

SMART-LIC

Smart & Compact Battery Cell Management System
for Fully Electrical Vehicles

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Smart-LIC SUMMARY

Smart-LIC PROJECT

- BMS for Li-Batteries
- 36 months (+6)
- Started 01.05.2011

PARTNERS

- STMicroelectronics project pilot
- 8 Partners

FUNDING

- 5.7 M € project
- 3.5 M € funding

SMART-LIC Partners

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Berliner Nanotest und Design



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Technische Universität Chemnitz



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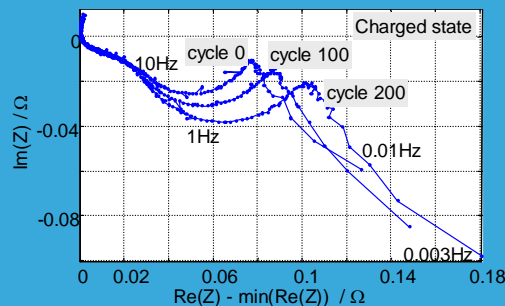
Objectives & benefits of 'smart-LiC'

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Objective 1: New system architecture

- BMS at cell level, monitoring & controlling of each individual cell, advanced balancing (active & passive)
→ improved performance (charging efficiency, lifetime)
→ reduced cost (simplification, SiP, cost-of-ownership)

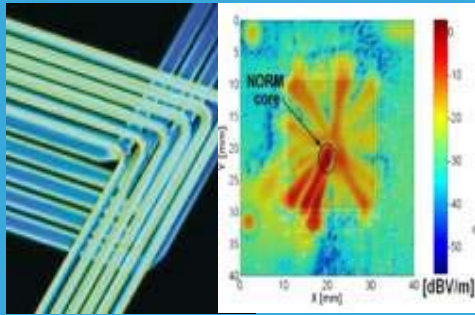


Objective 2: Battery state determination

- Implementation of Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)
- In-cell measurement of U, I, EIS, T, P...
→ More accurate determination of SoC, SoH ...SoF

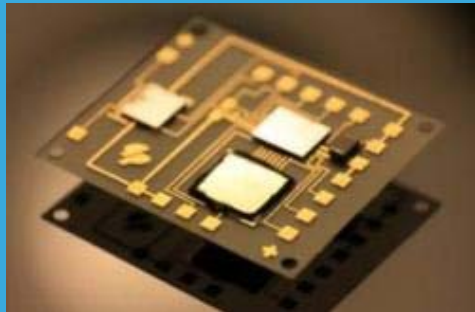
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Objective 3: Communication vs. EMC

- Addressing & evaluating of wireless and wire based (electr./opt.) communication solutions (to central BMS)
- Consideration of shielding & EMC issues, caused by Signal and Power Integrity (SI/PI)

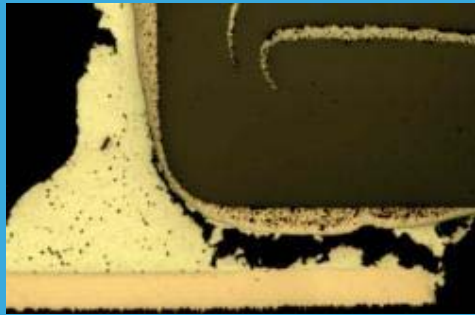


Objective 4: Packaging/system integration

- Reliable, secure & cost effective packaging of ECU (BMS module) for harsh environment
→ finding of suitable material selection
- Integration of BMS module into Li-Ion cell

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Objective 5: Reliability/safety/plagiarism

- Consideration of reliability & lifetime issues from the beginning of development stage, new lifetime models
- Incorporated safety devices, isolating of individual cell
- Active cell identification & authentication (plagiarism protection)

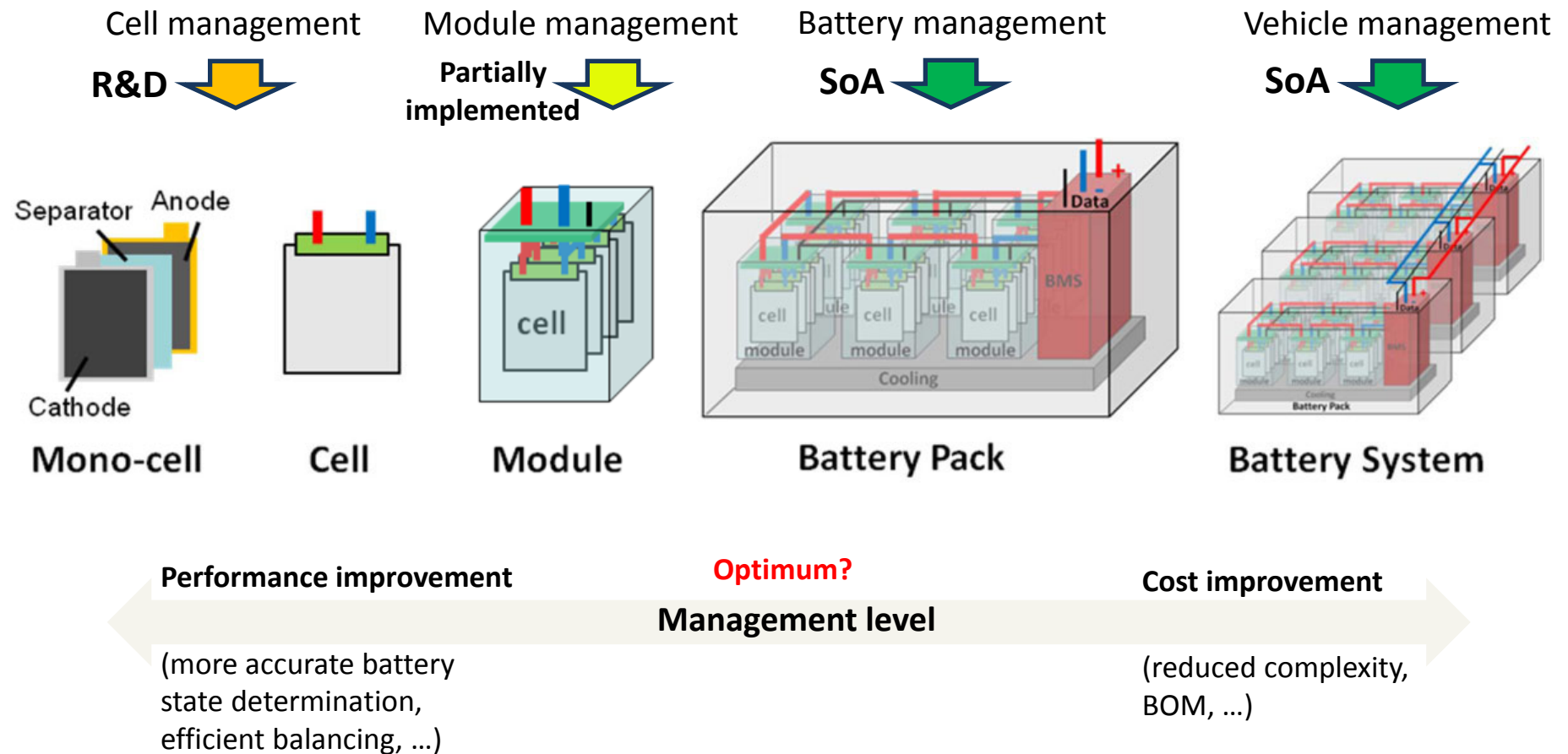


Objective 6: Testing

- Testing of packaged BMS module (active + passive)
- Demonstrating the functionality of 'smart-LIC' module
- Creating of novel combined testing methods
- Verification of developed lifetime models

Hierarchical structure of battery systems

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Project Smart-LIC: highlights

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New system architecture:

- Distribution of BMS functionalities down to cell/macro-cell level
- Advanced balancing (passive + active)
- Consideration of wireless communication strategies between satellite and central BMS (vs. EMC issues)

Improved battery state determination:

- Application of Electro-chemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) for improved on-line determination of SoC, SoH & SoF

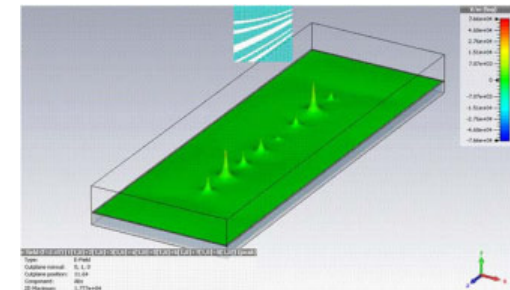
Packaging and Reliability:

- Reliable, secure & cost effective packaging of ECU (BMS module) for harsh environment by overmoulding

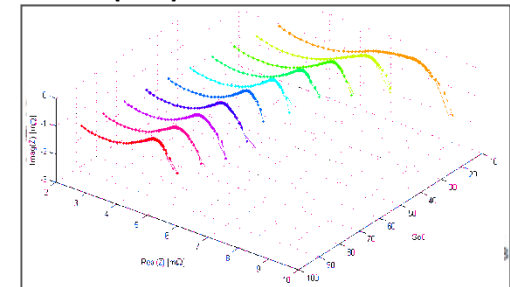
48V application:

- Transfer of Smart-LIC results to 48V applications

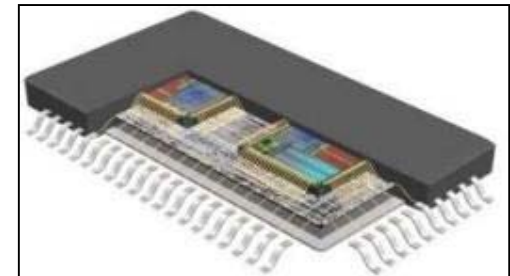
Electrical Field Distribution at XZ-Plane:



EIS = f (SoC):



Moulded ECU with leadframe contacts:



Exposure and controllability, ASIL determination

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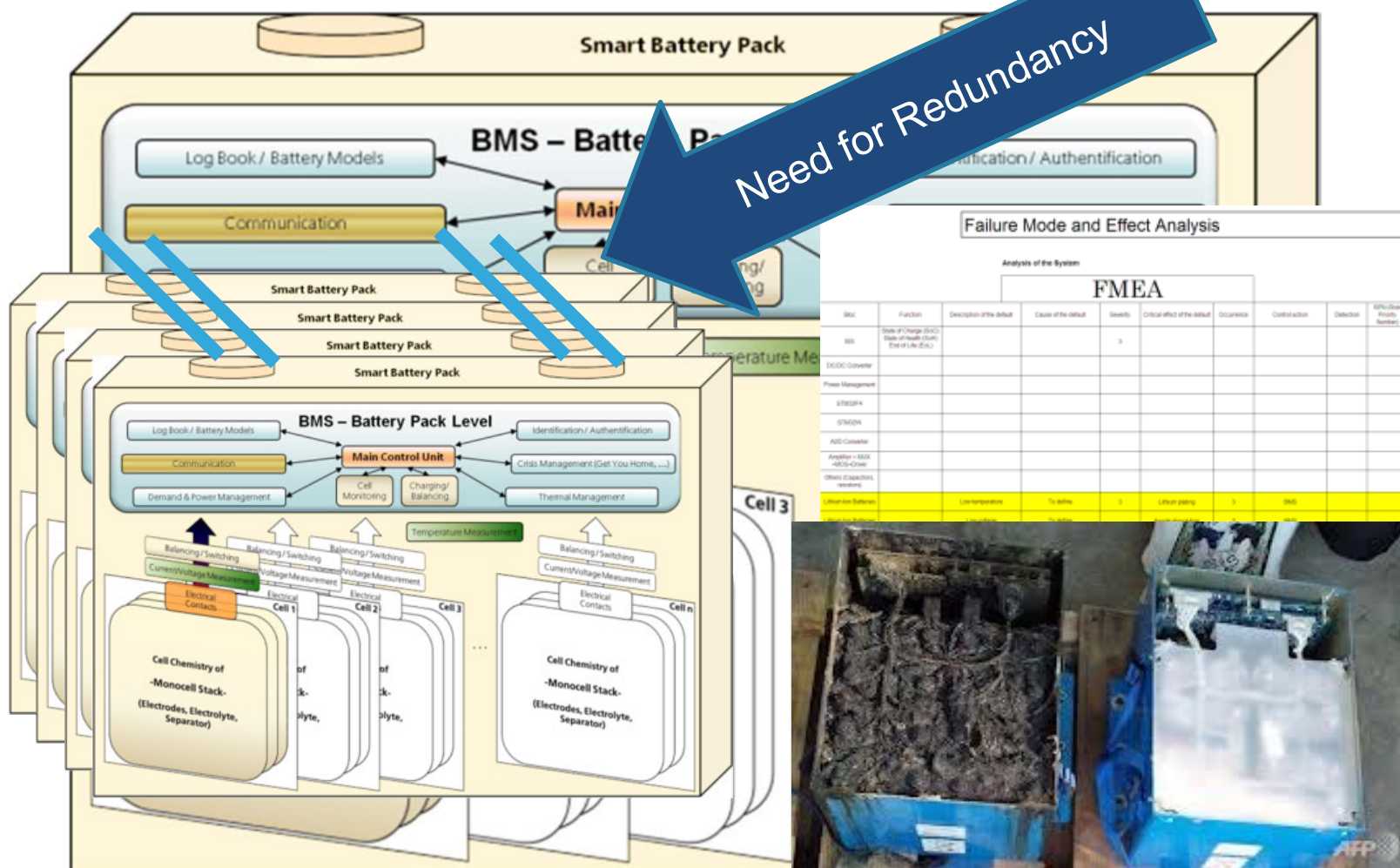
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	S2 - serious, including life-threatening, injuries, survival probable	ASIL C	ASIL B	ASIL A	QM	QM	QM
	S3 - life-threatening injuries (survival uncertain) or fatal injuries	ASIL D	ASIL D	ASIL C	ASIL B	ASIL A	QM

Evolution of safety requirements over the years

OEM 2012 → Batt B 2012 → SBLiMotive 2012 → E3Car A 2010 → E3Car B 2009

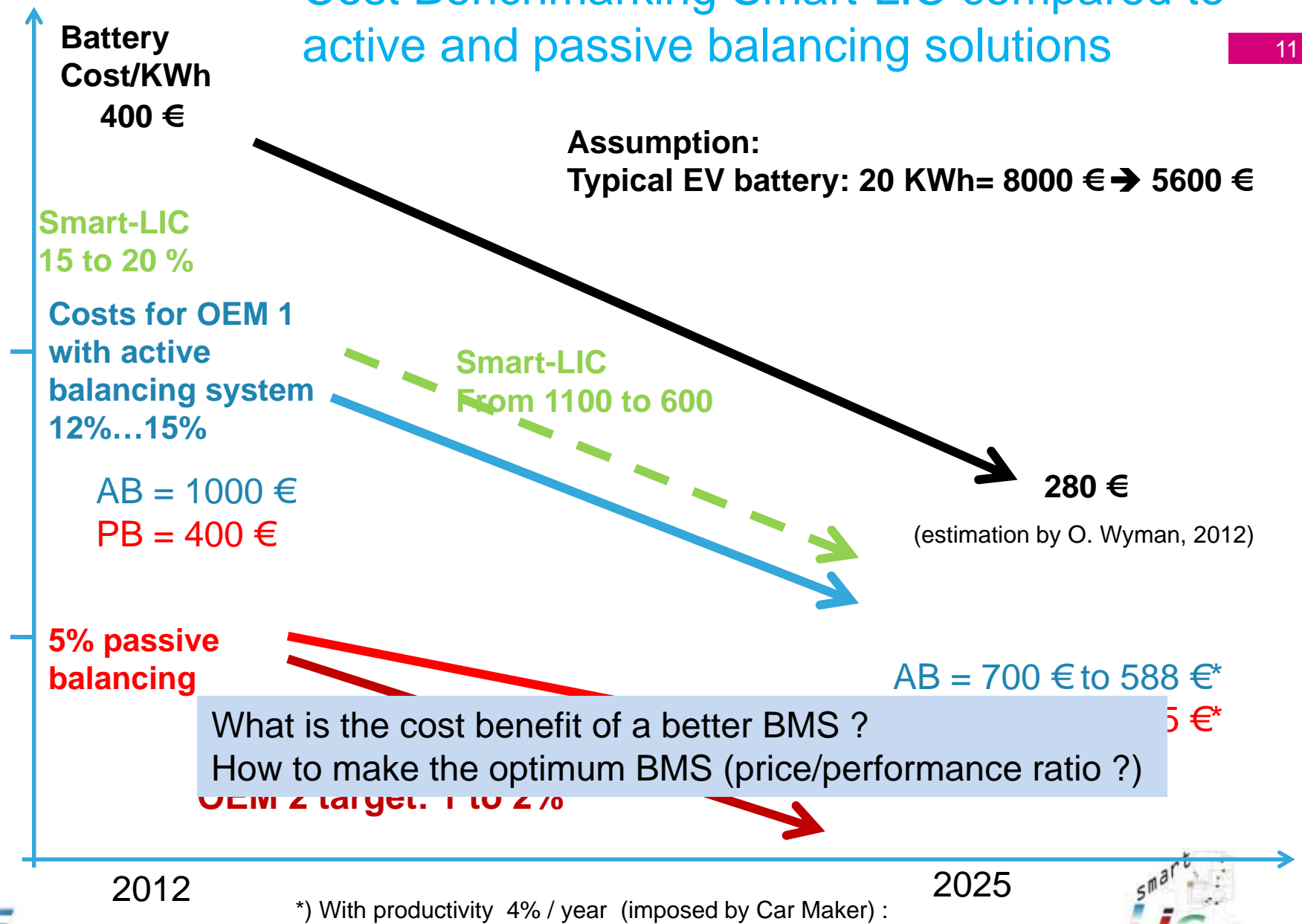
Example BMS (SMART-LIC)

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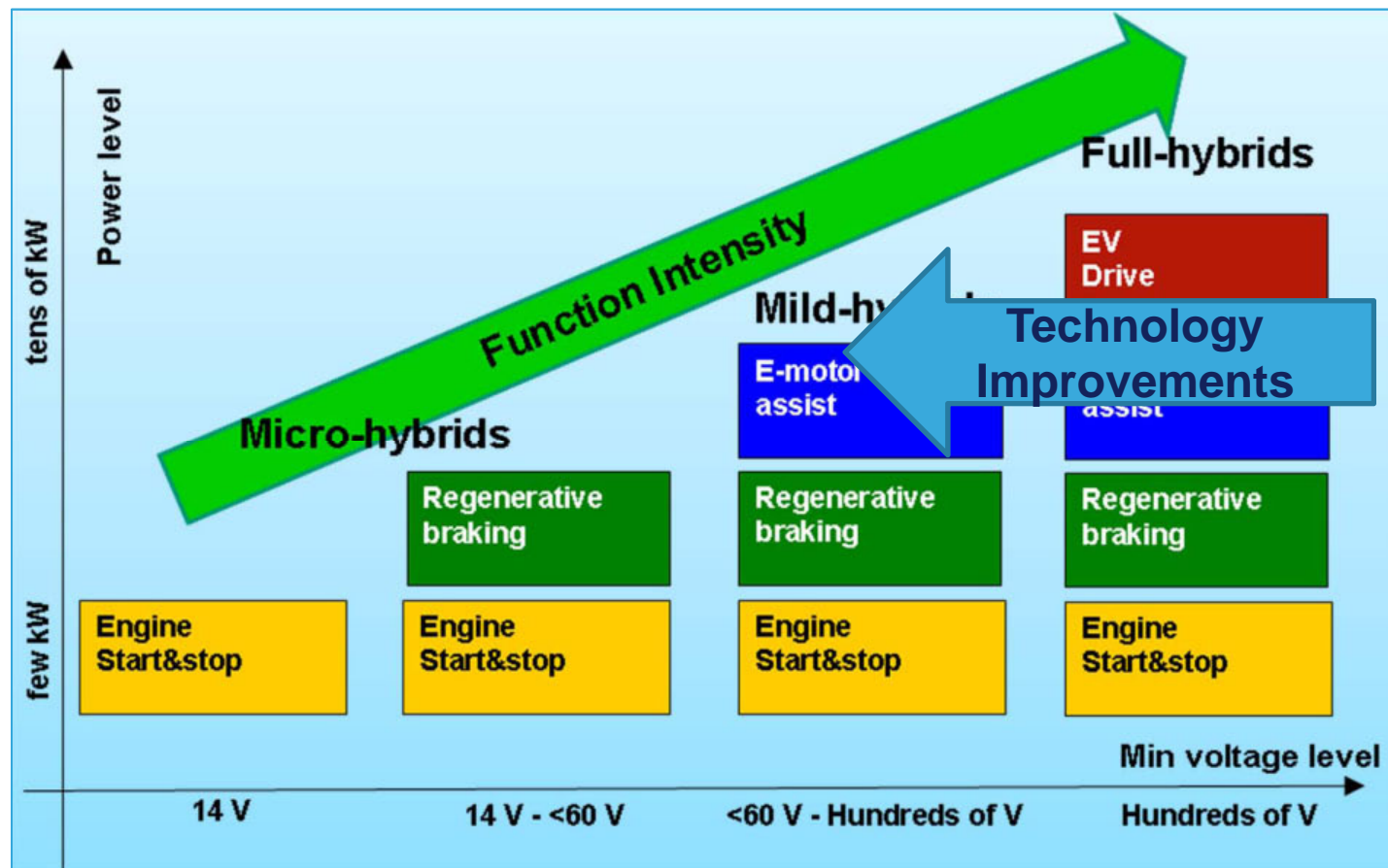
Cost Benchmarking Smart-LIC compared to active and passive balancing solutions

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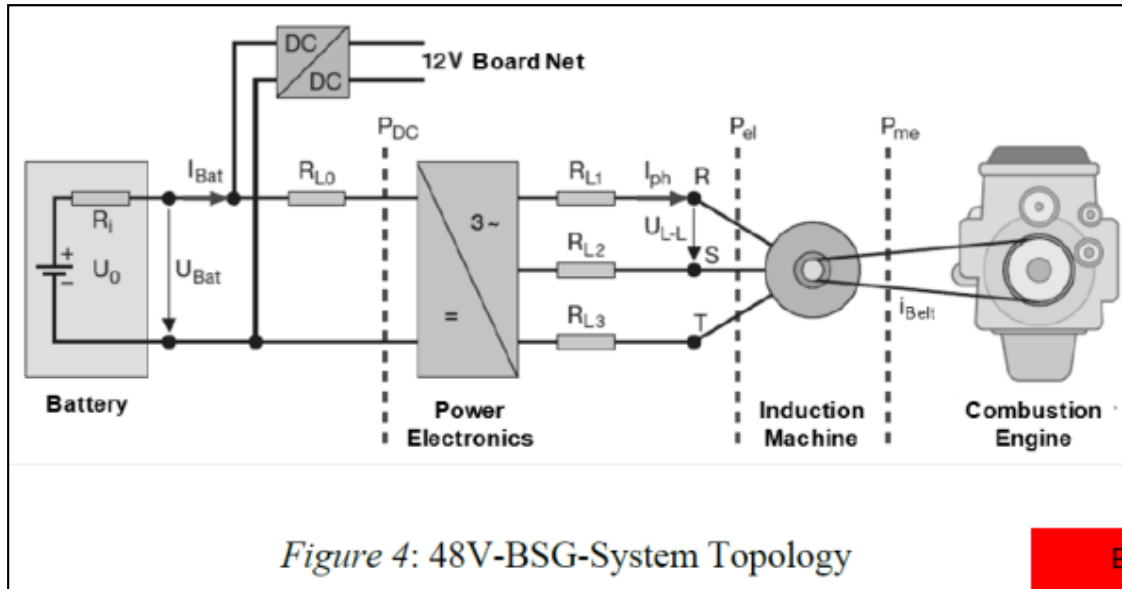


Vehicle Electrification is 100V becoming the new trend?

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**The road to EV is clear
(also due to standardisation in power electronics)**



Example 48 V system
(source: CONTINENTAL @ APE 2013)

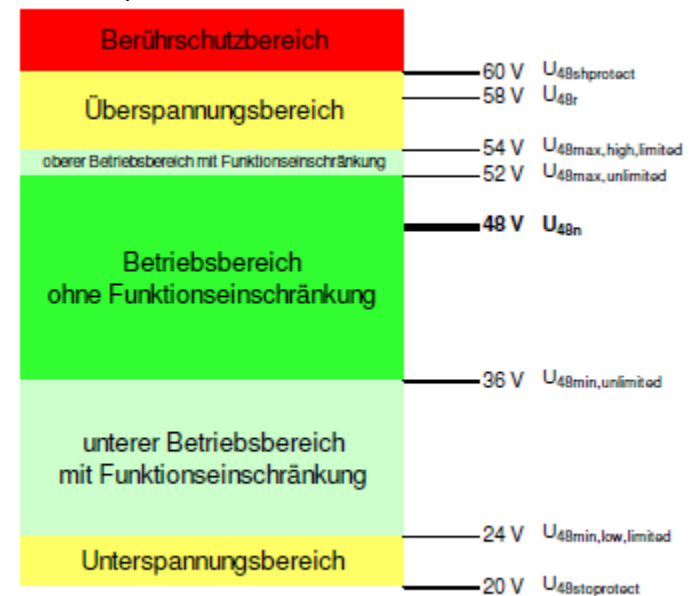
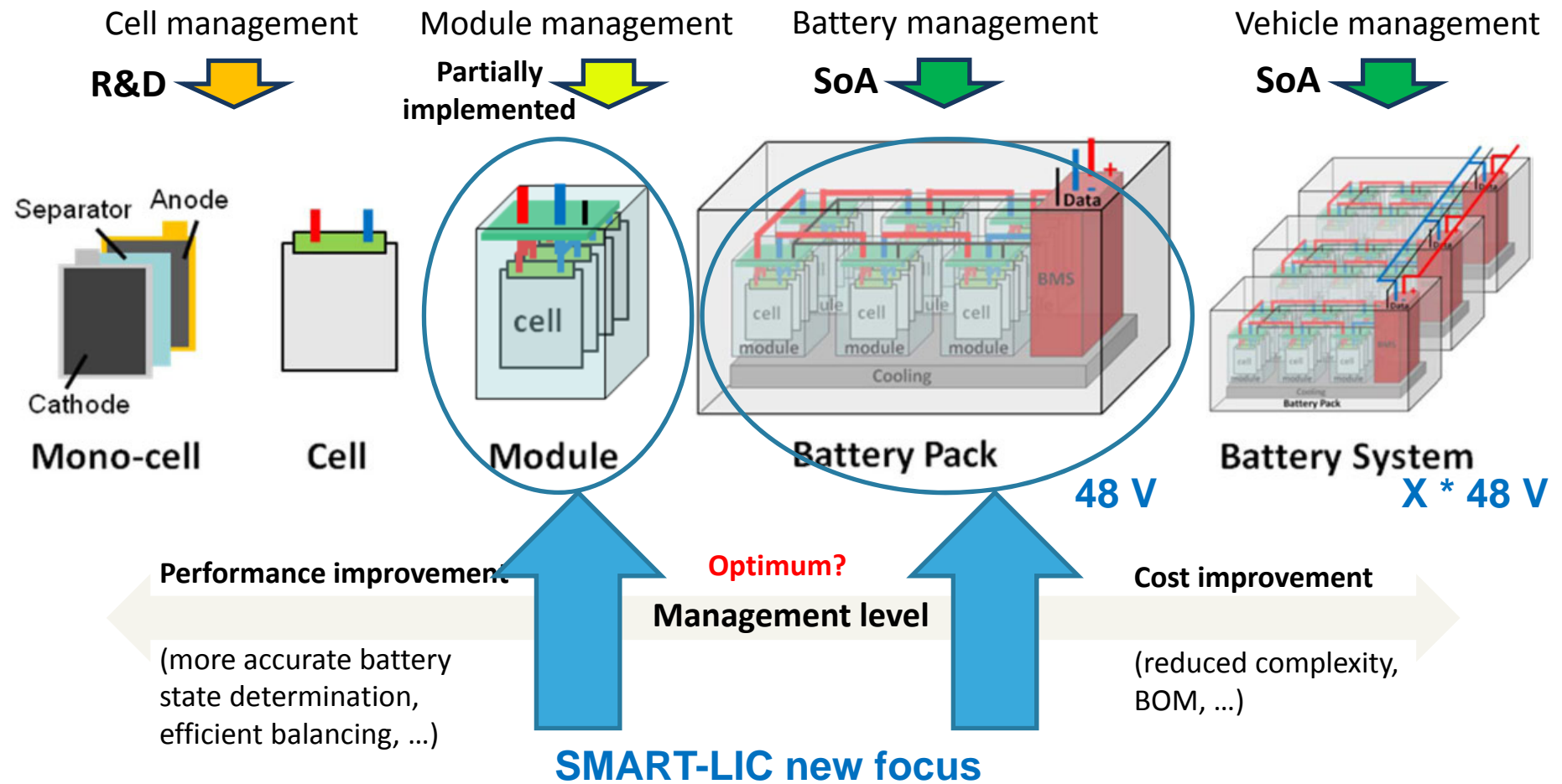


Figure 1: Definition of static voltage-ranges

Consequences for SMART-LIC

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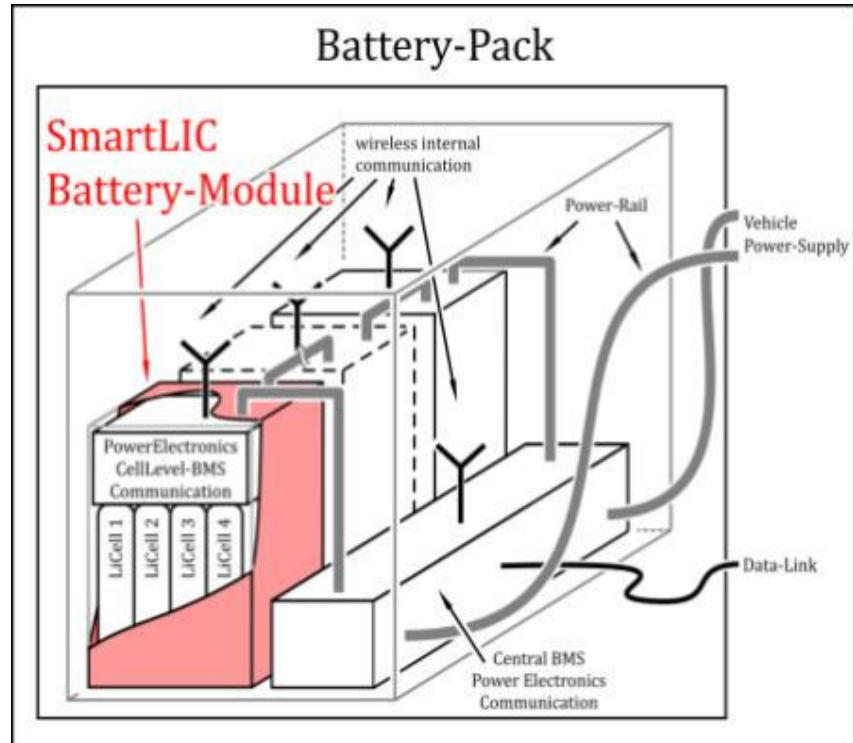
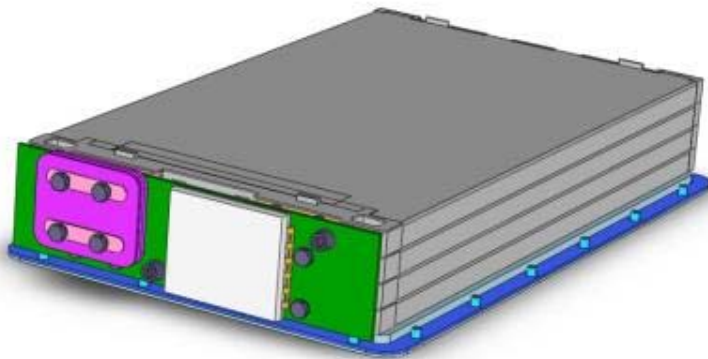


Project Smart-LIC: realization

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1st demonstrator - Smart-LIC macro cell:

- Sealed metal case containing 4 Li-ion cells being connected in series
- 14,4V, 20Ah, 288Wh (based on EiG NCM cells)
- Maximum current: 100A (5C)
- Dimensions: H=260, W=148, L=38 [mm]

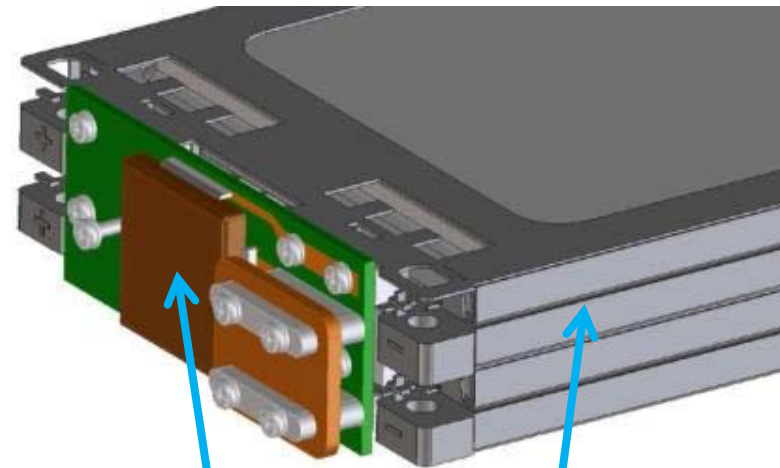
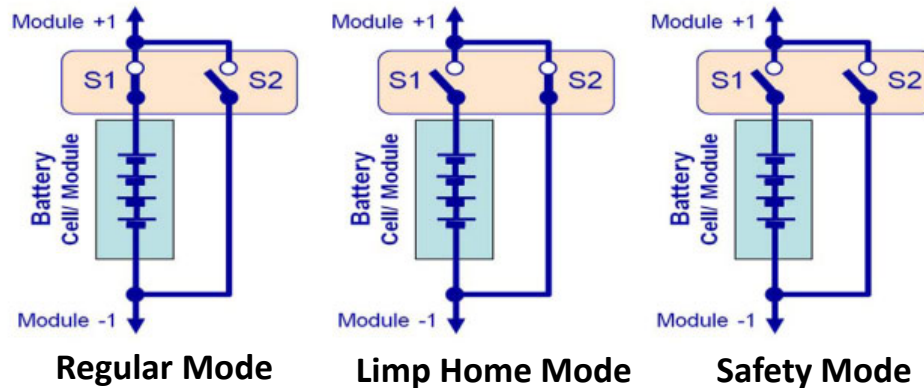


Power module: Main tasks

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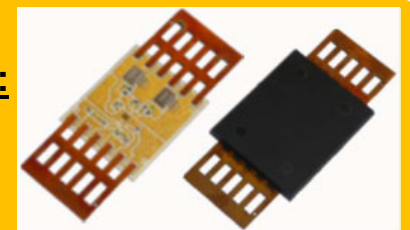
Main tasks of power module:

- **Safety switching**, e.g. isolation of individual macro-cells in case of malfunction
- **Active balancing** between macro-cells
- Deactivation of macro-cell for '**Electro-chemical Impedance Spectroscopy**' analyses
- **Shut down** of the **high-voltage** of the battery to increase safety e.g. of the rescue team
- Realization of a '**Limp Home**' functionality



Smart-LIC macro-cell

Power module:
based on DCB
substrate



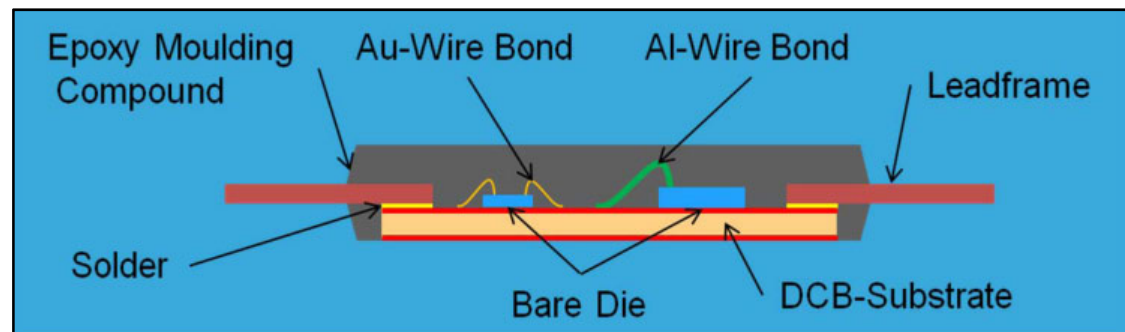
Power module: Reliability considerations 17

Challenges:

- Demand for high safety, low contact resistance \Rightarrow High relevance of reliability & lifetime
- Influence factors: temperature cycles, vibration, humidity, **chemicals (electrolyte)**, ...

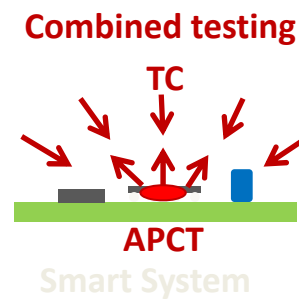
Approach:

- Overmoulding of whole BMS electronic module(s)

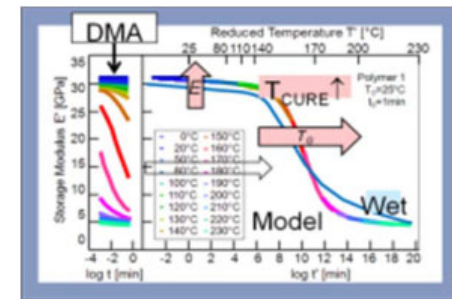


Reliability assessment:

- Combination of FE simulation and reliability testing
- SoA reliability testing: APCT \rightarrow demand for combined testing (= passive TC + APCT + Vibration, ...)



Comprehensive material characterization for FE modeling:



ST circuit development

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- ASIC development together with industrial partner
- First silicon already in the market
- Second silicon: some optimisation based on SMART-LIC



Lithium ION Battery Management IC

Datasheet v1.0

Features

- 3 to 12 cell Li- Ion battery cell control & monitoring
- Passive balancing
 - External balancing switch for increased balancing currents
 - Integrated driver for external balancing switch
- Daisy chain vertical differential communications interface, stackable to 32 nodes



Body: 10 x 10 x 1.4mm

Summary & Conclusion

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Distribution of BMS functionalities down to (macro-)cell level brings ...

- ❑ Higher efficiency due to **local control** at (macro-)cell level
- ❑ Increased precision in determining SoC, SoH, and SoF due to implementation of a **new cell / battery model** based on electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS)
- ❑ Increased safety so that cells can perform at **maximum rating** without thermal risks due to redundant sensors and HT joints
- ❑ Reduced cost of ownership for the end user due increase in battery lifetime caused by the **smart battery management** (if battery technology and market evolution is well considered)

Next steps ...

- ❑ Proof of concept for power module functionalities (safety switching, balancing, ...)
- ❑ Proof of concepts for electronic / power module reliability improvement due to overmoulding by means of various (combined) APCTs

