#### Heating Rate Pouch and Cylindrical 18650 Cells



# **Test Apparatus**

•21.7 liter stainless steel pressure vessel

•General test procedure found <u>here</u>





# **Scope of Test**

This study experimented with pouch and cylindrical style lithium-ion cells to determine the effects of heating rate on a cell's thermal runaway across various states of charge.



### **Test Setup**









Volume of vent gas vs state of charge





Percentage of vent gas vs state of charge





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### Conclusion

- Heating rate affects the combustion hazards due to thermal runaway, especially at lower states of charge
  - More data required to confirm hypothesis for higher SOC
- It is important to test in nitrogen to measure the combustion hazard

