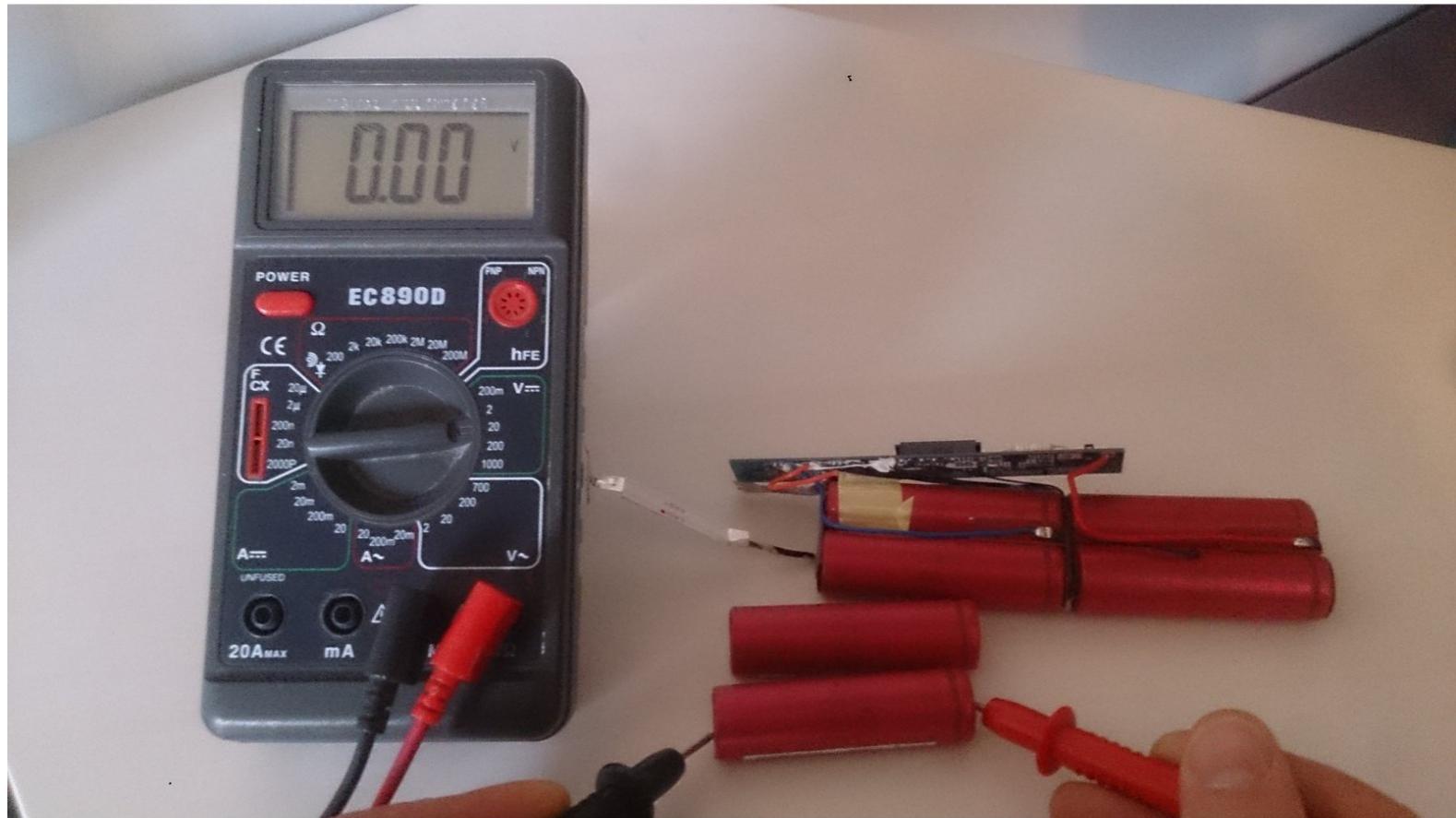




Repairing Any laptop battery - Li-Ion cell replacement

Did you ever faced a dead laptop battery ? In this tutorial, you will learn why your battery pack dies and how to fix this.

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INTRODUCTION

We are going to identify dead cells in battery packs and replace them.

Beware - This tuto is highly experimental, Li-Ion cell present fire / explosion / burn hazards this guide is for educational purpose only and should not be reproduced without safety measures.

Remember to always wear appropriate PPE and work in appropriate environment.

TOOLS:

- Multimeter (1)

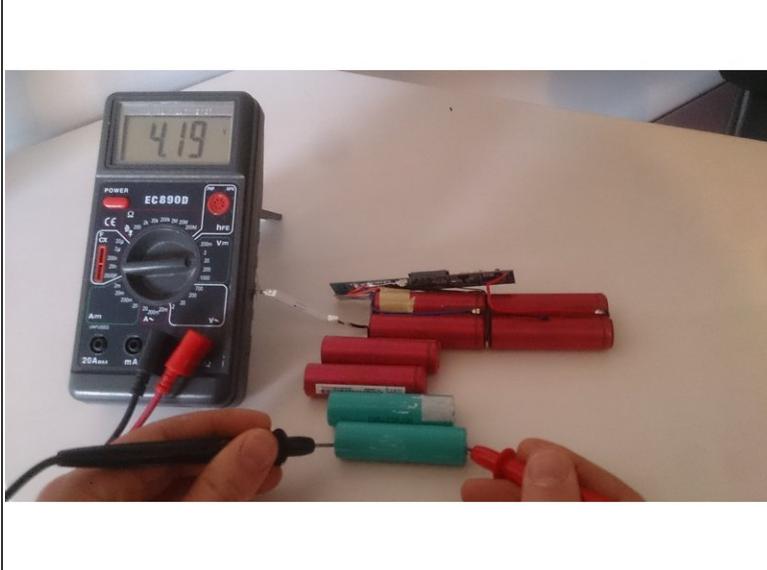
Step 1 — Identifying dead cells



⚠ Caution: Lithium-ion batteries can catch fire or explode if they are damaged or short-circuited—especially when they are charged. Be extremely careful not to bend them or short-circuit them with your probes.

- Battery pack works by putting individual cells in parallel / series. Each cell has a nominal voltage / capacity and they are put together to give the whole battery pack its global voltage / capacity.
- Here we have a 3s2p battery pack. This means that you have 3 serial attached blocks of 2 parallel cells.
- The leftmost block seems dead, the cells read a steady 0 volts on my multimeter.
- The 2 other blocks show ~3.6 V which means they are still alive, great !
- I haven't tested individual cells from the 2 working blocks for a good reason. This battery pack has been stored for several months, if only one cell in the block was dead, the other (good) one would have discharged in it until it also dies (which is what must have happened in dead block)

Step 2 — Replacing the dead cells



- Here I have 2 scrap 18650 cells from another dead battery pack. They are still charged but I have no fear as the battery electronics will balance the charge levels later.
- After this step, reassemble the pack and everything should be fine.

⚠️ Remember that this is a dirty fix and you should consider the repaired battery pack as **NOT SAFE**

Pour réassembler votre appareil, suivez les instructions dans l'ordre inverse.