can be updated.
13 of these updates are security updates.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable
New release '20.04.2 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
Last login: Mon Apr 19 05:06:46 2021 from 98.185.251.32
root@ubuntu:~#
```

Congratulations! You have created your first Linux virtual machine and can now install the BLC Framework.

#### 3. Install required packages

Install docker-compose, docker, unzip, pwgen, and pip3. If you are using UBUNTU, you can use apt-install to set up the machine:

sudo apt update sudo apt install docker-compose sudo apt install docker.io sudo systemctl enable --now docker sudo apt install pwgen sudo apt install python3-pip

#### 4. Install redash, Postgres and the database schema

At the end of this step you should have a working version of BLC accessible from a browser at the internet BLC web address of your Linux instance.

Download the package from Github by executing the command:

git clone https://github.com/battery-lcf/battery-archive-sandbox.git

After the code is downloaded, you can start the installation process by executing each of the commands below:

cd battery-archive-sandbox sudo ./setup.sh more env

The command *more env* will display the content of the env file. Note the value of the variables POSTGRES\_PASSWORD and PGADMIN\_DEFAULT\_PASSWORD, you will need it later when you will connect the web interface to the database (POSTGRES\_PASSWORD) and when you access the database administrator interface (PGADMIN\_DEFAULT\_PASSWORD).

## 5. Installation of the python data\_import.py and import of the first dataset

Follow the steps below to set up and run the Python import script. Run each of the commands:

```
cd scripts
pip3 install -r requirements.txt
python3 data_import.py -m add -p ../data/snl/ &
```

The importer reads the list of files to be imported from a file named cell\_list.xlsx located in the data/snl folder. The file has a well-defined format as shown in the figure below.

4	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	1	J	K	L
1	file_id	cell_id	cathode	anode	temperature	soc_max	soc_min	source	crate_c	crate_d	ah	form_factor
2	SNL_18650_G5_NMC1	SNL_18650_NMC_a	NMC	graphite	35	100	0	commercial	0.5	1	3	18650
3	SNL_18650_G5_NMC2	SNL_18650_NMC_b	NMC	graphite	35	100	0	commercial	0.5	1	3	18650
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File\_id corresponds to the name of a zip file (file\_id.zip) that contains test data files from the cells to be imported. Cell\_id is the identifier that the cell will be given in the database. The other quantities are used to characterize the cell (cathode, anode, source, ah, form\_factor) and the test (temperature, soc\_max, soc\_min). The data from the Excel file are stored in two tables in Postgres (cell\_metadata and test\_metadata). When the importer runs, it opens the cell\_list.xlsx file, reads the file\_id's and unzips the data into a folder with the same name (file\_id). It then scans the file\_id folder for excel files and imports the data from the files in the Postgres database. The version of the importer we are releasing is designed to import data from Excel files generated by Arbin testers. The importer looks for worksheets named Channel and for the columns CycleIndex, DateTime, Test\_time(s) Voltage(V), and Current(A). The cell\_list.xlsx file included with the software contains entries for two NMC cells from Preger et. al. [2].

```
df_time_series['cycle_index_file'] = df_time_series_file['Cycle_Index']
df_time_series['test_time'] = df_time_series_file['Test_Time(s)']
df_time_series['i'] = df_time_series_file['Current(A)']
df_time_series['v'] = df_time_series_file['Voltage(V)']
df_time_series['date_time'] = df_time_series_file['Date_Time']
df_time_series['filename'] = filename
```

The importer runs in the background and imports data from the 2 NMC cells. The importer generates a log (blc-python.log) file with import progress. Analyze the blc-python.log file for import results. The script may run for about 10 minutes on a Linux machine with 4 GB of RAM. To check progress, type *tail blc-python.log*. When the import is completed, the log file will have a line at the end "Done adding files."

At the end of the step, the data in data/snl should have been imported into the SQL database. The data is imported in two tables (cycle\_data and timeseries\_data). The database schema is discussed at the end of the document. To verify that the data was imported run the export command:

```
python3 data_import.py -m export -p ../data/snl/
```

The command should only take a few minutes to run and will generate four files in ../data/snl

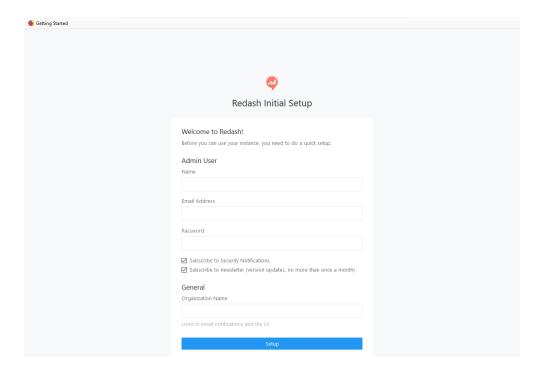
```
SNL_18650_NMC_a_cycle_data.csv
SNL_18650_NMC_a_timeseries_data.csv
SNL_18650_NMC_b_cycle_data.csv
```

SNL\_18650\_NMC\_b\_timeseries\_data.csv

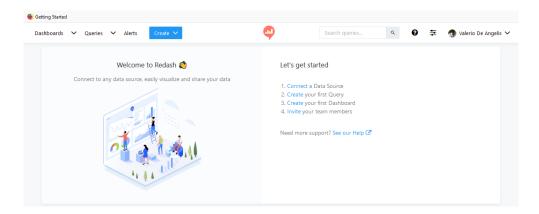
At this point, the database is set up with sample imported data. You are now ready to set up the redash front end.

## 6. Set up Redash

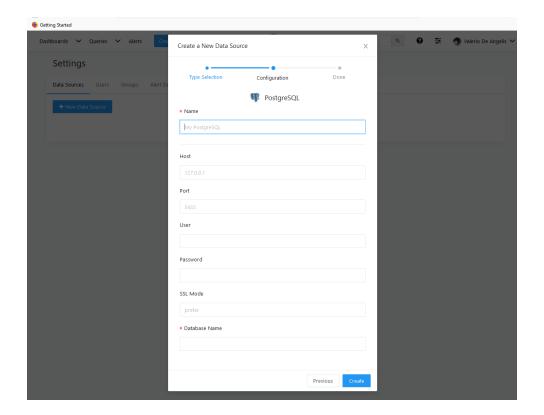
Go with a web browser to your BLC IP address. This is the IP of your Linux machine. You should see a page like:



Create an admin user: enter a name, email, passwords, and organization name. Click set up. You will be directed to a page that looks like:



Click on Connect a Data Source and select Postgres from the list of data connections. You will see a screen like:



On this page, you will connect to the database that contains the sample data you imported in the previous section. As Name enter local. As Host enter the IP address of the BLC web app. As Port enter 5432. The User is postgres, the Database Name is postgres. The password is the value of variable POSTGRES\_PASSWORD in the env file in the battery-archive-sandbox folder. To see the content of the file, type more env in the battery-archive-sandbox folder as discussed in Section 4. Click on Create and the click on Test connection. You now have a working connection to the database and can create queries and dashboards to visualize the data, as described in the following sections.

#### 7. Build queries:

The table and graphs in Figures 1 and 2 are generated by four queries to access the data from the postgres database that we connected to the web interface. Go to Create > Query using the ribbon at the top of the page.

#### Query 1. Cell list:

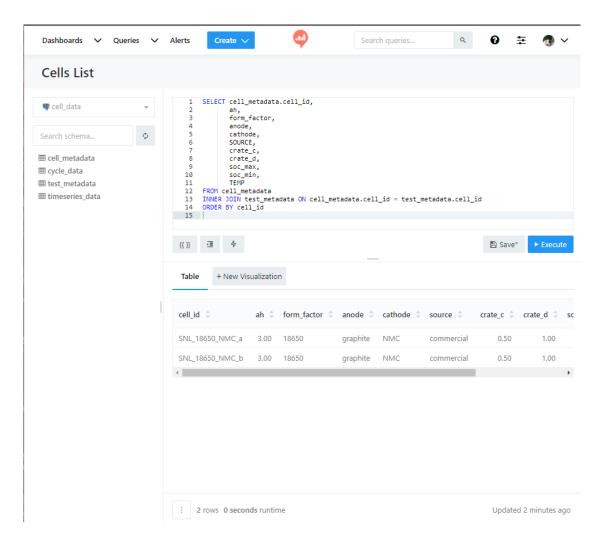
Copy the query text below to generate the table of cell and test metadata that will be used in Figure 1. Name the query Cell List (to rename a query click on New Query), then Save and Publish it. Finally, Execute the script. This should produce a small table with all of the cell metadata.

```
SELECT cell_metadata.cell_id,
    ah,
    form_factor,
    anode,
    cathode,
    SOURCE,
    crate_c,
    crate_d,
    soc_max,
    soc_min,
    TEMP

FROM cell_metadata

INNER JOIN test_metadata ON cell_metadata.cell_id = test_metadata.cell_id

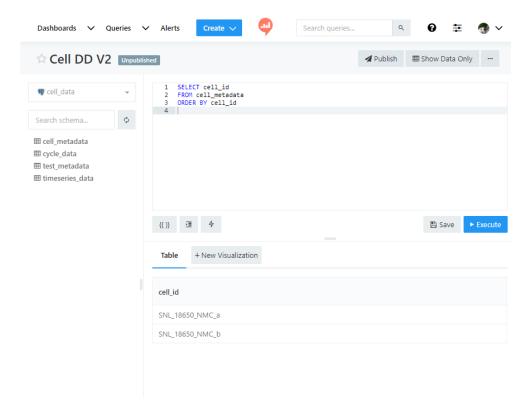
ORDER BY cell_id
```



## Query 2. Cell DD:

Create a new query. The query text below generates a list of cells that will be used to populate the dropdown in Figure 2. Name the query Cell DD, then Save and Publish. Finally, Execute the script. This should produce a short table of Cell IDs.

```
SELECT cell_id
FROM cell_metadata
ORDER BY cell id
```



## **Query 3. Cycle statistics**

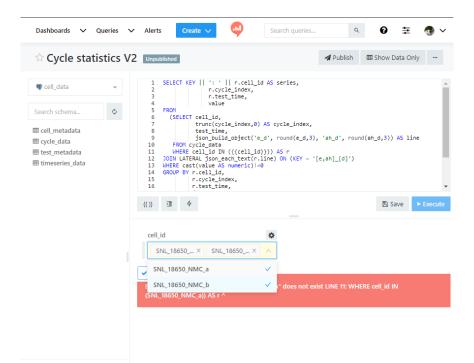
Create a new query. This query text below generates the data needed to populate the graphs at the top of Figure 2 with the cell statistics for the cells selected. Name the query Cycle statistics and Save.

```
SELECT KEY || ': ' || r.cell id AS series,
              r.cycle_index,
              r.test time,
              value
FROM
  (SELECT cell id,
          trunc(cycle index, 0) AS cycle index,
          test time,
          json_build_object('e_d', round(e_d,3), 'ah_d', round(ah_d,3)) AS line
   FROM cycle data
   WHERE cell id IN ({{cell id}})) AS r
JOIN LATERAL json each text(r.line) ON (KEY ~ '[e,ah] [d]')
WHERE cast(value AS numeric)!=0
GROUP BY r.cell id,
         r.cycle index,
        r.test time,
        json each text.key,
         json_each_text.value
ORDER BY r.cell_id,
         r.cycle index,
         KEY
```

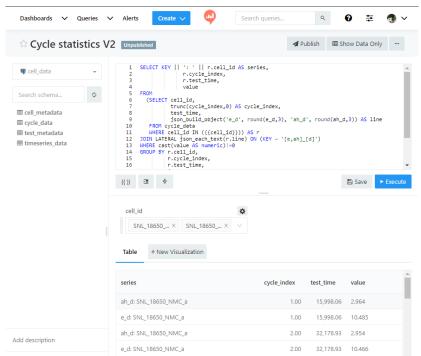
After you click Save, a box appears in the query editor to enter the value of the parameter cell\_id. To complete the setup of the dropdown.

- (1) Click on the setting wheel next to cell\_id
- (2) Select "Query Based Dropdown List" as Type
- (3) Select Cell DD as query
- (4) Check the box to Allow multiple values
- (5) Select Single Quotation Marks under quotation

Select (with a check mark) the 2 cells in the dropdown and click on Apply Changes.



Execute the query to see the results. This should produce a table with capacity and energy statistics for each cycle. Then, Publish the query.



Add Plot 1: The plot will show charge and discharge energy (e\_c, e\_d) and capacity (ah\_c, ah\_d) as a function of cycle number.

- (1) Click on New Visualization and name it
- (2) Select Line as Chart Type
- (3) Select cycle\_index as X
- (4) Select value as Y
- (5) Select series as Group by
- (6) Save the visualization



Add Plot 2: The plot will show charge and discharge energy  $(e_c, e_d)$  and capacity  $(ah_c, ah_d)$  as a function of test time.

- (1) Click on New Visualization and name it
- (2) Select Scatter as Chart Type
- (3) Select test\_time as X
- (4) Select value as Y
- (5) Select series as Group by
- (6) Save the visualization.

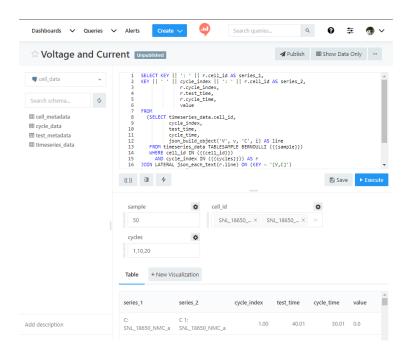


# **Query 4. Voltage and Current:**

Create a new query. The query text below generates the voltage and current plots displayed at the bottom of Figure 2.

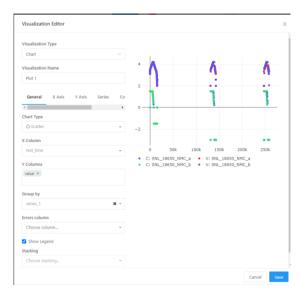
```
SELECT KEY || ': ' || r.cell_id AS series_1,
KEY || ' ' || cycle index || ': ' || r.cell id AS series 2,
              r.cycle index,
              r.test_time,
              r.cycle time,
              value
FROM
  (SELECT timeseries data.cell id,
          cycle index,
          test_time,
          cycle time,
          json build object('V', v, 'C', i) AS line
   FROM timeseries_data TABLESAMPLE BERNOULLI ({{sample}})
   WHERE cell_id IN ({{cell_id}})
    AND cycle index IN ({{cycles}})) AS r
JOIN LATERAL json each text(r.line) ON (KEY ~ '[V,C]')
ORDER BY r.cell_id,
         r.test time,
         r.cycle time,
         KEY
```

This query takes 3 parameters. For the cell\_id parameter, repeat the steps used to set up the cycle statistics query. All Cell IDs in the dropdown menu should be selected (with a check mark). For the sample parameter enter 50 and for the cycles parameter enter numbers separated by commas, e.g., 1,10,20. Execute the query to see the results. This should produce a table with voltage curves for each cycle. Save and Publish the query.



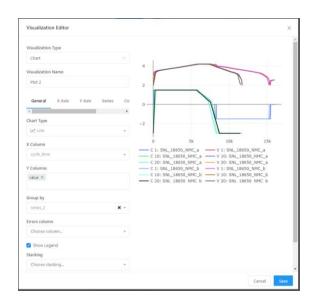
Add Plot 1: The plot will show voltage and current (v, I) as a function of test time for the cycles selected.

- (1) Click on New Visualization
- (2) Select Scatter as Chart Type
- (3) Select test time as X
- (4) Select value as Y
- (5) Select series 1 as Group by
- (6) Save the visualization



Add Plot 2 The plot will show voltage and current (v, I) as a function of cycle time for the cycles selected (the curves overlap)

- (1) Click on New Visualization
- (2) Select Line as Chart Type
- (3) Select cycle\_time as X
- (4) Select value as Y
- (5) Select series\_2 as Group by
- (6) Save the visualization

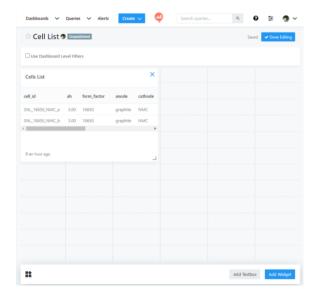


## **Dashboards**

Dashboards can be used to display the results of multiple queries on one page.

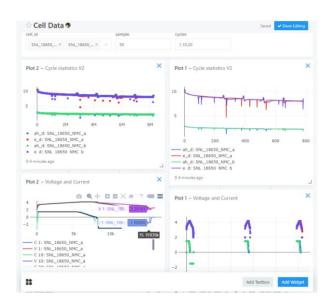
## Cell list dashboard:

- 1) Create a dashboard named Cell List
- 2) Select Add Widget
- 3) Select Cell List
- 4) Stretch the table to the desired length and width
- 5) Click on Done Editing
- 6) Publish the dashboard



#### Cell data dashboard:

- 1) Create a dashboard named Cell Data
- 2) Select Add Widgets
- 3) Add the 2 plots under Cycle Statistics. Each plot is added as a new widget. Make sure that all cells are selected in the cell\_id dropdown menu at the top of the page.
- 4) Add the 2 plots under Voltage and Current.
- 5) Stretch each of the plots to the desired length and width.
- 6) Click on Done Editing
- 7) Publish the dashboard

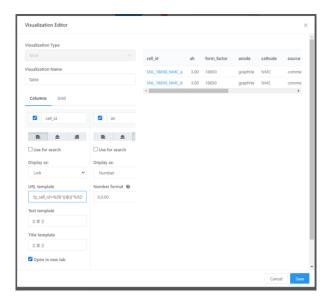


## Link the two dashboards

This will allow you to click on a Cell ID in the Cell list dashboard and go directly to all of the plots for it in the Cell data dashboard.

- 1) Go to the Cell List query
- 2) Click on Edit Source
- 3) Click on Edit Visualization at the bottom of the page

- 4) Under the cell\_id menu, for the Display As dropdown menu select Link
- 5) Enter /dashboard/cell-data?p\_cell\_id=%5B"{{@}}"%5D in the URL Template box. Be sure to remove any text that is in the box by default.
- 6) Unselect Open in new tab



You should now have 2 populated dashboards and be ready to explore.

## 8. Next steps

You now have a web-based repository of battery data connected to a Postgres database (cell\_data) and the basic blocks to import your data from Arbin or other testers into the database.

The database schema is very simple. It contains four tables: cell\_metadata, test\_metadata, cycle\_data, and timeseries\_data. The columns in the tables are typical of battery time series and statistics.

```
    ⊞ cell metadata

    test metadata

  cell id
                      v min
  anode
                     cell_id
  cathode
                     soc_max
  source
                      soc_min
  form_factor
                      v_max
                      crate_c

Ⅲ cycle_data

                      temp
                      crate_d
  v max
                    timeseries_data
  cell_id
                     cycle time
  v d mean
                      temp_2
  v_c_mean
                      ah_c
  i_max
                      test_time
  ah_c
                      cell id
  ah_eff
                      date_time
  ah d
                      e_d
  test time
                      e_c
  e c
                      temp 1
  e_d
                      ah_d
  e_eff
                      cycle_index
  i min
  cycle_index
```

As a next step, you can try to import some of your own Arbin files. Make an Excel file like cell\_list.xlsx, and add it to a sub-folder of the data folder (i.e., new\_data). Then copy in new\_data folder zip files with the data named as file\_id.zip. Finally run the importer as

python3 data\_import.py -m export -p ../data/new\_data/&

Check the log using the command

tail blc-python.log

to check your progress. When the import is completed, the log file will have a line at the end "Done adding files."

You can also try to build your own queries. The queries in this document can serve as a guide. If you have questions on how to get data in a format you need, please let us know and we can help with building the appropriate query. If you need help at any point, you can reach us at info@batteryarchive.org.

## 9. Start Jupyter Notebook

You can use Jupyter Notebook to analyze the data and compare them with models. If you already have developed Python scripts, they can be immediately used in Jupyter Notebook. Matlab scripts can also be converted. To install Jupyter Notebook on UBUNTU follow these steps:

pip3 install jupyter cd projects jupyter notebook --allow-root

IF you are running the framework on your local machine, then you can use the localhost token shown when you start Jupyter Notebook. If you are running Jupyter Notebook on a hosted server (like the one on Digital Ocean) from a CMD window execute:

ssh -L 8888:localhost:8888 your\_server\_username@your\_server\_ip

You can then access Jupyter Notebook from your computer using the same localhost address displayed when Jupyter Notebook starts.

```
root@ubuntu-s-2vcpu-4gb-intel-nyc3-01:~/battery-archive-sandbox/scripts/projects# jupyter notebook --allow-root
[I 17:24:12.156 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: /root/battery-archive-sandbox/scripts/projects
[I 17:24:12.156 NotebookApp] Jupyter Notebook 6.3.0 is running at:
[I 17:24:12.156 NotebookApp] http://localhost:8888/?token=482ccac4b8e673b8402a3555701fb9c4707b63c4b123c35d
[I 17:24:12.156 NotebookApp] or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=482ccac4b8e673b8402a3555701fb9c4707b63c4b123c35d
[I 17:24:12.156 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation).
[W 17:24:12.160 NotebookApp] No web browser found: could not locate runnable browser.
[C 17:24:12.160 NotebookApp]

To access the notebook, open this file in a browser:
    file:///root/.local/share/jupyter/runtime/nbserver-26937-open.html
Or copy and paste one of these URLs:
    http://localhost:8888/?token=482ccac4b8e673b8402a3555701fb9c4707b63c4b123c35d
    or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=482ccac4b8e673b8402a3555701fb9c4707b63c4b123c35d
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You can then open the getting\_started.ipynb notebook that includes the basic commands to connect to the database and plot cycle data and time series data.

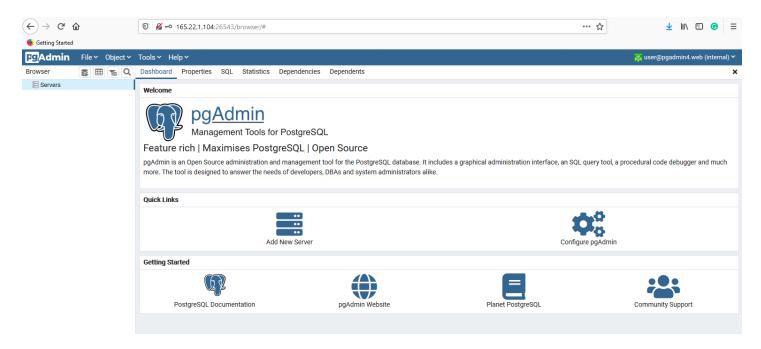
## 10. Accessing the Postgres Admin interface (pgAdmin4)

There is one last (more advanced) tool that you can use and comes pre-installed with the framework. You can use pgAdmin to connect to the database. On a web browser, go to:

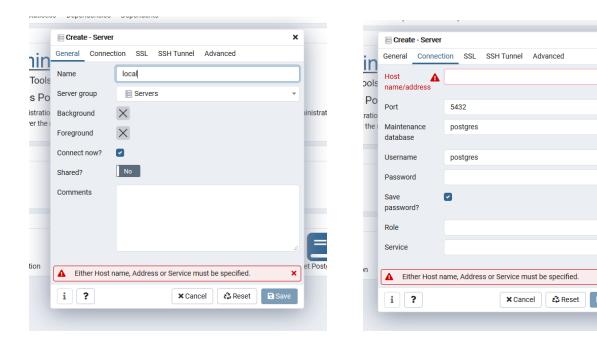
## http://your ip:26543

You can login using as username <u>user@pgadmin4.web</u> and as password the value of the variable PGADMIN DEFAULT PASSWORD in the env file.

After you login, you can connect to the postgres database with the data you imported. Click on Add New Server.

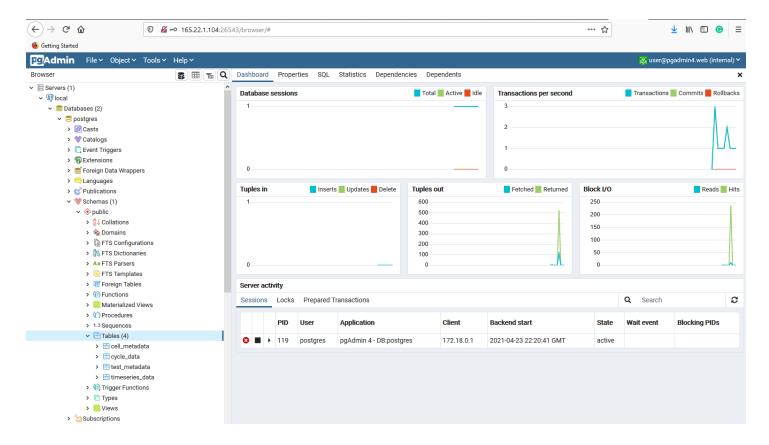


In the windows that comes up enter local under Name, then click on the Connection tab



Under Host name/address enter the IP of your server. As username enter postgres. The password is the value of the variable POSTGRES\_PASSWORD in the env file. Select Save Password. You should see a screen like the screen below and should be able to browse to the database and database tables.

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You can use pgAdmin to customize the database schema for your specific applications. You can, for example, add a new column (lke dv/dq) to the test and cycle data table, and write a script either in the data\_import.py file or in Jupyter Notebook, to populate it with data. Even if you have never used SQL, you will find it intuitive and easy to learn. There are many SQL tutorials available on the web, but you can start from here https://www.w3schools.com/sql/

We hope that you found this guide useful. If you decide to give the software a try, please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@batteryarchive.org">info@batteryarchive.org</a>. We will be happy to help you install the system or customize it for your needs.

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